

DOE Bioenergy Technologies Office (BETO) 2023 Project Peer Review

WBS 1.1.1.2 – Feedstock Supply Chain Analysis

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Feedstock Technologies Platform

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Project Overview

- Project started in FY06, looked at **conventional** feedstock supply system designs (**passive quality management**)
- In FY14 we began looking at **advanced** supply system designs that utilize **active quality management** and seek to **develop feedstock as a commodity** with defined quality constraints and flowable formats
- Through FY18, we **developed nth-plant feedstock supply system designs**, the **delivered cost targets** for conversion-ready feedstocks, and **tracked R&D progress** toward those targets
- Industry feedback was that we were **not capturing everything contributing to cost** (**operational issues** due to moisture, ash and compositional variability add cost)
- Our FY17 Go/No-go developed a complementary TEA approach, utilizing **dynamic analysis of 1st-plant designs using stochastic feedstock properties** to capture costs due to variability
- We redirected our goals to maximize biorefinery economics by **improving equipment and system operability**, **improving delivered quality**, and **comparing 1st-plant estimates to the nth-plant estimates**
- This led to a **fractionation approach** to quality management and maximizing the value of the feedstock
 - Separate plant tissues that have different physical and compositional properties/qualities
 - Use singly or recombine tissues in ratios that meet cost and all CMAs for multiple end uses

Project Overview (continued)

What we're trying to do

- Develop innovative, cost-effective solutions to provide conversion-ready feedstocks
- Meet MYP delivered cost, conversion CMAs and operating effectiveness targets
- Track R&D progress toward those targets
- Relevance to BETO: Inform BETO on its R&D investments (foundational to the FT Platform)

Comparison to the state of the art

- Conventional systems that are currently used seek to minimize feedstock costs by minimizing infrastructure and preprocessing operations

Active management of feedstock quality is necessary

- Inherent variability of biomass feedstocks affects the ability to optimize processing and conversion processes, ultimately decreasing plant economics
- The experiences of the BETO-funded pioneer biorefineries underscore this challenge

Risks in analysis approach

- The primary risk is lack of sufficient scale-relevant data to adequately model the systems and understand cost/quality trade-offs

1 – Approach

Technical Approach

- Work with R&D staff, industry & stakeholders to understand barriers and potential technology solutions to meet cost and quality objectives
- Develop new computational capabilities to answer new questions
- Perform forward-looking “What-if” analyses to examine potential technology impacts on feedstock supply systems (e.g., fractionation approach)
- Develop Design Cases to identify specific R&D technical targets to achieve cost, quality and reliability targets
- Track annual R&D progress in State of Technology (SOT) reports toward BETO cost and technical targets established in the Design Cases

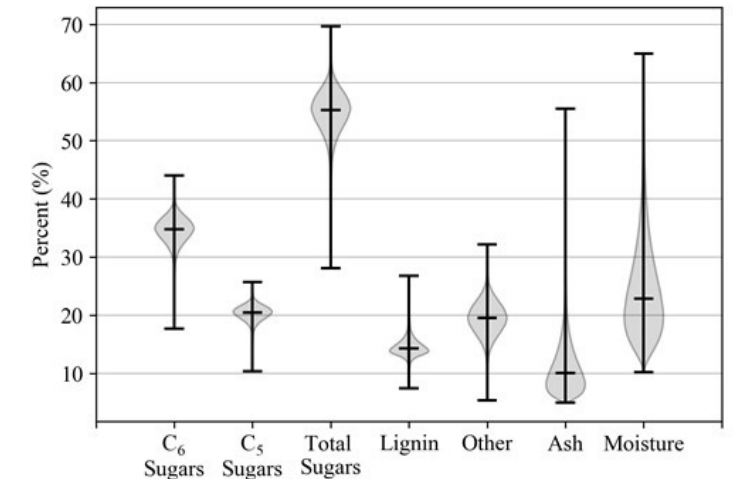
Top 3 Technical Challenges

- Existing paradigms related to feedstock supply (i.e., cheap vs. reliable and of consistent quality)
- Understanding and capturing all factors that contribute to cost
- Lack of complete datasets for harvest, composition, preprocessing and convertibility, across multiple biomass resources



*Operability
Challenges*

*Quality
Challenges*



1 – Approach (continued)

- Close collaboration with analysis teams across the BETO program including ORNL (supply production), NREL and PNNL (conversion TEAs), and ANL (LCA)
- Bi-weekly coordination calls with ORNL and BETO FT representatives
- Monthly conference calls with BETO FT and also with BETO DMA
- 5-7 milestones per year
 - Quarterly Progress Milestones drive schedule, forward-looking analysis of new approaches, and new tool development
 - SMART Annual Milestones for high-impact deliverables and outcomes such as Design Cases and SOTs
- DEI was not a formal part of this project for the current 3-year AOP, however, we are being Merit-Reviewed for the next AOP cycle during FY23 and DEI will be included in the planning
- Team Structure
 - SOTs & Design Cases: Damon Hartley, Yingqian (Tammy) Lin, Mohammad Roni (left INL during FY22)
 - New Tools & Forward-Looking Analyses: Pralhad Burli, Damon Hartley, Yingqian (Tammy) Lin, Mohammad Roni, Daniela Jones (NC State), Tasmin Hossein (NC State)



Spudnik air classifier for corn stover anatomical fraction separation

1 – Approach (continued)

Importance of Go/No-go Decision Points

- For this project, Go/No-go Decision Points guide the selection of new and advanced approaches for mobilizing the large fraction of the billion tons of biomass that are potentially available but unsuitable for use as bioenergy feedstocks
- Example from 2022: Assess whether it is possible to meet all CMAs for biochemical conversion and deliver feedstock at a cost of no more than \$86/dry ton (2016\$), while incorporating cost-advantaged waste feedstocks
 - Purpose: Determine whether it will be necessary to include blending with conventional feedstocks to meet the CMA quality requirements within allowable cost
 - Importance: Provide critical insights on viability of the maximum potential of the use of cost-advantaged waste feedstocks in a feedstock supply system and still meet cost and CMA requirements.

Risks and Mitigation

- The primary risk is lack of sufficient scale-relevant data to adequately model the systems and understand cost/quality trade-offs
- Mitigate by planning and executing milestone-driven data collection and alignment with BETO feedstock R&D projects and utilizing industry outreach and stakeholder engagement when possible

Performance Metrics

- Historic Metric: Delivered feedstock cost at the conversion reactor throat
- Additional Metric added in FY18: Overall Operating Effectiveness (OOE)

2 – Progress and Outcomes

Overall Operating Effectiveness

- Adapted from the concept of Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE), which is deterministic and focuses on individual pieces of equipment
 - $OEE = (Availability) \times (Performance\ Rate) \times (Quality\ Rate)$
- Overall Operating Effectiveness (OOE), examines the performance of a system by modeling the operating and quality performance of individual pieces of equipment and their interactions in the system
 - Mass-based discrete event simulation
 - Stochastically generates throughput over a specified period of time
 - Average fractional throughput for the time period and fractional quality achieved are estimated

$$OOE = (A \times PR) \times QR \times 100 = \left(\frac{\text{Total Units Produced}}{\text{Design Units Planned}} \right) \times \left(\frac{\text{Units Produced Meeting Quality}}{\text{Total Units Produced}} \right) \times 100$$

State of Technology (SOT) Assessments

- Prepared annually to support the BETO Multi-Year Plan (MYP)
- Foundational to Feedstock Technologies Platform
- Two reports
 - Woody Feedstocks
 - Herbaceous Feedstock
- Each SOT includes two TEAs of the feedstock supply system
 - n^{th} -plant (deterministic)
 - 1^{st} -plant (stochastic)
- Published on OSTI unless there are proprietary data included



Milestone Completion Report
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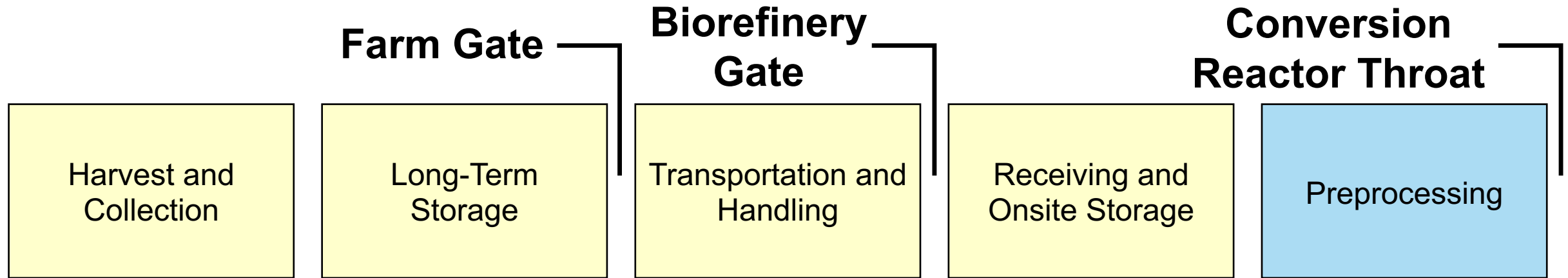
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Conventional Herbaceous Feedstock Supply Chain by Area



