

Sustainable Utilization of herbaceous Biomass.

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Project Objectives

- ○ Ascertain the availability of suitable biomass, it's cost, quality and yields.
- ○ Develop methodology and processes for extracting high value bio-chemicals from green biomass such as sparteine and its derivatives, lactic acid and ethyl lactate and to test-run the production of these.
- ○ Develop a new continuous fermentation process for lactic acid.
- ○ Develop a new ethyl-lactate production process.
- ○ Select optimal economical processes and products that contribute to the biosphere and asses production in rural communities

The BESUB –Craft-project consortium:

Contractors:

The Icelandic Biomass Company, Iceland
tetra Ingenieure GmbH., Germany
Beltra Forestry Ltd. Ireland

RTD performers:

Rala, Iceland
Universität Heidelberg, Germany
Biorefinery.de. Germany
BIOPOS. Germany
AtB. Germany

Workpackages

Wp 1: Biomass procurement:

WP 2: Sparteine separation and derivatives development.

WP 3: The evaluation of yields in fermentation processes:

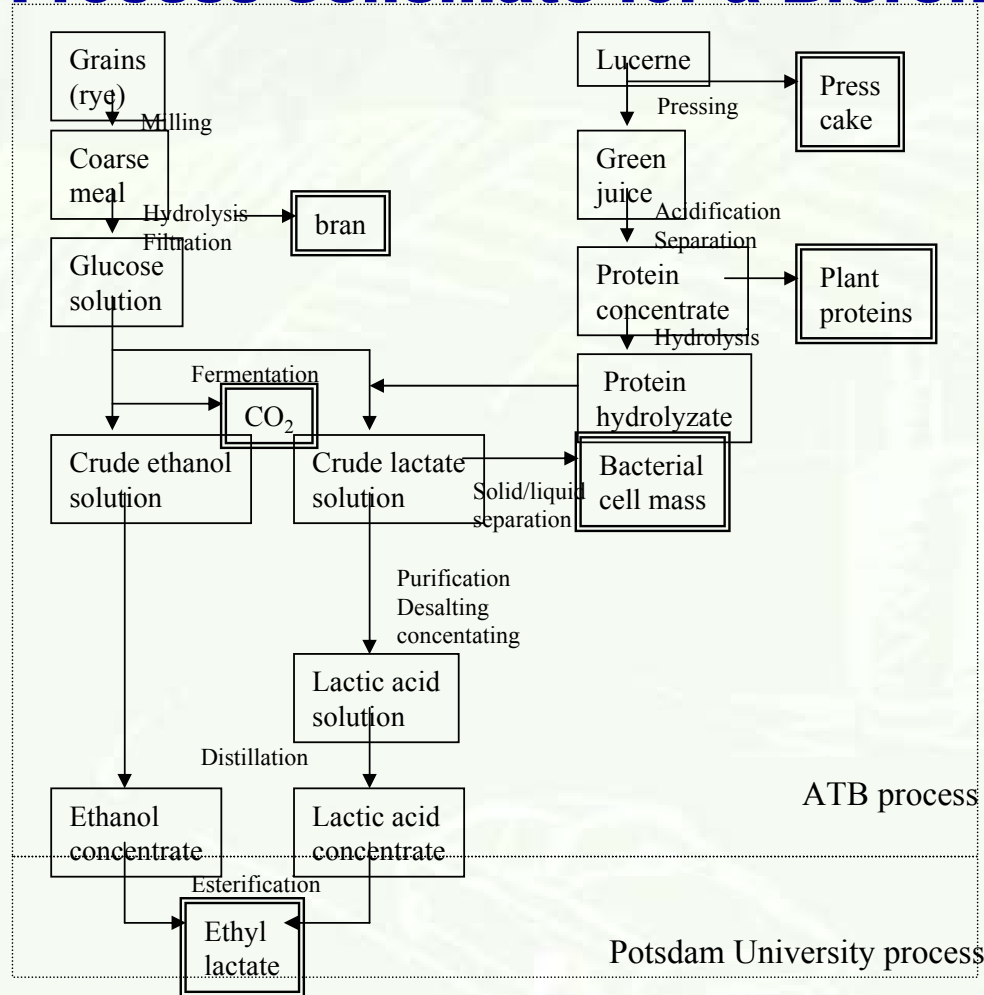
WP 4: The use of residue materials:

WP 5: Economic assessment:

WP 6: Project evaluation and the next steps:

WP 7: Co-ordination and dissemination of results:

