



Sustainability assessment of second generation bioethanol assessment

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Examples for ethanol raw materials



For 1st generation Ethanol

For 2nd generation Ethanol

Maize

Sugar cane

Miscanthus

Straw



Wheat

Sugar beet

Switchgrass

Arundo

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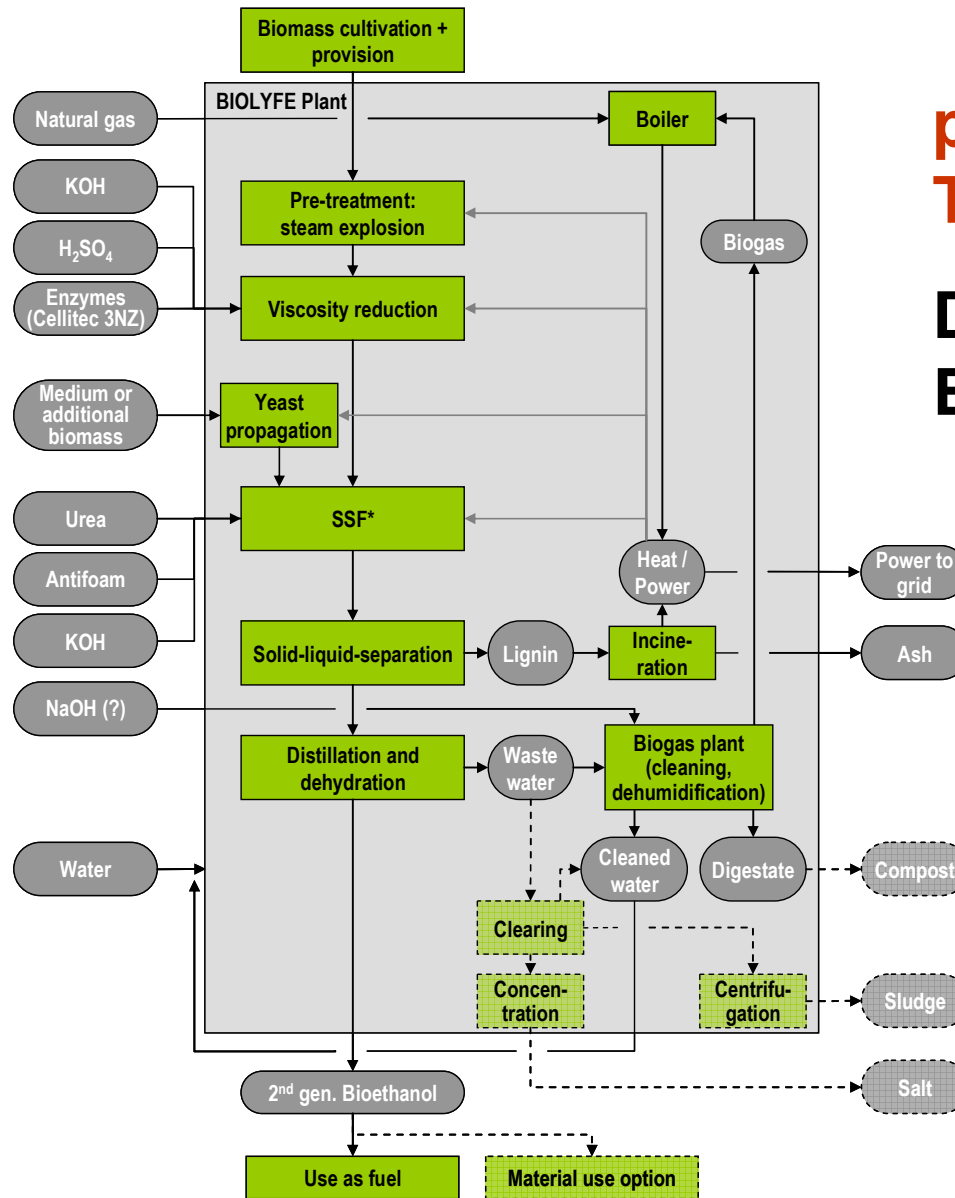
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Technology

Developed by
Biochemtex



* Simultaneous saccharification and fermentation

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Biofuels investigated in the Biolyfe project



Second generation Biolyfe ethanol

Alternative biofuels



Arundo ethanol

Fiber sorghum ethanol

Wheat straw ethanol

Arundo BTL

Wheat ethanol

Sugar beet ethanol

Sugar cane ethanol

Rapeseed biodiesel

Corn ethanol

Maize biomethane



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Sustainable development

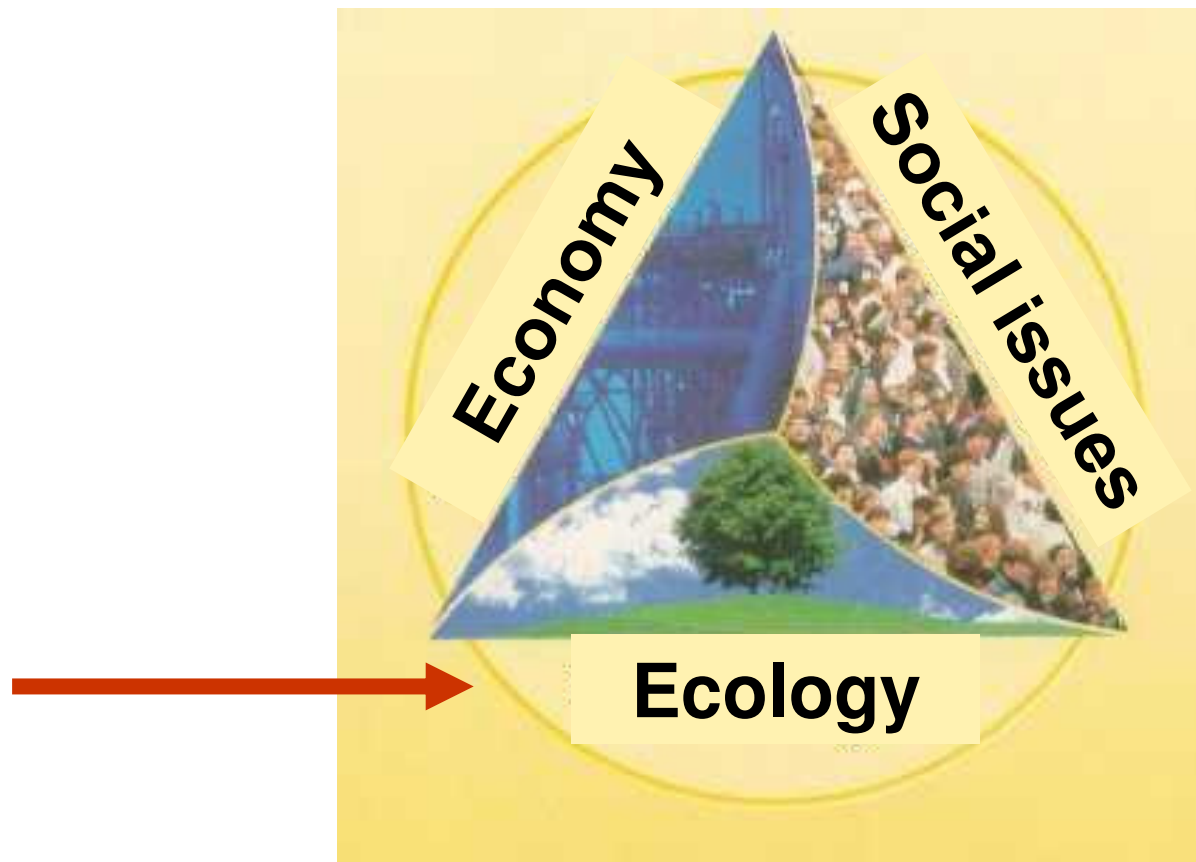
Definition

"Meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs."

Brundtland Commission 1987



The principle of sustainability





Environmental assessment:



Life cycle assessment (LCA & RED*)

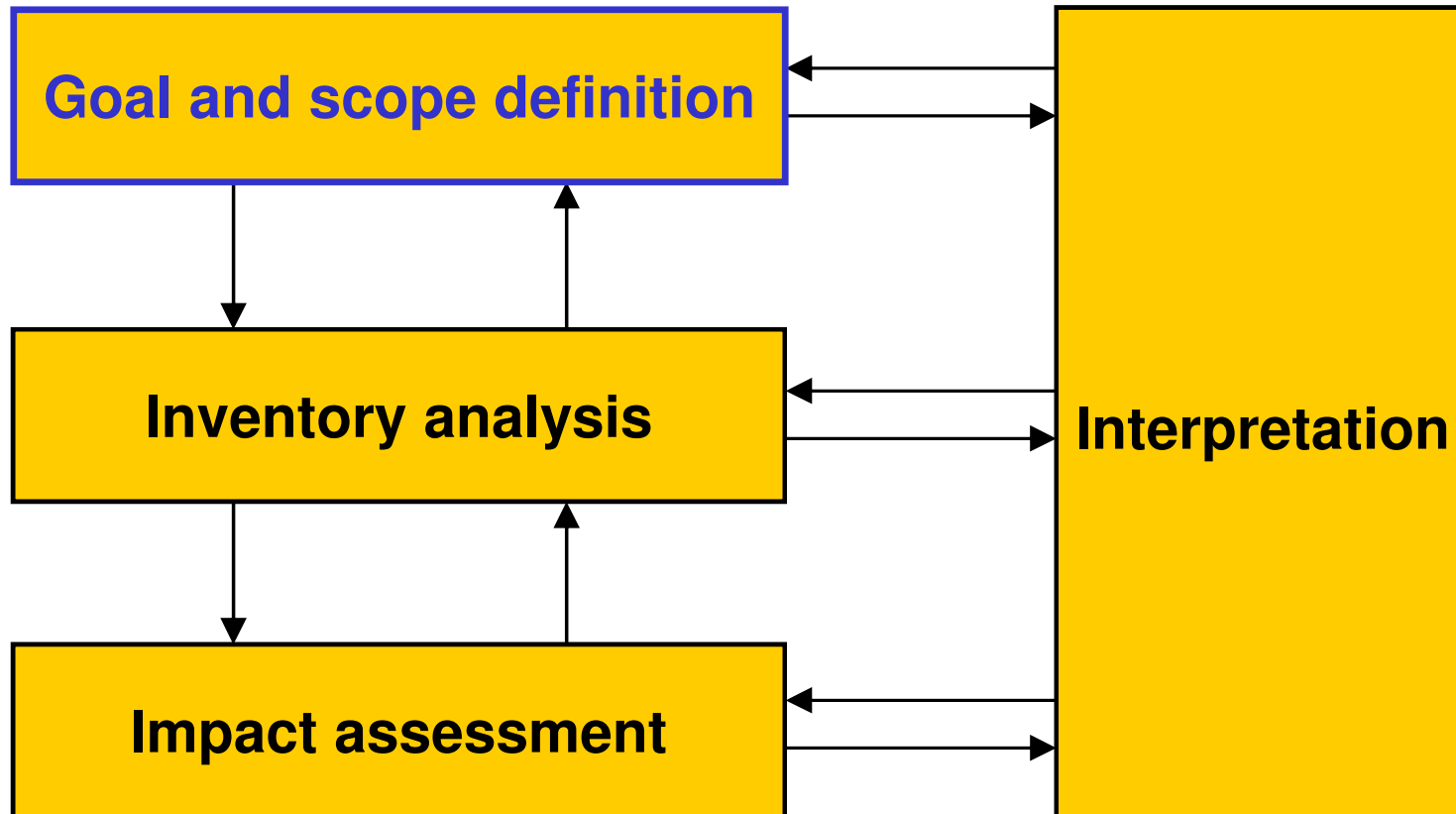
Life cycle environmental impact assessment (LC- EIA)

