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Fermentations coupled to chemical catalysis to increase the product portfolio in the biorefinery

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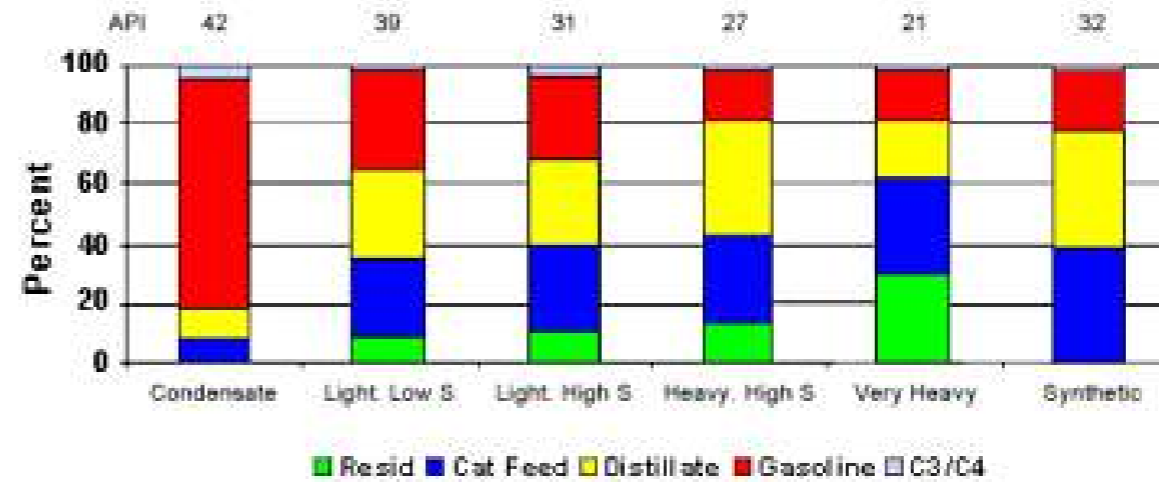


Versatility of a oil refinery

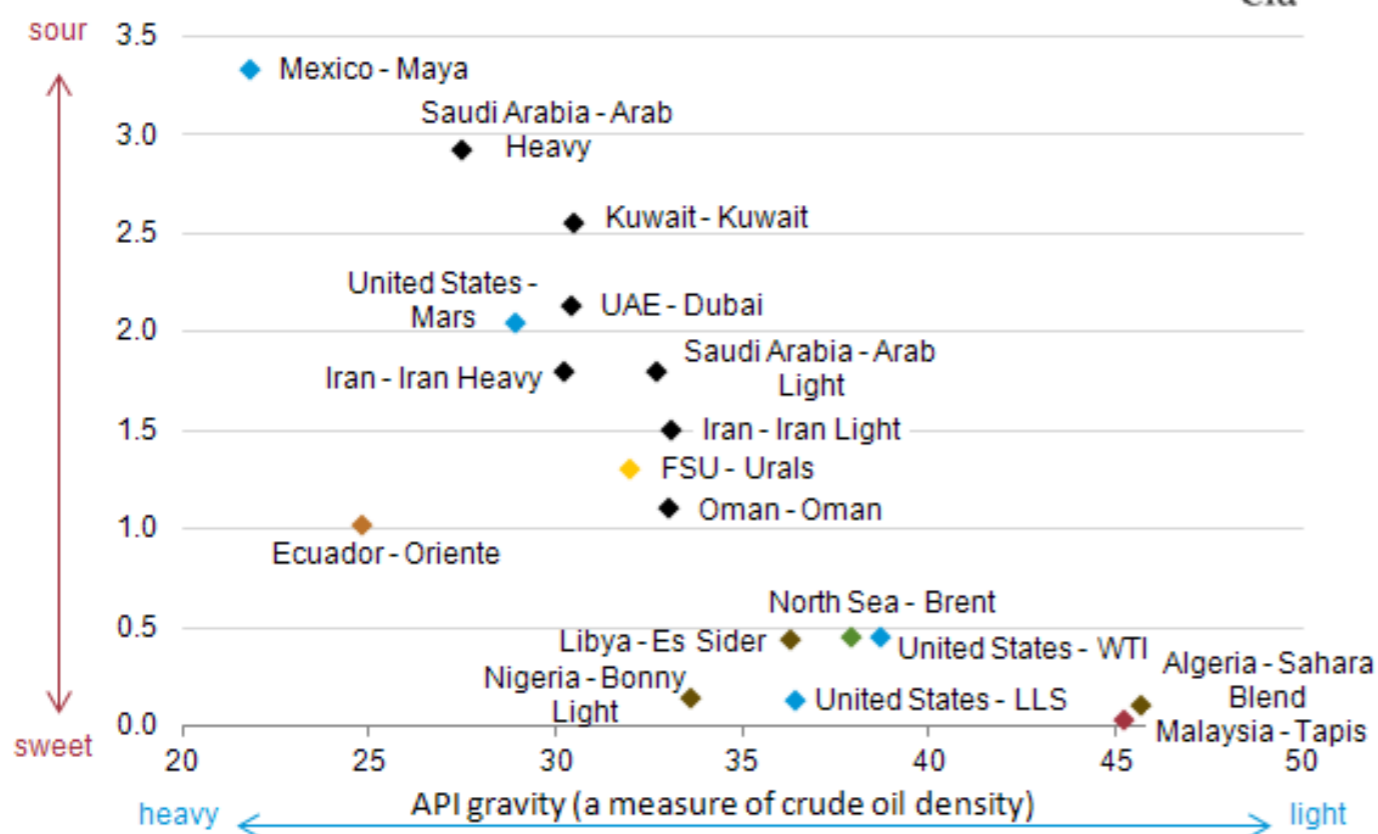


BP's Castellón oil refinery in Spain

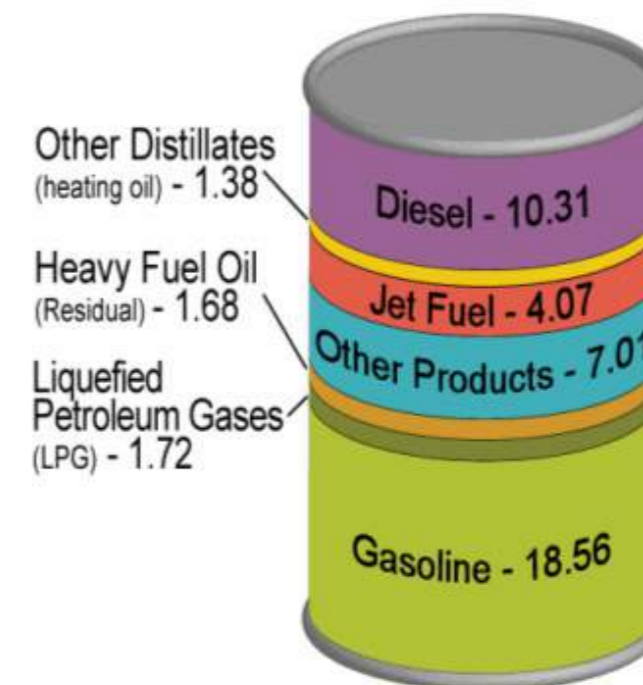
Comparison of Refinery Yields by Crude Type



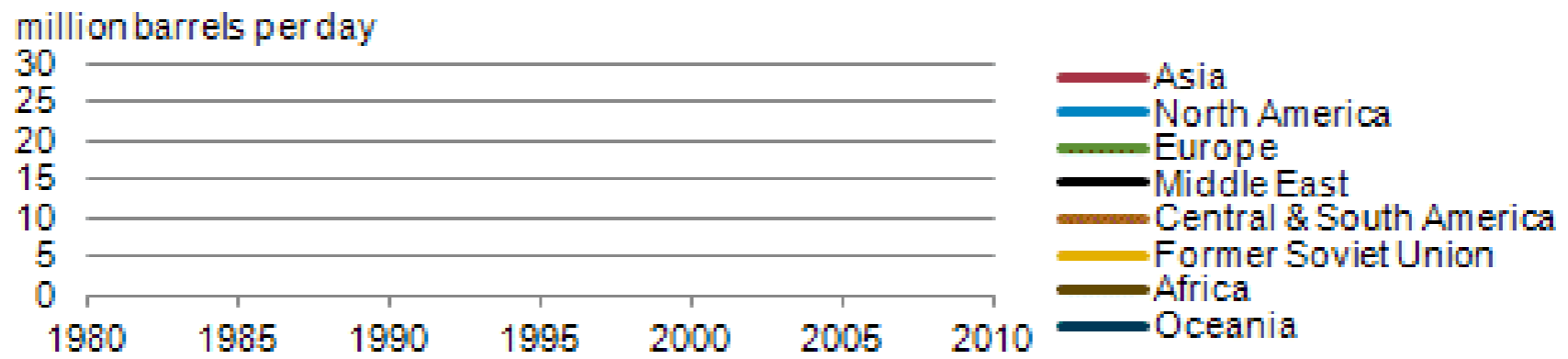
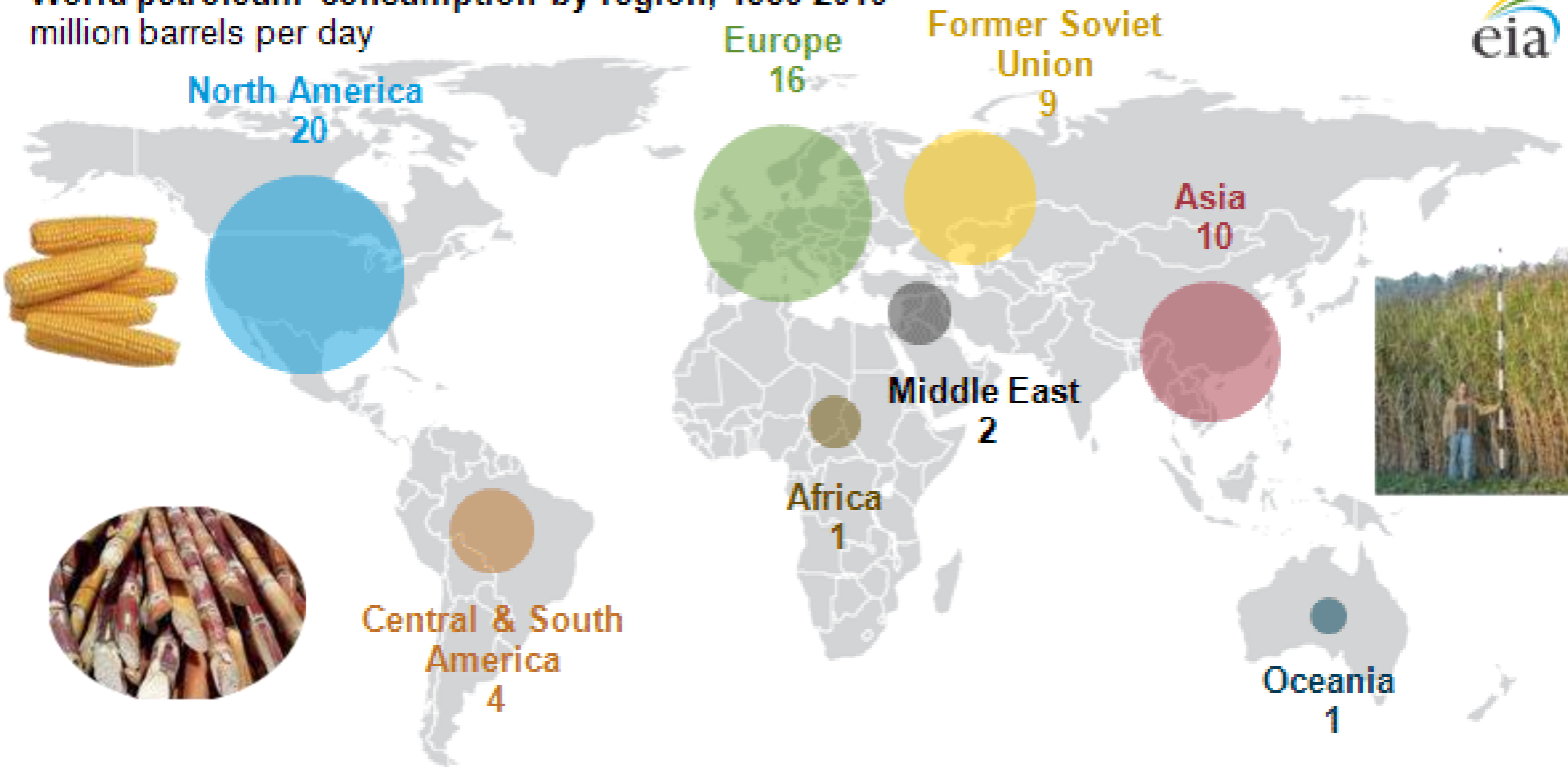
Density and sulfur content of selected crude oils



Products Made from a Barrel of Crude Oil (Gallons)