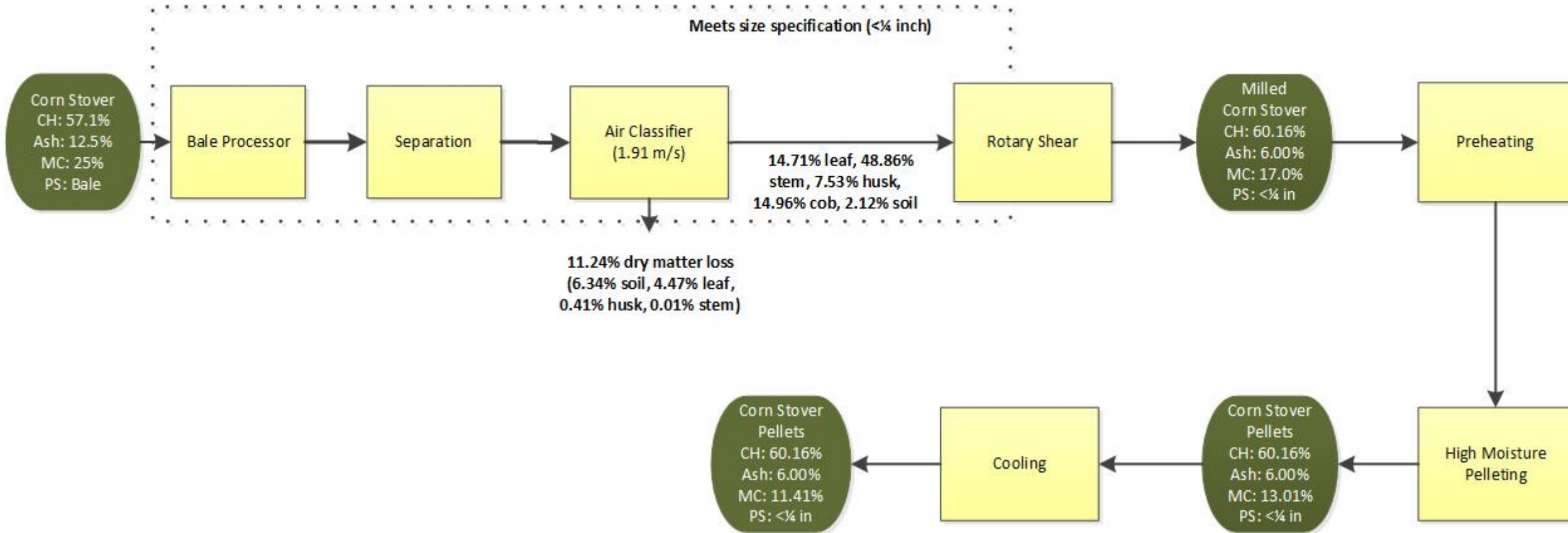
Design Approach for 2021

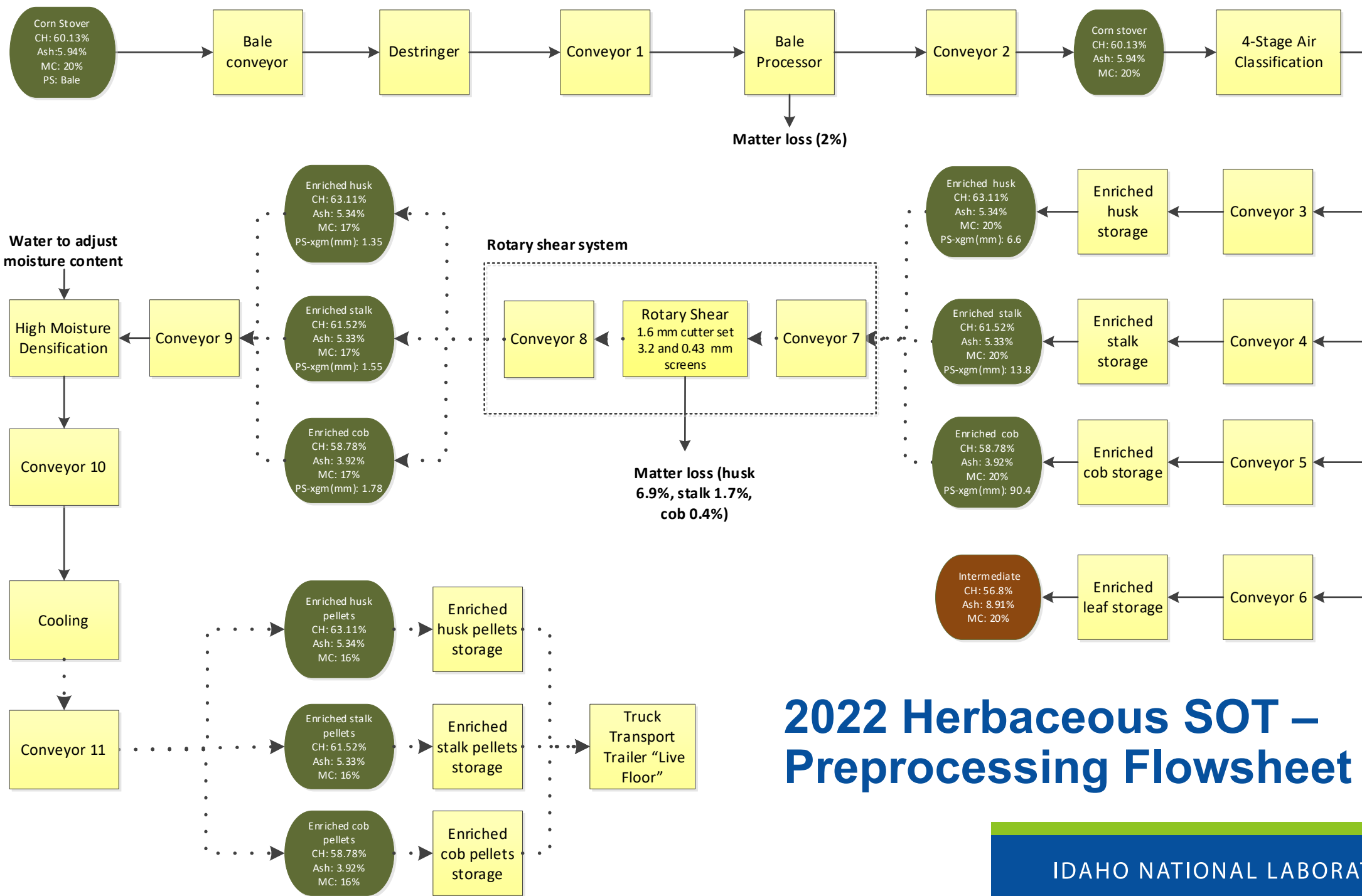
- Single stage air classification to remove some of the leaves as well as soil
- Removed material was discarded
- Nearly met compositional quality as regards ash, but the loss of material was a hit to throughput

Design Approach for 2022

- Primary focus on meeting quality
- Employed full-blown fractionation approach
- Batch comminution/densification to minimize the high capital equipment cost
- Examined potential to monetize the waste stream

2021 Herbaceous SOT – Preprocessing Flowsheet





2022 Herbaceous SOT – Preprocessing Flowsheet

Example from the 2022 Herbaceous SOT: nth-Plant Analysis

Cost Element	Cost (\$/dry ton)			
	Enriched Leaf Fraction	Enriched Husk Pellets	Enriched Stem Pellets	Enriched Cob Pellets
Proportion of preprocessed biomass	23.42%	10.00%	50.24%	16.34%
Grower payment	\$21.71	\$21.71	\$21.71	\$21.71
Harvest and collection	\$13.84	\$13.84	\$13.84	\$13.84
Storage and queuing	\$6.40	\$6.80	\$6.80	\$6.80
Transportation and handling	\$7.51	\$12.58	\$12.58	\$12.58
In-plant receiving and preprocessing	\$6.69	\$23.64	\$24.17	\$22.16
Dockage	\$0.00	\$0.15	\$0.15	-\$0.38
Total	\$56.15	\$78.72	\$79.25	\$76.71

← Average costs for individual tissues

Average costs and GHG emissions for the delivered husks/cobs/stalks

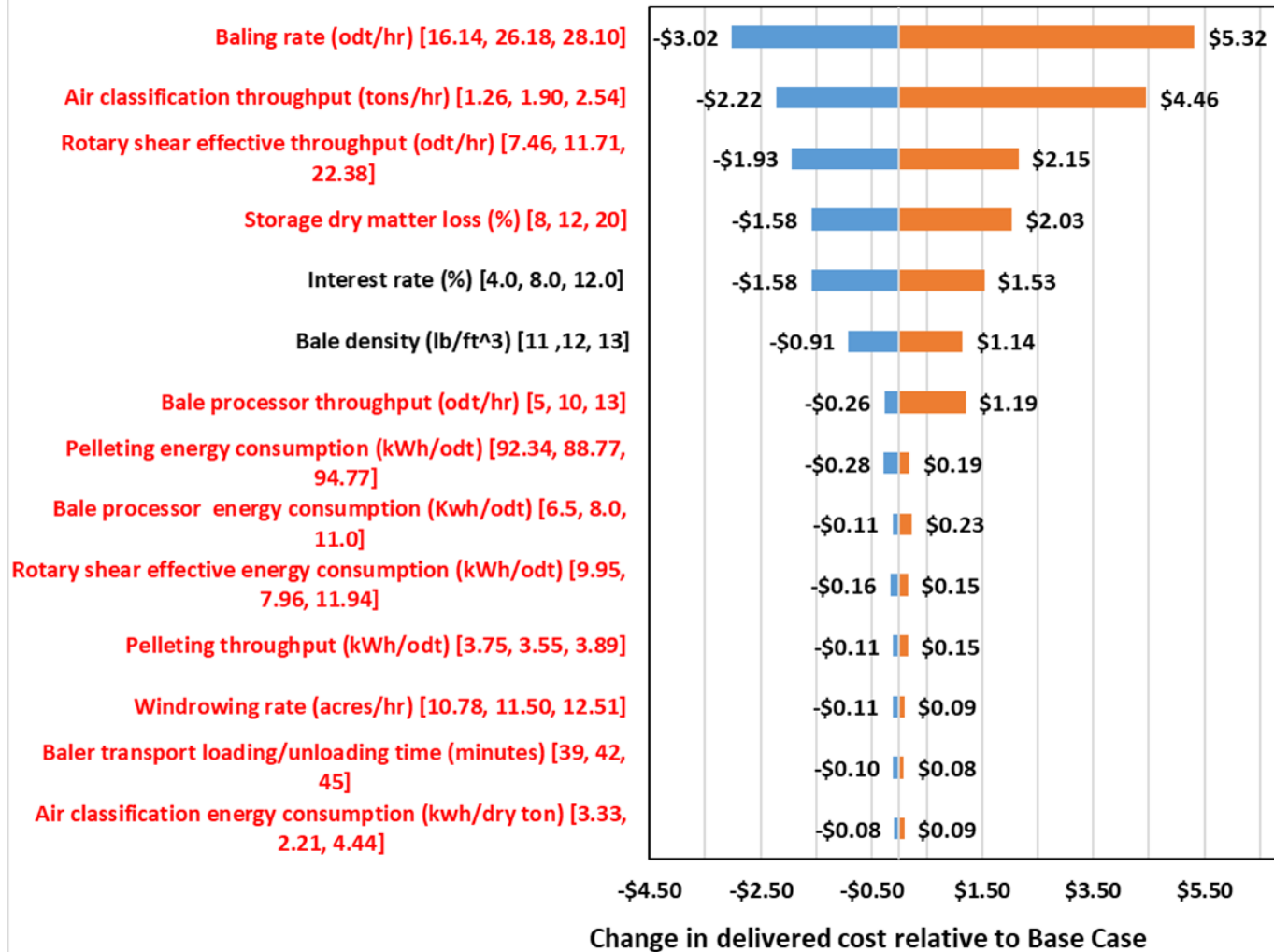
Progression of costs from 2021, 2022 and the 2018 Design Case Projection

