
Title: **Total Corbion PLA: An innovative Joint Venture making PLA innovations a reality**

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Abstract:

Total Corbion is a recently formed Joint Venture, with a strong focus on R&D, innovation and market development. During the presentation we will share some background about this JV. Many years ago Purac started to work on high heat PLA. Evaluating the different formulations to come to high heat PLA / PDLA compounds was done in close cooperation with the WUR. Following the initial scoping and compound development (done with the WUR) various specific application development processes were completed. This resulted in the commercial launch of a number of applications that make use of the PLA / PDLA technology: High heat coffee cups for Vending, single use coffee capsules, a durable computer mouse and a rain pipe system.

Total Corbion PLA

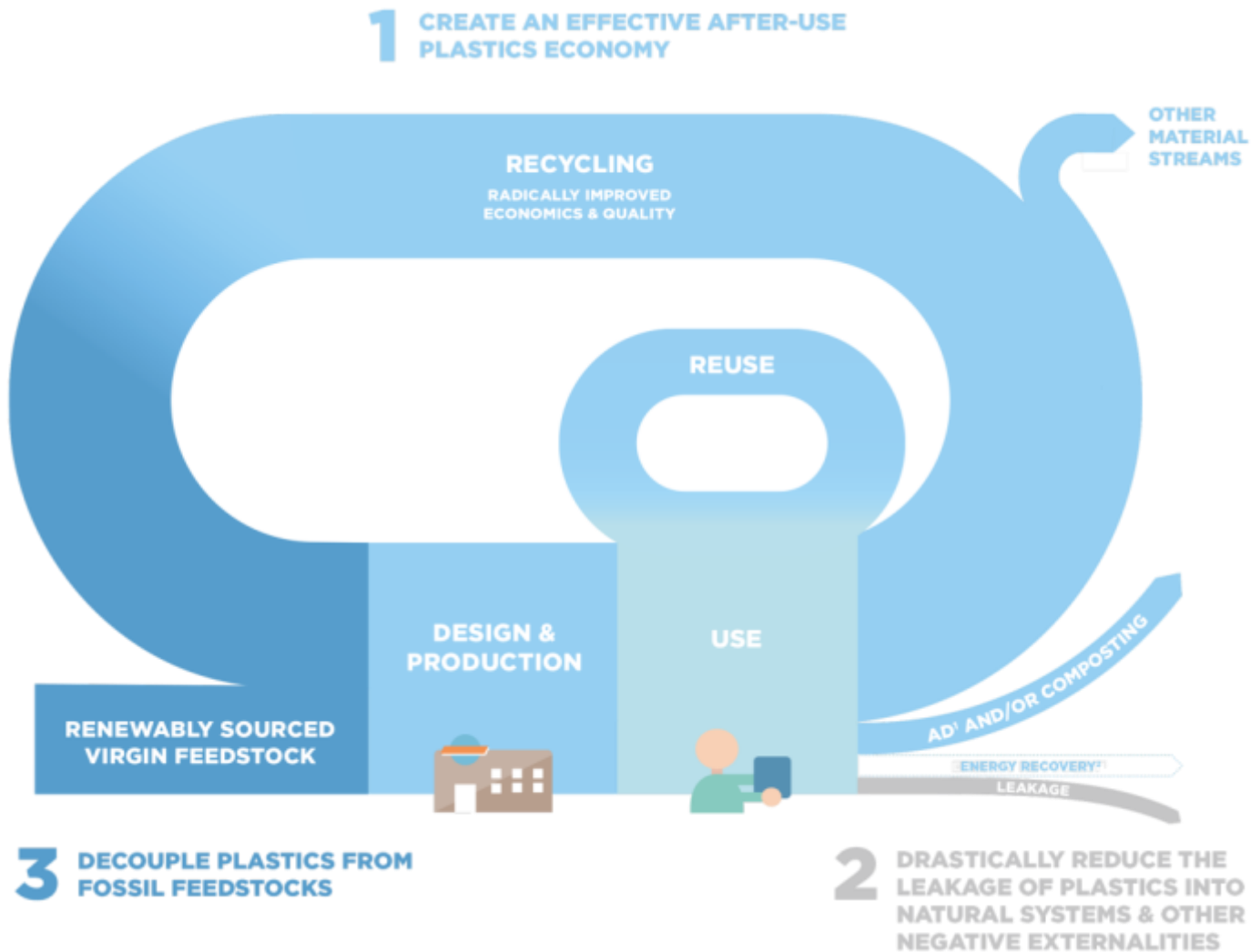
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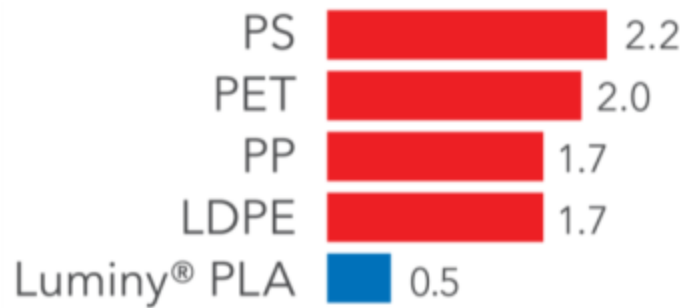
Ambitions of the new plastics economy: Capturing the opportunity



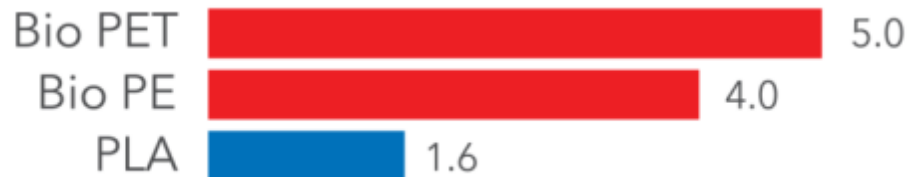
Source: World Economic Forum, Ellen MacArthur Foundation and McKinsey & Company, *The New Plastics Economy – Rethinking the future of plastics* p.31 (2016, <http://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/publications>).

