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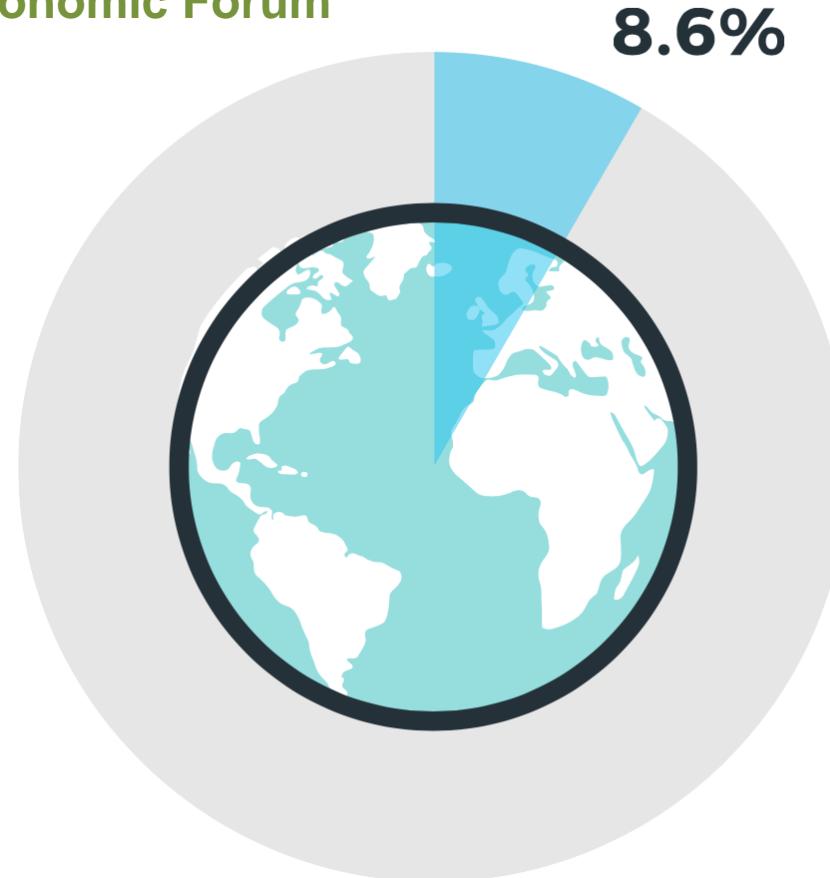
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## BIOMASA Y BIOECONOMÍA ¿DÓNDE ESTÁ LA INDUSTRIA DE PALMA?

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### The circularity gap

January 2018 World Economic Forum  
(Davos)



**2021:** 100 Gt natural resources

**2019:** 9.1%

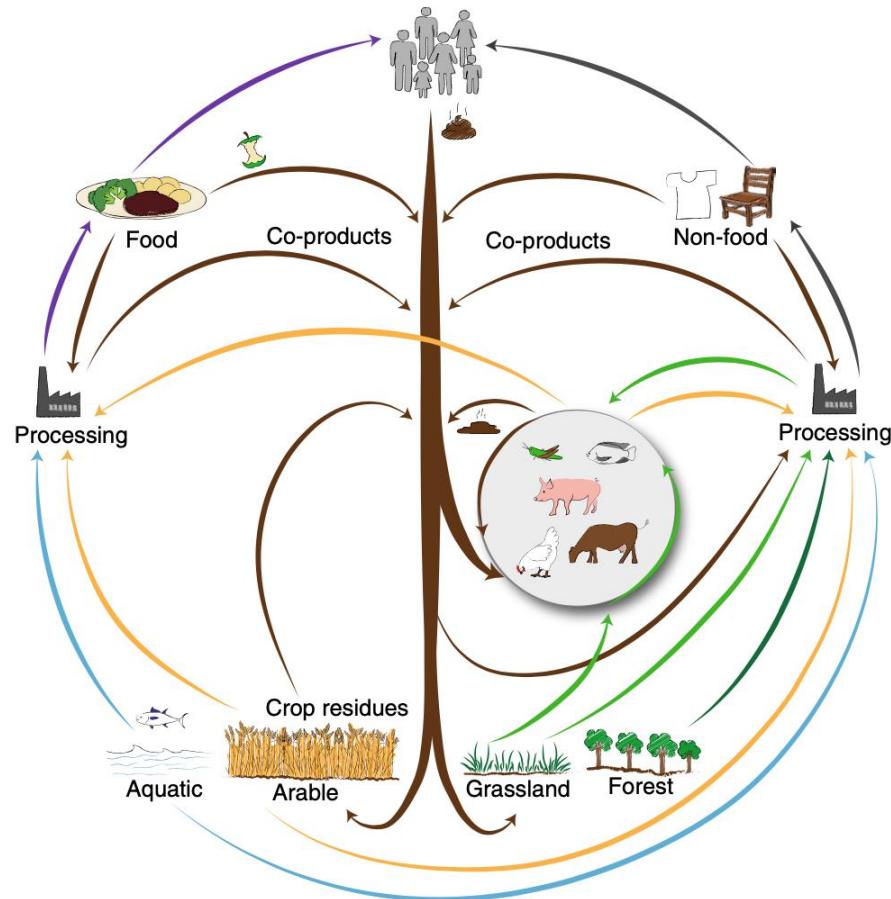


**2022:** 8.6%

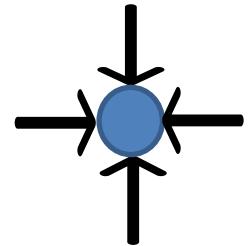
**Material handling/use:** 70% GHG emissions

**Linear economy:** Take, make, waste

The Circularity Gap Report 2022. <https://www.circularity-gap.world/2022#Download-the-report>



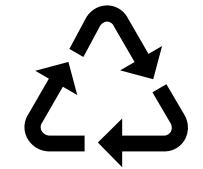
**NARROW:** Use efficiently



**SLOW:** Use longer



**REGENERATE:** Make clean



**RECYCLE:** Use again

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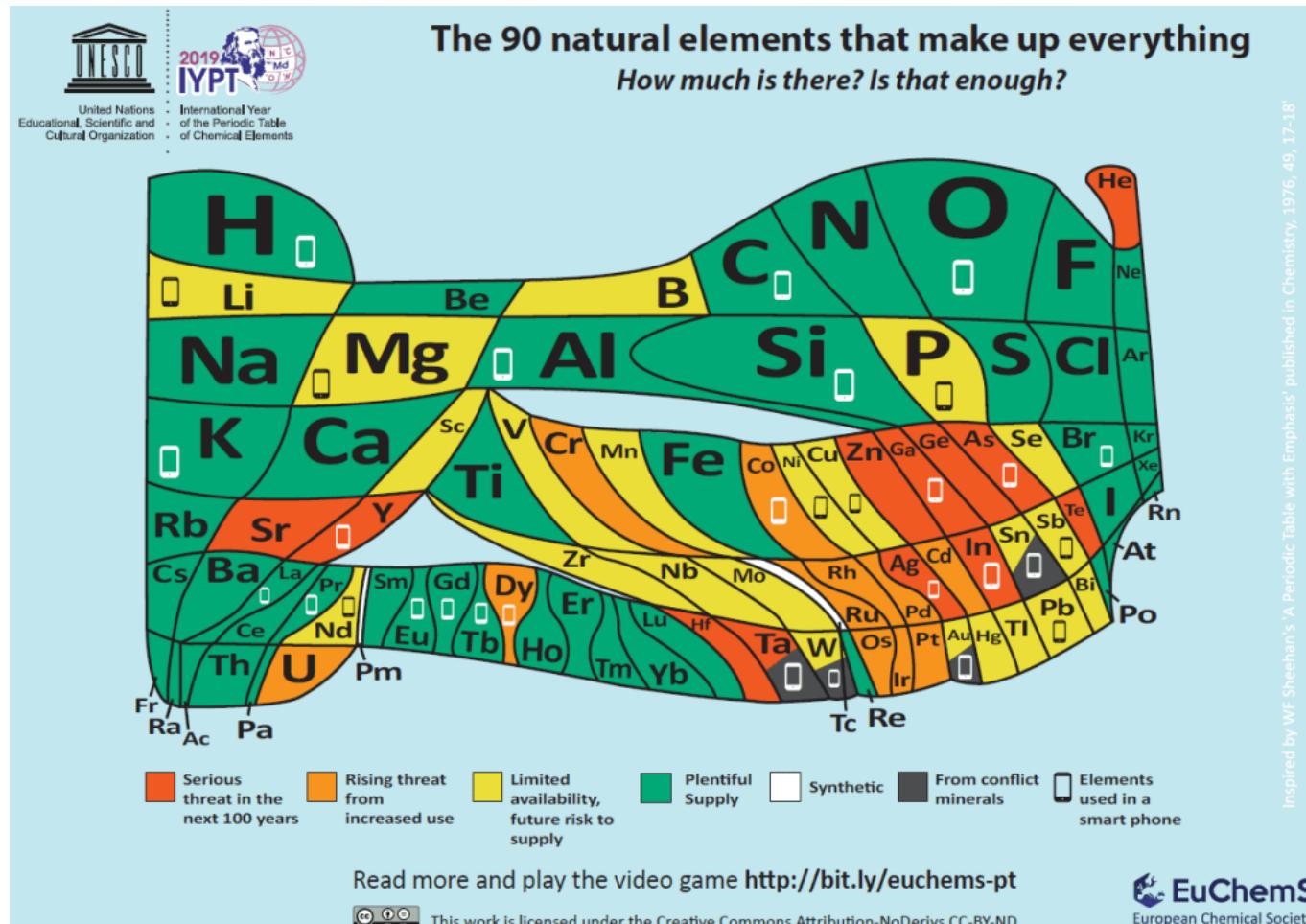
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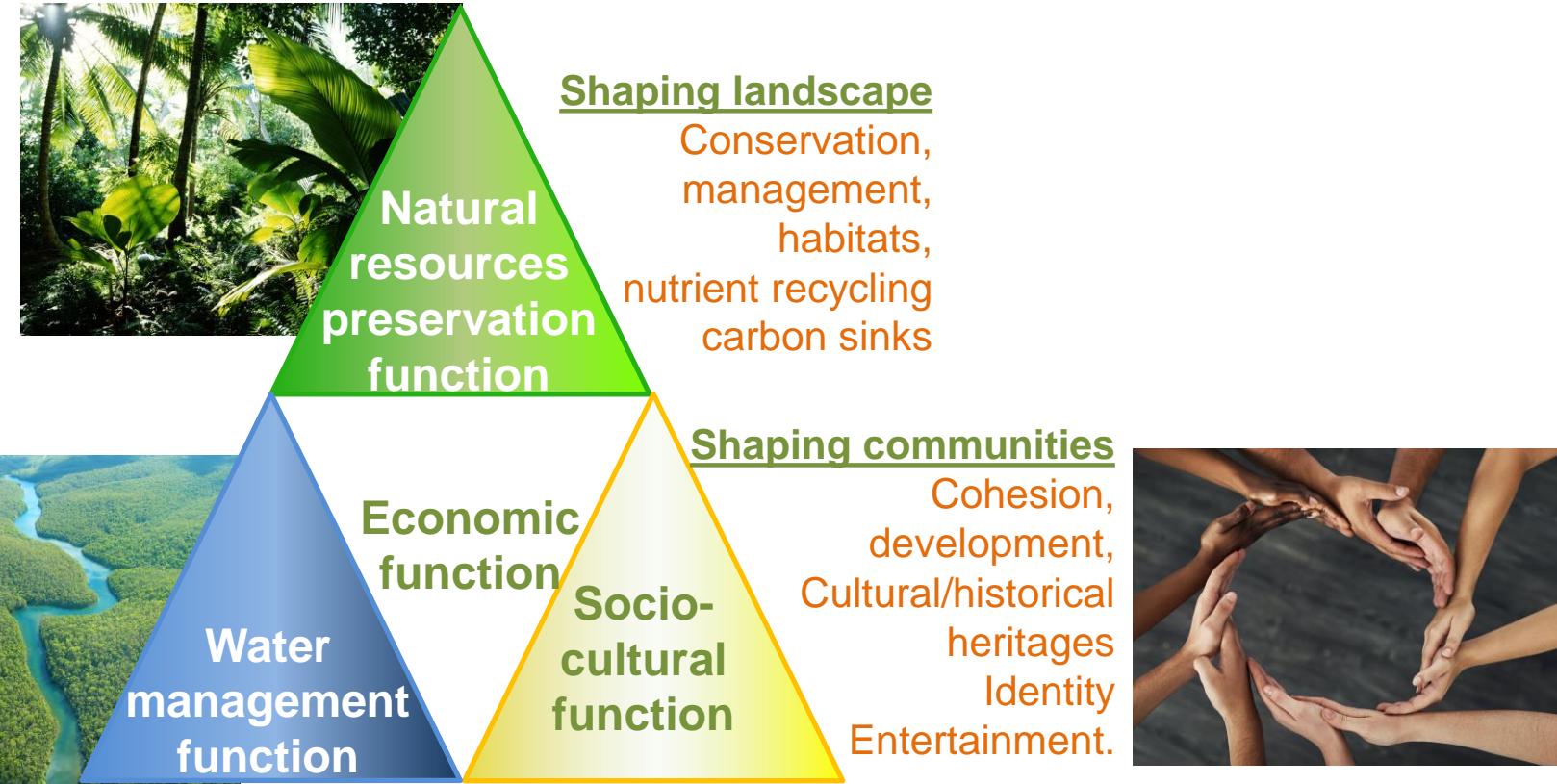
# It's a chemistry problem!



