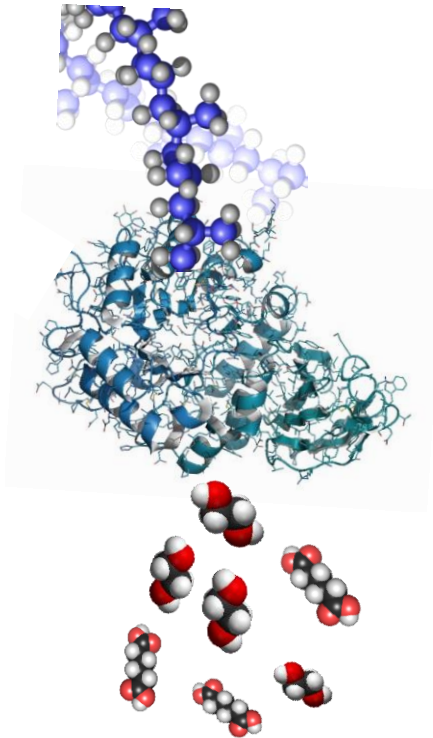




CARBIOS, THE FIRST AND ONLY COMPANY  
TO HAVE DEVELOPPED BIOLOGICAL PROCESSES  
BASED ON ENZYMES TO BREAKDOWN  
PLASTIC WASTES INTO MONOMERS

**Workshop on Plastics for a Circular Economy**  
**US Department of Energy's (DOE's)**  
**Bioenergy Technologies Office (BETO)**

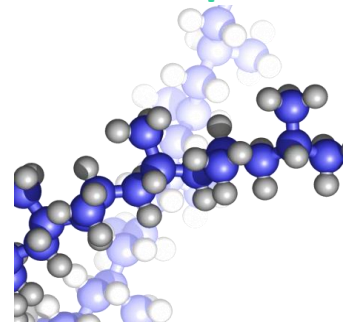


# ■ ZOOM ON PLASTICS



Petrochemical or biobased polymers,  
long chains consisting in monomer repetition

Monomers = building blocks



Polymer



5 main plastics on the market



PE



PP



PET

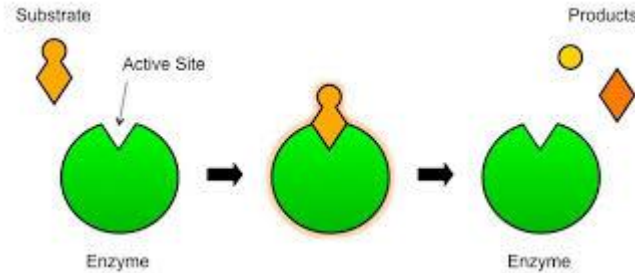
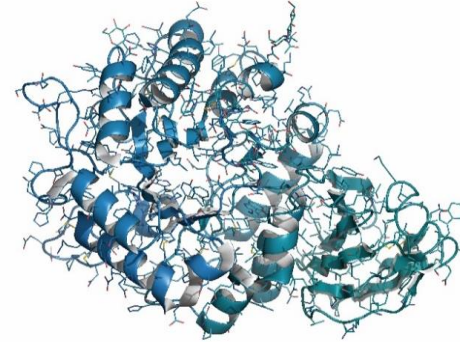


PVC



PS

# ENZYME, KEY PLAYER ■ IN ALL BIOLOGICAL PROCESSES



# BIOLOGICAL DECONSTRUCTION OF PLASTICS

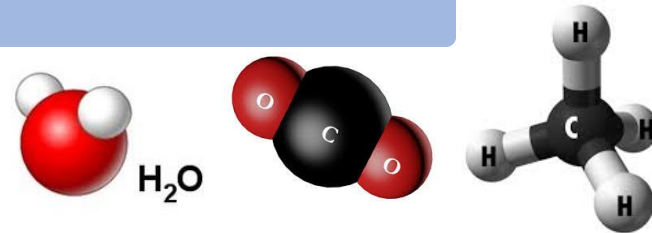
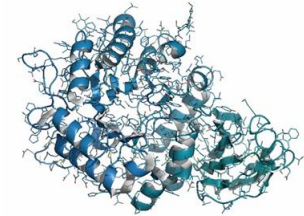


Abiotic fragmentation

Enzyme degradation

Bioassimilation

Mineralization



■ IN A FEW WORDS



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## ■ WHO ARE WE?

