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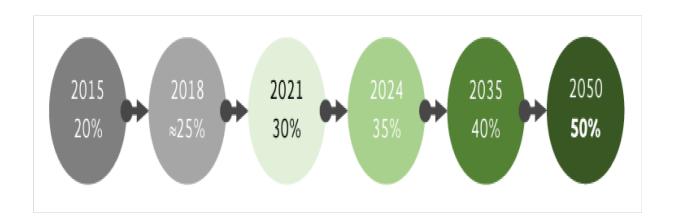
**Biojet fuel** 

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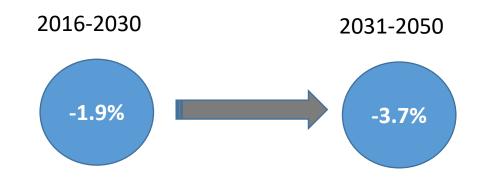




# Clean energy generation in Mexico



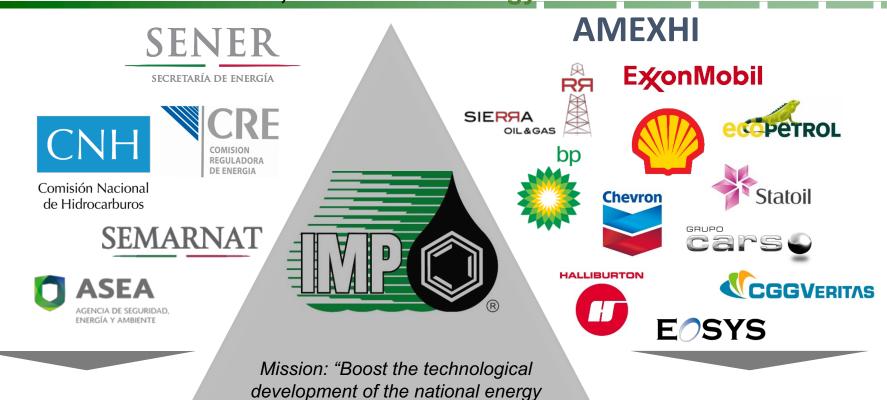
## Final energy intensity in Mexico



Source: SENER, CONUEE, 2016.



## Instituto Mexicano del Petróleo as a Mexican National Laboratory in Oil, Gas and Bioenergy





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### The IMP is a Mexican National Laboratory whose purpose is to generate technical and technological capabilities to the oil, gas and bioenergy industries

- We cover all the operational part of the value chain of the oil and gas industry (from upstream to downstream).
- We focus on generation of economic value
- We solve high impact technological problems in order to achieve business goals

Applied research

 We develop, assimilate and transfer technology focused to solve specific problems

Provider of technological products and services

 We offer comprehensive solutions through engineering and technological services

Scientific, technical and technological specialized training

- Postgraduate studies
- Professional Development
- Labor training
- Tailored courses



### IMP, with more than 50 years has a large installed capacity with experience and results in the oil and gas industry

#### **Installed Capacity**

### • 2,820 Researchers, specialists and technicians

- 28% Master and PhD
- 1.8 MM Engineering man power
- 21 Training Centers
- 12 Laboratories Groups
- 1,250 Assays and Services
- 11 Pilot Plants
- 94 Products and services
  - E&P
  - Engineering
  - Talent Developement
- 257 Specialized software
- Library with the greatest oil and gas information in Mexico

#### Experience

- Oil Basins Mexico Atlas
- Guidelines for fuel regulation and blends for biofuels
- Technology roadmaps for renewable energy
- Monitoring of 500 operations fracking in 7 years
- 61 Off-shore platforms
- 55 Oil/gas pipelines (2,160 km)
- 230 designs of Downstream plants
  - 30 Crude oil distillation plants
  - 31 Hydrotreating plants, 6 coker naphta

#### Results

- 927 patents, 3,122 copyrights and 232 brands up to day
- 22 patents, 143 copyrights, 142 refereed publications per year
- Downstream plants contribute with
   1 MMbpd naphta/distillates
- Proper selection of FCC catalyst saves \$10 MM USD/year, for Petroperu
- PREGASOL® model for engine gasoline combustion emissions
- Application of 25,000 ton IMP chemical products for Pemex in 2015
- Posgraduate 64 PhD, 76 masters, since 2001
- Recipient of PRODETES PRIZE in 2016 (SENER, World Bank, GEF)



