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## **Progress Update: Interagency Workgroup on Life Cycle GHG Emissions of Alternative Aviation Fuels**

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# Work Group Charge

- **Develop *guidance* on how to develop life cycle analyses that satisfy Section 526 for alternative jet fuels (synthetic paraffinic kerosene) for comparison with a conventional jet fuel baseline**
  - Greenhouse gases
  - Drop-in fuels (straight or blends)
  - Technology non-specific
    - F-T Pathways
    - Soy-Based Hydroprocessed Renewable Jet (HRJ)
    - Algae-based HRJ
  - Facility/production pathway-specific
- **Justify with examples**

# Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007

## Section 526

“**No Federal Agency** shall enter into a contract for procurement of an **alternative or synthetic fuel**, including fuel produced from nonconventional petroleum sources, for any mobility-related use, other than research and testing, **unless the contract specifies** that the **lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions** associated with the production and combustion of the fuel supplied under the contract must, on an ongoing basis, **be less than or equal** to such emissions from the equivalent conventional fuel produced from **conventional petroleum** sources.”

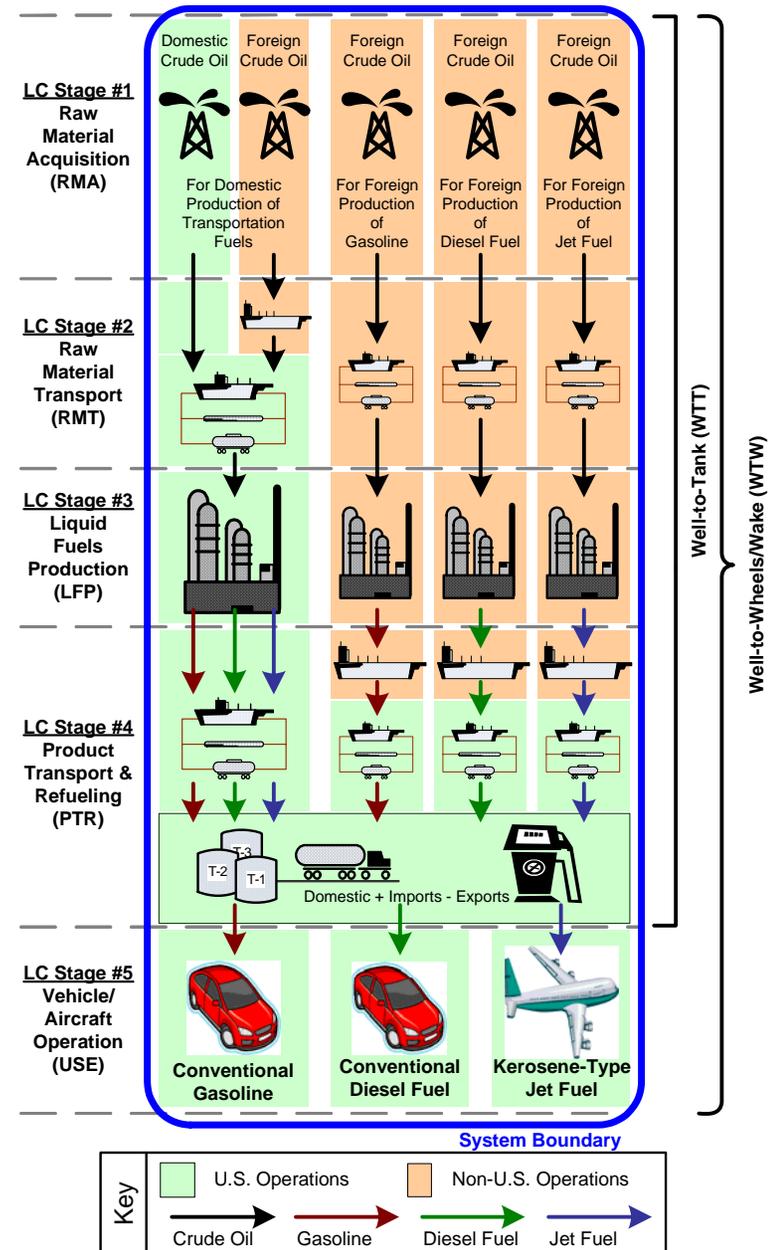
*Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Footprints are a Key Consideration for Alternative Fuels*

