

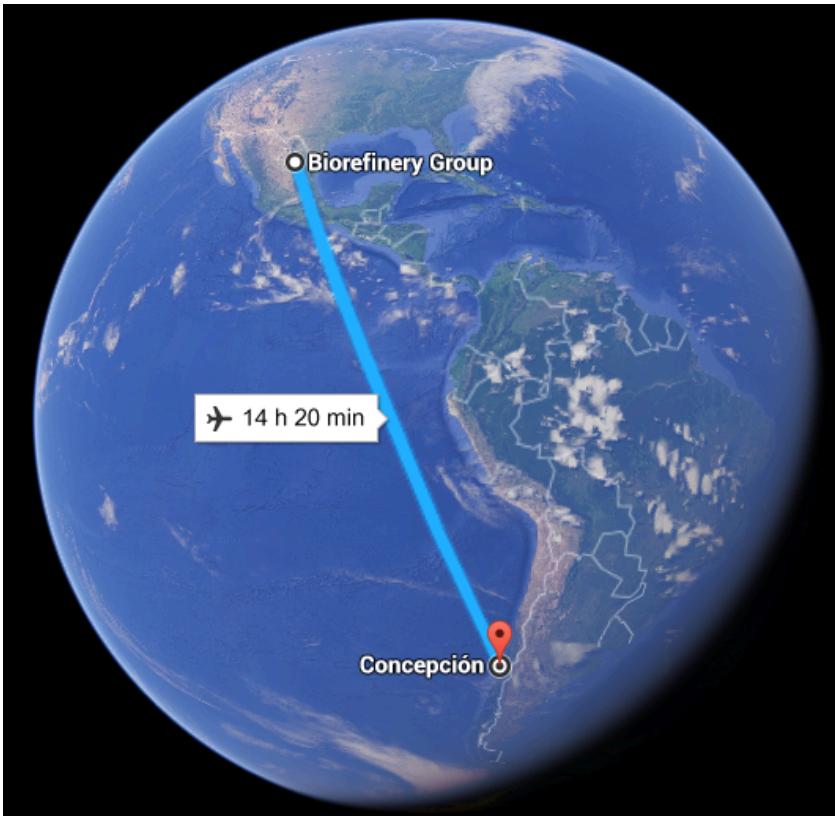


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# Comparison between microwave and conduction convection heating for autohydrolysis processing in the production of high added value compounds and substrates for biofuel under the biorefinery concept

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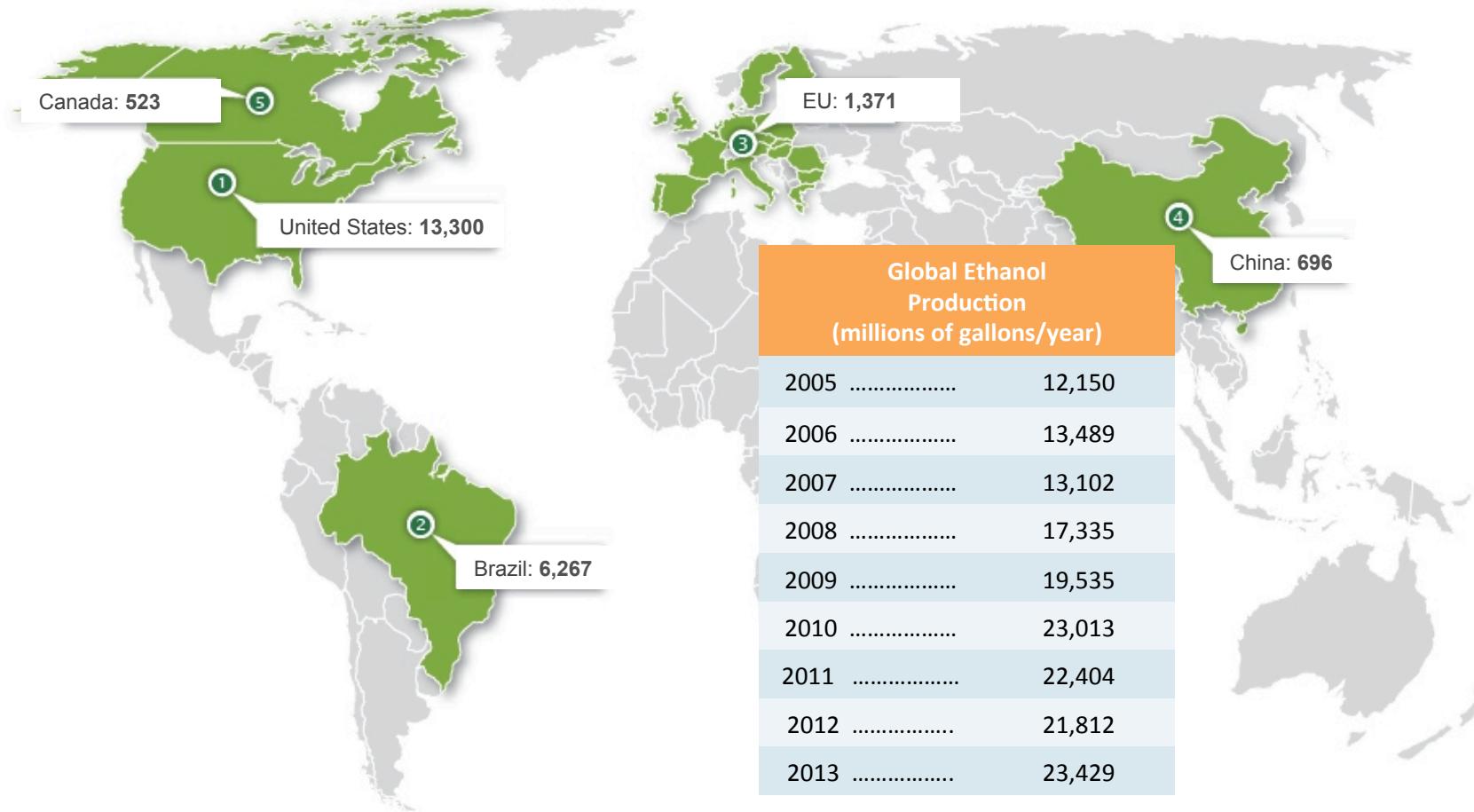
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# Ethanol as Fuel ?

