

Wood-based and recyclable: UPM BioPET

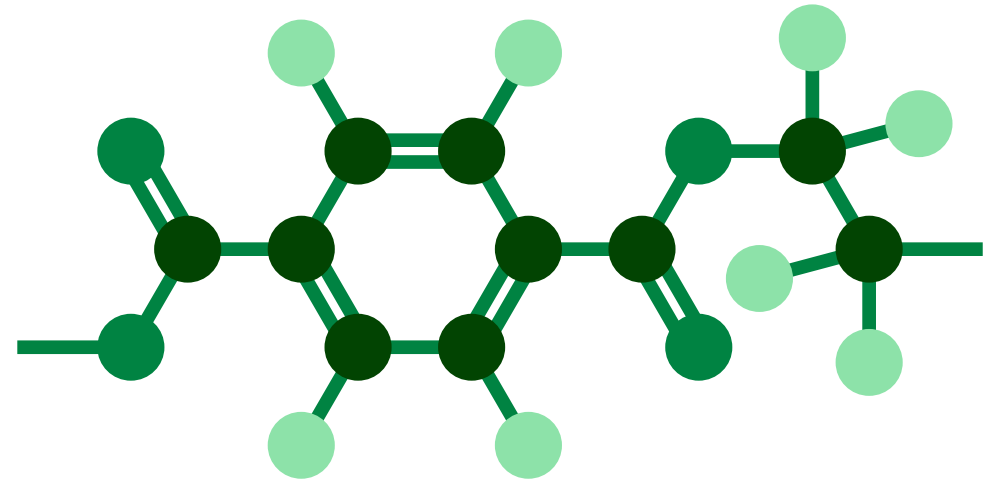
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Quick re-cap: What is PET?

- PET = Polyethylene Terephthalate = "Polyester"
- PET is widely used in beverage bottles, food trays, beauty cream jars, liquid soap containers and pharmaceutical blisters. Polyester in textiles!
- PET consists of **two monomers**:
 - Monoethylene Glycol (MEG)
 - Purified Terephthalic Acid (PTA)

We can do both from wood!



Why BioPET



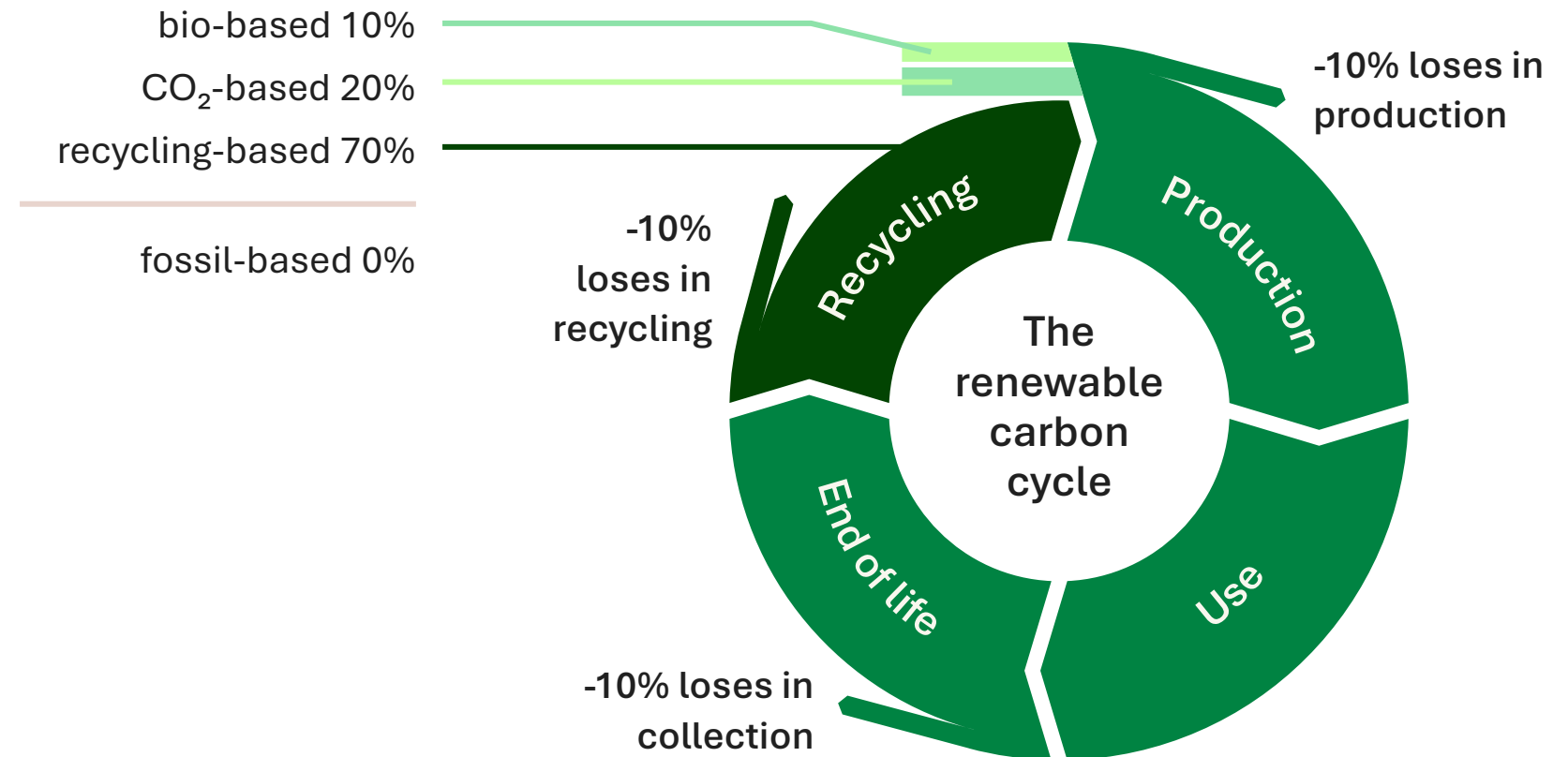
In a nutshell: Why BioPET in packaging?

