

Life Cycle Thinking for Food, Fuel, and Climate Change

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Future challenges for food



Climate change



Non-Tariff Trade Barriers (Sustainability)

CHALLENGE



Limited resources (Land, Water)

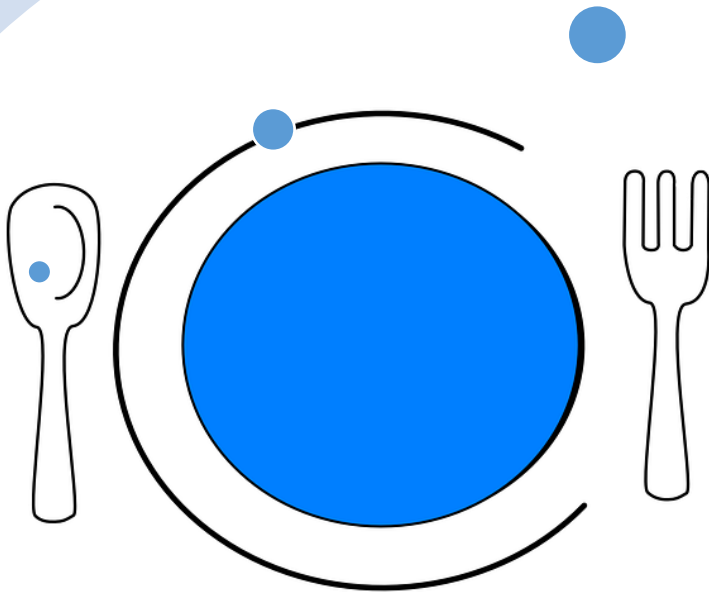
Traditional agricultural practices (Low productivity)



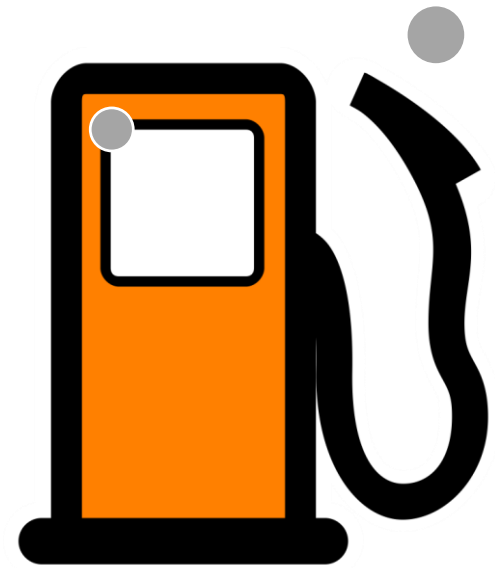
Why food, fuel and climate change?

Increased population
Economic growth
Human-well being

Economic activity and growth
Government promotion
Concerns on environment

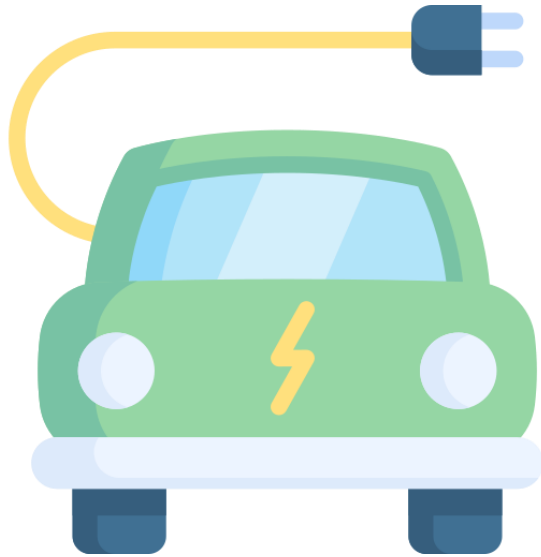


Food



Fuel

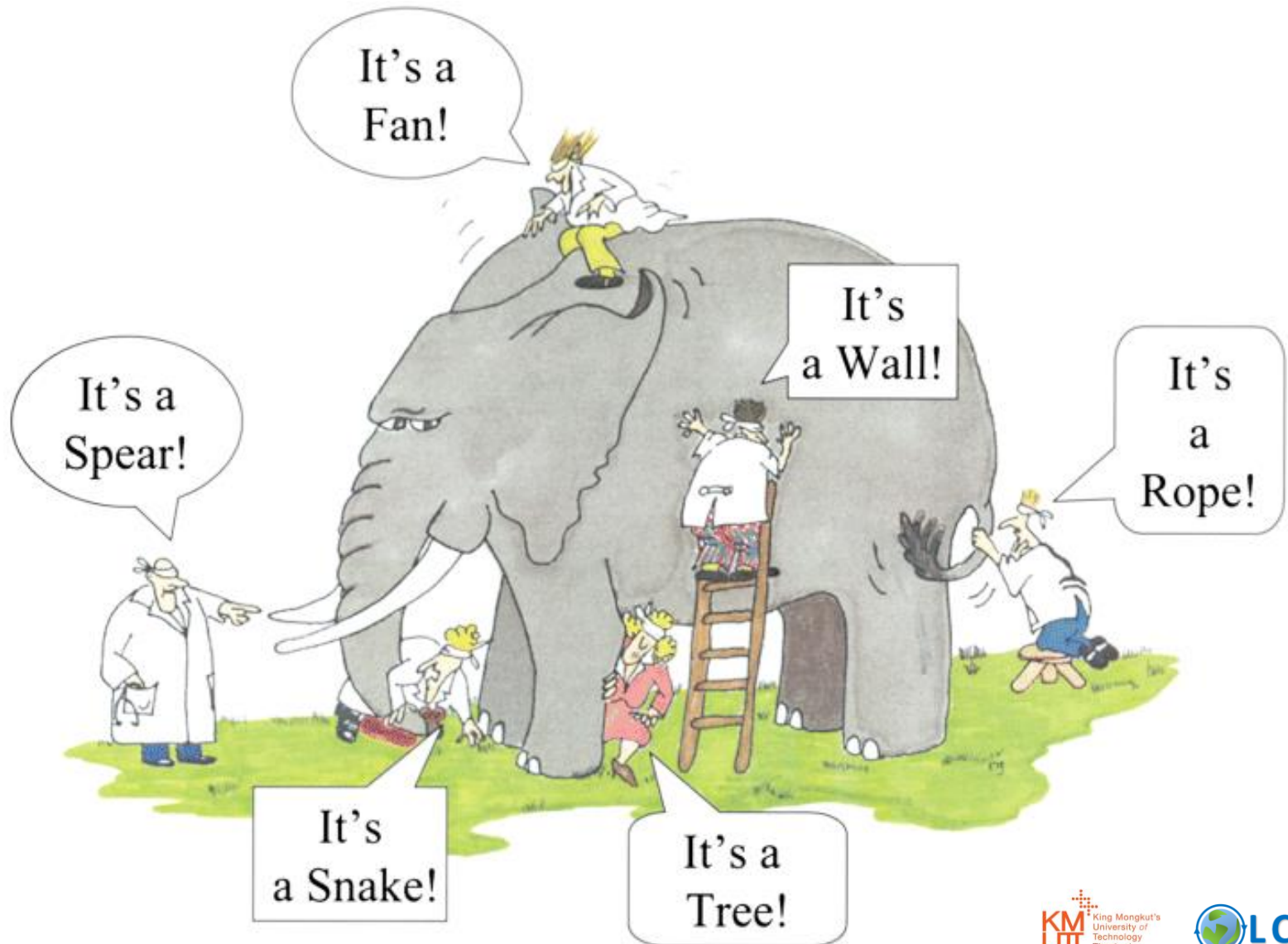
Why should we consider the entire life cycle?



Electric car



Six blind-folded persons and the elephant



Life Cycle Assessment



ENERGY
EUTROPHICATION
NO_x
HEAVY METALS
ACIDIFICATION
NH₃ CH₄ OIL
WATER
MINERALS
BIODIVERSITY
PESTICIDES
CO₂
SO_x CARBON
ECOTOXICITY
N₂O
LAND OCCUPATION
RESPIRATORY EFFECTS



