



UPM Biochemicals: Pioneering Sustainable Chemistry, Transforming Industries

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This is UPM: We create a future beyond fossils!



- Sales 2022: 11.7 bn €
- Headquarter: Helsinki, Finland

Wood-based
raw materials



Low-carbon
energy

BUSINESSES:

- UPM FIBRES
- UPM ENERGY
- UPM RAFLATAC
- UPM SPECIALTY PAPERS
- UPM COMMUNICATION PAPERS
- UPM PLYWOOD
- UPM BIOREFINING

55
production
plants



17,200
employees in
44 countries

RENEWABLE AND RECYCLABLE PRODUCTS FOR:

- PACKAGING
- LABELLING
- TRANSPORTATION
- ELECTRIFICATION
- CONSTRUCTION
- COMMUNICATION
- TISSUE AND HYGIENE PRODUCTS
- MANUFACTURING
- BIOPLASTICS
- BIOMEDICALS

10,500
customers



170
million end-users
globally

Our climate commitment



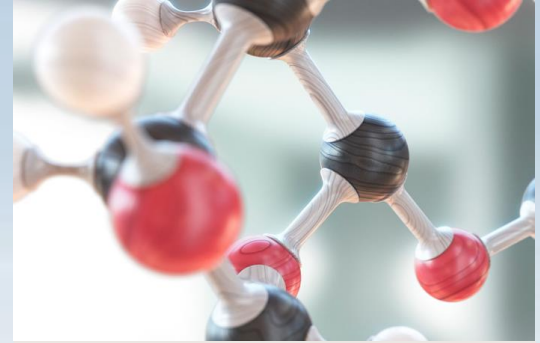
WE ACT THROUGH FORESTS

Committed to climate-positive forestry and enhancing biodiversity



WE ACT THROUGH EMISSION REDUCTIONS

-65% from own CO₂ emissions
-30% from CO₂ emissions of supply chain



WE ACT THROUGH PRODUCTS

Innovative products
Scientifically verifying the climate impact of all our products



BUSINESS AMBITION FOR 1.5°C



OUR ONLY FUTURE

**THE Paris...
CLIMATE 10 years
PLEDGE Early**

We ensure forest growth

100%
traceability
covered by a
**third-party
verified Chain
of Custody**

No wood
from tropical
rainforests or
forests converted
to plantations

100% from
**sustainable
sources**

Guaranteed
sustainability
by **FSC
and PEFC
certifications**

Forest
**biodiversity
preserved**

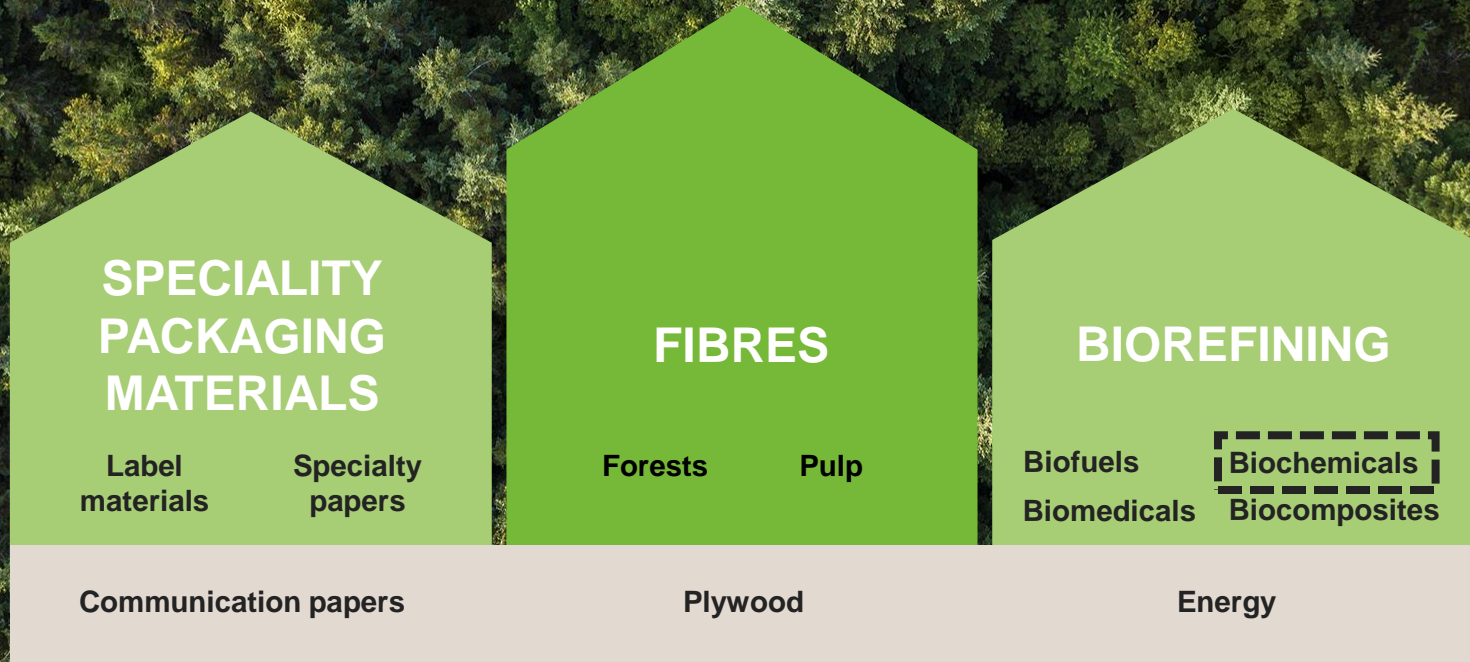
100 new trees every minute



We plant
55 million trees
every year

more than
100 trees
per minute

Our Businesses: Long-term value creation driven by spearheads for growth





Sustainability in the materials sector

Felix Uhlmann, 29.06.2023

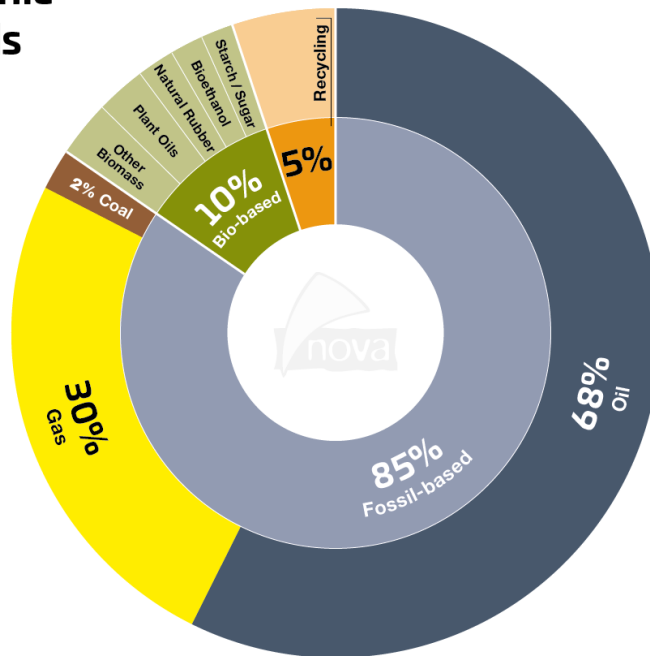
Decarbonization vs Defossilization



Carbon in the material sector

Global Carbon Demand for Organic Chemicals and Derived Materials by Type of Feedstock

