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# DOE-EERE Overall Decarbonization Strategy

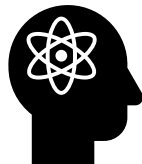
Accelerate the research, development, demonstration, and deployment of technologies and solutions to equitably transition America to a carbon pollution-free electricity sector by 2035 and a economy by no later than 2050, creating good-paying jobs with the free and fair chance to join a union, and ensuring the clean energy economy benefits all Americans, especially workers and communities impacted by the energy transition and those historically underserved by the energy system and overburdened by pollution.

**EERE Mission**

**Keys to Ensure the Greatest Impact**



Environmental  
Justice and Equity



Diversity in STEM



Workforce  
Development



State and Local  
Partnerships

**EERE Program Priorities**

Decarbonizing the  
electricity sector

Decarbonizing  
transportation  
across all modes

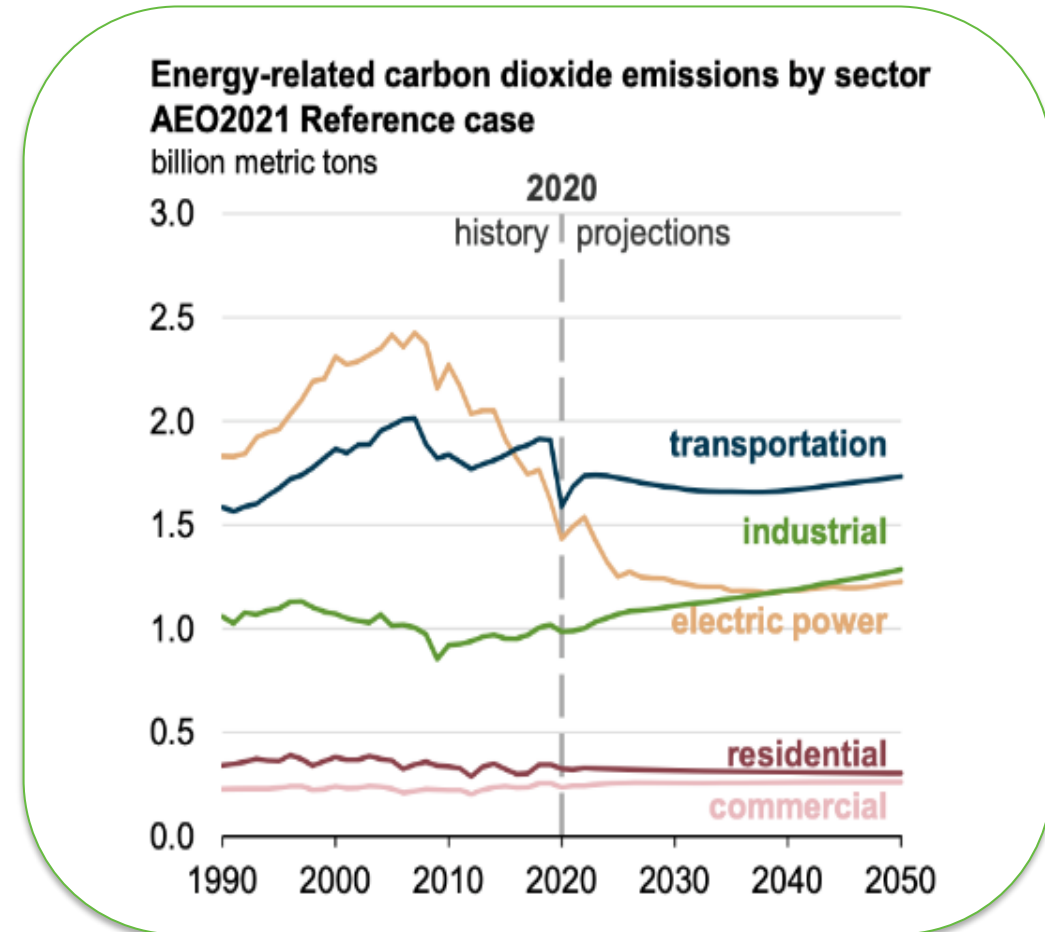
Decarbonizing  
energy-intensive  
industries

Reduce the carbon  
footprint of  
buildings

Decarbonizing the  
agriculture sector,  
specifically focused  
on the nexus  
between energy and  
water

