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The Chemistry of New Materials: Biocompatibility & Biodegradability

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POLYMERS & BIO-POLYMERS

Natural
polymers
e.g. Proteins,
Rubber etc.

Classification
based on
source

Semi-
synthetic
polymers
e.g. Rayon

Synthetic
polymers
e.g.
Polythene

POLYMERS ARE EVERYWHERE

GENERAL COMPOSITES

Polymers:

PE, PP

PVC

POLYSTYRENE

PMMA

PET

AMINO-FORMALDEHYDE

POLYAMIDES



Additives:

Antioxidants

Antistatic

Colors

Impact modifiers

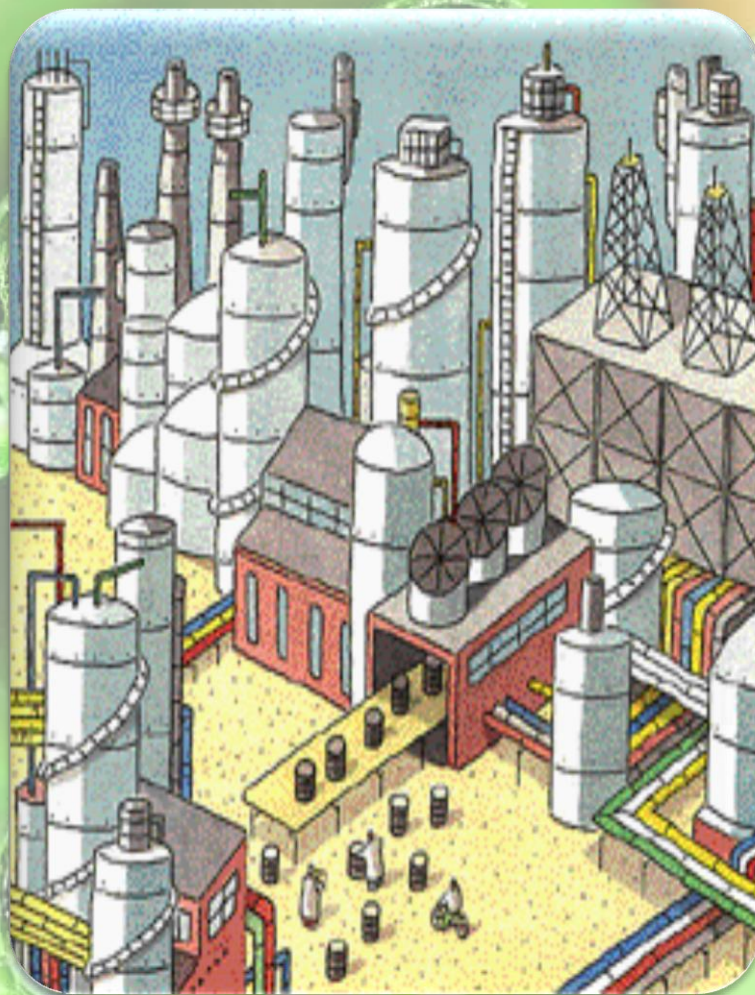
Lubricants

Plasticizers

Stabilizers

Present situation, organic
industrial production from:

PETROLEUM REFINERY



Fuels

Solvent

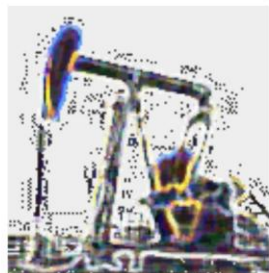
Bulk chemicals

Plastics

Fibres

Fine chemicals

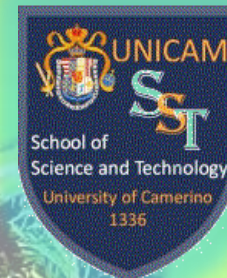
Oils



Petroleum
feedstock



Organic feedstocks for the chemical industry



Oil

- Ethylene
- Propylene
- Butadiene
- Benzene
- Toluene
- Xilenes

- Syngas
- Methanol
- Hydrogen

Carbon

Renewable resources

Natural gas

- Anthracene
- Nafthalene

Biomass

Emerging feedstocks for the chemical industry

- Natural polymers (cellulose, rubber)
- Fine chemicals

SUSTAINABILITY

"MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE PRESENT
WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE ABILITY OF
FUTURE GENERATIONS TO MEET THEIR
NEEDS."

