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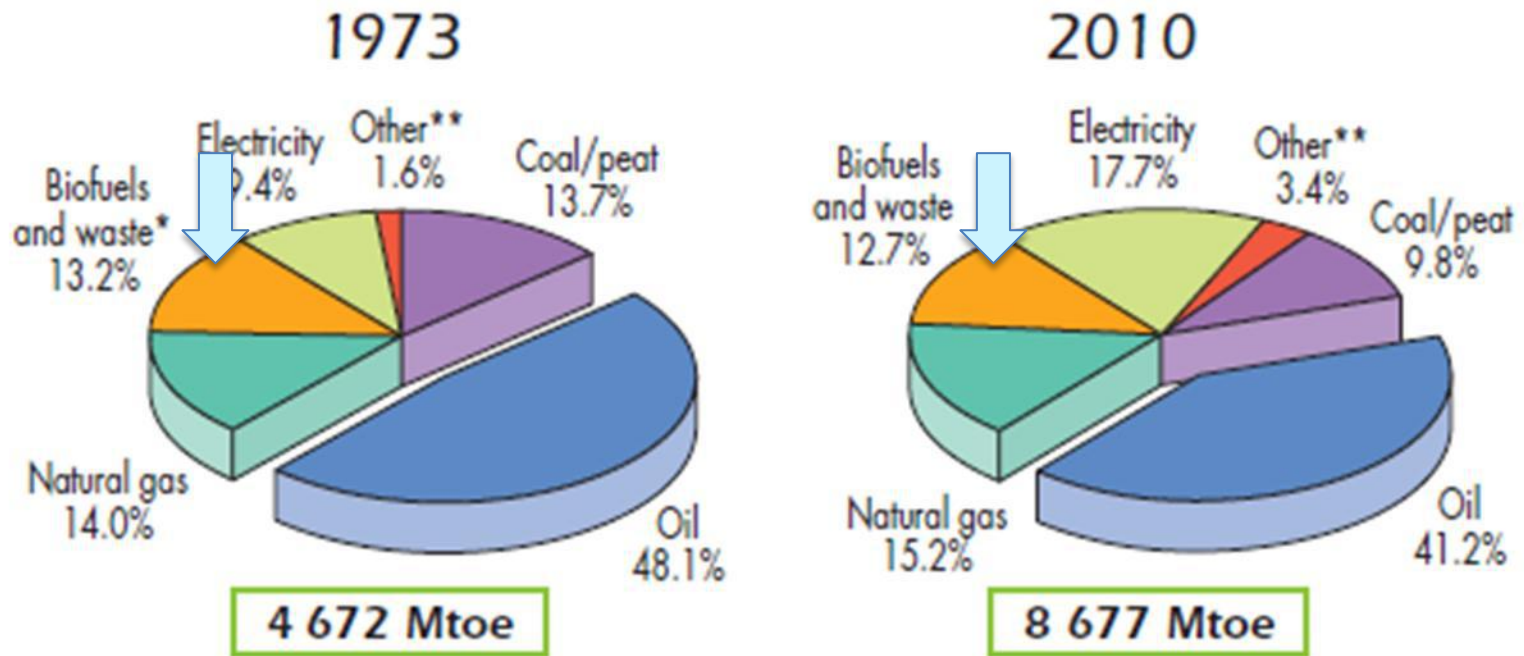
# Tapping into Indonesia's microbial diversity for conversion of lignocellulosic biomass residue to biofuel and other valuable liquid chemicals

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# Outline

- World's dependency upon fossil fuel
- Indonesia's richness in biodiversity and biomass residue for sustainable bioenergy
- Bioconversion process and production of liquid chemicals
  - i3L-USAID PEER 4-146 project
  - Yeast for high oleochemical production
- Microbial multi co-products platform for feasible bioeconomy
- Microbial culture collections
- References
- Acknowledgments

# World's fuel consumption



\*Data prior to 1994 for biofuels and waste final consumption have been estimated.

\*\*Other includes geothermal, solar, wind, heat, etc.

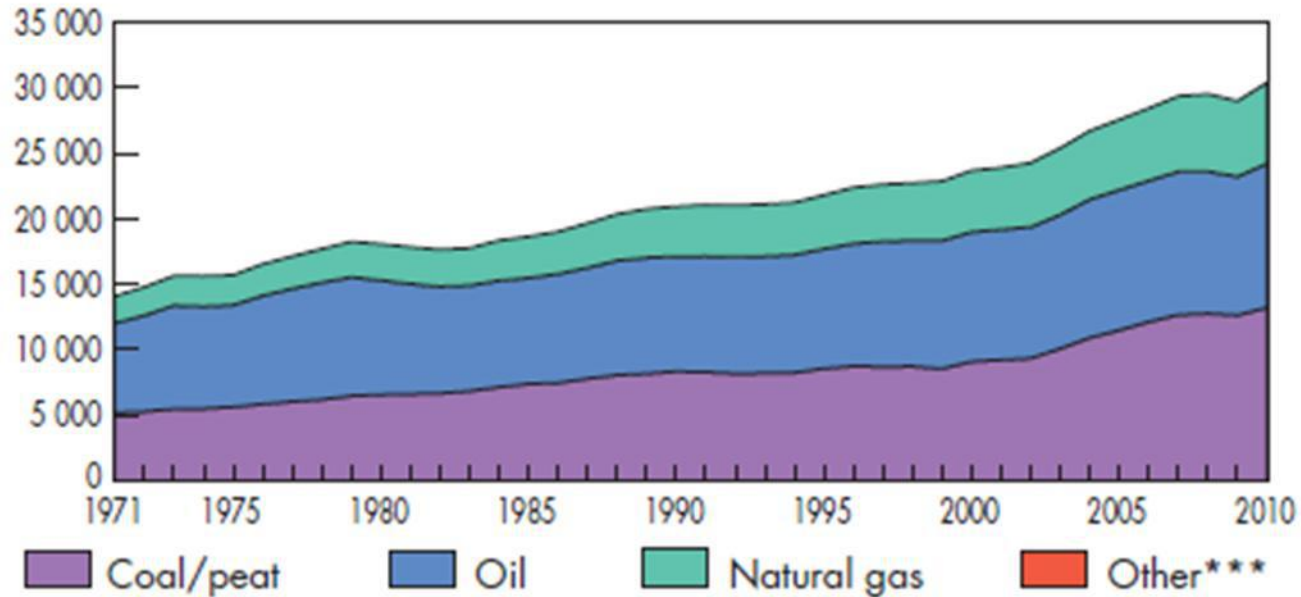
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The transport sector completely dominated with 61.5% of the total consumption

(IEA, International Energy Agency, 2012)

# CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions by Fuel

World\* CO<sub>2</sub> emissions\*\* from 1971 to 2010  
by fuel (Mt of CO<sub>2</sub>)



Global warming, fossil fuel depletion & energy security

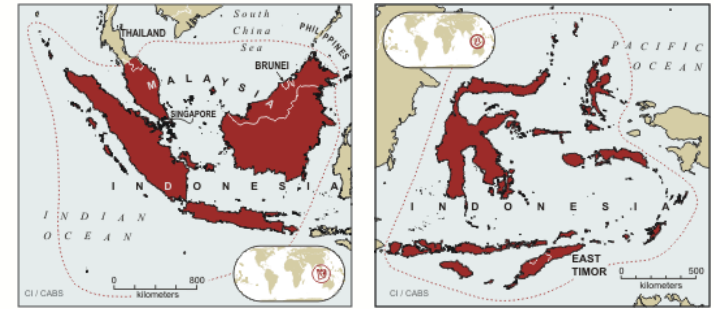


Renewable and environmentally friendly fuels



# Indonesia is rich in biodiversity

- One of the world top mega diverse countries
- 2/25 world biodiversity hotspots
- 1.3% of the world's land
- > 17,000 islands



Sundaland and Wallacea

	Indonesia	US	World
Mammal	515 <sup>1</sup>	428 <sup>2</sup>	5,487 <sup>3</sup>
Birds	1,539 <sup>1</sup>	784 <sup>2</sup>	9,990 <sup>3</sup>
Reptiles	781 <sup>5</sup>	311 <sup>2</sup>	8,734 <sup>3</sup>
Amphibians	210 <sup>5</sup>	295 <sup>2</sup>	6,515 <sup>3</sup>
Fish	25 - 45% <sup>1,4</sup>	1154 <sup>2</sup>	31,153 <sup>3</sup>
Flowering Plants	25,000 <sup>1</sup>	16499 <sup>2</sup>	268,600 <sup>3</sup>



<sup>1</sup> [http://www.ran.org/indonesia\\_s\\_rainforests\\_biodiversity\\_and\\_endangered\\_species](http://www.ran.org/indonesia_s_rainforests_biodiversity_and_endangered_species)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.currentresults.com/Environment-Facts/Plants-Animals/number-of-native-species-in-united-states.php>

