



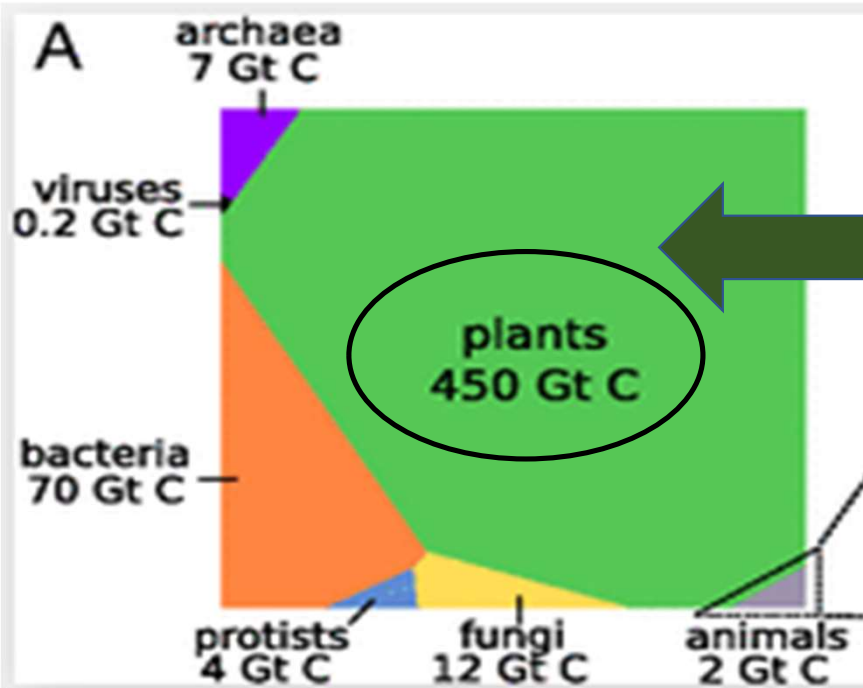
How pine forests, one of the world's largest biomass, also become a feedstock for the F&F industry.

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World C Biomass inventory (UN FAO)

World's biggest biomass are plants (450 Gigaton of Carbon = 450 000 000 000 tons of Carbon)
Most of plants are terrestrial.
Trees constitute the biggest plant biomass : 270 Gt C

