

# Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) & Prospects for Carinata

## Aviation Industry Interest in Lipid Feedstocks for SAF Production:



**CARINATA  
BIOMATERIALS  
SUMMIT**

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# Overall industry summary on SAF:

## SAF are key for meeting industry's commitments on carbon reductions

- Aviation enterprise aligned, representing a 26B gpy US & 97B gpy worldwide opt'y
- Jet fuel demand expected to increase for foreseeable future ... 3 - 5% per year
- SAF delivers net GHG reductions of 65-100+%, other enviro services
- Segment knows how to make it; Activities from FRL 1 to 9, with many in “pipeline”
- CAAFI and others are working to foster, catalyze, enable, facilitate, ...
- First 6 facilities on-line (5 from lipids), producing SAF at increasing run-rates,
- Commercial agreements being pursued, fostered by policy and other unique approaches
- Pathways identified for fully synthetic SAF (50% max blend today), enabling deeper net-carbon reductions

# A4A airlines' individual carbon / SAF commitments

Beyond NZC by 2050, and building to 2B gpy SAF by 2030 (commitments of Mar'21)



NZC by 2040; Deal with Microsoft for SAF from SkyNRG/World Energy; SAF supply at SFO from Neste; SAF R&D investments with WSU-PNNL; Work with Carbon Direct



Allocation with Kuehne+Nagel and Deloitte ; 9 M usg SAF supply at SFO from Neste; Science based target by 2035 with SBTi; 10 M offtake from Prometheus



SAF demo work with Exolum/Avikor on Spain – Mexico flight;



Commits to be first global carbon-neutral airline; Collaboration with corporate customers (Deloitte, Takeda); 10% SAF by 2030



Achieve NZC by 2040; \$2B investment target; \$100M on Yale Center for Natural Carbon Capture



NZC by 2040; 10% SAF penetration by 2030; Offtakes with SGPreston and World Energy



Collaboration with NREL on new pathways; MOUs with Marathon a P66 – focus on CA refinery retrofits



UA First U.S. Airline to Pledge to Reduce Own Emissions by 50% (vs. 2005) by 2050; 13Sep'18. \$40M SAF Investment Fund; 27Oct'19



30% SAF usage by global air fleet by 2035



Midterm goal, -20% from 2019 air ops by 2030. \$40M investments in SAF and carbon reductions and removals. [14Mar'21, [Leaveless \(aircanada.com\)](https://www.aircanada.com)]



# Paradigm changing announcements

Intent to help close price premiums via traveler/shipper involvement



WORLD  
ECONOMIC  
FORUM



Resilient and Sustainable  
Aviation Fuel (RSAF) credit

Clean Skies for Tomorrow Program  
Use of Scope 3 (SAFc) credits, SABA program



**BOARD NOW**  
coalition for sustainable flying



Microsoft

AIRFRANCE KLM



Purchase of SAF for US-Netherlands flights  
(beyond offsetting employee travel)

**UNITED**



Eco-Skies Alliance Program – 11 Customers  
launch, 13Apr'21



# Overall status of SAF:

- \* Making progress, but still significant challenges – only modest production: **focus on enabling commercial viability for which lipids will play an early / significant role**
- \* Potential for acceleration a function of engagement, first facilities' success replication, additional technologies and feedstocks that continue to lower production cost or improve Carbon Index
- \* Enabling/forcing policy continues to advance:
  - Renewable & Low Carbon fuel standards
  - Tax Treatment
  - International policy (ICAO CORSIA)
  - Usage mandates