<sup>3</sup> Chapman, A. D. (2009). *Numbers of Living Species in Australia and the World* (PDF) (2nd ed.). Canberra: Australian Biological Resources Study. pp. 1–80. ISBN 978 0 642 56861 8

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.profauna.net/en/facts-about-indonesian-animals#.WKz6FG997IU>

<sup>5</sup> Biodiversity Conservation in Indonesia [https://blogs.ntu.edu.sg/hp331-2014-03/?page\\_id=27](https://blogs.ntu.edu.sg/hp331-2014-03/?page_id=27)

# Indonesia's Biomass Residue Potential

Forest Residues



135 dry MT/yr

Empty Fruit Bunches



4.6 dry MT/yr

Palm Kernel Shells



1.2 dry MT/yr

Cassava Waste



7.3 dry MT/yr

Sugarcane Baggase



8.1 dry MT/yr

Rice Husk



13.6 dry MT/yr

Coconut Fibre



6.8 dry MT/yr

Coconut Shells



3.0 dry MT/yr

MSW

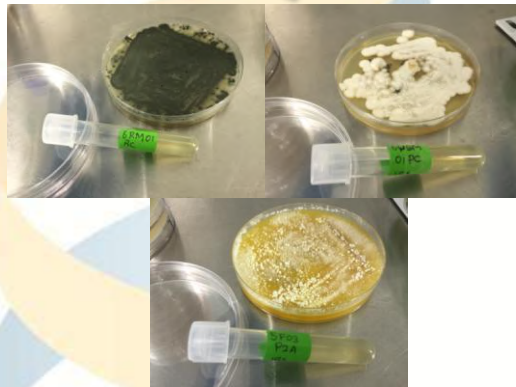
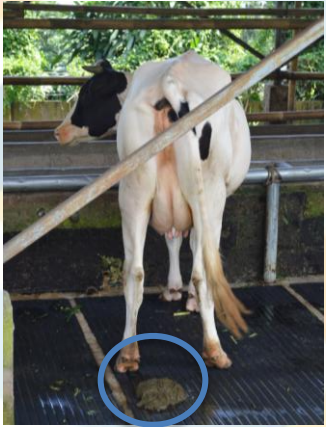


Farm Waste





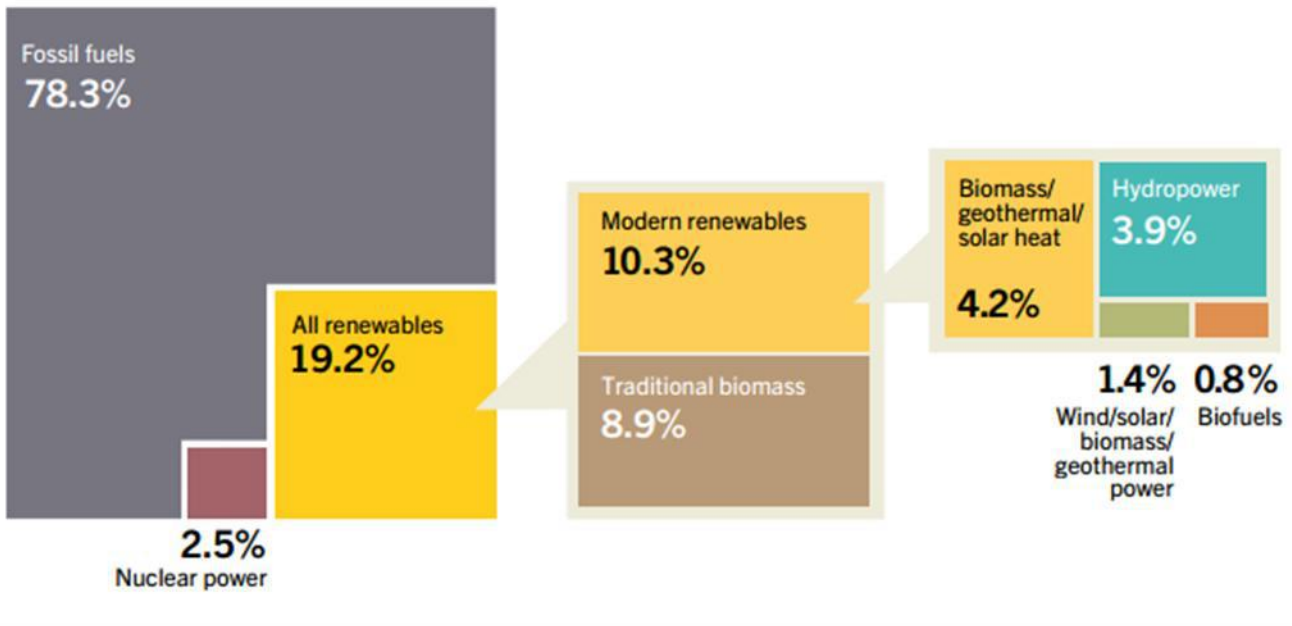
# Bio-based Products



**Microbial Diversity**

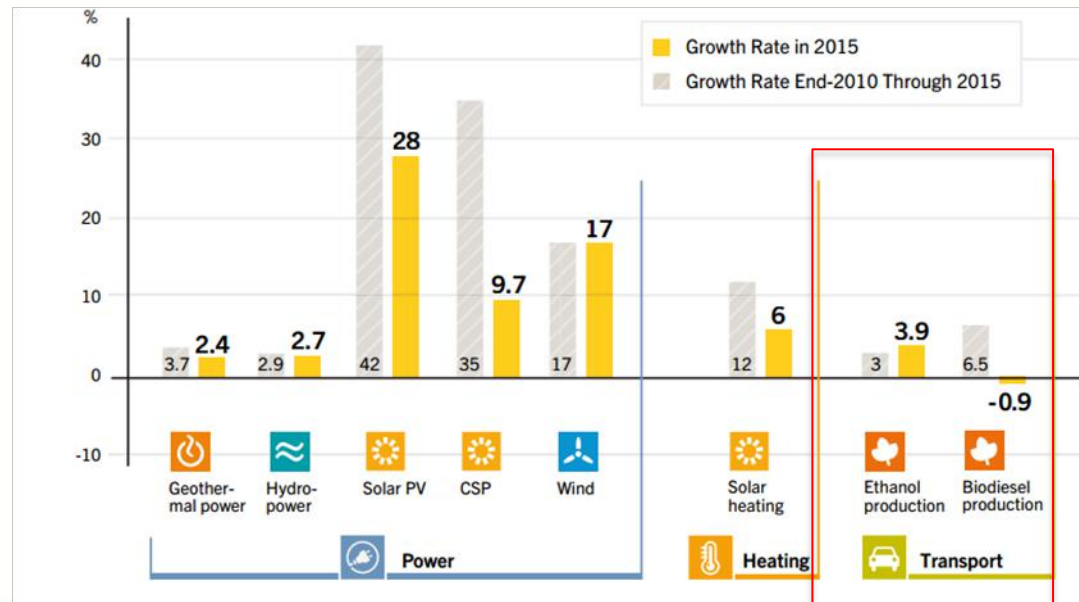
**Lignocellulosic biomass**

**Bioliqid chemicals**



- Estimated Renewable Energy Share of Global Final Energy Consumption, 2014

- Average Annual Growth Rates of Renewable Energy Capacity and Biofuels Production, End-2010 to End-2015





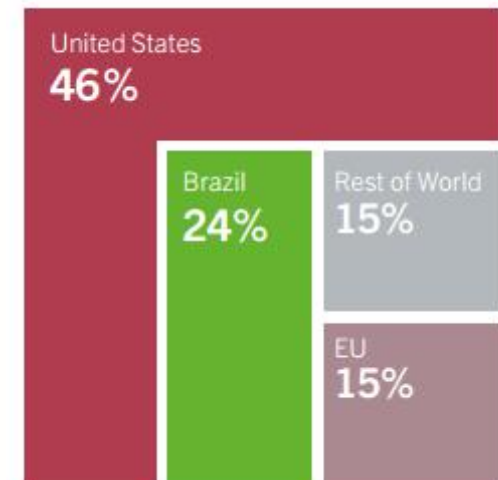
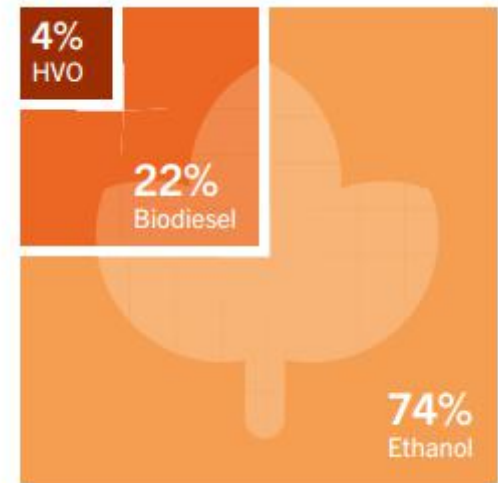
# World's leading biofuel players

