

# Drop-in Fuels from Black Liquor

— Combining Increased Pulp Capacity with  
Production of Sustainable Biofuels

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# Message

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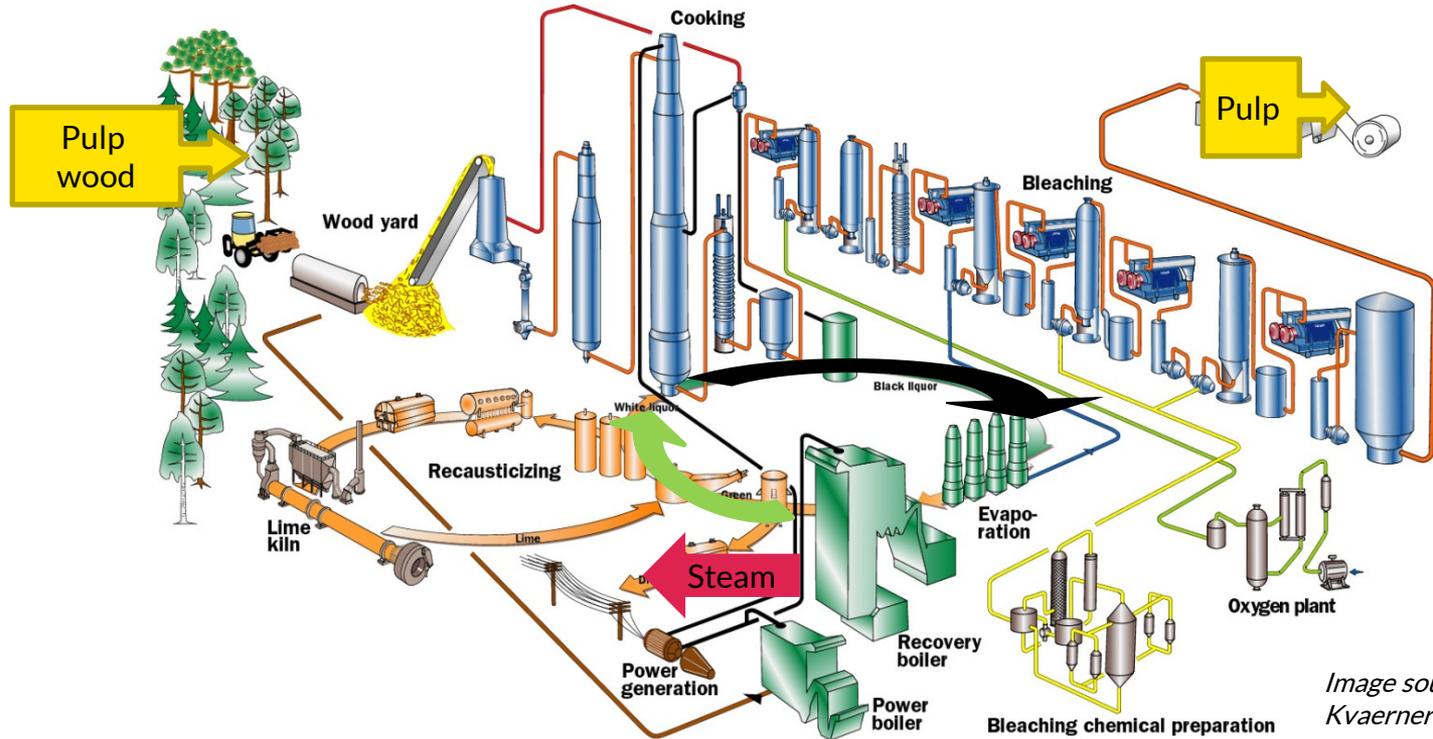