# SAF production potential

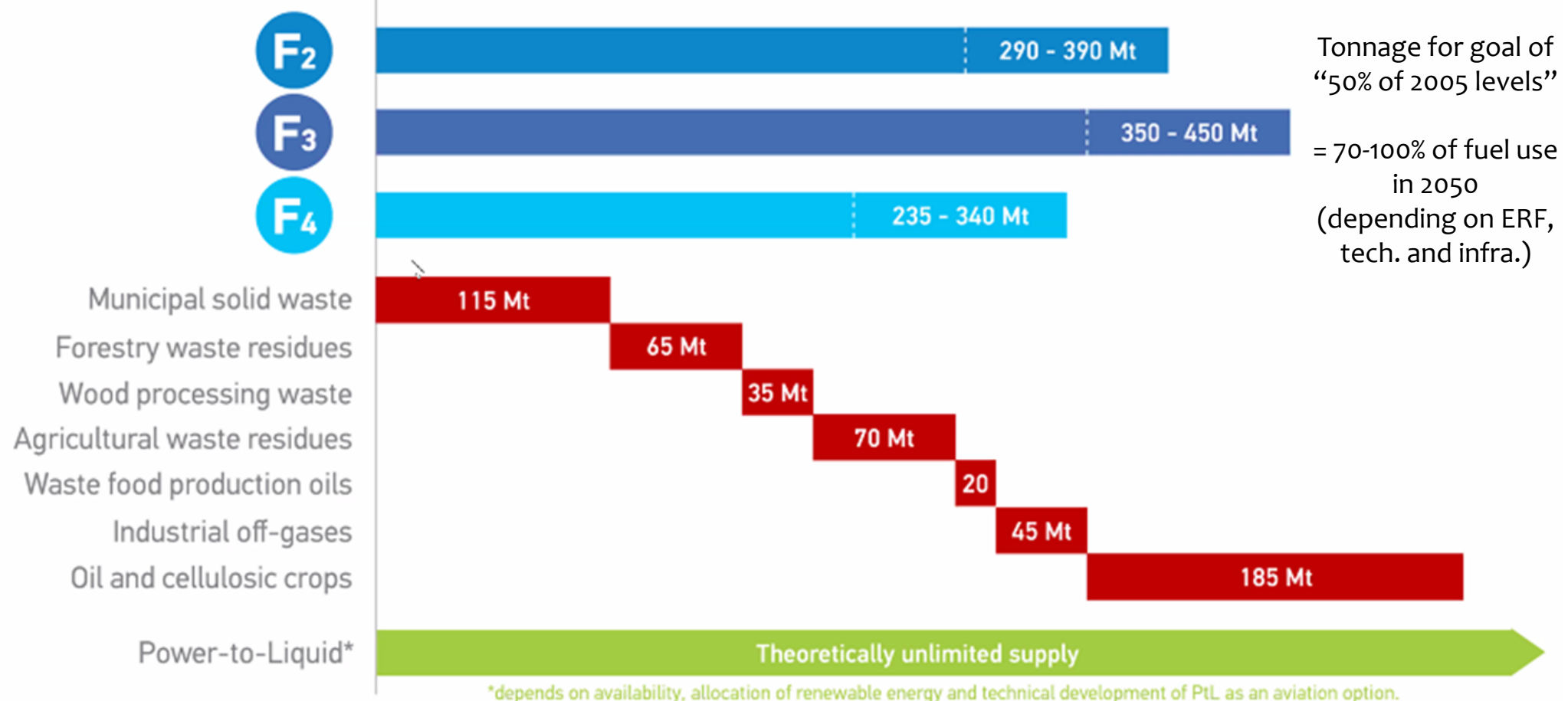
## Targets of opportunity that do not compete for food or land use change

Waypoint 2050  
scenario  
requirements  
for SAF in 2050

*(range depends on  
the emissions  
reduction factor of  
the fuels)*

Analysis of  
SAF production  
potentials

*(very conservative  
estimate using  
strict sustainability  
criteria)*



Tonnage for goal of  
“50% of 2005 levels”

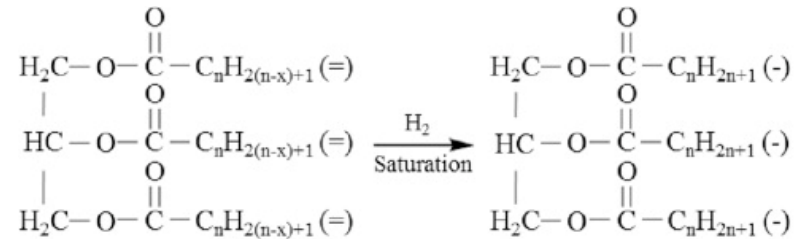
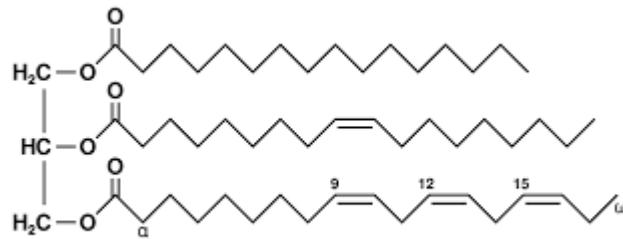
= 70-100% of fuel use  
in 2050  
(depending on ERF,  
tech. and infra.)



