

Techno-Economic Assessment of Processes that produce Jet Fuel from Plant-Derived Sources



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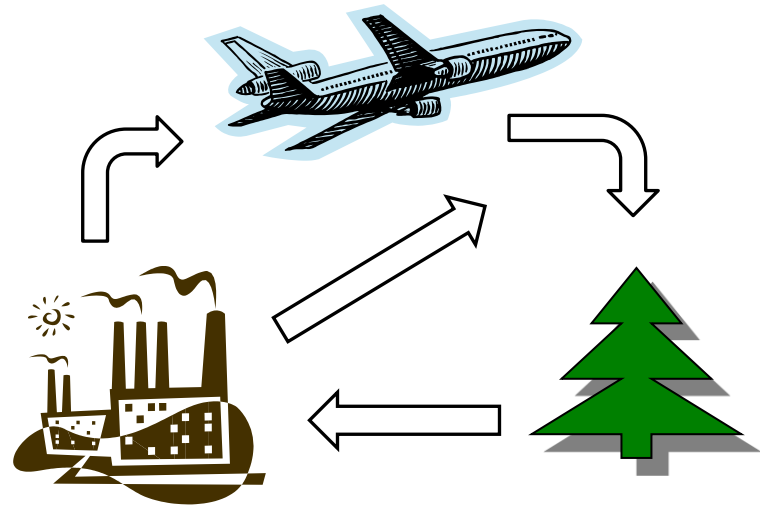
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Research problem

- High consumption of Jet fuel
- Conventional Jet Fuel - high GHG emissions
- Non-fossil processes - low GHG emissions
- Closed carbon-cycle

