



ERS Polyol Opportunity Overview

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ERS Company Overview



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WHAT WE DO

Elevance Renewable Sciences Inc. is the leader in the chemical conversion of renewable feedstock into a wide range of both 'drop in' and novel specialty chemicals

TECHNOLOGY

Elevance produces a wide range of specialty chemicals from renewable oils using proprietary, Nobel prize winning metathesis technology developed by Dr. Robert Grubbs at Caltech

COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION

Already commercialized, marketed and generated gross profits from first suite of commercial products

Asian JV 180,000mt biorefinery with Wilmar commences production in 2012

KEY STATS

Employees: 140

Founded: 2007

Headquarters: Woodridge, IL

High Performance Specialty and Intermediate Chemicals from Natural Oils

- Variety of Natural Oils
- Widely Available

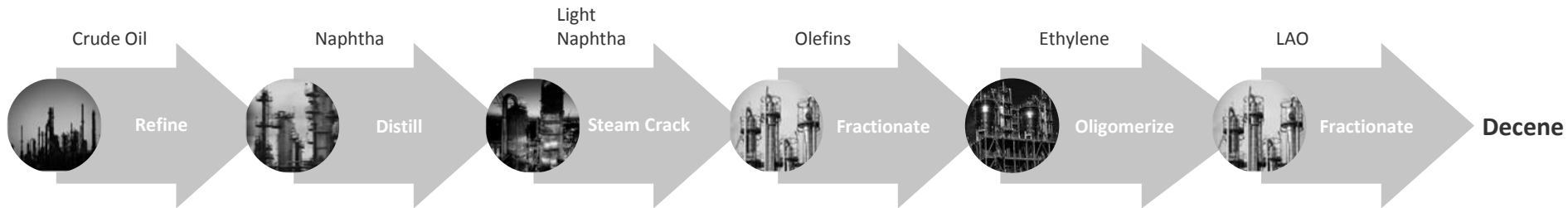
- Commercial Today
- Low Capital Requirements
- Low Operating Costs

- High Value Product Mix
- Addresses Critical Shortages
- Meets Customer Performance Needs

