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# Bio-polyesters

Fast track commercialization of sustainable resins

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# Technip Energies at a glance










Listed on <b>Euronext Paris</b> Stock Exchange	Headquartered in <b>Paris</b>	<b>65+</b> Years of operations
<b>€6.9bn</b> Full year 2024 adjusted revenue	A global technology & engineering powerhouse leading in energy & decarbonization infrastructure	<b>~€20bn</b> Backlog at end 2024
<b>17,000+</b> Employees in 34 countries	<b>60+</b> Leading proprietary technologies	<b>500+</b> Projects under execution

# Our solutions to accelerate the energy transition

## Our services and capabilities

Consulting  
Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC)  
Project Management Consultancy (PMC)  
Modularization  
Technology scale-up  
Products

## Our markets

 Natural gas	 Hydrogen	 Downstream
 Sustainable Fuels	 Carbon Capture, Utilization & Storage (CCUS)	 Circularity
 Zero-carbon energies	 Industries	 Loading Systems

# Polyester value chains

## PET in everyday life



### Market size:

- 110 MM tpa, 4.5% growth p.a.

### Market applications:

- Fibers, textiles : 67%
- Bottles, dishes : 26%
- Films, packaging material : 7%

### The challenges to our industry:

- Reduction of the contribution to global warming due to fossil-based feedstocks
- End-of-life plastic pollution
- Micro-plastic pollution

# Bio-polyesters

Strategies for enabling sustainable but affordable features

## Sustainable drop-in monomers

Replacement of fossil feedstocks with bio-based sources to reduce the carbon footprint

## New sustainable polymers

Creation of new polymers with better properties

## Recyclability

End-of-life resins used as feedstock to reduce carbon footprint

## Bio-degradability

For single-use and specific resin applications:  
decomposition end-of-life to reduce micro-plastic pollution



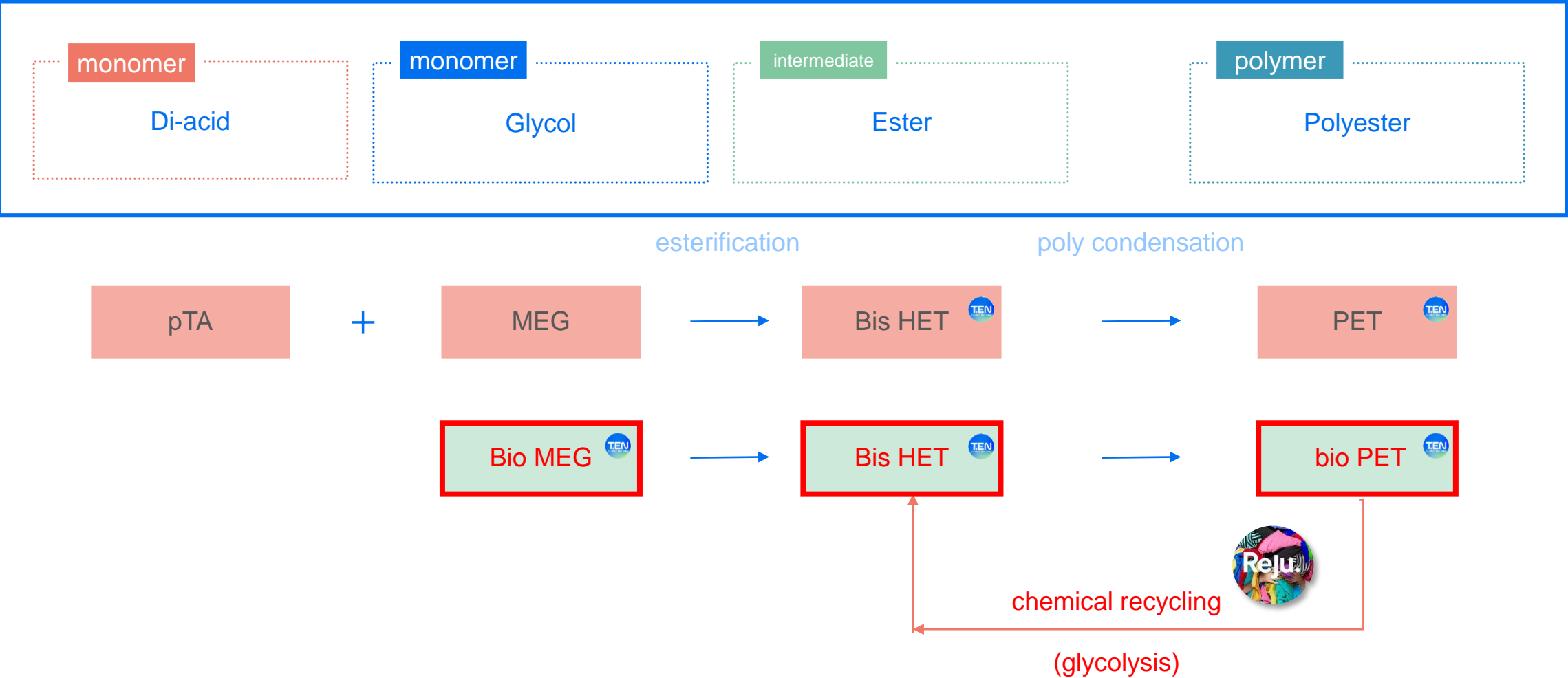
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# Reduction of carbon footprint



