

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Carinata Biomaterials Summit

## Next Steps for SAF Sustainable Aviation Fuel



First flight from continuous commercial production of SAF UAL 0708, 10 March 2016, LAX-SFO

Fuel from World Energy - Paramount (HEFA-SPK 30/70 Blend).

Only U.S. facility offering continuous production of SAF at present. Other batch production & tolling occurring due to extreme customer interest.



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### Where we stand on U.S. SAF consumption **Initiation underway, still early**

- Seven years of sustained commercial production and use
- **Commercial & General Aviation** engaged
- Two facilities in operation, several \* others in physical construction
- \* Cost delta still a challenge, with practicalities favoring renewable diesel
- \* Worldwide: Growing number of entities produced ~80M usg SAF in 2022 – Finland's Neste the market leader

#### **U.S. SATF Procurements**



#### Credit: FAA

Commercial

\*Reflects voluntarily reported data on use by U.S. airlines, U.S. government, manufacturers, other fuel users, and foreign carriers uplifting at U.S. airports. ^2017-2021 calculation includes reported EPA RFS2 RINs for jet fuel. 2022 data as of September 2022

## U.S. SAF production forecast Announced intentions, neat\*



• Not comprehensive; CAAFI estimates (based on technology used & public reports) where production slates are not specified. Does not include various small batches produced for testing technology and markets.

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• Does not include fractions of substantial Renewable Diesel capacity (existing and in-development) that can be shunted to SAF based on policy support

### SAF: from a diverse set of world-wide feedstocks Wastes, residues, purpose grown, circular-economy byproducts



### SAF-production-potential outlook: 2050 Targets of opportunity with low ILUC and affordability

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)



Power-to-Liquid\*

"depends on availability, allocation of renewable energy and technical development of PtL as an aviation option.

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45 Mt

70 Mt

235 - 340 Mt

290 - 390 Mt

350 - 450 Mt

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185 Mt

Source: WEF Clean Skies for Tomorrow analysis with ATAG and IATA additions

148 B gpy

9.7 M bpd

US targets

35 B gpy

# Typical jet fuel chemical composition



Aromatics are limited to 25% Olefins and heteroatoms are limited (not allowed)

- Olefins (<1%) (gum formation)</li>
- S, N, O containing (limited allowance)

Pie chart adapted from Tim Edwards Composition/Carbon number from Josh Heyne



# Lipid conversion solutions & R&D remaining

 Straightforward – nature gives us something very nearly a paraffinic fuel



- \* Additional conversion R&D:
  - \* Catalytic conversions
  - \* Pyrolysis
  - \* Combined with HTL feedstocks
- \* Other research:
  - \* Use of raw crush oils or full algal cells
  - Conversion processes that result in the addition of cycloparaffins and naphthenic compounds





## Lipid multi-generational development plan (MGDP) Action Area, Workstream, Activities: FI.1, FI.2, and FI.3

#### **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)

#### 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 excrescence in biomass itself
  - E.g. the work of ARPA-E <u>PETRO</u>, and DOE <u>PETROSS</u> and <u>ROGUE</u> (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)

## **Expansion**





# Pathway qualification progress



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# **Co-processing:**

Blending bio-crude liquids with petroleum streams at various points in an existing refinery to produce fuels with lower carbon intensities

- \* Viewed as way to achieve significant scale more quickly ...
  - \* Without CapEx burden of stand-alone biorefineries
  - \* Leveraging existing distribution infrastructure; foregoing need for SAF blending
- \* Caution: renewable carbon in finished fuel products not uniformly distributed
- \* Definitions added to ASTM D1655, Annex A1. FUELS FROM NON-CONVENTIONAL SOURCES
  - \* Two existing Co-processing pathways
    - → 5% v/v F.O.G. (to enable HDRD production (e.g. BP Cherry Point))
    - → 5% v/v FT biocrude (plan for Fulcrum at Marathon Anacortes)
  - \* Three new Task Forces
    - → Use of pyrolysis oil from tire deconstruction P66
    - Increasing v/v limits (perhaps to 30%) BP
    - Use of HVO (perhaps at 40%) & re-refining of slop/transmix/off-spec Exxon Mobil



## Promising emerging technologies / feedstocks

- \* Those that lower cost or increase value of total production slate
  - \* Catalytic processes
  - \* Higher carbon utilization from feedstocks
  - \* Lower CapEx and/or Lower OpEx enabling use of low-cost, plentiful, 24x7 supply
  - \* Integrated systems
  - \* Finding higher value for production slip streams or byproducts
  - \* Capturing value from other environmental services
  - \* Driving to ultra low CI scores to increase value from rewarding policy
- \* Steady stream of low TRL examples for the above

\* In some other cases, difficult to envision near-term tangible progress AF

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