



# Superior Fuels & Chemicals

**VIA's synthetic drop-in fuels and chemicals are like-for-like replacements for over 100 billion gallons of today's fossil sourced compounds in the U.S. alone.**

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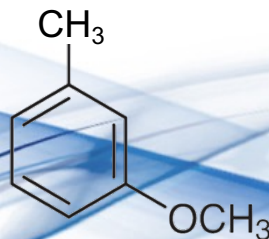


## Our Product Suite

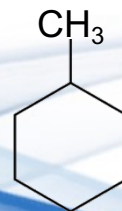
**VIA 1    3-Methylanisole (3-MA)**

**VIA 2    Methylcyclohexane (MCH)**

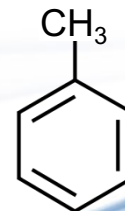
**VIA 3    Toluene**



**VIA 1  
(3-MA)**



**VIA 2  
(MCH)**



**VIA 3  
(Toluene)**



# VIA Process Overview

**3-MA Fermentation**

*S. cerevisiae*

**3-MA  
VIA 1**

**MCH**

3-MA + H<sub>2</sub>

**MCH  
VIA 2**

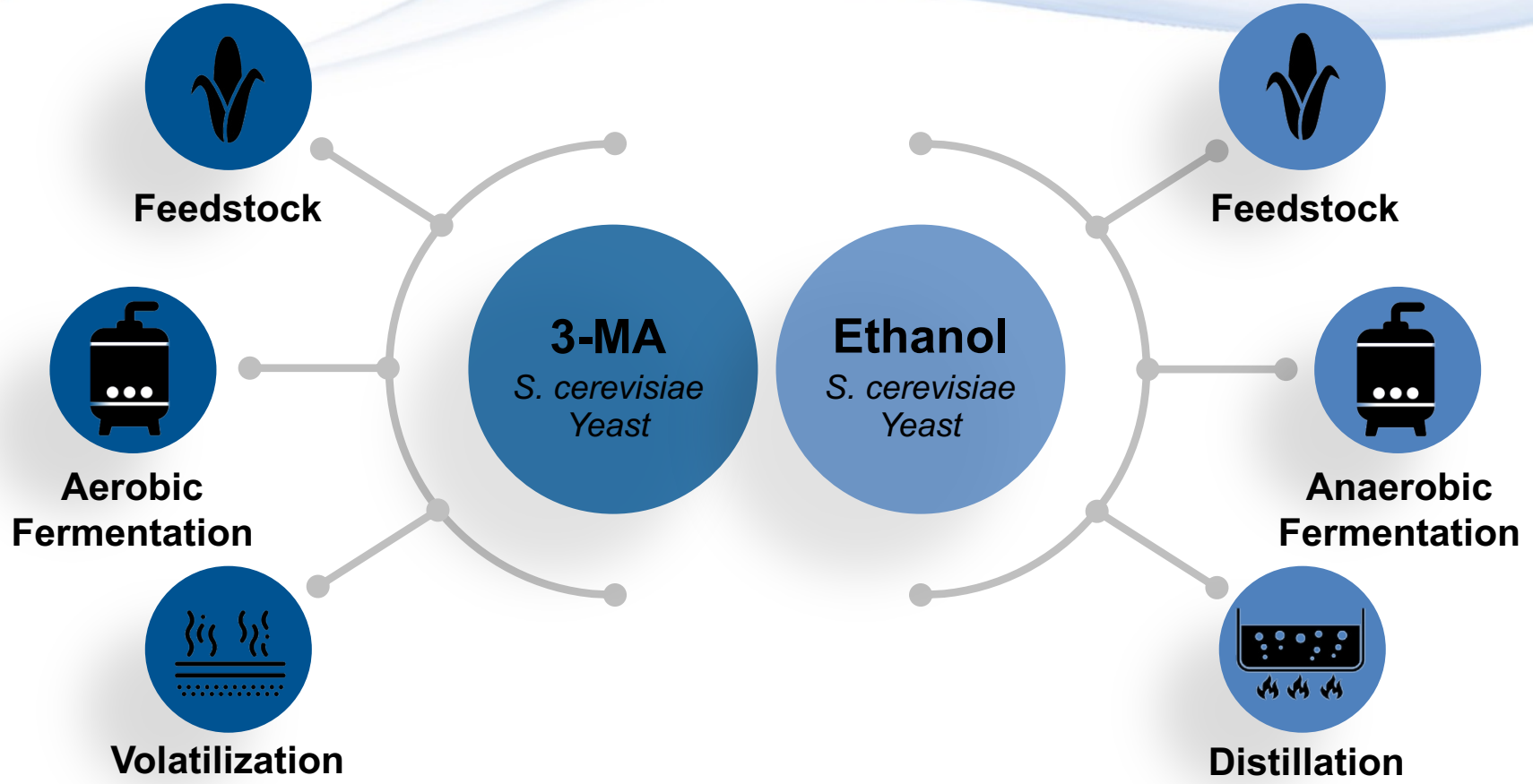
**Toluene**

MCH - H<sub>2</sub>

**Toluene  
VIA 3**



# 3-MA vs Ethanol





# 3-MA Fermentation Differentiation

## **3-MA Volatilization – Unique Differentiator**

- 3-MA is produced one molecule at a time by VIA's yeast
- 3-MA is hydrophobic and is driven out of the water-based broth
- Volatilization eliminates toxicity effects
- Volatilization eliminates down stream processing & separation
  
