



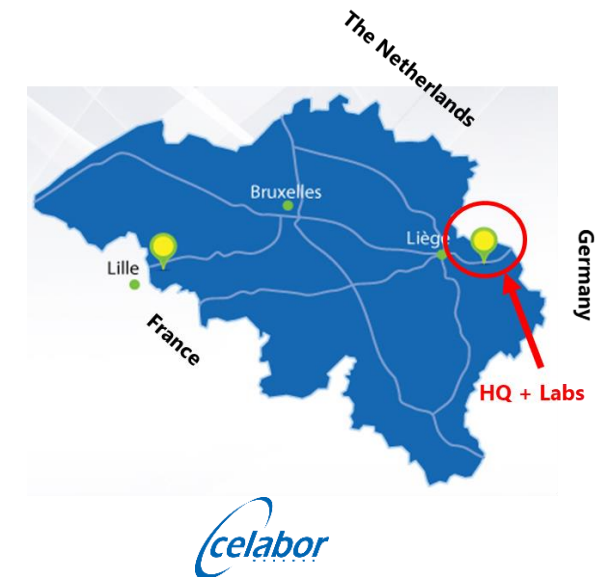
***Your multi-skilled scientific and technical partner***

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***Expertise – Quality – Speed – Confidentiality***


**CELABOR scrl.** is a Belgian scientific and technical center located in Wallonia

As an **SME** accredited ISO 17025 by BELAC, CELABOR is offering scientific and technical support to companies involved in all sectors of **circular-economy** and **bioeconomy** including agri-food, green processes, packaging, textile and environment.



- **A multidisciplinary team of 50 people**  
Scientific backgrounds (PhD, Engineers, Masters, Bachelors...)
- **Activities**  
Testing & analyses / R&D

Environment	Extraction	Materials	Food
<p><b><u>Testing &amp; Analyses:</u></b></p> <p>Analytical analyses of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>water samples</b> (industrial effluents, surface water)</li> <li>- <b>waste samples</b> (sludges, composts, biocombustibles ...)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>R&amp;D</u></b></p> <p>Developments of new analytical methods depending on new legislation and/or industrial needs</p> <p><b>Life cycle analyses</b> for new products and process</p>	<p><b><u>R&amp;D:</u></b></p> <p><b>Extraction</b>, fractionation and purification of <b>high value biomolecules</b> (antioxidants, fatty acids, proteins, etc...) from various feedstocks (e.g., woody &amp; lignocellulosic residues, biopolymer team)</p> <p>Characterizations of extracts (HPLC-DAD, GC-MS-MS, ICP-MS)</p>	<p><b><u>Testing &amp; Analyses:</u></b></p> <p>Textile, Packaging, paper</p> <p><b>Barrier</b> properties of packaging (OTR, WVTR CO2 TR)</p> <p><b>Physicochemical properties</b> (sealing, adhesion, mechanical...)</p> <p><b>Food contact approval</b> (migration tests)</p> <p><b>Paper/cardboard characterization</b></p> <p>CEPI-CTS &gt; 60 tests, paper recyclability</p> <p><b><u>R&amp;D:</u></b></p> <p>Production and functionalization of (nano)cellulose and nano(chitin) + materials</p>	<p><b><u>Analyses and Expertise:</u></b></p> <p>Chemical analyses in <b>food and feed</b> :</p> <p>Nutriments</p> <p>Contaminants</p> <p>Additives</p> <p>Specific parameters for oxidation monitoring (...)</p> <p><b>Shelf life extension</b> by non thermal technologies (High Pressure Processing)</p> <p>Improvement of food stability, accelerated ageing tests</p>



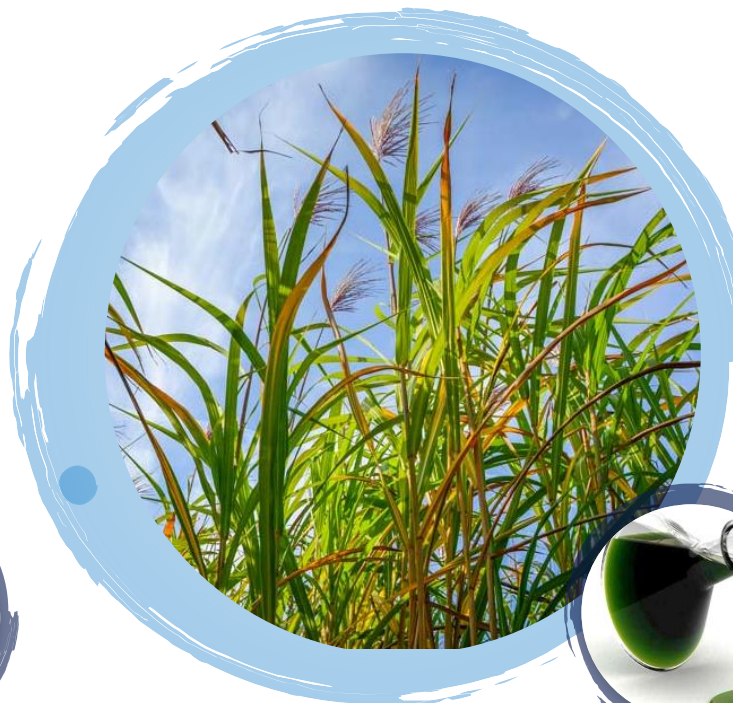
Biomass valorization platform

Effect new packaging on expiration date

## Flexible Pilot Platform for Biomass Valorisation



**Green extraction & purification platform  
for biomolecules recovery**



**Advanced biopolymers production &  
green functionalization**



From a selected **biomass** ...



*Extraction department*

Extraction and purification of **biomolecules** → building blocks - bioadditives

**Biopolymer and fiber** extraction → Lignin, cellulose, hemicellulose, chitin, proteins...

**Fiber processing and functionalization** → nano fibrillated products

**Green surface modifications** → functional surface

*material department*

... to **Application sectors**

building

cosmetic

textile

packaging

food

feed

pharmaceutic

nutraceutical

## **Barrier coating for fibre-based packaging**

Oxygen barrier

Water vapor barrier (water resistance)

Grease (oil) resistance

Functional Barrier (Food contact)

While keeping recyclability (harmonised recyclability tests)

## **Active fibre-based packaging**

Antimicrobials, antioxidant, water absorbing properties...

## **Medium-long time development**

Based on biopolymer extracted from biomass waste

(Ligno)cellulose, chitin, lignin...

Eventually structurally and/or chemically modified (nanofiber)





Horizon 2020  
European Union Funding  
for Research & Innovation



## Perfecting circularity in fiber-based packaging

### our 55 members

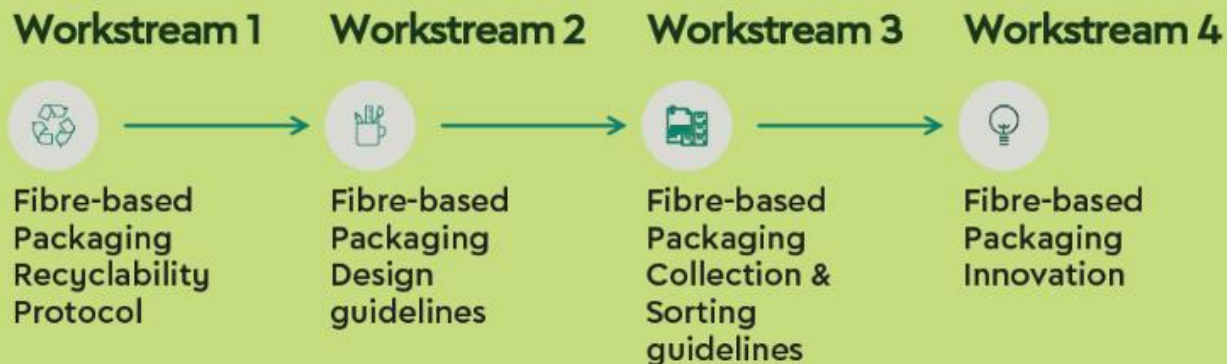




# 4evergreen workstreams

## Technical workstreams

### Perfecting circularity together



## Information & Advocacy Workstream 5

### Spreading the word

- Translating the progress of the technical workstreams into digestible and educational messages for industry & policymakers.
- Building consistent views and collaboration, enabling efficient & effective engagement with decision-makers and stakeholders.

Celabor is willing to join initiative for the introduction of European project

Horizon Europe calls

Don't hesitate to contact me

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# LaMPo

## Laboratory of Materials and Polymers



Marco Aldo Ortenzi, Ph.D.

**POLYMERS AND POLYMERIC  
MATERIALS**



**COMPOSITE MATERIALS**



LaMPo IS UNIVERSITY OF MILAN'S REFERENCE  
LABORATORY FOR POLYMERS AND POLYMERIC MATERIALS

*IT HAS BEEN CREATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY TOGETHER WITH 3  
OTHER DEPARTMENTS HAVING EXPERTISE IN THE FIELD*



DIPARTIMENTO DI CHIMICA

Dipartimento di  
Scienze della Terra "Ardito Desio"



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI  
DI MILANO

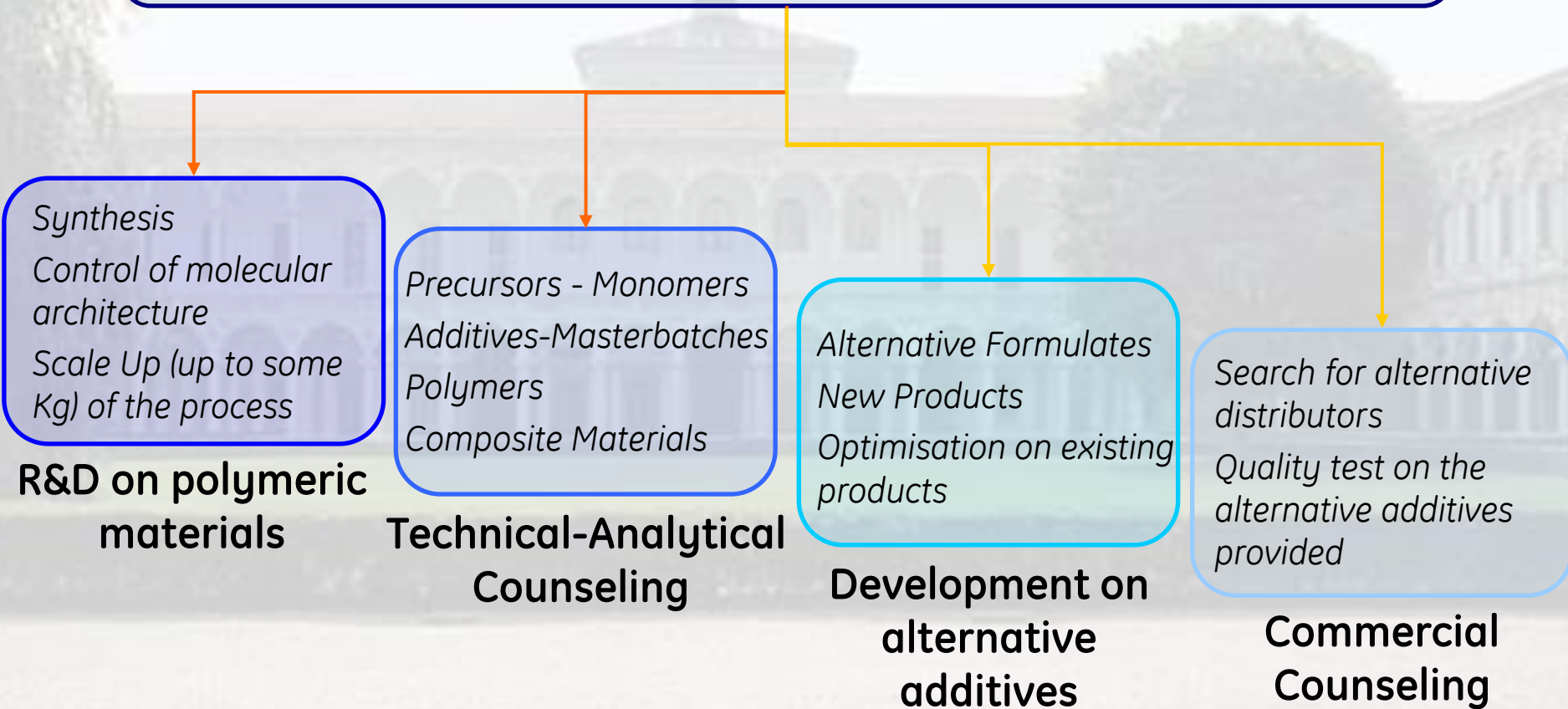


Dipartimento di Scienze Farmaceutiche -  
DISFARM



*The core business of LaMPo is*

## ***HIGH LEVEL R&D CONSULTING***



- 1) Scientific Research
- 2) Training of young graduates and specialized personnel
- 3) R&D and services for companies

## RESEARCH

Network with other  
Departments and Labs

Grant requests with  
companies and other Labs

IP generation

## TRAINING

Bachelor Training

Master Degree training

Specializing Training

Master Training

## SERVICES

Synthesis/Characterization

Analytical Service

Counseling

R&D on request

## LAB CHARACTERIZATION

**THERMAL  
CHARACTERISATION**

**MOLECULAR  
CHARACTERISATION**

**RHEOLOGICAL  
CHARACTERISATION**

**MORPHOLOGICAL  
CHARACTERISATION**

## INDUSTRIAL CHARACTERIZATION

**MECHANICAL  
CHARACTERISATION**

**THERMAL  
CHARACTERISATION**

**MATERIAL  
CHARACTERISATION**

**COMPOSITION  
CHARACTERISATION**

## Compounding and injection molding

Since the beginning of 2015, LAMPO has acquired a twin screw extruder (11 mm) and a Babyplast, for injection molding



Two feeders, suitable for industrial Glass Fiber and industrial polymers chips

**$T_{max} = 450^{\circ}\text{C}$**

**$L/D = 40$**



Injection molding of ISO 527-5A specimens, suitable also for PEEK and HT-PA



**UNIMI Polymeric Materials team always works with an «industrial feasibility» approach**

Development of  
**Technylstar® Rhodia** Nylon



Study of **PLA** with improved  
**gas barrier** and **thermal**  
**properties**



## ***Pre-existing Contract with Rhodia***

Rhodia wants a nylon with lower melt viscosity and good mechanical properties

Mathematical Modelation

Lab scale development

Pilot scale Development

Industrial Production

Patent defence vs Basf and Bayer



contacts us for an interest in **PLA bottles**

Study of the issue «Permeability-mechanical properties»

Polymer	O <sub>2</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O
Nylon 6	2.5	11	22
PET	5 - 9	15 - 25	1.8
PVC	5 - 20	20 - 50	2.2
PLA	40	180	22
PP	150	500 - 800	0.6
LDPE	350	1000 - 2000	1.4
PS	350	700 - 1500	7

O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> at 23 °C: cc(stp).mil/100in<sup>2</sup>.day.atm  
H<sub>2</sub>O at 38 °C: gm.mil/100in<sup>2</sup>.day

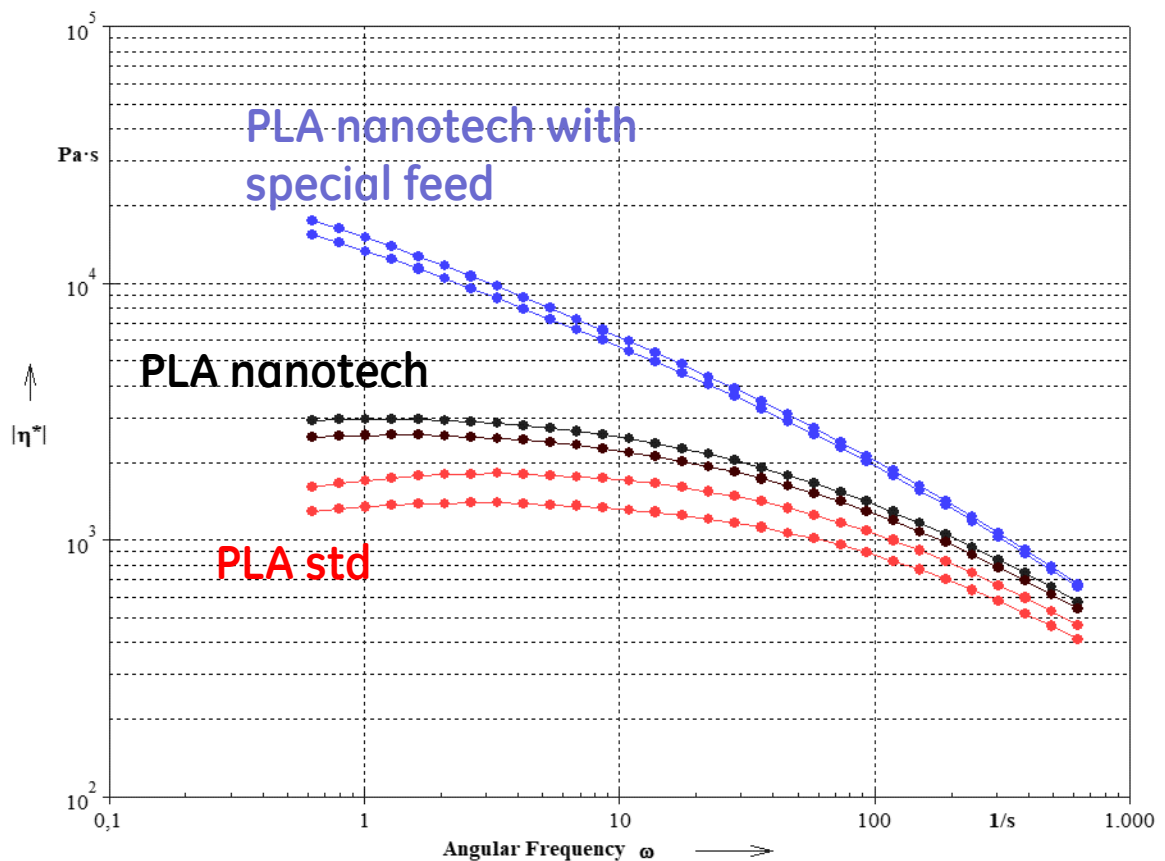
	PLA	GPPS	PET	PP
Tensile Strength, MPa	53.1	45.5	58.6	35.9
Elongation at Break, %	4.1	1.4	5.5	350
Tensile Modulus, GPa	3.45	3.03	3.45	1.31
Izod Impact, J/m	16	21.4	26.7	48.1
Glass transition temp., °C	60	102	74	-20
Melting Point, °C	170	none	270	165
Density, g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.25	1.05	1.35	0.9

Ref: Peter Wollman, Natureworks, 28-06-2007, Alessandria

*UNIMI starts an experimental research auto-funding the research*

Pat. WO2013008156

For each sample 2 cycles  
at 180°C in N<sub>2</sub>





## H<sub>2</sub>O PERMEABILITY DATA



### CRYSTALLINITY INFLUENCE

PLA-N ( <i>amorphous</i> )	4154,65 (g*μm)/(m <sup>2</sup> *day)	10,55 (g*mil)/100in <sup>2</sup> *day)
PLA-std ( <i>Average cryst.</i> )	3767,12 (g*μm)/(m <sup>2</sup> *day)	9,57 (g*mil)/100in <sup>2</sup> *day)
PLA-std ( <i>High cryst.</i> )	2796,51 (g*μm)/(m <sup>2</sup> *day)	7,10 (g*mil)/100in <sup>2</sup> *day)

**PLA-CN**  
(*low cryst.*)

**1560,4** (g\*μm)/(m<sup>2</sup>\*day)

**3,96** (g\*mil)/100in<sup>2</sup>\*day)

## Development of polymers from renewable sources

### Synthesis of PBAT copolymers

Improvement of  $T_g$

Lowering of  
*Permeability*

Improvement of  
*Mechanical Properties*

*Packaging*

*Bottles*

*Textile Yarns*





# Know How – Scientific Papers – PLA/CNC

Since its foundation, about 50 scientific papers were published involving LaMPo expertise in different fields