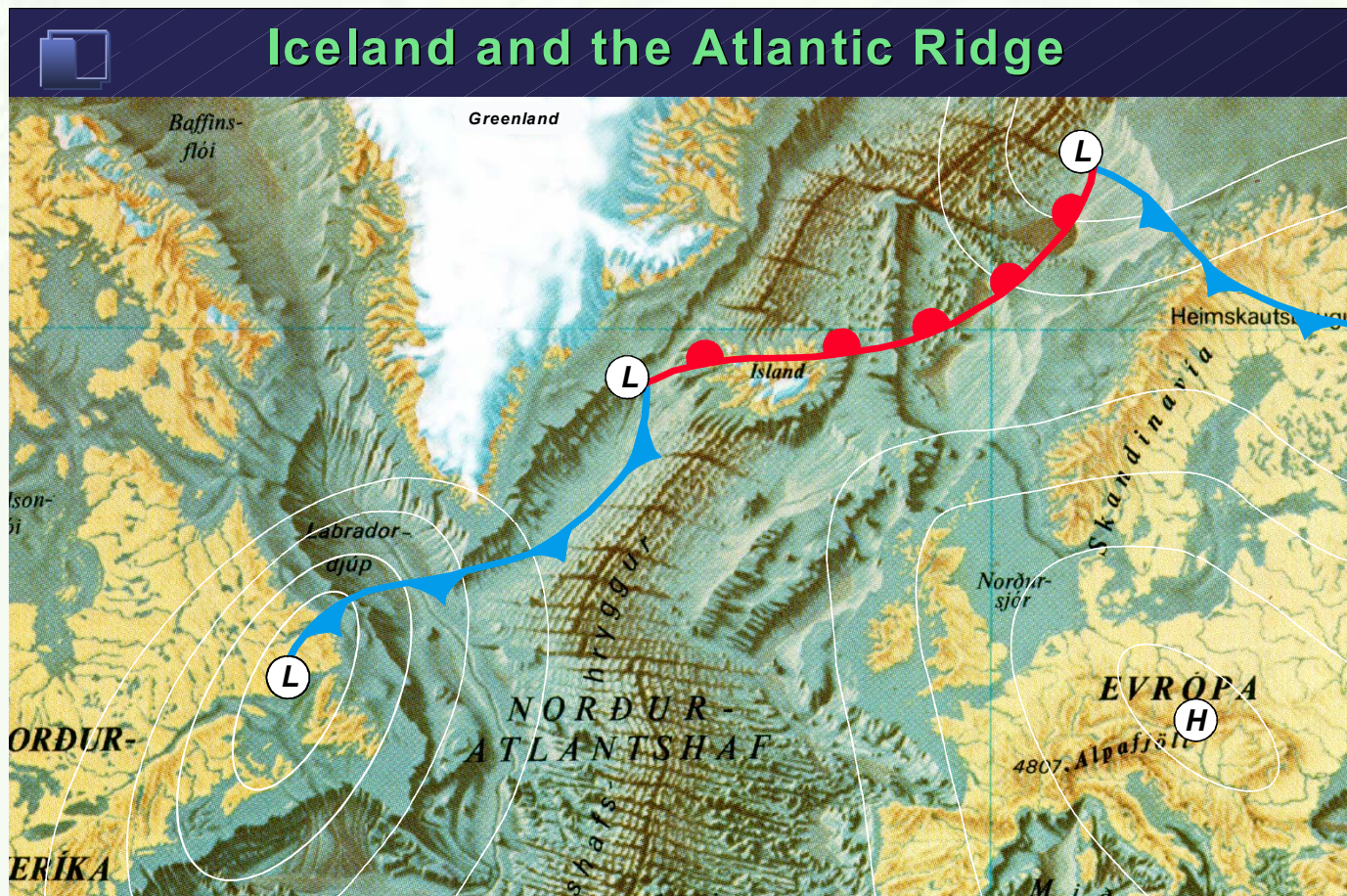
A Process Schemate for a Biorefinery.



