

SAF Development Status and Technical Trends in China

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Targets for China



President Xi Jinping pledged :

Carbon peak in 2030, carbon neutrality in 2060 in China

Achieve a 7%-10% reduction in net economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions from peak levels by 2035

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Carbon offsetting & reduction scheme
2021-2035

CORSIA

2016

ICAO

Net-zero carbon emissions goal



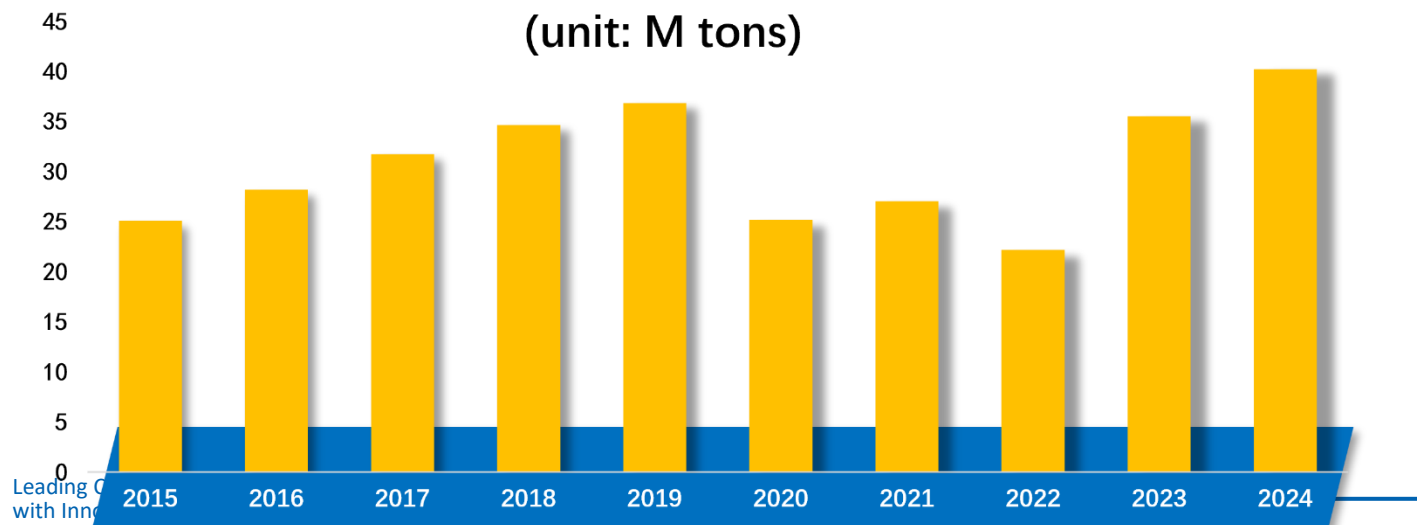
2020

SAF, LCAF and other Aviation Cleaner Energies



2023

Jet Fuel Consumption of China
(unit: M tons)