# Polyesters: carbon footprint reduction



# Bio2Glycols™

## Fast track de-risked development of our bioMEG\* technology

Bio MEG



### Technology

#### A competitive, catalytic sugar\*\* to chemicals drop-in process solution

- Reactor, catalyst IP purchased from Iowa Corn in 2022
- Downstream processing and IP purchased from Shell in 2024

#### Project description

- Successful parametric testing in lab scale reactor
  - optimization for good conversion, high selectivity, low excess hydrogen
  - qualification of commercial catalysts with T.EN formulation
- Pilot size reactor and MEG purification scale-up trials successful
- Polymer resin test packs in T.EN Zimmer

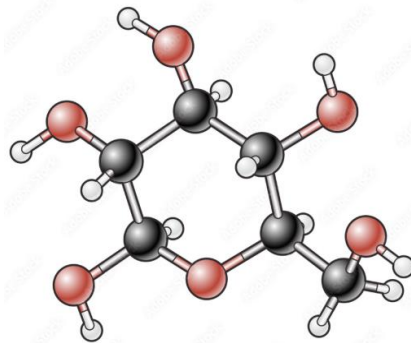
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#### Status

- Competitive Cost of Production (CAPEX / OPEX)
- Commercial scale plant design ongoing
- Discussions ongoing for full scale commercial plant with first adopter

#### Technology monetization

- License, basic engineering, proprietary equipment, catalyst

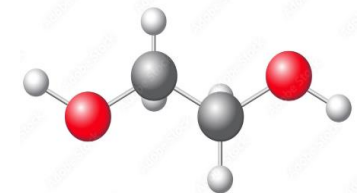
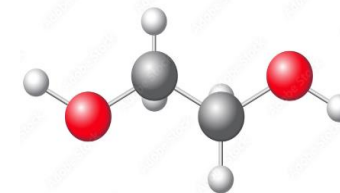
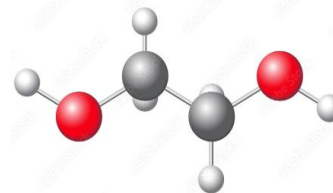


, \*\*glucose DE95

Homogeneous catalyst (l) +  
Heterogeneous catalyst (s)



