

Creating a Sustainable Biomass Infrastructure

Market Issues & Challenges

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Biorenewables as transport fuels

Drivers

- Petroleum cost and availability
- Mandates and incentives
- GHG emissions

Issues

- Availability
- Costs
- Transportation
- Composition



Market drivers

- Higher crude prices: Longer term projections of >\$50/bbl
- Energy Independence: Reduction of energy import dependence
- Geopolitical concerns affecting security of supply
- Global warming

Biofuels

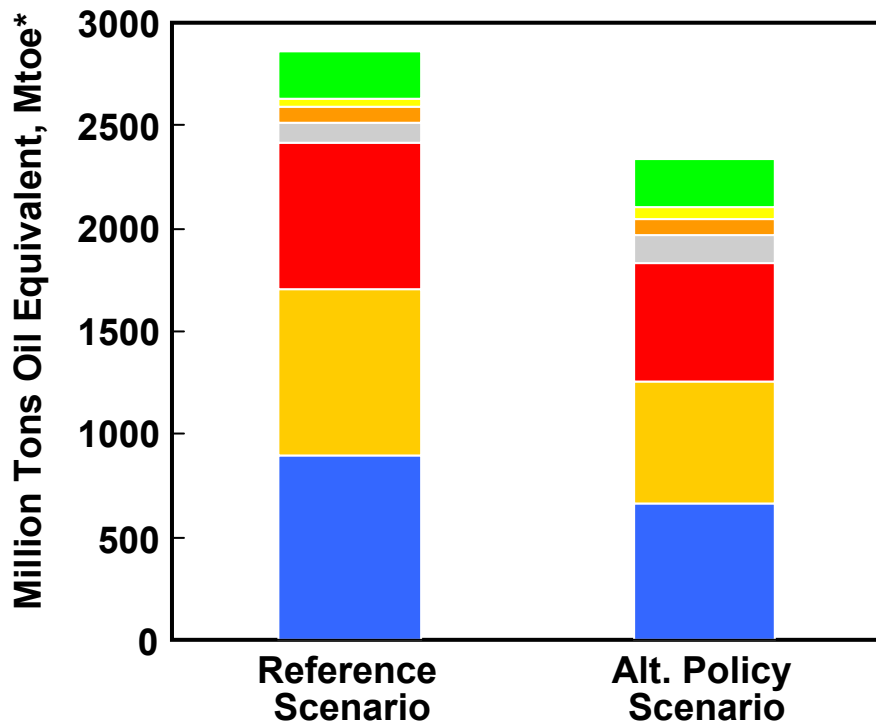
- GHG emission reduction
- MTBE replacement in RFG
- Government mandates and targets
- Fiscal incentives and tax credits
- Job creation for agricultural community

Risks & Uncertainties

- Feedstock availability
- Government policy towards renewables changing
- Crude prices declining significantly
- Distribution channels constraining market growth
- Fleet turnover with the right engine technology keeping pace with the growing biofuels market

