



The Future of Biofuels

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Albemarle Alternative Fuel Technologies



FUELING THEIR FUTURE



Albemarle Overview

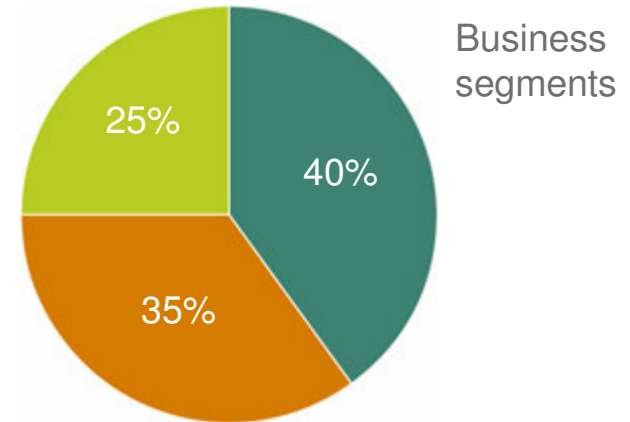
Chemistry solution provider

- Highly engineered specialty chemicals
- 4000+ employees and 3400 customers in 100+ countries
- Annual revenue of >\$2.5 billion
- Technology and innovation focused

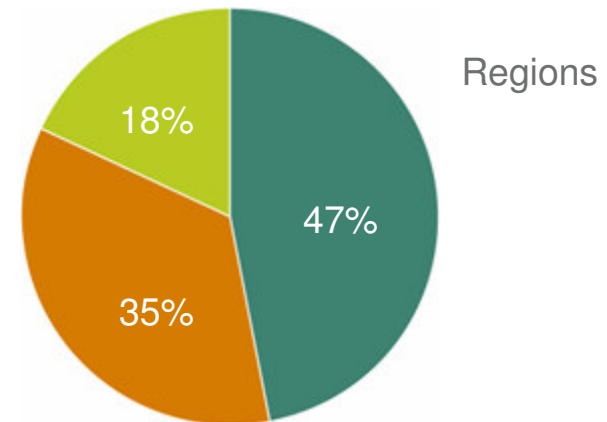
Leading catalysts provider for the refining and chemical industry

Broad portfolio

Strong partners: Petrobras (JV's), UOP (HPC Alliance)



■ Catalyst ■ Polymer solutions ■ Fine chemistry



■ Americas ■ Europe, Middle East, ■ India Asia Pacific

Three strong business segments

Catalysts



- **Alternative Fuel Technologies - AFT**
- Hydroprocessing Catalysts – HPC
- Fluidized Catalytic Cracking – FCC
- Polymer Catalysts

Net Sales (2010)
\$890

Polymer Solutions



- Flame Retardants: Brominated, Mineral, Phosphorus
- Antioxidants
- Stabilizers
- Curatives

Net Sales (2010)
\$904

Fine Chemistry



- Pharmaceuticals
- Crop Protection
- Water Treatment
- Food Safety
- Mercury Control
- Oilfield Chemicals
- Bromine & Derivatives

Net Sales (2010)
\$596

Scale and scope

2010 Net Sales	Americas	Europe	Asia
	42%	34%	24%



Fueling their future

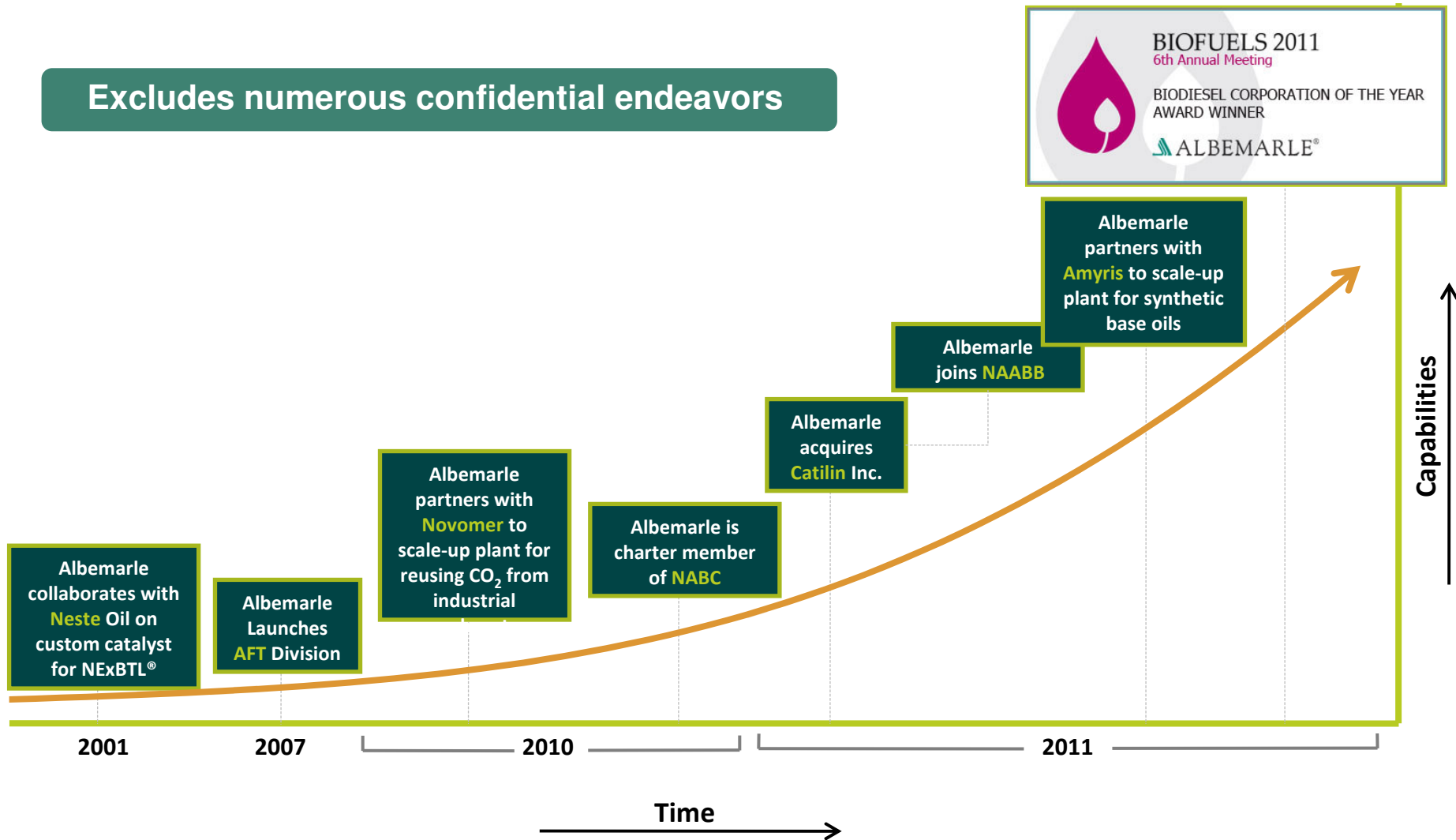
- In 2001, Albemarle started working with a dedicated group on the development of biofuels catalyst technologies
- In 2007, Albemarle officially formed its Alternative Fuel Technologies (AFT) group
- Albemarle is the world's largest supplier of heterogeneous biofuels catalysts
- The AFT group has developed catalytic materials for first-, second- and third-generation biomass conversion into fuels and chemicals

Albemarle offers a portfolio of catalysts for biomass conversion

GoBio™

History of Albemarle's Public Successes In Biofuels

Excludes numerous confidential endeavors



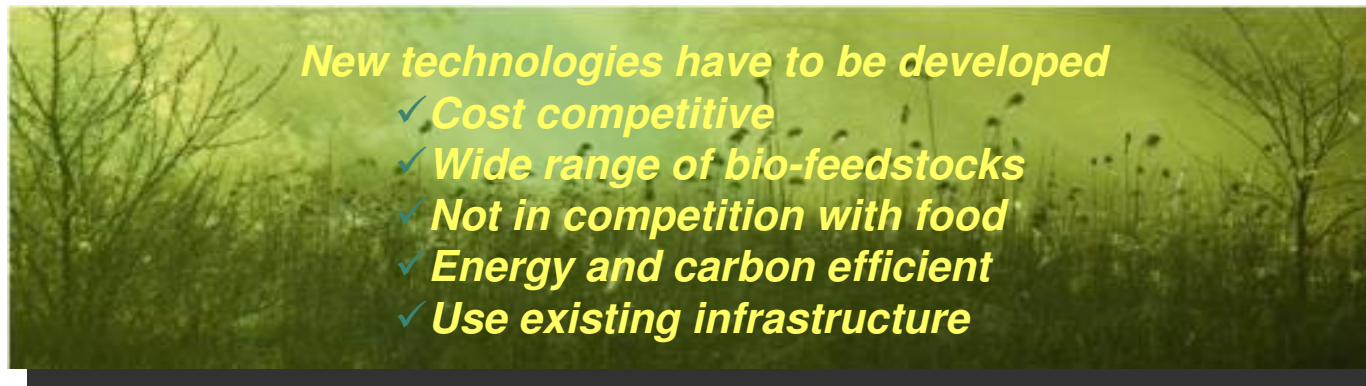
Our Vision

Albemarle believes in taking responsibility for future generations. They will still use liquid hydrocarbon fuels.

