



BETO 2021 Peer Review: Thermochemical Platform Analysis

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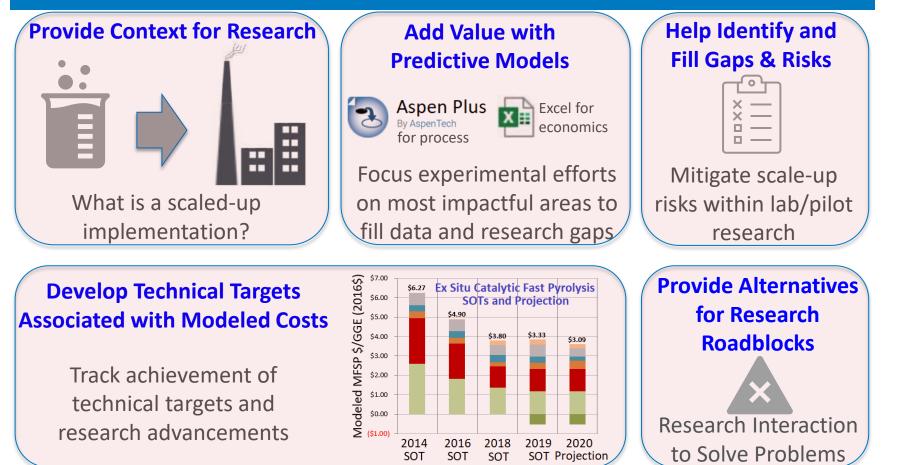
# Acronyms Used

**BETO:** Bioenergy Technologies Office **CCPC:** Consortium for Computational Physics and Chemistry **CFP:** Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis **DME:** Di-Methyl Ether FCC: Fluid Catalytic Cracking FCIC: Feedstock-Conversion Interface Consortium **FP:** Fast Pyrolysis **FY:** Fiscal Year (e.g., FY21 is fiscal year 2021) **HOG:** High-Octane Gasoline **GGE:** Gallon Gasoline Equivalent **LCA:** Life-Cycle Analysis **MFSP:** Minimum Fuel Selling Price **MYP:** Multi-Year Plan (BETO) **SOT:** State of Technology **TEA:** Techno-Economic Analysis

### **Project Overview**

- Primarily focused on **techno-economic analysis (TEA)** and process sustainability
- Helps **guide research** in productive directions
- Provides **industrial context and risk information** for research activities

# **High-Level Goals**



MFSP: Minimum Fuel Selling Price. SOT: State of Technology. Technical and cost projection details at: https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy20osti/76269.pdf.

#### Overview

## **Relevant Market Trends**



- Anticipated decrease in gasoline/ethanol demand; diesel demand steady
- Increasing demand for aviation and marine fuel
- Demand for higher-performance products



- Increasing demand for renewable/recyclable materials
- Sustained low oil prices



- Decreasing cost of renewable electricity
- Sustainable waste management
- Expanding availability of green H<sub>2</sub>



- Closing the carbon cycle
- Capital
- Risk of greenfield investments
  - Challenges and costs of biorefinery start-up

Availability of depreciated and underutilized capital equipment

Social Responsibility

Access to clean air and water

Carbon intensity reduction

Environmental equity

### Major Trends since 2019 Peer Review



Fossil	→	
Biogenic	⇒	Regulator Needs



### Value Proposition

• Enable efficient research for biogenic liquid transportation fuels

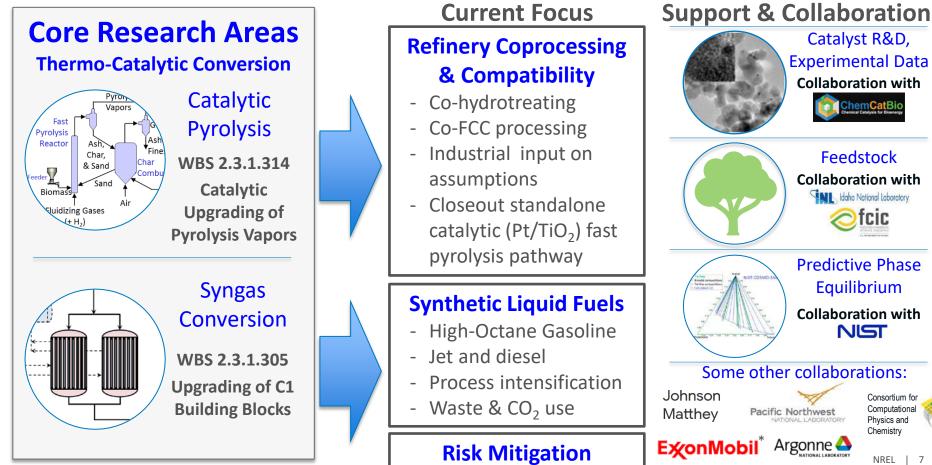
#### **Differentiators**

- Predictive process modeling
  - Magnifies impact of experimental research
- Core domain knowledge
  - Provides expert guidance on biomass conversion technologies
- Industrially relevant models/reports
  - Serves industry, academia, other research institutions, and BETO needs

Management

#### Management

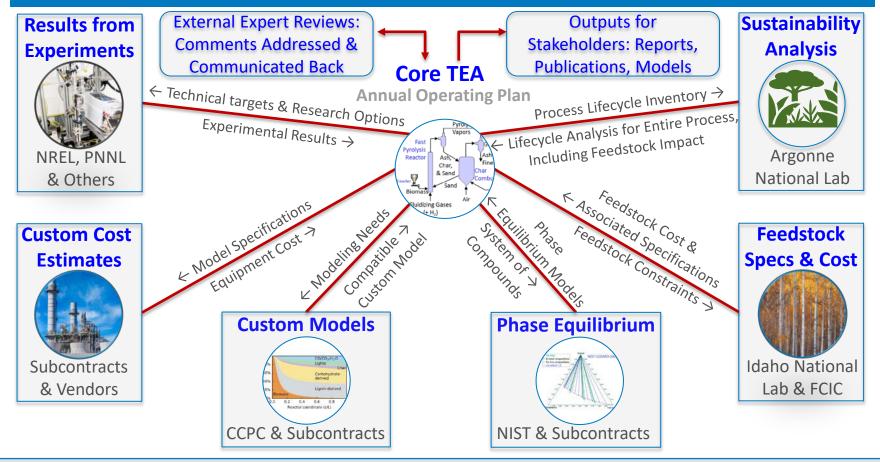
# Overview – Core Research & Supporting Work



\*EMRE is working with NREL on biomass pyrolysis

#### Management

# Management – Collaborators and Communication



NIST: National Institute of Standards and Technology. CCPC: Consortium for Computational Physics and Chemistry. FCIC: Feedstock-Conversion Interface Consortium. TEA: Techno-Economic Analysis



