

# Alternative Jet Fuel Development

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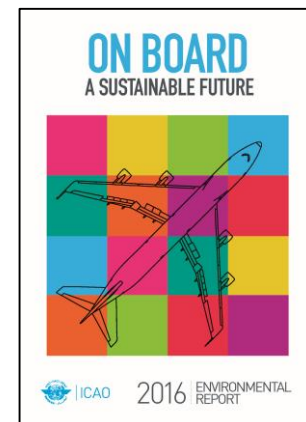
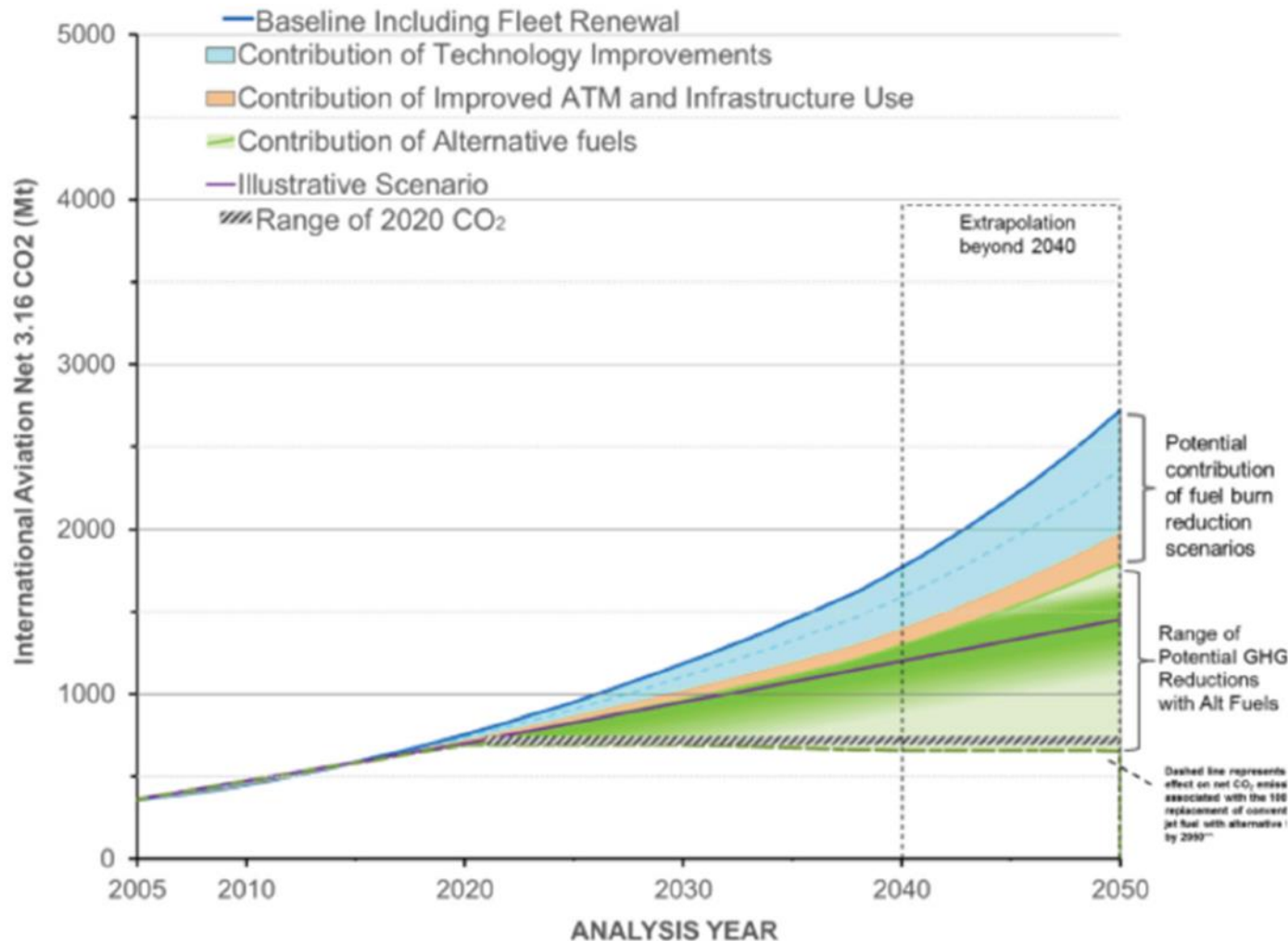


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- UN specialized agency to manage the administration and governance of the Convention on International Civil Aviation (1944)
- Reach consensus on international civil aviation Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs)
- Ensure that local civil aviation operations and regulations conform to global norms
- Currently 100,000 flights per day around the globe

# Aircraft CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from International Aviation, 2005 to 2050



*On Board a Sustainable Future -- 2016 Environmental Report*, International Civilian Aviation Organization, <https://www.icao.int/environmental-protection/Pages/env2016.aspx>

# Airports supplied with AJF



- Los Angeles International (LAX)
- Stockholm Arlanda Airport (ARN)
- Oslo Gardermoen (OSL)
- Bergen Flesland (BRO)
- ICAO Alternative Jet Fueled Planes

# Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA)



- Global market based management scheme developed by the International Civilian Aviation Organization (ICAO) to address any annual increase in total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from international civil aviation above 2020 levels
- Voluntary participation from 2021 through 2026 (pilot and first phases)
- Mandatory participation by member States beginning in 2027
- Exemptions for SIDS, LDCs, and LLDCs
- Exemptions for States with a share of international aviation below 0.5 percent in 2018 and lower 10% ranking among States (based on revenue tonne kilometer (RTK), weight of sold capacity of passengers and cargo multiplied by distance flown)

2016 International Scheduled RTK<sup>(1)</sup>

State	International Scheduled RTK (million) (2016)	Ranking by State	Share by State (%)	Cumulative Share (%)	SIDS <sup>(3)</sup>	LDC <sup>(4)</sup>	LLDC <sup>(5)</sup>
CHINA <sup>(2)</sup>	76,649.0	1	12.69%	12.69%	Y		
UNITED STATES	62,335.1	2	10.32%	23.00%			
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	55,157.4	3	9.13%	32.13%			
UNITED KINGDOM	33,583.3	4	5.56%	37.69%			
GERMANY	31,833.6	5	5.27%	42.96%			
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	22,756.3	6	3.77%	46.72%			
QATAR	21,672.0	7	3.59%	50.31%			
SINGAPORE	19,217.6	8	3.18%	53.49%			
FRANCE	18,128.4	9	3.00%	56.49%			
TURKEY	17,180.7	10	2.84%	59.33%			
JAPAN	16,990.0	11	2.81%	62.15%			
NETHERLANDS	15,793.8	12	2.61%	64.76%			
CANADA	14,756.9	13	2.44%	67.20%			
IRELAND	14,428.2	14	2.39%	69.59%			
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	12,201.6	15	2.02%	71.61%			
SPAIN	9,864.0	16	1.63%	73.24%			
THAILAND	9,697.3	17	1.60%	74.85%			
AUSTRALIA	9,684.3	18	1.60%	76.45%			
MALAYSIA	8,280.3	19	1.37%	77.82%			
INDIA	7,566.4	20	1.25%	79.07%			
LUXEMBOURG	7,097.4	21	1.17%	80.25%			
SWITZERLAND	6,700.5	22	1.11%	81.36%			
NORWAY	5,719.8	23	0.95%	82.30%			
SAUDI ARABIA	4,895.2	24	0.81%	83.11%			
ITALY	4,769.5	25	0.79%	83.90%			
PHILIPPINES	4,721.7	26	0.78%	84.68%			
ETHIOPIA	4,202.7	27	0.70%	85.38%		Y	Y
BRAZIL	4,101.2	28	0.68%	86.06%			
MEXICO	3,992.6	29	0.66%	86.72%			
BEL	3,474.7	32	0.54%	89.06%			
NEV	3,274.7	33	0.54%	89.06%			
FINLAND	3,110.1	34	0.51%	89.57%			
CHILE	3,110.1	34	0.51%	89.57%			
INDONESIA	3,110.1	34	0.51%	89.57%			

