

# DOE Bioenergy Technologies Office (BETO) 2015 Project Peer Review

## High-Yield Feedstock and Biomass Conversion Technology for Renewable Energy and Economic Development



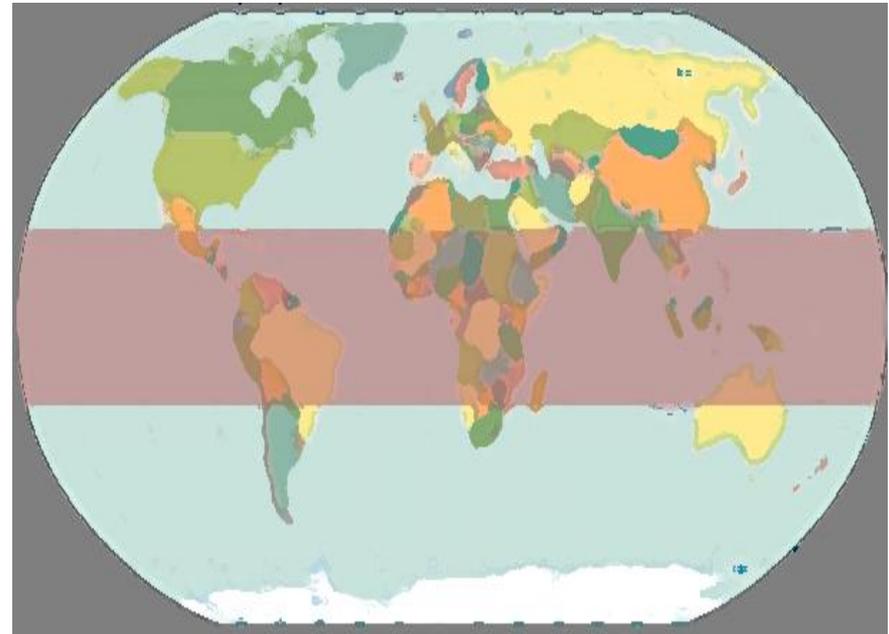
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# GOALS

Develop sustainable, renewable energy systems for Hawaii and the tropics through:

- Biomass feedstocks that grow year-round.
- Feedstock characteristics that impact conversion processes.
- Renewable energy projects that reduce dependence on fossil fuels.
- Impact of renewable energy projects on rural communities.



This project addresses the BETO goal to “Develop sustainable technologies to provide a secure, reliable, and sustainable biomass feedstock supply for the U.S. bioenergy industry.”

# QUAD CHART OVERVIEW

## Timeline

Start: 7/30/2008

End: 9/30/2014

Project completed

## BETO Barriers Addressed

- Feedstocks availability and cost (Ft-A).
- Sustainable feedstock production (Ft-B).
- Feedstock quality and monitoring (Ft-E).

## Partners

Hamakua Springs Water (HSW)

Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar (HC&S)

	<b>Total Cost FY08-FY12</b>	<b>Total Cost FY2013</b>	<b>Total Cost FY2014</b>	<b>Total Funding</b>
DOE Funded	\$5,733,147	\$1,577,918	\$607,200	\$7,918,265
Cost Share U. Hawaii	\$337,367	\$82,258	\$288,851	\$708,476
Cost Share HC&S	\$505,427	\$123,236	\$432,734	\$1,061,397
Cost Share HSW	\$402,101	\$98,042	\$384,093	\$884,236