Risks/challenges and mitigation approach *for this project* 

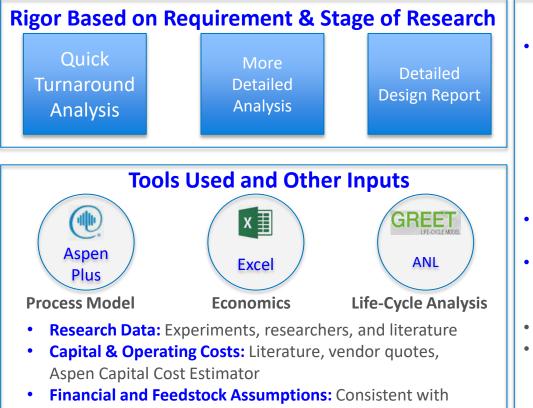
- Specifics on Slide 12
- Technology risk identification and mitigation for overall research
- Specific example on Slide 18

Communication and collaboration with *related projects and/or advisory boards* 

Specific examples on Slide 19 and Slide 26

Approach

# **Technical Approach for Analysis Work**



#### Outputs

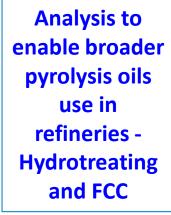
- MFSP (Minimum Fuel Selling Price) based on n<sup>th</sup> plant economics & financial assumptions
  - SOT (State of Technology)
  - Projections
- Technical metrics to achieve MFSP
- Sustainability metrics of the conversion process
- Full LCA by ANL
- Review comments and feedback from stakeholders are incorporated

BETO guidelines & related feedstock research

Key Risks and Challenges for this project [mitigation]

- Limited data
  - [sensitivity analysis / request more experiments]
- Provide alternate R&D approaches
  - [versatile predictive models with adaptability]
- Rigor vs speed
  - [efforts planned based on impact of analysis]
- Predictive modeling
  - [strategic partnerships and subcontracts]

# **Technical Approach for Current Focus Areas**



Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis

Biomass

uidizing Gases

\*Details in slide 22

- Closeout\* of standalone hydrotreating pathway in FY21
  - Final report to document learnings, gaps, and risks
- Shift focus to pyrolysis oils coprocessing

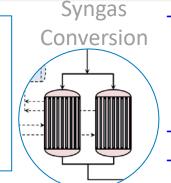
**Co-hydrotreating TEA developed** 

- Based on preliminary experimental yields

Lower quality feed and solid waste (MSW)

Experimental project: WBS 2.3.1.314 Catalytic Upgrading of Pyrolysis Vapors

Enable Efficient Conversion to Gasoline, Diesel, Jet



- Understand and optimize research results in the context of a process with recycles
  - Recommendations of more optimal conditions
  - Separation strategies in integrated process
  - Process intensification for single-step syngas to fuels
- **Diversified feedstocks: Solid waste and CO<sub>2</sub>**

Experimental Project: WBS 2.3.1.305 Upgrading of C1 Building Blocks

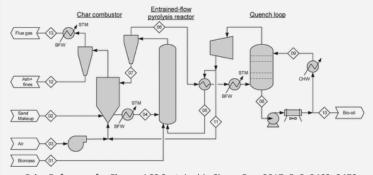
Technical and economic metrics developed & tracked via research interaction NREL | 13

#### Approach

# Subcontract Work to Advance Modeling Capabilities

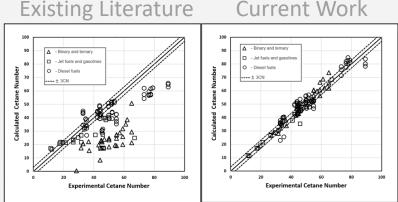
### **Examples of Subcontract Work Integrated into Core TEA**

### Design and cost evaluations of biomass pyrolysis systems



Prior Reference for Figure: ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng. 2017, 5, 3, 2463–2470 Impact: Allow design, sizing, cost estimates for custom pyrolysis equipment for TEA Work performed by Humbird. TEA: Techno-Economic Analysis

### Prediction of Fuel Properties in Models using Representative Surrogate Molecules

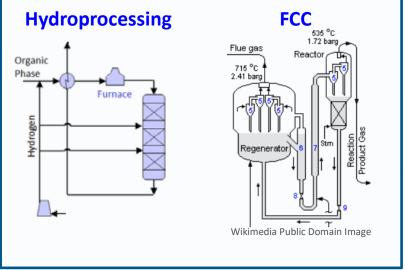


Example of Cetane Number Predictions Impact: Enable predictive fuel properties for *Refinery Integration* Work performed by Watanasiri

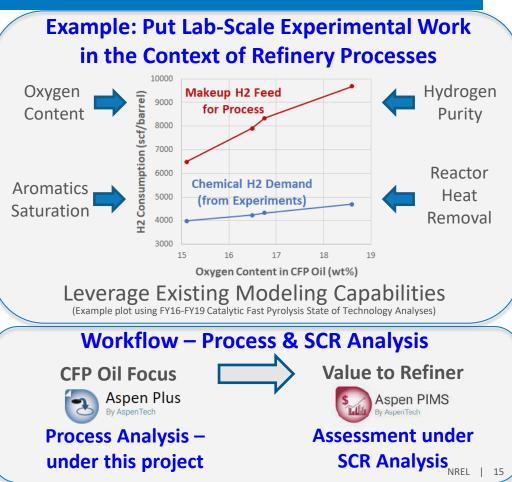
#### Publication of above and other subcontract work anticipated in FY2021

# New Work Focus Starting FY21 – Refinery Coprocessing of Py-Oil

Use Domain Knowledge and Predictive Modeling to Understand the Impact of Heterogeneous Feedstocks in Petroleum Refineries



**SCR:** Strategies for Co-processing in Refineries (separate BETO project); **CFP:** Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis; **FP:** Fast Pyrolysis.



