

Summer School June 13-14th, 2023

at KIT



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Welcome at KIT



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BL2F Summer School, Tuesday 13.6.2023

| | Welcome |
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| 10.00 | Intermediates to renewable fuels – Motivation and goals of the summer school (Nicolaus Dahmen, KIT) |
| 10.30 | High Temperature Liquefaction: Status and an example of pilot demonstration (Jukka Konttinen, TAU) |
| 11.00 | On the fundamentals of supercritical water salt separation and concomitant HTL using black liquor (David Baudouin, PSI) |
| 11.30 | Networking break |
| 11.50 | Laboratory visit |



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BL2F Summer School, Tuesday 13.6.2023

| | Chair: Ursel Hornung |
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| 14.00 | Hydrodeoxygenation (HDO) of bio-oils (Juha Lehtonen, VTT) |
| 14.30 | Oxymethylene ethers (OME) as clean and sustainable diesel substitutes (Marius Drexler, KIT-IKFT) |
| 15.00 | Hydrogen economy and use for transport fuels (Jukka Konttinen, TAU) |
| 15.30 | Reactor concepts for synthetic natural gas production from CO ₂ (Mathias Held, KIT-EBI) |
| 16.15 | Transfer to the social event by bus |



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BL2F Summer School Wednesday 14.6.2023

| | Chair: Mya Belden and Nicolaus Dahmen |
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| 9.30 | Hybrid Key note: Towards liquefaction of sustainable feedstock to upgraded intermediate products (Tooran Khazraie, Valmet) |
| 10.00 | Pyrolysis oils and their applications (Frederico Fonseca, KIT-IKFT) |
| 10.30 | Group work on case studies for different fuel intermediates |
| 12.00 | Lunch in the Casino |
| 13.00 | Presentation of group working results |



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Case study

Groups work on value chains of different renewable intermediates:

HTL biocrude

Fast pyrolysis bio-oil

Methanol +

LC alcohol to jet

Hydrogen

Biogas

Maximilian Wörner

Naiara Telis

Moritz Herfet

Henri Steinweg

Frederico Fonseca

Philip Konnerth

Henri ist blau, Max ist grün, Moritz weiß mit Kreuz, Najara weiß, Frederico gelb und Philip rot.



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Case study

Task: Find a process example for one possible process chain utilizing the specific intermediate to examine the following questions

- What does the process look like (schematic)?
- Which feedstocks can or are be used?
- Which products are obtained?
- Which fuel applications are possible?
- What is the fuel (energy) efficiency?
- What do you think are main advantages/disadvantages of the process?

Present the results in bullet point form together with a simple process scheme after the lunch break.



BL2F Summer School Wednesday 14.6.2023

| | Chair: Nicolaus Dahmen |
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| 16.00 | Distinctive aspects of techno-economic analyses of the generation of renewable energy carriers (Paul Heinzmann, Andreas Rudi, KIT-IIP) |
| 16.30 | Online: Sustainability and feasibility of the production of bio-oil integrated to Pulp Mill (Tero Joronen, BL2F coordinator, TAU) |
| 17.00 | Closing (Ursel Hornung) |



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Intermediates to renewable fuels – Motivation and goals of the summer school

Nicolaus Dahmen



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Scope and outline

- What are renewable fuels (refuels)?
- What is the role they may play in future?
- Which types of refuels exist and what are possible pathways for their production?
- What is the role of intermediates and what are the most relevant ones?



