

The potential of energy crops in Germany and Poland

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Outline

- Introduction on sustainable biomass potential
- Objective: potential of agricultural area for bioenergy production
 - in Poland and Germany
 - temporal development until 2030
- Approach:
 - land use model HEKTOR
 - scenario development
- Results:
 - available area
 - primary energy potential

Overview Agriculture and Energy 2009

	Poland	Germany
Utilized agricultural area (UAA) [Mio. ha]	16	17
UAA per head [m ² /head]	4 100	2 200
Fallow and abandoned land [Mio. ha]	0.7	0.3
Main agricultural product [€] selfsufficiency rate	cereals 80-120%	milk 115-120%
Cereal production [Mio. t]	10	25
Total primary energy supply (TPES) [EJ]	4	14
Share of biomass in energy supply	6%	6%

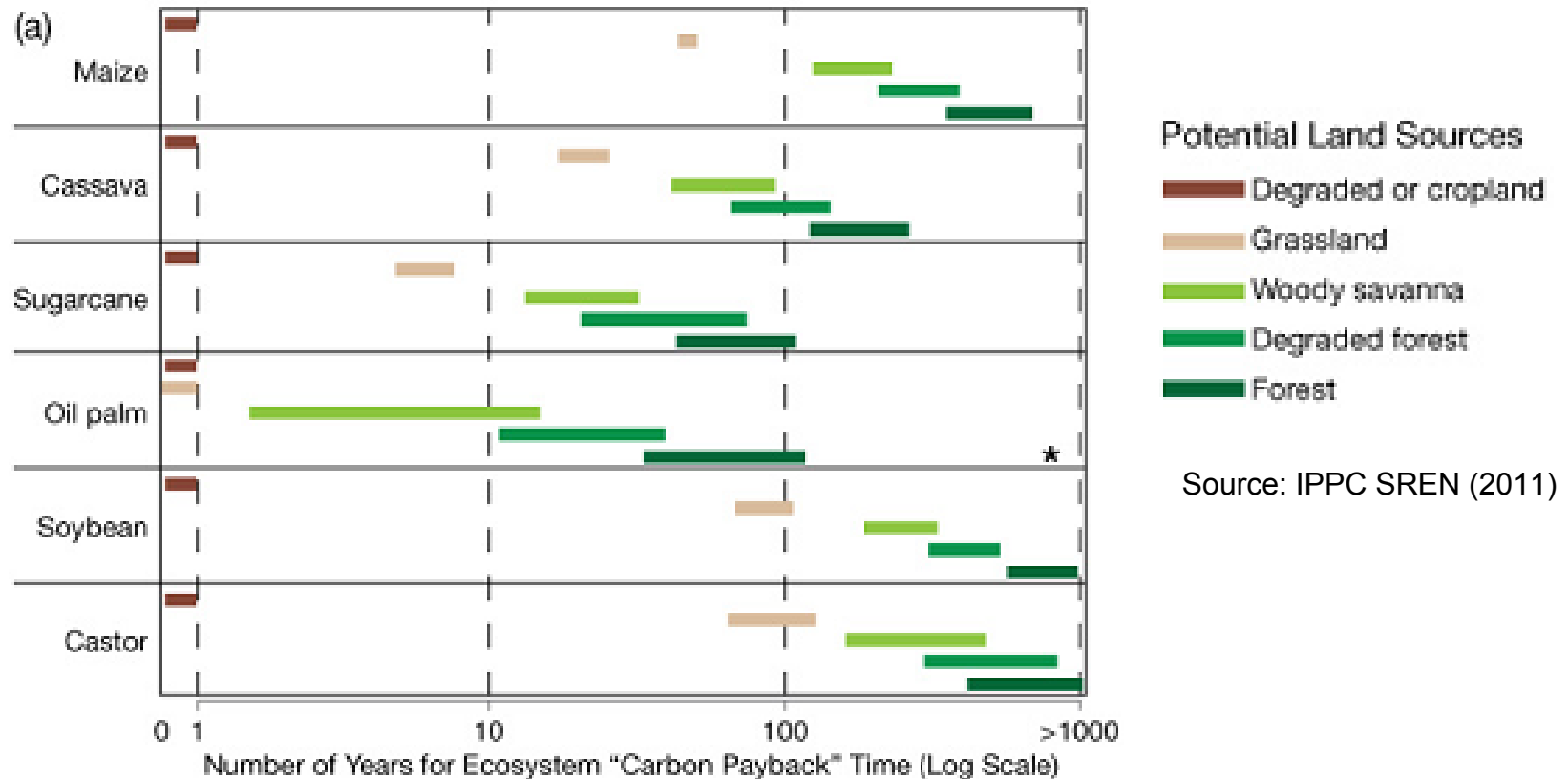
Germany, Poland and France together produce half of the cereals in the EU-27.

