

# Bioeconomy World Tour: Bioeconomy Innovations – Challenges and Opportunities

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# State of São Paulo, Brasil



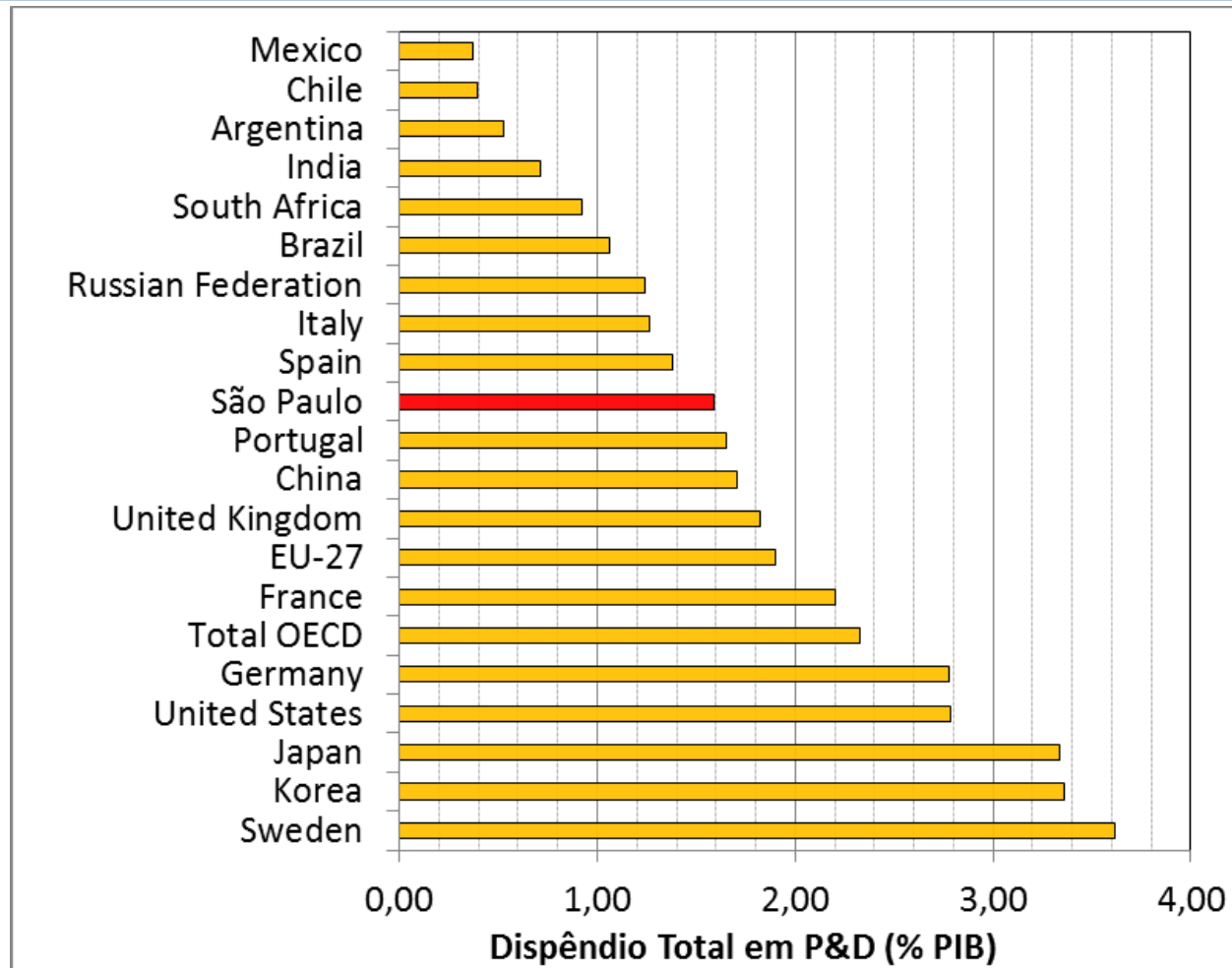
42 Million people  
32% of Brazil's GDP  
45% of Brazilian science  
13% of State budget to High Education and R&D  
80+ Research Institutions

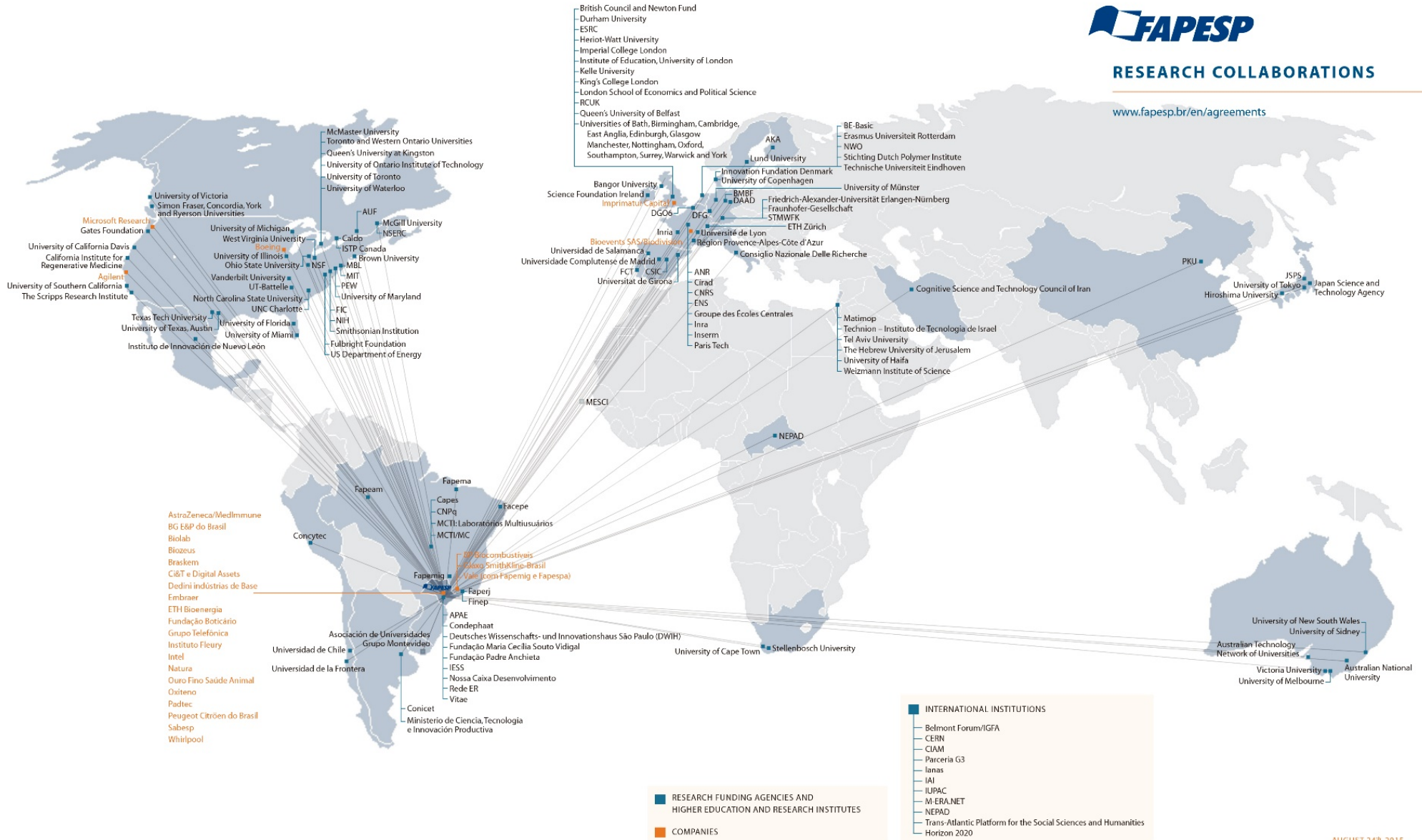
3 State Universities  
3+1 Federal HE institutions  
52 State Tech Faculties  
45% of the PhDs graduated in Brazil (5,754 in 2013)  
22 Research Institutes (19 state/3 federal)

# Research Grants and Scholarships funded by FAPESP since 1992

Health Sciences, Biological Sciences, Agricultural, Veterinary Sciences and Biomedical Engineering

BIOECONOMY	
2,552	Ongoing research grants
40,212	Completed research grants
5,076	Ongoing scholarships in Brazil
53,249	Completed scholarships in Brazil
399	Ongoing scholarships abroad
2,640	Completed scholarships abroad
104,128	All Research Grants and Scholarships