#### Instituto Mexicano del Petróleo as a scientific and technological pole in Bioenergy

















**Imperial College** London







**Up and downstream** 

needs















CEMIE



**Biomass** 

















Bioturbosina

Mapa de Ruta Tecnológica Bioturbosina







Conversion





Processing integration, LCA, Sustainability, Training



#### Research Institutes involved in the converion of biomass to biojet fuel









#### Main research areas:

Hydroprocessed esters and fatty acids (HEFA) IMP, CIQA

Alcohol to Jet Fuel (ATJ)
CICY, CIATEC, CIATEJ

**Pyrolysis of Biomass** IMP

Hydrogen production by alkaline electrolysis CIDETEQ







#### 1) We carry out theoretical simulations on chemical reactions for biofuels

(A)

R

H<sub>2</sub>

H<sub>3</sub>

$$\Delta H_r^0 = -113.3$$
 $\Delta G_r^0 = -137.5$ 
 $\Delta H_r^0 = -94.7$ 
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 $\Delta H_r^0 = -75.7$ 
 $\Delta G_r^0 = -89.6$ 

(B)

R

 $\Delta H_r^0 = -71.2$ 
 $\Delta H_r^0 = -64.9$ 
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 $\Delta H_r^0 = -41.6$ 
 $\Delta G_r^0 = -16.2$ 

(C)

R

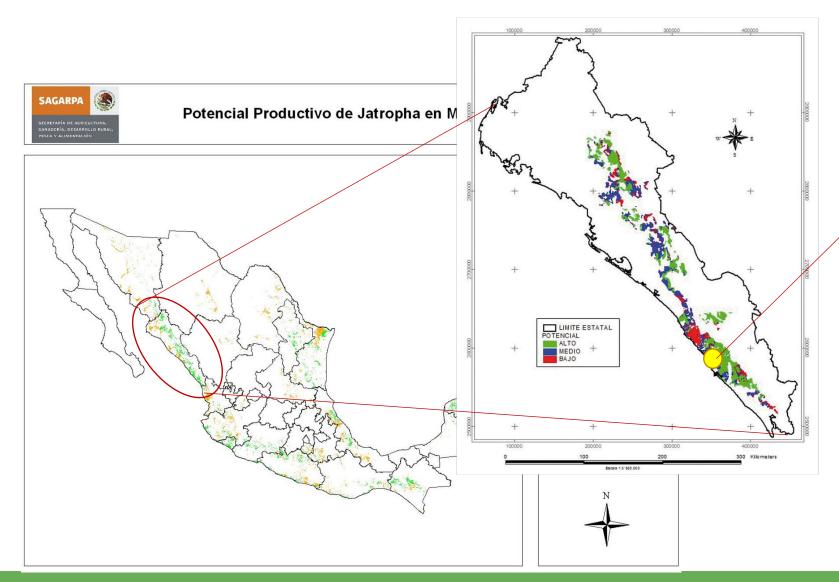
 $\Delta H_r^0 = -78.7$ 
 $\Delta H_r^0 = -79.6$ 
 $\Delta H_r^0 = -68.1$ 
 $\Delta H_r^0 = -83.4$ 

Fig. 7. Reaction network of TAGs under H<sub>2</sub> environments. (A) Direct fatty acid elimination (DFAE) route, where TAG reacts with H<sub>2</sub> to release FAs and propane, (B) Carboxylic partial reduction (CPR) route, where the carboxylic groups within TAG molecule is reduced to form an ether group and water and (C) Fatty alcohol elimination (FAE) route, the reduced molecule of TAG under H2 eliminates a fatty alcohols, by the cleavage of the C-O bond, and propane. All the reaction energies correspond to tricaprylin and related products. Values are given in kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>.