[https://www.icao.int/sustainability/Pages/RTK\\_ranking.aspx](https://www.icao.int/sustainability/Pages/RTK_ranking.aspx)



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		1	China	12.7
CHINA <sup>(2)</sup>		2	U.S.	10.3
UNITED STATES		6	R of Korea	3.8
UNITED STATES		8	Singapore*	3.2
GERMANY		11	Japan	2.8
REPUBLIC OF KOREA		13	Canada	2.4
QATAR		15	Russia	2.0
SINGAPORE		17	Thailand	1.6
FRANCE		18	Australia	1.6
TURKEY		19	Malaysia	1.4
JAPAN		26	Philippines	0.8
NETHERLANDS		29	Mexico	0.7
CANADA		31	New Zealand	0.6
IRELAND		33	Chile	0.5
RUSSIAN FEDERATION		34	Indonesia	0.5
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# Coordinated U.S. Approach to Alternative Jet Fuel

## FEDERAL ALTERNATIVE JET FUELS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

PRODUCT OF THE  
Aeronautics Science and Technology Subcommittee  
Committee on Technology  
OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL



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- Enhance energy security
- Expand domestic energy sources
- Facilitate a diverse, secure, and reliable fuel supply
- Contribute to price and supply stability
- Reduce emissions that affect air quality and global climate
- Generate economic and rural development
- Promote social welfare

- Increase crop yields and water and nutrient use efficiency
- Improve disease and pest resistance
- Improve feedstock conversion characteristics
- Develop sustainable and resilient feedstock production systems
- Improve harvesting, collection, storage, densification, pretreatment and transport of physical biomass to the conversion facility
- Improve collection, storage, densification, pretreatment and transport of MSW to the conversion facility

- Enable discovery, development, enhancement and scale-up of conversion processes with improved yield and efficiency and reduced energy requirements leading to cost-competitive AJF production
- Develop conversion technologies that can produce AJF from multiple feedstocks and in a distributed manner

- Facilitate civil and military approval of additional AJF pathways by advancing certification and qualification processes
- Improve scientific understanding of how AJF composition impacts gas turbine combustion emissions and operability

- Advance understanding of and improve environmental sustainability of AJF production and use
- Develop and validate comprehensive systems model to support AJF deployment
- Promote communication and scientific and technical R&D best practices for the national enterprise

# Non-Technical Challenges



- Petroleum price volatility
- Limitations in production infrastructure
- Regulatory, legislative, and policy barriers
- Access to financing
- Investment risk and uncertainty
- Workforce development



# US Agency Specific Contributions



Feedstock  
Development  
& Production



Feedstock  
Logistics



Fuel  
Conversion



Fuel  
Conversion  
Scale-Up



Fuel Testing  
& Evaluation



Integrated  
Challenges

DOC	X				X
DoD			X	X	
DOE	X	X	X		X
DOT				X	X
EPA					X
NASA				X	
NSF	X	X	X		
USDA	X	X	X		X

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The Federal Aviation Administration is a modal organization within the Department of Transportation

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# Federal Aviation Administration Office of Environment and Energy



- Vision: Environmental protection that allows sustained aviation growth.
- Environmental and energy goals
  - Noise: Reduce the number of people exposed to significant noise around U.S. airports
  - Air Quality: Reduce significant air quality impacts attributable to aviation
  - Climate: Achieve carbon neutral growth by 2020 relative to a 2005 baseline
  - Energy: Improve National Airspace System energy efficiency by at least two percent per year, and **develop and deploy alternative jet fuels for commercial aviation**

# Five Pillar Approach



- Alternative Fuels: Sustainable Alternative Aviation Fuels
  - Reduce environmental impacts, enhance energy security, and provide economic benefits
  - Collaborate with stakeholders through the Commercial Aviation Alternative Fuels Initiative (CAAFI)
  - Test alternative jet fuels to ensure they are safe for use through ASCENT and CLEEN (Continuous Lower Energy, Emissions and Noise program)
  - Analyze their potential for reducing the environmental impacts of aviation
- Science and Tools: improved scientific knowledge and integrated modeling
- Technology: new aircraft technologies
- Operations: air traffic management modernization and operational improvement
- Policy: policies, environmental standards, and market based measures

## **Alternative Jet Fuels**

Feedstock Development, Processing and Conversion

Regional Supply and Refining Infrastructure

Environmental Benefits Analysis

Aircraft Component Deterioration and Wear

Fuel Performance Testing

# 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)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)

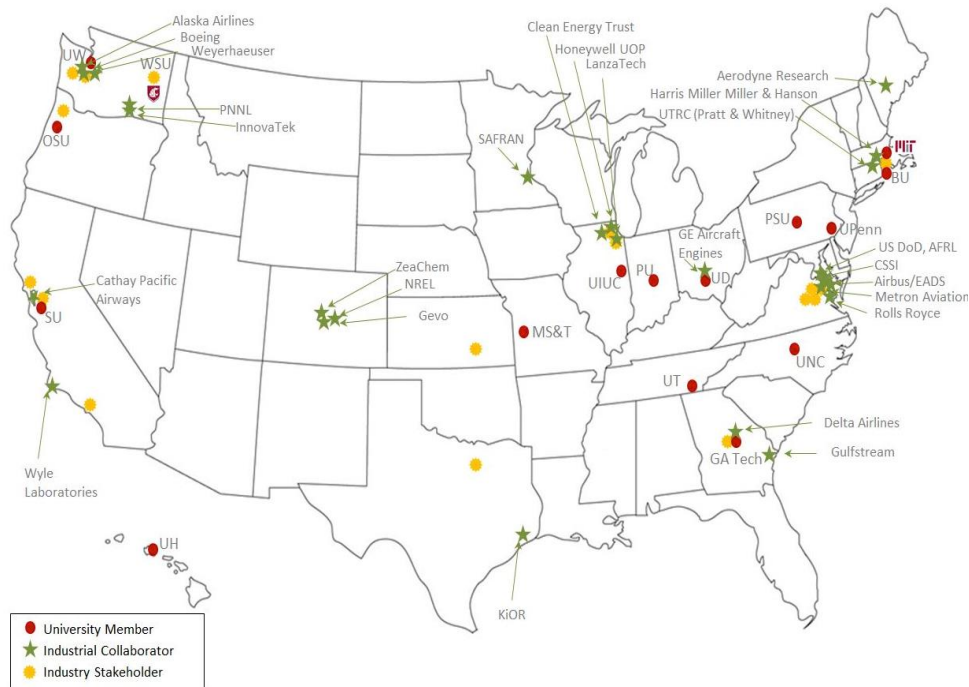
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC)

University of Pennsylvania (UPenn)

University of Tennessee (UT)

University of Washington (UW)