PLA carbon footprint & feedstock efficiency

Carbon Footprint Emissions from production of common polymers*



Carbohydrate Usage of Bioplastics (kg sugar per kg plastic)

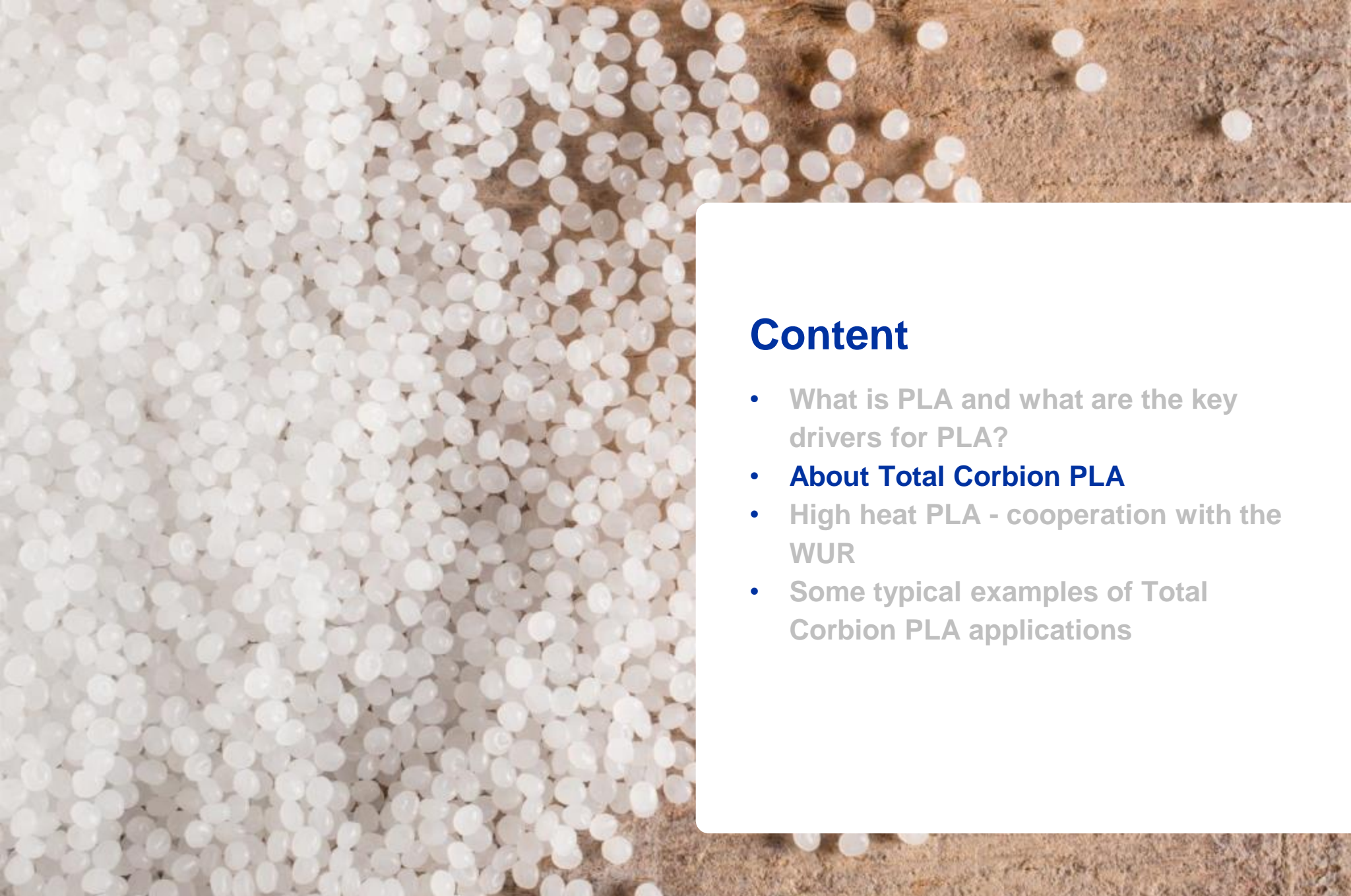


Sources: www.lca.plasticseurope.org and Int. Journal Life Cycle Assessment, 'LCA of the manufacture of lactide and PLA...' 3 Aug 2010.

