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# BIOEN DIVISIONS

## BIOMASS

Contribute with knowledge and technologies for sugarcane improvement  
Enable a systems biology approach for biofuel crops

## BIOFUEL TECHNOLOGIES

Increasing productivity, energy saving, water saving and minimizing environmental impacts

## ENGINES

Flex-fuel engines with increased performance, durability and decreased consumption, pollutant emissions, aviation applications

## BIOREFINERIES

Complete substitution of fossil fuel derived compounds  
Sugarchemistry for intermediate chemical production and alcoholchemistry as a petrochemistry substitute

## SUSTAINABILITY AND IMPACTS

Studies to consolidate sugarcane ethanol as the leading technology path to ethanol and derivatives production  
Horizontal themes: social and economic impacts, environmental studies and land use

## BIOEN FACTS AND FIGURES

**US\$ 167 million** research expenditures by FAPESP and partners

**13** co-funding partners

**7** private companies co-funding projects

**467** scholarships – 89 ongoing and 378 completed

**206** research projects – 66 ongoing and 140 completed

**300+** researchers involved

**21** fields of knowledge

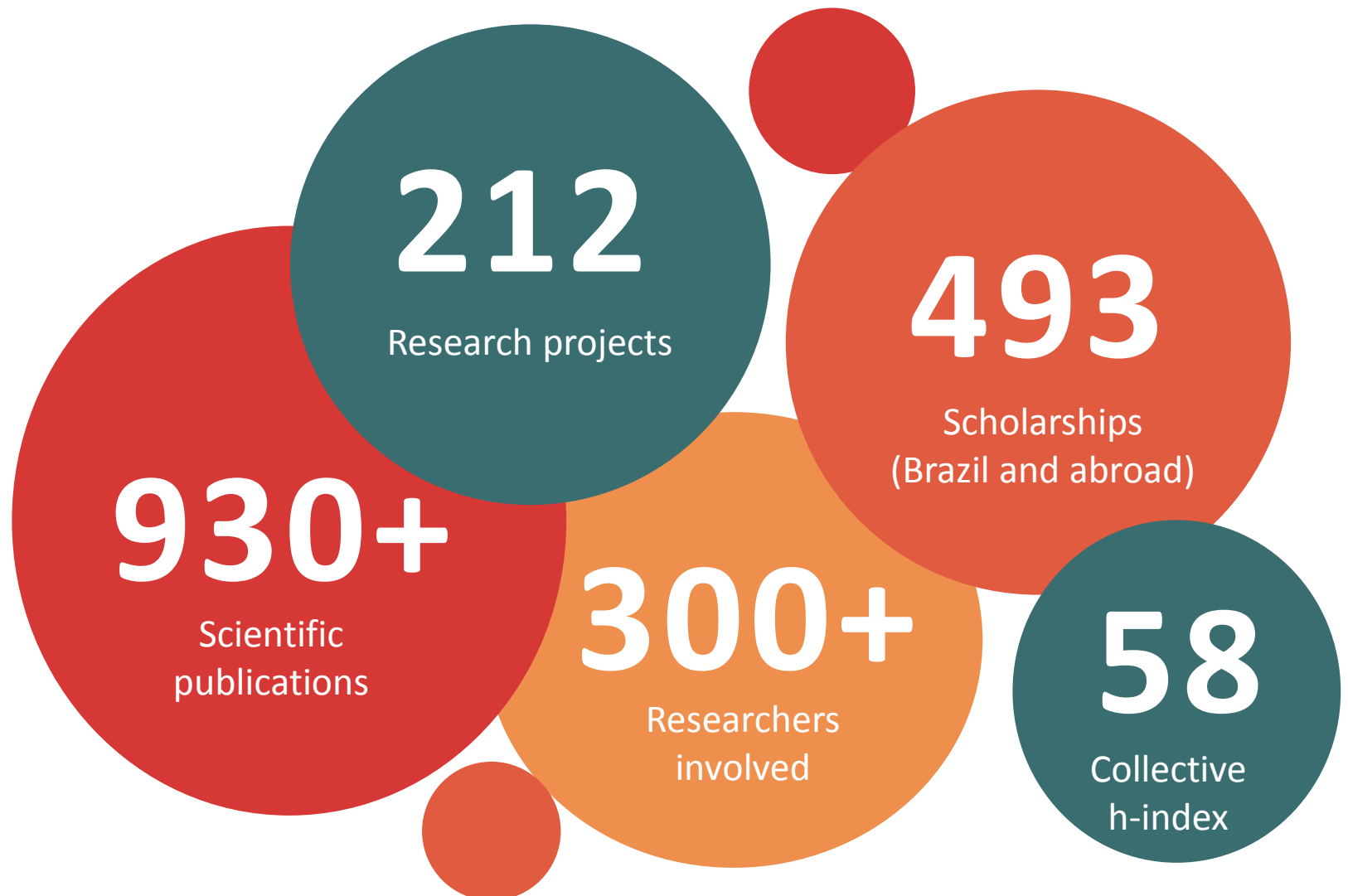
**920+** scientific publications

**17** patents filed

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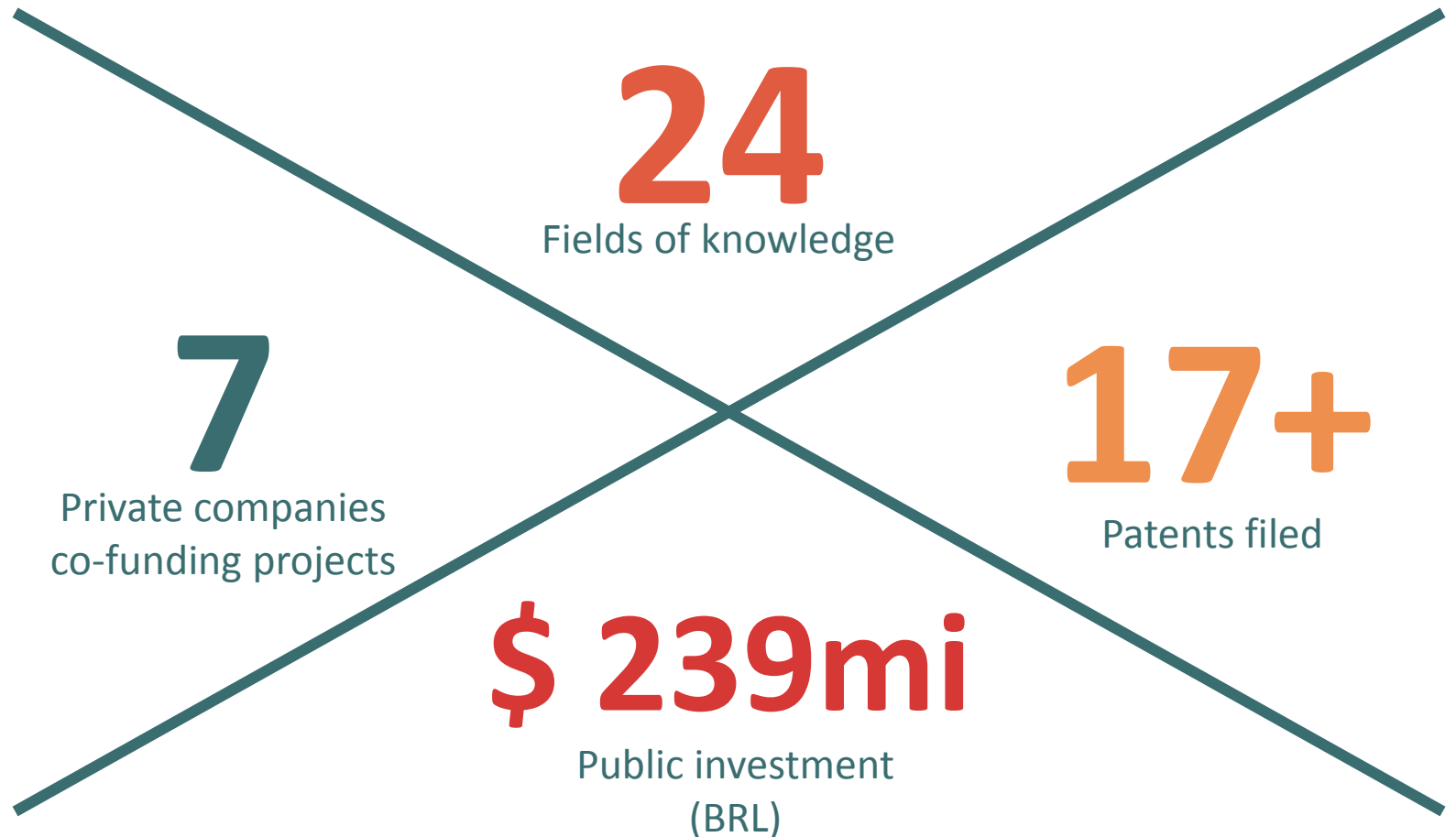


Knowledge built upon a solid core of fundamental research...



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...and application-driven focus, in cooperation with private partners, are paramount for the development of new technologies.

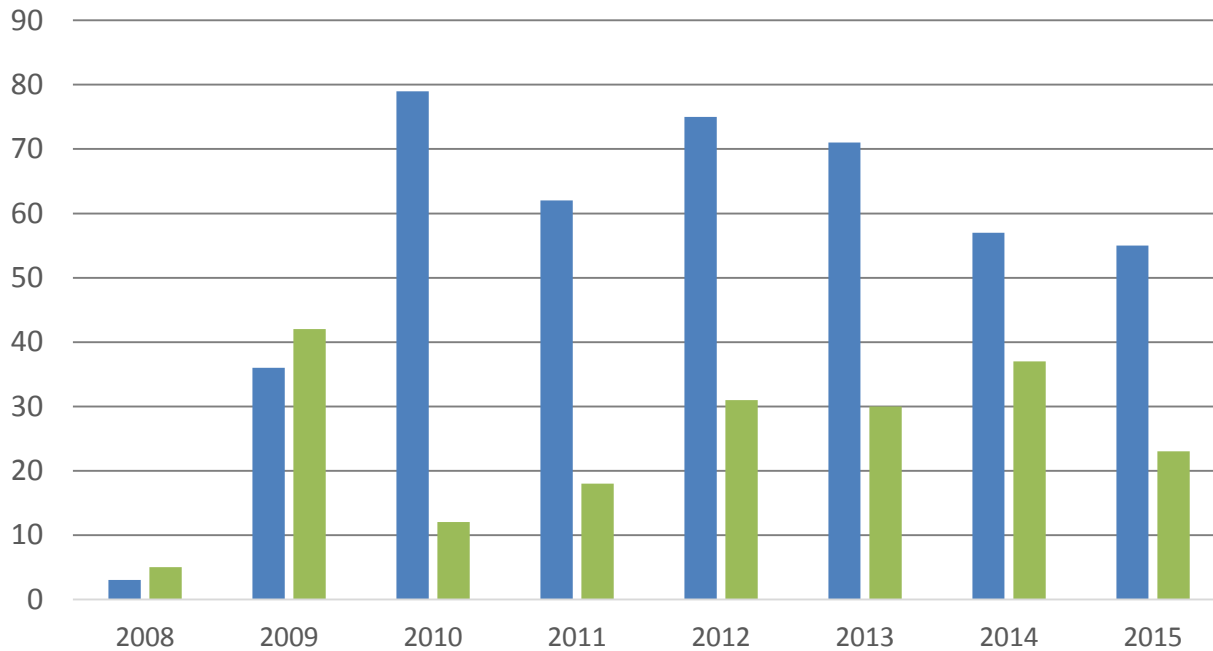


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Human resources training is also an important aspect of the BIOEN Program.

