



**Direct fermentation to renewable  
isobutene, a platform to fuels  
and chemicals**

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# Synthetic biology at the heart of new value chains

Agro-industries

GLOBAL BIOENERGIES

Petrochemistry

Sugar beet and cane

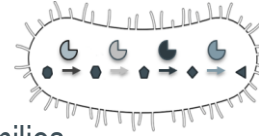


Cereals

**Industrial sugars**

### Breakthrough innovation:

- First artificial metabolic pathway created by way of synthetic biology



### Intellectual property:

- Exclusive rights on 32 patent families
- 38 patents already granted



**Isobutene**



Drop-in gasoline, LPG and jet fuel

Materials, specialty chemicals, Lubricants, cosmetics



**1 Fermentation**

Breakthrough technology: direct fermentation to a gas

**2 Purification**

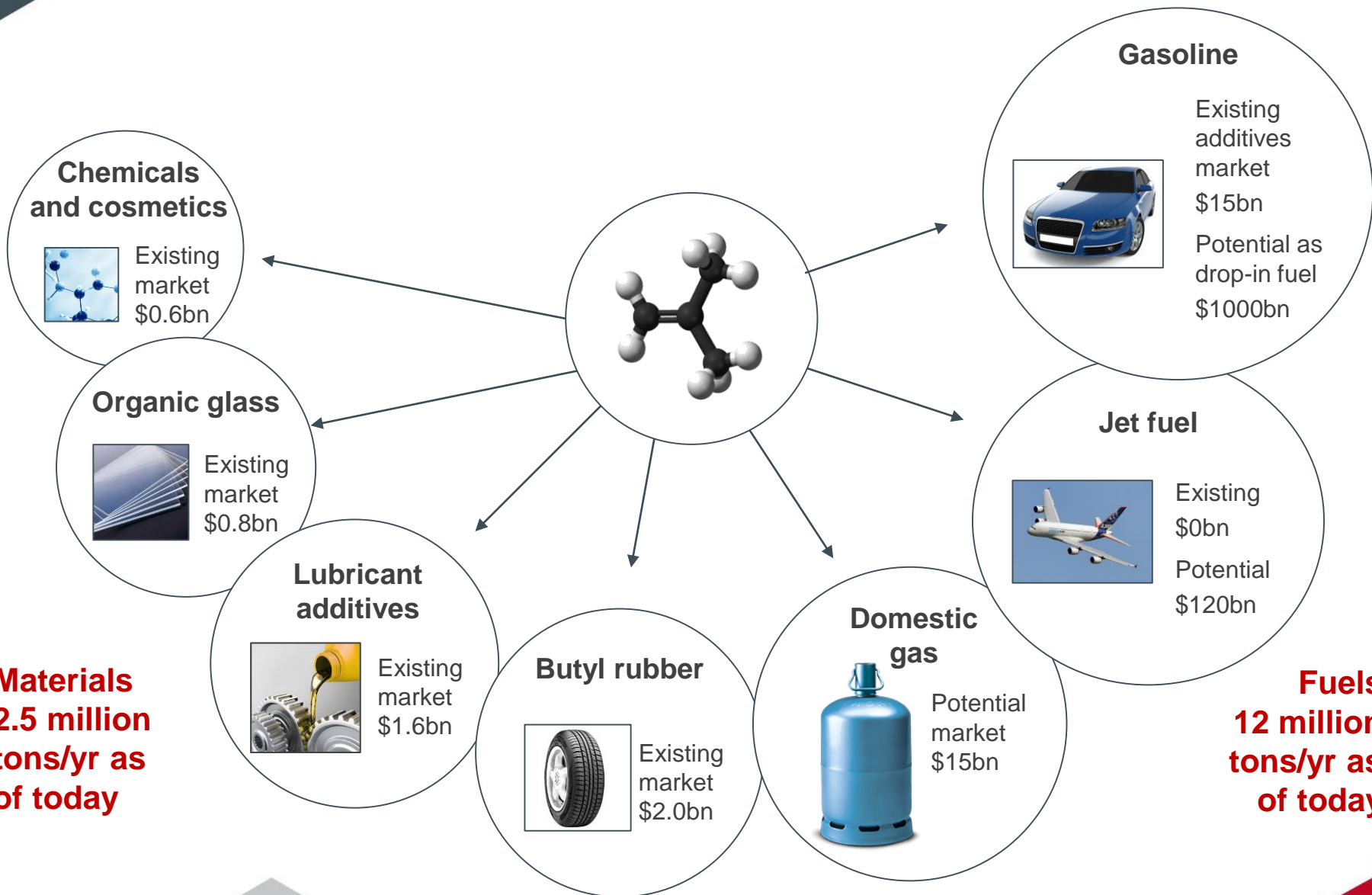
Combination of proven petrochemical modules

