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Umsetzungstatus und Bewertung der Umweltperformance von Zelluloseethanol im europäischen Kontext

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Coordination

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sunliquid® - large scale demonstration plant for the production of cellulosic ethanol

The aim of the EU project SUNLIQUID is to confirm the commercial maturity of the sunliquid® process used to produce cellulosic ethanol from agricultural residues

SUNLIQUID covers the entire value chain:

- Supplying feedstock to the plant
- Logistics system for feedstock transportation
- Design, construction and commissioning of the plant, as well as training qualified staff
- Fuel testing and distribution, including the development of sales and marketing models
- Life cycle analysis to obtain a full-scale assessment of the product's sustainability over the entire value chain
- Information campaigns to promote public acceptance of cellulosic ethanol



Project duration

April 2014 – March 2018

EU contribution

EUR 23 million



Source: Clariant's sunliquid® demonstration plant in Straubing

Main features of the sunliquid® process



- Simple & stable equipment set-up and **chemical-free pretreatment** (steam)
- Process can be **flexibly adapted to different feedstocks** (e.g. wheat straw, corn stover, sugarcane bagasse)
- efficient process thanks to feedstock-specific enzymes and **efficient co-fermentation** organisms
- **Energy self-sufficient** production of cellulosic ethanol with greenhouse gas savings of up to 95 % compared with fossil fuel
- Expansion of regional feedstock base with no conflict of use due to utilising agricultural residues

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Our role in the FP7-sunliquid®-project..



WP5 Sustainability & Life Cycle Assessment

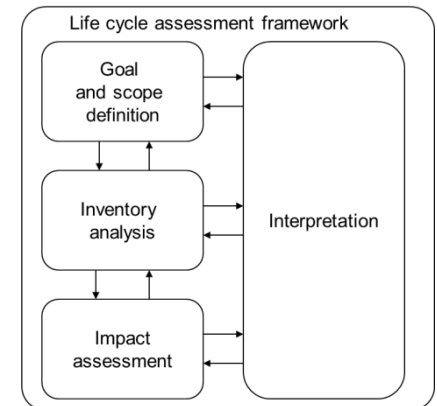
Objective: Elaborate the environmental impacts of the cellulose-based integrated sunliquid®-process and comparison to fossil gasoline and other renewable fuels



Method: Life Cycle Assessment

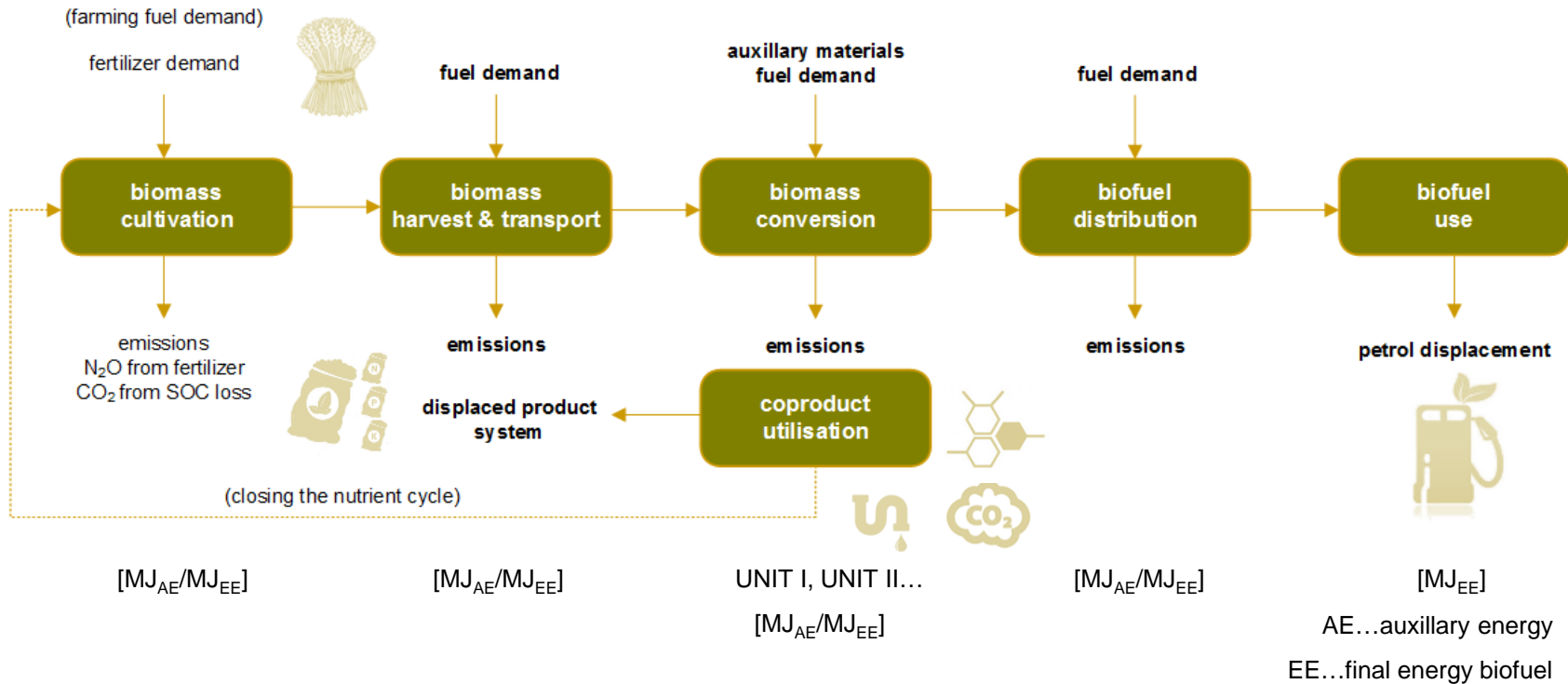
Activities:

- Definition of goal, scope and system boundary
- Life Cycle Inventory (LCI)
- Evaluation of the environmental impact of this biorefinery
- Comparison with other renewable fuels and fossil reference systems
- Sensitivity analysis and parameter variation ⇨ optimisation



Source: own representation
according ISO 14000 ff

System boundary Life Cycle Assessment



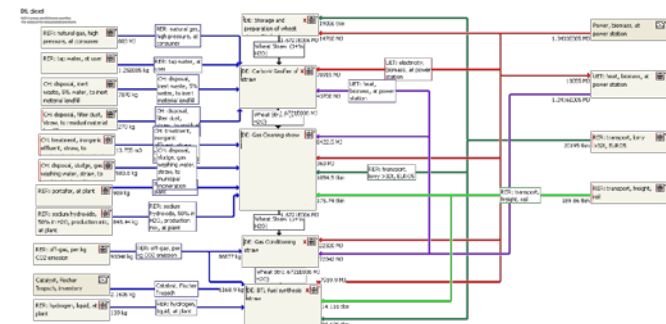
- **Inventory of harvest and transport options:** Trade-off between maximising energy density and conditioning effort
- Testing of different approaches for **impact allocation problems** for co-products

Assessed benchmarks in ecological evaluation

- Petrol according to DIN EN 228
- Diesel according to DIN EN 590
- CNG – Natural gas
- Bioethanol from wheat (1st G. with various process energy sources)
- Bioethanol from corn (1st G. with various process energy sources)
- Biodiesel (RME)
- BTL - fuels from agricultural residues and forest biomass
- Biomethane (from maize and biowaste)
- Electric Mobility (EU-27 mix, renewables,)
- Electrofuels (power-to-gas, power-to-liquid)