## ETHANOL

Country	2015 (Bill. Liter)	Increase fr 2014 (%)
USA	56.1	3.8
Brazil	28.2	10
China	2.8	14
Other	1.7	-1

## BIODIESEL

Country	2015 (Bill. Liter)	Increase fr 2014 (%)
USA	4.8	2
Brazil	4.1	20
Argentina	2.1	-30
Europe	11.5	5
Indonesia	1.7	- 40



# Biofuel Generations: Evolving Rapidly

## First Generation

- Starch, sugar
- Food vs fuel

## Second Generation

- Residual non food biomass: Switchgrass, corn stover, waste oil, municipal soild waste, etc.
- Sustainable and net CO2 emission

## Third Generation:

- Algae as feedstock for Biodiesel, Butanol, Gasoline, Methane, Ethanol, Vegetable Oil, Jet fuel
- Drawback: water, nitrogen and phosphorus requirement
- Exxon mobil: not viable for now, later in 25 years

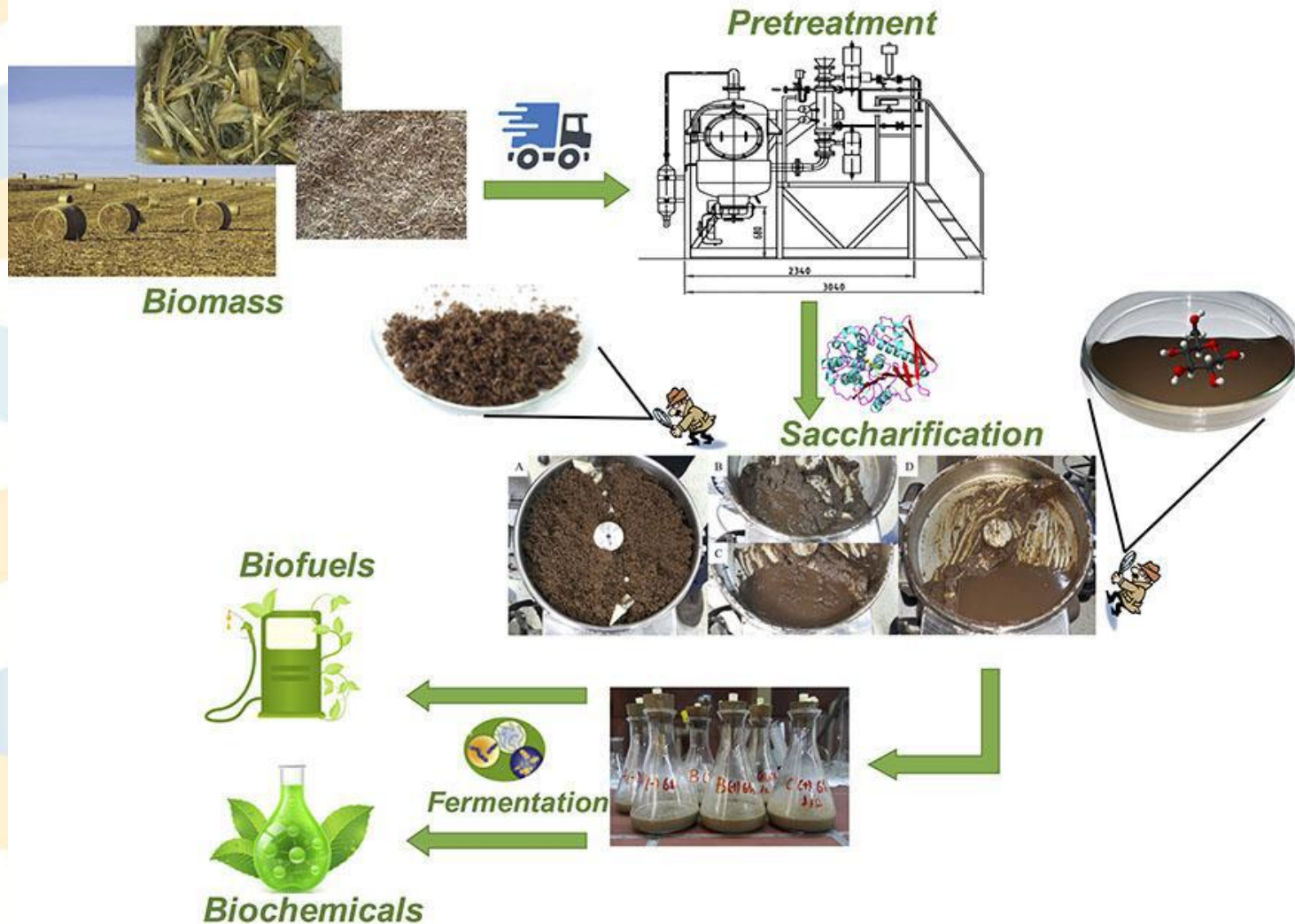
## Fourth generation: super power plant

- GM crops with increased CO2 storage, low lignin, high biomass, drought tolerant

<http://biofuel.org.uk/third-generation-biofuels.html>

<http://global.mongabay.com/news/bioenergy/2007/10/quick-look-at-fourth-generation.html>

# The bioconversion process





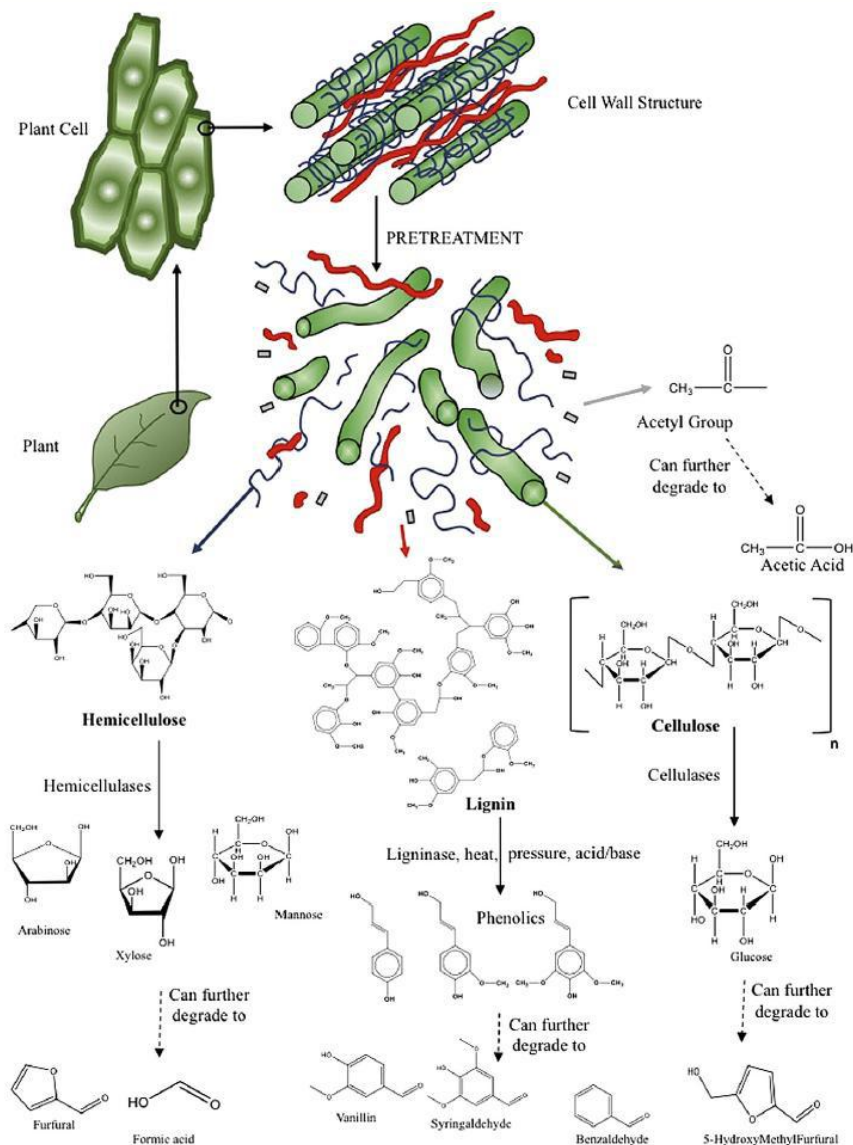
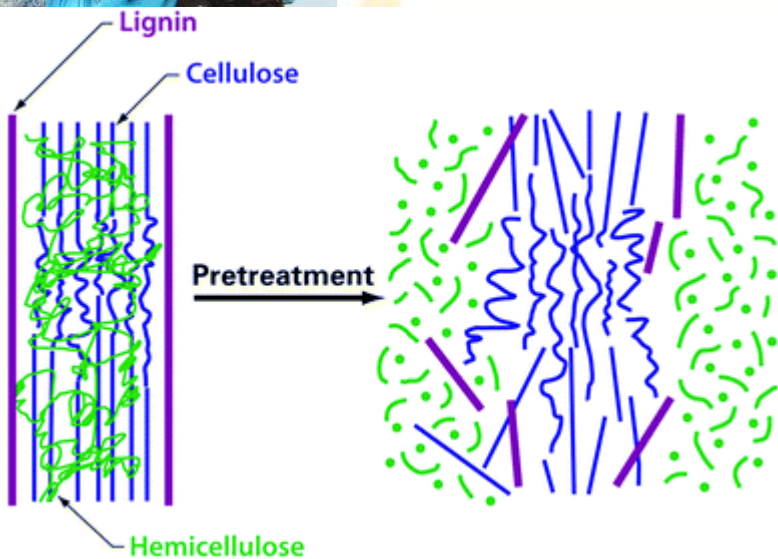
# Challenges