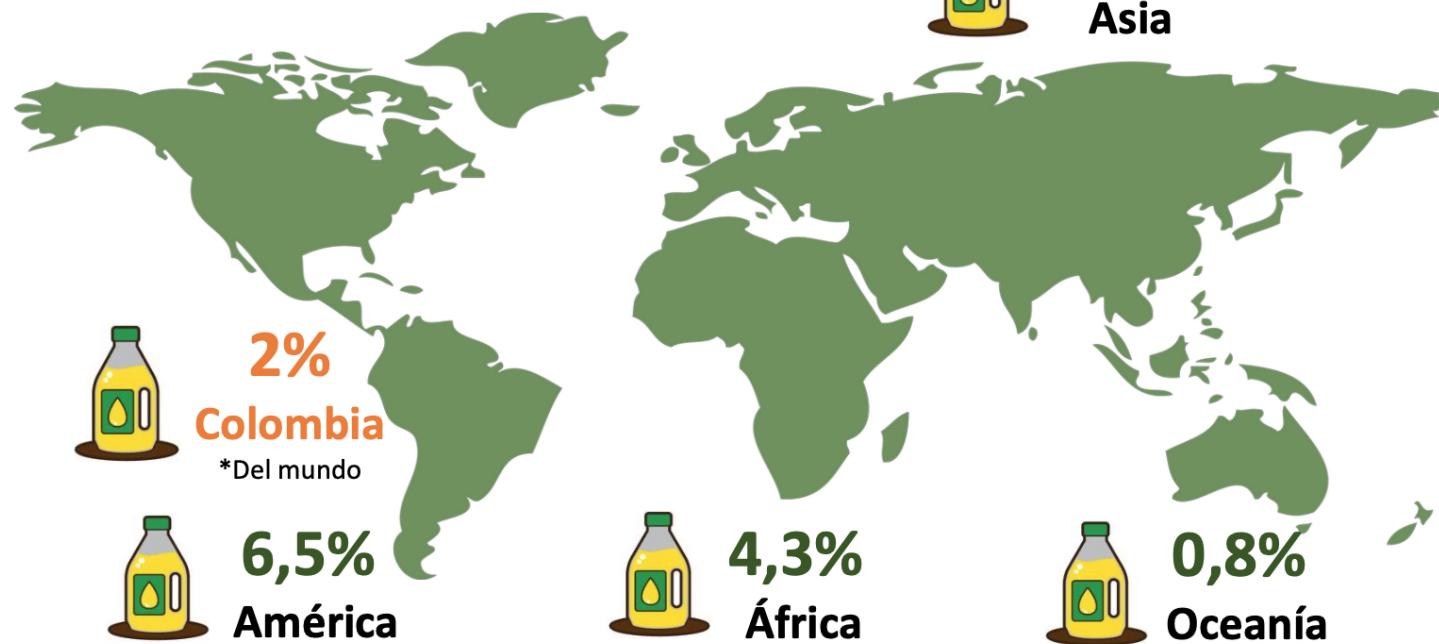
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# Multifunctional Agriculture

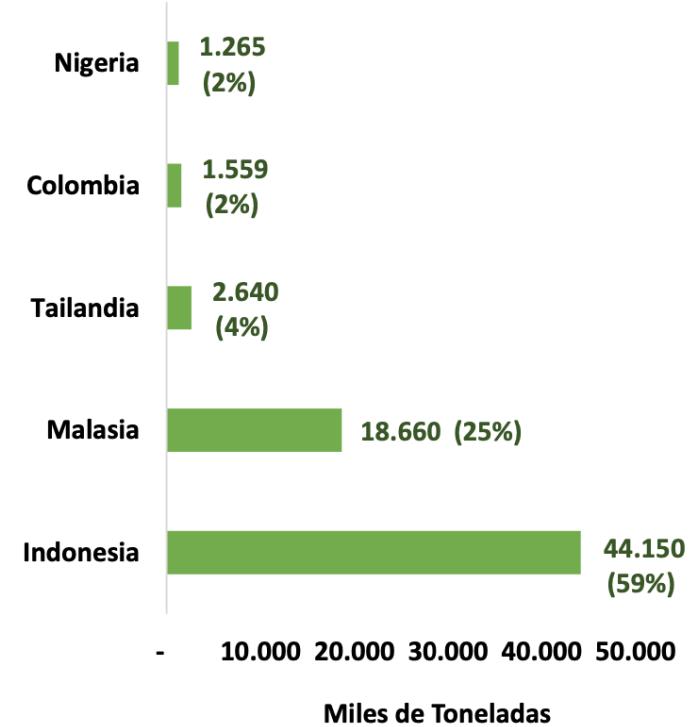
Agriculture has many functions in addition to producing food and fiber (OECD, 2001)



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Multifunctional Agriculture



Cinco principales productores de aceite de palma



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### Types of residual biomass in the Palm Oil industry



**Frond**

Palm oil



**Fresh fruit bunch  
(FFB)**



**Trunk**

Palm  
kernel oil



**Mesocarp fiber  
(MF)**

**Empty fruit bunch  
(EFB)**

**Palm kernel shell  
(PKS) and meal  
(PKM)**



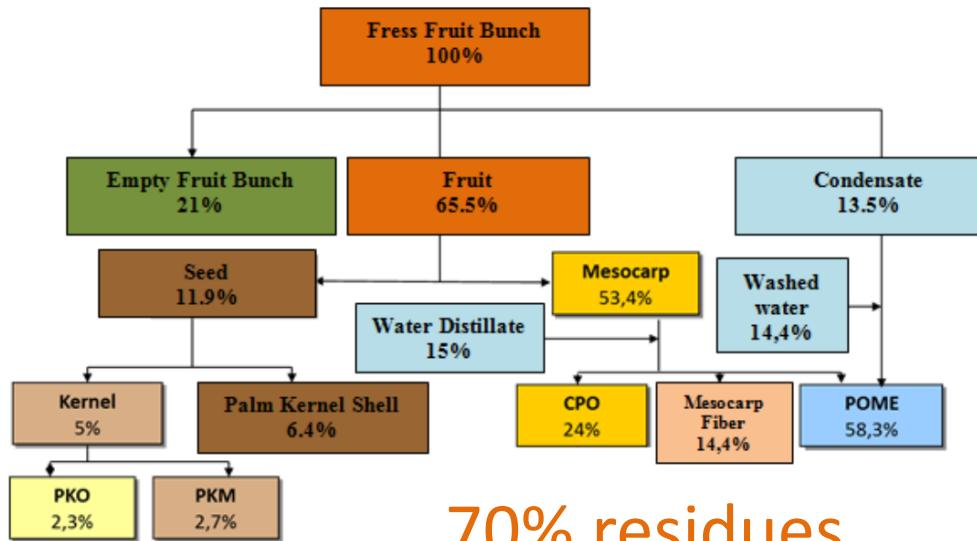
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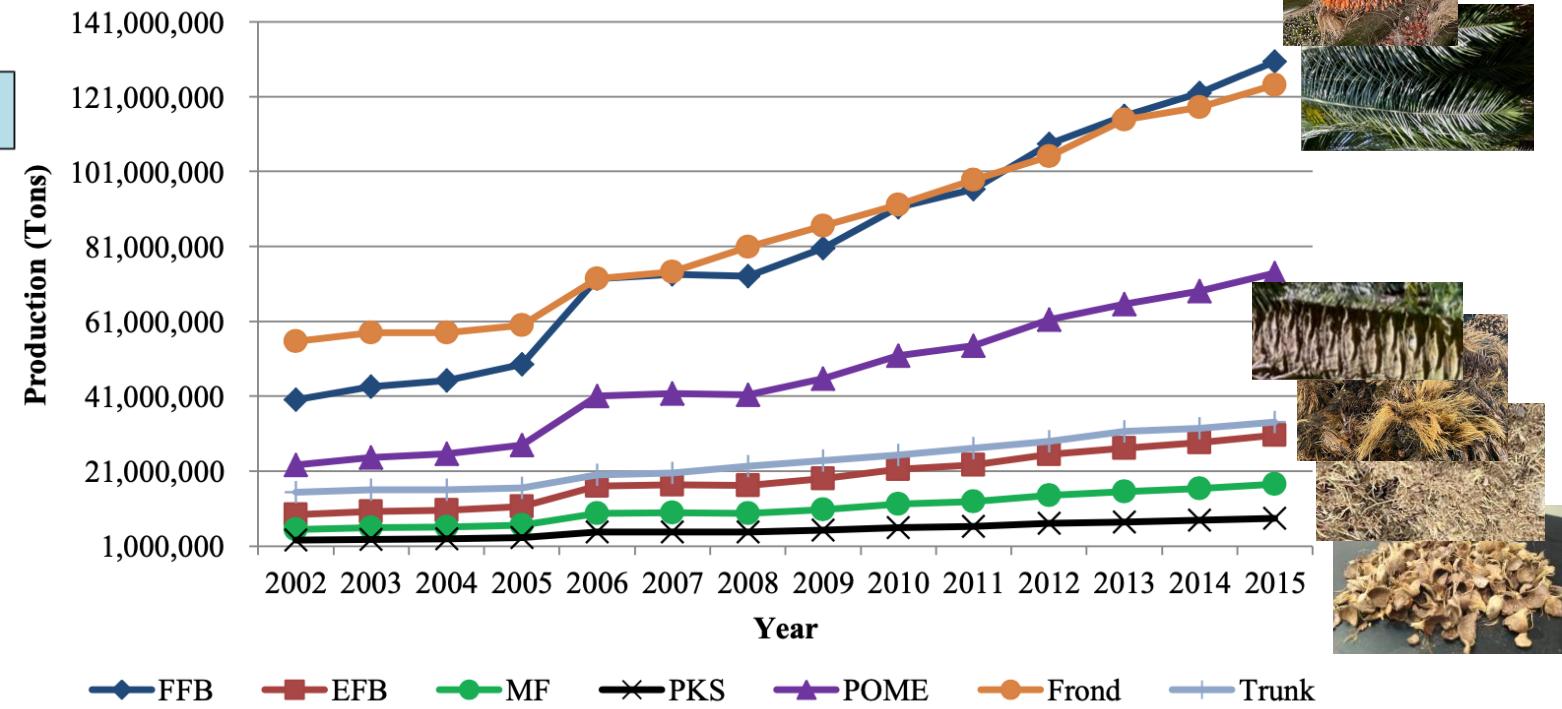
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### Palm Oil residues in Indonesia