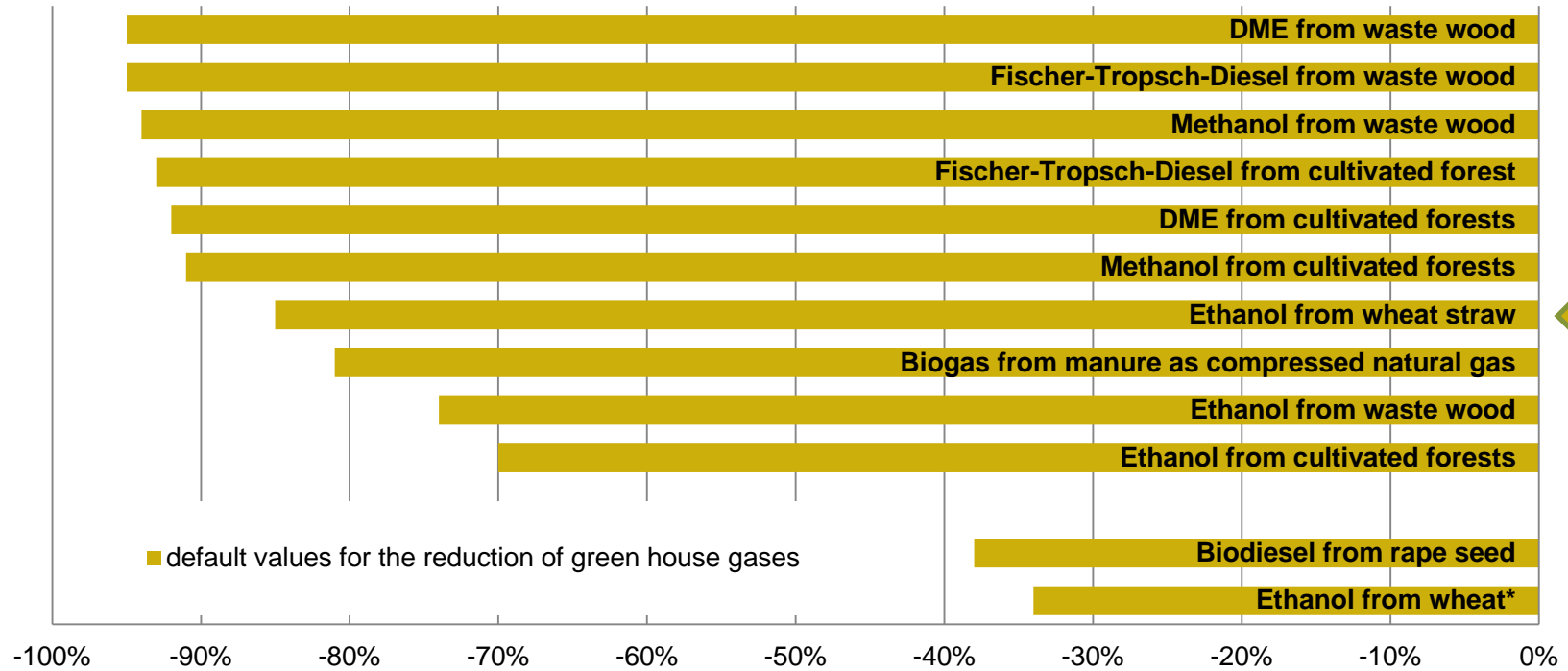
Access to
> 90,000 LCA data sets
via various databases



Source: own representation screenshot LCA software GaBi

Renewable Energy Directive RED, Annex V

Default values for green house gas reduction of advanced biofuels



Source: own representation based on EU (2009) Richtlinie 2009/28/EG zur Förderung der Nutzung von Energie aus erneuerbaren Quellen

* Natural gas as process fuel in a conventional plant



- 95 % CO₂eq for cellulosic ethanol with renewable process energy input & optimal setup

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LIGNOFLAG

Project duration
June 2016 – May 2021



This project receives funding from
H2020 European Union funding for
Research and Innovation under Bio
Based Industries Joint Undertaking
project number 709606.

LIGNOFLAG objectives in a nutshell

- Build and operate a commercial flagship production plant with a yearly **production capacity of 60.000 tonnes/year** based on Clariant's process
- Implementing highly innovative technology based on Clariant's patent portfolio including: **integrated enzyme production**, use of feedstock **specific enzymes** in biofuel production, **fermentation of C5 and C6** sugars to ethanol, sustainable **energy integration**
- Produce cellulosic ethanol at large scale with **maximum greenhouse gas (GHG) emission savings** and ensuring to reach **sustainable practice and usage of agricultural residues and co-products**
- Focusing the innovation on the **whole value chain** from raw material to product to bring lignocellulosic ethanol to the market
- Optimized and **integrated use of co-products** for energy or material use enabling the replacement of fossil alternatives
- Shorten time to market and successfully penetrate market with 2nd generation bioethanol made in the EU

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Our role in the H2020 LIGNOFLAG-Project..

