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What are Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF)?

- There is **not a single definition** of SAF:

Different policy or regulatory frameworks refer to a non-conventional *drop-in* aviation fuel, alternative to fossil-based jet fuel that reduce life cycle green-house gas (GHG) emissions relative to conventional aviation fuel, and which are compliant with certain sustainability requirements

- **UK SAF mandate**



- **ReFuel EU Aviation**



- **US SAF tax credit**



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- **ICAO Annex 16 Vol IV (CORSIA):**

- *CORSIA sustainable aviation fuel: A renewable or waste-derived aviation fuel that meets the CORSIA Sustainability Criteria under this Volume*

What are Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF)?

- The **two key requirements** that any SAF should accomplish are:
 - **To be SUSTAINABLE:** Need to **fulfil specific sustainability requirements**, including greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions, defined in an explicit policy/regulatory framework or standard.
 - **To be AVIATION FUEL:** Need to meet **equivalent aviation fuel specifications as existing fossil-based ones**, be “drop-in” or miscible thus compatible with existing and going into service civil aircraft fleets.



What are SAF? Sustainable fuels

- There can be different requirements worldwide depending on the regulatory or voluntary framework:
 - **ICAO:** The Council endorsed in November 2021 **the FIRST comprehensive GLOBAL sustainability criteria applicable to bioenergy**, including **environmental and socio-economic** criteria
 - ✓ Revised in November 2022
 - **EU RED: Renewable Energy Directive**
 - **Voluntary standards: RSB, ISCC, etc.**



Renewable Energy Directive EU



What are SAF? Sustainable fuels

- **ICAO CORSIA** and **EU RED** have a similar approach:
UMBRELLA STANDARDS
 - ✓ The **standard/regulation (CORSIA/EU RED)** establishes the criteria to fulfil, for the fuel to be eligible under each respective framework:
 - **Sustainability themes, principles and criteria** (including a minimum GHG emissions savings)
 - **Methodologies to calculate the GHG emissions savings** on a life-cycle basis
 - ✓ Multiple recognised **Sustainability Certification Schemes** can demonstrate compliance with the criteria, using their own approaches, previously assessed and approved by the respective authority



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Sustainability Criteria for CORSIA Eligible Fuels

A wide range of criteria ensures **environmental, social and economic sustainability** of CORSIA eligible fuels



Sustainability Themes

1. Greenhouse Gases (GHG)
2. Carbon stock
3. GHG reduction permanence
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Carbon-reduction themes

Environmental themes

Socio-Economic themes

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CORSIA Sustainability Criteria for
CORSIA Eligible Fuels



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Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation

Three chapters:

- **Chapter 1:** CORSIA SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA APPLICABLE FOR BATCHES OF CORSIA ELIGIBLE FUEL PRODUCED BY A CERTIFIED FUEL PRODUCER BEFORE 1 JANUARY 2024
- **Chapter 2:** CORSIA SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA APPLICABLE FOR BATCHES OF CORSIA SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUEL PRODUCED BY A CERTIFIED FUEL PRODUCER ON OR AFTER 1 JANUARY 2024
- **Chapter 3:** CORSIA SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA APPLICABLE FOR BATCHES OF CORSIA LOWER CARBON AVIATION FUEL PRODUCED BY A CERTIFIED FUEL PRODUCER ON OR AFTER 1 JANUARY 2024

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Two agreed initial Sustainability Criteria on CO₂ reduction for the CORSIA Pilot Phase (SAF and LCAF)

- ✓ Net GHG emissions reductions of at least 10% on a life cycle basis
- ✓ No feedstock from deforested areas

Guidance on the application of sustainability criteria

- a) Compliance with Themes 1 and 2 is granted on the basis of independent attestation by Sustainability Certification Schemes included in the ICAO document “CORSIA Approved Sustainability Certification Schemes” which is available on the ICAO CORSIA website.
- b) A fuel producer can produce batches of CORSIA eligible fuels for 365 calendar days after it has been certified by an SCS for compliance with the CORSIA Sustainability Criteria, after which the fuel producer shall be re-certified for compliance with the sustainability criteria applicable at the time of re-certification.
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Sustainability Criteria for CORSIA Eligible Fuels

Theme: ENV topic covered by the *standard*

Principle: Agreed requirement for a sustainable production

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Criteria: Describe the specific conditions to be met and assessed, to achieve the principles

Guidance: Documentation and information that an SCS can review from a producer, as well as potentially applicable parameters that an SCS can use to demonstrate compliance.

