



## Transportation Fuels from Biomass via IH<sup>2</sup> Technology

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# Agenda

- Introduction to CRI and GTI
- IH<sup>2</sup> Technology Overview
- Economics
- Deployment



# Technology Heritage - CRI Snapshot

- Evolution of Shell Catalyst Business with > 45 year history
- Global business headquartered in Houston
- Business Units
  - EO
  - ECS
  - Performance Products (CRI KataLeuna)
  - Upstream & Renewables
- Research Facilities
  - STCA 1000 staff using > 80,000 m<sup>2</sup> building space
  - SBL > 70 staff using ~3 acre temporary site, to relocate to 40 acre campus
  - STCH (Westhollow) 1200 staff using > 1mln sq.ft. building space
- Manufacturing Facilities in US, Germany, Belgium
- CRI and GTI have Joint Development and Commercial agreements in place



# Technology Heritage - GTI Snapshot



- Not-for-profit gas research & services organization with a 70 year history
- Capabilities that span the natural gas value chain
- Energy Solutions
- Facilities
  - 18 acre Chicago campus
  - 28 specialized labs totaling 200,000 sq ft
- Staff of 250
- >1,200 patents
- >750 products taken to market



Offices & Labs



Pilot Scale Gasification Campus



Energy & Environmental Technology Center

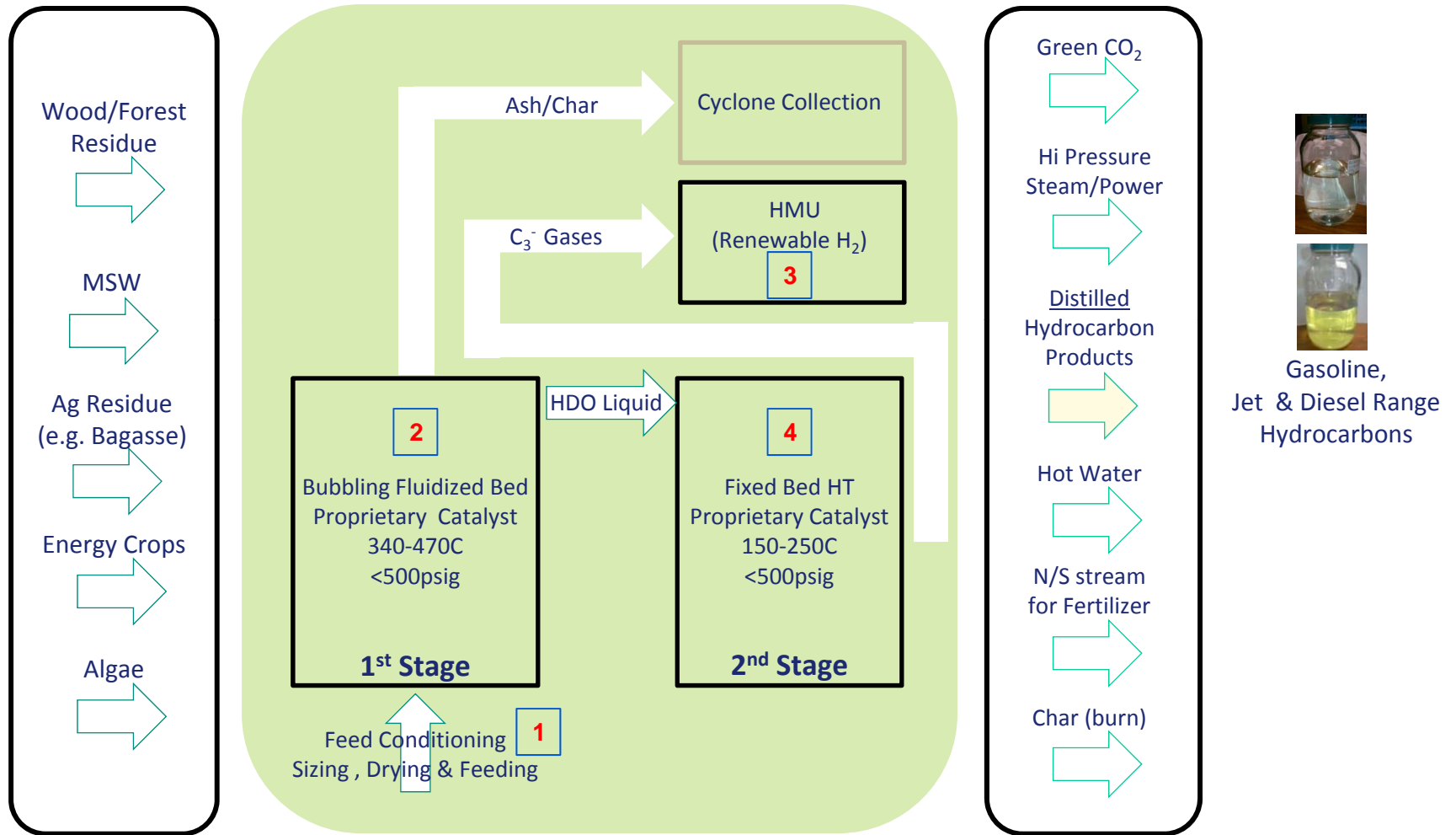


# Design Principles

- Produce fungible hydrocarbon fuel/blend stock from a broad range of inedible/residual biomass feed at low cost
- *Require* no infrastructure other than road/rail transport into and out of the production. Can be integrated with existing mills or refineries for even better economics
- Have minimal unsustainable impact on the surrounding environment



# IH<sup>2</sup> Process



# Differentiators

- Feedstock flexibility with yields 67-157 gal/dry, ash-free ton of feed
- Energy recovery >72% (wood, commercial scale, 45% moisture)
- Attractive economics
  - Low capex (low pressure system, non-corrosive materials, simple process)
  - Low opex (predominated by feed cost)
  - Fully profited manufacturing costs under \$2.00/gal at 2000mt/d scale
- Both stages exothermic, able to export steam or electricity
- Fungible, high purity hydrocarbon product
  - High energy density (i.e. 18 kBTU/lb)
  - Replaces 'whole barrel' gas/jet/diesel with *same molecules* as fossil fuels
  - O below detection limit
- Self-sufficient internal "green" H<sub>2</sub>
  - Eases logistical constraints
  - >94% GHG reduction (Professor David Shonnard, MTU)
- Integrates existing technologies for fast implementation
- Proprietary CRI catalysts play critical role