Forests



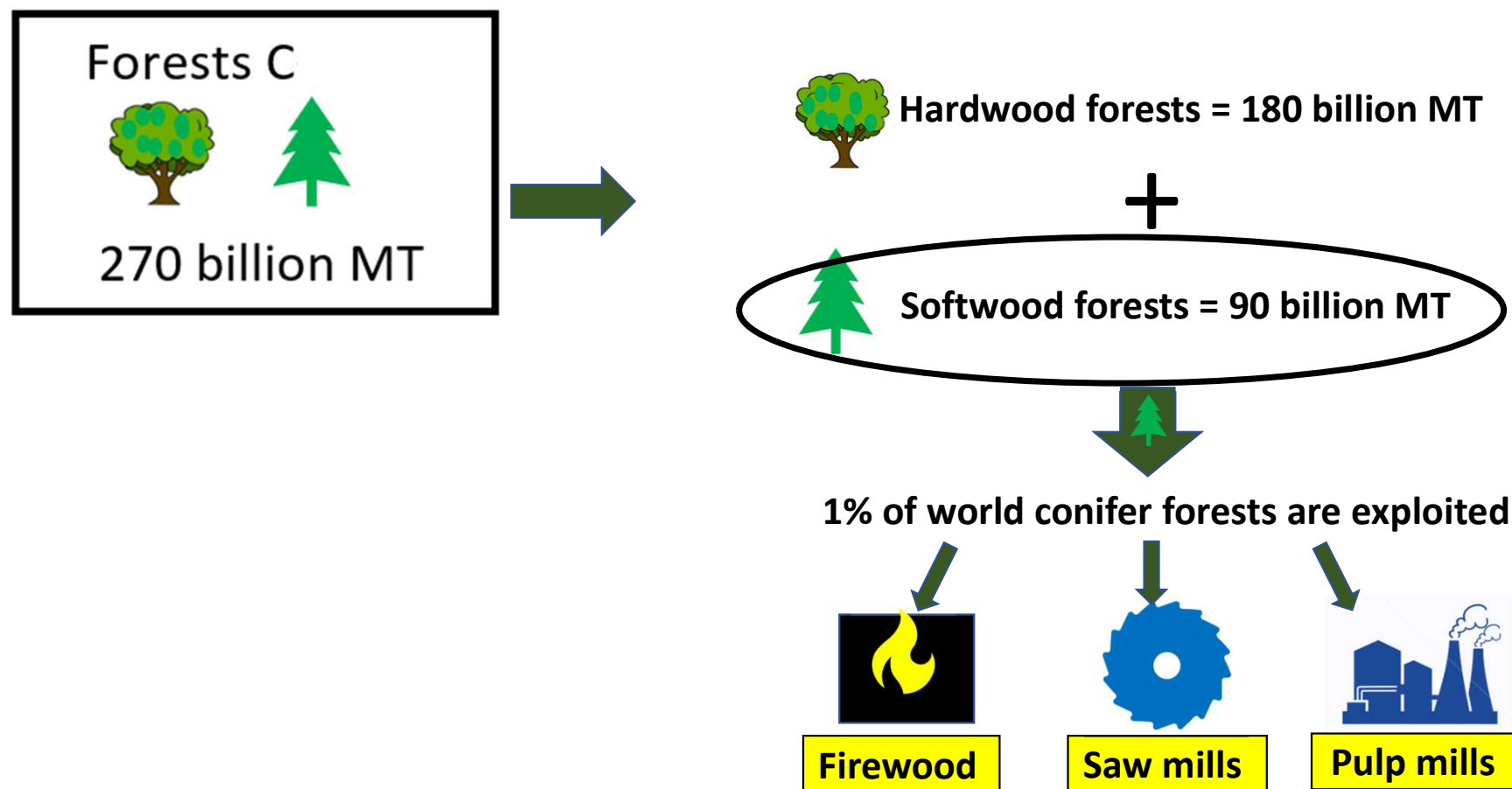
270 billion MT



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Conifers dry biomass, generally :

42% **cellulose** (glucose long polymers) 3 x longer than hardwoods

27% **hemicellulose** net (crossed polymers various sugars)

28% **lignin** rigidity (polymers of phenylpropane units)

Extractives :

- mainly resin acids, tryglycerides (bark and stem),
- fatty acids, steryl esters, sterols, and lignans (bark and branches)
- Terpenes as VOC's : alpha pinene beta pinene bornyl acetate etc (there are over 40,000 different types of terpenes in nature... lots of functions including protection (insect, heat, etc.)
- Thousands of other chemicals



It is estimated world pine forests naturally release each year 430 millions tons of terpenes (Schenk GO (1979) Möglichkeiten der Ultraviolet-Bestrahlung zur Entkeimung von Brauchwasser. Pafr Kosm 60:397)

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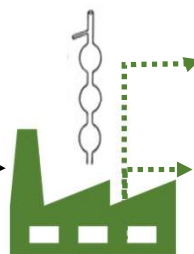
TAPPING

collect ~ 880,000 MT oleoresin,
avg yield 4 Kg per tree times year

TAPPING



Tapping : access
260,000,000 MT biomass
trees alive, only resin collected

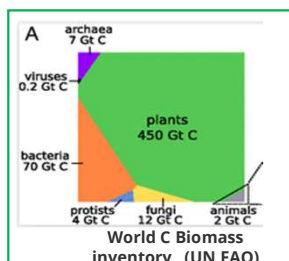


F&F ingredients, Polyterpenic resins, Camphor,
Solvents, etc

~17% **GT** Natural "gum" Turpentine 150 000 mt

~70% Gum Rosins (90% resin acid)
730 000 MT

Pine Resins 1,120,000 mt (Adhesives, ink, tires,
coatings, sealants, sizing...)



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CUTTING

> 1,000,000,000 MT

Softwood
Fuel Cutting :
>200 000 000
MT (wet)



Fuel wood
165,000,000 MT

Firewood

Softwood Non Fuel Cutting :
> 800 000 000 MT (wet)
trees cut to feed saw mills & pulp mills