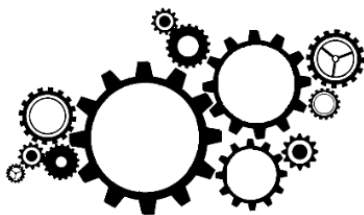




Aviation Fuel Management



Innovated Aviation Fuel Management



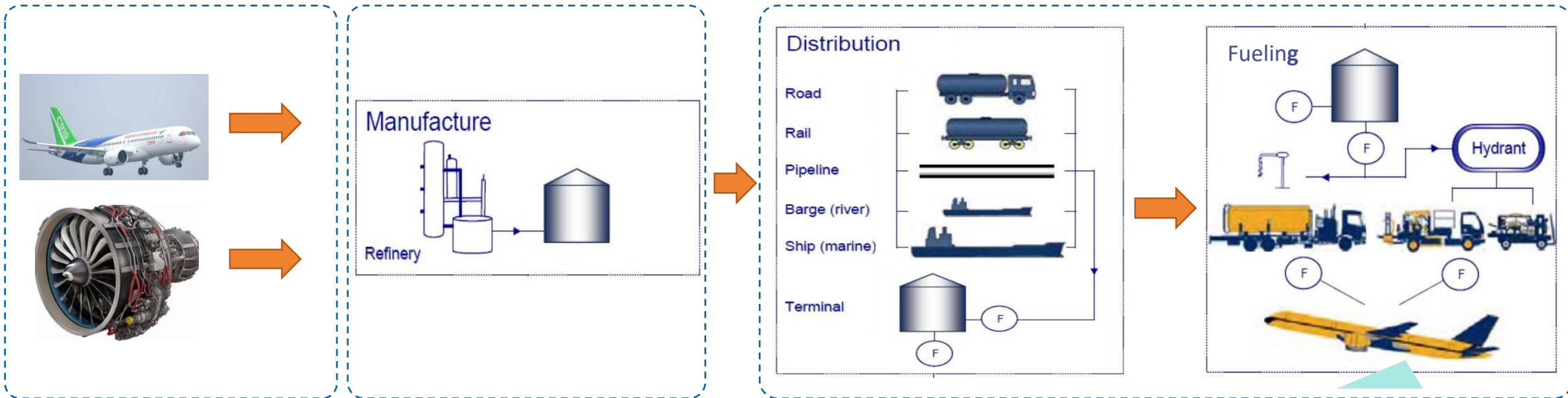
Aviation Fuel is Managed as
an Aircraft **Component**



CAAC Certifies Aviation Fuel by
Administrative License



Entire Supply Chain Supervision



CCAR-25/33(TC/STC-TCDS)
CS-25/CS-E(TC/STC-TCDS)

Aviation Fuel Grade and
Specification Management

CCAR-21(CTSOA)
DEF STAN 91-091/ASTM D1655
ASTM D7566, etc.

Aviation Fuel Producer
Qualification and Approval

CCAR-55(Aviation Fuel Supplier/Testing)
EI 1530/JIG 4

Aviation Fuel Handling: Transport, Storage, Fueling and
Quality Testing

CAAC Supervision

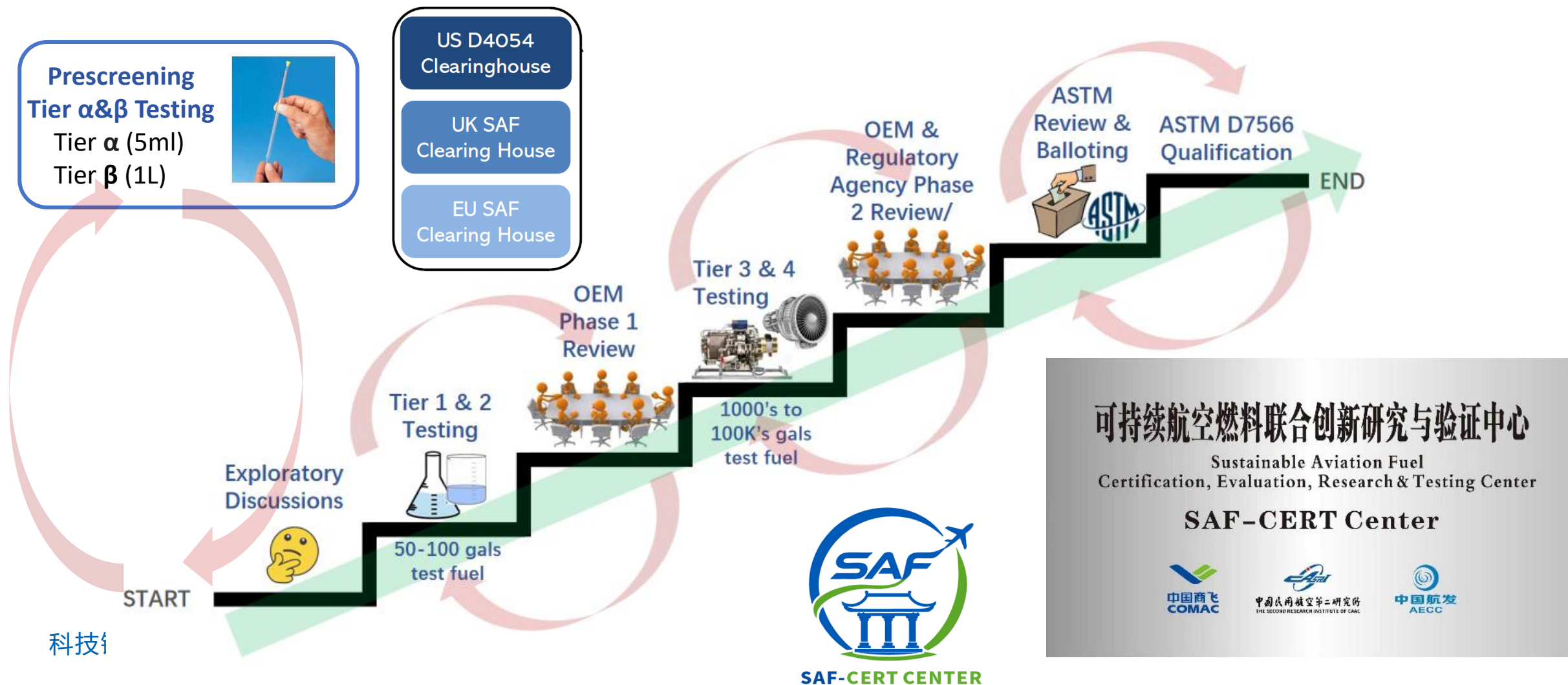
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ASTM D4054: SATF/SBC