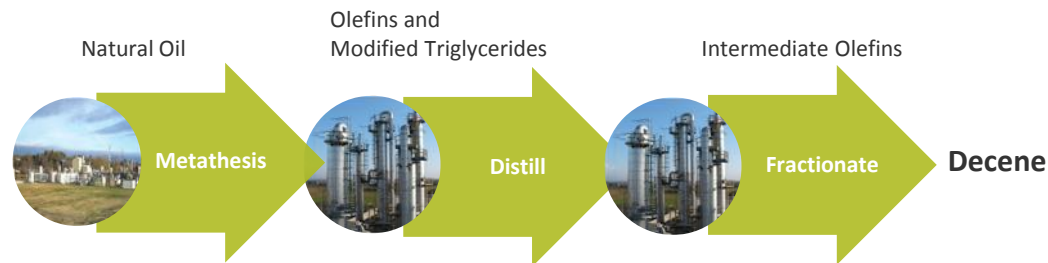


Elevance Advantage: An Elegant Conversion Process

Petroleum Route to Decene



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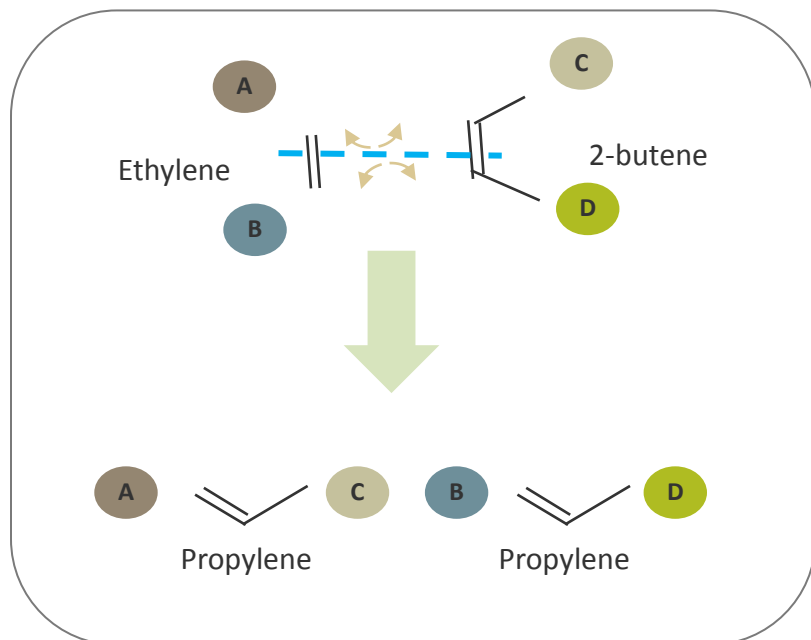


Less than ¼ of the Capital and Operating Costs of Traditional Processes

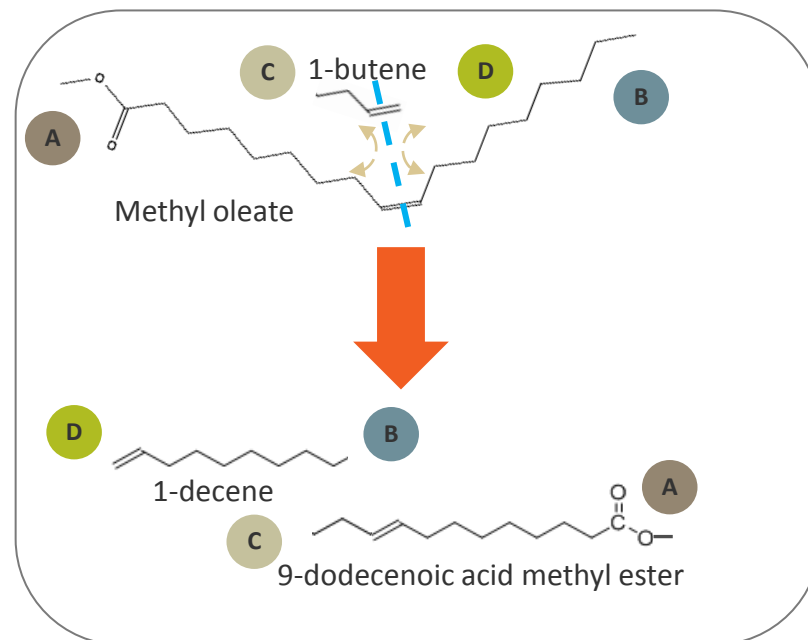
Fewer steps and with lower capital and operating costs

