



# COOL LPG: AN INNOVATIVE PATHWAY TO RENEWABLE LPG

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# The Rising Need for Renewable LPG in the Global North

- LPG is an economically efficient, liquid-fuel, energy solution already used by over 2.5 billion people worldwide
  - Global LPG production was about 330 million tonnes in 2022
  - European LPG market: 42 million tonnes in 2021, est. 59 million tonnes in 2027
  - US LPG Market: second largest worldwide, with roughly 5% of US homes being heated with LPG
- rLPG is a drop-in replacement for current applications which cannot be electrified, utilizing existing supply chains as-is



*Domestic production of rLPG will play a key role in the transition to a low-cost, low-carbon energy future*

1) GLPGP. *Assessing Potential for BioLPG Production and Use within the Cooking Energy Sector in Africa*. Available online: [glpgp.org/resources](http://glpgp.org/resources).

2) WLPGA 2022 Annual Report (available online)

# The Rising Need for Renewable LPG in the Global South

- Globally, 2.3 billion people lack access to clean cooking, leading to an estimated 3.7 million premature deaths a year.
- IEA recognizes LPG is a critical solution for a large part of incremental clean cooking means needed by 2050.
- The WHO considers LPG as a clean alternative that could particularly help growing populations in rural areas of SSA that lack access to clean cooking.
- Cool LPG allows renewable LPG to be produced and distributed in-country.



*rLPG can sustainably provide critical energy solutions while meeting international climate targets*

1) IEA Report, "A Vision for Clean Cooking Access for All" (2023). Available online: [www.iea.org/reports/a-vision-for-clean-cooking-access-for-all](http://www.iea.org/reports/a-vision-for-clean-cooking-access-for-all)

2) WHO Fact sheet, "Household air pollution" (2022). Available online: [www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/household-air-pollution-and-health](http://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/household-air-pollution-and-health)

3) Chen, K.C. et al., *Energies* 2021, 14, 3916.

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# 80-year History of Turning Raw Technology into Practical Energy Solutions



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**CONVERSION**

**DELIVERY**

**UTILIZATION**



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COMMERCIALIZATION



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**World-class piloting facilities headquartered in Chicago area**

# Examples of Commercialized GTI Energy Biomass Conversion Technologies

- Invented IH<sup>2</sup>® technology to convert biomass into transportation fuels – **licensed** to CRI Catalyst Company (division of Shell)



- Spun out SunGas Renewables, dedicated to commercial supply of GTI Energy's large-scale biomass gasification technology – **Founded 2019**



# GTI Energy's Cool Suite for Biomass Conversion



Cool Reforming

Cool GTL

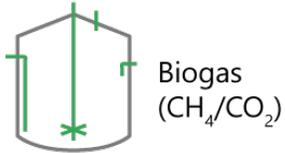
Cool LPG



Leveraging GTI Energy's liquid fuels production platform

# The Cool LPG Process

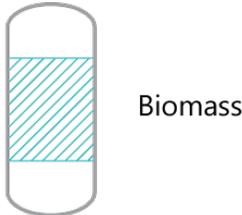
### BIOGAS (baseline)



+ Steam

Cool Reforming  
E-Reformer  
SMR

### BIOMASS (option)



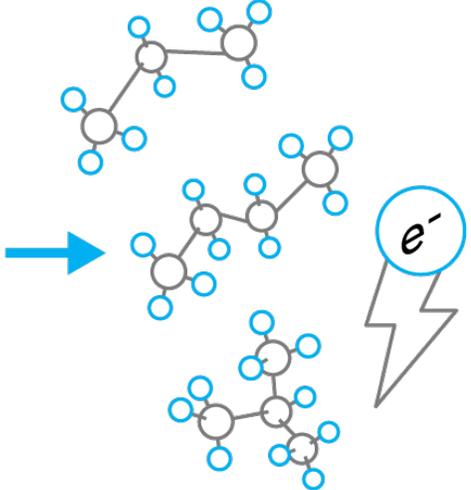
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Gasification  
Pyrolysis + Reforming

