

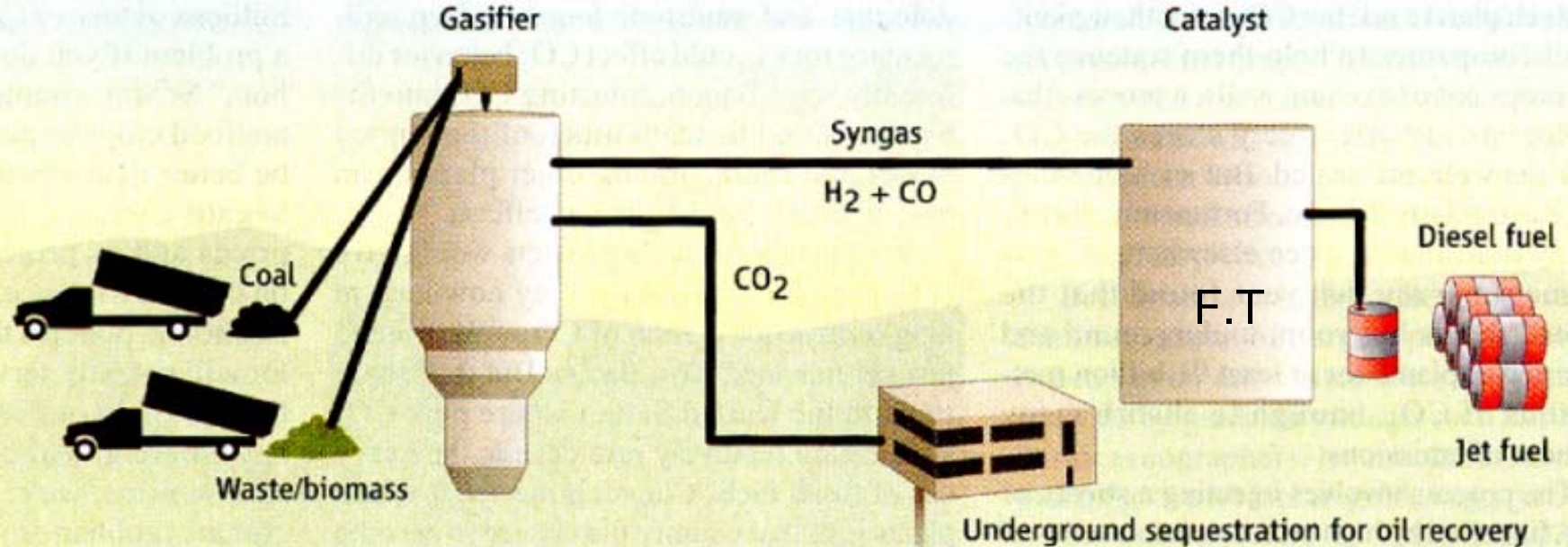
# **-7- (4) Carbon dioxide and Green fuel from biomass**

- **byproducts from agricultural activities such as corn stover**
- **Waste treatment**
- **Biomass from microalgae**

# The Greening of Synfuels

An old, dirty technology to make transportation fuels from coal could fight global warming, say proponents. The trick is using more biomass and burying the carbon dioxide that's generated

**It's a gas.** Traditional synfuels plants take coal and turn it into syngas. The gas is then catalyzed into various liquid fuels. Proposed plants would also store underground the CO<sub>2</sub> that is created. Greater reliance on biomass would make the process more carbon friendly.



- Board ENERGY (Vancouver, Washington US) – 5 10<sup>9</sup> \$ plant in Wellsville OHIO → 50.000 barrels/day of diesel
- RENTECH Inc (Los Angeles, California US) – 2011 – Natchez, Mississippi → 30.000 barrels/day of fuel

Financial limit : cost of a barrel of oil ≥ 50 \$

# Decarbonized synfuels and electricity from coal + biomass with CCS

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## Goal:coproduction Fisher Tropsch liquid (FTL) fuels and electricity from co- feed of biomass and coal with CCS

- Modelling of supply systems from  
**corn stover or mixed grass**

Energy content:coal:30.506 MJ/Kg<sub>HHV</sub>  
corn stover:17.415 MJ/Kg<sub>HHV</sub>  
Energy per delivered tonne :MJ/dry T  
corn stover 1.14MJ/dT  
( fertilizer include) 167Kg co<sub>2</sub>/dT  
average cost 66\$/dT or 3.8\$/ GJ<sub>HHV</sub>