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#### 2) Mazatlán, Sin. Biorefinery: winner of PRODETES Prize (World Bank, GEF, Sener)



Project between UASinaloa, IMP and InTrust

#### 1st biorefinery location

#### Currently:

- Jatropha oil to biodiesel
- Seed cake as fish meal
- Shells as briquettes
- Sinaloa state is the 1<sup>st</sup> corn producer and the 6<sup>th</sup> grain sorghum producer in Mexico.
- Jatropha shells, corn stover and sorghum stalks can feed a multifeedstock biorefinery



#### Biomass for multifeedstock biorefineries



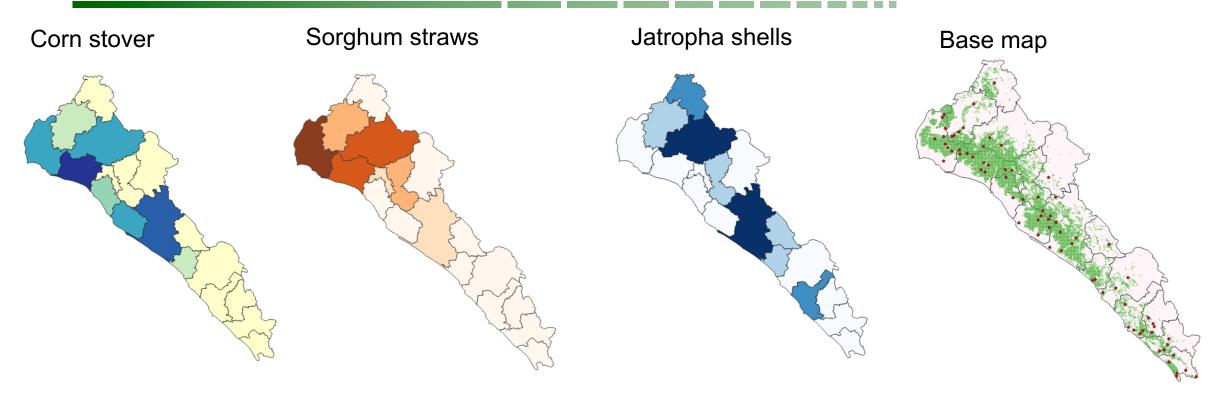




Component	Corn stover	Sorghum stalks	Jatropha fruit shell
Ash	5.22	5.98	14.9
Cellulose	31.40	32.22	33.8
Hemicellulose	24.86	23.06	9.71
Lignin	14.90	17.08	11.7
Other solids	5.12	3.52	6.03
Water	18.50	18.14	23.86
% yield relative to main crop	53.4%	53.4%	72%



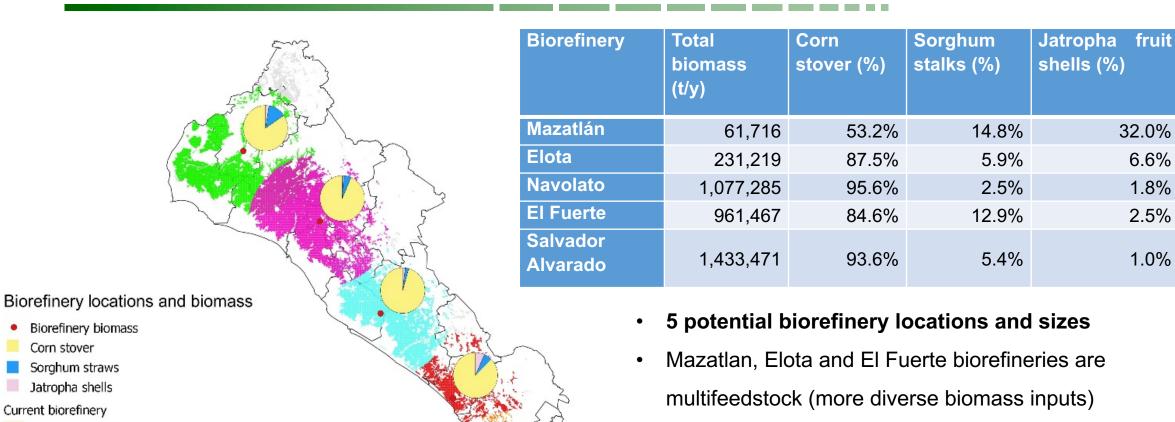
#### Biomass distribution and location candidates



- Base map of agricultural land and localities as per CONABIO, was gridded to cells of 1 km x 1 km
- Biomass production at municipal level from Agricultural Information System of SAGARPA, Agricultural cycle 2016
- Biomass shed equal to biomass available within a 50 km radius



#### **Locations for Biorefineries and biomass farms**



- Navolato and Salvador Alvarado biorefineries based mainly on corn stover (>90%)
- Mazatlan and Elota are small scale (<1000 t/d), the rest are medium scale (1000-14000 t/d).

