

Feedstock and Catalyst Impact on Bio-Oil Production and FCC Co- Processing to Fuels

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Outline

- Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis (CFP) Oil Production
 - Catalysts and Feedstocks
 - Pyrolyzer/DCR System
 - CFP Oil Composition
- Co-Processing (CP) to Fuels

Catalysts and Feedstocks



Feedstocks

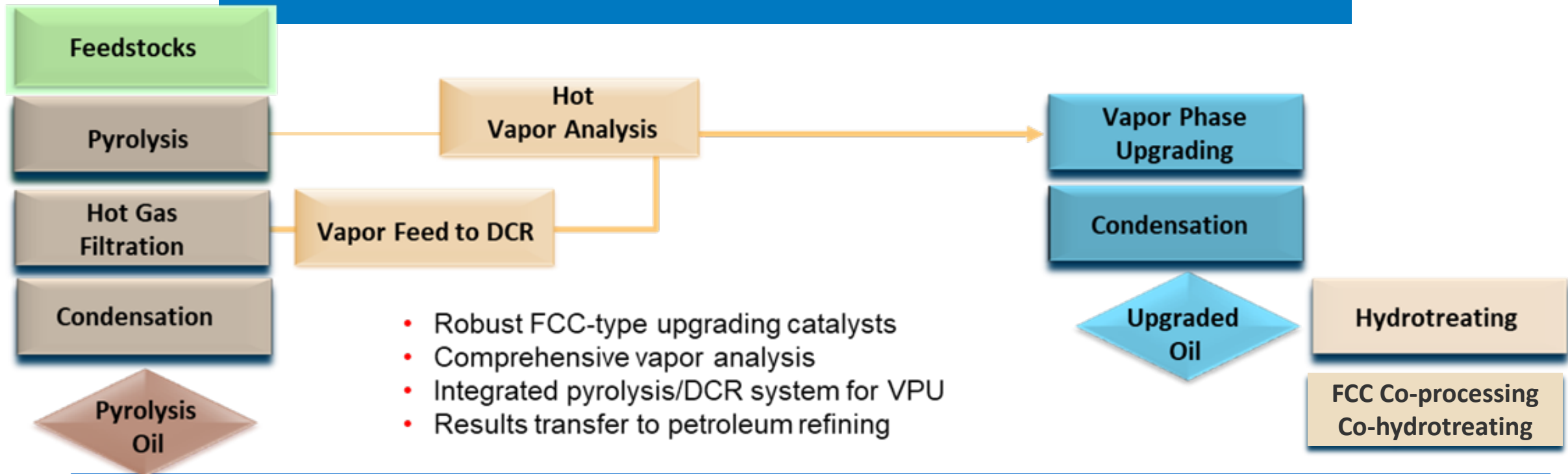
- Miscanthus
- Pine residues
- Debarked clean pine