- Lignocellulosic biomass is recalcitrant
- Production of cheap and efficient hydrolytic enzymes
- Production of pentose sugar and inhibitors during pretreatment and hydrolysis



Tapping desirable microbes

# Lignocellulosic biomass is recalcitrant



# Composition of lignin, cellulose and hemicellulose varies among plant species

No.	Composition (% Dw)			Reference
	Cellulose	Hemicellulose	Lignin	
EFB	33 -41	20 - 24	21 - 36	Sudayani et al., 2010 Dahnum et al., 2015 Kristiani et al., 2015 Lee et al., 2014
Rice Husk	35	33	23	Johar, Ahmad et al. 2012
Sugarcane Bagasse	42-48	19-25	20-42	Saini JK et al., 2015 Kim M. and Day DF. 2011
Corn Stover	38-40	24-26	7-19	Saini JK et al., 2015 Zhu Y. et al. 2005





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# Developing a Bioeconomy in Indonesia: Identification of Novel Microorganisms and Microbial Enzymes from Indonesian Peatland and Buffaloes to Improve Bioconversion of Oil Palm Residue



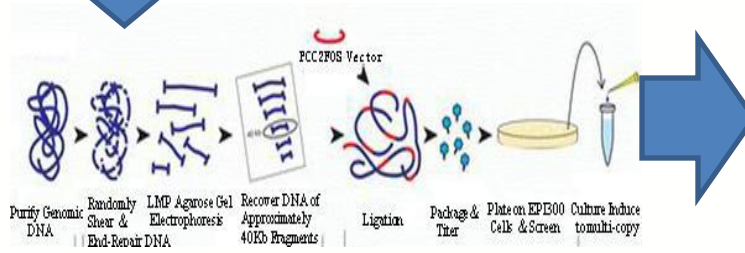
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# Culturable and non culturable microbes



Enrichment study: 50C



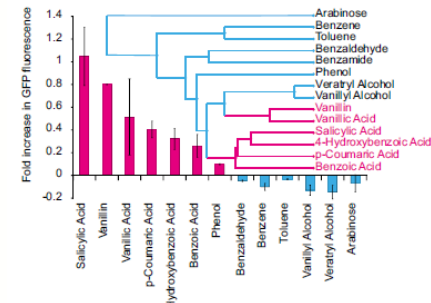
Metagenomic:

- phylogenetic analysis → diversity
- cloning fragments of genes

Sequencing of active enzyme :  
Novel to science



Recombinant enzyme :  
Expression and specificity test:  
substrate, temperature, pH,  
etc.



Screening for enzymatic activity using colorimetric assay

# Sampling of Peat and Herbivore Manures

Sampling

Microbe  
Isolation &  
Identification

Culture  
Collection



- **8 sites:** oil palm plantation, secondary forest, farms, zoos



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Peat Samples



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Manure Samples



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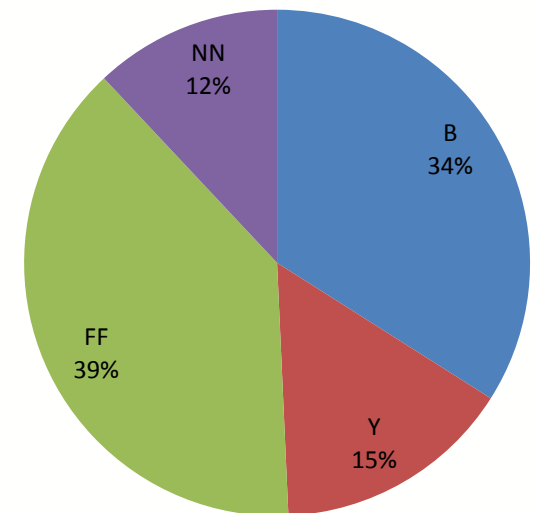
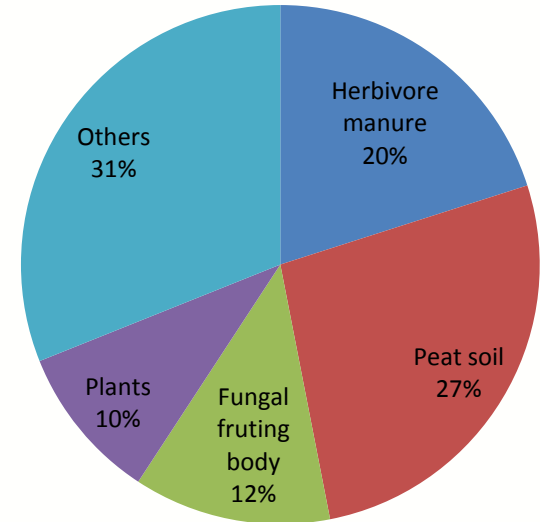
Fungi Samples

**72**  
Environmental  
samples



# Microbial taxa isolated from herbivore manures, peat and other environmental samples

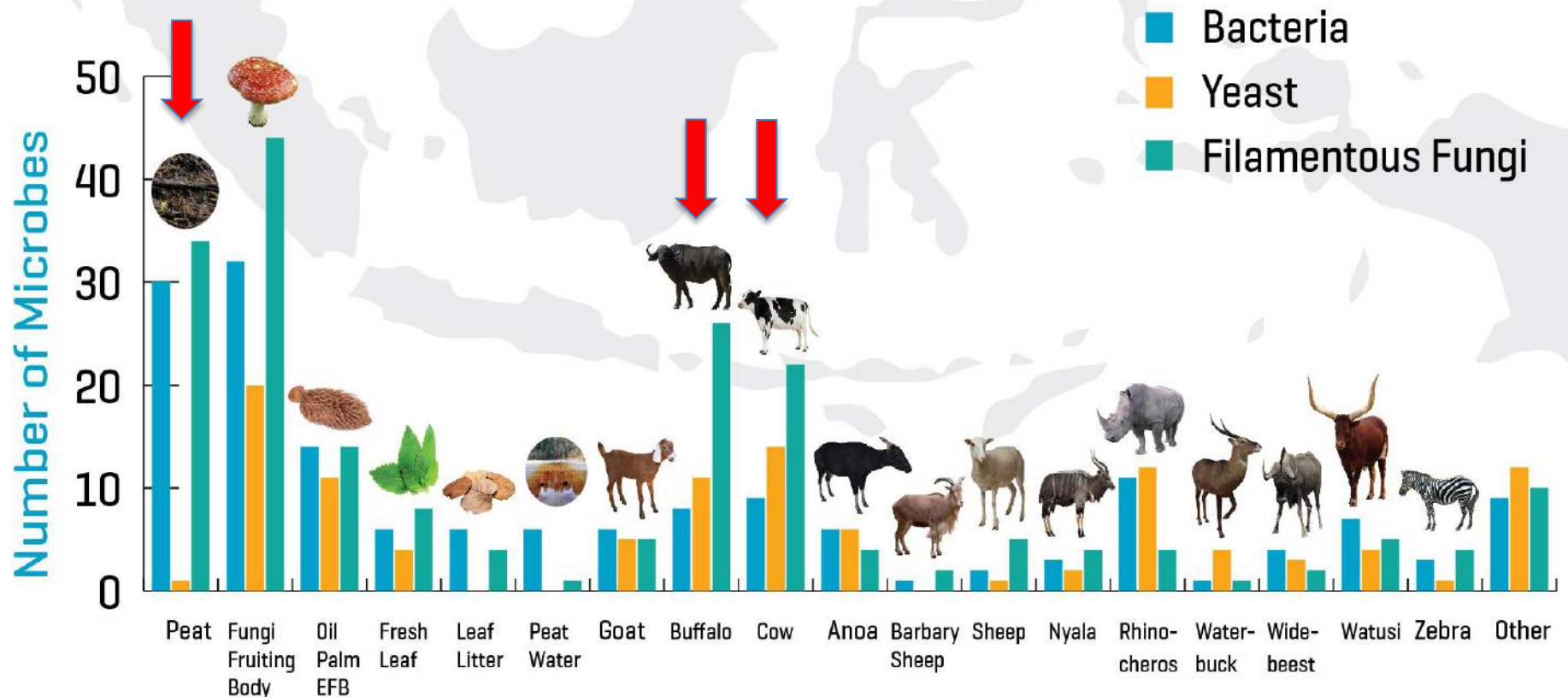
Host	B	Y	FF	NN
Herbivore manure	62	65	94	12
Peat soil	83	29	147	41
Fungal fruiting body	38	14	48	14
Plants	30	17	23	0
Others	96	14	40	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>Total Strains</b>	<b>909</b>			