Carbon footprint



Water footprint



Ecosystems quality

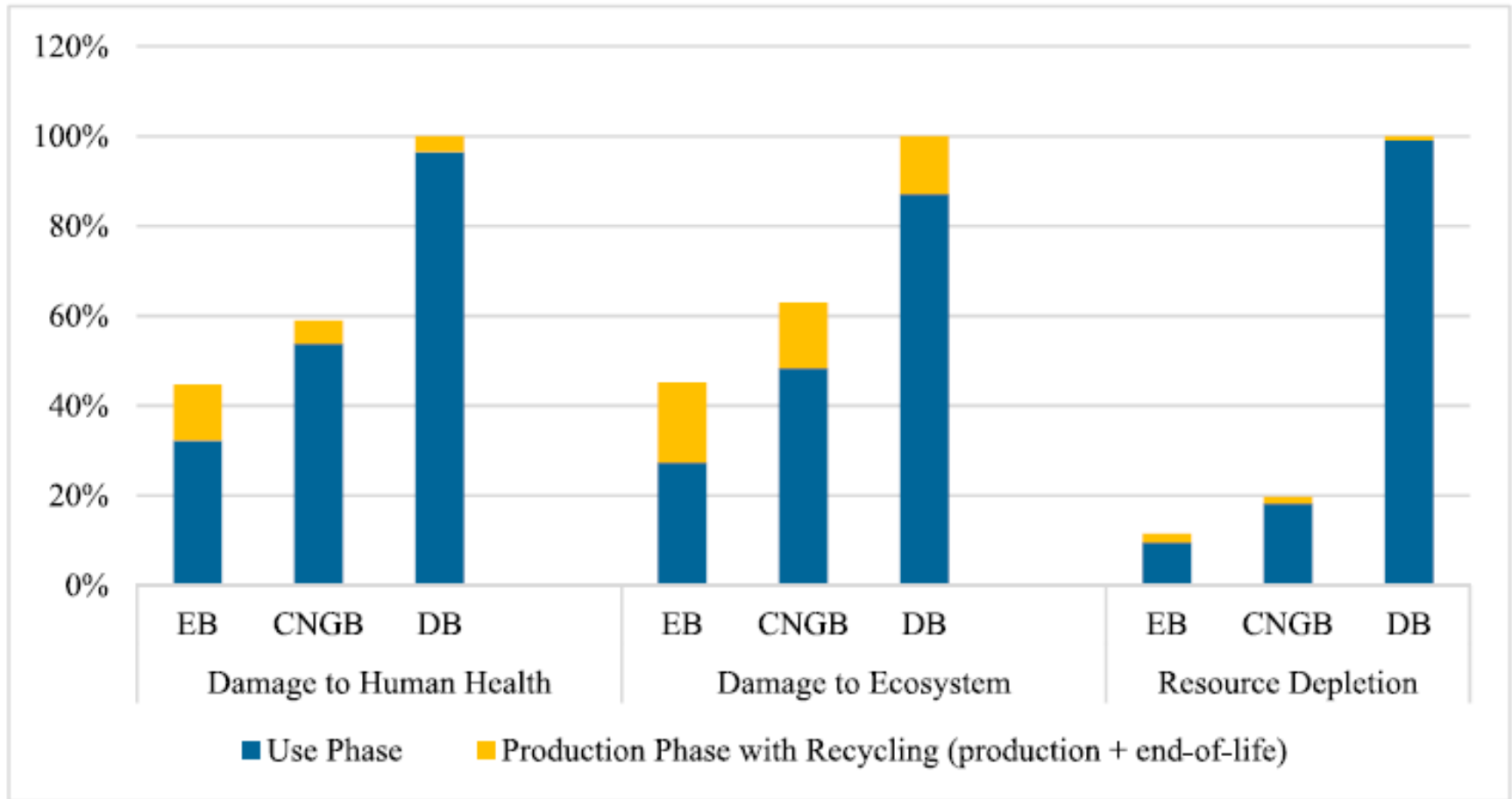


Natural resources



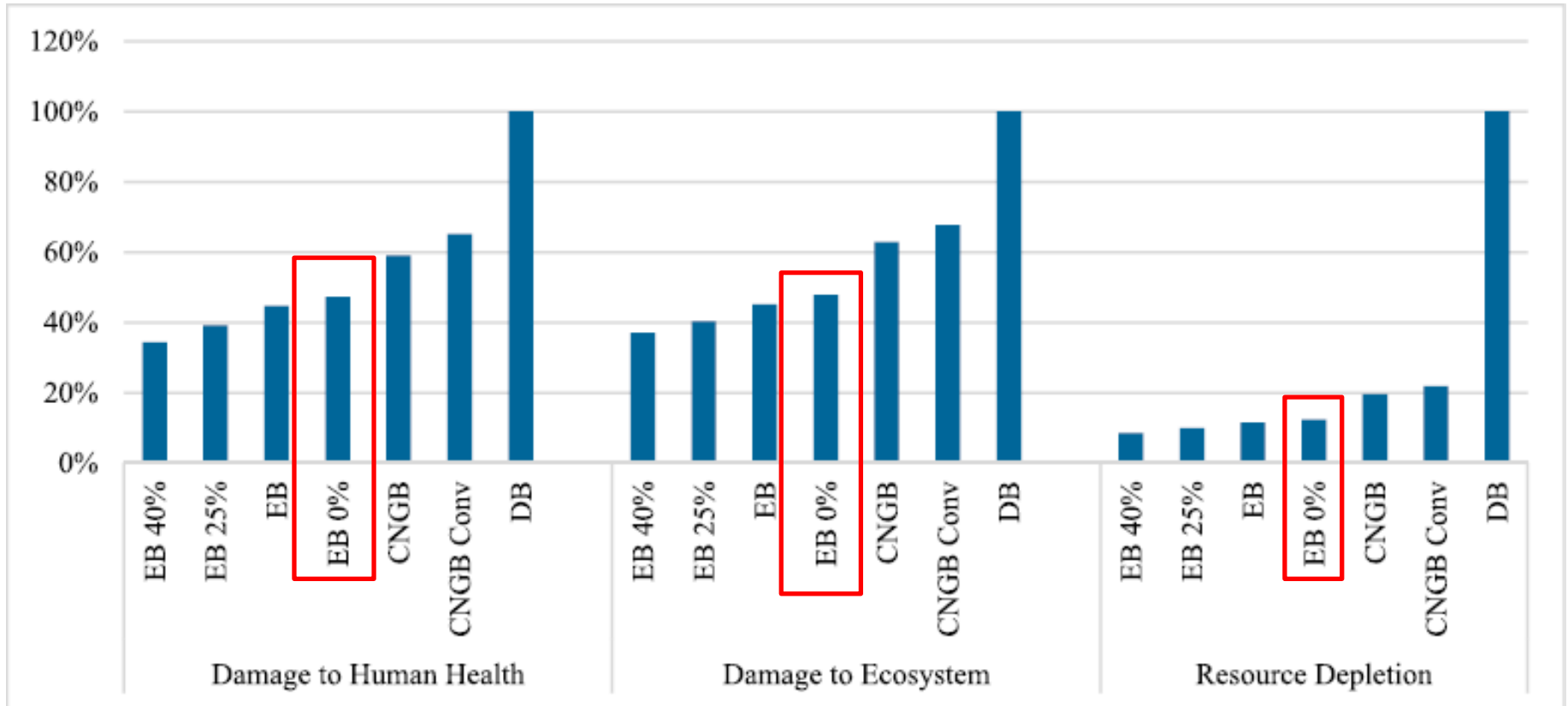
Human health

LCA for E-buses



EB = electric bus; CNGB = compressed natural gas bus; DB = diesel bus

LCA for E-buses

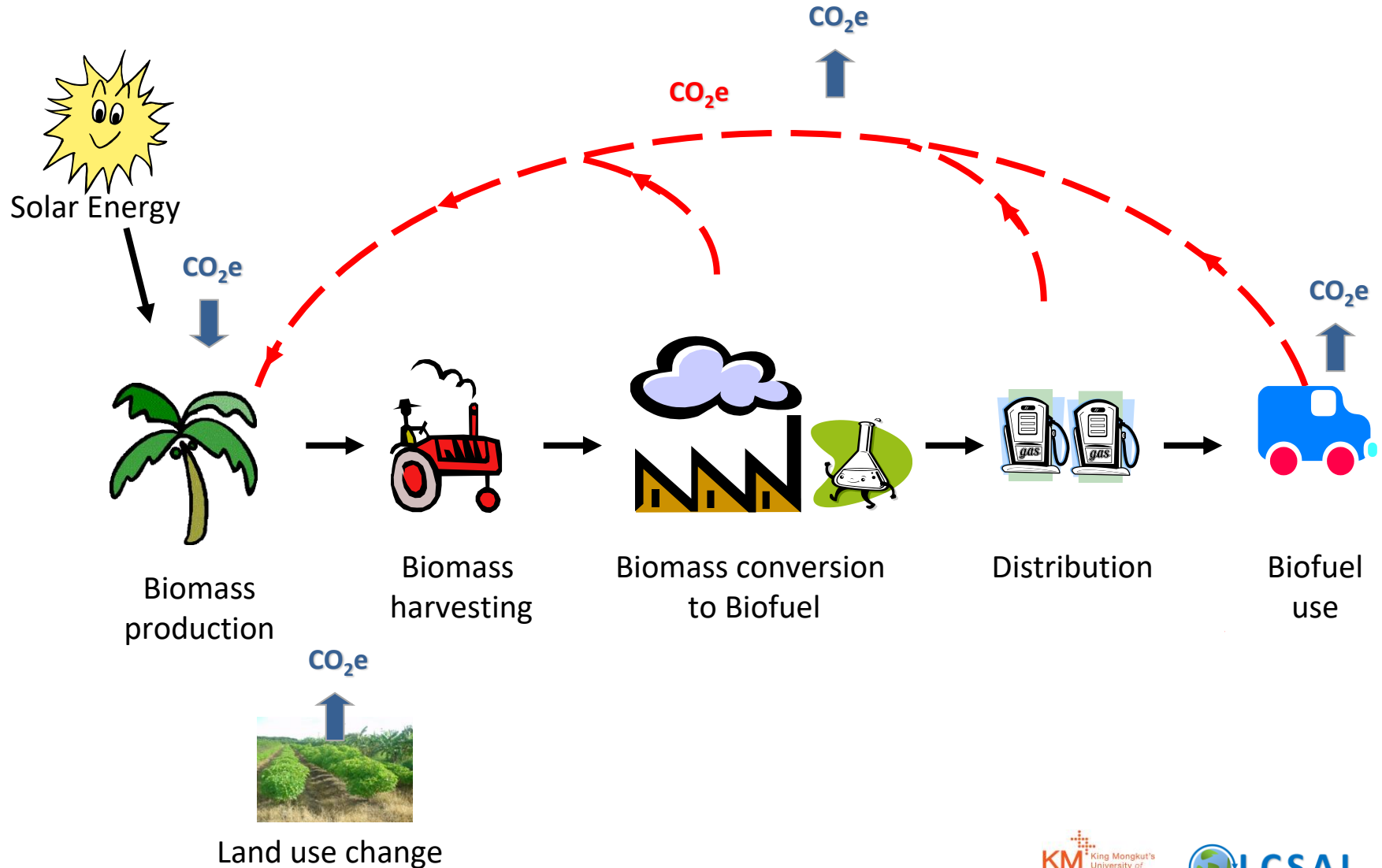


EB 40% = E-bus with 40% RE; EB 25% = E-bus with 25% RE; EB = E-bus with 8% RE (current);