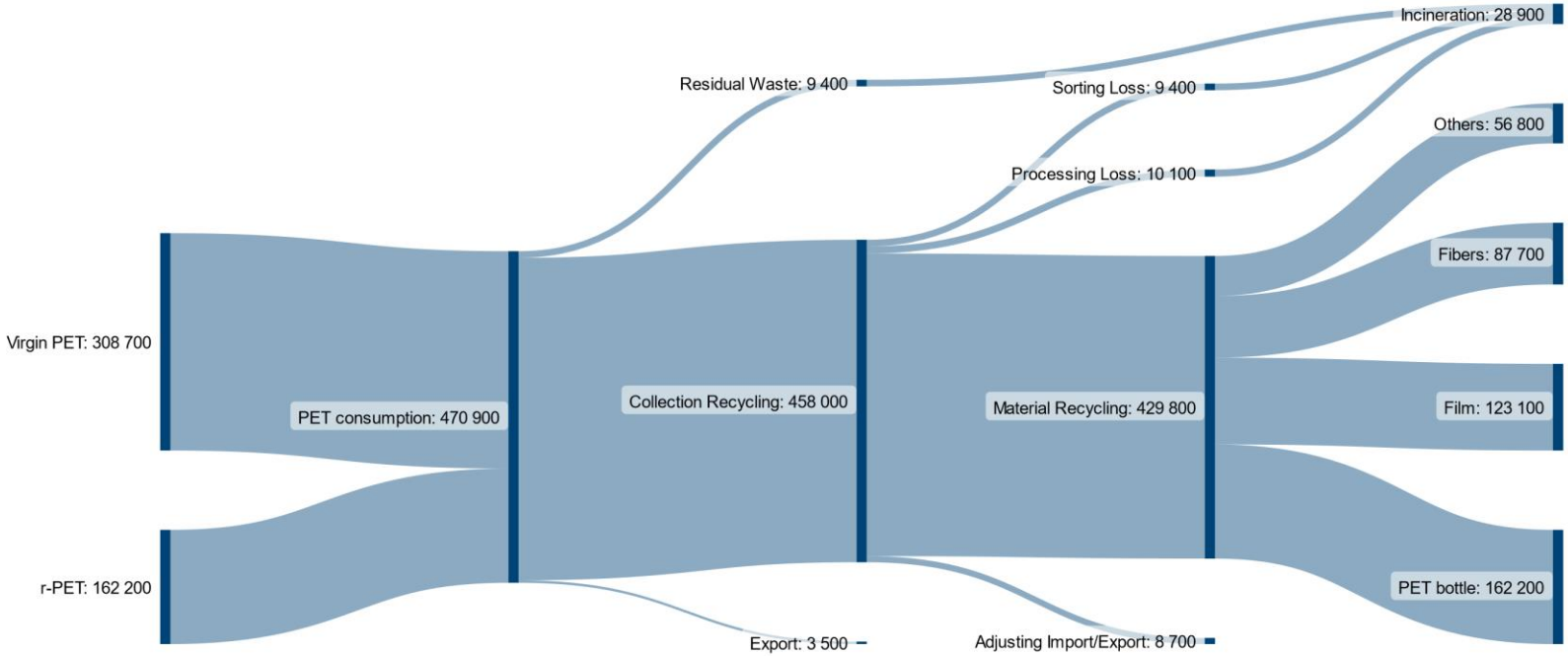
Total: **450 Mt embedded C/yr**



Reference Years: **2015 – 2020**

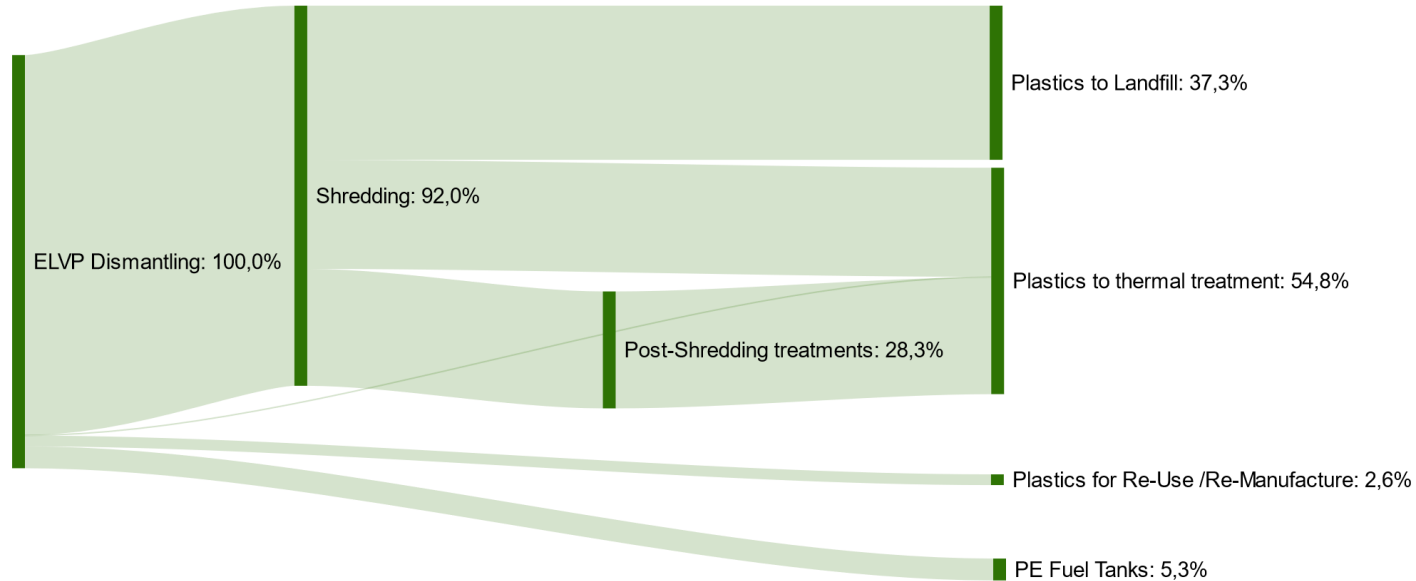
Main Sources: Piotrowski et al. (2015), Hundertmark et al. (2018), Levi and Cullen (2018), Skoczinski et al. (2021) available at www.renewable-carbon.eu/graphics

Current linear materials sector



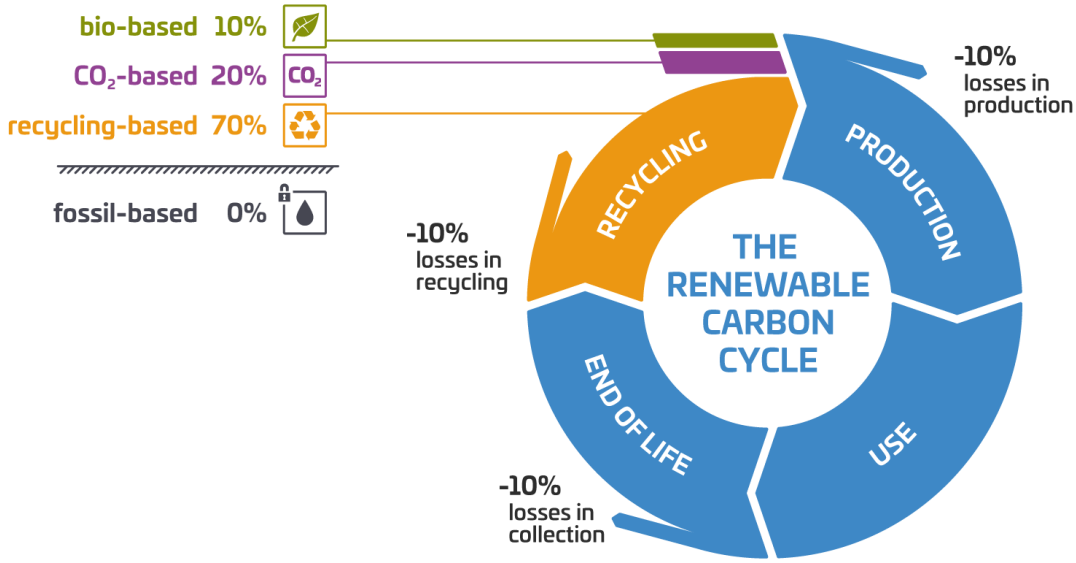
Based on: "Aufkommen und Verwertung von PET-Getränkeflaschen in Deutschland 2019"; GVM 2020