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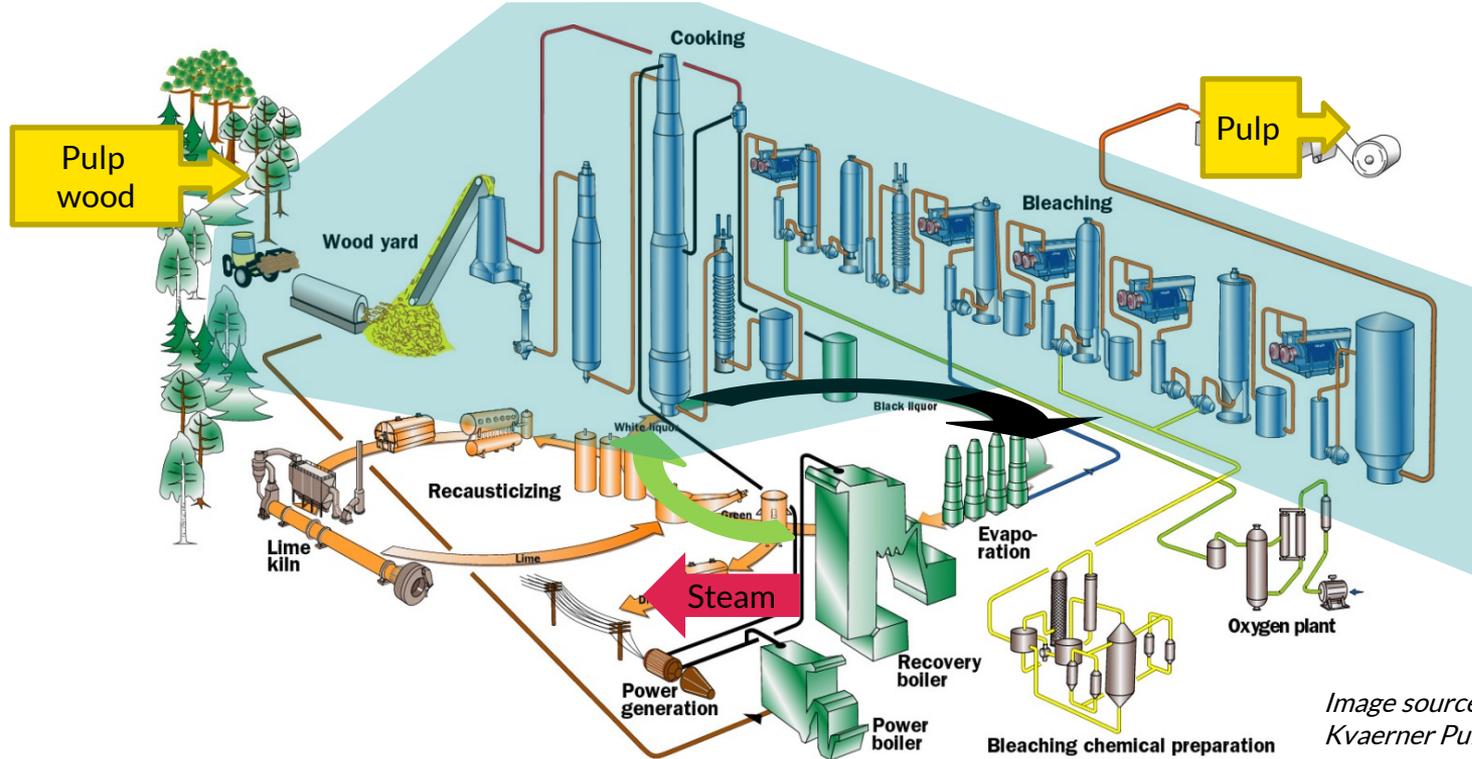