World petroleum consumption by region, 1980-2010
million barrels per day

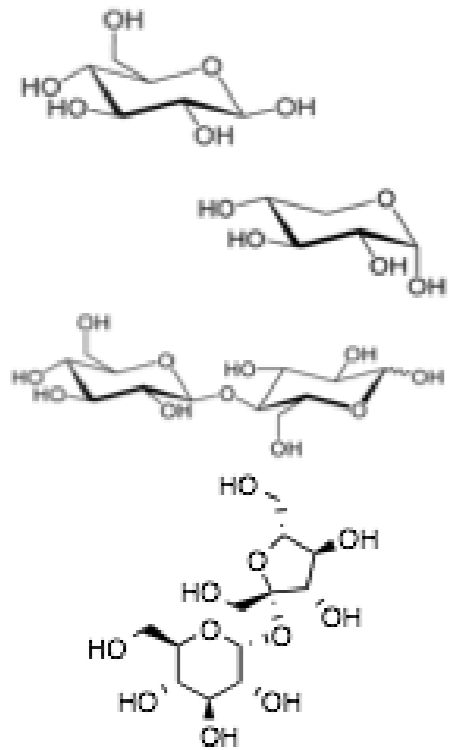


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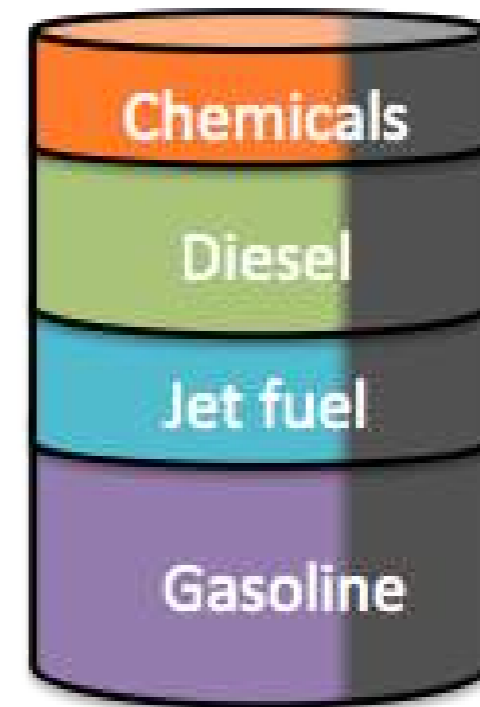
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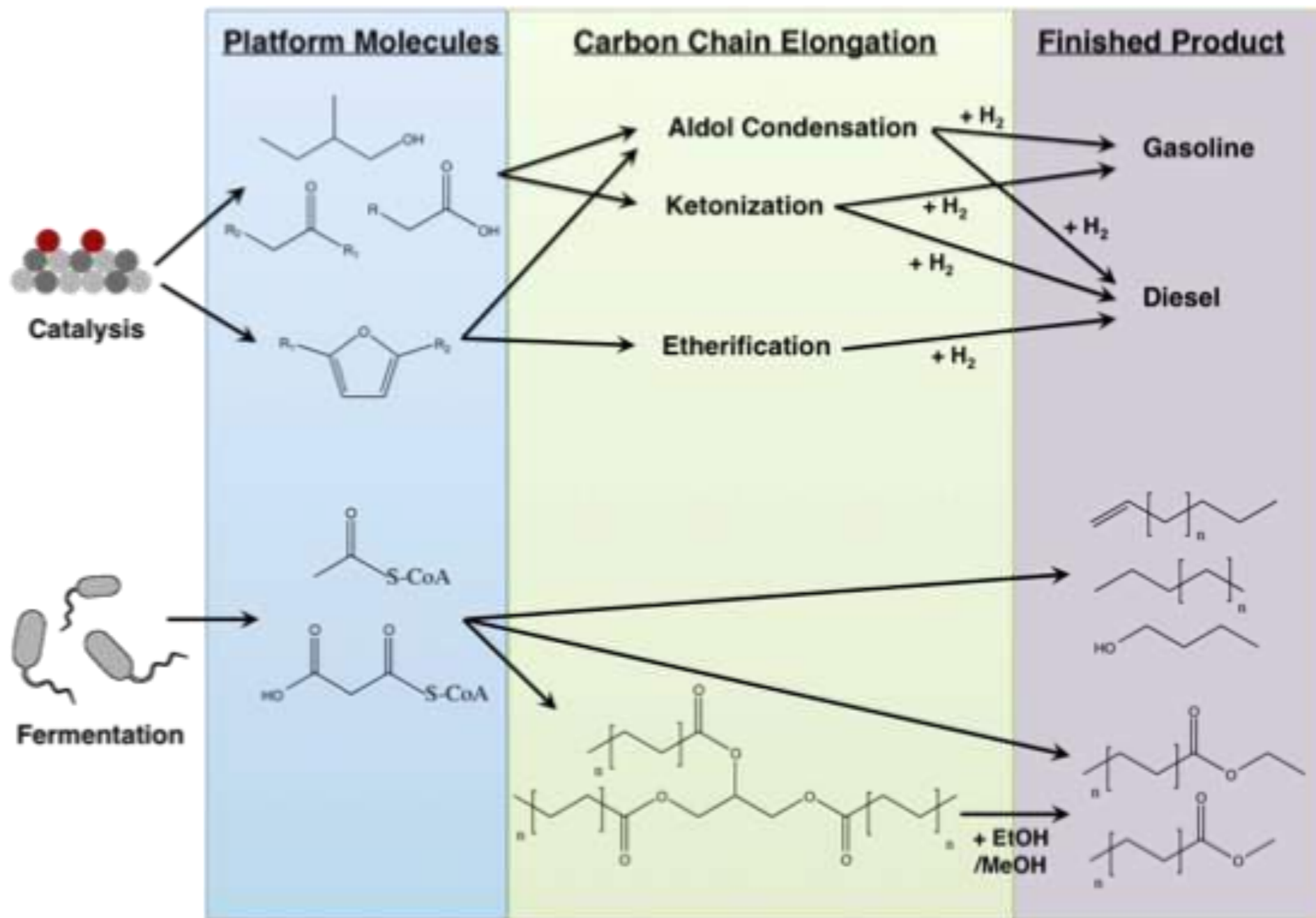
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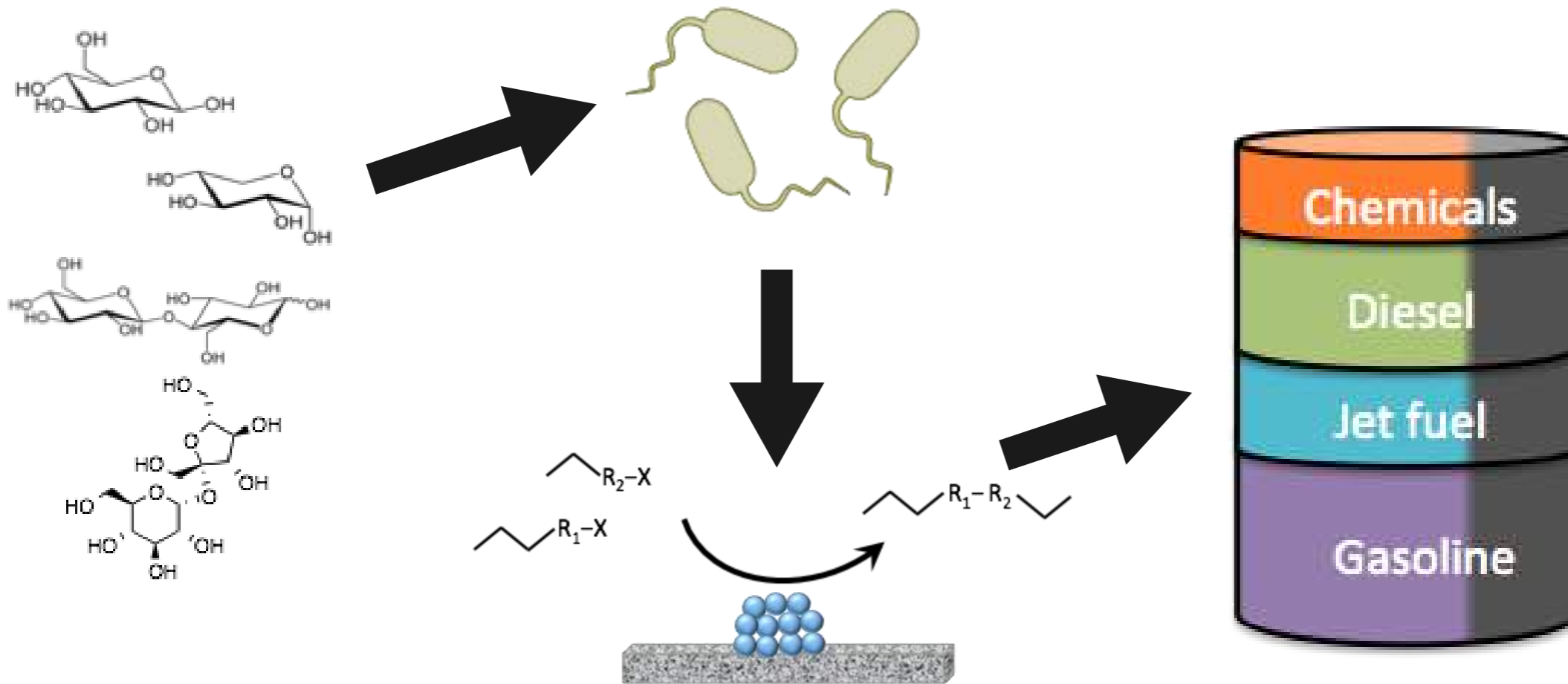
Sugar-derived advanced biofuel technologies



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Bridging the Chemical and Biological Catalysis Gap: Challenges and Outlooks for Producing Sustainable Chemicals

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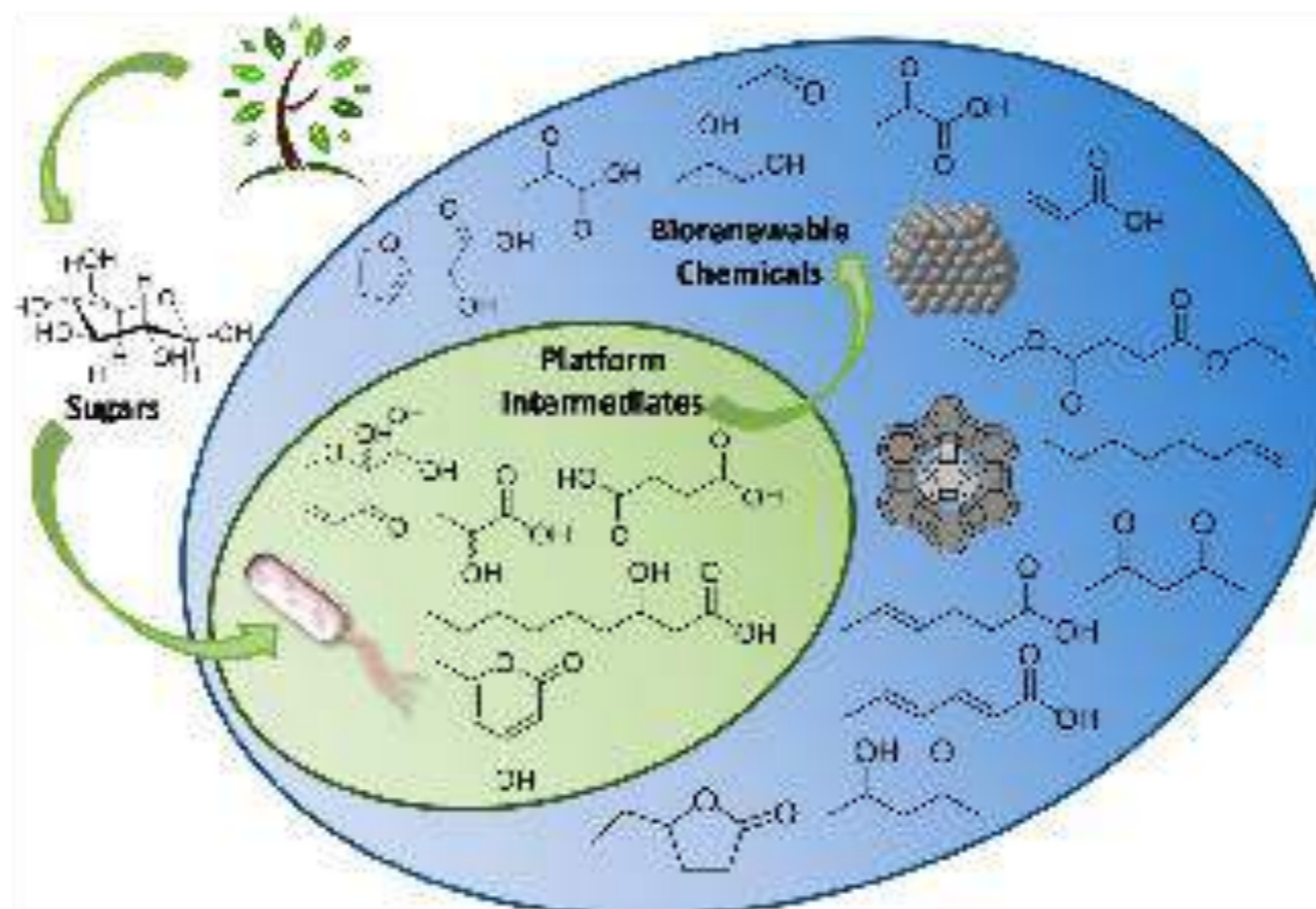
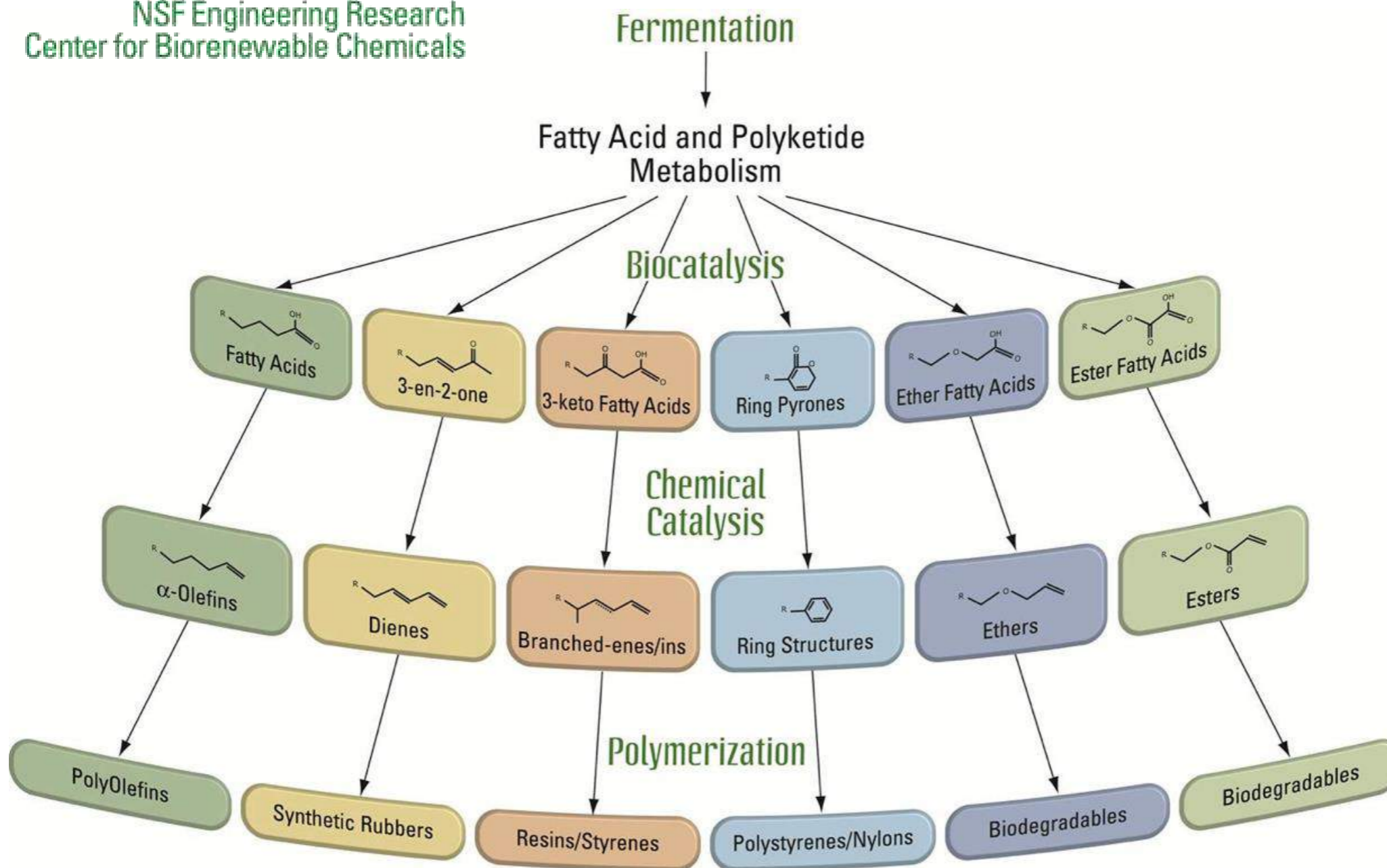


