

Supporting Information

Opening pathways for the conversion of woody biomass into sustainable aviation fuel via catalytic fast pyrolysis and hydrotreating

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| Table S1. Compositional analysis of the biomass feedstock | |
|---|-------|
| C, wt% | 49.4% |
| H, wt% | 6.1% |
| N, wt% | 0.2% |
| Ash, wt% | 1.0% |
| H ₂ O, wt% | 3.3% |
| O by difference, wt% | 43.3% |
| O dry basis, wt% | 41.8% |

| Table S2. Carbon yields of gases produced during CFP gC/gC in biomass x 100% | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| | 17-O CFP | 20-O CFP |
| CO | 11.9 | 12.8 |
| CO ₂ | 4.9 | 4.6 |
| CH ₄ | 2.8 | 2.4 |
| Ethene | 2.7 | 2.2 |
| Propene | 2.3 | 1.9 |
| Butenes | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Ethane | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Propane | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Total | 25.8 | 25.1 |

| Table S3. Compositional analysis of CFP-oils by GC-MS, wt% | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| | 17-O CFP | 20-O CFP |
| Aromatic hydrocarbons | 14.1 | 7.9 |
| Phenols (monofunctional) | 3.3 | 2.6 |
| Benzenediols | 0 | 0 |
| Methoxyphenols | 3.2 | 3.7 |
| Naphthols/Indenols | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| Ketones | 1.3 | 1.7 |
| Aldehydes | 0.4 | 1.1 |
| Furans | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| Acids | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Anhydrosugars | 1.9 | 2.9 |
| Total | 25.5 | 21.6 |

| Table S4. Characterization of Pre-Reaction, Post-Reaction, and Regenerated ZSM-5 Catalysts | |
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|--|--|

| | Surface Area, m ² /g | Acid Site Density, μmol NH ₃ /g |
|---------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Pre-Reaction | 340 | 765 |
| Post-Reaction | 85 | 516 |
| Regenerated | 336 | 722 |

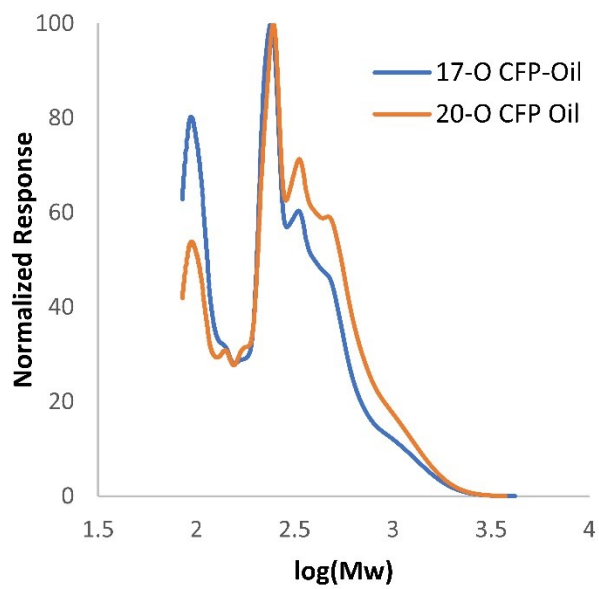


Figure S1. Gel permeation chromatography illustrating the comparatively low molecular weight distribution of the 17-O vs 20-O CFP-oils.

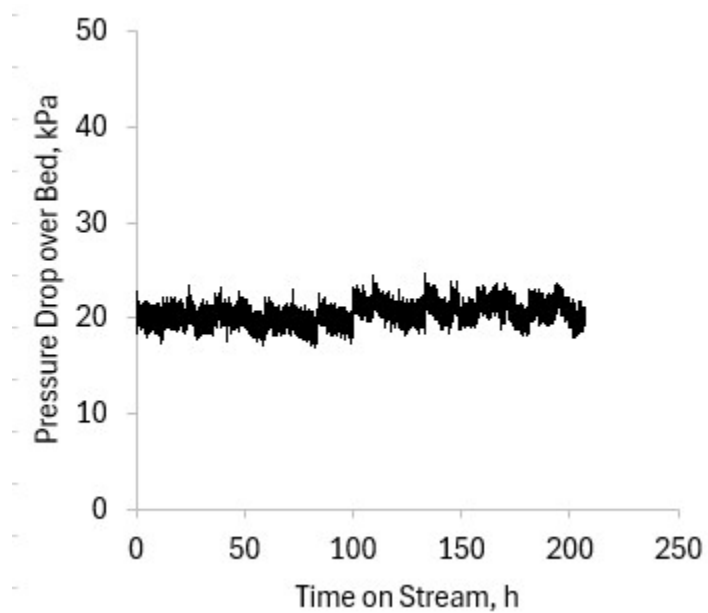


Figure S2. Measured pressure drop over the catalyst bed during hydrotreating of the 17-O CFP-oil

| Table S5. Mass yields of gases produced during hydrotreating, g/g CFP-oil x 100% | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| | 17-O CFP | 20-O CFP |
| CO | 0 | 0 |
| CO ₂ | 0 | 0 |
| CH ₄ | 1.5 | 2.2 |
| C ₂ | 0.7 | 1.3 |
| C ₃ | 1.1 | 2.4 |
| C ₄ | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| C ₅ | 0.4 | 0.6 |