Life Cycle Analysis **Methodological challenges**

EU RED 2009/28/EC & ISO guidelines 14040/14044



Broad set of environmental impacts

Acidification, Eutrophication, Ecotoxicity, natural land transformation, Impacts on human health and resources

Site-specific feedstock sourcing & co-product utilization

Evaluation of socio-economic effects and policy



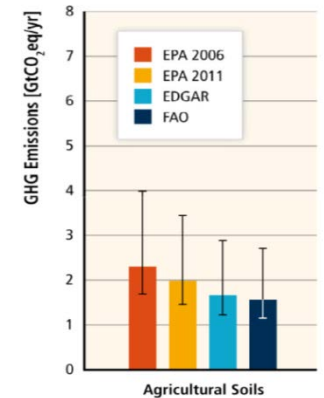
Local benefits and social acceptance

Sustainability considerations along the entire biorefinery value chain

**environmental and socio-economic sound product performance
& market-uptake**

Sustainability assessment of renewable resource extraction

- **Theoretical** straw potential
- **Technical** straw potential
- **Sustainable** straw potential
 - strongly dependent on **regional conditions** (soil type, climate, soil, rainfall,...)
 - **agricultural practice** (crop rotation, tillage practice, yield level of main crops, cover crops, manure management, ...)



Source: IPCC Working Group 3 Report

difficult to determine!

available models show high variety in results
methodological advancement & long-term in-situ monitoring is necessary

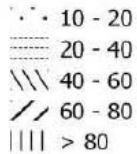
own work applying soil organic carbon balancing

Lindorfer, J. et al. Sustainable Energy Technologies and Assessments Volume 5, March 2014, pp. 95–105

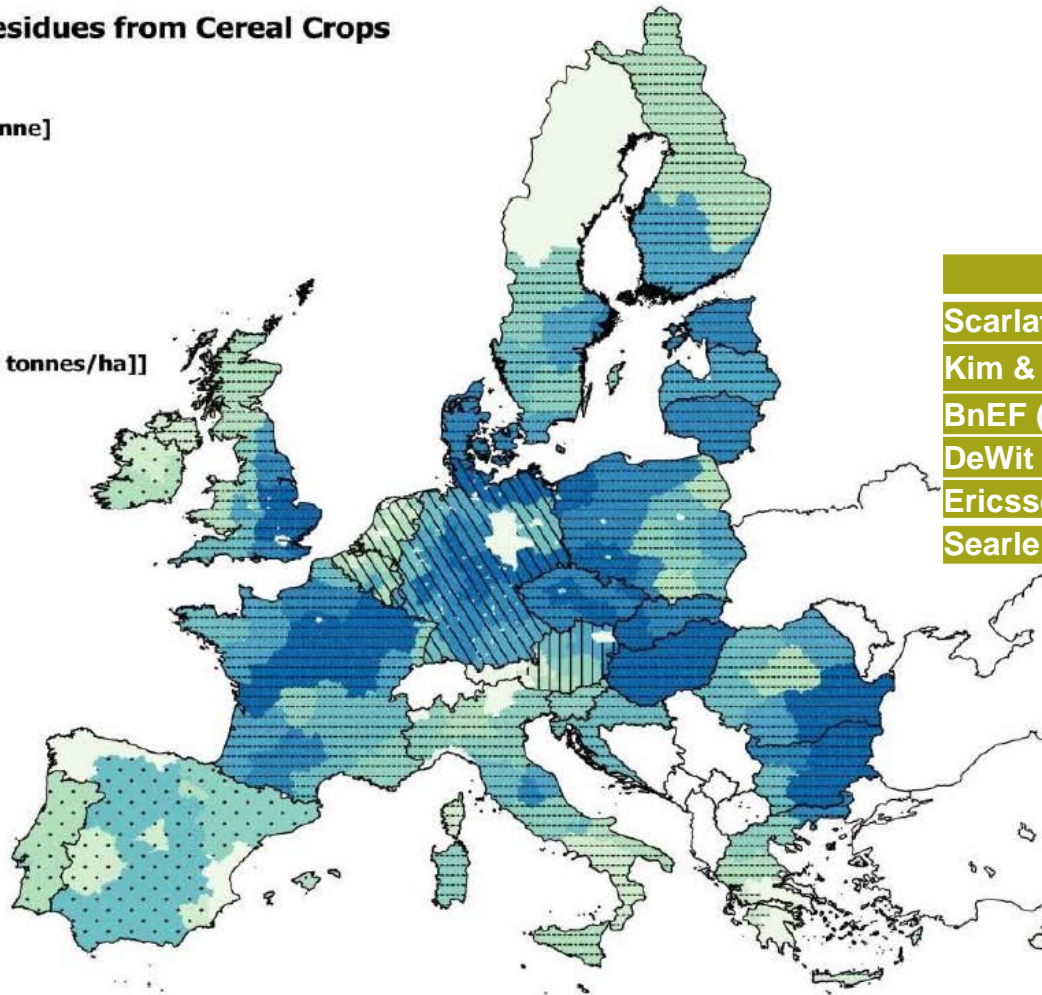
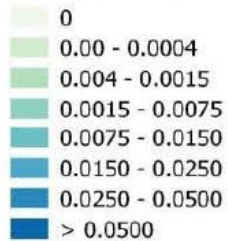
Cost Supply: Residues from Cereal Crops