End-of-Life of Plastics in Vehicles in EU



Source: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.spc.2021.09.025>

Circular economy - key to sustainable carbon cycles

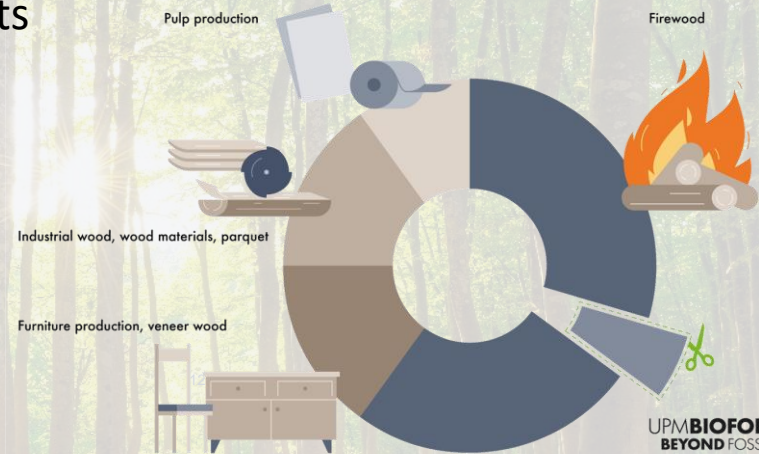


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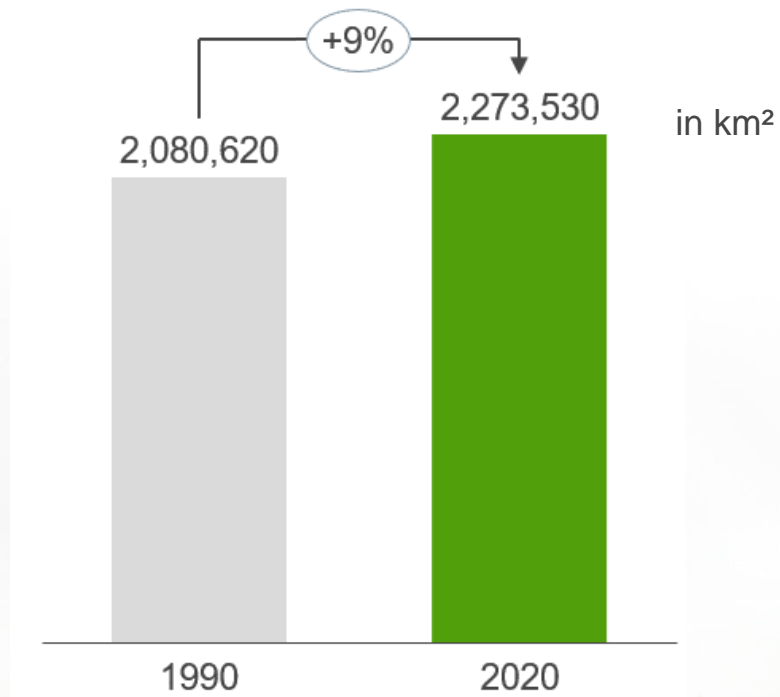
Beechwood – the sustainable feedstock



- Beech is core tree species of climate-stable forests
 - share in German forests will increase from 16% to 21% in 2050
- Limited industrial use of beech wood
 - > 60% are incinerated today
- Beech wood from certified forests of the region
 - well established sustainability certification scheme

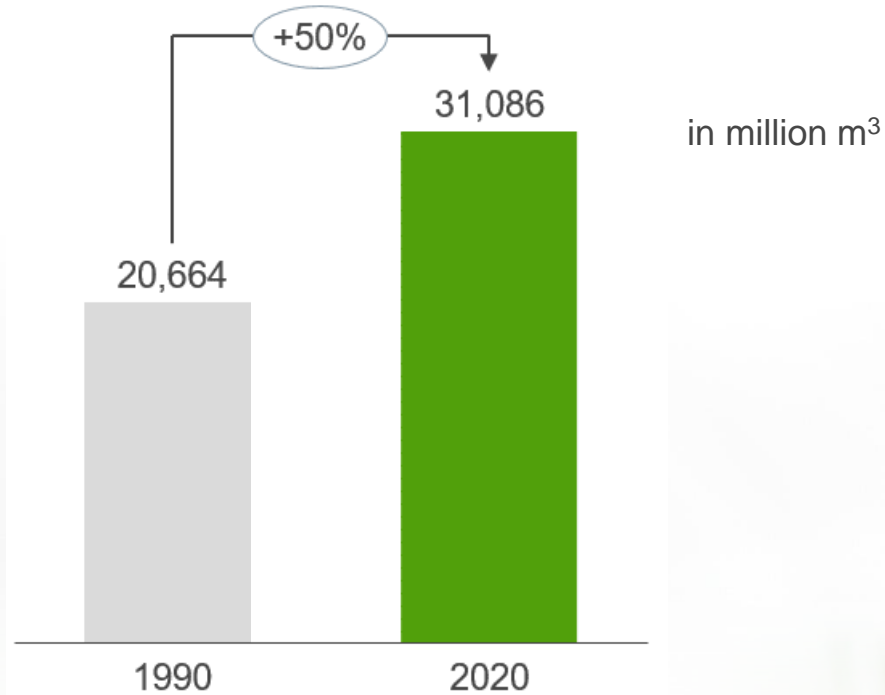


Forest area in Europe 1990-2020



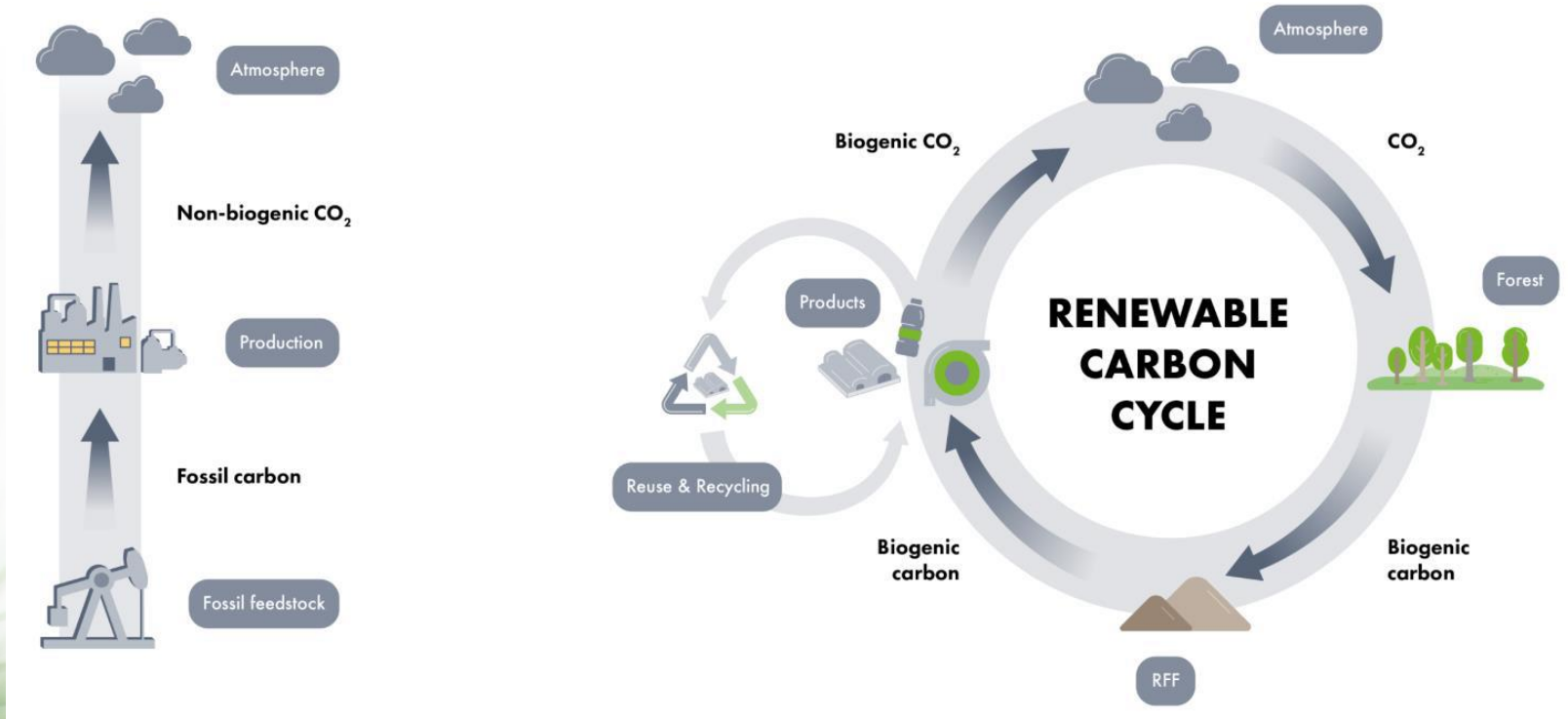
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Trend in total growing stock in Europe 1990-2020



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Integral Part of Renewable Carbon Cycle



Beech wood from regional, 100% sustainably managed and FSC®/PEFC™ certified forests with verified chain of custody