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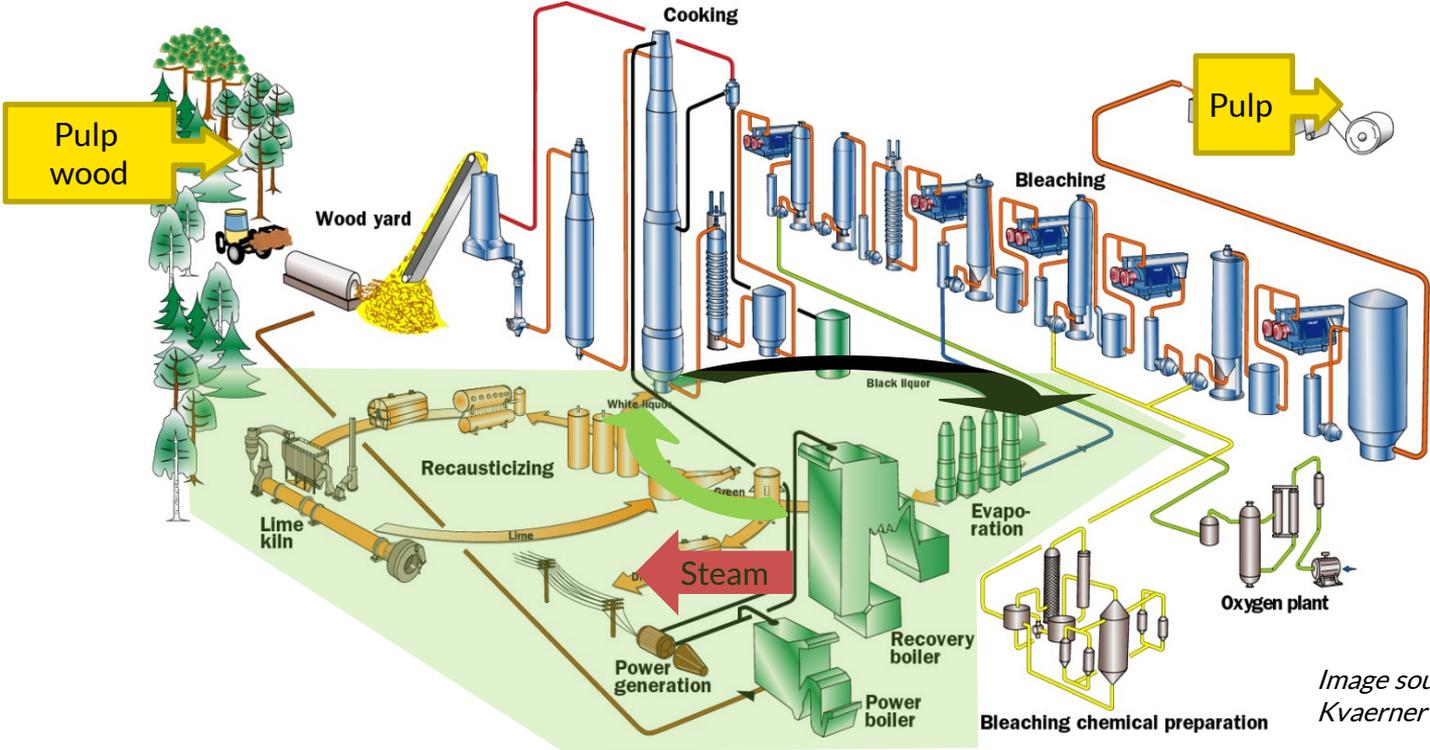


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# Studied technology tracks

## Black liq. gasification w. MTG

- BL gasification w. methanol synthesis
- Methanol-to-gasoline (and LPG)
- Gasification pilot 3 MW  
>28,000 h operation
- Exxon Mobil MTG  
Commercial operation
- Overall TRL ~7



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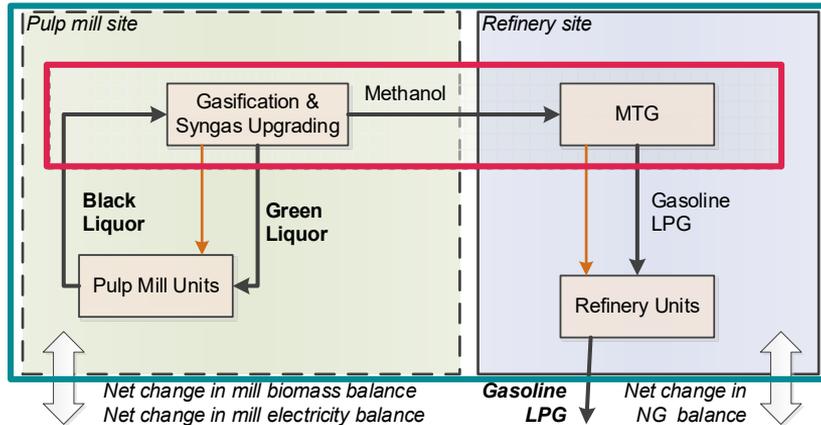
## Lignin separation and upgrading