# NETL 2005 U.S. Petroleum Baseline Life Cycle GHG Analysis Study Boundary

<b>Life Cycle Boundary</b>	Well-to-Wheels/Wake (Raw Material Extraction thru Fuel Use)
<b>Temporal Representation</b>	Year 2005
<b>Technological Representation</b>	Industry Average
<b>Geographical Representation</b>	Transportation Fuel Sold or Distributed in the United States
<b>Transportation Fuel Life Cycles Modeled</b>	Conventional Gasoline Conventional Diesel Fuel Kerosene-Based Jet Fuel
<b>Impact Assessment Methodology</b>	Global Warming Potential, IPCC 2007, 100-year time-frame
<b>Reporting Metric</b>	kg CO <sub>2</sub> E/MMBtu of Fuel Consumed
<b>Data Quality Objectives</b>	100% Publically Available Data Full Transparency of Modeling Approach and Data Sources Accounting for 99% of Mass and Energy Accounting for 99% of Environmental Relevance Process-based ("Bottoms-up") Modeling Approach

LC Stages	Gasoline	Diesel Fuel	Jet Fuel
NETL 2005 Baseline	96.3	95.0	92.3
EPA RFS2 Baseline	98.2	97.0	N/A
Percent Difference	+2%	+2%	N/A

**EPA Used NETL Petroleum Baseline Model to develop RFS2 Baseline with different tail-pipe emission values and IPCC GWP values.**



## **2005 Petroleum Baseline for Kerosene-based Jet Fuel (JP-8)**

- **92.3 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMBtu, LHV of Fuel Consumed**
- **87.5 g CO<sub>2</sub>e / MJ , LHV of Fuel Consumed**
- **Note: NETL Baseline for jet fuel was adjusted to exclude N<sub>2</sub>O emissions included in IPCC methodology for aircraft emissions. NETL, November 2008 report original estimate is 92.9 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMBtu. DOD and FAA GHG modeling recommend 100% of carbon content of the fuel being converted to CO<sub>2</sub> for estimating wake emissions.**

# 30 Workgroup Members

## 7 Federal Agencies, 5 Universities, 4 Companies

- **Air Force Research Laboratory, Bill Harrison (Lead)**
- **DOE, National Energy Technology Laboratory (DOE, NETL)**
- **DOE, Argonne National Laboratory (DOE, ANL)**
- **Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)**
- **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**
- **U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)**
- **Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)**

# Workgroup Members

- **University of Texas at Austin (UT)**
- **University of Washington (UW)**
- **Carnegie Mellon University (CMU)**
- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**
- **University of Dayton Research Institute (UDRI)**
- **Universal Technology Corporation (UTC)**
- **URS Corporation (URS)**
- **The Boeing Company (Boeing)**
- **Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG (ERG)**

