

Enhanced Profitability through Technology, Integration, & Diversification

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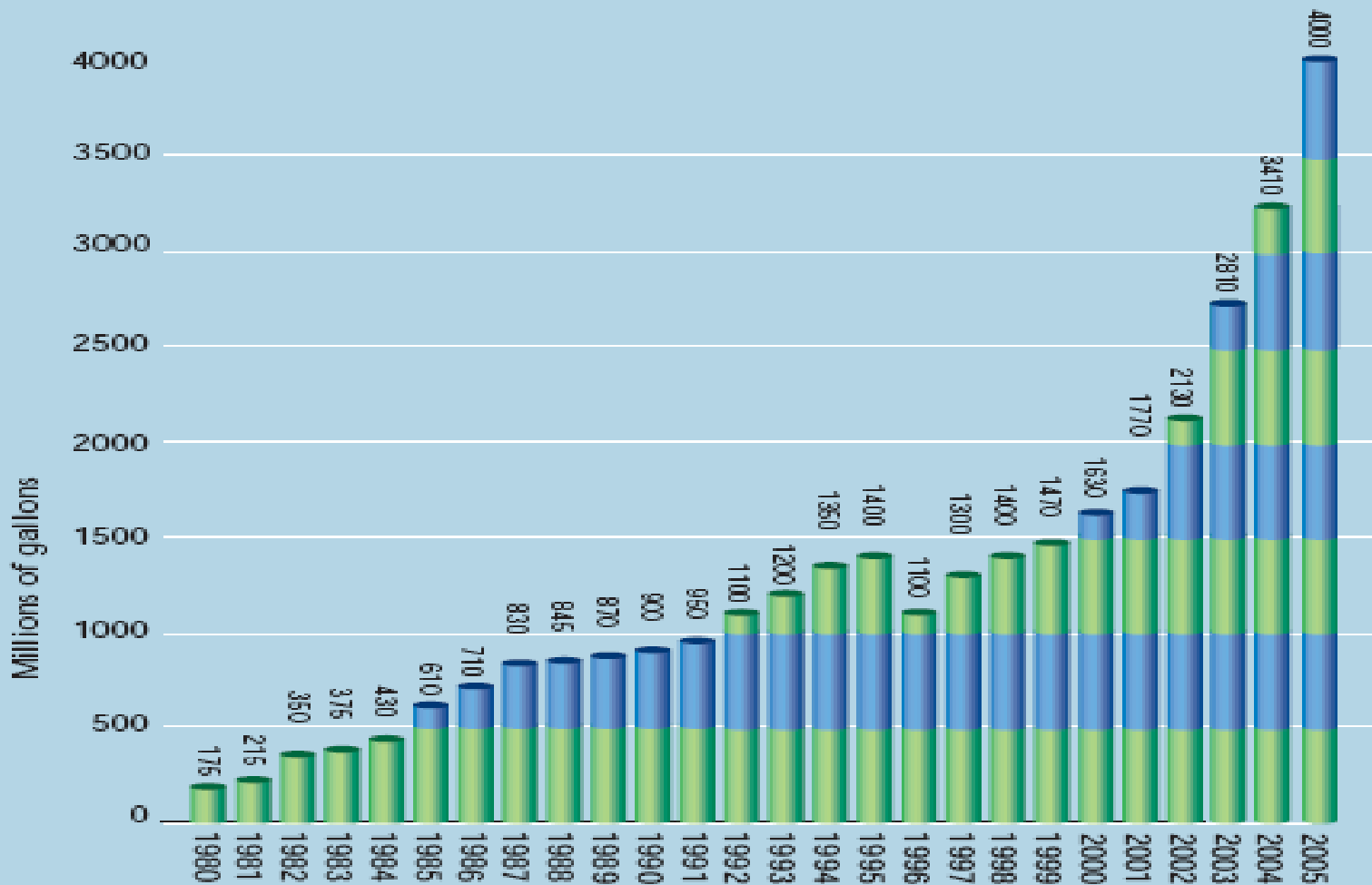
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Enhanced Profitability through Technology, Integration, & Diversification

- **Historical Impact of Technology**
- **Current State of Technology** (*Financial Perspective*)
- **New Technology Introductions/Developments**
- **Opportunities/Challenges for Future Technology**

HISTORIC U.S. FUEL ETHANOL PRODUCTION



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration / Renewable Fuels Association

Historical Impact of Technology

Evolution to Current State

PERIOD	CAPITAL (\$US/gal)*	ENERGY (BTU/gal)*	CO- PRODUCTS	POLICIES
Early 80's	\$7.20	160,000	Preliminary Product Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Oil Embargo ● Fed Incentives
Early 90's	\$1.60	63,000	Significant Expansion as Cattlefeed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clean Air Act ● State Incentives
Early 00's	\$1.25	36,000	Excess Supply = Depressed DDGS Pricing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phase Out of MTBE

