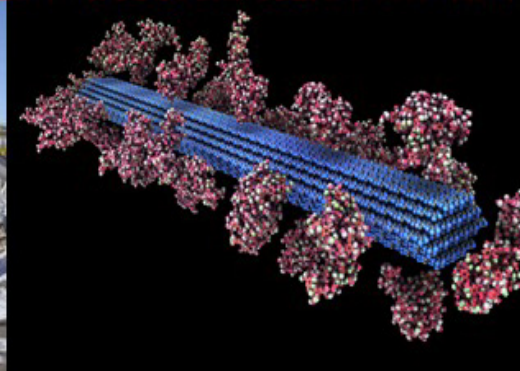




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De-Carbonizing Transportation With Sustainable Aviation and Marine Fuels

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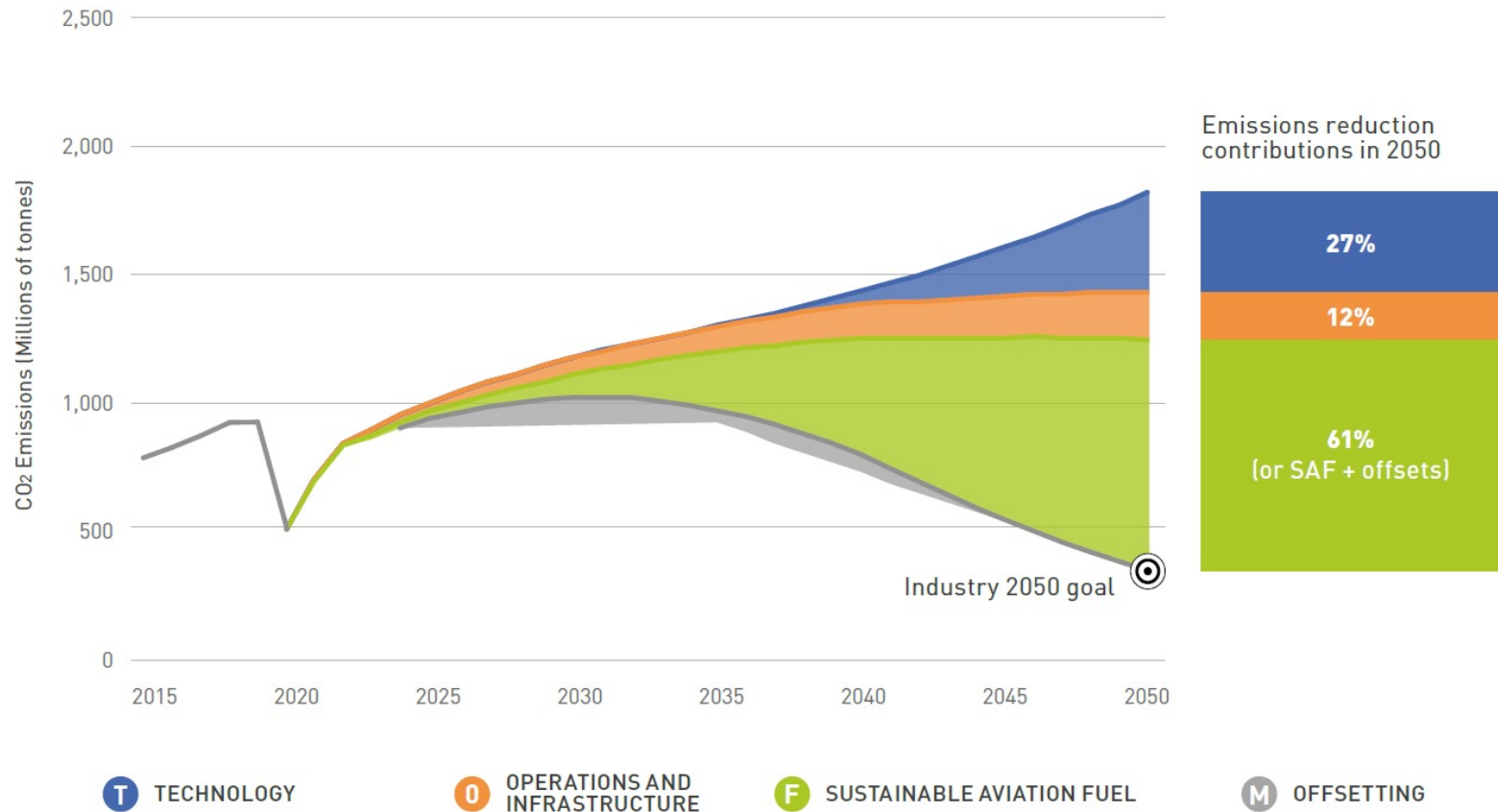
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SAF and De-carbonization