IS THE GOAL

CHEMISTRY IS GOING GREEN

GREEN CHEMISTRY

TECHNOLOGIES THAT ARE ENERGY EFFICIENT, MINIMISE
OR PREFERABLY ELIMINATE THE FORMATION OF WASTE,
AVOID THE USE OF TOXIC AND/OR HAZARDOUS
SOLVENTS AND REAGENTS AND, WHERE POSSIBLE,
UTILISE RENEWABLE, RAW, MATERIALS.

IS THE MEAN

THE CHALLENGE

Organic industrial production
from renewable resources (BIOMASS)



"The term BIOMASS means any organic matter that is available on a renewable basis."

renewable basis."

Energy crops and trees, agricultural food and feed crop residues, aquatic plants, wood and wood residues, animal wastes, and other waste materials"

The Unique Role of Biomass

While the growing need for sustainable electric power can be met by other renewables...



Biomass is our only renewable source of carbon-based fuels and chemicals

... TIME LINE ...



SUNLIGHT ENERGY

CO₂

1-10 years

Biomass
Carbohydrate

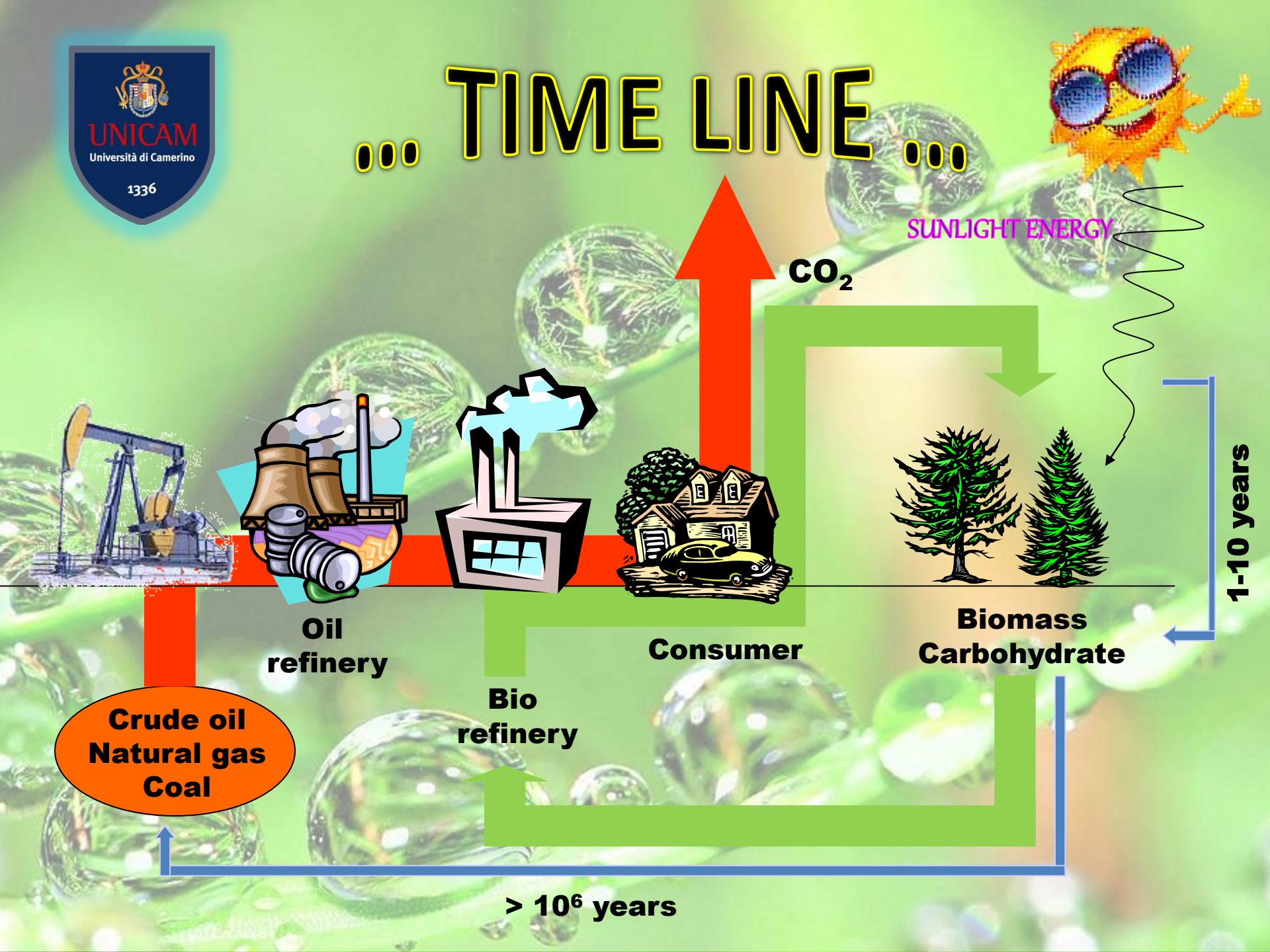
Consumer

**Bio
refinery**

**Oil
refinery**

Crude oil
Natural gas
Coal

> 10⁶ years





BIOCOMPATIBILITY

PETROLEUM BASED POLYMERS



**COMPOSITE
MATERIALS**



BIO BASED POLYMERS



BIODEGRADABILITY

... Interconnection...