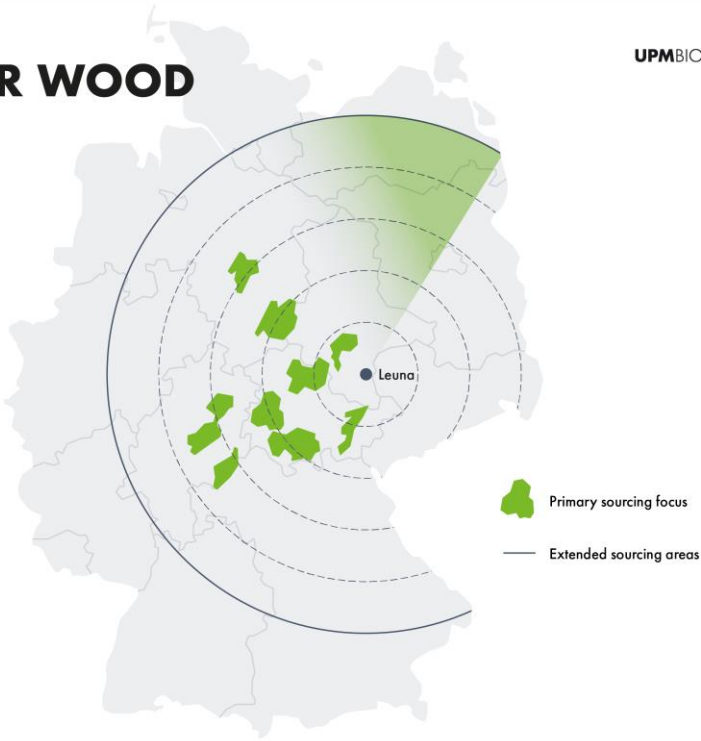


UPM Biochemicals

THE ORIGIN OF OUR WOOD

UPM BIOCHEMICALS | 

-  Beechwood from forest management in federal, state and private forests
-  Residues from sawmills and other wood producers
-  100% of the wood is FSC® and PEFC certified
-  Full chain of custody and traceability
-  Transparent supply chains with regional partners and focus on emission-optimized transportation modes



UPM Leuna biorefinery: Pioneering sustainable chemistry, transforming industries



750 million €
investment

> 100
employees
at the Leuna site

Production volume:
220,000
tons per year

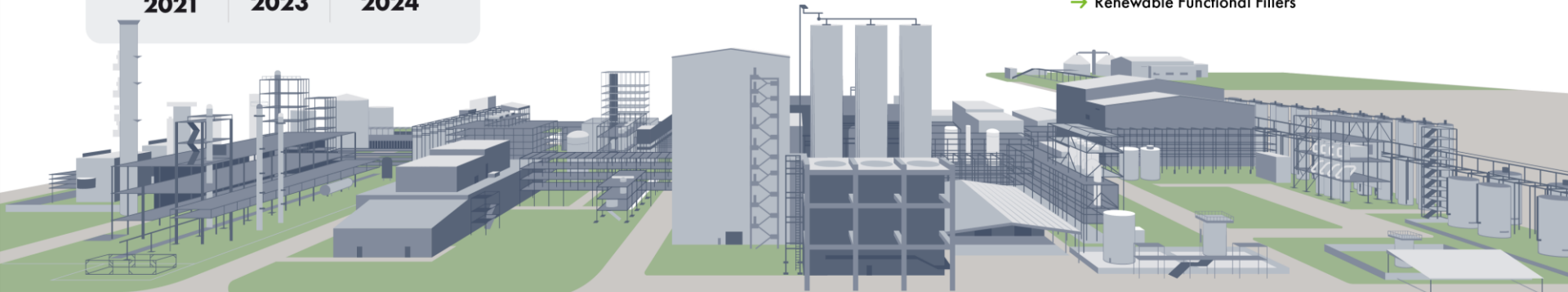
Start of
construction
January
2021

Start
late
2023

Production
ramp-up
2024

Beechwood-based products:

- Bio-Monoethylene Glycol
- Bio-Monopropylene Glycol
- Renewable Functional Fillers



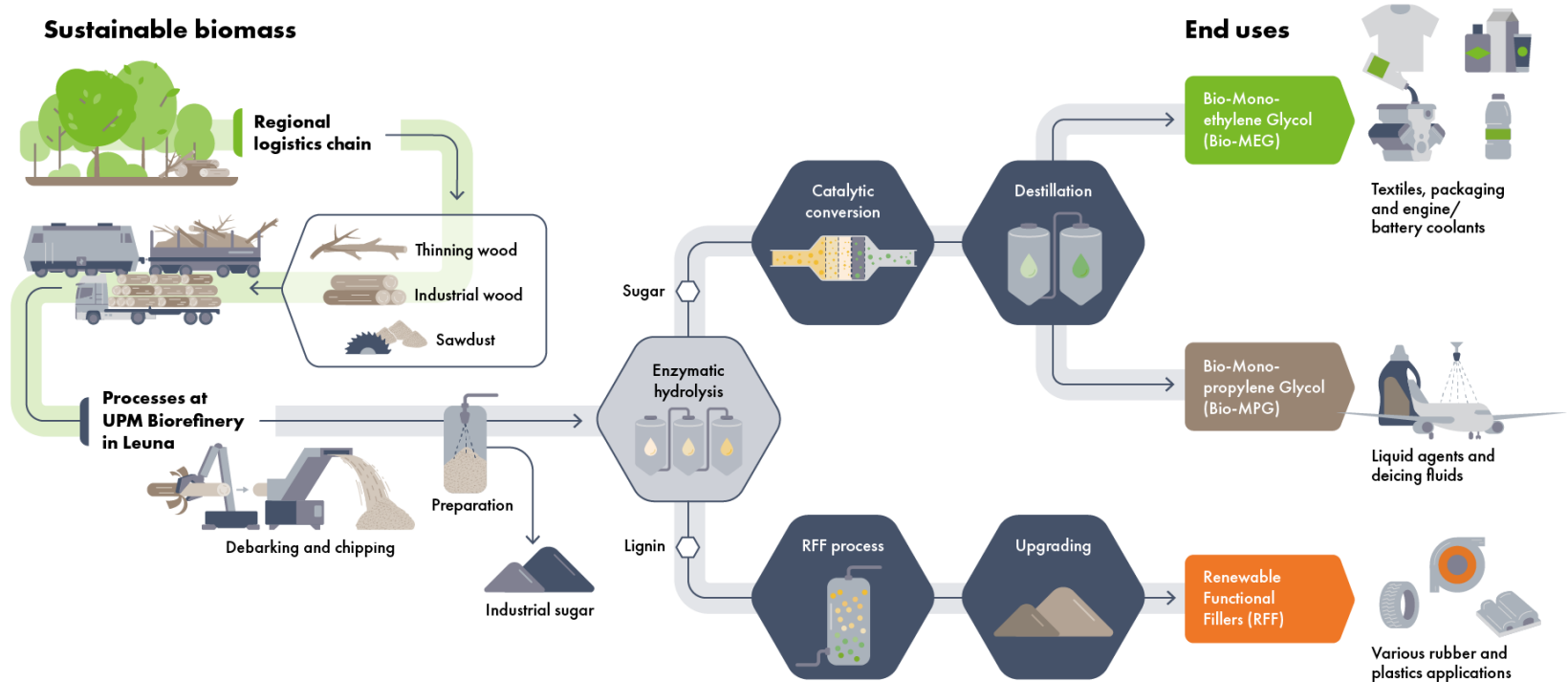
UPM Leuna biorefinery construction site
is roughly 20 times the size of a football field



UPM Leuna biorefinery construction site: Commissioning of wood handling area has already started



UPM Leuna biorefinery: Unique technology converting wood to biochemicals












**UPM BioMotion™ RFF:
A New Generation of Renewable Functional Fillers (RFF)
for Sustainable Rubber Applications**

UPM BioMotion™ Renewable Functional Fillers (RFF)



UPM BioMotion™ RFF: A step-change in sustainability for rubber and plastics industry

