




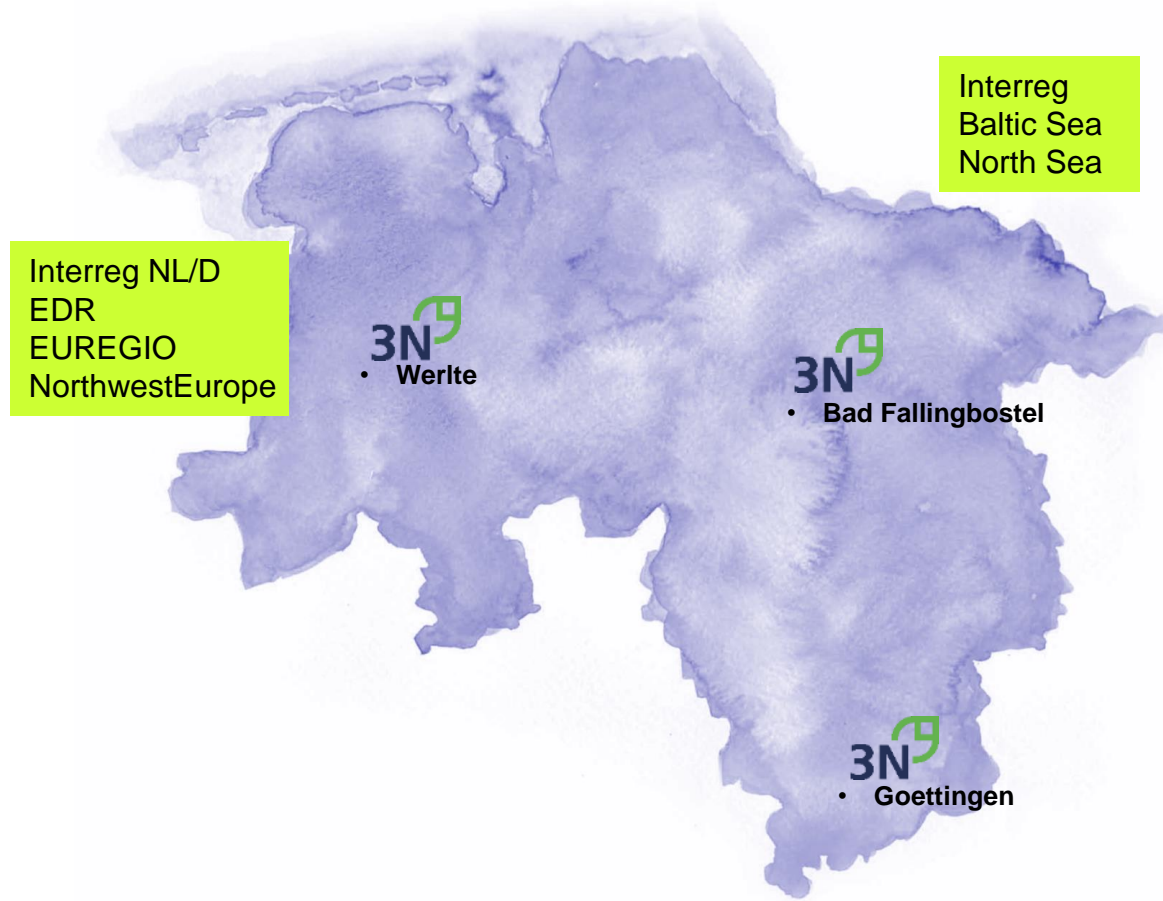


Welcome to the to the

**Kompetenzzentrum
Niedersachsen • Netzwerk
Nachwachsende Rohstoffe
und Bioökonomie e.V.**



-  **Introduction 3N - Centre of Competence**
-  **3N's role in circular economy**
-  **Activities / What we can do together ?**



- in Werlte since 2003
- since 2006 nationwide
- 2007 - Foundation of 3N GmbH
- **since 2010 as 3N. e.V**
- Since 2017 also a competence center for paludiculture

Office in Werlte: 5 research assistants employees, 1 secretary
Accompanying projects: 3 employees and 2 research assistants Employees Competence Center Paludiculture
Office in Göttingen: 3 research assistants employees
Office in Heidekreis: 1 scient. Employee LK HK

Members of 3N e.V.



