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Master IEM

Chemical Engineering



Master project (examples)

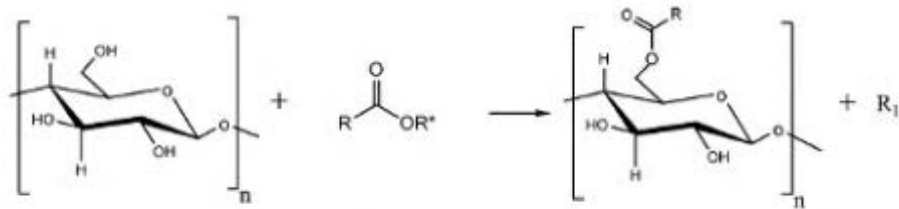
The last thing you do over here
can very well be the first you do in a company!

Collaboration with many companies

- ❑ Guest lectures (Polymer Products the all course...)
- ❑ Master Thesis and of course Internship!



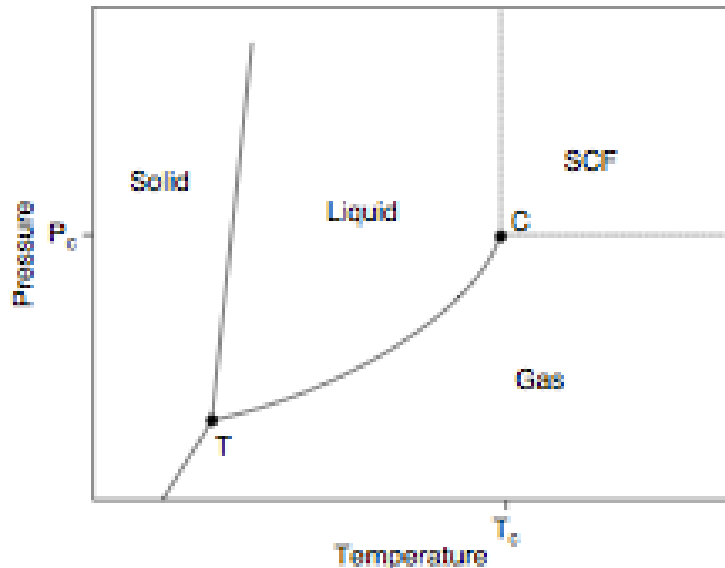
Starch modification



R = fatty acid chain

- (a) Vinyl esters : $\text{R}^* = \text{CH}_2=\text{CH}$, $\text{R}_1 = \text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{H}$
 (b) Methyl esters : $\text{R}^* = \text{CH}_3$, $\text{R}_1 = \text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{OH}$
 (c) Anhydrides : $\text{R}^* = \text{R}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-$, $\text{R}_1 = \text{R}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{OH}$

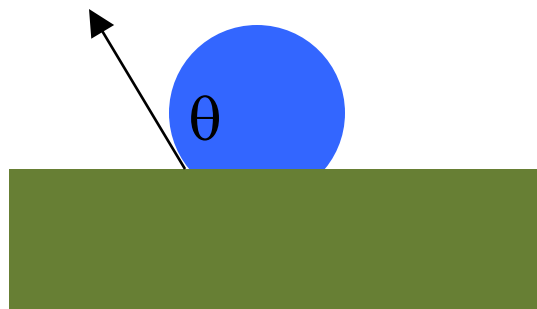
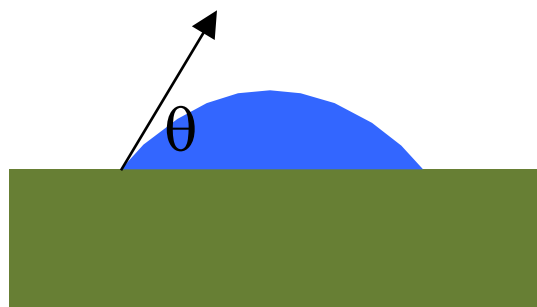
Which solvent? Toluene, DMSO?