2012

Cost Levels [EUR/tonne]



Supply Levels [1000 tonnes/ha]

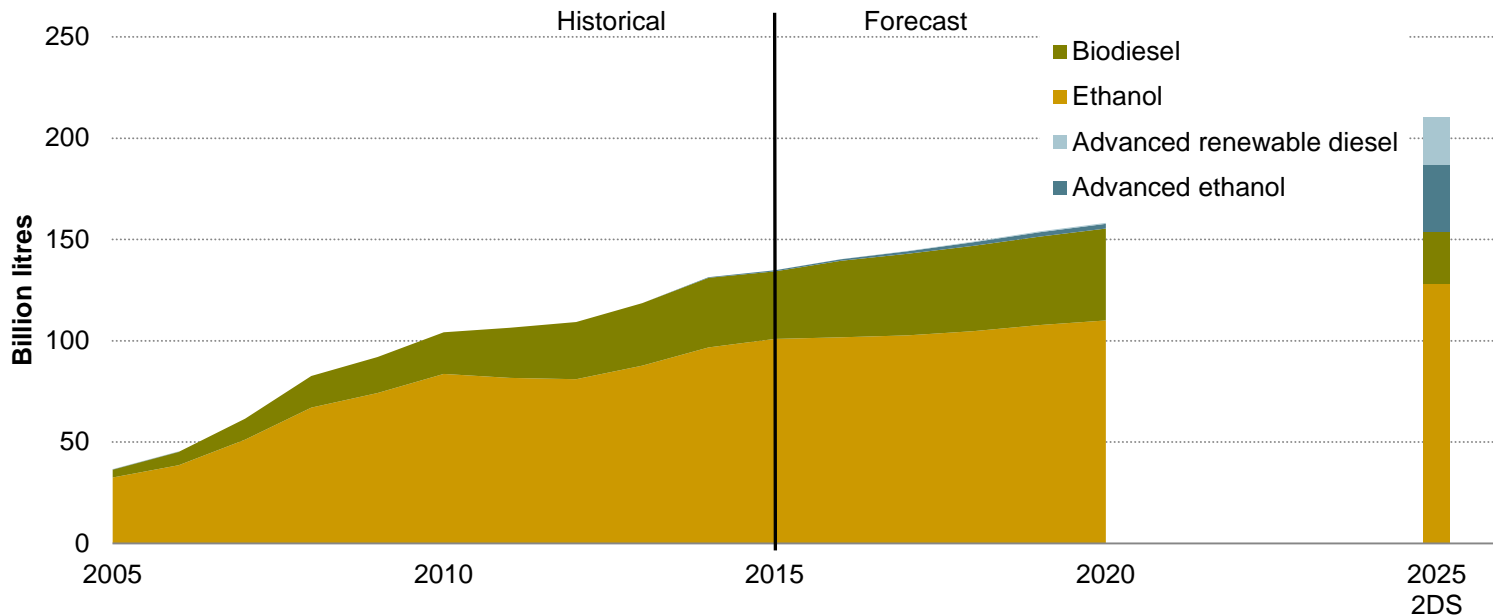


exemplary literature estimates for residue availability in the EU

	million tonnes yr ⁻¹
Scarlat et al. (2010)	62-109
Kim & dale (2004)	225
BnEF (2012)	151
DeWit & Faaij (2010)	182-229
Ericsson & Nilsson (2006)	35-53
Searle & Malins C. (2013)	139