# Framework and Guidance for Estimating Greenhouse Gas Footprints of Aviation Fuels



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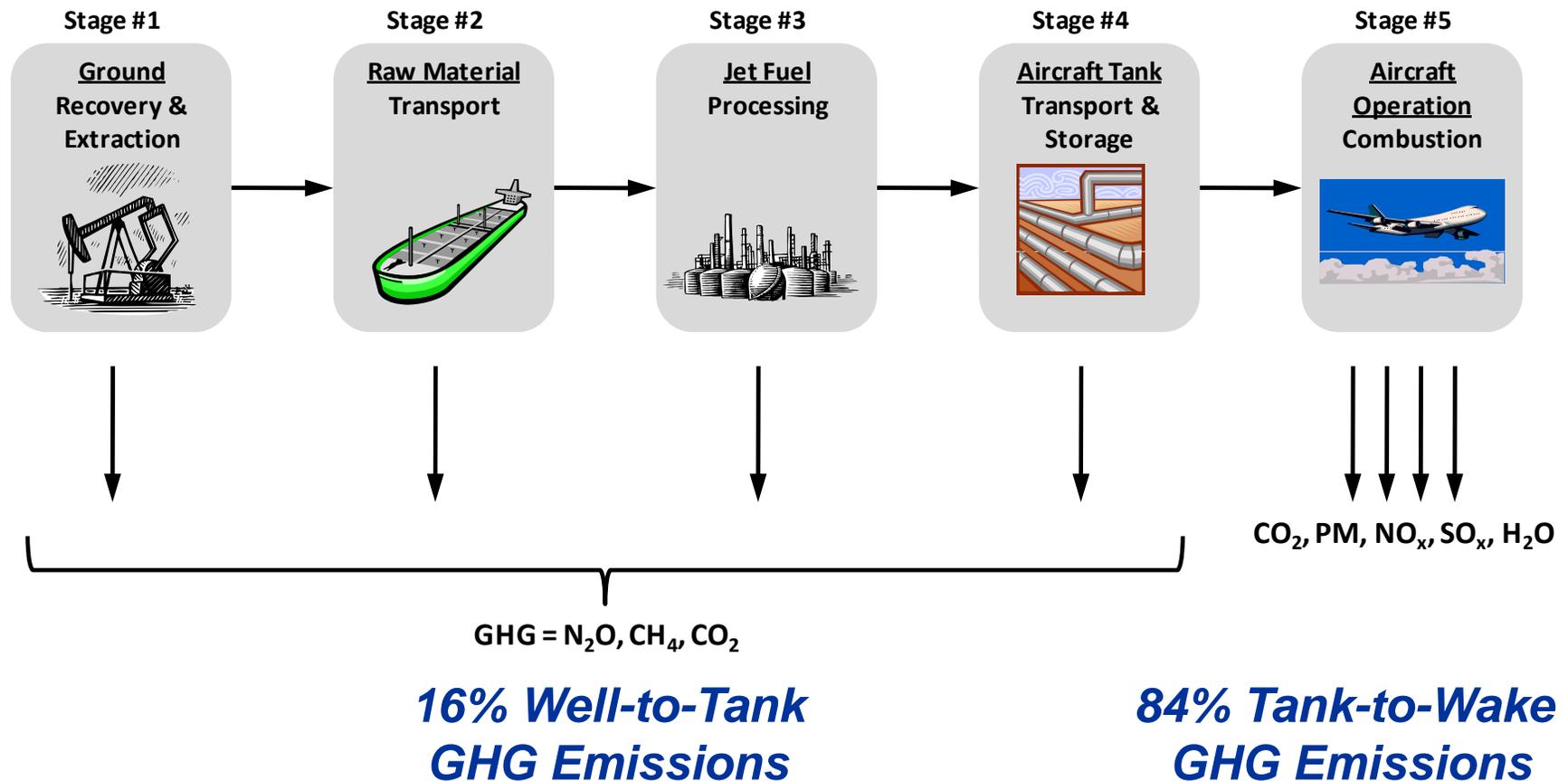
# Life Cycle Guidance Document – Key Milestone

- **Consensus of LCA practitioners, Defense Energy Support Center, regulatory agencies and other stakeholders on:**
  - Methodological approach
  - Standards for data
  - Standards for documentation
- **Document Consistent with:**
  - SETAC (Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry)
  - ISO 14040 and 14044
  - PAS 2050 standards
  - California Low Carbon Standards