**2011**

Creation

**2013**

IPO Euronext  
Growth Paris

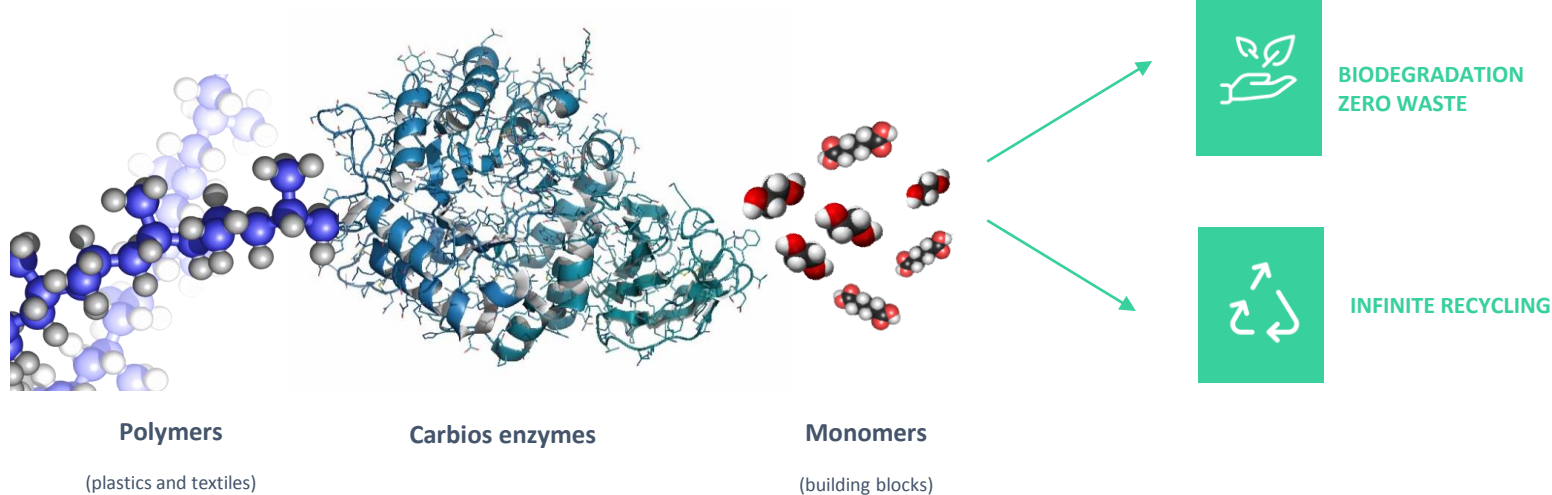
**2019**

14.5 M€ capital increase  
(of which 10.5 M€ from Copernicus,  
Michelin and L'Oréal)

- **28** employees
- **2** innovative bioprocesses
- **32** patent families



# ENZYMES TO FULLY BREAKDOWN POLYMERS



**REVOLUTIONARY PROCESSES FOR INFINITE RECYCLING AND BIODEGRADATION OF PLASTICS AND TEXTILES**

# AN EXPERIENCED MANAGEMENT TEAM



**Jean-Claude  
LUMARET**  
Founder & CEO

40 years experience in the agro-industry at an international level and expert in intellectual property

