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## Les Mardis de la Chimie Durable



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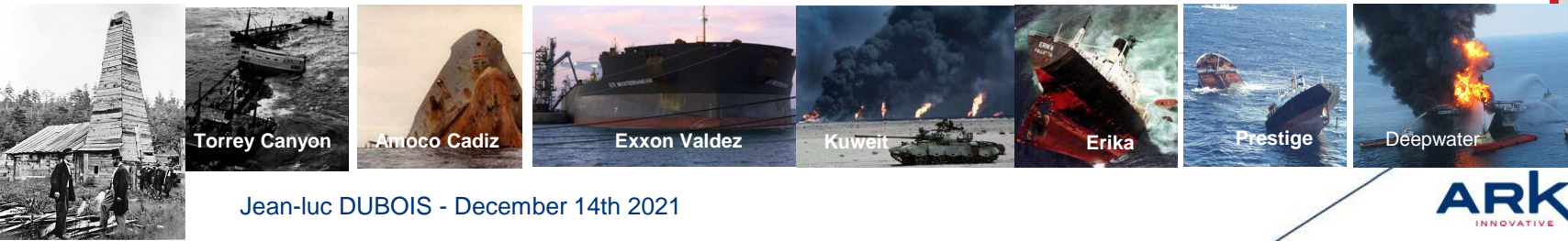
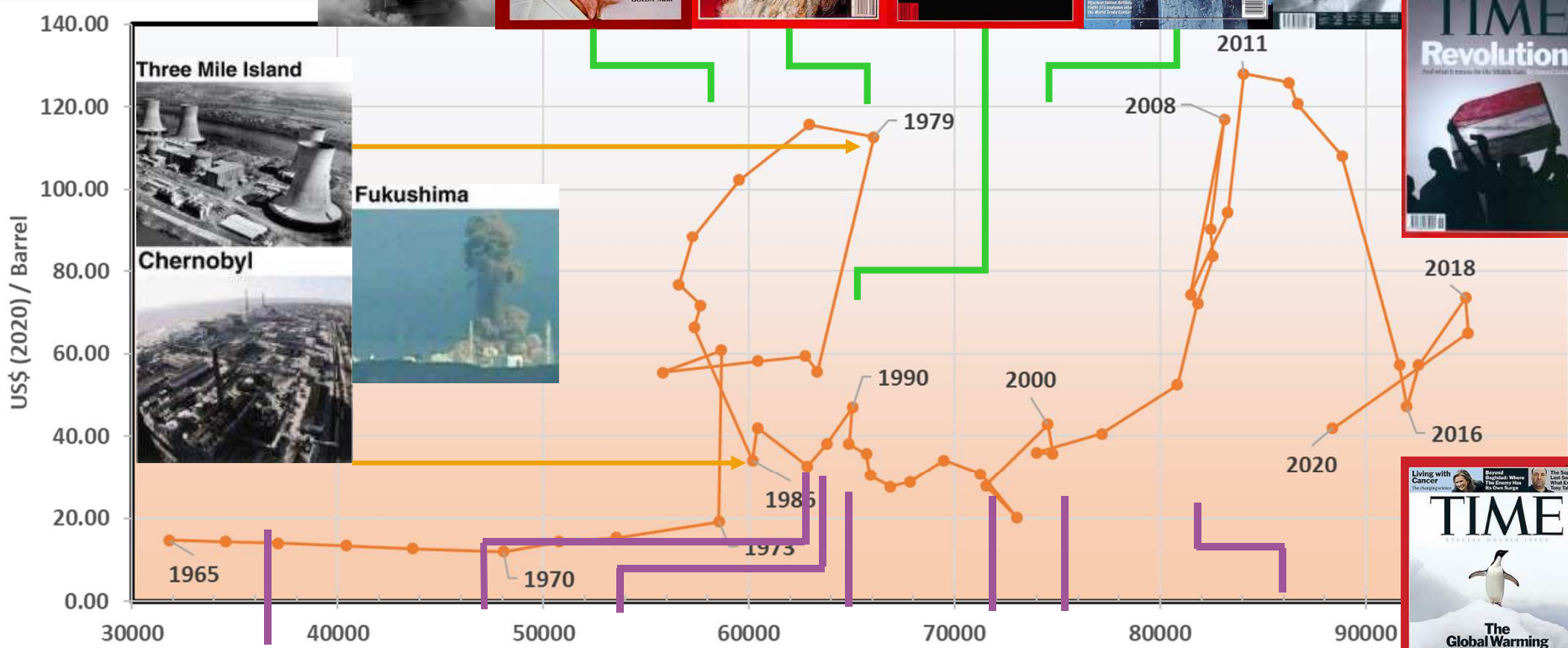


Chimie Durable:  
conversion de  
biomasse, recyclage et  
conversion du CO<sub>2</sub>.  
Exemples et challenges

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# Crude Oil: Prices Political Impact

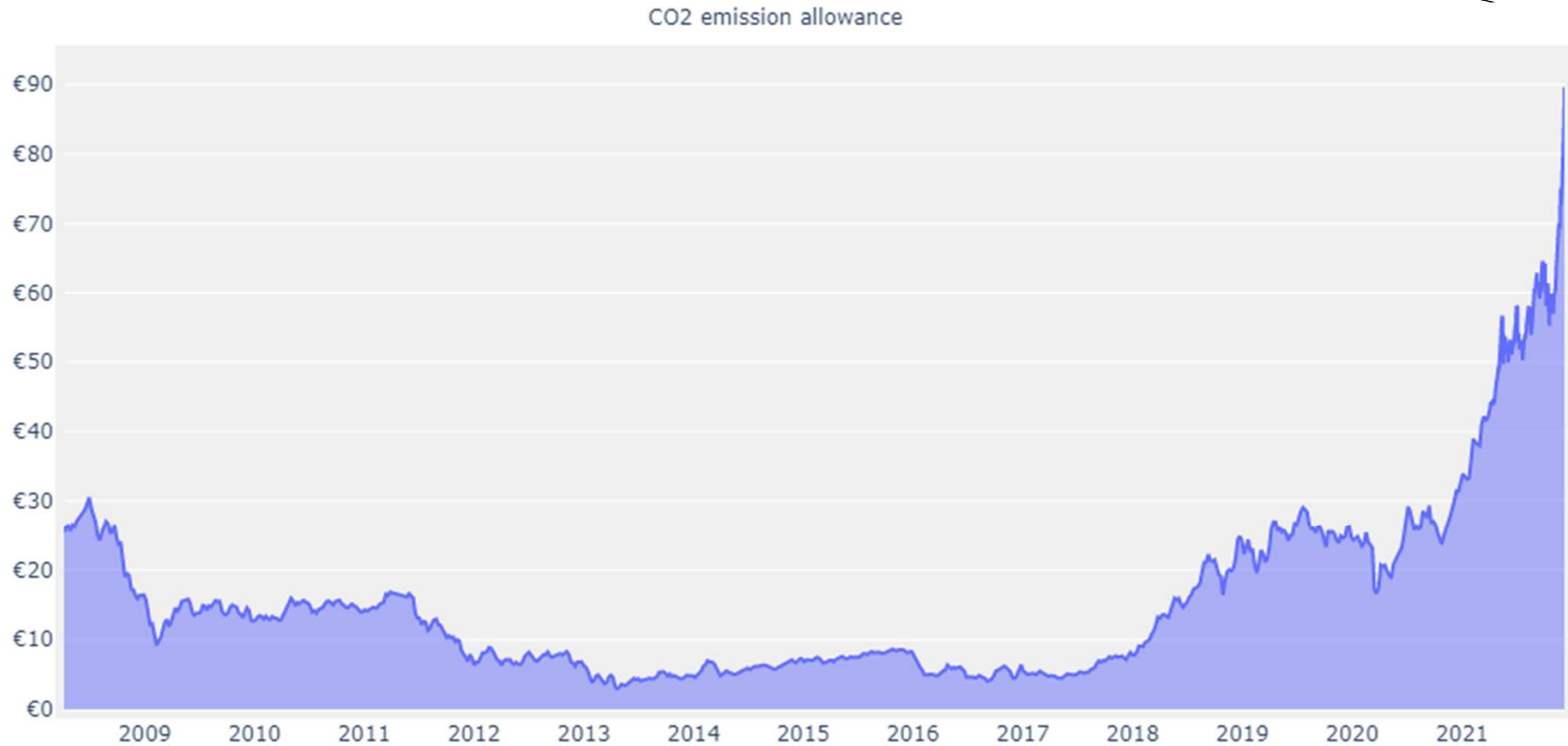
Crude oil production costs less than 30\$/bl in middle east, and most of it less than 60 \$/bl



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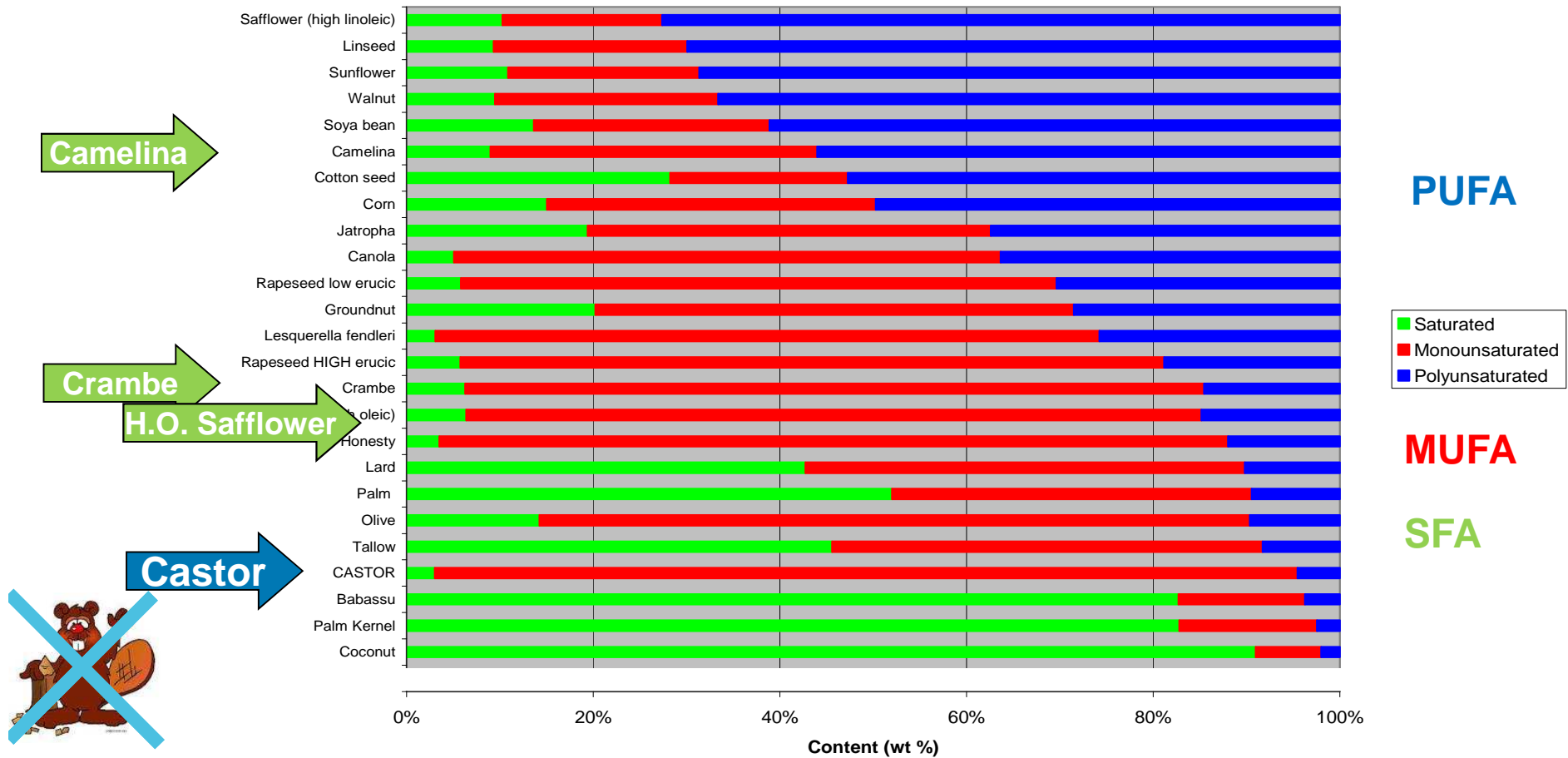
# CO2 emission allowance €/tonne