Impact

# **Broad Impact**

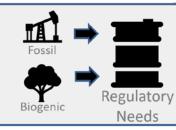
#### Direct Collaboration with Industry Partners

Leverage Knowledge & Modeling Capabilities from BETO Research ExconMobil<sup>\*</sup> \*EMRE is working with NREL on biomass pyrolysis Other industrial entities (not listed) engaged via experimental projects

#### Annual State of Technology to Track & Guide Research



Facilitate Biogenic Carbon in Fuels and Products via Detailed Analysis



#### **Other Products**

- Software records for detailed models – available for licensing
- Patents/applications (led by experimental team)

### Publications to Disseminate Knowledge & Learnings



- Detailed design reports
- State of Technology updates
- Journal articles

### Sample Models Publicly Available

https://www.nrel.gov/extranet/ biorefinery/aspen-models/



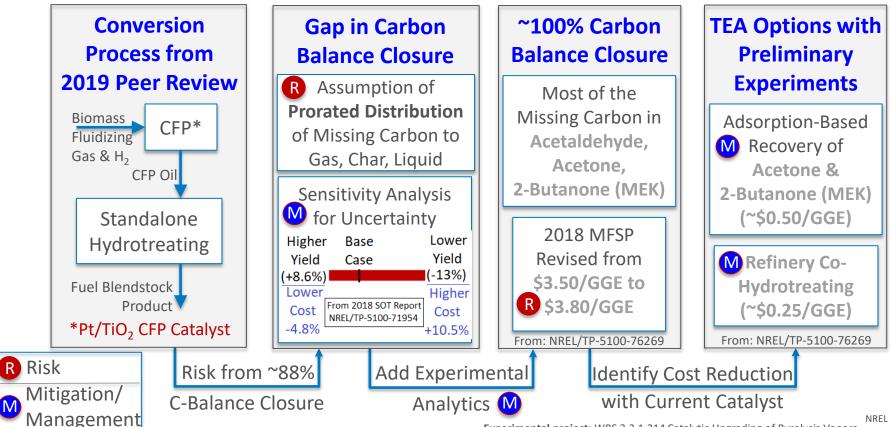
Download and use by stakeholders, including academia and industry

List of publications, reports etc. since 2019 review is included in the Additional Slides section

# **Risk Identification and Management – CFP Pathway**



(CFP: Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis; MFSP: Minimum Fuel Selling Price; GGE: Gallon Gasoline Equivalent; SOT: State of Technology)



Experimental project: WBS 2.3.1.314 Catalytic Upgrading of Pyrolysis Vapors

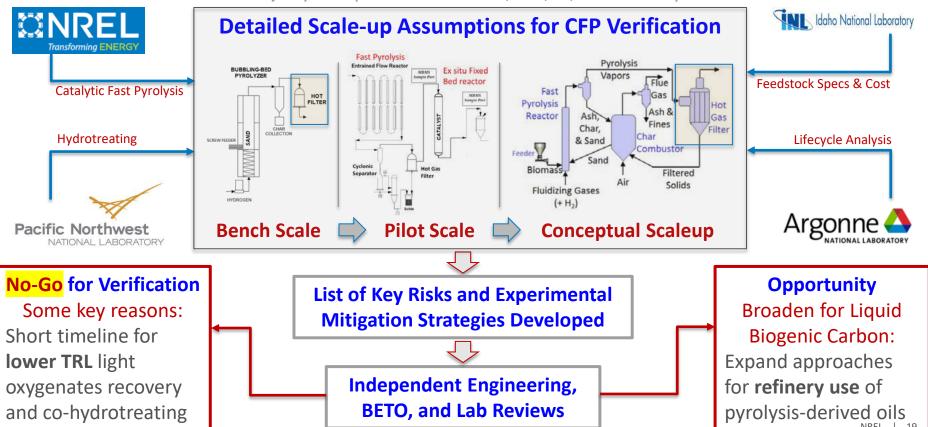
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# Go/No-Go Decision for 2022 Verification (Ex-Situ CFP)

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### Go/No-Go for using this pathway for 2022 Verification to Achieve <\$3/GGE Modeled MFSP

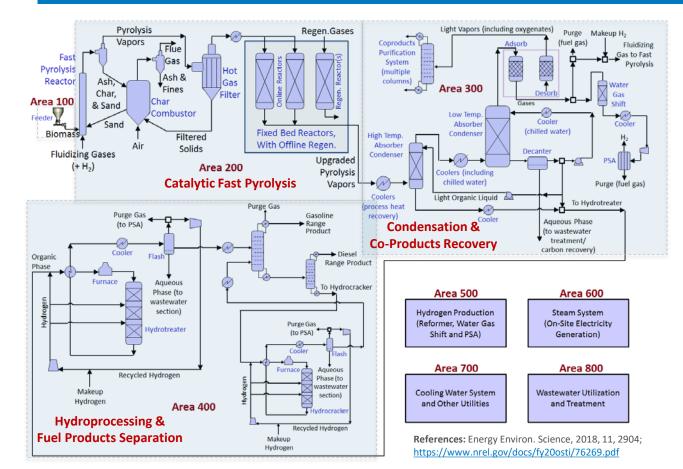
Work done jointly with experimental teams at NREL, PNNL, INL, and sustainability at ANL



Experimental Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis (CFP) project: WBS 2.3.1.314 Catalytic Upgrading of Pyrolysis Vapors

Progress and Outcomes

# Outcomes CFP with Standalone Hydrotreating – Process Flow

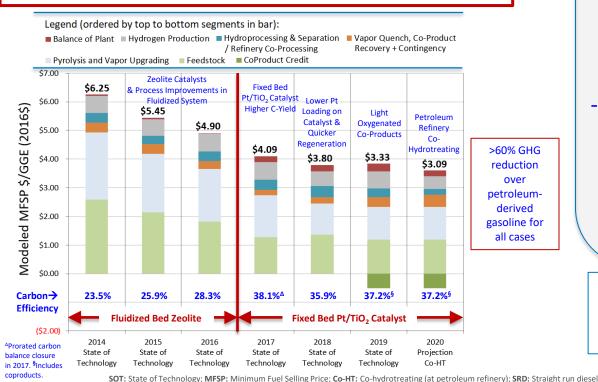


Area 100: Feedstock Area 200: Fast Pyrolysis and Ex-Situ Catalytic Upgrading Area 300: Condensation & Light Oxygenates Recovery Area 400: Hydroprocessing & Fuel Product Separation Area 500: Hydrogen Production from Off-Gases Area 600: Steam System & **Power Generation** Area 700: Cooling Water & Utilities Area 800: Wastewater Treatment

# Outcomes CFP with Standalone Hydrotreating –Closeout in FY21

Considerable progress towards reducing the MFSP

- Significant risks remain for scale-up
- TEA data gaps to be addressed during closeout



### **Closeout Process\***

- TEA using <mark>new experimental</mark> data (FY21 Q2)
  - Light oxygenates recovery
  - Co-hydrotreating CFP-oil with diesel (SRD)
- Document & **help reduce risks** for future adoption
  - Leverage research since
     2014 & FY21 expt. info.
  - Document risks, e.g. for catalyst regeneration