- **TWB (Toulouse White Biotech):** Chairman
- **METABOLIC EXPLORER:** VP Strategy & Innovation (Member of the Executive Committee)
- **ROQUETTE:** Director, Business Intelligence, Director BU Fermentation and Industrial Chemistry, Director, Intellectual Property and Regulatory Affairs
- Chemical Engineer, Lyon University, European Trademark Expert, CEIPI Center for International IP Study, Strasbourg



**Martin  
STEPHAN**  
Deputy CEO

30 years of experience in the chemical industry

- **CHEMOURS:** Global Director of the Fluorotelomers business, EMEA Director, Sourcing, Logistics & Real Estate
- **DU PONT DE NEMOURS:** Global Product Manager, Business and Market Manager, Sales Director
- **ATOFINA:** Global Business Manager Fluorotelomers
- **ELF ATOCHEM:** Various positions in Finance
- MS in Business Management, HEC Paris, BA Economics Paris University.



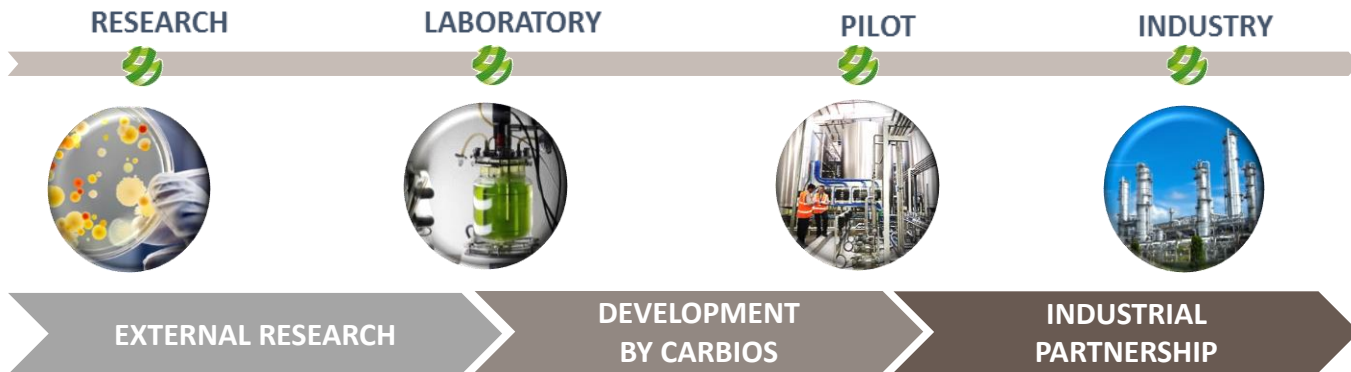
**Prof. Alain  
MARTY**  
CSO

International expert in enzymology and biological processes

- **INSA** Institut National des Sciences Appliquées, Toulouse : Professor and Head of a research group
- **AERES** Agence d'Evaluation de la Recherche et de l'Enseignement Supérieur and **ANR** Agence Nationale de la Recherche: Evaluator (France's National Education Research Agencies)
- PhD in Biology, Biochemical Engineer, University of Toulouse



# A PRAGMATIC INNOVATION MODEL



ADEME



Agence de l'Environnement  
et de la Maîtrise de l'Énergie



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# ENZYMATIC RECYCLING OF PET