Advantages of PLA bioplastics

- Made from renewable raw materials
- Biodegradable/Compostable EN13432
- Recyclable
- Favorable CO₂ footprint
- Made from non-GMO raw materials
- High heat performance
- Commercially available
- Offers a unique branding opportunity





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Two parent companies with complementary strengths

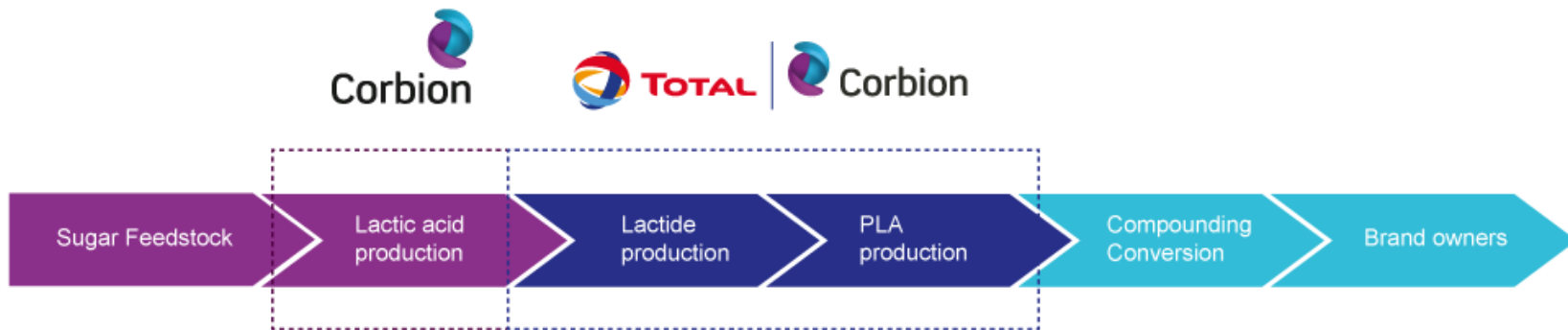


Position	World's 4 th largest oil & gas company	World's largest lactic acid producer
Headquarters	Courbevoie, France	Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Revenue	\$ 150 B	\$ 970 M
Employees	98,000	1,700
Profit	\$ 6 B	\$180 M
Main businesses	Oil & Gas, Solar & Bioenergy, Commodity & Specialty Chemicals	Food Ingredients, Biochemicals, Bioplastics, Biomedical

Source: 2016 annual reports.

Total Corbion PLA: a 50/50 PLA joint venture

- The JV produces and markets PLA (Poly Lactic Acid) resins and lactides
- Total Corbion PLA launched operations 02 March 2017
- The JV owns the PLA polymerization plant with a global capacity of 75 kTpa, currently under construction on the Corbion site in Rayong, Thailand
- Corbion's existing PLA business and lactide production unit migrated to the JV
- Corbion supplies the lactic acid necessary for the production of PLA and lactide
- Your previous Corbion contact remains your key contact person.

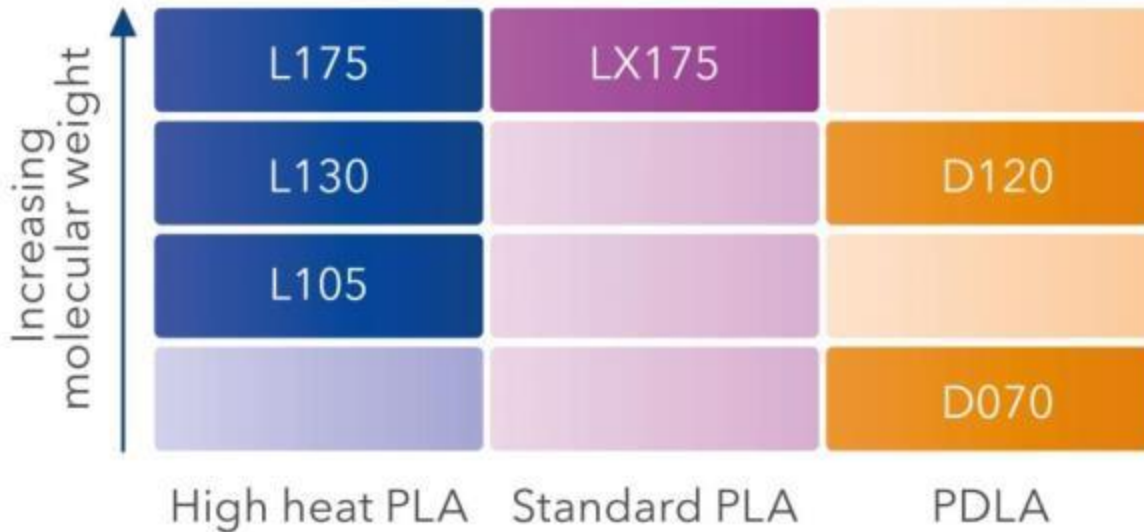


Building a world scale PLA plant

- Capacity** 75 kTpa
- Situation** Under construction, next to the world's largest lactic acid and lactide plants
- Location** Rayong, Thailand
- Timeline** Start of operations 2nd half 2018
- Status** Groundbreaking ceremony took place 9 November 2016, construction is ongoing



Luminy® PLA portfolio: commercially available since 2016



- PLA L105** High flow for injection molding
- PLA L130** Medium flow for injection molding or fiber spinning
- PLA L175** High viscosity for film extrusion, thermoforming or fiber spinning
- PLA LX175** High viscosity, amorphous, transparent for extrusion/thermoforming
- PDLA D070** Nucleating agent for PLA homopolymer resins
- PDLA D120** Medium viscosity PDLA homopolymer

