



# **Energy options and scenarios for transitioning to a lower carbon economy: An Indian perspective**

## **Focus on biofuels**

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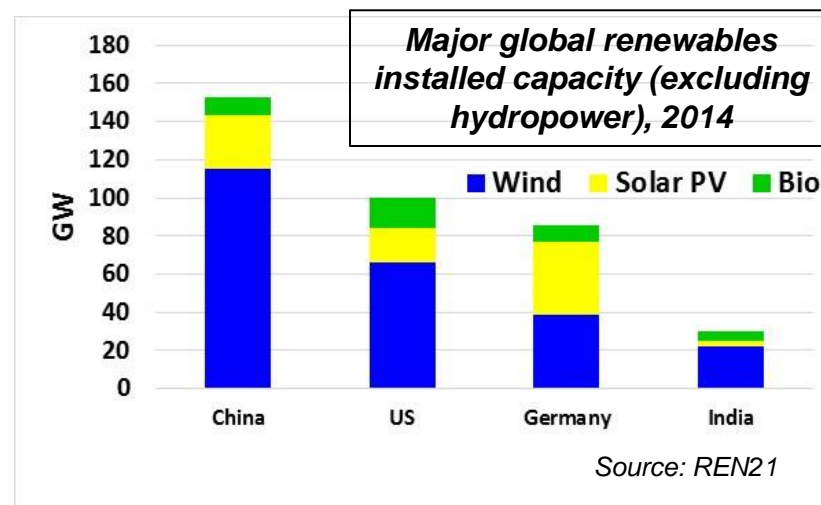
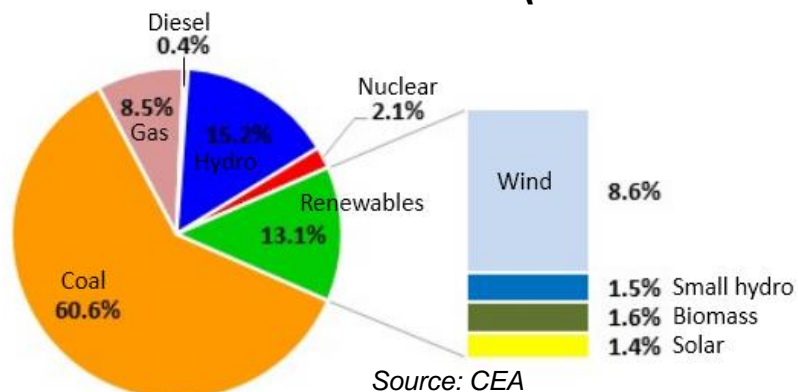
# Indian energy scenario

## India is 3<sup>rd</sup> largest energy consumer in the world

- Annual energy demand expected to increase 200% from FY 15 to FY 30
- Today India imports ~81% crude oil and ~41% natural gas (> \$ 70 bn revenue outgo)
- Today India has
  - 0.8 % of World's Gas reserves
  - 0.3 % of World's Oil reserves
  - 6.8% of World's Coal reserves

Country	Per capita CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (metric tons, 2011)
USA	17
Russia	12.6
Japan	9.3
UK	7.1
China	6.7
India	1.7
World Average	5

## Power scenario of India (as on Mar. 2015)



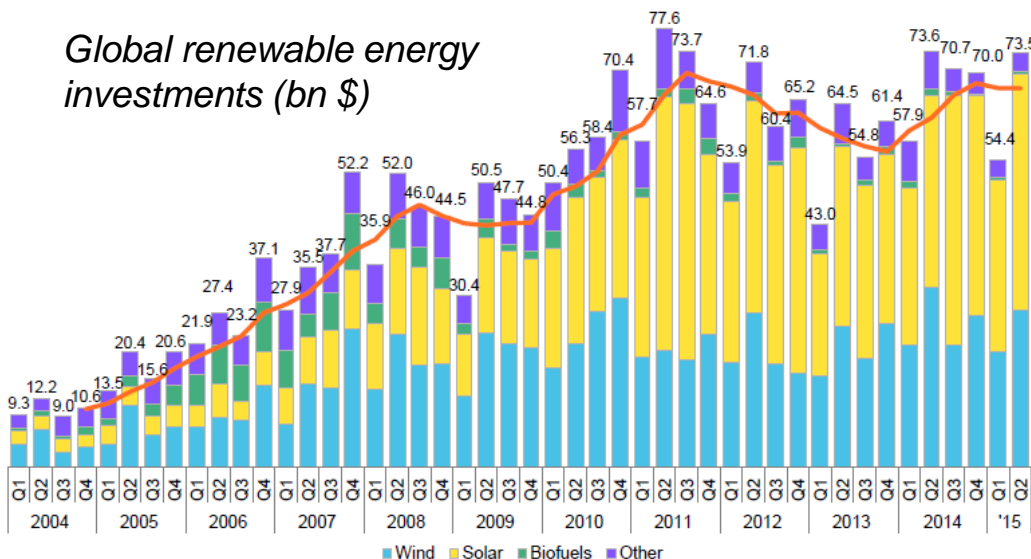
Total installed capacity = 264 GW as on March 2015  
 Renewables = 13% of capacity, 7% of electricity produced