*Some examples with PLA – CNC (a total of 16 papers from 2013 to 2020)*

Gazzotti, S.; Ortenzi, M.A.\*; Farina, H.; Disimino, M.; Silvani, A., “Carvacrol- And Cardanol-Containing 1,3-Dioxolan-4-ones as Comonomers for the Synthesis of Functional Polylactide-Based Materials”, *Macromolecules*, (2020), 53(15), 6420-6431 DOI: 10.1021/acs.macromol.0c01537

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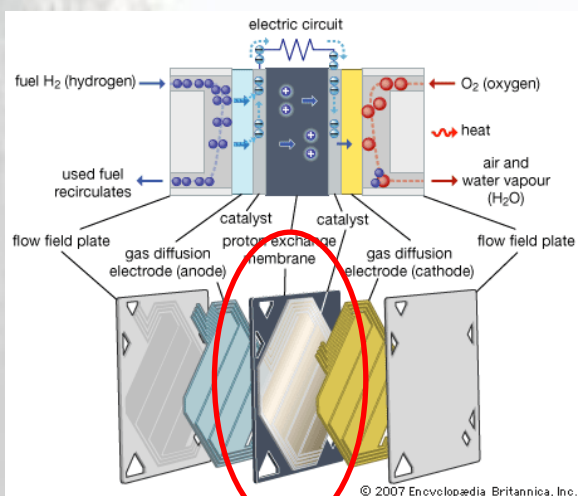
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Rampazzo, R.; Alkan, D.; Gazzotti, S.; Ortenzi, M.A.; Piva, G.; Piergiovanni, L.\* “Cellulose Nanocrystals from Lignocellulosic Raw Materials, for Oxygen Barrier Coatings on Food Packaging Films”, *Packaging Technology And Science*, (2017), 30, 654-661 DOI: 10.1002/pts.2308

Mascheroni, E.; Rampazzo, R.; Ortenzi, M.A.; Piva, G.; Bonetti, S.; Piergiovanni, L.\*, “Comparison of cellulose nanocrystals obtained by sulfuric acid hydrolysis and ammonium persulfate, to be used as coating on flexible food-packaging materials”, *Cellulose*, (2016), 23, 779-793 DOI: 10.1007/s10570-015-0853-2

Ortenzi, M.A.\*; Basilissi, L.; Farina, H.; Di Silvestro, G.; Piergiovanni, L.; Mascheroni, E., “Evaluation of crystallinity and gas barrier properties of films obtained from PLA nanocomposites synthesized via “in situ” polymerization of L-lactide with silane-modified nanosilica and montmorillonite”, *European Polymer Journal*, (2015), 66, 478-491 DOI: 10.1016/j.eurpolymj.2015.03.006

## Synthesis of polymers for membranes for PMFC



Fluorine-based polymers are the state-of-the-art (ex. Nafion®)

Development of non fluorinated polymers



*Improvement of operating  $T$  ( $>90^{\circ}\text{C}$ )*

*Modulation of conductivity and water sorption*

*Possible use for biosensors*



## Development of non halogenated FR Polyamides

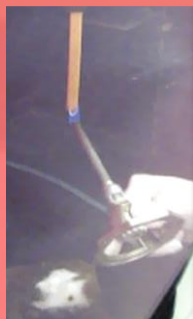
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Patent Literature Search

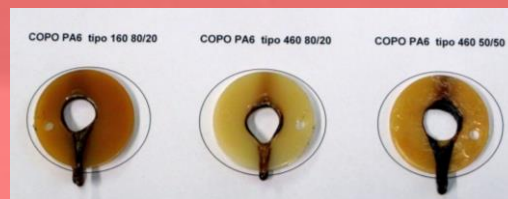
Synthesis of new special Polyamides

Characterization of behaviour in FR industrial tests

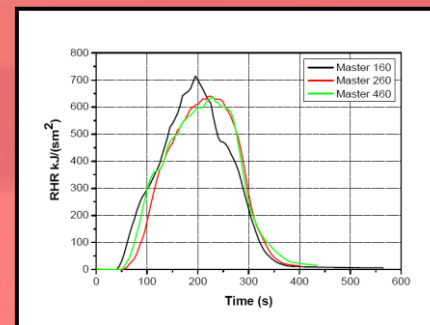
**UL-94** – V0 at  
3,2-1,6 - 0,8 mm



**GLOW WIRE** – OK at  
960°C – 0,8 mm



**RHR**



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# FRESH PRODUCE PACKAGING: RESEARCH AT ATB

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# LEIBNIZ INSTITUTE FOR AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING & BIOECONOMY POTSDAM, GERMANY (ATB)

- Non-university research institution
- ATB acts in close collaboration with universities, agriculture / horticulture industry
- Partner in National / International Networks
- Total budget of 27.9 Mio Euro (2018)
  - Core funding by Federal Government (50 %) and State (50 %)
  - Third-party funding of approx. 30 %
- Average 100 publications in international journals
- Excellent scientific infrastructure (labs, pilot plants, experimental fields)
- About 250 staff members



## ➤ 3 Research Programs:

### Precision farming & livestock production



### Quality & safety of food and feed



### Material & energetic use of biomass



## ➤ 6 Scientific Departments:

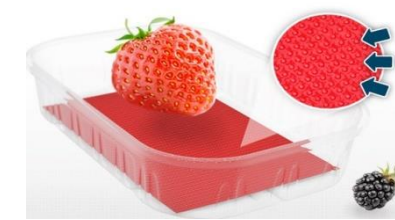
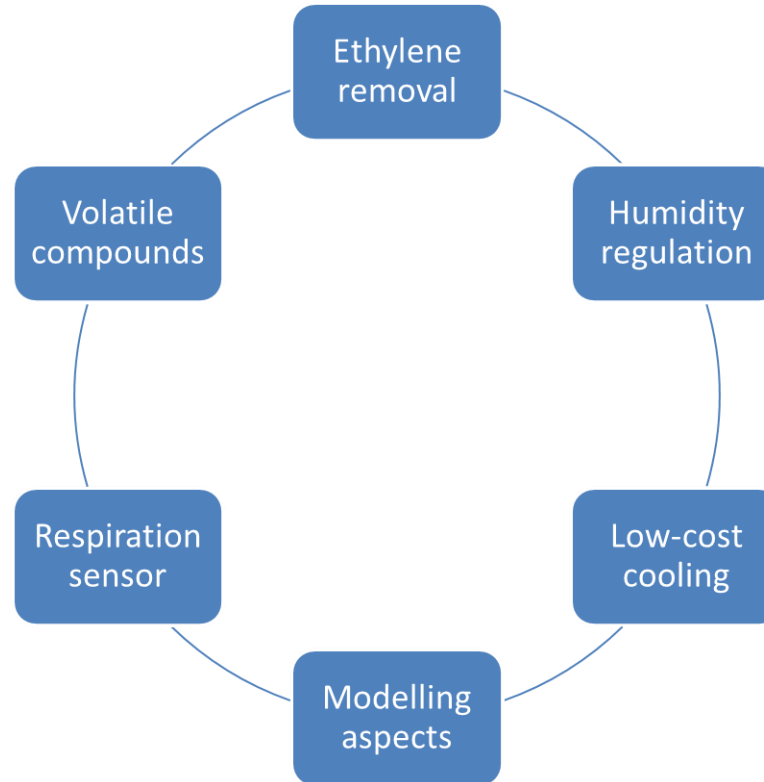
### Dept. Horticultural Engineering/ *Technik im Gartenbau*

- About 40 employees
- Physiological aspects
- Sensors for quality analysis
- Microbial aspects
- Packaging & storage





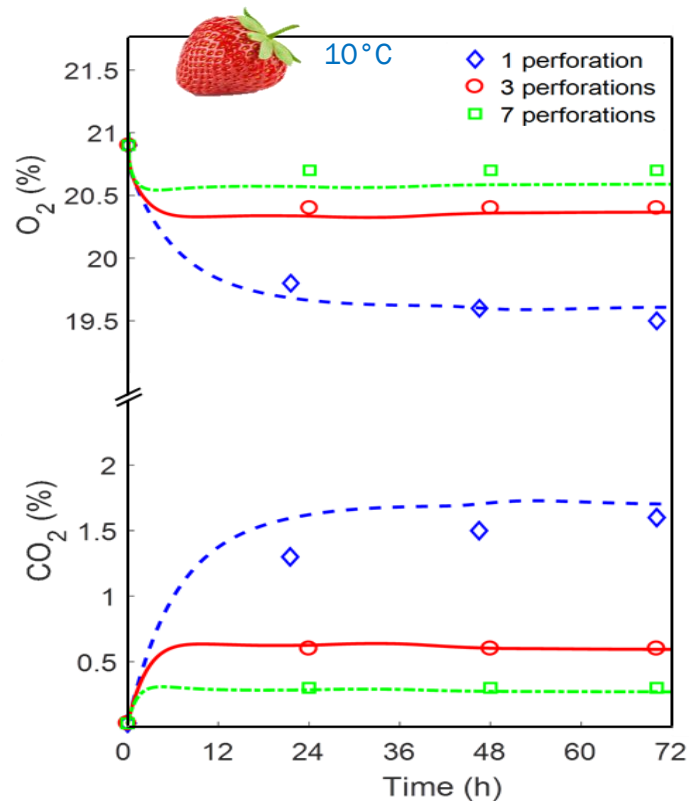
# Packaging and Storage Group: Research areas



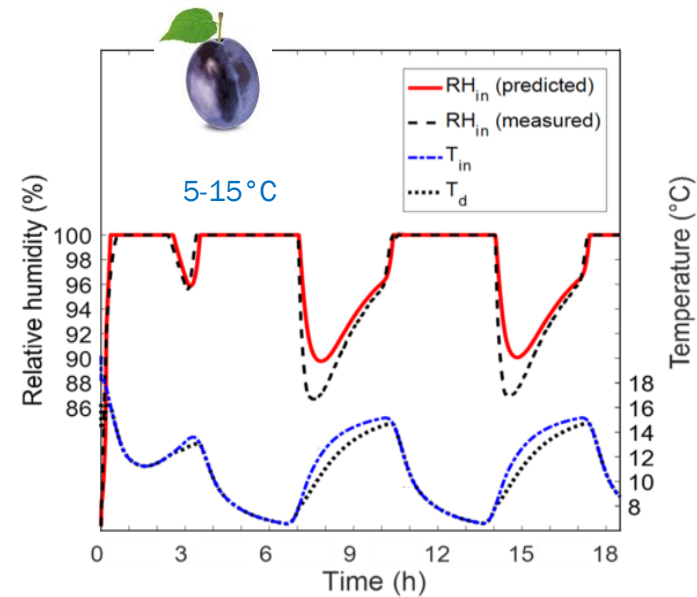
1. Maintain quality and improve shelf life of fruit and vegetables
2. Optimize packaging and storage along the supply chain

# MODELLING

- Design packaging
- Predict shelf-life



To make sure  $O_2$ ,  $CO_2$  and humidity within optimal range.

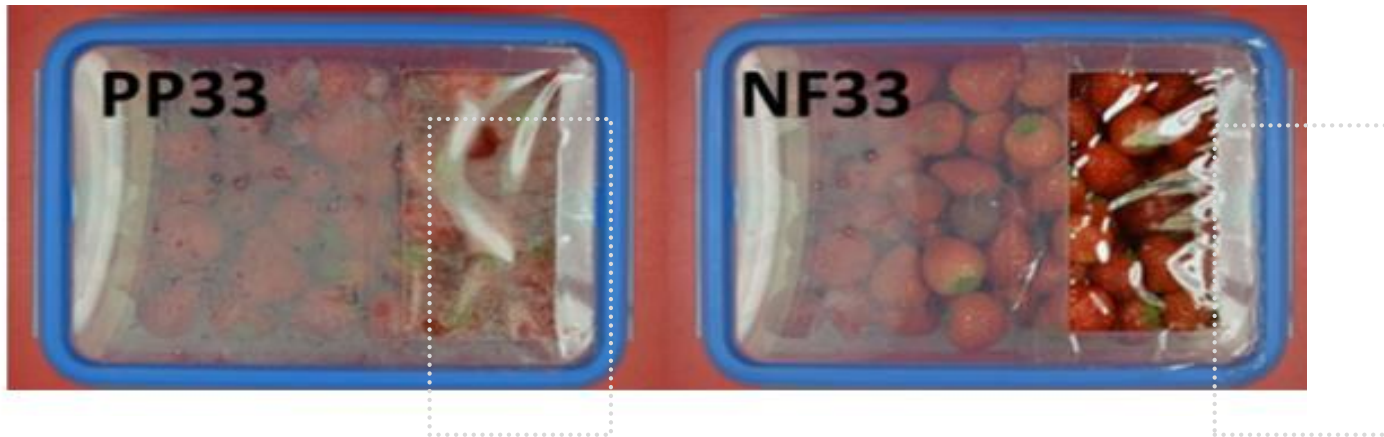


# MODIFIED ATMOSPHERE AND HUMIDITY PACKAGING

Package with a window of highly permeable film

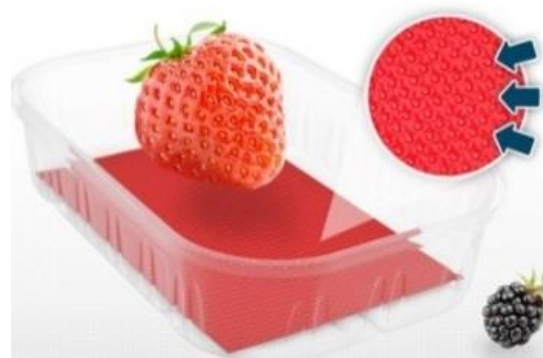
Low permeable film  
PP Polypropylene

Highly permeable film  
NF: Nature Flex



Inner layer: water vapor permeable

Use of humidity absorption pads/trays

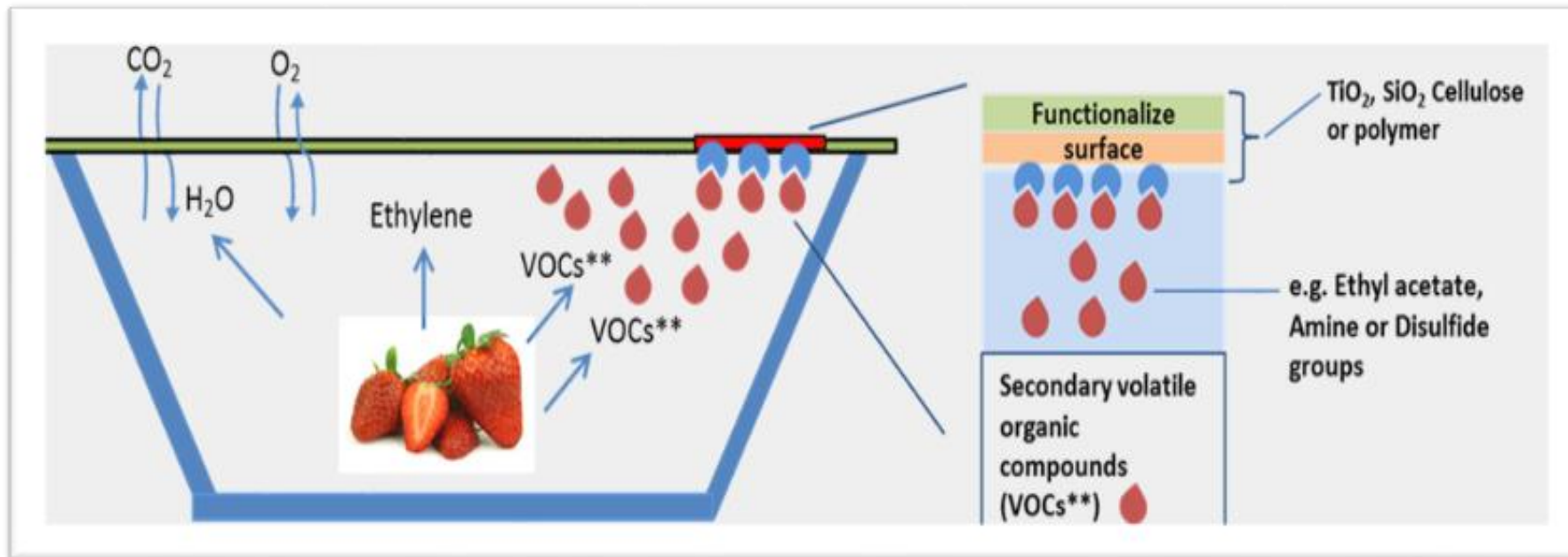


Active layer: hygroscopic NaCl

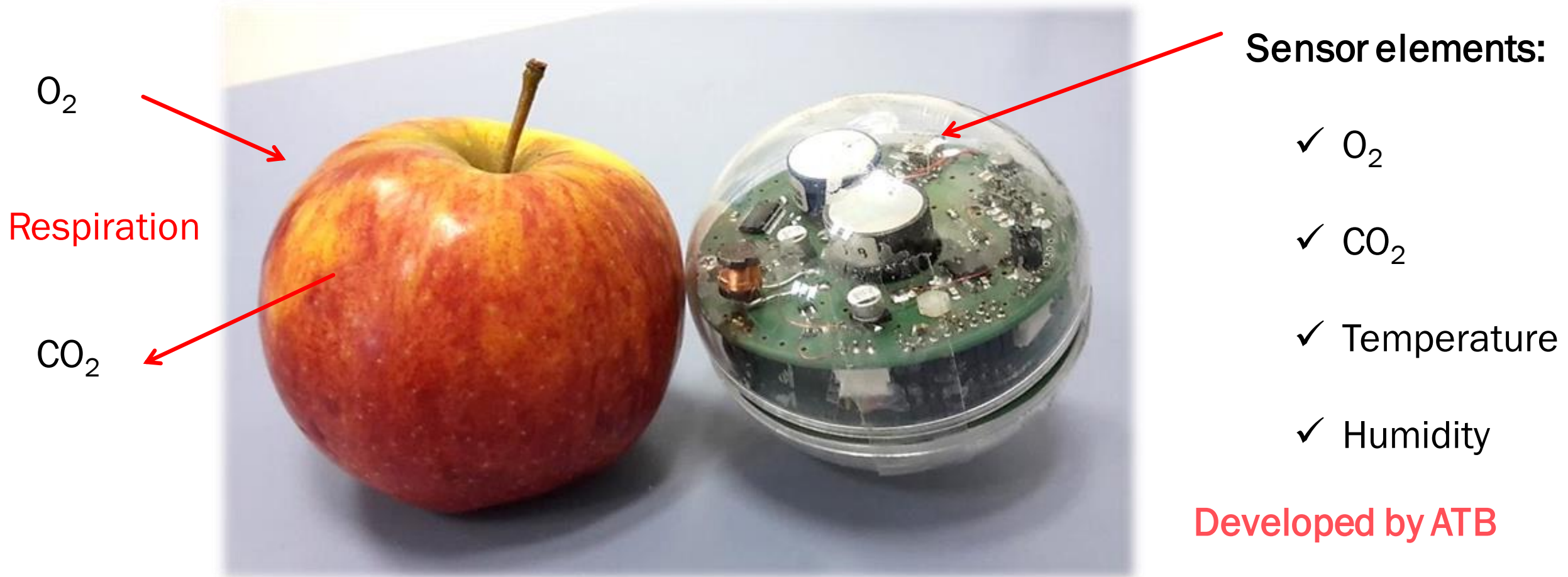
Outer layer: high barrier

# ACTIVE PACKAGING

- For ethylene removal ( Project FreshInPac)
- For selective volatile organic compounds ( Project REMOPACK)



# SENSOR DEVELOPMENT: TO MONITOR GAS CONCENTRATION



- ✓ Everything together in one piece, standalone, & modular
- ✓ The entire unit is fitted into a plastic enclosure of 8.8 cm diameter



# SENSOR

## Features:

- Portable and versatile
- Fluorescence based optical O<sub>2</sub> sensor (0-25%)
- Non-dispersive infrared (NDIR) absorption CO<sub>2</sub> sensor (0-20%)
- Data memory
- Real time clock

## Applications:

- Monitoring gas concentration
- Measuring respiration rate
- Development of a DCA system based on respiration quotient





**Thank you for your attention**

Excellence in Plastics



FEBRERO 2021



# What is AIMPLAS?

A **technology centre** with more than 30 years' experience in the plastic sector.





