

Kick-off session: "Biotechnology for a sustainable bioeconomy"



MEmbrane Modulation for BiopRocess enhANcEment

MEmBrane

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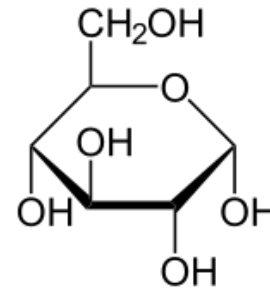
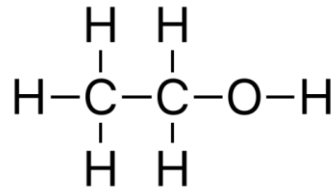


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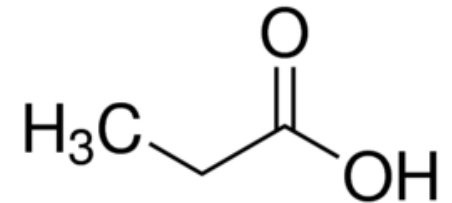
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- Lallemand, Spain:
 - Mr José María Heras



- Pakmaya, Turkey:
 - Dr Mustafa Turker



- Aston University, UK:

- *Dr Alan Goddard, Dr Alice Rothnie, Prof. Roslyn Bill, Prof. Corinne Spickett, Prof. Andrew Pitt*

- Expertise in membrane proteins, lipidomics, biophysics and strain engineering



- University of York, UK:

- *Dr. Gavin Thomas, Dr Vicky Springthorpe*

- Expertise in membrane proteins and –omics integration



- Forschungszentrum Jülich, Germany:

- *Dr Stephan Noack, Dr Jan Marienhagen*

- Expertise in high-throughput screening



- Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC), Spain:

- *Prof. Amparo M. Querol, Dr José Guillamón, Dr Eladio Barrio*
- Expertise in proteomics, transcriptomics and yeast engineering / evolution



- University of Groningen, Netherlands:

- *Prof. Siewert-Jan Marrink*
- Expertise in membrane lipid and protein *in silico* modelling



- Remembrane, Italy:

- Expertise in *in vitro* lipid supplementation to boost specific bioprocesses.



- Nova-Institute, Germany:

- Expertise in feedstock supply, techno-economic and environmental evaluation, market research, dissemination, project management and policy for a sustainable bio-based economy.







- Total project budget: €2.4 million

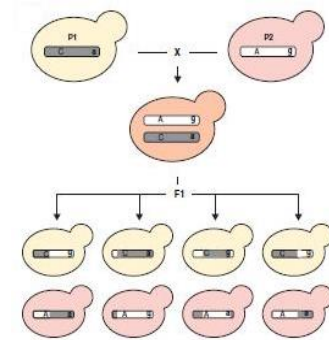
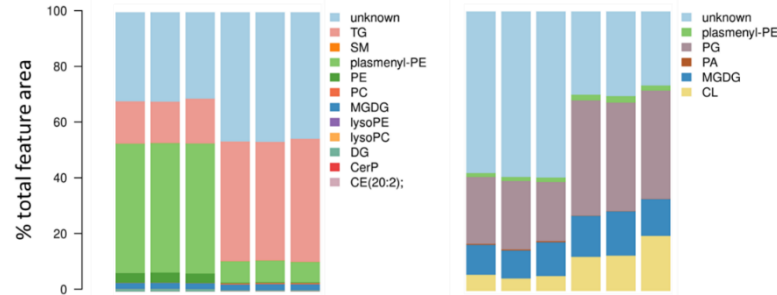
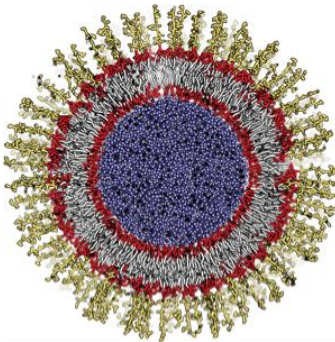
- Project start: 30th April 2018

