

#### Licensing Cellulosic Biofuel Technology Today

# Advanced Biofuels: Commercializing the Efficient Syngas-to-Ethanol Platform

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# Coskata envisions being a leader in syngas conversion $\gamma$

#### **Coskata Vision:**

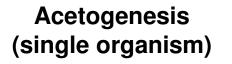
To be the global leader in the **synthesis gas-to-biofuels and chemicals platform**, beginning with cellulosic ethanol

We will achieve this through technology development, licensing as well as owning and operating facilities, and providing onsite products and services

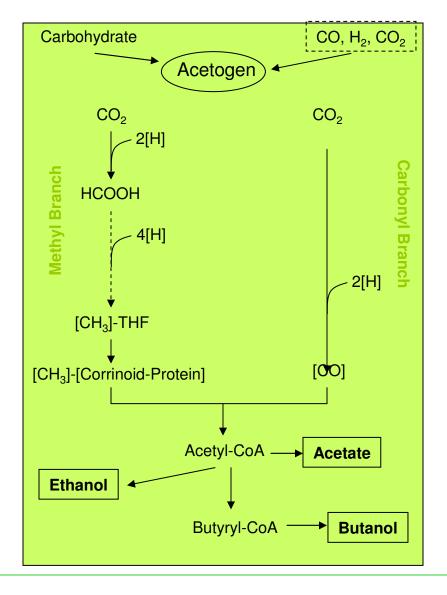




### **Anaerobic C1 Metabolism: Acetogenesis**



Liquid fuels and chemicals from renewable and alternative feedstocks





# Coskata's proprietary technology drives efficiency

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

Coskata's **anaerobic bacteria** consume both CO and H2, allowing efficient conversion across the range of H2:CO ratios

 $6 \text{ CO} + 3 \text{ H20} \rightarrow \text{C2H5OH} + 4 \text{ CO2}$  $6 \text{ H2} + 2 \text{ CO2} \rightarrow \text{C2H5OH} + 3 \text{ H20}$ 

Innovative **bioreactor designs** drive maximum productivity







# Coskata has unsurpassed anaerobic research and development capabilities

#### Lab and Pilot Facility

- Complete anaerobic bacteria strain management facility capable of advancing native strains through guided mutation and selection
- New native strains have been isolated and advanced, and patent applications filed
- Nutritional requirements have been discovered, and the commercially viable strains are capable of autotrophic growth.



2 liter fermenter

14 liter fermenter



# **Coskata operates a custom built High Throughput Screening laboratory**

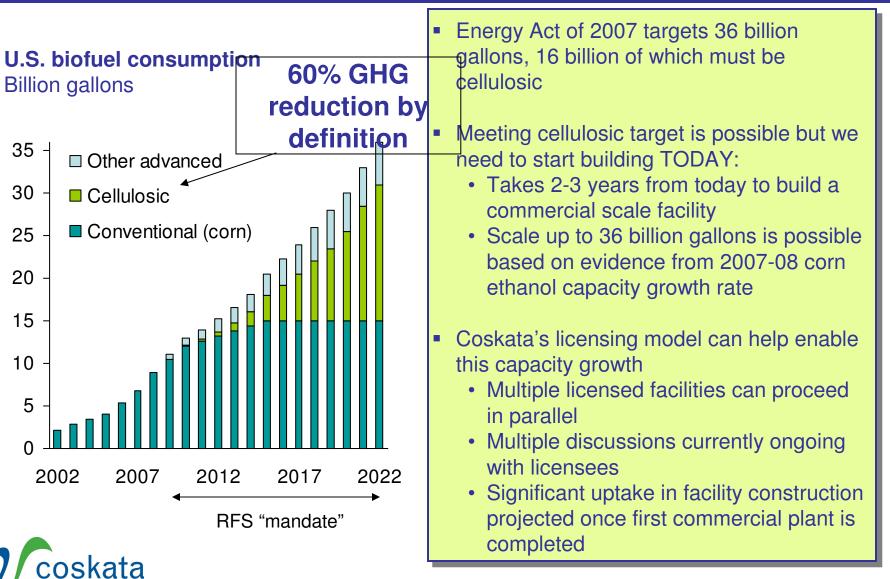




- Coskata operates the only anaerobic HTS laboratory in the world.
- Ongoing random mutational work is focused on species novo patents, and continued improvements to the ethanol organisms

