

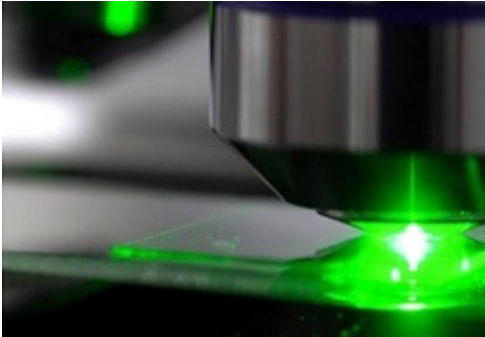
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experts in bioprocessing

Prospects for algae in high-volume applications: focus on bioplastics

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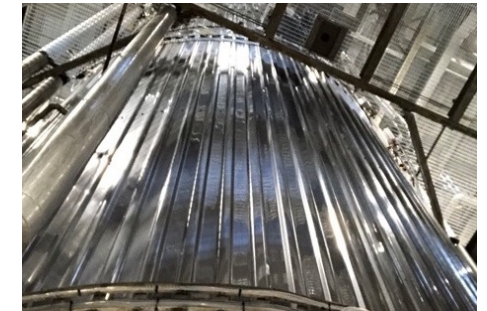
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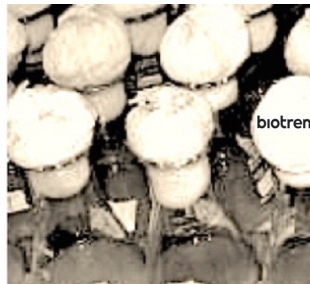
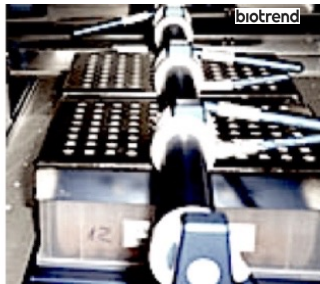


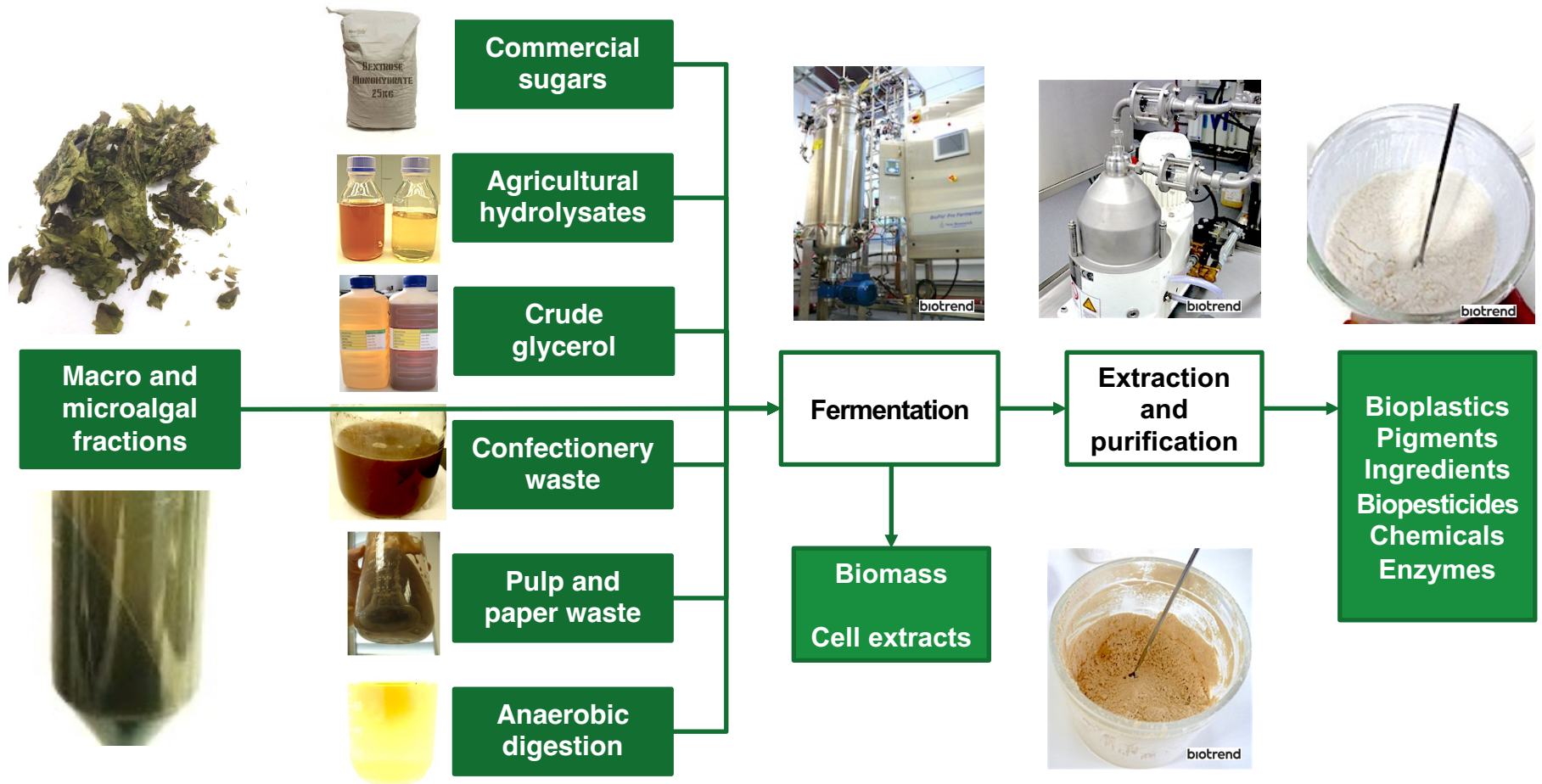
CONTRACT R&D TECHNOLOGY SUPPLY



INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT







Bacteria:

Sphingomonas sp.
Pseudomonas sp.
Cupriavidus necator
Cupriavidus taiwanensis
Bacillus megaterium
Bacillus amyloliquefaciens
Alcaligenes latus
Sphingopyxis macrogoltabida
Paraburkholderia sacchari
Hydrogenophaga pseudoflava
Pseudomonas citronellolis
Pseudomonas putida
Lactobacillus casei
Lactobacillus reuteri
Escherichia coli
Pseudoalteromonas sp.
Mycobacterium sp.
Vibrio sp.
Rhodothermus marinus
Rhodococcus sp.
Sulfitobacter sp.
Actinobacillus succinogenes
Basfia succiniciproducens
Corynebacterium glutamicum

Yeasts and Fungi:

Saccharomyces cerevisiae
Kluyveromyces lactis
Schizosaccharomyces pombe
Aureobasidium pullulans
Cryphonectria parasitica
Yarrowia lipolytica
Torulaspora delbrueckii
Metschnikowia pulcherrima
Hanseniaspora uvarum
Kazachstania turicensis

Protists:

Schyzochytrium sp.
Aurantiochytrium sp.

Microalgae (heterotrophic):

Chlorella vulgaris
Chlorella sp.
Haematococcus pluvialis
Euglena gracilis

Highly qualified and experienced team

- Combined experience of +1000 fermentation runs at various scales
- Team with international experience
[Portugal, The Netherlands, Canada, France, Germany, Switzerland, Brazil]



State-of-the-art facilities

- Process development, optimization and integration
- Process scale-up, de-risking and validation
- On-line monitoring and at-line analysis of metabolites (HPLC, GC-MS, etc.)



More efficient than any other crop

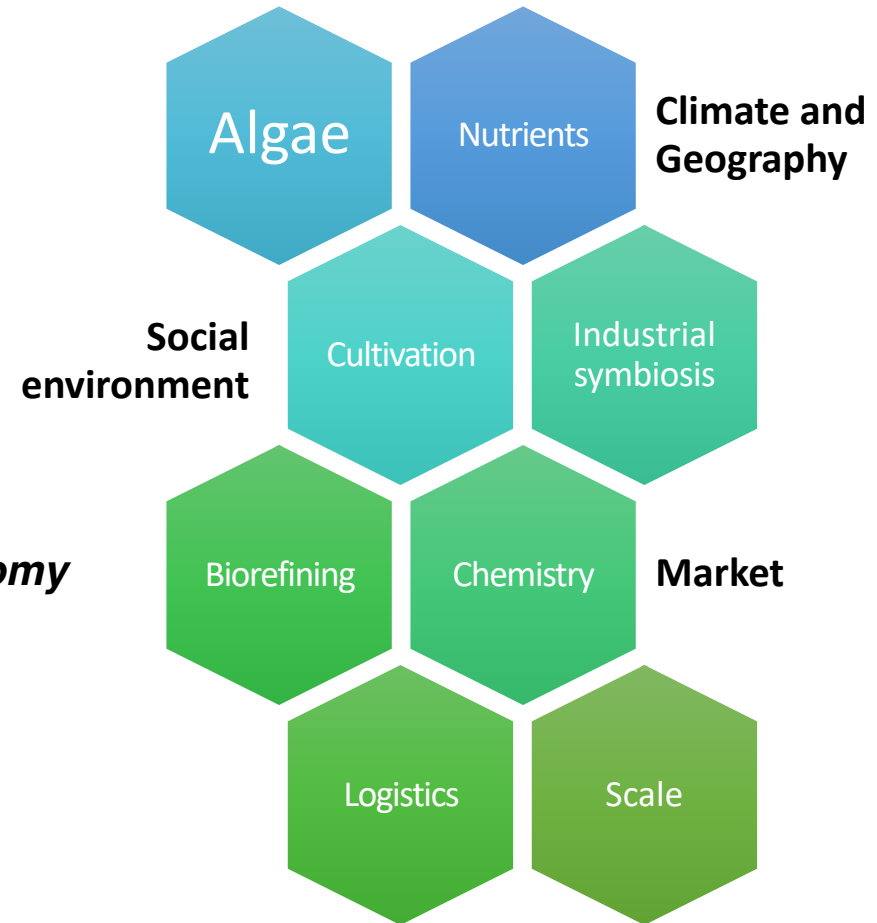
- Microalgae: 5.0 g/m².day protein
- Seaweed: 4.1 g/m².day protein
- Soya: 0.11 g/m².day protein