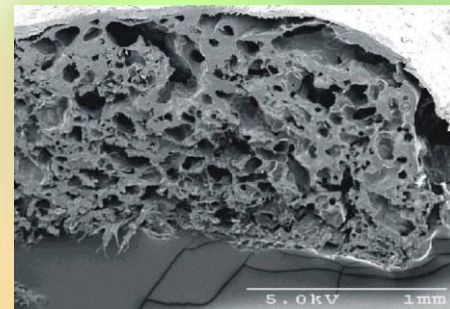
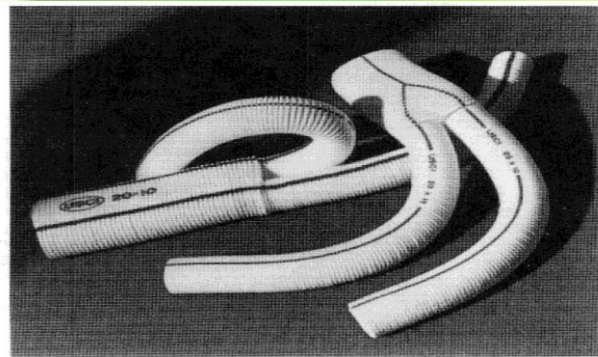
What Does BIOCOMPATIBLE Mean?

Biomaterial is “A material intended to interface with biological systems to evaluate, treat, augment or replace any tissue, organ or function of the body”

Image of vascular grafts constructed of expanded Teflon



Contact Lens



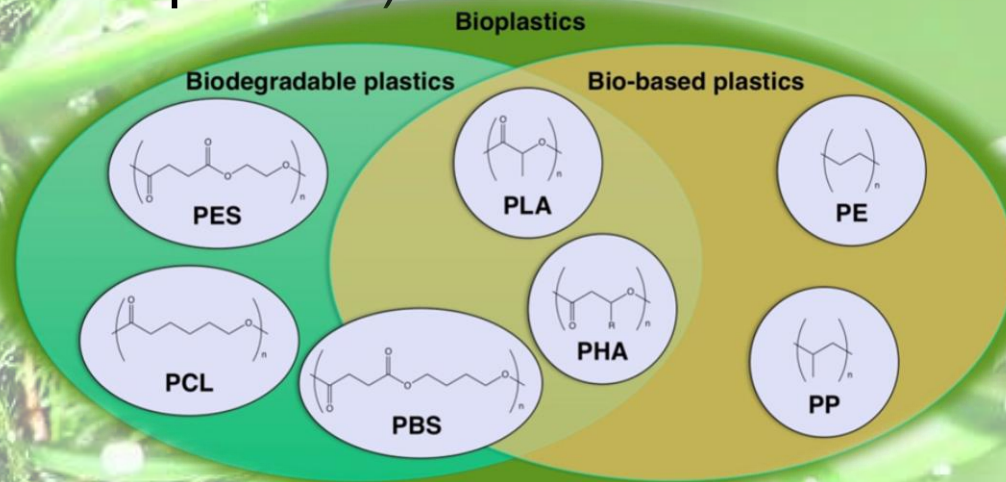
Composite foam seeded with bone marrow stromal cells

BIOCOMPATIBILITY – The ability of a material to perform with an appropriate host response in a specific application

HOST RESPONSE – The response of the host organism (local & systemic) to the implanted material devices

...BIO BASED & BIODEGRADABLE ... EMERGING TRENDS

The term "**bioplastics**" refers to a biodegradable plastics and/or plastics derived from renewable resources (the definition from European Bioplastics)



Microbial
synthesized

Renewable
Resource-based

- PLA Polymer (From Corn)
- Cellulosic plastics
- Soy-based plastics
- Starch plastics

- Polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHAs)
- Polyhydroxybutyrate co-valerate (PHBV)

What Does BIODEGRADABLE Mean?