Moderate temperature  
and pressures in one pot



\* MEG: mono ethylene glycol



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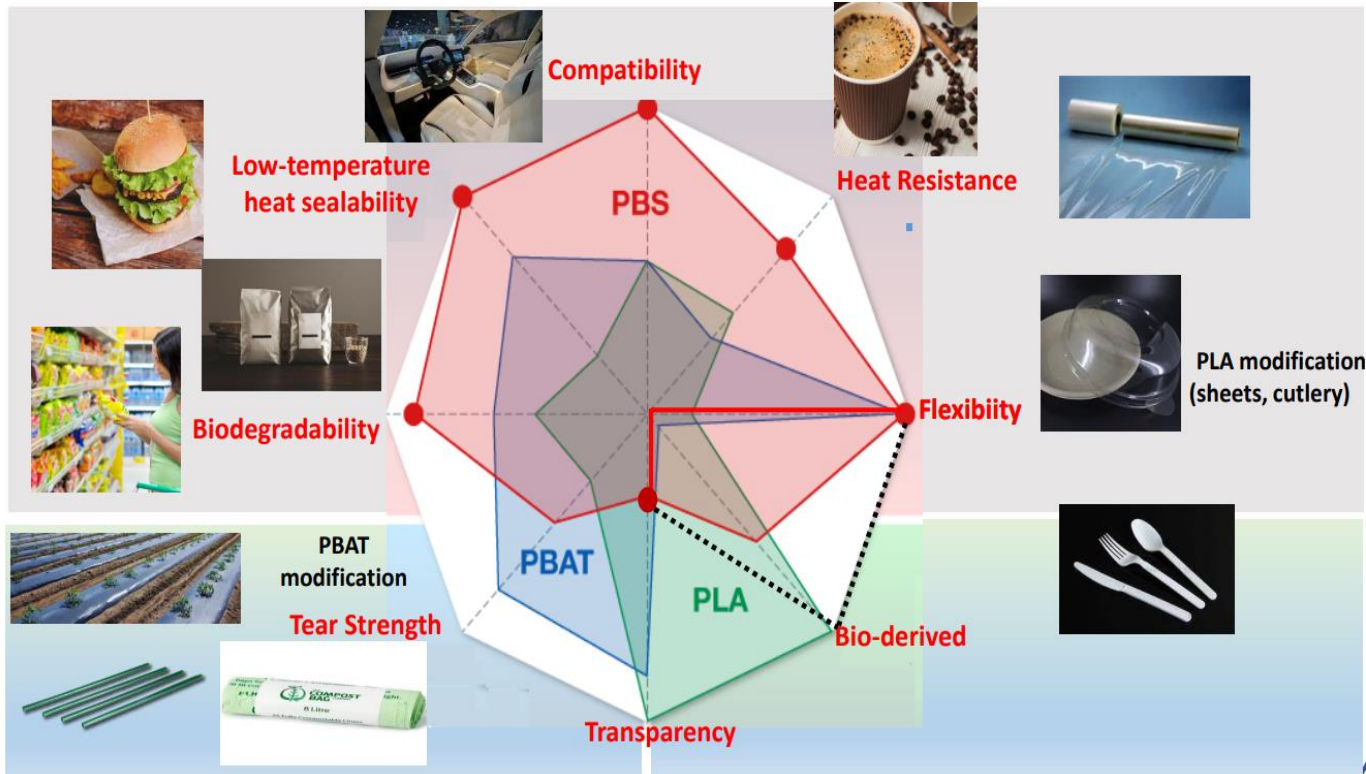
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**A step-wise approach to  
a new polyester of choice**



# PBS: a new polyester of choice

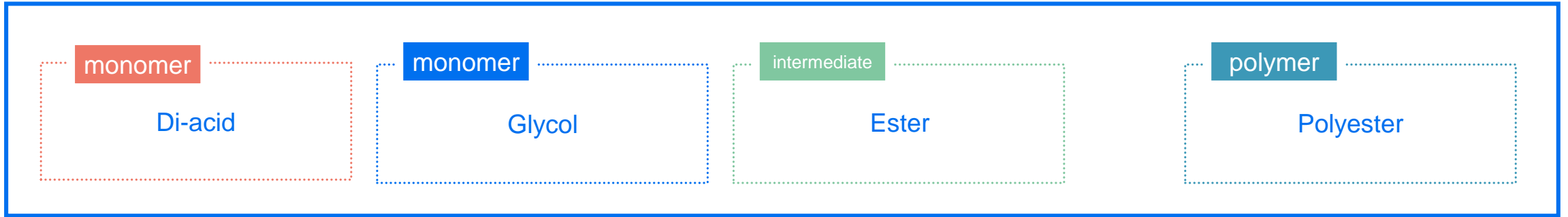
## Properties of competing bio-polyesters



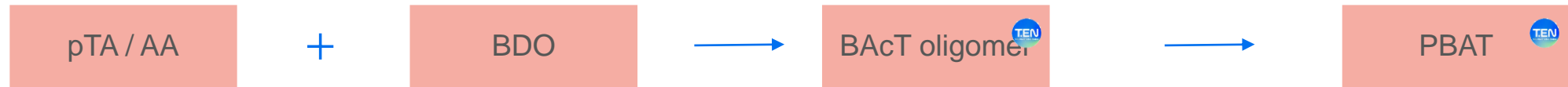
- PBS present a well-balanced mix of properties
- PBS can be mixed with other cheap polyesters to enhance their performance
- PBAT / PBS can be made on the same swing polymerization plant