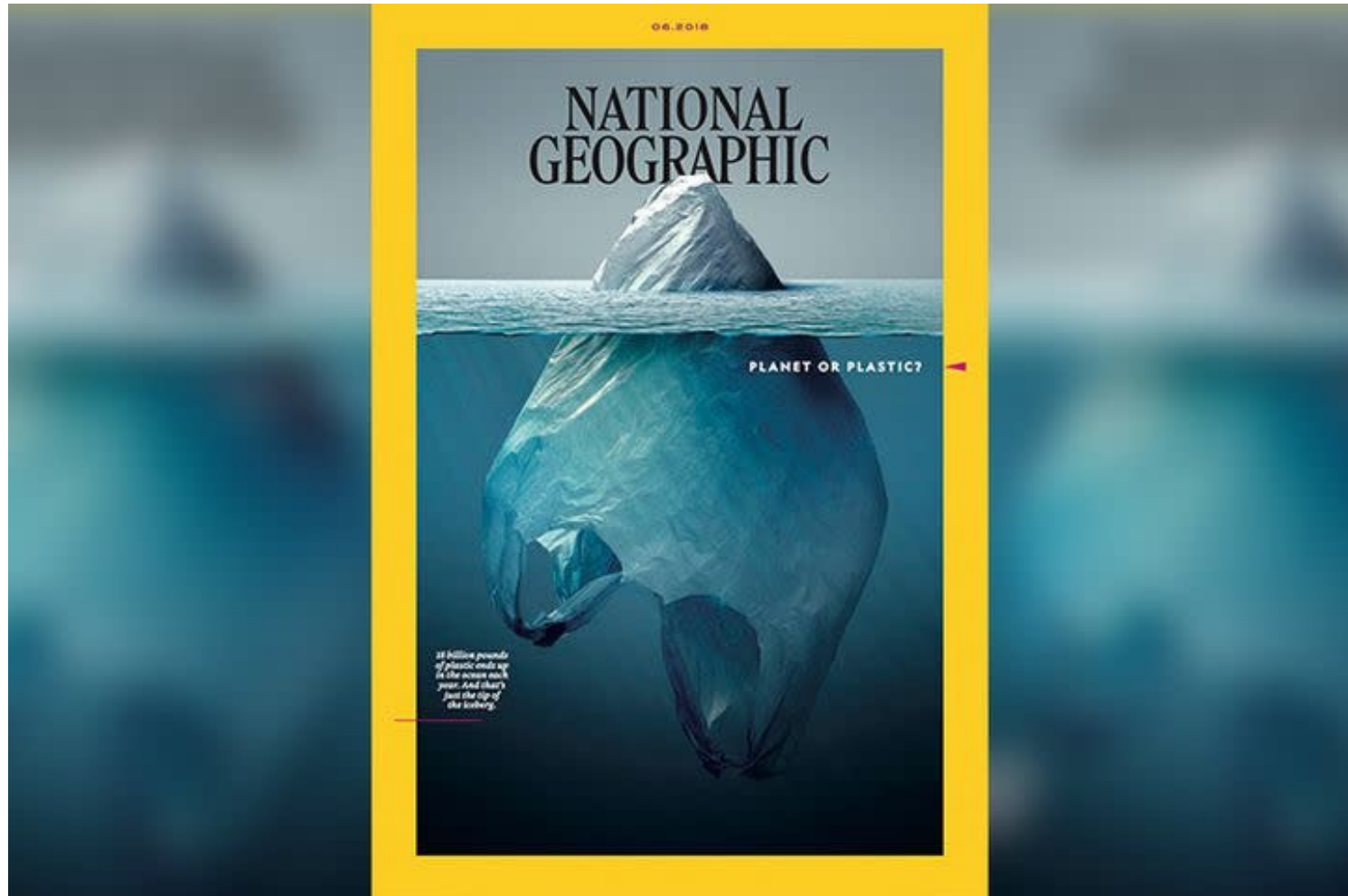
Algae cultivation is a technology

- Not an end itself but a means to an end.
- Enabling **carbon neutrality** and **circular economy**

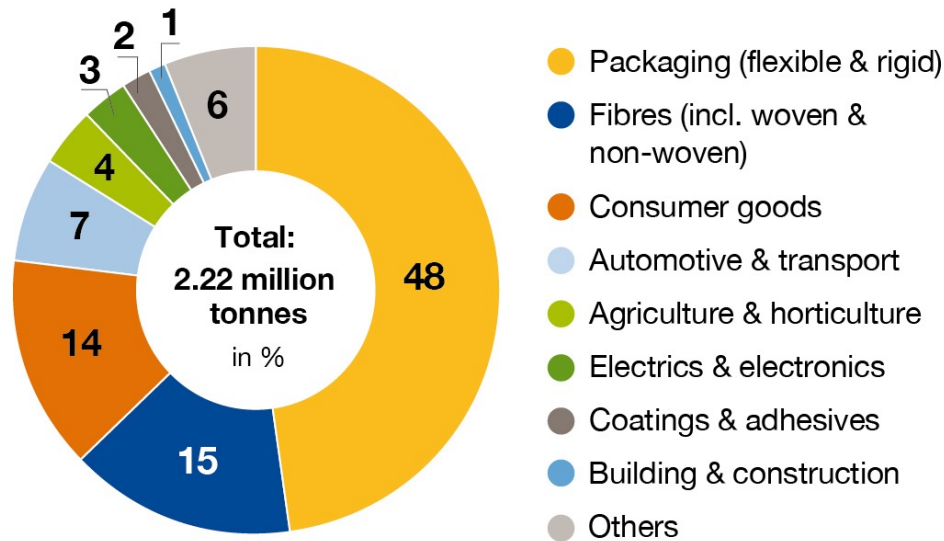
Technical, economic, feasibility and environmental and social sustainability

- Algae are a central piece of the puzzle, but the broader context needs to be understood





