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BIOCHEMICAL PROCESSING OF CELLULOSIC BIOMASS

- ENZYMATIC HYDROLYSIS -

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ENZYMATIC HYDROLYSIS OF BIOMASS

- **LIGNOCELLULOSIC BIOMASS**
- **BIOMASS STRUCTURE**
- **BIOMASS MACROMOLECULAR COMPONENTS**
- **MAIN ENZYME ACTIVITIES**
- **ENZYME BLENDS**
- **BIOMASS HYDROLYSIS**

EXAMPLE OF LIGNOCELLULOSIC BIOMASS



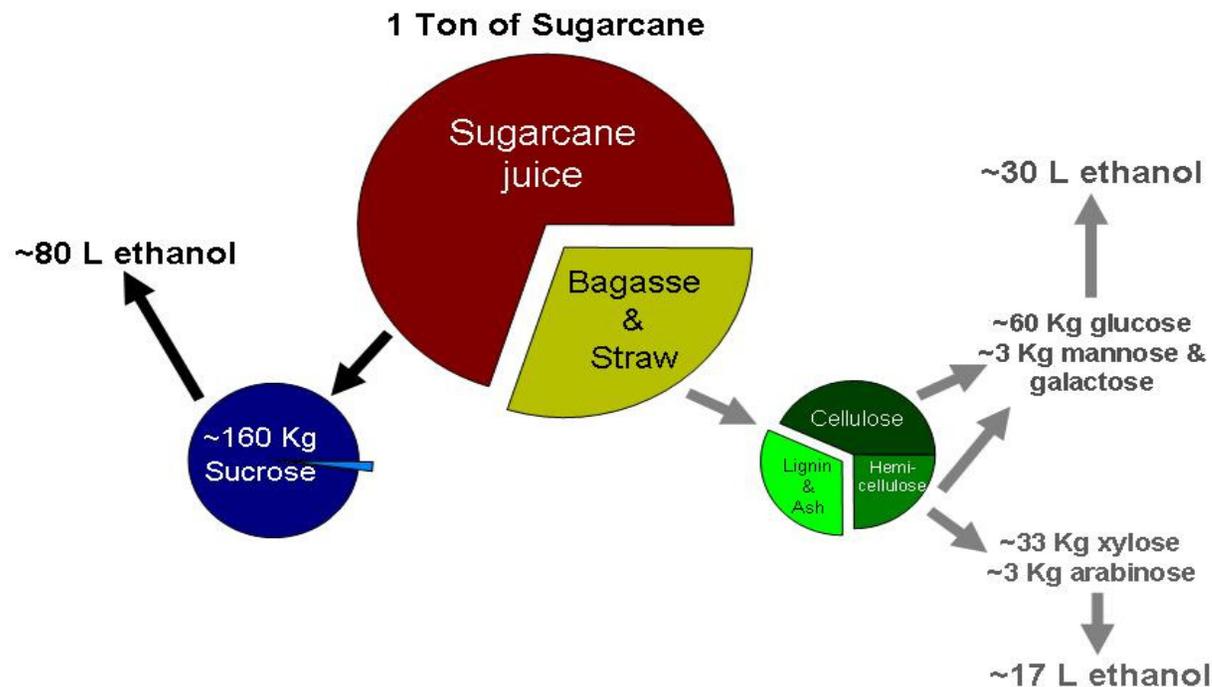
SUGARCANE PLANTATION



SUGARCANE BIOMASS



Sugarcane composition



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SUGARCANE BIOMASS



BAGASSE



STRAW



SUGARCANE BAGASSE COMPOSITION



Cellulose
(~37%)

→ **C₆ sugars for ETHANOL**
(renewable liquid fuel)

Hemicellulose
(~28%)

→ **C₅ sugars for Ethanol, Bio-refineries or Enzymes Production**

Lignin
(~21%)

→ **Poly aromatic hydrophobic structure**
(renewable solid fuel or chemical industry)



