

Overview of the GREET™ Life-Cycle Analysis Model

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Societal effects of vehicle technologies and fuels

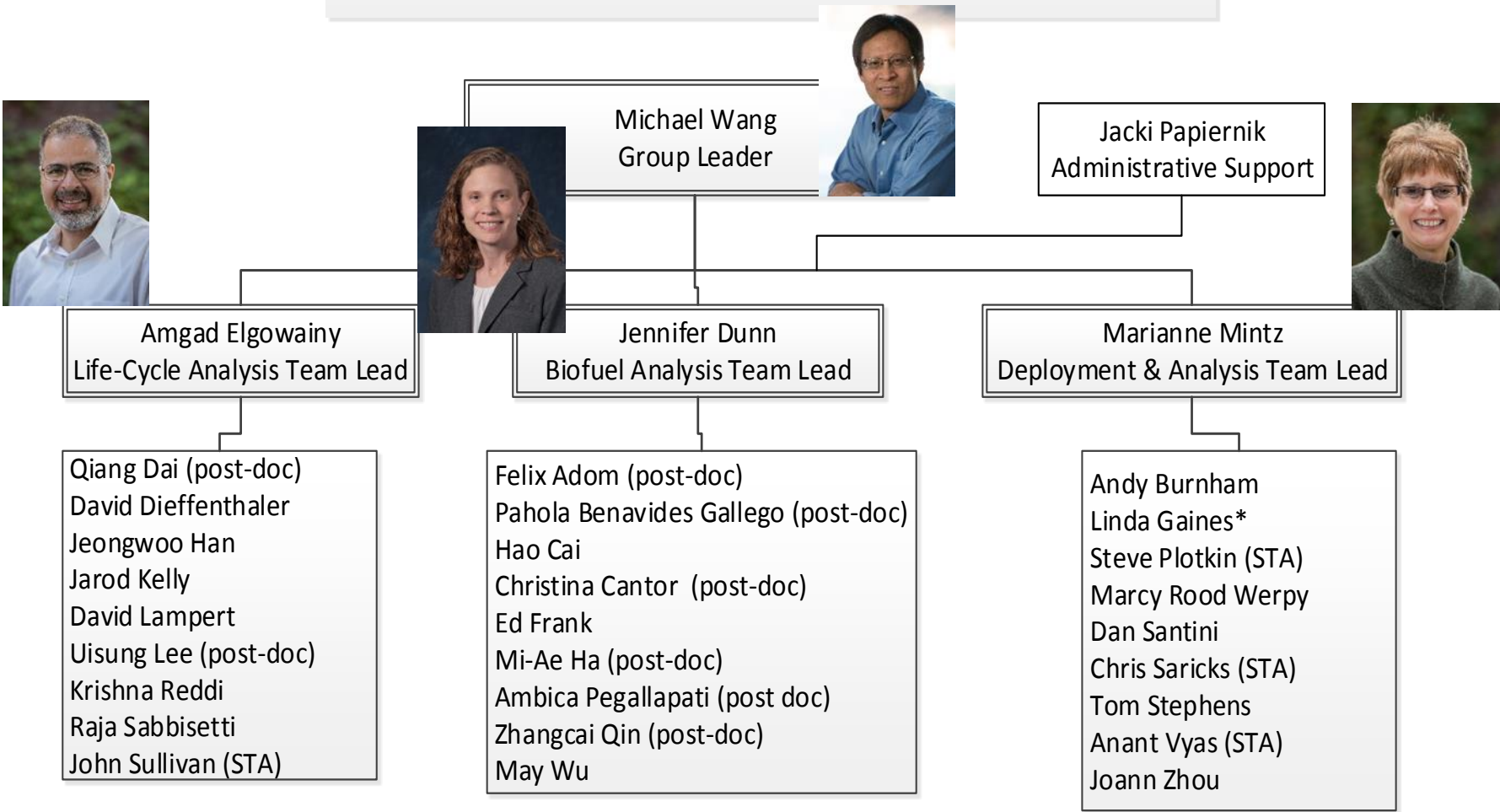
- ☐ Greenhouse gas (GHG)
- ☐ Energy security
- ☐ Air quality
- ☐ Other environmental effects (water, ecosystem services, etc.)

- ☐ The GREET model was developed to help evaluate these attributes



>30 researchers in Argonne's Systems Assessment Group study energy and environmental issues of transportation and energy systems

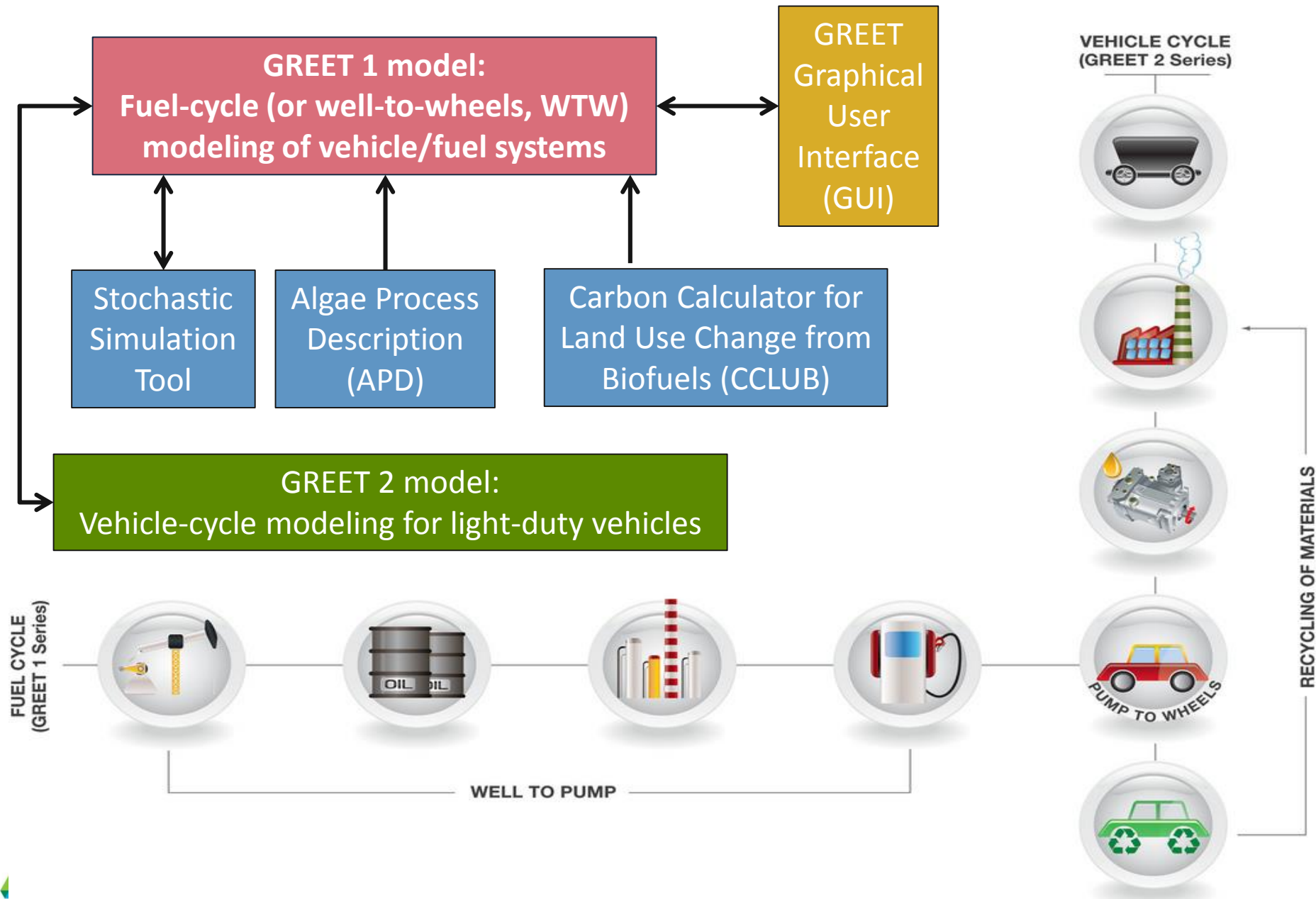
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The **GREET** (**G**reenhouse gases, **R**egulated **E**missions, and **E**nergy use in **T**ransportation) Model



REET development has been supported by several DOE Offices since 1995

- Vehicle Technology Office (VTO)
- Bioenergy Technology Office (BETO)
- Fuel-Cell Technology Office (FCTO)
- Geothermal Technology Office (GTO)
- Energy Policy and Systems Analysis (EPSA)

REET has been in public domain and free of charge since it inception in 1995

Examples of major uses of REET

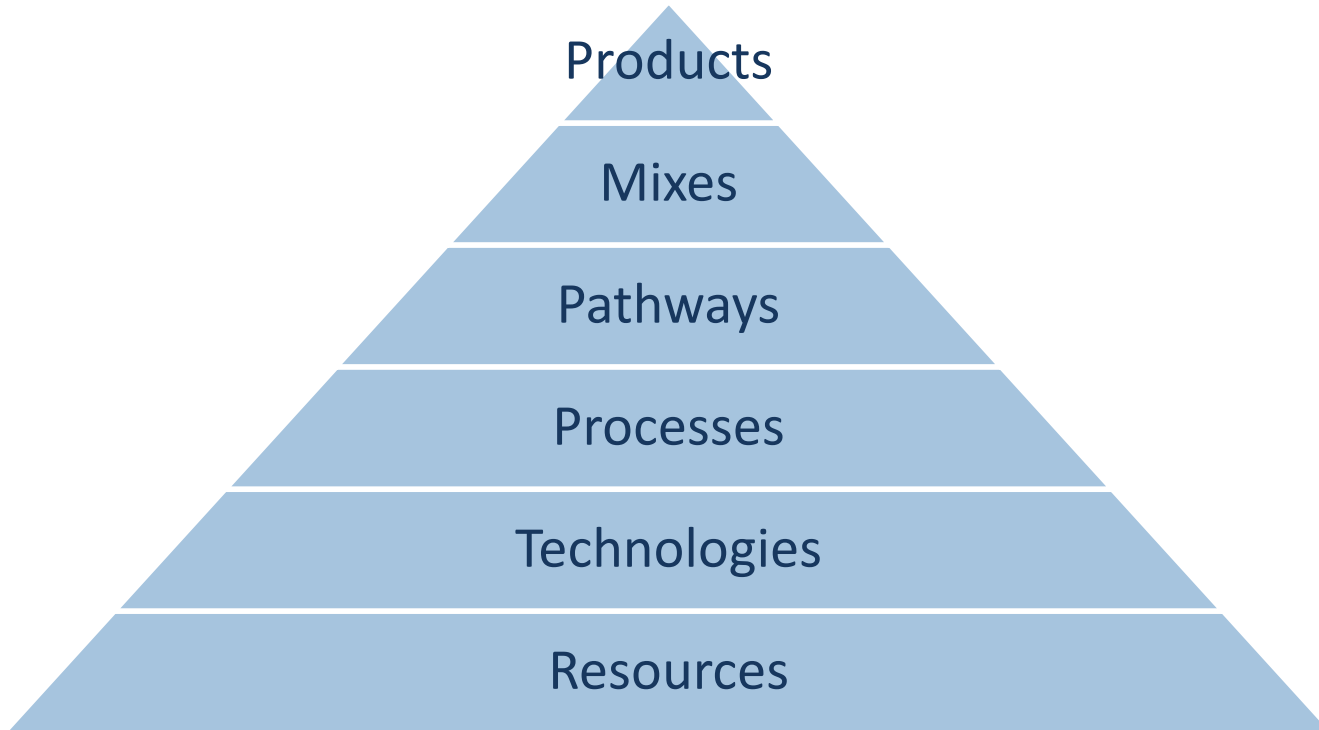
- US EPA used REET for RFS and vehicle GHG standard developments
- CARB developed CA-REET for its Low-Carbon Fuel Standard compliance
- DOE, USDA, and the Navy use REET for R&D decisions
- DOD DLA-Energy uses REET for alternative fuel purchase requirements
- Auto industry uses it for R&D screening of vehicle/fuel system combinations
- Energy industry (especially new fuel companies) uses it for addressing sustainability of R&D investments
- Universities uses REET for education on technology sustainability of various fuels



GREET.net platform integrates all GREET modules (originally developed in Excel) together



GREET.net hierarchy



REET outputs include energy use, greenhouse gases, criteria pollutants and water consumption for vehicle and energy systems

Energy use

- Total energy: fossil energy and renewable energy
 - Fossil energy: petroleum, natural gas, and coal (they are estimated separately)
 - Renewable energy: biomass, nuclear energy, hydro-power, wind power, and solar energy