# Context For Transportation Decarbonization

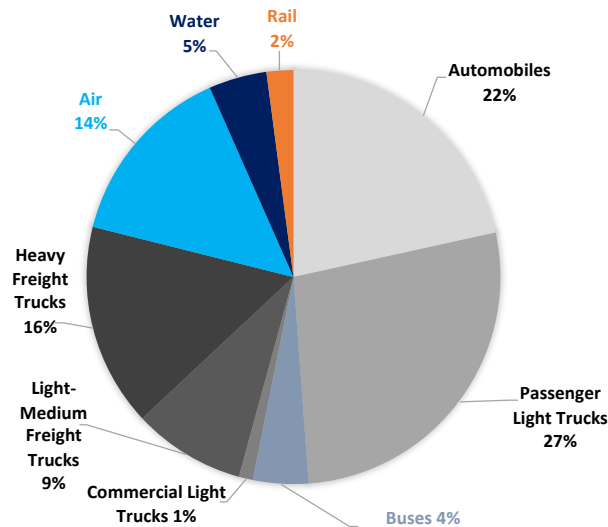
- **Largest source of economy-wide CO<sub>2</sub> emissions** : net-zero by 2050 requires dramatic improvement from transportation
- 50% of **energy expenditures** and a **local pollution issue**
- The magnitude of industrial change and direct consumer touch points with transportation require **market-pull solutions**
- Must support demand for growth in mobility options
- **100% clean electricity** and dramatic technology cost reductions enable deep transportation decarbonization
- Achieving 2050 goal requires success in the market by 2035 which **requires direction in 2021**
- Significant implications for global competitiveness, trade, and **domestic jobs**



# The Real Challenge: Low-Carbon Fuel for Large Vehicles



2050 U.S. Transportation Energy Use (24.7 Quads)



Demand for mobility in the US is **projected to grow** with population and economy:

- Light-duty vehicles: +20% by 2050
- Trucking: **+40%** by 2050
- Aviation: **+70%** by 2050

Energy use for “**hard-to-electrify**” heavy vehicles is projected to reach ~70 B gallon in 2050:

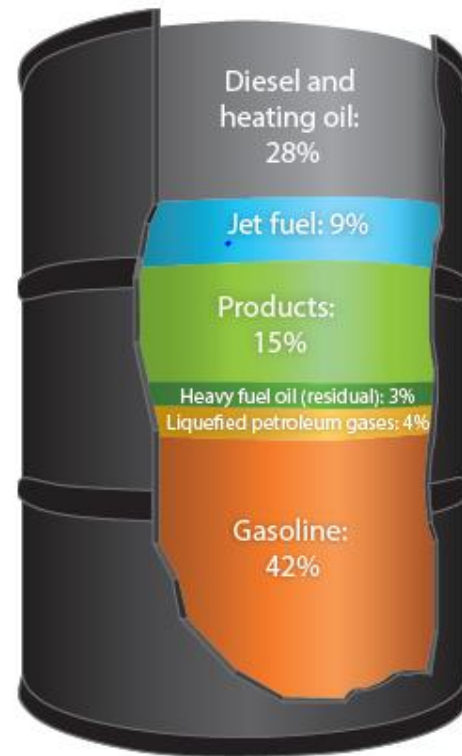
- Aviation: 36 B Gal
- Maritime/Rail: 11 B Gal
- Long-haul trucks: 21 B Gal

# Biomass-Derived Chemicals

- Broadens opportunity to expand biomass markets.
- Allows us to address fuel and products (i.e. economics of the whole barrel)

