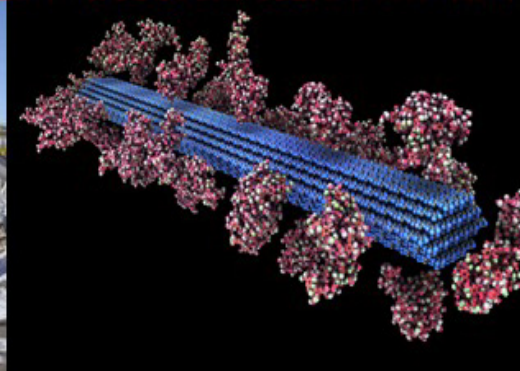




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Data, Modeling & Analysis Program Overview

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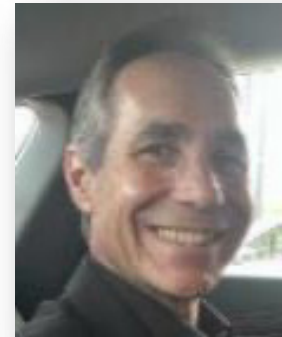


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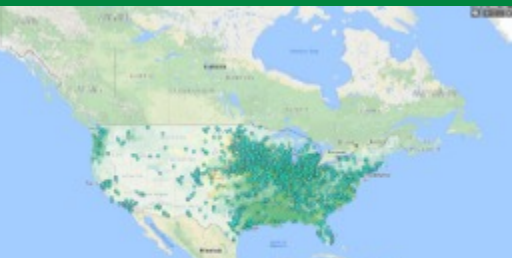
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Analysis Program Strategic Goal and Approach

Strategic Goal: *Develop science-based strategies to understand and enhance the environmental, economic and social benefits of advanced bioenergy and bioproducts relative to conventional energy systems.*

Approaches:

- Develop tools, models, methods, and datasets
- Fund projects to publish high-quality analyses
- Explore the impact of emerging opportunities
- Develop sustainable system designs
- Ensure broad engagement with stakeholders



Enhancing the Economic and Environmental Benefits of a Growing U.S. Bioeconomy

Bioenergy Sustainability is a Key Focus Area

SUSTAINABILITY



Greenhouse gas emissions
Water quality and quantity
Soil quality
Air quality

Economic growth and resilience
Affordability
Energy security
Process efficiency

Jobs and workforce development
Health and well being
Food security
Social acceptability

The Analysis Program Plays a Cross-Cutting Role

Analytical basis for strategic planning, decision-making, and assessment of progress to support BETO, EERE, and DOE goals

PROJECT PORTFOLIO

- Standardized methods and analytical approaches
- Development of tools and models to gain insights and improve decision-making
- Research on potential impacts and strategies for beneficial outcomes

DATA, MODELING AND ANALYSIS

PROGRAM INTERFACES

- Analyses on environmental and economic performance informed by program-generated data
- Analyses to inform R&D priorities to identify new opportunities and challenges

Interagency coordination, engagement with external experts, informing international dialogues