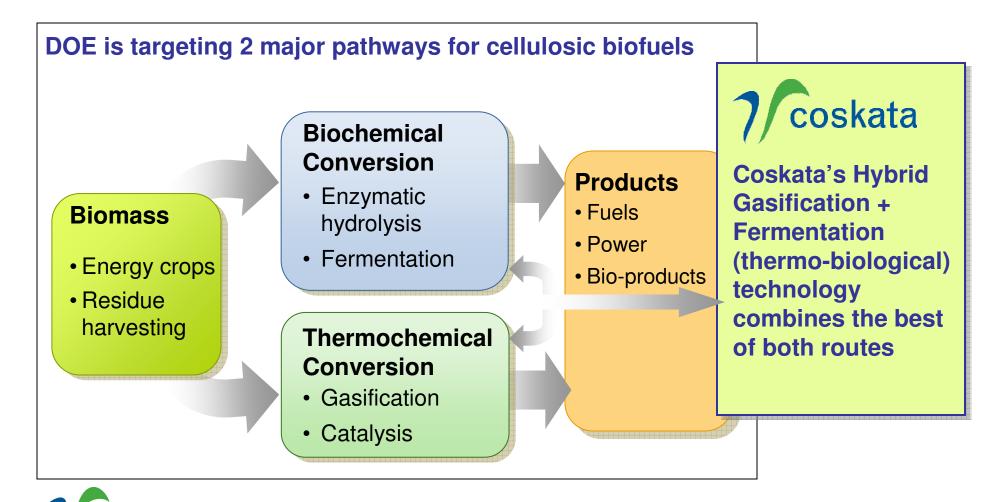


# Meeting the US Government cellulosic biofuel mandate will take enduring government policy



e: RFA: U.S. Congress

## Flex Ethanol will involve several technologies



Source: DOE Biomass program presentation to Governor's Ethanol Coalition, Aug. 20, 2008

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#### Gasification +

	Enzymatic	Catalytic	7 coskata
Feedstock Flexibility	No	Yes	Yes
Ethanol Specificity	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Yield*</b> (gal/dry ton)	~55-85	76-89**	~100

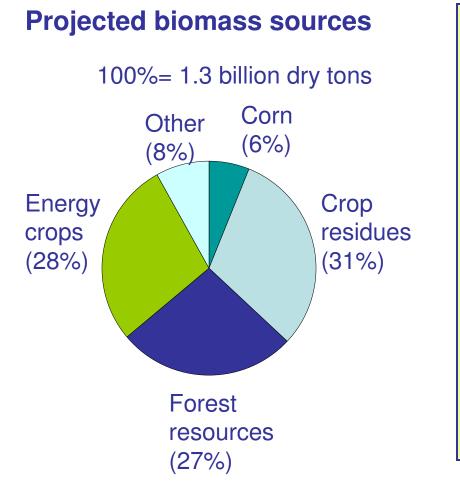


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 Best estimates from publicly available data

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 Chemical catalysis yield estimate from 2012 NREL targets (76 for ethanol, 89 for all alcohols)

Source: Press; DOE; Company reports

# A "Feedstock Flexible" process will help the industry to rapidly grow

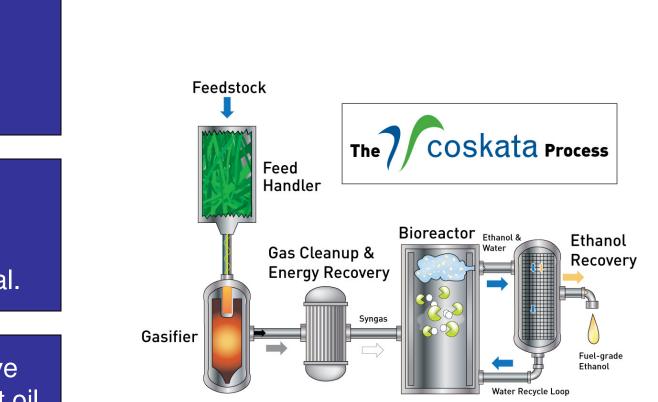


#### **Cellulosic ethanol:**

- READY TODAY
- Able to be made from any carbon source
- Billion ton report estimates over 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of gasoline can be replaced
- Use of locally grown resources enhances energy security

Source: "Biomass as Feedstock for a Bioenergy and Bioproducts Industry: Technical Feasibility of a Billion Ton Annual Supply," 2005, DOE and USDA

