



# Ethanol to Ethylene Conversion, Hummingbird Technology

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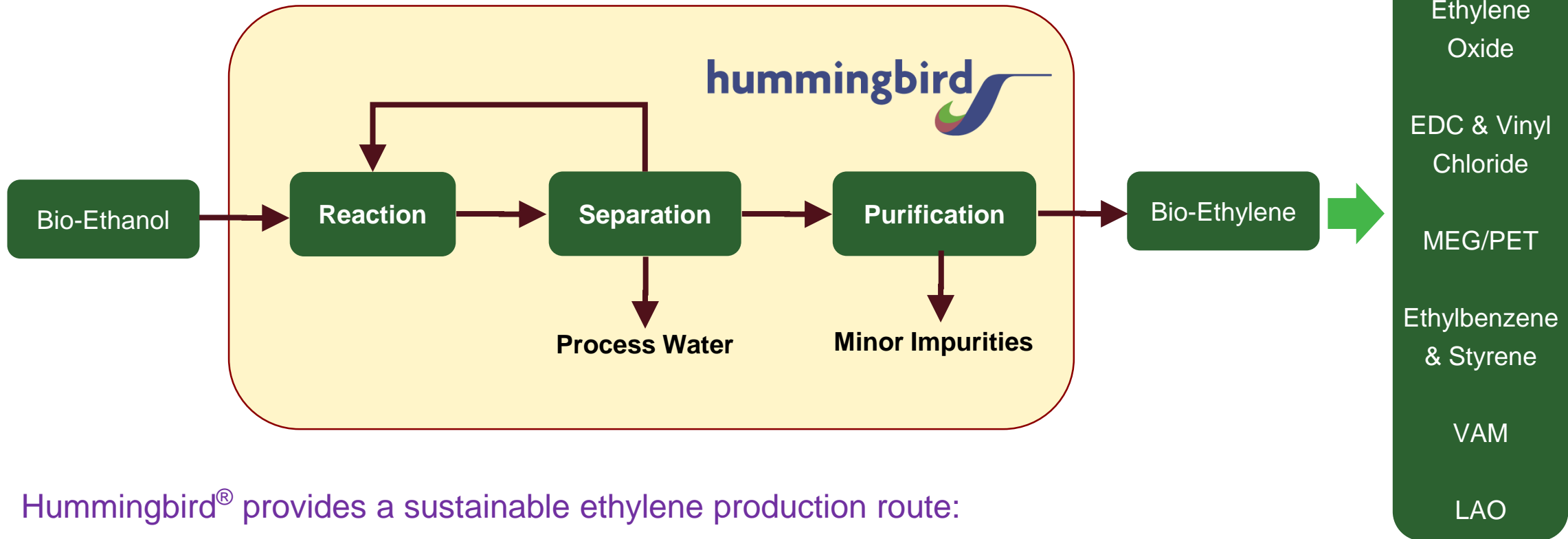
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# Ethylene Production From Sustainable Feedstock



Steam cracking of liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons is industry standard ethylene production technology.



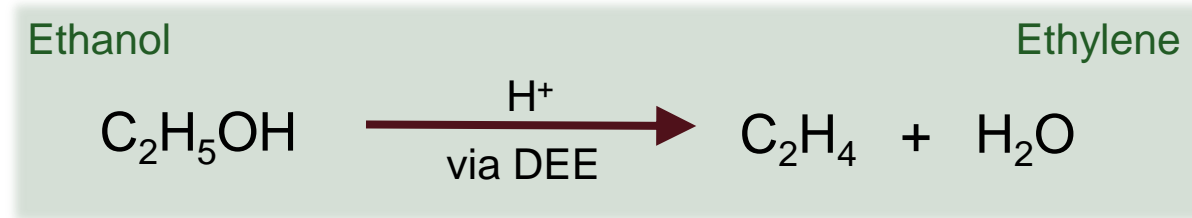
Hummingbird<sup>®</sup> provides a sustainable ethylene production route:

**Bioethanol dehydration to produce bio-ethylene**

# Ultra-Selective Ethylene Production Process



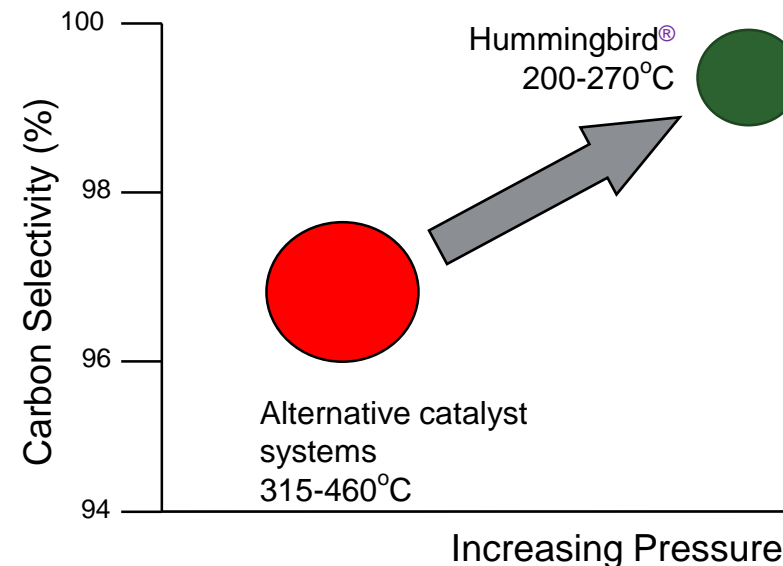
Hummingbird<sup>®</sup> is an IChemE award winning gas phase reaction process, using a proprietary heteropolyacid heterogeneous catalyst.



The reaction occurs via diethyl ether [DEE] intermediate, with

## Ultra-selective performance:

- With over 99% carbon conversion of ethanol to high grade ethylene.
- Low temperature operation.
- Simple separation and purification.
- Reduced utility requirements.





# Demonstrated Technology



The process has been **demonstrated in a fully recycling facility** with purification columns similar to a commercial plant.

- The plant was operated from 2009 to 2015 for over 36,000 hours.
- Gained understanding on start-up, shutdown, and steady state operations.
- Catalyst lifetime was proven for 2 years operation.



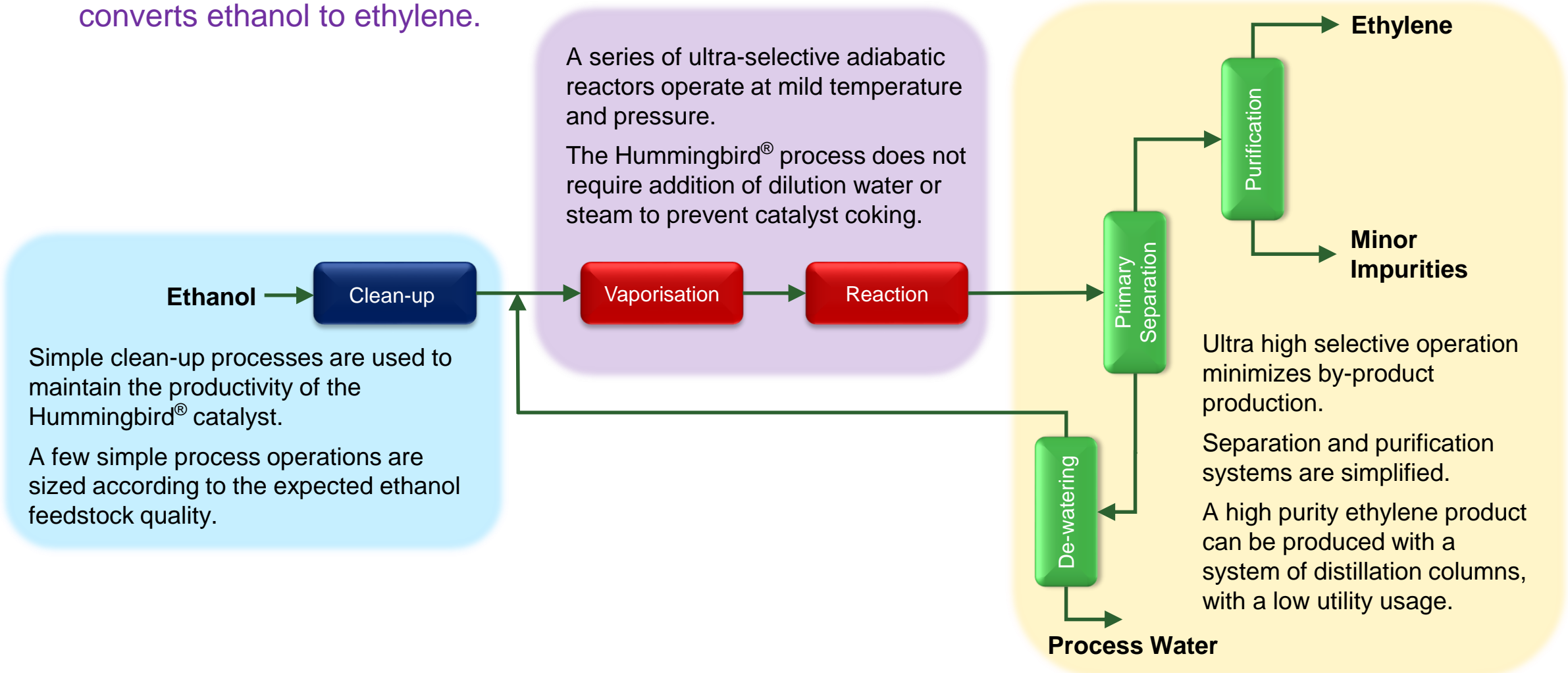
The programme completed by producing commercial grade ethylene product using commercial grade ethanol feed and commercially produced Hummingbird<sup>®</sup> catalyst.