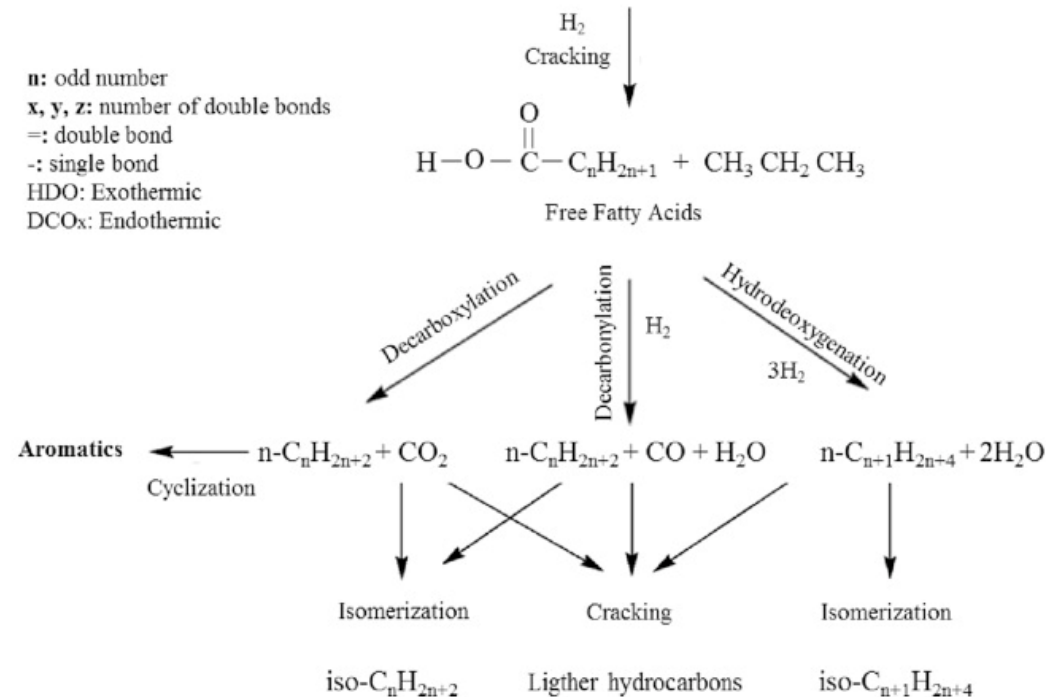
# Current focus on lipid solutions

## Positive attributes

- \* Straightforward – nature gives us a long chain TAG, with hydrocarbon suitable for use in jet & diesel



$n$ : odd number  
 $x, y, z$ : number of double bonds  
 $=$ : double bond  
 $-$ : single bond  
 HDO: Exothermic  
 DCO $_x$ : Endothermic



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- \* Lower CapEx and conversion cost to distillate fuels (SAF, HDRD)
- \* Significant domain knowledge and infrastructure around grains and oils
  - \* Handling, storage, processing, transport
  - \* Rapid energy densification via crush
  - \* Subsequent fungibility, and ease of working with fluid feedstock
- \* Main byproduct of protein/meal production – addresses other key concern – feeding a world of 10B
  - \* Other co-product markets in chemicals and materials
- \* Less farmer apprehension & up-front sunk costs with annuals versus perennial lignocellulosics
- \* Promise of winter cover oilseeds with minimal LUC/ILUC
- \* Potential for use of brown greases – relatively untapped market
- \* Eventual promise of ubiquitous algae production? Microbial lipids?
- \* Advanced work on oil production from non-traditional plants, or sequestration in lignocellulose



