

# Development of Improved Enzymes for the Bio-refinery

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- **Enzyme Technology for Fuel Ethanol from Starch**
- **Transition to Cellulosic Ethanol**
- **The Challenges of Cellulosic Ethanol and Genencor's Role**
- **Integrating Technology**
- **Conclusions**



# Genencor Division at a Glance

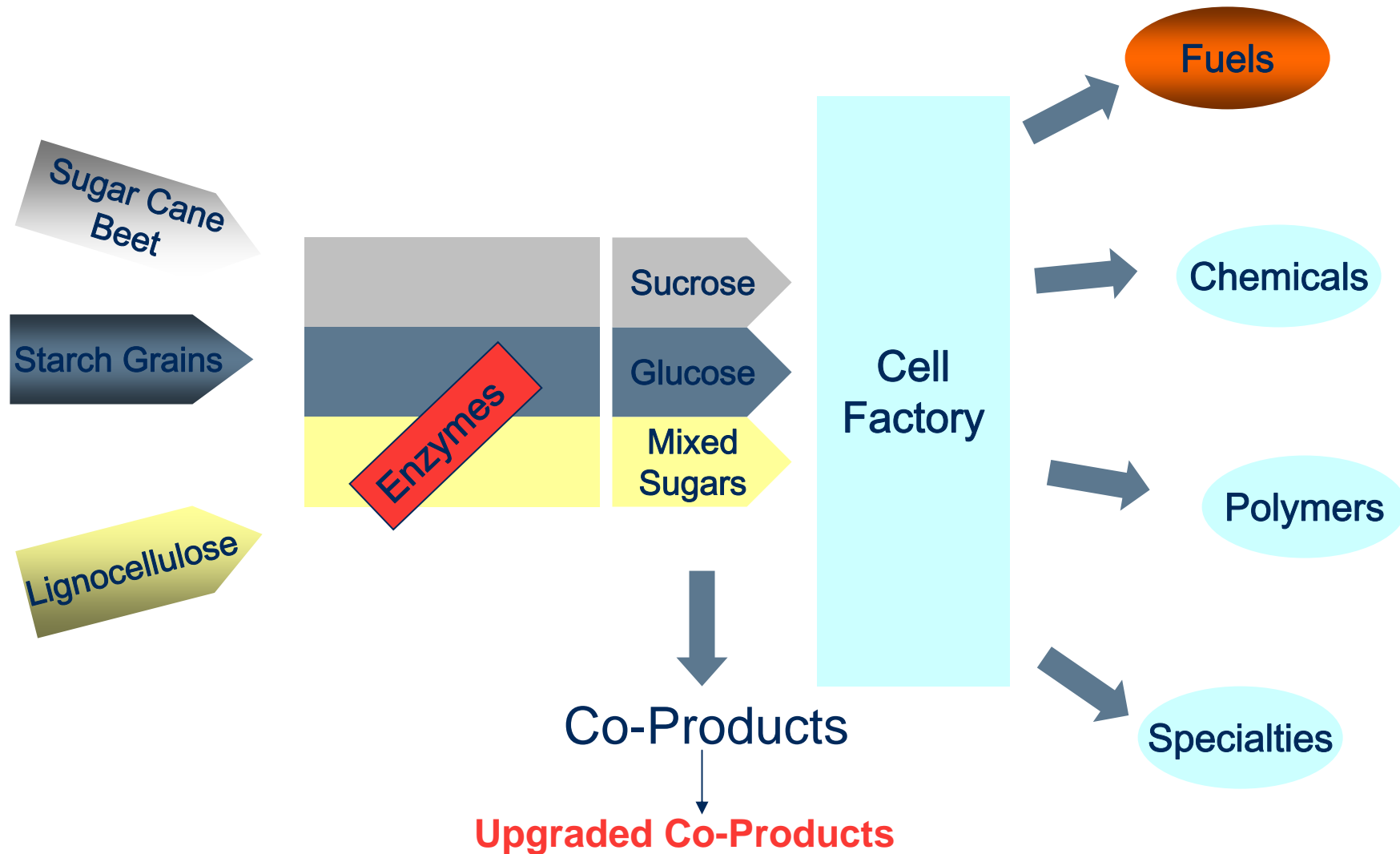


## Develops, produces & sells enzymes for industrial applications

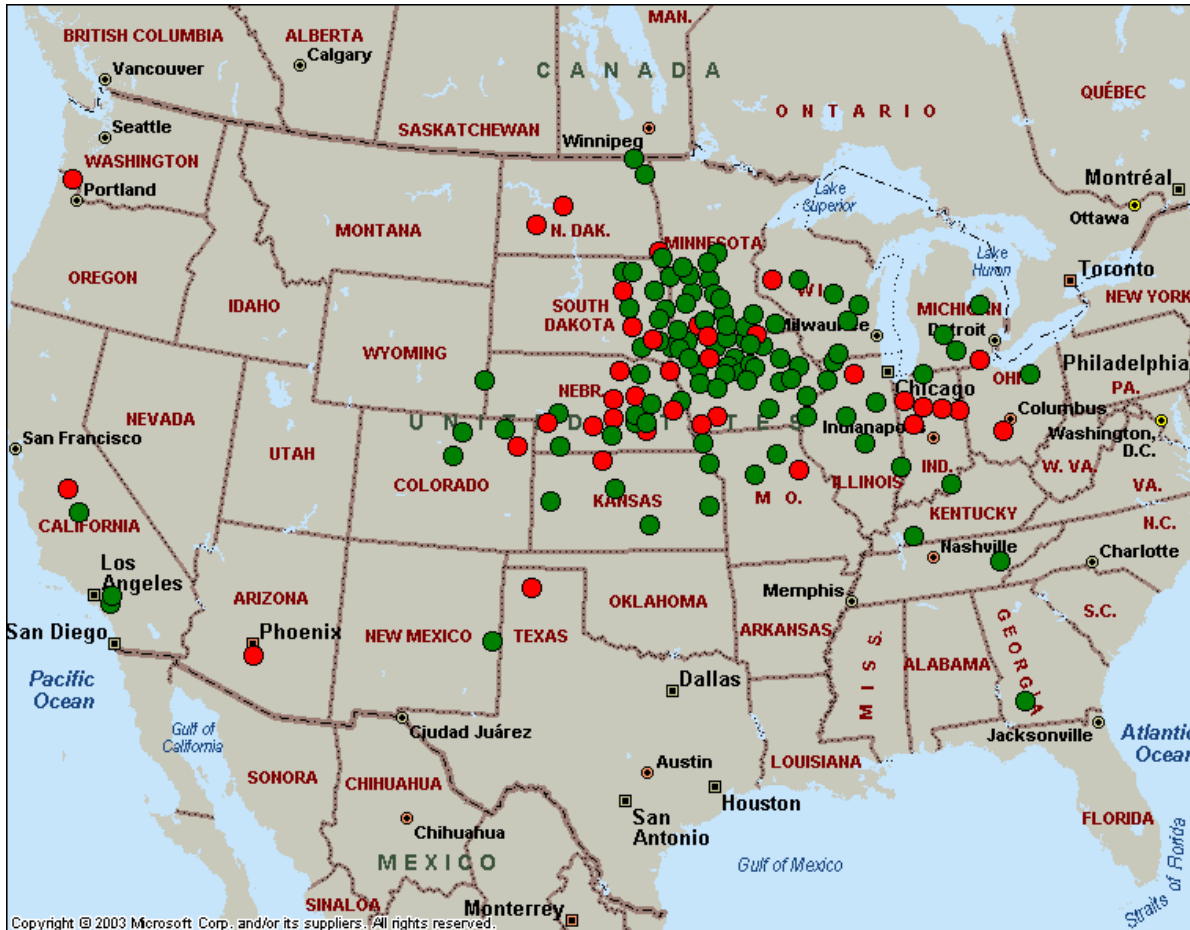
- Founded 1982
- May 2005: Danisco-Genencor Division
- 9 Bioproducts manufacturing sites (Europe, Americas, China)
- 4 R&D sites (Europe, USA, China)
- **Approximately 1300 Employees Worldwide**
- **Proven innovator ~4000+ owned and licensed patents and patent applications**
- Making cellulases since 1985
- First recipient of 2000 US Department of Energy subcontract for cellulase cost reduction
- Winning proposal for 2008 US DOE subcontract for cellulase cost reduction