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Chapter 2: APPLICABLE FOR SAF PRODUCED ON OR AFTER 1 JANUARY 2024

For next CORSIA Phases:

✓ **13 themes applicable for SAF with specific criteria (Chapter 2):**

- **Environmental:** GHG, Carbon Stocks, GHG savings permanence, Water; Soil; Air; Conservation; Waste and Chemicals;
- **Socio-Economic:** Human and labor rights; Land use rights and land use; Water use rights; Local and social development; and Food security

✓ **Same 14 themes for LCAF with specific criteria (Chapter 3)**

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3. Greenhouse gas Emissions Reductions Permanence	Principle: Emissions reductions attributed to CORSIA SAF should be permanent.	Criterion 3.1: Operational practices will be implemented to monitor, mitigate and compensate any material incidence of non-permanence resulting from carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) activities.
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- Not all Themes are to be assessed in the same way:

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Compliance with themes 10-12 can be demonstrated to the SCS by a national attestation from the State in whose territory the SAF is produced, without further assessment by the SCS

Compliance with 13-14 will be demonstrated by reporting to the SCS the actions being taken to meet the related criteria, without further judgement of those actions by the SCS

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Methodologies to calculate GHG savings

- Economic operators can either:

Use GHG default values calculated by ICAO



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CORSIA Default Life Cycle Emissions Values for CORSIA Eligible Fuels



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Calculate them using an approved methodology



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CORSIA Methodology for Calculating Actual Life Cycle Emissions Values



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Similar approach as in the EU RED



Methodologies to calculate GHG savings

- Different approach to address indirect/induced land-use change (ILUC):

Table 2. CORSIA Default Life Cycle Emissions Values for CORSIA Eligible Fuels produced with the Hydroprocessed Esters and Fatty Acids (HEFA) Fuel Conversion Process

Region	Fuel Feedstock	Pathway Specifications	Core LCA Value	ILUC LCA Value	LS _F (gCO ₂ e/MJ)
Global	Tallow		22.5		22.5
Global	Used cooking oil		13.9		13.9
Global	Palm fatty acid distillate		20.7	0.0	20.7
Global	Corn oil	Oil from dry mill ethanol plant	17.2		17.2
USA	Soybean oil		40.4	24.5	64.9
Brazil	Soybean oil		40.4	27.0	67.4
Global	Soybean oil		40.4	25.8	66.2
EU	Rapeseed oil		47.4	24.1	71.5
Global	Rapeseed oil		47.4	26.0	73.4
Malaysia & Indonesia	Palm oil	At the oil extraction step, at least 85% of the biogas released from the Palm Oil Mill Effluent (POME) treated in anaerobic ponds is captured and oxidized.	37.4	39.1	76.5
Malaysia & Indonesia	Palm oil	At the oil extraction step, less than 85% of the biogas released from the Palm Oil Mill Effluent (POME) treated in anaerobic ponds is captured and oxidized.	60.0	39.1	99.1
Brazil	Brassica carinata oil	Feedstock is grown as a secondary crop that avoids other crops displacement	34.4	-20.4	14.0
USA	Brassica carinata oil	Feedstock is grown as a secondary crop that avoids other crops displacement	34.4	-21.4	13.0
Global	Brassica carinata oil	Feedstock is grown as a secondary crop that avoids other crops displacement	34.4	-12.7	21.7
Global	Camelina oil	Feedstock is grown as a secondary crop that avoids other crops displacement	42.0	-13.4	28.6
India	Jatropha oil	Meal used as fertilizer or electricity input	46.9	-24.8	22.1
India	Jatropha oil	Meal used as animal feed after detoxification	46.8	-48.1	-1.3



ICAO estimates through modelling ILUC values



EU RED



Sets limits on high ILUC-risk biofuels, bioliquids and biomass fuels with a significant expansion in land with high carbon stock.



