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## Plastics - A social necessity

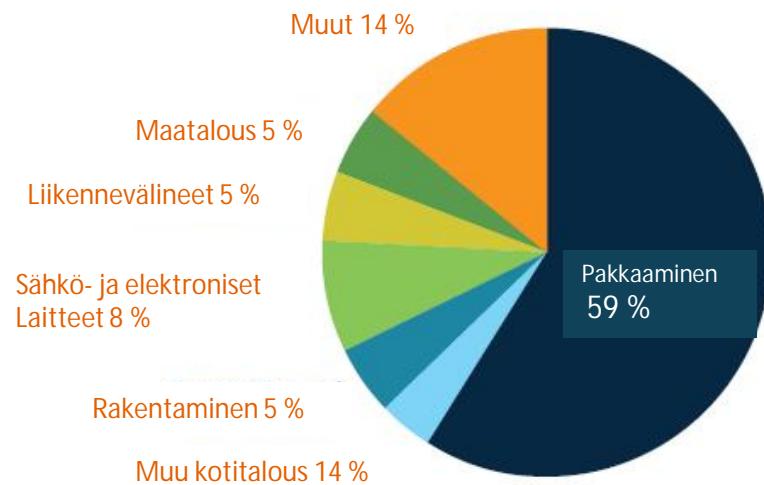
- Non-biodegradable
- Poorly recycled



# Muoviongelman ratkaiseminen – 3 tapaa vaikuttaa

1. Muovin pääsy luontoon estettävä  
Lainsäädäntö, asenteet
2. Muovin kierrätys ja kierrätetyn muovin käyttö  
Poltto, kaasutus, depolymerointi
3. Fossiilisten korvaaminen  
Biohajoavat, biopohjaiset, muokatut luonnonpolymeerit

EU, MUOVIJÄTTEEN SYNTYMINEN 2015

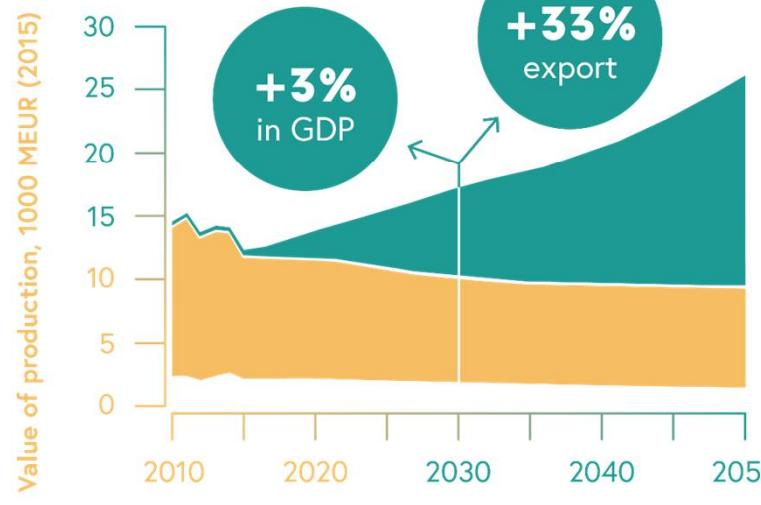


## We aim for solutions

- That look like plastic and perform like plastic,  
**BUT**
- Are compostable / recyclable and *made from  
nature's very own raw materials*



# Metsäteollisuuden lisäarvo voidaan tuplata JA samalla saavuttaa 2050-ilmastotavoitteet!



## New value-added products

Current  
forest products



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# Esimerkkejä uusista lisäarvotuotteista

Puun materiaalikäyttö monipuolistuu. Perinteisten paperi- ja pakkaustuotteiden rinnalle syntyy aivan uusia tuotteita ja uutta liiketoimintaa.

## § Lisäarvoisen selluloosan

- **Nanoselluloosa**

- kehitetty teknologia tuottaa nanoselluloosafibrillejä korkeassa sakeudessa

- lupaavia tuloksia nanoselluloosan sovelluksista elektronikkaan esim. taipuisissa sensoriratkaisuissa