Biofuels is the only renewable contributor to transport fuel mix

2004-2015: Incremental Global Energy Demand



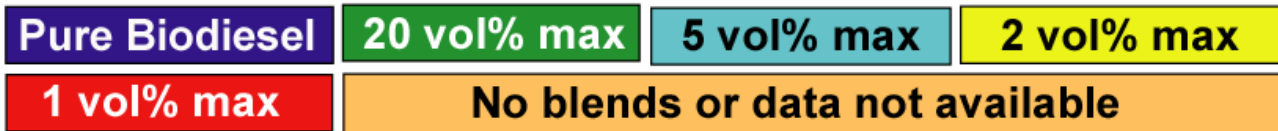
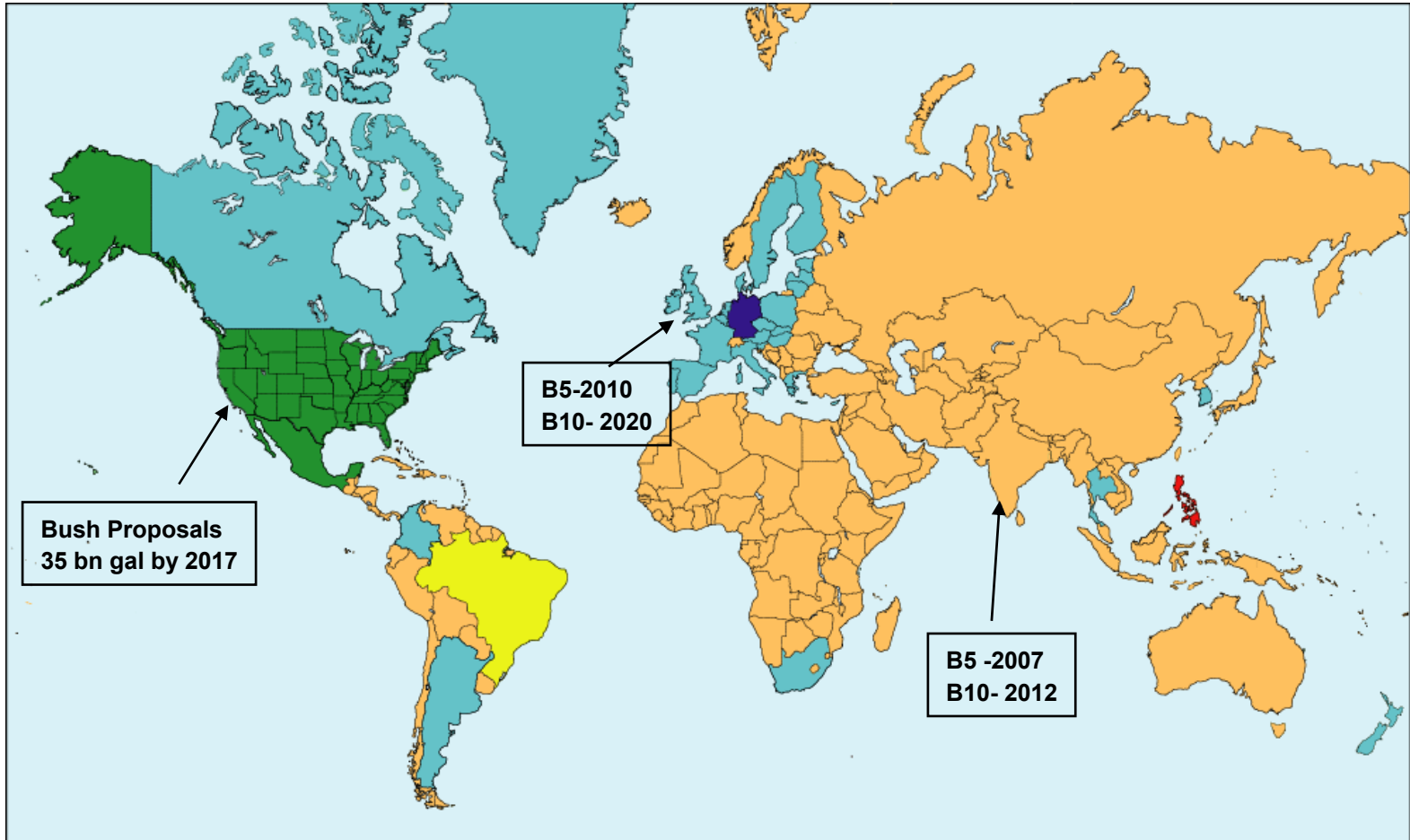
	Reference Scenario	Alternative Policy
Biomass waste other renewables	1.7% / yr	1.8% / yr
Hydro	2.5% / yr	2.6% / yr
Biofuels	12.1% / yr	15.1% / yr
Nuclear	1.2% / yr	1.6% / yr
Gas	2.5% / yr	2.0% / yr
Oil	1.7% / yr	1.3% / yr
Coal	2.6% / yr	2.0% / yr
Primary Energy	2.1% / yr	1.7% / yr

*Shifting Towards Conservation & Alternatives
Biofuels are Fastest Growing Segment*