# PBAT then PBS

An evolutive approach to follow market take-up of new resins

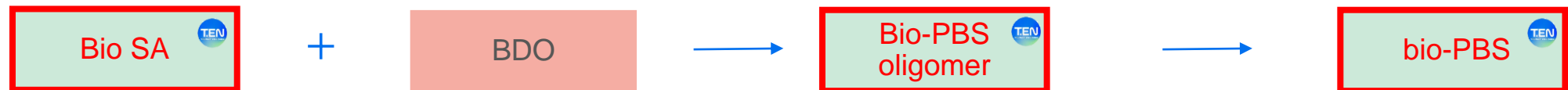


Step 1



Build a PBAT/PBS swing plant, producing initially PBAT

Step 2



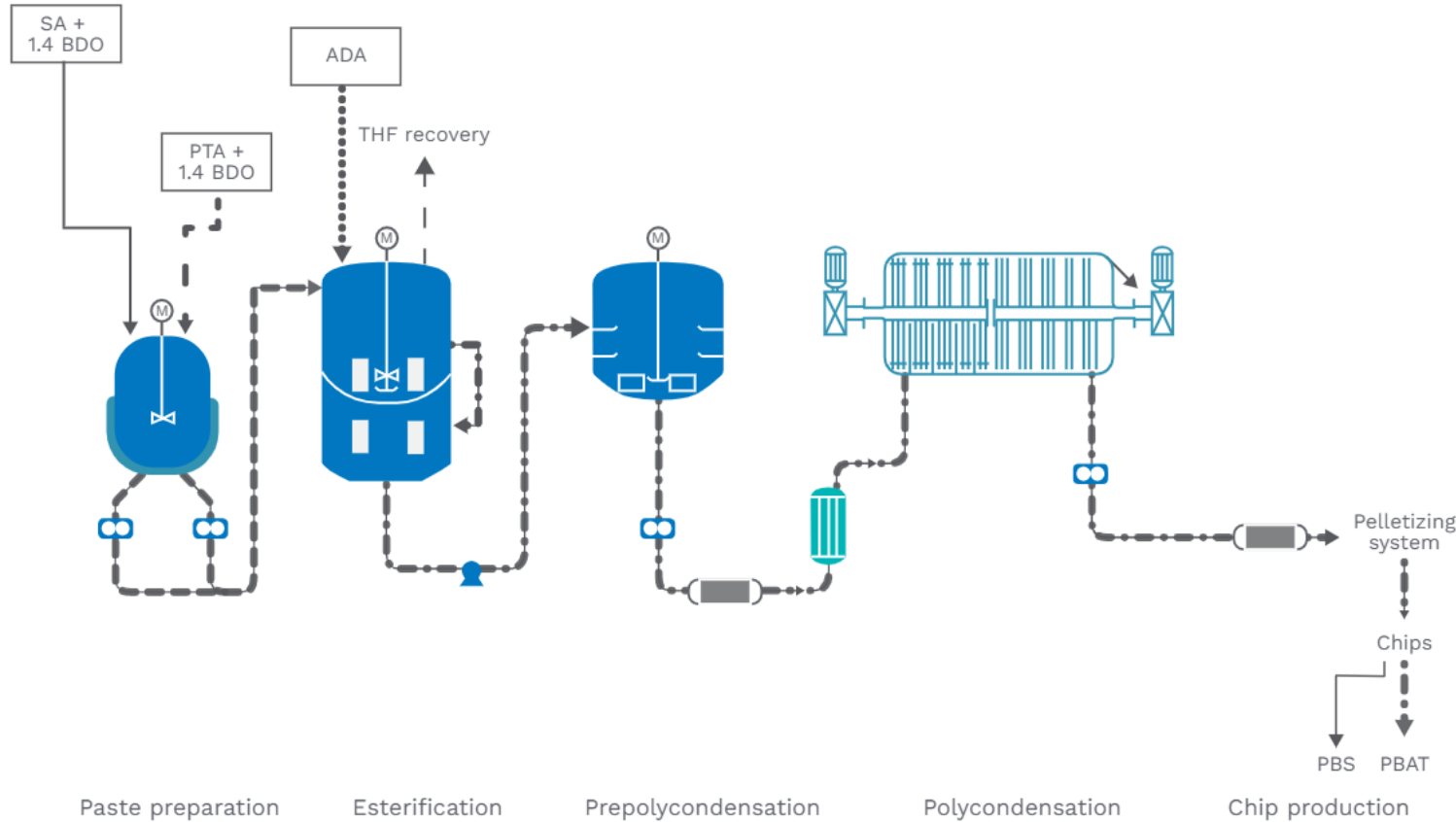
Build a bio-SA plant, producing bio-PBS

# T.EN Zimmer's polyester process

PBAT

bio-PBS

Step 1: Swing technology plant designed for PBAT/PBS, producing PBAT

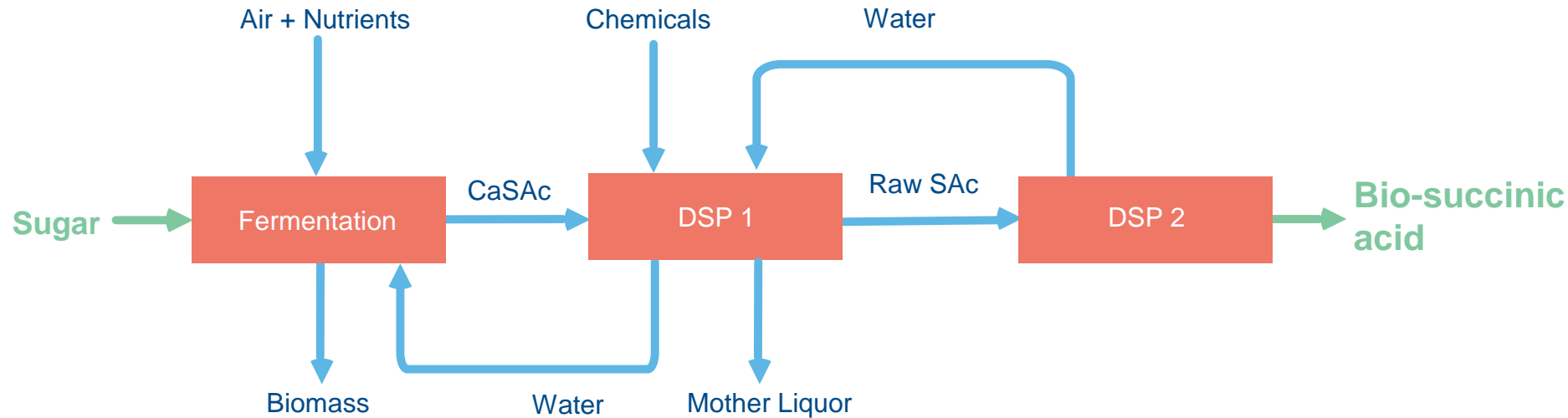


## Attributes:

- Defined ratio of glycols and carboxylic acids in the paste with additives
- Controlled polymer chain growth and final viscosities by
  - Specific reaction degrees
  - Defined temperature and pressure profiles
- Internal recycling & removal/separation of side products
- Chip production or direct spinning/preform/film
- Good combination of physical and biodegradable properties
  - Properties similar to polypropylene
  - Suitable for packaging and film applications
  - Biodegradation according to EN 13432

# T.EN Biosuccinium® technology

## Step 2: Bio-SA plant



- Yeast based fermentation
  - Proprietary yeast strain
  - High yield / low fermentation by-products
  - Low pH: minimize chemicals consumption, salts in effluent, contamination risk
- Standard downstream processing
  - Readily available equipment
  - No proprietary or uncommon unit operation
  - High recovery yield with proven quality track record