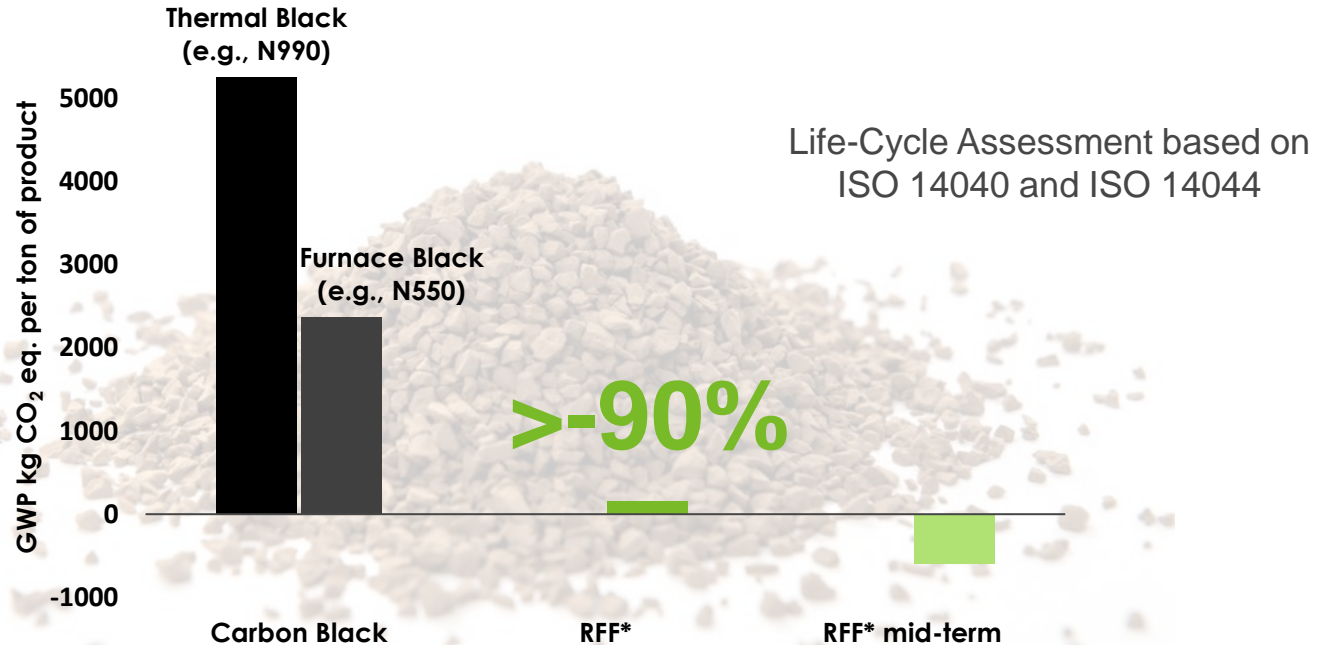


-  **CO₂-neutral** based on current LCA
-  **Renewable carbon content** (certified by DIN CERTCO) 
-  **Reinforcing filler with low material density** ($\leq 1.3 \text{ g/cm}^3$)
-  **100% electrical insulating**
-  **High purity:** free of PAHs, very low VOCs and sulfur-content
-  **Natural coloring** as well as UV and oxidation protection

UPM BioMotion™ RFF possess approximately 90% lower GWP compared to standard furnace carbon black



scope: “cradle to gate”



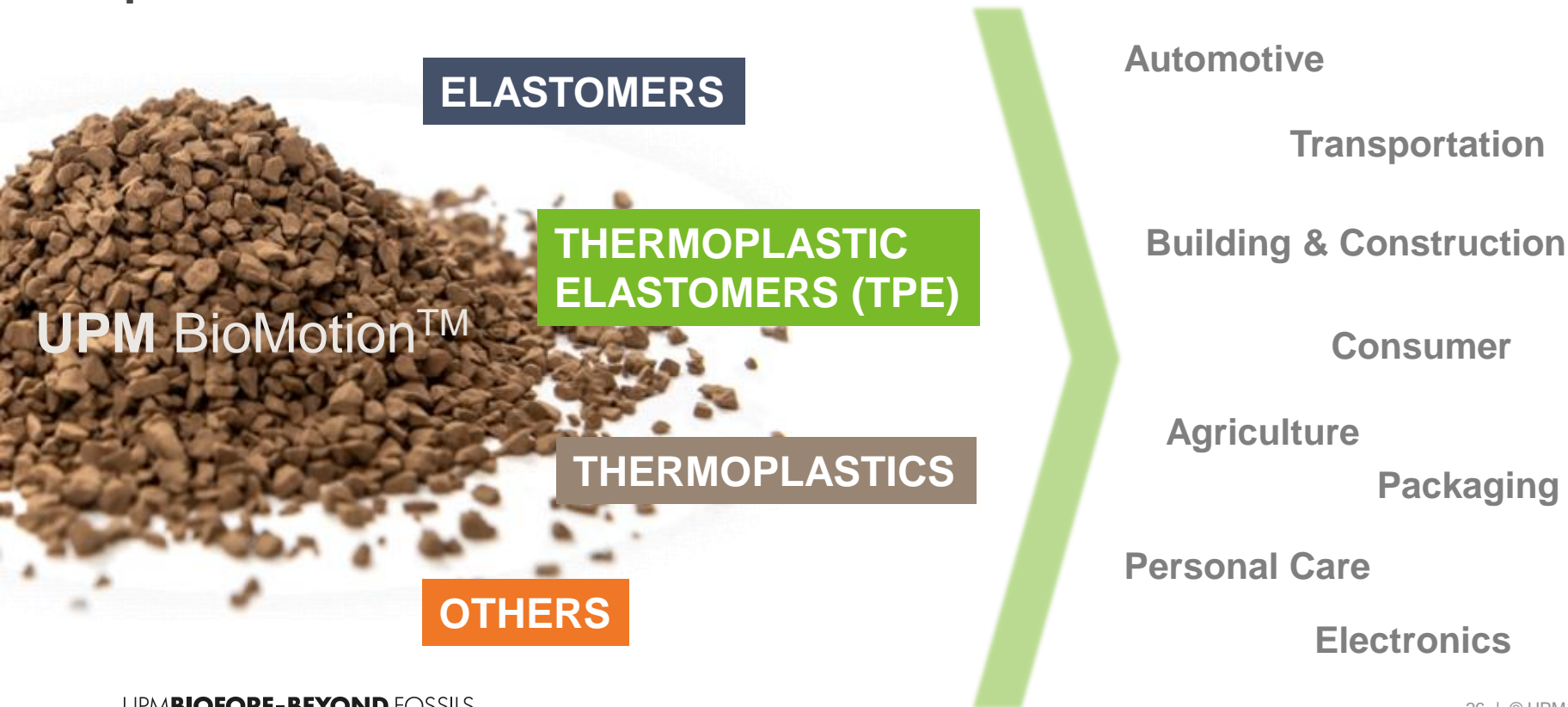
*As the biorefinery is currently in the process of being built, the LCA results will enable UPM to understand where potential environmental hotspots and improvement potential lie. Our LCA will be gradually updated with primary data, from manufacturing and supplier specific data for purchased raw materials as soon as they become available.

Current Portfolio of UPM's Renewable Functional Fillers (RFF)

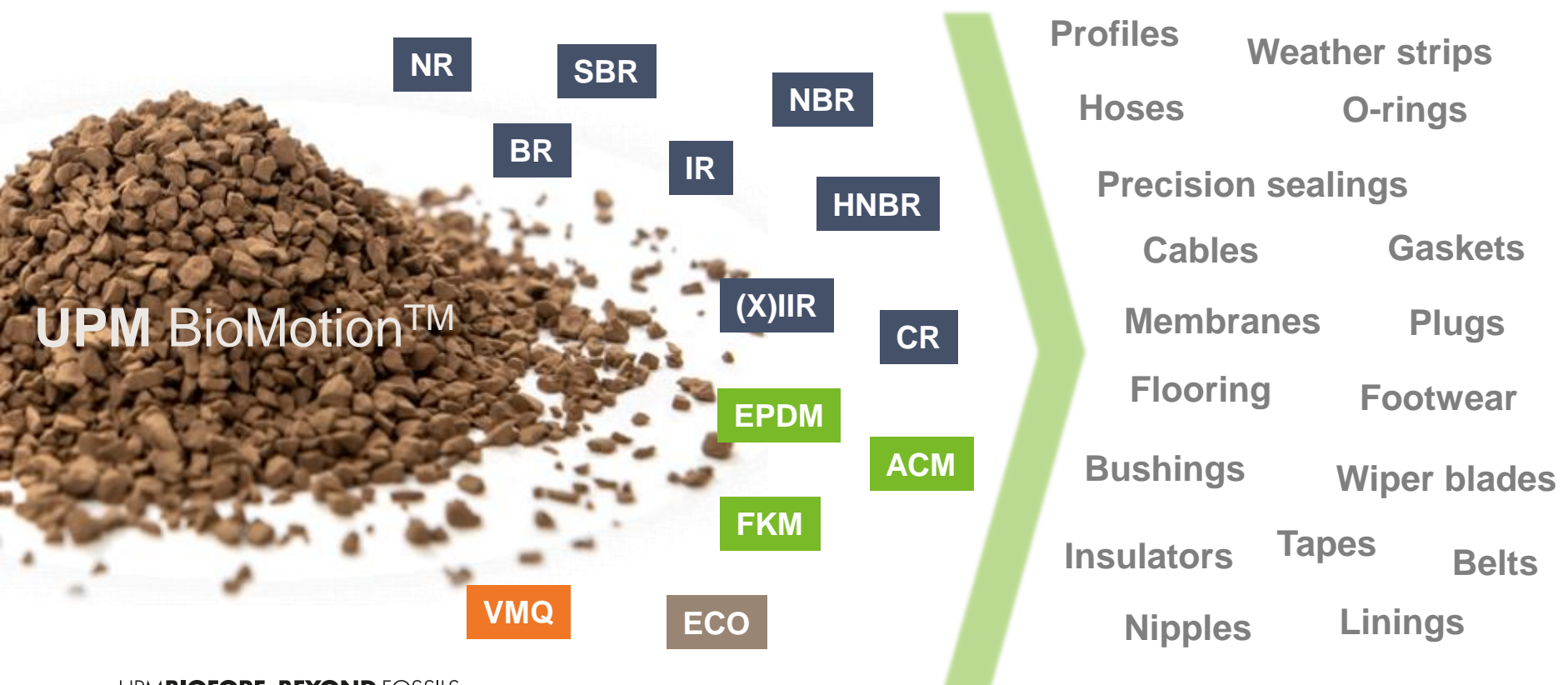


Preliminary specifications	UPM BioMotion™ X10	UPM BioMotion™ X20	UPM BioMotion™ X40
Specific Surface Area	11 m ² /g	23 m ² /g	40 m ² /g
pH Value	6 - 10	6 - 10	6 - 10
Sulfur Content	< 0.2%	< 0.2%	< 0.2%
Benzo[a]pyrene	< 0.1 ppm	< 0.1 ppm	< 0.1 ppm
each of 22 FDA PAHs	< 1 ppm	< 1 ppm	< 1 ppm
Loss on Drying	< 3%	< 3%	< 3%
Bulk Density	> 250 kg/m ³	> 250 kg/m ³	> 200 kg/m ³