Source: Eurostat 2010, IEA 2009

Introduction: Sustainable biomass potential

- Advantages of biomass:
 - applicable in all sectors, on demand, also for process heat
 - leads to high competition for restricted biomass potential
- Residues and Wastes → limited by primary use
- **Energy crop production**
 - **variable biomass production on demand**
 - **increases land use competition**
 - **risk for markets of food, feed and fibre**
 - **risk of direct and indirect land use change**
 - **CO2 emissions with long carbon payback time**

Carbon payback time for land use change: Assumptions by IPCC



Ecosystem carbon payback time for potential biofuel crop expansion pathways across the tropics for the year 2000 agricultural system

Objective: the sustainable energy crop potential

Basic assumptions

- Indirect and direct land use change must be avoided to keep biomass a low-carbon energy source --> only on existing agricultural land
- All agricultural land not in use e.g. for food and fiber is available for energy crops

Assessment of land use development in a country for a specific period

→for Poland and Germany

→until 2030



The modeling and scenario approach

Potentially available agricultural area ➤ varies over time → trends
➤ depends on political targets

Trends on food demand, agricultural productivity etc.
→ Development of the HEKtar kalculaTOR Model

Assessment of „uncertain“ driving factors
→ Development of Scenarios

Biomass potential model HEKTOR



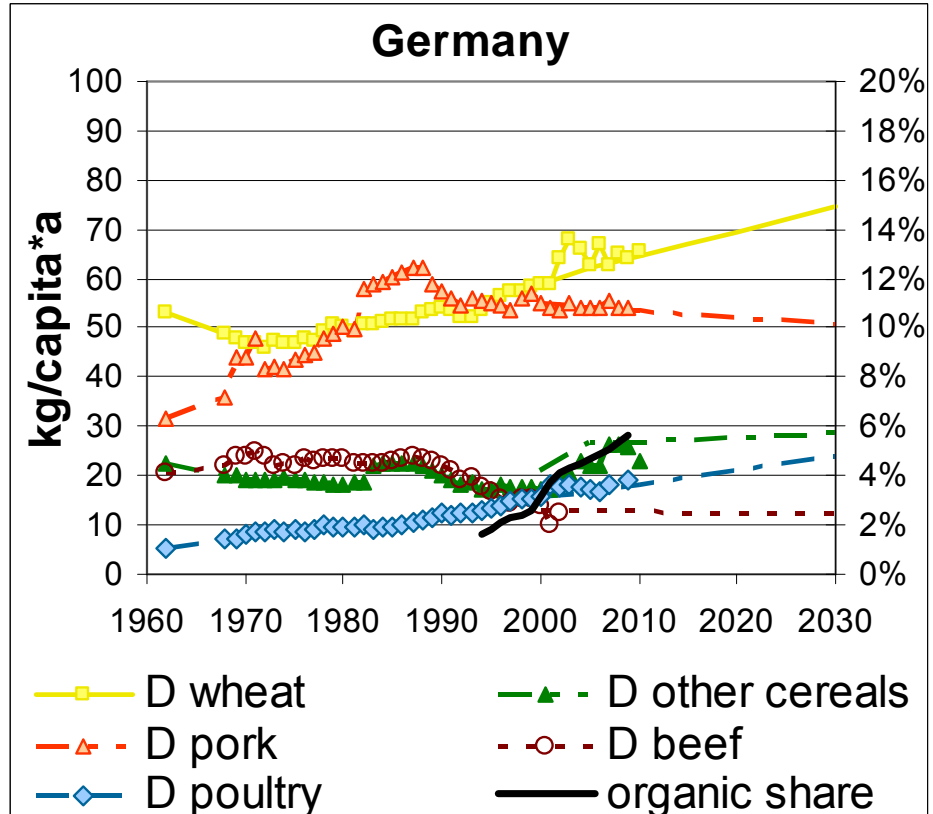
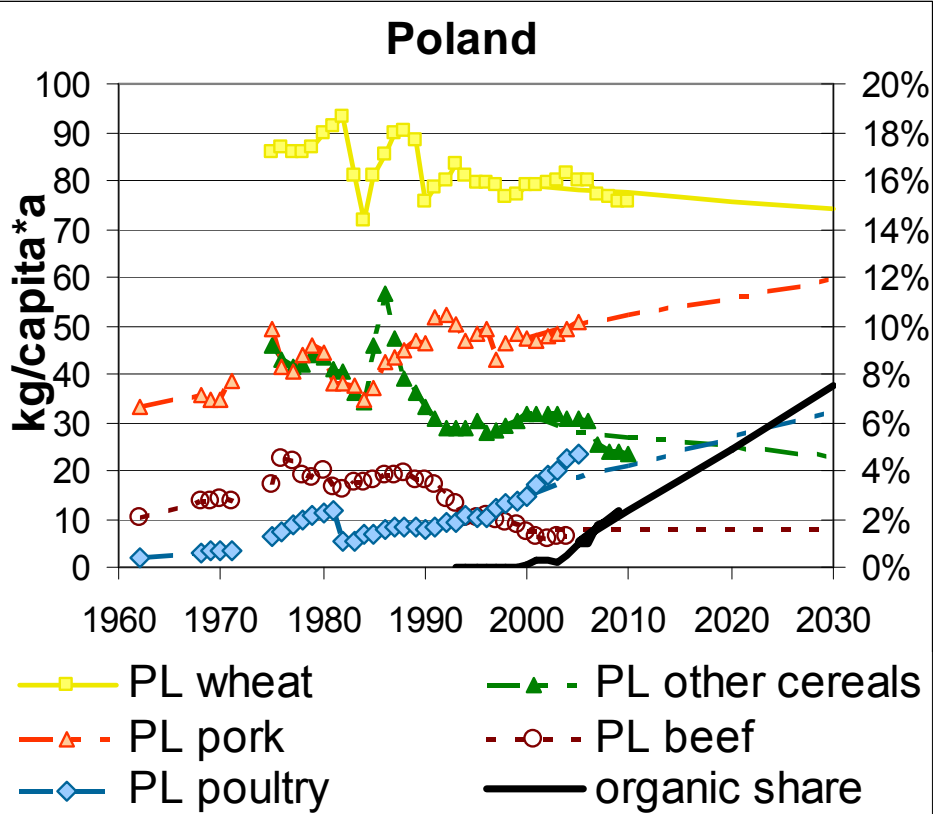
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food demand:

- population
- food consumption



Trends in food supply



➤ Poland: increase in meat, decrease in wheat

➤ Germany: stagnation in meat, increase in wheat

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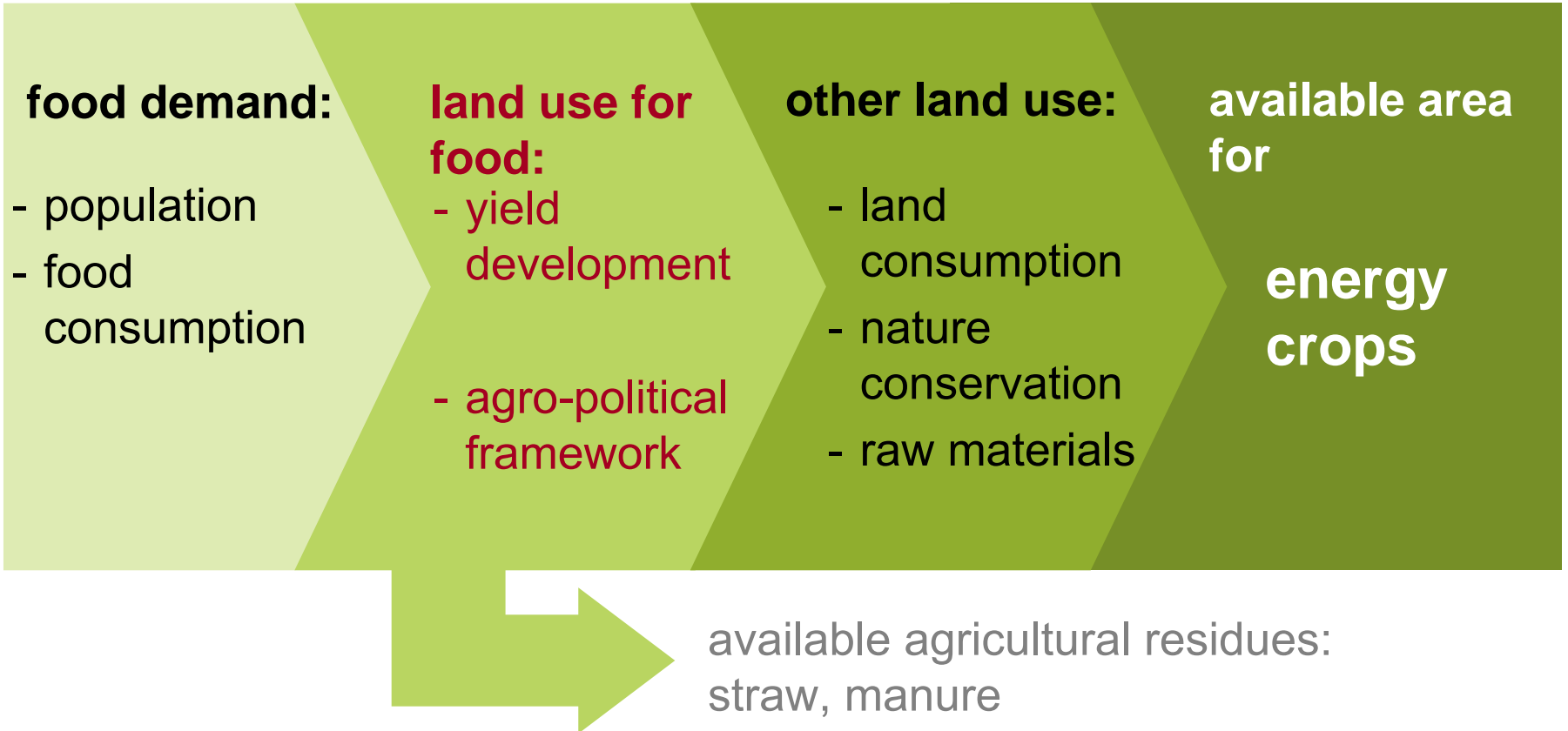
- population
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land use for food:

- yield development
- agro-political framework

- Increase in crop yields
- Increase in milk production/cow
- ➔ **Future development along trends**
- Phasing out of milk quotas
- Gras land conservation

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Scenario development

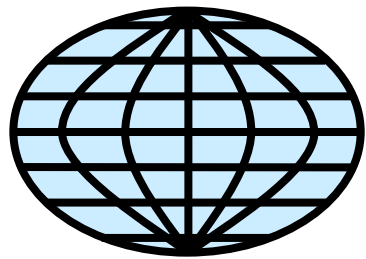
Policy dependent aspects, e.g:

- Agricultural market prospects
- Organic farming
- Nature conservation targets

➔ **Assessment via different scenarios**

Scenario approach

- Scenarios are if-then assumptions
- Story lines describe sets of uncertainties
- No prognosis!!