## Number of Research grants and Scholarships started per year



Scholarships

Research grants

# BIOEN network

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Publications network:  
30% of the articles derive  
from international  
cooperation

Publication type	Number
Articles	930
Book Chapters	81
Books	7
Doctoral theses	56
Master's dissertations	117
Abstracts	371
Awards	5
Patents	19
Software	1

## Collaboration Network

The map graph below displays (up to) the top 500 geographic locations for this researcher's co-authors. Scroll over the map and place your cursor on a pin to view city, state, and country information. Clicking on the pin will display bibliographic data for the paper that has cited the researcher's publication(s).



# Quais os limites da produtividade da cana: 84 → 148 → 212 → 381 ton/Ha?

## Review article

# Sugarcane for bioenergy production: an assessment of yield and regulation of sucrose content

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**Table 1** Average, maximum and theoretical sugarcane yields (Australia, Colombia, and South Africa) and total dry matter production

Type of yield	Cane yield	Biomass*	
	t/(ha yr)	t/(ha yr)	g/(m <sup>2</sup> d)
Commercial Average	84	39	10.7
Commercial maximum	148	69	18.8
Experimental maximum	212	98	27.0
Theoretical maximum	381	177	48.5







## RESEARCH PAPER

# Using quantitative PCR with retrotransposon-based insertion polymorphisms as markers in sugarcane

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Fernanda Zatti<sup>3</sup> and Marie-Anne Van Sluys<sup>1,\*</sup>

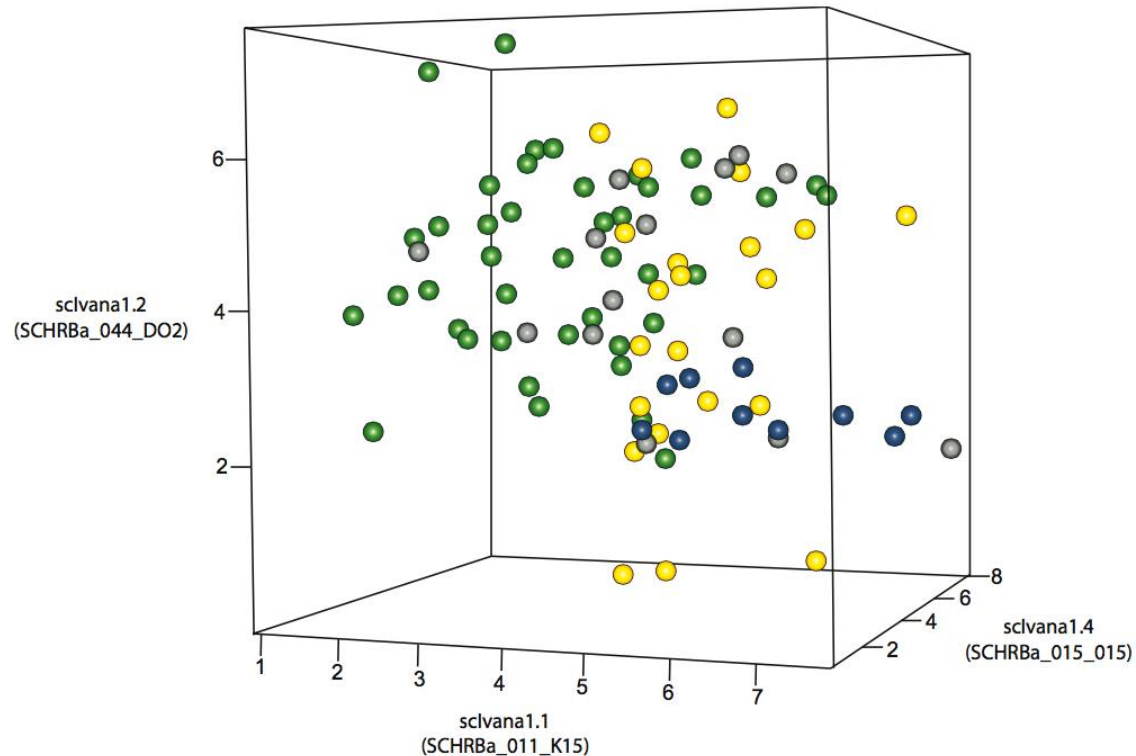
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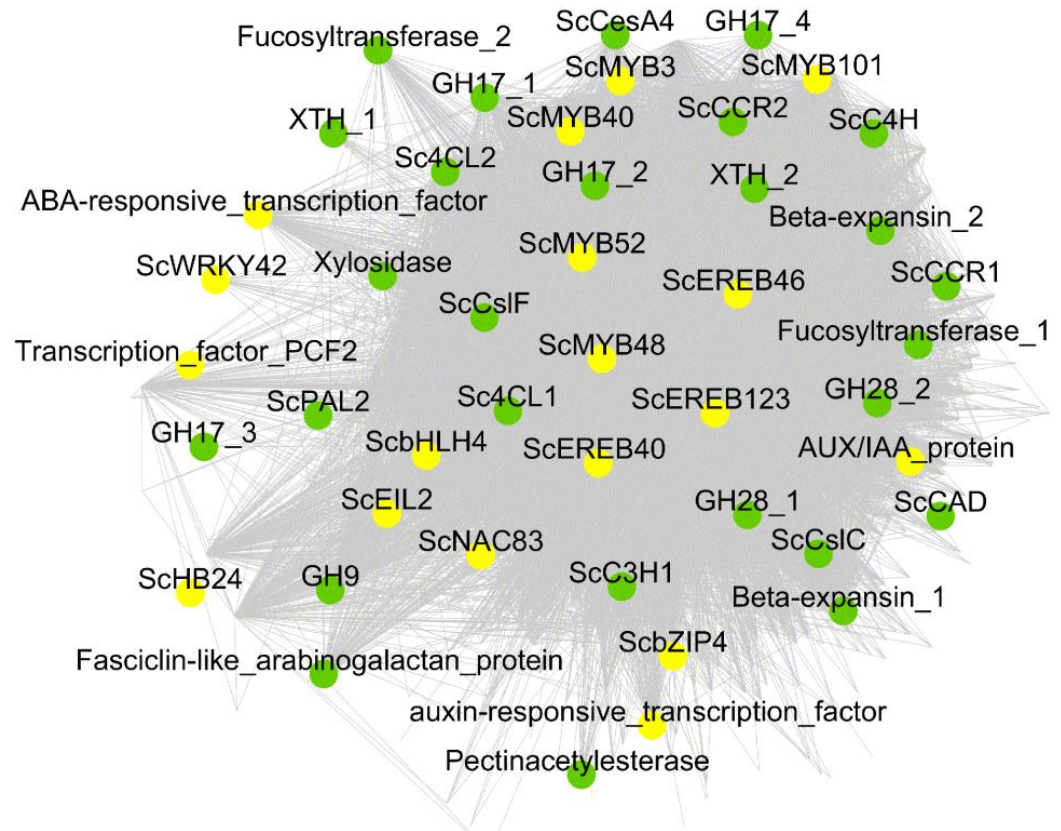
# FUNCTIONAL GENOMICS