**Significant potential to increase contribution from Renewable Energy in India**

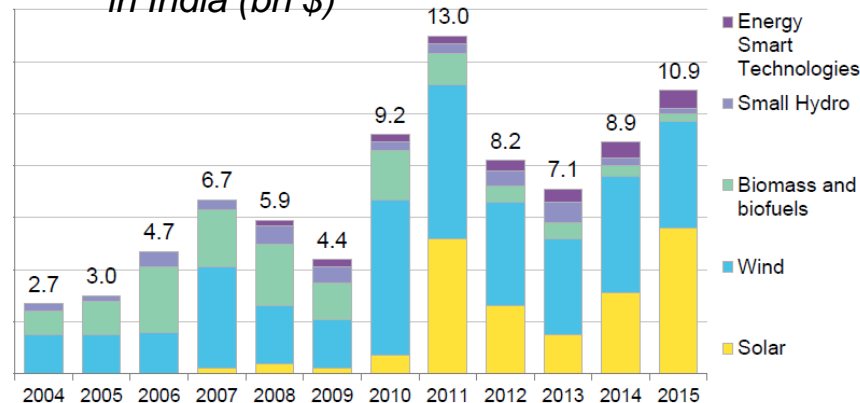


# Global and domestic investments in biofuels lag behind other renewables

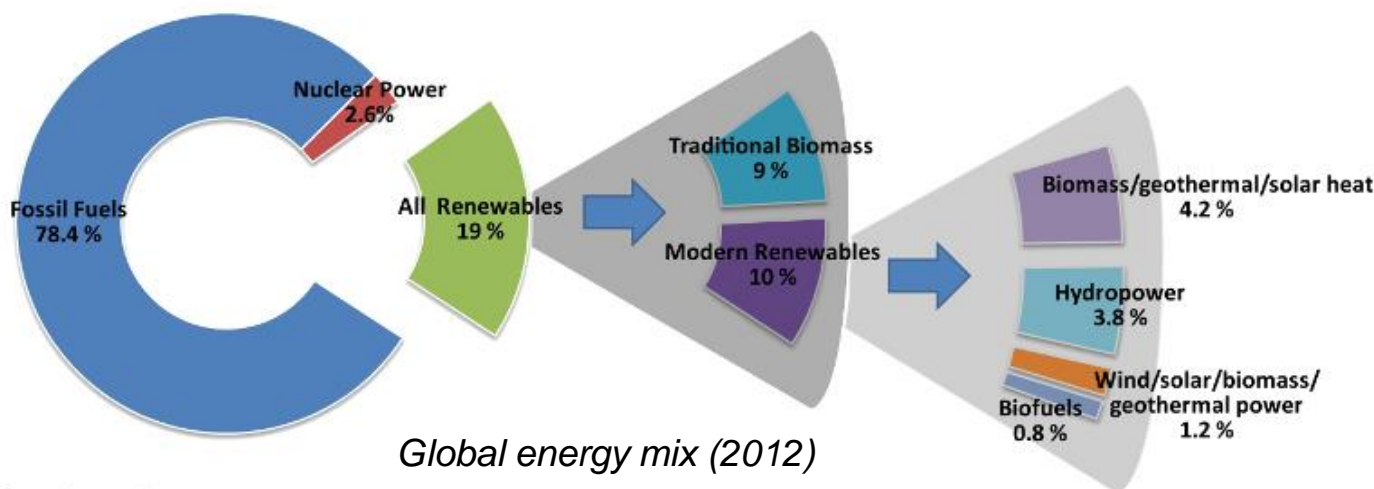
Global renewable energy investments (bn \$)



Renewable energy investments in India (bn \$)



Source: BNEF



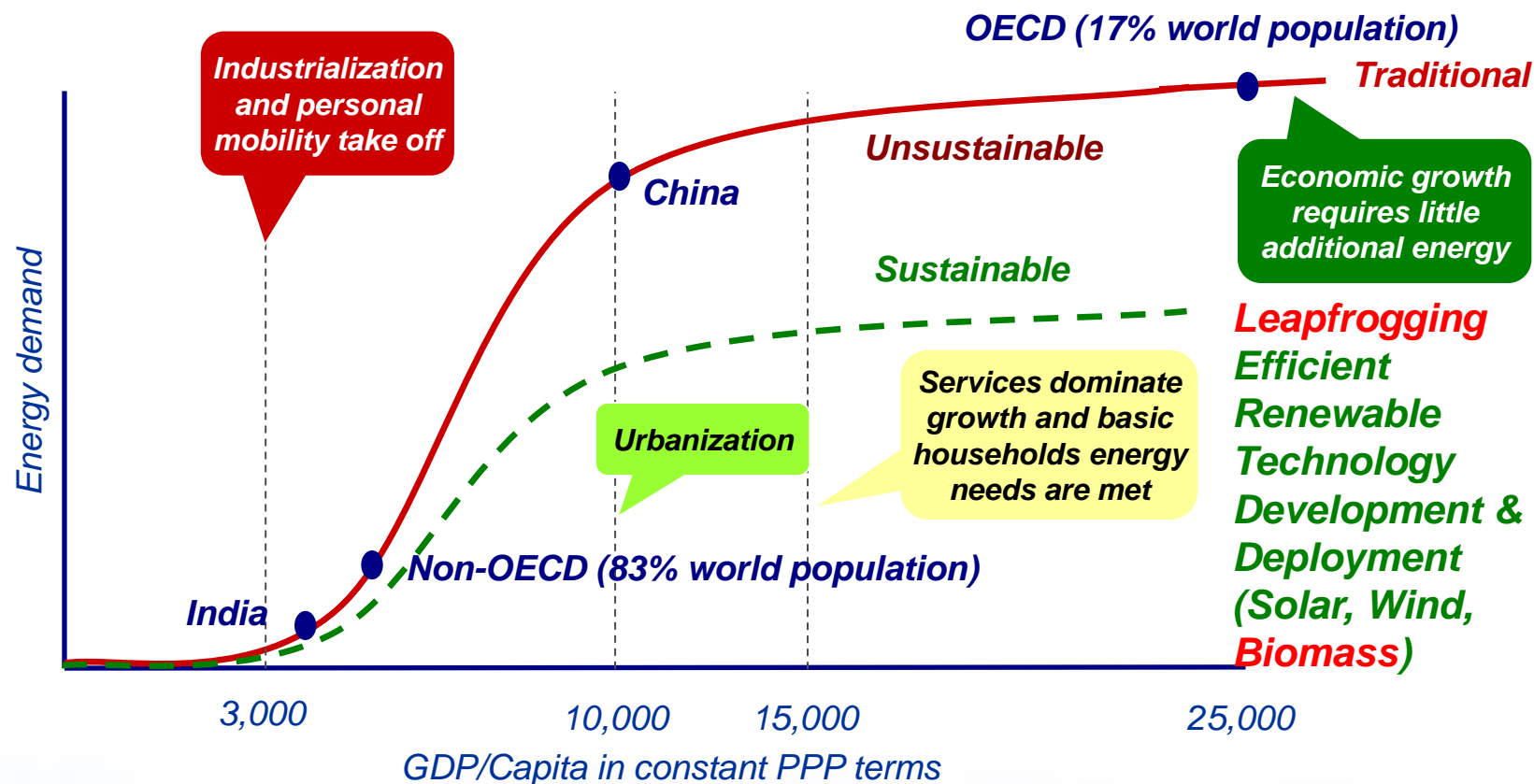
Traditional biomass is still a significant fraction of the global energy mix

**Biomass can deliver products in the form of hydrocarbons that are easily storable and transportable; it can also create significant rural employment opportunities**



# Sustainable development challenge

More, Secure and Responsible technology needed for India



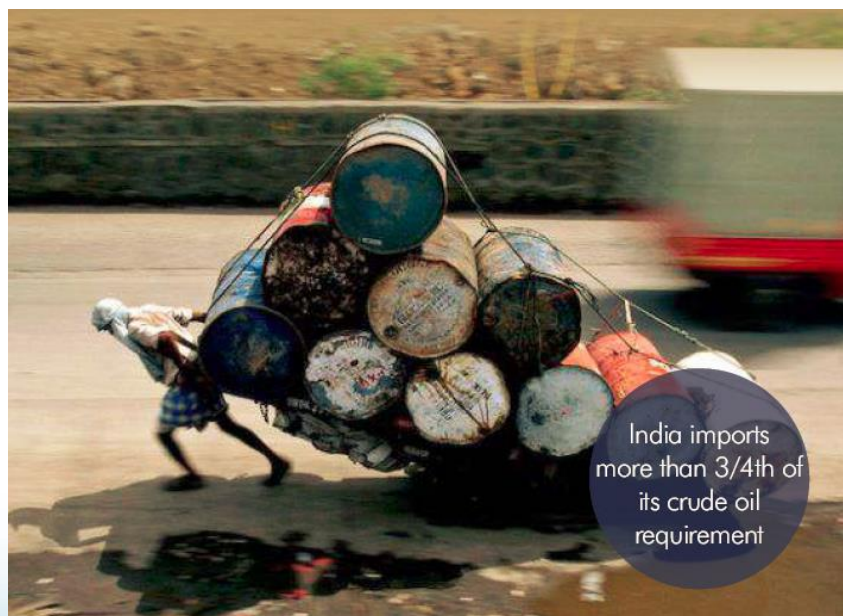
**Demand for materials & energy is growing rapidly as developing countries like India enter their most energy-intensive phase of economic development**