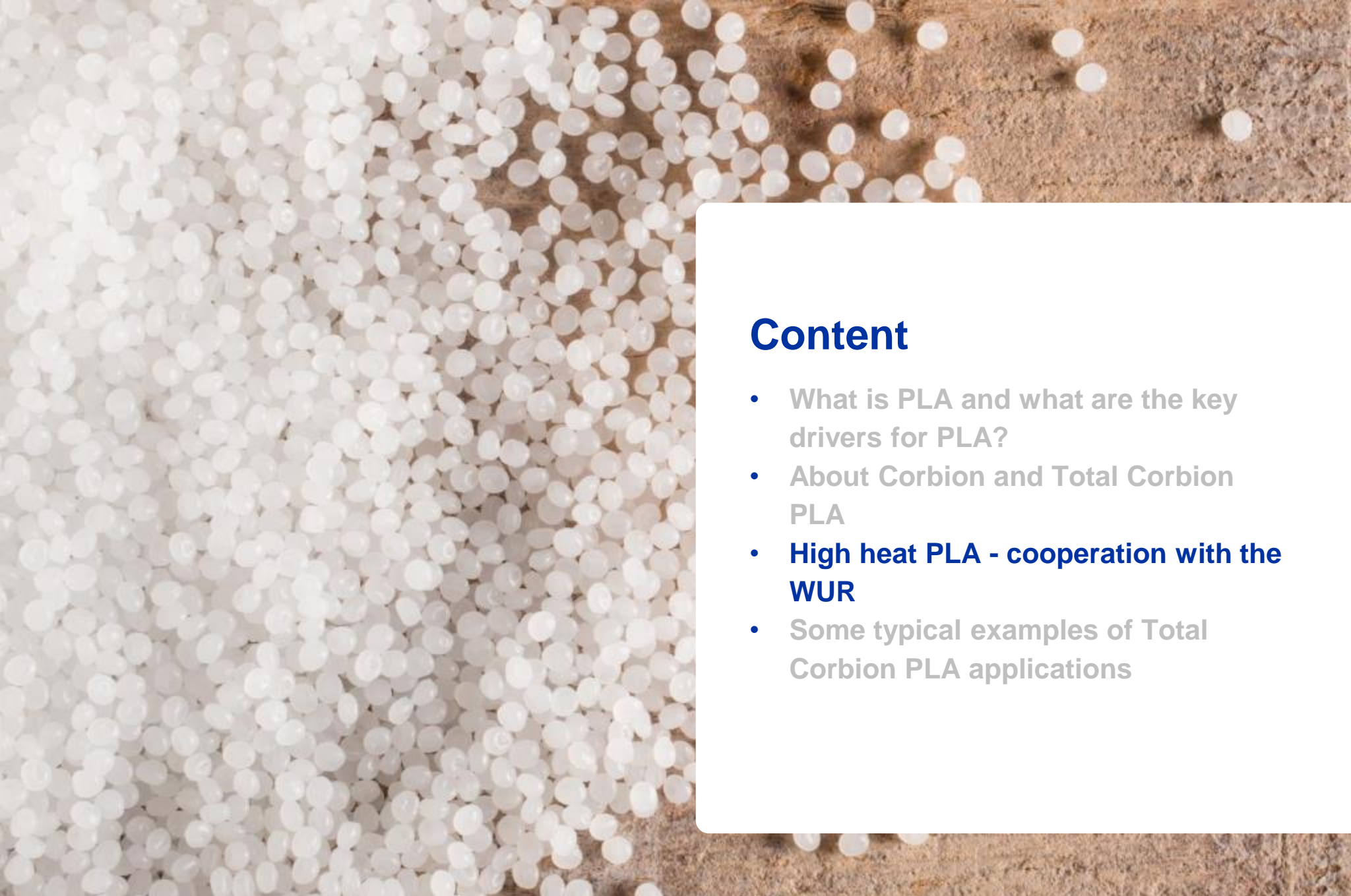
Luminy® neat resins are compliant with the most relevant regulations and requirements related to bioplastics:

- EU food contact applications (EC No. 1935/2004 and No. 10/2011)
- EN13432 standard for industrial composting (OK Compost & Seedling)
- Biobased content 100% (EN16785-1)
- REACH compliant
- Reduced carbon footprint: LCA study available
- Made from European sugar beet and Thai sugarcane: these are always GMO-free crops



biobased %





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Our interest to develop the market for added value applications

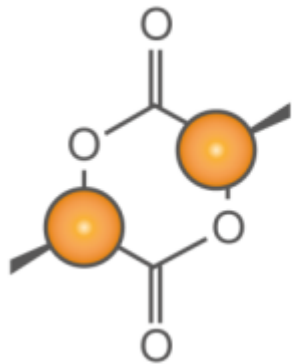


Start with the best building blocks

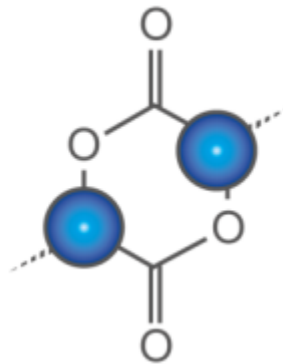
Stereochemically pure monomers make the difference