- **Termoplastinen selluloosa**

## § Vaahtorainauksen teknologian kehittäminen

- Uusia mahdollisuuksia sekä uusille että vanhoille paperikoneille

## § Biokomposiitit

- kehitetty teknologiaita, joissa voidaan hyödyntää kierrätysmateriaaleja

## § Tekstiilikuitujen kierrätyks

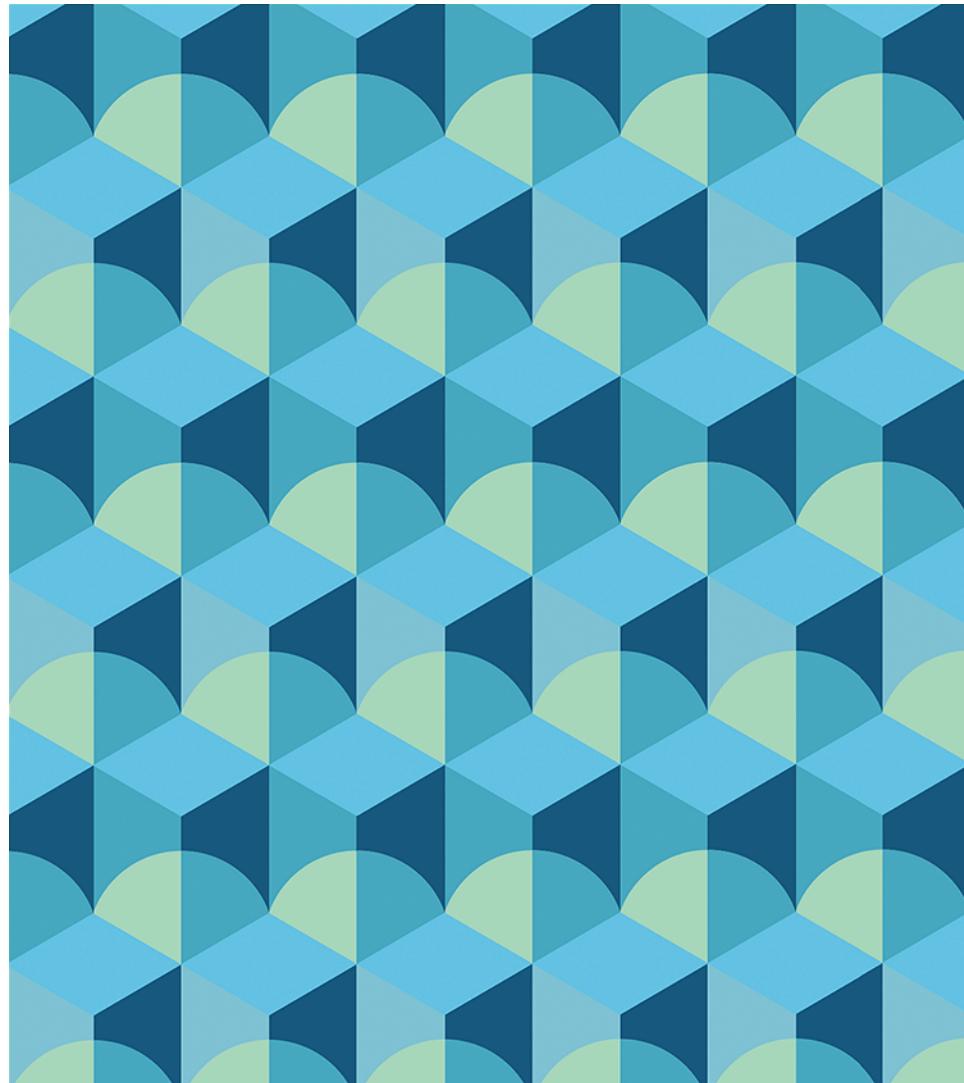
- kehitetty teknologia puuvillan kierrätykseen

## § Ligniinin muokkaaminen korkeamman arvon tuotteiksi

- LigniOx – dispergointiaineena esim. sementtiin

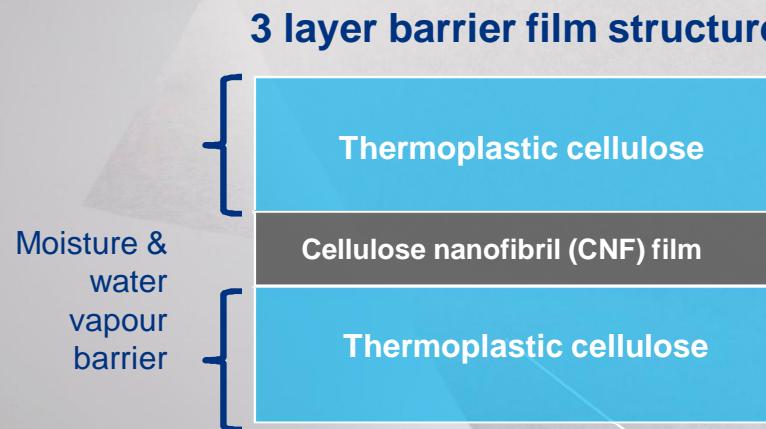
- CatLigin – reaktiivinen ligniini hartseihin