- Aviation a difficult to decarbonize sector
- Reliant on liquid transportation fuels for the foreseeable future
- International commitments for GHG reductions
- SAF reduces GHG and other emissions – reduction in aromatics, contrail, synergistic benefits
- Viable SAF technologies exist - seven fuels currently approved for use, more under evaluation for approval
- Wastes, residues, biomass, sugars and energy crops can supply feedstocks
- Support among federal agencies for meeting critical goals - climate, energy security, rural economic development



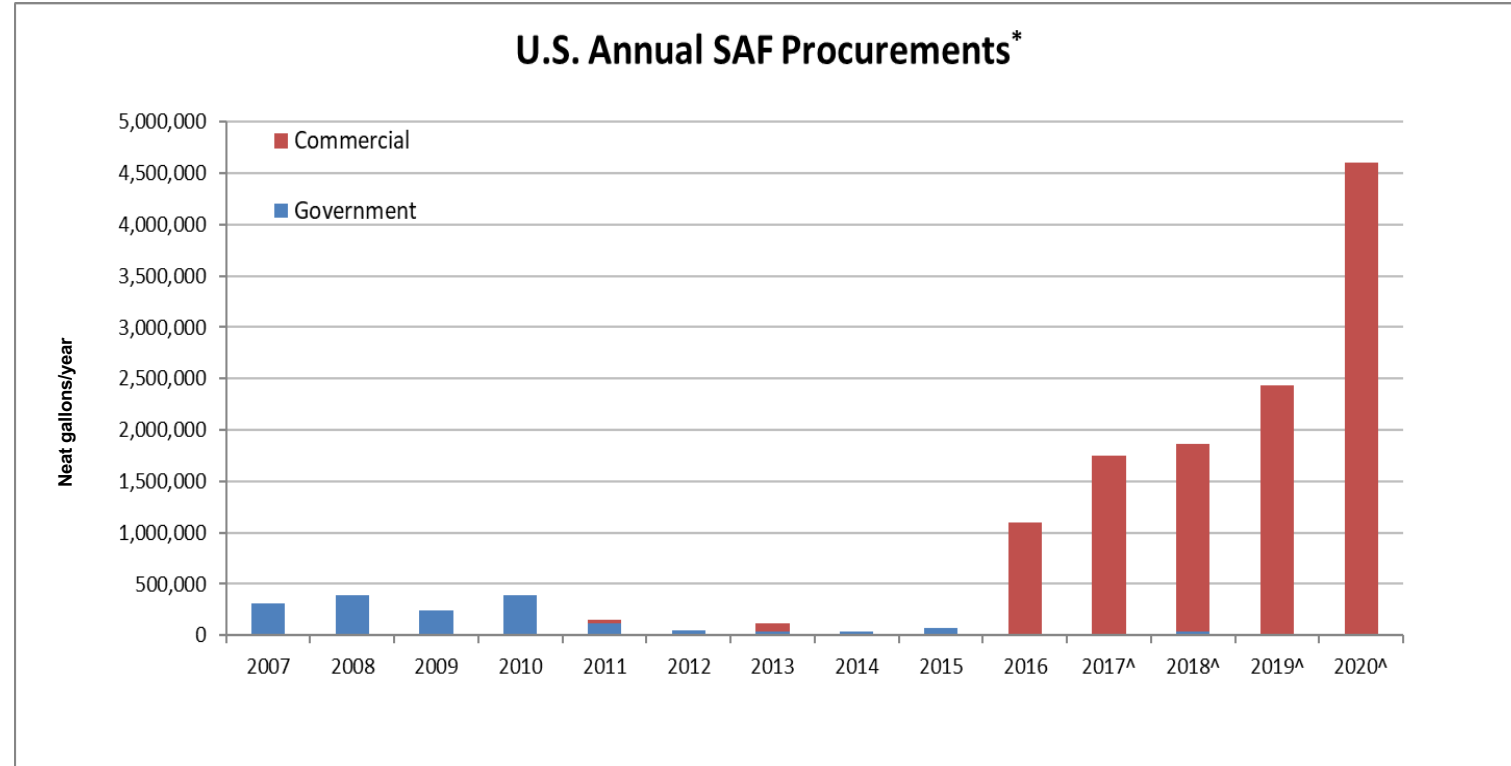
Aviation Industry Commitment to Action on International Aviation CO₂ Emissions