L-lactic acid → L-lactide
D-lactic acid → D-lactide



(R,R)- lactide
or D-lactide



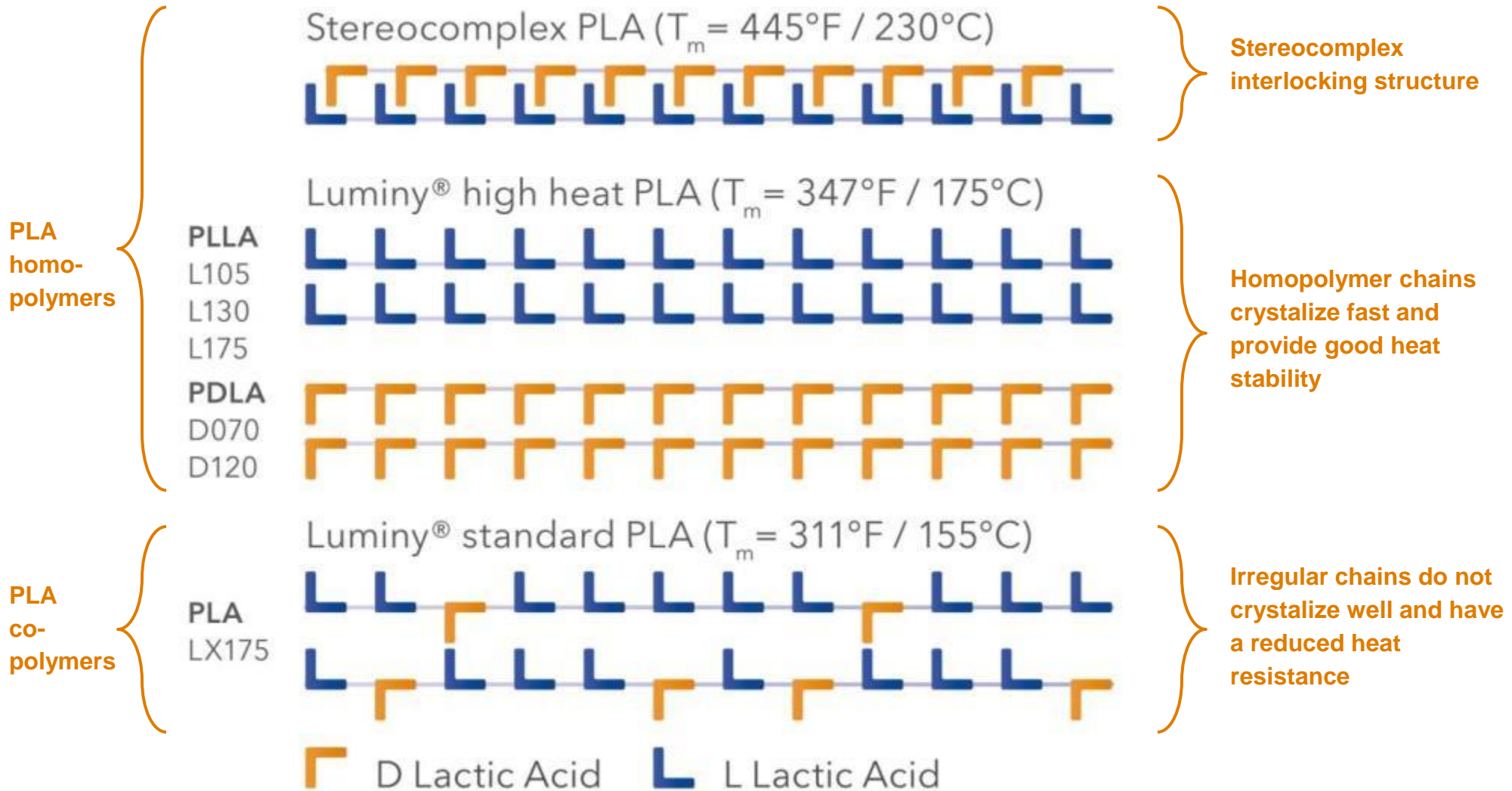
(S,S)- lactide
or L-lactide



(R,S)- lactide
or meso-lactide

Stereochemically pure lactide monomers:
building blocks used to make
Luminy® PDLA & PLLA homopolymers