Both introduce exemptions for SAF certified as **low ILUC-risk**



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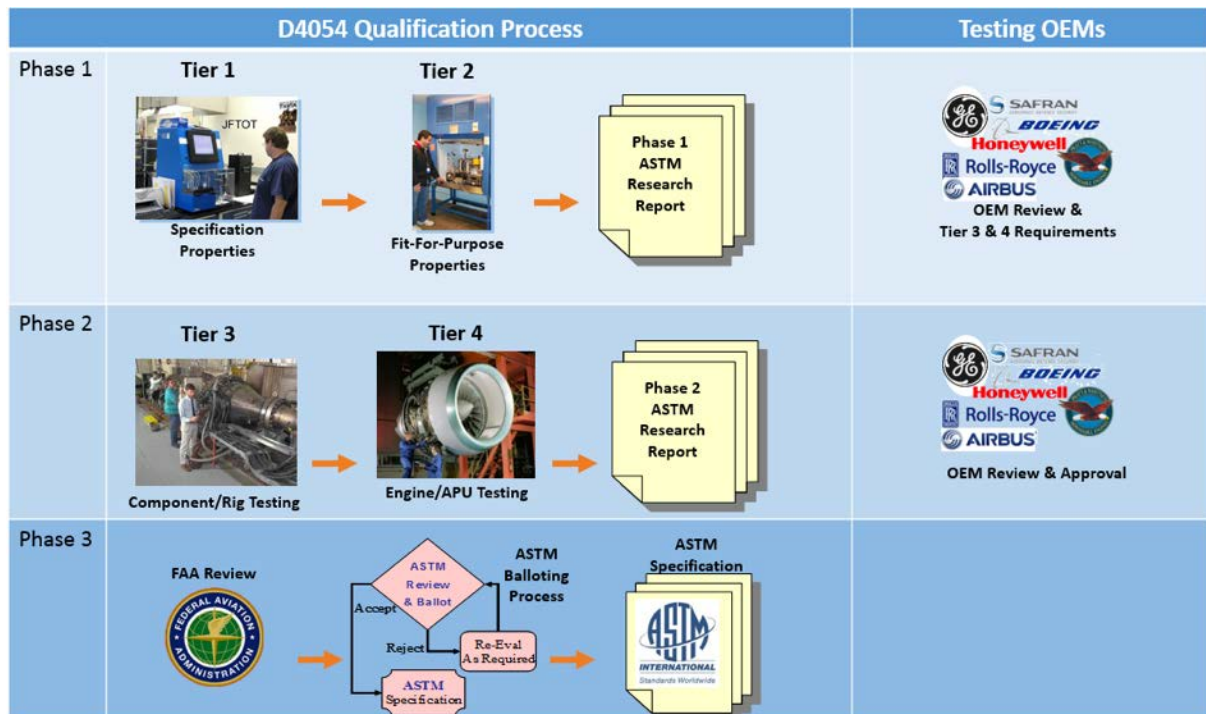
What are SAF? Aviation *drop-in* fuels

- SAF need to **comply with global standards** and have **at least the same level of operational safety requirements as conventional fuels** in order to ensure compatibility with its use on existing and future civil aircraft fleets:
 - **2009:** the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International, issued the **ASTM D7566 for Aviation Turbine Fuel Containing Synthesized Hydrocarbons**
 - It is **still the standard today for new SAF technologies** > **European standards incorporates those approved by ASTM**
 - The **EU (EASA)** and the **UK** are currently developing **SAF qualification processes** similar to the ASTM one (“Clearing House” concept).

SAF qualification (clearing house process)

New SAF production pathways are assessed against the ASTM D4054 Standard Practice and once approved, each pathway is later included within ASTM D7566 Fuel Standard.

Extensive testing is required to ensure the fuel is fit for purpose and performs within expected norms.