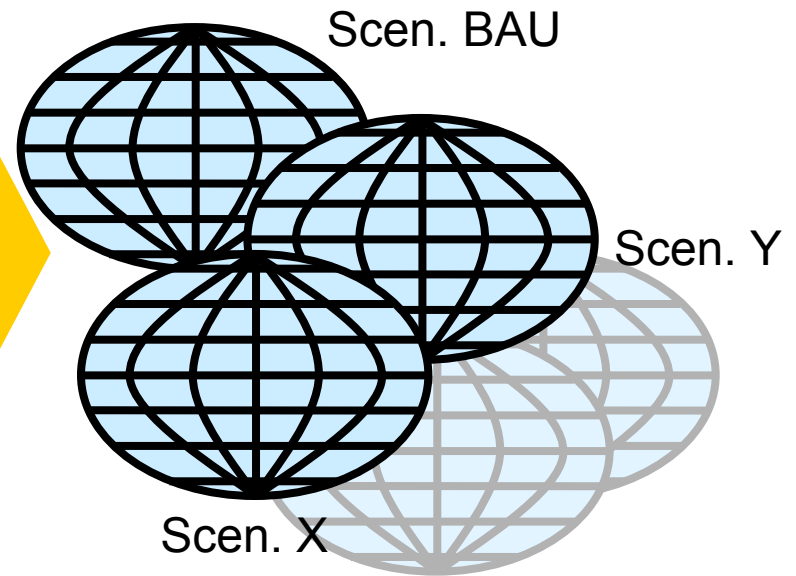
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Scenario „philosophies“

e. g.

- Business As Usual
- Energy [R]evolution
- comprehensive Sustainability

„Potential future worlds“ in 20XX



Scenario development

Scenario	Business as usual Scenario (BAU)	Sustainability Scenario (NH)
Story line	Development along current trends, no further measures	consistent sustainability targets in various sectors
Organic farming/ High Nature Value farming*	PL 8% DE 12%	PL 10% + high share of HNV farming DE 30%
Land consumption for building activity	PL ~25 ha/d ↑ DE ~80ha/d ↓	PL 20 ha/d DE 30 ha/d by 2020
Land for Nature conservation	trend	PL forest area ↑ + HNV farming DE 10% of land area
Market prospects (DG AGRI)	Shifting to pork and poultry; good prospects for milk + products	
Self sufficiency	stagnation	

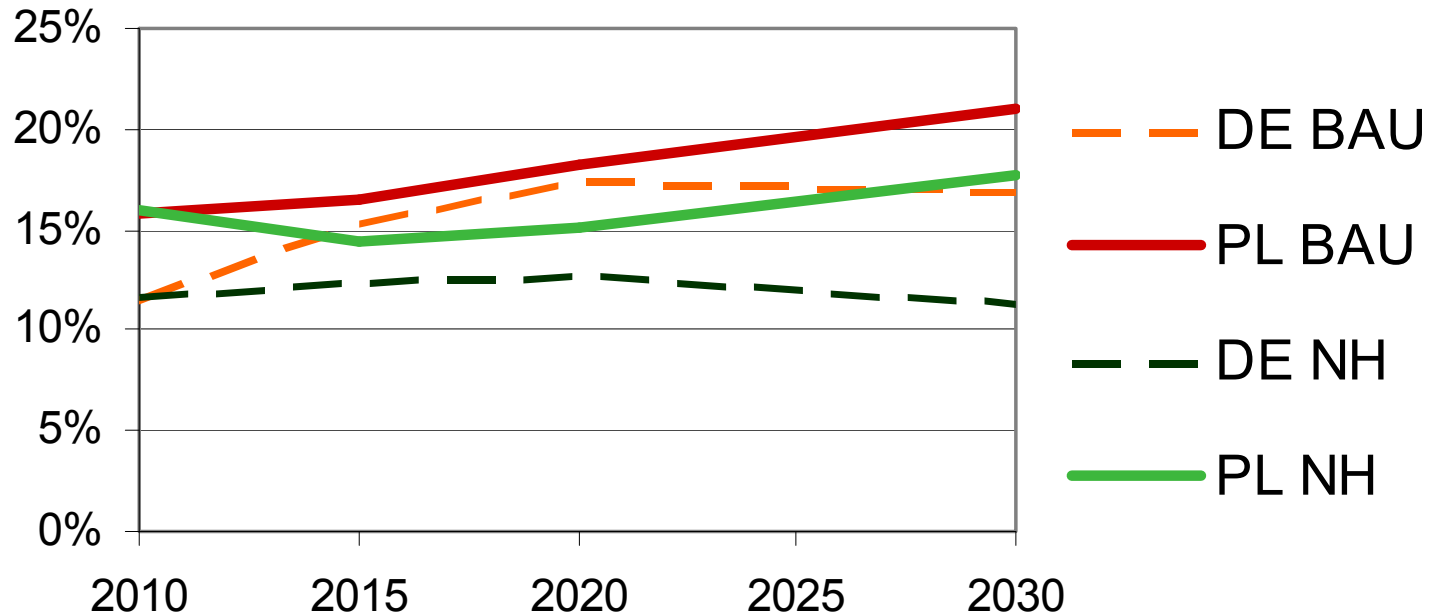
*HNV farming: low intensity but no organic label