Cost Element	Weighted Composite Cost of Delivered Pellets (\$/dry ton)	GHG emissions (kg CO ₂ e/ton)
Grower payment	\$21.71	
Harvest and collection	\$13.84	10.35
Storage and queuing	\$6.80	2.50
Transportation and handling	\$12.58	13.37
In-plant receiving and preprocessing	\$23.67	61.21
Dockage	\$0.04	
Total	\$78.64	87.43

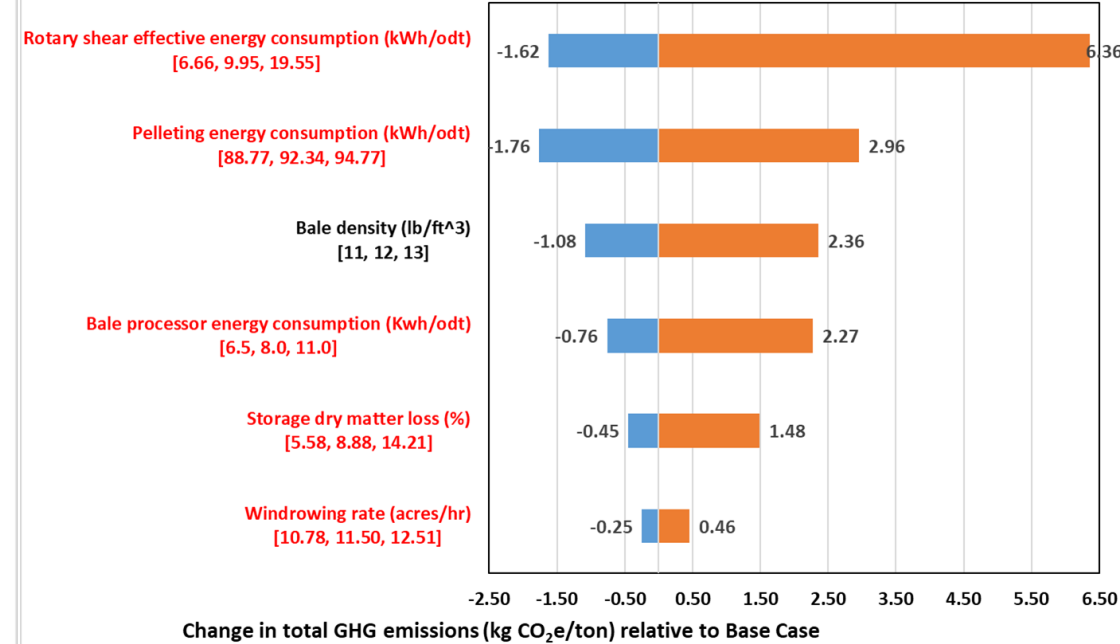
	2021 SOT	2022 SOT	2022 Projection
Feedstock	Three-pass	Three-pass	Blend
Net delivered cost (\$/dry ton)	\$78.21	\$78.64	\$79.07
Grower payment (\$/dry ton)	\$21.71	\$21.71	\$22.37
Feedstock logistics (\$/dry ton)	\$56.50	\$56.93	\$56.70
Harvest & collection (\$/dry ton)	\$13.84	\$13.84	\$12.79
Storage & queuing (\$/dry ton)	\$6.66	\$6.80	\$8.35
Preprocessing (\$/dry ton)	\$23.40	\$23.67	\$21.44
Transportation & handling (\$/dry ton)	\$12.20	\$12.58	\$12.44
Dockage (\$/dry ton)	\$0.40	\$0.04	\$1.68

2022 Herbaceous SOT: nth-Plant Sensitivity Analysis

Delivered Cost*

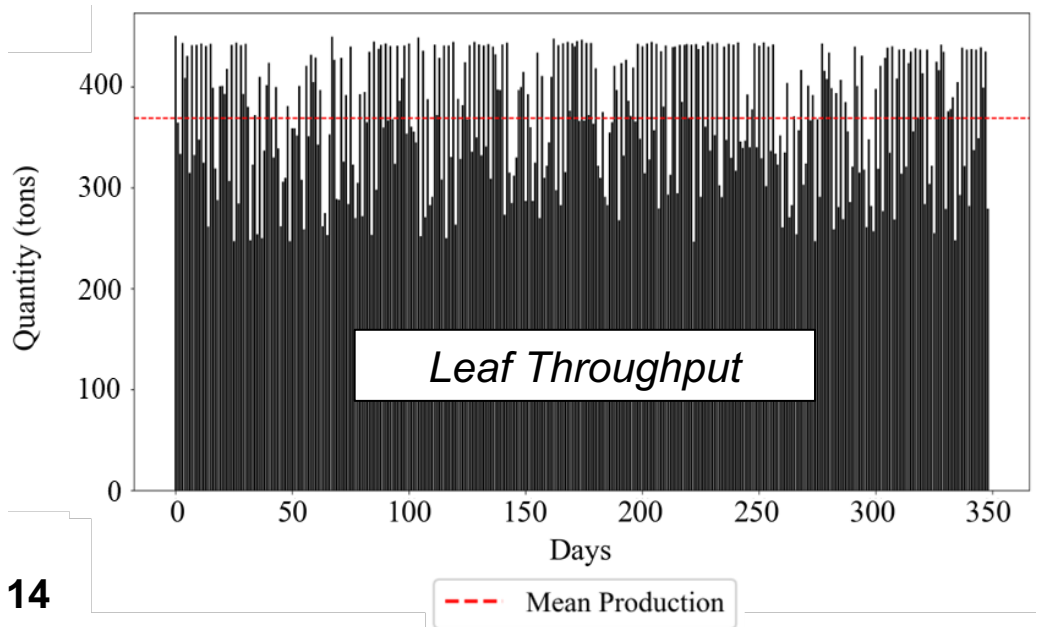
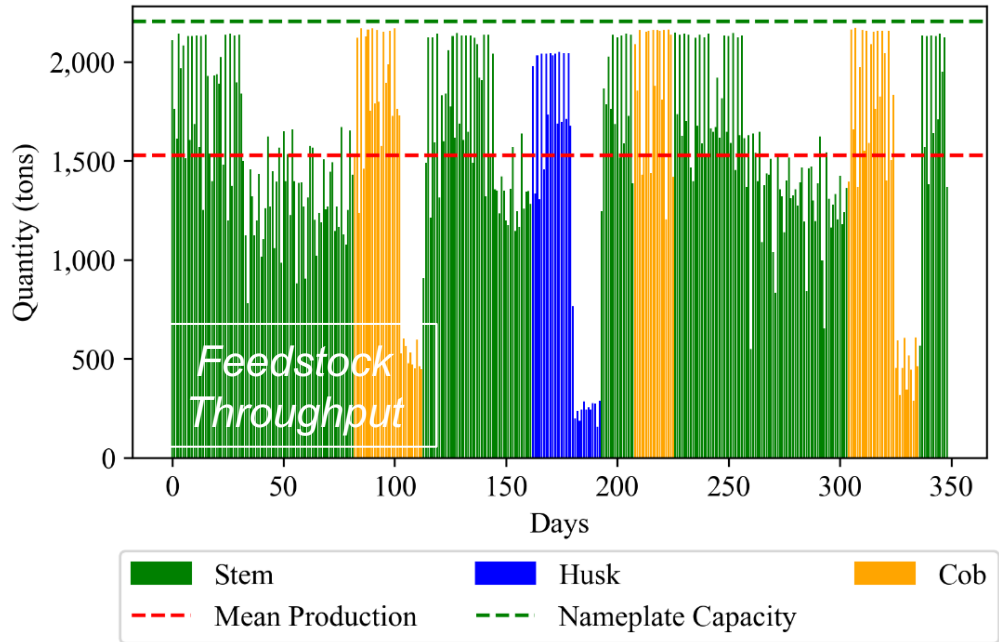