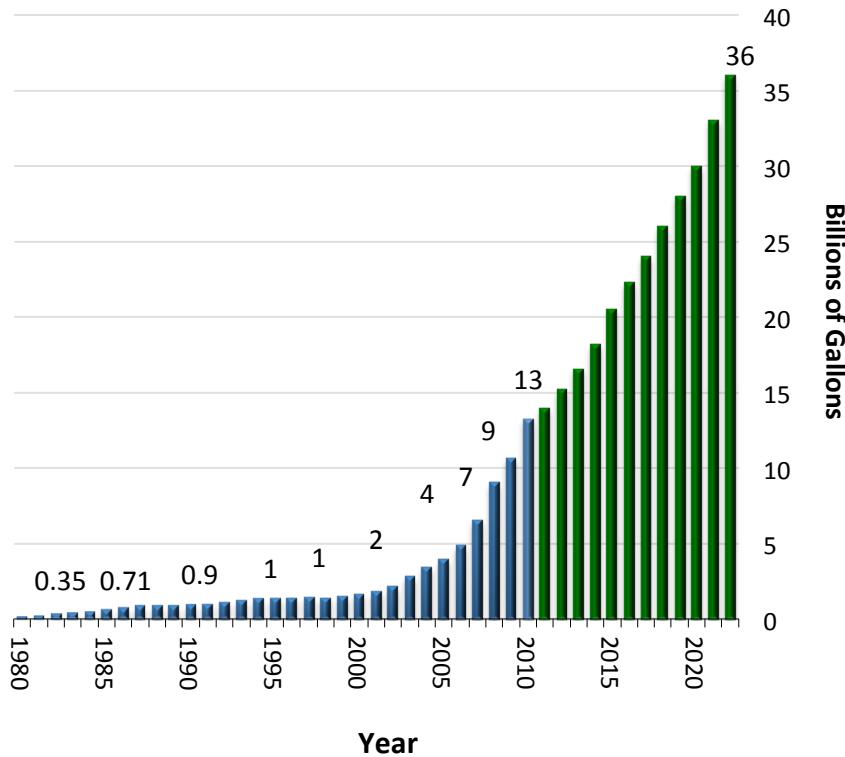
## Global Ethanol Production

**Top Five Countries (2013) Ethanol Production (millions of gallons/year)**    **1 Gal = 3.78 L**

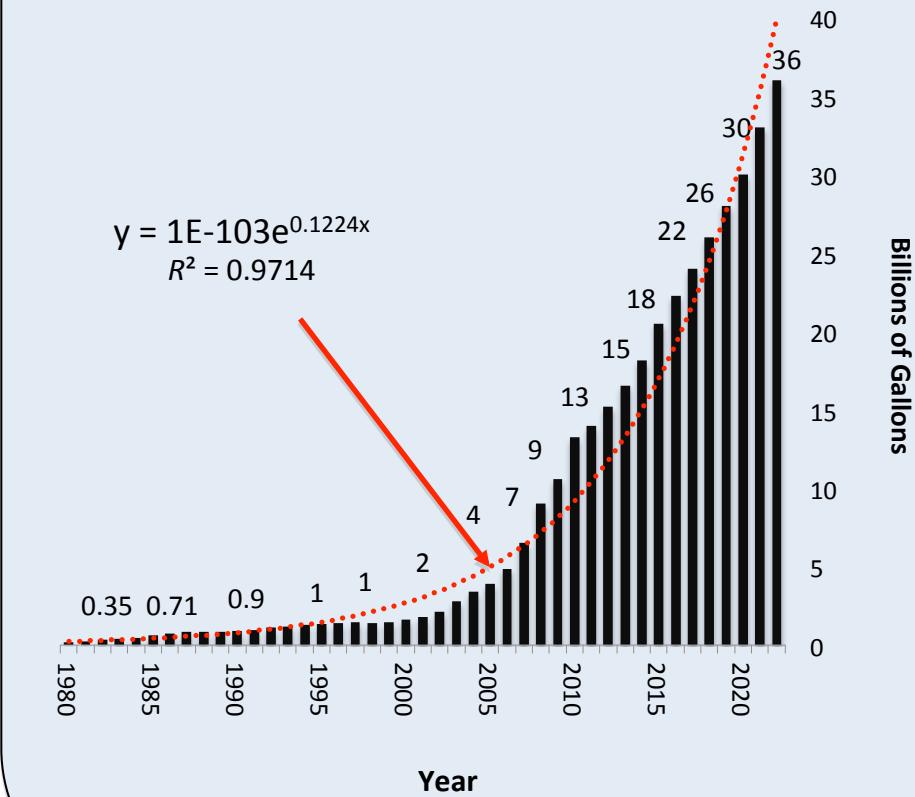


Source: RFA, F.O. Licht's 2013 Estimates

## Market in USA

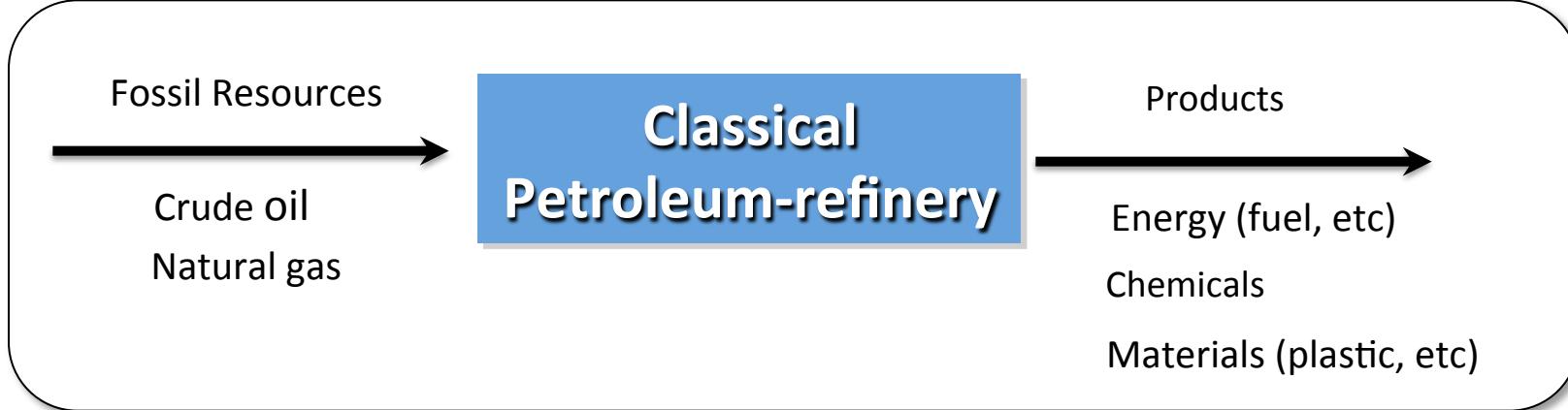


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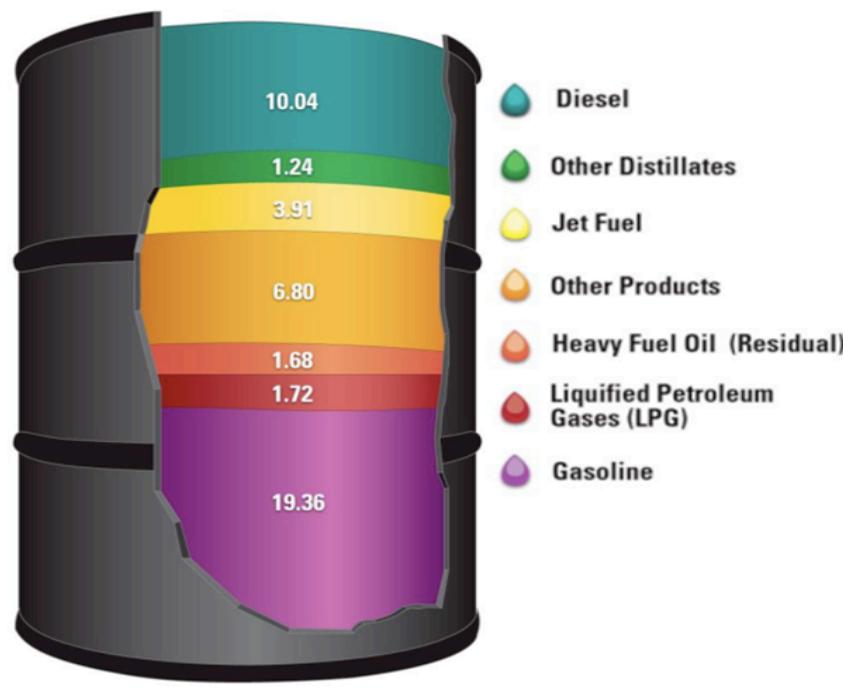


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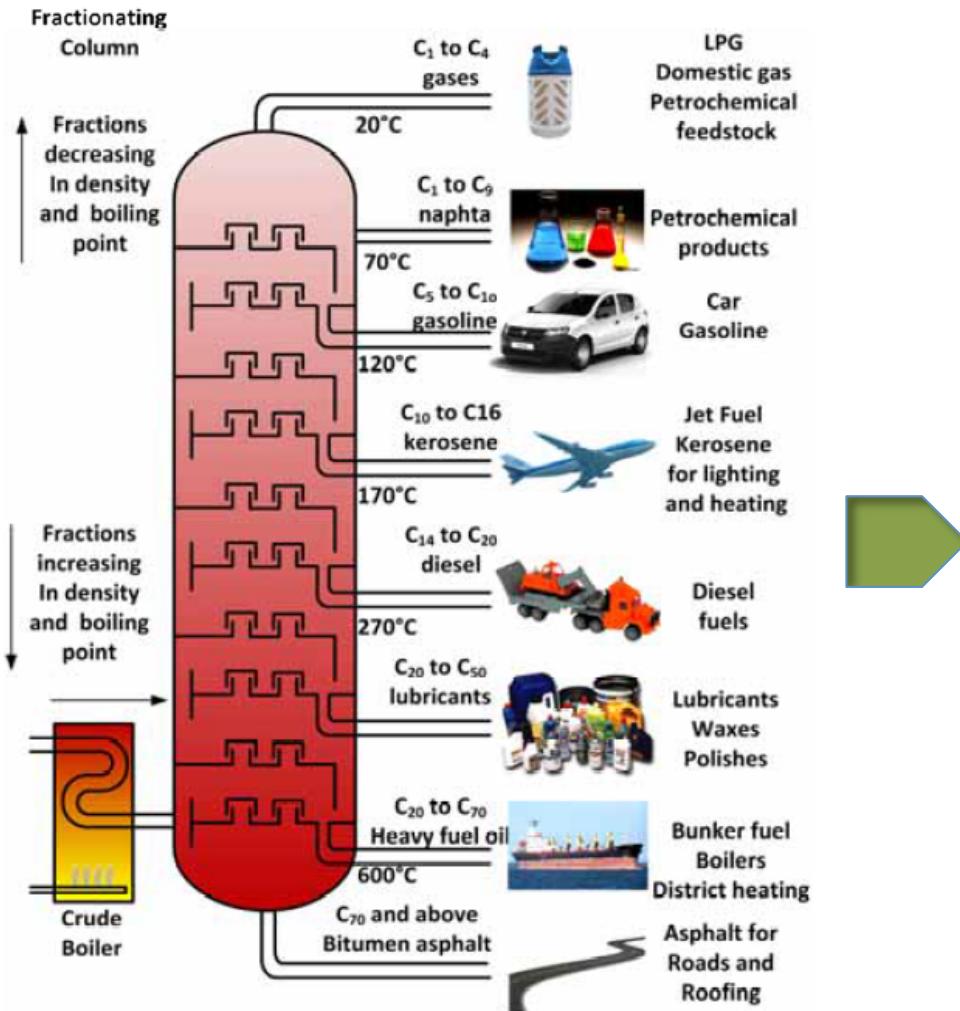
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## Products Made from a Barrel of Crude Oil (Gallons)



