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*Whole chain decentralized biomass valorization to advanced biofuels:
development and assessment of thermochemical routes integrated to biomass
production and biochemical routes*

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Brazil – EC coordinated call on Advanced Lignocellulosic Biofuels

HORIZON 2020 (H2020)
Work Programme 2016-2017
‘Secure, Clean and Efficient Energy’

LCE-22-2016: International Cooperation with Brazil
on Advanced Lignocellulosic Biofuels

European Commission (EC) and MCTIC/CONFAP/FAPESP

Project's goals

-  Brazil-EU Cooperation for Development of Advanced Lignocellulosic Biofuels.
-  Collection of literature, lab and pilot plant scale data for technical, economic, environmental and social assessment of different biomass production systems and biorefinery configurations for advanced biofuels.

Sub-challenges of the BioValue project

A

Gasification of bagasse, other biomasses and intermediate energy carriers to advanced biofuels.

Fast pyrolysis of raw biomasses and lignin rich streams.

Fischer-Tropsch synthesis and Stabilization of bio-oils.

B

Biomass production and feedstock diversification for advanced biofuels.

Design and assessment of optimal logistic chains.

Integrated market, value chain and sustainability assessment.

C

Biochemical processing and energy efficiency in advanced biofuels production – integration strategies with thermochemical routes.

State Research Foundations – Technical and Financial Support



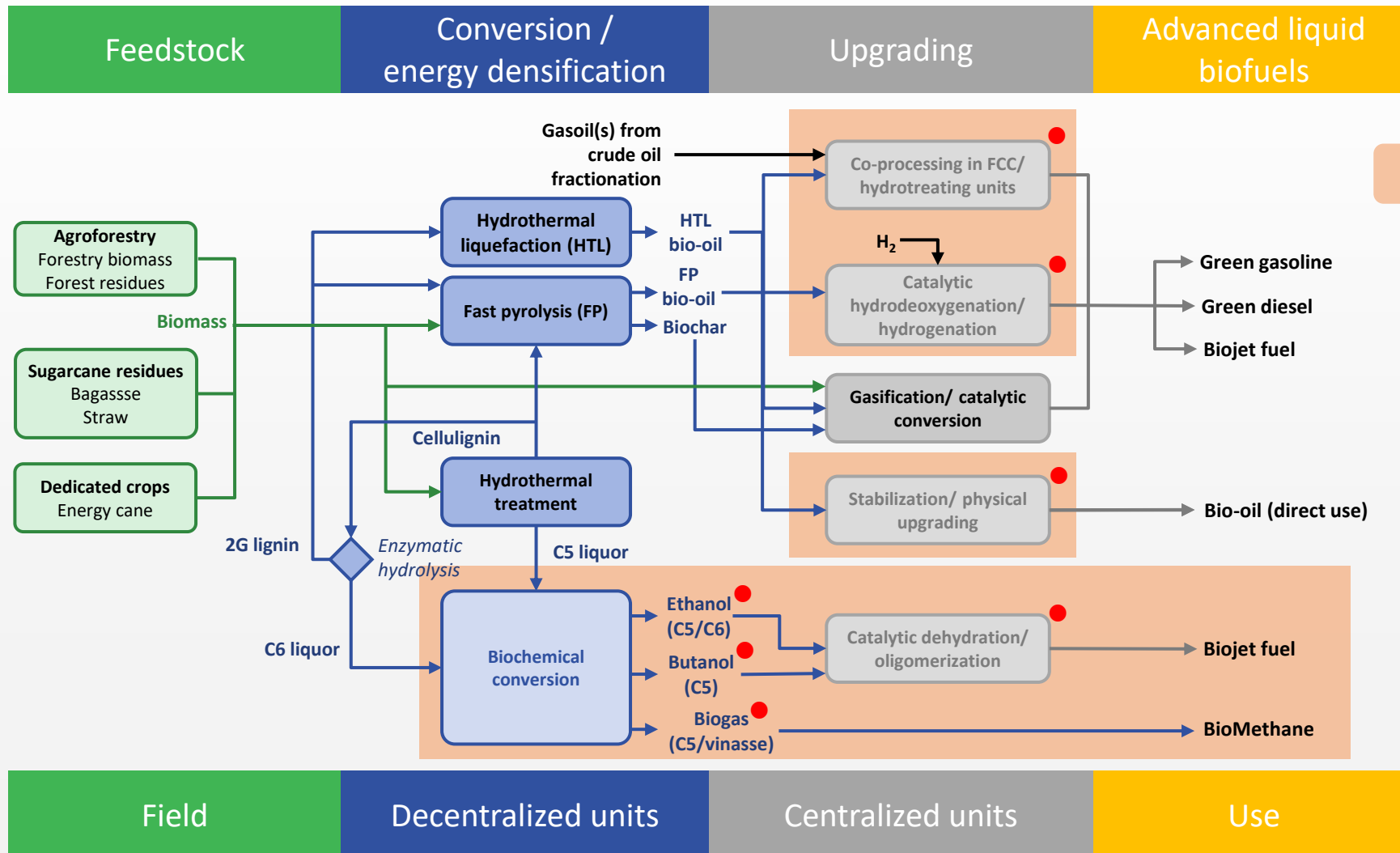
Companies – Technical and Financial Support



Research Institutions – Technical Execution



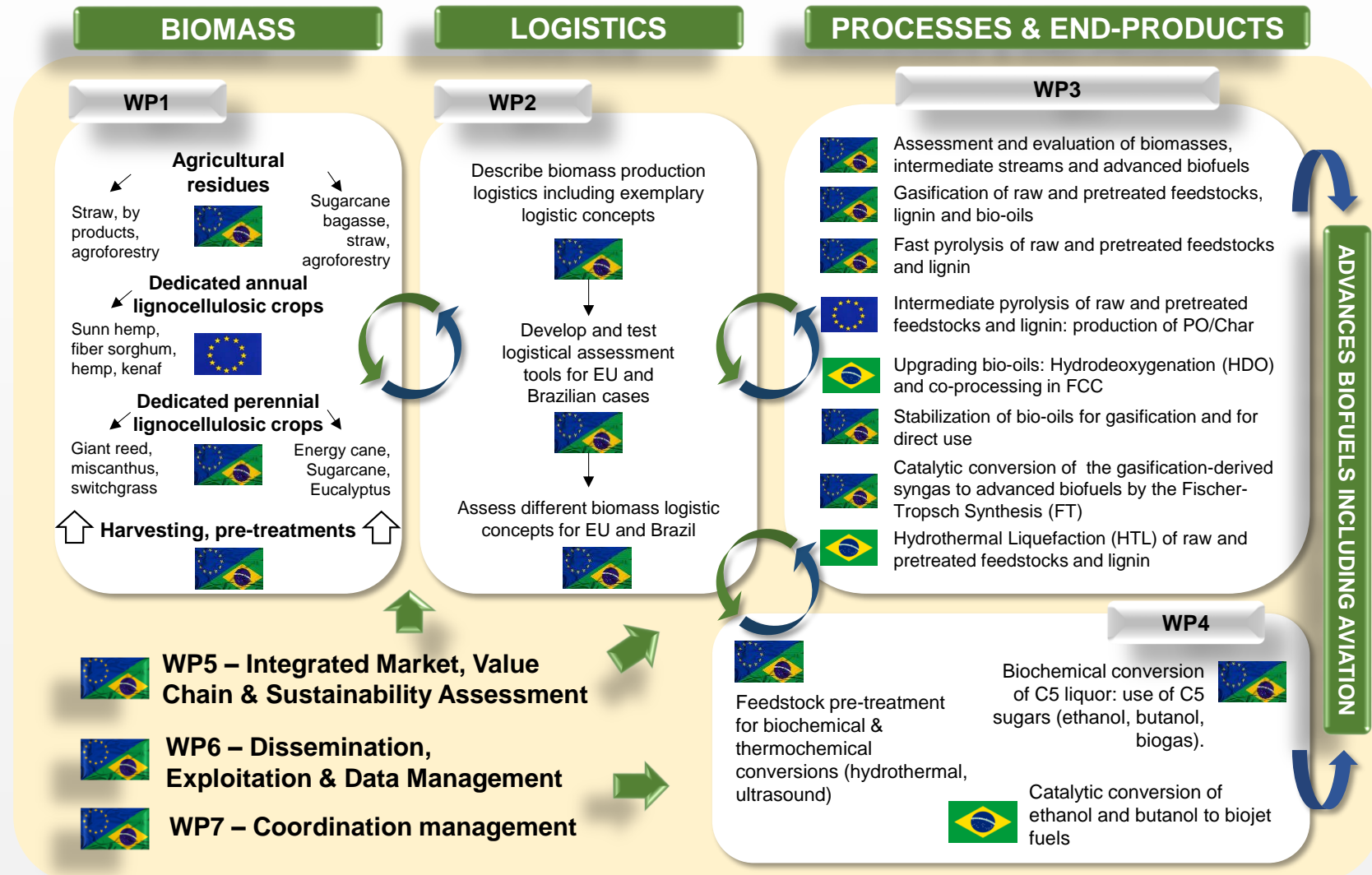
Production Chains – Technical integration



Technical high-lights

- Thermochemical and biochemical integrated routes to convert biomass in advanced biofuels will be studied and compared considering whole production chain;
- Logistics for feedstocks available in Brazil:
 - ✓ Residues (sugarcane and forestry)
 - ✓ Energy crops (conventional cane, energy-cane and eucalyptus);
- Energy densification in fast pyrolysis and HTL decentralized units;
- Gasification of biomasses and bio-oils in centralized units;
- Upgrading of syngas and bio-oils in centralized units;
- Biochemical processing and upgrading of biomass;
- Technical, economic, environmental and social assessment of production chains;
- Design and assessment of existing and potential logistic chains.