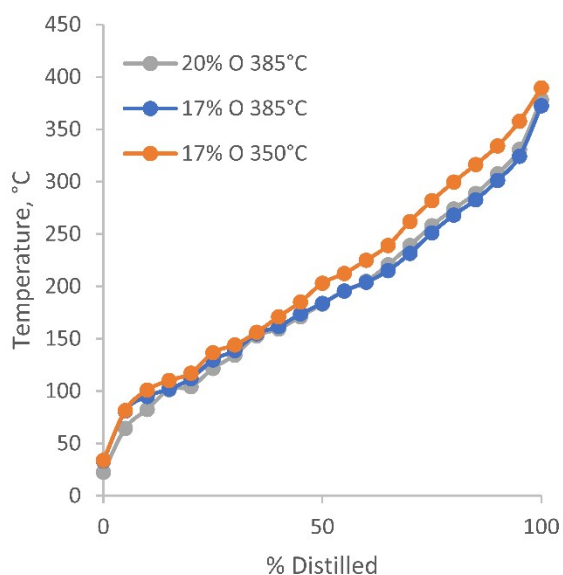


Figure S5. Simulated distillation (ASTM D2007) of 17-O and 20-O C₁₅-oils hydrotreated at 385 and 350 °C.

| Table S6. Unit prices of key inputs* for TEA | | | |
|--|--------|-------|-----------|
| | Unit | Value | Cost Year |
| Feedstock (50 wt% pine /50 wt% residues) | \$/dry | | |
| | US ton | 67 | 2016 |
| CFP catalyst ‡ | \$/lb | 9.75 | 2011 |
| Hydrotreating Catalyst | \$/lb | 20 | 2011 |

*Other than feedstock, all assumptions are maintained from 2015 design report: <https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy15osti/62455.pdf> .

‡ As in our other work, PPI industry sub-sector data for Chemical Manufacturing was used to update prices to 2016\$

§ A different catalyst unit cost can be prorated in the cost contribution tables to evaluate sensitivity to catalyst costs .

Table S7. Total Capital Investment in 2016\$ (17-O base case)

| Process Area | Purchased Equip. Cost | Installed Cost |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Area 100: Feed Handling & Drying | \$300,000 | \$580,000 |
| Area 200: Fast Pyrolysis & Vapor Upgrading | \$64,240,000 | \$179,200,000 |
| Area 300: Pyrolysis Vapor Quench | \$6,210,000 | \$11,410,000 |
| Area 400: Hydroprocessing and Separation | \$22,680,000 | \$36,040,000 |
| Area 500: Hydrogen Plant | \$24,760,000 | \$50,060,000 |
| Area 600: Steam System and Power Generation | \$40,820,000 | \$73,760,000 |
| Area 700: Cooling Water and Other Utilities | \$4,980,000 | \$10,000,000 |
| Area 800: Water Management | \$8,400,000 | \$19,850,000 |
| Totals | \$172,390,000 | \$380,910,000 |
| Total Purchased Equipment Cost (TPEC) | | \$172,390,000 |
| Installation Factor | | 2.210 |
| Total Installed Cost (TIC) | | \$380,910,000 |
| Other Direct Costs | | |
| Land (Not Depreciated) | | \$1,610,000 |
| Warehouse | 4.0% of ISBL | \$9,090,000 |
| Site Development | 10.0% of ISBL | \$22,720,000 |
| Additional Piping | 4.5% of ISBL | \$10,230,000 |
| Total Direct Costs (TDC) | | \$422,940,000 |
| Indirect Costs | % of TDC | |
| Prorated Expenses | 10.0% | \$42,290,000 |
| Home Office & Construction Fees | 20.0% | \$84,590,000 |
| Field Expenses | 10.0% | \$42,290,000 |
| Project Contingency | 10.0% | \$42,290,000 |
| Other Costs (Start-Up & Permits) | 10.0% | \$42,290,000 |
| Total Indirect Costs | 60.0% | \$253,770,000 |
| Fixed Capital Investment (FCI) | | \$676,710,000 |
| Working Capital | 5.0% of FCI (ex Land) | \$33,840,000 |
| Total Capital Investment (TCI) | | \$710,550,000 |