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## ■ POLYESTER PET

70 Mtons in 2017  
(4% growth p.y.)

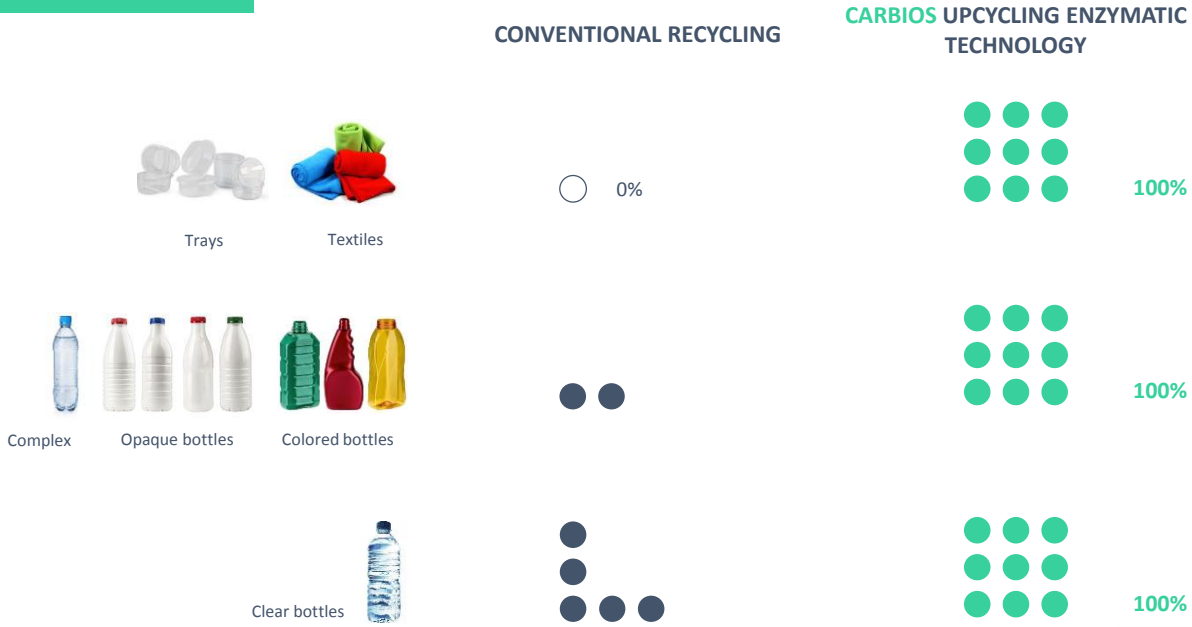


60% TEXTILE



40% PLASTIC

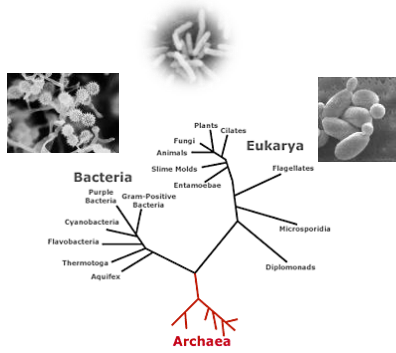
# UPCYCLING PET WASTE



A SOLUTION FOR ALL KIND OF PET WASTE FLOWS

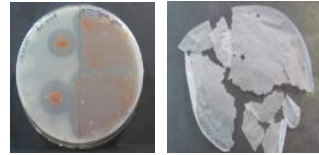


# STRATEGY FOR PET RECYCLING

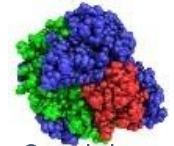


Microbial diversity analysis

SCREENING



ENZYME IDENTIFICATION

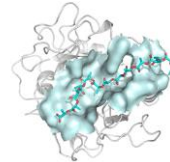


Candidate enzymes

ENZYME PRODUCTION



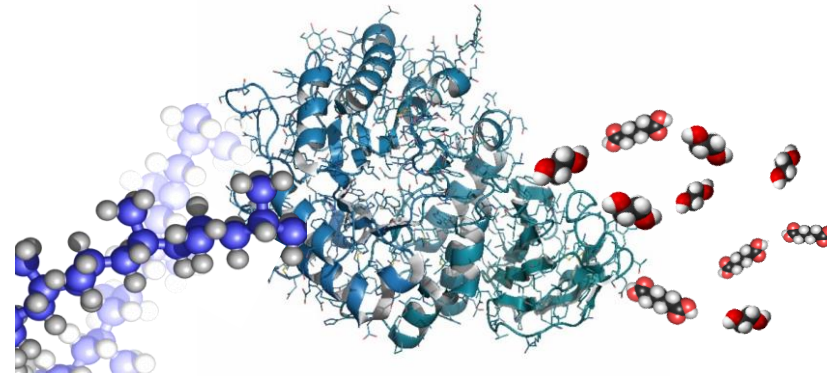
ENZYME ENGINEERING



ENZYME WITH OPTIMIZED THERMOSTABILITY AND ACTIVITY



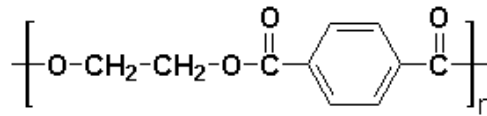
# ENZYME CATALYSES THE PET HYDROLYSIS



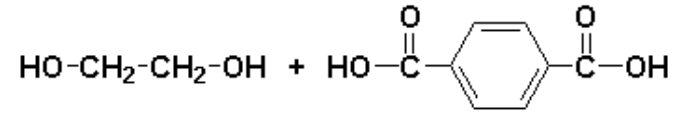
PET

Depolymerase  
ENZYME

MONOMERS



poly(ethylene terephthalate)