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## Co-expression network analysis reveals transcription factors associated to cell wall biosynthesis in sugarcane

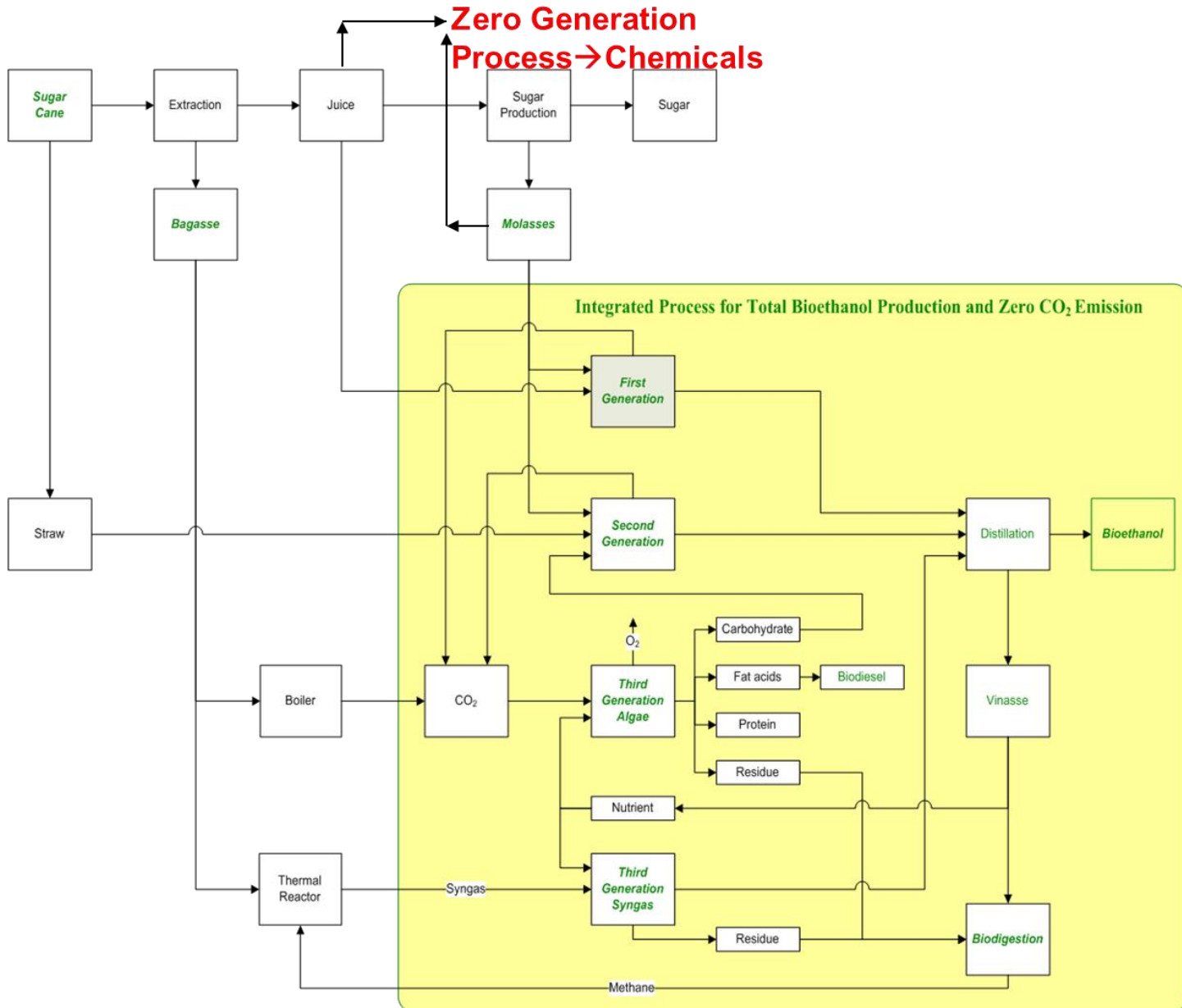
Savio Siqueira Ferreira<sup>1</sup> · Carlos Takeshi Hotta<sup>1</sup> · Viviane Guzzo de Carli Poelking<sup>2,6</sup> ·  
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Marcio Henrique Pereira Barbosa<sup>4</sup> · Monalisa Sampaio Carneiro<sup>5</sup> ·  
Glaucia Mendes Souza<sup>1</sup>