Ethanol from sugarcane bagasse

- **88% bagasse used for co-generation (heat and electricity)**
- **New boilers will decrease bagasse use and increase surplus**
- **The use of straw for biomass ethanol or as fuel in the boilers will increase biomass availability**
- **12% present surplus bagasse (10 million tonnes)**
- **Production of additional 2.4 billion L of ethanol from C6 sugars**

**BIOMASS
ETHANOL
POTENCIAL**

SUGARCANE BIOMASS



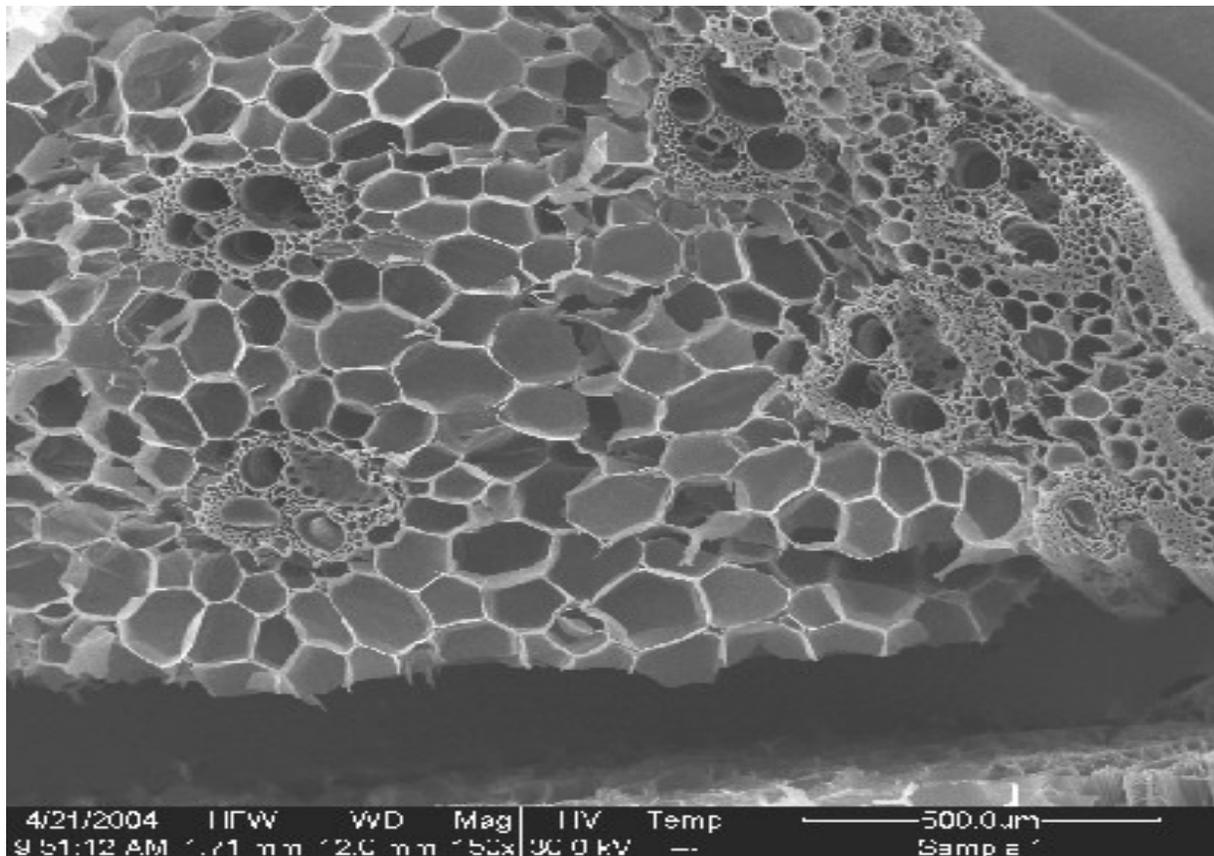
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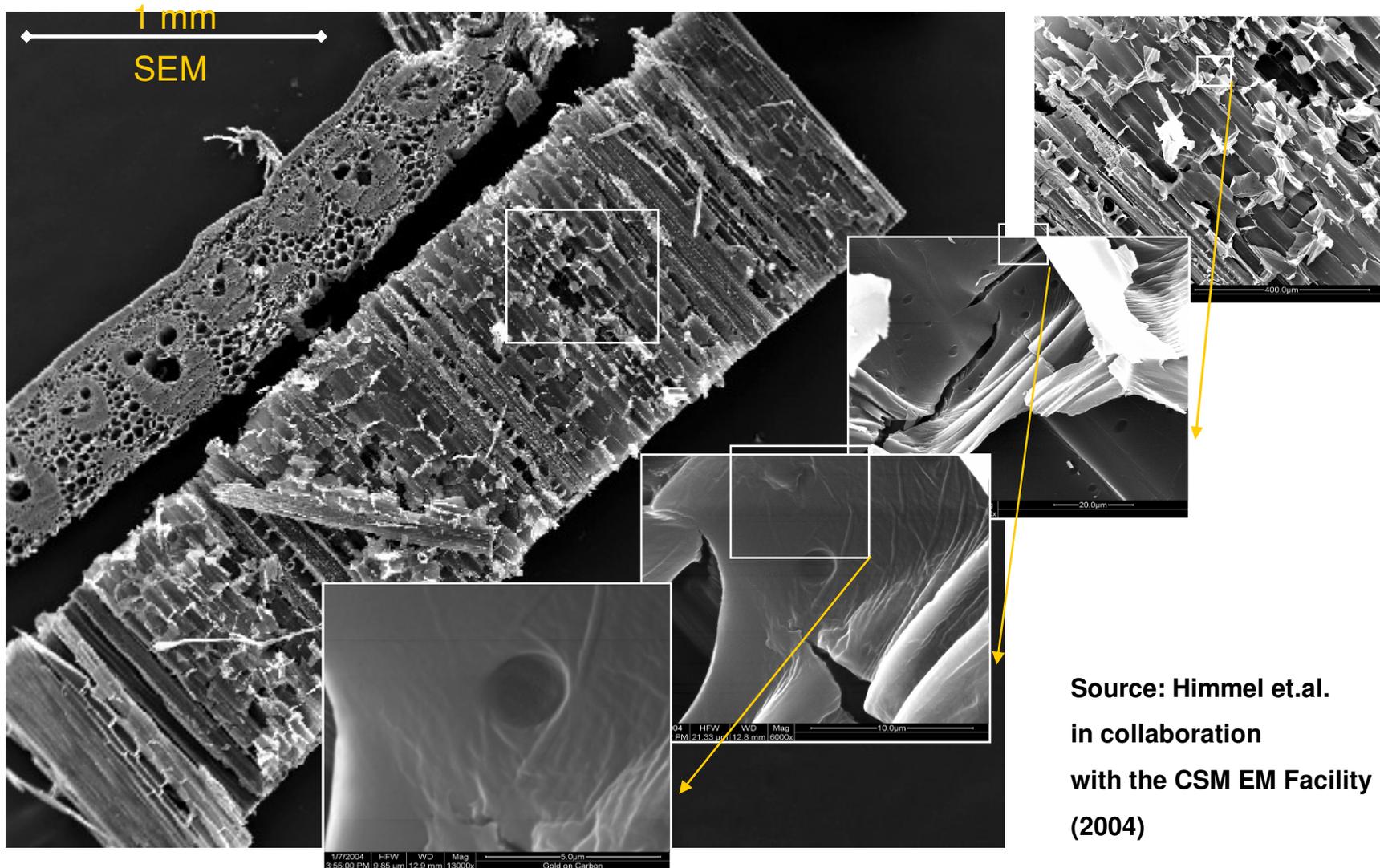
Cellular Structure of Biomass (cell wall of plant cells)



