

Biobased economy (& cane ethanol); quo vadis?

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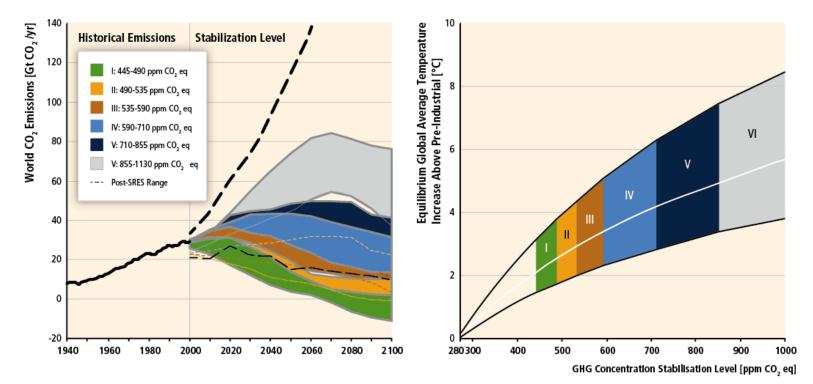
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[IPCC-SRREN, 2012]

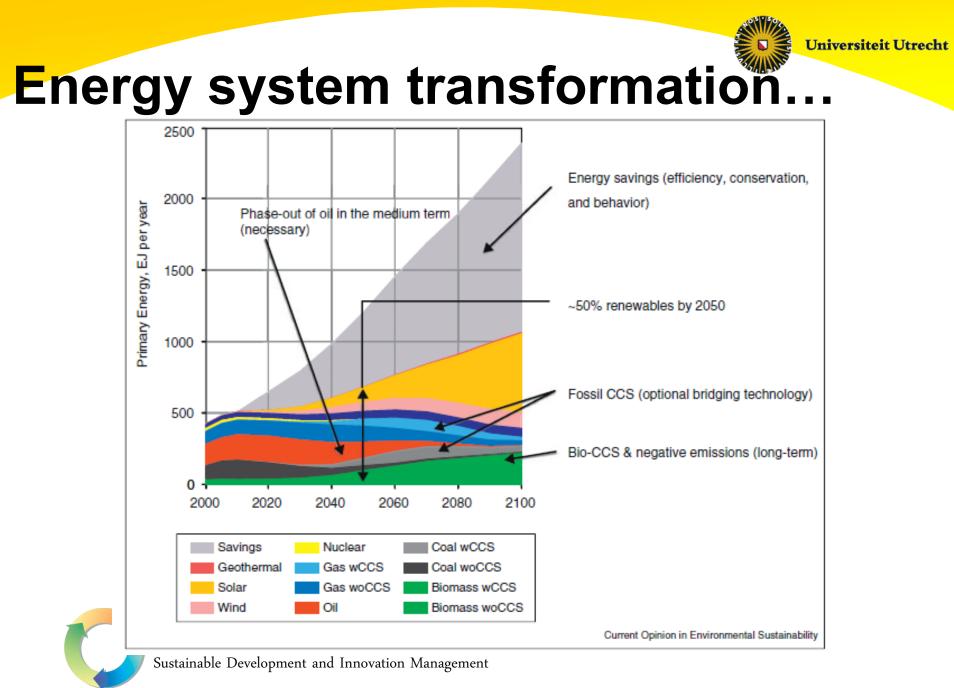
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Energy demand, GHG emissions and climate change...





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[GEA/van Vuuren et al CoSust, 2012]

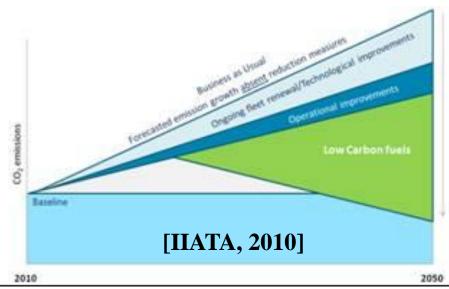
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Advancing markets...pushed by technological progress and pulled by high oil prices

- Advanced biofuels...(strong economic perspective)
- Biorefining, biochemicals, biomaterials...
- Aviation and shipping..

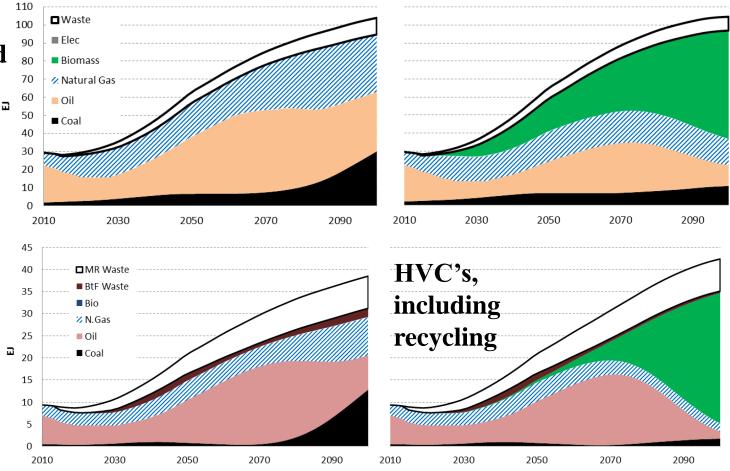


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Biobased chemicals; not covered in current global scenario's (to date...)!