# Fractional Distillation

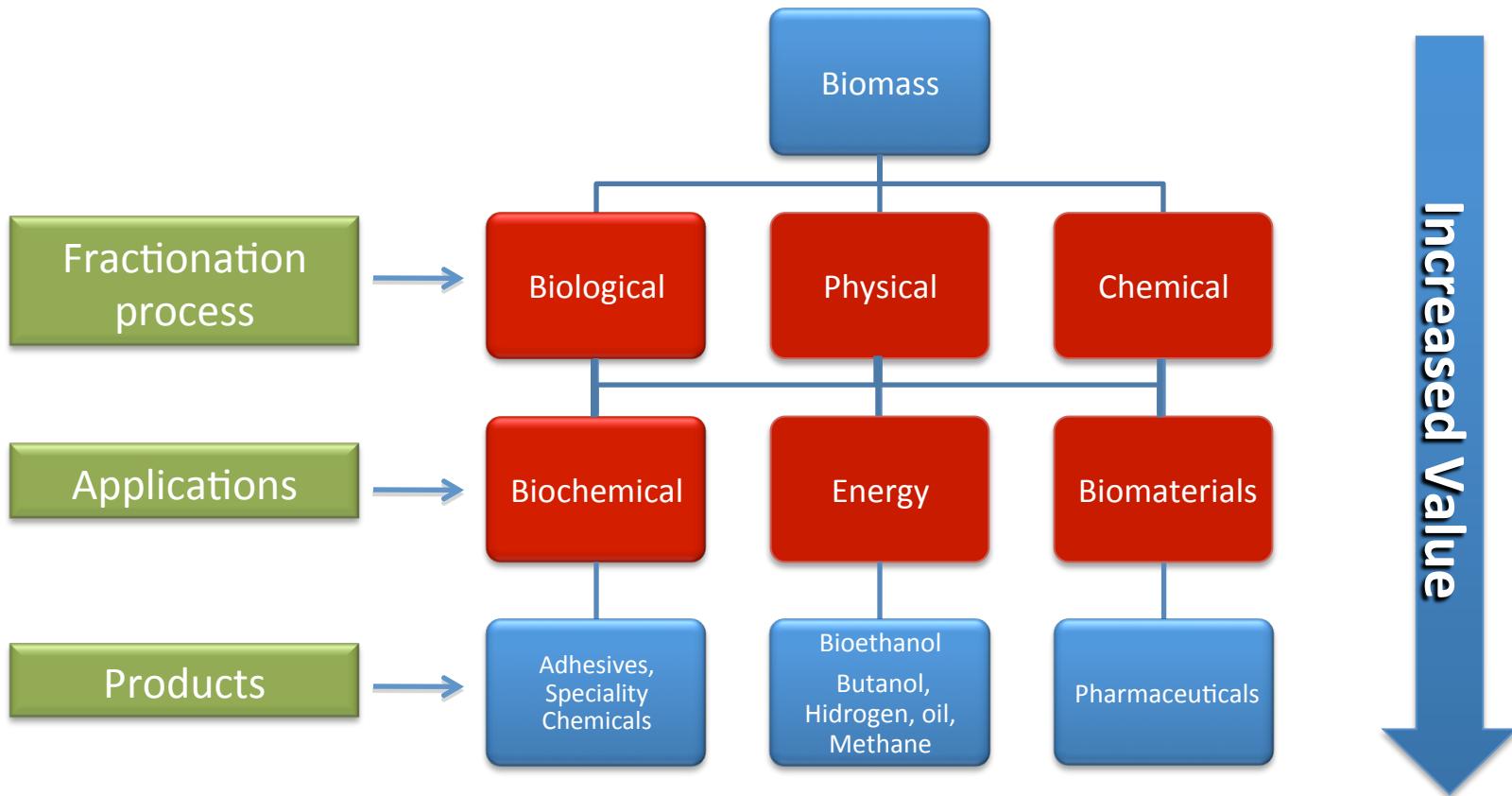


Recent Concept

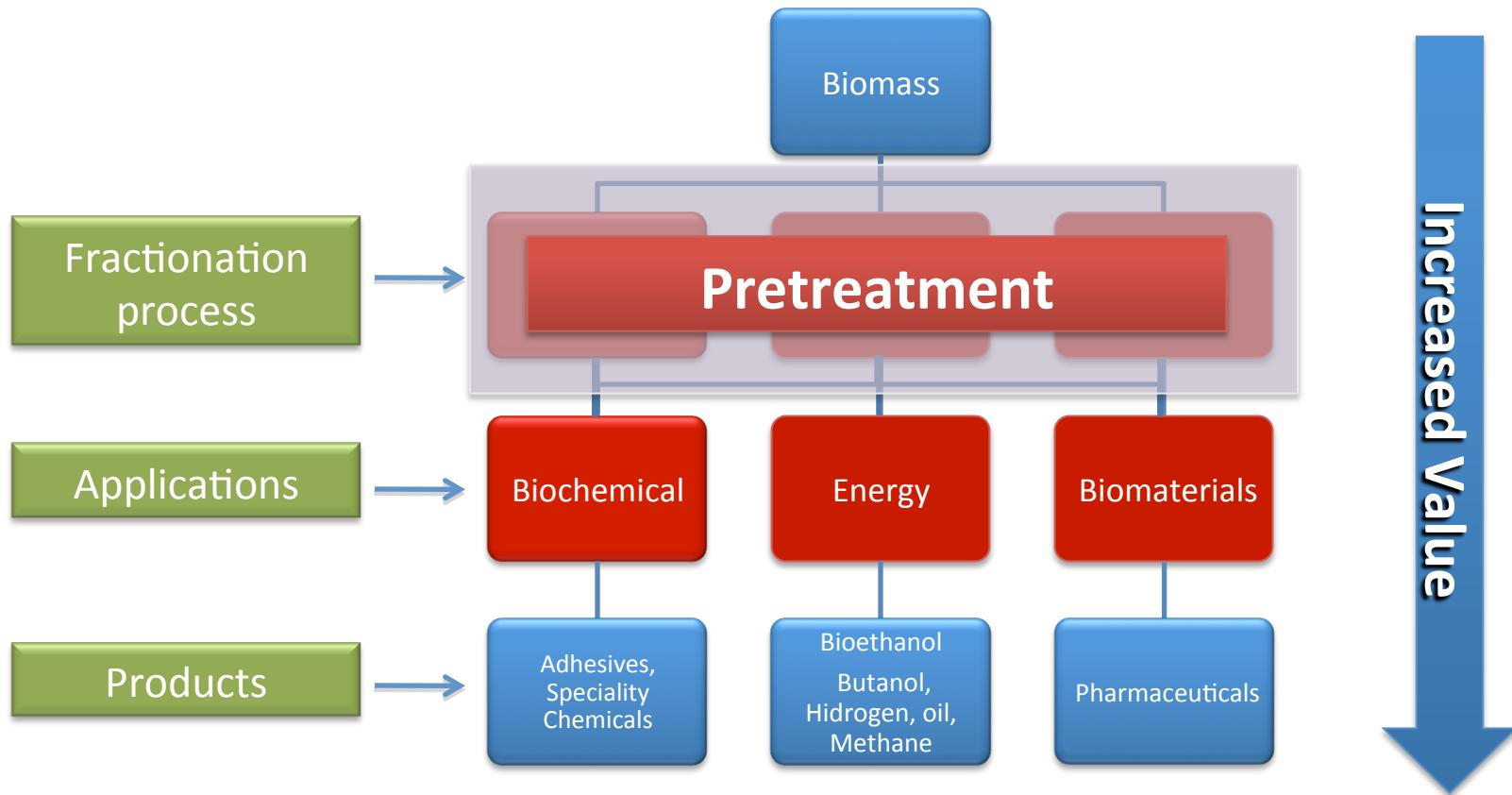


Biorefinery

# Integrating of second and third generation biorefineries

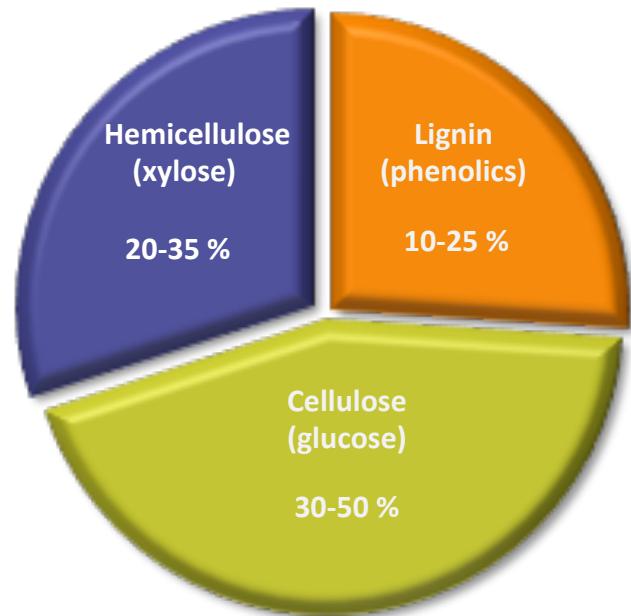


# Integrating of second and third generation biorefineries



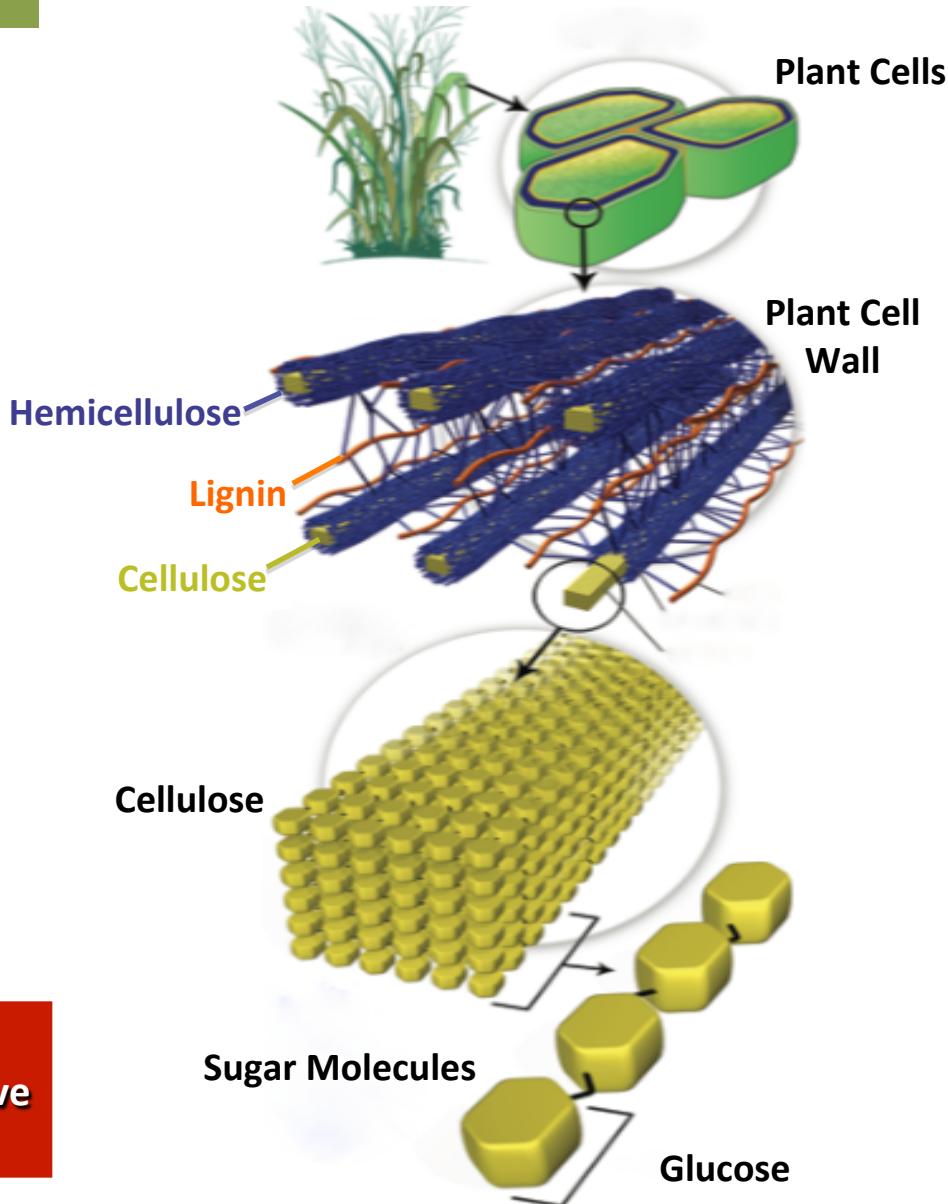
# Second Generation of Bioethanol

## Lignocellulosic Materials (LCM) (Agricultural Residues)

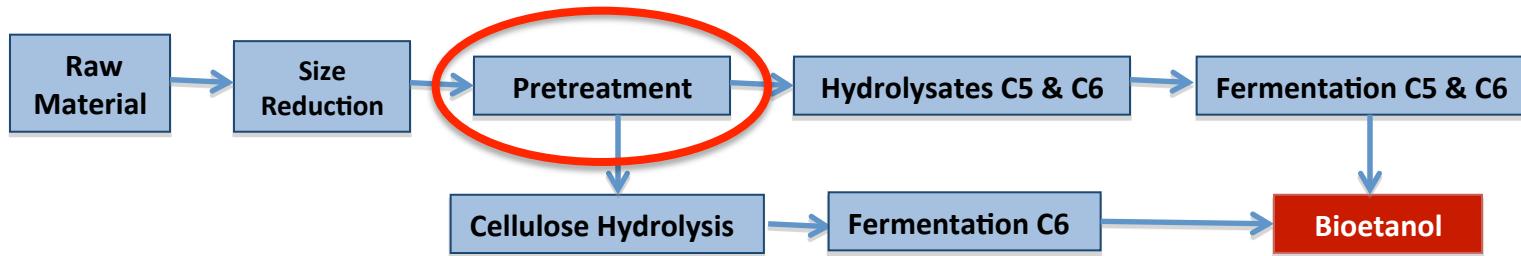


**Substrates**  
(wheat straw, corncobs, sugarcane bagasse, Agave bagasse, etc.)

Source: U.S Department of Energy, 2011



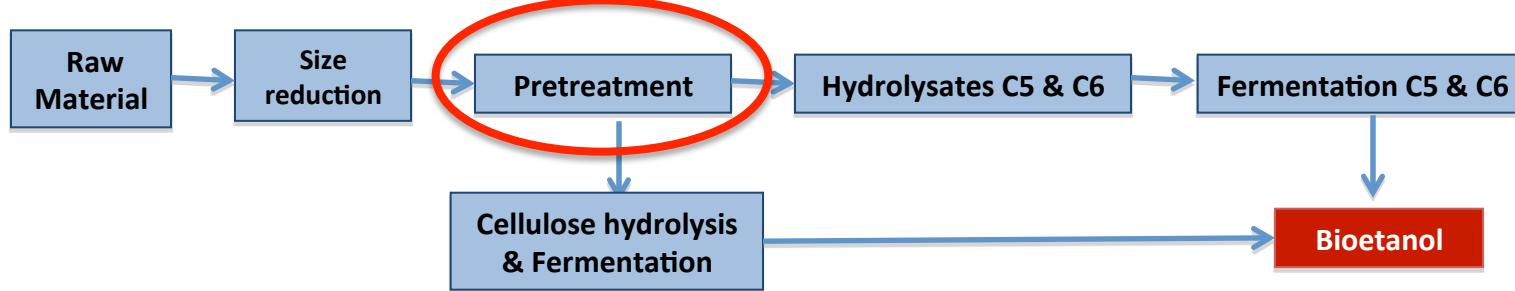
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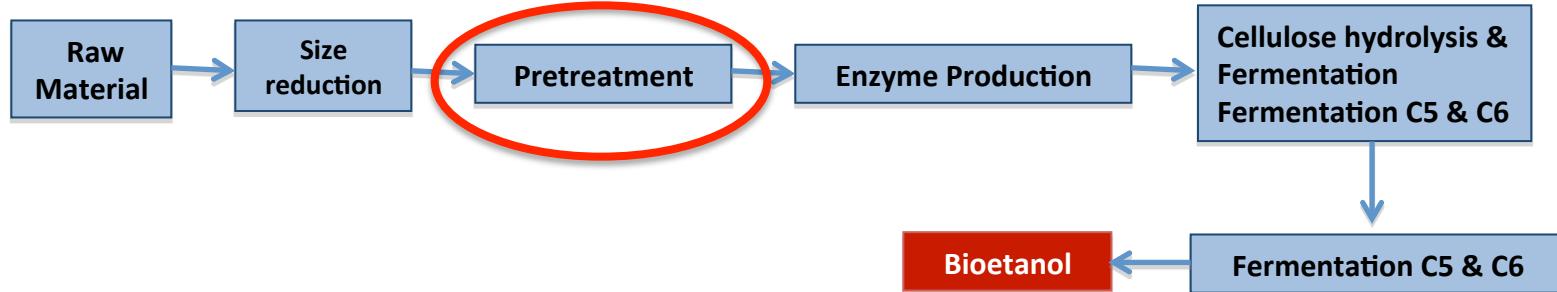
### Simultaneous Saccharification and Fermentation (SSF)

