

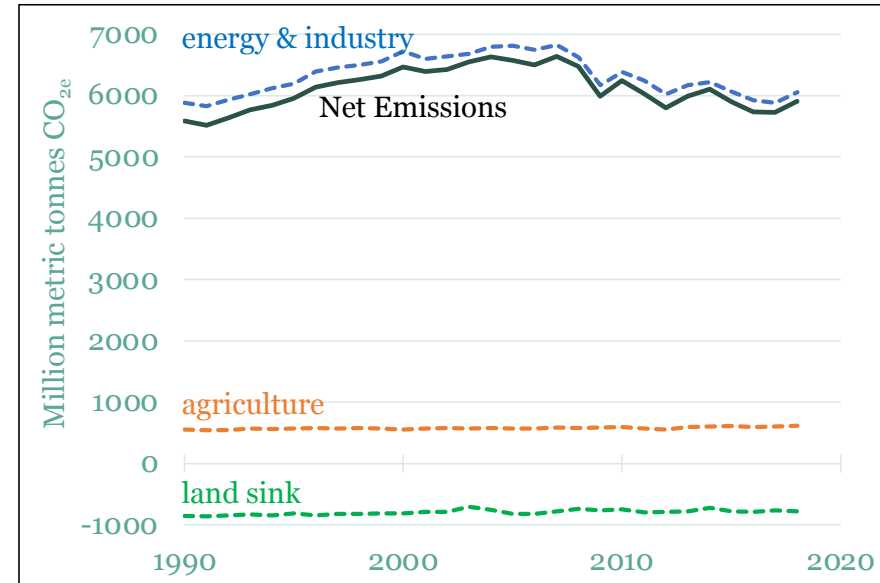
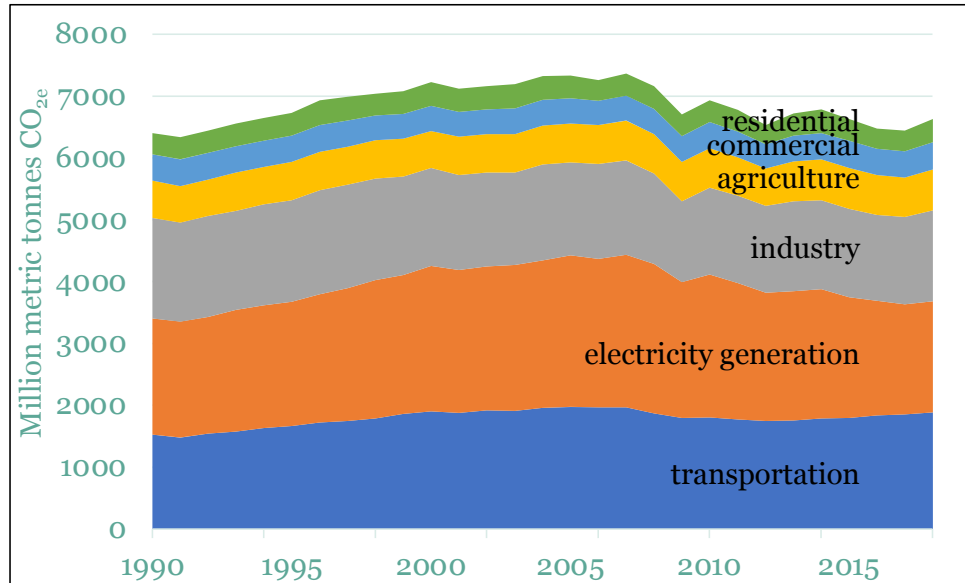


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Princeton_NZA_Interim_Report_15_Dec_2020_FINAL

