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- Food & Biobased Research
 - Fresh, Food & Chains
 - Biobased Products

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 - Biobased Chemicals
 - Biobased Materials
 - Biorefinery & Bioenergy



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Biobased Chemicals

 Chemicals that can be used as building blocks for bulk and fine chemicals. These chemicals are derived from biomass (polysaccharides, lipids, proteins lignin etc.)

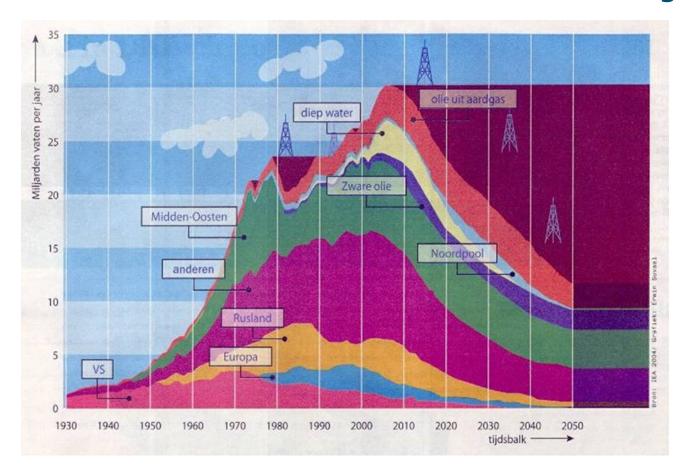
Biobased Materials

 Research and development of materials and products like paper, construction material and plastics based on renewable resources

Biorefinery & Bioenergy

- Chemical, thermal and enzymatic fractionation of biomass for the production of biobased intermediates
- Production of biofuel and chemicals by fermentation

The amount of fossil resources is decreasing



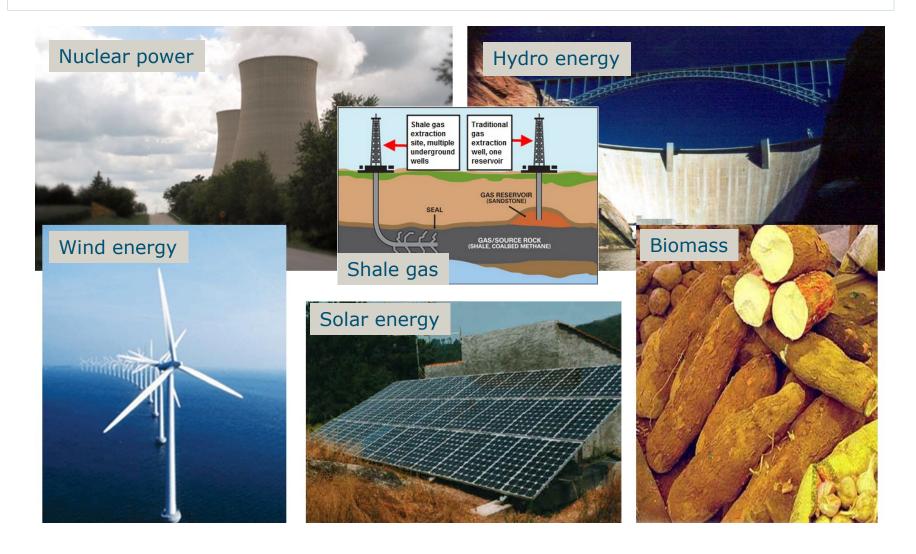


Source	Amount available	Depletion
Crude oil	135 x 10 ⁹ t	~ 2070 5x reserve of 2000 and 2.3 % growth per annum
Gas	120 x 10 ¹² m ³	~ 2070 2.3 % growth per annum
Coal	850 x 10 ⁹ t	~ 200 year