Johnson Matthey Catalysts

- HZSM-5 (SAR = 30), 25 and 40% [HZSM-5]
- Ga-HZSM-5

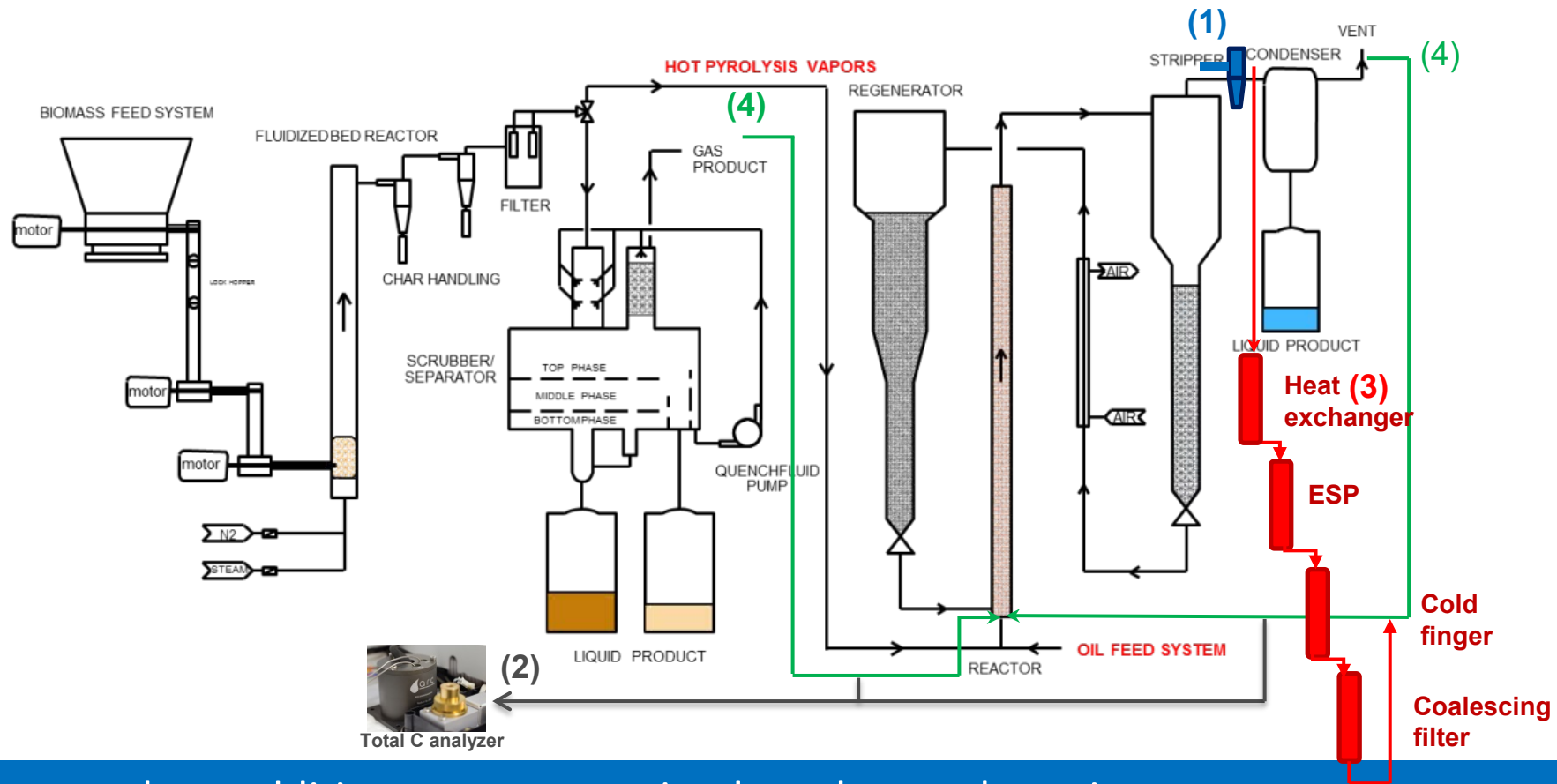
CFP Oil Production and Qualities



Produce high quality CFP oils with modified FCC catalysts and biomass pyrolysis vapors at the small pilot scale to produce refinery compatible intermediates of:

- 10-20 % oxygen content
- High carbon efficiency in the 20-25% range, but tied to oxygen content for economic optimum
- Goal to lower (modeled) costs, consistent with BETO's goal of a \$2.50/GGE range fuel production cost

