

Task 4A

Co-Production Analysis

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Objectives

1. Evaluate potential economic and resource efficiency/environmental benefits for several combinations of co-products
2. Determine the extent to which economic and environmental benefits converge
3. Analyze the impact of maturing technology on co-production

Consider co-production in the context of :

- *Processing (this presentation)*
- *The field (Bruce Dale)*

Potential Co-Products from Cellulosic Biomass

Gaseous Fuels, e.g.:

→ Hydrogen
Methane

Liquid Fuels, e.g.:

→ Ethanol
→ Methanol
→ Fischer-Tropsch Liquids
→ Dimethyl Ether
Pyrolysis Oils
Plant Oils/Biodiesel

Solid Fuels, e.g.:
Charcoal



→ Electricity

→ Steam

→ Organic Chemicals, e.g.:

Lactic Acid
Succinic Acid
Adhesives
Phenol

→ Animal Feed Protein

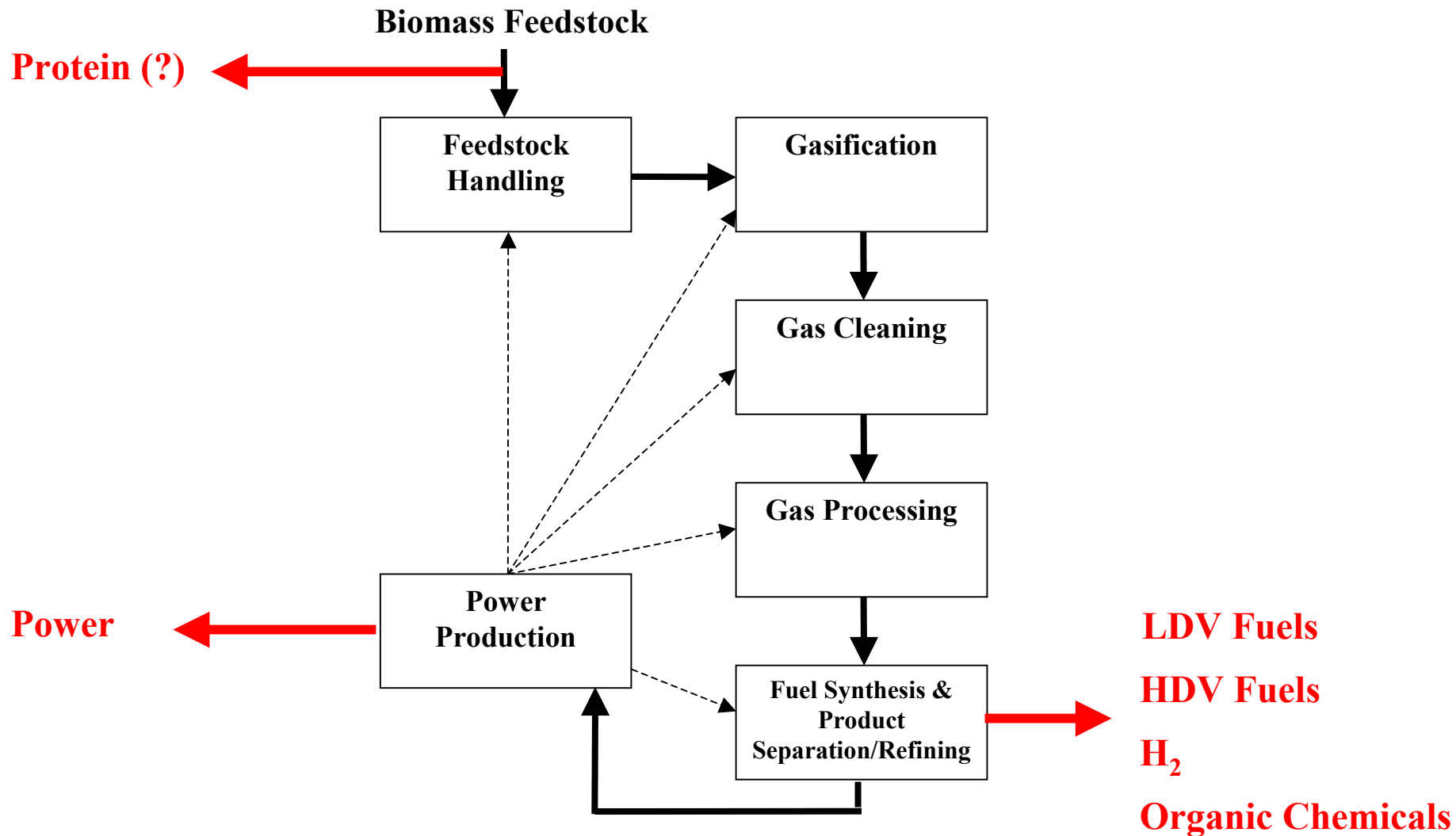
Lubricants

Biomaterials, e.g.:

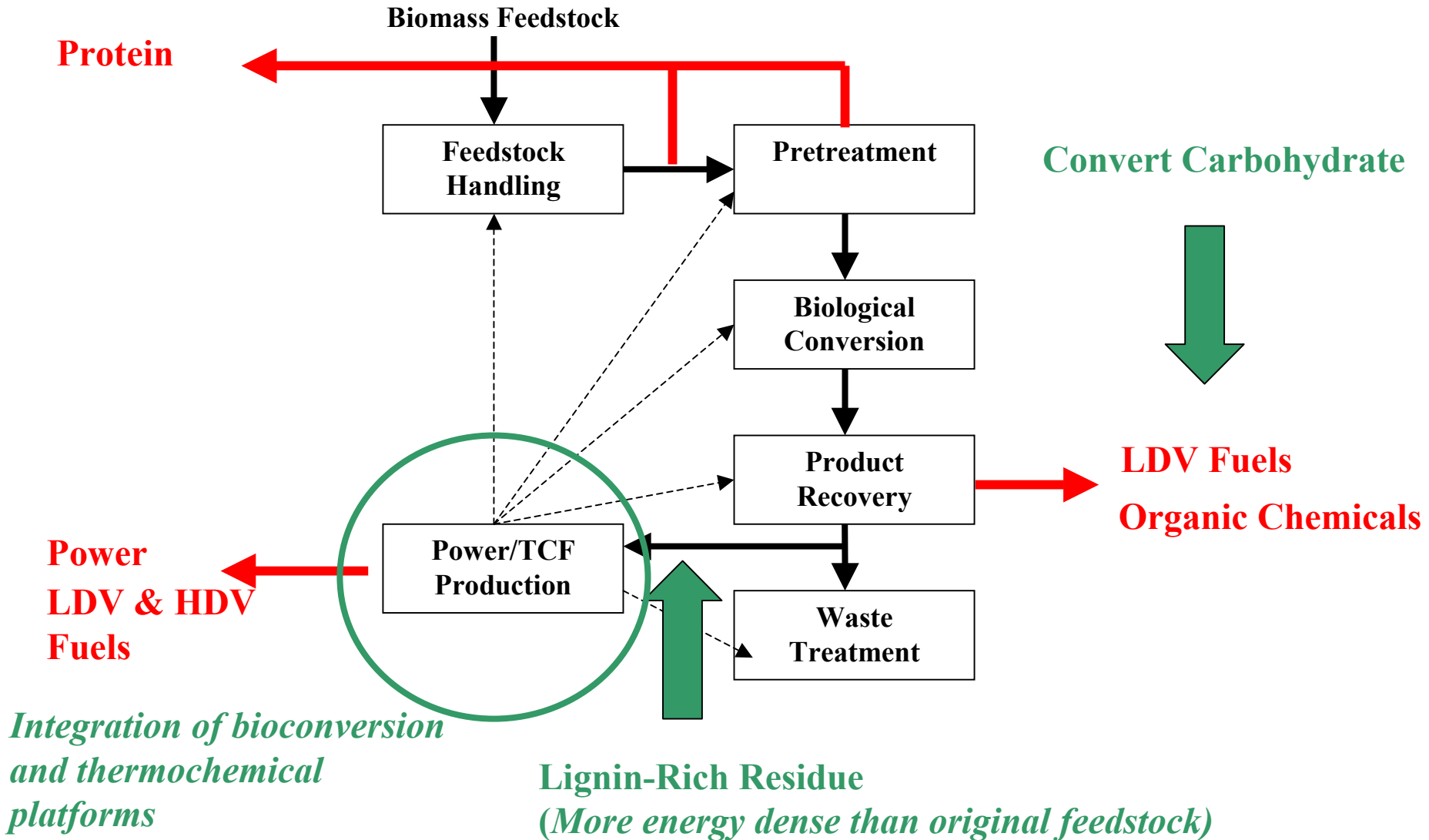
Insulation
Composites

Fertilizer

Thermochemical Conversion Platform



Bioconversion Platform



Co-Production Scenarios

SCENARIO	Biopower	Bioethanol	H ₂	TCF	Organic Chemicals	Protein
1	X		X			
2	X	X				
3	X	X	X			
4	X	X	X		X	
5	X	X				X
6	X	X			X	