# Hummingbird<sup>®</sup> Process Configuration



## A simple Process Flow Scheme

converts ethanol to ethylene.

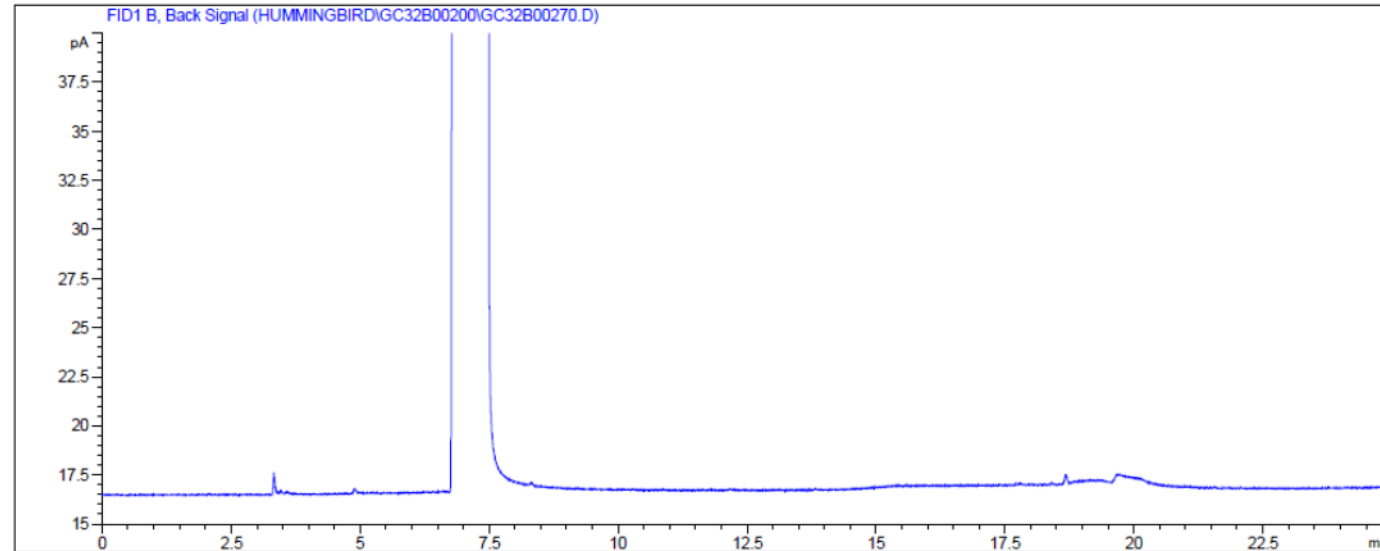


# Typical GC Analysis Output



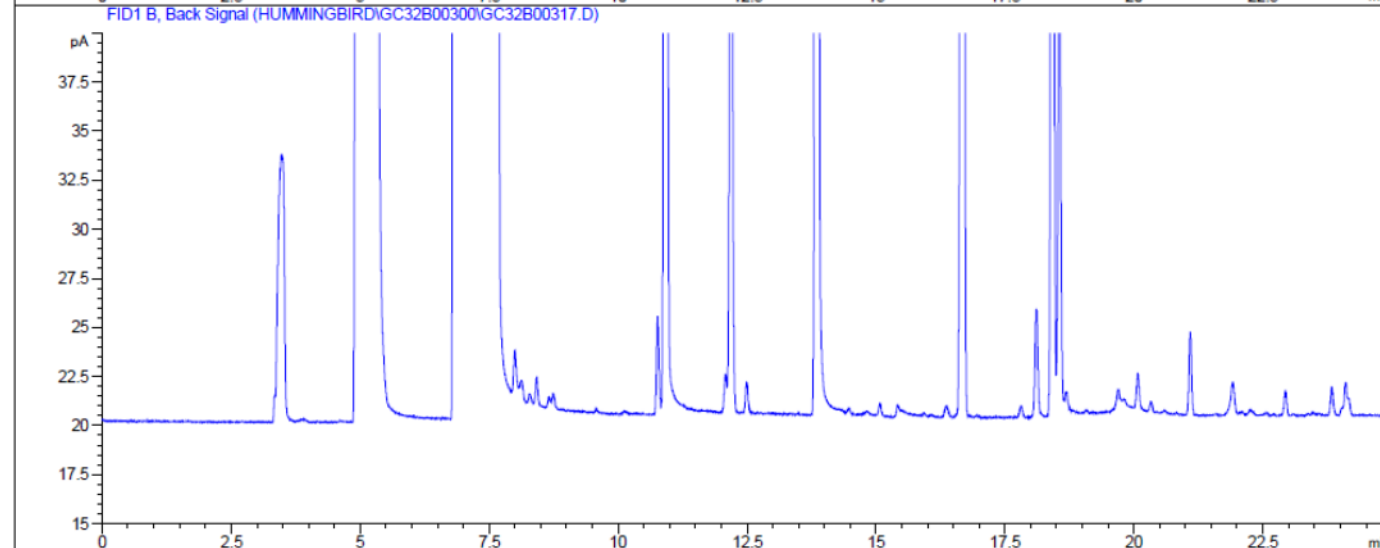
## Bioethanol #1

- ▶ A typical high purity 1G Ethanol



## Bioethanol #2

- ▶ A potential fuel grade ethanol



# Designing for Bioethanol Impurities

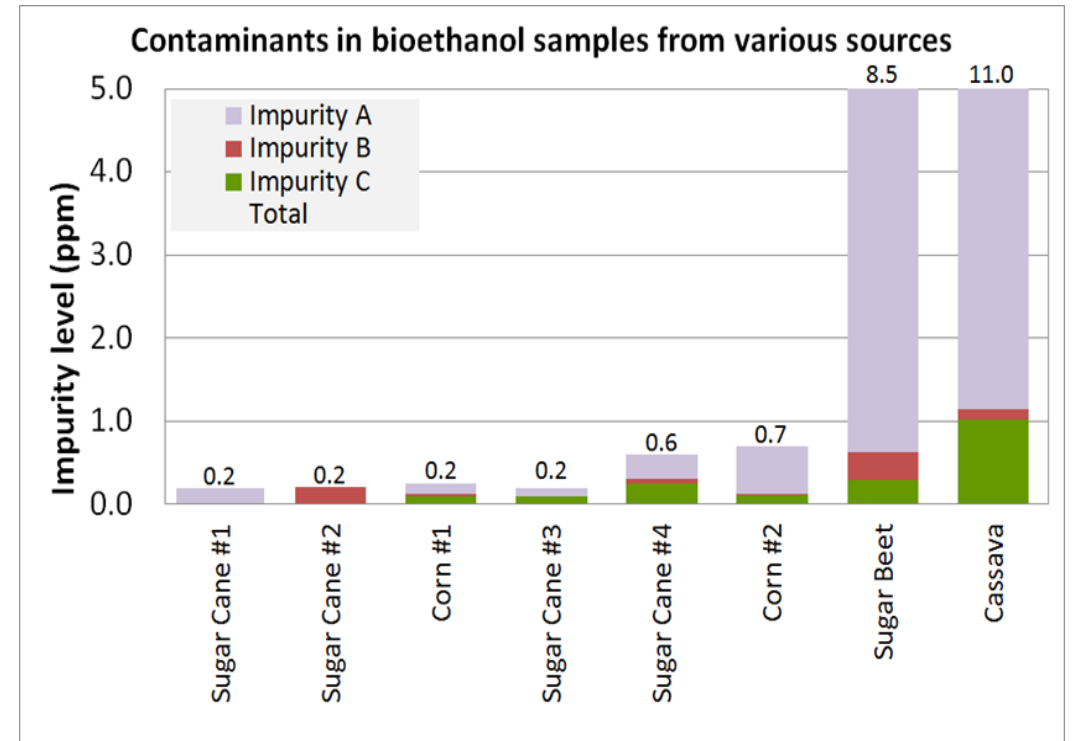


Hummingbird<sup>®</sup> technology includes an bioethanol clean-up 'toolkit':