Traffic sectors

Passenger cars

Light trucks

Heavy trucks

Railway

Maritime

Aviation

Machines for construction,
agriculture, forestry

Military

Alternatives

Full electric battery

Full and hybrid electrical

Fuel cell, H₂ ICE, reFuels

LNG, methanol, reFuels, NH₃,
reFuels w/o aromats

Electrical, fuel cell, H₂ ICE, reFuels

reFuels

**In future, there is a still significant demand
for liquid and gaseous hydrocarbon fuels!**

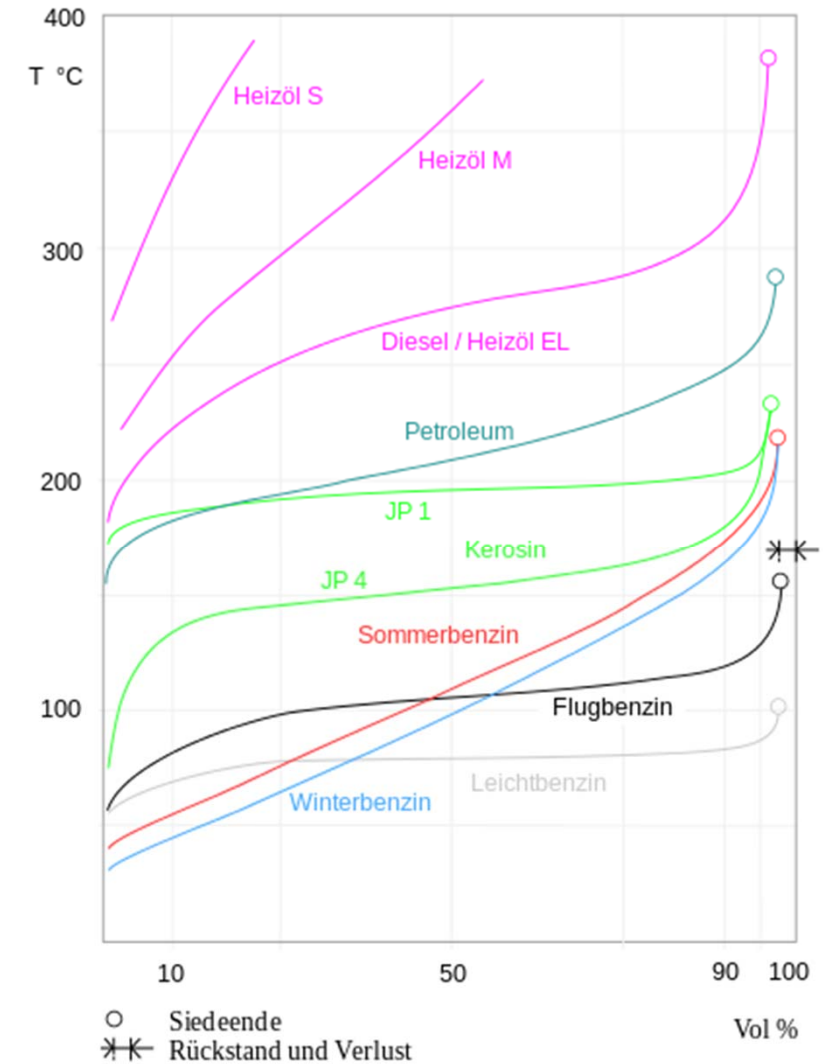
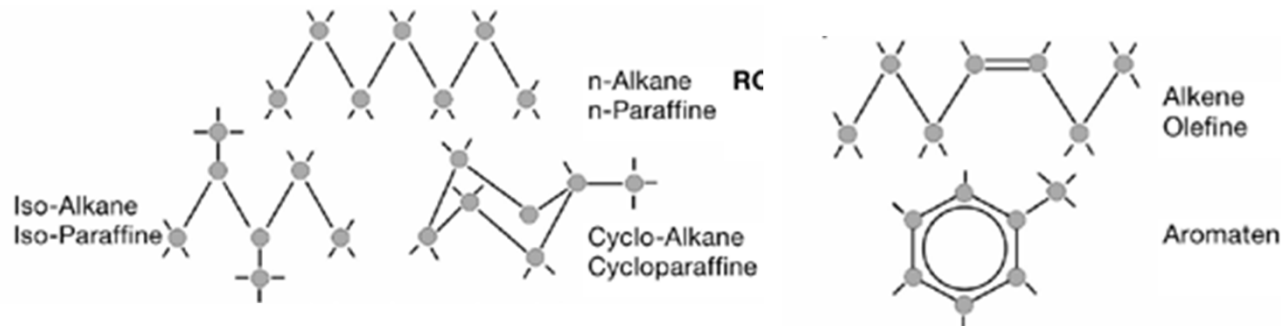


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Conventional liquid fuels

- Multi component mixtures of linear, branched and cyclic hydrocarbon fractions from crude oil and additives.

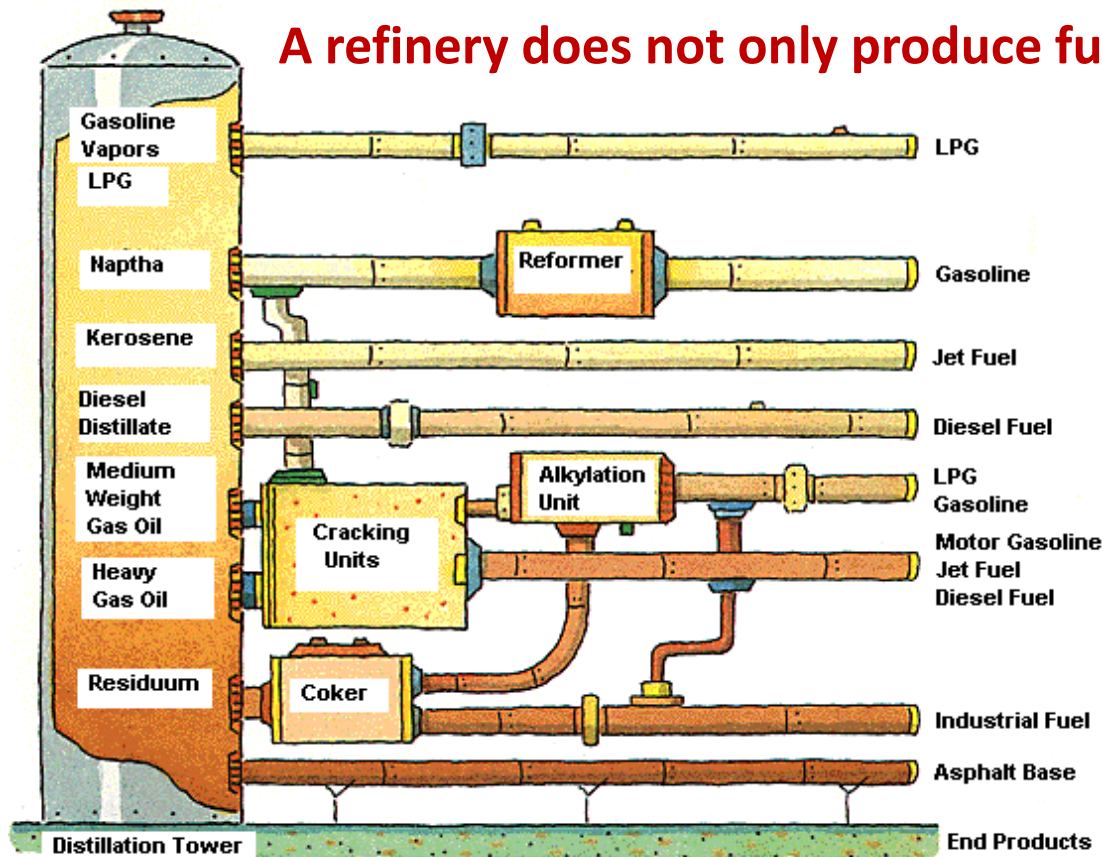
| | Gasoline | Kerosene | Diesel |
|---------|----------|------------|--------|
| C-Atoms | 5-11 | 8-13 | 9-22 |
| Norm | EN 228 | Jet A, A-1 | EN 590 |



