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# Biogas as a key technology within Biofuels oriented Biorefinery Concepts

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## Objectives:

- To increase substantially the production of biofuels that are commercially viable, CO<sub>2</sub>- efficient and compatible with vehicle engines.
- To promote the transition towards “second generation biofuels” which will be produced from a wider range of feedstock (including waste biomass and bio based products from industry).
- To promote the transition towards “fully integrated biorefinery concepts”.
- To reduce competition for land and food. To produce biofuels in the most efficient way.



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## Selected ongoing projects



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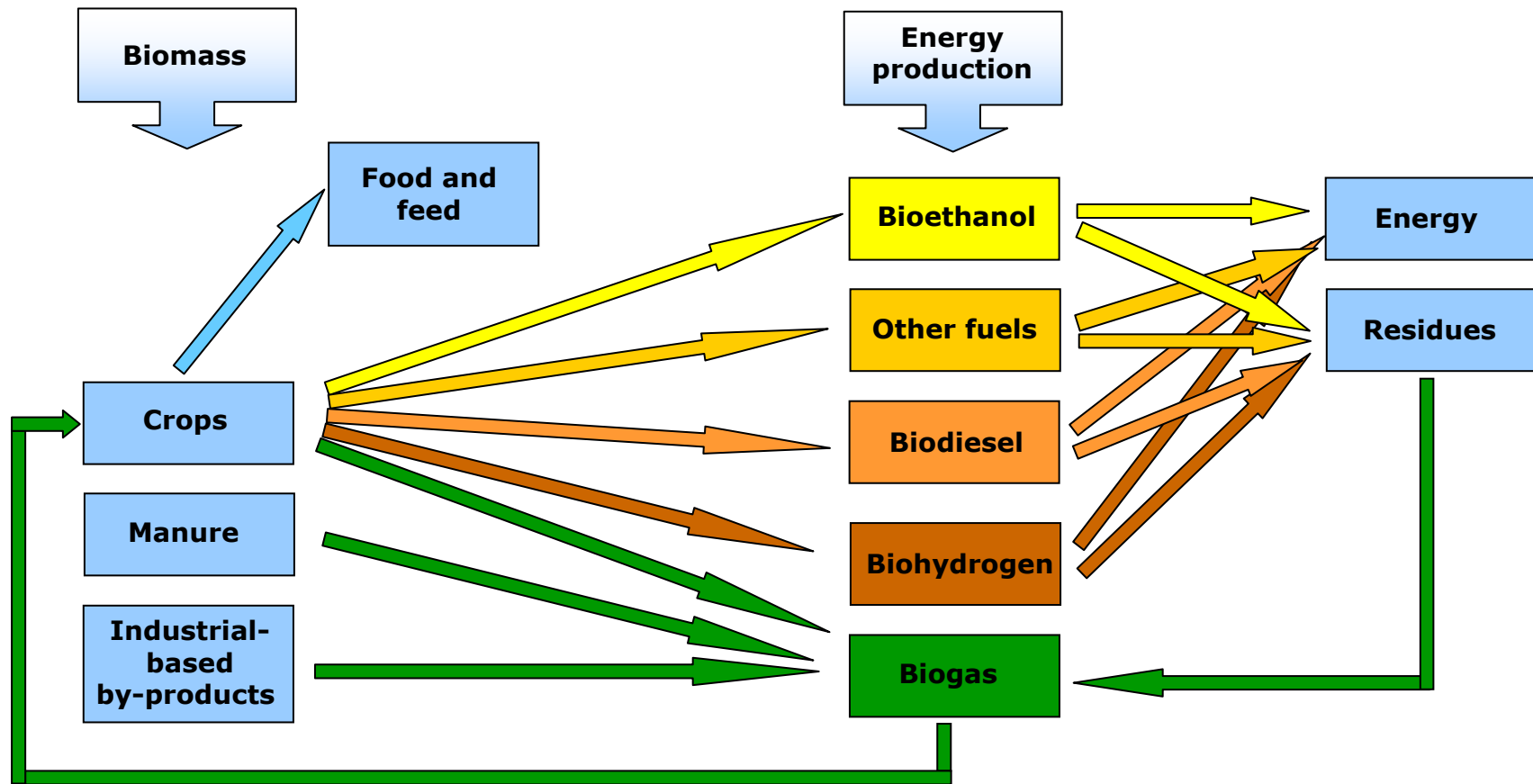


- Agricultural Resources for Biogas Production
- Polygeneration of bioethanol, biogas, heat and electricity by Sun Power Plant Project Ltd "S3P"
- Eu-Agro-Biogas: European biogas initiative to improve the yield of agricultural biogas plants (Coordinator)
- Can the transfer of veterinary antibiotics into soil can be reduced by biogas plants?
- Optimisation of acquisition and distribution logistics of large biogas plants

[http://forschung.boku.ac.at/fis/suche.person\\_projekte?sprache\\_in=en&person\\_id\\_in=8](http://forschung.boku.ac.at/fis/suche.person_projekte?sprache_in=en&person_id_in=8)