# PROJECT OVERVIEW

## HISTORY:

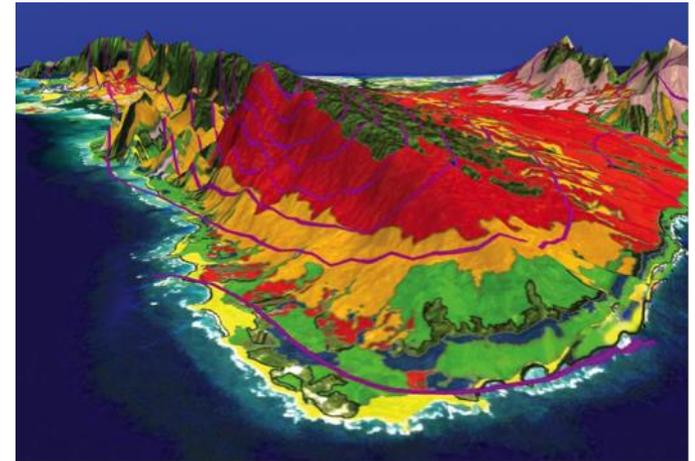
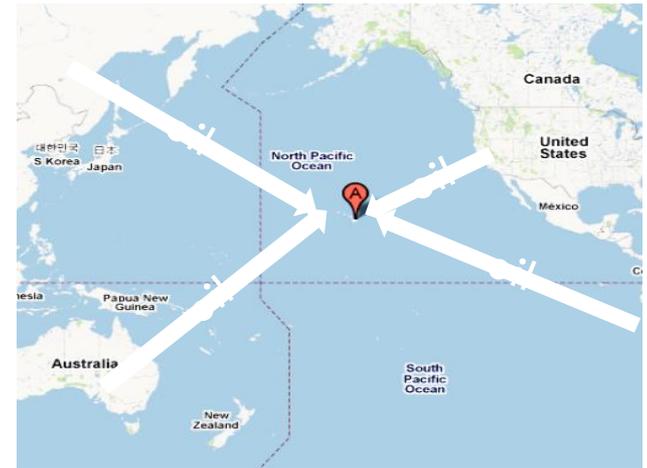
- Started in 2008 as a Congressionally Directed project to assist the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative.

## CONTEXT:

- Strategic location re: “Asia-Pacific Pivot”
- >90% of Hawaii’s energy needs depend upon imported fossil fuels.
- Ideal platform for renewable energy projects.

## OBJECTIVES:

- Develop high (net) yield of tropical feedstocks
- Optimize biomass conversion of feedstocks
- Develop and assess integrated, sustainable renewable and bioenergy systems for Hawaii and the tropics



Source: Deenik

# APPROACH

- Feedstocks for biofuels:
  - Develop high yield tropical feedstocks
  - Develop feedstock yield models
  - Feedstock-conversion interactions
  - Economic and Carbon cycle assessments
- Renewable energy options:
  - Micro-hydro impact on community economic development
  - Cane trash for biopower
  - Landfill gas utilization
  - Wood chips for coal
  - Solar powered irrigation



