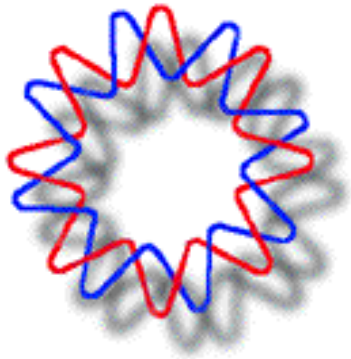


# What's for lunch? Microorganisms for biorefineries



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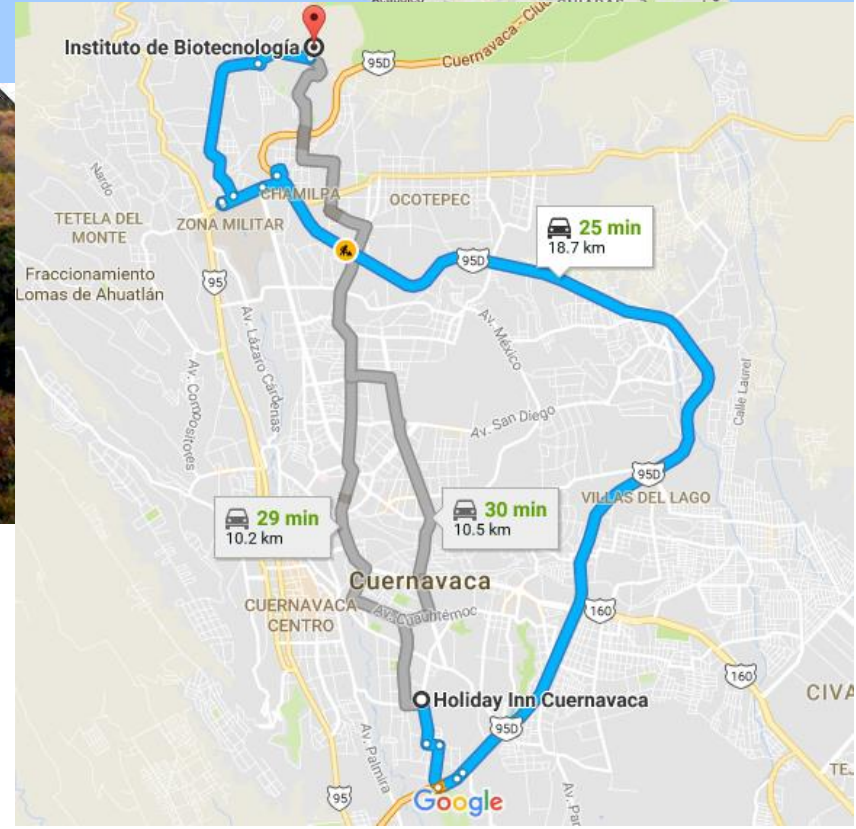
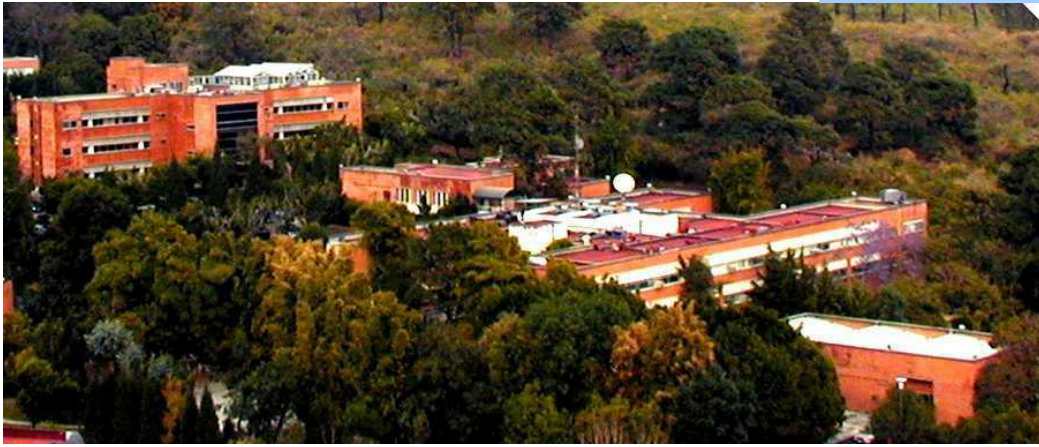
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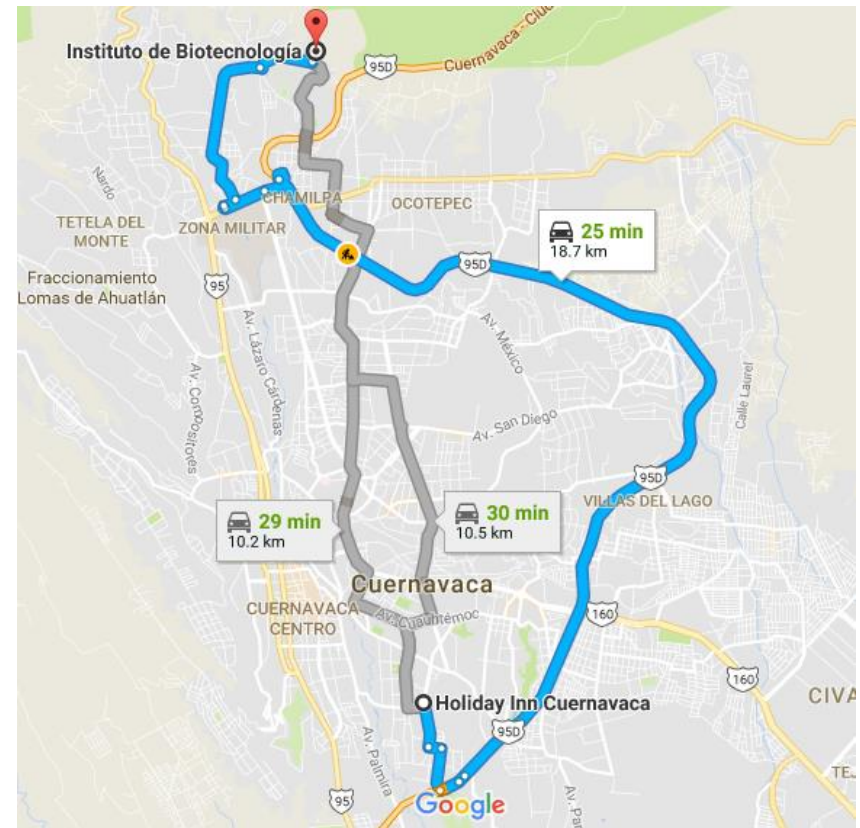
What's for lunch?

Ácido Láctico: Yogurt

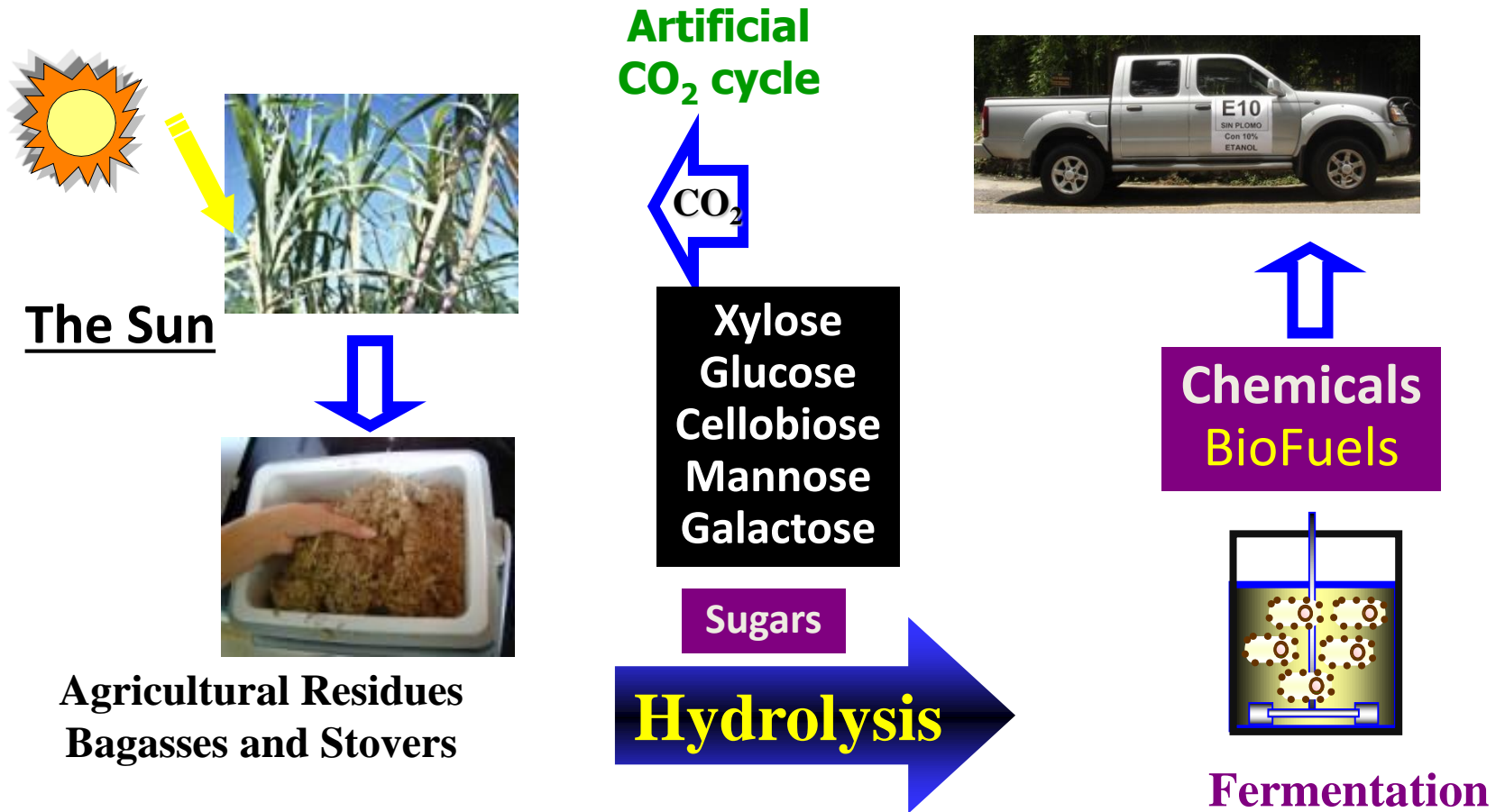
Ác. Succínico

Ác. Pirúvico: Piruvato de Creatinina

Etanol: Mezcal



# Biorefineries: Biofuels and Chemicals from Lignocellulose



**Purpose: Design microorganism and process to transform ALL the SUGARS contained into lignocellulose (cellulose: glucose & hemicellulose: pentoses, hexoses, disaccharides) to biofuels or chemicals with homofermentative strains**