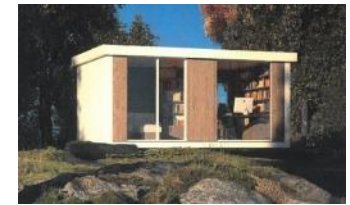
Founding members



Members



Our tasks



Interreg Germany Netherlands



**German-Dutch
Co-operations since 2004
for innovations
Climate protection and
sustainability**



H2 CHANCE



Network projects

Green across the border, H2 Chance, Farming in the Rain, Bioeconomy learning centre - school projects

Field trials Sustainable cultivation systems

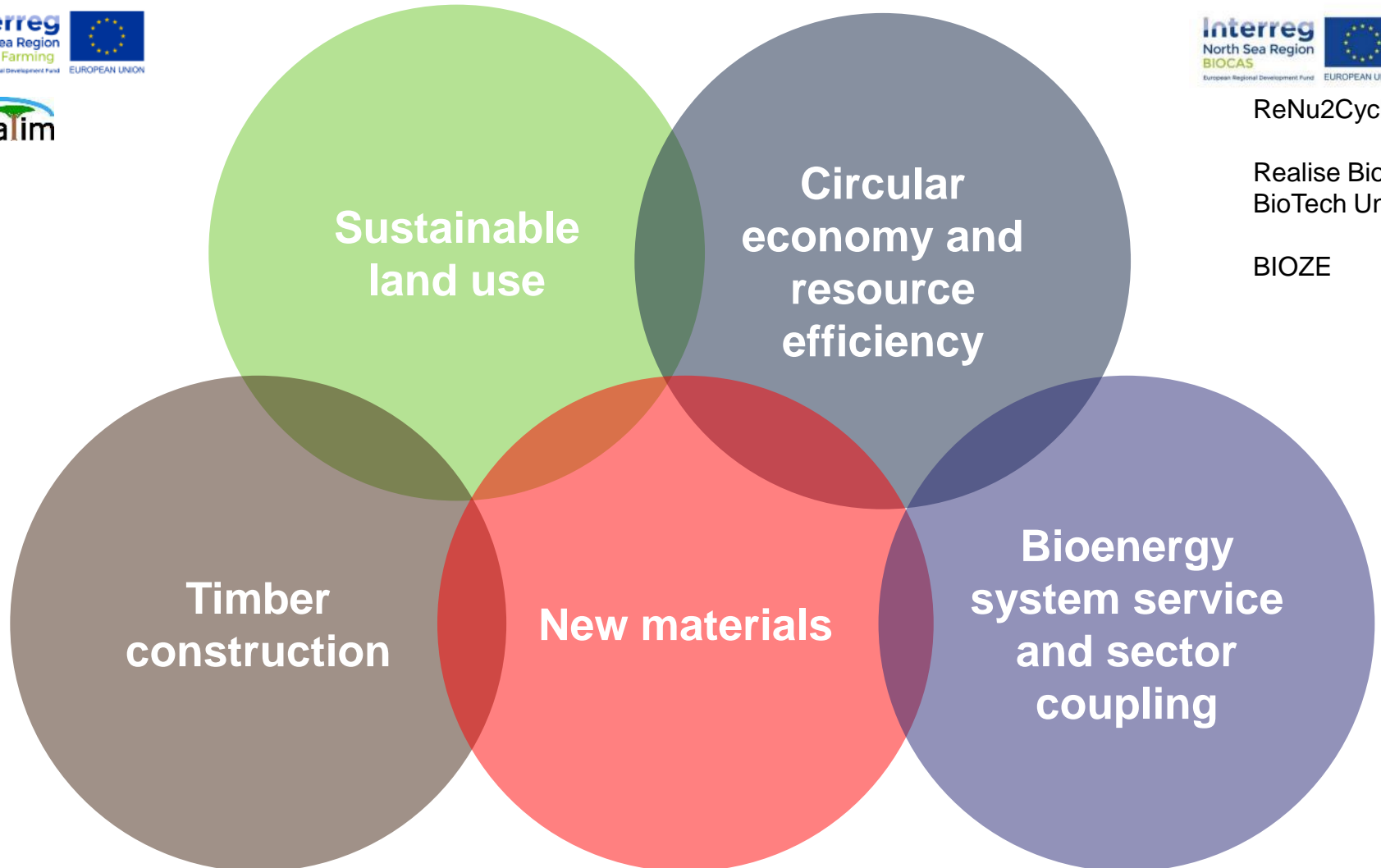
Subject areas Role of 3N in circular economy