~30% dead biomass stay in forest, decay →
microorganisms → animal CO²

Stumps &
roots



17.2 %
biomass

170,000 MT of
stumps

Needles
foliage



2.8 %
biomass

F&F
<100 mt

Branches &
tops



11.2%
biomass

Cosmetics
<500 mt

Cut timber, let
dry 6 months



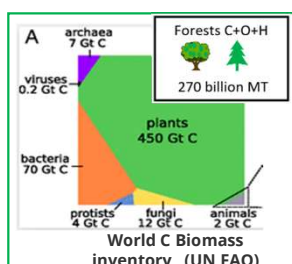
Barky logs

68.8 %
biomass

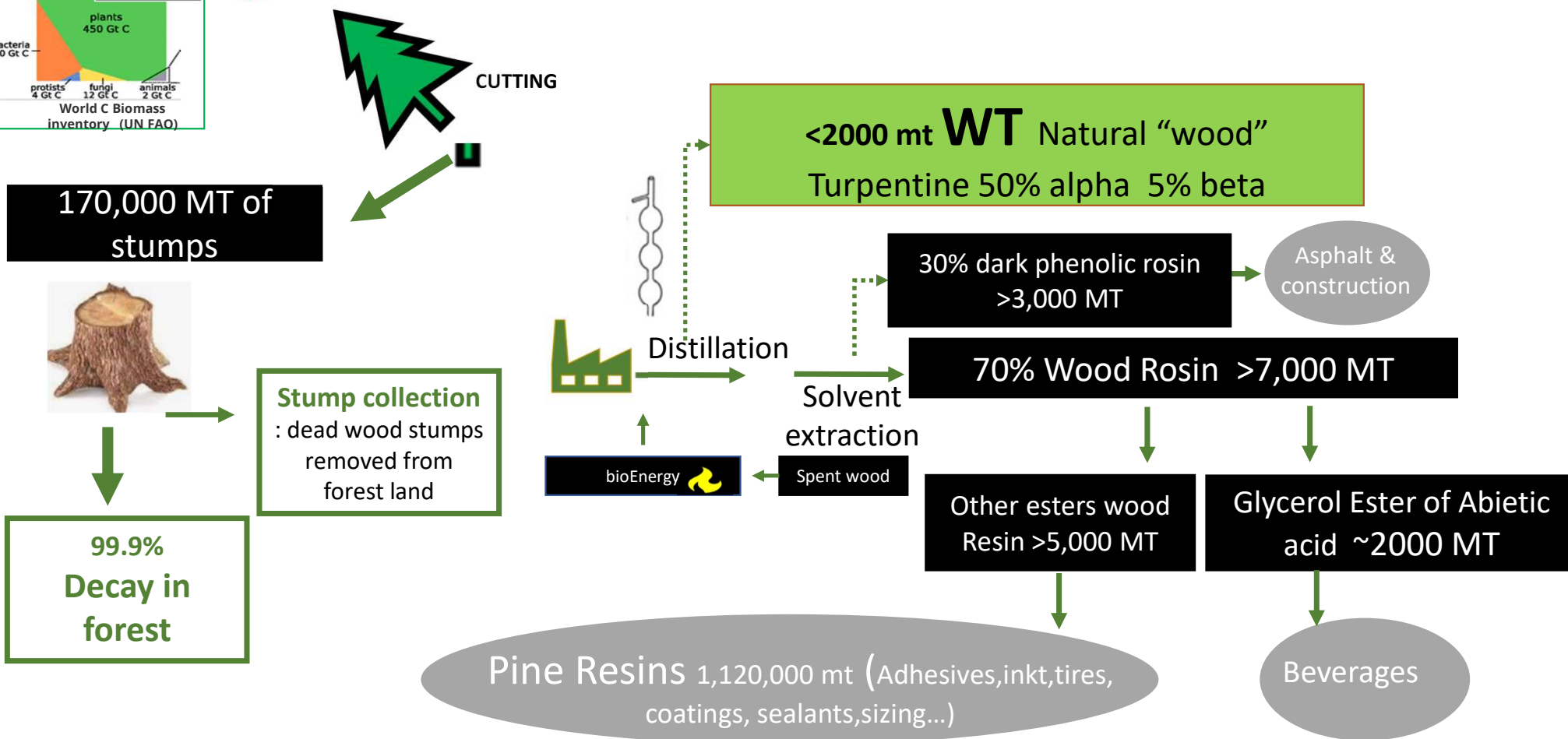
Saw mills

Pulp mills

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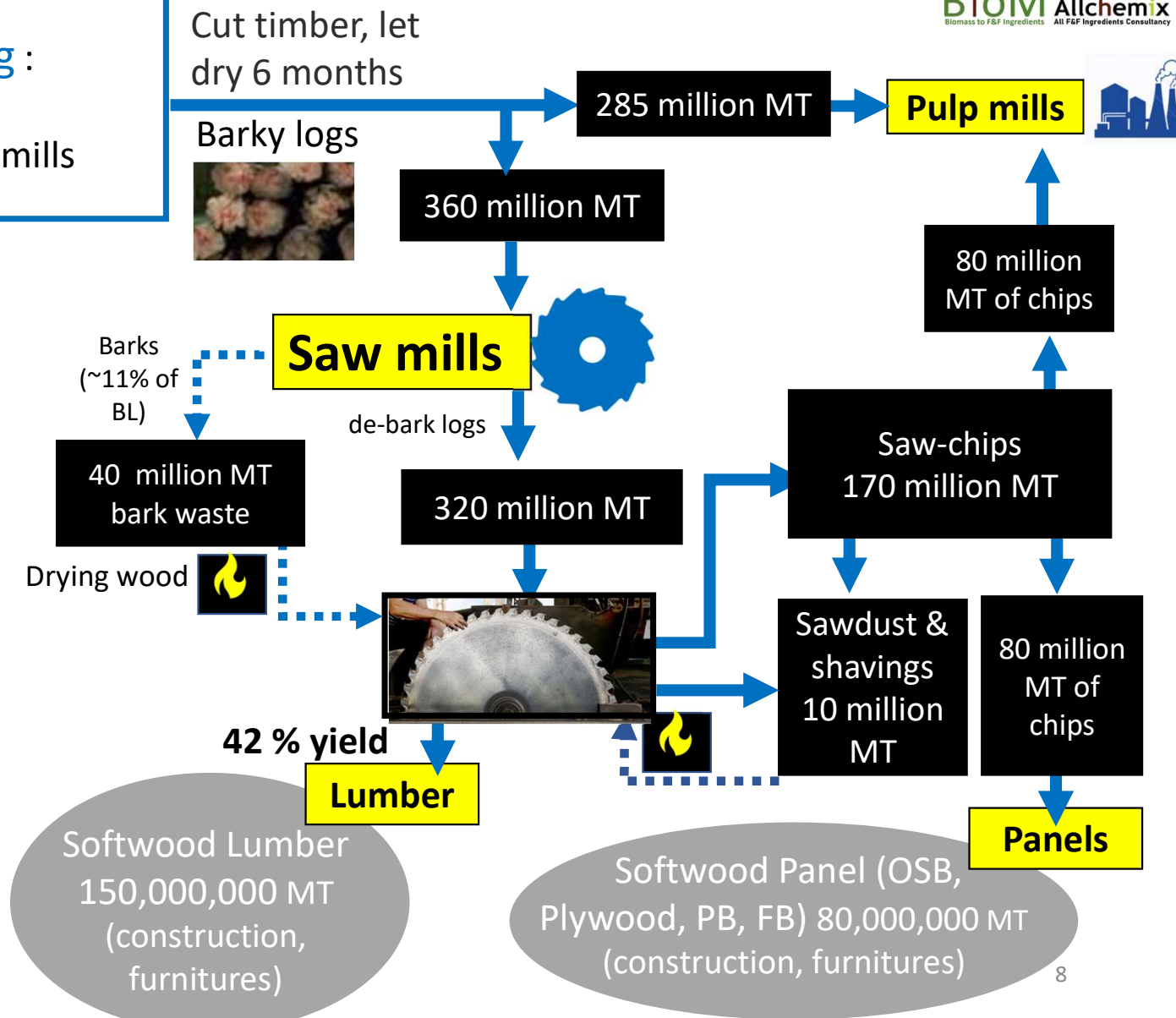