Source: <http://www.s2biom.eu/en/>, Delivery of sustainable supply of non-food biomass to support a “resource-efficient” Bioeconomy in Europe, EU-7th Frame Programme. Grant Agreement no. 608622

Global biofuels production



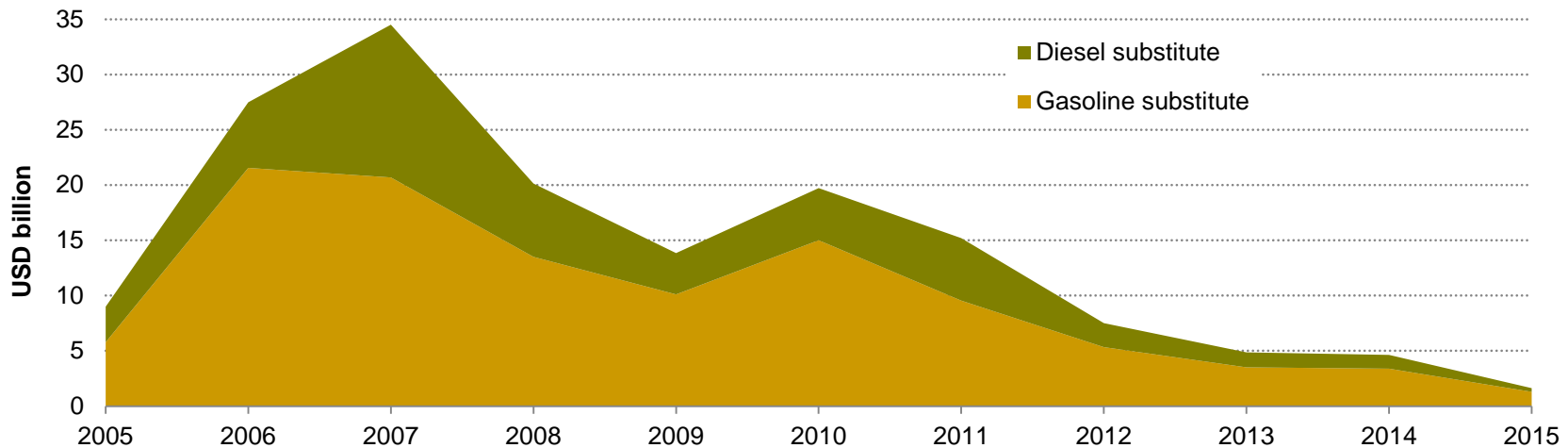
Source: own representation based on International Energy Agency (2016), Tracking Clean Energy Progress 2016, OECD/IEA, Paris

the urgency for drastic disproportional emission reductions in the transport sector is growing...

decarbonisation by 2050 requires:

- + traffic efficiency
- + alternative drives
- + alternative fuels

Global Biofuels Industry Investments



Source: own representation based on Bloomberg New Energy Finance (BNEF) (2015), Funds Committed (database), www.bnef.com/FundsCommitted/search.

- 7 commercial-scale advanced biofuel plants commissioned in 2014-15, adding over 650 Mio. Liters of new production capacity
- **In all relevant European energy scenarios biofuels play a significant role**
- 95 % of new registrations in Brazil in 2015 were for flexible-fuel vehicles

The commercial uptake of advanced biofuels - slower than predicted



Source: own representation based on company presse releases and <http://demoplants.bioenergy2020.eu/>