EPA GHG Inventory

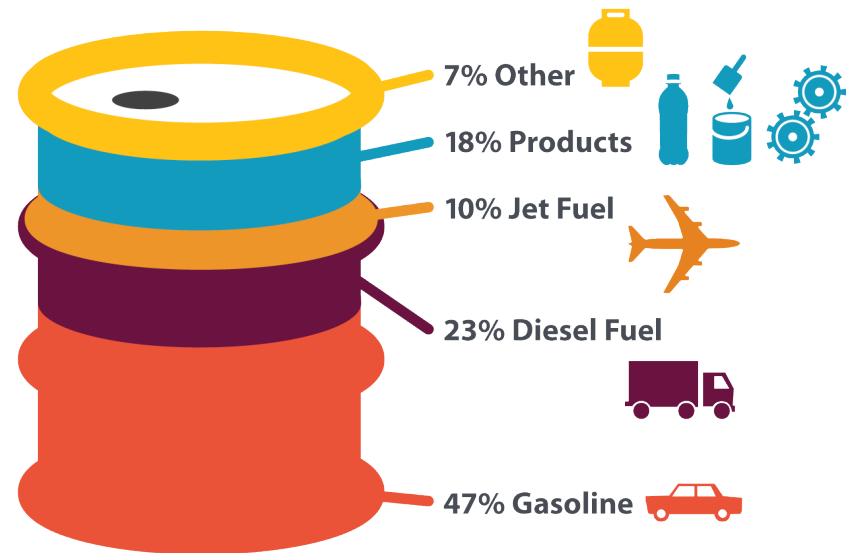
Total global emissions rate is ~40 GtCO₂/year. (Majumdar and Deutsch, *Joule* 2018)

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In the U.S. petroleum is the primary source for transportation fuels and chemicals



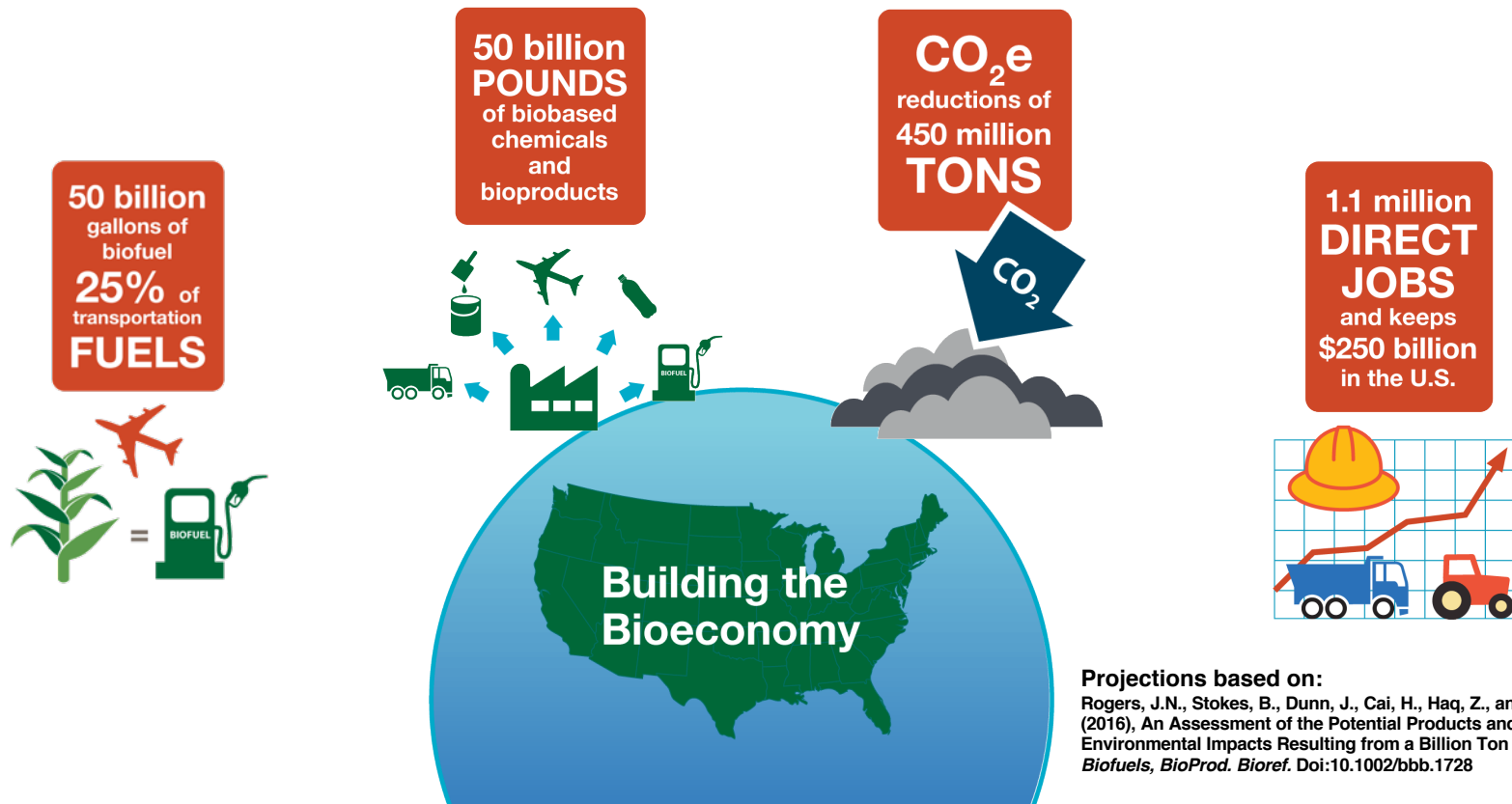
Petroleum products made from a barrel of crude oil



Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Sustainably-grown biomass could be a source for a significant fraction of these fuels

A billion dry tons of sustainable biomass has the potential to..



The US. Department of Energy has funded Four Bioenergy Research Centers



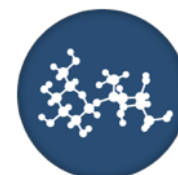
The BRC mission is to develop the science, technology, and knowledgebase necessary to enable sustainable, cost-effective production of advanced biofuels and bioproducts from nonfood plant biomass in support of a new biobased economy.



Sustainability



Feedstock development



Deconstruction

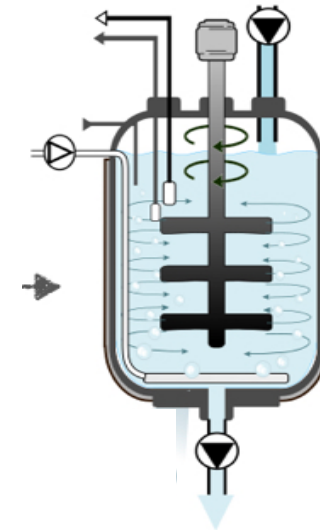
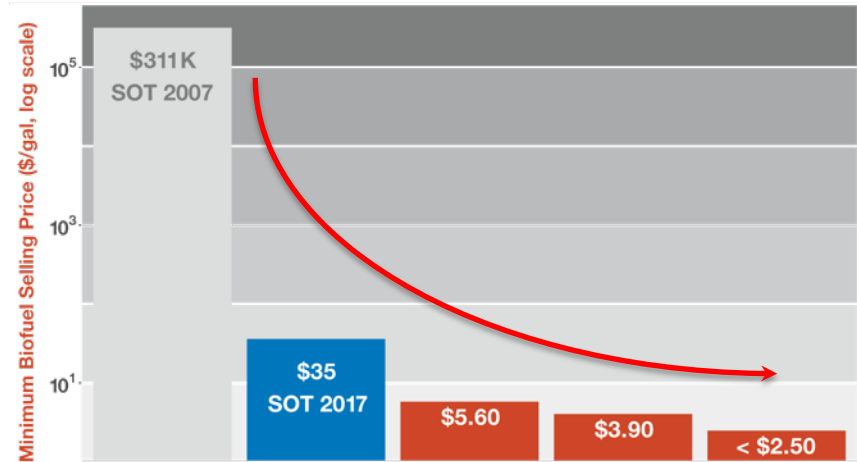


Conversion



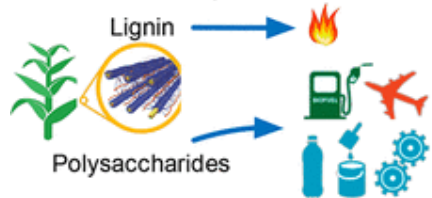
Total funding going back to 2007 > 1B

- **Engineered bioenergy crops** with low susceptibility to disease and drought that can be readily deconstructed into sugar and aromatic intermediates
- An **feedstock agnostic deconstruction process** using ionic liquids that liberates $\geq 90\%$ of sugars and lignin-derived intermediates
- Engineered microorganisms that **simultaneously utilize the sugars and lignin-derived intermediates** to produce targets at industrially relevant titers, rates, and yields (TRY)