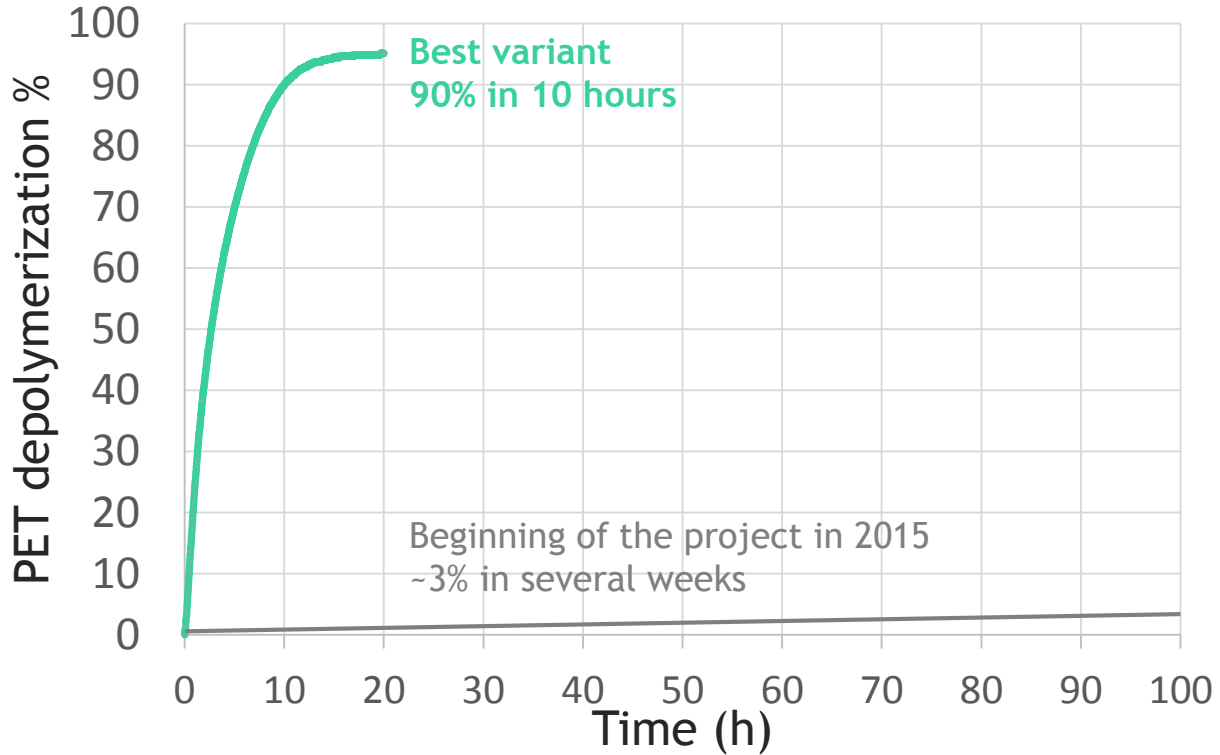


ethylene glycol

terephthalic acid



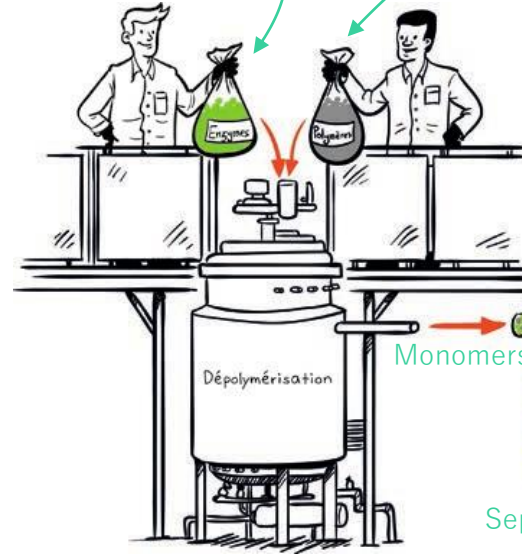
# KEY FACTOR: A PERFORMANT ENZYME





# PRINCIPLE OF PET ENZYMATIC RECYCLING

Specific enzyme for PET



Plastic and textile waste

Recovery of TA and MEG

Separation / Purification

## ADVANTAGES OF THE ENZYMATIC PROCESS:

100% Recycling

Enzyme selectivity

- no need of sophisticated sorting
- recycling of complex waste (PET/PE; PET/PA; PET/cotton)

Low T° (60-70° C), atmospheric pressure, no organic solvent

=> A game-changing answer to the unmet needs of companies and consumers



# ENZYMATIC RECYCLING



Repolymerization

Separation and purification

Enzymatic depolymerization



# HUGE TOLERANCE IN FEEDSTOCKS

All this waste can now be recycled



Trays



Clear & colored bottles



Opaque bottles  
( $TiO_2$  - carbon black)



Textiles



PET/PE  
(8% of PE)



Bottles for carbonated drinks  
*PET/PA (7.5% of PA)*

## NO INHIBITION OF THE ENZYME BY

- Colorants
- Pigments
- Carbon black
- $TiO_2$
- Comonomers IPA, CHDM
- Other polymers : PE, PVC, PA





# PET RECYCLING: DEVELOPMENT PHASES



## FIRST BOTTLES MADE WITH PET COMING FROM CARBIOS' PROCESS

2025



2023/2024  
INDUSTRIAL PLANT



H2-2022  
FIRST PET LICENSE  
DEAL CUT



H1-2021  
START OF DEMO PLANT



2019

PET Contortium

L'ORÉAL

Pilot  
2018-2021



✓ Pre-pilot  
2016-2017



✓ Lab. scale  
2014-2015



# PET BRAND OWNERS CONSORTIUM

## April 2019 : a plastic consortium



L'ORÉAL



- ✓ A four-year agreement
- ✓ Accelerate the technology's readiness and bring it to full industrial scale
- ✓ Increase the availability of high-quality recycled plastics
- ✓ Demonstrate the technical, economic and environmental efficiency of Carbios' technology
- ✓ Support the structuring of an industrial value chain for an efficient supply of consumer-grade PET