Figure 3. Overview of the coupling of chemical and biological catalysis for production of biorenewable chemicals.

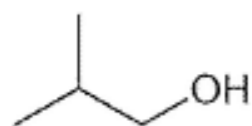
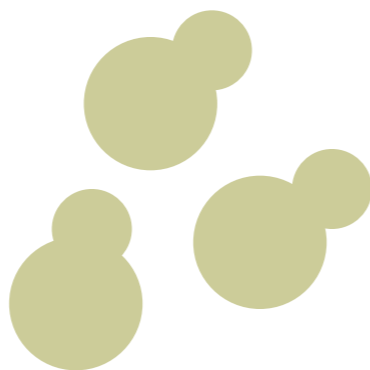
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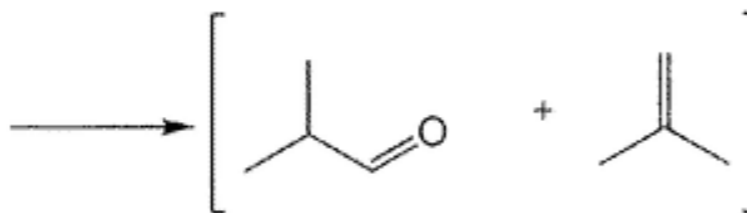
Gevo's integrated process for sugar to para-xylene



Proprietary yeast

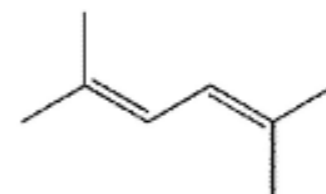


isobutanol



isobutyraldehyde and isobutyraldehyde equivalents (from isobutanol)

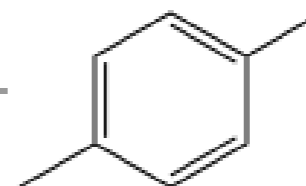
inorganic acid catalyst



2,5-dimethylhexadiene

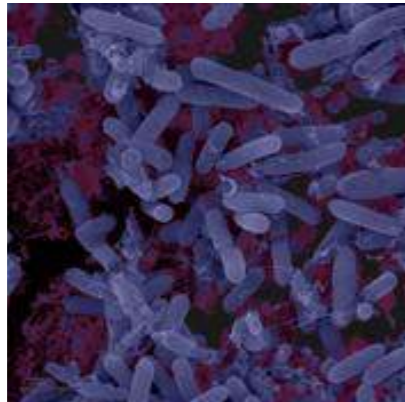
alumina or silica-based catalyst

transition-metal catalyst



p-Xylene



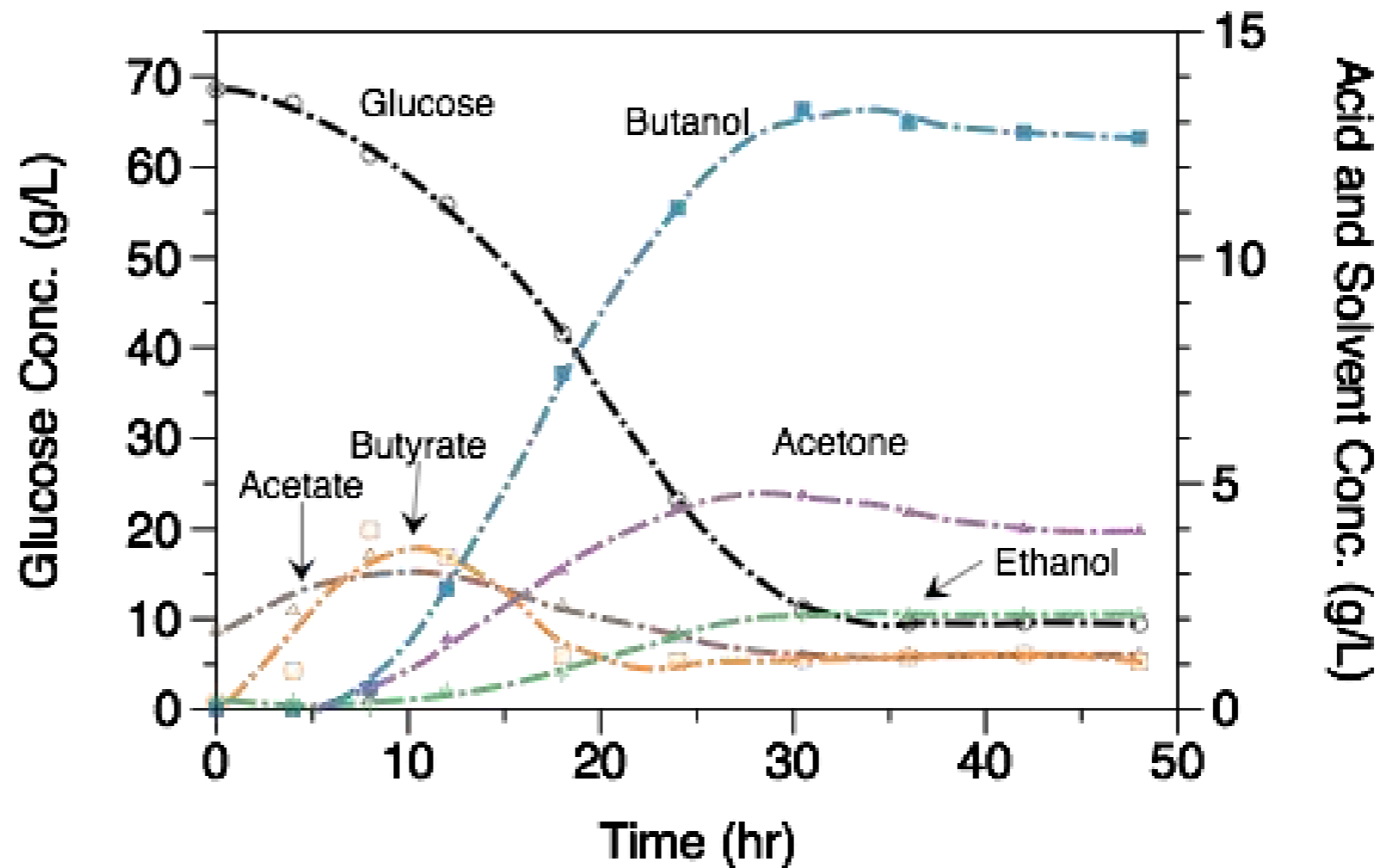


Clostridium acetobutylicum

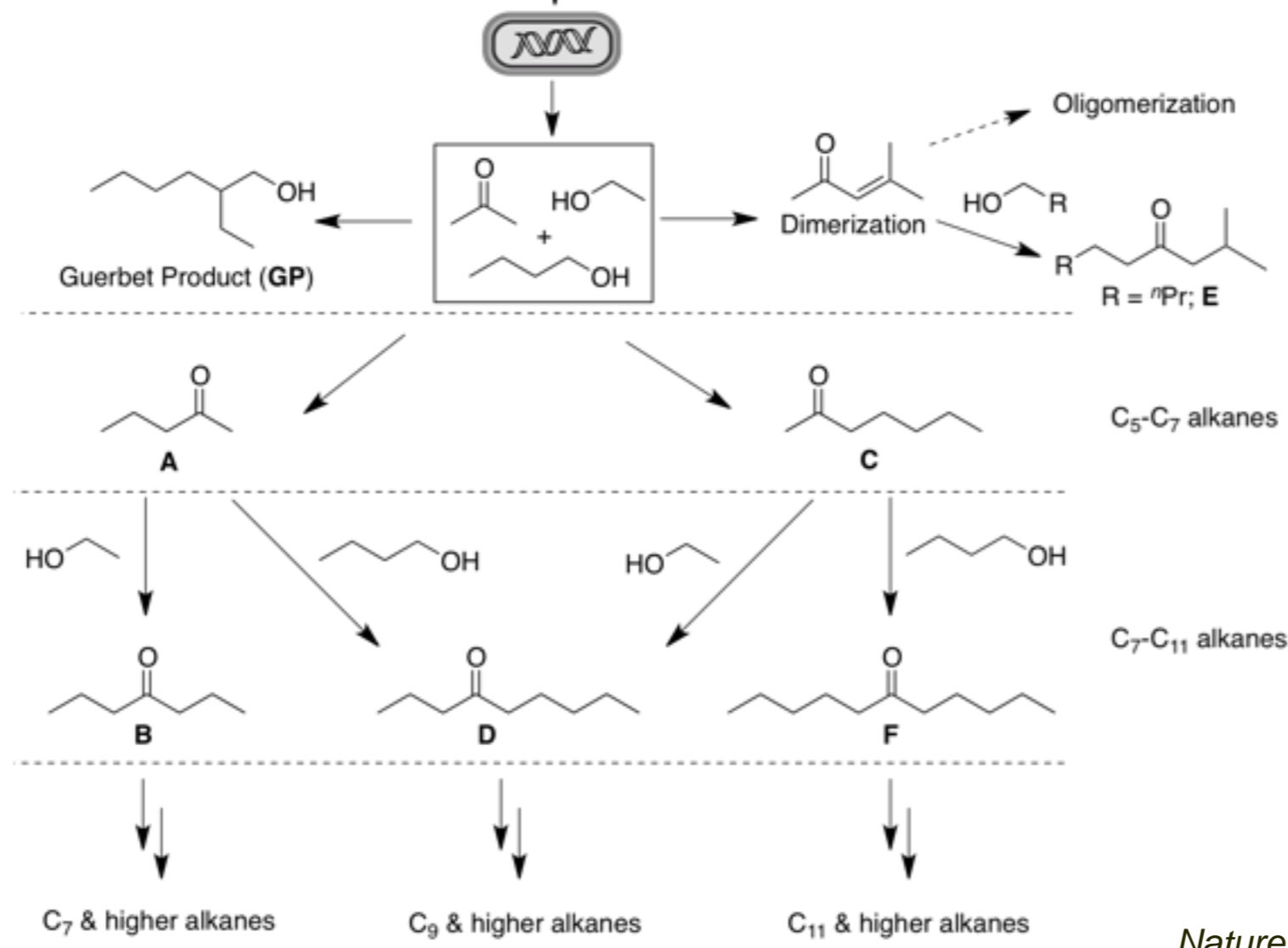
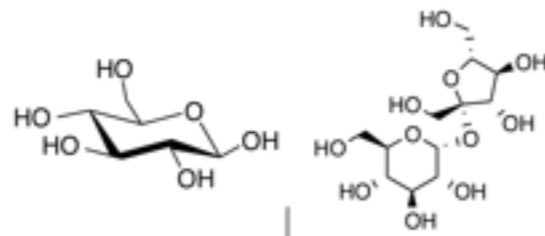