# BIO-REFINERÍA

Sol + CO<sub>2</sub> → Biomasa → Combustibles:  
Sólidos, Gaseosos y Líquidos

Productos de Fermentación

Bio-Refinería →  
Bio-Combustibles

Bio-Plásticos

Bio-Polímeros

Bio-Resinas

Bio-Químicos

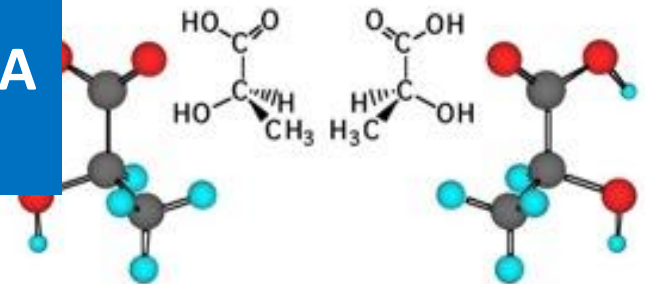


¡~ 1 año!  
vs Petróleo  
Costos

Bio-Plásticos  
Son 3 R



**BIODEGRADABLE**  
**AMIGABLE CON EL MA**  
**RENOVABLE**



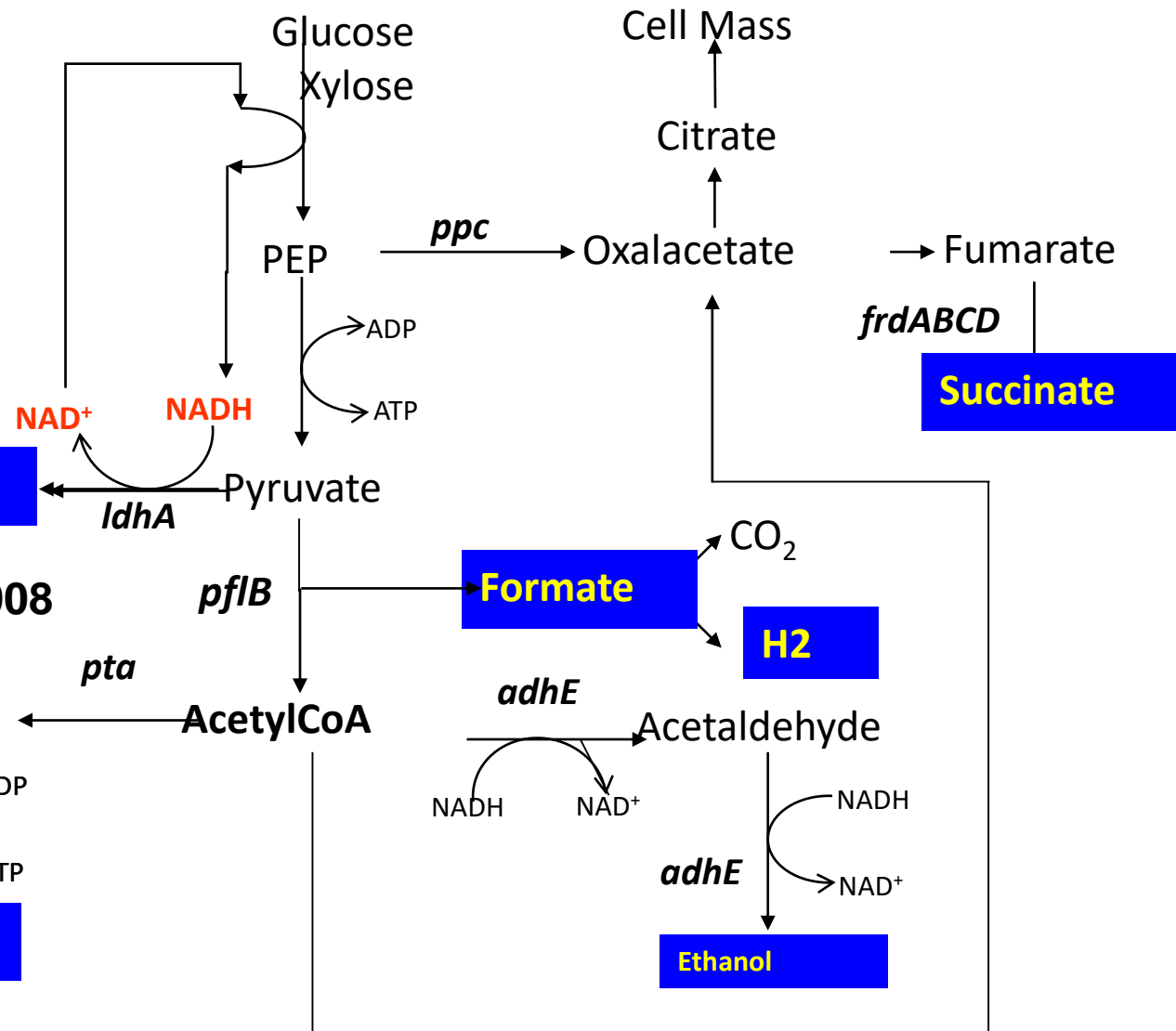
Martínez 2009

# Fermentation Products *Escherichia coli*

*E. coli* uses a  
Wide range of sugars  
HEXOSES:  
Glc, Fru, Gal, Man

PENTOSES  
Xyl, Ara, Rib, Xylu

And Galacturonate

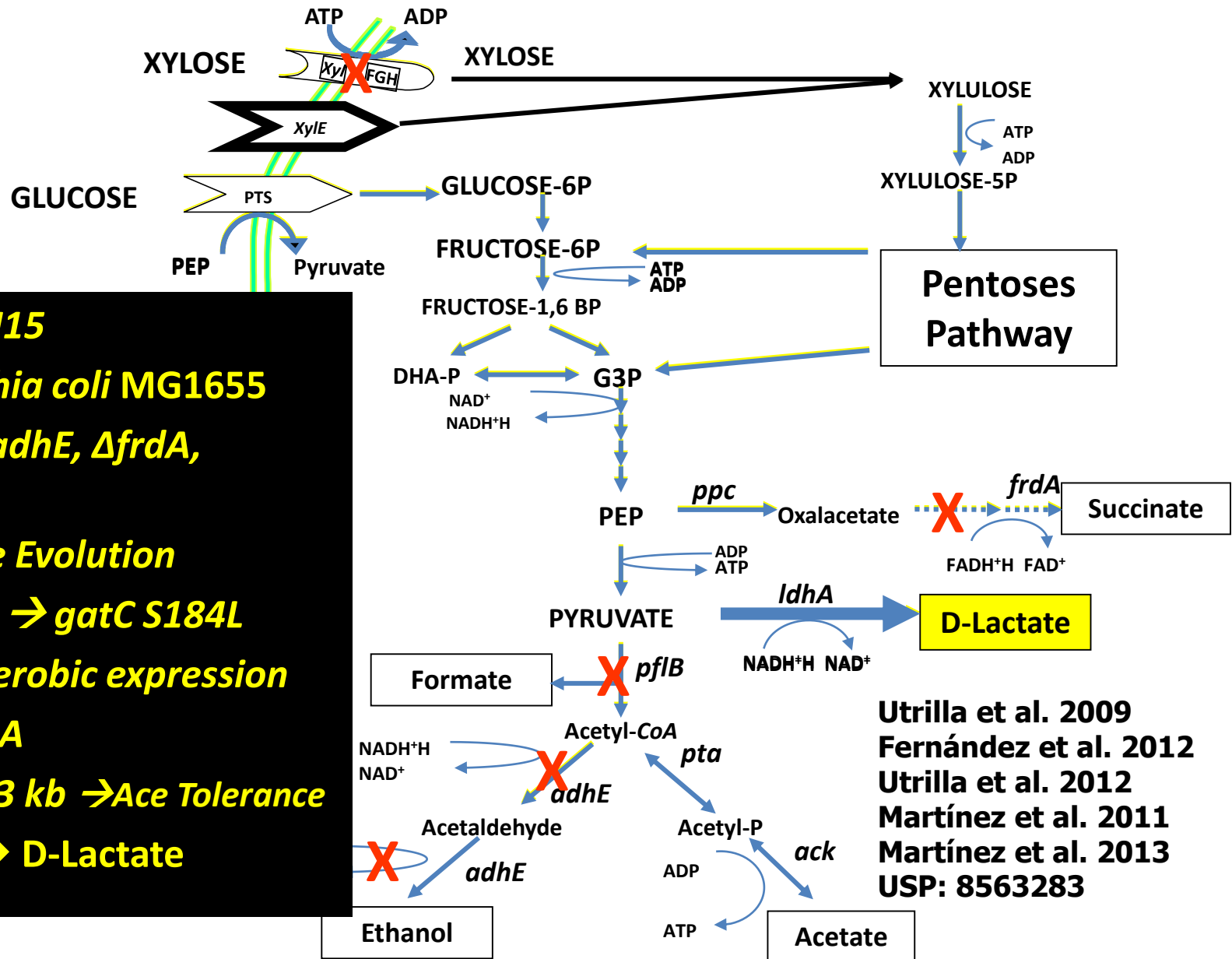


Orencio et al., 2008

and make a mix of fermentation products → Homo Fermentative

# D-Lactogenic *E. coli* strain to use pentose-hexose mixtures

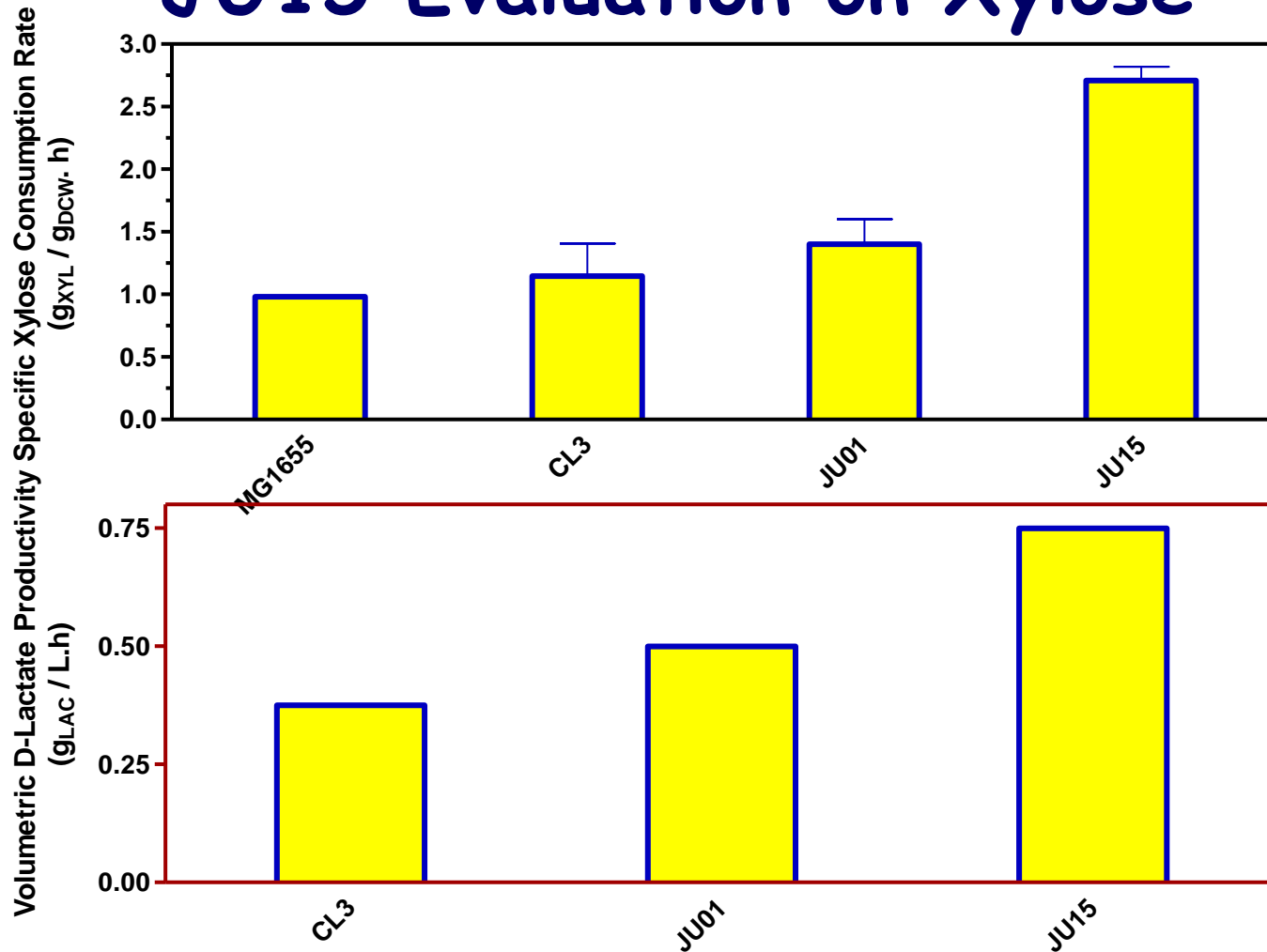