- 3-MA volatilization from the fermentation broth is a unique characteristic to past biofuels and biochemical production technologies
  
- 3-MA is a liquid at room temperature
- 3-MA Boiling Point is 175°C / 347°F

## HOW WE TRANSFORM SUCCESS

Pow.bio solves for Scale-Up Speed + Cost

Scale-up FASTER

Produce MORE Product for Less \$

Accelerate process development by 5-10X

5X productivity

50-80% lower CAPEX and OPEX



Small Scale  
500mL

Bench Scale  
1-10L

Pilot Scale  
100 -1000L

Demo Scale  
10,000L

Commercial Small  
250,000L

Commercial Large  
600,000L +

## HOW BIG IS OUR IMPACT?

**Our platform has an unfair competitive advantage for every product at every scale.**

### Unit cost reduction to produce using Pow.bio's platform vs traditional fed-batch

	FOOD PROTEIN	SPECIALTY CHEMICAL
<b>Pilot Scale</b> 10,000 - 20,000L	<b>-59%</b>	<b>-83%</b>
<b>Demonstration Scale</b> 20,000 - 50,000L	<b>-61%</b>	<b>-84%</b>
<b>Commercial Scale</b> 100,000L +	<b>-43%</b>	<b>-65%</b>

# Unique hyper-fermentation technology

That unlocks a more costs-effective, scalable manufacturing solution and is built on 35 years of formulation and 10+ years operating experience at scale



**Proprietary media  
for a variety of host organisms**



**Novel bioreactor  
design and configuration**



**Continuous fermentation know-  
how and  
operational excellence**

**+5x output and lower COGs**



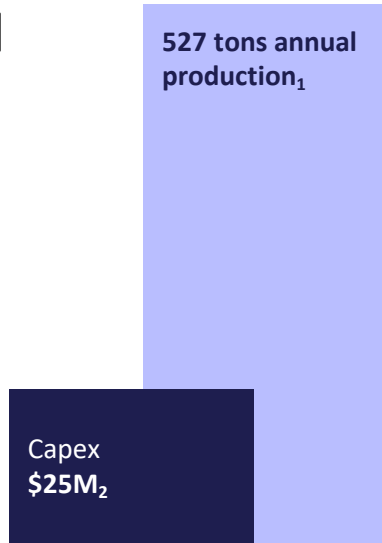
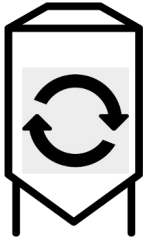
# We can build capacity at a fraction of the cost

Cauldron's technology allows us to scale out with 100kL hyper-fermentation lines that are 20% more productive than 500kL batch fermentation facilities.

## CAULDRON

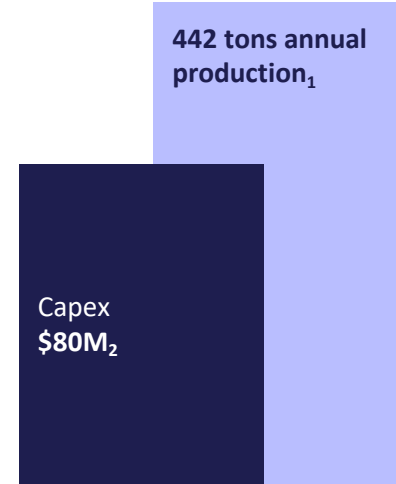
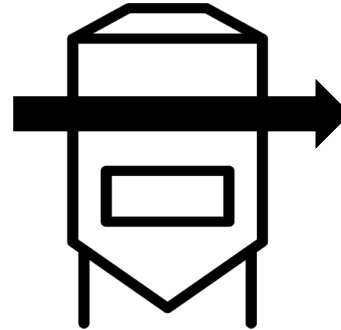
Technology