- **Sustainability:** Made from **local**, renewable **wood**, with a best-in-class **net-zero footprint!**
- **Recyclability:** BioPET is 100% **plug and play** and can be recycled in the **same stream** as traditional PET!
- **Performance:** Same high-quality properties as traditional PET, such as **durability**, **clarity**, and **barrier** protection.
- **Consumer Appeal:** Using BioPET enhances **brand image** and meets **market expectations** for eco-friendly, **plant-based** packaging.
- **Compliance:** BioPET helps companies comply with increasing pressure aimed at **reducing Scope 3 emissions** and promoting **sustainable packaging** solutions. **Pharma and Food** compliance tested!



The future of plastics in 2050: Bio-based raw materials complement recycled plastic

Scenario for the plastic industry 2025



source: www.renewable-carbon.eu/graphics



UPM BioPura™ BioMEG from sustainable hardwood



UPM invested EUR 1.28 billion in industrial scale biorefinery at Leuna, Germany

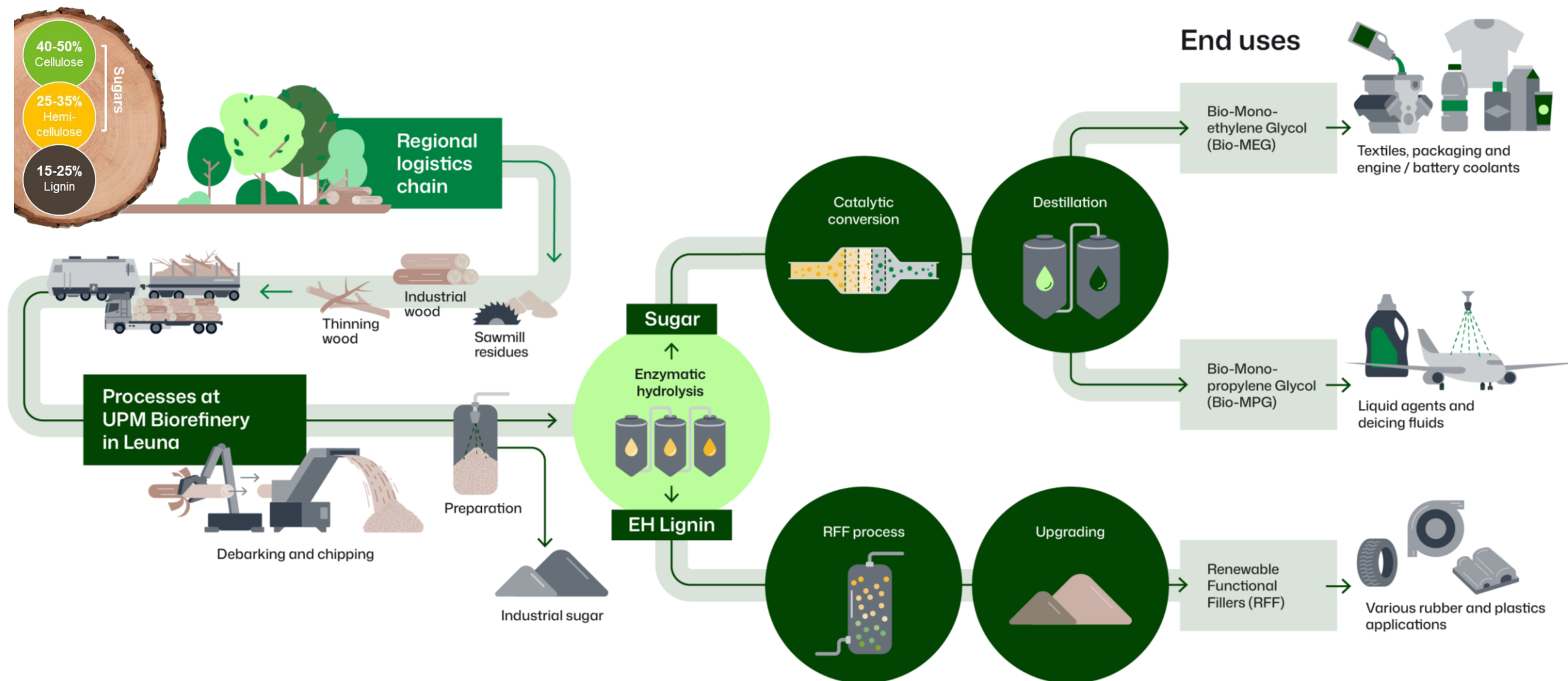


- **Output:** 100% wood-based chemicals to replace fossil-based materials in diverse applications.
- **Key Products:**
 - BioPura™ MEG: A bio-based monoethylene glycol
 - BioPura MPG, Industrial Sugars, and Renewable Functional Fillers (RFF).
- **Facility Highlights**
 - Annual Capacity: 220,000 tonnes.
 - Ramp-Up Start: Sequentially, since January 2025.