Acidogenic phase

Solventogenic phase



Integrated Process Design 1.0: ABE to Ketones

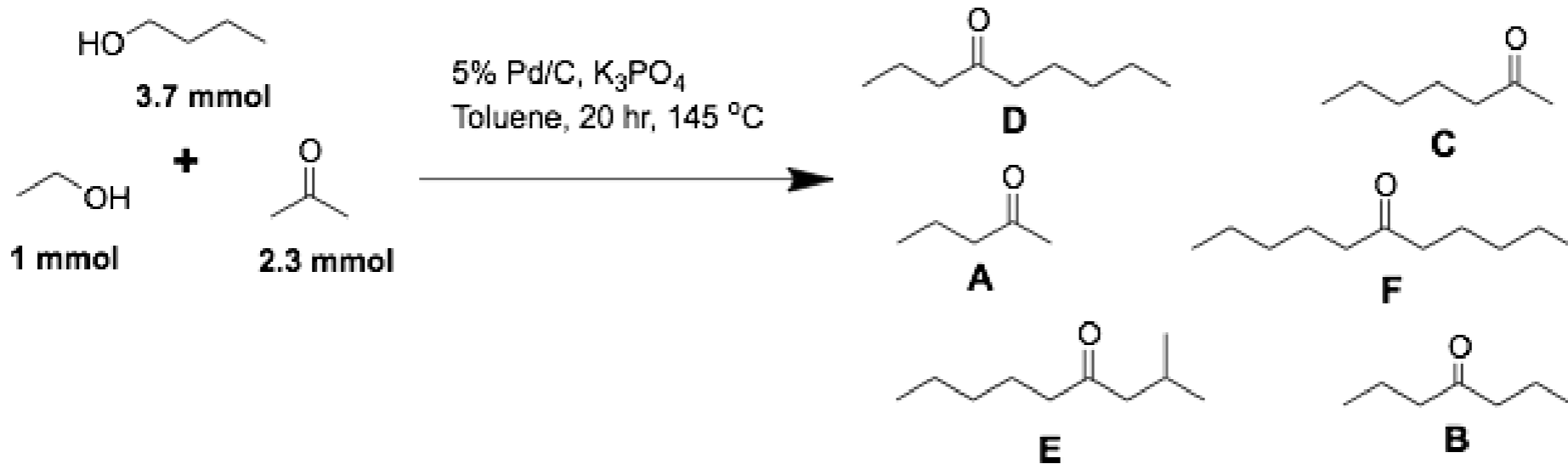
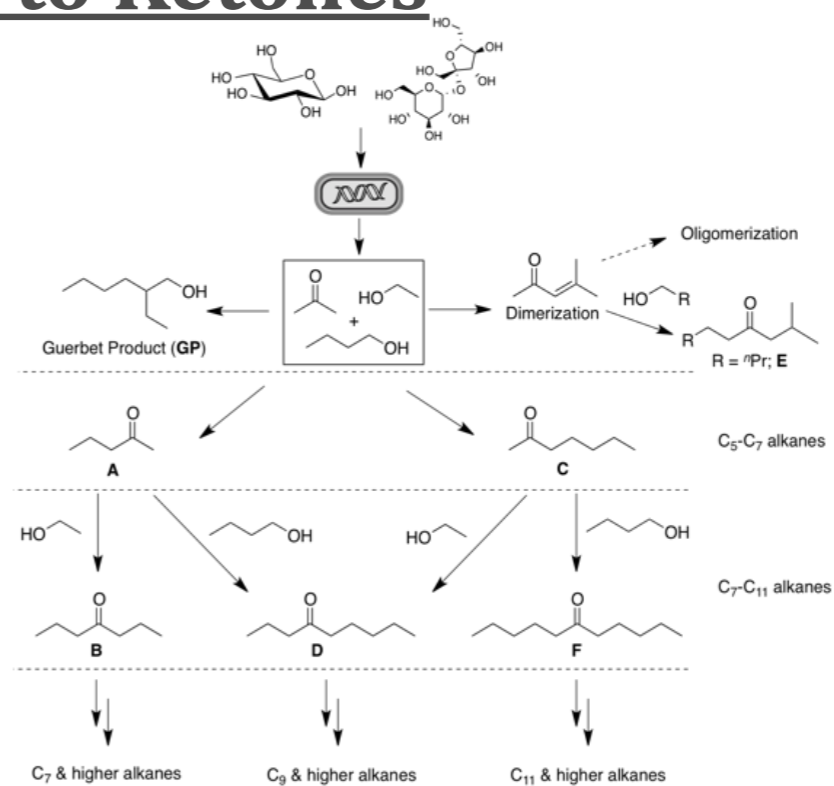


Gasoline

Jet

Diesel

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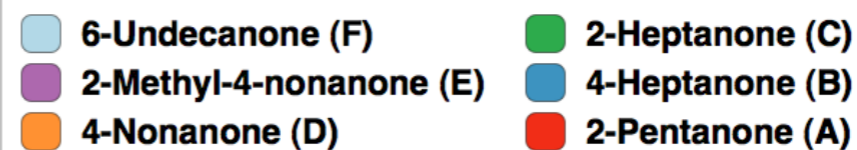
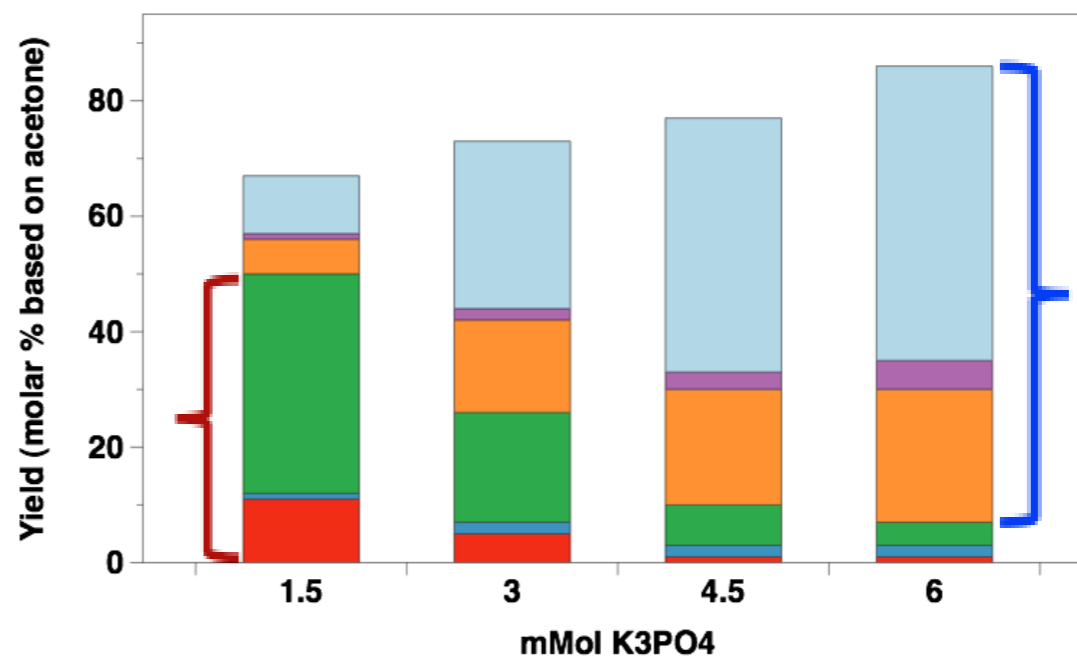
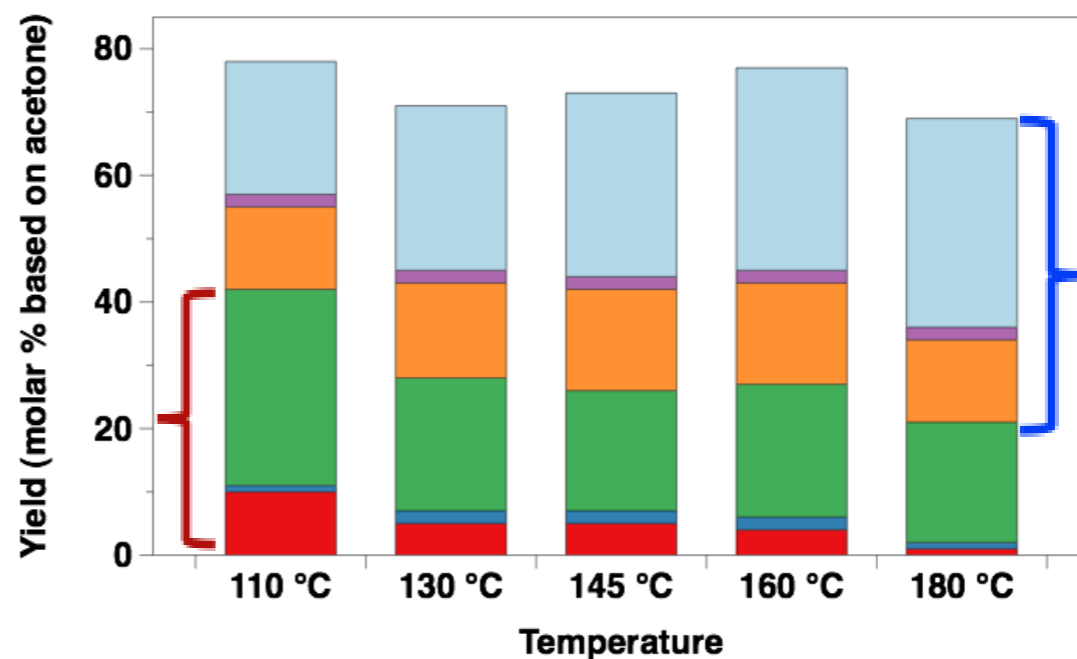
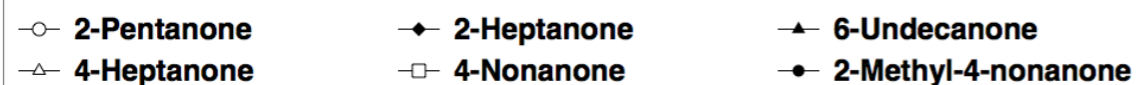
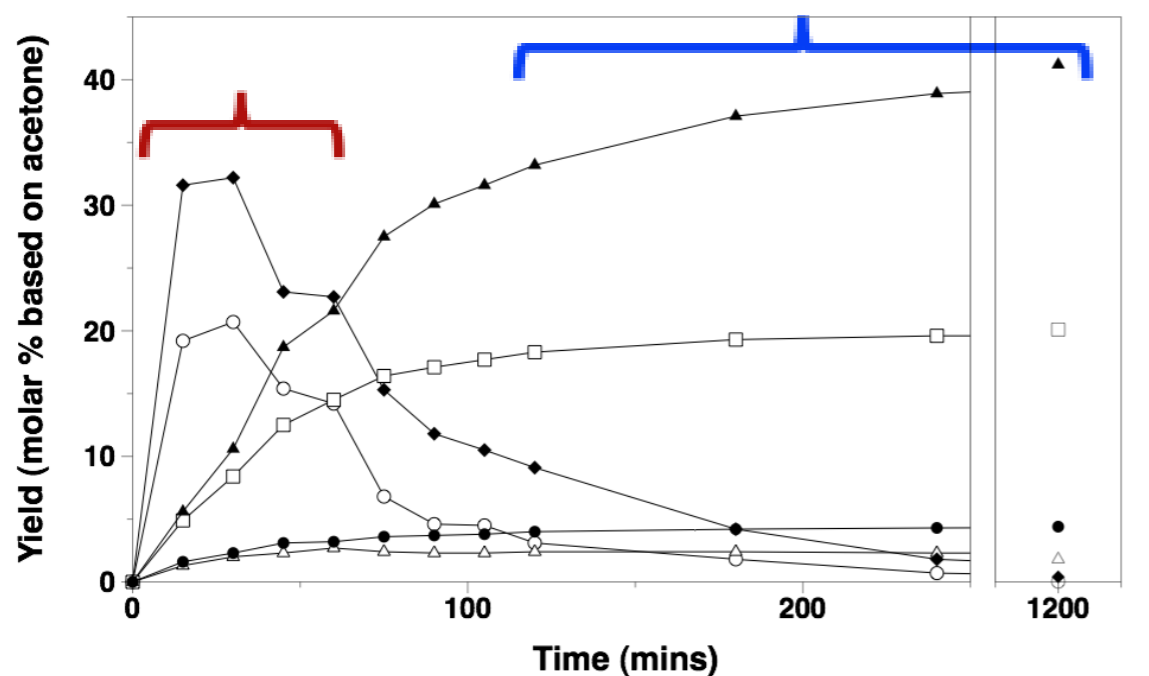
Tuning the reaction for gasoline or jet/diesel products

Reactor conditions for **gasoline** precursors:

- ↓ temperature
- ↓ base loading
- ↓ retention time

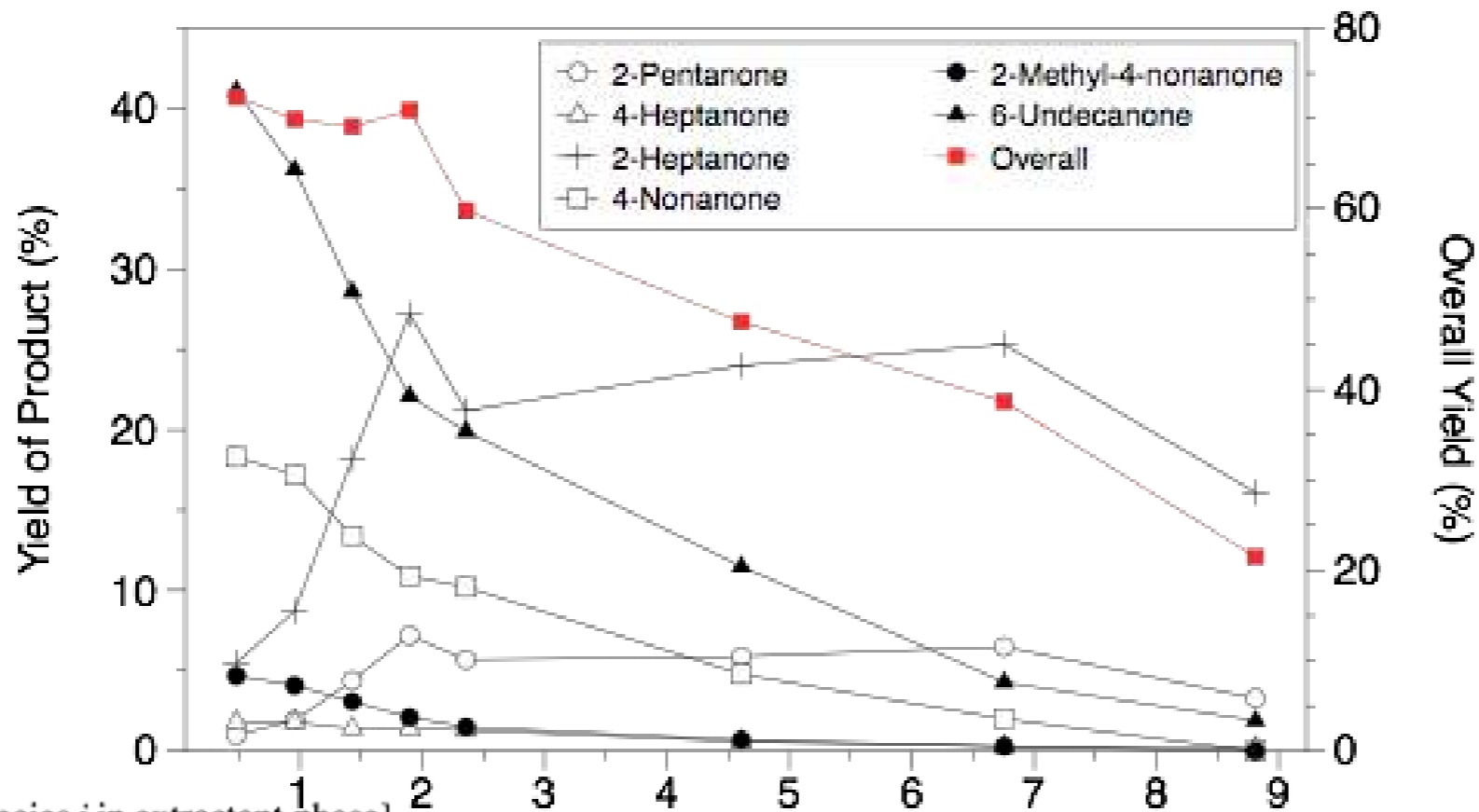
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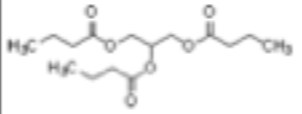
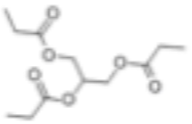

Integration of fermentation and catalysis



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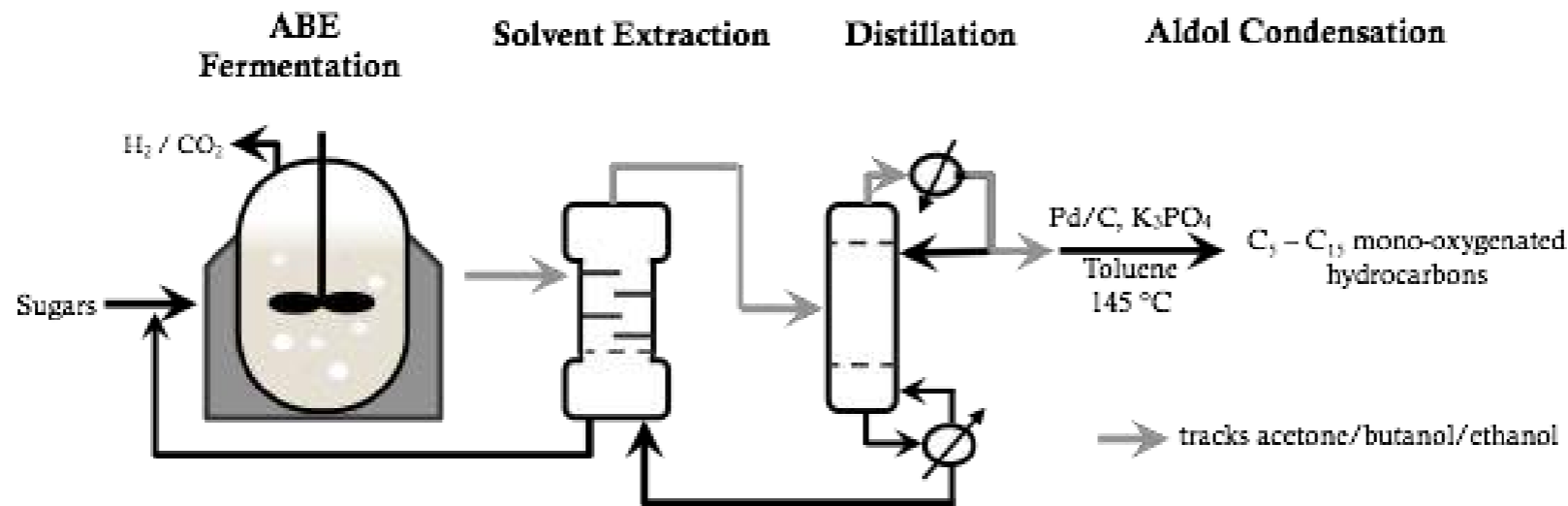
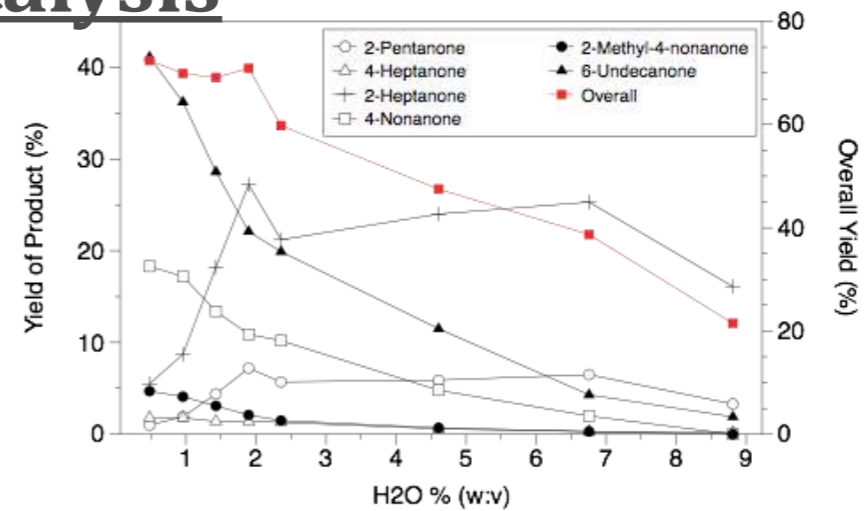
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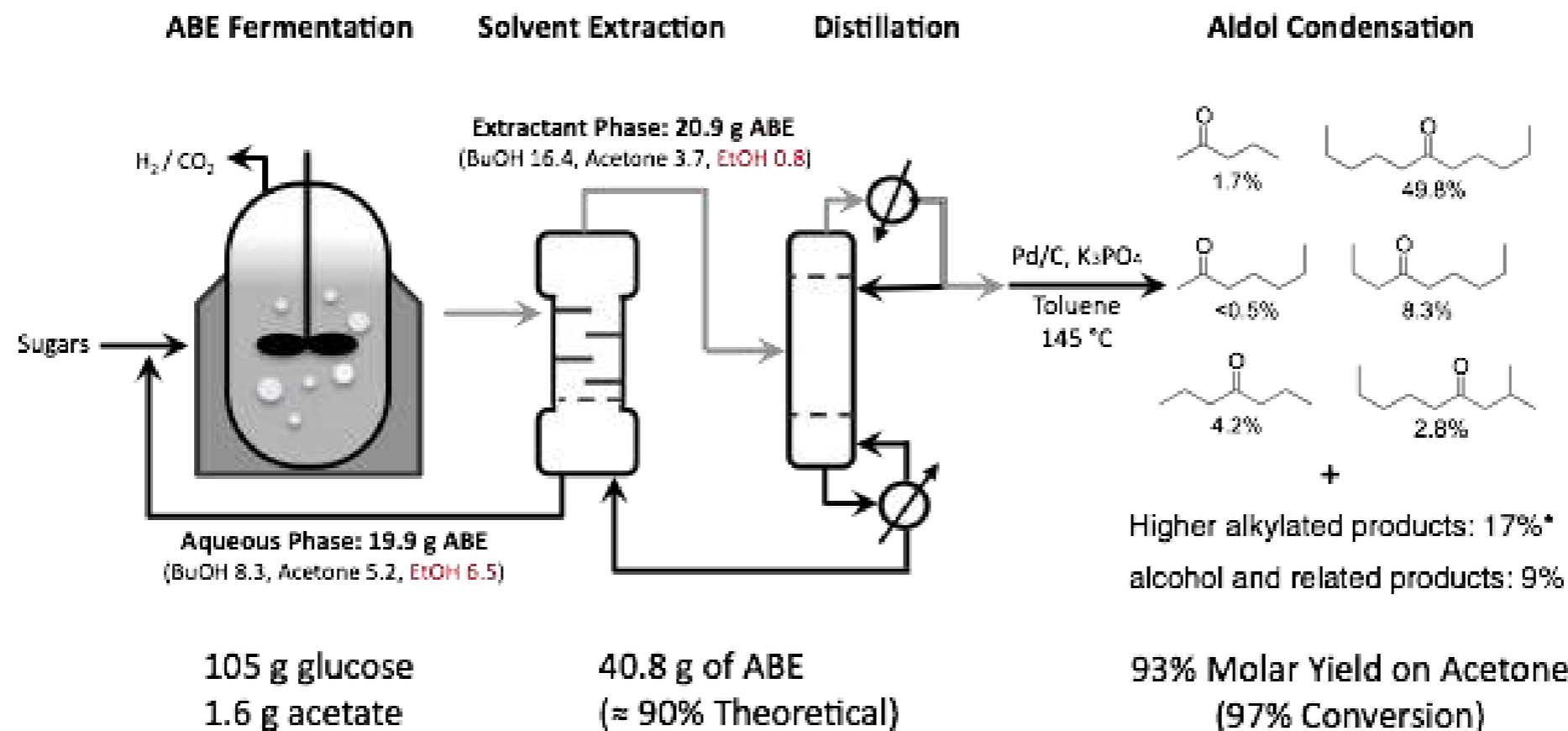
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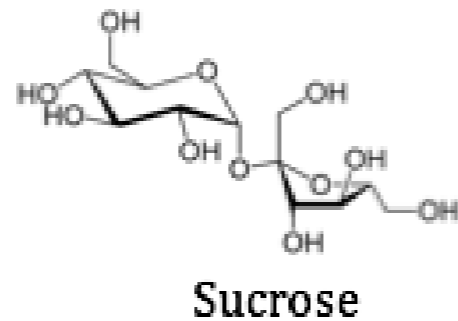
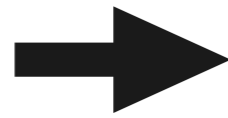
ABE to ketones process performance



Alkylated Products C ₇₊	Reaction Mass (mg)	Total Mass ^[a] (g)
4-Heptanone	2.8	0.2
2-Heptanone	7.6	0.7
4-Nonanone	48.5	4.2
2-Methyl-4-nonanone	0.8	0.1
6-Undecanone	89.9	7.7
Higher MW products	22.2	1.9
Alcohols and other products	61.7	5.3
Overall	233.5	20.0

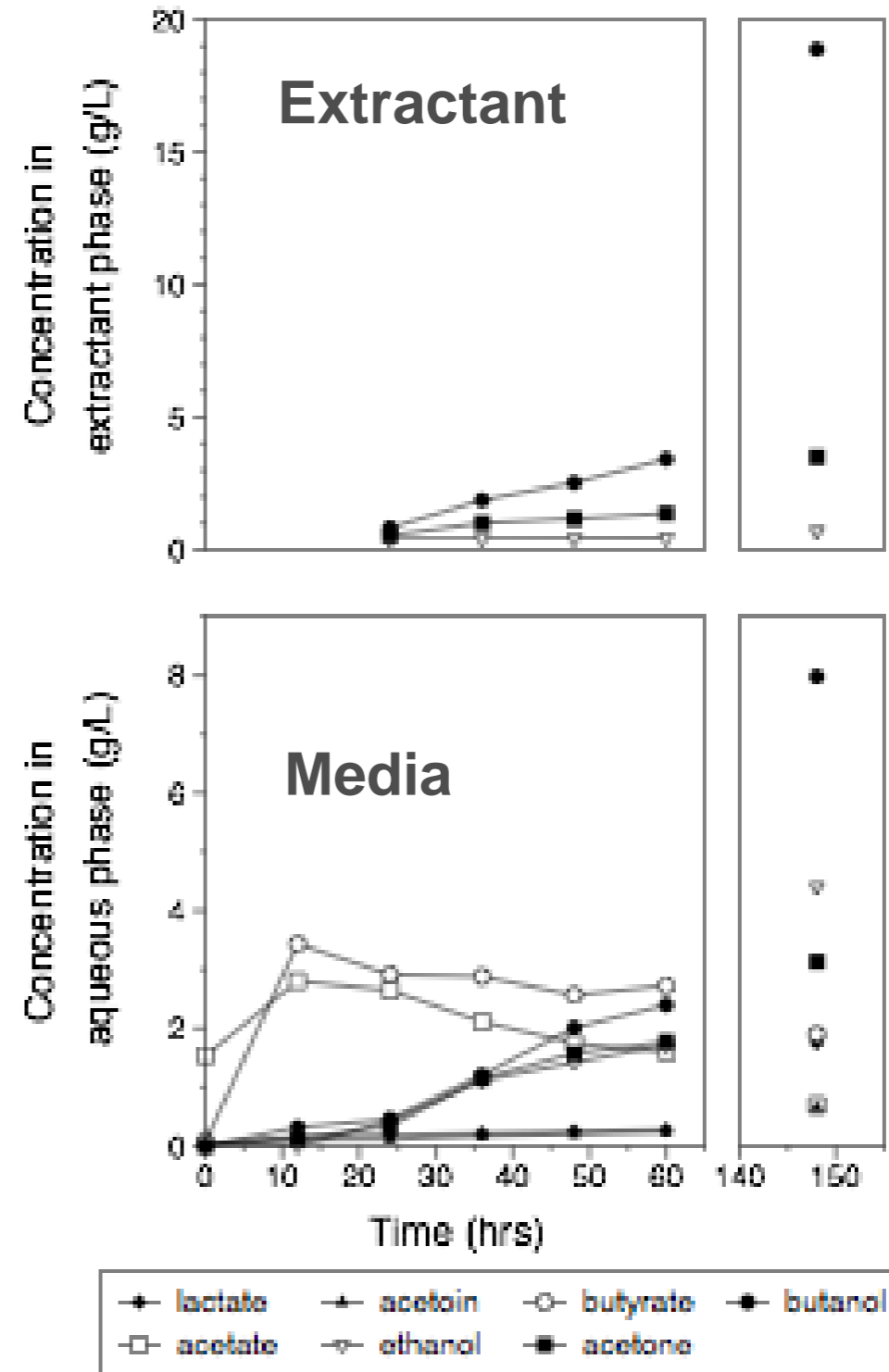
* Values determined using FID response factor, ^[a] Total Mass values based on fermentative production and recovery of 153.5 mmol Acetone, 333.8 mmol Butanol, and 158.7 mmol Ethanol

