

# ASCENT Supply Chain Tools and Projects

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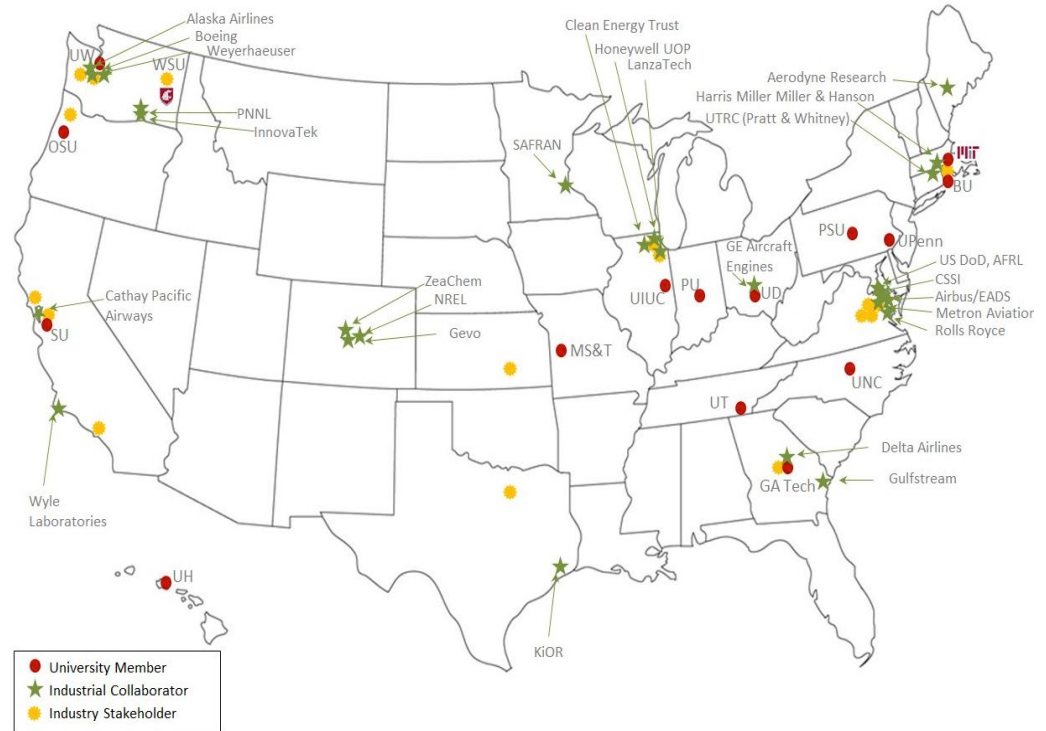
# ASCENT Team

## Lead Universities:

Washington State University (WSU)  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

## Core Universities:

Boston University (BU)  
 Georgia Institute of Technology (Ga Tech)  
 Missouri University of Science and Technology (MS&T)  
 Oregon State University (OSU)  
 Pennsylvania State University (PSU)  
 Purdue University (PU)  
 Stanford University (SU)  
 University of Dayton (UD)  
 University of Hawaii (UH)  
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 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC)  
 University of Pennsylvania (UPenn)  
 University of Tennessee (UT)  
 University of Washington (UW)



## Advisory Committee - 58 organizations:

- 5 airports
- 4 airlines
- 7 NGO/advocacy
- 9 aviation manufacturers
- 11 feedstock/fuel manufacturers
- 22 R&D, service to aviation sector



