

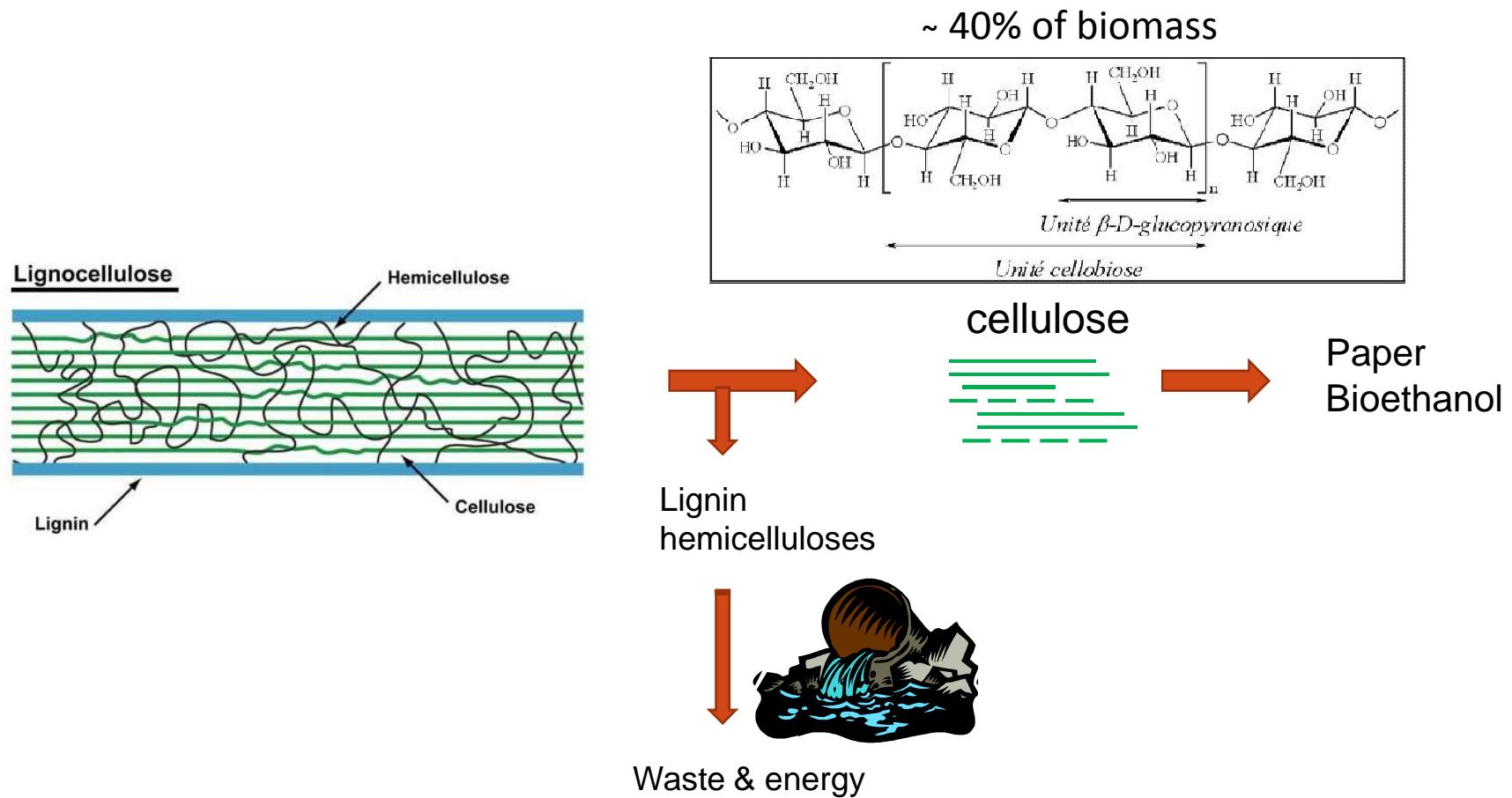
# Chemical conversion of lignocellulosic biomass

Deconstruction game

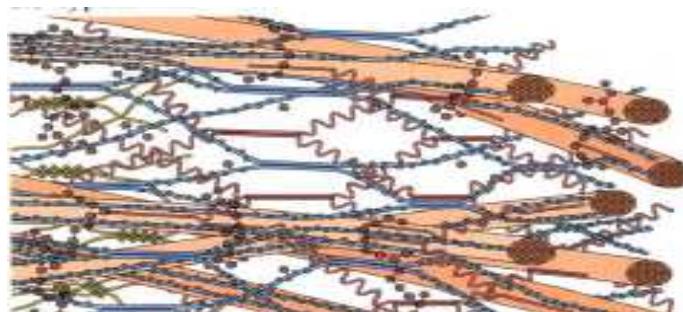
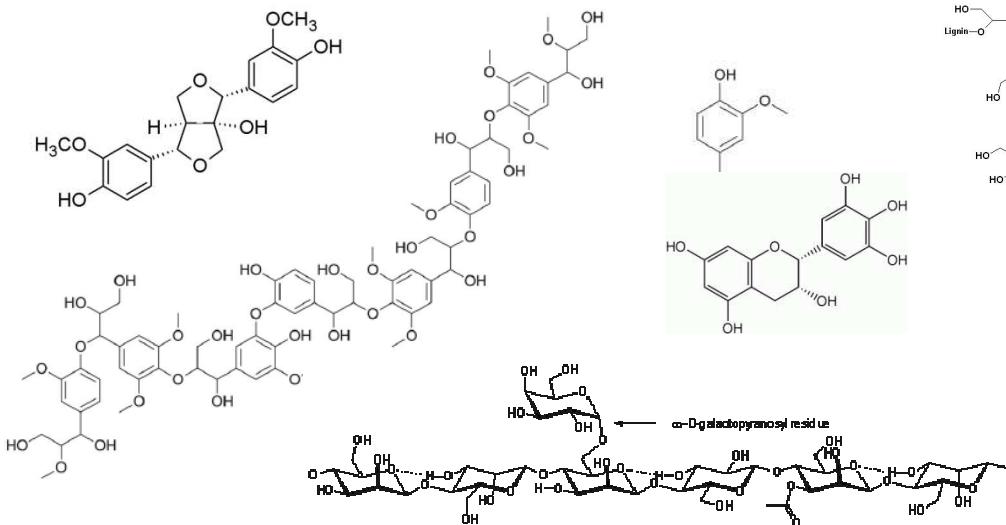
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# Utilization of lignocellulose : current business model