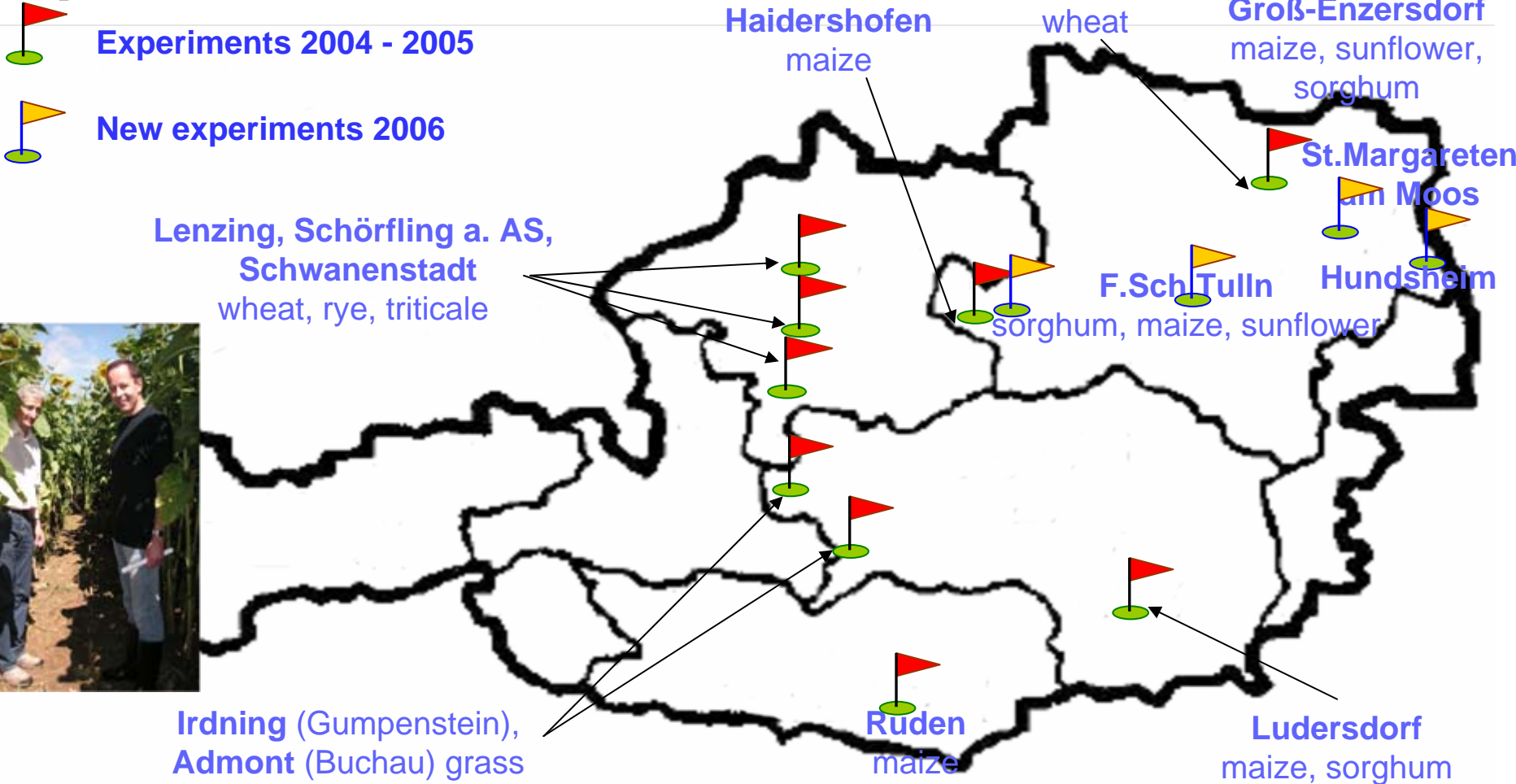


# Fuel-oriented fully-integrated biorefinery system





# Geographic allocation of field experiments in Austria







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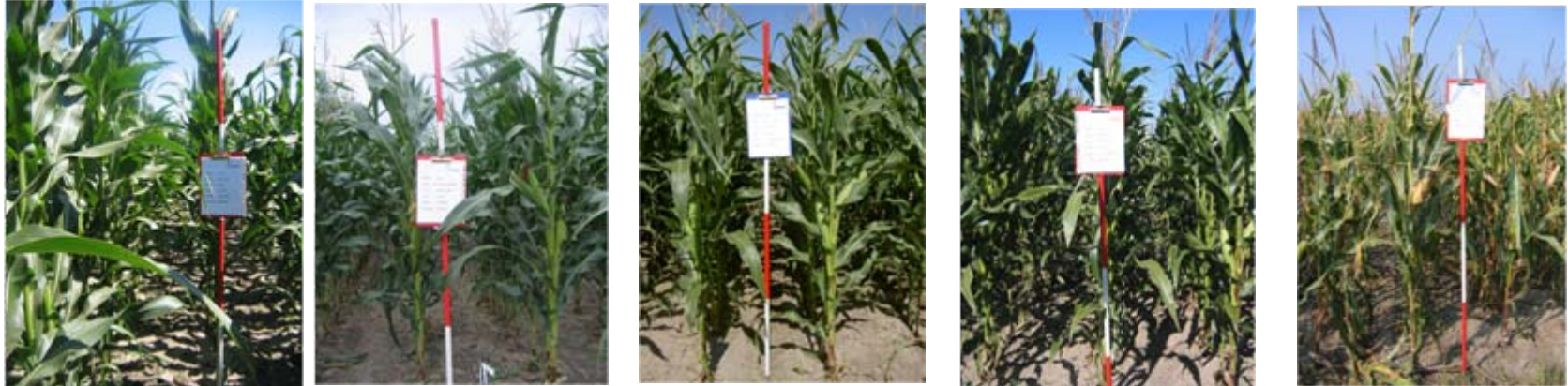


Haidershofen





## Maissorte: KWS 1393



1. Ernte: 18.7.   2. Ernte: 1.8.   3. Ernte: 17.8.   4. Ernte: 5.9.   5. Ernte: 28.9.

## Sonnenblumensorte: PR64 H24



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# Biogas production from maize:

Varieties: early or late ripening? Location?  
Harvest: early or late?