- High energy density
- Infrastructure

It is estimated that by 2030 15–20% of transportation fuel will be derived from biomass

- More is highly unlikely
- In perspective: 20% equals about 500 Mt -- Global veg oil production in 2010 150 Mt



Vision 2030

Albemarle will develop **enabling catalytic technologies** to produce biofuels and chemicals

- Build on existing technologies through high-throughput research and development , and partnerships



→ Synthesis and testing in parallel →

- Much greater development speed
- Higher accuracy leads to better products

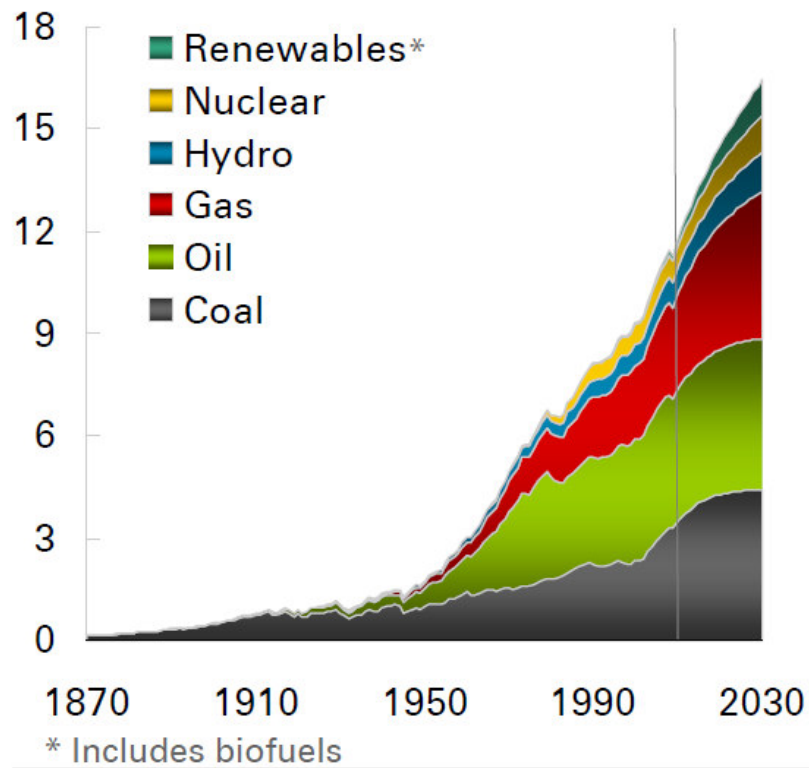
New Albemarle Catalysts Family

CATALYST	DESCRIPTION
GoBio TS-15,T-300, TS-400	Transesterification biodiesel
GoBio ME-10	Syngas to methanol
GoBio DME-1	Methanol to dimethyl ether
GoBio MA-15	Syngas to alcohols
GoBio FT-10/20	Fischer-Tropsch
GoBio DX-10/20	Fischer-Tropsch wax upgrading
GoBio PO-10	Pyrolysis oil upgrading
Catalytic flash pyrolysis	In development
NExBTL	Neste custom catalyst

Why do we need biofuels?

World commercial energy use

Billion toe

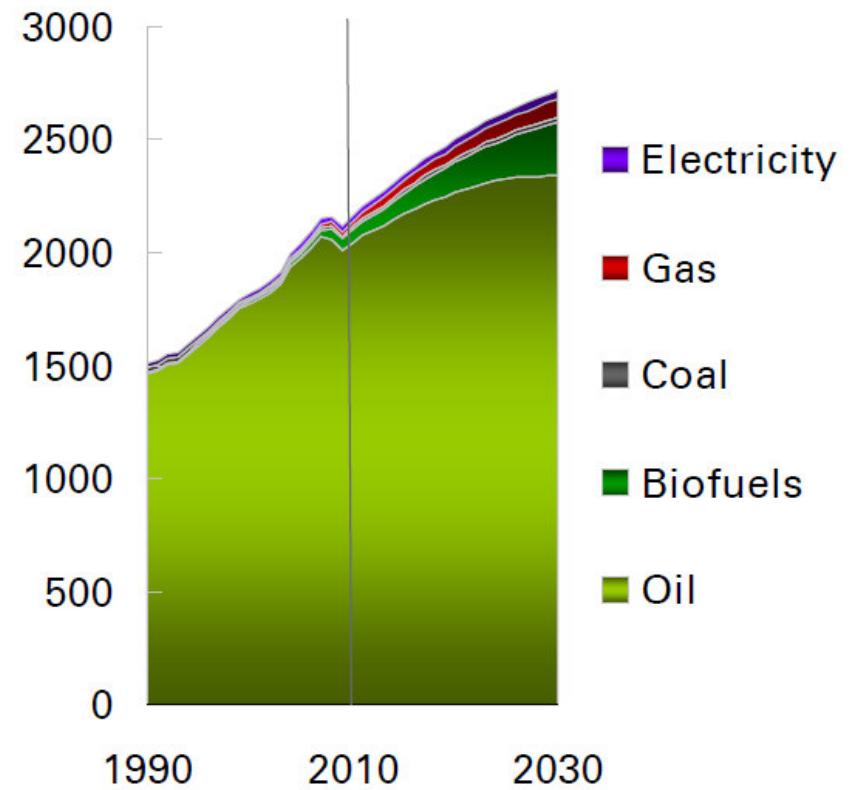


Energy Outlook 2030

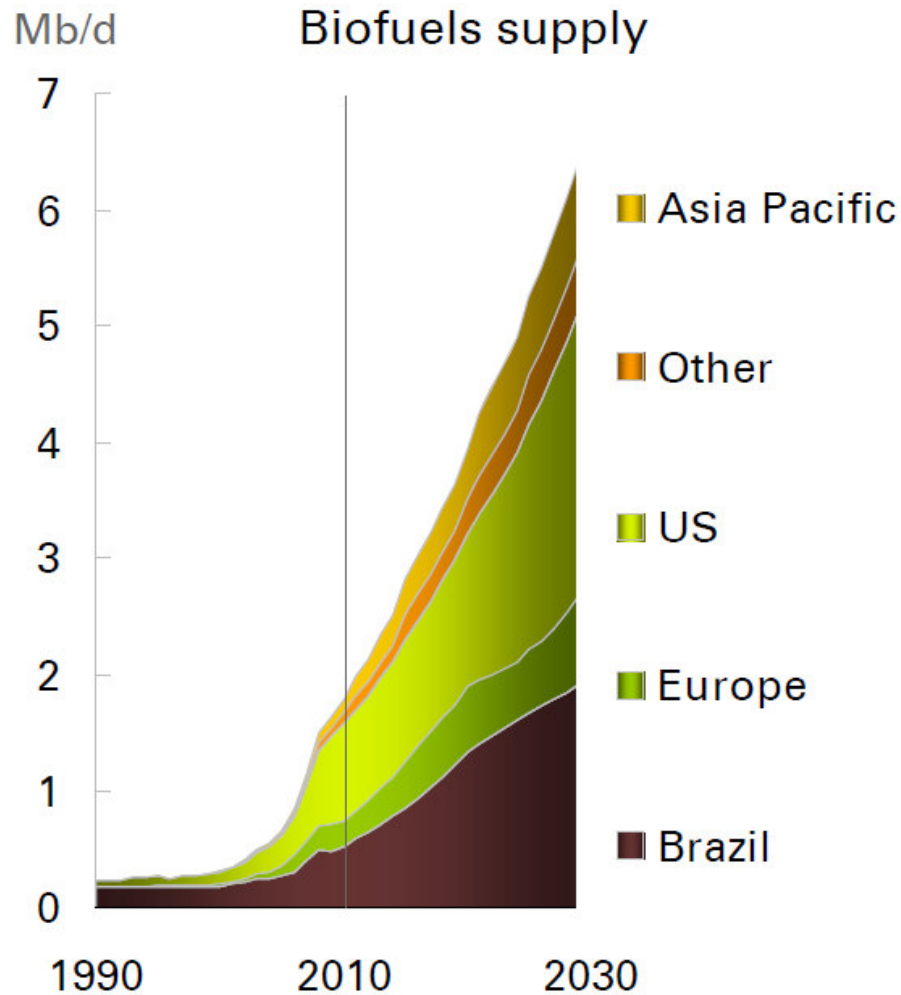
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Energy in transport

Mtoe



Drivers



Drivers for Biofuels

- Oil is finite and new production is more expensive than past
 - Oil price only goes up (stepwise)
- We need liquid hydrocarbon in the future for almost all means of transportation
 - Electrification of transport is limited and takes a very long time
- Climate change
 - Biofuels could provide an efficient way to reduce CO₂ emission of the transportation sector

Challenges: Feedstock is the key

- Feedstock

- The required volumes to replace all of today's fossil fuels are enormous Today we use 87 M bpd or about 3.7 Bton
- Assume 30% of liquid HC from wood this would be about 12 B ton of wood
- Today wood growth per year in Sweden is 200 M ton.....
- So we need 60 times Sweden...