## Inputs:

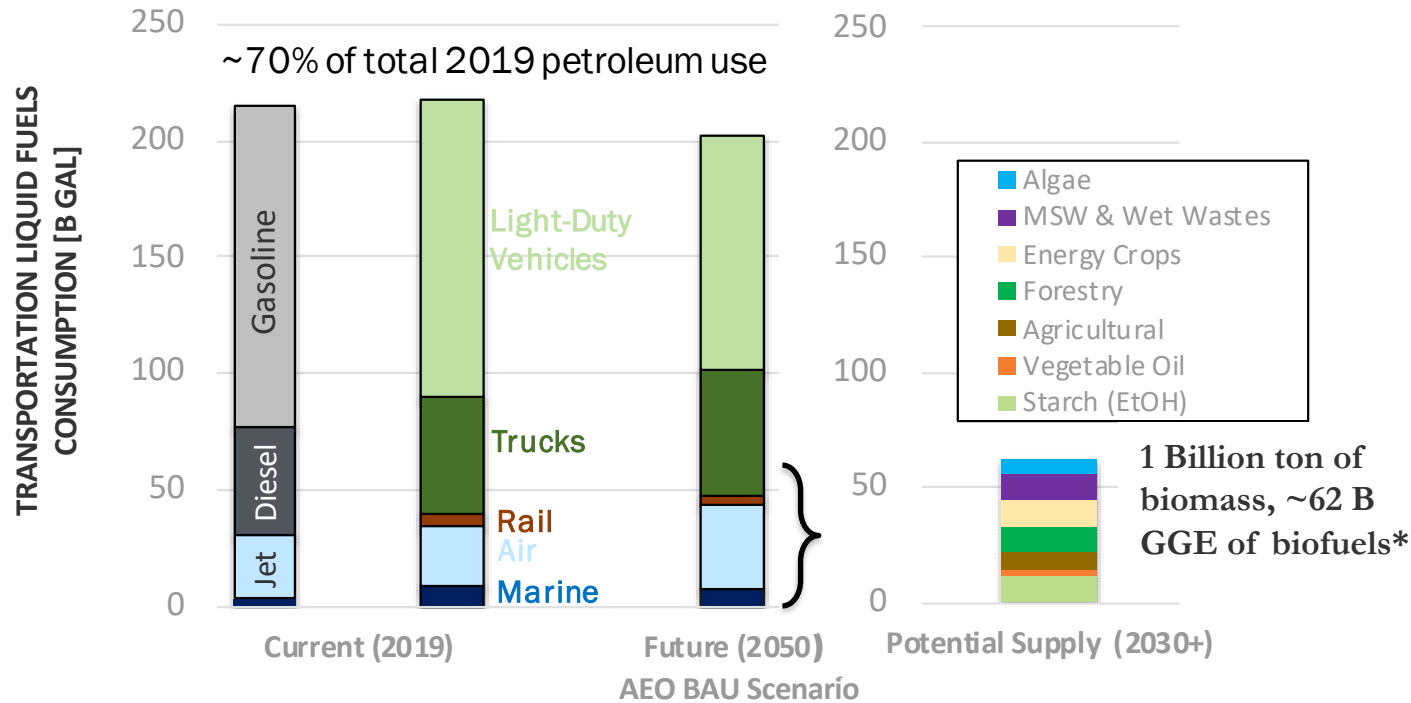
- Cellulosic based crops & ag. residue
- Oil based crops
- Algae
- Bio-solids
- MSW
- Waste gas (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>)



## End Products:

- Fuels
  - Aviation
  - Marine & Diesel
  - Gasoline
- Chemical Products: (15% Volume 46% Profit)

# New, Growing Markets for Biomass will be Critical



- Current markets for biomass include starch-ethanol, biodiesel, renewable diesel and sustainable aviation fuels and some chemicals

- Focus biomass where it can make the biggest impact in terms of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction creates opportunity for **significant new markets for biomass**

- Biomass role in decarbonizing the economy:

- Fully supply future **Aviation/ Maritime/Rail** (requires 75% of all feedstocks)

- Only potential renewable liquid carbon source available to the **chemicals industry**.

- **Increase CO<sub>2</sub> in the soil** while helping farmers maximize profits on marginal lands, by providing valuable feedstocks for bioenergy production

Role of cover crops are not well defined in the Billion Ton Study:

Carinata, Camelina, and Penny Crest

NEEDS:

- Data on harvest, collection, storage, transport, and preprocessing
- Incorporate data into models to develop supply curves, evaluate economic competitiveness and environmental benefits

# Fuel and Chemical GHG impacts



The billion tons of sustainable biomass available in the US can go to a variety of products with large GHG benefits in all scenarios