Green
Easy to remove
Plenty available



hydrophilic



hydrophobic

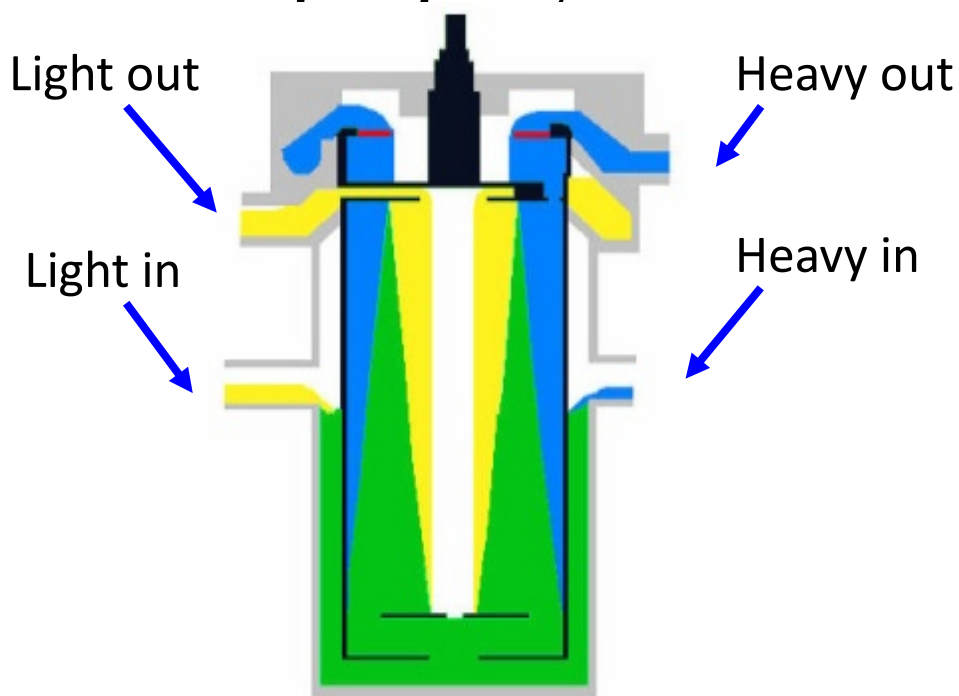
No.	Products	D5	Contact angle
1	Starch laurate	0.28	90 ± 1.6
2	Starch laurate	0.26	94 ± 2.1
3	Starch laurate	0.15	104 ± 1.8
4	Starch laurate	0.03	102 ± 1.9
5	Starch laurate	0.02	96 ± 1.4
6	Starch laurate (5h) ^a	0.05	n.m. ^c
7	Starch stearate	0.06	n.m. ^c
7	Amylose laurate ^b	0.1	n.m. ^c
8	Amylopectin laurate ^b	0.15	n.m. ^c
9	Native potato		45 ± 2.1
10	Vinyl laurate		



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Biodiesel

Biofuels project; novel biodiesel technology



CCS equipment: Centrifugal-contactor separator

G.N. Kraai, F. van Zwol, B. Schuur, H.J. Heeres and J.G. de Vries, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 47(21) (2008) 3905-3908.

On the importance of Catalysis



Haber-Bosch process:

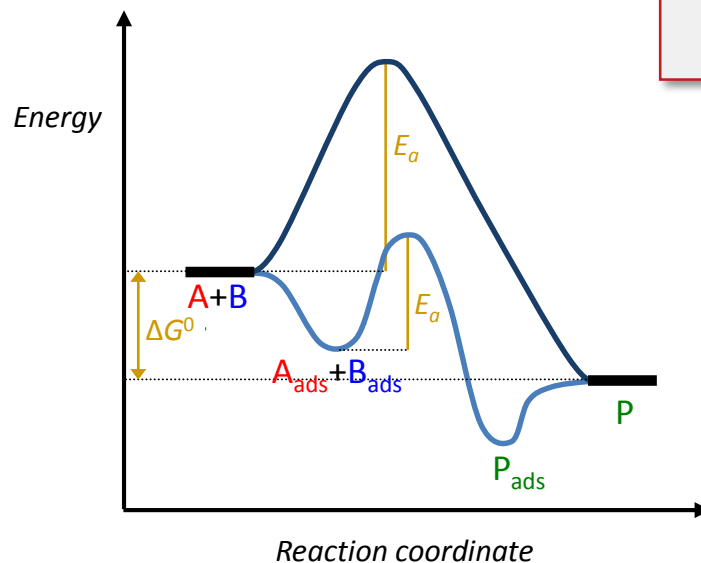
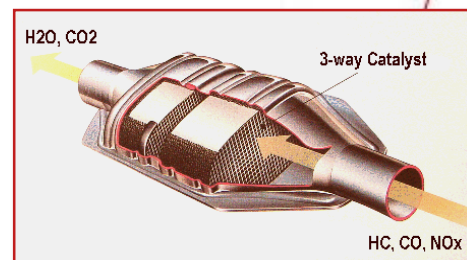
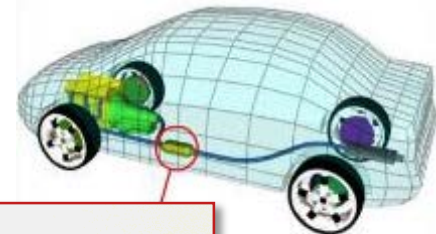