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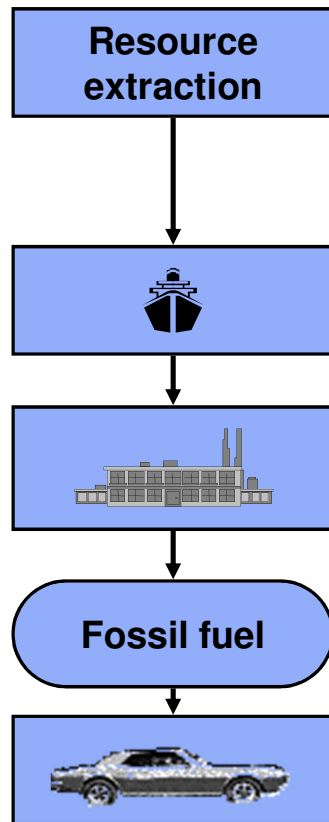


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ISO 14040 & 14044



Product reference system



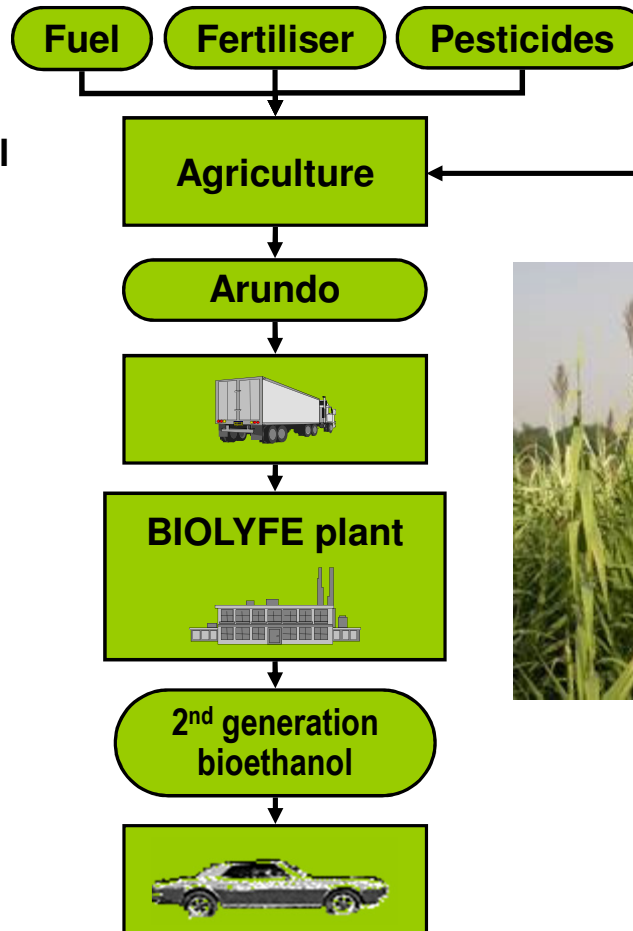
Raw material production

Transport

Processing

Utilisation

BIOLYFE system



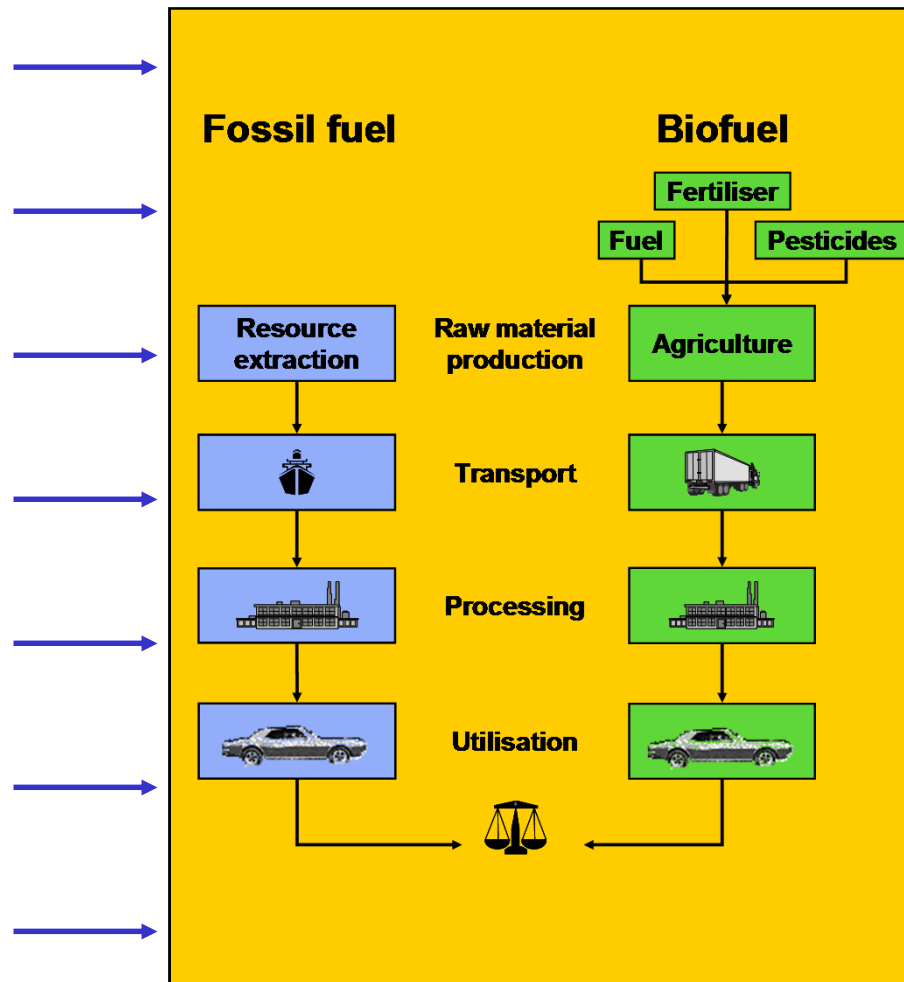
Agricultural reference system



Inputs

e.g.:

- natural gas
- crude oil
- brown coal
- hard coal
- uranium
- water



Outputs

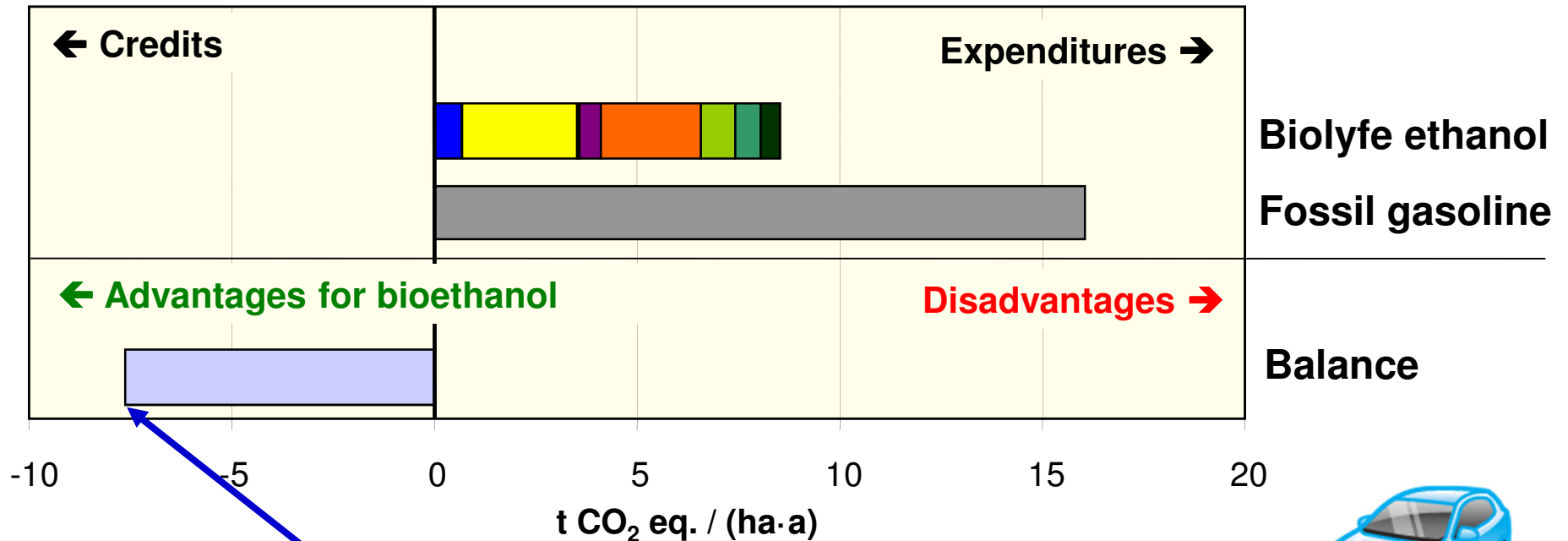
e.g.:

- CO₂
- SO₂
- CH₄
- NO_x
- NH₃
- N₂O
- HCl
- CO
- C₆H₆
- VOC

Biolyfe ethanol from Arundo vs. gasoline



Greenhouse effect



Expenditures:

- Agriculture: diesel
- Agriculture: rest
- Conversion: material input
- Power
- Conversion: emissions from lignin combustion

