



RENEW

Results of the RENEW project

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Renewable Fuels for Advanced Powertrains



Integrated Project, supported under FP6

- **budget: 20 Mio €, funding 10 Mio €**
- **duration 4 years, start: 01/2004**
- **coordinator: Volkswagen AG**
- **32 partners from 9 countries (Daimler, Renault, Volvo, BP, Total...)**

Objectives

- **advancement of conversion technologies**
- **evaluation of most efficient conversion technology - ecological (LCA) and economical**
- **investigations on substitution potential for biofuels**
- **draft of biofuel specifications for current and future ICEs**

RENEW Contractors



RENEW
32 contractors
18 enterprises
14 R&D institutions
9 countries

Automotiv Industry

VW
Daimler
REGIENOV
Volvo

Process Optimisation R&D Institutes and Universities

AICIA
CERTH
CRES
CUTEC
EEE
LU
FZK
IEE
INiG
ITN
PSI
TUV
ZSW

Fuel Distribution

BP
TOTAL

Plant Engineering & Construction

Chemrec
Repotec
UET/Choren

Plant Operator

Abengoa
BKG
Södra Cell

Agriculture and Forrestry Biomass reserch

EC BREC/IPiEO
STFI
UCD

Services

BAUM
Ecotraffic
ESU-services
SYNCOM

Investors

EDF

RENEW structure



Renewable fuels for Advanced Powertrains RENEW

Coordinating Committee

chairman: coordinator IP

member: project leader SPs and industrial key partners

IP coordination

- administration
- daily management
- finances

SP 1

Product optimisation of BTL-production

- modified synthetic tailored
- early engine tests, fuel specification
- process optimisation with non woody biomass

SP 2

Process optimisation of BTL-production

- process comparison and optimisation
- mid term fuel production
- optimisation of FT-catalysts
- exergetic analysis

SP 3

Black Liquor to DME/methanol

- planning of a demo-plant (45 MW)
- process assessment
- cost assessment

SP 4

Optimisation of Bioethanol production

- data implementation for fermentation to ethanol
- catalytic conversion of syngas to ethanol

SP 5

Biofuel Assessment

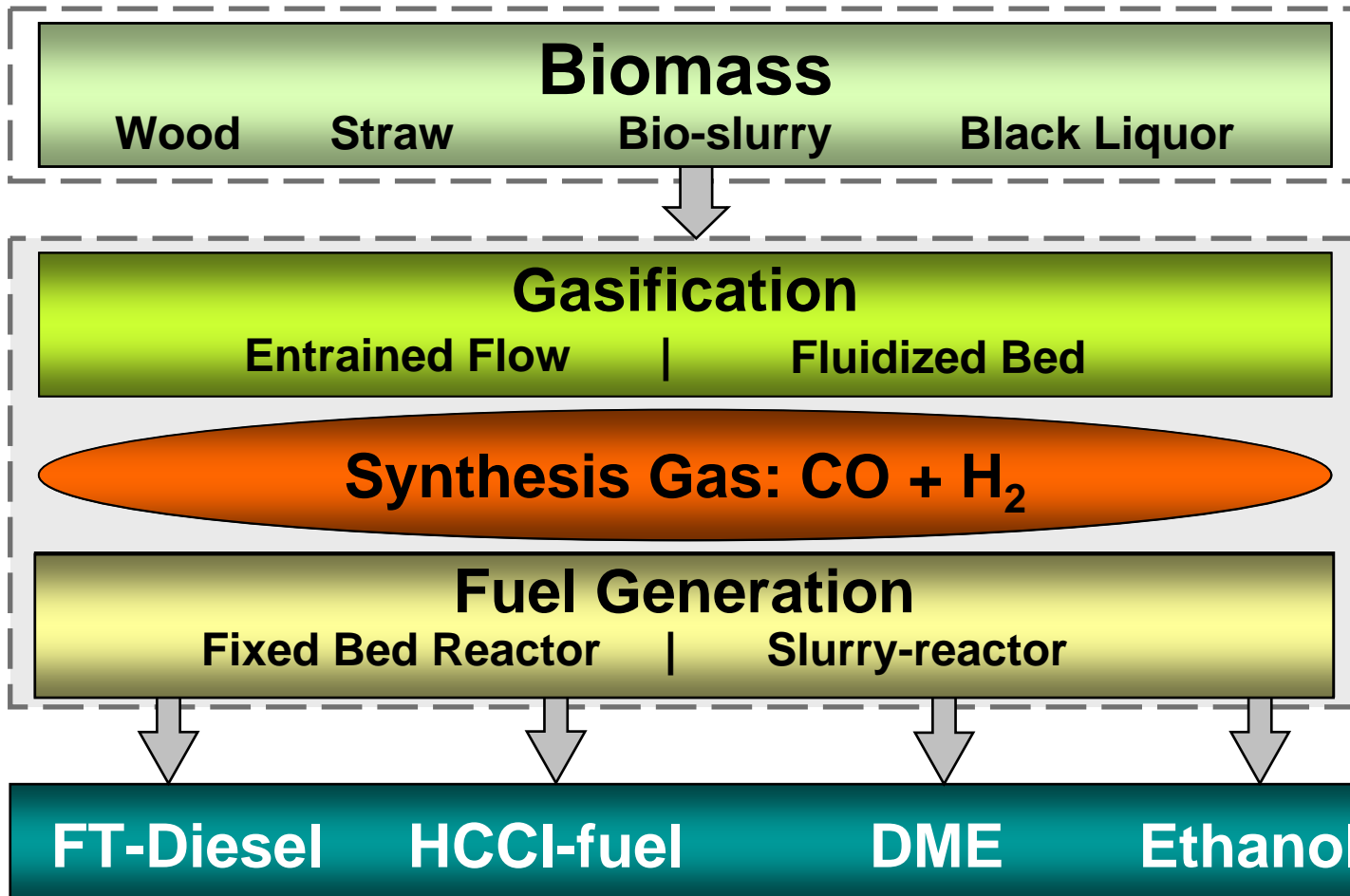
- biomass potential
- socio economical impact
- comparative production assessment
- commonly agreed recommendations
- live-cycle assessment
- suitability for IC engines
- thermo chemical gaseous fuels production