UPM BioMotion™ RFF: numerous application possibilities in various markets



RFF in rubber applications



UPM BioMotion™ RFF in automotive rubber profiles



UPM BioMotion™ RFF enable profile producers to fulfill future OEM requirements with **direct** and indirect benefits



> 50%

WEIGHT REDUCTION when shifting from steel to Aluminum or Magnesium in car doors

> 40 kg

WEIGHT SAVINGS per car

~ 40%

REPLACEMENT LEVEL of steel doors by 2025

> 10⁹ Ω*cm

VOLUME RESISTIVITY required for next generation weatherstrips to effectively avoid electrochemical corrosion

> 50%

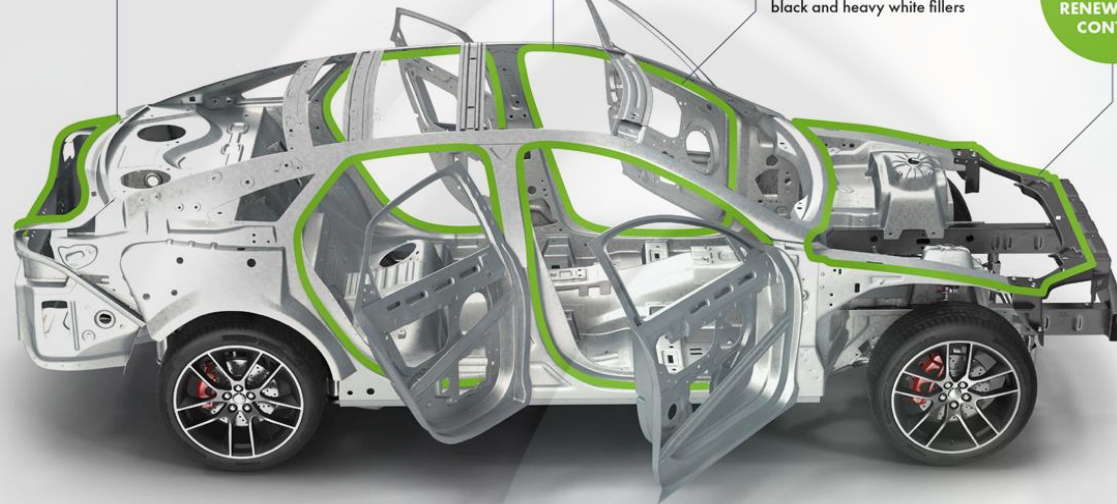
lower compound CO₂ FOOTPRINT compared to today's weatherstrips

> 10 %

ADDITIONAL WEIGHT & MATERIAL SAVINGS in weatherstrips per car when replacing carbon black and heavy white fillers

> 25%

RENEWABLES CONTENT



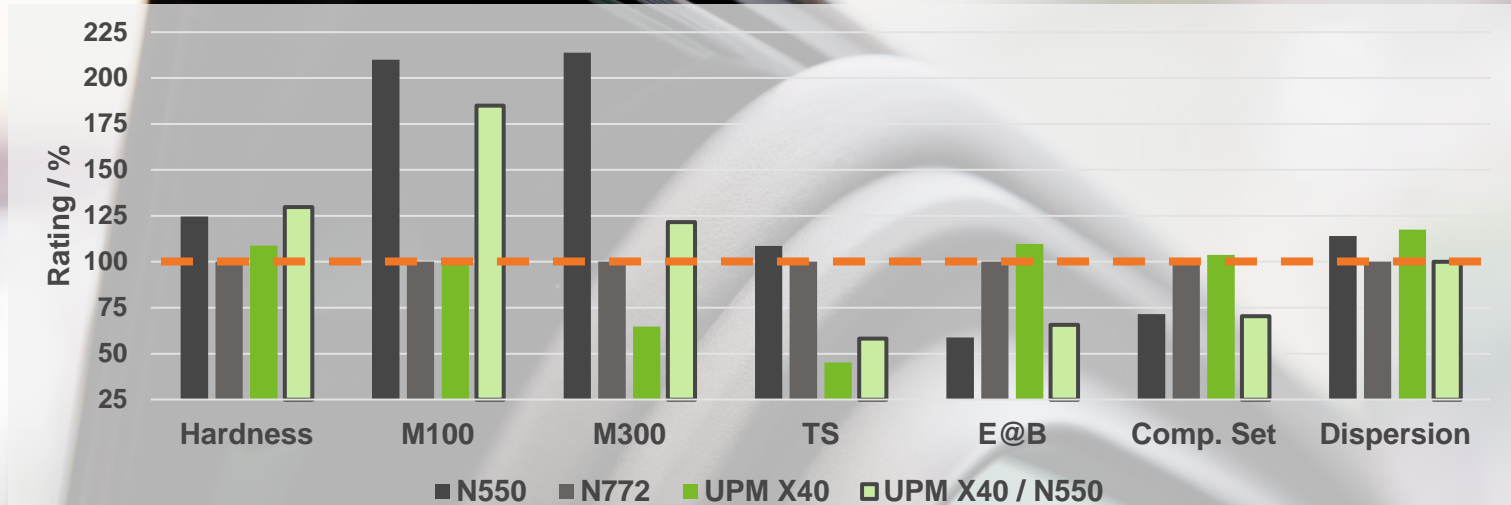
UPM BioMotion™ RFF in automotive rubber profiles



- Model compound
 - based on **non-polar EPDM** (medium ML(1+4) & ENB content)
 - **variation of functional fillers**
 - **removal** of any high-density **white filler** i.e., Talc (-100%)
 - **reduction** of softener **oil** content (- 33%)
 - **sulfur** cured
- Mixing procedure
 - internal lab mixer
 - standard two-stage lab mixing process
- Curing parameters
 - T = 160°C, t = t90 + 5 min

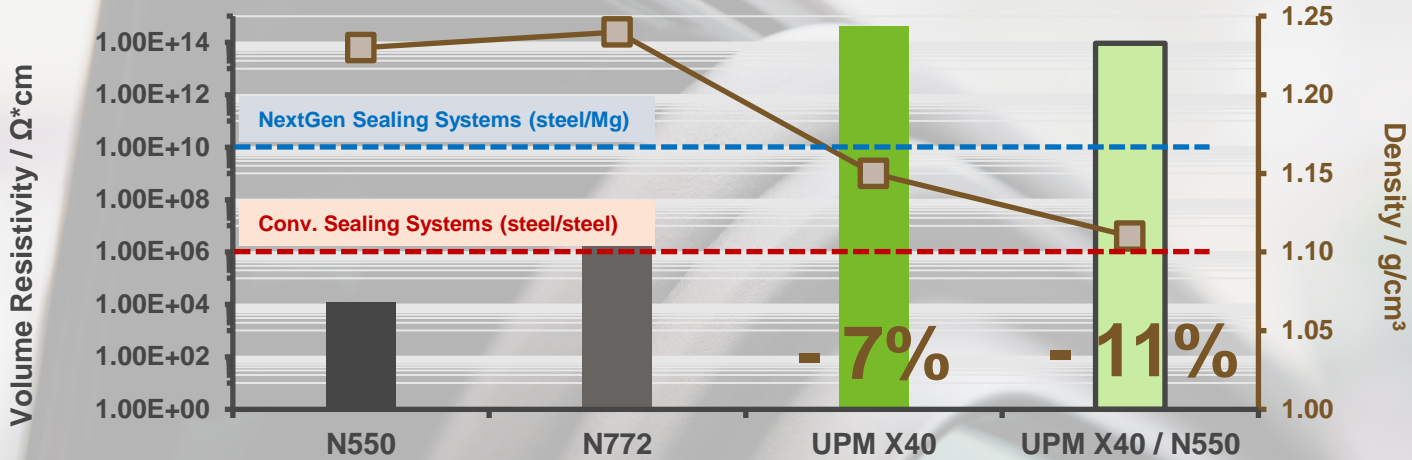
Ingredients	Loading / phr			
EPDM	150	150	150	150
N550	115	-	-	35
N772	-	115	-	-
UPM X40	-	-	115	115
Talc	55	55	55	-
Paraffinic Oil	25	25	25	-
CaO-80	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
PEG 4000	2	2	2	2
ZnO + Stearic Acid	5 + 2	5 + 2	5 + 2	5 + 2
Sulfur	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
MBT	1	1	1	1
TP-50	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
TBzTD-70	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5