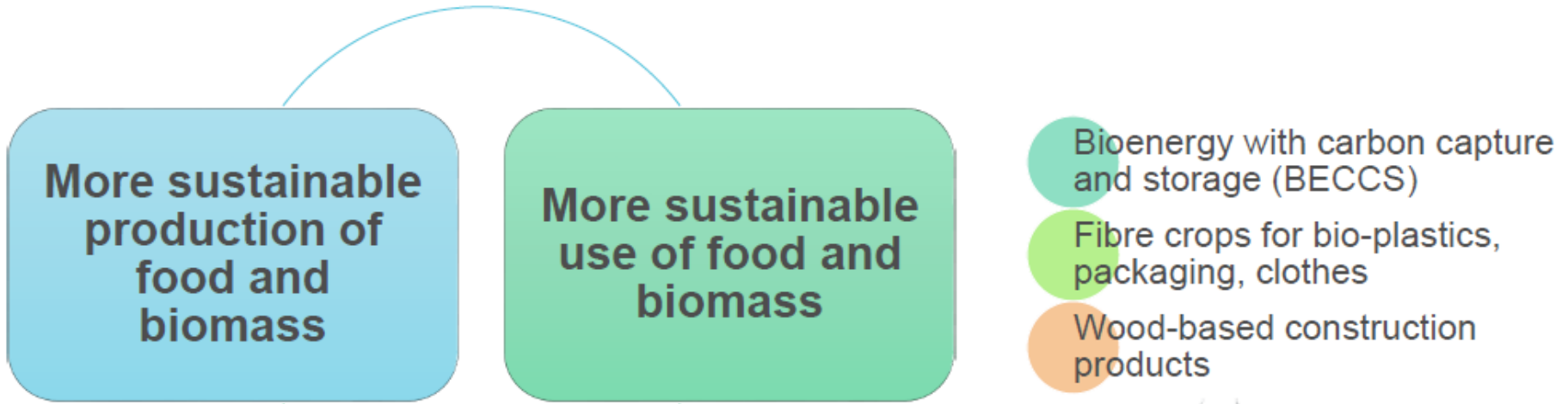
ReNu2Cycle

Realise Bio
BioTech Unlocked

BIOZE



EU - Climate targets



Source: Holzleitner DG Climate



Carbon farming examples



Permanent crops



Agroforestry systems



Waterlogging of peat soils
Paludicultures

Sustainable land use concepts

Establishment and evaluation of a sustainable **agroforestry land use concept for ecological enhancement and production-integrated compensation**

Project organiser: Joint municipality of Spelle
 Project partners: University of Hanover, 3N
 Project duration: 2017-2019



Testing and establishing new cultures

Sida hermaphrodita and timber production
 Testing new nettle clones/FNR joint project



