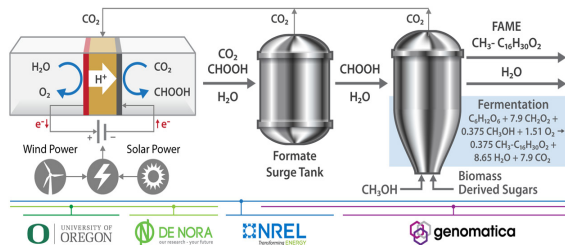


Formate as an Energy Source to allow Sugar Fermentation with no net CO₂ Generation: Integration of Electrochemistry with Fermentation



- Develop and demonstrate an integrated process that electrochemically generates formate from CO₂ and use the formate as an energy source for the fermentation of sugars to fatty acid methyl esters (FAME) without net CO₂ generation.
- Formate provides reducing equivalents for sugar fermentation.
- Chemical looping reactor system that takes advantage of intermittent low-cost electricity from wind and solar resources.

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Electrochemical Generation of Formate from CO₂ (DeNora, NREL)

The slides provide a detailed overview of the electrochemical process. They discuss the role of De Nora in the program, technical targets for Year 1, the optimization of formate selectivity (FE) and process optimization, and a summary of the next steps in the project.

Bi-Polar Membrane Development University of Oregon

The slides detail the development of a bi-polar membrane (BPM). They cover water dissociation overpotentials in non-MEA systems, the effect of varying pressure on the BPM, the use of varying support materials, the manipulation of adhesive force, and the introduction of poly(acrylic acid) to improve the membrane's performance.

Enzyme Engineering - Geno

The slides focus on enzyme engineering for formate dehydrogenase (FDH). They cover the project's role in developing a more efficient enzyme, the background of the work, and the results of the engineering efforts, including improved enzyme activity and stability.

Tech to Market - Feedstock for Sustainable Aviation Fuel

The slides discuss the transition from feedstock to sustainable aviation fuel. They cover the sustainable jet fuel process, existing and proposed expansions for renewable diesel, and historical commodity prices for various feedstocks.