Contributions by Enzyme and Yeast Technology Significant

* Basis: 40 mmgpy AEtOH plant adjusted to 2002 \$US CPI

Historical Plant Financial Returns

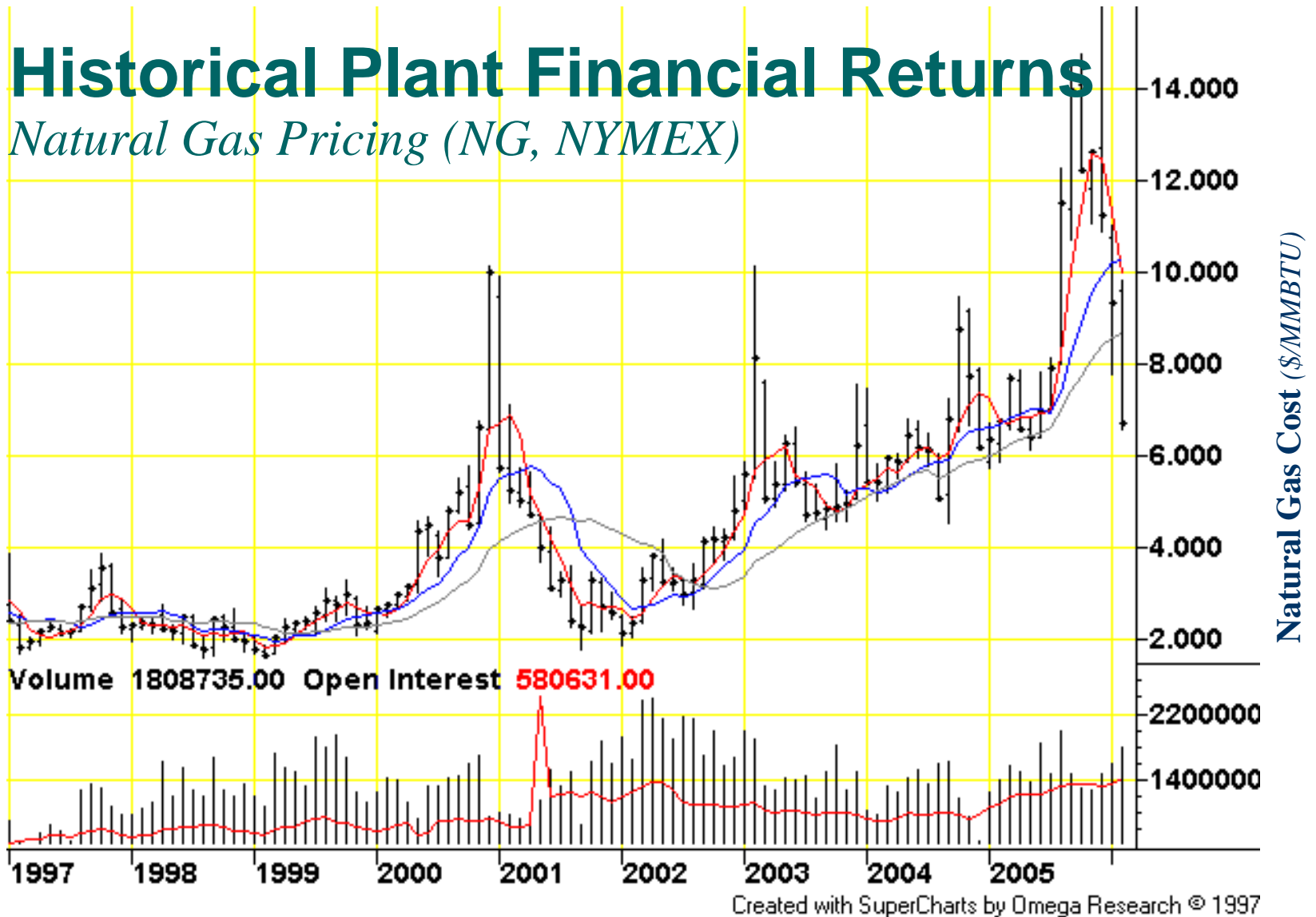
Total Revenues

	Jan '03	Nov '05	Jan '06
Ethanol	70.9%	84.9%	88.2%
DDGS	16.8	10.3	8.7
Other	1.6	0.2	0.1
Incentives	10.7	4.6	3.0
Total Revenue	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Assumes: 40Mgpy Dry Grind Corn Plant in Midwest USA

Historical Plant Financial Returns

Natural Gas Pricing (NG, NYMEX)



Historical Plant Financial Returns

Variable Costs (as a % of Revenues)

	Jan '03	Nov '05	Jan '06
Grain	46.0%	33.6%	36.9%
Additives	6.5	8.4	8.7
Energy	6.3	23.2	23.2
Labor	2.2	2.2	2.2
Total COGS	61.2%	67.4%	70.7%
Gross Margin	38.8%	32.6%	29.3%

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Impact of Technology Today

Maturing Commodity Mindset

- Smaller/Older plants (*pre 2002*) will survive in long run
- Newer/Larger Plants (*post 2002*) using “current technology” will struggle financially
- Future Plants, with New Technology & Risk-Embracing Investors, will set the bar for the market

Survival of the Fittest ...