Climate-friendly fertiliser systems in crop rotations

Reduction of mineral fertiliser, total N -20%
 Project partners: LK ROW, 3N. Farmers, companies, LWK Nds:



Carbon farming Development of business models for carbon enrichment

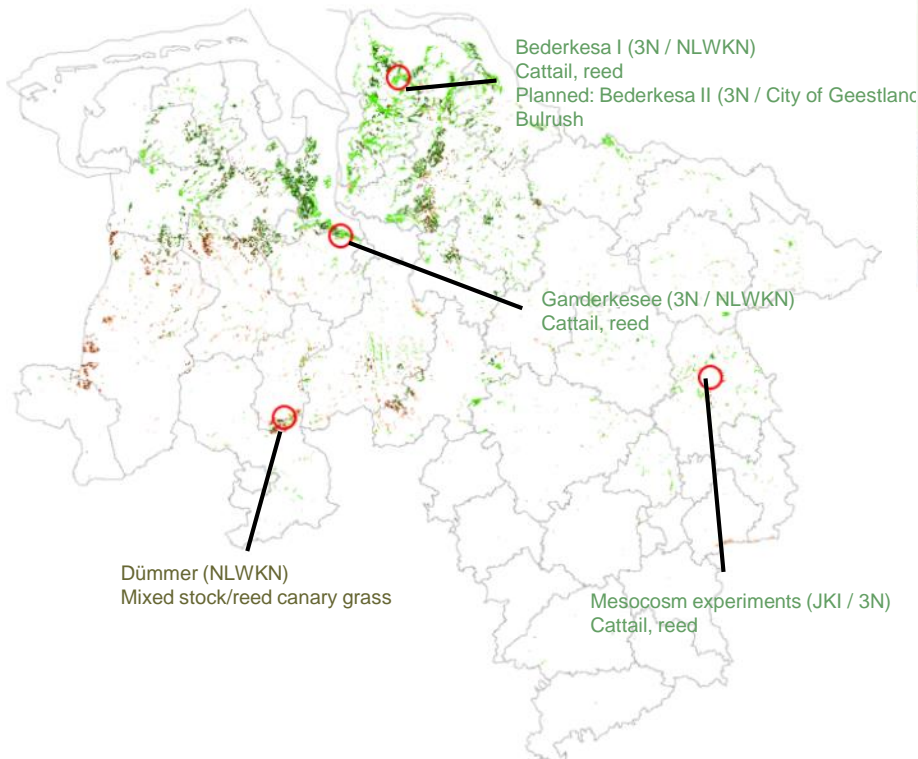
D Project partners: Thünen Institute, 3N
 + International project partners



Development of the cultivation concept in Lower Saxony

Competence centre in the 3N

First fenland research polder in Lower Saxony



First GHG monitoring in Lower Saxony and further studies on ecosystem services:



www.paludikultur-niedersachsen.de Information platform

Networking with Interreg project "Paludi Market"

Innovations in the region



54 participating companies and scientific institutions

Funding period: 06.2015 - 07.2018



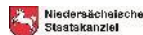
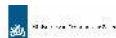
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Realisation examples