# **Coskata is building facilities and licensing technology**



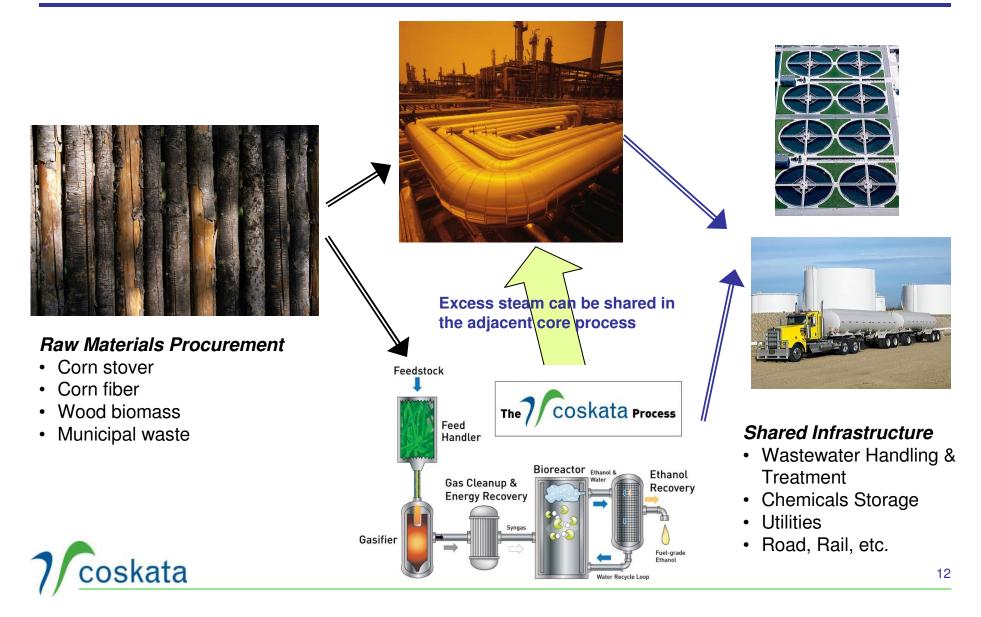
Feedstock and geographic flexibility with gasification

Highest proven conversion efficiency of: 1 ton = ~100 gal.

Cost competitive with gasoline at oil prices today



# Co-location can result is substantial financial synergies $\frac{\gamma}{2}$



# The GREET (<u>G</u>reenhouse gases, <u>R</u>egulated <u>E</u>missions, and <u>E</u>nergy use in <u>T</u>ransportation) Model

- Developed at Argonne since 1995 with the support of DOE
- More than 100 fuel production pathways from various feedstocks
- More than 75 vehicle/fuel systems



www.transportation.anl.gov/software/GREET



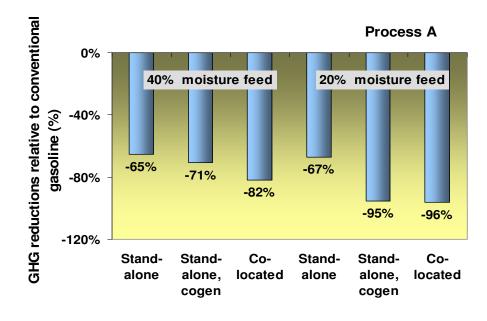
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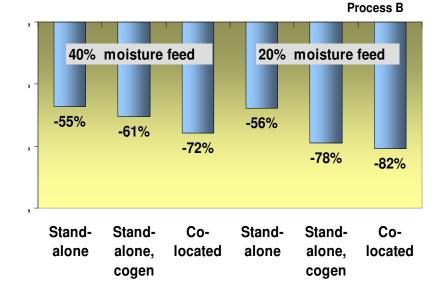
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Cycle

Vehicle (

### *Electricity Co-Generation and Steam Export Reduce GHG Even Further*





# Conclusions

- Energy and emission profiles of cellulosic ethanol produced from the Coskata process showed a typical second generation biofuel; it is comparable with other woodchip based biofuel production process
- Both stand-alone / co-gen and co-located / steam export cases can achieve substantial oil and fossil savings from wells to wheels
  - Oil: 71% 84%
  - Fossil: 73% 100%
- In comparison with conventional gasoline, cases with power co-gen and steam export can avoid additional greenhouse gas burdens
  - 61% 82% with wet feed (40% moisture)
  - > 78% 96% with dry feed (20% moisture)



### Successful technology roll-out plan





Horizon (2008) Integrated Processing Warrenville, IL

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



**Currently Operating** 

**Lighthouse (2009)** *Semi-Commercial* Madison, Pennsylvania

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



Flagship (2012) Commercial Production Location TBA

- 50-60 MM Gallons / yr
- Multiple gasifiers that process
- ~1500 dry tons/day of biomass
- Cost competitive with gasoline