- CO₂

- Cost

- Cost of the fuel must be competitive with oil
- Capital required puts a limitation on implementation

Key bottlenecks for large scale biofuels

Feedstocks: Not enough readily available feedstocks to meet the high volume demand

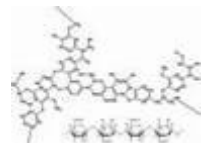
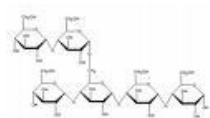
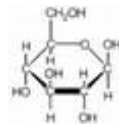
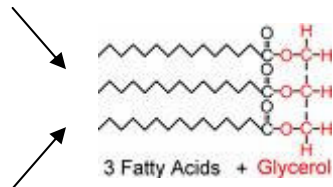
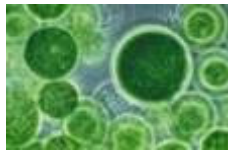
- Alternative feeds need to be developed i.e. energy crops, algae, seaweed, etc
- Waste materials need to be used
- Sustainable production methods need to be developed

Major difference with oil is that biomass contains a large percentage of oxygen

- In order to make fully fungible hydrocarbon fuels complete deoxygenation is required

**So the development of new technologies focuses on all of the above aspects
“No Silver Bullet”**

The biofuel challenge: Get out the oxygen.



Vegetable oils
(Palm, Sunflower, Algae)

Sugars

Cellulose
(Starch)

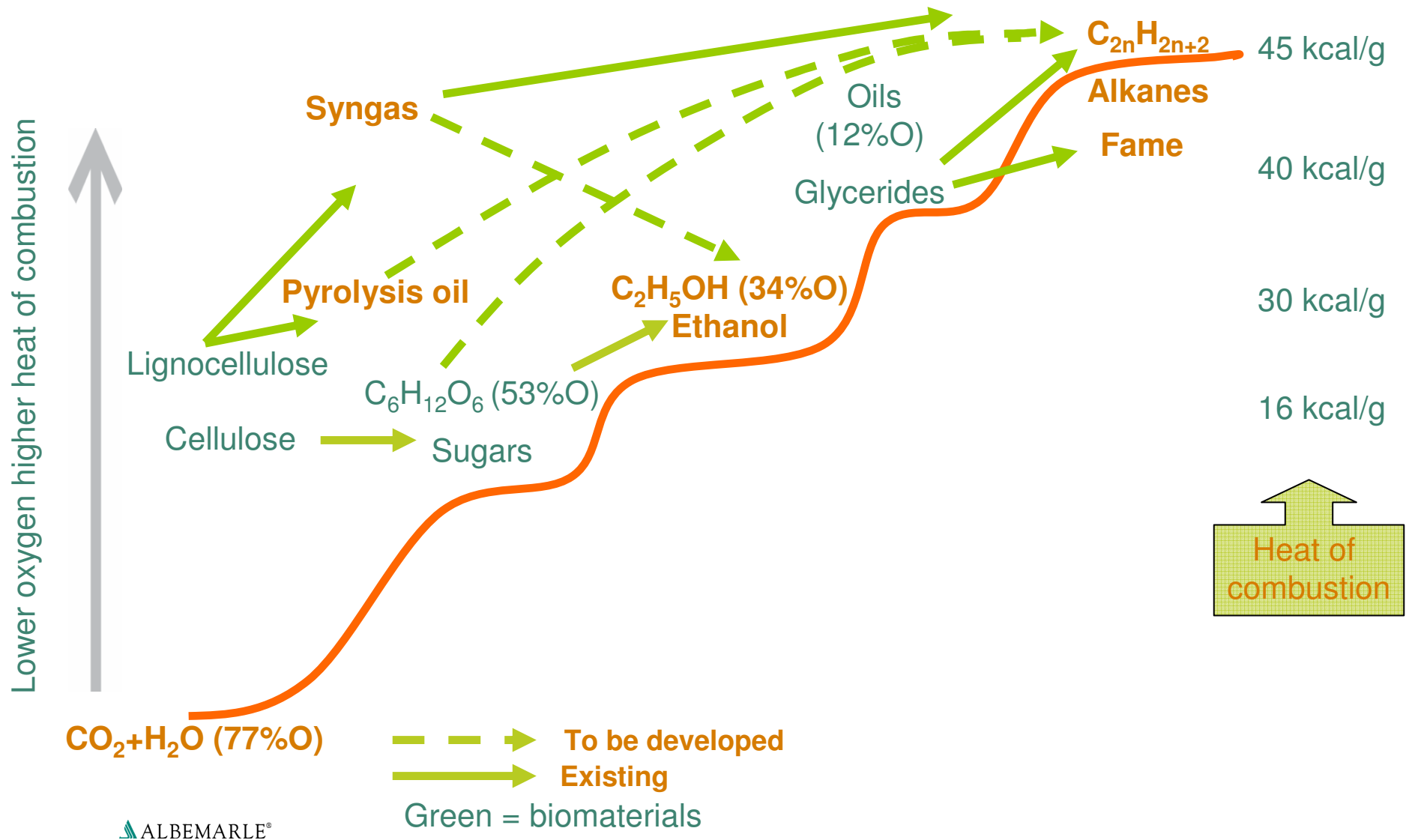
Hemi cellulose
(leaves)

Lignin
(wood)

