

# e-fuels as a key element to reduce the climate impact of aviation

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How will future e-refineries look like?







# Conclusions from prologue

- ▶ **Mind the up-stream aspects of e-fuels, enormous electricity demand**
- ▶ **Renewable electricity generation is typically the dominating factor for key performance indicators:**
  - Area footprint
  - Visual impact
  - Material demand for construction
  - Water demand, fuel production cost & global warming potential
  - Performance w.r.t. further UN sustainable development goals

# Climate impact of aviation, current status

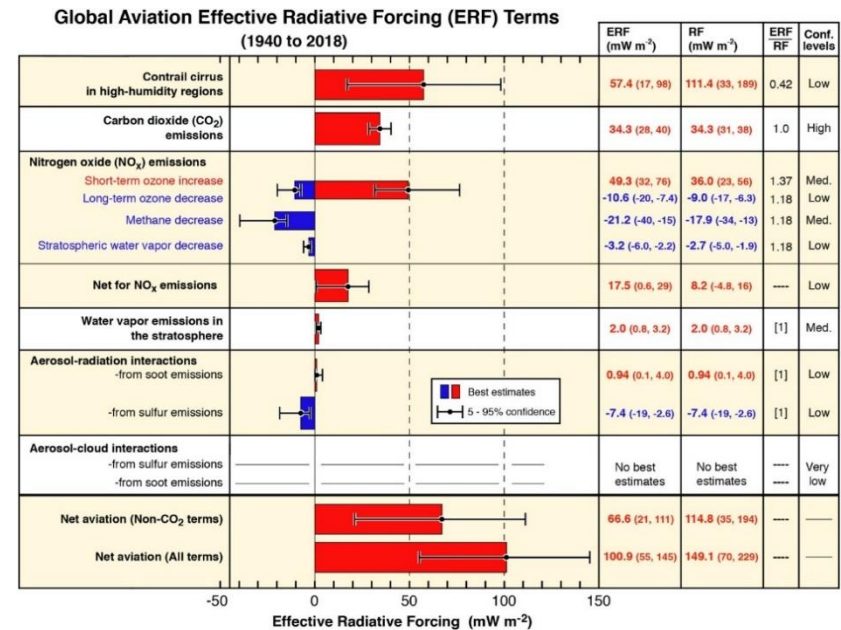
## ➤ GHG emissions related to 300 Mt/yr aviation fuel use:

- 0.93 Gt<sub>CO2</sub> from combustion (pre-Covid IATA 2019<sub>est</sub>)
- 1.1 Gt<sub>CO2eq.</sub> adjusting for upstream emissions

		Aviation	
		0.93 Gt combustion	1.1 Gt well-to-wake
Total emissions	33.4 Gt combustion	2.7%	3.3%
	41.2 Gt total CO <sub>2</sub>	2.3%	2.7%

## ➤ Climate impact of additional “non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions”

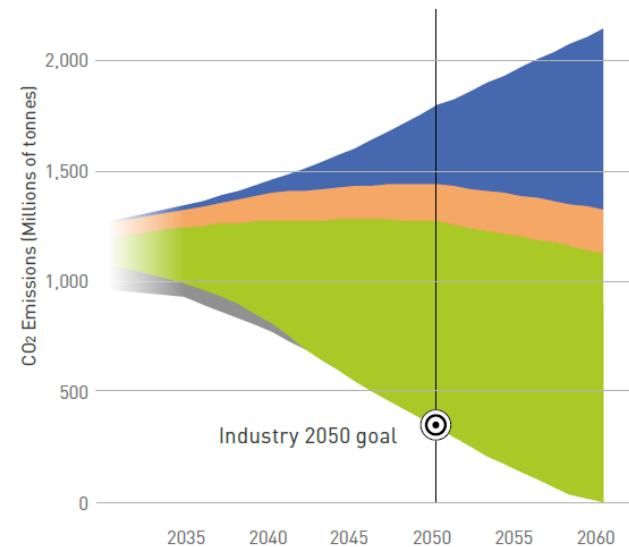
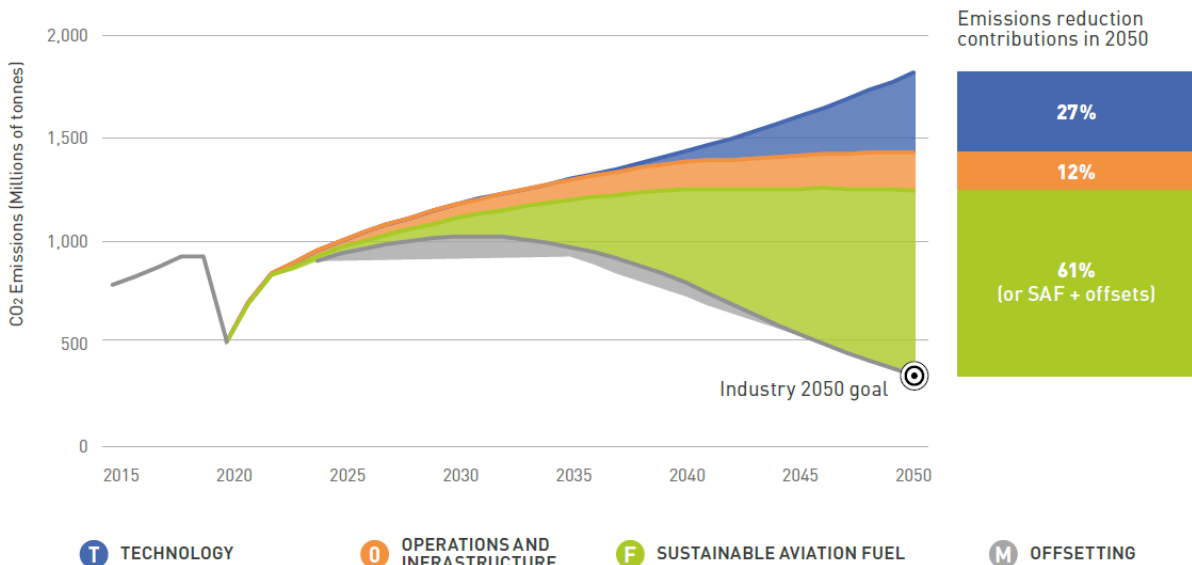
- **Net effect: Additional warming**
- Mainly contrails, contrail cirrus and NO<sub>x</sub> effects
- Order of magnitude comparable to CO<sub>2</sub> effect



Data sources: IATA “Economic performance of the airline industry” 2018 End year report; Adjustment of CO<sub>2</sub> emission from combustion to well-to-wake emissions according to Stratton, “Live cycle greenhouse gas emissions from alternative jet fuel” 2010, MIT report PARTNER-COE-2010-001 (in line with: Masnadi, *Global carbon intensity of crude oil production*, Science 2018); Le Quéré, *Global Carbon Budget 2017*, Earth Syst. Sci. Data, 10, 405-448, 2018; BP “Statistical Review of World Energy”, June 2018; D.S. Lee et al, “The contribution of global aviation to anthropogenic climate forcing for 2000 to 2018”, Atmospheric Environment in press <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.atmosenv.2020.117834>

# Climate targets of the aviation industry

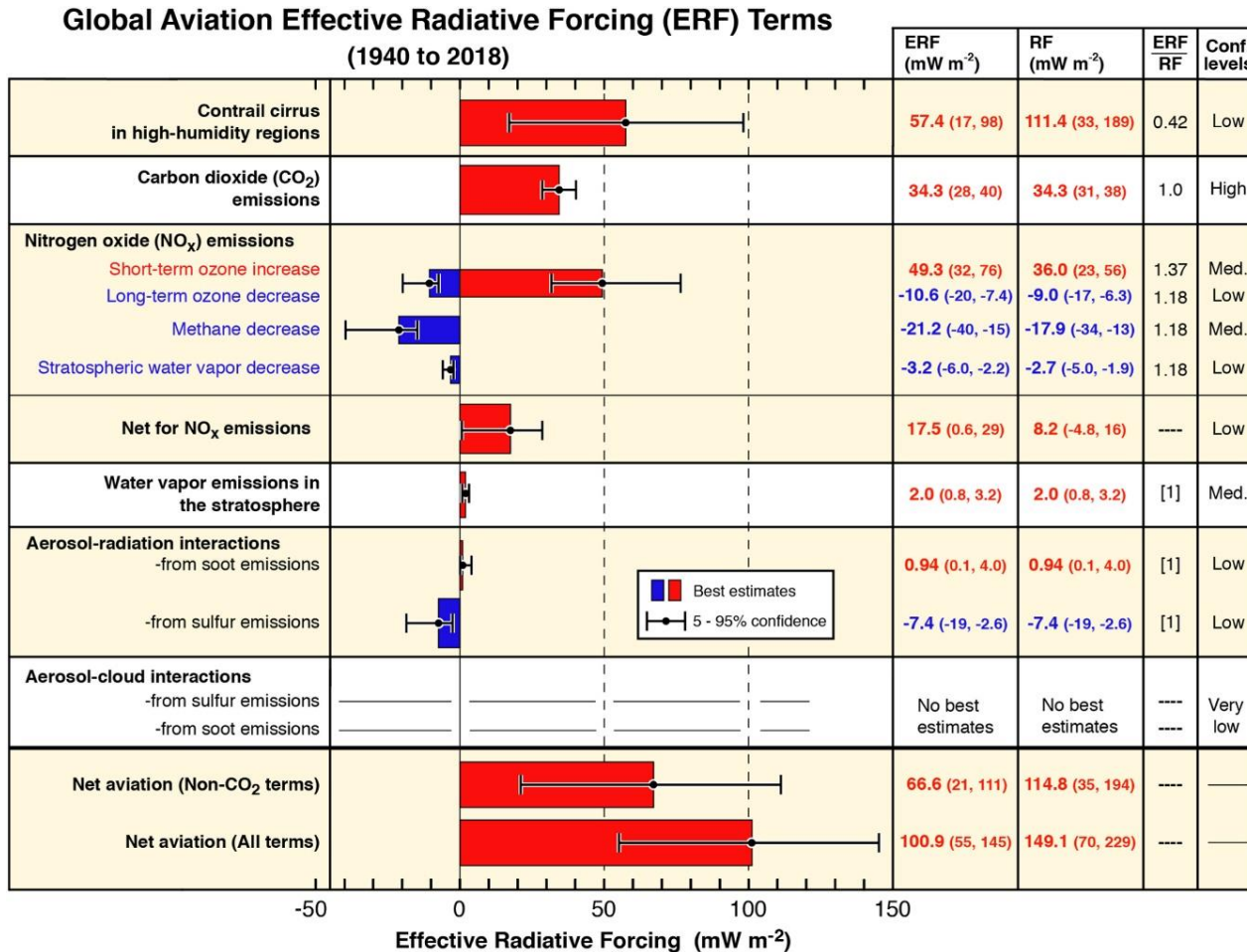
- ▶ **ATAG: 50% reduction by 2050 vs. 2005, pathway to net-zero by 2060 (global)**
- ▶ **Destination 2050 target: Net-zero by mid-century (EU)**



Sources: ATAG, Waypoint 2050, First Edition September 2020 <https://aviationbenefits.org/environmental-efficiency/climate-action/waypoint-2050>  
[www.destination2050.eu](http://www.destination2050.eu)



# Full climate impact of aviation CO<sub>2</sub> and further emissions



- Non-CO<sub>2</sub> contributions need to be addressed to achieve climate neutrality
- Fuel properties are linked to non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
  - Mainly aromatics and sulphur
- Air-quality emissions need to be considered as well

# Pollutant emissions from aviation fuel combustion

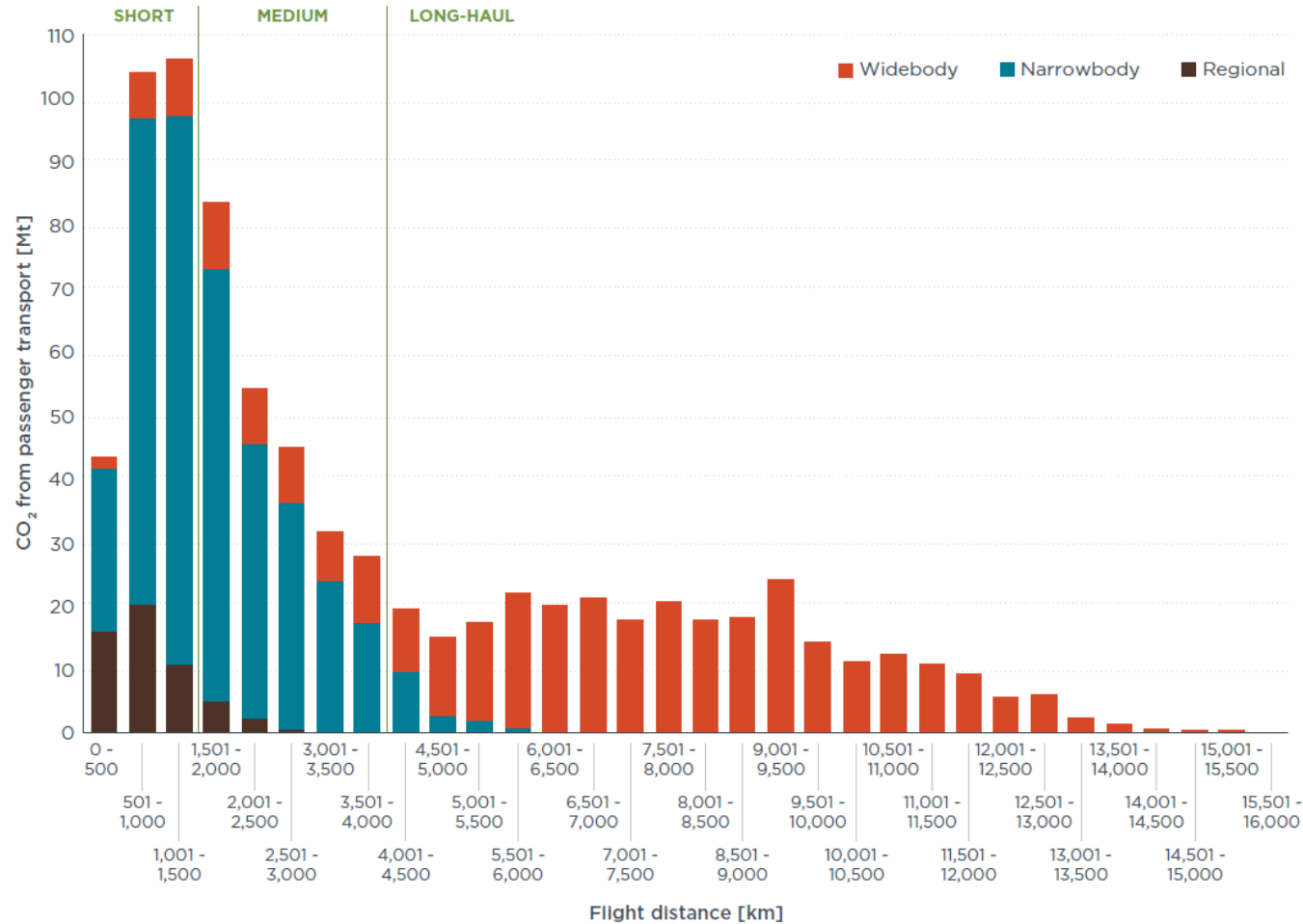
## ► Ground based and airborne measurements relate fuel composition to pollutant emissions

- **NO<sub>x</sub> and CO:** Mainly controlled by combustion process
- **Particle emissions:** Clear link to sulphur and aromatic content, clean fuels can reduce, but not eliminate particle emissions from current engines
- **SO<sub>2</sub>** is (obviously) linked to sulphur content



Sources: T. Schripp et al, *Impact of Alternative Jet Fuels on Engine Exhaust Composition during the 2015 ECLIF Ground-Based Measurements Campaign*, Environ. Sci. Technol. 2018, 52, 4969–4978; Moore, *Biofuel blending reduces particle emissions from aircraft engines at cruise conditions*, Nature, Vol. 543, 411, 2017

# Break-down of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from civil aviation



Fuel capacity/MTOW  
ca. 20-25%

Fuel capacity/MTOW  
ca. 40-45%

Source: B. Graver et al., *CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from commercial aviation 2013, 2018, and 2019*, International Council on Clean Transportation 2020, <https://theicct.org/publications/co2-emissions-commercial-aviation-2020>; Picture Sources: [de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Embraer-E-Jet-Familie#/media/Datei:2010-07-08\\_ERJ190\\_Cityline\\_D-AECE\\_EDDF\\_01.jpg](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Embraer-E-Jet-Familie#/media/Datei:2010-07-08_ERJ190_Cityline_D-AECE_EDDF_01.jpg); [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LATAM\\_Chile#/media/File:A320neo\\_LATAM\\_\(30934637733\).jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LATAM_Chile#/media/File:A320neo_LATAM_(30934637733).jpg); [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Azul\\_Brazilian\\_Airlines#/media/File:PR-ANY@PEK\\_\(20200524171035\).jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Azul_Brazilian_Airlines#/media/File:PR-ANY@PEK_(20200524171035).jpg);

# Electric Flight



# Potentials and limitations of battery-electric aviation

## ► Power demand from equilibrium of forces in cruise

$$P_{e, \text{cruise}} = \frac{m \cdot g \cdot v}{L/D \cdot \eta_v \cdot \eta_e}$$

