

The Leader in Feedstock Flexible Ethanol

US DOE - Biomass 2009

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## Flex Ethanol will involve several technologies

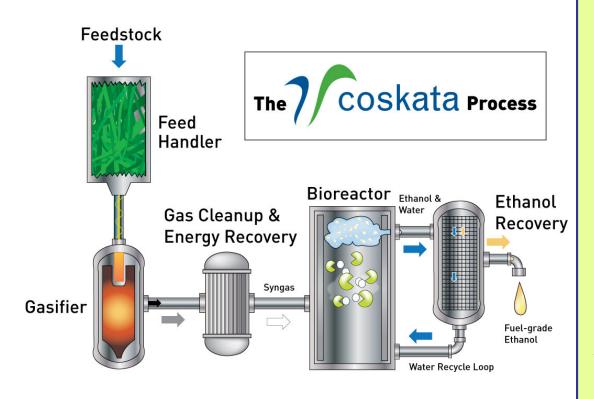


#### DOE is targeting 2 major pathways for cellulosic biofuels coskata **Biochemical** Conversion Coskata's Hybrid **Products** Enzymatic Gasification + Fuels **Biomass** hydrolysis **Fermentation** Power Fermentation (thermo-biological) Energy crops Bio-products technology Residue combines the best harvesting **Thermochemical** of both routes Conversion Gasification Catalysis



# Coskata has the leading Flex Ethanol™ technology





#### **Flexible**

- Wide variety of feedstocks
- Geographic diversity

#### **Efficient**

- Yields over 100 gal/ ton dry biomass
- Produces only fuel grade ethanol

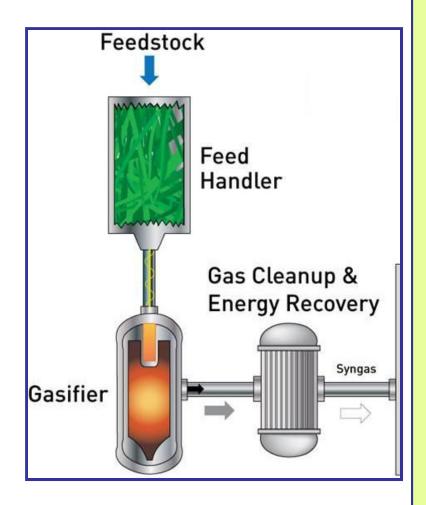
#### **Affordable**

 Competitive unsubsidized at oil price of ~\$70/bbl



# Coskata's process is feedstock flexible by design





# Gasification converts carbonaceous feedstock into syngas:

- Municipal trash (construction and demolition waste, hurricane debris, plastic, tires)
- Ag wastes (corn stover, bagasse, wheat straw, many more)
- Wood and wood residues
- Sustainable energy crops

# Other gas streams can also be converted to ethanol:

- Steel mill waste gas
- Landfill methane gas
- Anaerobic digester gas (manure, current corn ethanol, waste treatment)





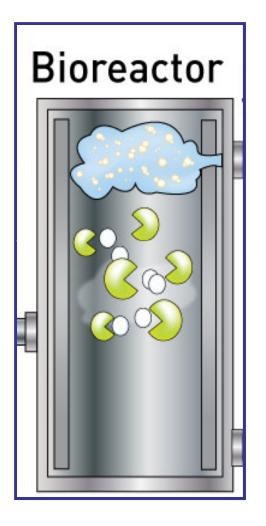


Microorganisms utilize the chemical energy of the syngas to selectively produce ethanol

Proprietary **microorganisms** consume both CO and H2, allowing efficient conversion across the range of H2:CO ratios

6 CO + 3 H20 → C2H5OH + 4 CO2 6 H2 + 2 CO2 → C2H5OH + 3 H20

Proprietary bioreactor designs encourage maximum productivity





# Proprietary microorganisms and bioreactor designs





- Anaerobic strains of bacteria originally found in nature have been further developed to perform at the productivity, selectivity, and ethanol tolerance levels needed for process commercialization
- Trace nutrients have been identified and minimized through strain development



