



# Upgrading of Catalytic Pyrolysis Oil

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# Neste in brief

A refining and marketing company focused on premium-quality traffic fuels

Refining capacity: 15 million t/a of petroleum products and 2 million t/a of renewable diesel

Net sales: €17.5 billion (2013)

Operations in 15 countries; employs approx. 5,000 people

Listed on the Helsinki Stock Exchange

Largest owner: the Finnish State (50.1%)



# Porvoo Refinery



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**Vision: To be  
the preferred  
partner for  
cleaner traffic  
fuel solutions.**

# Neste presence globally



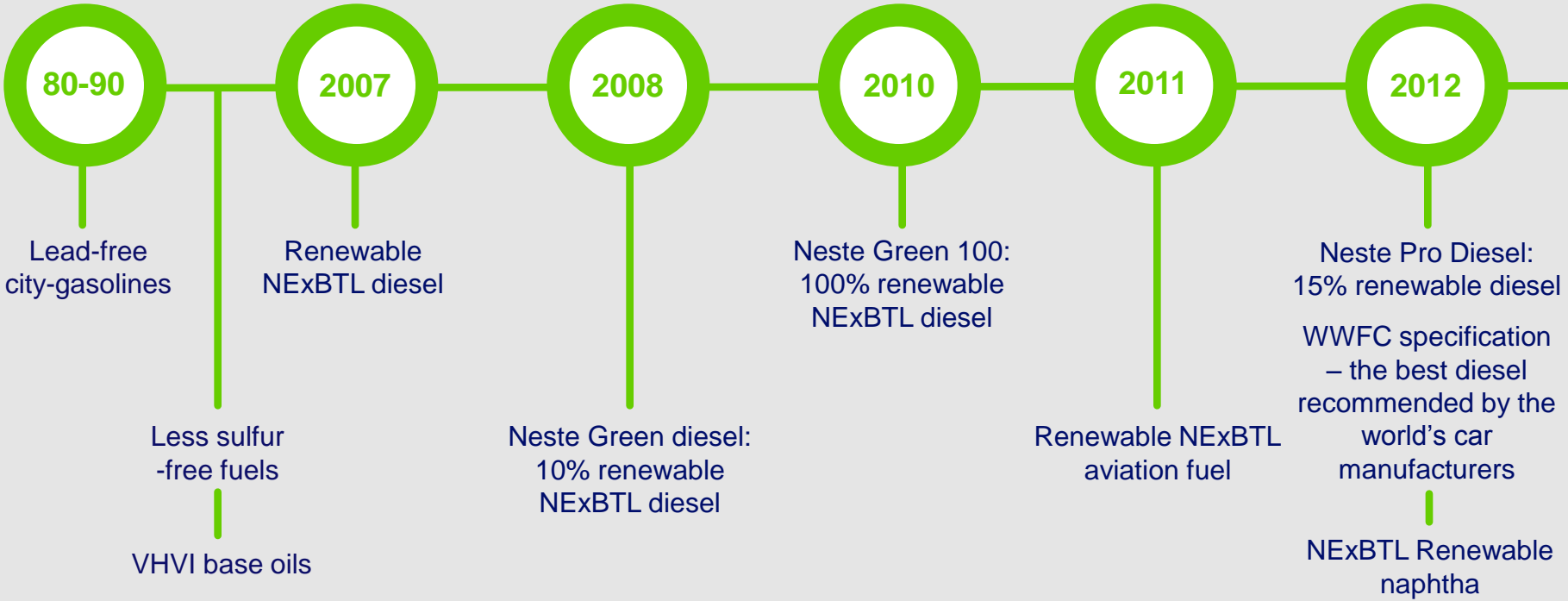
## Production:

- Porvoo
- Naantali
- Rotterdam
- Singapore
- Nynäshamn
- Bahrain (joint venture, Neste's share 45%)

## Sales and marketing:

- Espoo
- Stockholm
- Tallinn
- Riga
- Vilnius
- St. Petersburg
- Geneva
- Beringen
- Houston
- Toronto
- Dubai
- Singapore