SP 6

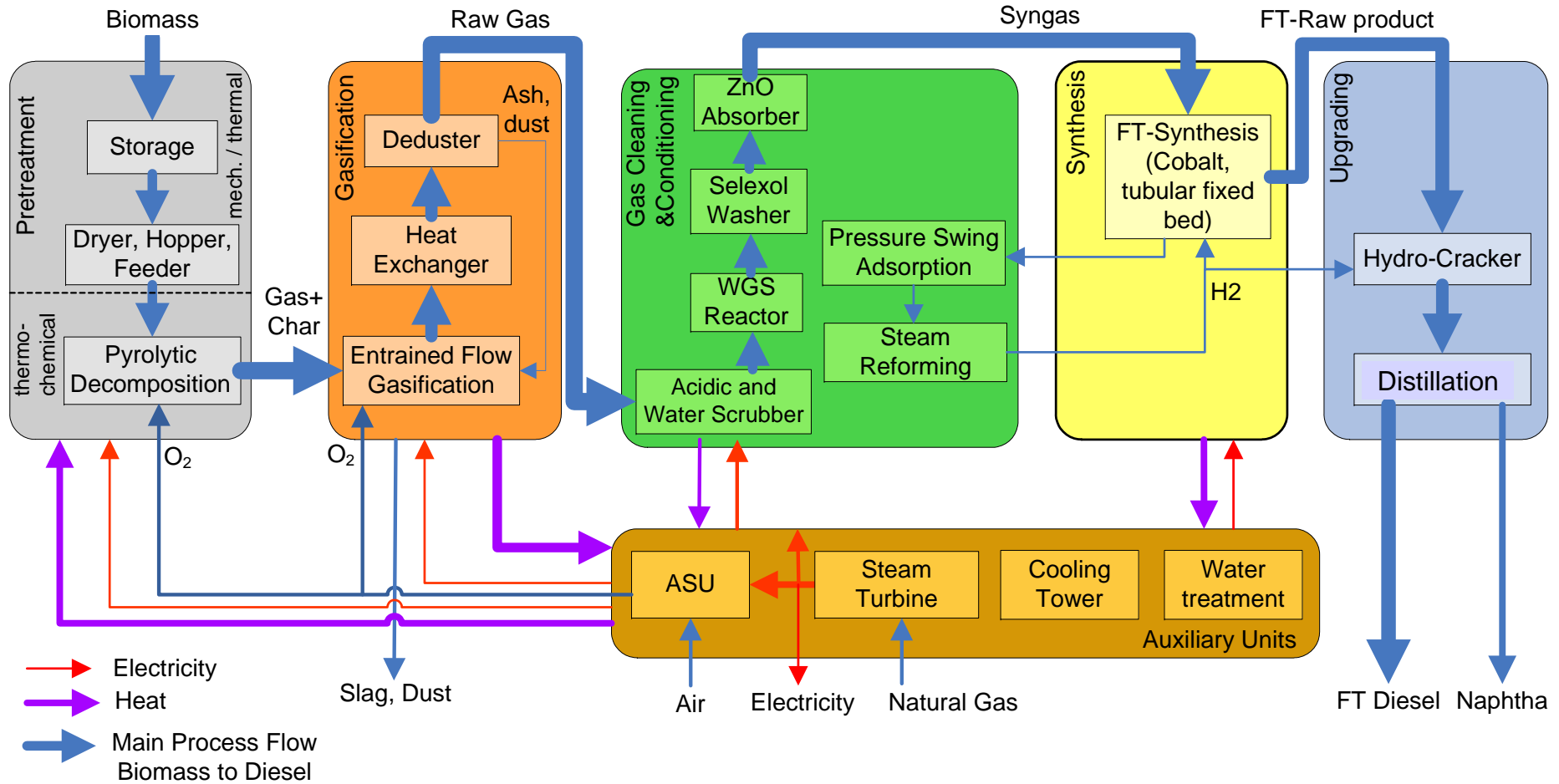
Training

- 2 summer schools

Scope/Conversion Technologies



One Conversion Pathway



Source: RENEW, IE

Conversion Technologies



7 different conversion technologies were further developed & assessed

- **UET (Choren) with a large stand-alone entrained flow (EF) gasification of wood chips (500 MW) and FT-synthesis (200.000 t/a fuel output)**
- **FZK with remote plants for straw pyrolysis (each 100 MW) and a central very large EF gasification (>1 mio. t/a fuel output)**
- **Chemrec's Black Liquor EF-gasification for DME synthesis as part of a pulp mill (500 MW)**
- **Cotec's feedstock flexible circulating fluidised bed (CFB) gasification for FT-BtL (500 MW)**
- **TU Vienna ICFB for tri-generation of heat, power & fuel (10.000 t/a) from wood chips (50 MW)**
- **Abengoa EF and CFB concepts for ethanol production from synthesis gas (both 500 MW)**

Assessment & Scenarios



Assesement of:

- **ligno-cellulosic biomass feedstock potential that does not interfere with food production**
- **7 BtL production pathways; efficiency, costs ...**
- **engine suitability of BtL-products FT-diesel and FT-naphtha, DME**

By analysis of:

- **the life cycle (environment),**
- **the technical issues**
- **the economical properties**

Assessment & Scenarios



Scenarios are

- **Starting point (SP) reflecting the situation of 2004/2005**
- **Scenario 1 with intensive agriculture in 2020 and possible renewable H₂ (e.g. from off-shore wind power)**
- **Scenario 2 (self sufficient) with a less intensive agriculture**

Biomass potential



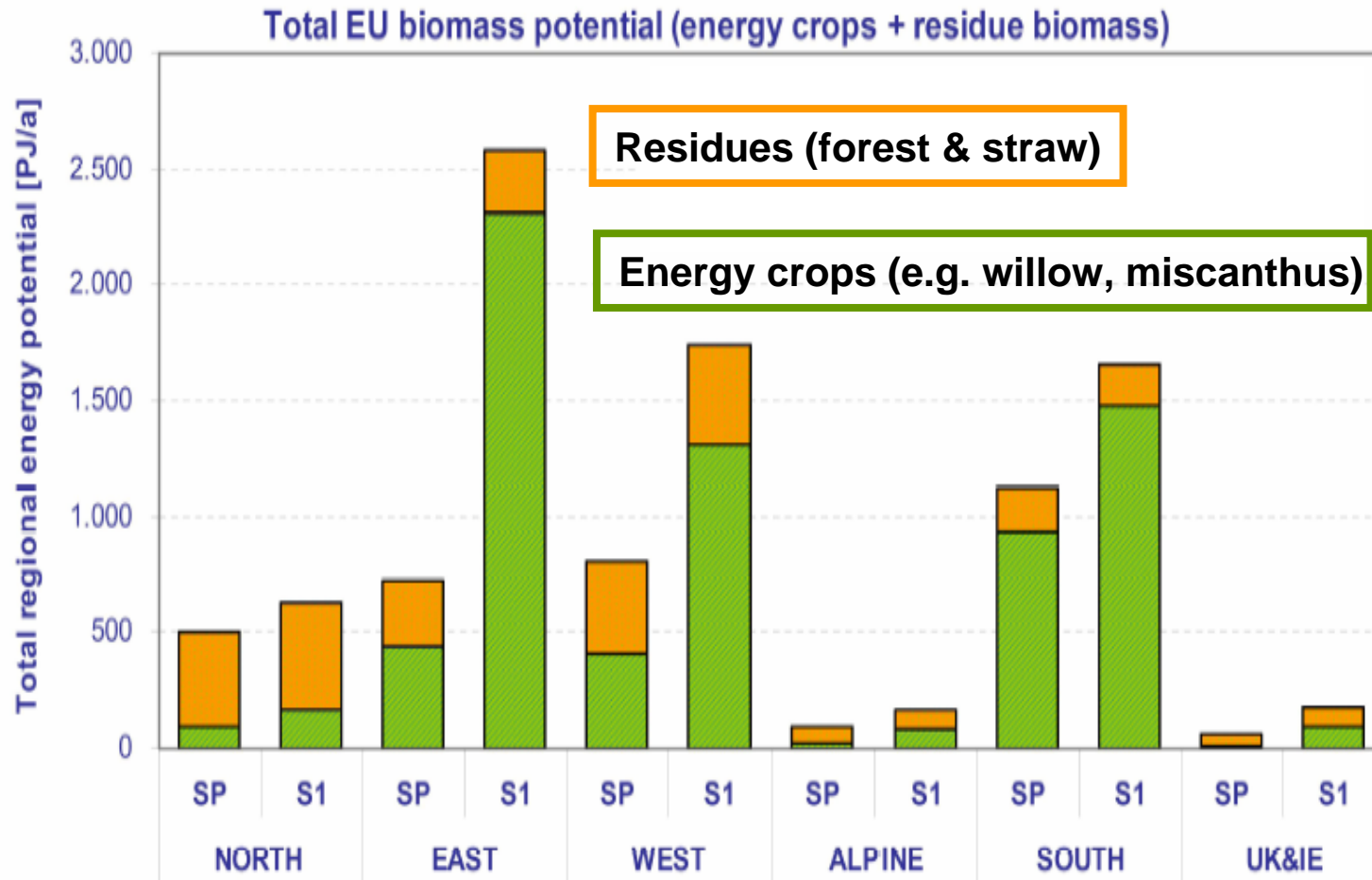
Assumptions are:

- **Production of food, animal fodder and fibre unaffected**
- **100% availability of land released by CAP reform (unused land) + current bioenergy plantations (all scenarios)**
- **On-going intensification of agriculture (S1, S2)**
- **30% reduction of meat and cereal exports (scenario 1)**
- **30% reduced energy crop yields due to less fertilisation (scenario 2)**

Biomasses are:

- **Residues – Thinning wood, logging residues and wood balance from forestry; cereal, maize and rape straw from agriculture**
- **Energy crops – Willow (salix), miscanthus and triticale and in the south eucalyptus and switchgrass**

Biomass potential



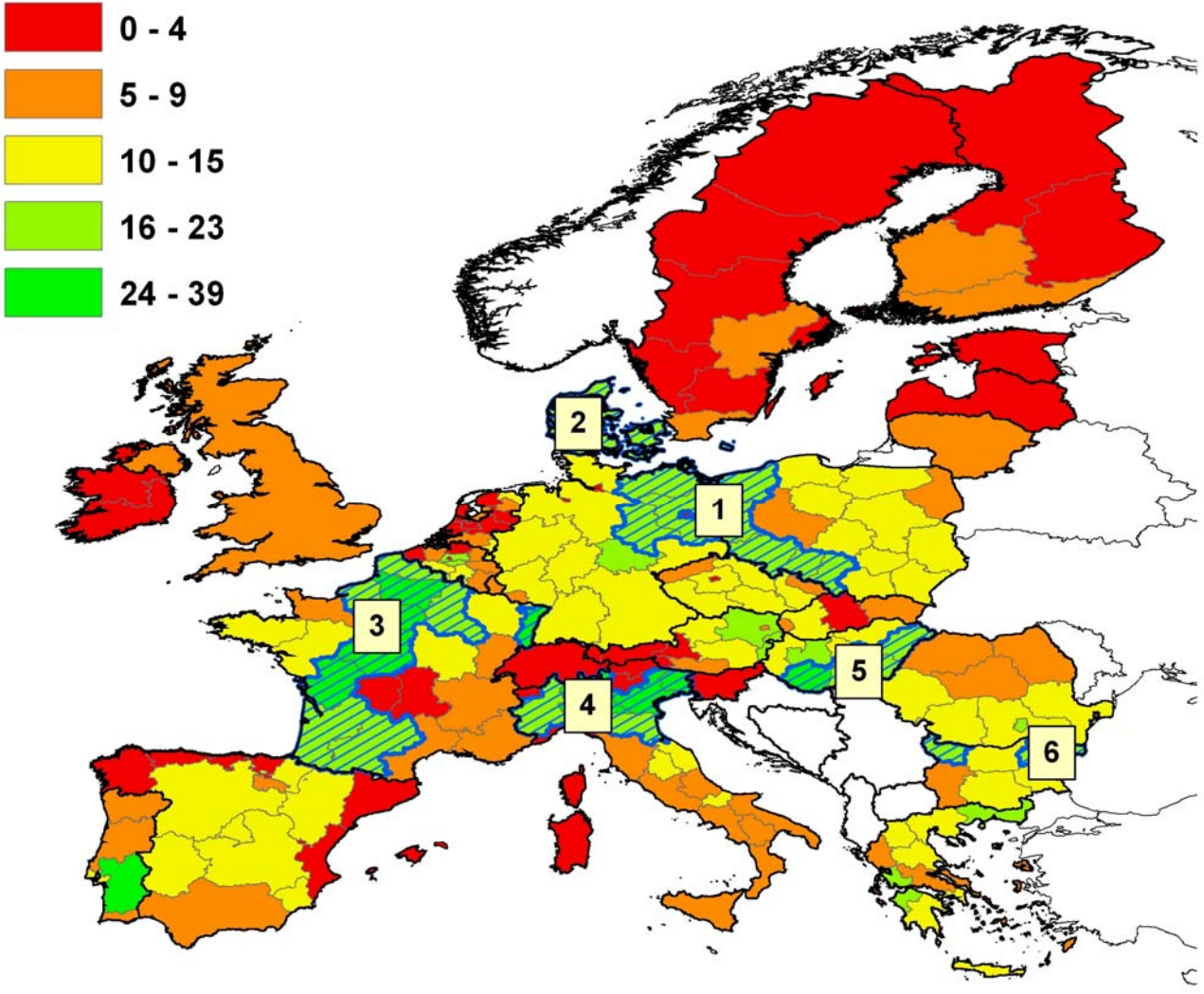
*country specific alternatives: SRC (willow/eucalyptus), WCC (triticale), MIS (miscanthus)

SP: starting point 2004

S1: intensive agriculture 2020

Source: ECBREC, IE

Suitable regions for BtL plants



SP, cumulated additional potential of crop residues and energy crops per total land surface [GJ/ha]

Substitution potential



Total additional biomass EU from 95 to 172 Mio t oil equivalent



Assume 50% for BtL production available!