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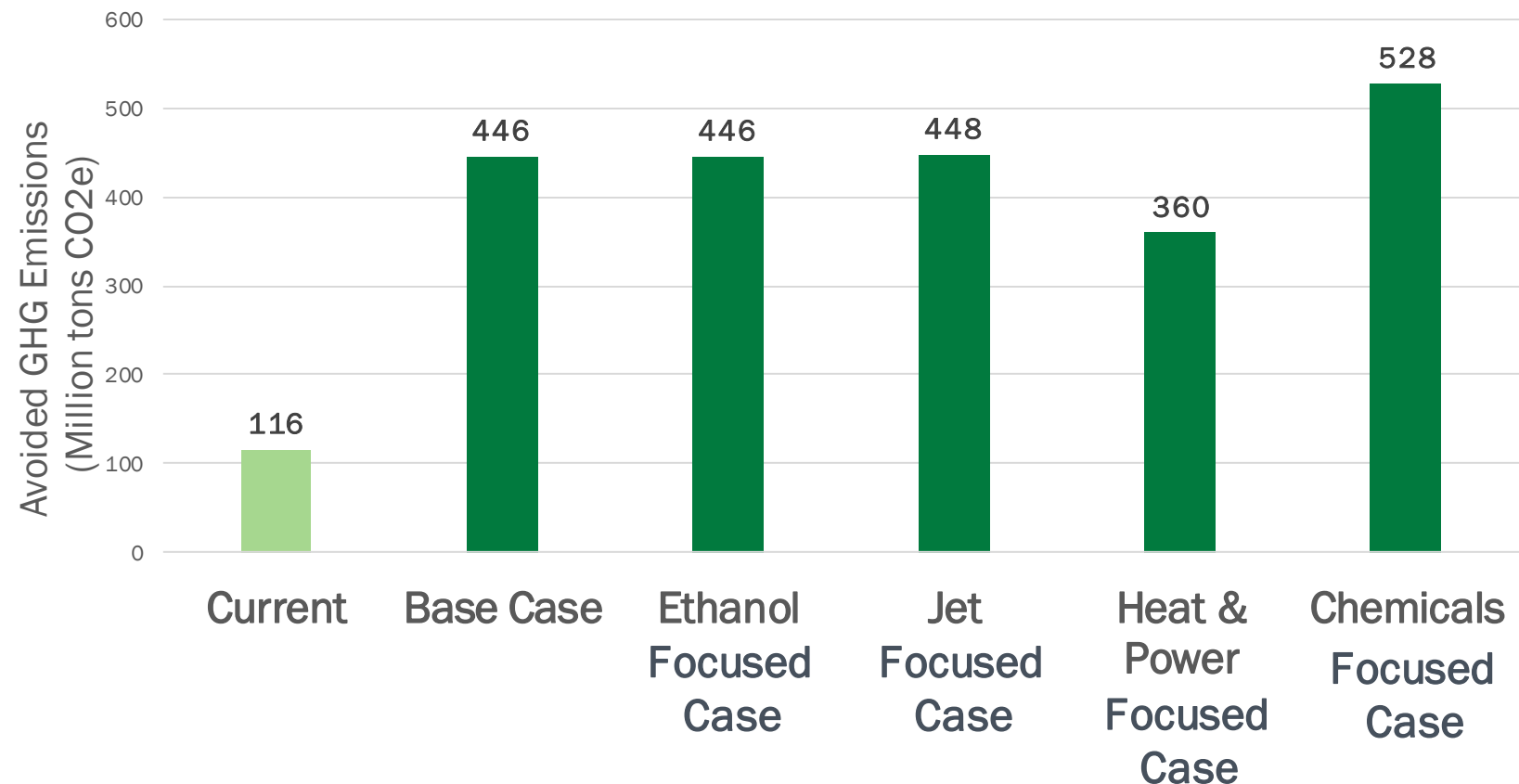
An assessment of the potential products and economic and environmental impacts resulting from a billion ton bioeconomy

Jonathan N. Rogers, Bryce Stokes, Jennifer Dunn, Hao Cai, May Wu, Zia Haq, Harry Baumes