or

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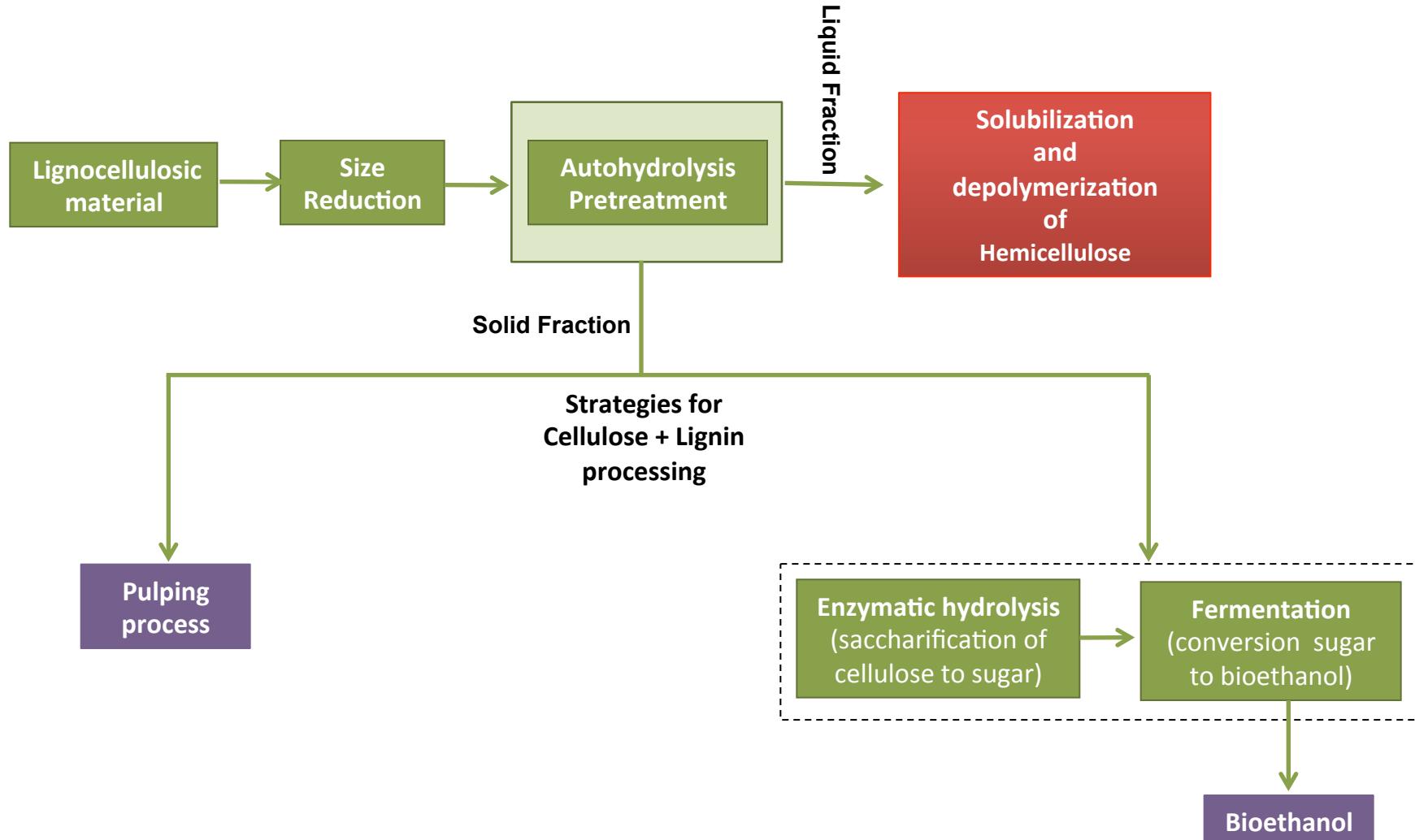


### Consolidated Bioprocessing for Bioethanol Production



# Fractionation of lignocellulosic material using hydrothermal processing

## Our Work According to Integrated Biorefineries

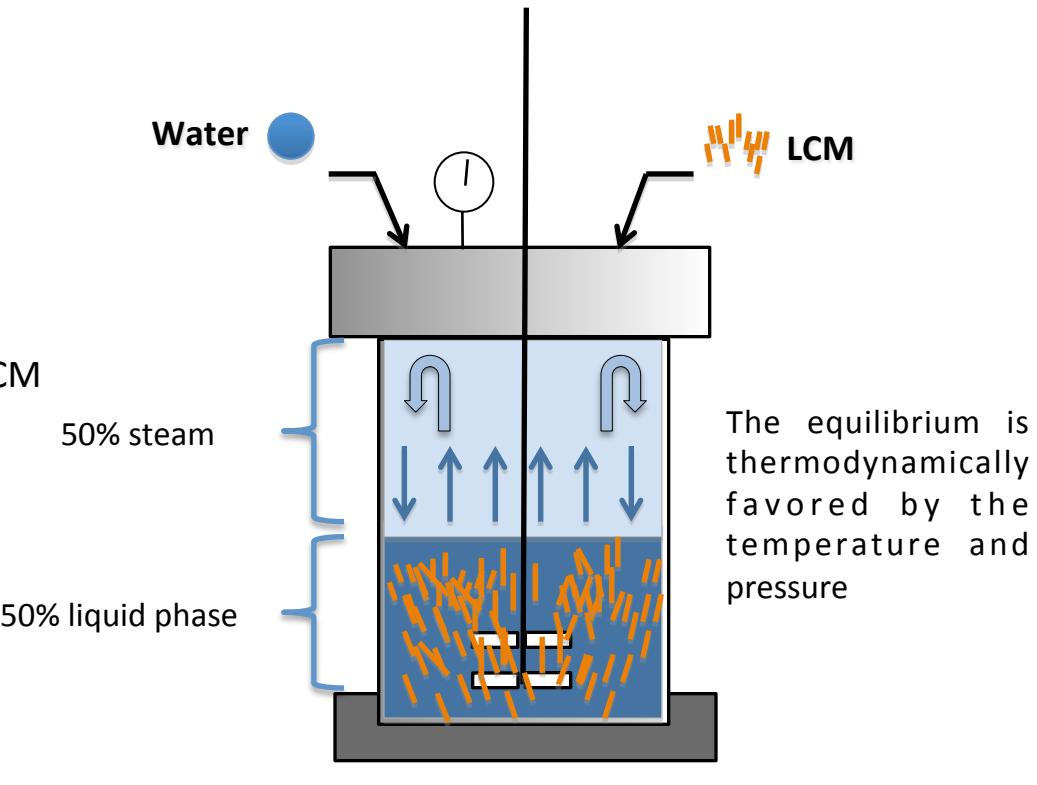


# Fundamentals of Autohydrolysis Pretreatment

In this technology, water at high temperatures and pressures is applied on lignocellulosic materials for hydrolysis, extraction and structural modification: autohydrolysis, hydrothermal treatment, hot compressed water (HCW), hydrothermolysis, liquid-hot water (LHW), aqua solve process, aqueous processing and pressure-cooking in water.

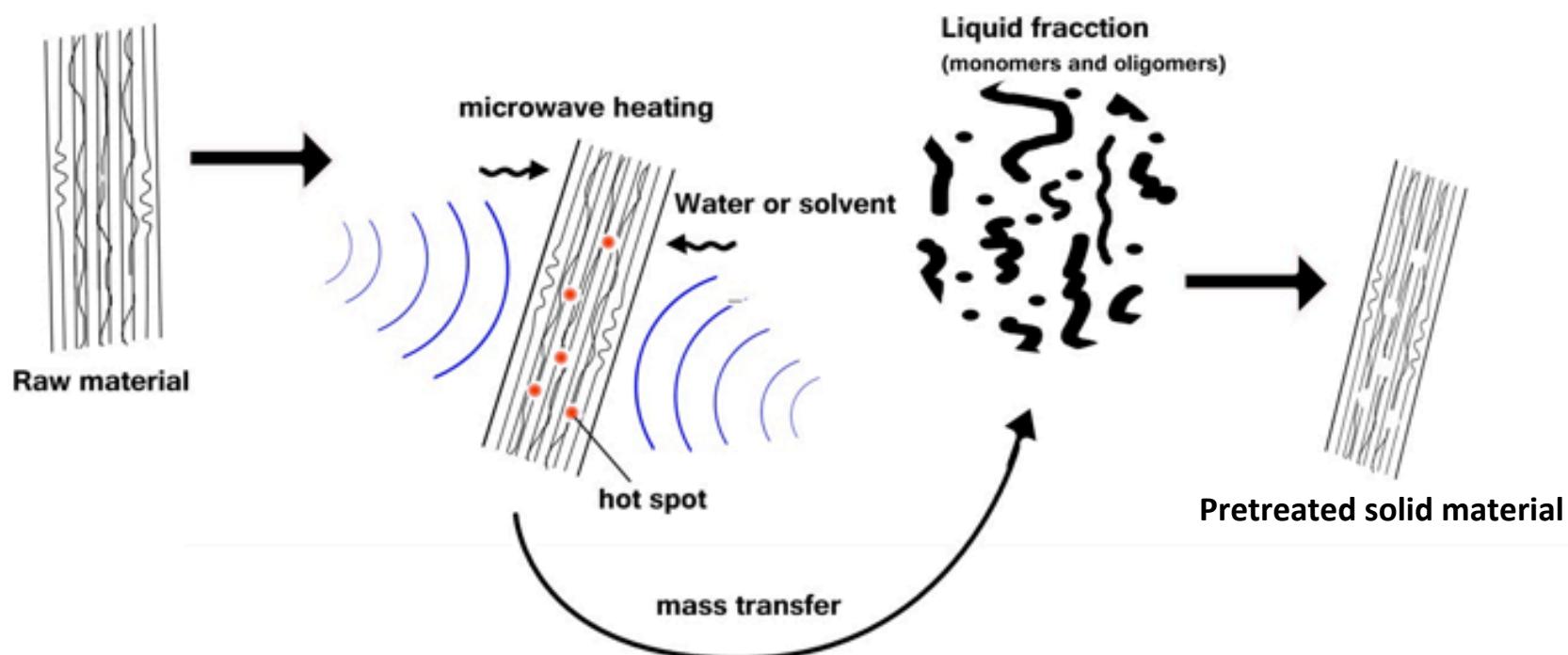
## Advantages

- Environmentally friendly process
- Hemicellulose is solubilized and depolymerized
- Low by-product generation (inhibitors as furans)
- No chemicals other than water are necessary
- Caused relocalization of lignin on the surface of LCM



## Microwave Pretreatment

Microwave radiation causes breakdown of the LCM via the collision molecular due to dielectric polarization, by increasing of the temperature selectively and non-homogenously in the more polar parts. Then some hot spots are created within the materials which generate their explosion due to the heat increase. The blast effect created between the particles by the method of heating improves relocation of crystalline structures of LCMs.