Commercial unit, Roquette, Italy



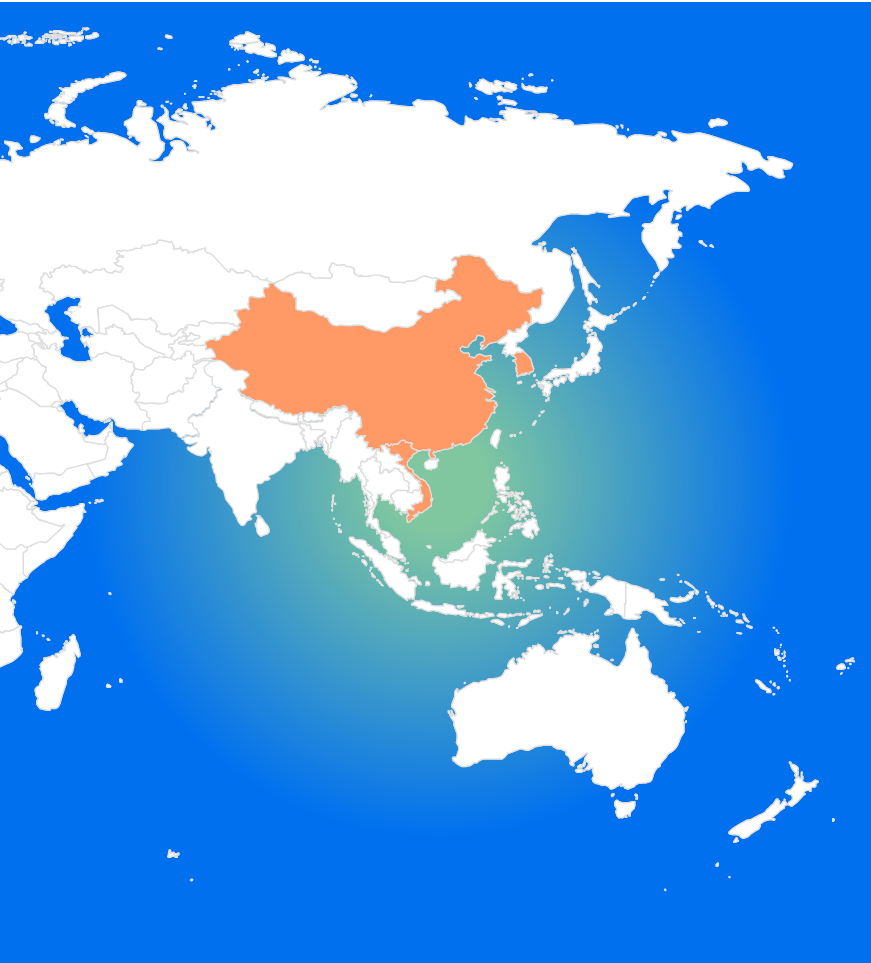
# Economics



- Historically, PBS commands a premium against PLA / PBAT
- For widespread market acceptance, PBS must be produced at a cost between that of PBAT and PLA
- Yes we can provide PBS with a CoP compatible with the required market price

# Bio-polyesters

## References in South-East Asia



- China
  - 2019 Start-up of swing bio-polyester plant: PBAT/PBS (120/100 kta)
  - 2023 Start-up of swing bio-polyester plant: PBAT/PBS (240/200 kta)
- South Korea
  - 2024 Start-up of bio-polyester plant: PBAT (50 kta)
- Vietnam
  - 2025 Start-up of swing bio-polyester plant: PBAT/PBS (70/60 kta)



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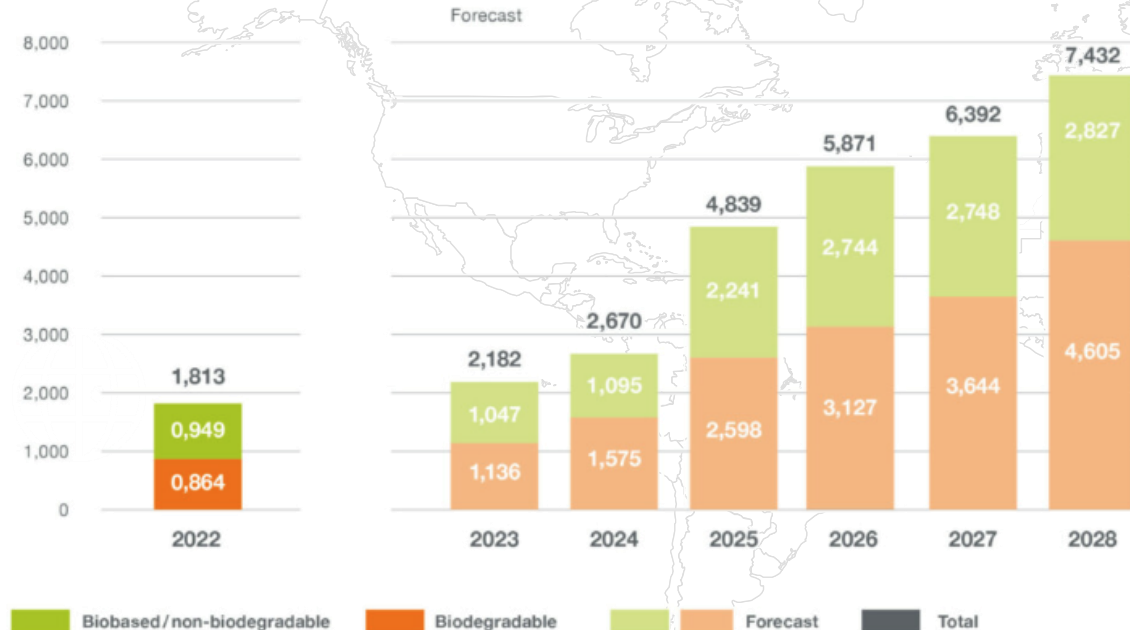
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# Market development