**FAPESP Bioenergy Research Program**  
Academic and applied research, US\$ 200 million  
Since 2009, 578 grants, over 400 researchers  
170 graduate degrees

**BIOMASS**  
**BIOFUEL TECHNOLOGIES**  
**ENGINES**  
**BIOREFINERIES**  
**SUSTAINABILITY**

### Collaboration Network

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Bioenergy & Sustainability  
137 experts from 24 countries

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security**

**Sustainable development  
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**The much needed science**

Developed and developing regions  
Numbers, cases, issues, solutions

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# Bioenergy & Sustainability: bridging the gaps

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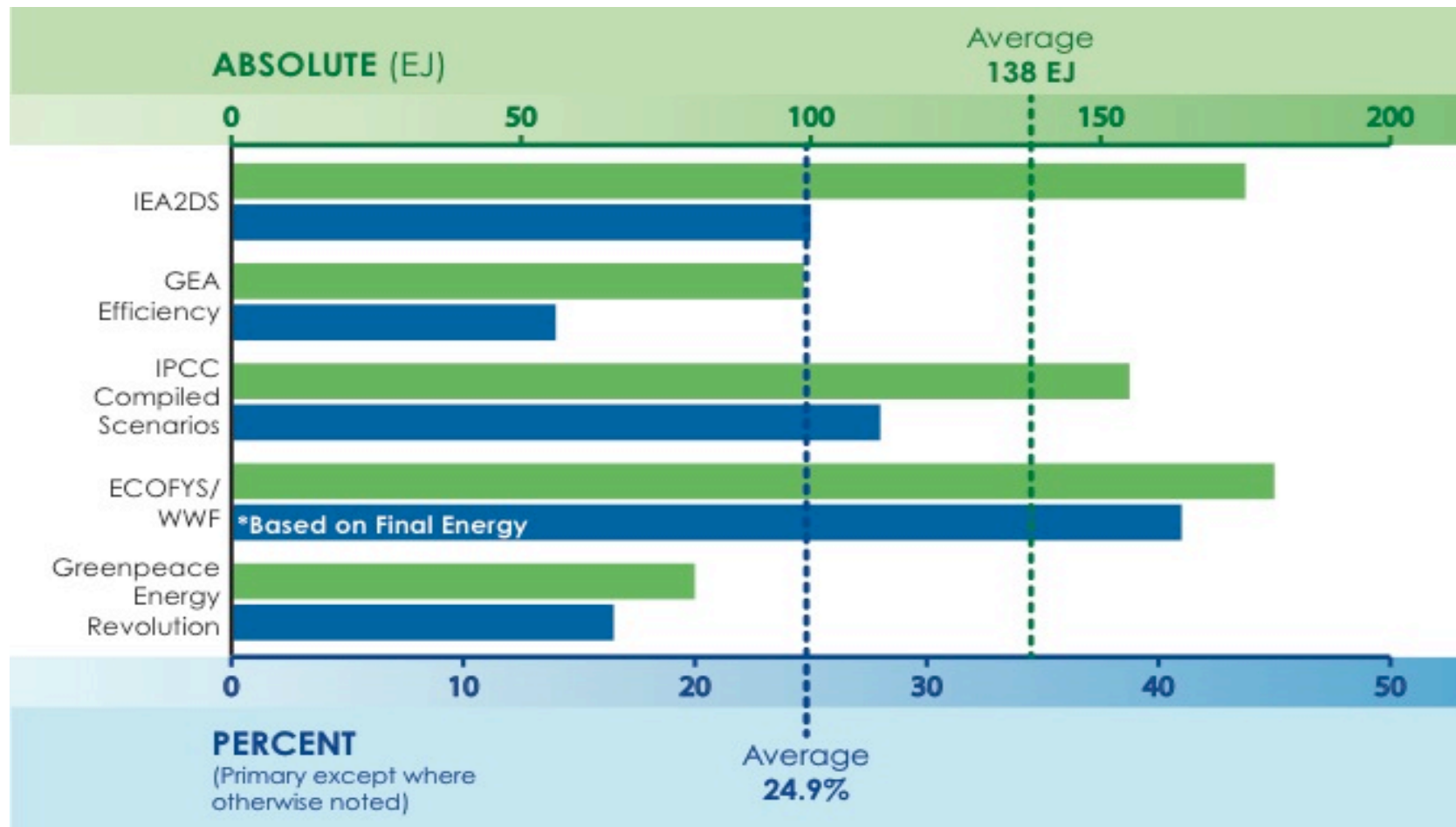
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# Bioenergy Contribution in 2050: Five Low-Carbon Energy Scenarios