production: 100 million tons/year

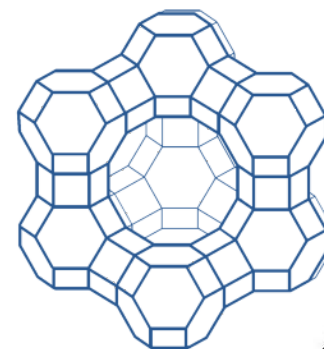
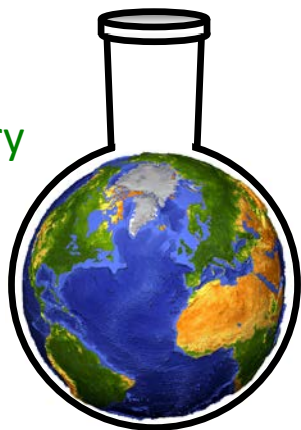
Fe-based catalyst

Three-way catalysts:

Rh + Pt on $\gamma\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$



Green
Chemistry



Zeolite catalysts
for oil-refining



From CO₂ to valuable products

CO₂ is an inexpensive, non-toxic, widely available and renewable (→ green) C₁-feedstock.

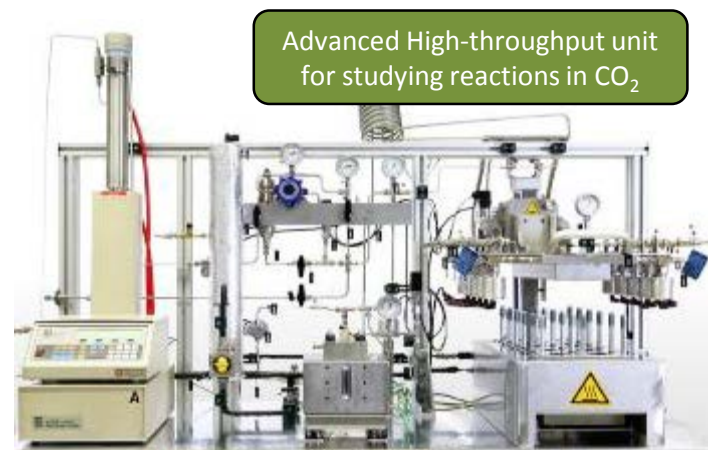
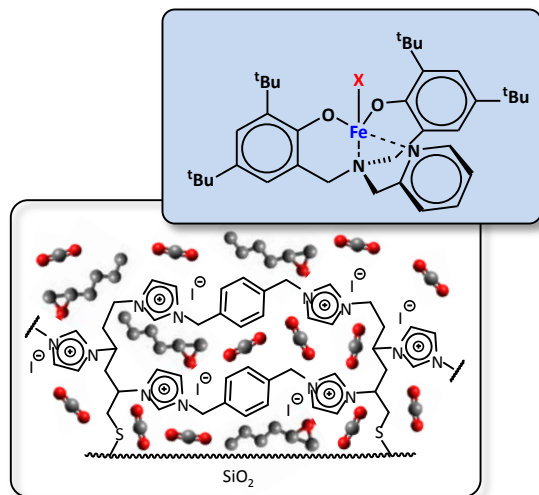


Can we use CO₂ as building block for polymers and other useful products?