Current Biorefinery

Elota Biorefinery (700 t/day)

Navolato Biorefinery (3264 t/day)
El Fuerte Biorefinery (2913 t/day)

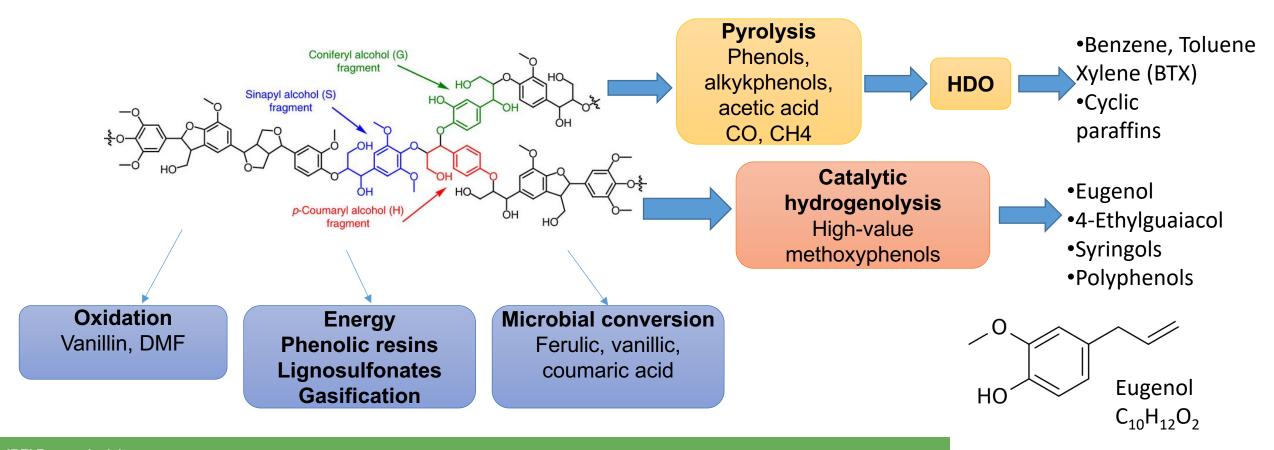
Salvador Alvarado Biorefinery (4344 t/day)

Potential biorefineries

NoBiorefinery



# Valorization of lignin streams from lignocellulosic biorefineries is key for economic viability and sustainability of biojet fuel production





#### We carry out theoretical simulations and fondamental research on pyrolysis

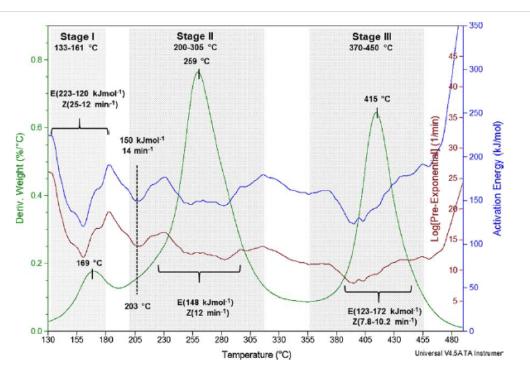


Fig. 4. Thermal and energetic profiles for lignin pyrolysis obtained by modulated-temperature (MTGA) for an experiment performed at  $5 \, ^{\circ}$ Cmin $^{-1}$  with temperature perturbation amplitude of  $\pm 3 \, ^{\circ}$ C and periods of 200 s.