Estimates for 2030 double the amount of residual biomass





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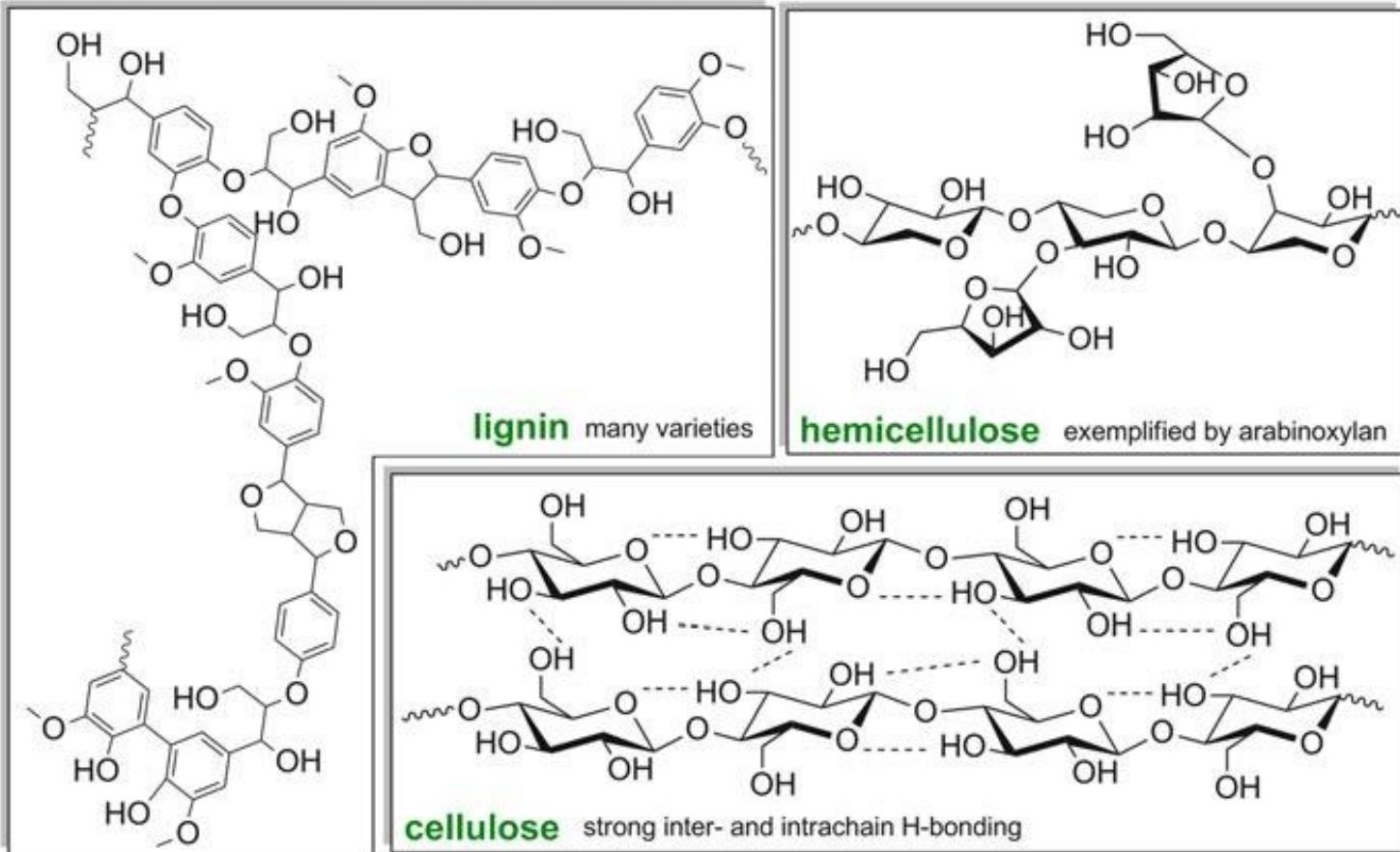
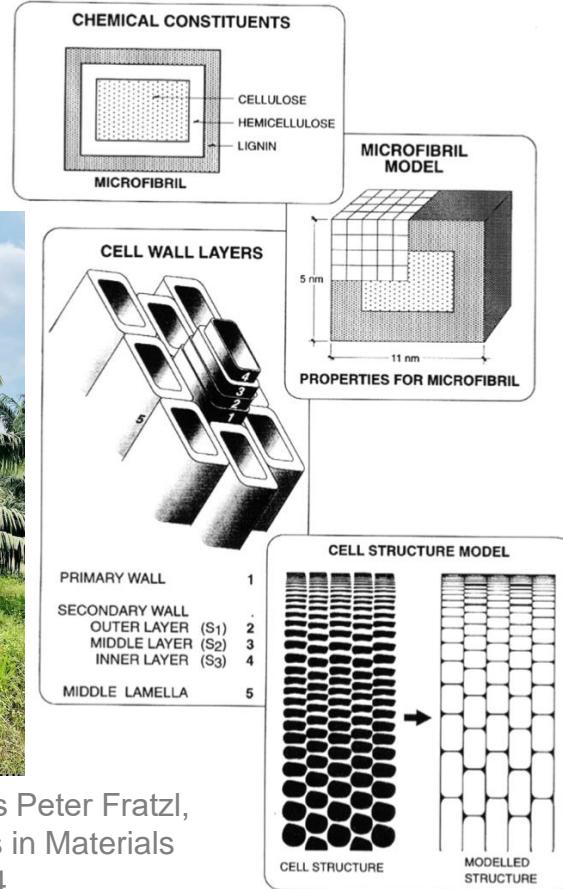
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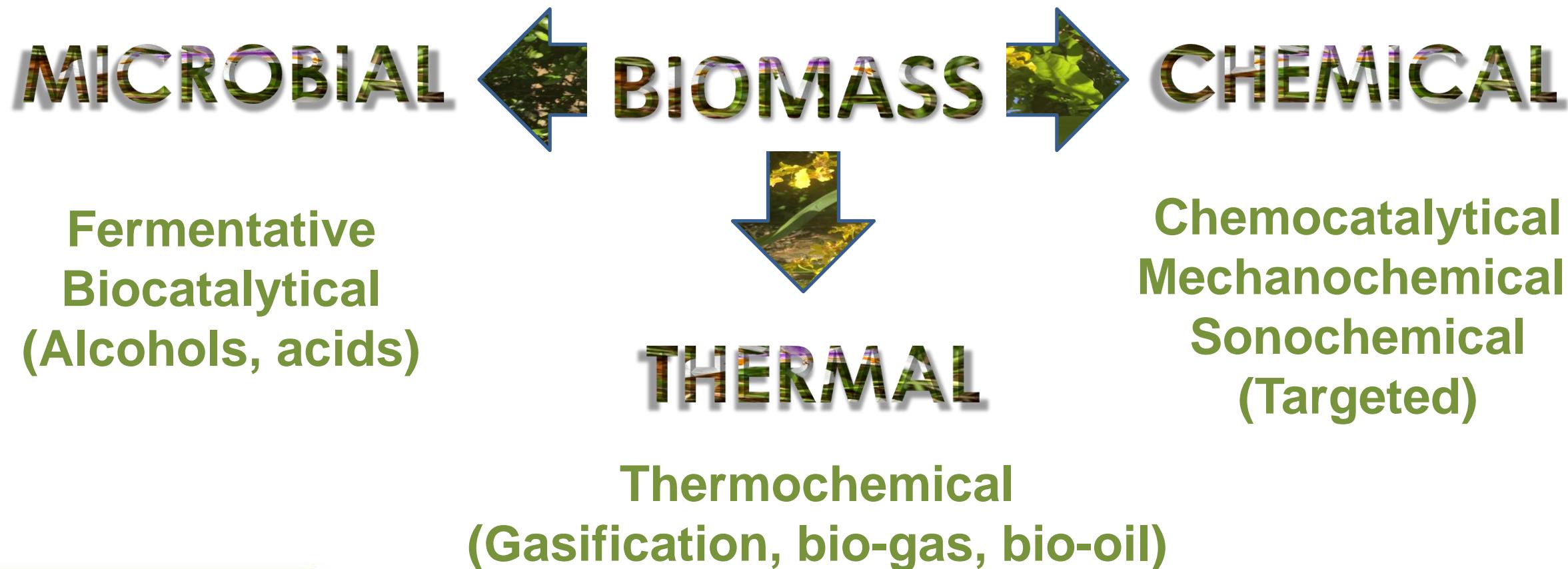
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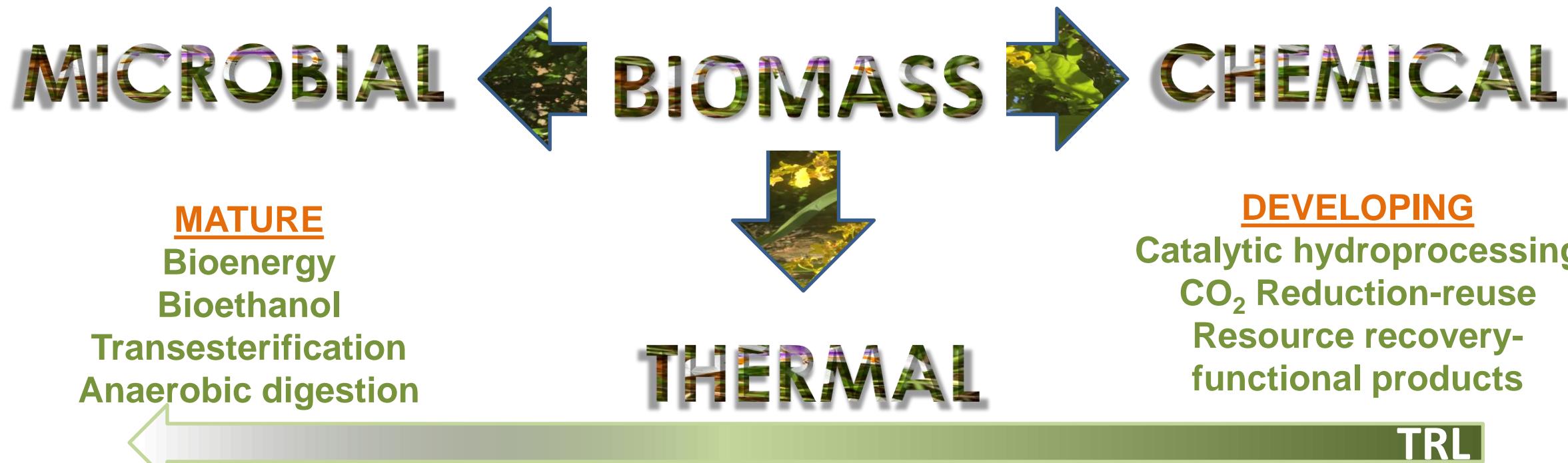


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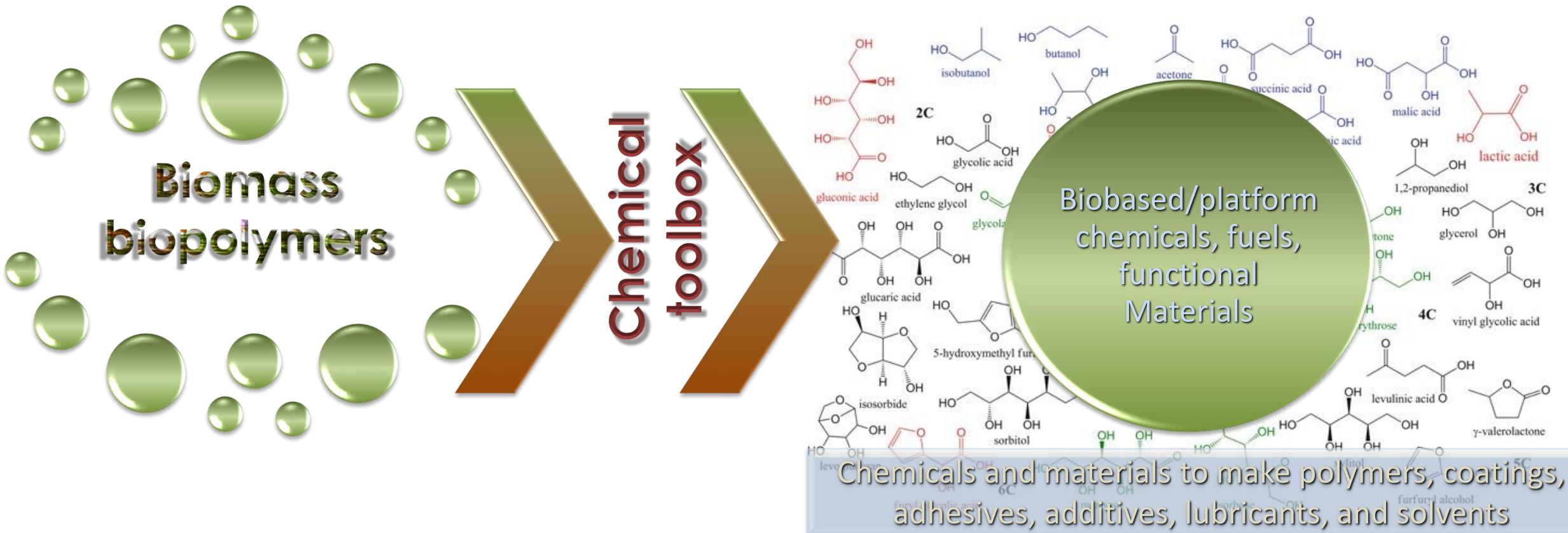