Greenhouse gases (GHGs)

- CO₂, CH₄, N₂O, and black carbon
- CO₂e of the three (with their global warming potentials)

Air pollutants

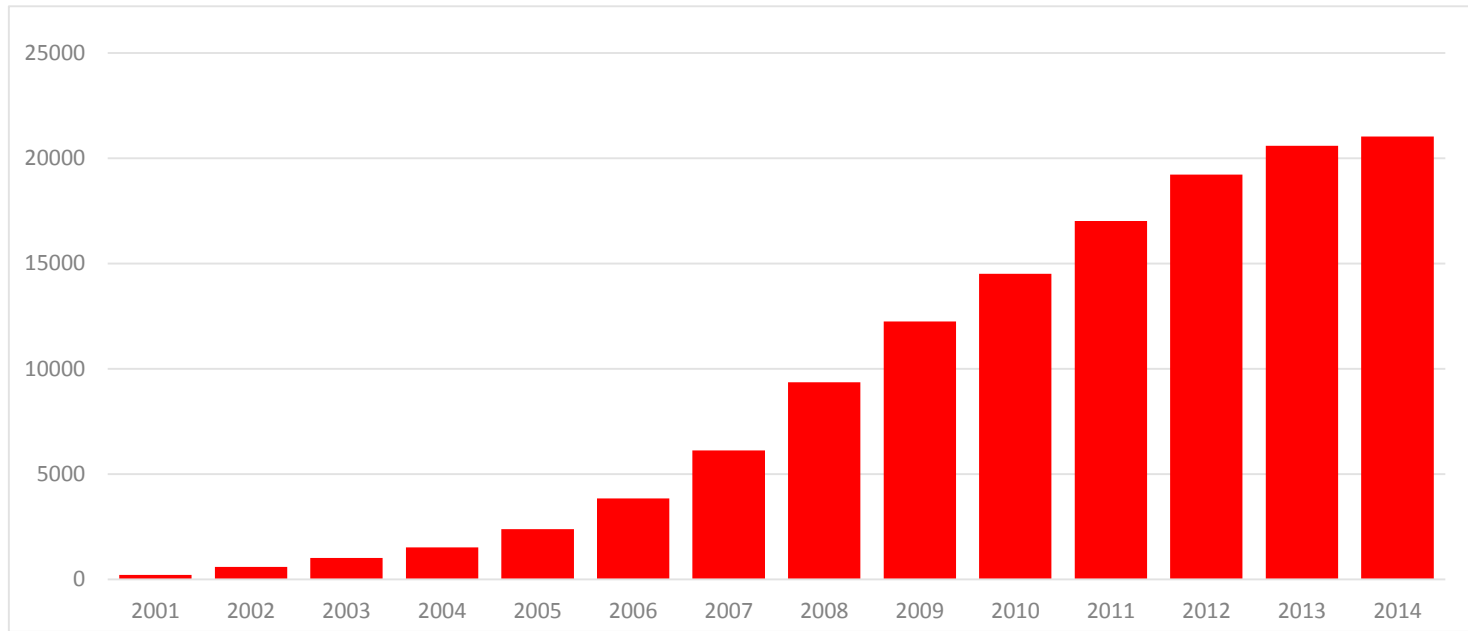
- VOC, CO, NO_x, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, and SO_x
- They are estimated separately for
 - Total (emissions everywhere)
 - Urban (a subset of the total)

Water consumption

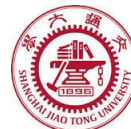
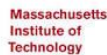
REET LCA functional units

- Per mile driven
- Per unit of energy (million Btu, MJ, gasoline gallon equivalent)
- Other units (such as per ton of biomass)

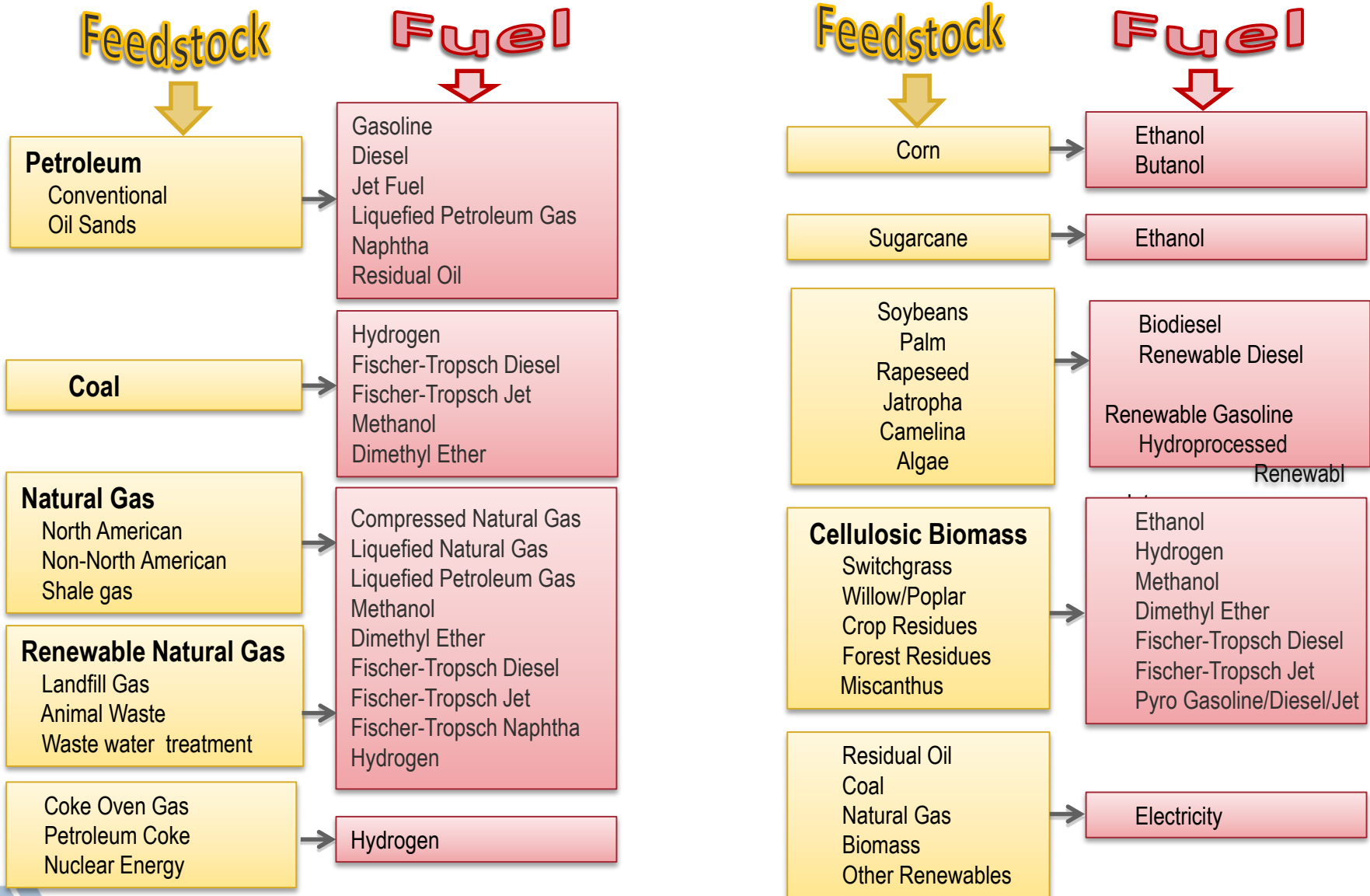
There are more than 23,000 registered GREET users globally



- Geographically, 71% in North America, 14% in Europe, 9% in Asia
- 57% in academia and research, 33 % in industries, 8% in governments



GREET includes more than 100 fuel production pathways from various energy feedstock sources



REET examines more than 80 on-road vehicle/fuel systems for both LDVs and HDVs

Conventional Spark-Ignition Engine Vehicles

- ▶ Gasoline
- ▶ Compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, and liquefied petroleum gas
- ▶ Gaseous and liquid hydrogen
- ▶ Methanol and ethanol

Spark-Ignition, Direct-Injection Engine Vehicles

- ▶ Gasoline
- ▶ Methanol and ethanol

Compression-Ignition, Direct-Injection Engine Vehicles

- ▶ Diesel
- ▶ Fischer-Tropsch diesel
- ▶ Dimethyl ether
- ▶ Biodiesel

Fuel Cell Vehicles

- ▶ On-board hydrogen storage
 - Gaseous and liquid hydrogen from various sources
- ▶ On-board hydrocarbon reforming to hydrogen

Battery-Powered Electric Vehicles

- ▶ Various electricity generation sources

Hybrid Electric Vehicles (HEVs)

- ▶ Spark-ignition engines:
 - Gasoline
 - Compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, and liquefied petroleum gas
 - Gaseous and liquid hydrogen
 - Methanol and ethanol
- ▶ Compression-ignition engines
 - Diesel
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 - Dimethyl ether
 - Biodiesel

Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs)

- ▶ Spark-ignition engines:
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 - Compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, and liquefied petroleum gas
 - Gaseous and liquid hydrogen
 - Methanol and ethanol
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Non-road transportation modes in GREET

□ Air transportation

- Globally, a fast growing sector with GHG reduction pressure
- Interest by DOD, ICAO, FAA, and commercial airlines
- GREET includes
 - Passenger and freight transportation
 - Various alternative fuels blending with petroleum jet fuels

□ Marine transportation

- Pressure to control air pollution in ports globally
- Interest by EPA, local governments, IMO
- Biodiesel and LNG are potential marine alternative fuels
- GREET includes
 - Ocean and inland water transportation
 - Baseline diesel and alternative marine fuels

□ Rail transportation

- Interest by DOT, railroad companies
- Potential for CNG/LNG to displace diesel



What is new in GREET2015: major expansions and updates

- ❑ Water consumption for
 - hydrogen from various sources
 - petroleum fuels
 - biofuels
 - hydro-electric power
- ❑ GHG emissions intensities of U.S. shale oil production from Bakken and Eagle Ford plays
- ❑ Updated GHG emission intensities for Canadian oil sands pathways
- ❑ High-octane fuel pathways with E10, E25, and E40 ethanol blends
- ❑ Land-management practices of cover crops and manure applications for corn-soy systems
- ❑ Expanded waste-to-energy pathways
- ❑ Updating and addition in vehicle cycle analysis
 - Aluminum
 - Molybdenum
 - Platinum
 - Zinc
 - Nickel
 - Silicon
 - Glass and glass fiber
 - Chilean copper

GREET Approach and data sources

□ Approach: build LCA modeling capacity with the GREET model

- Build a consistent LCA platform with reliable, widely accepted methods/protocols
- Address emerging LCA issues
- Maintain openness and transparency of LCAs by making GREET publicly available
- Primarily process-based LCA approach (the so-called attributional LCA); some features of consequential LCA are incorporated

□ Data sources

- Open literature and results from other researchers
- Simulations with models such as ASPEN Plus for fuel production and ANL Autonomie and EPA MOVES for vehicle operations
- Fuel producers and technology developers for fuels and automakers and system components producers for vehicles
- Baseline technologies and energy systems: EIA AEO projections, EPA eGrid for electric systems, etc.
- Consideration of effects of regulations already adopted by agencies

