

2nd Generation Cane Ethanol: The Potential

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2nd Gen Cellulosic Ethanol

Role of Biomass in America's Energy Future Project

- Most comprehensive study of mature cellulosic energy technology
- 8 articles in *BioFPR* special issue
- Did not consider sugar cane

Updated based on experience of Mascoma Corp

- 200 person-year technology development effort since 2006

Key technology features

- Advanced pretreatment
- Consolidated bioprocessing (no added cellulase)
 - Pentose conversion
 - Thermal integration

1st Gen Cane Ethanol

Model developed over last year drawing from

Bohlman & Cesar, 2006 (SRI)

Oliverio and Ferreira, 2010

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Further collaborative validation planned

2nd Generation Cane Ethanol

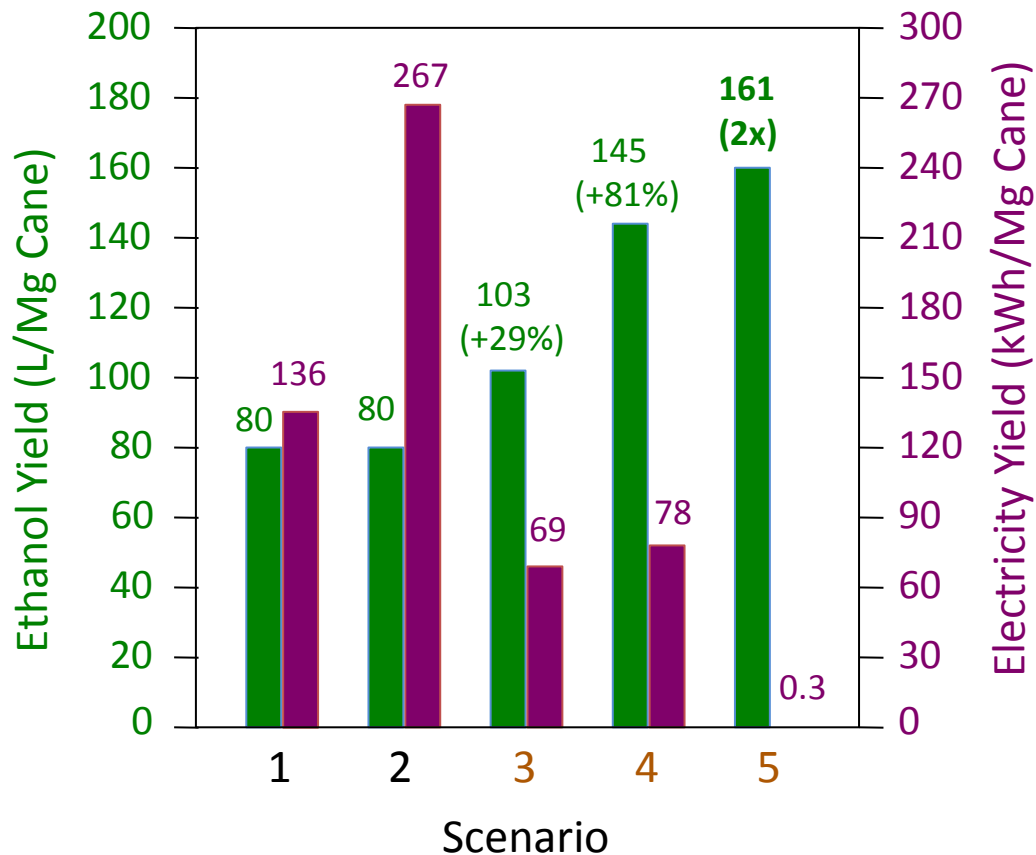
What could be achieved at pilot scale in 3 years given a substantial technology development effort?