# Biofuel drivers for India

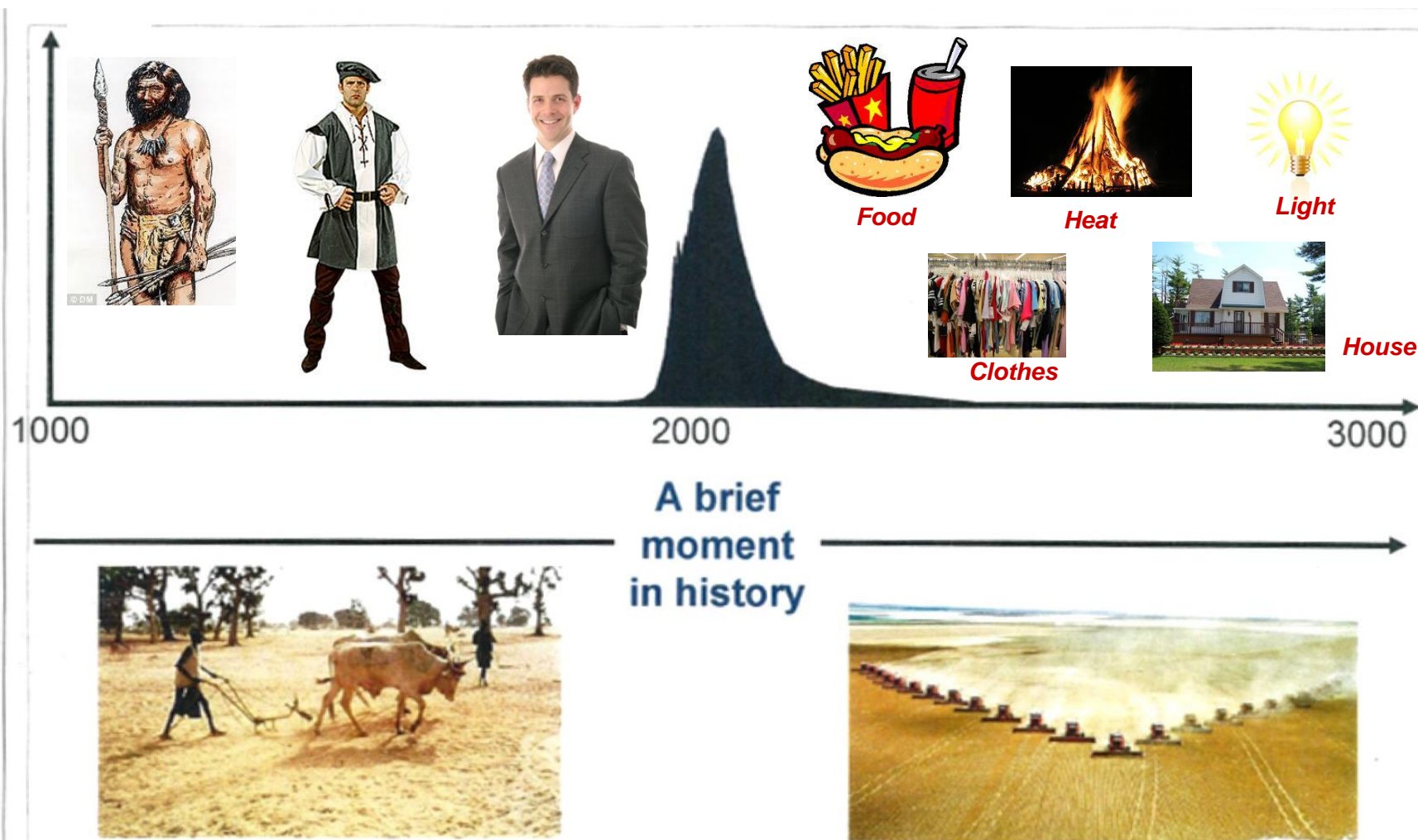
- Energy security
- Reduce forex outgo
- Rural upliftment
- Maximum value generation from uncultivable Indian land mass
- No food versus fuel competition
- Climate change mitigation



***Bio-fuels key to sustainably meet hydrocarbon demand & improve farmers' livelihood***



# Future of liquid hydrocarbons?



*Sustainability & energy security two sides of the same coin*



# RIL: A significant commitment to renewables R&D, major focus on advanced biotechnology



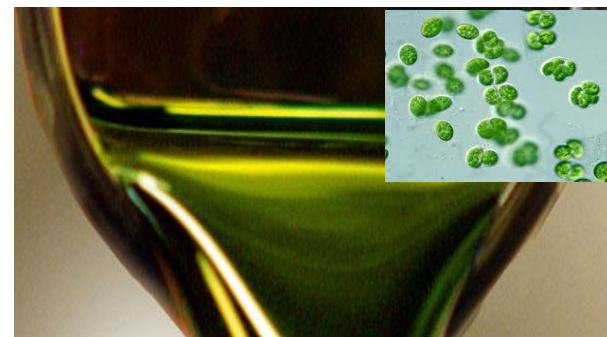
- **Scientists and engineers**, trained in the best institutions globally, **working in India**
- **International collaborations with top notch institutions**, leveraging talent of additional scientists and engineers
- No food vs. fuel competition
  - **Surplus agri-residue** (120-150 MMTpa biomass resulting in > 30 MMTpa biofuel)
  - **Jatropha** (develop high yield varieties in low rainfall marginal land areas)
  - **Algae** (use sea-water and desert land at coastline)
- Adopt PM's triple S mantra: **Skill, Scale and Speed** for these challenging problems