Pyrolyzer/DCR Modifications for CFP and CP

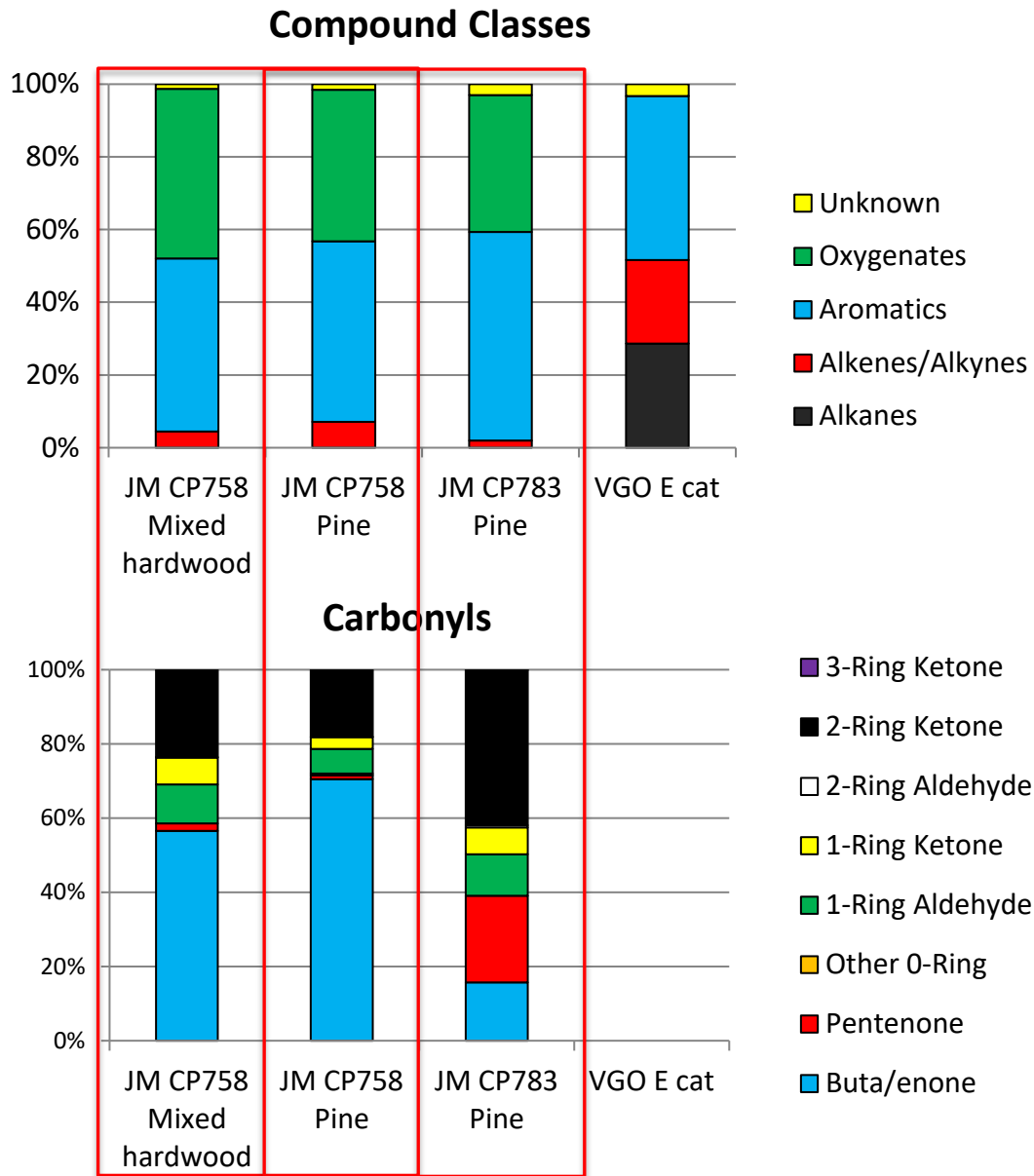


- (1) Stripper cyclone addition returns entrained catalyst to the stripper
- (2) PolyArc total carbon detector: total C content of feed/product gases simplify C mass balance
- (3) Fractional condensation train: improve product recovery
- (4) Developed multi feed, independently heated nozzles for co-processing

Improvements provide a feedstock flexible (vapors, liquids, co-feeds) DCR FCC system