7	X	X			X	X
8	X		X			X
9	X			X		
10	X	X		X		
11	X	X		X	X	
12	X			X		X

By no means comprehensive...

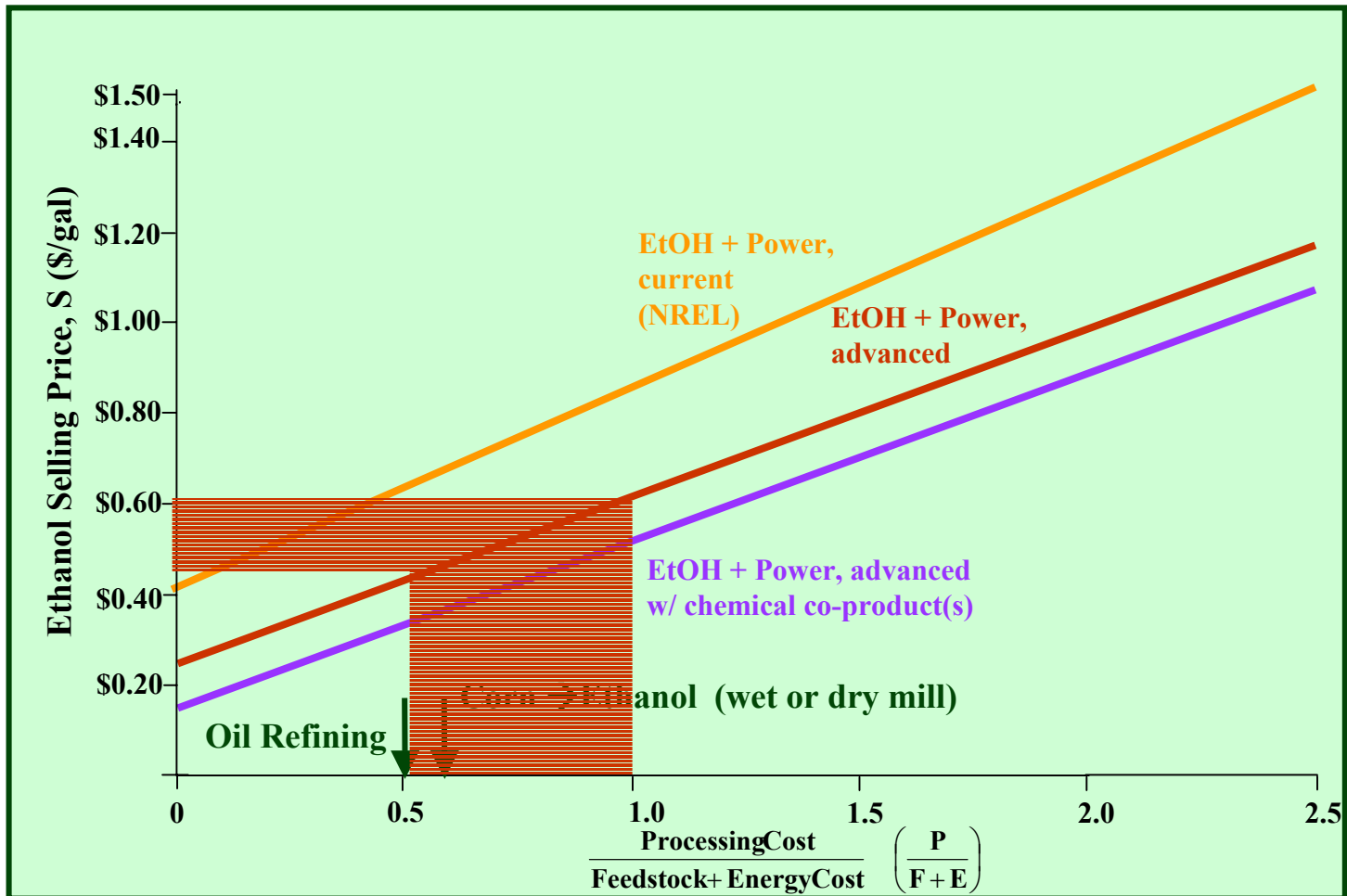
But, provides a broad range of product categories that have potential for enabling a large-scale transition to biomass-based energy use in the U.S.