ONLY THE STRONG WILL SURVIVE

Impact of Technology Today

Maturing Commodity Mindset

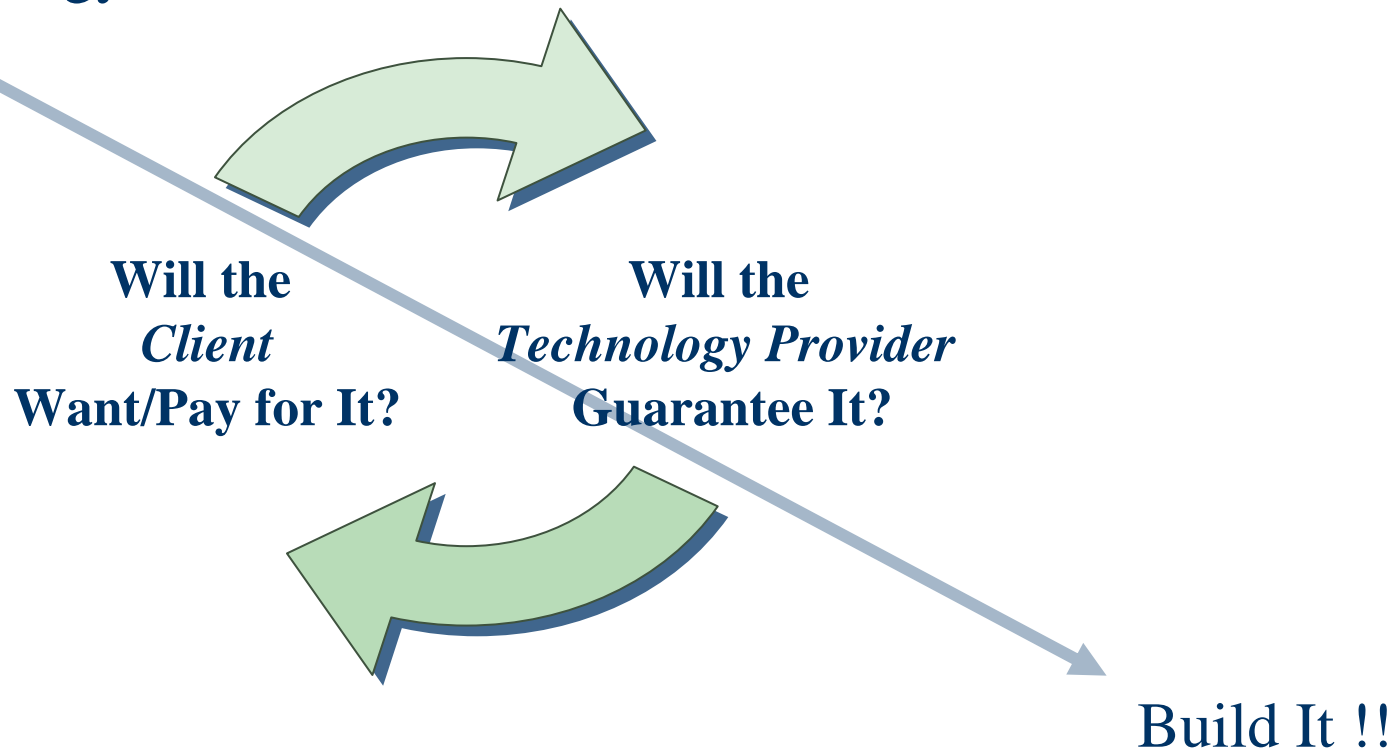
Market is demanding Technology Providers to:

1. Provide Acceptable Returns to Investor
while ...
2. Minimizing Technology/Investment Risk
while ...
3. Producing THE Lowest Cost Ethanol on the Market