# Integrated Biorefinery demonstrates commercial readiness

- Technology scaled successfully
- Operating results prove Coskata ethanol yield at more than100 gallons/dry ton:
  - Proprietary bioreactors are providing excellent mass transfer of syngas to our proprietary microbes
  - Steady-state ethanol concentrations are sufficiently high to drive the distillation/separation
  - Produces only fuel-grade ethanol
- Completes design details for commercial facilities
- Proves commercial viability on multiple feedstocks, enabling multiple commercial licenses

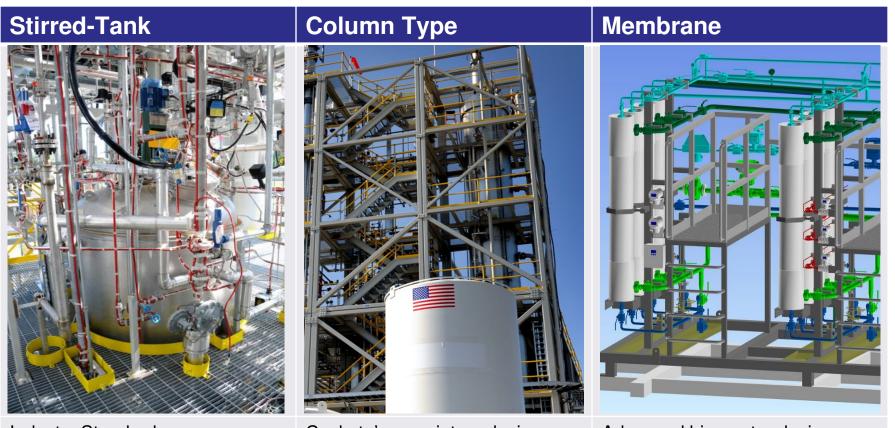
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## **Key Equipment: Bioreactors**





Industry Standard

Coskata's proprietary design

Advanced bioreactor design utilizing membranes.



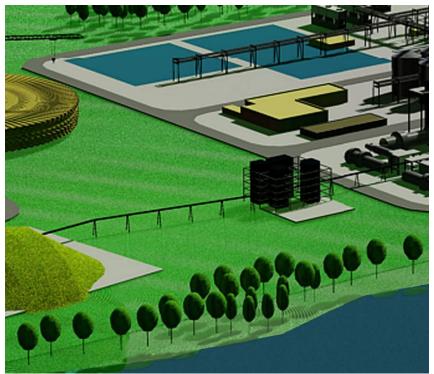
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# **Coskata's first commercial facility**

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#### "Project Flagship" will:

- Produce 55 million gallons of fuel-grade ethanol
- Be located in the Southeast United States
- Utilize 1.0-1.2 million green tons of wood biomass\*
- Create over 700 direct and indirect green jobs
- Represent the world's first commercially viable, feedstock flexible ethanol plant
- Enable acceleration of licensed facilities



Cutout of Coskata's "Flagship" commercial plant design

#### Front-end Engineering Design complete



\* Green tons refer to total tonnage of biomass including moisture. For wood biomass moisture typically makes up ~50% of the total mass.

### Coskata has strong technical team



Over 50 Employees

75% in R&D and Engineering

Over half of R&D staff with PhDs.





Experience from leading industrial companies including Eli Lilly, Abbott Labs, UOP, Dow Chemical, Nalco, and more.



## Coskata technology vetted by strong partners





# Commercialization of feedstock flexible ethanol is a boon to the economy



Congressional imperative	Potential impact from 36 billion gallons of biofuels		
Jobs	Create more than 1 million new jobs		
Economic Growth	Reduce \$560 billion in foreign oil dependence		
Rural Development	Improve rural economies – a single plant can add >\$30 mil to local		
Greenhouse gasses	Reduce GHG by 70% -130%*		



Source: BIO estimates, Coskata estimates on 55 Mil gallon plant, EPA's RFS2 rule

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# **Enduring government policy is required**

Tax Incentives

Biofuel Investment Tax Credits (ITC) must be enacted to spur job creation

Alternative financing mechanisms for technology roll-out:

 USDA and DOE biofuel loan guarantees have a reasonable assurance of payback, and Congress needs to press for the deployment of funds in the near term

**Production incentives** 

• Performance contract that pays for actually delivering the first billion gallons of cellulosic biofuels





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### **Coskata's integrated biorefinery process**