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Fuel production today

A refinery does not only produce fuels!



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| Naphta | 7,01 |
| Otto fuel | 18,82 |
| Gasoline comp. | 2,50 |
| Diesel fuel | 31,36 |
| Fuel oil (light) | 12,52 |
| Middle distillate | 2,02 |
| Fuel oil (heavy) | 4,15 |
| Heavy components | 2,25 |
| Liquid gas | 2,97 |
| Refinery gas | 3,64 |
| Special gasoline | 0,49 |
| Text gasoline | 0,06 |
| Jet fuel | 2,59 |
| Bitumen | 3,86 |
| Petrocoke | 1,73 |
| Waxes | 0,32 |
| Lubricants | 2,47 |
| Residues | 1,26 |
| | 100 |

Output of Germany's refineries in 2020

Total amount ca. 100 kt

En2x Gründungsbericht 2021

<https://www.e-education.psu.edu/eme801/node/470>

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What are renewable fuels?



- reFuels comprise all fuels that are produced on the basis of non-fossil carbon and hydrogen sources, including advanced biofuels and electro-fuels (eFuels).
- In blends and, in perspective, also as full fuel they meet the existing standards.



Attempt to classify reFuels

- **Pressurized and liquid gases:**

- Compressed or liquefied hydrogen
- Compressed renewable Gas (CReG) (analog CNG)
- Liquefied Natural Gas (LReG) (analog LNG)
- Liquefied Propane (analog LPG)
- Dimethyl ether (DME)



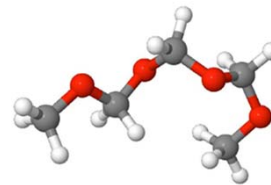
- **Hydrocarbons (Drop-in-Fuels)**

- Fischer-Tropsch gasoline, diesel, jet fuel
- Methanol-to-gasoline
- Gasoline and jet fuel from olefin oligomerization
- Synthetic aromats (blend component for jet fuel)
- Upgraded bio-oils/-crudes



- **Oxygenates (Near-Drop-in-Fuels, blend components):**

- Methanol
- Ethanol, Butanol
- Octanol
- Dimethyl ether, oxymethylen dimethyl ether (OME)
- Methyl-tert.-Butylether (MTBE)



Future fuel production

- Dedicated plants producing one or a narrow range of fuels used close by (de-centralized production)
- Refinery type plants, utilizing renewable, stable intermediates from scalable technologies
 - Methanol from syngas
 - Hydrocarbons (e.g. via Fischer-Tropsch) from syngas
 - Bio-oil / -crude from thermal biomass treatment
 - Methane from digestions or CO₂-hydrogenation
- These intermediates can be produced and traded all over the world (where renewable energy and energy carriers are cheap) to be imported and adding value by their conversion into fuels and chemicals.