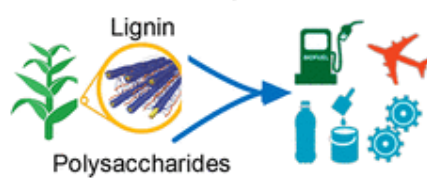


The goal is to provide many options

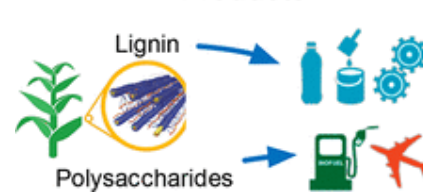
Maximize Sugar Conversion to Single Product



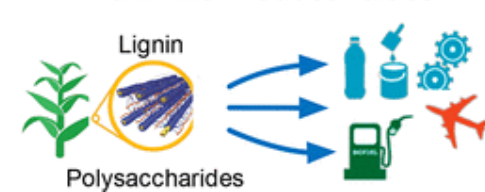
Utilize Diverse Carbon Sources for Single Product



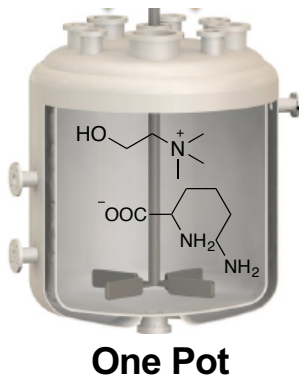
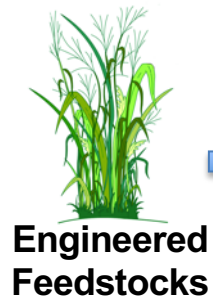
Lignin to High-Value Products



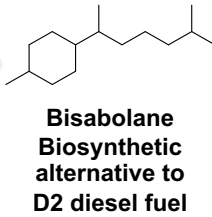
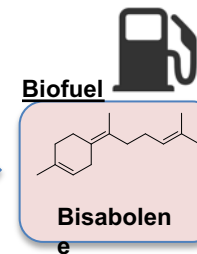
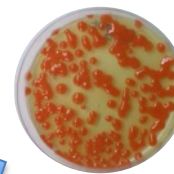
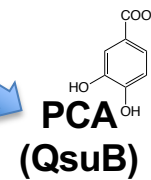
Fractionate Hydrolysate to Maximize Product Values



WT vs. QsuB



Glucose
Xylose

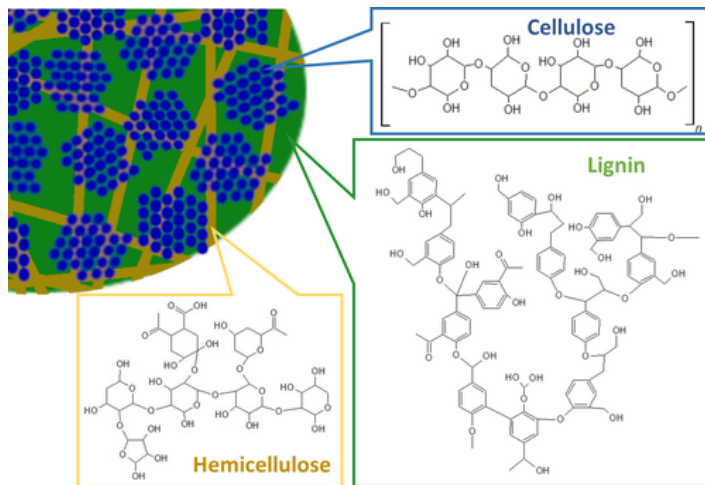


Abundant sustainable and renewable Feedstocks vary geographically

Plant-based biomass can vary considerably and require different deconstruction and thus different downstream conversion host

Lignocellulosic biomass is sugars (2/3) and aromatics (1/3)