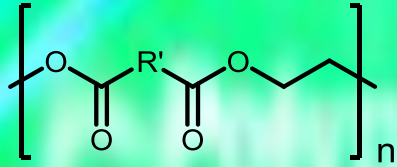


BIODEGRADABLE means the complete assimilation of the degraded products as a food source. The soil microorganisms would ensure returning the carbon into the ecosystem safely and effectively.

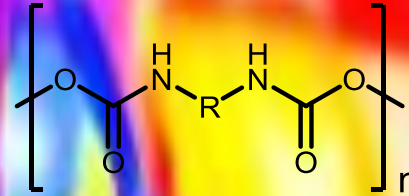
APPLICABLE TO SINGLE-USE, SHORT LIFE DISPOSABLE PACKAGING & CONSUMER GOODS

Compounds **VS** Sustainable alternatives

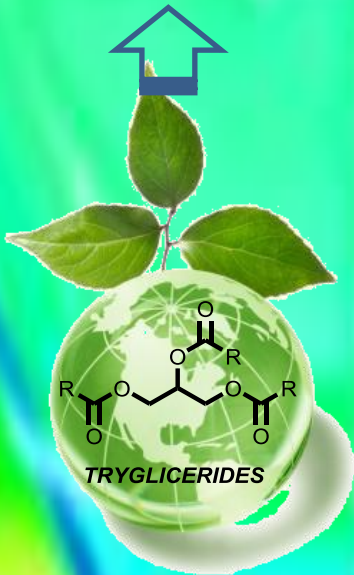
RENEWABLE RESOURCES



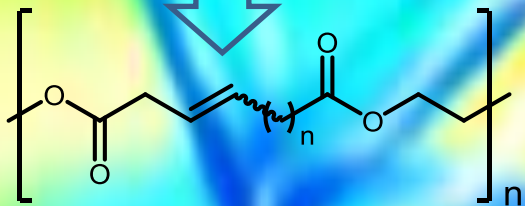
Saturated Polyester Resins



Polyurethane Systems



**HIGH
SUSTAINABILITY**



Unsaturated Polyester Resins



H₂O based PAINTS

Determination of BIOGENIC FRACTION (^{14}C)

The method of ^{14}C (Carbon-14) or radiocarbon, is a radiometric dating method, based on the measurement of the relative abundances of carbon isotopes.

Determination of
BIOGENIC FRACTION

«pMC» (percent modern carbon)



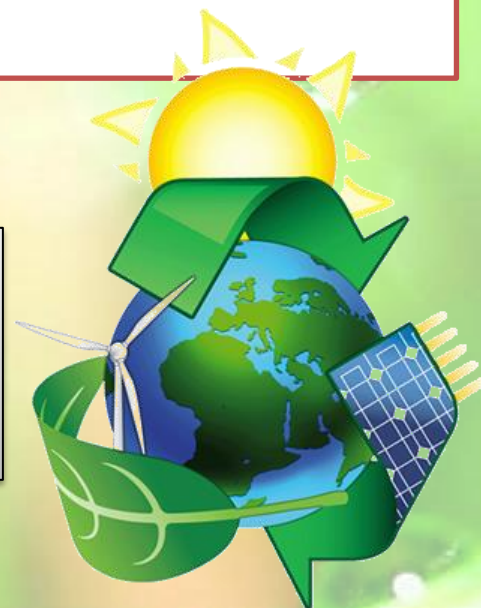
FOSSIL
RESOURCES
 $\% ^{14}\text{C} = 0$



RENEWABLE
RESOURCES
 $\% ^{14}\text{C} = X$



pMC will be due to the
organic fraction coming from
RENEWABLE SOURCES



The method of ^{14}C allows the dating of organic origin materials (bones, wood, textile fibers, seeds, wood charcoal, etc ...)

... Why BIO-BASED Plastics ?...

Comparing the properties of bio-based polymeric materials with the conventional synthetic petroleum derived polymers shows a major potential of these polymers for the production of well-performing bulk packages.

Petrochemical-based sources are a limited solution.



Natural resources are inexpensive and readily available.

Reduction in CO₂ emissions.

Renewable biological origin, easier availability

The increase of oil prices.

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