GHG Emissions*



*Red text indicates BETO-funded

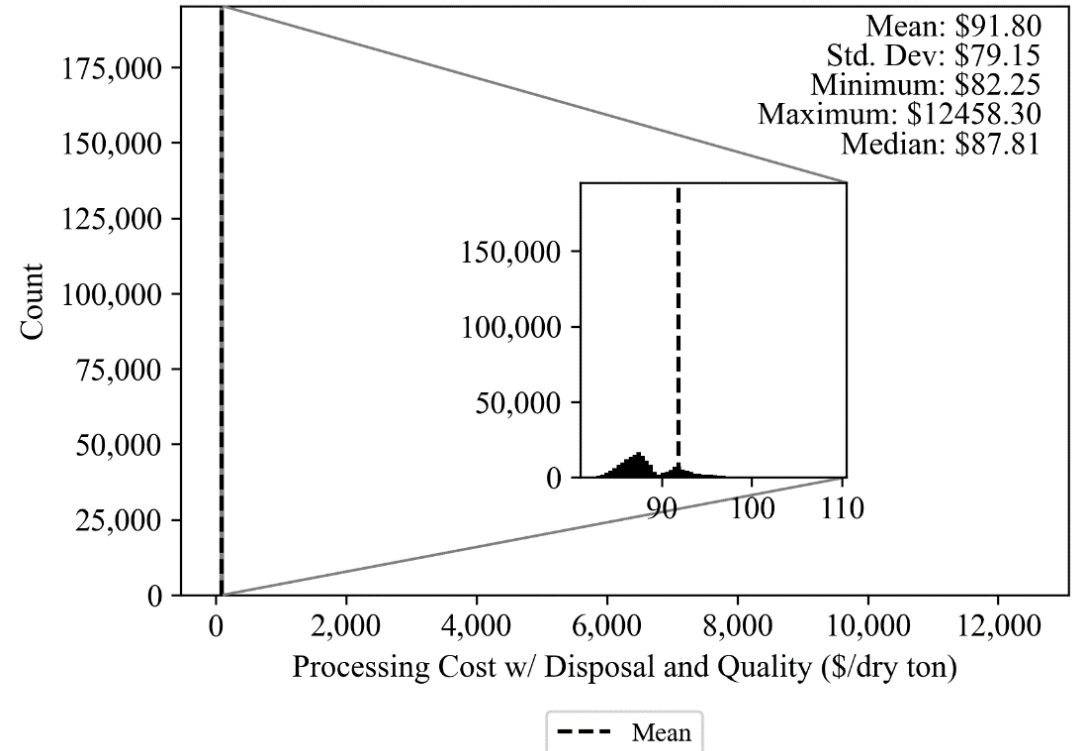
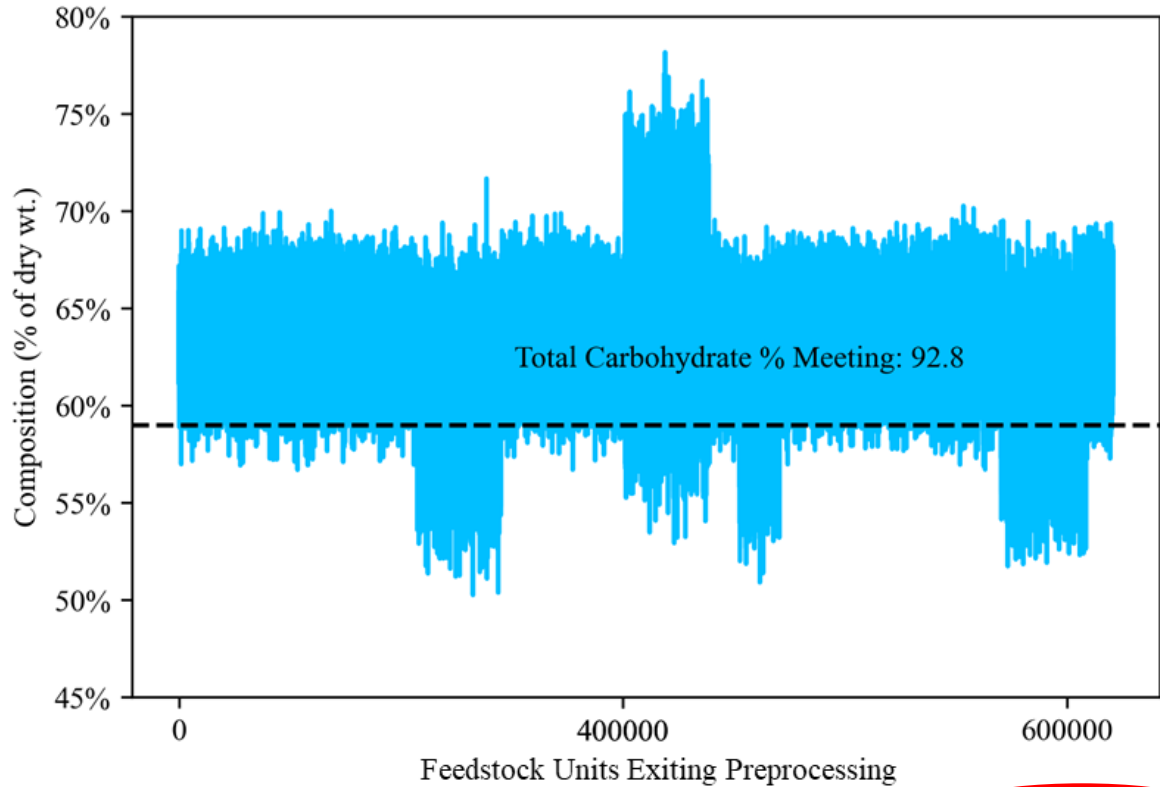
2022 Herbaceous SOT: 1st-Plant



		2022 SOT
Failures & Downtime		
Total Failures		1012
Moisture Failures (% of Total)		0%
Ash (Wear) Failures (% of Total)		90.91%
Regular Failures (% of Total)		9.09%
Total Operating Time (350 days) (min)		504,000
Total Downtime (min)		346,055
Moisture Downtime (% of Total)		0%
Ash (Wear) Downtime (% of Total)		94.17%
Regular Downtime (% of Total)		5.83%
Actual time-onstream (350 days) (%)		82.83%
Actual time-onstream (365 days) (%)		79.43%

	\$/dry ton (2016\$)	For Comparison: n th -Plant
Mean Production Cost	\$74.68	Time on-stream = 90%
Cost of Delays	\$10.87	Delivered Cost = \$78.64/dt
Total Production Cost	\$85.55	

2022 Herbaceous SOT : 1st-Plant



Cost of Preprocessed tons not meeting = \$6.25/dry ton

Total Delivered Cost = \$91.80/dry ton

Impact of fractionation on delivered quality

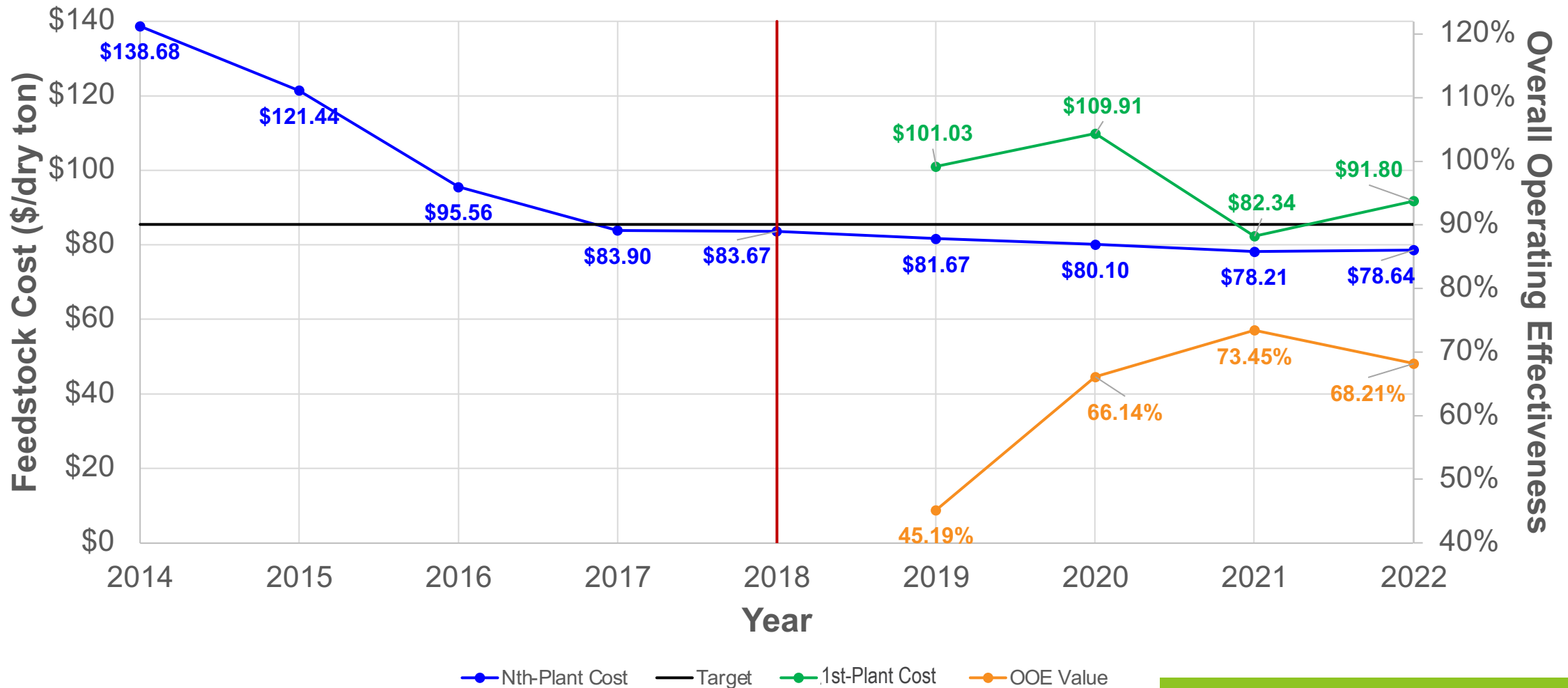
Supply Logistics:

$$OOE_S = F_{f,S} \times F_{B,S} = 0.8989 \times 0.2517 = 0.2263 \text{ (22.63\%)}$$

Preprocessing:

$$OOE_P = F_{f,P} \times F_{B,P} = 0.7350 \times 0.9280 = 0.6821 \text{ (68.21\%)}$$

Modeled progress toward cost and performance goals for herbaceous biochemical conversion feedstock



3 – Impact

State of Technology & Industry Impacts

- Moves the state of technology forward by developing innovative approaches and tracking R&D progress
- We are directly addressing industry issues as regards operability, feedstock quality and actual delivered cost

Dissemination of Results

- Two nth-plant SOTs and two 1st-plant SOTs published annually (external reports available on OSTI)
- “The nth-plant scenario for blended feedstock conversion and preprocessing nationwide: Biorefineries and depots,” published in *Applied Energy* (I.F. = 9.746) in 2021
- “Nth-plant scenario for forest resources and short rotation woody crops: A nationwide analysis for biorefineries and depots,” published in *Applied Energy* (I.F. = 9.746) in 2022
- “Importance of Incorporating Spatial and Temporal Variability of Biomass Yield and Quality in Bioenergy Supply Chain,” published in *Nature Scientific Reports* (Impact Factor = 4.996) in 2023
- Presentations to ExxonMobil, Charm, POET and Shell
- Multiple presentations at international meetings (AIChE, ASABE)

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Nationwide depots & biorefineries to meet target costs, quality & quantity from woody resources.
- Forest residues: trees, tops & limbs. Short rotation crops: poplar, willow, pine, & eucalyptus.
- Maximum accessible forest residues at \$79.07/dt & \$85.51/dt was 193 and 106 Mt/dt at any ash target.
- Short rotation woody crops increased total to 153 & 195 Mt/dt at 1% & 1.75% ash & \$85.51/dt cost targets.
- Woody resources could address 55% of EPA's goals, 195 Mt/dt/year at \$85.51/dt cost & 1.75% ash target.