## Worldwide demand on bioplastics

### Global production capacities of bioplastics

in 1,000 tonnes



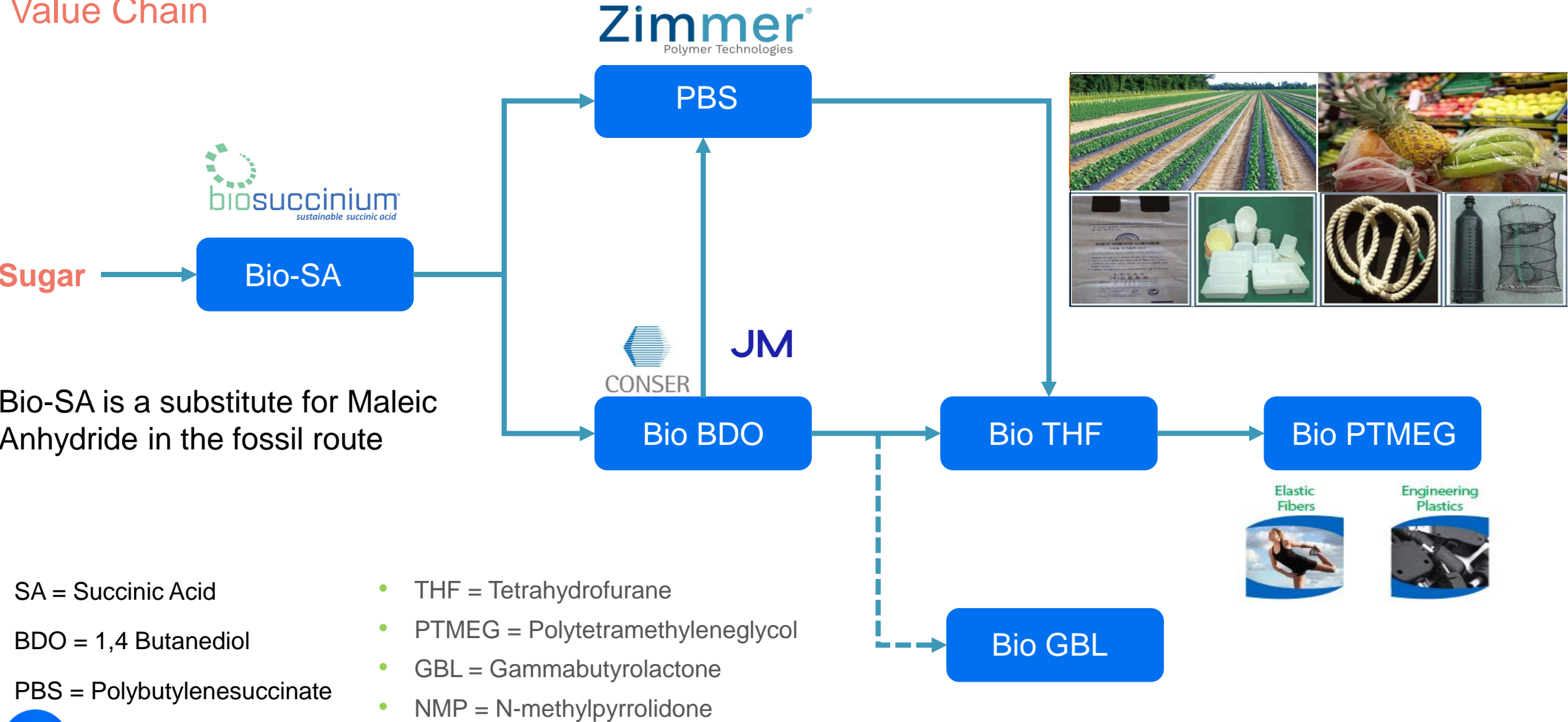
#### References

- 2019 Start-up of PBAT (120 kta) or PBS (100 kta) in China
- 2022 Award of PBAT (70 kta) or PBS (60 kta) in Vietnam
- 2023 Start-up of PBAT (240 kta) or PBS (200 kta) in China
- 2024 Start-up of PBAT (50 kta) in South Korea

Market – European Bioplastics e.V. ([european-bioplastics.org](https://european-bioplastics.org)) (21.08.24)