# ASCENT Focus Areas

## Alternative Jet Fuels

Feedstock Development, Processing and Conversion

Regional Supply Chain Design and Analysis

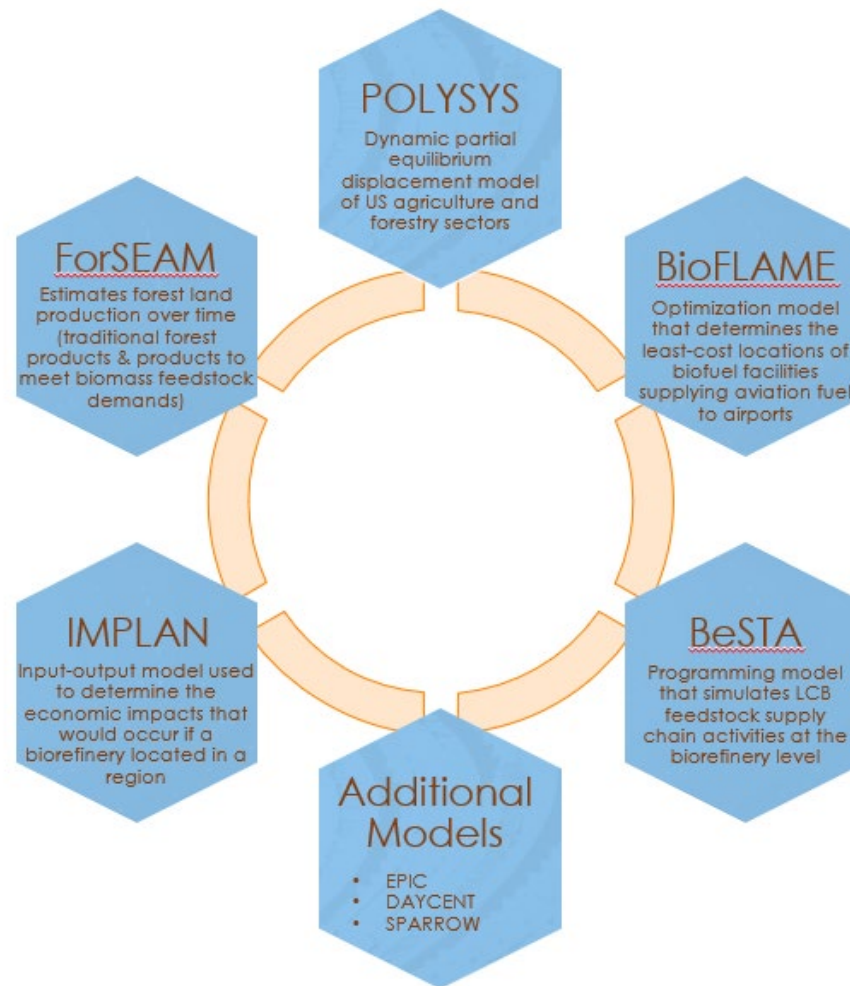
Environmental Benefits Analysis

Aircraft Component Deterioration and Wear

Fuel Performance Testing



# Leveraging UTenn Suite of Tools



# ASCENT Supply Chain Tool Integration

## CONFIGURATION

### DESIGN

### ANALYSIS

TEAs

CAPEX/OPEX

MSP

LOGISTICS  
OPTIMIZATION

FEEDSTOCK  
COLLECTION  
COSTS

FACILITY COSTS

SD  
MODEL

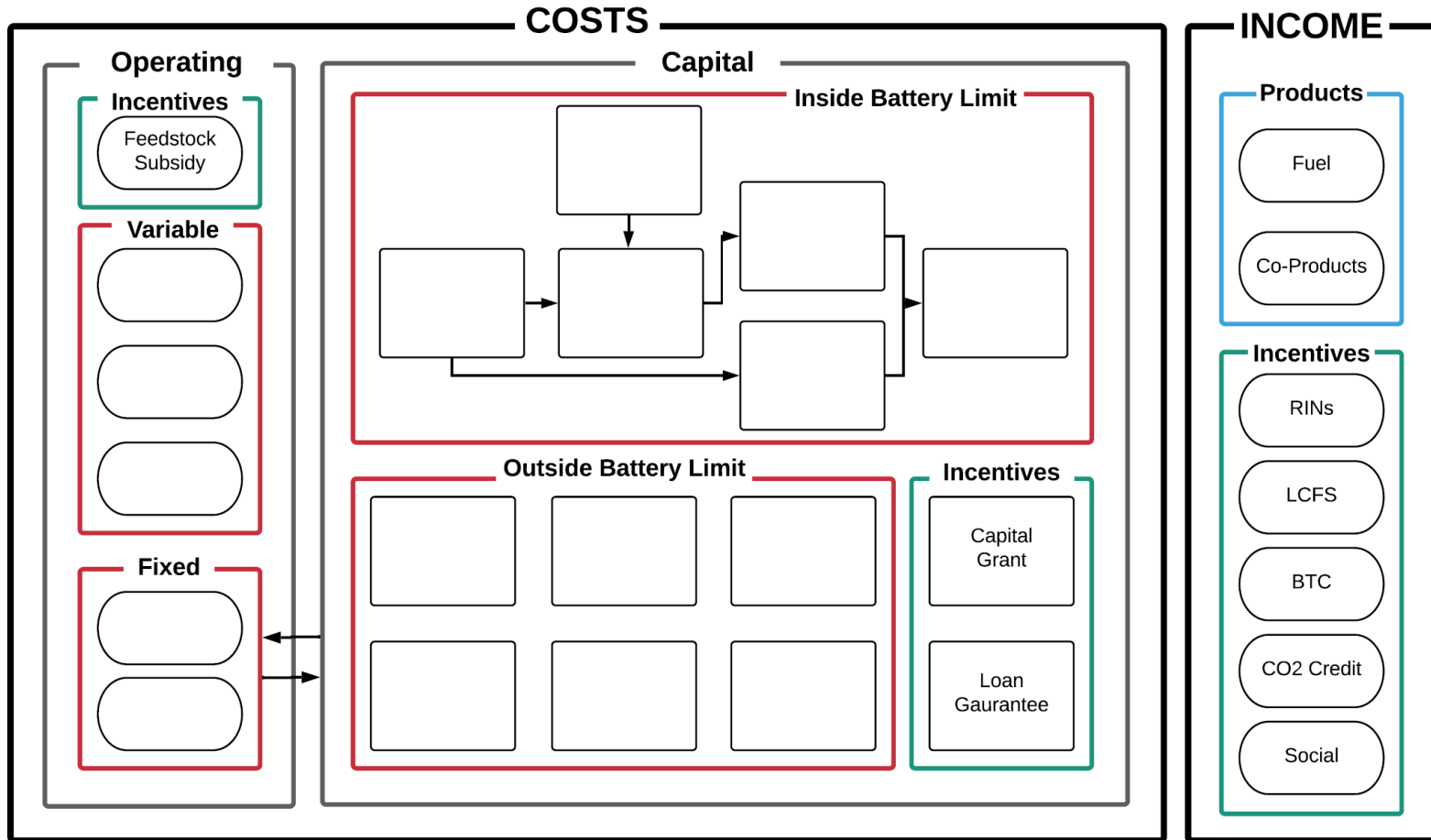
SUPPLY CHAIN  
CONFIGURATION

MODEL  
SCENARIOS

THROUGHPUT  
OVER TIME