→ 100€/t CO2 → about 50 \$/bl more on crude oil price

# Fatty Acid Profile

Source: « Lexicon of Lipid Nutrition », Pure Appl. Chem., Vol 73, N°4, PP 685-744, 2001 and Oleon datasheets + internal data



# CRAMBE



## Legend

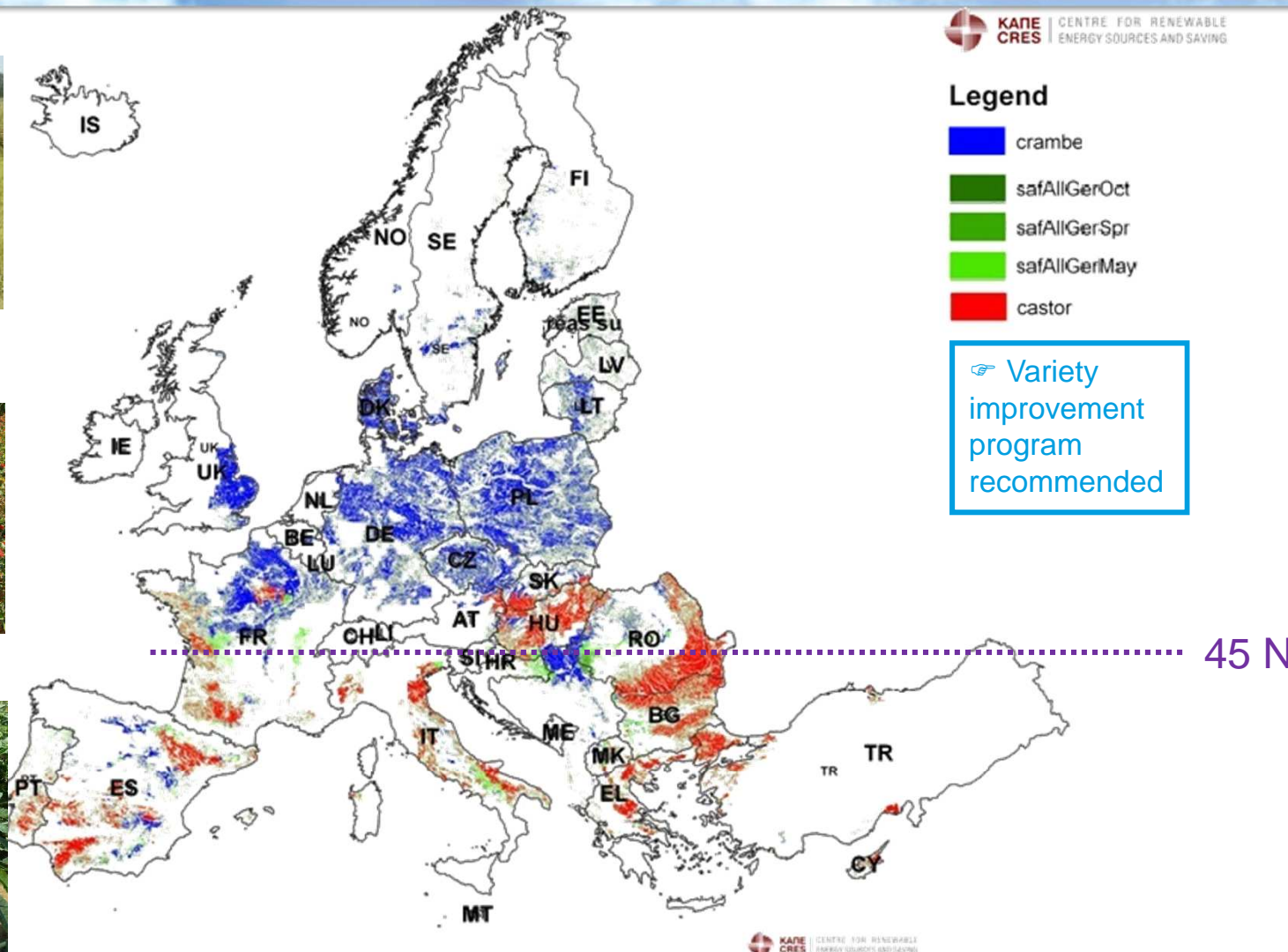
- crambe
- safAllGerOct
- safAllGerSpr
- safAllGerMay
- castor

👉 Variety improvement program recommended

# SAFFLOWER



# CASTOR



Data are missing for IS, IE, North-West Italy, Sicily, Sardinia, Corsica, Southern Greece, TR  
 Contribution from Myrsini Christou and Giannis Eleftheriadis (CRES)

# Metathesis of Vegetable Oils for Aminoacids production



# ALTERNATIVE MONOMERS ROUTE



Castor Oil

Palm, rapeseed, castor...



**Marseille**  
MeOH, Cracking, HBr, NH<sub>3</sub>

Metathesis technology

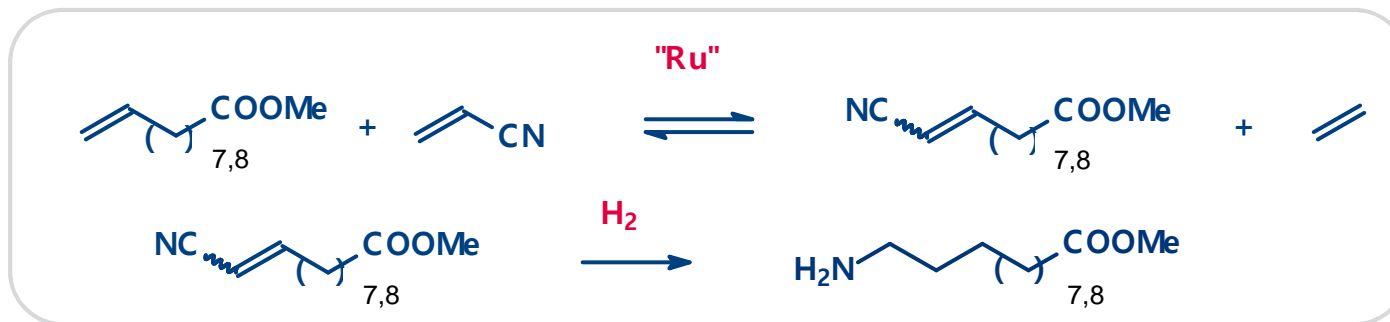


PA11

**RILSAN**<sup>®</sup>  
BY ARKEMA



2 steps

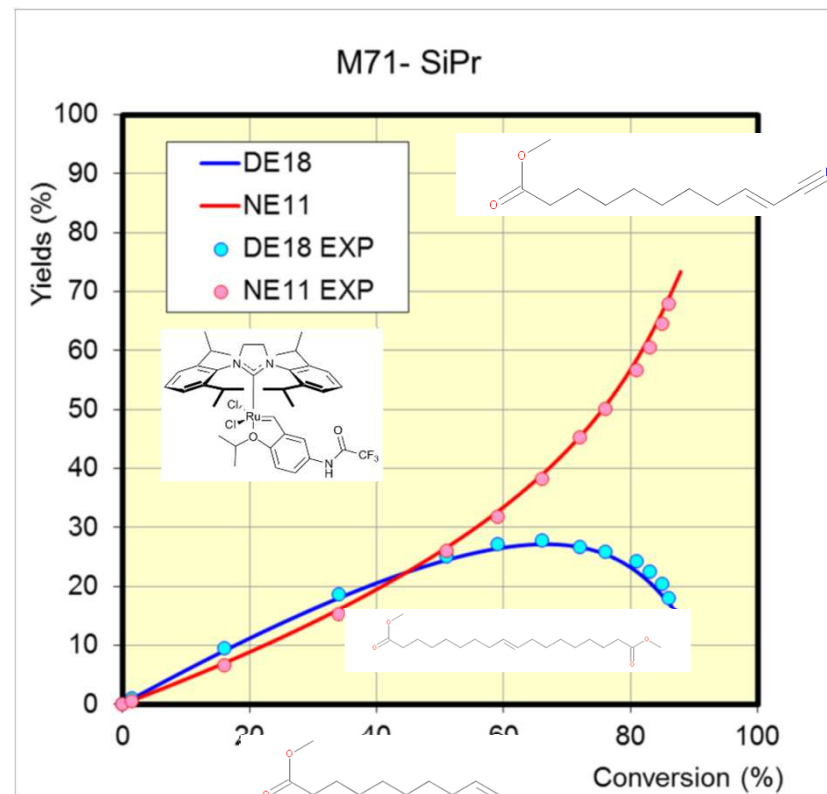
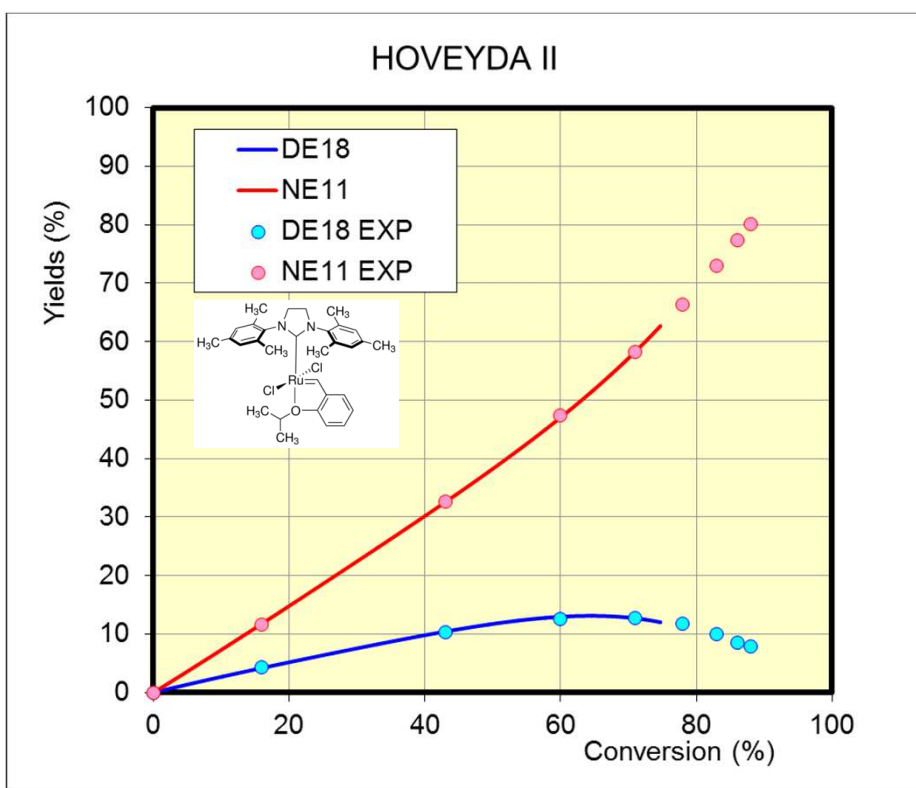