- Lignin membrane-based separation
- Purification, stabilization in VGO matrix
- Hydrodeoxygenation and -cracking
- Partly validated in pilot scale, partly in lab
- Overall TRL 4-5

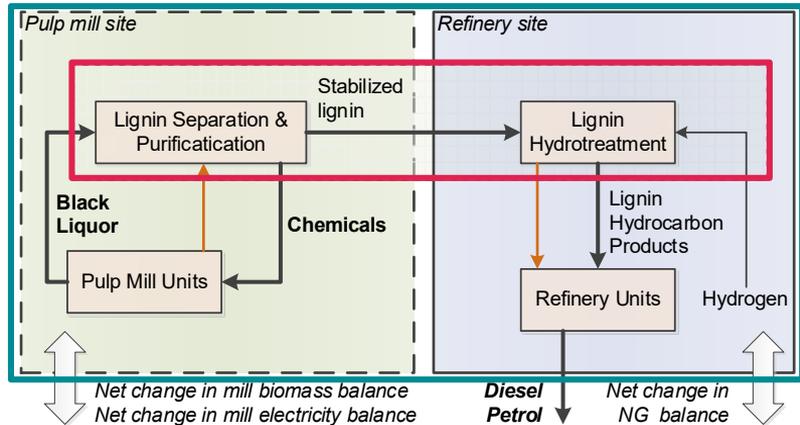


# System view of technologies

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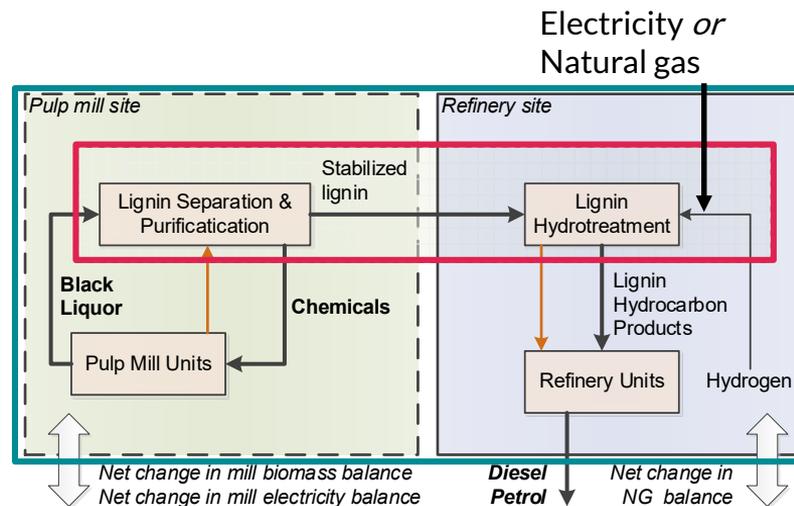
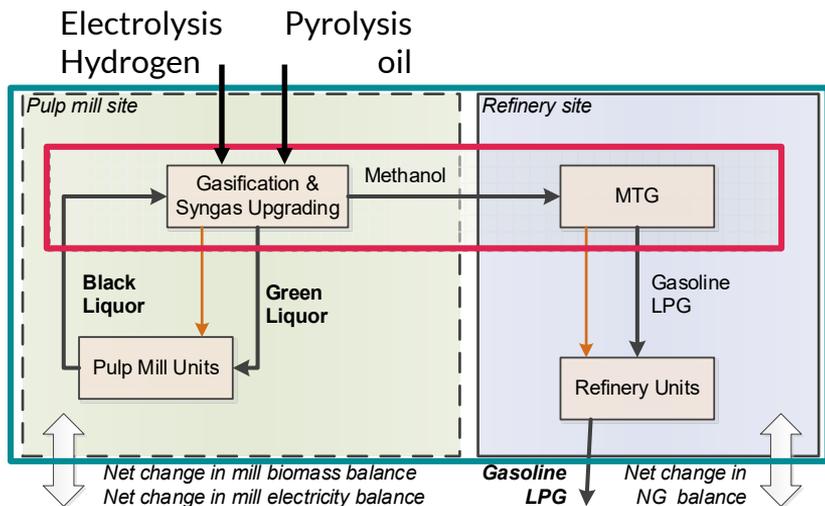