Technology options: How SAF can be produced?

- Today **nine technology pathways have been approved** to produce drop-in SAF

BLEND



1. Annex A1: **Fischer Tropsch (FT) Synthetic Paraffinic Kerosene (FT SPK)**, approved in 2009
2. Annex A2: **Hydro-processed Esters and Fatty Acids (HEFA SPK)**, approved in 2011
3. Annex A3: **Hydro-processed Fermented Sugar (HFS-SIP)** approved in 2014

} Up to **50%**

4. Annex A4: **SPK plus aromatics (FT-SPK/A)**, approved in 2015
5. Annex A5: **Alcohol to Jet (ATJ-SPK)**, approved in 2016 for isobutanol feedstock and updated in 2018 for ethanol feedstock.

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6. Annex A6: **Catalytic Hydrothermolysis Synthesized Kerosene (CH-SK, or CHJ)**, approved in 2020

7. Annex A7: **Hydroprocessed Hydrocarbons, Esters and Fatty Acids Synthetic Paraffinic Kerosene (HHC-SPK or HC-HEFA-SPK)**, approved in 2020

→ Up to **10%**

8. Annex A1: **co-processing** of fats and oils in a conventional refinery, approved in 2018

9. Annex A1: **co-processing** of Fischer Tropsch Biocrude, approved in 2020

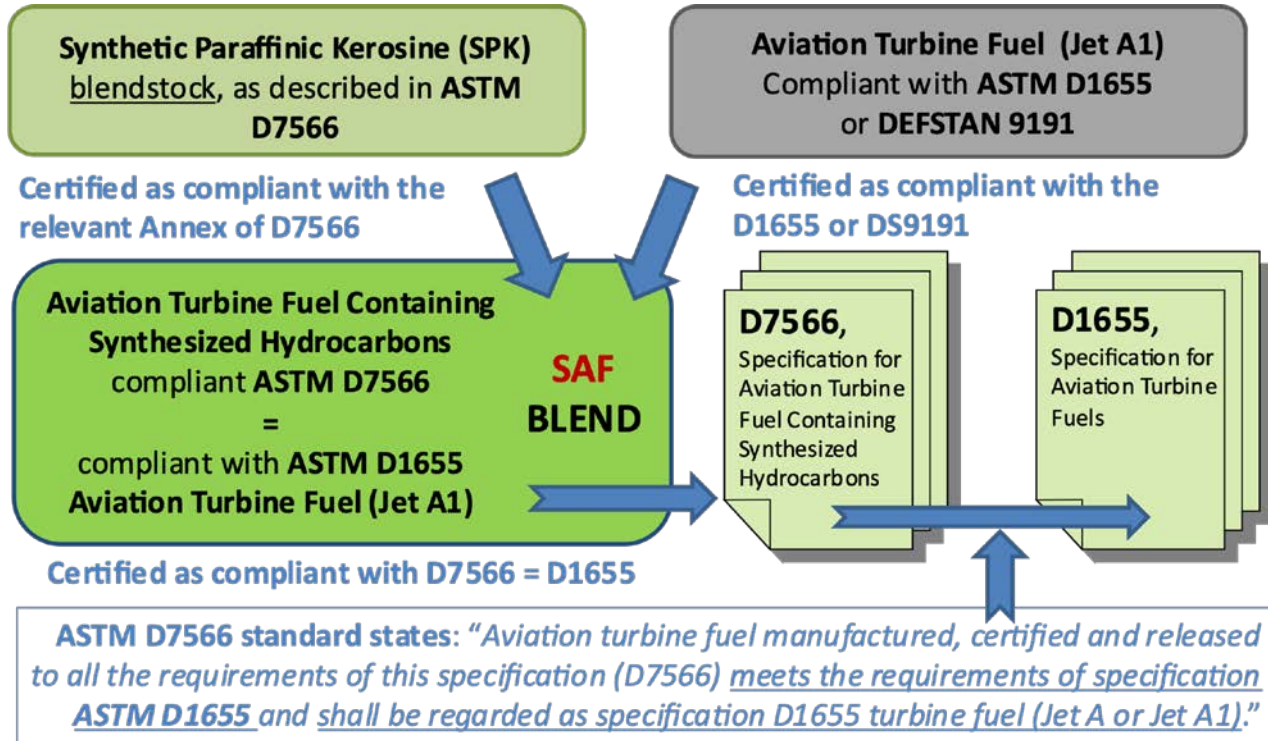
} → Biogenic input
up to 5 vol% of fossil fraction.