### GREEN (option)



RWGS

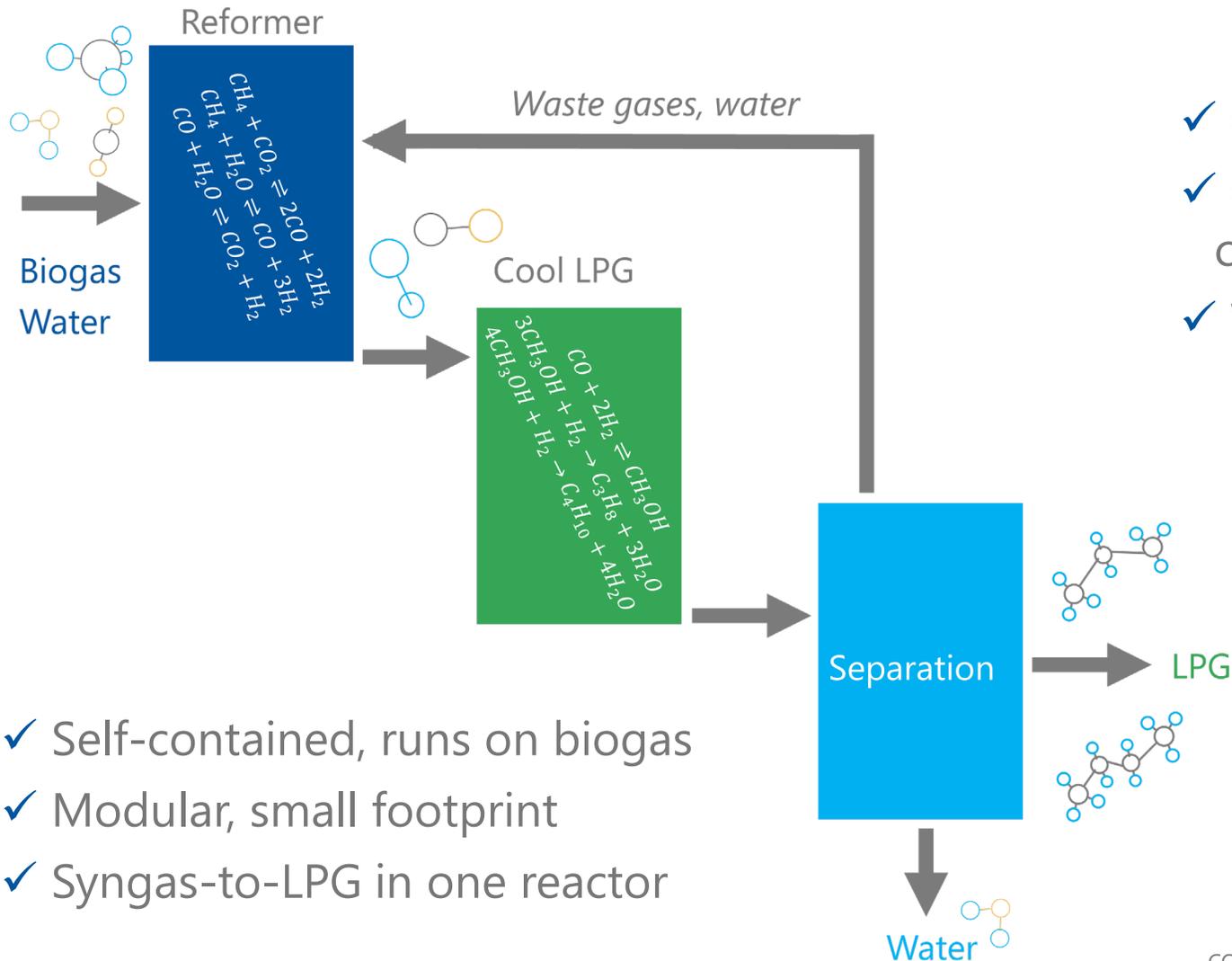


# COOL LPG DEVELOPMENT

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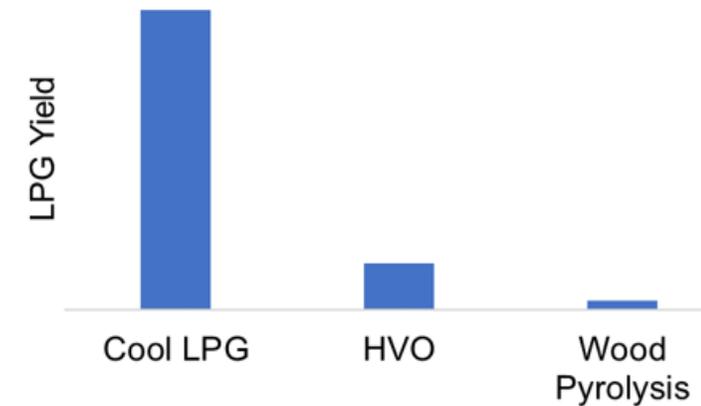