Develop processes converting 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation feedstocks into renewable fuels and materials to secure supply and limit global warming

First target: isobutene, a key platform molecule today massively derived from oil

# Direct fermentation to isobutene: Technology and upscaling

# Isobutene: a platform molecule with large existing markets



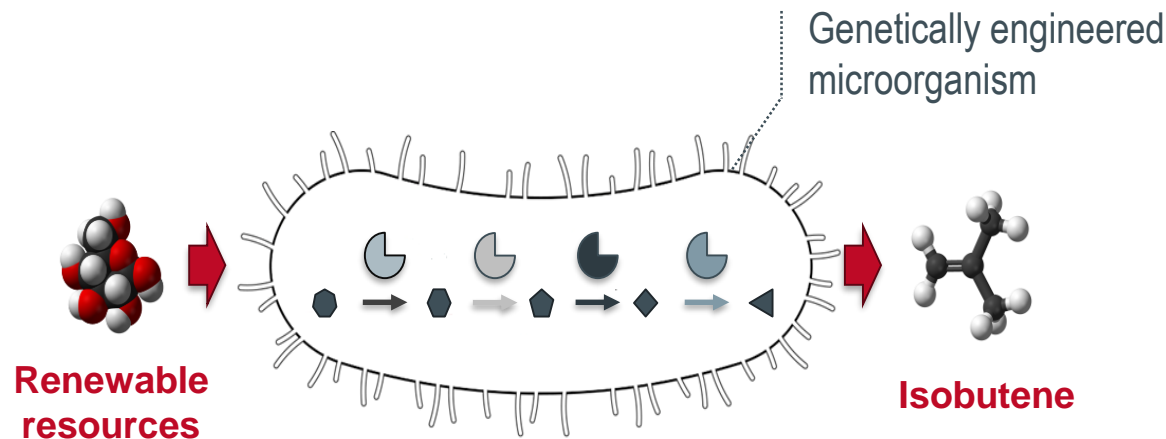
**Materials**  
2.5 million tons/yr as of today

**Fuels**  
12 million tons/yr as of today



# How can it be produced renewably?

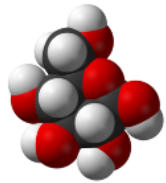
- ▶ **Synthetic biology** has enabled Global Bioenergies to create “**Microbial factories**”



- ▶ This **breakthrough innovation**:

- Opens up a new domain: the direct production of gaseous hydrocarbons
- Is protected by 32 patent families
- Similar approach applied to other programs on butadiene, propylene, isopropanol, ...

# A simple and robust industrial process

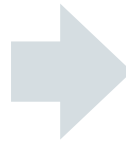


**Renewable resources**



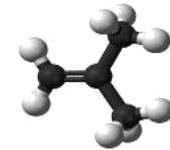
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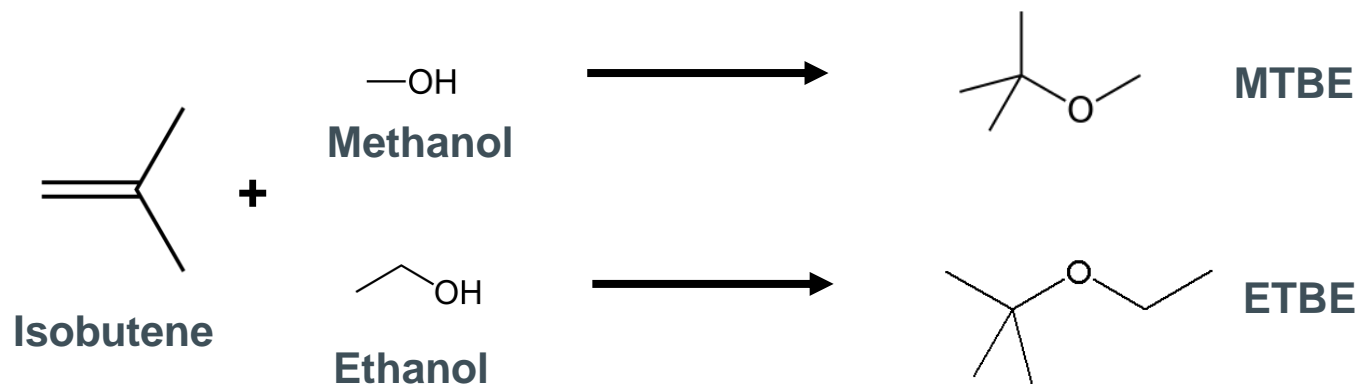
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**Isobutene**