FT biomass potential EU from 48 to 86 Mio t oil equivalent



Assume 48% thermal efficiency, main fuel

FT fuel potential EU from 23 to 41 Mio t oil equivalent

or

14% to 24% of **present** diesel consumption (170 Mio t)

12%...21% of **expected** diesel consumption (2020, 200 Mio t)

Substitution potential



First generation biofuels on equivalent area:

9 ... 16 Mio t oil equivalent

or

5% ...9% of present oil consumption

4%...8% of expected oil consumption (2020)

**Substitution potential of BtL is 2.6
times higher than for first
generation biofuels!**

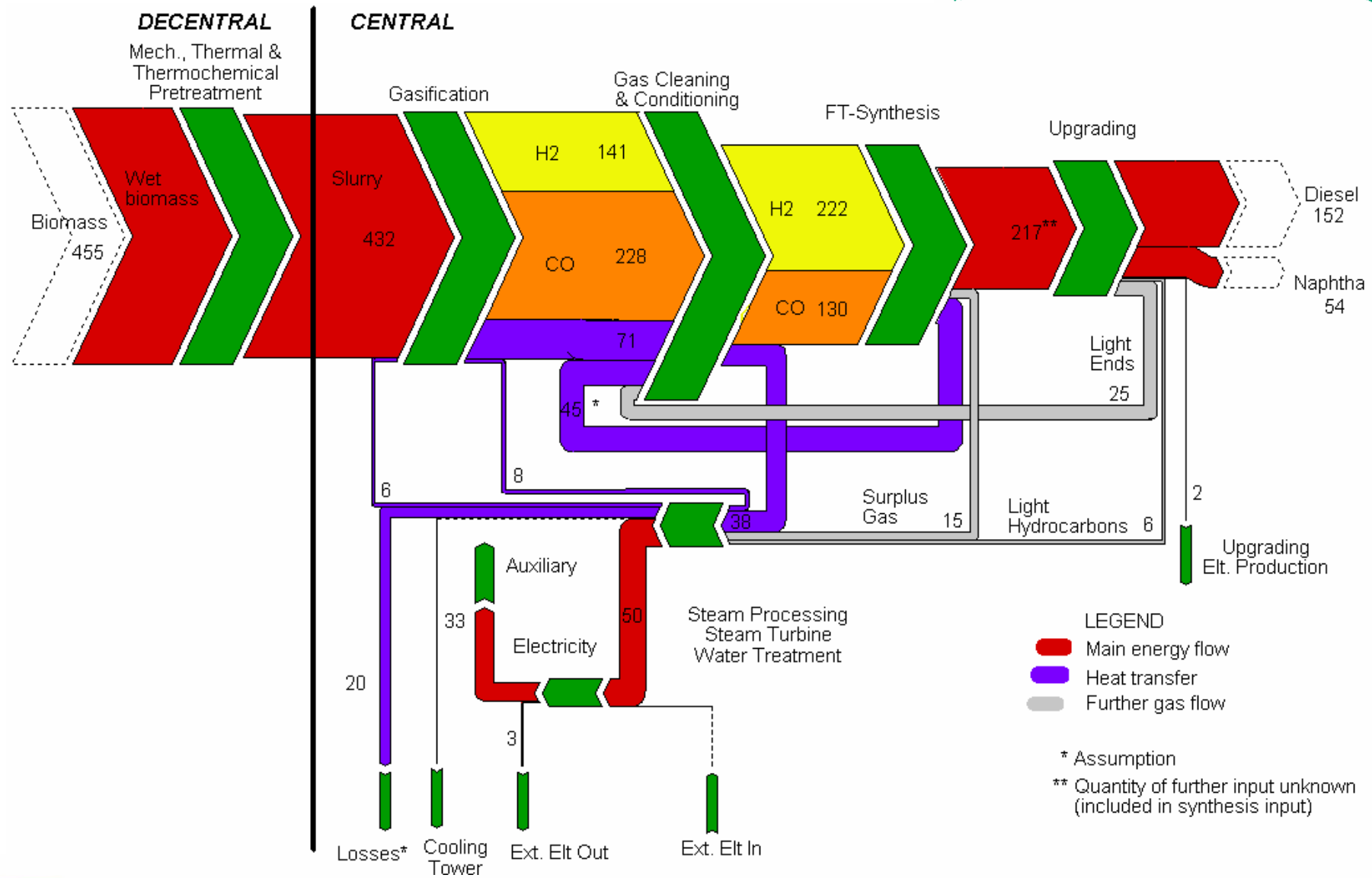
Technical assessment



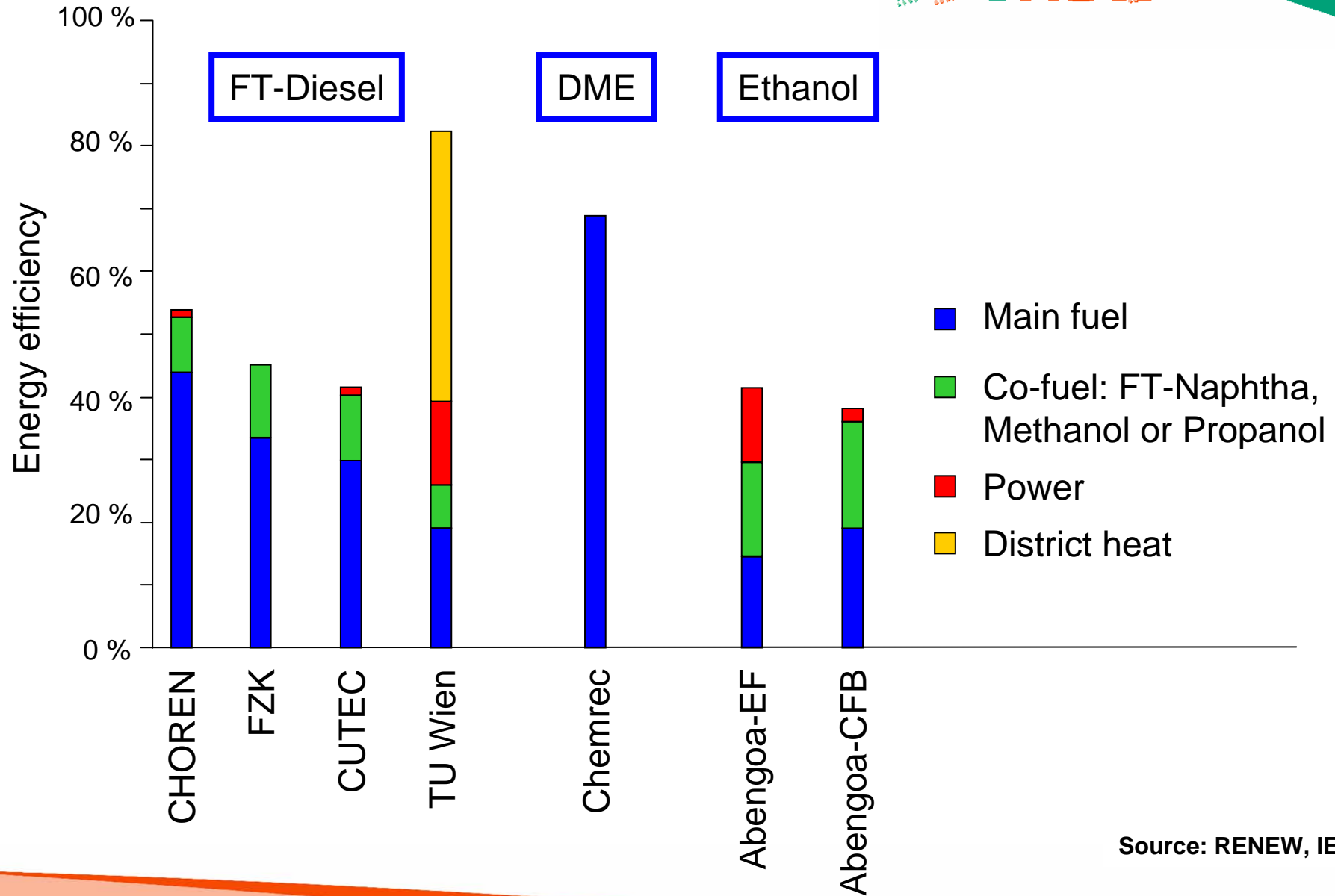
Targets:

- **Consistent comparison of BtL concepts**
- **Detailed profiles and characteristics**
- **Analysis of technical performance of BtL production (in particular energy aspects)**
- **Technical challenges**
- **Comparison to coal (CtL) or gas (GtL) based plants**

Energy flux



Overall efficiency



Source: RENEW, IE

Maturity



Concept	CHOREN	Chemrec	TU Wien	FZK	CUTEC	Abengoa EF	Abengoa CFB
Scale up steps	1	1	1	(1)	2	no gasifier	no gasifier
Mass balances (start / end run)	β : available Σ : progress	available	-	-	-	-	-
Catalyst provider available	1	3	(1)	-	-	-	-
CAPEX / OPEX	available	available	available	-	-	simulation level	simulation level
Plot plan	available	available	-	-	-	-	-
Water flow plan	β : available Σ : progress	available	-	-	-	-	-
Health safety executive	β : available Σ : progress	-	partly available	-	-	-	-
Modelling quality	test data + mass balances	(test data +) mass balances	test data + mass balances	mass balances	mass balances	mass balances	mass balances

Concepts of CHOREN and CHEMREC ready for demonstration !

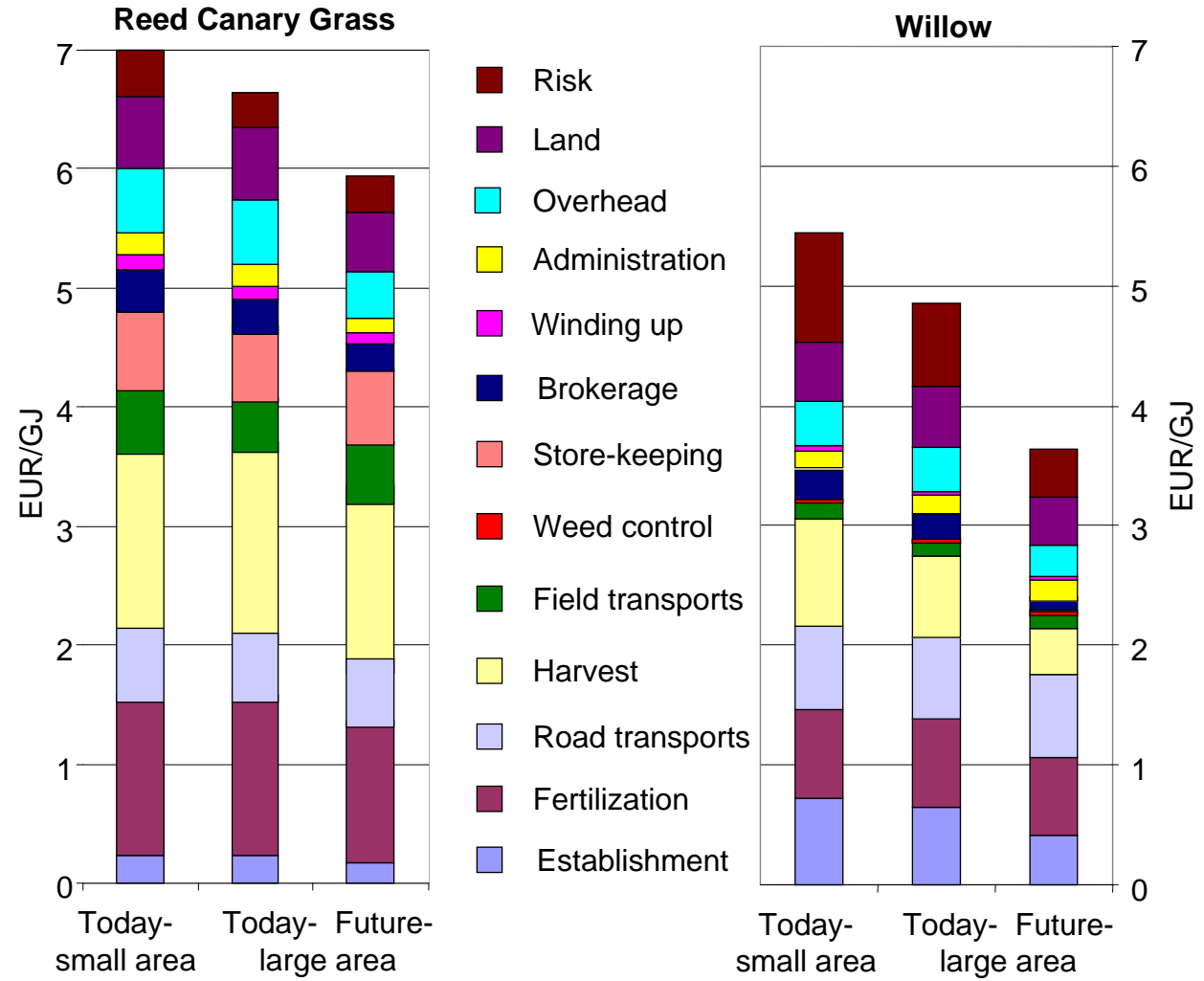
Economic assessment



Approach:

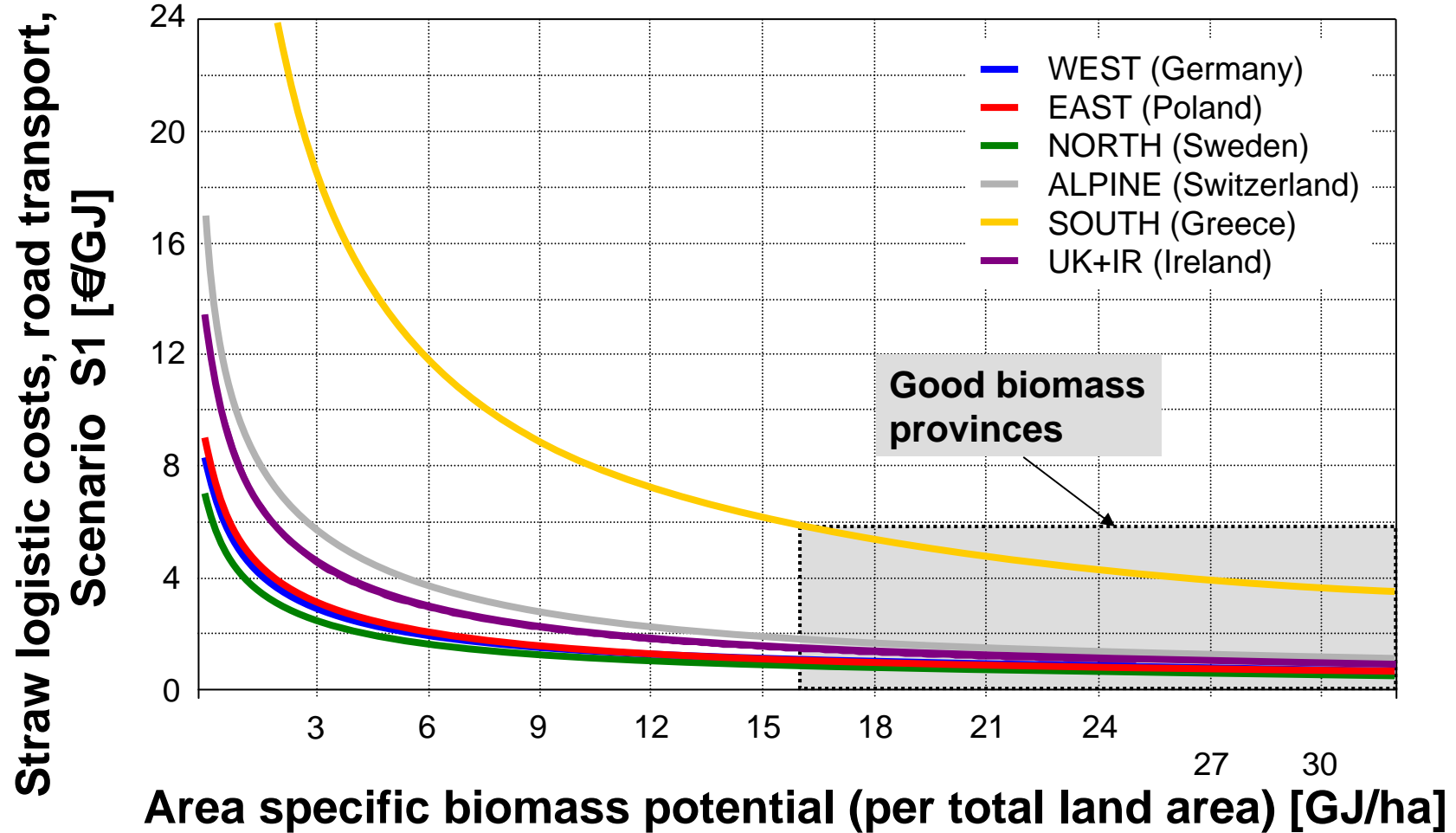
- **Biomass production costs for straw, logging residues, willow, eucalyptus, miscanthus and triticale**
- **Logistic costs for bales, wood chips and wood bundles**
- **BtL production costs for each concept**
- **Based on model countries Sweden, Poland, Germany, Ireland, Switzerland and Greece for north, east, west, UK-Ireland, alpine, south**