#### \*Further details presented under

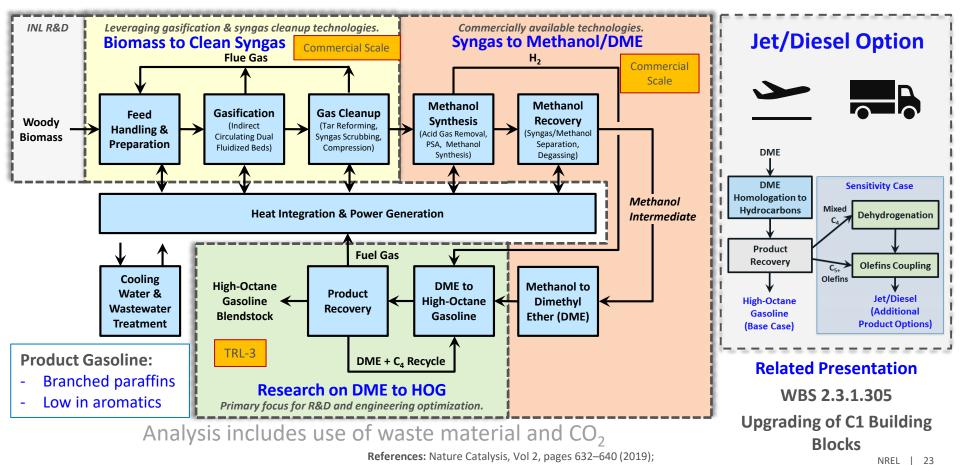
WBS 2.3.1.314

Catalytic Upgrading of Pyrolysis Vapors

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# Outcomes Syngas to High-Octane Gasoline Conceptual Process



HOG: High-Octane Gasoline. TRL: Technology Readiness Level.

https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy20osti/76619.pdf; https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy15osti/62402.pdf

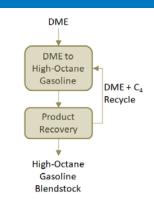
# State of Technology – Challenges and Gaps

#### **Research progress**

**Progress &** 

**Outcomes** 

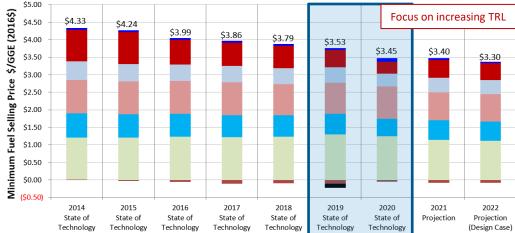
- Increased conversion & selectivity
- Increased C5+ products via reaction of recycled C4
- Reduced aromatics formation



#### **Risks & challenges for increasing TRL**

- Catalyst related (ongoing research):
  - Scale-up, regeneration, longevity
- Current experiments not integrated
  - DME used in first step
  - Simulated recycle via co-fed C4
- Full range of C4 recycle tests
  - Tests being run

Additional information under: WBS 2.3.1.305 Upgrading of C1 Building Blocks



LPG Coproduct Credit
Hydrocarbon Product Separation
Hydrocarbon Synthesis
Acid Gas Removal, Methanol Synthesis and Methanol Conditioning
Synthesis Gas Clean-up (Reforming and Quench)
Gasification
Feedstock
Balance of Plant

>60% GHG reduction over petroleum-derived gasoline

References: Nature Catalysis, Vol 2, pages 632-640 (2019);

https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy20osti/76619.pdf; https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy15osti/62402.pdf

# 1-Step Conversion & Related FY21 Go/No-Go Decision

**Current 3-Step Process** DME +  $C_4$  Recycle Methanol High Synthesis, DME to High-Methanol Product Octane Syngas --> Octane Recovery Gasoline to DME Recovery & Gas Gasoline Blendstock Recvcle Go/No-Go H<sub>2</sub> for decision for **HOG Reactor** Related adopting single-Presentation step process will Take Advantage of Sequential Reactions & Lower Capital Cost Option WBS 2.3.1.305 be based on **Overcome Reaction Equilibrium Limitations** Upgrading of C1 experimental data **Building Blocks** and TEA 1-Step Syngas to HOG Due Date: **Key Challenges & Research:** 6/30/2021 **Optimal catalyst formulation** Recycle Syngas conditioning High Single-Step to Product Octane Improvements with more H<sub>2</sub> High-Octane Syngas -Gasoline Recovery Gasoline Blendstock Reduce C4 and CO<sub>2</sub> selectivity System pressure and space Initial exploratory TEA completed FY20 Q4 velocity optimization References: Nature Catalysis, Vol 2, pages 632–640 (2019); HOG: High-Octane Gasoline;

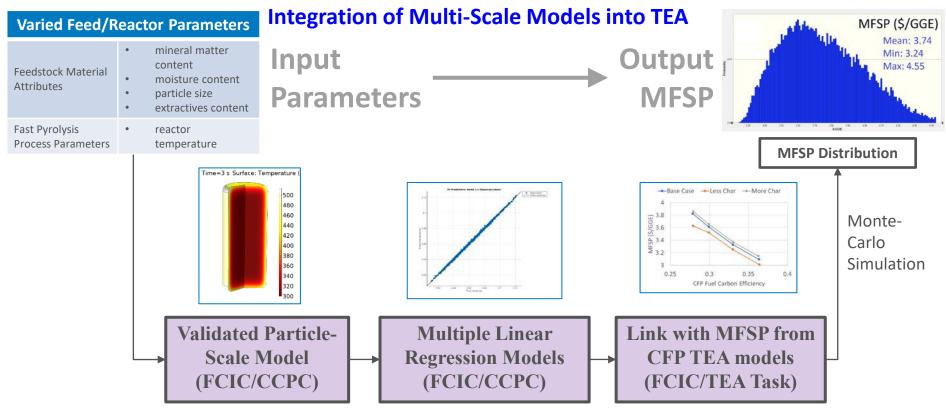
**TEA:** Techno-Economic Analysis

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## Example of Collaboration with Other Projects – FCIC / CCPC

Modeling Cost Impacts of Feedstock Material Attributes on CFP Process:



FCIC: Feedstock-Conversion Interface Consortium; MFSP: Minimum Fuel Selling Price; FP: Fast Pyrolysis; CFP: Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis; TEA: Techno-Economic Analysis; CCPC: Consortium for Computational Physics and Chemistry; GGE: Gallon Gasoline Equivalent

### Summary

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# **Value Proposition**

- Help address immediate industry needs for biogenic carbon in liquid fuels
- Continue to guide and establish research metrics in the context of scale-up
  - Help identify and address associated risks

Accomplishments

- Detailed analysis for key decision points & related changes
  - Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis pathway
  - Syngas conversion to high-octane gasoline (with options for jet and diesel) pathway

# **Quad Chart Overview**

#### Timeline

- Project start date: October 1, 2019
- Project end date: September 30, 2022

	FY20	Active Project
DOE Funding	\$700k	\$2,100k (for 3 years)

#### **Barriers addressed**

Ot-B: Cost of production Ct-F: Increasing the yield from catalytic processes

#### **Project Goal**

To inform and guide R&D priorities for thermal and catalytic conversion processes through process-designbased TEA† and LCA‡. Specific conversion pathways of focus are Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis (CFP) and syngas to high-octane gasoline (HOG) or indirect liquefaction (IDL)

#### **End of Project Milestone**

Analyze and quantify refinery integration approaches and feasible coproducts from fast pyrolysis based pathways, associated risks, and cost reduction impacts. Additional approaches may include indirect liquefaction of waste streams for low-cost fuels production. This milestone will help set up a combination of potential thermo-catalytic options (at least 2 combinations) for specific approaches towards achieving the BETO goal of \$2.5/GGE by 2030. Provide analysis support (as requested) to the BETO office for the verification of a biomass to finished fuels pathway towards achieving a modeled MFSP of <\$3.00/GGE in 2016\$.

