

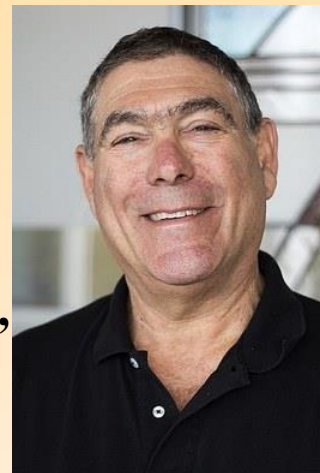
# The 29th JUACEP Seminar

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## “Escaping the Tyranny of Carbothermal Reduction. Conversion of Biowaste Silica to Alkoxysilanes without using Silicon”

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### ABSTRACT:

Agricultural byproducts used as alternate energy sources generate considerable waste. Harvested rice is milled producing rice hulls that are often burned to generate electricity also producing rice hull ash (RHA). In the U.S. some 100k tons of RHA are produced annually. RHA consists of 70-90 wt % low impurity, high surface area (20-80 m<sup>2</sup>/g) amorphous, porous silica mixed with low impurity, amorphous carbon.

The rice plant does not extract heavy metals from the ground and as such the resulting RHA is relatively pure. Furthermore, it is very easily purified using simple acid extraction to remove small amounts of phosphates and other minor minerals. In this presentation we describe methods of directly depolymerizing RHA SiO<sub>2</sub> to transform it into distillable alkoxysilanes.

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