## Heating (conduction, convection or radiation) in Autohydrolysis Pretreatment

The heating (conduction, convection or radiation) in the reactors can be performed by steam, fluidized sand baths, oil baths, electric heating jackets and microwave radiation to achieve fairly uniform heating as well as fast heat-up

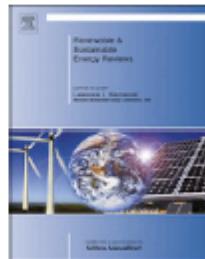
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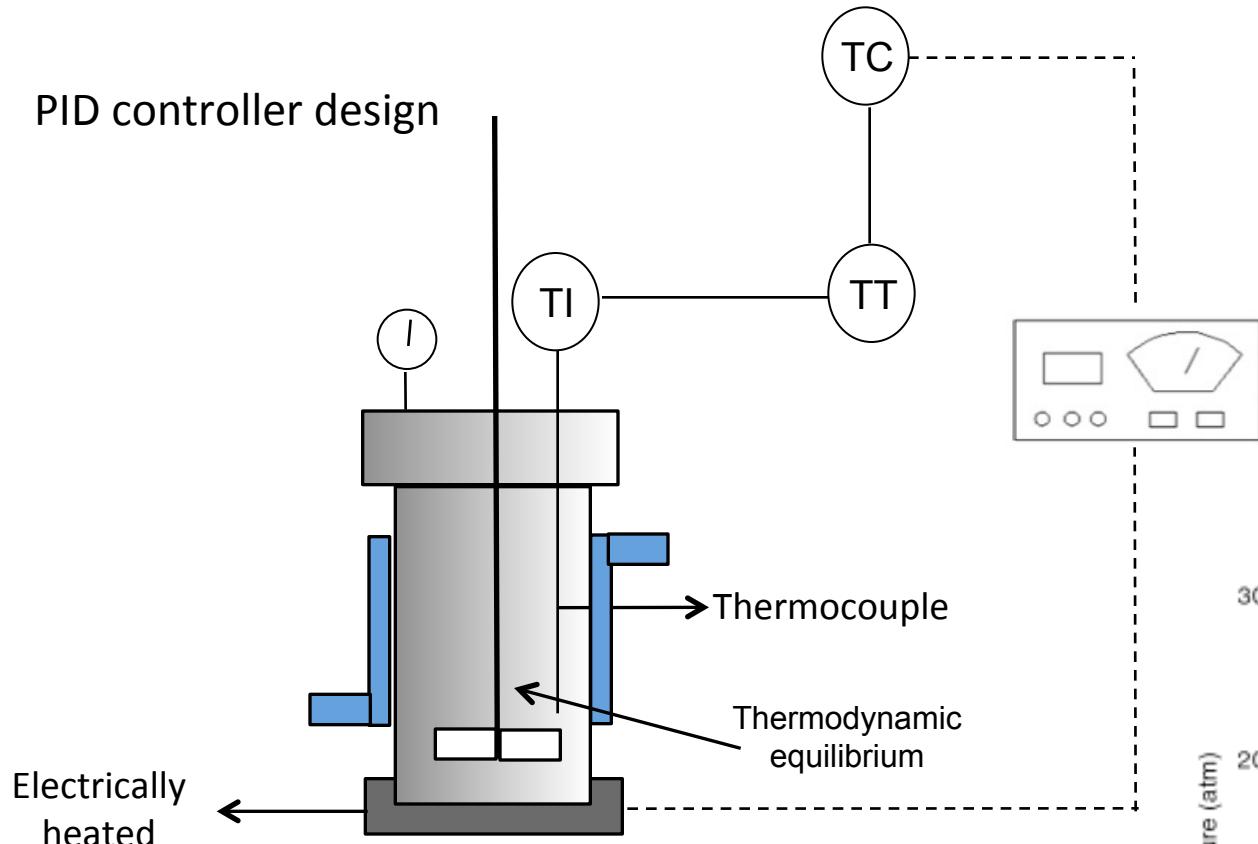


Hydrothermal processing, as an alternative for upgrading agriculture residues and marine biomass according to the biorefinery concept: A review

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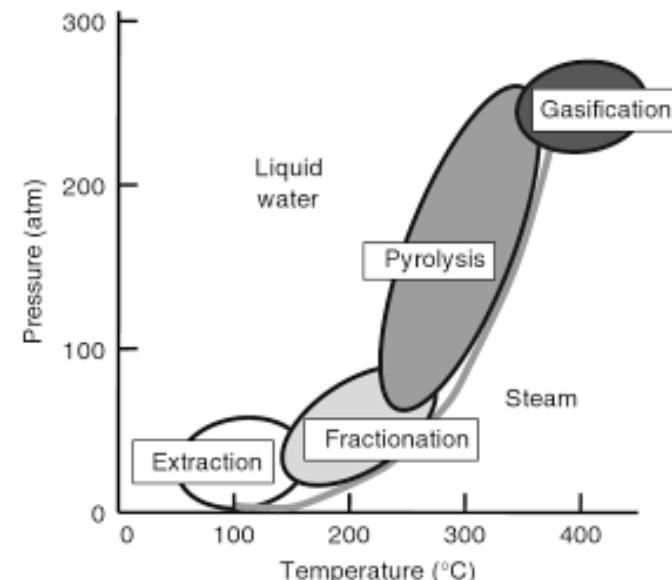
PID controller design



- Autoionization of water into hydronium ions  $H_3O^+$  as catalyst
- Acetic acid from acetyl groups of hemicellulose

## Other heating sources

- Steam
- Microwave Radiation

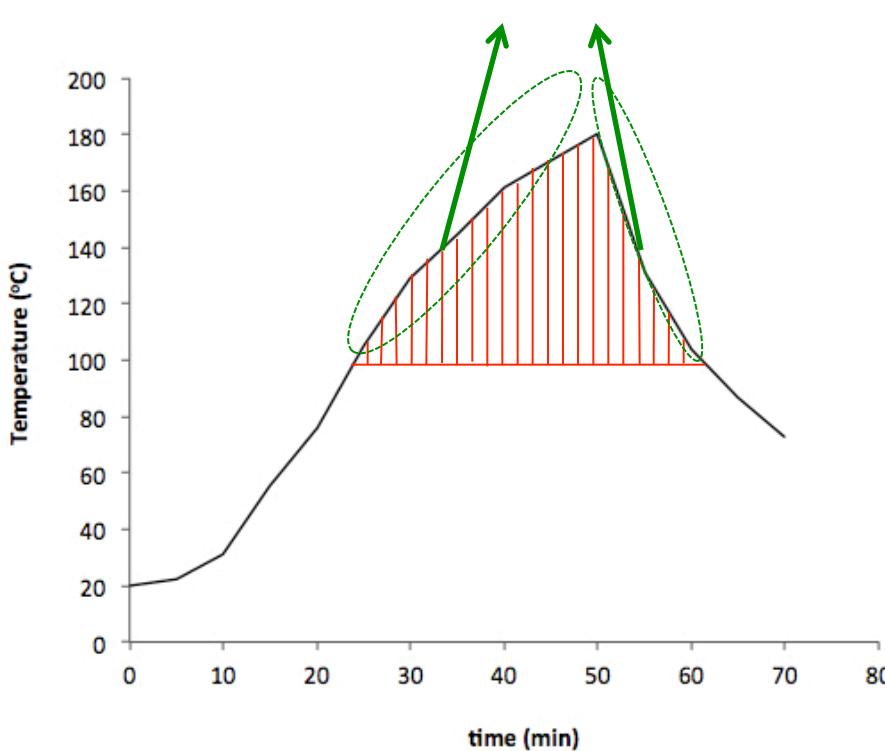


## Heating and Cooling Temperature Profiles in Autohydrolysis Process

$$\log R_0 = \log [R_{0\ Heating} + R_{0\ Cooling}]$$

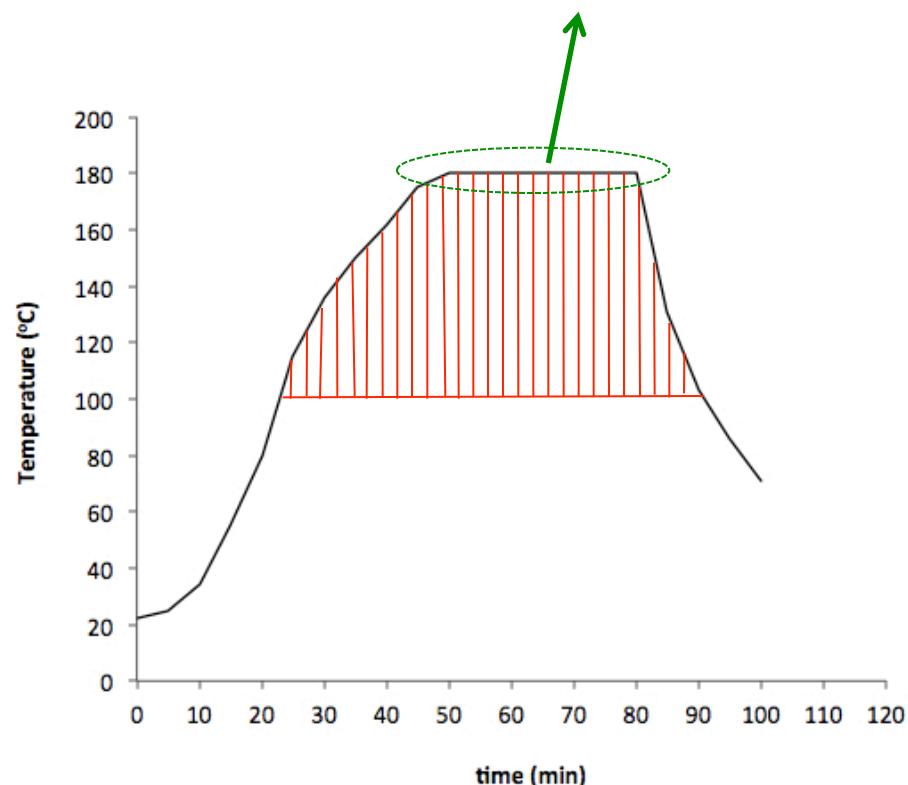
$$\log R_0 = \left[ \int_0^{t_{MAX}} \frac{T(t) - 100}{\omega} dt + \int_{t_{MAX}}^{t_F} \frac{T'(t) - 100}{\omega} dt \right]$$