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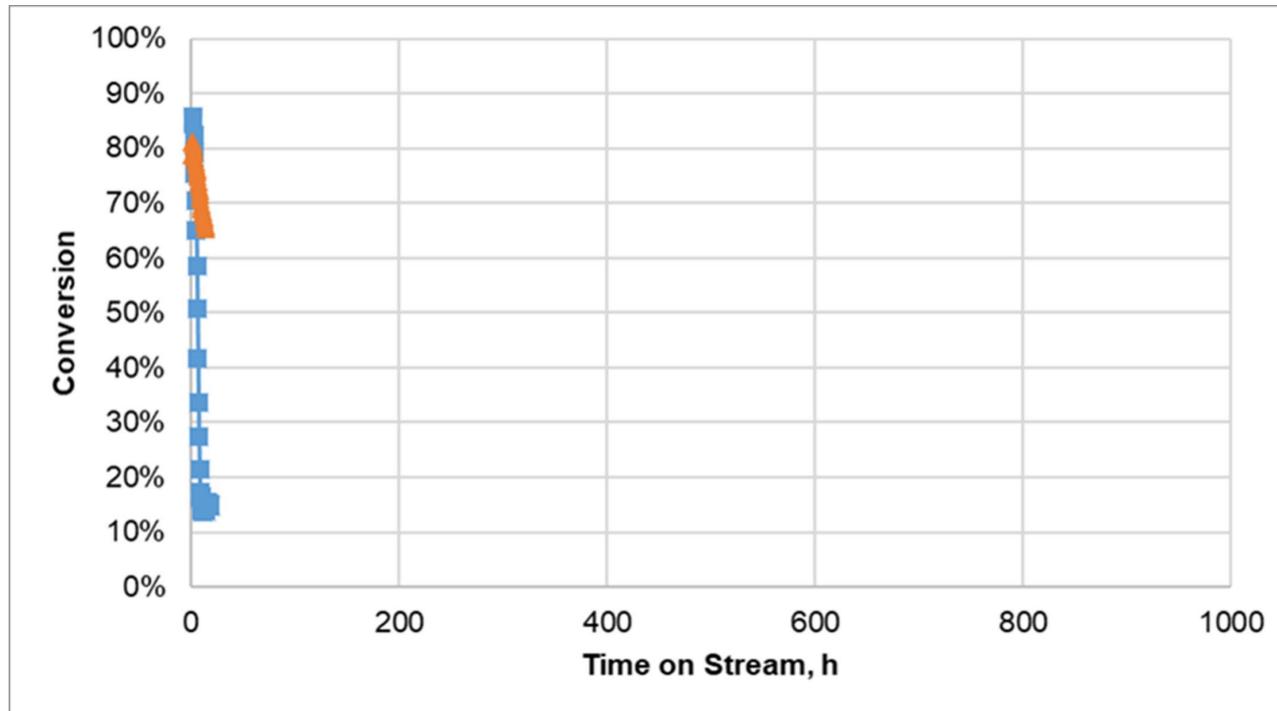


- ✓ Can convert CO<sub>2</sub> to LPG
- ✓ Can reform biogas in the first stage – but can also run on alternative syngas feeds
- ✓ Waste gas can be recycled or used as fuel

- ✓ Self-contained, runs on biogas
- ✓ Modular, small footprint
- ✓ Syngas-to-LPG in one reactor