#### **Funding Mechanism**

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# **Additional Slides**

# **Responses to Previous Reviewers' Comments**

**Comment 1:** A very critical component to the activities of CCB as a whole. Milestones were met throughout the prior funding periods and the milestone planning both near and long term seem appropriate. **Response:** Thank you for the feedback.

**Comment 2:** Overall, this is a very important enabling technology for emerging biomass processing technologies. My only concern based on past exposure to TEA is that they are based on a large number of assumptions and often may invoke the most optimistic case rather than most likely cases. The team may want to consider that attainable yields/selectivities/rates are probably uncertain and should forecast that impact (e.g., Monte Carlo based TEA to consider uncertainty). **Response:** The projections for future research, presented in design reports, are based on researchers' and reviewers' feedback about attainable performance goals. We include sensitivity analysis to show the impacts of various parameters and the effects of over- and under-performance compared to the baseline analysis. The State of Technology assessments are based on experimental data, but at smaller scales compared to the conceptual designs. We thank the reviewer for the comment, and will continue to emphasize and expand on areas where we need to assess uncertainty (Monte Carlo analysis may be helpful at times, but may not always help develop additional insights as compared to single-point sensitivities). *Current example: A case study with Monte Carlo included in presentation.* 

**Comment 3:** Overall, this is a strong well managed project with solid deliverables thus far. The TEA work is probably the most impactful work to BETO because of its influence on R&D direction. It is extremely important to get this right. I would encourage the project team not to settle on the current tools and in fact, continue to explore ways of enhancing the modeling capability that allows multiple scales to be incorporated into the analysis. Please continue to harmonize with the work of the Biochemical Platform Analysis project. The less severe condition and shape selective pivot away from MTG is small and the premise is still the same; small alcohol conversion over modified zeolites. This is a winning formula. **Response:** Thank you for the feedback. We work with the computational consortium (CCPC) that does multi-scale modeling. We will continue to pay attention to their work and include any tools that are useful for TEA into our work. An example of such a collaboration is the development of a 1-d entrained reactor model compatible with the TEA modeling framework. We will continue to harmonize with the Biochemical Platform Analysis project; please note that we use the same set of assumptions and modeling frameworks as the work done under that project and our tools and methods have the same genesis. *Current example of integration of multi-scale model with CCPC included in presentation*.

**Comment 4:** The thermochemical conversion team has produced significant advances over the past two years and now appears to be on target to meet BETO cost and sustainability objects. The new process scheme and catalysts have performed as predicted. The next steps would be to address operability issues that have plagued other efforts. A detailed feasibility study by an independent outside group would confirm these results. The project shows great synergy with other groups INL and Argonne, NIST and other groups. The outputs included Technical Metrics, LCA, MFSP, Reports and Journal Articles. The TEA shows a path for biomass to fuel of less than \$2.50 per gallon, however, it should be noted that this is a comparative number valid for comparing DOE projects. The initial costs of the fuel produced by early plants is likely to be significantly higher. The progress made by this project is impressive, the thermal conversion team addressed many of the comments from the last peer review and has found new catalysts and other improvements that greatly improve the likelihood of success. **Response:** We appreciate the comments and agree with the reviewer about operability issues that we plan to address through pilot scale tests. Although higher costs and problems associated with pioneer plants are not explicitly mentioned, we are working closely with other groups, including the FCIC, to understand and address those uncertainties. *Current example of critical evaluation and due diligence included in this presentation.* 

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## Additional content for conversion pathways

- Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis (CFP)

Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis (CFP) SOT and Projections (1)

**Reference:** Bioenergy Technologies Office | 2019 R&D State of Technology https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2020/07/f76/beto-2019-state-of-technology-july-2020-r1.pdf

Sustainability and Process Efficiency Metrics	Units	2014 SOT	2015 SOT	2016 SOT	2017 SOTª	2018 SOT	2019 SOT	2020 Projection
Process Concept: Hydrocarbon Fuel Production v Upgrading of Fast Pyrolysis Vapors	ria Ex Situ	Clean Pine	Clean Pine	Clean Pine	Clean Pine	Clean Pine	50% Residues/ 50% Pineº	50% Residues/ 50% Pine°
Year Dollar Basis		2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016
Projected MFSP	\$/GGE	\$6.27	\$5.44	\$4.90	\$4.09	\$3.80	\$3.33	\$3.09
Conversion Contribution	\$/GGE	\$3.66	\$3.30	\$3.08	\$2.82	\$2.44	\$2.14	\$1.90
Total Project Investment per Annual GGE	\$/GGE-yr	\$18.50	\$16.46	\$14.94	\$12.17	\$12.47	\$13.53	\$12.32
Plant Capacity (Dry Feedstock Basis)	metric tons/day	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total Gasoline Equivalent Yield	GGE/dry ton	42	46	51	69	65	59	59
Diesel-Range Product Proportion (GGE Basis)	% of fuel product	15%	15%	15%	52%	52%	48%	48%
Feedstock								
Total Cost Contribution <sup>d</sup>	\$/GGE	\$2.60	\$2.14	\$1.82	\$1.27	\$1.36	\$1.18	\$1.19
Capital Cost Contribution <sup>d</sup>	\$/GGE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Operating Cost Contribution <sup>d</sup>	\$/GGE	\$2.60	\$2.14	\$1.81	\$1.27	\$1.35	\$1.18	<b>\$1.18</b>
Feedstock Coste	\$/dry ton	\$109.01	<b>\$</b> 98.31	\$92.70	\$87.82	\$87.82	\$70.15	\$70.15
Feedstock Moisture at Plant Gate	wt % H <sub>2</sub> O	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
Feed Moisture Content to Pyrolyzer	wt % H <sub>2</sub> O	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
Energy Content (LHV, Dry Basis) Btu/Ib		8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	7,900	7,900
Pyrolysis and Vapor Upgrading								
Total Cost Contribution <sup>d</sup>	\$/GGE	\$2.60	\$2.14	\$1.82	\$1.27	\$1.36	\$1.18	<b>\$1.19</b>
Capital Cost Contribution <sup>d</sup>	\$/GGE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis (CFP) SOT and Projections (2)