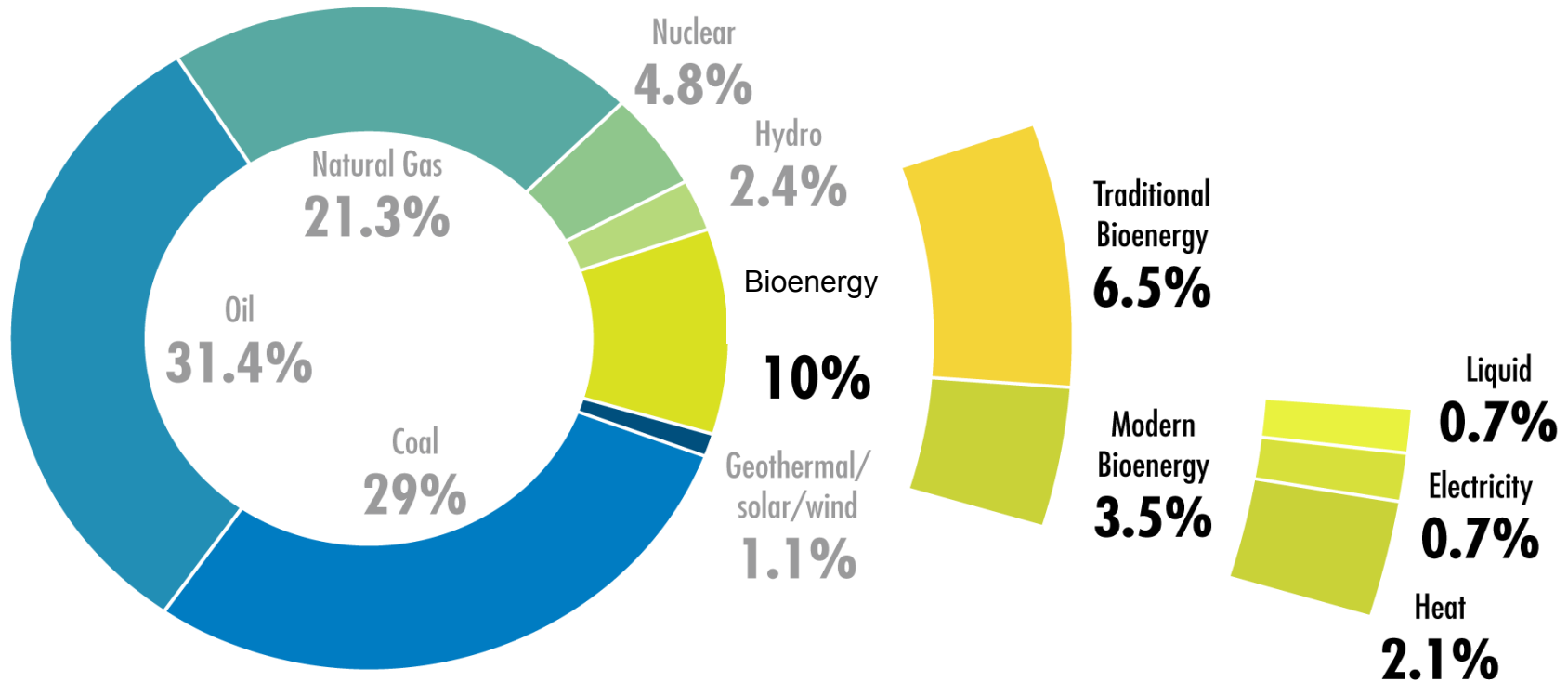


# Bioenergy Contribution in 2012:

Liquid biofuels - over 100 Billion L – 4.2 EJ

Biopower – 1 EJ

## Share of total primary energy supply in 2012



Source: IEA Energy Statistics

# World Road Transport Liquid Biofuels Demand

## 2010

## 2050



800 million cars



2.1 billion cars



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

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

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

FAPESP+Peugeot-Citroen:  
biofuel engines

Natura: cosmetics and  
biodiversity

Glaxo-Smith-Kline, GSK: Green  
Chemistry and Target Discovery

British Gas, BG: natural gas from  
renewable sources

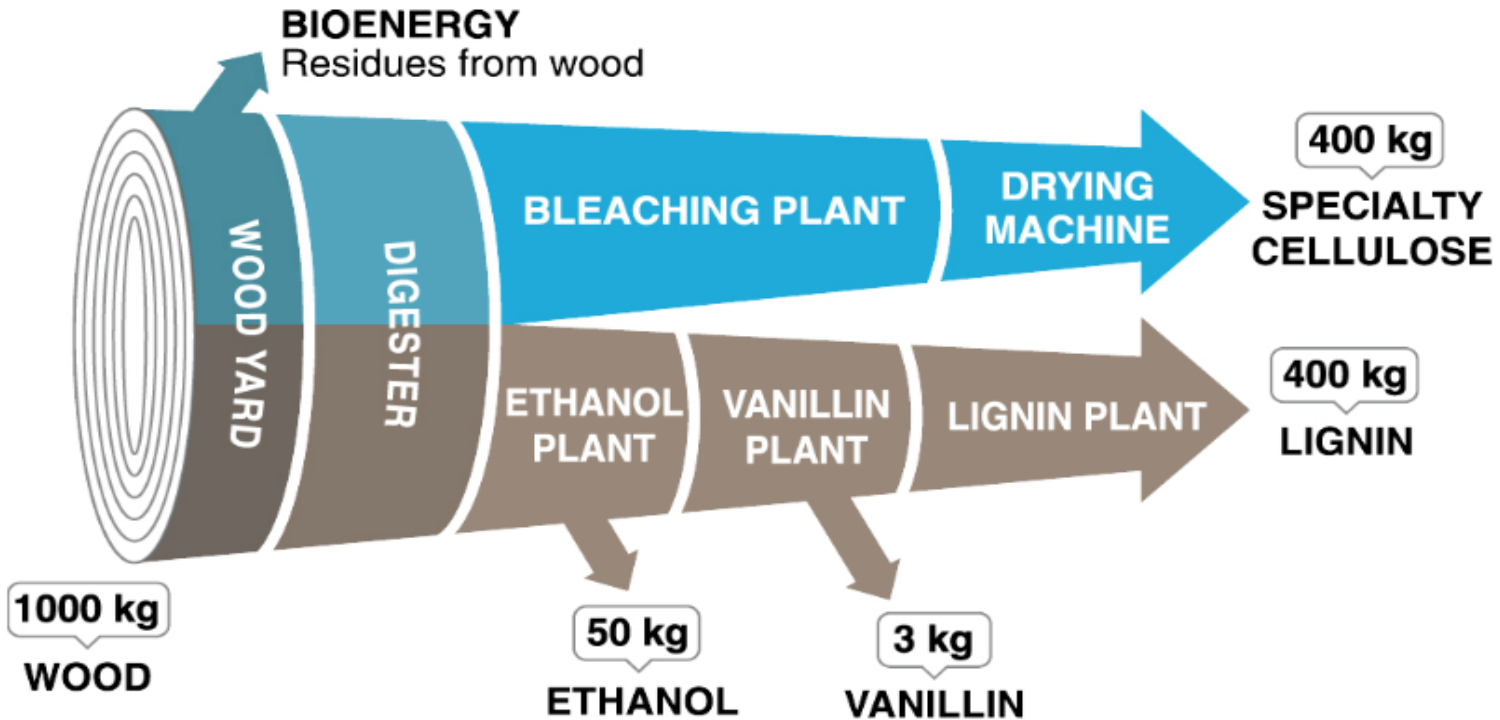
FAPESP inaugura Centro de Pesquisa em parceria com a PSA  
Peugeot Citroën



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

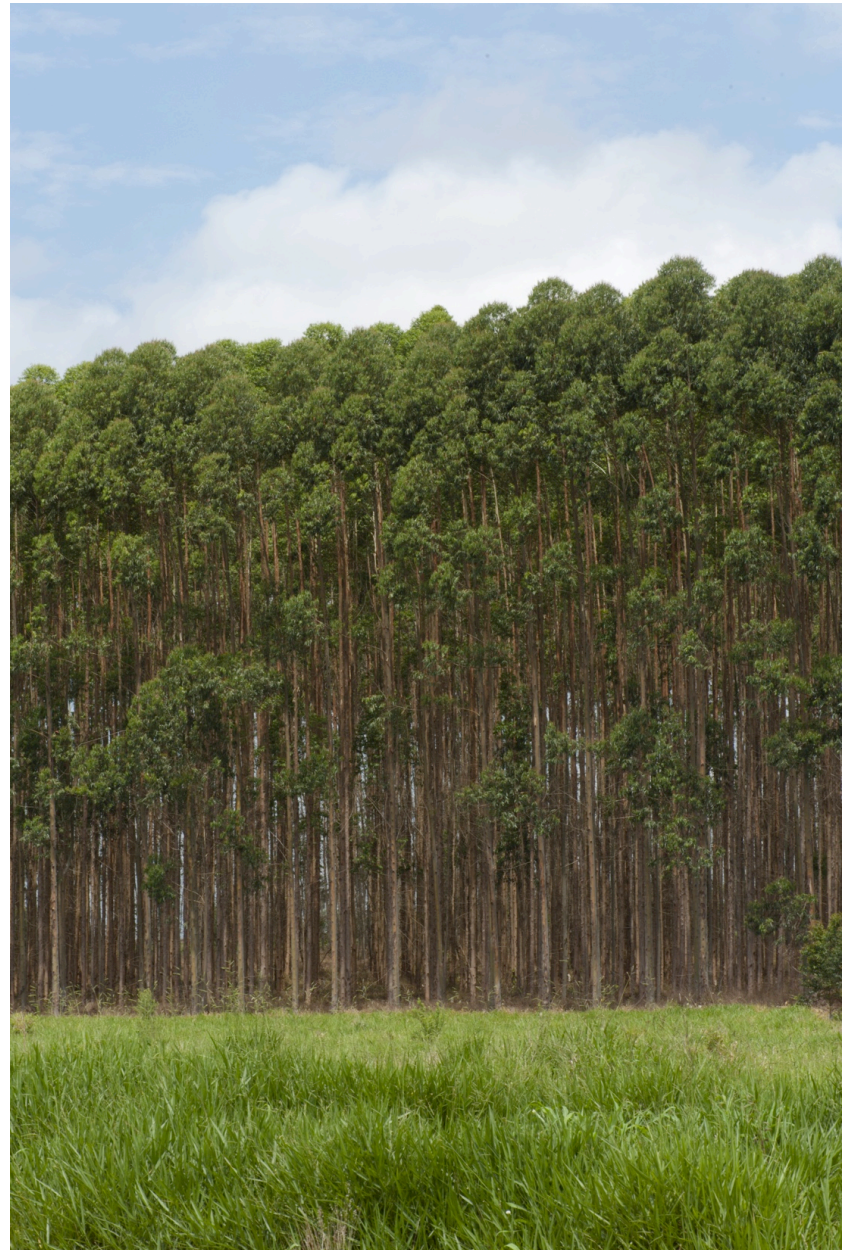
A Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo (FAPESP) e a PSA Peugeot Citroën do Brasil anunciaram ontem, dia 04 de novembro de 2014, na sede da FAPESP, o lançamento do Centro de Pesquisa em Engenharia "Professor Urbano Ernesto Stumpf", para desenvolvimento de motores de combustão interna,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

# Integrated new biorefinery systems are on the way: no carbon waste!



Specialty cellulose	Lignin	Vanillin	Bioethanol
Construction materials	Concrete additive	Food	Car care
Cosmetics	Animal feed	Perfumes	Paint/varnish
Food	Agrochemicals	Pharmaceuticals	Pharmaceutical industry
Tablets	Batteries		
Textiles	Mining		
Filters	Oil field chemicals		

## Opportunities to diversify our use of biomass!



# Despite many ups and downs, ethanol has been successful in sustainably displacing gasoline without subsidies through technology improvements

Since 2003, Brazil's use of sugarcane ethanol has avoided **242 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions**