- ▶ Bioethanol is analysed for certain trace chemicals.
- ▶ Design of pre-treatment unit and E2E process is tailored to analysis.
- ▶ Growing reference library of commercially available bioethanols, with over 60 ethanol samples already tested.

Process designs can accommodate a variety of bioethanol feedstocks.

- ▶ Process design to characteristics of specific bioethanol feedstock.
- ▶ Opportunity to process less expensive bioethanols.





# Ensuring Process Performance & Development

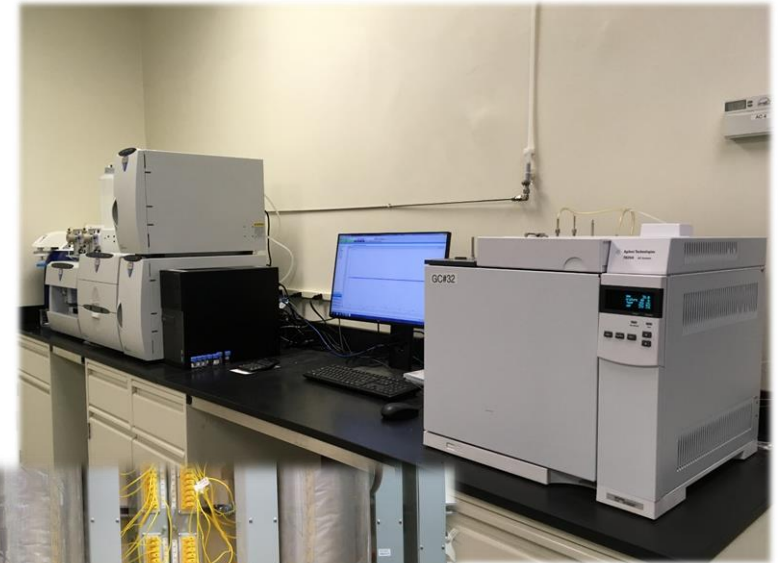


## The process can use a variety of bio-ethanol feedstocks.

- Hummingbird® was developed to use fuel grade bio-ethanol feedstock, which has variable quality.
- Bioethanol is analysed for certain trace chemicals.
- Design of the process is tailored to the bioethanol analysis.

## TechnipFMC pilot plant

- Providing an accurate platform for process design and performance guarantees.
- Assures Hummingbird® catalyst manufacturing quality.
- And is used to develop technology improvements.



# Thank you.

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