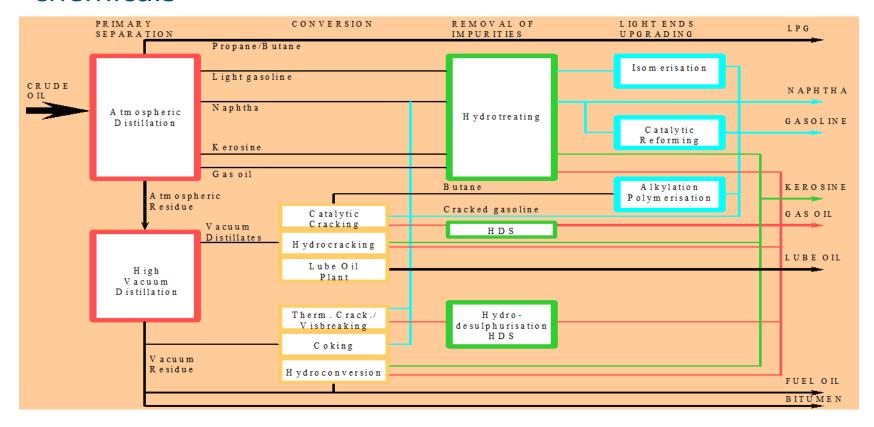




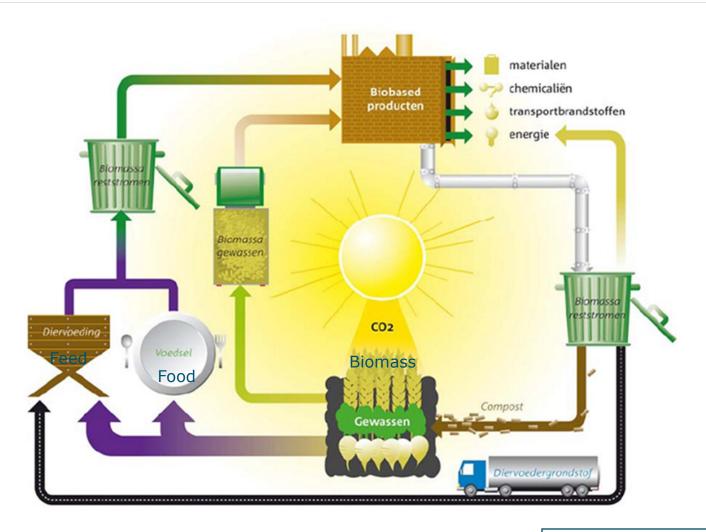




 Currently the petrochemical industry is bases on fossil resources for the synthesis of not only fuel but also chemicals









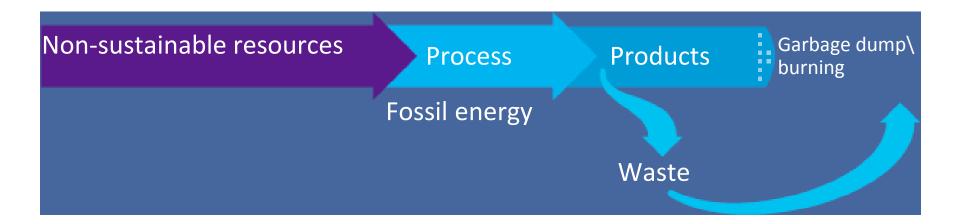
Visual: Overheidsvise Biobased economy

- Before 1850 biobased energy carriers and materials were used
- > 1800 steam engines were developed fired by coal
 - >1850: Development of coal based chemistry
- > 1900 development of fossil oil based engines
 - >1920: development of the petrochemical industry