PA11  
PA12

# KINETIC MODELIZATION, SIPR VERSUS SIMES



Conditions: continuous catalyst addition (100 and 30 ppm), half acrylonitrile at start of reaction and continuous addition, Toluene solvent, reflux condition, 10 wt % 9-methyl decenoate in Toluene



In general, SiPr catalysts are more active and SiMes Catalysts are more selective

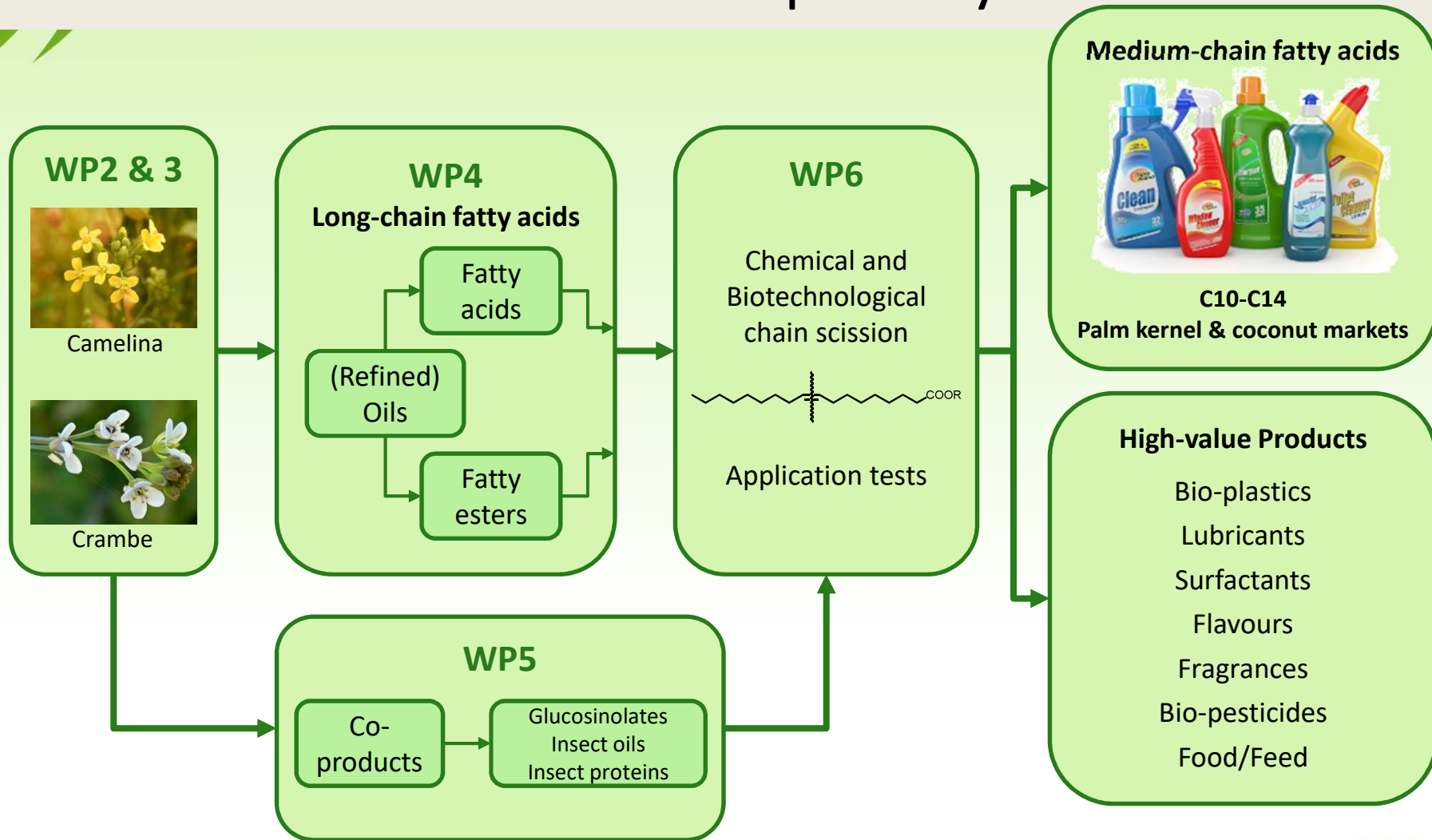


# Castor based PA12 sample Made with Arkema's Methyl-10-undecenoate.

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# COSMOS: Camelina and crambe Oil crops as Sources for Medium-chain Oils for Specialty oleochemicals



## Vegetable Oils Fatty Acids Profiles

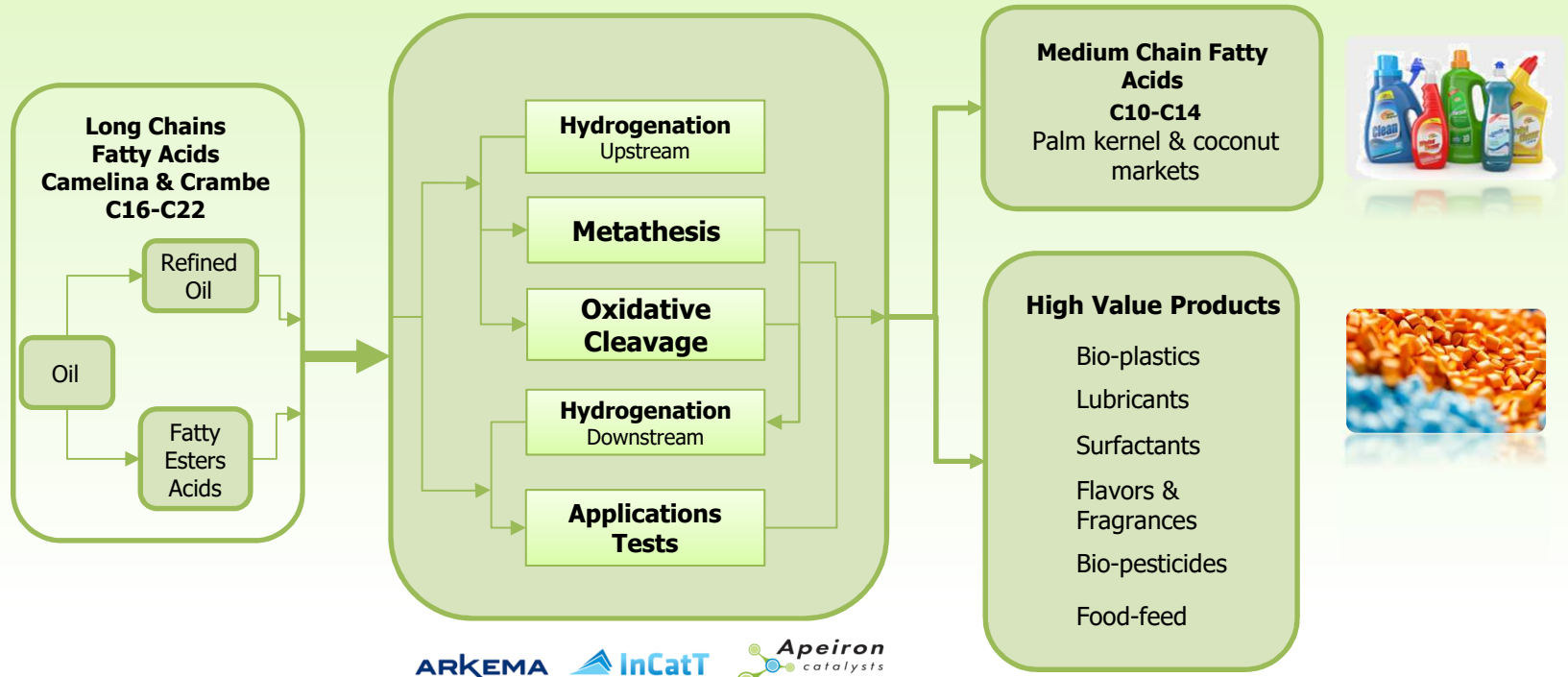
CX:n (X=chain length, n=number of unsaturation or C=C bonds)

Oil	C8:0	C10:0	C12:0	C14:0	C16:0	C18:0	C18:1	C18:2	C18:3	C20:0	C20:1	C22:0	C22:1
Rapeseed					4.5	2	57.5	23	11	0.6	2.3		
Soybean					9.0	4.5	25	49.5	11				
Palm Kernel	3.5	3.0	50.5	15.5	9.0	2.0	14.5	2.5		0.5			
Coconut	8	7	48	16	9	2	7	2					
Camelina					6	2	15	18	35	1	19		1
HEAR					2.5	2	17	18			10	1	45
Crambe					2.4	0.8	17.9	8.3	5.7	0.5	4.2	2.1	55.9

