

## Green Polymers

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### Main expertise fields

- Generation of monomers, pre-polymers and fillers from renewable resources
- Synthesis, formulation and structure-properties relations of bio-based / sustainable thermoplastics, thermosets and their composites
- Materials classes: aminoplasts, benzoxazines, cellulose & cellululosics, elastomers & rubbers, epoxies, fiber composites, interpenetrating networks, lignin, nanoparticles & nanocomposites, plant oils & derivatives, phenolic resins, polyesters, polysaccharides & derivatives, polyurethanes (conventional & non-isocyanate, foams), silicones, vinyl ester resins, vitrimers
- Process approaches: additive manufacturing, chemical recycling, composite & nanocomposite processing, compression molding, extrusion, injection molding, mechanical recycling
- Characterization techniques: FTIR, NIR & NMR spectroscopy, fire testing, gas sorption & surface area analysis, GPC, mass spectrometry, permeability testing, porosimetry, rheology, thermal analysis, x-ray diffraction

### Research challenge

- Design of monomers, (pre-)polymers and fillers with enhanced safety and sustainability in mind
- Extraction, isolation and chemical modification of monomers, (pre-)polymers and fillers from biomass
- Identifying of safer, more sustainable synthetic methods and (re-)processing approaches
- Developing new approaches to manage the end-of-life of polymeric materials
- Ensuring that solutions deliver necessary performance levels, scalability, industrial relevance and socioeconomic impact

### Application areas

- Additive manufacturing
- Adhesives and coatings
- Automotive and transportation
- Biomedical applications
- Electronics and electrical applications
- High performance polymeric materials
- Packaging
- Space & aerospace
- Structural materials
- New polymers and additives for tires

### Main assets

- 1. **3DPRINTING** (ongoing)
  - Bio-derived materials for additive manufacturing
- 2. **CARBONISE** (ongoing)
  - Hemicellulose-derived polyesters
- 3. **Goodyear-LIST partnership** (ongoing)
  - Bio-based process & performance additives
    - Novel traction resins
    - Additive compatibility, migration and performance
- 4. **LIGNOBLEN** (ongoing)
  - Lignin-based benzoxazine resins
- 5. **Other assets (academic & industrial)**
  - Alternative thermoset, adhesive and coating formulations for industrial applications
  - Bio-based epoxies, vitrimers and fiber composites
  - Carbanol based additives and polymeric materials
  - High performance foams and porous materials for industrial applications
  - Nanocomposites adapted to specific industrial needs

### Equipment

- Anton Paar MCR 302 rheometer
- Christ Martin Alpha 3-4 LSC basic freeze dryer
- LabThink VAC-VBS permeation analyser
- Nussli MKZALU 20 Supermassivolver ultra fine friction grinder
- Mbraun LABStar four-arm glove box
- Mbraun SPS 800 solvent purification systems
- Parr 4564 benchtop carbon dioxide reactor
- Schlenk lines
  - Synthesis reactors up to 5 L
  - Top Industrie custom-built polycondensation reactor
- UV conveyor
- Vacuum ovens

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