The ways to intermediates

Syngas

- Gasification of organic material
(e.g. from lignocellulosic biomass)
$$\text{C}_6\text{H}_8\text{O}_4 + 2 \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 5.2 \text{CO} + 2.8 \text{H}_2 + 0.8 \text{CO}_2 + 1.2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$$
- Reverse water gas shift reaction: $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Co-electrolysis: $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{CO} + \text{H}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \text{O}_2$
- Dry gas reforming: $\text{CH}_4 + \text{CO}_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{CO} + 2\text{H}_2$

Bio-oil/-crude

- Hydrothermal liquefaction
(ca. 60% liquid products)
- Fast pyrolysis
(max. 60% liquid products)

Methane

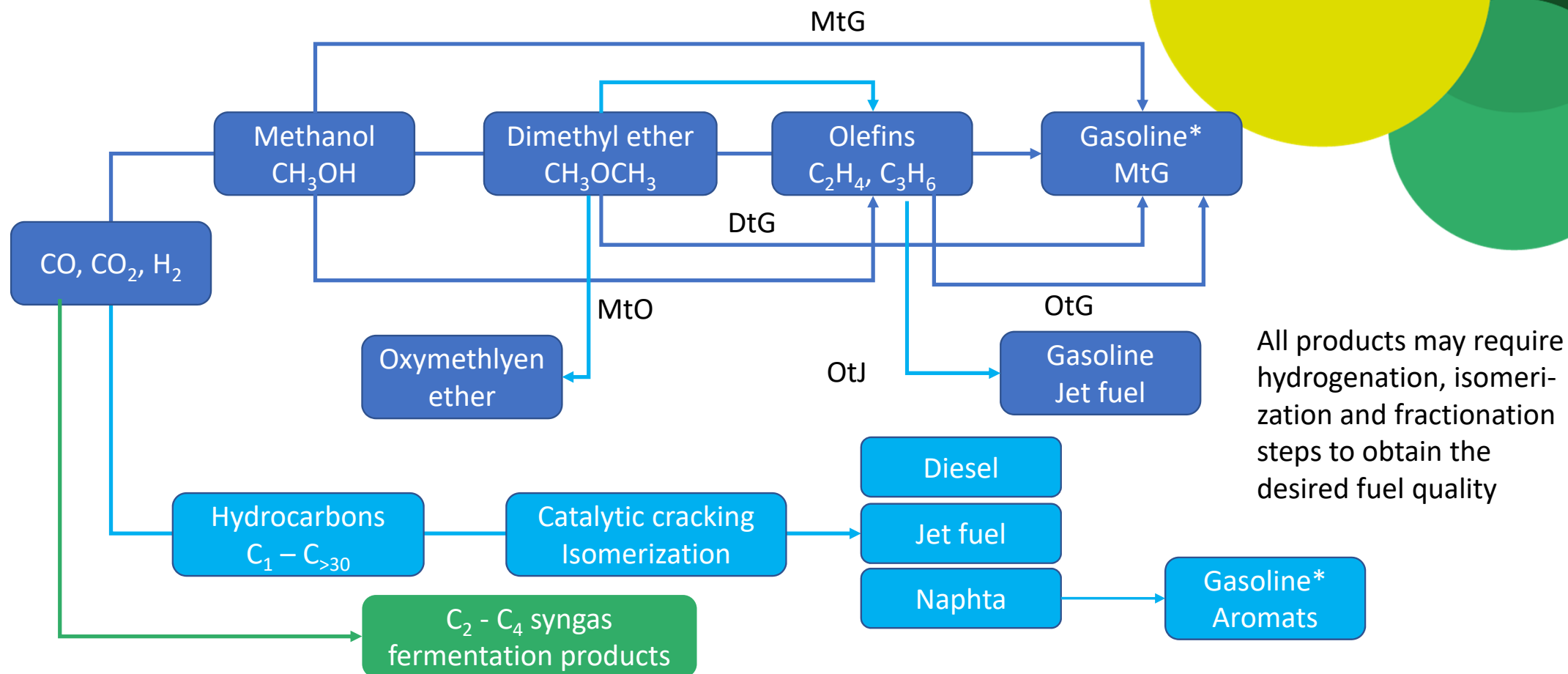
- Anaerobic digestion: $\text{C}_2\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6 \rightarrow 3 \text{CH}_4 + 3 \text{CO}_2$
- Methanation: $\text{CO}_2 + 4 \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{CH}_4 + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$

Carbohydrates

- Digestion of lignocellulosic biomass
(20 – 45% glucose yield)