Add value to companies to generate **wealth** and create **employment**.



Add value to society to improve quality of life and ensure environmental sustainability.

# Our Mission



# The Institute's Management Model

Associated companies

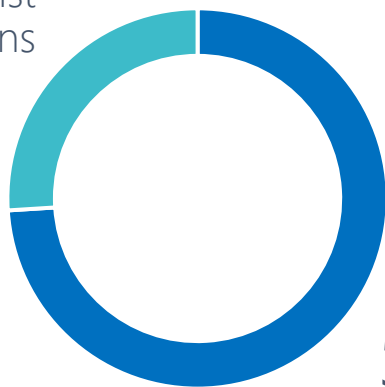
General Assembly

Governing Board

AIMPLAS

Our team is made up of more than  
**180 highly qualified professionals**

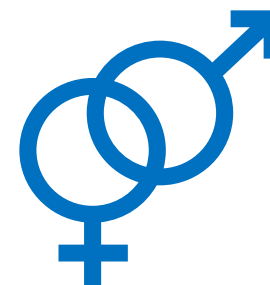
26%  
specialist  
technicians



18 PhDs

56%  
university  
graduates

62%  
women



38%  
men



average age:  
39

2020 DATA





More than **10,500 m<sup>2</sup>**  
of cutting-edge  
facilities

Pilot plants (6,000 m<sup>2</sup>)

Laboratories (4,500 m<sup>2</sup>)





EUR **14.6M**

revenue



**2,600+**

clients

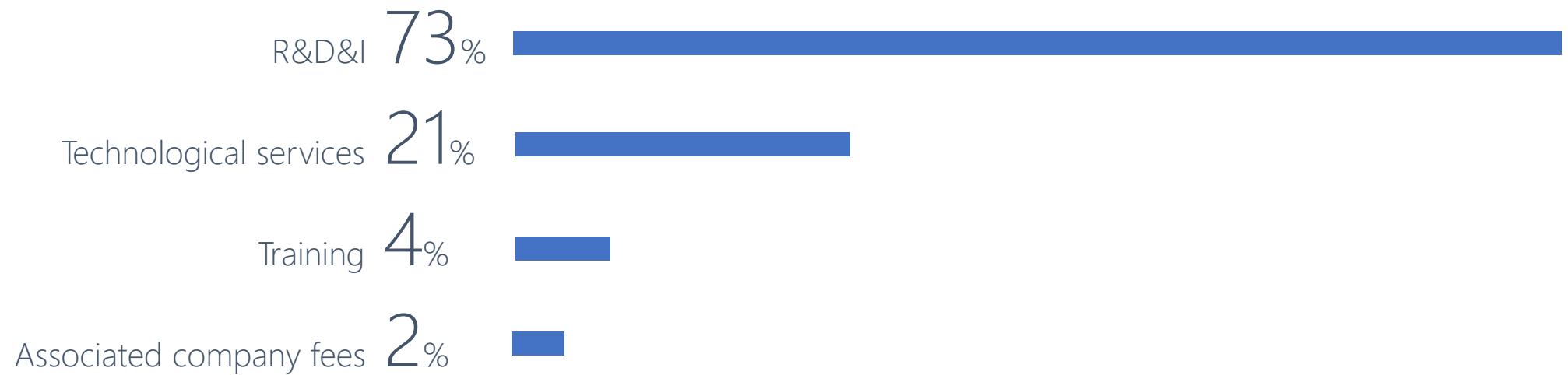


**700+**

member companies

2020 DATA

# Revenue by Activity



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# Market Orientation



Packaging



Construction



Automotive and transport



Recycling



Printing



Aeronautics



Agriculture



Electrical and Electronics



Energy



Health



Navigation



Aerospace

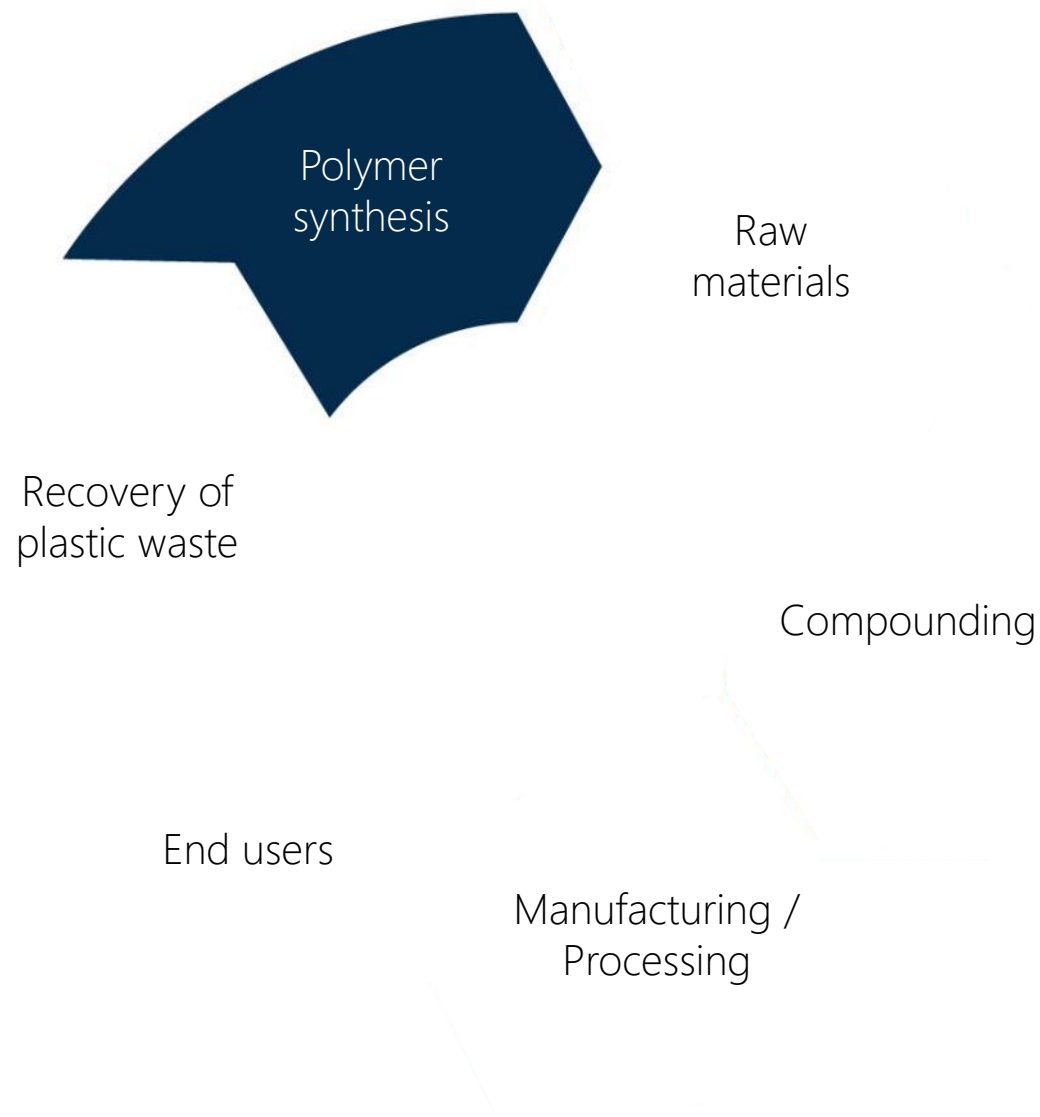


Furniture

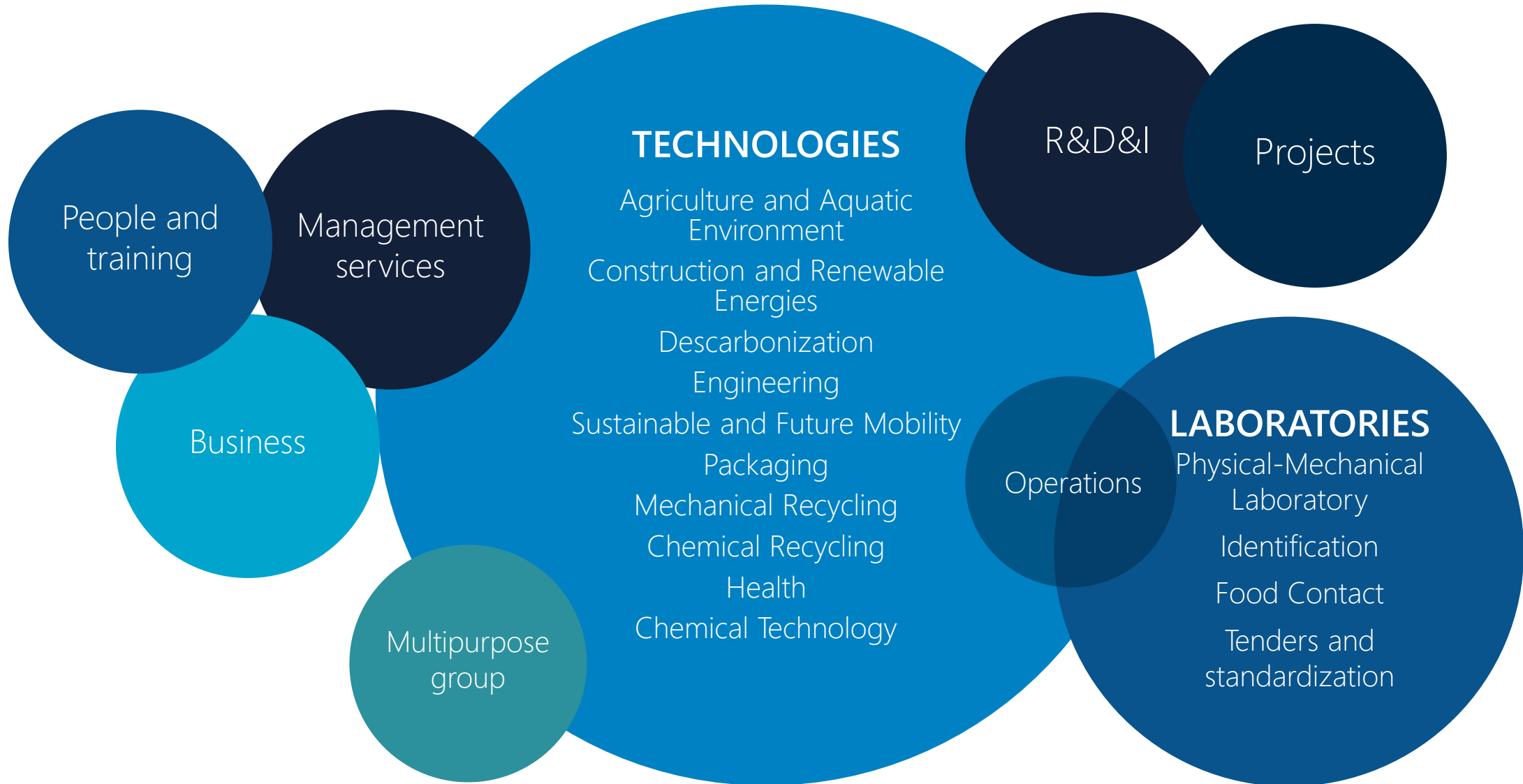


Sports and Leisure

Expertise across  
the entire plastics  
value chain



# Comprehensive management to provide global solutions



# We work with industry leaders

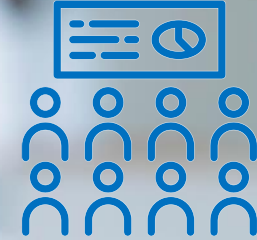


# And SMEs committed to R&D&I and quality





# Solutions for Plastics



1. R&D&I

2. Technology services

3. Training and events



# R&D&I Projects

Innovative solutions accessible to companies

218

R&D&I projects

59

international

159

national

512

companies

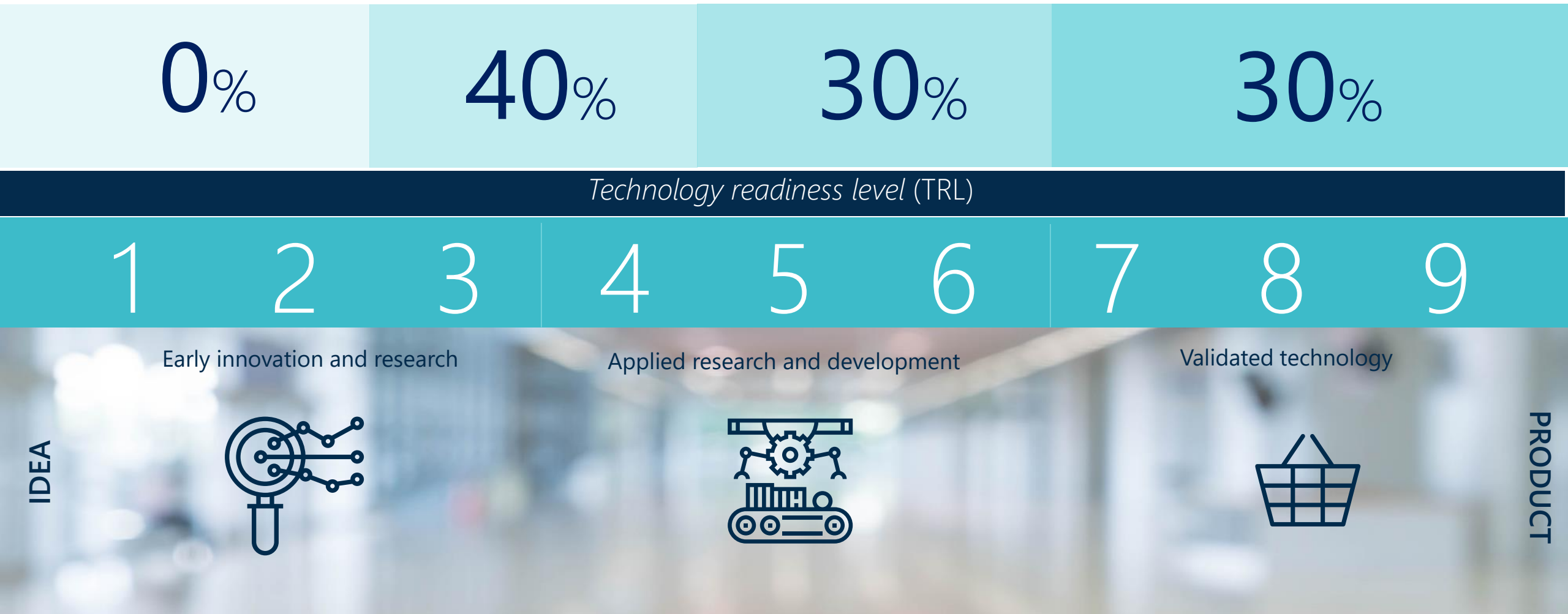
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SMEs

2020 DATA

Return of over **€40.1** million to companies

# Projects according to technology readiness level







RESEARCH AREAS  
ORGANIZED BY

# KETs

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*Key Enabling Technologies*

Nanotechnology

Biotechnology

Advanced materials

Sustainable development. Industries  
of the future

Plastic product development



RESEARCH AREAS  
ORGANIZED BY

# Societal Challenges

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Health

Industry 4.0

Circular economy

Climate change. Decarbonization of the economy

Food safety

Sustainable agriculture and silviculture

Sustainable mobility



# Technological Services



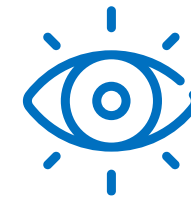
Analysis and testing



Processing and prototyping



Technical assistance



Competitive intelligence  
and technology watch



# Analysis and Testing

Value creation for top quality

5,129

services

2,595

clients

2020 DATA



# We provide value through results

Identification and characterization

Polymers

Additives and fillers

Residual substances

Mechanical properties

Optical properties

Rheological properties

Physical and thermal properties

Performance against external agents

VOC emissions testing

AIMPLAS laboratories have earned  
the most accreditations for plastics in  
accordance with **UNE-EN ISO/IEC  
17025 standard**







## Packaging

Packaging characterization tests and product-packaging interaction studies:

- Permeability (O<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O vapour)

- Sensory analysis

- Leakage detection

- Migration tests

- Compatibility

- NIAS



## Construction

Characterization and assessment of compliance with regulations for plastic products for construction (waterproofing, conduction, insulation, etc.).

*AIMPLAS is a Notified Body (no. 1842) authorized by the Spanish Ministry of Industry to assess conformity of thermoplastic tanks, prefabricated septic tanks and domestic sewage treatment plants.*



## Automotive

Specific tests certified by the main car manufacturers: emissions (VOC, formaldehyde, odour and fogging) and combustibility, among others.