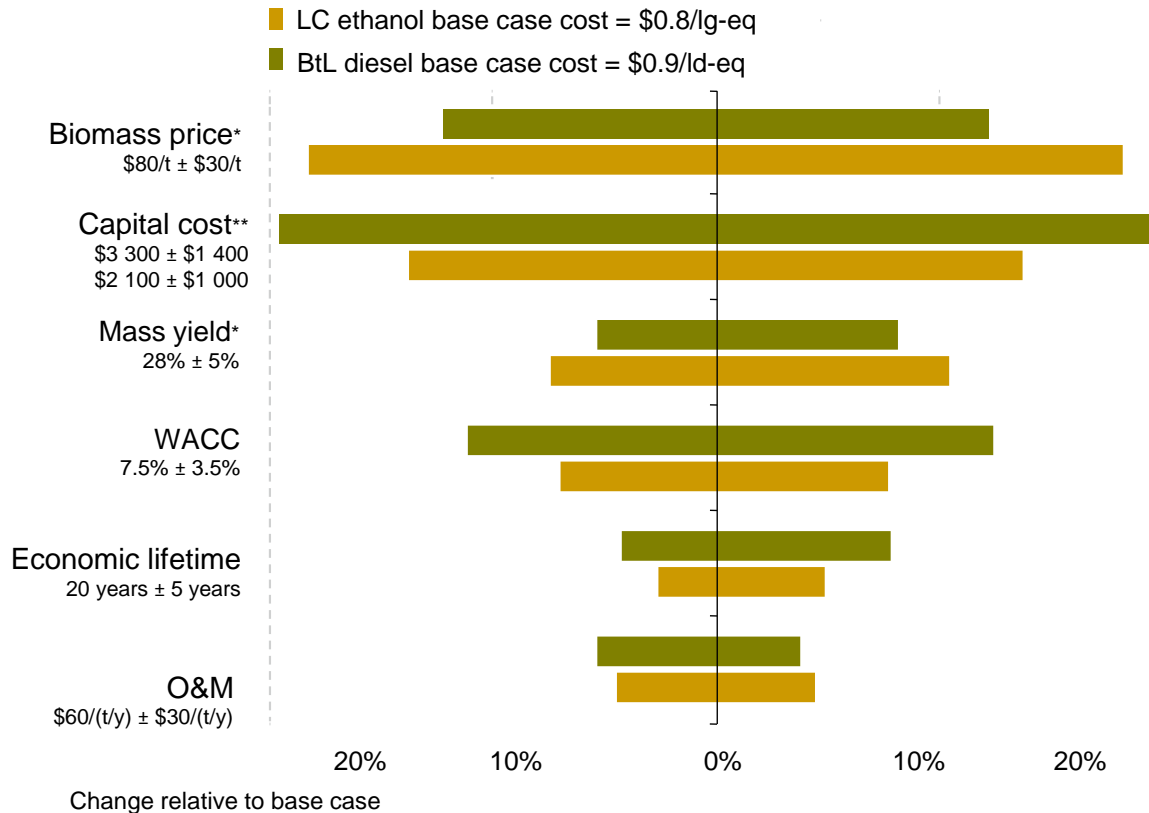
A high number of projects with pending investment decisions, freezed or cancelled

(Woodspirit-NL, UPM Stracel BTL – FR, Ajos BTL – FIN, CEG Plant – PL, Gobigas 2 & Pyrogrot – SE, Maabjerg Energy Concept - DK...)

A lot more...



Sensitivity analysis of levelised cost of advanced biofuels production



The main levers for cost reduction of advanced biofuel processes are **supplying cheap biomass and decreasing capital costs**

Revenue from by-products has a detrimental effect on competitiveness

Risk assessment: financing, policies, market regulations

Notes: * On a dry matter basis. ** Capital cost is expressed in dollars per tonne per year of production capacity. LC = lignocellulosic; lg-eq = litres of gasoline equivalent; BtL = biomass-to-liquid; ld-eq = litres of diesel equivalent; WACC = weighted average cost of capital; O&M = operation and maintenance; t/y = tonnes per year.