# 1<sup>st</sup> Gen Liquid Yields and Feedstock Flexibility

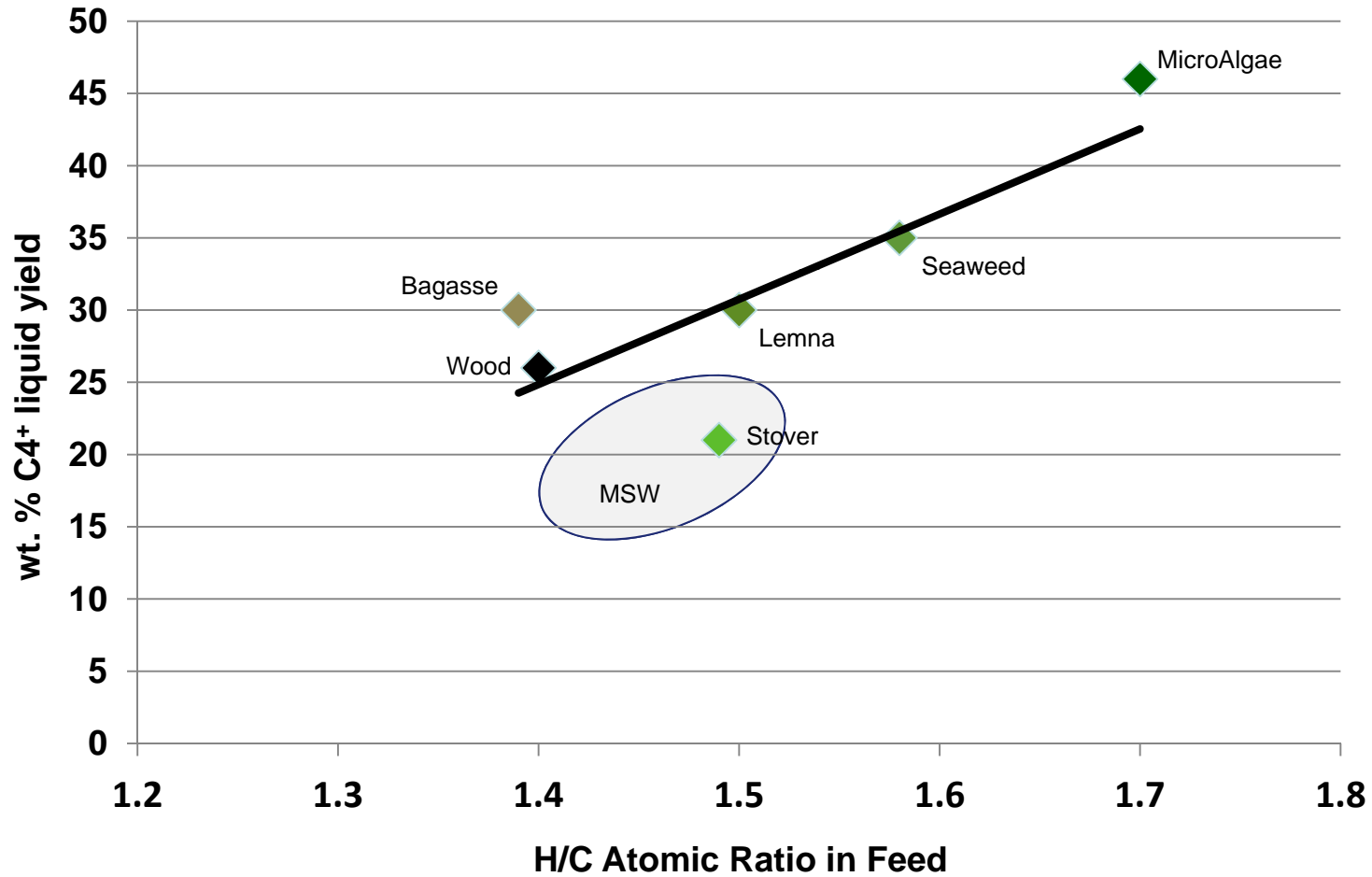
Parameter	UoM	Wood	Parabel Lemna	Aquaflow MicroAlgae	Bagasse	Blue Marble Seaweed	Corn Stover
Feed Carbon Content	wt%	49.7	46.3	43.1	43.1	34.0	40.2
Feed Hydrogen Content	wt%	5.8	5.8	6.1	5.0	4.43	5.0
Feed oxygen content	wt%	43.9	35.7	20.4	35.3	23.6	35.7
Feed nitrogen content	wt%	0.11	3.7	6.5	0.34	4.6	1.0
Feed sulfur content	wt%	0.03	0.3	0.7	0.10	1.9	0.05
Feed ash content	wt%	0.5	8.2	23.1	16.2	29.4	18.1
Feed H/C atomic ratio		1.40	1.50	1.70	1.39	1.56	1.49
C <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> liquid yield (MAF)	wt%	28	30	46	30	35	21
(Gasoline/Diesel)	wt/wt	62/38	65/35	50/50	76/24	76/24	62/38
C <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> liquid yield	Gallons/ton	92	100	157	100	119	67
Product Oxygen		b d l	b d l	b d l	b d l	b d l	b d l
Product TAN	mg KOH/g	<0.05	<0.05	<0.5	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05

b d l = below detection limit



# Liquid Yields and Feedstock Flexibility

IH<sup>2</sup> wt% C<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> Liquid Yield vs Feed H/C (MAF basis)



# Approach

- Initial focus upon motor transportation fuels gasoline, diesel
  - initial look at 1<sup>st</sup> gen gasoline and diesel to set catalyst development targets
  - demonstrate product improvements via catalyst improvements
  - ASTM D4814 and D975
  - EN 228 and EN 590
- Examine aviation turbine fuel quality second as greater quantities of fuel become available from pilot plant
- Entered EPA registration process
- Began ASTM fuel qualification program
- Begin OEM interaction