# Development of Cleaner Products





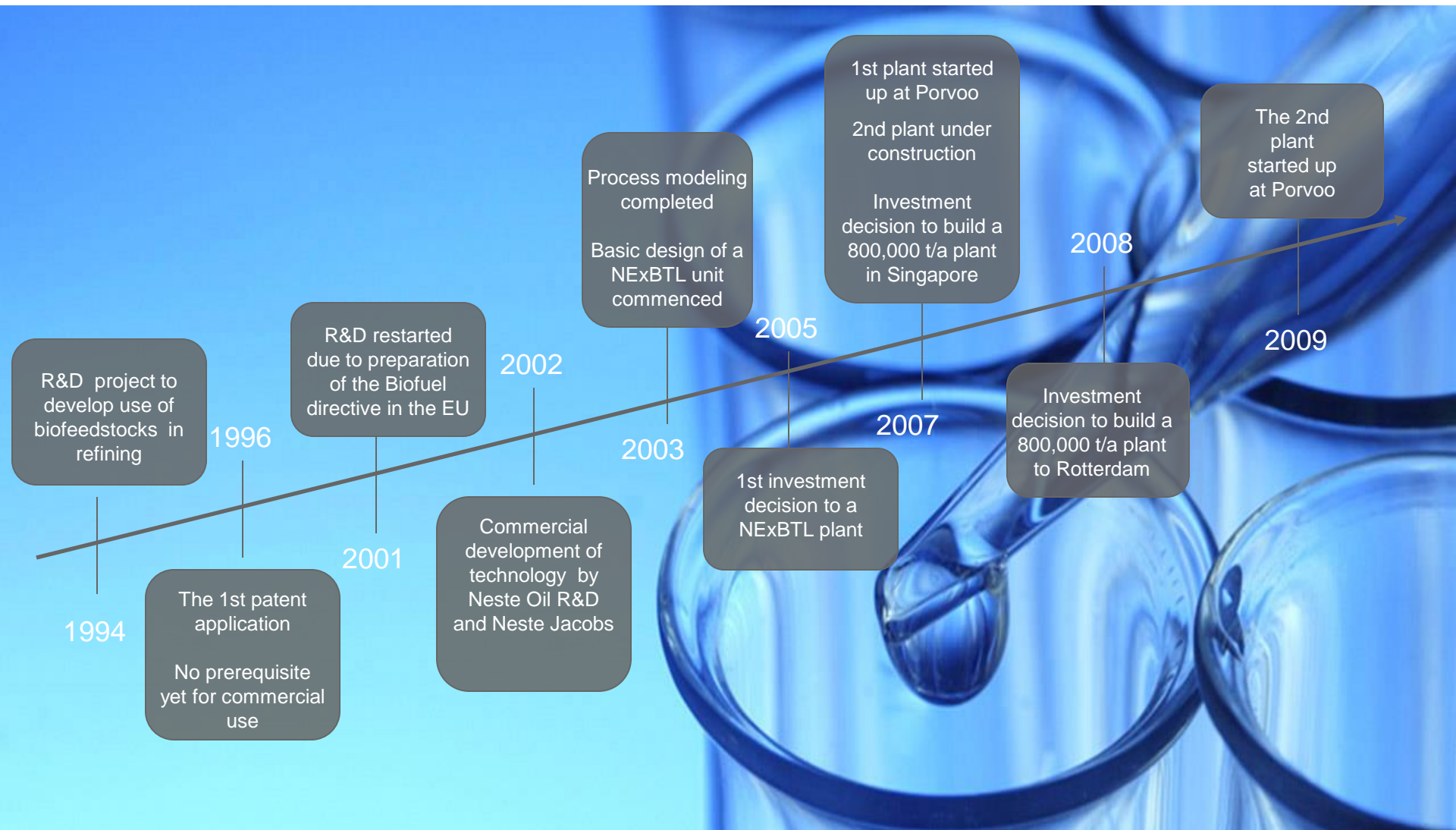
# World's largest producer of renewable diesel



- Premium-quality NEXBTL provides high performance with a lower carbon footprint.
- Use sustainable raw materials
- Customers include corporate customers in Europe and North America.
- Increasing production capacity to 2.6 million tons by the end of 2016.



