Plants3D 2021 Fall Design Tournament



Overview of 2021 Design Tournament



Goals of the Plants3D Design Tournament

- Address a challenge in the alternative food, flavor, and fragrance industry
- Develop a design solution with IP potential that could be launched as a startup or licensed by an existing company
- Build and work with an interdisciplinary team to develop concept
- Provide RnD funding for the top concept to be supported beyond the tournament

Problems for the planet

Agriculture is a major contributor to the global climate, water, and extinction crises

40% of land has been converted to agriculture

Livestock contributes to ~15% of global GHG emissions

In 30 years, the population will grow another 40%.

Inefficiencies in traditional agriculture cause environmental problems

Opportunities in plant/microbe based alternatives to food, flavors and fragrances

















Cellular agriculture produced meats and flavors







Dairy alternatives











Flavors and Fragrances











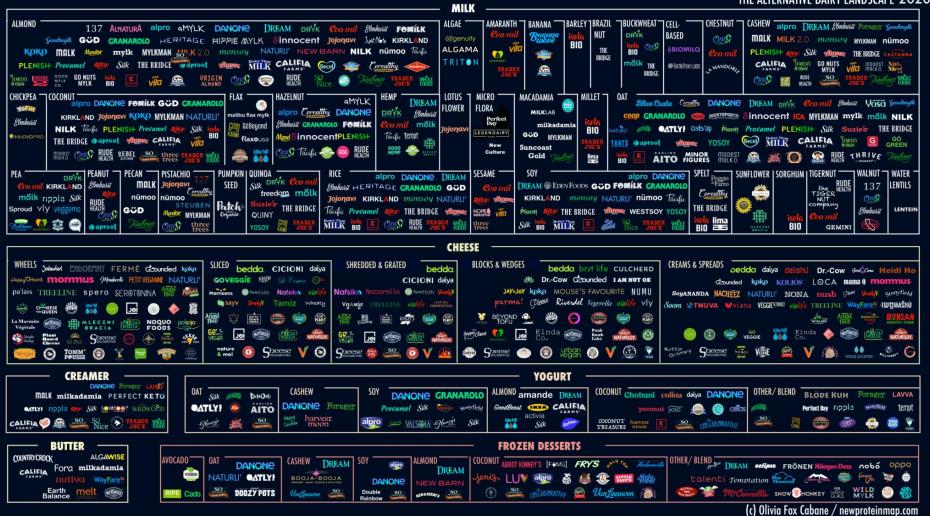


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PLANT-BASED CONSUMER GOODS



THE ALTERNATIVE DAIRY LANDSCAPE 2020



Investigate problems in these alternatives

Talk to stakeholders

- Explore new companies and potential opportunities
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Round 1 Guidelines

1. Individually, present a feasible interdisciplinary project concept. Ideally, it should provide an opportunity for collaboration with others.

2. Timeline for proof-of-concept: 1-2 years.

- 2 minute presentation using the slide template
- Prepare your slide from the template example
- Place your slide in this deck by 11:55AM, Friday Oct 15
- Presentation order will be reverse alphabetical

Scoring: Each student will rank the other projects.

Criteria to be used in scoring project concept

- 1. Effectively communicated
- 2. Addresses a challenge within in plant/microbe based alternatives to food, flavors and fragrances industry
- 3. Bridges disciplines
- 4. Potential for intellectual property, commercialization
- 5. Potential to engage undergraduates or STEM education
- 6. Proof-of-concept in 1-2 years

Score 1 (high) and 3 (low) for each criterion. Sum the score for each presentation. Report the 8 with lowest rank score sum. All sum scores will be totaled to determine the projects that will advance.

Spicy sensors

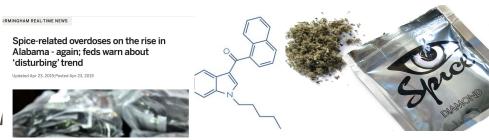
Sean Cutler & Ian Wheeldon

The Problem

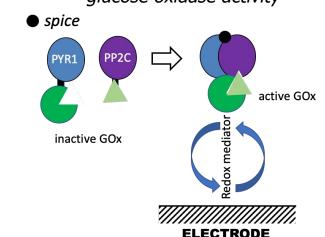
- New substances of abuse are rapidly being designed, mass produced and sold to the public, creating new public health challenges.
- We need inexpensive methods to rapidly detect new chemical threats as they appear.
- Technical platforms for rapidly evolving and developing low cost sensors could help address this growing problem

Our approach

- Plant ABA sensors have flexible ligand binding pockets and can be engineered to recognize new ligands.
- Their mechanism of sensing involves chemical induced dimerization, which lends itself well to selection and directed evolution experiments.
- Postdoc Jesus Beltran has developed a spice sensor using our engineering platform; we propose to use protein complementation to create simple devices from our engineered proteins



Chemically induced dimerization to reconstitute glucose oxidase activity



- Collaborations evolved from round 1 projects
- 5 minute presentation using the slide template and 5 min questions
- Slides(s) should include the template example
- Place team slides deck by 11:55AM, Friday Oct 29
- Presentation order will be as requested

Saturday Nov. 20th Collaborations evolved from round 2 projects

Must fill following positions:

CEO: lead team, coordinate project, present

CSO: Develop technology/science approach

VP of production: Develop plan to scale and commercialize technology

VP of business development: Market research, computer analysis, financial model, product market fit, customer discovery Advisors: Faculty, RED, stakeholders, etc

- 5 minute presentation using the slide template and 7-10 min questions
- Slides(s) should include the template example
- Place team slides deck by Nov 20
- Presentation order will be as requested
- Presentations will be evaluated by expert panel
- Winning project will be funded \$5000 for materials/supplies and instrumentation core services (i.e., metabolomics/sequencing)

Questions?



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