Denotes Alternative Jet Fuel Participants



## **Advisory Committee - 58 organizations:**

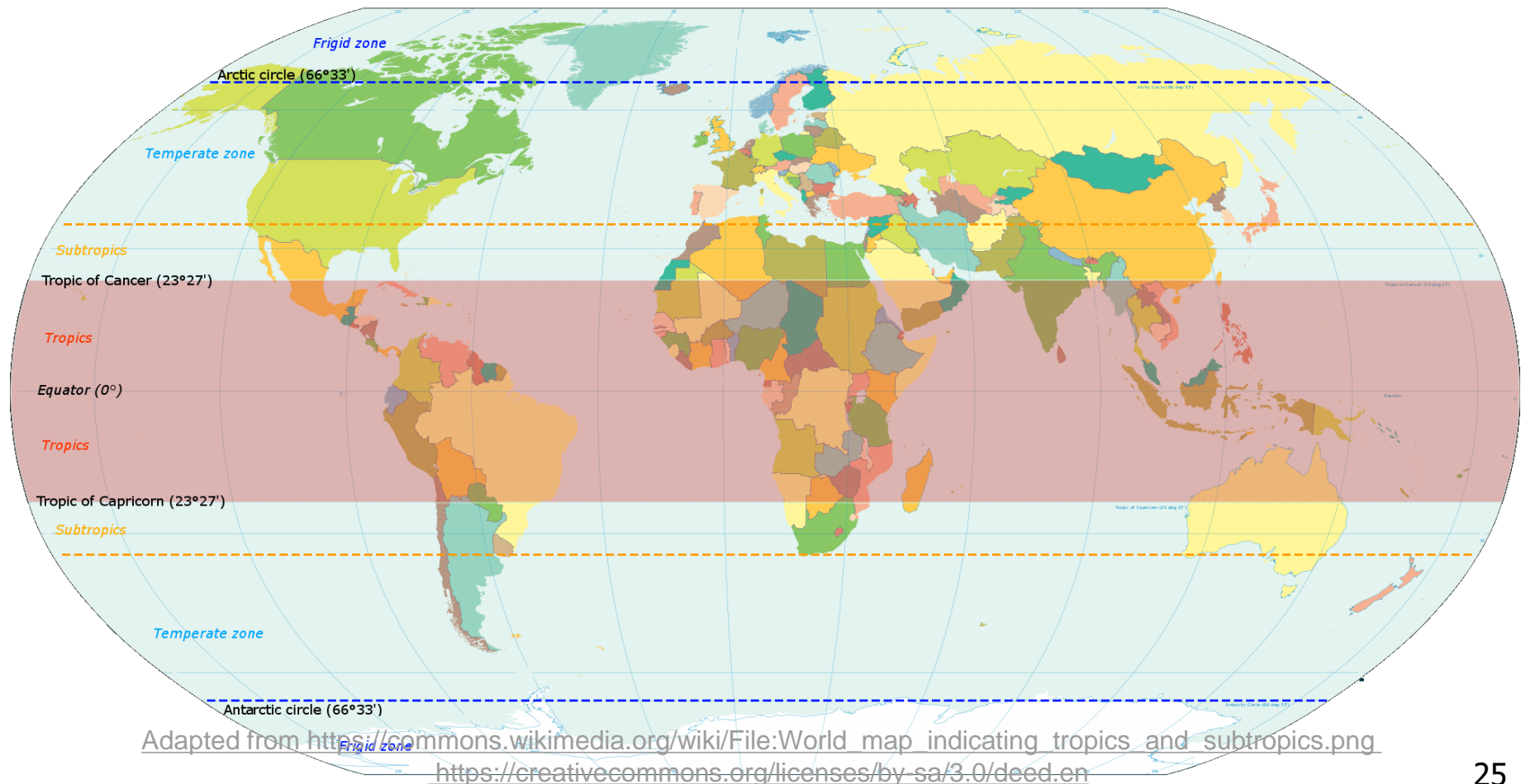
- 5 airports
- 4 airlines
- 7 NGO/advocacy
- 9 aviation manufacturers
- 11 feedstock/fuel manufacturers
- 22 R&D, service to aviation sector

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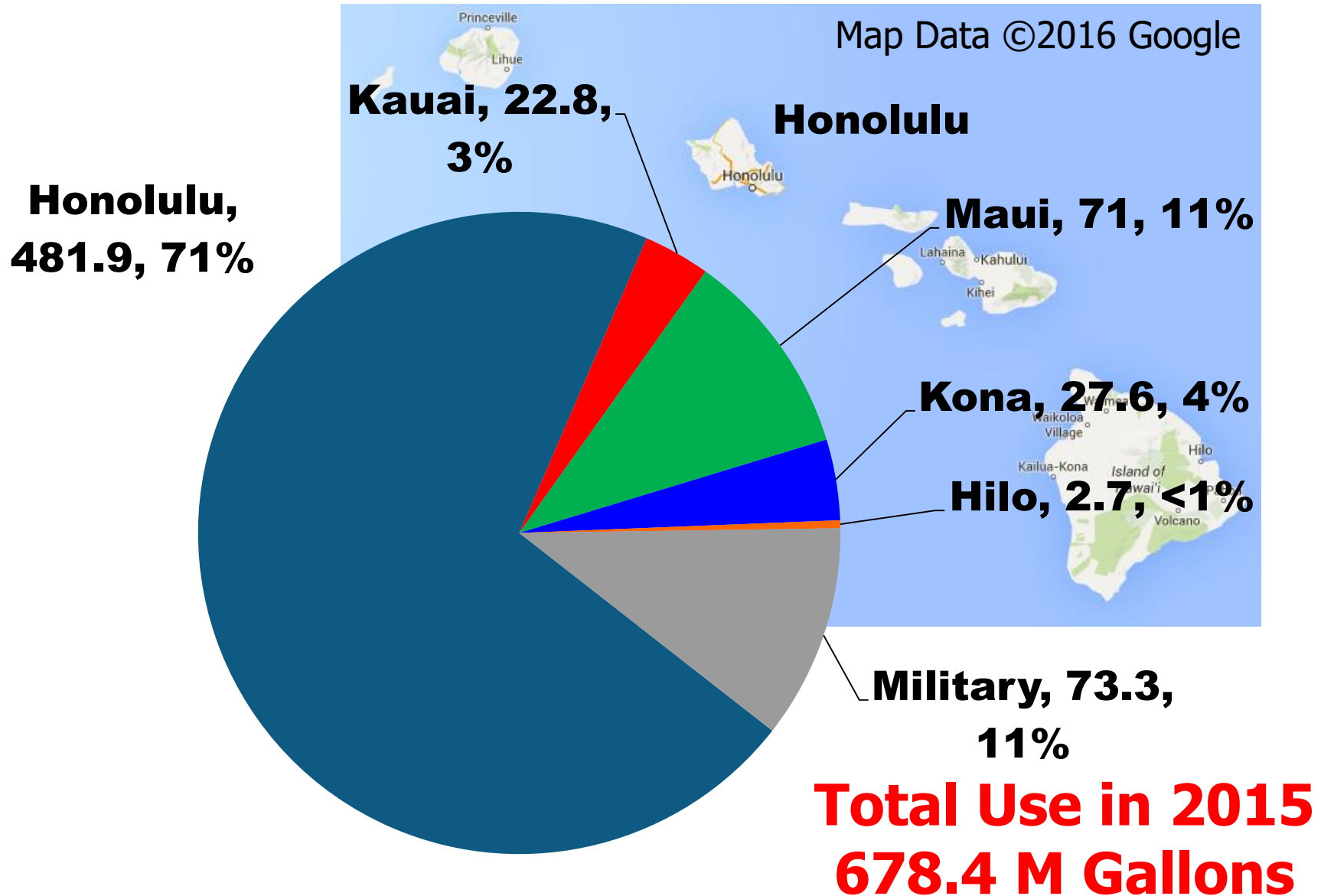
# Alternative Jet Fuel Supply Chain, Tropical Region Analysis -- Motivation

- The tropics account for 36% of the world's land mass
- Tropics are home to unique biomass materials, production practices/systems, and temporal availabilities