EB 0% = E-bus with 0% RE; DB = diesel bus.

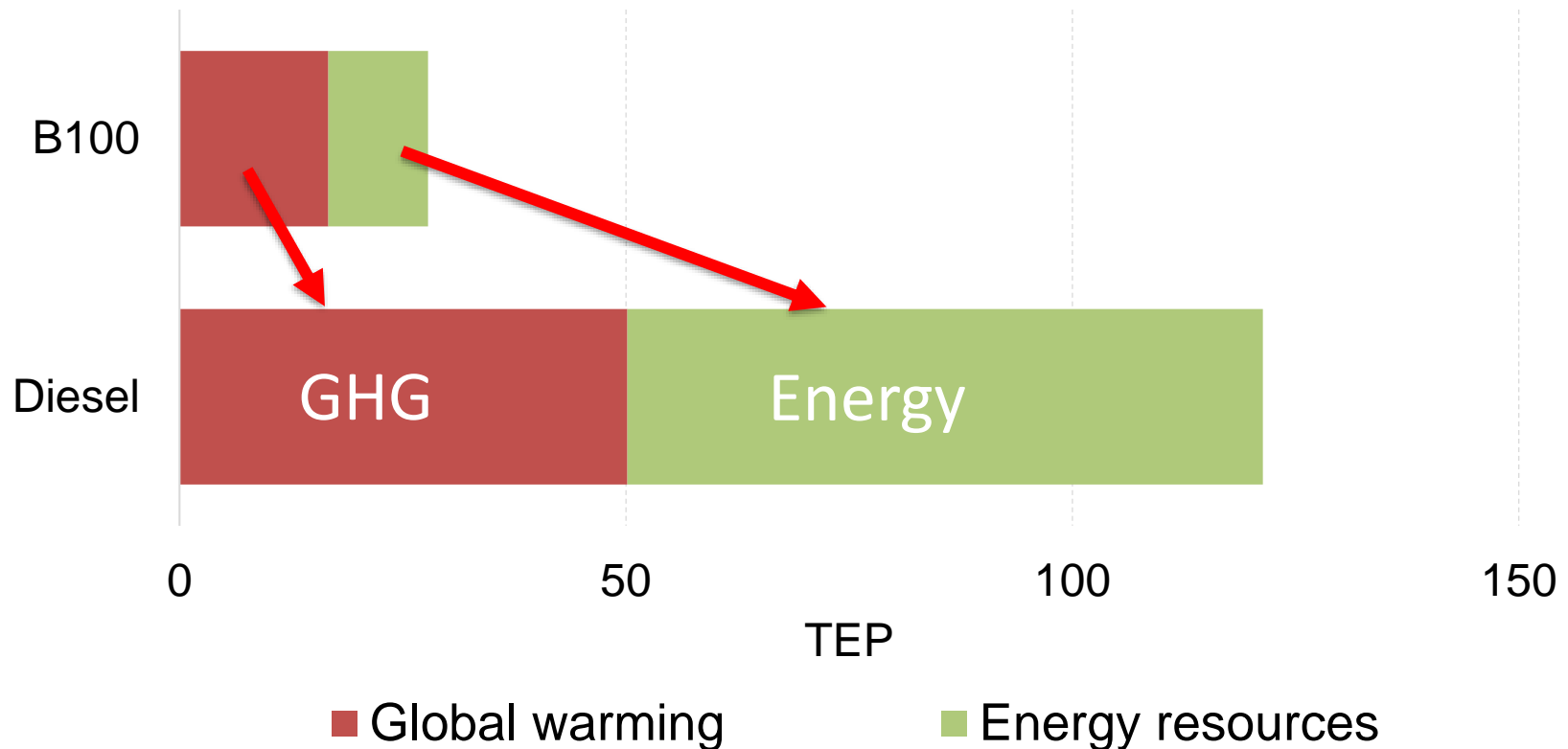
CNGB = CNG bus with lightweight body; CNGB Conv = CNG bus with a conv. body;

Gabriel et al. (2021) A Comparative Life Cycle Assessment of Electric, Compressed Natural Gas, and Diesel Buses in Thailand, Journal of Cleaner Production, Vol. 314, 128013

Why are biofuels considered green?