Structure of corn stover - Acknowledgement NREL - USA

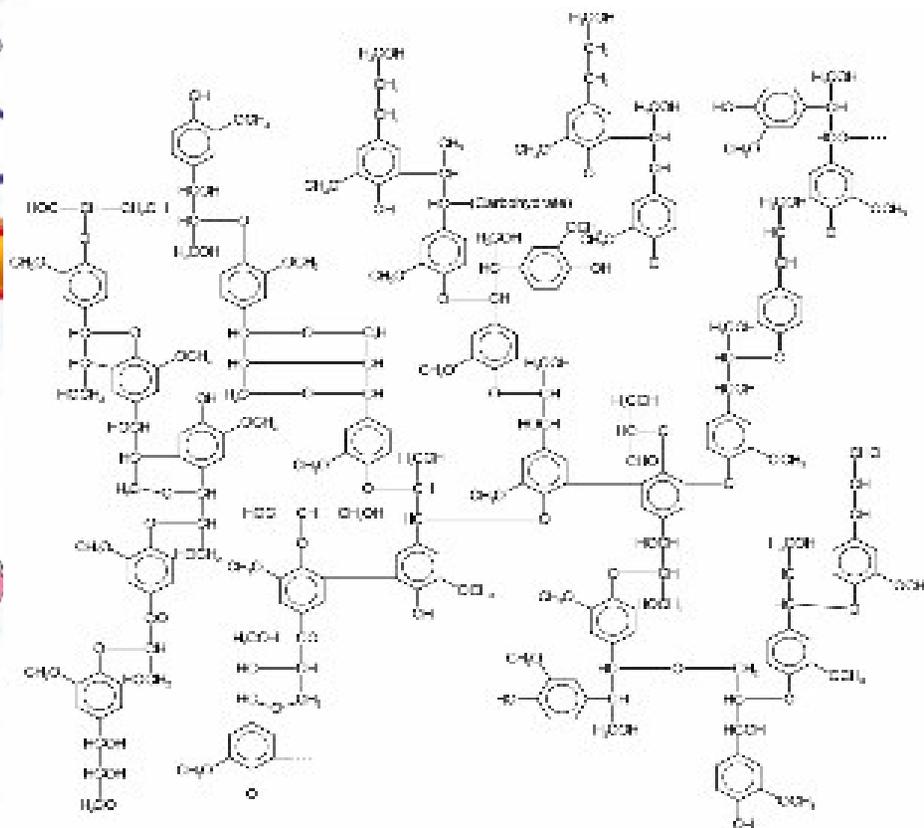
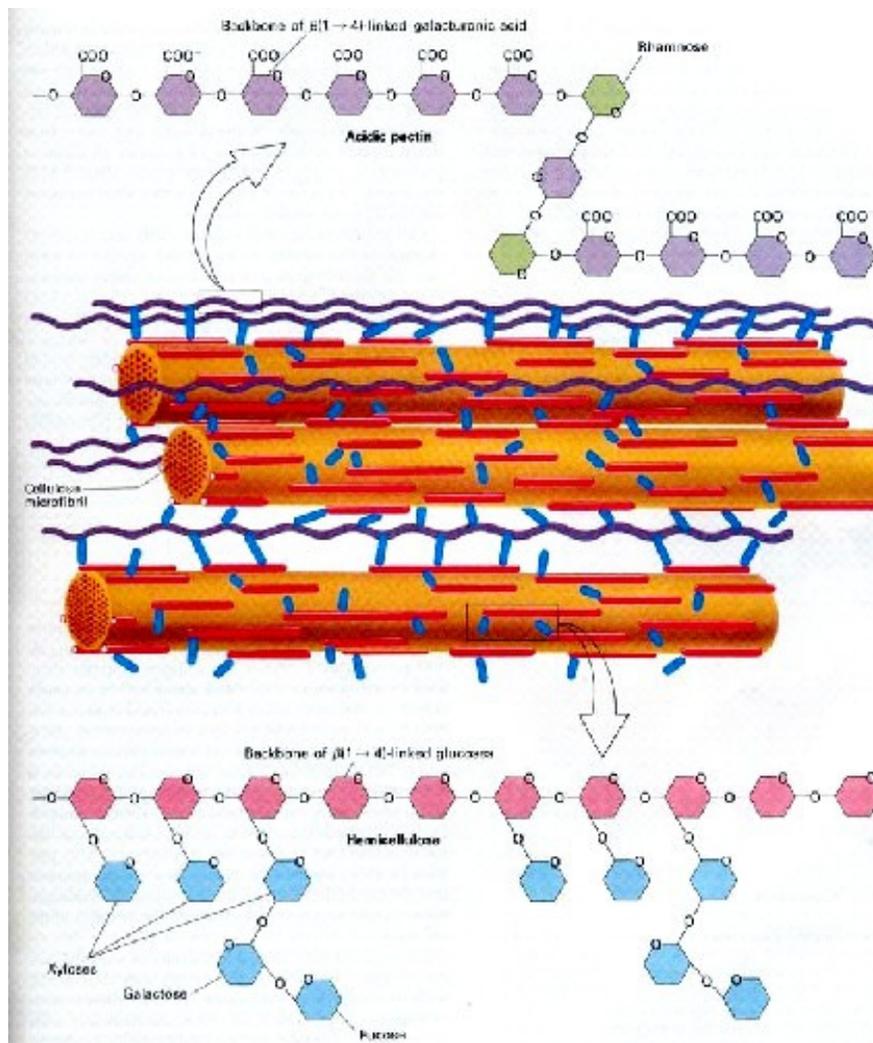
STRUCTURE OF CELL WALLS