Synergies with BECOOL



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- Comparison of different strategies for biomass production in Europe and Brazil.
- Logistic chains to deliver different biomasses from field to conversion plants.
- Brazilian and European technical approaches for gasification of biomass and intermediate energy carriers, including fast pyrolysis products and lignin rich streams; synthesis to advanced biofuels.
- Brazilian and European technical approaches for biochemical processing and energy efficiency in advanced biofuels production – integration strategies with thermochemical routes.
- Harmonization of data and methods to be used in assessing the sustainability of different Brazilian and European production chains
- Joint annual EU-BR technical and administrative/organizational meetings, including work packages leaders, researchers and Companies representatives of both consortia.

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Work Package 1:

Biomass production and feedstock diversification for advanced biofuels

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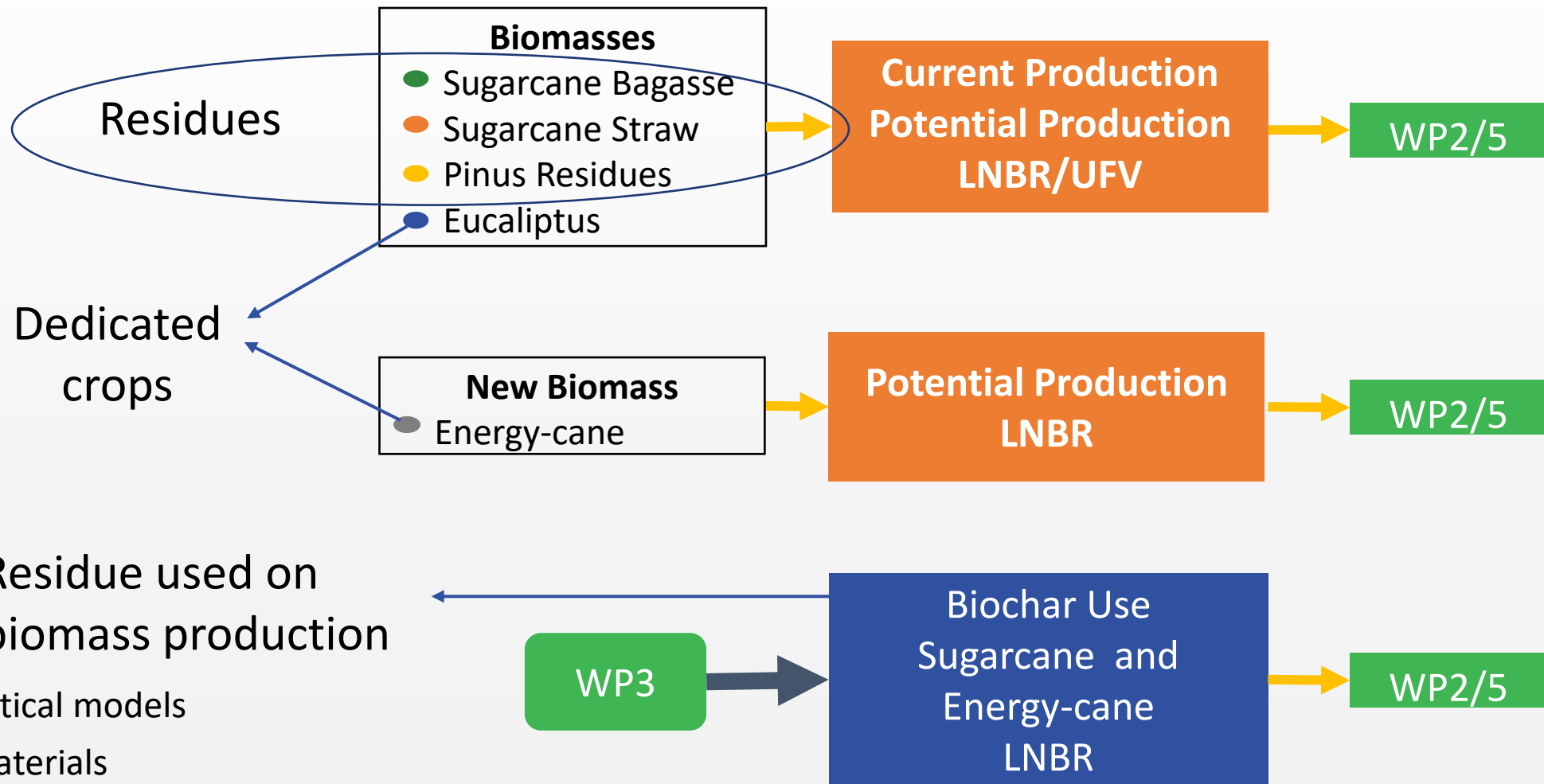
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Biomass Determine representative information regarding the use of sugarcane bagasse, sugarcane straw, energy cane biomass, pinus residues and eucalyptus biomass



Bagasse is a lignocellulosic residue resulting from the extraction of sugarcane juice. Main destination of this residue in Brazil is the production of bioelectricity.



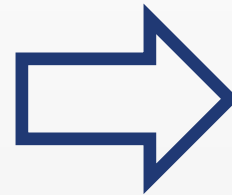
Traditional bagasse storage systems



Sugarcane Straw



Until 15 years most part of sugarcane sector was conducted in manual harvesting and burned cane



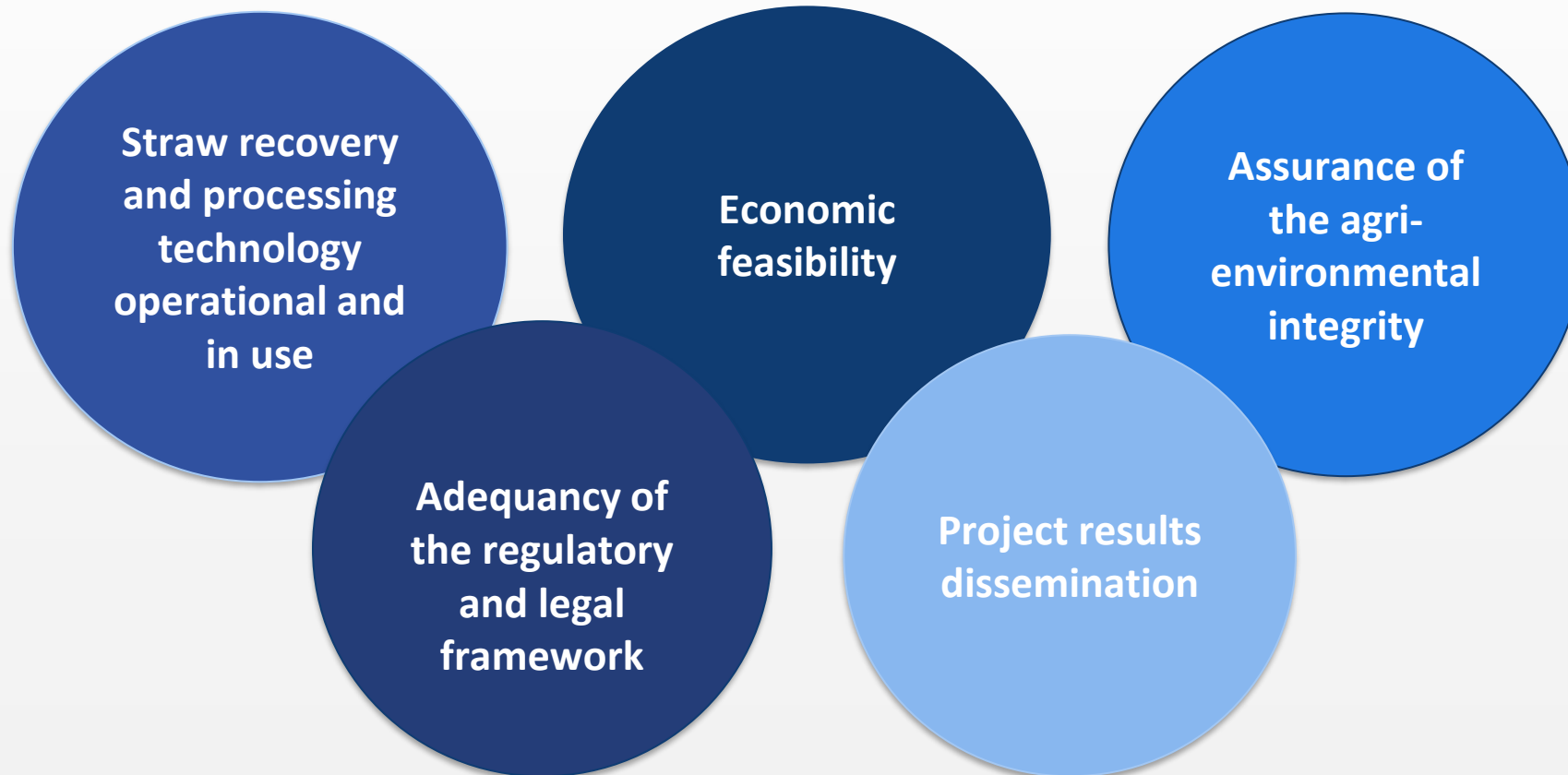
Now, around 97% of the sugarcane areas in south-central Brazil is in mechanized harvesting without burning