Results: GHG emissions and energy

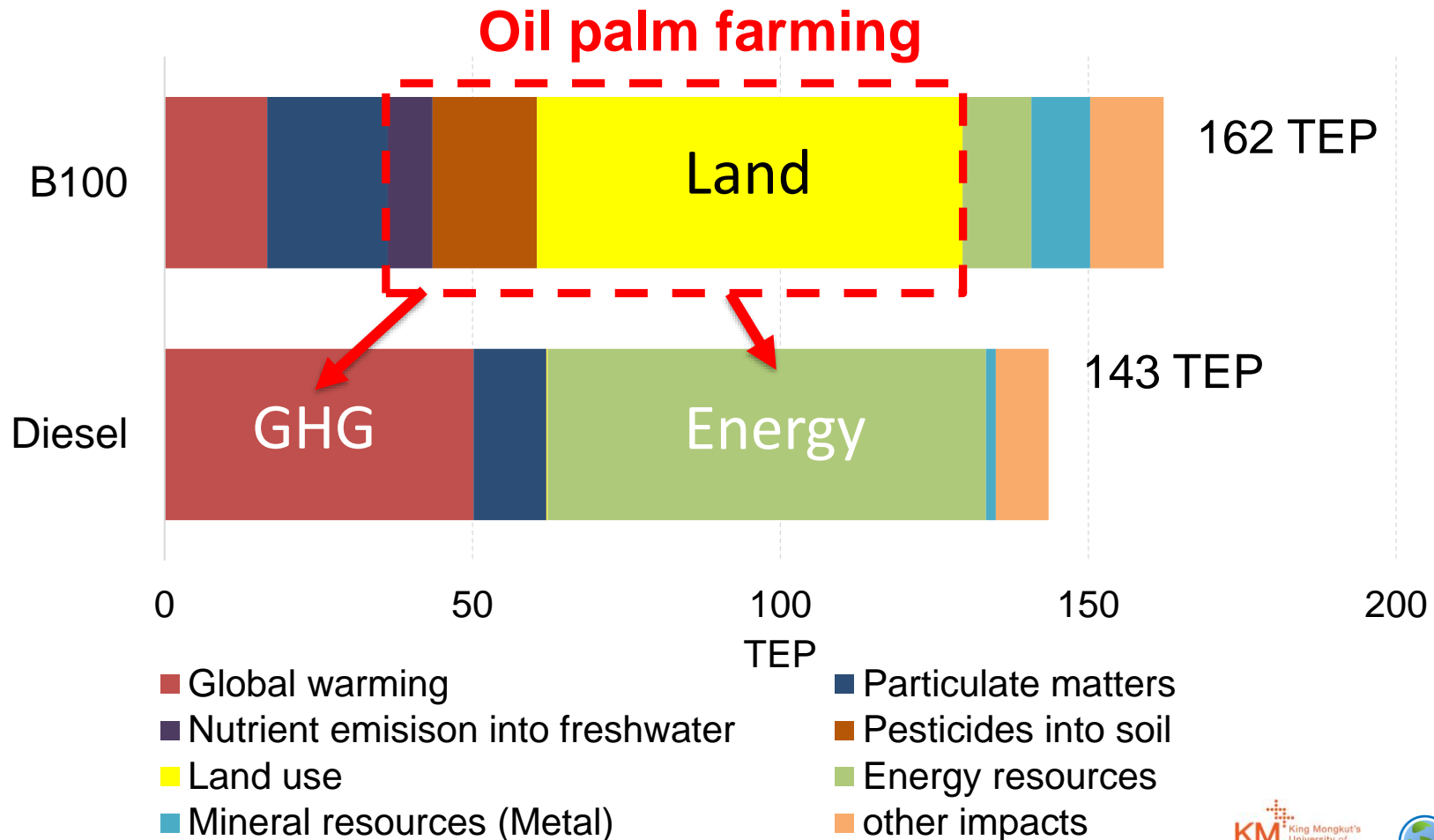


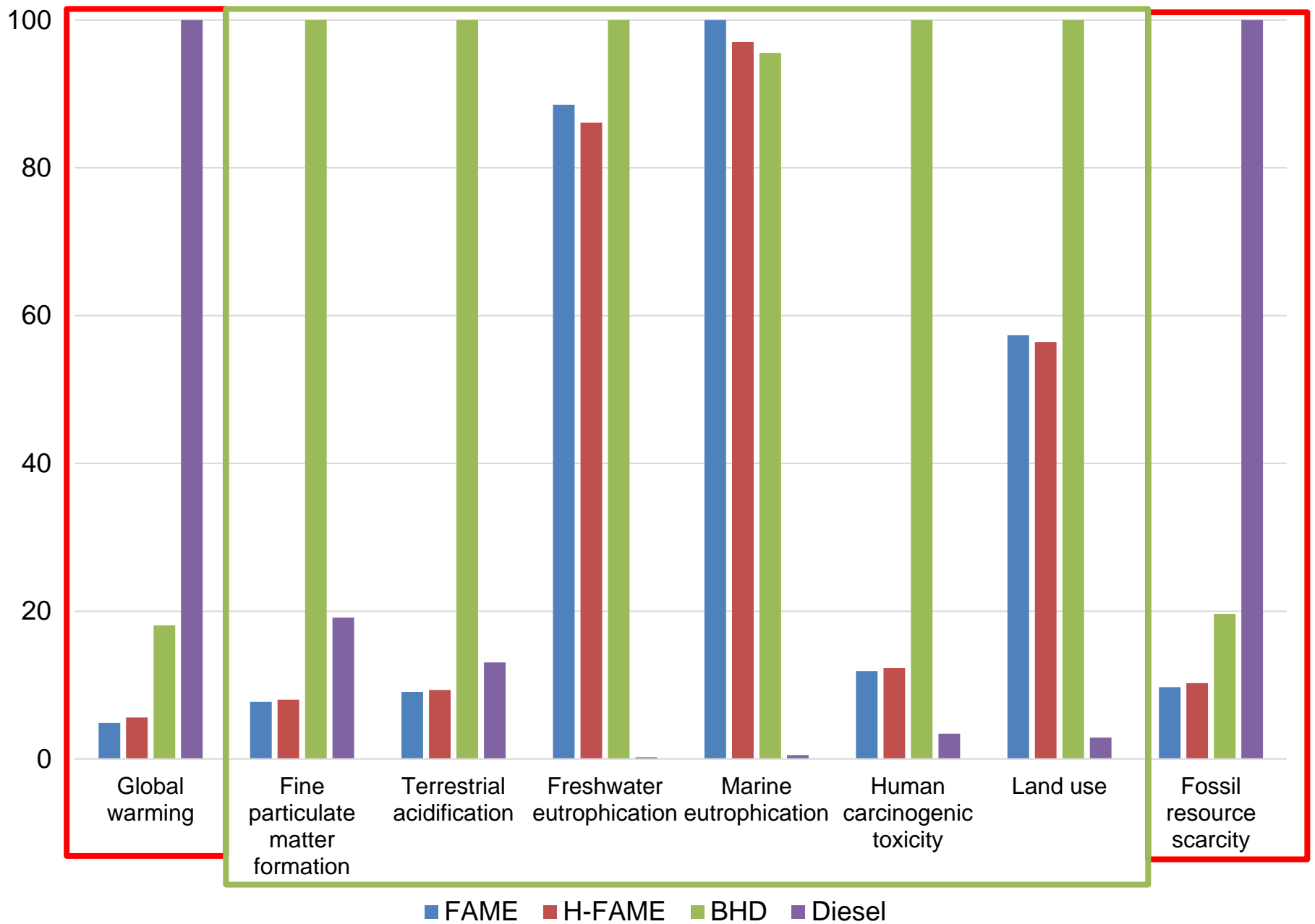
TEP = Thai Eco Points

Lecksiwilai N., Gheewala, S.H. (2020), Life Cycle Assessment of Biofuels in Thailand: Implications of Environmental Trade-offs for Policy Decisions, Sustainable Production and Consumption, Vol. 22, pp. 177-185

Results: All environmental impacts

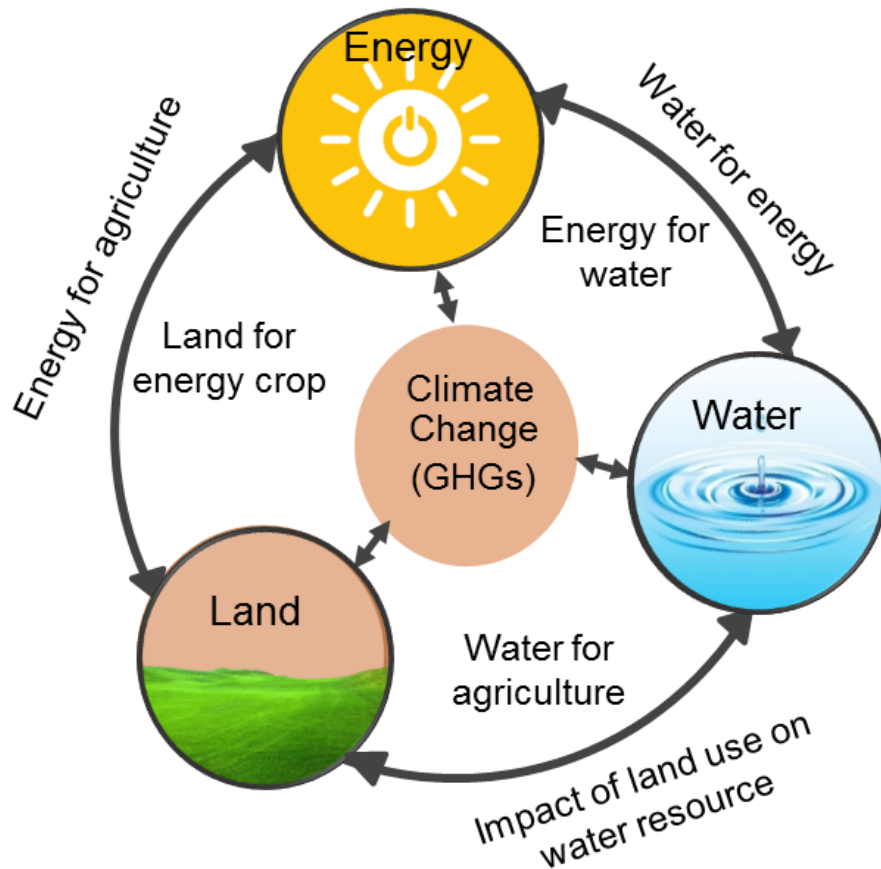
- » Diesel has lower total impact score (around 15%) even though having high GHG and energy resource impacts.





Water-Energy-Food Climate nexus

Nexus = “Connection”



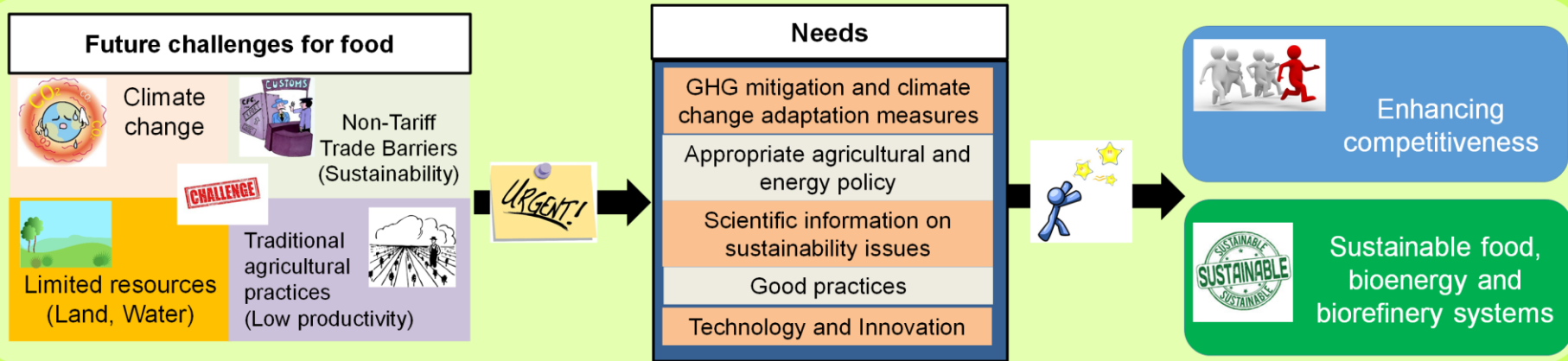
- **Water-Energy nexus**
 - The interdependency between water and energy in their supply, processing, distribution, and use.
- **Water-Energy-Food nexus**
 - The complex interdependencies, trade-offs and synergies between water, energy and food
- **Land (Food)-Water-Energy-Climate nexus**
- **Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems nexus**