Coal

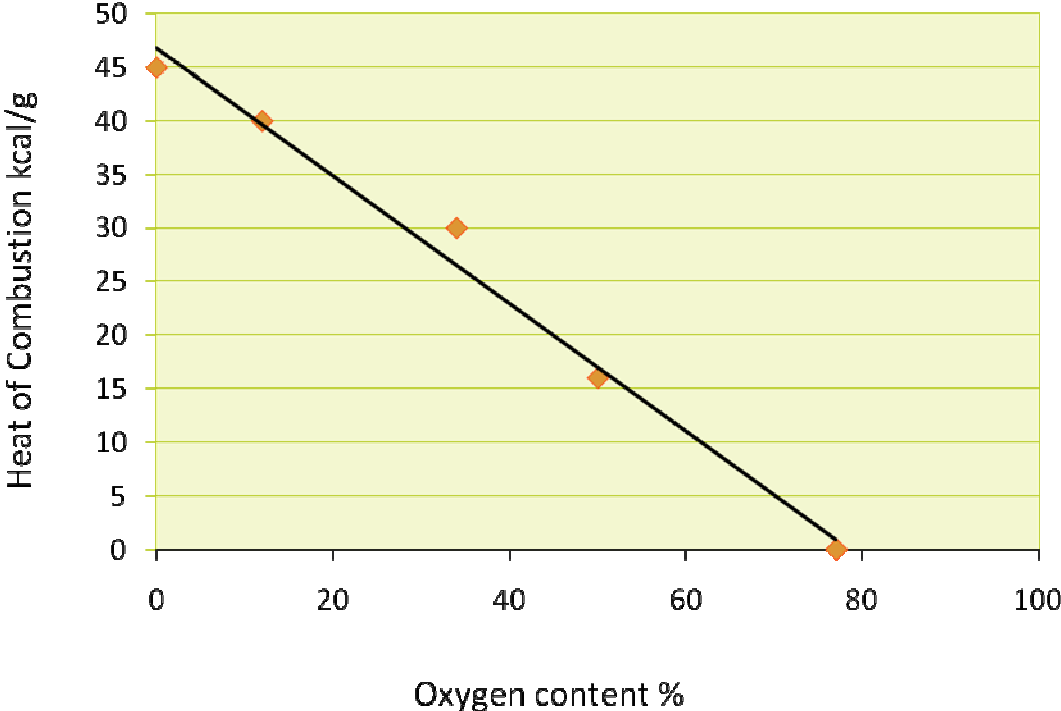
**More
Complex
To Process**

From biomass to fuels: Higher energy is Lower oxygen

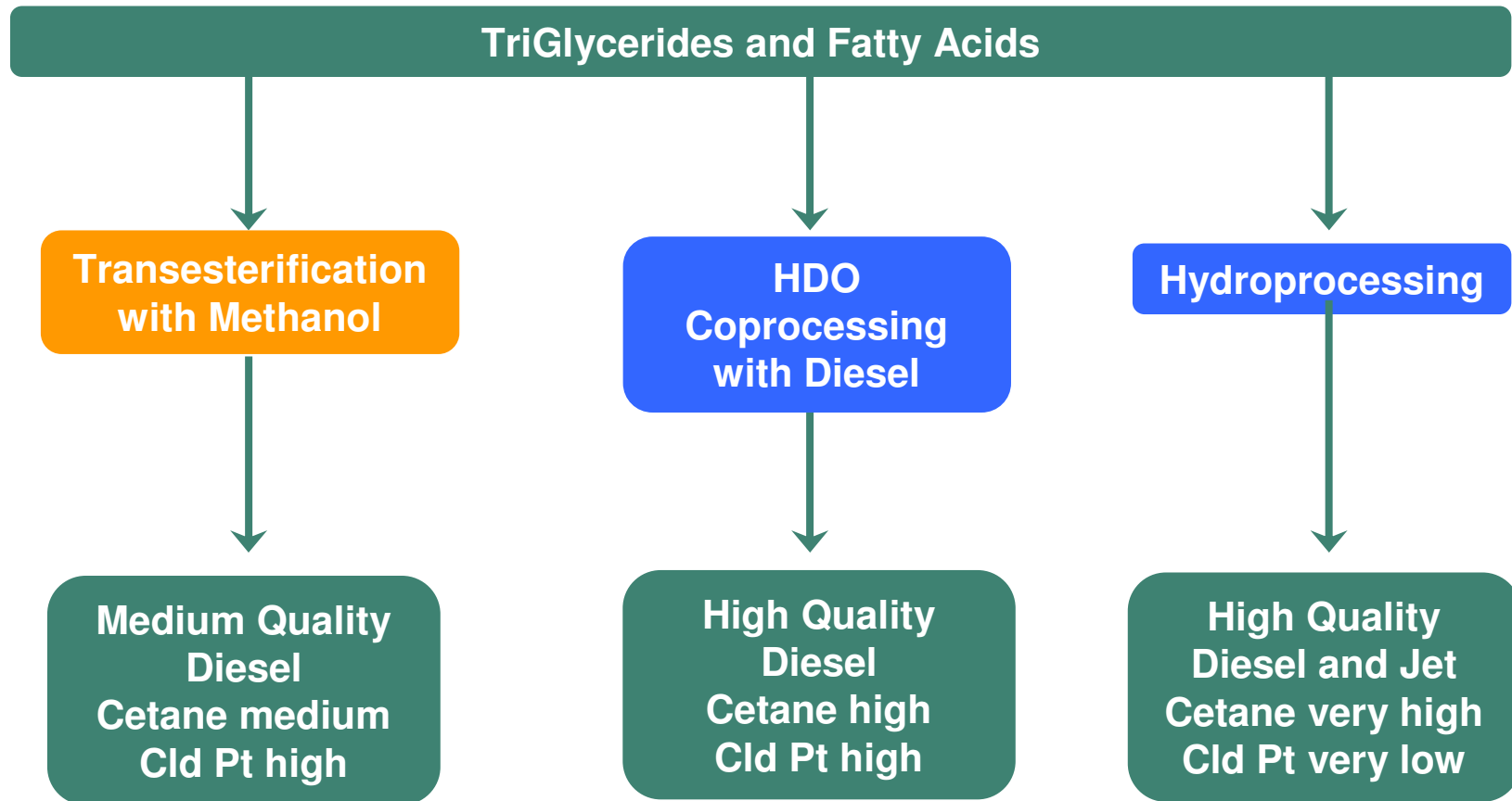


Biomass to fuel is oxygen removal

7 H₂ needs to be added



Routes to BioFuels 1: Vegetable Oils and Fats



NExBTL Renewable Diesel and Jet Fuel

NExBTL makes fully hydrogenated biodiesel from vegetable oils and fats.

Proprietary catalyst and process technology

- Developed in partnership with Neste
- Four world-scale plants
- Nearly 2 Million tons/year total capacity
- Albemarle supplier of the catalysts

Excellent biodiesel product properties

Low cloud point, high cetane number

Fully fungible

NExBTL Bio-jet

Lufthansa 6 months trial Frankfurt-Hamburg



Co-Processing of Vegetable Oils and Fats

Use of existing Diesel Hydrotreating Units

Pro's

- Can be done with minimum investment
- Cetane boost and aromatics reduction

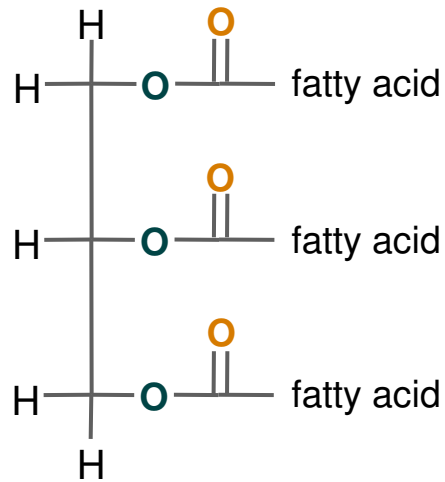


Con's

- CO production with catalyst inhibition and deactivation effects
- Higher hydrogen consumption
- Higher ΔT exotherm
- Possible build-up of CO in the recycle gas
- Less good cold flow properties



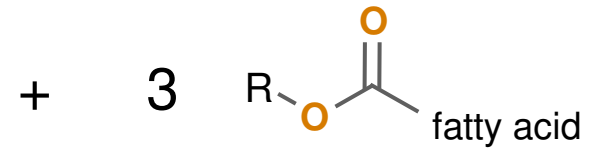
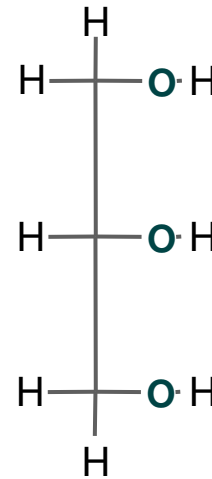
Biodiesel FAME



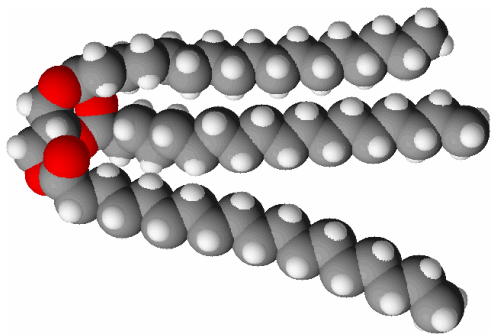
**Homogeneous
Basic catalyst**



Alcohol ROH
e.g., MeOH



Triglycerides



Glycerol/glycerine

Crude FAME and Glycerol



- Catalyst technology developed at Iowa State University.
- Formed as a private company and then acquired by Albemarle in May, 2011.
- Product line focused on catalysts for the renewable energy and chemicals markets.
- Process design work completed through partnerships.
- Commercial experience with revamp of existing plant to slurry phase catalysis
- Expands our catalyst offering with GoBio T-300

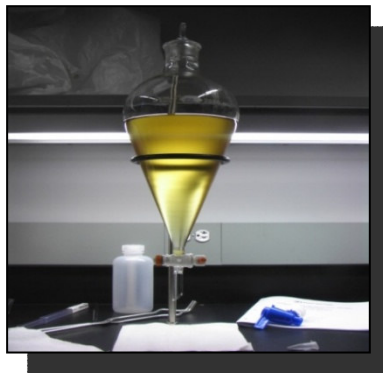
2002-2006

ISU Research



2007

Bench scale



2008

Batch Pilot Plant



2011

Albemarle Corporation



Demo Plant

Design capacity is 300,000 gal per year (1,000 mt/yr)