76% reduction in emissions in relation to gasoline

mechanization of harvesting

balanced conditions between sugarcane producers and millers

waste recycling to reduce demand for chemical fertilizers

improved land use by implementing crop rotation between sugarcane cycles

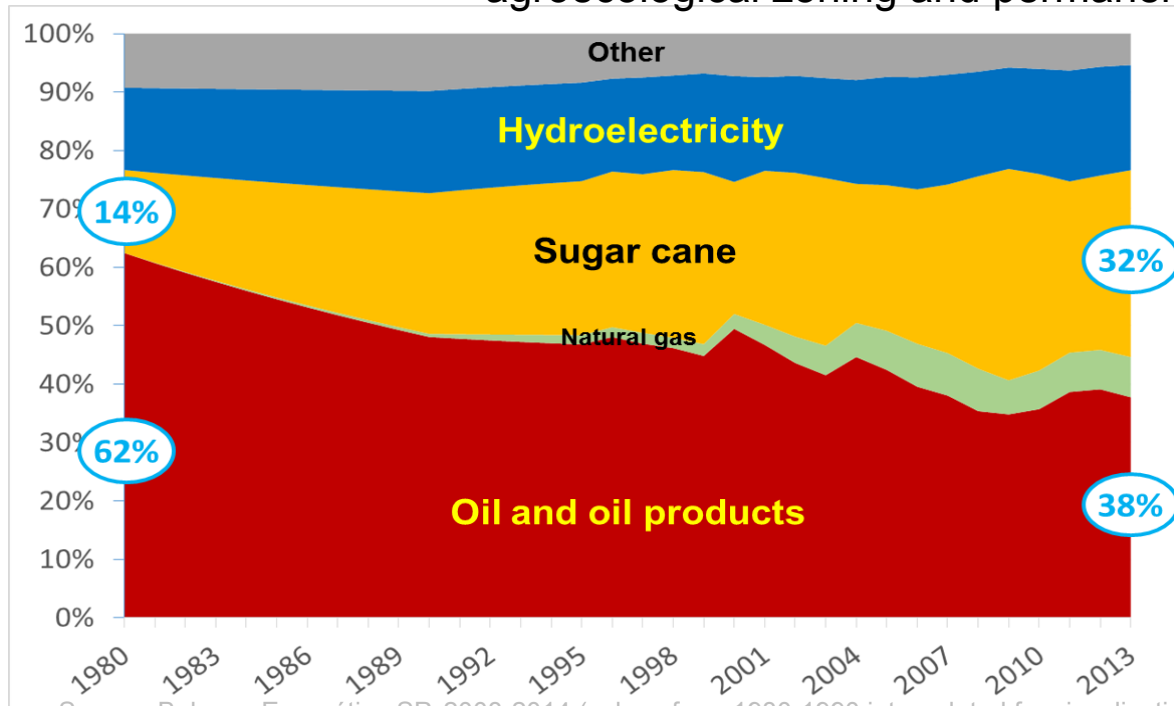
production of bioelectricity through co-generation

significant improvements in energy balance of sugarcane ethanol

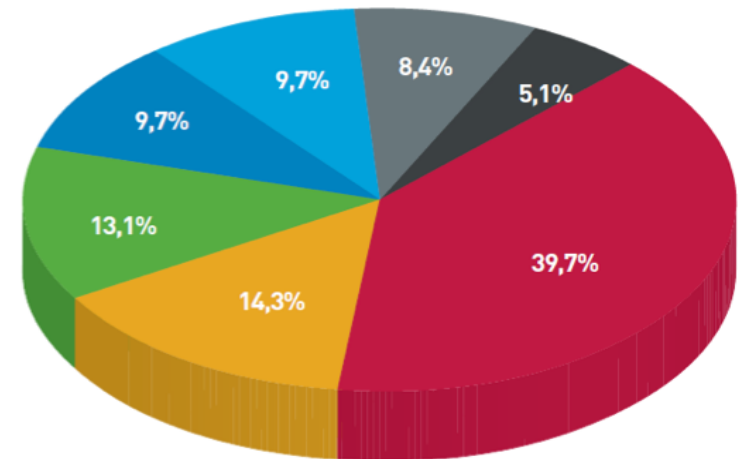
reduction in the use of water with recycling through fertirrigation

reduction of pollution in the urban areas

agroecological zoning and permanent protection areas



GRAPH 2 Biotechnology companies by area of activity.



■ HUMAN HEALTH   
 ■ REAGENTS   
 ■ ENVIRONMENT   
 ■ BIOENERGY  
■ ANIMAL HEALTH   
 ■ AGRICULTURE   
 ■ OTHER SECTORS

Source: BRBIOTEC Brasil / Cebrap, "Brazil Biotech Map 2011" (n=237).

# *Newly created biomass and bioenergy centers*



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RESEARCH CENTER  
USP - UNICAMP - UNESP



**Biomass**  
Systems and Synthetic Biology  
Center

# SCOPE-FAPESP Bioenergy & Sustainability Policy Brief



## 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





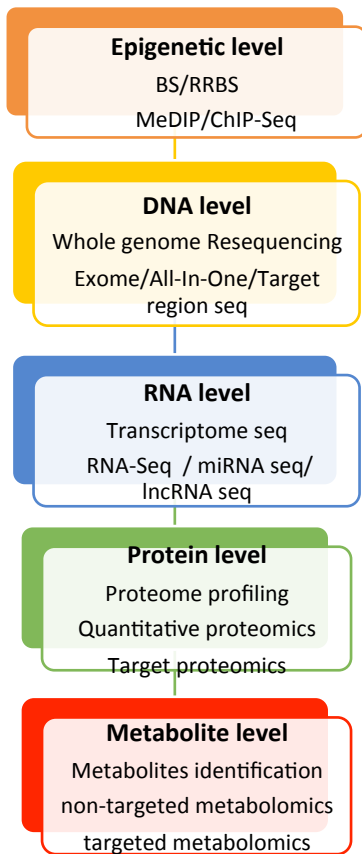
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big data and synthetic biology for a better life

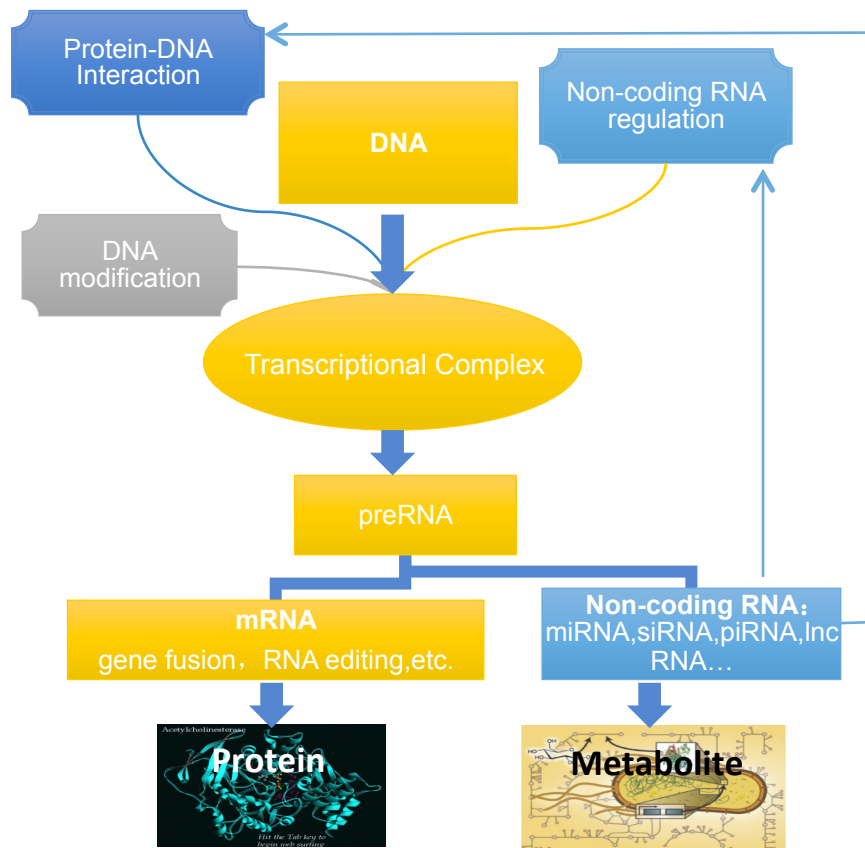
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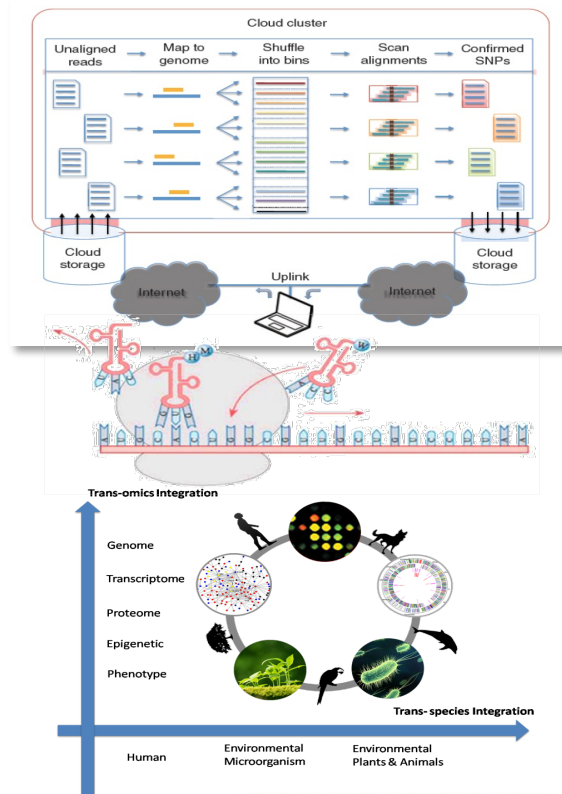
# Read