## Biodegradation

Biodegradation in controlled composting conditions, biodegradation in soil, disintegration of plastic materials under simulated composting conditions in laboratory-scale, determination of the ultimate anaerobic biodegradation under high-solids anaerobic-digestion conditions and Aerobic Biodegradation of Plastic Materials in the Marine Environment. *Standards: UNE-EN ISO 14855-1, UNE-EN ISO 17556, UNE-EN ISO 20200, ISO15985:2014 and ASTM D6691-17.*

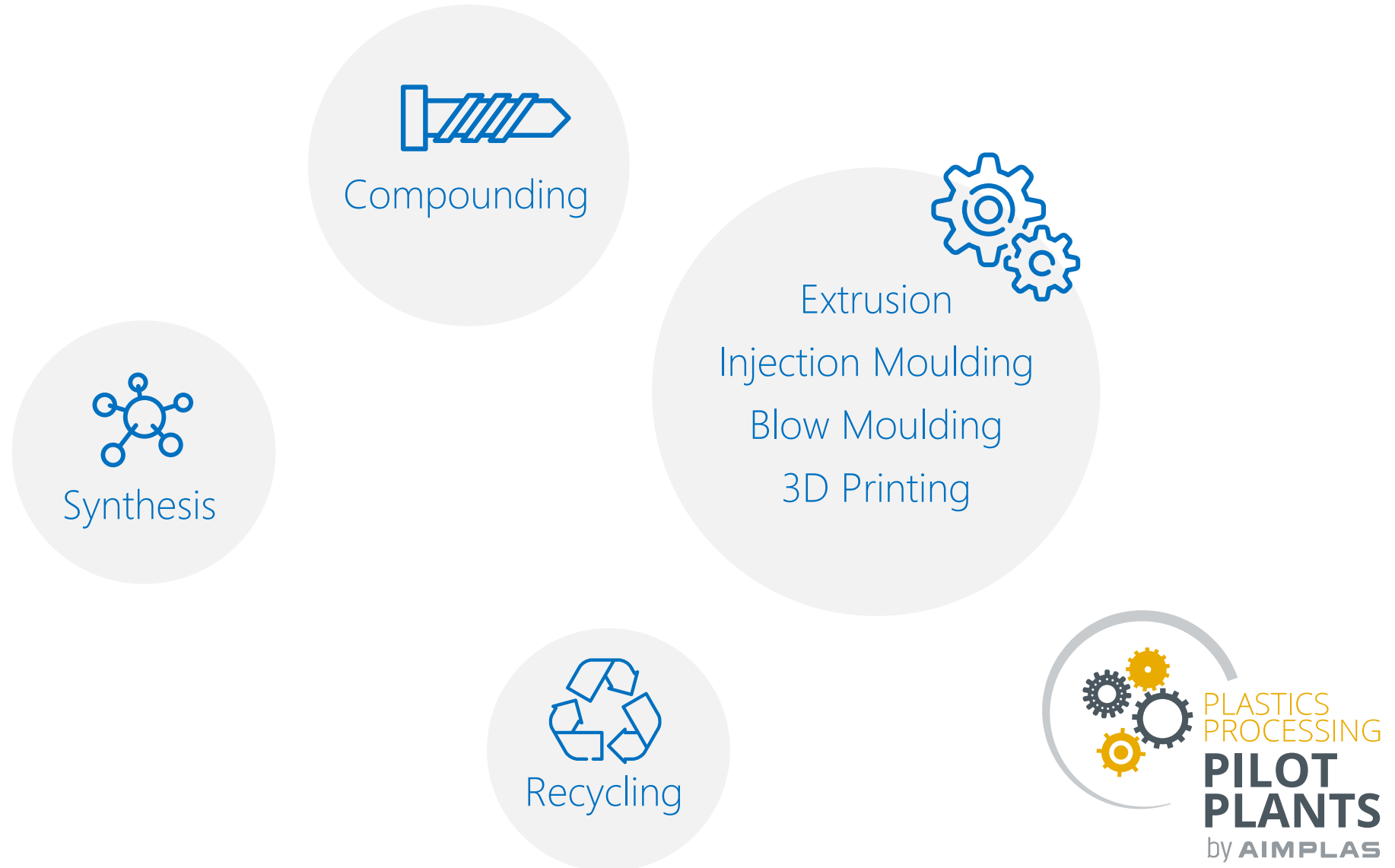




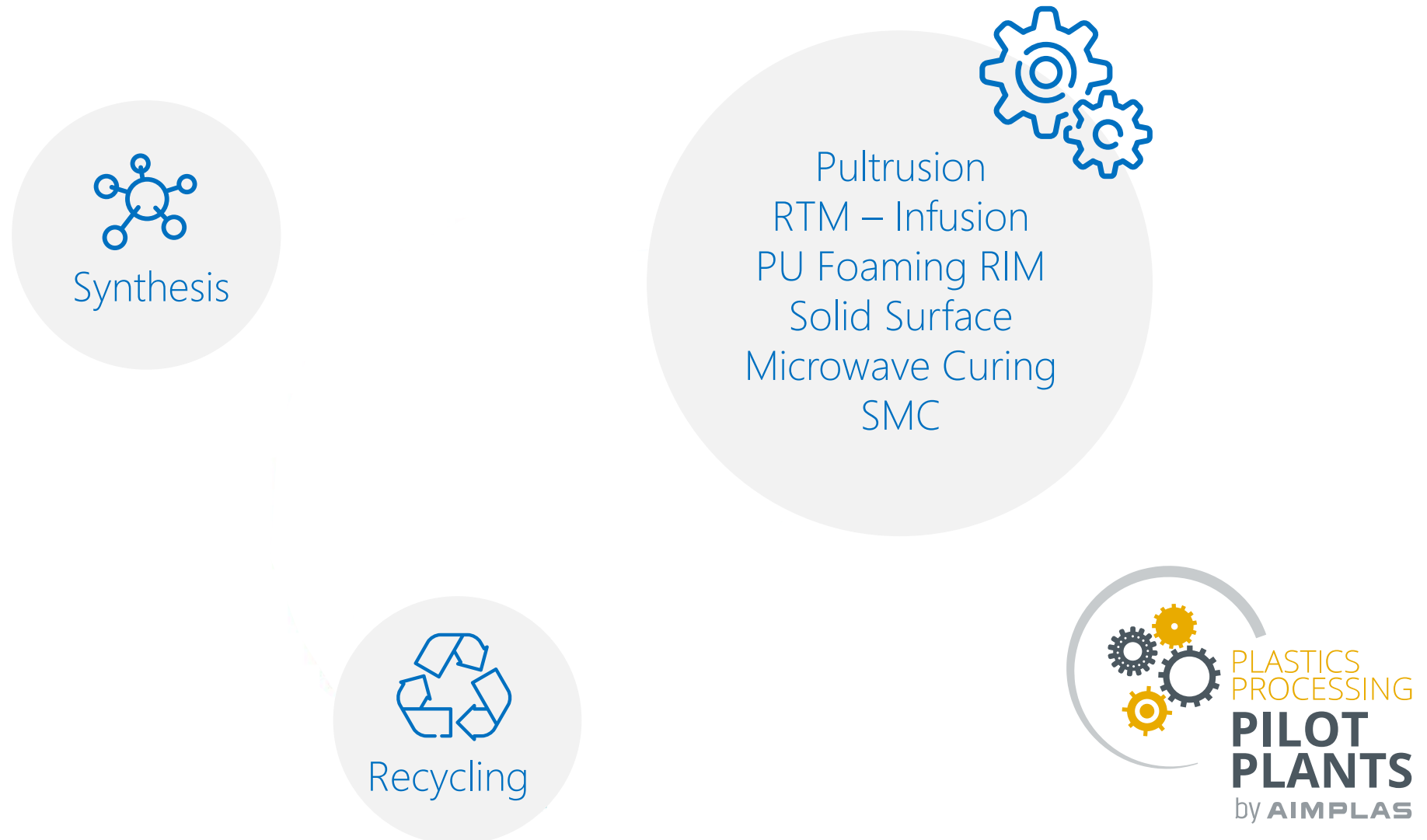
# Processing and Prototyping

Building the future

# Materials Processing: THERMOPLASTICS



# Materials Processing: COMPOSITES





# Technical Assistance

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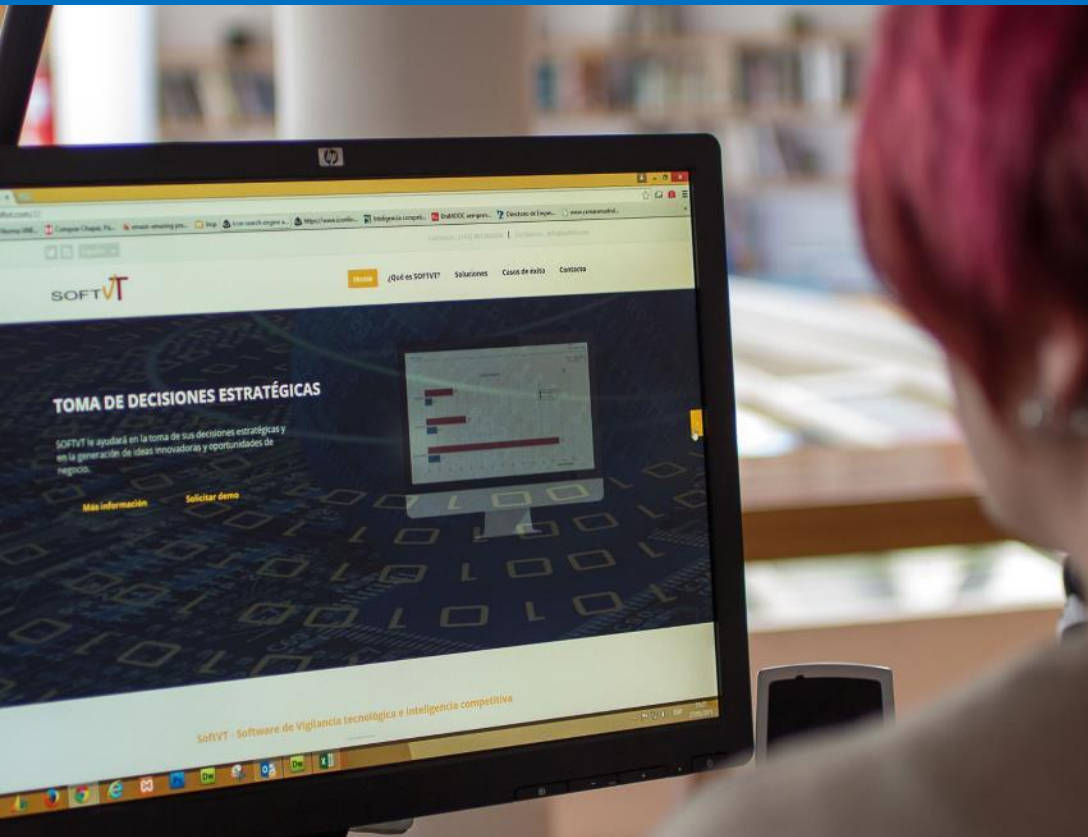
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Processing technology recently  
developed at Danish Technological  
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# Enhanced separation and cleaning of multilayer packaging materials by selective plasma and super- critical CO<sub>2</sub> processing



**SEPAESCUE**

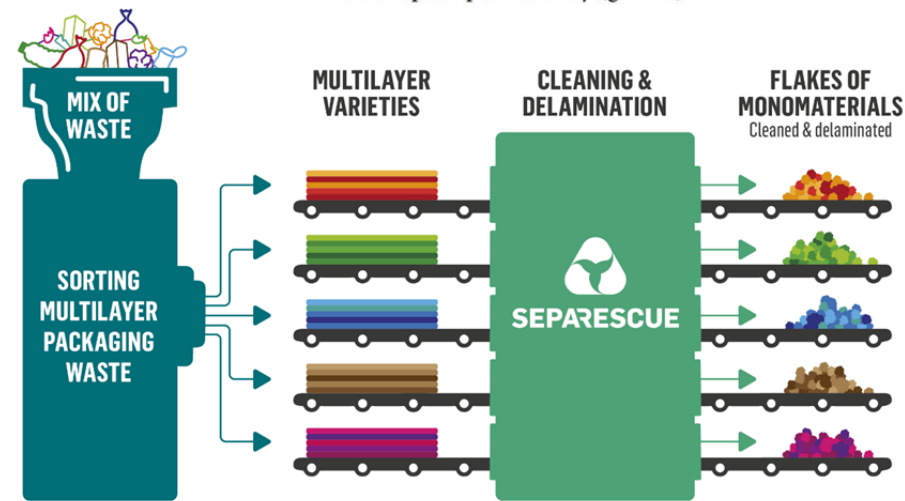
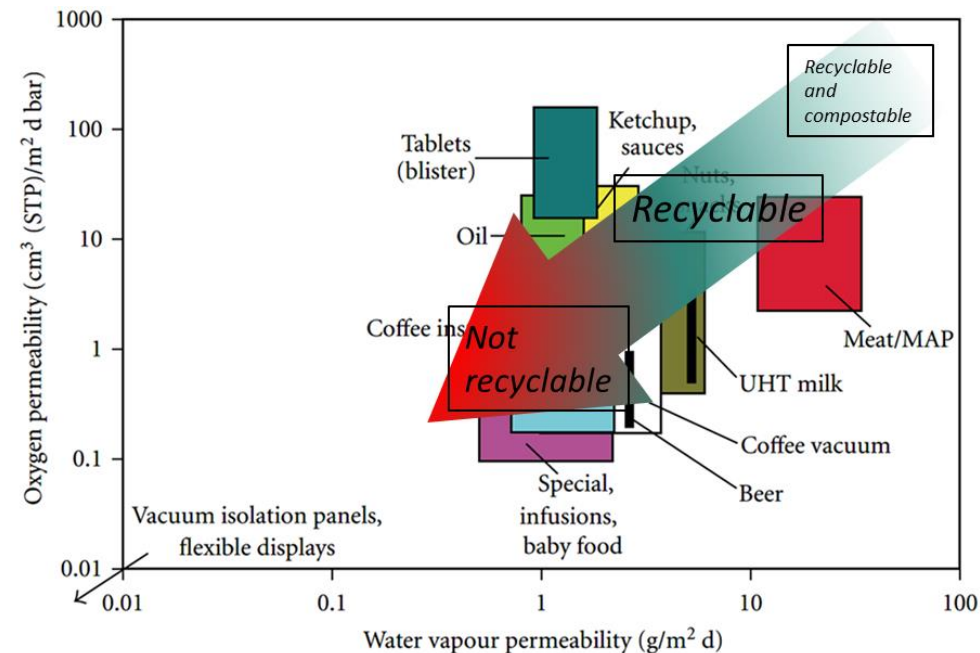




# Why developing SEPARESCUE?

- Multilayer packaging materials present the greatest technical challenge for existing recycling technologies. It is difficult to retain the purity of the constituent materials...
- Ca. 2 million tones of multilayer packaging with an approximate value of more than €2.5 billion is annually manufactured in the EU. Most of it is now neither recycled nor is recyclable...
- Existing mechanical, chemical and physical recycling technologies cannot sufficiently address the problem...
- SEPARESCUE addresses it by cleaning, deinking, and delamination of virtually any kind of multilayer packaging materials implementing both physical, chemical, and mechanical recycling technologies within the same processing unit...

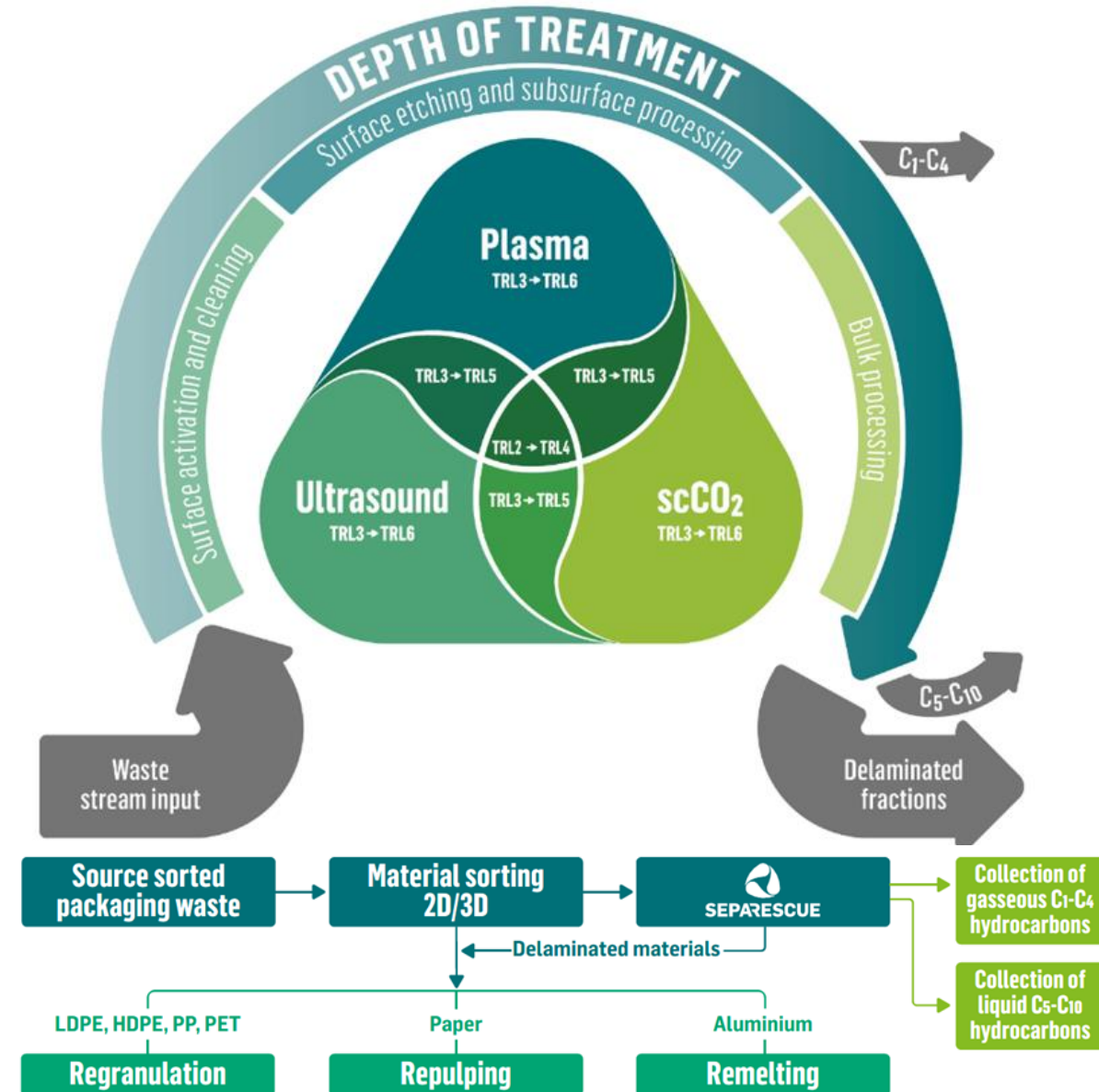
## Performance vs. Recyclability





# What is the SEPARESCUE technology?

- ❑ The **hybrid processing** is achieved by combining
  - environmentally friendly solvent - super-critical carbon dioxide (scCO<sub>2</sub>)
  - plasma processing
  - ultrasonication
- ❑ **Selective plasma processing assisted by ultrasound** cleans and etches the surface and subsurface layers - sealing and printing layers, inks, and contaminants
- ❑ **scCO<sub>2</sub> processing accelerated by plasma and ultrasound** delaminates the layers and extracts food-related contaminants from the bulk





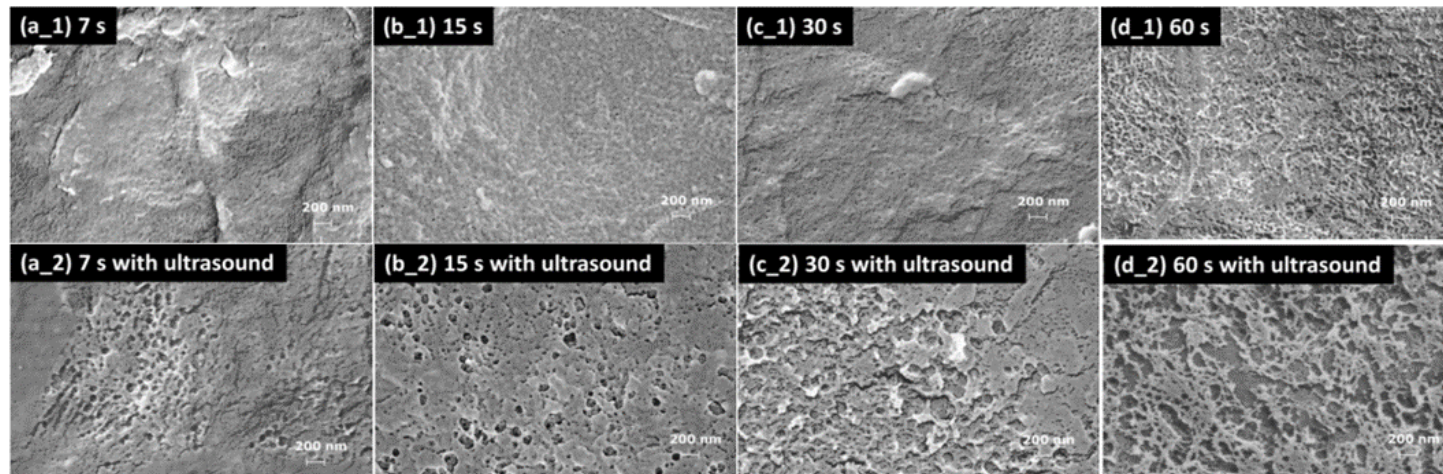


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# SEPAESCUE: $\text{scCO}_2$ + plasma + ultrasound $\rightarrow$ selective processing