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Scenarios examined

- 1) Gen 1 ethanol with cogen (bagasse only)
- 2) Gen 1 ethanol with cogen (+ trash)
- 3) Gen 1 + Gen 2 ethanol with cogen (bagasse only)
- 4) Gen 1 + Gen 2 ethanol with cogen (+ trash)
- 5) Scenario 4 + increased thermal integration

Ethanol and Electricity Yields



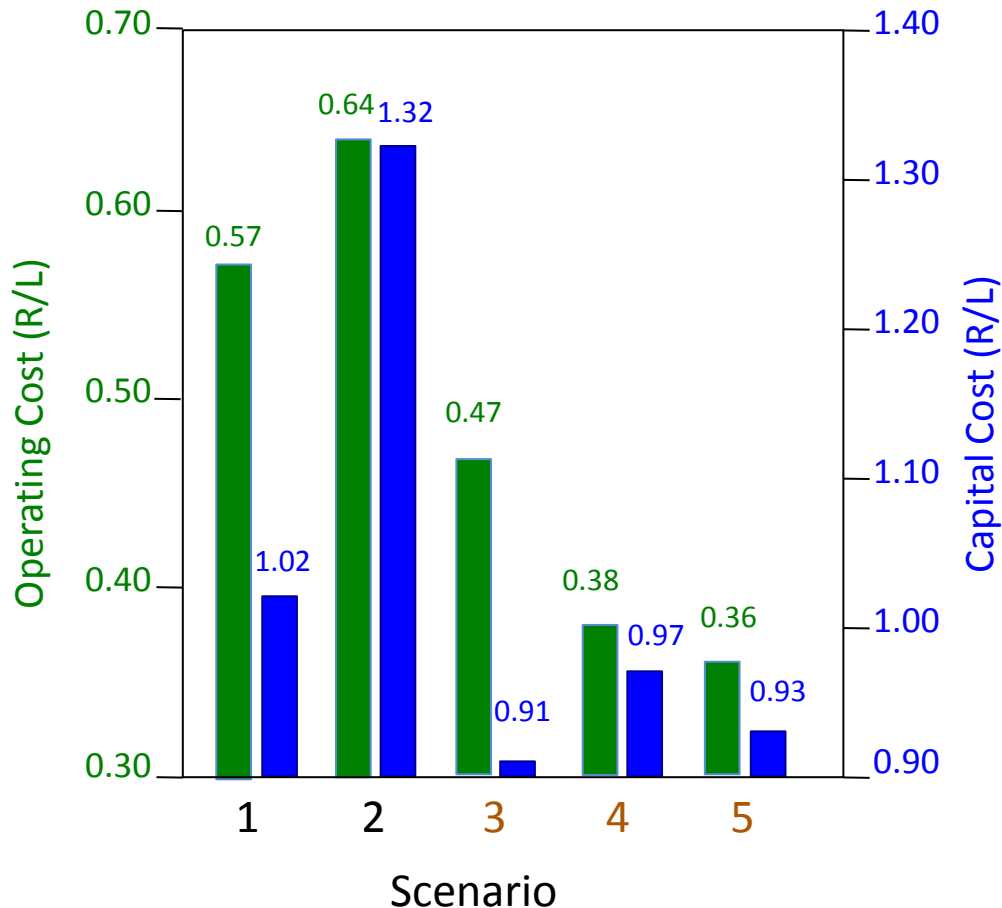
- Ethanol yield per ton, and per hectare, doubled for 2nd gen with thermal integration (scenario 5 vs scenario 1)

- Electricity export is substantial for 2nd gen scenarios 3 and 4, but not scenario 5 which just generates electricity used

Parameters

- 0.15 kg dry bagasse /kg wet cane (70% moisture)
- 0.1 kg dry harvested trash/kg wet cane
- Gen 2 ethanol yield: 78% of theoretical

Operating and Capital Cost



OpEx

Lower with 2nd gen ethanol because more value is derived from the feedstock
 → Robustness to price volatility