Potential Co-Production Benefits

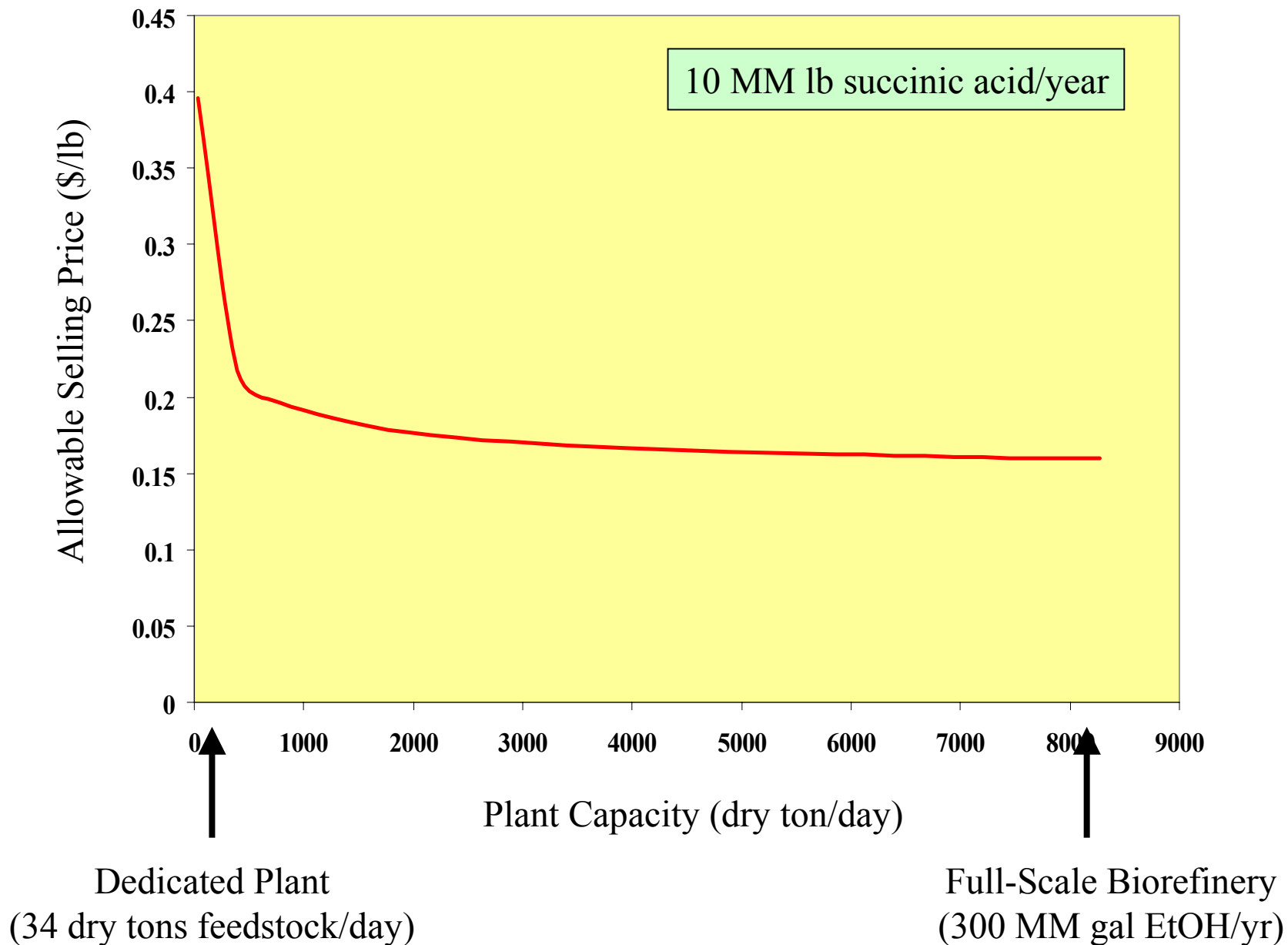
- Revenues from high-value co-products reduce the selling price of primary product
- Economies of scale provided by full-size biorefinery lowers processing costs of low-volume, high-value co-products
- Process yield increases due to:
 - 1) Use of all component fractions of biomass feedstock
 - 2) Process integration synergies