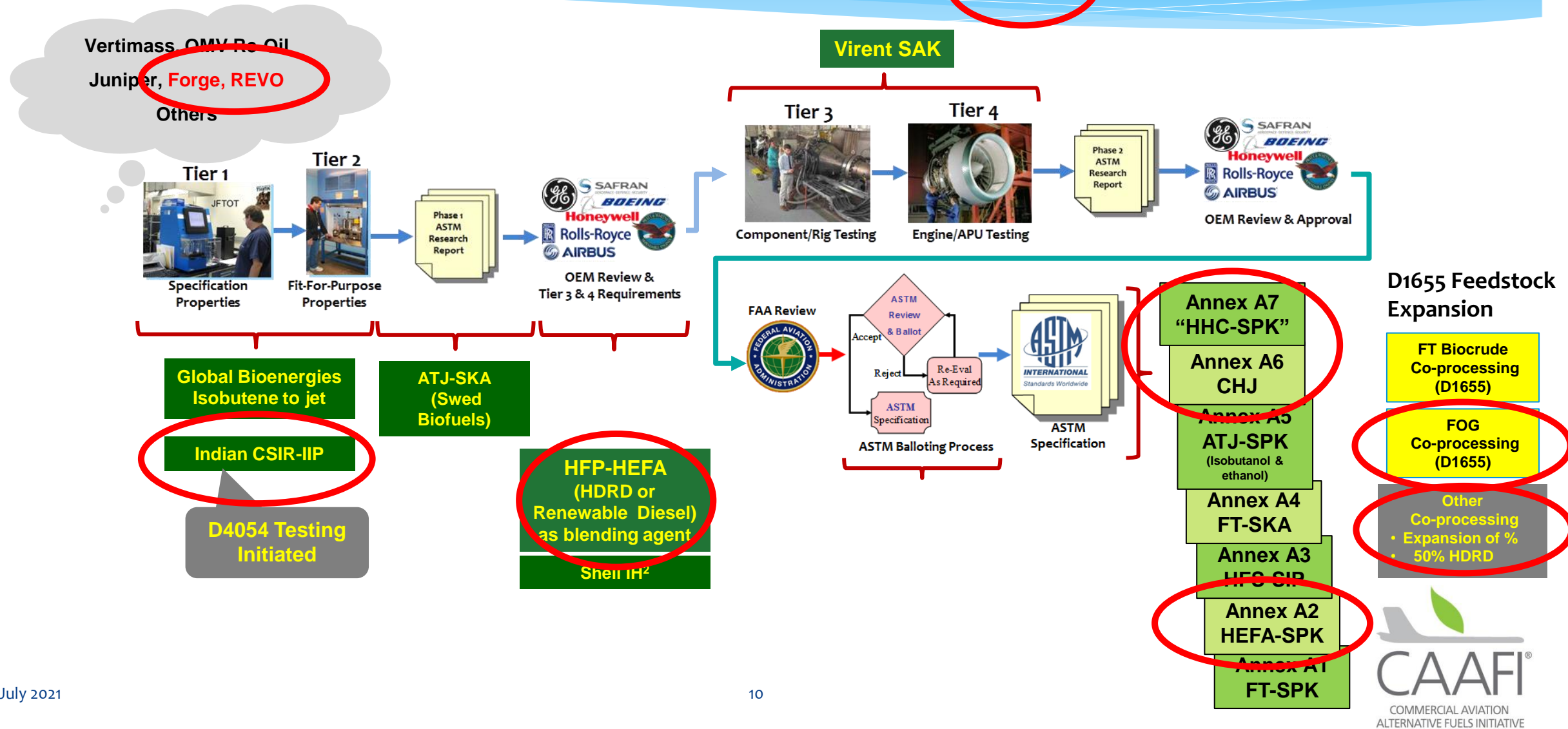
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“Negative aspects” – being addressed e.g. in **SPARC** and IPREFER

- \* Poor opportunity for demand response from waste FOG
  - \* But, estimated by some at from 5-25% of US potential
- \* “Only so much viable acreage / viable fresh water” and “Food versus Fuel”
  - \* Some options will be viable on marginal lands (e.g. halophytes, trees)
  - \* Restrictions incorporated in policy (RED II : 7% max from “cropland growth”)
- \* LUC/ILUC, biodiversity challenges with wholesale land conversion
  - \* Palm-pushback already influencing policy against FOG
  - \* Also taints all palm, several types of which don’t have the negative aspects of concern in SE Asia
- \* Perceived need for significant hydrogen for conversion
  - \* Not the same for all tech; hydrogen can come from biomass itself or other “green sources”
- \* Purpose-grown lipid feedstocks not ready for primetime
  - \* Not unprecedented - recent experience with canola