Results of the Scenarios

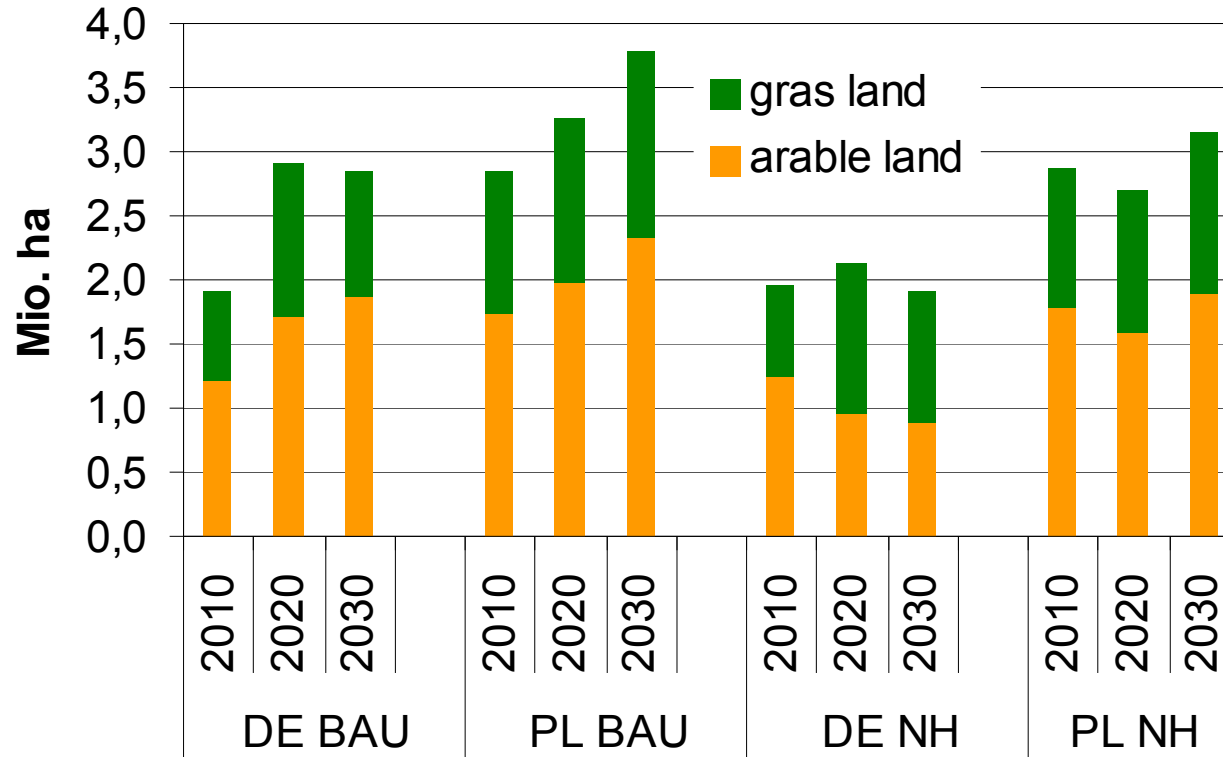


share of utilized agricultural area available for energy production



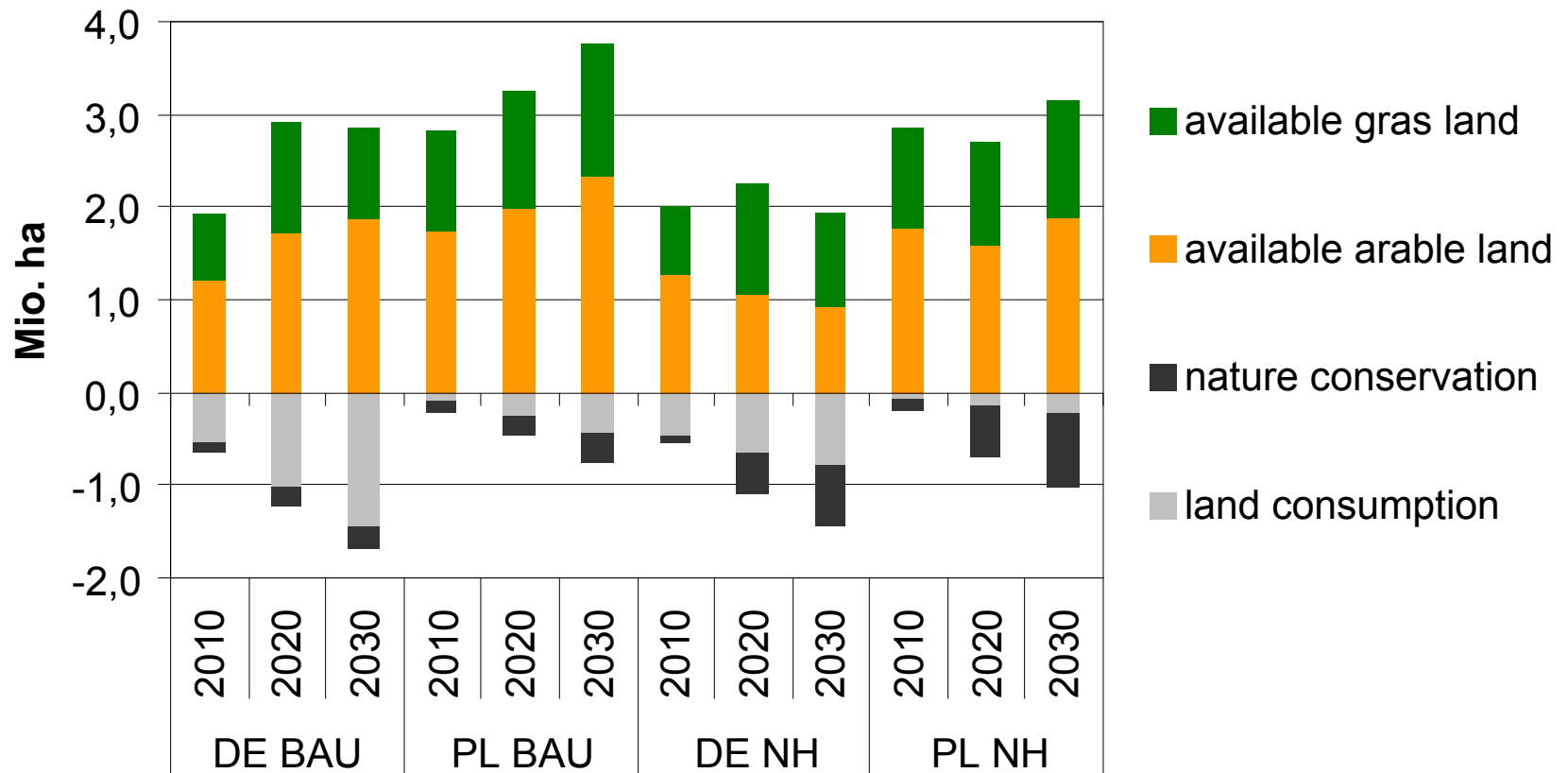
- 15-20% of UAA is available for bioenergy under the BAU and NH scenario
- Slow increase in PL
- Stagnation in DE