Extractive fermentation with sucrose



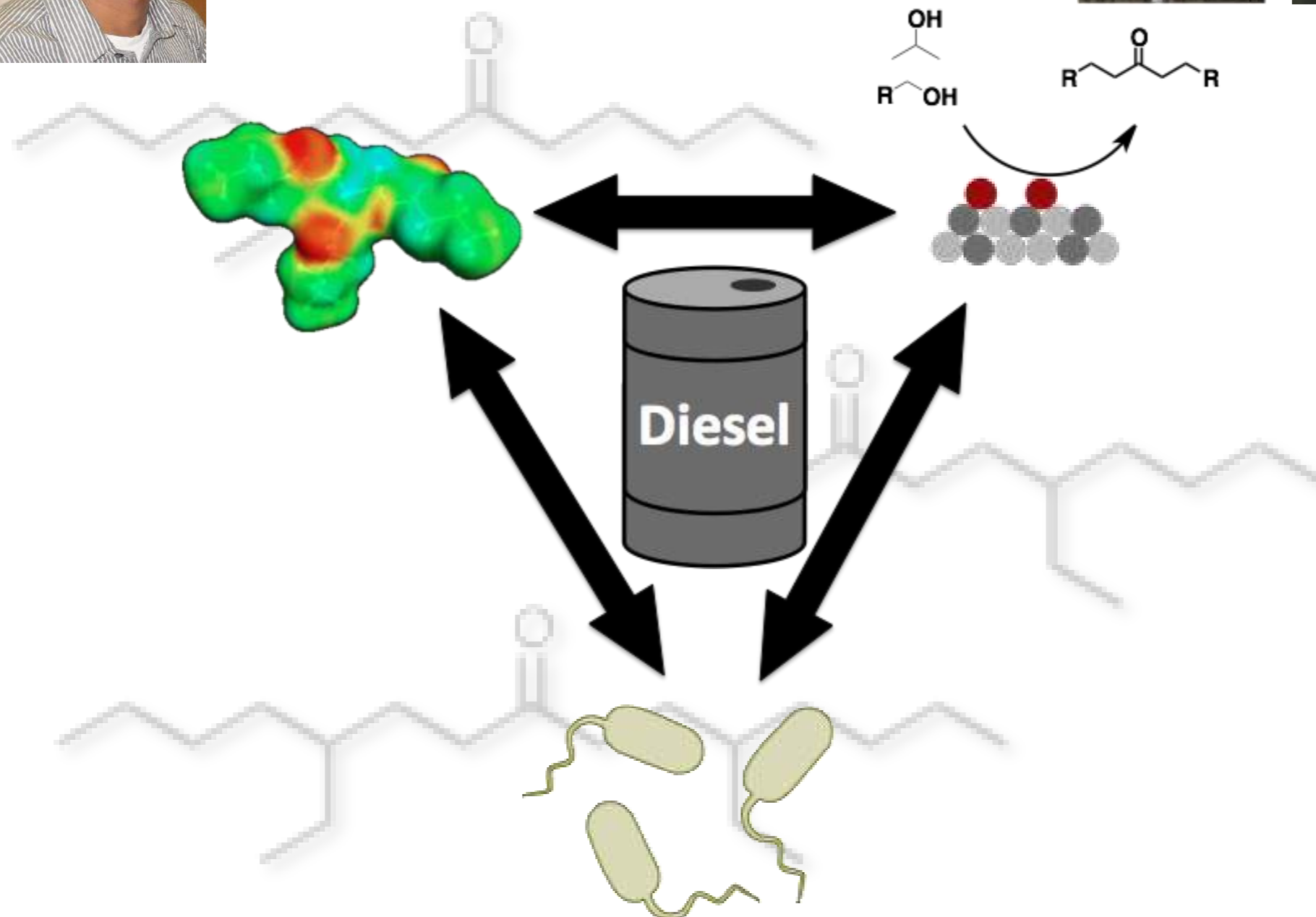
Fermentation Conditions:

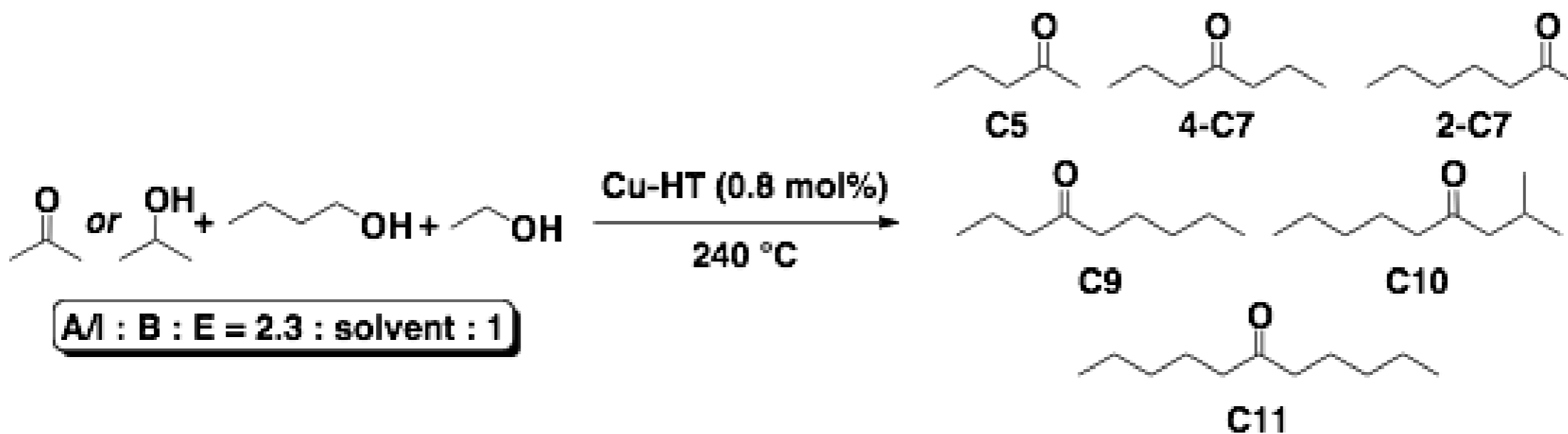
- Fed-batch (Initial sucrose conc. 60 g/L)
- 50 mL 1:1 volume ratio of media:tributyrin (shake flasks)
- pH controlled at ≥ 4.8 for first 12 hours
- concentrated media (500 g/L sucrose) added periodically
- tributyrin added once pH began to increase (~16 hrs)
- incubated in an anaerobic chamber



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Integrated Process Design 2.0: Tailoring products and chemistry





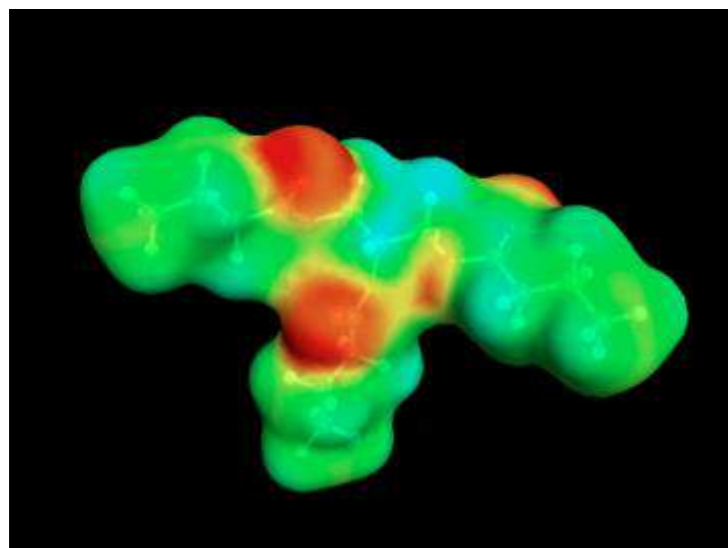
Entry	Reaction	C5 (%)	2-C7 (%)	4-C7 (%)	C9 (%)	C10 (%)	C11 (%)	Alcohols (%)	Yield (%)	C11+ ^a (wt%)
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1	ABE	1.9	1.0	23.5	4.2	0.4	35.5	9.1	73	14
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2	IBE	1.0	1.9	24.0	1.9	0	21.8	11.1	61	25
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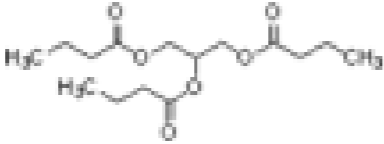

^a C11+ include mainly C13 and C15.

Investigating LLE w/ Quantum Chemistry

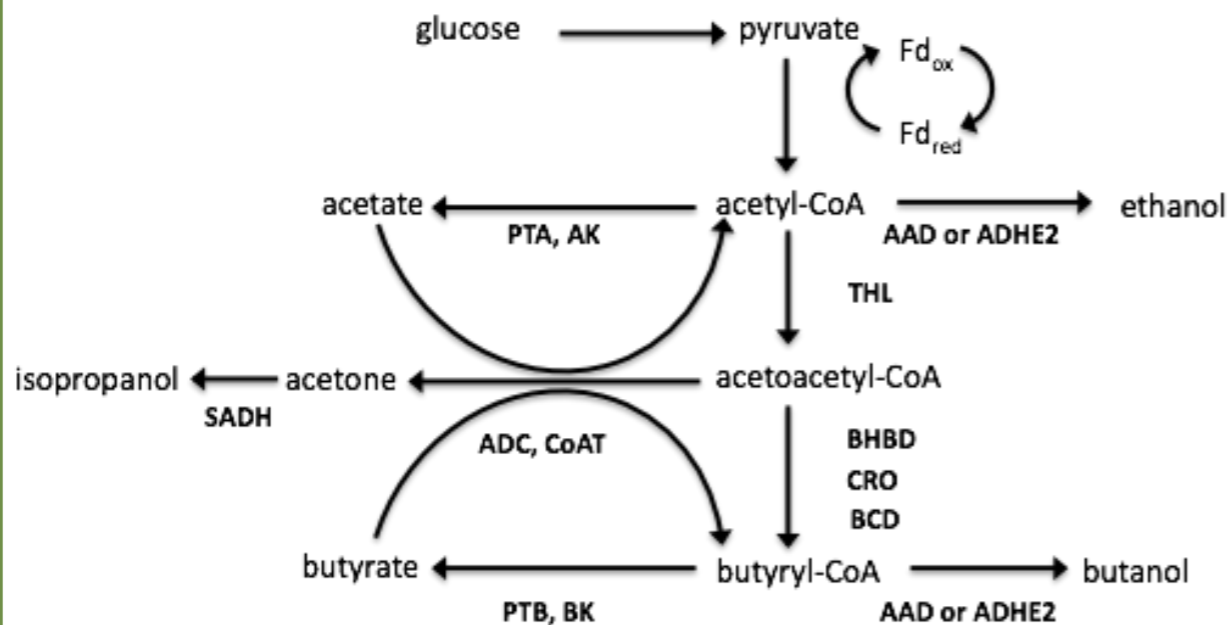


Solute	γ_{∞} in Oleyl	γ_{∞} in Tributyrin
Acetone	1.14	0.71
Isopropanol	1.48	2.71
Ethanol	1.18	3.61

Using COSMO-RS we were able to predict LLE behavior by measuring γ_{∞} (values closer to 0 = more ideal mixing)