# The BioRefinery



# Corn-to-Ethanol Biorefinery US 2007



Source: John Urbanchuk and Renewable Fuels Association

● = operating, ● = under construction

**136 Operating Plants with  
6.9 Billion Gallon  
Capacity**

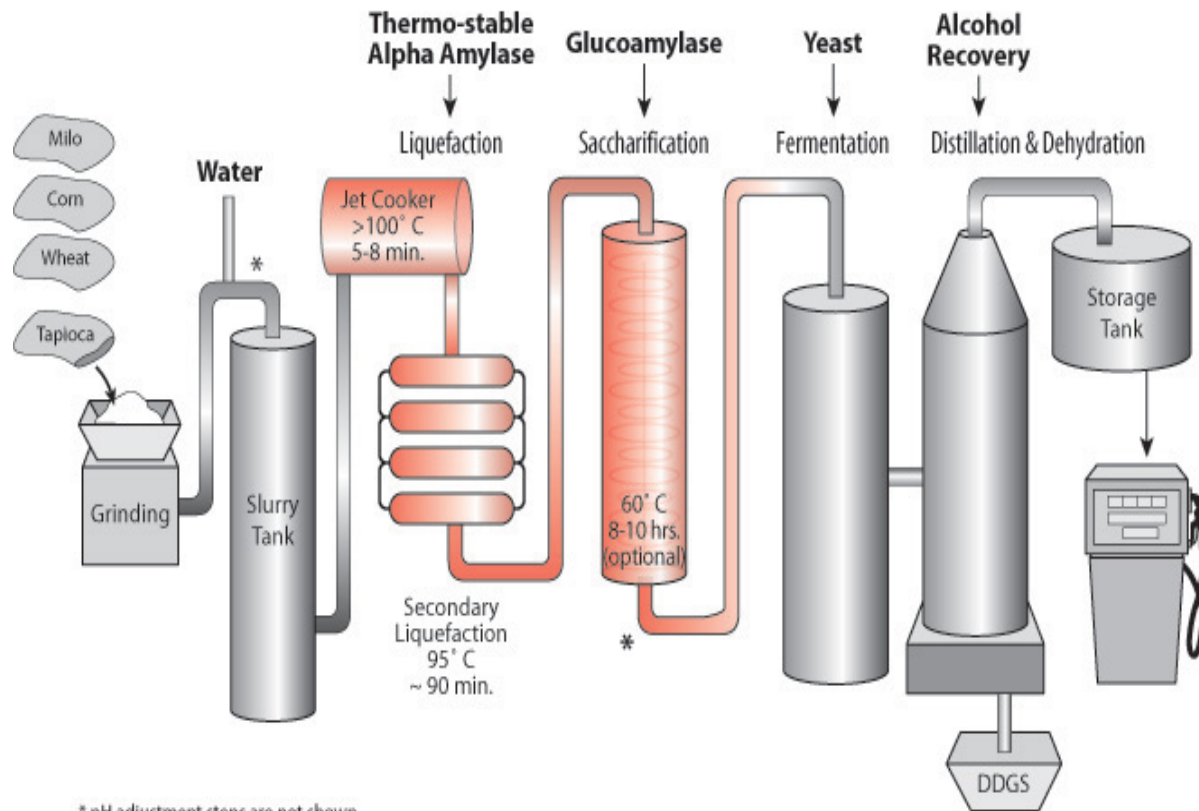
**13 Plants in expansion  
with 1.0 Billion Gallon  
Capacity**

**88 Plants under  
Construction will Provide  
another  
6.6 Billion Gallons**

**Total Capacity When  
Completed = 14.5 Bil. Gal.**

**Hundreds of other plants  
in Planning Stage!**

# Conventional Ethanol Production from Starch



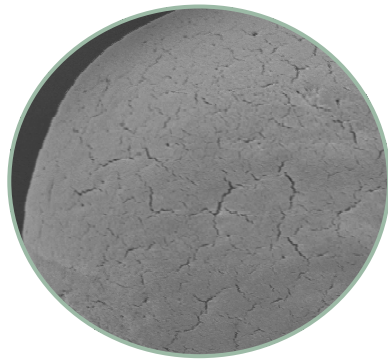
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Need: Better Enzymes and Processes for the Grain Processing Industry