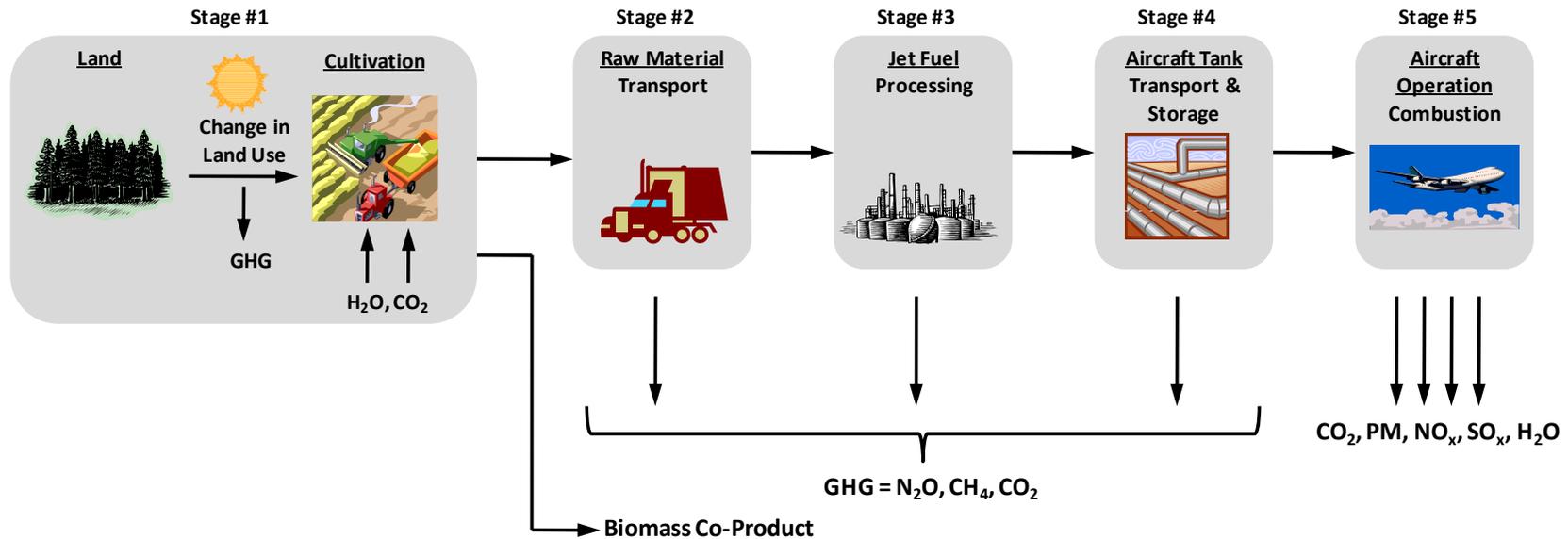
# Contents of Guidance Document

- 1. Executive Summary**
- 2. Introduction**
- 3. Guiding Principles and Functional Units**
- 4. System Boundary Definitions and Analysis**
- 5. Appropriate Management of Co-Products**
- 6. Documenting Data Quality and Uncertainty**
- 7. Conclusions**

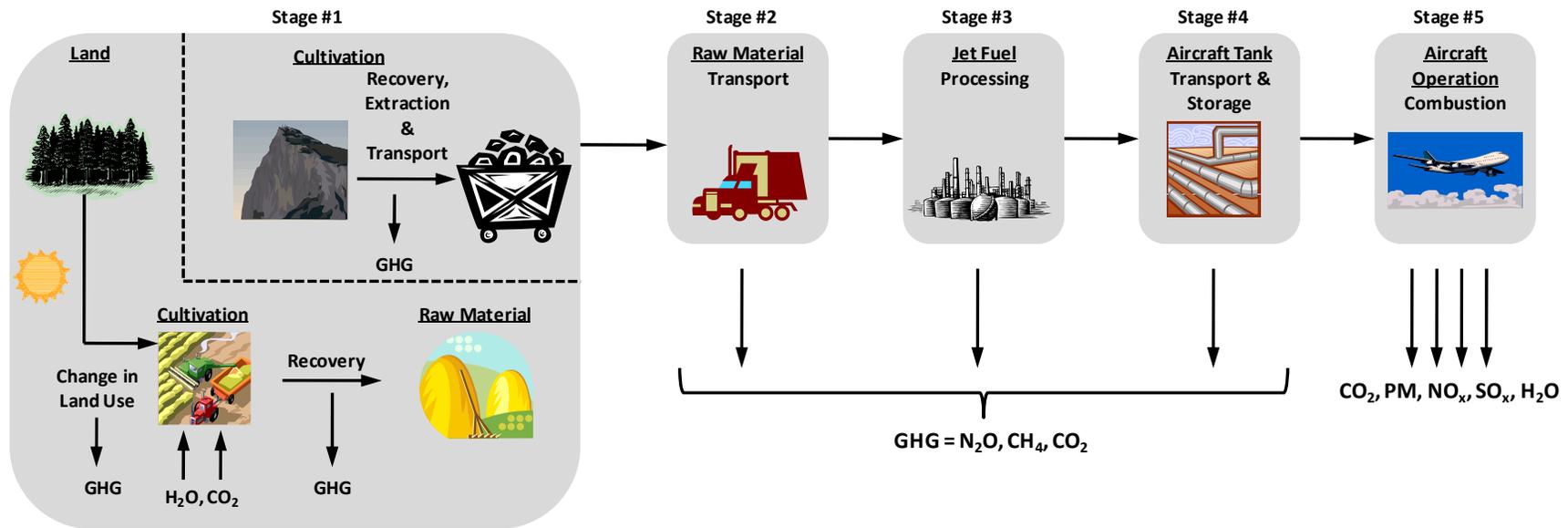
# Simplified Schematic of Life Cycle for Petroleum-based Jet Fuel