**ca. 110 W/kg**

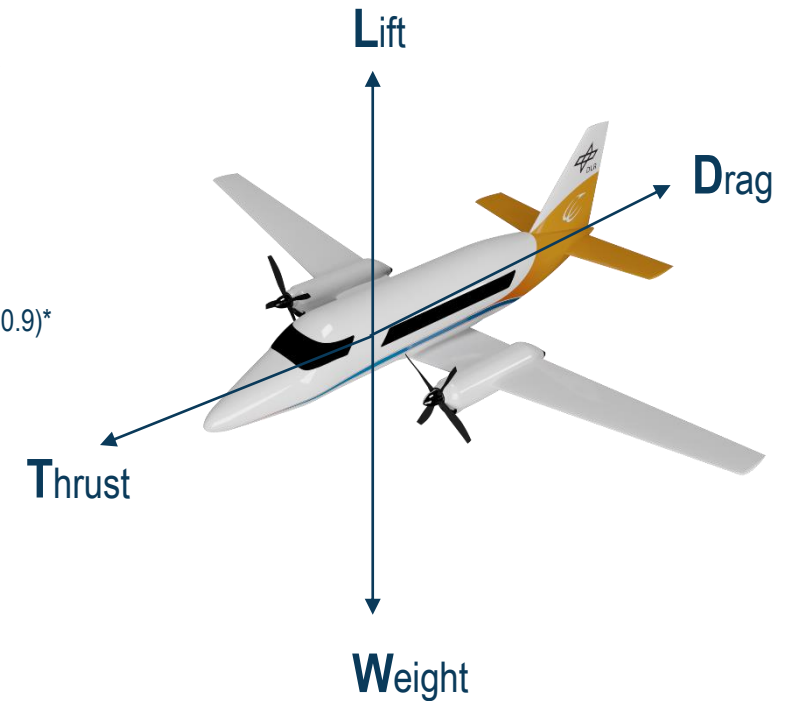
(with  $L/D = 17$ ,  $v = 500 \text{ km/h}$ ,  $\eta_v = 0.8$ ,  $\eta_e = 0.9$ )\*

## ► Range equation for battery-electric flight

$$R = \frac{L/D \cdot \eta_v \cdot \eta_e \cdot \rho_e}{g} \cdot \frac{m_e}{m}$$

**ca. 225 km**

(with  $L/D = 17$ ,  $\eta_v = 0.8$ ,  $\eta_e = 0.9$ ,  $\rho_e = 200 \text{ Wh/kg}$ ,  $m_e/m = 0.25$ )\*



\*Numbers are based on typical parameter, Choice not identical with CoCoRe Project (picture source)

# Potentials and limitations of battery-electric aviation

$\Delta t$ cruise	12 Min	24 Min	36 Min	48 Min	1 h	2 h	3 h	5 h
Specific Energy Density	Addition energy demand (in Wh) to carry an additional 1 kWh battery at cruise conditions							
200 Wh/kg	111	223	334	445	557	1112	1670	2783
350 Wh/kg	64	127	191	254	318	636	954	1590
500 Wh/kg	45	89	134	178	223	445	668	1113
650 Wh/kg	34	69	103	137	171	343	514	856
800 Wh/kg	28	56	83	111	139	278	417	696

→ EASA CS23: Reserve > 45 Minutes „maximum continuous power“

Assumptions:  $L/D = 17$ ,  $v = 500$  km/h,  $\eta_v = 80\%$ ,  $\eta_e = 90\%$

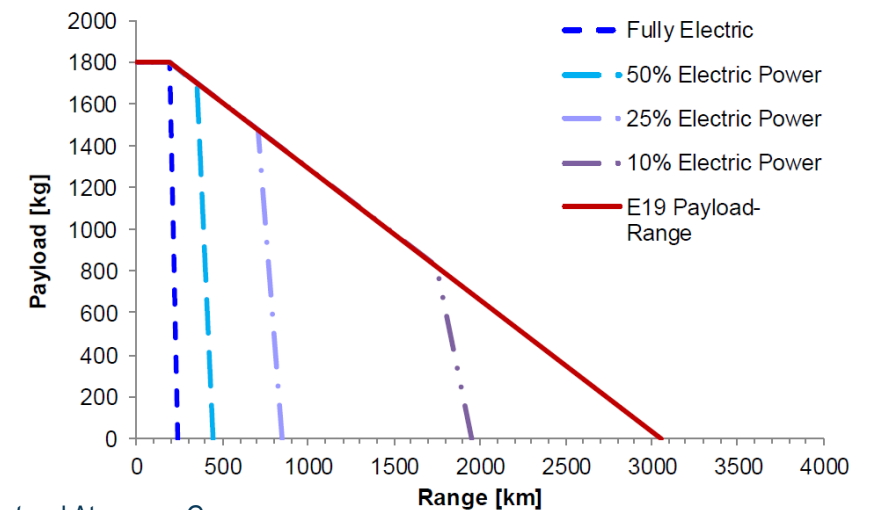
# CoCoRe Concept Study (Bauhaus Luftfahrt/DLR)

## ► 19 Sitzer (Commuter-Class)

- 200 km purely electric range
- Gas turbine range extender

## ► For comparison Commuter-Class in 2018

- 56% of all flights < 200 km
- 83% of all flights < 350 km

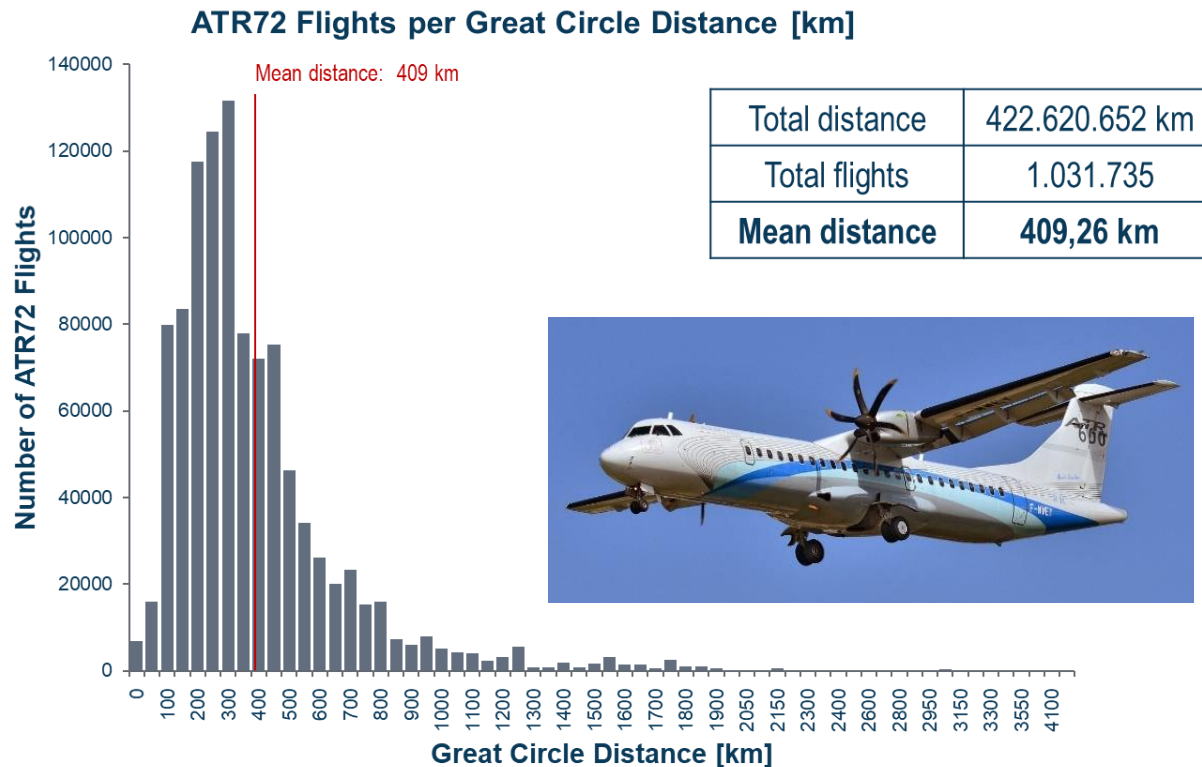


Assumption battery pack: 230 Wh/kg (effective: 160 Wh/kg)

A. Paul, W. Grimme, G. Atanasov, J. van Wensveen, F. Peter, *Evaluation of the Market Potential and Technical Requirements for Thin-haul Air Transport* and Atanasov, G., van Wensveen, J., Peter, F. and T. Zill (2019), *Electric Commuter Transport Concept Enabled by Combustion Engine Range Extender*, Deutscher Luft- und Raumfahrtkongress 2019, Darmstadt, Germany, 2019. Siehe auch: [www.dlr.de/content/de/artikel/news/2020/01/20200217\\_elektrisch-im-19-sitzer-von-mannheim-nach-berlin.html](http://www.dlr.de/content/de/artikel/news/2020/01/20200217_elektrisch-im-19-sitzer-von-mannheim-nach-berlin.html)

# Perspective: Electric regional aircraft

## ▶ Regional turboprop mission spectrum



## ▶ Target in Norway: First regular domestic flight by 2030

	Distance	Car	Train
Oslo-Bergen	305 km	6:50 h	6:50 h
Oslo-Trondheim	390 km	6:30 h	6:40 h
Bergen-Trondheim	430 km	10:30 h	15:40 h



# Liquid fuels needed for bulk part of aviation's energy demand



**Ce-Liner**  
 Battery electric concept  
 Requires battery energy density > 1000 kWh/kg



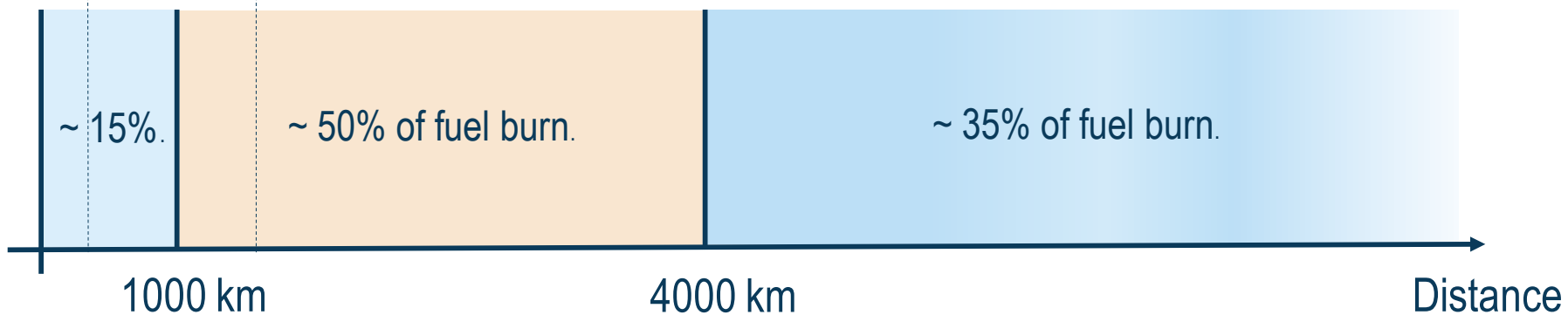
**Centreline:**  
 Turbo-electric concept  
 No change of energy carrier  
 Efficiency measure



**CoCoRe**  
 Hybrid-electric commuter  
 High battery utilization

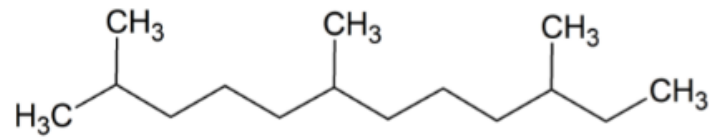


**HyLiner**  
 Liquid hydrogen powered  
 long-haul aircraft

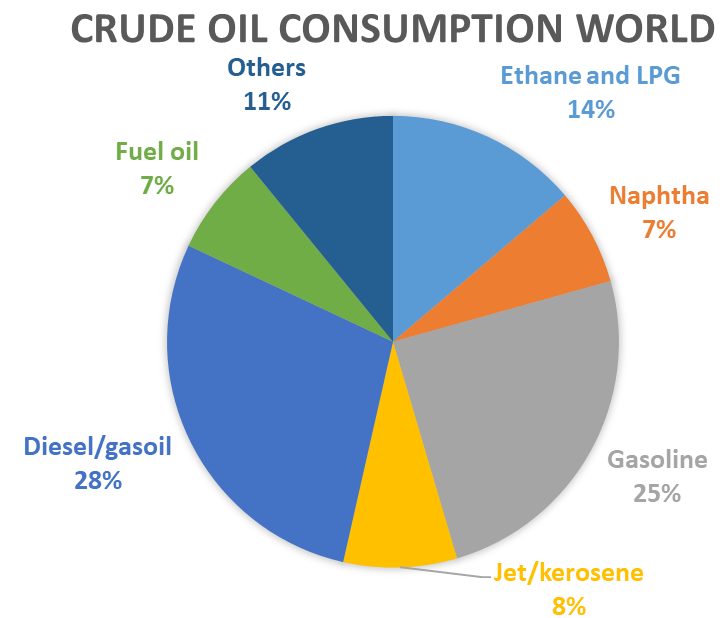
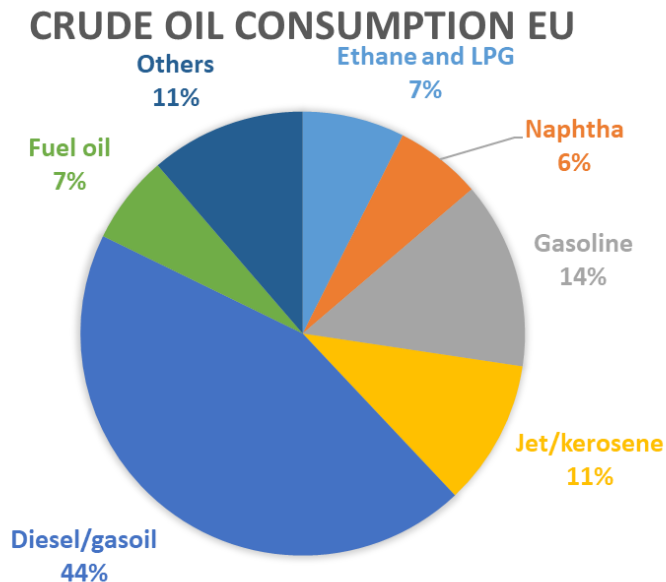
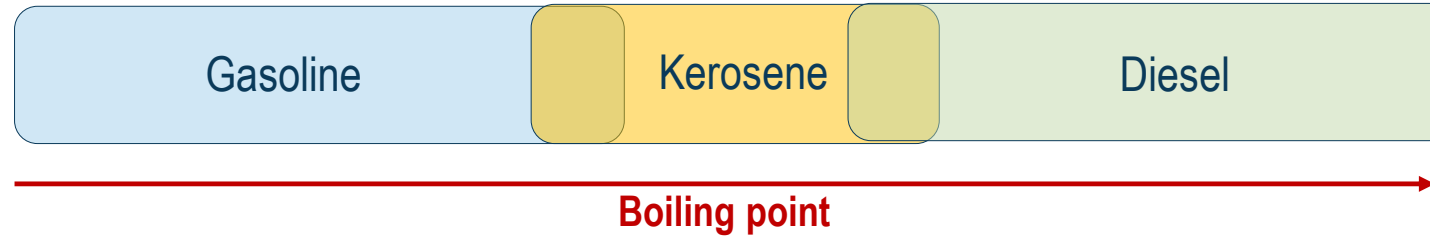


Sources: M. Hornung, *Ce-Liner – Case Study for eMobility in Air Transportation*, Aviation Technology, Integration and Operations Conference. Los Angeles. 12.8.2013  
 EU Project Centreline: [www.centreline.eu](http://www.centreline.eu) ; F. Troeltsch - Concept for a hydrogen-powered long-haul aircraft, Bauhaus Luftfahrt Symposium, 8.5.2019  
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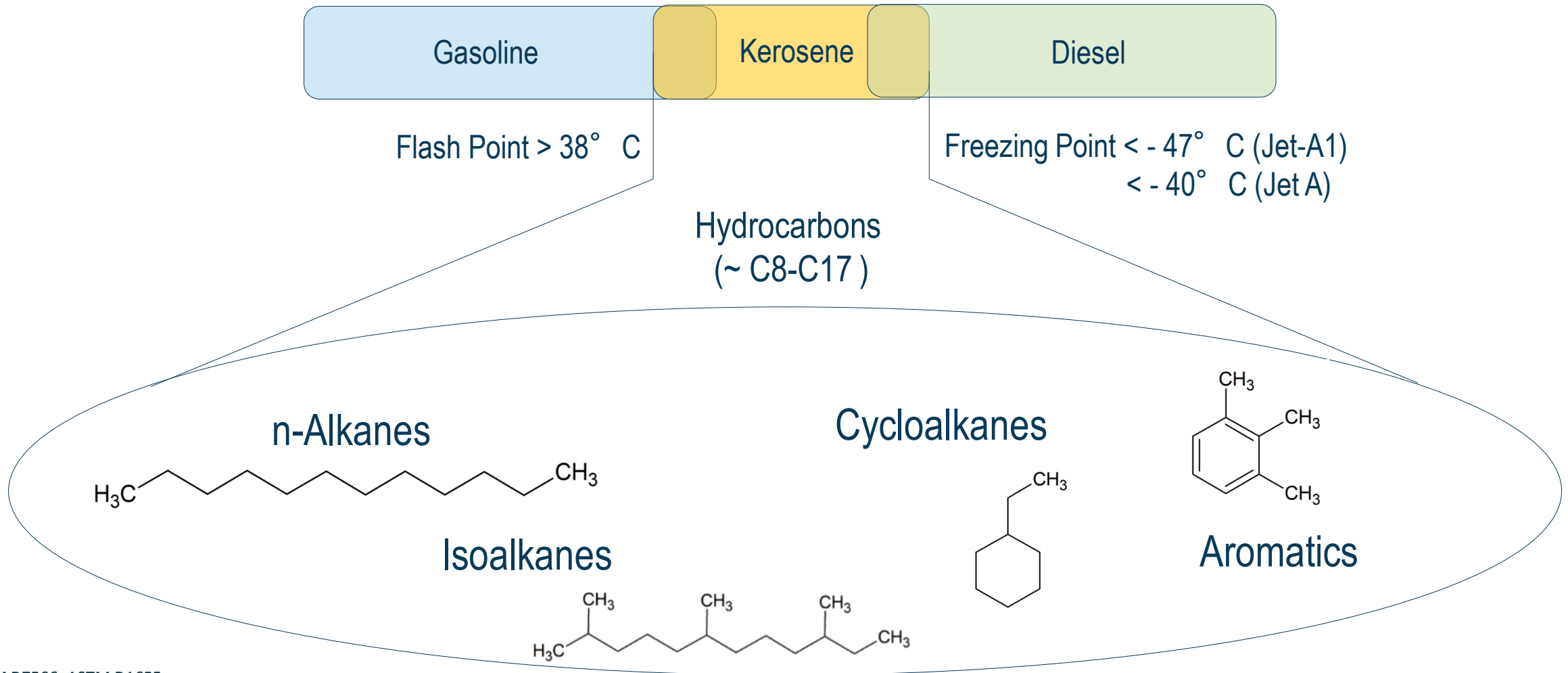
# Synthetic Jet Fuels