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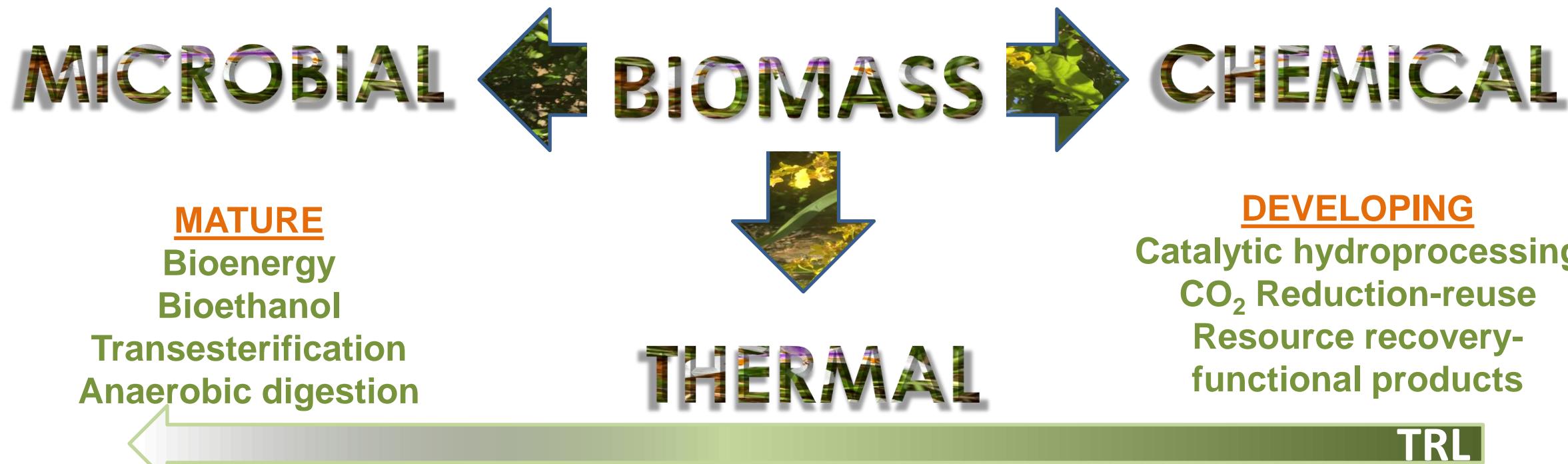
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Factor	Strategy	
Fermentative/thermal	Chemical	
Commercial interest		
Method development, capital expenses on start up		
Potential for cheap, short, and mild processes to transform biomass into platform molecules		

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## EL PODER TRANSFORMADOR DE LA PALMA DE ACEITE

### First steps: integrated biogas/compost technology

#### Serting Hilir Palm Oil Mill:

54 t FFB/h

300,000 t FFB/Y

Energy: 15 - 17 kWh elect/t FFB

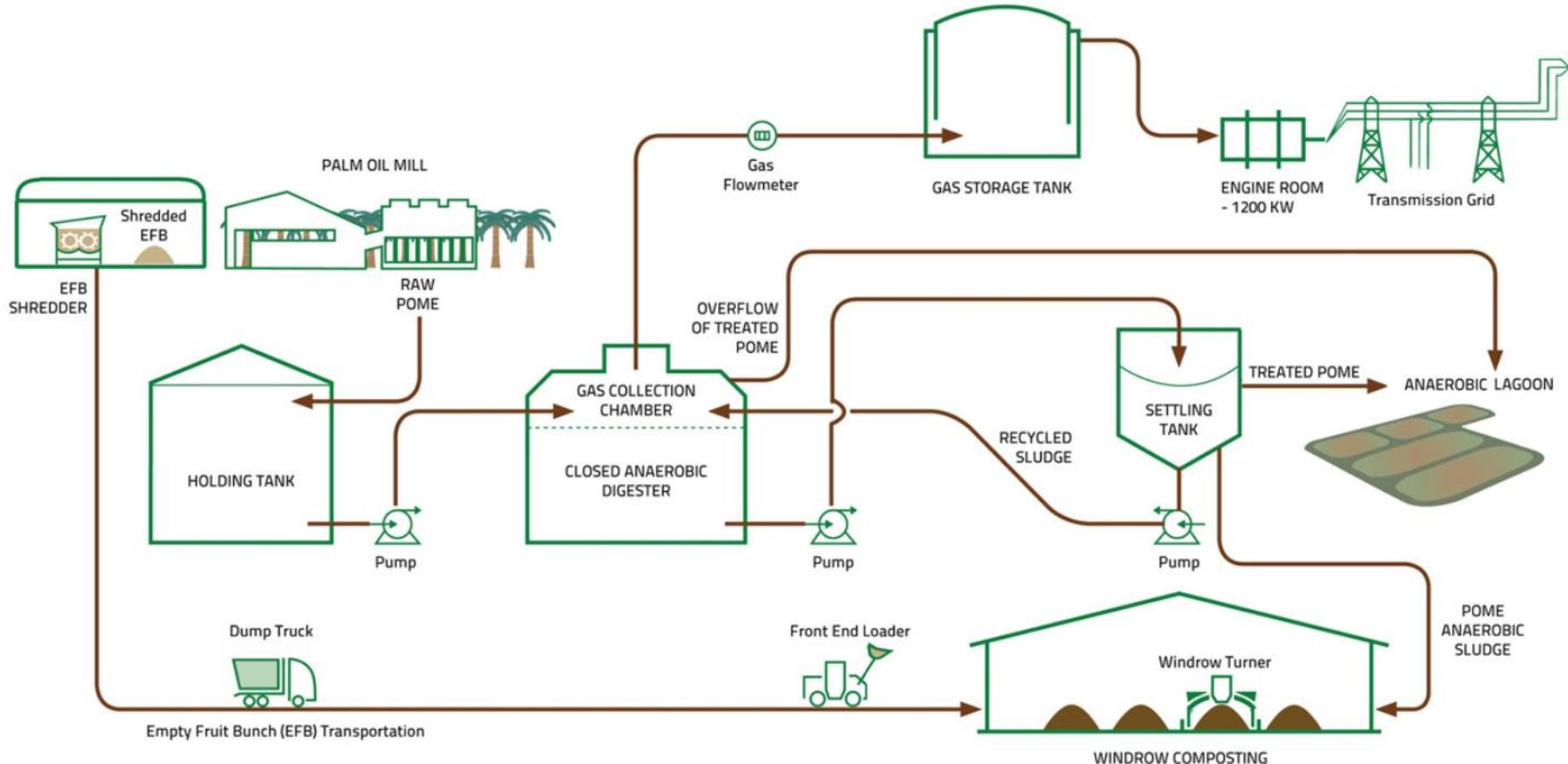
Water: 300,000 - 450,000 t

CPO: 60,000 t

PKO: 18,000 t

EFB: 69,000 t (incineration,  
mulching, nutrient recycling)