D7566

D1655

SAF blending and certification as JetA1

The current approved technology options defined in ASTM D7566 require blending with fossil JetA1



SAF blending and certification as JetA1

- Additional pathways are currently in the ASTM certification process
- ✓ Some will not need blending with fossil

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Sustainability

Airbus' most popular aircraft takes to the skies with 100% sustainable aviation fuel

This A321neo is the first Airbus single-aisle aircraft to test 100% SAF on both engines

Source: <https://www.caafi.org>

Current Fuels in the D4054 Qualification Process

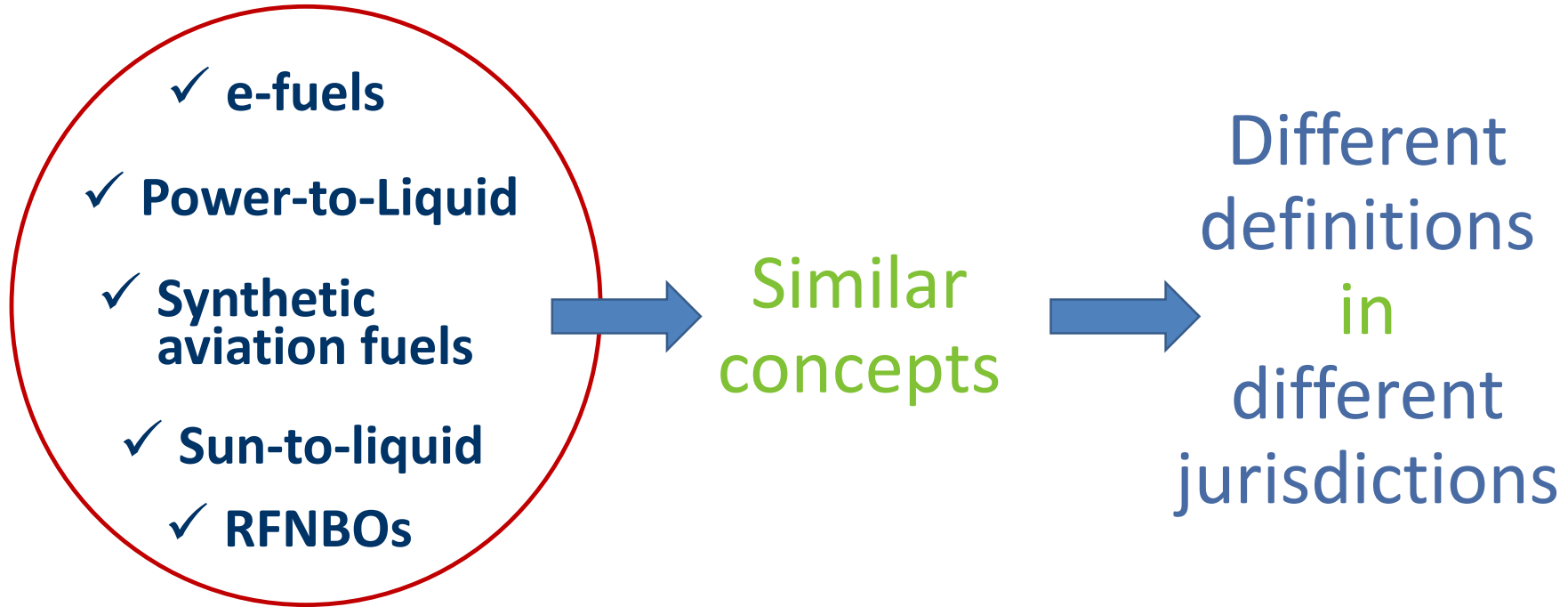
The table below shows the pathways actively pursuing certification at various stages in the process.