UPM BioMotion™ RFF in automotive rubber profiles



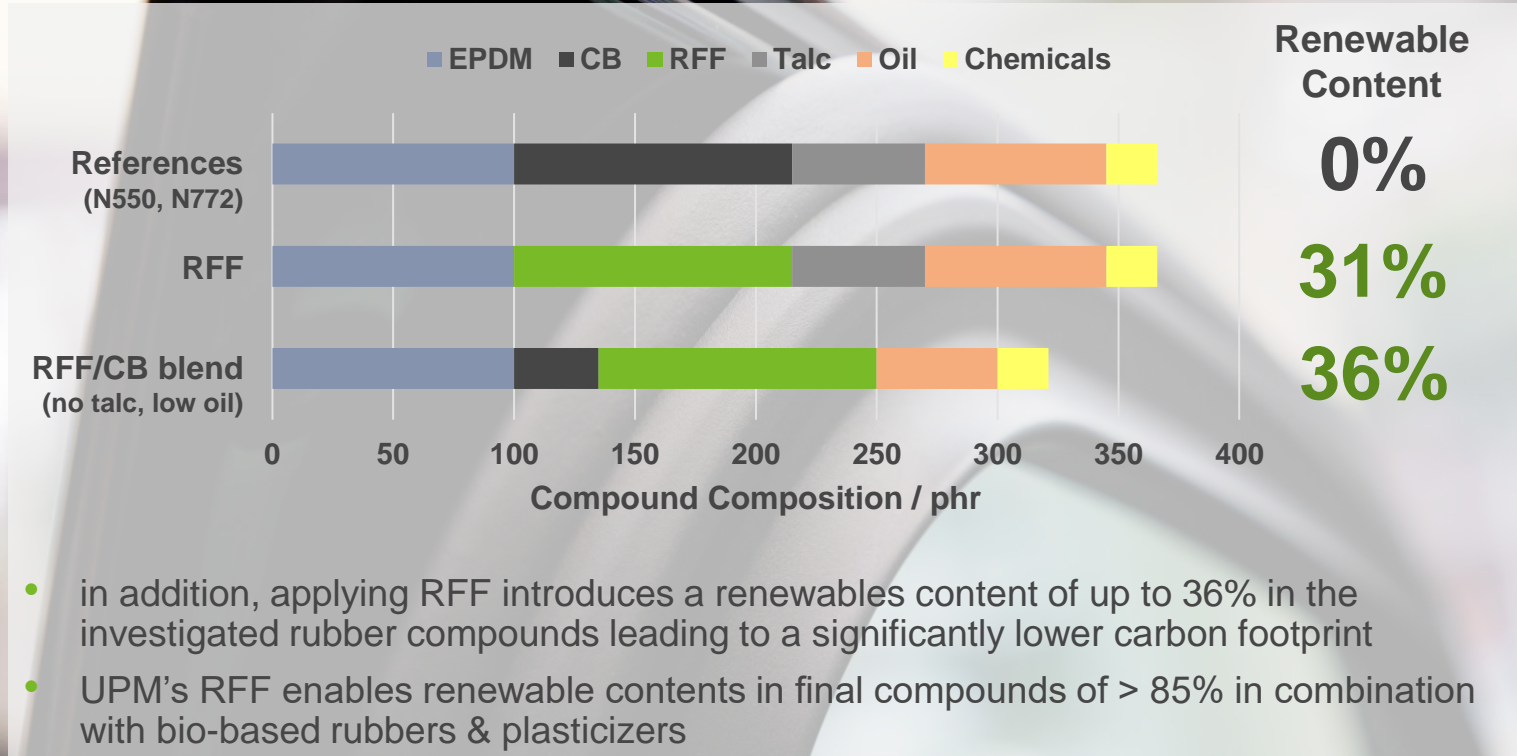
- 1:1 exchange of CB by RFF in non-polar EPDM results in rubber properties matching both, N550 & N772 performance characteristics (except for lower tensile strength)
- hardness, stress-strain properties & compression set of RFF in non-polar EPDM can be adjusted to N550 level by addition of small amounts of CB, removal of white filler & lowering oil content

UPM BioMotion™ RFF in automotive rubber profiles



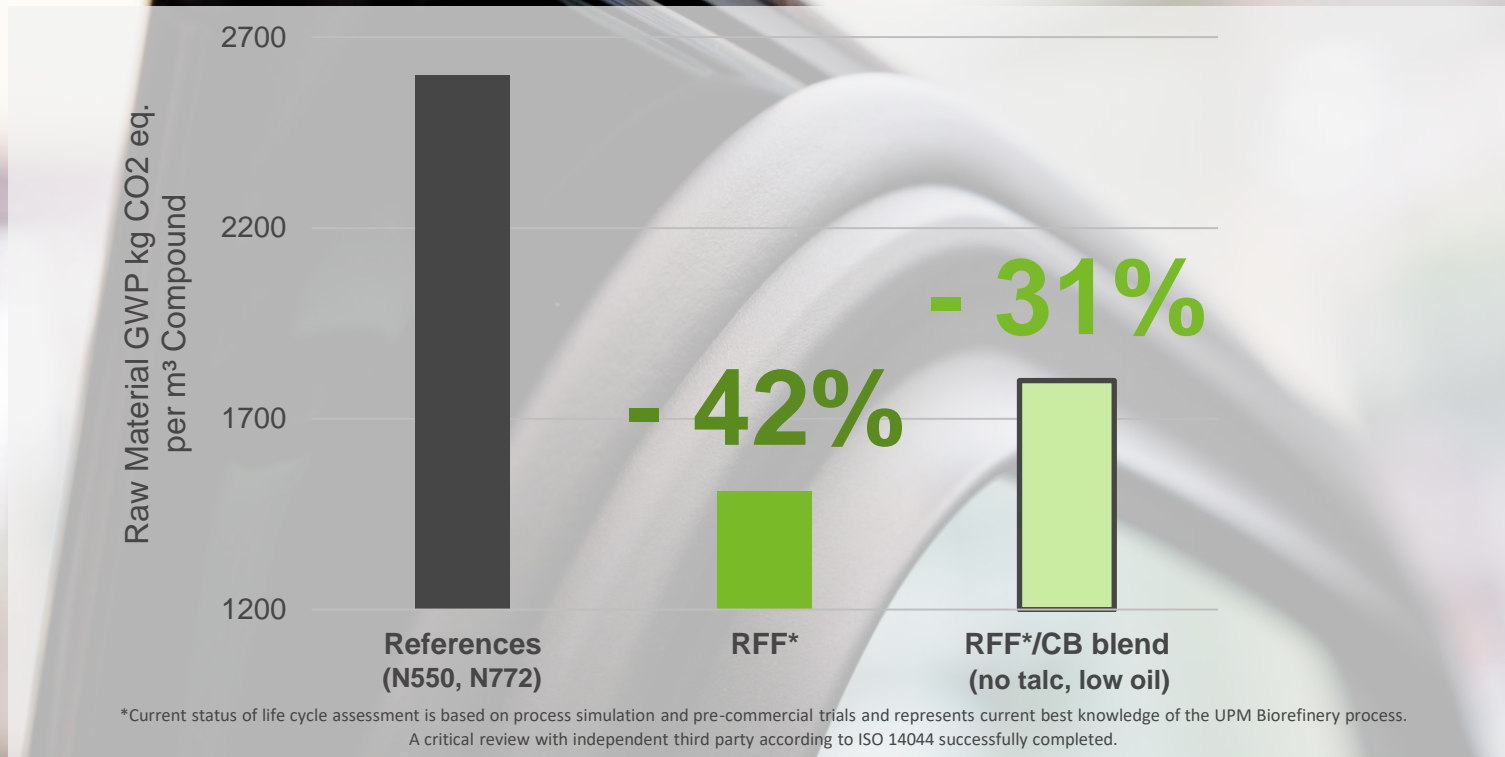
- RFF compounds meet the requirements of next generation sealing systems for higher volume resistivities to avoid electrochemical corrosion when using light metals
- RFF even allows for the complete removal of heavy white functional fillers enabling significant additional weight gains compared to the reference compound