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# Blending of synthetic kerosenes with Jet-A/Jet-A1

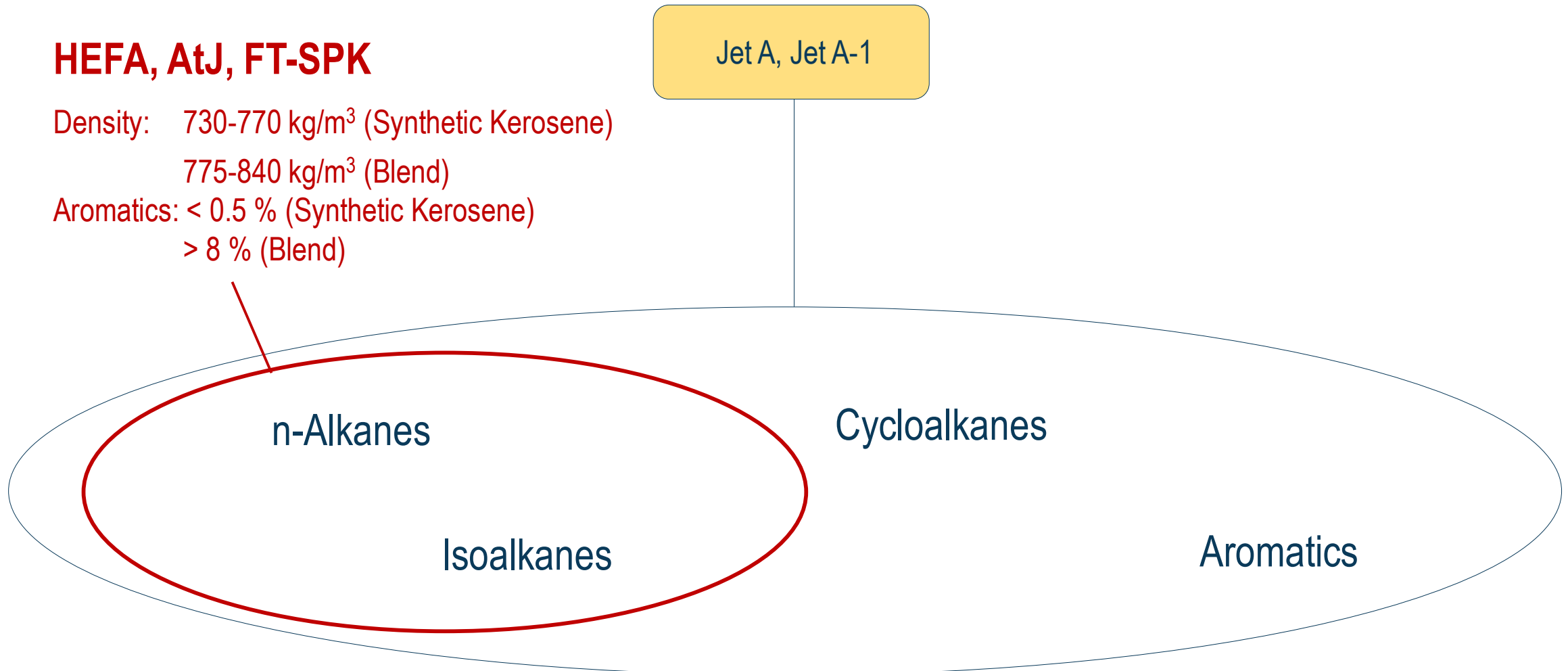
## HEFA, AtJ, FT-SPK

Density: 730-770 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (Synthetic Kerosene)

775-840 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (Blend)

Aromatics: < 0.5 % (Synthetic Kerosene)

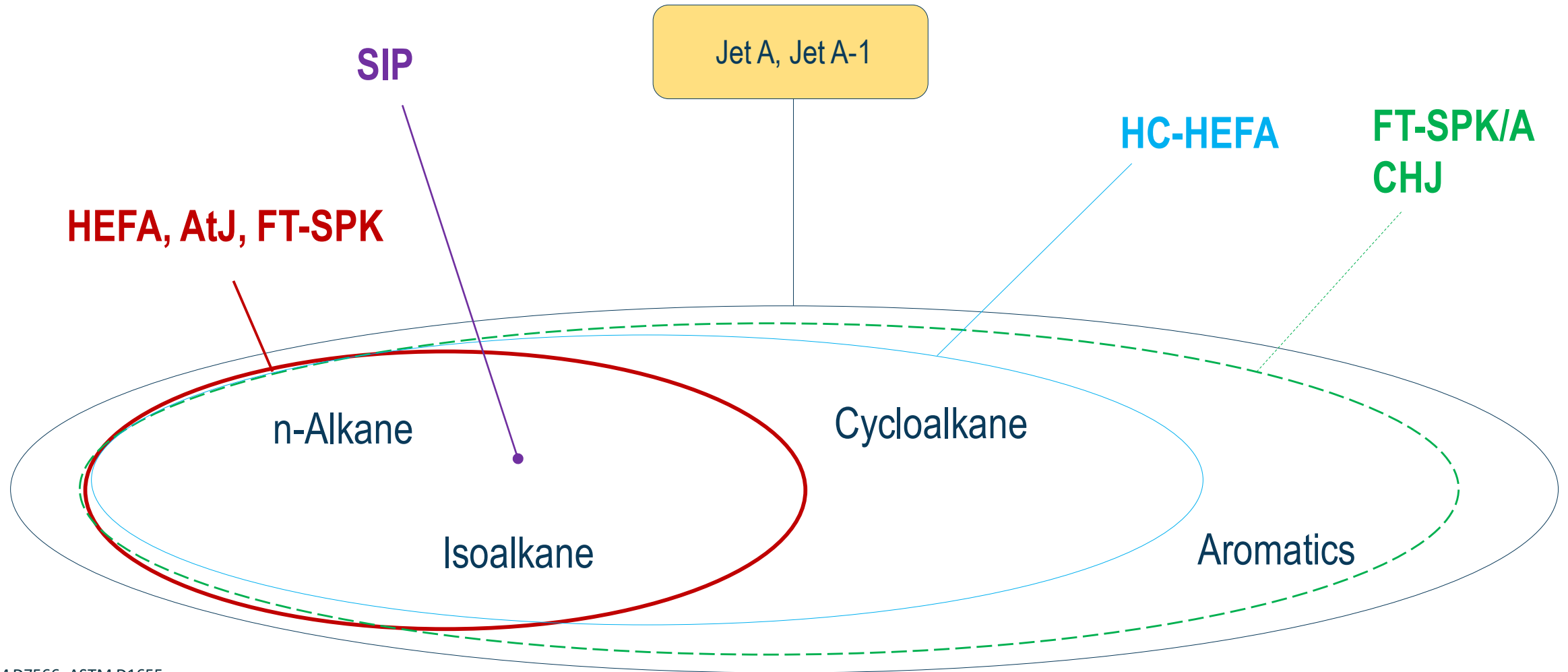
> 8 % (Blend)



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# Approval of alternative fuel pathways for civil aviation

Most relevant  
for e-refinery

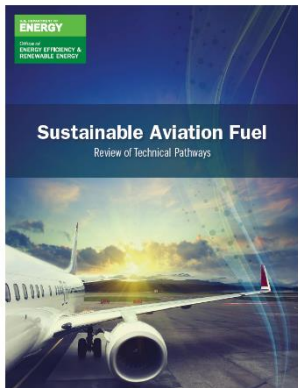
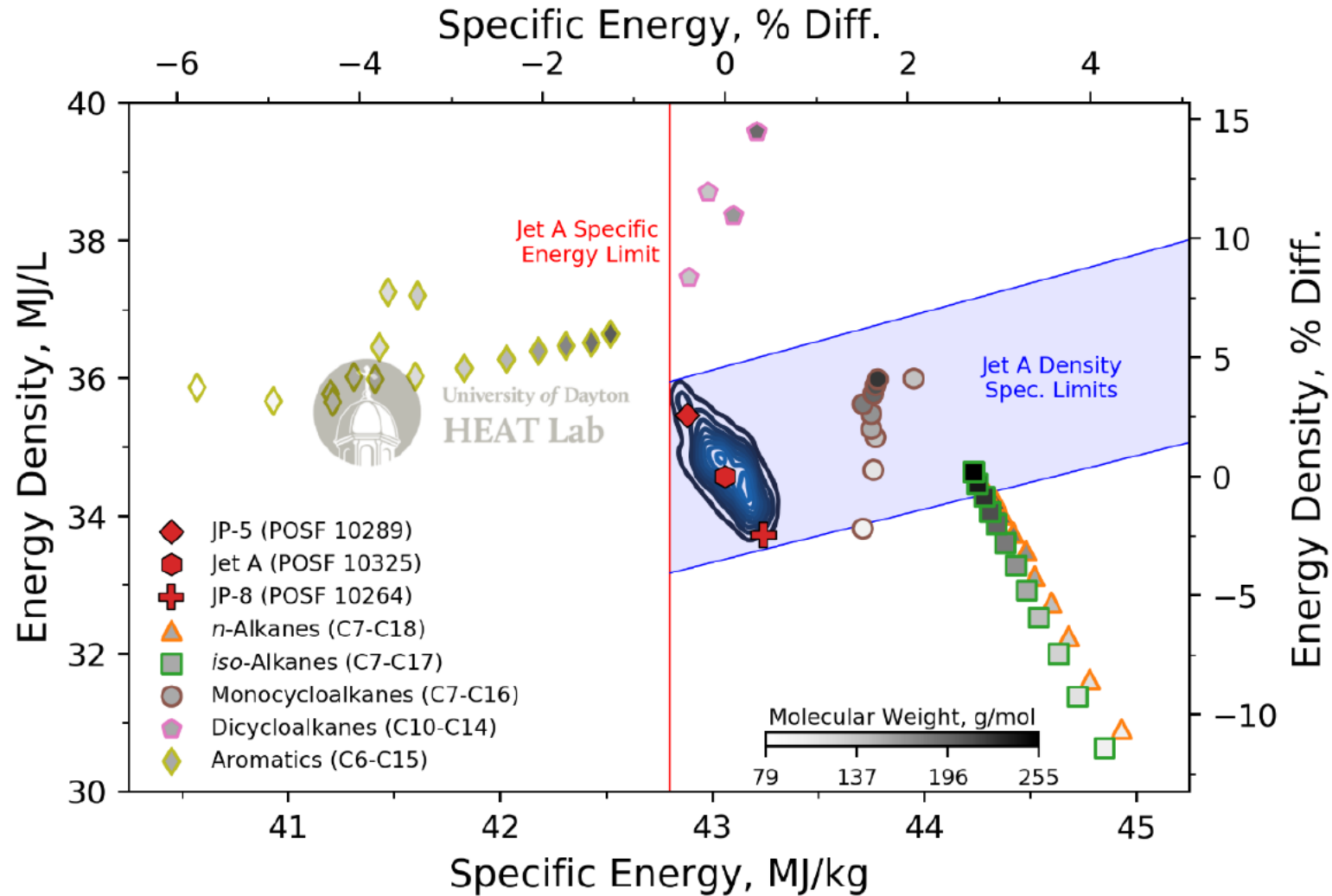
## ► Seven alternative fuel pathways approved by ASTM D-7566:

Process	Blend ratio	Feedstock	Conversion process	Main limitation
HEFA-SPK	up to 50%	Lipids (e.g. plant oils, fats)	Hydroprocessing, including isomerization to adjust cold flow properties	Availability of sustainable feedstock
AtJ-SPK	up to 50%	Sugars, also from starch, or cellulosic feedstock	Fermentation > Dehydration of Alcohols > Oligomerisation of Alkenes	Competition for high-value intermediates
FT-SPK	up to 50%	Various organic feedstock, incl. wastes, H <sub>2</sub> O, CO <sub>2</sub>	Syngas production (H <sub>2</sub> , CO, e.g. gasification), Fischer-Tropsch synthesis & refining	Cost, for some feedstock gasification & syngas clean-up
FT-SPK/A	up to 50%	See FT-SPK	FT and alkylation of light aromatics	Synthesis of soot precursors
HFS-SIP	up to 10%	See ATJ-SPK	Fermentation of sugars into farnesane (C15)	Competition with ATJ-SPK
CHJ	up to 50%	Lipids	Catalytic hydrothermolysis	Feedstock availability
HC-HEFA	up to 10%	HC, Lipids	Similar to HEFA specific to one algae species	Feedstock cost

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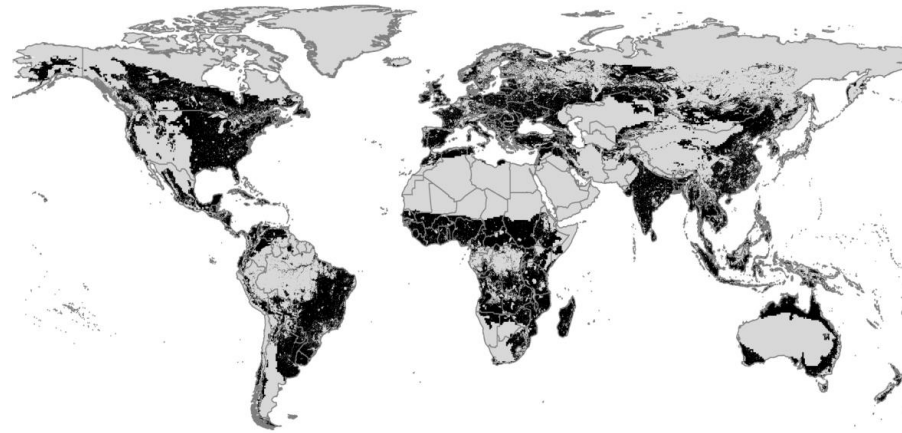
# Typical characteristics of kerosene range hydrocarbons



Source: Johnathan Holladay (PNNL), Zia Abdullah (NREL), and Joshua Heyne (U of Dayton), Sustainable Aviation Fuel - Review of Technical Pathways, DOE/EE-2041, Sep 2020  
[www.energy.gov/eere/bioenergy/downloads/sustainable-aviation-fuel-review-technical-pathways-report](http://www.energy.gov/eere/bioenergy/downloads/sustainable-aviation-fuel-review-technical-pathways-report)

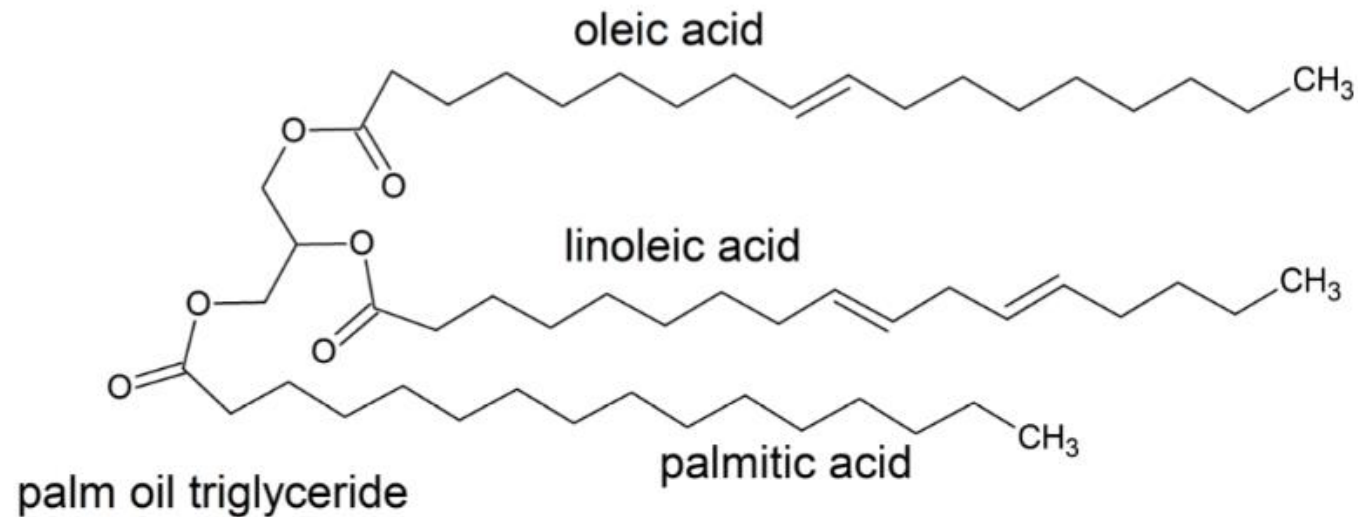
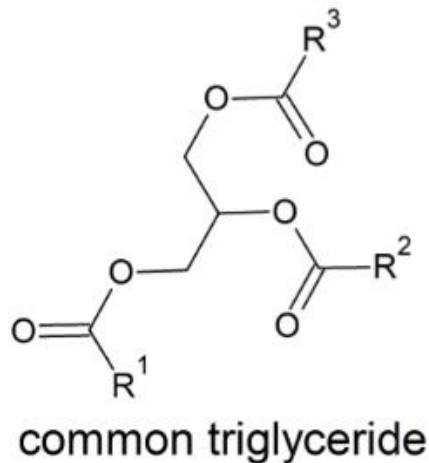