# Multiple lipid conversion processes for SAF

Pathways applicable to lipids



# U.S. commercialization activity / intent

## HDRD (& SAF?) from lipids/F.O.G.

- \* **Diamond Green: Norco, LA**
- \* **REG: Geismar, LA**
- \* **World Energy: Paramount, CA**
- \* **BP Cherry Point: Blaine, WA (co-processing diesel)**
- \* Expansions: DGD #2 (290 -> 690M); REG Geismar expansion (90 -> 340M) World Energy Paramount (40 -> 305M), DGD #3 Port Arthur, TX (470M )
- \* Marathon: Dickinson, ND (180+M by Q1'21); Martinez, CA (260M by H2'22, 730M by YE '23)
- \* Ryze / Phillips 66: Reno & Las Vegas, NV (& 60M)
- \* Phillips 66: Rodeo, CA (800M eventually, 122M actual from Apr'21)
- \* Global Clean Energy Bakersfield (105M)
- \* SG Preston: pivot announcement pending
- \* NEXT / Shell (575M -> 765M)
- \* ARA licensing build-out (first 3 activities = 168M)
- \* HollyFrontier (Cheyenne & Artesia = 200M)
- \* Texmark HDRD distillation
- \* Emerald (100M); Steamboat (100M)
- \* CVR refineries (Wynnewood 100M, from 2021; Coffeyville conversion)
- \* Greentech Materials; St. Joseph Renewables (90M)
- \* Multiple conversion evaluations: PBF/Shell (Martinez)
- \* NWABF, Western WA feasibility study (64M)
- \* Grön Fuels, Baton Rouge (900M)
- \* Seaboard Energy, Hugoton (99M)
- \* Vertex, Mobile [Mobil/Shell LP refinery overhaul] (215M by '23)
- \* PBF Chalmette, LA refinery, \$500M hydrocracker retrofit
- \* Calumet, Great Falls partial conversion (140M)

In Production: 390+ M gpy Nameplate @ YE '19

**In Development: Exceeding 6B gpy capacity by 2026 !?!**

Pertinent to aviation interests in 4 ways:

- HFP-HEFA (using HDRD for blending)
- Direct HEFA-stream distillation pivot
- Downstream fractionation/refining, or via co-processing
- Co-development of lipid feedstocks & supply chains

**... necessitates serious engagement with purpose grown oilseed & F.O.G. development / expansion**

# Lipid multi-generational product plan (MGPP)

## Addressing the perceived shortfall of available lipids from FOGs

### 1) Waste lipid aggregation

- \* Tallows, white grease, chicken fat, yellow grease, brown grease, ...

### 2) Industrial effluents and byproducts

- \* Tall oil, food processing oils (seafood processing), PFAD/POME, culled nut oils, ...

### 3) Existing oilseed / row crop expansion

- \* Rapeseed, canola, soy, sunflower, DCO, mustards, ...
- \* Introduction of multiple cropping concepts (inter-, relay-, dual-, ...)
- \* Palm (addressing oil palm sustainability issues of SE Asia)

Expansion

### 4) New oilseed / row crops (with mitigated LUC/ILUC, e.g. winter cover cash crops, rotations/fallows, ...)

- \* Camelina, **carinata**, pennycress, ...

### 5) Tree / bush oils (seed or leaf [e.g. eucalyptus] extraction)

- \* Pongamia, coconut, hazelnut, jatropha, macauba (prevalent in tropics and subtropics; India reports 400 species, 10 of specific interest)

### 6) Algae – micro, macro (and more targeted conversion process refinement, e.g. HTL)

- \* Bio-derived triglycerides and pure hydrocarbons (e.g. *Botryococcus braunii*)

### 7) Advanced microbial conversion of lignocellulose/wastes to precursor molecules (lipids, fatty acids)

- \* Acetogens, oleaginous yeasts, cyanobacteria, fungal, methanogens...