Catalyst and Feedstock Impacts

2D GC² TOFMS Oil Analysis



Feedstock Impact: Pine vs. Oak

+ Alkenes, aromatics
+ Buta/enone

Possibly due to differences in lignin/hemicellulose/cellulose contents

Catalyst Impact: CP783 vs. CP758

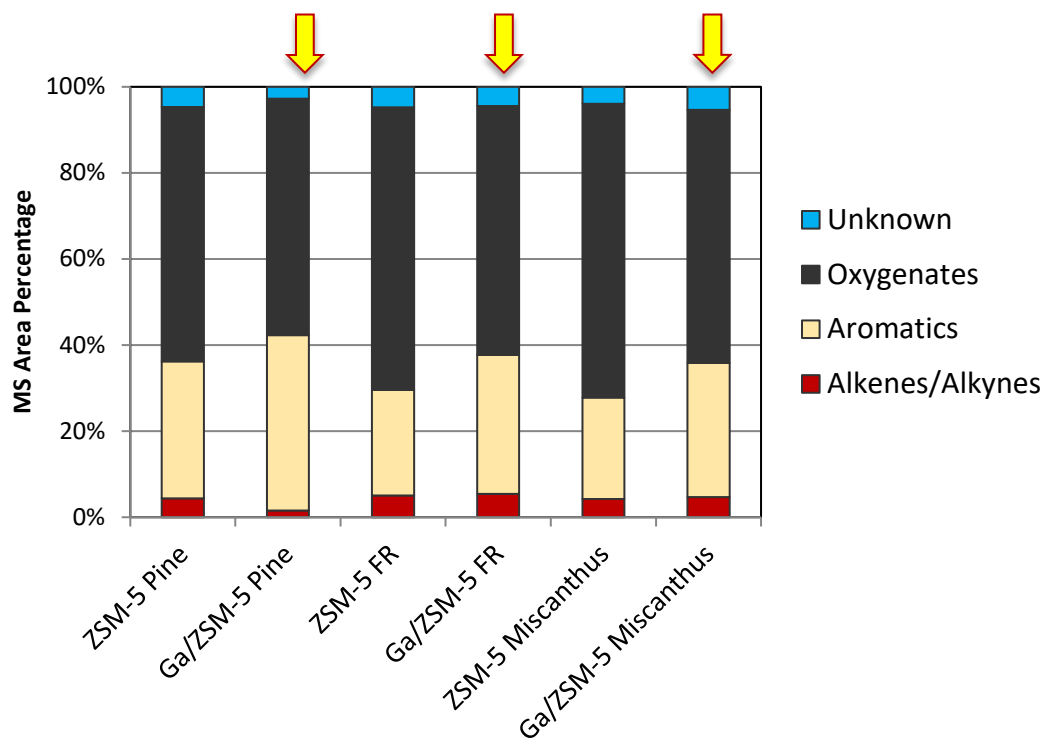
(25, 40 % zeolite/same binder – possibly ketonize)

+ aromatics, – alkenes/alkynes
+ 1-, 2-ring ketones, pentenone
– buta/enone

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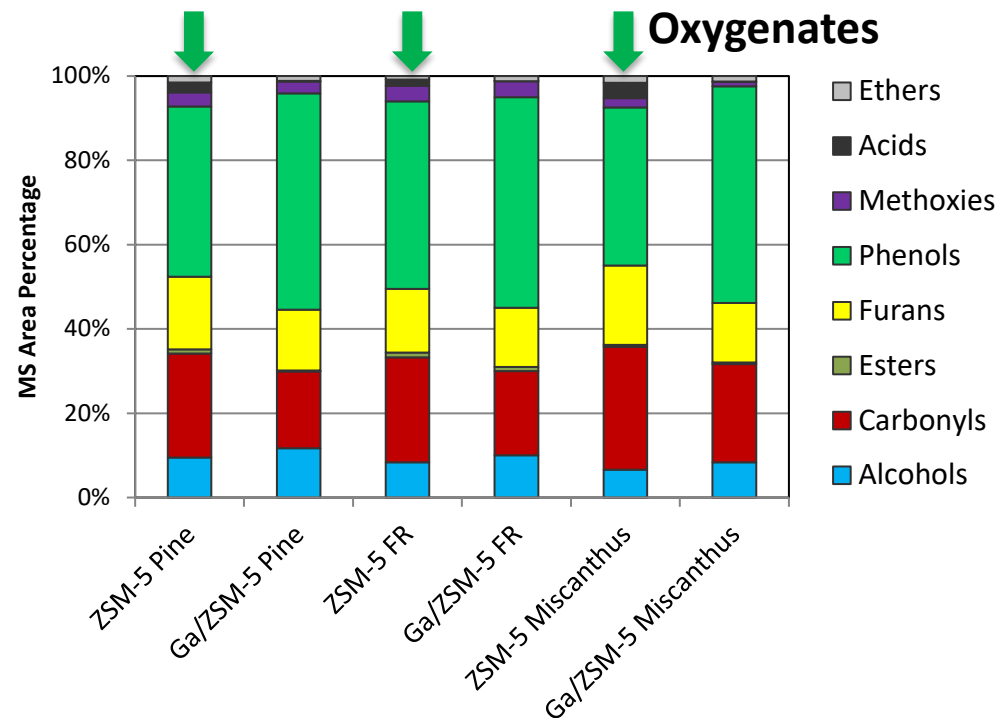
Compound Classes