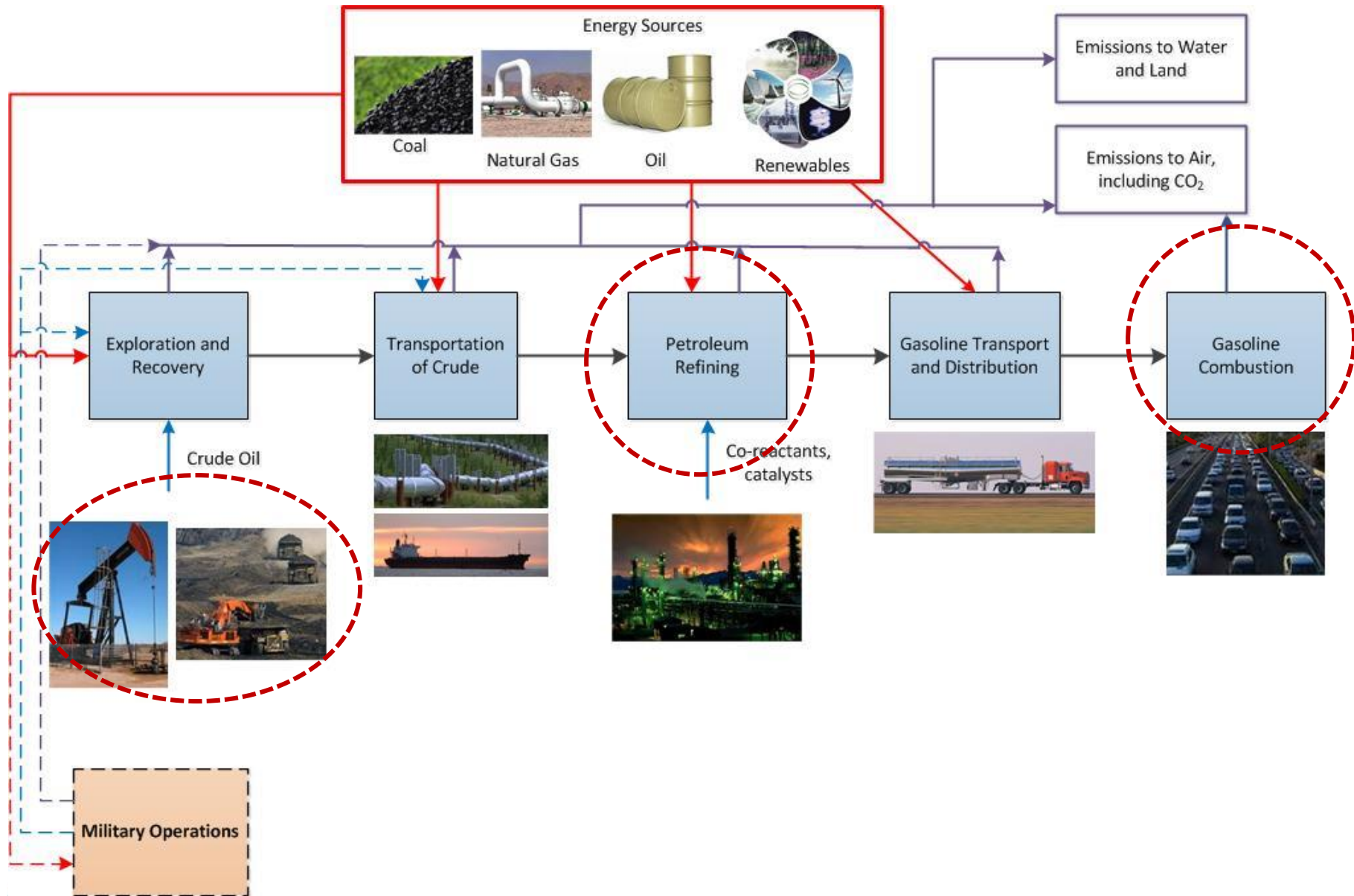


Main technical issues of GREET LCAs

- ❑ LCA system boundary – scope of LCA
 - Process-based LCA
 - Attributional vs. consequential LCA
- ❑ Co-product methods in LCA
- ❑ Data availability and representation
 - Temporal variation
 - Geographic variation
 - Sensitivity of LCA parameters and uncertainty analysis; GREET incorporates stochastic modeling features

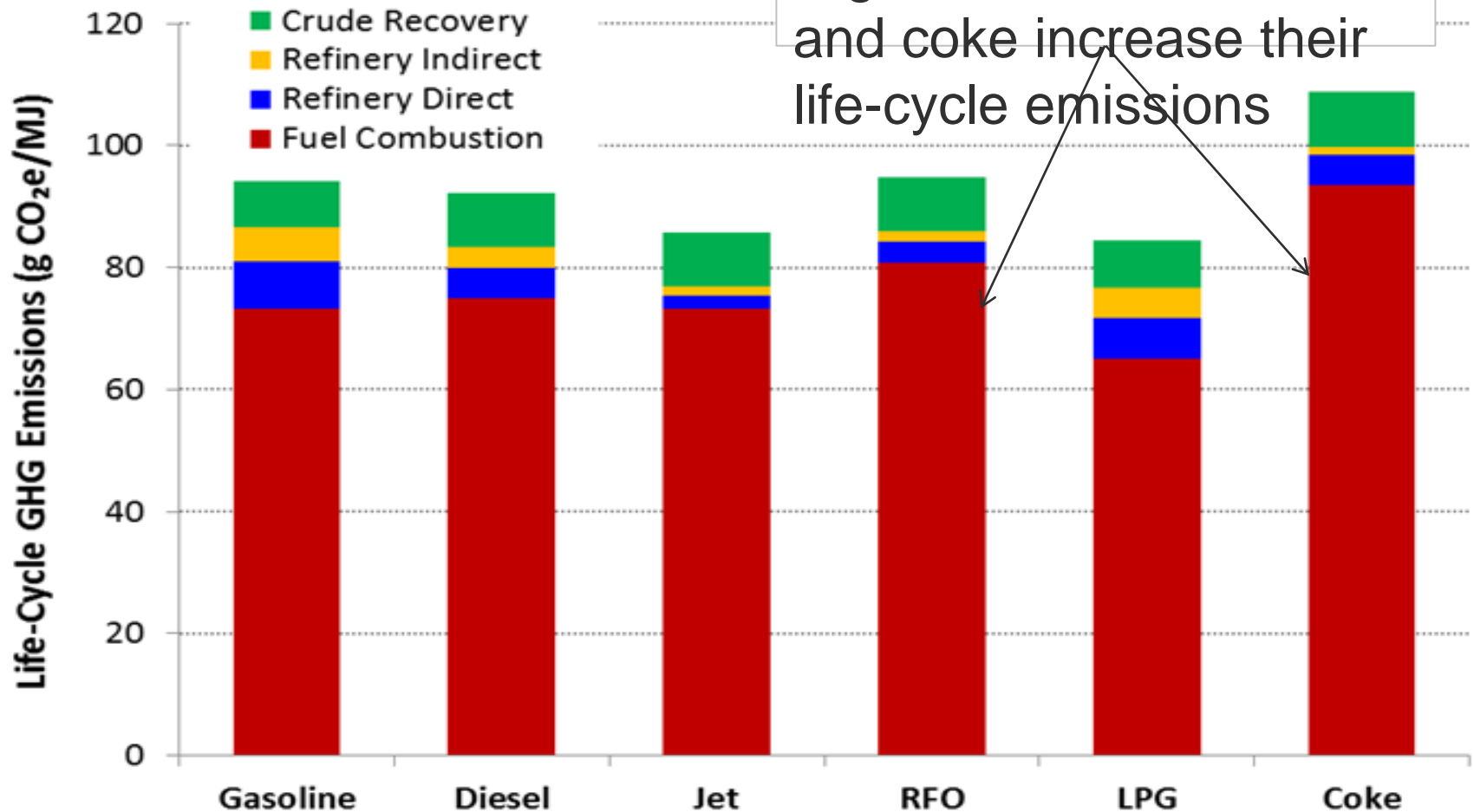


LCA system boundary: petroleum to gasoline

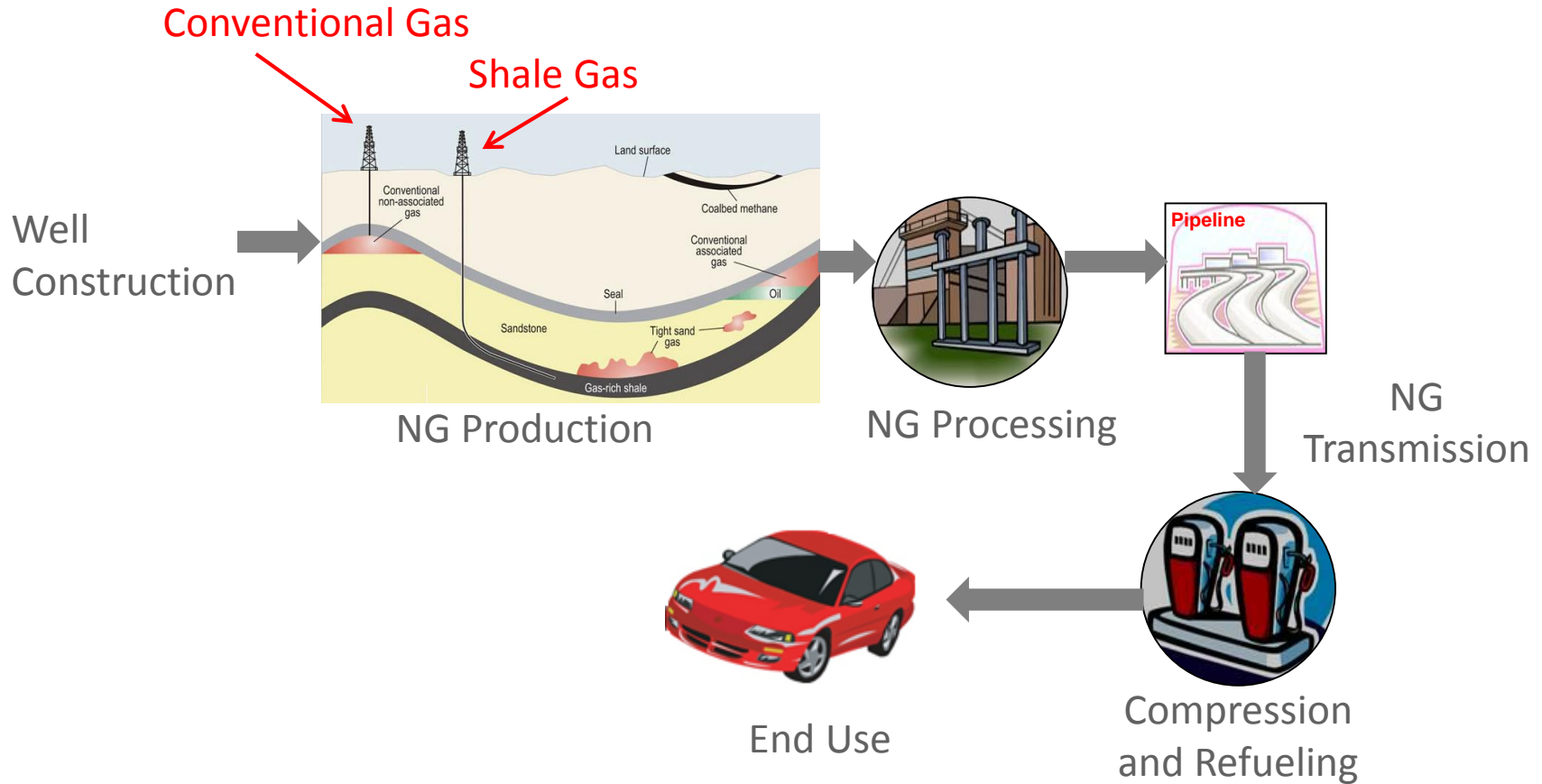


LCA GHG emissions of petroleum fuels is dominated by end use release of CO₂; refinery emissions is a distant second

High C-content of RFO and coke increase their life-cycle emissions



LCA system boundary: compressed natural gas



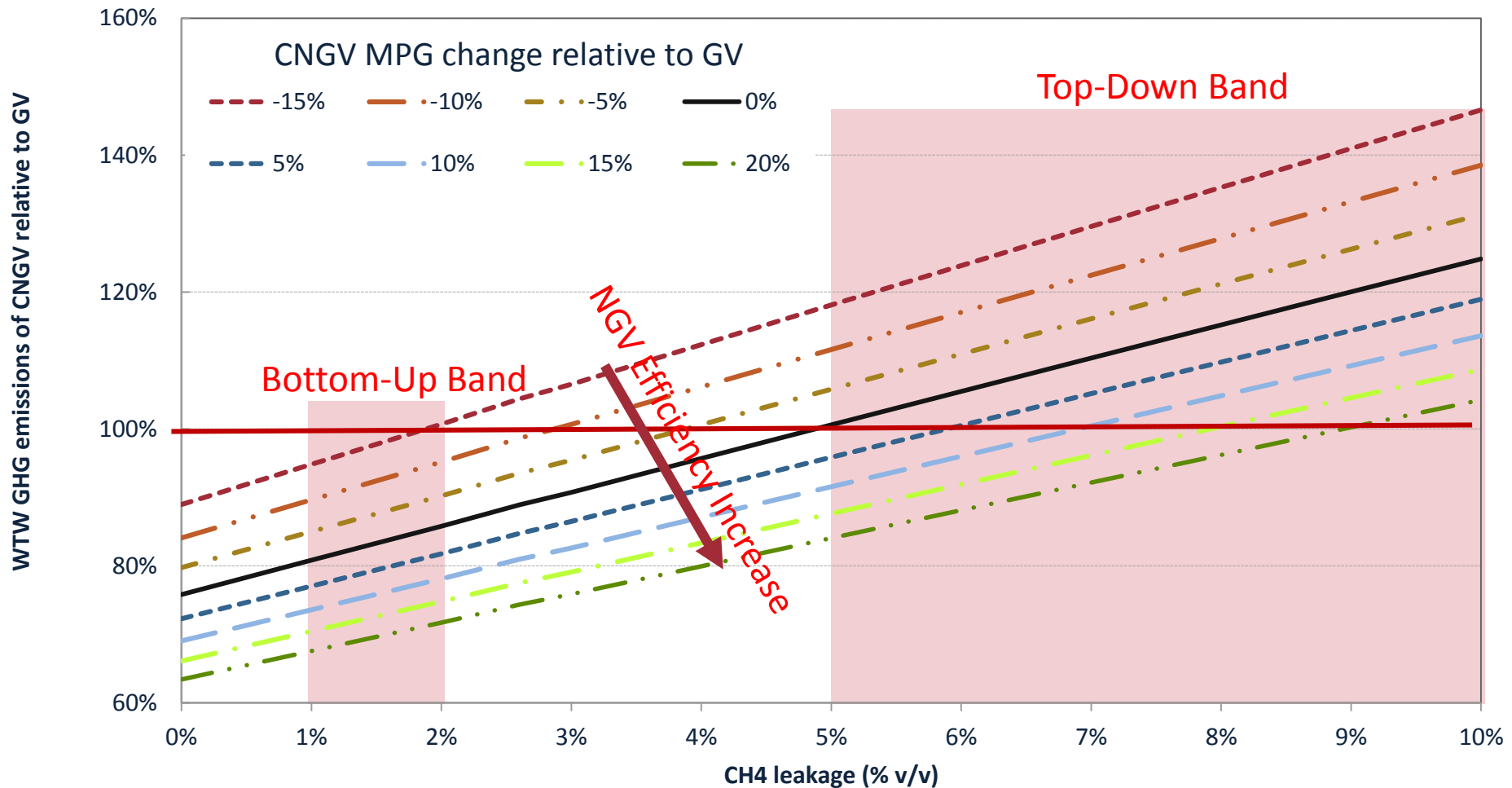
Methane leakage along NG supply chain is a major concern