### 8) Engineered oil excretion in biomass itself

- \* E.g. the work of ARPA-E [PETRO](#) (similar to crushing sugarcane or sugar beets to release a sugary juice, the crush of a modified tobacco or energy grass could produce a lipid stream)

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**The prospects for Carinata?  
Is the sky the limit?  
... hopefully it's inherent in  
your point of view on SAF!**



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ASTM D7566 Annex	Technology Type	Process Feedstock	Process Feedstock Sources	Blend Requirement	Certification Date	Technology Developer*/ Licensor	Commercialization Entities
A1	Fischer-Tropsch Synthetic Paraffinic Kerosene ( <b>FT-SPK</b> )	Syngas (CO and H <sub>2</sub> at approximately a 1:2 ratio)	Gasified sources of carbon and hydrogen: Biomass such as municipal solid waste (MSW), agricultural and forestry residues, wood and energy crops; Industrial off-gases; Non-renewable feedstocks such as coal and natural gas.	Yes, 50% max	2009	<b>**Sasol</b> , Shell, Velocys, Johson Mathey/BP, ...	Sasol, Shell, Fulcrum, Red Rock, Velocys, Loring, Clean Planet Energy, ...
A2	Hydroprocessed Esters and Fatty Acids Synthetic Paraffinic Kerosene ( <b>HEFA-SPK</b> )	Fatty Acids and Fatty Acid Esters	Various lipids that come from plant and animal fats, oils, and greases (FOGs): chicken fat, white grease, tallow, yellow grease, brown grease, purpose grown plant oils, algal oils, microbial oils.	Yes, 50% max	2011	<b>UOP/ENI</b> , Axens IFP, Neste, Haldor-Topsoe, UPM, REG ...	World Energy, Neste, Total, SkyNRG, SGPreston, Preem, ..., many entities using technology for renewable diesel too
A3	Hydroprocessed Fermented Sugars to Synthetic Isoparaffins ( <b>HFS-SIP</b> )	Sugars	Sugars from direct (cane, sweet sorghum, sugar beets, tubers, field corn) and indirect sources (C5 and C6 sugars hydrolyzed from cellulose);	Yes, 10% max	2014	<b>Amyris</b>	Amyris / Total
A4	Fischer-Tropsch Synthetic Paraffinic Kerosene with Aromatics ( <b>FT-SPK/A</b> )	Syngas	Same as A1, with the addition of some aromatics derived from non-petroleum sources	Yes, 50% max	2015	<b>Sasol</b>	none yet announced
A5	Alcohol to Jet Synthetic Paraffinic Kerosene ( <b>ATJ-SPK</b> )	C2-C5 alcohols (limited to ethanol and iso-butanol at present)	C2-C5 alcohols derived from direct and indirect sources of sugar (see A3), or those produced from microbial conversion of syngas	Yes, 50% max	2016	<b>Gevo, Lanzatech</b> , (others pending including Swedish Biofuels, Byogy, ...)	Gevo, Lanzatech
A6	Catalytic Hydrothermolysis Synthesized Kerosene ( <b>CH-SK, or CHJ</b> )	Fats, Oils, Greases	Same as A2	Yes, 50% max	2020	<b>Applied Research Associates</b> (ARA) / CLG	ARA, Wellington, Sunshine, Euglena, ...
A7	Hydroprocessed Hydrocarbons, Esters and Fatty Acids Synthetic Paraffinic Kerosene ( <b>HHC-SPK, or HC-HEFA</b> )	Algal Oils	Specifically, bio-derived hydrocarbons, fatty acid esters, and free fatty acids. Recognized sources at present only include the tri-terpenes produced by the Botryococcus braunii species of algae.	Yes, 10% max	2020	<b>IHI Corporation</b>	IHI

\* The entity who was primarily responsible for pushing the technology through aviation's D4054 qualification is shown in bold.

\*\* There are 3 major systems associated with FT conversion: Gasification, Gas Clean-up, and Fischer-Tropsch Reactor. This column focuses on the FT reactor only. There are over a hundred gasification entities in the world, and several of the major oil companies own and utilize gas clean-up technology. Further, up to the current time, FT reactors were only produced at very large scale. The unique technology brought to the market by Velocys *et al.* is a scaled-down, micro-channel reactor appropriately sized for processing of modest quantities of syngas as might be associated with a biorefinery.