Energy demand for major Chemicals towards 2100 with and without Biomass deployment





[Daioglou et al., 2013 (forthcoming)]

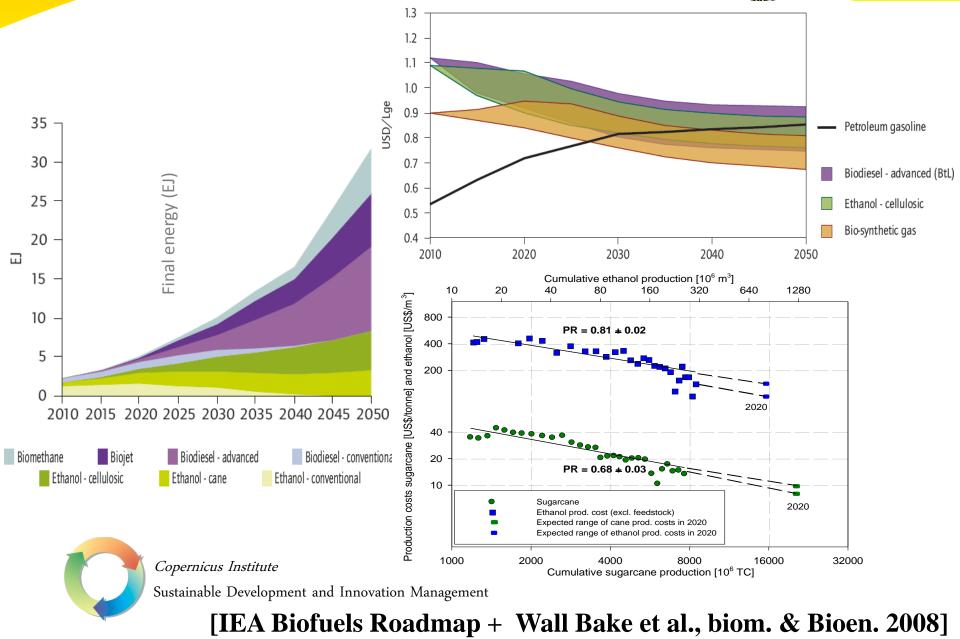
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Perspective for Biofuels





Key options for Bio-CCS



Key opportunities

- Flexfuel power and synfuel production.
 - (B)IGCC/FT/MeOH/DME
 - Co-firing: coal AND natural gas (CC's)
- CO2 capture at biorefineries (ethanol in particular)...
- Steel industry...

Conditions:

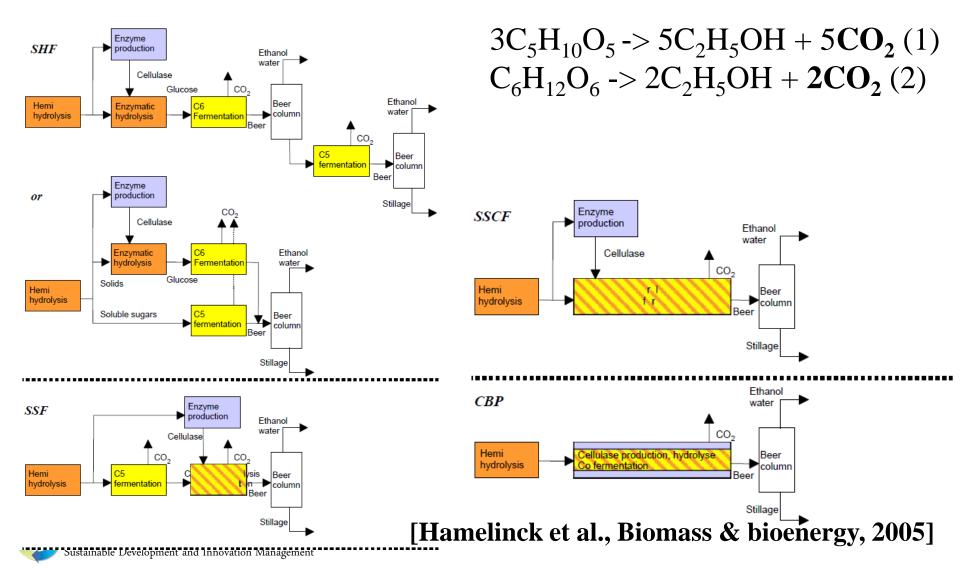
- Suited energy infrastructure
- CO2 storage options.
- Access to biomass

Potential regions:

Great Plains US, SE Brazil, East Australia, Central China, Sea harbors NW Europe (imported biomass).

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Bioethanol from lignocellulosic biomass



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Strategic issues (investigated **F** collaboration between Brazil and the Netherlands (CTBE – Utrecht University)

- Expansion of sugar cane reaches less suited areas (water, soils).
- Increased biomass availability especially via lignocelulose: bagasse, trash, energy cane, grasses, residues, wood plantations and forest residues.
- Availability of advanced conversion can facilitate use of (more) lignocellulose (1st ->1.5th -> 2nd gen. fuels).
- Additional chemicals next to biofuels (and power) offer business opportunities (+ more complex operations).
- Carbon prices and mitigation targets can make bio-CCS a top GHG mitigation option



Thanks for your attention

For more information, see:

- Sciencedirect/Scopus (scientific)
- Google scholar citations (personal)
- http://srren.ipcc-wg3.de/report (IPCC)
- www.bioenergytrade.org (IEA)