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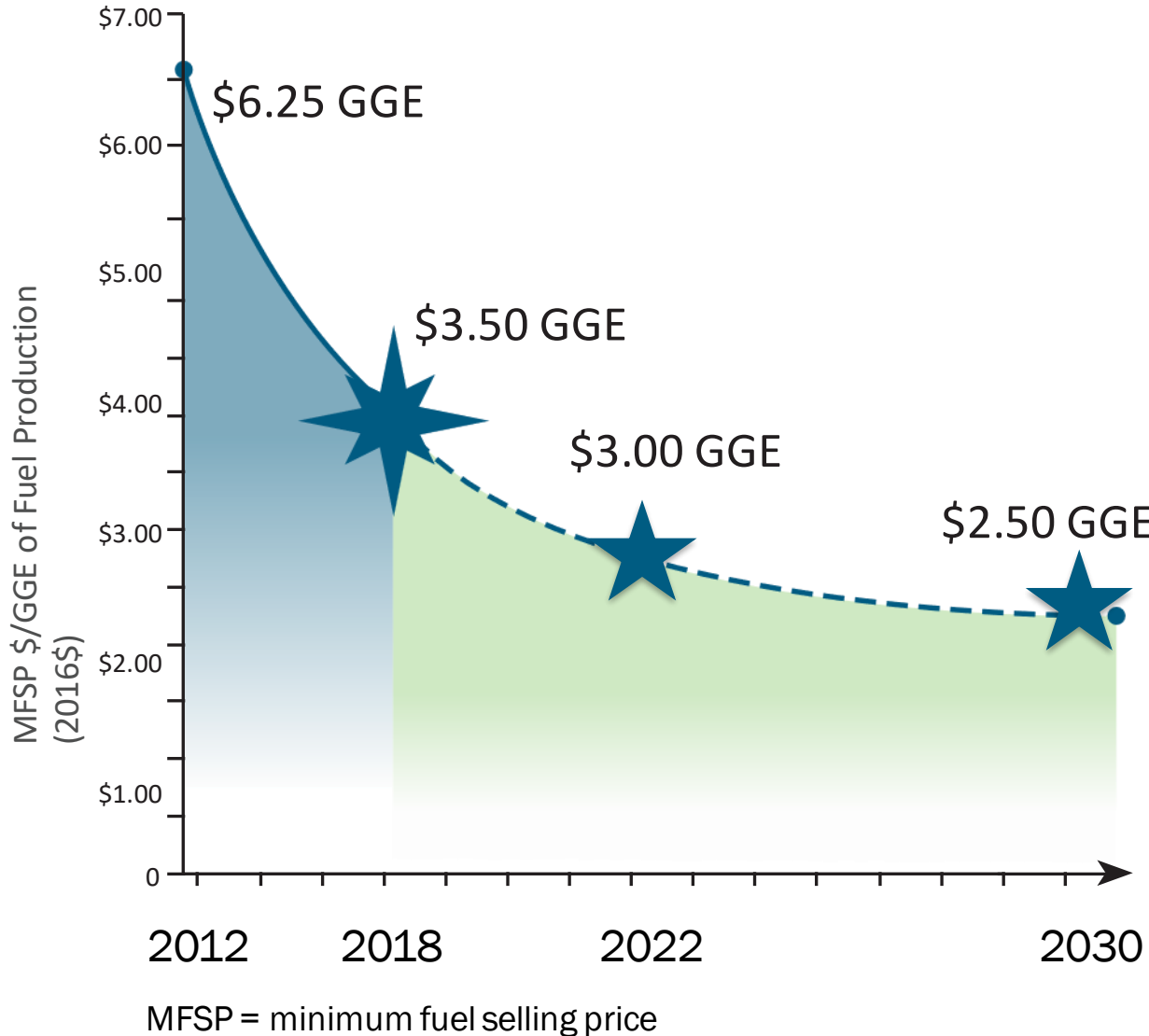
- Billion Ton Scenarios were “optimized” for different fuels/products (e.g., ethanol, jet)
- All scenarios includes a range of liquid transportation fuels, heat & power, chemicals, wood pellets, etc.
- All scenarios suggest significant GHG benefits vs. current biomass utilization.

Current and Potential Avoided Annual GHG Emissions  
(Million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e)



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# EERE SAF Goals and Impact



## GOALS

### R&D: Cost Reduction with Maximum CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction

2022 \$3.00/GGE 60% greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction  
 2030 \$2.50/GGE 70% GHG reduction

### Demonstration: Increase Commercial Supply of SAF

2030 Demonstrate as many as 5 feedstock/technology pathways at engineering scale to reduce risk for commercial build out. Equip traditional biofuels industry to transition to SAF with GHG reductions of >70%.