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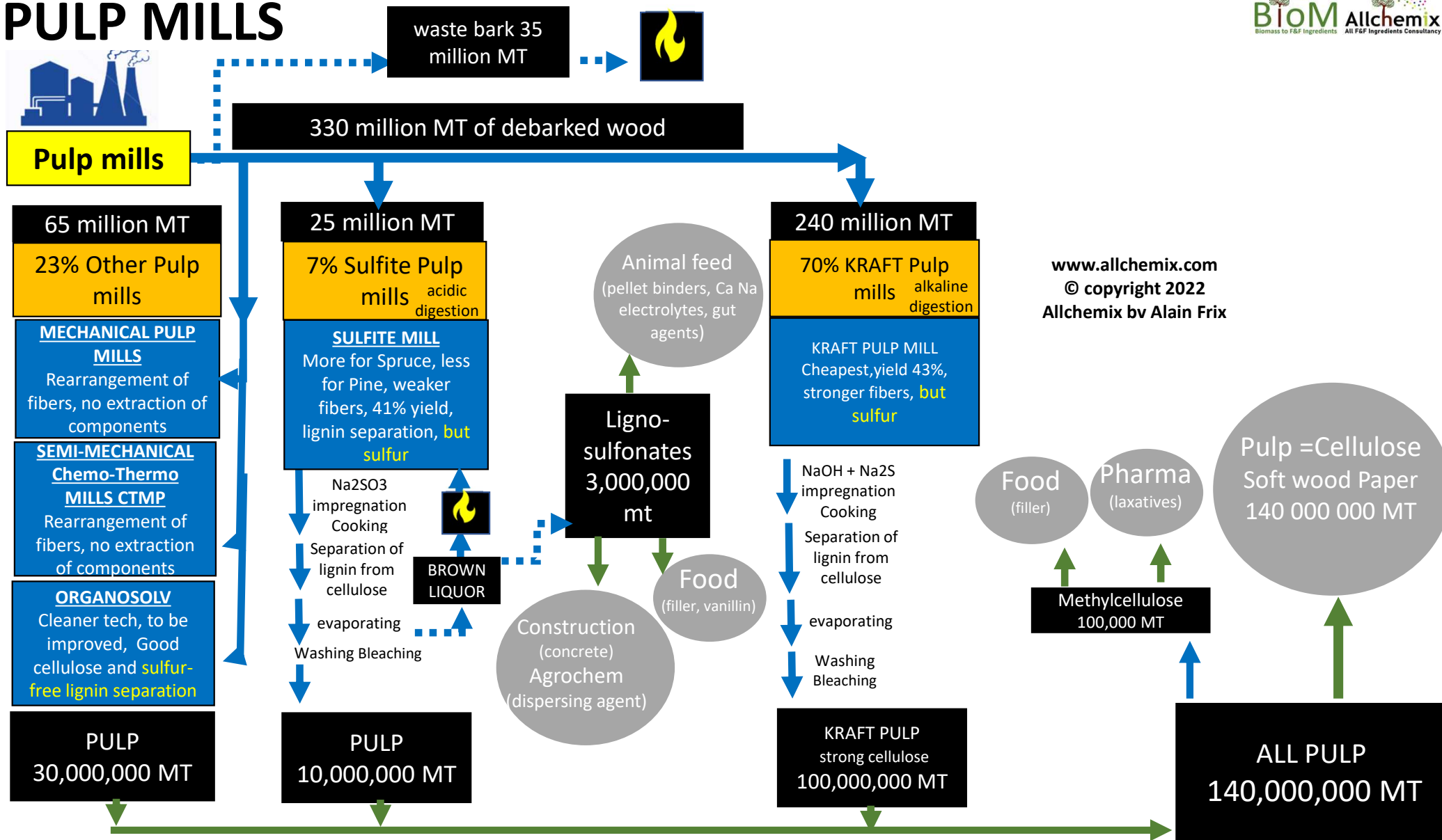
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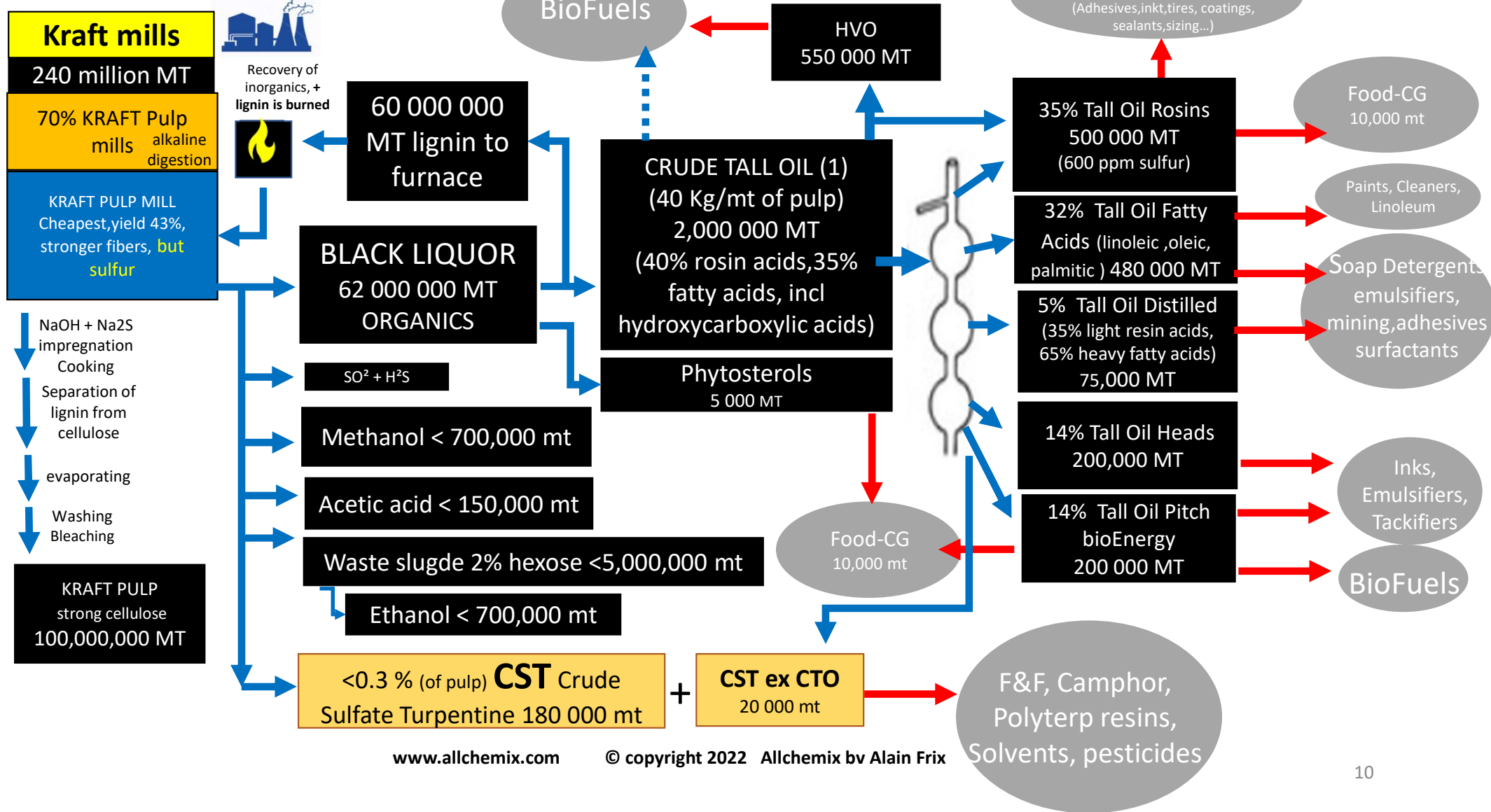
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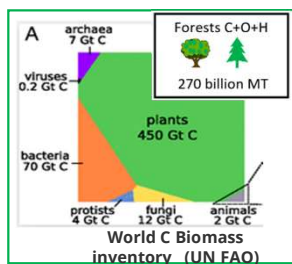