Syngas based fuels

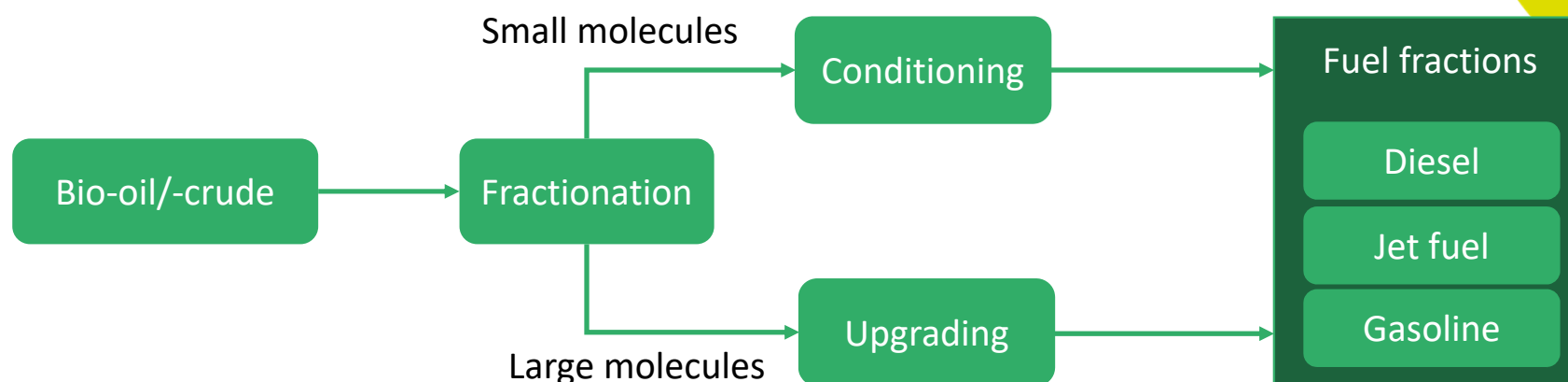


*containing aromats



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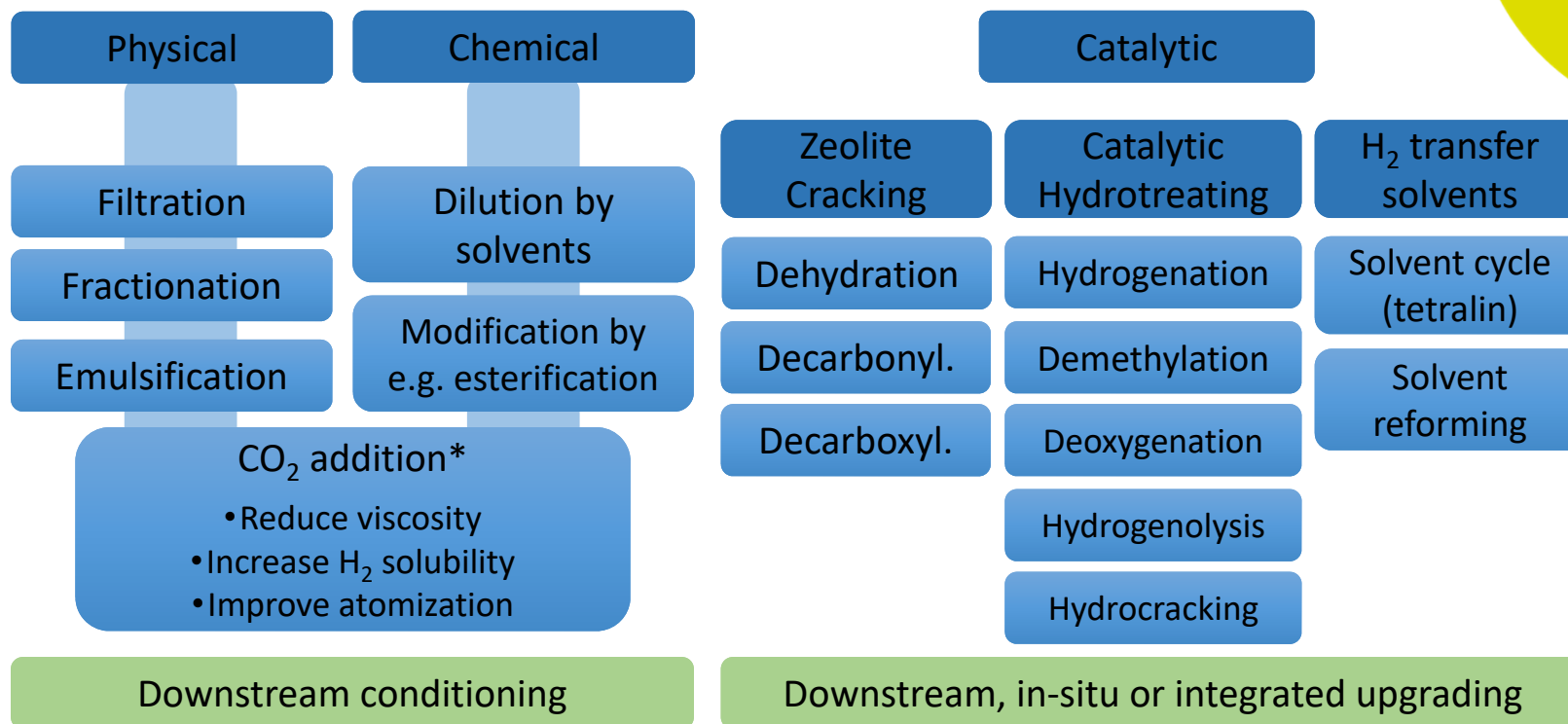
Bio-oil/-crude based fuels



- Bio-oil/-crude are complex multi-component mixtures
- Upgrading/conditioning aim at improved thermal and chemical stability, increased heating value, miscibility with hydrocarbons, reduced viscosity and acidity
- Multistep conditioning & upgrading processes are required