## Biobased MTBE, 100% bio-based ETBE

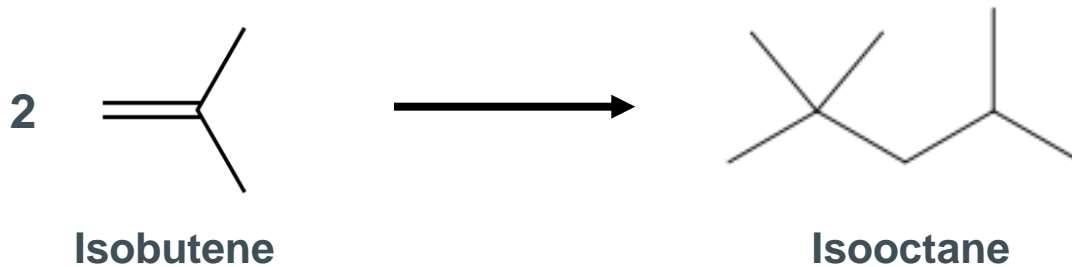


### Advantages:

- MTBE counting for blending mandates
- ETBE with 2.7 times more biobased energy
- Biobased additives to avoid the blending wall



# Isooctane, reference component for gasoline, bio-based



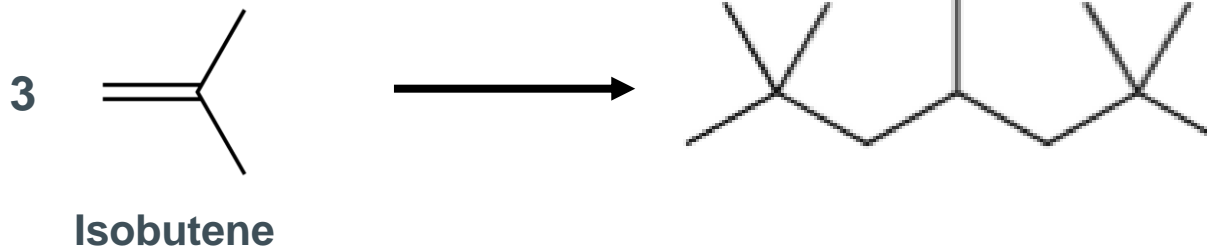
## Advantages:

- The reference molecule for gasoline: octane number of 100
- High energy density (+64% vs ethanol)
- 100% drop-in, no infrastructure adaptation needed
- Sugars can be sourced from cellulose: 2<sup>nd</sup> generation and without blending wall
- **Partnership with Audi (e-benzin)**