ARTICLE INFO

Keywords: Forest residues; Short rotation woody crops; Biorefineries

ABSTRACT

Estimating the US potential of woody material in of wood to develop a sustainable bioenergy and bioproducts industry woody resources for the contiguous US that takes advantage of a nationwide database to quantify the total accessible woody biomass and biorefineries considering both quality specifications for fuels. We considered two categories of woody biomass: 1) from conventional thinning and timber harvesting operations rotation woody crops such as poplar, willow, pine, and eucalyptus. We developed to analyze scenarios with woody feedstock targets at the biorefinery. When considering a target of maximum accessible biomass from forest residues in 2040 at ash targets. Including short rotation woody crops as part of 153 and 195 million dry tons at ash targets of 1% and 1.75%.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Nationwide facility database to meet target cost, quality and quantity for biofuels.
- In 2022, 42.5 Mt of corn stover and switchgrass could be accessible nationwide.
- An \$5.0t reduction in delivery cost could reduce total accessible biomass by 67%.
- NE, NE, SD and TX were identified as potential states with a strong biofuel economy.
- CO, AL, GA, MN, MS and SC could greatly benefit from a nationwide depot network.

ARTICLE INFO

Keywords: Corn stover; Switchgrass; Biorefineries; Feedstock quality; Biomass supply chain; Mixed-integer linear programming

ABSTRACT

The sustainability of the biofuel industry depends on the development of a mature conversion technology on a national level that can take advantage of the economies of scale of the nth-plant. Defining the future location and supply logistics of conversion plants is imperative to ultimately transform the nation's renewable biomass resources into cost-competitive, high-performance feedstock for production of biofuels and bioproducts. Since the US has put restrictions on production levels of conventional biofuels from edible resources, the nation needs to plan for the widespread accessibility and development of the cellulosic biofuel scenario. Conventional feedstock supply systems will be unable to handle cellulosic biomass nationwide, making it essential to expand the industry with an advanced feedstock supply system incorporating a distributed network of preprocessing depots and conversion plants, or biorefineries. Current studies are mostly limited to designing supply systems for specific regions of the country. We developed a national database with potential locations for depots and biorefineries to meet the nation's target demand of cellulosic biofuel. Blended feedstock with switchgrass and corn stover (harvested by either a two- or three-pass method) are considered in a Mixed Integer Linear Programming model to deliver on-site biomass that considers both a desired quantity and quality at the biorefinery. The model solves for a network of varying size depots that supply to biorefineries of 725,000 dry tons/year. A total delivered feedstock cost that is less than \$79.07/dry tons (2016\$) is evaluated for years 2022, 2030, and 2040. In 2022, 124 depots and 59 biorefineries could be supplied with 42.5 million dt of corn stover and switchgrass. In 2030

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Summary: Future Direction and Path Forward

- **Challenge:** Inherent variability of biomass feedstock impacts preprocessing operability and reduces quantity of available feedstock meeting conversion specs, decreasing biorefinery economics and increasing carbon intensity
- **Goal:** Maximize available feedstock in a region-specific manner, with constraints on carbon intensity (CI) and allowable ranges of conversion Critical Material Attributes
- **Requirements:**
 - Minimize raw material variability
 - Organics composition → Yield
 - Particle size distribution → Convertibility & Losses
 - Flow properties → Throughput
 - Impacts of Moisture & Ash → Failures (throughput)
 - Approaches to improve quality and increase usable biomass within CI limits
- **Approaches:**
 - Fractionate → Formulate to spec → send remaining material to alternate uses/markets
 - Shift Feedstock Supply Design Cases and SOTs to region-specific analyses that identify available supplies of individual conversion-ready feedstocks based on regional characteristics that impact feedstock quality and carbon intensity

Shout out to the Projects and PIs that provide data for Design Cases and SOTs...

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- Purdue University – *Michael Ladisch, Diana Ramirez, Eduardo Ximenes*

Quad Chart Overview

Timeline

- *Project start date: 10/1/2020*
- *Project end date: 9/30/2023*

	FY22 Costed	Total Award
DOE Funding	\$1,011,592	\$3,000,000
Project Cost Share	NA	NA

TRL at Project Start: NA
TRL at Project End: NA

Project Goal

Through leading-edge feedstock analyses that identify R&D technology performance, quality and cost targets to achieve BETO goals, maximize biorefinery economics by better process and quality control of feedstock leading to greater plant availability and predictable yields of high value biofuels and co-products.

End of Project Milestone

FY23 State of Technology TEAs for Regional Feedstocks: Deliver completed reports for 2 regions, one focused on herbaceous and one focused on woody. Each will document the quantity of materials that are able to meet defined quality specifications and determine the continuum of delivered costs and carbon intensities based on required quality management techniques. The goal will be to show attainment at least 50% of material meeting quality specifications defined for each a woody and herbaceous supply region.

Funding Mechanism

This project is a programmatic AOP project under the Feedstock Technologies Platform in BETO.

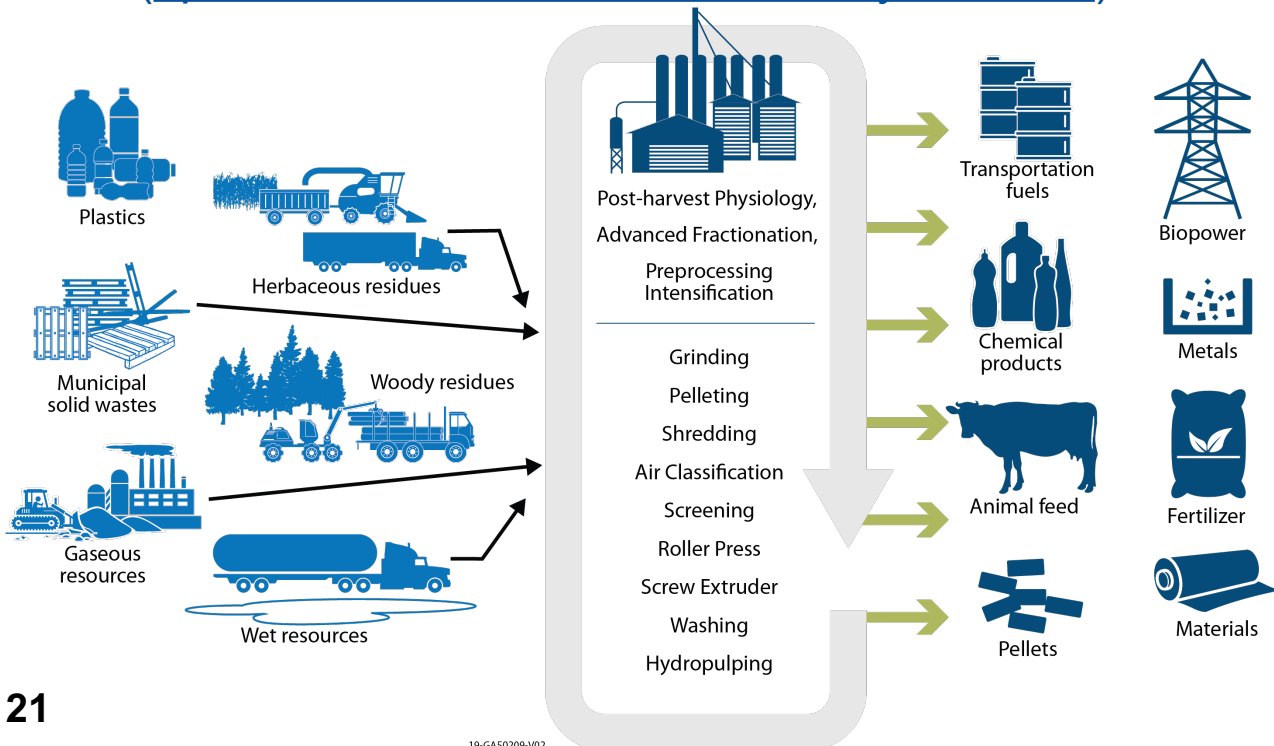
Project Partners

Collaborators include all FSL R&D AOP Projects, industry projects (data source), and other BETO National Laboratories performing TEA and LCA.

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Additional Slides

Responses to 2021 Peer Review Comments

2021 Peer Review Comment

- *“The model will become more impactful as new technologies that may better homogenize the biomass, can be included. Is its application also to predict the savings of applying these technologies before they go into full development. For example, if a new air-classifier can produce a few streams with higher quality. I have some reservations about the value add to fractionated materials, and this model should hopefully help to elucidate their value through the whole supply chain and bioconversion process.”*

FY21-22 Actions Taken in Response to Comment

- Biomass feedstock quality is an issue that makes it necessary to either add preprocessing steps (at additional cost), or blend with higher quality energy crops to meet conversion specifications. As an example, corn stover is residue that is produced as a byproduct of farming to produce a grain commodity, and there is little incentive to the farmer to make harvest and collection modifications for corn stover that would improve its quality to meet conversion specifications, hence, a greater focus was needed on preprocessing approaches to mitigate variability.
- Recognizing this, we identified approaches to meet cost, quality and operational goals using corn stover alone, which led our program to the tissue fractionation and reformulation approach. Additionally, we began directly comparing 1st-plant stochastic SOT results to the nth-plant deterministic SOTs, which clearly differentiates the costs arising from preprocessing the stover from those arising from variability in compositional quality.