Bio-oil/-crude upgrading/conditioning



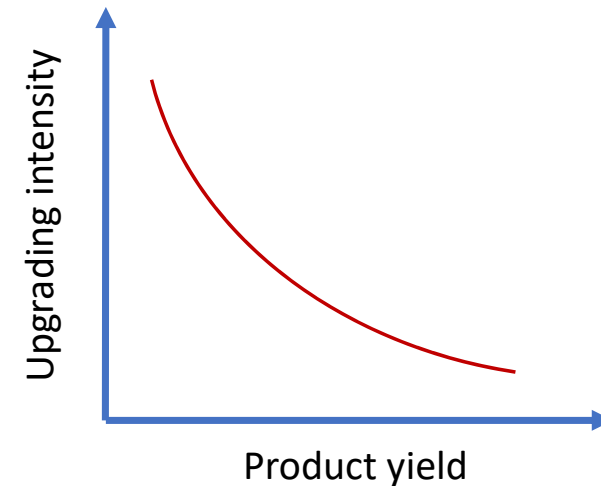
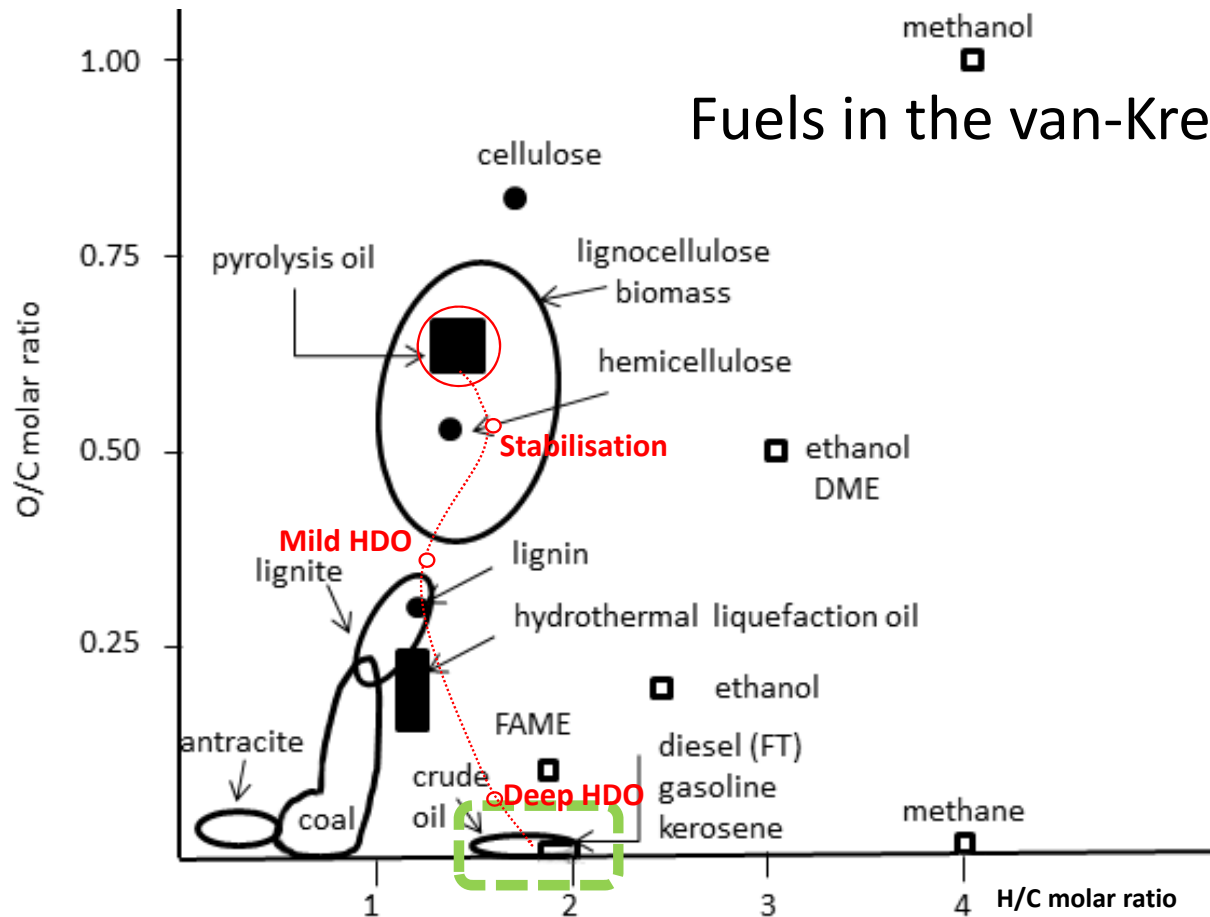
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Hydrodeoxygenation