Need solutions to make short fatty acids from European crops



# Catalysis in Cosmos

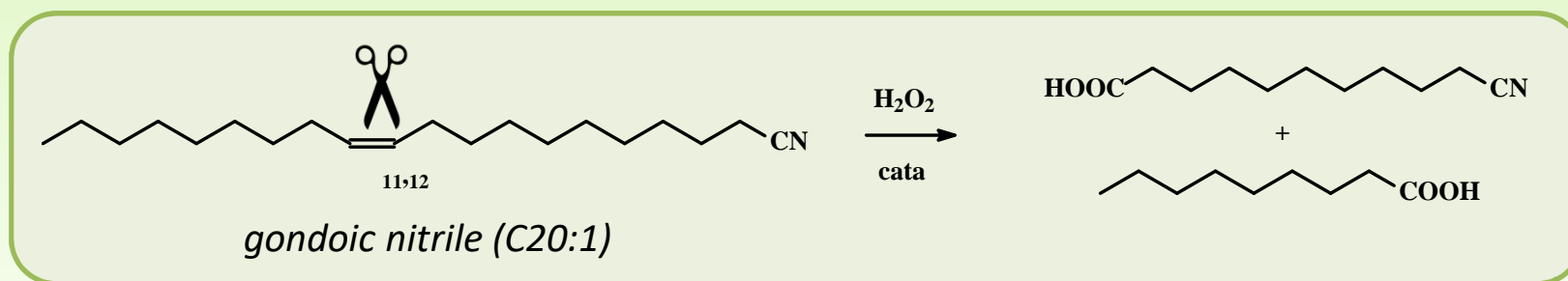


# Fatty Acids conversions and applications

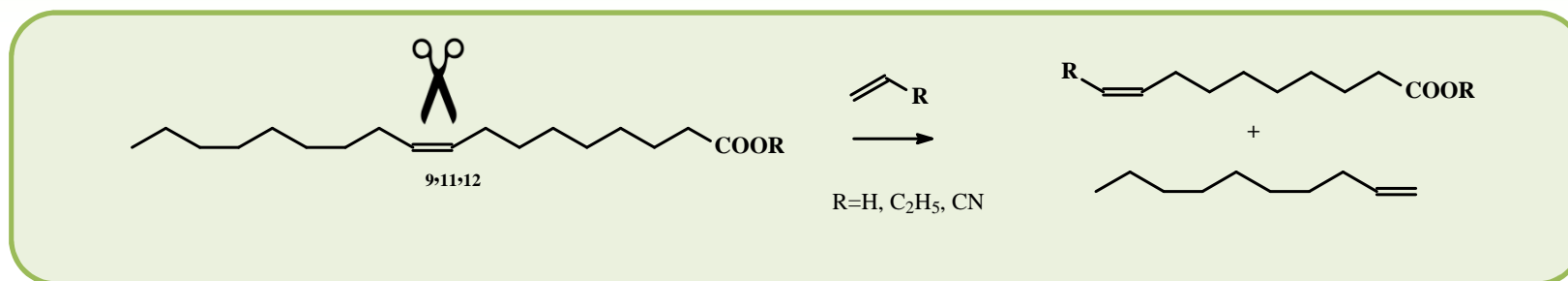
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Apeiron  
synthesis

- Oxidative cleavage of MUFA:



- Cross-metathesis (ethenolysis, butenolysis, acrylonitrile):



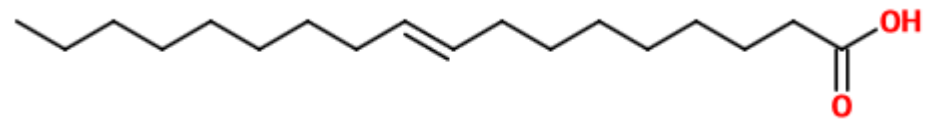
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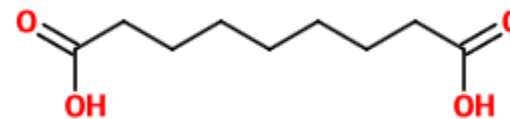
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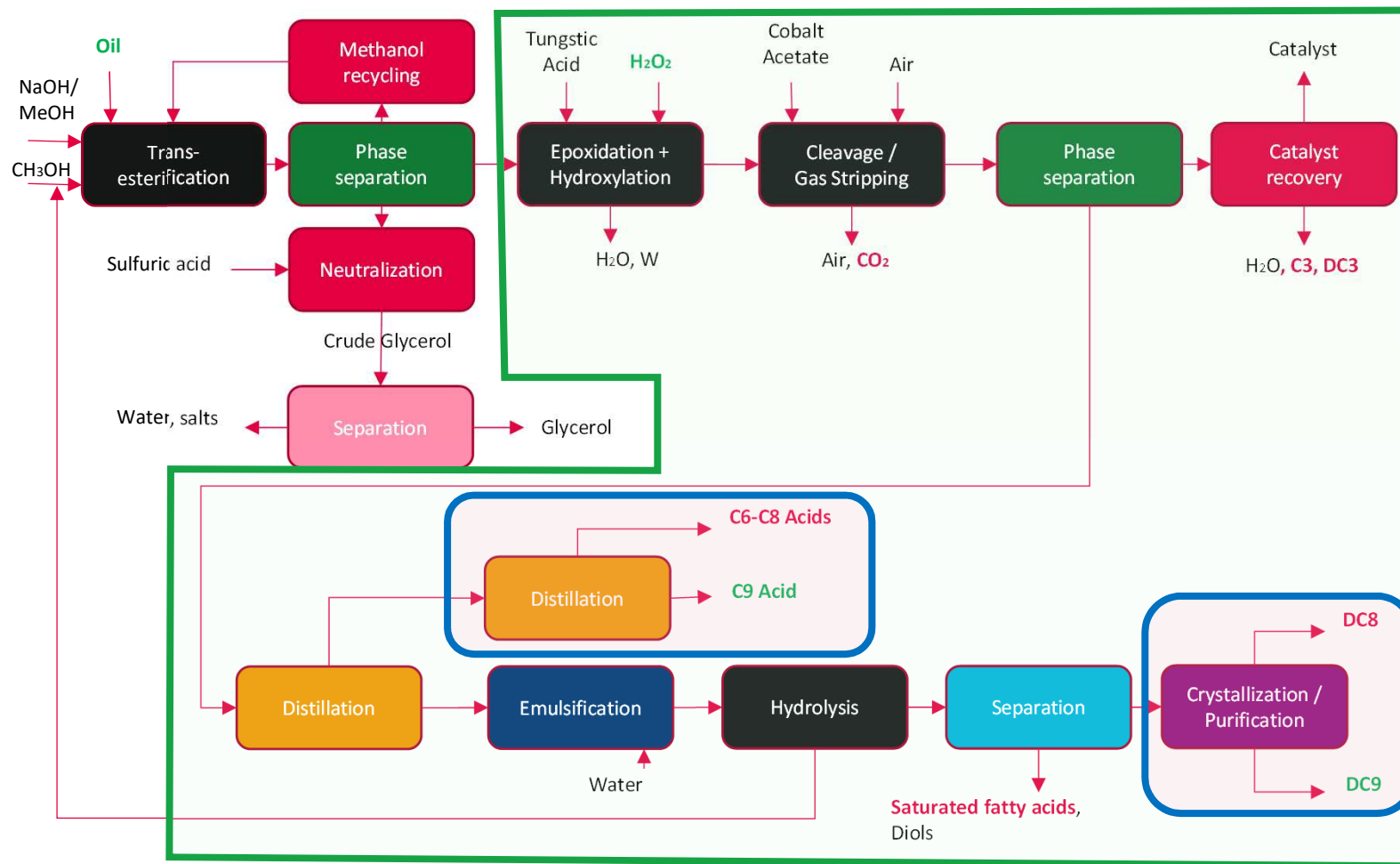
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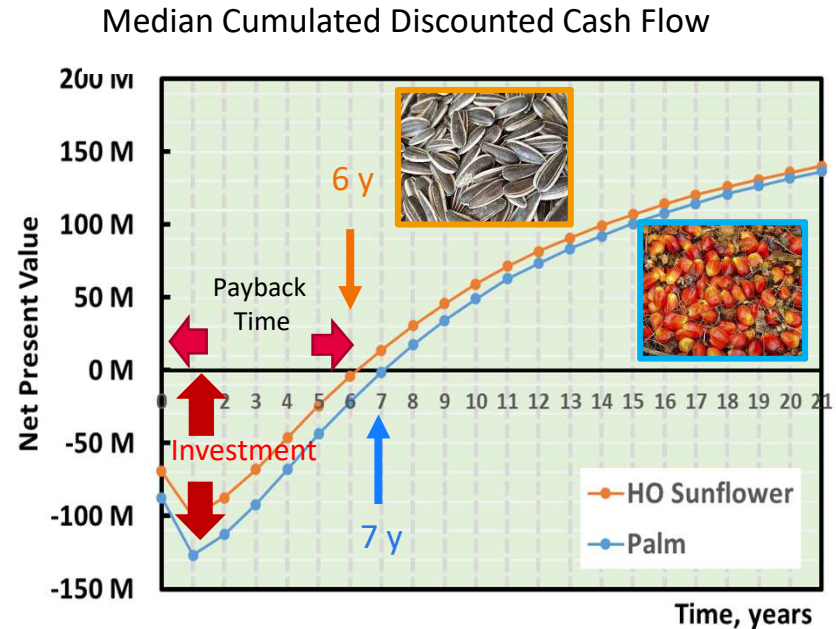
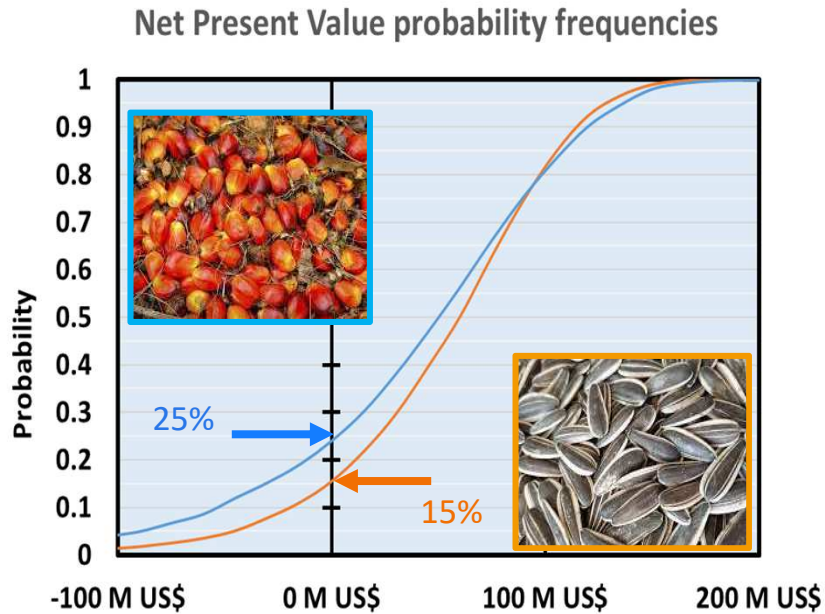
Ozonolysis or H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> Oxidative Cleavage



# PROCESS BLOCK DIAGRAM: 3 SCENARIOS FROM THE OIL, FROM THE ESTER, WITHOUT FINAL PURIFICATIONS



# NET PRESENT VALUE, PAYBACK TIME, RISK ANALYSIS



Net Present Value after 10 years of production

- ❖ **Net Present Value: Probability to make more money than a reference case at 10 % internal return.**
- ❖ **Payback time: time needed to cover Investment costs**