■ Agriculture: fertiliser



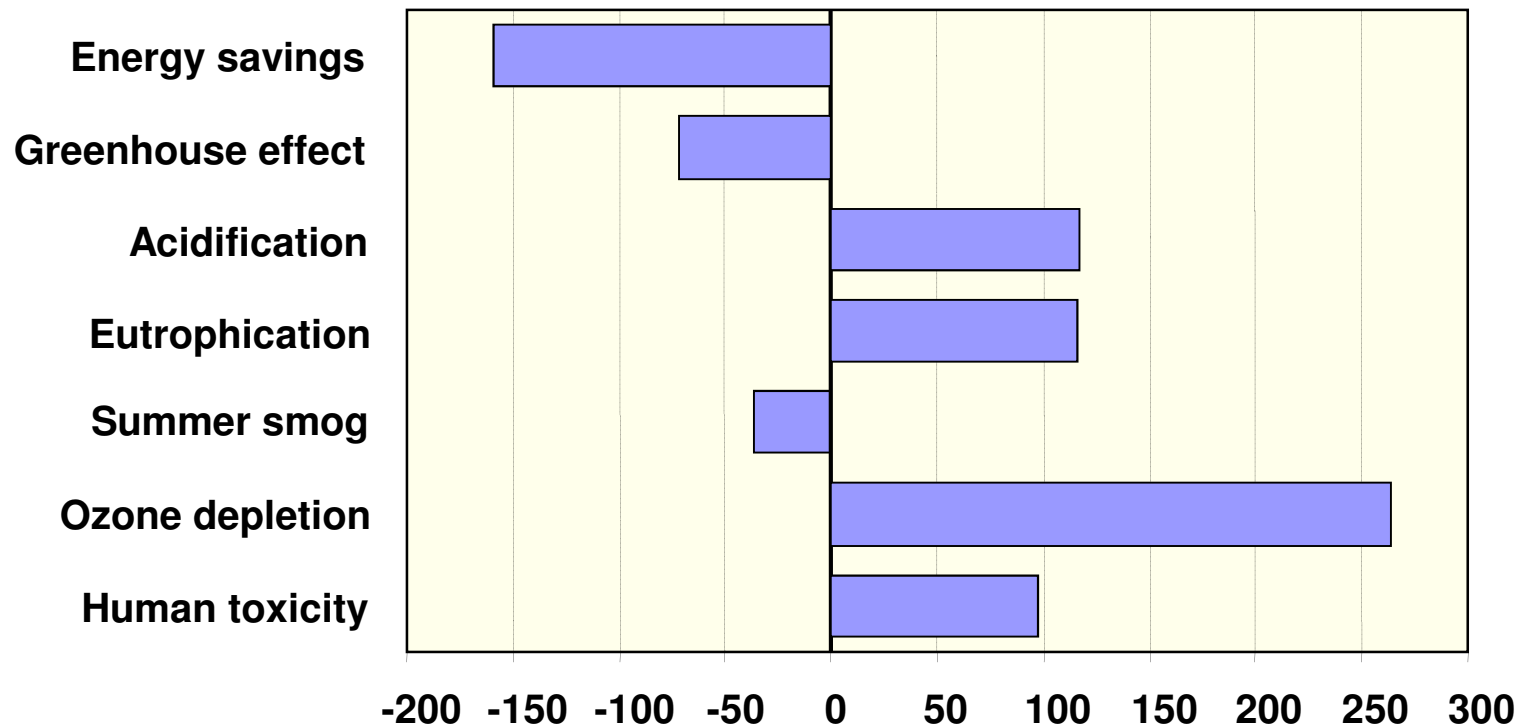
Equals a ride with a compact car of about 41.000 km, which is slightly more than the perimeter of the earth.

Source: IFEU 2013

Impact category	Parameter	Substances (LCI)
Resource demand	Sum of depletable primary energy carriers Mineral resources	Crude oil, natural gas, coal, Uranium, ... Lime, clay, metal ores, salt, pyrite, ...
Greenhouse effect	CO ₂ equivalents	Carbon dioxide, dinitrogen monoxide, methane, different CFCs, methyl bromide, ...
Ozone depletion	F11 equivalents, (Nitrous oxide)	CFC, halone, methyl bromide, ...
Acidification	SO ₂ equivalents	Sulphur dioxide, hydrogen chloride, nitrogen oxides, ammonia, ...
Eutrophication	PO ₄ equivalents	Nitrogen oxides, ammonia, phosphate, nitrate
Photosmog	Ethylene equivalents	Hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, chlorinated hydrocarbons, ...
Human and Ecotoxicity		Nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, hydrogen chloride, diesel particles, dust, ammonia, benzene, benzo(a)pyrene, sulphur dioxide, dioxines (TCDD), ...

Biolyme bioethanol from Arundo vs. gasoline

← Advantages for bioethanol Advantages for gasoline →



Arundo

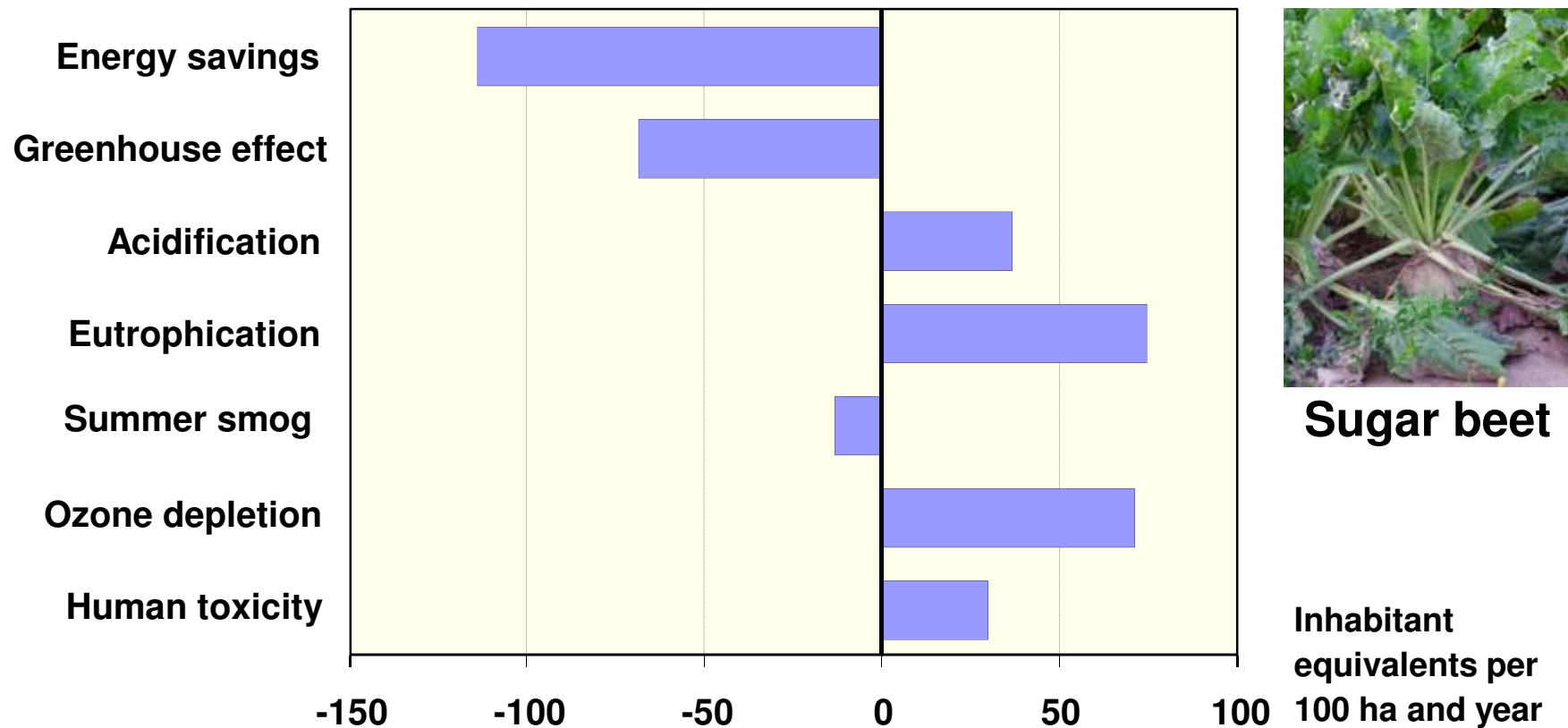
Inhabitant equivalents per 100 ha and year

Source: IFEU 2013

Bioethanol from sugar beet versus gasoline



← Advantages for bioethanol Advantages for gasoline →

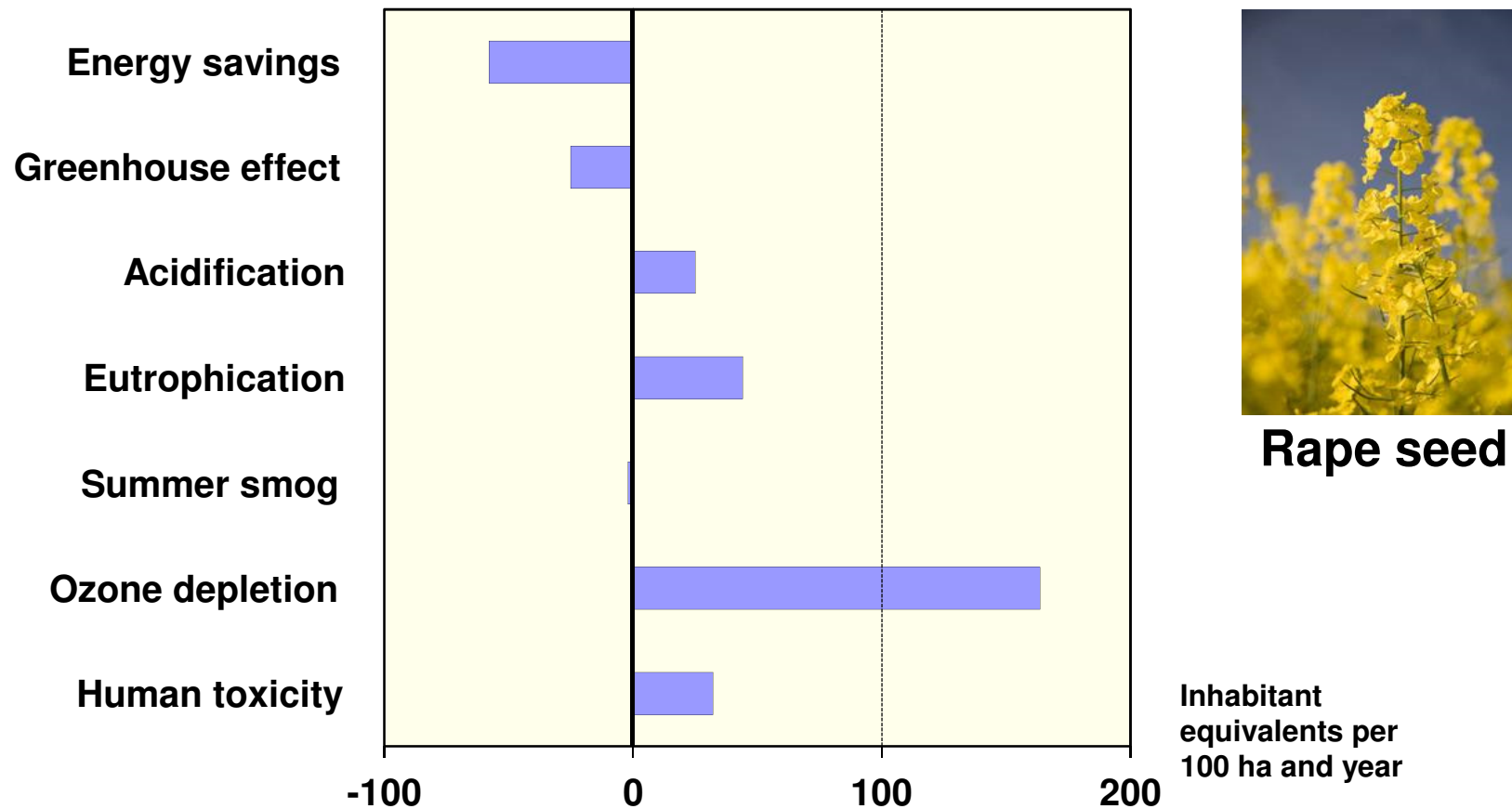


Source: IFEU 2013

Biodiesel from rape seed versus diesel

← **Advantages for biodiesel**

Advantages for diesel →



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Biolyfe bioethanol from Arundo vs. gasoline