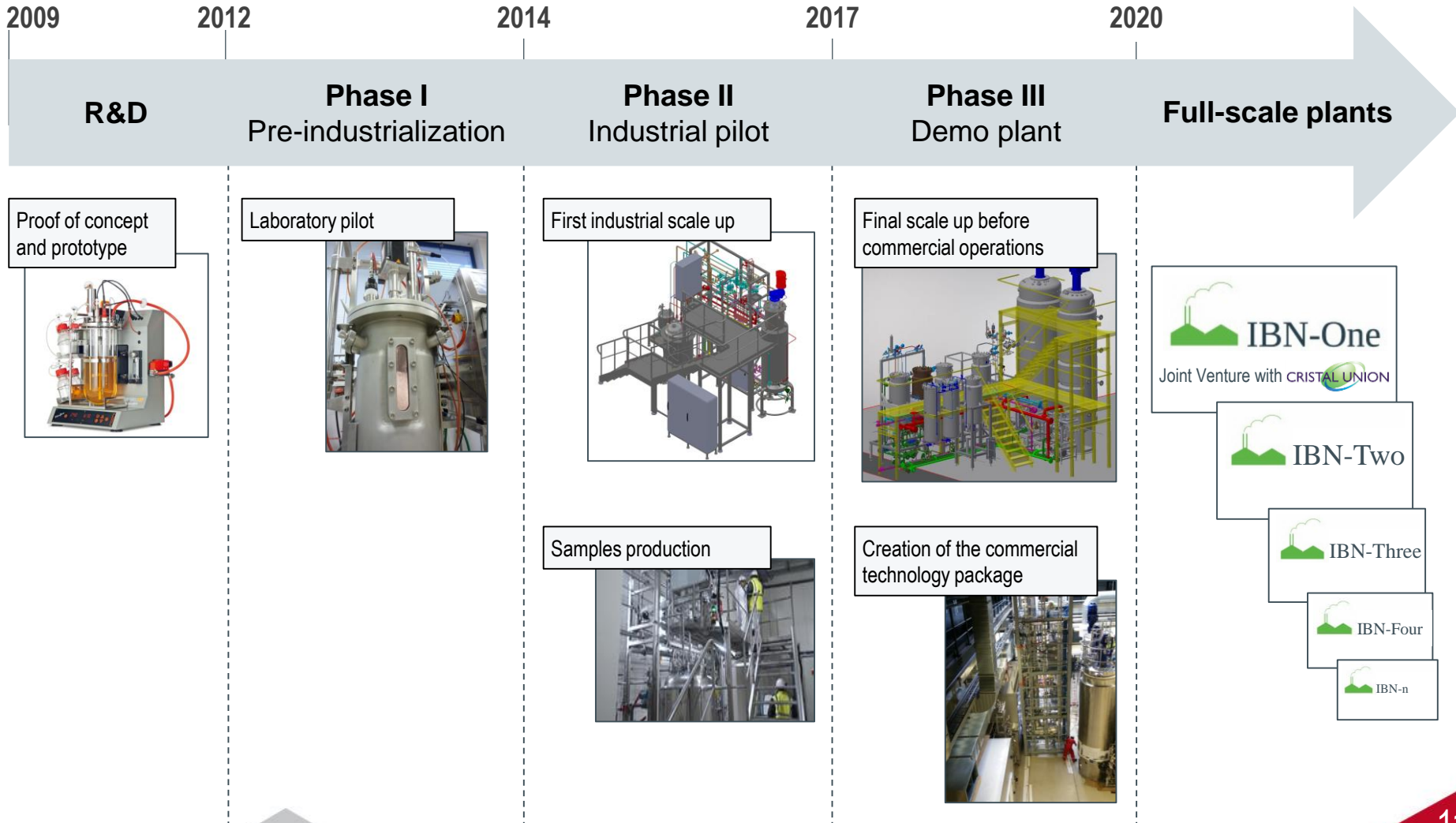
Audi

## Isododecane, a jet fuel component



- Isododecane is an isoparaffinic synthetic paraffin (i-SPK) thus has excellent cold-flow properties

# Approaching commercial maturity using 1<sup>st</sup> generation resources



# Demonstration plant - Leuna, Germany

## ► The demo plant a glance

- Capacity: 100 tons/yr
- CAPEX: €10m
- €5.7m public financing
- €4.4m bank loan
- Operated by **Fraunhofer CBP**
- Startup sequence started December 2016



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## ► Objectives

- Demonstrate process on 1<sup>st</sup> generation industrial sugars
- Deliver ton scale batches for market development
- Provide data for engineering of 1<sup>st</sup> commercial plant
- Start testing 2<sup>nd</sup> generation sugars