ASTM Progress	Pathway	Feedstock	Task Force Lead
ASTM Balloting			
Phase 2 OEM Review			
Phase 2 Testing	Hydro-deoxygenation Synthetic Kerosene (HDO-SK)	Sugars and cellulosics	Virent (inactive)
	Hydro-deoxygenation Synthetic Aromatic Kerosene (HDO-SAK)	Sugars and cellulosics	Virent
Phase 1 OEM Review	High Freeze Point Hydroprocessed Esters and Fatty Acids Synthetic Kerosene (HFP HEFA-SK)	Renewable FOG	Boeing
	Integrated Hydropyrolysis and Hydroconversion (IH ²)	Lignocellulosics	Shell
Phase 1 Research Report			
Phase 1 Testing	Alcohol-to-Jet Synthetic Kerosene with Aromatics (ATJ-SKA)	Sugars and lignocellulosics	Swedish Biofuels, Byogy
	Alcohol-to-Jet (ATJ)	Sugars	Global Bioenergies

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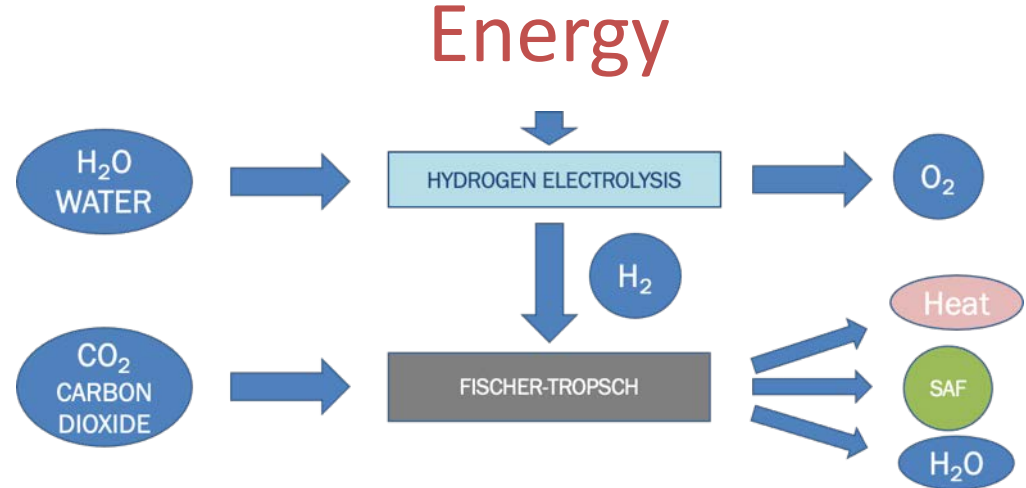
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SAF of non-biological origin



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- ✓ Uses **CO₂** as feedstock
- ✓ Needs a **large amount of energy** to be produced
- ✓ Allows **different sources of energies to be stored in liquid fuels** (Power-to-Liquid or electro-fuels, Sun-to-liquid, etc.)