PULP MILLS



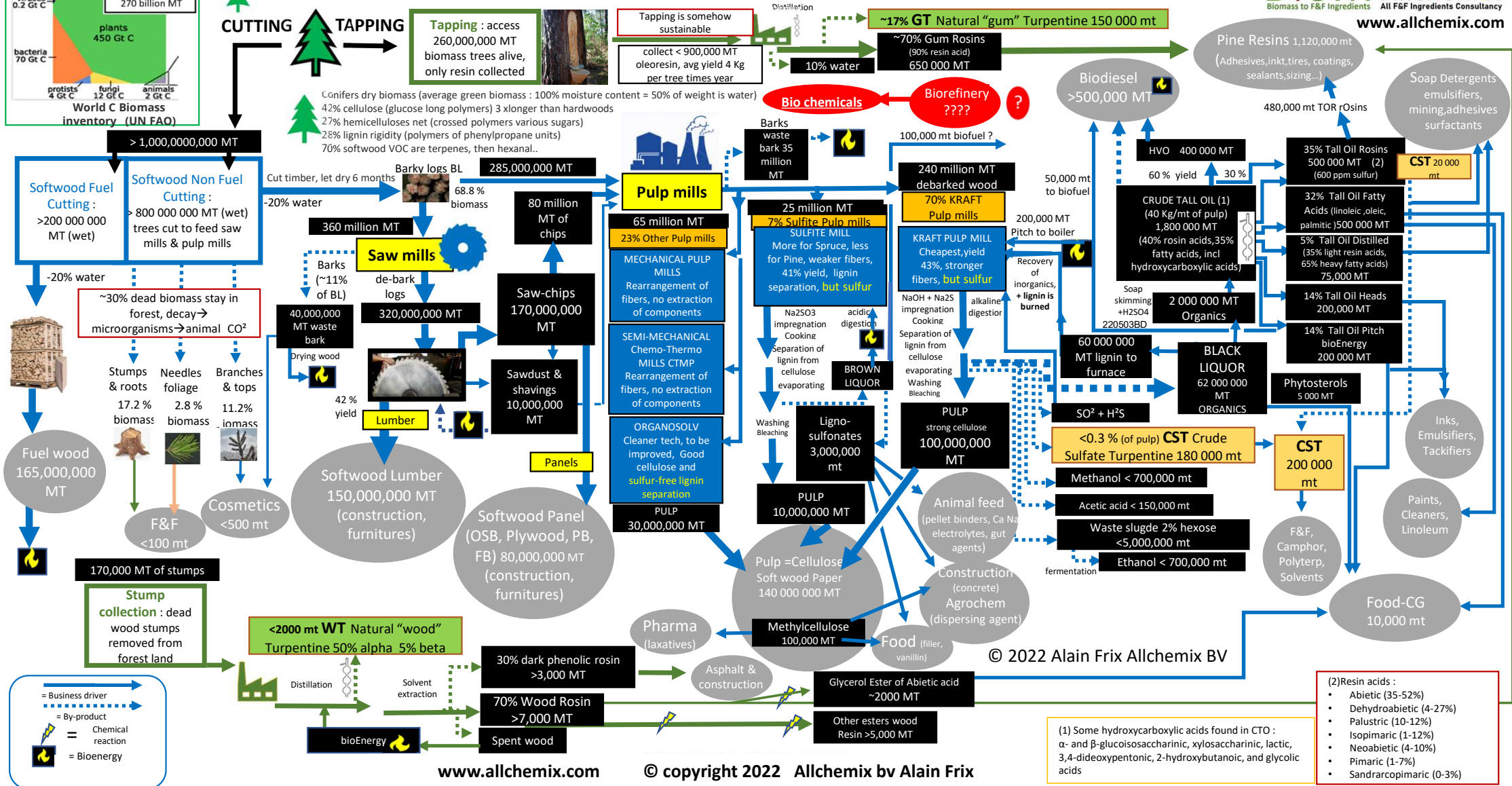
KRAFT PULP MILLS

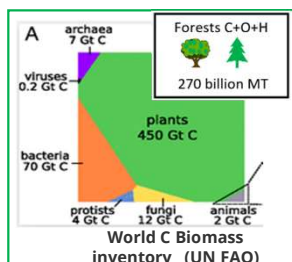




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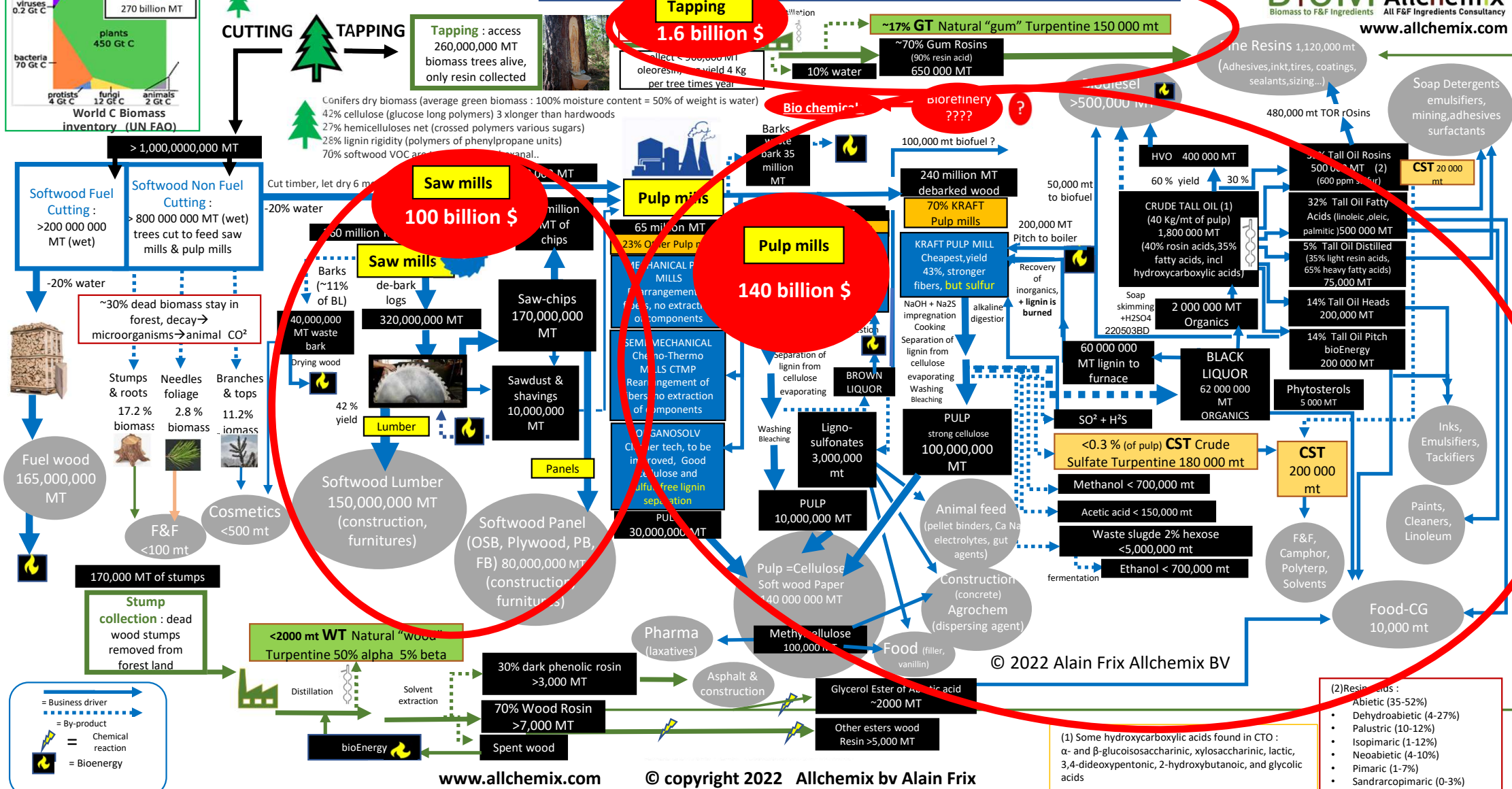
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(1) Some hydroxycarboxylic acids found in CTO :
 α- and β-glucosaccharinic, xylosaccharinic, lactic, 3,4-dideoxypentonic, 2-hydroxybutanoic, and glycolic acids