Macromarket Summary: 2004-2015

- **Global energy demand is expected to grow at CAGR 1.7%.**
 - **Fossil fuels are expected to supply 83% of energy and 95% of liquid transportation needs.**
 - **Alternate liquid transportation fuels are expected to grow at ~7.3%/yr from 2.3 million BPD to ~5 million BPD.**
 - **Biofuels are expected to grow at 15%/year:**
 - ◆ 2004 – 430,000 BPD
 - ◆ 2015 – 2.1 million BPD
- **Biofuels could grow to much higher levels, if the latest US and European targets become law.**
- **Feedstock diversity will become increasingly important over this period with coal, natural gas & renewables playing bigger roles.**

Biodiesel Blend Limits – 2006 Data



Biorenewables in Oil Refineries

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Biomass Processing Routes - Diesel

- **Feedstocks**

- **Vegetable Oil**

- ◆ Soy
- ◆ Palm
- ◆ Rapeseed/Canola
- ◆ Sunflower
- ◆ Jatropha - Inedible

- **Tallow (Animal Fats)**

- **Biomass**

- ◆ Corn stalks
- ◆ Forest waste
- ◆ Switchgrass

- **Algal Oils**

1st generation

2nd generation

- **Processing Routes**

- **Current**

- ◆ FAME
- ◆ FAEE
- ◆ Co-Processing
- ◆ Hydroprocessing

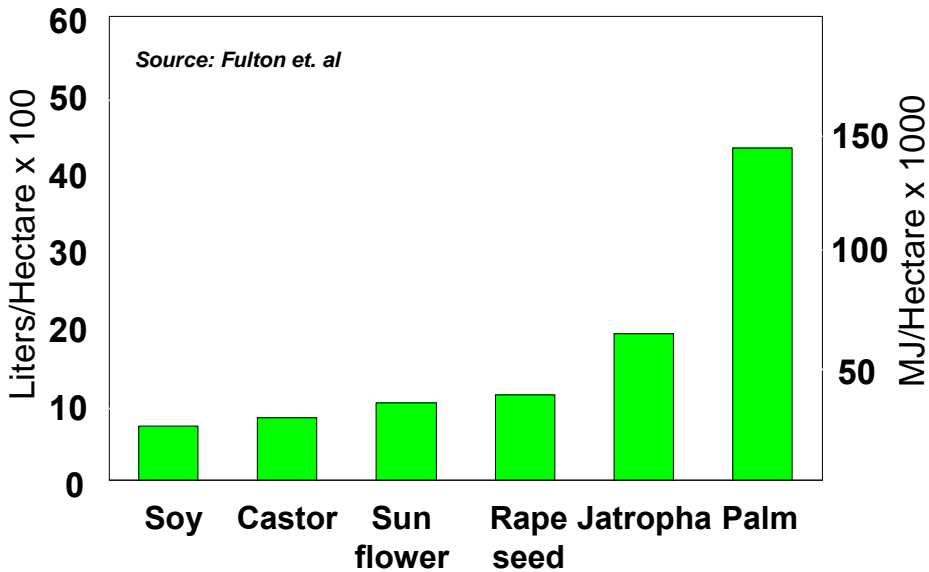
- **Development**

- ◆ Pyrolysis Oil / Hydroprocessing
- ◆ Algal Oils
- ◆ Biomass Gasification
- ◆ Direct Conversion (Hydrocracking)