Homopolymers: driving performance

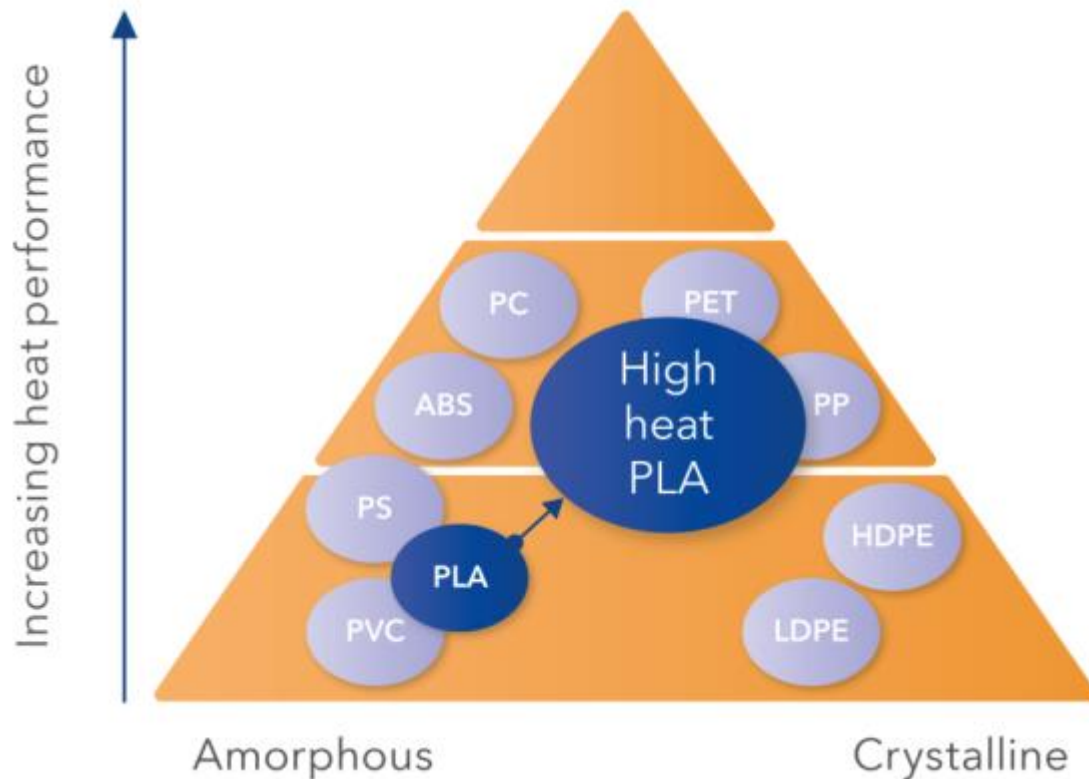


PLA homopolymers

The secret to obtaining high heat PLA

PLLA and PDLA homopolymers:

- Crystallize fast = improve processing economics
- Improve heat performance



PLA technology from Total Corbion PLA can replace PS, PP and ABS-like materials in applications where heat performance is a key requirement.

Technology push - Origin of the project

- In 2008 Purac and Wageningen UR* start a project.
- PLLA/PDLA homopolymers
- Objectives: Develop high heat injection moulding compounds in PLA

**PDLA-based Additives
for better Heat
Performance
of Injection Molded PLA**

L-Lactide acid
PLLA

D-Lactide acid
PDLA

Sico de Vos
Innovation Center
Chemicals & Pharma
August 19, 2008

PURAC

How to make high heat PLA for injection molded applications?

In theory, the concept is easy

- Use PLLA homopolymers to allow for efficient crystallization
- Crystallinity will result in higher HDT/Vicat
- Nucleate with PDLA homopolymer to reduce cycle times
- Set the mold temperature to 90 – 100°C to prevent 'freeze in' of the amorphous structure



Example formulation:

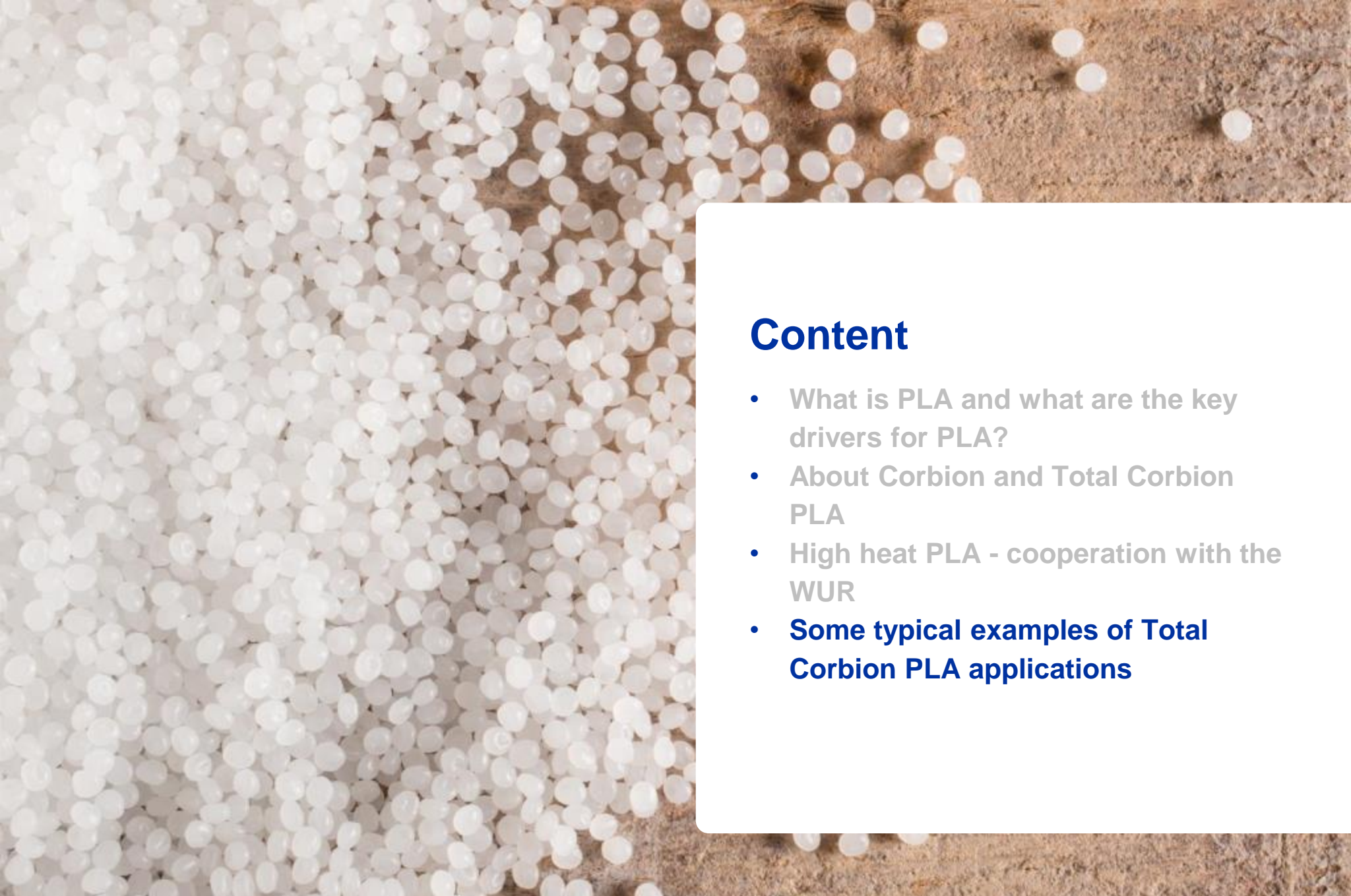
90% PLLA / 5% PDLA / 5% plasticizer

PLA compounds

Developmental samples available for testing

			HIPS	PLA	Total Corbion PLA sample compounds*					
					A	B	C	D**	E	K***
					General purpose	Mineral filled	Impact modified	Base compound	General purpose	Compostable
Market	Injection molding				•	•	•			•
	Extrusion/thermoforming							•	•	•
	Food contact				•	•		•	•	•
Physical	Density	g/cm ³	1.05	1.24	1.25	1.37	1.27	1.39	1.34	1.29
	Clarity	yes/no	no	yes	hazy	no	no	no	no	no
Processing	MFI (210°C/2.16kg)	g/10min			12	10	6	6	5	8
	Melt temperature	°C	210-240	190-220	190-220	190-220	190-220	190-220	190-220	190-220
	Mold temperature	°C	30-60	25	90-100	90-100	90-100	90-100	90-100	90-100
	Pre-drying	yes/no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Mechanical	Tensile modulus	MPa	2000	3300	3600	5500	4000	5500	5400	3600
	Tensile strength	MPa	35	48	60	60	40	60	60	50
	Strain at break	%	35	<5	<5	<5	47	<5	<5	8
Heat	HDT B, 0.45MPa, flatwise	°C	93	55	90	110	90	120	120	80
Impact	Charpy notched, 23°C	kJ/m ²	8	3	3	2	18	2	2	8

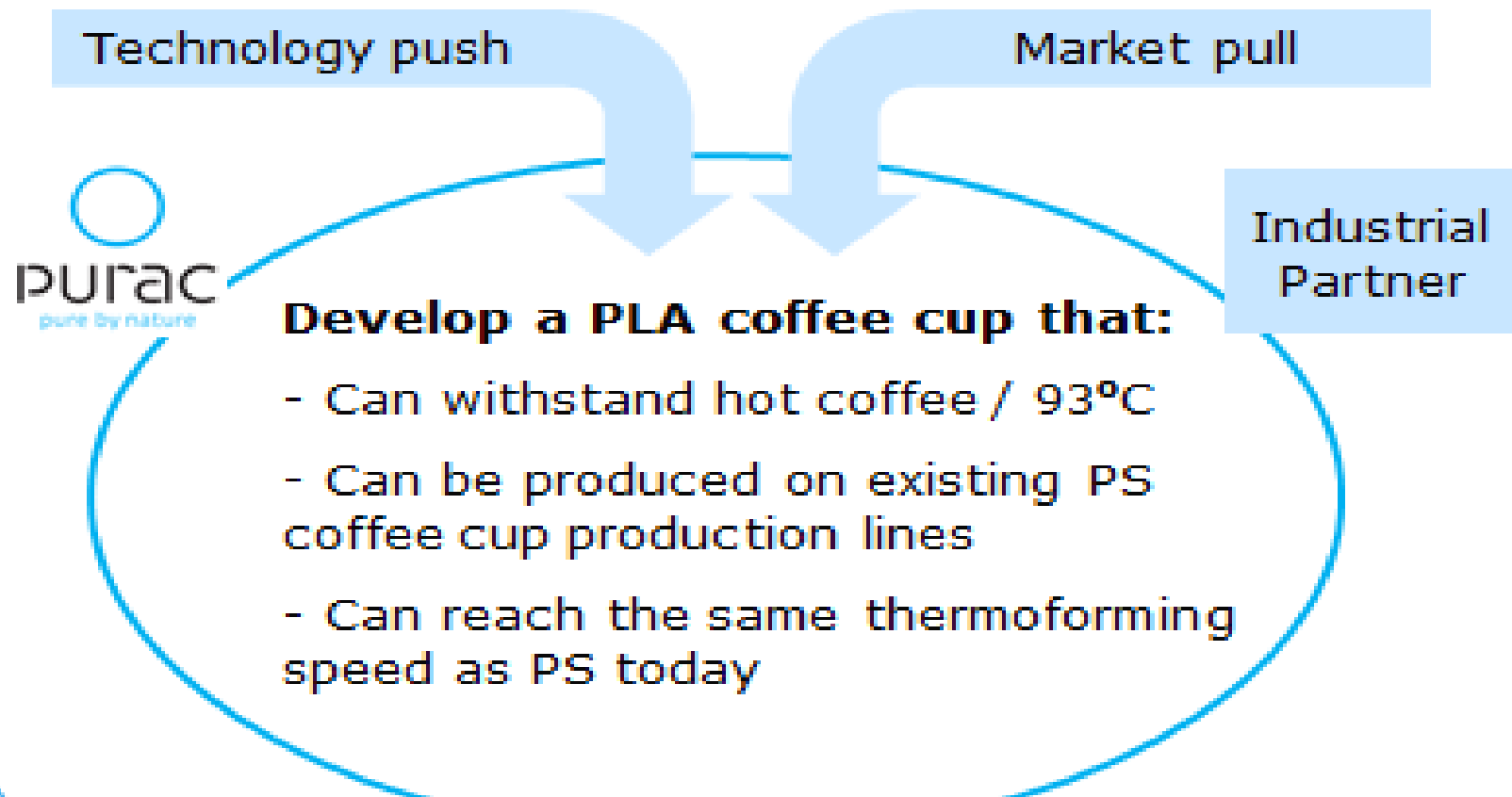
* Developmental grades, all data is preliminary. Total Corbion PLA does not commercially produce these PLA compounds. ** For high heat applications it is recommended to add 3-7% Luminy® D070 (nucleating agent). *** Compliance with EN13432 to be verified on actual end product.