Water-Energy-Food Climate nexus

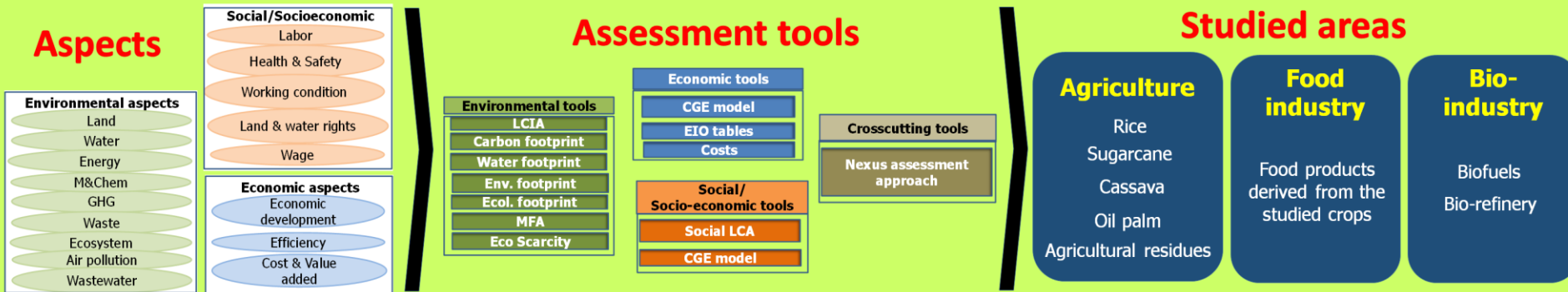


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RESEARCH DRIVERS



RESEARCH SCOPE



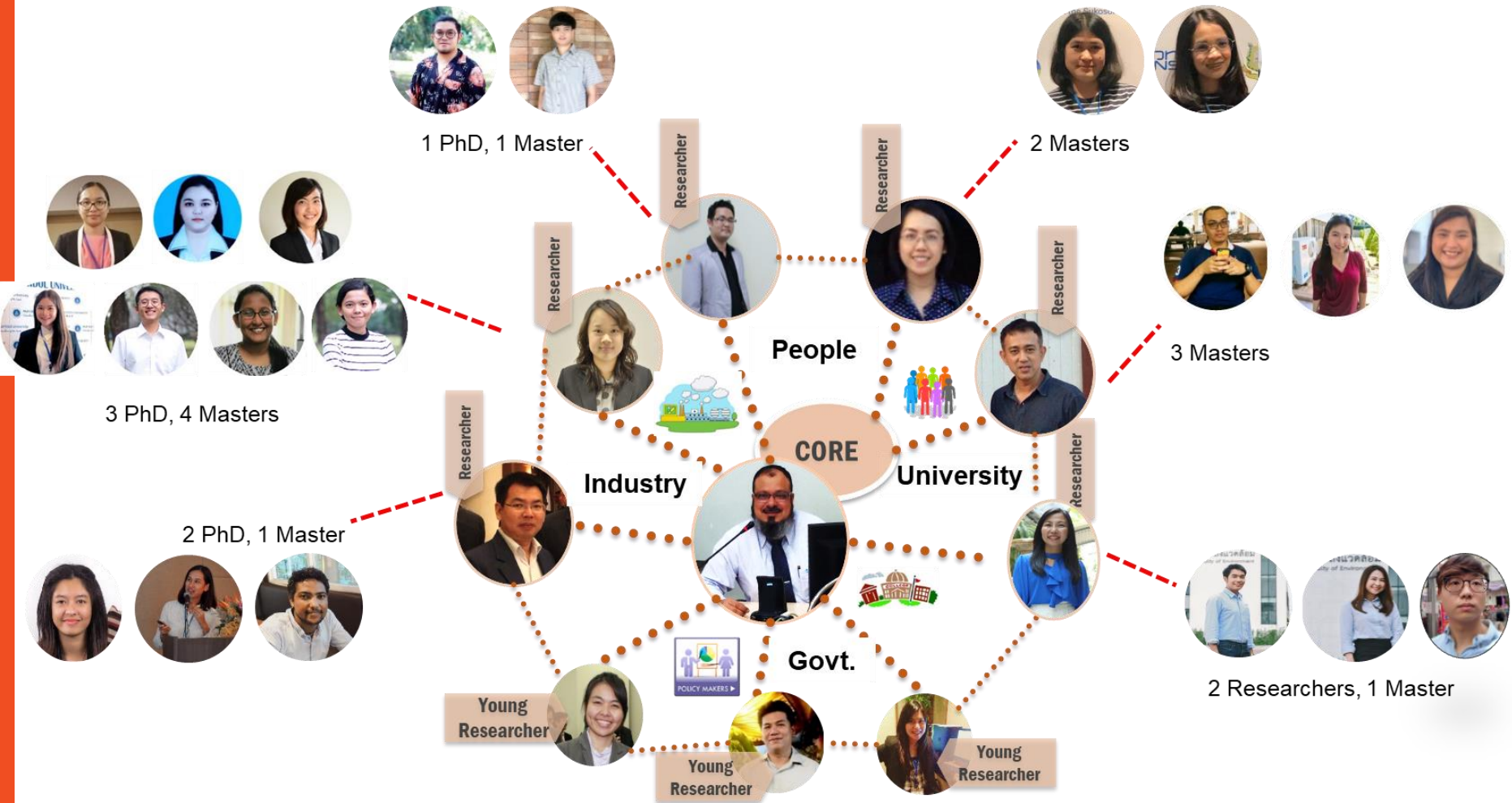
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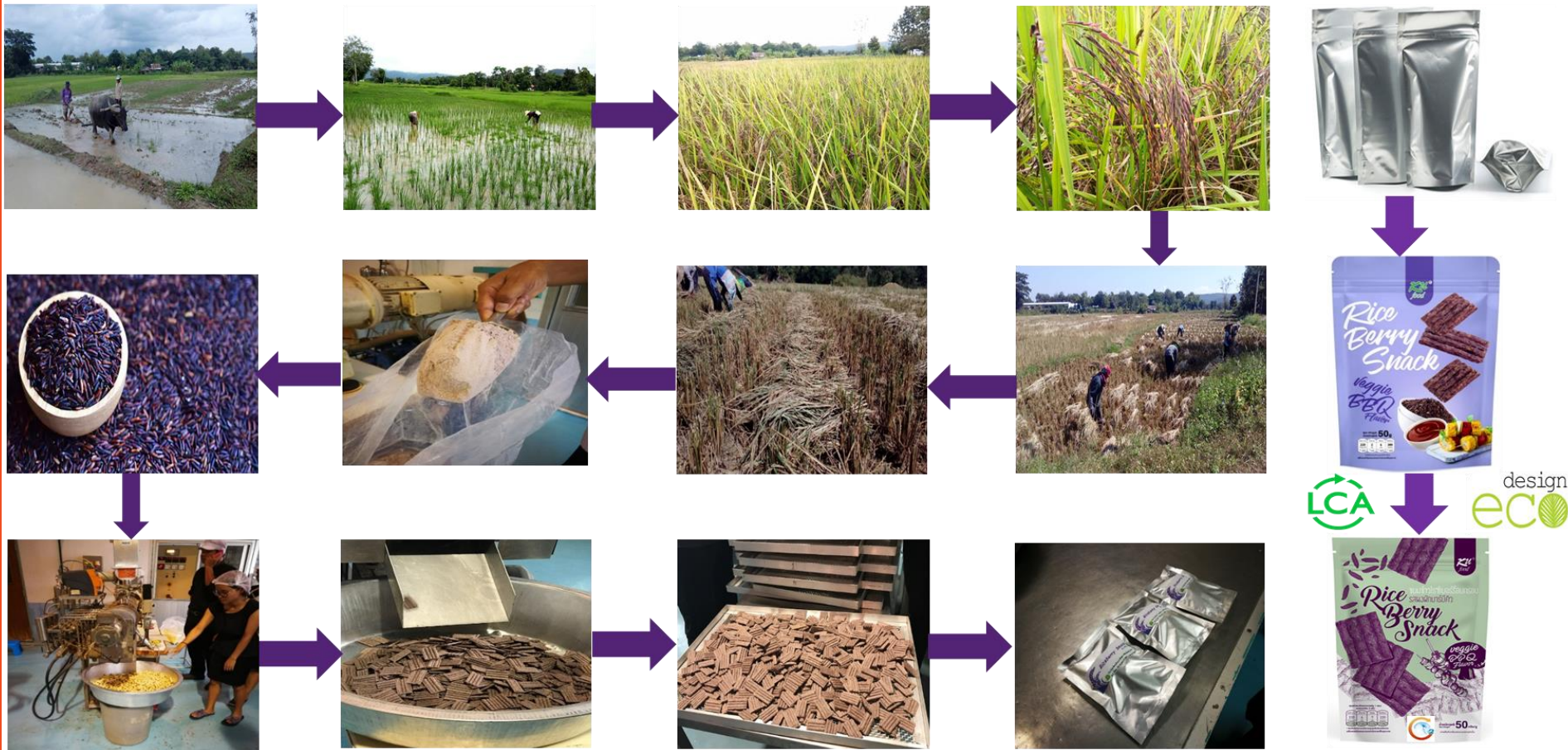