New Technology Commercialization

Life Cycle Challenges – Previous High Risk/High Return Model

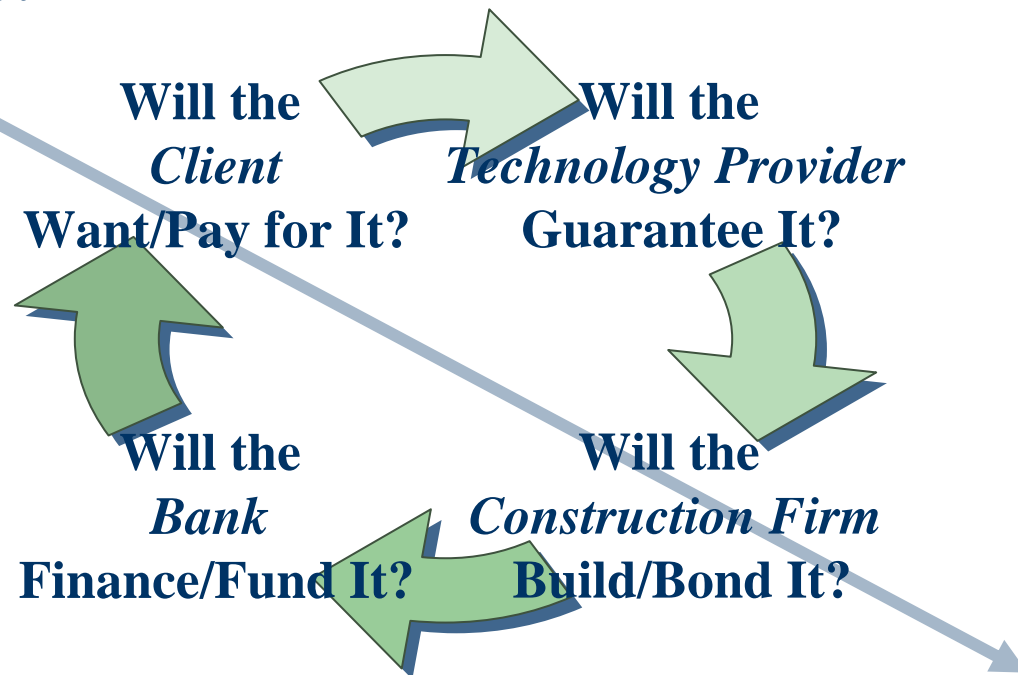
New Technology



New Technology Commercialization

Life Cycle Challenges – Today's Low Risk Position

New Technology



Build It !!

Impact of Technology Today

Transition in Marketplace - Change is Coming

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Current State	\$1.00 - \$1.75 <i>Technology Dependent</i>	36,000 to << 20,000	New Product Development & Market Diversification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Permanent Energy Policy ● Phase Out of Gov. Incentives

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Ethanol Manufacturing

Configuration Considerations

Fixed Costs will increase with Increased Technology
Therefore, Technology must reduce Variable Costs

Examples:

1. Energy Consumption
2. Energy Cost
3. Higher Integration
4. Effectively Lower the Cost of the Feedstock
5. Diversification of Non-Starch Components to other markets

Ethanol Manufacturing

Traditional Configuration



Advantages

- “Lowest” Capital per Gallon Produced
- Increased Scale Reduces \$/Gallon
- Lowest Technology Risk (Standard US Design)

Disadvantages

- “High” Energy Consumption
- Low-quality, High Volume Animal Feed By-product

Ethanol Manufacturing

Traditional Configuration with Retrofit and Integration



- High Efficiency Drying (“steam” drying)
- More Highly Integrated DD&E
- Mechanical Vapor Recompression
- Membrane Separations of Whole Stillage
- Vapor Permeation (MolSieve Replacement)

Advantages

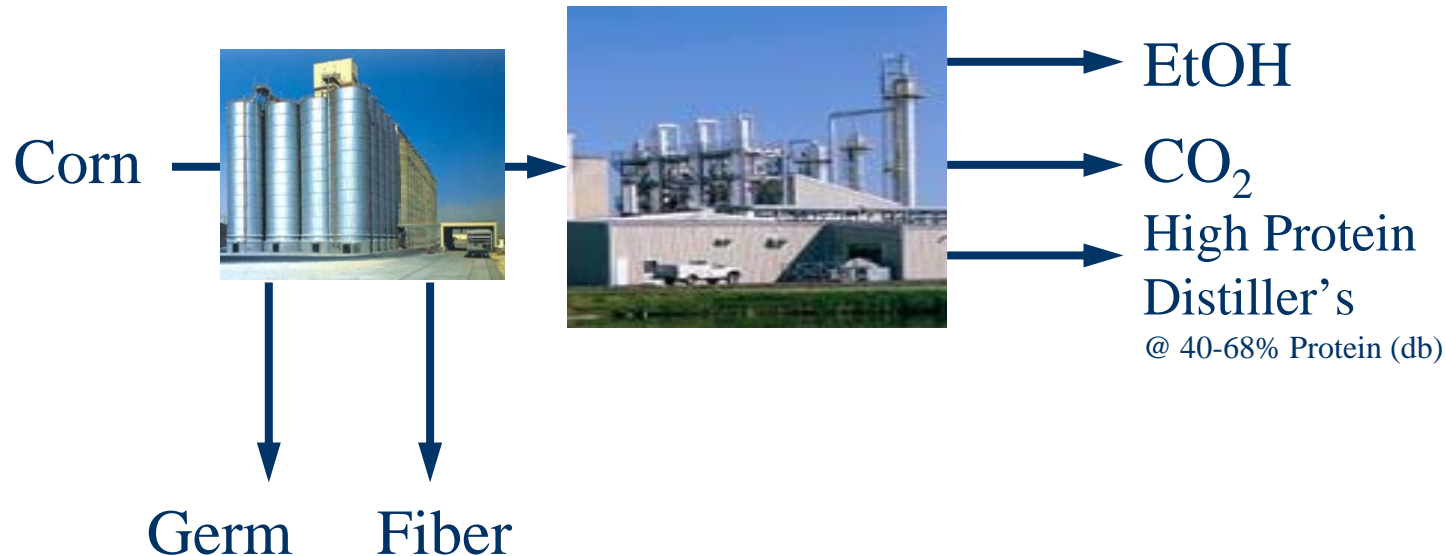
- Reduced energy by 4-6,000 BTU/gal
- Relatively Low Capital.
Therefore, stays “under the radar”