which enhances both economic and environmental benefits

Potential Benefit to Primary Product Price



Potential Benefit to Co-product Price

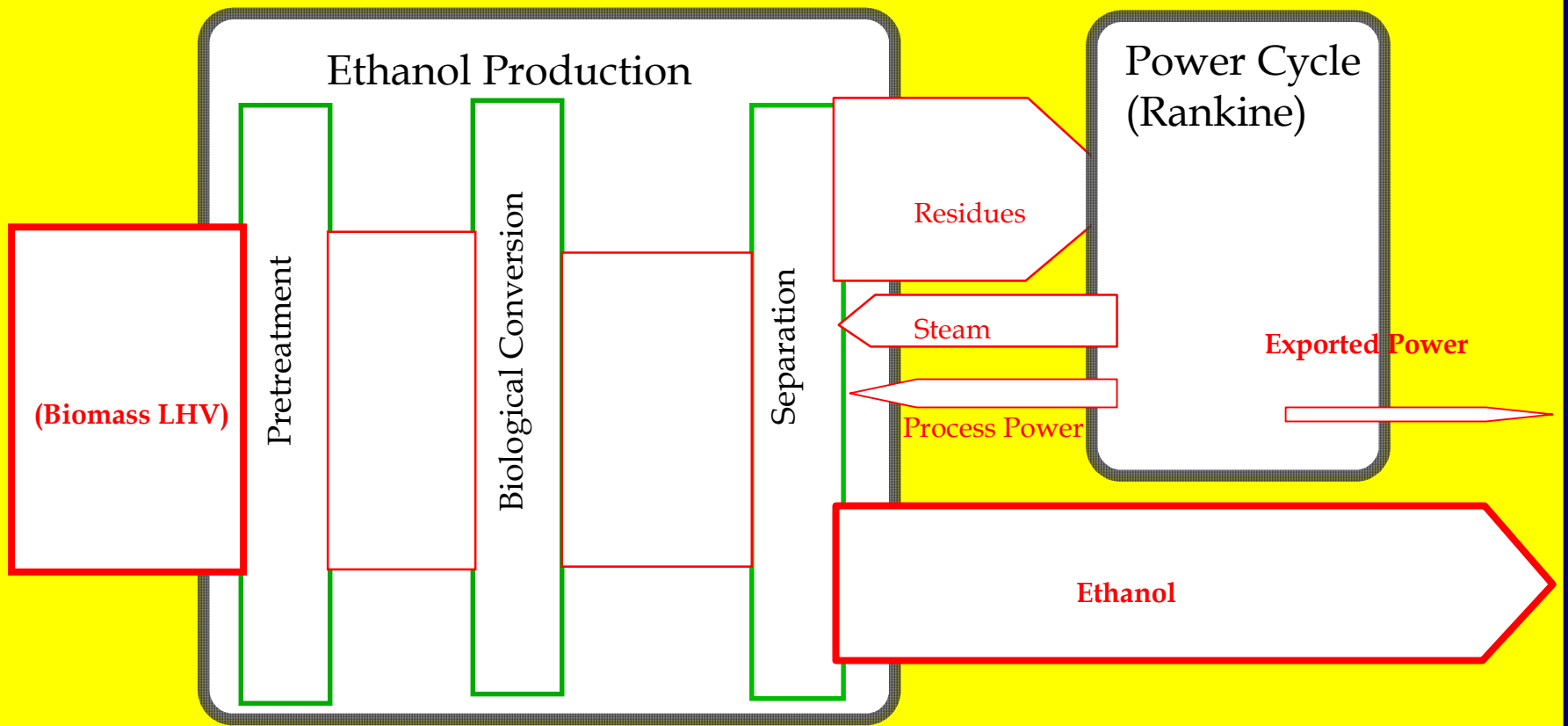