2040 Aggressive industrial build-out resulting in >17B gal SAF in market.

2050 Aggressive industrial build-out resulting in 35B gal SAF in market – 100% projected aviation needs.

## LONG-TERM IMPACTS

**60B gal** renewable hydrocarbon fuels  
**40B pounds** of renewable chemicals  
**>450 million tons** CO<sub>2</sub> reduced annually  
**1 million** direct jobs

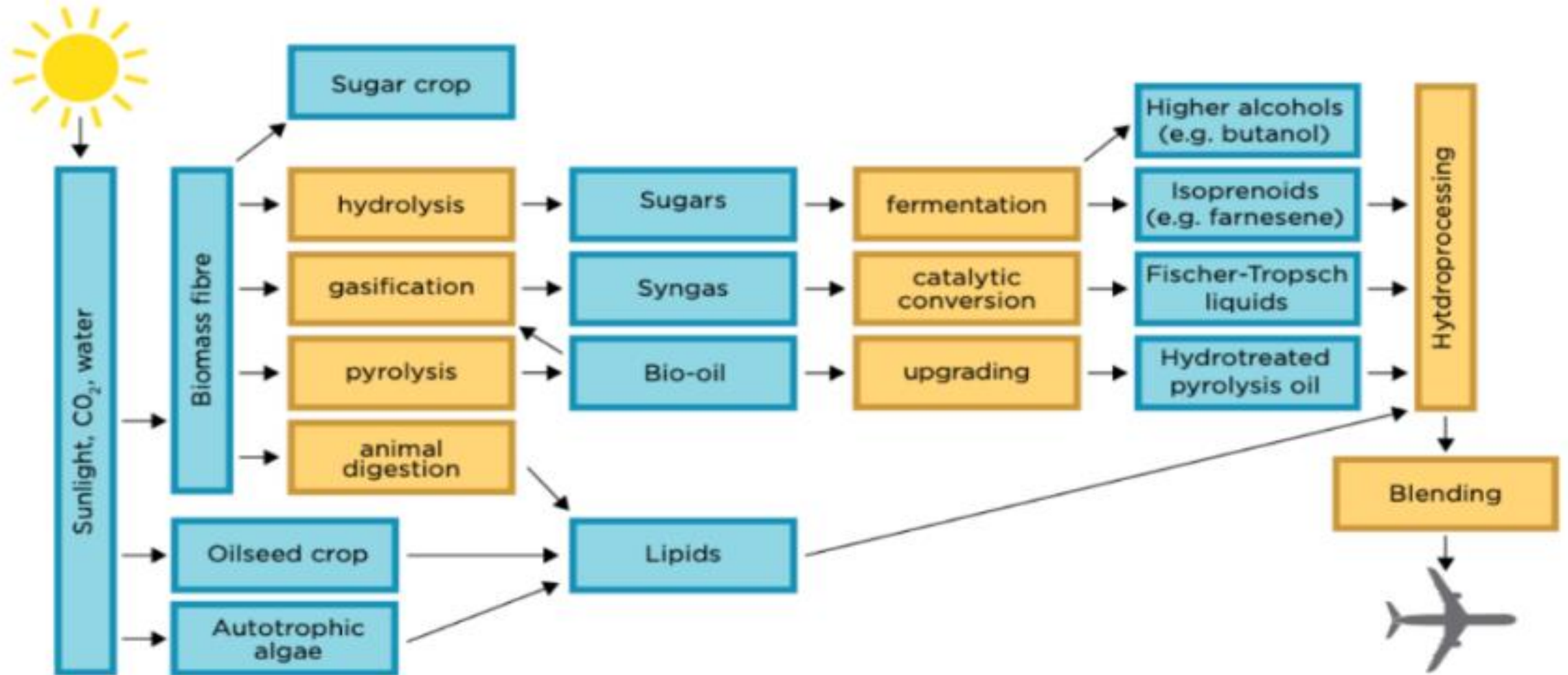


# Billion Tons of Sustainable Biomass For SAF

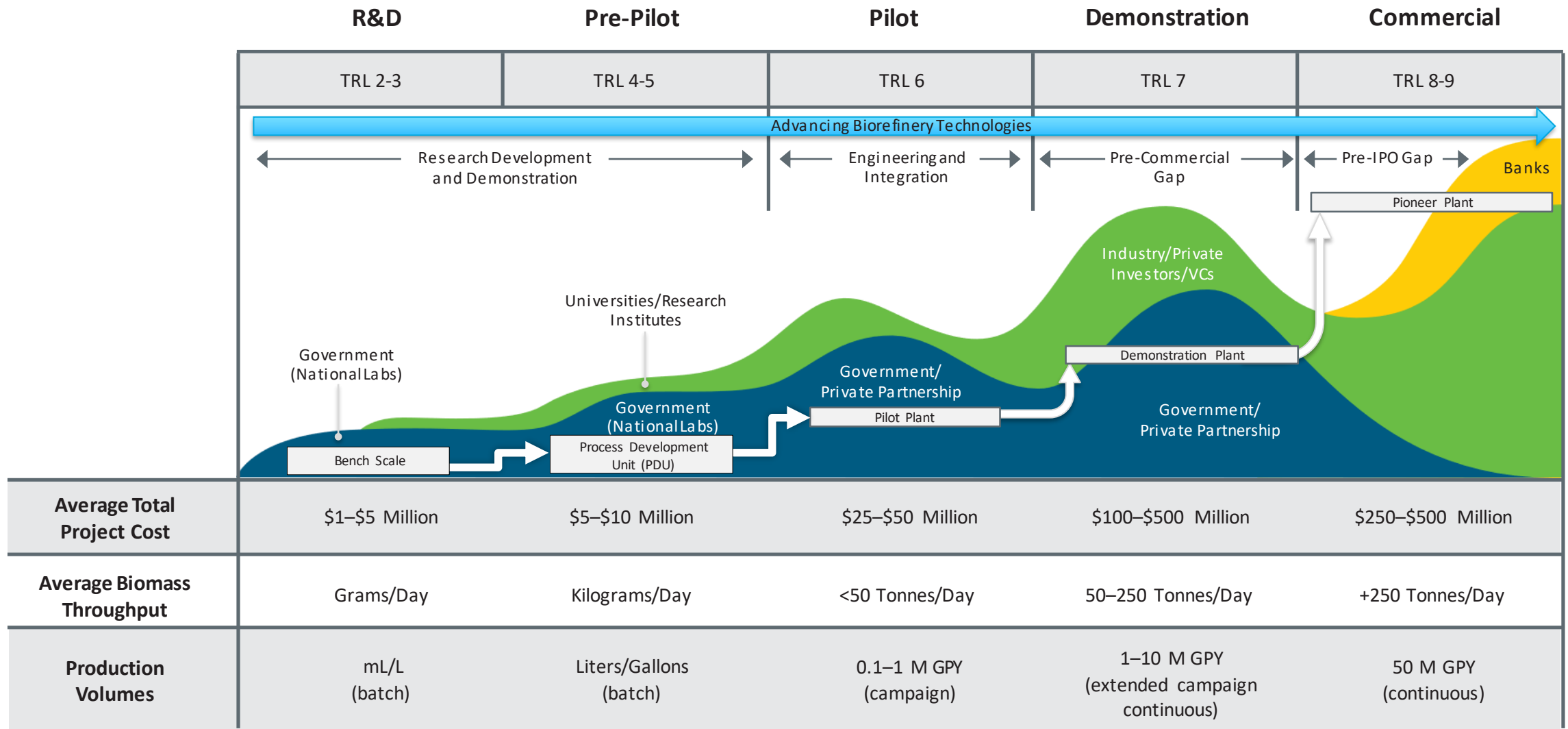
Feedstock	Ex Conversion Processes	Feedstock Input million dry tons/yr
Seed Oils	FAME/HEFA	9
Corn grain	Fermentation to EtOH/Alcohol to Jet	148
Fats, oils, greases	HEFA	7
Forestry resources & woody wastes	Gasification with Fischer Tropsch synthesis	133
Woody energy crops		50
MSW		55
Agricultural residues	Isobutanol - Alcohol to Jet	149
Herbaceous energy crops		190
Algae	Combined Algae Processing	24
Algae	Hydrothermal Liquefaction	24
Wet Wastes		78
Currently used biomass - non-biofuel		238
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1,103</b>

- 1 billion ton biomass (BtB) = >60 billion gal of fuel
  - >450 MMT CO<sub>2e</sub> reduction/yr
- Sustainability factors – life cycle GHG emissions, fossil energy consumption, land allocation and water consumption.
- Land Use change
  - @\$40/dt 5.6 M/230 M acres will shift from commodity crops to energy crops and
  - @\$60/dt 30M/230M acres crop land and 49M/460M acres pasture will shift
    - Differences made up in increased crop productivity (2% annually) and managed-intensive grazing
- >10 different technologies will be necessary to transform diverse biomass into SAF.
- Technologies are at different maturity levels, with some ready for demo and some with substantial remaining R&D.

# EERE has Developed Multiple SAF Pathways



# Demo-Scale Projects Key to De-risk and Accelerate Commercialization



● Government ● Project Recipients and Partners ● Banks