# Harmonized TEAs



# Resource Siting Models

## Buffer Layers

### Highways



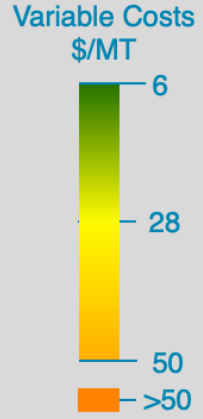
### Railways



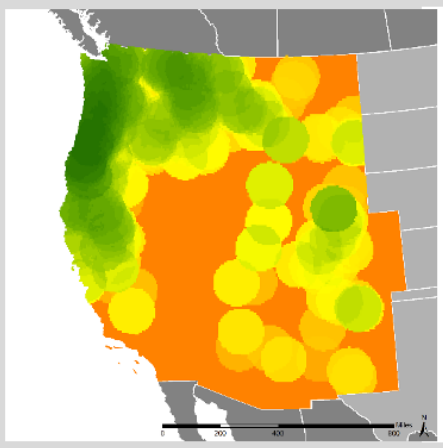
### Natural Gas Pipelines



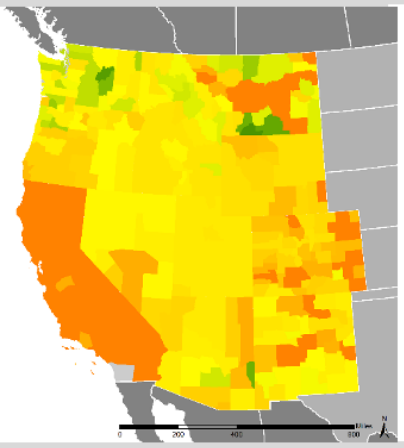
## Cost Layers



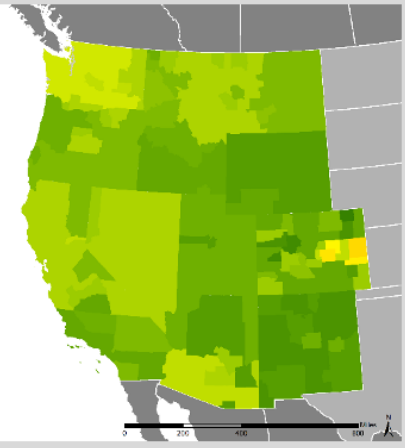
### Incoming Feedstock Cost



### Electricity Cost



### Natural Gas Cost



# Optimization

Scenario

Structure:

IBR

Jet Fuel Cost:

5.70 \$/gal

## Nodes



Airport



IBR/Upgrading Refinery

## Links



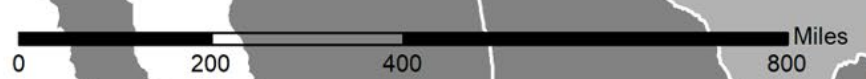
From Feedstock



To Airport



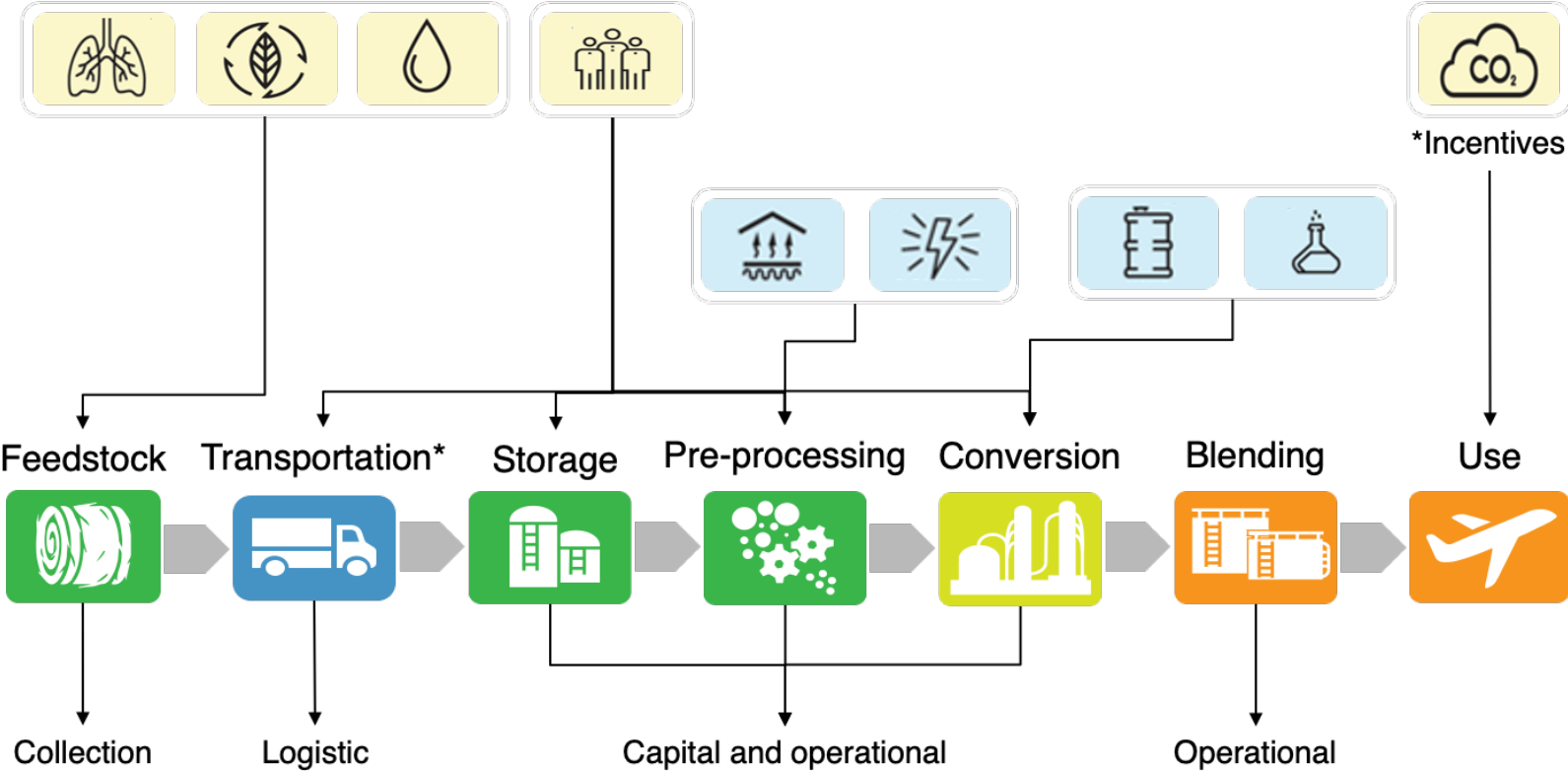
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# Supply Chain Configuration – Commodity + Services