Cultivated Lignocellulosic biomass is not the only carbon feedstock



Dahmen et al 2018 GCB-Bioenergy

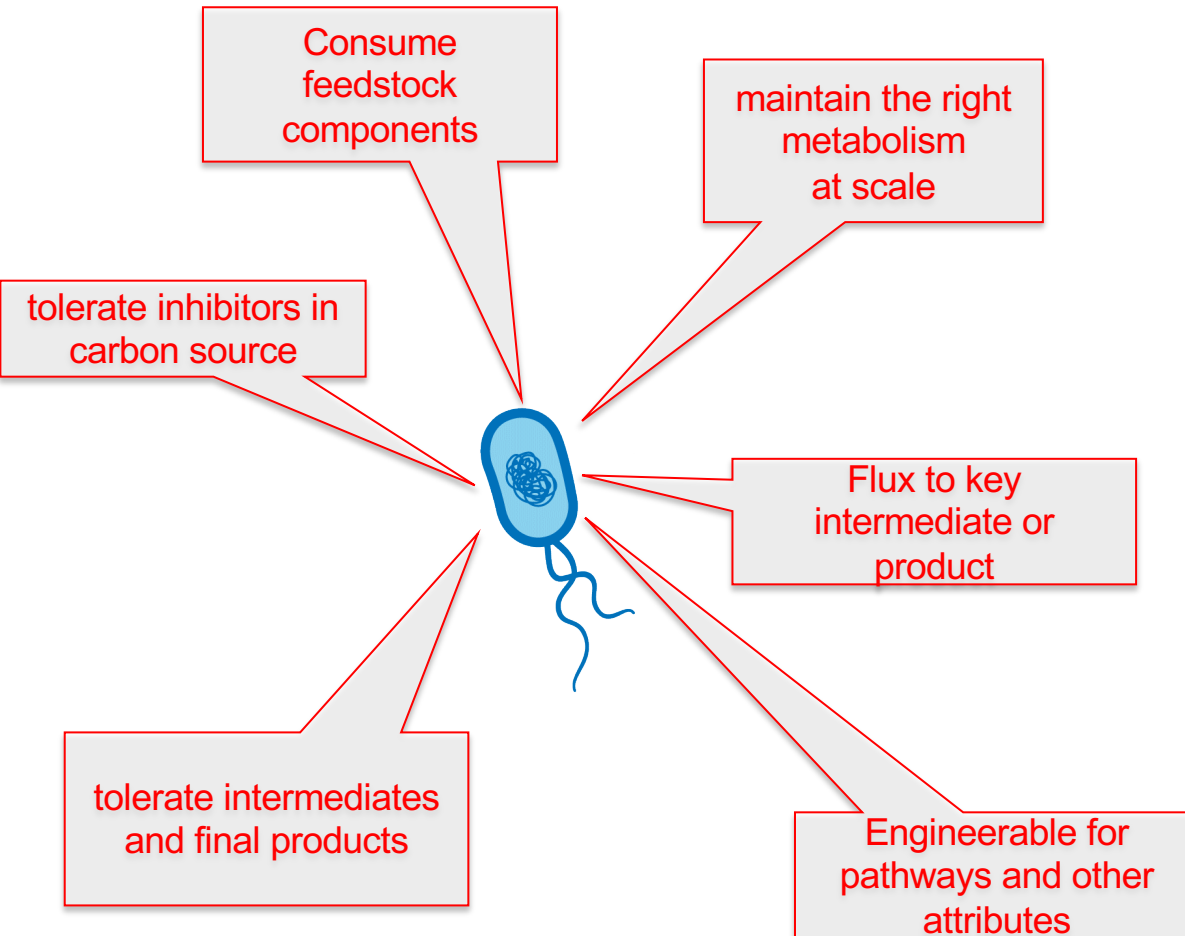
Gas feedstocks

Ag Waste/ forage

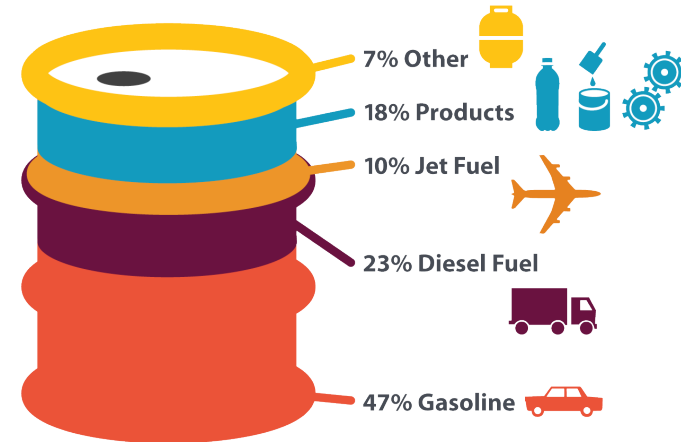
Municipal solid waste

Other waste streams

We need conversion systems for all of these available feedstocks



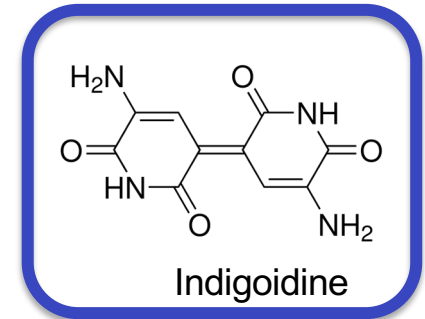
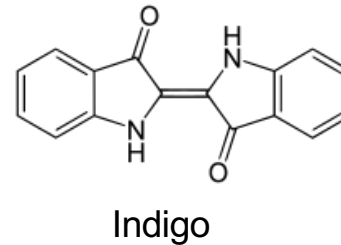
Biomufacturing can target a range of products



Are all target bioproducts amenable to all hosts?

No..

Bioproduct case study: Need for sustainable materials for dyes and pigments



***Is this pigment really the best candidate to reduce GHG emissions??
Both TEA and LCA are required***

Common industrial yeast would not be the ideal candidate for this compound

Molar yields using Glucose	Different industrial hosts used as production platforms				