ASTM D4054: Standard Practice for Evaluation of New Aviation Turbine Fuels and Fuel Additives

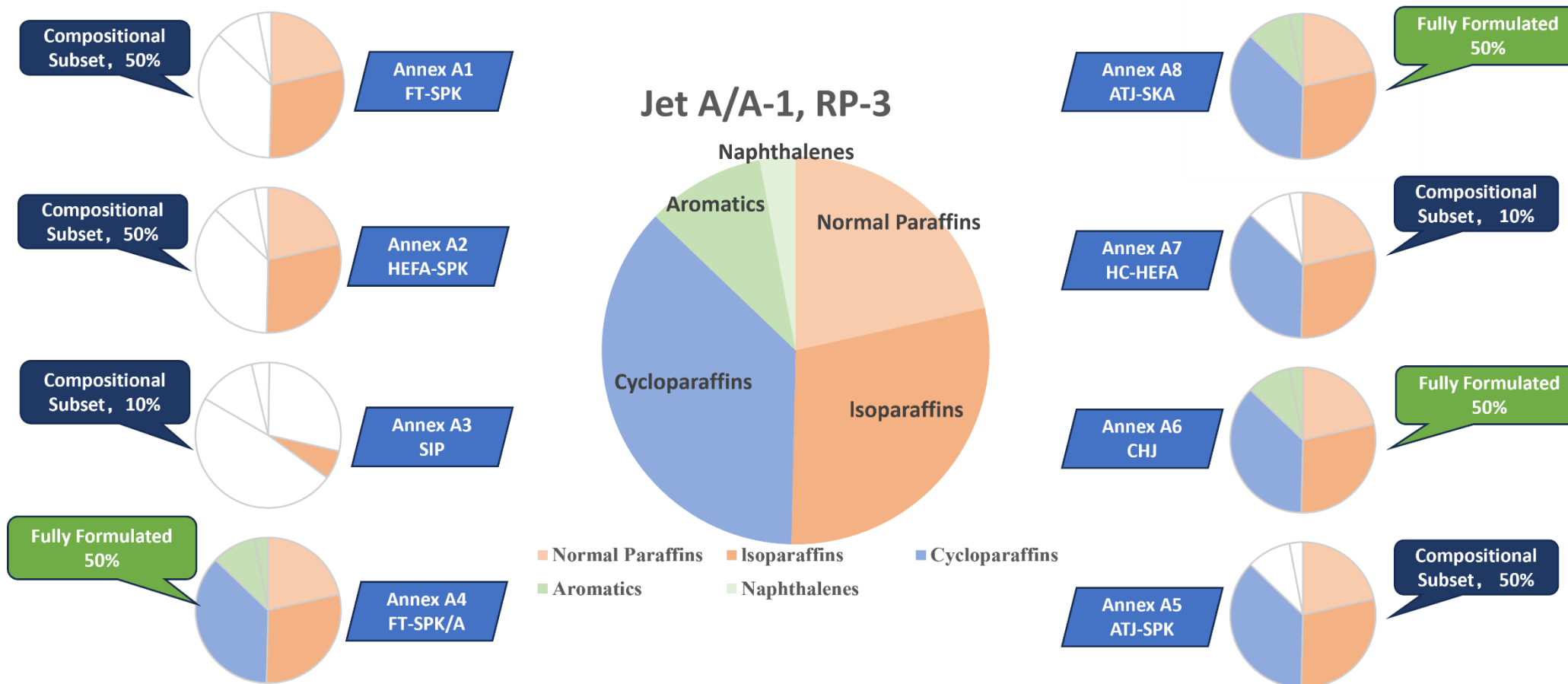


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From: Mr. Mark Rumizen, Air Company