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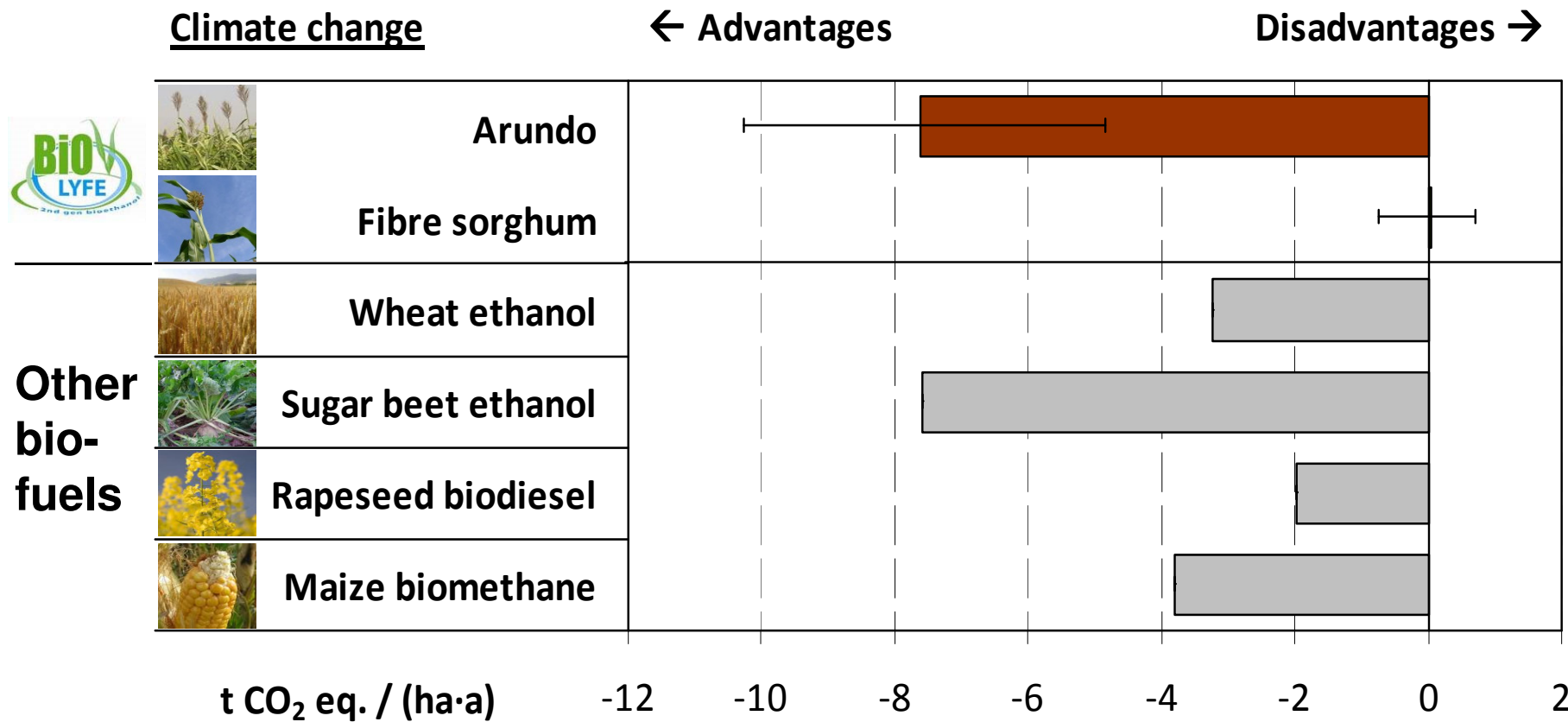
- Life cycle assessment of Biolyfe ethanol:
Environmental advantages and burdens
- Same pattern for most biofuels for transportation
- Need to identify all environmental implications
and optimise the advantages and minimise the
disadvantages

-200 -150 -100 -50 0 50 100 150 200 250 300 Inhabitant
equivalents per
100 ha and year

Source: IFEU 2013



Greenhouse gas balances for Biolyfe ethanol and other biofuels from different feedstocks



Source: IFEU 2013

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Greenhouse gas balances for Biolyfe ethanol and other biofuels from different feedstocks

Climate change

← Advantages

Disadvantages →

- Biolyfe ethanol from Arundo (and straw) has a remarkable potential to meet and/or even exceed the environmental advantages of conventional biofuels
- This is basically not true for Biolyfe ethanol from fibre sorghum under typical conditions

t CO₂ eq. / (ha·a)

-12

-10

-8

-6

-4

-2

0

2

Source: IFEU 2013



Environmental assessment:



Life cycle assessment (LCA & RED*)

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DIRECTIVES

DIRECTIVE 2009/28/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 23 April 2009

on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources and amending and subsequently repealing Directives 2001/77/EC and 2003/30/EC

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 175(1) thereof, and Article 95 thereof in relation to Articles 17, 18 and 19 of this Directive,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee (1),

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions (2),

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty (3),

Whereas

(1) The control of European energy consumption and the increased use of energy from renewable sources, together with energy savings and increased energy efficiency, constitute important parts of the package of measures needed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and comply with the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and with further Community and international greenhouse gas emission reduction commitments beyond 2012. Those factors also have an important part to play in promoting the security of energy supply, promoting technological development and innovation and providing opportunities for employment and regional development, especially in rural and isolated areas.

(2) In particular, increasing technological improvements, incentives for the use and expansion of public transport, the use of energy efficiency technologies and the use of energy from renewable sources in transport are some of the most effective tools by which the Community can

reduce its dependence on imported oil in the transport sector, in which the security of energy supply problem is most acute, and influence the fuel market for transport.

(3) The opportunities for establishing economic growth through innovation and a sustainable competitive energy policy have been recognised. Production of energy from renewable sources often depends on local or regional small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). The opportunities for growth and employment that investment in regional and local production of energy from renewable sources bring about in the Member States and their regions are important. The Commission and the Member States should therefore support national and regional development measures in those areas, encourage the exchange of best practices in production of energy from renewable sources between local and regional development initiatives and promote the use of structural funding in this area.

(4) When favouring the development of the market for renewable energy sources, it is necessary to take into account the positive impact on regional and local development opportunities, export prospects, social cohesion and employment opportunities, in particular as concerns SMEs and independent energy producers.

(5) In order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions within the Community and reduce its dependence on energy imports, the development of energy from renewable sources should be closely linked to increased energy efficiency.

(6) It is appropriate to support the demonstration and commercialisation phase of decentralised renewable energy technologies. The move towards decentralised energy production has many benefits, including the utilisation of local energy sources, increased local security of energy supply, shorter transport distances and reduced energy transmission losses. Such decentralisation also fosters community development and cohesion by providing income sources and creating jobs locally.

(1) Opinion of 17 September 2008 (OJ C 77, 31.3.2009, p. 43).

(2) OJ C 325, 19.12.2008, p. 12.

(3) Opinion of the European Parliament of 17 December 2008 (not yet published in the Official Journal) and Council Decision of 6 April 2009.

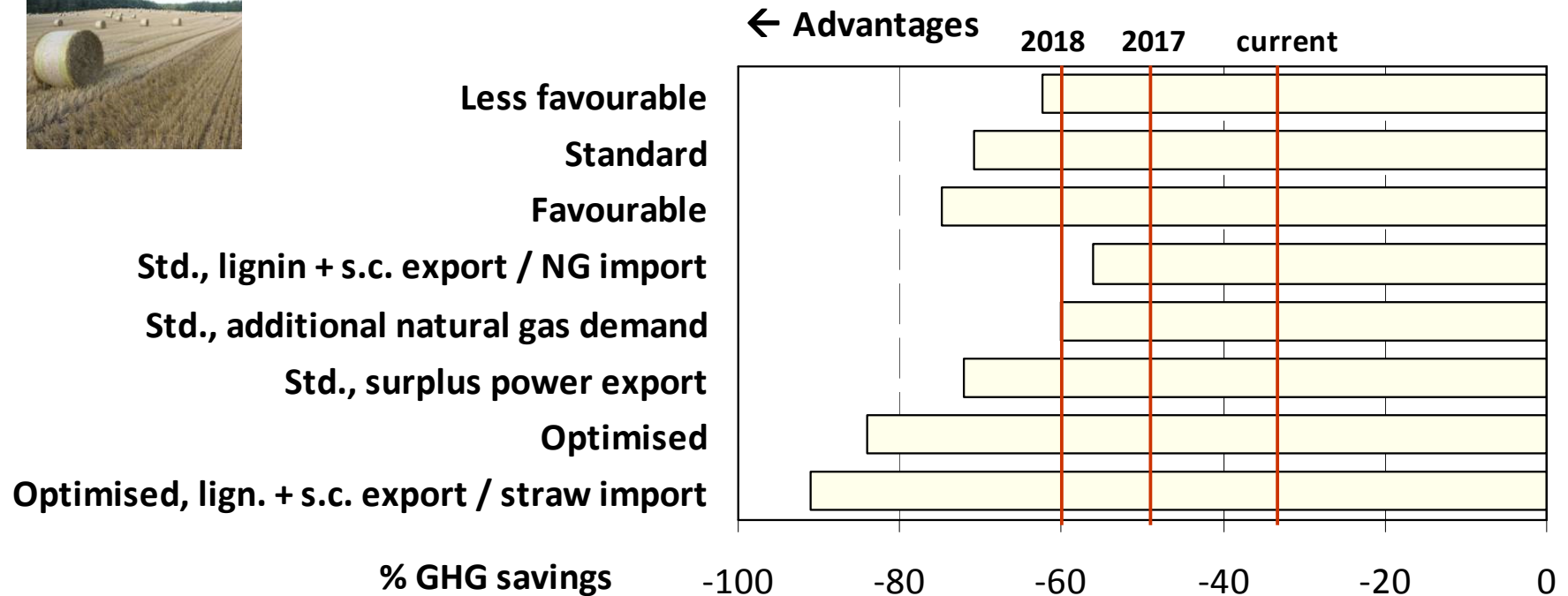
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Greenhouse gas balances for Biolyfe ethanol according to the renewable energy directive (RED)

Wheat straw



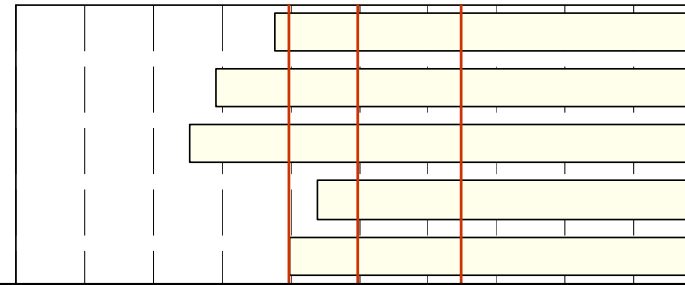
Source: IFEU 2013

Wheat straw



← Advantages

Less favourable
Standard
Favourable
Std., lignin + s.c. export / NG import
Std., additional natural gas demand



- Biolyfe ethanol from **straw** can easily meet the long term RED requirements of 60 % GHG reduction.
- To meet 60 % GHG reduction with Biolyfe ethanol from **Arundo** is challenging though comparably easy achievable.
- To meet 60 % GHG reduction with Biolyfe ethanol from **fibre sorghum** needs extraordinary measures.
- In **general**, to meet 60 % GHG reduction with Biolyfe ethanol is achievable, though not a self running story in all cases.