CapEx

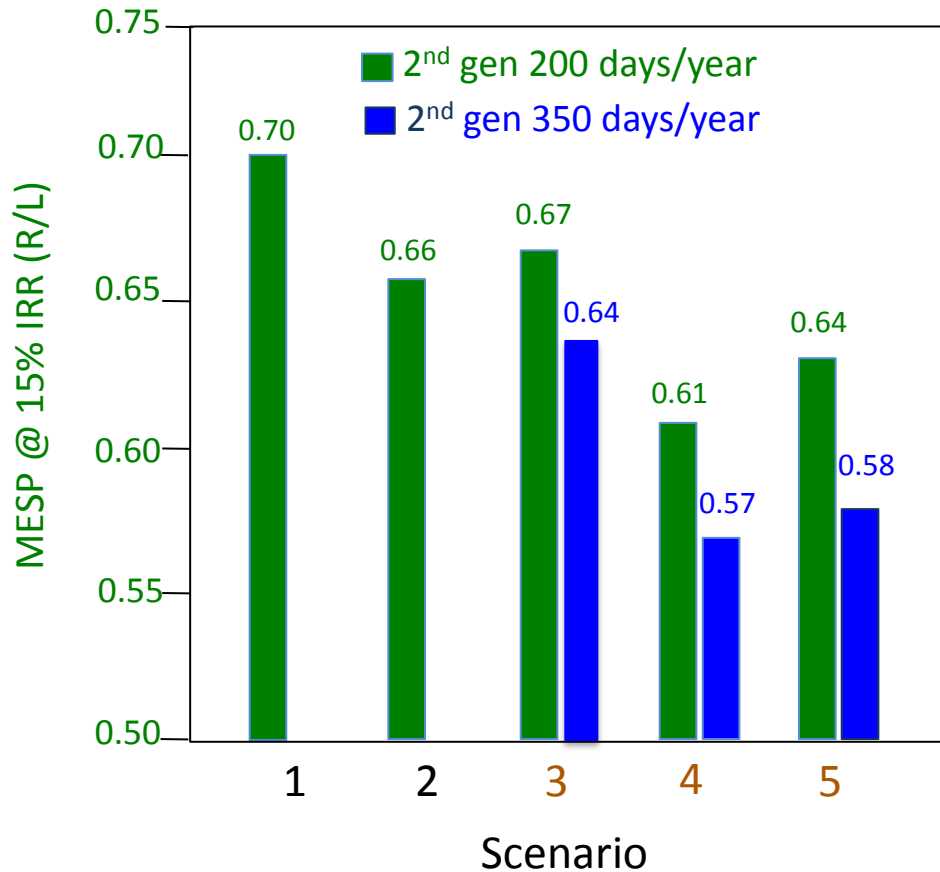
Lower per liter for combined 1st & 2nd gen ethanol (scenarios 3, 4, and 5) compared to 1st gen ethanol + electricity (scenarios 1 and 2) because cogen capital per liter is less

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- 2) Gen 1 with cogen (+ trash)
- 3) Gen 1 + Gen 2 with cogen (bagasse only)
- 4) Gen 1 + Gen 2 with cogen (+ trash)
- 5) Scenario 4 + increased thermal integration

Parameters

- 6 million Mg cane/year
- 39 R/Mg cane (70% moisture)
- 55 R/Mg trash (15% moisture)
- 0.93 R/L ethanol
- 120 R/MWh
- 15% IRR
- 100% equity financing, 20-year SL depreciation
- 39% income tax rate
- 1.57 R/US\$

Minimum Ethanol Selling Price (MESP)