B: Bacteria  
 Y: Yeast  
 FF: Filamentous Fungi



# Number and Taxon of Microbes Isolated from Various Environmental Samples



# Microbe Identification and Confirmation Study

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# Yeast diversity

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# Bacteria diversity

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# Filamentous fungi diversity

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# Filamentous fungi diversity

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# Pretreatment of EFB and enrichment of lignocellulosic degrading microbes



- Ongoing



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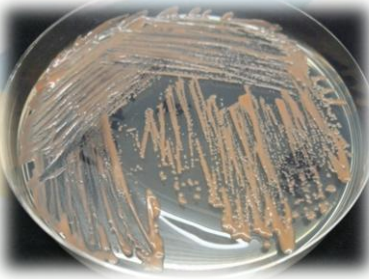
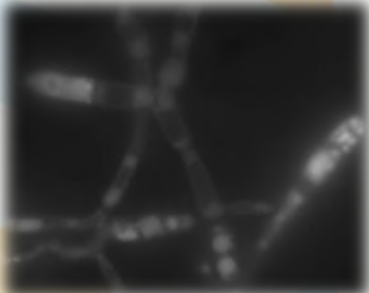
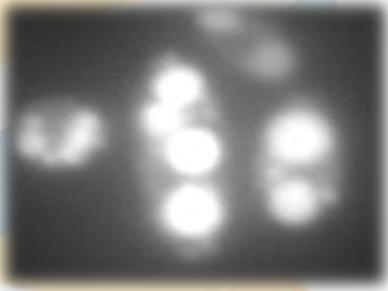
# HIGH LIPID PRODUCING YEASTS

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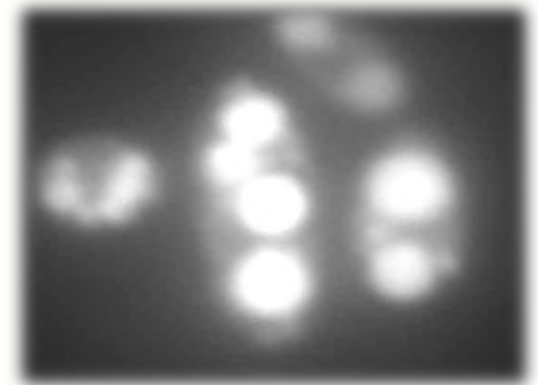
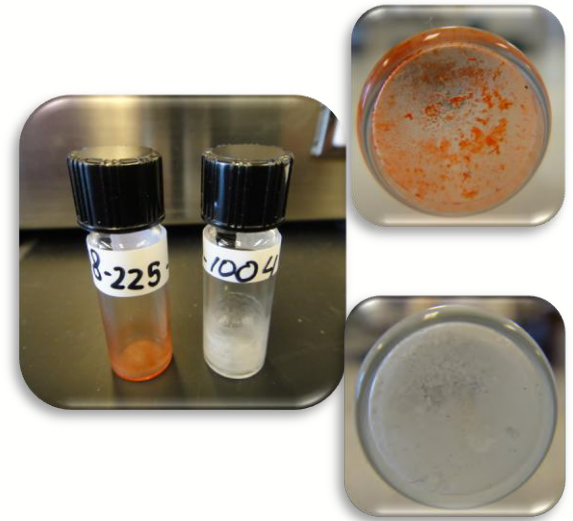
# Yeast



- Single-celled fungi, tolerant to broad pH ranges , can withstand acidic, mostly mesophilic (~25-50C)
- About ~1600 identified species:
  - Increased >2X from 700 (1998)
  - 5% of total yeast
  - Only about 12 species used in industrial scale and **70-80** known to have potential in biotechnology,
- The famous classic yeast species, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* used in food and fermentation industries
- A single cell factory for production of industrial enzyme, pharmaceuticals, etc.

# Yeast for oleochemical production

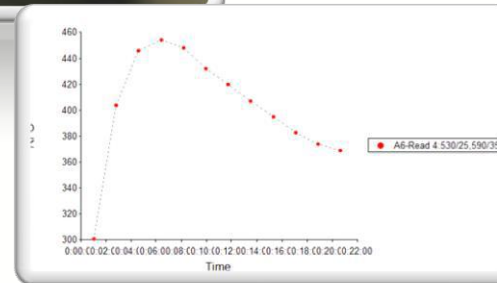
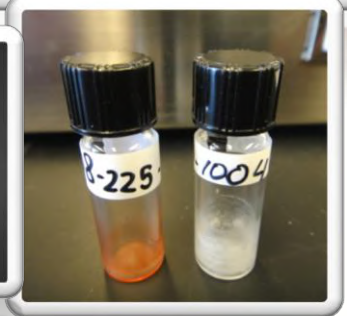
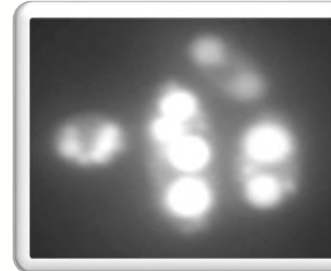
- Target: Yeast with high lipid content (oleaginous)
- Most yeasts convert excess carbon to stored carbohydrates; very few store lipids
- Yeasts lipid → biodiesel/other oleochemical





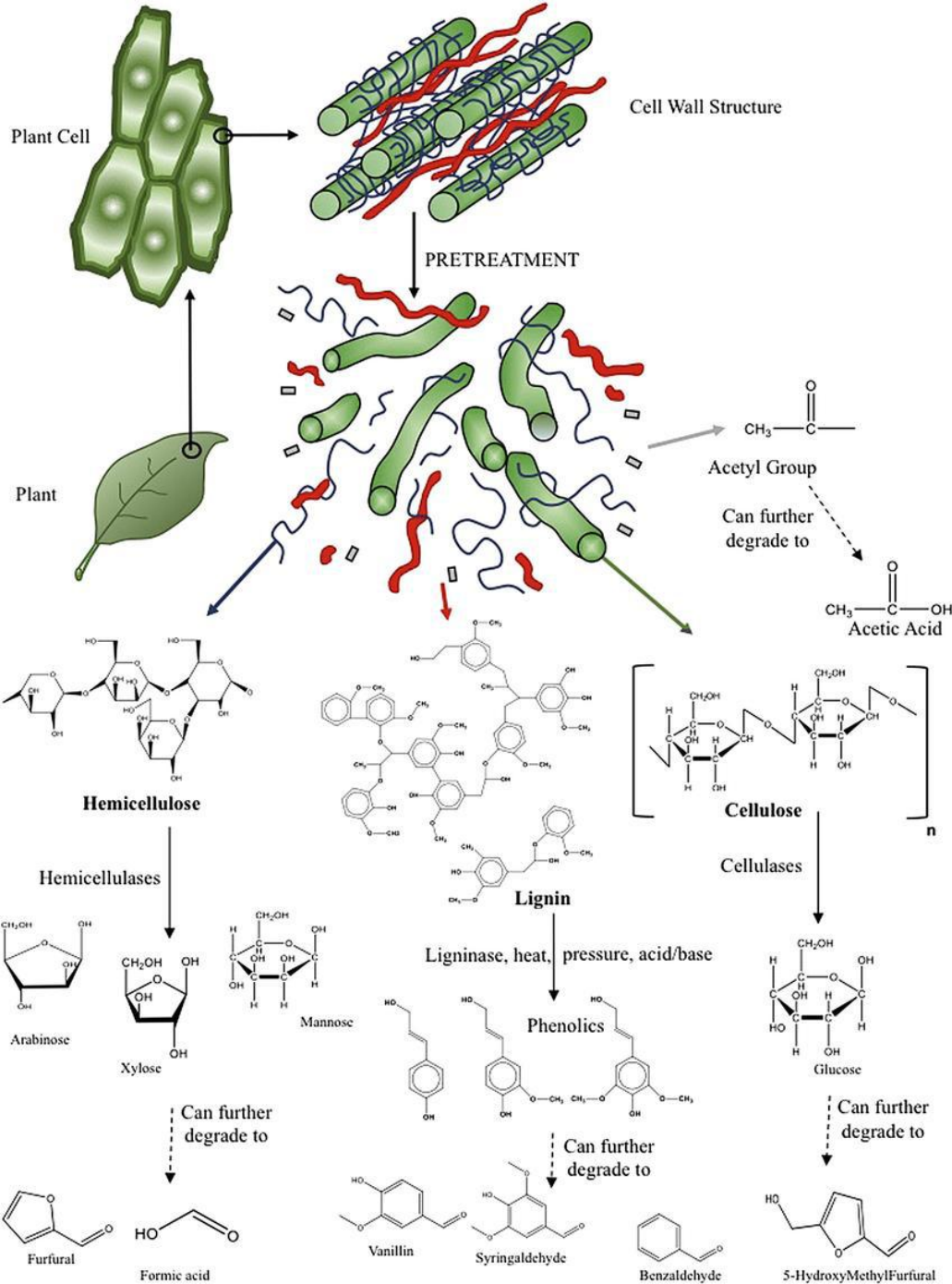
# Why Yeast?