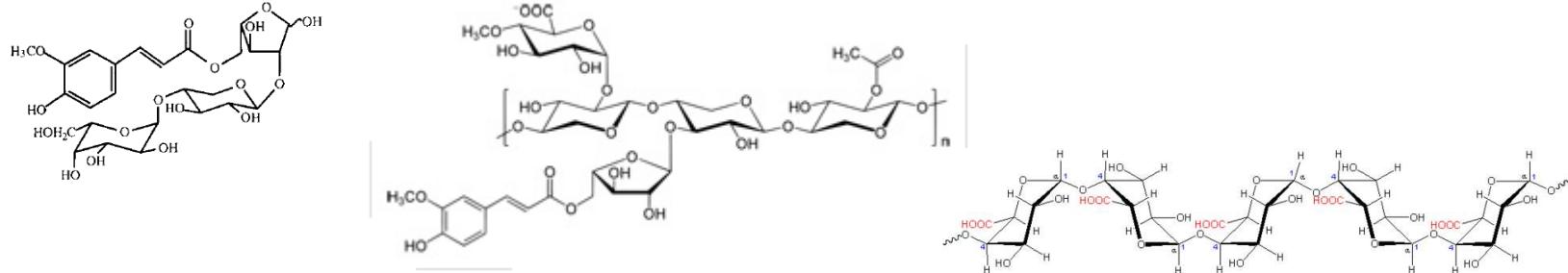
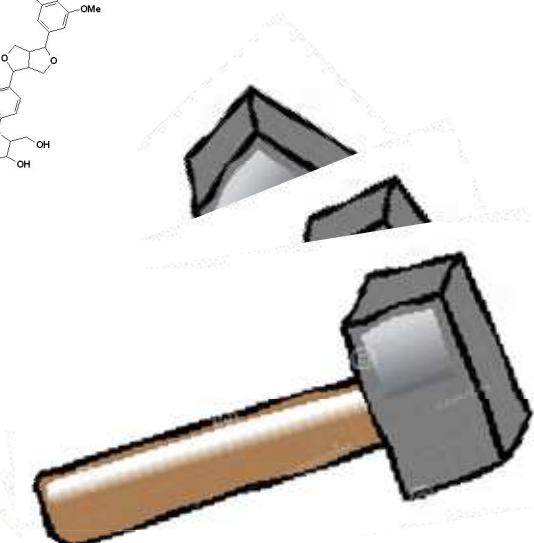


# Utilization of lignocellulose : toward a new model



(BIO) PROCESS CHEMISTRY

Paper  
Bioethanol  
Nanocelluloses  
Antioxidant  
Food & Feed  
Nutraceutic  
Materials (adhesives, film, polymers..)  
Drugs  
Fibers



# 1- Organosolv pulping

Empty Fruit palm Bunch



**Organosolv  
pretreatment**

Ethanol-water  
 $H_2SO_4$ , catal.  
170-190°C



*enzyme*



**glucose**

**Cellulose-rich  
pulp**

+  $H_2O$



*lignin*

**Hemicelluloses  
(mono & oligosaccharides)**

High quality lignin :

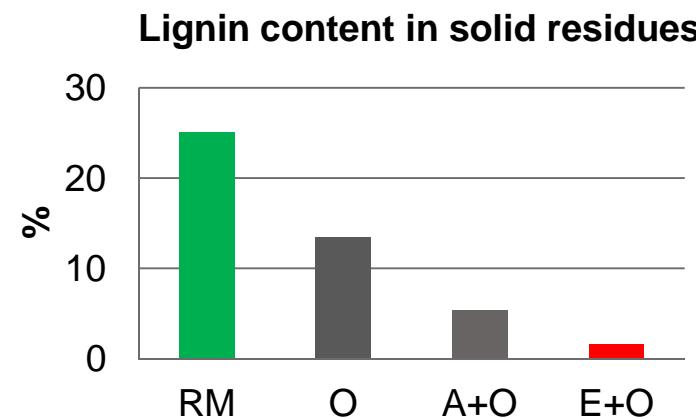
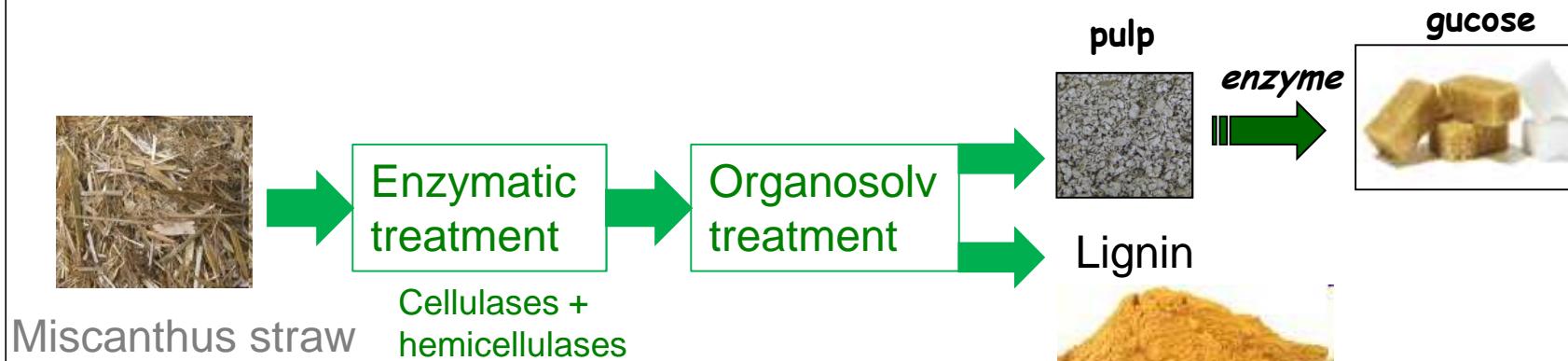
- S free
- Low molecular mass
- Solubility in org solvent
- High C-O-C linkages
- Low C-C linkages