Availability of grasland and arable land



- Sustainability scenario mainly decreases availability of arable land
- Share of available arable land depends on system intensity

Availability of grasland and arable land



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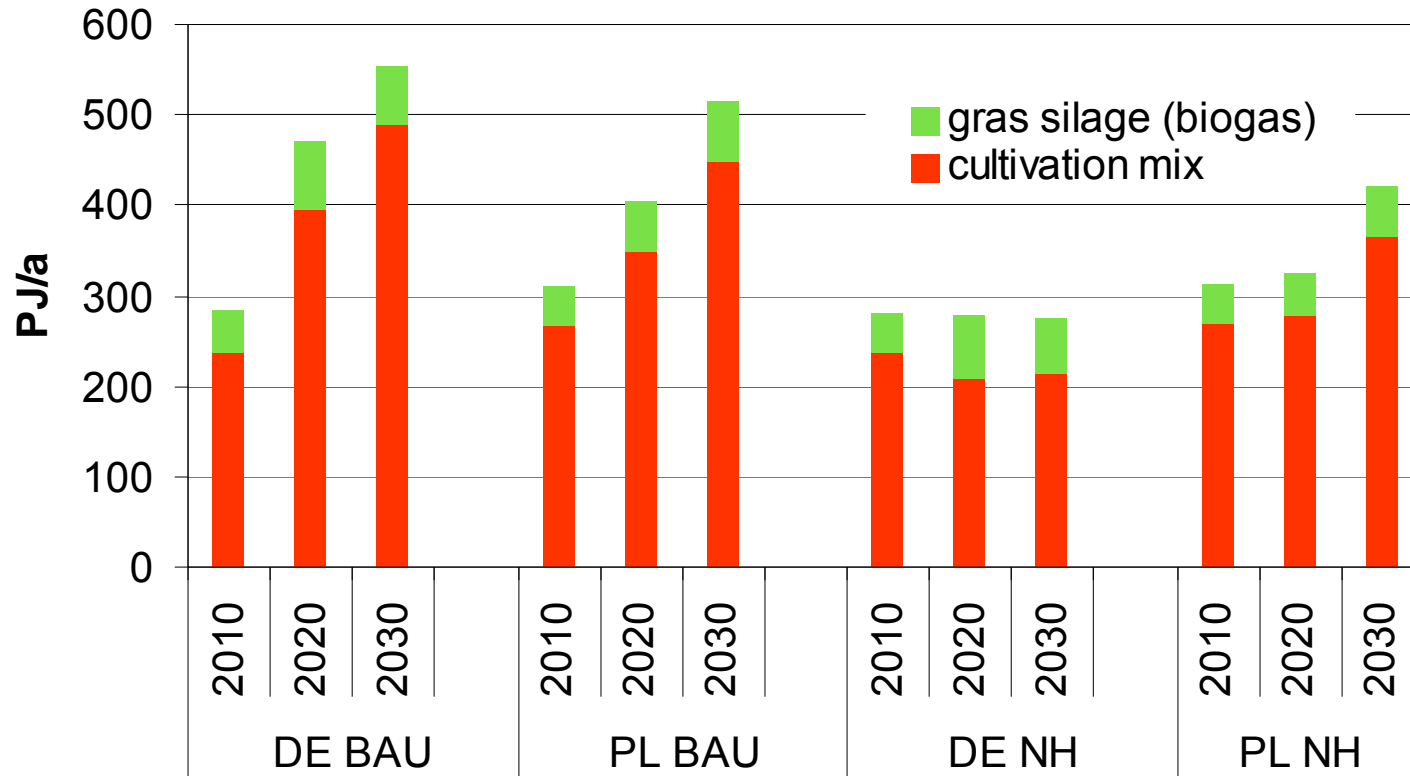