# Granular Starch Hydrolyzing Enzyme (GSHE): Glucoamylase and Alpha Amylase

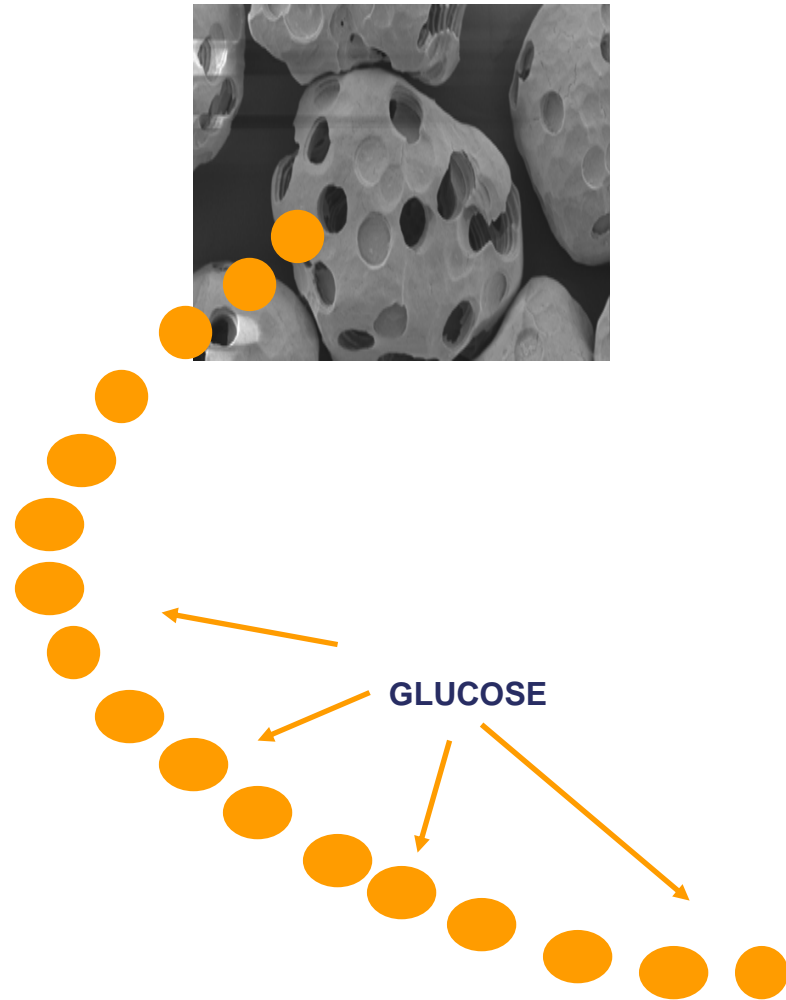
## STARGEN 001 product

Granular Starch



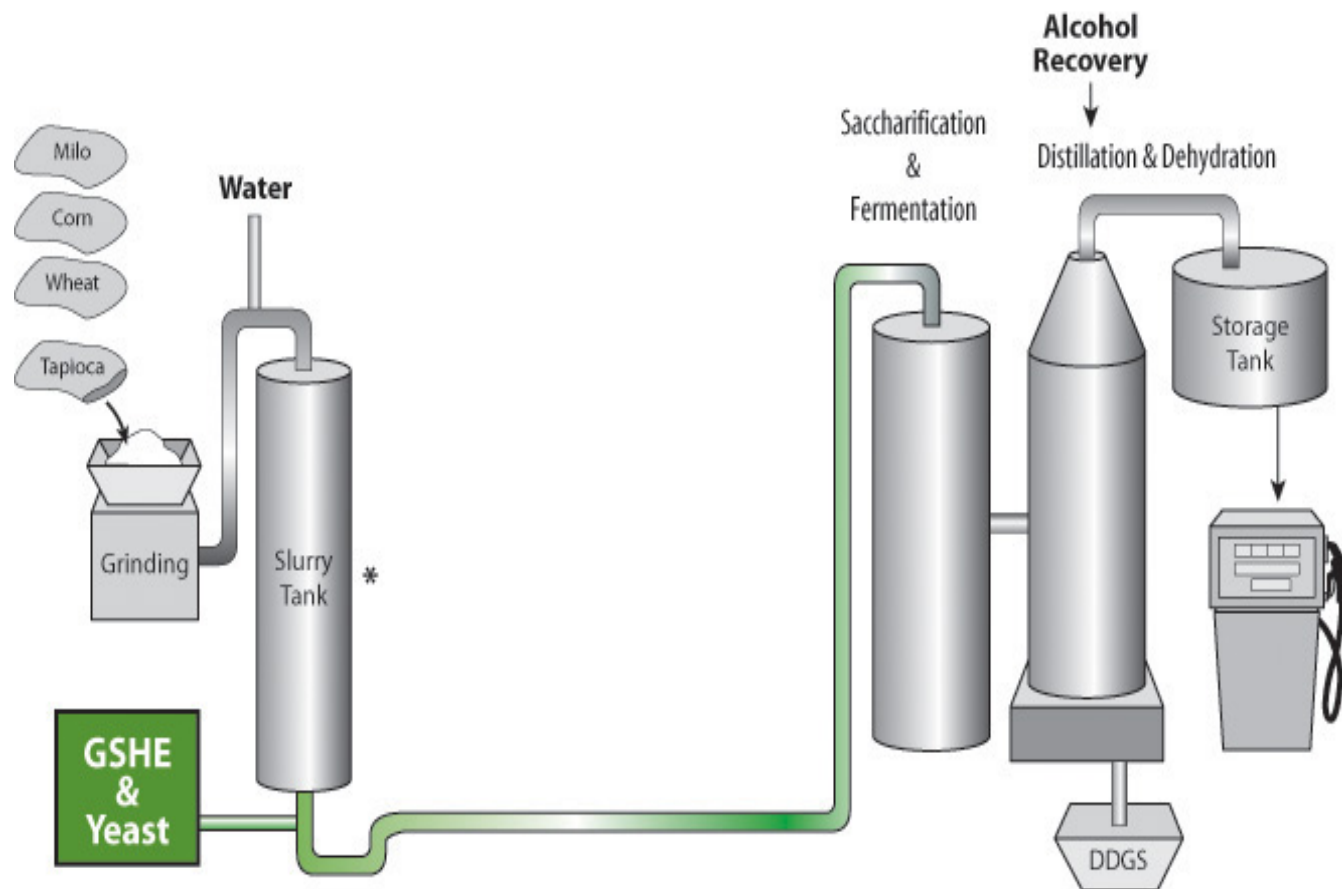
*Aspergillus kawachi* alpha-amylase  
Expressed in *Trichoderma reesei*

Glucoamylase from *Aspergillus niger*



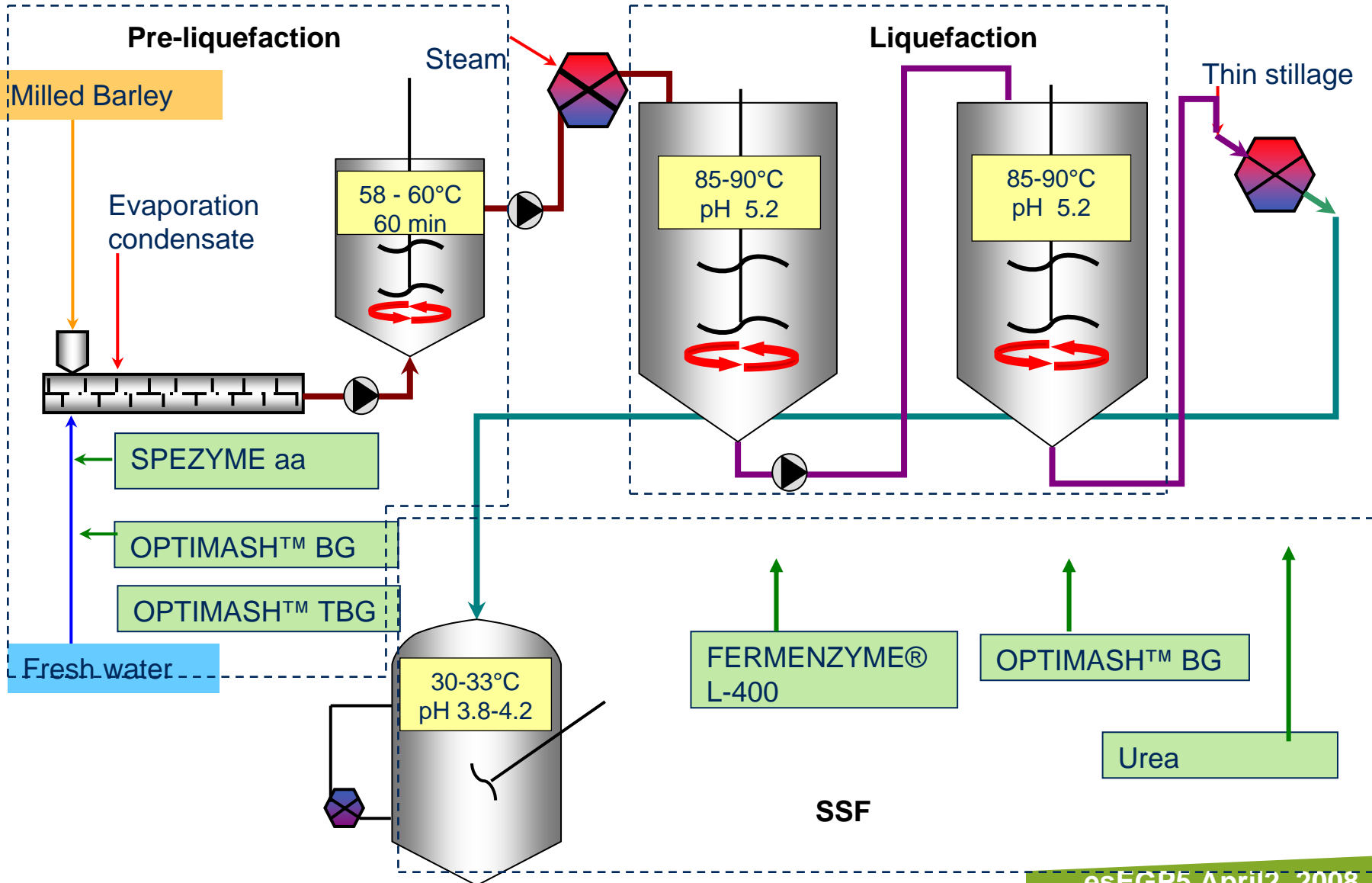
# GSHE: Low Energy Starch-Ethanol Process

