



U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Bioenergy Technologies Office (BETO) 2019 Project Peer Review Production of α,ω diols from Biomass

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Project Dates: 2/1/2015- 06/01/2018

Quad Chart Overview

Timeline

- Awarded as part of Biological and Chemical Upgrading for Advanced Biofuels and Products (DE-FOA-0001085)
- Start date: 2/1/2015
- Project end date: 6/1/2018
- Percent complete: 100%

Budget

	FY 12 – FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY18
DOE Funded	0	354,559	1,145,513	942,883	561,176
Project Cost Share (UW Madison)	0	107,212	227,424	232,140	151,044
Project Cost Share (Minnesota)	0	0	55,240	61,031	43,917

Barriers

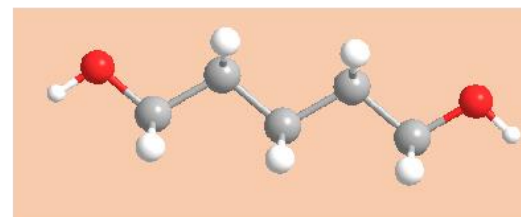
- **Qt-B Cost of Production**
- **Ct-E Improving Catalyst Lifetime**
- **Ct-F Increasing the Cost of Production**
- **Ct-J Identification and Evaluation of Potential Bioproducts**

Partners

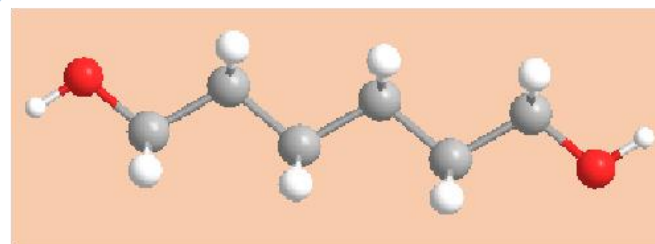
Argonne National Lab:	9%
Minnesota:	21%
GlucanBio:	4%



Catalytic Processes for Production of α,ω -diols from Lignocellulosic Biomass



1,5-pentanediol



1,6-hexanediol

Lignocellulosic feedstock

FOA Goals: EERE seeks diversification of the Bioenergy Technologies Office (BETO) portfolio to include a variety of chemical and biological upgrading technologies for the production of a suite of hydrocarbon fuels, fuel intermediates and chemicals (beyond ethanol) to be produced in an integrated fashion from biologically or chemically derived intermediate feed streams, such as but not limited to cellulosic sugars, lignocellulose derivatives, lignin, cellulosic alcohols, bio-solids and biogases.

Project Goal: Develop an economically viable approach (using inorganic catalysis) for conversion of biomass into 1,5 pentanediol (PDO) and 1,6 hexanediol (HDO) which will lower cost of cellulosic biofuels.

Project Outcome: Experimental data, process and techno-economic model for conversion of biomass (white birch) into 1,5 pentanediol and 1,6 hexanediol.



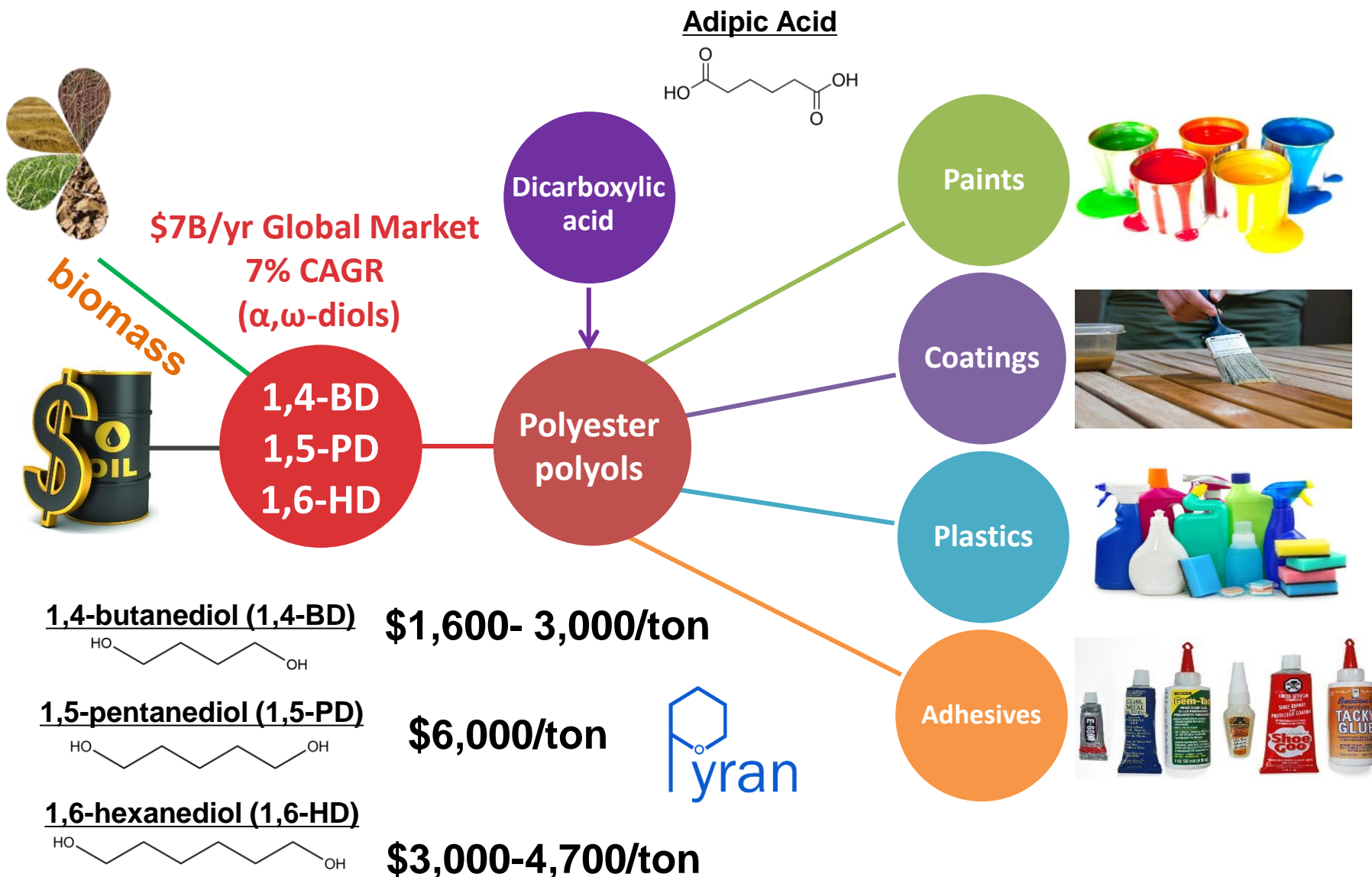
Management Approach

- UW lead and all partners report to PI
- Each institutions responsible for own tasks
- Follow workplan and make sure we can complete milestones
- Work with DOE review team to make sure workplan is consistent with goals
- UW in charge of process integration
- One senior post-doc is in charge of economic modeling which incorporates all the data
- Have regular phone calls (bimonthly to monthly) with partners
- Quarterly reports to DOE managed by senior post-doc

Key Technical Accomplishments

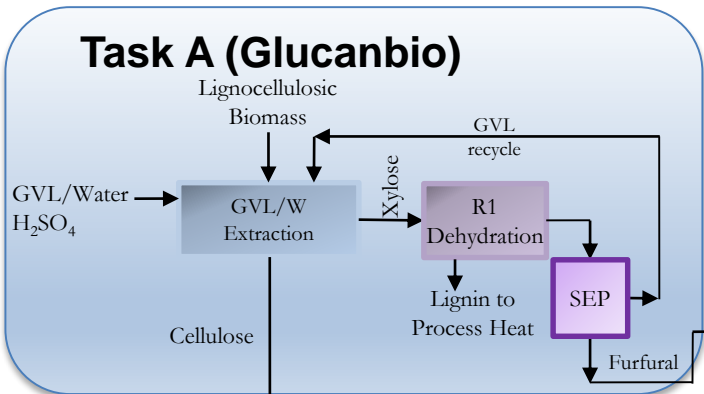
1. Demonstrated integrated production of 1,5-PDO and 1,6-HDO from biomass in laboratory continuous flow reactors
2. Developed techno-economic models for technologies and how they could be integrated into fuels production to reduce cost of cellulosic ethanol
3. Spun out a company to commercialize 1,5-PDO technology (Pyran)
4. Elucidated new reaction chemistry to convert biomass to α,ω -diols, identified and patented new high-value intermediates (including tetrahydrofuran dimethanol and 1,2,5,6-hexanetetrol)
5. Developed new methodology to computationally predict adsorption/desorption behavior of polyols in zeolites, with correlation to experimental data
6. 17 peer-reviewed publications (3 more in preparation) and 4 patents/patent applications (2 issued patents)
7. Successfully completed all project milestones

C₄-C₆ α,ω-diols fit into \$7 billion/year global market

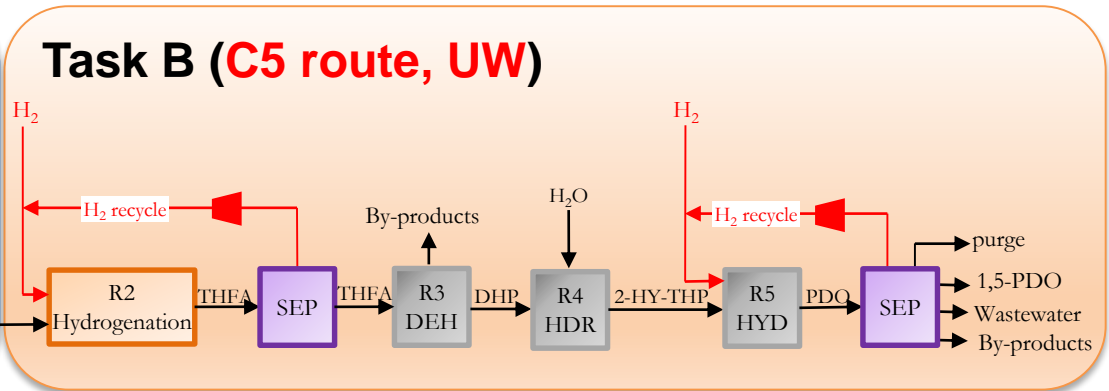


Project involves 6 Integrated Tasks for Conversion of Lignocellulosic Biomass to PDO and HDO