- Several bioreactor designs have been developed that optimize the mass transfer of syngas for conversion
- First commercial plants will employ suspended cell bioreactor designs, while a design employing stationary cells will offer additional advantages in later facilities



# Coskata's productivity shows readiness for commercialization



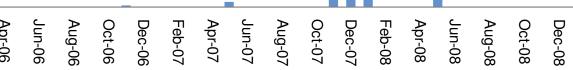


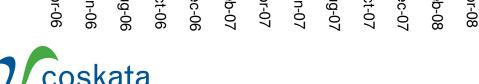


Best case economics (compete with gasoline)

**Base case economics (commercial viability)** 

Minimum economic threshold (corn)





Coskata has achieved target microbe productivity levels

## **Sandia National Labs study - Key assumptions for biofuels**

Biofuels conversion technologies

Capital cost per gallon capacity Yield of ethanol per biomass ton input

Biochemical

2010: \$6.16/gal 60 gal/dry ton 2020: \$3.30/gal 88 gal/dry ton

Thermochemical

2010: \$6.00/gal 75 gal/dry ton 2020: \$4.00/gal 105 gal/dry ton

Biothermal

2010: \$5.00/gal 90 gal/dry ton 2020: \$3.00/gal 105 gal/dry ton

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- Continued <u>R&D</u>
   needed to *improve* conversion yields
- Commercialization support could shrink timeframes to maturity
- Both could *lower* capital costs
  significantly





## Cellulosic ethanol reduces GHGs even further



## **DOE** analysis targets GHG reduction from ethanol



19% Reduction

Current

28%



Corn Ethanol

Natural

Gas

52% Reduction



**Biomass** 

78% Reduction



Sugarcane Ethanol

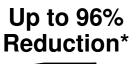
Biomass

86% Reduction



Cellulosic Ethanol

**Biomass** 





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Gasoline

Petroleum

# Coskata is aggressively commercializing





### **Horizon (Q1 2008)**

Integrated Processing Warrenville, IL

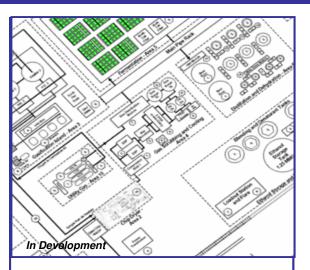
 Integrated processing system with methane thermal reformer, multiple bioreactor designs, and distillation



#### Lighthouse (2009)

Commercial Demonstration Madison, Pennsylvania

- Minimum engineering scale (linear scale-up to commercial production)
- Front-end biomass gasifier
- Will test multiple commercialscale bioreactor and separations designs



### Flagship (TBD)

Commercial Production Location: Southeast US

- Advantaged site selected
- 50-60 MM Gallons / yr
- Multiple gasifiers that process
   ~1500 dry tons/day of biomass
- Cost competitive with gasoline, unsubsidized, at ~\$70/bbl oil



# Semi-scale facility proceeding on schedule



## **Project Lighthouse**

- Semi-scale facility in Pennsylvania
- Will demonstrate integrated operation of The Coskata process with gasification
- Will demonstrate industry leading gal/dry ton conversion with multiple bioreactor and separations designs





# Coskata has a flexible commercialization strategy



### License

- License technology to development partners including
  - Feedstock suppliers
  - Chemical manufacturers
  - Petroleum companies
  - Ethanol distributors/blenders
  - Project developers
- Enables rapid scale up of technology
- Establishes Coskata as the industry enabler

Own

- Encourages continual process improvements
- Allows Coskata to capture full economic benefits of its technology



## Government policy can help jumpstart Flex Ethanol



Make existing programs work

Many programs exist but are not effective in current financial market

- Loan guarantees require lenders and limits on review periods and fees
- Cellulosic ethanol tax credits are more effective as refunds or direct payments
- Grants for all scales of commercialization (not just R&D)

Invest in whole supply chain

Investments in up- and down-stream supply chain infrastructure are needed

- Biomass crop supply chains
- Distribution and vehicle infrastructure (including E15, E20 and higher blends)

**Enact carbon legislation** 

Straightforward carbon legislation

- Lifecycle analysis based on sound science and direct, measurable effects
- Credits for all technologies that lower GHG's





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