New opportunity to use straw for soil protection or to produce bioenergy





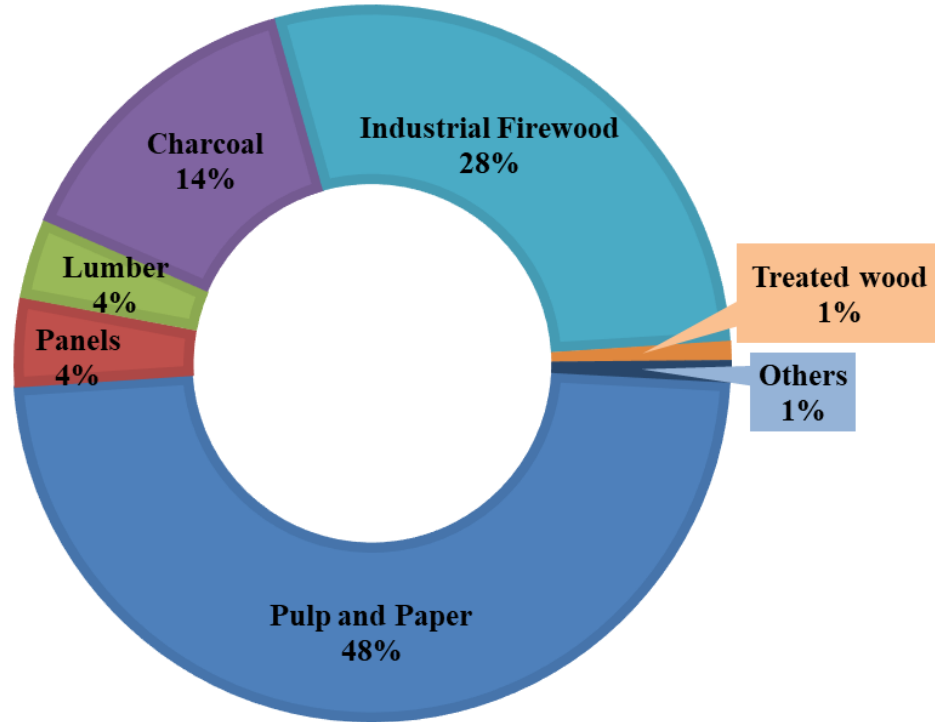
The **Sugarcane Renewable Electricity (SUCRE)** project goal is to avoid GHG emissions by producing and exporting to the grid sugarcane straw-based electricity assuming the replacement of natural gas power generation → increasing the collection and use of sugarcane straw as a complement to bagasse.



Main uses of commercial forest in Brazil

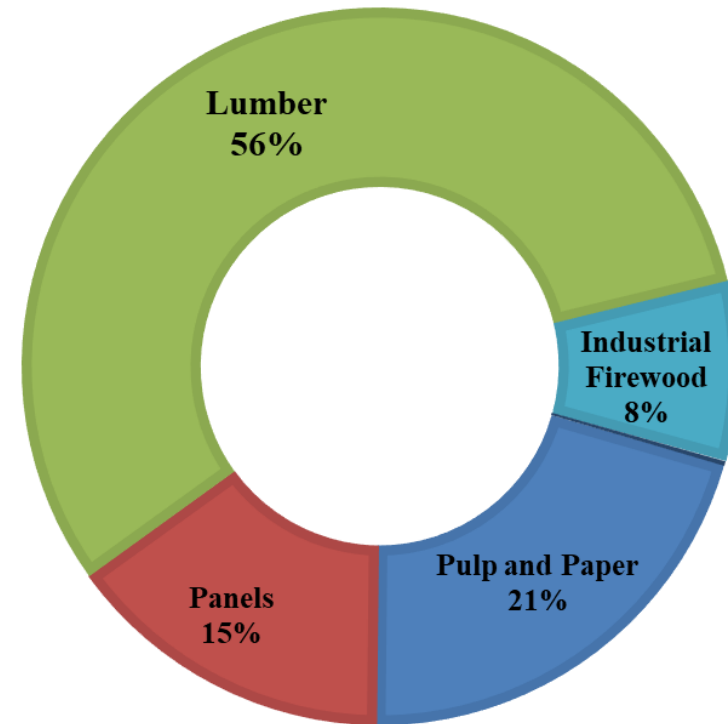
Eucalyptus

Total 166 million m³

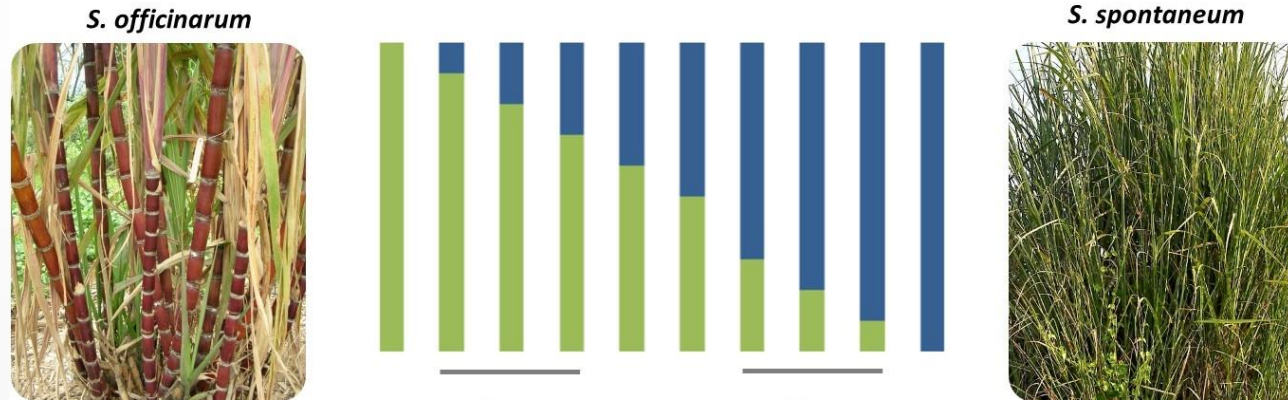


Pinus

Total 49 million m³



Energy Cane varieties are obtained by crossover between *Saccharum officinarum* and *Saccharum spontaneum*, which exhibit high fiber content and robustness



Cana-de-açúcar selvagem
(*Saccharum officinarum*)

Cana-energia selvagem
(*Saccharum spontaneum*)

Cana-de-açúcar tradicional
(Utilizada pela maioria das usinas)

Cana-energia aprimorada
Tipo I (Vignis 3)

S. officinarum
Commercial sugarcane

Energy cane type 1

Energy cane type 2

ENERGY CANE IS A NEW CROP IN BRAZIL AND THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT AREAS IN COMERCIAL SCALE