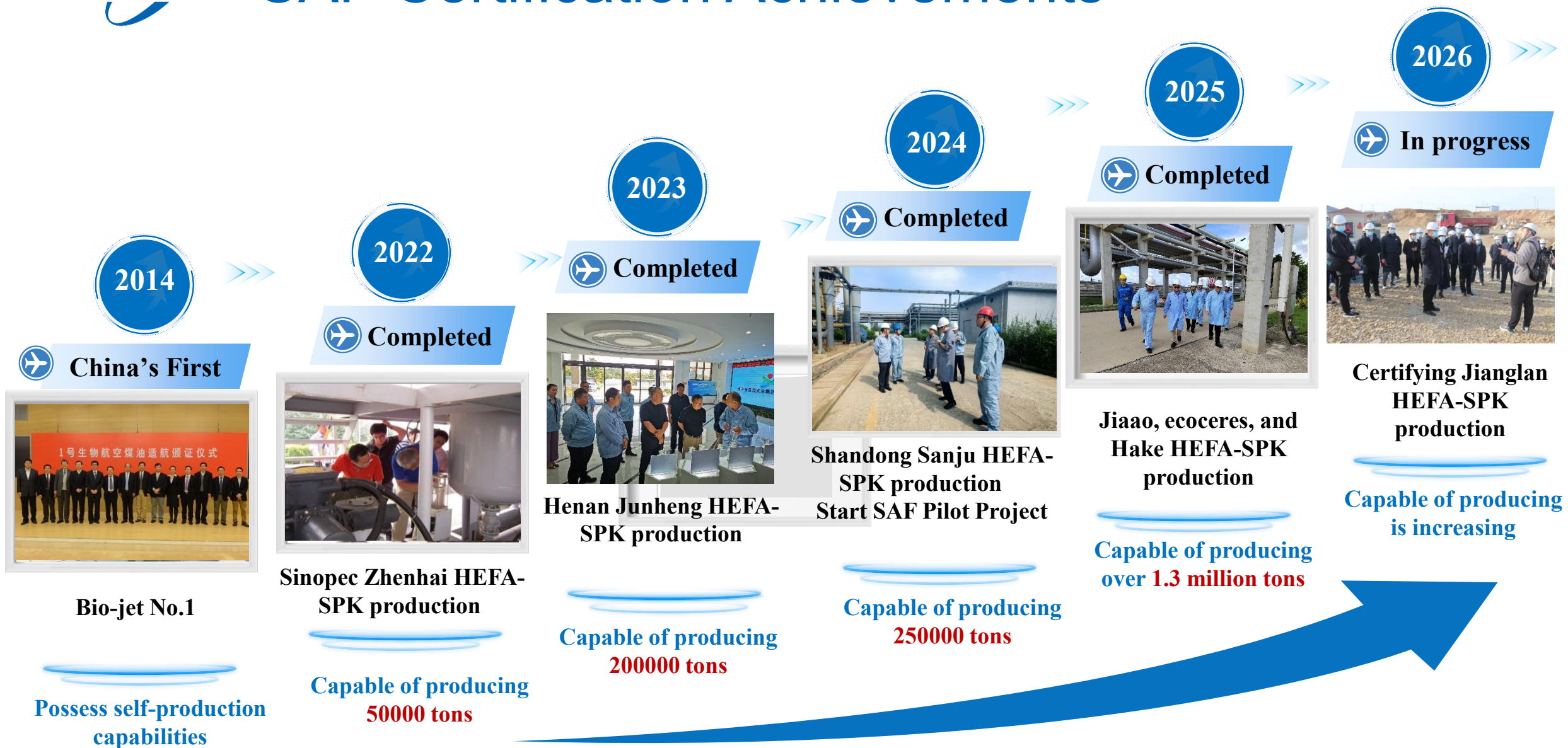
ASTM D7566: Approved Pathways



For fully formulated SBC, the maximum blending ratio is capped at 50% due to conservatism, pending further service experience.