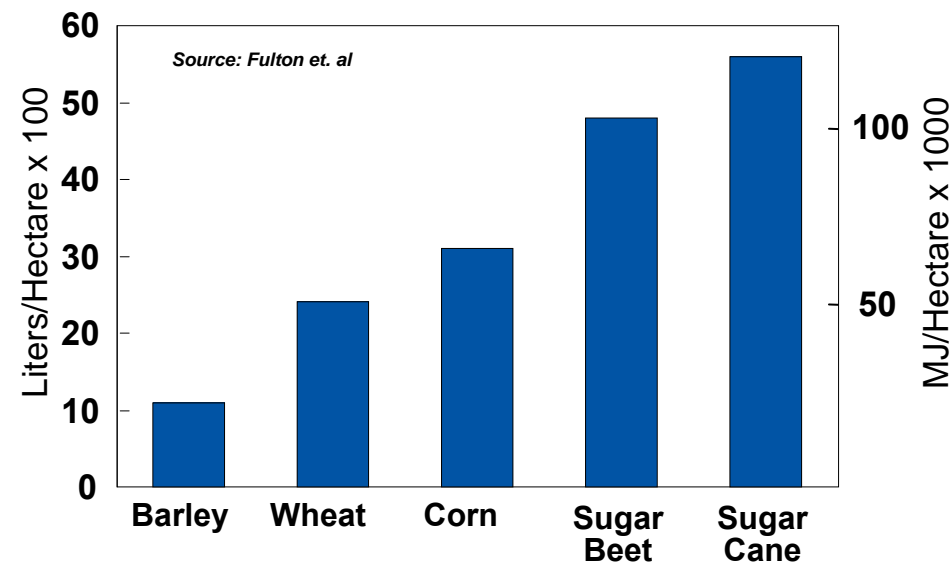
Many feedstocks and potential processing routes. Generation 2 – no clear winners yet

Current Biofuels Production

Biodiesel Production from Oils



Ethanol Production from Sugars



Source: Fulton et. al

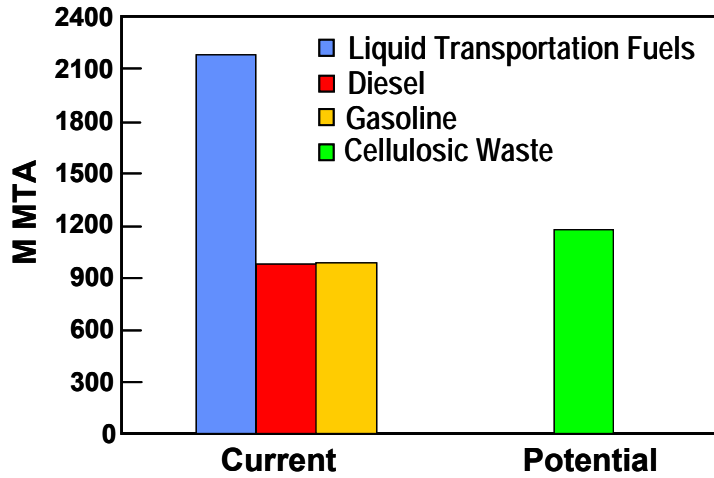
India - Biofuel Substitution	Jatropha Million Hectares	Sugar Cane Million Hectares
10% Petrol Substitution		0.3
10% Diesel Substitution	6	

Basis
Diesel - 50M MTA
Petrol - 10M MTA

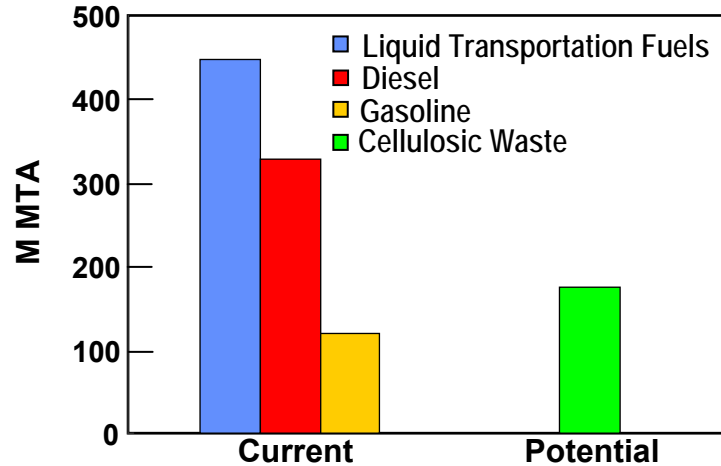
Equivalent to the land masses of Kerala & Goa