UPM biorefinery in Leuna, Germany

Unique technology converting wood to biochemicals

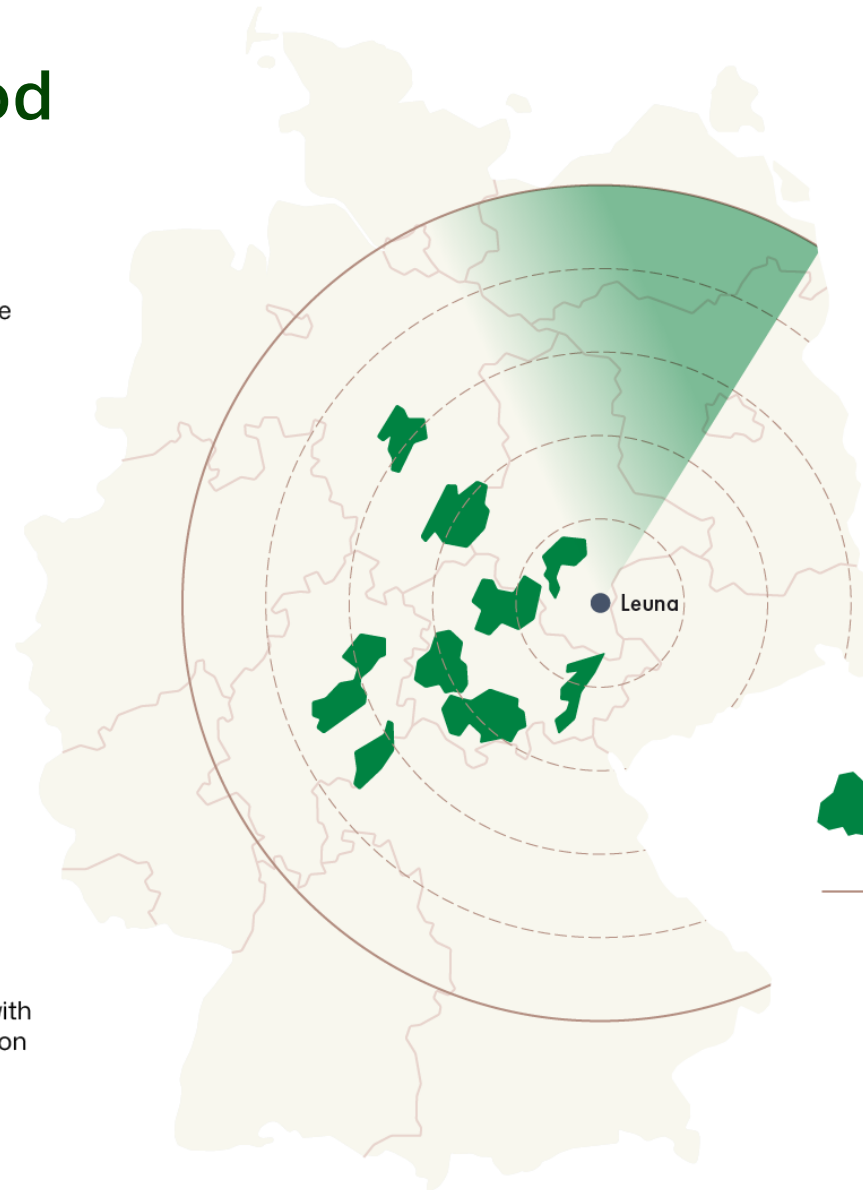




UPM Biochemicals

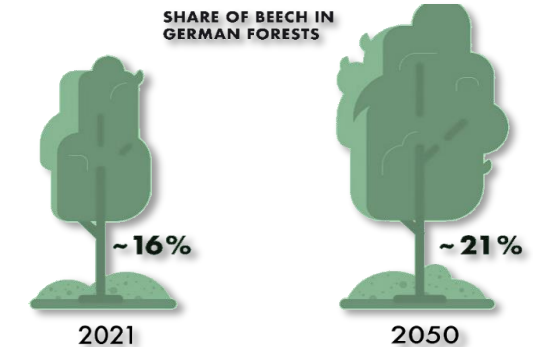