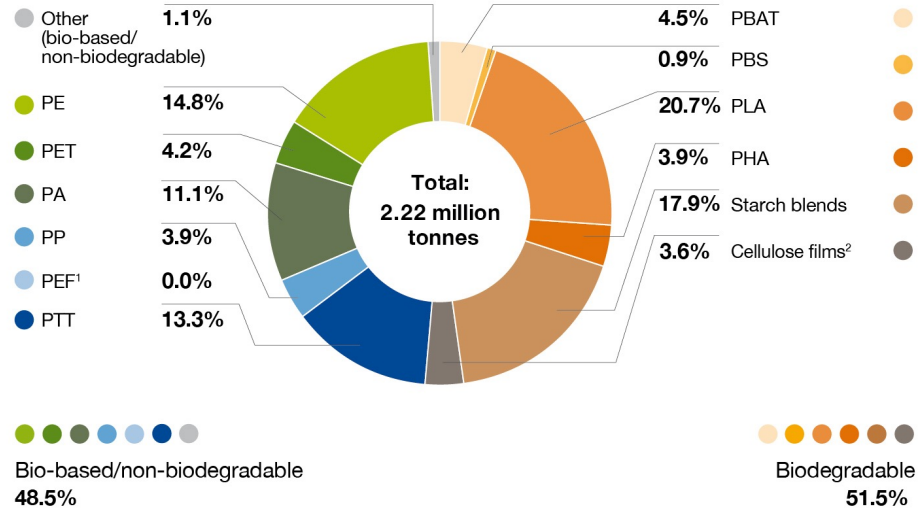
Global production capacities of bioplastics in 2022 (by market segment)



Source: European Bioplastics, nova-Institute (2022).

More information: www.european-bioplastics.org/market and www.bio-based.eu/markets

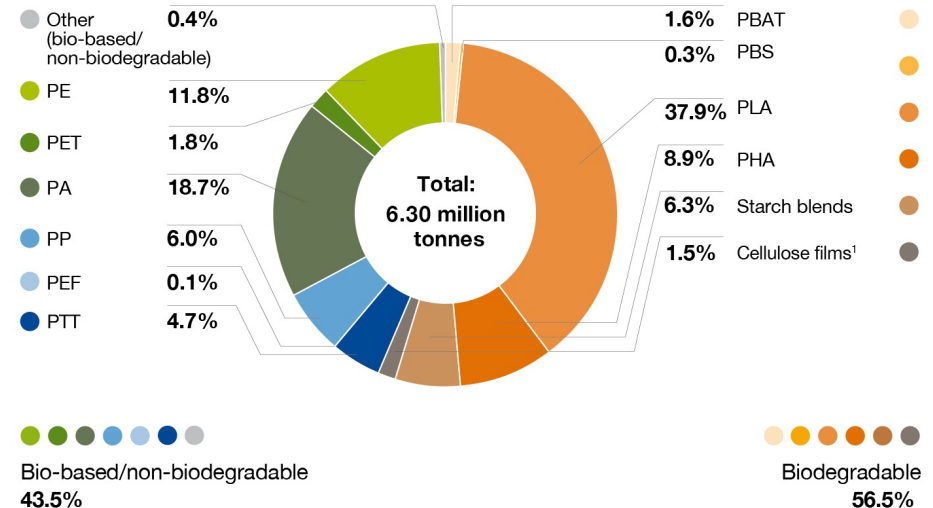
Global production capacities of bioplastics 2022
(by material type)



¹PEF is currently in development and predicted to be available at commercial scale in 2023. ²Regenerated cellulose films

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Global production capacities of bioplastics 2027
(by material type)



¹Regenerated cellulose films

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Focus areas:

Starch blends:

397 ktonnes [2022] to 397 ktonnes [2027]

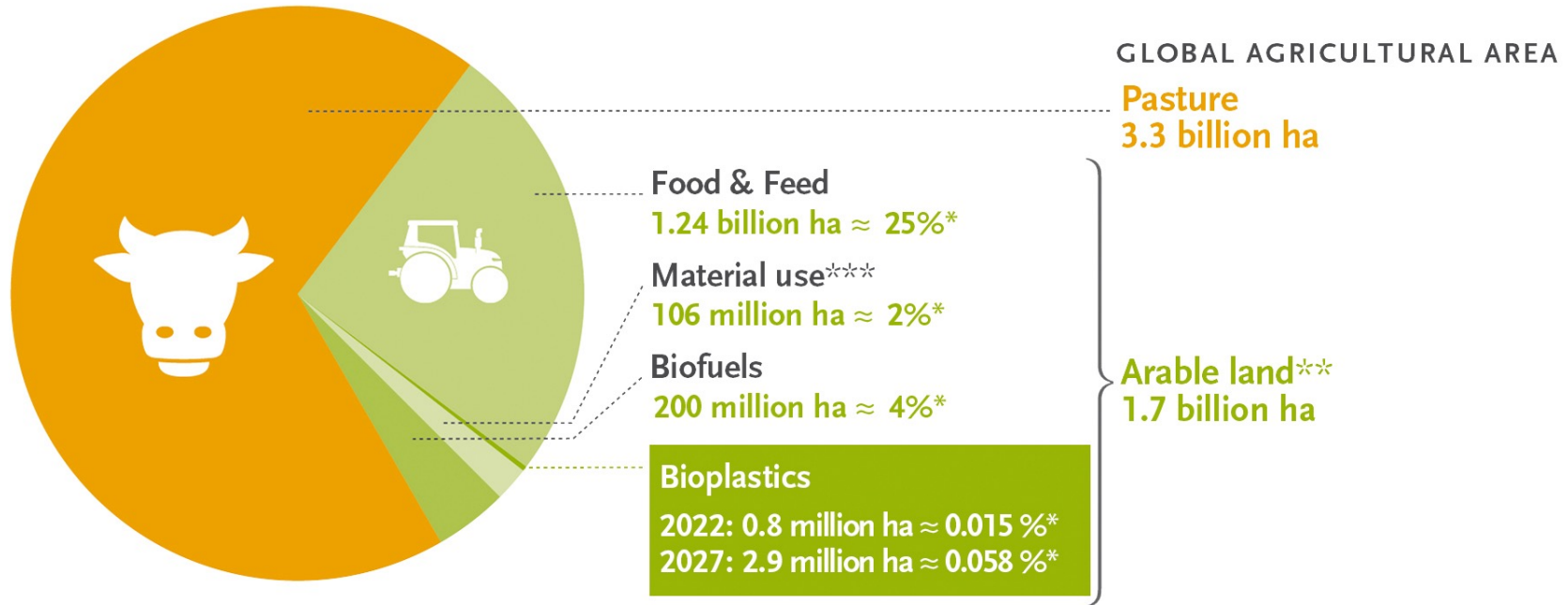
stagnant!