Elevance Advantage: Proprietary Metathesis Technology

Traditional Catalyst



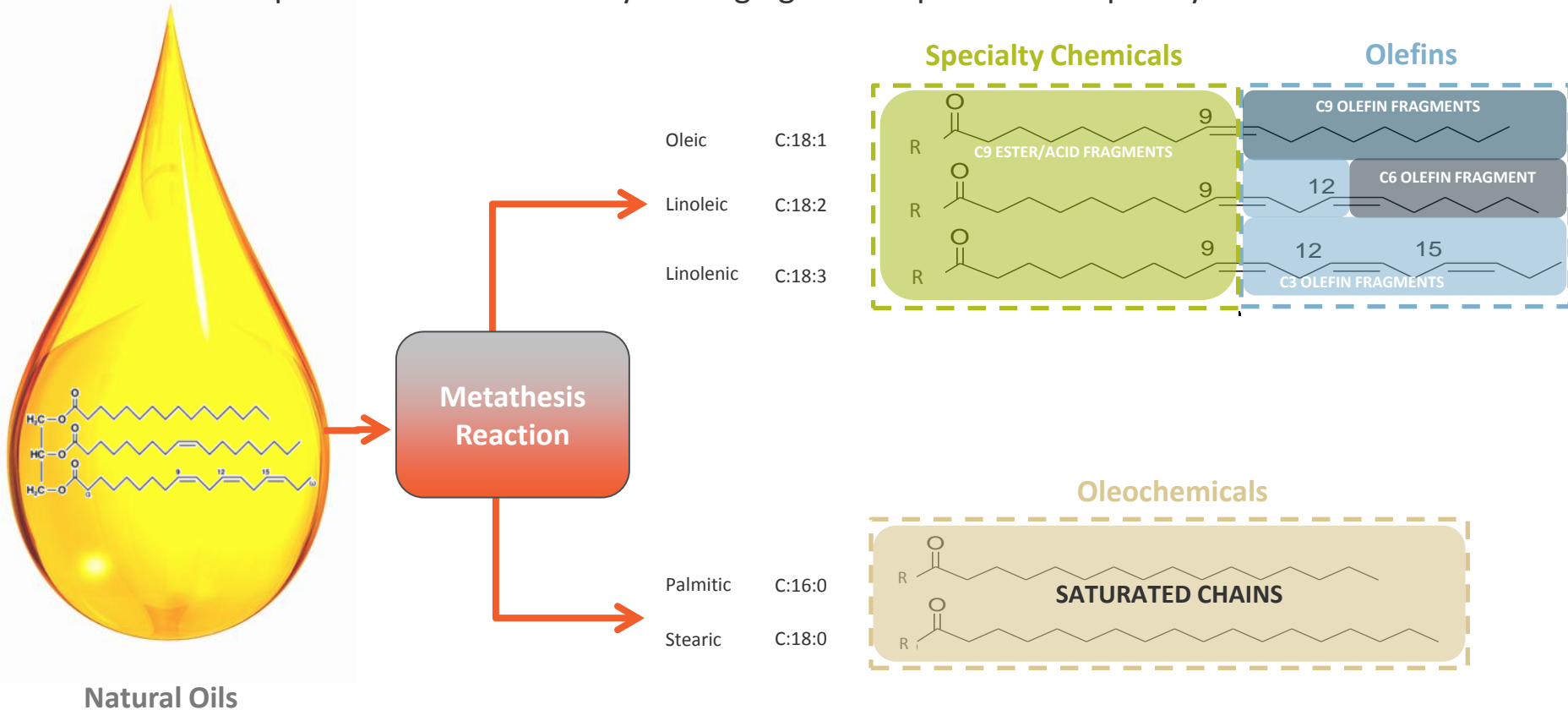
Our Proprietary Catalyst



Refining natural oils to specialty chemicals and intermediate chemicals using metathesis technology