100kL Hyper



## Conventional Technology

500kL Batch



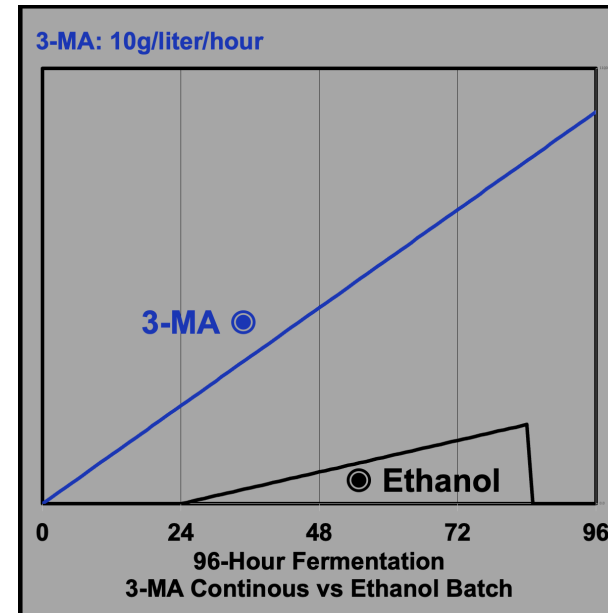
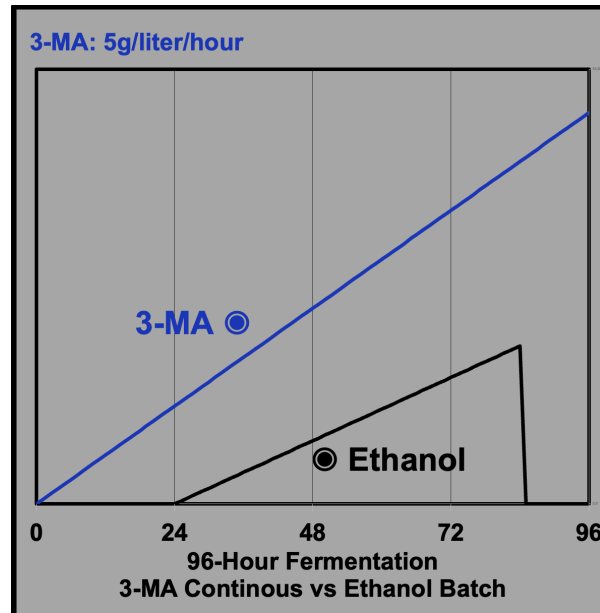
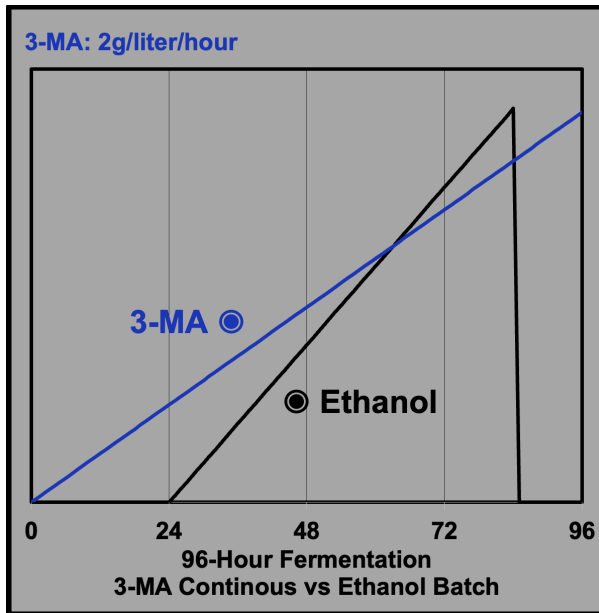