# Catalysts Are Key

- 1<sup>st</sup> generation hydrocarbon products had deficiencies
  - low conversion, residual N/S, low diesel cetane, etc
  - advanced catalysts developed to address many of these issues
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> generation catalyst packages
  - increased liquid yields (demonstrated)
  - shifted jet/diesel product into gasoline (demonstrated)
  - increased hydrogen / carbon ratio (demonstrated)
  - maximized fuel by converting heavy ends (demonstrated)
  - decreased aromatic content (demonstrated)
  - decreased product N and S (demonstrated)
  - improved product visual appearance/color (demonstrated)
- 4<sup>th</sup> generation catalyst packages
  - increase diesel cetane (work in progress)
  - shift gasoline into jet/diesel (work in progress)



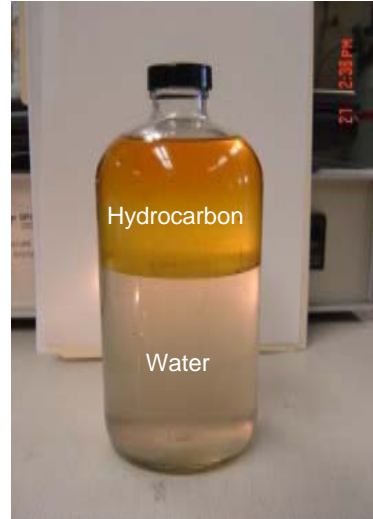
# IH<sup>2</sup> Liquid Products (Wood)

Advanced catalysts improve product appearance and quality

Total Liquid Product  
1<sup>st</sup> Gen Catalyst MBU



Total Liquid Product  
2<sup>nd</sup> Gen Catalyst MBU



Gas/Jet/Diesel Product  
3<sup>rd</sup> Gen Catalyst MBU



Gasoline Product  
3<sup>rd</sup> Gen Catalyst ex  
IH<sup>2</sup> 50 Pilot Plant



Jet/Diesel Product  
3<sup>rd</sup> Gen Catalyst ex  
IH<sup>2</sup> 50 Pilot Plant



Water Product  
3<sup>rd</sup> Gen Catalyst ex  
IH<sup>2</sup> 50 Pilot Plant

“B5” Quality

“B25” Quality

“B60+” Quality

“GOAL”  
Drop In  
Stand  
Alone  
“B100”



# IH<sup>2</sup> 50 kg/d Continuous Pilot Plant





# Comparison of Lab and Pilot Units

	Pilot plant	Laboratory unit
Mode of operation	Continuous	Semi-continuous
Amount of biomass feed	2000 g/h	360 g/h
Automation/control system	Yes - Complete	Partial
Lock hopper – continuous feed	Yes	No (Batch)
Continuous char removal	Yes	No (Batch)
Compressor/recycle gas	Yes	No (Once-through)
Automated valves/interlocks	Yes	No
Primary reactor diameter	2.5x	1.0x
Cyclone separation	Yes	No
Gas velocity in primary Rx	2.0x	1.0x



# Yield Comparison between Pilot Plant and Lab Unit

Yields in wt% of biomass feed (wood) on a moisture and ash free basis



	Pilot plant	Laboratory unit
Liquid hydrocarbon product	24-26	26
Char	11-14	13
Water	39-42	36
CO + CO <sub>2</sub>	7-8	17
C1-C3 gases	12-15	13
Total*	105	105

\*Total greater than 100% due to hydrogen uptake





# Comparison of Liquid Quality from Woody Biomass

	Pilot plant	Laboratory unit
		
% Carbon	88.20	88.40
% Hydrogen	11.60	11.00
% Sulfur	0.02	0.02
% Nitrogen	<0.10	<0.10
% Oxygen	BDL	BDL
Total acid number, mg KOH/g	<0.05	<0.05