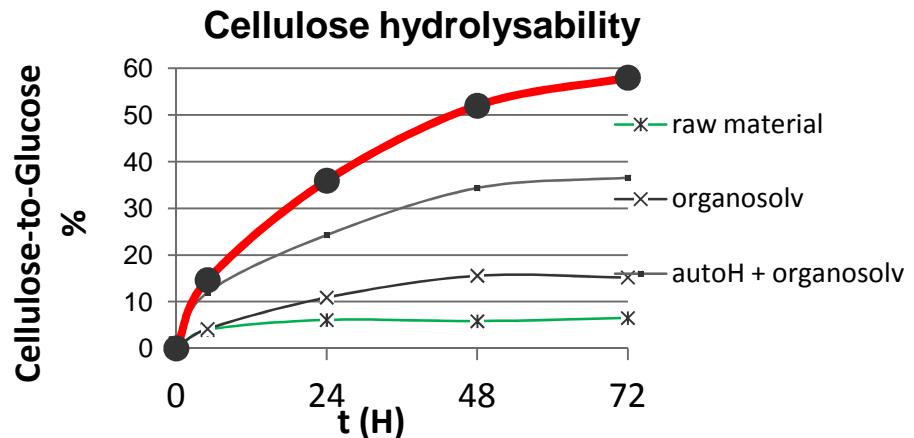
**Wood panel**

~ 100% green material  
without formaldehyde

# Bio-organosolv pulping : a two-step deconstruction

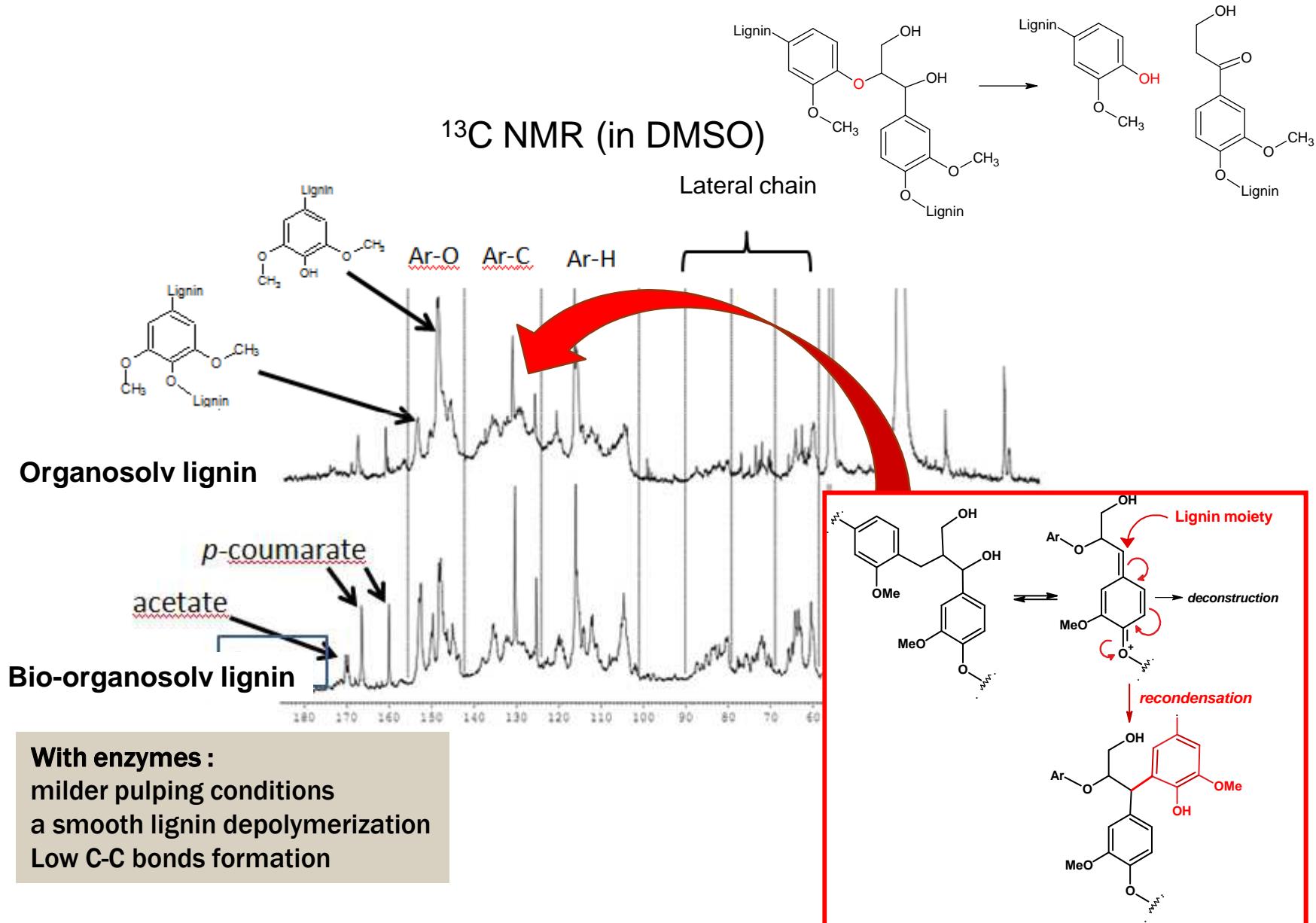


After enzyme + organosolv :  
very low lignin content...



... and very good cellulose-to- glucose conversions

# Bio-organosolv pulping : impact on the lignin structure



# Lignin chemistry



organosolv

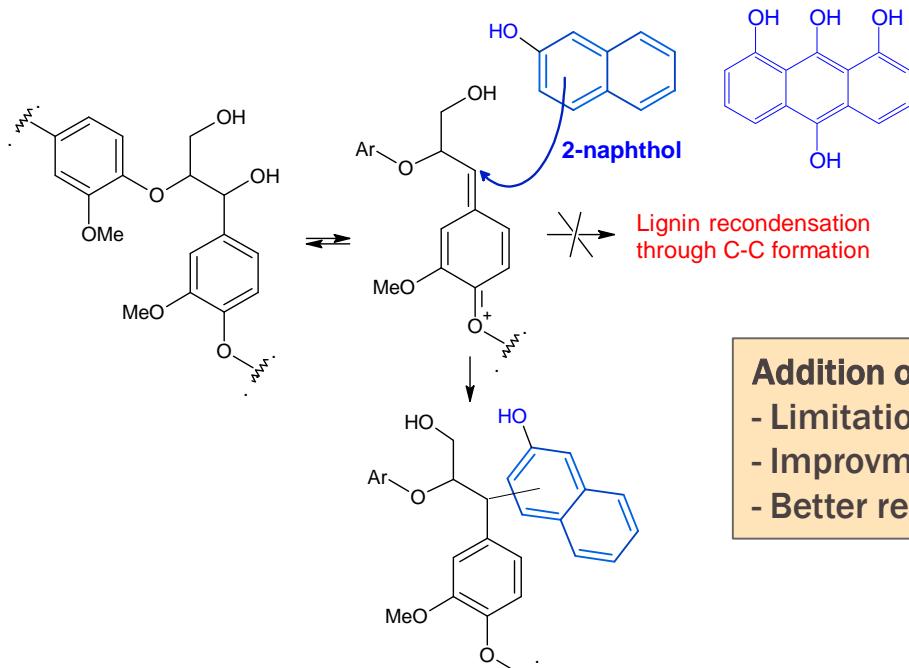


pulping



Lignin

Lignin extraction in presence of a nucleophilic aromatic agent (naphthol)



Addition of a catalytic amount of naphthol :