Disadvantages

- Reduced Operational Flexibility
- Reduced Operational Robustness

Ethanol Manufacturing

Grain Fractionation



Advantages

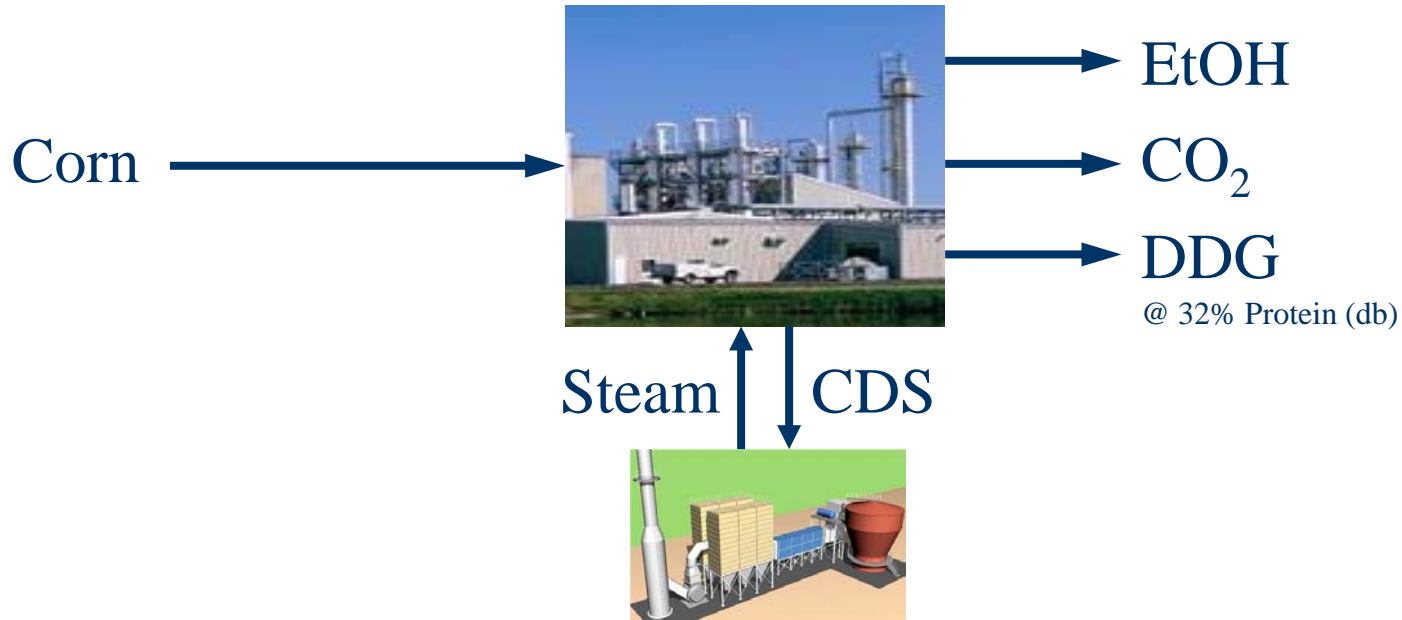
- EtOH Production increased by 10%+
- Thermal Energy reduced by 15-25%
- Increased By-Product Revenues
- Diversify outside of Cattle Feed
- Retrofit with minor process adjustments

Commercial Demonstrations

- Broin Companies (installed)
- Delta-T Corp (installed by 2007)
- Cargill/Monsanto (development site)
- Other Commercial Offerings