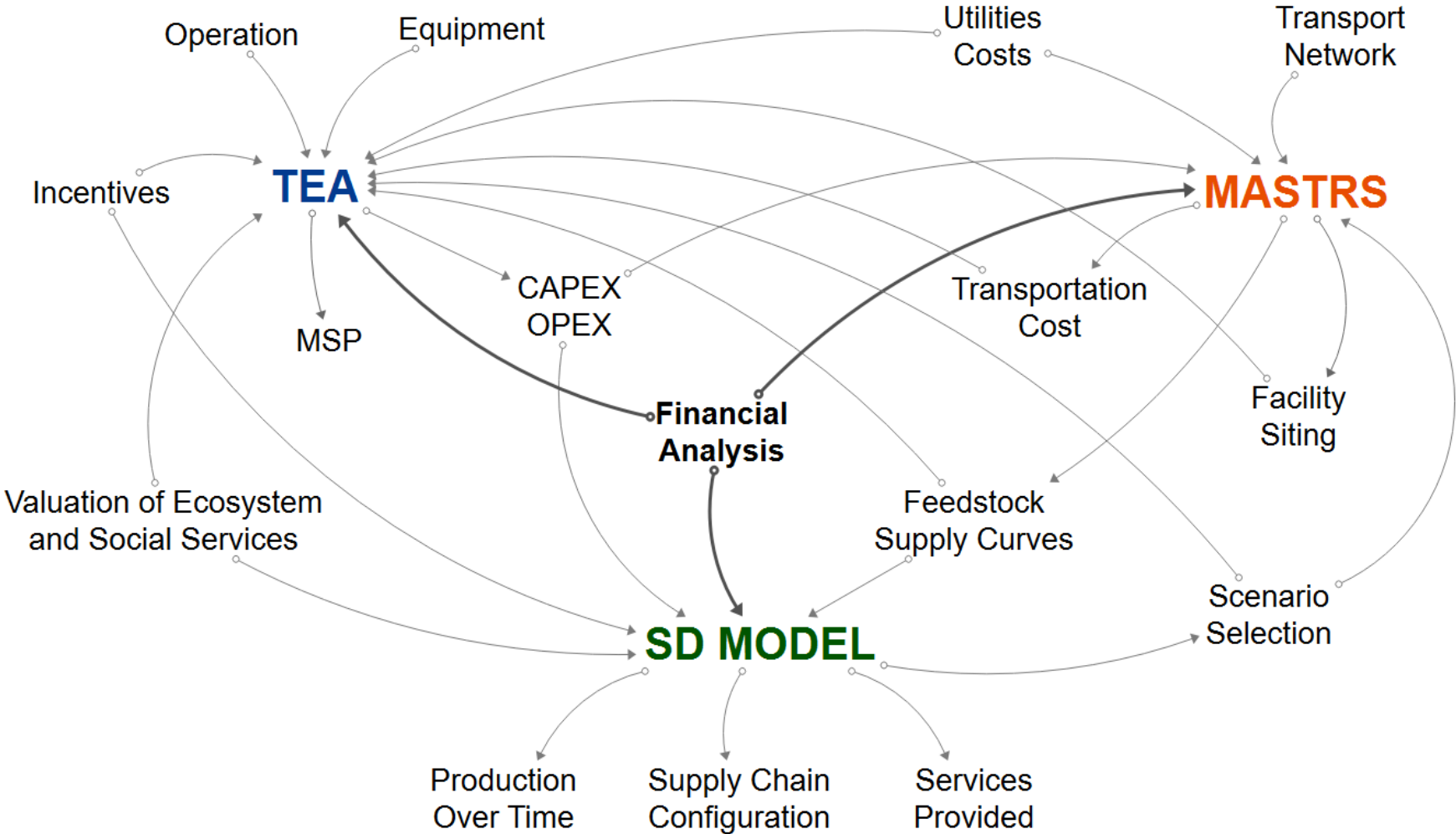
Maximize Revenues



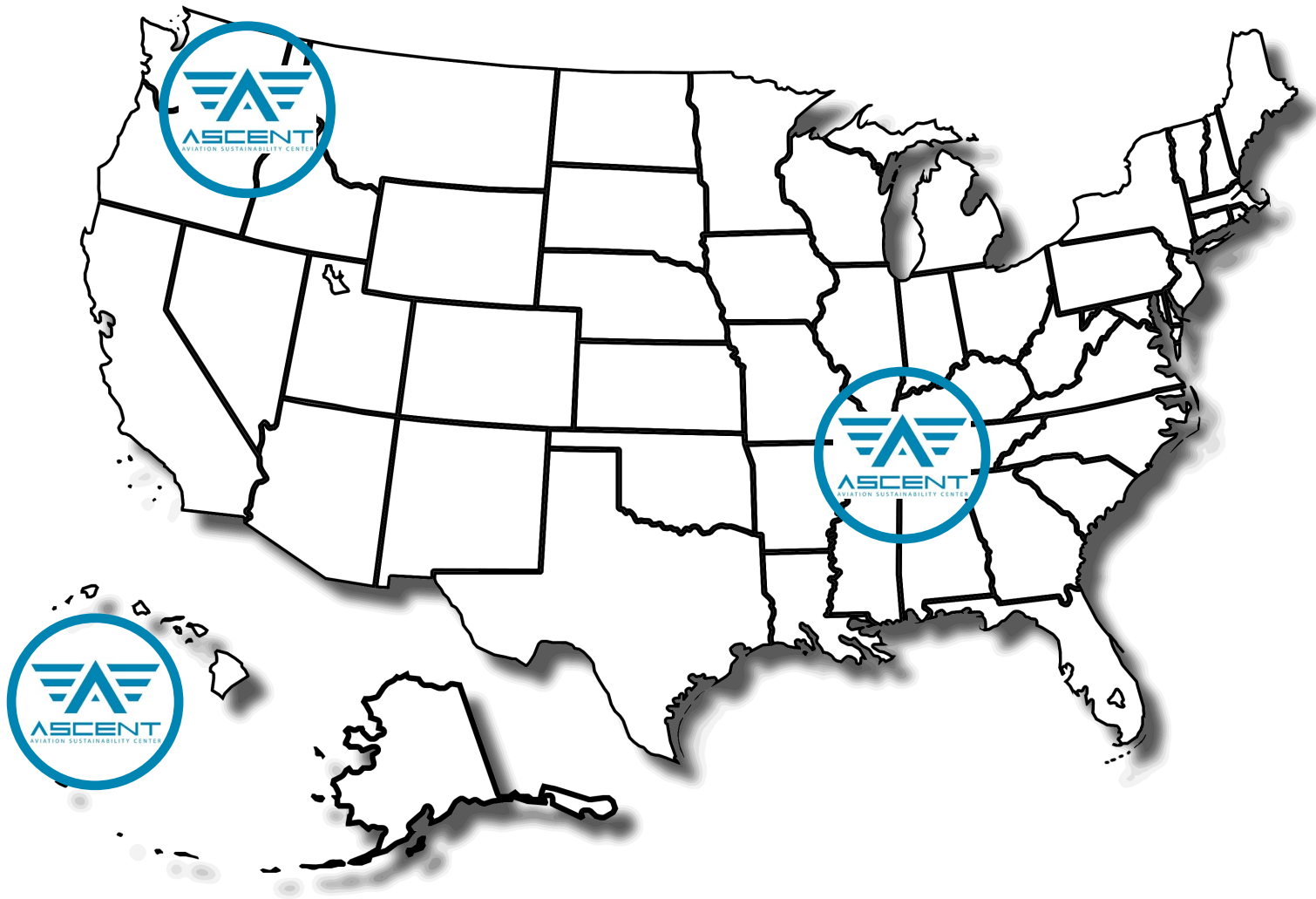
Minimize Costs



# Supply Chain Model Integration

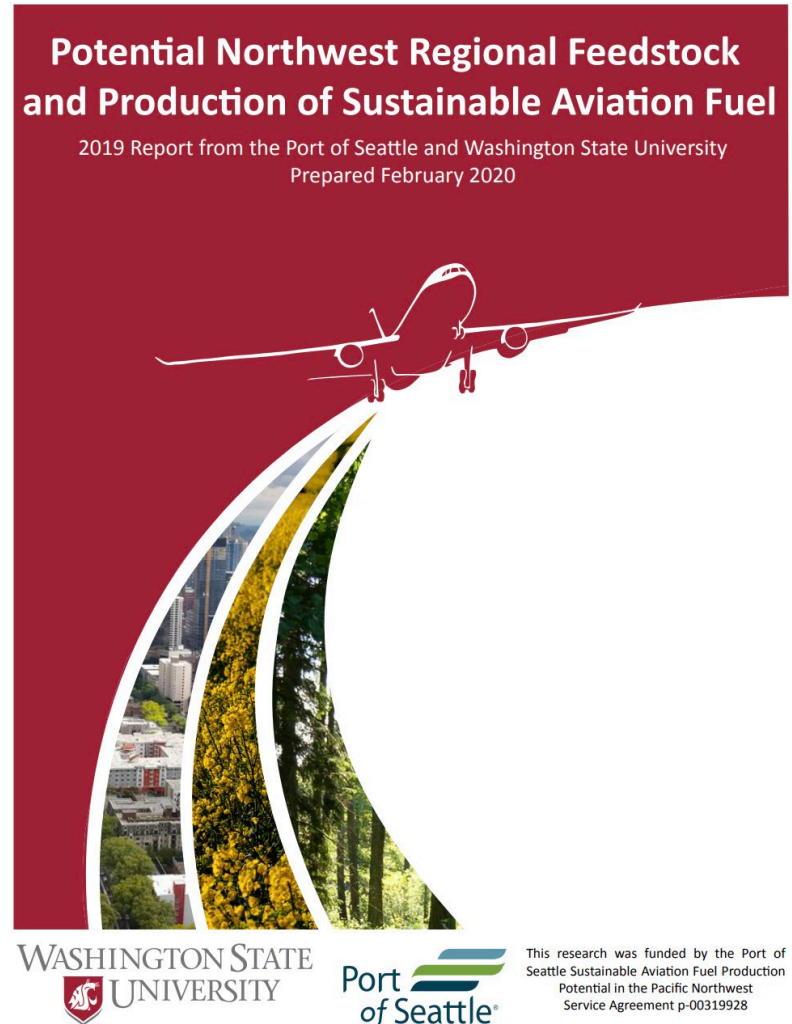


# ASCENT Regional Projects



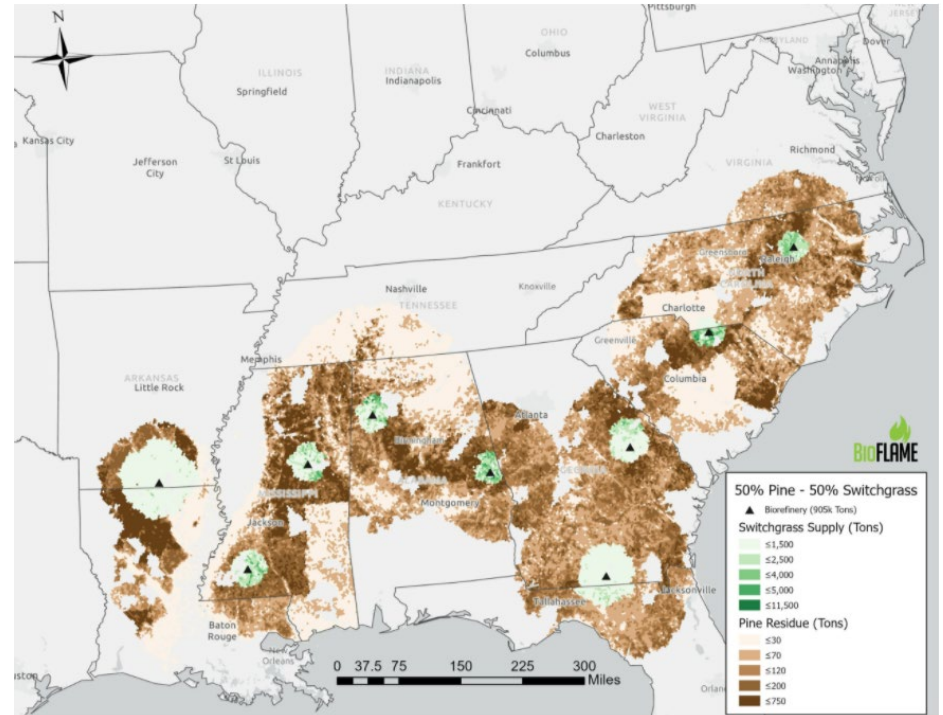