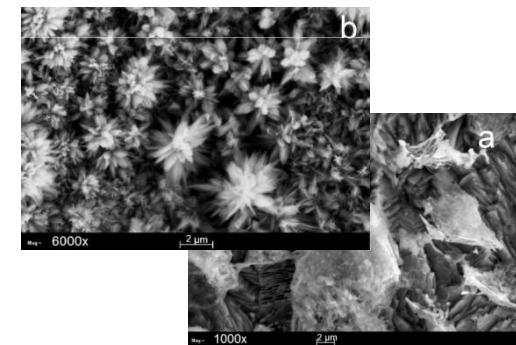
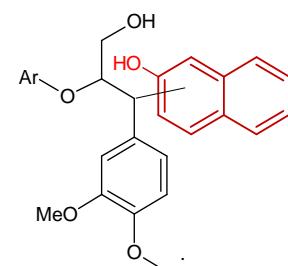
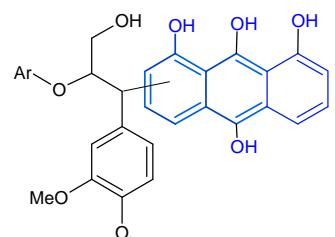
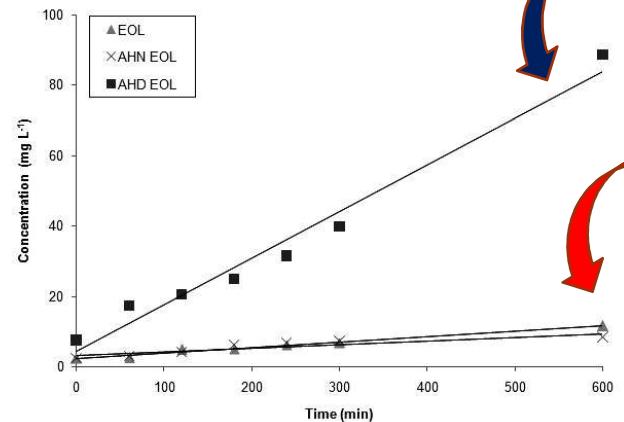
- Limitation of lignin recondensation
- Improvement of lignin extractability
- Better recovery of sugars

# Green corrosion inhibitors from modified lignin



## Water solubility of modified lignins

### Water dissolution curve

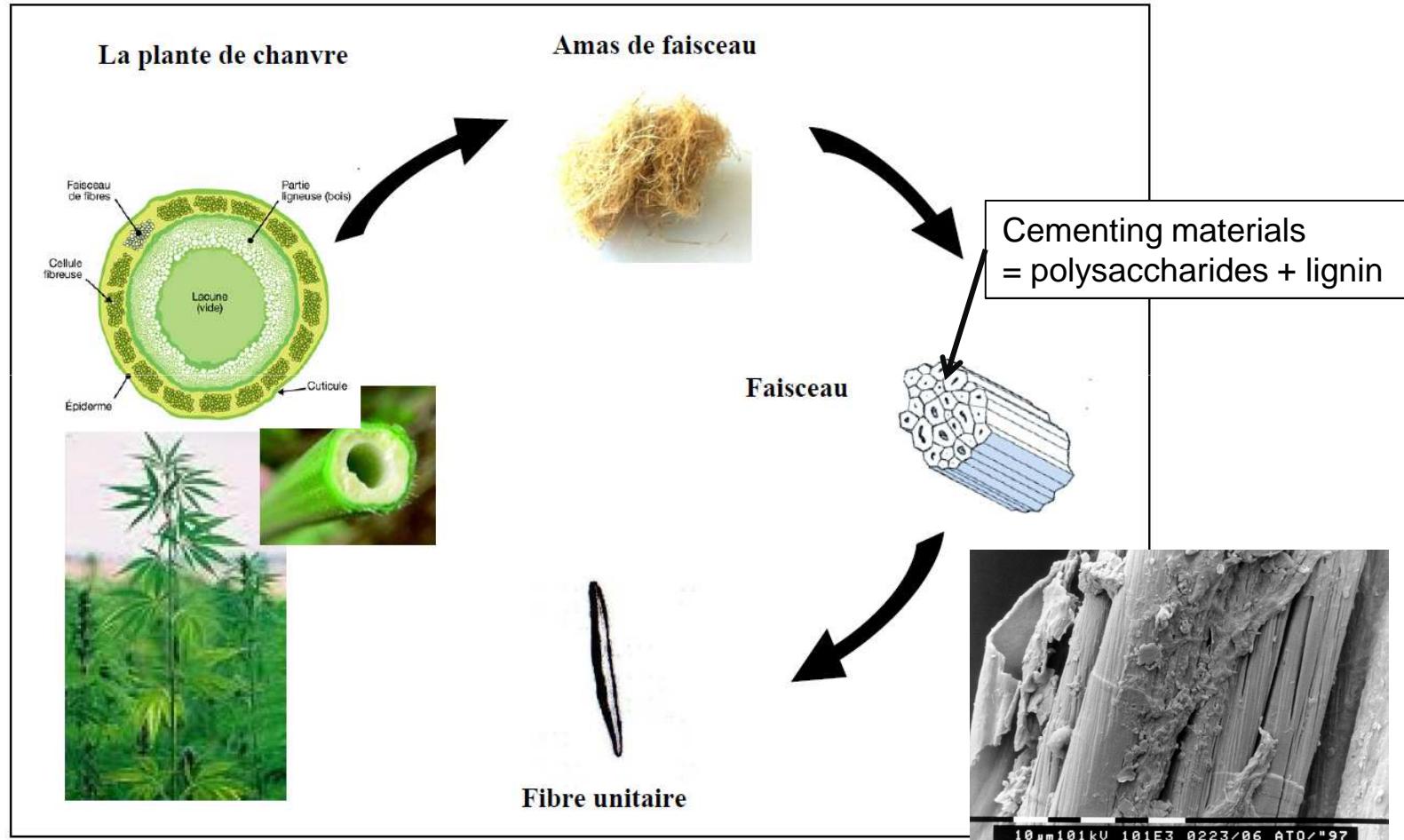


Better water solubility of lignin was obtained when dihydroxyanthraquinone was incorporated into the lignin structure

- Increased of the antioxidant activity
- Increased hydrogen donating ability (better reducing power)