# IBN-One: first commercial plant project

- ▶ Supported by the ADEME *Investissements d'Avenir* program



- ▶ Estimated CAPEX: €115 million to be funded by

- Cristal Union
- Public & Private infrastructure funds
- Banking debt

- ▶ Engineering studies:  TechnipFMC



- ▶ Commercial operations to start in 2021

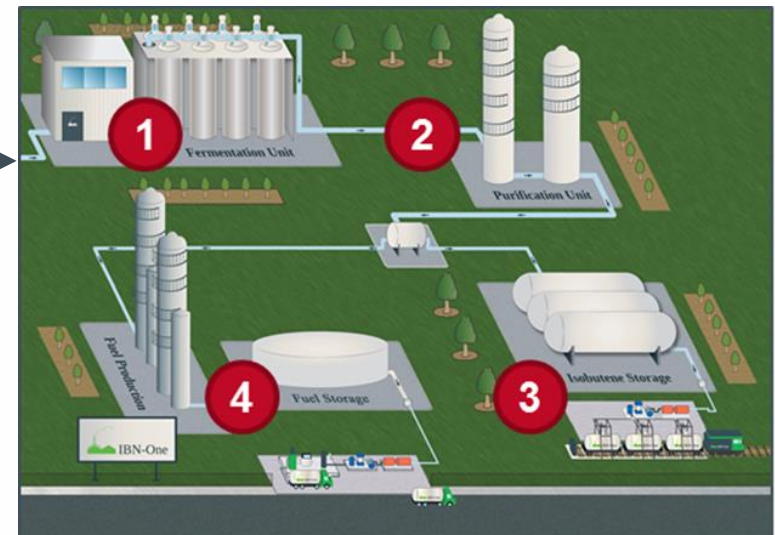
- ▶ First agreements signed with

L'ORÉAL



- 1 Production** – 120-200Kt industrial sucrose are converted into 30-50Kt gaseous, low purity isobutene
- 2 Purification** – isobutene is isolated from surrounding fermentation gases
- 3 Shipping** – Liquid high purity isobutene (99.7%) is stored and shipped for chemical applications
- 4 Conversion** – Part of the production is converted on site into bio-fuels

Sugar mill



# Collaborations on isobutene derivatives

Since 2012



**Audi**

Leading German car manufacturer

Collaboration on 'e-gasoline' development

Since 2013



France's #1 chemicals company

Collaboration on methacrylic acid

Since 2016

**L'ORÉAL**

World's #1 cosmetics company

Collaboration on cosmetic applications of Isobutene

Since 2017



Leading French gas provider

Commercial agreement on domestic gas applications

Since 2016



Leader in specialty fuels

Commercial agreement on isooctane for small engines

Applications tests underway at numerous industrialists including



World's #1 Butyl rubber manufacturer



European leader in specialty chemicals



# Biobased isobutene into butane : first bottles sold by Butagaz in France



## Biobased isobutene into gasoline : first car (Audi A4) driven on renewable gasoline



- A standard Audi A4 car was driven on a blend containing 34% renewable gasoline (from renewable isooctane and ETBE derived from green isobutene)
- Compliant with EN228 European norm for gasoline → **could be sold on the market**
- High performances (high octane number), and possibly reduced particles emission.

# Feedstock diversification: sugars from residues

# Isobutene from agricultural residues: Optisochem project

Straw



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- ▶ European consortium to validate a new value chain (from straw to isobutene-derived products) at Demo scale

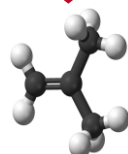
Hydrolysate



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- ▶ European Union grant: €9.8m (including €4.4m to Global Bioenergies)

Isobutene



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- ▶ Partners: Global Bioenergies, Clariant, Ineos, TechnipFMC, IPSB and JKU

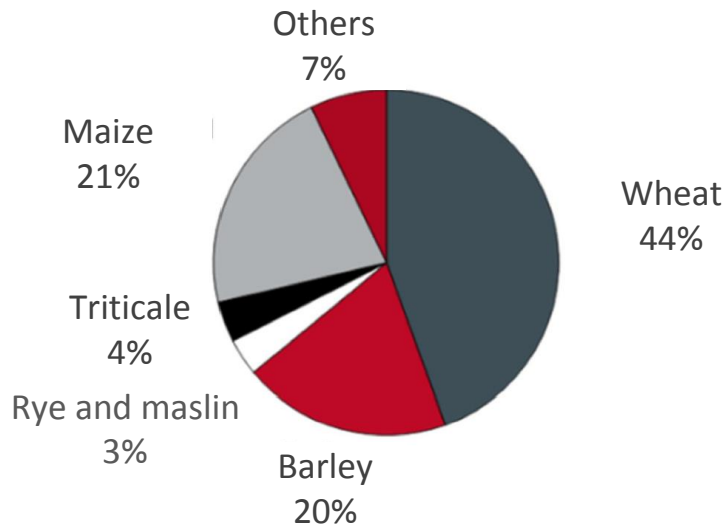
Cosmetics,  
Plastics,  
Solvents,  
Lubricants