**Oil price breakeven 72\$/barrel**

**CLT plant for a 50000bbl/day of FTL**

\*Biomass feed stock cost :3.8\$/GJ<sub>HHV</sub>

In Illinois for 1 million Tons/Year of  
corn stover

\*Coal cost (Illinois) :1.44\$/GJ<sub>HHV</sub> (\$  
2007) or 37\$/T coal

**19.650 T/day coal**

**3805 dT/day biomass or 9%of FTL**

C input (feedstock)161 KgC/second

\*C in FTL( liquid fuel): 24.3%

\*C stored as CO<sub>2</sub>:51.3% or 1087 T/H

**Injection of 2500T/day of CO<sub>2</sub>**

**Electricity sale price**

**60\$/MWh+636kgCO<sub>2</sub>/MWh**

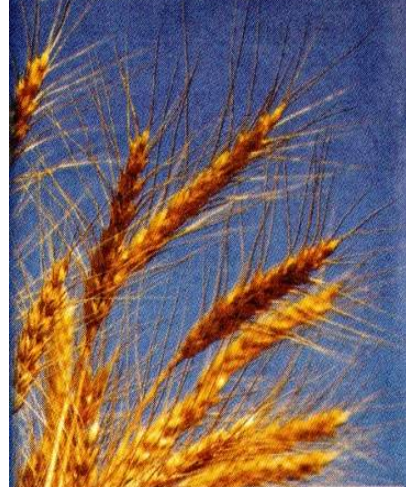
Cost of GHG:20\$/T; IEA estimate

2030 :120\$/T

# Optimisation of greenfuel from coal and biomass

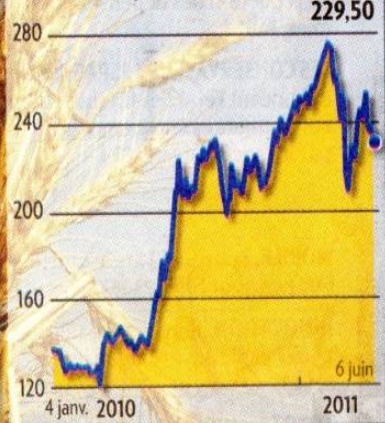
- **Synfuel price breakeven 72\$/barrel (2010)**
- **For a mixture of 91% coal and 9% of biomass (corn stover)**
  
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# L'envol des matières premières agricoles se poursuit



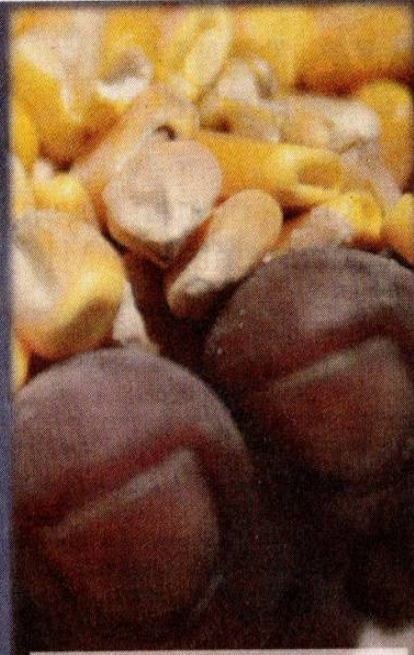
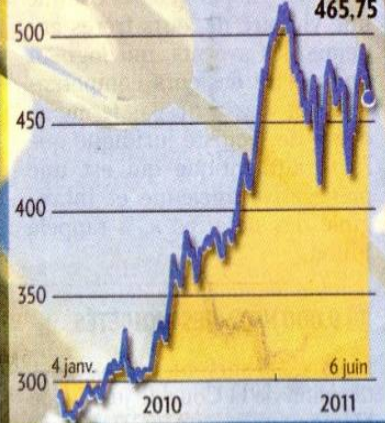
## Le blé à Paris

Cours en euros par tonne



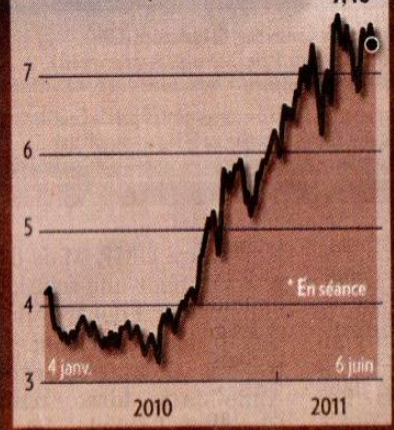
## Le colza à Paris

Cours en euros par tonne



## Le maïs à Chicago

Cours en dollars par boisseau



## Le café robusta à Londres

Cours en dollars par tonne



# Biodiesel from microalgae

Vegetal oil production  $d=0.912\text{kg/l}$

**Chemical transformation:** → Energy efficiency: 10 photons per  $\text{CO}_2$

Trans esterification → methyl ester  $d=0.864$  : **Triglyceride+6  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ =3 methyl ester**

**\*\*energy storage from sun light: max10%**

\*Oil content in dry algae 20% to 50% ,80% ex: Nitzschia sp 45% to 50%

Botryococcus braunu 29% to 75%

<b>*comparison</b>	* <u>colza</u>	<u>1g/m<sup>2</sup>.day</u>	1190l/ha
	* palm oil		5690l/ha
	* sugar cane	10g/m <sup>2</sup> .day	
	* <u>algae</u>	<u>50g/m<sup>2</sup>.day</u>	136900l/ha ( max)

1 Kg of bioalga = 1.8 Kg of  $\text{CO}_2$

**algae oil cost: 1.4 to 2.6\$/l and may be 5\$/l**

shell exits algae venture with Cellana (CEN 7/feb/2011)

European Parlement STOA 22 /3/2011 )

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