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PLA coffee cup project kickoff



PLA for high heat thermoformed coffee cups

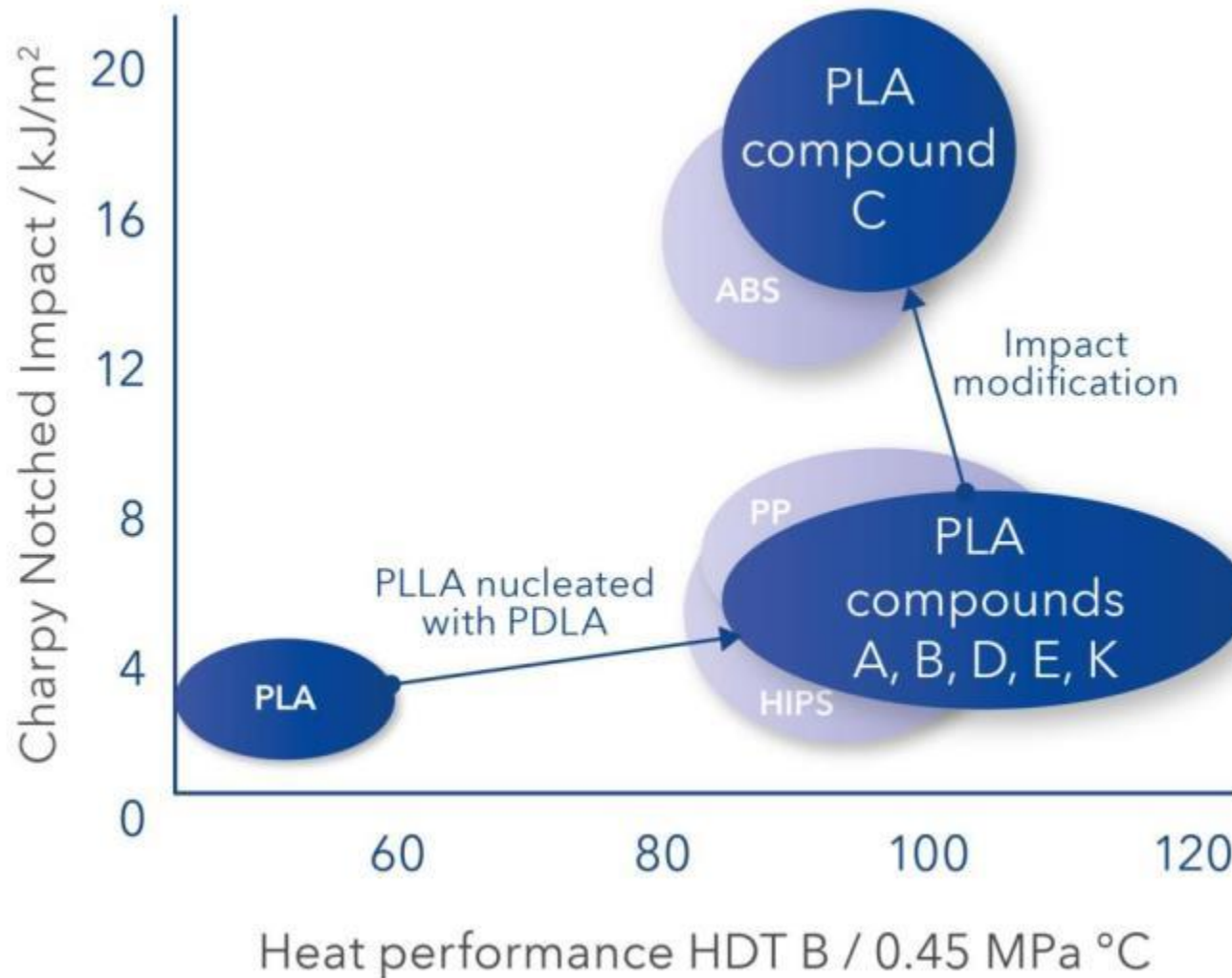
Benefits:

- Biobased
- High heat resistance
- Recyclable
- Good processing economics
- Can be processed on existing PS lines



naturesse®  by Pacovis

Closing the performance gap vs PS, PP & ABS



PLA for injection molded cosmetics packaging

Benefits:

- Biobased
- Natural
- Stone/wood look & feel
- Weight of the part
- Processing economics



PLA for injection molded consumer electronics housings

Benefits:

- Excellent impact resistance
- Biobased & recyclable
- High heat resistance
- Excellent high gloss finish
- High dimensional stability allows for tight tolerances



PLA for extruded and injection molded drain systems

Benefits:

- Biobased
- Durable
- Reduced carbon footprint
- Excellent surface appearance
- Good impact resistance



DYKA
PLASTIC PIPE SYSTEMS

PLA for high heat injection molded coffee capsules

Benefits:

- Biobased
- Compostable
- High heat resistance
- Good barrier properties
- Good processing economics



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