# Process and Catalyst Development at GTI Energy



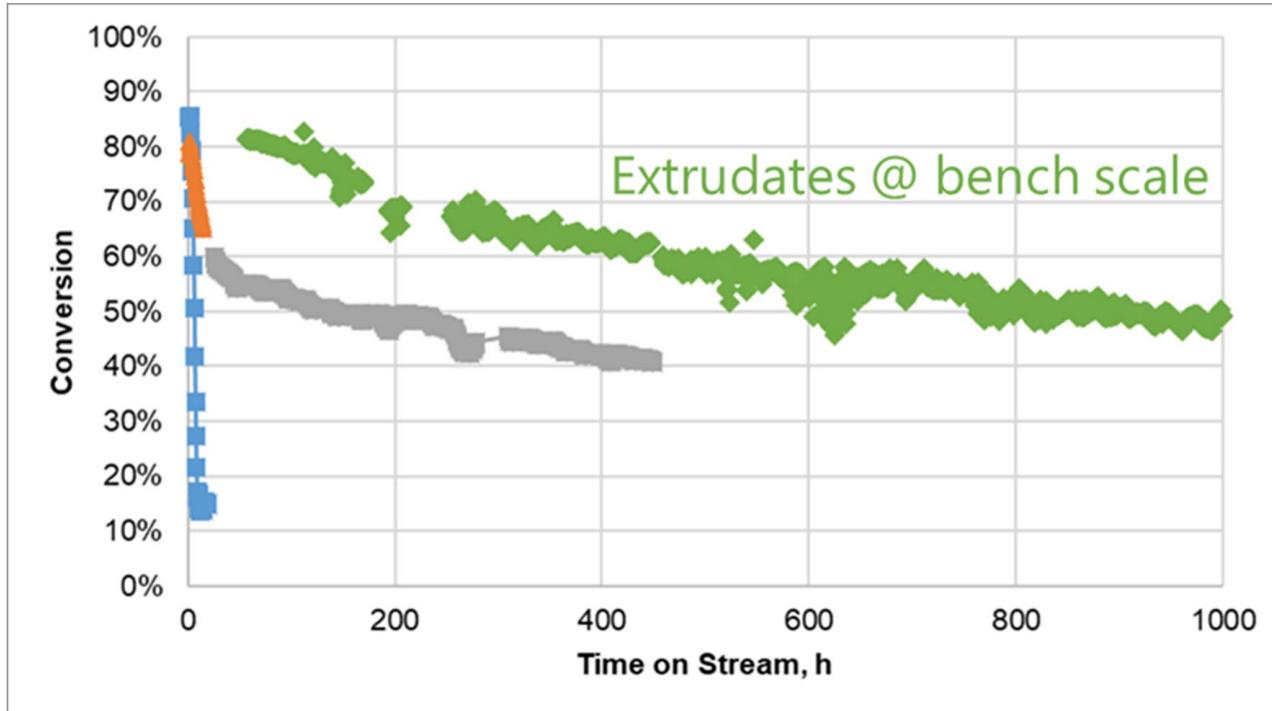
Preliminary catalyst screening tests performed of 10s of hours

-> "B is better than A"

But plotted over 1000 hours

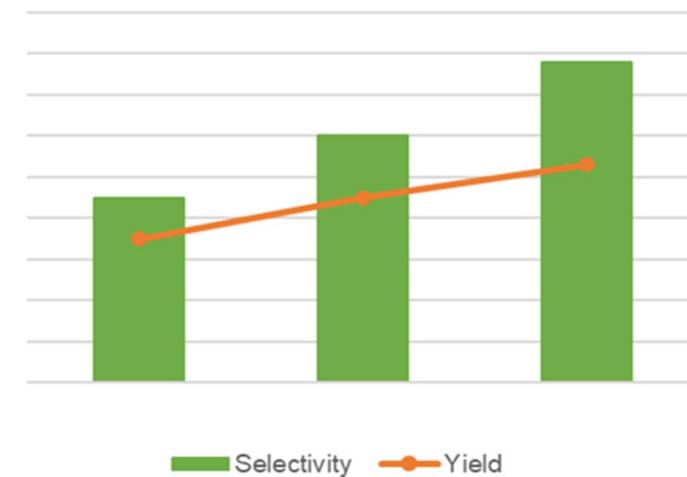
-> "Neither A nor B is good enough!"