**Agri-residue to kerosene**



**Jatropha to bio-diesel**



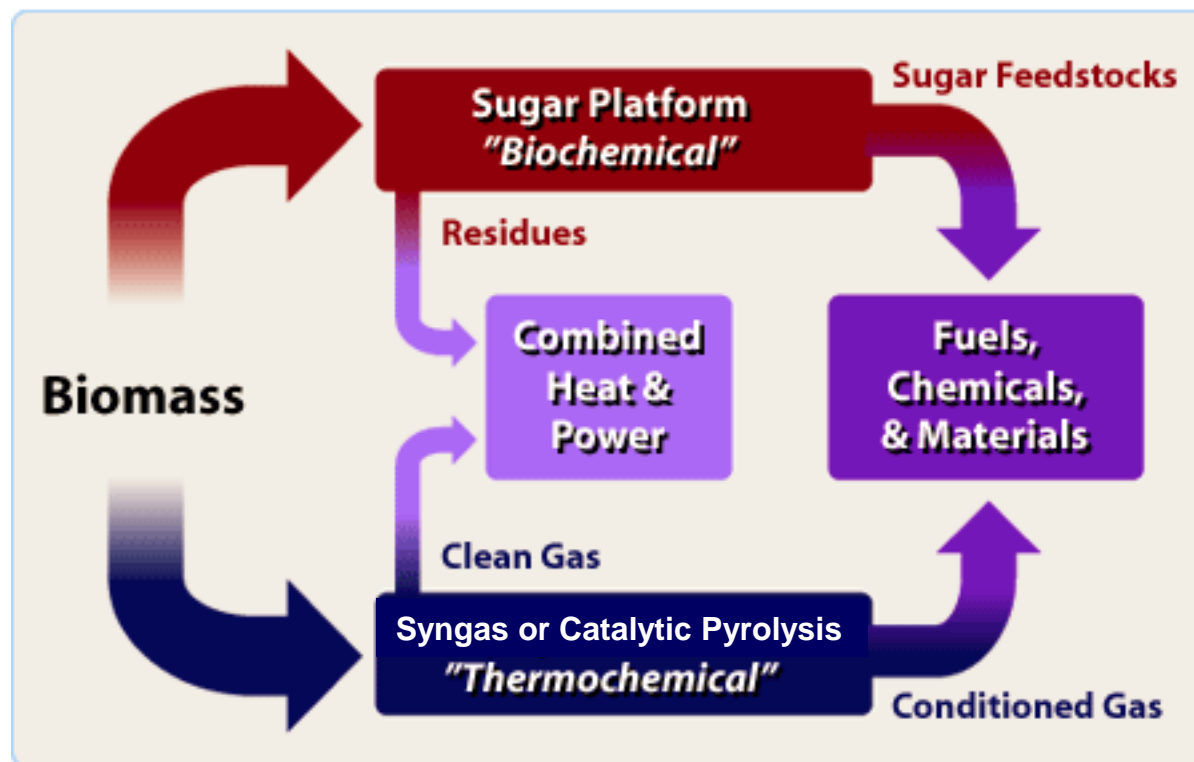
**Algae to bio-crude**

***RIL committed to largest cutting-edge R&D program by any private enterprise to help India leap-frog***





# Thermochemical route is economically attractive



- In the Indian context thermochemical routes may be more attractive than cellulosic fermentation due to types of non feed/ fodder bio-mass availability
- **Business model innovation: distributed production and consumption at village level**

*Thermochemical route can improve overall carbon utilization efficiency to end products*



# Agri-residue conversion to modern energy

Feed Stock

Technology

De-Construction

Upgrading

Product



**Agri-residues**  
Non-fodder/ food-  
stalks, trash and bagasse

**Biomass to Power**  
**1 kg = 1.7 kW**  
**= 1465 kcal**



**Combined Cycle Biomass Power generation**



**Power**

**Biomass to Ethanol**  
**1 kg = 200-250 g =**  
**1420-1780 kcal**



**Enzymatic Hydrolysis**

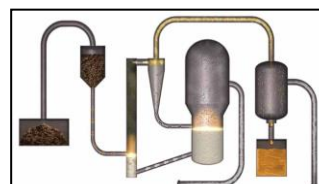


**Fermentation**



**Ethanol**

**Biomass to HC Fuel**  
**1 kg = 280 g**  
**= 2960 kcal**



**Catalytic Pyrolysis**



**Hydrotreatment**



**Gasoline/Diesel/Kerosene**

*Converting biomass to fungible hydrocarbons like kerosene is more efficient technology*

# Agri-residue conversion to hydrocarbons more valuable than burning

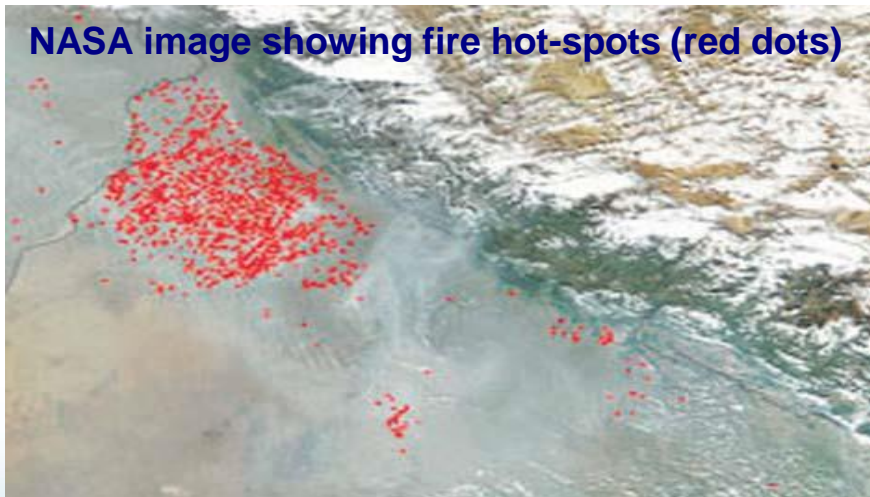


Burning is a cheap and quick way to clear field but leads to loss of nutrients and pollution



*Images from The Guardian*

NASA image showing fire hot-spots (red dots)



*Source: NASA, Hindustan Times Nov 7, 2013*

Pollution in Delhi



**Excess agri-residues can be converted to kerosene at village level**





# Bio-feedstock aggregation/ supply opportunity

## Farm Harvesting

*Seasonal  
Short window  
Distributed  
Bulky*

- Farm & Farmer Coordination
- Manual Labor
- Aggregation

## Collection

*Moisture, Grits,  
Foreign Matter,  
Timing*

- Transport
- Weeding
- Accounting
- Sizing

## Preparation

*Loss, Capacity  
Utilization,  
Synchronize*

- Drying
- Stocking
- Planning
- Transporting

- Biomass surplus 120-150 million tons per annum
- Bio-fuels potential > 30 million tons per annum
- Collection and processing of biomass is estimated to create additional income stream of at least Rs. 20,000 crore per year for the rural economy



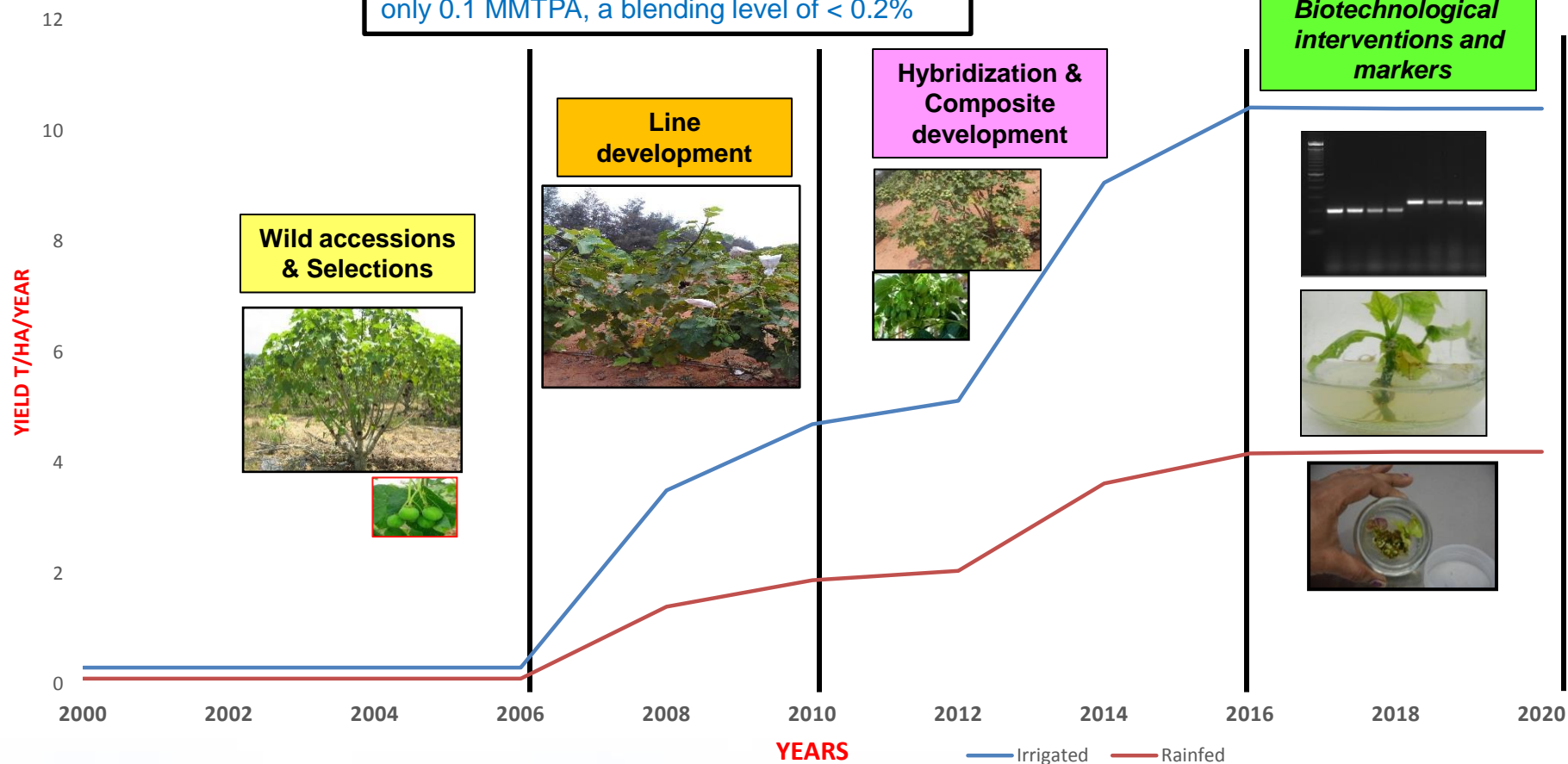
*Innovative business models for supply chain, logistics and cost competitiveness*