The origin of our wood



-  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



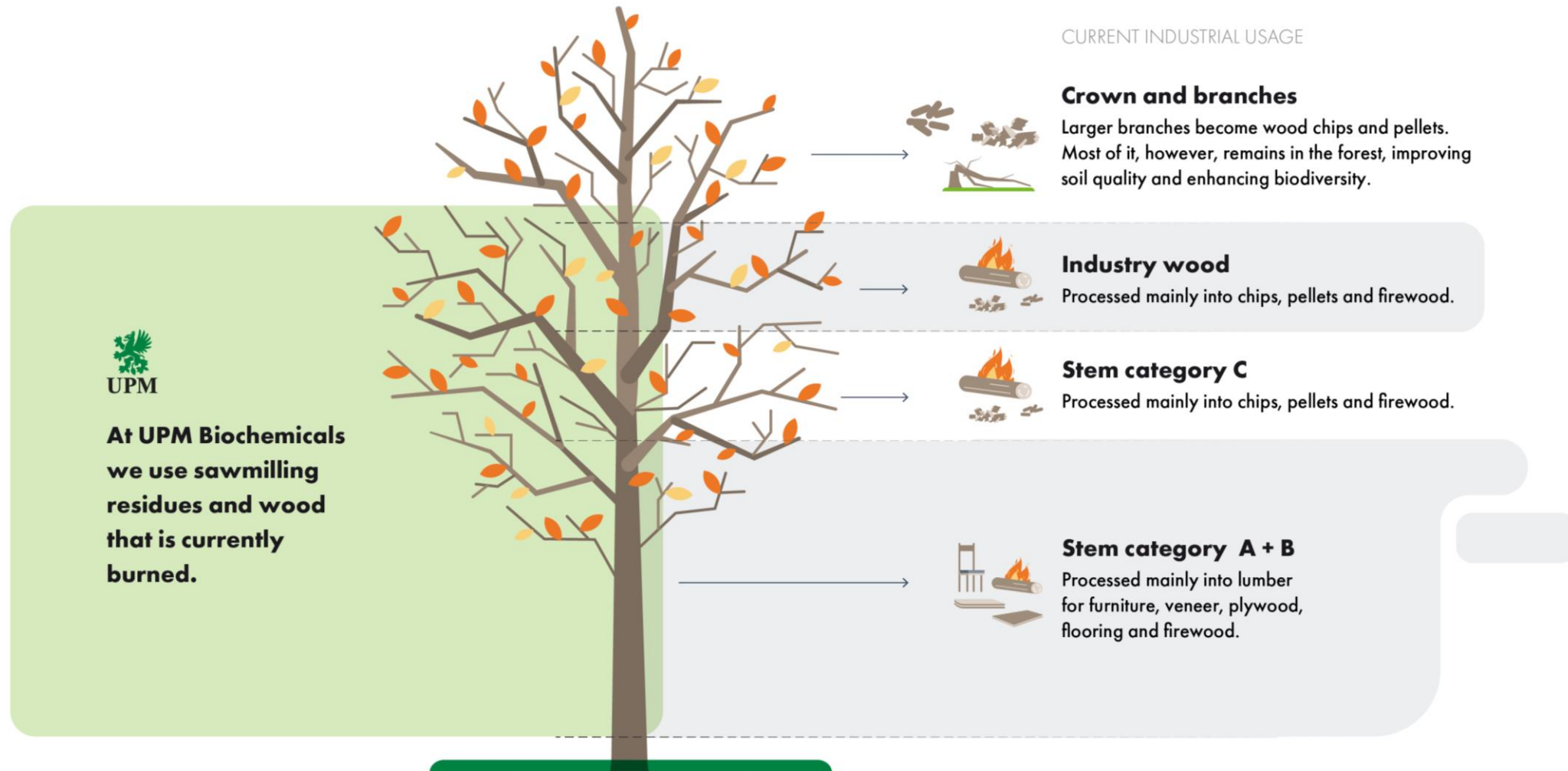
-  Primary sourcing focus
-  Extended sourcing areas