Benefits of Technology Maturation: Power Generation

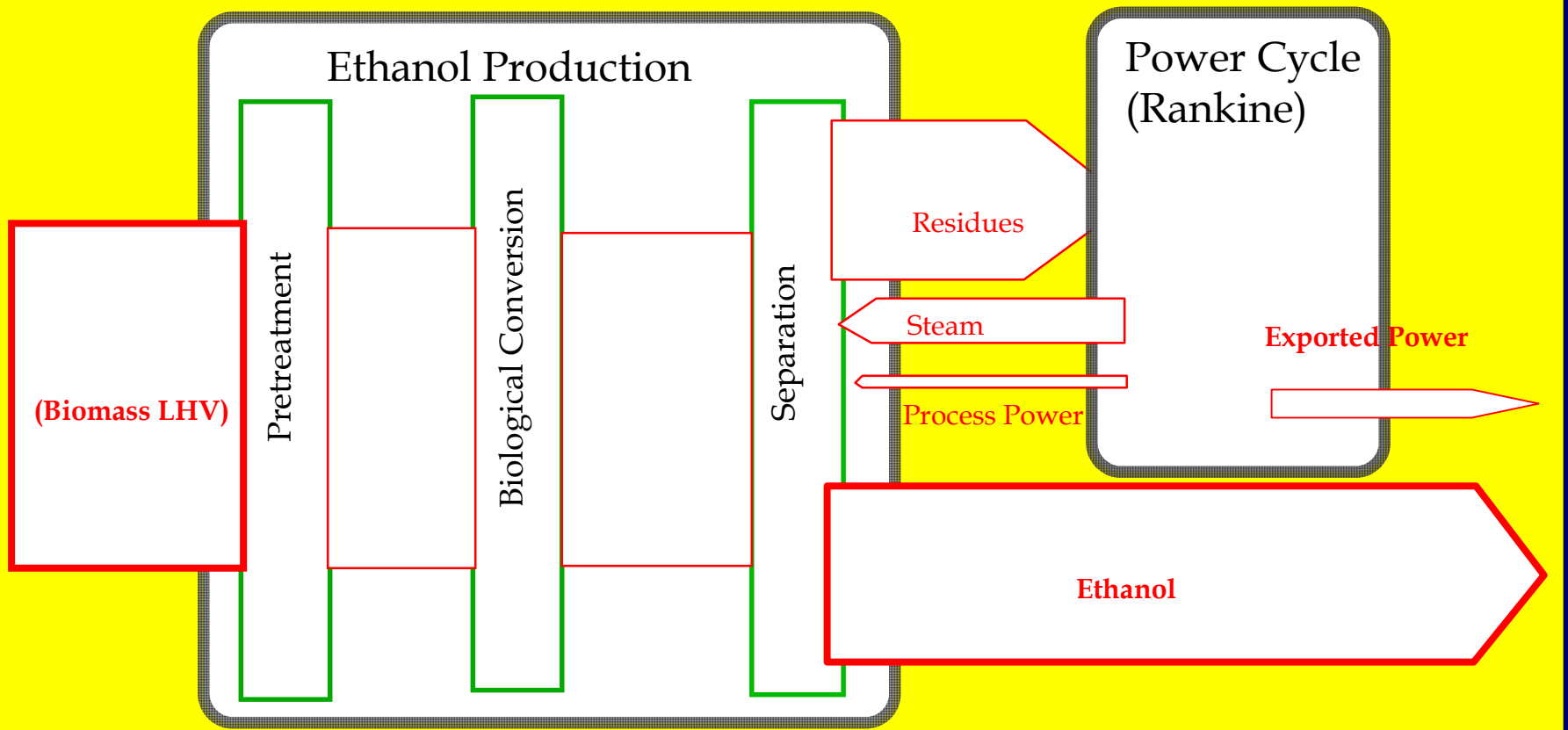
Technology	Net Electric Efficiency (LHV Basis)
Rankine	33%
Gas Turbine Combined Cycle (GTCC)	50%
Solid Oxide Fuel Cell (SOFC)	57%

