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Levulinate technology enabling safer and
more sustainable coatings

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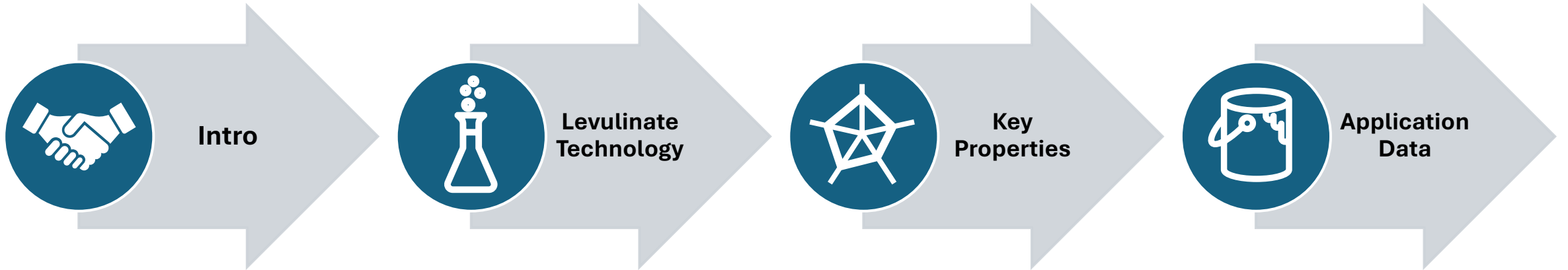
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Levulinate technology as an enabler to increase biogenic carbon content for more sustainable and safer coatings

Agenda



MEGATRENDS



Consumers demanding Green products

Climate change awareness is driving consumer behaviour. Manufacturers and brands are demanding sustainable solutions



Tougher Regulations

Use of existing material increasingly restricted (e.g D5-silicones in personal care)
CMR and PFAS materials under pressure



Corporates moving towards sustainable alternatives

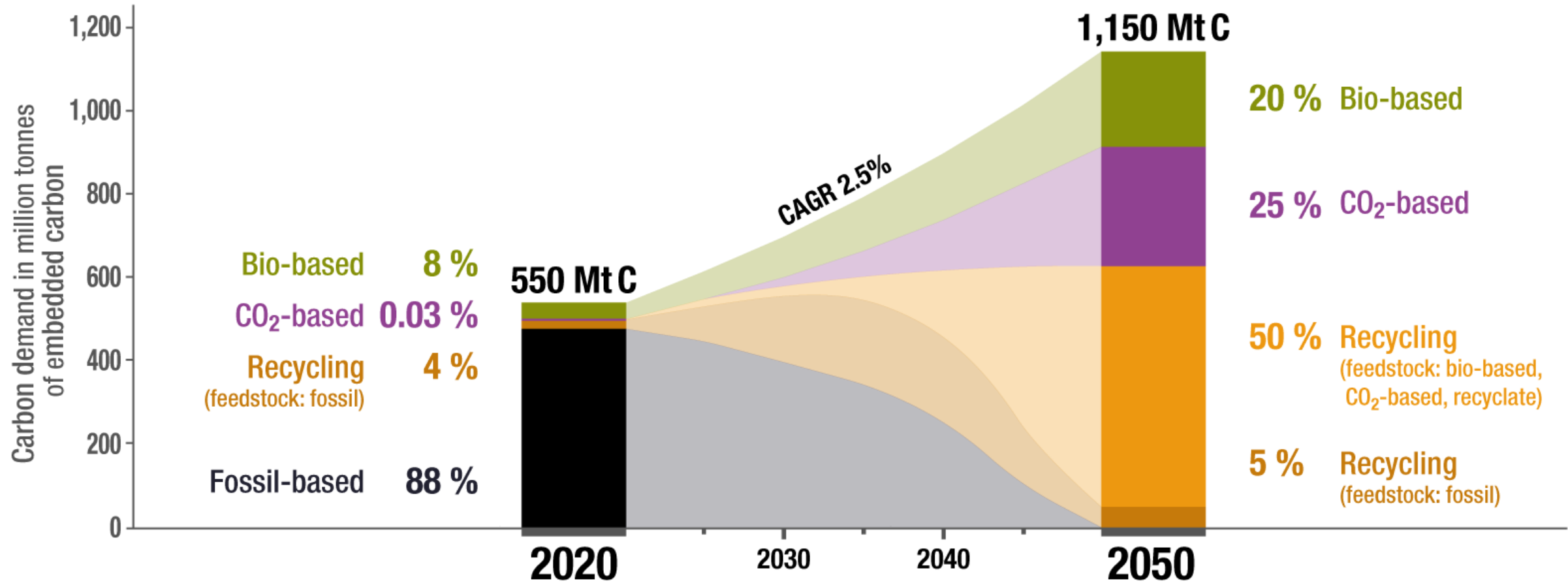
e.g: press release
Unilever: 100% replacement of petro-solvents in home care by 2030