BIOSUBSTRATES



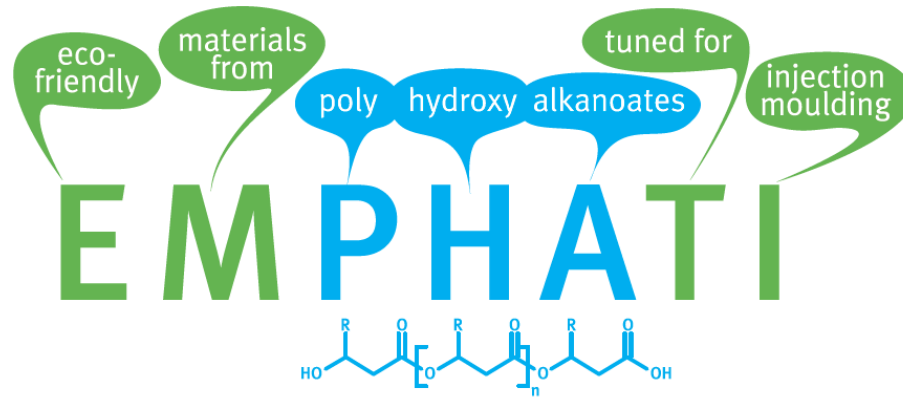
ORGANIC SEED COATING



3D PRINTING WITH BIOPOLYMERS



BIODEGRADABLE YARNS BIO-BASED CYCLE PATH



Programme: Interreg VI A
 Priority: 1 (Innovation)
 Start: 01.10.2022
 Duration: 3 years

30.09.2025

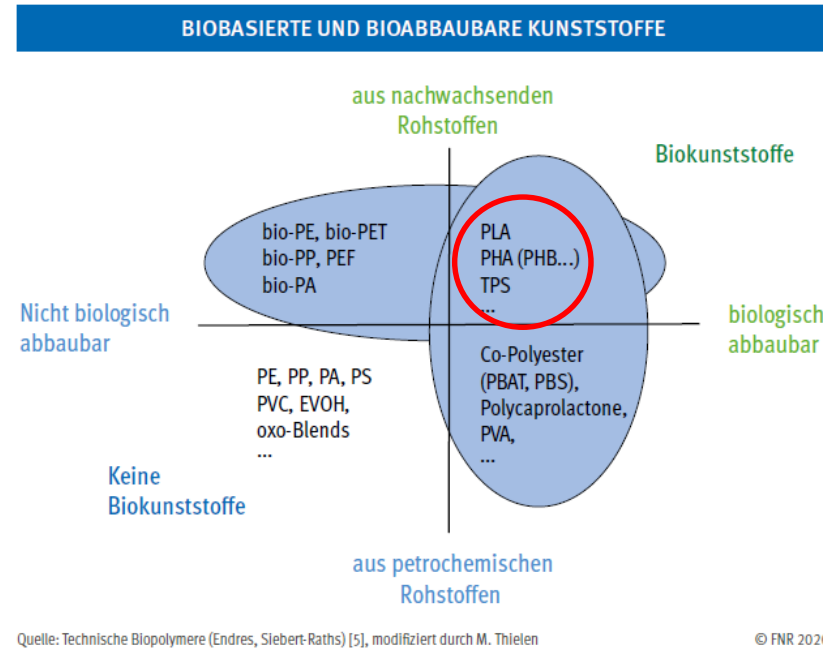
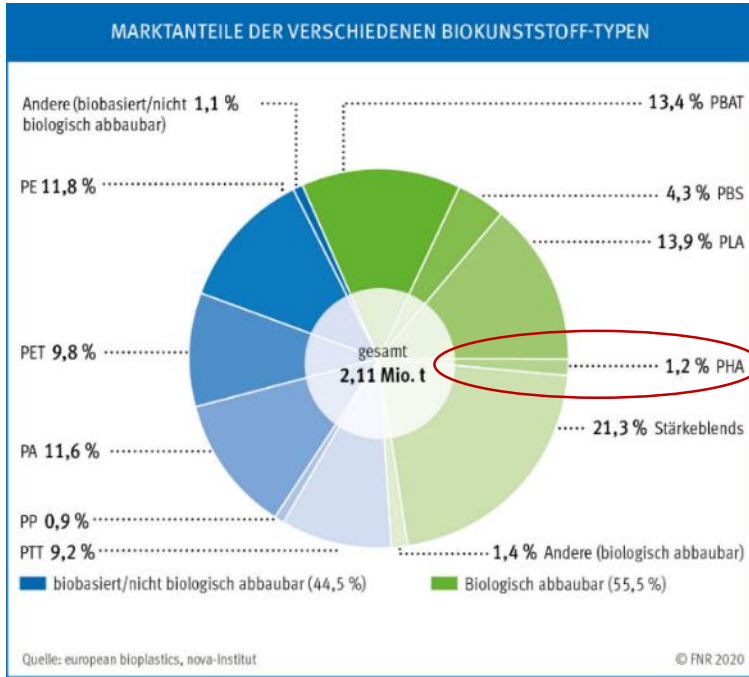
Budget: € 3,364,531.08
 Type: partially open
 Status: approved/active