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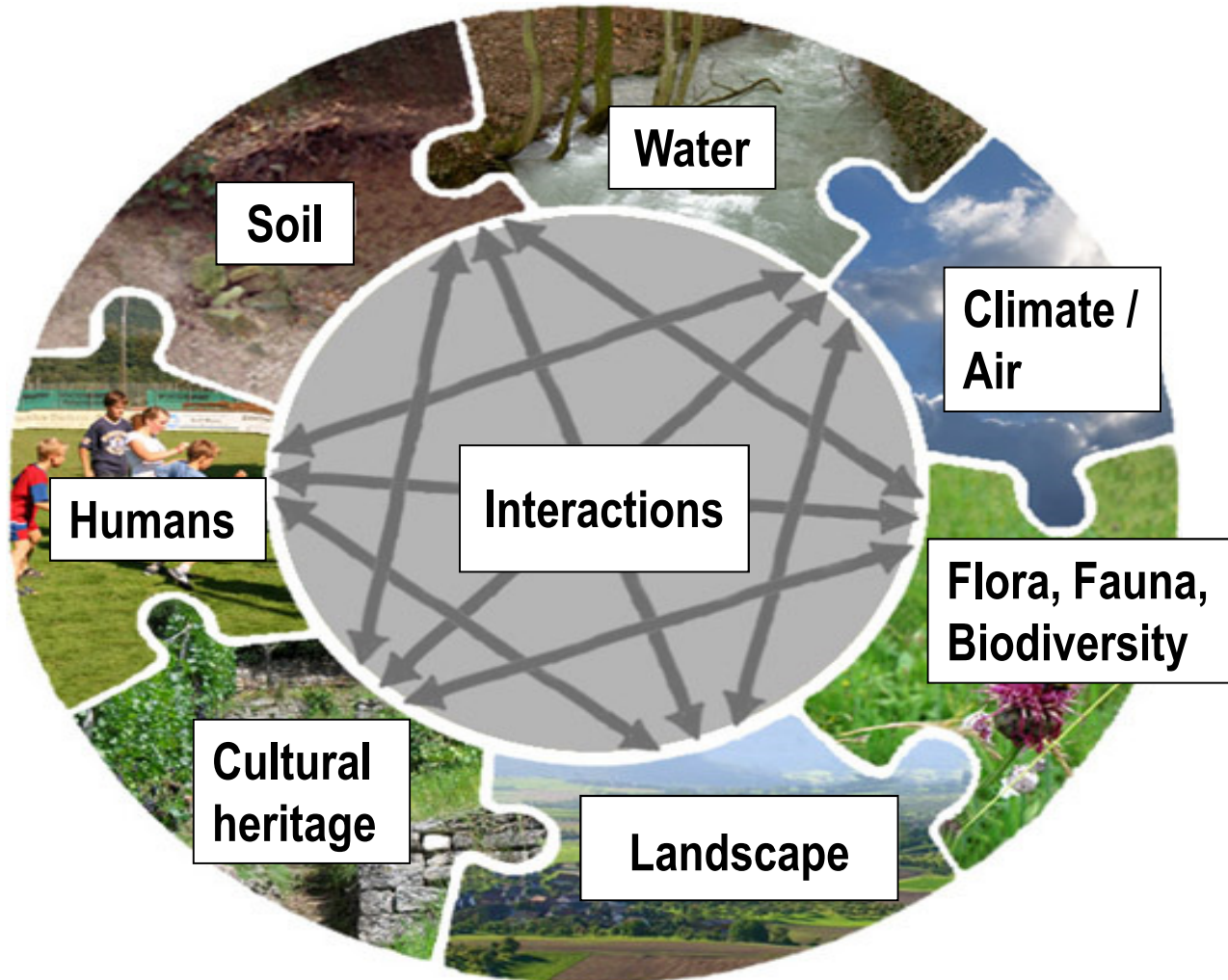
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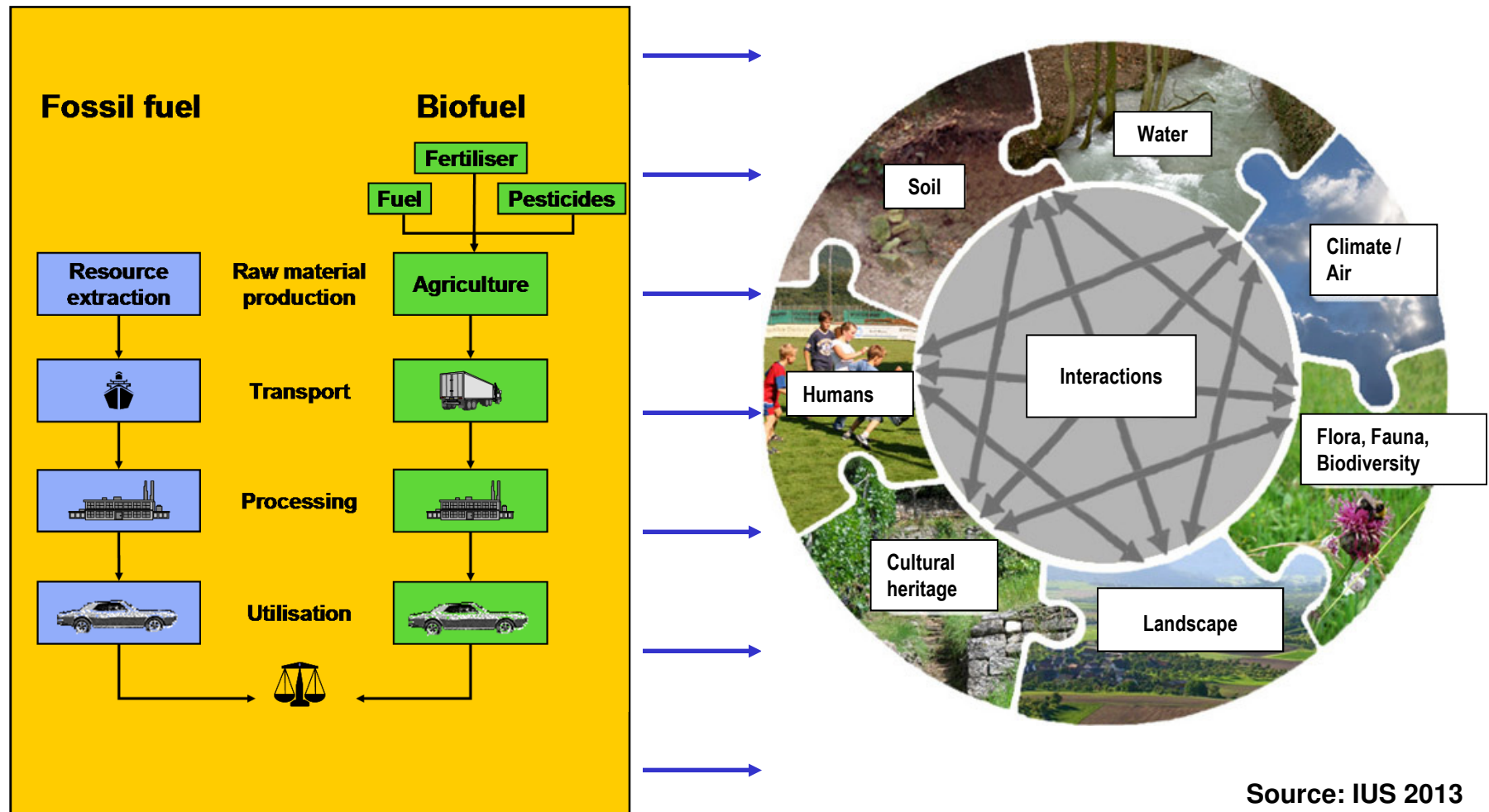
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Description of the environment



Source: IUS 2013

LC-EIA: Life cycle environmental impact assessment



Source: IUS 2013

Principles of assessment (I)

Type of risk	Affected environmental factors							
Soil	Ground water	Surface water	Plants/ Biotopes	Animals	Climate/ Air	Land- scape	Human health and recreation	Bio- diversity
Soil organic matter								
Soil chemistry / fertilizer								
Eutrophication								
Nutrient leaching								
Water demand								
Weed control / pesticides								
Loss of landscape elements								
Loss of habitat types								
Loss of species								

qualitative risk assessment



LC-EIA results: Wheat straw

Reference system: ploughed in



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Soil erosion	neutral		neutral						
Soil compaction	neutral	neutral		neutral	neutral				neutral
Loss of soil organic matter	neutral			neutral	neutral				neutral
Soil chemistry / fertiliser	neutral	neutral							
Eutrophication	neutral	neutral	neutral	neutral	neutral				neutral
Nutrient leaching		neutral							
Water demand		neutral		neutral	neutral				neutral
Weed control / pesticides		neutral	neutral	neutral	neutral				neutral
Loss of landscape elements				neutral	neutral	neutral	neutral	neutral	neutral
Loss of habitat types				neutral / positive ¹	neutral / positive ¹				neutral / positive ¹
Loss of species				neutral / positive ¹	neutral / positive ¹				neutral / positive ¹

1) Positive in case of long-stalked varieties since less weed control is necessary

Comparison of feedstocks

	Perennial crops		Annual crops				Residues
Feedstock	Arundo donax	Sugar cane	Rapeseed	Sorghum	Sugar beet	Cereal	Cereal straw
Reference scenario	non rsl	cerr.	rsl	rsl	rsl	rsl	conv. use
Type of risk							
Soil erosion	B	C	C	C	E	C	C
Soil compaction	A	D	C	C	E	C	C
Soil organic matter	B	E	D	D	E	D	D
Soil chemistry / fertiliser	C	D	D	D	E	D	D
Nutrient leaching, Eutrophication	B	D	D	D	D	D	D
Water demand	D	D	C	D	E	C	C
Weed control / pesticides	B	E	E	E	E	E	E
Loss of habitat / species diversity	C	E	C	D	D	D	D
Loss of landscape elements	C	C	c	C	C	C	C