Primary energy potential on available land

Transformation of area into energy

- On arable land calculated by a cultivation mix of 6 major crops:
 - Wheat (+ straw)
 - Sugar beet (+ residues)
 - Rapeseed (+ straw)
 - Short rotation coppice
 - Maize silage (for biogas)
 - Twin cultivation/mixed cultivation (for biogas)
- On grass land: grass silage for biogas

Primary energy potential on available land



→ Primary energy yield is variable

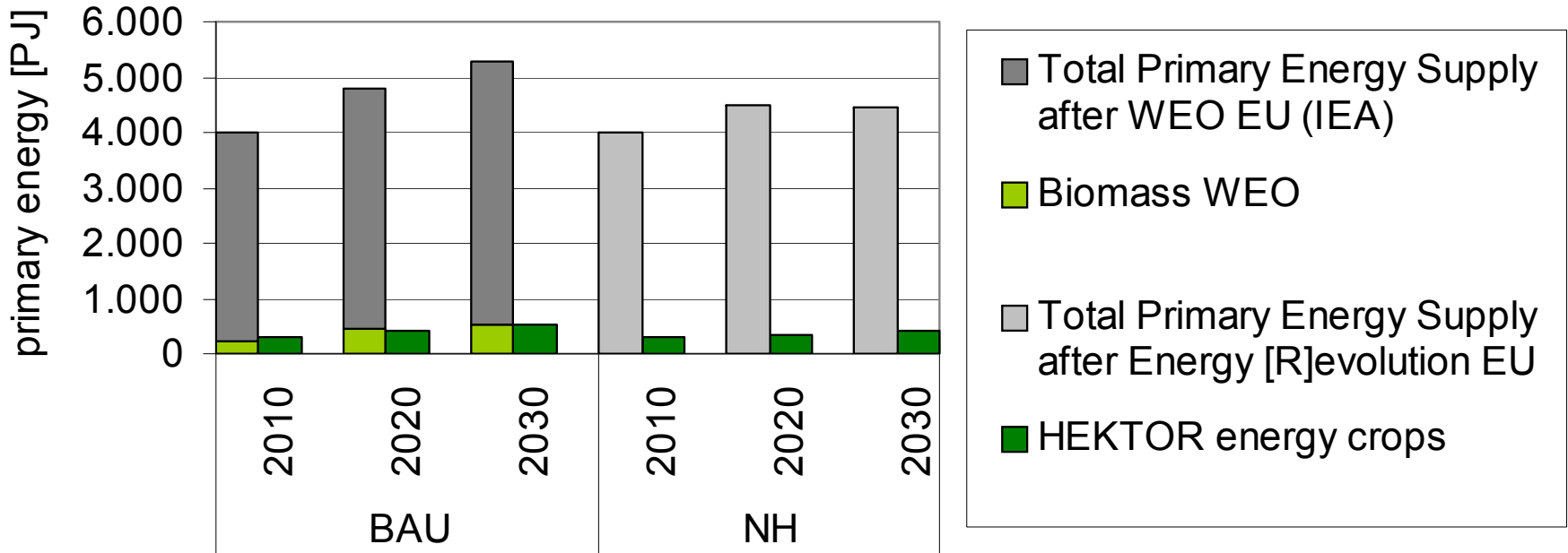
→ Depends strongly on applied cultivation systems

Outlook

How relevant is the potential of energy crops for the whole Energy System?