# Pacific Northwest Regional Efforts

- Washington State Aviation Biofuels Workgroup
  - Since 2015
  - WA Clean Fuels Standard
- Port of Seattle – Regional Assessment
  - ASCENT Supply Chain Tools
  - Lipids/HEFA
  - MSW/GFT
  - Forest Residual/GFT/ATJ



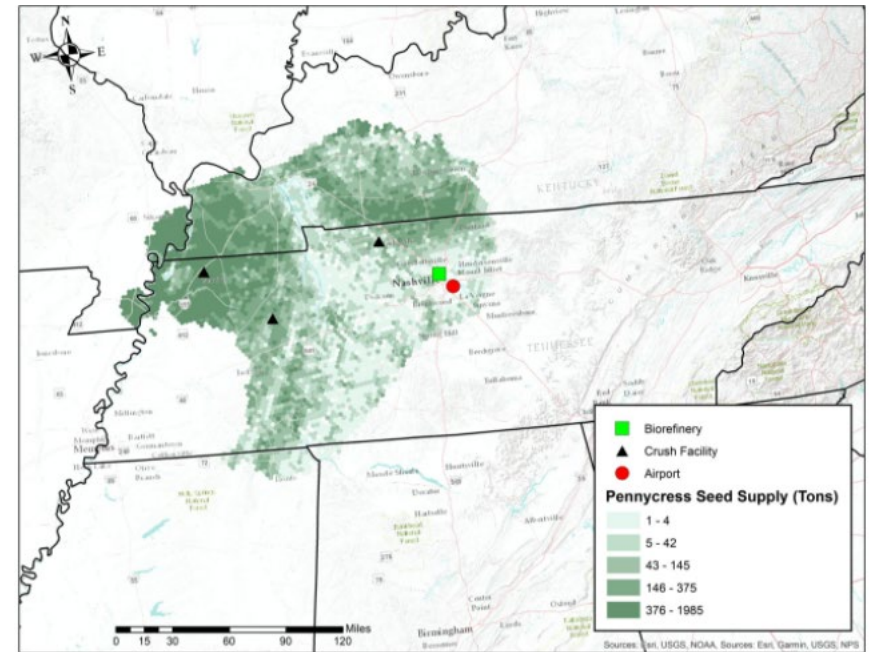
# 50% Pine / 50% Switchgrass

- The two feedstock together can serve nine biorefineries
- A total of 9.1 million tons of feedstock are needed
- Nearly 611 thousand acres of lands are used for feedstock
- The average feedstock cost is around \$61.7 per dry short ton (~\$68 per dry MT)