Program Structure

Models & Analysis

Strategic Analysis, Carbon Dynamics and Life Cycle Analysis

Landscape Design

Land Use and Landscape Design, Quantifying Ecosystem Services

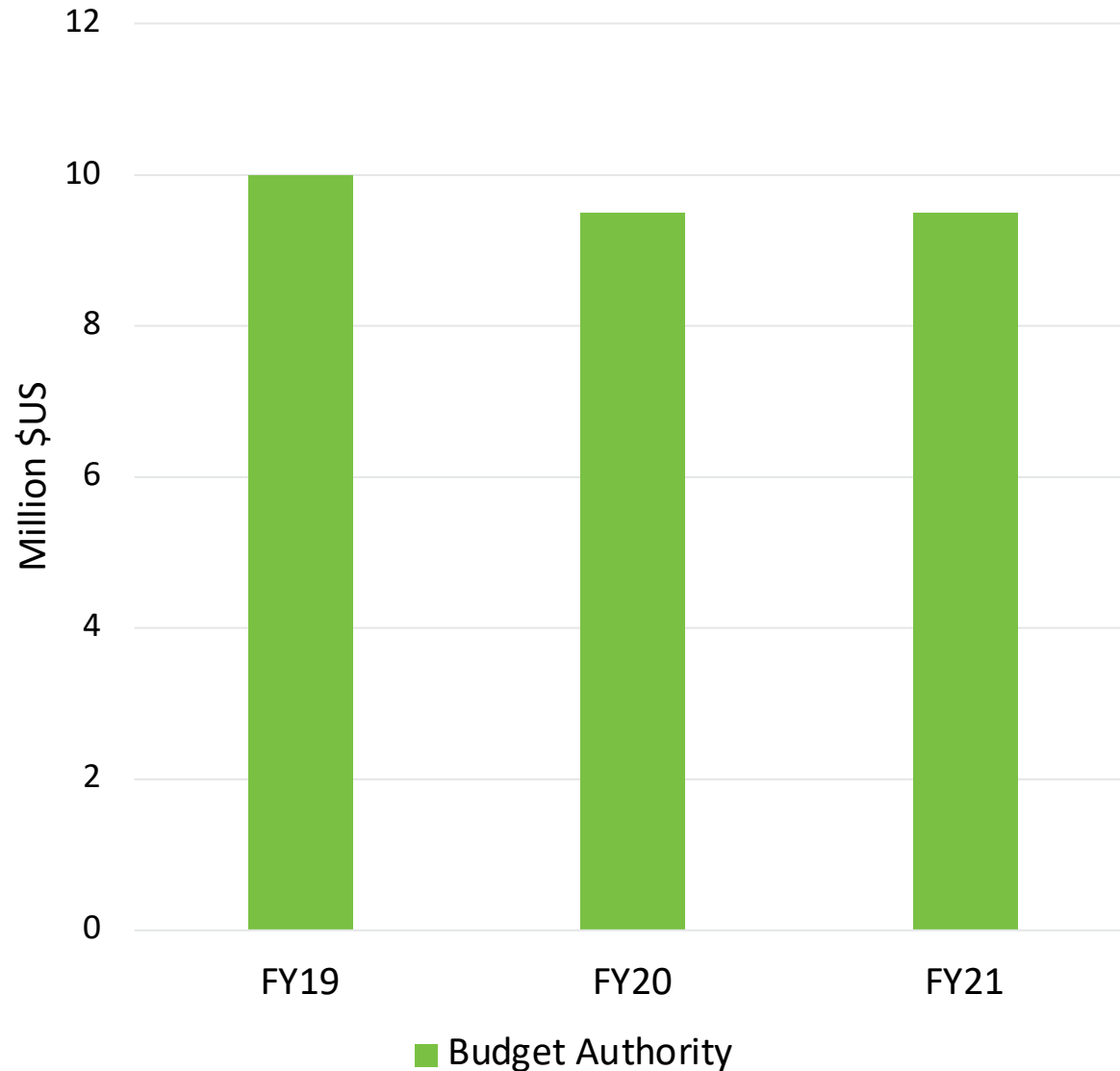
Sustainability Analysis

Sustainability and Environmental Effects Analysis

Stakeholder Engagement

Data Collection, Dissemination, Outreach, and Stakeholder Engagement

Analysis Program Budget

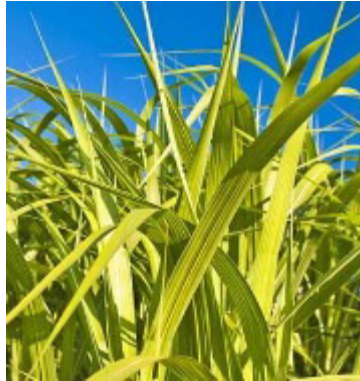


Analysis 2021 Peer Review session includes:

- 21 National Laboratory Projects
- 3 Competitive Projects

- Project and pathway-specific analysis is performed by the R&D Programs
- The Analysis Program works with the R&D Programs to harmonize methods and focuses on cross-cutting analysis

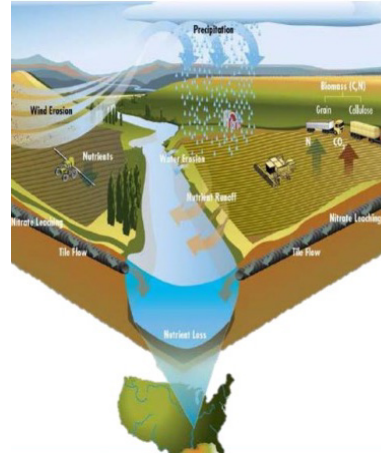
FY21 Analysis Program Priorities



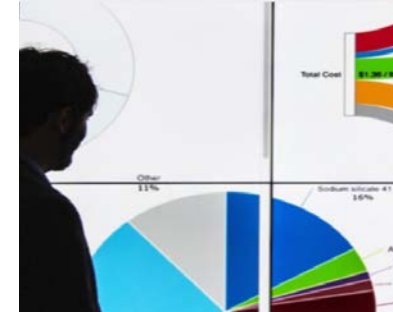
Begin to identify the greatest opportunities for bioenergy to achieve **greenhouse gas reductions**



