

# 2019 PROJECT PEER REVIEW

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BIOENERGY TECHNOLOGIES OFFICE

Industry Partnerships: Mechanisms,  
Opportunities, and Success Stories  
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# Variety of Funding Programs

- BETO Funding Opportunity Announcement
  - Posted on EERE-Exchange (<https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>)
  - Grants, Cooperative Agreements
  - Cost Share requirement
  - May be informed by BETO workshops, RFIs
- Direct Funding Opportunities (DFO)
  - Supplementary to consortia
  - AOP between BETO/Lab
  - CRADA or other between Industry/Lab
- Biomass Research and Development Initiative (BRDI)
  - USDA/DOE Joint FOA
  - Technical areas: Feedstocks development, Biofuels and biobased products development, and Biofuels development analysis
  - Cost Share requirement
  - Award may be issued by either agency

# Variety of Funding Programs

- Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR)
  - Managed by Office of Science
  - Potential for follow-on phases
  - Topics complementary to BETO portfolio
  - <https://science.energy.gov/sbir/>
- Technology Commercialization Fund (TCF)
  - Congressionally mandated (EPAAct 2005, Section 1001e)
  - Run by the Department of Energy Office of Technology Transitions
  - TCF Goal: Perform technology maturation with the intent of attracting a private partner that is willing to support the (national lab) technology's commercialization
  - <https://www.energy.gov/technologytransitions/services/technology-commercialization-fund>

# Variety of Funding Mechanisms - Other

- DPA Title III Advanced Drop-in Biofuels Production Project
  - Defense Production Act (DPA)
  - MOU between **Department of the Navy**, USDA, DOE
  - Fulcrum Bioenergy, Red Rocks Biofuels
- Small Business Voucher (SBV – program on hold)
  - Target population: small businesses (SB)
  - Provide SBs access to DOE national laboratories (staff & facility resources)

# Keep In Touch

- <https://www.energy.gov/eere/bioenergy>

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## Fast Pyrolysis Conversion Tests of Forest Concepts' Crumbles™ Final Report

PNNL-21256

Daniel Santosa, Alan Zacher, David Eakin  
March 30, 2012

## Techno-Economic Analysis of Forest Concepts, LLC Crumbler® Operated Proton Power to Process Crumbles from Hardwood Chips

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## Bioenergy Scientists Collaborate with Industry to Convey Feedstock Value, Improve Biomass Conversion Processes

December 10, 2018

Recognizing the importance of enhancing biomass conversion processes for industry, a team of NREL scientists partnered with Forest Concepts to perform detailed thermochemical conversion simulations for biomass feedstocks. The simulations relate feedstock attributes to expected product yields and necessary pyrolysis conversion process conditions. The work by NREL will allow Forest Concepts to better convey the value of their feedstocks to biorefinery customers.



NREL researchers review mesoscale simulations of biomass conversion at NREL's Biomass Surface Characterization Lab. The model combines computational methods and image data to capture the complex behavior of real feedstocks. Photo by Steve Bhowmik/NREL.

### Working with Industry to Quantify Impact of Feedstock Characteristics

Forest Concepts, a leading manufacturer of precision woody and herbaceous feedstocks for bioenergy and bioproduct applications, leveraged NREL's capabilities in biomass conversion modeling to help them quantify the impact of their feedstock characteristics based on

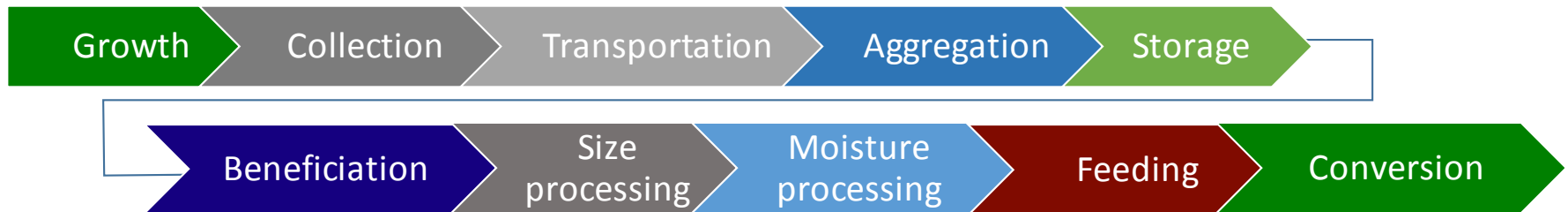


# What are Crumbles<sup>®</sup> Feedstocks?

- Physical properties are optimizable for specific conversion processes
  - Length/ Aspect Ratio
  - Thickness
  - Moisture
  - Uniformity of size
  - Flowability
  - Miscibility with catalysts, ...
- Sheared rather than pulverized