**Reference:** Bioenergy Technologies Office | 2019 R&D State of Technology https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2020/07/f76/beto-2019-state-of-technology-july-2020-r1.pdf

Sustainability and Process Efficiency Metrics	Units	2014 SOT	2015 SOT	2016 SOT	2017 SOTª	2018 SOT	2019 SOT	2020 Projection
Operating Cost Contribution <sup>d</sup>	\$/GGE	\$2.60	\$2.14	\$1.81	\$1.27	\$1.35	\$1.18	\$1.18
Ex Situ Reactor Configuration	reactor type	fluidized bed	fluidized bed	fluidized bed	fixed bed	fixed bed	fixed bed	fixed bed
Ratio of Online: Regenerating Fixed Bed Reactors	ratio	N/A	N/A	N/A	2:5	2:3	2:2	2:2
Gas Phase	wt % of dry biomass	35%	36%	34%	31%	35%	38%	38%
Aqueous Phase	wt % of dry biomass	25%	25%	24%	27%	22%	24%	24%
Carbon Loss	% of C in biomass	2.9%	2.9%	3.4%	2.9%	5.0%	4.4%	4.4%
Organic Phase	wt % of dry biomass	17.5%	18.6%	21.8%	28.3%	27.9%	23.2%	23.2%
H/C Molar Ratio	ratio	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Oxygen	wt % of organic phase	15.0%	13.3%	16.8%	16.5%	18.6%	15.1%	15.1%
Carbon Efficiency	% of C in biomass	27%	29%	33%	42%	40%	35%	35%
Solid Losses (Char + Coke)	wt % of dry biomass	23%	21%	20%	14%	15%	14%	14%
Char	wt % of dry biomass	12.0%	11.0%	12.0%	10.4%	11.7%	11.6%	11.6%
Coke	wt % of dry biomass	11.0%	9.5%	8.3%	3.3%	3.7%	2.3%	2.3%
Vapor Quench, Coproduct Recovery + Contingen	су							
Total Cost Contribution	\$/GGE	\$0.35	\$0.33	\$0.28	\$0.20	\$0.22	\$0.34	\$0.42
Capital Cost Contribution	\$/GGE	\$0.20	\$0.19	<b>\$</b> 0. <b>1</b> 6	<b>\$</b> 0.12	<b>\$</b> 0.13	\$0.22	\$0.26

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Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis (CFP) SOT and Projections (3)

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Sustainability and Process Efficiency Metrics	Units	2014 SOT	2015 SOT	2016 SOT	2017 SOTª	2018 SOT	2019 SOT	2020 Projection
Operating Cost Contribution	\$/GGE	\$0.15	\$0.14	\$0.12	\$0.08	\$0.09	\$0.12	\$0.16
Hydroprocessing and Separation/Refinery Co-Pr	rocessing							
Total Cost Contribution	\$/GGE	\$0.33	\$0.31	\$0.34	\$0.35	\$0.38	\$0.30	\$0.21
Capital Cost Contribution	\$/GGE	\$0.17	\$0.16	\$0.18	\$0.19	\$0.20	\$0.16	\$0.00
Operating Cost Contribution	\$/GGE	\$0.15	\$0.14	\$0.16	\$0.16	\$0.18	\$0.14	\$0.21
Carbon Efficiency of Organic Liquid Feed to Fuels	%	88.4%	89.5%	87.2%	91.0%	89.0%	93.5%	93.5%
Hydrotreating Pressure	psia	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900
Oxygen Content in Cumulative Fuel Product	wt %	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Hydrogen Production								
Total Cost Contribution	\$/GGE	\$0.61	\$0.56	\$0.60	\$0.62	\$0.51	\$0.61	\$0.44
Capital Cost Contribution	\$/GGE	\$0.39	\$0.36	\$0.38	\$0.41	\$0.33	\$0.39	\$0.28
Operating Cost Contribution	\$/GGE	\$0.22	\$0.20	\$0.22	\$0.21	\$0.18	\$0.22	\$0.16
Additional Natural Gas at the Biorefinery <sup>f</sup>	% of biomass LHV	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.5%
Coproducts								
Total Cost Contribution	\$/GGE						(\$0.52)	(\$0.52)
Capital Cost Contributions	\$/GGE							
Operating Cost Contributions	\$/GGE							
Coproduct Credit	\$/GGE						(\$0.52)	(\$0.52)
Balance of Plant								
Total Cost Contribution	\$/GGE	\$0.04	\$0.07	\$0.03	\$0.20	\$0.23	\$0.27	\$0.20

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# Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis (CFP) SOT and Projections (4)

Sustainability and Process Efficiency Metrics	Units	2014 SOT	2015 SOT	2016 SOT	2017 SOTª	2018 SOT	2019 SOT	2020 Projection
Capital Cost Contribution	\$/GGE	\$0.80	\$0.71	<b>\$0.56</b>	\$0.43	\$0.46	\$0.45	\$0.52
Operating Cost Contributions	\$/GGE	(\$0.76)	(\$0.64)	(\$0.54)	(\$0.23)	(\$0.23)	(\$0.18)	(\$0.32)
Electricity Production from Steam Turbine (Credit Included in Operational Cost Above)	\$/GGE	(\$1.12)	(\$0.96)	(\$0.78)	(\$0.42)	(\$0.45)	(\$0.40)	(\$0.57)

For the 2017 SOT, the unquantified portion of CFP yields were prorated to solids, liquids, and gases using measured yields.

- <sup>b</sup> 2030 projections are based on high-level estimates and will be modeled in detail in future years. It is proposed that co-hydroprocessing of CFP oil will occur at a petroleum refinery. Capital for hydrogen production is included, while natural gas feed for hydrogen production is not included because credit is not taken for an equivalent amount of fuel gas from the CFP biorefinery. Coproduct credit is based on a preliminary estimate of diverting 20% CFP oil to produce coproducts, including from the organic liquid phase.
- Modeled ash is 1.75% for 2019 and 2020, and less than 1% for all other years.
- <sup>d</sup> An additional biomass heater is included as a small additional in-plant cost, as shown in the 2015 process design report: https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy15osti/62455.pdf.
- Small adjustments made to previously published feedstock cost estimates for 2014-2016.
- <sup>f</sup> Natural gas stream was negligible in most of the biorefinery models. This was included to maintain model flexibility to allow natural gas use as an option.
- Capital and operating costs for coproduct recovery in the 2019–2022 models are included in the "Vapor Quench, Coproduct Recovery + Contingency" section.