SAF Certification Achievements





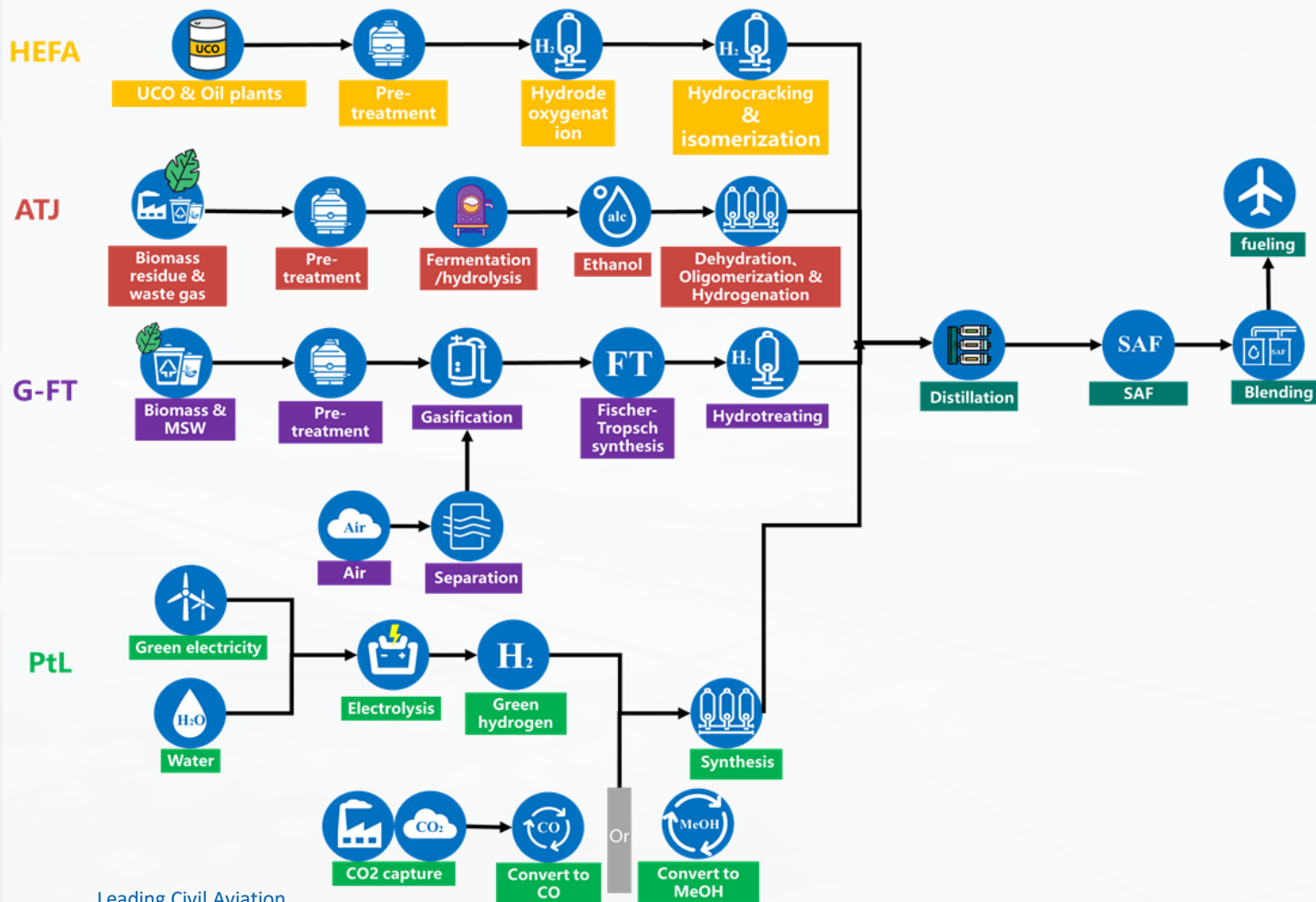
SAF Production Technology Development

- Proven technology
- Most economically viability
- High conversion rate
- Limited feedstock

- Relatively proven technology
- Economic viability second only to HEFA
- Relatively high conversion rate
- Wide range of feedstock

- Relatively immature technology
- Low economic viability
- Low conversion rate
- Wide range feedstock

- Immature technology
- Low economic viability
- Low conversion rate
- Feedstock are only green electricity, water, and CO₂
 - emission reduction capacity >90%
 - Low land use demand
 - Low water resource demand



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HEFA Technology

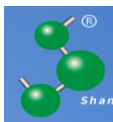
Technology Developer



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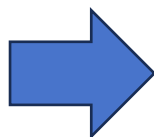
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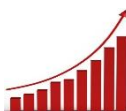
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Advantages



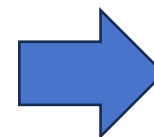
High adaptability to raw materials



SAF yields > 65%



Lower catalyst cost



Achievements

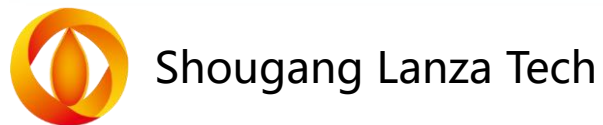


Six biorefineries in operation



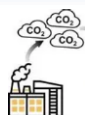
Total Capacity > 720,000 t/y

Technology Developer



Advantages

CO/CO₂ Fermentation



Continuous CO/CO₂ biological conversion



High ethanol yield rate

Biomass Fermentation



Cellulose fermentation for ethanol technology