Cane must be processed immediately whereas bagasse & trash can be stored

Thus year-round operation is possible with 2nd gen feedstocks

→ More efficient use of capital, lower minimum ethanol selling price

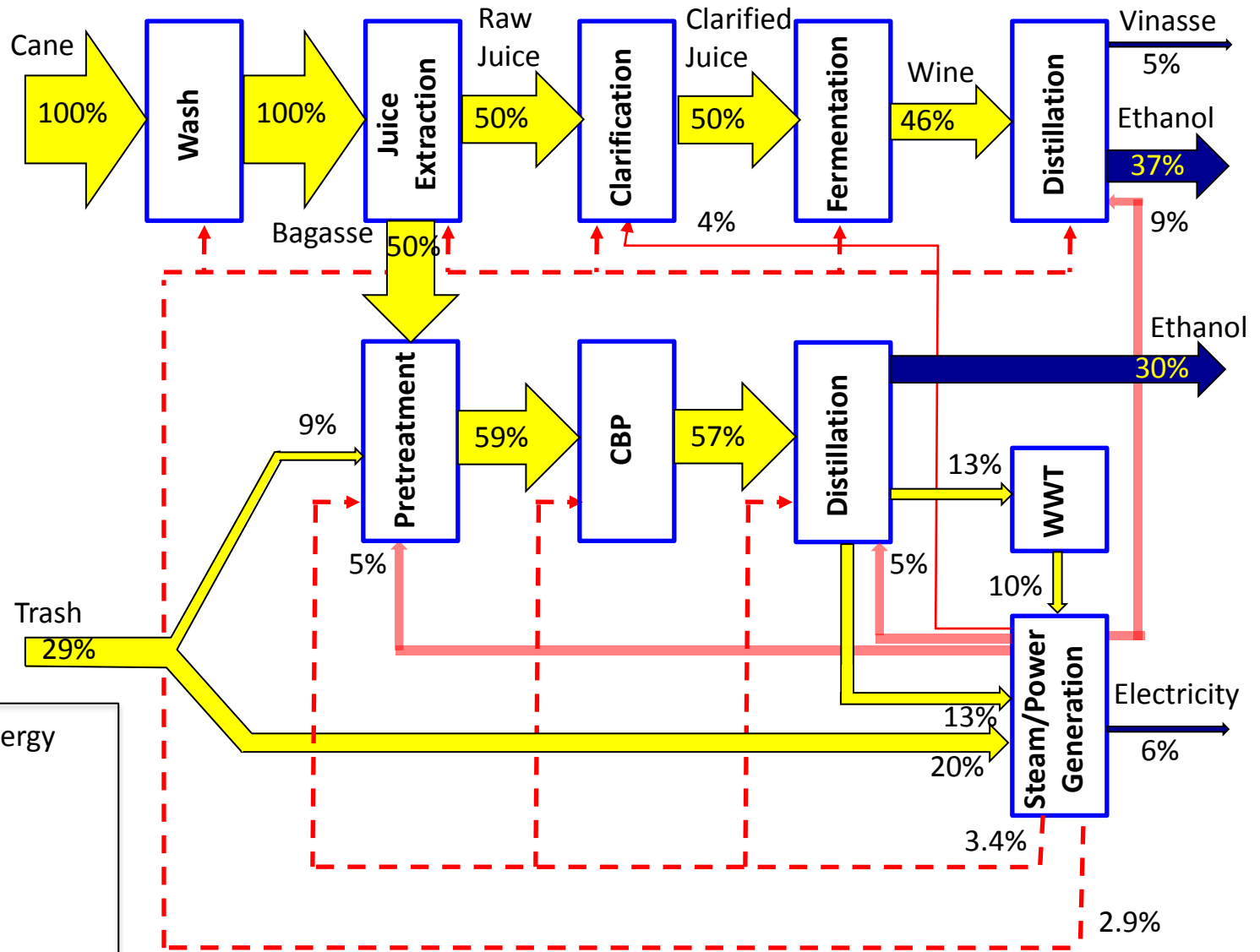
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- 2) Gen 1 ethanol + electricity (+ trash)
- 3) Gen 1 + 2 ethanol + electricity (bagasse only)
- 4) Gen 1 + 2 ethanol + electricity (+ trash)
- 5) Scenario 4 w/increased thermal integration