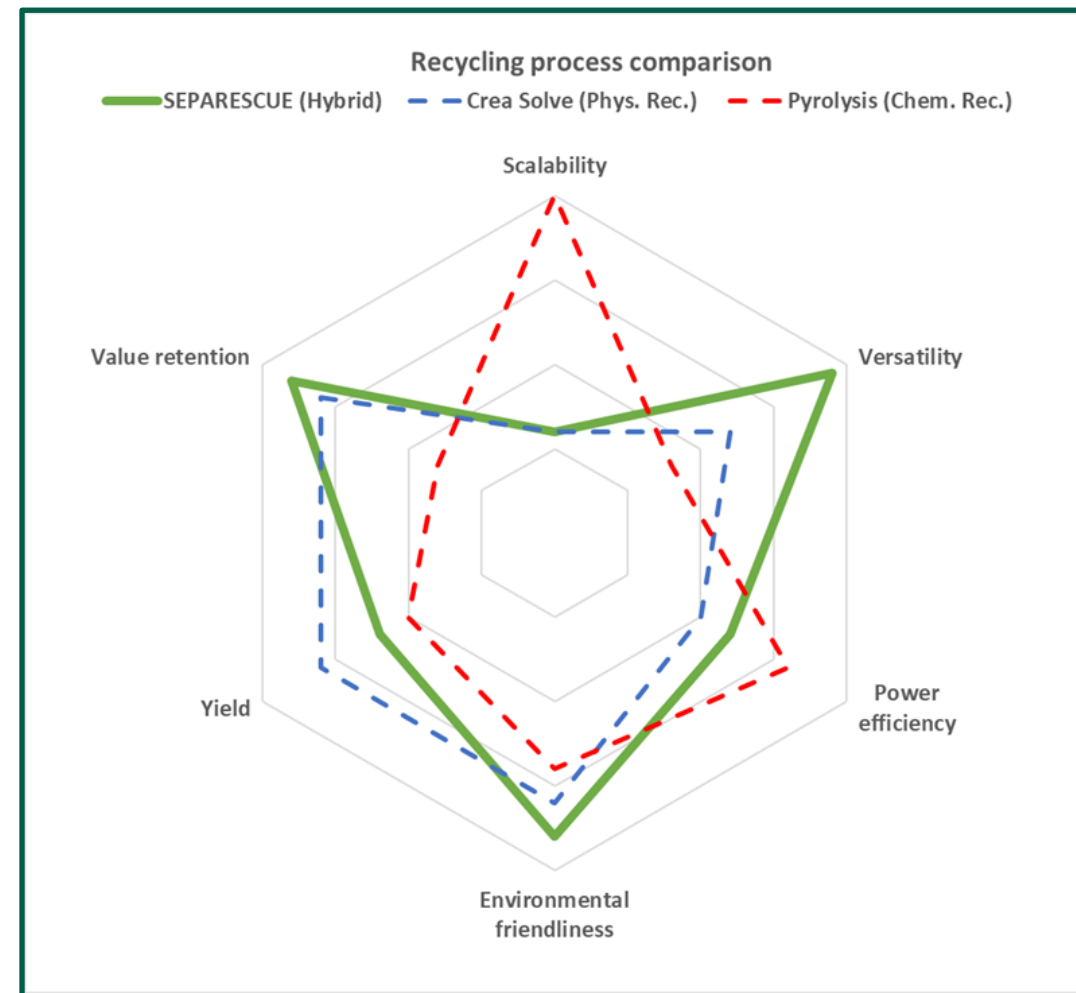
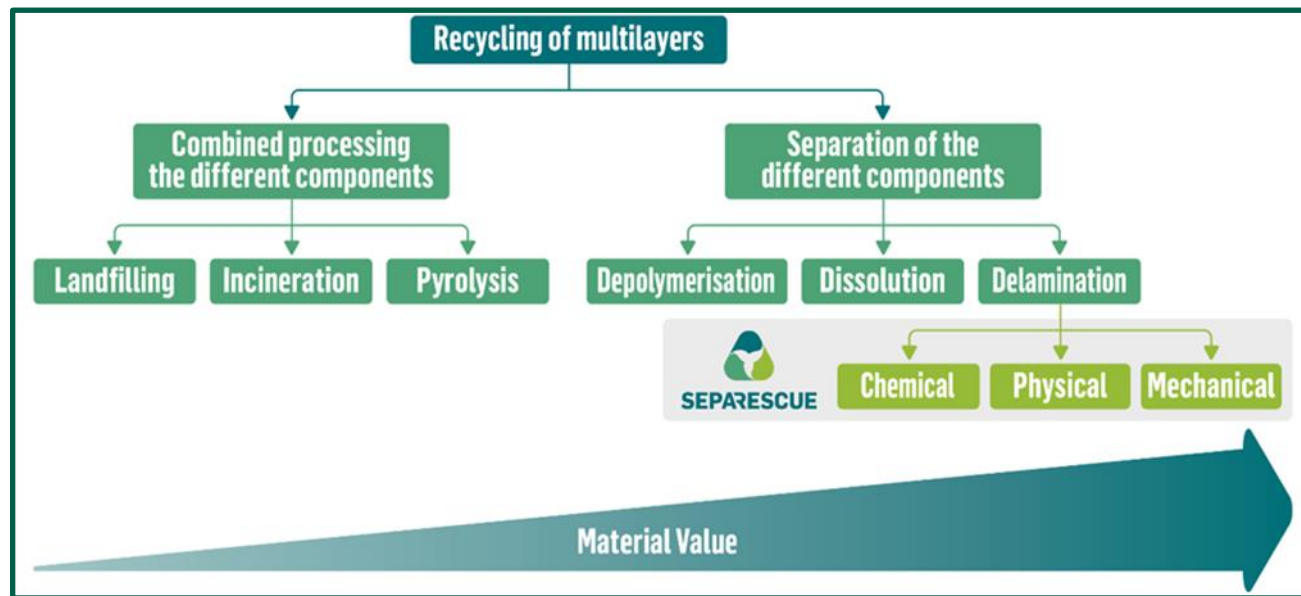


## SEPAESCUE





# SEPA RESCUE versus existing technologies...



Recycling methodologies for multilayer packaging waste								
	Scale (tonnes/year)	Unit price (€Million)	Versatility	Energy/ton	Cost/ton	Yield	Product	Value retention
SEPA RESCUE	365	1.0	High	2296 KWh	1000 €	*60%	Delaminated	High
CreaSolve	365	0.75	Medium	2850 KWh	1400 €	*80%	Reggranulated	Medium
Pyrolysis	20000	15	Medium	Low	100 €	50%	Naphta	Low





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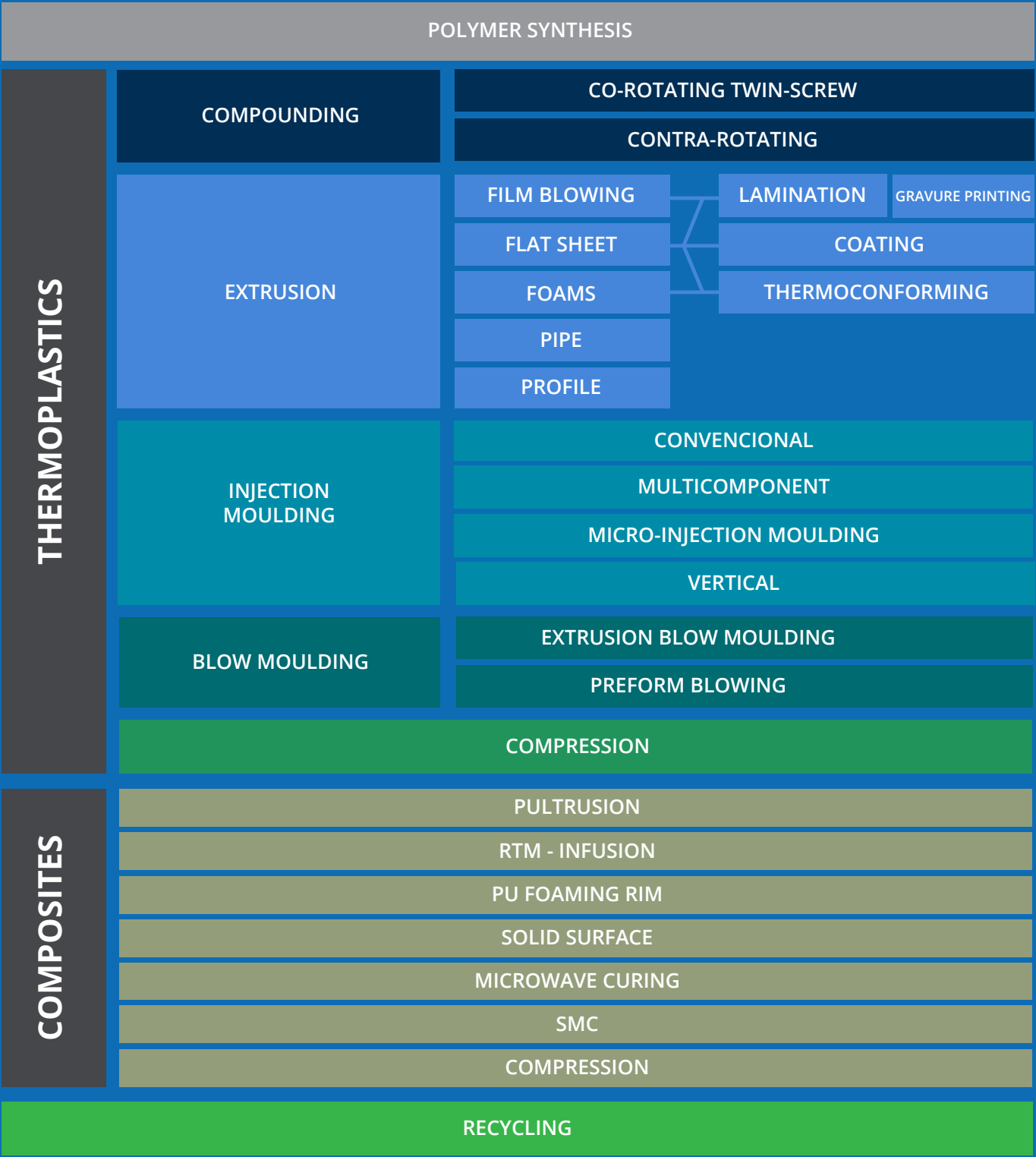
# PILOT PLANTS

*More than 30 pilot plants for processing plastic materials*



# TRANSFORMATION PROCESSES

**AIMPLAS** boasts more than **30 pilot plants** for carrying out research, formulating new materials and improving existing processes. The plants are equipped to perform all plastic transformation processes for thermoplastics, thermosets and composites.





# Polymer Synthesis

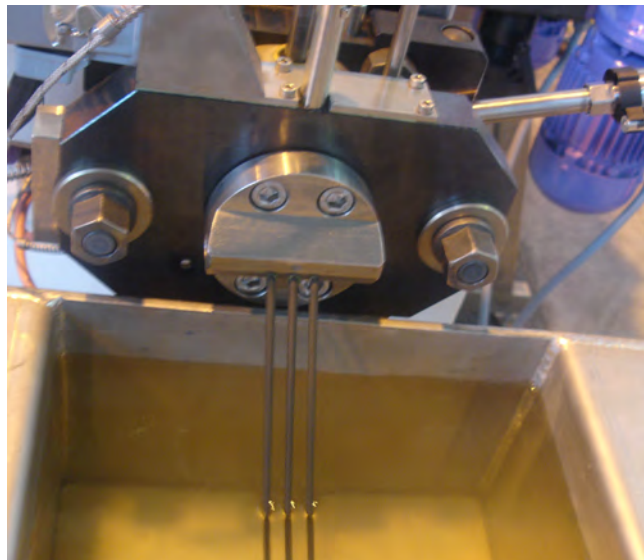
## Polymer Synthesis

- Scale-up from 0.1 to 50 kg.
- Process development by solution synthesis and reactive extrusion.
- Process optimization, including purification steps.
- Polymer synthesis strategies:
  - » Ring-opening polymerization (ROP).
  - » Radical polymerization.
  - » Ionic polymerization.
  - » Polycondensation.

## Nanoparticle Synthesis

- Scale-up from 0.1 to 1 kg.
- SOL-GEL synthesis/  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  emulsions.
- Formation of two-phase and multi-phase emulsions.
- Process optimization, including purification steps.
- Functionalization:
  - » Oxidation treatment using  $\text{O}_3$ , peroxides, acids.
  - » Silanes (e.g. perfluoroalkyl, amino and alkyl silanes).
  - » Crosslinking of active, antibacterial and fungicidal substances.

# Compounding



## MASTERBATCH, REACTIVE EXTRUSION, BIOPLASTICS

### *Pilot plant scale*

Co-rotating twin-screw extrusion to obtain highly filled plastic compounds, formulate bioplastics, perform reactive extrusion and produce colour masterbatches and additives.

Screw design adapted to the materials to be processed and optimization of processing parameters by validating dispersion.

Multiple fillers / fibres can be used and liquids can be added.

Several degassing ports. Production of up to 50-70 kg/h.



## FORMULATION OF PLASTICS

### *Pilot plant scale*

Modular extruder with vertical gate (with forced feeding).

Designed to process small amounts of material based on price and availability.

Production of 0.5 to 2 kg/h.

Equipped with high-precision gravimetric feeders, for pellets and powder, and materials with different apparent density and format.

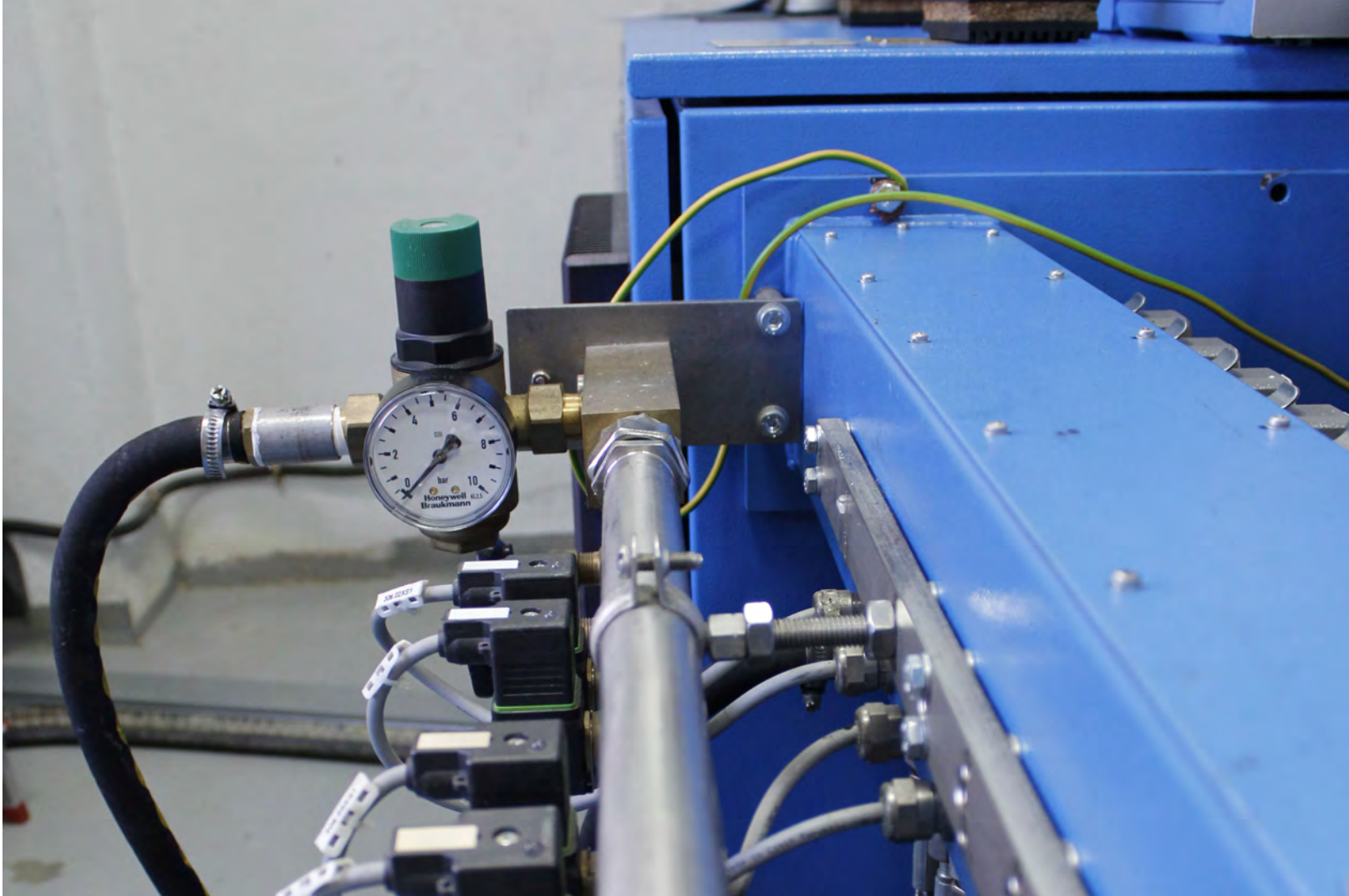


## NANOMATERIALS

Specially equipped rooms to work with nanomaterials and produce compounds with graphene, graphene oxides, carbon nanotubes, carbon nanofibres, nanoclays, nano metal oxides and others.

Feasibility validation of new nanomaterials such as additives in plastics.





## FIBRES, FILLERS, FLAME RETARDANTS AND OTHER ADDITIVES

### *Pilot plant scale*

Co-rotating twin-screw extrusion specially customized to work with nanomaterials (CNT, graphene, nanoclays) and obtain compounds with fibres, fillers, fire resistance, etc.

Screw design adapted to the materials to be processed and optimization of processing parameters by validating dispersion.

Multiple fillers/fibres can be used and liquids can be added.

Large stock of screw elements; screws can be designed with different shear rates to obtain excellent dispersion levels for all kinds of fillers and additives.

Production of up to 30 kg/h.

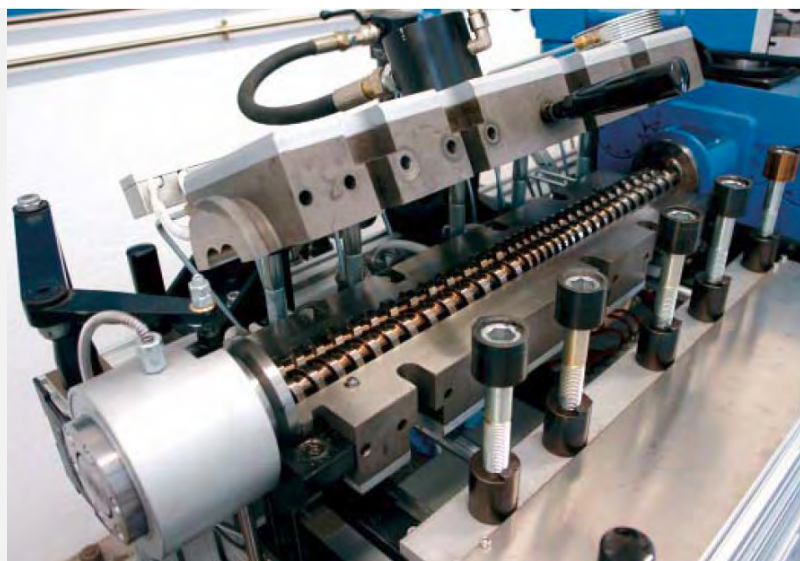
## FORMULATION OF PVC & WPC

### *Pilot plant scale*

Co-rotating and counter-rotating twin-screw extrusion for processing shear-sensitive materials such as PVC and obtaining wood plastic composites (WPC).

Direct extrusion of profiles, tubing and films by attaching different heads.

Production of 10 kg/h.