non-isothermal heating regimen section

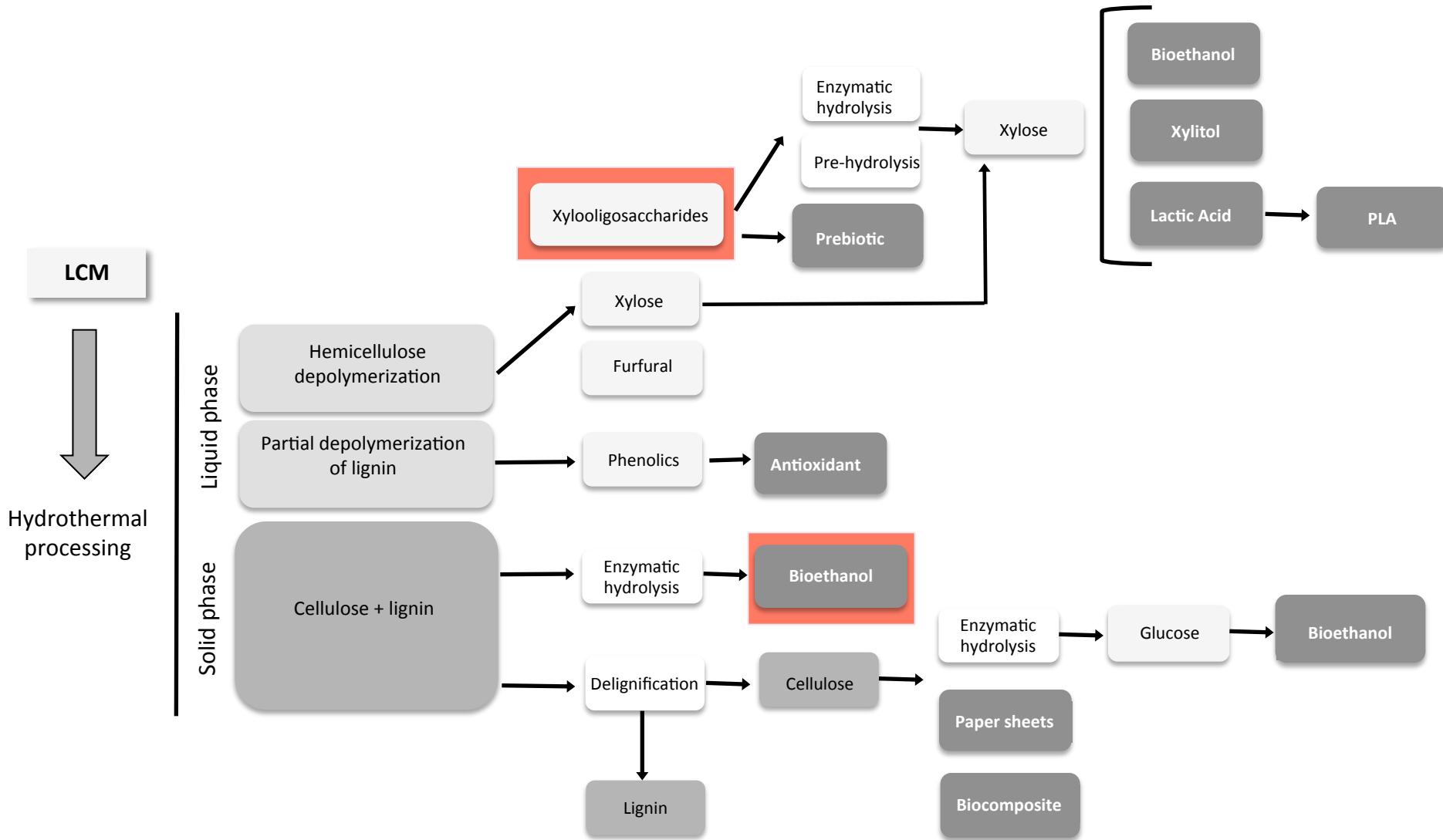


$$\log (R_0) = \int_0^t \exp \left[ \frac{T - 100}{14.75} \right] dt$$

isothermal heating regimen section



# Integrated Biorefineries Platform Using Hydrothermal Process



# Our Work According to Integrated Biorefineries using Corn residues

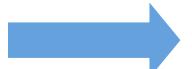


conduction- convection

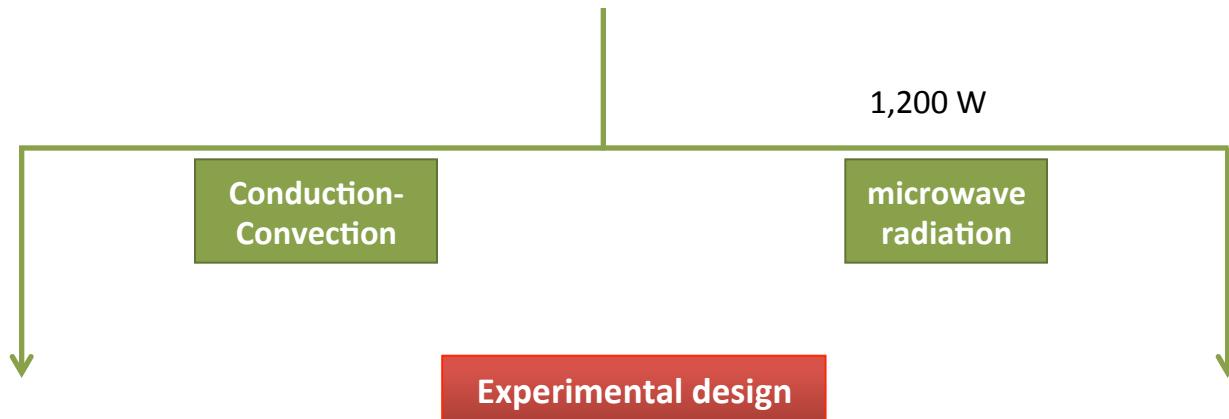


microwave radiation

Corn residues  
(cobs and stover)



## Autohydrolysis Pretreatment: Conduction- Convection and microwave radiation on corn residues



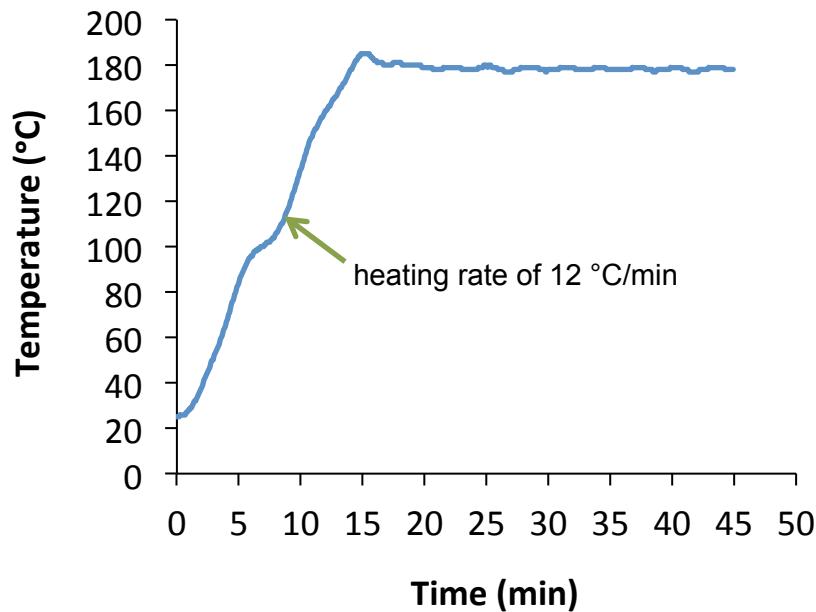
Assay	time (min)	Temperature (°C)
1	20	160
2	20	200
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4	60	200
5	40	180
6	40	180
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8	60	180
9	40	160
10	40	200



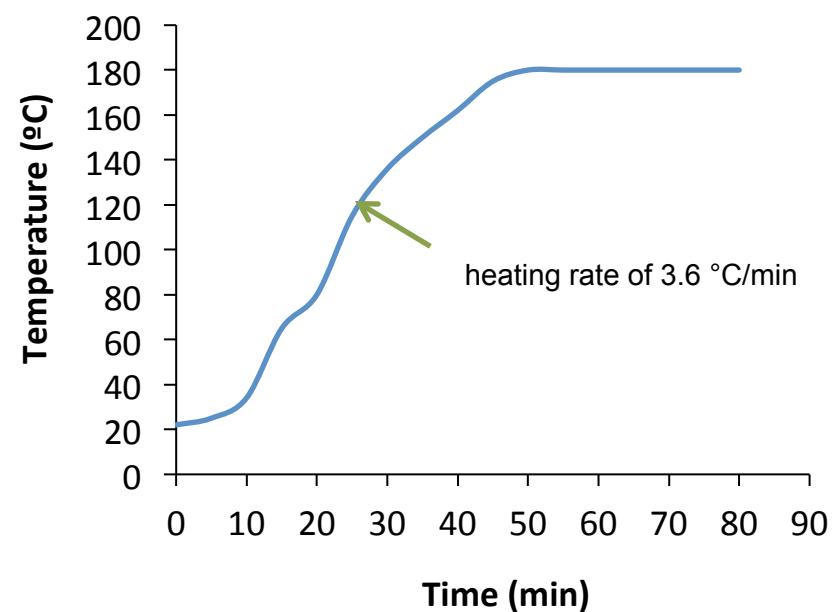
Oligomers from  
hemicellulose  
(g/ 100 g r.m) in  
dry basis

# Heating profiles

Microwave radiation



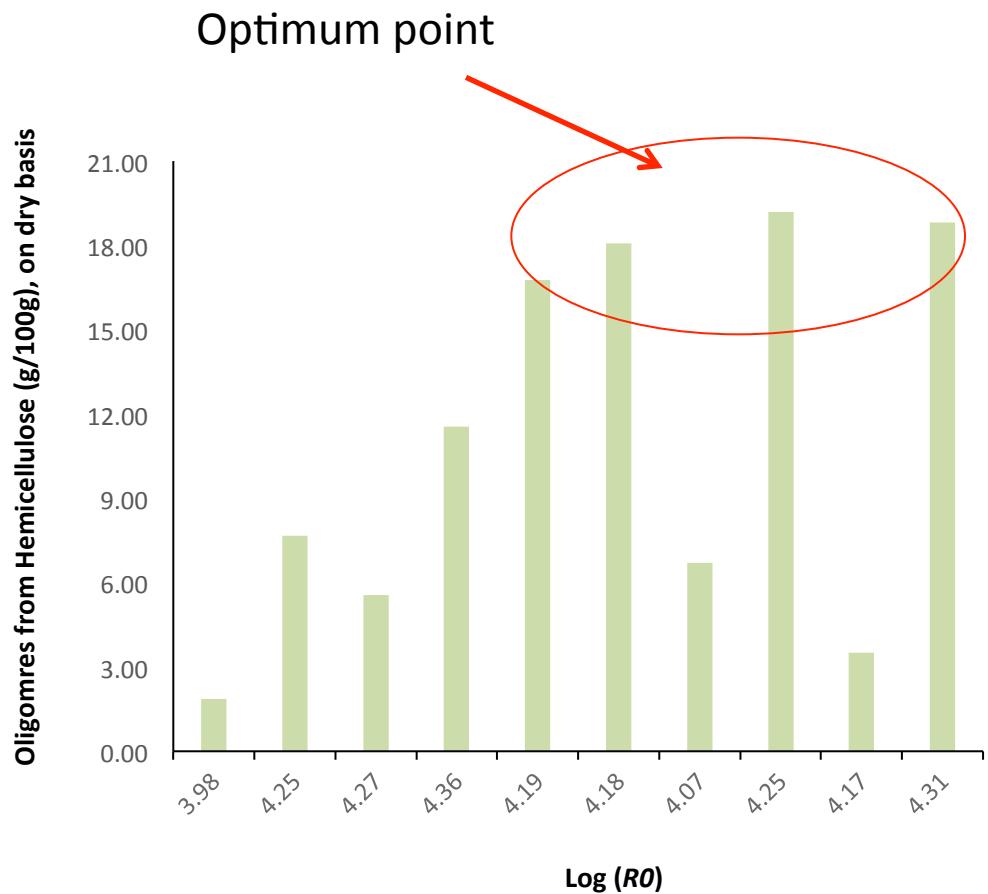
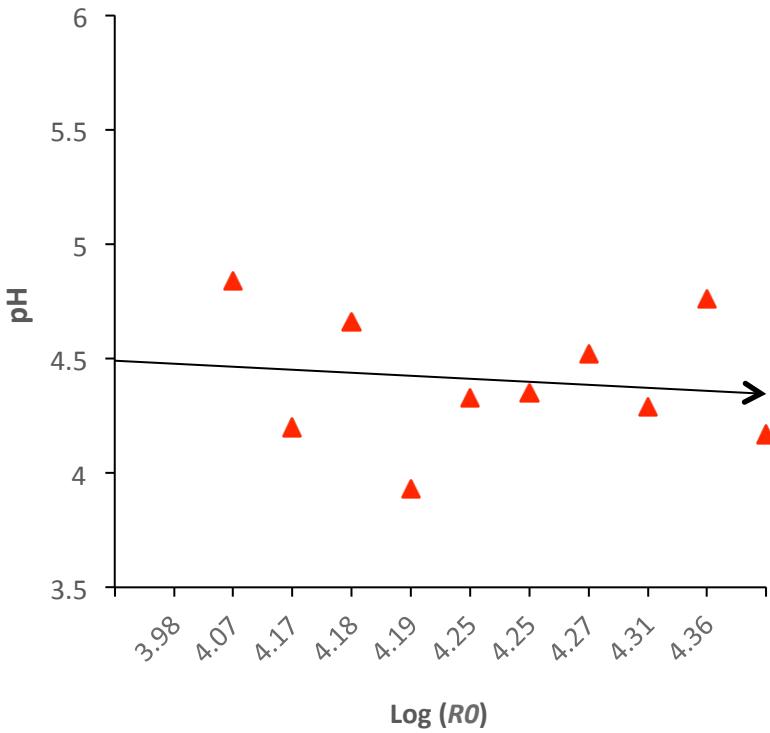
Conduction-Convection