	<i>P. putida</i>	<i>C. glutamicum</i>	<i>E.coli</i>	<i>R. toruloides</i>	<i>S. cerevisiae</i>
Indigoidine	0.54	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.079
Glutamine	1.14	1	1.14	1.12	0.48
Biomass	0.098	0.092	0.088	0.075	0.029
Genome-scale metabolic model	iJN146 ²	iCW773 ²	iML1515 ³	iRhto1108C ⁴	iMM904 ⁵
ATPM	0.92	-	6.86	1.012	1

ATPM – ATP maintenance

Genome-scale models used in this analyses:

¹Nogales *et al.* (2020). *Environ. Microbiol.* 22(1), 255–269.

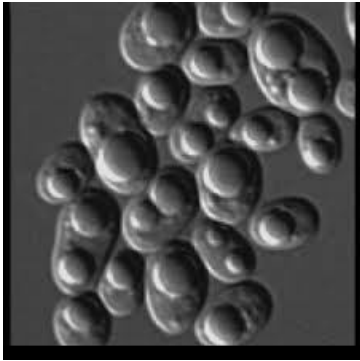
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⁴Dinh *et al.* (2019). *Metabol. Eng. Commun.*, 9, e00101.

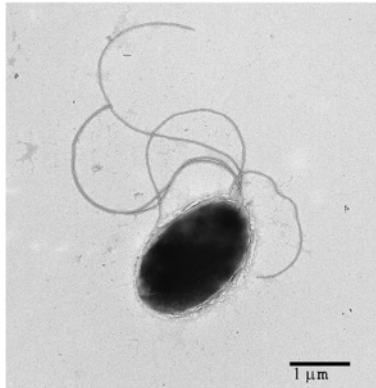
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Microbes engineered and optimized to produce high levels of Indigoidine