# Yeast Optimization Effects

3-MA: 2g/liter/hour 1x

3-MA: 5g/liter/hour 2.5x

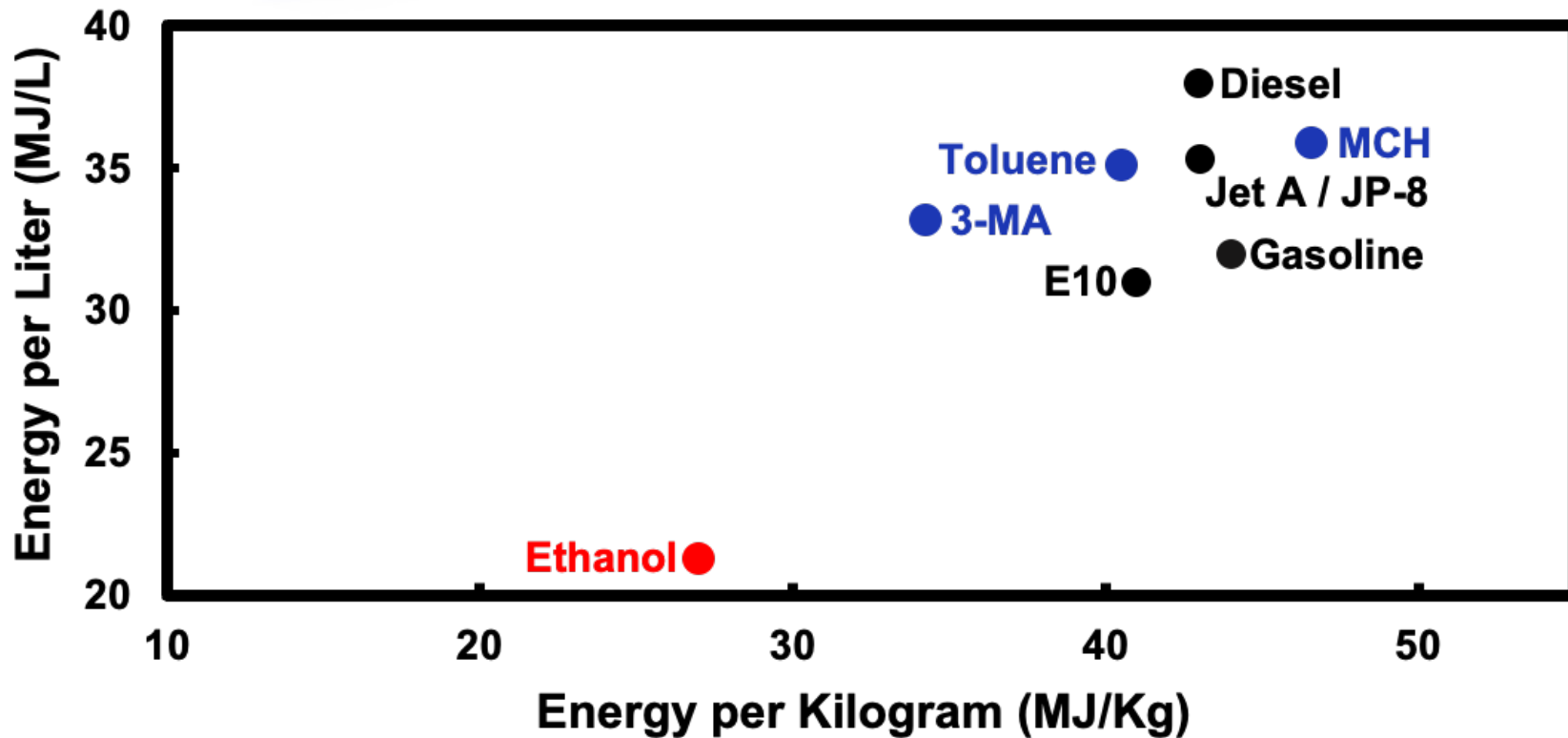
3-MA: 10g/liter/hour 5x



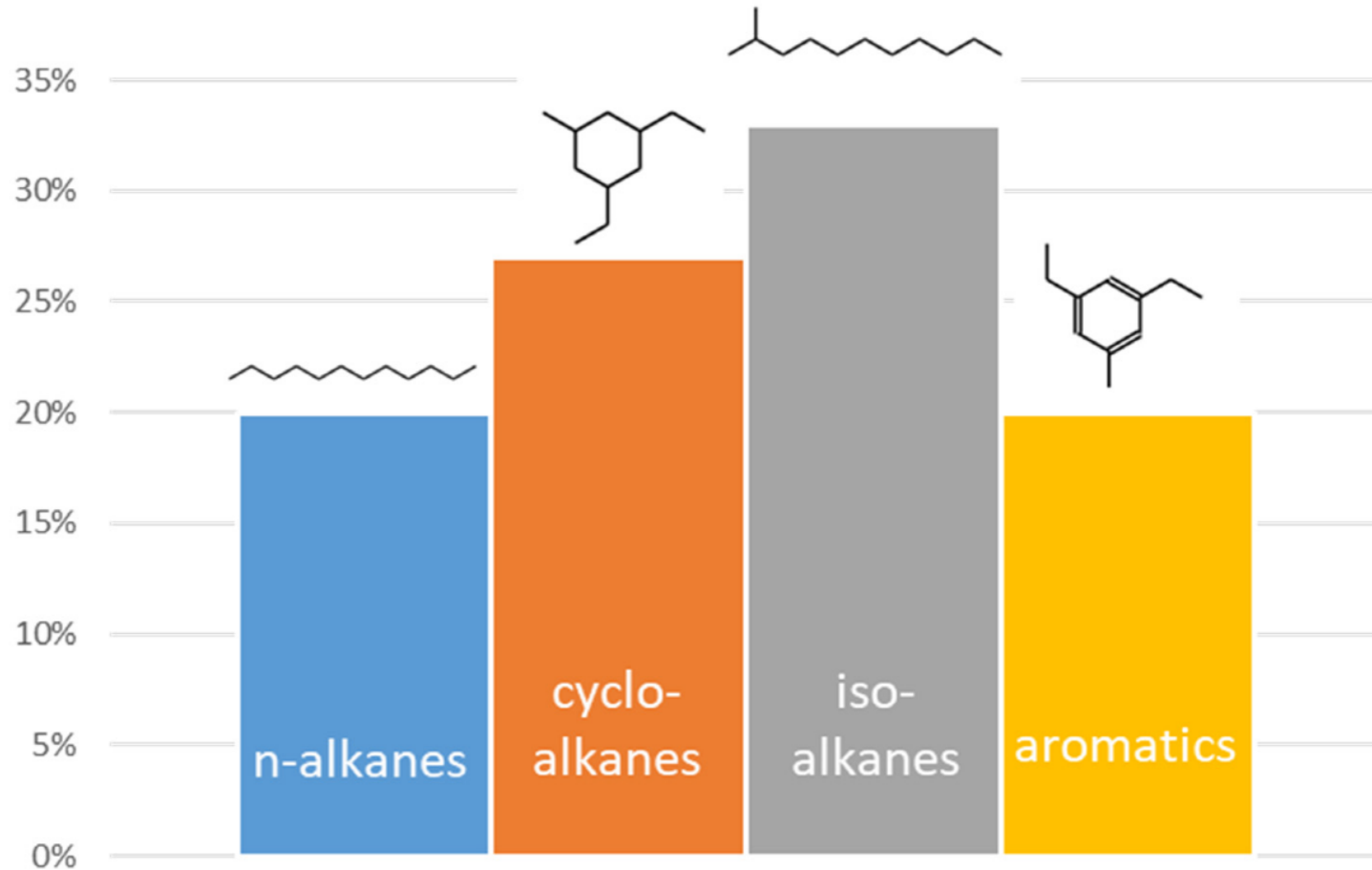


# Key Fuel Differentiators

## Known Energy Densities



# Jet Fuel: Four Hydrocarbon Families



# Future SAF: BETO & DoE

From a bulk-property perspective, jet fuel only requires iso-alkanes and cycloalkanes to meet ASTM D1655 specifications. A jet fuel containing cycloalkanes (mono- and dicyclic) and iso-alkanes could increase energy density and specific energy; meet freeze point, flash point, and O-ring swelling demands; and burn much cleaner. Improvements to the specific energy result in a weight reduction for a flight, which for long ranges enables more passengers and cargo. Ninety-eight percent of flights do not operate with a payload range restriction; hence the weight savings would correlate to a modest fuel weight reduction. BETO has current work that seeks to understand the possible impact of fuel weight savings.

US Department of Energy – BETO, “Sustainable Aviation Fuel – Review of Technical Pathways”, September 2020  
<https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2020/09/f78/beto-sust-aviation-fuel-sep-2020.pdf>