Source: International Energy Agency (2016) World Energy Outlook 2016, OECD//IEA

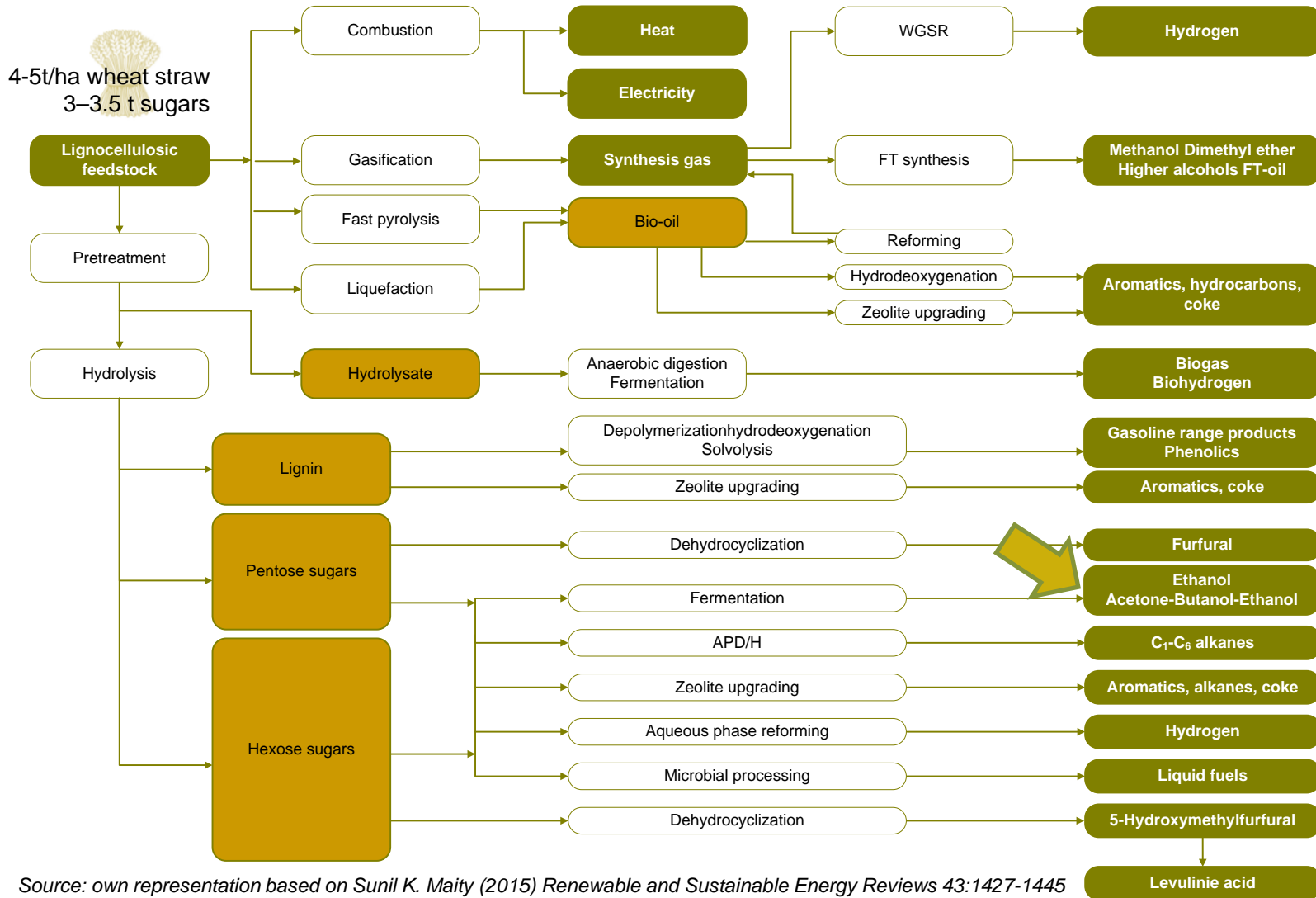
Building blocks for policy

- Most of the Member States consider a **fuel-mix strategy**: Cellulosic ethanol offers a fast track to decarbonisation as advanced biofuel
- **Performance based standards** that set an overall emission reduction target for transport options are best suited to regulating fairly comparable fuel alternatives
- **Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)** is a valuable tool for policy making: The parameters should be 'sense-checked' to ensure relevance to real world conditions
- **Driving behavioural and technological change** is the ultimate goal of policies discussed



Coherent sustainability requirements for all pathways!
Policy in this sector leverages innovation
in biotechnologies and bio-based chemistry.
Sugar is the natural substrate to biotechnologies
and a bridge to biobased products

Cellulosic biomass and the biorefinery approach



environmental, economic & societal research

Source: own representation based on Sunil K. Maity (2015) Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews 43:1427-1445

If you have any questions or please contact us!

For more information please visit:

<http://sunliquid-project-fp7.eu/>

<http://www.energieinstitut-linz.at/v2/portfolio-item/sunliquid/>



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