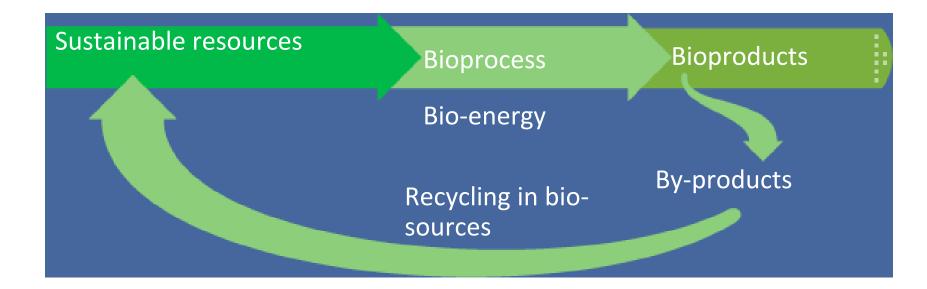


 Conclusion: The world economy is during the ages changed from a biobased economy into a petrochemical based (especially hydrocarbons) economy





 At this moment biobased economy is defined as an economy which is based on biotechnology that makes use of renewable resources for the production of materials and energy



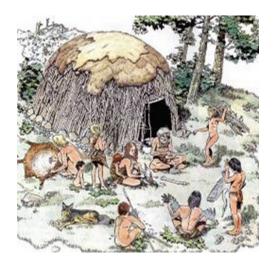


- What are the drivers of a biobased economy?
 - Sustainable prosperity and employment: strong and green economy
 - Positioning of our (Dutch) position in the world market
 - Geo-politics, independent of other countries
 - Reduction of energy, global warming, green house effect
 - Innovation for a strong (sustainable) competitive position
 - Flexibility of biomass resources and cost reduction in the future
 - Efficient use of biomass resources

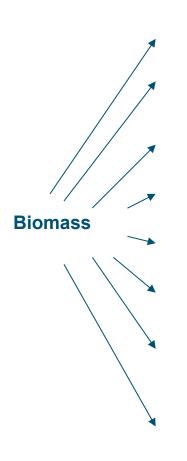
 Green resources in non-food applications have always been used during mankind



String
Cane
Wool
Jute
Glues
Vocos
Textile
Putty
Paper
Leather
Cotton
Rubber
Linoleum
Paints







Free sugars

Starch

Natural oil

Protein

Cellulose

Lignin

Hemicellulose

Specialty ingredients

(1) Biomass -> food

(2) Biomass -> feed

(3) Biomass -> energy

(4) Biomass -> materials

(5) Biomass -> ingredients

(6) Biomass -> chemical building blocks



Materials from biomass

- Applications
 - Composite materials for cars and packaging
 - Board material for construction
 - Insulating materials for sound and heat



- Flax
- Hemp
- Exotisch: jute, sisal, kokos
- Hout (bijv. Spar)







Substances from biomass



- Application of starch
 - Starch plastic for molding (e.g. flower pots)
 - Starch plastic for foils and bags (Packaging material)
 - Toys for pets
 - Glues

Crops

- Potato (Potato steam peels)
- Maize
- Wheat





- Substances from biomass
 - Application of oils
 - Glues and paints
 - Plastics and rubbers
 - Biodiesel
 - Pure vegetable oils
 - Crops
 - Rapeseed
 - Algae
 - Marigold











- Chemical building blocks from biomass
 - Bioplastics for molding and fibers
 - Sorona from Dupont (deels bio)
 - Polylactic acid from Natureworks, Synbra
 - Green PE from Braskem
 - Green PVC from Solvay