## 2- Fibers extraction

Production of elementary fibers for textile & composite applications



### Deconstruction :

Degradation of the cementing materials without affecting the fiber

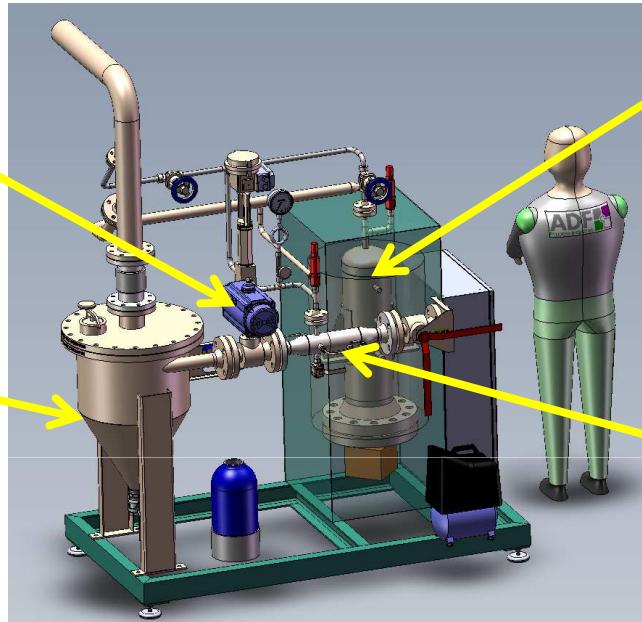
# Steam explosion for the production of hemp fibers

Pneumatic valve

Cyclone

Boiler (steam)

reactor



Steam high pressures and temperatures for a short duration

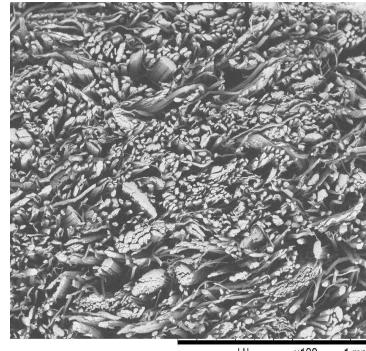
Quick depressurization

Disruption / deconstruction

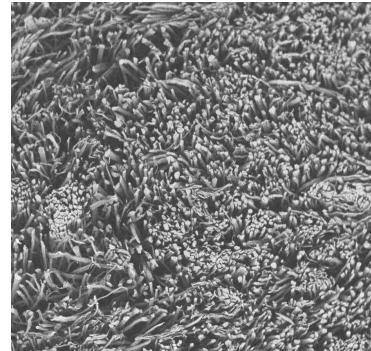
*SEM pictures of the cross-sections of three different samples*



untreated fibers



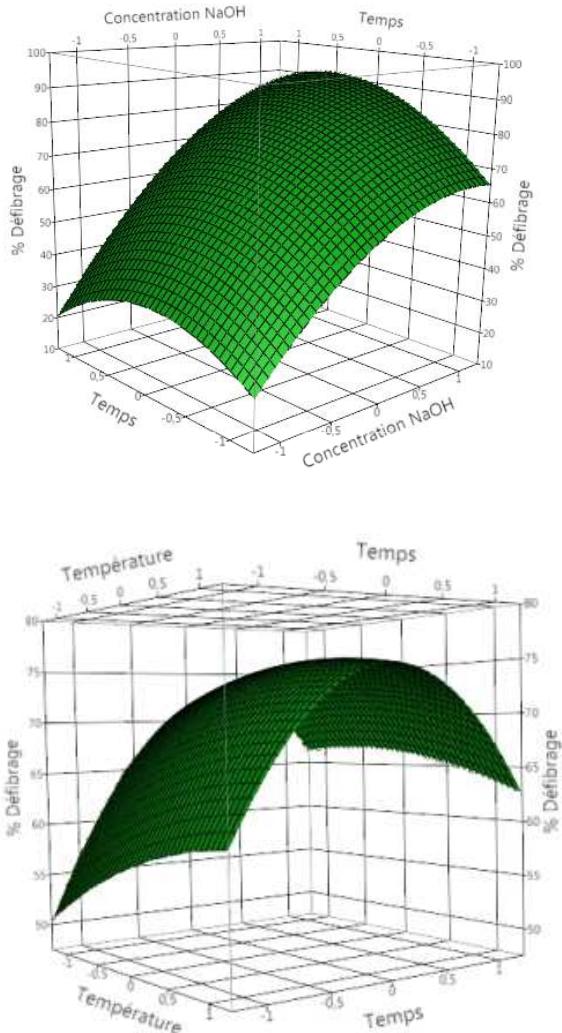
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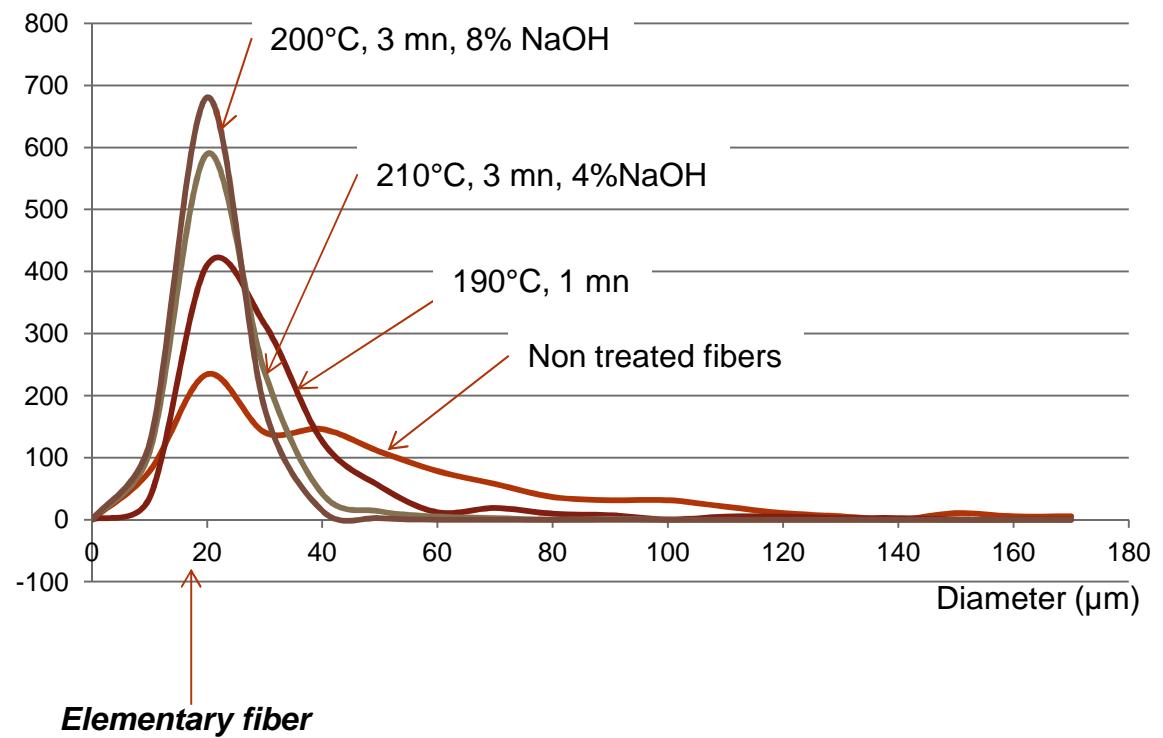
condition2