# Biofuels



# Aviation biofuels - Current Status

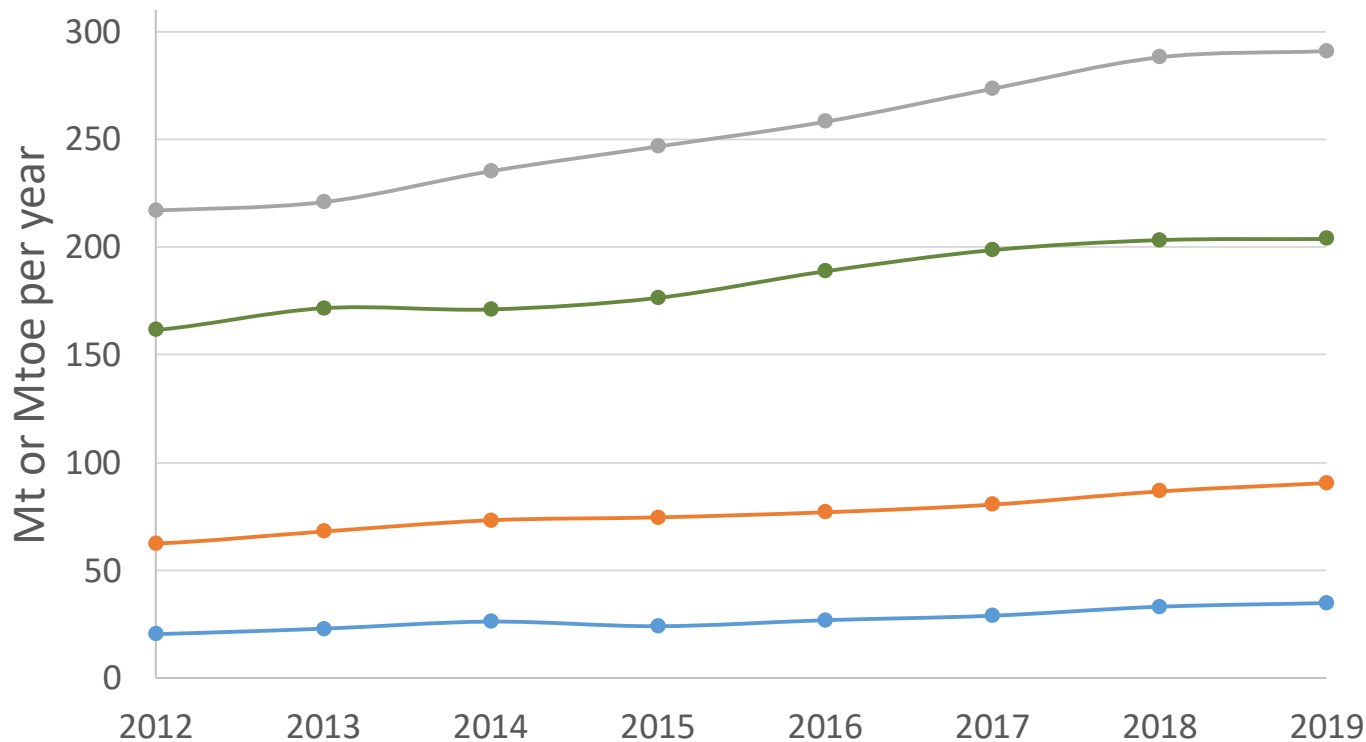
- ▶ **Growth from very low baseline (< 0.1%), almost exclusively HEFA fuels**
  - HEFA: Lipids (Plant oils, Fats) as feedstock for middle distillate production



- ▶ **Relevant production capacity already exist for biodiesel production (HVO)**

# Current Status: Biofuels for transportation (global)

## ► Road transport: Ethanol and biodiesel



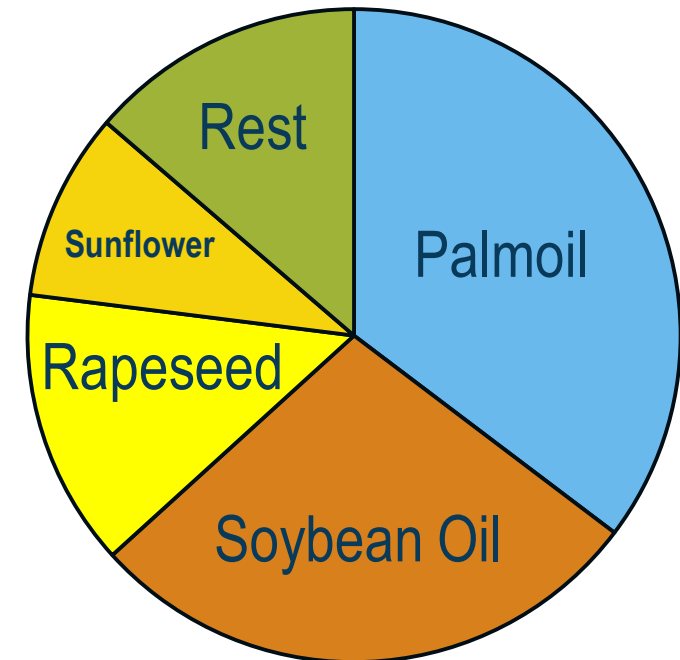
**Jet Fuel**  
290 Mt/yr

**Pflanzenölproduktion**  
203 Mt/yr

**Biodiesel + Ethanol**  
91 Mtoe/yr

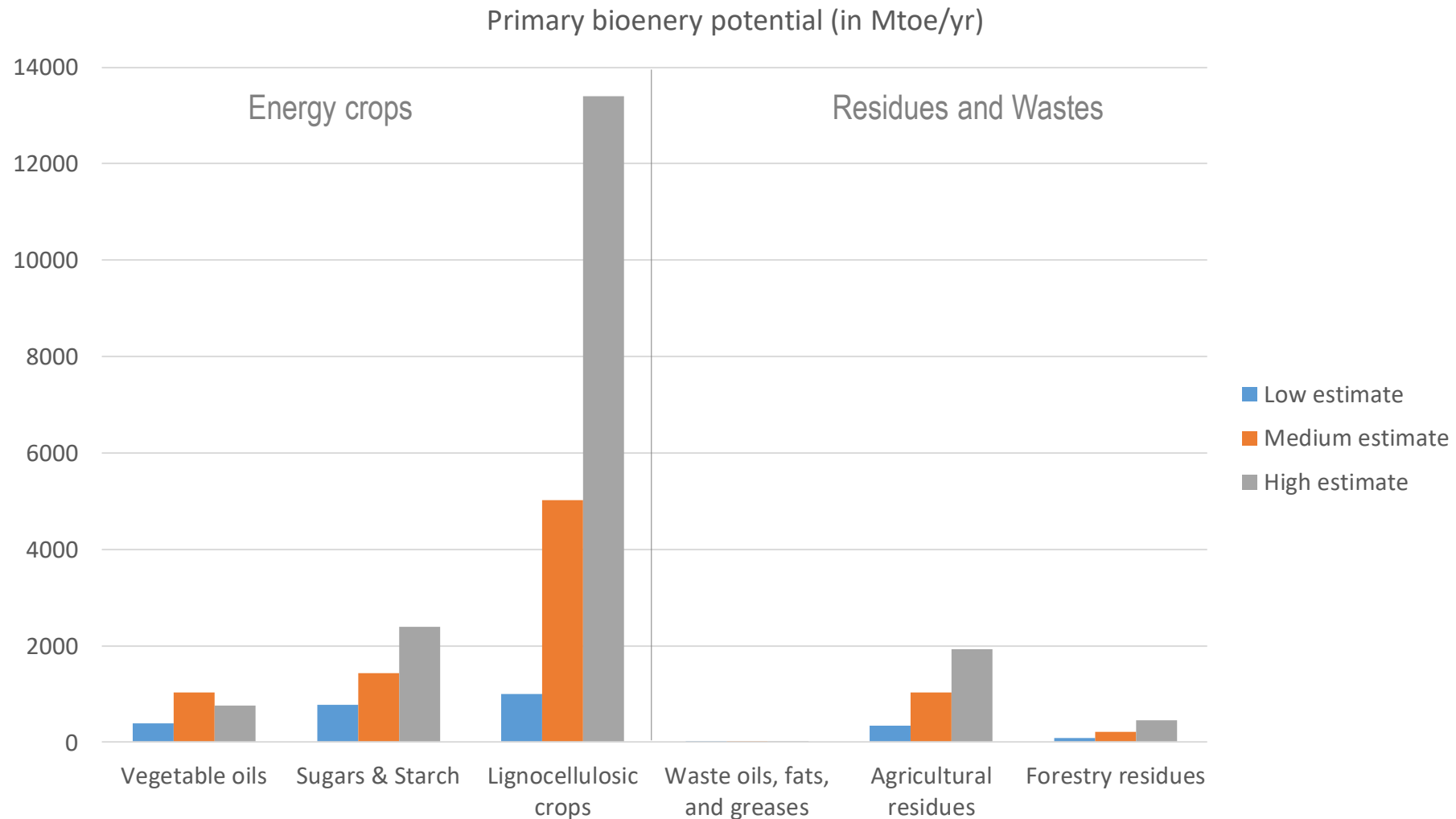
**Biodiesel**  
35 Mtoe/yr

Plant oil production 2018/2019



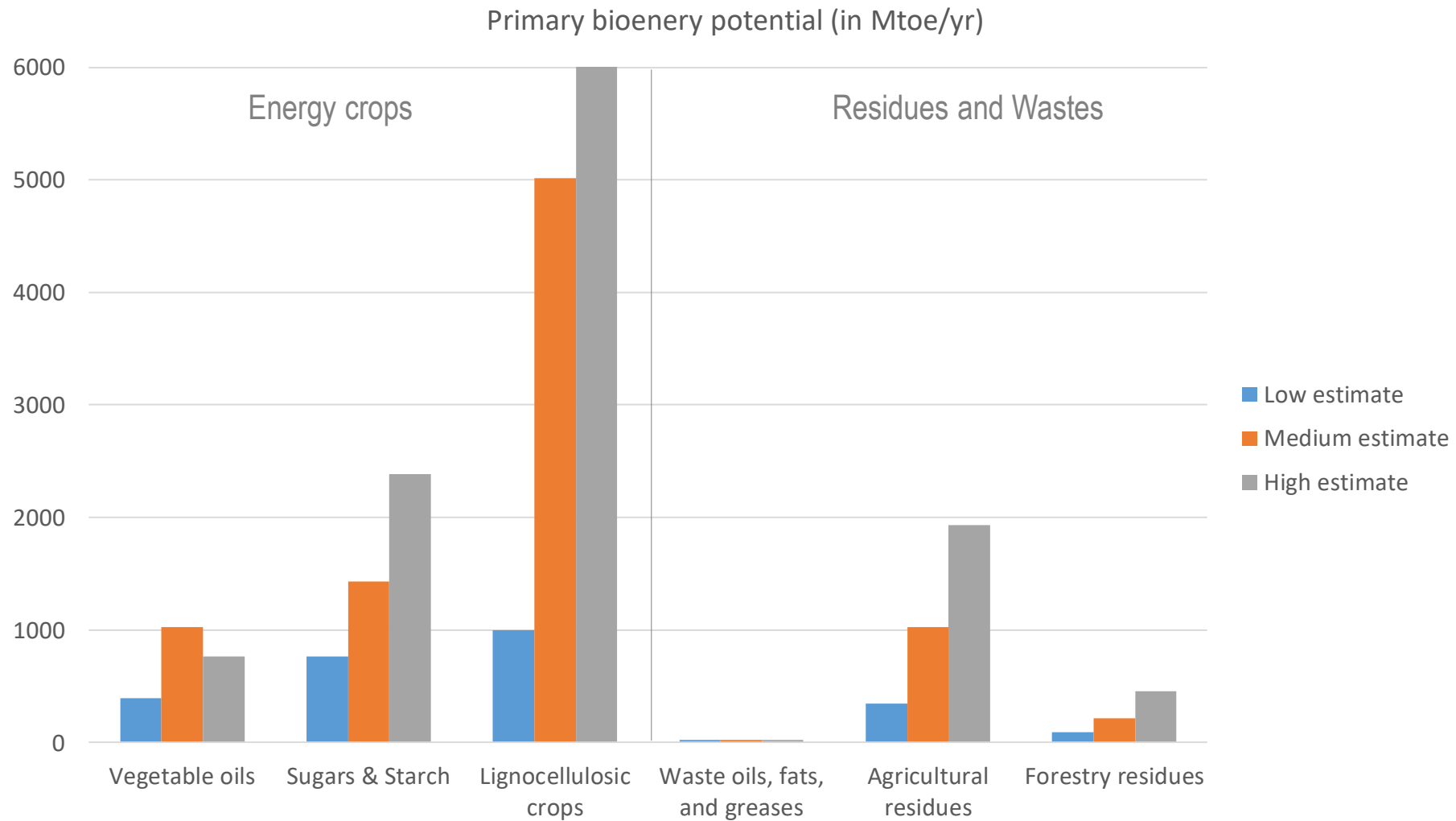
Daten: Jet Fuel: IATA, Biodiesel und Ethanol: BP Statistical Review of World Energy 2020, Pflanzenöle: UFOP

# Estimated primary bioenergy potential in 2050 (Staples 2017)



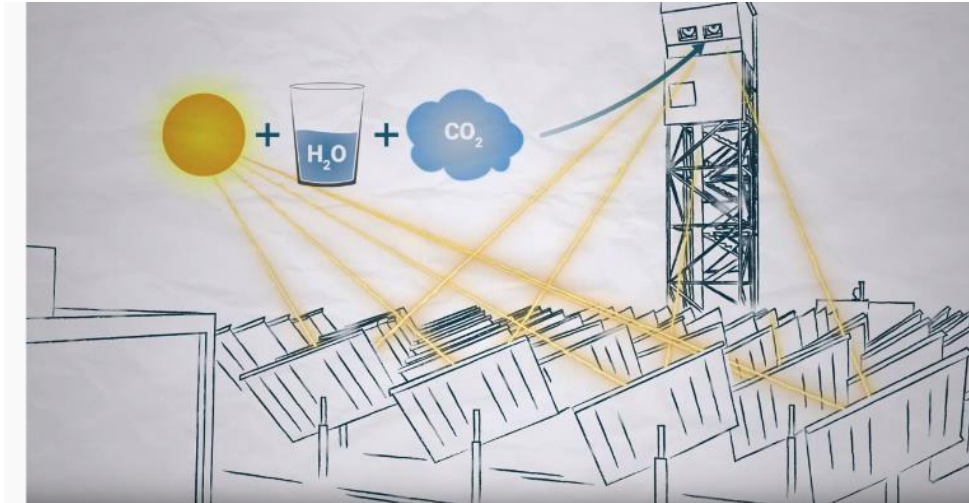
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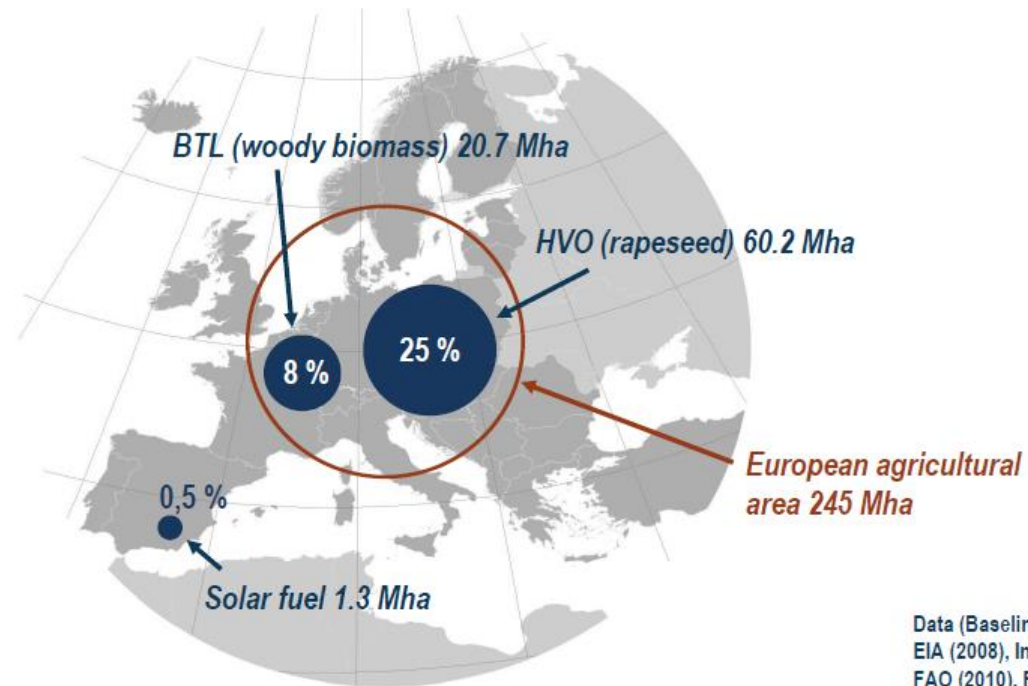
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# Excursion to solar fuels



# Motivation: Un-lock large additional feedstock potentials

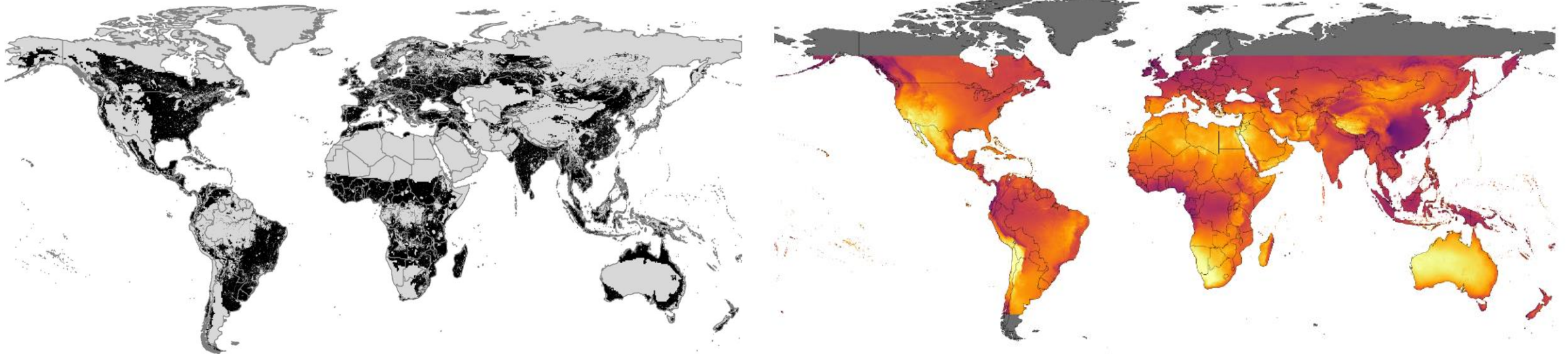
Area required for 100% substitution of European jet fuel demand