1 harvest – 76 days of veg.  
34 - Vierknotenstadium

2 harvest – 89 days of veg.  
51 - Rispenschieben

4 harvest – 111 days of veg.  
73 – frühe Milchreife

5 harvest – 132 days of veg.  
85 - Teigreife

6 harvest – 142 days of veg.  
89 - Vollreife



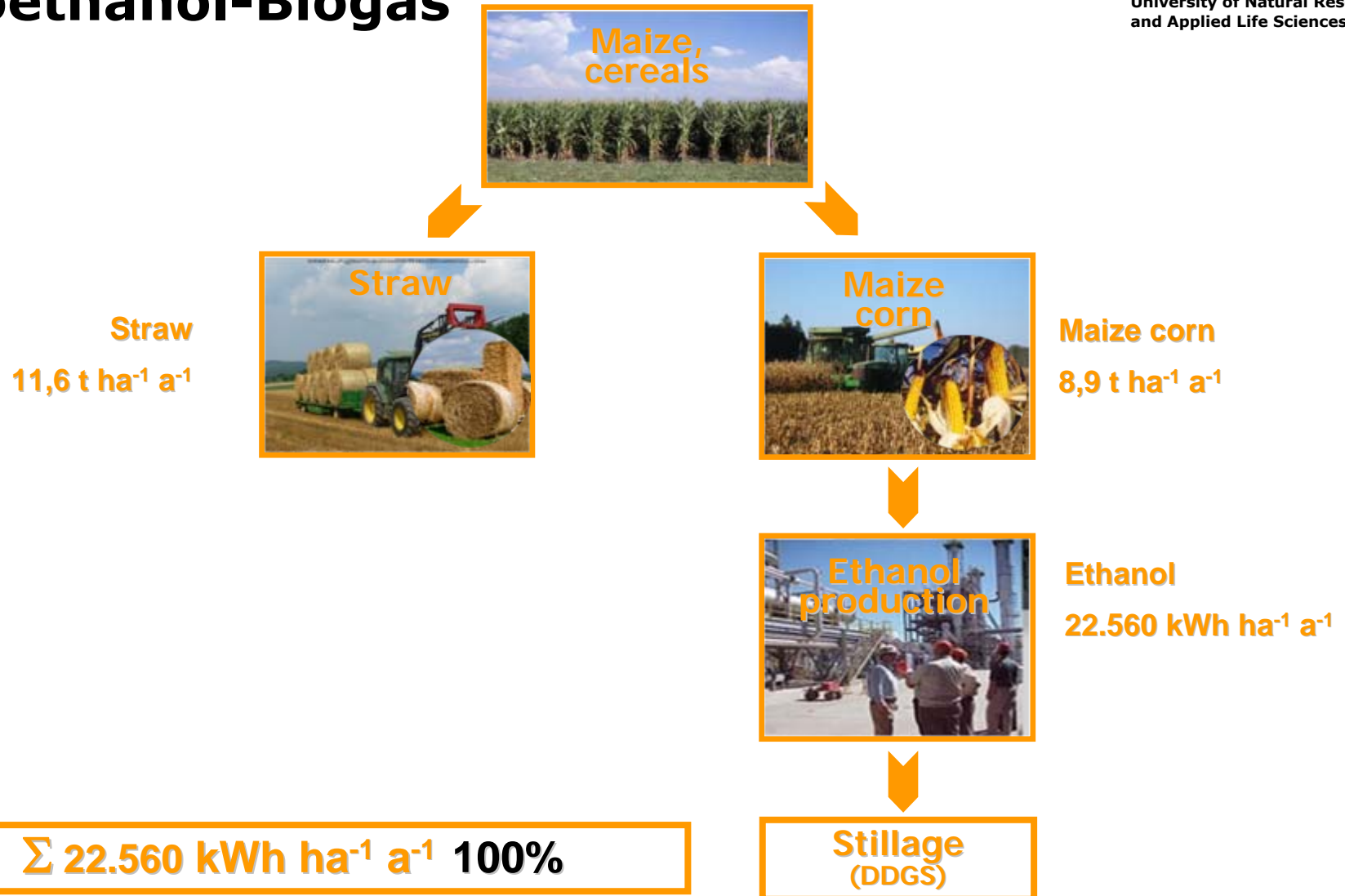


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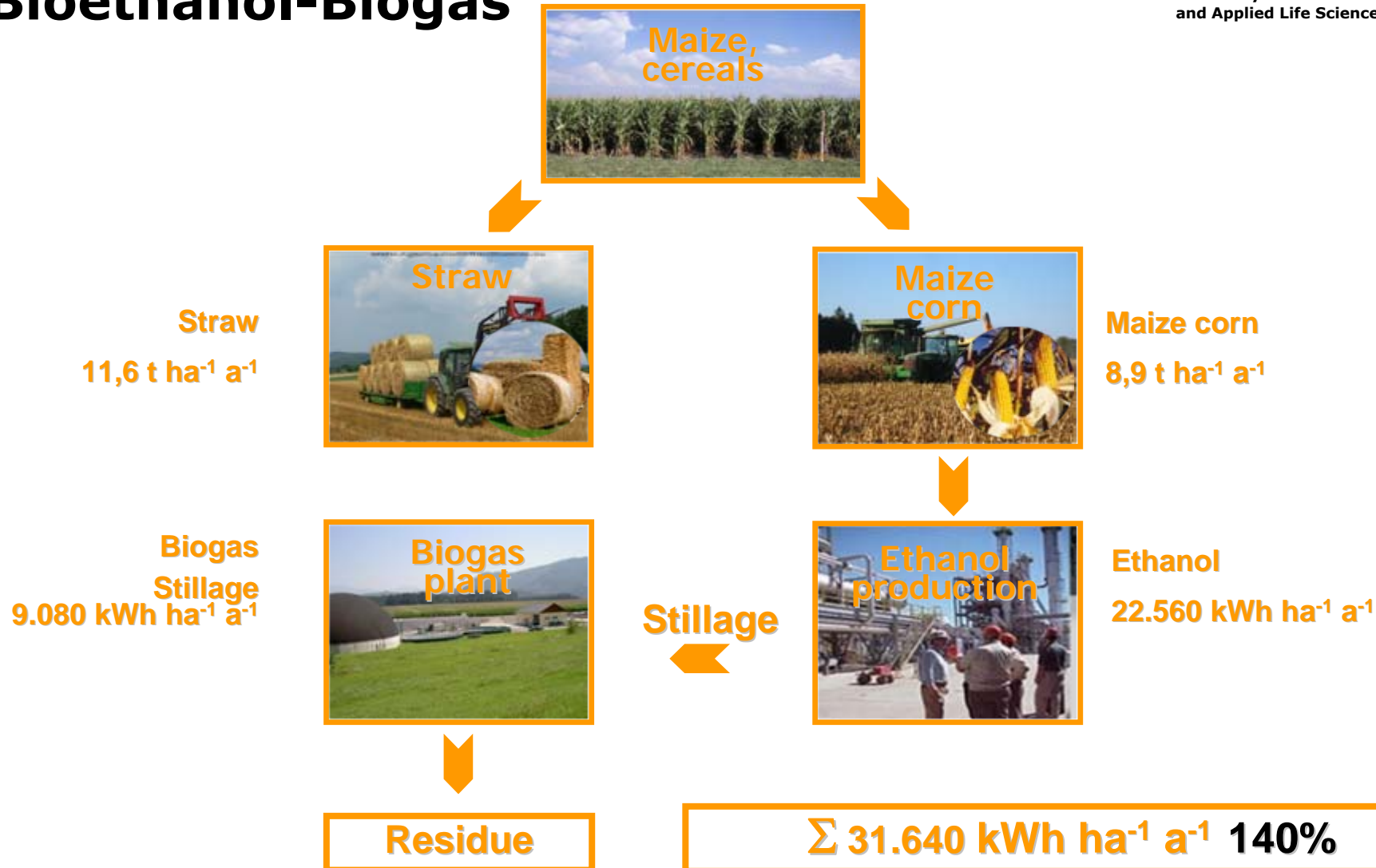
# R&D Exampel 1: Polygeneration of bioethanol, biogas, heat and electricity by Sun Power Plant Project Ltd "S3P"