## Low Energy Ethanol Production Process

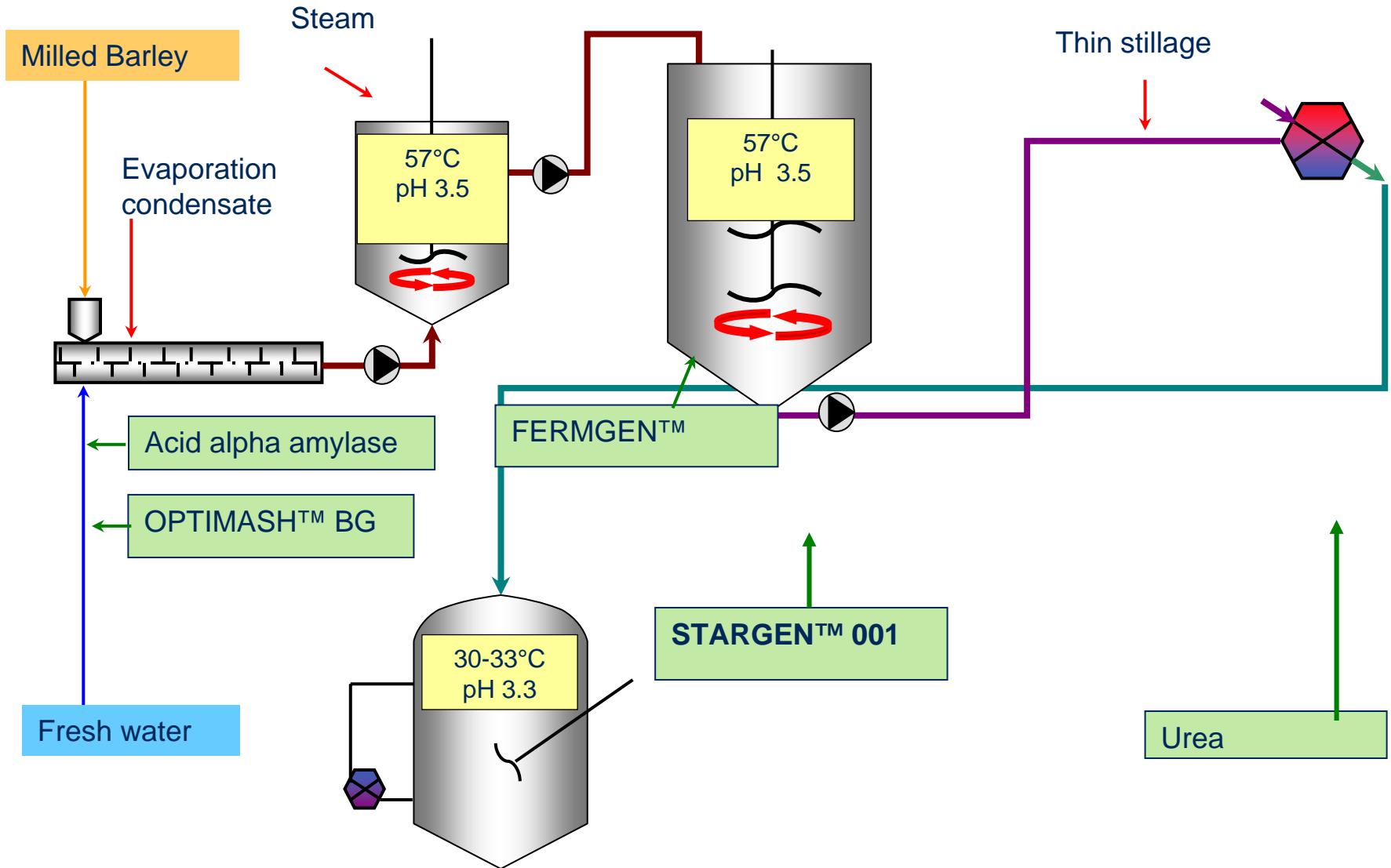


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# Barley Process: Conventional



# Barley Biorefinery: STARGEN™ Process



# Comparison of Barley Ethanol Processes



|                                | <b>Conventional</b> | <b>STARGEN™</b> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Ethanol Yield (Gal/bu)*</b> | 2.36                | 2.60            |