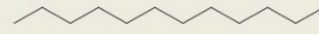
VIA BioFuels 3MA to Jet Primer  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/14ZXlrZeJXI0w3Bazxg65R26Yfe13nr5z/view?usp=sharing>

# SAF Targets: Iso-alkanes & Cycloalkanes

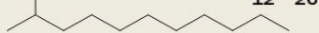
## *n*-alkanes

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-10 °C

C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>26</sub>

-46 °C

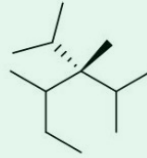


Importance of substitution

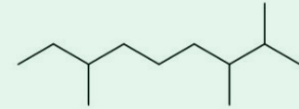
Prefer mixtures with broad coverage  
over boiling point and carbon number

Jet A is 55%-60% *n*- and iso-alkanes

## iso-alkanes



Heavy branching mixtures (50% blend)  
low DCN i-butanol to jet



Light branching (50% blend)  
higher DC, HEFA, ethanol to jet

Objective: reduce cost  
(feedstock and conversion)

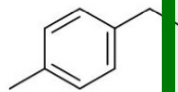


Small (single ring) preferred  
over heavy (multi-ring)

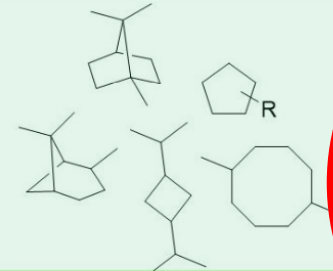
small amount (<8%) needed  
for nitrile seals subjected to  
high [aromatics]

Objective: reduce aromatic  
content to minimum possible

## aromatics



Specialty  
Risks: high mp,  
thermal stability)