# Jet Fuel Use in Hawaii, 2015

## Commercial Airports and Military (million gallons)

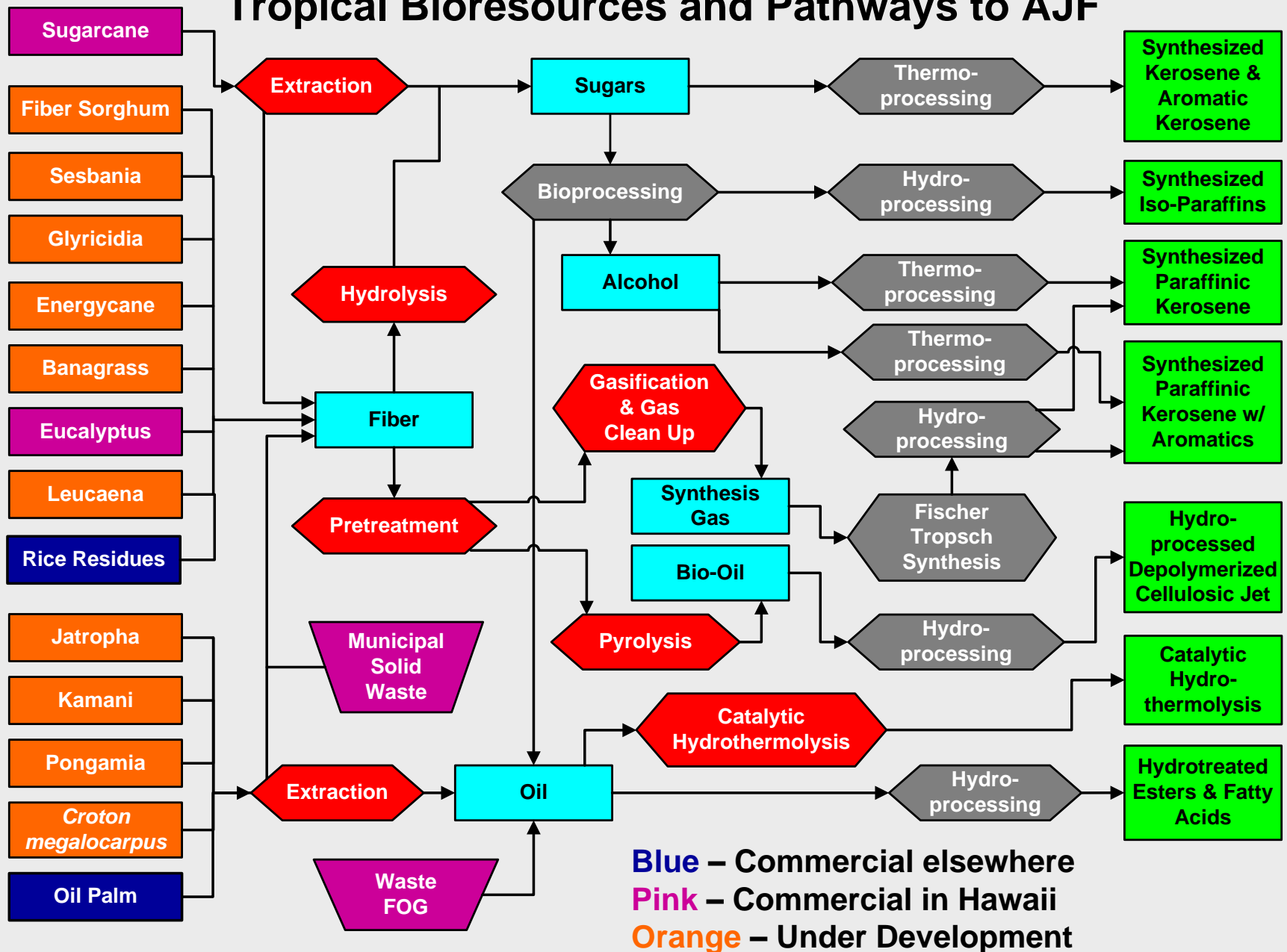


# University of Hawaii Objectives



- Conduct literature review of tropical biomass feedstocks and data relevant to their behavior in conversion systems for AJF production
- Engage stakeholders to identify and prioritize general AJF supply chain barriers (e.g. access to capital, land availability, etc.)
- Develop geographic information system (GIS) based technical production estimates of AJF in Hawaii
- Develop fundamental property data on biomass resources
- Develop and evaluate regional supply chain scenarios for AFJ production in Hawaii

# Tropical Bioresources and Pathways to AJF



Crops

Intermediate Products & Conversion Technologies

Alternative Jet Fuel

- Stakeholder meeting – barriers to AJF production
  - Facilitated stakeholder meeting with representatives from agricultural landowners, biofuel companies, utilities, military, state government, refiners, fuel distributors, etc.
- Barriers identified and prioritized
  - Economic constraints (e.g. high costs of entry for production factors)
  - Issues associated with access to capital (high initial risk and uncertain ROI)
  - Insufficient government support (financial & policy incentives)
  - Cost, availability, and competition for water \*
  - AJF production technologies are emerging, need commercially demonstrated technologies
  - Insufficient or inaccessibility of infrastructure (harbors, roads, fuel distribution, irrigation) to support production chain \*

# Approach – Estimates of AJF production potential in Hawaii

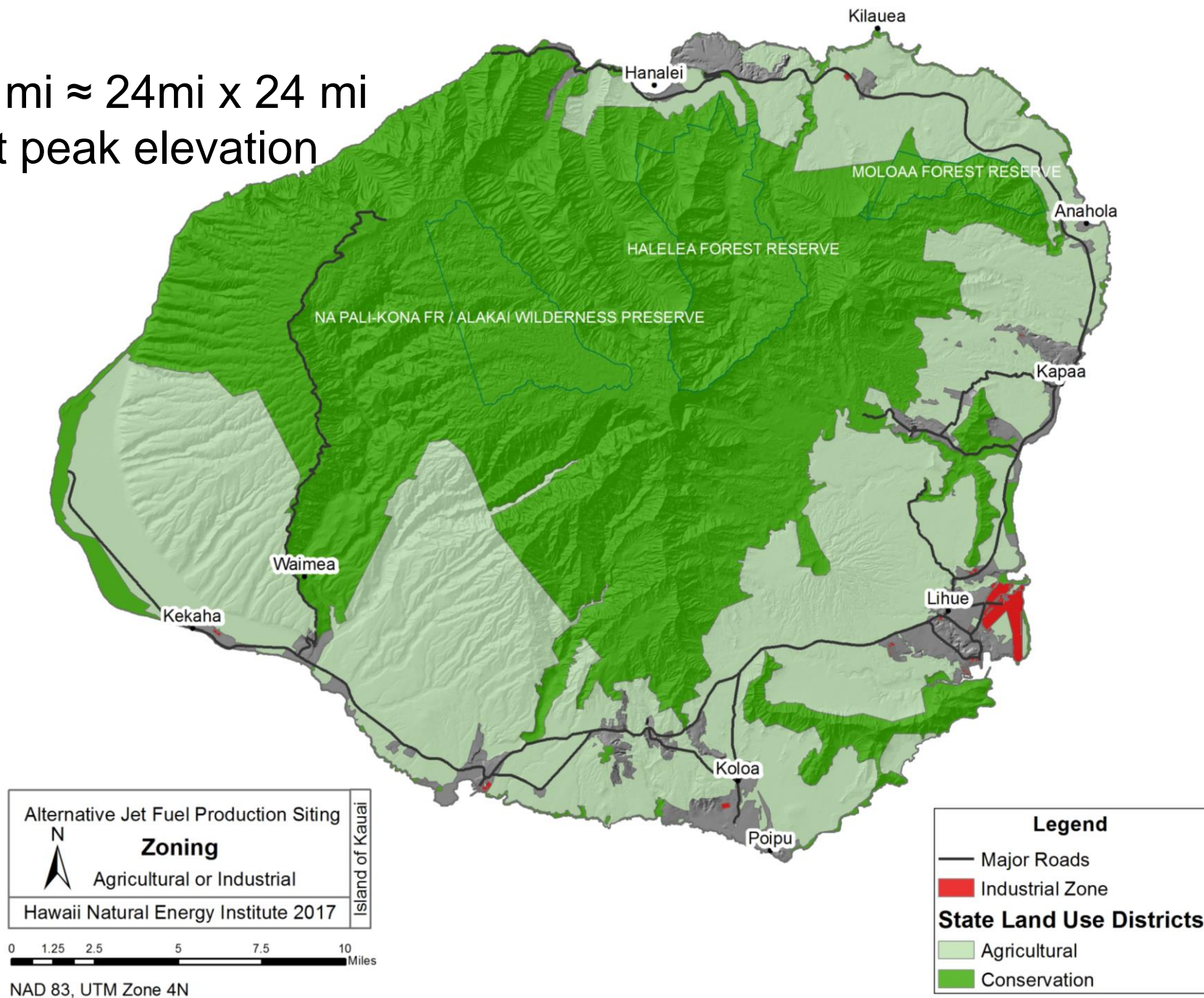
- GIS based approach
  - Land Capability Classification system developed by USDA/NRCS in 1972 focused on soil type and climatic classification
    - Strengths – extensive soil data, GIS ready
    - Limitations – developed with mindset of agriculture at the time and indexed to sugarcane and pineapple production
  - Water availability – rainfall and irrigation
  - Slope
  - Land use zoning
  - Contiguous area
  - Distance from industrial zoning
- Crop information from literature review
  - Soil
  - Water
  - Climate
  - Mechanization limitations (slope, soil moisture, etc.)
  - Contiguous cultivation area (scale requirements)
  - Invasiveness