- Compared to Energy scenarios
- Compared to the National Renewable Action plan

Evaluation of primary energy potential in PL



➤ Primary energy from energy crops alone ~ 10% of TPES

Sources: World Energy Outlook (IEA 2009); Energy [R]evolution (Greenpeace 2008)

Evaluation of primary energy potential

➤ National Renewable Action Plan

Overall Biomass availability: **283** PJ in 2020

→ **123** PJ from agricultural crops+residues

➤ Primary energy from energy crops from HEKTOR

➤ NH 2020: **325** PJ

➤ REF 2020: **400** PJ

→ **Still some potential can be developed**

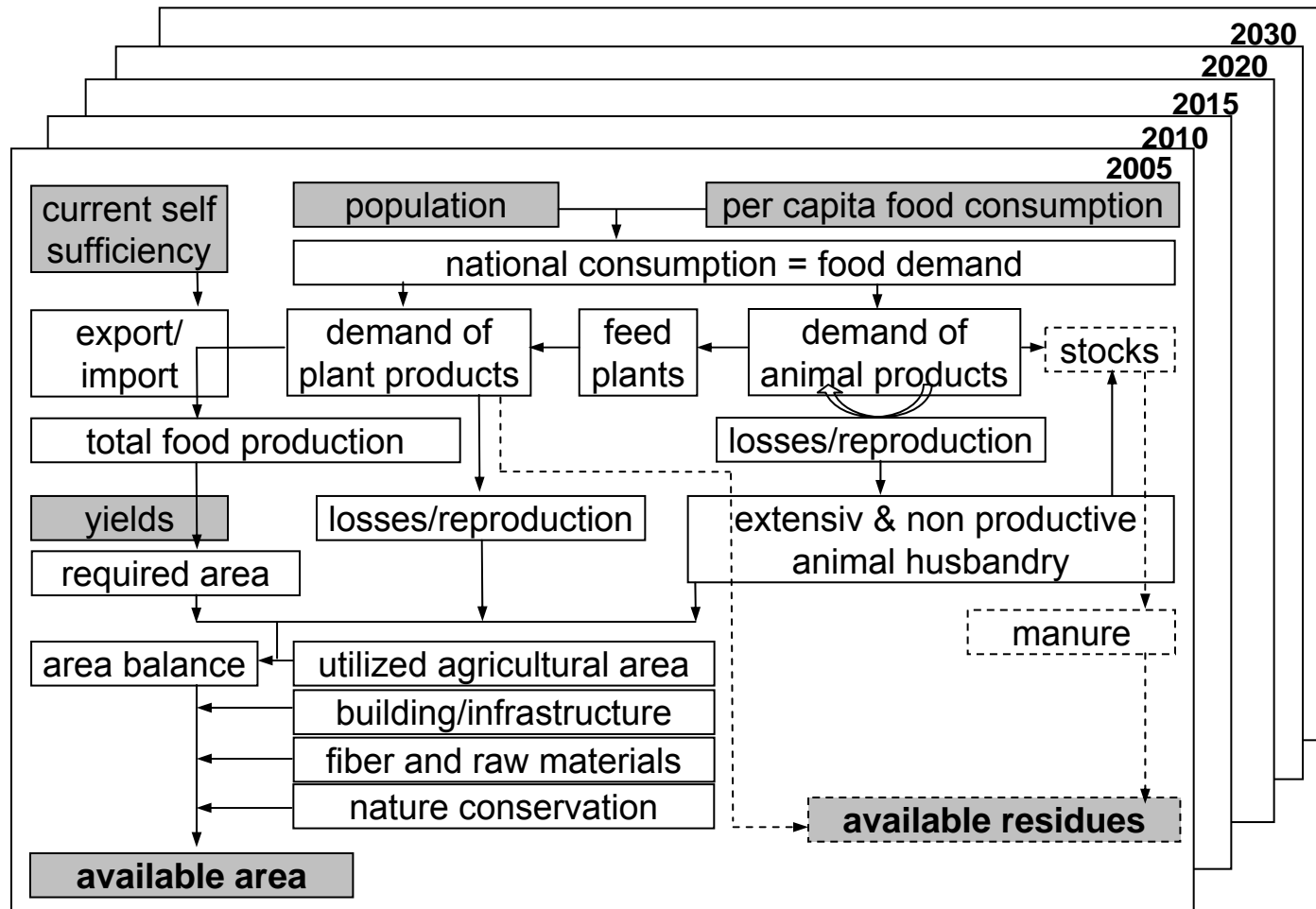
Conclusions

- **available area for energy crops in Poland is increasing over time**
- **15-20% of agricultural area is available for biomass production**
- **Other sustainability targets strongly restrict energy potential**
- **Without a comprehensive sustainability approach cultivation of energy crops can pose a serious risk to sustainability**

Thank you for your attention!

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Competition for agricultural area

Energy crops face **increasing** competition due to

- Restricted overall land availability
- Increasing demand for food and feed
- Increasing demand for raw materials
- Goals for organic/high nature value farming (lower yields)
- Targets for nature conservation
- Land consumption for building activity

Competition can be **decreased** by

- Productivity increase in agriculture
- Political targets limiting land consumption

Sustainable Biomass potential depends on situation and targets of other sectors

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