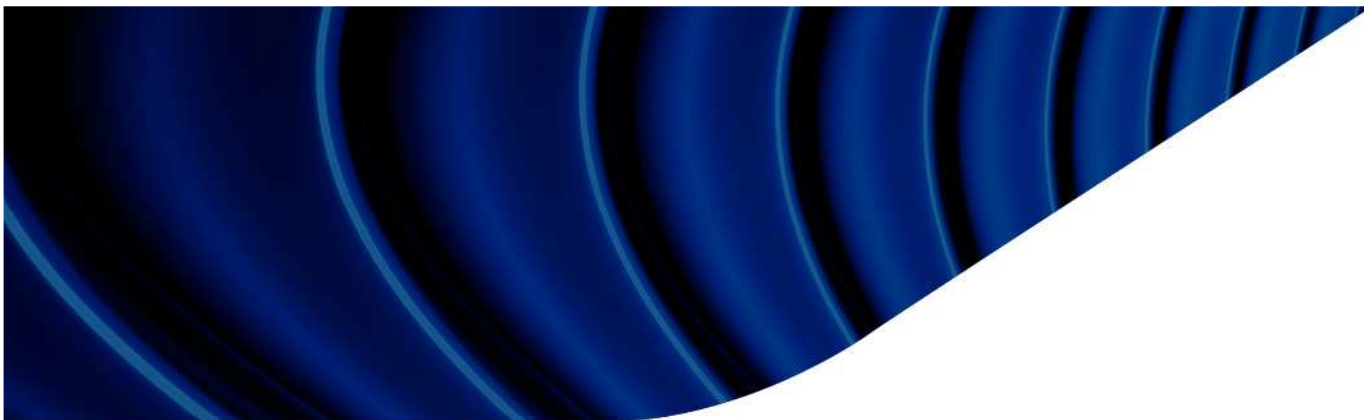
❖ **High Oleic Sunflower Oil, although taken at higher price, is a less risky option. But still requires much time for Payback (Risk on Capital).**



**COSMOS**  
ADDING VALUE TO CAMELINA AND CRAMBE OIL







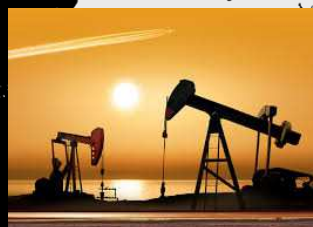
# Alternative routes to Acrylic Acid

Process selection may depend on local feedstock availability.

Europe:  
Crude Oil/Naphtha



China: Coal



Middle East:  
Oil & Gas

South East Asia:  
Biomass

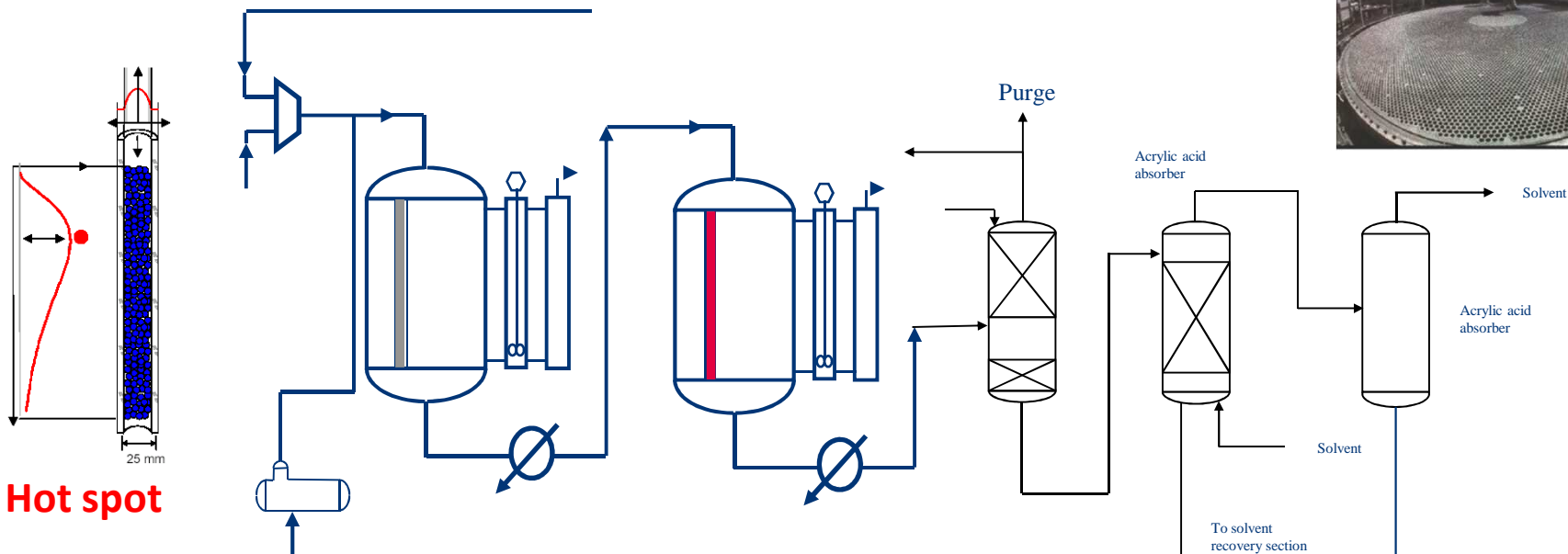


South America:  
Biomass

North America:  
Shale Gas & Liquids



# Conventional Propylene oxidation process Multitubular Fixed Bed Reactors



Acrolein reactor fabrication



Number of tubes: > 27.000

Weight: 350 MT

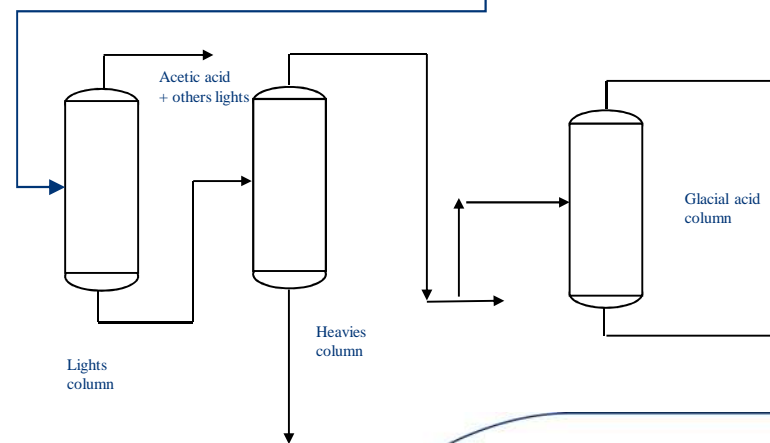
Multitubular fixed bed reactors @ dwe.com

Acrylic acid reactor



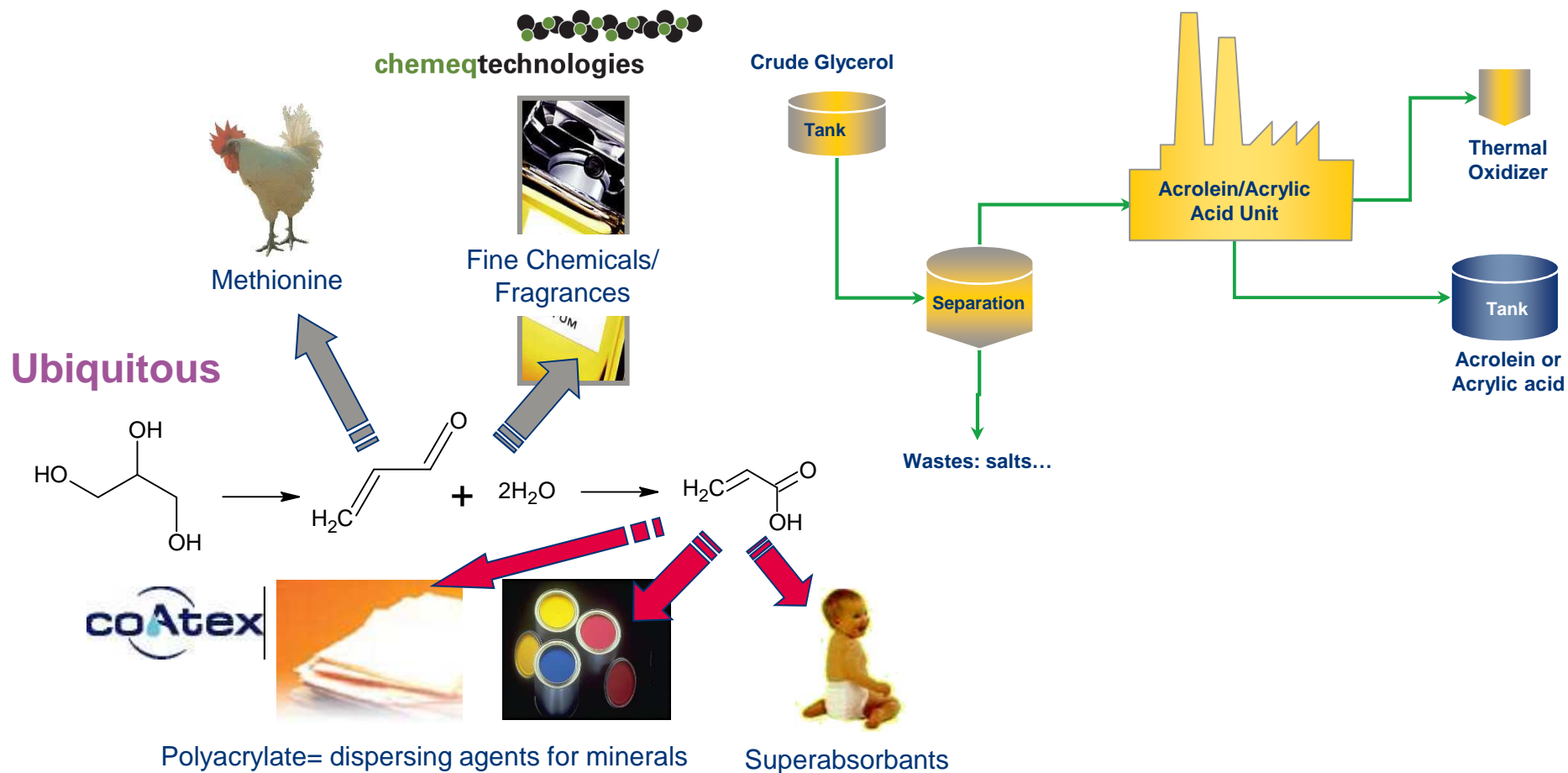
Number of tubes > 27.000

Weight: 570 MT



# Acrolein/ Acrylic Acid: ARKEMA's Project

Double internal dehydration of Glycerol leads to Acrolein, further oxidized to Acrylic acid



# Environmentally Friendly Process: Avoid scenarios of past accidents

- Target: develop a new process for on-site Acrolein production to avoid storage and transportation of a highly toxic Chemical.
- Pierre Bénite, France. July 10, 1976.
- Taft, USA/ December 10, 1982.