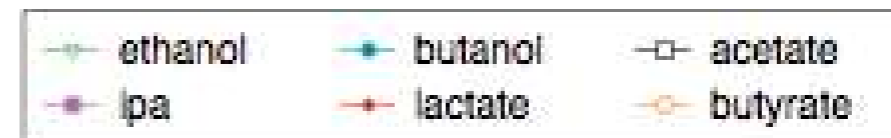
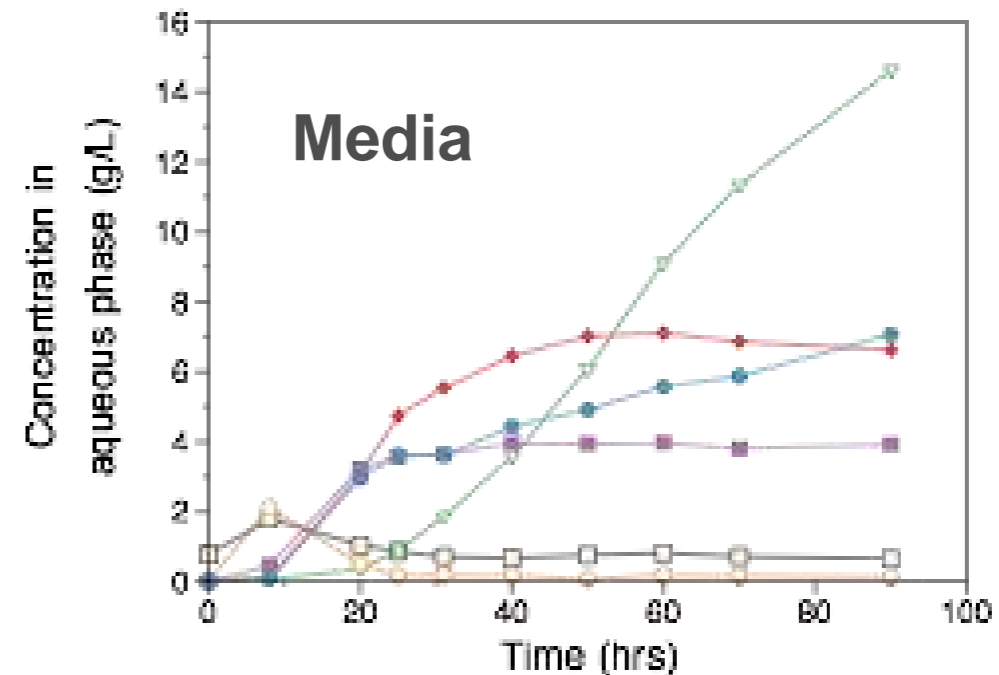
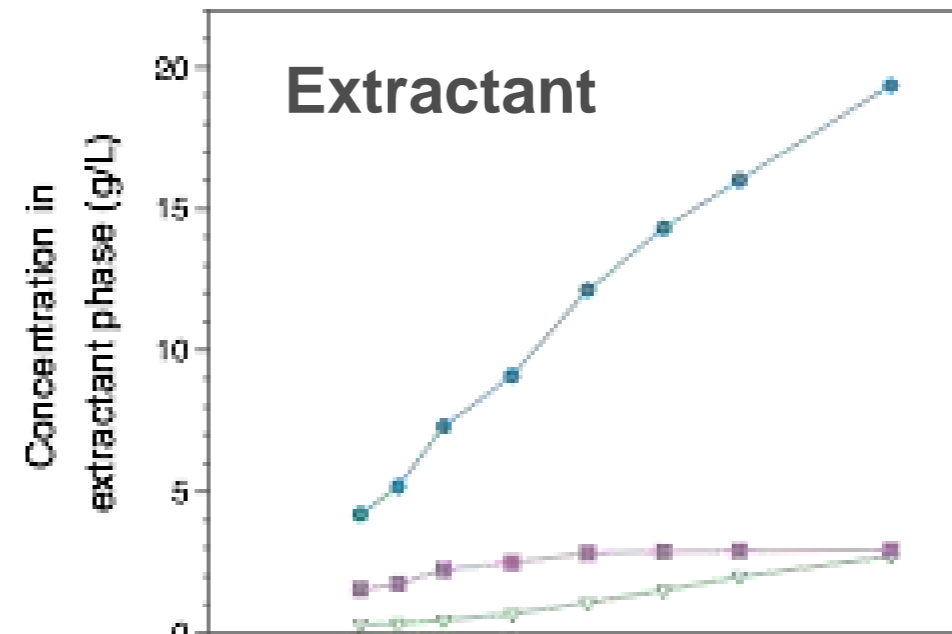
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Engineering Clostridia to produce IBE:



- 117 g of glucose consumed
- 39.6 g IBE produced (5.6 g IPA, 17.9 g Butanol, 16.1 g Ethanol)
- IBE yield 0.34 g/g_{gluc} or 78% theoretical

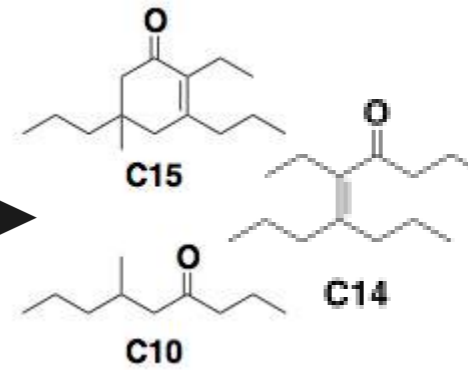
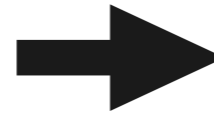
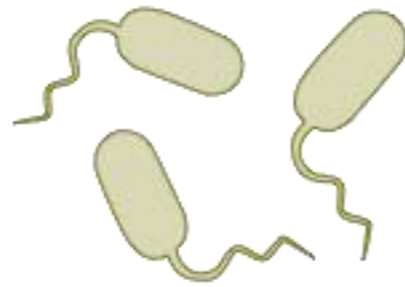
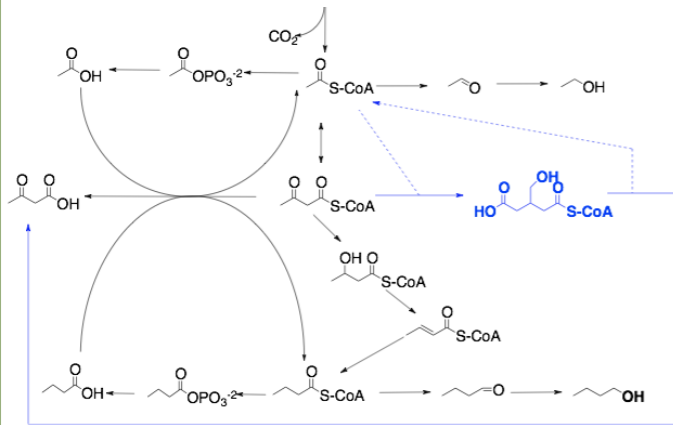
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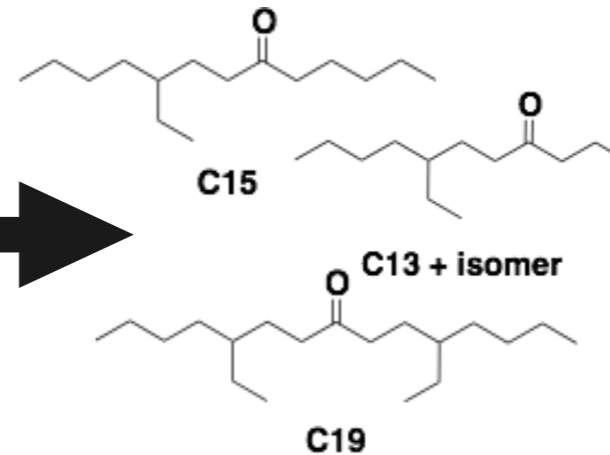
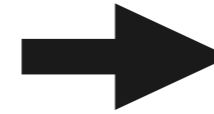
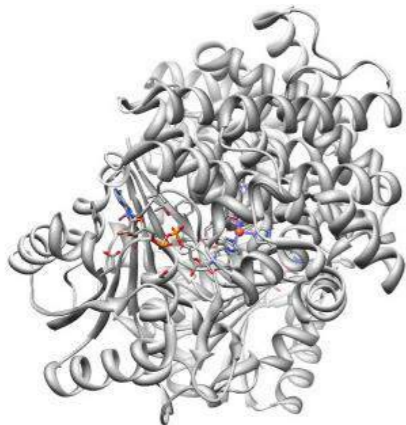
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Integrated Process Design 3.0 and beyond: product ratios

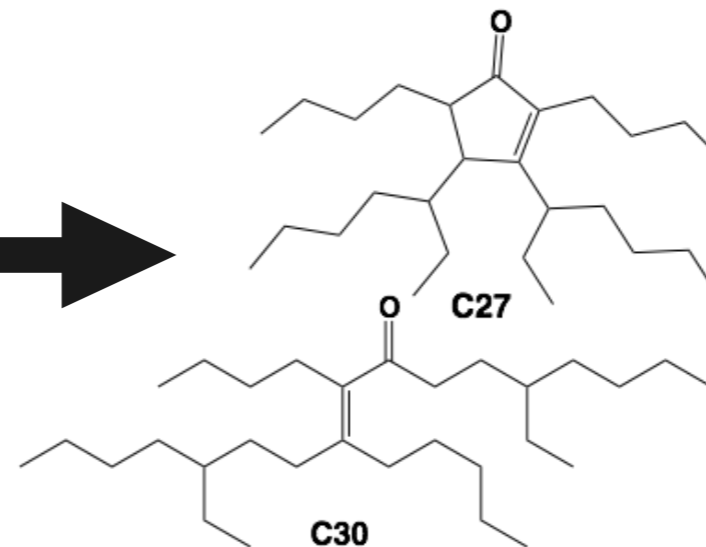
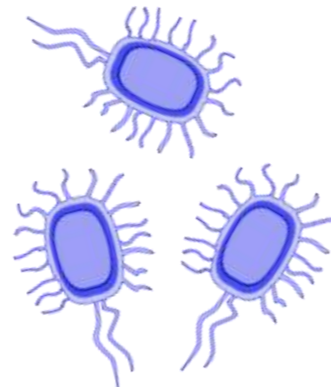
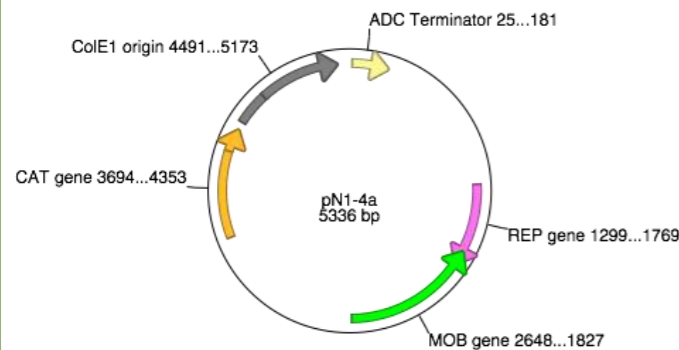
Metabolic Engineering