Partner As



Project EMPHATI @ Interreg Monitoring Committee

Introduction | Bioplastics



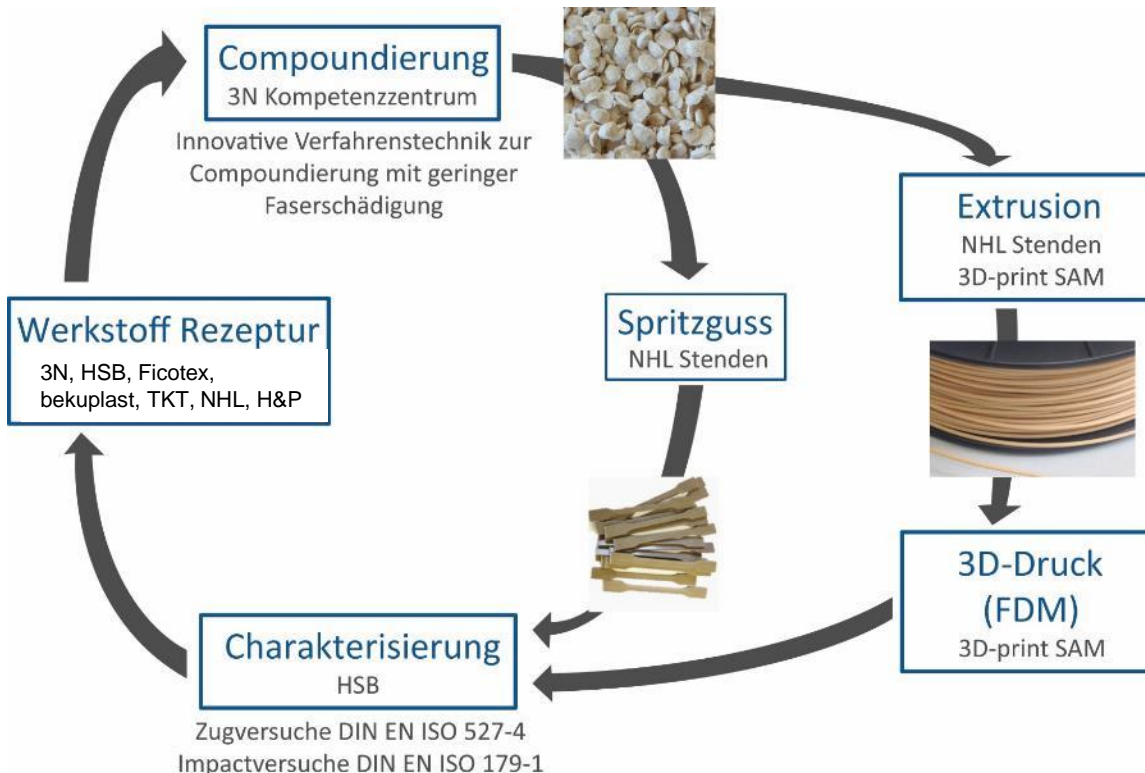
🌿 Home compostability vs. industrial compostability?

🌿 Raw materials (maize, sugar cane) are foodstuffs? → Tank-plate debate?