# PITEs using a biorefinery approach

Process number	Researcher	Research area	Institutions
08/03606-9	Mattoso, L.H.C.	nanofibers from renewable sources	 
08/03694-5	Maciel Filho, R.	acrylic and propionic acid production	 
08/03620-1	Menck, C.F.M.	glycerol transformation	 
10/52416-8	Contiero, J.	lactic acid production	 
08/03487-0	Lombardi, A.T.	microalgae; CO <sub>2</sub> mitigation	 
07/51754-4	Zanchet, D.	glycerol hydrogenolysis	 
07/51656-2	Maiorano, A.E.	enzymatic hydrolysis of sugarcane bagasse	 
07/51755-0	Curvelo, A.A.S.	organosolv delignification	 
10/51298-1	Petraconi, G.	plasma treatment; syngas	 

# Biofuel Technologies: Integrating 1<sup>st</sup> with 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation



# Biorefineries: CO<sub>2</sub> as a solvent

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## Enhancing liquid hot water (LHW) pretreatment of sugarcane bagasse by high pressure carbon dioxide (HP-CO<sub>2</sub>)

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**Table 5**

Effect of LHW-HP-CO<sub>2</sub> pretreatment on the enzymatic digestibility of pretreated bagasse.

Sample	T (°C)	t (min)	Glu (g/L)	CC (%) <sup>a</sup>
Depithed bagasse	–	–	4.61	9.54
5	93.8 (–1.414)	60(0)	11.16	20.2
6	136.2 (+1.414)	60(0)	32.54	42.8
7	115(0)	17.6 (–1.414)	22.25	32.1
8	115(0)	102.4 (+1.414)	29.81	41.7
9	115(0)	60(0)	30.43	41.2

<sup>a</sup> CC is the cellulose conversion. CC was calculated according to Eq. (3).

sugarcane bagasse



combined liquid hot water – high  
pressure carbon dioxide (LHW-HP-CO<sub>2</sub>)  
pretreatment



enzymatic hydrolysis



cellulose conversion to glucose  
= 41.2%

The proposed pretreatment method may improve the overall economic feasibility of the process in a lignocellulosic biorefinery once CO<sub>2</sub> is considered a green solvent, is non-corrosive and can be easily recovered and recycled

# Biorefineries: acrylic acid from molasses

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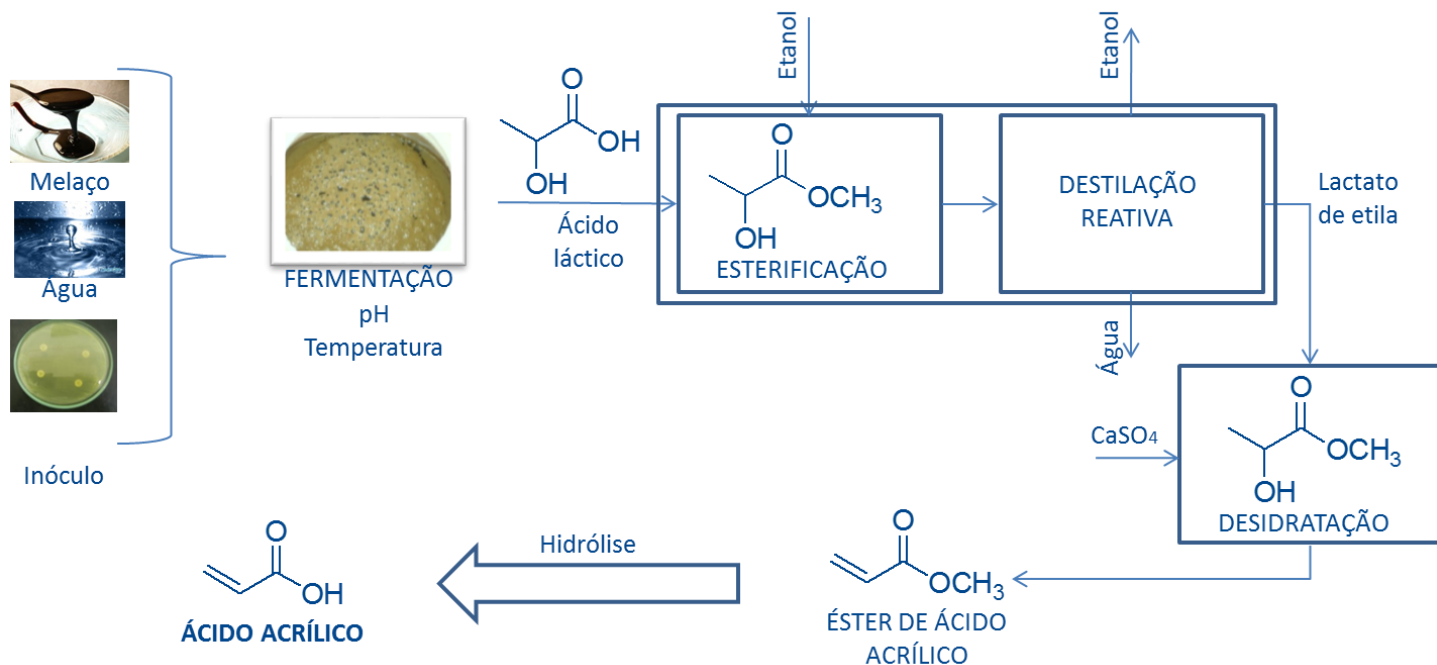
## Hybrid Route to Produce Acrylic Acid from Sugarcane Molasses

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- sugarcane molasses as raw material to produce molecules with **high added value** as **acrylic acid**, which is commonly obtained from fossil fuels sources
- the use of **renewable feedstock** contributes to many issues regarding environmental concerns