UPM BioMotion™ RFF in automotive rubber profiles



- in addition, applying RFF introduces a renewables content of up to 36% in the investigated rubber compounds leading to a significantly lower carbon footprint
- UPM's RFF enables renewable contents in final compounds of > 85% in combination with bio-based rubbers & plasticizers

UPM BioMotion™ RFF reduce rubber compound carbon footprints drastically



UPM BioMotion™ RFF in automotive rubber profiles at DKT/IRC 2022



End Use Product by Using RFF



 **20wt%** RFF

 **30%** lower

 **10%** weight reduction

Hall 9, Booth 517



UPM BioMotion™ RFF in peroxide cured NBR



- Model compound
 - peroxide cured nitrile rubber
 - inactive (N990) carbon black
 - iso-gravimetric filler exchange with RFF of lowest specific surface area (UPM X10)
- Mixing procedure
 - internal lab mixer & open mill
 - standard two-stage lab mixing process
- Curing parameters
 - T = 160°C, t = t90 + 5 min

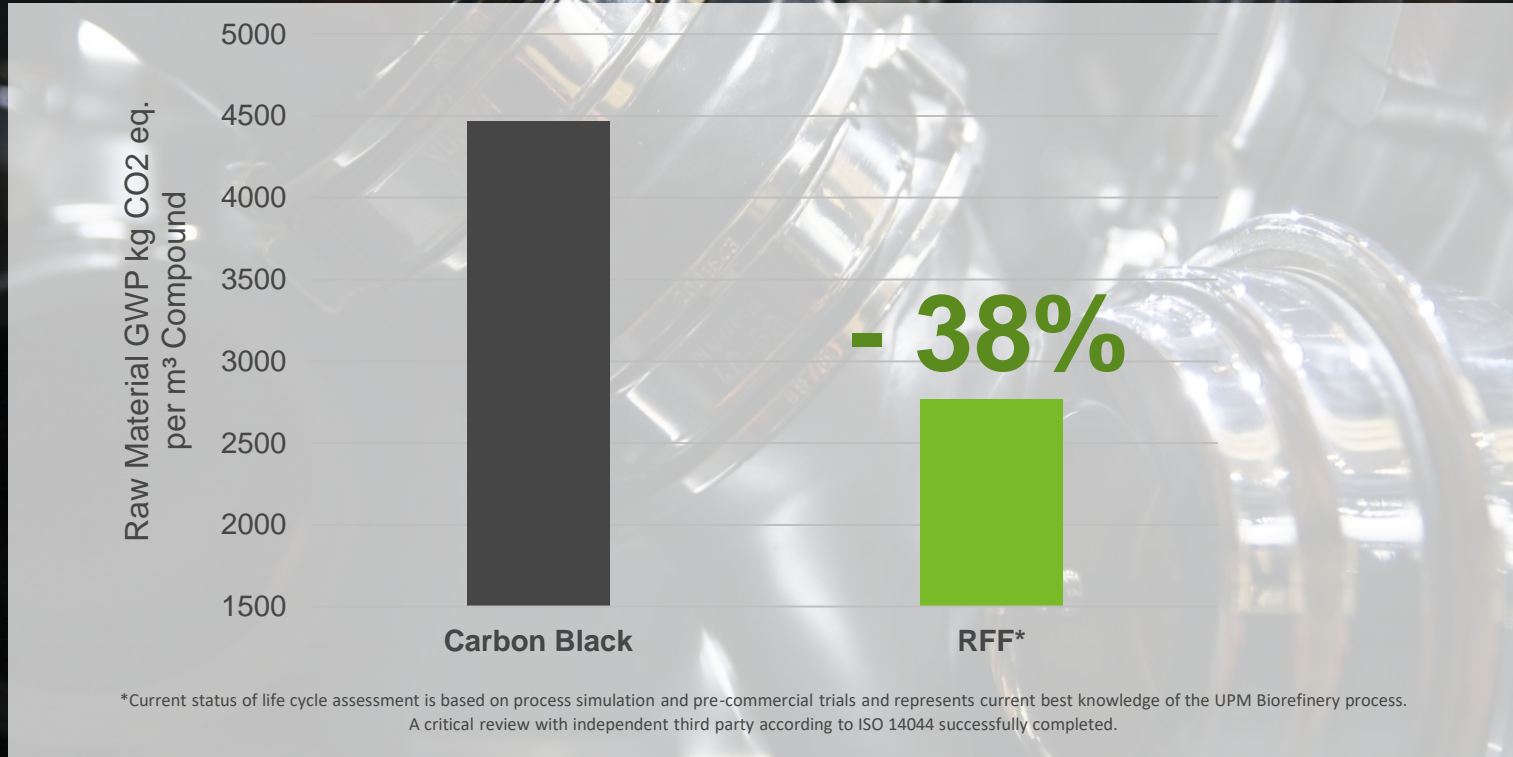
Ingredients	Loading / phr	
NBR (3945)	100	100
N990	40	-
UPM X10	-	40
ZnO	2.5	2.5
Stearic Acid	2.5	2.5
Ozone protection wax	3.0	3.0
6PPD	1.5	1.5
TAIC	4.3	4.3
Dicumyl peroxide	7	7

UPM BioMotion™ RFF in peroxide cured NBR



- Peroxide curing is possible for RFF, with slightly reduced scorch and same curing time
- Higher hardness and moduli at low strains, reduced tensile strength
- Decrease of density by ~ 6% and renewable material content of 26%
- No impact of heat ageing (100°C/72h) or swelling in non-polar media on performance

UPM BioMotion™ RFF reduce rubber compound carbon footprint drastically



*Current status of life cycle assessment is based on process simulation and pre-commercial trials and represents current best knowledge of the UPM Biorefinery process. A critical review with independent third party according to ISO 14044 successfully completed.

RFF can replace up to 100% of fossil-based fillers!

EPDM Weatherstrip



>20wt% RFF



30% lower



10% weight reduction

NBR Hoses



26wt% RFF



49% lower



10% weight reduction

EPDM Wipers



26wt% RFF

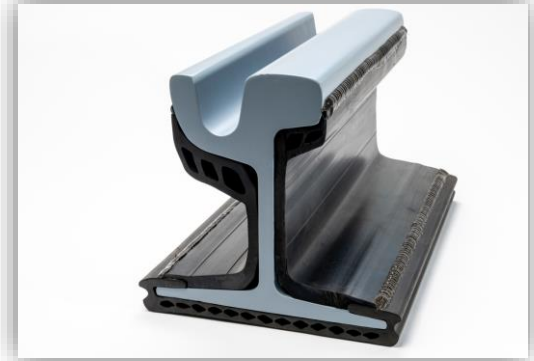


26% lower



5% weight reduction

RFF can replace up to 100% of fossil-based fillers!



UPM BioMotion™ RFF in rubber flooring



Artigo rubber flooring for UPM Biochemicals booth at Renewable Materials Conference 2023



INDUSTRY OPINION ON UPM BioMotion™ RFF



“UPM is a reliable partner with strong technical expertise and close collaborations to help us discover sustainable solutions for the new generation of rubber products.”

NATIONAL HALMSTAD —  National

“After two years of cooperation of joint applicative research to incorporate RFF to our compound designs allowed us to reduce our fossil content and consequently CO₂ footprint with an associated decrease in density.”

STANDARD PROFIL —  STANDARD PROFIL

“Sustainability is a crucial topic for all of us, and RFF offer new ways to reduce the carbon footprint of our products; there is a high demand for sustainable end-products across the entire industry.”

POLYMER-TECHNIK ELBE GMBH —  PTE
Completeness in Compoundity

“SFC Solutions is a leading automotive rubber manufacturer bringing sustainable solutions to the automotive and non-automotive industry. Together with UPM, we are taking an advanced step to introduce Renewable Functional Fillers to follow the mega trend of sustainability.”

SFC SOLUTIONS —  SFC
Solutions

“UPM’s Renewable Functional Fillers are a new generation of filler which will help IVG to move towards creating more sustainable products for the rubber industry.”

I.V.G. COLBACHINI —  ivg colbachini spa
INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS

“RFF: one step to meet our sustainability goals.”

DICHTUNGSTECHNIK WALLSTABE & SCHNEIDER GMBH & CO. KG —  Wallstabe
& Schneider

UPM BioMotion™ Renewable Functional Fillers (RFF)

TRANSFORMING RUBBER AND PLASTICS FROM WITHIN!

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BEYOND FOSSILS