Major contamination of the Rhône River, during clean-up of a train tank  
367 Tons dead fish

The Daily Record, Ellensburg, Wash., Sat., Dec. 11, 1982 Page 5

## Explosion rocks Louisiana plant

TAFT, La. (UPI) — A fiery explosion of a storage tank at a chemical plant today shook south Louisiana's industrial corridor, forcing the evacuation of up to 25,000 people and the closing of the Mississippi River to ship traffic. No injuries or deaths were reported in the explosion and resulting fire at the Union Carbide plant. Company officials said the storage tank was surrounded by

protective mounds of dirt.

"The immediate concern is the adjacent tanks that have additional explosion potential," Union Carbide spokesman Jim Tate said from a concrete command post on the plant grounds.

"As a precautionary measure and to minimize the risk to the surrounding areas, an evacuation has been conducted by the state police."

Civil Defense officials said as many as 25,000 people had been forced from their homes.

The Coast Guard said it closed the river to ship traffic, describing the move as a precaution against Acrolein fumes, although no immediate danger was reported. The chemical is a yellowish or colorless pungent liquid sometimes used for the production of tear gas.

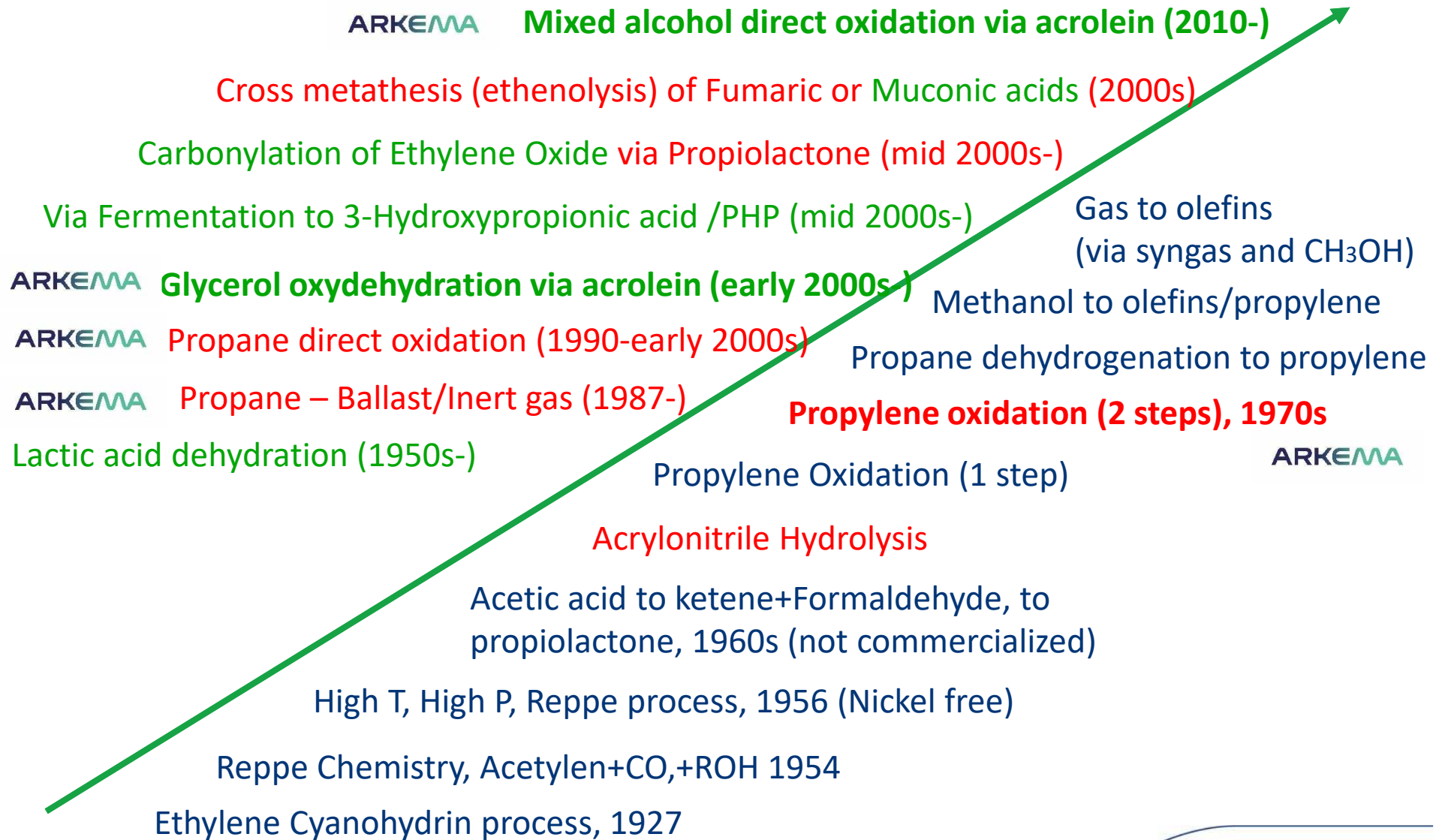
17,000 Louisiana Residents Return Home as Site of Blast Is Declared Safe Aerial view of the wreckage of tanks after an explosion and fire Saturday at the Union Carbide chemical plant in Taft, La. Residents within a five-mile radius of the site were evacuated because of the fear of toxic fumes from the fire. They were permitted to return home yesterday. River traffic near the plant, situated on the banks of the Mississippi River 30 miles west of New Orleans, was halted until fire burned itself out. The chemical in the tanks was acrolein, which is used to make algacides, animal food supplements and tear gas.

The New York Times

Explosion of a Storage facility  
17000 people evacuated



# Alternative Routes to Acrolein & Acrylic Acid





# CO<sub>2</sub> GAS FERMENTATION

## OPPORTUNITIES AND TECHNICAL CHALLENGES

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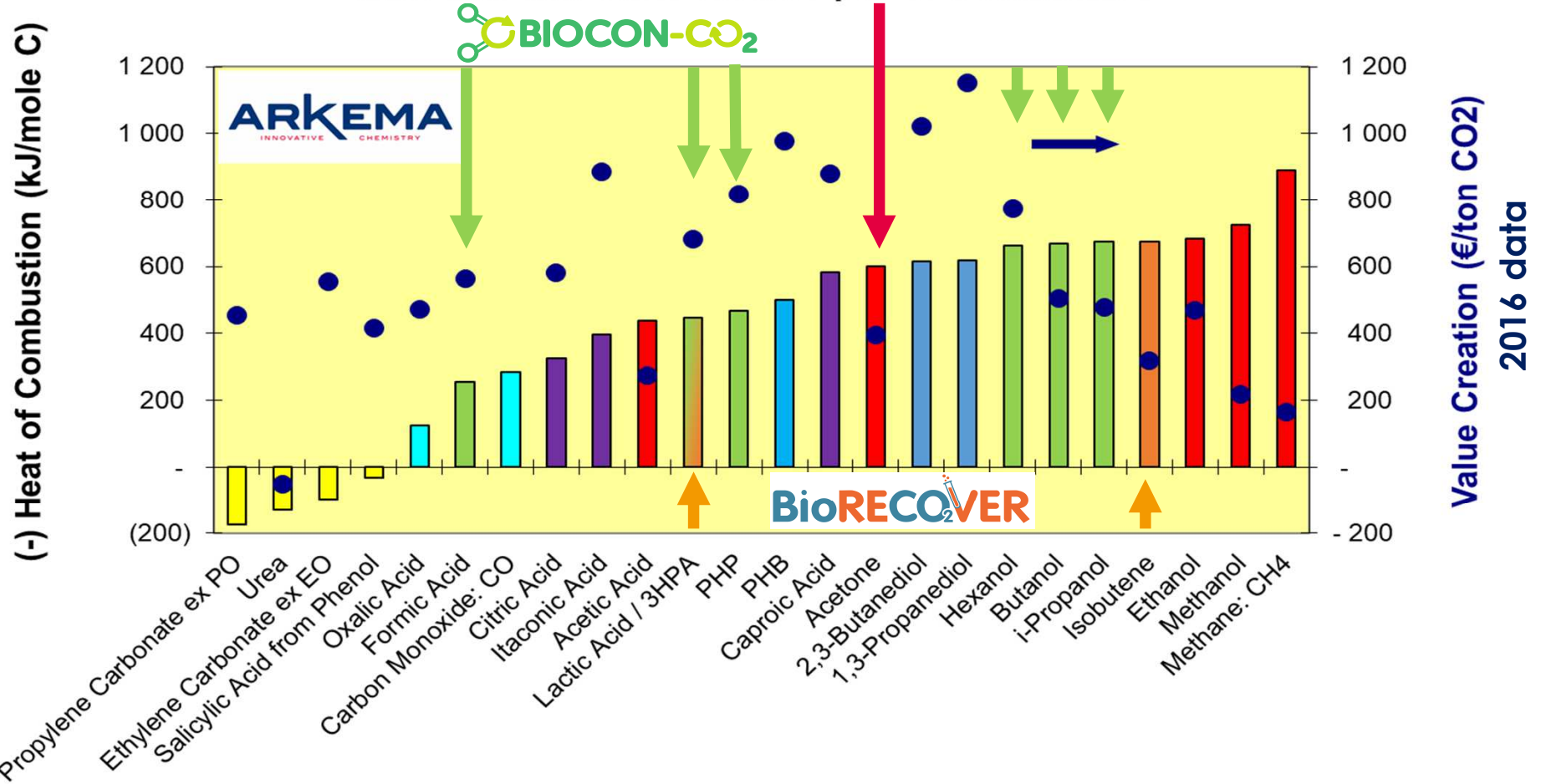