## MG1655: $\Delta pflB$ , $\Delta adhE$ , $\Delta frdA$ , $\Delta xyfFGH$ , Evolved (ALE)



Utrilla et al. 2009  
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- ❑ **Strain JU15**
- ❑ ***Escherichia coli* MG1655**
- ❑  **$\Delta pflB$ ,  $\Delta adhE$ ,  $\Delta frdA$ ,  $\Delta xyfFGH$**
- ❑ **Adaptive Evolution**
- ❑  **$\Delta xyfFGH \rightarrow gatC S184L$**
- ❑ ***Pdh* anaerobic expression**
- ❑  **$\Delta midarPA$**
- ❑  **$\Delta reg 27.3 kb \rightarrow$  Ace Tolerance**
- ❑ **Xylose  $\rightarrow$  D-Lactate**

# JU15 Evaluation on Xylose



Utrilla et al. JIM&B 2009  
Utrilla et al. Met Eng. 2012

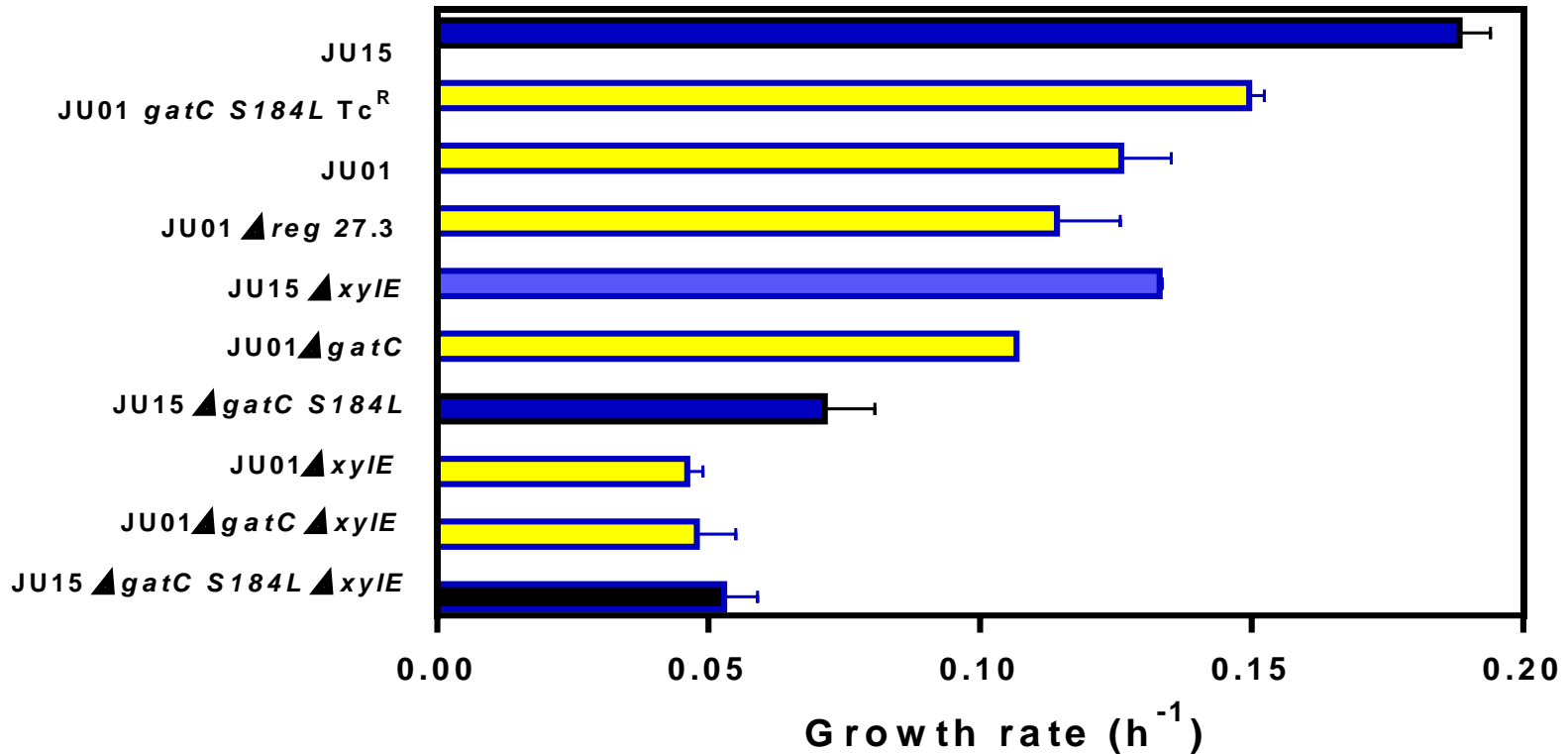
CL3 (MG1655 $\Delta$ *pfIB*  $\Delta$ *adhE*  $\Delta$ *frdA*)

JU01 (MG1655 $\Delta$ *pfIB*  $\Delta$ *adhE*  $\Delta$ *frdA*  $\Delta$ *xylFGH::Km*)

JU15 (MG1655 $\Delta$ *pfIB*  $\Delta$ *adhE*  $\Delta$ *frdA*  $\Delta$ *xylFGH::Km* Evolved)