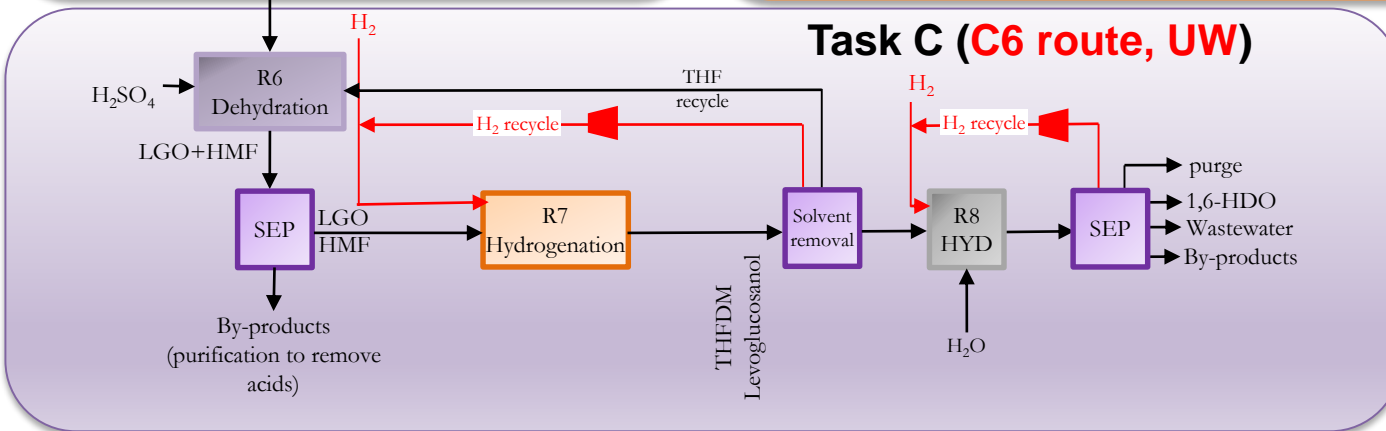
Task A (Glucanbio)



Task B (C5 route, UW)



Task C (C6 route, UW)



Task D

Membrane Separation, Minnesota

Task E

Process design and economic analysis, UW

Task B and C High throughput Studies at Argonne
Phase II Task F: Integration (All)

Results : Economic summary for base case process (all values in 2015\$)

Minimum HDO Selling Price (MSP):	\$3,776	/ton
Contributions: Feedstock	\$475	/ton
Purchased Steam	\$466	/ton
THF Solvent	\$327	/ton
Catalyst Recycling	\$205	/ton
Hydrogen	\$146	/ton
1,6-HDO Production	23,732	ton/yr
1,5-PDO Production	37,284	ton/yr
1,6-HDO Yield	0.066	ton/dry U.S. ton feedstock
1,5-PDO Yield	0.103	ton/dry U.S. ton feedstock
Feedstock + Handling Cost	\$80.00	/dry U.S. ton feedstock
Internal Rate of Return (After-Tax)	10%	
Equity Percent of Total Investment	40%	

Minimum selling price is lower than current market price of 1,6 HDO and 1,5 PDO

Produce more 1,5 PDO than 1,6 HDO

Largest operating costs are steam and feedstock

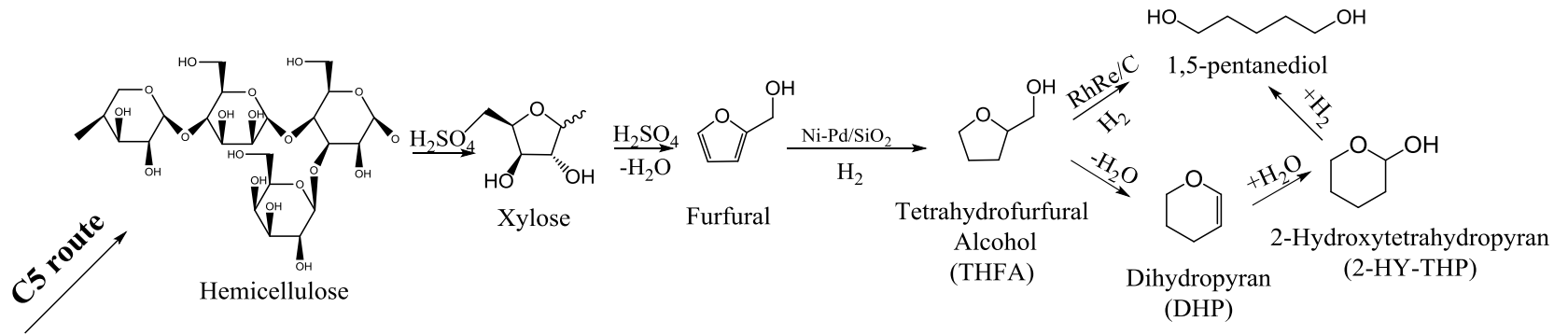
Plant size: 1000 dry metric tonne per day of **white birch** feedstock

Capital Costs	
Pretreatment and conditioning	\$68,300,000
Furfural production and separation	\$17,200,000
1,5-PDO production and recovery	\$11,300,000
LGO+HMF production and separation	\$101,300,000
1,6-HDO production and recovery	\$33,400,000
Wastewater Treatment	\$38,000,000
Storage	\$3,700,000
Boiler/Turbo-generator	\$61,400,000
Utilities	\$8,600,000
Total Installed Equipment Cost	\$342,200,000
Added Direct + Indirect Costs (% of TCI)	\$424,300,000 55%
Total Capital Investment (TCI)	\$767,500,000
Installed Equipment Cost/Annual Ton	\$14,462
Total Capital Investment/Annual Ton	\$32,341
Loan Rate	8.0%
Term (years)	10
Capital Charge Factor (Computed)	0.153
Specific Operating Conditions	
Excess Electricity (kWh/kg)	6.8
Plant Electricity Use (kWh/kg)	9.7

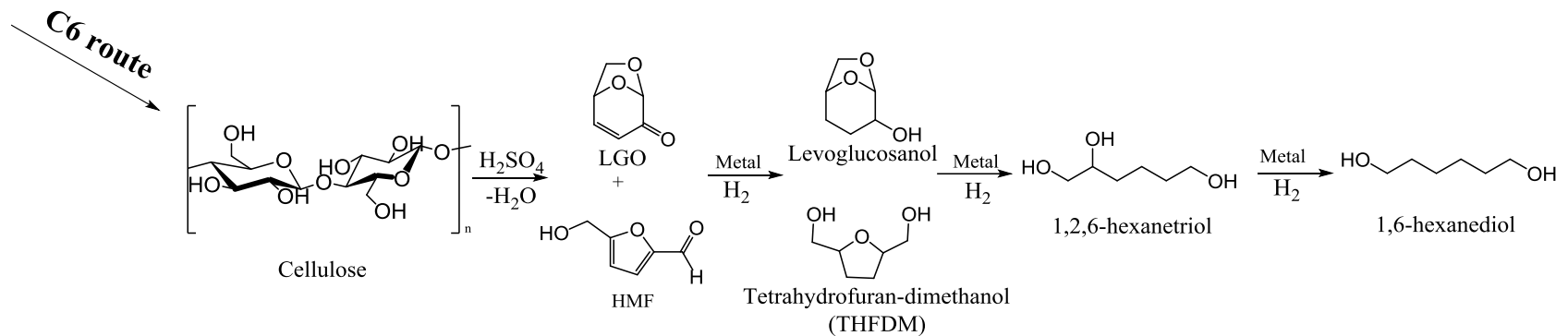
Manufacturing Costs (\$/ton HDO)	
Feedstock + Handling	\$475
GVL Solvent	\$71
THF Solvent	\$327
Hydrogen	\$146
Catalyst Recycling	\$205
Other Raw Materials	\$155
Purchased Steam	\$466
Waste Disposal	\$55
Net Electricity	-\$352
Fixed Costs	\$303
Capital Depreciation	\$398
Average Income Tax	244
Average Return on Investment	\$1,281

Manufacturing Costs (\$/yr)	
Feedstock + Handling	\$29,000,000
GVL Solvent	\$4,300,000
THF Solvent	\$20,000,000
Hydrogen	\$8,900,000
Catalyst Recycling	\$12,500,000
Other Raw Materials	\$9,500,000
Purchased Steam	\$28,500,000
Waste Disposal	\$3,400,000
Net Electricity	-\$21,500,000
Fixed Costs	\$18,500,000
Capital Depreciation	\$25,700,000
Average Income Tax	\$14,900,000
Average Return on Investment	\$78,300,000

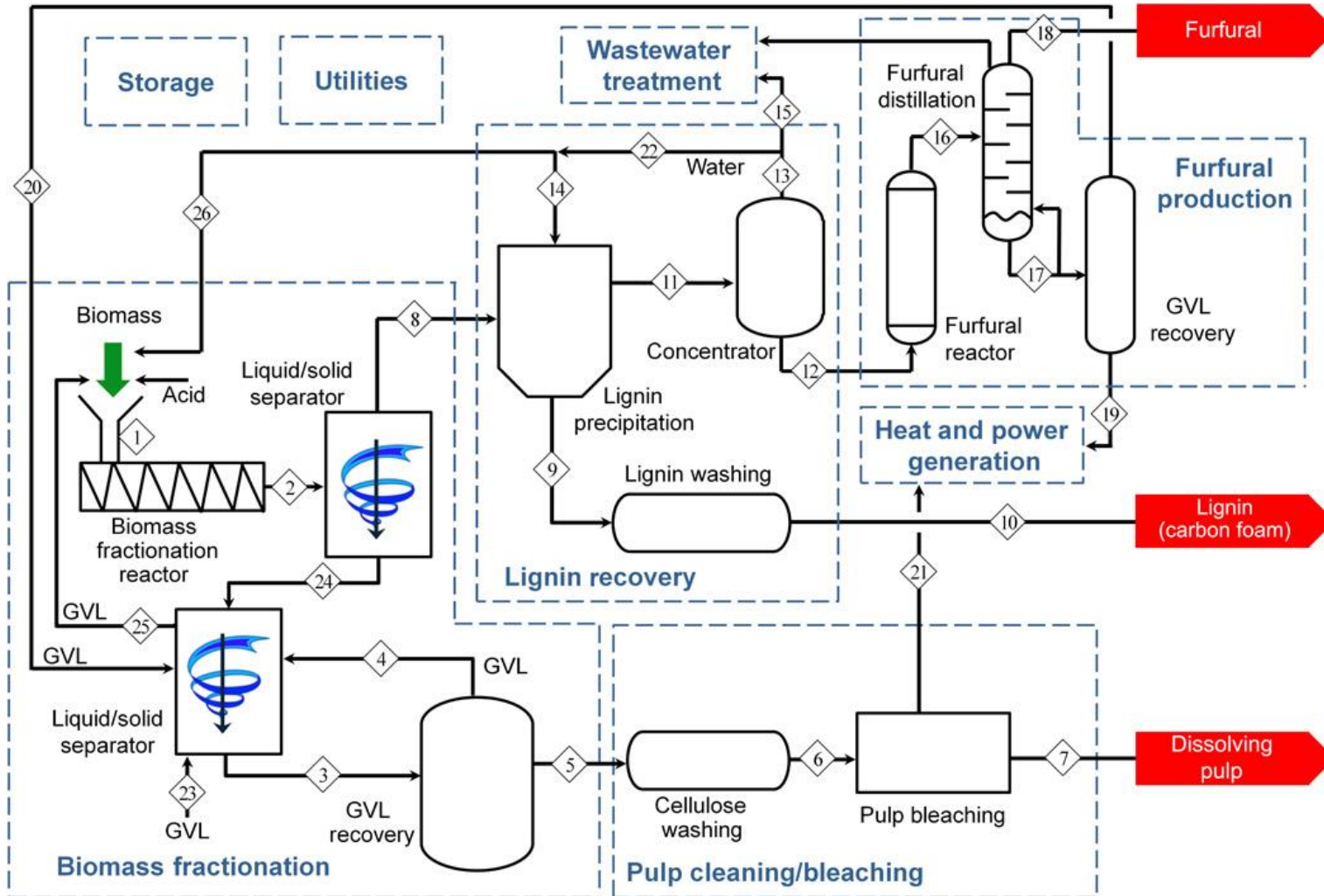
Technical Approach: The chemistry from Lignocellulosic Biomass to PDO and HDO