objective: understand properties, if  
"worth it" seek low-cost routes

## cycloalkanes

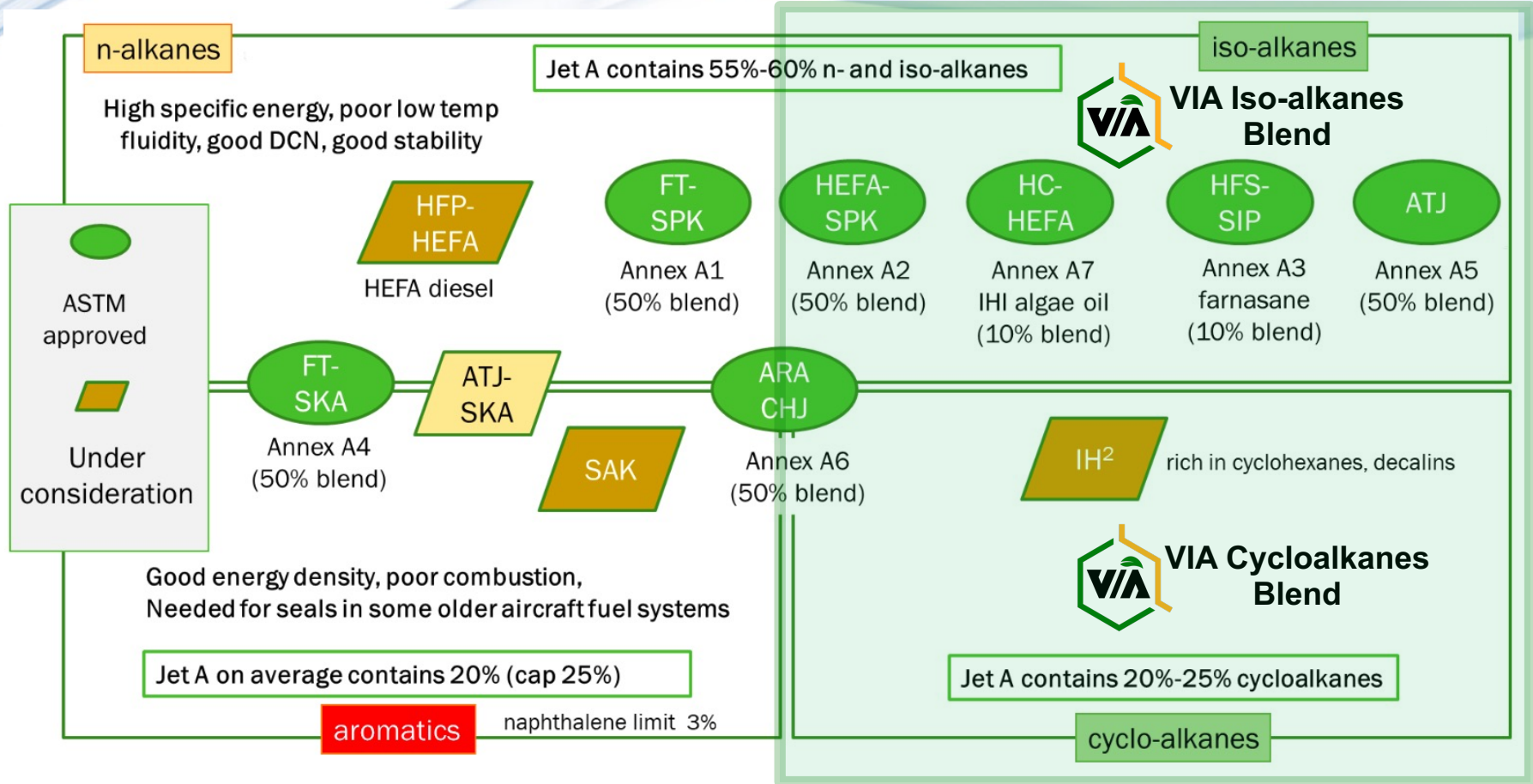
cyclohexanes



decalins  
(fused rings)