- SAF is a key enabling technology to meet goals
- Global CO₂ reductions needed 900 million metric tonnes CO₂e/year
- Global SAF volume of 95 to 130 billion gallons/year at 74 – 100% emission reduction needed to achieve this scenario
- Source: Air Transport Action Group, Waypoint 2050 Report, “Scenario 1: Pushing Technology and Operations”, September 2020

Where We Stand on U.S. SAF Commercialization

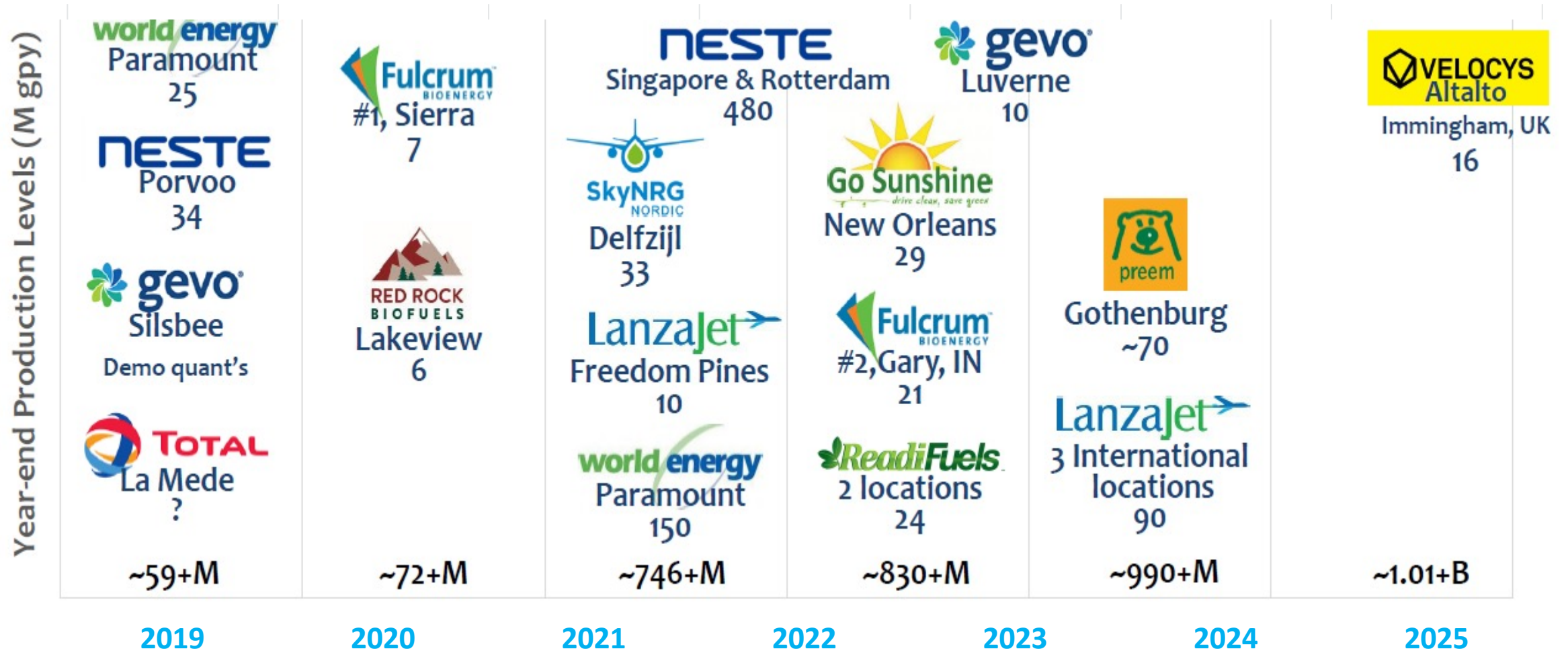
- Five years of sustained & increasing commercial use
- 4.6M gallons in 2020 – 190% increase over 2019
- Commercial & General Aviation engaged
- Two facilities in operation
- Two facilities under construction, others in development
- Cost delta still a challenge, and renewable diesel favored
- Coordinated support from federal agencies



*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.
^ 2017-2020 calculation incorporates data reported by EPA for RFS2 RINs for renewable jet fuel.