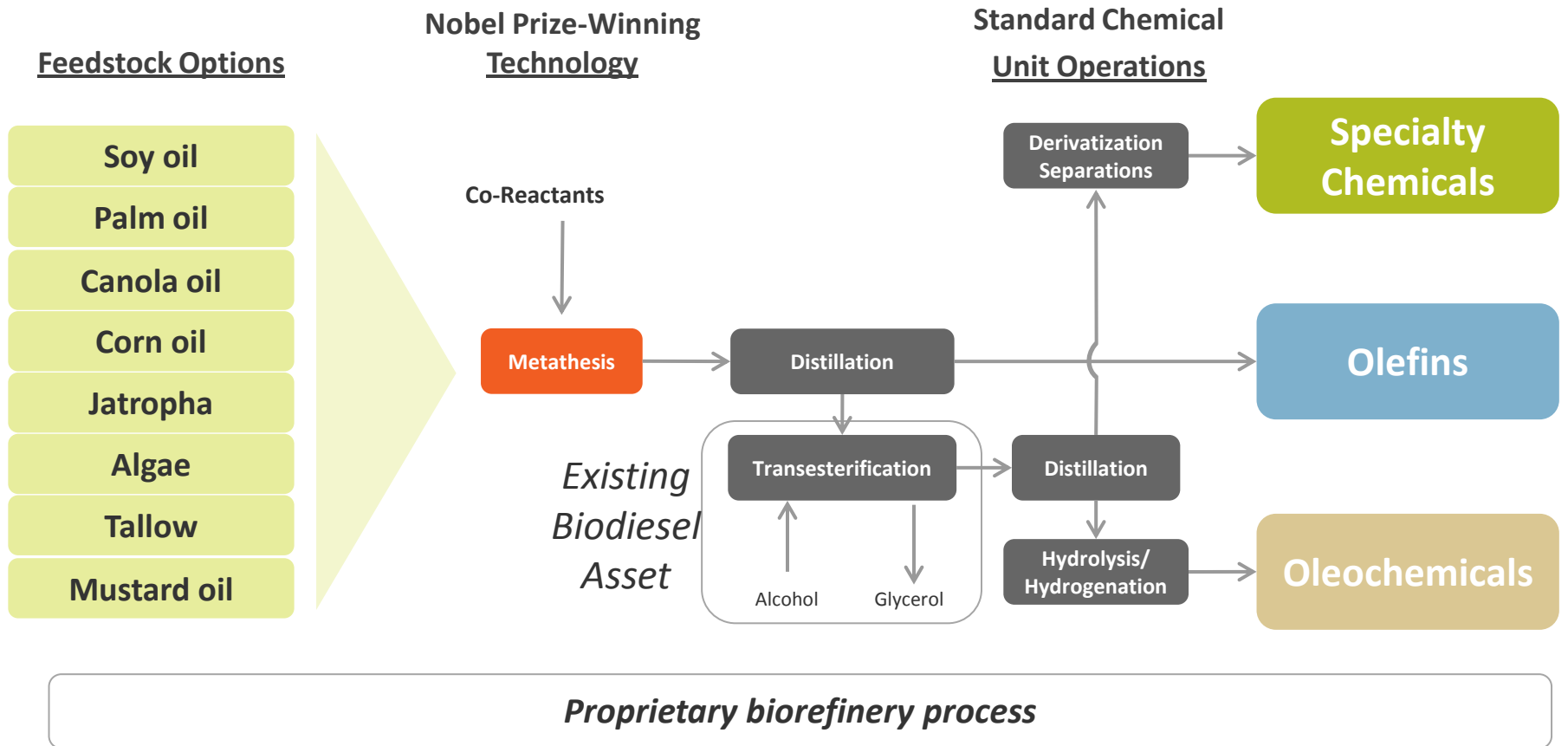
Elevance Advantage: Leveraging the Inherent Complexity of Plant Oils

- Traditional processes use small molecules to build more complex molecules
- The Elevance process reduces costs by leveraging natural plant oil complexity



Elevance Advantage: Superior Process

- Low capital intensity and low cost of production
- High value product mix
- Technology process proven and *scalable*