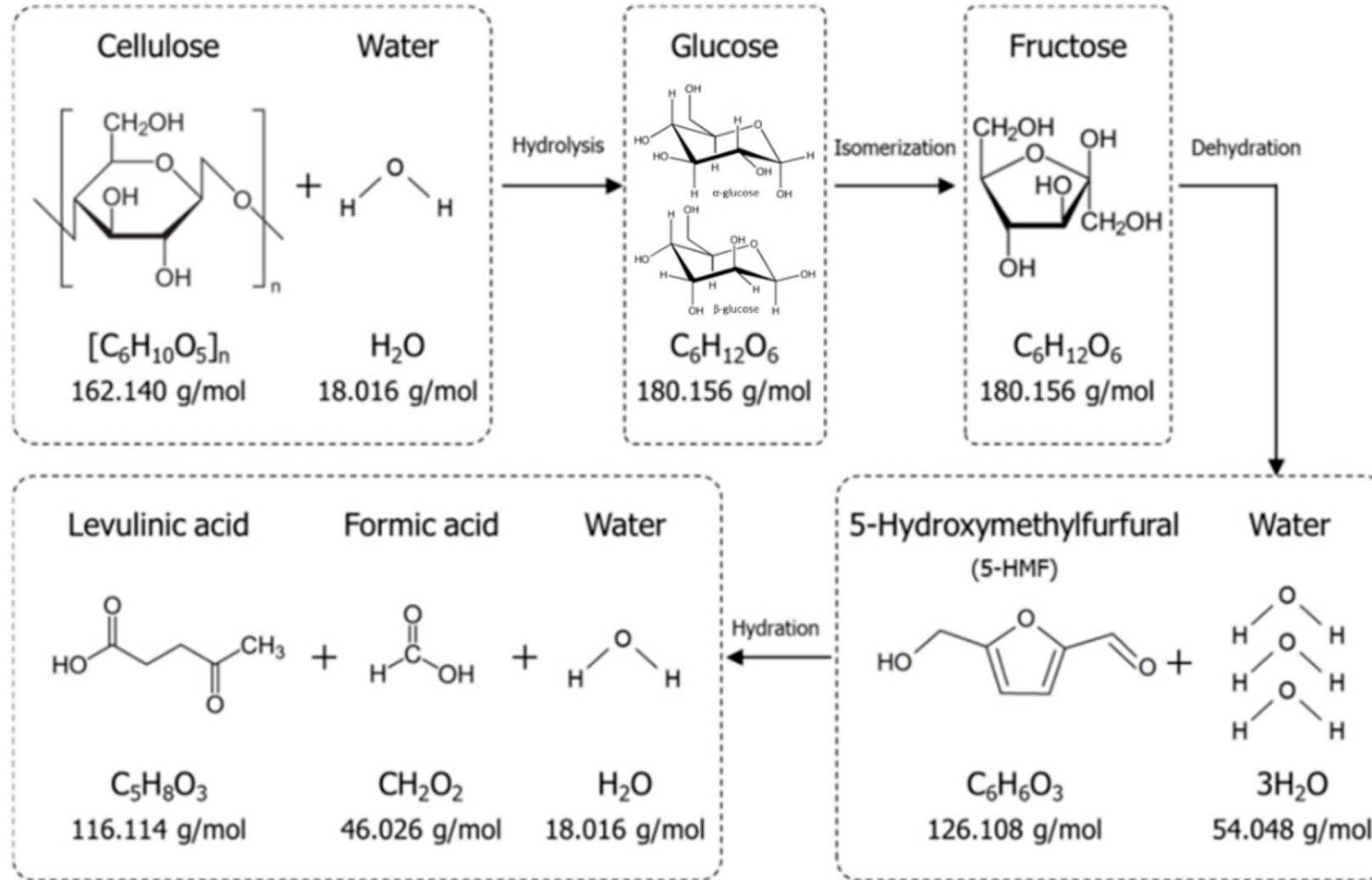
Improved health & safety

Incumbent industrial chemicals being banned (e.g. NMP)
Low toxicity alternatives sought