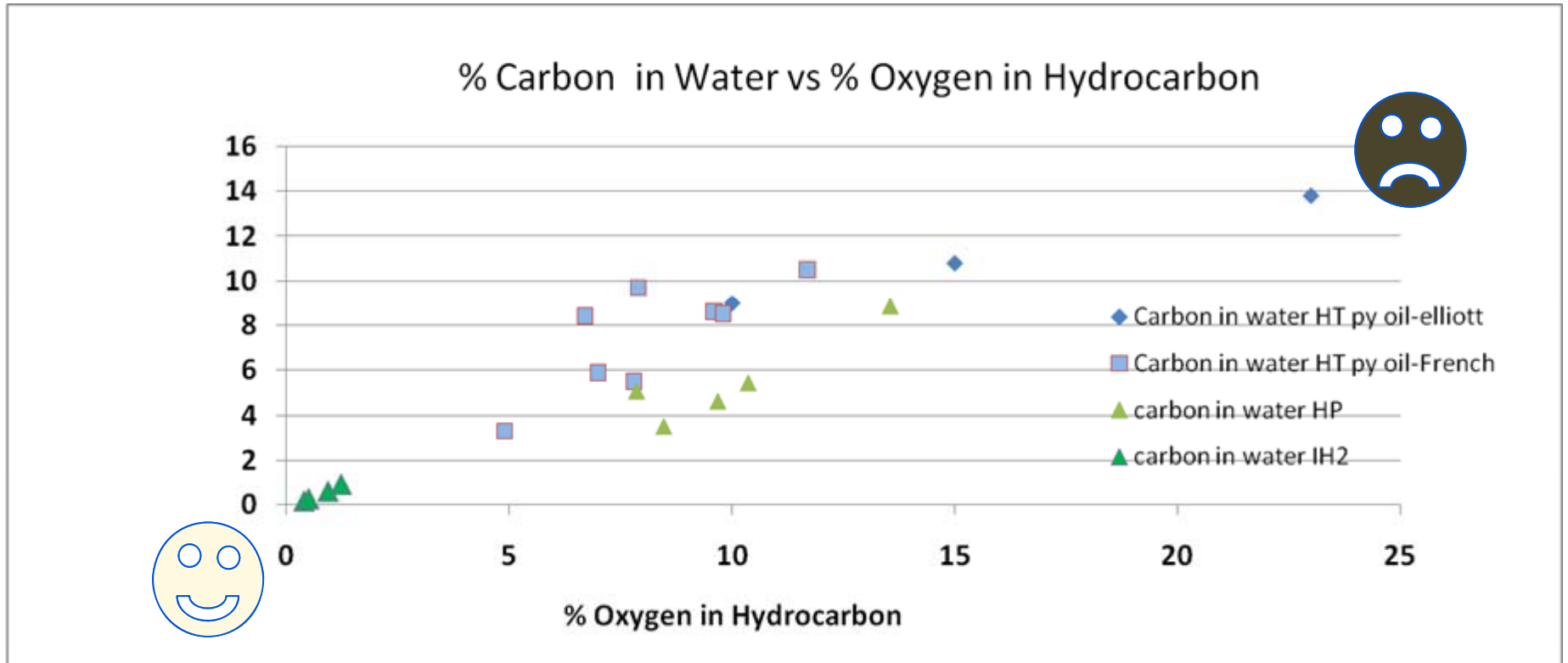


# IH<sup>2</sup> Liquid Products (Wood)

- 3<sup>rd</sup> generation gasoline from IH<sup>2</sup>-50 Pilot Plant
  - Distilled 5 gallons
  - [Passed all D-4814-10b unleaded gasoline specifications as B100](#)
  - **Except** Cu strip (2A vs 1) & Ag strip (4 vs 1)
  - Active S related, improved 2<sup>nd</sup> stage catalyst(s)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> generation jet from IH<sup>2</sup>-50 Pilot Plant
  - Distilled 2 gallons
  - Extensive specifications
- 3<sup>rd</sup> generation diesel from IH<sup>2</sup>-50 Pilot Plant
  - Distilled 2 gallons
  - Passed all D-975-11 as No 2, general purpose middle distillate fuel as B100
  - **Except** Cetane Index & Viscosity