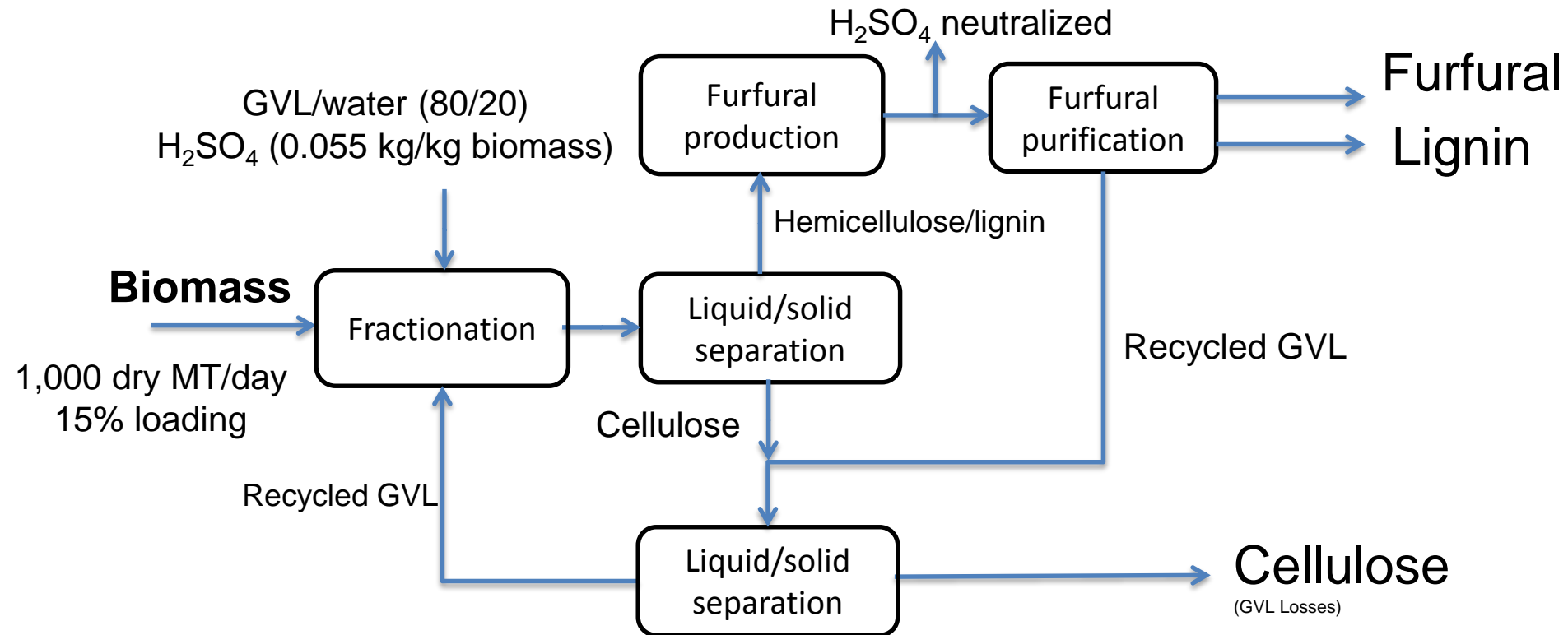
Lignocellulose biomass



GlucanBio Triversa Process Fractionates Biomass into Furfural, Lignin and Cellulose

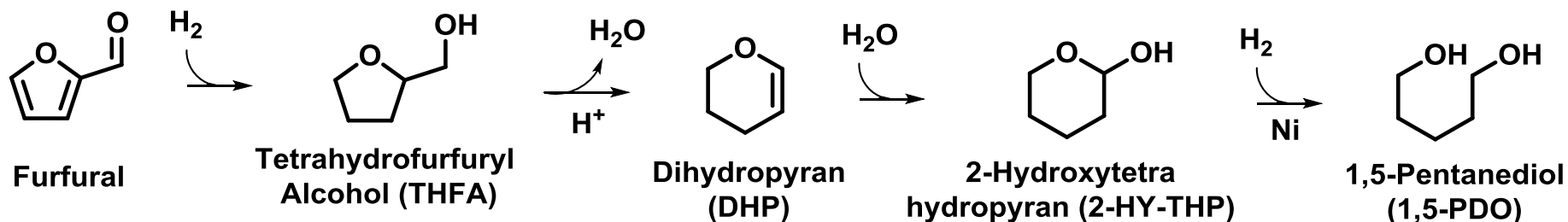


Results Task A: Cellulose, furfural, and lignin produced in laboratory



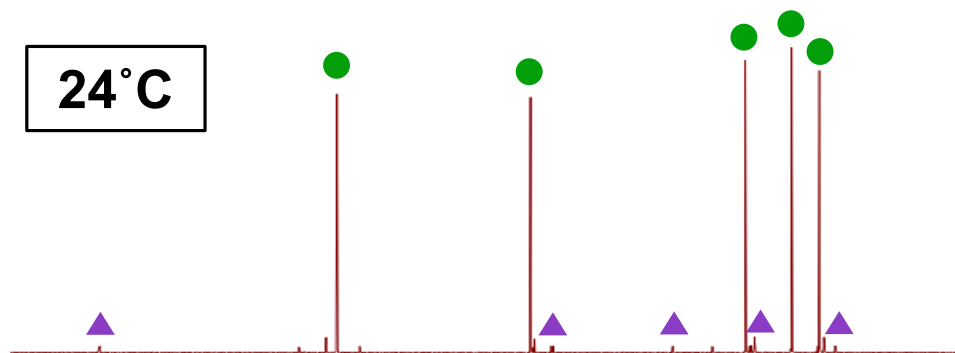
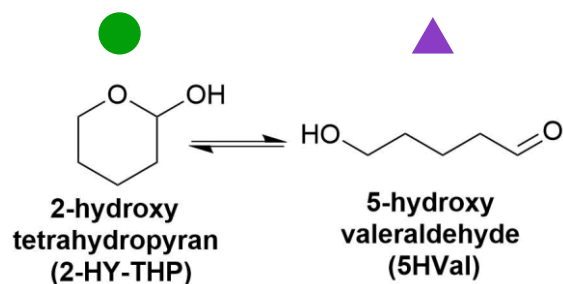
Biomass	Hemicellulose extracted (wt%)	Liquid/solid separation efficiency (%)	Furfural yield from hemicellulose (molar %)
White birch	90.8	95	86
Corn Stover	97	95	72
Switch grass	94.3	95	

Results Task B: Furfural to 1,5-Pentanediol



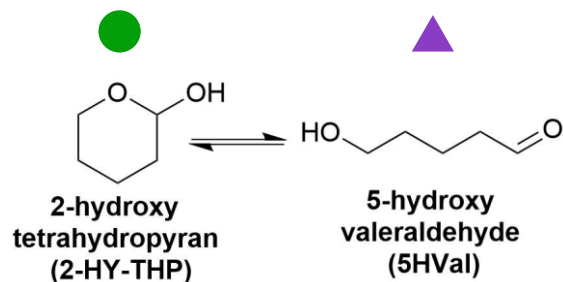
- **Step 1: THFA Dehydration**
 - $\gamma\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ catalyst: 90% yield to DHP
- **Step 2: DHP Hydration**
 - No catalyst: 99% yield to 2-HY-THP + dimers
- **Step 3: 2-HY-THP Hydrogenolysis**
 - Ru/C: >96% yield to 1,5-PD
- THFA to 1,5-PDO split into 3 reactions to improve economics (“DHH Route”)
- Fully integrated process demonstrated with 85% yield

Ring-opening Tautomerization of 2-HY-THP into 5-hydroxyvaleraldehyde: NMR Studies