PHA:

86 ktonnes [2022] to 561 ktonnes [2027]

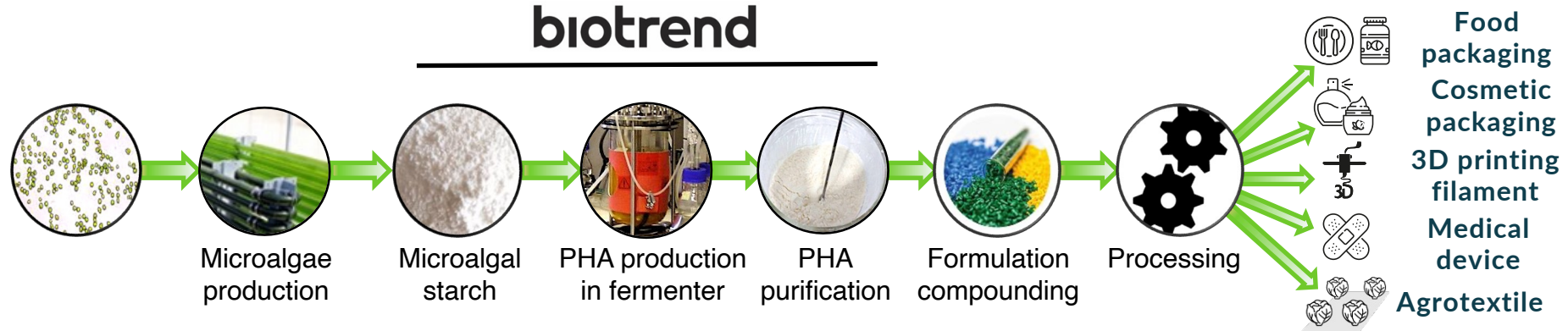
CAGR 45.5%!!!

Land use estimation for bioplastics 2022 and 2027



Source: European Bioplastics (2022), FAO Stats (2020), nova-Institute (2022), and Institute for Bioplastics and Biocomposites (2019), University of Virginia (2016). Info: www.european-bioplastics.org

*In relation to global agricultural area, ** Including approx. 1% fallow land, ***Land-use for bioplastics is part of the 2% material use



For a sustainable and European value chain of PHA-based materials for high-volume consumer products

BBI JU contribution: €4.9 million, Research and Innovation Action

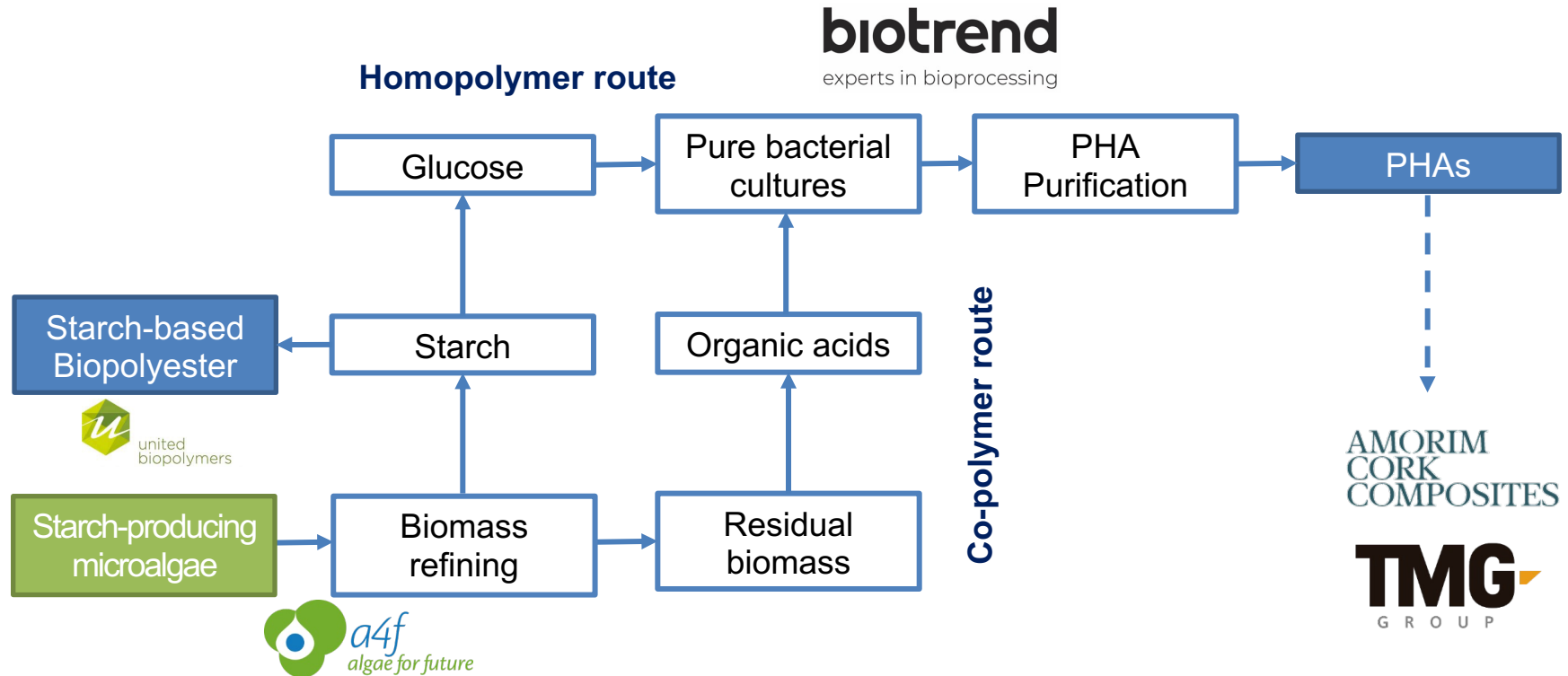
Duration: September 2020 – February 2024