# Oil yield improvement in Jatropha

Biodiesel production in India in 2014-15 was only 0.1 MMTPA, a blending level of < 0.2%



Jatropha yield IMPROVEMENTS (IRRIGATED & RAINFED) T/ha/year

**Modern biotechnology is essential for making Jatropha based biodiesel viable**



# More and more countries worldwide with biofuel support policies

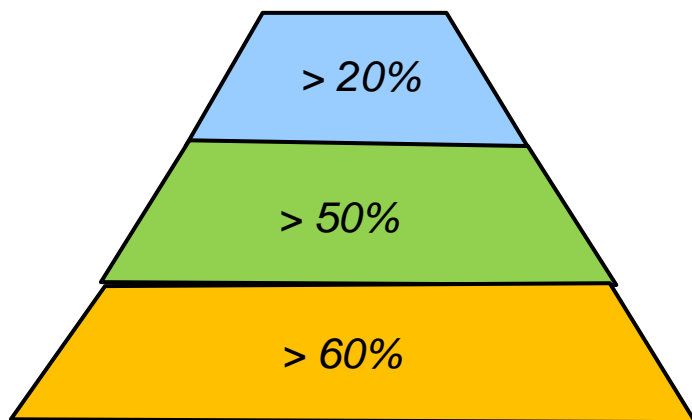


***Government support encouraging development of advanced technologies for bio-ethanol and bio-diesel***



# US biofuel incentive system

## CO2 Mitigation



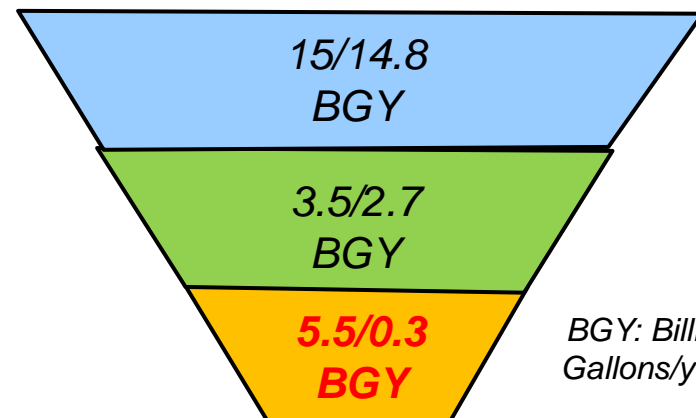
## Biofuel Categories

Renewable Fuel

Advanced Biofuel

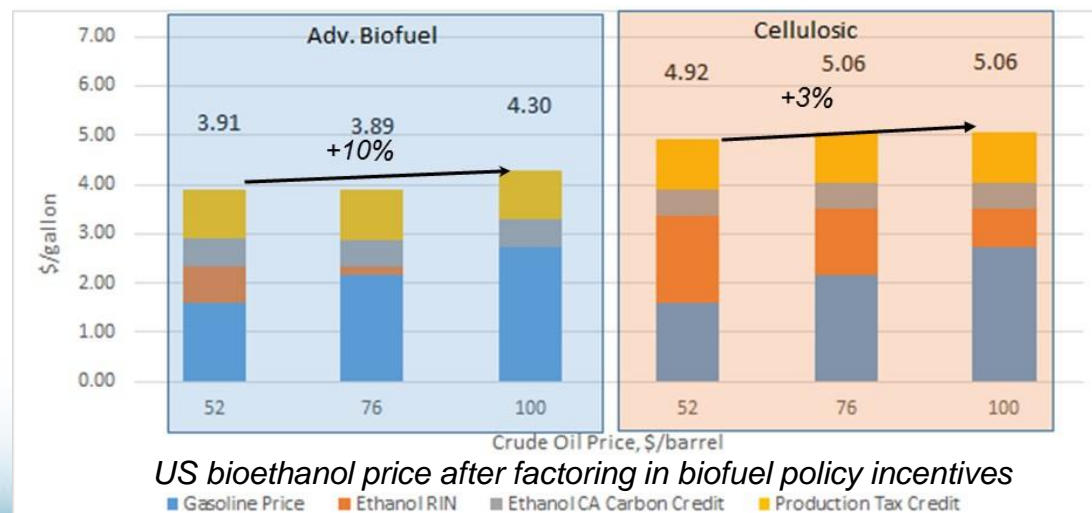
Cellulosic Biofuel

## Biofuel Mandate RFS2/EPA 2017 Proposed



BGY: Billion Gallons/year

- Refiners/Importers are obligated to blend biofuels for each category at levels mandated by EPA.
- In lieu of blending biofuel they can fulfil obligation by purchasing RIN credits for relevant category.
- RIN Value for a category gets decided by demand/supply for that category of RIN