*Now consider potential thermodynamic benefit of
technology maturation in the context of co-production...*

“Near-Term” Technology EtOH/Rankine Power

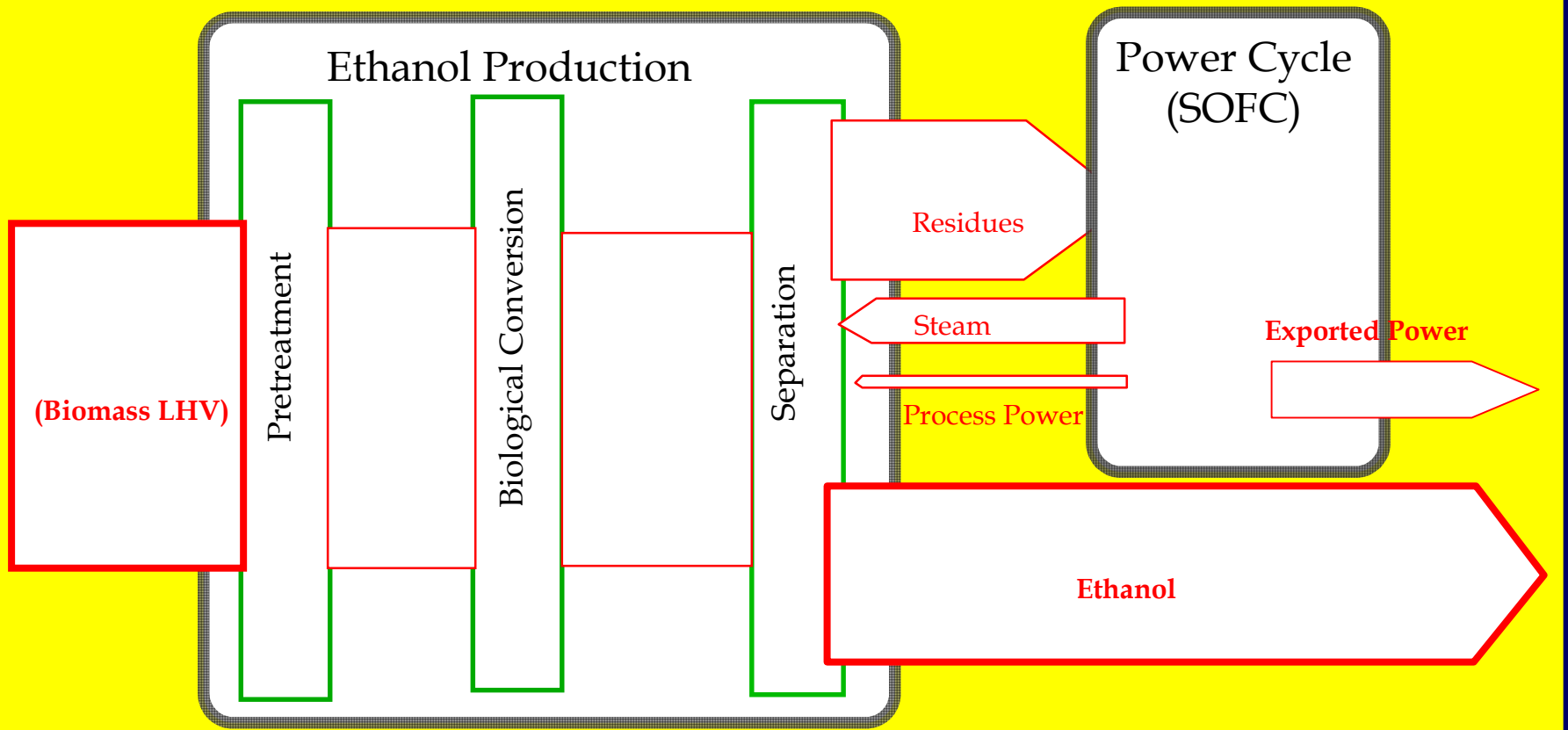


Advanced Technology EtOH/Rankine Power

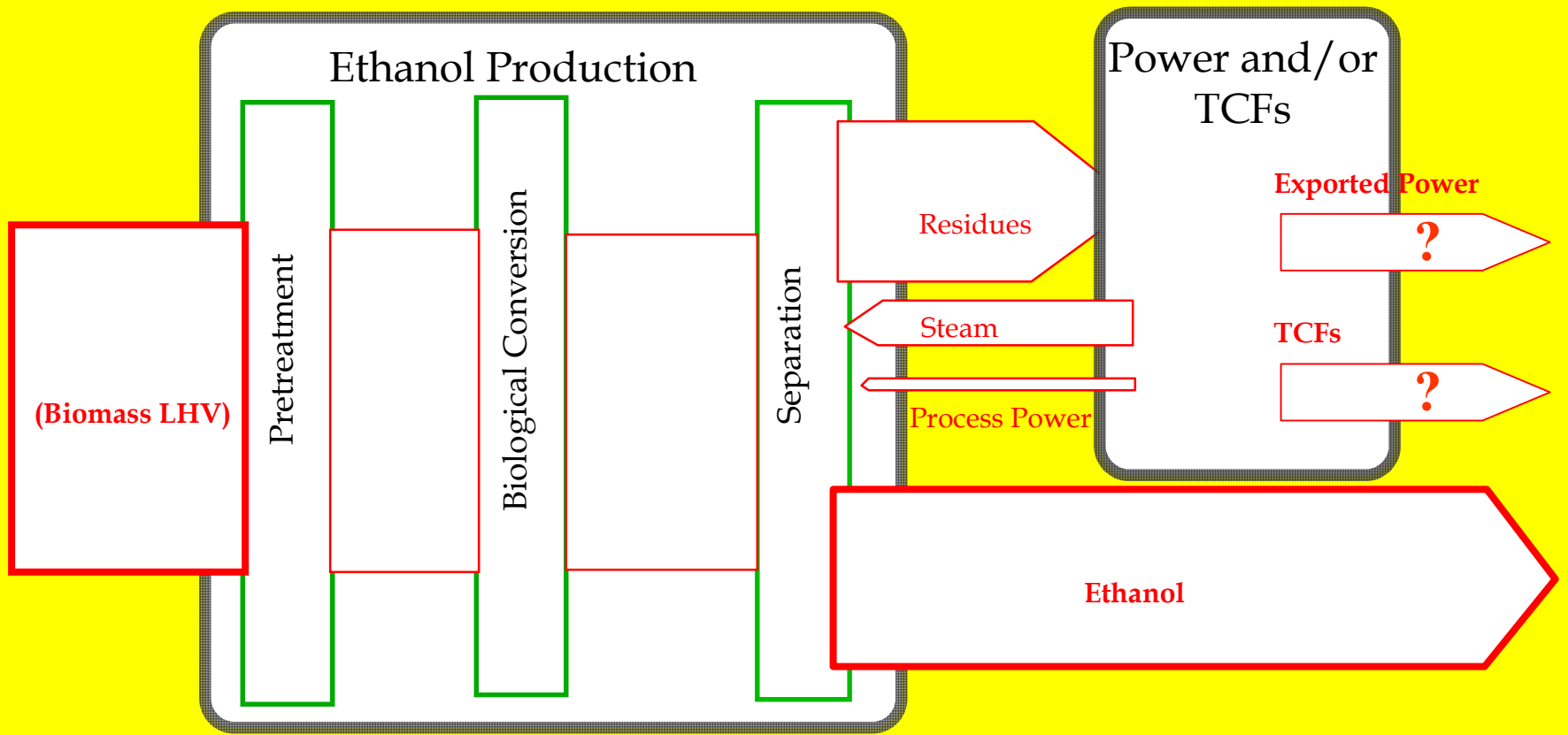


Width of arrows proportional to energy flows

Advanced Technology EtOH/Advanced Power



Advanced Technology EtOH/Power/ Thermochemical Fuels



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Conclusions and Next Steps

- To our knowledge, this is the first study that considers co-production in the context of mature technology—could lead to unforeseen, favorable results
- Process synergies between biological and thermochemical conversion have the potential to significantly increase process yields—of particular interest is the potential to efficiently co-produce ethanol and HDV fuels
- We will continue our in-progress co-production analysis—including economics—of ethanol/TCFs and examine co-production scenarios involving organic chemicals and protein