Session I - Forest products for a sustainable future!

After 30 Years in Wood Science

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After 30 years in wood science..what is a good career?

- 140 peer-reviewed papers, 300 all together,
- H-Faktor: 41
- Worked in wood biology, wood quality, dendrochronology, woodbased composites, wood-plastic materials, polymers
- Five professorship appointments: Athens (USA), Boku (2 times), Göttingen (Germany), Linneaus (Sweden)
- 3.5 years: industry appointment (full)
- I am in my 3rd professorship: "Natural Materials Technology"
- Looks all great, doesn't it?

After 30 years in wood science..what is a good career?

- Changing subject many times is not good stick with one or two
- Changing places has disadvantages –move once only
- I was lacking continuity there was always somebody slowing me down – or was it my problem? How to better handle that?
- Should I have gone to the US? YES...I should have.
- My country held me back. Why? Because it is too beautiful!
- It is better to have a "kick-in-the-ass" situation!
- I would do it all over again!

..what I think is the "sustainable future!"

- First: I dont like "sustainability"...in essence it is guilt management
- Second: I worked years on Wood-Plastic Composites and I know this was a wrong direction
- I learned that "less bad" is not the solution
- Third: So, what is a "good" material how to design?

",cradle to grave" & Take-Make-Waste









Women with short hair need less water compared to women with long hair. That's estimated 100 buckets of water by one woman in a year, or about 2000 litres of water by one woman in a year!







Frankfurter Allgemeine

AUF DEN KOPF KOMMT ES AN

So sparen Sie Wasser beim Duschen

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Was für den Duschkopf recht ist, kann auch an der Wascharmatur nicht schlecht sein. Der alte Perlator in Form eines Siebs, der schon seit Ewigkeiten den Wasserstrahl freundlicher gestaltet, wurde weiterentwickelt, er arbeitet heute in Kaskadentechnik. Moderne Waschtischmischer funktionieren im Grunde wie die Brause durch gezieltes Beimischen von Luft.

Wassersparmodelle kommen mit 3 bis 5 Liter in der Minute aus, herkömmliche Mischarmaturen

Coatings, Pigments and PVC

LID:

Aluminum

Printing inks

Top Coat

Primar

Sealing wax

Binder

Pigments

Photoinitiators

Additives



CUP:

Plastics

Additives

Pigments

Filler

Label

Printing inks

More than 600 different chemicals used for one noodle cup!

Date, K., Ohno, K., Azuma, Y., Hirano, S., Kobayashi, K., Sakurai, T., ... & Yamada, T. (2002). Endocrine-disrupting effects of styrene oligomers that migrated from polystyrene containers into food. *Food and Chemical Toxicology*, *40*(1), 65-75.

Formaldehyde emissions from furniture





Benefits of WPC



- Recyclable, can be reground and reused after their service life.
- Made from recycled materials like wood dust, recycled plastics
- Contains no toxic chemicals or additives

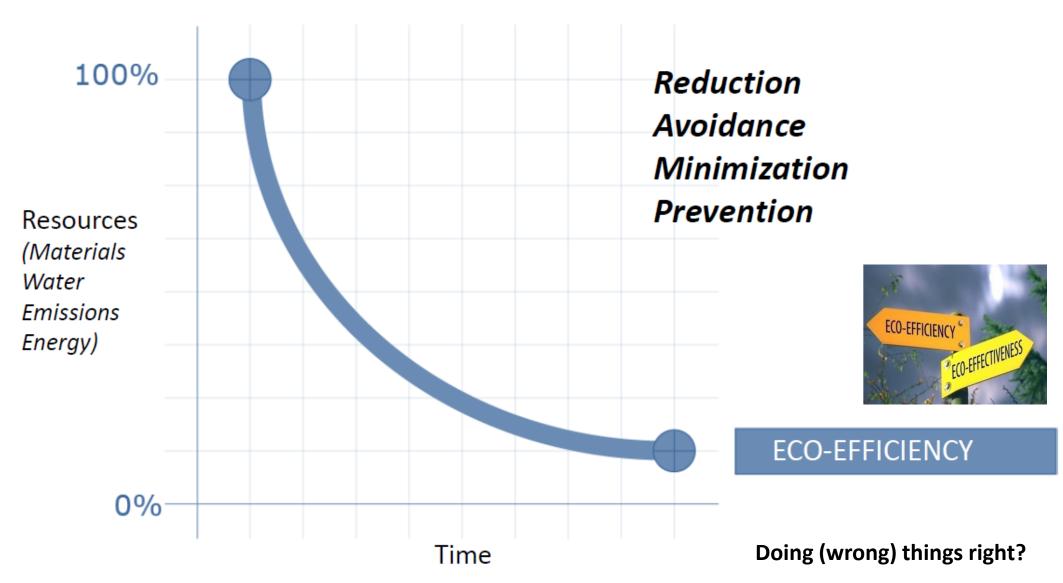




"Recyclable – can be re-used after their service life"....True ??



Cradle to Grave: target is zero



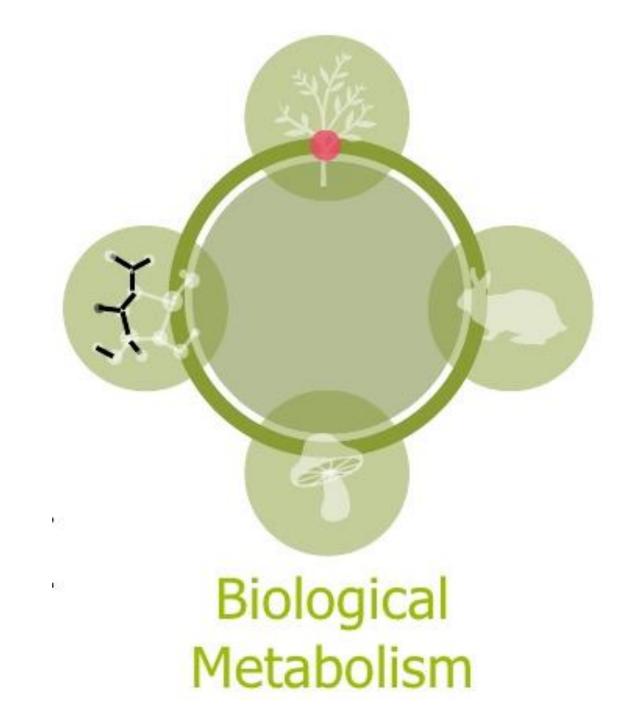
Material design principles

The Cradle to Cradle® Design Paradigm

- Waste equals food (Nutrients are Nutrients!)
- Use current solar income
- Celebrate Diversity



Biological Nutrient



TRIGEMA BIODEGRADABLE T-SHIRT



NEW DIMENSIONS OF QUALITY FOR APPAREL GOODS

- User's Health
- Safe for the Environment





Pulp molding furniture



Technical Nutrient







From as early as 1984, Herman Miller has been practicing EPR primarily through its As NewProgram. Herman Miller not only takes back and remanufactures its furniture products, it has also established a subsidiary company, called Phoenix Design, to operate that business. One of the resulting products – AsNew – combines recovered components with new components, with the objective of providing more competitive products at a lower price (Herman Miller 1993).

The two cycles of a future bioeconomy!