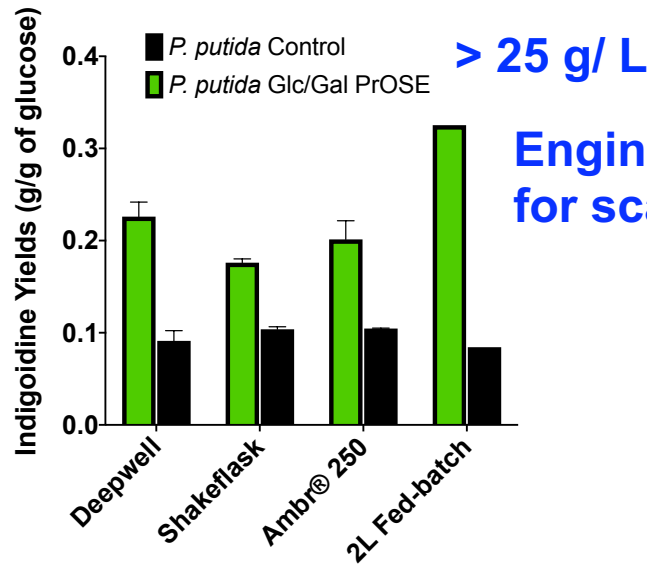
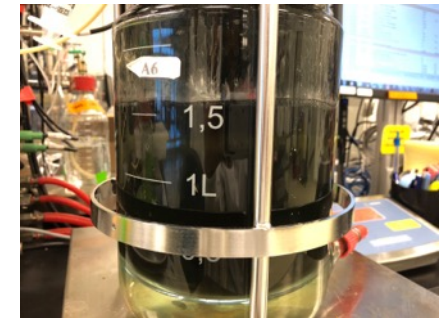
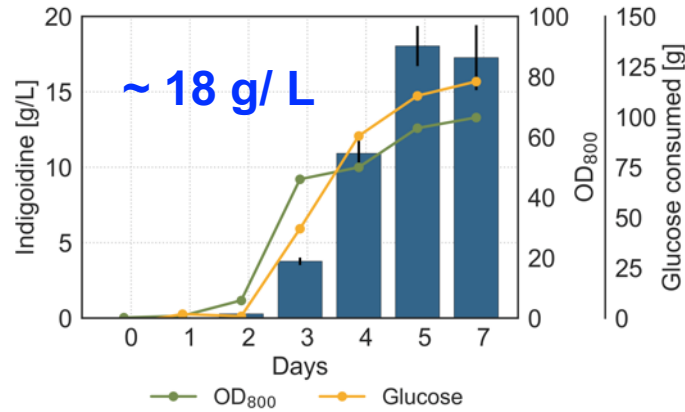
agilebiofoundry.org/

R. toruloides is a oleaginous yeast



alchetron.com/Pseudomonas-putida

P. putida is a soil bacterium



Engineered for scale.

Team Science
Long term goals
Need partners



- **Goal:** Enable biorefineries to achieve **50% reductions in time to bioprocess scale-up** as compared to the current average of around 10 years by establishing a distributed Agile BioFoundry to productionize synthetic biology
- **Outcomes:** Development and deployment of technologies enabling commercially relevant biomanufacturing of a **wide range of bioproducts** by both new and established industrial hosts
- **Relevance:** \$20M/year public infrastructure investment that **increases U.S. industrial competitiveness** and enables opportunities for private sector growth and jobs
- **Risks:** Past learnings do not transfer well across target molecules and microbial hosts. Experiment data sets are of insufficient quality/quantity/consistency to learn from



Barriers – these are interrelated topics

The barriers that limit biomanufacturing's contributions to climate change mitigation include:

- Lack of focus on and support for this objective among bioscientists and -engineers
- Mismatch between organisms used in laboratories and those best-suited to biomanufacturing
- Difficulty and cost of using the most abundant and sustainable feedstocks
- Inefficiency of scaled-up processes and high cost of separation and purification
- Inability to predict results of scaling-up, leading to variation in output
- Insufficient systems for data analysis and integration
- Lack of domestic intermediate-scale facilities for process development and optimization
- Lack of funding for demonstration and early commercial production facilities
- Poor technology transfer and lack of standardized process recipe tools
- Weakness of end-use markets to stimulate sufficient private investments in innovation
- Potential conflicts over the future of agriculture

Next steps.. (no silver bullets)

- **Renewable Jet fuels** is a key piece in GHG reductions.
 - Careful selection (TEA, LCA) of **non-fuel targets can help offset GHG** emissions in meaningful ways
- Development of the process needs to consider
 - **Diverse Feedstocks** and starting material
 - Selecting **the host to match the feedstock and product**
 - Starting with **Scalability** and **separations** in mind
- Federal funds support many valuable efforts – DOE, USDA and others but this interdisciplinary problem requires **cross/ inter-agency work**
- For successful tech transfer
 - The pieces need to come together – **team science**
 - End to end optimizations take time – **long term funding**
 - Big team long term projects may need **different set of incentives** and metrics to measure success, than what is currently in place
- More such **workshops that initiate/ continue dialogue** on what barriers still exist. With Scientists, engineers, economists – we may also need **social science** folks.