# Packaging solutions

# Transparent pouches for dry food



100 % RENEWABLE

CUSTOMIZABLE

HEAT SEALABLE

RECYCLABLE

Accepts **MULTIPLE BIOBASED RAW MATERIALS** – use of local resources

Processable with **EXISTING MACHINERY**

## Pouch prototypes

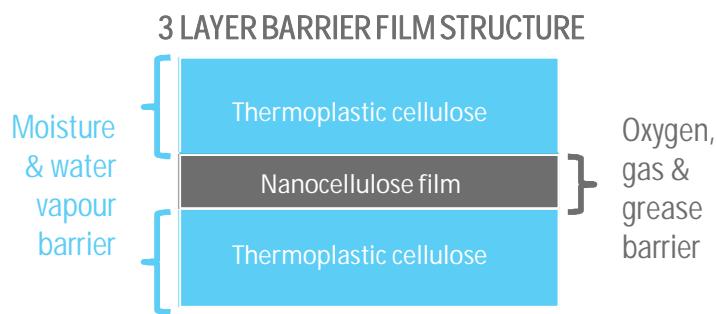
Prototype 1 (1/2018)



Prototype 2 (3/2018)



# BIO-BASED BARRIER SOLUTION FOR SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING



- Circular Materials Challenge 2018 Award, Ellen MacArthur Foundation
- Ecopack Challenge 2018 Award, Packaging Innovations in assoc. with Marks&Spencer
- Sustainability Awards 2018, Finalist Bio-Based Packaging



# Bio-based packaging film

Customer: Welmu International Oy



## CHALLENGE

New bio-based and/or renewable material to replace plastics and to produce clear and biodegradable films in packaging applications.



## SOLUTION

VTT designed material combinations which were tested in pilot environment. A set of prototype films with alternative properties were manufactured.



## BENEFIT

- § Development of novel material with great opportunities on packaging film markets.
- § Decrease amount of plastic waste with non-plastic wrapping film.

*"We chose the unconventional way to do R&D and outsourced it entirely to VTT. It has turned out to be a great decision as we are now on the brink of commercializing our new, revolutionary film material."*

*Jaakko Kaminen  
CEO  
Welmu International Oy.*



# Vaatorainaus-teknologian kehittäminen – Uutta elämää paperikoneille





**WOOD FIBRES & FOAM FORMING**  
TO REPLACE NON-RENEWABLE  
PACKAGING MATERIALS?

## Lightweight inner packages

- § Light and soft fibrous cushioning element that protects the product from impacts
- § Product shape made in manufacturing phase



Foam formed inner packages  
*Photos: Harri Kiiskinen and Juha Hakulinen VTT*

*Kiiskinen H., Torniainen E., Kinnunen K., Method of forming a fibrous product, WO 2015/036659 A1*



# Material replacing paper and plastic

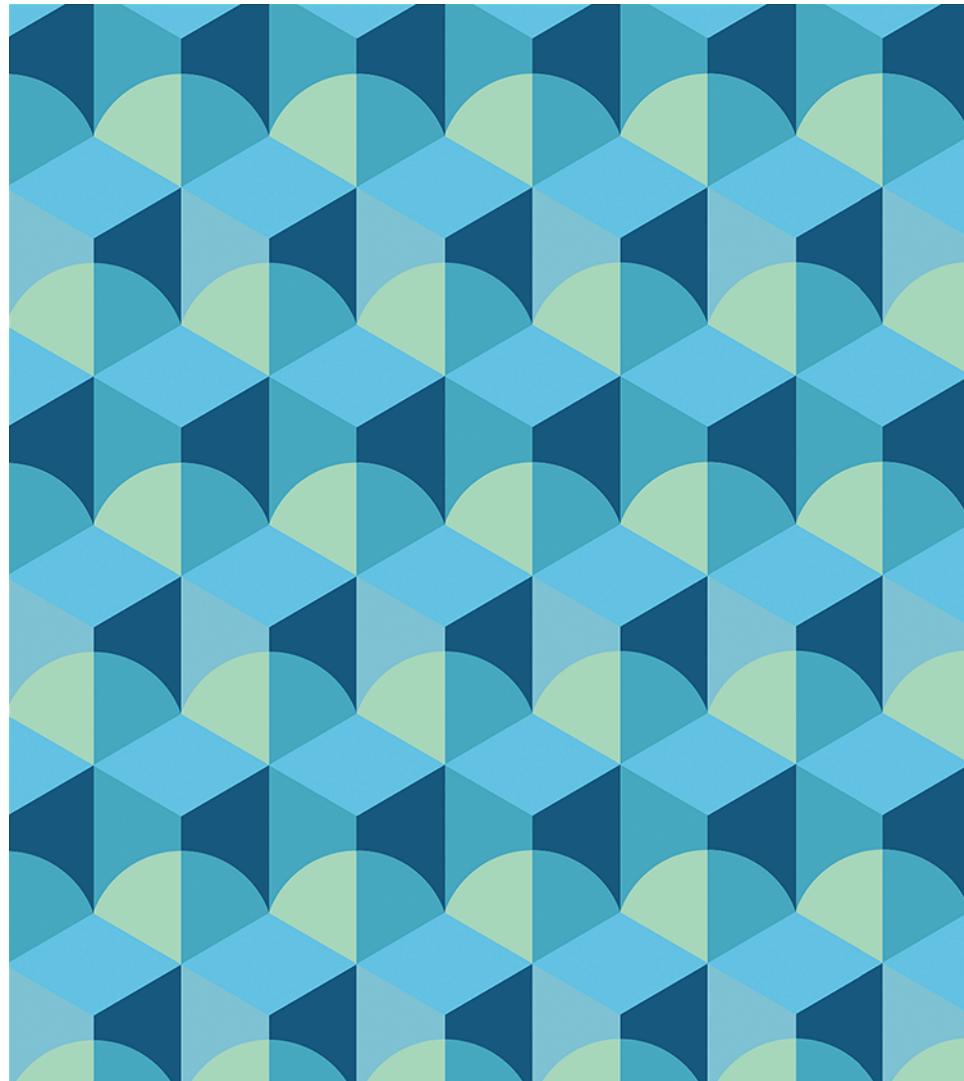
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PAPTIC LTD., A VTT SPIN-OFF COMPANY.