# Biorefineries: 2<sup>nd</sup> generation PHA from xylose

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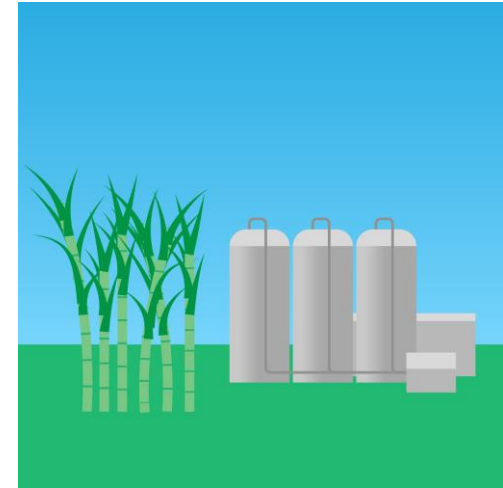
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## Perspectives on the production of polyhydroxyalkanoates in biorefineries associated with the production of sugar and ethanol

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➔ Polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHA) are **biodegradable** and biocompatible bacterial thermoplastic **polymers** that can be obtained from **renewable resources** (sugarcane agricultural residues)

➔ Although PHA production from sucrose integrated to a 1G ethanol and sugar mill has been proposed in the past, the integration of the process of **2G ethanol** in the context of a **biorefinery** will provide enormous amounts of xylose, which could be applied to produce PHA, establishing a **second-generation PHA production process**

# Hydrogen from ethanol

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## Potential applications of the hydrogen and the high energy biofuel blend produced by ethanol dehydrogenation on a Cu/ZrO<sub>2</sub> catalyst

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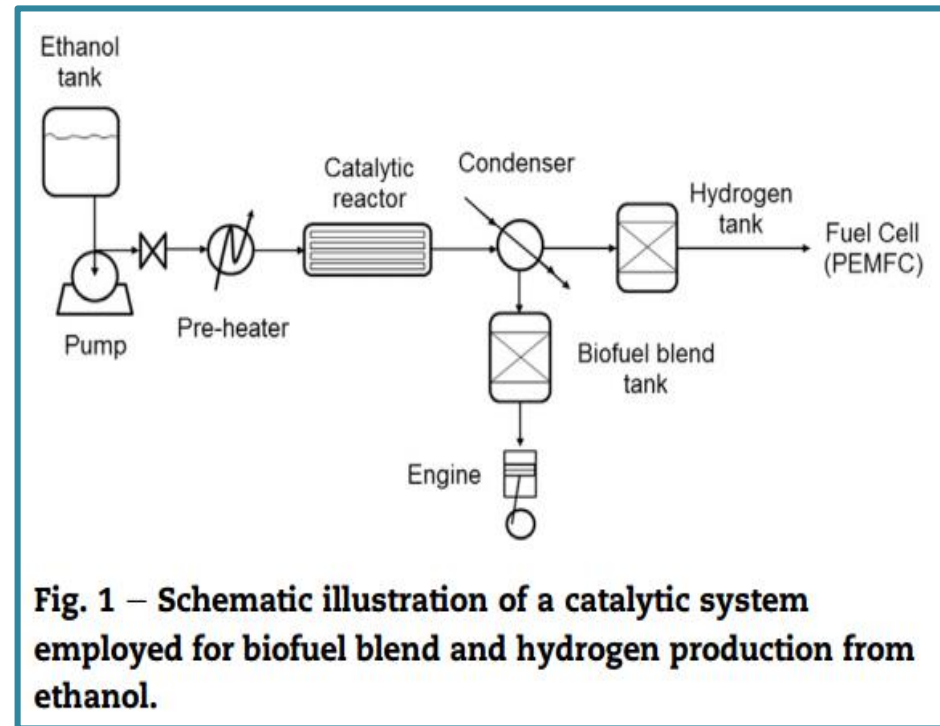
## CONCLUSIONS

- liquid fuel blend obtained from ethanol dehydrogenation has a heat of combustion higher than that of ethanol, and it is essentially formed by un-reacted ethanol, acetaldehyde and ethyl acetate
- results demonstrate the advantages of combining the renewable ethanol as hydrogen carrier for highly efficient PEMFC technology avoiding on board hydrogen storage
- the co-production of the fuel blend with higher specific enthalpy which could disseminate the use of these biofuels in regions with harsh winter conditions

## GOALS

To analyze the potential application of:

- the liquid effluent coming from a catalytic ethanol dehydrogenation reactor as a fuel blend or additive for internal combustion engines, and
- the hydrogen produced, as fuel for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell (PEMFC)



**Fig. 1 – Schematic illustration of a catalytic system employed for biofuel blend and hydrogen production from ethanol.**



# FAPESP+Peugeot-Citroen: biofuel engines

Advanced Research Centers:  
10-year contracts, researchers  
from universities and from  
company

British Gas, BG: natural gas  
from renewable sources

FAPESP inaugura Centro de Pesquisa em parceria com a PSA  
Peugeot Citroën



*Iniciativa apoiará o desenvolvimento de motores movidos a biocombustíveis com participação de pesquisadores da USP, Unicamp, ITA e Instituto Mauá de Tecnologia*

A Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo (FAPESP) e a PSA Peugeot Citroën do Brasil anunciaram ontem, dia 04 de novembro de 2014, na sede da FAPESP, o lançamento do Centro de Pesquisa em Engenharia "Professor Urbano Ernesto Stumpf", para desenvolvimento de motores de combustão interna, adaptados ou desenvolvidos especificamente para biocombustíveis e de estudos sobre a sustentabilidade dos biocombustíveis.

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# Bioenergy & Sustainability: bridging the gaps

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## BIOENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

**Bioenergy**, a renewable energy source, has the potential to move the planet into a more sustainable future. Today fossil fuels supply almost 82% of the world's energy demand. The resulting green house gas emissions (GHG) impact Earth's systems and human health and wellbeing.