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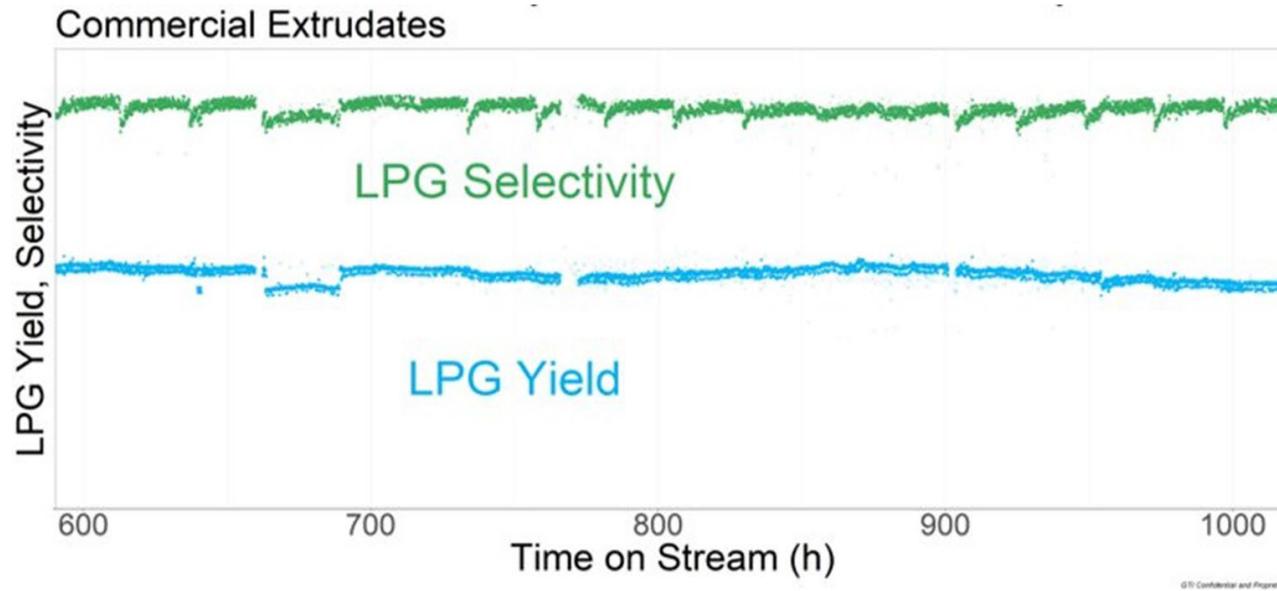


Successive catalyst formulations have been developed over the past 3 years leading to greater stability, activity and yields

Experimental Selectivity and Yield



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Example 1: Stability test over catalyst extrudates

*Bench scale testing over commercially obtained extrudates from a catalyst toll manufacturer*

*No catalyst regeneration performed!*

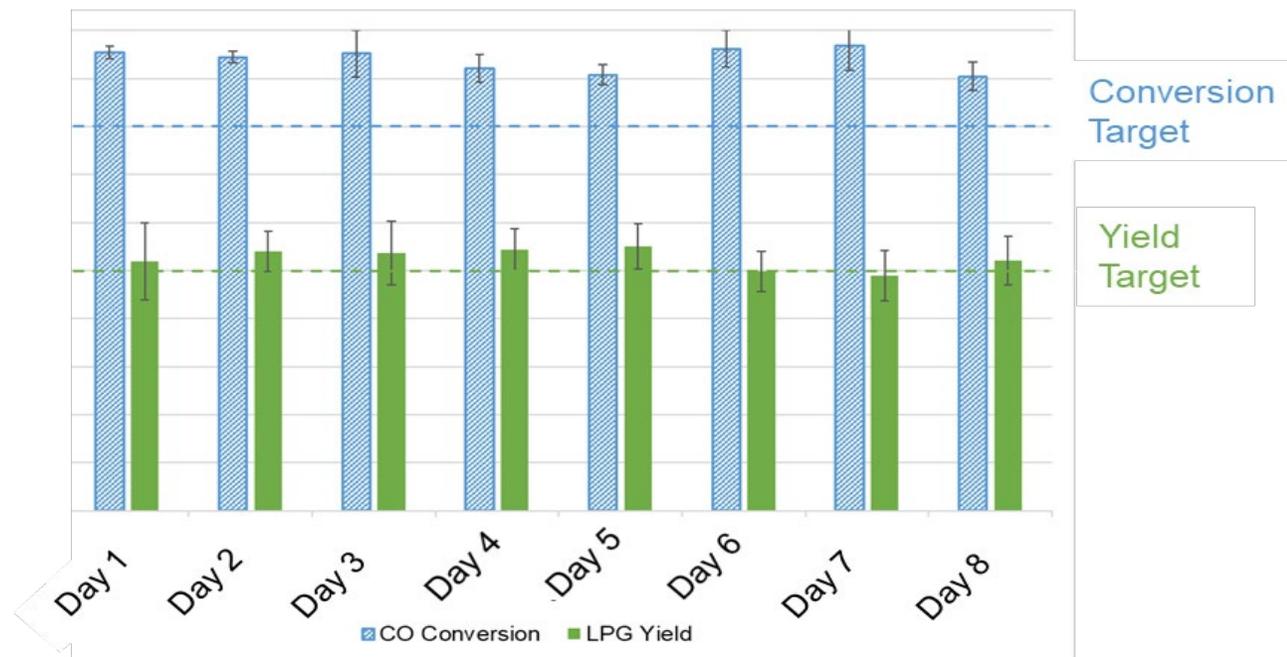
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Example 2: Achieving yield and conversion targets for this development phase

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James Rockall, the CEO of WLGA presents **GTI Energy's Dr. Pedro Ortiz-Toral** the award for **best presentation for Cool LPG** at GSC 2023

**GSC 2024** will take place on **Friday 22nd November** at the Westin Cape Town South Africa during LPG Week

# Operational plant before the end of the decade



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# SUPPORTING INFORMATION

# Examples of Commercialized GTI Energy Biomass Conversion Technologies

At TC Biomass 2022, there was one talk on renewable LPG. This year there are at least four.