Cellulose ethanol conversion rate > 20%

Ethanol to SAF



Ethanol to light olefin and olefin to SAF technology is under development

Achievements



Two CO/CO₂ to ethanol facilities in operation;
Total Capacity > 100,000 t/y



One cellulose to ethanol facility in operation with capacity 30,000 t/y

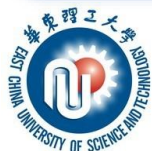


The ethanol to light **olefins and olefins to SAF** pilot plant is under construction



G + FT Technology

Technology Developer



East China University of
Science and Technology



Shanghai Electric



SEDIN Engineering



Institute of Coal Chemistry



Lanze Energy

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Advantages

Gasification



High-efficiency gasification and
complete system



Multiple routes
developed



Diverse feedstock
compatibility

Fischer-Tropsch Synthesis



SAF yield rate > 60%



Catalyst life > 3 years

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Achievements



The **pilot-scale** Fischer-Tropsch SAF unit with production capacity over 1,000 t/y **has completed validation**



Yancheng straw-to-SAF plant, 100,000 t/y, start operation in 2028

Luzhou distiller's grains & bamboo waste to SAF plant, 100,000 t/y; under construction



PTL Technology

Technology Developer



Tsinghua University



The Dalian Institute of Chemical Physics

Advantages



Abundant renewable electricity sources



In some regions, the cost of green electricity is below CNY 0.20 per kWh



>60% CO₂ conversion, >85% SAF selectivity, and passed a 1,000-hour durability testing