Enablers for a Sustainable Biomass Infrastructure

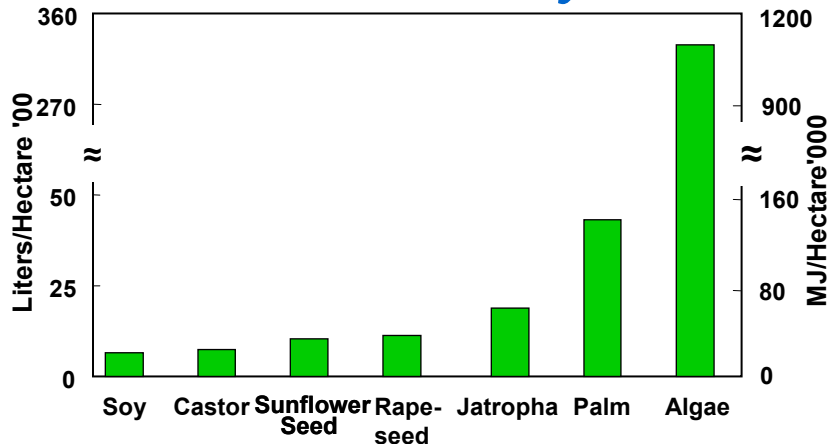
Global



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Oils Productivity



- Cellulosic waste could make a significant contribution to liquid transportation pool.
- Algal Oils could enable oils route to biodiesel, green diesel and jet fuel.

*Increases Availability, Reduces Feedstock Cost
Technology Breakthroughs Required*

Biorenewable Feeds: Costs

<i>Bio Feedstock</i>	<i>Price (\$/bbl)</i>	<i>Price (\$/gal)</i>
WTI/Brent Crude	68	1.62
Rapeseed oil (Canola)	89	2.13
Soy oil	75	1.79
Palm oil	62	1.47
Jatropha oil	44	1.05
Pyrolysis oil-high	58	1.39
Pyrolysis oil-low	15	0.35

*Palm oil prices have doubled over the past 2 years.
Feedstock flexibility critical for biofuel production.*

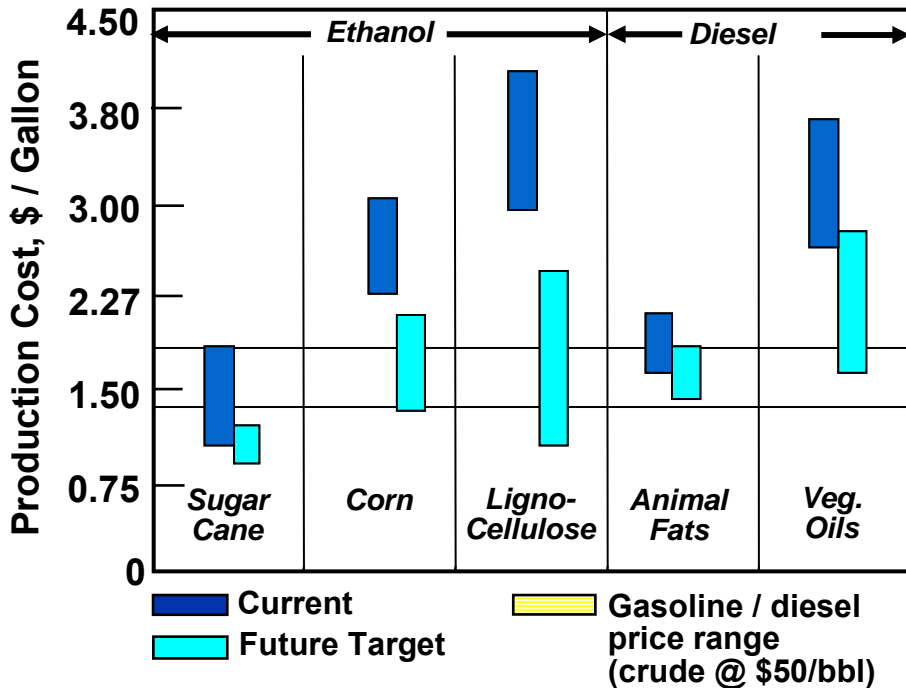
Biorenewable Feeds: Composition

	<i>Crude Typical</i>	<i>Resid</i>	<i>Soyoil</i>	<i>Yellow Grease</i>	<i>Pyrolysis Oil</i>
% C	83-86	84.9	77.6	76.4	56.2
%H	11-14	10.6	11.7	11.6	6.6
%S	0-4 (1.8avg)	4.2	.0006	.04	-
%N	0-1 (.1avg)	.3	.0011	.03	.3
%O	-	-	10.4	12.1	36.9
H/C	1.8-1.9	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.4
Density	.86(avg)	1.05	.92	.89	1.23
TAN	<1	<1	2	30	78
ppm alkali metals	60	6	100	100	100
Heating value kJ/kg	41,800	40,700	37,200	37,200	15,200