\* Thoroughbred hulled barley with 15% moisture and 53 lb/bu

# Genencor Enzymes for Fuel Ethanol Production from Starch



## Enzyme

→ Liquefying enzymes

→ Saccharifying enzymes

→ Protein hydrolyzing enzymes

→ Viscosity reduction enzymes

→ Granular starch hydrolyzing enzymes

## Purpose

→ Thermostable alpha-amylases for liquefaction of starch at high temperatures

→ Glucoamylases and blends for hydrolysis of starch to glucose

→ Proteases for improved fermentation efficiency

→ Multi-component enzymes for wheat, barley & rye

→ Alpha-amylase and glucoamylase blend for processing of uncooked starch

## Product name

→ **SPEZYME® XTRA**

→ **SPEZYME® FRED**

→ **MAXALIQ® ONE**

→ **G-ZYME® 480**

→ **FERMENZYME® L-400**

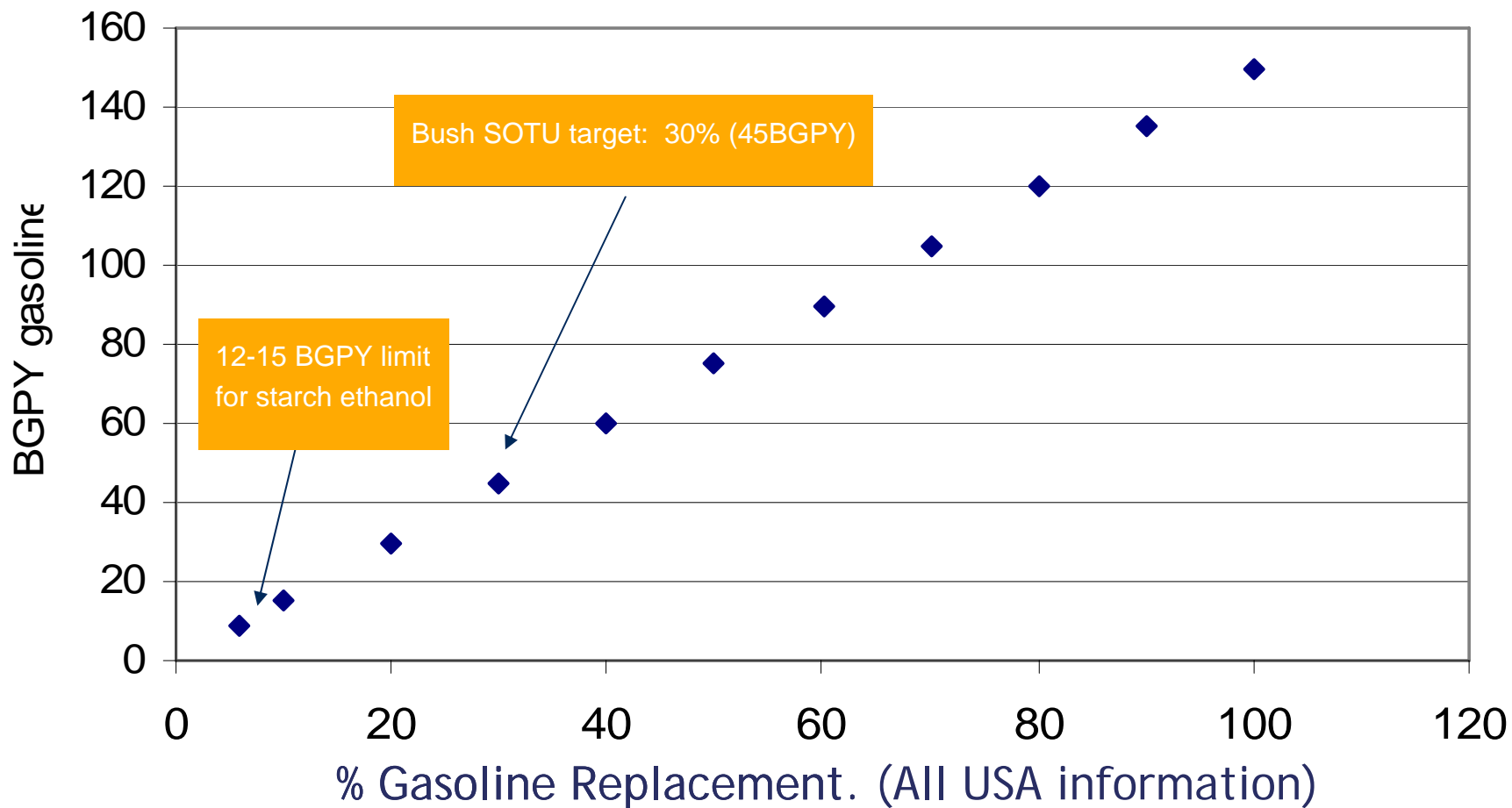
→ **FERMGEN™**

→ **OPTIMASH™ (EUR)  
(wheat, rye and barley)**

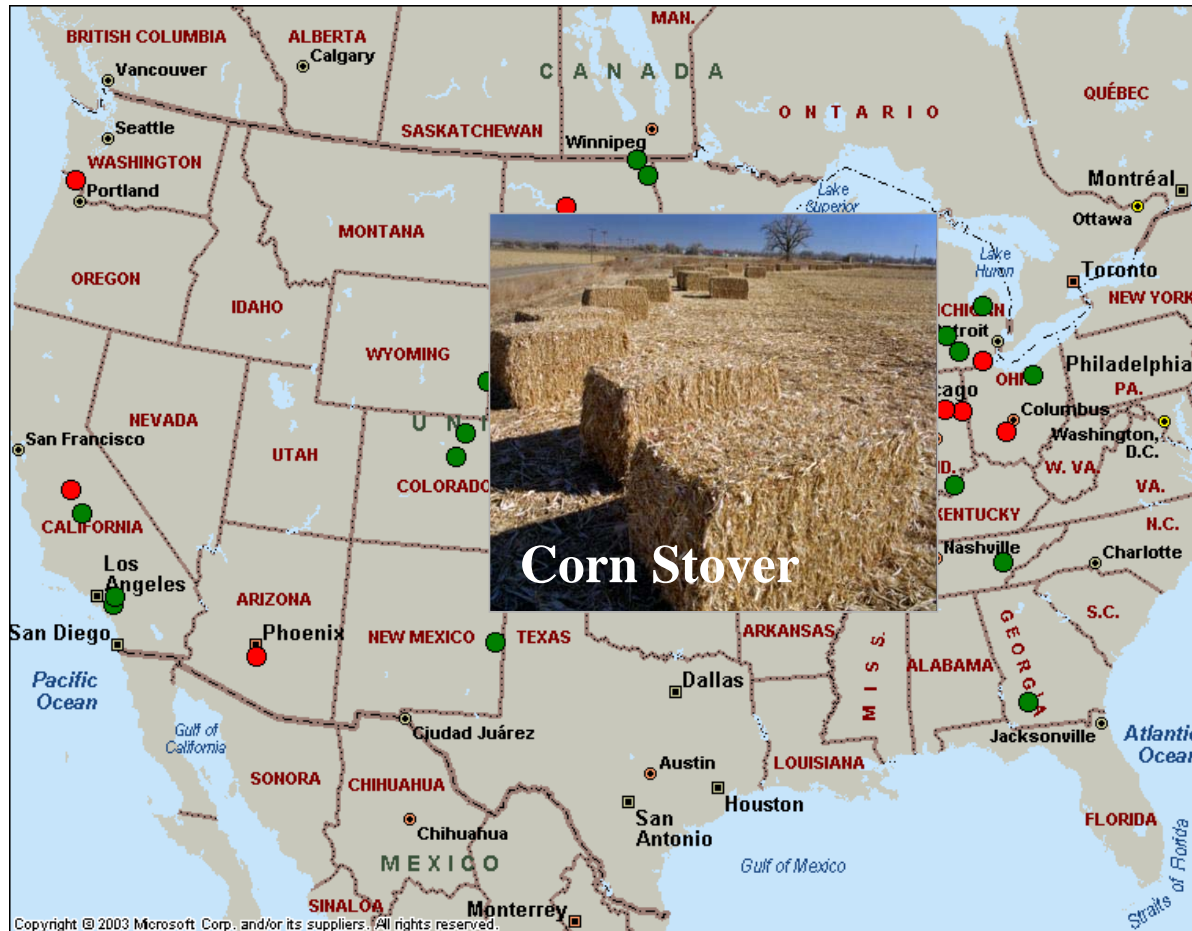
→ **STARGEN™ 001 (US)**

→ **STARGEN™ 002 (EUR)**

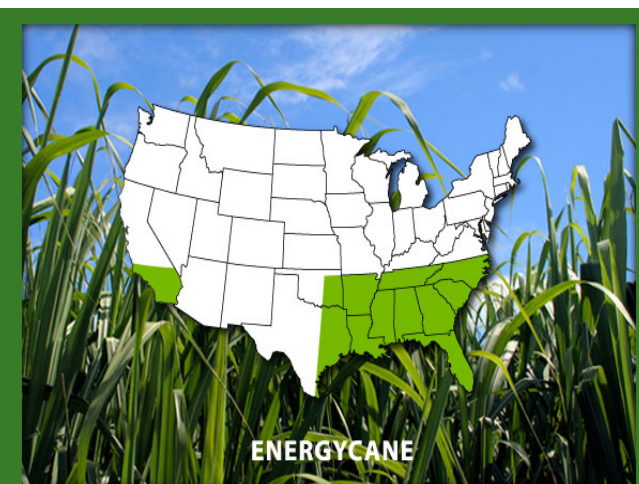
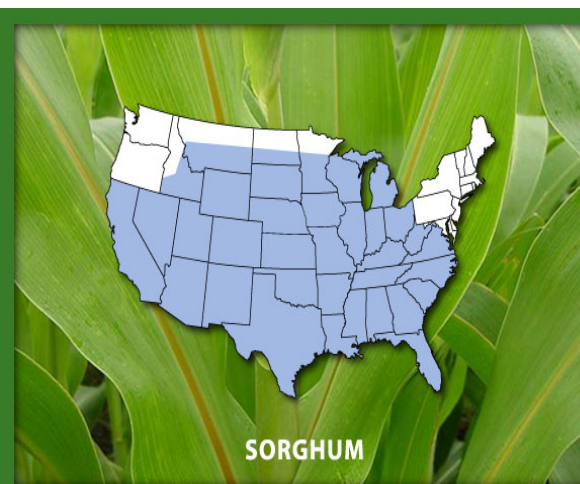
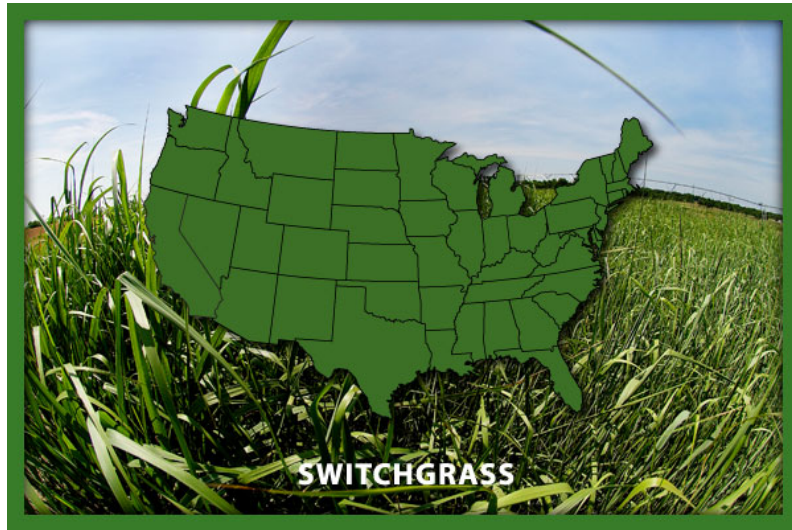
# Biofuel Opportunity in US Gasoline Replacement



# US Sources of Cellulosic Biomass



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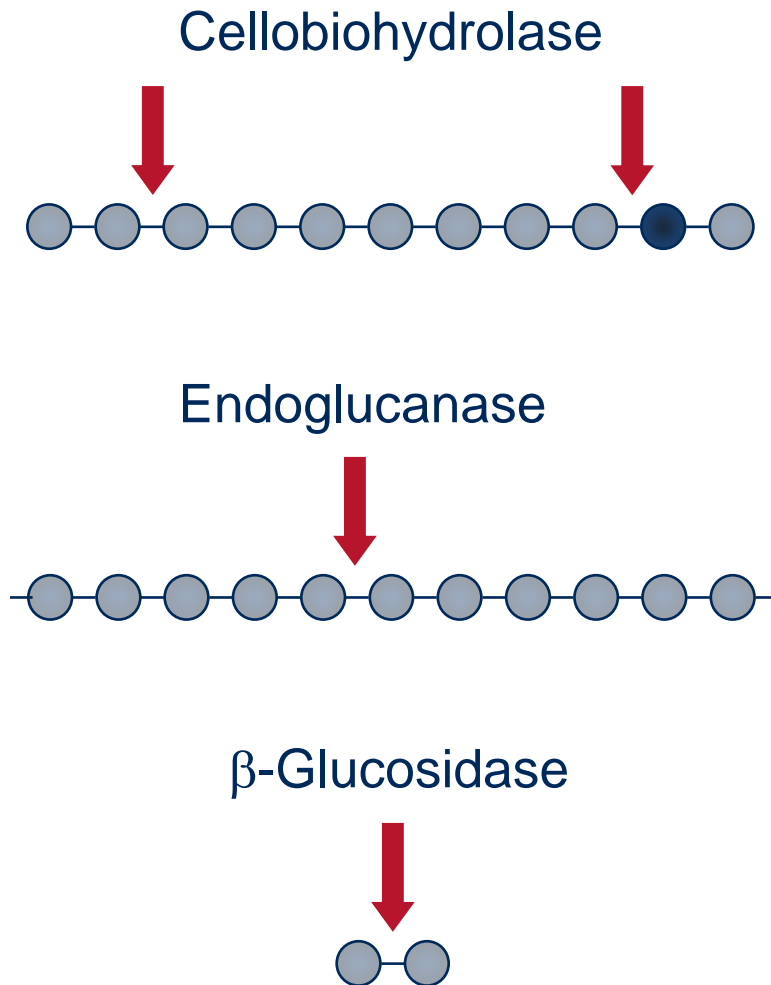


