



# Clean Energy and Sustainability Symposium: Australia-Brazil

## Biomass applications in terms of biorefinery and nanotechnology

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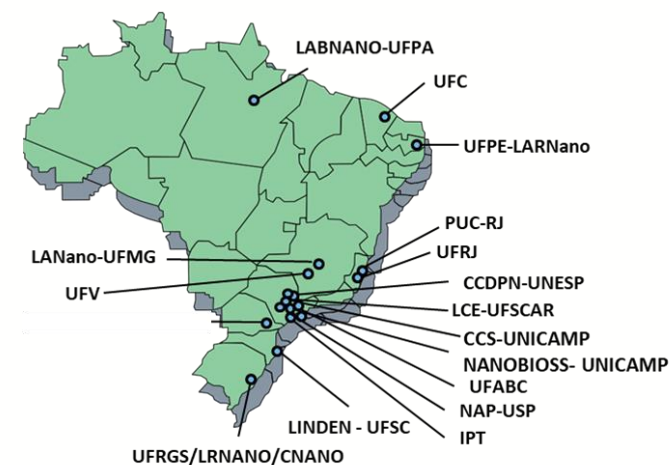
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Biorefinery

Bioeconomy

Circular economy



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Isolamento de nanoestruturas de materiais lignocelulósicos residuais