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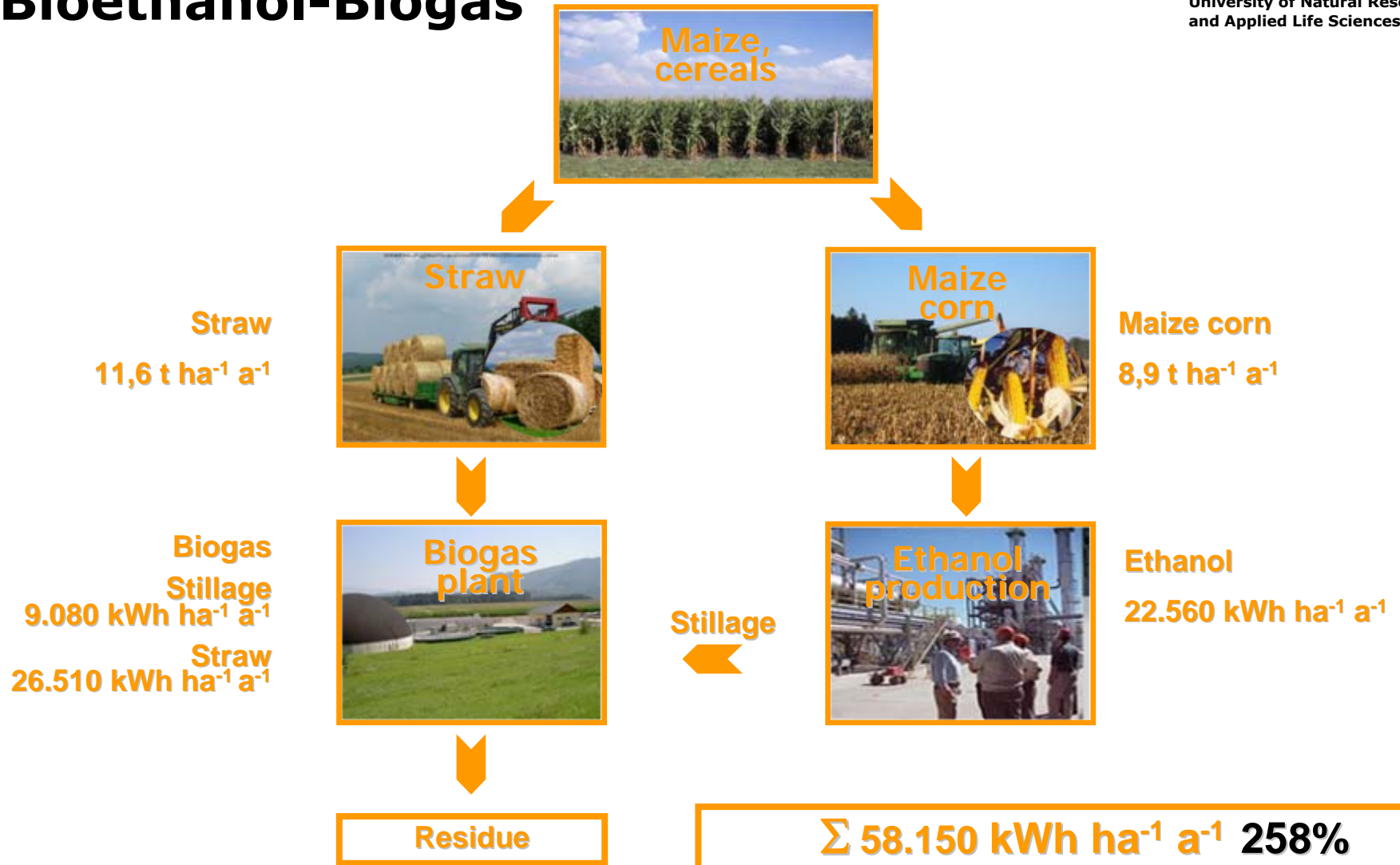