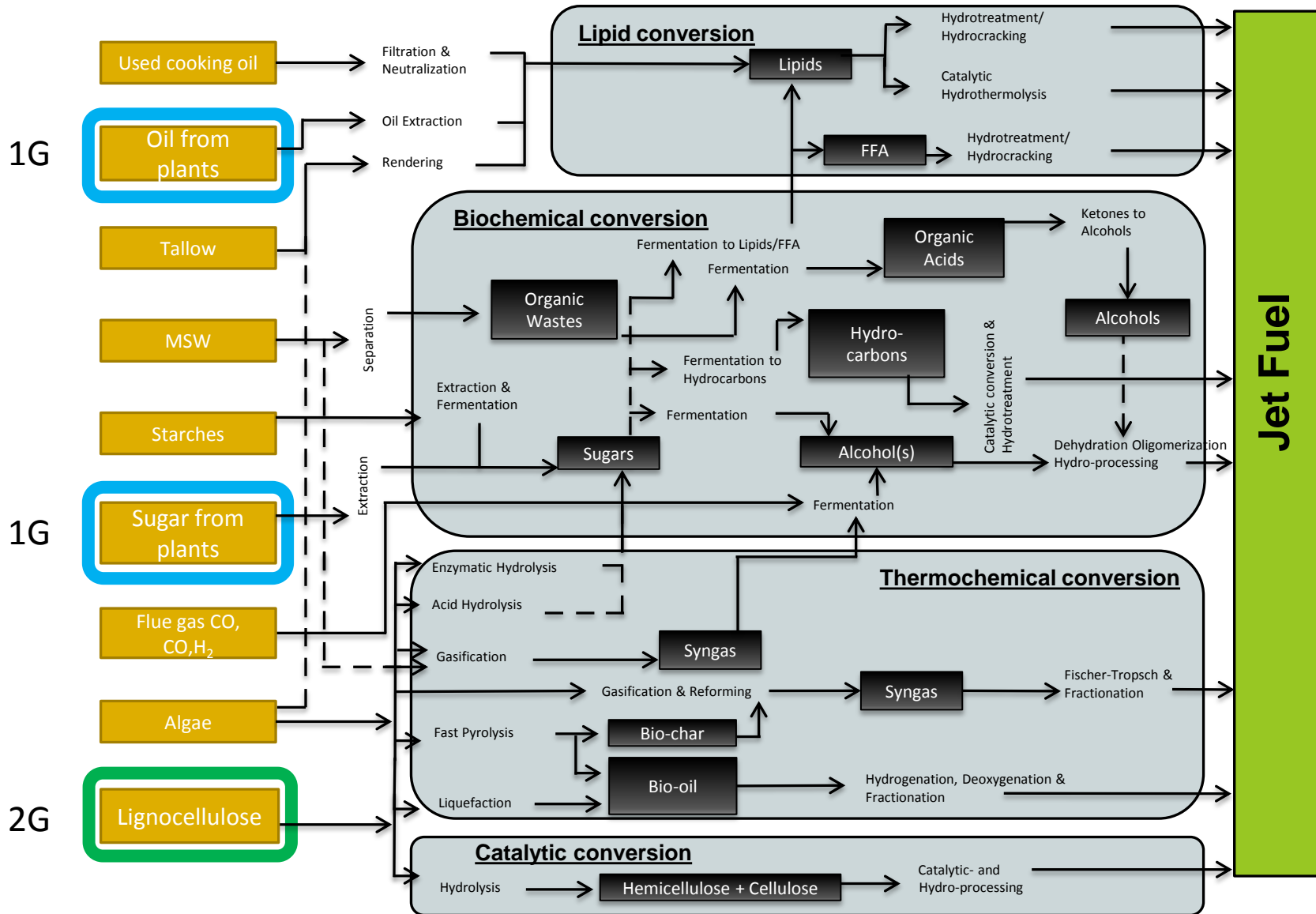


Research problem

- Large number of potential feedstocks
- Large number of potential processes

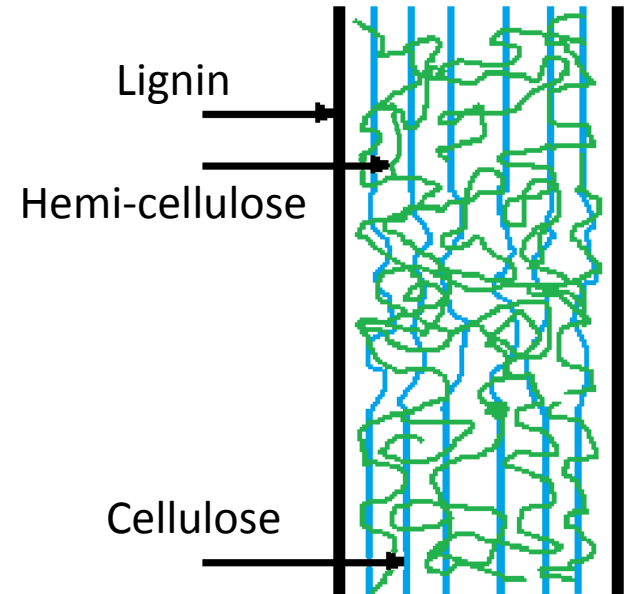
- Unsure what is the best option
- Need to determine the best option

Potential routes from non-fossil sources



Lignocellulose

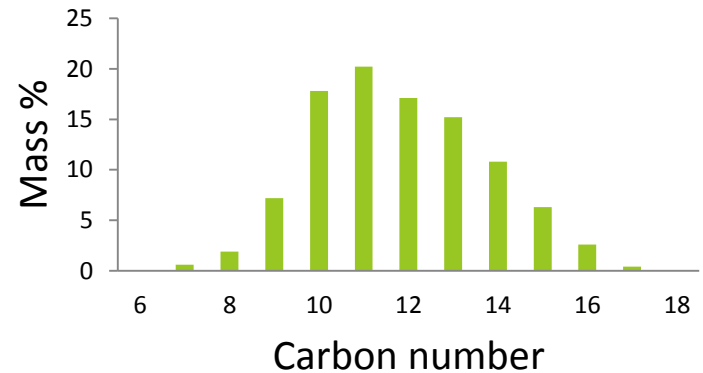
- Cellulose, hemi-cellulose and lignin
- Source
 - Wastes
 - Forest products
 - Energy crops



Jet fuel

- Mixture of hydrocarbons
- “Drop-in” jet fuel
- ASTM approval process
 - HEFA process
 - GFT process

Jet fuel carbon distribution



Objectives

Main Objective:

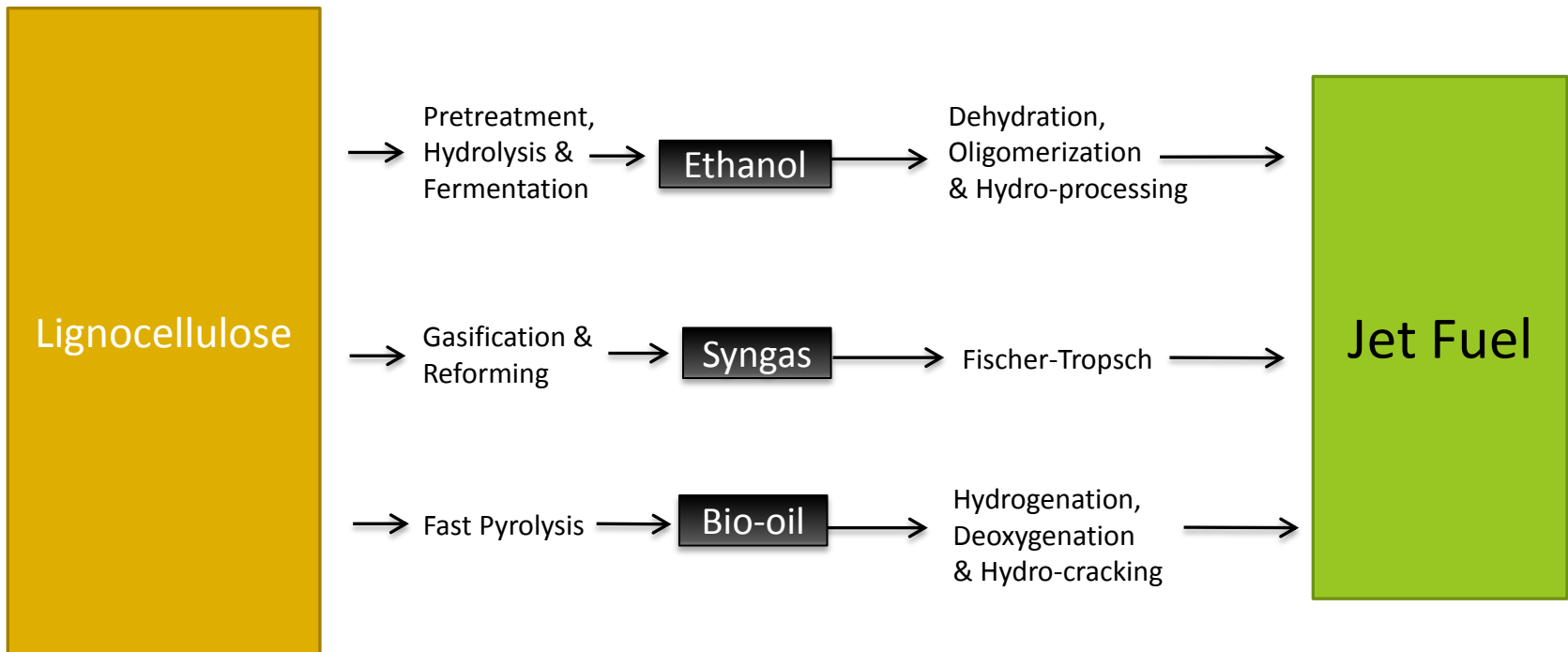
- Compare lignocellulose to jet fuel processes

Minor Objectives:

- Compare plant-derived jet fuel production processes
- Commercial feasibility of lignocellulose to jet fuel processes