## Lignin separation and upgrading



Expanded system      Direct conversion efficiency

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# Technology evaluation



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EFFICIENCY

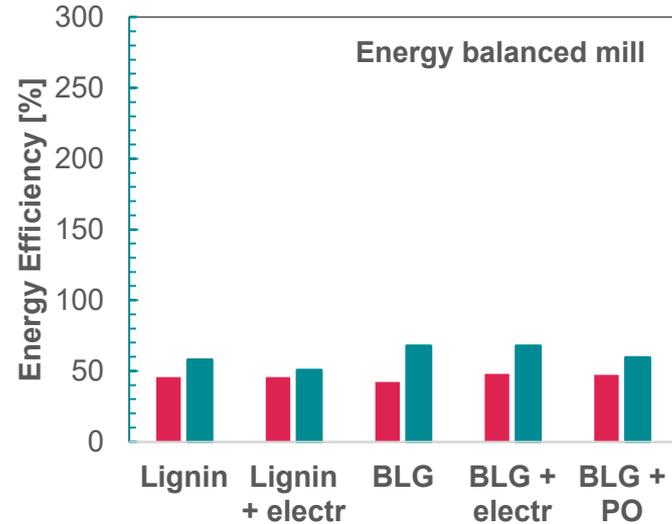
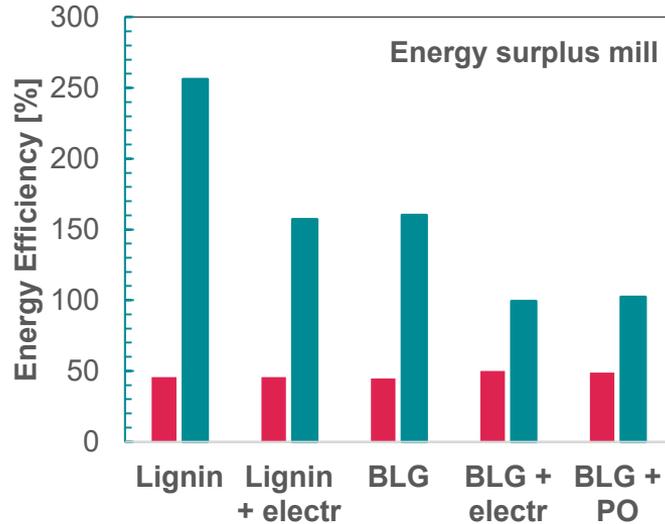