Data (Baseline 2005):  
EIA (2008), International Energy Annual 2006  
FAO (2010), ResourceSTAT-Land 2005  
Bauhaus Luftfahrt Inventory of Energy Crops  
Mha: Million Hectare

# Motivation: Un-lock large additional feedstock potentials

- ▶ Solar fuels achieve high area-specific yields (compared to biofuels)
- ▶ Suitable areas are complementary to areas for agricultural production





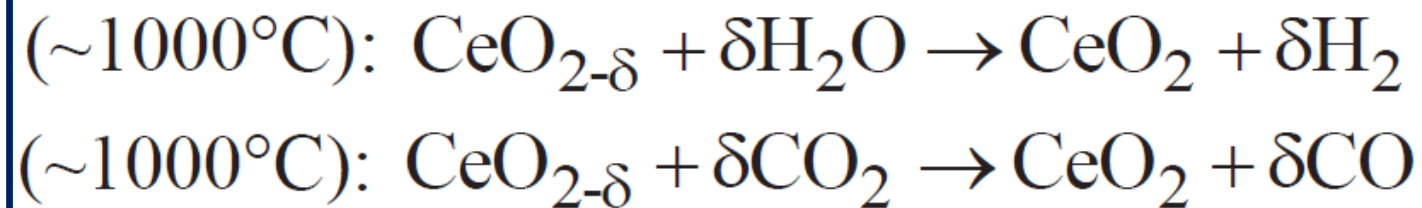
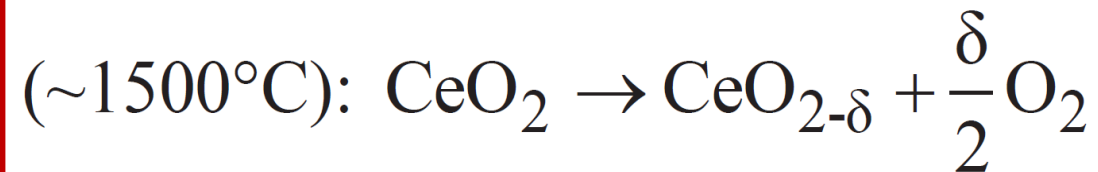
# Solar-thermochemical cycles



Sunlight

Concentration ratio  
> 2000

Step 1: Reduction, Vacuum



Step 2: Oxidation

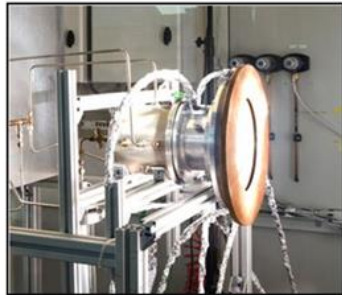
Chueh, Falter, Abbott, Scipio, Furler, Haile, Steinfeld, *High-flux solar-driven thermochemical dissociation of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O using nonstoichiometric ceria*. Science, 330, 1797-1801, 2010

# First solar-thermochemical kerosene, FP7 SOLAR-JET (2011-2015)



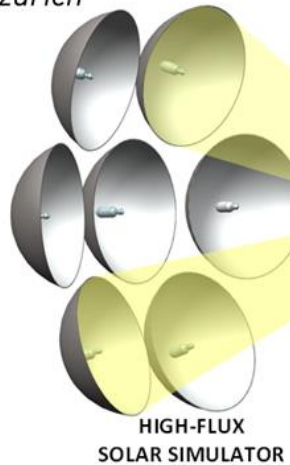
ETH zürich

- 290 H<sub>2</sub>O/CO<sub>2</sub>-splitting redox cycles
- 200 h operation

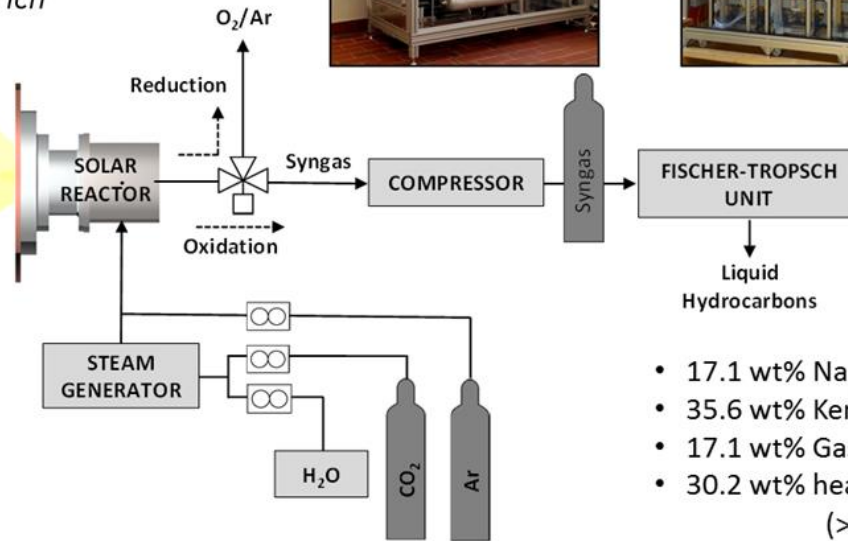


ETH zürich

- 750 L syngas
- 33.7% H<sub>2</sub>, 19.2% CO, 30.5% CO<sub>2</sub>, 16.5% Ar



HIGH-FLUX SOLAR SIMULATOR



- 17.1 wt% Naphta (0-145°C)
- 35.6 wt% Kerosene (145-300°C)
- 17.1 wt% Gasoil (300-370°C)
- 30.2 wt% heavier fractions (>370°C)



Heavy product (FT-waxes)



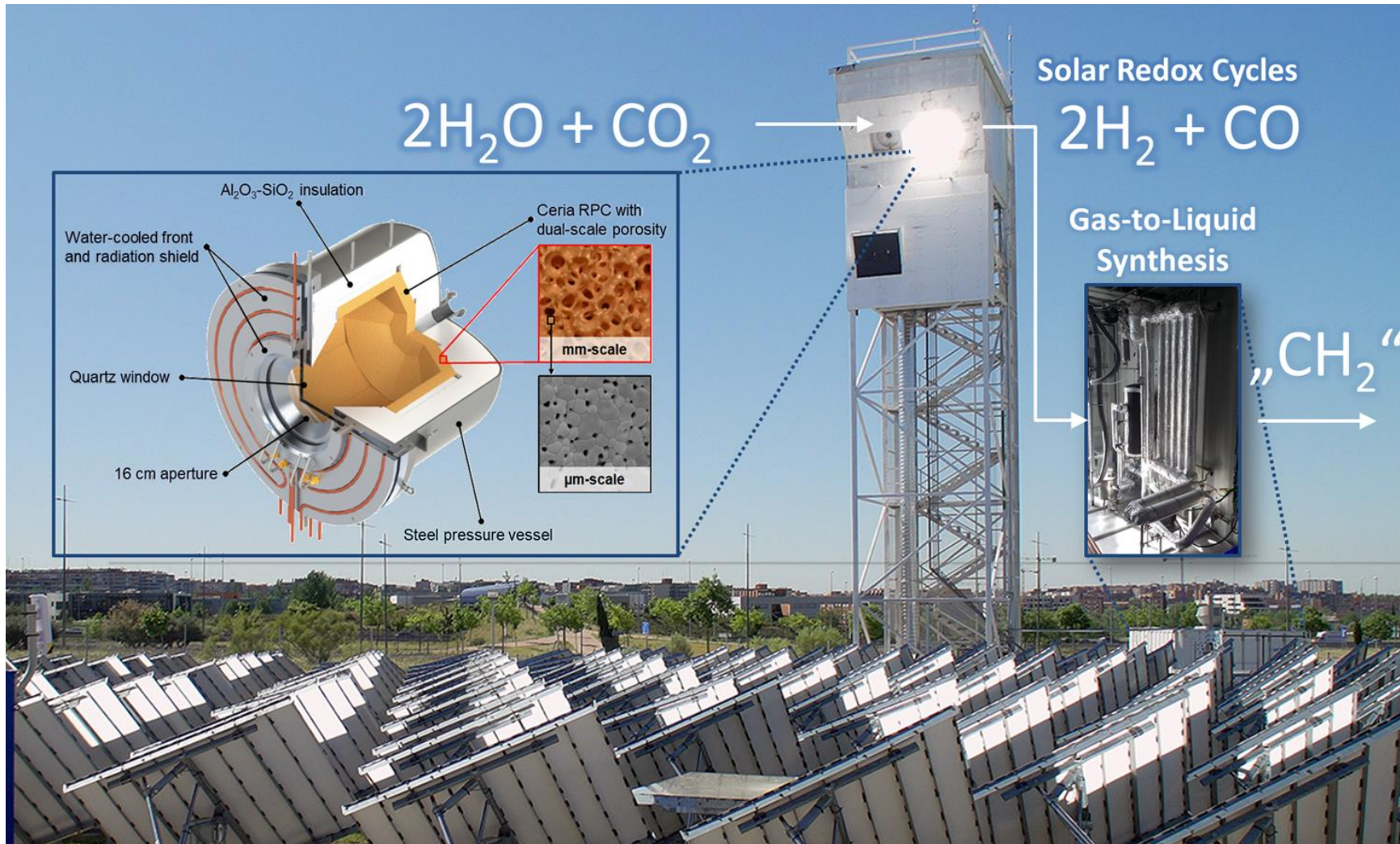
Light product (H<sub>2</sub>O, hydrocarbons)



Liquids from hydrocracking (incl. kerosene)

Source: D. Marxer, *Demonstration of the entire production chain to renewable kerosene via solar-thermochemical splitting of H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub>*, Energy & Fuels, 2015; P. Furler, *Solar Kerosene from H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub>*, AIP Conference Proceedings 1850, 100006 (2017)


# SUN-to-LIQUID (2016-2019)



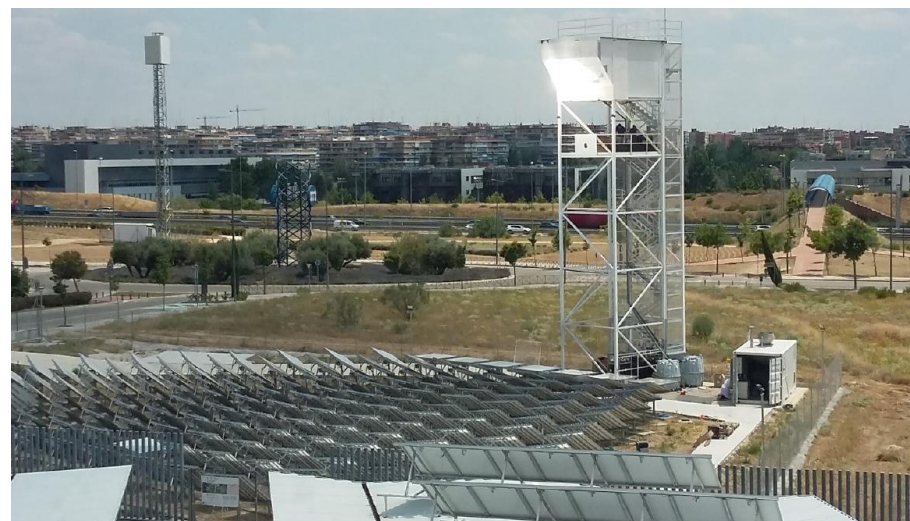
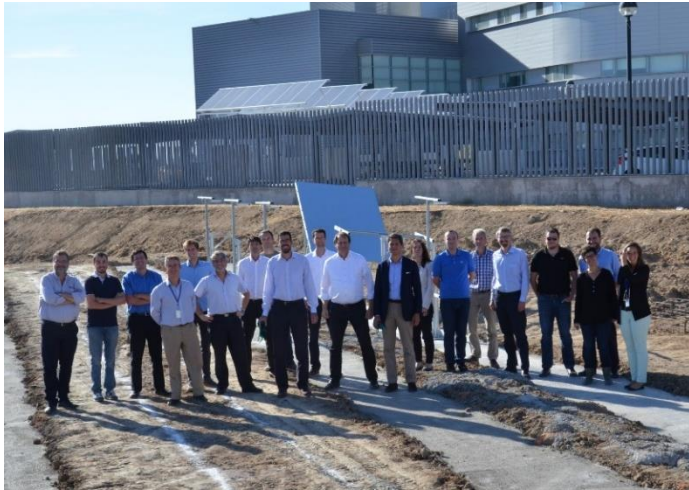
[www.sun-to-liquid.eu](http://www.sun-to-liquid.eu)

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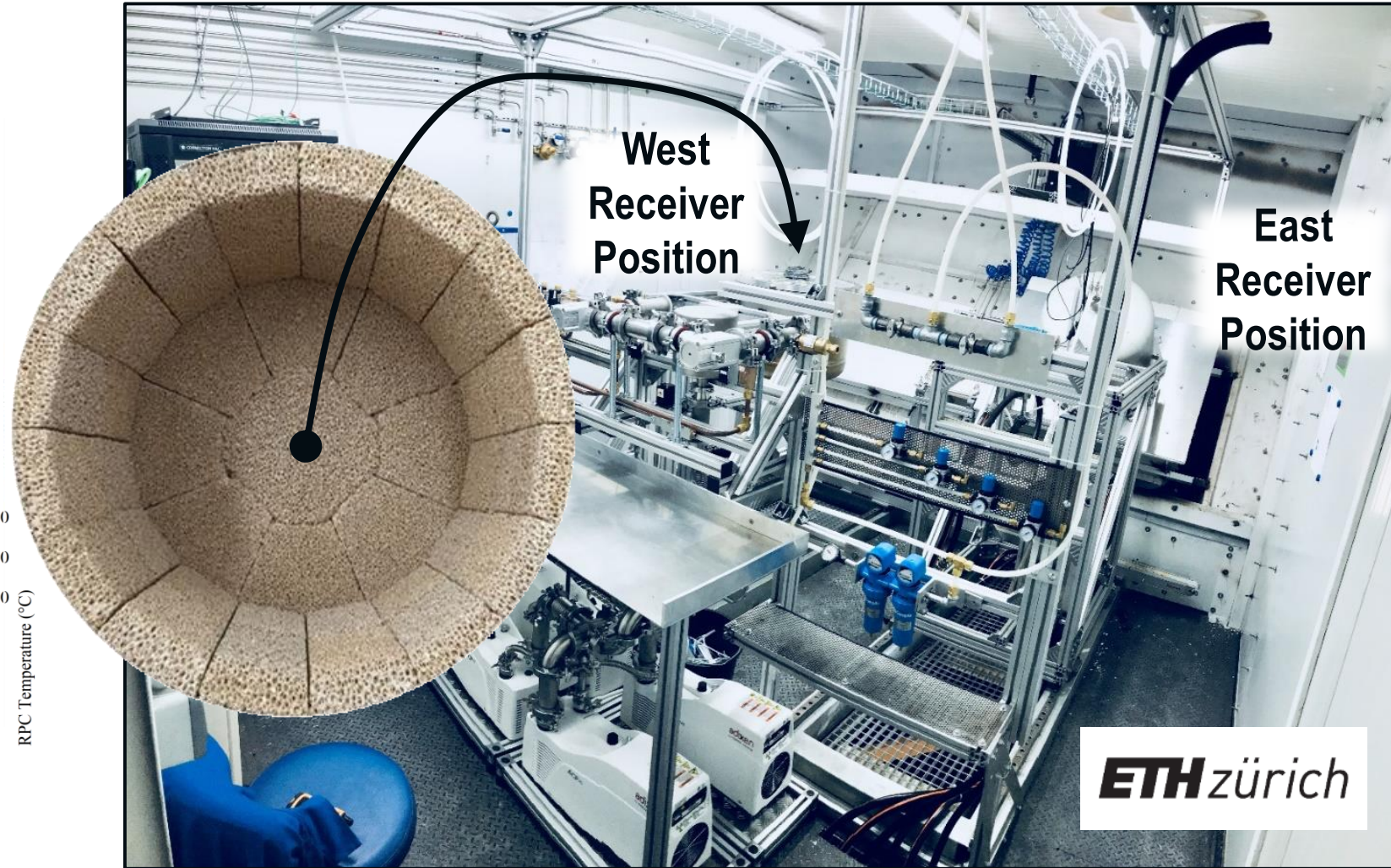
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# Design & construction of demo plant