Worldwide SAF Production Projection

Announced intentions with specific commitments to SAF



Credit: CAAFI. Not; comprehensive CAAFI estimates (based on technology used) where production slates are not specified

Challenges to SAF Commercialization

- Timely certification for aviation use of SAF solutions
- Increasing blend limits to greater than 50%
- Reducing the costs of production
- Expanding scale of production
- Availability of conversion infrastructure
- Availability of feedstock supply

| Fuel Type | ASTM Data Review | Final Phase II Report | ASTM Specification (D7566) | Estimated gallons of fuel produced for testing | Estimated time from first review to approval | Composition |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| FT-SPK | 09/2007 | 09/2008 | 09/2009 | 710,000 ¹ | 3 years | Mostly normal/ iso-paraffins |
| HEFA-SPK | 06/2008 | 05/2010 | 07/2011 | 626,000 ² | 3 years | |
| SIP* | 06/2011 | 04/2013 | 06/2014 | 16,000 | 3 years | |
| Gevo ATJ-SPK (isobutanol) | 12/2010 | 04/2015 | 06/2016 | 93,100 ³ | 5 1/2 years | |
| Lanzatech ATJ-SPK (ethanol) | 09/2016 | 07/2017 | 04/2018 | 50 ⁴ | 1 1/3 years | |
| ARA CHJ | 06/2012 | 10/2018 | 01/2020 | 79,000 | 7 years | Wider range of molecules |
| IHI HC-HEFA** | 02/2019 | 06/2019 | 04/2020 | 50 | ~1 year | 40% cycloparaffin |

The Biomass Research and Development Board

Leads the Bioeconomy Initiative

- Co-Chaired by DOE and USDA; at least one Board Member from each of 8 agencies
- Coordinate federal R&D activities relating to biofuels & bio-based products & their commercialization with collaboration between agencies
- Commercialization includes production at competitive prices via collaborations to enhance efficiencies along the entire bioenergy supply chain
- Assesses & provide strategic guidance regarding energy & environmental impacts
- Directs Board Operations Committee and interagency working groups (IWG)
- SAF IWG established in July 2020 – co-chaired by FAA, DOE & USDA

Membership

Senate-confirmed sub-cabinet officials from **8** executive branch agencies



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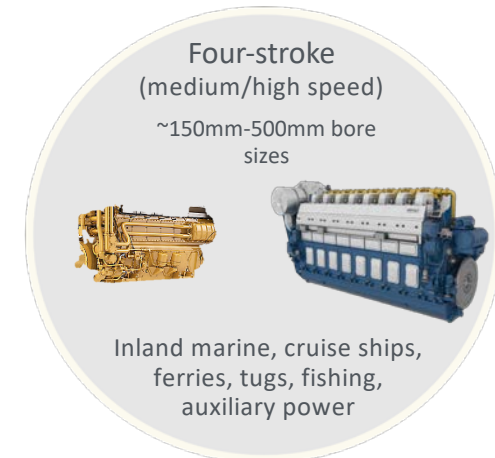
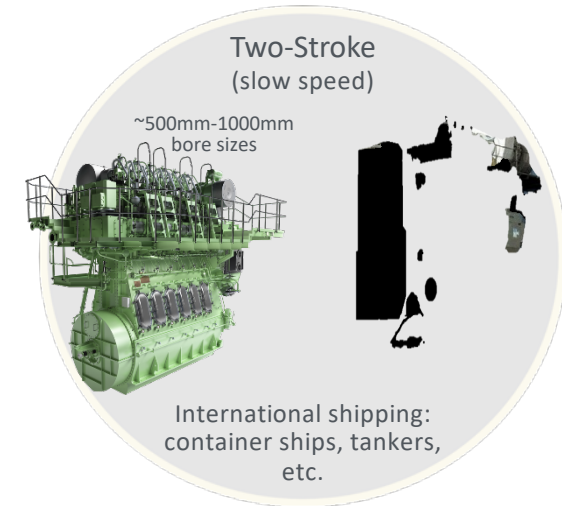


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Rationale for Biofuels in Marine Freight Transportation

- Responsible for 90% of world trade
- Shipping consumes 80 billion gallons/year of fossil fuel
- International Maritime Organization (IMO) targeting a 50% reduction in CO2 emissions by 2050 compared to 2008
- Demand for marine fuels is expected to double by 2030
- Largest anthropogenic source of sulfur in the atmosphere and black carbon in the arctic – synergistic benefits of decarbonization
- Biofuels can present short-term (straight vegetable oil, hydro-treated esters and fatty acids, biodiesel, renewable natural gas), mid-term (bio-oils, bio-crudes, lignin/alcohol mixtures), and long-term solutions (methanol)



De-Carbonizing Marine Freight Transportation Using Biofuels

- Biofuel pathways (gasification, pyrolysis) will make renewable jet, diesel, and naphtha
- Marine sector is exploring low carbon fuel options
- Marine transportation (similar to jet) is sensitive to cost of fuel
- Biofuels along with fuel cells and efficiency improvements are among a suite of options being considered
- De-carbonizing marine has benefits beyond this sector – agriculture sector relies on global trade in commodities using vessels