- LIGNOCELLULOSE -



Source: Himmel et.al.
in collaboration
with the CSM EM Facility
(2004)

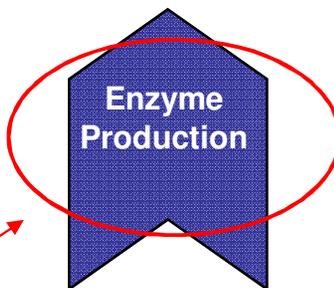
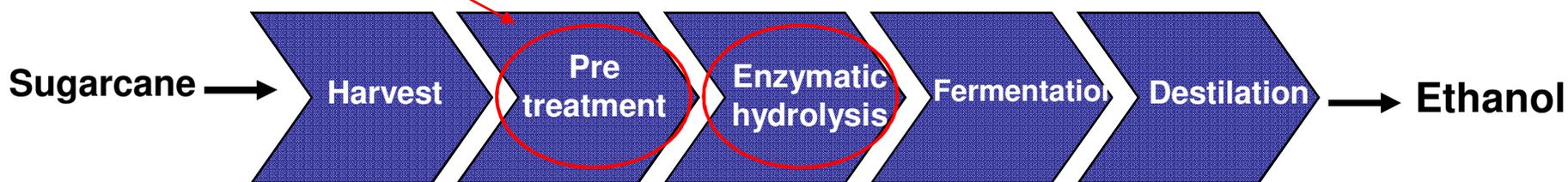
MOLECULAR COMPOSITION OF LIGNOCELLULOSE: (CELLULOSE - HEMICELLULOSE - PECTIN - LIGNIN)