Biochar Effects of recycling on soil quality and on soil greenhouse gas emissions

Residue



Bio-oil



Biochar



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Work Package 2 – Design and assessment of optimal logistic chains

Integrated Market, Value Chain and Sustainability Assessment

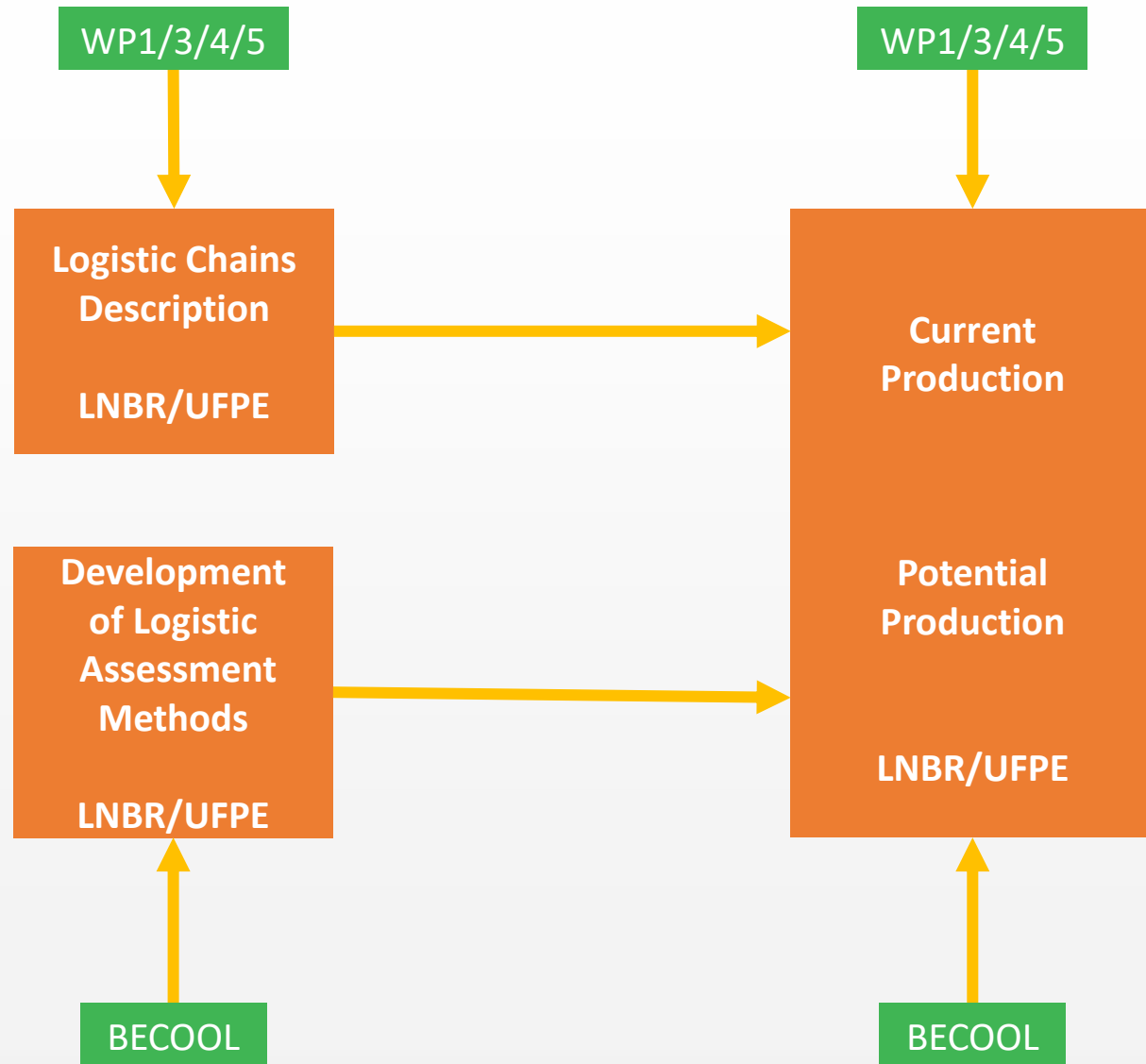
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→ Theoretical models

Quantification of the availability of currently produced biomass options in Brazil (sugarcane bagasse, sugarcane straw, eucalyptus chips and pine residues) **based on the maps of the current production systems** and industrial facilities for the selected biomass options.

Based on these maps, it will be possible to estimate the **amount and transportation distances** of biomass to bioenergy conversion facilities.

Transportation systems (e.g. modals, fuel consumptions, emissions, etc.) will be modeled based in the description of most common current systems with information from industry and literature.

Establish plausible scenarios for the potential **expansion of biomass production** (currently produced biomasses + energy cane) considering **key land use restrictions** (e.g. agroecological zoning, soil types, infrastructure, distances, etc.) **and future demands of aviation fuels**.

A special logistic analysis will be performed, considering the biojet demand of the 3 major airport hubs in Brazil.

The complete assessment of the logistic systems will be based in the combination of **cost-supply and environmental impact curves** for the three components:

- (a) transport of biomass and intermediate products,
- (b) biomass conversion systems (including scale of conversion facilities)
- (c) transport of products from the conversion unit to consumers.

Based in this assessment, will be **identified the most suitable logistics options** based in the combination of the cost-supply and environmental impact curves **considering exemplary case studies for logistic systems in different regions of Brazil.**

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Work Package 3 – Study of Thermochemical Processes

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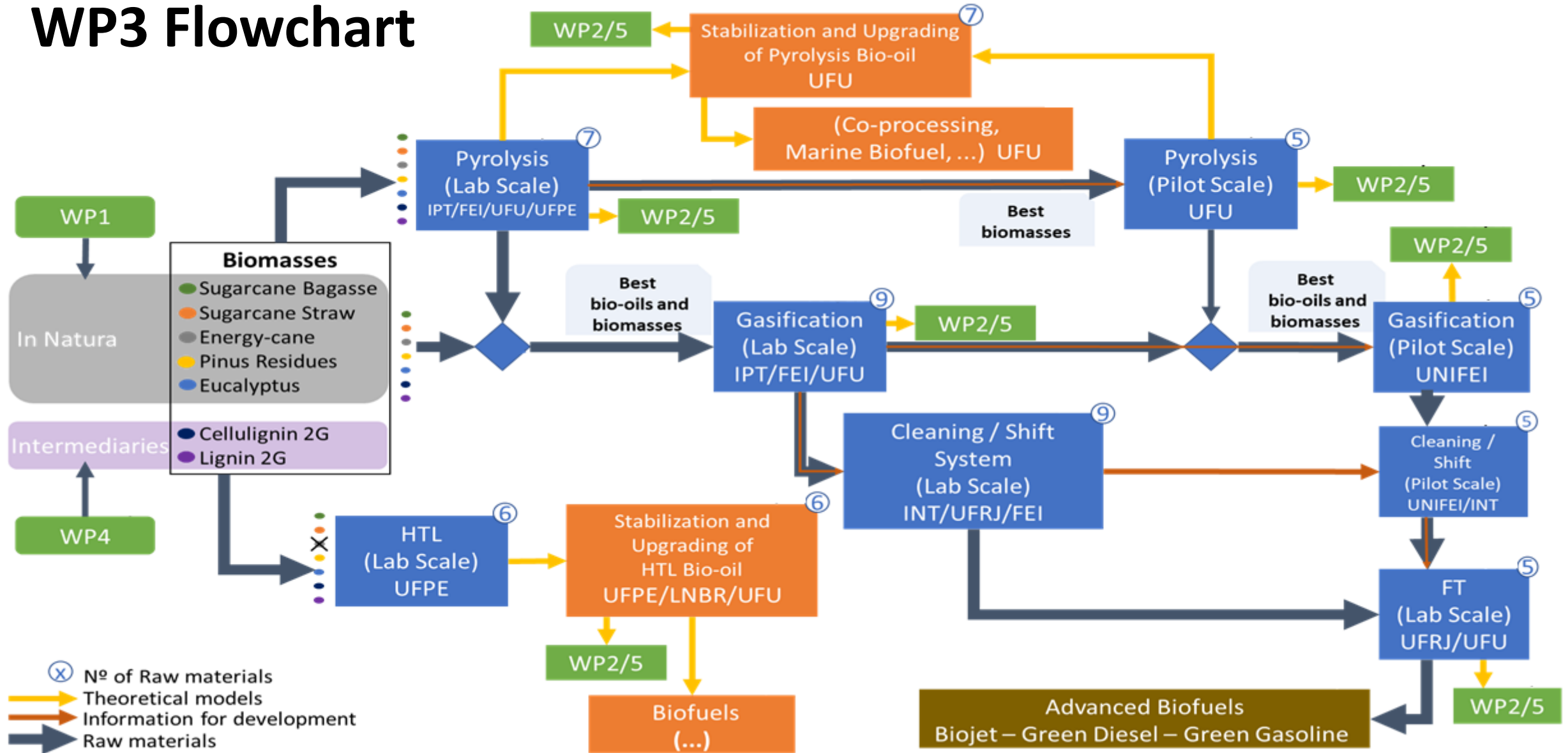
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WP3 Flowchart