# Biosuccinium® technology

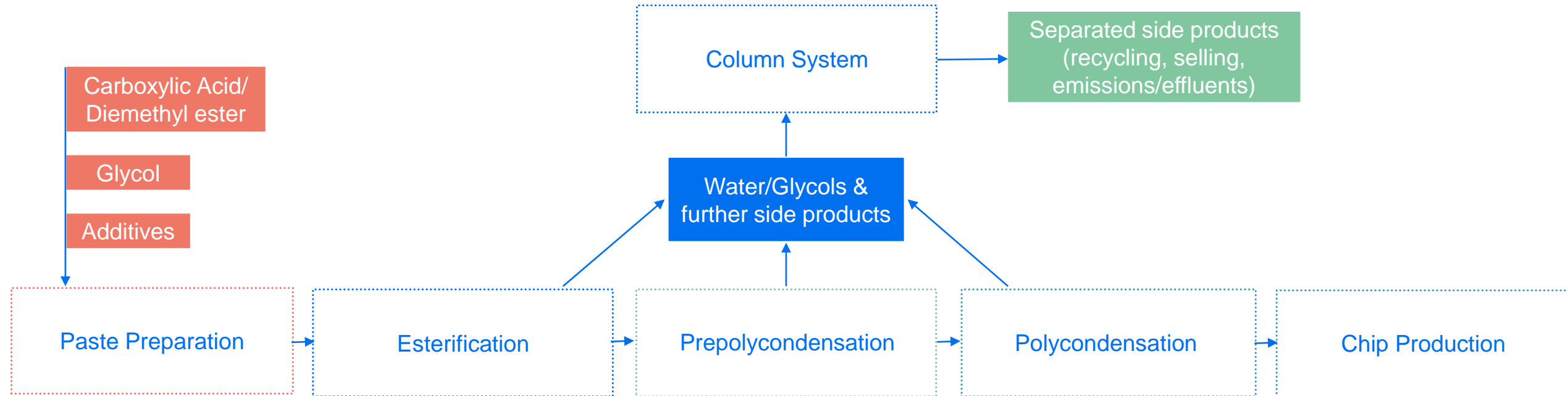
## Value Chain



- SA = Succinic Acid
- BDO = 1,4 Butanediol
- PBS = Polybutylenesuccinate
- THF = Tetrahydrofurane
- PTMEG = Polytetramethyleneglycol
- GBL = Gammabutyrolactone
- NMP = N-methylpyrrolidone



# Polyester Technology by T.EN



## T.EN Zimmer's Polyester Process

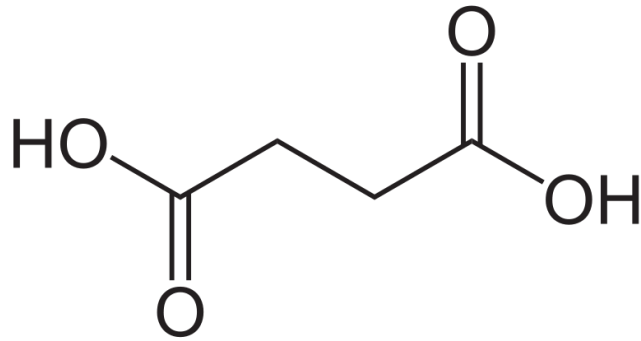
- Defined ratio of glycols and carboxylic acids in the paste with additives
- Controlled polymer chain growth and final viscosities by
  - Specific reaction degrees
  - Defined temperature and pressure profiles
- Removal and separation of side products

## Proprietary Equipment

- Disc Ring Reactor (DRR) for high viscosity polymers
- Viscosimeter for final polymer melt
- Vacuum jet and scraper seal system for very high vacuum

# Biosuccinium® technology

## Succinic Acid specifications



- Succinic Acid specification from Biosuccinium® technology derived from plant operations, from Zimmer technology requirements for Bio-PBS and from trials in collaboration with Conser S.p.A. and JM for the Bio-BDO production
- The final product is polymer grade

### Product specifications

Parameter	Requirement	Analytic methods	Principle
Appearance	White crystalline powder	MCL 086G*	Visual comparison to control.
Water content	≤ 0.3 w%	MCL 006A*	Karl Fischer titration.
Purity (dry basis)	≥ 99.5 w%	MCL 1462*	Separation by ion exchange chromatography. Detection by refractometry.
Other (small) organic acids	≤ 0.1 w% each ≤ 0.5 w% total	MCL 1461*	Separation by ion exchange chromatography. Detection by UV at 210 nm.
Iron	≤ 5 ppm	ICP-MS	Inductively-coupled plasma mass spectrometry.
Arsenic	≤ 0.1 mg/kg	ICP-MS	Inductively-coupled plasma mass spectrometry.
Lead	≤ 0.1 mg/kg	ICP-MS	Inductively-coupled plasma mass spectrometry.
Mercury	≤ 0.1 mg/kg	ICP-MS	Inductively-coupled plasma mass spectrometry.