Elementary fibers / bundles  
→ Image processing

# Process optimization



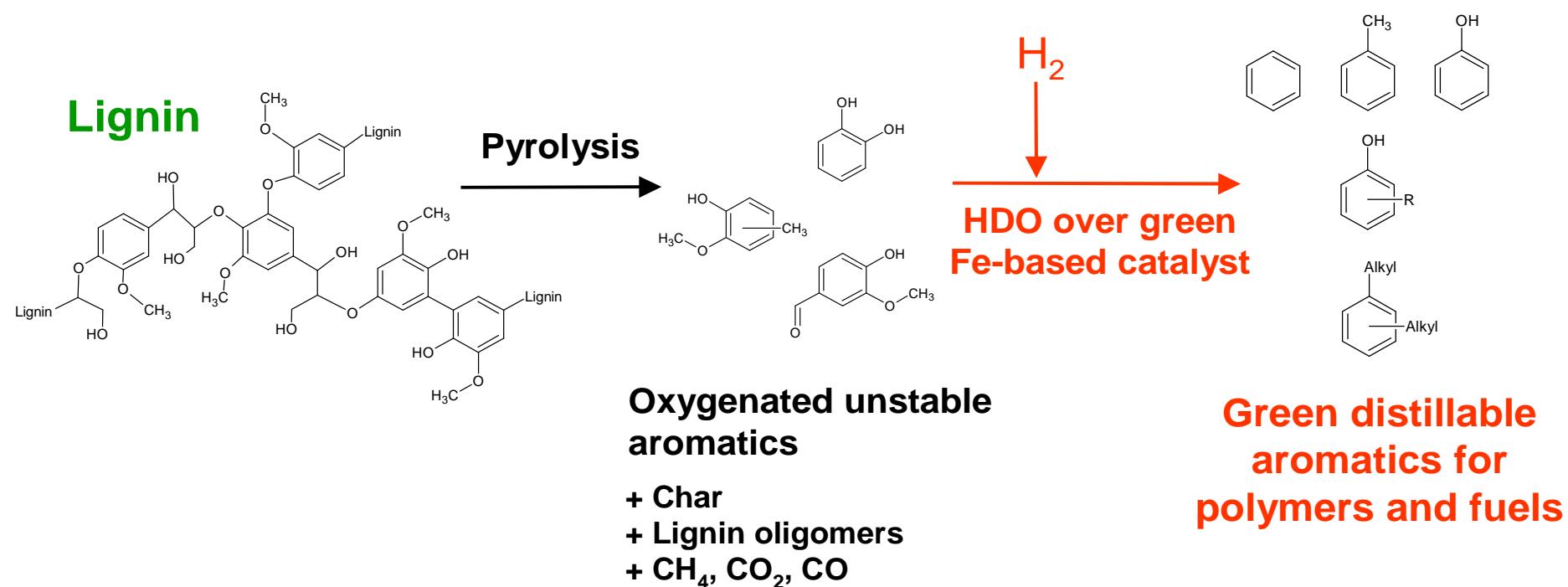
Number of fibers



### 3- Thermal deconstruction

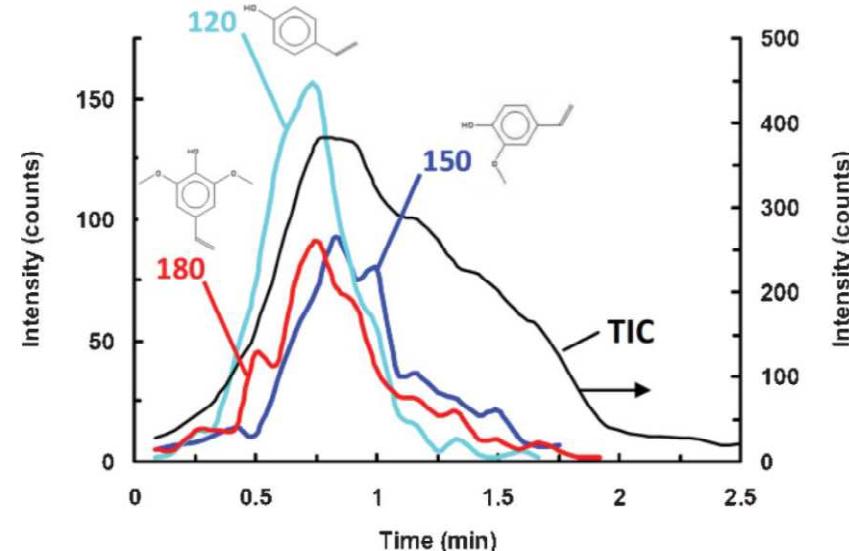
production de composés aromatiques à partir de la lignine

Pyrolyse puis hydrotraitements catalytique des vapeurs sur un catalyseur à base de fer

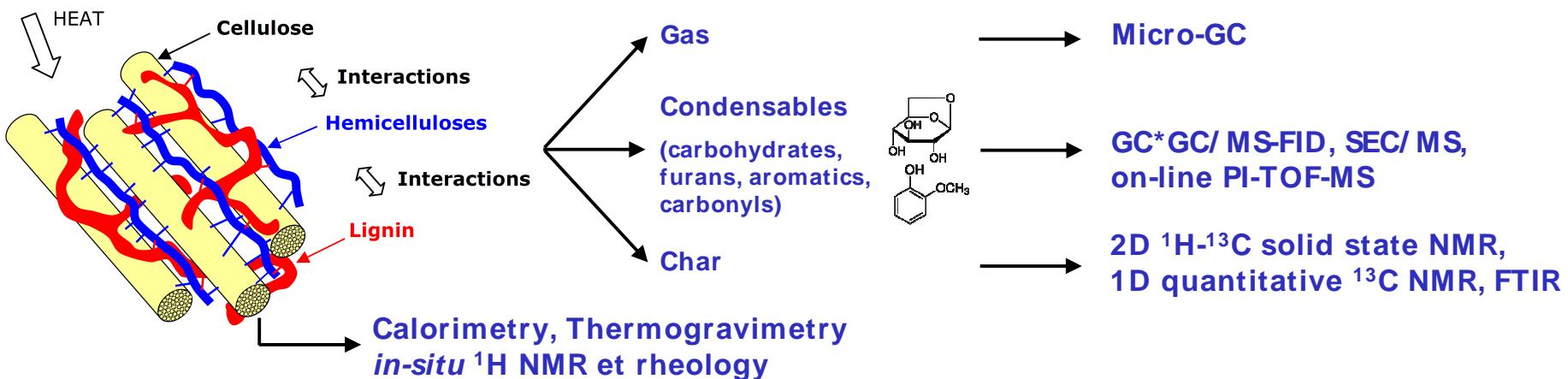


A l'échelle moléculaire, les mécanismes de pyrolyse de la lignine et de catalyse sont étudiés.