**Reference:** Bioenergy Technologies Office | 2019 R&D State of Technology https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2020/07/f76/beto-2019-state-of-technology-july-2020-r1.pdf

# **GHG Emissions Including Feedstocks & Conversion**

#### >60% GHG reduction over petroleum derived gasoline per ANL analysis



### Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis Conversion Pathway

- Fuel Transportation and Net Fuel Combustion
- Biorefinery Conversion
- Depot Preprocessing
- Fieldside Preprocessing and Transportation to Depot
- Silviculture, Fertilization, Harvest, and Collection
- Supply Chain
- Coproduct Displacement Credits
- ---- Petroleum gasoline

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# Additional content for conversion pathways

- High-Octane Gasoline (HOG)

# Syngas to High-Octane Gasoline SOT and Projections (1)

Processing Area Cost Contributions & Key Technical Parameters	Units	2014 SOT †	2015 SOT †	2016 SOT †	2017 SOT †	2018 SOT †	2019 SOT †	2020 SOT †	2021 Projection	2022 Projection (Design Case)
Process Concept: Gasification, Syngas Cleanup, Methanol / DME Synthesis & Conversion to HCs		Woody Feedstock								
C₅+ Minimum Fuel Selling Price (per Actual Product Volume) ▲	\$ / Gallon	\$4.31	\$4.17	\$3.85	\$3.67	\$3.66	\$3.35	\$3.22	\$3.30	\$3.22
Mixed C₄ Minimum Fuel Selling Price (per Actual Product Volume) ▲	\$ / Gallon	\$3.98	\$3.91	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1.02	N/A	N/A	N/A
Minimum Fuel Selling Price (per Gallon of Gasoline Equivalent)	\$ / Gal GE	\$4.33	\$4.24	\$3.99	\$3.86	\$3.79	\$3.53	\$3.45	\$3.40	\$3.30
Conversion Contribution (per Gallon of Gasoline Equivalent) ▲	\$ / Gal GE	\$3.13	\$3.03	\$2.76	\$2.64	\$2.56	\$2.23	\$2.21	\$2.25	\$2.18
Year for USD (\$) Basis		2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016
Total Capital Investment per Annual Gallon	\$	\$15.80	\$15.94	\$11.01	\$11.54	\$11.07	\$11.07	\$10.94	\$10.03	\$9.79
Plant Capacity (Dry Feedstock Basis)	Tonnes / Day	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
High-Octane Gasoline Blendstock (C <sub>5</sub> +) Yield	Gallons / Dry Ton	36.2	36.4	51.4	50.0	51.4	51.6	55.1	55.1	56.0
Mixed C <sub>4</sub> Co-Product Yield	Gallons / Dry Ton	16.3	16.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Feedstock										
Total Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon GE	\$1.20	\$1.21	\$1.24	\$1.22	\$1.23	\$1.31	\$1.24	\$1.14	\$1.12
Capital Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon GE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Operating Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon GE	\$1.20	\$1.21	\$1.24	\$1.22	\$1.23	\$1.30	\$1.24	\$1.14	\$1.12
Feedstock Cost	\$ / Dry US Ton	\$60.58	\$60.58	\$60.58	\$57.28	\$60.54	\$63.23	\$63.23	\$60.54	\$60.54
Ash Content	wt % Ash	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	1.75%	1.75%	3.00%	3.00%
Feedstock Moisture at Plant Gate	Wt % H <sub>2</sub> O	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%
In-Plant Handling and Drying / Preheating	\$ / Dry US Ton	\$0.72	\$0.70	\$0.70	\$0.69	\$0.69	\$0.69	\$0.57	\$0.69	\$0.69
Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01
Feed Moisture Content to Gasifier	wt % H <sub>2</sub> O	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
Energy Content (LHV, Dry Basis)	BTU / Ib	7,856	7,856	7,856	7,856	7,856	7,933	7,930	7,856	7,856
Gasification										
Total Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon GE	\$0.69	\$0.67	\$0.65	\$0.62	\$0.61	\$0.58	\$0.50	\$0.56	\$0.54
Capital Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon GE	\$0.43	\$0.41	\$0.38	\$0.35	\$0.34	\$0.33	\$0.28	\$0.31	\$0.30
Operating Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon GE	\$0.26	\$0.26	\$0.27	\$0.28	\$0.26	\$0.25	\$0.23	\$0.25	\$0.24
Raw Dry Syngas Yield	lb / lb Dry Feed	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.77	0.83	0.76	0.76
Raw Syngas Methane (Dry Basis)	Mole %	15.4%	15.4%	15.4%	15.4%	15.4%	15.4%	8.6%	15.4%	15.4%
Gasifier Efficiency (LHV)	% LHV	71.9%	71.9%	71.9%	71.9%	71.9%	72.3%	78.0%	71.9%	71.9%
Synthesis Gas Clean-up (Reforming and Quench)	·									
Total Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon GE	\$0.96	\$0.93	\$0.94	\$0.94	\$0.89	\$0.88	\$0.93	\$0.80	\$0.78
Capital Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon GE	\$0.51	\$0.49	\$0.46	\$0.43	\$0.41	\$0.39	\$0.40	\$0.37	\$0.36
Operating Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon GE	\$0.45	\$0.45	\$0.48	\$0.51	\$0.48	\$0.49	\$0.53	\$0.44	\$0.42
Tar Reformer (TR) Exit CH <sub>4</sub> (Dry Basis)	Mole %	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	1.3%	1.7%	1.7%
TR CH <sub>4</sub> Conversion	%	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%
TR Benzene Conversion	%	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%
TR Tars Conversion	%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%
Catalyst Replacement	% of Inventory / Day	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%
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# Syngas to High-Octane Gasoline SOT and Projections (2)