Currently bioenergy contributes approximately 10% of the world's primary energy supply. Bioethanol and biodiesel provide about 3% of the world's transportation fuels, but biofuels could provide up to 30 % by 2050 with projected improvements in technology. Bioenergy - developed knowledgeably and implemented considering local and regional needs - can help:

- ◆ increase resilience in food supply both locally and globally
- ◆ decrease pollution
- ◆ preserve biodiversity
- ◆ improve human health
- ◆ rehabilitate degraded land
- ◆ mitigate climate change
- ◆ provide economic and business opportunities

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## Bioenergy can deliver cleaner future, says global report

By Mark Kinver  
Environment reporter, BBC News

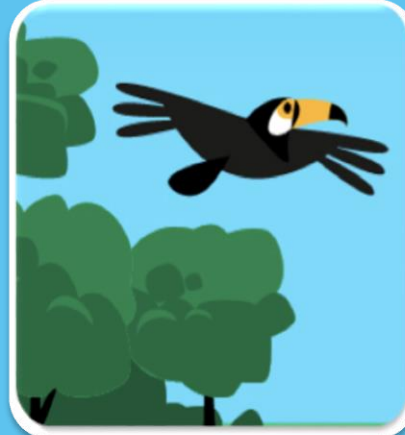
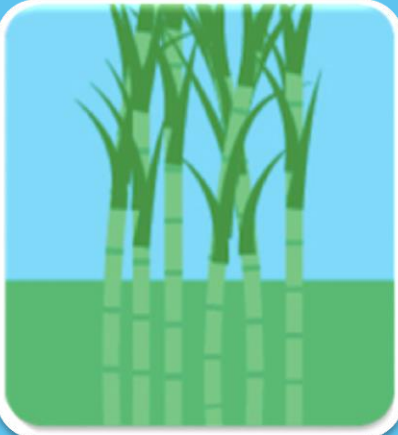
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Bioenergy crops, like willow, could play a key role in delivering a low carbon future, the report says

A global bioenergy assessment has said biofuels could meet up to a third of the world's transportation fuel needs by the middle of the century.

# Low carbon agriculture



## Energy Security

Sugarcane bioethanol contributes to 20% of the Brazilian liquid fuels matrix

Biomass cogeneration can contribute with up to 18% of Brazil's electricity demand

**Only 1% of Brazilian land used to produce sugarcane contributes to 19% of the country's primary energy**

## Sustainable Development

The sugarcane industry contributes to agriculture modernization, rural development, improved education and the creation of jobs  
Opportunities for innovation

## Environmental Security

The use of Sugarcane bioethanol can reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 76% when compared to gasoline

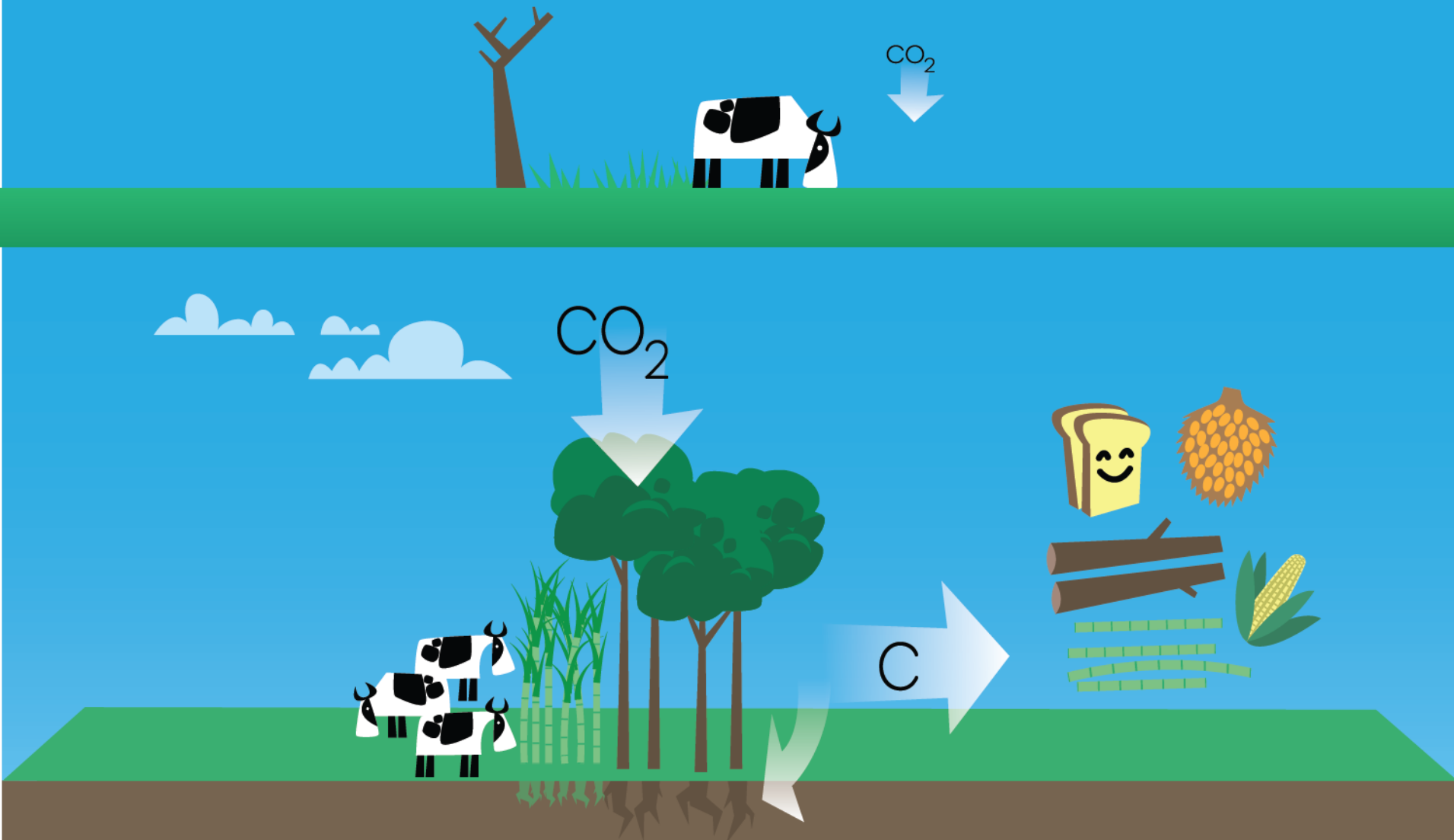
Multi-functional landscapes, biofuel certification, agroecological zoning to maximize benefits