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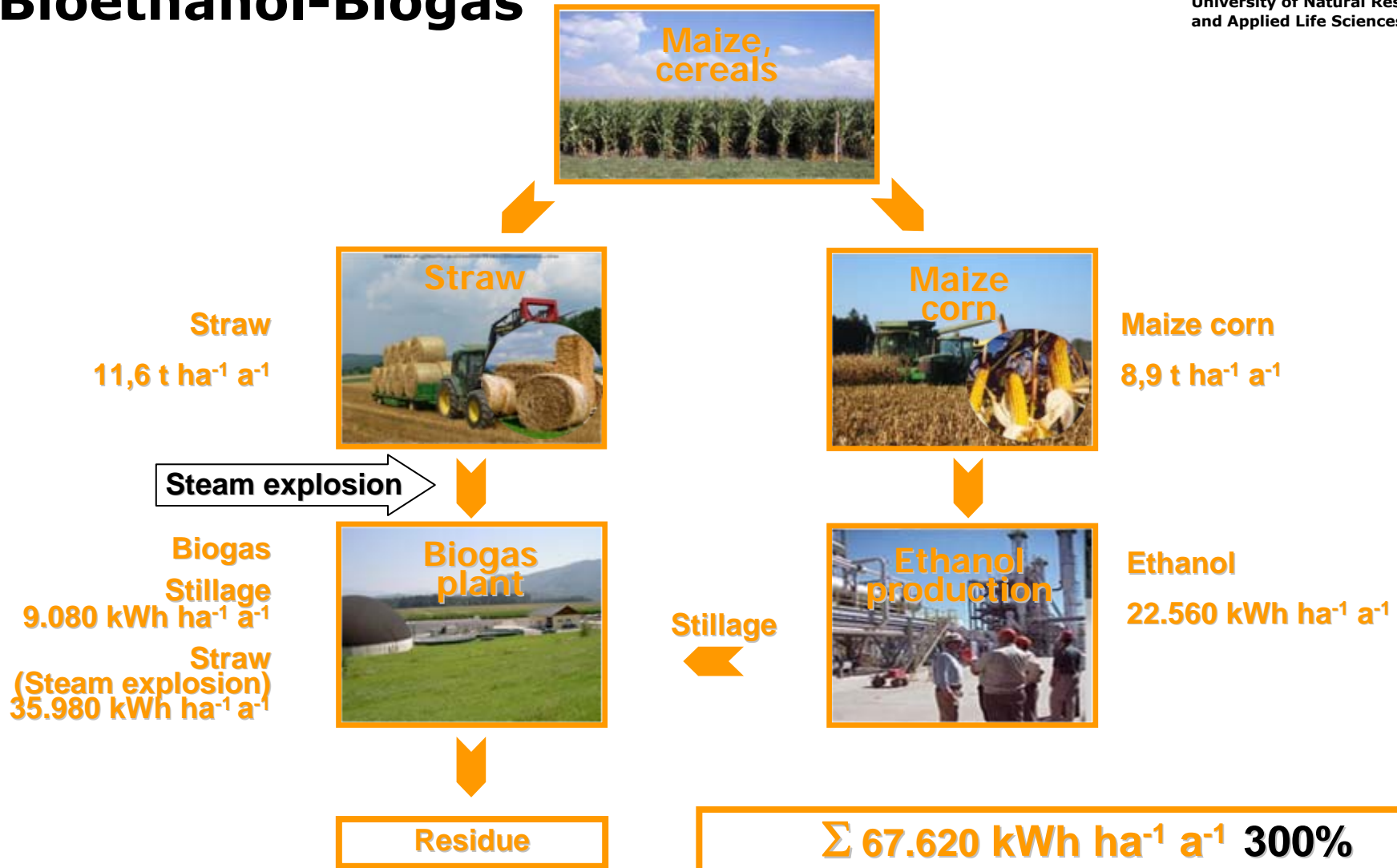




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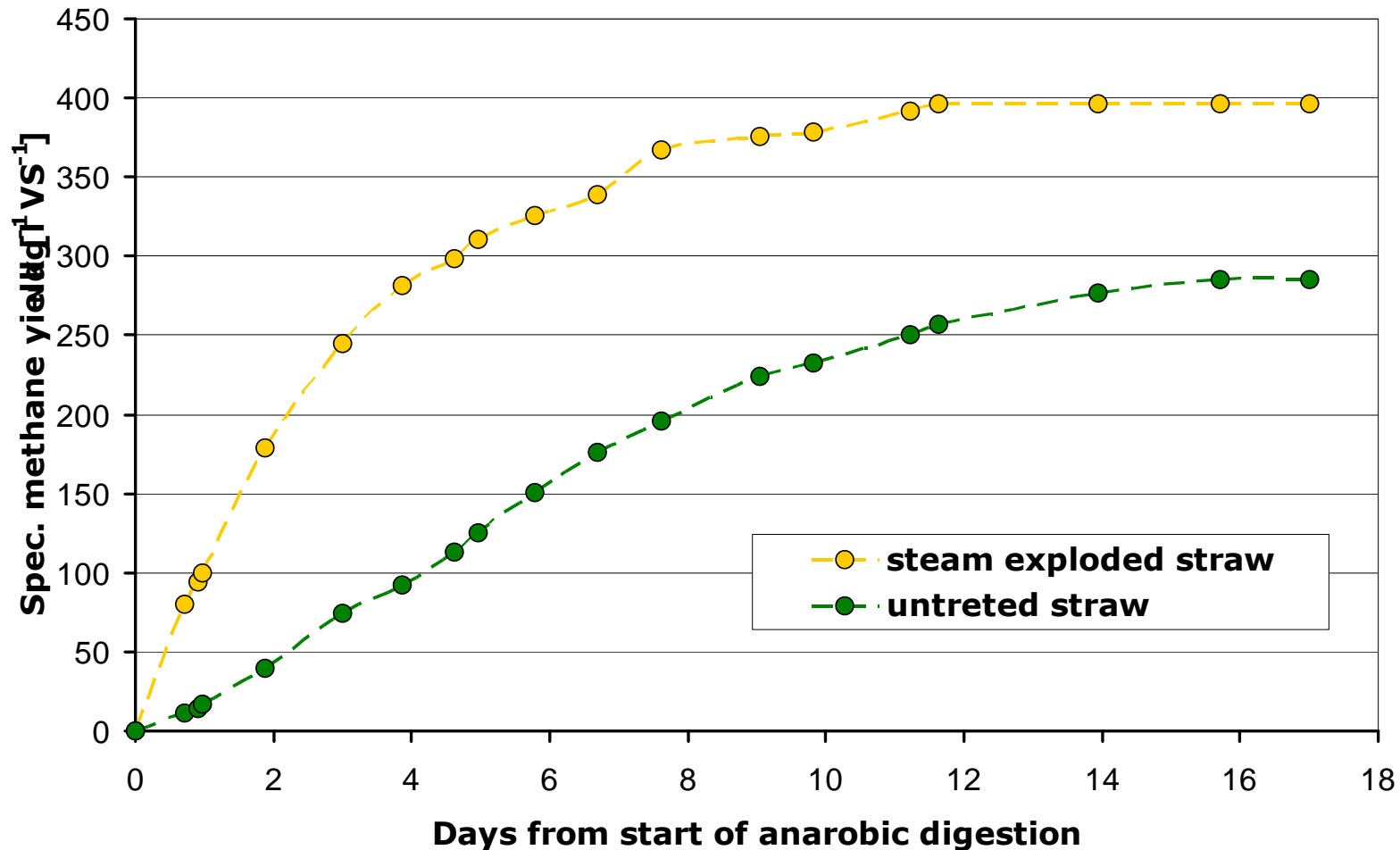
# Technical development of hydrolyses via steam-explosion