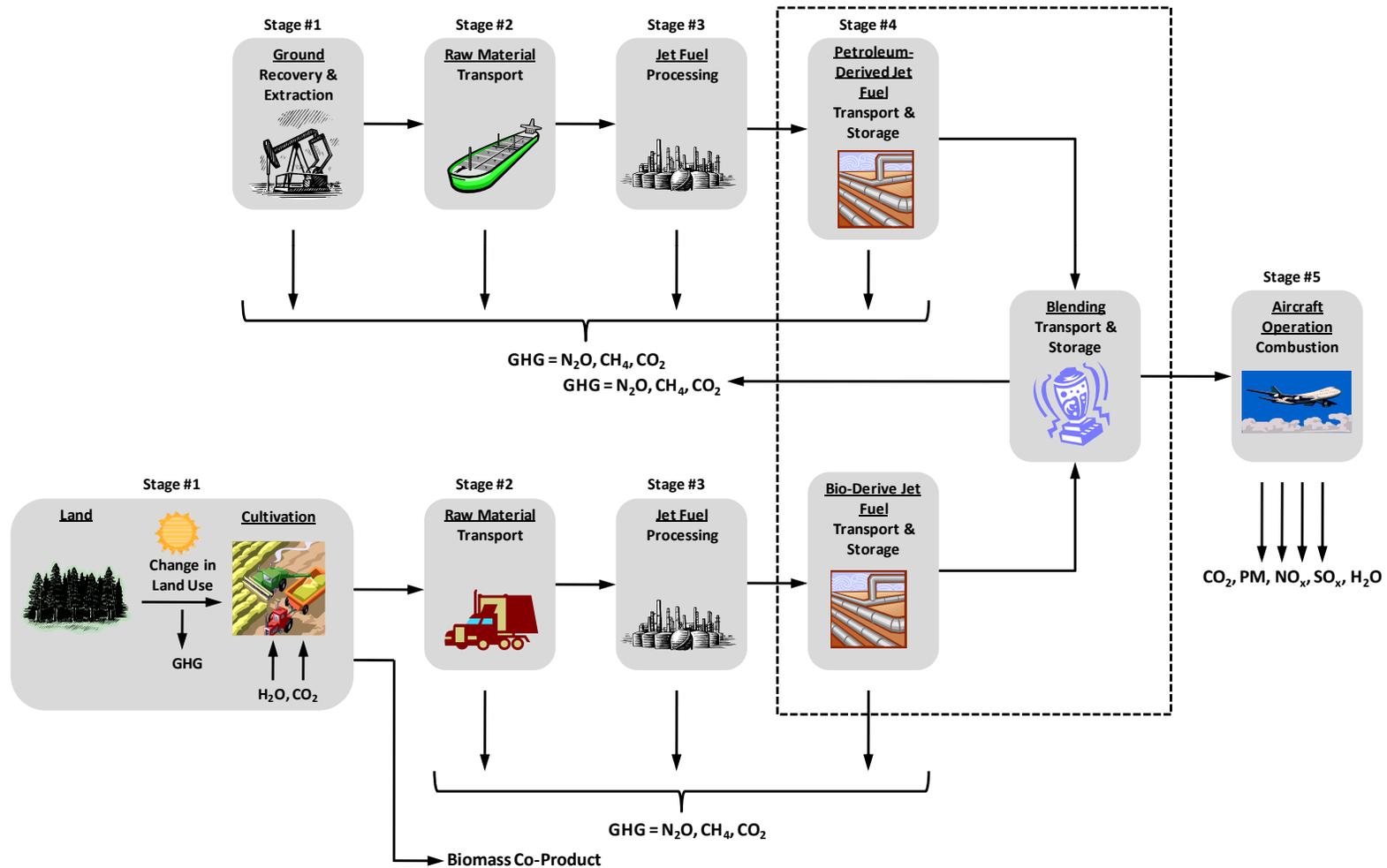
# Simplified Schematic of Life Cycle for Bio-based Jet Fuel