Highlights from FY22 Go/No-go Decision Point

FY22 Go/No-go Decision Point (March 31, 2022)

- Preliminary analysis to examine the viability of utilizing only waste feedstocks. Meet delivered cost of no higher than \$86/dry ton (2016\$) while meeting all conversion CMAs for at least one conversion process.
- Go: Identify analysis path forward integrating waste feedstocks, with conventional feedstocks to meet both cost and conversion CMA targets.

Decision: Go

- A preliminary analysis was carried for grass clippings, non-recyclable paper and 2-pass corn stover to assess whether it would be possible to meet all CMAs for biochemical conversion and deliver the material at a cost of no more than \$86/dry ton (2016\$), while incorporating the waste materials. The purpose of the analysis was to determine whether it will be necessary to include blending with conventional feedstocks to meet the CMA quality requirements within allowable cost.
- Demonstrated that it is possible to incorporate two cost-advantaged feedstocks (grass clippings and mixed paper) along with two-pass corn stover to deliver a blended feedstock that can meet all conversion CMAs (≥ 59 wt% carbohydrate, ≤ 4.93 wt% ash, and moisture =20 wt%) at a cost of \$82.57/dry ton (2016\$)
- From a biomass feedstock blend perspective, the ratios were 88.99% two-pass corn stover, 7.74% grass clippings, and 3.27% mixed paper. The pellet blend ratio ensures that the ash content in the blend is 4.93% and the carbohydrate content is 59%, meeting the conversion CMAs.

Publications and Presentations

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

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Supporting Slides

Supply Chain Sustainability Analysis



Analysis & Sustainability Interface (Multi-criteria)



Strategic Analysis Support (Multi-criteria)



GREET Development (LCA)

Algae LCA (LCA)

Biomass Sourcing



Supply Scenario Analysis

(Resource Assessment)



Microalgae Analysis (Resource

Assessment)



Algae System TEA (TEA)

Biomass Transport + Pre-Processing Logistics

Feedstock Supply Chain Analysis
(Resource Assessment, TEA)



Biorefinery Conversion

BC Analysis (TEA)

TC Analysis (TEA)



Wet Waste HTL (TEA)

Algae HTL (TEA)



Algae System TEA (TEA)

Jet/Vehicle End-Use

Note: Additional work
conducted under DMA and SDI

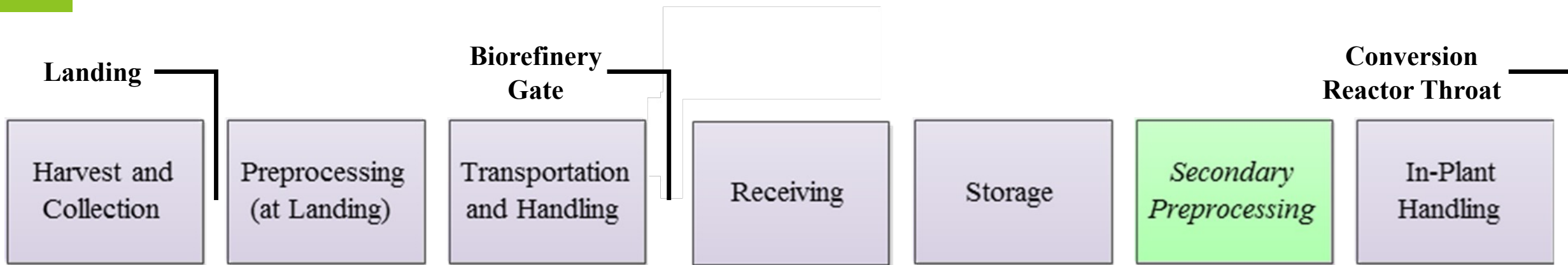
Feedstock Type

Terrestrial

Wet Waste

Algae

Conventional Woody Feedstock Supply Chain by Area



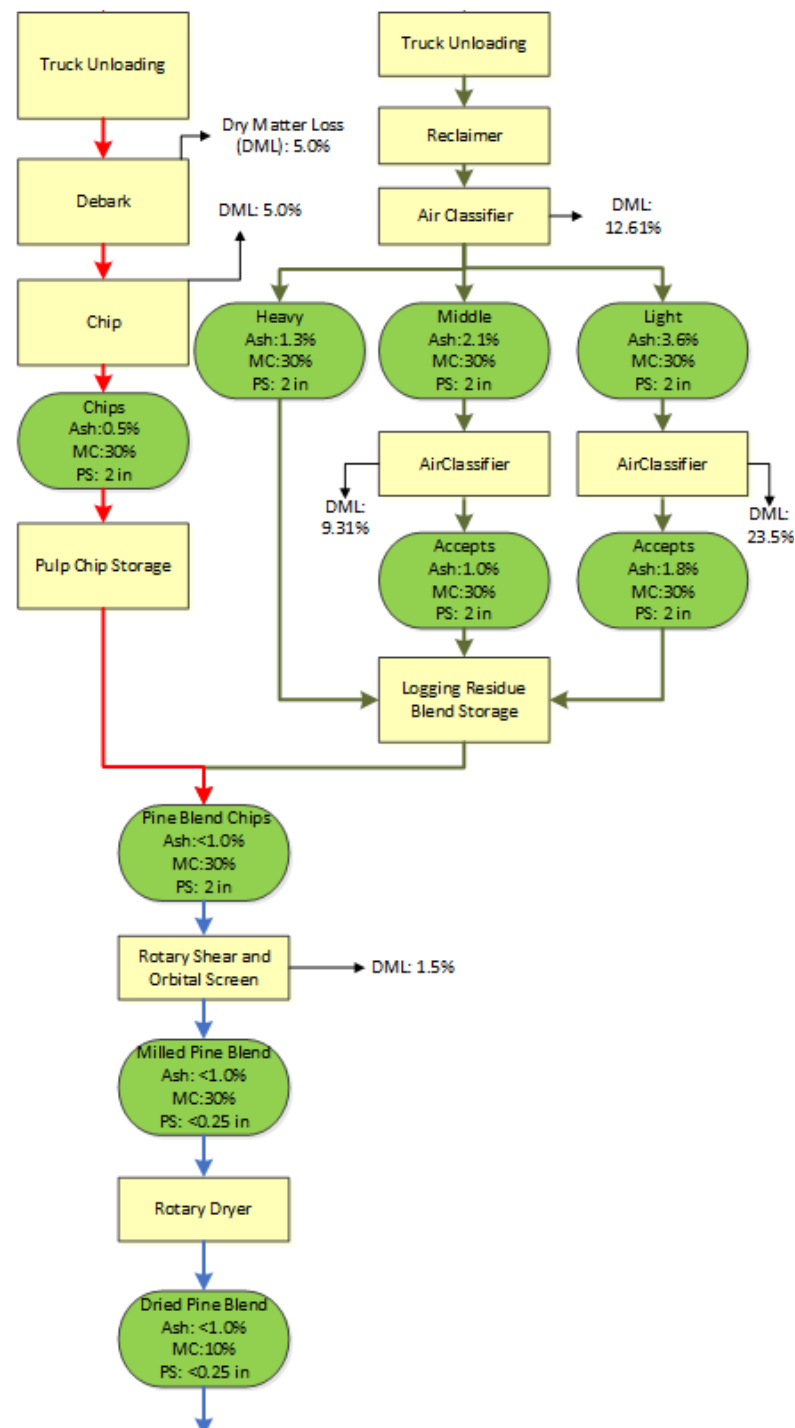
Design Approach for 2021

- Multi-stage air classification of logging residues to remove ash
- Removed material was discarded
- Blend at 50% with clean pine
- Met cost but only 76% met the CQA for compositional quality and there was a very large hit to throughput

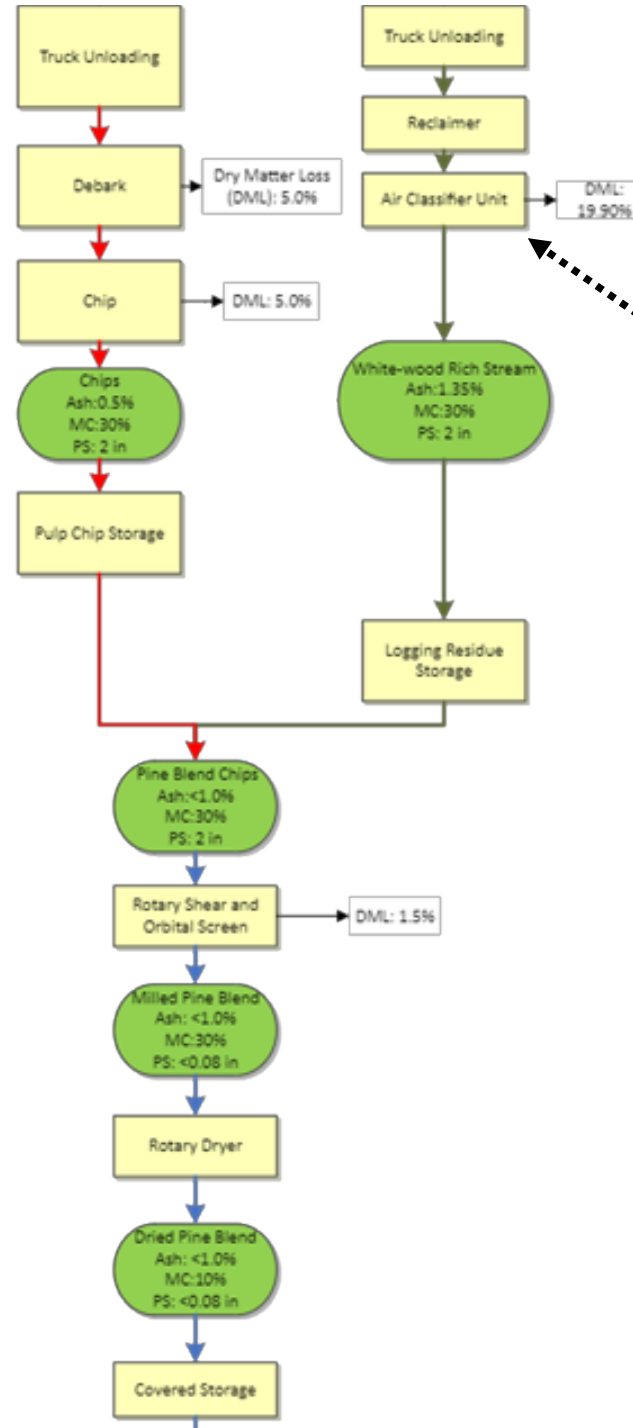
Design Approach for 2022

- Primary focus on improving throughput
- Used improved multi-stage air classification strategy to retain more whitewood
- Blend at 50% with clean pine
- Examined potential to monetize the waste stream