Source: <http://www.ceres.net>

# Cellulosic ethanol : Enzyme challenges

- **Biomass much more recalcitrant to hydrolysis**
- **Complex, synergistic mix of cellulases & hemicellulases needed**
- **End product inhibition, enzyme stability, non-productive binding.....**
- **Enzyme dosing is much higher than for starch**

# Cellulose: Hydrolyzing the $\beta$ -1,4 linkage



Plus hemicellulases etc etc.

→ Cellulose digestion requires at least 3 types of activities working synergistically:

- Exo-1,4- $\beta$ -glucanase (cellobiohydrolase): processive, attacks reducing (CBH I) or non-reducing (CBH II) end of cellulose chain, releasing cellobiose units.
- Endo-1,4- $\beta$ -glucanase: non-processive, attacks along chain; reduce dp and viscosity, creating more chain ends for the exo's.
- Beta-glucosidase ( $\beta$ -glu): converts soluble oligosaccharides to glucose, relieving product inhibition.

# Advanced Cellulase Development Programs

## Project Structure and Funding

- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) funded >\$15 million over a 4-year period beginning in June 2000
- Sub-contract through the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)
- Genencor contributed ~\$5 million

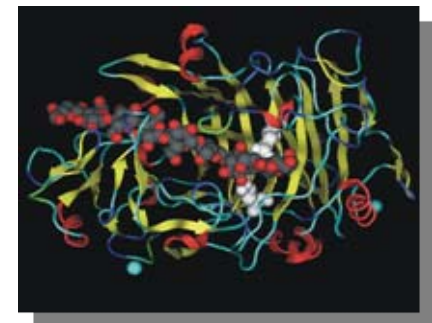
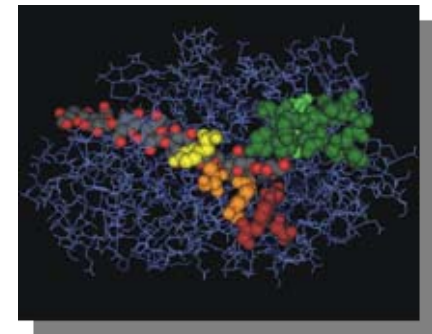
## Goal: Improved Low Cost Cellulase for Biomass Conversion to Ethanol

- Original program targeted a 10-fold cellulase cost reduction
- Program achieved a 30-fold reduction per gallon on NREL model substrate

## Awards

- R&D Magazine, Top 100 Innovations, 2004

**2008:** Genencor proposal chosen for new DOE Enzyme Improvement subcontract



# How Will the Market Emerge?



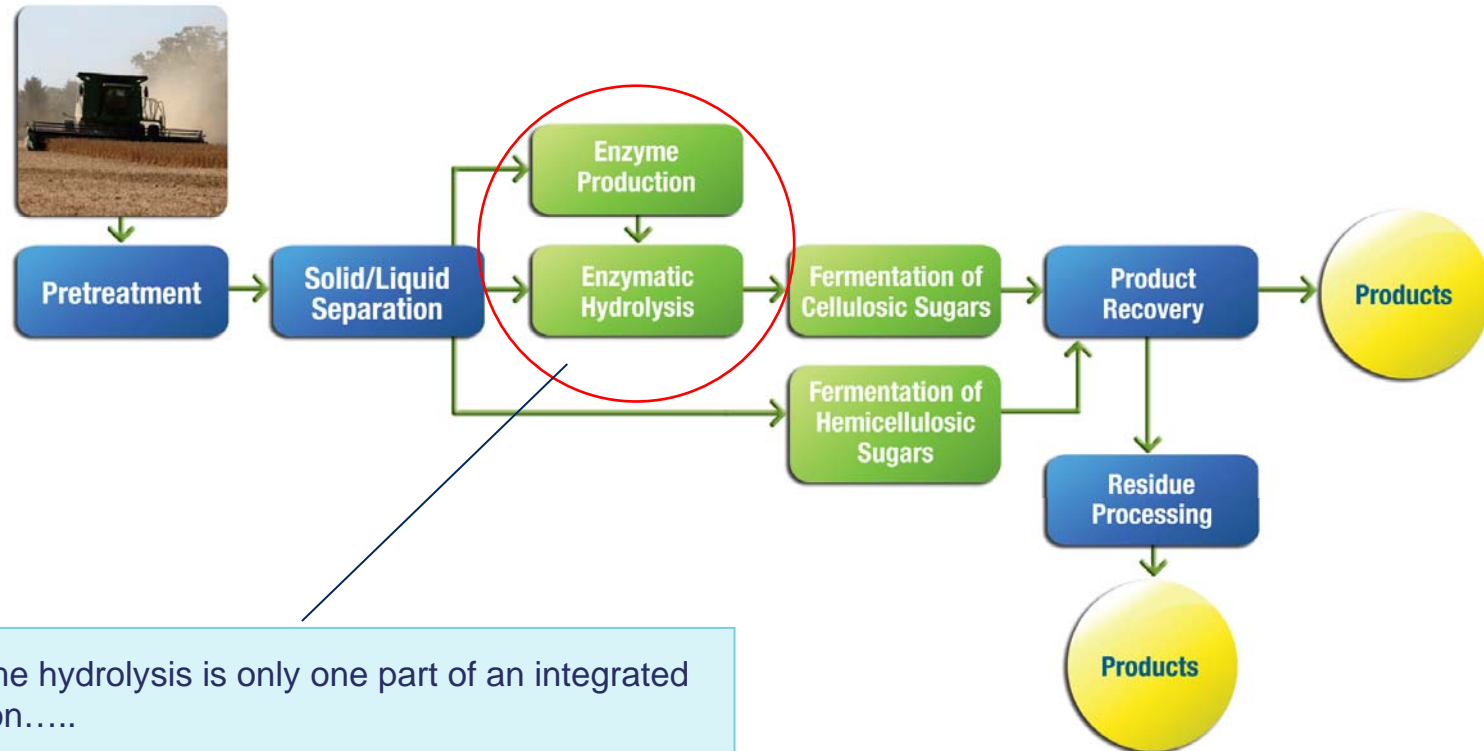
- 2008 to 2010 – pilot plants at 0.5 to ~ 2 MGPY
- 2009 to 2012 – demonstration plants at 2 to 10 MGPY
- 2009 to 2014 – first commercial plants deployed @ 20 to 50 MGPY

## 2007 Unmet Need:

Process developers & engineers need an enzyme solution that is representative of final, optimal enzyme preparations so they can design their systems.

# System Level Solution

Figure 1: Production of ethanol from cellulosic biomass.



Enzyme hydrolysis is only one part of an integrated solution.....