Fast Pyrolysis Bench Scale Studies (IPT/UFU)

GOALS



Evaluate pyrolysis of crude biomasses under different reaction conditions

Crude biomasses:

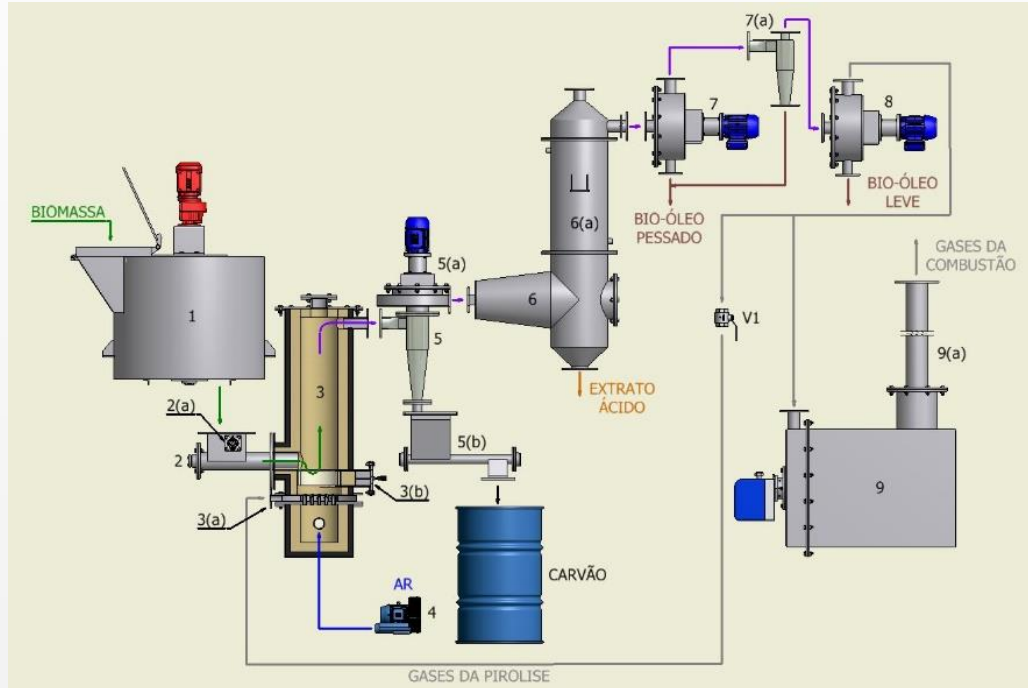
- Sugarcane bagasse
- Sugarcane straw
- Forestry residue (pinus)
- Eucalyptus
- Energy-cane

Pyrolysis conditions:

- Fluidized gas (N_2 and O_2/N_2)
- Temperature (450-550° C)
- Feeding flow
- Biomass/gas feeding ratio

Oxidative Fast Pyrolysis in Pilot Scale (UFU) – Bubbling Fluidized Bed Reactor

GOALS



10-30 kg/h (dry biomass)

Evaluate oxidative fast pyrolysis of crude biomasses under different reaction conditions

Crude biomasses:

- Sugarcane bagasse
- Sugarcane straw
- Forestry residue (pinus)
- Eucalyptus
- Energy-cane

Pyrolysis conditions:

- Fluidized gas (Air)
- Temperature (400-600° C)
- Feeding flow
- Recycled ratio

Hydrothermal Liquefaction (HTL) Studies (UFPE)



GOAL

Evaluate HTL of crude biomasses and intermediate streams under different reaction conditions

Crude biomasses:

- Sugarcane bagasse
- Sugarcane straw
- Forestry residue (pinus)
- Eucalyptus

Intermediaries:

- Cellulignin 2G
- Lignin 2G

Reaction conditions:

- Solvent (H₂O and/or ethanol)
- Temperature (200 to 400 °C)
- Pressure (system)
- Biomass/solvent ratio
- Catalyst

Parr Reactor, Model 4576, 250 mL,

T_{max} = 500 °C, P_{max} = 5000 psi, 2500 rpm

Gasification Bench Scale Studies (IPT)

GOALS

Evaluate gasification of crude and processed biomasses under different reaction conditions for modelling and pilot plant optimization

Crude biomasses:

- Sugarcane bagasse
- Sugarcane straw
- Forestry residue (pinus)
- Eucalyptus
- Energy-cane

Processed biomasses:

- Lignin and/or cellulignin
- Pyrolysis bio-oil

Gasification (reaction) conditions:

- Fluidized gas (Air, O₂ and/or with H₂O)
- Temperature (850° C max)
- Feeding flow
- Biomass/gas feeding ratio
- With and/or without Cleaning apparatus

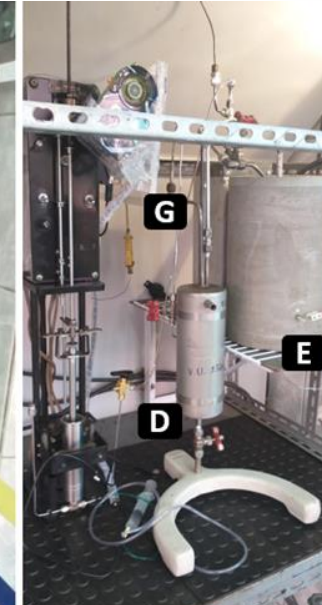
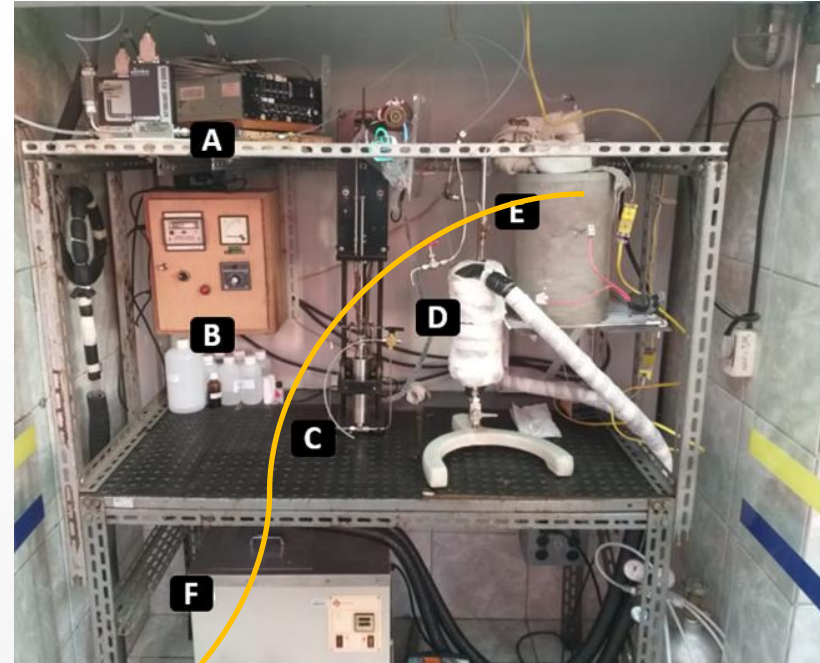


Gas Cleaning and Conditioning Studies (INT/UFRJ)



Gas Cleaning and Conditioning Studies (FEI)

- (A) Mass flow controllers
- (B) Pre-heater controller
- (C) Microfeeder MF-2 pump equipped with , digital flow controller
- (D) Condenser
- (E) Catalytic Reactor
- (F) Cryostatic bath
- (G) Preheater/vaporizer
- (H) Gas Chromatograph equipped with FID & TCD (CP7429 Select Permanent Gases/CO₂)



Adjust H₂/CO ratio for FTS by WGS reaction



Gasification Pilot Scale Studies (UNIFEI)

GOALS

Evaluate gasification of crude and processed biomasses under different reaction conditions using NEST Pilot Plant



Crude biomasses:

- Sugarcane bagasse
- Sugarcane straw
- Forestry residue (pinus)
- Eucalyptus
- Energy-cane

Processed biomasses:

- Lignin and/or cellulignin
- Pyrolysis bio-oil

Gasification (reaction) conditions:

- Fluidized gas (Air, O₂ and/or with H₂O)
- Temperature (800-1000° C)
- Feeding flow
- Biomass/gas feeding ratio
- With and/or without Cleaning apparatus

Fischer-Tropsch Synthesis Studies (UFRJ/UFU)

GOAL

Evaluate different catalysts and reaction conditions to optimize advanced biofuels

Catalysts:

- Cobalt-based (UFRJ)
- Iron-based (UFU)

Fischer-Tropsch Synthesis (reaction) conditions:

- Fixed Bed (bench reactor)
- Temperature (200-300° C)
- WHSV
- H₂/CO and CO/CO₂/light gases ratios

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Work Package 4

Biochemical processing and energy efficiency in advanced biofuels production

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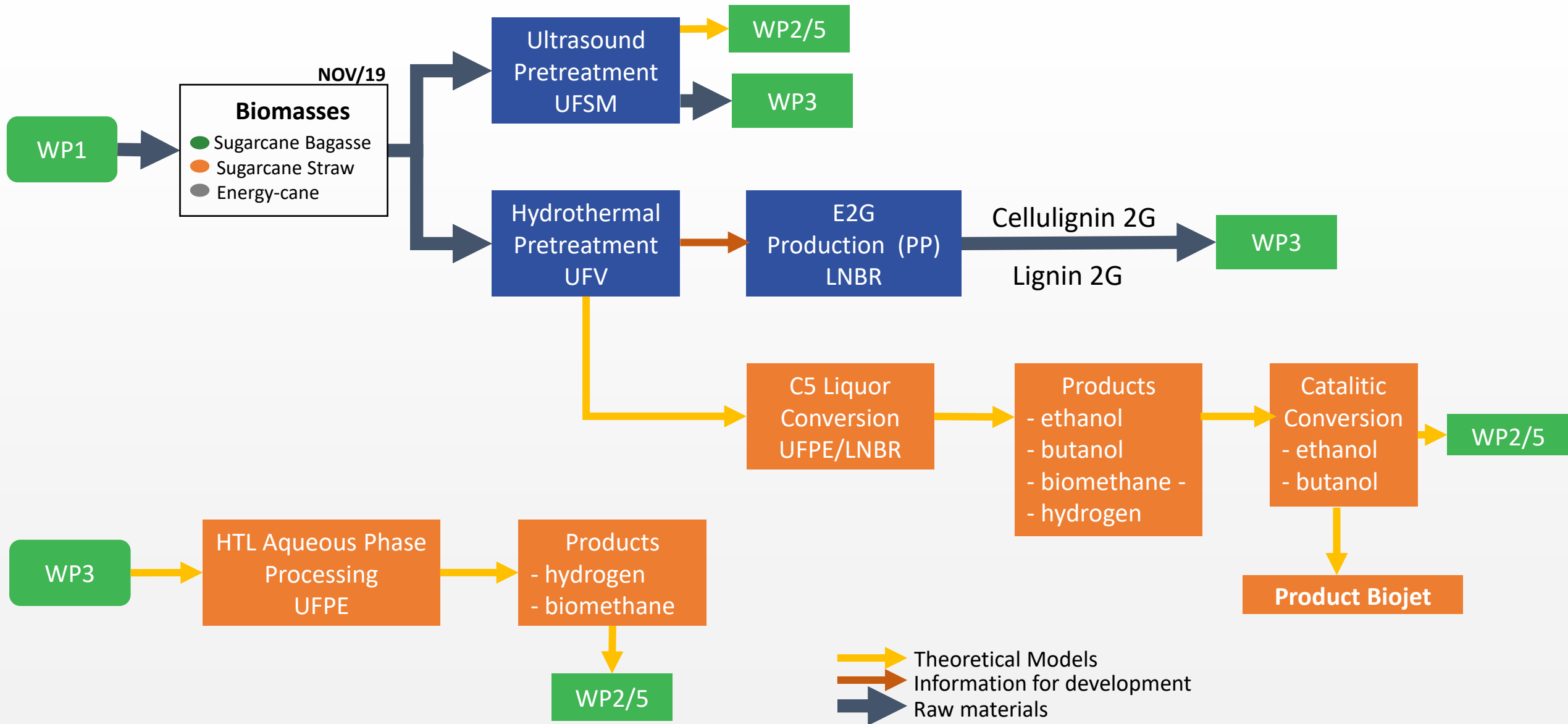
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WP4 - Biochemical processing & energy efficiency in advanced biofuels production

- WP4 aims at exploring different strategies to integrate biochemical and thermochemical routes in sugarcane biorefineries (2G and/or 1G).
- Collection of literature, industry and lab scale data on **pretreatment and biochemical conversion processes**, allowing the assessment of different biorefinery configurations for advanced biofuels.



Liquid hot water treatment



Grinding, 20 and 80 mesh sieving, extractives removal.

The study will be performed with and without extractive removal.

Moisture < 10%



Biomass residues
Sugarcane straw and bagasse
Energy sugarcane



Water



Liquid hot water treatment (HLT)
120 – 200 °C, 30 – 80 min, biomass/water ratio
Study using experimental design

Solid residues
(celulignin)



E2G – Production (PP)
LNBR

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WP3

Liquid residues
(C5 liquor)



C5 Liquor conversion
UFPE/LNBR

Chemical characterization

Biomass residues
Sugarcane straw and bagasse
Energy sugarcane



Moisture
Extractive
Lignin soluble and insoluble
Structural carbohydrates
Ashes and minerals (metais, cloro e enxofre)

Solid residues
(Celulignina)



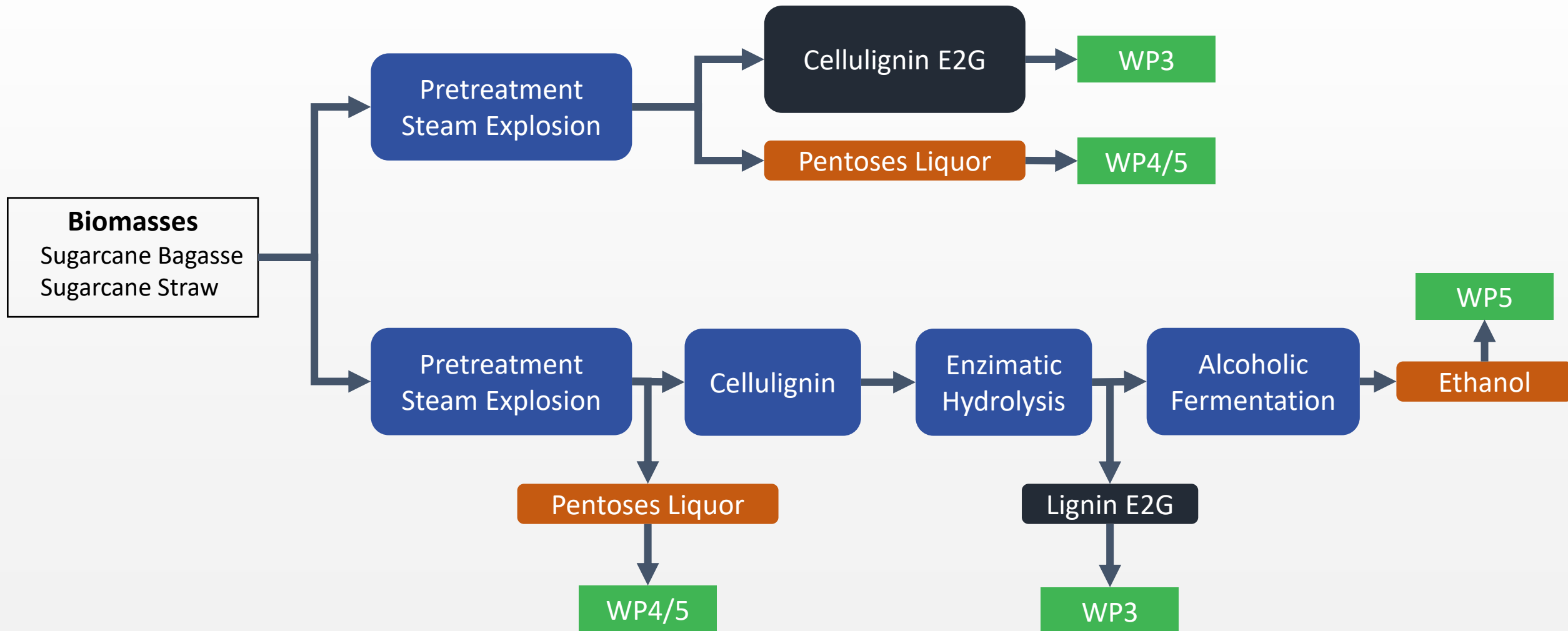
Lignin soluble and insoluble
Structural carbohydrates
Ashes and minerals
Metais
Cloro
Enxofre