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Project objectives

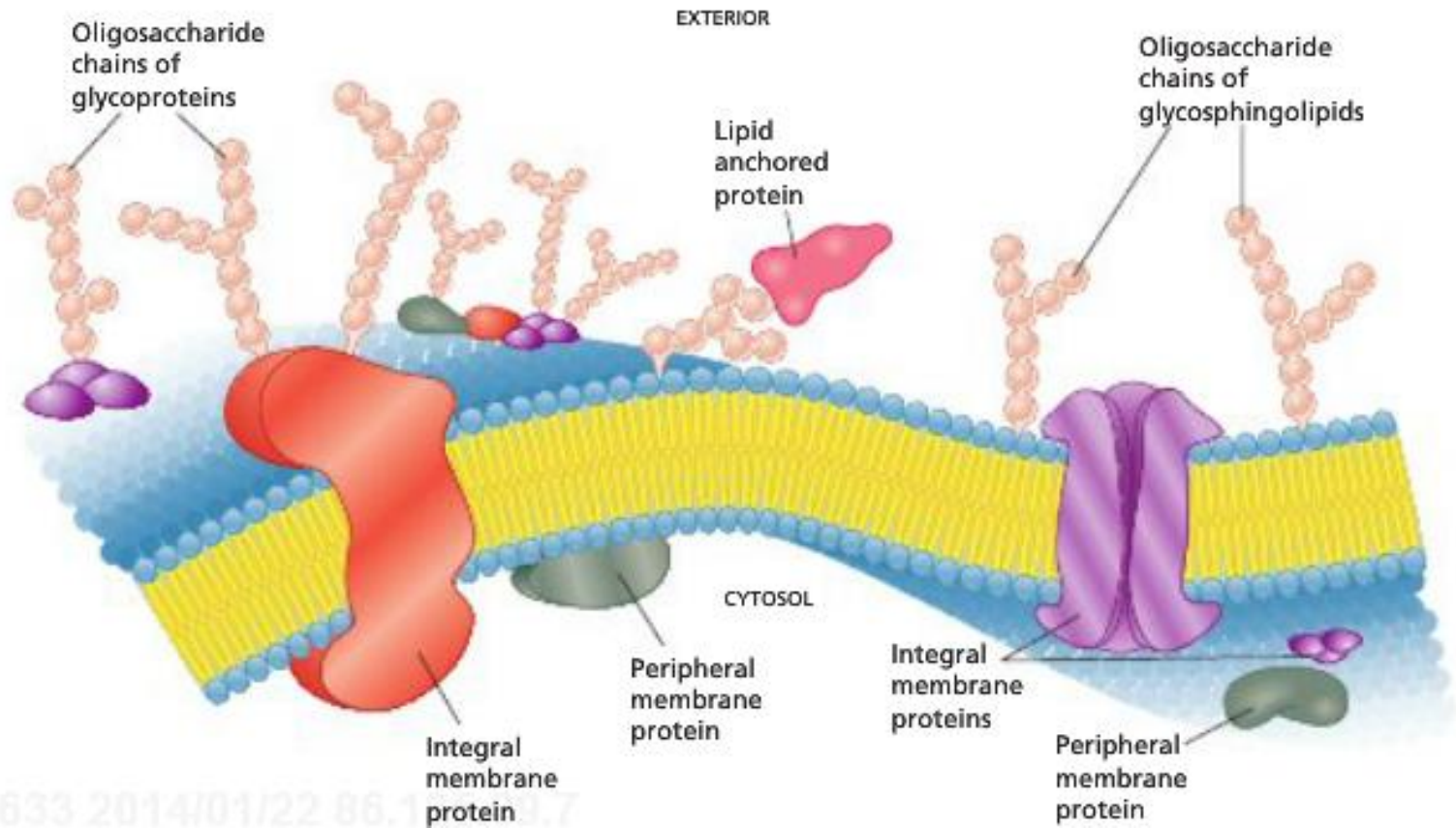
-  Develop strong collaborations between leading academic research groups and industry to commercialise bioprocesses
-  Overcome toxicity challenges in existing bioprocesses by engineering cellular membrane composition
-  Achieve more sustainable, competitive and eco-efficient fermentative processes
-  Achieve improved yield per mass unit biomass-input compared to current processes allowing validation of TRL 5