- **2nd Gen. Feedstock**
- **Zero Deforestation!**

Current use of beechwood

Which parts are used for that?



Wood-based UPM bioPTA

UPM Biofuels



UPM Lappeenranta Biorefinery
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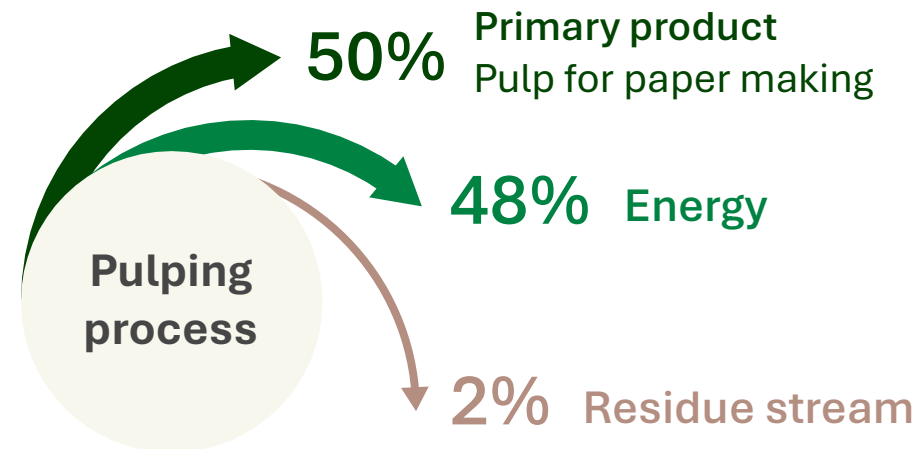


Brand new, Second hand.



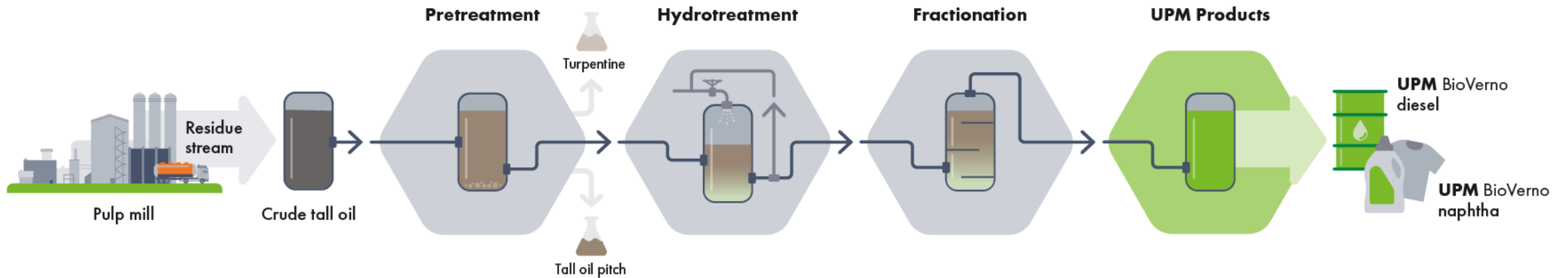
UPM BioVerno uses crude tall oil, a wood-based residue left over from pulp production.