- Maize
- Wheat
- Sugar beet or sugar cane



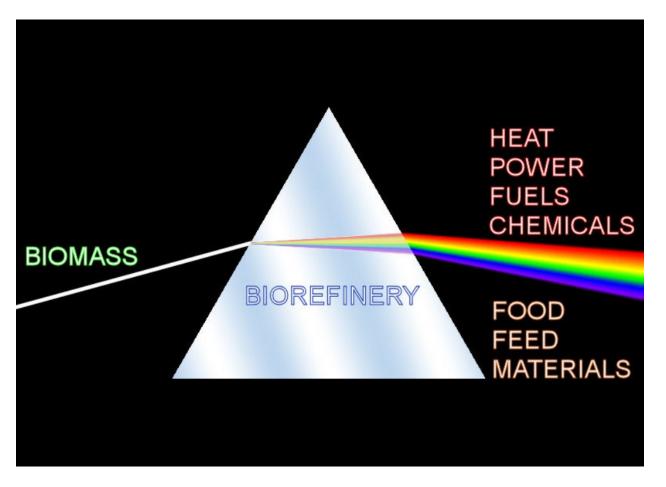


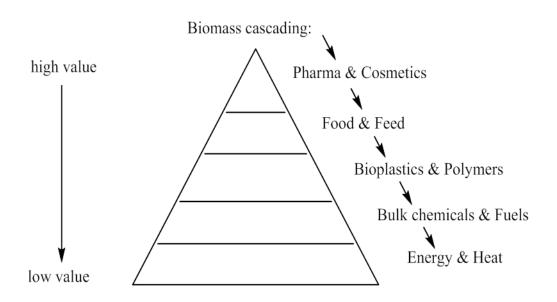






Idea of biorefinery

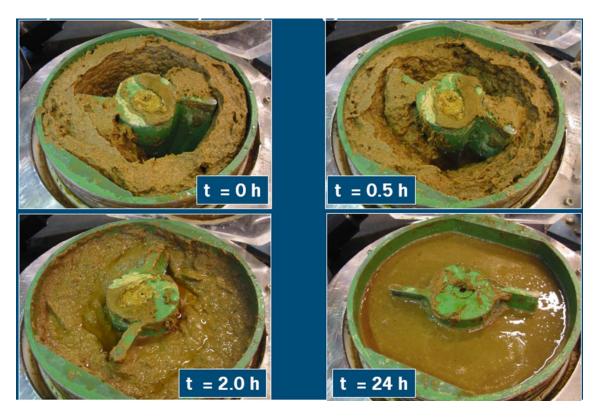




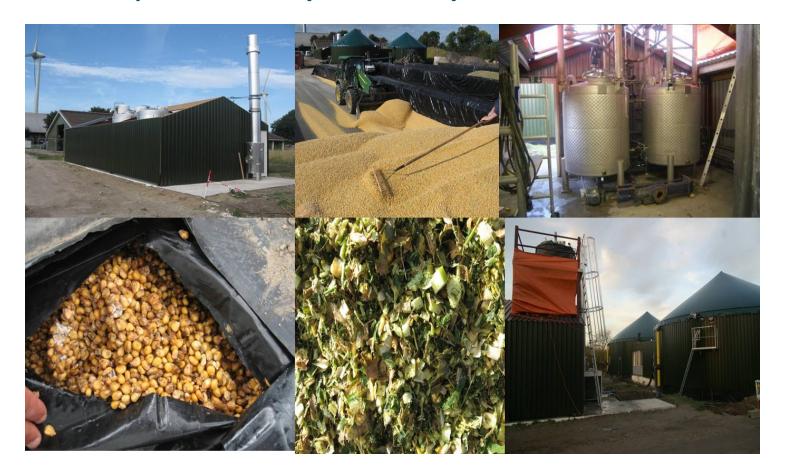
Value of glycerol: •Epichlorohydrin	€/GJ 30 - 40
•Transportfuel	10
Electricity	3

€ / ton	FFFFFF
High	Farma
High	Fun
5-20 000	Food ingredients
100-500	Food nutritional
100-500	Feed young
100-300	Feed pigs
50-250	Feed cattle
500-800	Functional chemical
500	Fibre
150-400	Fermentation
100-300	Fermentation bulk
100-300	Fuel
-/ - 200- 100	Fertilizer
50-150	Fire
0	Flare
-/- 300	Fill

Degradation of plant cell walls by chemicals and/or enzymes



Biorefinery of maize(Zeafuels)



- New crops:
 - Seaweed
 - Calendula
 - Algae
 - Miscanthus
 - Gras
- Waste streams:
 - Empy fruit bunches
 - Beet pulp











End part 1