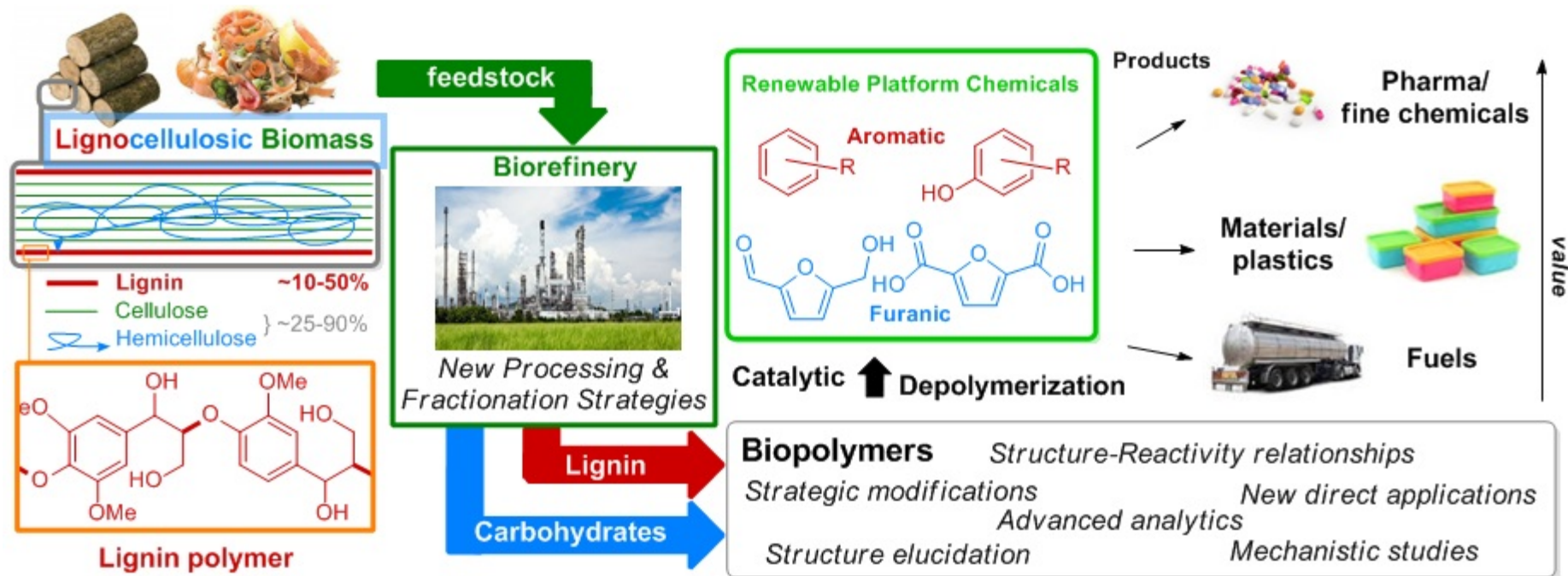


Design and development of enhanced catalysts for the conversion of CO₂

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Biomass components to obtain specific chemicals and/or product mixtures

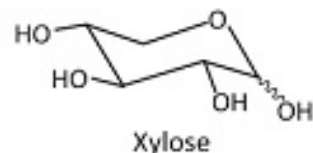
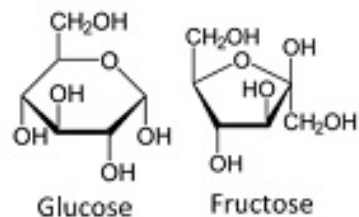


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Novel reactor concepts + precision catalysis for highly efficient chemical conversion



Lignocellulosic biomass
(and derivatives)