Using materials that require no new harvesting avoids negative effects associated with conventional crop-based biomass.



Transport fuels and chemicals

Providing a renewable and sustainable alternative

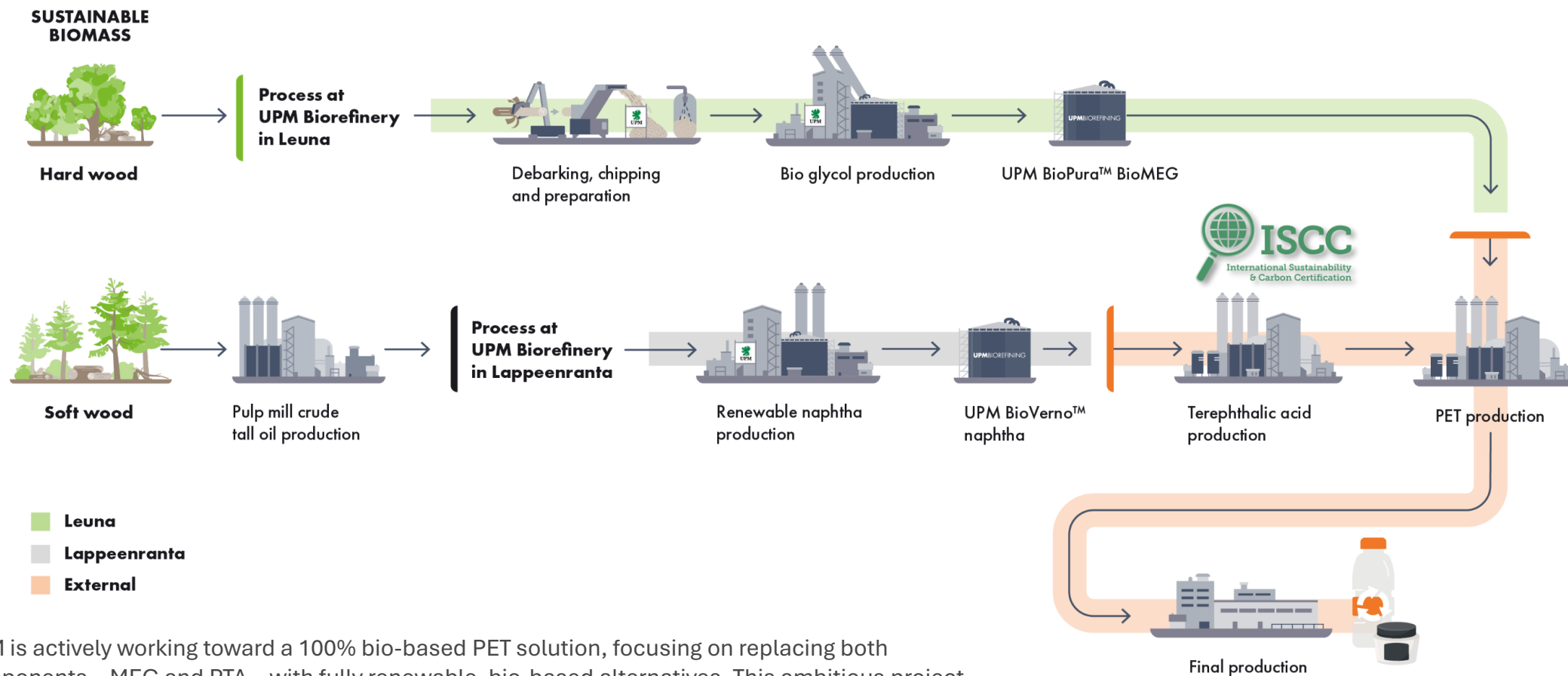




Putting the pieces together:

100% wood-based BioPET

UPM enabling 100% BioPET – available in 2026



UPM is actively working toward a 100% bio-based PET solution, focusing on replacing both components—MEG and PTA—with fully renewable, bio-based alternatives. This ambitious project aligns with our vision of a fossil-free future for plastics.

Let's Work Together!



Value chain towards sustainable PET packaging



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Your existing
supply chain!

Excited to lead your company
towards sustainable solutions?



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