# Simplified Schematic of Life Cycle for Coal and Biomass-based Jet Fuel (CBTL)



# Simplified Schematic of Life Cycle for Petroleum-based Jet Fuel Stock and Bio-based Jet Fuel Stock



# Current Charge: FT-to-Jet Fuel Case Study

## FT-to-Jet Fuel Case Study

- **Feedstock**
  - Illinois #6 Bituminous Coal
  - Switchgrass, 30% by weight
- **Plant Size: 30,000 BPD Plant**
- **Products**
  - SPK-1 Jet Fuel
  - Naphtha
  - Diesel fuel
- **Carbon Management Strategy**
  - Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)
  - Saline Aquifer (sensitivity analysis)



### Fighter Jet Hits Mach 2 on Synthetic Fuel Blend

By Noah Sachtman, August 21, 2008

Source: [www.wired.com](http://www.wired.com)

[excerpt] An Air Force F-15 Eagle flew twice the speed of sound this week, [using a synthetic fuel blend](#). The service has already flown some of its bigger, heavier aircraft — like the C-17 cargo plane and B-52 bomber — on the 50-50 blend of synthetics and standard JP-8 jet fuel. A B-1 even [broke the sound barrier](#), using the mixture. But this is the first time a maneuverable, high-performance fighter has been powered by the stuff.