Catalysts

- ZSM-5
- Ga/ZSM-5
 - increased aromatics, phenols
 - reduced oxygenates (furans, carbonyls: cellulose deoxygenation)

Oxygenates



Feedstocks

- Pine and pine forest residues (FR)
- Miscanthus

- Pine, FR and Miscanthus
 - Pine and FR similar oxygenates
 - Miscanthus: reduced phenolics (less lignin), enhanced carbonyls and furans

Searchable Database of Process Conditions, Catalysts, Feedstocks, Oil Compositions

- Data comprises process, operating, feed and product compositions, BC content per refinery pathway (FCC, HT/HC)
- Similar to petroleum database <http://www.crudemonitor.us/>
- Database is searchable, to be linked with FCIC feedstock database (LabKey), and to be published for refiner use
- Potential users: 136 US refineries, multiple catalyst and instrument manufacturers, research community

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Process

- Fast Pyrolysis
- Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis
- Co-processing (bio-oil and petroleum)
- Hydrotreating
- Hydrothermal liquifaction

Feedstock Type

- Agriculture Residues
- Herbaceous
- Novel Feeds
- Petroleum Feeds
- Waste Streams

Feedstock

- Clean Pine
- Loblolly Pine
- Lodgepole Pine
- Juniper
- Maple

Catalyst

- E-Cat
- ZSM-5
- Metal Oxide
- Unspecified
- Red Mud

Analysis

- OIL:** GC x GC / GC-MS
- OIL:** Proximate
- OIL:** Ultimate
- FEEDSTOCK:** Metals
- AQUEOUS:** Physical Properties

Organization

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- National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (U)
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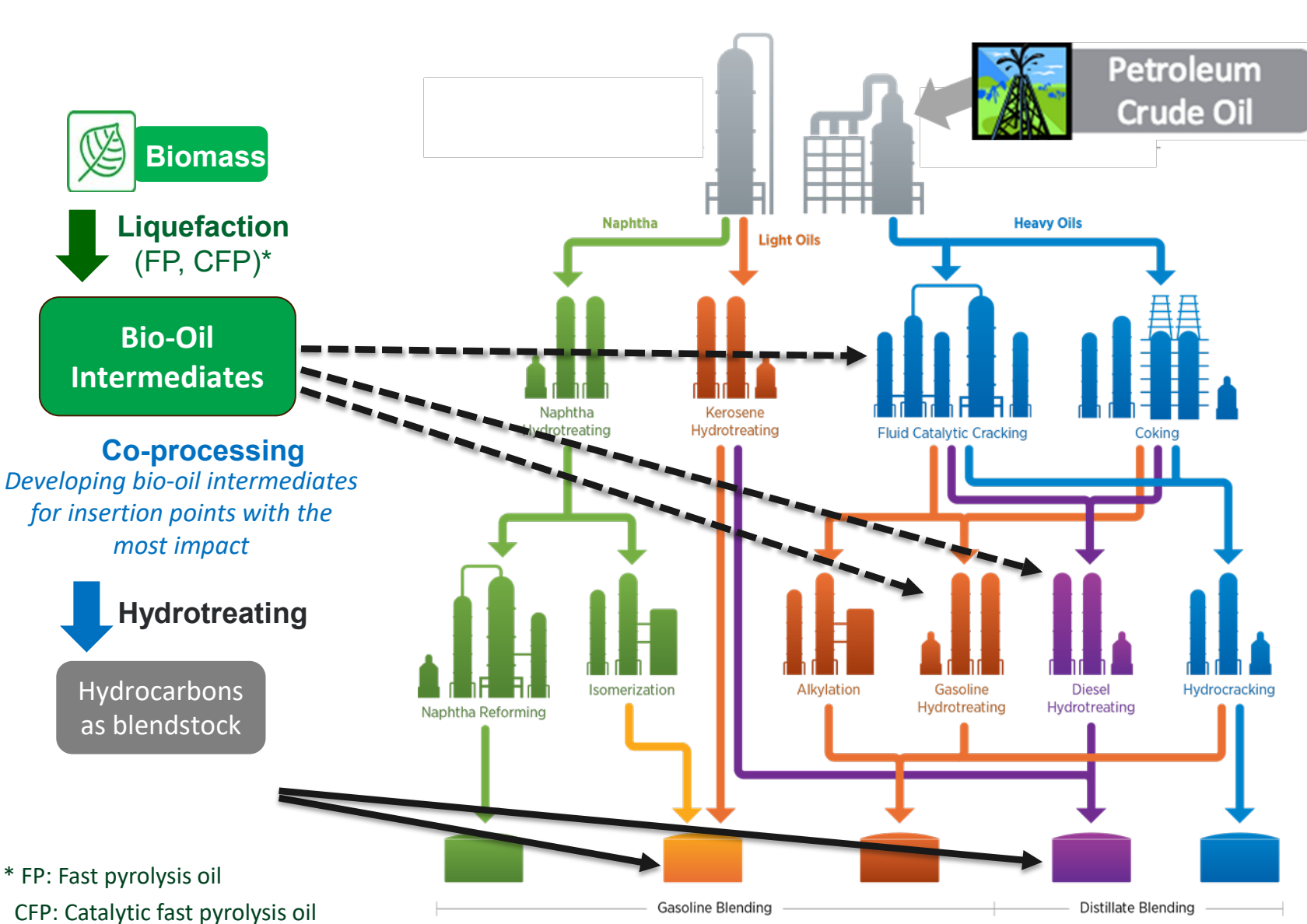
Search