Nanomateriais a base de celulose

Materiais compósitos

# LCNano – Biomass applications

Produção de nanoestruturas

Modificação de superfícies

Desenvolvimento de filmes nanoestruturados



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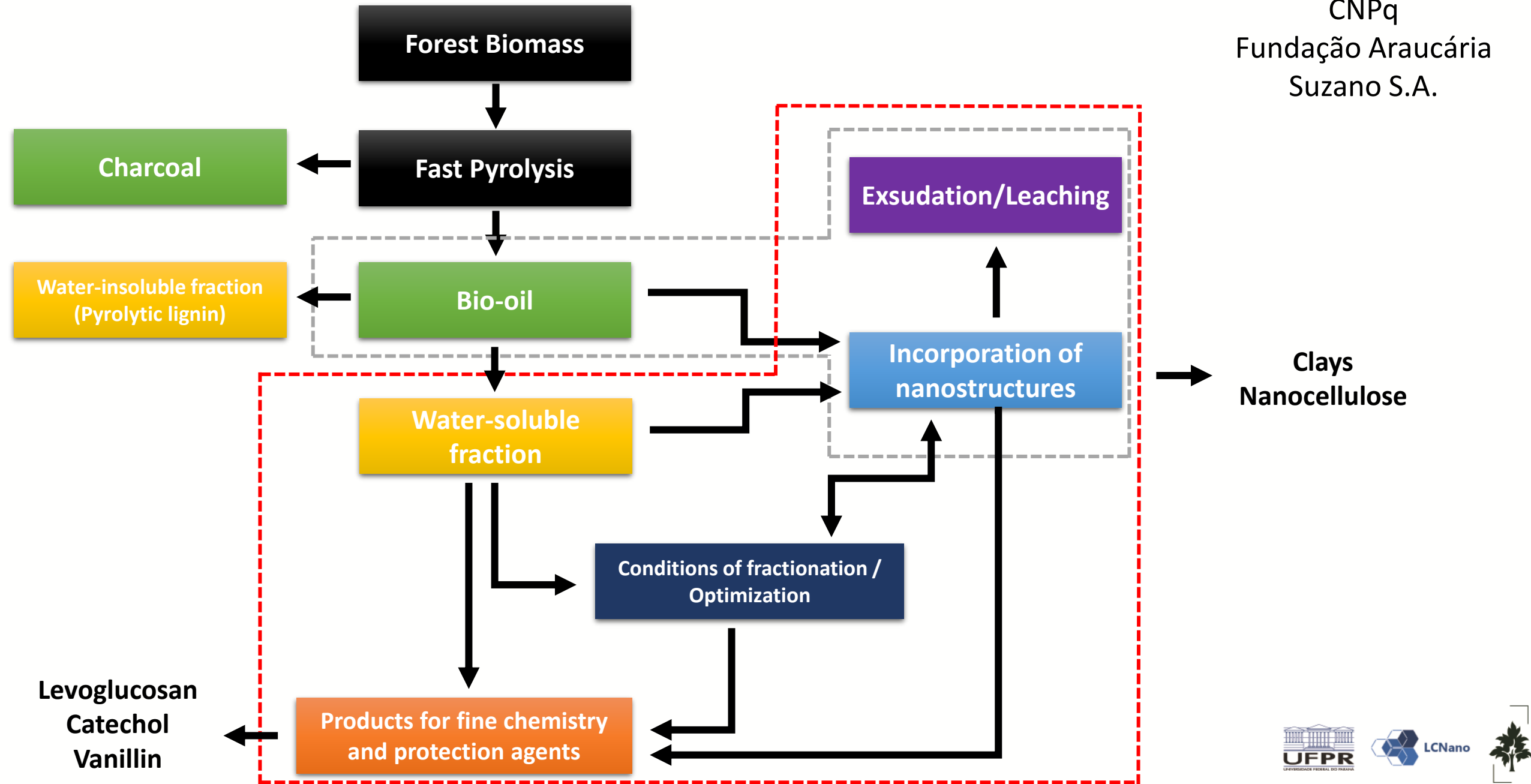
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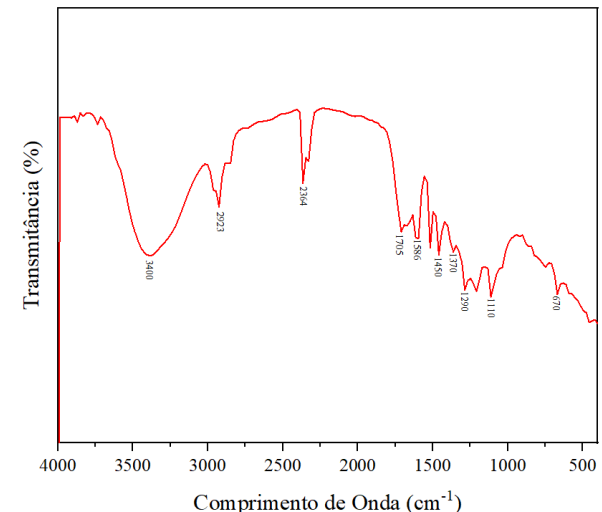
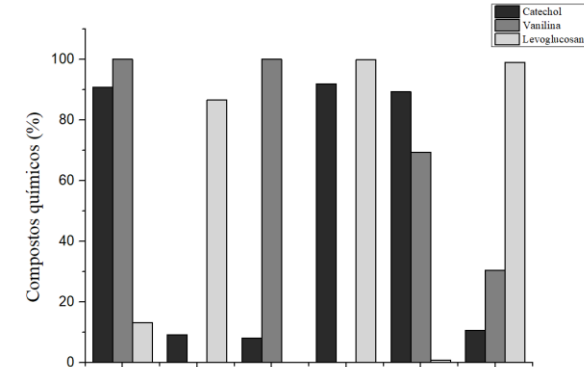
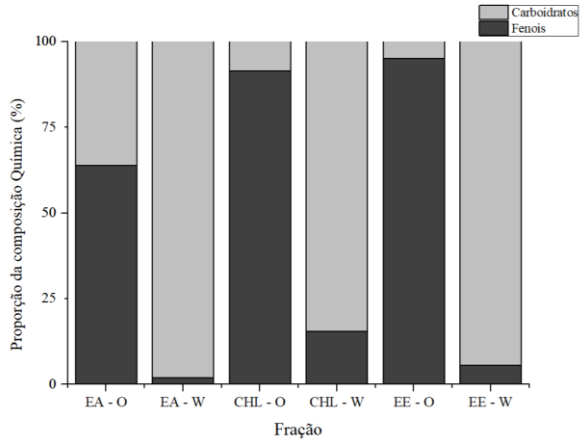
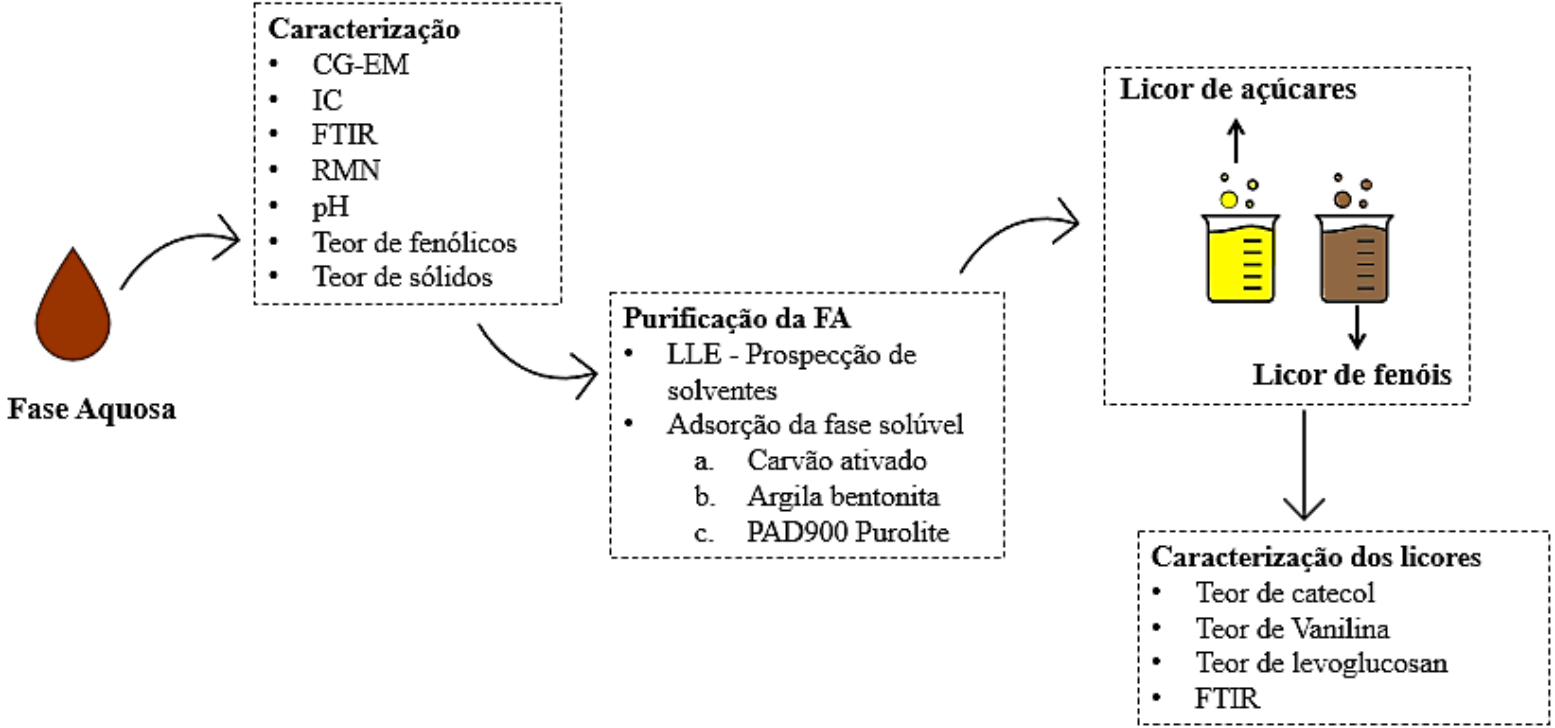
**What is the potential of nanotechnology and biorefinery platforms to the forest-based sector?**