# Interpret



# Apply



# Read

## Technology Platforms



### Sequencing Platform

BGI owns 230 sequencers, with the data output capability of ~16T/Day (as of June 2014).

Platforms include Complete Genomics, Illumina HiSeq 2500, Illumina HiSeq 2000, Illumina Miseq, Ion Torrent, PacBio, BioNano Irys, ABI3730XL and Genotyping platform.

Certifications: ISO9001 ISO14001 OHSAS18001 ISO27001 ISO17025

### Mass Spectrometry Platform

BGI has 13 MS sequencers, including Triple Quadrupole Mass Spectrometer (QMS), MALDI mass spectrometer, Orbitrap and Q-TOF mass spectrometer (as of June 2014).

The platform is used for industrial-scale proteomics, metabolomics research and targeted molecule detection.

Certifications: OHSAS18001 ISO14001 ISO9001

### Computing Platform

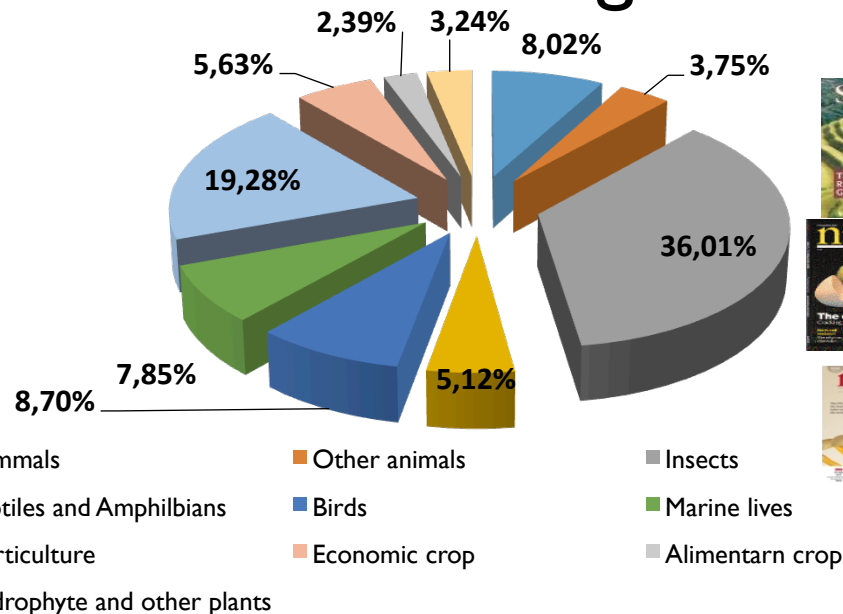
BGI's total peak performance of computing is up to 248 Tflop, the total memory capacity 46.3 TB and the total storage capacity 22.7 PB (as of May 2014).

BGI has several supercomputing centers, located in Shenzhen, Hong Kong, Beijing, Wuhan, and Hangzhou. It has established the TH-BGI Bioinformatics Union Lab with the National Supercomputing Center in Tianjin.



# Generated 586 Plant & animal reference genomes

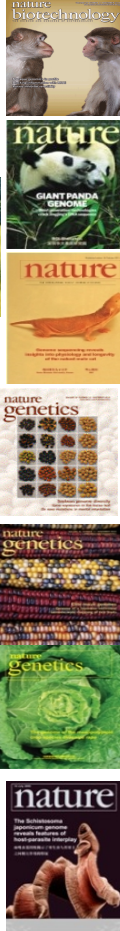
Technology	Classification	Species
de novo	Animal	407
	Plant	179
	Total	<b>586</b>



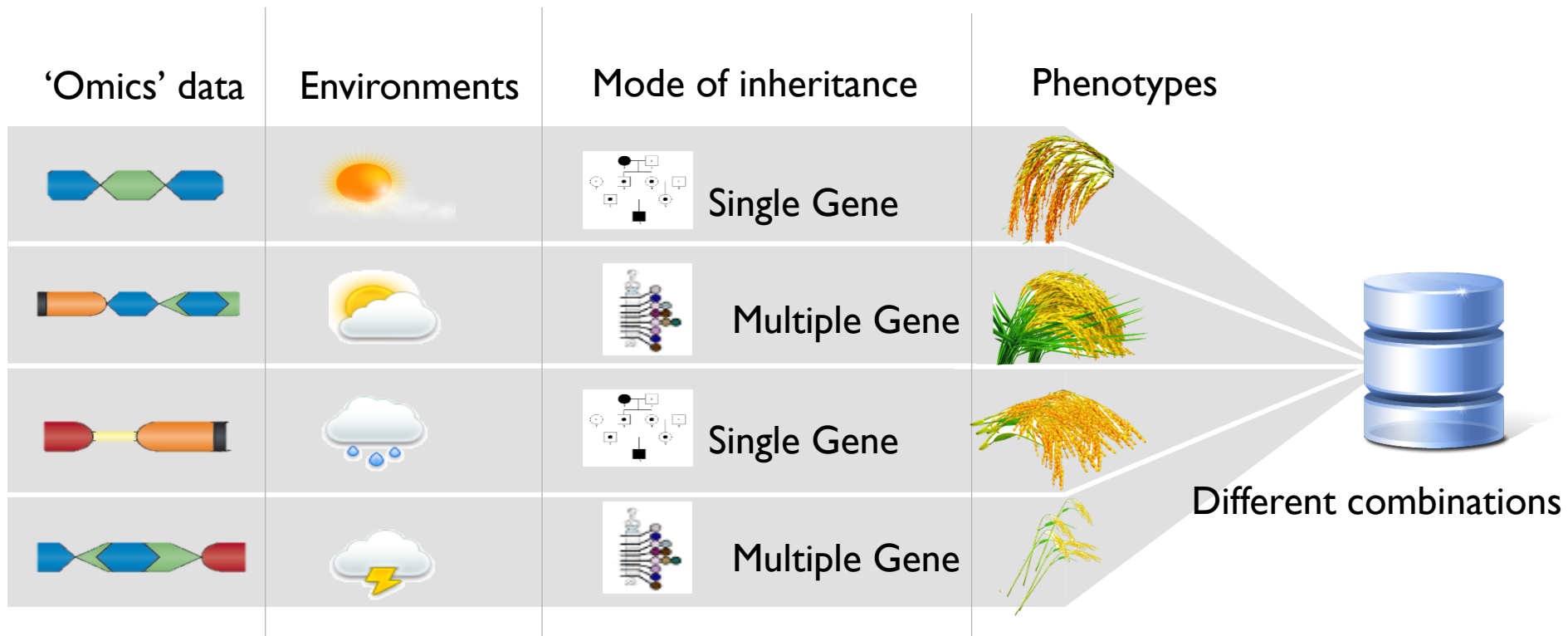
## Importance of the species:

- Taste good species: **agriculture**: rice, potato, cabbage, chicken, pig...
- useful species: **Industrial**: Silkworm, Palm Oil tree, Macaque...
- Cute species: **digital library** : G10K, i5K, 1KBird...