Mockup of the final LabKey User Interface for the website of the published database. Potentially link with the FCIC feedstock database.



Co-Processing: FCC co-processing of bio-oils leverages existing refining infrastructure

leverages with billions US\$ in CAPEX and 5 million bpd of crude refining



* FP: Fast pyrolysis oil
CFP: Catalytic fast pyrolysis oil

Objective: Produce fungible bio-oils that can be co-processed in petroleum refineries to produce biogenic carbon containing fuels

Outcome:

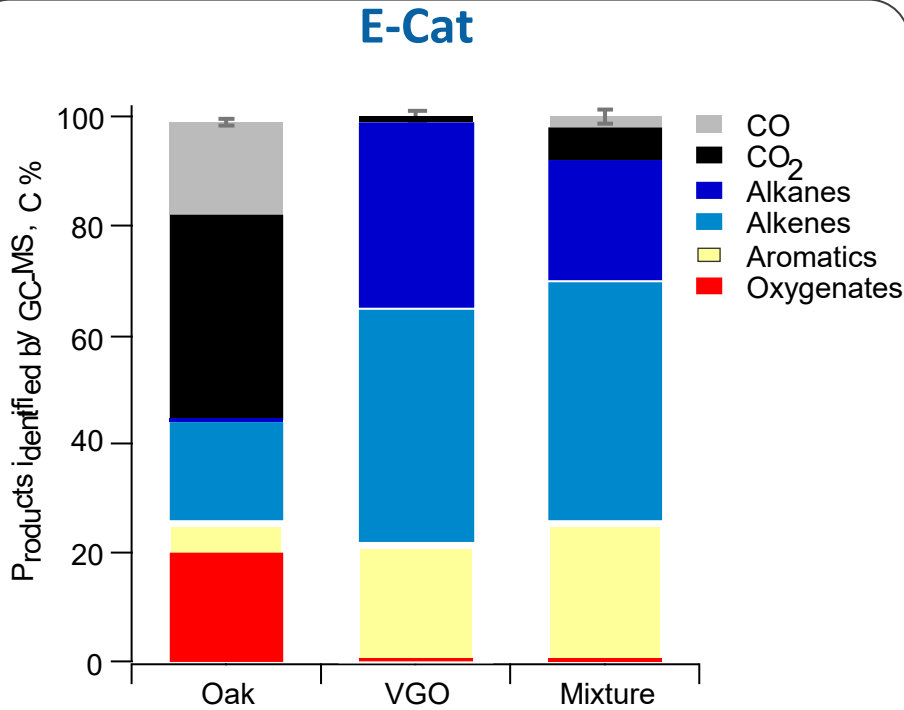
- Tailoring CFP oil composition for refinery insertion
- Modified refinery compatible FCC catalysts
- Co-processing strategies to refiners