# VIA SAF: 50% Iso-alkanes 50% Cycloalkanes



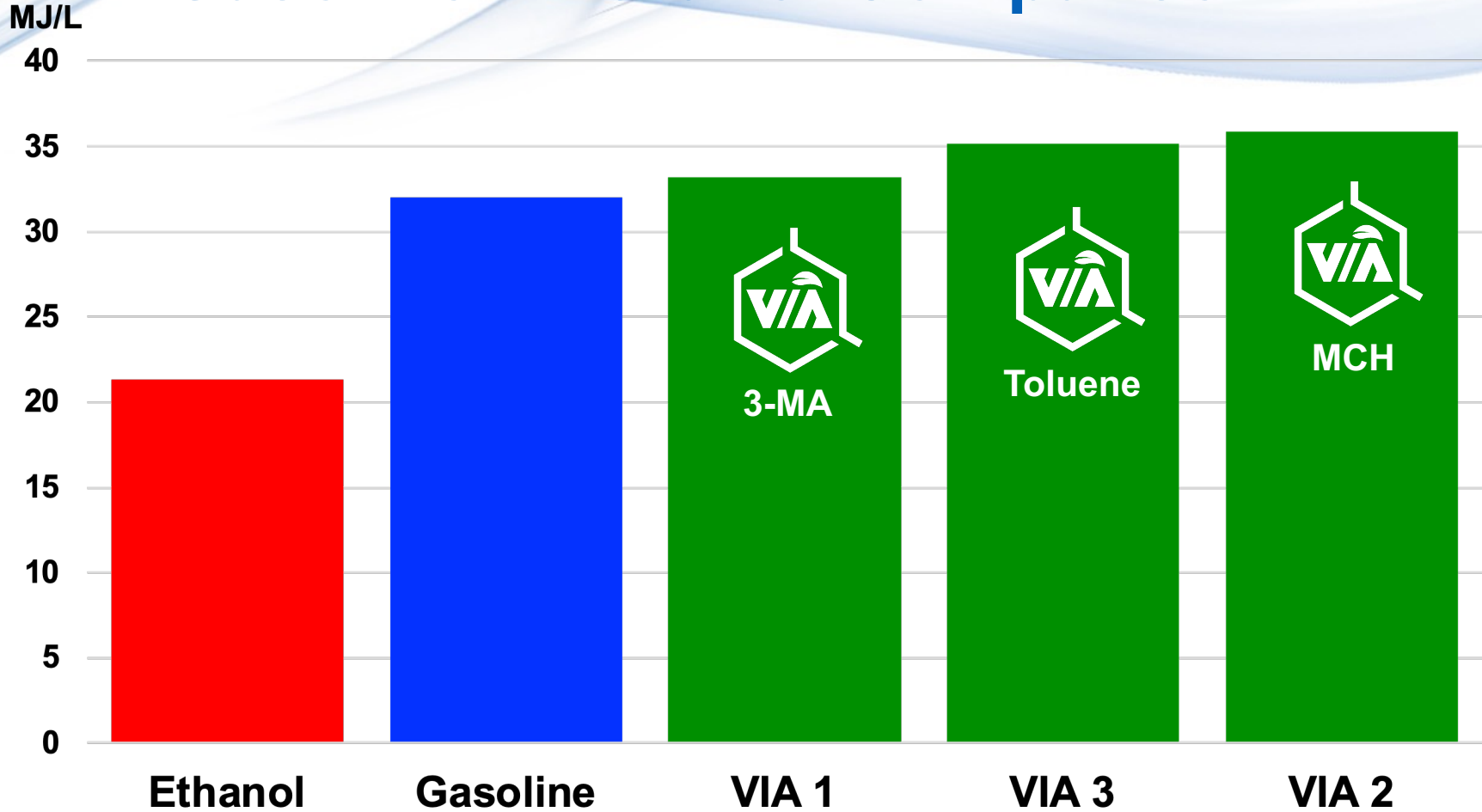
# VIA SAF Regulatory Timing

Tier	Approximate Fuel Volume in Gallons (Liters)	Approximate Time in Months	Approximate Cost in U.S. Dollars
Tier 1 – Fuel specification properties	10 (40)	6 months	\$50,000 (testing cost)
Tier 2 – Fit-for-purpose properties	10–100 (40–400)		
OEM Review		6–12 months	\$350,000 (OEM cost)
Tier 3 – Component and rig testing	250–10,000 (950–40,000)	24–36 months	~\$4 million (testing cost)
Tier 4 – Aircraft and engine testing	Up to 225,000 (850,000)		
OEM Review and Approval		6–12 months	~\$1 million (OEM cost)

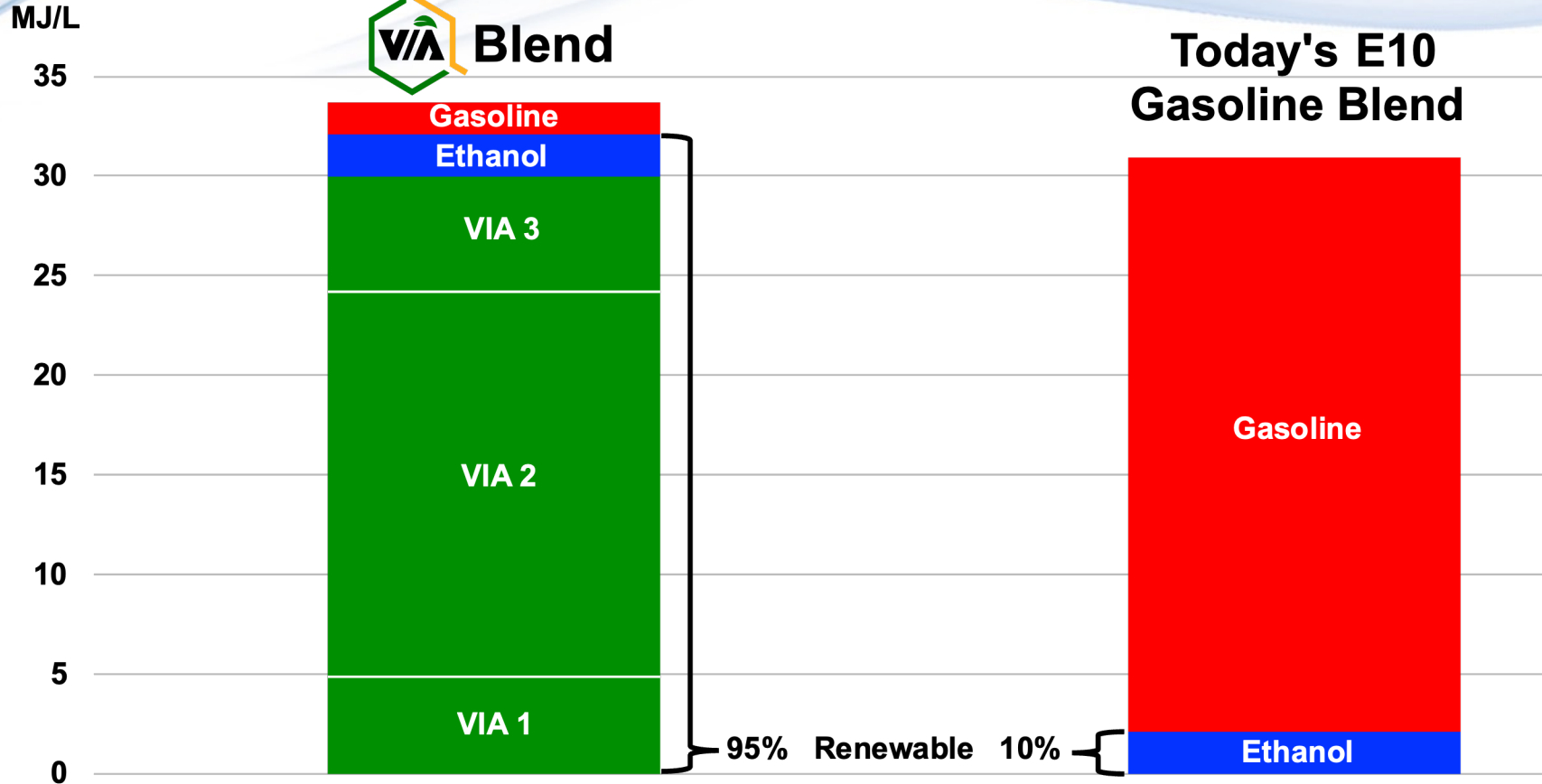
**VIA will pursue Tier 1 & Tier 2 tasks early in the Seed Phase**