- Lipid composition & energy value are similar to plant and animal oils
- Do not compete for food
- Oleaginous yeast accumulate up to 70% oil
- Duplication times  $\geq 1$  hr
- Relatively easy scale-up
- Not subject to seasonal and cyclical weather variations
- Yeast oil has been studied since 1920s
- But, only a few oleaginous species are known and studied
- New oleaginous species may have better properties



# Can yeasts convert lignocellulosic waste hydrolysate to biodiesel?

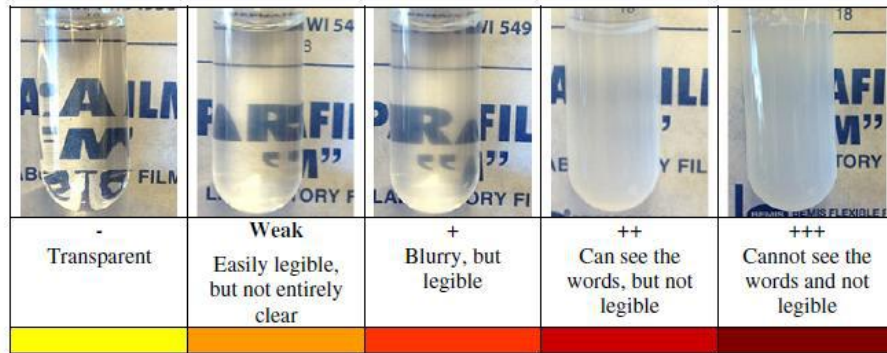
- Synthetic culture media vs lignocellulosic hydrolysates
- Biodiesel: triacylglycerols (TAGs) → transesterification → biodiesel
- Renewable, sustainable, biodegradable, and non-toxic
- Challenge: Inhibitors in hydrolysates and ability to convert the the released carbon to lipids



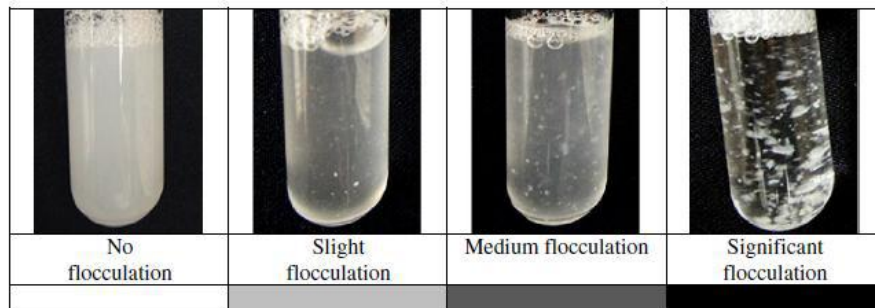
## Hydrolysate composition

- **Carbon:** Glucose, D-Xylose, L-Arabinose, D-Arabinose, Cellobiose, Mannose, Galactose, Rhamnose, Sucrose, Galacturonic Acid, Glycerol
- **Inhibitors:** Furfural, acetic acid, HMF, vanillin

# Alignment of yeast strain character and composition of lignocellulosic hydrolysate for lipid production is important



- 45 wild species :
  - utilize carbon sources
  - tolerate inhibitors
  - No vitamins



Sitepu IR et al (2014).

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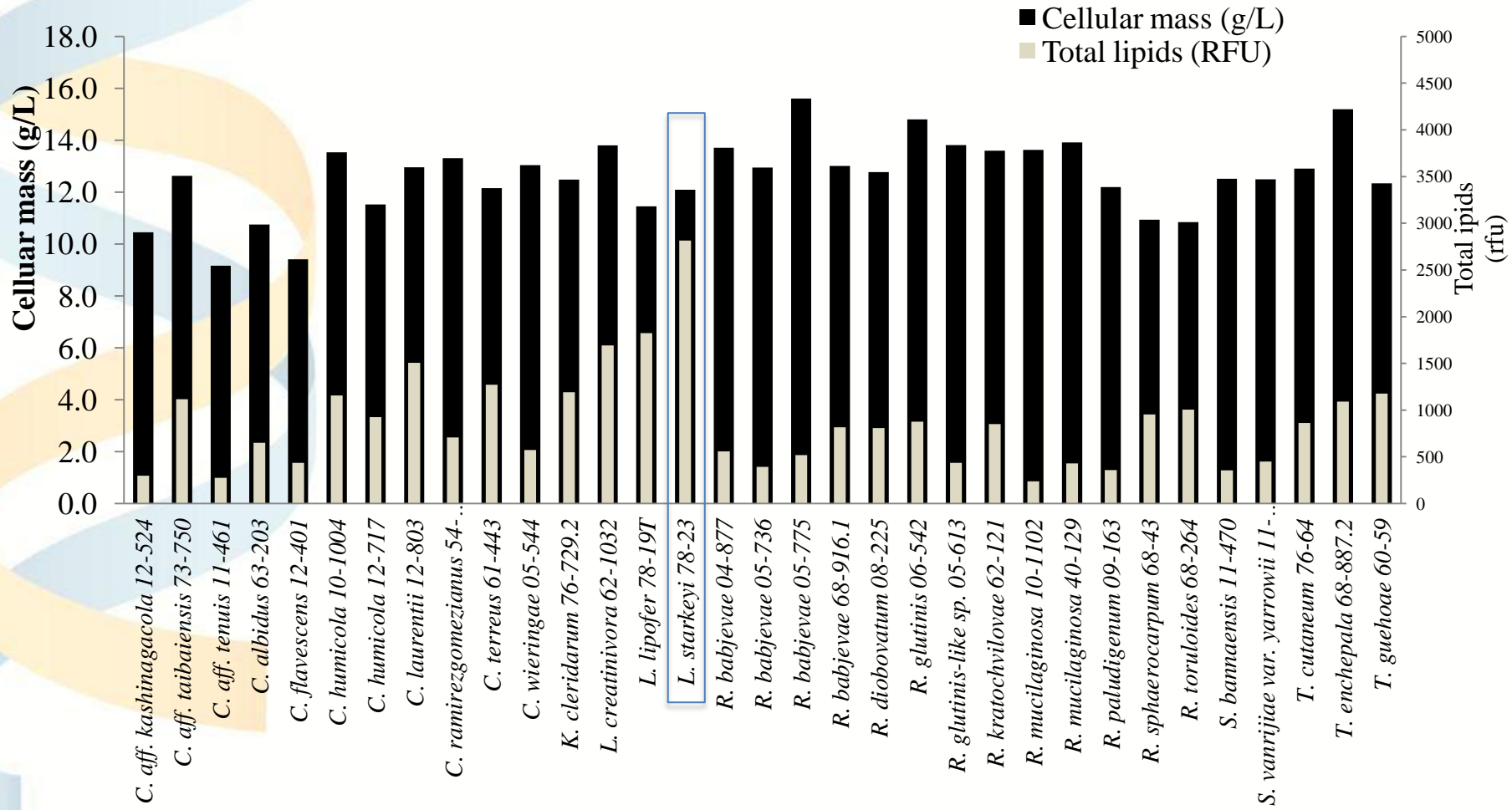