# Methane yield from untreated and steam exploded wheat straw





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## R&D Exampel 2: Eu-Agro-Biogas; Online European substrate atlas/database

### MEWM for substrates and mixtures of substrates from biorefinery systems





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Supplement group	Supplement	Basic mixture	
		Pig manure	Maize silage
	(% FM)	(% FM)	(% FM)
Basic mixture	--	40	60
<u>Group 1</u> maize draff (MD)	10	36	54
	30	28	42
	50	20	30
	70	12	18
<u>Group 2</u> rape cake (RC)	10	36	54
	30	28	42
	50	20	30
	70	12	18
<u>Group 3</u> crude glycerol (CG)	10	36	54
	30	28	42
	50	20	30
	70	12	18
<u>Group 4</u> residues of starch production from maize (RSP maize)	10	36	54
	30	28	42
	50	20	30
	70	12	18
<u>Group 5</u> residues of starch production from potatoes (RSP potatoes)	10	36	54
	30	28	42
	50	20	30
	70	12	18





# MEVM – biofuels oriented & starch Biorefinery

Model 1: crude protein (XP), crude fat (XL),  
crude fiber (XF) and crude ash (XA)

Regression's equation	n	adj. r <sup>2</sup>	r <sup>2</sup>	Significance
$\text{CH}_4 = 402,55^{***} (\pm 31,05) - 3,20 (\pm 0,74) \text{XP}^{***} + 4,27 (\pm 0,87) \text{XL}^{***} + 0,23 (\pm 1,61) \text{XF} - 2,27 (\pm 1,03) \text{XA}^*$	50	0,7698	0,7886	***

Significance: \* < 0,05; \*\* < 0,01; \*\*\* < 0,001



# MEVM – biofuels oriented & starch Biorefinery

Model 2: crude protein (XP), crude fat (XL), ADL, hemicellulose (HCEL), cellulose (CEL), starch (STC) and sugar (SUG)

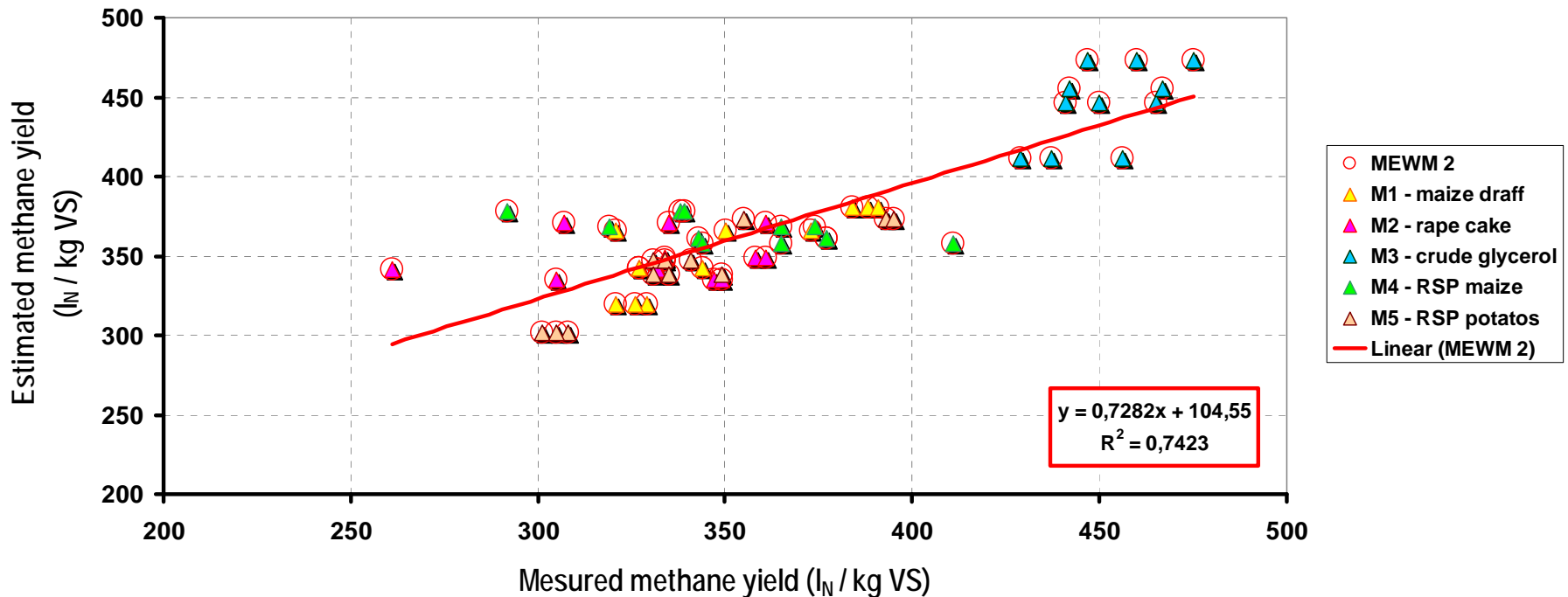
Regression's equation	n	adj. r <sup>2</sup>	r <sup>2</sup>	Significance
$\text{CH}_4 = 306,03^{***} (\pm 62,10) + 76,95 (\pm 87,14) \text{XP} + 7,04 (\pm 2,52) \text{XL}^{**}$ $+ 1469,19 (\pm 1523,06) \text{ADL} - 327,25 (\pm 337,28) \text{HCEL} - 496,06$ $(\pm 508,28) \text{CEL} + 454,98 (\pm 462,2) \text{STC} - 444,58 (\pm 486,66) \text{SUG}$	50	0,8656	0,8848	***

Significance: \* < 0,05; \*\* < 0,01; \*\*\* < 0,001



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Comparison of measured and estimated methane yield according MEVM 2 from different mixtures at the biorefinery system 2