Fuels in the van-Krevelen diagram

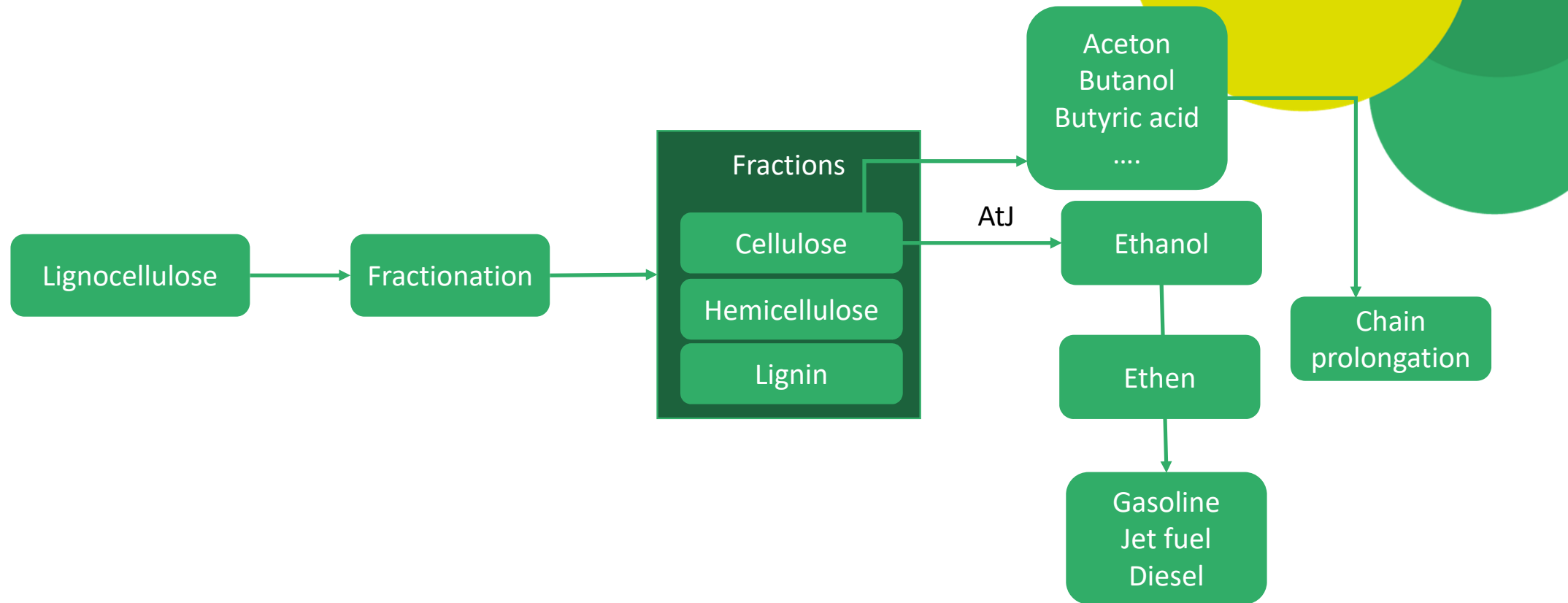


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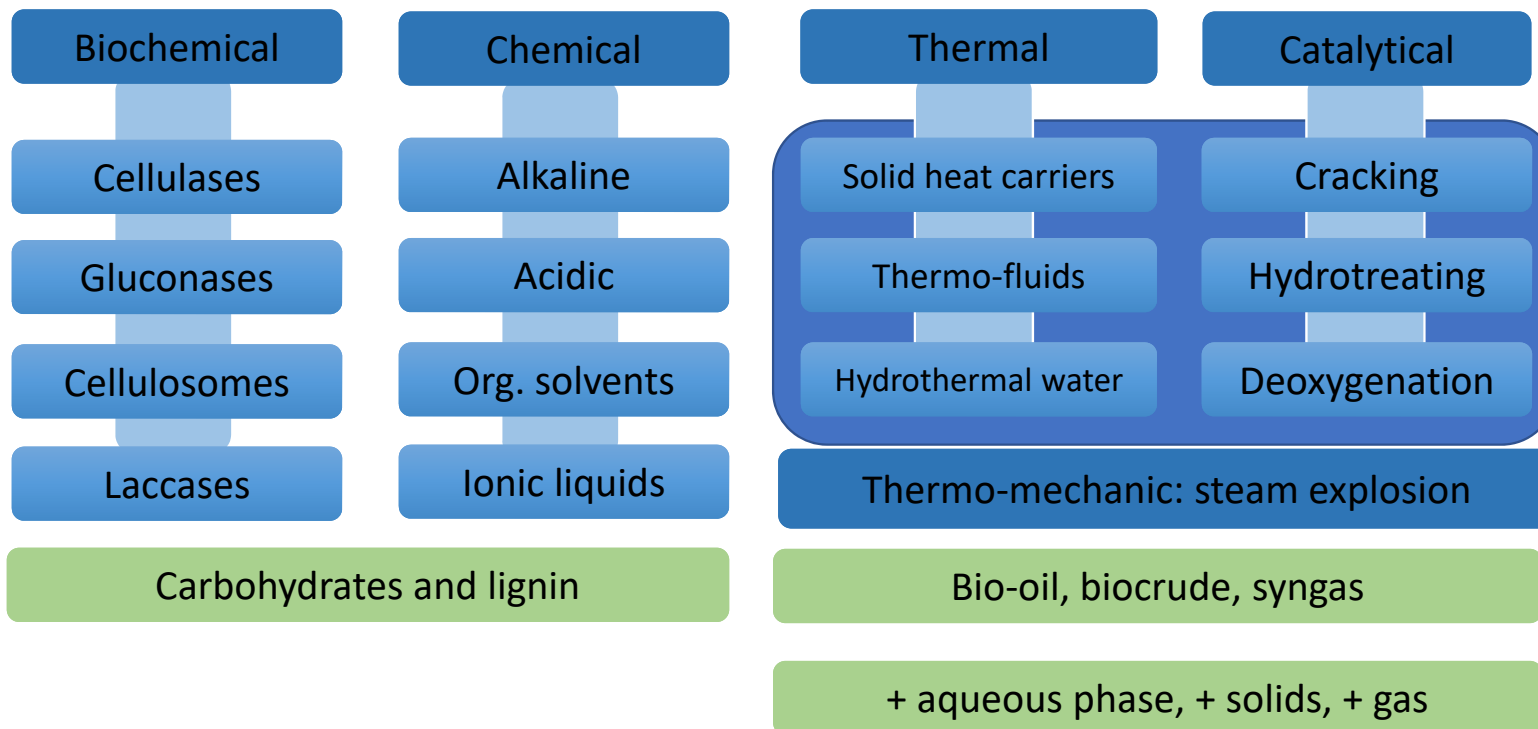