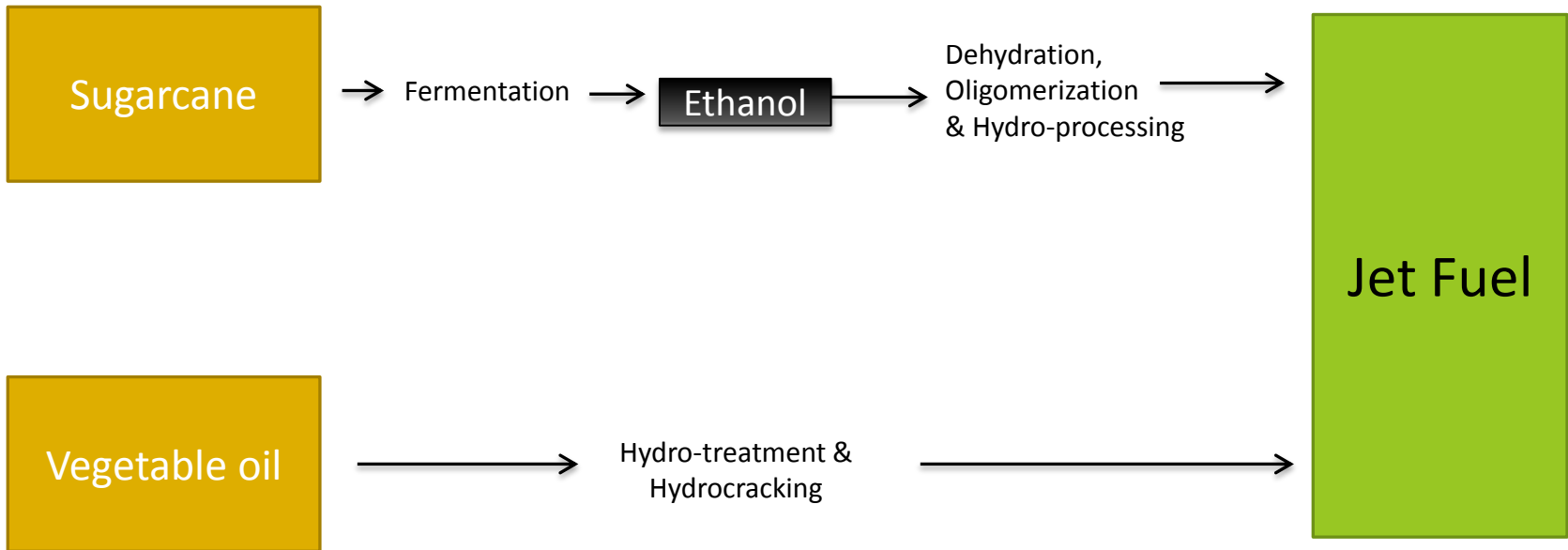
Proposed Processes

Most mature lignocellulose to jet fuel processes:



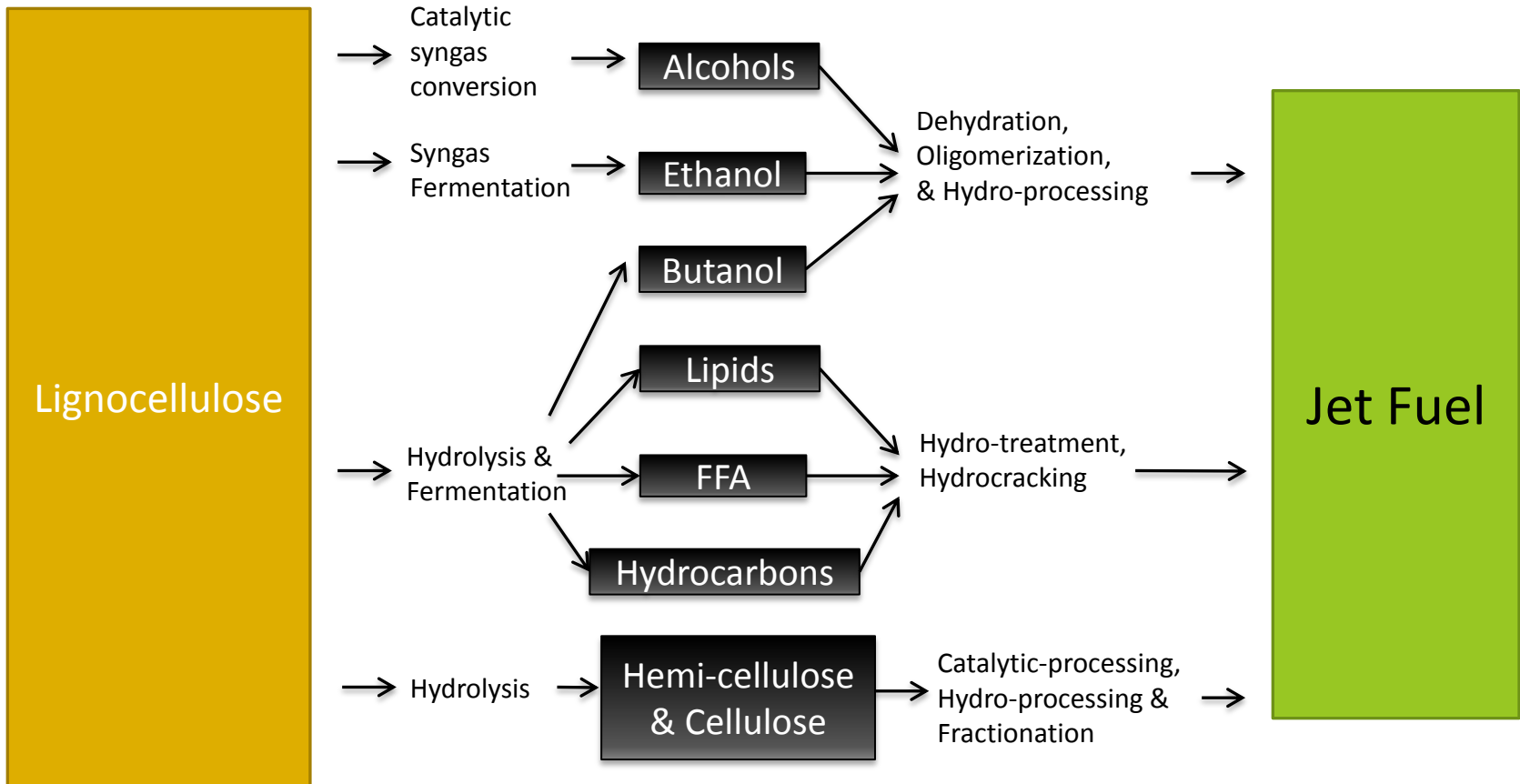
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Mature non-lignocellulose to jet fuel processes:



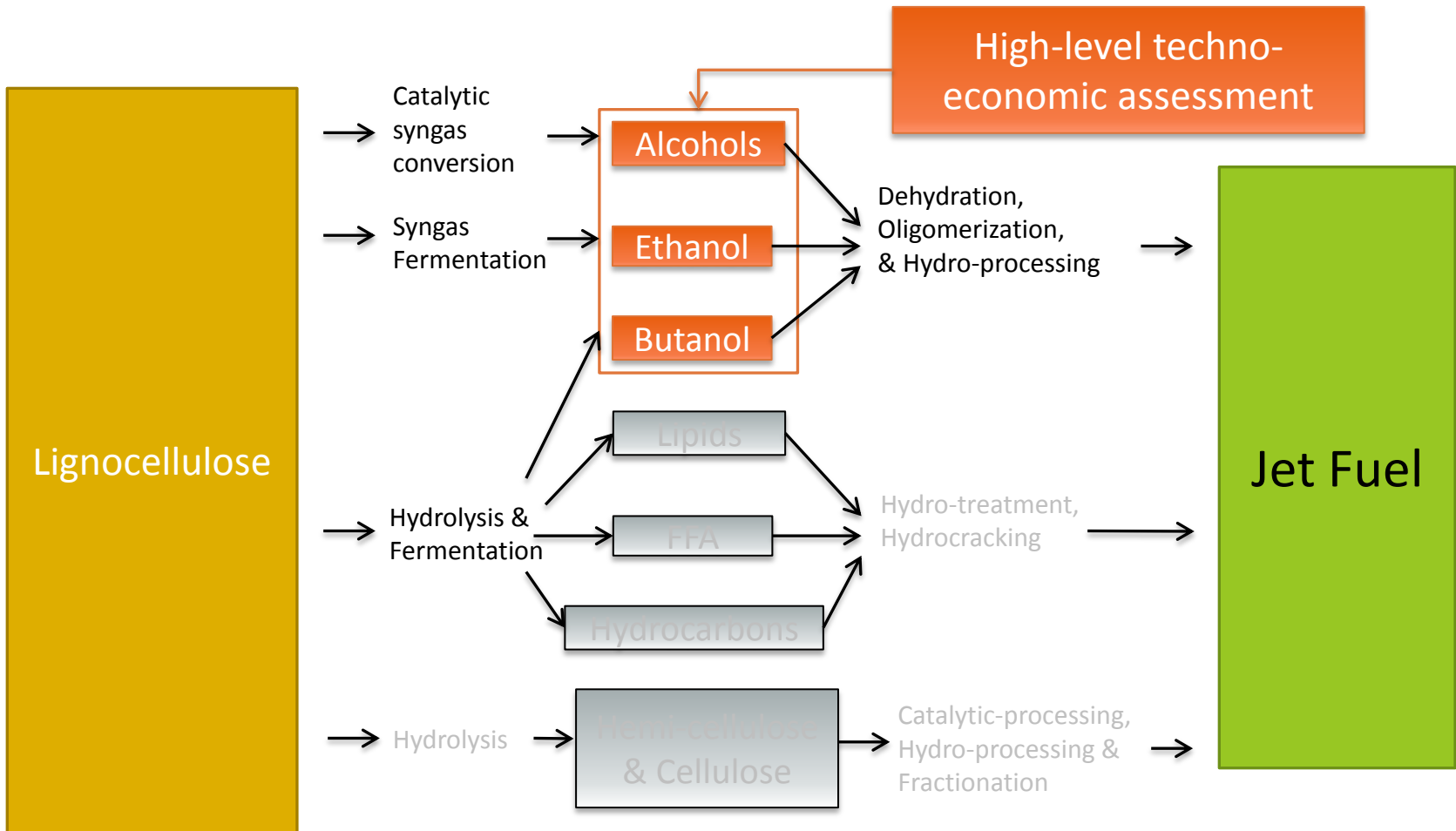
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Novel lignocellulose to jet fuel processes:

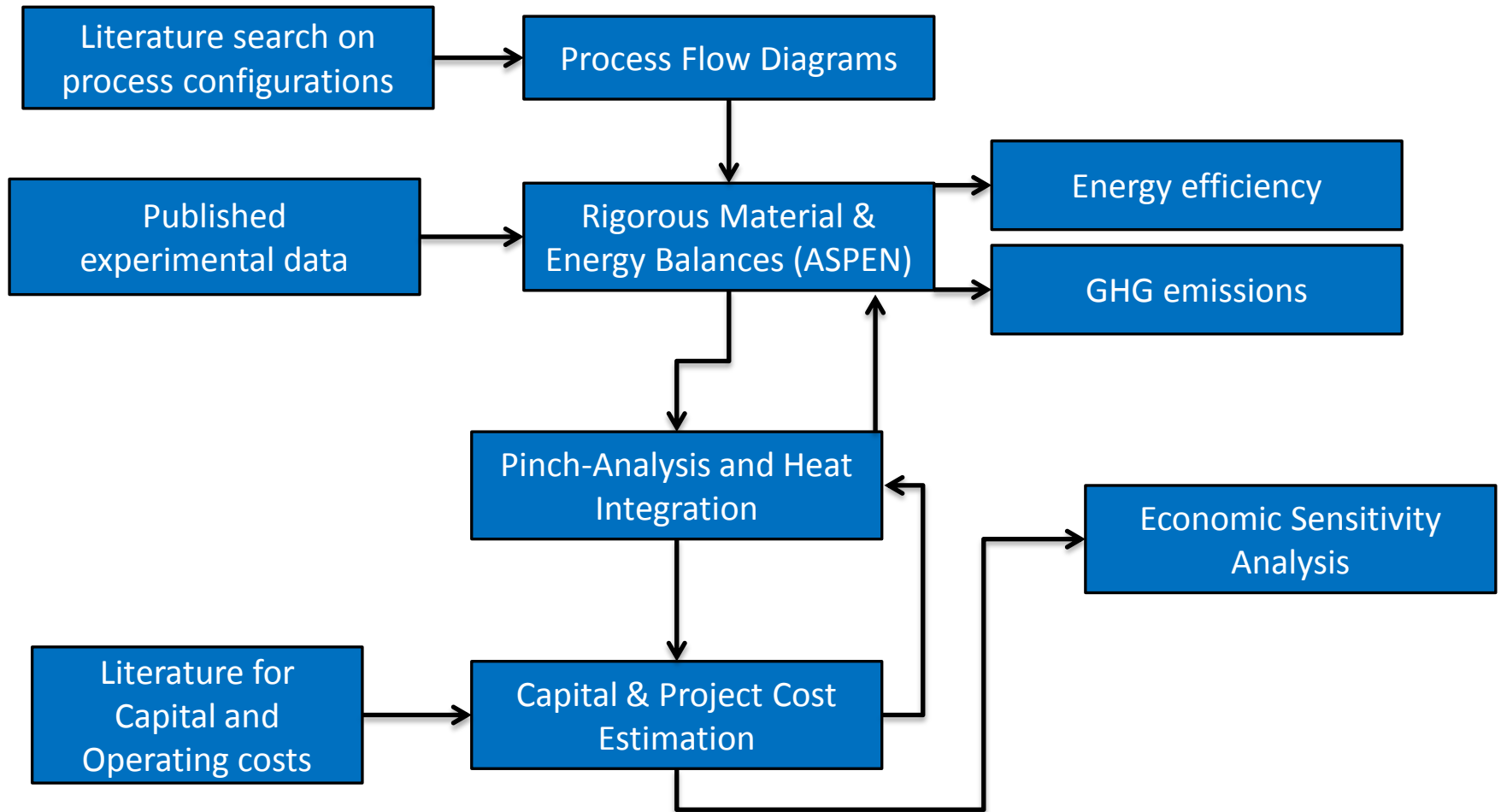


Proposed Processes

Novel lignocellulose to jet fuel processes:



Method: Techno-Economic Assessment



Main Outcomes

- Understanding of jet fuel production processes
- Mass- and energy-balances for the processes
- Comparative techno-economic analysis of processes
- Sensitivity analysis of economics
- GHG emissions - jet fuel production processes

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