Workshop on Conversion Technologies for Advanced Biofuels - Carbohydrates

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OBP and SC publish technology roadmap in 2006

- Report concludes biomass recalcitrance is the core barrier to processing lignocellulosic material to ethanol
- The roadmap centers on two critical goals:
 - Optimizing enzymatic hydrolysis of biomass derived carbohydrates to fermentable C5/C6 sugars
 - Cofermentation of C5/C6 sugars to value-added product streams, namely ethanol
- Process integration is identified as a key factor in reducing overall costs and improving biorefinery viability
- Technology deployment-phase of roadmap outlines 10 years to:
 - Develop enzymes with broad substrate ranges, enhanced inhibitor, pH and temperature tolerance, and decreased loading capacity with increased sugar yield.
 - Develop robust, high titer, rate and yield organisms for ethanol production



State of Technology and FY12 Joule



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	2007 State of Technology	2009 State of Technology	2011 State of Technology	2012 Projection
Processing Total	\$2.54	\$2.24	\$1.80	\$1.41
Prehydrolysis/Treatment	\$0.89	\$0.78	\$0.59	\$0.29
Enzymes	\$0.39	\$0.36	\$0.34	\$0.34
Saccharification & Fermentation	\$0.35	\$0.33	\$0.24	\$0.20
Distillation & Solids Recovery	\$0.14	\$0.13	\$0.12	\$0.12
Balance of Plant	\$0.77	\$0.64	\$0.51	\$0.46

Start Formulating Out-year Goals



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Significant Differences to be considered in:

- Shifting Focus from Fundamental/Basic to Applied Science
- Limiting Discussion of Feedstocks
- Expanding Suite of Considered Carbohydrate Intermediates
- Expanding Processing Considerations
- Including Discussions of Innovative Topic

Carbohydrate Derivative Production & Upgrading

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Gather input from industry, academia, and national labs to:

- Expand upon existing R&D roadmaps
- Define areas of focus: R&D Barriers and Activities
- Deliver 1 combined or 2 individual R&D Roadmaps

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- Basic questions were used for all sessions
- Co-Chairs were able to pose additional questions



(Barrier area and R&D Prioritization in the final roadmap won't necessarily reflect the output of the conference due to internal programmatic considerations as well as economic factors and others)

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