Sustainable Product Development: Life Cycle Design for Innovative Riceberry Product



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rattanawan Mungkung from Kasetsart University

LIFE CYCLE DESIGN OF RICEBERRY SNACK



Social LCA: Approach to assess the Social Life Cycle Impacts of Food and Bio-Energy Value Chains

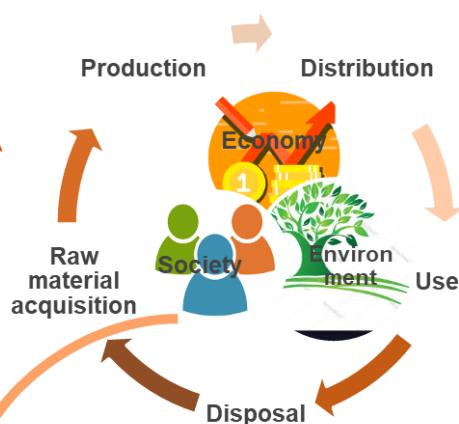


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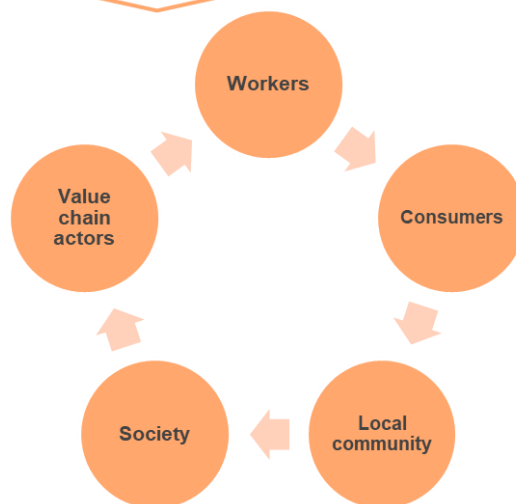
Social Life Cycle Assessment: S-LCA

Technique to assess social and socio-economic aspects, both positive and negative, for stakeholders involved along a life cycle of a product



S-LCA is used to complement other aspects of life cycle sustainability

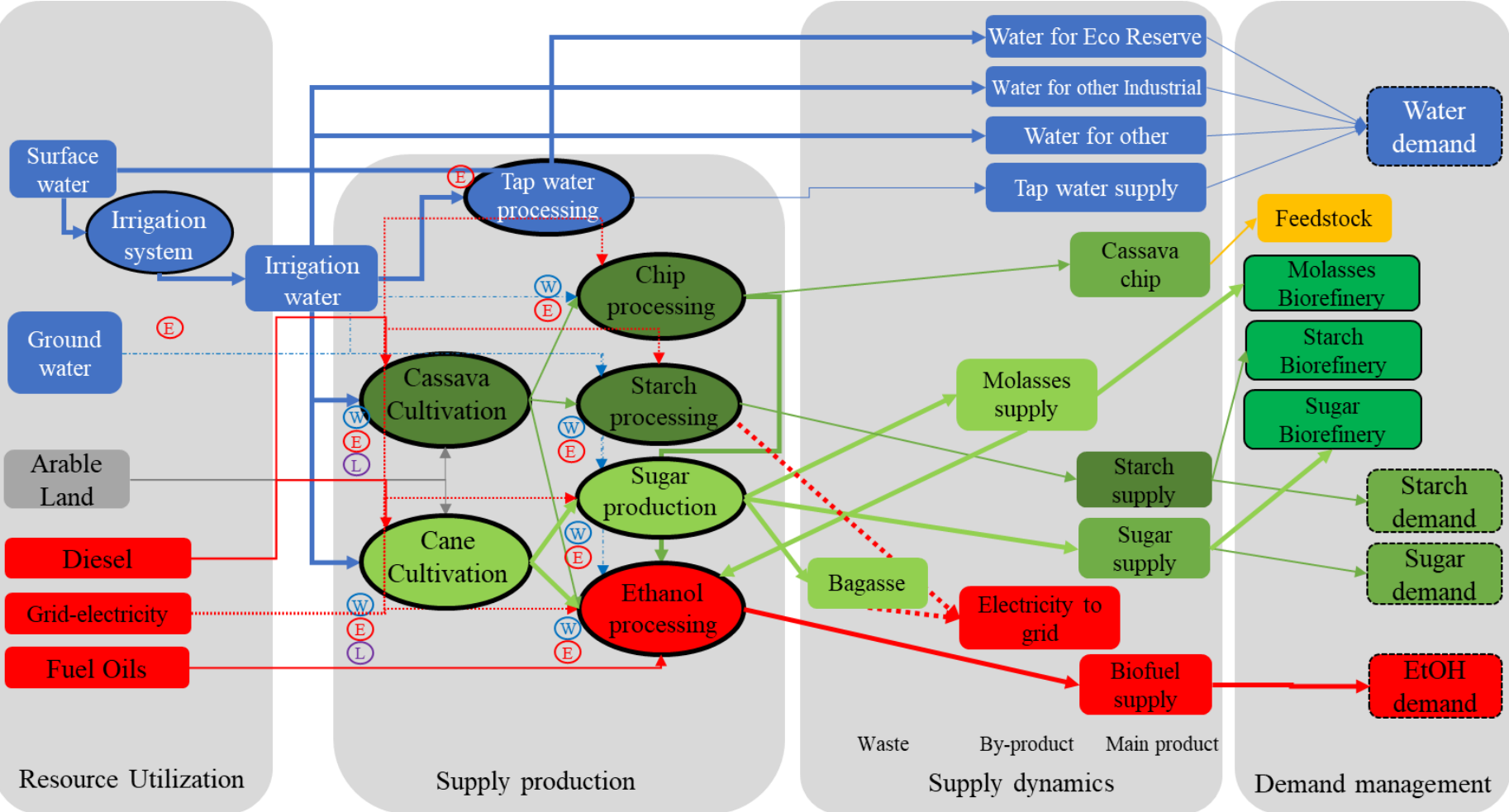
Common stakeholders groups



Water-Food-Energy Nexus: Nexus Assessment in Food and Biofuel Supply Chains



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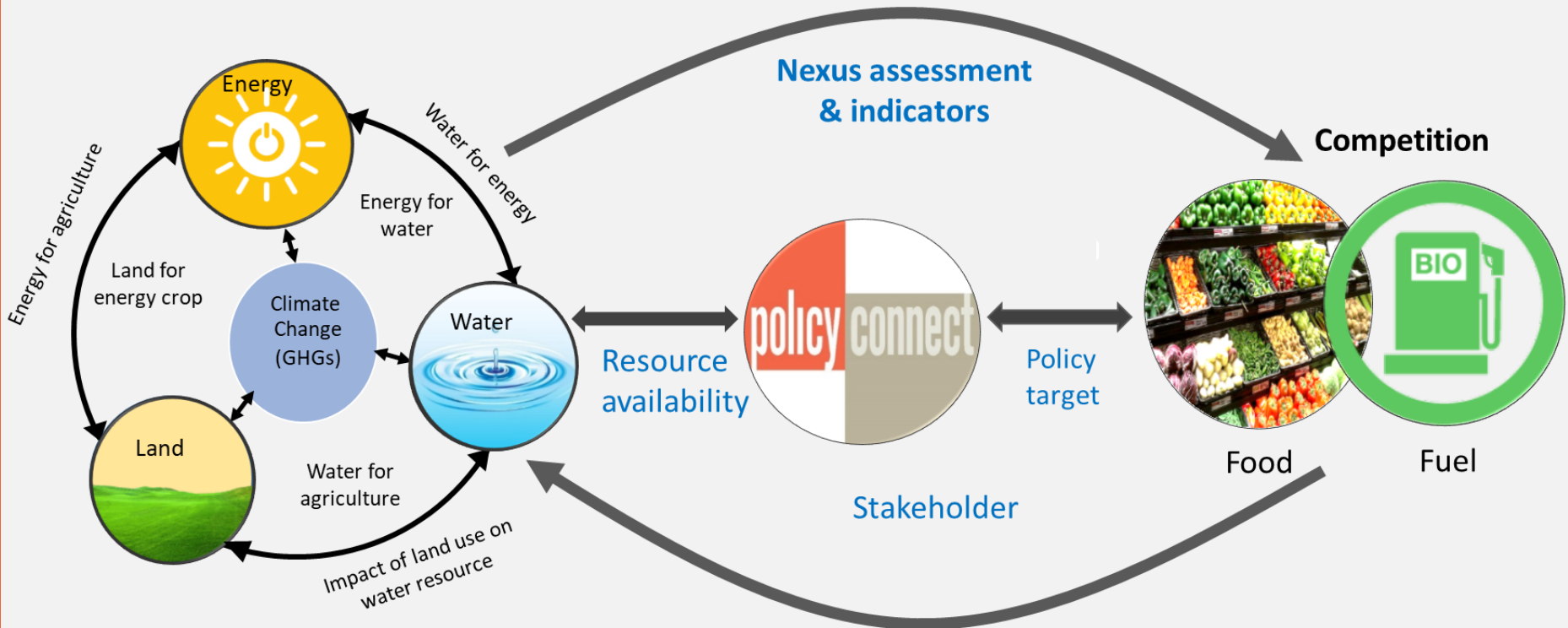