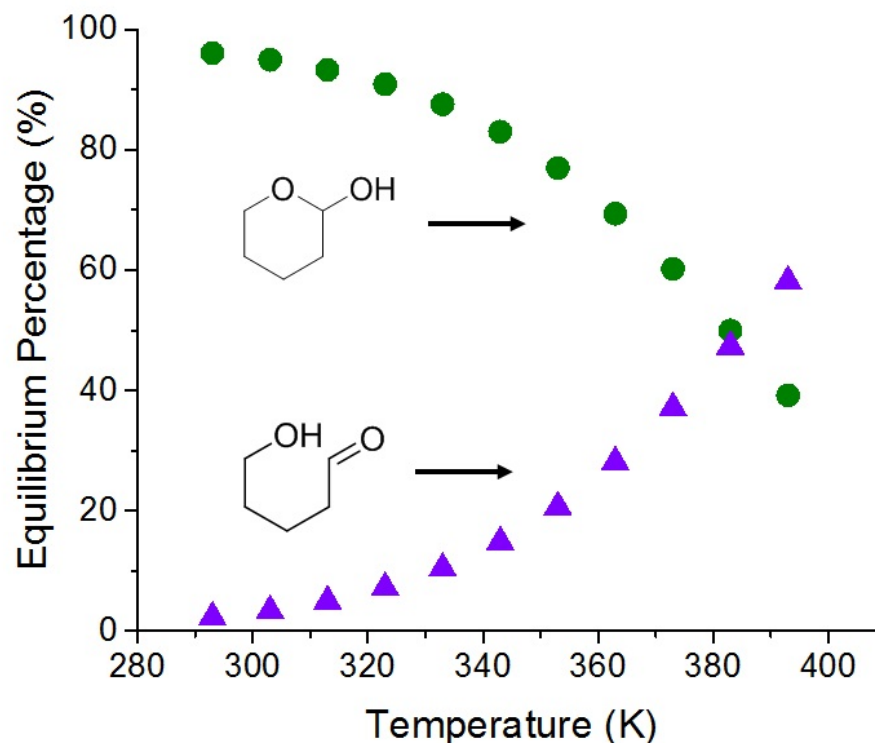


- Variable temperature quantitative ^{13}C NMR studies confirm the existence of 5-hydroxyvaleraldehyde (5HVal)
- Higher concentrations of 5HVal are observed at elevated temperatures
 - Tautomerization reaction is endothermic

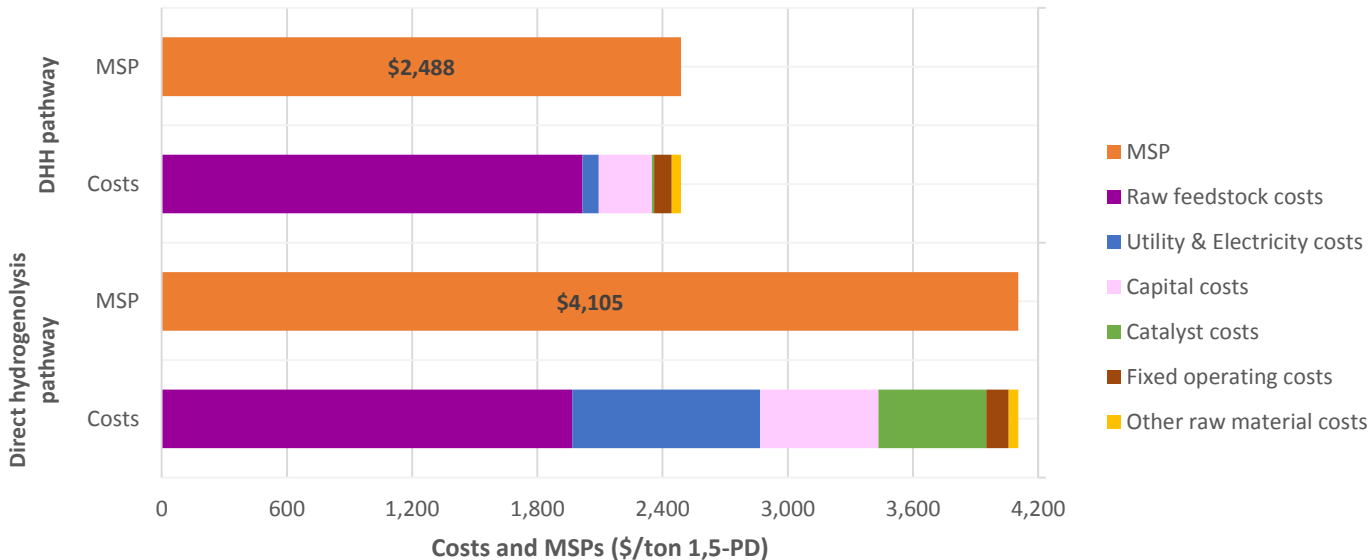
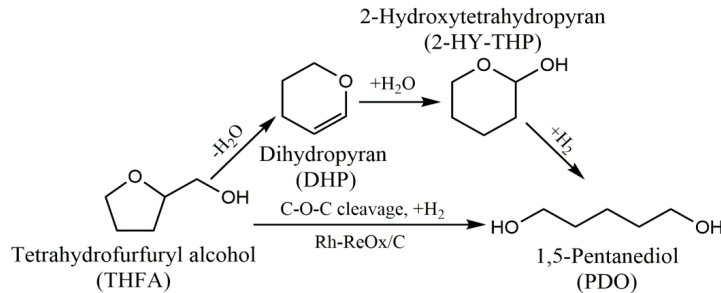
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Very promising economics for conversion of furfural into 1,5 PDO

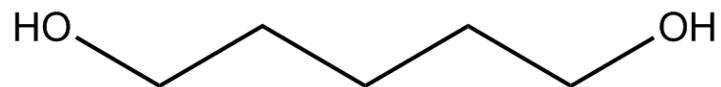


- Production cost (excluding feedstock) of DHH pathway is 4.5 times lower
- Catalyst cost of DHH pathway is 47 times lower



Kevin Barnett (PhD student)

Renewable chemicals for everyday plastics



1,5 Pentanediol (1,5 PDO)



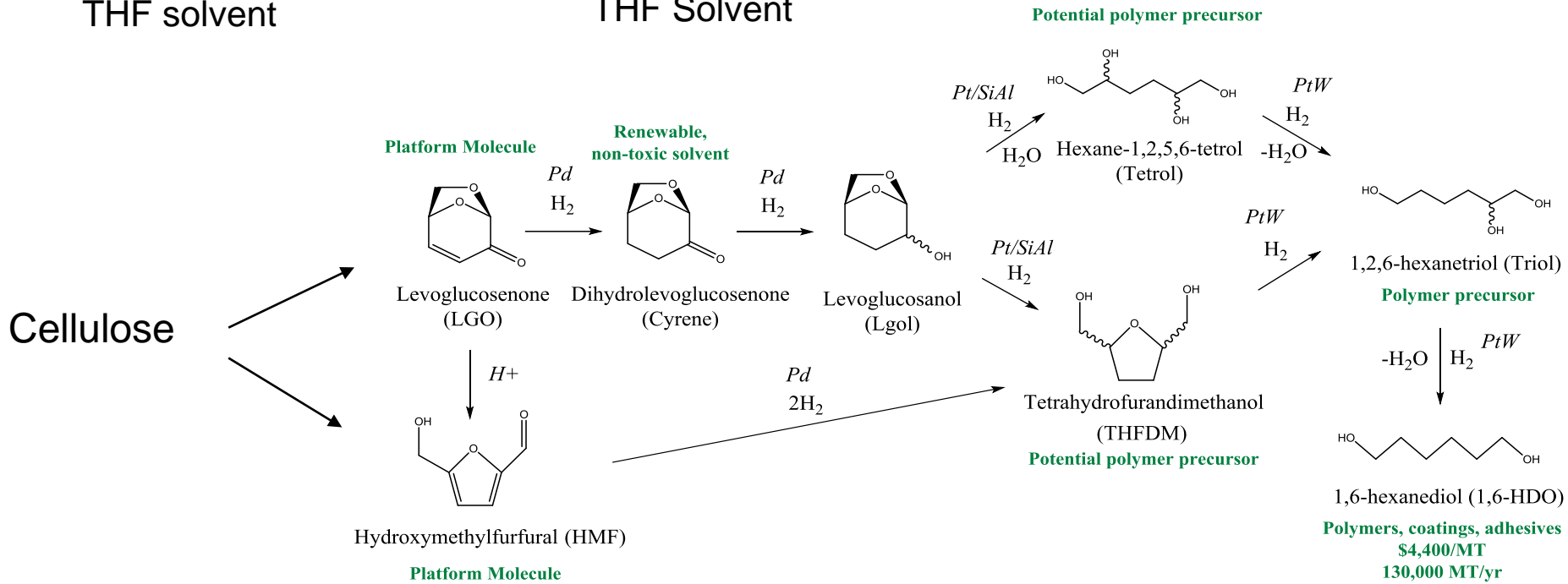
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Task C: Cellulose to 1,6 HDO

Step 1: LGO and HMF production in THF solvent

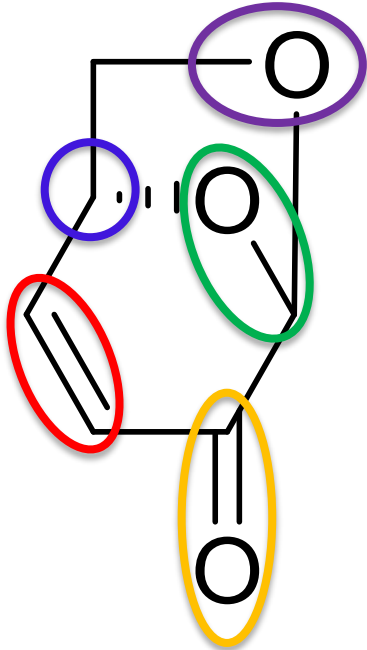
Step 2: Hydrogenation in THF Solvent

Step 3: Hydrogenolysis in H₂O



- LGO is a platform molecule for the production of renewable chemicals from biomass
- LGO upgrading involves metal catalysts (hydrogenation), acid catalysts (C-O cleavage), and bifunctional catalysts (hydrogenolysis)
- Selective production of target molecules requires careful control of catalyst metal-acid properties

Levoglucosenone (LGO)