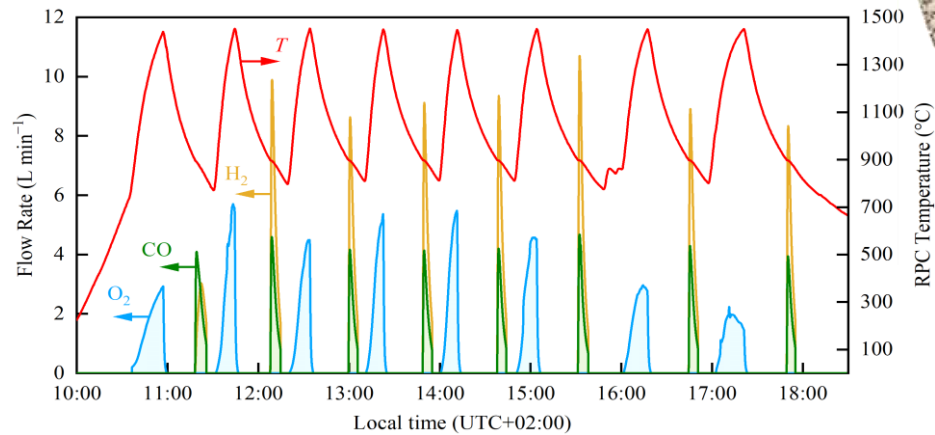


Picture source: SUN-to-LIQUID, IMDEA, Erik Koepf

# Experimental platform, solar reactor



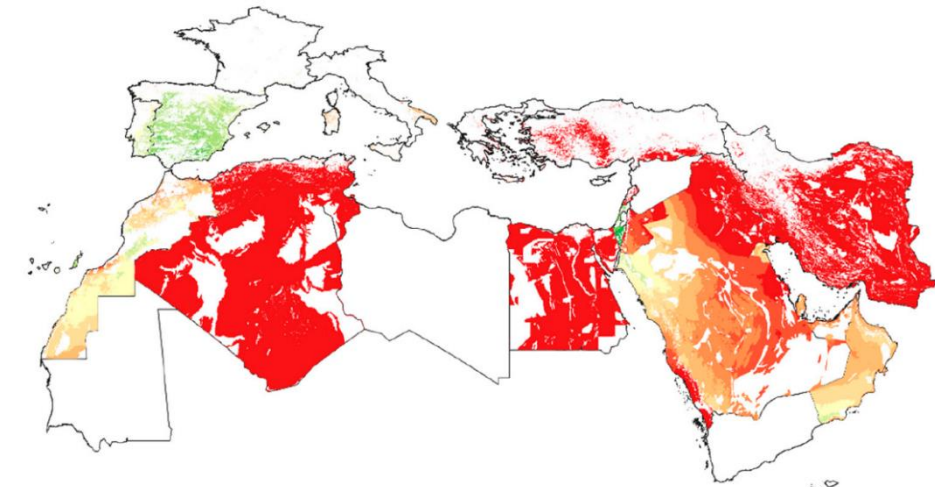
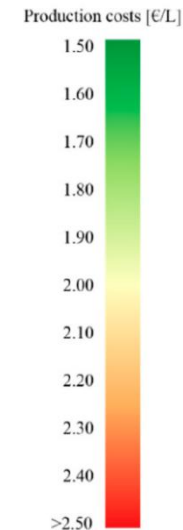
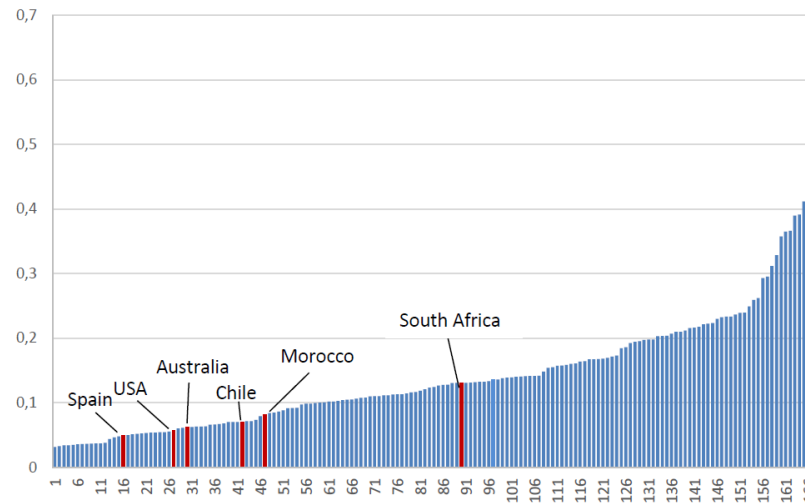
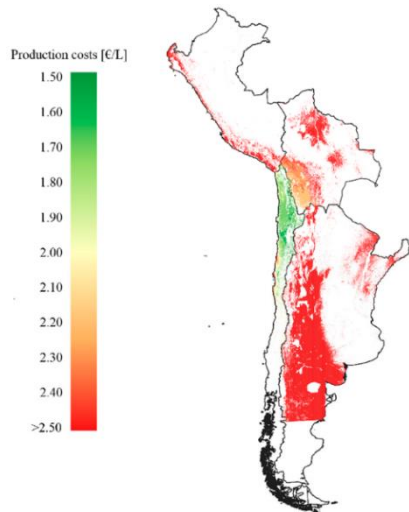
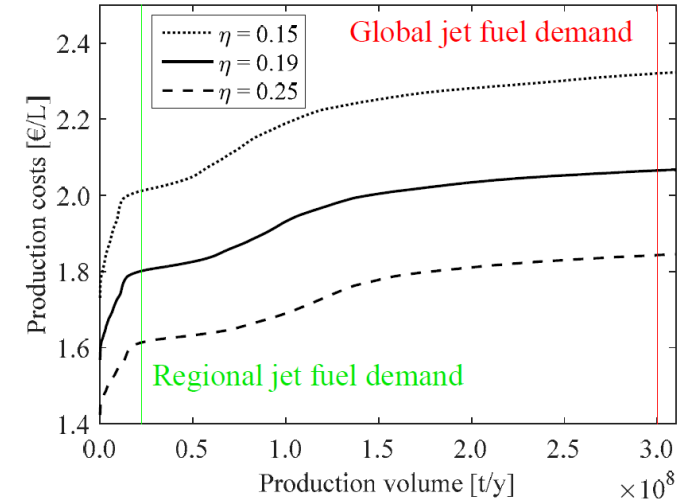
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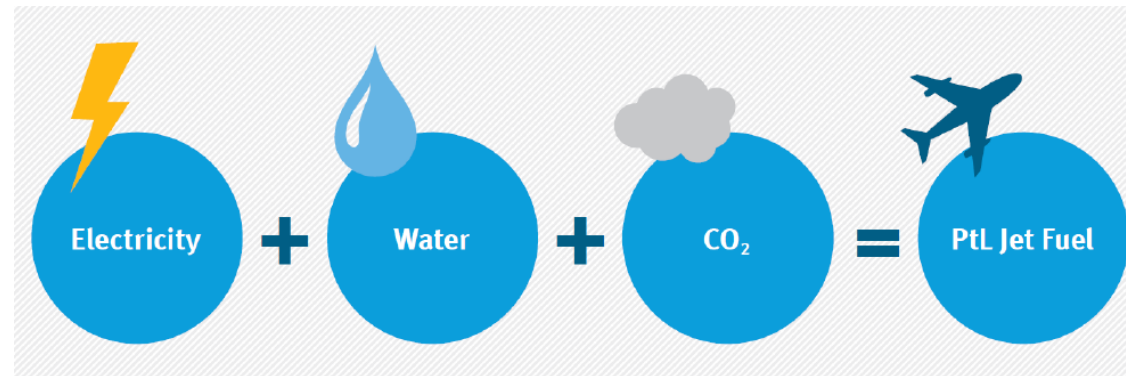
Source: E. Koepf et al, *Liquid Fuels from Concentrated Sunlight: Development and Integration of a 50 kW Solar Thermochemical Reactor and High Concentration Solar Field for the SUN-to-LIQUID Project*, SolarPACES2018, Stefan Zoller, Doctoral Thesis, ETH Zurich 2020

# Geographical production potential

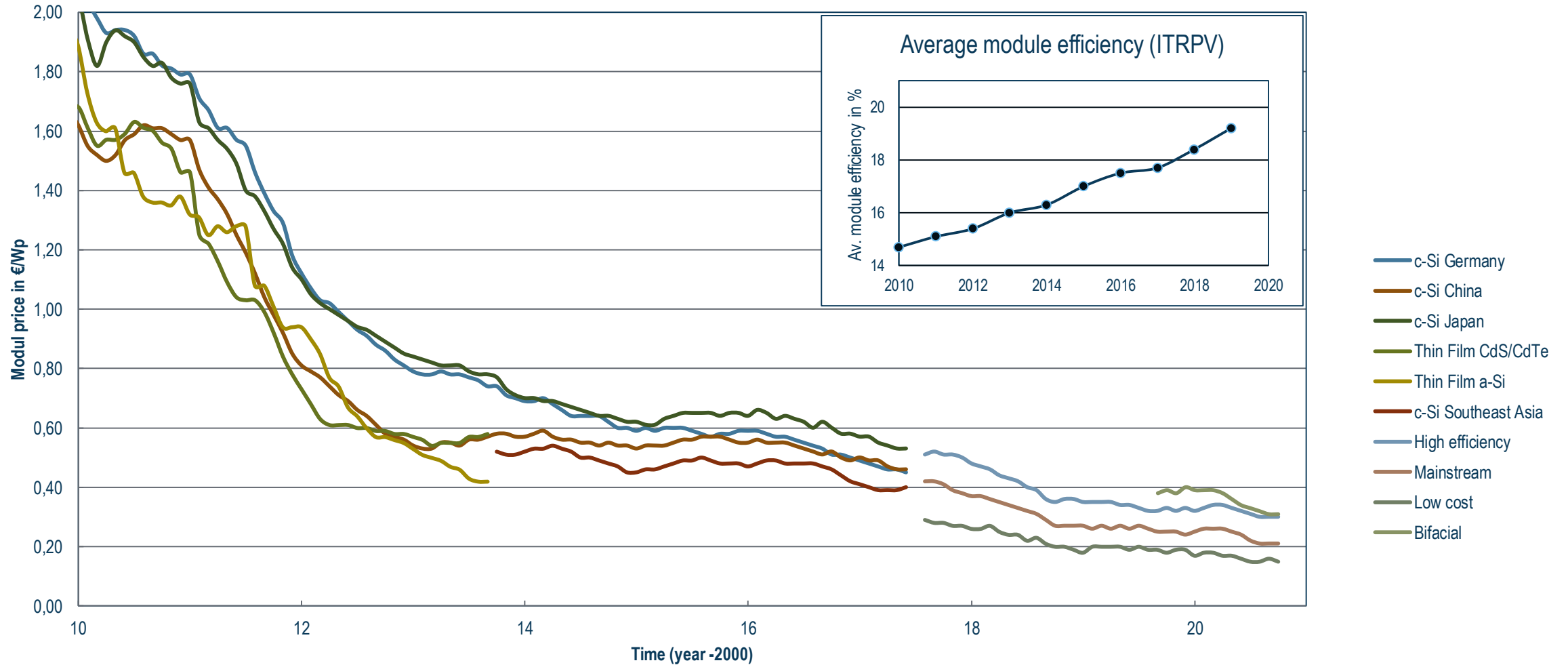
- ▶ **Production cost model highly sensitive to**
  - Solar resource, solar reactor efficiency, investment cost
  - Regional parameters: Capital cost assumptions, labour rates
- ▶ **Single countries have the potential to meet global jet fuel demand**



# Electricity based fuels



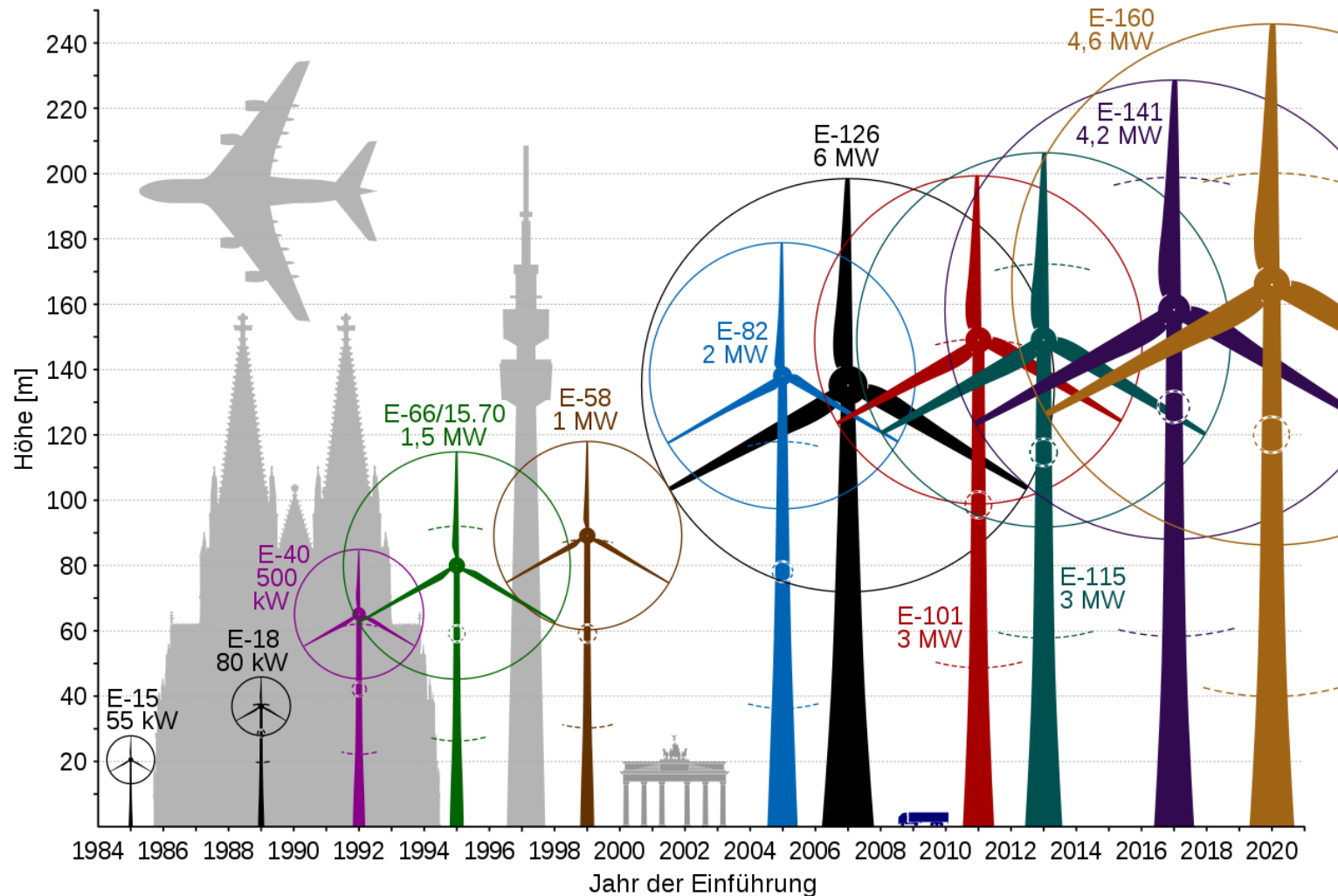
# Falling cost for renewable electricity: PV Module prices



Data: [www.solarserver.de/pv-modulpreise](http://www.solarserver.de/pv-modulpreise); International Technology Roadmap for Photovoltaics (ITRPV), 2019 Results, April 2020



# Technological progress (Onshore wind)



**Airbus A350-900:**

Fuel Capacity: 138.000 L

**Fueling 1x per day**

corresponds to

**52 x E-160 4,6 MW**

(Assumptions:  $CF=50\%$ ,  $\eta_{PTL} = 0.45\%$ )

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# Electricity demand for substitution with PtL in Germany

<b>Electricity demand for substitution with PtL in Germany (Jet Fuel: 11.8 Mt<sub>jet</sub> in 2019)</b>	
2 % PtL Jet Fuel (Jet Fuel optimized)	9 – 12 TWh
Renewable electricity generation (2019)	243 TWh (Wind: 126, PV: 47)
PtL Jet Fuel (Stoichiometric)	283 – 354 TWh
<b>PtL Jet Fuel (Jet Fuel optimized)</b>	<b>472 – 590 TWh</b>
Total electricity generation (2019)	611 TWh
PtL Jet Fuel (Balanced product spectrum)	944 – 1180 TWh
Wind and PV Potential (FfE)	2074 TWh (Wind: 1500, PV: 574)
Consumption of crude oil products	3185 – 3981 TWh

Data basis for electricity generation potentials: <http://opendata.ffo.de/eem2019>

# Comparably low resource demand for e-fuels



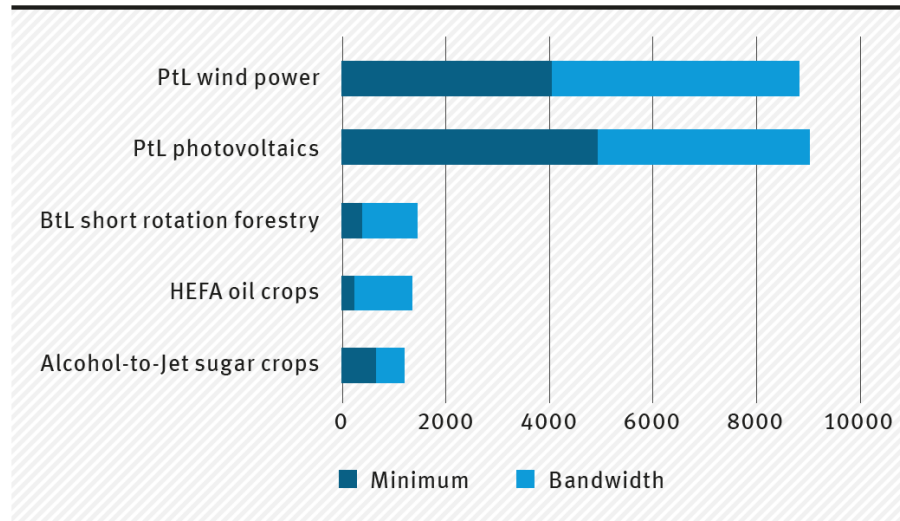
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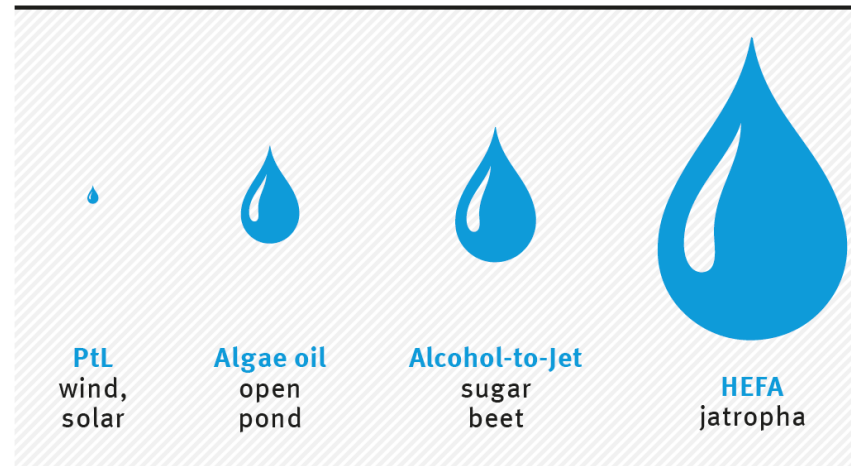
## ► Despite enormous demand of renewable electricity:

- Much higher area specific yield than energy crops
- Very low water consumption

Achievable air mileage for an A320neo per ha of land (km/(ha·yr))



PtL water demand compared to selected biofuels  
(volume representation, PtL water demand ~ 1.4 L<sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub>/L<sub>jetfuel</sub>)