BtL costs: biomass production



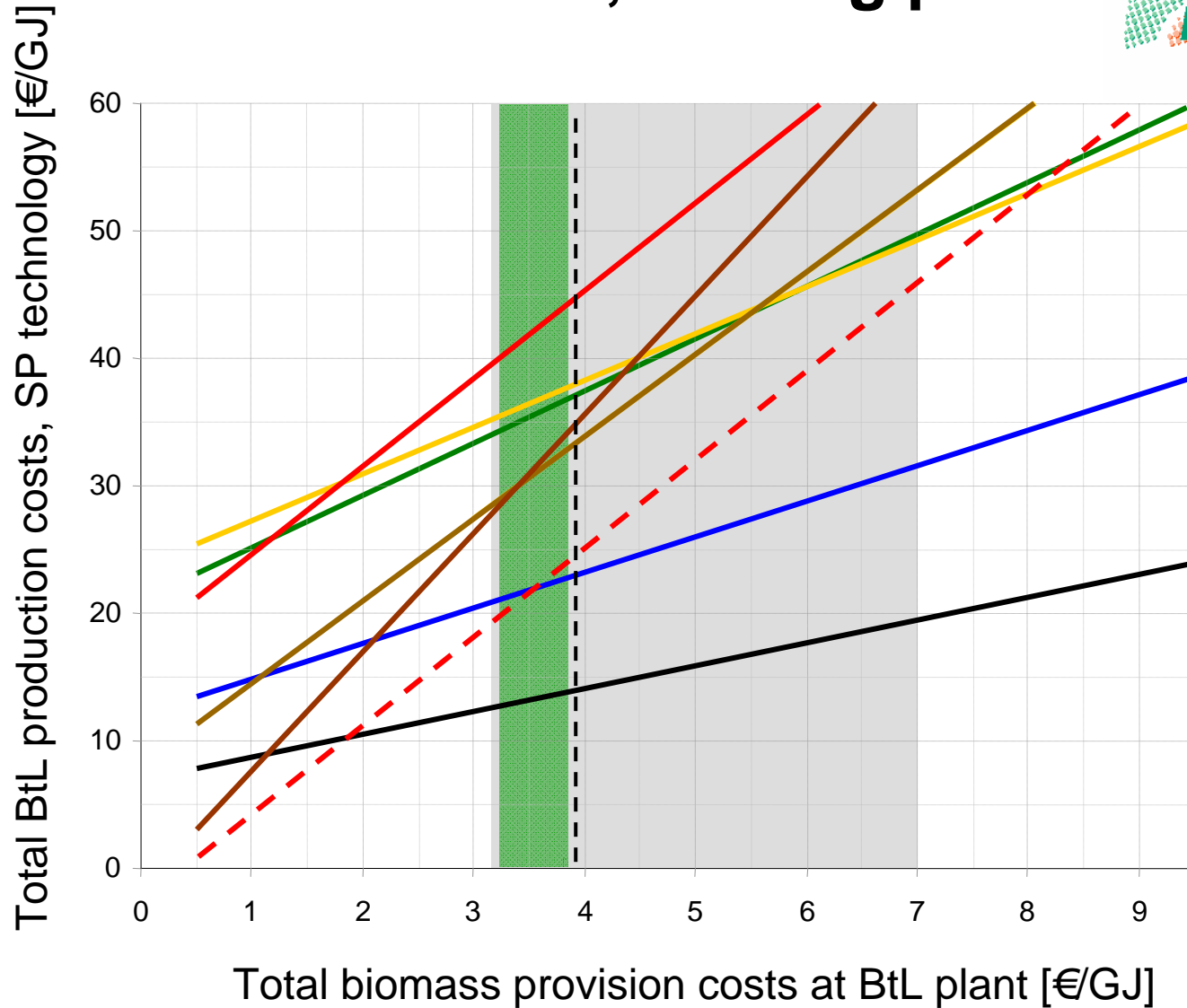
Source: Universitet Lund

BtL costs: biomass transport



Source: ECBREC, IE

BtL costs: total, starting point



- BLEF-DME, Chemrec
- cEF-D, UET/Choren
- dEF-D, FZK
- ICFB-D, TU Wien
- CFB-E, Abengoa
- EF-E, Abengoa
- CFB-D, CUTEC

SP range of biomass costs in good provinces

S1 range of biomass costs in good provinces

129 SEK/MWh wood chips free plant gate, price acc. Swedish Energy Agency

Site specific issues: ICFB-D concept with current Austrian renewable power bonus

28 €/GJ = 1 €/I_{DE}, based on 2004 costs

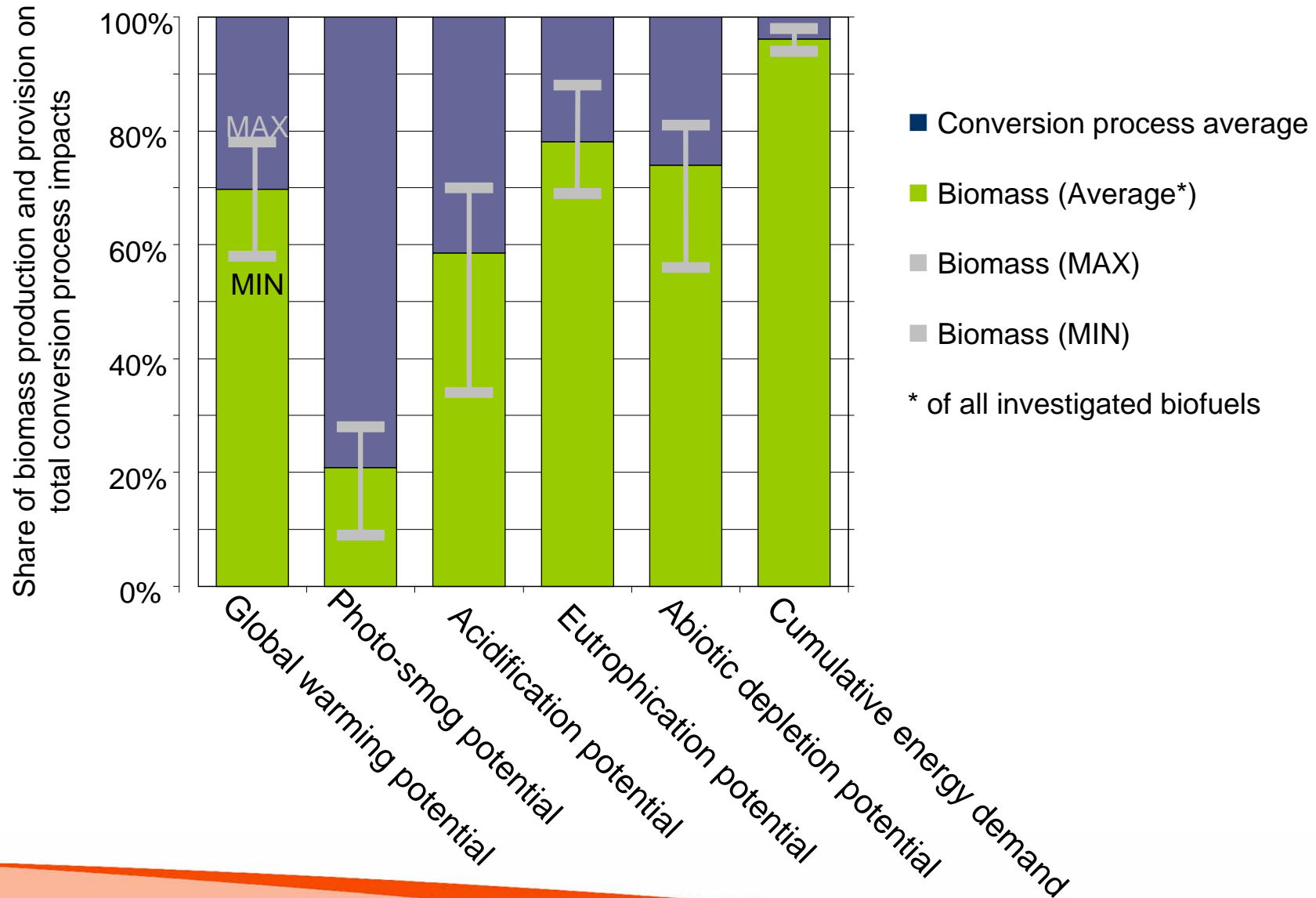
Life cycle assessment



Approach:

- **study according to ISO 14040/44, including peer review**
- **Well-to-tank, i.e. chain from**
 - **biomass production (willow, miscanthus, wheat straw)**
 - **biomass logistics (tractator, storage, truck)**
 - **BtL production (cEF-D, dEF-D, BLEF-DME, CFB-D, ICFB-D)**
 - **transport of FT-Diesel or DME to the filling station**

Life cycle assessment



BtL suitability



Targets:

- **Determination of fuel properties according to EN 590 (diesel norm)**
- **Study of**
 - **unmodified current diesel engines (FT-diesel)**
 - **software-adapted, current diesel engines (FT-diesel)**
 - **research single-cylinders HCCI (FT-naphtha)**
 - **modern truck-engine with modified fuel system (DME)**

BtL engine performance



FT diesel fuel offers high emission reduction potential for non-adapted engines. These benefits can be utilized in existing vehicle fleet.