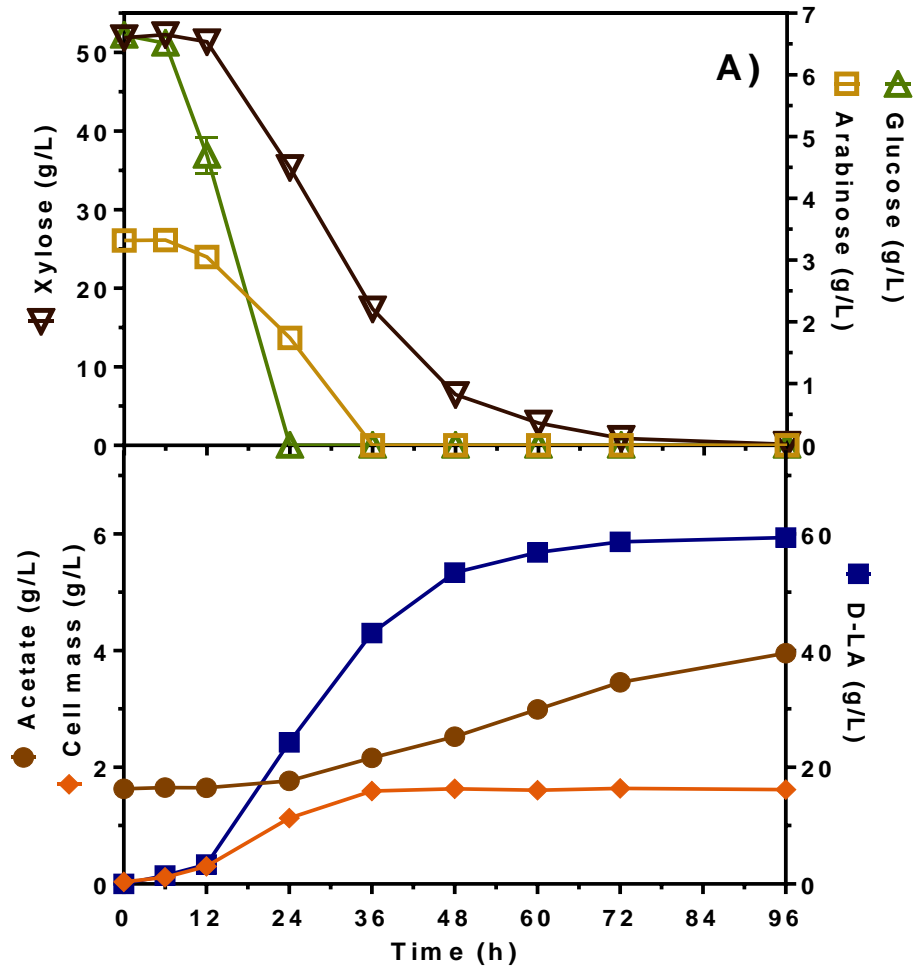
# JU15 and JU01 *gatC xylE* mutants



***gatC* S184L Point Mutation Serine  $\rightarrow$  Leucine  
Position 184 of GatC Protein**

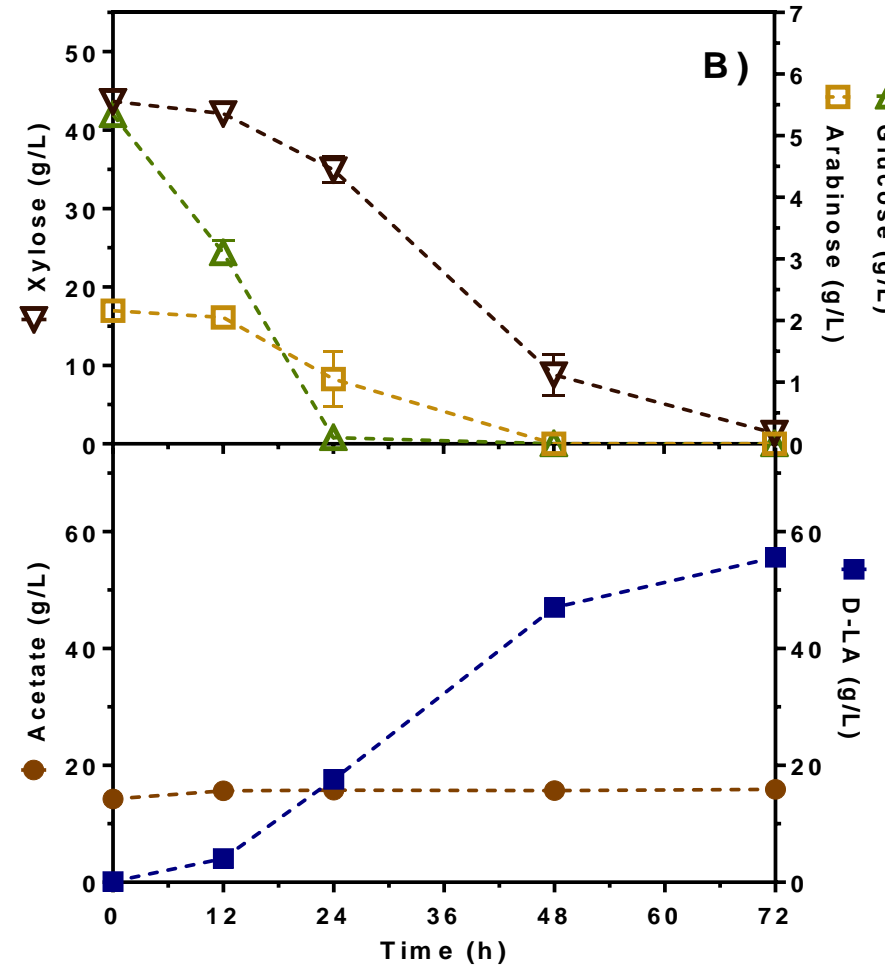
Utrilla et al. Met Eng. 2012

# A) Simulated hydrolysate B) SC-Bagasse hydrolysate



$$Y_{D-LA} (g_{D-LA}/g_{Sugars}) = 0.94 \pm 0.048$$

$$Q_{D-LA} (g_{D-LA}/L h) = 1.11 \pm 0.035$$



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$$Q_{D-LA} (g_{D-LA}/L h) = 0.98 \pm 0.095$$

Utrilla et. al. Bioresource Technol. 2016

Strain JU15

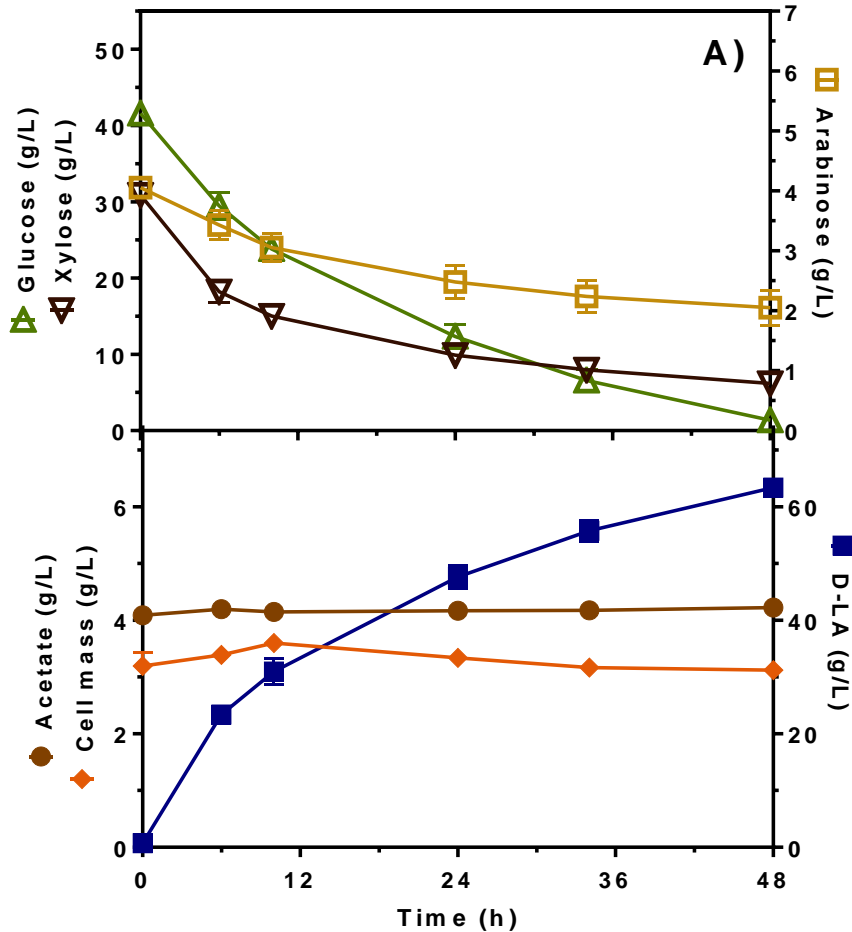
# Stover from White Corn

Sequential: Thermochemical Hydrolysis,  
Enzymatic Saccharification and  
Fermentation, without detoxification



**Moss-Acosta, 2012**

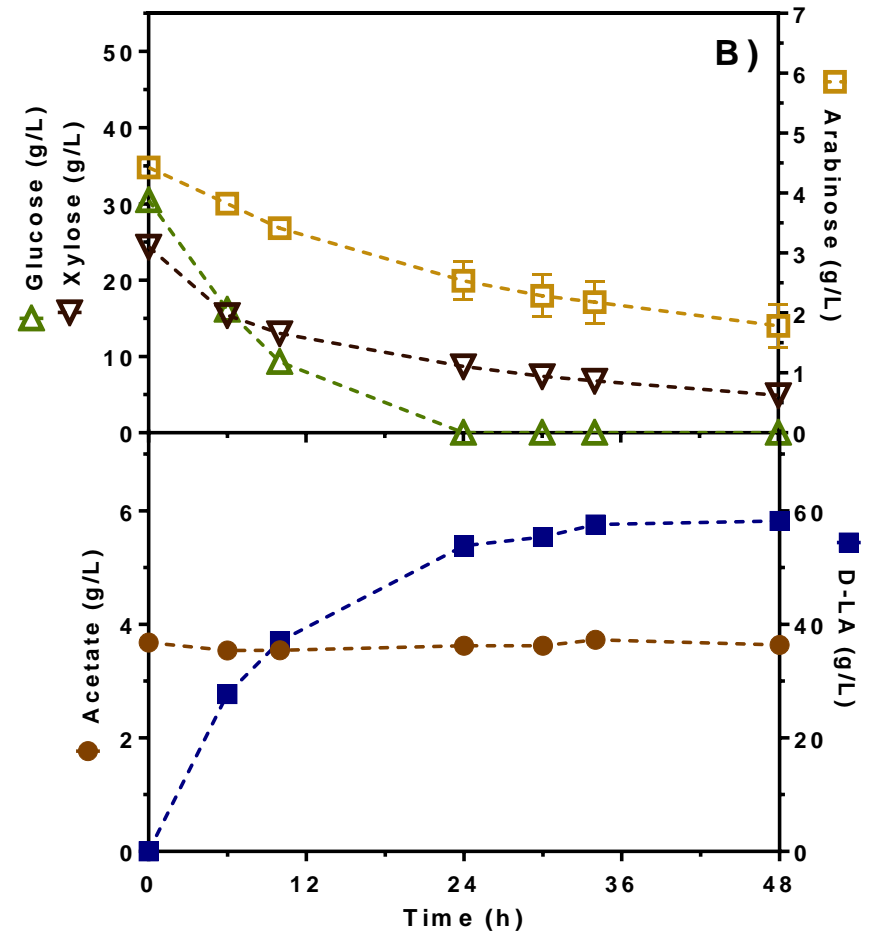
# A) Simulated hydrolysate B) Corn Stover hydrolysate