POME: 150,000 - 225,000 t



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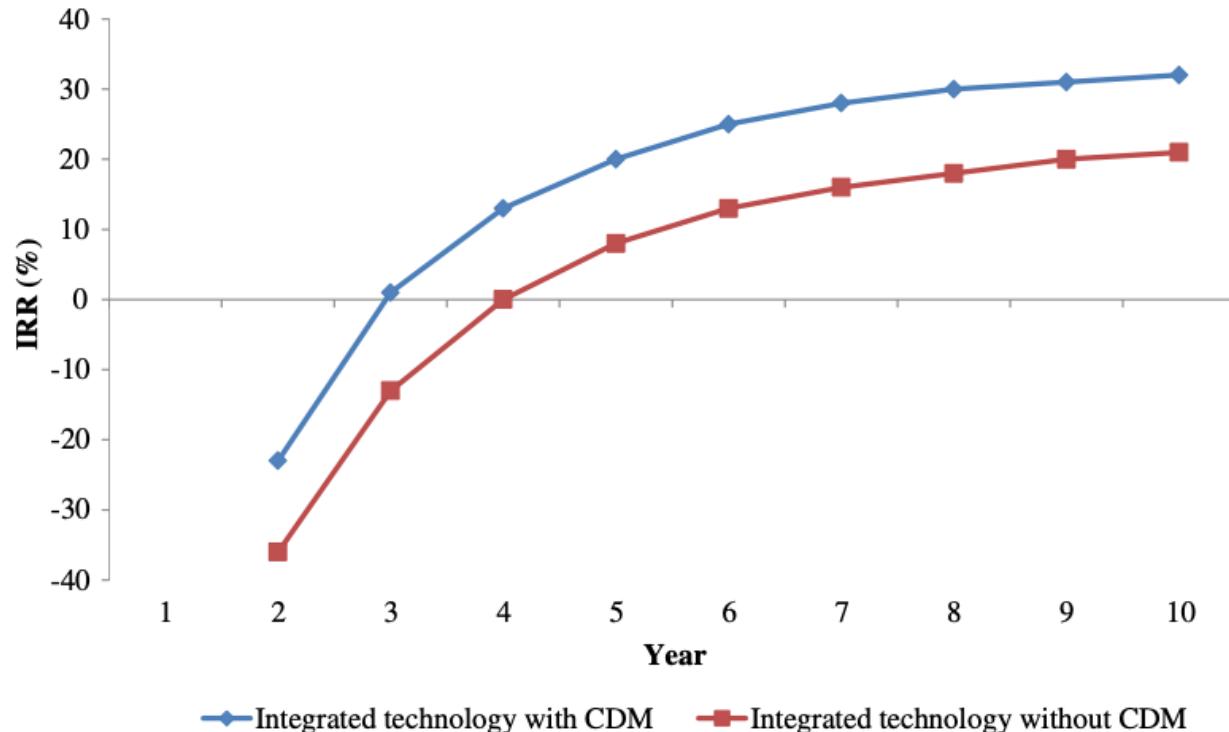
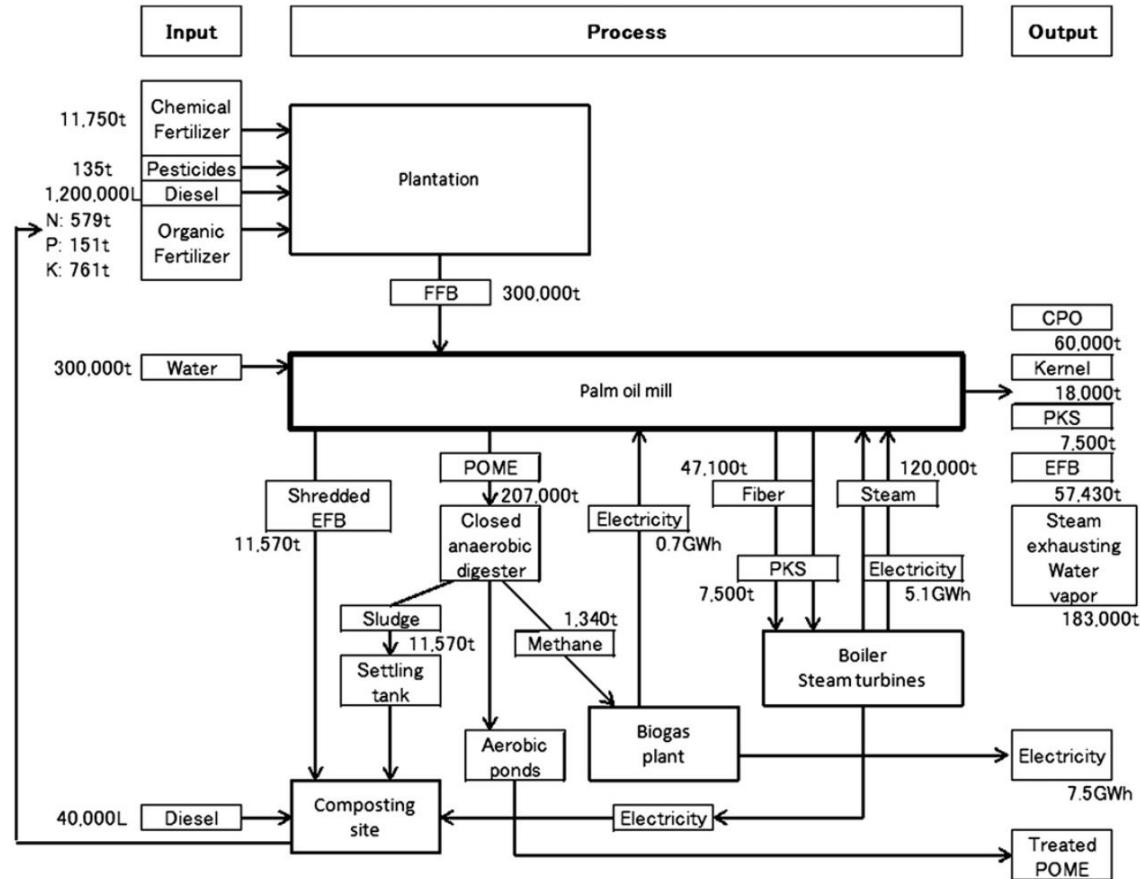
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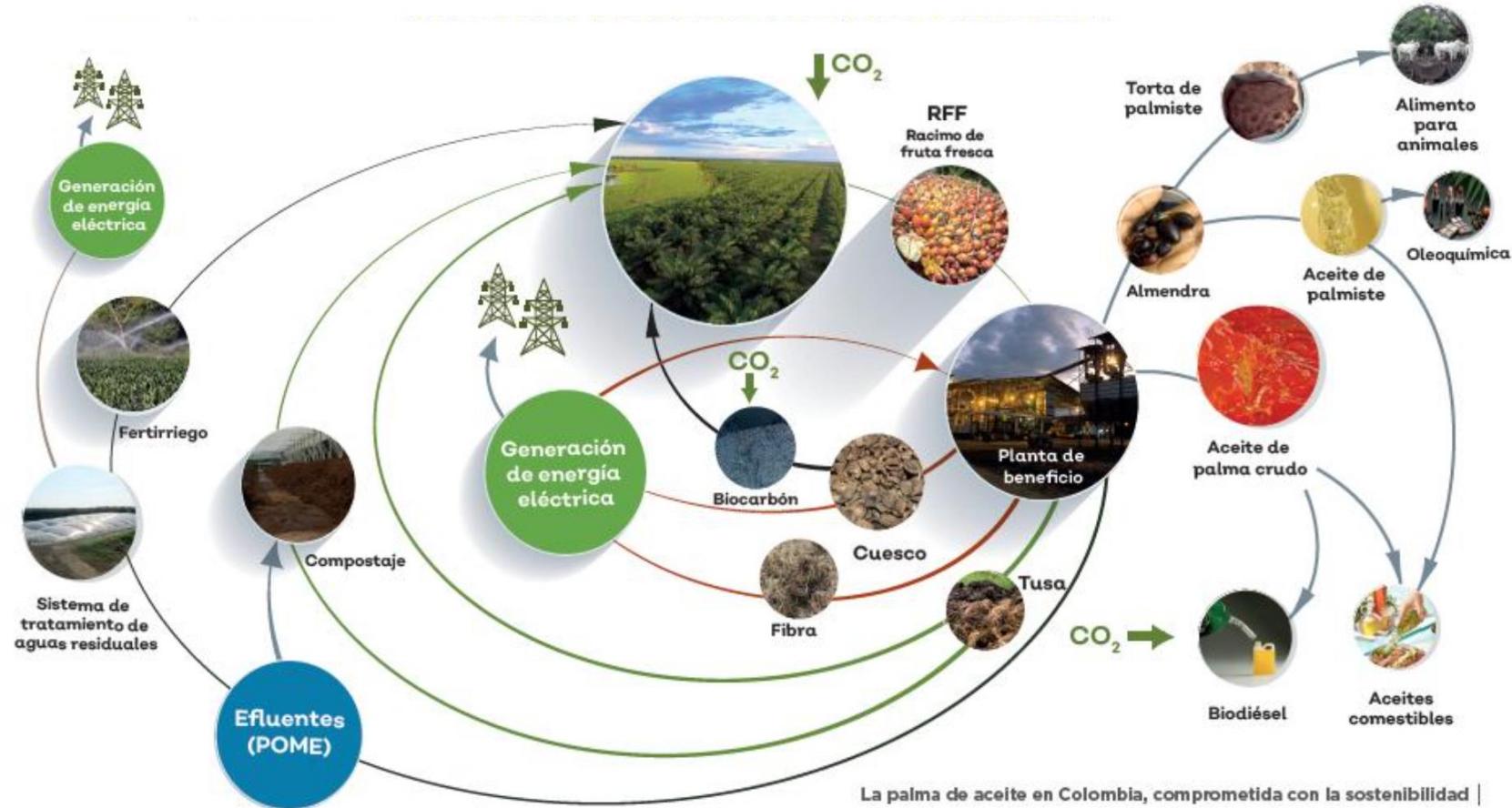
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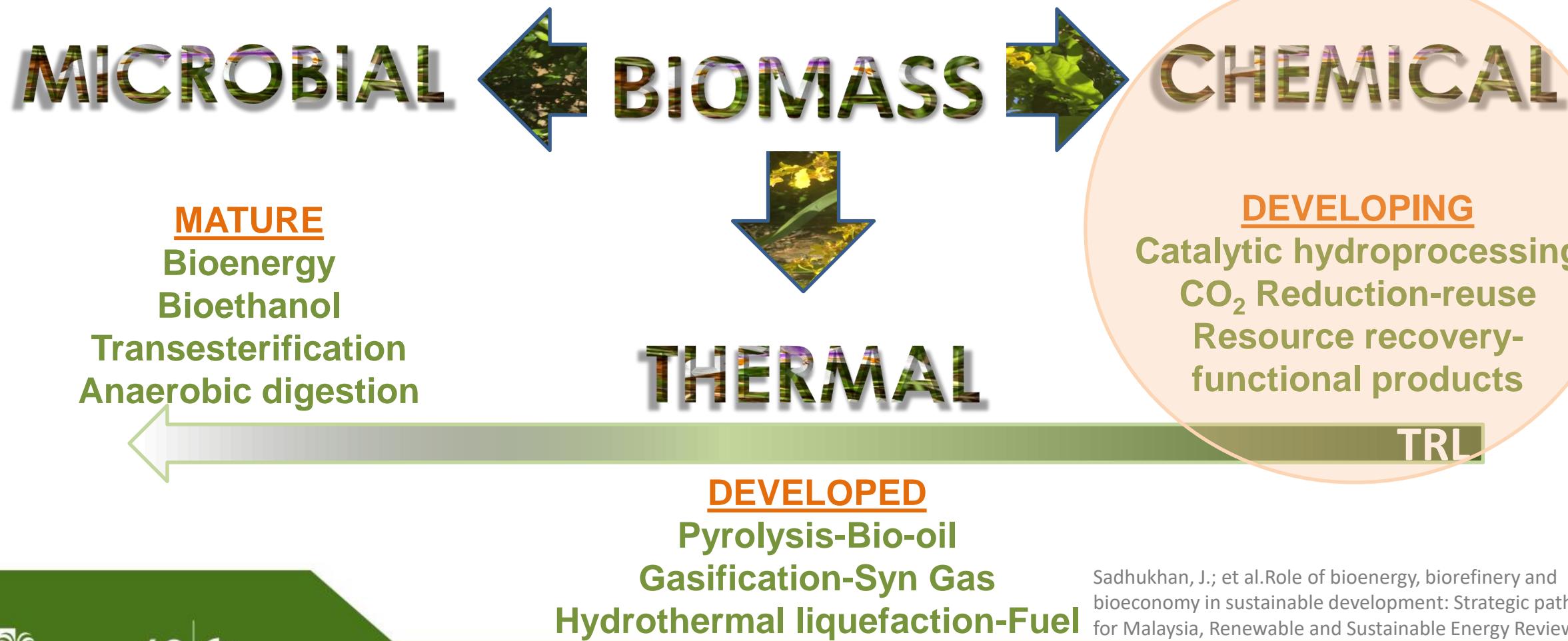
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**Bioenergy (biodiesel,  
bioethanol, and bioelectricity)**

**Composting (nutrient  
recycling, carbon sink)**



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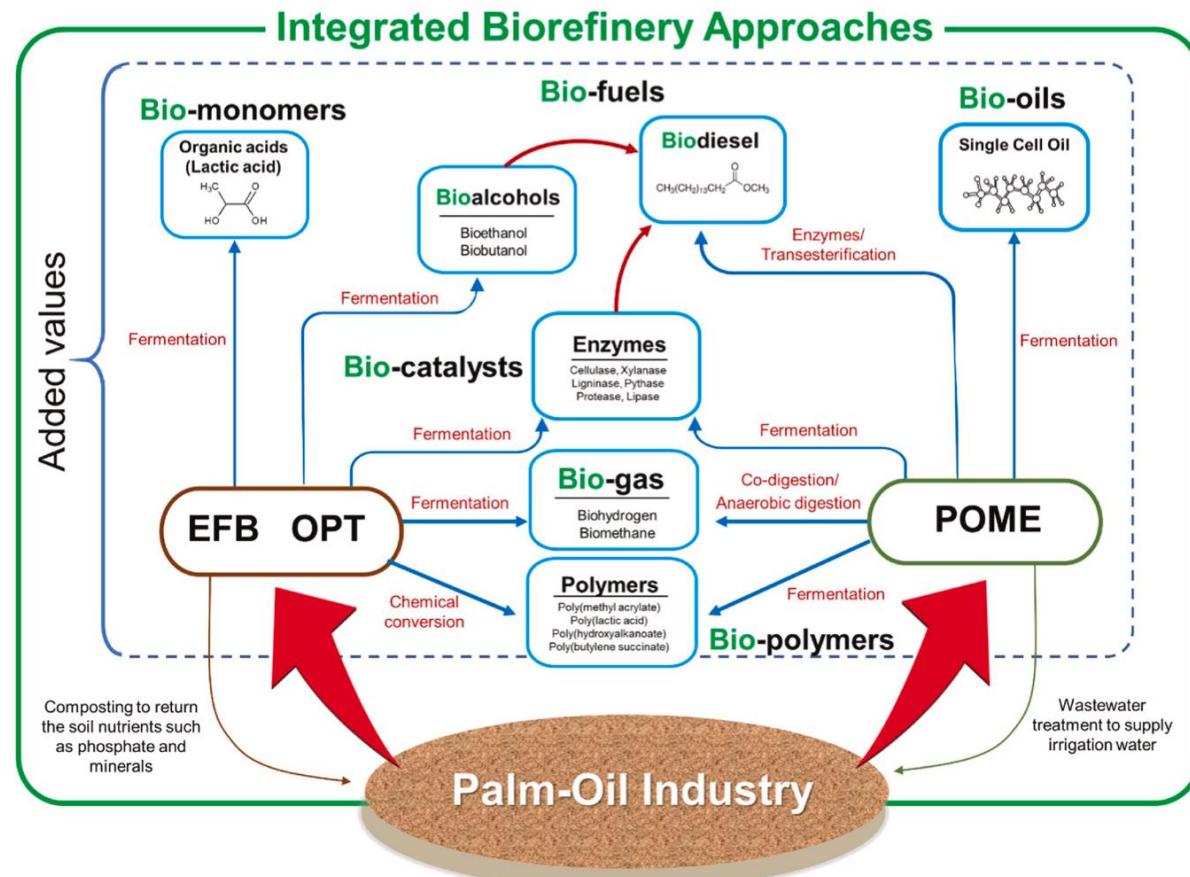
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## EL PODER TRANSFORMADOR DE LA PALMA DE ACEITE

Present and future: high-value marketable biochemicals

- ✓ Zero-waste
- ✓ Sustainability
- ✓ Bio-based chemicals for energy, food, polymer, and cosmetics
- ✓ Decrease environmental impacts



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**BIOMASS COMPOSITION\***  
**DEFINES ITS USES**



\* LOCATION AND ABUNDANCE ALSO MATTER

## EL PODER TRANSFORMADOR DE LA PALMA DE ACEITE

### EFB Composition: Hybrid *E. oleifera* x *E. guineensis*



EFB

Spikes and central axis of the rachis



Component	Content [Wt%]	Method
Moisture	4.5 ± 0.15	NREL-TP-510 42621
Ash	2.2 ± 0.11	NREL-TP-510 42622
Waxes, fats, resins, and oils	4.2 ± 0.04	ASTM-D1107
Lignin	24.5 ± 0.09	NREL-TP-510 42618; TAPPI 222
Cellulose	52.1±0.05	Kurscher & Hoffer
Hemicellulose	15.2 ± 0.04	Jayme-Wise
K <sub>2</sub> O	1.30	X-ray fluorescence
SiO <sub>2</sub>	1.95	
Cl	0.27	
CaO	0.30	
MgO	0.29	
SO <sub>3</sub>	0.27	
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.24	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.03	
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.02	