- Scientific approach
 - Synthetic biology, Systems biology, Bioinformatic tools



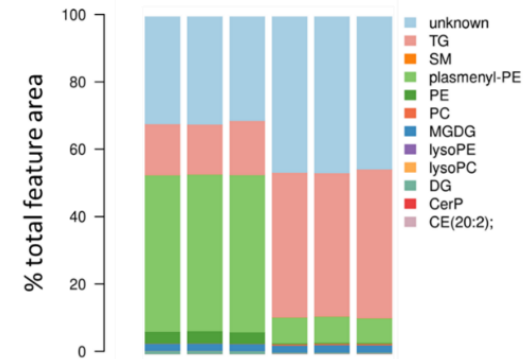
- Project topic area
 - Sustainable production and conversion of different types of feedstocks and bioresources into added value products
 - Sustainable industrial processes

Lipids and Membranes



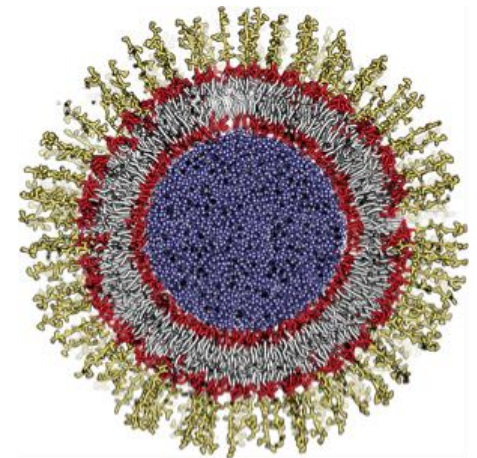
WP1: -omics technologies

- Isolate strains with high or low resistance
- Quantitative lipidomics, transcriptomics, proteomics
- Integration of datasets using whole-genome metabolic models

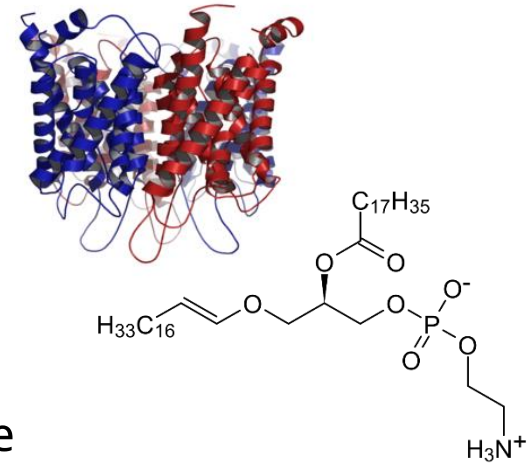


WP2: *in vitro* and *in silico* analysis

- Allows rapid screening of membrane compositions
- Use model bilayers to determine desirable lipid compositions
- Produce, isolate and characterise membrane proteins of interest
- Use parallel molecular dynamics approaches to understand these processes in detail