# NEXBTL Commercialization Pathway





# Expanding the feedstock portfolio



Waste animal fat



Waste fish fat



Palm oil fatty acid distillate (PFAD) and stearin



Technical corn oil



Tall oil pitch



Palm oil



Camelina oil



Jatropha oil



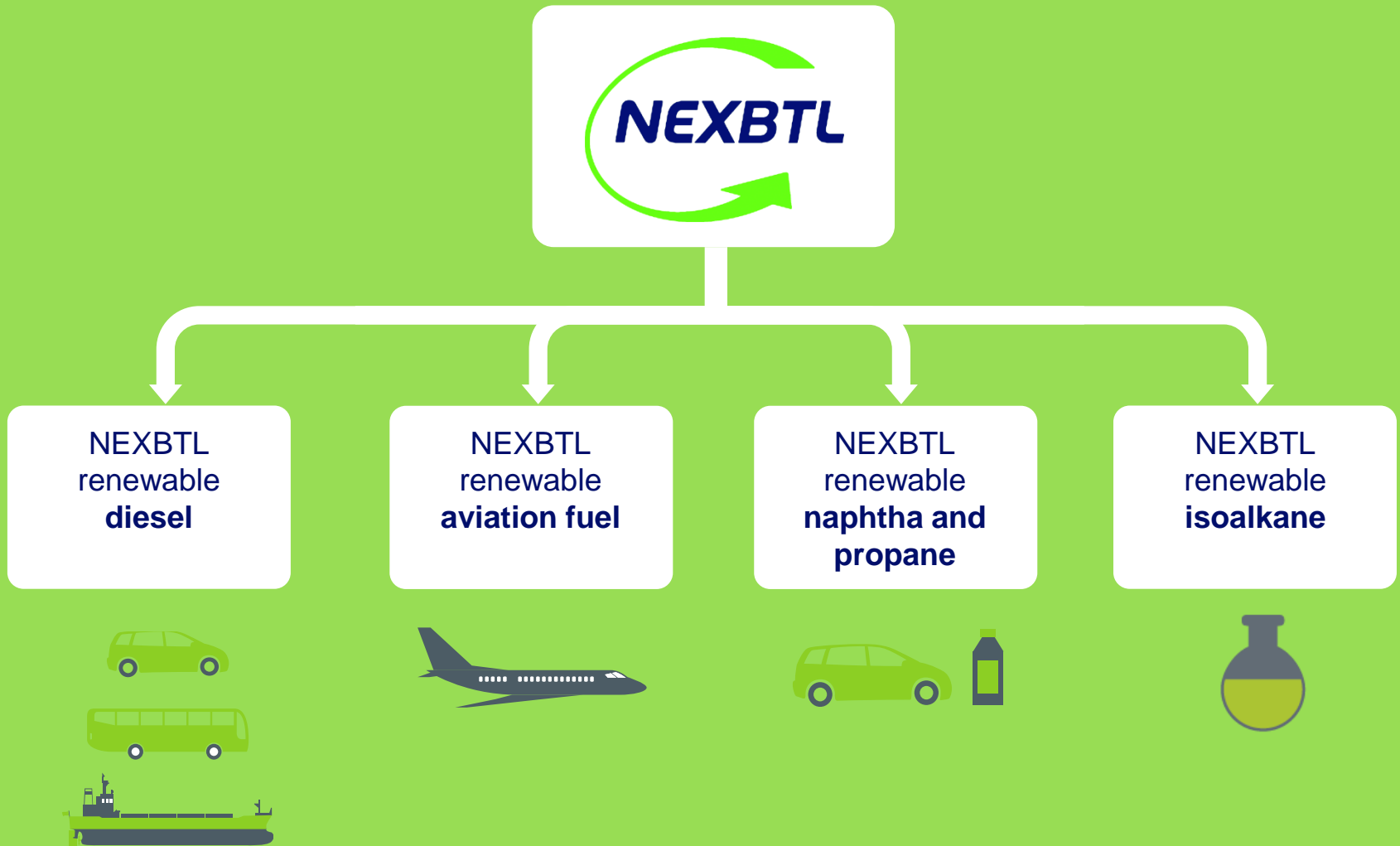
Soybean oil



Rapeseed oil

Neste Oil uses also bioethanol obtained from global markets as biocomponent in 95 E10 and 98 E5 gasolines