# IH<sup>2</sup> Water is Clean!

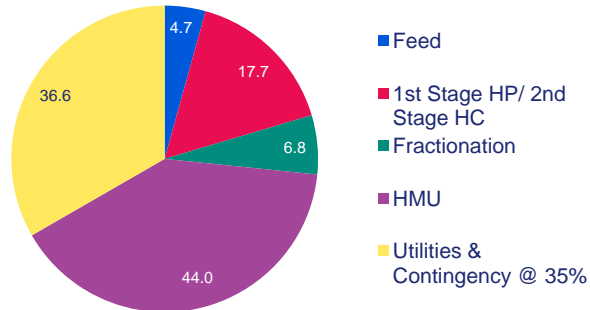


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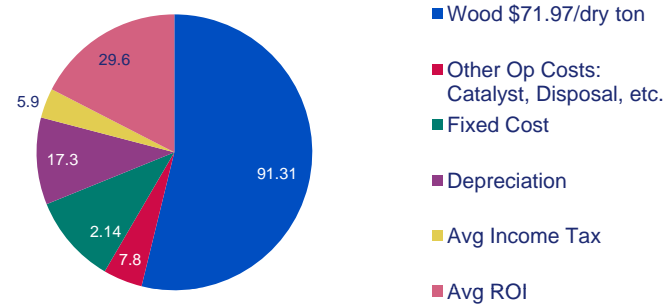


# IH<sup>2</sup> Process Estimates

## Installed Equipment Costs \$112.6mIn

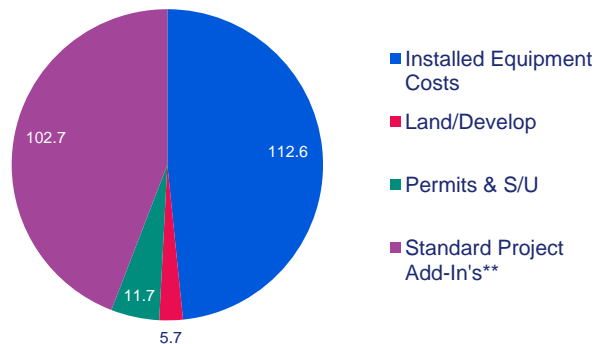


## Operating Costs Total \$1.60/gal\*



\*Includes \$0.093/gal coproduct credit

## Total Capital Investment \$232.8mIn



\*\* Prorated Expense (10%), H O & Construction (20%), Field Expense (10%), Working Capital (10%), Project Contingency (30%)

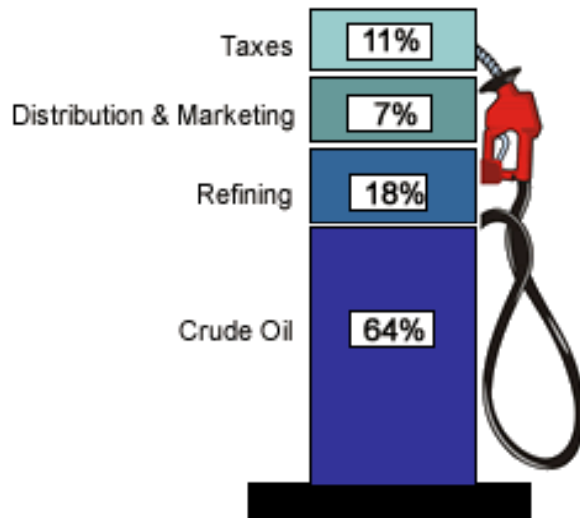
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Author: Eric C. D. Tan Platform: Analysis Report Date: May 23, 2011

- 2000mt/d wood (50% moisture fed, dried to 10% moisture at 1<sup>st</sup> stage)
- Land acquisition & development costs included
- Equipment cost - HMU is largest @ \$44mIn ~40% TIC
- Total Capital ~Double Installed Equipment
- Feed Stock ~55% of Operating Cost
- **Minimum Fuel Selling Price – \$1.60/gal (2007) \$1.76 (2012)**
- Refinery Synergy w/Refinery H<sub>2</sub> Supply
  - Reduces Capital Cost ~44.0MM\$
  - **Estimated MSP \$1.36/gal (2007) \$1.49 (2012)**
- NREL capex validated by KBR
- NREL used early liquid yields (79 vs 92 gal/t)