# Kauai

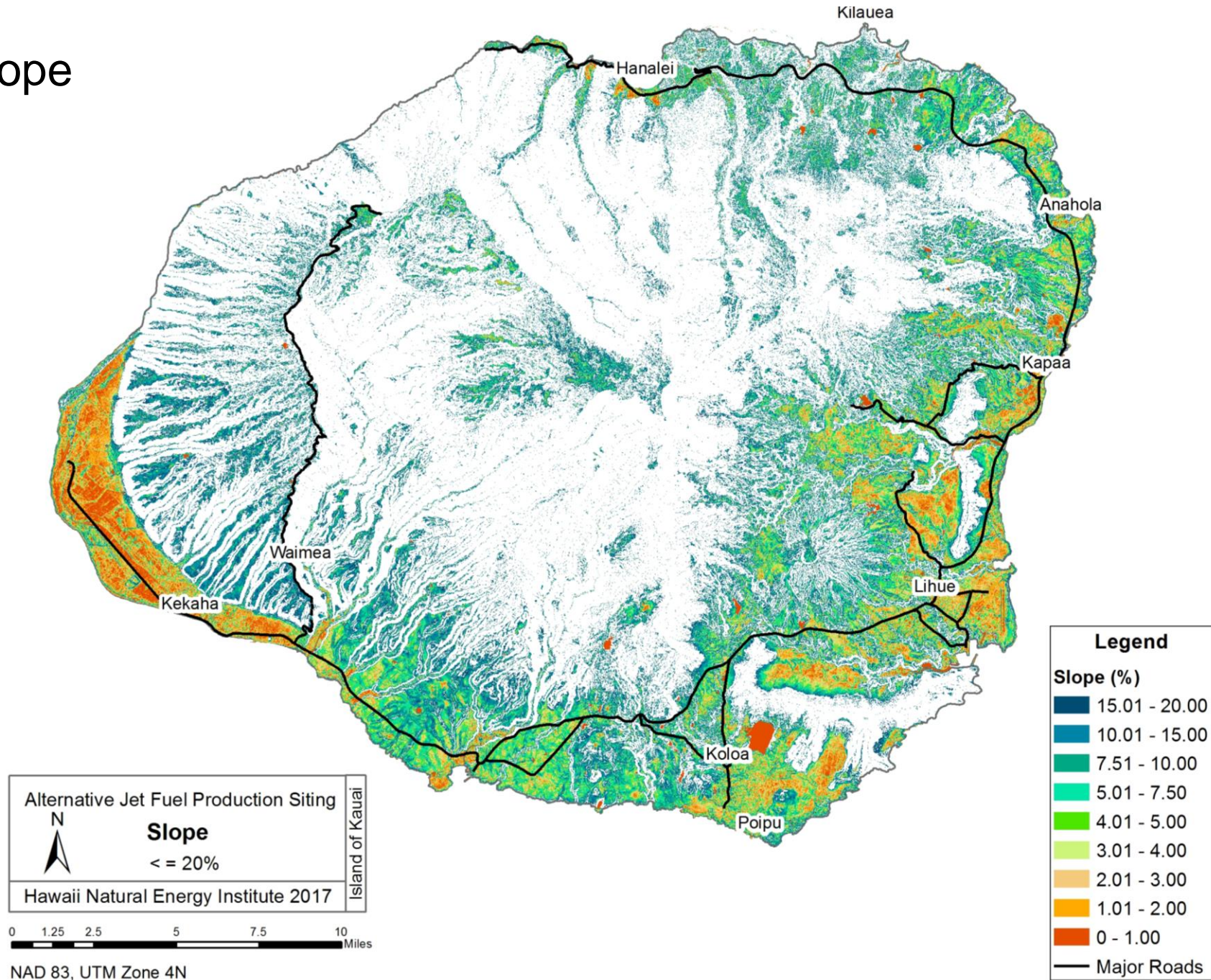
552 sq mi  $\approx$  24mi x 24 mi

5,243 ft peak elevation





# Slope

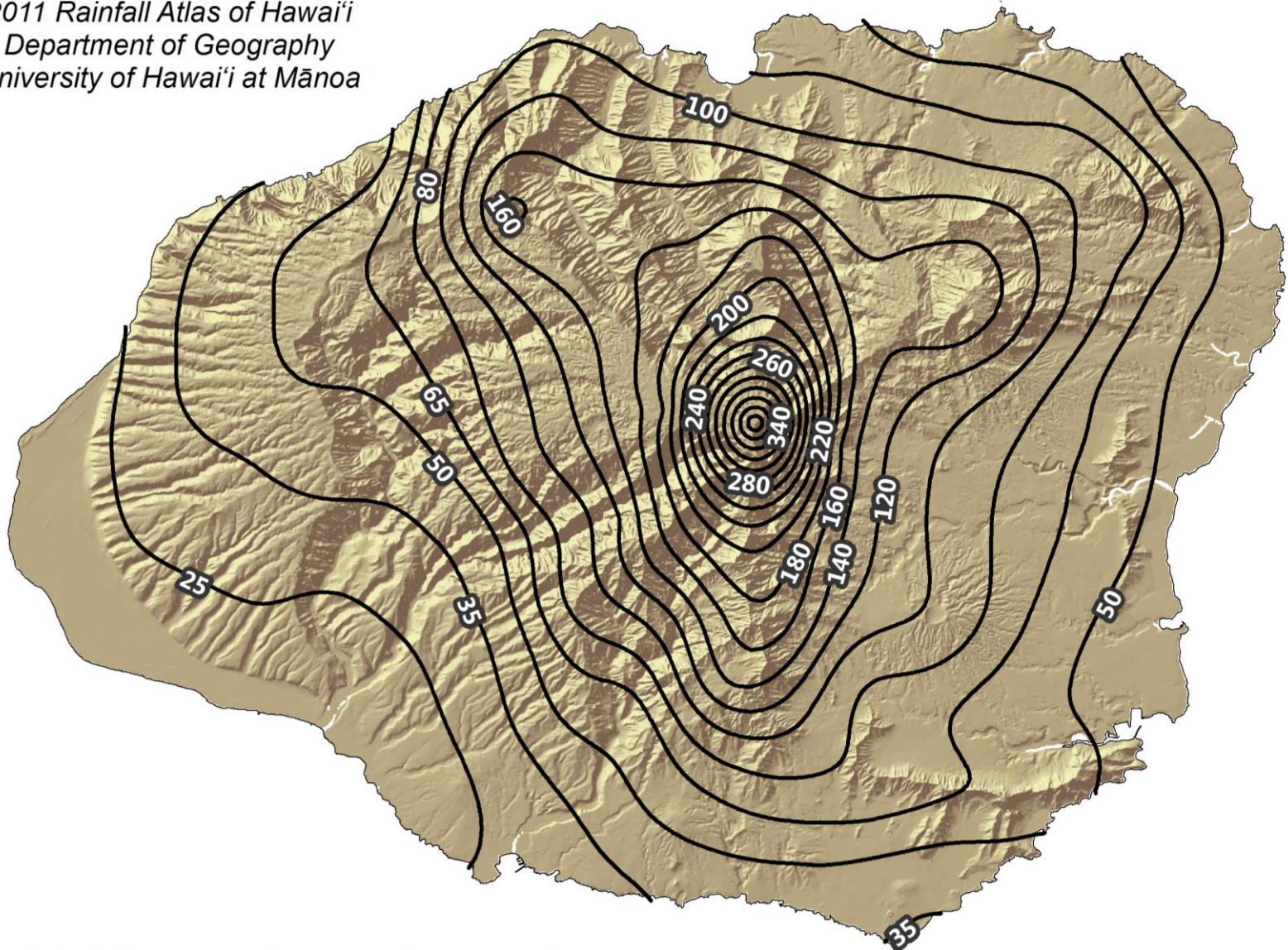




# Mean Annual Rainfall Island of Kauaʻi

2011 Rainfall Atlas of Hawaiʻi  
Department of Geography  
University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa

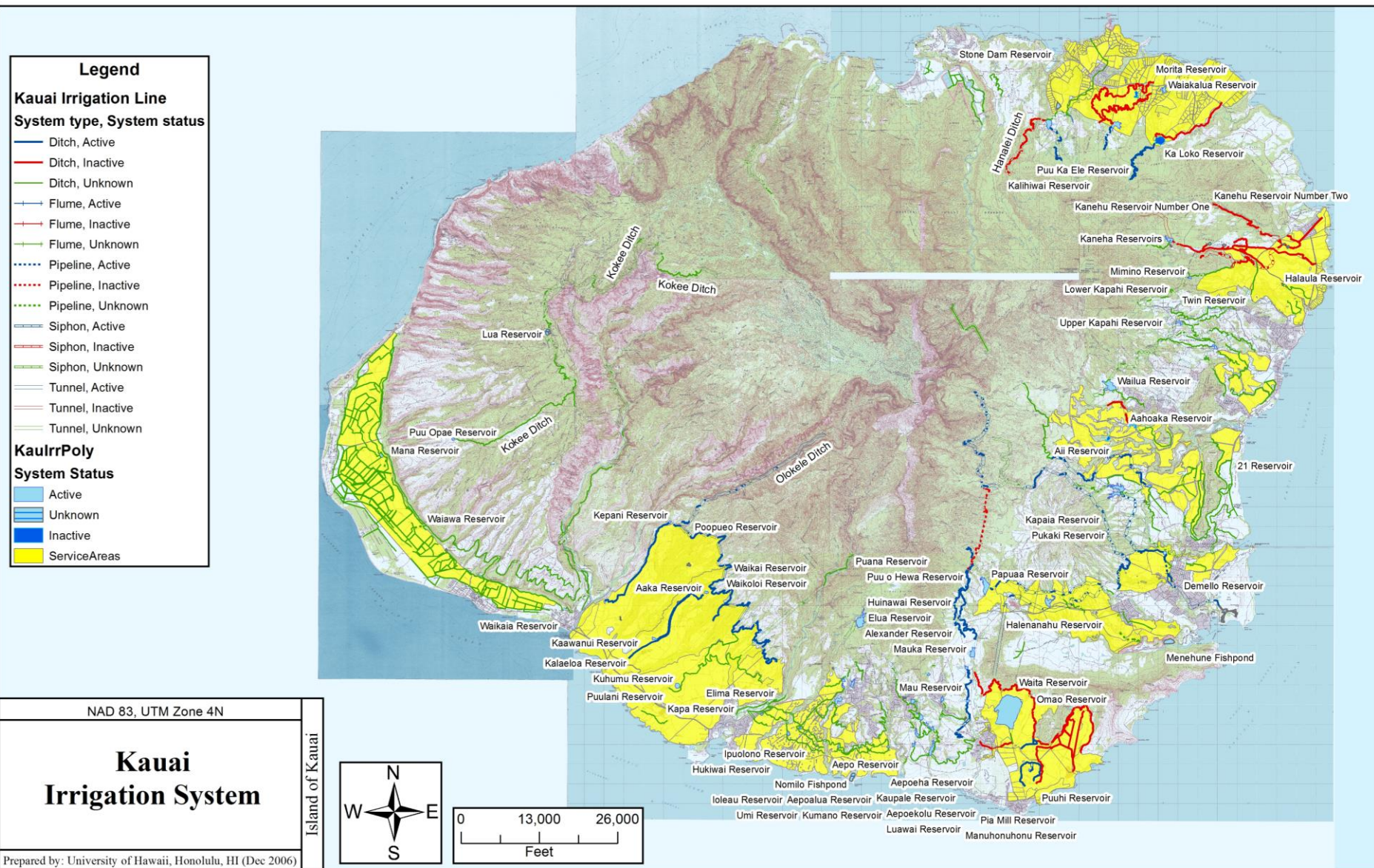
**Prevailing  
Wind**



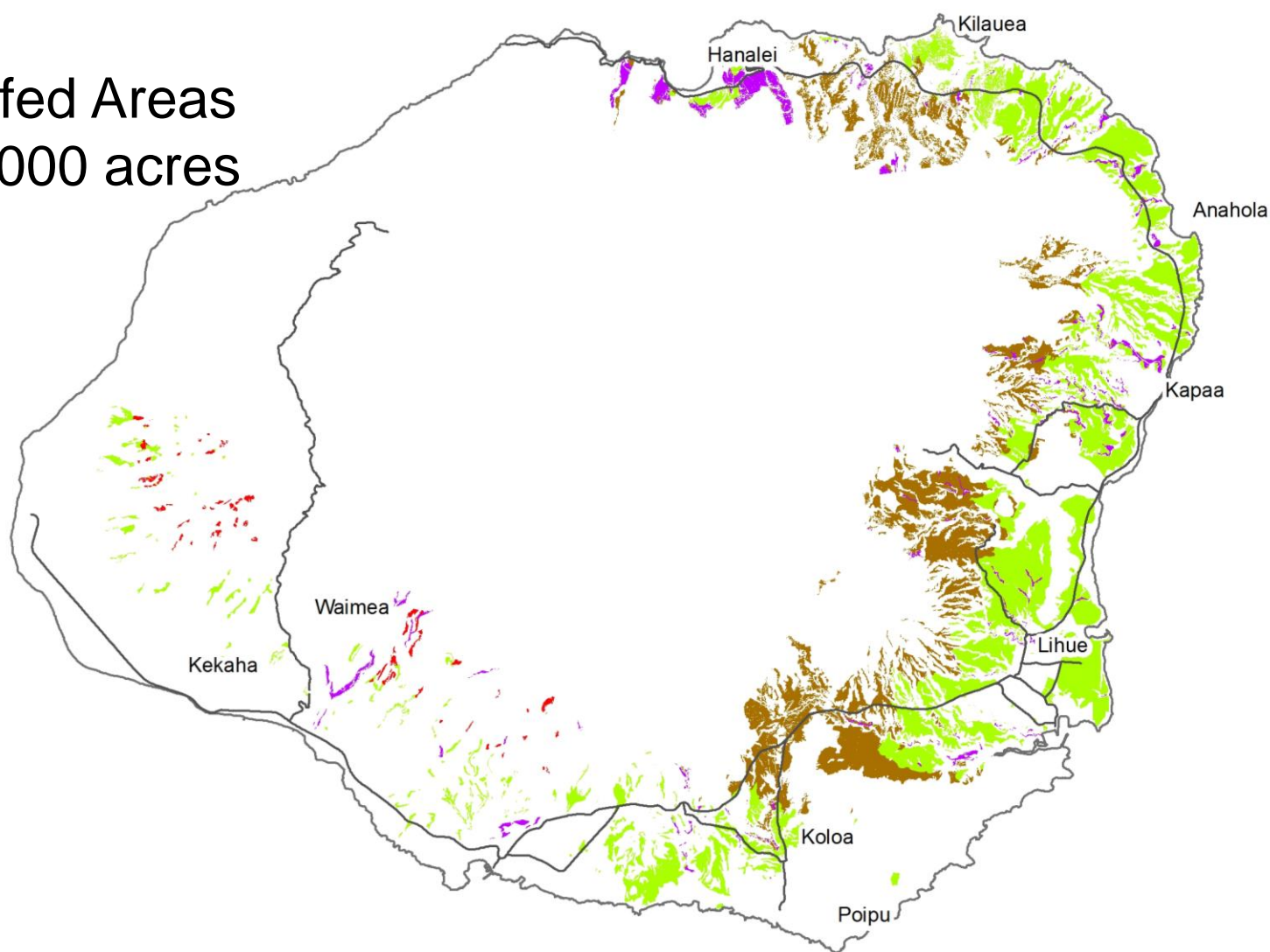
0 3 6 12 18 24 Kilometers

Isohyets in inches





# Rainfed Areas ~32,000 acres



## Legend

— Major Roads

### Soil Temperature, Soil Moisture

■ cool, moist

■ warm, moist

■ warm, saturated

■ warm, wet



NAD 83, UTM Zone 4N

## Alternative Jet Fuel Production Siting Areas Meeting Slope, Land Capability, and Zoning Criteria

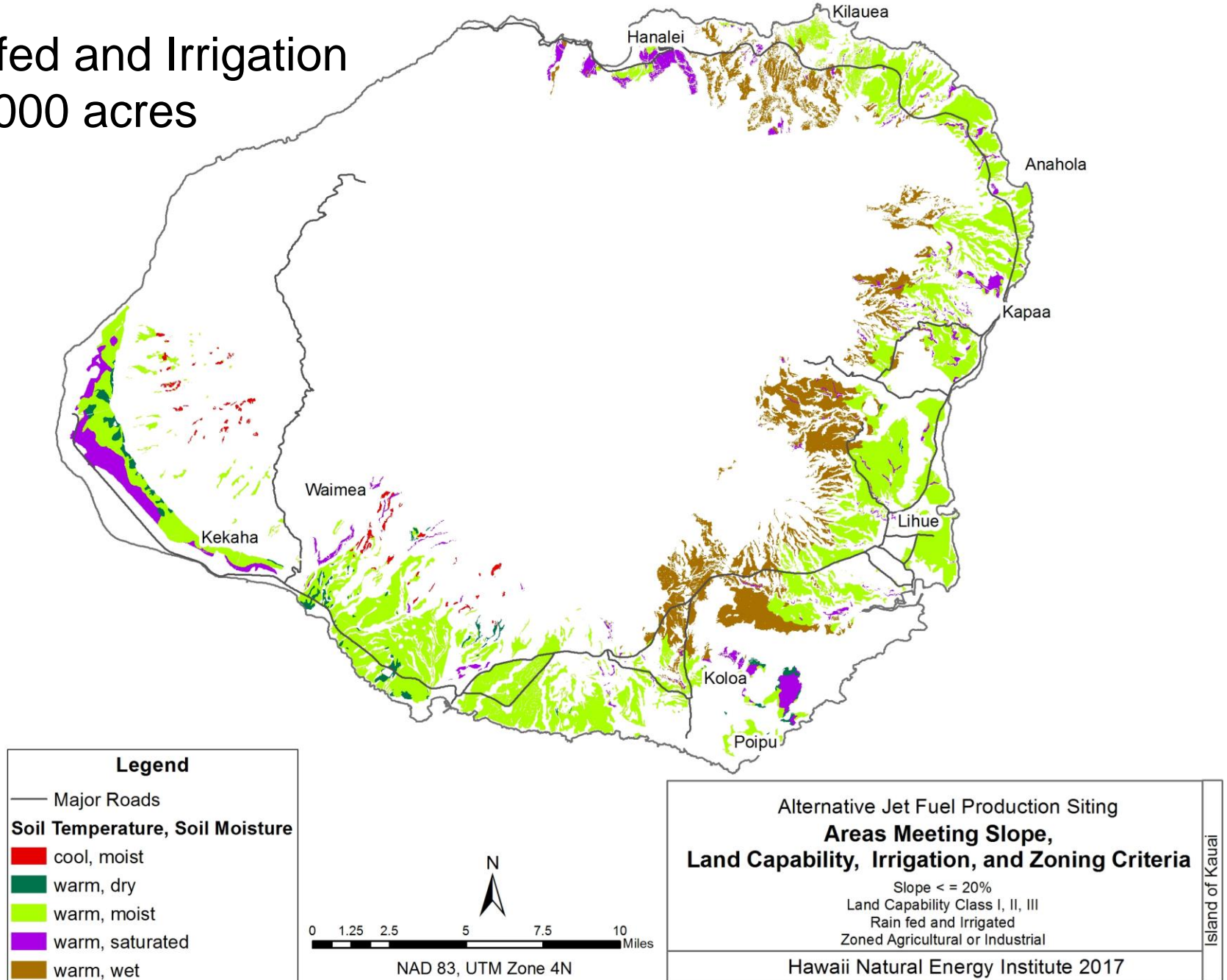
Slope  $\leq 20\%$   
Land Capability Class I, II, III  
Rain fed  
Zoned Agricultural or Industrial

Hawaii Natural Energy Institute 2017

Island of Kauai



# Rainfed and Irrigation ~52,000 acres



# Develop fundamental property data for tropical biomass resources

- Identified from stakeholder meetings and CAAFI/programmatic interest