Source: LBST / BHL, 2016



BACKGROUND // SEPTEMBER 2016

**Power-to-Liquids**  
Potentials and Perspectives  
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Renewable Aviation Fuel

German Environment Agency

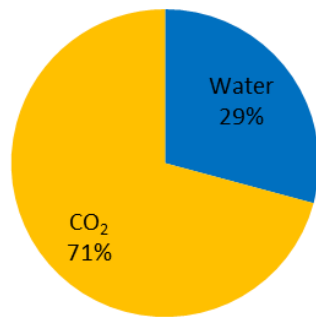
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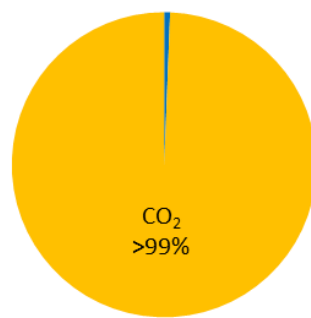
# Impact of feedstock provision H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub>

## ► Relative impact of providing 1 mol H<sub>2</sub>O and 1 mol CO<sub>2</sub>

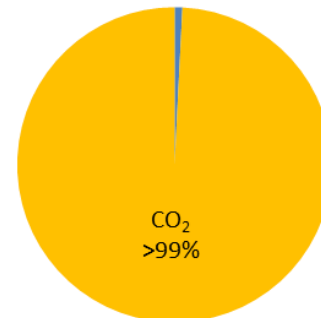
- Based on net reaction:  $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{“CH}_2\text{”} + 3/2 \text{O}_2$  (“CH<sub>2</sub>”: liquid hydrocarbons)



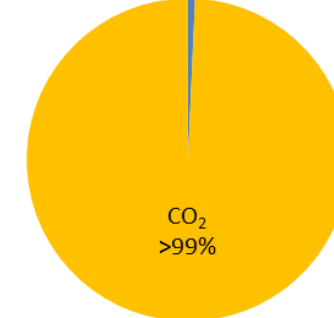
Weight  
(stoichiometric)



Electricity demand  
Seawater desalination vs.  
CO<sub>2</sub> capture



Feedstock cost  
Seawater desalination vs.  
CO<sub>2</sub> capture



GHG emissions  
Seawater desalination vs.  
CO<sub>2</sub> capture

- Main challenge: CO<sub>2</sub> provision, impact of water provision small

Sources and main assumptions:

Seawater desalination: Elimelech, The Future of Seawater Desalination: Energy, Technology, and the Environment, Science 2011, 333, 712

Industrial CO<sub>2</sub> provision: Cost \$40/tCO<sub>2</sub>, Supekar, Market-Driven Emissions from Recovery of Carbon Dioxide Gas, Environ. Sci. Technol., 2014, 48, 14615

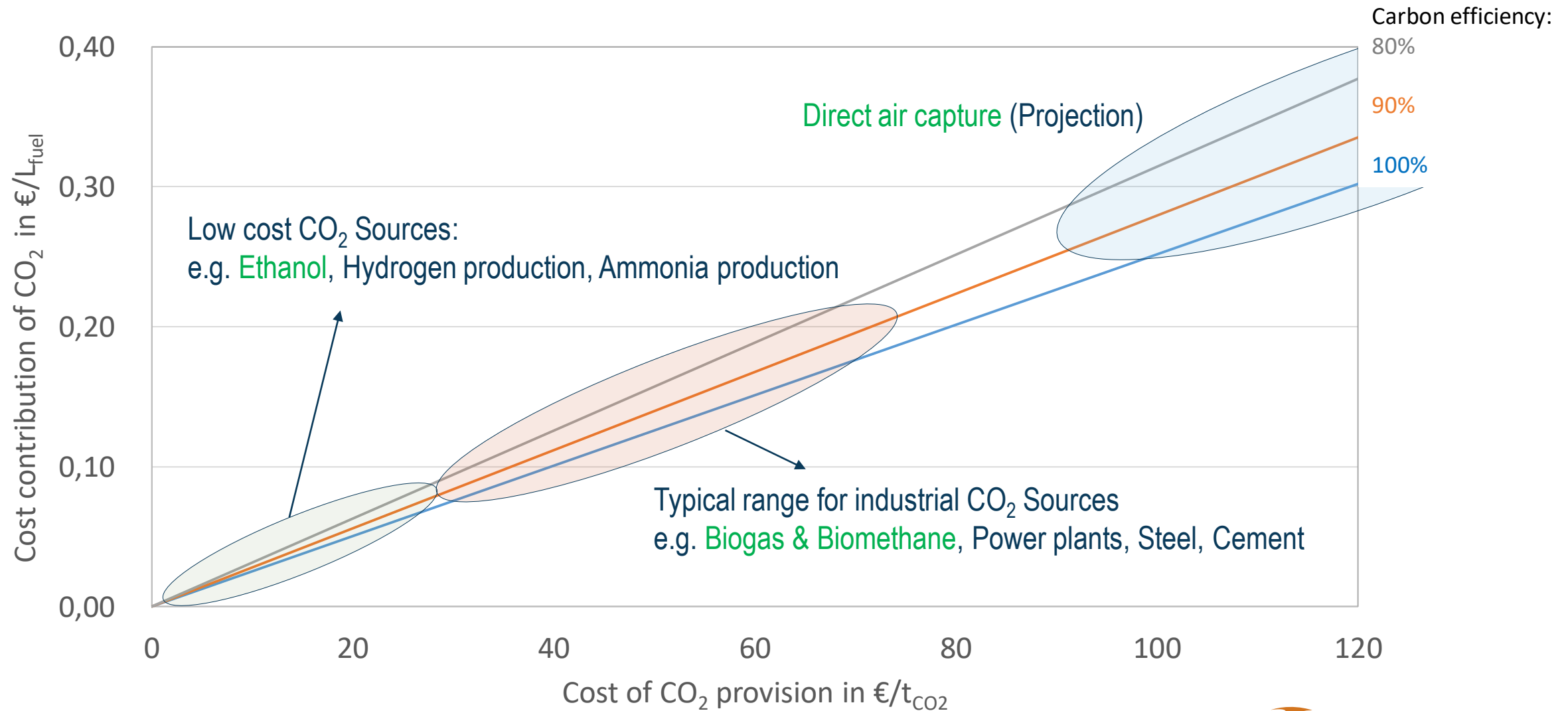
# Sustainability of PtL Fuels: The role of electricity feed

- PtL fuels from grid electricity not yet sustainable in most EU member states
- Use of additional renewable electricity necessary
  - Table accounts for electricity feed only (excludes further LC emission, CO<sub>2</sub> source etc.)

GHG emissions from EU electricity generation in 2020 and minimum requirements for PtL production (in g <sub>CO2</sub> /kWh <sub>el</sub> )												
Coal	Poland	Natural gas	Netherlands	Germany	Spain	PtL Break even	Denmark	Austria	Finland	France	PtL RED II	Sweden
> 800	724	> 400	318	301	192	~125	116	86	67	55	38	13
Higher GHG emissions than conventional jet fuel							Potential GHG reduction					

Sources: LBST and BHL: *Power-to-Liquids – Potentials and Perspectives for the Future Supply of Renewable Aviation Fuel*, Background Paper 2016 <http://bit.ly/2cowOyf>, P. Schmidt, V. Batteiger, A. Roth, W. Weindorf, T. Raksha, *Power-to-Liquids as Renewable Fuel Option for Aviation: A Review*, Chem. Ing. Tech. 2018, 90, No. 1–2, 127  
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# Further requirement for PtL: Sustainable CO<sub>2</sub> Source



# Typical cost structure of PtL fuels

- ▶ PtL production cost are much higher than conventional jet fuel prizes
  - Dominant cost items: Electricity and Electrolysis
  - Further contributions: Fuel synthesis and CO<sub>2</sub> provision

Cost item	Cost
Electricity generation 3 ct/kWh, 50% energy conversion efficiency, 10 kWh/L	0.6 €/L
Electrolysis capex 600 €/kW, CF = 0.6, 5% acc, 5% O&M	0.3 €/L
FT 50000 €/bpd, CF = 0.9, 5% acc,	< 0.1 €/L
CO <sub>2</sub> provision 40 \$/tCO <sub>2</sub> , 90% carbon efficiency	0.1 €/L
<b>Sum of selected cost items</b>	<b>1.1 €/L</b>

Cost item	Cost
Electricity generation 5 ct/kWh, 50% energy conversion efficiency, 10 kWh/L	1 €/L
Electrolysis capex 1000 €/kW, CF = 0.3, 5% acc, 5% O&M	1 €/L
FT 100000 €/bpd, CF = 0.5, 5% acc,	0.3 €/L
CO <sub>2</sub> provision 100 \$/tCO <sub>2</sub> , 90% carbon efficiency	0.3 €/L
<b>Sum of selected cost items</b>	<b>2.60 €/L</b>

# PtL Project: PowerFuel (2018-2021)



- ▶ **Demonstration of a complete PtL process chain at KIT, Karlsruhe**
  - From CO<sub>2</sub> air capture to FT-SPK blend component to Jet A-1
  - Load-flexible operation (micro-structured Fischer-Tropsch reactor)



Quelle: R. Dittmeyer KIT/IMVT



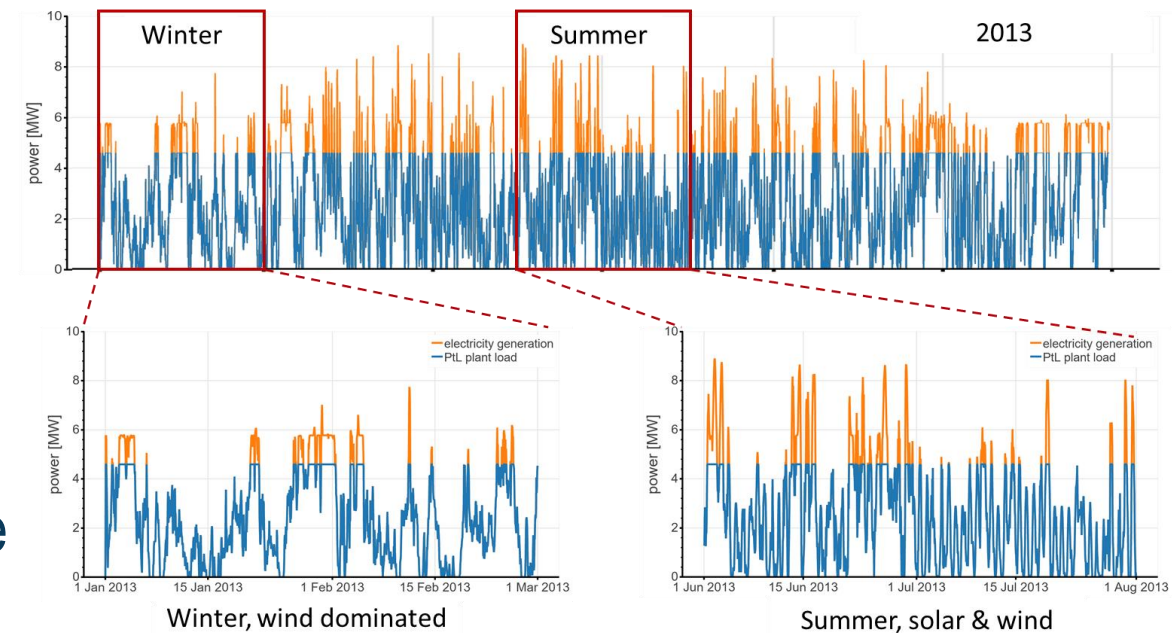
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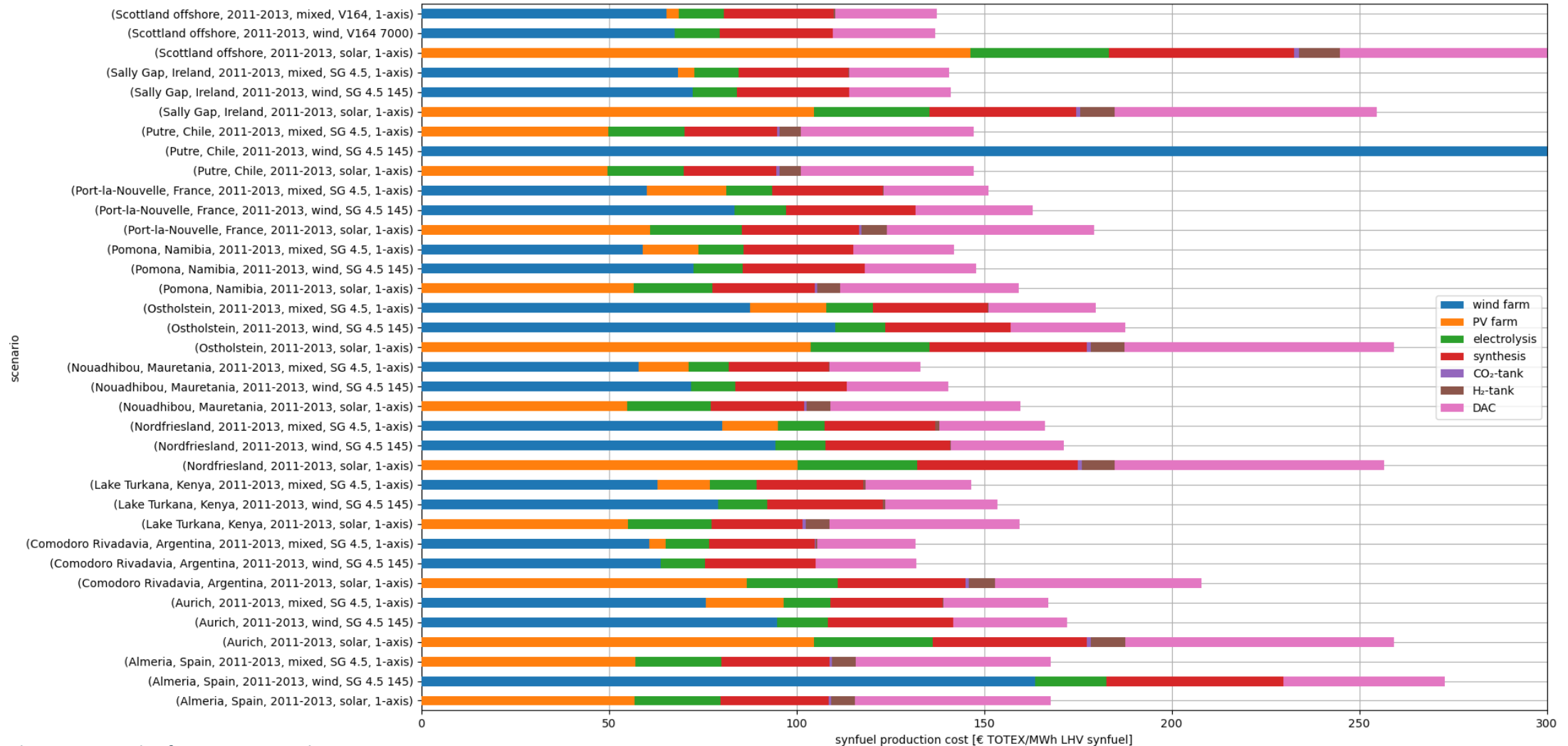


## ► Optimization of PtL plant with respect to renewable power profiles

- Favourable locations in Germany (and EU) are wind dominated
- Still, there is a benefit of adding PV but the cost advantage tends to be small
- No significant gas storage ( $H_2$ ) for wind
- Day-night storage for PV
- Peaks of the power profile capped to increase capacity factor of the downstream systems



# Analyses for selected international sites



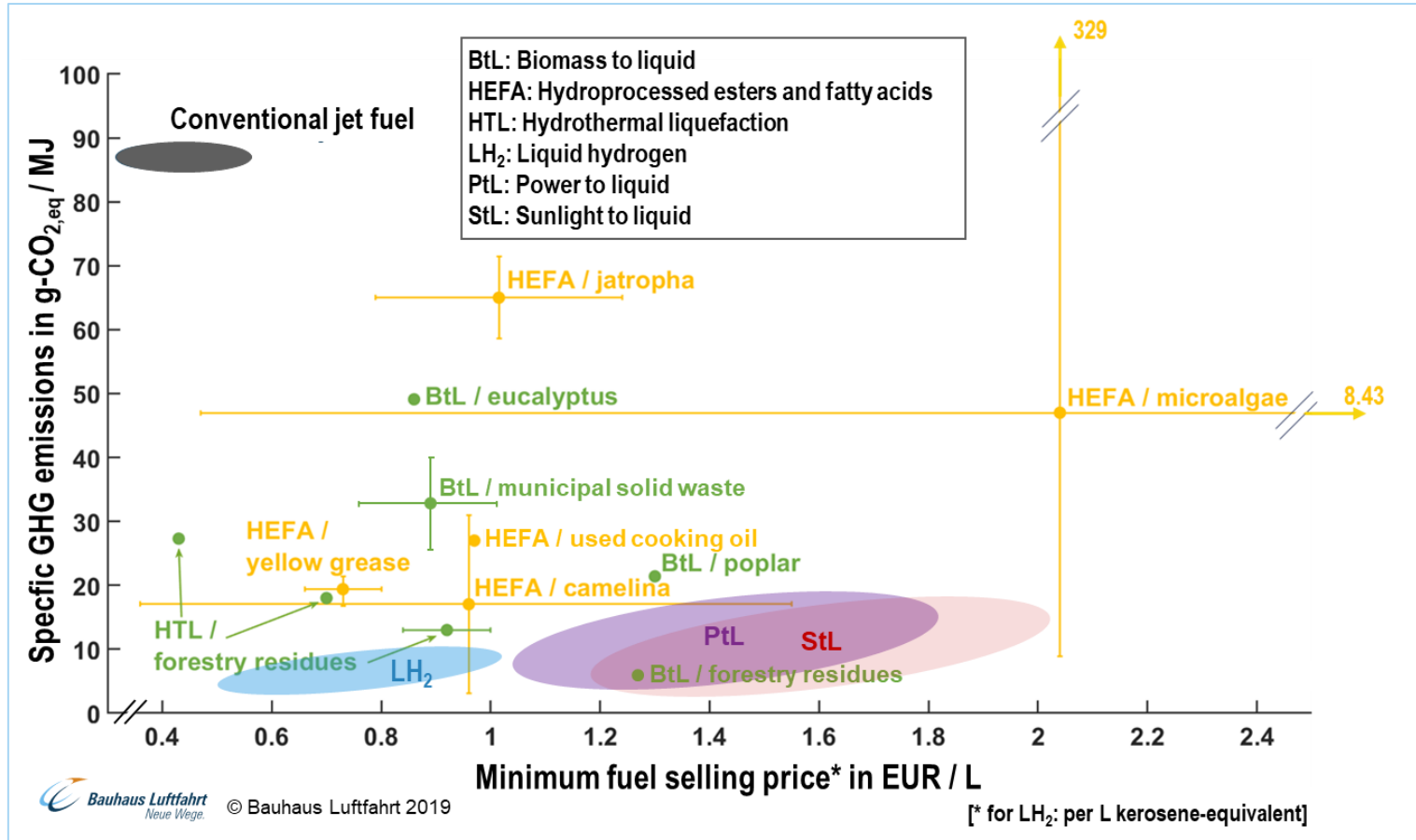
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# Map of future renewable fuel options