## Straw availability in Europe

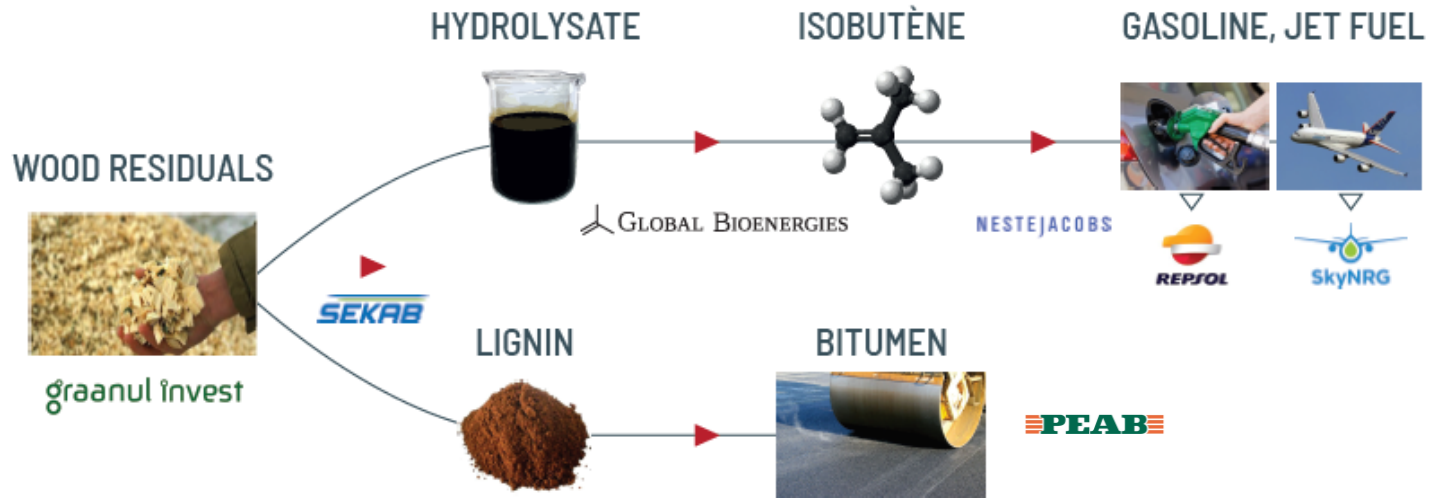
European agricultural residuals origin (2014)



**Total production of residuals:  
366 million tons**

- ▶ European cereals production generates 366 million tons per year of residuals (wheat straw, corn stover, ...).
- ▶ From these 366 million tons, up to 122 million tons of residuals could be sustainably available every year for chemicals and biofuels usage.
- ▶ Out of wheat straw, ~45% of the content can be extracted as sugars, ~36% as lignin (available as bioenergy or for materials). ~55 million tons of 2G sugars available from agricultural residuals.

# Isobutene from forestry residues: Rewofuel project



- ▶ European consortium to validate a new value chain (from wood residuals to drop-in biofuels) at Demo scale

- ▶ European Union grant: €13.9m



- ▶ Partners: Global Bioenergies, Graanul invest, Sekab, Neste Engineering Solutions, Repsol, SkyNRG, Ajinomoto Eurolysine, Peab, TechnipFMC, IPSB and JKU



## Forestry residues available in Europe

### Forestry residues European Union; 2015

Harvest residues (kt/a)	coniferous	non-coniferous	Residues from sawnwood production (Kt/a)	
Branches and various cut-off	36.047	26.587	Saw-dust	10.488
Bark	13.045	5.400	Wood chips	28.602
Foliage	19.905	3.570		
<b>Total</b>	<b>68.998</b>	<b>35.558</b>		<b>39.089</b>

- ▶ Availability of wood harvest residues in Europe (2015): 105 Mt per year. Availability of residues from sawn-wood production is estimated to be about 39 Mt per year in Europe → Total feedstock availability of 144 Mt per year in Europe.
- ▶ Out of 160 Mt of gasoline + jet fuel consumed every year in Europe, the REWOFUEL project holds the potential to produce millions of tons of drop-in fuels (gasoline and jet fuel),



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