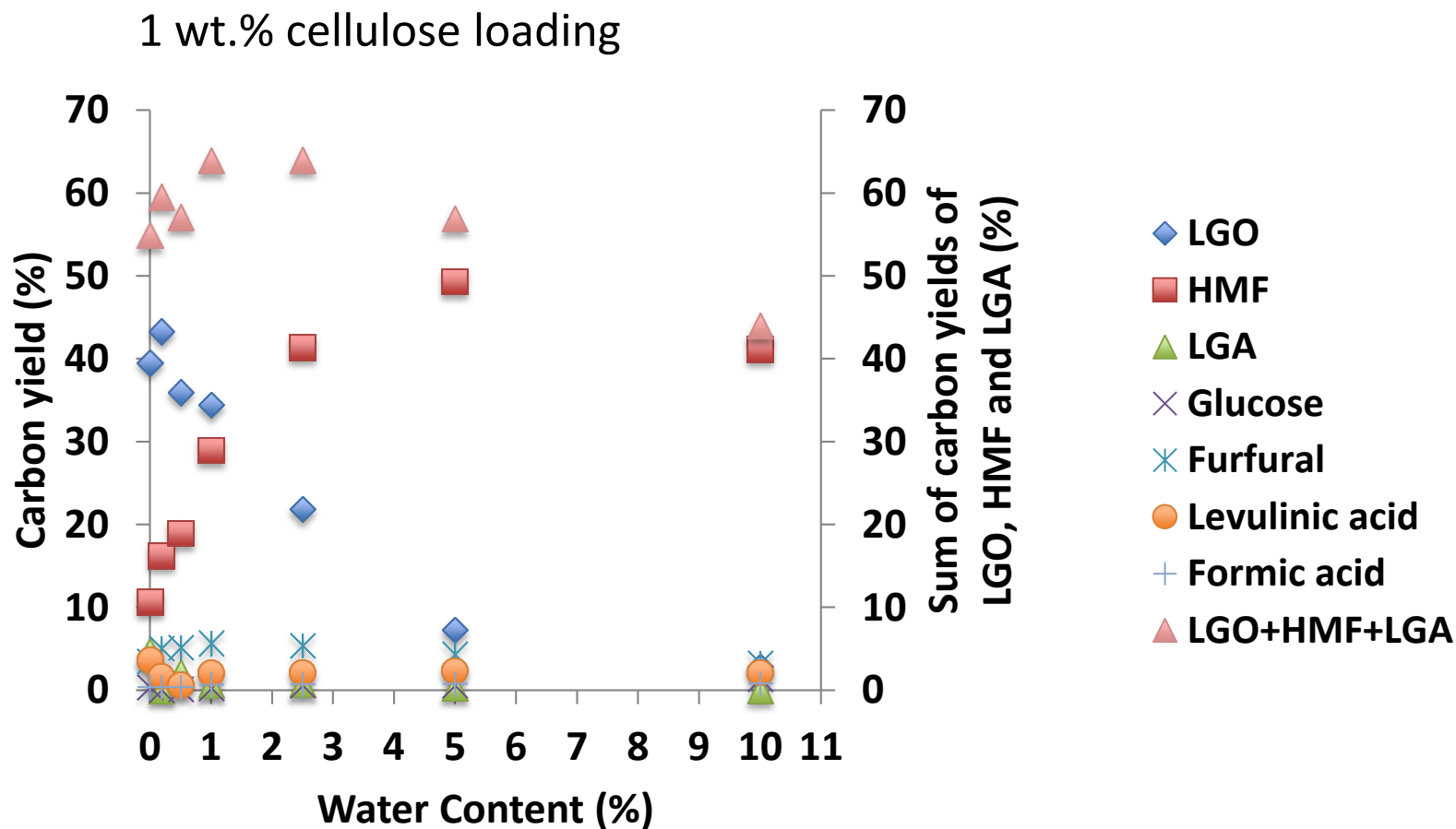
- **Chiral carbon**
- **Double bond** conjugated with a **ketone**
- Protected **aldehyde**
- Two protected **hydroxyl groups**

Sometimes referred to as “the next HMF”

Circa (<http://www.circagroup.com.au/levoglucosenone/>) producing 50 tons/year
Technoeconomic analysis suggest at larger scale LGO can be produced ~\$4/kg

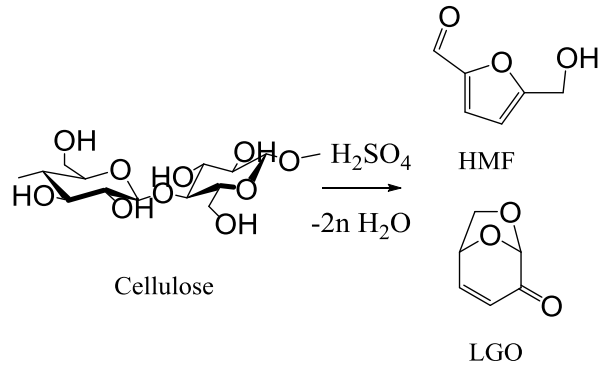
F Cao, TJ Schwartz, D McClelland, S Krishna, JA Dumesic, GW Huber, Dehydration of Cellulose to Levoglucosenone using Polar Aprotic Solvents, EES, (2015) 4 1808-1885.

LGO and HMF can be selectively produced from Cellulose depending on water content



Reaction conditions: Cellulose (1 wt%, 0.53 g), THF (60 mL), H₂SO₄ (64 μL Conc., 20 mM)

Similar LGO-HMF yields from pure cellulose and white birch-derived cellulose

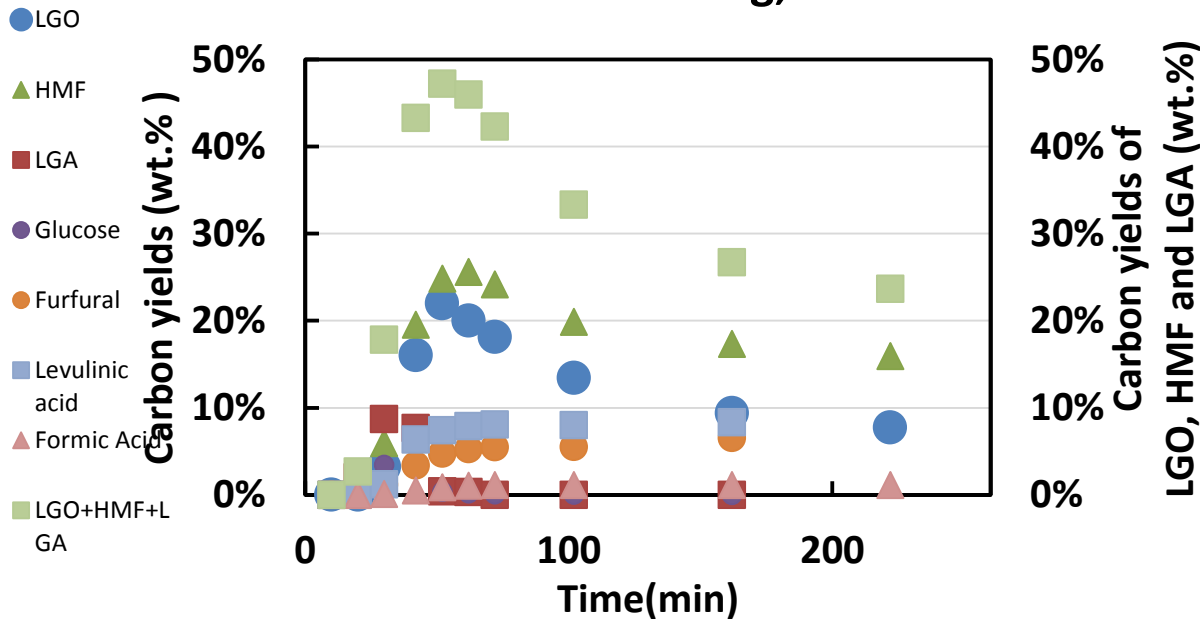


Sigma Cellulose



GlucanBio Cellulose

3 wt.% cellulose loading, 1 wt.% water

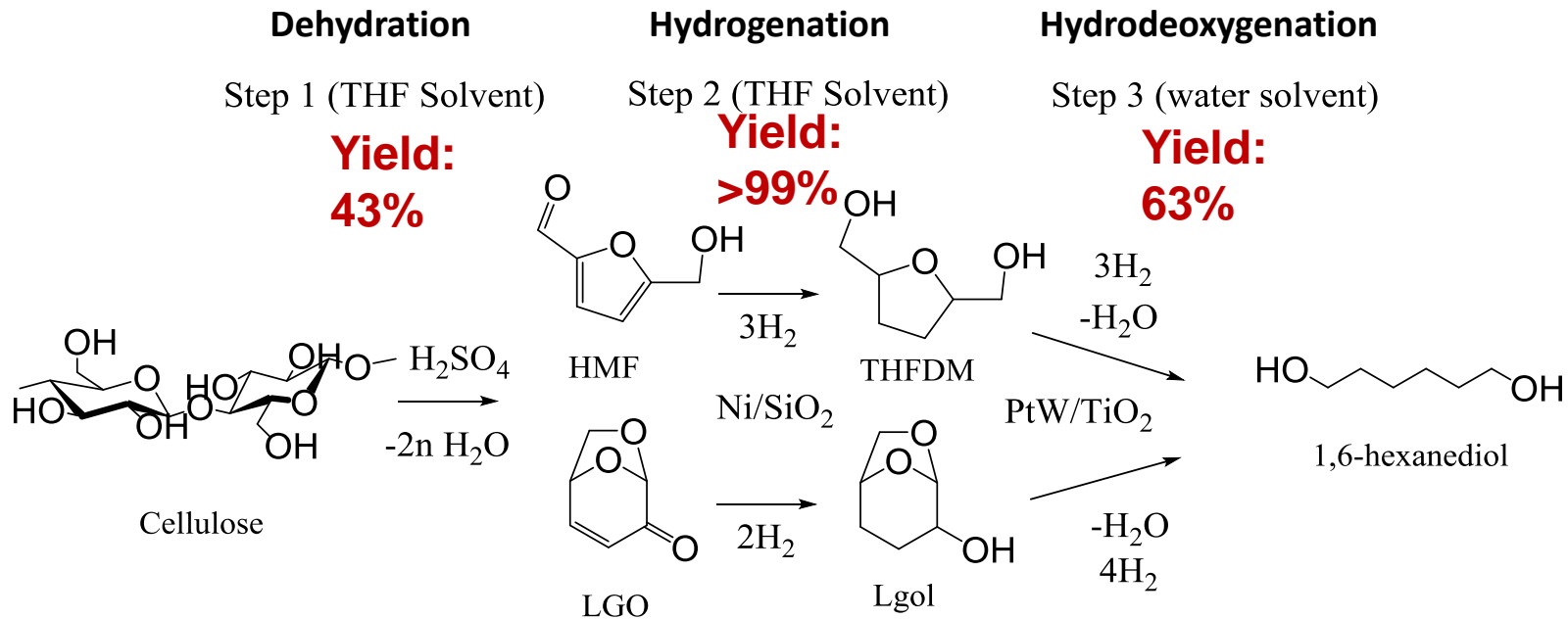


Feedstock	Carbon yield (%)	
	LGO	HMF
Sigma Cellulose	22	24.8
GlucanBio Cellulose*	17	25.5

*Normalized to hexosan

- Cellulose loading optimized for lowest product selling price, not highest yield