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Co-Generation



Advantages

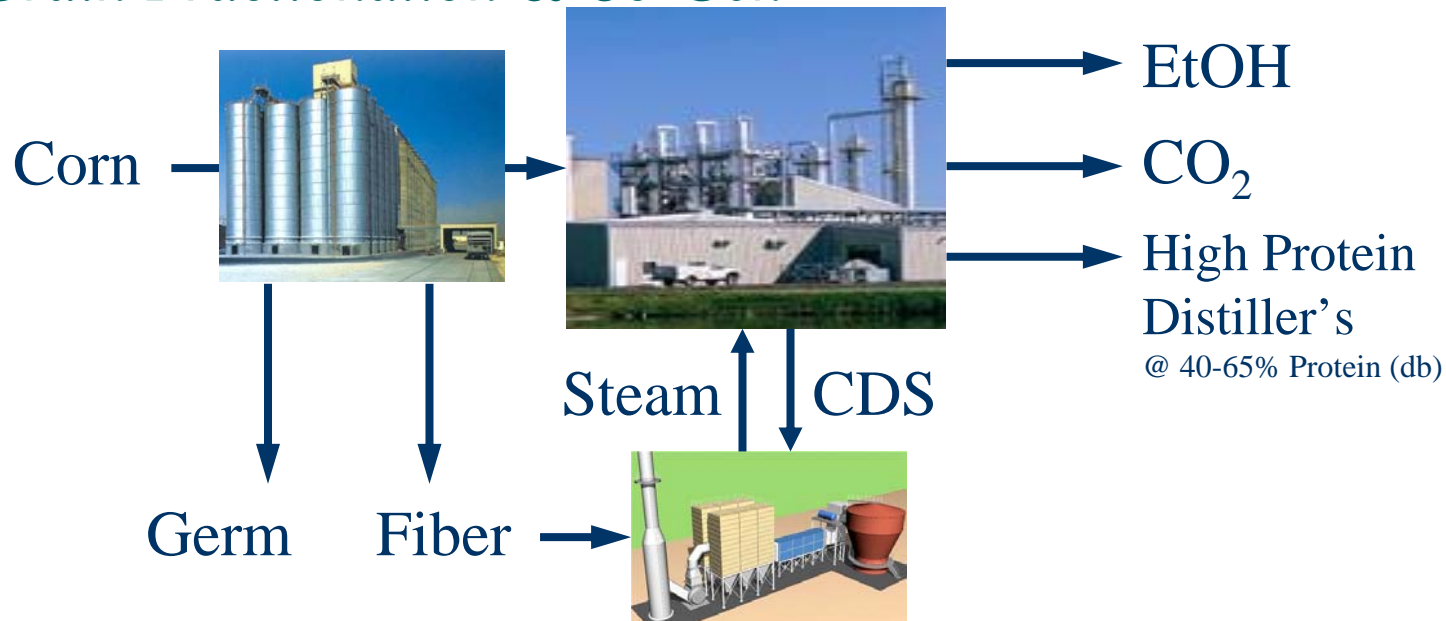
- Thermal Energy reduced by 45%
- 4.5 yr Payback reported

Commercial Demonstrations

- Corn Plus, LLC

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Grain Fractionation & Co-Gen



Advantages

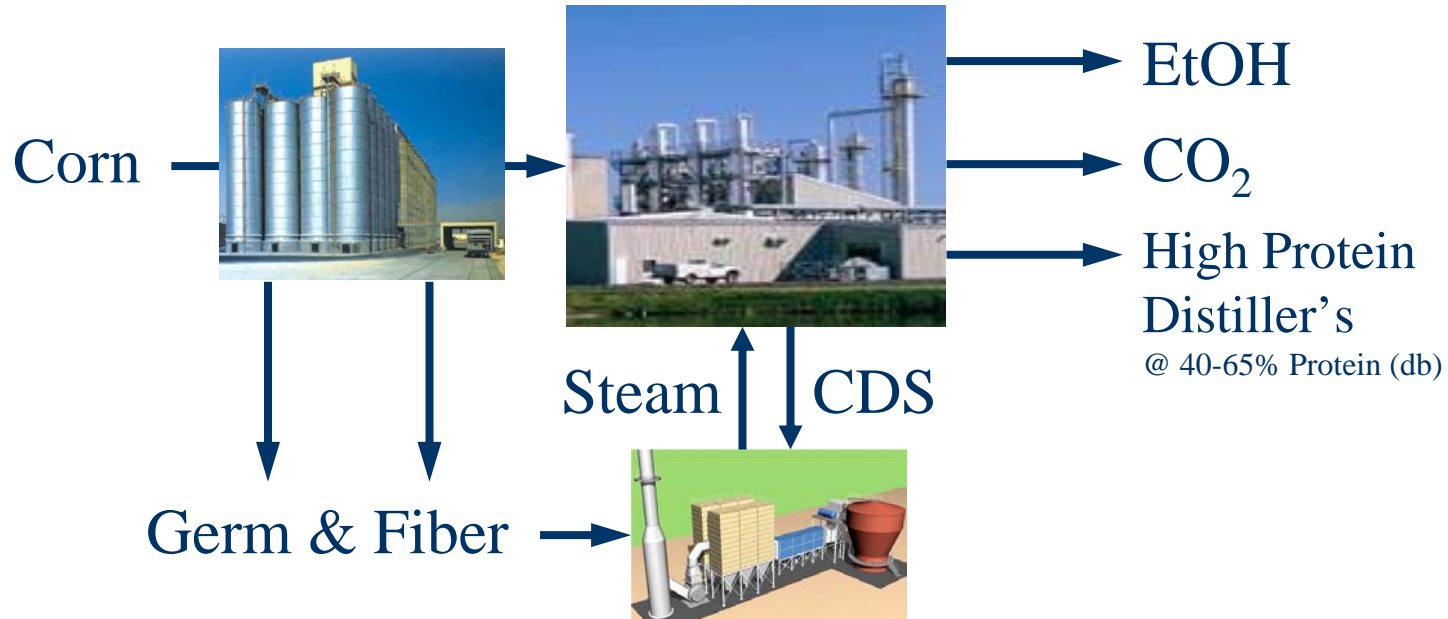
- EtOH Production increased by 10%+
- Thermal Energy reduced by 60-65%
- Increased By-Product Revenues