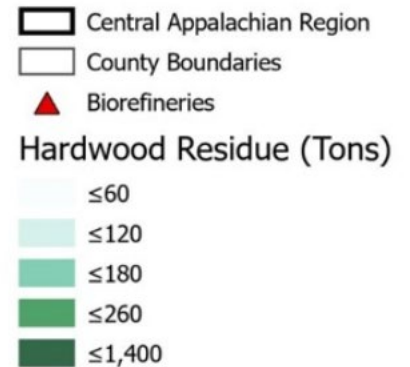
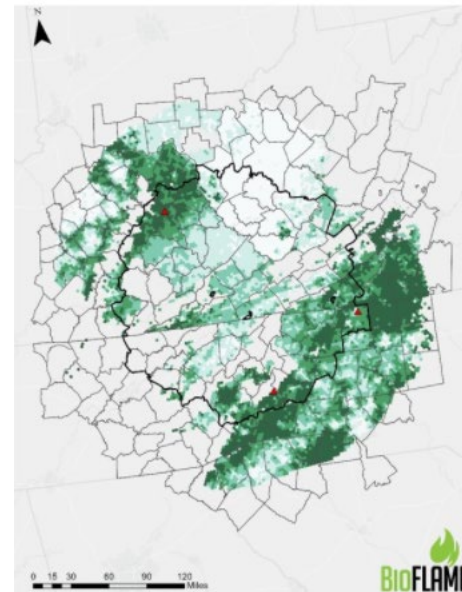
# Nashville SAF from Pennycress

- Bio-oil feedstock costs from pennycress to feed a HEFA biorefinery to supply Nashville, Tennessee International Airport
- Three crush facilities are required
- The economic analysis shows that the pennycress oil could be available at the range from \$0.80 to 1.09 per kg depending on whether the crush facility paid \$0.081 to \$0.108 per pound.



# Central Appalachian SAF from Hardwood

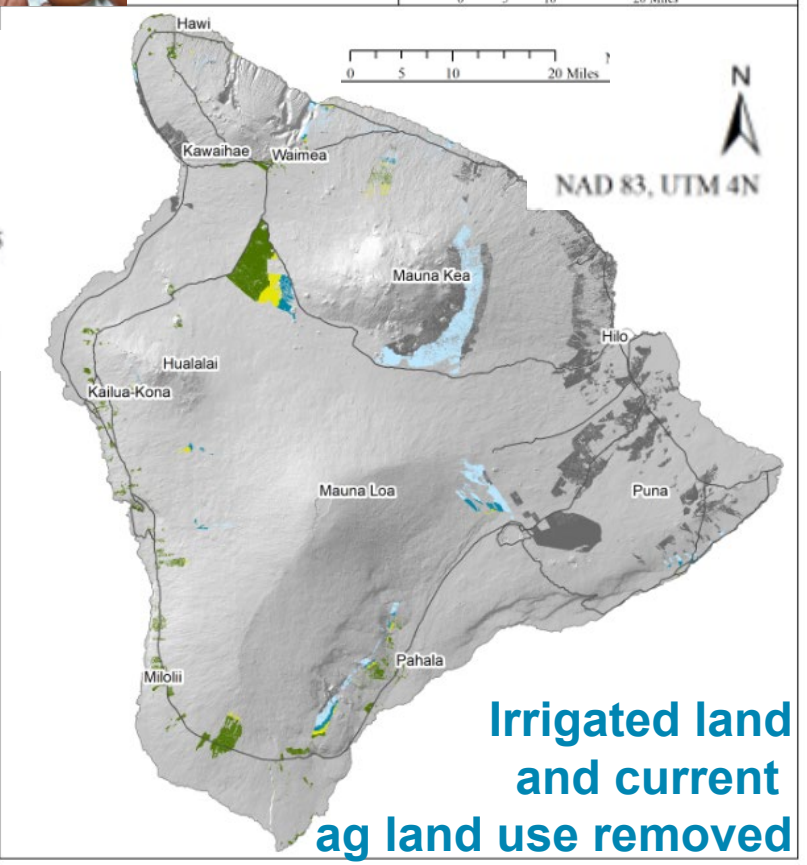
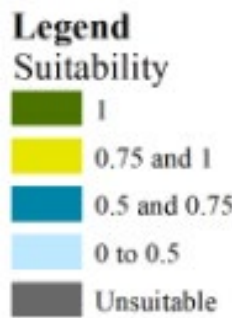
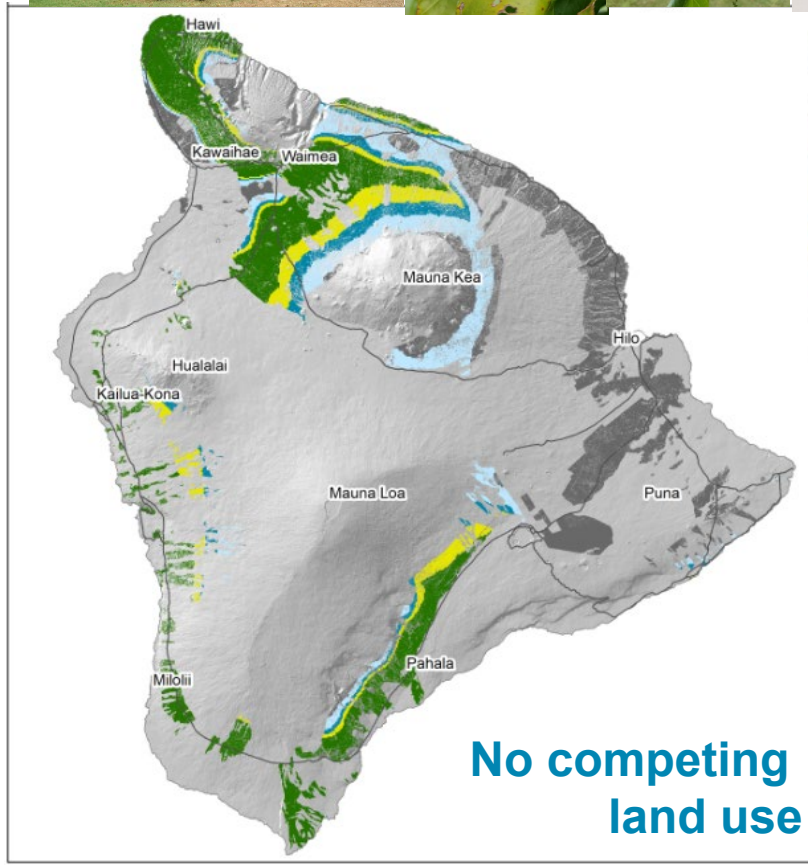
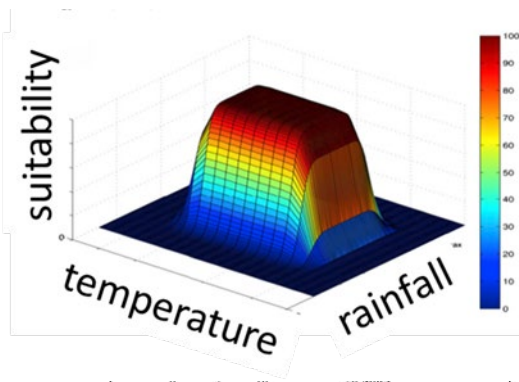
- Quantify and characterize woody biomass feedstock and identify optimal SAF and coproduct supply chains in the Central Appalachian Region (CAR)
- Three biorefineries could be located in the CAR to supply 545,000 dry short tons
- Total feedstock cost delivered to biorefineries is around \$105 million