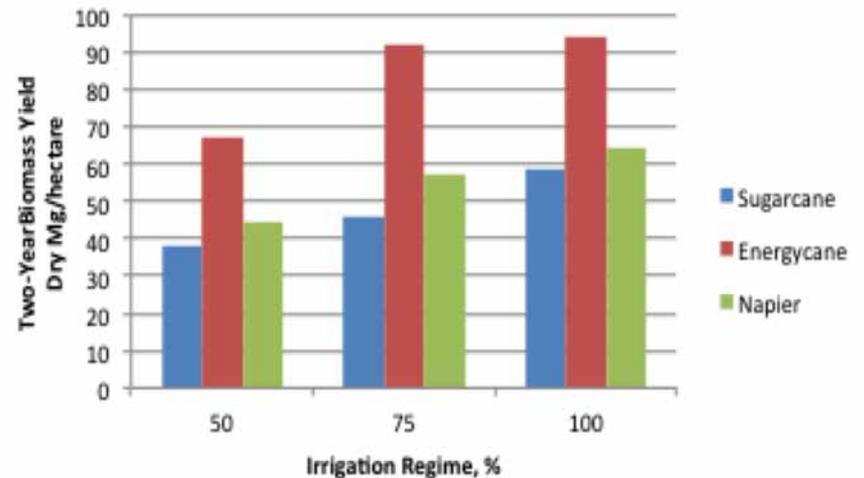
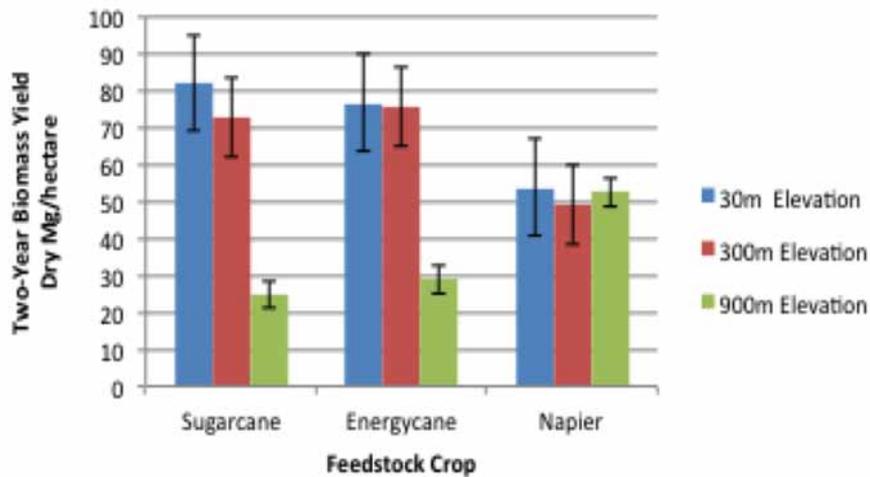
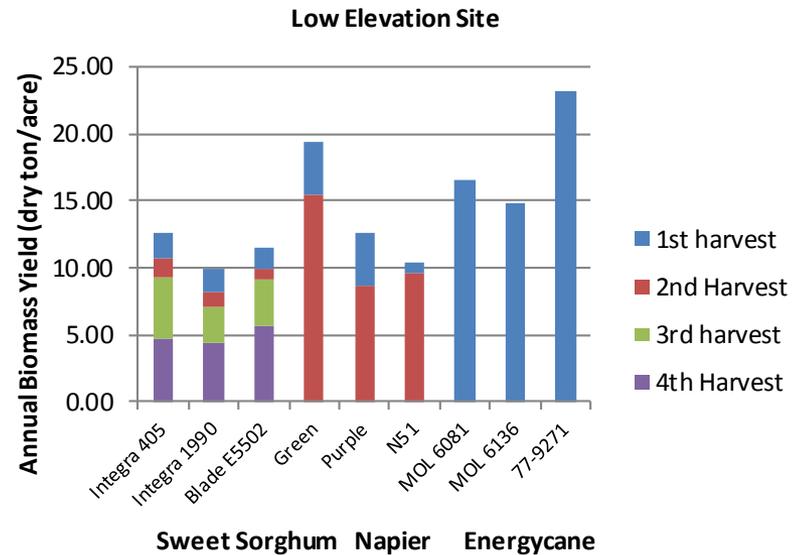
# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Native Napier grass accessions collected and evaluated.
- Simple sequence repeat markers for Napier grass identified.
- Napier grass-by-pearl millet hybrids developed and being evaluated.
- Determined chemical composition of target crops, especially compounds/elements that may affect the biochemical or thermochemical conversion of these feedstocks.



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Strong genotype-environmental interactions.
- Water affects some crops more than others.
- Harvesting frequency is an economic consideration.