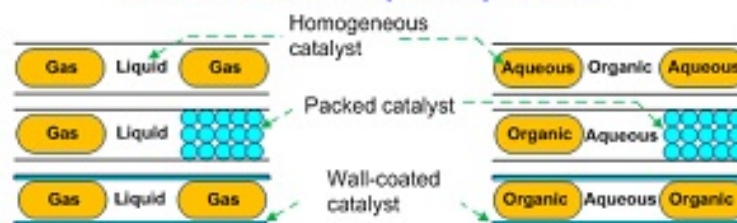


Chemo-catalytic conversion

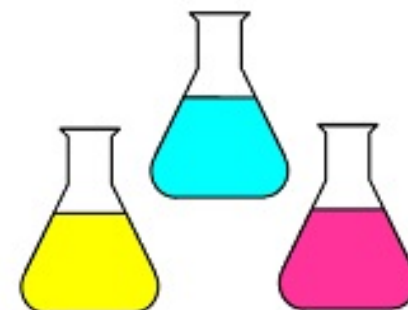
Intensified reactor technologies



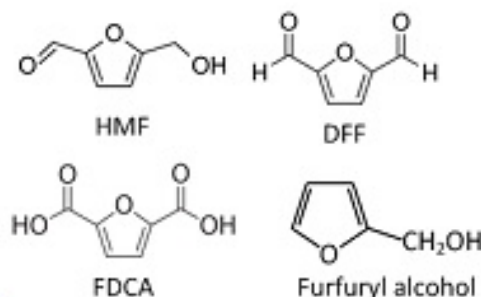
Structured flow (micro)reactor



Advanced process control & improved chemistry

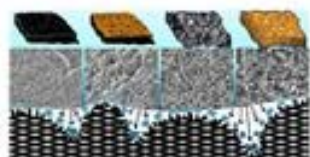
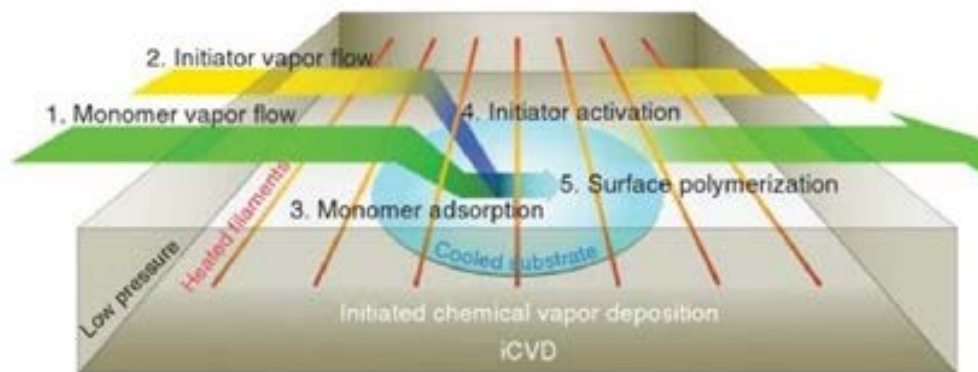


Biobased chemicals
(and materials derived)

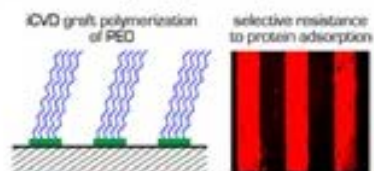


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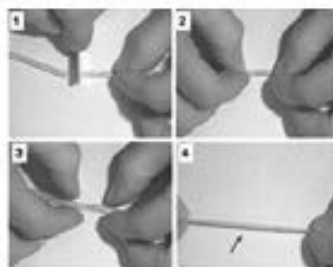
Vapor deposition polymerization and polymer structure-property relationships



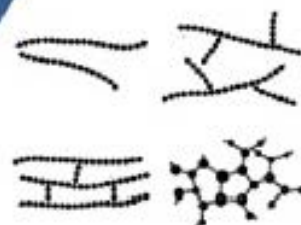
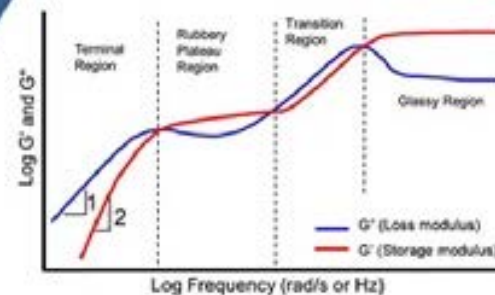
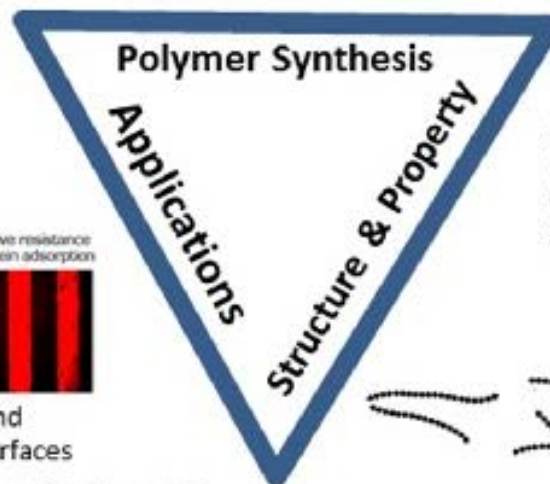
Hierarchical roughness
Switchable hydrophilicity