# Fast-pyrolysis bio-oil → High-added value products

**Funding**  
CNPq  
Fundação Araucária  
Suzano S.A.



Process optimization for efficient extraction of catechol, vanillin, and levoglucosan: towards valorization of fast pyrolysis bio-oil in a biorefinery platform.



**Project CNPq MAI/DAI – Bio-oil fractionation**  
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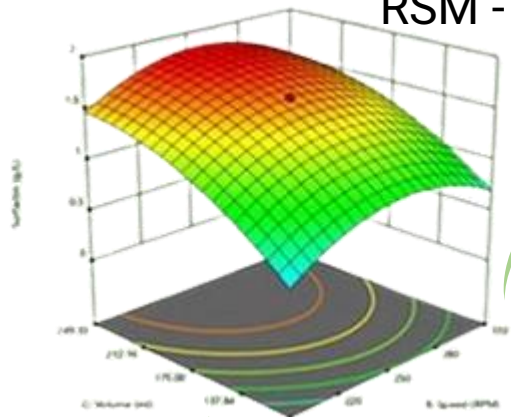


The precipitation of catechol and vanillin is feasible using the adopted methodology.

Catechol precipitates under more extreme conditions ( $-32^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), while vanillin exhibits greater simplicity in the process ( $8^{\circ}\text{C}$ ).

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# RSM - Process parameter optimization



Kraft Lignin + EDA  
(Ethylenediamine)

Pyrolytic Lignin

Hydrothermal  
Method



270°C

10 h

Sun Light



UV Light  
(360 nm)



Yield =  $\pm 50\%$  wt  
Quantum Yield =  $\pm 12\%$

220°C

12 h

Sun Light



UV Light  
(360 nm)



Yield =  $\pm 63\%$  wt  
Quantum Yield =  $\pm 7,3\%$







- Carbon dots were produced from kraft lignin with a quantum yield between 10-12%.
- The final product yielded between 55-60% by mass.
- The response surface study enabled verification of which parameters influence the quantum yield.
- The adopted production method is well-established with initial scaling potential for carbon dots production.
- Solid by-products indicate modification, expanding their range of applications.