Near-Term Large-Scale Commercialization

One million metric tonnes from three biorefineries by 2015



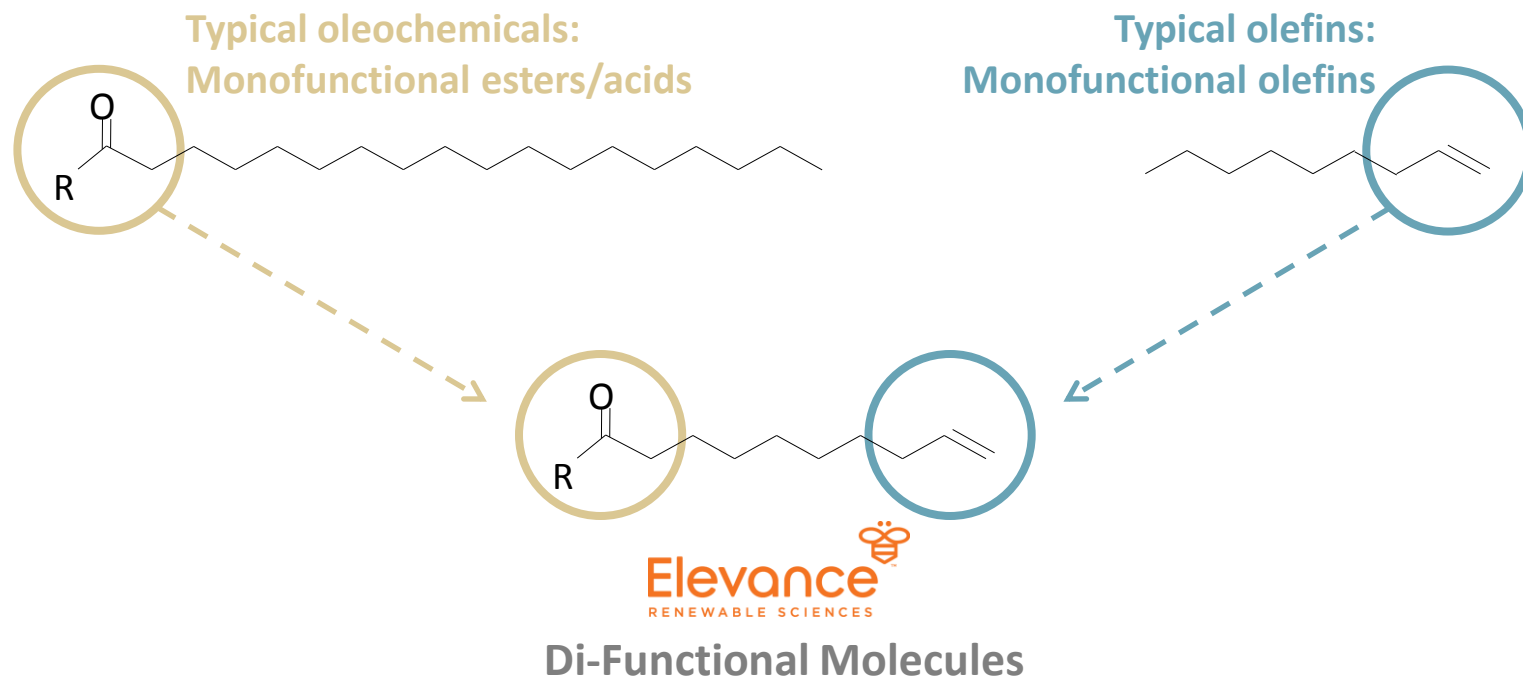
Accelerated Market Entry through Leading Commercial Partners

Partner	Product	Addressable Market
	Specialty Polymers	Engineered Polymers & Coatings
	Polymer Additives	Engineered Polymers & Coatings
	Rubber Processing Oils	Lubricants & Additives
	Greases	Lubricants & Additives
	Surfactants and Antimicrobials	Consumer Ingredients & Intermediates
	Personal Care	Consumer Ingredients & Intermediates

Polyol Opportunity



Specialty Chemicals Based on Novel Di-functional Molecules



Chemicals from the Elevance process combine functional attributes of olefins and oleochemicals in a previously unachievable single molecule

Products Address Critical Customer Needs

Detergents & Cleaners

- ✓ Improved cold water performance
- ✓ Alternative feedstock with pricing/supply dynamics



Personal Care Products

- ✓ Anti-frizz and shine for leave-in hair care
- ✓ Moisturizing benefits and smoother feel for skin care products



Performance Waxes

- ✓ Thermal stability
- ✓ Increased fragrance loading



Lubricant Base Oils

- ✓ Reduction in formulation costs
- ✓ Improved fuel economy



Lubricant & Fuel Additives

- ✓ Improved lubricity
- ✓ Enhanced cold flow properties



Engineered Polymers & Coatings

- ✓ Enhanced corrosion, chemical and heat resistance
- ✓ Light weight replacement for metal alternatives



Products specifically target customer desired functional attributes

Engineered Polymers & Coatings: Di-functional Monomers

High performance polymers rapidly replacing metal & other materials:

- ✓ Lower weight
- ✓ Easier to process
- ✓ Better performance in difficult environments

Automotive under hood components



Electrical and electronic parts



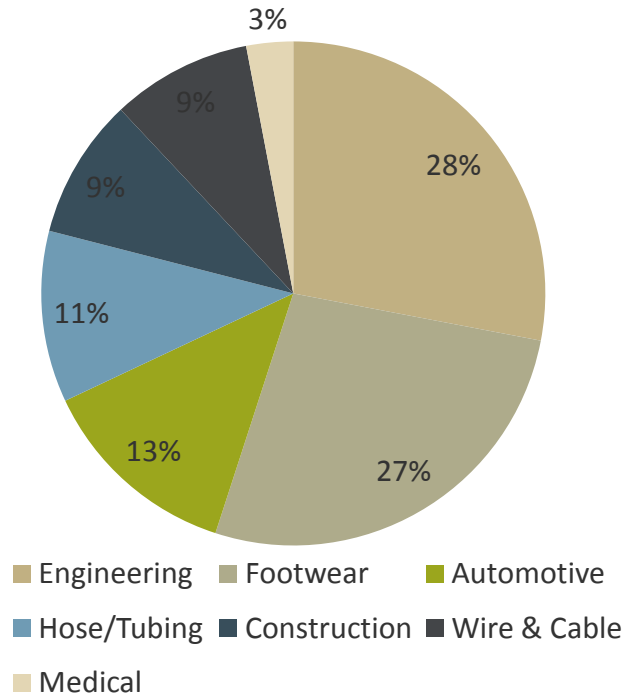
High performance sports and leisure goods



ERS is Partnered with  in Engineered Polymers

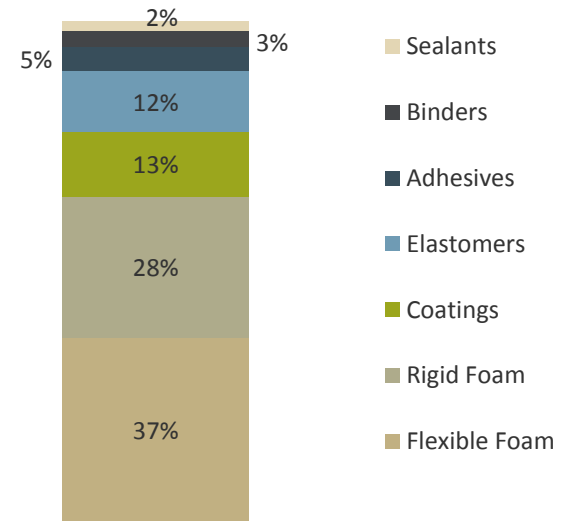
Market Landscape: Thermoplastic Polyurethanes (TPU's)

Global TPU Consumption by End Use,



2007 TPU Demand by End-use

End-use market , kMT	EMEA	Americas	Asia-Pacific	Total
Injection	53	30	85	169
Extrusion	41	45	46	132
Adhesives	14	8	23	46
Coatings	4	3	17	23
Total	112	86	172	370