HO
HO
$$\Delta G = -36$$

(E1)
 $\Delta G = 5$ 
HO
 $\Delta G = 138$ 
 $\Delta G =$ 

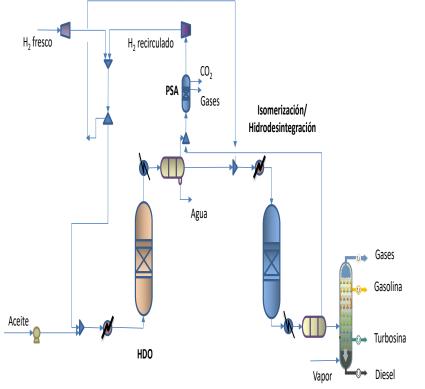
Scheme 1. Chemical routes proposed as the most likely ones (from those studied by molecular simulation) for the thermal decomposition of  $\beta$ -O-4 linkages in lignin and secondary reactions which promote the aromaticity loss of products. (a): by water addition to the aromatic rings and (b): by free radical addition. The Gibbs free energy of each step ( $\Delta G$ ) is provided next to, or below the arrow, indicating the conversion, and are expressed in kJ/mol.

A. GALANO, J. ABURTO, J. SADHUKHAN, E. TORRES-GARCÍA. (2017). Journal of Analytical and Applied Pyrolysis 128:208–216.



#### 4) IMP develops processes and catalysts for biofuel production: The First Mexican process <u>producing aviation biofuels on a pilot plant scale</u>

- IMP's propietary catalysts and processes technology contibutes to:
  - Reduction till 50% in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in airplanes depending of biofuel dosage
  - The demand of clean fuels for airline companies
  - Close the gap of price between biojet fuel and conventional jet fuel







**Biojet fuel** 



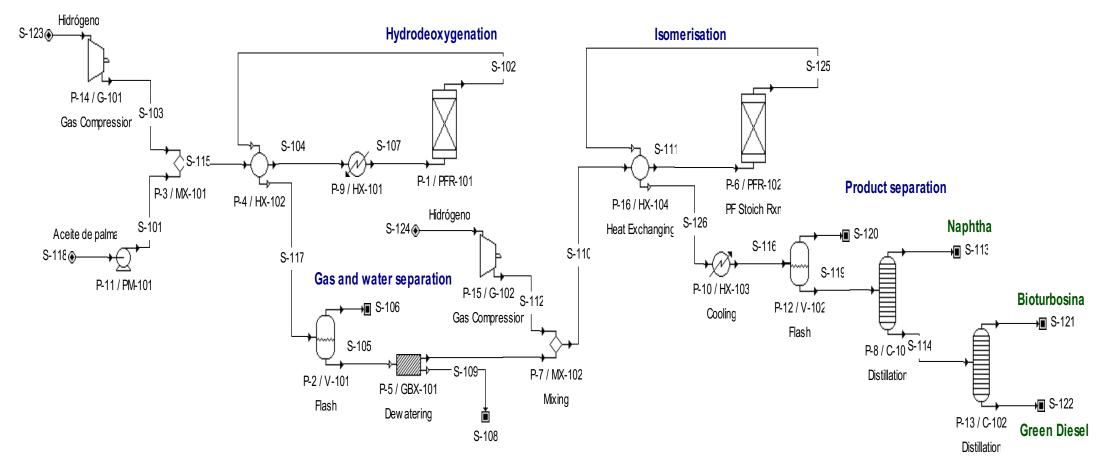






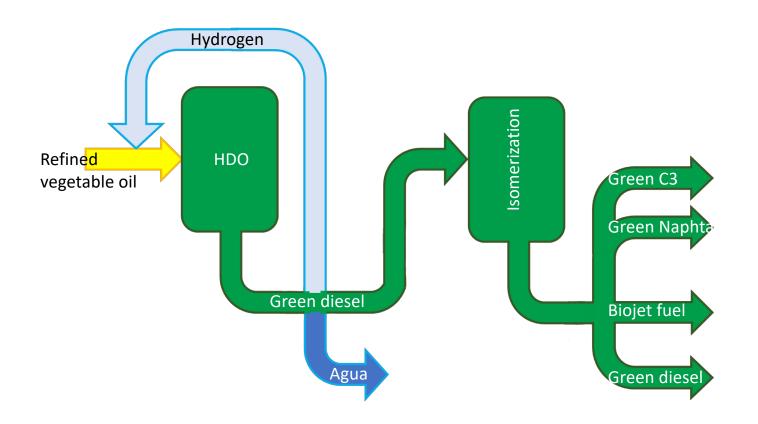






Three pending patents as well as trademarks on catalysts and processes for HEFA green diesel and biojet fuel









#### Process and energy integration with conventional petroleum refineries