# The Biomass Supply Chain



Related Forest Concepts' technologies:

Baling Biomass



Beneficiation



Crumbles® Particles



Advanced Drying



Reactor-Ready Feedstocks



# Panel Member Presentations – Forest Concepts

- *Low-Energy Rotary Shear for Sub-millimeter Particle Production (SBIR, Monday Poster)*
- Investigating and Addressing the Wear Issue of the Rotary Shear Biomass Comminution System (FCIC, Tuesday Poster)
- Improved Biomass Feedstock Materials Handling and Feeding Engineering Data Sets, Design Methods, and Modeling/Simulation Tools (ADO A&M, Thursday 11:30 a.m.)

# LYGOS

We engineer microbes to produce bio-products

**Vision:** \$B global biotechnology company specializing in innovative **monomers** and **materials** from renewable feedstocks

**Mission:** Building the future by replacing petrotech with biotech to make **better** products sustainably

**Strategy:** Work with **partners** to leverage Lygos' technology platform to quickly bring new molecules to market to create safer products with value-added performance

Execute on commercializing the malonates platform and leverage the platform to **accelerate commercialization** of new product programs





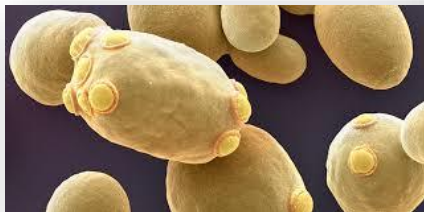
## Technology Platform Differentiators

Our competitive advantage comes from our focus on developing a platform with depth, vertically integrated from the microbe through to materials

### Low pH Yeast Platform

The microbe enabling production of compounds not readily accessible using other host organisms

*Focused on organic acids & malonyl-CoA based chemicals today*



**DOE SBIR awards**

### BioFab and Codebase

The physical tools, software, and genetic info needed for high-throughput R&D

*Enabling researchers to do more, higher quality work*



**BETO awards**

### Machine Learning and AI

A critical tool used to solve complex biological & material problems

*We believe value is locked up in the data, not the algorithms*



**Agile BioFoundry**

### New Materials Development

A value-multiplier layered on top of the monomer programs

*Deliver novel materials addressing performance gaps with current solutions*



# Panel Member Presentations - Lygos

- *Two-Phase Production of an Organic Acid with CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration (SBIR, Monday Poster)*
- Implementing a Design, Build, Test, Learn P. Kudriavzevil Engineering Cycle for Production of an Organic Acid Product (ABF, Tuesday Poster)
- Accelerating Engineered Microbe Optimization Through Machine Learning and Multiomics Datasets (BEEPS, Tuesday Poster)
- Fermentative Production of Tricarboxylic Acid Cycle-Derived Chemicals using Cellulosic Sugars (Biochemical Conversion, Wednesday 1:50 p.m.)



# LanzaTech

BETO Partnerships

# Recycling Carbon



**Industrial Off Gas  
Biomass, MSW Syngas**

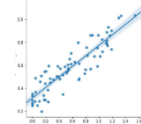




# Case Study: Building a Synthetic Biology Platform For Acetogens

## ABF Funding

### Modelling & Machine Learning

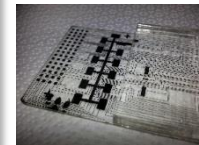


*Less than 10 years ago,  
gas-fermenting acetogens  
were considered  
genetically in accessible*



## TCF Funding

### Microfluidics strain construction

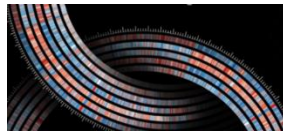


- Reduced footprint
- >10x time savings
- >1000x reagent cost savings



## Competitive FOA

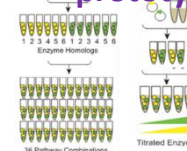
### Multi-Omics



*Today, a suite of tools and  
technologies across the  
development cycle is  
available*