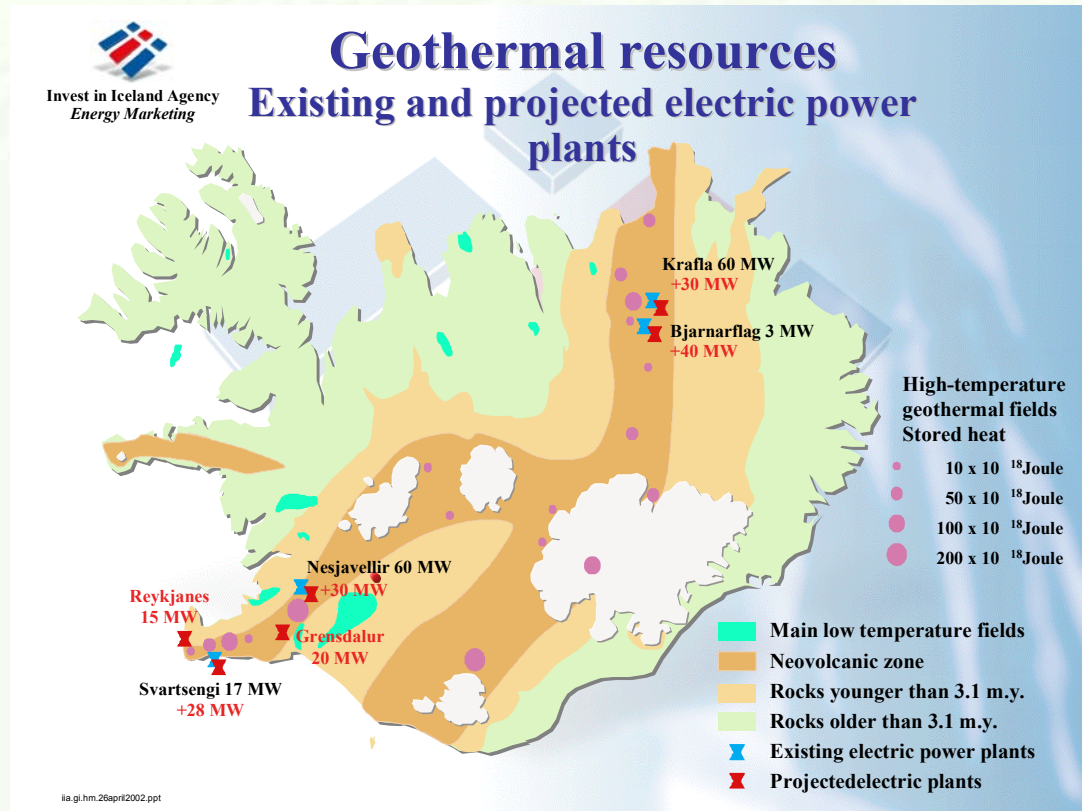
Simplified process diagram of the ATB/Potsdam University process
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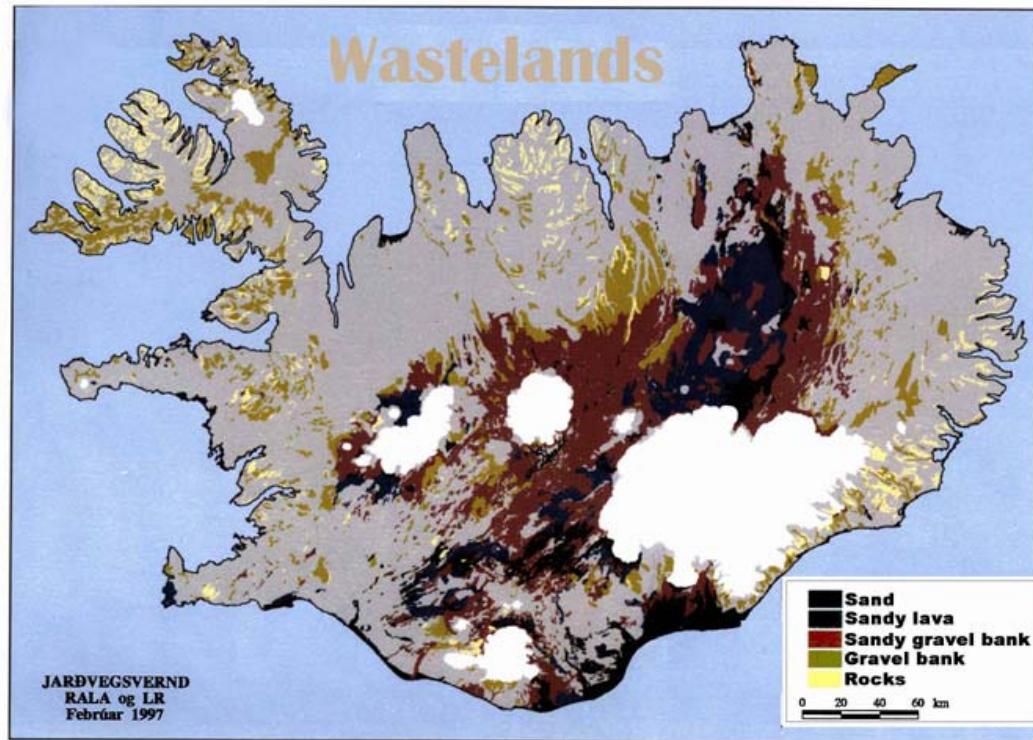
Iceland and the Atlantic Ridge



Geothermal potential in Iceland



Wastelands in Iceland



A Lupinefield in Iceland



Possible products:

- Ethanol.
- Carbon dioxide.
- Sparteine derivatives
- Animal feed
- Ethyl-lactate

Achievements

- Biomass procurement is being developed
- Alkaloid removal and sparteine derivatives processes are under development
- Ethanol and feed production processes have been developed
- Development of new processes to produce Ethyl-lactate and Lactic acid are in development



Thank you all for listening