| Sector | CH ₄ Emissions: Percent of Volumetric NG Produced (Gross) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | EPA - Inventory 5 yr avg (2011) | CMU - Marcellus Shale (2011) | NREL - Barnett Shale (2012) | API/ ANGA Survey (2012) | NOAA - DJ Basin (2012) | NOAA - Uintah Basin (2013) | Exxon Mobil (2013) | EPA - Inventory 2011 data (2013) | Univ. Texas (2013) | EPA - Inventory 2012 data (2014) | Stanford (2014) | IUP - Bakken (2014) | IUP - Eagle Ford (2014) |
| Gas Field | 1.18 | | 0.9 | 0.75 | 2.3-7.7 | 6.2-11.7 | 0.6 | 0.44 | 0.42 | 0.33 | | 2.8-17.4 | 2.9-15.3 |
| Completion/ Workover | | | 0.7 | | | | | 0.17 | 0.03 | 0.04 | | | |
| Unloading | | | 0 | | | | | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.05 | | | |
| Other Sources | | | 0.2 | | | | | 0.23 | 0.34 | 0.24 | | | |
| Processing | 0.16 | | 0 | | | | 0.17 | 0.16 | | 0.15 | | | |
| Transmission | 0.38 | | 0.4 | | | | 0.42 | 0.34 | | 0.35 | | | |
| Distribution | 0.26 | | | | | | | 0.23 | | 0.21 | | | |
| Total | 1.98 | 2.2 | | | | | | 1.17 | | 1.03 | 3.6-7.1 | | |

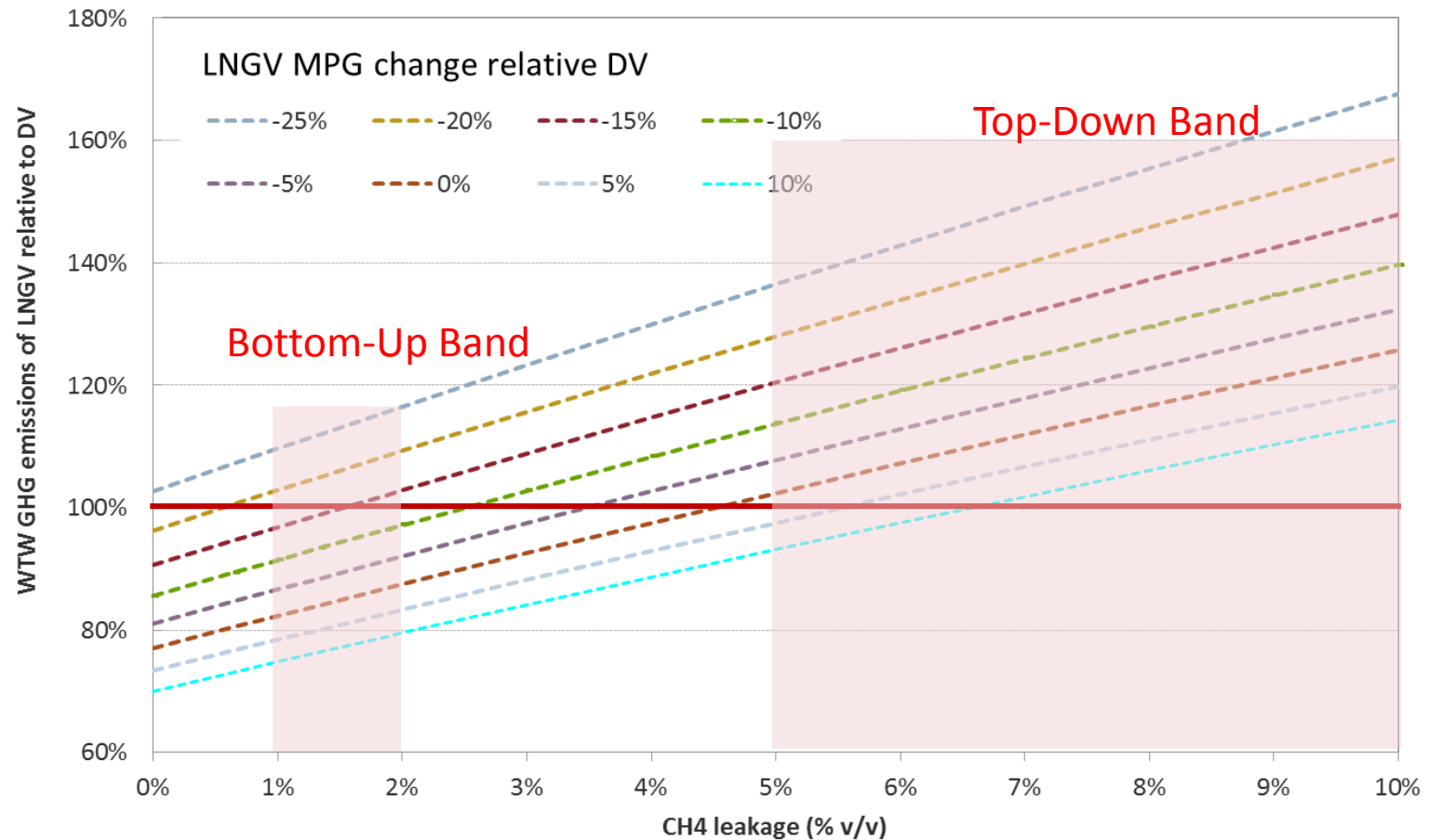
- Studies in **GREEN** are with bottom-up approach: measuring emissions of individual sources -> aggregating emissions along supply chain
- Studies in **RED** are with top-down approach: measuring CH₄ concentration above or near fields/cities -> deriving CH₄ emissions -> attributing emissions to NG-related activities



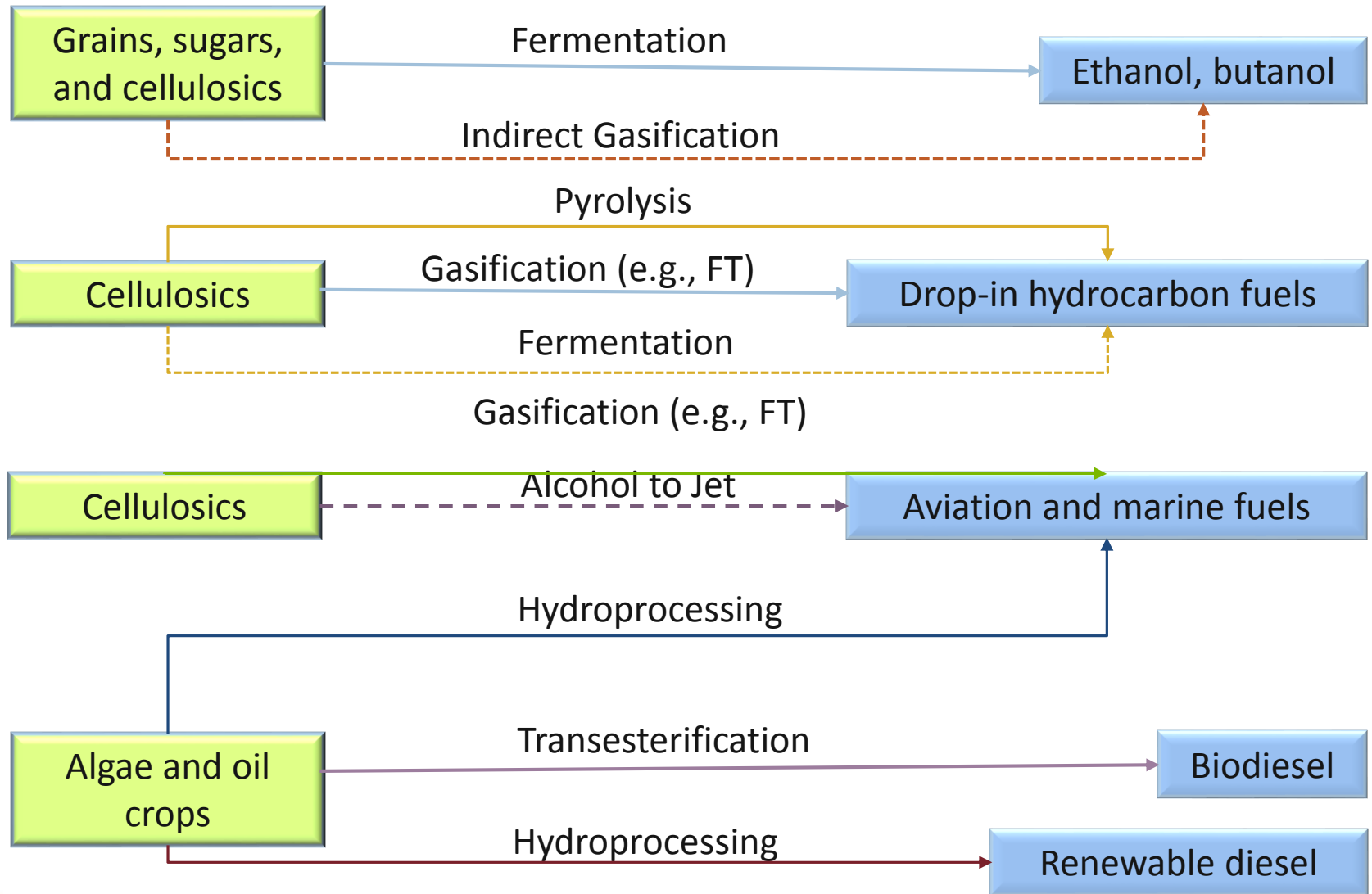
CNG vehicle efficiency and CH₄ leakage are two key factors of WTW GHG emissions of CNGVs vs. GVs