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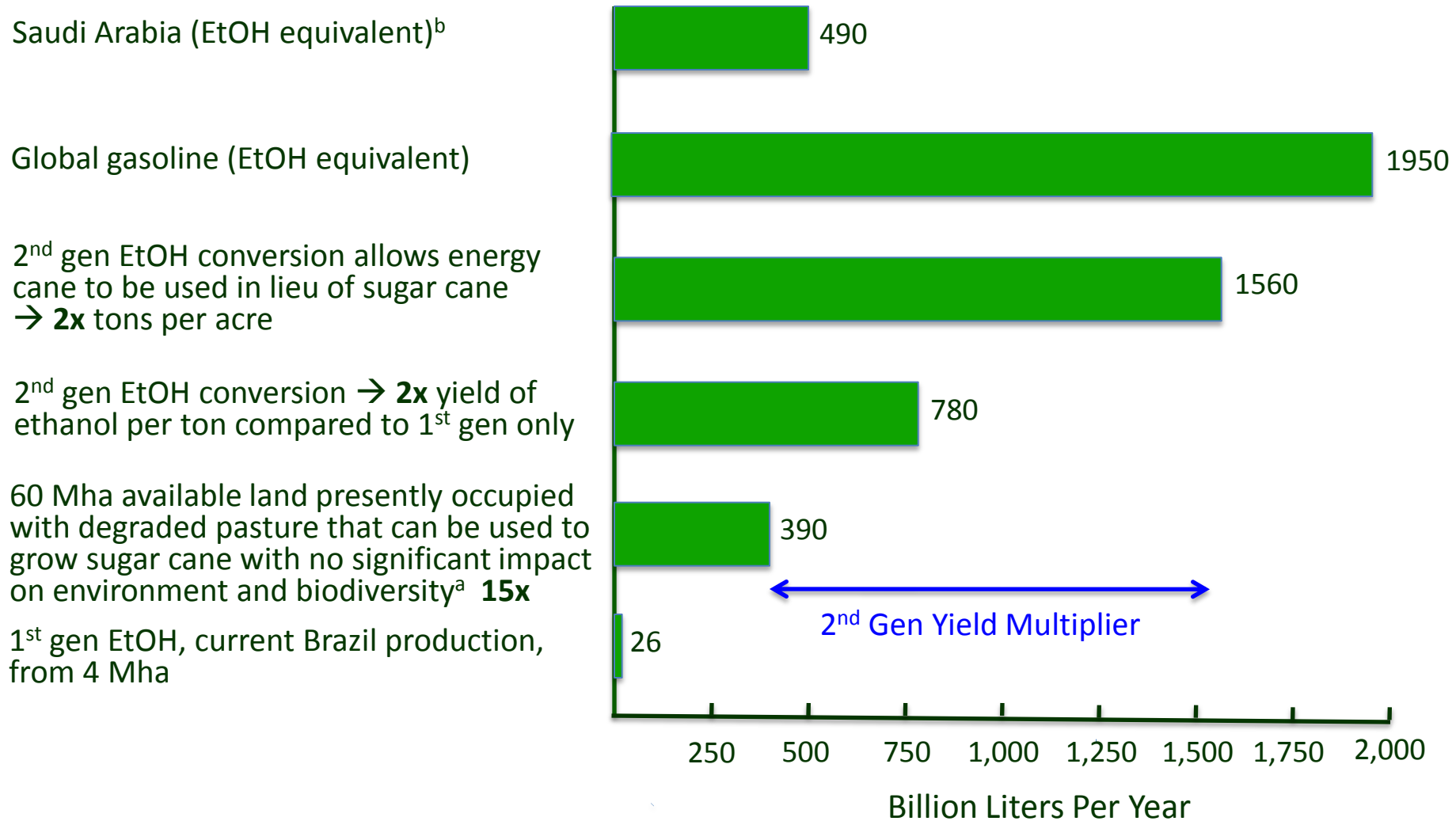
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Process Energy Flows

Scenario 4, Normalized to Cane Heating Value



Potential Impact of 2nd Generation Cane Ethanol in Brazil



^aComprehensive eco-agricultural study for the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, mentioned in Lynd et al., 2011.

^b12.5 million barrels/day, 72 L gasoline/barrel, 1.5 L ethanol equivalent/L gasoline