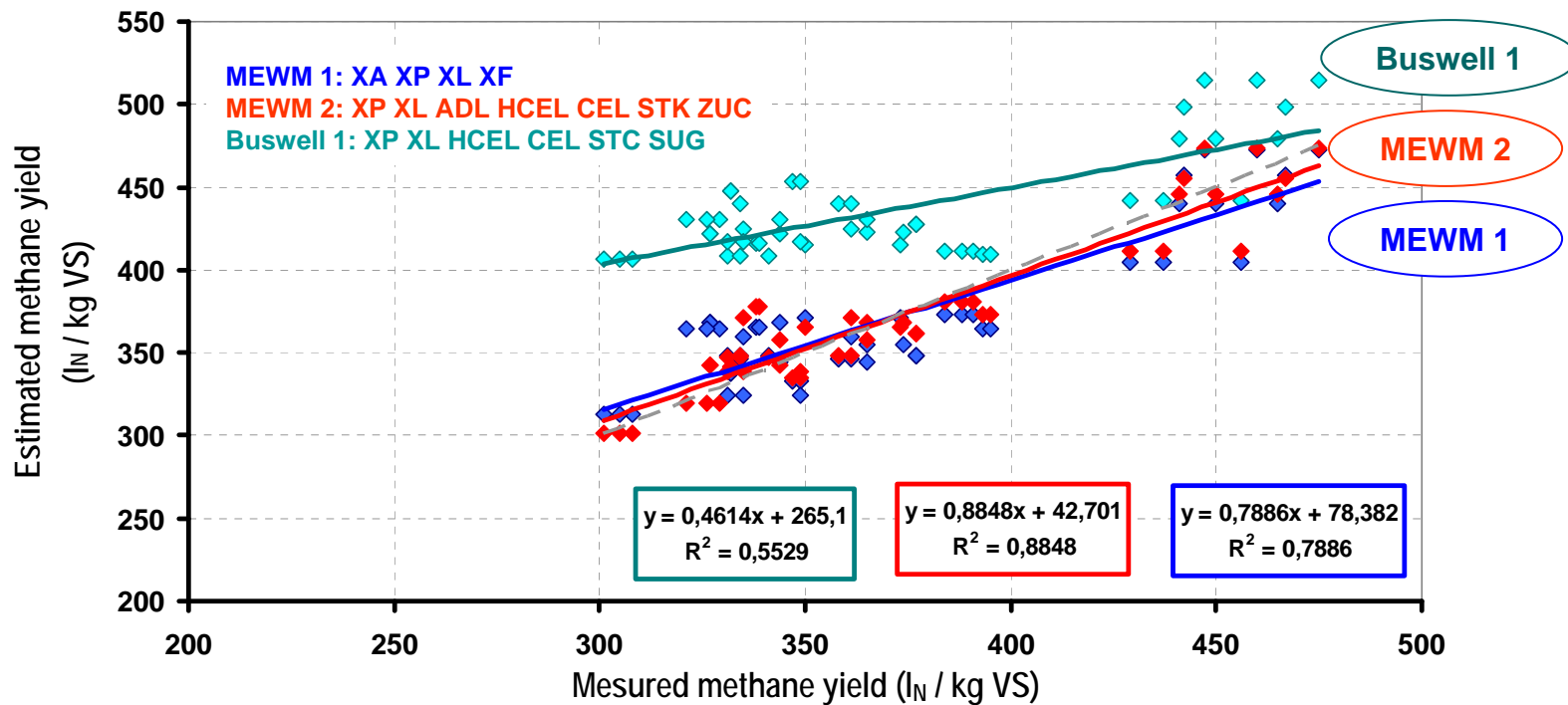






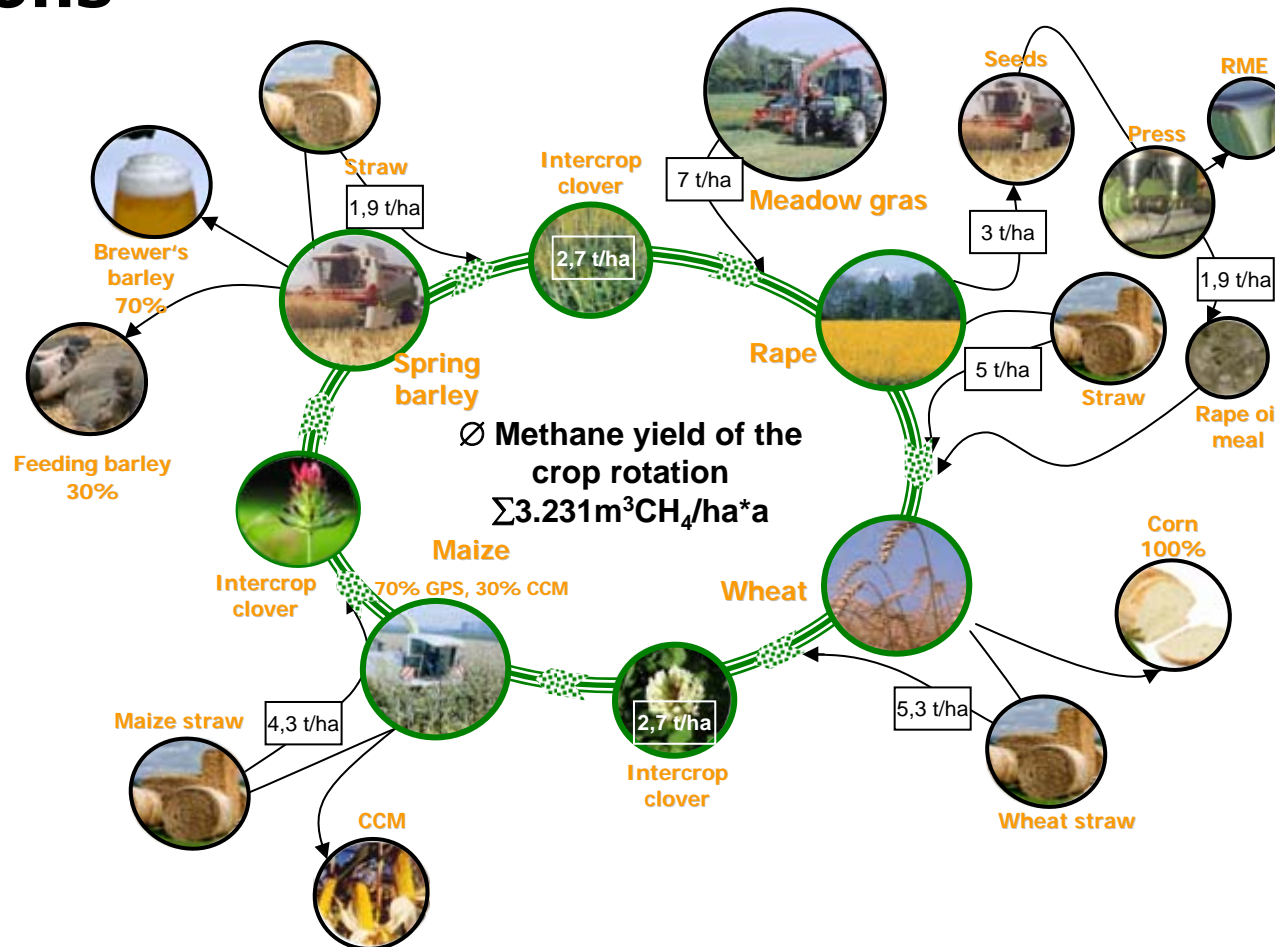
# MEVM – biofuels oriented & starch Biorefinery