BIOMASS ETHANOL - Process Overview

- Steam explosion
- Milling



***Trichoderma reesei* RUT C30
and *Aspergillus awamori***





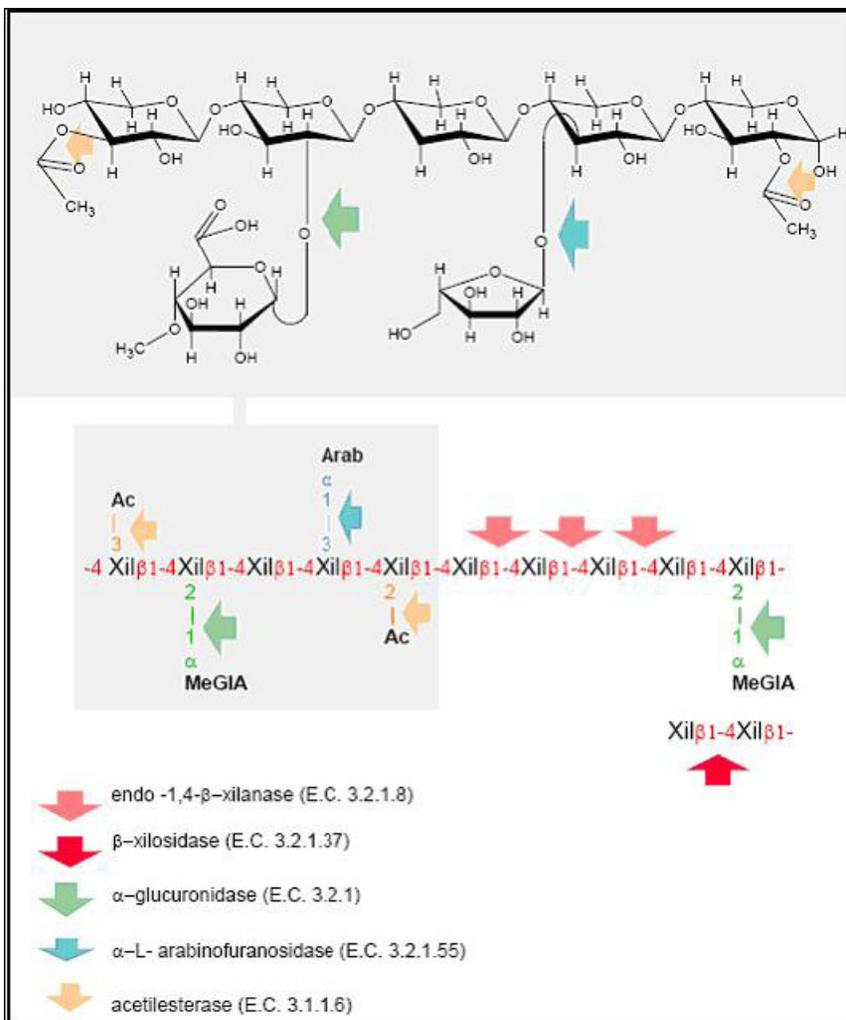
ENZYMES THAT HYDROLYSE CELLULOSE AND HEMICELLULOSE

CELLULASES

- ENDOGLUCANASES
- EXOGLUCANASES
- β -GLUCOSIDASE

HEMICELLULASES

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- xylanases
- β -xylosidases
- α -1-arabinofuranosidases
- α -glucuronidases
- acetyl xylan esterases
- α -galactosidases

"BIOMASS ENZYMES" PRODUCTION PRINCIPLES



- Enzyme cost contribution and effectiveness depends on the **biomass source** and **pre-treatment** conditions
- Development of "**tailored made**" ENZYME BLENDS for **sugarcane biomass**
- Development of "**tailored made**" enzyme according to the **sugarcane biomass pretreatment**
- Use of **crude** "cellulase/xylanase/accessory enzymes" preparations
- "**In house**" production to reduce cost





Sugarcane biomass enzymatic hydrolysis

SUCARCANE BAGASSE



Sugarcane Bagasse

SteamTreated Sugarcane Bagasse



ENZYMATIC HYDROLYSIS EXPERIMENTS

- 130 g/L of treated sugarcane bagasse
- ENZIME blend – 10 FPU/g
- Sodium citrate buffer pH 4.8
- Temperature - 50°C
- Agitation - 200 rpm



STBA HYDROLYSIS RESULTS



BIOMASS HYDROLYSATE



Glucose Syrup
60 g/L (87%Yield)



**Ethanol
fermentation**



Lignin



Solid hydrophobic fuel



Membrane Bioreactor

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- **Biomass hidrolysates lignin separation**
 - **Sugars syrups concentration**
 - **Enzyme recovery**

Membrane Bioreactor



Biomass hydrolysate

Microfiltrate
**(enzyme separation
and recovery)**

Ultrafiltrate
**(glucose and
xylose
separation)**

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MCT/FINEP PROJECT

2009 – 2013

Scaling up of fungi – *Trichoderma* and *Aspergillus*,
cellulolytic and xylanolytic enzymes production and its
use for biomass hydrolysis pretreated by steam
explosion and milling

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Thank you!