2021 Woody SOT – Preprocessing Flowsheet



2022 Woody SOT – Preprocessing Flowsheet



Multi-stage air classification system (design not in the public domain)

Example from the 2022 Woody SOT: nth-Plant Analysis

Average costs and GHG emissions for the delivered clean pine, logging residue and the blend

	Cost (\$/dry ton) (2016\$)			GHG Emissions (kg CO ₂ e/dry ton)
	Clean Pine	Logging Residue	Total ^a	
Grower Payment	\$15.73	\$3.75	\$9.74	
Harvest & Collection	\$9.88	\$0.00	\$4.94	6.74
Field-side Preprocessing	\$4.73	\$12.09	\$8.41	10.04
Transportation	\$7.67	\$14.02	\$10.84	10.22
Preprocessing	\$27.32	\$30.69	\$29.00	149.68
Storage	\$0.68	\$0.68	\$0.68	0.90
Handling	\$2.65	\$2.65	\$2.65	0.81
Preprocessing Construction	\$2.96	\$2.96	\$2.96	
Grand Total	\$71.62	\$66.84	\$69.23	178.39

a The total is a weighted average of the blend components, with 50% clean pine and 50% logging residue.

Progression of costs from 2019-2022

	Cost Summary (\$/Dry Ton) (2016\$)			
	CFP 2019 SOT	CFP 2020 SOT	2021 SOT ^b	2022 SOT ^c
Grower Payment	\$9.74	\$9.74	\$9.74	\$9.74
Harvest & Collection	\$4.94	\$4.94	\$4.94	\$4.94
Field-side Preprocessing	\$8.41	\$8.41	\$8.41	\$8.41
Transportation	\$12.22	\$12.22	\$12.22	\$10.84
Preprocessing	\$28.55	\$25.43	\$34.27	\$29.00
Storage	\$0.68	\$0.68	\$0.68	\$0.68
Handling	\$2.65	\$2.65	\$2.65	\$2.65
Preprocessing Construction	\$2.96	\$2.96	\$2.96	\$2.96
Quality Dockage	\$0.00 ^a	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Total	\$70.15	\$67.03	\$75.87	\$69.23

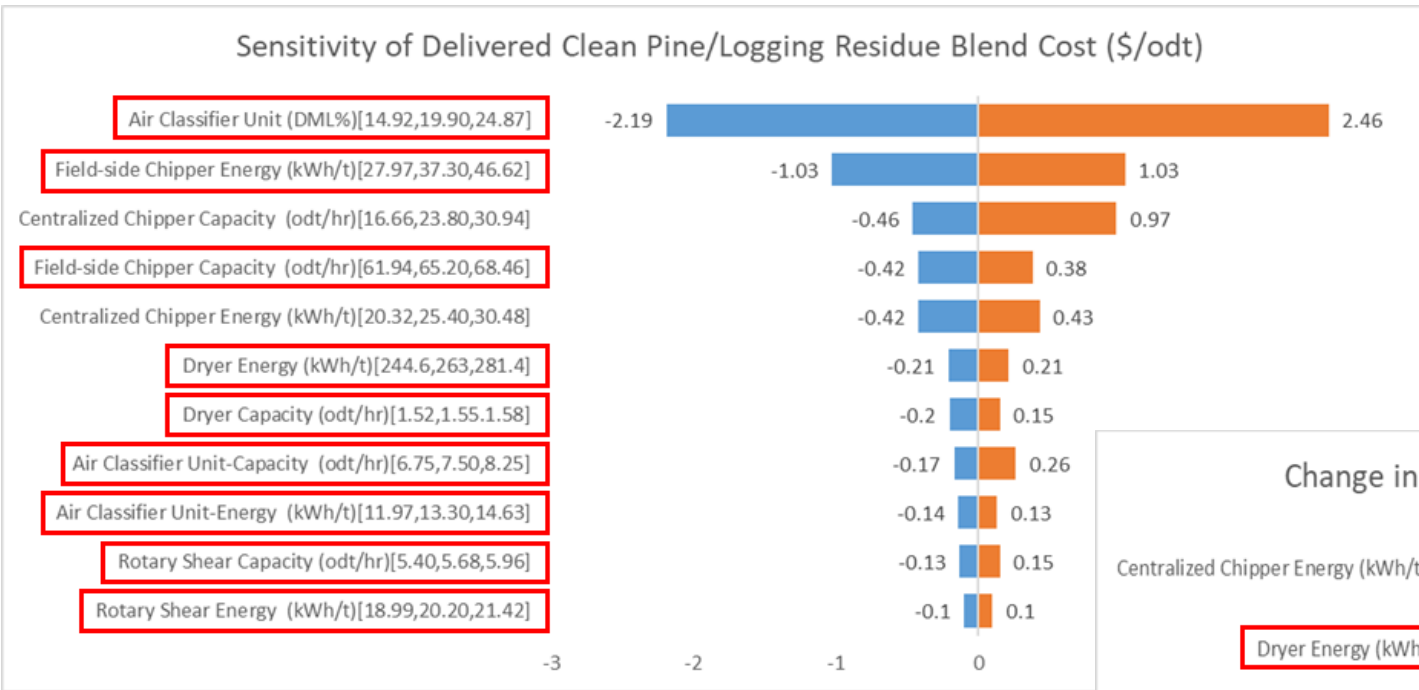
a The conversion process model has been updated with conversion data for this blend which accounts for yield changes, hence, dockage is not added for ash content exceeding the specification.

b The 2021 cost represents meeting the ash specification of <1% instead of <1.75% as in previous years, disposing of below quality material

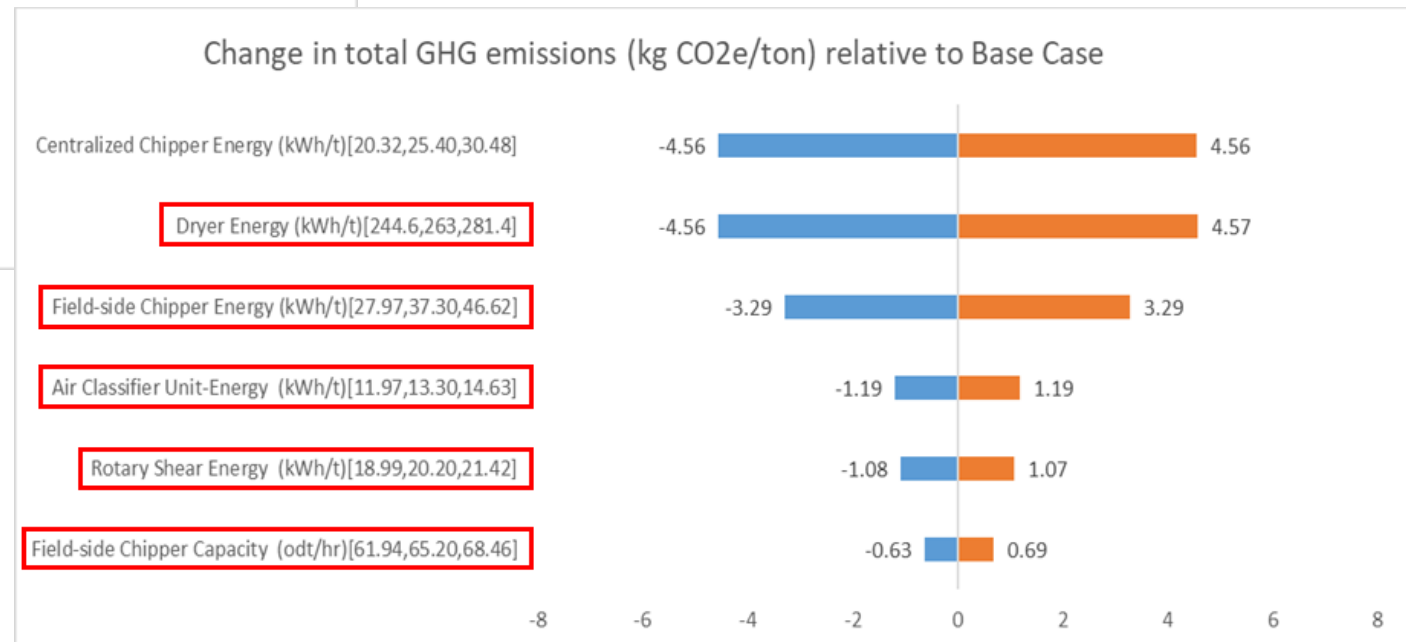
2022 Woody SOT: nth-Plant Sensitivity Analysis