# ACCELLERASE™ 1000 at a Glance



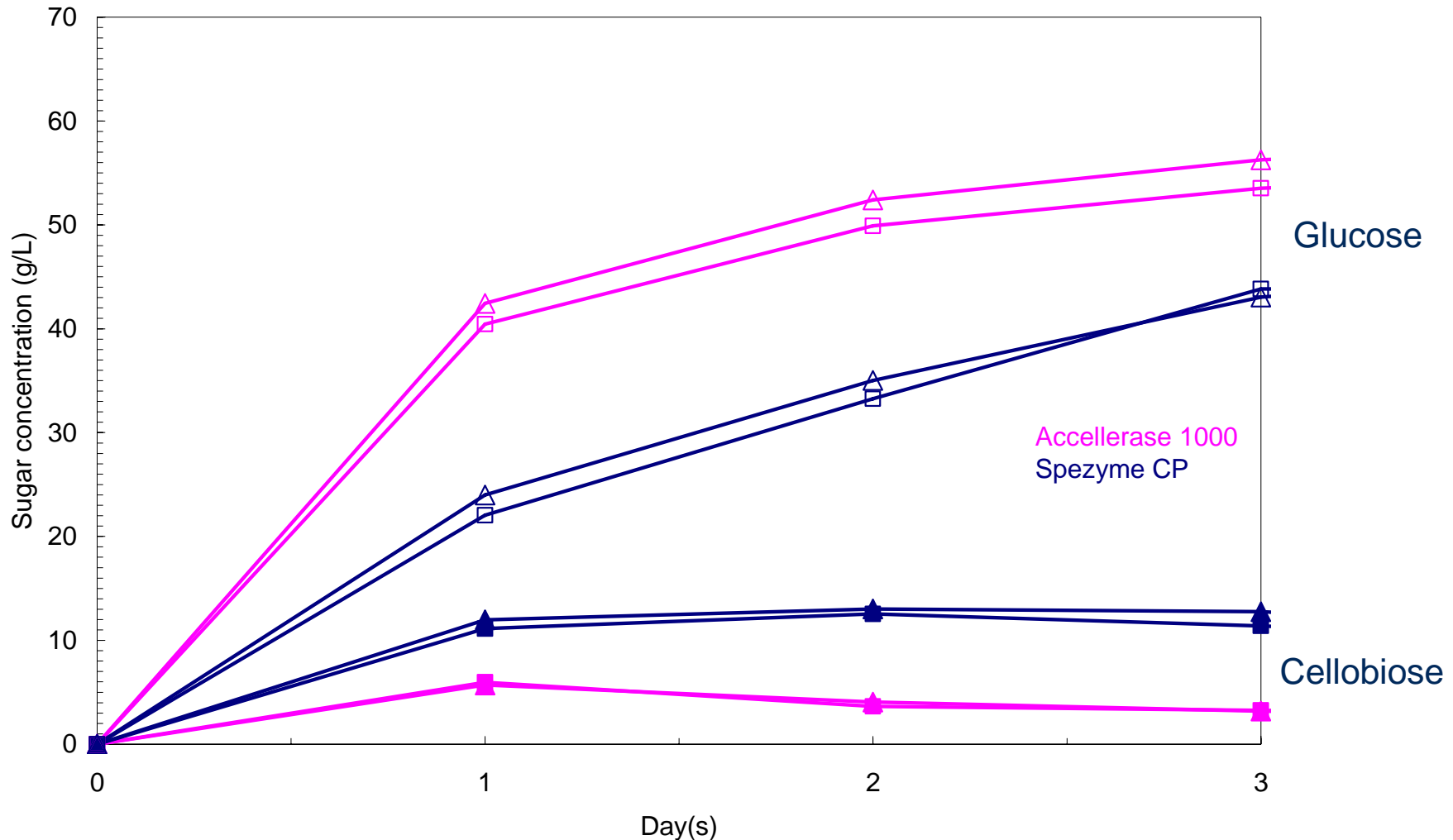
## → First True Biomass Targeted Enzyme Launched on October 15, 2007

- High  $\beta$ -glucosidase activity to minimize residual cellobiose potentially increasing saccharification rate, speeding ethanol fermentation, and improving yield
- Unclarified product with remaining nutrients from enzyme production available to the yeast in addition to the hydrolysis sugars after saccharification
- Minimal formulation ensures no chemical interference with saccharification carbohydrate analysis or subsequent yeast fermentation