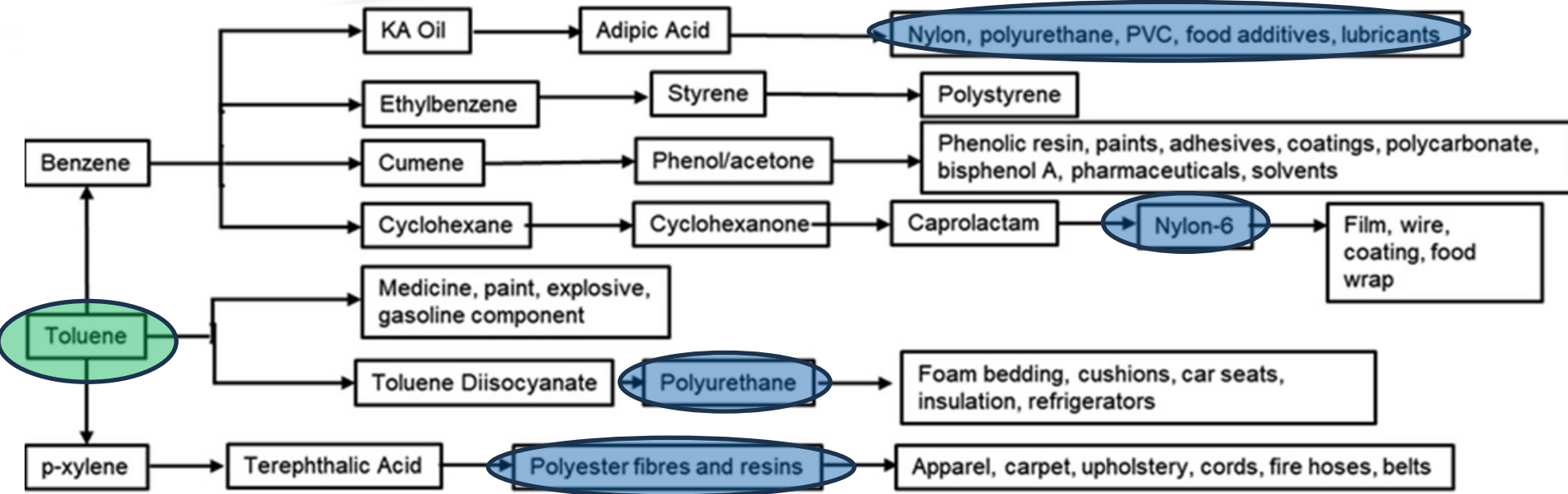
# VIA – Gasoline – Ethanol Comparison



# 95% Renewable Blend



# VIA 3 Bio-feedstock to transform fossil-based BTX...



...and all the familiar products produced from BTX

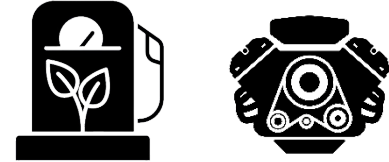


# Drop-In Fossil Replacements - Today

## Aviation Fuel

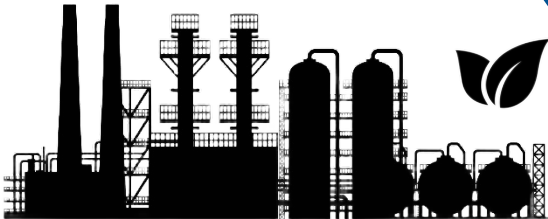


## Transportation Fuel

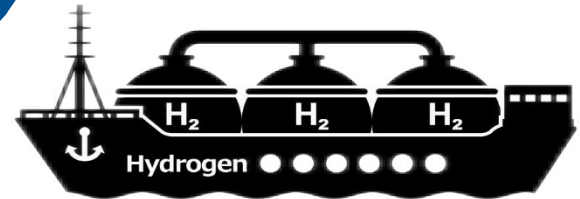


VIA 1 (3-MA)  
VIA 2 (MCH)  
VIA 3 (Toluene)

## Chemicals



## Hydrogen Transport





# US Drop-in Market Overview

- **US Aviation Fuel 10% – MCH**  
1.4 Billion Gallons
- **US Gasoline Fuel 85% - 3-MA, Toluene & MCH**  
115 Billion Gallons
- **US Toluene Chemicals 100% - Toluene**  
1.3 Billion Gallons



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# Thank You

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