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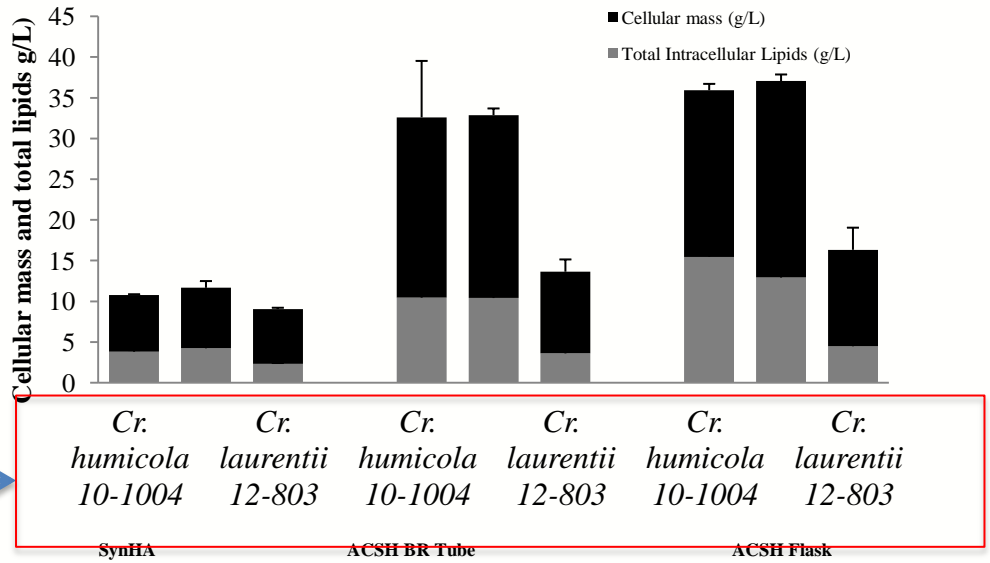
>250 yeast strains tested for growth in different carbon, nitrogen and inhibitor sources

# Accumulation of lipid by oleaginous yeast in corn stover hydrolysate

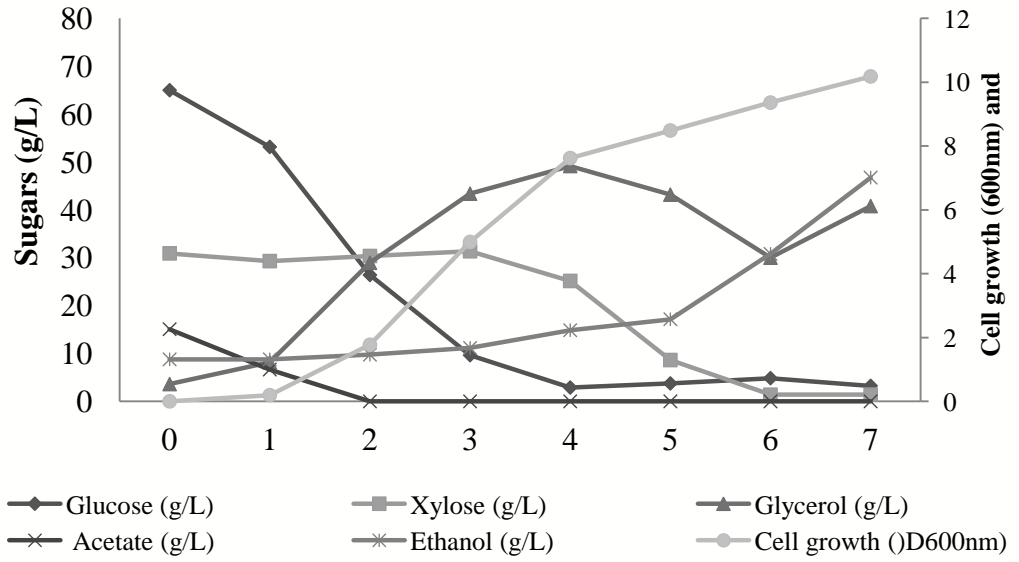




Indonesia's origin →

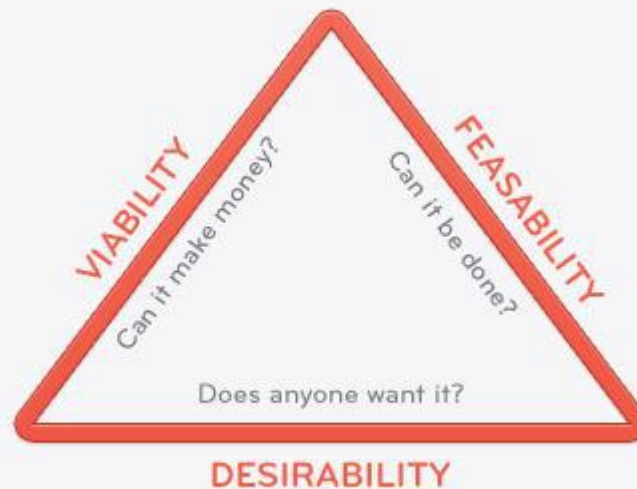


Presence of pentose cannot be utilized by classic yeast





# Is it really a feasible thing to do?



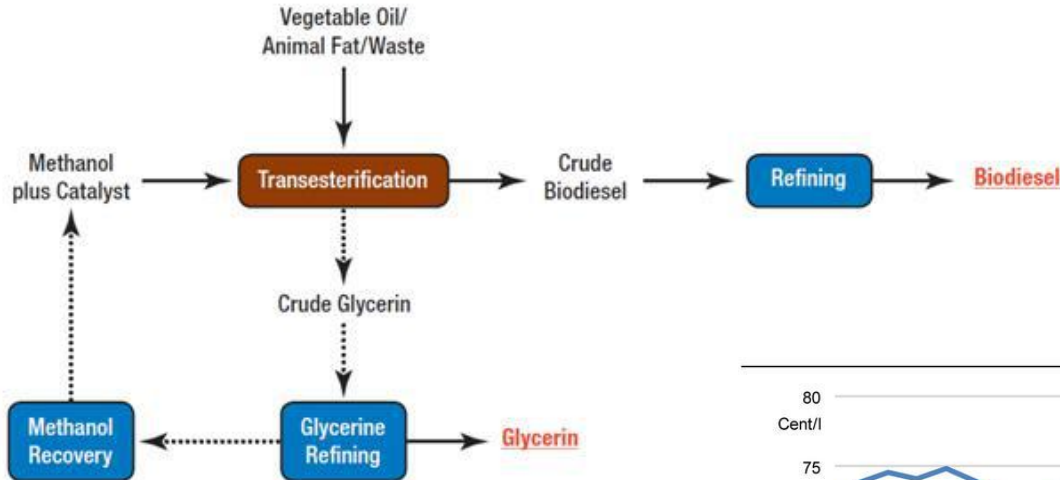
**Biodiesel Feasibility Studies and Business Plan**

**Concept -> Planning -> Development -> Production -> Profit**

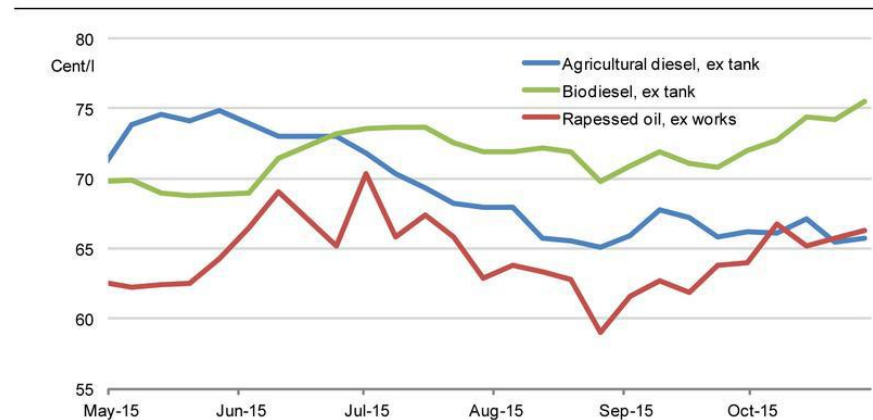
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# Biodiesel production process



Wholesale prices  
excl. VAT



Note: Rapeseed oil and biodiesel for agricultural use are energy tax exempt. Diesel for agricultural use is taxed at 25.56 cent per litre. All prices exclude freight charges.  
Source: AMI

Biodiesel magazine, November 06, 2015

Wholesale price for biodiesel: USD \$3.066 per gallon, excl. energy tax vs Petroleum diesel : USD \$2.6 per gallon (<https://www.eia.gov/petroleum/gasdiesel/>)