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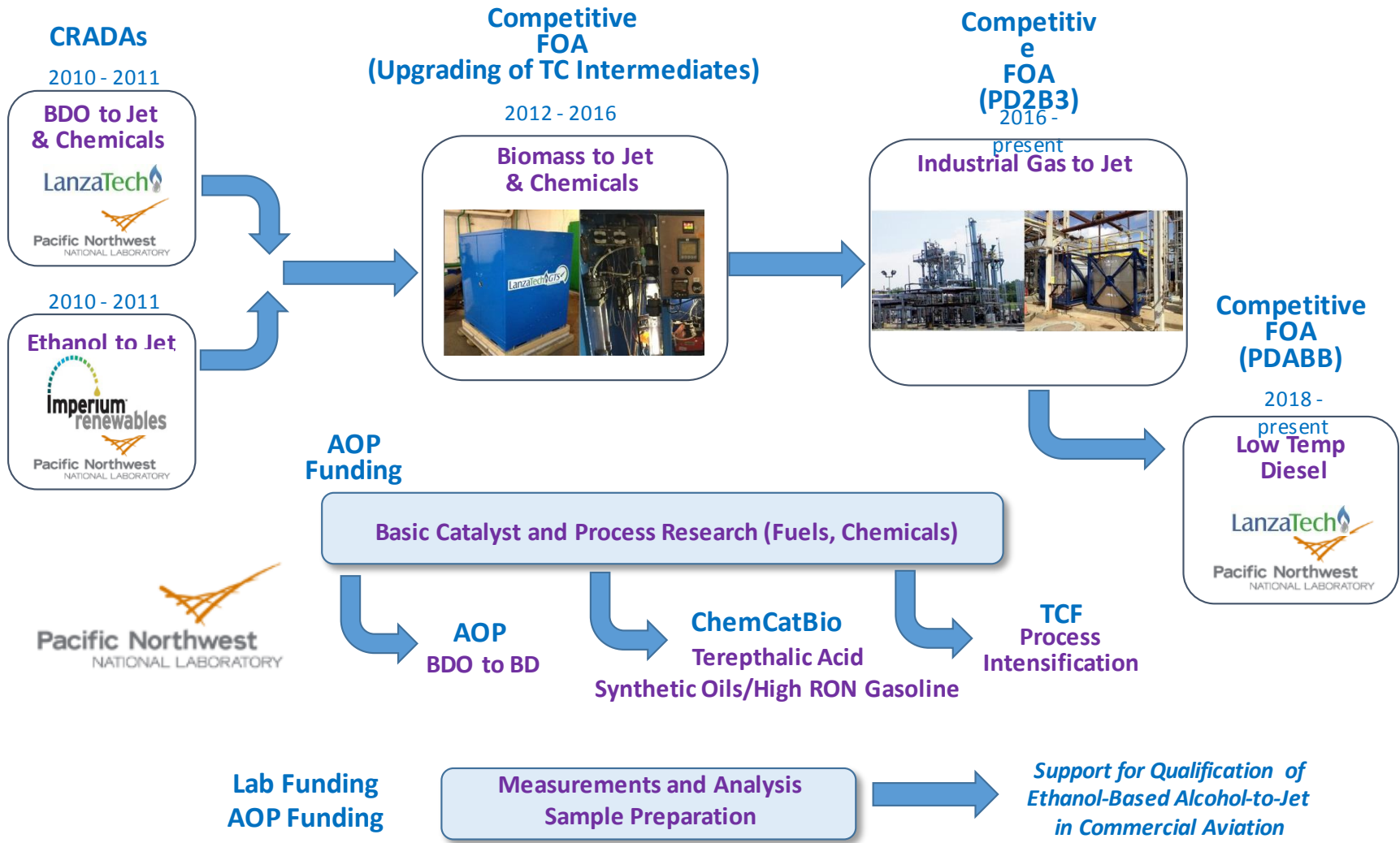
### Cell-free prototyping



- >20x time savings
- >10x cost savings
- >100x higher throughput



# Case Study: History of Ethanol to Jet and Chemicals



# Panel Member Presentations - LanzaTech

- Development of a Sustainable Green Chemistry Platform for Production of Acetone (Biochemical Conversion, Wednesday 2:15 p.m.)
- Data Integration and Deep Learning for Continuous Gas Fermentation Optimization (ABF, Tuesday Poster)
- CCB DFAs: Terephthalic Acid Synthesis from Ethanol via p-Methyl Benzaldehyde (Catalytic Upgrading, Wednesday 10:15 a.m.)
- CCB DFAs: Improved Value of the Gasoline and Fuel Oil Co-Product Fractions (Catalytic Upgrading, Wednesday 10:45 a.m.)
- Production of Bioproducts from Electrochemically-Generated C1 Intermediates (BEEPS, Tuesday Poster)
- Ultra-low Sulfur Winterized Diesel (PDABB, Tuesday Poster)