1,6-HDO Yields Maintained in Integrated Process



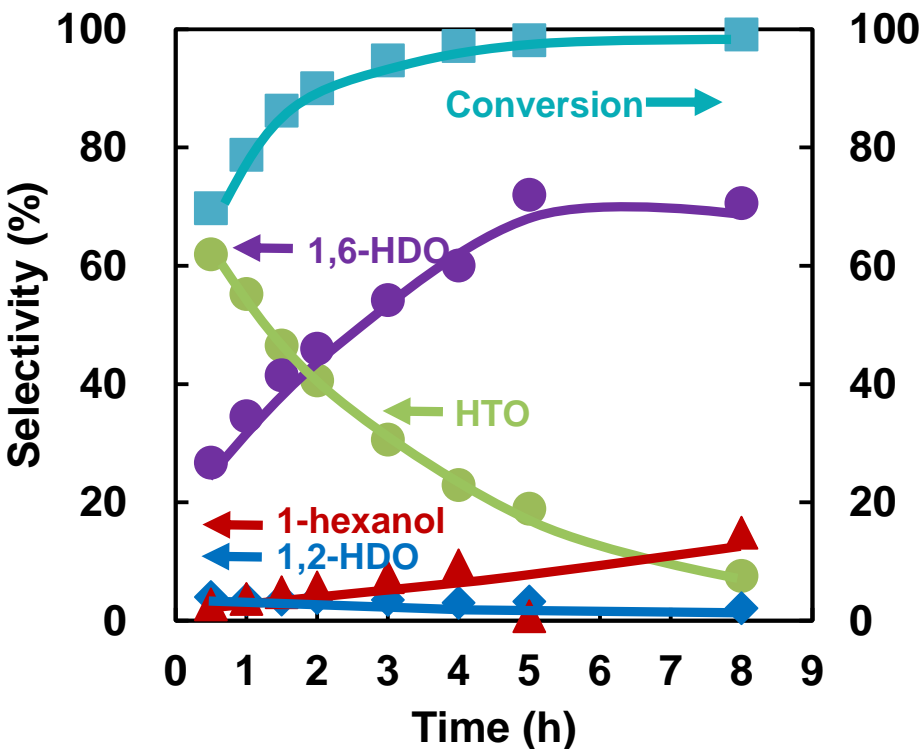
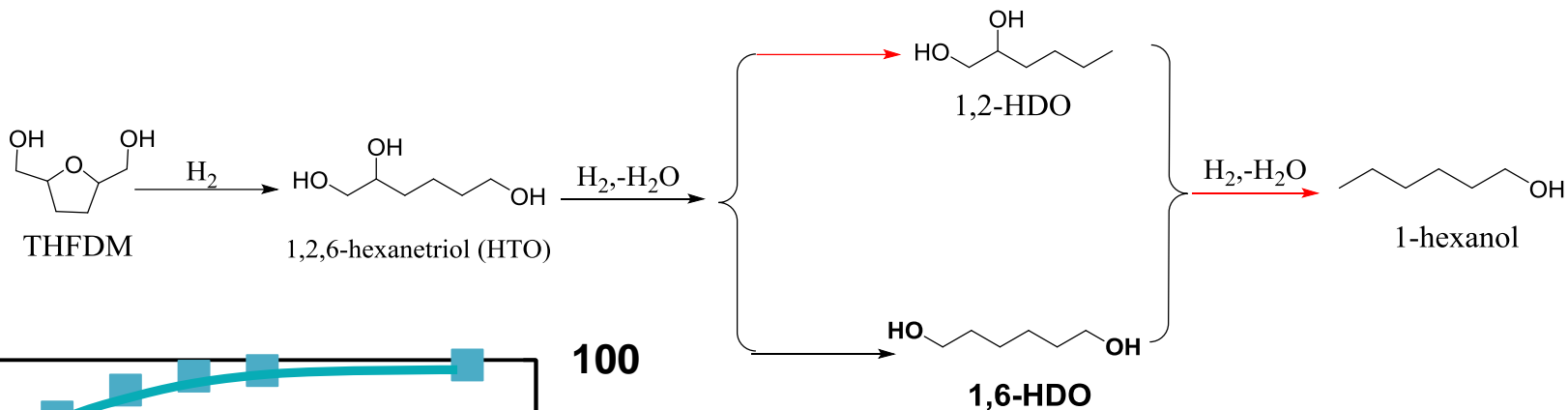
- **Overall 1,6-HDO yields:**
 - ~60% from LGO + HMF monomers
 - ~ 27% from biomass-derived cellulose
- Similar yields as with pure components



Color of Reaction Products at Different Stages



Conversion of THFDM to 1,6-HDO with Pt-WO_x/TiO₂



Conversion (%)

- 1,6-hexanediol yield is 70%.
- HTO is the primary product from THFDM.
- 1,2-HDO and 1-hexanol are the major side products.

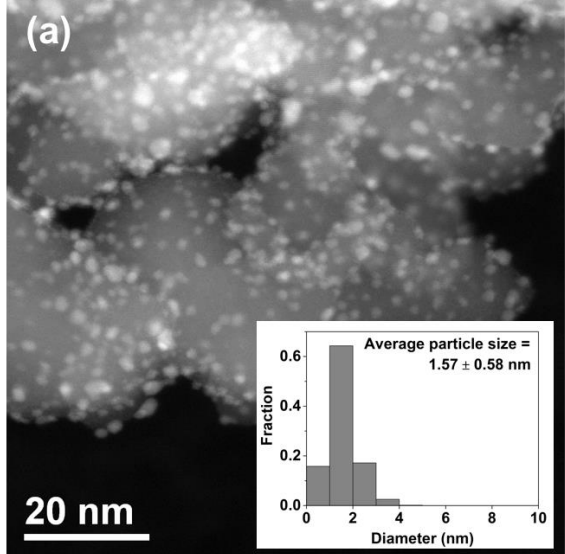
Reaction conditions: Reactant (5 wt.% in H₂O, 20 mL), Pt-WO_x/TiO₂ (10 wt.% Pt, 10 wt% W 0.50 g), 160 °C, 800 psi H₂, 700 rpm.

J. He, SP Burt, M Ball, D Zhao, I Hermans, JA Dumesic and GW Huber "Synthesis of 1,6-Hexanediol from cellulose derived tetrahydrofuran dimethanol (THFDM) with Pt-WO_x/TiO₂ catalysts". ACS Catalysis (2018), 8, 1427-1439

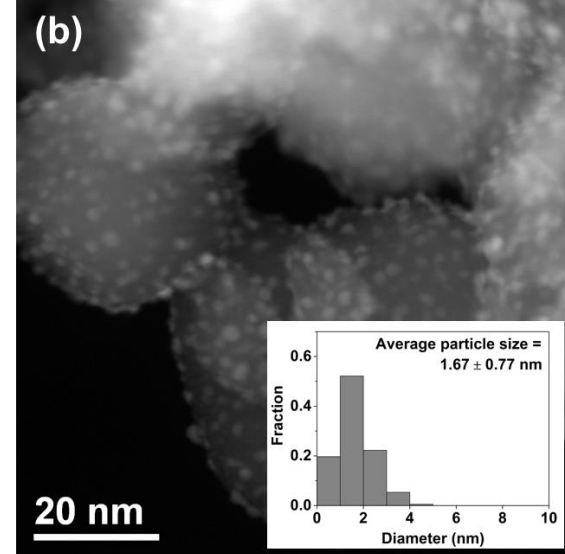


Pt particle size is not affected by tungsten loading

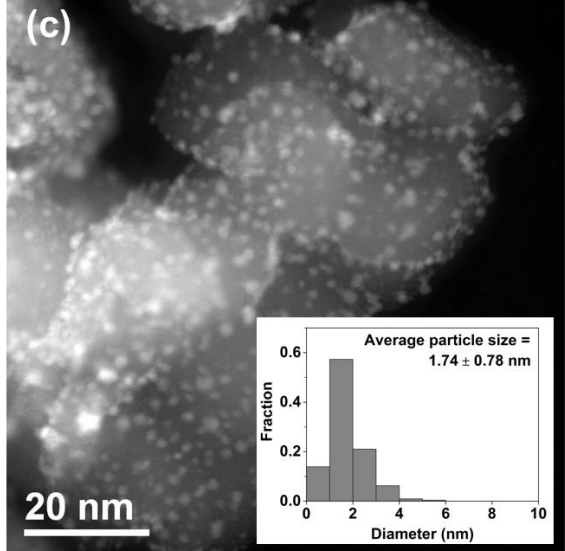
10 wt.% Pt-4 wt.% WO_x/TiO₂



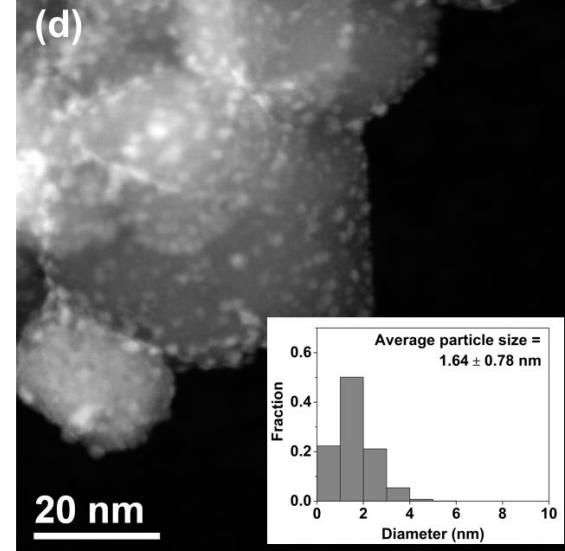
10 wt.% Pt-7 wt.% WO_x/TiO₂



10 wt.% Pt-10 wt.% WO_x/TiO₂



10 wt.% Pt-20 wt.% WO_x/TiO₂



- Pt particle size is between 1.57-1.74 nm.
- Pt particle size is very similar regardless of tungsten loadings.