Comparison of measured and estimated methane yield according MEWM 1 and 2 and Buswell equation from different mixtures at the biorefinery system 2





# Biogas production from integrated biorefinery complexes and sustainable crop rotations





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# Biogaspotenziale in Österreich

## Verfügbare Biomasse [Mio. t DM a<sup>-1</sup>]

Org. Wirtschaftsdünger	4.0
Energiepflanzen & Rückstände	13.0
<b>Σ</b>	<b>≈ 17.0</b>

## GHG Minderung [Mio t CO<sub>2</sub> eq. a<sup>-1</sup>]

Energie Produktion	16.10
CH <sub>4</sub> -Vermeidung	2.20
verbesserte Düngerqualität	0.05
<b>Σ</b>	<b>18.4</b>

## Energieproduktion (heat/power & fuel) [GWh a<sup>-1</sup>]

Wirtschaftsdünger	2.015
Grünland	5.456
Ackerkulturen & Rückstände	48.154
<b>Σ</b>	<b>55.625</b>
<b>≈ power</b>	<b>7.000 MW</b>

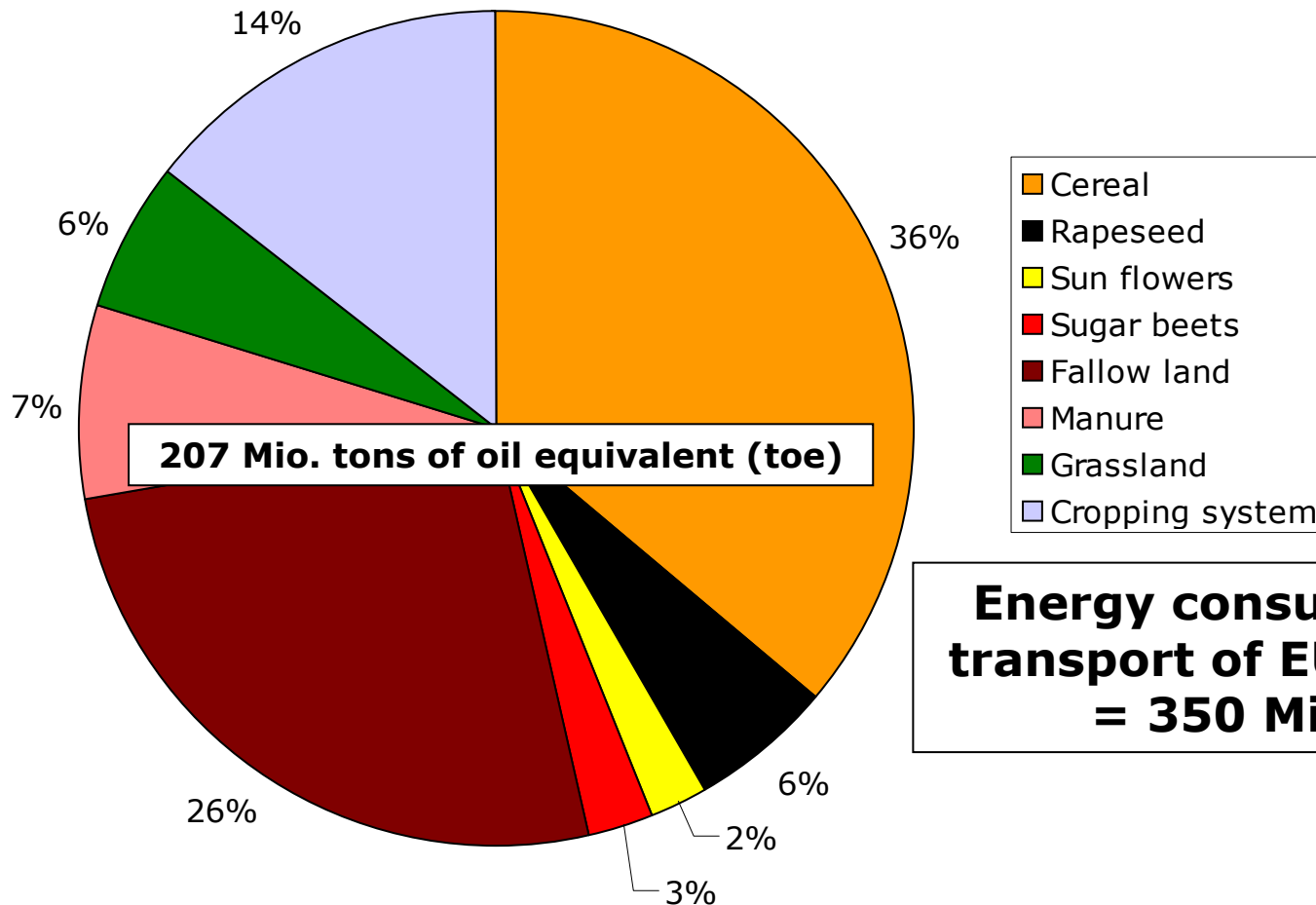
## Sozioökonomische Auswirkungen [x 1000]

Neue Biogasanlagen	10 – 15
zusätzliche Arbeitsplätze	12 – 16
Investitionen [Mio.€ a <sup>-1</sup> ]	≈ 430
Wertschöpfung [Mrd.€ a <sup>-1</sup> ]	2.0 – 3.0



# Methane energy potential of agricultural residues EU25 2005

(Source: Eurostat)



**Energy consumption by transport of EU25 (2004) = 350 Mio. toe**

(Source: Eurostat)