- Pongamia (*Millettia pinnata*) – initial focus
  - Oil seed tree with current productivity estimated  $\sim 5$  Mg/ha/year
  - Production potential in Hawaii and Florida
  - *Terviva* – start up company focused on providing pongamia germplasm for agricultural producers
  - 100 ha planted on Oahu and 100 ha scheduled for Maui
  - Property data to focus on characterization of pongamia oil, oil seed press cake, seed pod material
  - Revisit invasiveness based on plants already established in Hawaii
  - Longer term goal -- energy input/output analysis of pongamia production system



# Value Chain for AJF Production

*Feedstock  
Production*



*Feedstock  
Logistics*



*Conversion*



*Distribution*



*End Use*



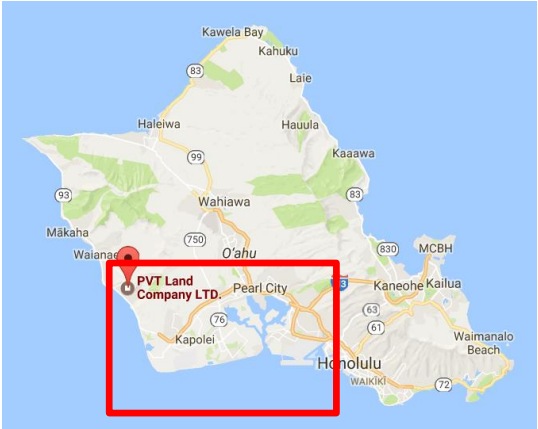
*Agriculture ---- Industry ---- Investors ---- Government ---- Community*