Impact category: A = minimum impact; E = maximum impact

non rsl: non-rotational fallow set-aside land, no cropping; **cerr.:** cerrado (topical savannah);

rsl: rotational set-aside fallow land, no cropping; **conv. use:** conventional use

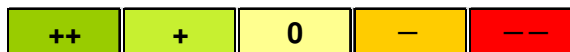


Life cycle environmental impact assessment (LC-EIA) results

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	Arundo	Fibre sorghum	Wheat straw	Marginal land (Arundo)	BTL (Arundo)	Wheat ethanol	Beet ethanol	Cane ethanol (Brazil)	Rape seed biodiesel	Maize bio-methane
Environment										
Water	---	-	0	-	---	0	-	-	-	-
Soil	0	-	0	---	0	-	---	0	---	---
Fauna	0	-	0	---	0	-	-	-	-	-
Flora	-	-	0	---	-	-	---	-	-	---
Landscape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0



Ranking by 5 categories:



Source: IUS 2013

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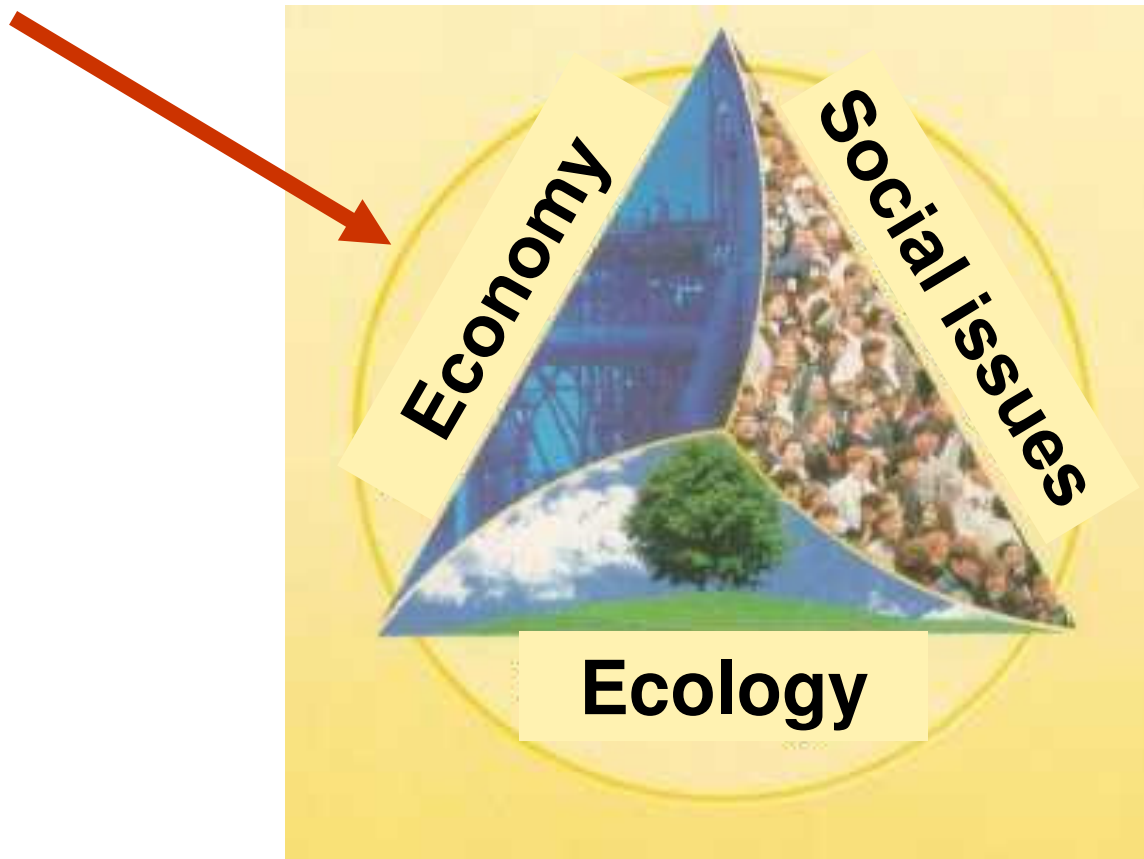


Life cycle environmental impact assessment (LC-EIA) results

- The so called LC-EIA “**Life cycle environmental impact assessment**” enlarges the spectrum of environmental assessment indicators.
- It proves, that it works and it is worth it to include the LC-EIA as a supplementary environmental assessment tool to the standard “life cycle assessment”.
- With respect to LC-EIA, Biolyfe ethanol from straw and Arundo compares to alternative biofuels in general quite positive.

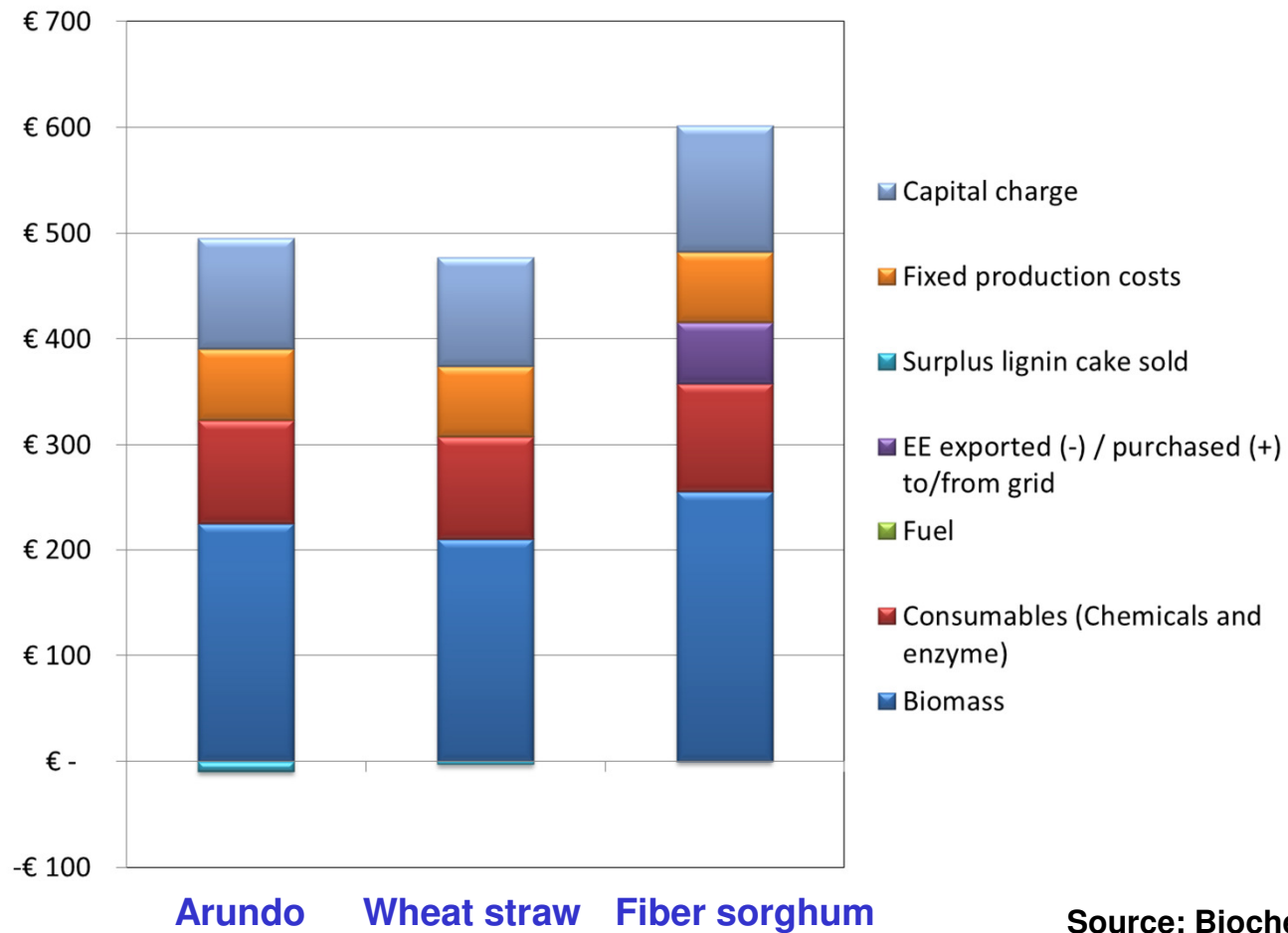


The principle of sustainability





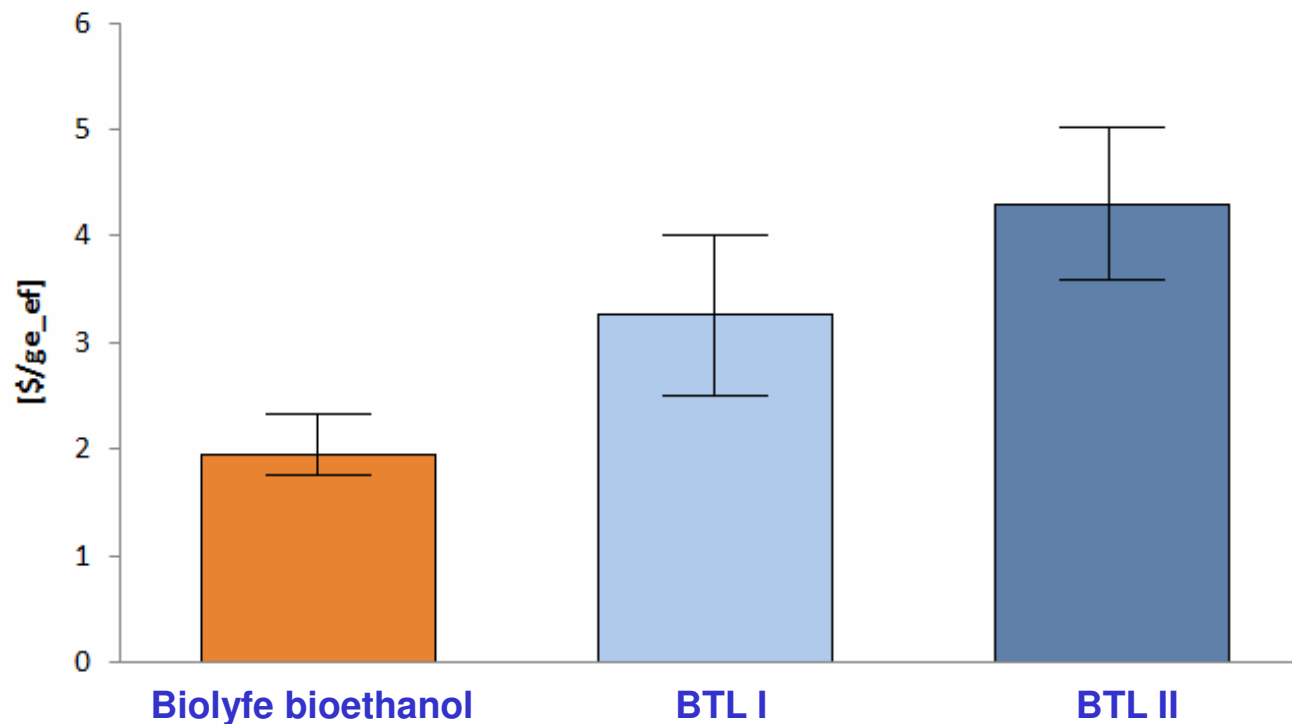
Production costs of Biolyfe bioethanol from different feedstocks