## Tomorrow : a textile consortium?



GLOBAL KEY PLAYERS TEAM UP TO BOOST RECYCLABILITY OF PET PRODUCTS

## BIODEGRADABLE PLA



**CARBOLICE**

Biodegradability is the future

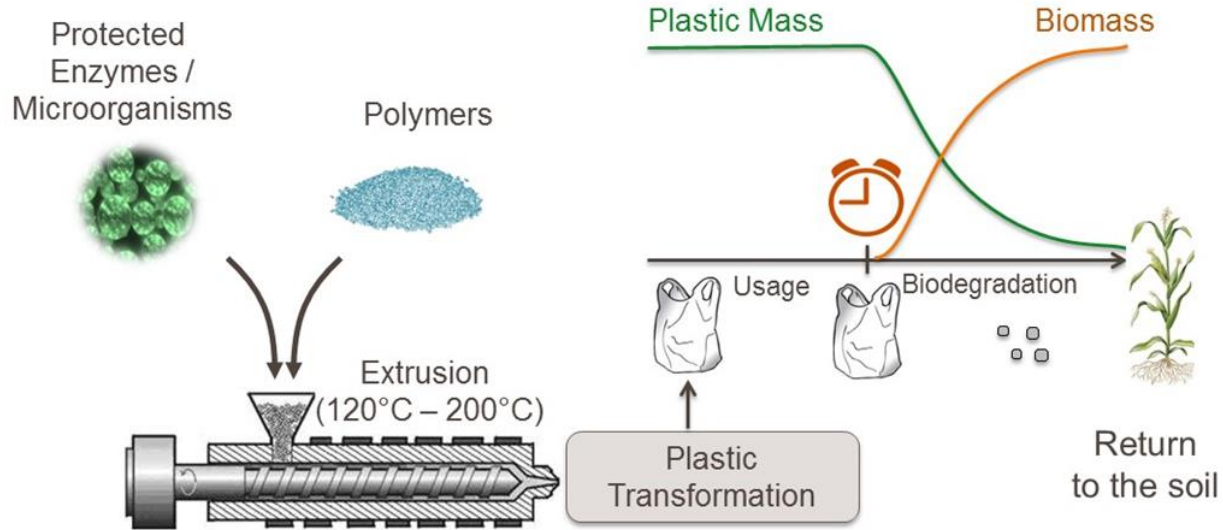


CARBOLICE PRODUCTION UNIT



# PRINCIPLE OF ENZYME INCORPORATION

## OBTENTION OF A BIODEGRADABLE PLASTIC



### CHALLENGES:

- Enzyme resistance to high temperature of extrusion
- Control of biodegradation kinetics



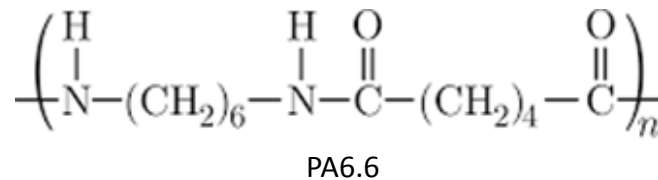
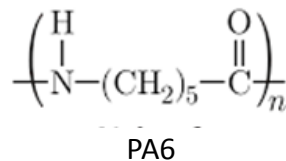
FURTHER POSSIBLE  
DEVELOPMENTS  
ON OTHER PLASTICS



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## ■ POLYESTERS AND THEN ...



### ■ Polyamides

Enzymes described to hydrolyse them

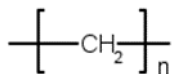
Need for enzyme improvement to develop a recycling process

### ■ Polyolefins and other C-C backbone polymers

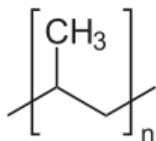
Microorganisms described to degrade them in a very limited extent

Oxidation enzymes implied => diversity of degradation products

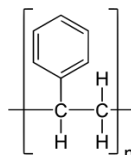
Need for enzyme improvement and polymer ecoconception