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS



• Sugarcane



• Energycane



• Root Decay Bags

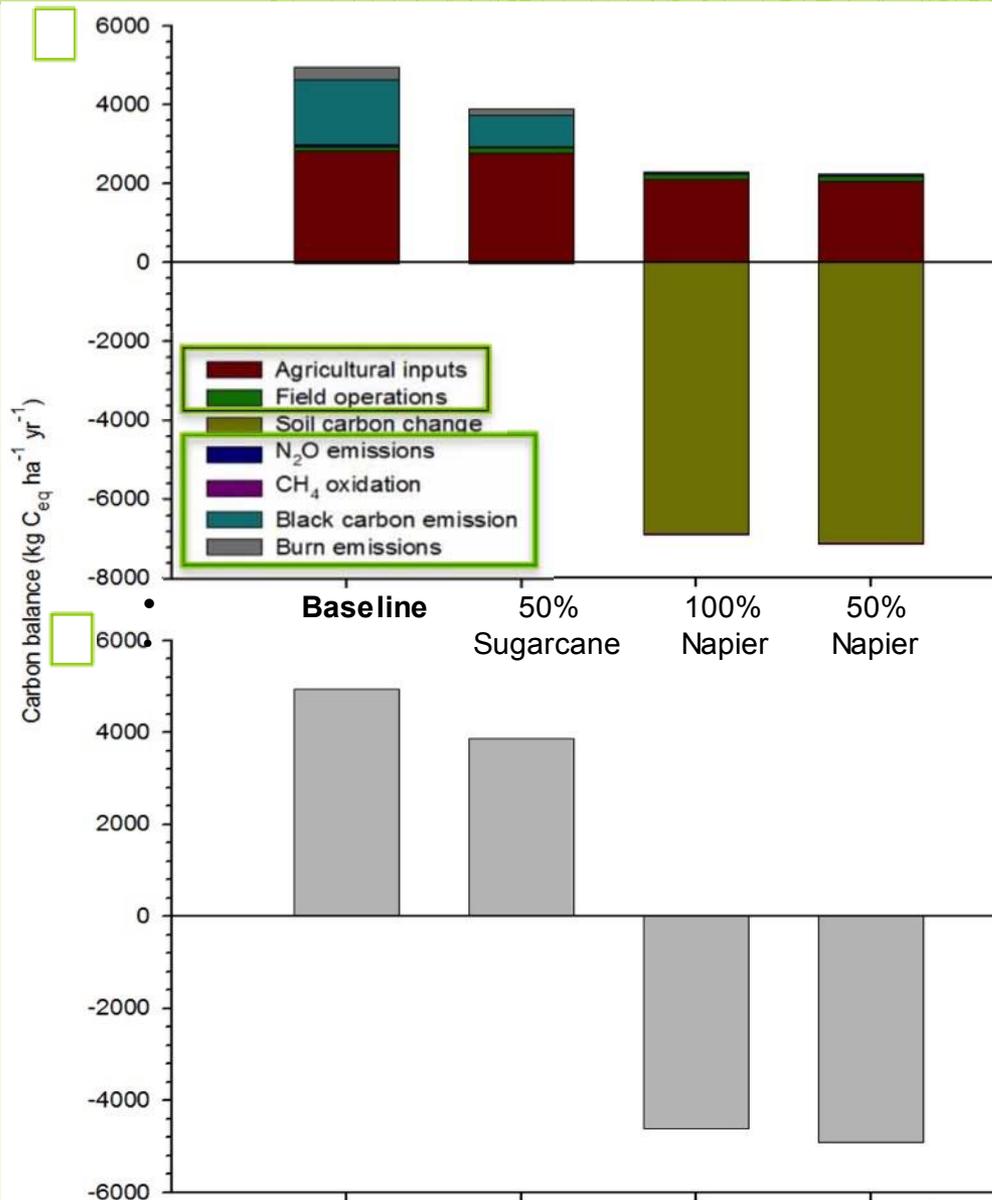


• *In situ* Root Decomposition

## Tracking Root Biomass into Soil Carbon Stock

- Determined decay rates of root tissue for energy- and sugarcane
- Will determine the chemical trajectory of decay using CuO method
- Will trace the root tissue residue into soil C pools using CuO-derived biomarkers

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS



## •Fossil-based Emissions (FBE)

- Agricultural based inputs were the largest contributor to C emissions overall (60-66% FBE resulting from seed production)
- Fertilizer-based losses were 11- 12% of FBE
- Irrigation emissions were low (~1%)

## •Non Fossil-based Emissions (NFBE)

- Driven by reduction in biomass yield
- Pre-harvest burn operations resulted in average  $\uparrow$  of 1940 kg C<sub>eq</sub> ha<sup>-1</sup>yr<sup>-1</sup>
- N<sub>2</sub>O emissions were the largest NFBE

•Soil C accumulation only occurs in ratoon-harvested systems

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Green processing of feedstock:
  - Minimum feedstock storage requirement.
  - Potential co-products from extracted liquid.
  - Must address higher moisture and nutrients in young plants.
- Napiergrass harvested at 2, 4, 6, 8 months.
- Liquid fraction:
  - Younger plants produced larger volumes.
  - High protein fungal biomass grown on extracted liquid.
  - Not economically viable.
- Solid fraction:
  - Dilute acid pretreatment:
    - 95% xylose released.
    - 85% glucose released.
  - Washed solids:
    - Dried.
    - Gassified.