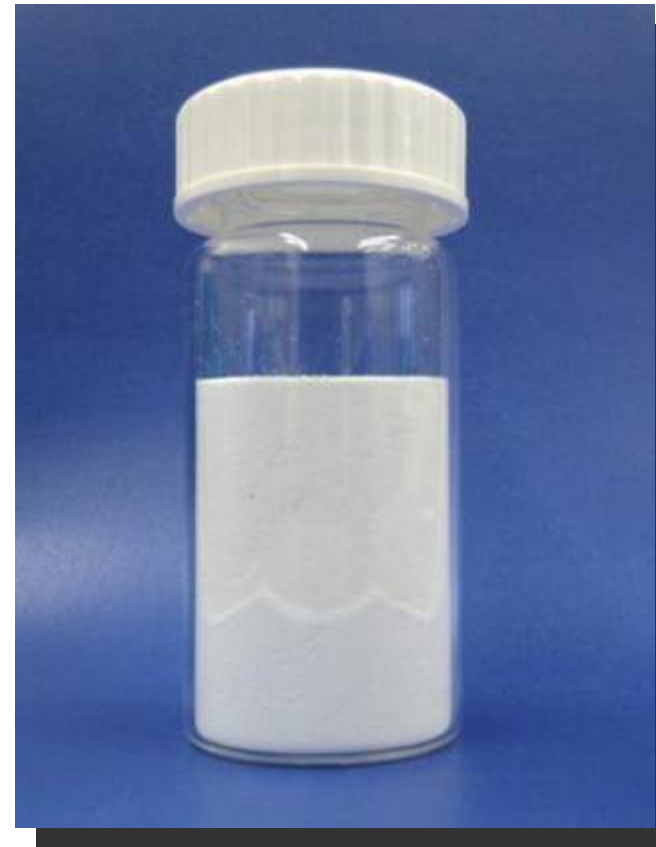


Transesterification Biodiesel

- Slurry phase catalysts
- Excellent particle strength
- High-activity, drop-in solution
- Non-hazardous, low cost disposal