## COMPOUNDING TO SCALE

### *Laboratory – Internal Brabender Mixer*

The ideal machine for mixing 30 to 200 g batches of thermoplastic composites and elastomers.

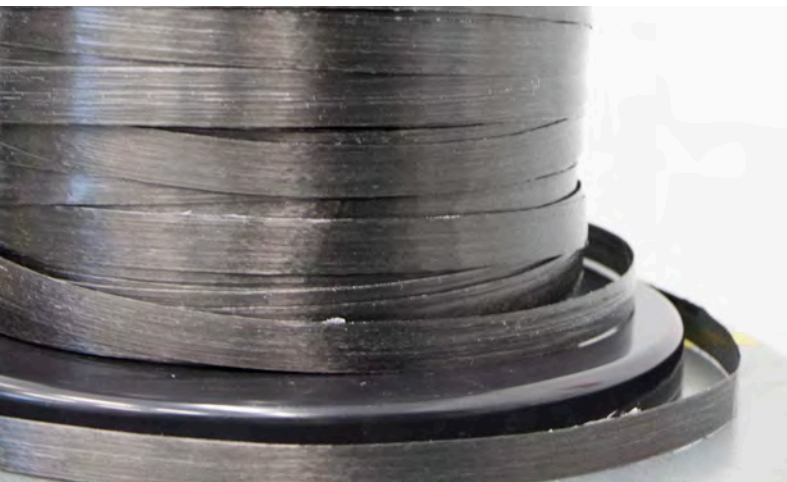
Validation of new materials (e.g. polymers, fillers, nanomaterials, additives) in the development and optimization processes.

Analysis of additive effectiveness and formula adjustment in: thermal stabilization, lubrication and plasticization.

Especially for PVC.

Previous reactive extrusion studies.

Adjustment of polymer fluidity for mechanical recycling processes.



## UD TAPE AND LFT PELLET LINE

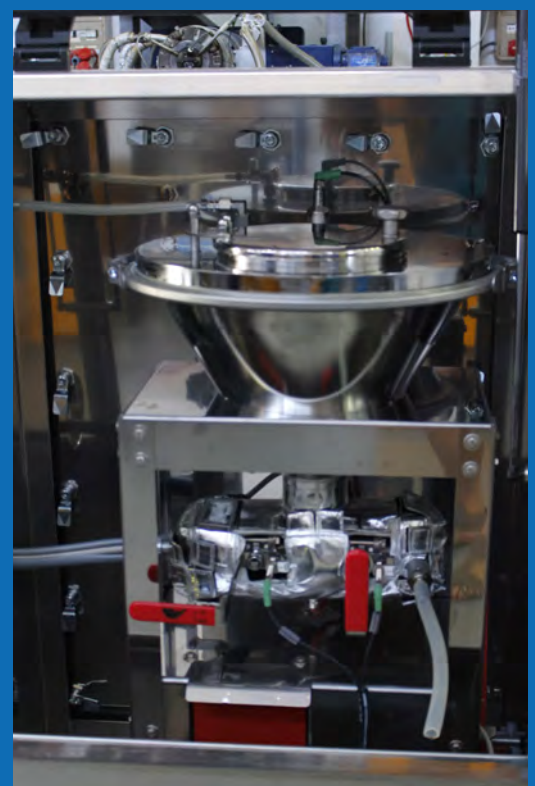
AIMPLAS has a long-fibre impregnation line at pilot plant scale. This pultrusion line is attached to a co-rotating twin-screw extruder.

The line produces unidirectional tapes for depositing fibres (AFP and ATL) and long-fibre pellets for injection and compression moulding.

## PERIPHERALS

The compounding lines are also equipped with quenching baths and the following auxiliary equipment:

- Gravimetric dosing feeder for solids (0.1 to 80 kg/h).
- Gravimetric dosing feeder for liquids.
- Turbomixers.
- Pelletizer with cutting head (water-cooled).



# Clean Rooms

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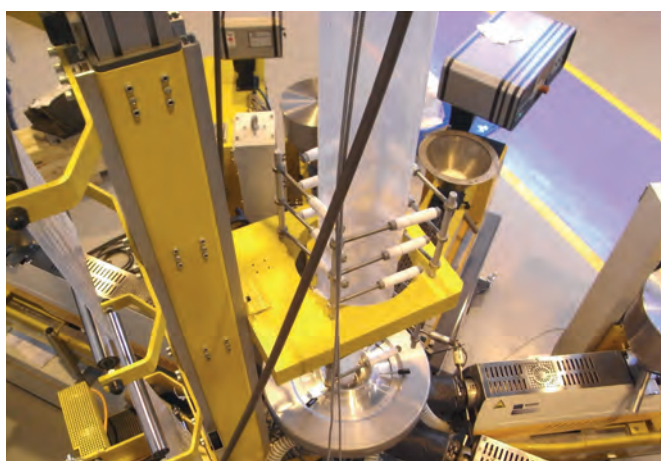
AIMPLAS has two separate ISO 7 clean rooms with a total area of 135 m<sup>2</sup> for developing pharmaceutical and healthcare products in accordance with GMP, and for synthesizing biopolymers and nanoparticles.

The rooms were designed to avoid cross-contamination and maintain a high level of safety at work.



# Extrusion

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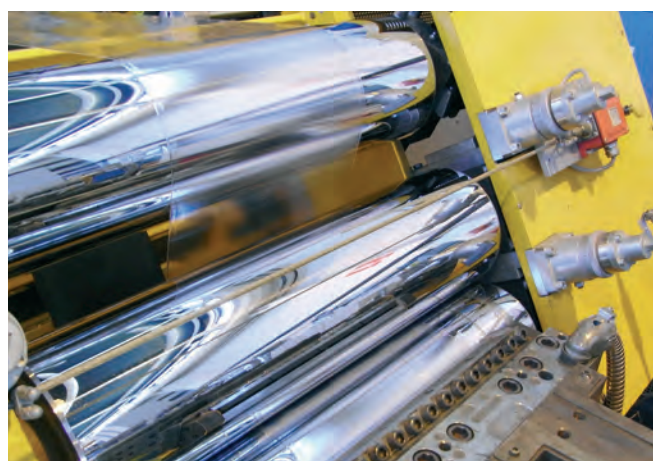
## BLOWN FILM EXTRUSION

Structures with one to five layers.

Vertical unit with maximum height of 4 m.

Maximum film width: 300 mm.

Film thickness: 30 to 200 microns.



## FLAT SHEET EXTRUSION

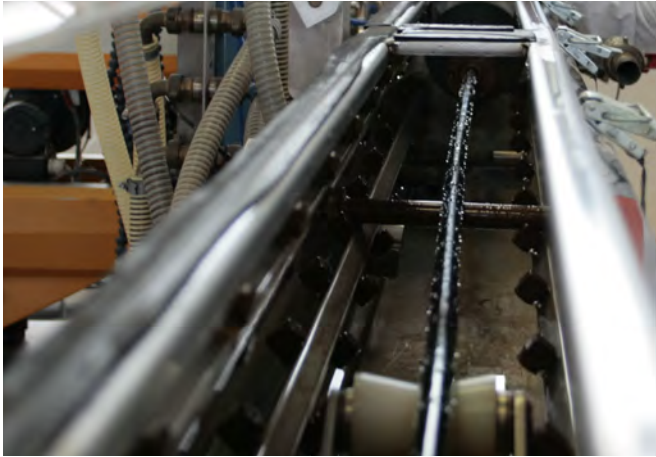
Structures with one to five layers.

Maximum film width: 480 mm.

Film thickness: 50 to 900 microns.

Calender roll temperature range: 5 to 90°C.



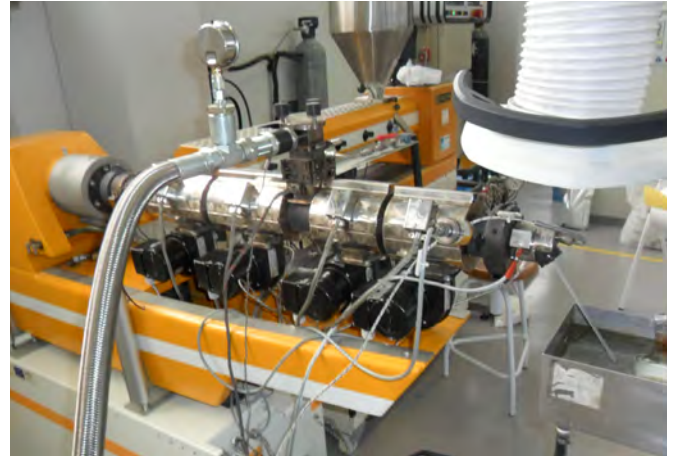


## PROFILE AND PIPE EXTRUSION

Profile extrusion for working with amorphous polymers (PC, PMMA), semi-crystalline polymers (HDPE, PP) and PVC. Various dies with different shapes.

Production of single-layer and double-layer tubing (diameter: 16 mm) in different thicknesses.

Vacuum calibration and water bath for cooling.



## TANDEM EXTRUSION LINE

Continuous chemical modification of polymers. Polymer functionalization. Solid-liquid mixtures. Long residence times.

Processing post-industrial scrap.

Improving the quality of recycled materials.

Removal of volatile compounds, including odours, by high-pressure gas injection and vacuum degassing.

Filtering to remove solid contaminants.



## TECHNICAL POLYMER EXTRUSION

Extruder for processing technical polymers requiring temperatures over 300 and 350°C (e.g. PEI, PEEK).

30 D extruder with an L/D ratio of 30 and a maximum working temperature of 450°C.

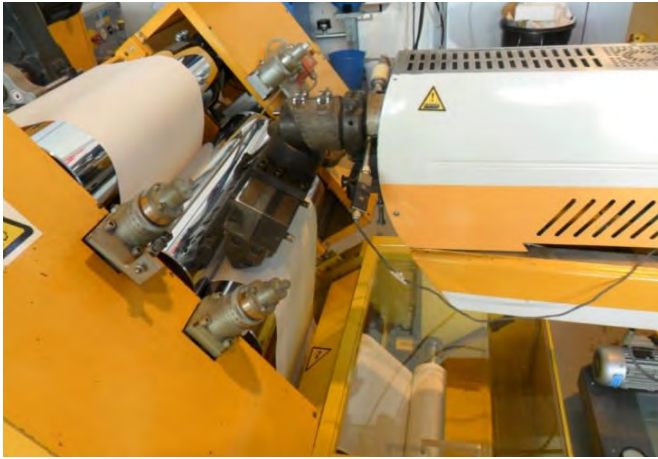


## MACHINE DIRECTION ORIENTATION SYSTEM (MDO)

The equipment consists of two stretching units: one before and one after the oven.

Characteristics: temperature control in different modules of the production line.

Adjustable oven heating system.

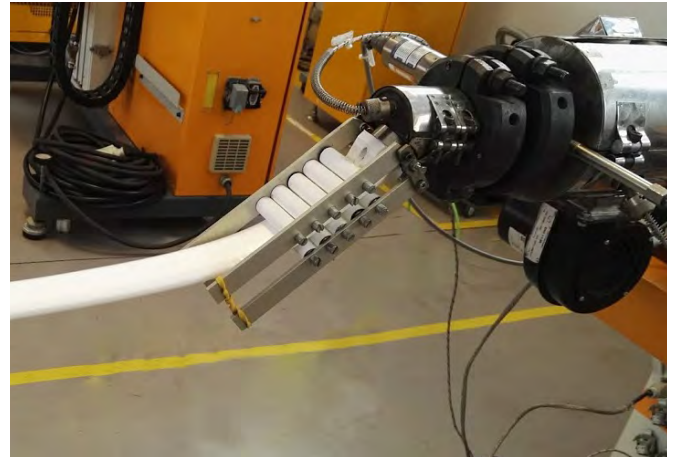


## EXTRUSION COATING

Coating plastic films with different kinds of substrate (e.g. paper, aluminium foil, textiles, plastic films) as part of the film extrusion process.

Temperature and pressure are applied to bond the substrate to the film.

Maximum coating width: 450 mm.



## FOAM EXTRUSION

Production of foamed plastic (rods, profiles and sheets) using chemical and physical foaming agents (supercritical CO<sub>2</sub>).

## AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT

### PRESSING MACHINE AND TWO-ROLL MILL

Blend preparation in batches using a temperature-controlled two-roll mill.

Sheet manufacture in a hot platen press. Sample thickness: 0.2 to 4 mm; maximum area: 200 x 200 mm.



# Converting and Packaging



## THERMOFORMING

Thermoforming by blow moulding and vacuum forming.

Twin-sheet thermoforming (top and bottom sheet).

Moulding area up to 400 x 400 mm. Male and female moulds made of different materials.



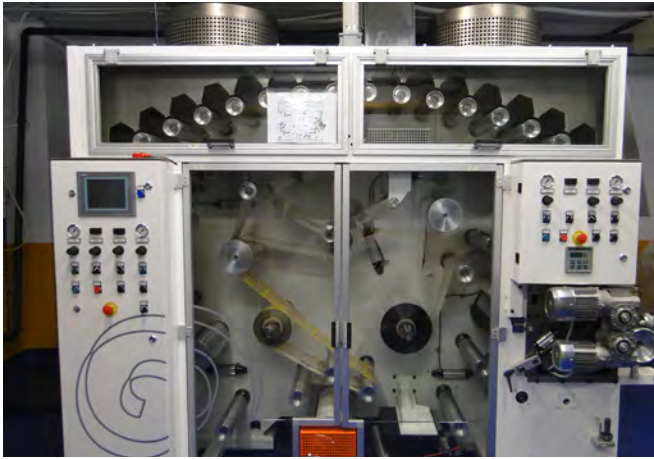
## SEALING MACHINE

Semi-automatic, pre-industrial equipment for preformed trays.

Wide range of films (top) and laminated, foam and monomaterial trays.

Different packaging options: vacuum and modified atmosphere packaging (MAP) with one gas or a customized gas combination.

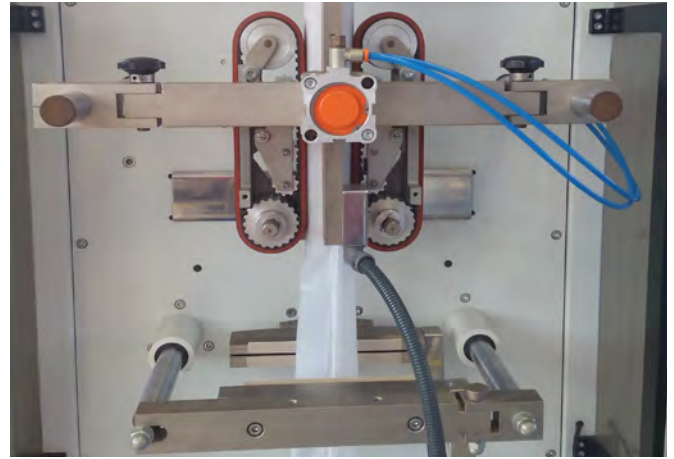




## LAMINATION UNIT

Semi-industrial laminator to obtain complex, multilayer structures using solventless and solvent-based adhesives in a drying tunnel.

Interchangeable modules for applying coatings and rotogravure and flexographic printing. Head for applying hot-melt adhesives.

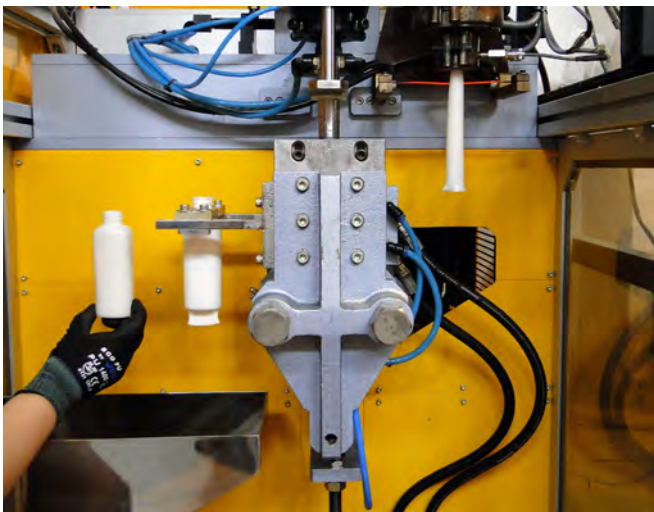


## VERTICAL FORM-FILL SEALING SYSTEM (VFFS)

Using a roll of film to automatically and continuously make, fill and seal bags. Control of parameters such as temperature, sealing time and clamping pressure.

Two bag widths: 90 and 150 mm. Variable length of up to 250 mm. Options include vertical and flat welding, depending on material compatibility.

# Blow Moulding



## EXTRUSION BLOW MOULDING

Automatic blow moulding for 125 and 200 ml bottles.

Equipment for single-layer, two-layer and three-layer bottles.

Temperature-controlled mould.

The parison is cut with a hot cutter.

## PREFORM BLOWING

Preform blowing from 0.5 to 5 l.

Preform thickness: 1 to 4 mm.

Carousel capacity: 58 preforms.

Standard mould dimensions: 260 x 220 mm.



# Additive Manufacturing

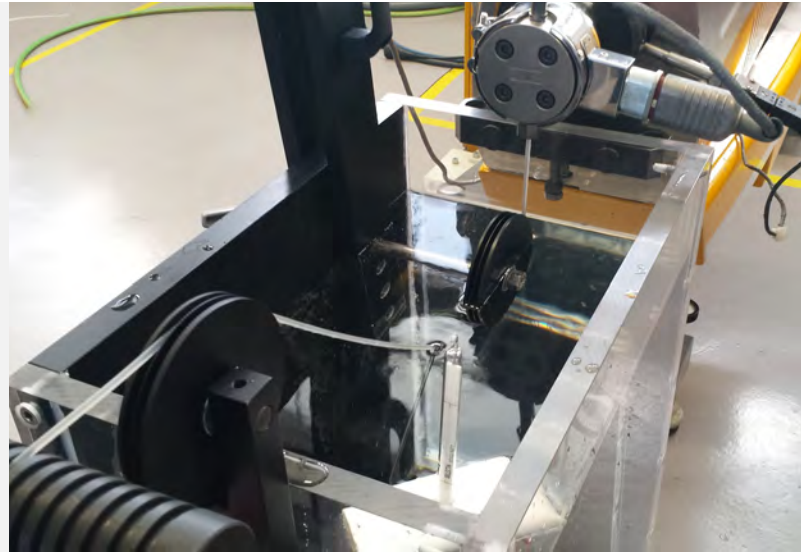
## FILAMENT EXTRUSION FOR 3D PRINTING

Extrusion of filaments 1.75 and 2.85 mm thick.

Controlled filament cooling (air and water).

Automatic winding device.

A wide range of materials can be extruded and materials can be formulated to improve specific properties.



## 3D PRINTERS

AIMPLAS uses additive manufacturing equipment with different technologies from a number of manufacturers. We have SLA printers (FORMLABS FORM2), FDM printers (ULTIMAKER 2+, ULTIMAKER 3 EXTENDED, BQ WITBOX 2, SICNOVA JCR 600, MARKFORGED MARKTWO) and bioprinters (REGEMAT V1).

### We work on:

- Developing biodegradable materials with added functionalities.

- Studying sacrifice and support materials for constructing prototypes/parts.

- Developing materials for medical/surgical use.

- Developing elastomeric composites for additive manufacturing.

- Developing high-performance materials and improving mechanical properties and electrical/thermal conductivity.

- Developing combinations of reinforcement fibres and resins to improve mechanical properties.

- Developing light-cured resins.

- Desarrollo de resinas fotocurables.





# Injection moulding



## CONVENTIONAL INJECTION MOULDING

Three injectors with clamping forces of 50, 100 and 160 t.

Different type of nozzles, depending on the mould.  
Maximum plasticization capacity (in PS): 343 g; intrusion moulding is also available.