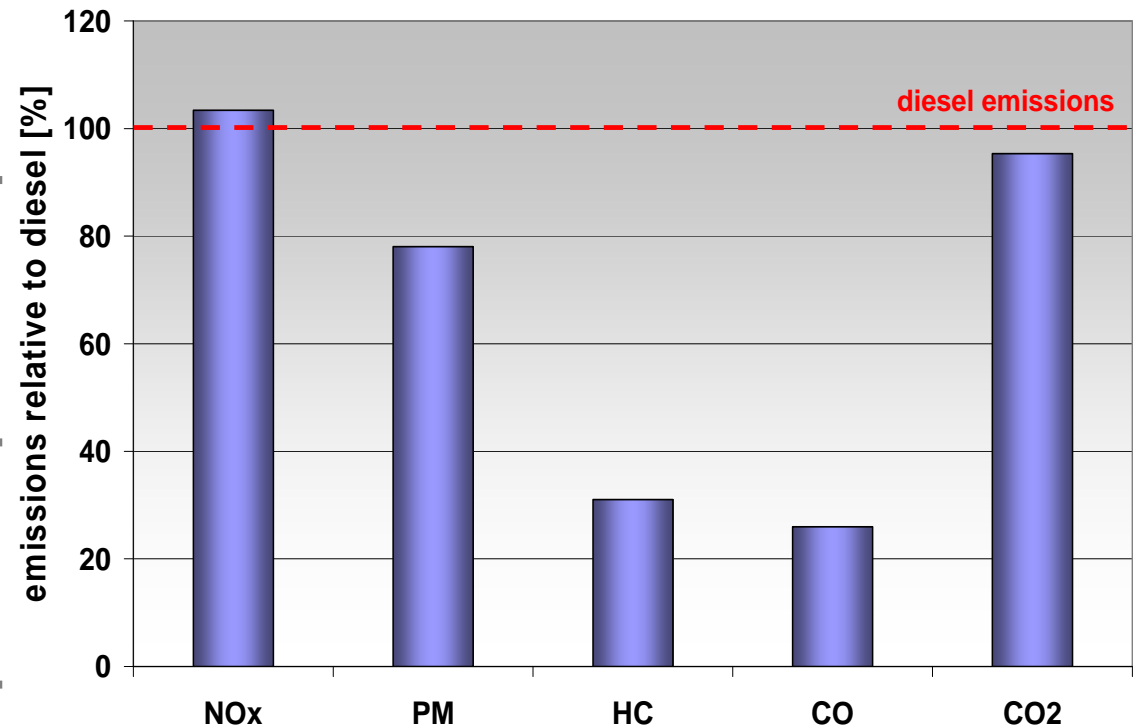
w/o Engine Modifications



- HC reduction potential 70%
- CO reduction potential 70%
- PM reduction potential 20%
- Slightly reduced CO₂ 5%



- Limited NO_x-reduction
- Slightly reduced power
- Higher volumetric fuel consumption



Vehicle: Golf V, unit injector, 103kw

Source: VW

BtL engine performance



Software adaptation would facilitate NO_x-reduction of engines operated with BTL fuel.

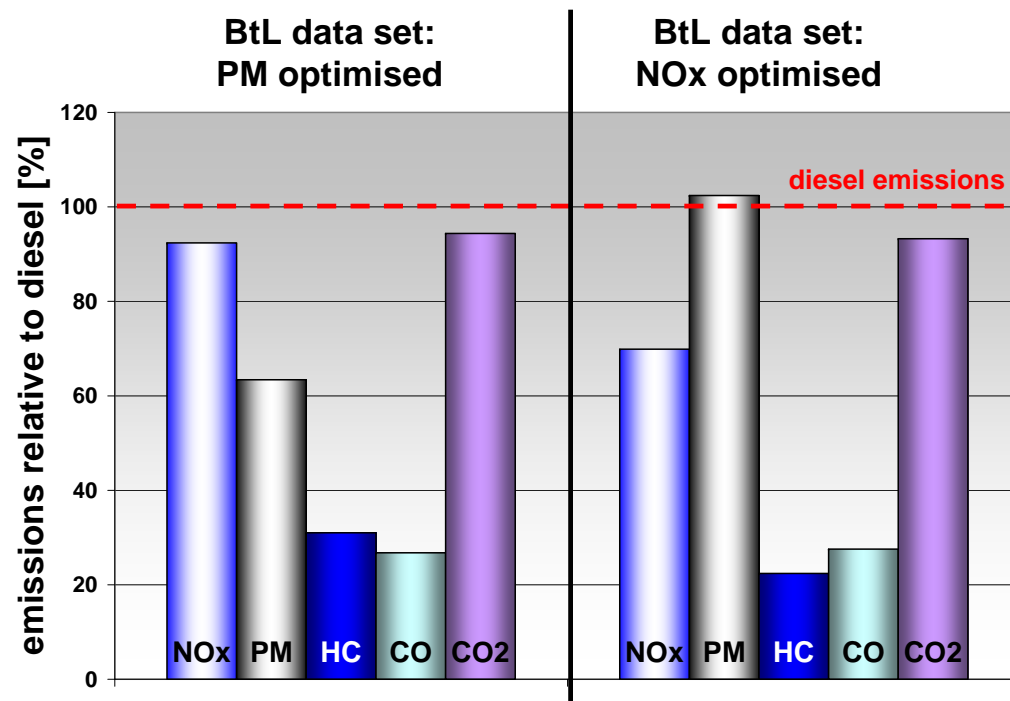
Only Software Adaptation



- Simultaneous Particulate and NO_x-Reduction of up to 25% in NEDC



- Emission limits still be fulfilled with fossil Diesel
- Higher volumetric Fuel Consumption



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BtL properties & specification



BtL diesel

- meets most parameters of EN 590 (diesel norm)
- is suitable for all diesel engines
- Can be blended in any ratio to diesel
- has superior emission properties

			conventional engines (Diesel)		future powertrains (homogeneous combustion) ⁵	
			BTL 100	BTL as 20% Blending component	future BTL 100	BTL naphta 100
Parameters						
	5% recovered at	°C	170	170	160	50
	95% recovered at	°C	320	350 ³	250	160
	%-n-paraffin/iso-paraffin		cannot be derived form RENEW results			
	Olefine	mass %	< 1	< 1	< 1	< 1
	Aromatics	mass %	< 1	< 1	< 1	< 1
	Sulfur	ppm	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5
	Oxygen content	mass %	cannot be derived form RENEW results			
Characteristics						
	Cetan no.		> 60	> 60	< 50 / >65 ¹	< 45
	CFPP	°C	< -22	< -17 ⁴	< -22	< -23
	Flash point	°C	> 55	> 50	> 55	-
	Density	g/ml	0,76	> 0.76	0,74	0,70
	H/C	mol/mol	> 2	> 2	> 2	> 2
	Lower heating value	MJ/kg	44,8	44,8	44,6	44,3
	Lubricity	um	< 460 ²	< 460 ²	< 460 ²	< 460 ²
	Others		EN 590	EN 590	EN 590	-



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sustainable energy systems for transport

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renewable fuels for advanced powertrains

Mobility in the future demands highly effective transport systems that have low emissions and are CO2 neutral. The synthesis of liquid fuels from biomass contributes to meeting these demands. This project assesses the production routes for such biomass-to-liquid (BTL) fuels and will lead to recommendations for the future realisation of the technology.

Major car manufacturers, fuel producers, engineers and plant builders cooperate with research and development institutes in a four year project to undertake a technical, economic and environmental assessment of production routes for renewable biomass-to-liquid (BTL) fuels.

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