PHA: Advantages & challenges

- **Fully biodegradable** biopolyester (better than PLA)
 - Natural renewable raw material
 - Can be produced by many bacterial strains
 - Structural diversity for customised products
 - PHB; P3HB; PHV ...
 - Manufacture of products with variable **properties/growing market**
 - **Utilisation of more favourable C sources from residual materials (feasibility)**
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- Glucose as a conventional raw material is expensive (40-50% of production costs)
 - Thermal stability
 - Different qualities
 - Production capacities still low
 - Different properties depending on the manufacturer
 - So far more expensive than conventional plastics
 - Isolation/extraction (solvent)

Organisational matters: Experiments Laboratory->Industry



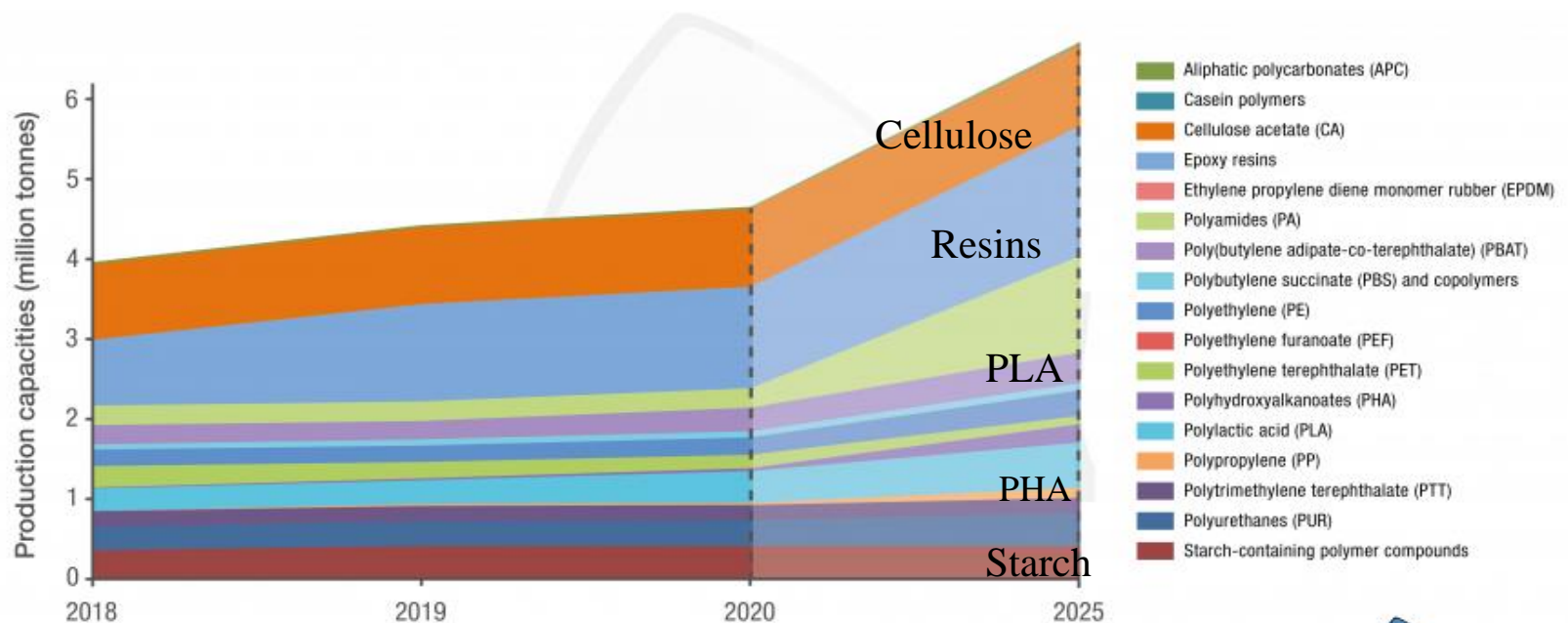
- Scale-up for which recipe?
- Criteria?
- How does PHA behave on systems?
- Influence of fibre?
- Which requirements for injection moulding and which for 3D printing?

Why EMPHATI ?