Maximum mould size: 520 x 520 mm, with heights of 160 to 450 mm.

Temperature regulation systems for mould temperatures from -5 to 250°C.

More than 15 moulds for tests and prototypes.

## MULTI-COMPONENT INJECTION MOULDING

Injection machine with a clamping force of 100 t and two plasticization units.

Part injection capacity of up to 182 g (in PS).

Maximum mould size: 420 x 420 mm, and minimum heights of 250 mm. Different nozzles can be attached to the machine. Temperature regulation systems for mould temperatures from -5 to 250°C.

Also performs conventional injection, bi-injection, co-injection and overmoulding.



## STANDARDIZED TEST PIECE MOULDS

Moulds with quick-change plates.

Geometries available: ISO A, ISO B, ISO F, ISO A2, ISO D2.  
UL-94 standardized test part moulds for flammability tests with thicknesses of 3.2, 1.6 and 0.8 mm.

Standardized spiral mould for determining en route flow/thickness ratios.



## MICRO-INJECTION MOULDING

Maximum clamping force: 12 t.

Maximum part weight (in PS): 9.64 g.

Temperature regulation systems for mould temperatures from -5 to 250°C.

Maximum mould size of 259 x 259 mm.

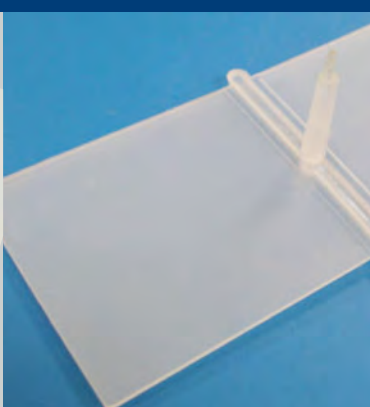
## VERTICAL INJECTOR

Vertical injection machine for overmoulding, injection with inserts and low-pressure injection moulding.

Performance of IML, IMD and IME tests. It has a clamping force of 100 t and a foldable injection unit with a capacity of 85 cm<sup>3</sup> (77 g in PS).

Maximum mould size: 400 x 400 mm.

Temperature-controlled system for mould temperatures from -5 to 250°C. Equipped with a CFZ COBOTS collaborative robot.





# Composites



## MICROWAVE CURING PILOT PLANT

Microwave curing of large-scale parts: 6,000 x 2,000 x 1,500 mm.

Maximum power: 6,000 W.

Irradiation with six robot arms.

Power control depending on laminating temperature.

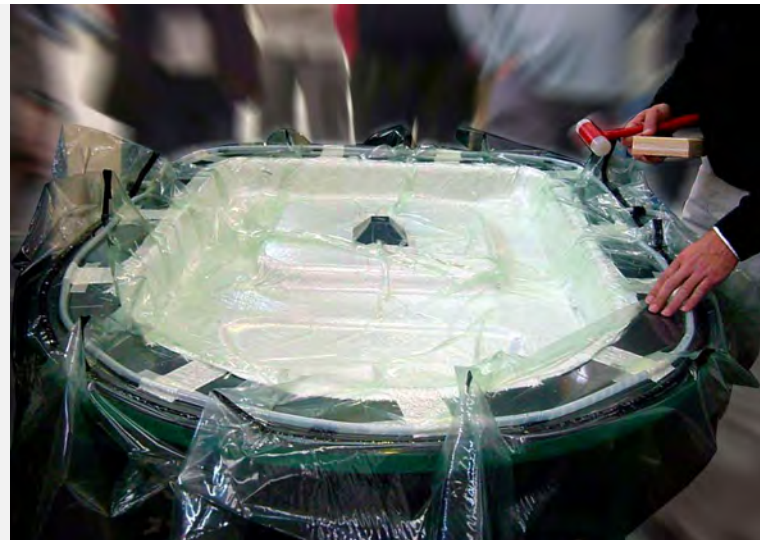
Different types of antennae.

Laminations obtained by infusion and manual lamination.

## PILOT PLANT FOR RESIN TRANSFER PROCESSES

*[RTM, RTM-Light, Infusión]*

750 W two-level vacuum unit with accumulator.



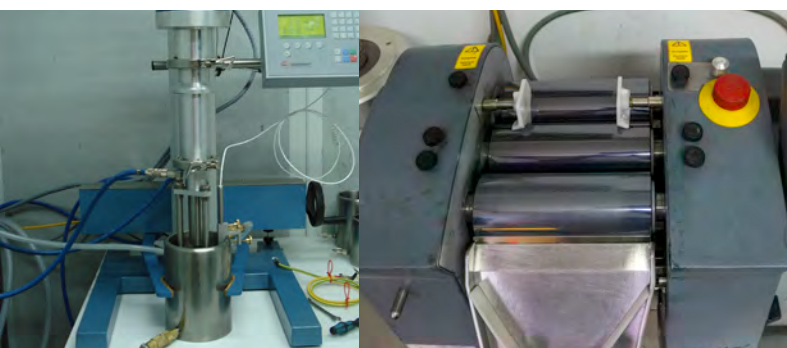
## FOAM REACTION INJECTION MOULDING POLYURETHANE DOSING AND MIXING

Manufacturing of polyurethane prototypes; integral and flexible foam, elastomers and compacts.

Setting up new polyurethane formulations (two or three components).

Circuit prepared for working at high temperatures (up to 120°C).

Connections for vacuum and dry air or nitrogen lines.



## AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT

*Dispermat with ball mill and three-roll calender.*



## SOLID SURFACE FORMULATION

Intensive mixer; capacity: 5 L.

Programmable control of mixing times, speed and temperature.

Manufacture of prototypes by injection and moulding.

## SMC PILOT PLANT

Equipped with a hot plate press.

Maximum plate temperature: 500°C.

Maximum clamping force: 1,000 kN.

Programming and recording of power surges and temperature.



## PULTRUSION PILOT PLANT

For obtaining constant section composite profiles.

Resin injection and impregnation. Special resin injection.

Maximum profile width: 350 mm.

Pulling system based on pressing.

## STUDYING AUTOCLAVE ALTERNATIVES

Hot plate press with vacuum chamber.

Maximum plate temperature: 300°C.

Plate dimensions: 450 x 450 mm.

Maximum clamping force: 800 kN.

Programming of press cycles (clamping force and plate temperature).





# Recycling



## ADAPTATION AND REDUCTION OF PARTICLE SIZE

Crushing capacity and ability to reduce particle size of all kinds of films and plastic parts. Grinding mills of different capacities and configurations for reducing particles from conventional size to micron size (1, 5, 8, 12 and 25 mm).

## MATERIAL CLEANING AND SEPARATION (WET AND DRY)

### *Cleaning, spinning and drying system*

Equipment for cleaning plastic waste in a hot water chamber and variable stirring. Separation in water by density depending on the density of the materials.

Centrifuge module.

Cyclone/centrifugal fan with single axial suction.



## SEPARATION BASED ON ELECTROSTATIC AND TRIBOELECTRIC PROPERTIES

### *Electrostatic and triboelectric separation*

Applicable to plastic and non-plastic waste. Dry separation process.

Process parameter adjustment for specific mixes.

Applicable to all plastics sectors and ideal for separating technical plastics and PVC from cables.







## AIR SEPARATION (ELUTRIATION)

Zigzag air-separator system using combined differences in particle density, size and shape.

Mass flow: 20 to 400 kg/h after initial material mixing.

## OPTICAL (NIR) PLASTIC MATERIAL IDENTIFIER AND SEPARATOR

Identification and separation of waste using NIR and VIS technologies both with a hyperspectral camera.

Can be adapted to different waste types and shapes.



## PORTABLE MATERIAL IDENTIFIER

Plastic waste analyser / identifier

On-site identification of plastic materials.

Detection of halogenated materials.

Works using near infrared technology (NIR).



## METAL SEPARATION

Detection and separation of ferrous and non-ferrous metals.

## PELLETIZER

Pelletizer production: 40 to 70 kg/h.

Pellet diameter: 6 mm.



## CHEMICAL RECYCLING

Different capacity reactors for:

Depolymerization/solvolytic.

Using waste to produce chemical substances of interest.

Eliminating legacy substances. Separation of layers.

Fibre recovery.







## THERMAL TREATMENT: CRACKING

### 5 L pyrolysis pilot plant for:

Using waste to produce chemical substances of interest.

Fuel production.

Fibre recovery.



## BIOLOGICAL/ENZYMATIC TREATMENT: CRACKING

### Different capacity reactors for:

Using waste to produce chemical substances of interest.

Accelerating polymer biodegradation.

Removing layers and coatings for subsequent recycling.



# PILOT PLANTS



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- 12.337 BSc/MSc-students from > 100 countries
- About 2.000 PhD candidates
- 3.228 faculty and staff (2.838 fte)
- Revenue in 2019: € 385 million
- WUR-ranking in Higher Education Selection Guide in full-time university education 2020: 1 (15 years running)

# Wageningen Research

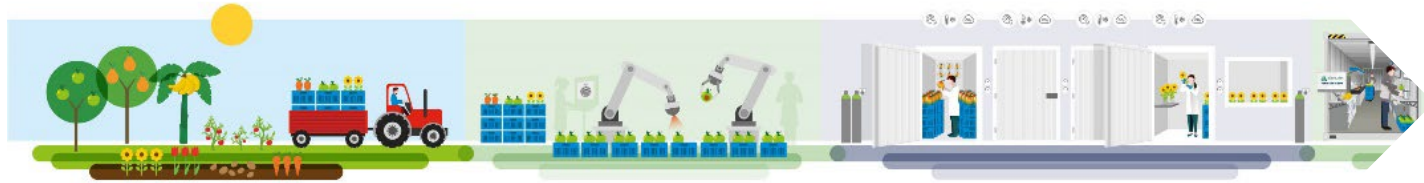
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- 3.047 staff (2.787 fte)
- Revenue in 2019: € 344 million

# Postharvest Technology



*Our research helps our customers:*

- *to increase their efficiency*
- *to reduce their food waste*
- *to provide the best quality*





# Complex choice

The optimal packaging concept:

- Shelf life: create optimal conditions
- Limit food waste: portion size, prevent mechanical damage
- Safety: cross contamination, microbial growth
- Convenience: material, marketing
- Logistics: reuse, transport
- Sustainability: extra requirement



# Find sustainability balance



How to find the optimal balance?

# Integrated approach



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**PACKAGING**





**At AIMPLAS, we work to meet the packaging challenges of companies in the food, hygiene, cosmetics, medical, pharmaceutical, cleaning and industrial chemistry industries.**



## **SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING**

Development of packaging adapted to single-use plastics legislation.

Development of packaging with less environmental impact through eco-design and using methods such as carbon footprint and life cycle analysis (LCA).

Product recyclability.

Use of sustainable materials (from renewable sources, recycled, bioplastics). Biodegradability and compostability studies.

Product certification. Ecolabels.

Control of marine waste, minimization of waste, collection, characterization and applications for marine waste.

Workshop for adapting packaging to the circular economy. Training on recycling, recyclability, bioplastics and carbon footprint.



## **INCREASED SHELF LIFE TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE**

Development of materials with better properties for use in applications with single-material, multilayer packaging.

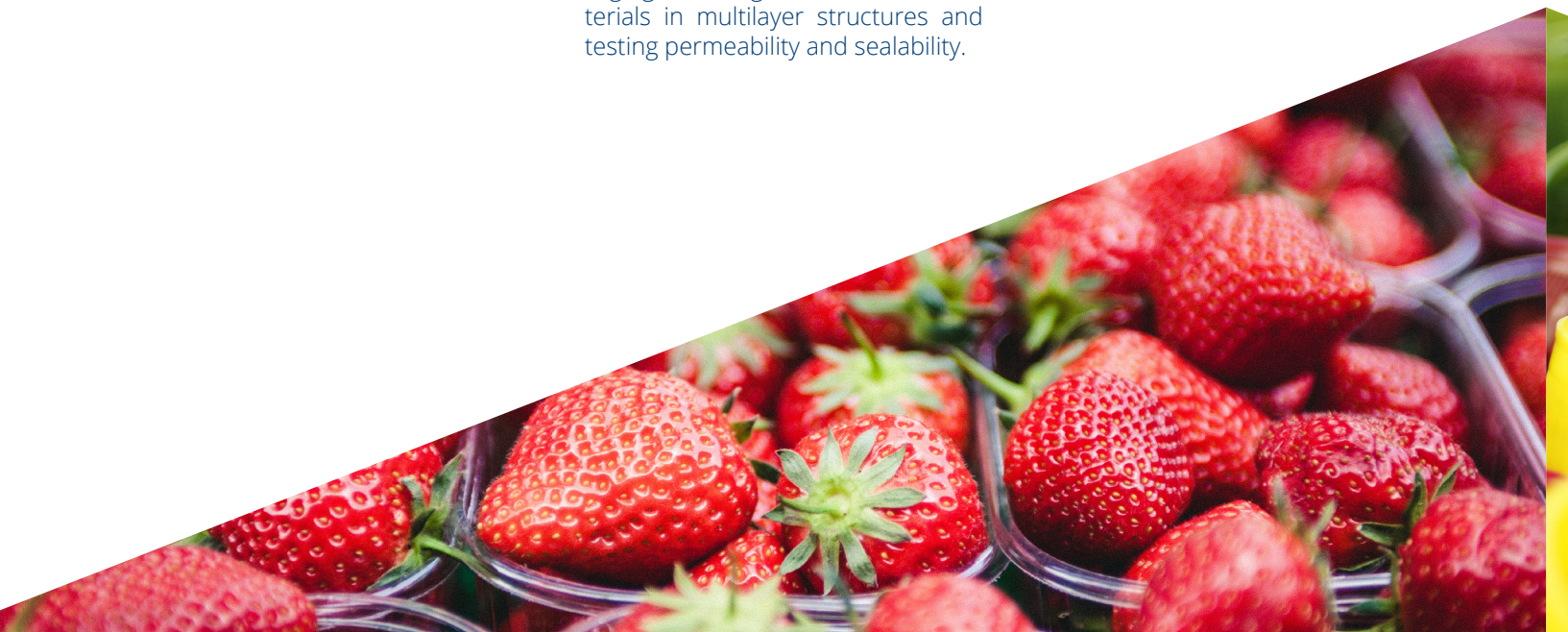
Development of materials with high barrier properties for application in multilayer structures by coextrusion, printing and lamination.

Control and characterization of packaging, including identification of materials in multilayer structures and testing permeability and sealability.

Development of smart packaging systems for expiration dates to reduce food waste.

Use of waste to obtain biopolymers and additives suitable for food contact.

Development of active packaging to extend the shelf life of packaged products.







## SAFE PACKAGING

Validation to ensure packaging complies with food contact plastics legislation.

Overall and specific migration control of substances, additives, inks and adhesives.

Studies to identify and minimize non-intentionally added substances (NIAS).

Compliance with standards and legislation (e.g. pharmacopoeia, FDA, cosmetic packaging).

Compliance with legislation on recycled products used for food contact in the authorization and product development processes based on the use of functional barriers.

Basic and advanced workshops on legislation to help businesses guarantee safety and comply with legislation on food contact material.



## PACKAGING ADAPTED TO THE CONSUMER

Design and development of packaging adapted to user habits of the elderly, childproof packaging, easy-opening systems, dispensers, labels, smart visual indicators, etc.

Development of customized packaging using digital and 3D printing.

Development of materials with high thermal resistance for microwaveable and ovenproof containers.

Development of packaging with hydrophobic and oleophobic properties.



## ASSISTANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS IN PROPERTIES

Advice on the analysis of causes of failure, breakage and malfunctioning.

Packaging control and characterization: leaks, breakage, watertightness, chemical compatibility, sealability, etc.

Enhanced properties by combining polymers, additivation and/or polymer modification and processing conditions.

Training on materials, processes and characterization of plastic materials and processes: compounding, extrusion, injection moulding, printing and lamination.

Expert reports and technical reports for arbitration.





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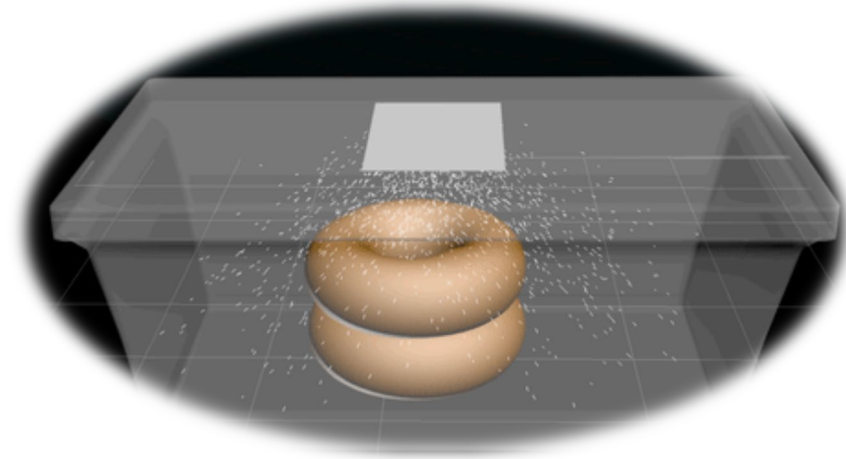






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- Intelligent packaging
  - Quality Controlled Logistics
  - Sensor prototyping
  - Food Waste Reduction
- Active packaging
  - Antimicrobial packaging (volatile/non volatile)
  - Antioxidant packaging
- Mathematical modelling



# Intelligent Packaging

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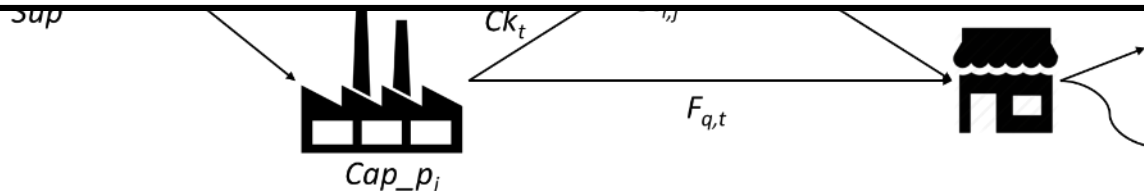


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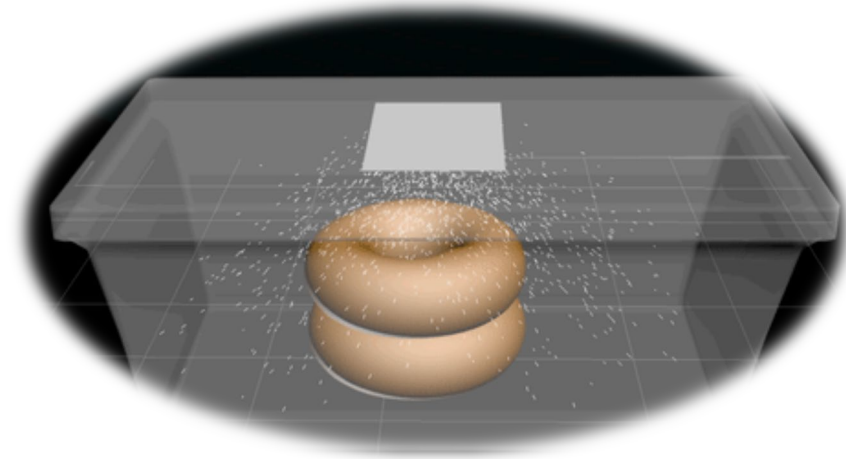
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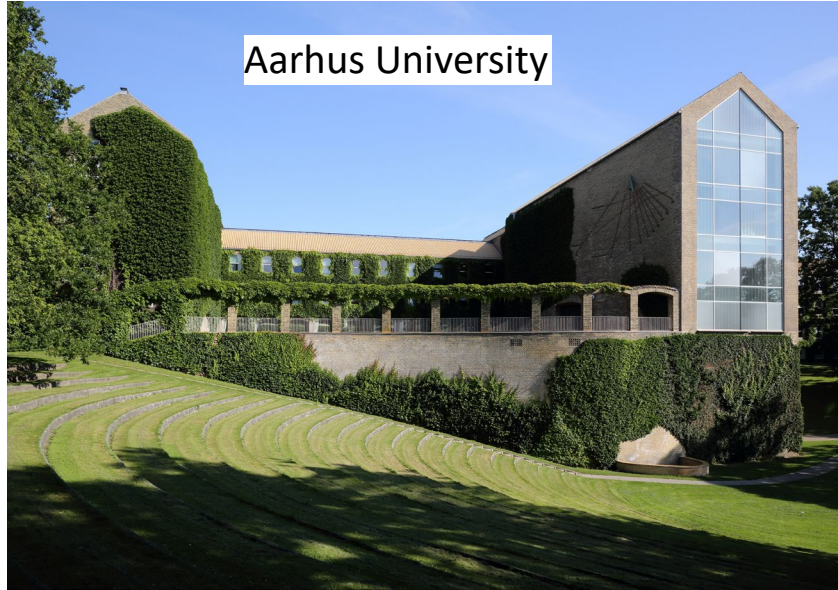