Commercial Demonstrations

- None to date
- Being developed

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Grain Fractionation & Co-Gen



Advantages

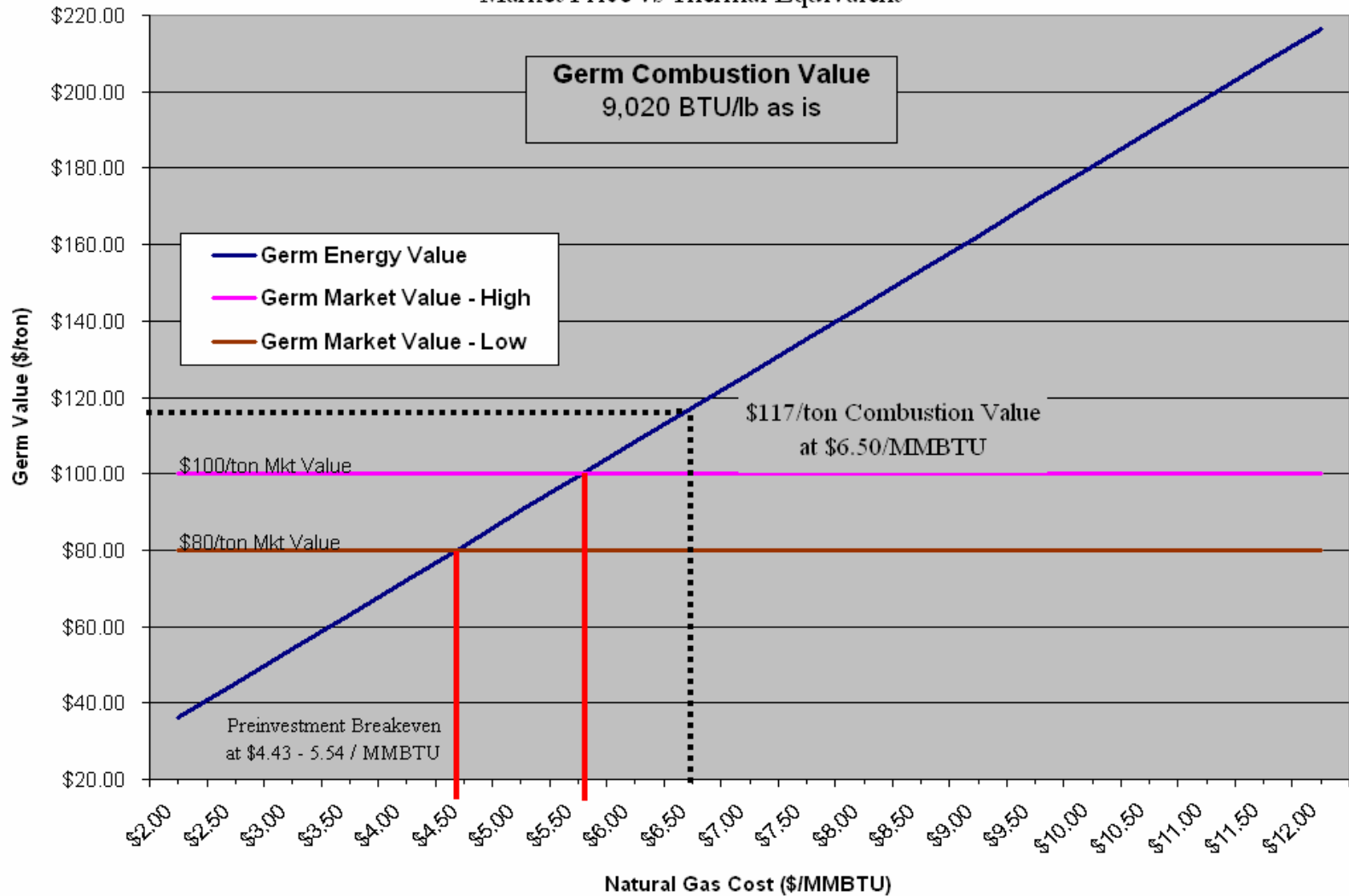
- EtOH Production increased by 10%+
- Thermal Energy reduced by 80-90%
- Increased By-Product Revenues