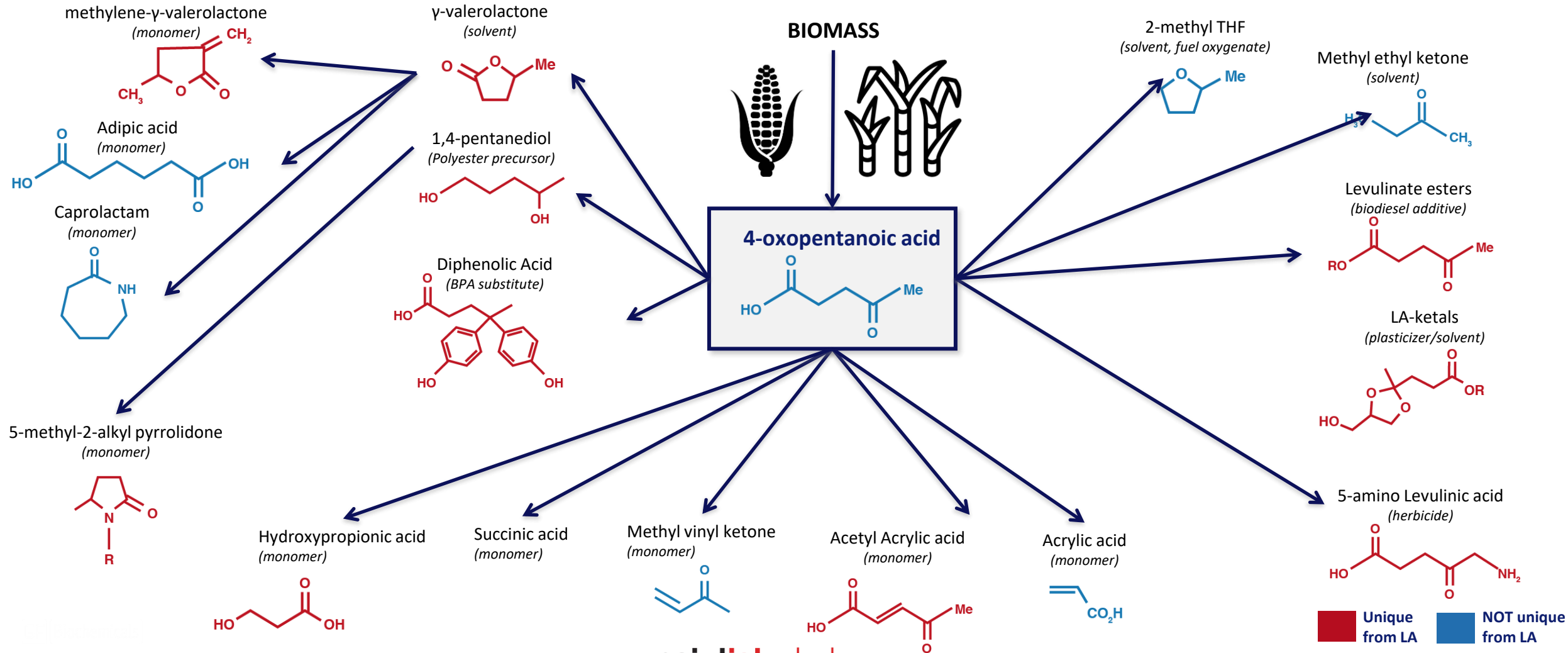
Embedded Carbon & Source



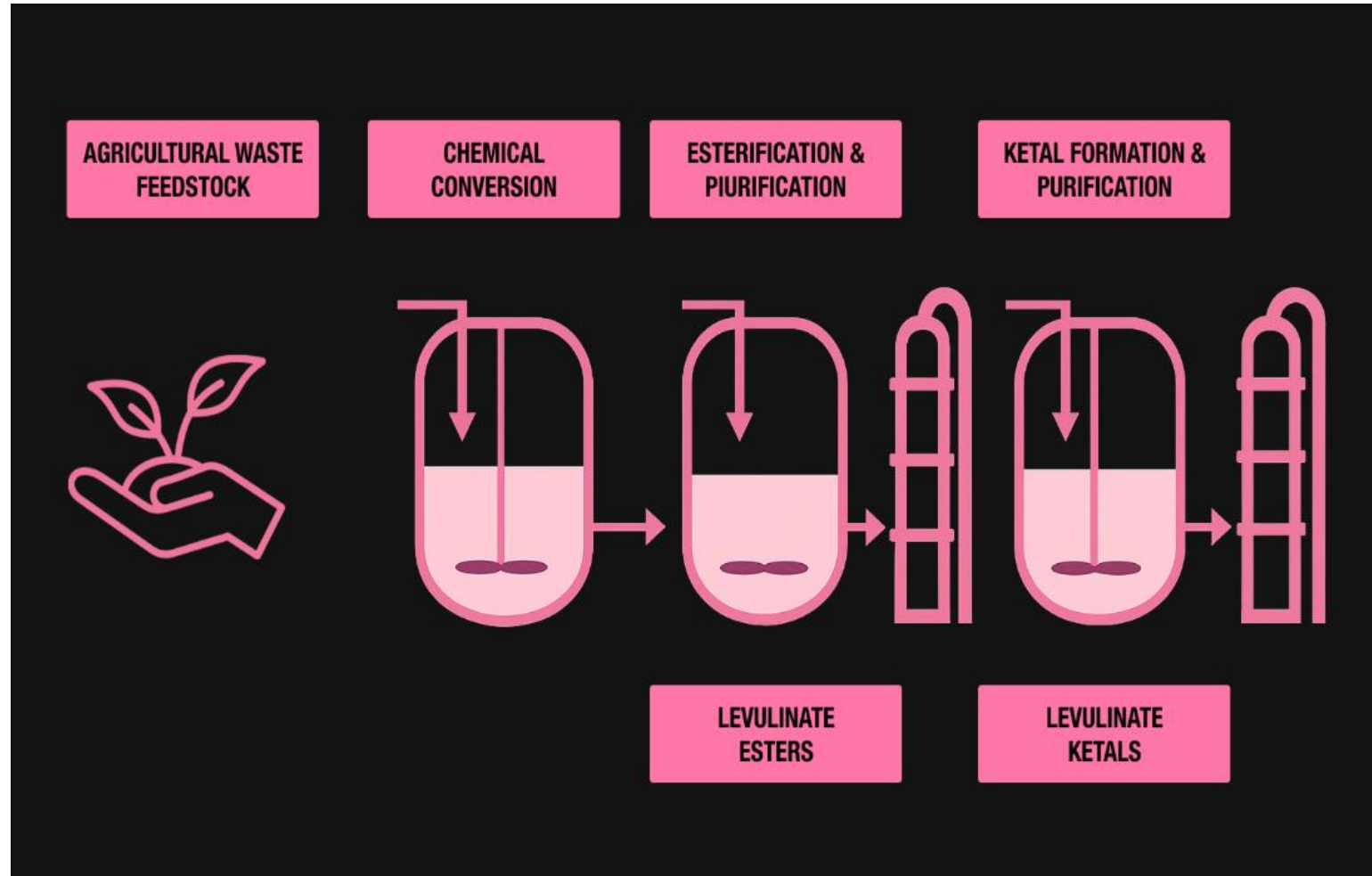
4-oxopentanoic acid formation pathway



Levulinic acid platform versatility



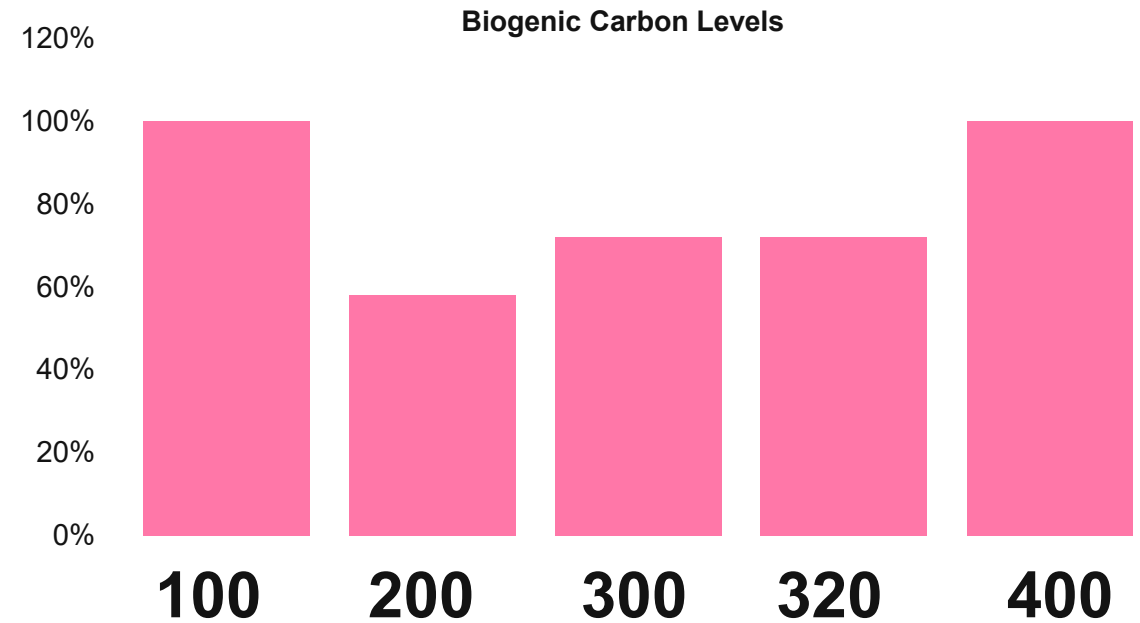
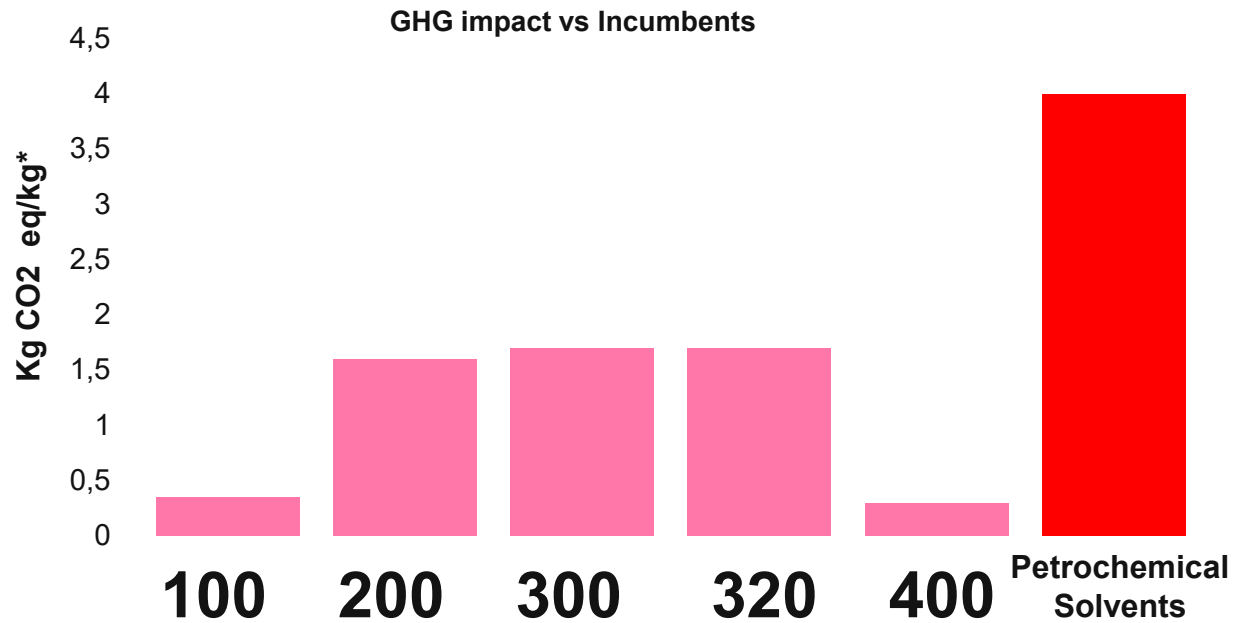
Levulinic acid platform - process



Physical Characteristics Levulinate

	Ethyl Levulinate	Butyl Levulinate	Levulinate Propanediol Ketal
Boiling Point (°C)	205.8	237.8	225.2
Melting Point (°C)	< -60	< -60	< -60
Density (20°C)	1.012	0.974	1.03
Vapour Pressure (kPa 20°C)	0.0117	0.0031	0.0065
Water solubility (g/L 20°C)	170	13	31
HSP (25 °C)			
Dispersion (δ_d)	14.6	15.7	15.2
Polar (δ_p)	10.5	9.7	4.7
Hydrogen bonding (δ_h)	7.0	5.8	6.8

Typical properties – CO2 footprint



Compelling carbon footprint compared to petrochemical solvents:

1. Propylene Glycol – 12 times the CO2 emissions of Ethyl Levulinate
2. Tetrahydrofuran – 16.5 times the CO2 emissions of Butyl levulinate

Biogenic Carbon of Ethyl Levulinate and Levulinate Prodanediol Ketal can be increased to 100% through incorporation of biobased butanol and 1,2 propanediol