## Chemical Characterization (g/100 g), on dry basis

R <sub>0</sub> (Factor de severidad)	CELULOSA		HEMICELULOSA		LIGNINA KLASON	
	MH	CH	MH	CH	MH	CH
	36.43±1.34	38.72±0.32	20.55±0.88	23.49±0.67	19.09±0.67	15.69±0.12
4.31 (150/30)	42.16±0.50	42.84±0.57	17.06±0.68	20.17±0.65	20.26±0.65	16.89±0.42
4.17 (150/50)	47.17±1.01	45.16±1.13	9.93±0.21	18.07±0.23	23.02±0.23	18.01±0.75
4.19 (165/10)	45.09±0.03	43.38±1.58	11.97±0.31	18.49±0.75	21.75±0.75	19.04±0.64
4.25 (165/30)	56.77±0.35	59.70±0.79	6.02±0.40	8.89±0.16	23.82±0.16	24.65±0.41
4.27 (165/50)	61.49±1.21	61.75±1.27	2.78±0.10	3.52±0.12	24.71±0.12	27.42±0.68
4.07 (180/10)	59.48±0.15	61.45±0.25	2.63±0.39	4.11±0.13	26.91±0.13	25.45±0.40
4.18 (180/30)	64.67±0.24	62.60±0.02	0.84±0.15	1.81±0.09	30.40±0.09	31.81±0.13
4.36(180/50)	61.74±1.23	63.04±0.94	0.27±0.02	0.00±0.0	33.23±0.00	34.95±0.03

# Results of Autohydrolysis: Conduction- Convection



# Optimization of Autohydrolysis for oligomers from Hemicellulose

This optimum point was determined using the Hessian matrix method

$$\text{Oligomers} = -1038 + 12.3t - 0.04t^2 + 1.2T - 0.012t^2 - 0.0028tT$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 12.31225264 - 0.0027284y - 0.07284911x$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 1.24011046 - 0.02301808y - 0.0027284x$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = -0.07284911 \quad \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = -0.02301808$$

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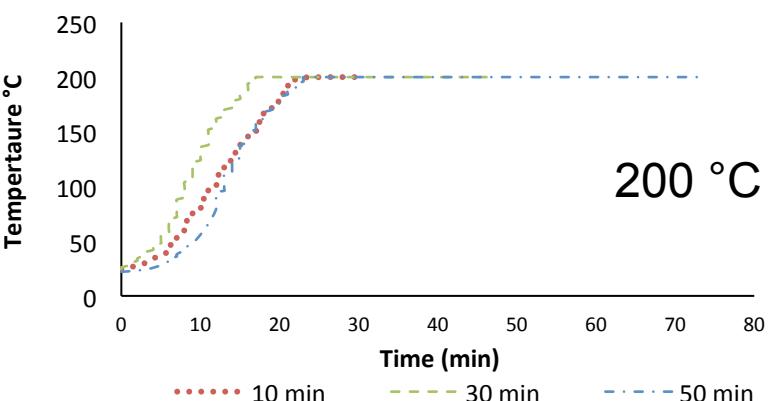
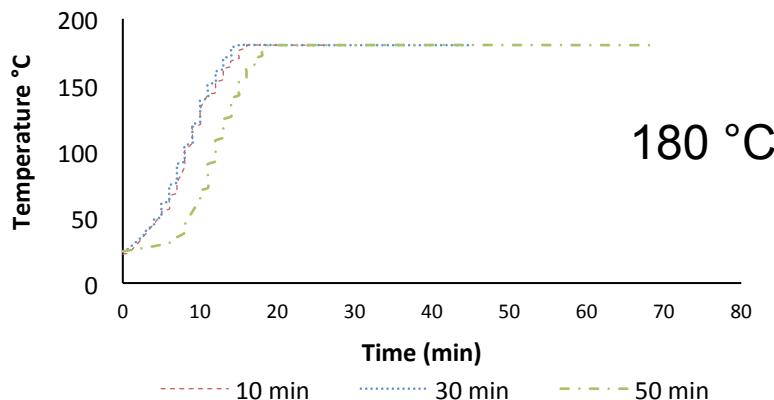
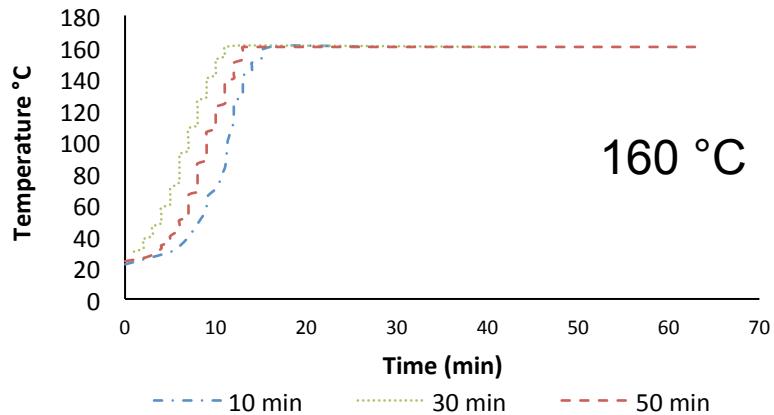
$$H(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} & \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.07284911 & -0.0027284 \\ -0.0027284 & -0.02301808 \end{bmatrix}$$

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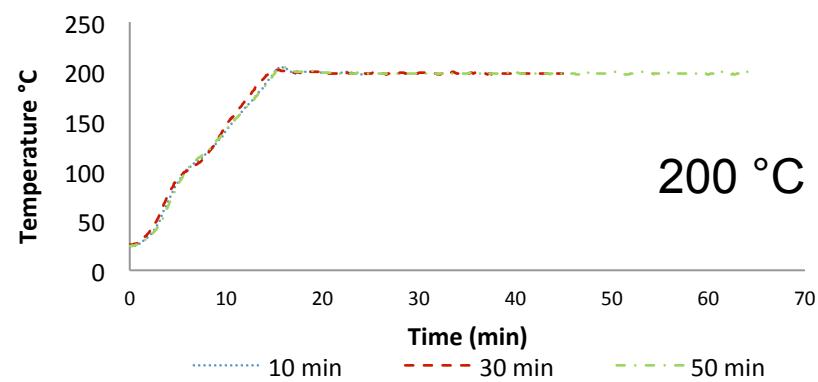
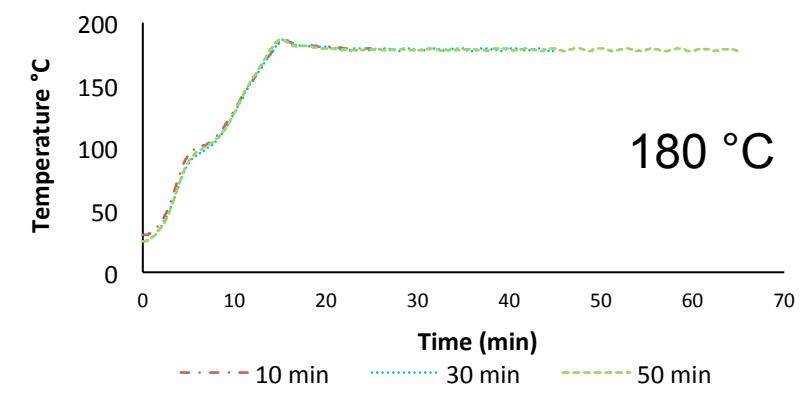
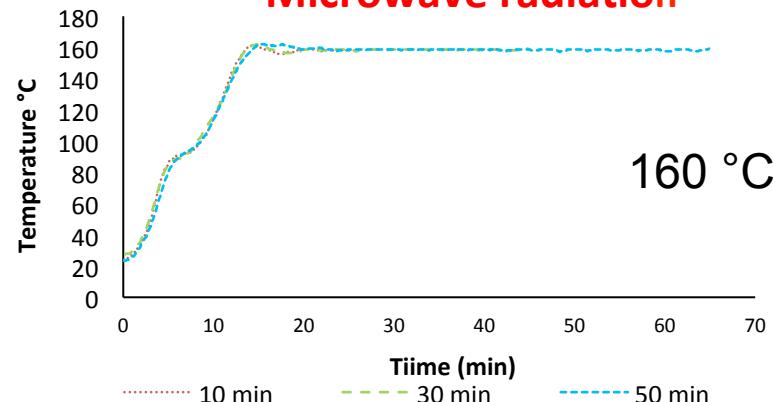
(1) Optimum point for Conduction- Convection = 18.98 g /100 g