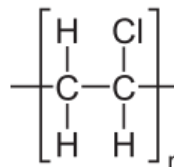
PE  
PolyEthylene



PP  
PolyPropylene

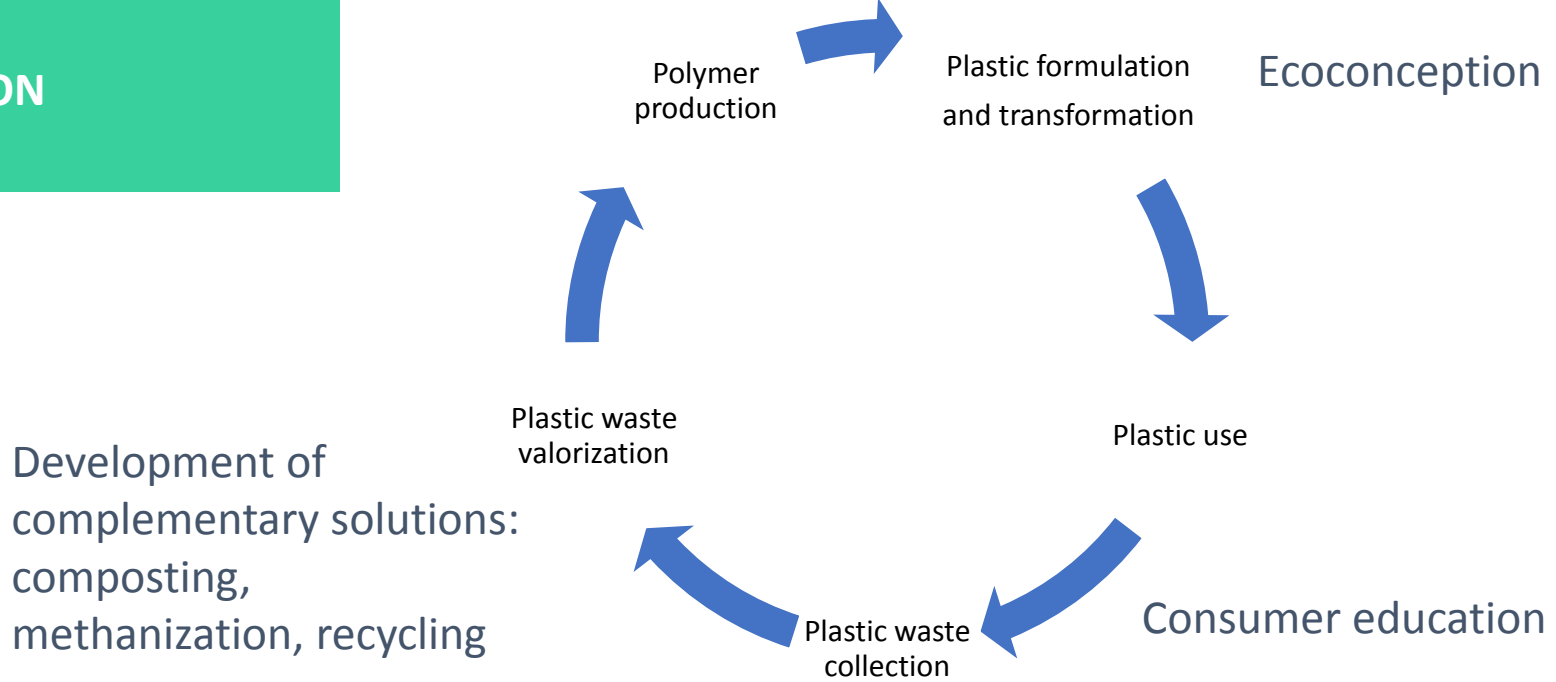


PS  
PolyStyrene



PVC  
PolyVinyl Chloride

# CONCLUSION



Development of complementary solutions: composting, methanization, recycling

- **Biotechnologies have a great potential for plastic waste management**
- **Need for multidisciplinary approaches especially polymer chemistry / enzymology / material sciences**
- **Need for long term funding to achieve industrial solutions**



*Thank you !*

*“Designing  
the new  
plastic  
economy”*