- **Sustainability** and **climate protection** through the development of innovative PHA products
- **Expansion of research and innovation** in the Germany-Nederland Interreg programme area on the basis of natural fibre-reinforced and fully biodegradable PHA compounds through the **development of series products** (e.g. containers/bekuplast; dispensers for adhesive tape/TKT) by the participating companies (4)
- Use of various PHA compounds in injection moulding and 3D printing
- **Increasing the sustainable growth and competitiveness** of SMEs through business development and cluster formation along the PHA production chain as well as knowledge transfer including the jointly developed project results (virtual PHA Academy).
- Promoting the transition to a **resource-efficient circular economy** by analysing the entire life cycle (LCA) of PHA according to the cradle-to-cradle principle

The market for bio-based polymers grew by 8 per cent in 2020

Bio-based polymers Evolution of worldwide production capacities from 2018 to 2025

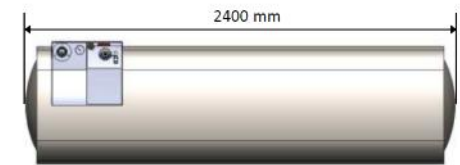
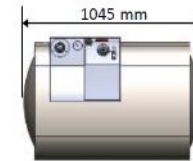


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Innovations in the project:

- Development and testing of a new **LNG tank** for the storage of cryogenic (bio)LNG (*KryoLite/ Low8/ALE*)
- Integration of alternative fuels in existing petrol stations and development of new **petrol station concepts** (*Green Planet, press*)
- Development and testing of a **robotic refuelling system** for the automatic refuelling of (bio)LNG at filling stations
- Development of a **mobile liquefaction plant** (LNG Pilots follow-up project)
- 3N potential study for NDS



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Versuchsaufbau & 1. Ergebnisse - Ausfrierprozess



Electrolysis: Electrodes in the fermenter, B.E.S. GmbH (Bad Bentheim, Germany)



Test facility:

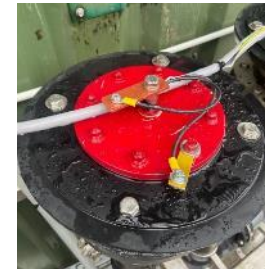
- 4 electrolysis electrodes installed in the pump pipe of the 1800 m³ fermenter

Experimental plan:

- Zero measurement with silage maize and cattle slurry feeding (**4 weeks**)
- After: Activation of 4 electrolysis probes in the pump tube (**4 weeks, started at the beginning of March 2022**)
- Second zero measurement: more or less slurry
- Subsequently: Activation of the electrolysis probes (**4 weeks**)
- Until June: Deactivation of the electrolysis probes (**4 weeks**)

Measurement plan

- Gas quality: CH₄, CO₂, H₂, O₂, H₂S (daily)
- Gas quantity (daily)
- OTS content, FOS/TAC and pH fermentation residues (weekly)



Pictures: Electrolysis electrodes in the feed pipe of the post-digester at partner B.E.S.

Electricity

- Balancing volatile energy **sources/green energy storage**
- Consumer-oriented generation with relief for the electricity grids

Heat

- Generation of high-temperature heat
- **Demand-orientated heat generation in combined heat and power generation**

Mobility

- Production of **fuels for heavy goods transport**, shipping and aviation
- Energy sources: biodiesel, ethanol, **biogas (CNG/LNG)**, biokerosene, **H⁺**

Input materials

- **Farm fertiliser, organic waste**
- Residual materials and by-products (e.g. from food or wood processing)

Bioeconomy education projects

Mobile learning programme bioeconomy on site

Completion of teacher's guide



School dates

Bioökonomie vor Ort

unser mobiles Angebot für Schulen in Niedersachsen:
Nachhaltigkeit erleben, erkunden, begreifen



Digital learning programme on bioeconomy and climate protection

Scripts, software preparation and modular structure

Programming has been running since Dec. 2020

Thank you for your attention!