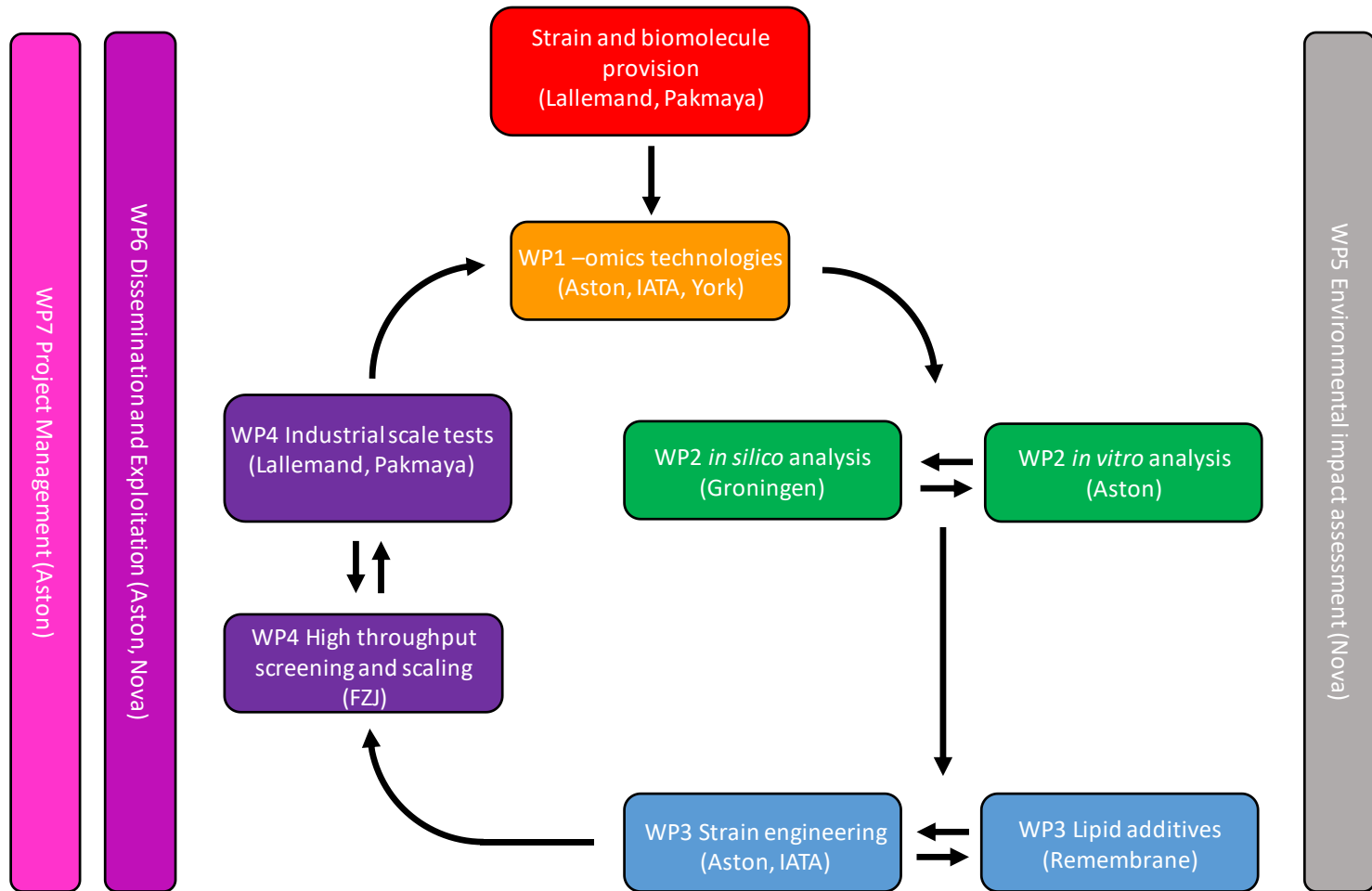
- WP₃: Membrane Engineering
 - Synthetic biology and rational genetic improvement
 - Additive-mediated approaches
 - Non-recombinant strategies
- WP₄: High throughput screening and industrial scale tests
 - High throughput screening in the lab
 - Small-scale laboratory testing of best strains
 - Scale up into industrial environments
- WPs 1-4 are iterative.