HyFlexFuel



THE Hy-ShAir CONCEPT

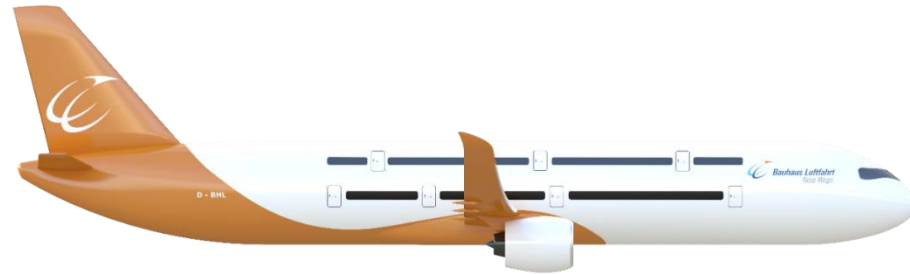


SUN to LIQUID  
 Fuels from concentrated sunlight

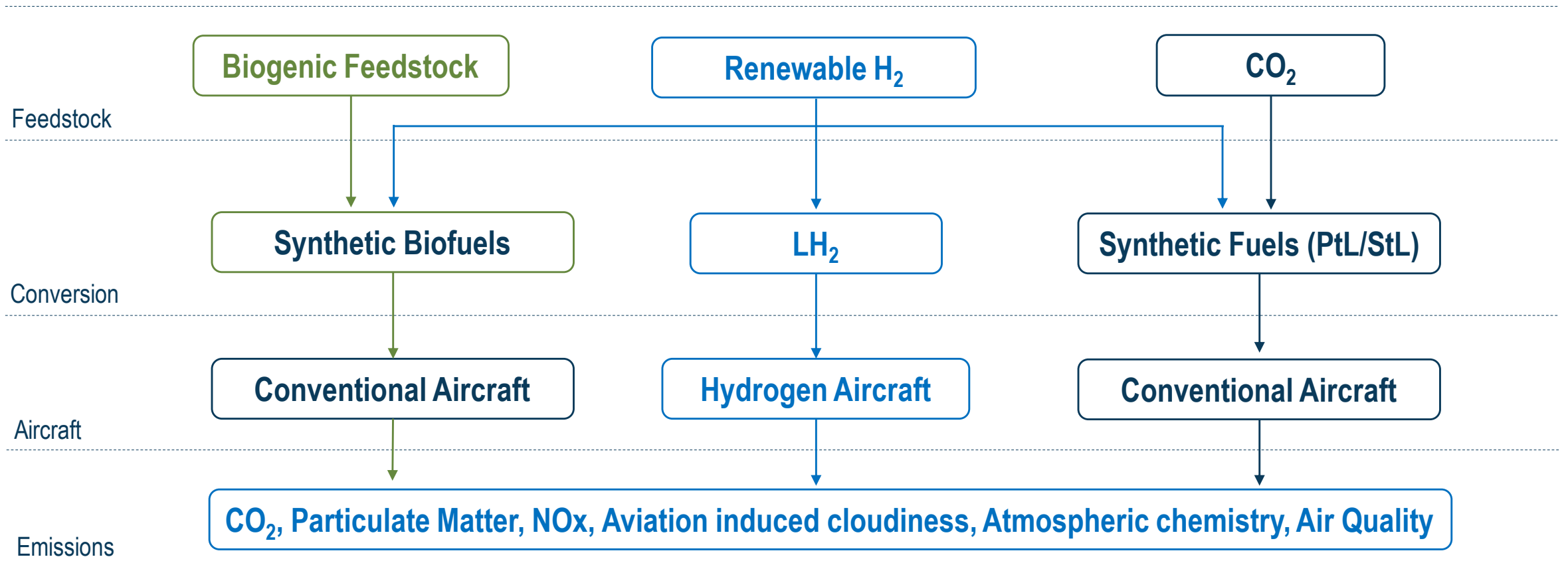
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# Hydrogen



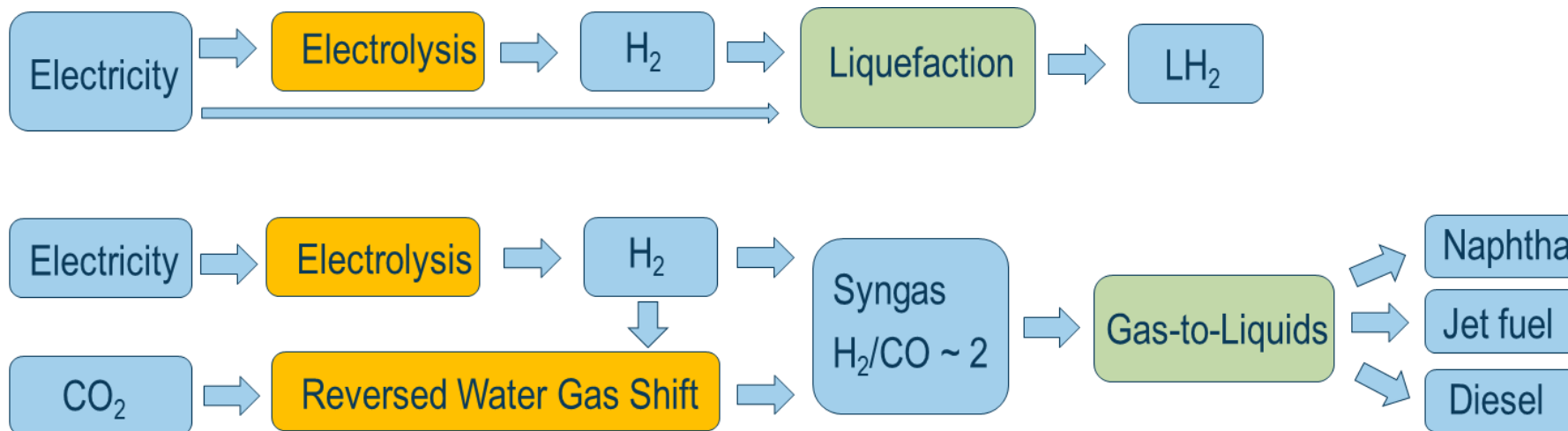
# Options to introduce renewable H<sub>2</sub> in long-haul aviation



Source: Penke, *Pathways and environmental assessment for the introduction of renewable hydrogen into the aviation sector*, Ökobilanzwerkstatt 2019

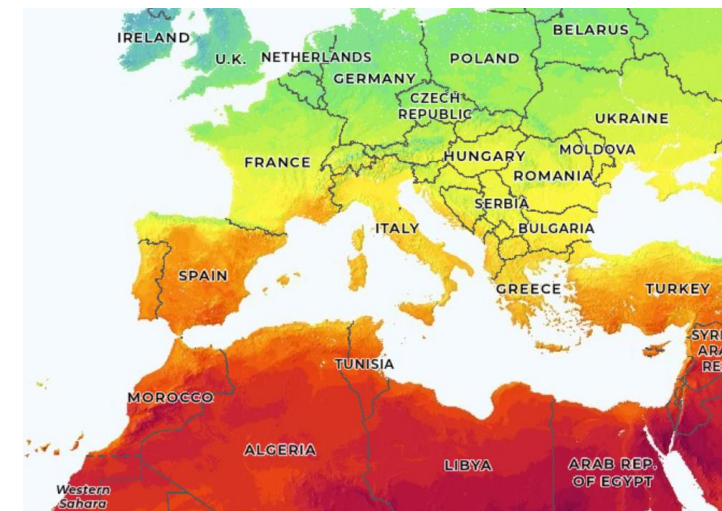
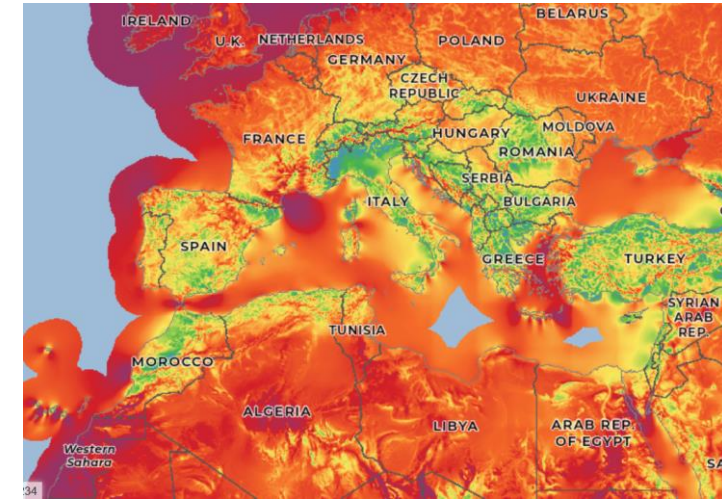
# Cost Advantage of LH<sub>2</sub> Compared to PtL at Production Site

- ▶ **Robust and significant cost advantage of LH<sub>2</sub> production compared to PtL**
  - Higher energy conversion efficiency (relative efficiency advantage 20-30%)
  - No CO<sub>2</sub> source required, high selectivity towards LH<sub>2</sub> product



# Regional Cost-sensitivity of Power-derived Fuels

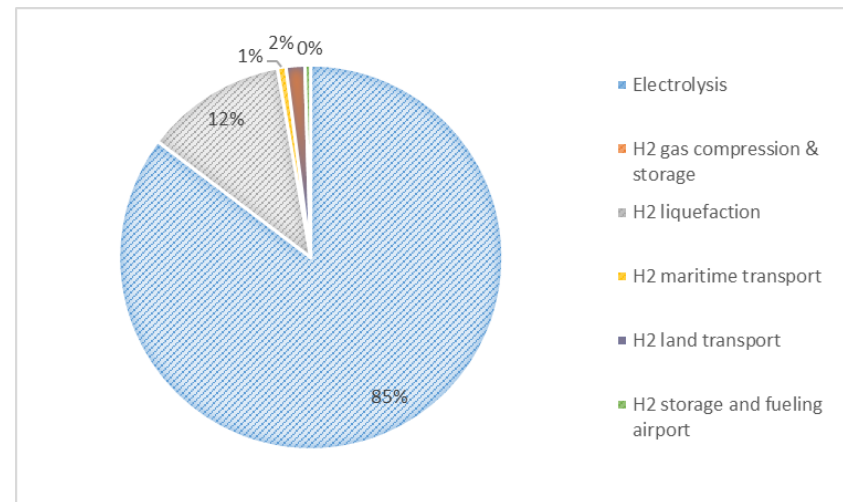
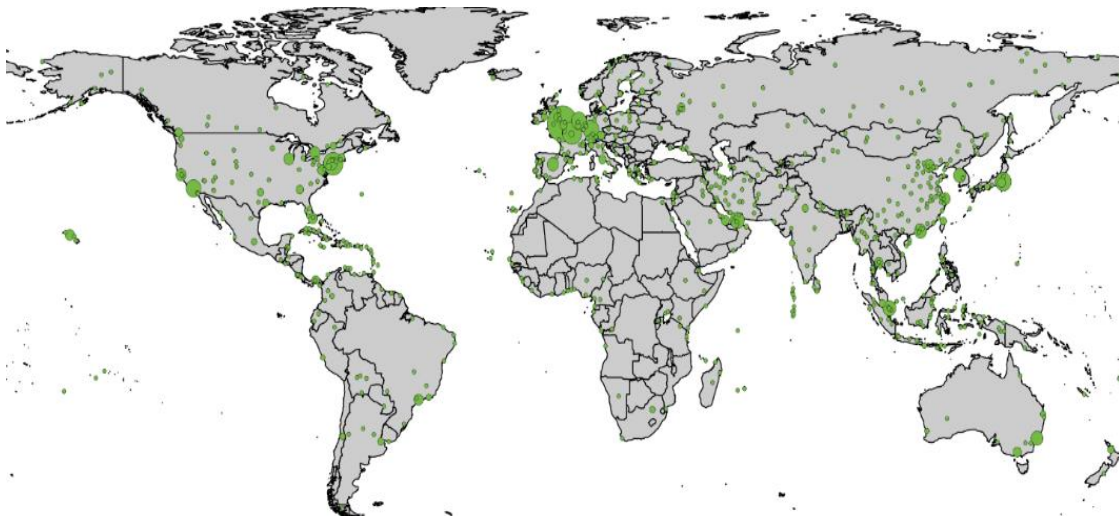
- ▶ **E-fuel production cost strongly location dependent**
  - Significant differences between most excellent locations and conditions at various airport sites
  - Low transportation costs for liquid fuels
- ▶ **LH<sub>2</sub> costs at airports need to be competitive with imported synthetic fuels from excellent locations**
  - Local LH<sub>2</sub> production at selected airports
  - LH<sub>2</sub> import perspective for less favorable sites



Wind resource: <https://globalwindatlas.info>, Solar resource: <https://globalsolaratlas.info>

# Logistics of LH<sub>2</sub> in Large Quantities

- ▶ **Benefits of LH<sub>2</sub> production can outweigh logistic penalties of LH<sub>2</sub> supply**
  - H<sub>2</sub> is required in liquid phase and large quantities at a limited number of locations
  - Airports with significant share of long-haul traffic tend to be close to coasts
  - Energy demand of logistics much smaller than energy demand for LH<sub>2</sub> production

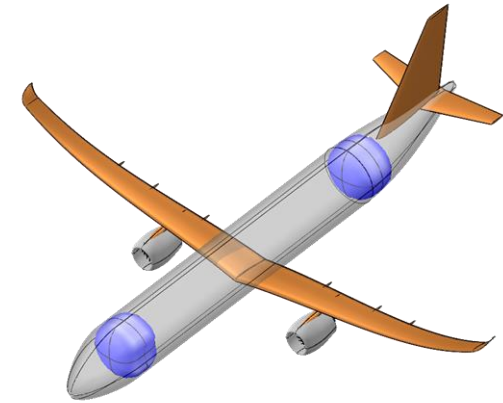
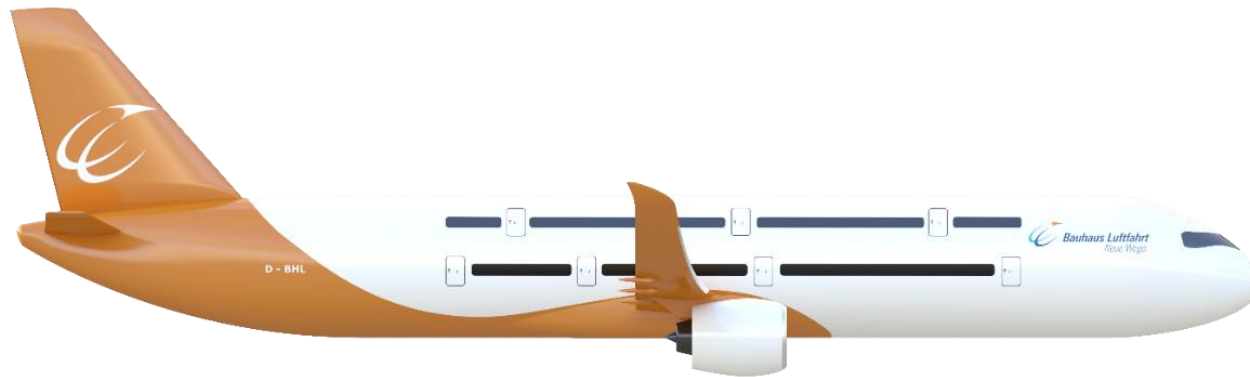


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# Aircraft Design HyLiner 2.0

THE  
Hy-ShAir  
CONCEPT



- Design-range 6400 nm (11 850 km)
- Cruise Speed Mach ~ 0.7
- 400 Passengers + cargo (46 t payload)
- MTOW: 196 t
- Wing span: 81 m
- Tank capacity: 371 m<sup>3</sup> (ca. 20 t)

Troeltsch, F., Engelmann, M., Scholz, A., Peter, F., Kaiser, J. & Hornung, M. (2020).  
*Hydrogen-Powered Long-Haul Aircraft with Minimised Climate Impact*. Proceedings of the 2020 AIAA AVIATION Forum. doi:10.2514/6.2020-2660

# Conclusions

- ▶ **Battery electric aviation is only an option for very short distances**
- ▶ **Bulk part of the energy demand of aviation needs to be met by liquid fuels**
  - Plant oil based biofuels cannot be scaled to aviation fuel demand in a sustainable way
  - Biofuels from advanced feedstock are an option (expensive, still in development phase)
  - E-fuels from solar & wind can be produced in large quantities, but come at a cost as well
  - CO<sub>2</sub> provision is an important consideration for large-scale e-fuel production
  - Regional aspects play an important role (renewable resources, socio-economic indicators)
  - 100% synthetic fuels: Opportunity to minimize emission from combustion (soot, sulphur)
- ▶ **Liquefied hydrogen might be an option in the long-term**
  - Significant technological challenges remain (development of LH<sub>2</sub> aircraft)



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[www.hyflexfuel.eu](http://www.hyflexfuel.eu) Projektvideo: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDBlxPf06go](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDBlxPf06go)



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