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Fermentation/microbial fuels



Biomass de-polymerization principles



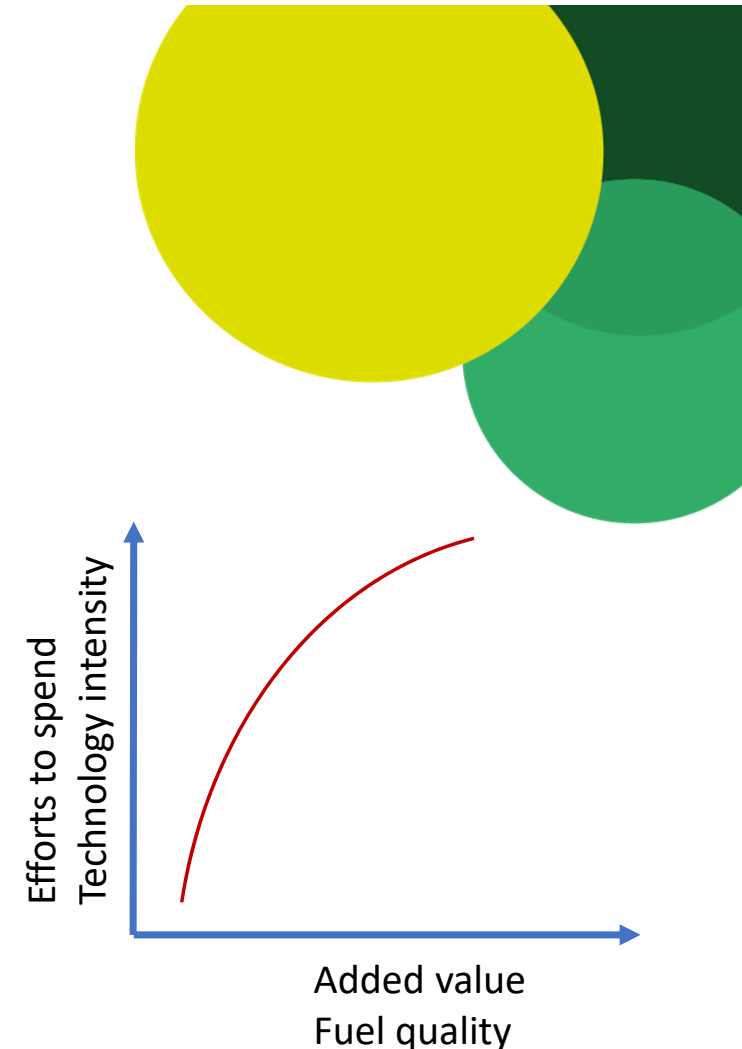
– Usually, combinations of these options are applied



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Conclusions

- There are several types of renewable fuels and much more routes to produce them
- For proper choice and further development a number of issues need to be addressed
 - Feedstock / intermediate availability
 - Achievable fuel quality
 - State of development/time to market
 - Energy efficiency
 - CO₂ reduction potential/mitigation costs
 - Economics





bioliq plant

Projects

- refuels (www.refuels.de/index.php)
- Refineries for Future (<https://ref4fu.de/>)
- Innofuels
- H2mare (www.wasserstoff-leitprojekte.de/leitprojekte/h2mare)
- Kopernikus PtX (www.kopernikus-projekte.de/projekte/p2x)
- Namosyn (www.namosyn.de)

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