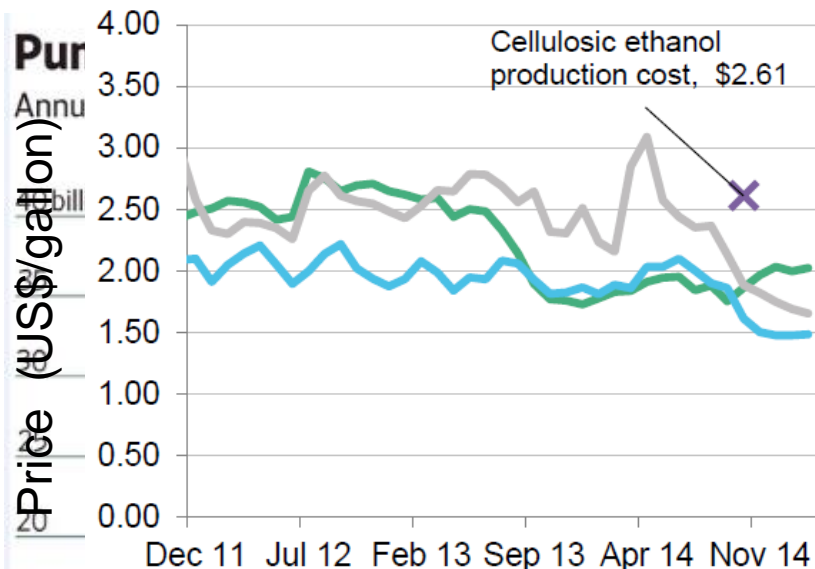


**RIN mechanism ensures significant price incentives for emerging categories of biofuels**





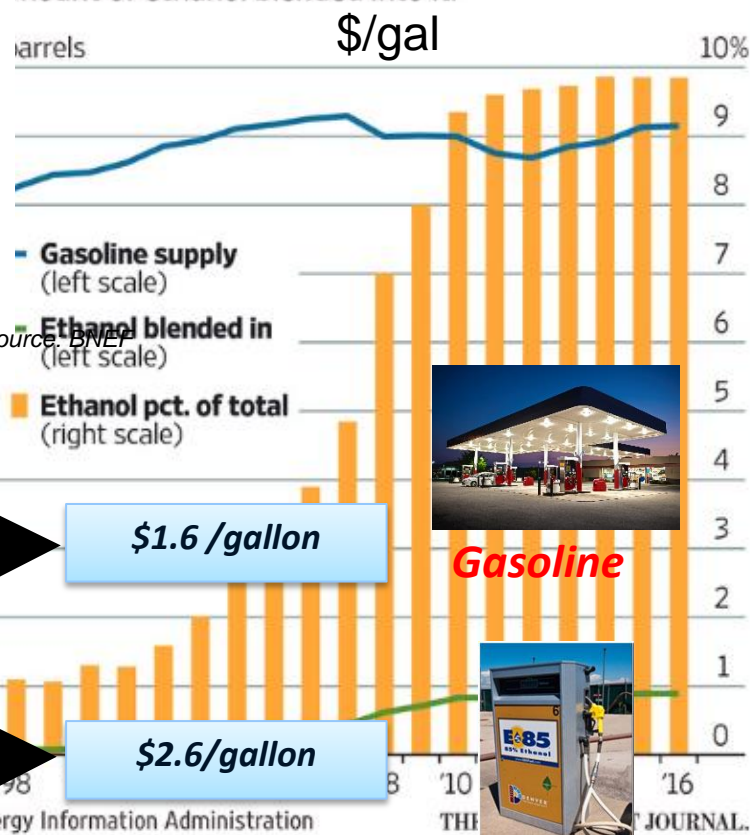
# Bio-ethanol evolution: 1<sup>st</sup> generation corn ethanol and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation cellulosic ethanol



- Corn ethanol marginal supply cost
- Ethanol market price
- Gasoline market price

## Factor

share of the U.S. gasoline mix rose rapidly through re leveling off. The nation's daily gas supply in barrels amount of ethanol blended into it:



## Feedstock Costs



**\$8.5/mmBTU @ \$50/bbl**

**Carbon Economy > 90%**

**\$1.6 /gallon**



**Gasoline**



**\$3.6/mmBTU @ \$50/T**

**Carbon Economy approx. 30-35%**

**\$2.6/gallon**



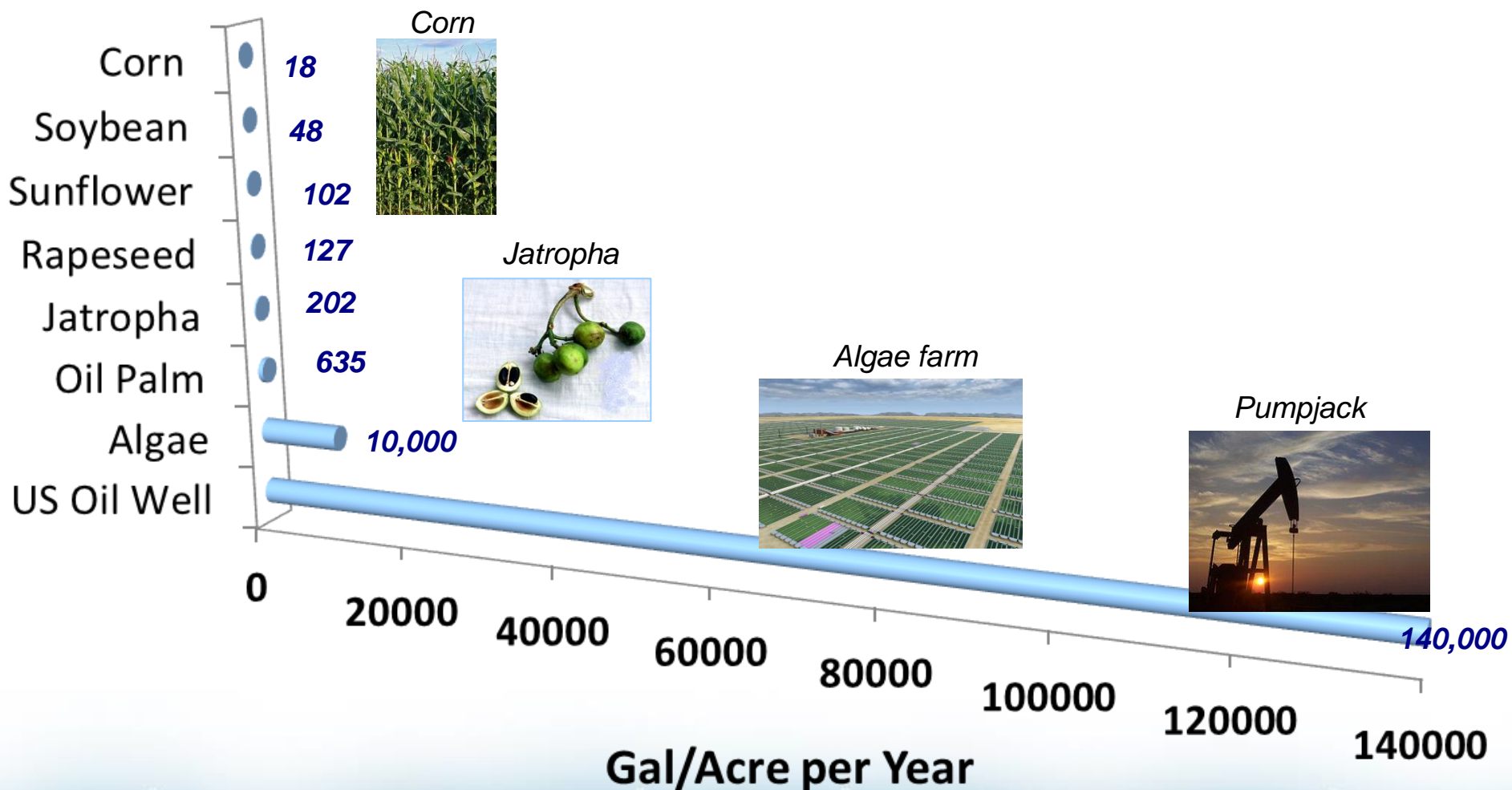
**Cellulosic Ethanol**

**Mandate driven global market for 1<sup>st</sup> generation ethanol beginning to get saturated**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> generation cellulosic ethanol challenged by high feedstock and capital cost**