# FT-Jet Case Study Sub-groups

## LC Stage #1&2(a): Coal Acquisition

- NETL (Lead), ERG-FAL, DESC

## LC Stage #1&2(b): Biomass Acquisition

- UW (Lead), MIT, UT-Austin, Boeing, ANL, DOT

## LC Stage #1&2(c): Direct Land Use

- GaTech (Lead), NETL, MIT, UW, ANL

## LC Stage #3a: FT Plant

- UT-Austin (Lead), NETL, Princeton, UDRI, ANL

## LC Stage #3b: Enhanced Oil Recovery

- NETL (Lead), UW, CMU, UTC

## LC Stage #4: Transport & Distribution

- NETL (Lead), ERG-FAL, UW, DESC, ANL

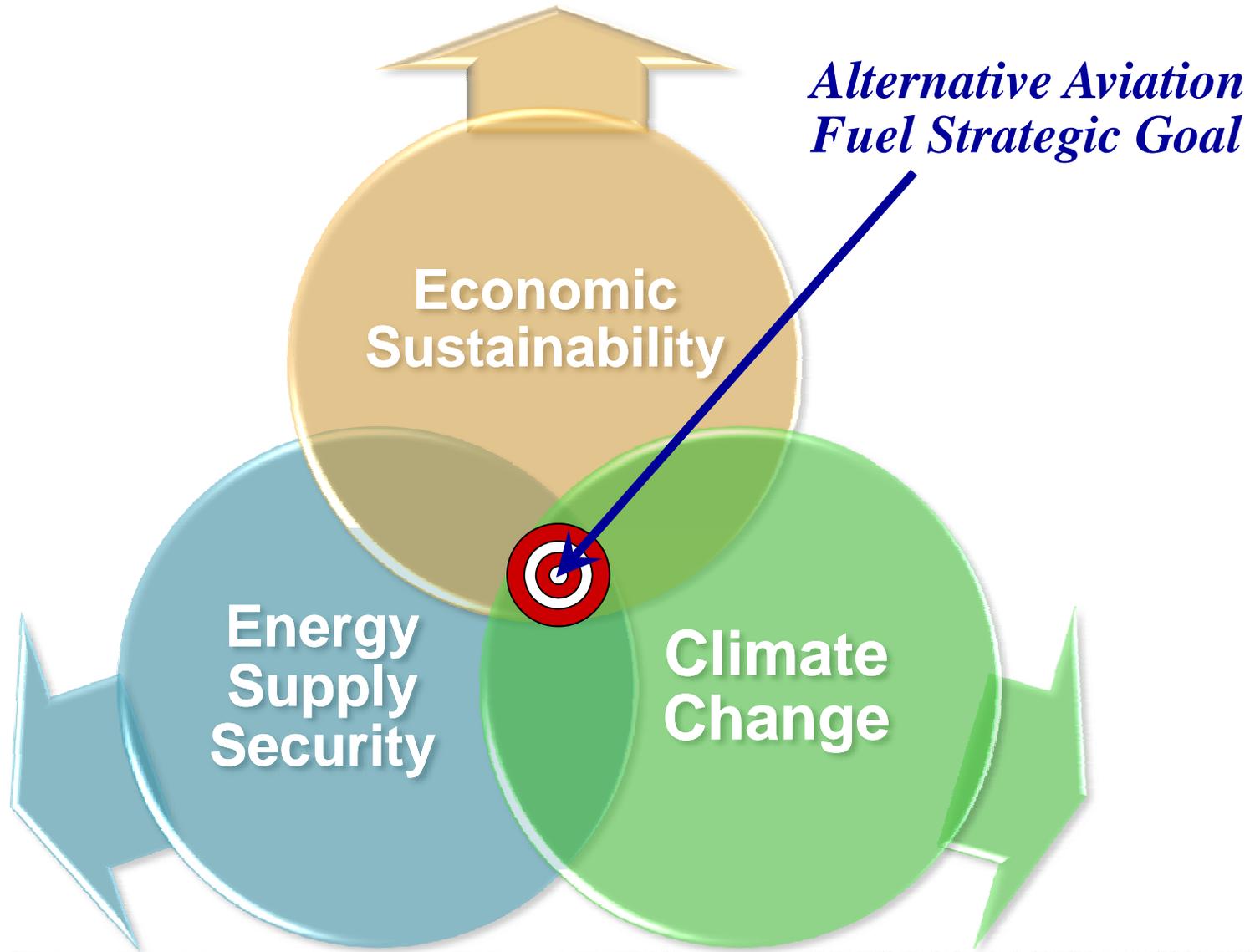
## LC Stage #5: End Use

- MIT (Lead), Boeing, FAA, AFRL, GaTech

ANL	Argonne National Laboratory
AFRL	U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory
Boeing	The Boeing Company
CMU	Carnegie Mellon University
DESC	Defense Energy Supply Center
DOT	Department of Transportation
ERG-FAL	Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
GaTech	Georgia Institute of Technology
MIT	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
NETL	National Energy Technology Laboratory
Princeton	Princeton University
UDRI	University of Dayton Research Institute
UTC	Universal Technology Corporation
UW	University of Washington

## *System Boundary*

# IAWG Workgroup Develops Guidance to Evaluate Potential Solutions



## Next Steps for IAWG Workgroup

- **Spring/Summer 2010**                      **FT-Jet Case Study**
- **Summer/Fall 2010**                      **Soy-to-Jet Case Study**
- **Fall 2010/Spring 2011**                      **Algae-to-Jet Case Study**

*All Final Work Products Will Be Made Publically Available Upon Completion of Peer Review.*



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**Thank you!**

**Questions?**

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