HSE Profile

NON-FLAMMABLE

No ATEX requirements; easier handling and storage; lower insurance costs

NO VAPOUR TOXICITY

No exposure risk to production staff; no exposure risk for end user

NO AQUATIC TOXICITY

No 'dead fish' labelling; greatly reduced environmental impact in case of spill

NOT DANGEROUS FOR TRANSPORT

Lower transportation costs

BIODEGRADABLE

Compliant with regulations; not persistent in the environment

Ethyl
Levulinate

Skin and eye
irritant



Butyl
Levulinate

Skin and eye
irritant

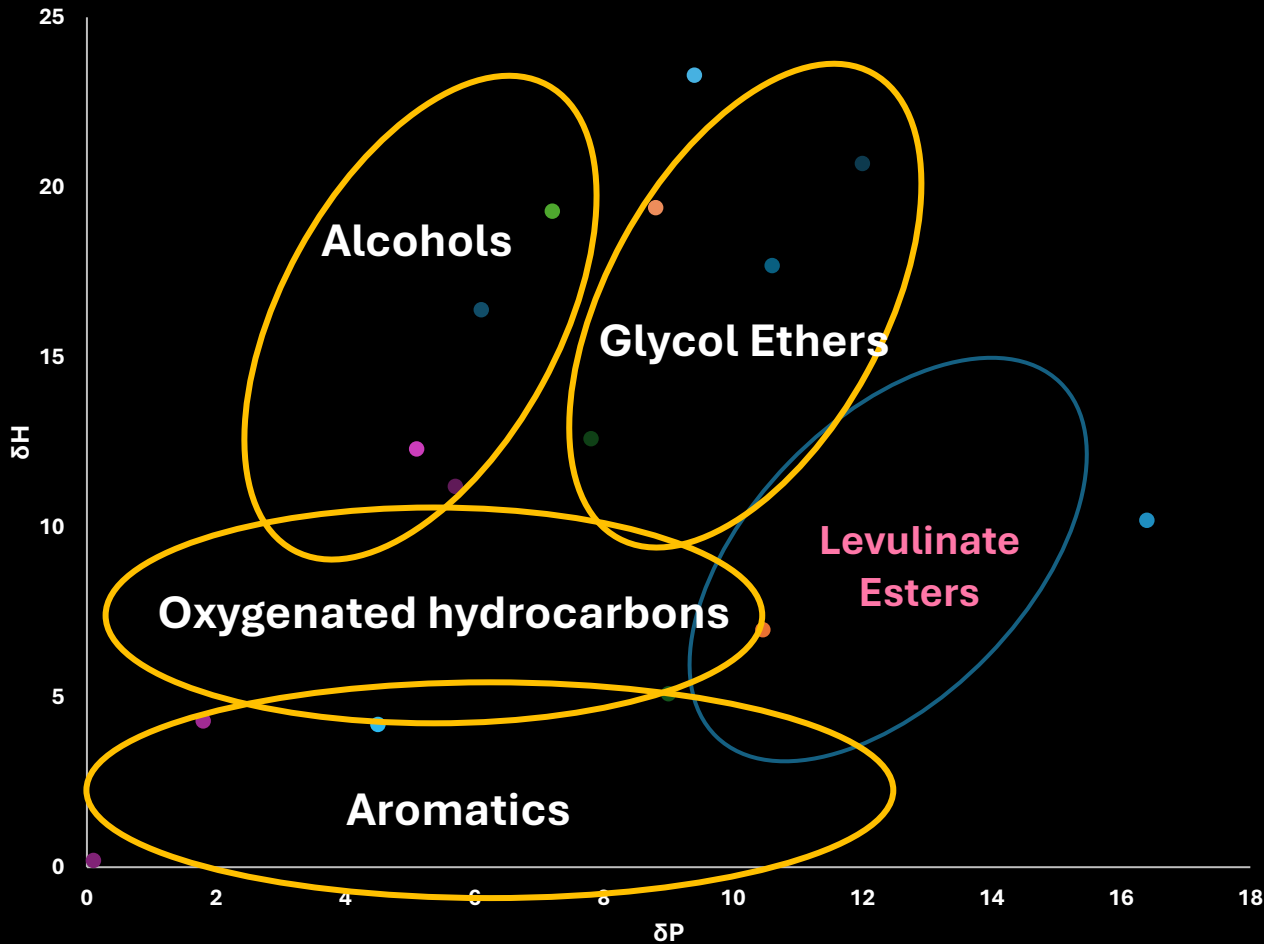


Levulinate
Propanediol
Ketal

No labelling

Typical properties – HSP

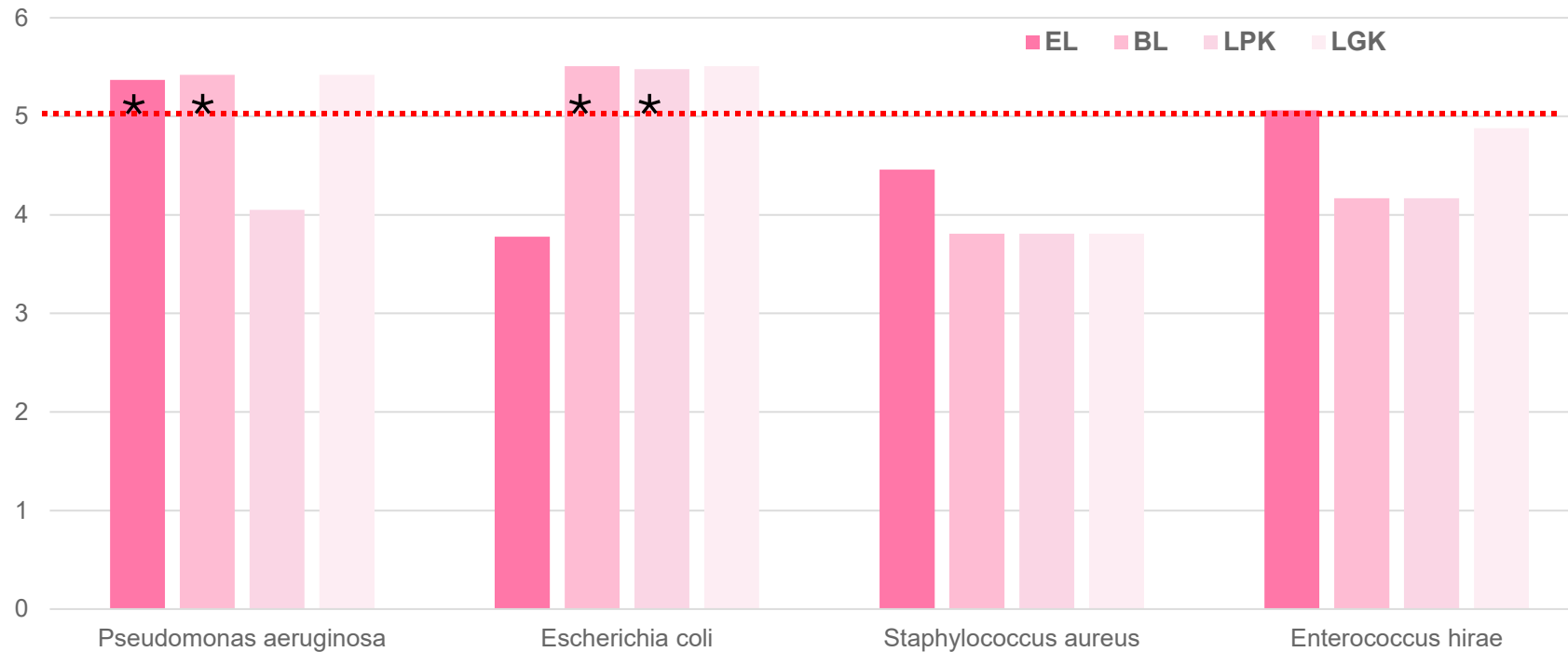
Basic Solvency comparison



General Properties

- ❑ Chemical structures facilitates multifunctional properties and bio-degradability
- ❑ Powerful bio-solvents
- ❑ High boiling point & vapour pressure
- ❑ Double C=O bonds imparts anti-microbial properties
- ❑ Excellent eco-tox profile
- ❑ Low carbon footprint

Typical Properties – Anti-microbial



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Log Reduction - Bactericidal Activity (Neat, 5min Contact Time)

