

## The arguments

- 1. Society aspirations are built on energy
- 2. Biofuels fit a gap -rather too well
- We can make more biofuel (if)....
  ✓ we have resources
  - ✓ we have the technologies
- 4. The 'haves' and 'have-nots' will need to negotiate
- 5. New approaches will be needed















# How much energy?

Living cells must continuously take in energy



http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/food-guide-aliment/basics-base/1\_1\_1-eng.php

Energy consumption in the UK (2009) – excluding air transport *(DECC, UK census)* 

Sector(UK)	MJ/d/person
Transport	679
Domestic	819
Industry &	
Commerce	91366

## What do we (think) want in the UK?



Heating (gas)	45%
Hot water (gas)	16%
lighting (elec)	1%
TV (elec)	0.5%
Cooking (elec)	3%
Dishwasher (elec)	2%
Fridge/freezer (elec)	2%
Washer/drier (elec)	0.5%
Car (petrol)	30%





http://earthtrends.wri.org/searchable\_db/index.

#### GDP per capita



http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.PCAP.CD



# **UK Energy Consumption 2009**



**2157962** TJ Petroleum products of which 69% is for road transport.

## 1<sup>st</sup> generation feed-stocks



#### Oil - biodiesel

Peanut oil Soy bean Sunflower Rapeseed Palm

Starch, sugars -

bioethanol

Sugar beet S

Sugar cane

Corn -maize

Wheat

Biofuels fill a gap – rather too well

### Society



#### Battle for biofuels drives world food prices higher



# Can we grow more biofuel?

Solar energy considerations

- 5.2 x 10<sup>21</sup> kJ y<sup>-1</sup> solar energy received
- 3.0 x 10<sup>21</sup> kJ y<sup>-1</sup> usable in photosynthesis
- Only 3.8 x 10<sup>18</sup> kJ y<sup>-1</sup> captured in organic molecules



# CO<sub>2</sub> (and other) considerations

- C4 plants concentrate CO<sub>2</sub>
- CAM plants hot dry adaptation
- Lignification could be an issue





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Source: FAOStat May2008



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- Breeding
- Introduce no-till farming to improve soil, drought resistance and yields

## Potential area for cropland expansion



Source: FAO, 2003

Mha

## **Developing countries have land**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> generation feed-stocks





#### Non-food oil

Jatropha



Straw



Miscanthus

Willow

Willow



Wood

#### Lignocellulosics



Food waste

Microalgae

# Extraction of cellulose from lignocellulose for ethanol is not trivial







### **Developed countries (will have) technologies**

#### Biofuel feedstocks are bulky, wet and dispersed

#### Sugar cane bagasse

- 50% fibre
- 48% water
  - 2% sugar



#### **Transport is expensive**



# Algae: also wet (= bulky), dispersed





50-75% water







World Energy Outlook

#### Number of people without access to electricity in the Reference Scenario (millions)



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Strategies to raise adaptive capacity, reduced vulnerability and risk?

1. Technological solutions



#### Environment > Biofuels

#### UK firm's failed biofuel dream wrecks lives of Tanzania villagers

The collapse of Sun Biofuels has left hundreds of Tanzanians landless, jobless, and in despair for the future

Damian Carrington in Tanzania The Observer, Sunday 30 October 2011 Strategies to raise adaptive capacity, reduced vulnerability and risk?

- 1. Technological solutions
- 2. Self-empowerment and community action





GORE'S CARBON FOOTPRINT

www.teped-torials.com/cartoons

Strategies to raise adaptive capacity, reduced vulnerability and risk?

- 1. Technological solutions
- 2. Self-empowerment and community action
- 3. Innovation platforms and a road map



"The power of population is so superior to the power of the earth to produce subsistence for man, that premature death must in some shape or other visit the human race.

The vices of mankind are active and able ministers of depopulation.

They are the precursors in the great army of destruction, and often finish the dreadful work themselves.

But should they fail in this war of extermination, sickly seasons, epidemics, pestilence, and plague advance in terrific array, and sweep off their thousands and tens of thousands.

Should success be still incomplete, gigantic inevitable famine stalks in the rear, and with one mighty blow levels the population with the food of the world".

-Malthus T.R. 1798. An essay on the principle of population.

# **Case Studies and Analysis**

- Life Cycle Analysis
- Innovation systems analysis: Change motors
  - How has the system evolved (variation, selection)?
  - What human controversies?

	Proto-stage 2005 Section 5.1	2006-2007 Section 5.2	Early 2008 Section 5.3	Late 2008 – 2009 Section 5.4
Landscape				1
Regime				
Jatropha niche development				
1.networking				
2.learning				, <b>≜</b>
3.expectations				
Change motors				
1. Evolutionary variation &	¥	+	+	<b>↓</b> '
selection (in terms of				
technology and business				
organisation)				
2. Contestation & conflict				
between stakeholders				

Fig. 1. Structure of empirical analysis in Section 5.