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# **Current State of Sustainable Marine Fuels**

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 Bioenergy communicators, laboratory relationship managers, BETO tech team, and education and workforce development professionals

#### Purpose:

 Communications strategy for BETOfunded bioenergy research and development

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## Today's Agenda

 I. Josh Messner: Alternative Marine Fuel R&D Support at BETO
 II. Dr. Troy Hawkins: Life Cycle Analysis of Alternative Fuels for Maritime Shipping

III. Dr. Lee Kindberg: Marine Fuels for the Future







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# **Alternative Marine Fuel R&D Support at BETO**

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- I. Bioenergy Technologies Office Overview
- **II.** Biofuels for Marine Use Progress to Date
- **III.** Collaborations
- **IV. Future Work**
- V. Questions

# **BETO Mission, Vision, and Strategic Goals**



A thriving and sustainable bioeconomy fueled by innovative technologies

Developing transformative and revolutionary sustainable bioenergy and coproduct technologies for a prosperous nation

Develop industrially relevant technologies to enable domestically produced biofuels, biopower, and coproducts **BETO Program Areas** 



# **1** Billion

dry tons of sustainable biomass has the potential to:

Produce 60 Billion

gallons of renewable, lowcarbon fuels



#### Produce 40 Billion

pounds of bio-based chemicals and bioproducts

Reduce

# 450 million

metric tons of greenhouse gases per year



Produce 1 million direct jobs



### **Bioenergy Can Support Decarbonization in Multiple Sectors of the Economy**

# 2019 U.S. GHG Emissions



Aviation and water include emissions from international bunker fuels. Fractions may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

#### 1 Billion Tons of Biomass = 450-500 MMTons $CO_2$ reduced annually across multiple sectors

#### Marine Sector:

- 3% of U.S. transportation sector, totaling 1% of U.S. greenhouse gas (GHG) emission
- Does not include Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) emissions

#### <u>Transportation Sector</u>: Passenger Cars, Air, Marine, Rail 12.6% GHG emissions (37% of sector)

- Electrification of passenger cars, light, medium, and some heavy vehicles
- Hard to electrify: Aviation, marine, rail, off-road
  - Biofuels are a strong contender

# <u>Industrial Sector</u>: Chemicals 5.5% GHG emissions (19% of sector)

 Increased production of biobased direct displacement chemicals as well as performance-enhanced bio-based chemicals

#### Agricultural Sector: 9% GHG Emissions

 Healthy forests, sustainable agriculture, manure management



AEO = annual energy outlook | GGE = gasoline gallon equivalent | MSW = municipal solid waste

Develop and demonstrate technologies to cost-effectively decarbonize "hard-toelectrify" modes of transportation (aviation and marine industry)

#### Goals:

- Continue R&D to enable competitive fuel cost of multiple feedstock conversion paths with >70% CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction
- Demonstrate technologies to improve life cycle GHG emissions of 17B gal/year corn-ethanol industry up to >70% reduction.

#### **Marine Biofuels Accomplishments to Date**

- Baseline fuels
- Fuel Options
- Life Cycle Analysis
- Economic Analysis
- Environmental Benefits
- R&D Challenges and Opportunities
- Port Logistics

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#### Understanding the Opportunities of Biofuels for Marine Shipping



#### **Systems Thinking is Needed**



Evert A. Bouman, et al., State-of-the-Art Technologies, Measures, and Potential for Reducing GHG Emissions from Shipping – A Review, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.trd.2017.03.022. http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1361920

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### Many feedstocks

- Lignocellulosic (wood, grasses, ag residues)
- Wet waste and bio-solids
- Municipal solid waste (MSW)

### Many fuel

- Hydrocarbon distillates drop-ins
  - e.g., Renewable diesel
- Biogas
- Methanol
- Bio-crudes
- Bio-oils

#### Vary in cost, quality, volumes, and uses

- Direct diesel replacements
- Residual replace for ocean going vessels
- Potential for methanol pilot fuel