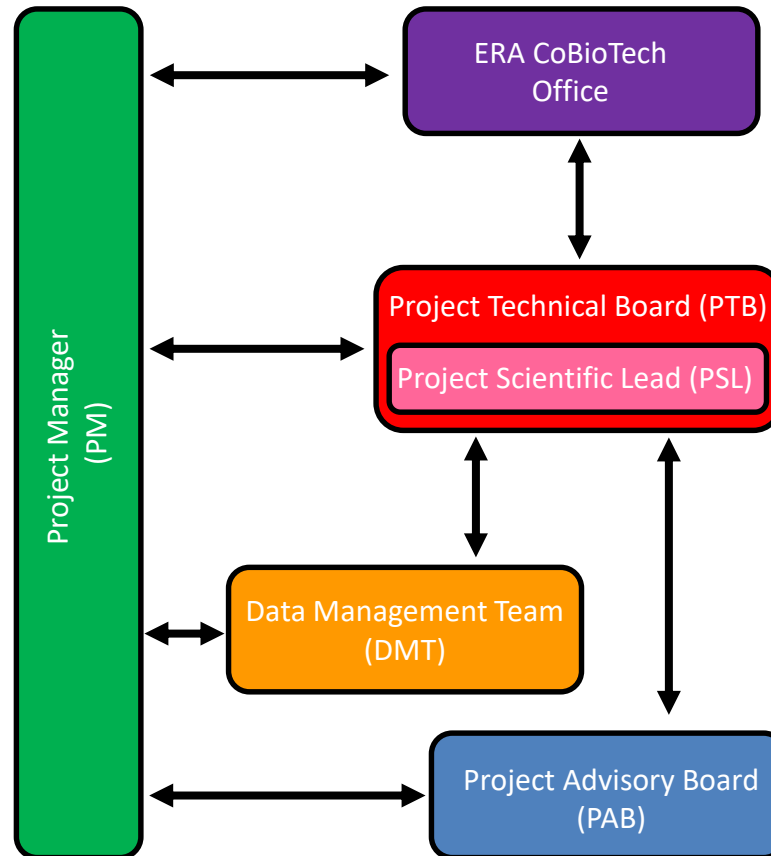


- WP5: Environmental and social impact assessment
 - Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) analysis
 - Identify potential hot spots
 - Compare products to existing counterparts
 - Cradle-to-gate approach

- WP6: Dissemination and Exploitation
 - Communication with public, research community, government and academia
 - Data management
 - IP

- WP7: Project Management.

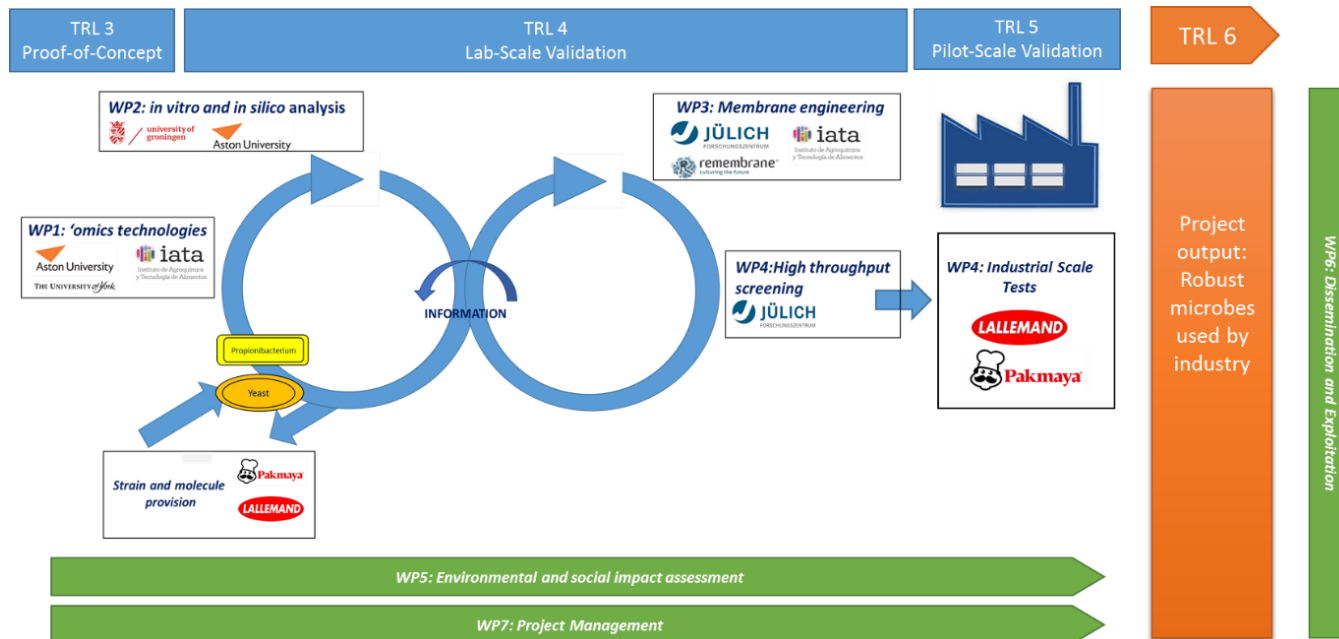




- Outcomes to be achieved
 - The development of bioprocesses which are more economic and eco-efficient
 - Newly-developed strains progressed from TRL₃ to 5
 - Effective communication of MeMBrane outcomes to a range of stakeholders

- Planned implementation and exploitation of results
 - Implementation of strains at an industrial scale
 - Dissemination of approaches to allow improvements across the sector

- MEmbrane Modulation for BiopRocess enhANcEment
- Two industrial biotechnology processes enhanced by progression of new strains from TRL₃ to TRL₅.



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