Achievements



First **1,000 t/y eSAF pilot plant** for synthesizing 100% SBC



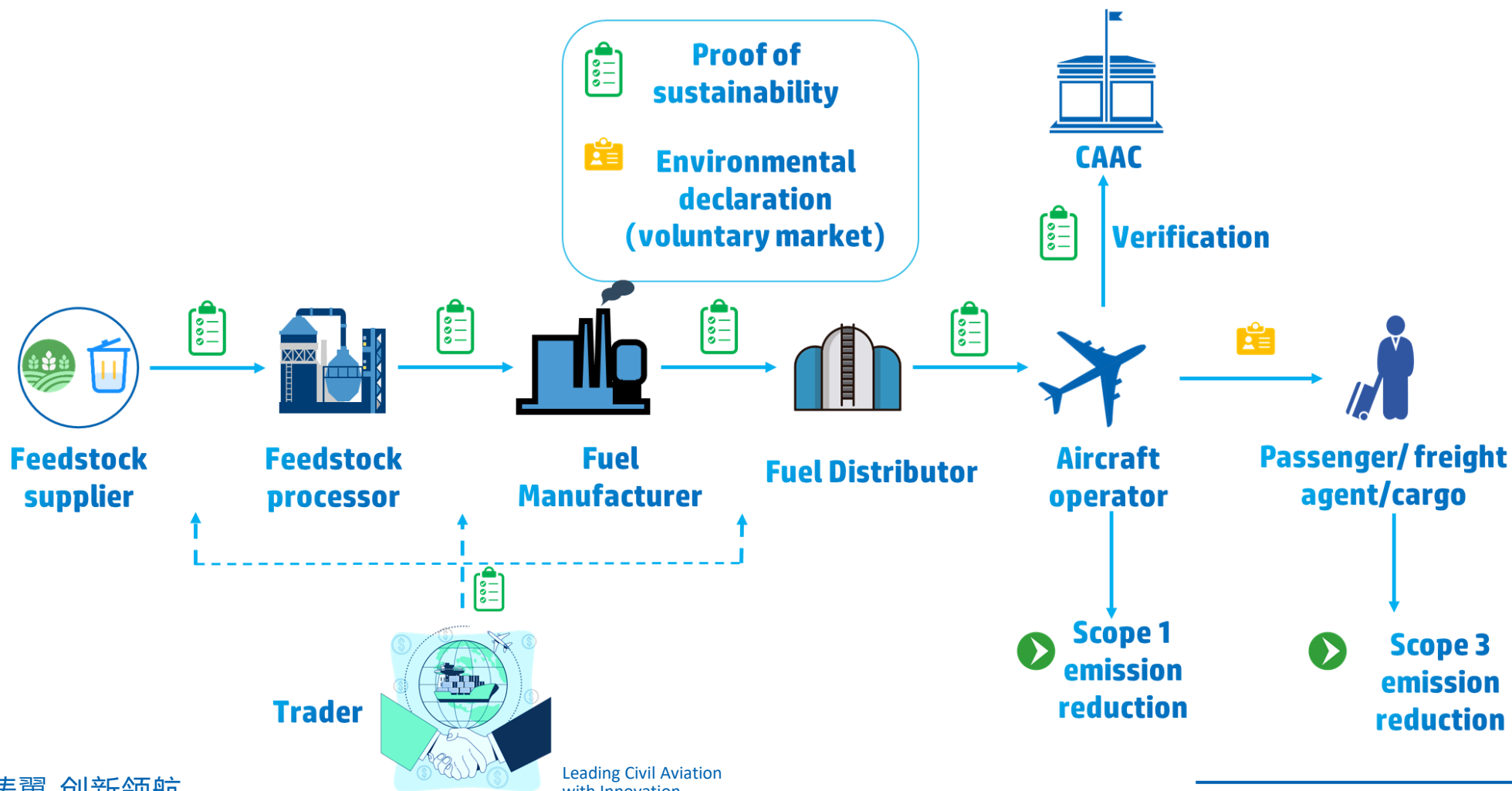
10,000 t/y carbon dioxide-to-aromatics/SAF facility is expected to start operation in 2026



The 100,000 t/y green methanol project will supply feedstock for the subsequent MtJ project; The **MtJ technology** is recently approved.