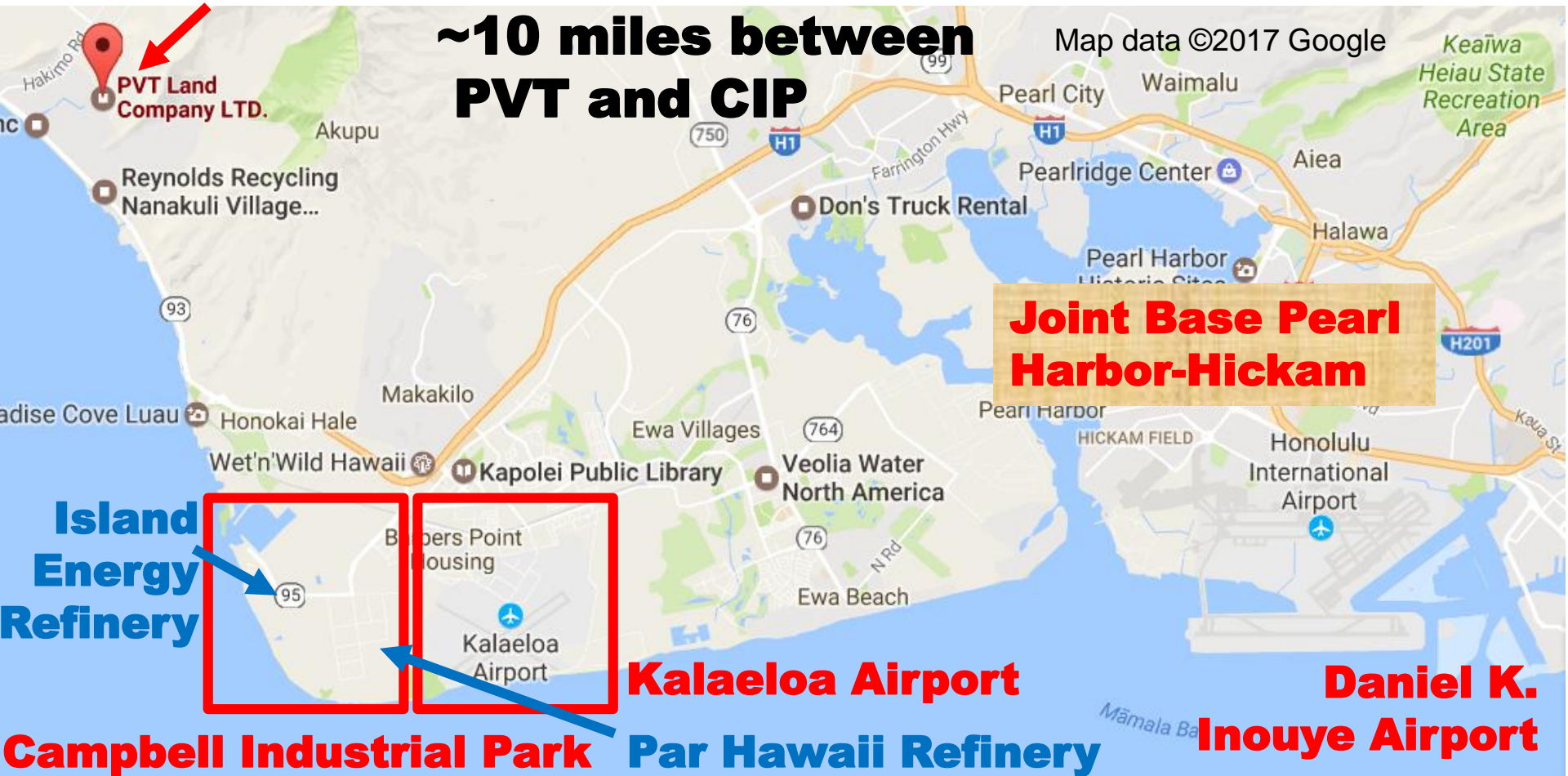
# PVT Feedstock Processing Facility



# Possible Locations of Value Chain Participants

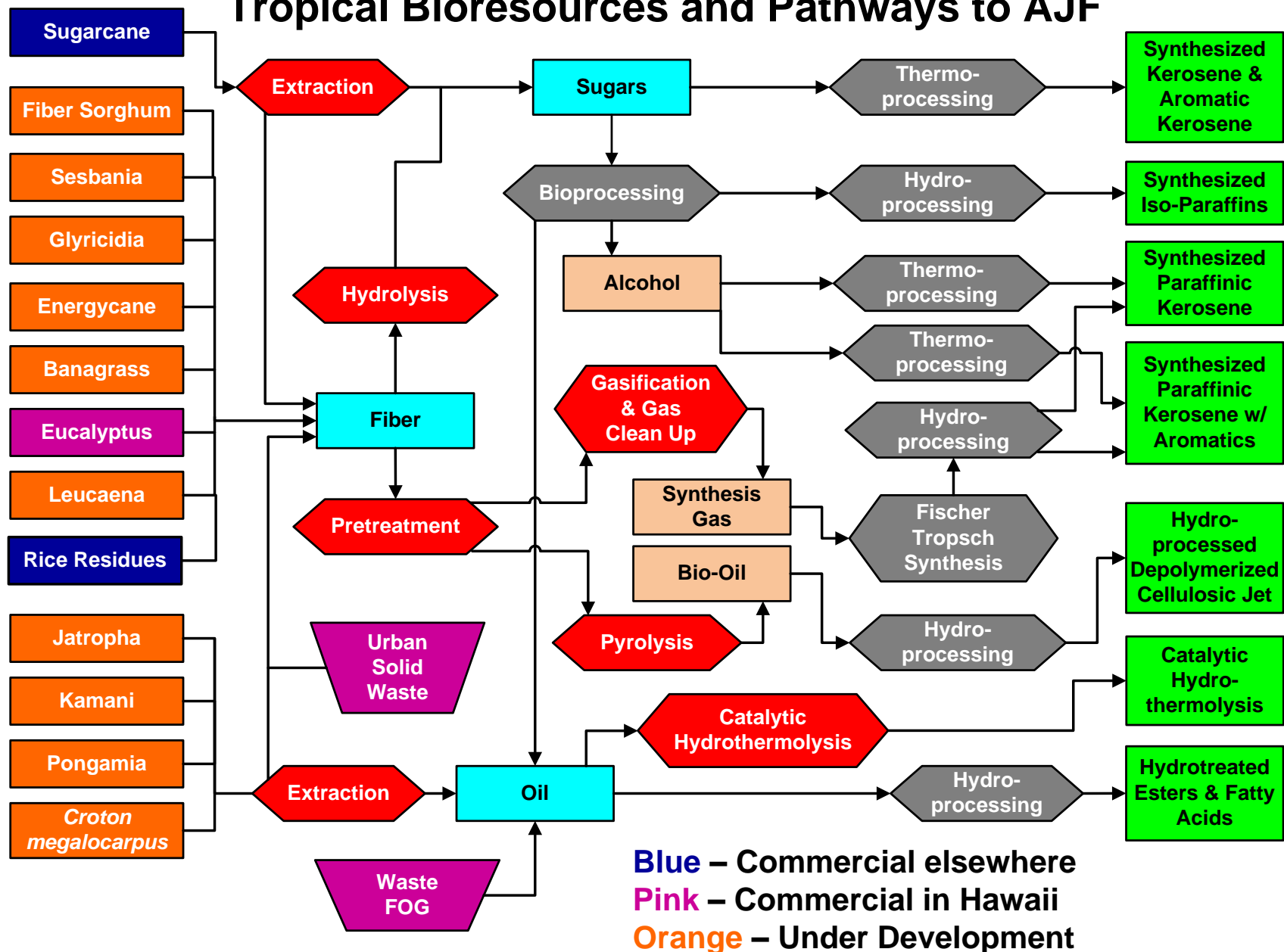


**PVT Land Company**





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Bioresource

Intermediate Products & Conversion Technologies

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- **Characterization of feedstock properties needed to inform conversion process design**
  - **Ultimate analysis for major elements: C, H, O, N, S**
  - **Proximate analysis: volatile matter, fixed carbon and ash**
  - **Major ash species: K, Cl, Na, P, Mg, Si, Fe, Ti, Al, and Ca**
  - **Minor ash species: Mn, Fe, Cu, Zn, Rb, and Sr**
  - **Moisture content**
  - **Energy content or heating value**
- **Characterization of feedstock properties needed for logistics particle size of materials, bulk densities, etc.**
- **Time series data to assess variability in supply**

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