# NEXBTL products



# BioBoost

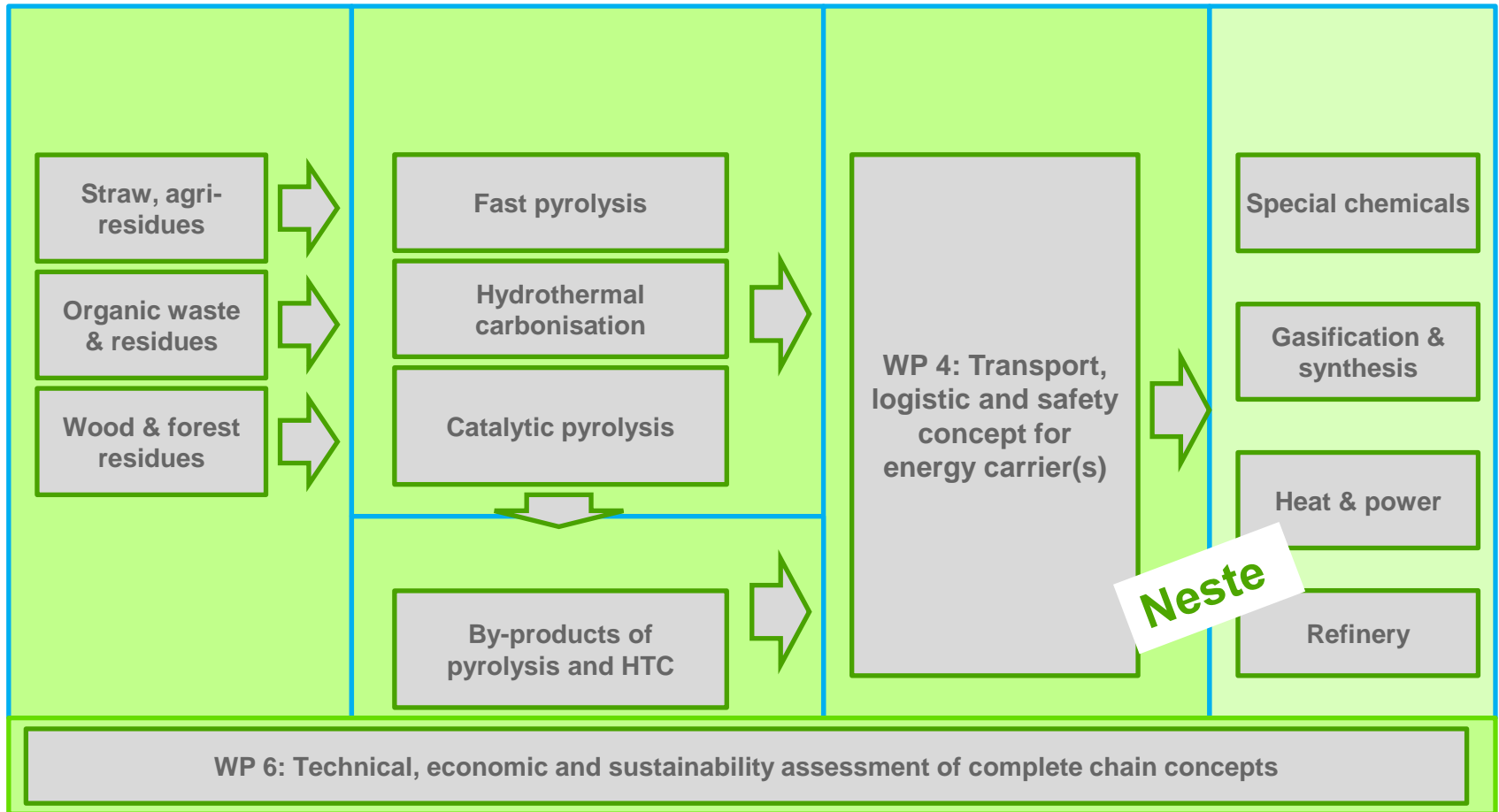




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# Neste's Role in BioBoost



# Neste Tasks in BioBoost

**5.3.1 Evaluation of catalytic pyrolysis oil and selection of reaction**

**5.3.2 Reactor tests for hydrotreating or catalytic cracking of catalytic pyrolysis oil**

**5.3.3 Evaluation of different energy carriers, especially catalytic pyrolysis oil, as a feedstock of NESTE Oil refineries**



# Our tools:



PARR autoclave stirred batch reactor (90 ml)

- 3 g catalyst in a wire mesh basket
- 50 g feed / test



Continuous flow tubular reactor (tube volume 50 ml)

- 24 g catalyst diluted with inert SiC 1:1
- 800 g feed / ~ 6 days



## + lots of analyses

# Typical Results



		Feed	Ident2	Ident6	Ident8
Run time	h		25.8	94.7	118.1
Average T	C		298	299	299
Maximum T	C		352	353	353
Pressure	bar		148	148	140
WHSV	h-1		0.3	0.3	0.3
Hydrogen	l/h		12.4	13.7	13.7
Oil sample, wet					
MCR	wt-%	16.8	0.03	0.24	0.15