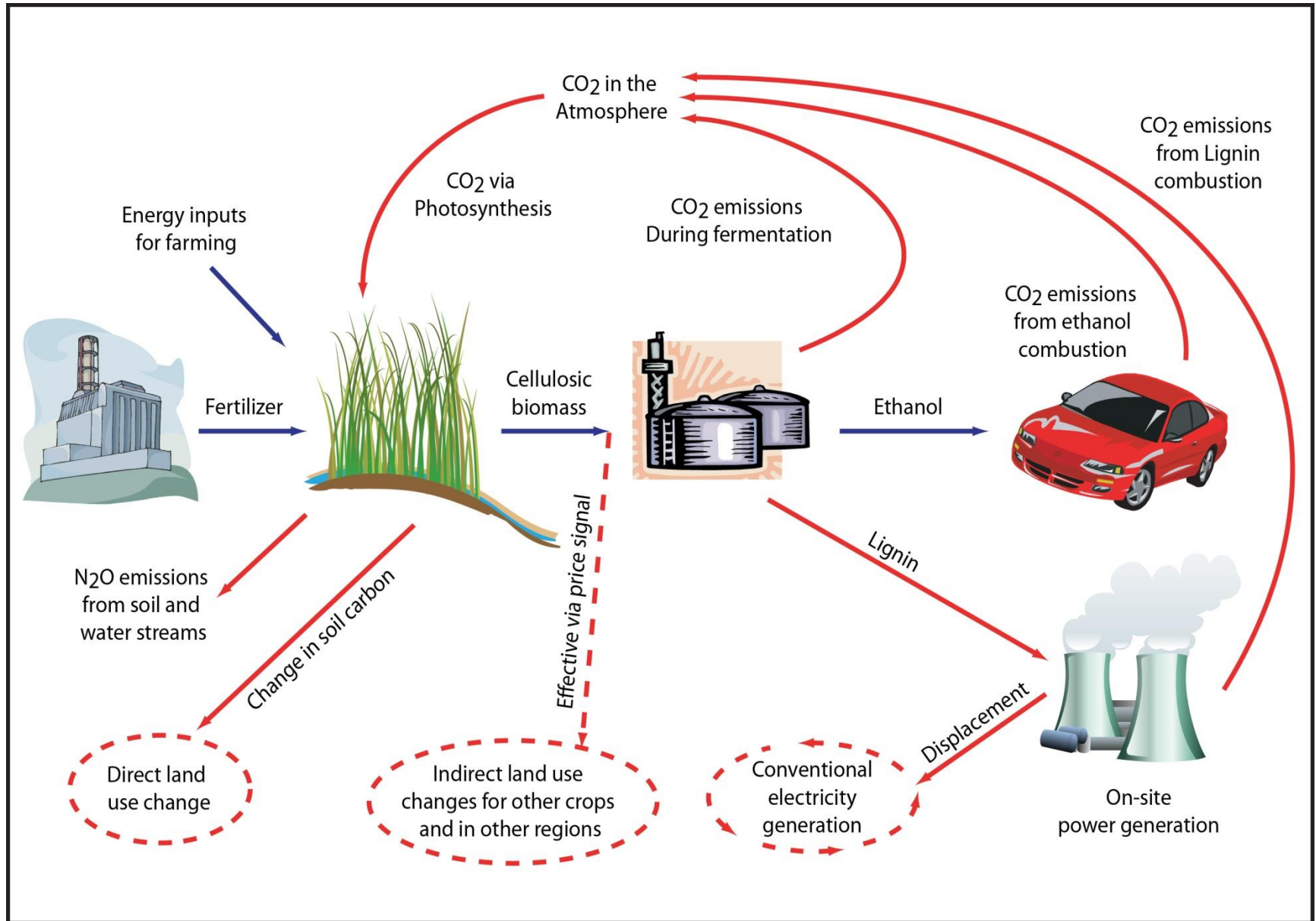
NGV efficiency and CH₄ leakage are two key factors of WTW GHG emissions of LNG HDVs vs. diesel HDVs



REET includes various biomass feedstocks, conversion technologies, and liquid fuels



LCA system boundary: switchgrass to ethanol



LCA co-product methods: benefits and issues

❑ Displacement method

- Data intensive: need detailed understanding of the displaced product sector
- Dynamic results: subject to change based on economic and market modifications

❑ Allocation methods: based on mass, energy, or market revenue

- Easy to use
- Frequent updates not required for mature industry, e.g. petroleum refineries
- Mass based allocation: not applicable for certain cases
- Energy based allocation: results not entirely accurate, when coproducts are used in non-fuel applications
- Market revenue based allocation: subject to price variation

❑ Process energy use approach

- GREET method for petroleum refineries
- Detailed engineering analysis is needed
- Upstream burdens still need allocation based on mass, energy, or market revenue

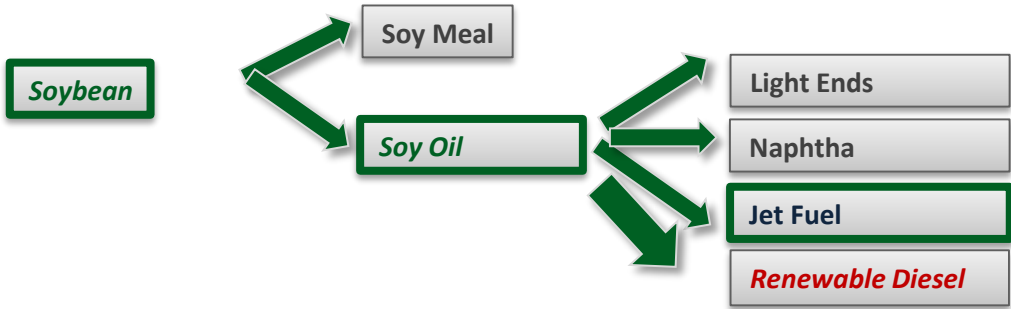


Co-products and their treatment in GREET LCAs

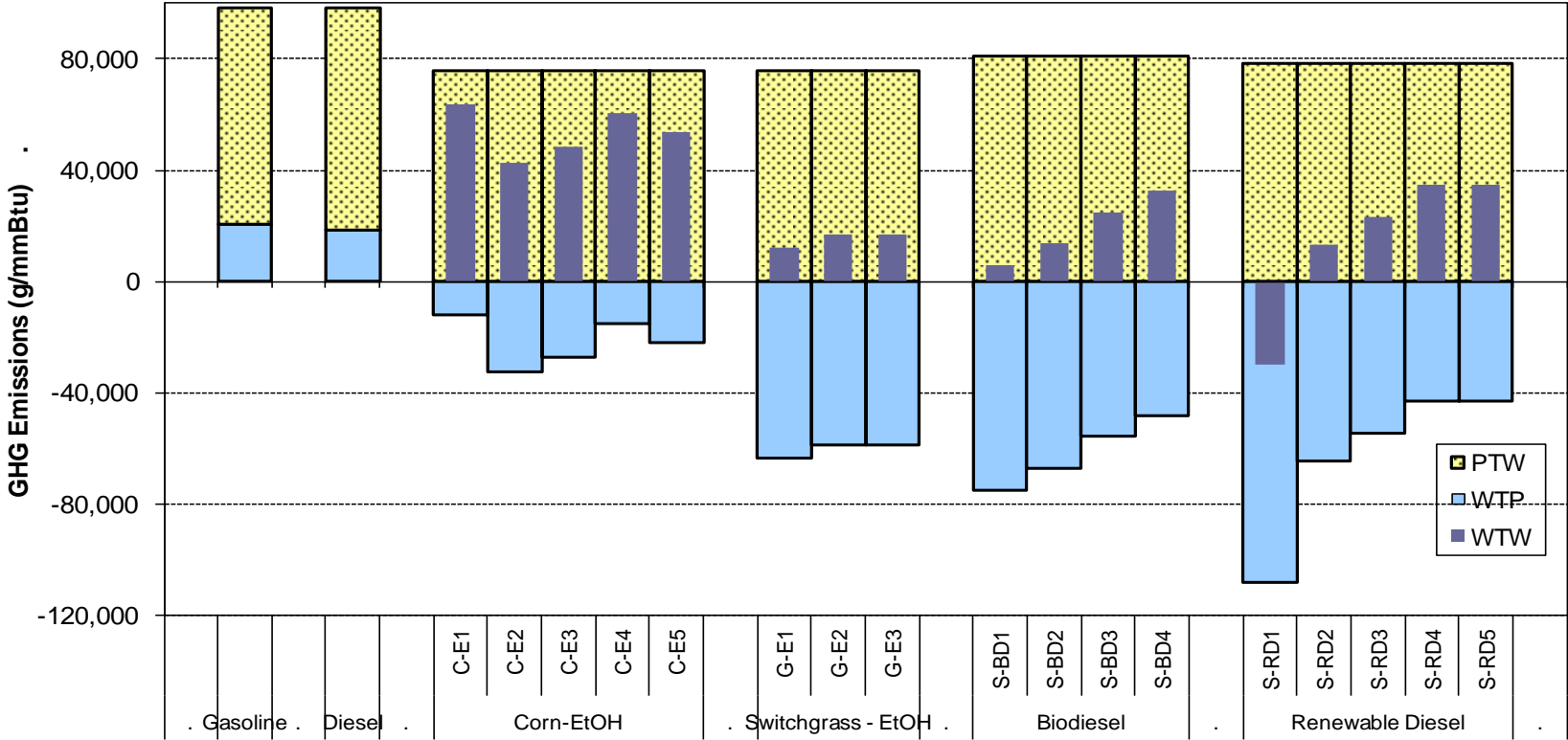
| Pathway | Co-Product | Displaced Products | LCA Method in GREET | Alternative LCA Methods Available in GREET |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Corn ethanol | DGS | Soybean, corn, and other animal feeds | Displacement | Allocation based on market revenue, mass, or energy |
| Sugarcane ethanol | Electricity from bagasse | Conventional electricity | Allocation based on energy | Displacement |
| Cellulosic ethanol (corn stover, switchgrass, and miscanthus) | Electricity from lignin | Conventional electricity | Displacement | Allocation based on energy |
| Petroleum gasoline | Other petroleum products | Other petroleum products | Allocation at refining process level based on energy | Allocation based on mass, market revenue |



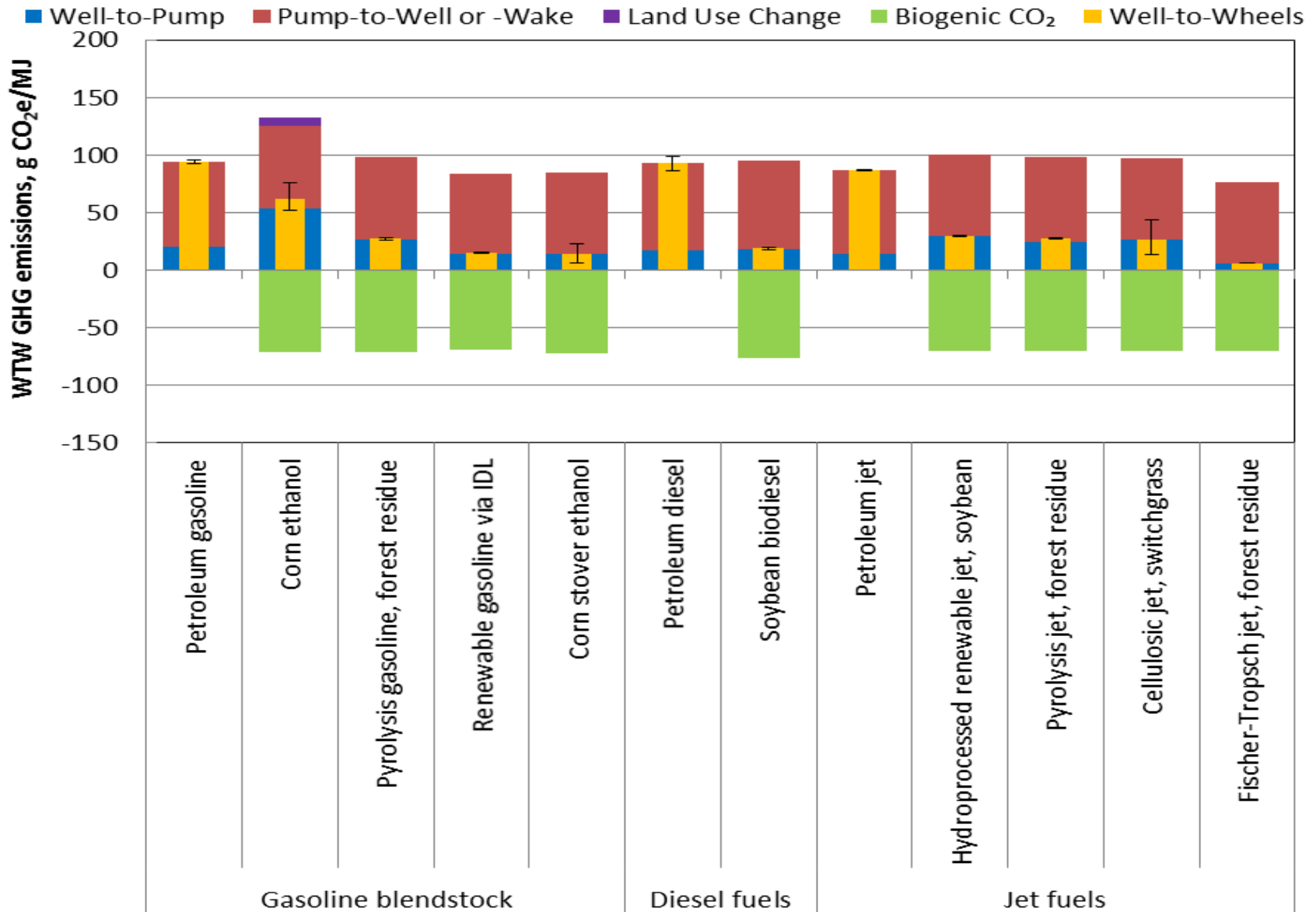
Choice of co-product methods can have significant LCA effects



| Biofuel production pathways and co-product methods included in this Study. | | |
|--|--|-------------|
| Biofuel Pathway | Method of Dealing with Multiple Products | Case Number |
| Corn to ethanol | Displacement | C-E1 |
| | Mass | C-E2 |
| | Energy content | C-E3 |
| | Market value | C-E4 |
| | Process purpose | C-E5 |
| Switchgrass to ethanol | Displacement | G-E1 |
| | Energy content | G-E2 |
| | Market value | G-E3 |
| Soybeans to biodiesel | Displacement | S-BD1 |
| | Mass | S-BD2 |
| | Energy content | S-BD3 |
| | Market value | S-BD4 |
| Soybeans to renewable diesel | Displacement | S-RD1 |
| | Mass | S-RD2 |
| | Energy content | S-RD3 |
| | Market value | S-RD4 |
| | Hybrid allocation | S-RD5 |