$$Y_{D-LA} (g_{D-LA}/g_{Sugars}) = 0.95 \pm 0.010$$

$$Q_{D-LA} (g_{D-LA}/L h) = 1.32 \pm 0.025$$

**AV03: JU15  $\Delta poxB$ ,  $\Delta ackA-pta$ ,  $\Delta mgsA$**   
**Simultaneous sugar consumption**



$$Y_{D-LA} (g_{D-LA}/g_{Sugars}) = 1.11 \pm 0.064$$

$$Q_{D-LA} (g_{D-LA}/L h) = 1.21 \pm 0.050$$

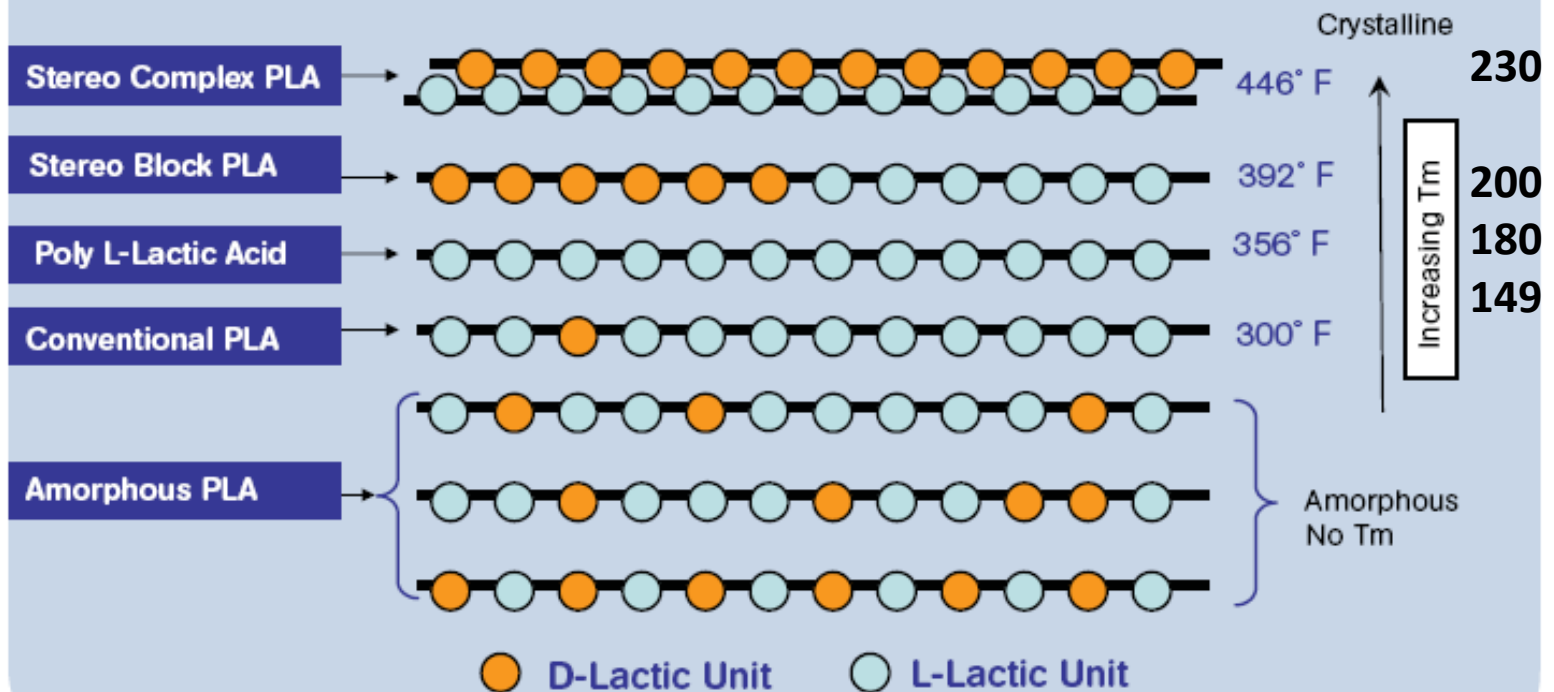
**Y > 1 !!!**

**Utrilla et al. Bioresource Technol. 2016**



# PLA: PLLA sc-PLA

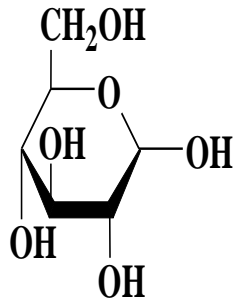
**PLA is actually a family of (co-)polymers of D- and L-Lactic units**



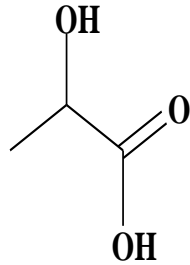
Source: Purac

*Purac's newly available D-lactide monomer is the "secret" ingredient in some high-heat PLA copolymers in development. Shown here (top to bottom): D/L lactide structures of stereocomplex (sc) PLA, stereo-block-copolymer PLA, poly-L-lactide homopolymer, standard PLA, and amorphous PLA.*

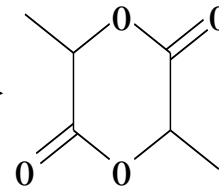
# L - Lactato Ópticamente Puro



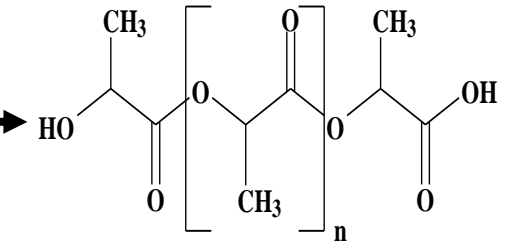
**Glucosa**



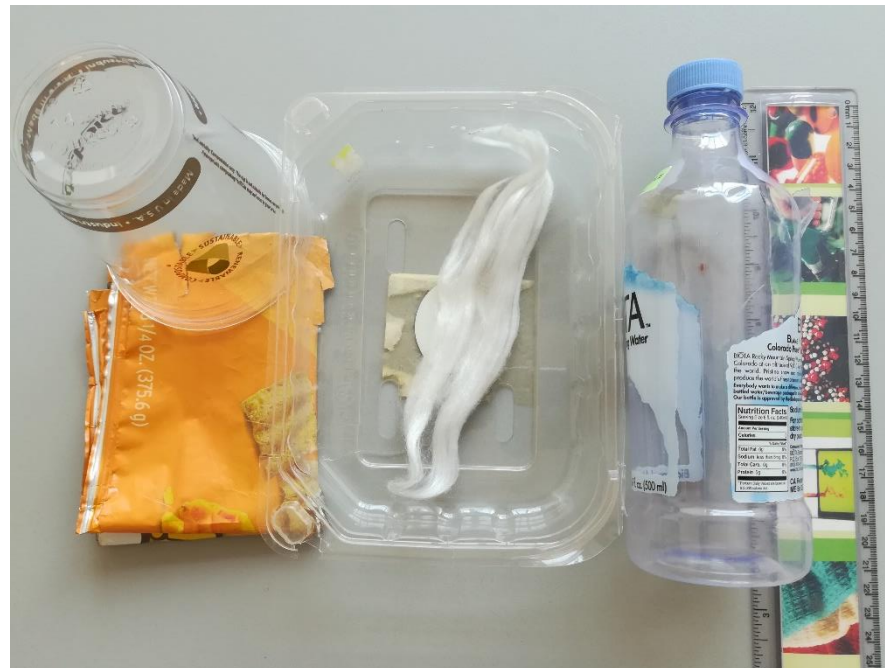
**Láctico**



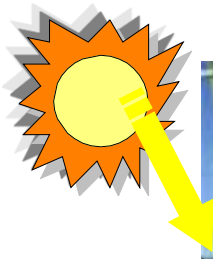
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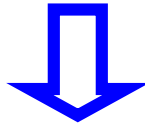
**PLLA**



# 2nd Generation Bio-Plastics: Small Scale BioRef.

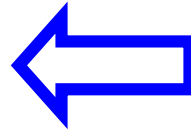


The Sun



Lignocellulose - Biomass  
Agricultural Residues  
Sugar Cane Bagasse

Artificial  
CO<sub>2</sub> cycle



CO<sub>2</sub>

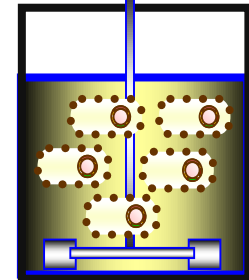
1 kg of Sugar Yield 1 kg of Lactic Acid  
> 1 USD / kg; PLLA: > 4 USA dol/kg