# Pongamia (*Milletia pinnata*)



Eco  
Crop  
Model





# C&D Waste Regional Project

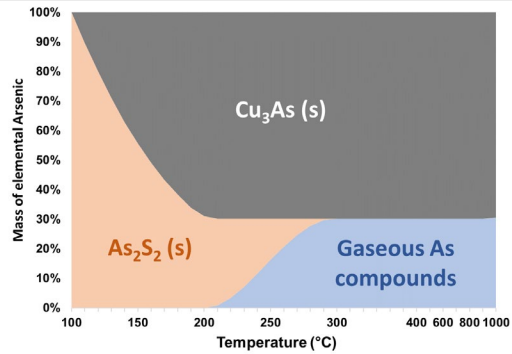
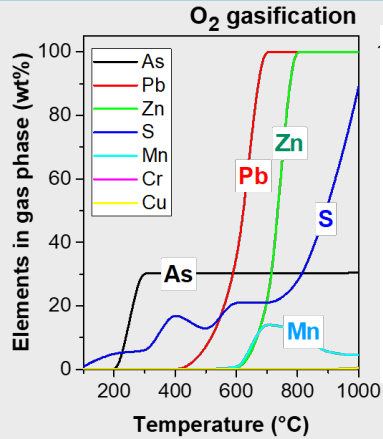
~50 kg feedstock sample

Material Processing

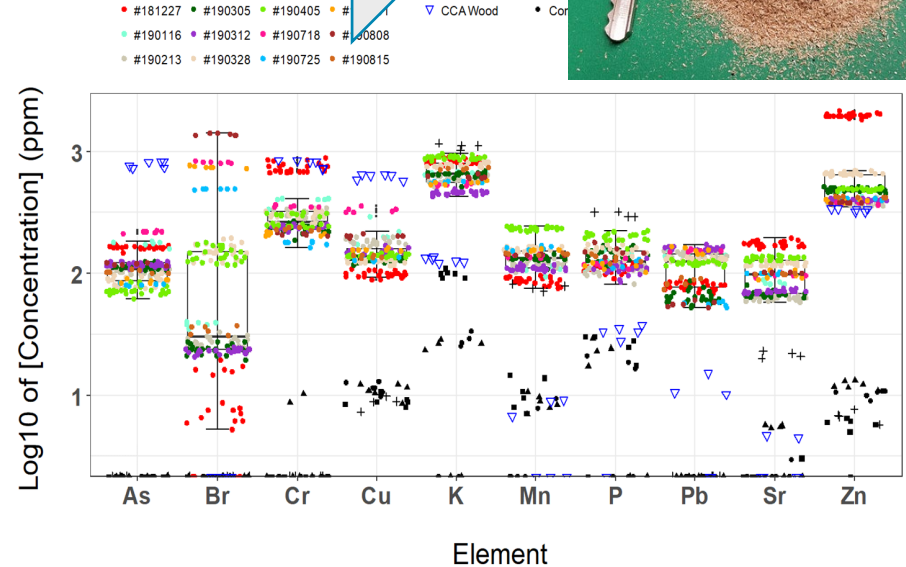
C&D Waste mined from landfill or truck intake



C&D Sampling



FactSage™ Model Prediction



# QUESTIONS