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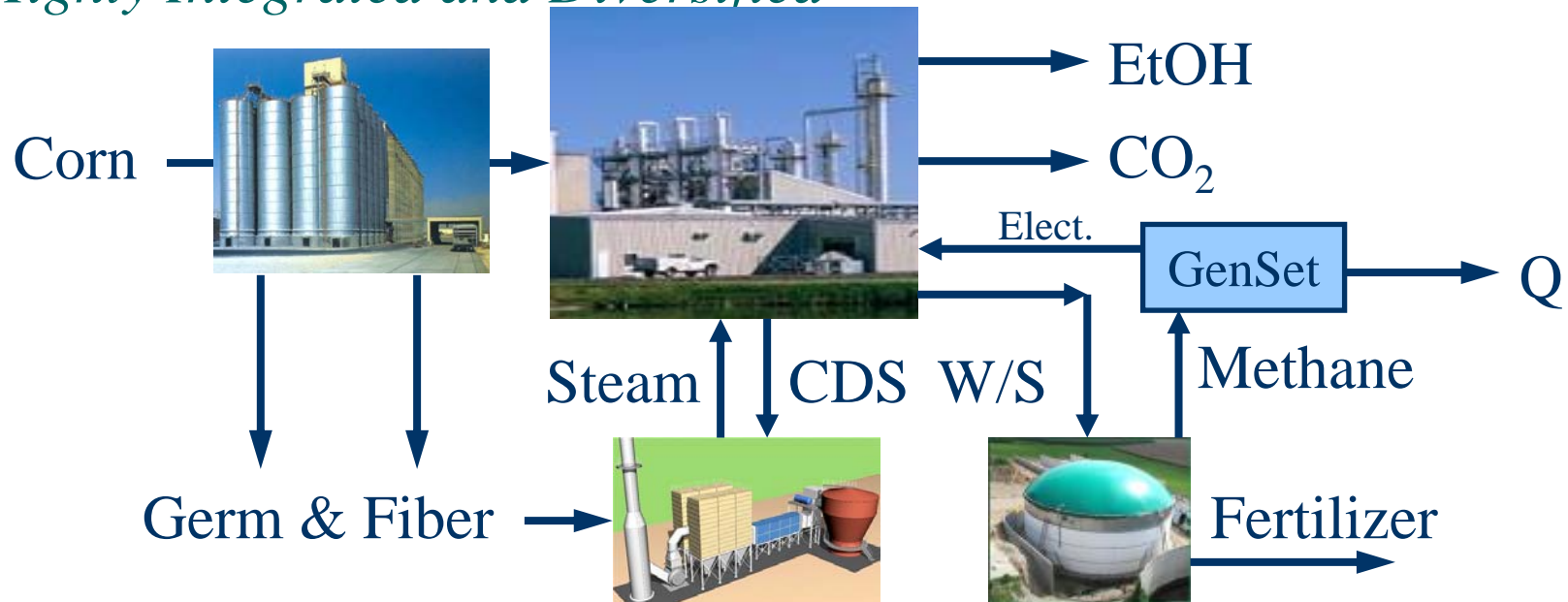
GF Germ Valuation

Market Price vs Thermal Equivalent



Ethanol Manufacturing

Highly Integrated and Diversified



Advantages

- EtOH Production increased by 10%+
- Thermal Energy reduced by 95%+
- Potential for Surplus Energy
- Increased By-Product Revenues

Commercial Demonstrations

- Being Developed
- 2008 - 2010 Start Up?

Opportunities/Challenges for the Future

How will New Technology be Commercialized?

- **Alliances/Partnerships will be the Key**
- **Retrofit Market for New Technology will be Large**
- **Institutions & Entrepreneurs will Finance !?!**
- **Balance between Technology Advancement vs Risk Management will be Critical**

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The Only Constant is Change ...

Think Big!!