Lactate

Xylose,  
Cellobiose  
Glucose,  
etc.  
Cellulose,  
Hemicellulose

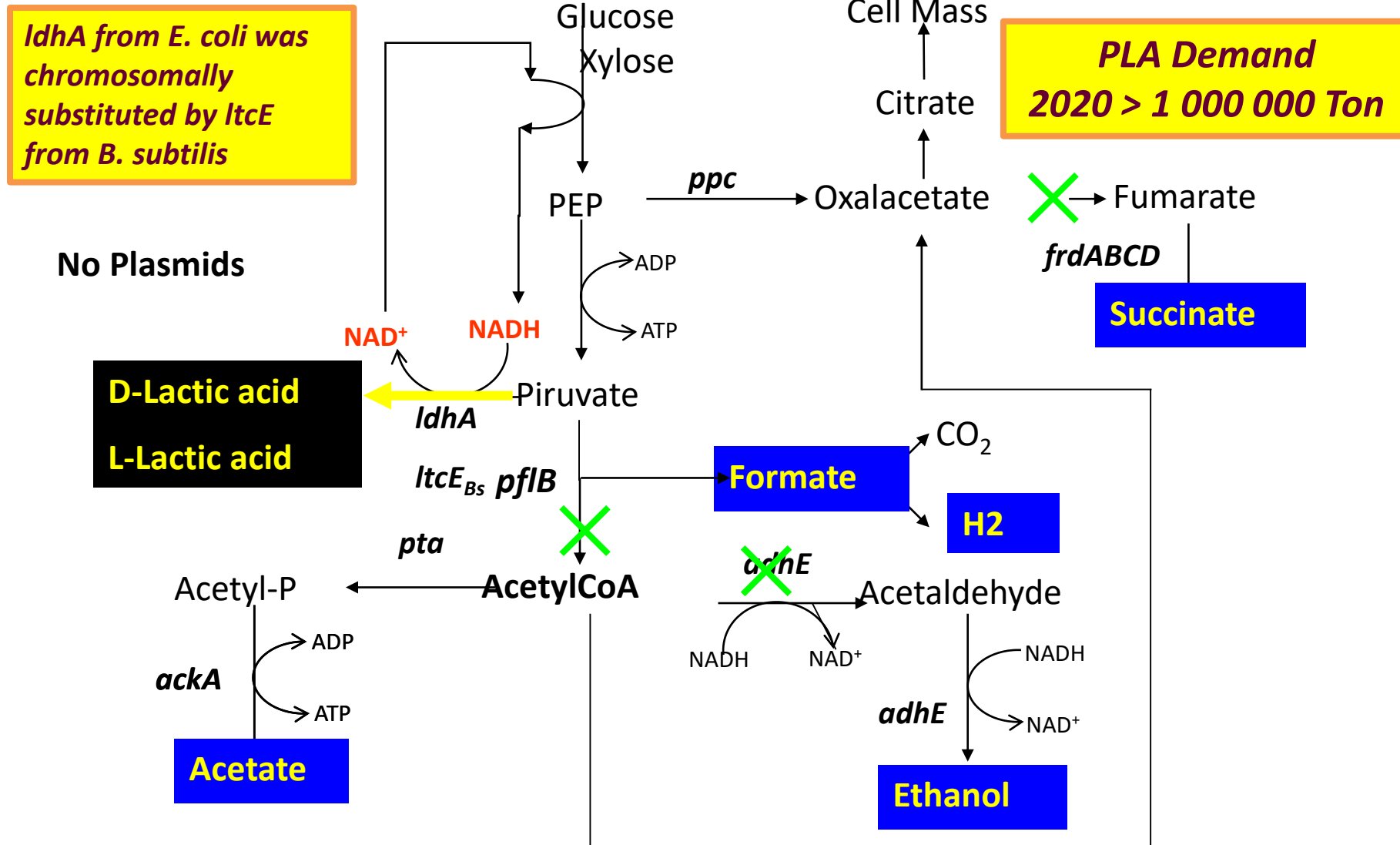
Hydrolysis



Fermentation

**Purpose: Design microorganism and process to transform Lignocellulose (cellulose & hemicellulose: pentoses, hexoses, disaccharides) to optically pure lactates (D&L): Biopolymer Precursors**

# Lactic acid (D and L) production with Metabolic Engineered *E. coli* strains

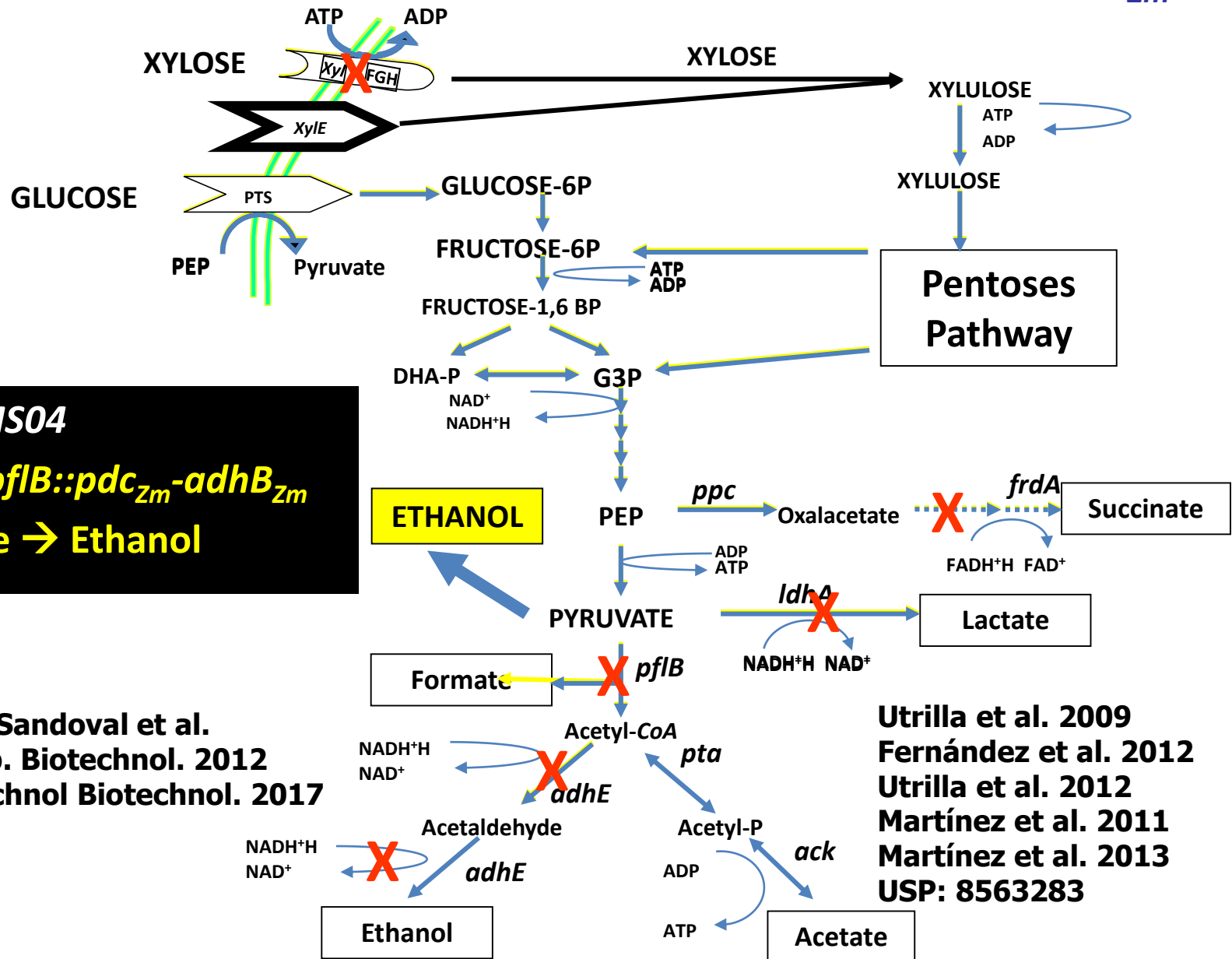


Utrill Carreri et al., 2009; Leal Reyes 2010; Martinez et al. WO 2011 PCT 016706 A2



# Ethanologenic *E. coli* strain to use pentose-hexose mixtures

MG1655:  $\Delta pflB$ ,  $\Delta adhE$ ,  $\Delta frdA$ ,  $\Delta xylFGH$ ,  $\Delta ldh$ ,  $PpflB::pdc-adh_{zm}$



- ❑ *Strain MS04*
- ❑ *JU15: PpflB::pdc<sub>zm</sub>-adhB<sub>zm</sub>*
- ❑ **Pyruvate → Ethanol**

Fernández-Sandoval et al.  
 App. Microb. Biotechnol. 2012  
 J. Chem Technol Biotechnol. 2017

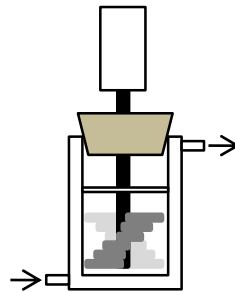
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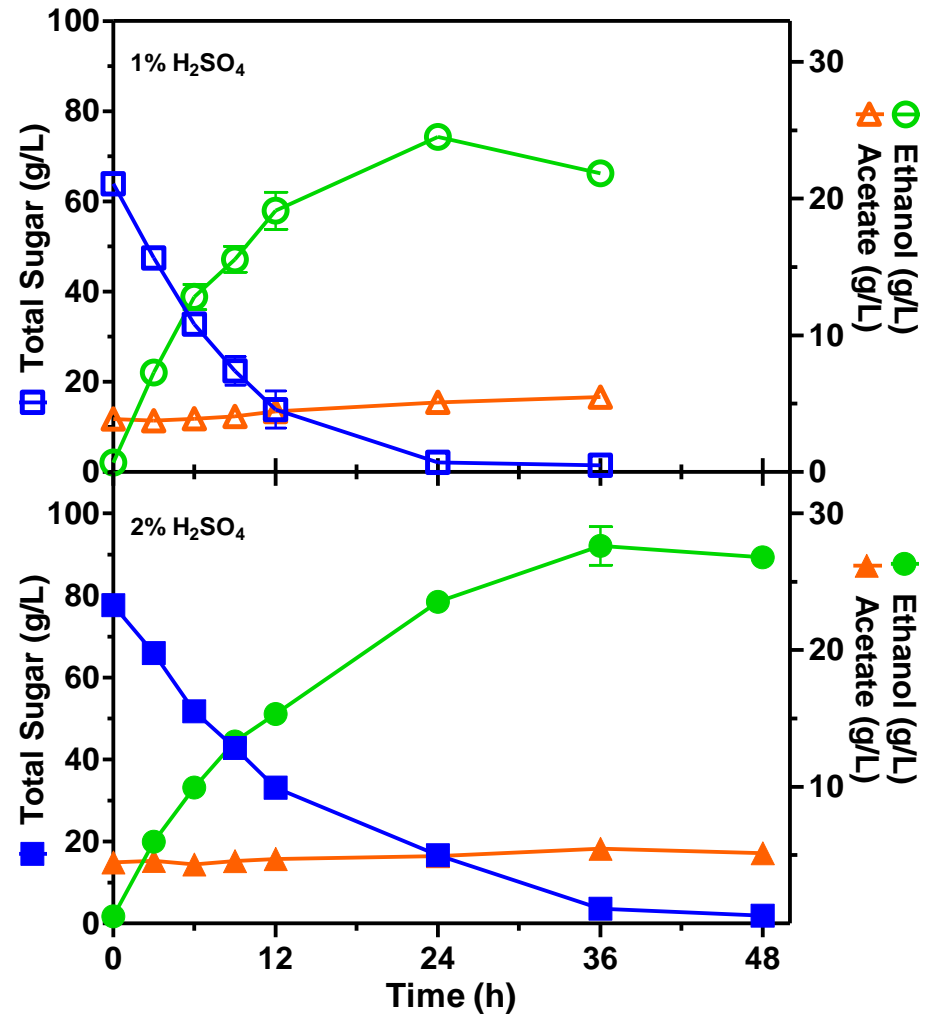
1 kg of Sugar Yields 0.51 kg of EtOH  
~ 0.5 USD / L

Non-aerated Cultures with  
Ethanologenic *E. coli* MS04, 3.7  
g/L, 0.2 L, 37°C, pH 7, 100 rpm.  
No salts were added. No detox.