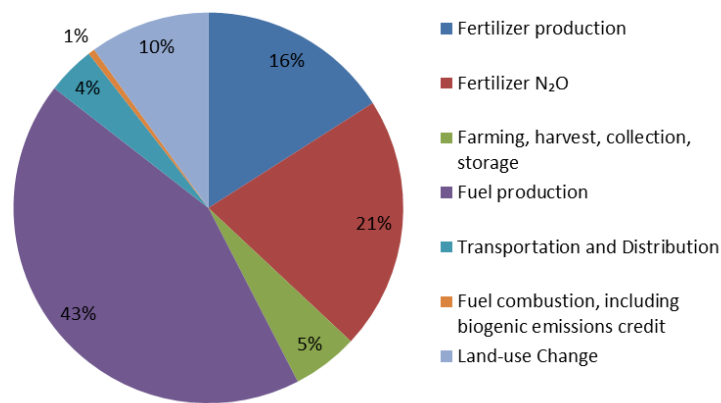


Life-cycle GHG emissions of selected biofuels

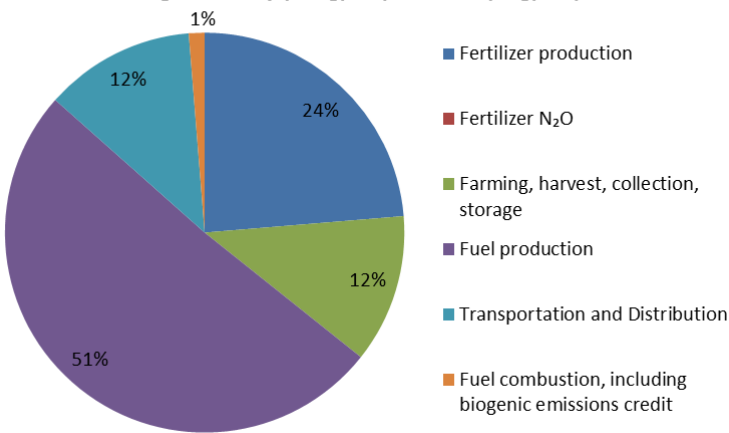


Emission breakout for different biofuels

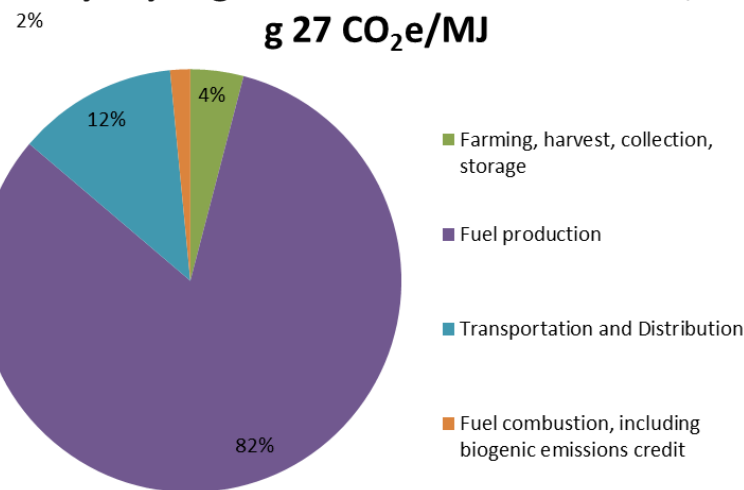
Corn ethanol, 62 g CO₂e/MJ
Including DGS credit: -14 g CO₂e/MJ



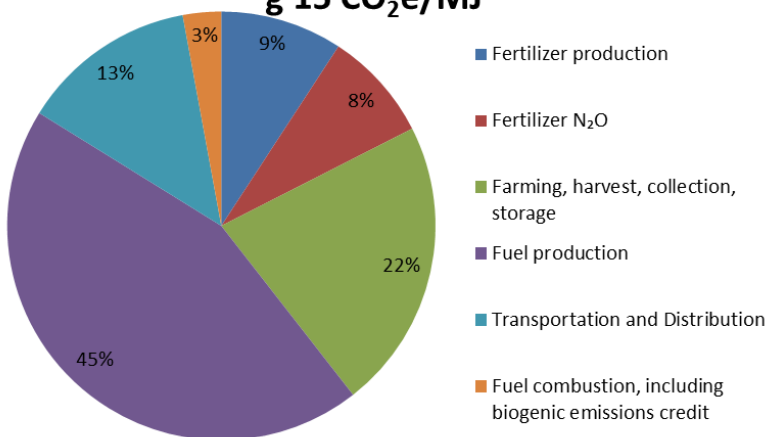
Corn stover ethanol, 14 g CO₂e/MJ
Including electricity (-18 g/MJ) and LUC (-1 g/MJ) credits



Pyrolysis gasoline from Forest Residue, g 27 CO₂e/MJ



Renewable gasoline via IDL g 15 CO₂e/MJ



Electricity Generation Systems in GREET

1. Coal: Steam Boiler and IGCC

Coal mining & cleaning
Coal transportation
Power generation

2. Natural Gas: Steam boiler, Gas Turbine, and NGCC

NG recovery & processing
NG transportation
Power generation

3. Nuclear: light water reactor

Uranium mining
Yellowcake conversion
Enrichment
Fuel rod fabrication
Power generation

4. Petroleum: Steam Boiler

Oil recovery & transportation
Refining
Residual fuel oil transportation
Power generation

5. Biomass: Steam Boiler

Biomass farming & harvesting
Biomass transportation
Power generation

6. Hydro-Power

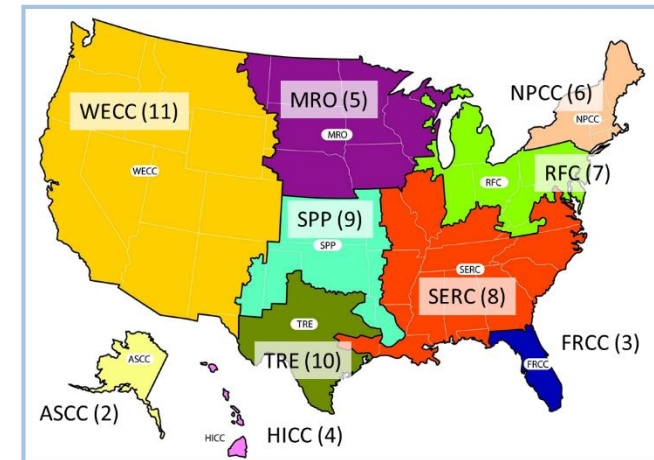
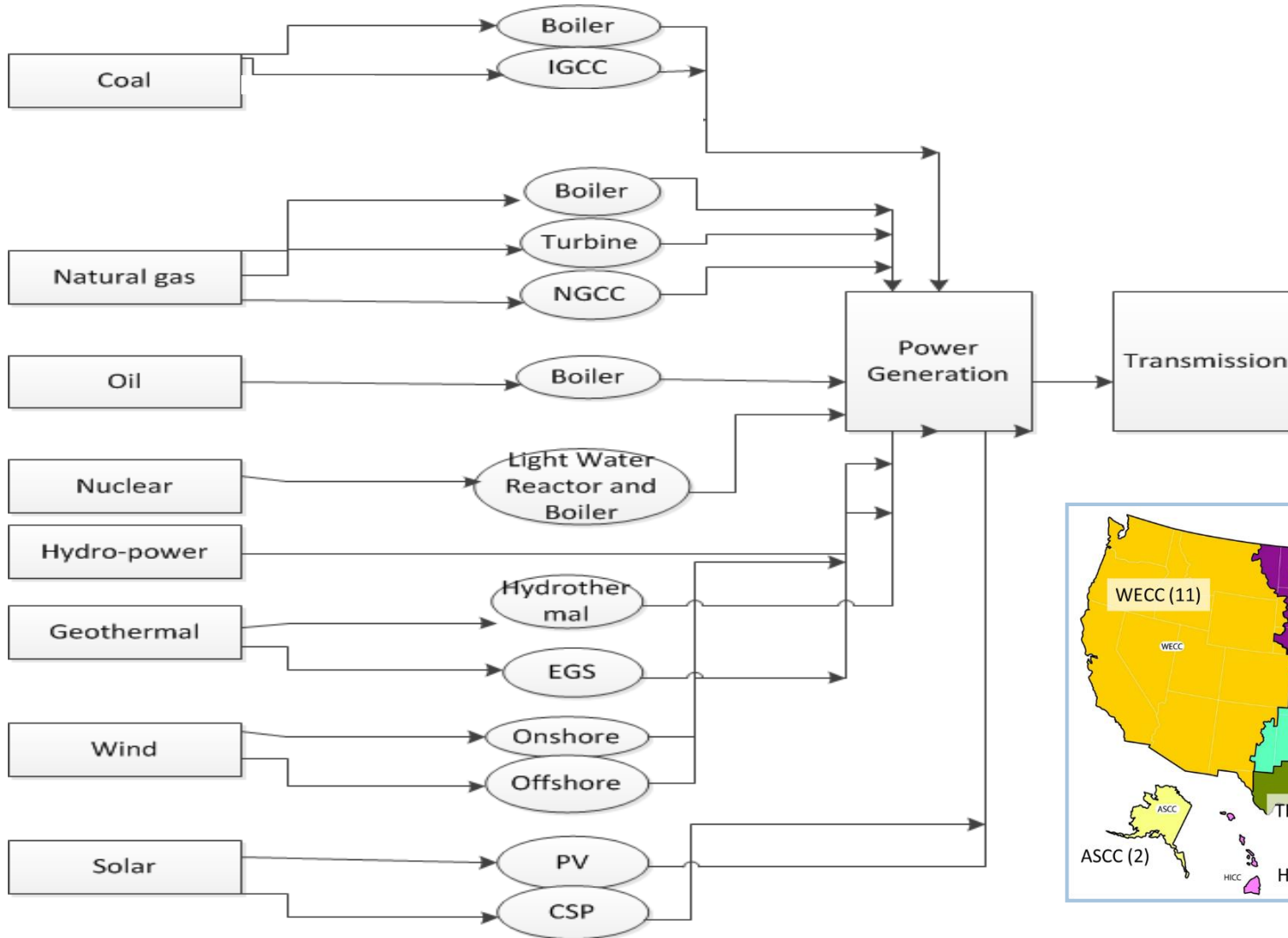
7. Wind Turbine

8. Solar PV and CSP

9. Geothermal



REET models electricity generation mix at national, state and utility region levels



Data and methods for GREET electricity modeling

- **Electricity generation mixes**

- EIA's Annual Energy Outlook

- **Thermal efficiencies**

- EIA's electric generating unit-level performance data (EIA Form 923 and 860 data)