Impact: Faster introduction of renewable fuels into the transportation sector to reduce GHG by 2030

Catalyst Impact to Fuel Chemistry: FCC Co-Processing

FCC of VGO, oak or CFPO, and 10% oak—90% VGO mixture over E-Cat and Johnson Matthey CP758 at 550 °C, product analysis with

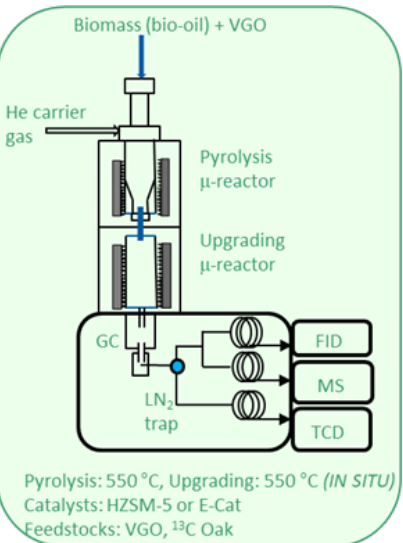
Targeted FCC catalyst development produces bio-oils for varied refinery insertion points



- E-Cat** co-processed product has:
- **Enhanced aromatics**, CO, CO₂
 - Reduced alkanes

Feed	Catalyst	% Bio-based Carbon (%C _{bb})*	(%C _{bb})product/ (%C _{bb})feed	Wt.% coke	Breakthrough Mass % Liq.
VGO	E-Cat	0.0	NA	2.75	NA
VGO/CFPO	E-Cat	9.7	1.01	1.09	6.03
VGO/CFPO	E-Cat/MFI 5 wt% Mn	7.3	0.76	0.83	5.19
VGO/CFPO	E-Cat/MFI 5 wt% La	9.2	0.96	0.62	0.49
VGO/CFPO	E-Cat/MFI 5 wt% Ca	5.5	0.57	0.68	5.39
VGO/CFPO	E-Cat/MFI no meso	10.4	1.08	2.8	4.25
VGO/CFPO	E-Cat/MFI meso	8.8	0.91	1.1	1.88
VGO/CFPO	E-Cat/HZSM-5	5.4	0.66	0.23	1.80
VGO/CFPO	E-Cat/HZSM-5	5.9	0.72	Nd	2.33

La/MFI and MFI zeolites optimized product %BC, wt% coke, oxygenate breakthrough – to be tested for FCC CP