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# TARGET PRODUCT SELECTION: VALUE CREATION AND ENERGY CONSUMPTION

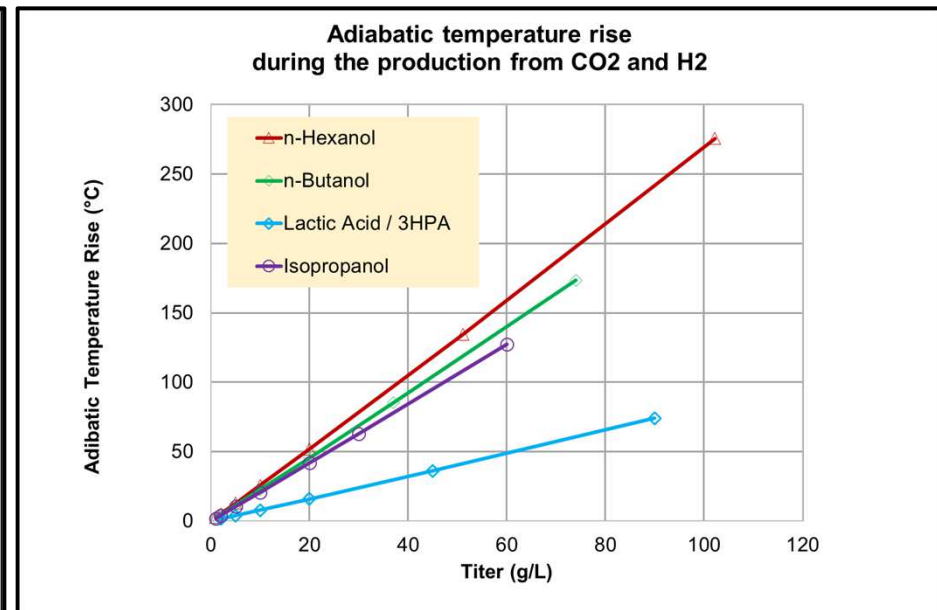
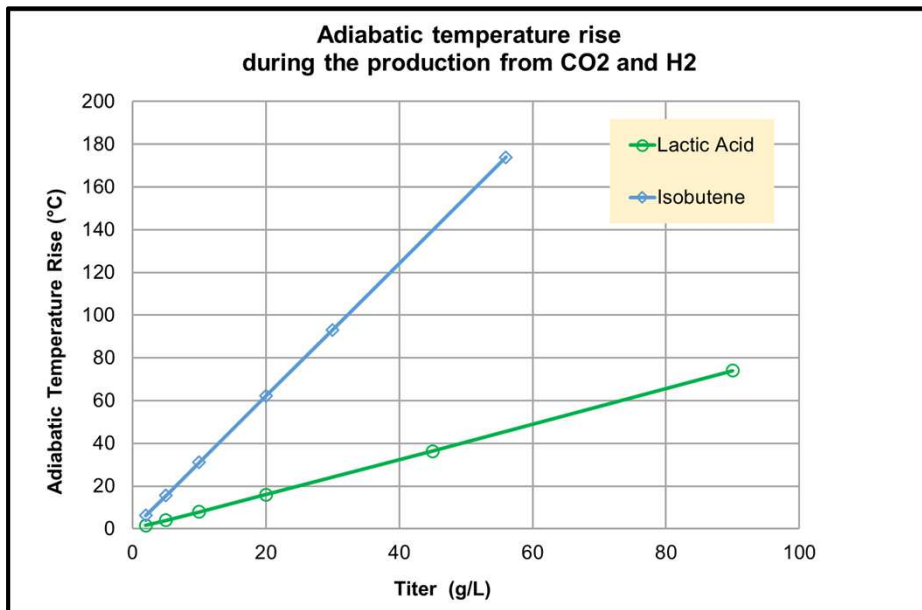


Heat of Combustion as image of energy consumed to produce the molecule and Value created per CO2 consumed





# HEAT MANAGEMENT: ADIABATIC TEMPERATURE RISE



- ✦ Probably impossible to reach more than 10-20 g/L without external cooling
- ✦ Low Titrers = High Capital Cost
- ✦ 100 kt/year of lactic acid = energy loss of 93 900 MWh/year = equivalent of the energy consumed by more than 14 000 Europeans in their households.



*Second Generation MethylMethAcrylate*

Process Intensification  
in PMMA recycling

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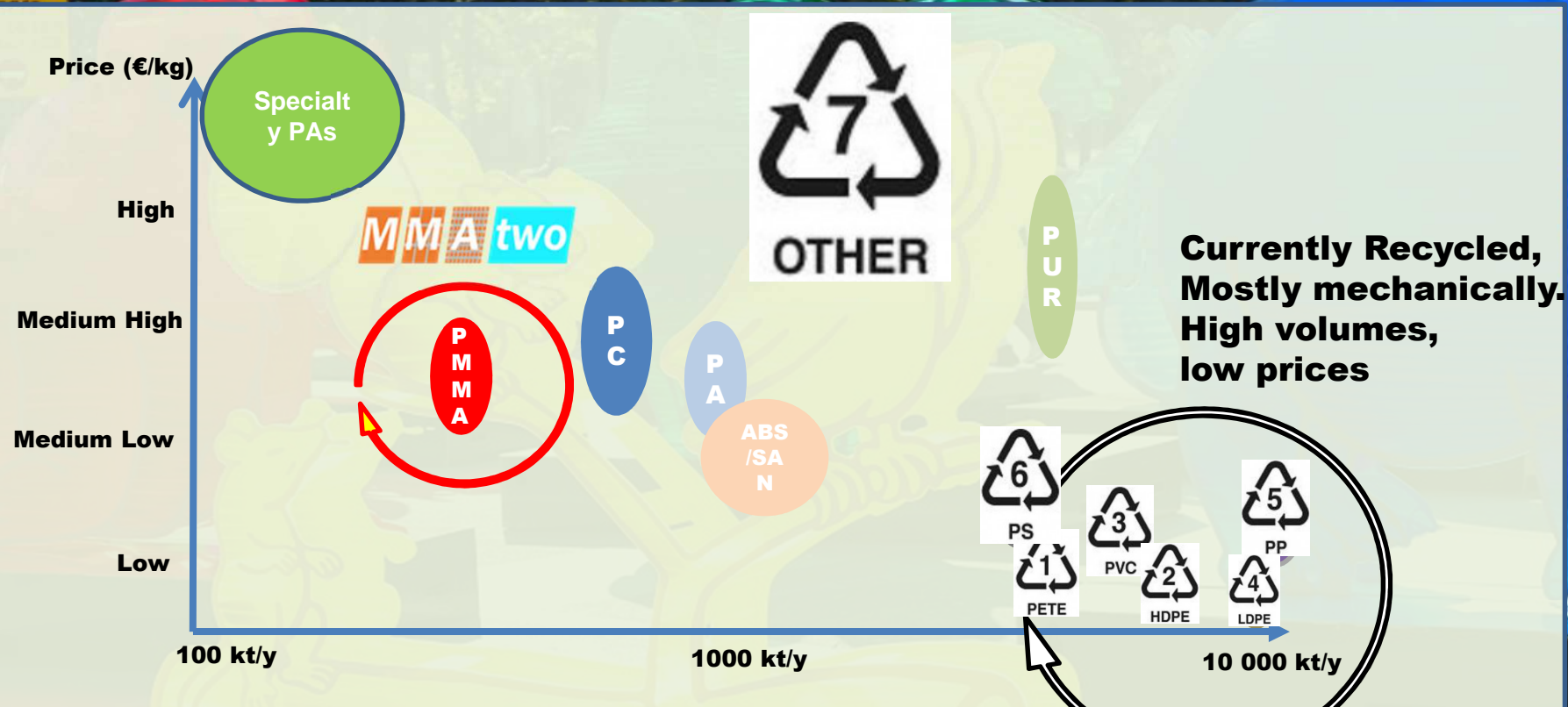


Plastic Recycling  
December 14<sup>h</sup>  
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This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation program under grant agreement N° 820687.

# PMMA: high value, but low volume

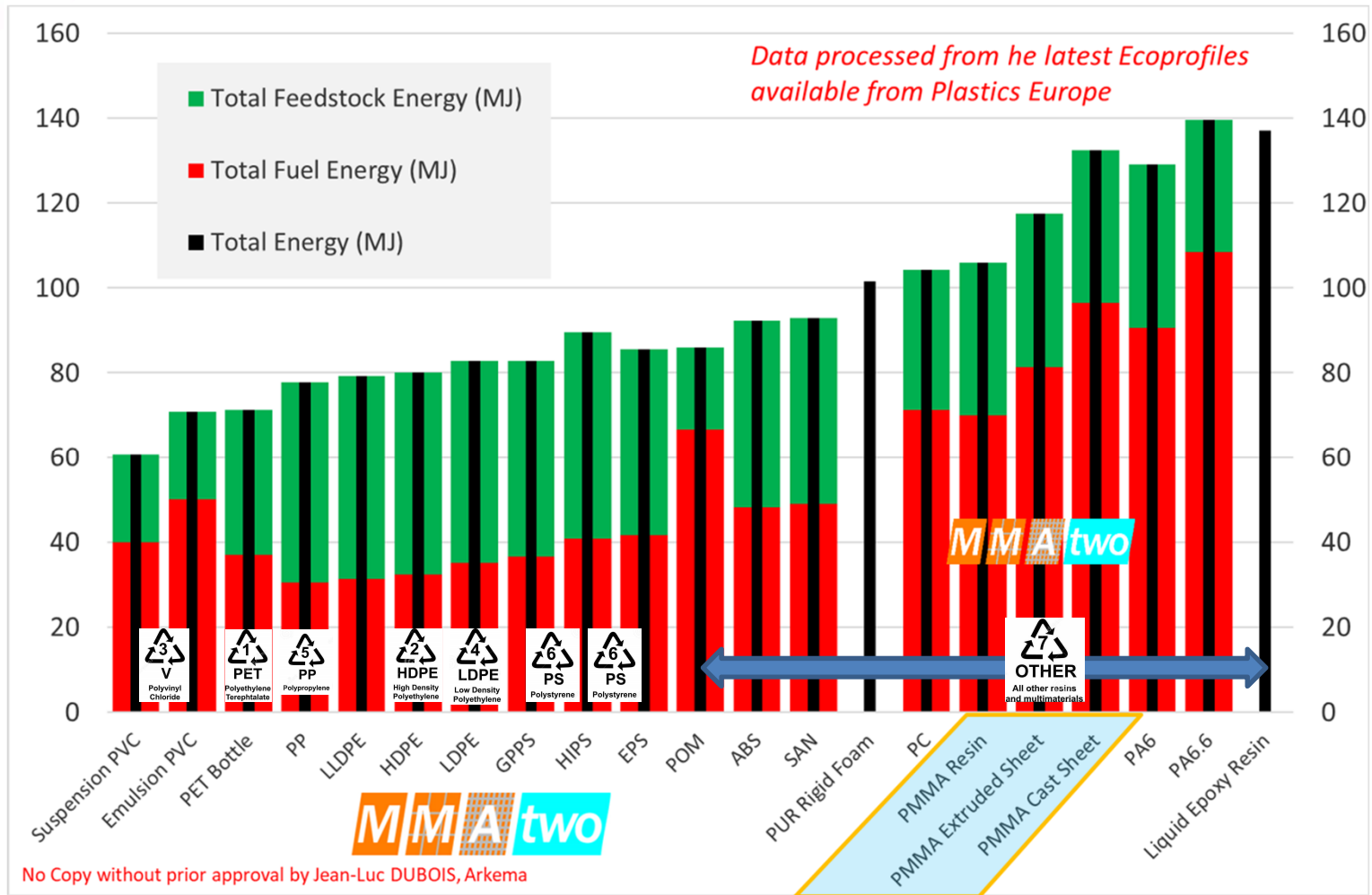


Polymers European market shares, Plastics Europe  
Plastics converter demand by resin type (2016)