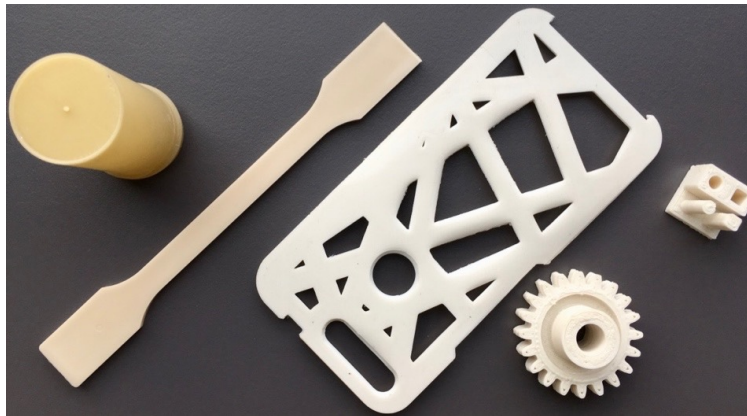
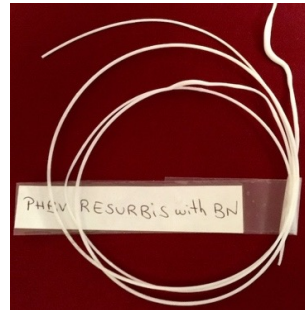
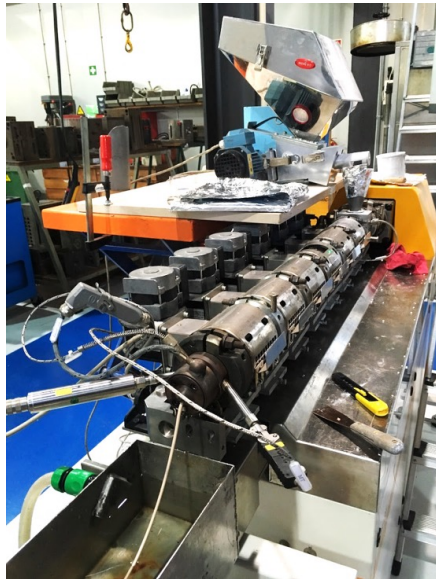


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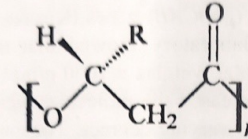


Investment in algae-derived biomaterials project [1.7 M€ A4F and BIOTREND combined]





bacterial species as intracellular carbon and energy reserve materials (Anderson and Dawes, 1990; Dawes and Senior, 1973; Doi, 1990). The general structure for the PHA subset of β -linked PHAs is shown below. When R is methyl, the polymer is poly(3-hydroxybutyric acid), PHB.



A number of reviews on PHAs that describe biochemical aspects of polymer formation, structural variability, and properties have been published (Anderson and Dawes, 1990; Brandl et al., 1990; Doi, 1990; Gross, 1994; Steinbuchel, 1991; Steinbuchel and Valentin, 1995). An important benefit of many microbial polyesters is that they have been found to be biodegradable upon disposal (Abe and Doi, 1996; Molitoris et al., 1996; Doi et al., 1990).

Although the biochemistry of PHA (mainly PHB) biosynthesis has been the subject of much recent work (Byrom, 1994; Kidwell et al., 1995; Steinbuchel et al., 1995; Wiczorek et al., 1995), the mechanisms of polymer growth and control of chain molecular weight are not understood. Hence, rational methods for PHA molecular weight control other than our investigations into the use of polyethylene glycol (PEG) in culture media (Shi et al., 1996b; Ashby et al., 1997) have not been reported. However, the variation of PHA molecular weights remains of considerable interest.