Hydrothermal Liquefaction Skid at PNNL



Thermochemical Process Development Unit at NREL

- Focus on large ocean-going vessels
  - Smaller vessels can more easily utilizes other energy sources (electric/hydrogen, etc.)
- Heavy fuel oil (HFO) replacing biofuels / blends
  - Bio-oil
  - Bio-crudes
- Biodiesels and renewable diesels are currently available
  - Only part of the solution
  - Potentially have global LCA, TEA, and availability risks
- Based on techno-economic analysis (TEA), life cycle analyses (LCAs), characterization data



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- GHG reduction potential is good
- Costs need to be reduced
- Drop-in/blending options





- Environmental justice considerations
  - Less pollutants near ports
  - Can be made from typical waste streams
- Energy security

#### **Biofuels for Marine Use Potential**

- Have great potential for CO<sub>2</sub>e reduction on a full well-to-wake basis
- Environmental justice contributions
- Drop-in fuel potential
- Better for near- and mid-term goals
- Ability to utilize existing infrastructure or relatively lost retrofit costs

#### **Biofuels for Marine Use Barriers**

- One piece of the maritime carbon reduction puzzle
- But are currently costly and have volume limitations
- Potential land-use change for feedstock production
- Need industry buy-in



### Collaboration

### **Crosscutting EERE Office Effort**

Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Office, Vehicles Technologies Office

- Developing hard to electrify strategies
  - Aviation, marine, rail, and heavy-duty fuel

#### **Intra- and Inter-Agency Efforts**

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Maritime Administration, DOT Volpe Center, State Department, DOE Loan Programs Office, DOE Arctic Energy Office

Aligning with a whole-of-government approach

### **International Efforts**

Mission Innovation: Zero-Emissions Shipping

- The Goal: For ships capable of running on zero-emission fuels to make up at least 5% of the global deep-sea fleet by 2030
   International Energy Agency (IEA): Task 39
- Biofuels for the marine shipping sector

### **Industry Engagement**

Lab Led External Advisory Board

- Made up of over 16 industry members
- Helps give perspective to industry's thinking



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#### **Future Work**

#### More detailed LCA and TEA

- Optimal biofuel production pathways and blend levels
- Further refine the GREET marine fuel module
- Conducting LCAs for apples-to-apples comparison
  - Green ammonia, green methanol, green hydrogen, and CO<sub>2</sub> derived fuels
- Temporal considerations

#### **Global feedstock resource evaluation**

- Resource assessments
- Green Corridor analyses

# Evaluate pathways that can serve both aviation and marine sectors



### **Future Work**

### Further investigation of fuel properties

- Determine fuel upgrading needed for bio-oils/bio-crudes
- Determine the optimum blend levels
- Bunkering logistics

#### **Process scale-up**

- Produce meaningful quantities, evaluate at meaningful scale
- Eventual engine/vessel testing

### **Environmental justice**

• Ensure equity

#### **Mechanisms for continued work**

- Continue to work with national laboratories
- Leverage interagency collaborations
- Leverage Mission Innovation work
- Scale-up funding opportunities announcements





# Wanted:

Subject matter experts to review research funding applications.

Applying is as easy as 1-2-3.

#### Fact Sheet:

energy.gov/eere/bioenergy/interested-becoming-beto-project-reviewer

EERE Funding Opportunity Exchange: eere-exchange.energy.gov/Registration.aspx Josh Messner Technology Manager joshua.messner@ee.doe.gov

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#### **Resources**

Understanding the Opportunities of Biofuels for Marine Shipping

- <u>https://info.ornl.gov/sites/publications/Files/Pub120597.pdf</u>
- Adoption of Biofuels for the Marine Shipping Industry: A Long-Term Price and Scalability Assessment
- <u>https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy21osti/78237.pdf</u> Biofuel Options for Marine Applications: Techno-Economic and Life Cycle Analyses
- <u>https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acs.est.0c06141</u>

Challenges and Opportunities for Alternative Fuels in the Maritime Sector

https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy21osti/78747.pdf





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# Life Cycle Analysis of Alternative Fuels for Maritime Shipping

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#### **Objective**

Accelerate uptake of biofuels for maritime shipping with analysis and testing. Lay groundwork for biofuel demonstration.