Table S8. Total Capital Investment in 2016\$ (20-O base case)

| Process Area | | Purchased Equip. Cost | Installed Cost |
|--|-------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Area 100: Feed Handling & Drying | | \$340,000 | \$650,000 |
| Area 200: Fast Pyrolysis & Vapor Upgrading | | \$63,270,000 | \$176,420,000 |
| Area 300: Pyrolysis Vapor Quench | | \$6,330,000 | \$11,620,000 |
| Area 400: Hydroprocessing and Separation | | \$25,290,000 | \$40,200,000 |
| Area 500: Hydrogen Plant | | \$26,100,000 | \$52,110,000 |
| Area 600: Steam System and Power Generation | | \$38,560,000 | \$70,040,000 |
| Area 700: Cooling Water and Other Utilities | | \$4,890,000 | \$9,900,000 |
| Area 800: Water Management | | \$12,190,000 | \$28,670,000 |
| Totals | | \$176,960,000 | \$389,610,000 |
| Total Purchased Equipment Cost (TPEC) | | | \$176,960,000 |
| Installation Factor | | | 2.202 |
| Total Installed Cost (TIC) | | | \$389,610,000 |
| Other Direct Costs | | | |
| Land (Not Depreciated) | | | \$1,610,000 |
| Warehouse | 4.0% | of ISBL | \$9,160,000 |
| Site Development | 10.0% | of ISBL | \$22,890,000 |
| Additional Piping | 4.5% | of ISBL | \$10,300,000 |
| Total Direct Costs (TDC) | | | \$431,960,000 |
| Indirect Costs | | % of TDC | |
| Prorated Expenses | | 10.0% | \$43,200,000 |
| Home Office & Construction Fees | | 20.0% | \$86,390,000 |
| Field Expenses | | 10.0% | \$43,200,000 |
| Project Contingency | | 10.0% | \$43,200,000 |
| Other Costs (Start-Up & Permits) | | 10.0% | \$43,200,000 |
| Total Indirect Costs | | 60.0% | \$259,170,000 |
| Fixed Capital Investment (FCI) | | | \$691,130,000 |
| Working Capital | 5.0% | of FCI (ex Land) | \$34,560,000 |
| Total Capital Investment (TCI) | | | \$725,690,000 |

Table S9. Modeled Cost Contributions in 2016\$ (17-O base case)

cents/GGE

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Feedstock | 176.9 |
| Natural Gas | 0.1 |
| Catalysts* | 96.4 |
| Sand | 0.8 |
| Other Raw Materials | 9.5 |
| Waste Disposal | 3.6 |
| Purchased Electricity | 0.0 |
| Fixed Costs | 117.4 |
| Refinery Coprocessing Cost | 0.0 |
| Electricity Coproduct Credit | -73.0 |
| Capital Depreciation | 124.3 |
| Average Income Tax | 26.1 |
| Average Return on Investment | 186.4 |
| Total | 668.6 |
| * Modeled CFP catalyst contribution = 68.4 cents/GGE | |
| * Modeled hydrotreating catalyst contribution = 27.2 cents/GGE | |

| Table S10. Modeled Cost Contributions in 2016\$ (20-O base case) | cents/GGE |
|---|------------------|
| Feedstock | 156.6 |
| Natural Gas | 0.2 |
| Catalysts* | 89.4 |
| Sand | 0.7 |
| Other Raw Materials | 8.5 |
| Waste Disposal | 3.3 |
| Purchased Electricity | 0.0 |
| Fixed Costs | 105.6 |
| Refinery Coprocessing Cost | 0.0 |
| Electricity Coproduct Credit | -53.9 |
| Capital Depreciation | 112.4 |
| Average Income Tax | 23.5 |
| Average Return on Investment | 168.7 |
| Total | 615.0 |
| * Modeled CFP catalyst contribution = 60.6 cents/GGE | |
| * Modeled hydrotreating catalyst contribution = 28.1 cents/GGE | |

Table S11. Breakdown of GHG Emissions (17-O base case)

| Operation | Emissions (g CO₂e/MJ) |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Forest residue processing | 3.7 |
| Forest residue transportation | 2.8 |
| Receiving handling and storage | 0.3 |
| Forest residue preprocessing | 13.2 |
| Pine collection | 8.5 |
| Pine processing | 0.3 |
| Pine transportation | 1.6 |
| Pine handling and storage | 0.1 |
| Pine preprocessing | 15.5 |
| Fuel production | -40.0 |
| Fuel combustion | 1.1 |
| Total | 7.0 |
| Petroleum Jet Fuel (PJF) incumbent | 88.7 |
| GHG reduction compared to incumbent | 92% |

| Table S12. Breakdown of GHG Emissions (20-O base case) | |
|---|---|
| Operation | Emissions (g CO₂e/MJ) |
| Forest residue processing | 3.3 |
| Forest residue transportation | 2.4 |
| Receiving handling and storage | 0.2 |
| Forest residue preprocessing | 11.7 |
| Pine collection | 7.5 |
| Pine processing | 0.3 |
| Pine transportation | 1.4 |
| Pine handling and storage | 0.1 |
| Pine preprocessing | 13.7 |
| Fuel production | -28.4 |
| Fuel combustion | 1.1 |
| Total | 13.3 |
| Petroleum Jet Fuel (PJF) incumbent | 88.7 |
| GHG reduction compared to incumbent | 85% |