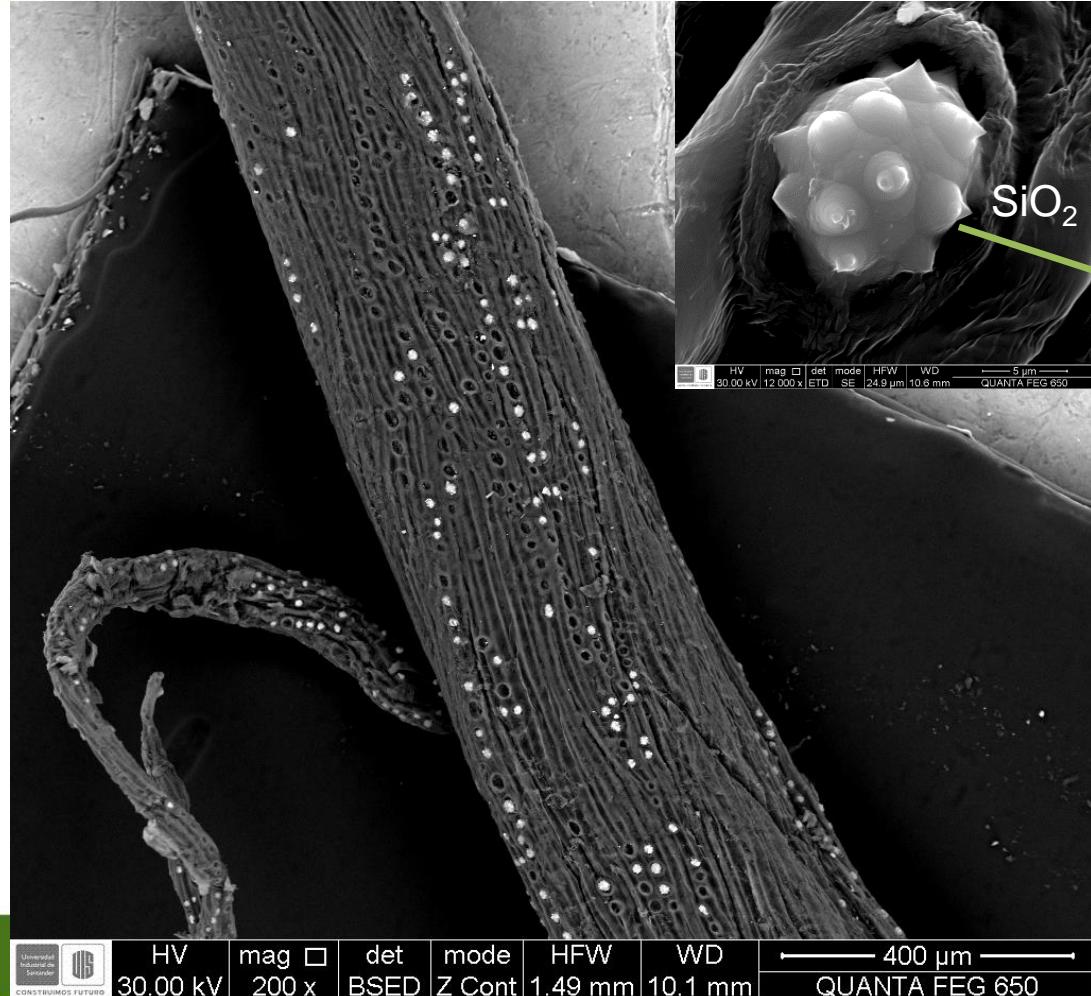
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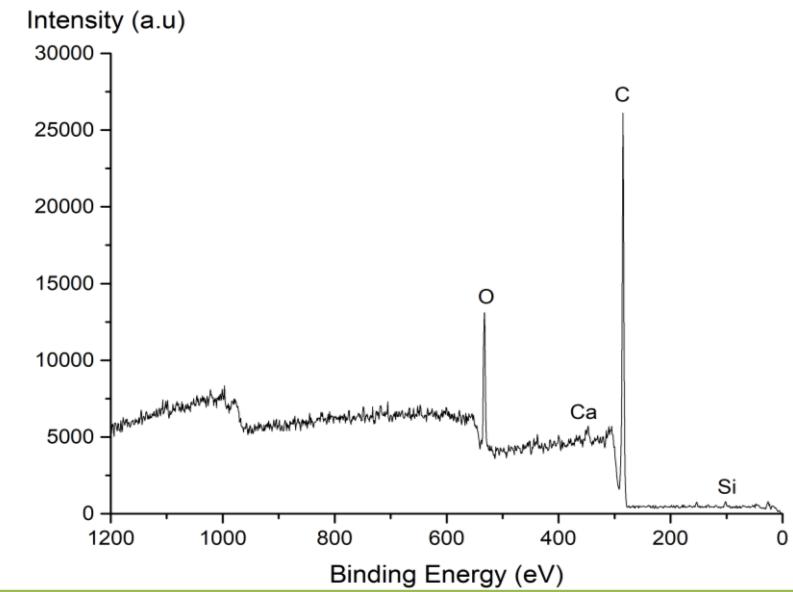
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### EFB Composition: Hybrid *E. oleifera* x *E. guineensis*



EFB fibers thermal  
stability < 200 °C

Silica bodies: defensive  
barrier against bacterial  
and fungal attacks



Atom	Si 2p	C 1s	Ca 2p	O 1s
Atomic percentage [%]	2.10	84.65	1.32	11.93



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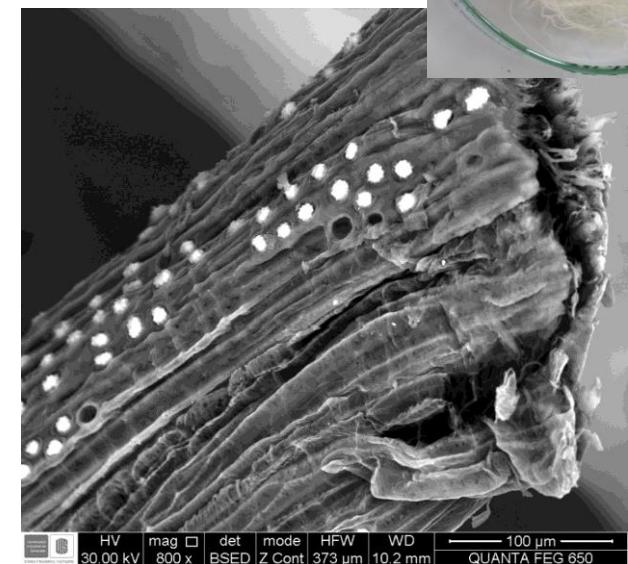
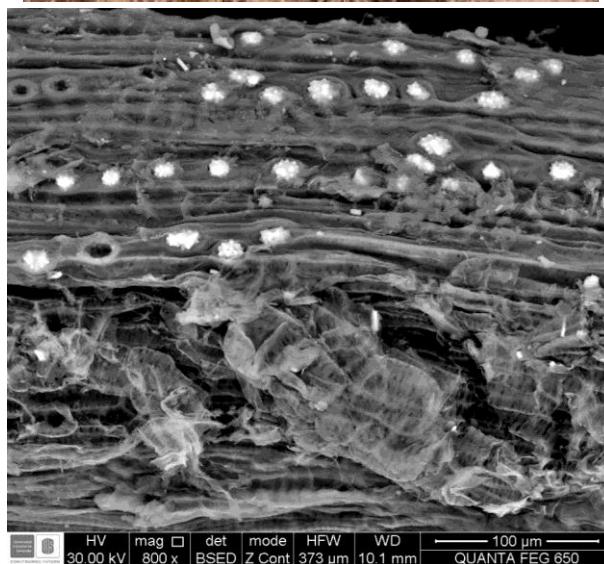
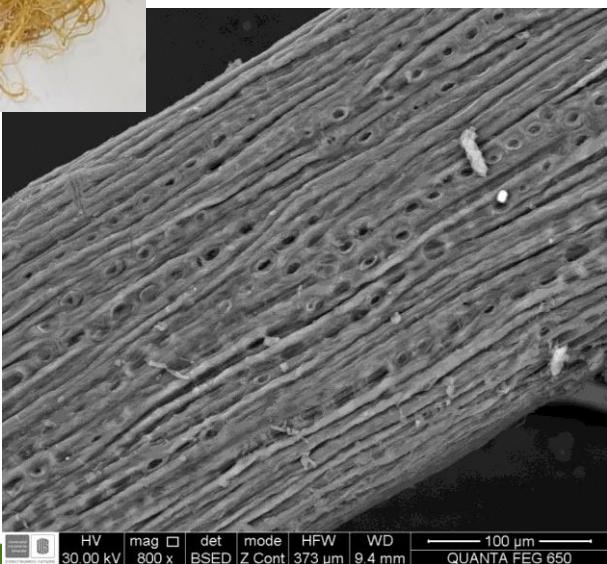
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NaOH/HCL  
treatment

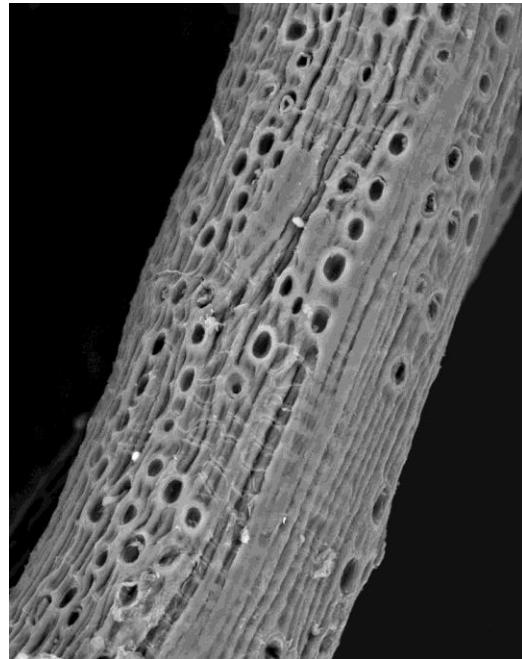


Alkaline  
treatment

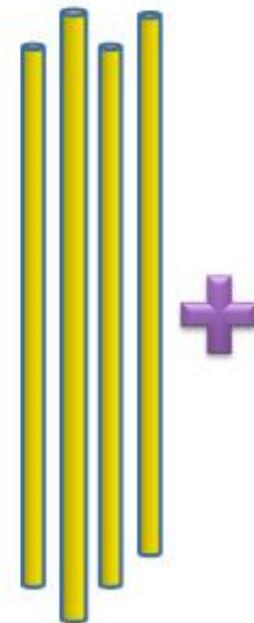


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### EFB Fibers applications

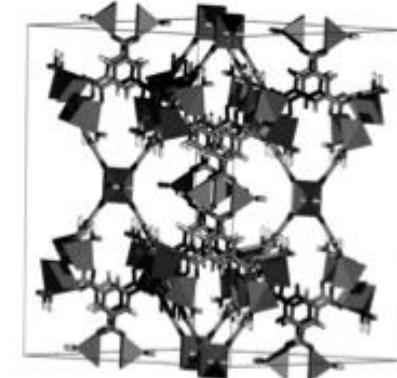


#### Natural Fibers



- Raw: High oxygen density
- Modified: Cationic, anionic

#### Nanostructured materials



- Noble metals: Ag, Au
- Transition Metal oxides: Fe, Mn, Cu, Zn
- Metal Organic Frameworks: MOFs

#### Biocomposites



- Functional materials (dye & phenol degradation, sulfur compound removal)
- Environmentally friendly
- Improved thermal and mechanical properties