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### **Bioenergy Technologies Office Multi-Laboratory Effort**



### Life Cycle Analysis

- Avoid burden shifting across supply chain segments
- Screen across potential environmental impacts
- Identify key drivers
- Compare on an apples-toapples basis



### **Marine Bio-Oil Pathways**

- Catalytic fast pyrolysis
- Hydrothermal liquefaction of sludge and manure
- Fischer-Tropsch synthesis of landfill gas
- Lignin-ethanol oil



# **Greenhouse Gases, Regulated Emissions, and Energy Use in Technologies**

- Tracks life cycle performance of fuels and transportation technologies
- Over 50,000 registered users
  - Distributed globally and across industry and research organizations
- Used to support regulatory measures
  - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Renewable Fuels Standard
  - California Low Carbon Fuel Standard
  - International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
  - Oregon Clean Fuels Program
- Developed since 1995 with annual updates and expansions
- Long-term support from DOE
  - Bioenergy Technology Office
  - Vehicle Technologies Office
  - Hydrogen Fuel Cell Technologies Office



# https://greet.es.anl.gov/

# Marine Bio-Oils: Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Emissions



CFP: Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis; ZSM5: Zeolite Socony Mobil-5; TiO2: Titanium Dioxide; FP: Fast Pyrolysis; HTL: Hydrothermal Liquefaction; HT: Hydrotreating; LFG: Landfill Gas; T&D: Transportation and Distribution; WTH: Well-to-Hull

Legend

Woody Biomass

Natural Gas

Material & Chemical Inputs

Process Emissions & Water Use

Wet Waste

🔲 Biogas

Diesel

Electricity

🗖 Catalysts

T&D

T&D-Mass

Combustion

C Sequestration

WTH

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Counterfactual Credit

70% Reduction

50% Reduction

Displacement Credit

# Marine Bio-Oils: Life Cycle Sulfur Oxide Emissions



#### Life Cycle $SO_x$ Emissions, g $SO_x/MJ$

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# **Marine Bio-Oils: Marginal GHG Abatement Cost**

Woody Biomass / CFP (ZSM5) / Bio-Oil Woody Biomass / FP / Bio-Oil LFG / FT Synthesis / FT-Diesel Woody Biomass / CFP (Pt/TiO2) / Bio-Oil Manure / HTL & Full HT / Biocrude Manure / HTL & Partial HT / Biocrude Sludge / HTL & Full HT / Biocrude Manure / HTL / Biocrude Sludge / HTL & Partial HT / Biocrude Sludge / HTL / Biocrude



- -90 to 400
  USD/tonne CO<sub>2</sub>-eq.
- Waste HTL achieve negative MAC due to low prices
- California Low Carbon Fuel Standard credits recently  $\sim$ 150-200 USD/tonne CO<sub>2</sub>-eq.

#### Marginal GHG Abatement Cost, USD/tonne CO2-eq.

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#### **Marine Fuel Alternatives: Life Cycle GHG Emissions**



#### **Fossil Fuels: Life Cycle GHG Emissions**



Fuel Oil; LNG: Liquefied Natural Gas; FT: Fischer-Tropsch; S: Sulfur; T&D: Transportation and Distribution; WtH: Well-to-Hull

#### **Biofuels: Life Cycle GHG Emissions**



#### **E-Fuels and Green Ammonia: Life Cycle GHG Emissions**



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#### **E-Methanol, E-FT Diesel, and Green Ammonia**

- Opportunity to use future low-carbon, low-cost electricity
- Potential compliment to bio-based pathways in the longer-term
- Research needed to better characterize ammonia as a fuel
- Significant electricity demand
  - Competing with other uses of renewable electricity
  - 30%-40% increase in global electricity demand



Comparing life cycle greenhouse gas emissions and minimum fuel selling price (MFSP) of marine fuel alternatives

Values are ratio of alternative fuel to conventional low sulfur fuel oil (LSFO)