* End point not validated

Use case of levulinate in coatings

• Carrier solvent

Ethyl Levulinate

Butyl Levulinate



Equipment cleaning

Ethyl Levulinate

Levulinate
Propanediol Ketal



Paint Stripping

Butyl Levulinate

Levulinate
Propanediol Ketal

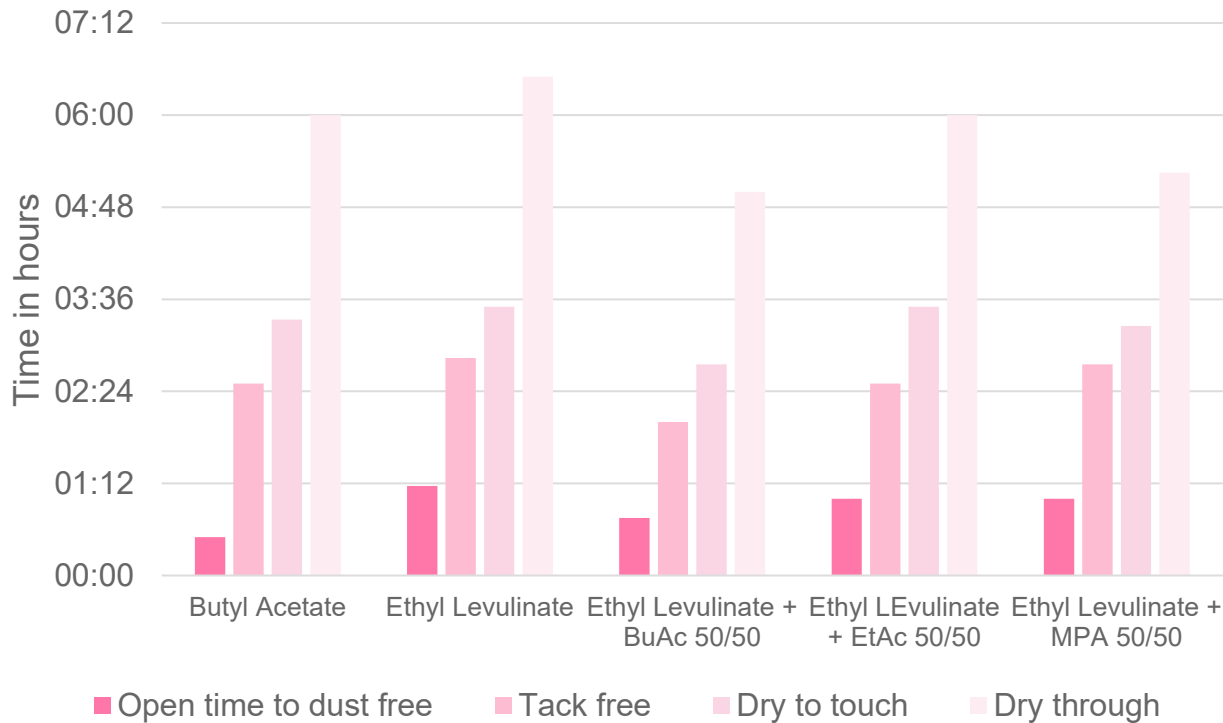


Formulations tested

Trade name Component A (g)	Solvent Function	Butyl Acetate	Ethyl Levulinate	Ethyl Levulinate + BuAc50	Ethyl Levulinate + EtAc50	Ethyl Levulinate + PMA50
JONCRYL® 507 (80% in Butyl Acetate)	Acrylic resin	468	468	468	468	468
BASONOL® HPE 1170 B (69% in Butyl Acetate)	Hyperbranched polyester polyol	201	201	201	201	201
DBTL (10% in Butyl Acetate)	Catalyst	10	10	10	10	10
2,4-Pentanedione	Complexing agent	13	13	13	13	13
n-Butyl Acetate	Solvent	308	-	154	-	-
RE:CHEMISTRY SOLVE100	Solvent	-	308	154	154	154
Ethyl Acetate	Solvent	-	-	-	154	-
Methyl Propyl Acetate	Solvent	-	-	-	-	154
Subtotal		1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Component B (g)						
BASONAT® HI 2000	Polyisocyanate	295	295	295	295	295

Drying time

Drying time at 21°C

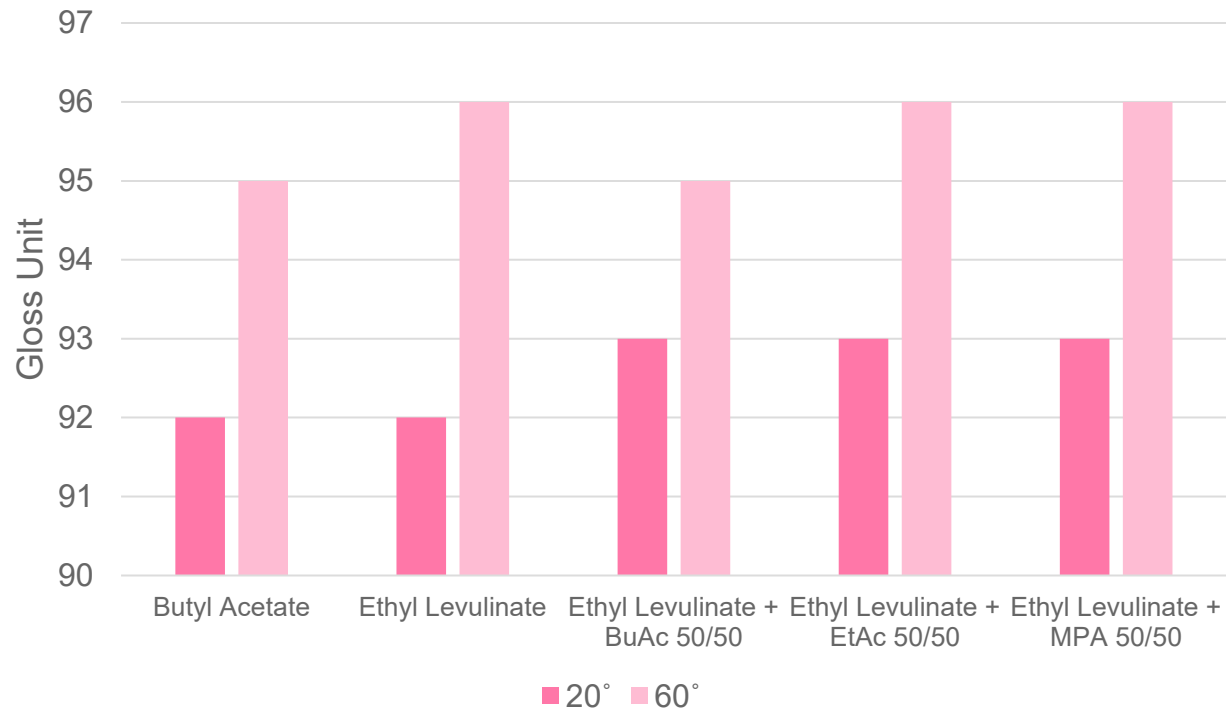


Ethyl Levulinate impact:

- Slight impact early open time
- Full drying was similar to the reference

Gloss

Gloss 20° and 60° – oven drying 15 hours at 60°C

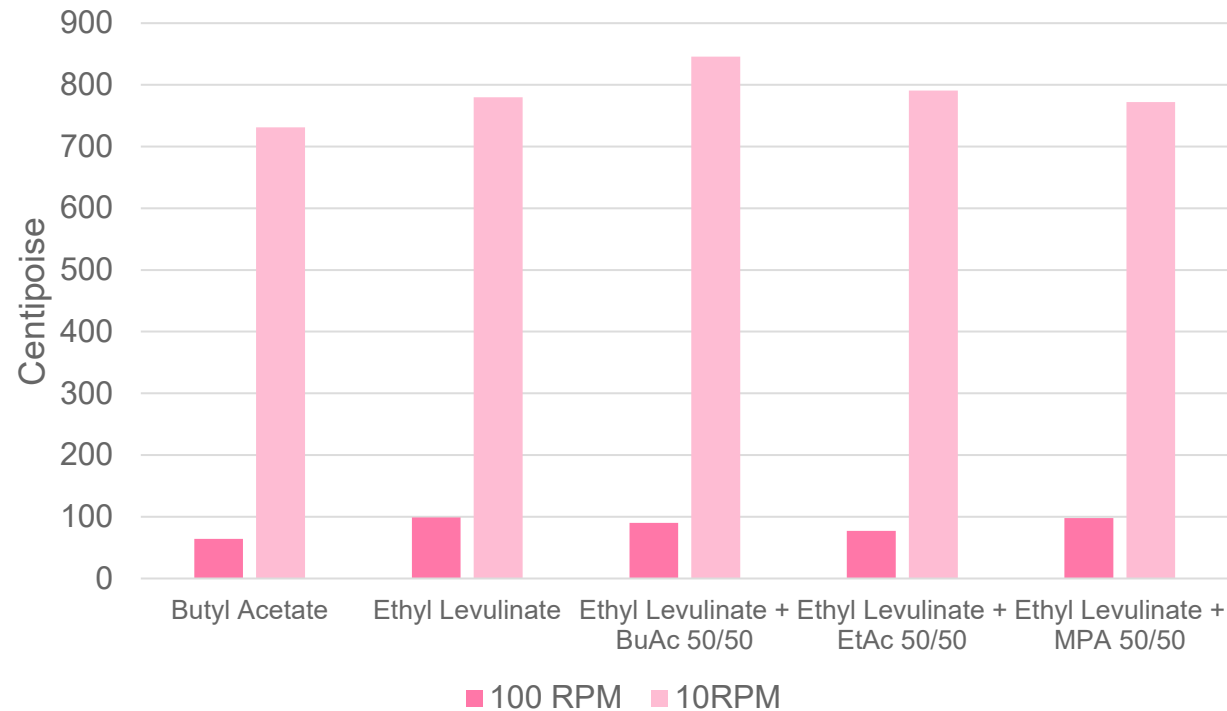


Ethyl Levulinate impact:

- Gloss values were very similar for all formulations

Viscosity rotative spindle – (Component A)

Component A: Rotative viscosity Brookfield type

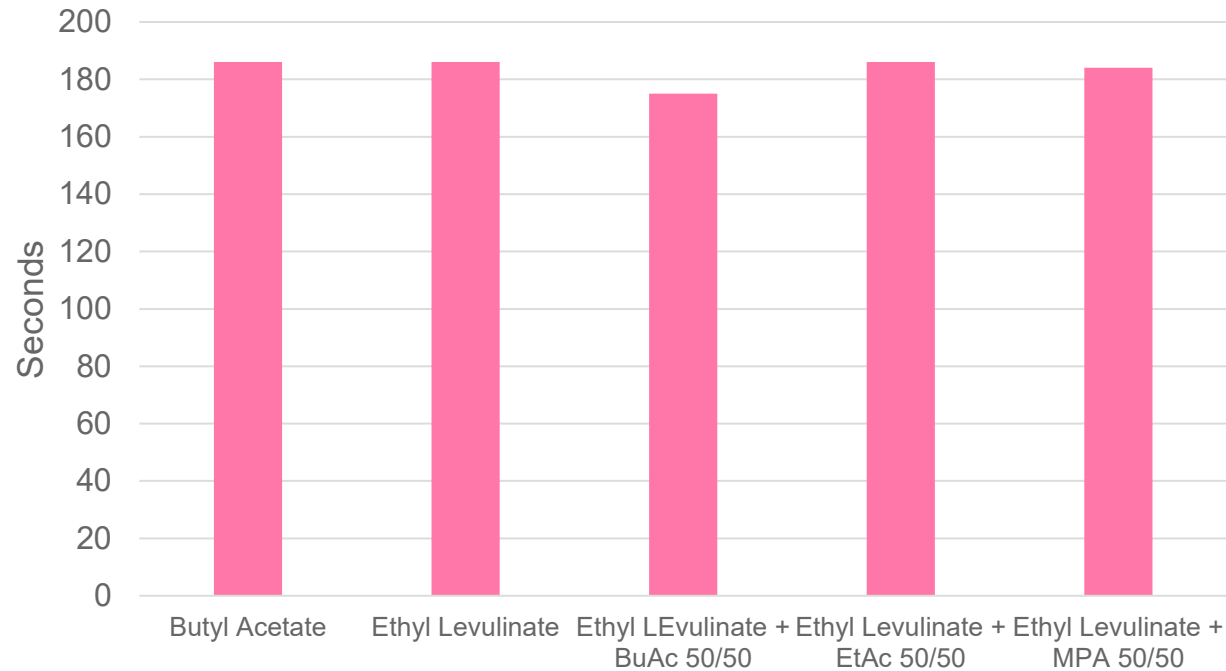


Ethyl Levulinate impact:

- Viscosity at 10 RPM was maintained around 800cps

Hardness

Koenig pendulum hardness – oven drying 15 hours
at 60°C

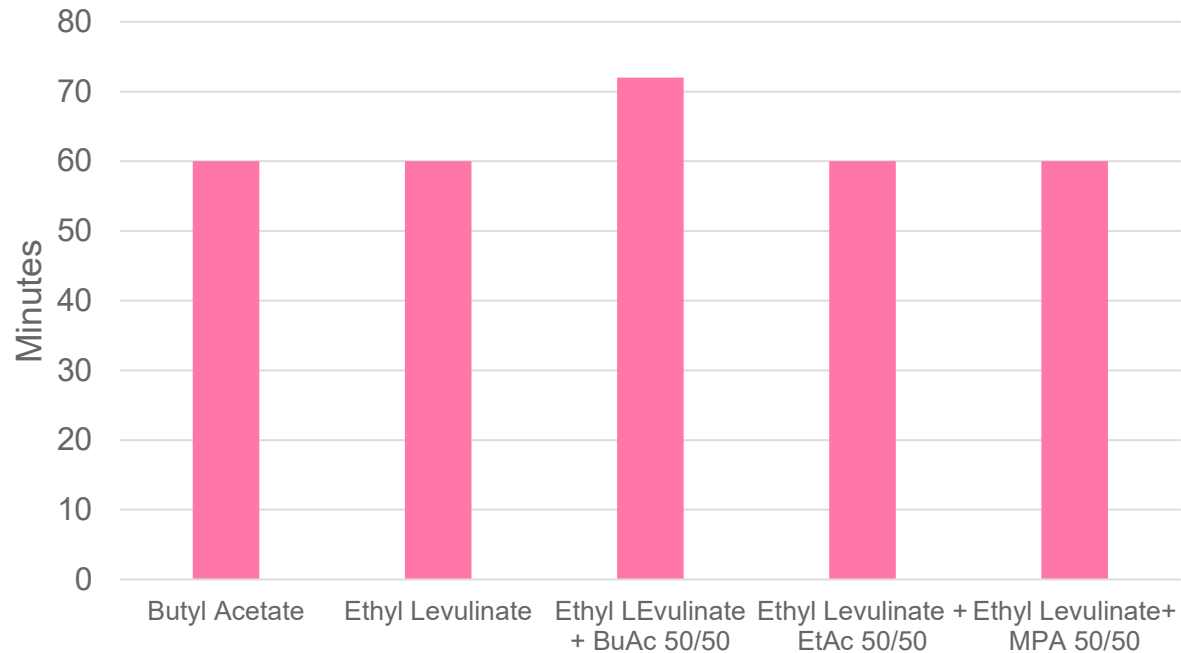


Ethyl Levulinate impact:

- Hardness is maintained for all formulations

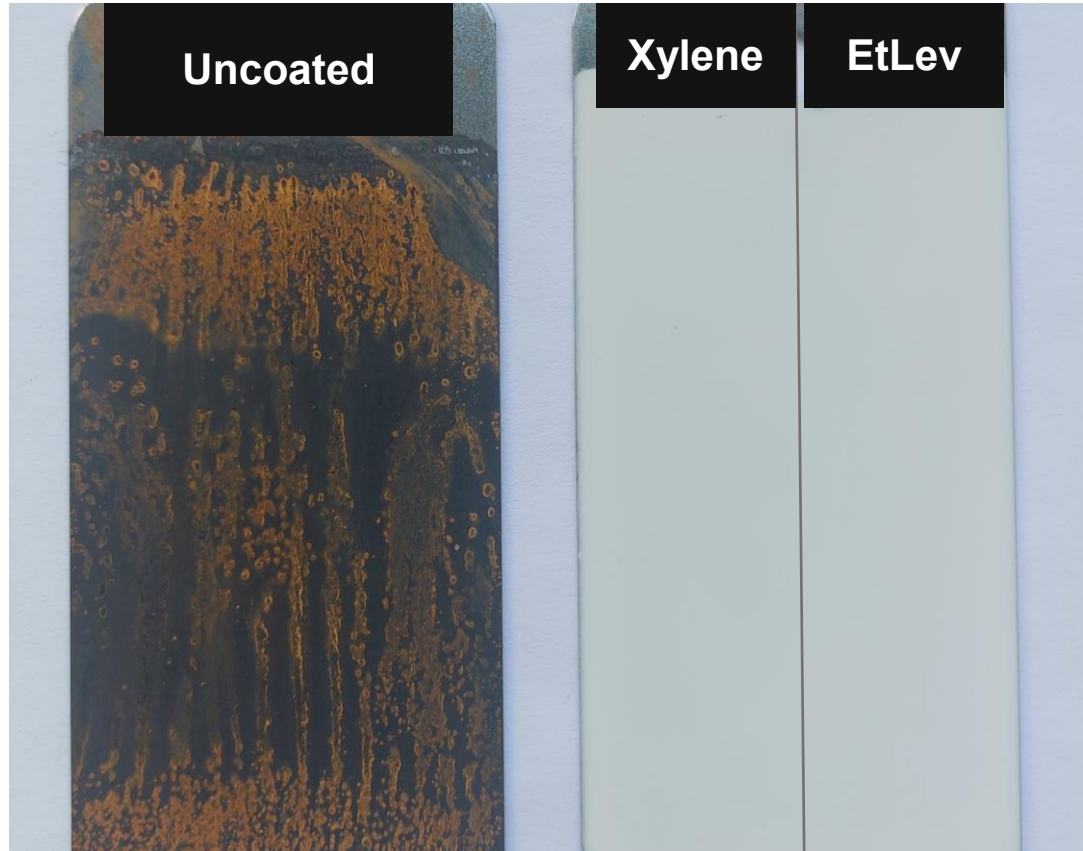
Pot life test

Pot life



Ethyl Levulinate impact:
Pot life was similar for all formulations

Corrosion test



Ethyl Levulinate impact:

1 week immersion test showed no difference in corrosion results

Levulinates offer a Unique Biobased Value Proposition

Applications

Industrial Coatings
Surface cleaners
Adhesive, ink and sealant removers
Paint stripping

Functions

Carrier solvent
Cleaning solvent
Paint Stripper

Replace

Glycol ethers
DMSO
Dibasic Esters
D-Limonene
Isopropylidene Glycerol
Dimethyl 2-Methylglutarate
NMP
Lactate Esters
Benzyl Alcohol
Methylal