# Algae are efficient converters of sunlight to energy

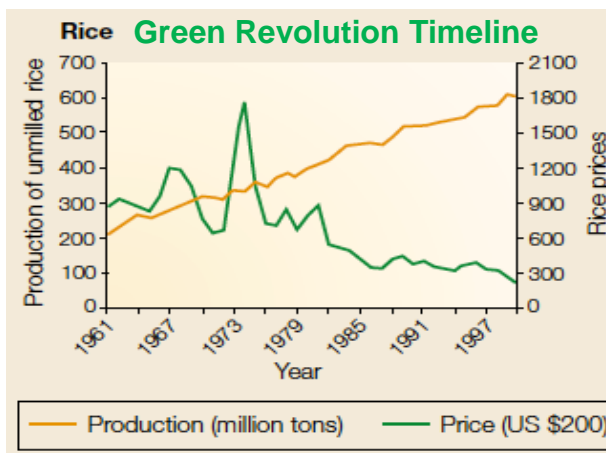


To compete with fossil crude oil, even algae will need higher crude prices and/or C-tax



# Advanced biotechnology has transformed agriculture

**biotech cotton** has made significant contribution to the incomes of **>16.5 million** farmers and their families in **CHINA, INDIA, PAKISTAN, MYANMAR, BURKINA FASO, & SOUTH AFRICA**



## Advances in biotechnology

- Increased food production per acre
- Reduced production cost for major food crops

**Agricultural biotechnology tools are applicable for advancing algal technology**

Gene Discovery

Transformation

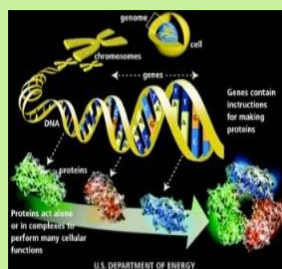
Trait Integration

Field Validation

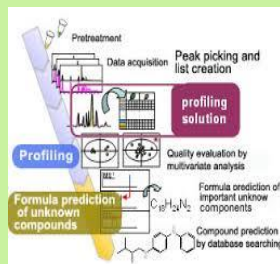
**Transformation**



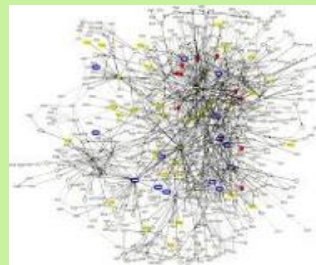
**Genomics**



**Metabolomics**



**Systems Biology**



**Field Testing**



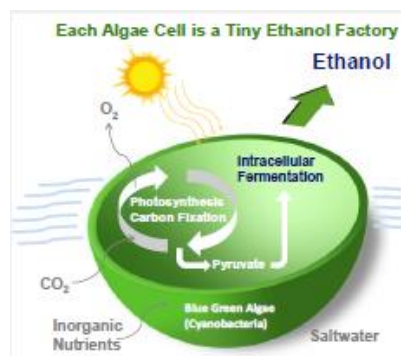
**Advanced bio-technology tools can improve algae yield, robustness, stress tolerance and other desirable traits**



# Algae for producing ethanol: RIL partner Algenol

## Three core components of Algenol's Direct to Ethanol® process

**World's  
Most  
Productive  
Algae  
Platform**



*85% of CO<sub>2</sub>  
to products*

**Specialized  
VIPER™  
Photobio-  
reactors**



*4 week production cycles  
followed by algae separation  
from EtOH-H<sub>2</sub>O mixture*

**Energy  
efficient  
downstream  
processing**



*Proprietary EtOH  
dehydration and  
green crude from  
spent algae*

***Algae act as link between green fuels, fresh water and carbon reduction***



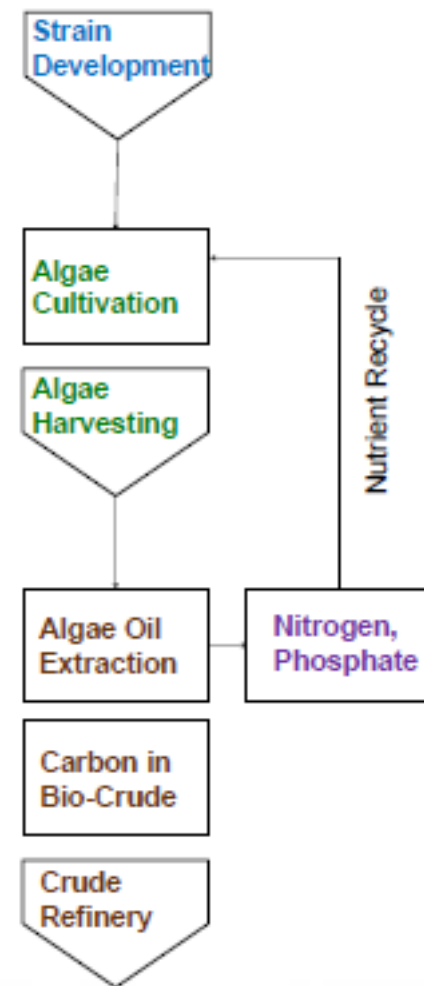


# Different algae to hydrocarbons options being evaluated at RIL R&D

Cultivation / growth in ponds or photo-bioreactors



Improved understanding of fundamentals of photosynthesis is allowing unique breakthrough technology development