The novel wood fibre-based material PAPTIC® combines the renewability of paper with the resource efficiency and functionality of plastics.

*Biobased product of the Year Europe 2017*





# Biopolymer- fibre composites

# Sustainable light-weight materials



## CHALLENGE

Conventional thermoplastic foams are produced from fossil-based materials. Biopolymers and biocomposites are mainly used in unfoamed solutions.



VTT has focused on development of light-weight solutions based on bio-based plastics and cellulose fibre reinforced biocomposites.



## BENEFIT

- § Sustainability by replacing fossil-based plastics
- § Up to 100% bio-based compositions
- § Light-weight, insulation properties
- § Applications in packaging, construction and transport

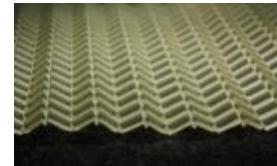


# Cellulose fibre reinforced thermoformable materials

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## ? CHALLENGE

- § Decrease the use of oil based raw materials
- § Increase the use of cellulose based materials
- § Improved stiffness



## thumb-up BENEFIT

- § Sustainability by replacing fossil-based plastics
- § Up to 100% bio-based compositions
- § Light-weight
- § Applications in packaging, construction and transport

## tools SOLUTION

Combination of light- weight and cellulose fibre reinforced biocomposite material



Technical University  
of Denmark



For honeycomb cores and thermoformable packaging



# Potential use of paper industry side streams in composites

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## CHALLENGE

Significant amounts of valuable components such as fibres and mineral fillers are lost in the form of side streams.

Global demand for sustainable products is steadily increasing and new environmental concerns and waste disposal laws are pushing the industry to find new and alternative uses for waste residues.

## SOLUTION

Project : EU-Reffibre



## BENEFIT

- § improved composite properties
- § decreased waste generation
- § improved resource efficiency
- § reduced environmental footprint
- § added value for the side streams



## Realised

Side streams from paper industry successfully demonstrated as raw material (30 – 50 wt-%) in injection moulded and extruded products

The research leading to these results has received funding from the European Community's  
Seventh Framework Programme under grant agreement n° 604187  
<http://www.reffibre.eu/>

# Totally bio-based injection moulded chair



## CHALLENGE

Bio-based injection mouldable thermoplastic composite material with the focus on high cellulose fibre content, good visual look, improved material performance and competitive price.



## SOLUTION

VTT developed totally bio-based composite material which were demonstrated in injection moulded chair together with KO-HO Industrial design and Plastec Finland Oy.

Material development was performed by VTT as a part of ACel program in the Clic Innovations Ltd (TEKES).



## BENEFIT

- § No petroleum based raw materials
- § New additives improves the material properties enabling to meet the material performance targets
- § Material demonstrated in injection moulded end products



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KO-HO

Plastec

C L I C

100%  
Bio-based  
30%  
Cellulose



Target: our solutions will never become plastic waste