Examples of work carried out to study molecular weight variation are as follows. PHB molecular weight was affected by the method of polymer isolation from cells. Neutral solvent extraction results in higher degree of polymerization (p) whereas the use of organic solvents results in



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fungus chain

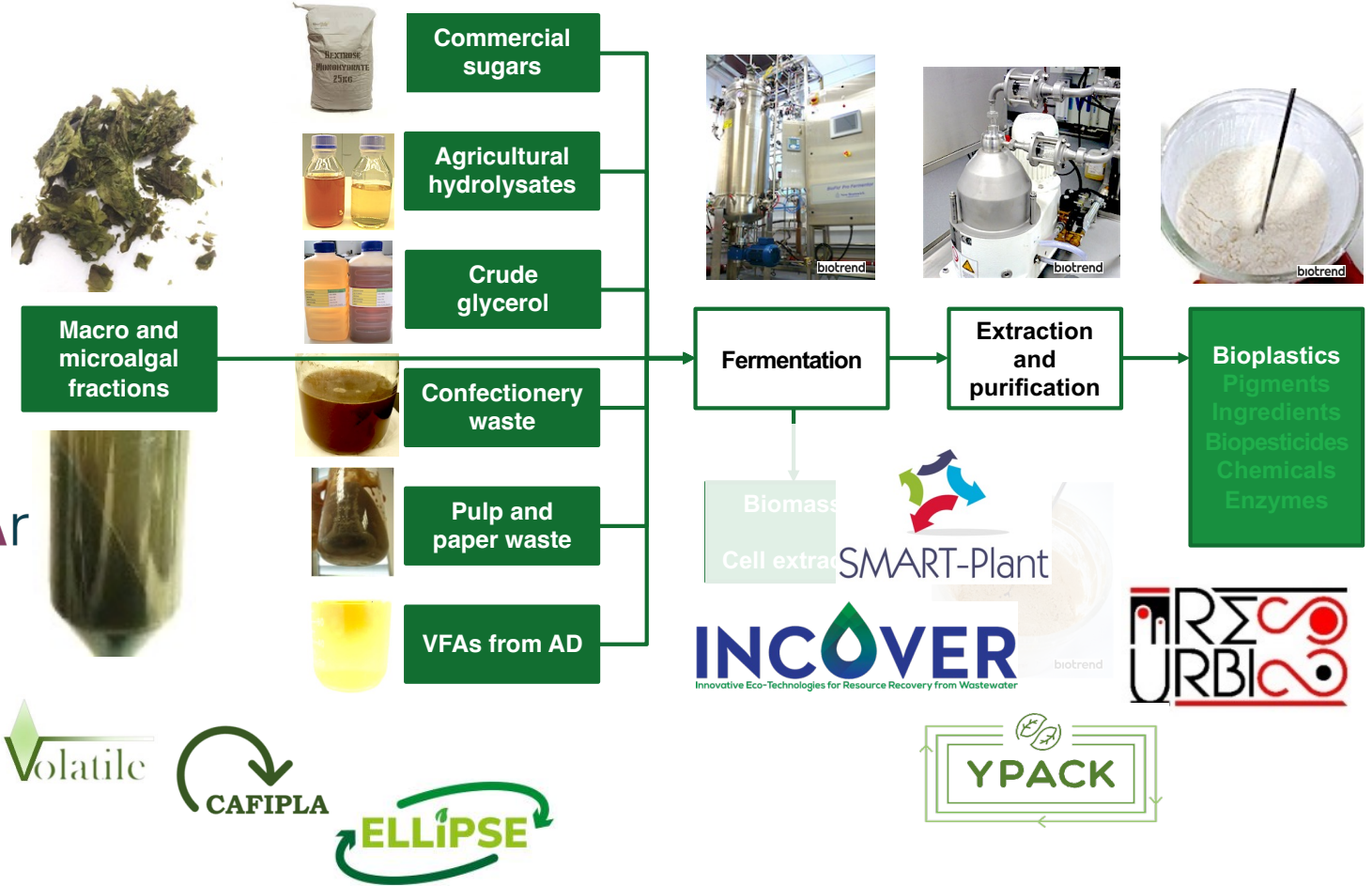
PHB 2 Market

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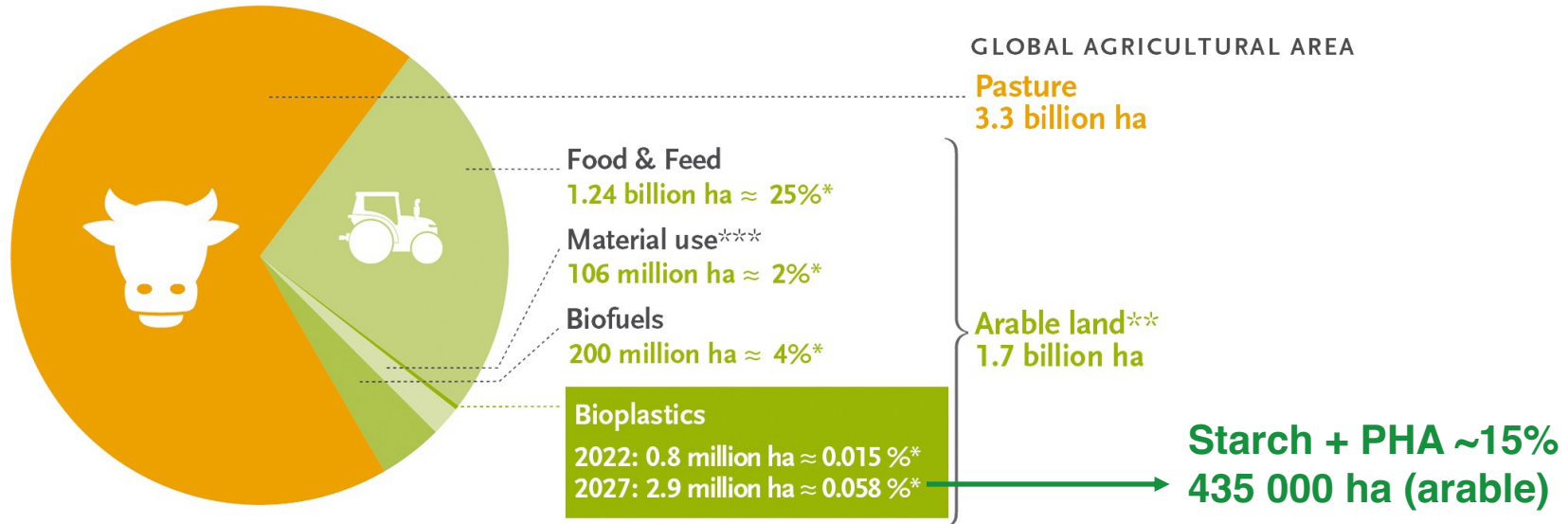
Commercial projects