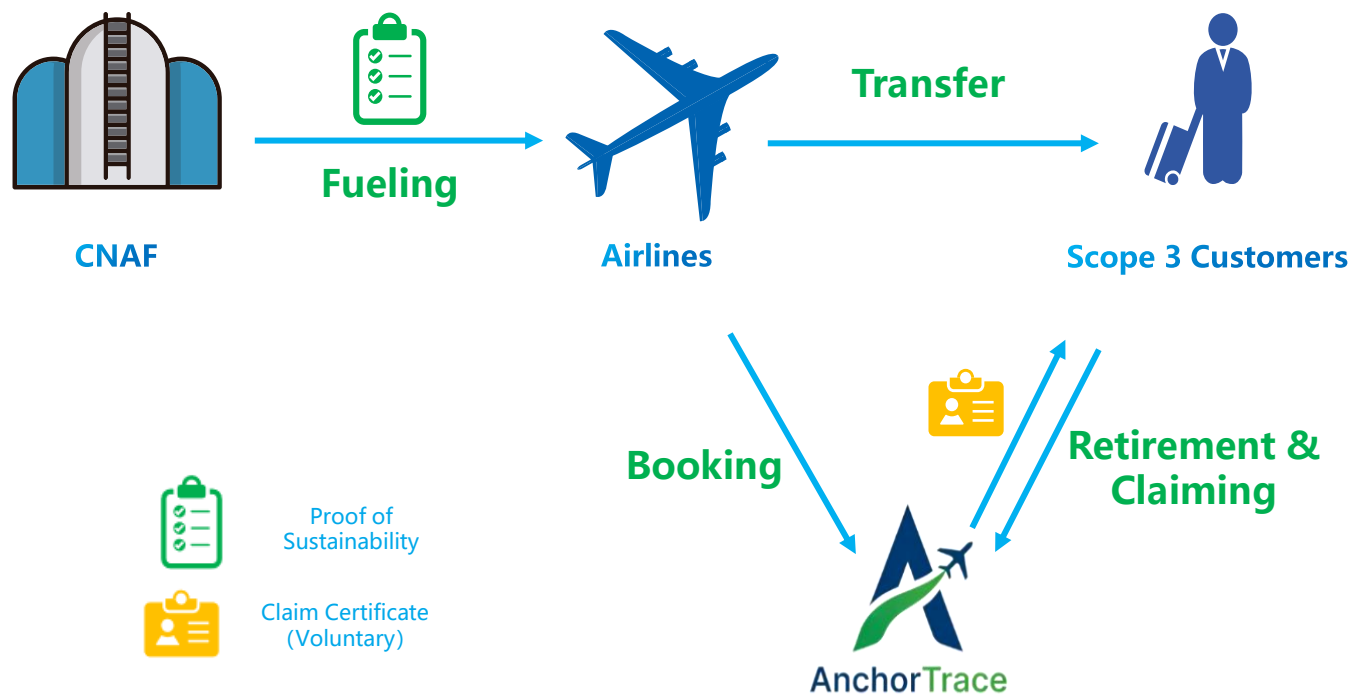


Sustainability Certification





AnchorTrace Platform: Scope 3



- Corporate Scope 3 emission reduction commitments align perfectly with voluntary market applications of SAF.



Summary

- SAF adoption in China is gaining momentum, backed by the **establishment of the SAF Alliance** and a strong outlook for future growth.
- **Rigorous airworthiness certification** in China ensures the highest standards of SAF quality and safety.
- Research across **multiple SAF production pathways** in China is progressing rapidly, with several delivering breakthrough results.
- A **robust SAF sustainability certification and standards framework** in China is taking shape, driving industrial development forward.
- Addressing cost barriers requires a unified strategy — integrating policy, technology, standards, and certification to build a resilient, end-to-end SAF industry ecosystem, while fostering **global collaboration** to accelerate industry-wide progress.

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