FCC Co-Processing

High biogenic C incorporation demonstrated

Co-processing in FCC

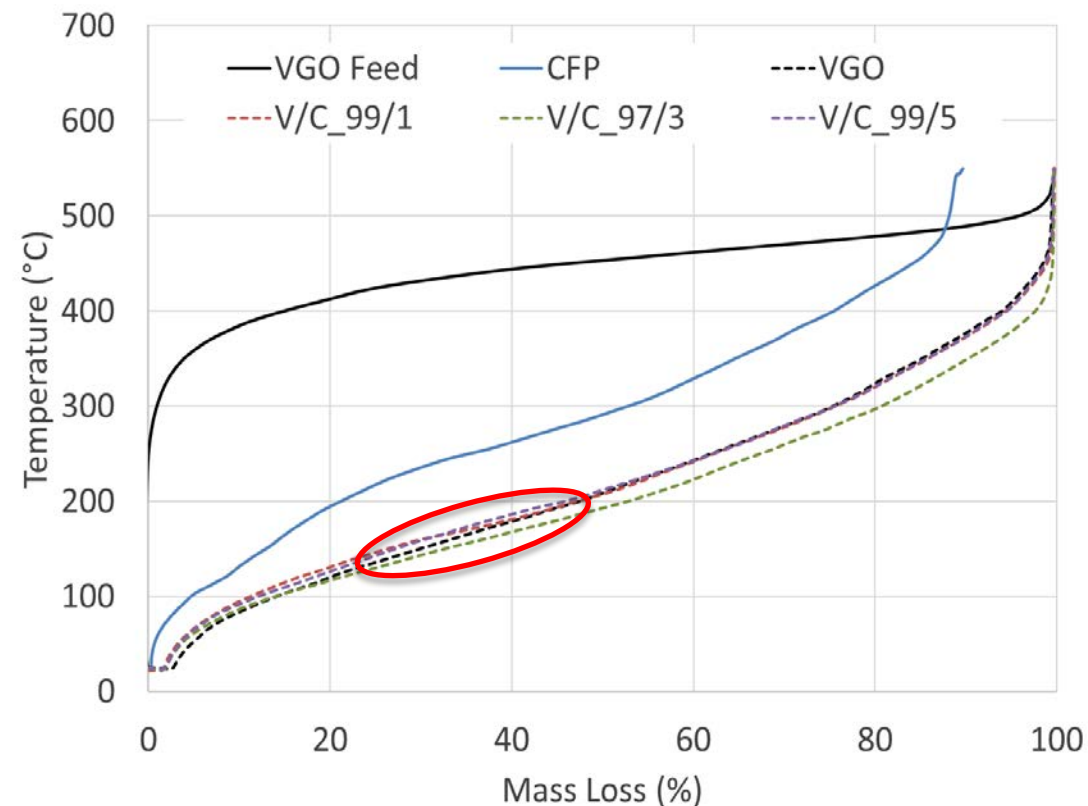
Product ID	VGO (vol %)	CFP Oil (vol %)*	% BC* in CFP/VGO	% BC in HC Product
VGO	100	0	0	
V/C_99/1	99	1	0.8	na
V/C_97/3	97	3	3.0	na
V/C_95/5	95	5	3.8	3.1

Rcn. T, P = 520°C, 25 psig; Feed rate = 1.2 liter/h
CP758 Johnson Matthey zeolite catalyst
Pine CFP oil in VGO
* Biogenic carbon measured by ¹⁴C analysis

>80% biogenic carbon incorporation in fuel products for:

Woody CFP bio-oils with VGO

Potential for MSW-derived biomass feedstocks



Simulated distillation shows similar BP range (expected at the low CFP concentrations)

Hydrotreated CFP Oil: 100% Biogenic Fuels

DCR conditions:

- CP758 zeolite, 550°C
- Residence time ~1s,
- 20% carbon efficiency with 500°C pine pyrolysis vapor at a 1:1 biomass:N₂ ratio.
- Hydrotreating:
- 400 °C
- LHSV 0.20h⁻¹ for ~90 h

	Net Weight (g)	Percent	Volume
Boiler Initial	51.53	100%	60
Lights	1.68	3	
Gasoline (71-182)	23.91	46	
Diesel (182-320)	20.20	39	
	Fraction Recovery	45.79	89%
	Total Recovery	49.97	97%
	Losses	1.57	3%
Gasoline: RON	74		
MON	69		
AKI	71		
P_{vapor} psi	1.8		
Diesel: CN	22		



- Challenges: fuel composition
- Low octane numbers due to naphthenes (cycloparaffins)
- Low cetane numbers due to multi-ring compounds
- Ring opening and/or C-C coupling required, less hydrogenation for gasoline

Summary

- Consistent quality CFP oils produced with a coupled pyrolyzer/FCC system
- Feedstock impact on oil composition:
 - Pine enhances aromatics, alkenes and buta/enone compared to oak, possibly due to lignin/hemicellulose/cellulose content
 - Pine and pine FR CFP oils are similar
 - Miscanthus produces less phenolics (less lignin)
- Catalyst impact on oil composition:
 - Ga addition to HZSM-5 increases aromatics as does increased [HZSM-5]
 - Ga increases phenolics, reduces carbonyls
- Biogenic carbon in hydrocarbon fuels from CFP oil co-processing with VGO approaches 80%
- Hydrotreating pine CFP oil produces gasoline, jet and diesel hydrocarbons

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