Work with BETO R&D Programs to **harmonize assumptions** in State of Technology analyses



Develop tools and analyses to understand and quantify potential **ecosystem services** from bioenergy



Develop, maintain, and conduct outreach for interactive **models** and visualizations



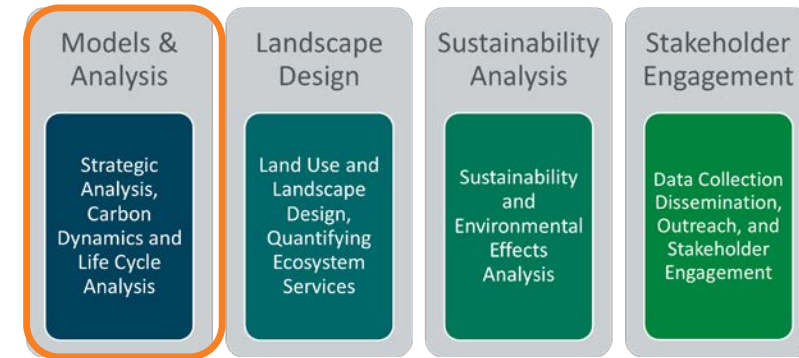
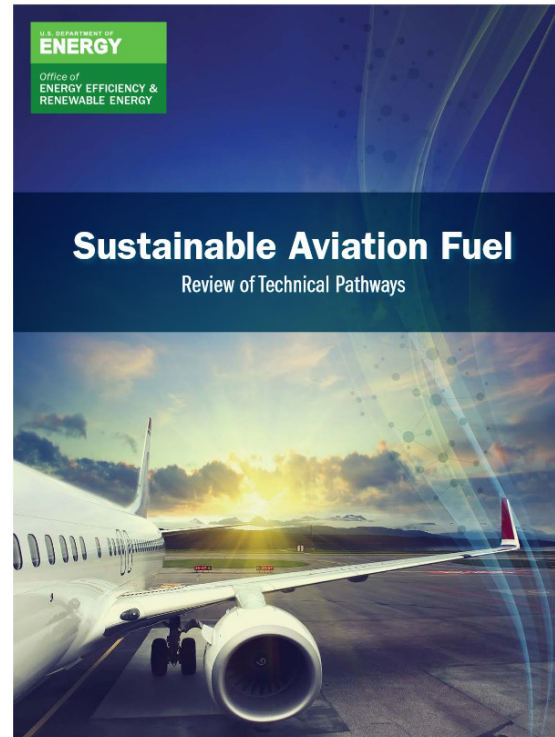
Communicate and inform stakeholders about new developments

Reports to Enable Sustainable Aviation Fuels



U.S. Airport Infrastructure and Sustainable Aviation Fuel

Kristi Moriarty and Allison Kvien



Airport Infrastructure:

<https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy21osti/78368.pdf>

Review of Technical Pathways:

<https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2020/09/f78/beto-sust-aviation-fuel-sep-2020.pdf>

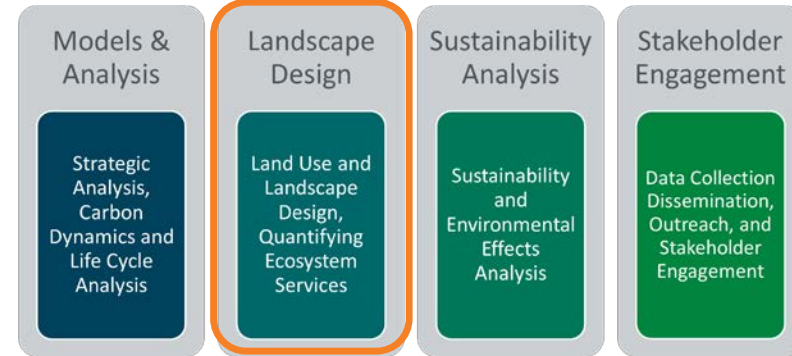
Sustainable Aviation Fuels



Landscape Design: Quantifying Ecosystem Services

Goal: Quantifying the value of ecosystem services from bioenergy

- **FY20 Bio-Restore FOA topic**
 - 3 projects selected to develop and employ new methods to quantify the environmental and economic benefits associated with **growing energy crops on marginal land** with a focus on **restoring water quality and soil health**.
- **ASEC**
 - The Advanced & Sustainable Energy Crops (ASEC) project is evaluating the environmental performance of **advanced switchgrass cultivars** for bioenergy in marginal croplands of the Midwest. Preliminary data suggest a variety of **native birds** are using switchgrass plots on the study site.
- **National Laboratory Research**
 - Other projects at the national labs have made progress on **improving water quality** monitoring, examining the tradeoffs between bioenergy, wildfire, water and economic sustainability; and quantifying the **impact of perennial bioenergy crops** on various ecosystem benefits.