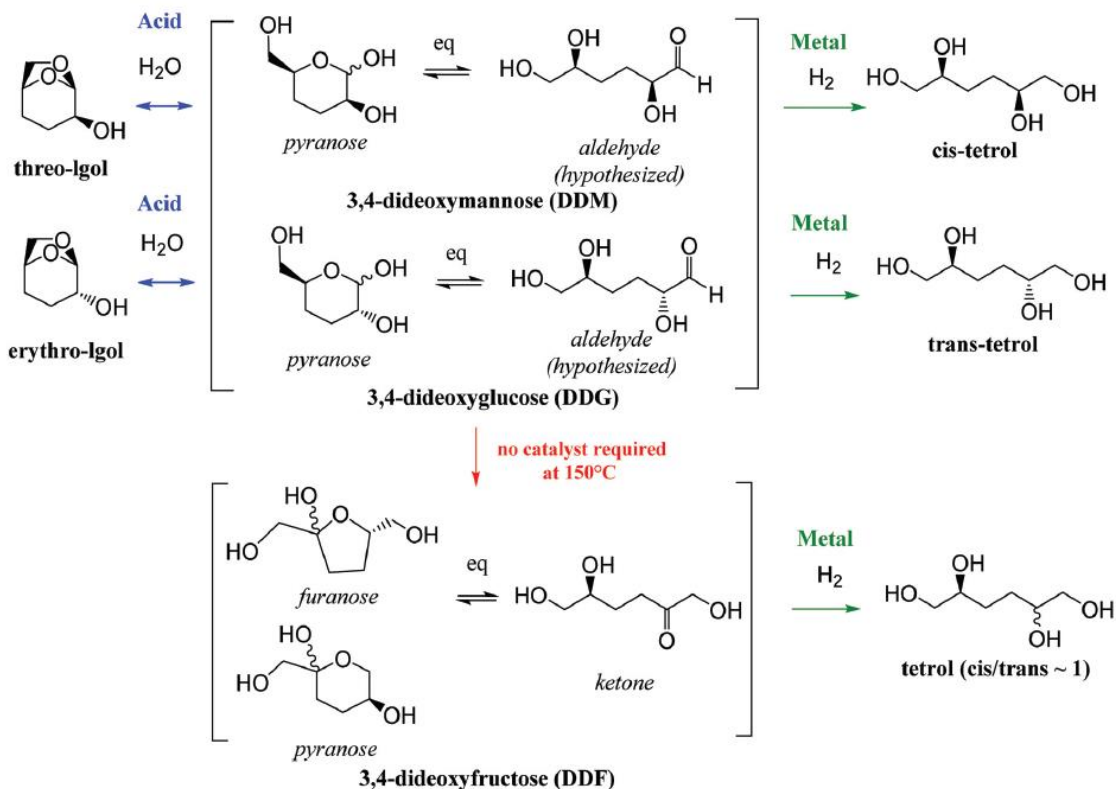
Pt (golden), WO_x (blue), TiO₂ (grey).

Production of Tetrol (new polyol) from LGO derived chemical

- New pathway to produce hexane-1,2,5,6-tetrol (potential polymer precursor) from levoglucosan in up to 90% yield with bifunctional Pt/SiAl catalyst

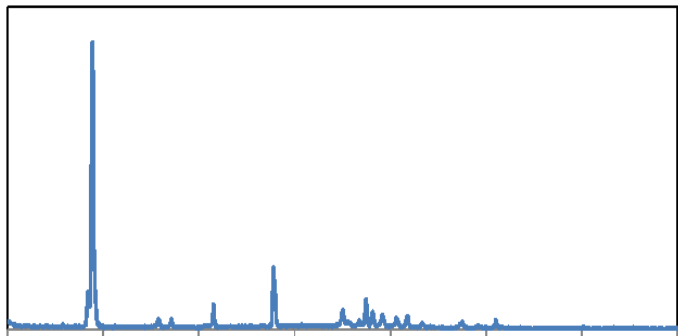
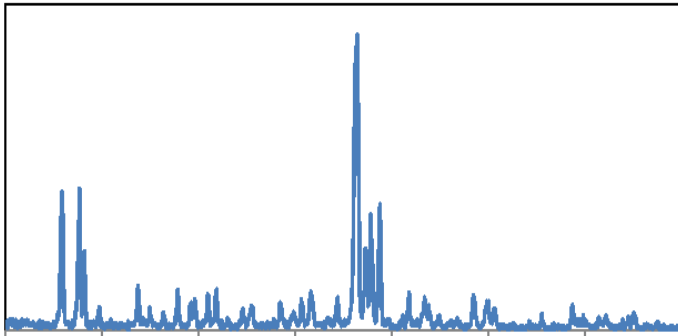
Reaction Network:

- Lgol undergoes acid-catalyzed hydrolysis to DDM and DDG
 - C₂ stereochemistry preserved
- At higher temperatures (150C), DDM/DDG undergo aldose-ketose isomerization to DDF without added catalyst
 - C₂ stereochemistry erased
- DDM, DDG, and DDF can then be hydrogenated to tetrol over metal sites

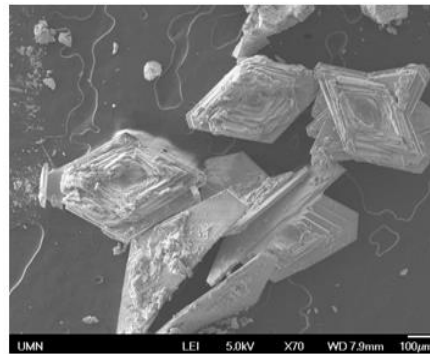
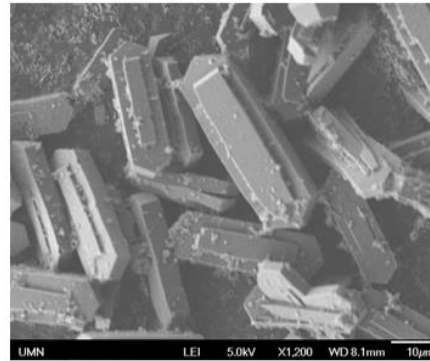


Screening Zeolitic Adsorbents for 1,5-PDO Separation

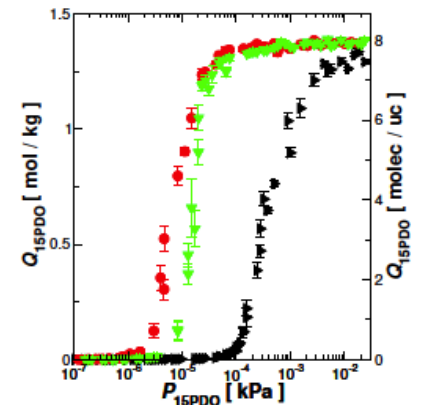
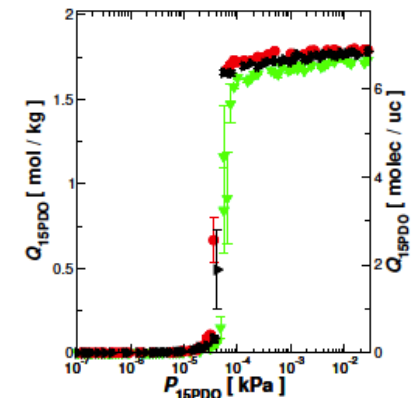
- 256 structures from IZA-SC (International Zeolite Association - The Structure Commission) database screened and found **11 frameworks** that exhibit favorable adsorption of 1,5-PDO
- Computation of binary 1,5-PDO /H₂O adsorption isotherms yields **two framework types** with high capacity and high selectivity



X-ray Powder Diffraction Patterns



Scanning Electron
Microscopy Images

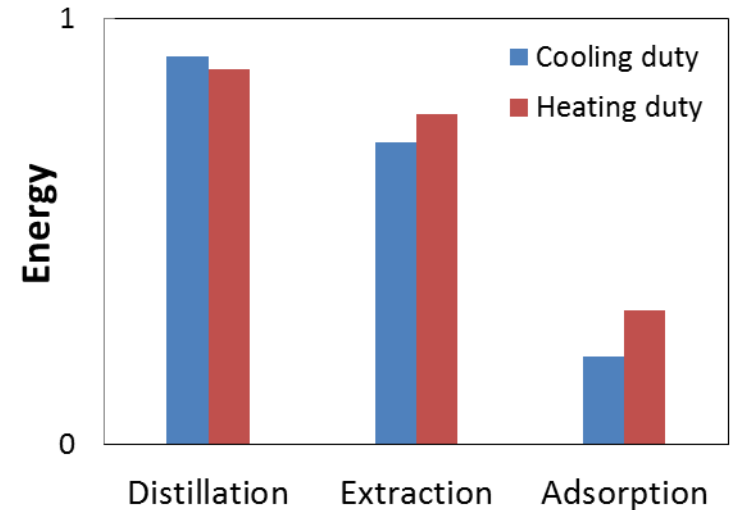


Mixture Isotherms

Techno-economic Analysis of Alternative Separation Processes for 1,5-PDO Recovery

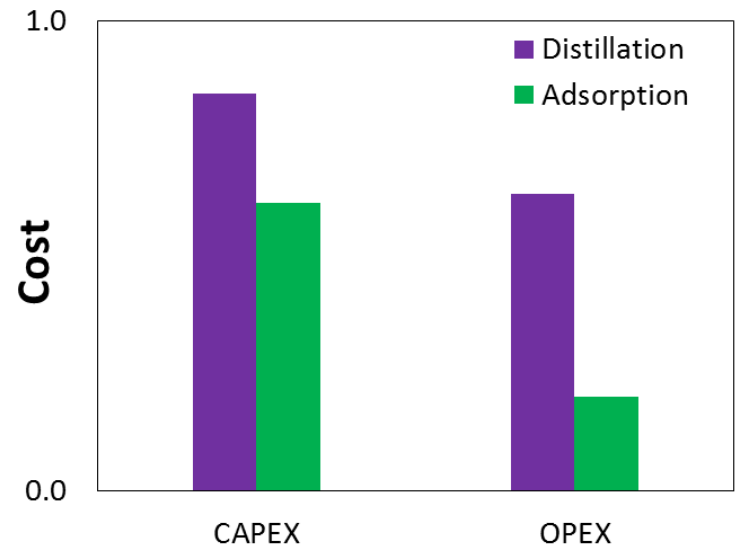
Energy Savings:

- Liquid-liquid extraction using low-boiling *n*-octane and adsorptive separation using promising zeolite were investigated as potential alternative to distillation
- Extraction shows only marginal improvement over direct 1,5-PDO/H₂O distillation while adsorption yields energy savings larger than a factor of 2