**Technological difficulties:** Highly repetitive, Heterogeneity, Polyploidy: wheat, Oyster...



# Interpret



**X Omics condition + Y environment condition = Z phenotype**



## Genetic Diagnostics Excellence

- BGI Diagnostics aims to apply high genetic research capacity and a well-developed global network to solving current health issues worldwide.
- It is committed to raising genetic health awareness and reducing the rate of major disease by offering an array of accurate, reliable and affordable genetic tests and molecular diagnostics services.



Preconception  
Genetic Testing



Newborn Genetic  
Testing



Cancer Genetic  
Testing



Prenatal Genetic  
Testing



Blood Diseases  
Genetic Testing



Pathogenic  
Microorganism  
Genetic Testing



## Genomics Assisted Breeding

- BGI Agro carries out genomics guided plant germplasm development and application, plant variety improvement and modern agriculture industrialization promotion.
- It has a lab area of over 8000 square meters, over 1200 mu breeding field, well equipped with advanced experimental instruments.
- BGI Agro has 4 production bases: Baguang & Dapeng base in Shenzhen, Luoyang base in Henan province and Laos's base.



Baguang Aquatic Base

Dapeng Breeding Base

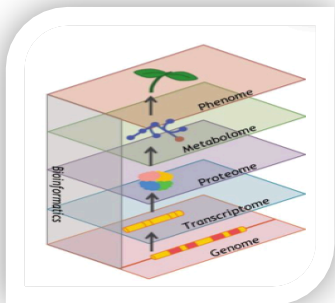
Luoyang Breeding Base

Laos Agroforestry Demonstration Base

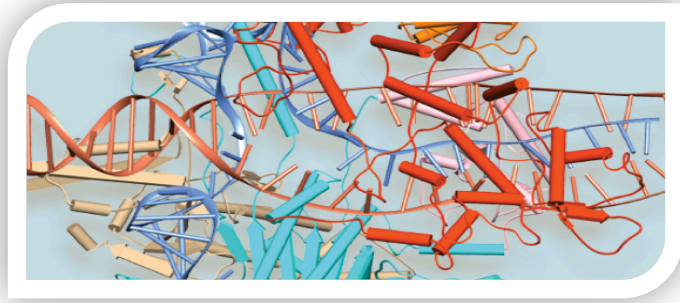
# Apply

# Big data, Synthetic Biology, Bio-manufacturing

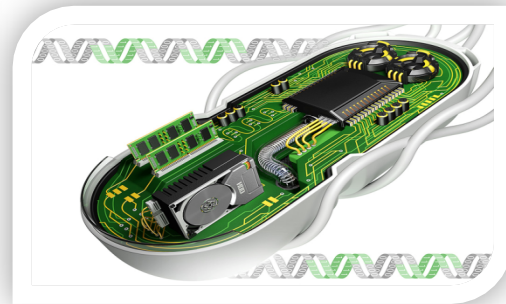
**BENCH**



Omics Analysis



Gene/Genome Design & Synthesis



Chassis Design

**BOTTLE**



Cost effective bio-manufacturing



# What Bio-manufacturing needs from Synthetic Biology

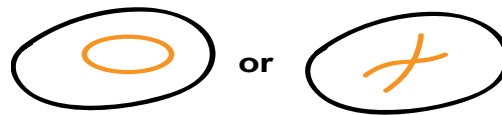
- DNA synthesis and assembly techniques



DNA synthesis



DNA assembly

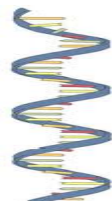


Genetic system reconstruction

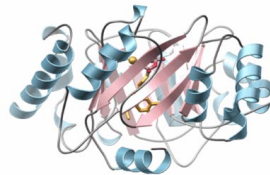
- Knowledge



Genome



Transcriptome

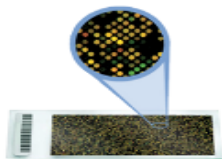


Proteome

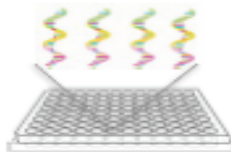


Metabolome

# Microarray based DNA synthesis



- Parallel Chip synthesis
- 12k /94k oligos synthesized simultaneously



- Pooled Assembly
- Enzymatic Error Correction
- 1,00s parallel synthesis



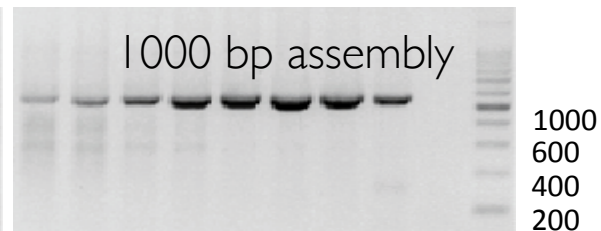
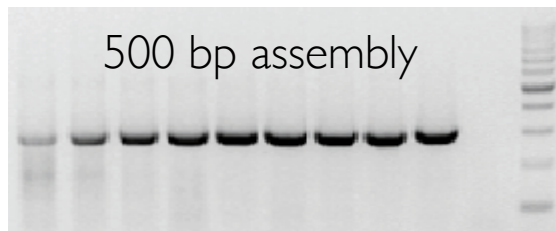
- Next-Gen Sequence Verification
- Low cost

Oligo  
Synthesis

Gene  
Assembly

Quality  
Control

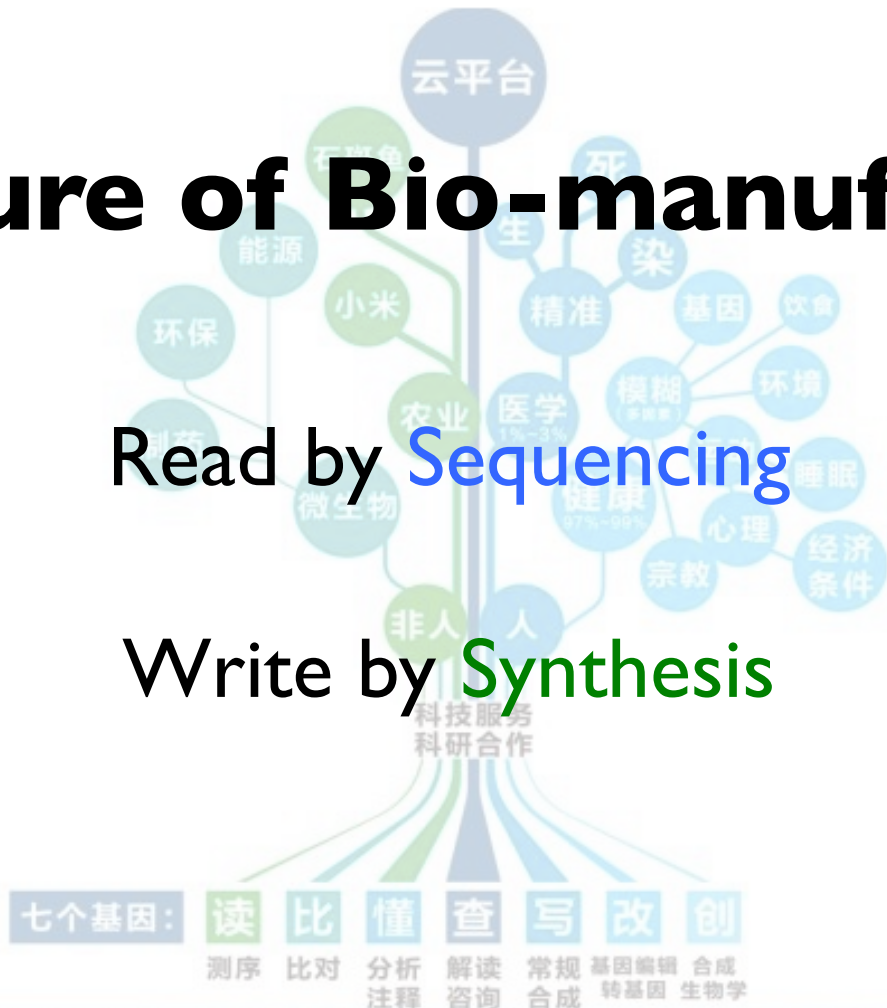
- **High yield/run**
- **High efficient assembly**
- **Low cost**
- **Fast turn around time**



# The future of Bio-manufacturing

Read by Sequencing

Write by Synthesis



# China National Genebank



## Big Resource · Big Data

- The China National Genebank (CNGB) was initiated in 2011 and is the first national genebank in China integrating a large-scale bio-repository and an omics database.
- The mission is to collect, preserve and exploit genomics resources, and to build a network fostering global communication and collaboration on biodiversity conservation and genetic resources utilization.