Density at 15 C	kg/m3	1.18	871	889	889
Viscosity at 20 C	mm2/s		2.4	2.9	2.7
Water	wt-%	5.0	0.01	0.043	0.085
Oil sample, dry					
H	wt-%	7.1	12.4	11.5	11.7
C	wt-%	76.1	86.2	85.4	86.7
N	wt-%	0.065	0.001	0.015	0.015
O, calculated	wt-%	16.8	1.4	3.0	1.5
H/C	mol/mol	1.11	1.71	1.60	1.61
O/C	mol/mol	0.17	0.01	0.03	0.01
Degree of HDO	%		94	86	93
Degree of HDN	%		99	86	86

# Experimental Results Summary

- oil product yield was approximately 73 wt%
- hydrogen consumption (based on dry CP oil feed) was 6 wt%
- non-condensable gases (13 wt%) primarily paraffinic hydrocarbons
- CP oil feed requires a stabilization step; catalyst coking could not be prevented
- under the operation conditions used, we were not able to remove all oxygen



# Choice of Concept

# CP OIL Upgrading Criteria

1. chemical and physical composition
2. miscibility with hydrocarbons
3. tendency to coke
4. EU legislation
5. isolation of products
6. availability of oil refinery units

# CP Oil Upgrading Proposed Concept



two stage hydrotreating:

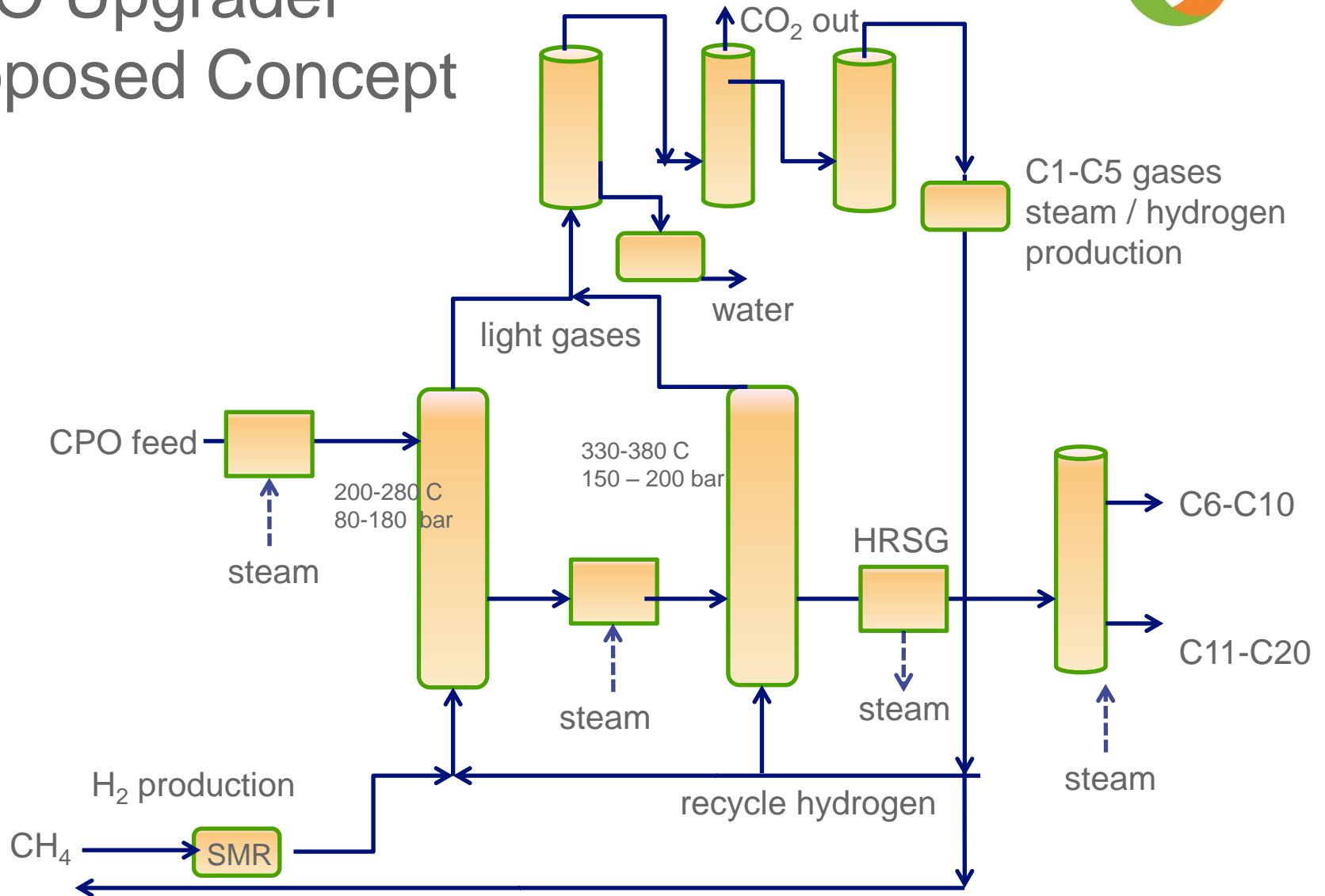
1<sup>st</sup> stage stabilization, 2<sup>nd</sup> stage hydrodeoxygenation

separate units but integrated into refinery

infrastructure utilizing refinery hydrogen, power and steam and waste water

3<sup>rd</sup> stage possibly required

# CPO Upgrader Proposed Concept





# Lessons Learned

1. CP oil is aromatic so processes with hydrogen added are preferred from a yield standpoint
2. much simpler / easier to upgrade CP oil than TP oil based on our results compared to TP upgrading in literature
3. stabilization is required to prevent coking on catalyst; optimum conditions not yet found
4. hydrogen consumption is moderate and could be produced (at least partially) from off gases
5. catalysts did show coking after 3-4 days so conditions (T, H<sub>2</sub> pressure, catalyst etc.) must be further optimized
6. in order to design a commercial process further upgrading studies are required

# Neste Conclusions to Date

1. Reactive components are present in CP oil which will require stabilization step
2. Once adequate conditions were found, it was quite easy to upgrade the CP oil.
3. Coking of catalysts occurred even with stabilization indicating that optimum conditions have not yet been found
4. Conclusions are preliminary as no long term (> 3 months) catalyst testing could be performed within the BioBoost project
5. Fuel quality issues remain to be answered
6. It should be possible to resolve these issues provided sufficient CP oil is available for testing