# IH<sup>2</sup> Process Economics: US Retail Price Build Up

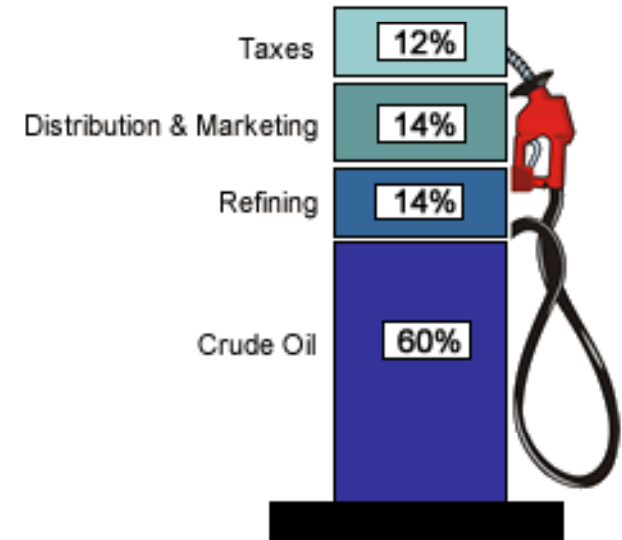
Regular Gasoline (August 2012)  
Retail Price: \$3.72/gallon



## Fossil

\$0.41/gal	\$0.48/gal
\$0.26/gal	\$0.56/gal
\$0.67/gal	\$0.56/gal
<u>\$2.38/gal</u>	<u>\$2.39/gal</u>
\$3.72/gal	\$3.98/gal
\$100.14/bbl	
\$3.05/gal	\$2.95/gal
(crude + refining only)	

Diesel (August 2012)  
Retail Price: \$3.98/gallon

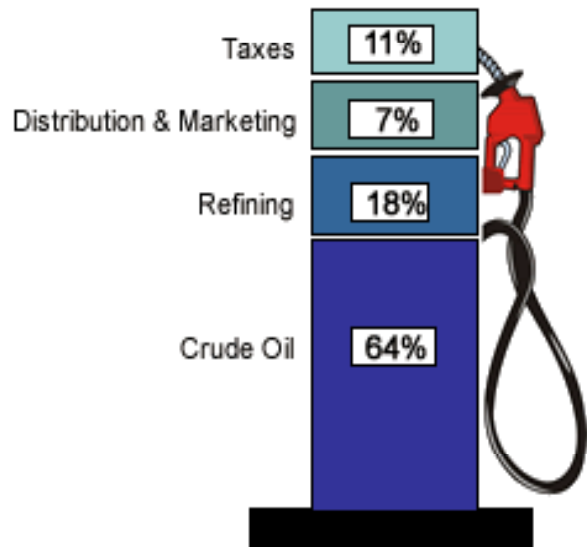


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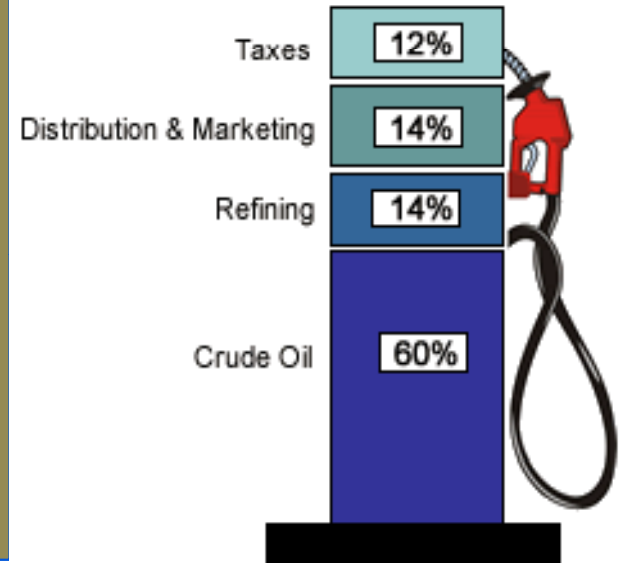
# Breakeven Crude Price Simplified Estimate

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\$1.76/gal    \$1.76/gal    wood + refining  
 \$1.25/gal    \$1.25/gal    no "refining"