Source: JL DUBOIS - November 20th 2018

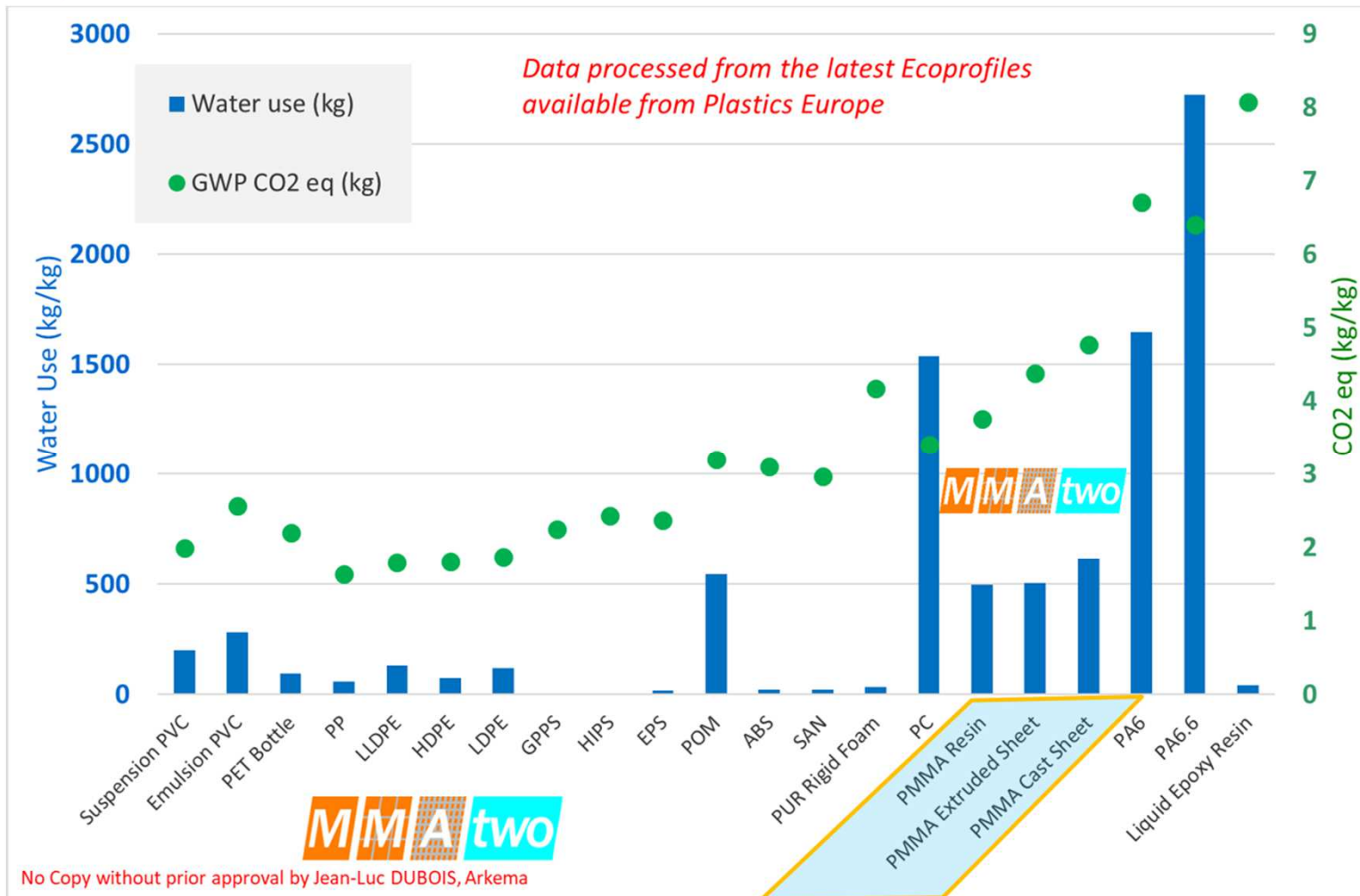


# Energy Consumption in Polymers production: High demand for technical polymers





# Water consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> eq emissions





**Dry Distillation Still reactor**



**Rotating Drum reactor**

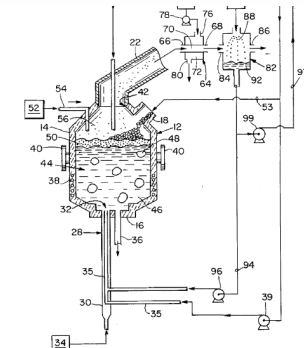
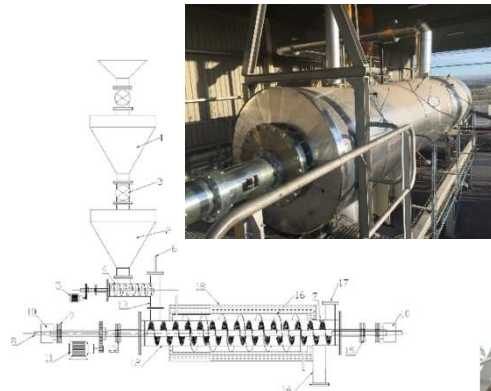


FIG. 1

**Molten Metal reactor**



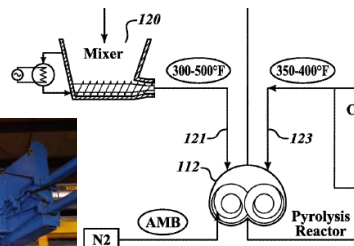
**Auger reactor**  
(w or w/o circulating solid)



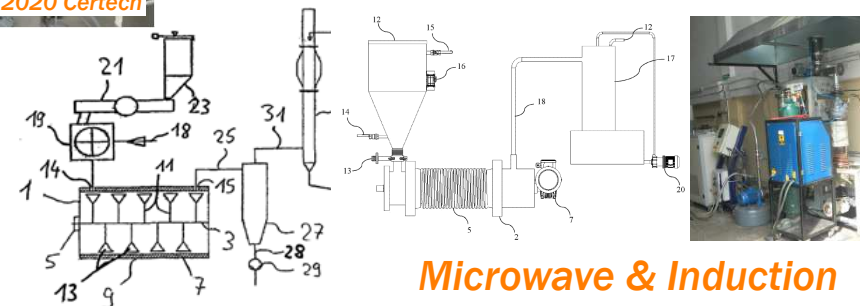
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**Twin-Screw reactor**



**Rotating Paddle reactor**



**Microwave & Induction reactors**

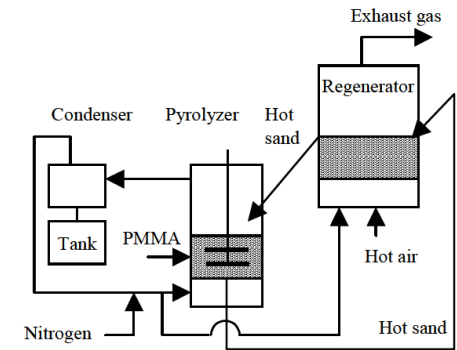


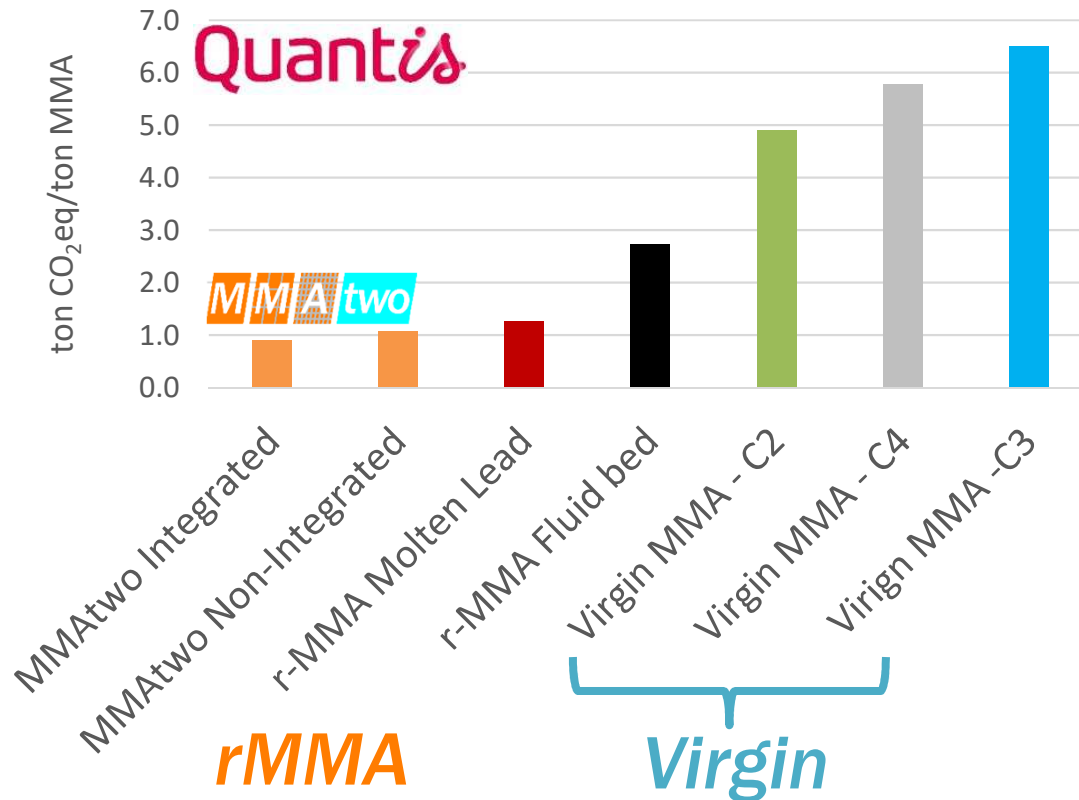
Fig.1 Apparatus

**Fluid Bed reactor 49**



# LCA: M36 Main results

## Benchmarking with virgin technologies



### Main Results

- Compared to virgin production, there is a large impact reduction (more than -75%) depending on the technology
- Compared to other recycling technologies, the impact reduction ranges between -20% to -60%
- More recycling processes to come soon

### Data sets:

Virgin MMA: C2 route (3), C3 route (3), C4 route (3)

R-MMA: Lead Bath (3+1); Fluid Bed (2),

Rotating Drum (3), Dry Distillation (5), Stirred Tank (3)

Dry Distillation with biomass as energy Source (3)



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## Chain of Custody: Options



# Chain of Custody:

## Customer demand

01	Identity Preserved, Dedicated plant	Regenerated MMA 100 %	
02	Segregated, Single plant Batchwise	Regenerated MMA 100 %	Virgin MMA
03	Controlled Blending, Mixed stream, single product	Regenerated MMA 50%	
04	Mass Balance, Mixed streams. Allocation, Physical link	Regenerated MMA 25%	Regenerated MMA 75 %
05	Book & Claim Credits and Products follow different path		



# « Green Notes for Green Chemistry »

- Development of « Green » chemistry requires to set the conditions to make money
- Use all parts of the crops
- Develop Safer processes
- Renewable chemicals with improved Life Cycle Analysis
- Renewable (bio-based) ≠ biodegradable ≠ non-toxic
- High value polymers offer more opportunities for recycling



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