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Abstract. Considering the state of affairs related to polymers and their applications, the plasticdependence of the modern society is evident and becomes now needless to mention. Together with that, the exhaustive discussion about the quick depletion of petroleum resources and the obvious alternative that lies on the great versatility of renewable feedstocks, it is clear that the most recent efforts should - and are - directed to design more sustainable polymers to replace the classic ones. This review aims to offer a panoramic overview of the recent progress, but mainly of the broad possibilities that are still available in the hands of researchers working on this topic.

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