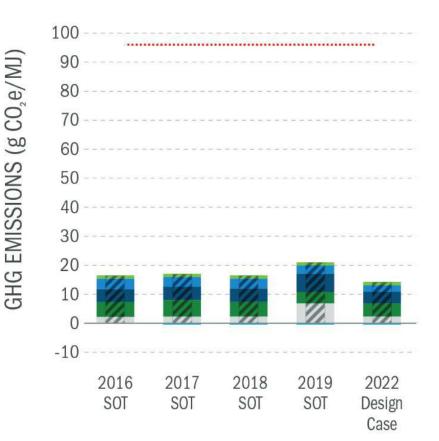
Processing Area Cost Contributions & Key Technical Parameters	Units	2014 SOT †	2015 SOT †	2016 SOT †	2017 SOT †	2018 SOT †	2019 SOT †	2020 SOT †	2021 Projection	2022 Projection (Design Case)
Acid Gas Removal, Methanol Synthesis and Methanol Conditioning										
Total Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon GE	\$0.52	\$0.50	\$0.47	\$0.47	\$0.45	\$0.45	\$0.36	\$0.41	\$0.40
Capital Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon GE	\$0.35	\$0.33	\$0.30	\$0.28	\$0.28	\$0.27	\$0.20	\$0.25	\$0.24
Operating Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon GE	\$0.17	\$0.17	\$0.17	\$0.19	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.15	\$0.16	\$0.16
Methanol Synthesis Reactor Pressure	psia	730	730	730	730	730	730	730	730	730
Methanol Productivity	kg / kg-cat / hr	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7
Methanol Intermediate Yield	Gallons / Dry Ton	143	142	138	144	141	137	150	136	134
Hydrocarbon Synthesis										
Total Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon GE	\$0.91	\$0.91	\$0.70	\$0.67	\$0.64	\$0.49	\$0.34	\$0.51	\$0.48
Capital Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon GE	\$0.56	\$0.56	\$0.46	\$0.44	\$0.42	\$0.34	\$0.11	\$0.34	\$0.32
Operating Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon GE	\$0.35	\$0.35	\$0.24	\$0.23	\$0.22	\$0.16	\$0.23	\$0.17	\$0.16
Methanol to DME Reactor Pressure	psia	145	145	145	145	145	145	169	145	145
Hydrocarbon Synthesis Reactor Pressure	psia	129	129	129	129	129	129	205	129	129
Hydrocarbon Synthesis Catalyst		Commercial	Beta-Zeolite		NREL modif	ied Beta-Zeolite with cop	per (Cu) as active metals f	for activity and performance	improvement	
Hydrogen Addition to Hydrocarbon Synthesis		No H <sub>2</sub> Addition		Supplement	al H <sub>2</sub> added to hydrocarb	on synthesis reactor inle	t to improve selectivity to I	branched paraffins relativete	to aromatics	
Utilization of C <sub>4</sub> in Reactor Outlet via Recycle		0%	0%	100%	100%	100%	90%	97%	Recycle	100%
Single-Pass DME Conversion	%	15.0%	15.0%	19.2%	27.6%	38.9%	44.7%	43.4%	39.7%	40.0%
Overall DME Conversion	%	83%	85%	83%	88%	92%	88%	96%	90%	90%
Hydrocarbon Synthesis Catalyst Productivity	kg / kg-cat / hr	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.09	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.09	0.10
Carbon Selectivity to C5+ Product	% C in Reactor Feed	46.2%	48.3%	81.8%	74.8%	72.3%	73.6%	72.1%	83.4%	86.7%
Carbon Selectivity to Total Aromatics (Including Hexamethylbenzene)	% C in Reactor Feed	25.0%	20.0%	4.0%	4.0%	8.0%	5.8%	3.3%	2.4%	0.5%
Carbon Selectivity to Coke and Pre-Cursors (Hexamethylbenzene Proxy)	% C in Reactor Feed	10.0%	9.3%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	2.9%	1.6%	1.4%	0.5%
Hydrocarbon Product Separation										
Total Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon GE	\$0.04	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.11	\$0.05	\$0.05
Capital Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon GE	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.04	\$0.04	\$0.04	\$0.03	\$0.06	\$0.03	\$0.03
Operating Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon GE	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.05	\$0.01	\$0.01
LPG Coproduct Credit										
Total Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon GE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.11)	(\$0.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance of Plant										
Total Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon GE	\$0.01	(\$0.02)	(\$0.05)	(\$0.11)	(\$0.09)	(\$0.11)	(\$0.03)	(\$0.08)	(\$0.07)
Capital Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon GE	\$0.42	\$0.40	\$0.36	\$0.34	\$0.33	\$0.29	\$0.31	\$0.29	\$0.28
Operating Cost Contribution	\$ / Gallon GE	(\$0.41)	(\$0.42)	(\$0.42)	(\$0.45)	(\$0.42)	(\$0.41)	(\$0.33)	(\$0.37)	(\$0.36)

# Syngas to High-Octane Gasoline SOT and Projections (3)

Processing Area Cost Contributions & Key Technical Parameters	Units	2014 SOT †	2015 SOT †	2016 SOT †	2017 SOT †	2018 SOT †	2019 SOT †	2020 SOT †	2021 Projection	2022 Projection (Design Case)			
stainability and Process Efficiency Metrics													
Carbon Efficiency to C <sub>5</sub> + Product	% C in Feedstock	19.3%	19.4%	25.2%	24.3%	25.5%	24.8%	26.1%	27.4%	27.9%			
Carbon Efficiency to Mixed C <sub>4</sub> Co-Product	% C in Feedstock	7.0%	6.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
Overall Carbon Efficiency to Hydrocarbon Products	% C in Feedstock	26.3%	26.3%	25.2%	24.3%	25.5%	27.1%	26.1%	27.4%	27.9%			
Overall Energy Efficiency to Hydrocarbon Products	% LHV of Feedstock	37.7%	37.7%	36.6%	35.1%	36.6%	39.6%	37.6%	39.6%	40.4%			
Electricity Production	kWh / Gallon C5+	11.7	11.8	7.9	8.4	8.1	7.6	12.2	7.2	7.0			
Electricity Consumption	kWh / Gallon C5+	11.7	11.8	7.9	8.5	8.1	7.6	12.2	7.2	7.0			
Water Consumption	Gal H <sub>2</sub> O / Gal C <sub>5</sub> +	12.9	10.1	3.1	3.3	3.2	2.9	3.3	2.8	2.8			
Fossil GHG Emissions	g CO2-e / MJ Fuel	0.05	0.05	2.64	2.48	2.40	2.13	2.24	0.67	2.06			
Fossil Enegy Consumption	MJ Fossil Energy / MJ Fuel	0.003	0.003	0.042	0.039	0.038	0.034	0.035	0.008	0.032			
TEA Reference File		2014 SOT Rev4a 2016\$ <sup>2</sup> (high ash)_1.xlsm	2015 SOT Rev6 Comm- HBEA 2016\$ FR Rev2_1.xlsm	IDov/2 2016S ED 1 viemi	20165 FR_1 KH	20data Rev3_2 KH	2019 SOT Oct Update Rev02 - (C4-DME- 1_LPG) Rev0_b.xlsm	HOG2020- V117_rev5.xlsm	2021 Target Rev0 KH (Feedstock Cost).xlsm	2022 Design FR Rev5a_2 KH (Feedstock Cost).xlsm			

# **GHG Emissions Including Feedstocks & Conversion**

>60% GHG reduction over petroleum derived gasoline per ANL analysis



## Syngas to High-Octane Gasoline Conversion Pathway

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