Source: Biochemtex 2013



Production costs of Biolyfe bioethanol and several BTL* fuels



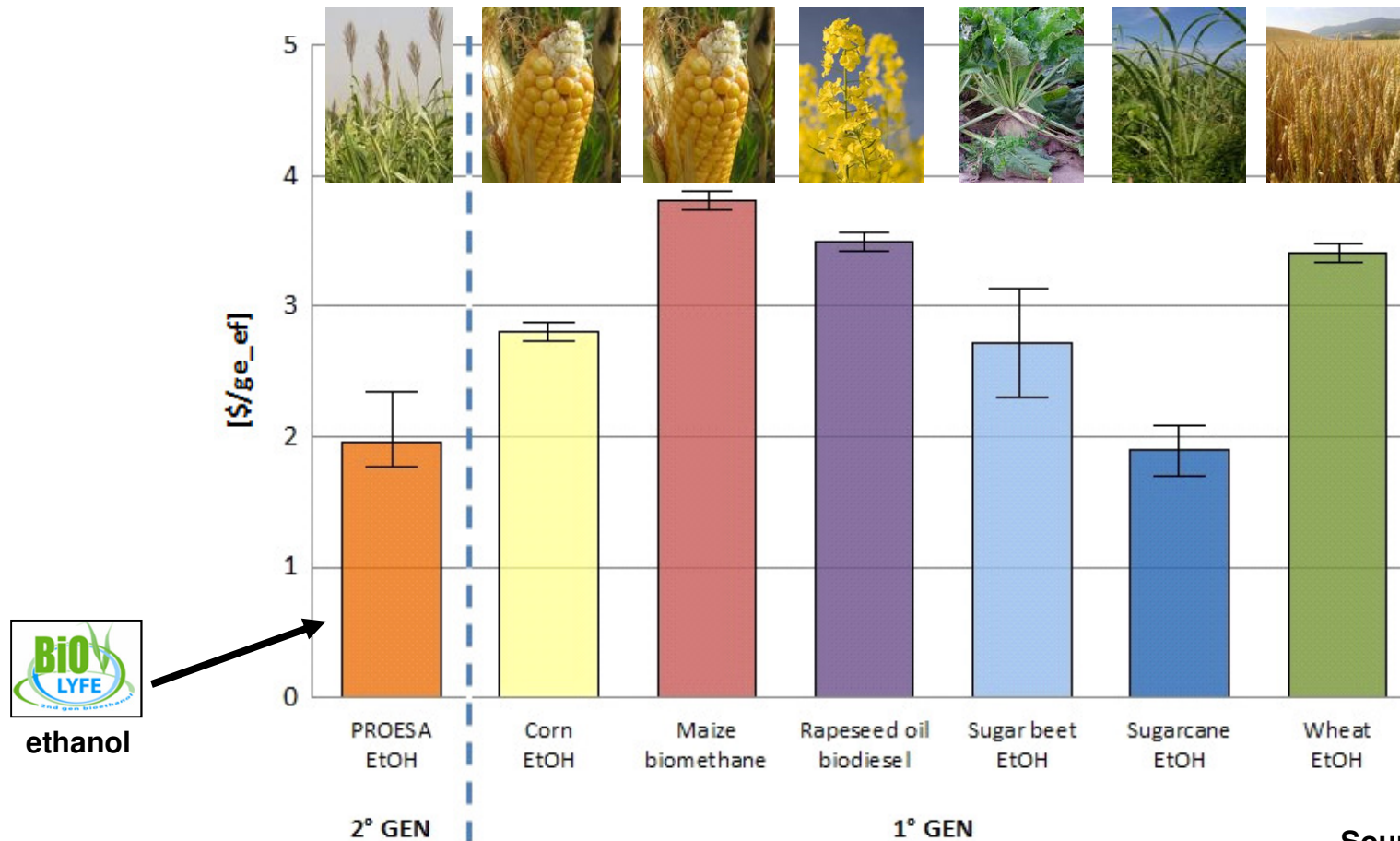
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* BTL: Biomass-to-liquid fuel

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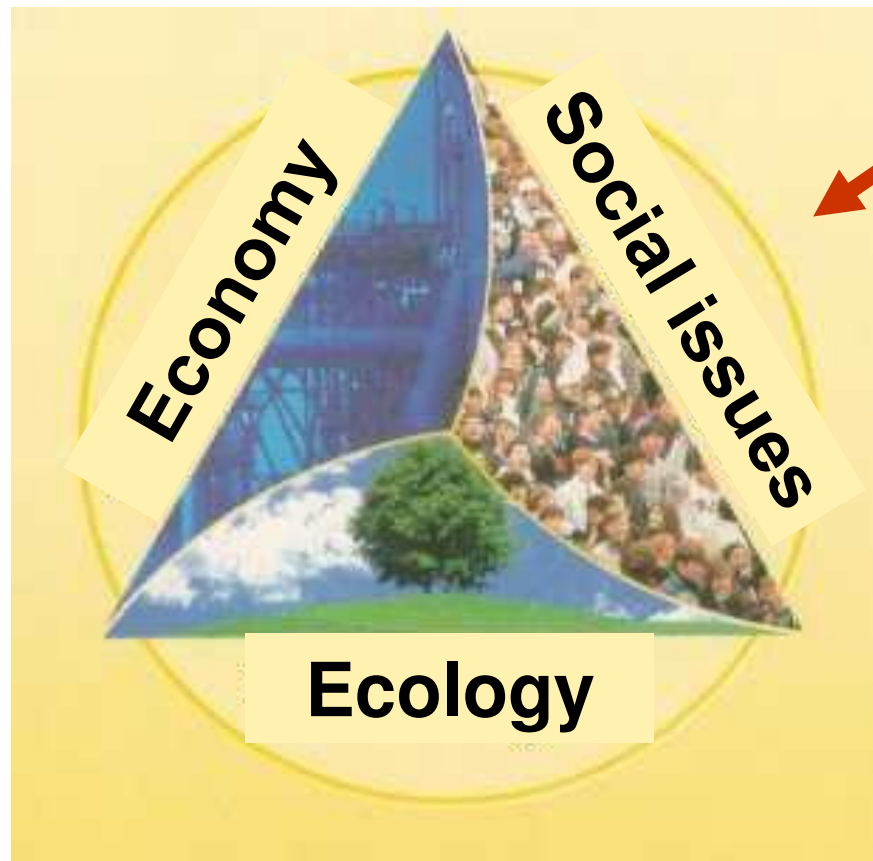
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- All biofuels investigated cannot compete with the production costs of fossil fuels as of today.
- According to Biochemtex calculations, the production costs of Biolyfe ethanol from Arundo and straw can easily compete with those of conventional biofuels and have even a big potential to be more competitive than most of them.



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SWOT analysis

- SWOT analysis evaluates **Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats** (involved in a business venture).
- Factors which are **internal** to the system investigated are classified as strengths (S) or weaknesses (W).
- Factors which are **external** to the system investigated are classified as opportunities (O) or threats (T).

	Positive	Negative
Internal	Strength	Weakness
External	Opportunity	Threat

Example for SWOT results for biorefinery



<p>Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding value to the use of biomass • Maximising biomass conversion efficiency minimising raw material requirements • Production of a spectrum of bio-based products (food, feed, materials, chemicals) and bioenergy (fuels, power and/or heat) feeding entire bioeconomy • Strong knowledge infrastructure available to tackle technical and non-technical issues • Biorefinery is not new, it builds on agriculture, food and forestry industries • Stronger focus on drop-in chemicals facilitating market penetration 	<p>Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broad undefined and unclassified area • Involvement of stakeholders for different market sectors (agriculture, forestry, energy, chemical) over full biomass value chain necessary • Most promising biorefinery processes/concepts not clear • Most promising biomass value chains, including current/future market volumes/prices, not clear • Studying and concept development instead of real market implementation • Variability of quality and energy density of biomass
<p>Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biorefineries can make a significant contribution to sustainable development • Challenging national and global policy goals, international focus on sustainable use of biomass for the production of bioenergy • International consensus on the fact that biomass availability is limited meaning that raw materials should be used as efficiently as possible – i.e. development of multi-purpose biorefineries in a framework of scarce raw materials and energy • International development of a portfolio of biorefinery concepts, including technical processes • Strengthening of the economic position of various market sectors (e.g. agriculture, forestry, chemical and energy) • Strong demand from brand owners for bio-based chemicals 	<p>Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic change and volatility in fossil fuel prices • Fast implementation of other renewable energy technologies feeding the market requests • Bio-based products and bioenergy are assessed to a higher standard than traditional products (no level playing field) • Availability and contractibility of raw materials (e.g. climate change, policies, logistics) • (High) investment capital for pilot and demo initiatives difficult to find, and undepreciated existing industrial infrastructure • Changing governmental policies • Questioning of food/feed/fuels (indirect land use competition) and sustainability of biomass production • Goals of end users often focused on single product



Biolyfe International SWOT Workshop 2013



BiOLYFE
2nd gen bioethanol

**Challenges and opportunities
for lignocellulosic ethanol
biorefineries**

**A SWOT analysis based on the
BIOLYFE concept**

Workshop preparation document

3rd ICLE, 3rd April 2013, 17:15-19:00,
Casino de Madrid, Madrid, Spain

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- **> 200 international delegates and experts**
- **Finalization of SWOT Biolyfe analysis**

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SWOT results for BIOLYFE

Strengths:

- S1: **Renewable resource:** can be used as alternative to fossil fuels
- S2: Can create opportunities
- S3: Can create opportunities
- S4: Introduction of **species** and systems.
- S5: **No d**

Weaknesses:

- W1: **Need for arable land** (in some cases: only marginal land) to

Opportunities:

- O1: **Rising market opportunities for biofuels** as fossil fuels become scarcer

Threats:

- O2: **rese**
- T1: **Market price might be too low** compared to production costs (competition with other energy carriers).