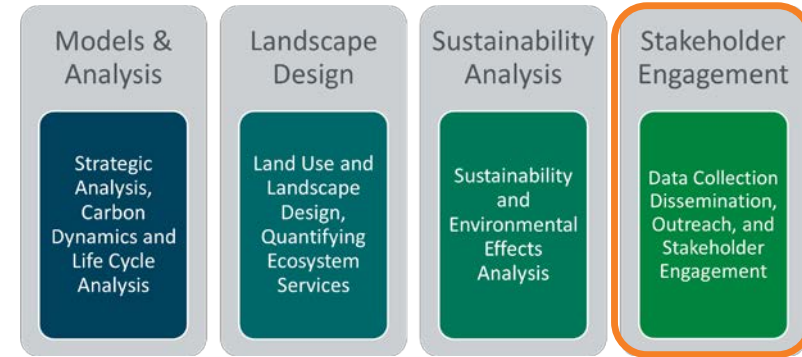
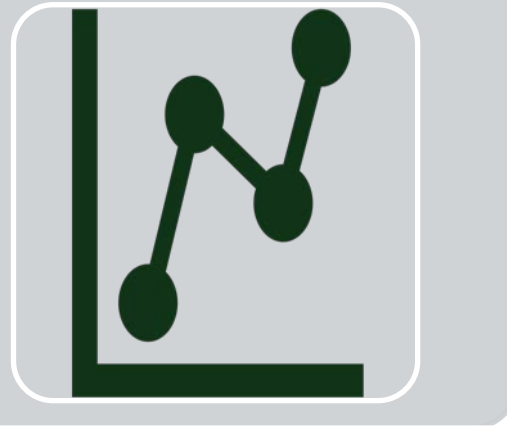
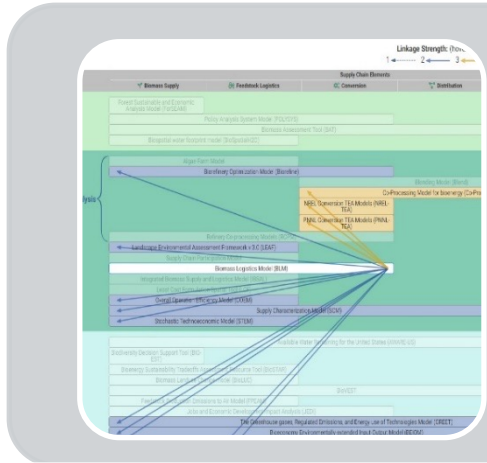


Grasshopper Sparrow
ebird.org



Acoustic sensor at the
Illinois ASEC project
site

Models & Analysis: Prioritizing Access to Data, Tools, and Results



An inventory of interactive bioenergy and bioproducts models and tools improves understanding of technical challenges and potential impacts

Bioenergymodels.nrel.gov

The Bioenergy KDF provides access to a variety of data sets, publications, and visualization tools that support bioenergy research, analysis, and decision making

<https://bioenergykdf.net>

The Biofuels TEA Database promotes transparency and ease-of-access to BETO-supported public studies involving techno-economic analysis

*A suite of models and tools inform research efforts and help quantify the **economic and environmental value** of bioenergy.*

Opportunity to Think Big on Climate

Jan 27th, 2021 Executive Order "...puts the United States on an irreversible path to a net-zero economy by 2050"

Combating the Climate Crisis

There is no greater challenge facing our nation and our planet than the climate crisis.