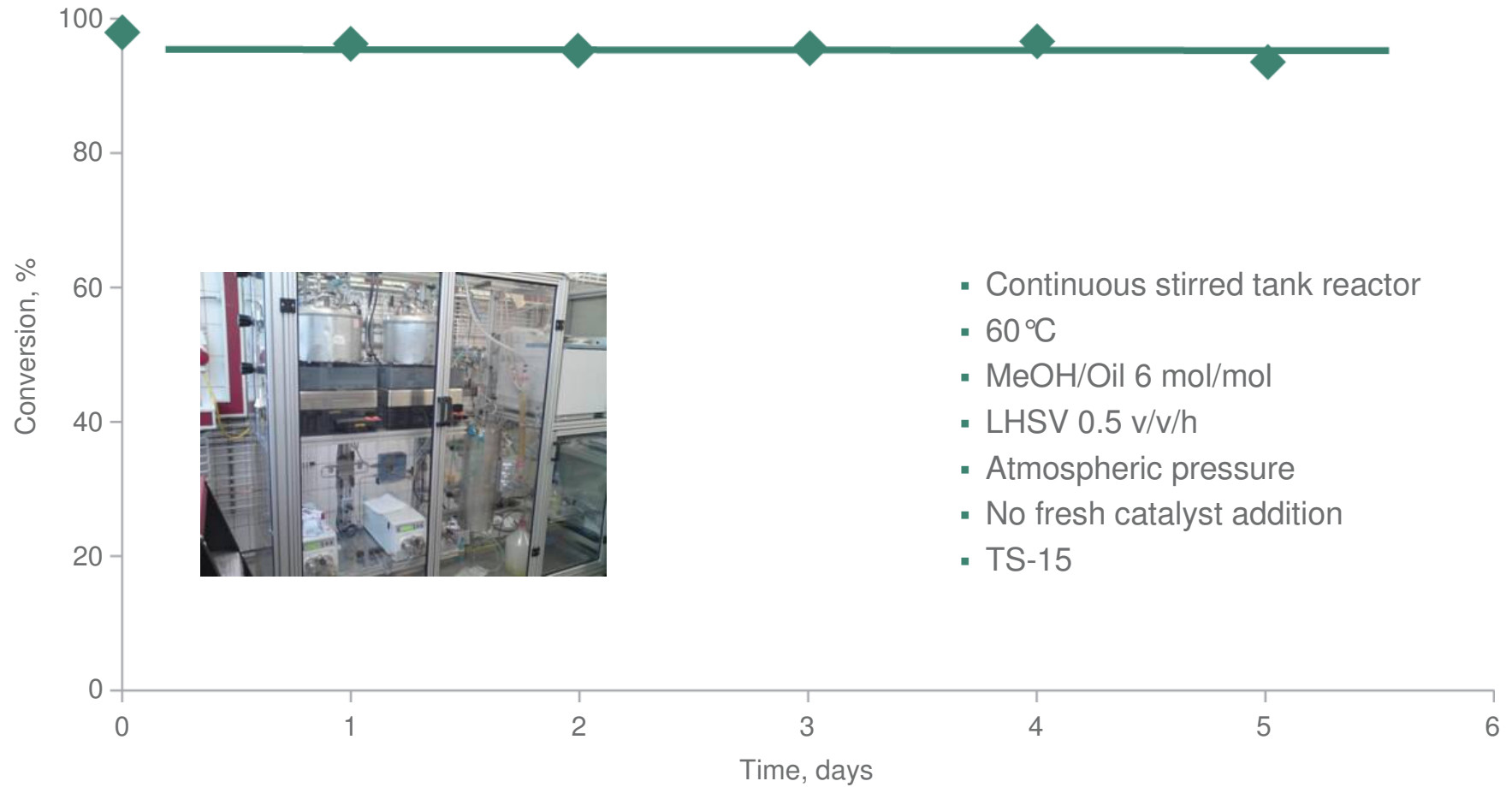


GoBio
T-300

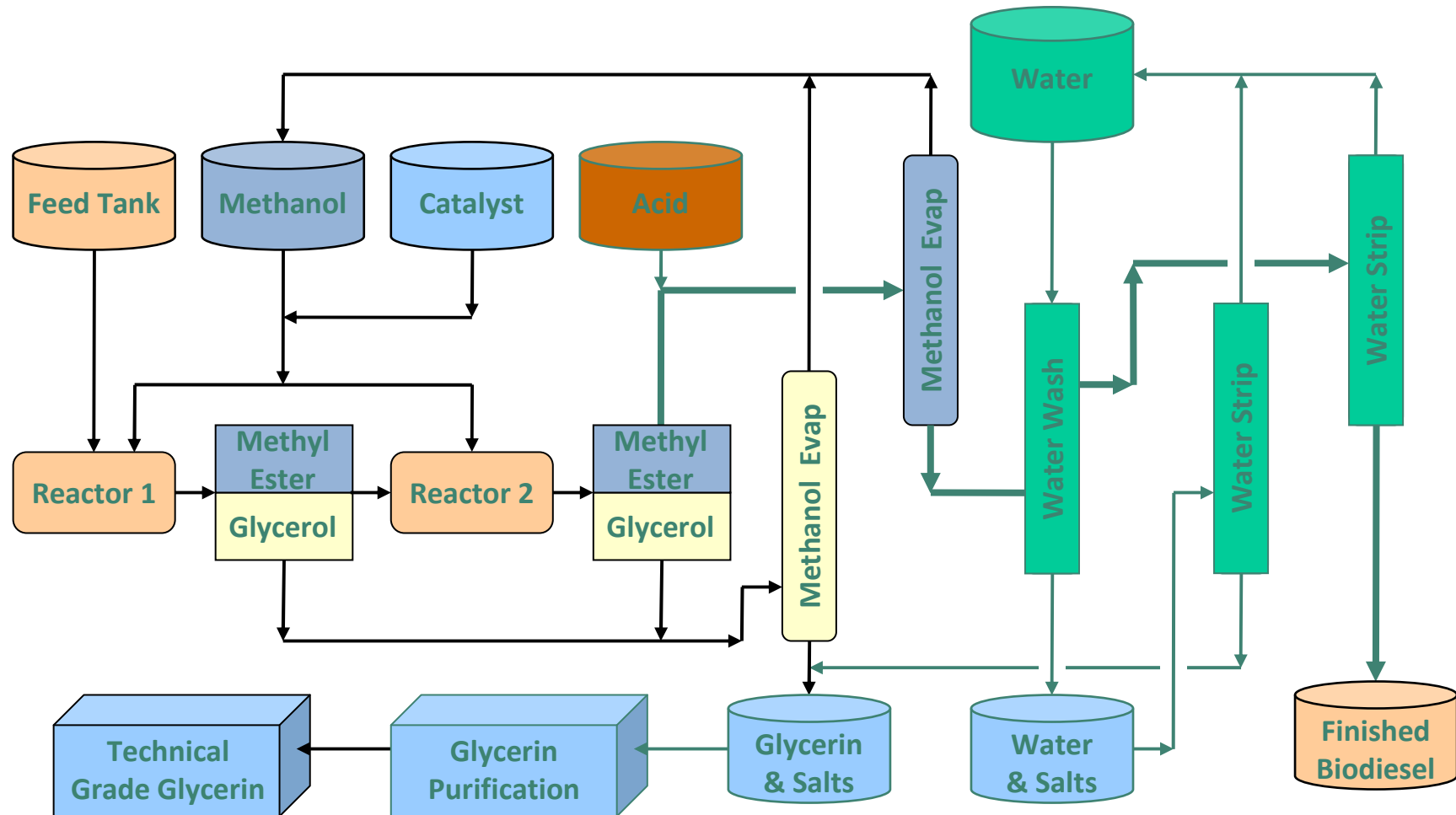


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TS-15

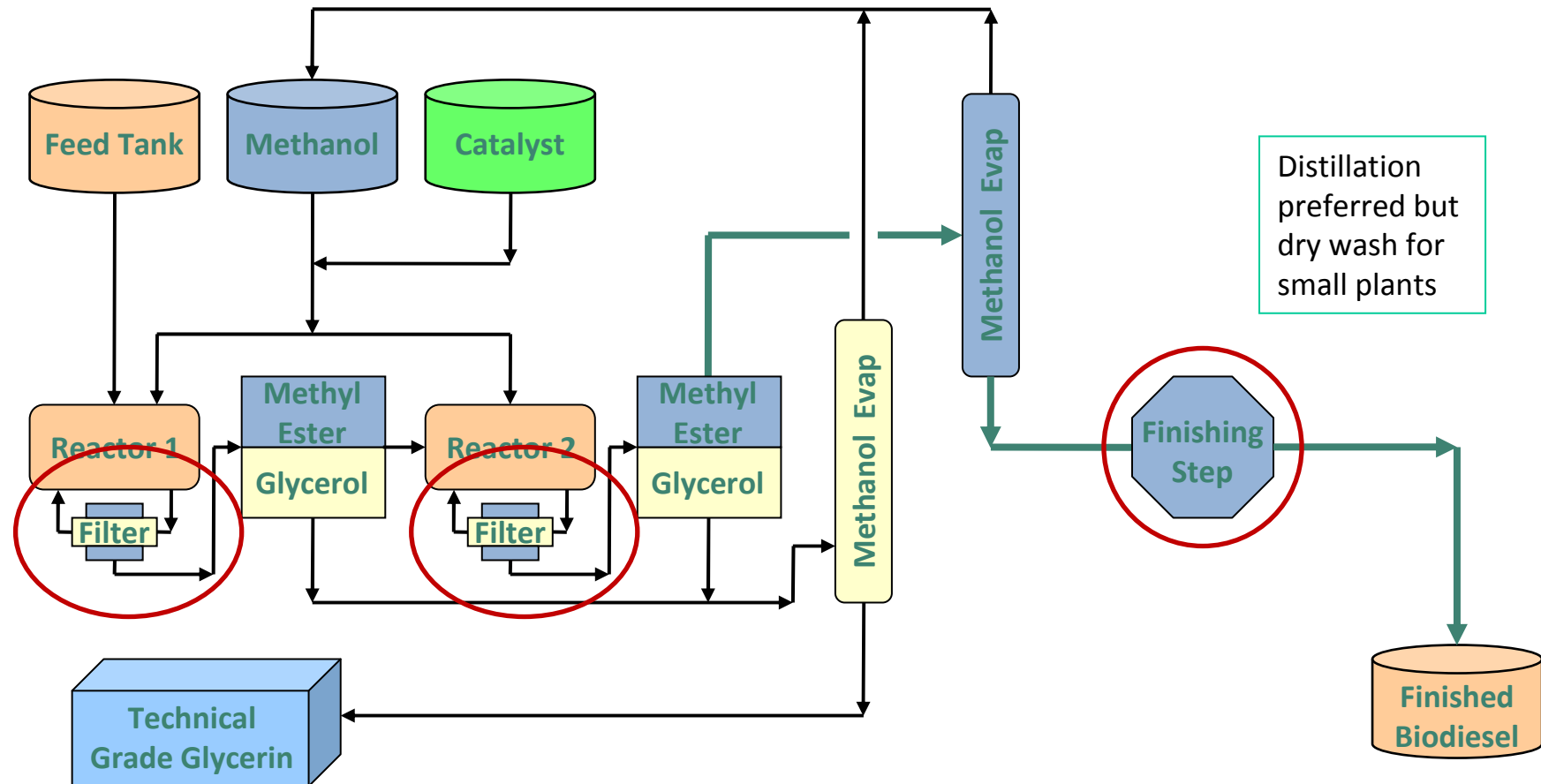
High catalyst activity and stability



The conventional FAME technology



The Albemarle Process



Product Quality

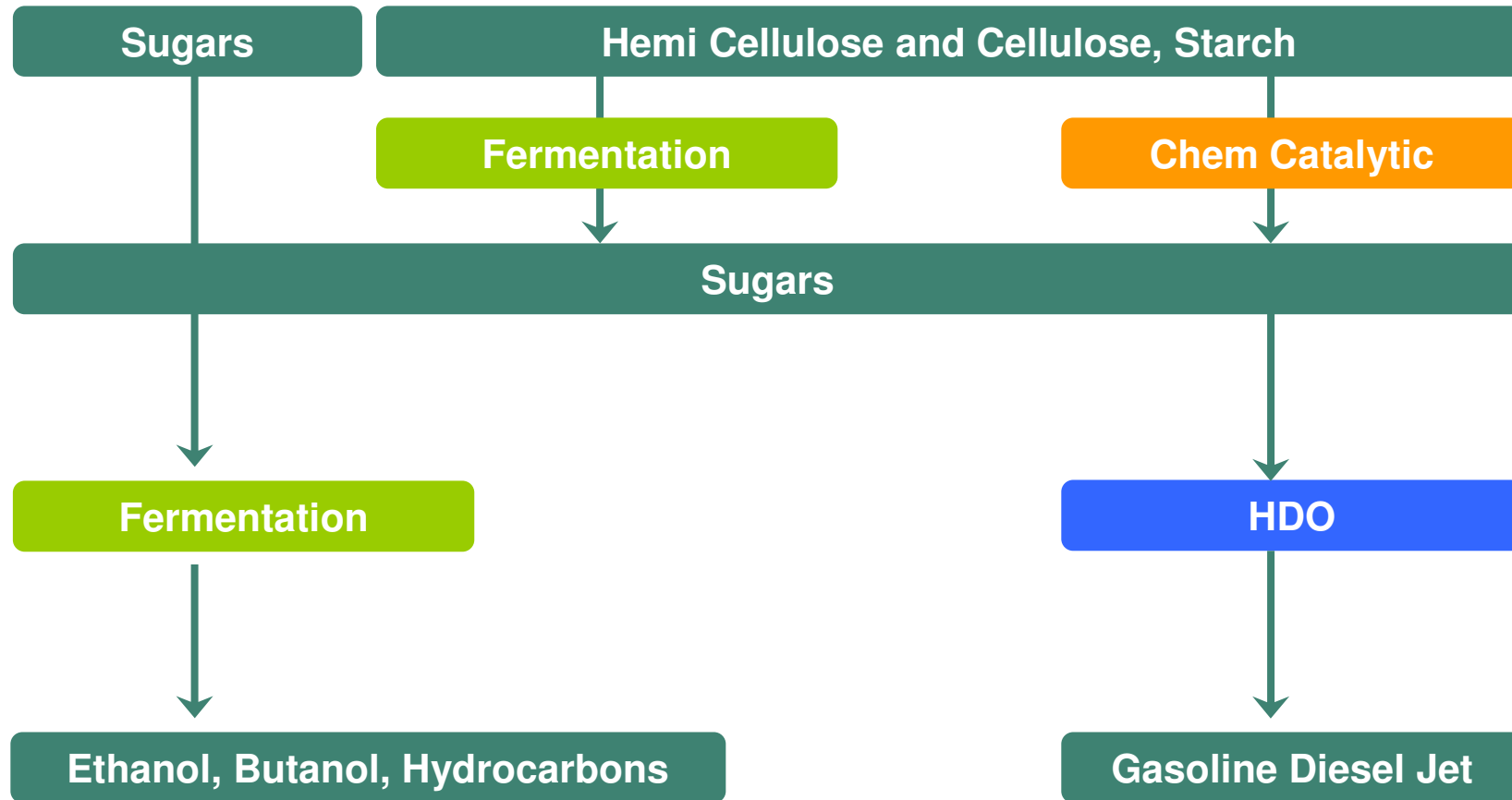
Dry washed pilot plant samples meet all ASTM specs.