Exemple d'étude sur la pyrolyse de la lignine : Analyse en ligne des produits volatiles par spectrométrie de masse à ionisation douce (PI-TOFMS)



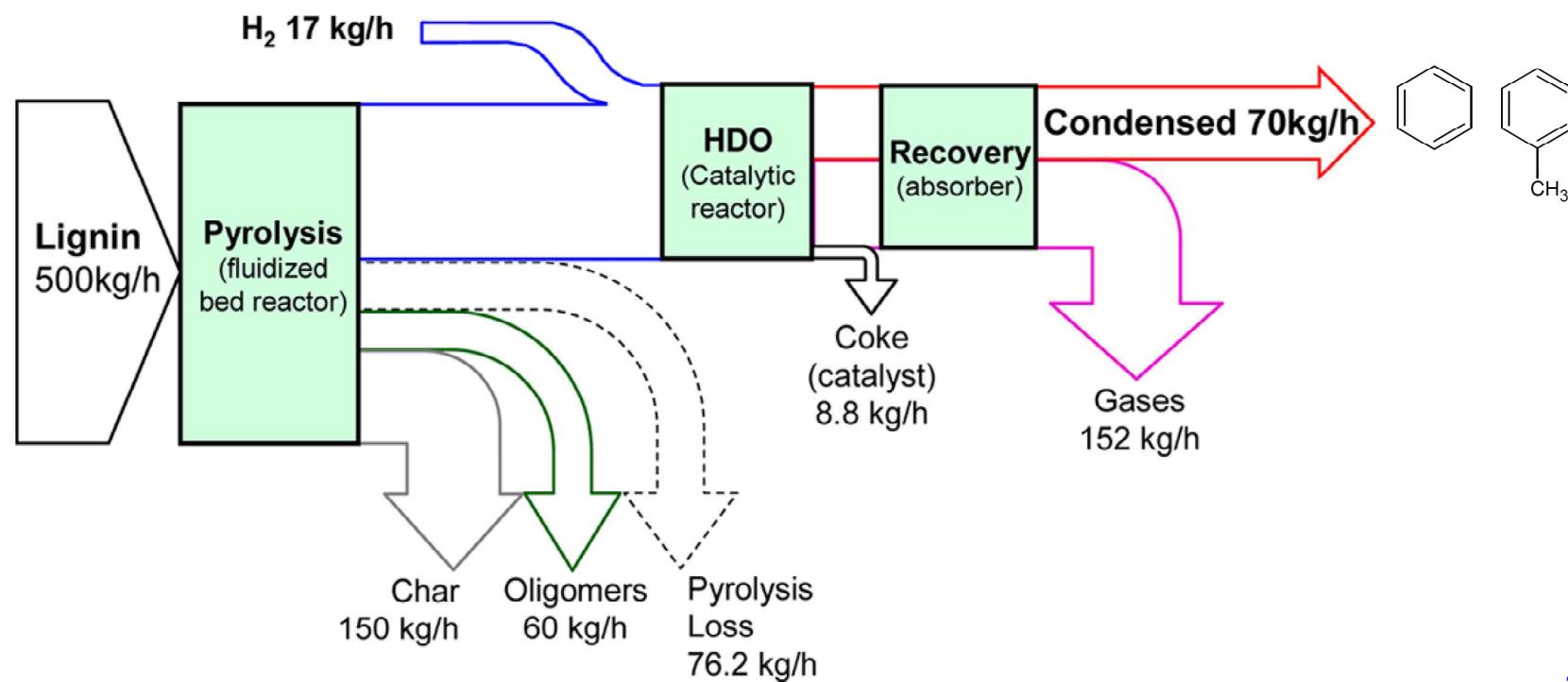
De nombreuses méthodes analytiques sont développées.



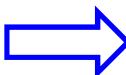
## Méthodologie : couplage essais/modélisation

Bilan matière du procédé : modélisation sous Aspen Plus® à partir d'essais et de données de la littérature

Pyrolyse en lit fluidisé puis lit catalytique à base de fer



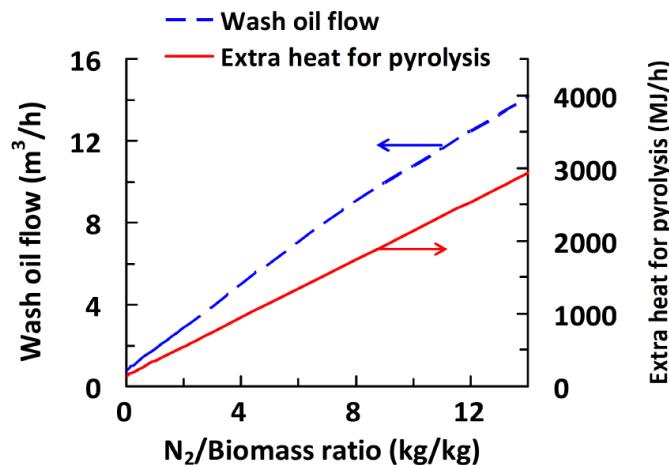
**Modélisation du procédé :  
fort impact du débit de gaz  
de fluidisation sur  
« l'intensification » du  
procédé**