- **GHG emission factors**

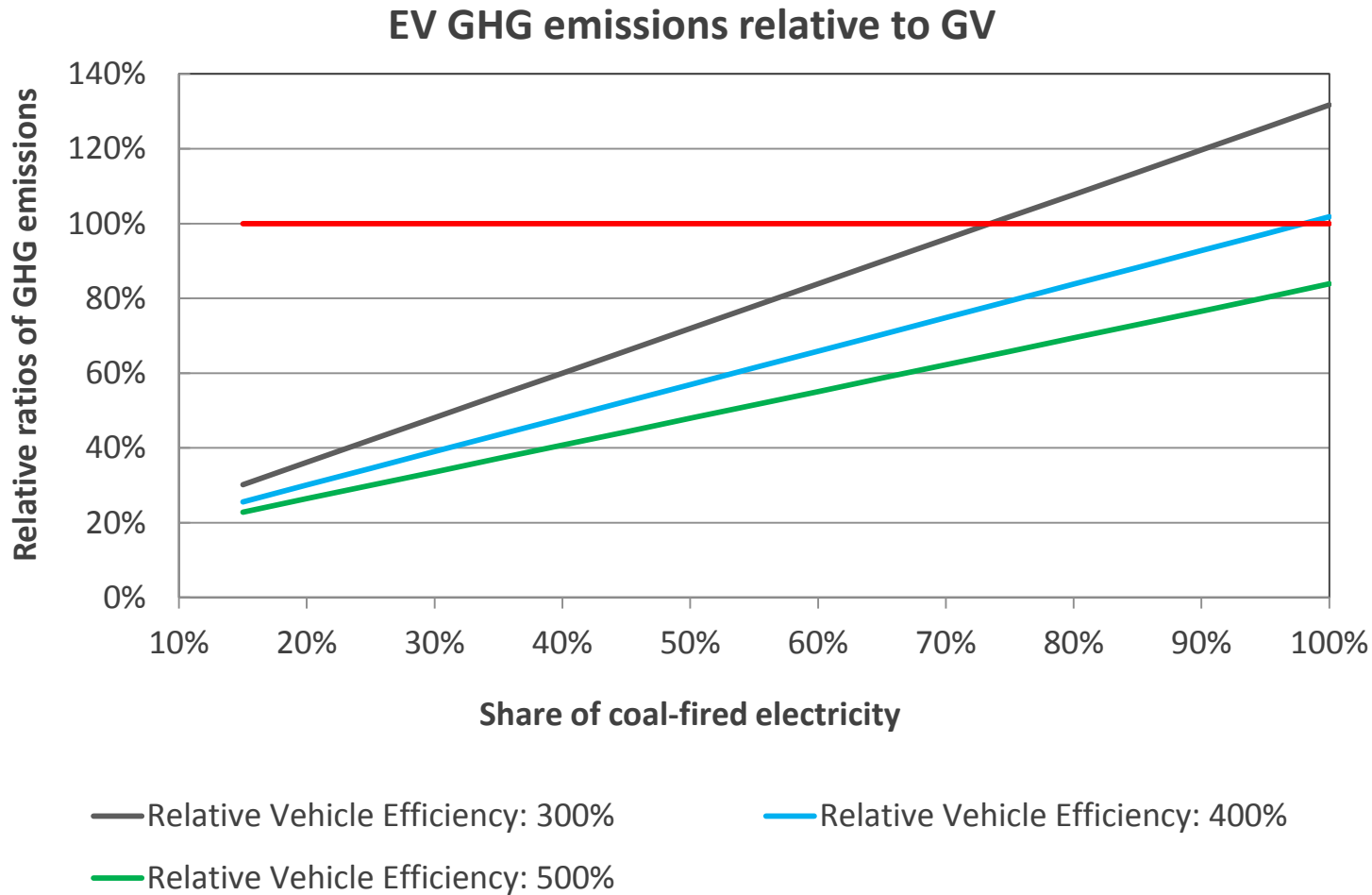
- CH₄ and N₂O emissions are estimated by multiplying the fuel specific heat input in MMBtu by appropriate EFs from Table C-2 of EPA's Final Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Rule (EPA, 2009)
- CO₂ emissions calculated from fuel carbon intensity and fuel consumption

- **Criteria air pollutants emission factors**

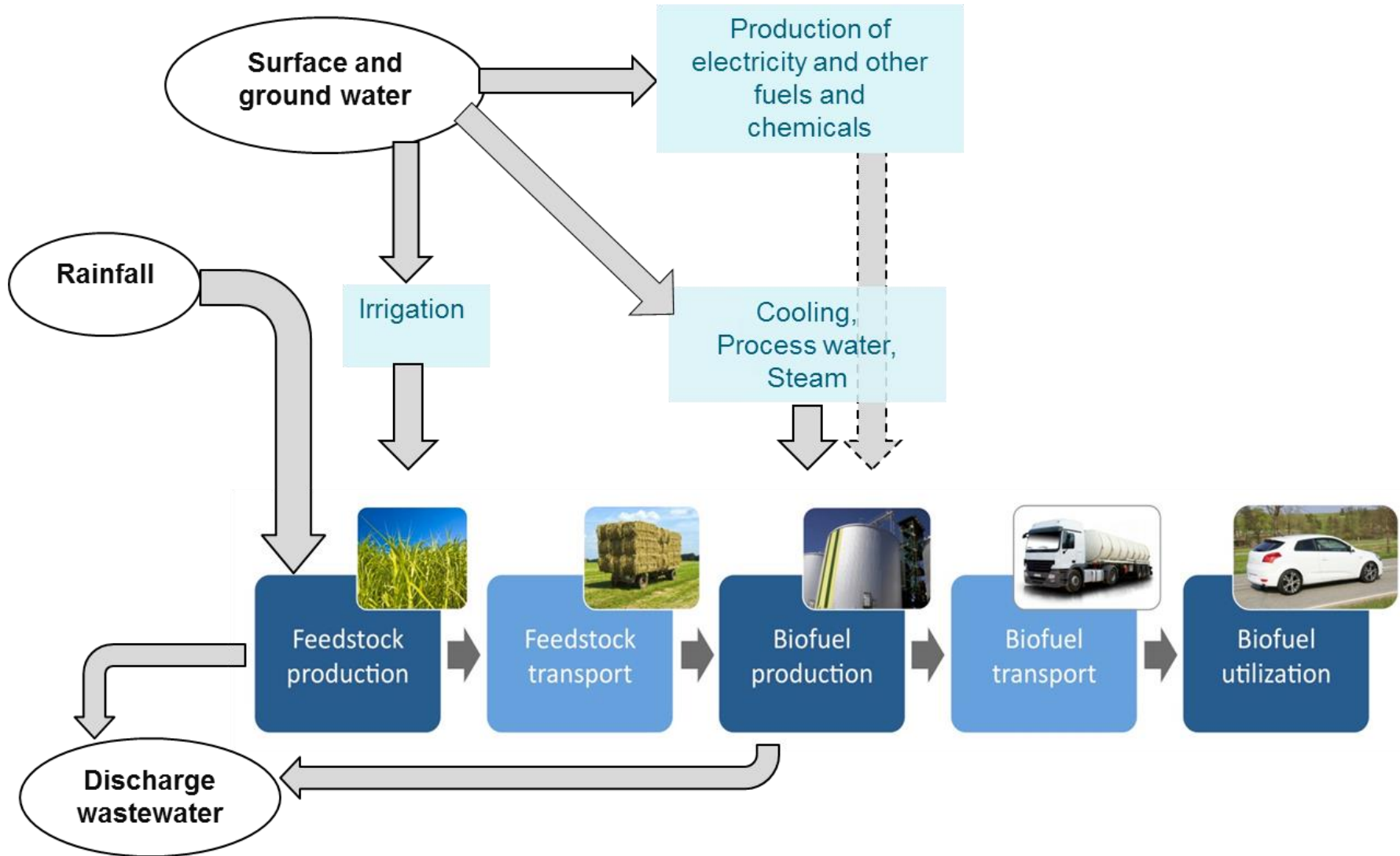
- SO_x and NO_x emission data from the EPA's AMPD database
- PM emissions for various EGUs by emissions control technologies in AMPD



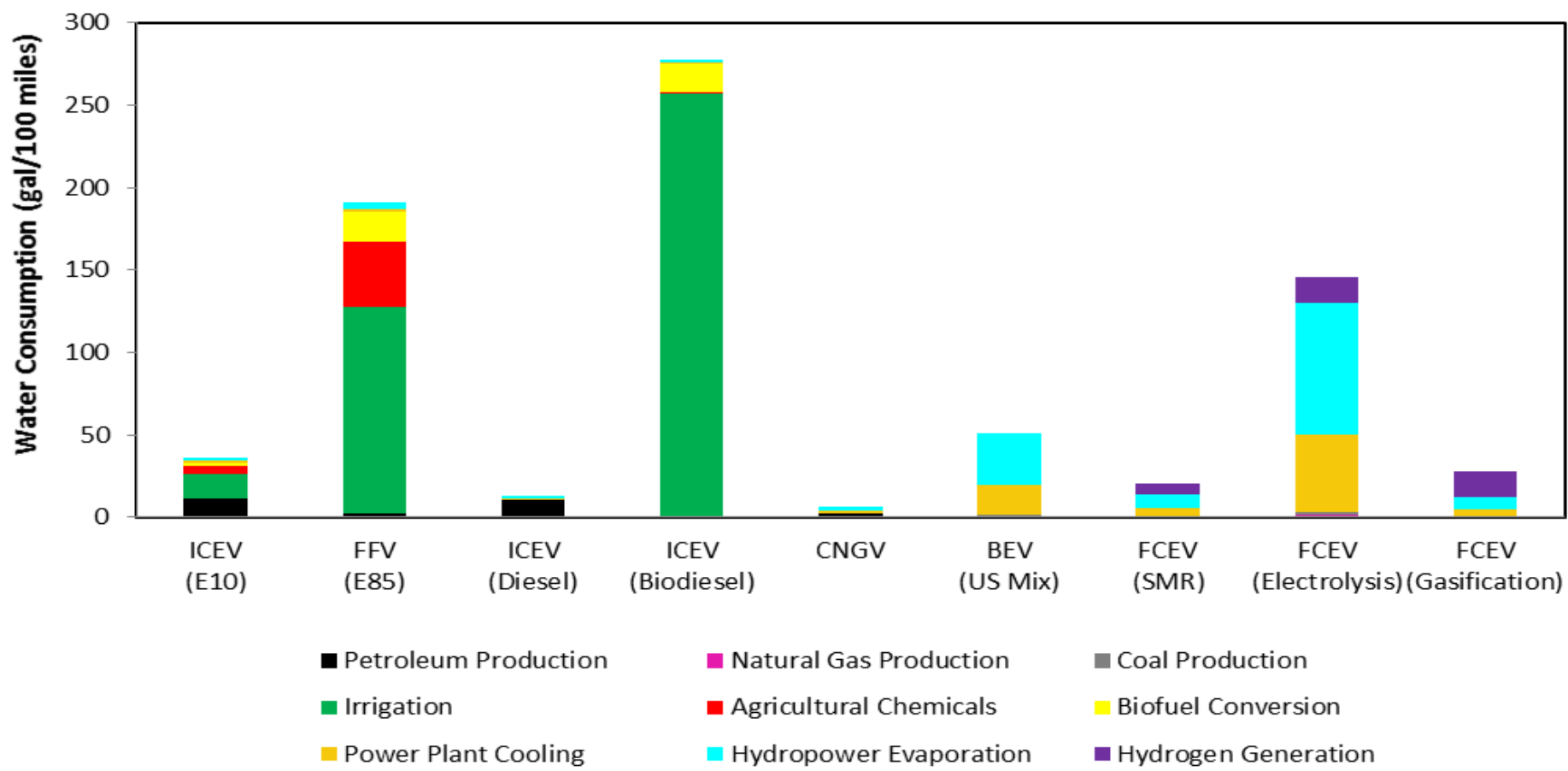
REET quantifies effects of electric generation mix and relative EV efficiency on EV GHG performance



Example: biofuel pathway water use accounting

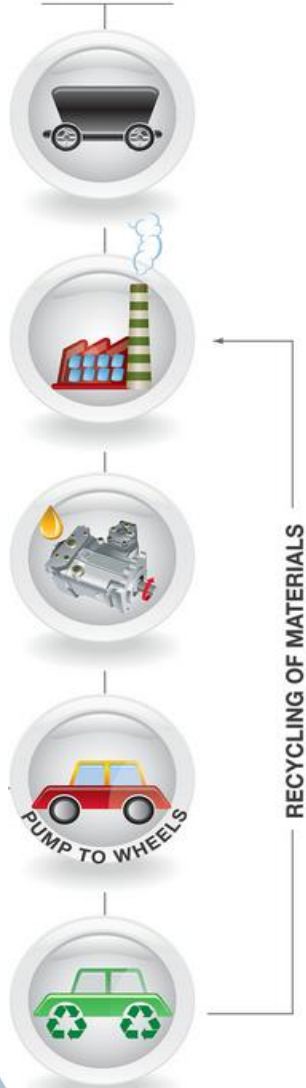


Life-cycle water consumption is dominated by electricity use and irrigation for biofuels