Protein Engineering



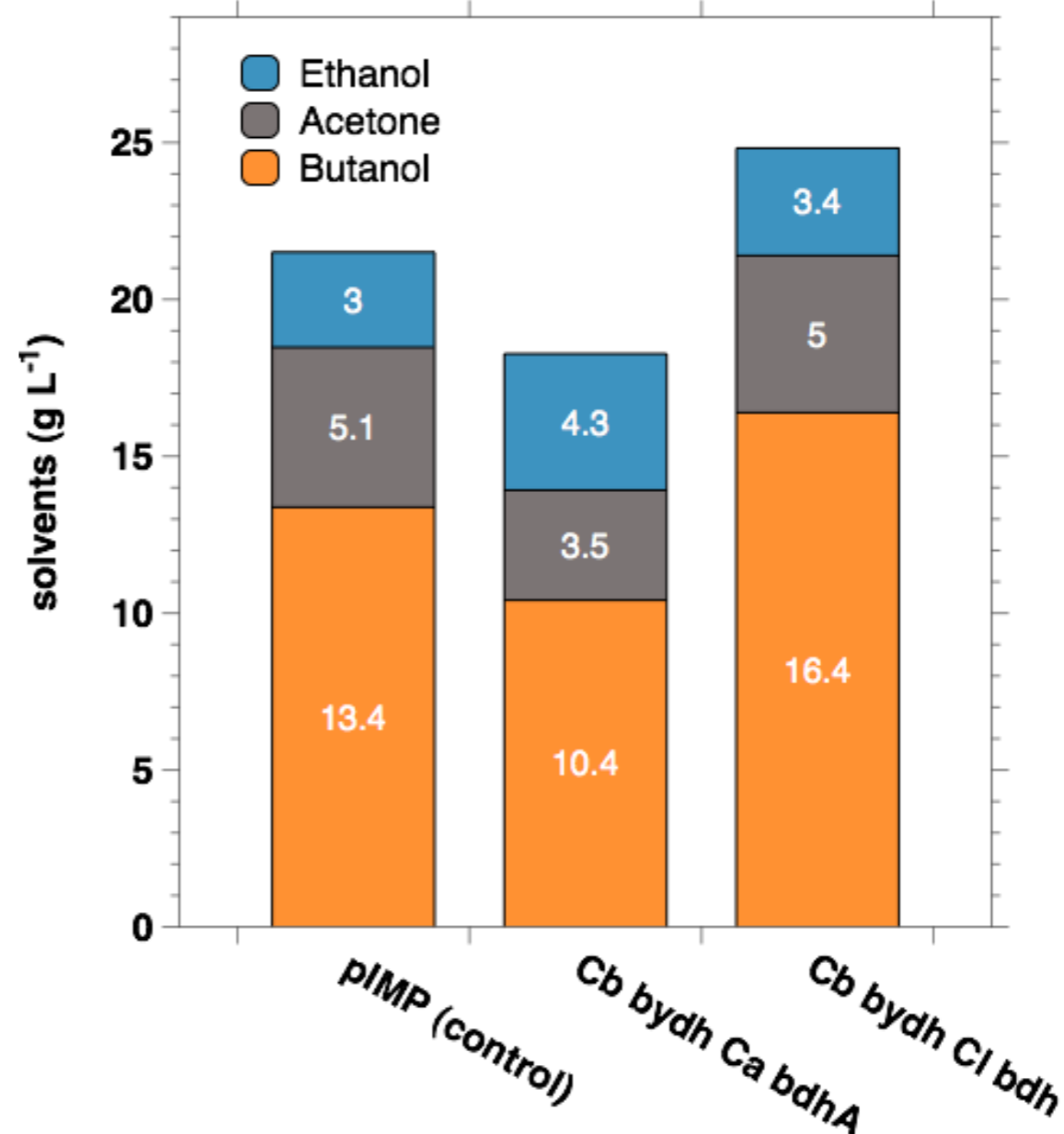
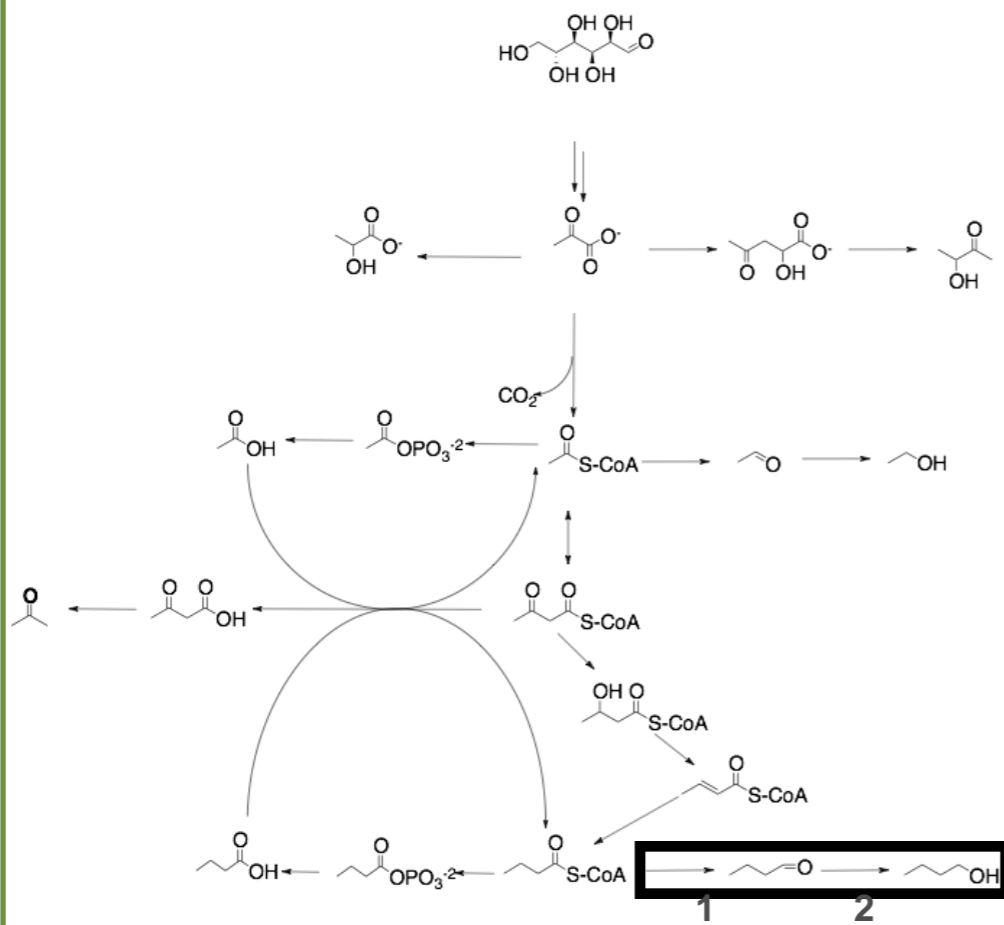
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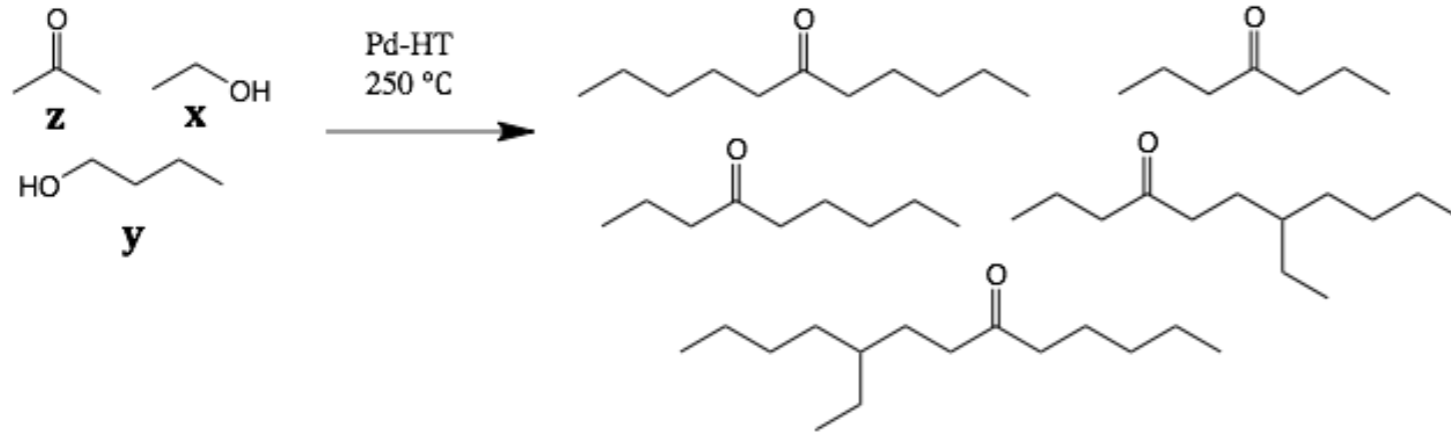
Metabolic engineering *C. acetobutylicum* for increased butanol production with heterologous enzymes



- 1 *C. beijerinckii* butyraldehyde dehydrogenase (Cb bydh)
- 2 *C. acetobutylicum* butanol dehydrogenase A (Ca bdhA)
- 2 *C. ljungdahlii* butanol dehydrogenase (Cl bdh)



Tuning the organism for gasoline or jet/diesel products

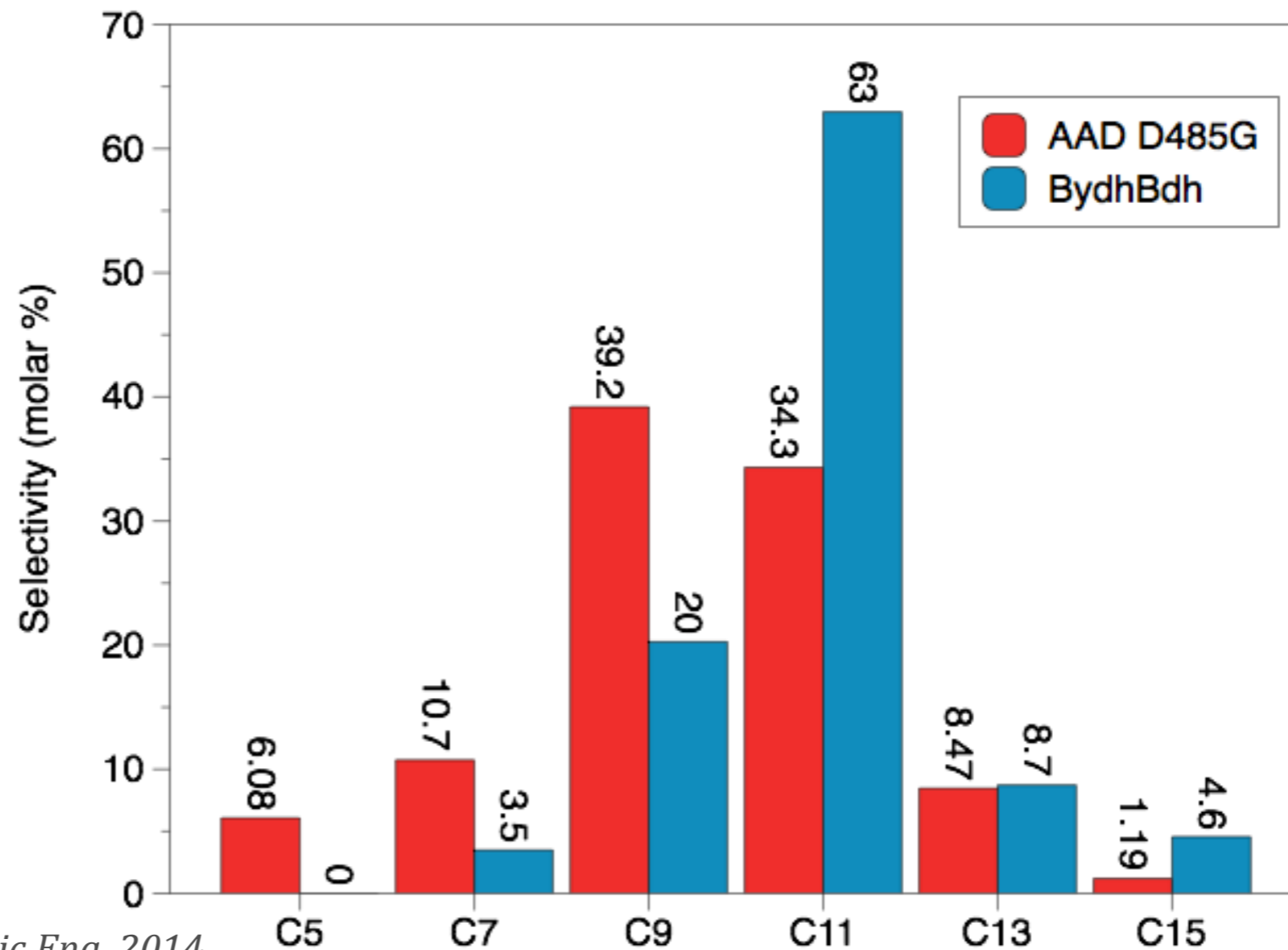


AAD D485G:

14.8 g L⁻¹ butanol
 5.54 g L⁻¹ acetone
 13 g L⁻¹ ethanol

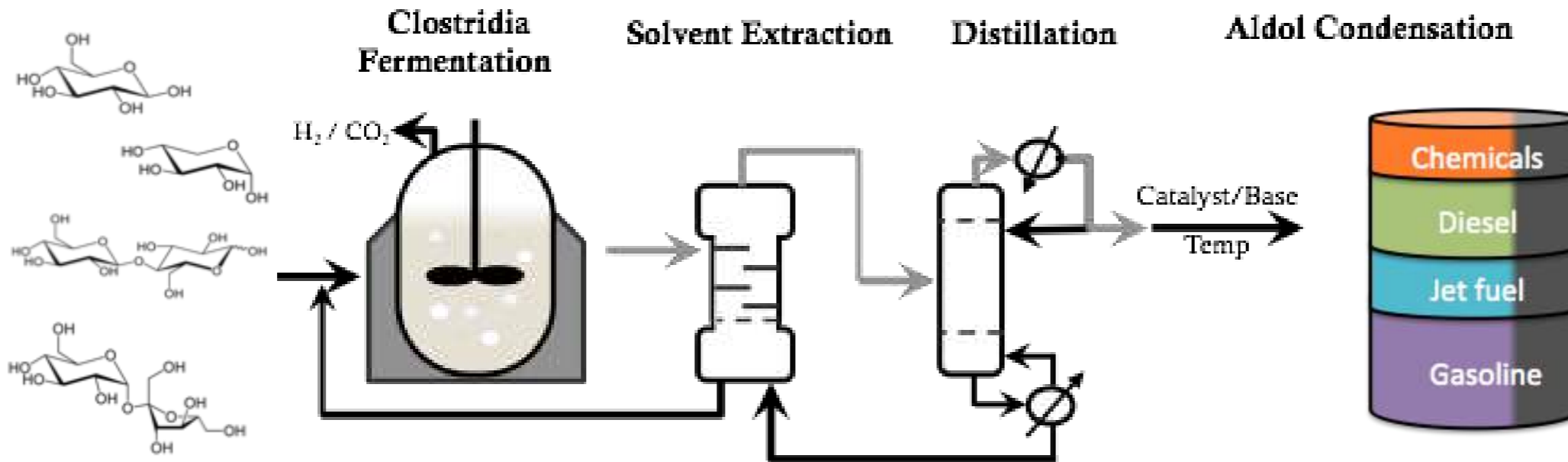
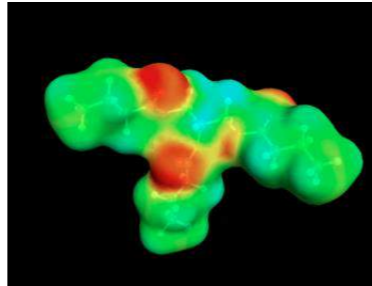
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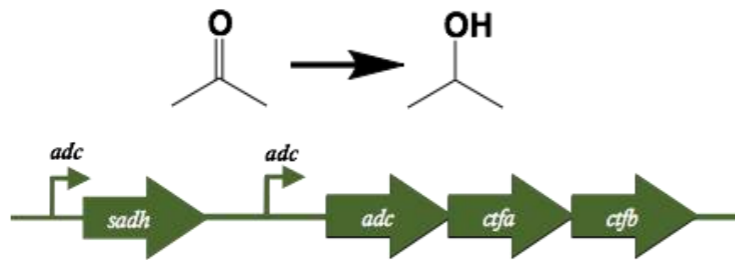


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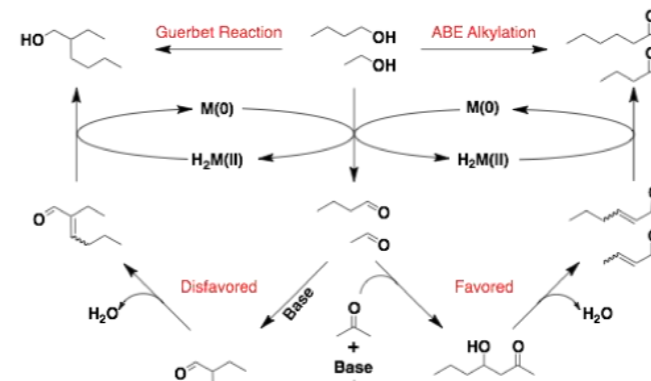
Identifying Extractants



Metabolic Engineering



Catalyst Tuning





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