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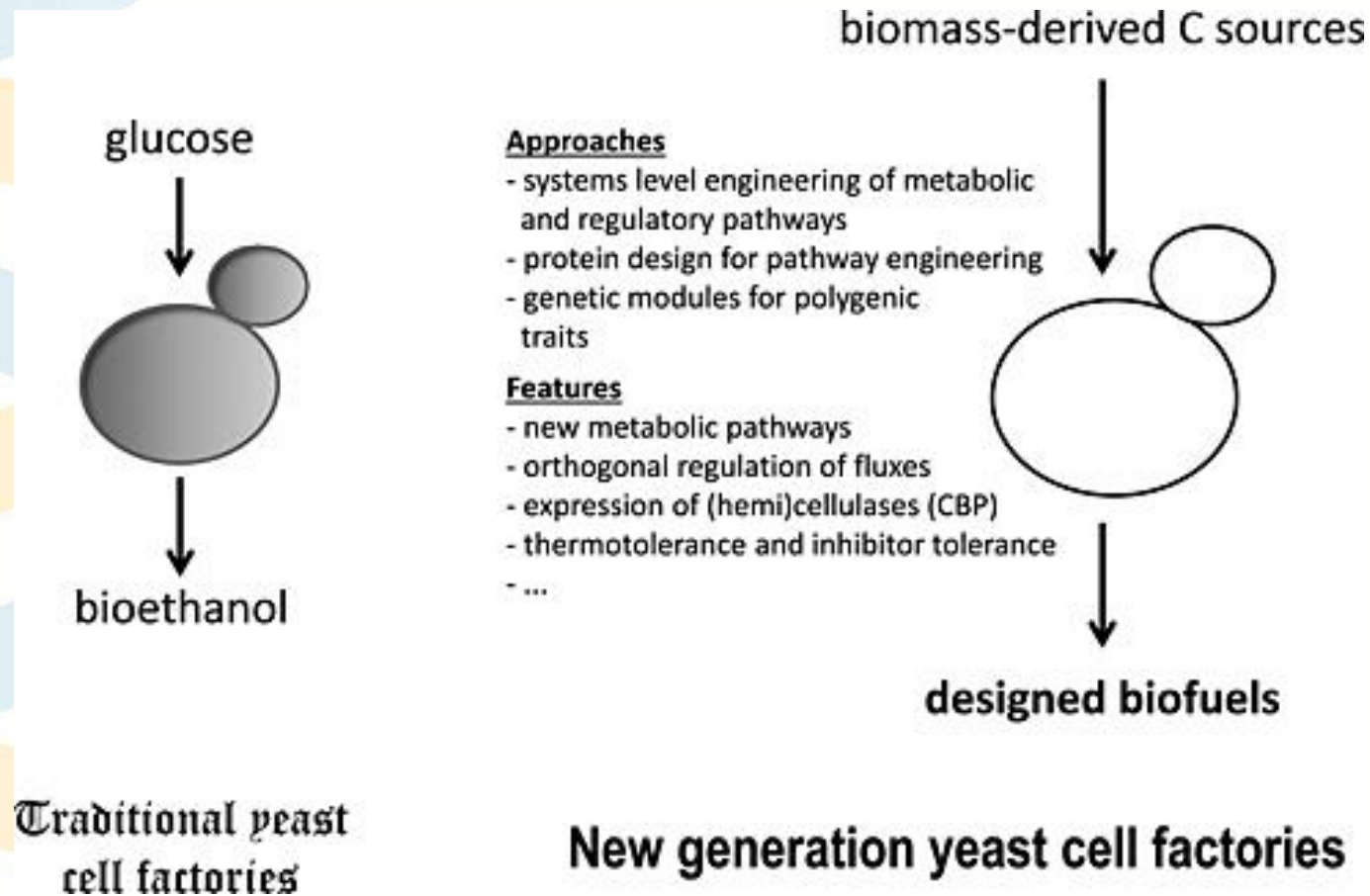


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# MICROBIAL CULTURE COLLECTION

# To engineer or not to engineer : Tapping into wild microorganisms diversity

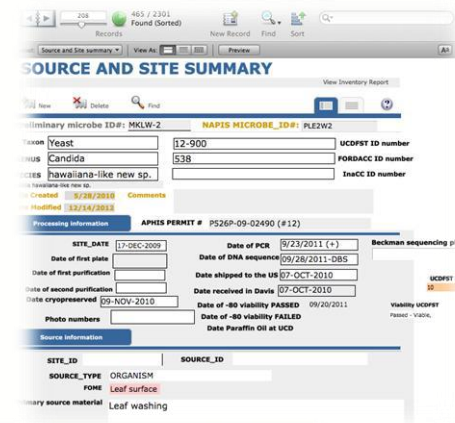


(Petrovic 2015)



# Microbial culture collection to facilitate current and future biotechnology

- 20 MCC in Indonesia, 223 in ASIA or 719 in the world
- To rescue and to conserve Indonesia's microbial diversity *ex situ*
- To promote sustainable use of the microbial culture collections including bioprospecting activities
- Our last resort in the future



# Microbe collections

## UC Davis

- Phaff Yeast Culture Collection
- First isolation 1893
- Fourth largest yeast collection in world
- 7,000 cultures, 800 species of yeasts
- Expertise in screening, especially bioenergy

## FORDA

- INTROF CC, since 2000
- >3,000 strains
- Filamentous fungi, bacteria, yeast, soil
- Focus on forestry applications; mycorrhizae growth promoters, biocontrol of tree diseases gaha



## i3L CC

Since 2016

>900 microbes (Bacteria, FF, yeast)

Supported by USAID-PEER 4-416

## InaCC

- First isolation 1875
- Largest, oldest microbe collection in Indonesia with 3000 strains
- Fungi, bacteria, yeast
- Expertise in taxonomy, ecology, bioprospecting
- Support from Japan to become BRC


# Twenty MCCs in Indonesia

Acronym	WDCM Number	Collection	Region
BPPT-ESC	<a href="#">WDCM 627</a>	BPPT Ethanol-Single Cell Protein-Fructose Syrup Technical Unit	Asia
BTCC	<a href="#">WDCM 632</a>	Biotechnology Culture Collection Institution Pusat Penelitian dan Pengembangan Bioteknologi-LIPI	Asia
CAIRCC	<a href="#">WDCM 623</a>	CAIRCC	Asia
DMUIJ	<a href="#">WDCM 472</a>	Department of Microbiology	Asia
FBGMU	<a href="#">WDCM 629</a>	Faculty of Biology Gadjah Mada University	Asia
FNCC	<a href="#">WDCM 755</a>	Food and Nutrition Culture Collection	Asia
i3LCC	<a href="#">WDCM 1137</a>	i3L Culture Collection	Asia
ICBB	<a href="#">WDCM 842</a>	ICBB Culture Collection for Microorganisms and Cell Culture	Asia
InaCC	<a href="#">WDCM 769</a>	Lembaga Ilmu Pengetahuan Indonesia, Indonesian Institute of Sciences	Asia
INTROF-CC	<a href="#">WDCM 943</a>	Indonesian Tropical Forest Culture Collection for Microorganisms	Asia
IPBCC	<a href="#">WDCM 1018</a>	Institut Pertanian Bogor Culture Collection	Asia
ISRI	<a href="#">WDCM 630</a>	Indonesian Sugar Research Institute, Pusat Penelitian Perkebunan Gula Indonesia	Asia
ITBCC	<a href="#">WDCM 44</a>	Institute of Technology Bandung Culture Collection	Asia
PBF	<a href="#">WDCM 633</a>	Perum Bio Farma	Asia
PVF	<a href="#">WDCM 628</a>	Pusat Veterinaria Farma	Asia
RITFC	<a href="#">WDCM 625</a>	Research Institute for Tobacco and Fibre Crops	Asia
SEAMEO	<a href="#">WDCM 626</a>	Seameo-Biotrop	Asia
SPMCC	<a href="#">WDCM 624</a>	Sungei Putih Microbial Culture Collection	Asia
UICC	<a href="#">WDCM 563</a>	University of Indonesia Culture Collection	Asia
UNJCC	<a href="#">WDCM 1145</a>	Universitas Negeri Jakarta Culture Collection	Asia





# Summary

- Indonesia is highly potential for production of sustainable and renewable energy
  - Microbial diversity allows discoveries to provide solution to the world problems
  - Microbial culture collection facilitates past, present and future biotechnology discoveries
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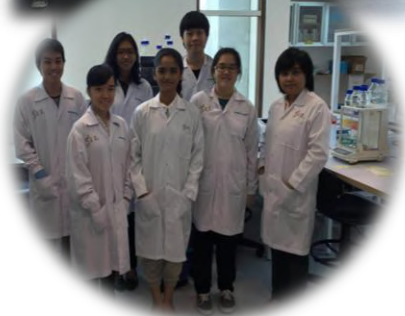
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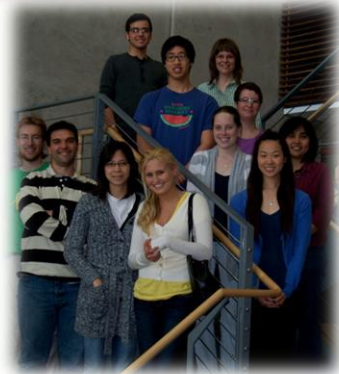
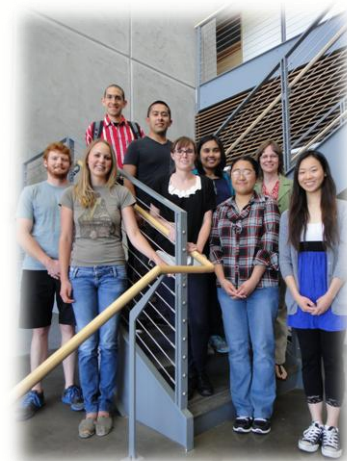
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