Sources: IAL, several PU articles

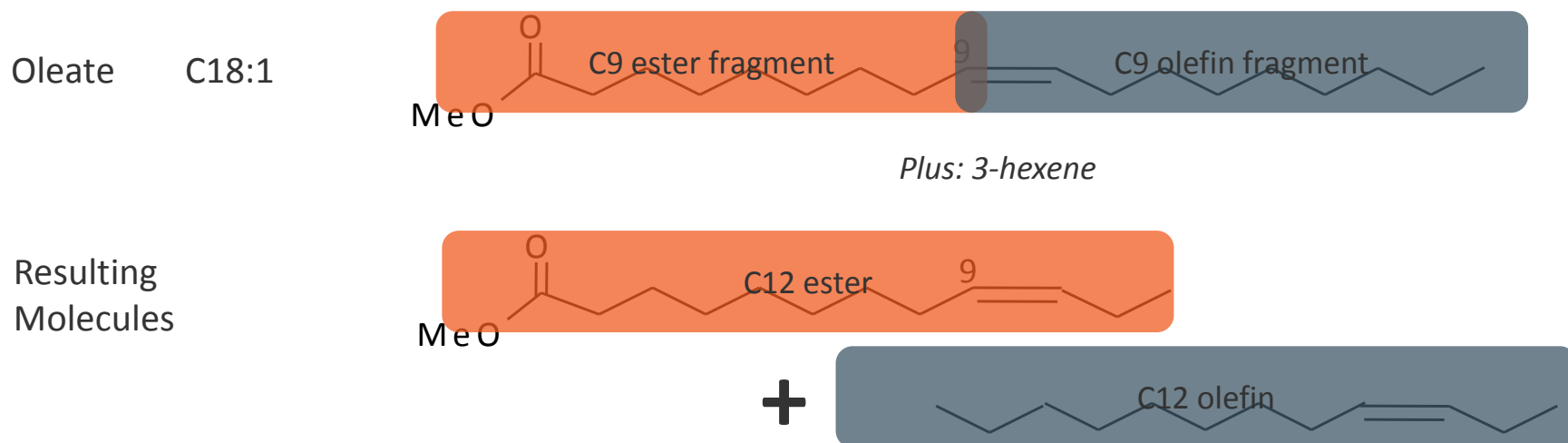
Polyurethane Chemistry

PU chemistry uses 3 key ingredients: isocyanates, chain extender (diol), and polyol

- Polyurethanes are synthesized by a poly-addition reaction between polyols & isocyanates
- TPU are segmented linear polymers made from alternating hard (urethane) & soft segments
- A thermoplastic polyurethane (TPU) uses a specific combination of 3 classes of raw materials:
 - Isocyanate (NCO)
 - Difunctional
 - Chain extender (CE),
 - Low molecular weight diols difunctional monomers
 - Polyol,
 - Difunctional oligomeric material, OH terminated

Example: Olefin Metathesis for Polyol Precursor Production

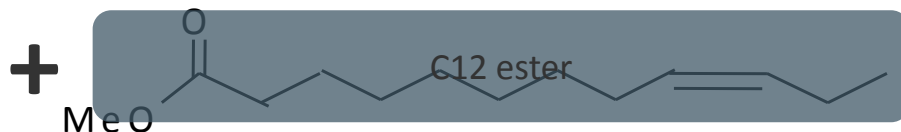
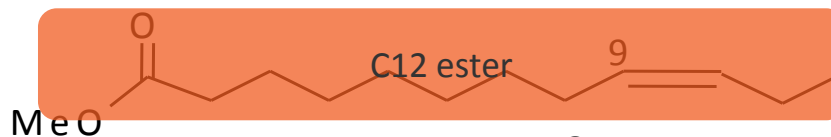
- We can utilize the metathesis reaction to convert natural oils into di-functional esters



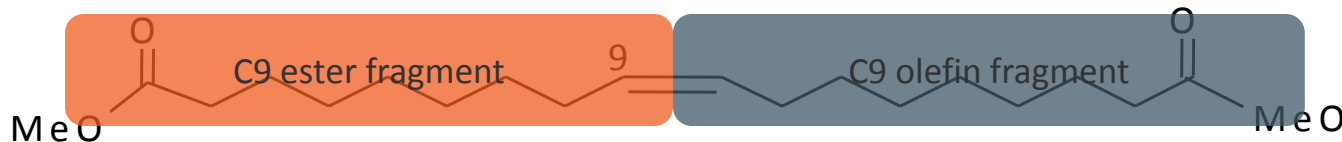
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- We can then utilize self-metathesis to convert methyl 9-dodecenoate into a diester

Resulting Molecules



C18 Di-ester



Plus: 3-hexene

- We can subsequently deploy standard organic chemistry techniques to form mid-chain diacids and diols, which can be used as a chain extender or polyester polyol raw materials



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