Delivered Cost*

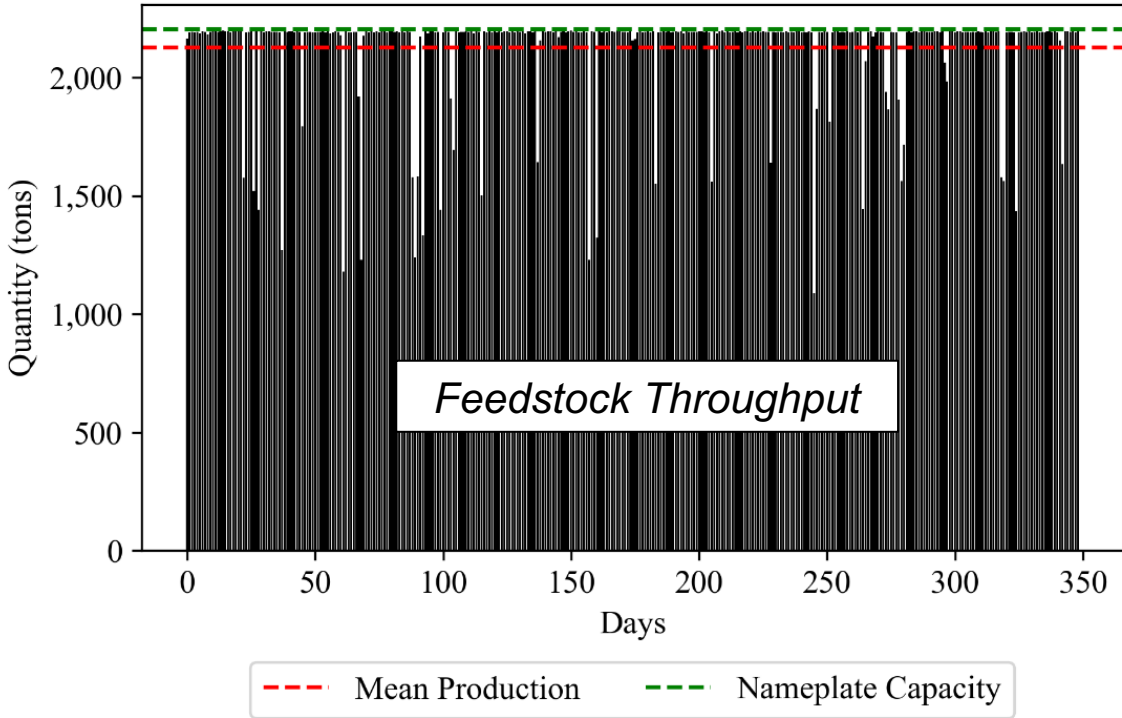
*Red boxes indicate BETO-funded



GHG Emissions*



2022 Woody SOT: 1st-Plant



Failures & Downtime		2022 SOT
Total Failures		160
Moisture Failures (% of Total)		0%
Ash (Wear) Failures (% of Total)		37.5 %
Regular Failures (% of Total)		62.5%
Total Operating Time (350 days) (min)		504,000
Total Downtime (min)		61,307
Moisture Downtime (% of Total)		0%
Ash (Wear) Downtime (% of Total)		37.4%
Regular Downtime (% of Total)		62.6%
Actual time-onstream (350 days) (%)		87.84%
Actual time-onstream (365 days) (%)		84.23%

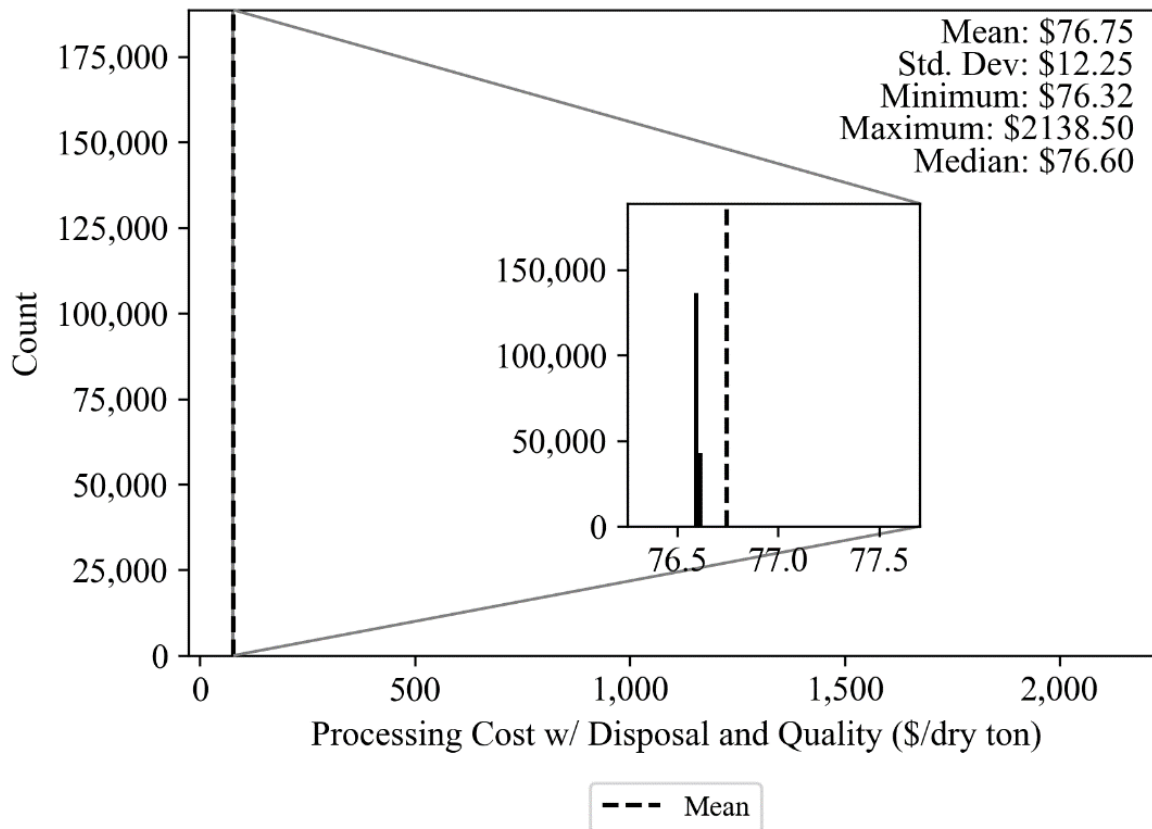
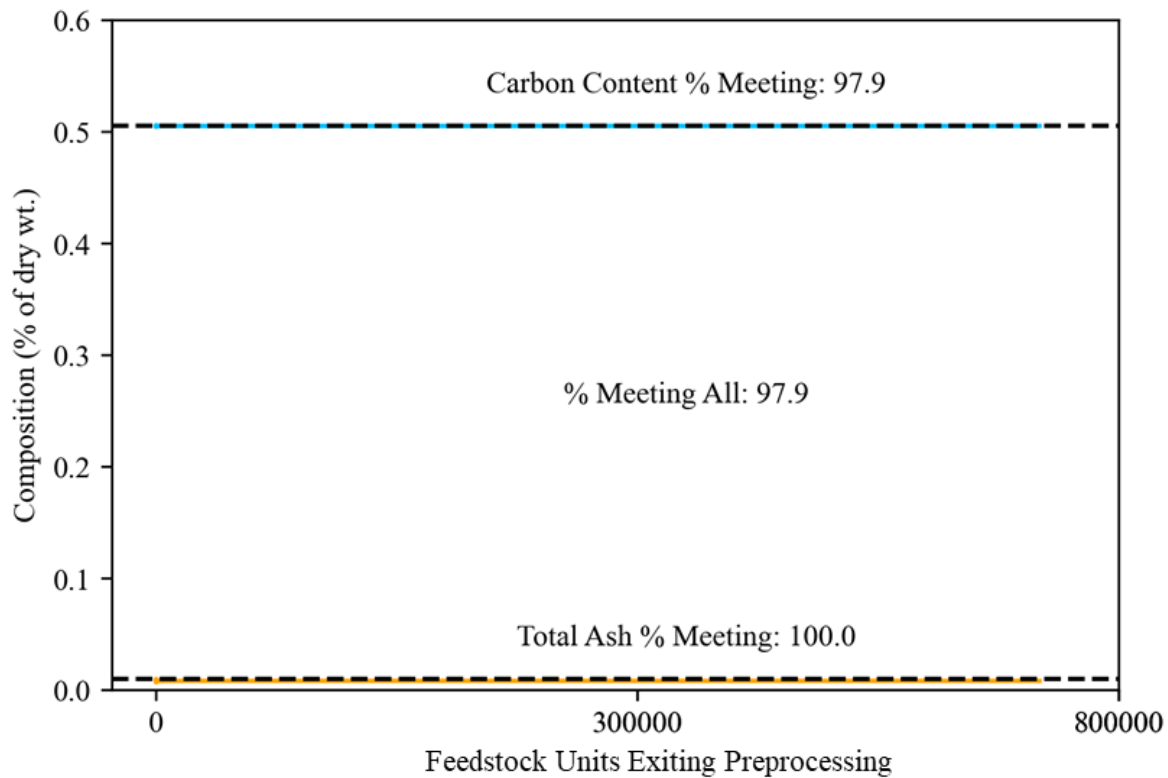
	\$/dry ton (2016\$)
Mean Production Cost	\$71.66
Cost of Delays	\$3.45
Total Production Cost	\$75.11

For Comparison: nth-Plant

Time on-stream = 90%

Delivered Cost = \$69.23/dt

2022 Woody SOT : 1st-Plant



Cost of Preprocessed tons not meeting = **\$1.64/dry ton**

Total Delivered Cost = **\$76.75/dry ton**

Impact of fractionation on delivered quality

Supply Logistics: $OOE_S = F_{f,S} \times F_{B,S} = 1.000 \times 0.3250 = 0.3250$ (32.50%)

Preprocessing: $OOE_P = F_{f,P} \times F_{B,P} = 0.9964 \times 0.9790 = 0.9755$ (97.55%)

Impact of operational impacts on throughput

Modeled progress toward cost and performance goals for woody thermochemical conversion feedstock (CFP)