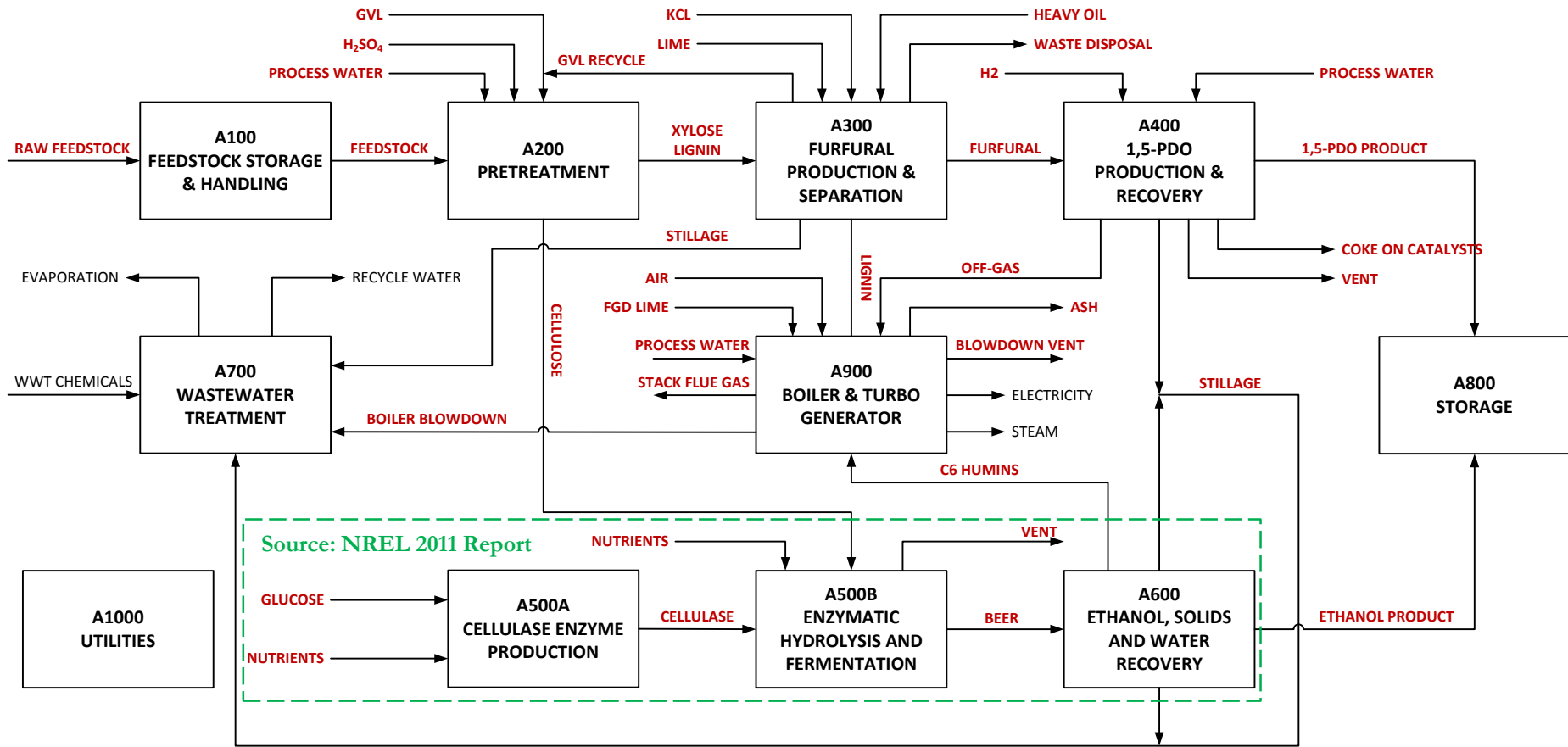


Economic Analysis:

- Economic analysis was carried out for only adsorption process due to its significant benefits over distillation
- Adsorption process results in similar capital cost, but operating cost is only about 1/3rd compared to distillation process

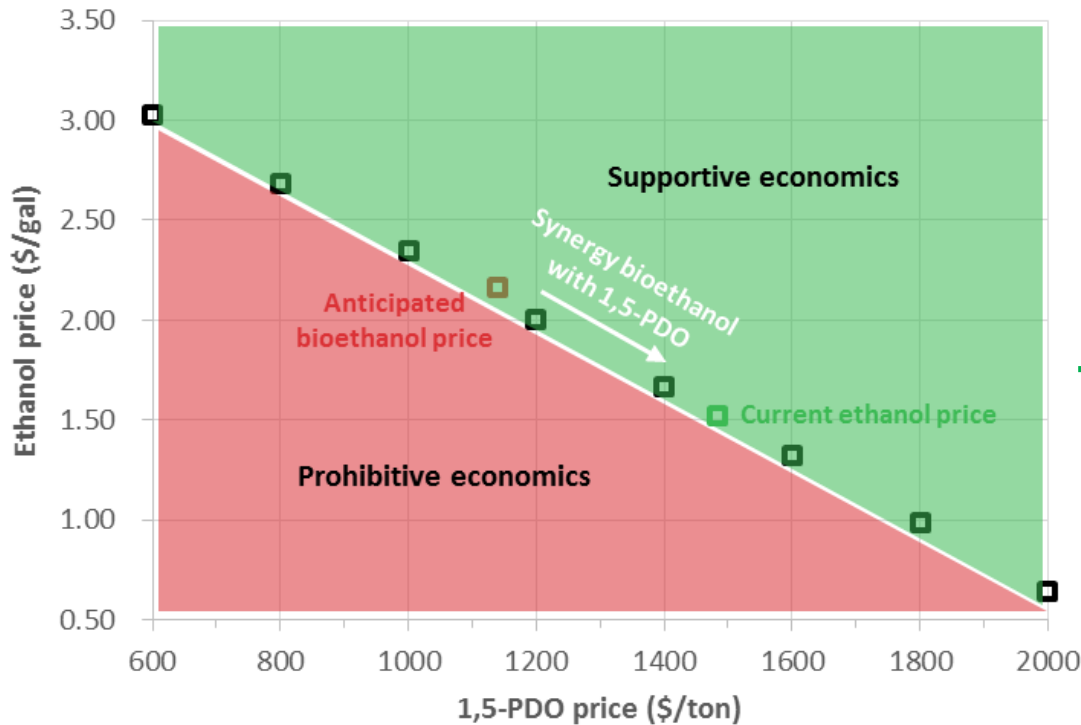


1,5-PDO integration with cellulosic ethanol



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1,5 PDO process can lower the cost of cellulosic ethanol process



1,5-PDO market price:
\$6000/ton

- Biomass feed (white birch: 1,000 dtpd)
- Hemicellulose to 1,5-PDO, cellulose to ethanol
- 1,5-PDO: 36,000 ton/yr; ethanol: 19.3 MMgal/yr
- NREL 2011 report for biomass to ethanol: \$2.15/gal (2,000 dtpd feed rate)

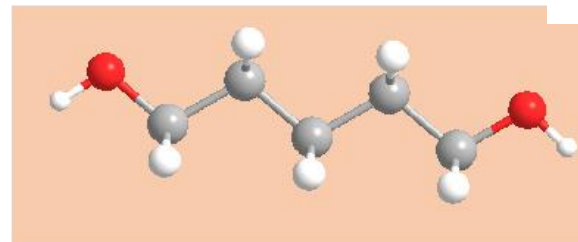
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Relevance to FOA and Program Objectives

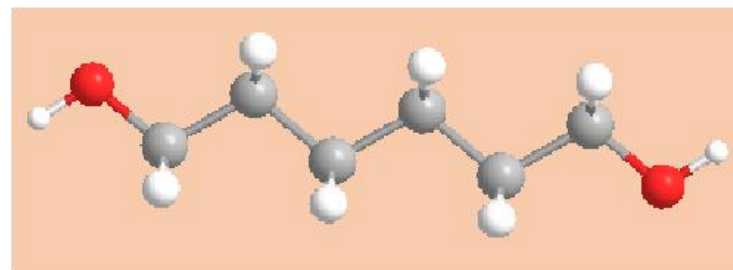
- Producing high value oxygenated commodity chemicals that can be integrated with fuels (cellulosic ethanol) from renewable resource, which helps addressing the environmental challenges from petroleum derived plastics.
- New technology/approach: No current routes exist to make these chemicals from biomass or non-oil source.
- Technology could lower the price of cellulosic ethanol, which could promote prosperity of renewable energy.
- Demonstrating each step in the pathway for the efficient low-temperature deconstruction (Barrier Ct-E) and the efficient catalytic upgrading of sugars/stromatics, gaseous and bio-Oil Intermediates to fuels and chemicals (Barrier Ct-H).
- Integrating all steps in a process (barrier Ct-J).
- Providing realistic data with process economic analysis
- Technoeconomic analysis driving the research



Catalytic Processes for Production of α,ω -diols from Lignocellulosic Biomass



1,5-pentanediol



1,6-hexanediol

Lignocellulosic feedstock

Project Goal: Develop an economically viable approach (using inorganic catalysis) for conversion of biomass into 1,5 pentanediol (PDO) and 1,6 hexanediol (HDO) which will lower cost of cellulosic biofuels.

Project Outcome: Experimental data, process and techno-economic model for conversion of biomass (white birch) into 1,5 pentanediol and 1,6 hexanediol.



Appendix: Addressing Comments from 2017 Review

Comment #1: Proposed technology is too complex with too many processing steps; it would be better to focus on diol production from intermediates (e.g. furfural)

Response : We were required by BETO to start from lignocellulosic biomass for this project. We agree that starting from intermediates (e.g. furfural, cellulose) would be simpler and take less time/resources to develop. Pyran is focusing on the concept here as outlined by this reviewer.

Comment #2: The project should also study i) proving out polymer synthesis from diols and comparing to commercial diols, and ii) production of high-value cellulose-derived intermediates such as 1,2,6-hexanetriol and 1,2,5,6-hexanetetrol

Response : We fully agree this is one of the most promising outcomes from this project. While these two topics were outside the scope of the FOA for this project, we are actively seeking funding to pursue these two areas of research.

Comment #3: The diol market is too small; only 2-3 plants would fill market demand, so the fuel co-production strategy may not have a significant impact.

Response: The current production of 1,4-butanediol and 1,6-hexanediol is 2,500 and 138 ktons/year respectively. These markets are growing at over 5% year. Therefore, the annual growth of the diols market volume is about 130 ktons. Thus if our technology was to become the low cost producer of α,ω -diols and capture the growth of this market then 2-3 plants would have to be built *each year*.

Appendix: Publications

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Appendix: Patents/Patent Applications

1. **U.S. Patent 9376451B1**. Method for selectively preparing levoglucosenone (LGO) and other anhydrosugars from biomass in polar aprotic solvents. (issued 6/30/16)
2. **U.S. Patent 10,077,224 B1**. Production of 1,5-pentanediol via Upgrading of Tetrahydrofurfuryl Alcohol: Solid-acid Catalyzed Hydration of Dihdropyran (issued 9/18/18)
3. **U.S. Patent Application 2017/0210688 A1**. Production of 1,5-pentanediol via Upgrading of Tetrahydrofurfuryl Alcohol.
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