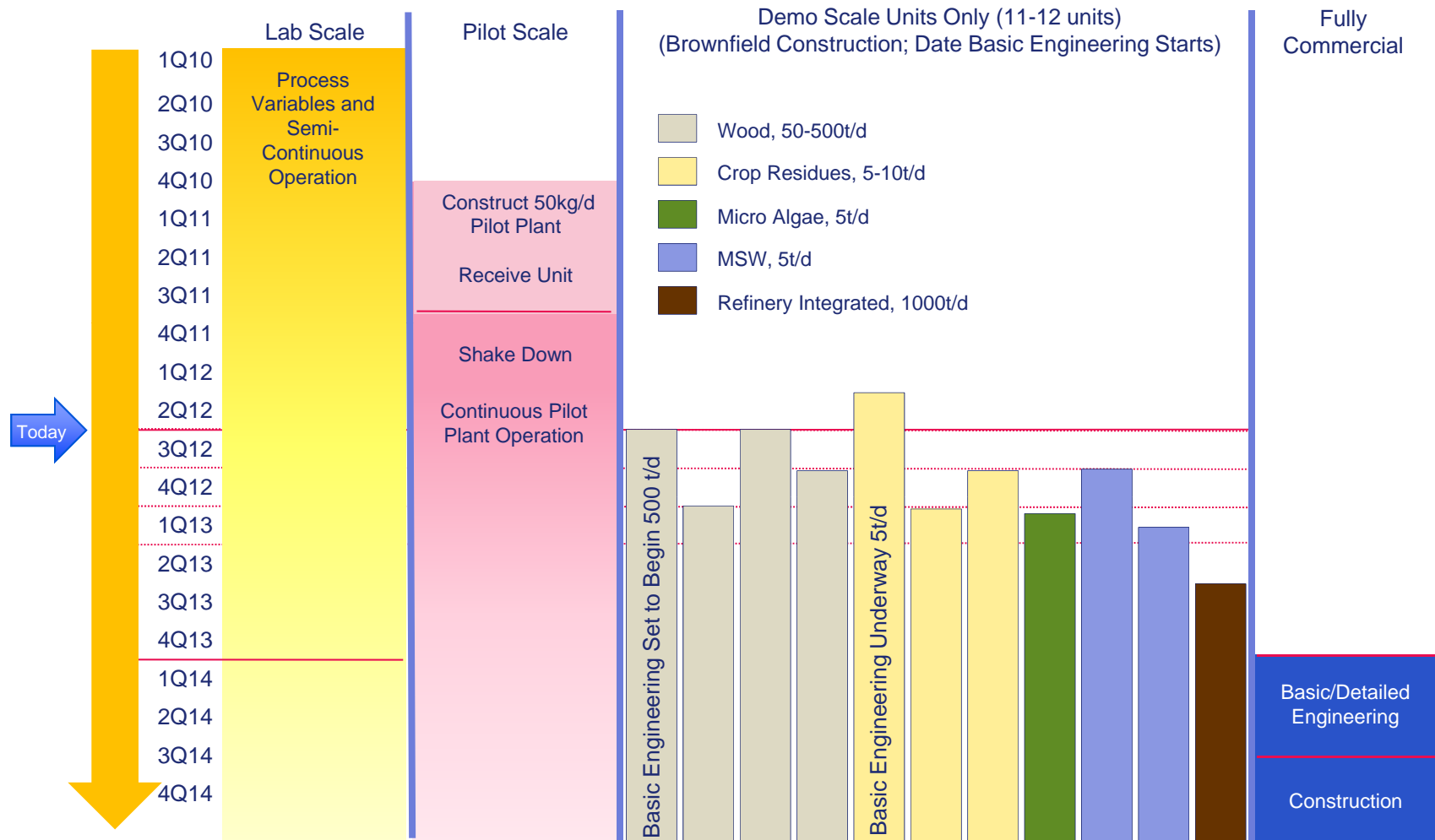
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\$60/bbl

estimated breakeven (wood)



# Commercial Timeline, Current Status



# Conclusions

- The IH<sup>2</sup> technology is
  - a cost-effective catalytic thermochemical process that converts biomass directly to hydrocarbon fuels / blend stocks
  - self-sufficient and self-sustaining with little impact on the surrounding environment needing only transport in/out of the site
  - feedstock agnostic, able to consume broad range of biomass straight, mixed and varied feeds including MSW and algae
  - not gasification/FT based
  - scalable from 40 to  $\geq 3000$ mt/d feed
  - nearly carbon-neutral (LCA  $\geq 94\%$  GHG\* reduction)
  - currently in basic engineering for multiple feed demonstrations
  - available exclusively from CRI





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