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Product Gas Composition and Yield

	H <sub>2</sub> %	CO %	CH <sub>4</sub> %	CO <sub>2</sub> %	YIELD L/kg DM
Average	42	24	11	21	884
Range	39-44	22-27	10-12	19-23	814-971

GAS	RANGE
H <sub>2</sub> S	100-227 ppmv
COS	1-6 ppmv
C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>4</sub> S	7-11 ppmv
NH <sub>3</sub>	1,700-2,676 ppmv
CN	116-353 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Cl <sup>-1</sup>	108-224 mg/m <sup>3</sup>



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Hamakua Springs Water LLC
  - Fruit and vegetable farm, 540 acres, 6.5 MGD stream.
  - 75 KW (112 KW rated) hydro-electric system.
  - Project start delayed because of environmental and utility connectivity issues.
  - Reduced electricity usage from 30,000 to 11,000 KWH/month, savings of \$6,000/month.
  - Baseline data for farm economics, and community attitudes and well being.
- Assessed feasibility of sugarcane trash collection and processing.
- Assessed feasibility of landfill gas utilization.
- Assessed feasibility of converting bagasse into biogas.
- Assessed feasibility of 3 MW PV for irrigation with 7 year pay back.



# RELEVANCE

## Relevance to Biomass Program Multi-Year Program Plan:

- Develop feedstocks, sustainable agronomic practices, and feedstocks production processes and systems (Ft-A, B and E).
- Develop, test and demonstrate sustainable feedstocks logistics systems (Ft-B).

## Applications of Expected Project Outputs:

- Results applicable to a vertically integrated, contiguous 38,000 acre agribusiness.
- Results applicable to regional allies in the Asia-Pacific region.
  - Australia (biofuels)
  - Philippines (biopower)
- Department of the Navy's Great Green Fleet Initiative

# FUTURE WORK

## Continue Research via ONR & BRDI

- Continue multi-year energy crop trials
- Complete feedstock characterization for biochemical and thermochemical conversion to biofuel
- Assess terrestrial carbon stock and dynamics
- Net energy productivity of tropical bioenergy crops
- Validated crop simulation models
- Techno-economic and life cycle assessments.
- Commercial-scale production of tropical energy crop.

# SUMMARY

- Strategic importance for the Nation and the tropics.
- Developing high-yield biomass feedstocks that are grown sustainably.
- Strong collaborative team involving academe, government, and large and small commercial entities.
- Information sharing with other state and regional bioenergy entities.
- Information useful for commercial-scale production of energy crops.



**ADDITIONAL SLIDES**

# RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS REVIEW

## **Long-term involvement of commercial concerns is paramount to success of the project.**

The Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company (HC&S) has continued to be a collaborator on this project through funding by the Office of Naval Research and the Bioenergy Research and Development Initiative grant. They have been very generous in providing land, labor, expertise and significant cost share contributions. The results from this project was used to submit a response to the DOE FOA-0001179 “Landscape Design for Sustainable Bioenergy Systems.” This is a tangible commitment to the ongoing project and the commercialization potential of the results from this project. ZeaChem is a partner on the BRDI project to evaluate the conversion of feedstock to biofuel.

## **The risk is ending up with many small pieces of important information, but no overall roadmap for future biofuel research and commercialization in Hawaii.**

As indicated in the response above, the project has progressed to point of having sufficient information to encourage the HC&S to consider the next step toward commercializing biofuel production in Hawaii. The HC&S has 38,000 acres of contiguous agricultural land in production, and is the largest active agricultural enterprise in Hawaii. The HC&S is viewed as the best opportunity for biofuel production to be commercialized in Hawaii because they have the contiguous land, workforce, equipment and infrastructure.

# RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS REVIEW

**There is an international need for research on tropical energy crops, especially some of the sustainability impacts that may not get immediate attention in other parts of the tropics.**

The focus of this research is on growing biomass feedstocks sustainably and understanding how the feedstock may affect biochemical and thermochemical conversion processes. If the feedstocks can be grown sustainably at competitive costs, viable conversion processes will be evaluated (this is being evaluated in the current BRDI project). This project addresses the fuel versus food issue by developing models to produce feedstocks in areas where food crops are not being grown (this is the reason for the wide ranges in elevation and irrigation for the energy crop evaluations to obtain growth coefficients under this growing conditions). The models developed from the results from this project will estimate the biomass yields, input requirements, economics, life cycle analyses and environmental impacts. As an example of the possible environmental impacts, we will be assessing the impacts of perennial grasses on carbon sequestration in organic-matter depleted soils. Maintaining adequate levels of soils organic carbon in the tropics is always a challenge because of year-round microbial activity in the soil which converts organic carbon into carbon dioxide. If these perennial crops add to the soil carbon balance in tropical soils, this will be a positive factor in the long-term sustainability of growing these crops.

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