PRODUCTION  
COST



GHG  
PERFORMANCE

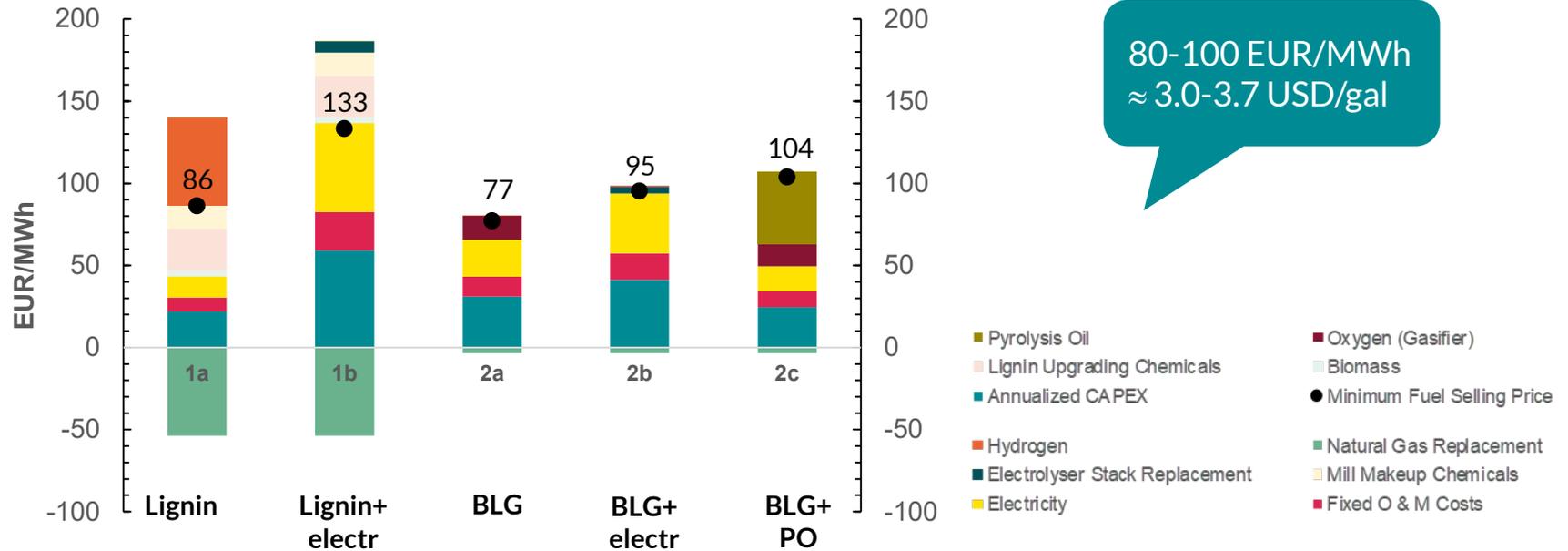
# Energy efficiency



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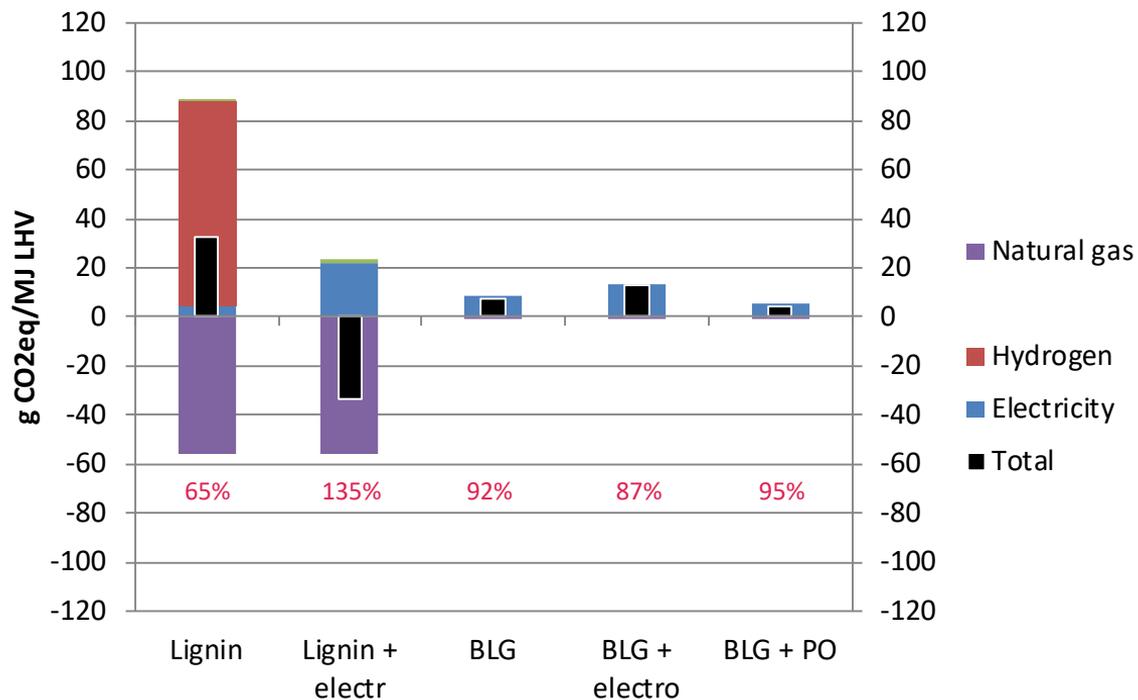
# Production costs

- Energy surplus mill (similar for balanced mill)



# Greenhouse gas performance

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Results valid for low carbon electricity production!

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# Thank you for listening

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