- **Many SWOT indicators have been identified and assessed**
- **Need for prioritization and/or ranking of the results**
- **Dedicated extraction of results with respect of social assessment**



Social assessment

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Society										
Access to land (local comm. & farmers)	--	--	0	-	--	--	--	--	--	--
Access to jobs & income (local comm. & farmers)	+	+	++	++	+	+	+	0	+	+
Acceptance (local comm. & farmers)	--	+	++	++	--	+	+	+	+	+
Acceptance (general society)	-	--	-	-	-	--	--	--	--	--
Contribution to innovation (general society)	++	+	+	++	++	0	0	0	0	0



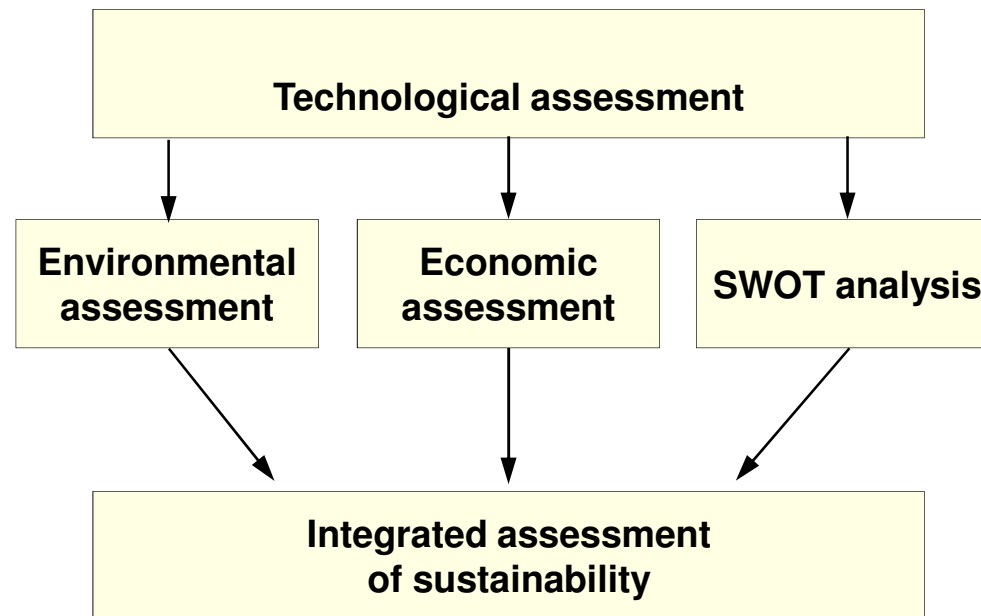
Ranking by 5 categories: ++ + 0 - --

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Flow chart of “Integrated assessment of sustainability”



Integrated assessment of sustainability

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Technology											
Maturity	-	---	-	-	---	---	0	0	0	0	0
Availability of infrastructure	-	---	---	-	---	---	0	0	0	0	0
Use of GMOs	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toxicity risks	-	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	0
Risk of explosions and fires	-	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+
Environment											
Resource depletion: energy	GJ / t ethanol (eq.)	-20	-5	-21	-19	-25	-34	-14	-34	-39	-34
Climate change	t CO ₂ eq. / t ethanol (eq.)	-1.1	0.0	-1.3	-1.1	-1.6	-2.1	-1.2	-2.7	-1.9	-1.2
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq. / t ethanol (eq.)	9	17	7	9	5	3	0	12	12	15
Terrestrial eutrophication	kg PO ₄ eq. / t ethanol (eq.)	1.0	2.1	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.2	1.5	2.7	2.6
Aquatic eutrophication	kg PO ₄ eq. / t ethanol (eq.)	2.1	7.6	3.1	2.0	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Photochem. ozone formation	kg ethene eq. / t ethanol (eq.)	-1.1	-0.9	-1.2	-1.1	-0.9	-1.6	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2	-0.7
Ozone depletion	g CFC-11 eq. / t ethanol (eq.)	27	51	26	27	13	12	12	12	52	37
Respiratory inorganics	kg PM10 eq. / t ethanol (eq.)	6	11	5	6	2	2	2	2	5	7
Direct agricultural land use	ha·a / t ethanol (eq.)	0.15	0.20	0.00	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.24	0.94	0.33
Water	-	---	-	0	-	---	-	-	-	-	-
Soil	-	0	-	0	-	---	-	0	---	---	---
Fauna	-	0	-	0	-	---	-	-	-	-	-
Flora	-	-	-	0	-	---	-	---	-	-	---
Landscape	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0
Economy											
Production costs	€ / t ethanol (eq.)	485	602	474	485	900	850	670	470	860	940
Cost difference to gasoline*	€ / t ethanol (eq.)	-115	-232	-104	-115	-530	-480	-300	-100	-490	-570
Fixed capital investment	Million €	89	103	88	100	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
CO ₂ avoidance costs	€ / t CO ₂ eq.	101	N/A	82	103	323	224	250	38	263	456
Energy resource savings costs	€ / GJ	6	46	5	6	21	14	22	3	12	17
Society											
Access to land (local comm. & farmers)	-	---	---	0	-	---	---	---	---	---	---
Access to jobs & income (local comm. & farmers)	-	+	+	++	++	+	+	+	0	+	+
Acceptance (local comm. & farmers)	-	---	+	++	++	---	+	+	+	+	+
Acceptance (general society)	-	-	---	-	-	-	---	---	---	---	---
Contribution to innovation (general society)	-	++	+	+	++	++	0	0	0	0	0

Result example

Ranking by 5 categories: ++ + 0 - ---

Source: IUS / IFEU 2013



Conclusions I (selection)

- Biolyfe ethanol **compares to gasoline** with the same result pattern as most other biofuels sharing benefits with drawbacks.
- **Compared to other biofuels**, Biolyfe ethanol shows a remarkable set of benefits especially if produced from Arundo on marginal land and straw.
- Biolyfe ethanol is **not a self running story**: not all pathways are genuinely sustainable, though most of them have the potential to being directed into being best possible sustainable. For its further market introduction, there is still **need for incentives for a certain transition period** by e.g. political measures.



Conclusions II (selection)

- It was proved that the methodology of the “integrated assessment of sustainability” works well and is very powerful.
- With this, it is worth it to expand the standards of environmental LCA and upcoming economic LCC and social sLCA supplementary with the environmental LC-EIA and SWOT. This should become a standard in future sustainability assessments.
- With respect to Biolyfe ethanol, it was shown, that there are some **action fields for either improvement or optimisation** such as
 - to assure always a sustainable biomass production
 - optimise energy integration and most efficient energy use
 - improve enzyme efficiency and minimise enzyme production impacts
 - use BAT (best available technologies) in all process units
 - et cetera



Recommendations I (selection)


Many recommendations have been identified for several stakeholders such as for politicians, researchers, companies, and farmers. Some important include:

- **Politicians:** If it is a political goal to introduce second generation fuels make sure to guarantee sufficient incentives for a certain transition period.
- **Politicians:** Develop and agree on both, a biomass allocation and land use allocation plan.
- **Politicians:** Implement compulsory regional planning tools.



Recommendations II (selection)


- **Companies:**
 - Use only sustainable produced biomass
 - Use BAT in all processes
 - Optimise energy provision, integration and use **et cetera**
- **Farmers:**
 - Guarantee long term soil fertility when straw extraction
 - Guarantee sustainable biomass production **et cetera**
- **Researchers:**
 - For sustainability assessment use integrated tool
 - Optimise enzyme efficiency and production impacts
 - Optimise process integration for ethanol purification
 - Optimise the use of fermentation residues **et cetera**



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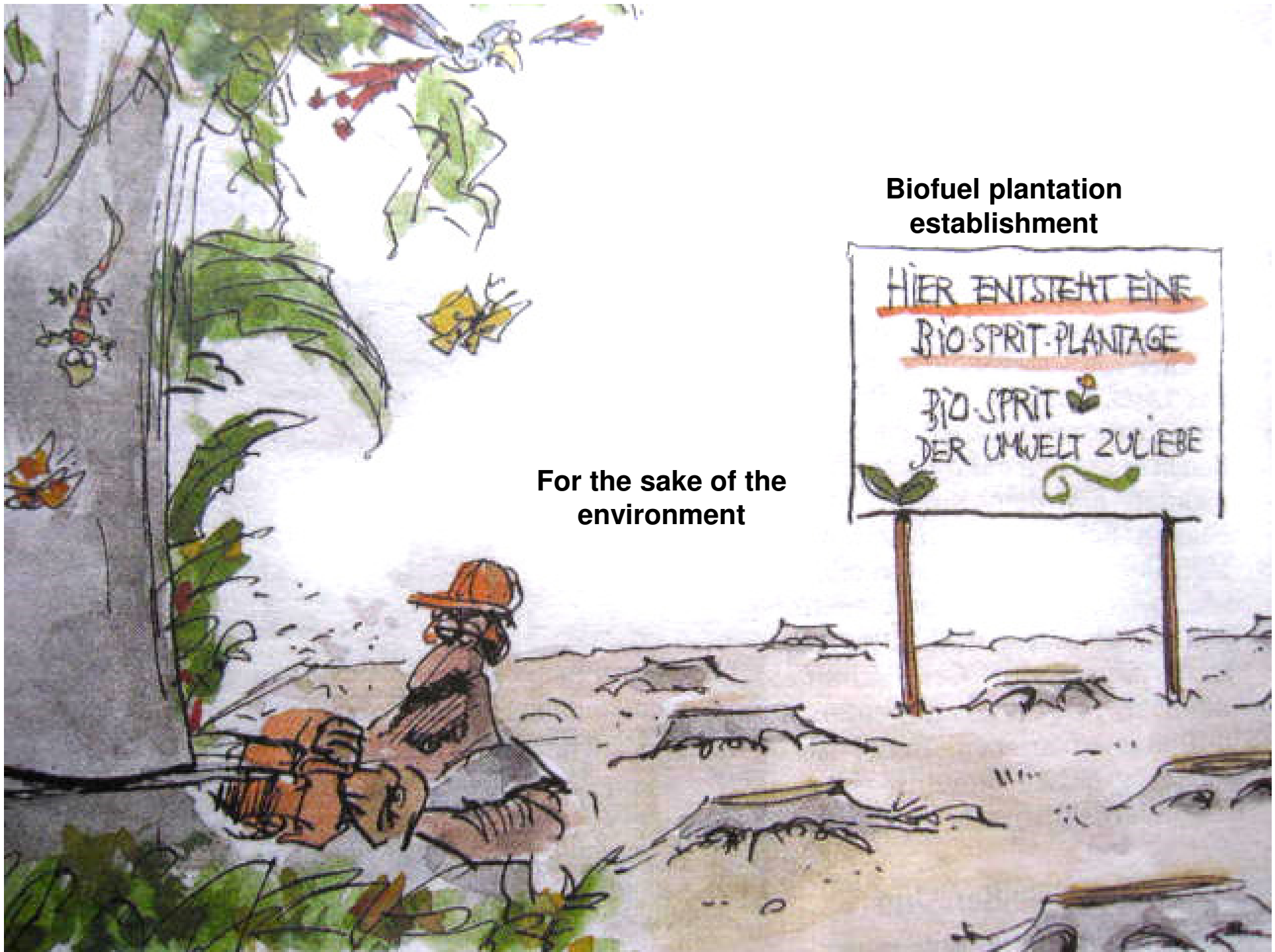
Concluding remark

Biolyfe ethanol has a remarkable potential to become a sustainable biofuel in the future. Still, it is not a self running story and quite some homeworks are still due for all stakeholders: politicians, researchers, industry and farmers.

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