Patternable and
Non-biofouling surfaces

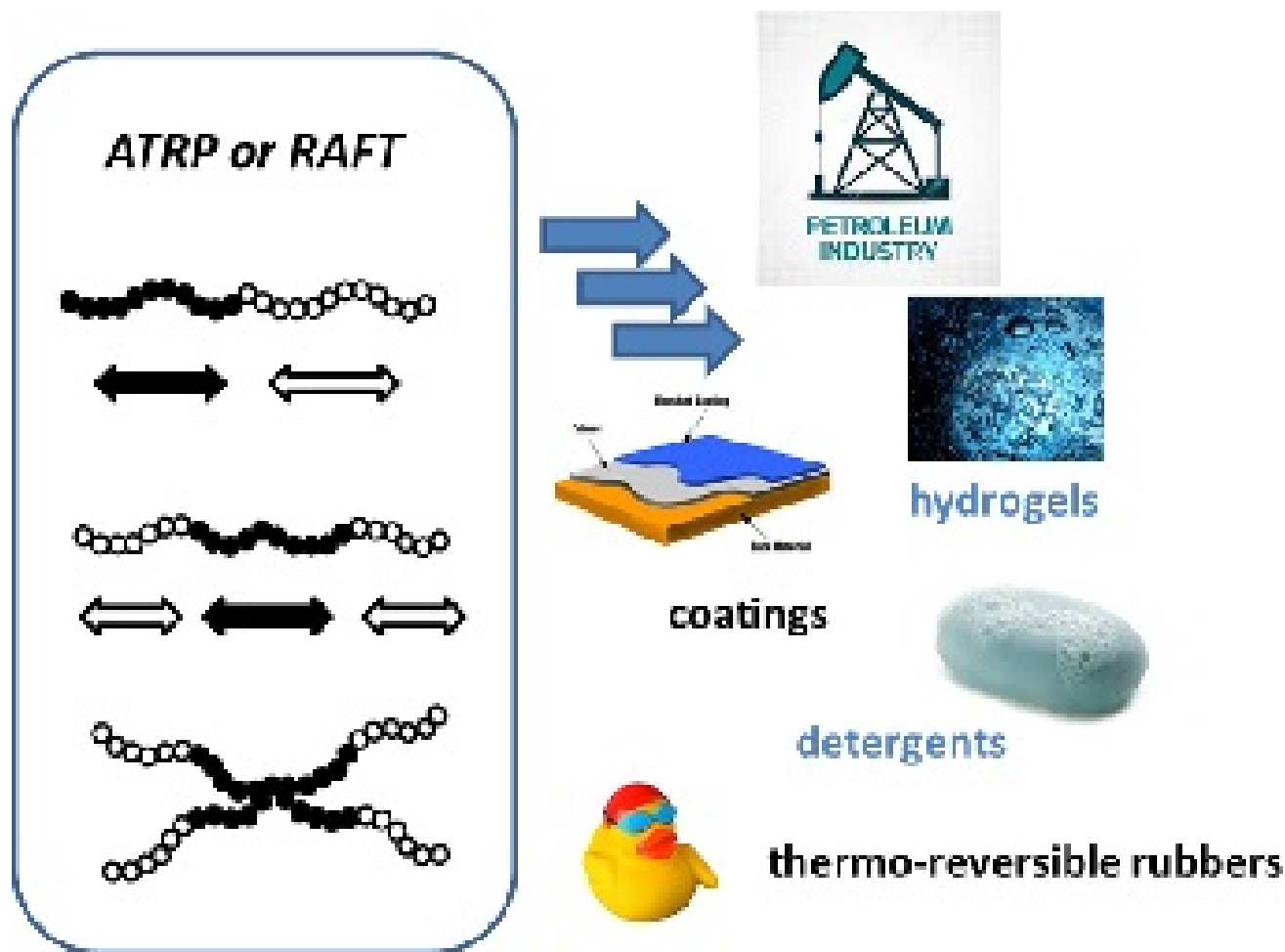


Self-healing polymers



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Design of well-defined functional (co)polymers for industrial applications



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