## DBD discharge for membranes



Activation and functionalization of paper to improve the surface adhesion and develop news materials.

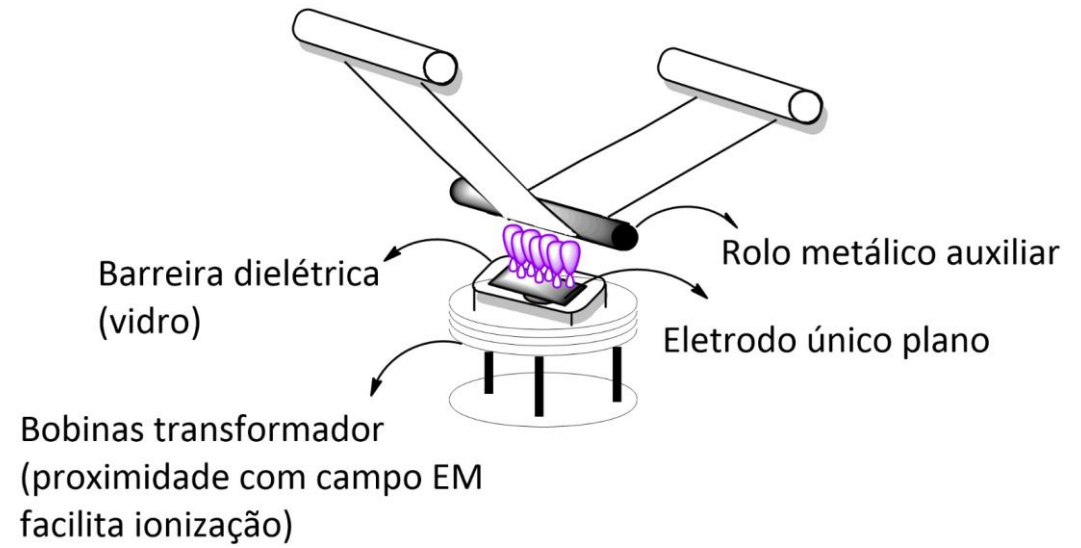
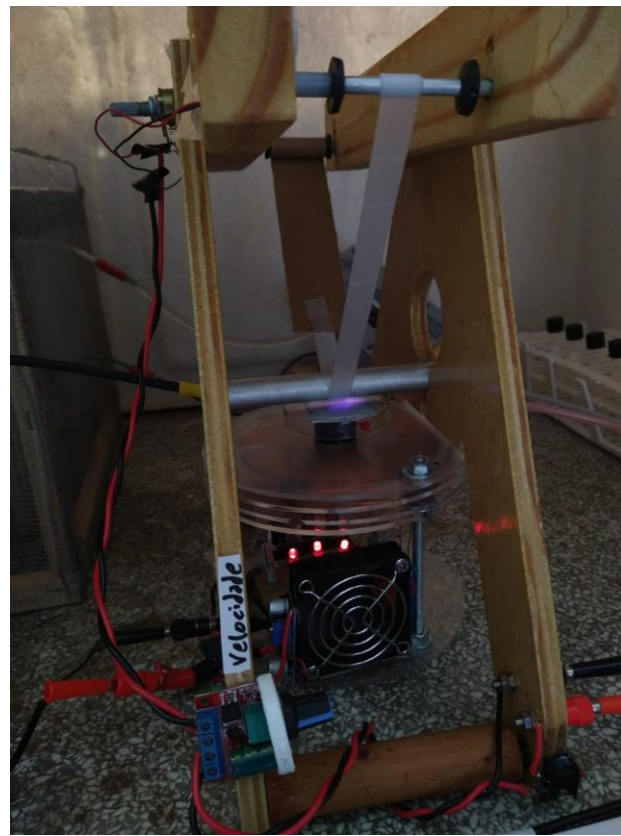
Functionalization of liquid media to improve the free radicals / surface oxidation and develop news materials.

**Plasma treatment in liquid media**  
**Prototype – Under construction**

**Project – Plasma / Paper / Nanocellulose**  
**Funding: Suzano S.A. and CNPq**



Roll-to-roll Prototype – Under construction



Activation and functionalization of paper to improve the surface adhesion and develop news materials.

Prototypes able to scale up the technology.

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**Funding: WestRock and CNPq**

# Collaborations and funding



**We are able to new collaborations!**



# Thank you for your attention!

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