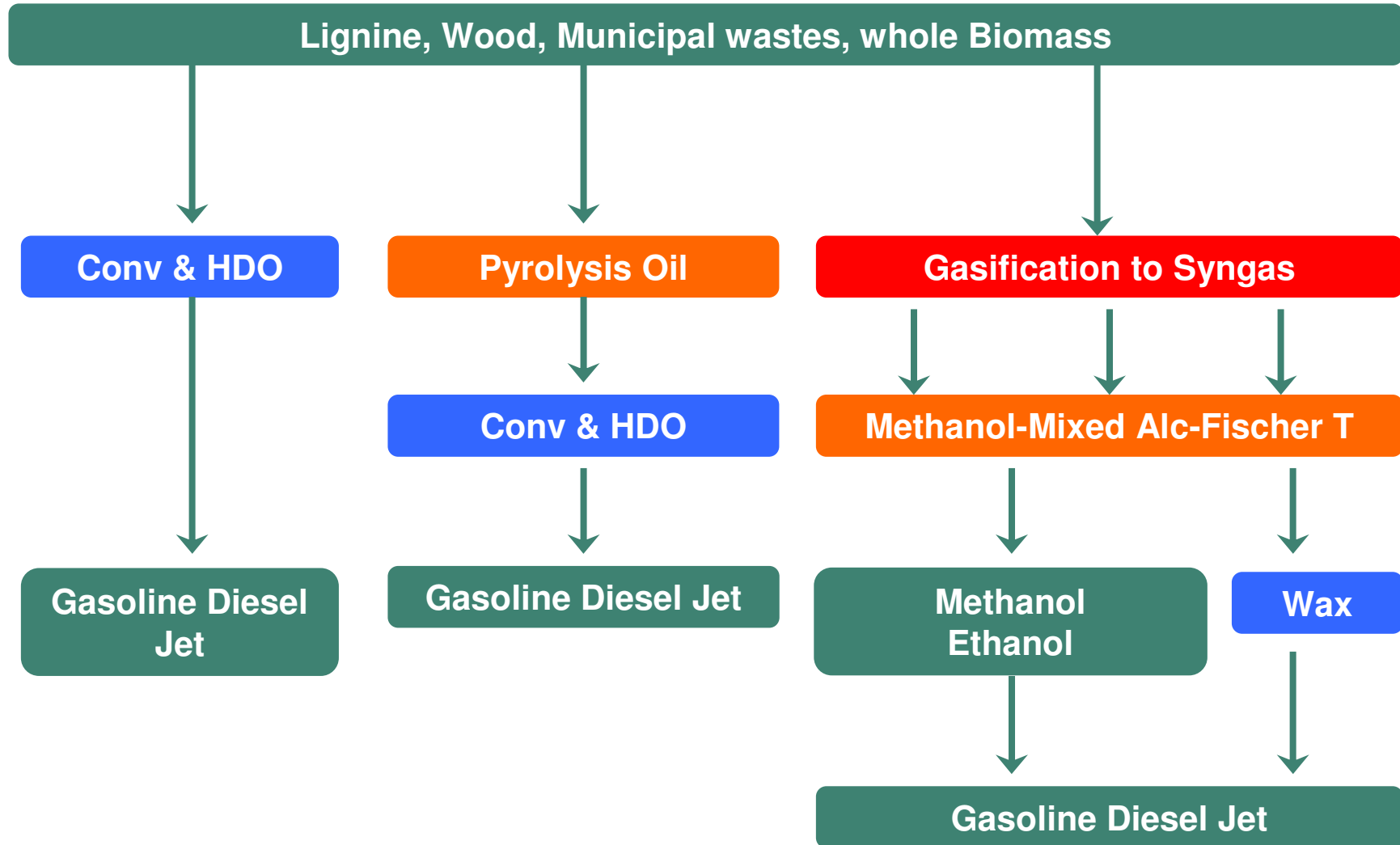
Distillation of pilot samples produces USP glycerin and high purity FAME.



Routes to Biofuels 2: Sugars and Cellulose fractions

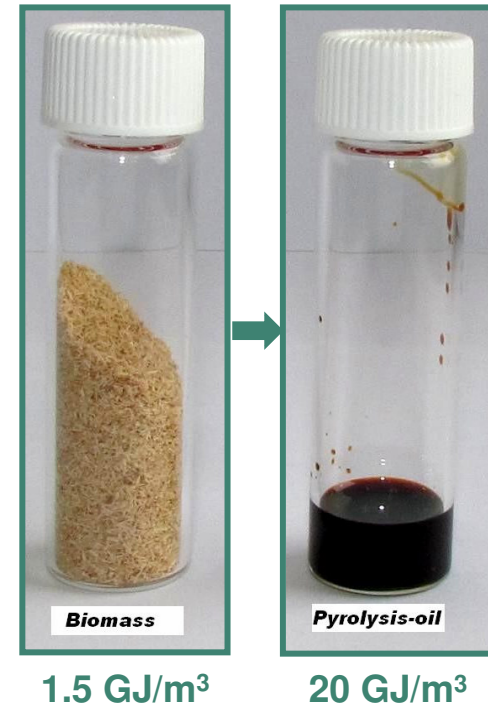


Routes to Biofuels 3: Biomass, Wastes and refractory fractions



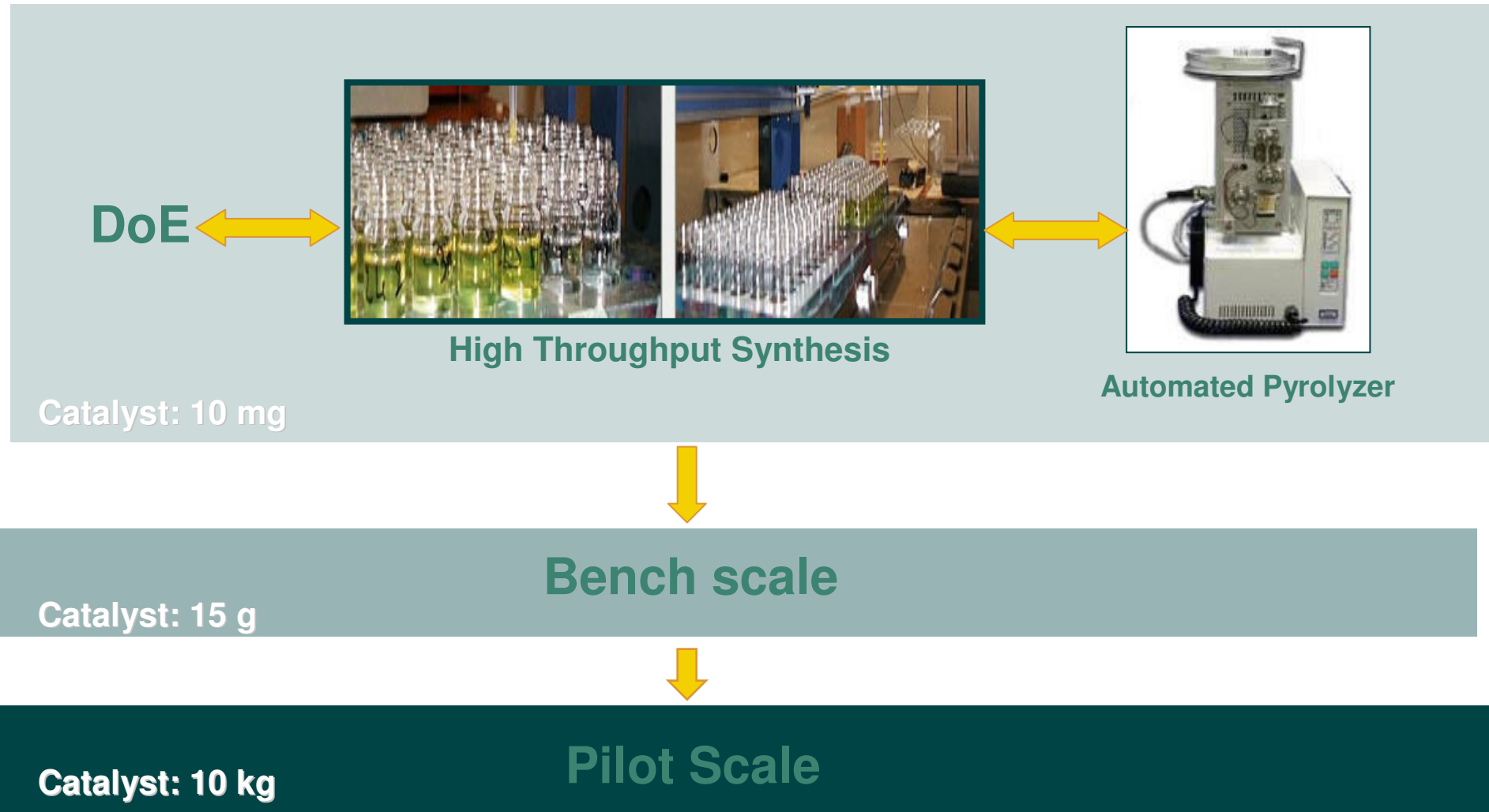
Catalytic Flash Pyrolysis & Hydropyrolysis