Vargas-Tah et al.,  
Bioresource Technol.  
2015

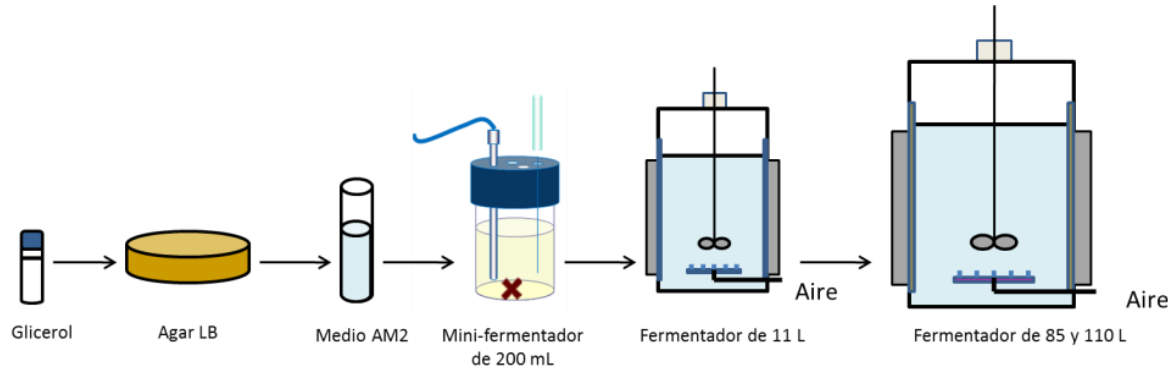


Comment  
Small Scale Biorefinery: Ethanol



All sugars are fermented to ethanol  
by ethanologenic *E. coli* MS04 in 36 h

# Lactic acid, Ethanol Scale-up



$k_L a$  7.2 h<sup>-1</sup>  
Corn stover  
hydrolysates  
0.2 → 400 L

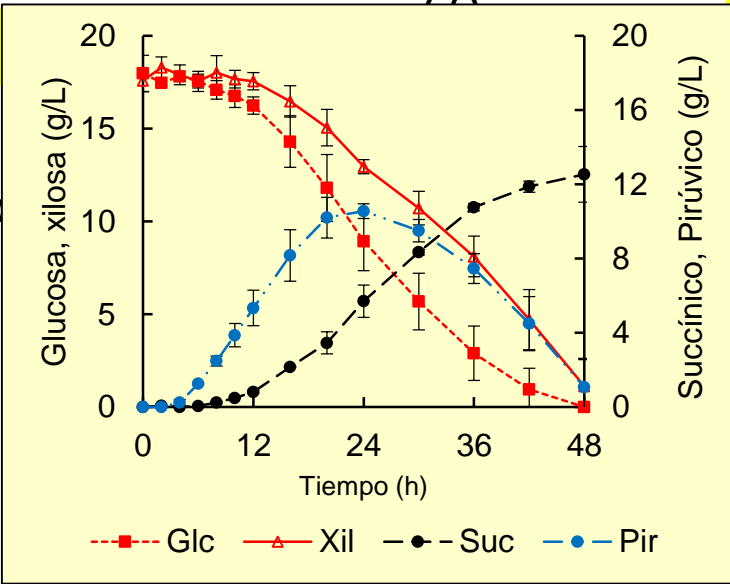
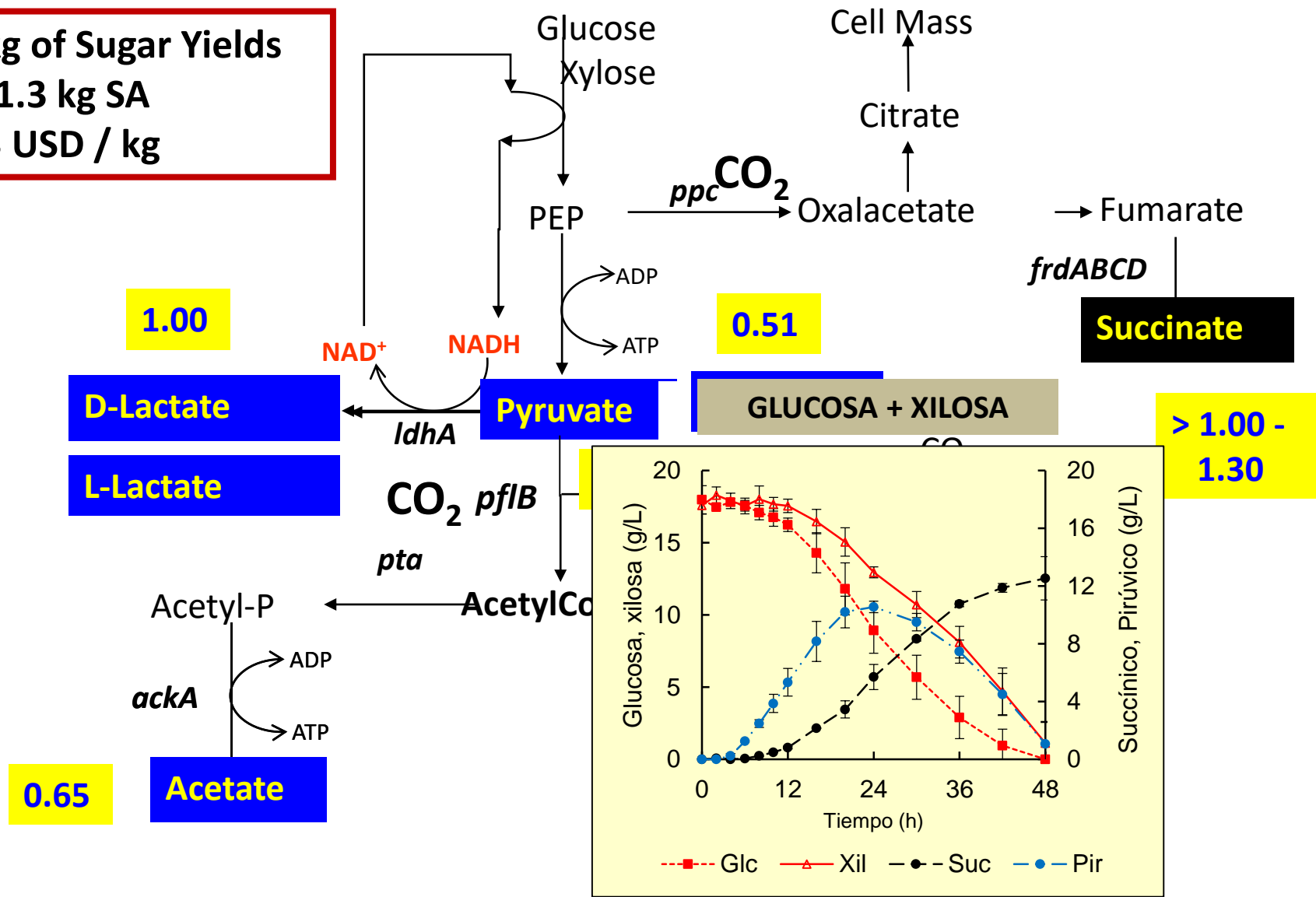
Yield: ~ 95%  
Productivity  
1.1 (- 0.5) g/L/h

Fernández-Sandoval et al. J. Chem Technol Biotechnol. 2017  
Sierra-Ibarra 2017, To be submitted