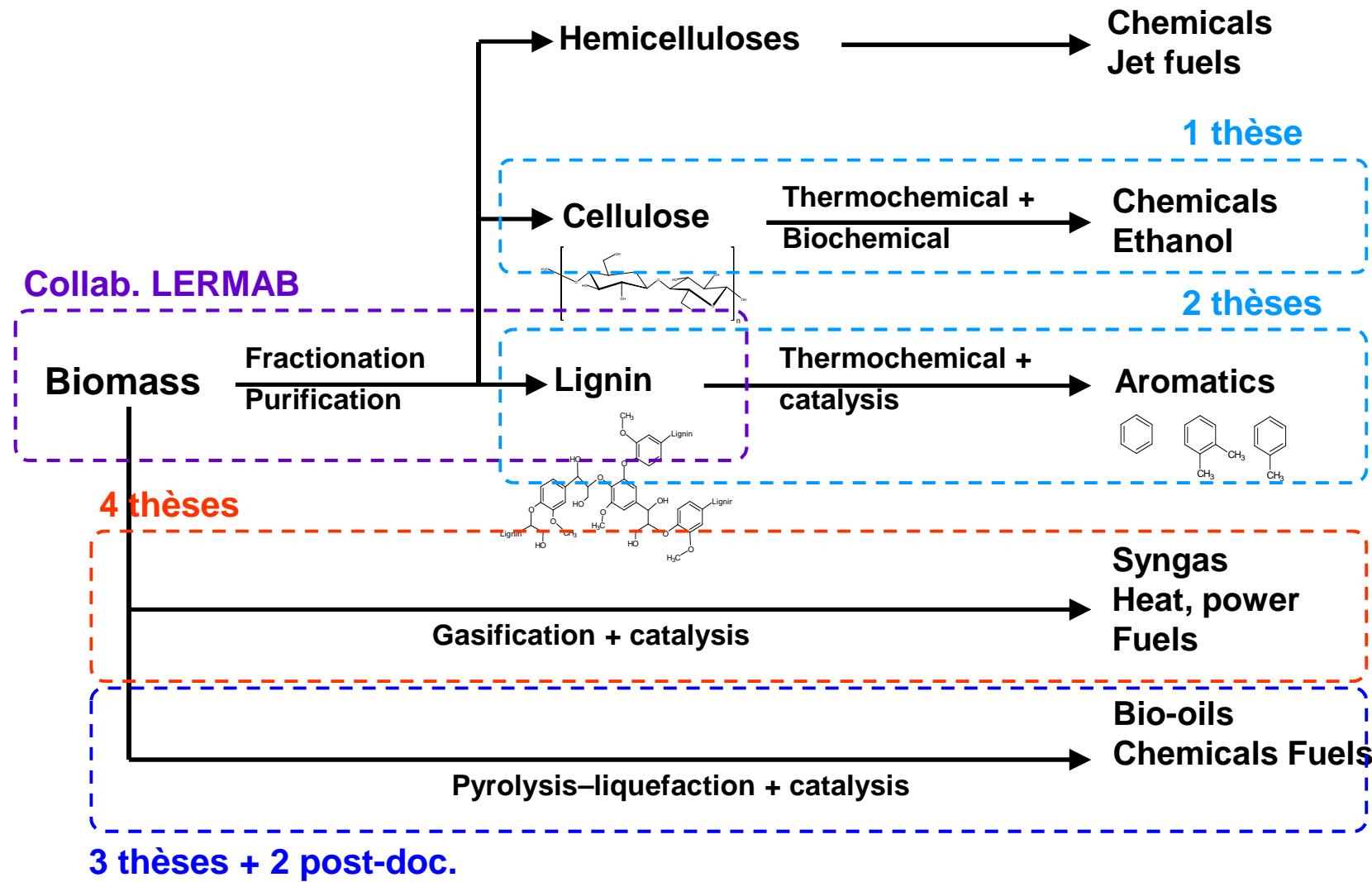
**Lit fluidisé : réacteur  
pas optimal pour la  
pyrolyse de la lignine  
Développement d'un  
nouveau réacteur**



**Analyse par rhéologie in-  
situ : la lignine forme un  
matériau collant qui  
agglomère les lits  
fluidisés.**



# Activités récentes (2013-2015) du LRGP sur la bioraffinerie à partir de biomasse lignocellulosique



# Essais à l'échelle laboratoire et pilote



**Laboratoire  
Hydrotraitement (réseau  
H<sub>2</sub> 150Bar)**



**Pilote pyrolyse/gazéification  
(5kg/h biomasse)**



**Laboratoires à haut  
niveau de sûreté**

**Plus de 25 personnes travaillent à Nancy sur la conversion (thermo) chimique de la biomasse.**

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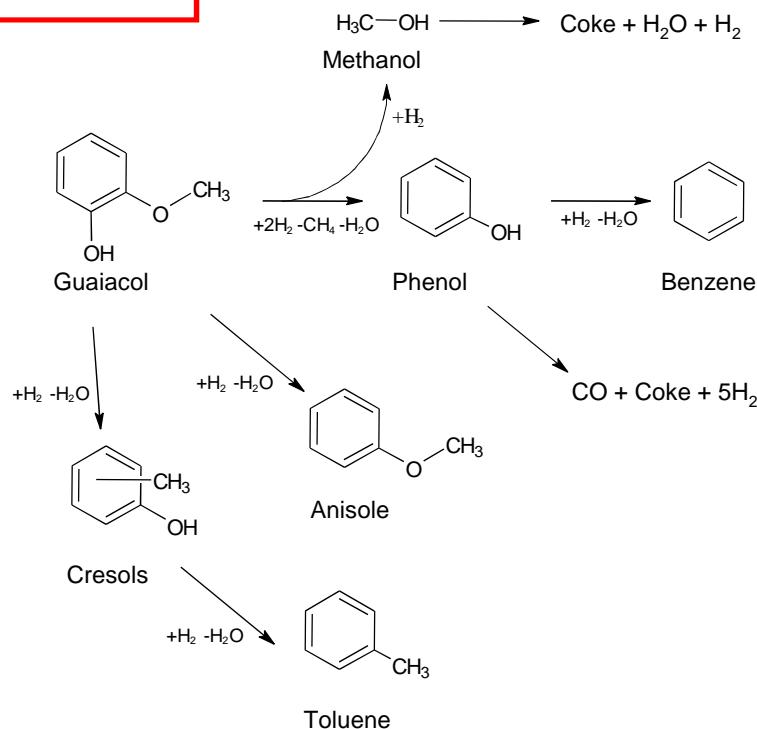
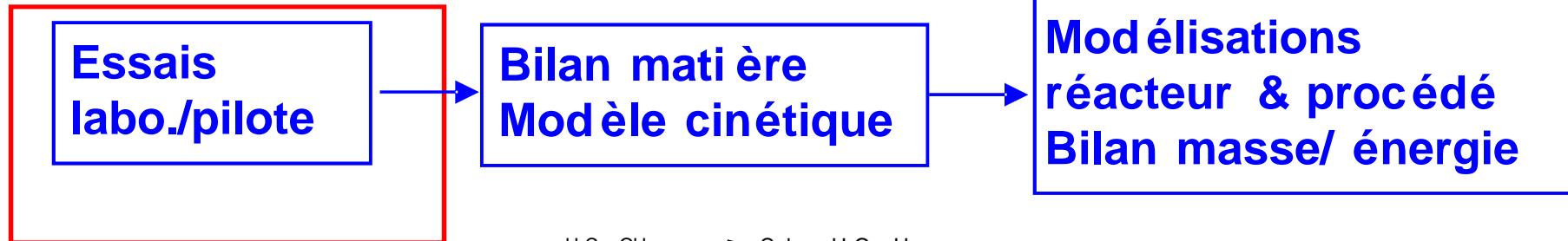
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**Design réacteur  
& procédé**