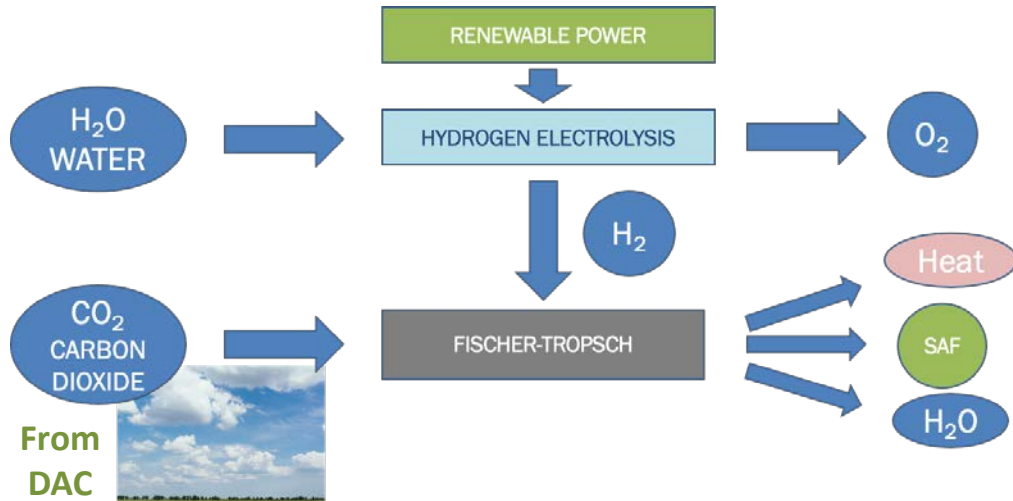
SAF of non-biological origin

- Can be:
 - **SUSTAINABLE and RENEWABLE:** are made from renewable sources other than biomass. These can be of solar, wind, geothermal and hydropower origin, and used as feedstock H_2O and CO_2 , from direct air capture (DAC).
 - **SUSTAINABLE but NOT RENEWABLE:** power can be of non-renewable origin or CO_2 could be sourced from industrial gases (recycled carbon fuels).

SAF of non-biological origin

➤ Examples of **SUSTAINABLE** and **RENEWABLE**:

- **E-fuels / PtL** using CO₂ from **direct air capture** :



- **Sun-to-Liquid** technology, using concentrated **solar radiation** to drive a thermochemical process

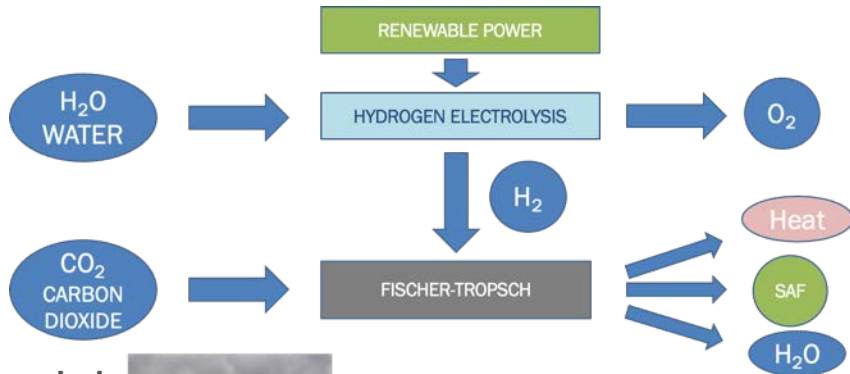


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➤ Examples of **SUSTAINABLE** but **NOT RENEWABLE**:

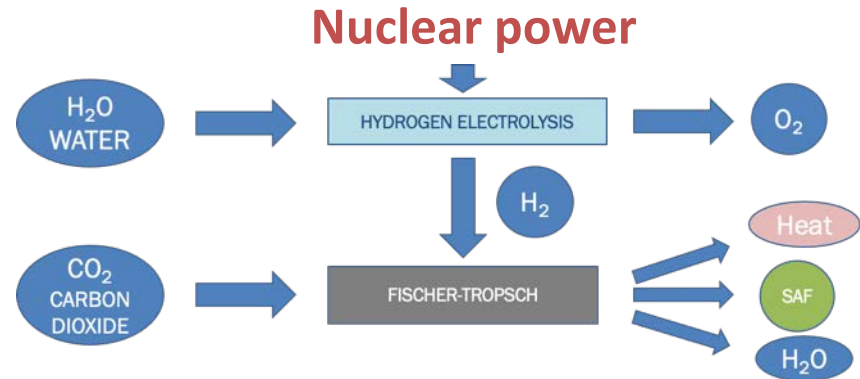
- **E-fuels / PtL** using CO₂ from industrial gases



Recycled Carbon



- **E-fuels / PtL** using nuclear power



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- Key challenges

- ✓ High use of Power: Competition with other uses
- ✓ The technology is not yet mature: No commercial production yet
- ✓ High production costs



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