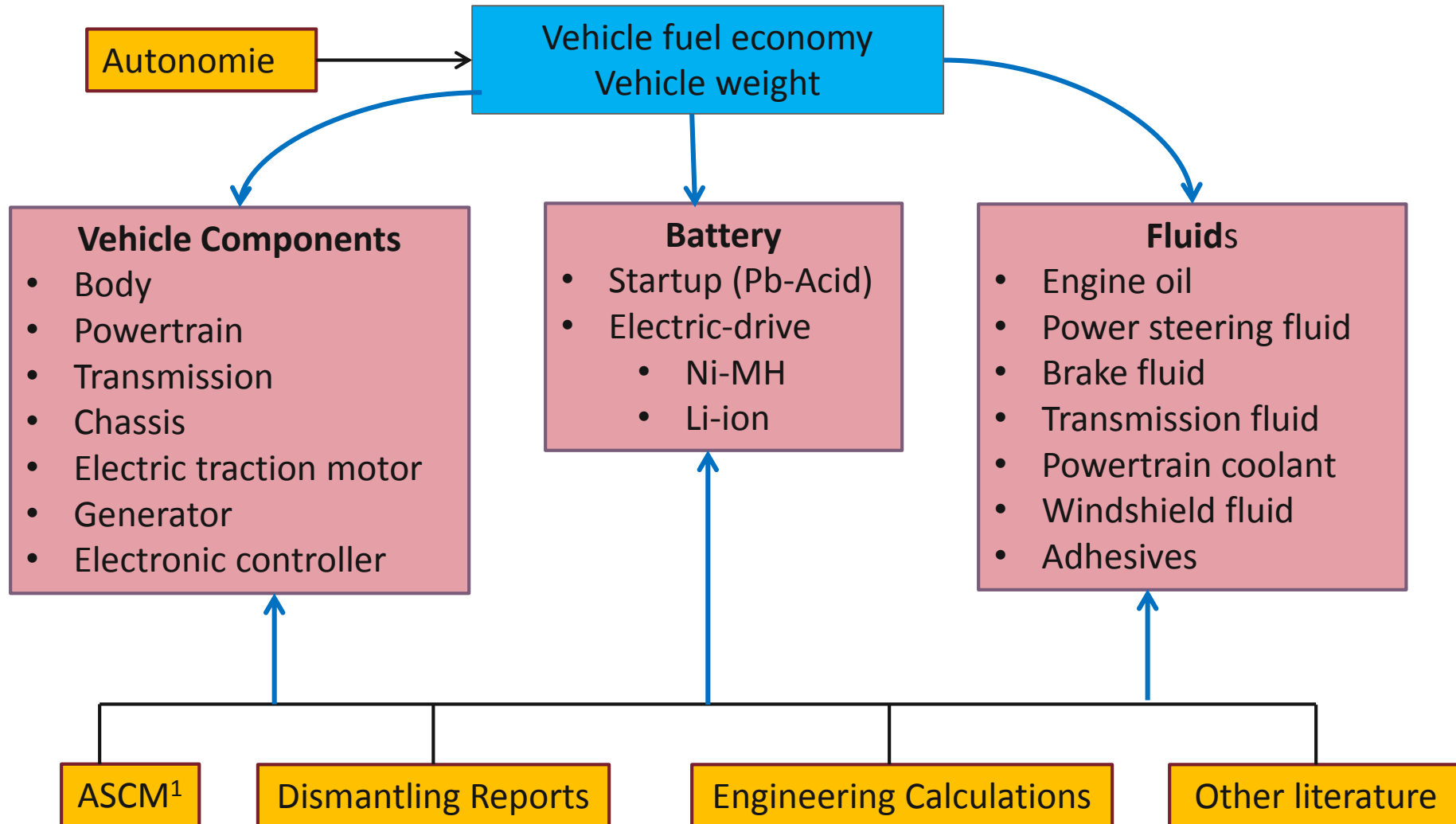
GREET 2 simulates vehicle cycle energy use and emissions from material recovery to vehicle disposal

VEHICLE CYCLE
(GREET 2 Series)



- ☐ Raw material recovery
- ☐ Material processing and fabrication
- ☐ Vehicle component production
- ☐ Vehicle assembly
- ☐ Vehicle disposal and recycling

Developing a materials inventory for vehicles



1. Automotive System Cost Model, IBIS Associates and Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Life Cycles of 60+ materials are included in GREET 2

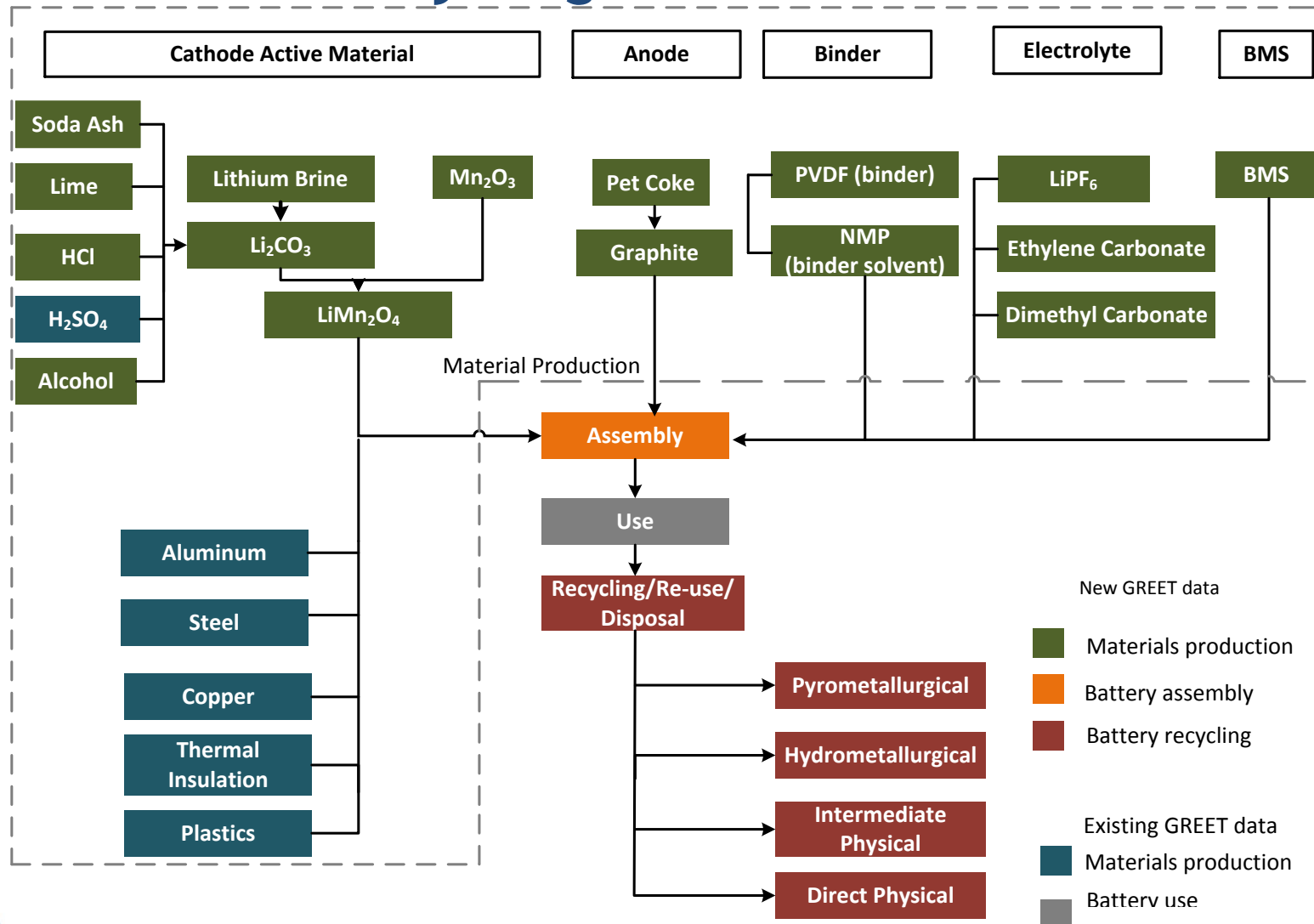
| Material Type | Number in GREET | Examples |
|--------------------|-----------------|---|
| Ferrous Metals | 3 | Steel, stainless steel, iron |
| Non-Ferrous Metals | 12 | Aluminum, copper, nickel, magnesium |
| Plastics | 23 | Polypropylene, nylon, carbon fiber reinforced plastic |
| Vehicle Fluids | 7 | Engine oil, windshield fluid |
| Others | 17 | Glass, graphite, silicon, cement |
| Total | 62 | |

Key issues in vehicle-cycle analysis

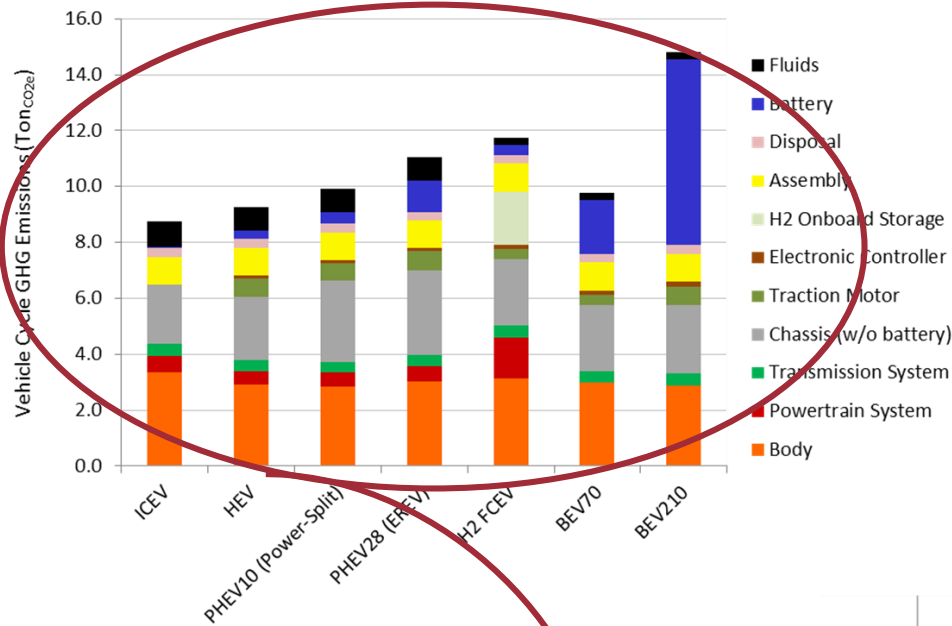
- ☐ Use of virgin vs. recycled materials
- ☐ Vehicle weight and lightweighting
- ☐ Vehicle lifetime, component rebuilding/replacement



REET battery LCA module contains life-cycle inventory of lithium-ion batteries including battery production and recycling

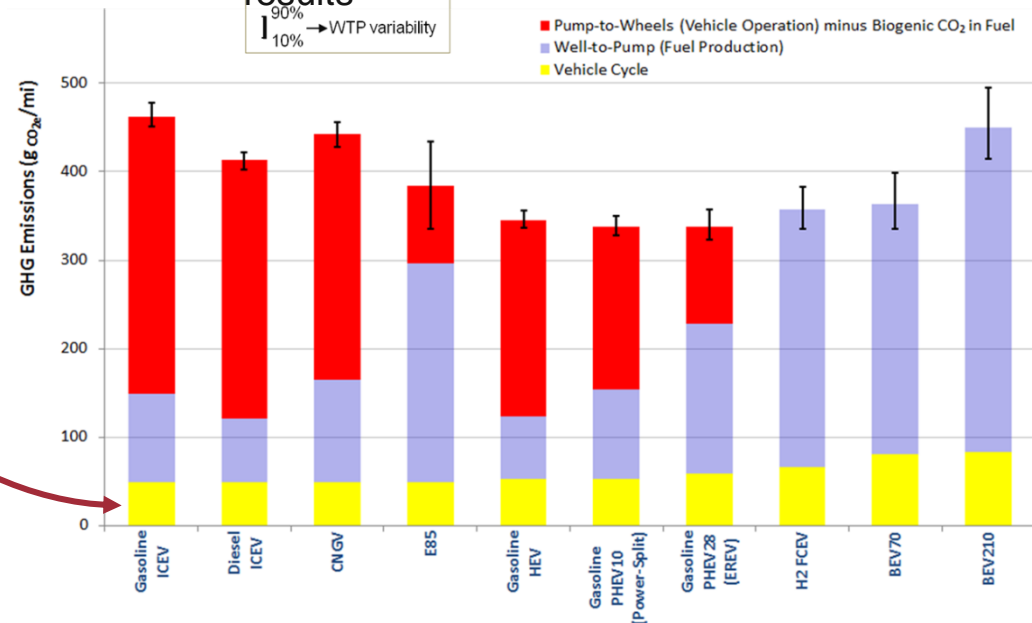


Battery LCA to Vehicle LCA to Vehicle/Fuel LCA



Battery contributes to 1-8% of total results for PEVs

Vehicle cycle contributes to 10-22% of total results



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