### Biological Bank



8.4 million human, plant, animal and microbe samples

### Bioinformatics Bank



40+ reference genome database

52PB data storage  
Peak performance 227T

### Consortium Network



60+ organization in consortia

40+ collaborative institutions

CNGB has preserved thousands of genomes, representing 80% of the finished large genome projects in the world.

The total storage capacity is 52 PB and the peak computing performance 227 T FLOPS.

By the end of 2015:

- Store 30 million copies of the traceable biospecimens;
- Build 1EB accessible genetic information database.



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# From Burgers to Biomes: Food Agriculture and the Bioeconomy



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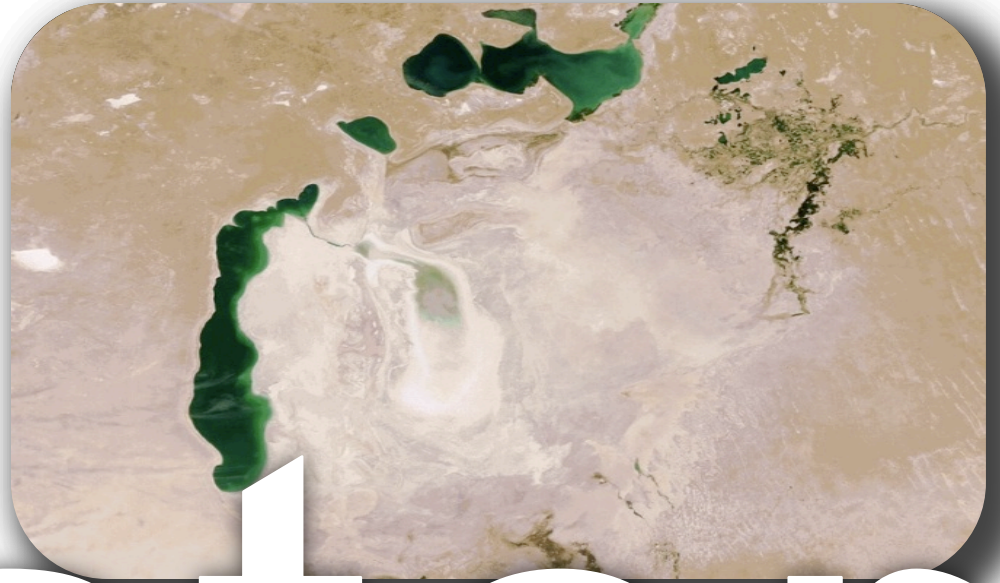
40%



# Lando

70%

Aral Sea  
Today



Water

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# 25%

Greenhouse gas emissions from  
agriculture and deforestation



# Climate

# Global Population Growth



7B  
2015

9B  
2050



Wheat



Vegetables



Cheese



Beef





**Clara Foods**

# Global Fisheries



**85%**

**AquaBounty**

# Young Entrepreneurs



April 6th – 8th April, Imperial College London

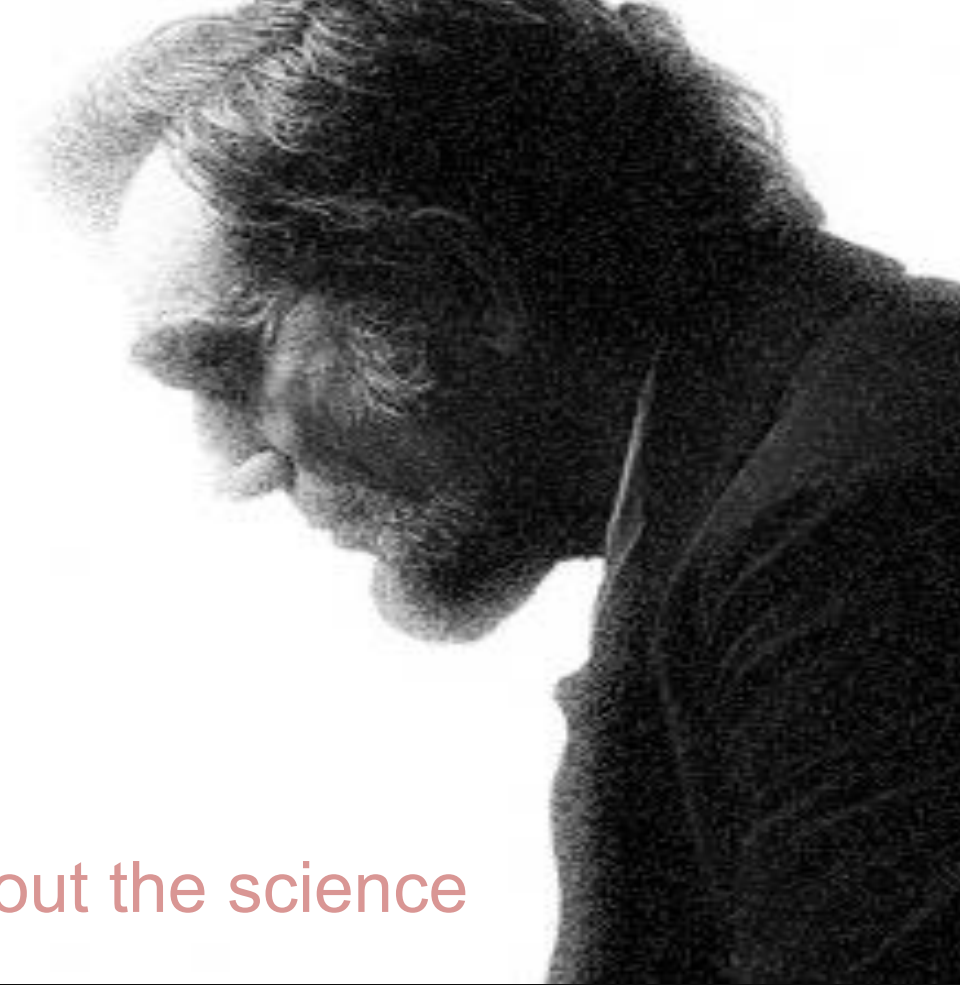
# Investors



# Scientist as Storyteller

Personalize  
Acknowledge  
Connect  
Build Trust

Only then can we talk about the science





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# Bio-economy Strategy



science  
& technology

Department:  
Science and Technology  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Ben Durham: Chief Director: Bio-innovation  
Global Bioeconomy Summit 24-26 Nov '15

# Background

- ❑ 1994 – Democracy
- ❑ 1996 - White Paper on Science & Technology
- ❑ 2001 - National Biotechnology Strategy
  - ❑ Number of mini-agencies created
  - ❑ Based on technology commercialisation
- ❑ 2014 Bio-economy Strategy

- **Population: 54.96 million**
- **GNI/capita: \$12 240**
- **Unemployment: 25.5%**
- **9<sup>th</sup> largest producer of GMO's**





# Lessons learned

- a) The **full pipeline**, from research to commercialisation, needs to be considered to ensure sustainable ‘through-flow’ and desired outcome.
- b) **Coordination** between academic and science council researchers, public and/or private sector institutions is vital to ensure teamwork, efficiency, and to avoid fragmentation of effort.
- c) Focus on areas of **comparative advantage** and/or **national priority**. In SA - health & agric, but harness indigenous knowledge towards the development of products and empowering communities.
- d) The absence of local medium to large biotechnology companies creates a challenge both for investors to ‘exit’ their investments, and to ‘scale up’ industry-relevant start-ups.
- e) Under-investment in technology commercialisation seriously hampers start-ups from being competitive globally (local market size is usually insufficient for sustainable commercialisation).