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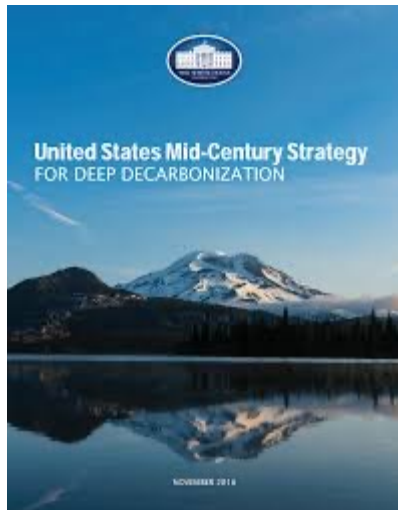
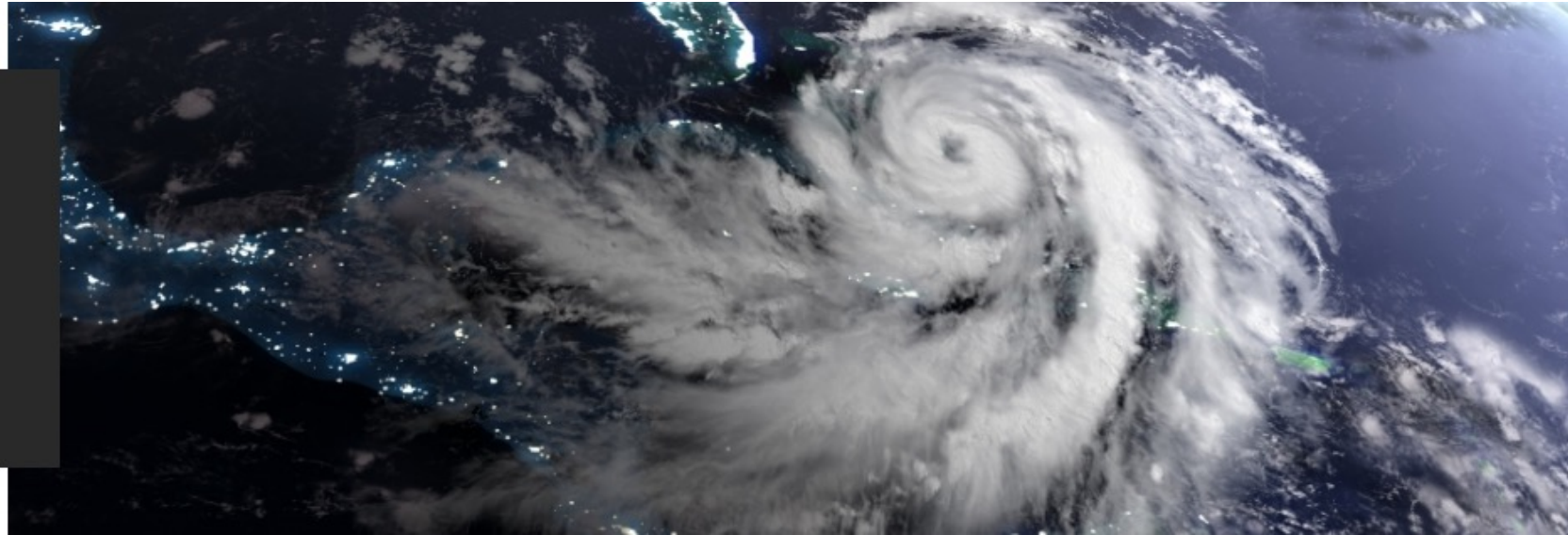
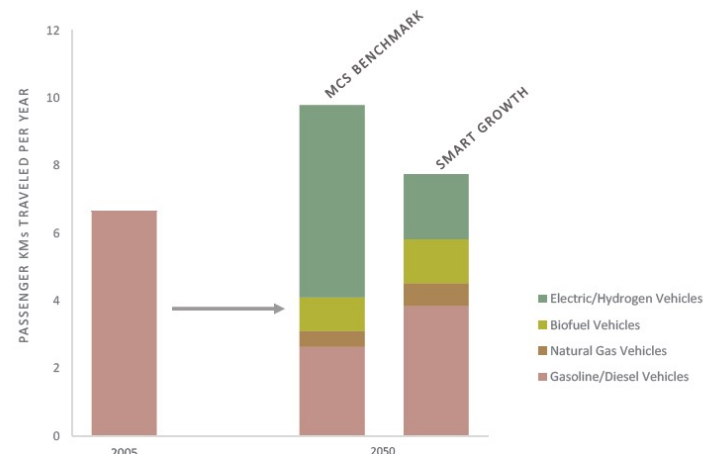


FIGURE 4.12: U.S. LIGHT-DUTY PASSENGER VEHICLES KILOMETERS TRAVELED IN THE MCS



What is the right role for bioenergy in a net-zero economy by 2050?

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