Liquid residues
(C5 Carbohydrate)



Lignin soluble
Structural carbohydrates
Furanics
pH
Conductivity
Acids
Minerals (metais, cloro e enxofre)

Flow Diagram for the Production of Cellulignin E2G and Lignin E2G in LNBR/CNPEM Pilot Plant (Campinas, SP)



Process Development Pilot
Plant (E2G)
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Work Package 5

Integrated Market, Value Chain and Sustainability Assessment

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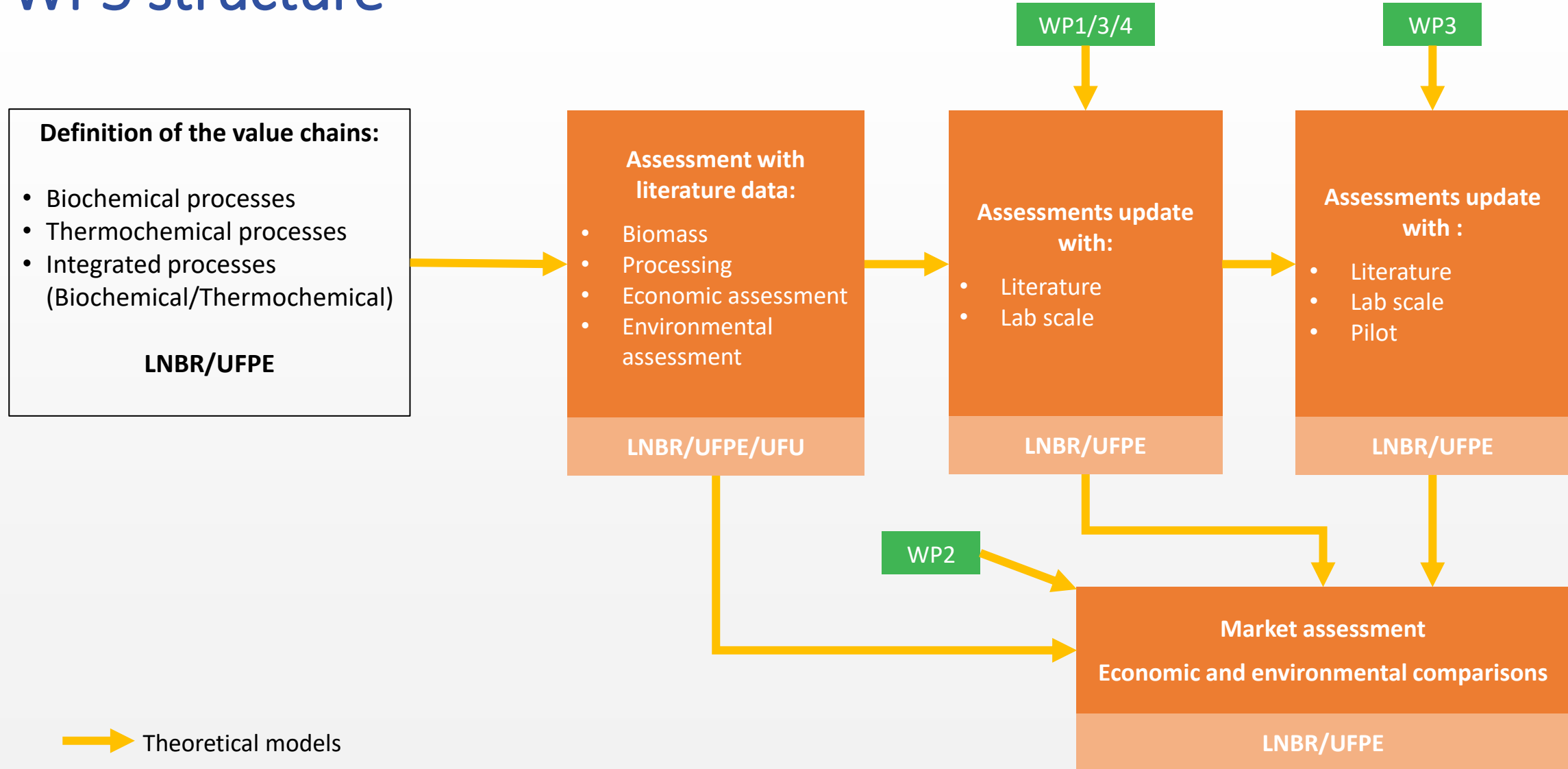
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WP5 structure



Example: Definition of a value chain

Biomass

Energy densification

Processing

Sugarcane (bagasse)

Sugarcane (bagasse + straw)

Sugarcane (straw)

Energy cane (bagasse)

Eucalyptus

Forest residues (Pinus)

Cellulignin

2G Lignin

①

②

③

Fast pyrolysis (bio-oil)

Fast pyrolysis (bio-oil + biochar)

Slow pyrolysis (biochar)

HTL

None

①

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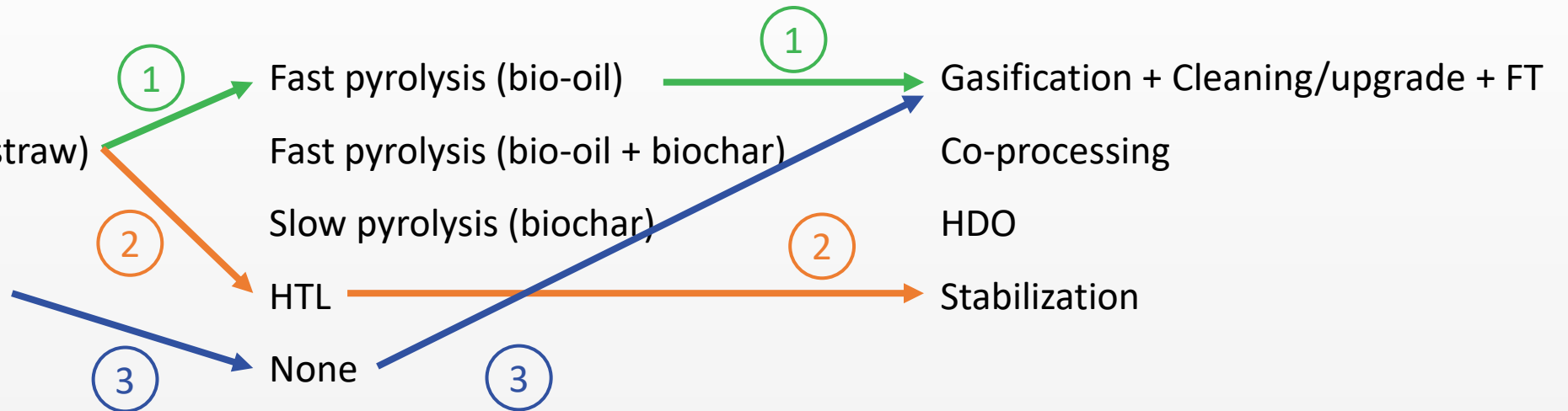
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Gasification + Cleaning/upgrade + FT