(2) Resin acids :
 • Abietic (35-52%)
 • Dehydroabietic (4-27%)
 • Palustric (10-12%)
 • Isopimaric (1-12%)
 • Neoabietic (4-10%)
 • Pimaric (1-7%)
 • Sandracopimaric (0-3%)

Fragrance & Flavour Ingredients

FLOW FROM PINE FORESTS

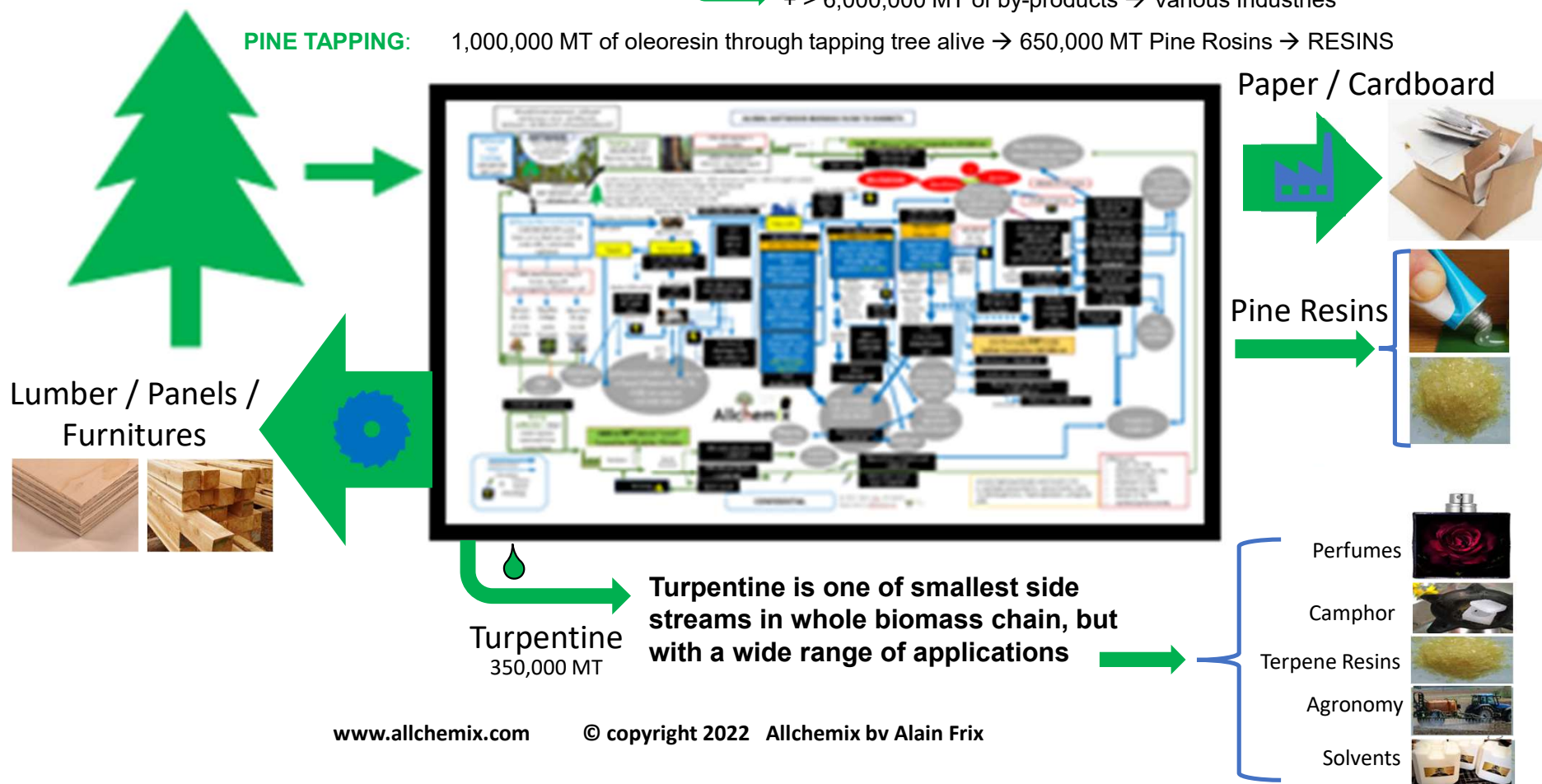
CONIFEROUS FORESTS DRIVERS :

SAW MILLS : 350,000,000 MT of wood → 230,000,000 MT of lumber and panels → CONSTRUCTION & FURNITURE

PULP MILLS : 280,000,000 MT of wood → 140,000,000 MT of cellulose → PAPER AND CARDBOARD

→ + > 6,000,000 MT of by-products → Various Industries

PINE TAPPING: 1,000,000 MT of oleoresin through tapping tree alive → 650,000 MT Pine Rosins → RESINS



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