Water-Food-Energy Nexus: Nexus Assessment in Secondary Biofuel Supply Chains



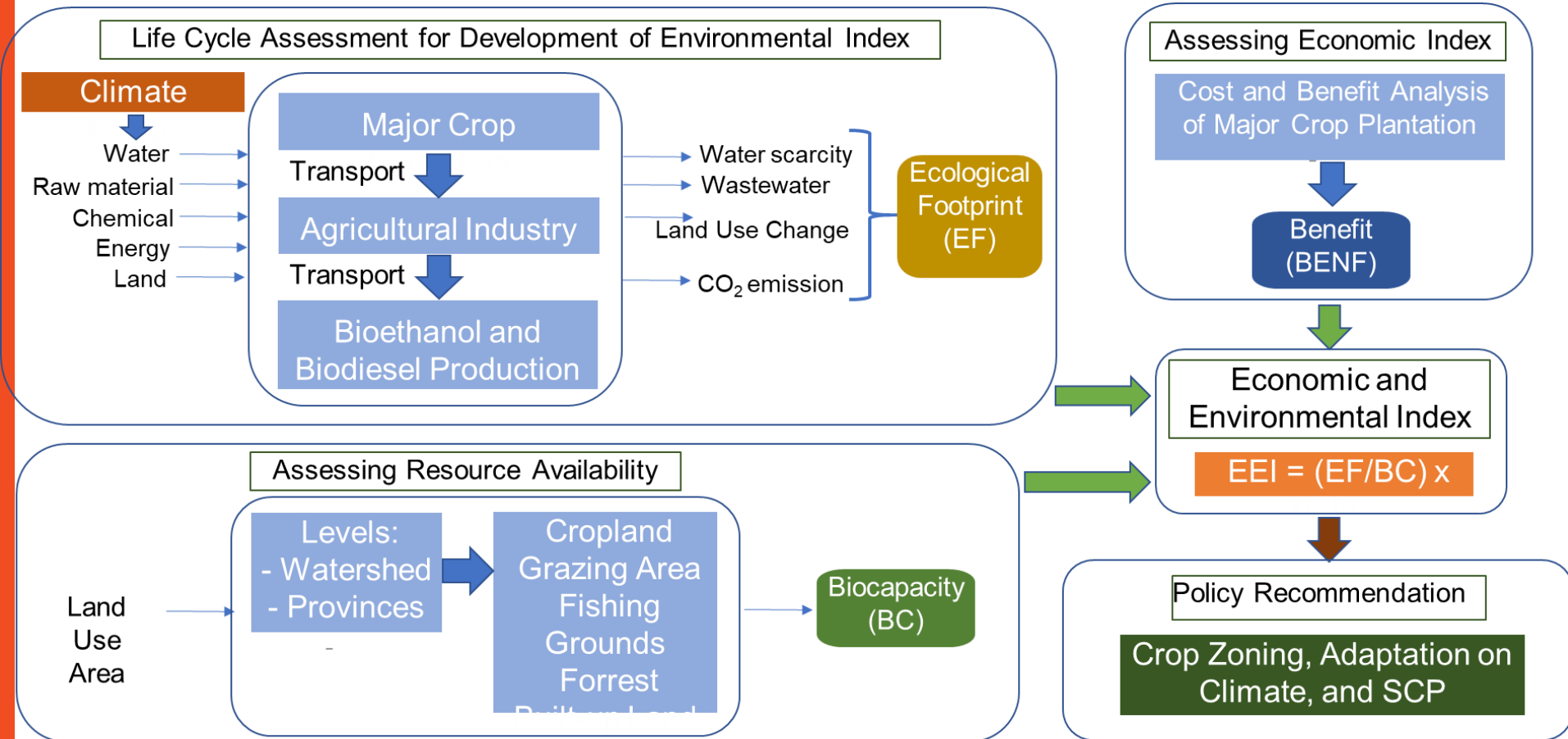
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BECAUSE... EVERYTHING IS **CONNECTED**



Sustainable Crop Production: Assessing the Ecological Footprint and Biocapacity of Thai Agriculture

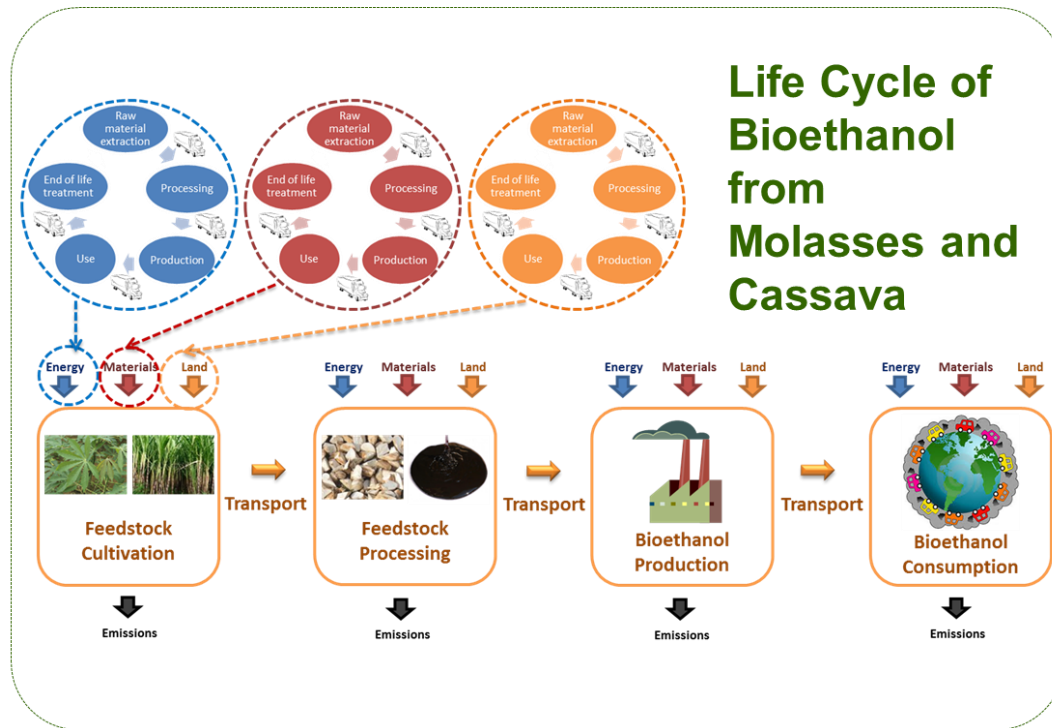
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Life Cycle Impact Assessment: Methodology development for Thailand



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Trakarn Prasaspongsa from Mahidol University



Environmental impacts from indirect emissions throughout supply-chain will be assessed by using a global-based LCIA method



Environmental impacts from direct emissions in Thailand will be assessed by using the **ThaiSD method**



ThaiSD Method
Thai Spatially Differentiated Life Cycle Impact Assessment Method

Life Cycle Sustainability Indicators: Policy-Based Methodology for Thailand



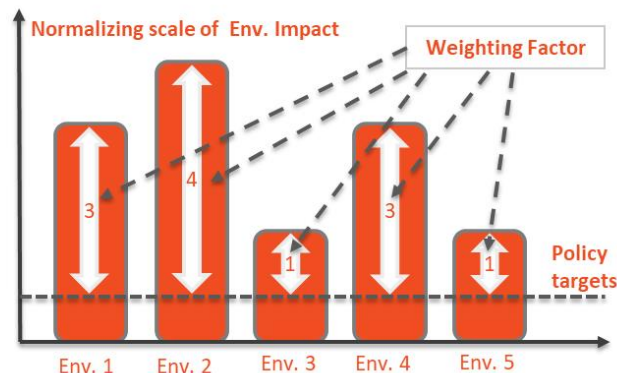
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Environmental status and policies



Based on 5 ASEAN countries

Policy distance-to-target approach

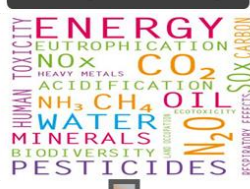


Policy-based Weighting Factors

Life cycle consideration



Life cycle inventory



Impact category

- Global Warming
- Water depletion
- Ecosystem
- Mineral depletion
- Human health

Integrating impact indicator

Environmental Extended I/O table

Matrix of intermediate inputs (Z) (Y) (f) (x)

	Country 1			Country ...			Country m			Final demand			Waste	Total output
	Prod 1	Prod ...	Prod n	Prod 1	Prod ...	Prod n	Prod 1	Prod ...	Prod n	y 1	y ...	y m		
Country 1														
Country ...														
Country m														
Natural Inputs														
Pollutans Output														

Boundary flows (f)

- Using I/O table to define key environmental impact due to consumption and production domains (domestic consumption / import / export).
- Recommendation to policy makers to supporting the Sustainable Consumption and Production target.