# The Bio-economy Strategy



Technical,  
opportunistic

Planned,  
consulted,  
coordinated,  
process focus

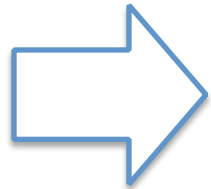
- 1) Developing World perspective
- 2) Sustainable livelihoods - Jobs, Jobs, Jobs
- 3) Poverty, inequality, unemployment



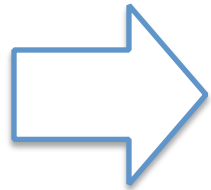


# The Strategy

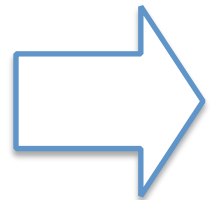
## Input



3 thematic docs that outline landscape and strategic priorities



An 'implementation plan' that reviews & provides interventions across the value chain



Steering committees: govt, industry, science councils, academia



# The Strategy

## Some enabling priorities

- Future skills
  - Technology Service Platforms
  - Entrepreneurialism
  - Seed funding (poc)
  - Rapid advance off-take
  - VC seeded
  - Marketing & promotion
- 
- Coordination





# The Strategy

## Some competitive advantages

- Human genome
  - Clinical trials, precision/genomic medicine
  - SHIP; H3D; ICGEB; BTRI (precision cancer); CPGR; UCT; WITS;
- Indigenous biodiversity mainstreaming (Cape Floral Kingdom)(CSIR; Universities)
- Indigenous knowledge (ATM; cosmeceuticals; neutraceuticals; infusions)

## Some National priorities

- Agricultural sector, agroprocessing (related to access to land, the job multiplier of Agric, and rural development)
- Infectious disease burden (SA creating capabilities for manufacture and expanded trialling).





# Implementation:

Detailed plans for each thematic area identified in the Strategy

**Ag:** New crop & plant and commercialisation; Crop/plant improvement, molecular breeding and genome engineering; Animal improvement, health and aquaculture; Biocontrol agents and Biofertilisers; Food safety and food nutrition; Agro-processing and agro-engineering; Natural Resource Management and Climate Smart Agriculture; Indigenous African Knowledge (IAK)-Based Agriculture

**Health:** New or improved drugs, therapeutics and drug delivery systems; New vaccines and other biologicals; New or improved diagnostics; New medical devices.

**Industry & Environment:** Bio-based chemicals and biologics; Biomaterials; Bio-energy; Biomining; Waste and Waste-water.







- SA researchers- amongst most productive (publications & citations) per \$.
- Very strong international collaboration.
- Proximity of world class institutions and genomically diverse populations.
- A key gateway into Africa.
- A land of unparalleled beauty!

Thank you  
Baie dankie  
Ke a leboga





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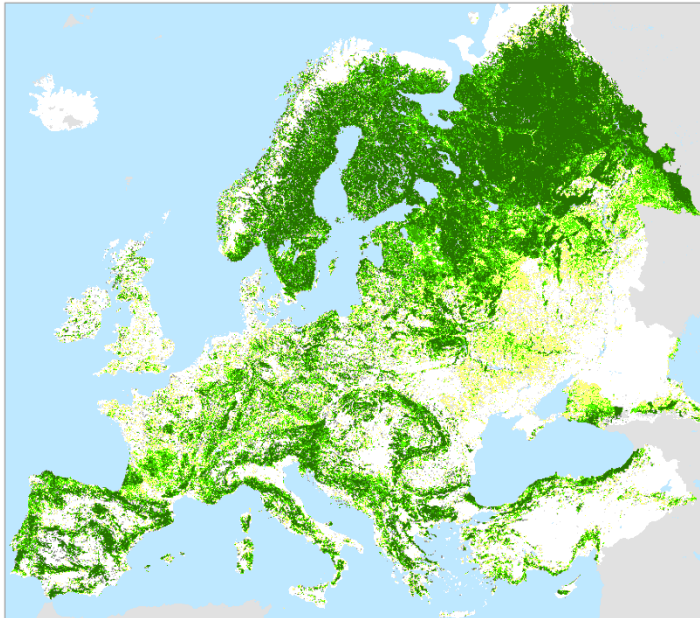
# Building the European bioeconomy: a forest perspective

Global Bioeconomy Summit 2015  
25-26 November 2015, Berlin

[www.efi.int](http://www.efi.int)



# European forests: our most important bio- infrastructure

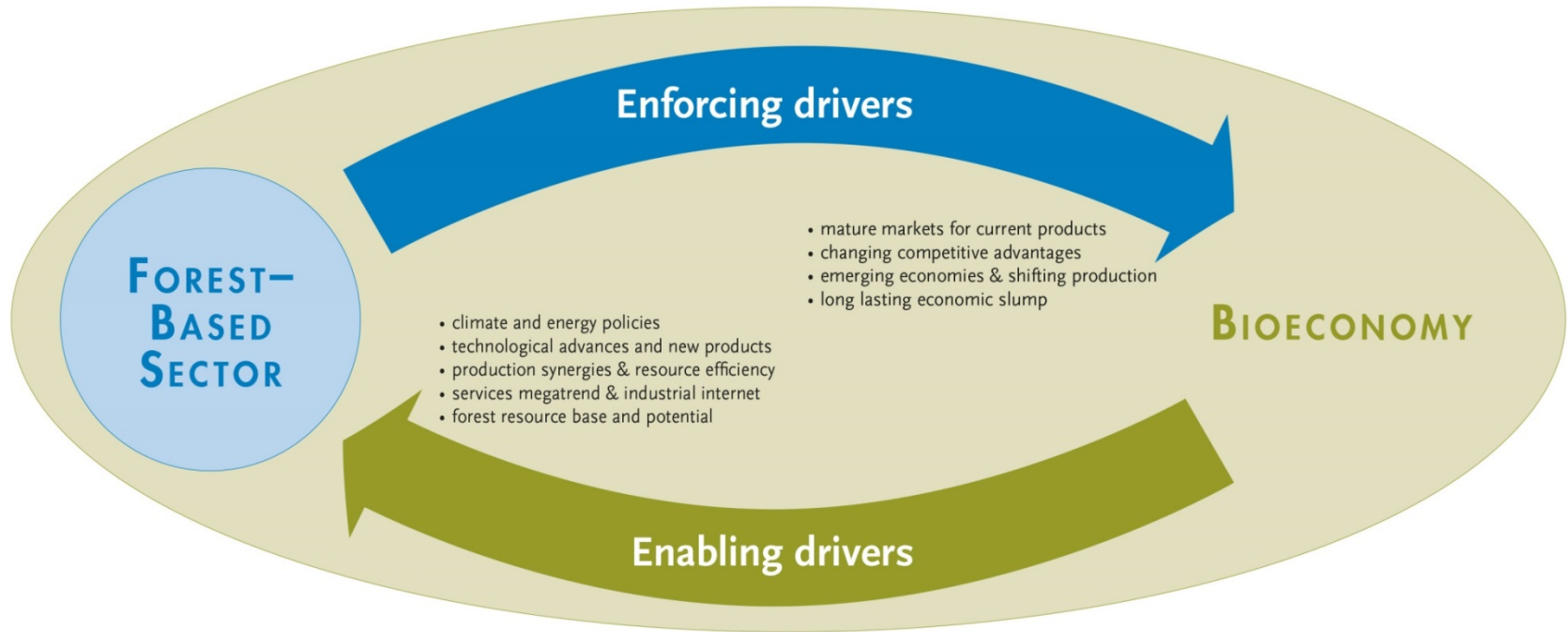


- Covering **40%** of EU land
- Delivering **50%** of renewable energy
- Capturing **9%** of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Representing **25%** of EU Biomass supply
- Resources for **25%** of EU Bioeconomy

Key for the sustainability of:  
**biodiversity, water and soil**



# Towards a cross-sectoral forest-based bioeconomy





# Wood construction: the beginning of the timber age?

*Cross Laminated Timber (CLT)*  
production: (> 15 % annually)

=> **28%** less primary energy

=> **45%** less carbon emissions

Substituting concrete by **1 m<sup>3</sup> of wood**  
= **saves 1 tonne of CO<sub>2</sub>**



*Erkki Oksanen / Luke*



# Wood-based textile fibres for a growing population

- Only 5% of world textile's are wood-based, but expected to grow at 10% per year
- The textile market to triple by 2050: from 80 Mt to 250 Mt
- The share of cotton (now 30%) to decrease due to competition for arable land and water



*Zsolt Nyulaszi/Fotolia*



# First biorefinery producing wood-based diesel

- UPM 's biorefinery: 100,000 tonnes of second generation biodiesel for transport
- Decreasing transport emissions up to 80% compare to fossil fuels
- 25% of Finland's biofuel target



*UPM Biofuels*



# Concluding remarks

- A coherent, well coordinated **International Bioeconomy policy framework**
  - sustainability and resource efficiency
  - regulatory and market failures
  - long-term predictability for investments
- A new scale of **research and innovation** investments and cooperation
- An effective **science-policy-society interface**:  
reflective  
governance



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*We cannot solve our problems with  
the same thinking we used when we  
created them*

- Albert Einstein



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