- The development landscape has significantly changed over the past 3-4 years

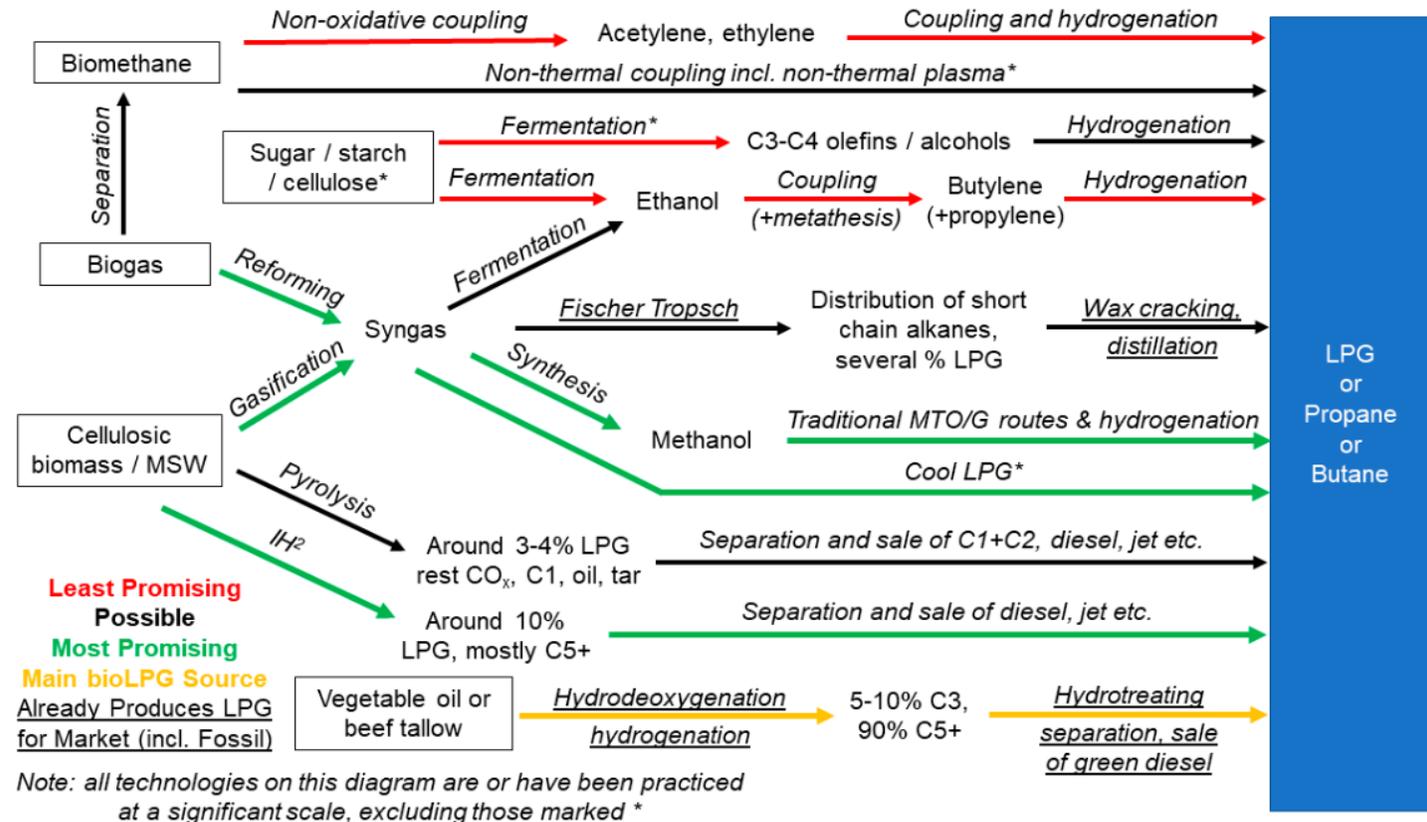


Figure from study performed in 2020

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