## → Delivers Significantly Enhanced Performance Over Previous Product

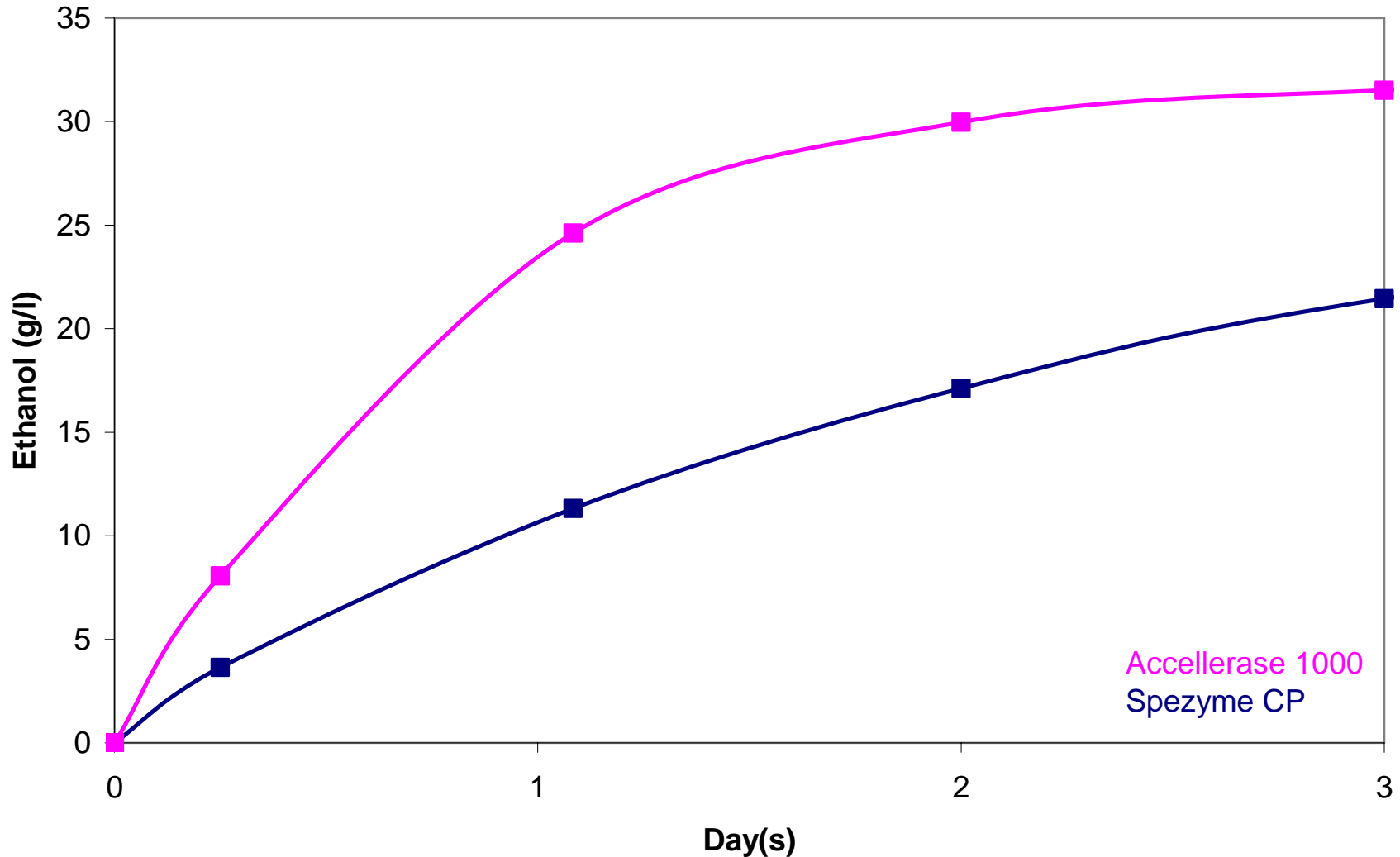


# Significantly Lower Cellobiose Levels During Hydrolysis



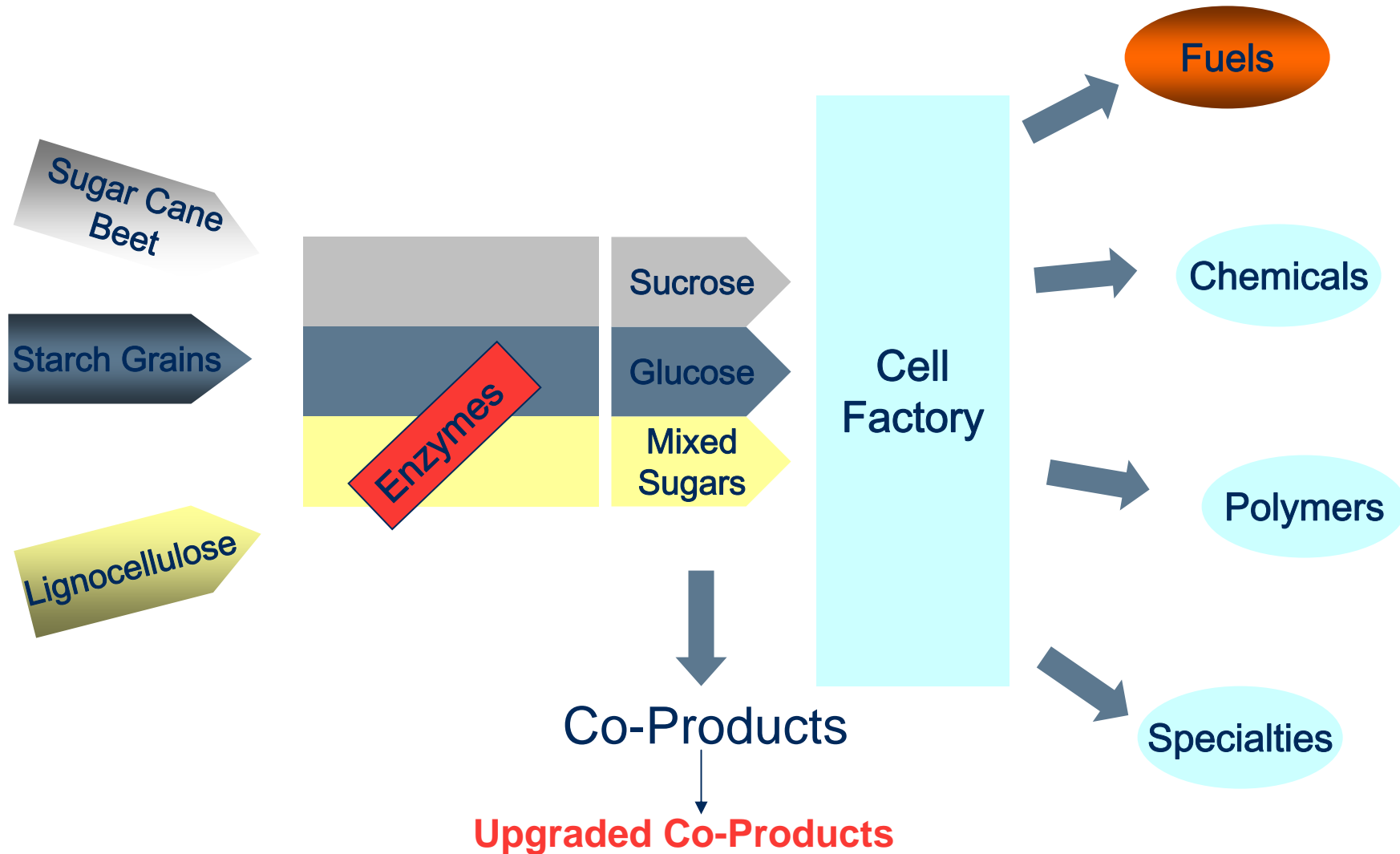
Sugar profiles of **Accellerase<sup>TM</sup> 1000** vs cellulase product Spezyme CP on acid pretreated corn stover ( $\Delta$ ) and sugar cane bagasse ( $\square$ ), 7% cellulose loading, 50° C, and pH 5.0.

# Enhanced SSF Performance: Ethanol Yield



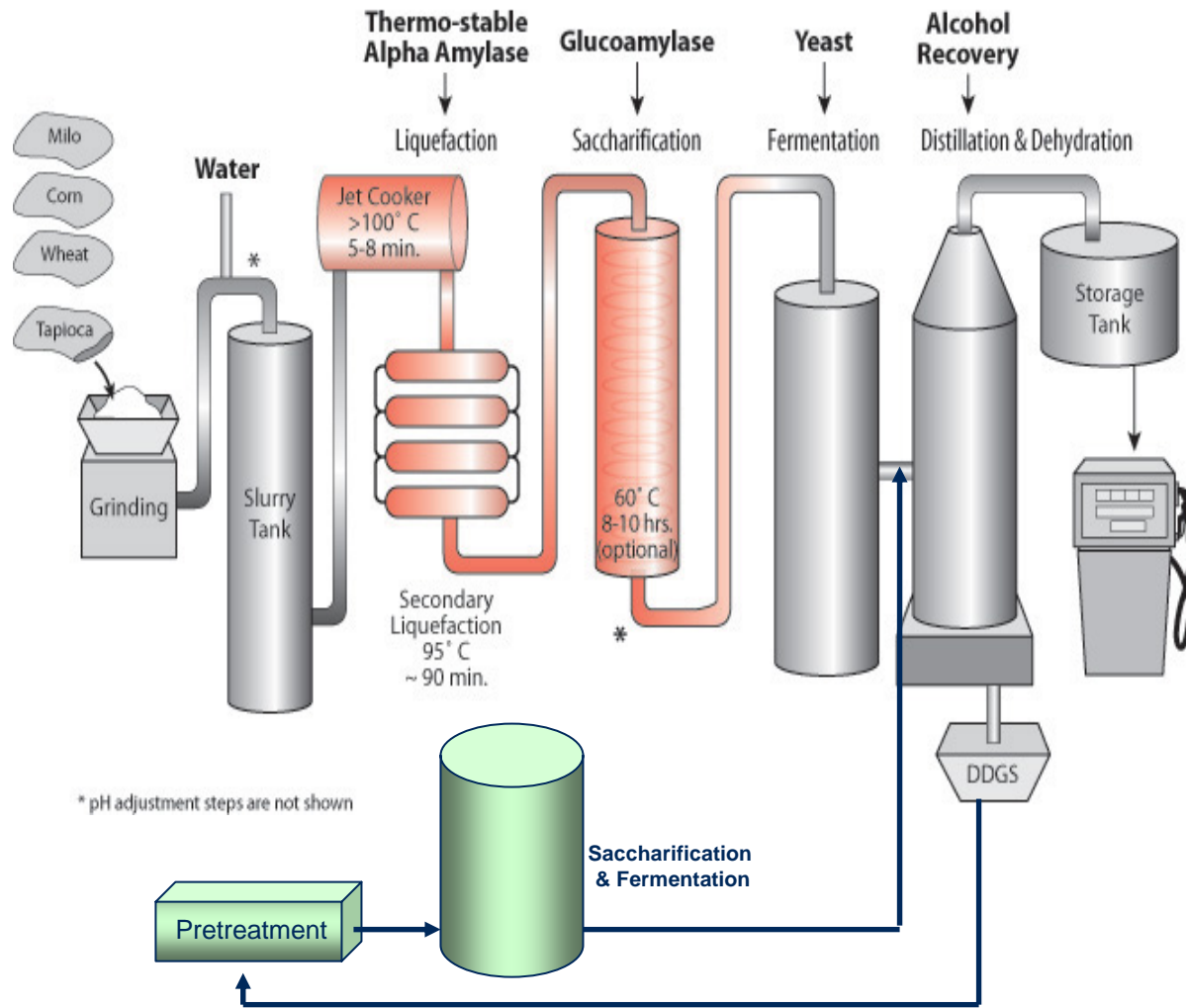
Ethanol profiles of **Accellerase<sup>TM</sup> 1000** vs cellulase product Spezyme CP in SSF on acid-pretreated sugar cane bagasse, 7% cellulose loading, 37° C, and pH 5.0.

# The BioRefinery



# Integrating Starch & Cellulosic Biomass Technologies

Mike Ladisch: MidWest Consortium / Purdue University



# Conclusions

- Starch process is an enzymatic process, and starch processing technology is rapidly evolving.
- Cellulosic biomass processing is much more complicated, best solution will be through integrated processes.
- Cellulosic conversion will enhance starch processing economics, and cellulosic & starch technologies & processes could very well merge in synergistic ways.



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Biomass Applications Group

Grain Applications Group

Biorefinery Business Development