Co-processing

HDO

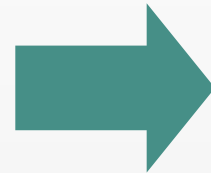
Stabilization



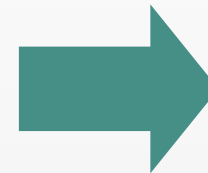
Sustainability assessment: Virtual Sugar cane Biorefinery (VSB)



model
integration



sustainability
impacts

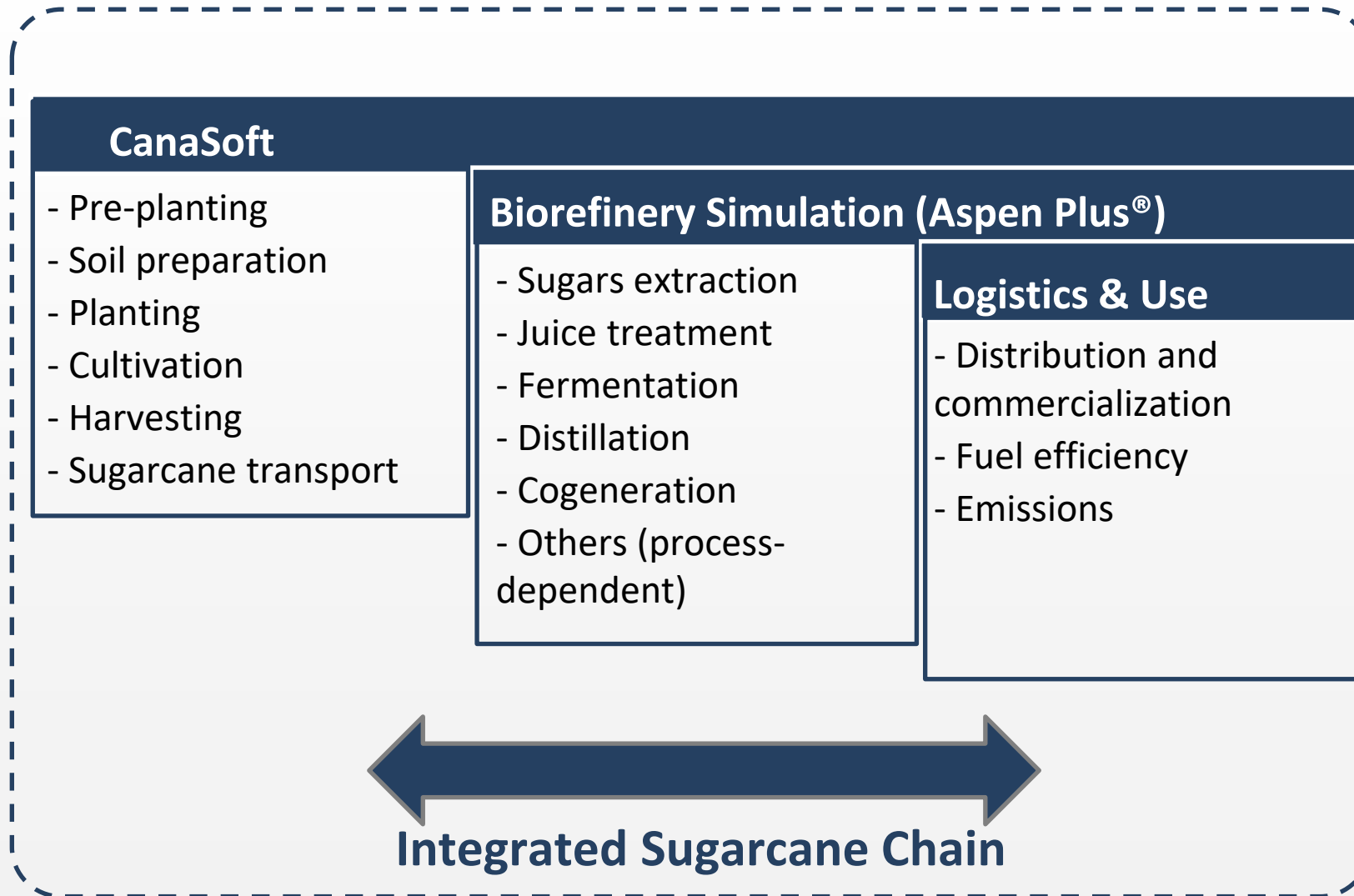


- Assess and compare biorefinery alternatives
- Assess stage of development of new technologies
- Optimize impacts

VSB structure

Modeling and Simulation

Sustainability Assessment



Economic analysis

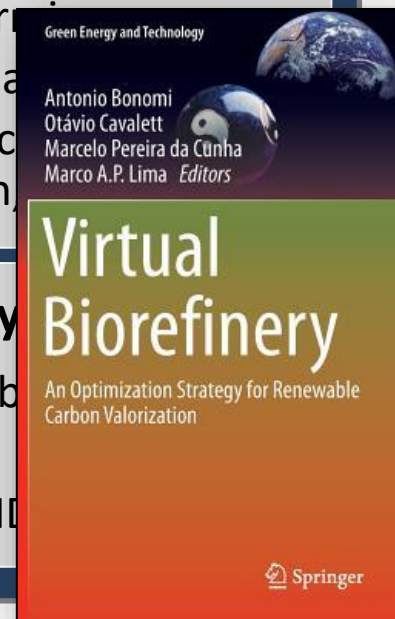
- Investment
- Internal rate of return
- NPV/investment
- Production costs

Environmental analysis

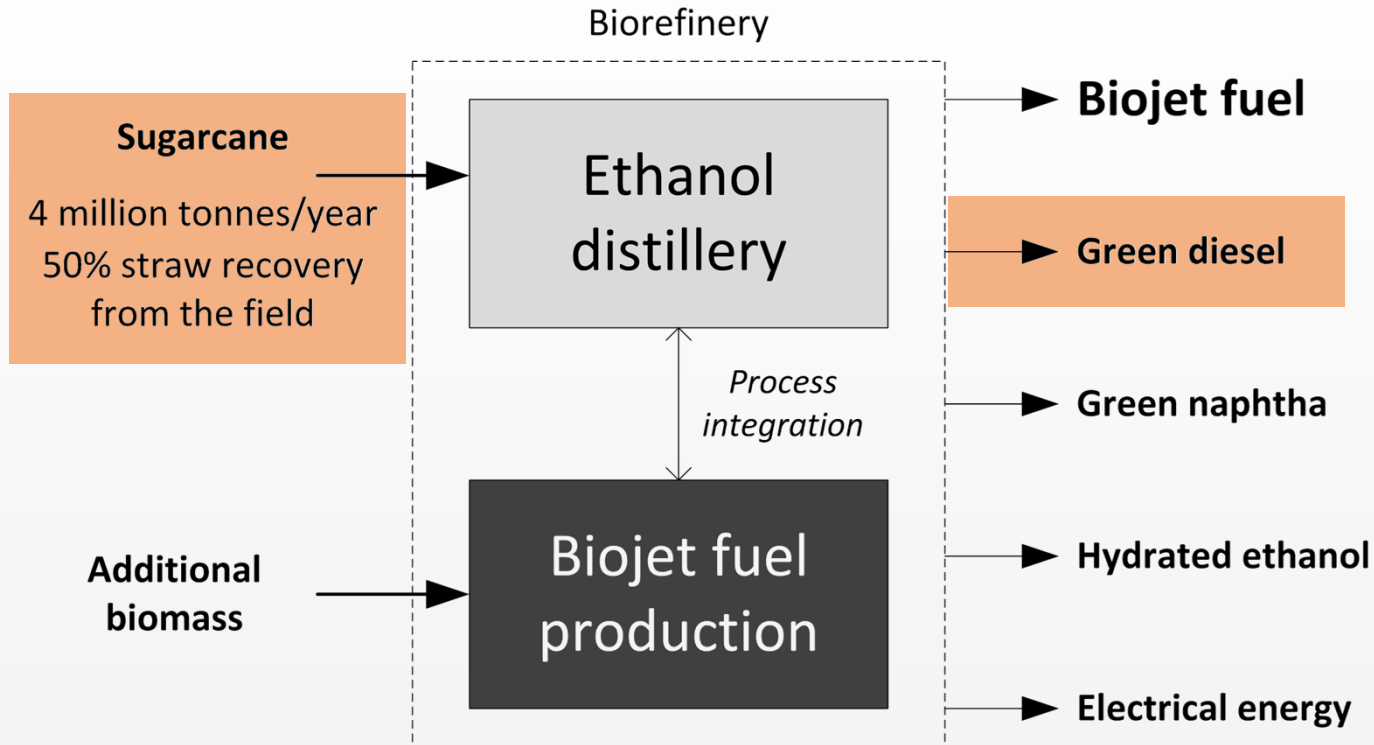
- Global warming
- Energy balance
- Local (toxic acidification)

Social analysis

- Created jobs
- Accidents
- Sectorial H



Example: Biojet Fuel production – Integration is the solution



Limits for integration:
defining plant capacity

HEFA



FT



ATJ



- Base sugarcane mill: 4 MTC/year
- Biorefineries are self-sufficient in terms of energy

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Work Package 6

Dissemination, exploitation and data management

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Objectives

- Organize conferences, webinars and site visits.
- Publish scientific papers, press releases and newsletters.
- Raising awareness on the Project and alternatives of producing advanced biofuels.
- Disseminating the results of the Project.
- Establish a Brazilian-European “summer” school for sustainability assessments.
- Supporting the activities of other WPs for management and exploitation of results.
- Design and implement a strategy for the management of Intellectual Property.

THANK YOU!

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