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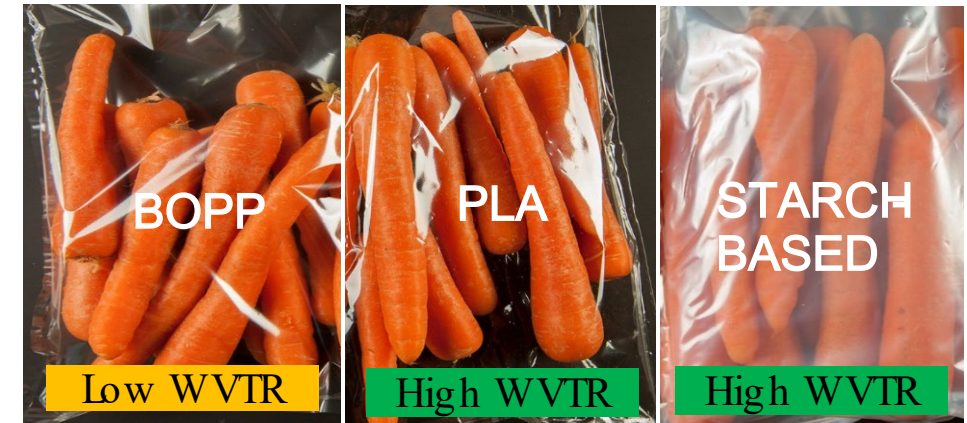
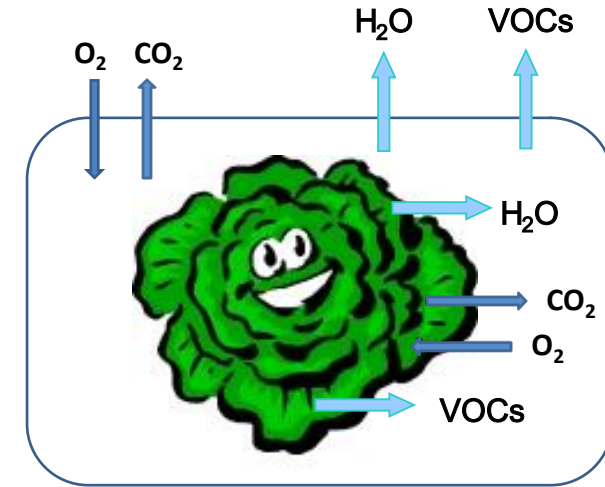
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# RESEARCH TOPICS

- Modified humidity packaging (MHP) and modified atmosphere packaging (MAP)
- Understanding packaging microclimate, product volatile release, and shelf life
- Active packaging
- Biomaterials, consumer perception, and food waste



# GLYCANS AND ASSOCIATED METABOLITES AS BUILDING BLOCKS FOR FUTURE BIOMATERIALS

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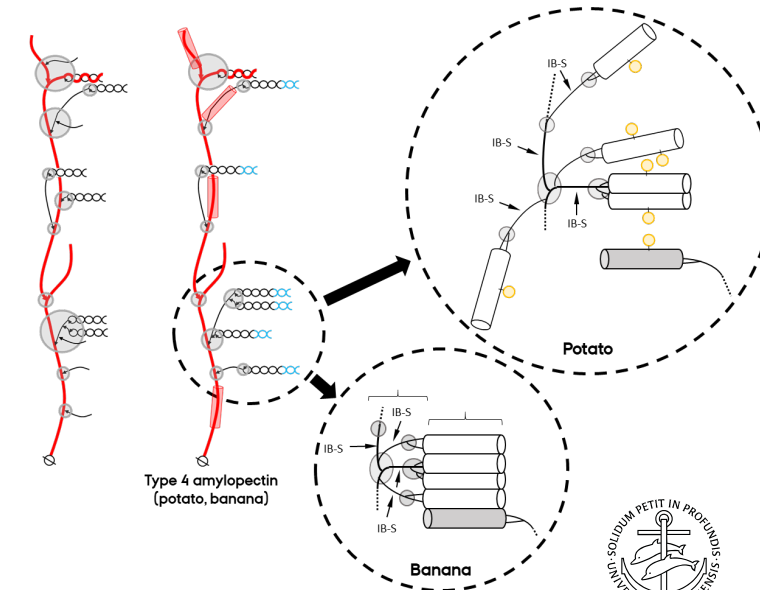
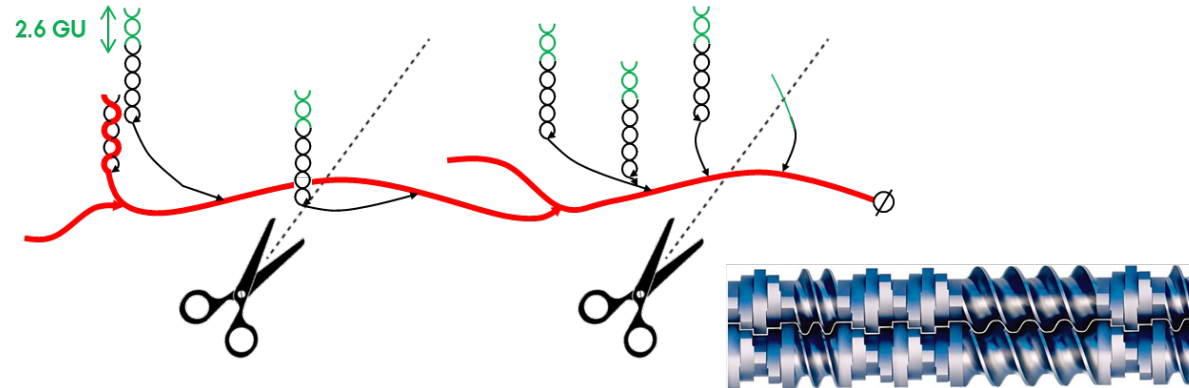
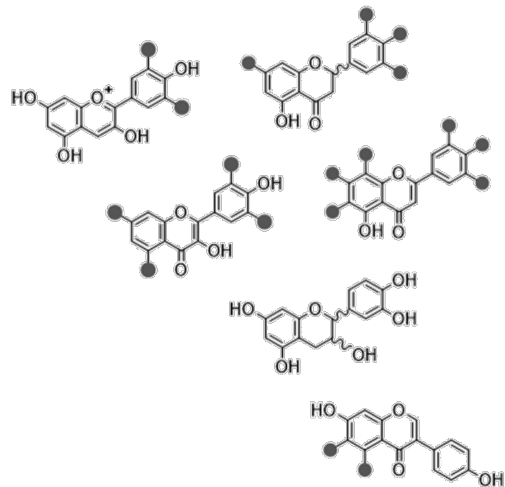
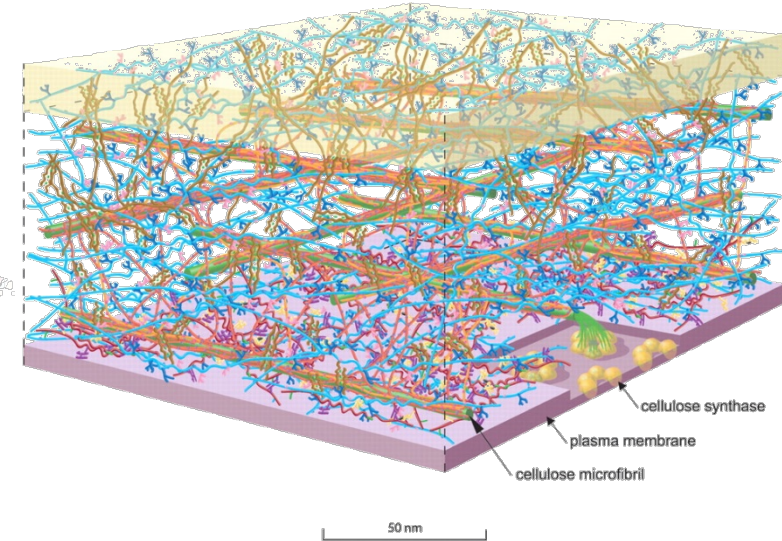
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# SOME ONGOING RESEARCH

- Isolation of polymers from starchy and/ or lignocellulosic biomass
- Glycomic profiling and molecular hydrodynamics of biopolymers
- Derivatization of glycans for improved barrier properties
- Reactive compatibilization of biopolymers during extrusion processing
- (Poly)phenolics: structure, interactions and bioactivity





# SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING DESIGN WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE FOOD QUALITY

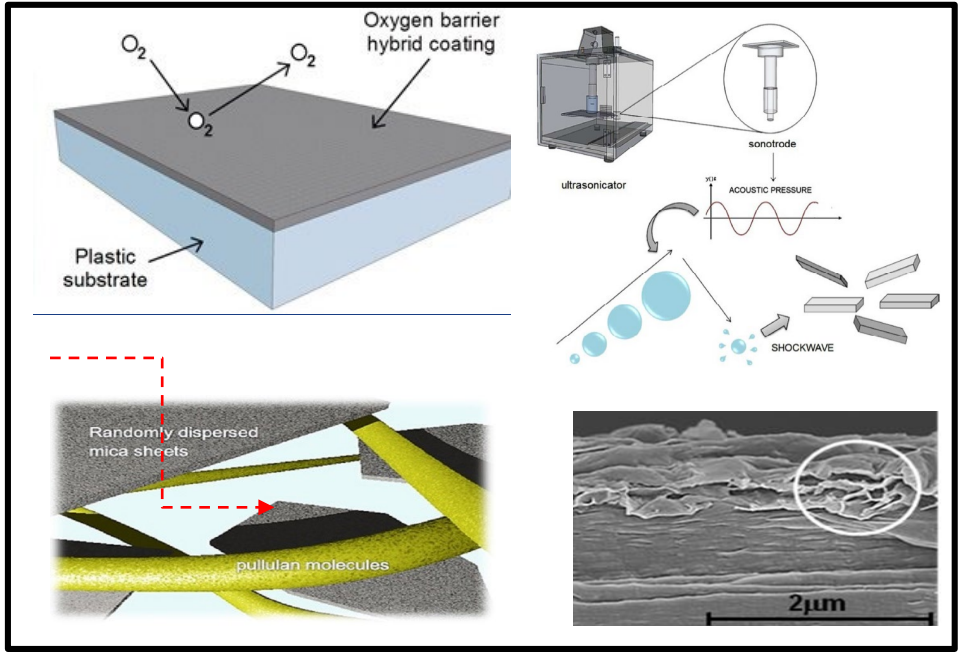
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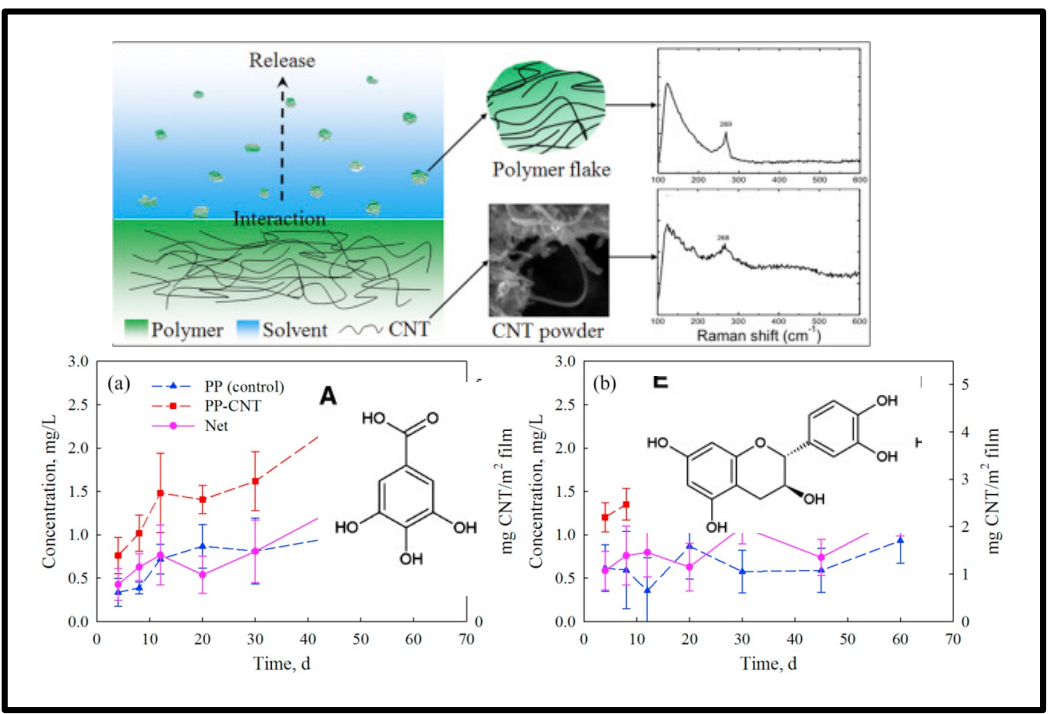
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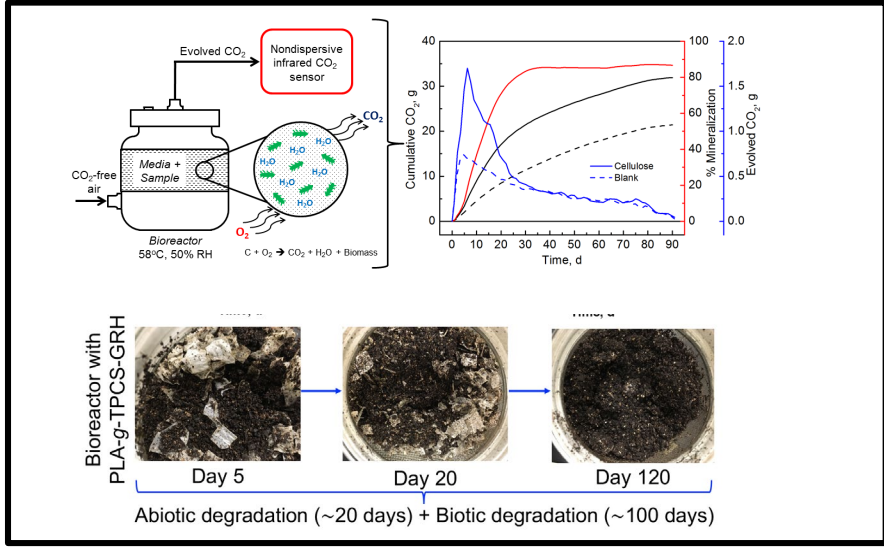
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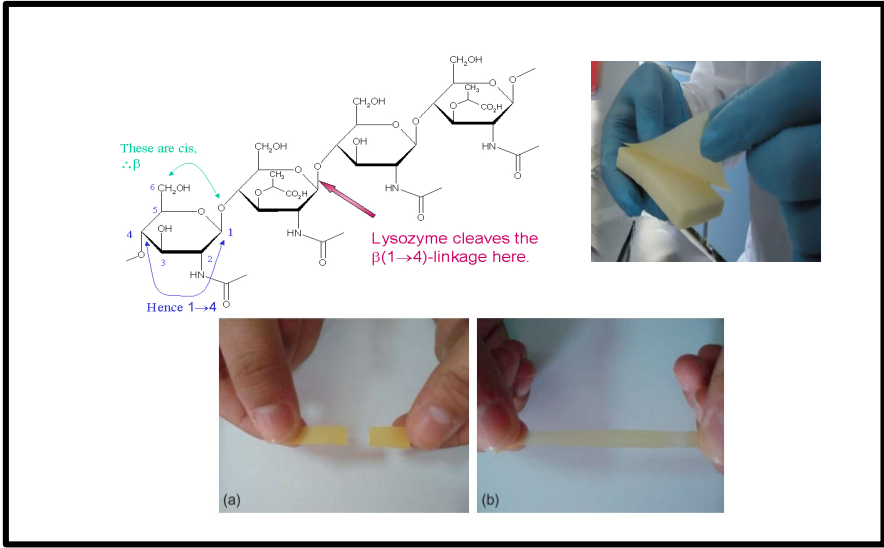
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# Compostable Packaging



# Active Packaging



# FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS

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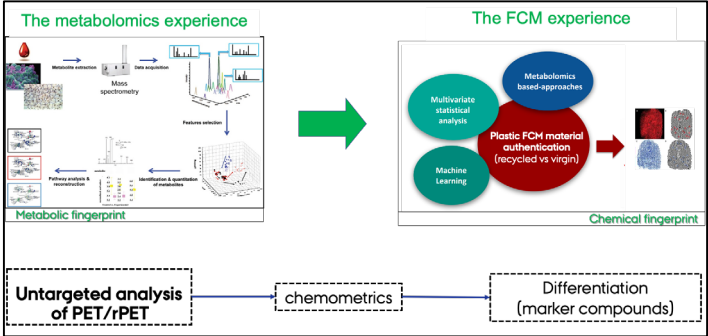
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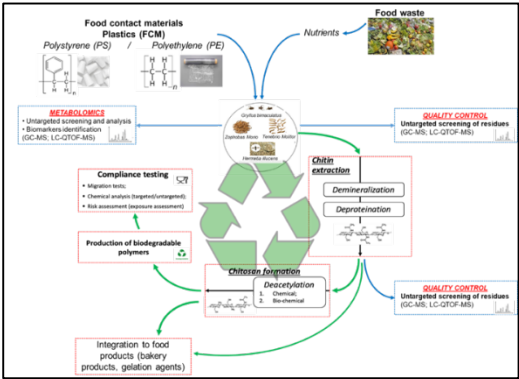
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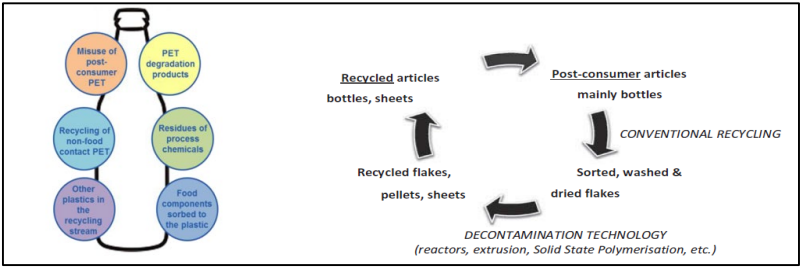
1. Chemical fingerprint of food contact materials (FCM), recycled or non-recycled.



2. Bio-recycling of food packaging plastics and food waste



3. Possible contamination sources of rPET plastic and of PET decontamination technologies



4. Toxicity of FCM substances toxicity by *In vivo* testing and metabolomics

5. Development of IT tool for NIAS (semi)quantitative, using in-house HR-MS.