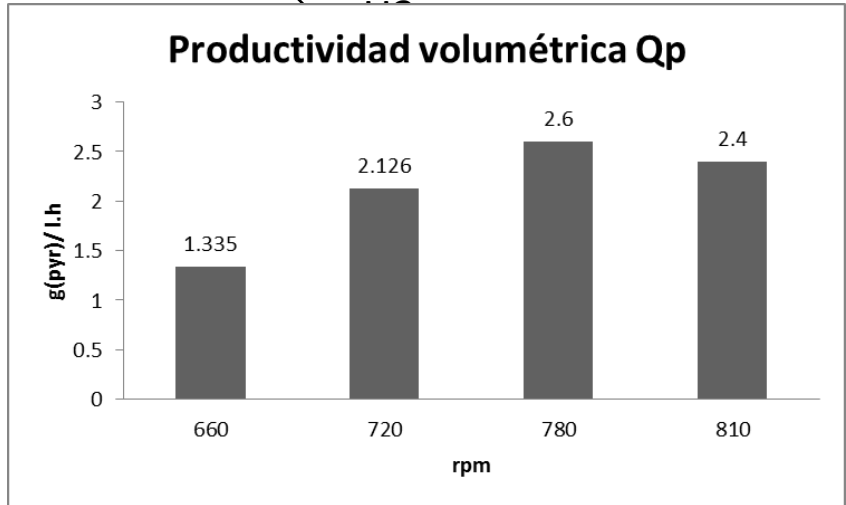
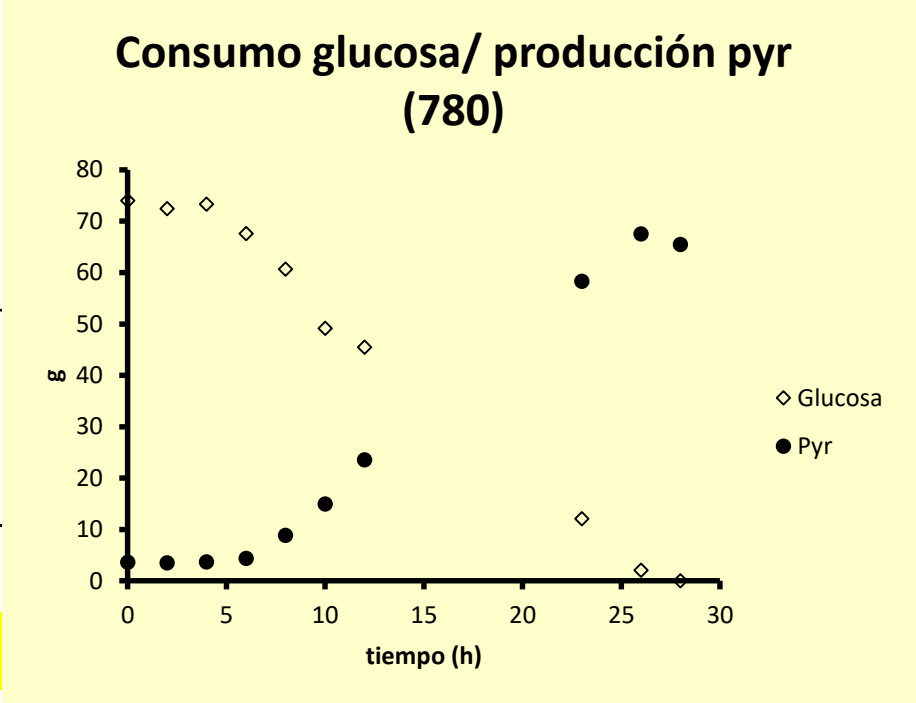
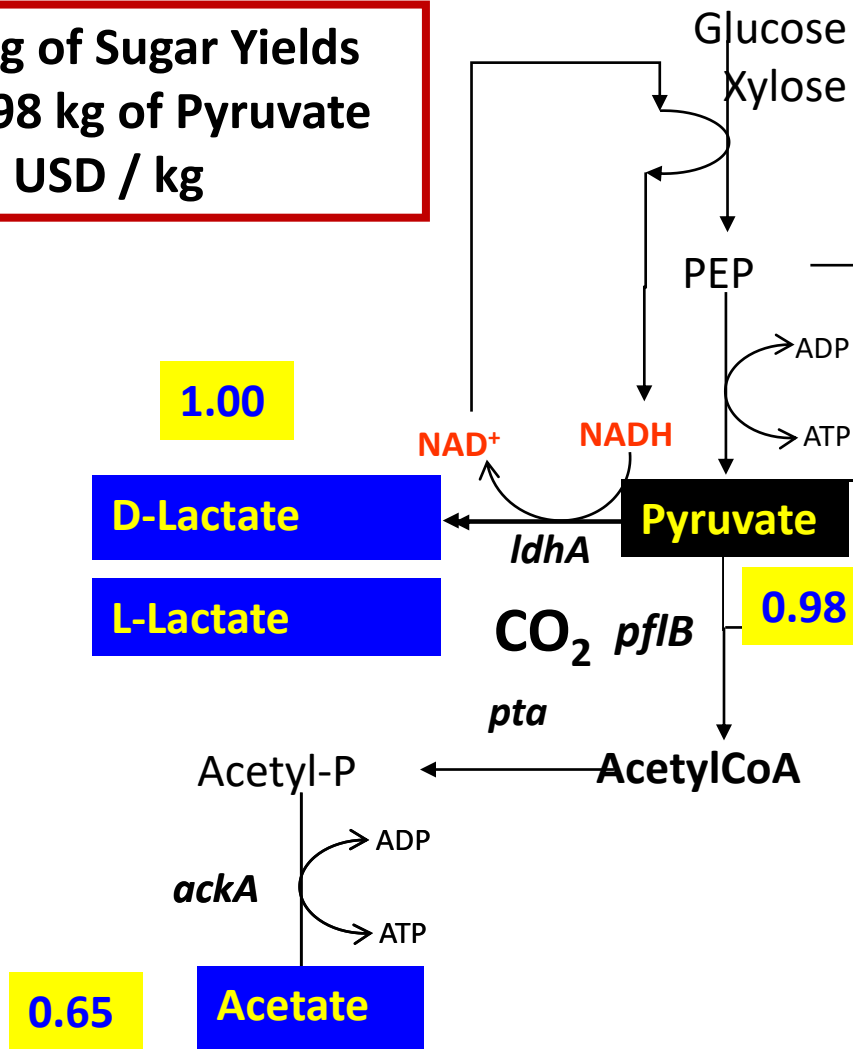
# Succinic acid: Strain JU15 $\Delta IdhA$ *frdA* *P**trc* *pck* $\Delta ppc$

1 kg of Sugar Yields  
1-1.3 kg SA  
> 3 USD / kg

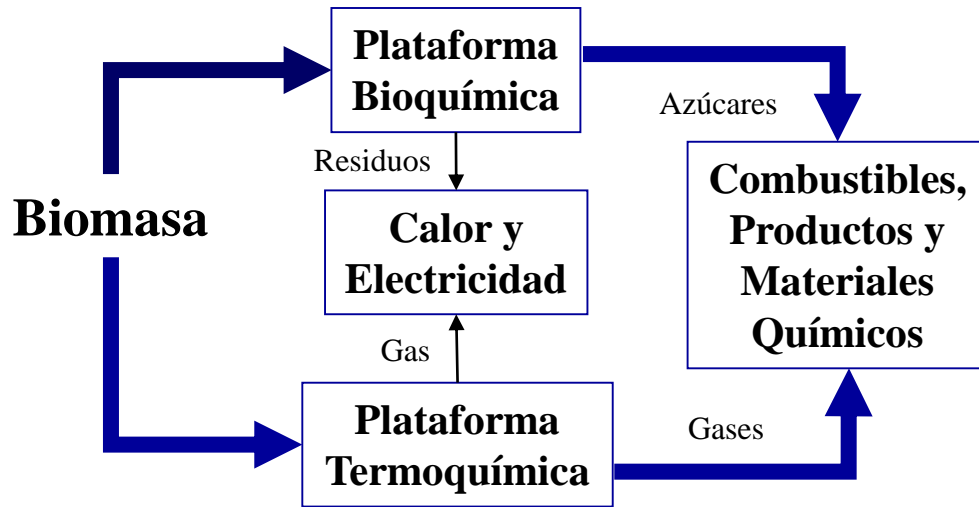


# Pyruvic acid: Strain JU15 $\Delta IdhA$

1 kg of Sugar Yields  
0.98 kg of Pyruvate  
> 1 USD / kg



# Biorefinery



## *Escherichia coli* as Microbial Cell Factory for the (Small Scale) Biorefinery Concept

- Etanol
- Butanol
- Propanol
- ~~Metano~~
- Bio-Diesel
- Bio-Gasolina
- Isopentenol
- Bio-Queroseno
- Bio-Hidrógeno
- Bio-Electricidad
- 1,3 Propanodiol
- PHB
- Plásticos
- Polímeros
- Solventes
- Fenólicos
- Resinas (furfural)
- Ac. grasos
- Ac. orgánicos
- Pigmentos
- Detergentes

# Who is *Escherichia coli*?

## What does *E. coli* do for humans?



*E. coli*: Bacteria

- Approximately 33% of the therapeutic proteins for human use are currently produced with *E. coli* in industrial fermenters.
- Human growth hormones; interferons; interleukins; erythropoietin; among others
- L-phenylalanine, PHB, and Propanediol, among others
- Easy to manipulate & cultivate

# Macromolecular composition of *N. oleoabundans* cells from batch and fed-batch cultures

Culture mode	Proteins (g <sub>PROT</sub> /g <sub>DCW</sub> *100)		Carbohydrates (g <sub>CARB</sub> /g <sub>DCW</sub> *100)		Lipids (g <sub>LIP</sub> /g <sub>DCW</sub> *100)	
	S	M	S	M	S	M
	Batch C/N = 17	41.2 (±0.4)	<u>43.7</u> <u>(±1.9)</u>	31.7 (±1.3)	30.9 (±3.5)	24.8 (±0.3)
Batch C/N = 278	42.9 (±1.7)	14.4 (±1.2)	32.1 (±0.4)	33.3 (±0.5)	23.3 (±1.2)	<u>51.7</u> <u>(±1.7)</u>
Fed-Batch	40.7 (±1.4)	11.6 (±0.9)	27.5 (±2.0)	<u>54.2</u> <u>(±0.1)</u>	27.5 (±1.9)	33.7 (±0.6)

S: at the start of the culture

M: at the time of maximum cell mass produced



# Combustibles Fósiles

## Necesidad de E. Renovables

### Biocombustibles

Combustibles Fósiles  
Y Biocombustibles  
Actuales

1ra  
Generación

*Almidón*  
*Sacarosa*  
Bio-Etanol

Fósiles

*Aceites de  
Plantas*  
Bio-Diesel

*Petróleo*  
Gasolina  
Diesel  
Turbosina

Islas y Martínez 2010

*Lignocelulosa*  
Bio-Etanol  
Bio-Butanol

*Oleaginosas  
no comestibles*  
Biodiesel  
Bioturbosina

2da  
Generación

*CO<sub>2</sub>*  
*Algas y  
Cianobacterias*  
H<sub>2</sub> Fotobiológico  
Bio-Diesel  
Bio-Petróleo  
Bio-Turbosina

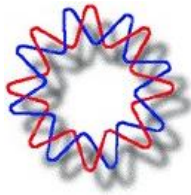
3ra  
Generación +++++

Biorefinería  
Bioplásticos  
Biosolventes  
*Proteínas Alimento*  
*Ácidos grasos*  
*Aceite comestible*  
Etc.

Biocombustibles – Biorrefinerías  
Mediano y Largo Plazo



# Gracias Preguntas



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