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Microalgal production of starch:

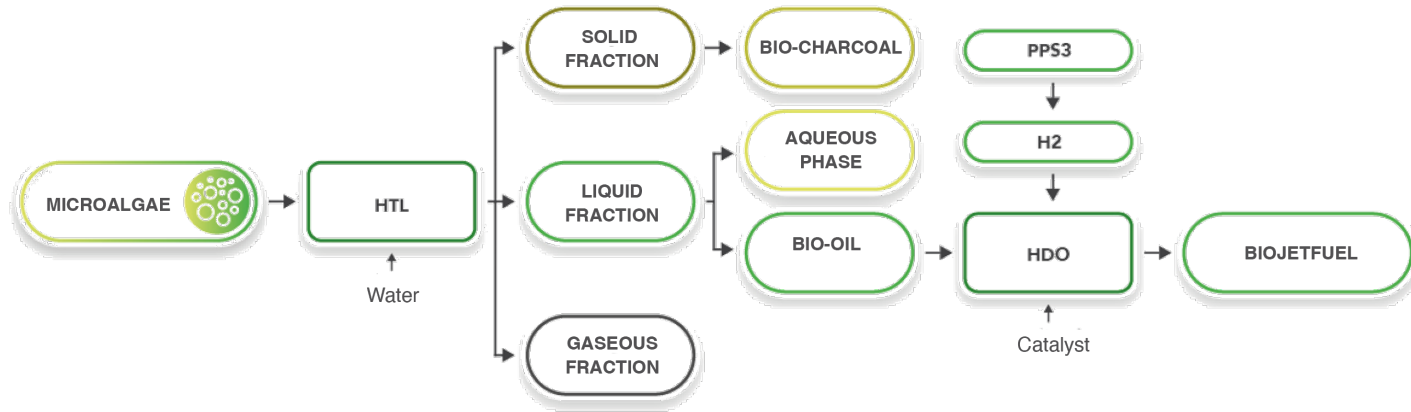
10 ton/ha.year

Starch blends: 397 kton/year 40 000 ha (non arable)

PHA: 561 kton/year
 ~ 2.8 million ton/year starch (for sugars) 280 000 ha (non arable)

Total: 320 000 ha (non arable): from Arable to Non-Arable land, 25% Reduction of area

MOVE2 LOWC



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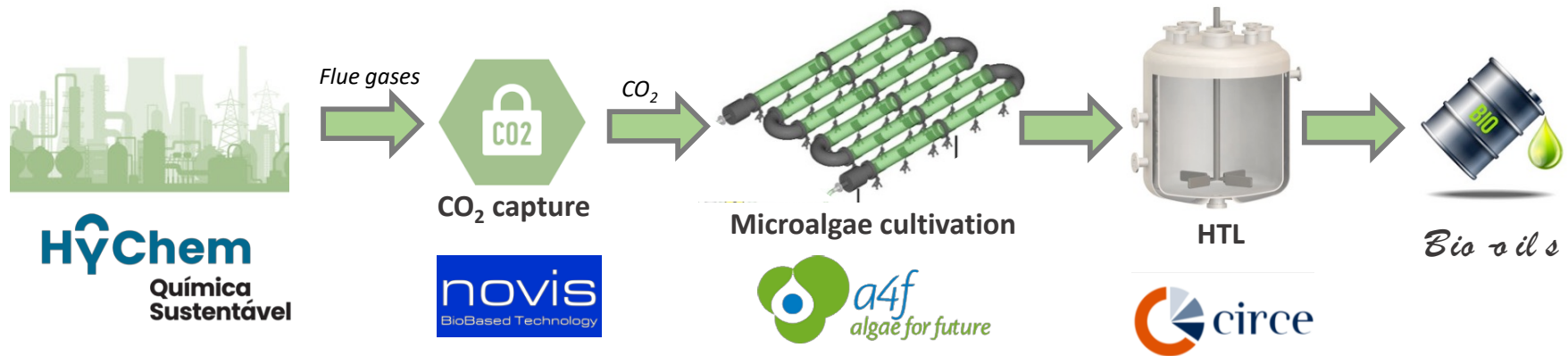


Coordinator:



CAPTUS

Construction and operation of a dedicated Demo facility.



Application in sectors hard to electrify: aviation, maritime transportation, heavy-duty road transportation.

Large volume and bulk production of biomass, integrating circular economy concepts as access to low/negative cost nutrients.

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