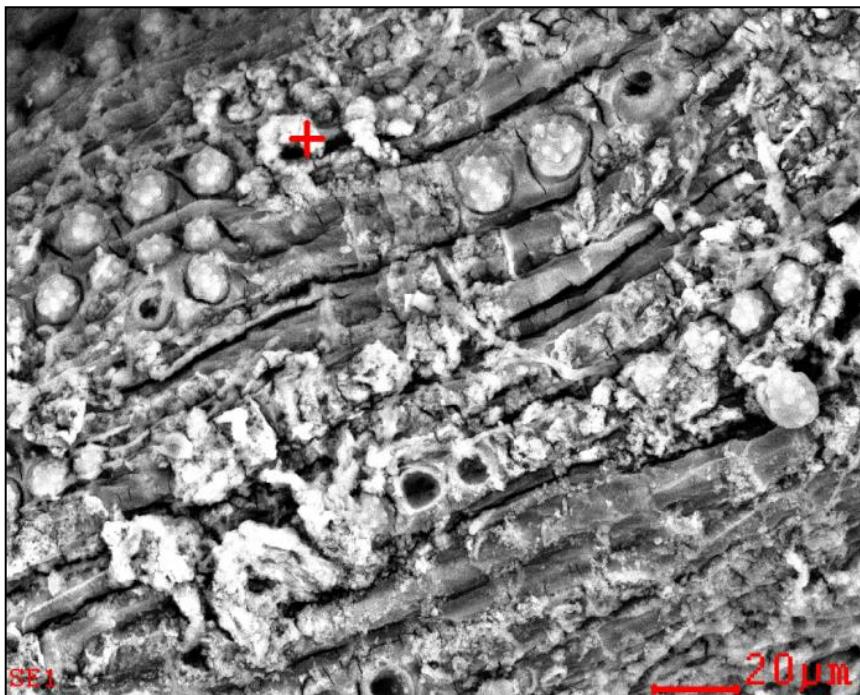
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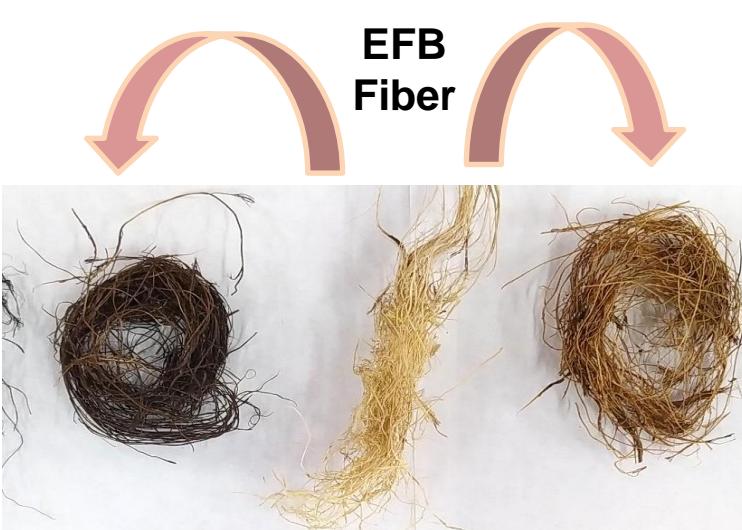
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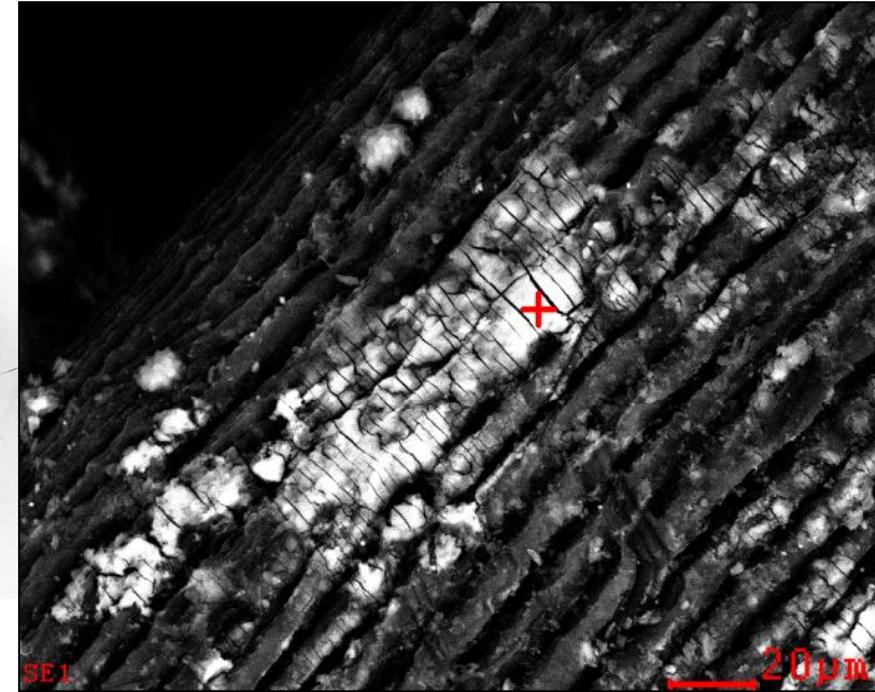
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EFB fiber/ $\text{MnO}_2$  NPs composite



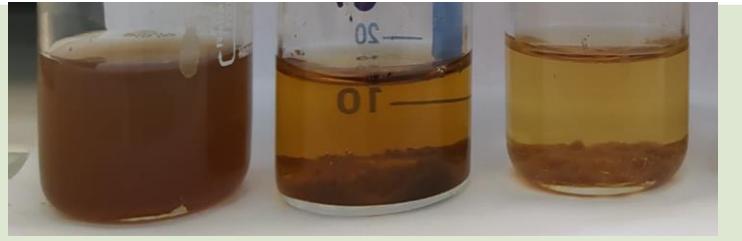
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NP deposition



EFB fiber/ $\text{Fe}_x\text{O}_y$  NPs composite

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**POME treatment with EFB fiber/Fe<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> NPs composite**

Sample	Color	Removal %	Time	
POME – raw	436, 525, 620 nm	94% Color 60% COD	6 h	
POME – w/o SS		72 % Color	2 h	



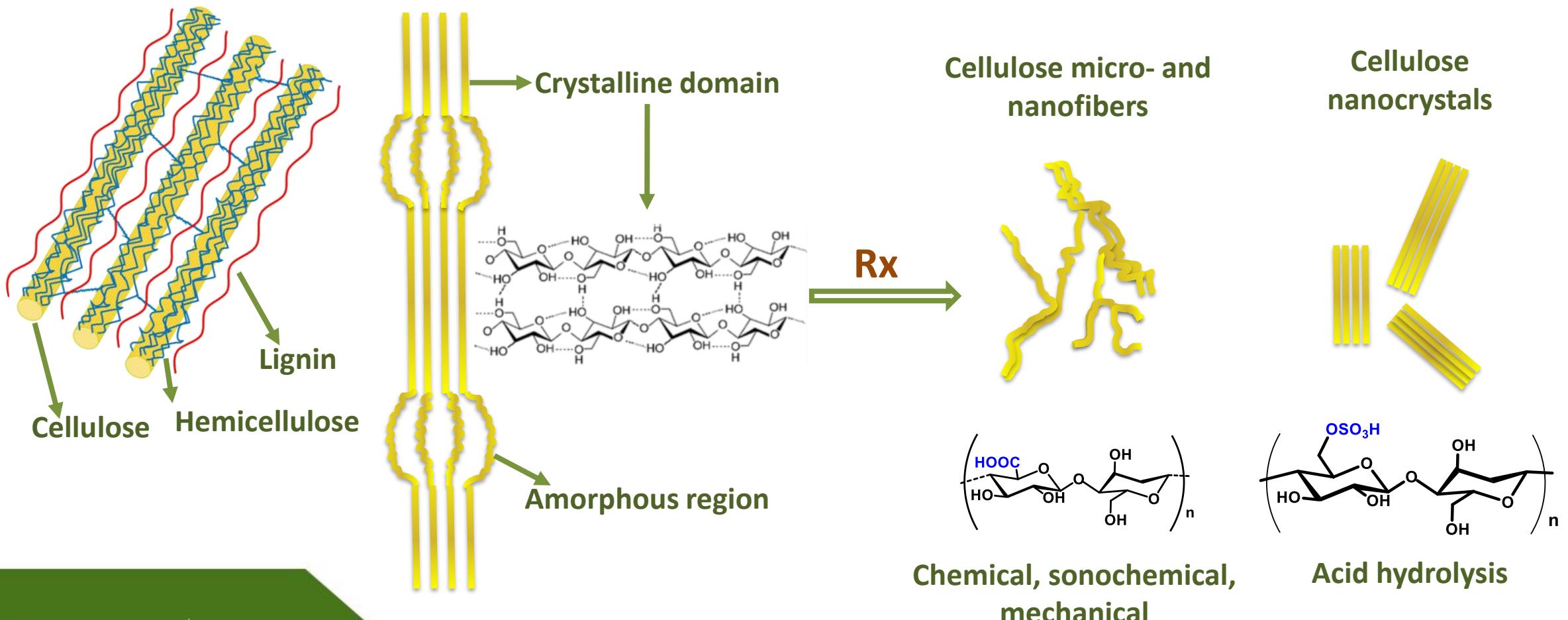
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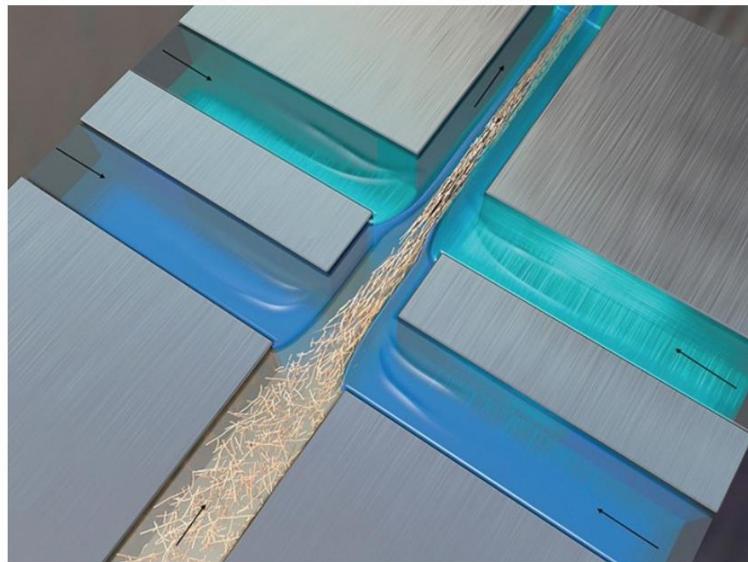
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## World's strongest biomaterial now comes from a tree

A new method creates superstrong fibers out of cellulose

by Katharine Gammon

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## Nanocellulose Fibers Block Fat Uptake By Half

Nanocellulose fibers prevented the absorption of dietary fat from the guts of mice, researchers say.

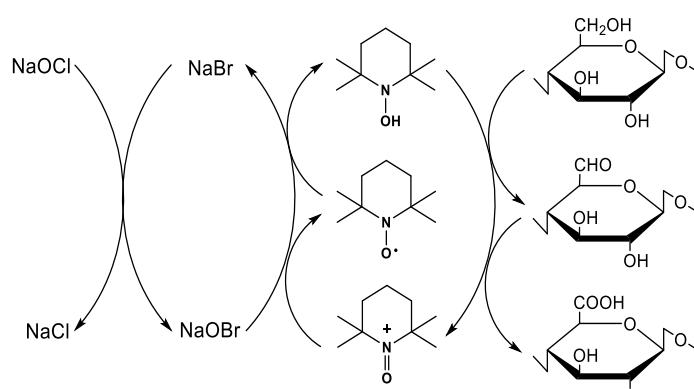


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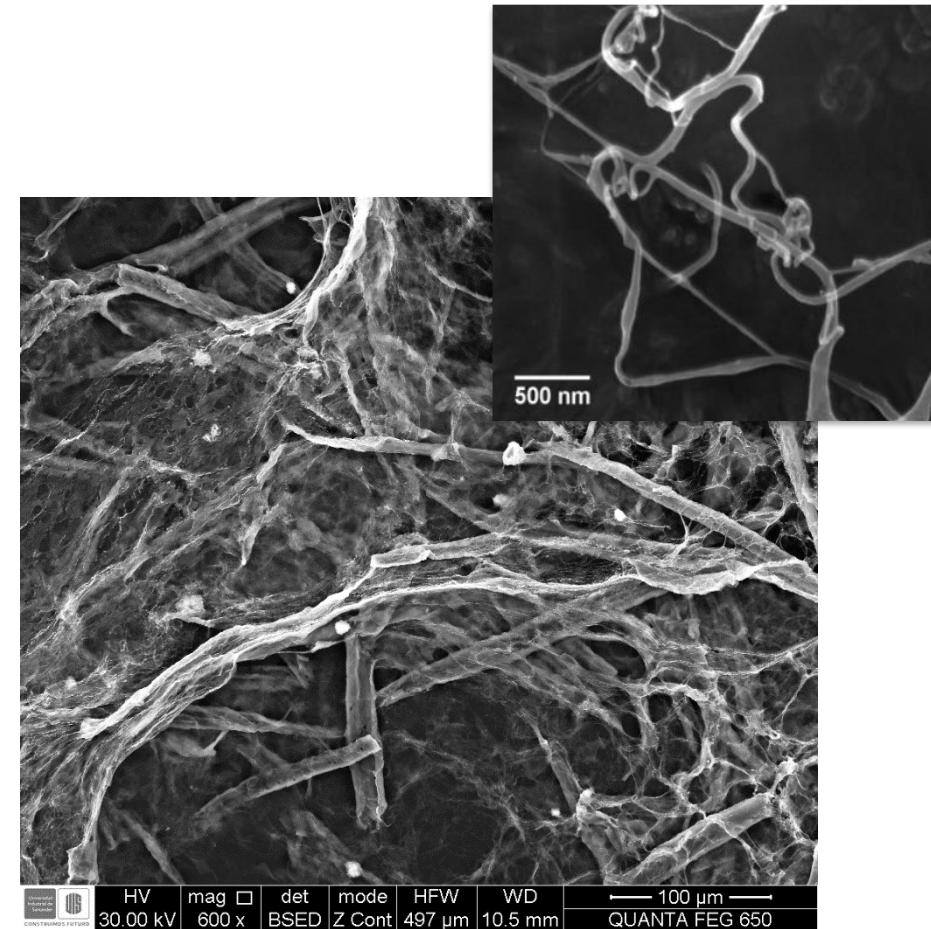
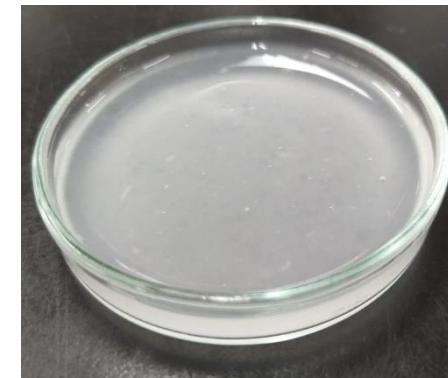
## Nanocellulose isolation from EFB