- Potential benefits
 - **Biomass densification**
 - Better product quality and higher yields
 - Efficient design
- Various technical options are being researched
 - Drop-in or revamp of existing pyrolysis technology
 - It looks like fluidized catalytic cracking but it is different
 - Solid feed rather than liquid
 - Oxygen removal is the key objective
- Catalyst and process development
 - Is ongoing in the private sector, and in public sector programs such as the National Advanced Bio-fuels Consortium (NABC), and the National Alliance for Advanced Bio-fuels and Bio-products (NAABB), to develop new technology for bio-fuels



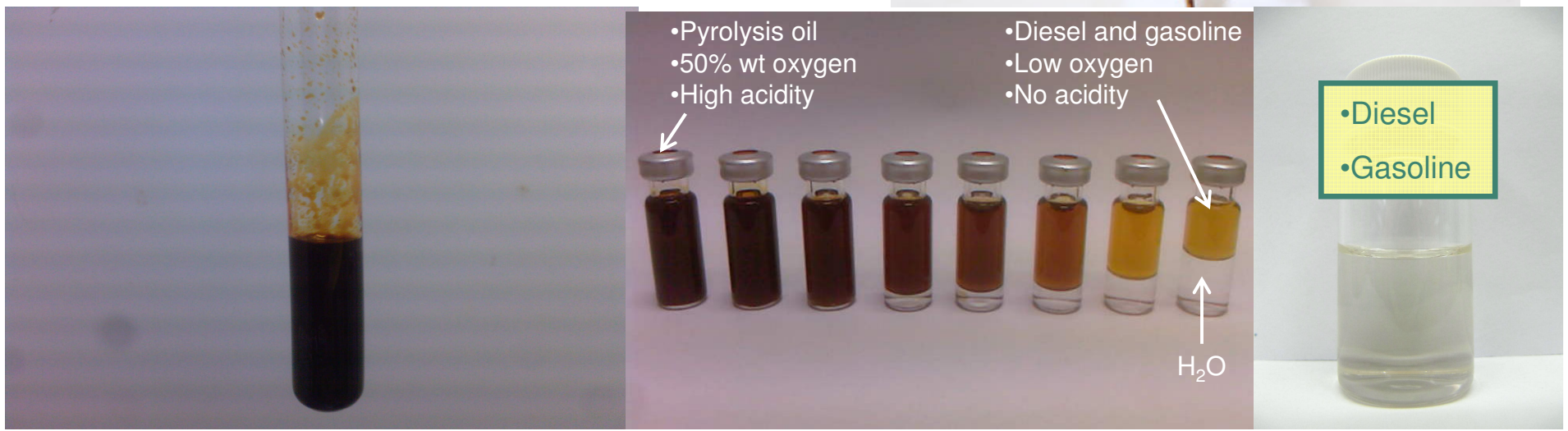
Albemarle has comprehensive CFP and HYP in-house programs

Pyrolysis catalysts development at Albemarle



Treating pyrolysis oil

- Albemarle has invented a method to treat pyrolysis oil
- Stabilized Py Oil
 - Products are deoxygenated
 - Low in TAN and olefins
- Final product fully fungible diesel and gasoline



Catalytic flash pyrolysis

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- Is ongoing in the National Advanced Biofuels Consortium, which funded by the US DOE, in which Albemarle is partnering with NREL, PNNL, UOP, BP and Tesoro to develop new technology for biofuels



Catalytic flash pyrolysis – It works

Catalytic pyrolysis works

- Catalyst type and process conditions have a big influence on chemistry

Many variables and catalysts to be investigated

- High throughput is essential
- Albemarle has developed new high throughput testing equipment



Bio-syngas Conversion

- In addition to classical Fischer-Tropsch and methanol, new technologies are being developed to convert syngas into ethanol and alcohol mixtures
- Albemarle has developed a new technology to manufacture catalysts for syngas conversion
- GoBio MA catalyst has been produced on commercial scale and was applied in a commercial reactor this year



Fischer-Tropsch wax and alcohols from syngas

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ME-10

GoBio
DME-1

GoBio
MA-15

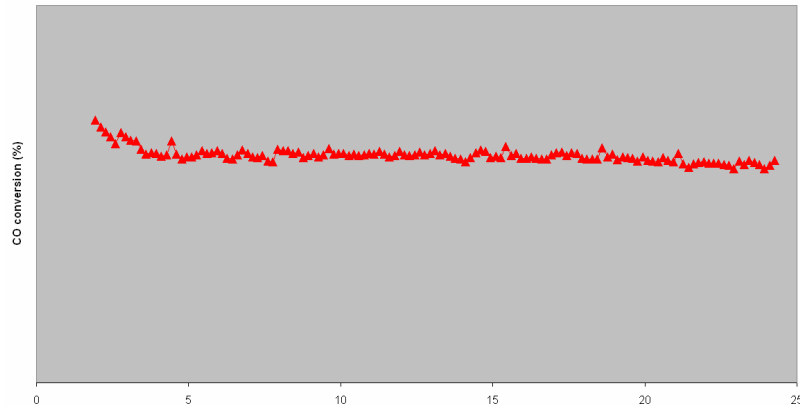
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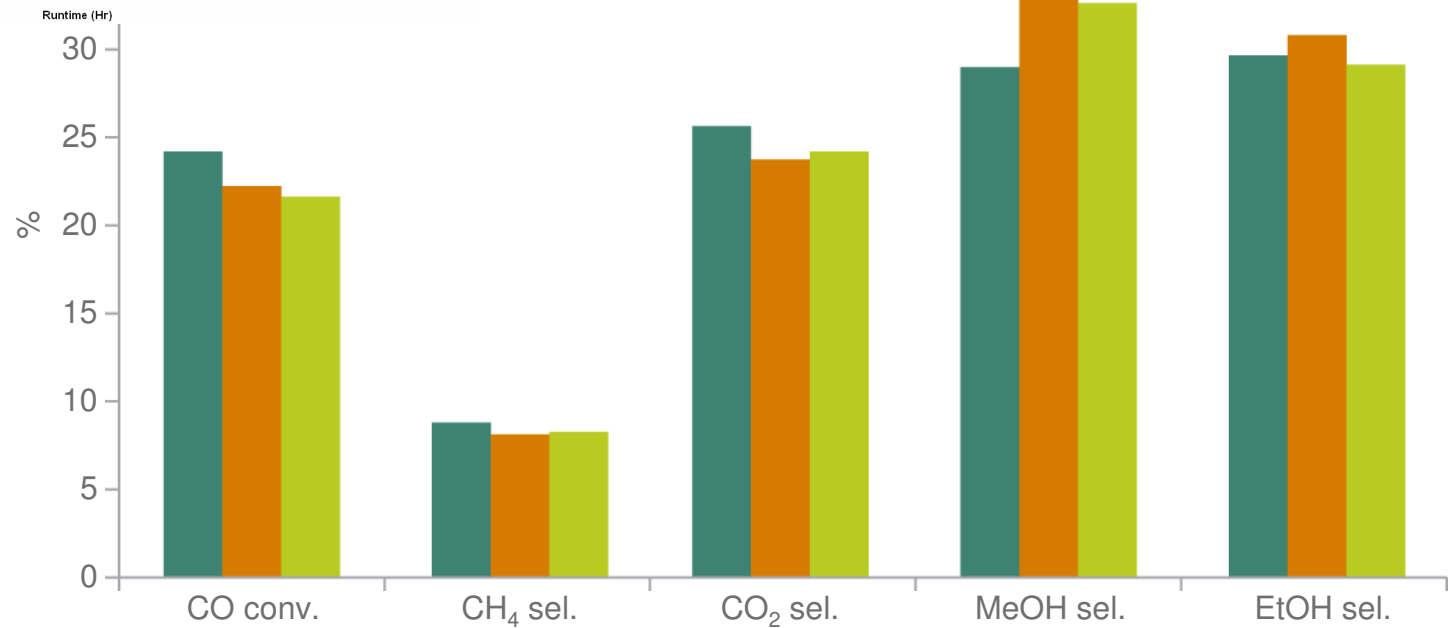
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GoBio mixed alcohol catalyst



- High activity
- Good selectivity
- Robust catalyst



Wood to mixed alcohols via syngas



Pilot at Gussing Bioenergy 2020+ gasifier in the background

Conclusion

Heterogeneous catalysis will be key to develop new technologies for biofuels and chemicals production

Albemarle is introducing new catalysts and technologies

- To improve existing technologies
- To enable new technologies

Albemarle's new family of biofuel catalysts

GoBio

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