Select fossil-biomass "co-feed" pathways offer greenhouse gas and price compromise

Potential bridge to deeper decarbonization

Higher marginal cost of greenhouse gas abatement



Biofuels can achieve significant greenhouse gas reductions

Prices can approach those of conventional low sulfur fuel oil



Select waste-based pathways can achieve net-negative greenhouse gas emissions

Promising costs suggest potential to compete with conventional low sulfur fuel oil



E-fuels, produced from captured CO<sub>2</sub> and renewable electricity, could significantly increase low-carbon fuel supply



Promising pathways could reduce GHG emissions, relatively modest price increase

Multiple pathways needed to meet demand

Industry experience important to optimize production



## **Conclusion and Perspectives**

- International and national policies driving maritime shipping toward low-carbon fuels
- Harmonized life cycle analysis is critical to guide the way
- Multiple biofuel pathways offer significant GHG reductions, bio-oils and methanol may offer reasonable price premiums
- Research and development needed to drive commercialization of a sustainable, low-carbon heavy fuel oil alternative



## Publicly-Available LCA Models: GREET 2021



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## Marine Fuels for the Future

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# The climate challenge in shipping is huge

- While it is the most energy efficient way to move goods, shipping emits 3% of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. (Around 3.5 Gigatons (Gt) of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions yearly)
  - Maersk's 700+ container ships emit **0.1%** of Total global  $CO_2$  emissions.
- One very large container ship consumes **7,000** ton of fuel oil on a trip from Europe to Asia and back.





#### In 2018, we committed to Net Zero Carbon shipping by 2050 This year we accelerated that by 10 years, to 2040



#### Roadmap to deliver net zero by 2040





#### **OUR DECARBONISATION COMMITMENTS**

 $_{2030}$ : Industry-leading green offerings

- Ocean: Min 25% of cargo transported with green fuels
- Air: min. 30% of cargo transported with Sustainable Aviation Fuels
- Contract logistics and cold chain: Min. 90% green operations (scope 1 and 2)
- Inland transportation: Industry leading green offering (quantitative targets to be defined in 2022)



**2030:** Aligned with Science Based Targets initiative 1.5-degree pathway

- Ocean ~50% reduction in emissions intensity Terminals ~70% absolute reduction (scope 1 & 2) 2020 Baseline for both
- Natural Climate Solutions used above and beyond 1.5-degree target to sequester atleast 5million tonnes GHG in 2030

**2040:** Net zero across our business and 100% green solutions to customers

- 100% Green solutions to our customers
- Net Zero greenhouse gas emission across the whole business/all scopes
- Aligned with Science Based Target net zero criteria

Our **customer commitment** to decarbonise their supply chains in time



**Classification: Internal** 

#### Customer demand for green shipping is increasing - even at a price premium



#### Potential fuels identified - their pros and cons



#### Biodiesel

(incl. advanced biofuels)

- ☑ Biodiesel market already exists
- ✓ Can be used as drop-in fuel in existing vessels and engines
- Limited availability of sustainable biomass feedstock
- Price pressure due to competing demand



#### **Green methanol**

(bio-methanol and e-methanol)

- ☑ Can be produced from both biomass and renewable electricity
- ✓ Already in operation today
- ✓ Well-known handling
- Bio-methanol: biomass availability of biomass feedstock
- E-methanol: Availability of biogenic CO<sub>2</sub> source



#### Green ammonia

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(e-ammonia)

- ✓ Can be produced at scale from renewable electricity alone
- ☑ Fully zero emissions fuel
- Safety and toxicity challenges
- Infrastructure challenges at ports
- Future costs depends on cost of renewable electricity



#### Potential carbon-neutral fuels



Classification: Internal

Main focus continue to be: "liquified energy" (whether fuel cells or combustion engines)

# New fuels are not enough

#### - we need to build a new ecosystem



#### It will be quite a leap to get to scale - but it can be done



Our first "pilot scale" carbon neutral container ship in 2023

Our first series of 12 large carbon neutral container ships in 2024

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