**Delignified EFB  
fibers**



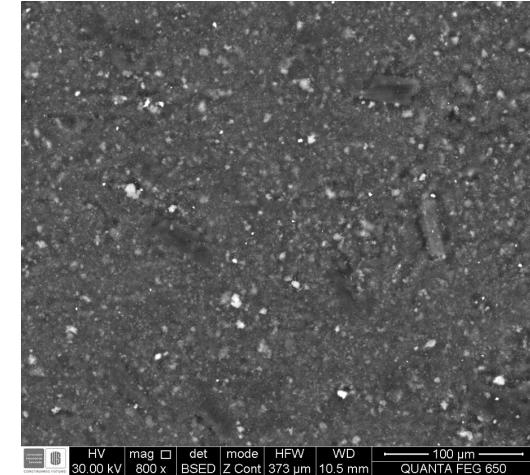
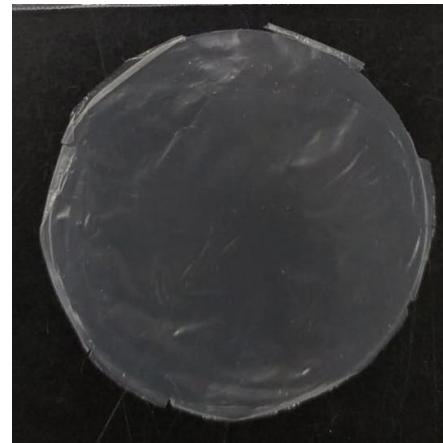
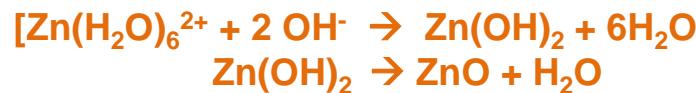
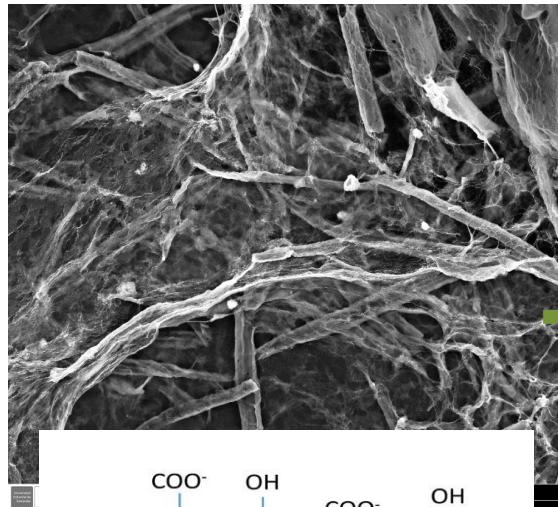
**TEMPO Oxidation  
60% efficiency**

**EFB  
nanocellulose**



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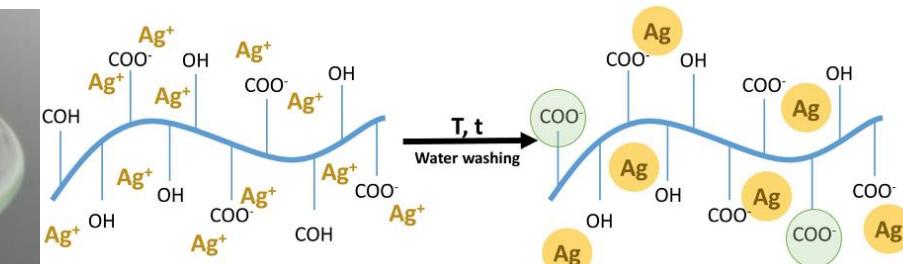


**EFB nanocellulose/ZnO NPs composite**

**EFB nanocellulose**

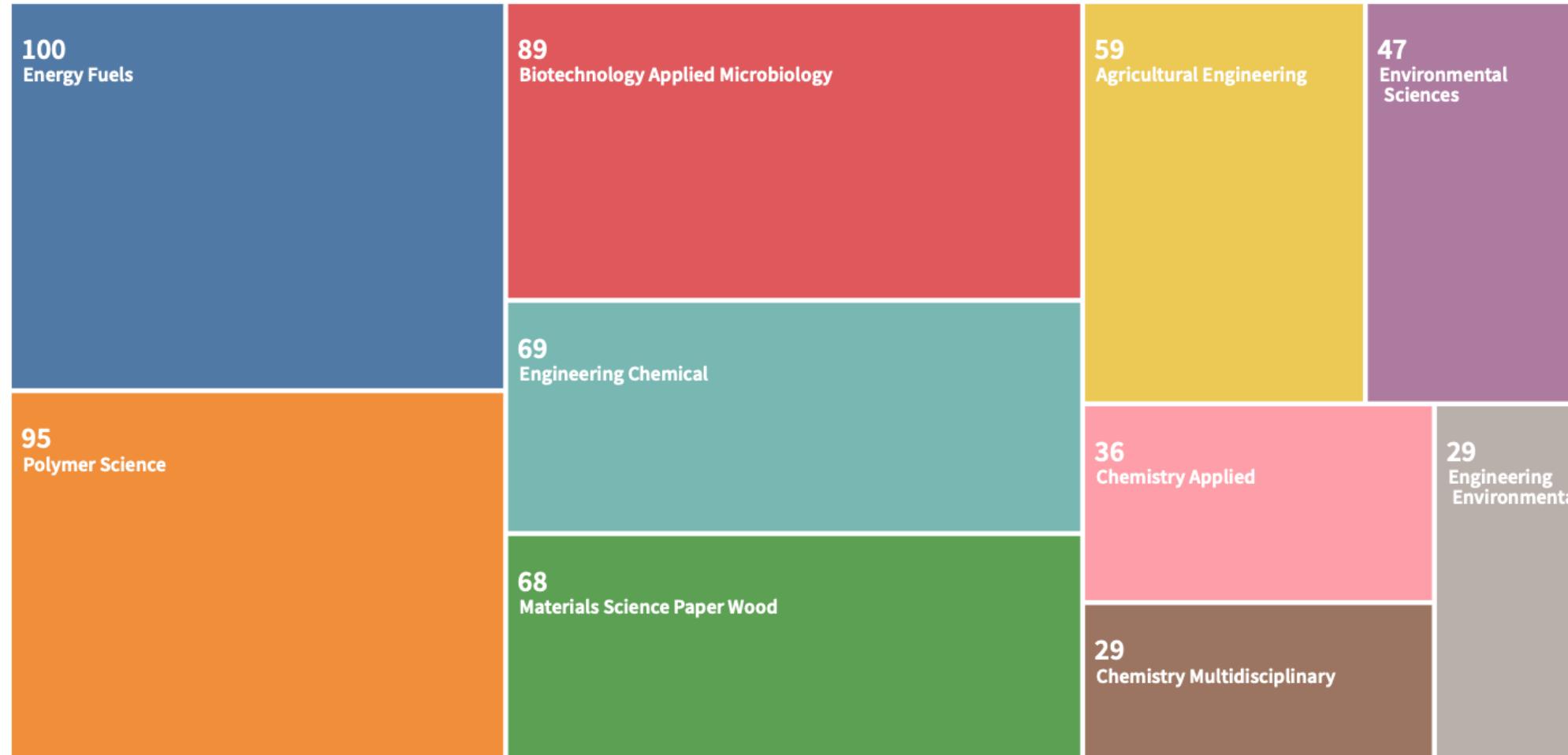


**EFB nanocellulose/Ag NPs hydrogel**



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### Nanocellulose applications





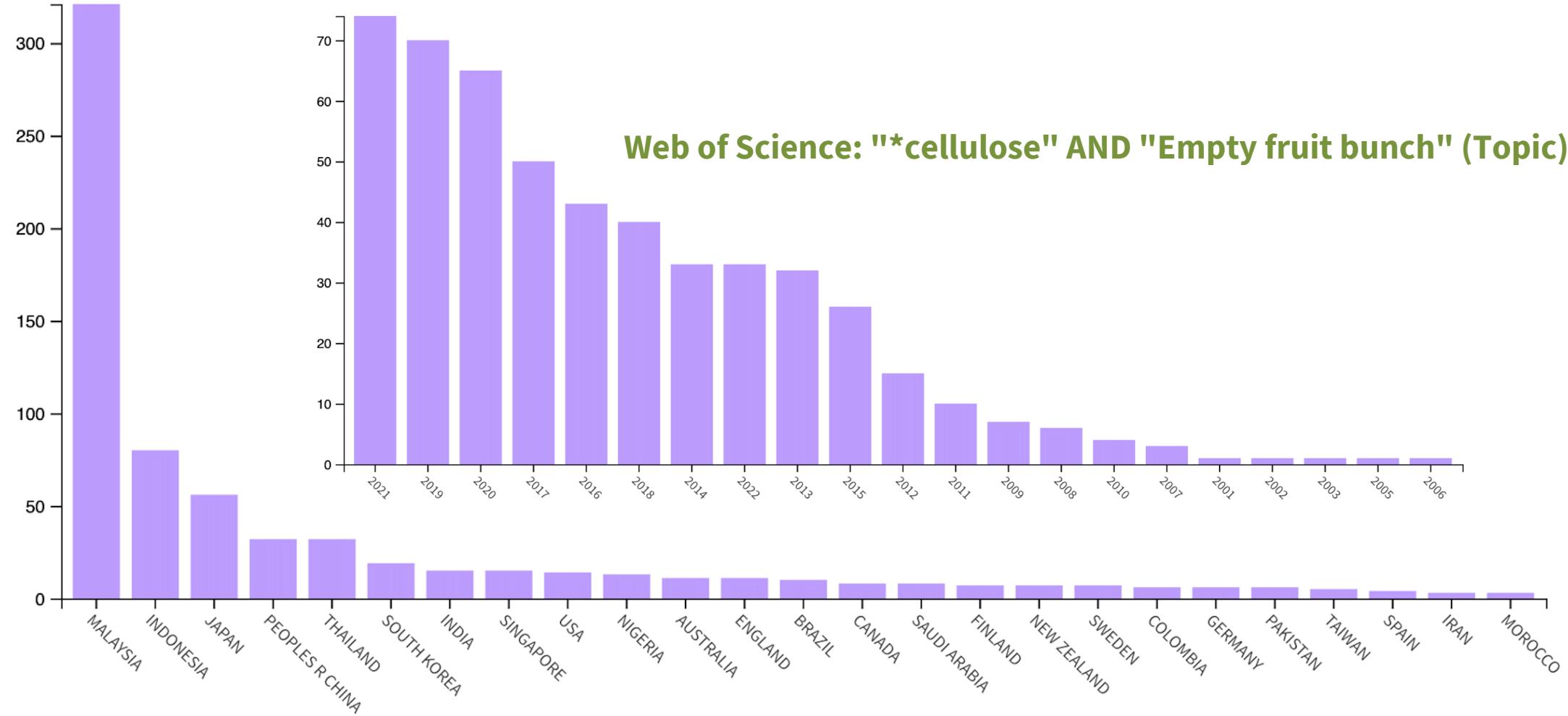
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## EFB cellulose applications



### CONCLUSIONS

Carbohydrate chemistry depends on biomass composition.

Biopolymeric functional materials require sustainable and cheap biomass fractionation strategies (cellulose, hemicellulose, lignin).

Research in biopolymer isolation and functional material synthesis from Palm Oil residual biomass is steadily growing.

Widely distributed in Colombia, Palm Oil Mills have readily access to abundant lignocellulosic biomass. We have the what and the where, we need the when and the how... Chemistry can help!

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