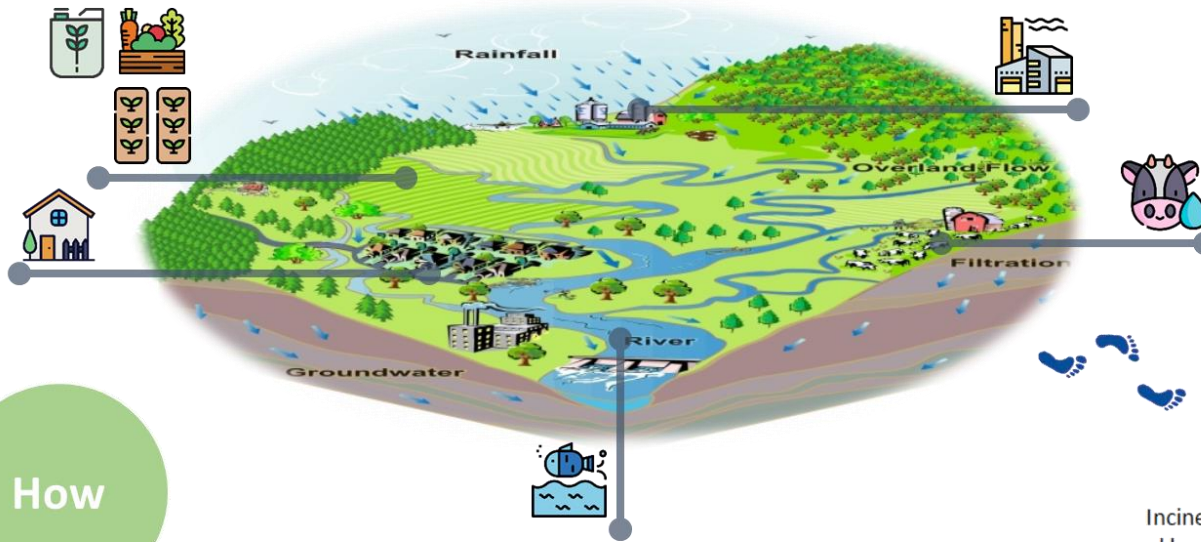


SD Policy Food VS Fuel Economic Environment Social

Water Scarcity Weighting in LCA: Implication of Water Footprint for Sustainable Bio-Energy Production



Dr. Pariyapat Nilsalab from JGSEE, KMUTT



Water resources

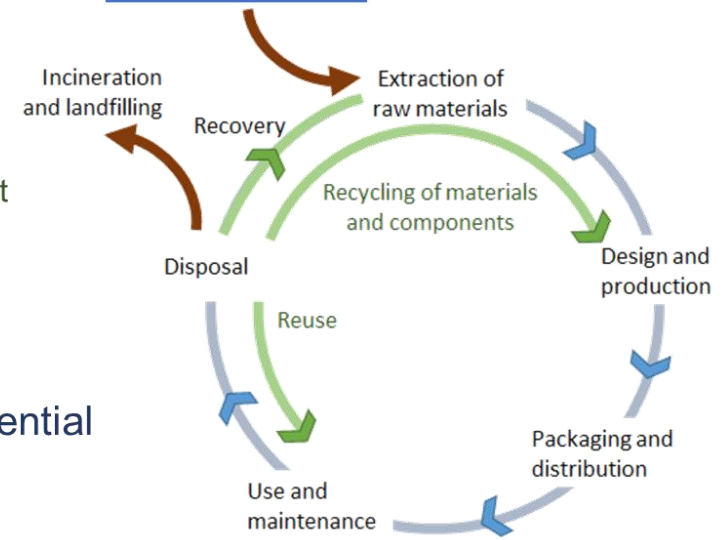
“If water demands increase but water availability cannot support, **more water requirement will possibly cause impacts on freshwater resources**”

How

to assess the impact of freshwater use in LCA

“The impact of water use in areas with abundant freshwater resources should not be the same as areas with limited resources. This impact is quantified as water scarcity footprint”

Natural resources



Water scarcity indicator, characterizing the potential impact of water use on water resources.

Economic LCA: Integrating the economic Analysis to LCA of Bio-energy

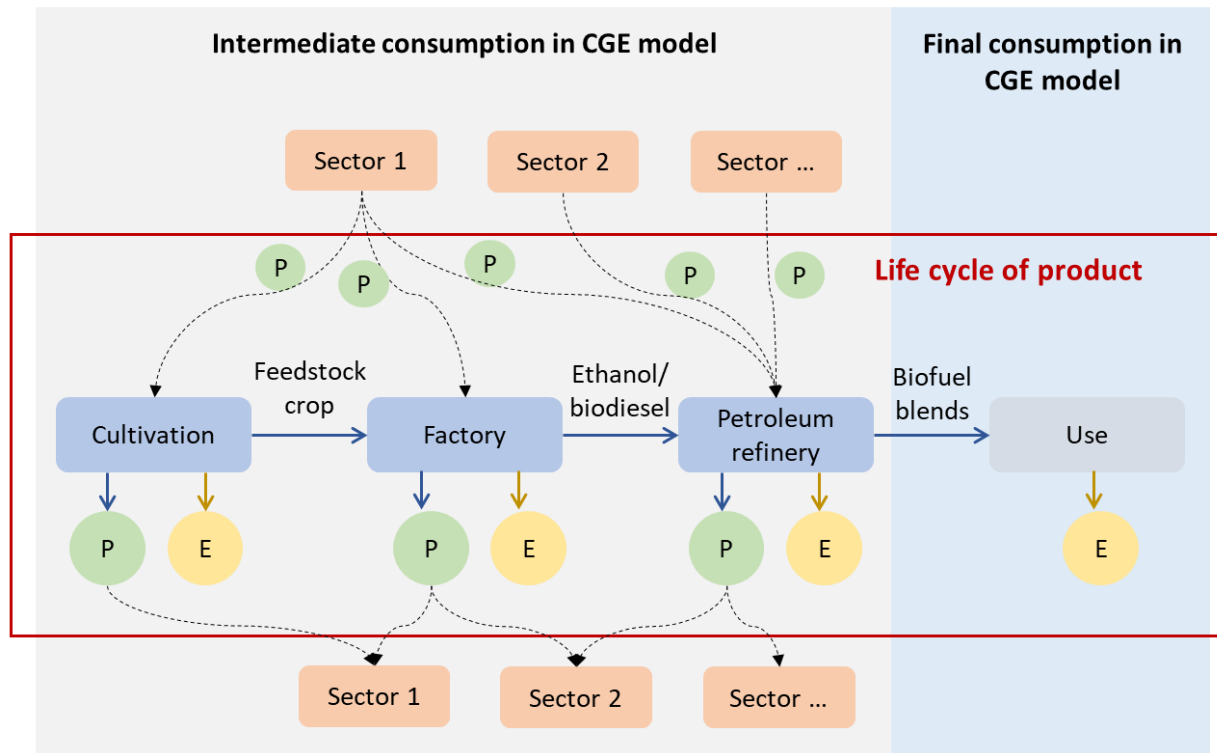
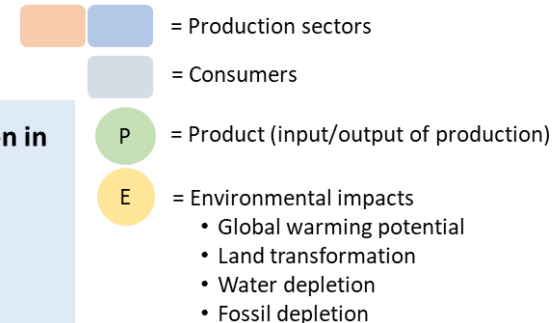
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Feedstock crops



Environmental impacts



- Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) model represents the life cycle of economic activities from a wide-angle view.
- This study relies on the LCA characterization factors and the monetary conversion factors that are developed based on LCA method.

Network for Research and Innovation

International Collaboration

- UNEP
- AIST and NARO, Japan
- CIRAD and INRA, France
- ETH Zurich, Switzerland
- CML, Leiden U., Netherlands
- KIT, IINAS, TUHH, Germany
- UNC, USA
- University of Surrey, England
- Aalborg University, Denmark
- USC, Spain
- SIRIM and UKM, Malaysia
- UNILA and IPB, Indonesia
- UPD, Philippines
- UQ and UTS, Australia

Government Agencies



Network for Research and Innovation



LCA Networks

- Thai LCA Network
- LCA Agri Food Asia
- LCA Food international conference

National Research Partners



Private Partnerships

- Charoen Pokphand Group
- Bangchak Petroleum PCL
- Thai Sugar Millers Corporation Limited
- Thai Ethanol Manufacturing Association
- Thai Tapioca Starch Association
- Thai Oil Palm and Palm Oil Association
- Thai Confederation of Tapioca Farmers
- Federation of Thai Sugarcane Farmers
- Thai National Farmers Federation
- Thai Rice Mills Association
- Thai Rice Exporters Association



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

1 NO POVERTY



2 ZERO HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



13 CLIMATE ACTION



14 LIFE BELOW WATER



15 LIFE ON LAND



16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