Feed characteristics present processing challenges

Gaps to Implementation of Today's Biofuels

Current & Target Biofuel Costs



- **Enablers**

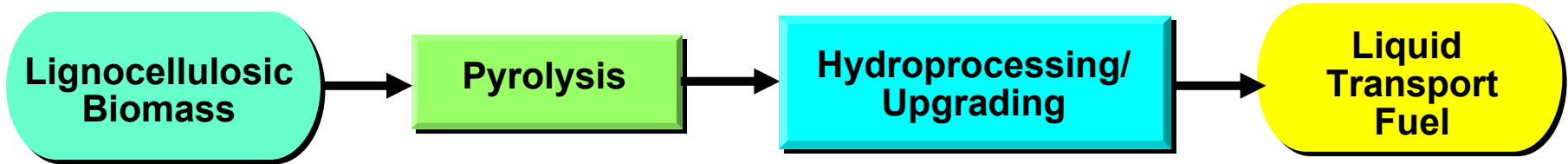
- Feedstock prices/availability
- Economies of scale
- Technology breakthroughs

- **Infrastructure changes**

- Distribution network
- Transportation fleet

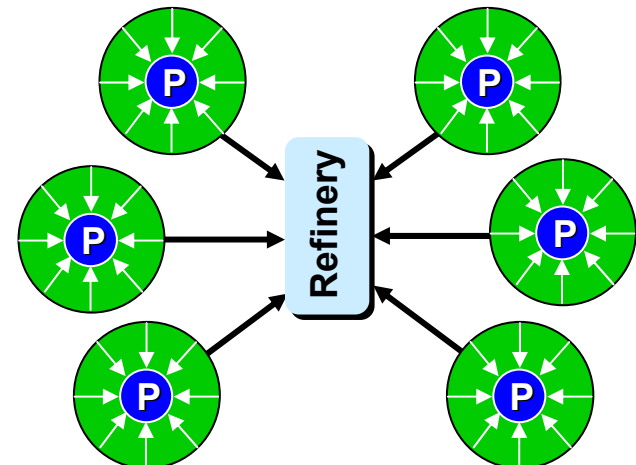
Major technological breakthroughs and infrastructure changes required over the next decade to enable today's biofuels

Waste Biomass to Liquid Transportation Fuels



- Waste is converted to pyrolysis oil which is then upgraded to liquid fuels
- UOP working with US National labs (PNNL & NREL) to:
 - Provide a foundation for development of an economically viable process
 - Gain understanding of process sensitivity to pyrolysis oil properties
 - Complete technoeconomic analysis
 - Analyze process life cycle

<i>Feed</i>	<i>Wt%</i>	<i>bpd</i>
Pyrolytic Lignin	100	2,250
<i>Products</i>		
Lt ends	15	
Naphtha	30	1,010
Diesel (Heavier product)	8	250
Water, CO ₂	51-52	



Fuel Additives / Blends

Ethanol

Biodiesel

Fuels

Diesel

Gasoline

UOP's Bio-Fuels Technology Goals

Identify and utilize processing, composition, and infrastructure synergies to lower capital investment, minimize value chain disruptions, and reduce investment risk.

Generation 1

- Vegetable oils and greases to diesel, gasoline and JP-8 (military jet fuel)
- Flexible, hybrid technologies
 - Capability to process fossil and bio feedstock

Generation 2

- Lignocellulosic biomass and algal oils to fuels
- Process Integration
 - Flexible feedstocks
 - Combined fuel, power and chemicals production

Conclusion:

- **Crude pricing and government policies drive biofuels market**
- **Large scale adoption will be facilitated by non-food based feedstocks and technology breakthroughs**
- **Maximizing use of existing transport and distribution infrastructure will hasten adoption.**
- **Technology neutrality essential to enable development of leading edge technologies**