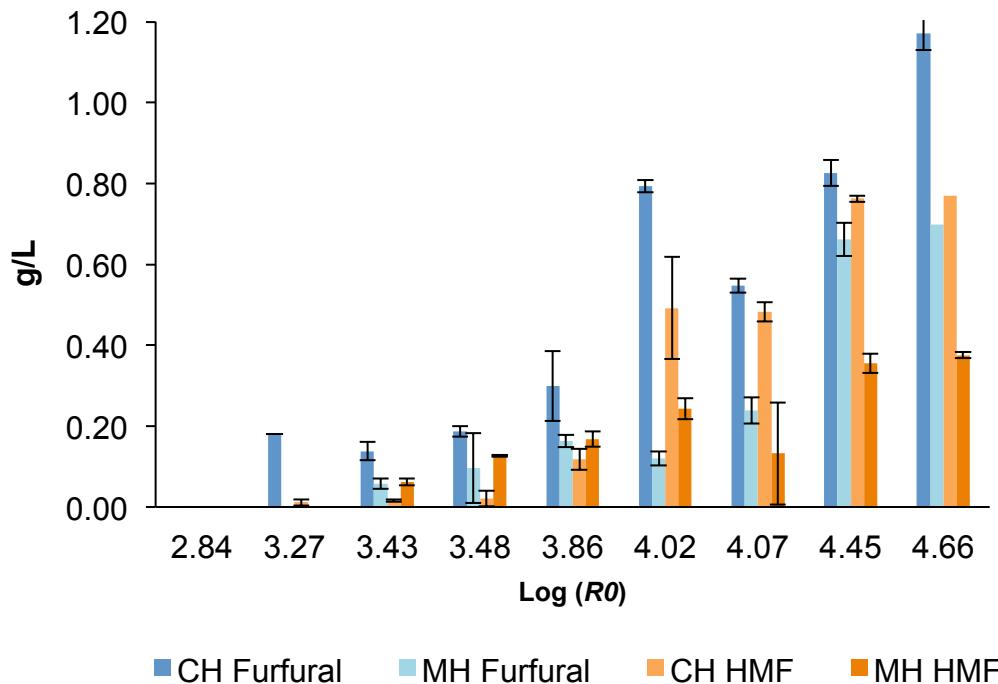
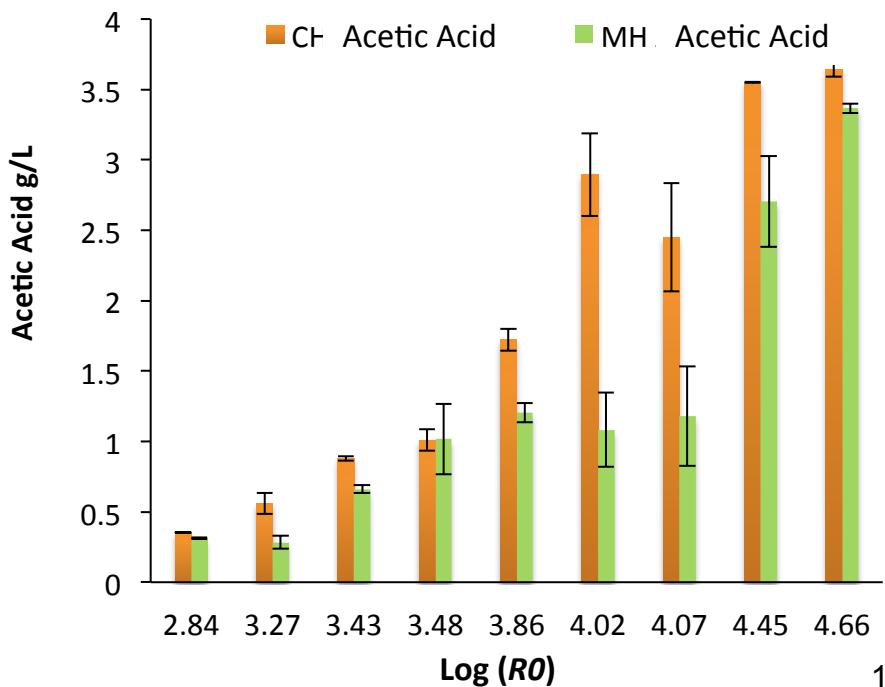
(2) Optimum point for Microwave radiation = 16.96 g /100 g

## Conduction- Convection



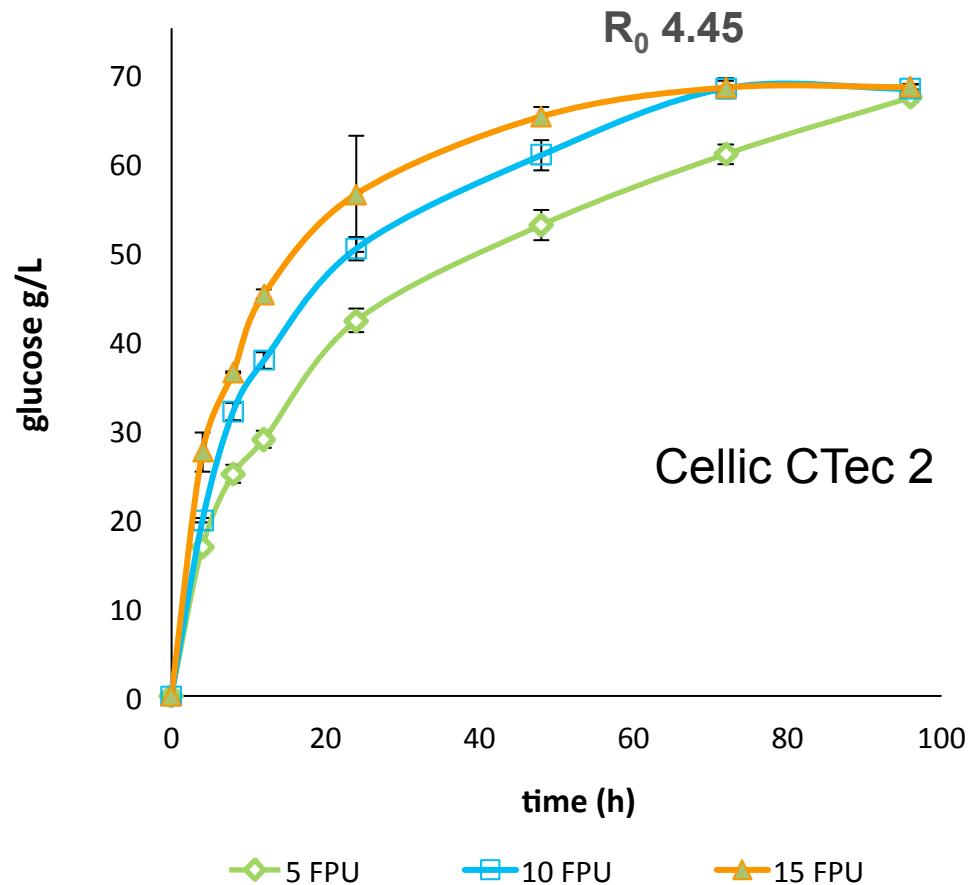
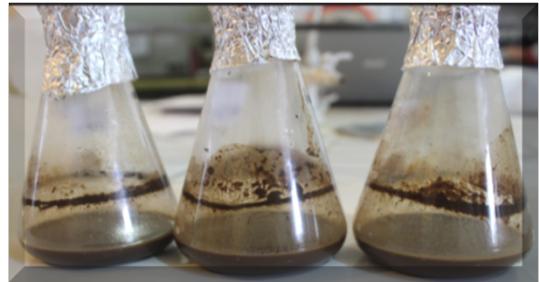
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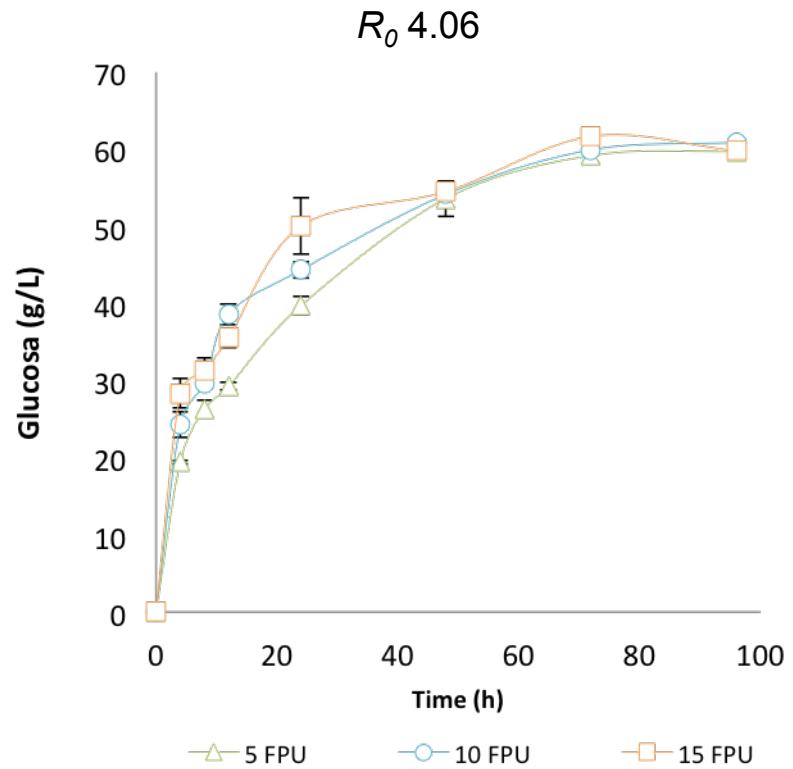
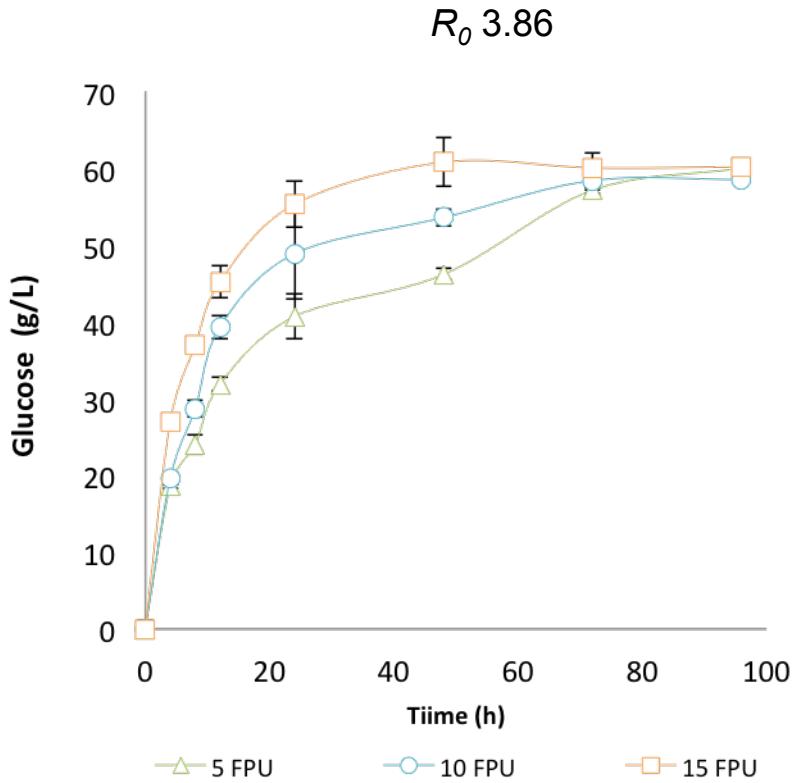
# Enzymatic hydrolysis – Microwave Radiation

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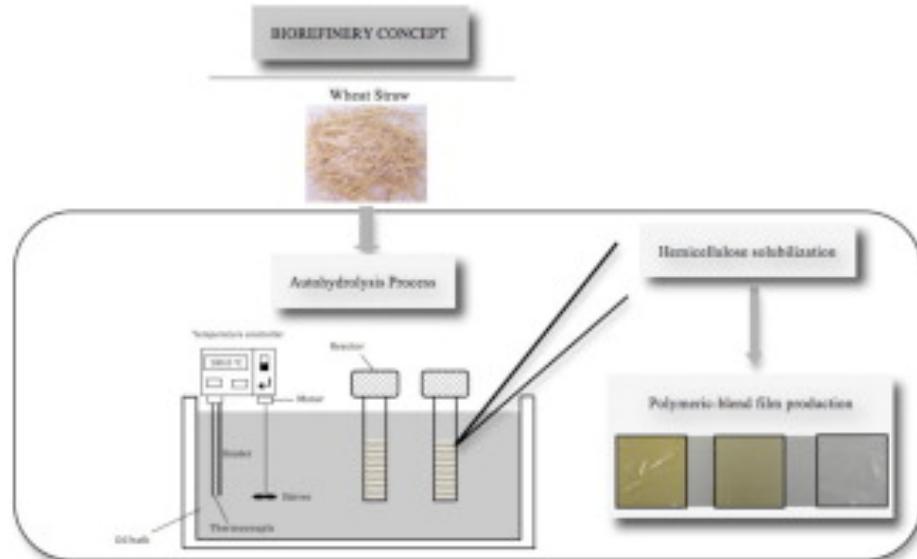


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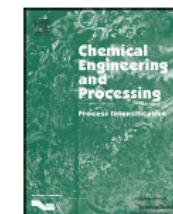
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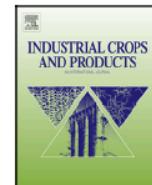
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**In general, autohydrolysis (Hydrothermal processing) can be considered a promising technology for the biorefinery concept, obtaining in an only step the fractionation of lignocellulosic materials and products with high added-value according to the biorefinery concept.**

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