## Food Security

Sugarcane production for energy did not decrease food production

Expansion is occurring mainly in pasture land  
Integrated food-energy systems are needed and to improve use of agricultural residues

Existing pastureland could support almost four times the numbers of animals. Bringing the poorest-performing pastures up to 50% of their maximum attainable density would more than double the global stock of grazing animals.



Actions to improve pasture conditions, along with livestock production intensification, can effectively make large amounts of land available for alternative uses.

# World Road Transport Liquid Biofuels Demand

## 2010

## 2050



800 million cars



50 countries, including many developing countries, now have biofuels mandates with blends of 5-27%, many driven by climate change

2.1 billion cars



Advanced automotive technology has expanded the use of ethanol Biofuels could contribute to up to ~30% Electricity, hydrogen, CNG/LPG to ~20%



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Prédio existente (2.990 m<sup>2</sup>), antes ocupado pelo Centro de Tecnologia (CT), que está sendo reformado.

Previsão de conclusão: dezembro de 2016



Novo prédio (1.115 m<sup>2</sup>), em construção com recursos do GESP, ao lado do prédio existente.

Previsão de conclusão: dezembro de 2017

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## Laboratório Central – Rio Claro



- Área Reformada: 1284 m<sup>2</sup>
- Inauguração: Dezembro de 2014

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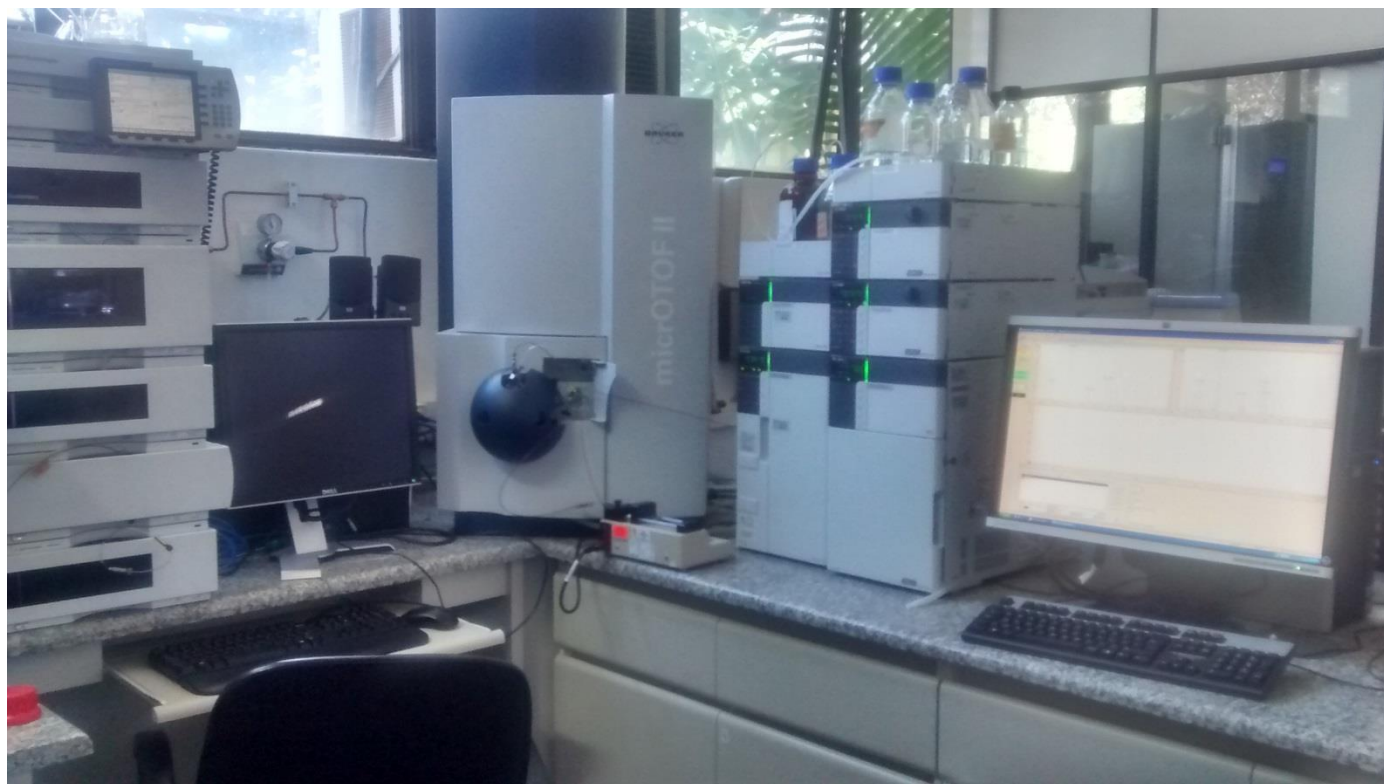


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### **BIOFUEL TECHNOLOGIES**

Focus on Processing and Engineering

### **BIOREFINERIES**

Integrated focus on sugarchemistry, alcoholchemistry and bio-based chemicals

### **ENGINES**

Focus on biofuel applications for motor vehicles including aviation

### **SUSTAINABILITY AND IMPACTS**

Focus on social, economic and environmental studies, policy

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