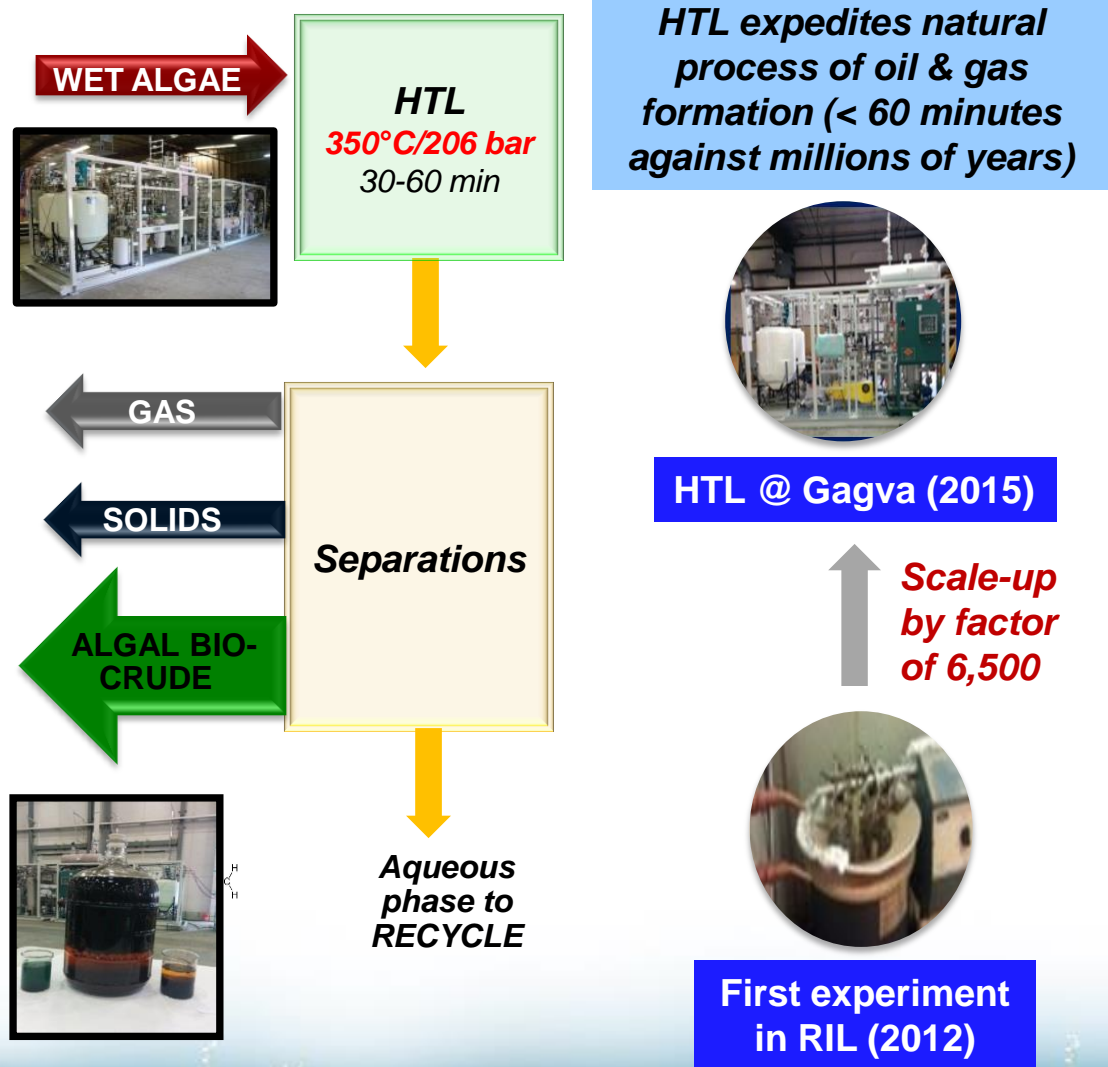


*Testing of alternate overall integrated production platforms in RIL R&D facilities will allow meeting commercial targets for capex & opex*





# Hydrothermal liquefaction (HTL) scale-up

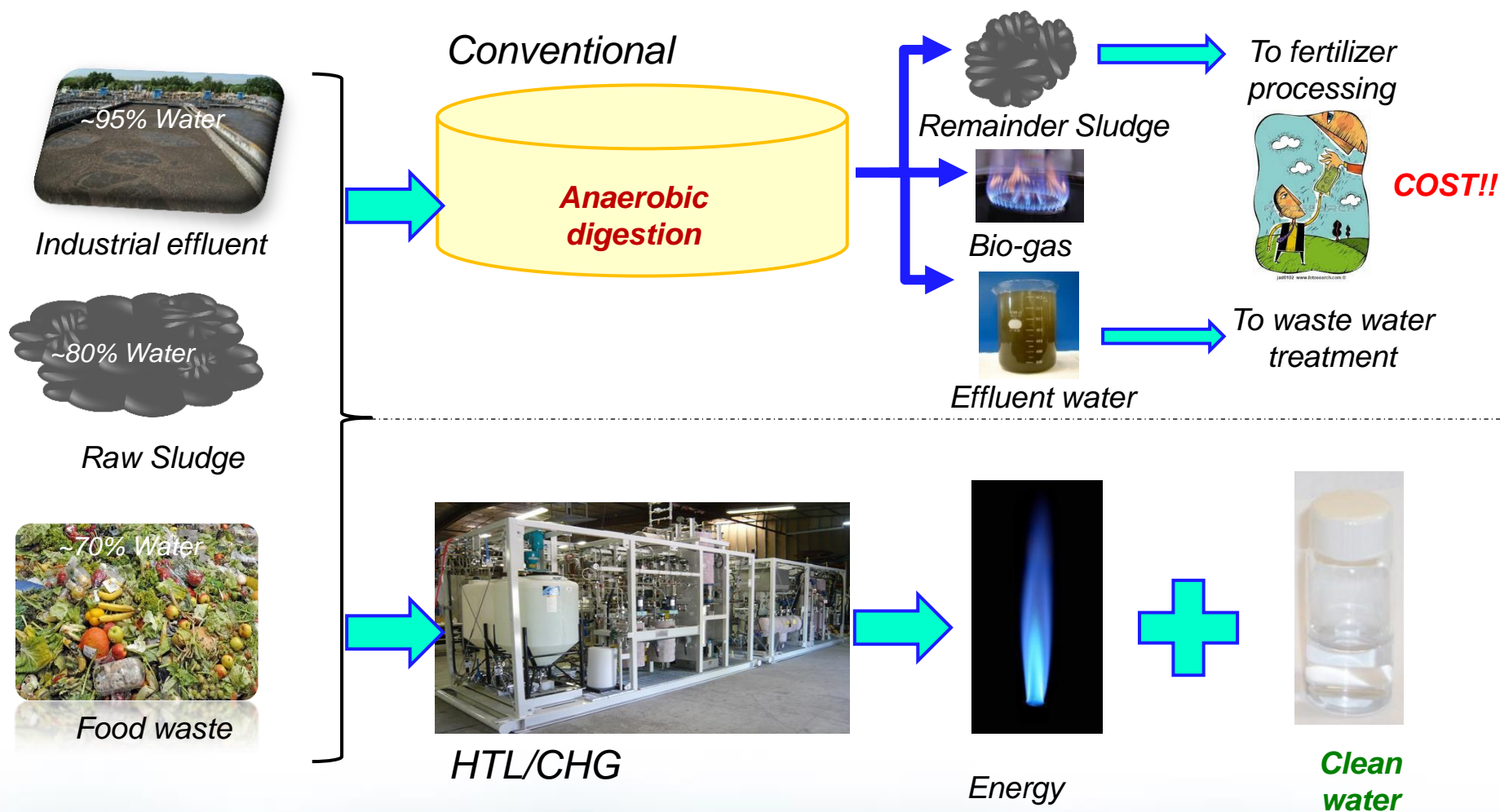


- Handles wet algae (80% water); No need to dry
- Yields ~ 50% bio-crude yield, independent of oil content of algae
- **Largest demo facility built in the world**
  - Sufficient scale for reliable commercial facility design
- **Scale-up challenges** addressed
  - ✓ Efficient reactor design
  - ✓ Hydraulics & heat exchanger design to suit **Non-Newtonian materials**
  - ✓ **MOC** to meet severe reaction conditions
  - ✓ **RIL patented catalyst** gives maximum biocrude yield
- HTL, a **platform technology** for effluent/sludge treatment

**Successful in-house design and scale-up of a complex reactor and process**



# Today's waste – Tomorrow's wealth



Hydrothermal processing is a clean and fast pathway for wastewater treatment

# Summary



## 1<sup>st</sup> generation Corn Ethanol



24.6 billion

Global commercial  
production, 2014 (gal)

India production (gal)

~ 0.2 billion

### Global outlook

Growth will  
plateau as  
mandates  
are met

## 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Biodiesel



19.9 billion

~ 0.02 billion

Mostly from palm  
oil, soybean oil,  
rapeseed oil;  
Poised to grow

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Cellulosic Ethanol

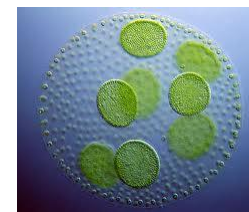


< 0.1 billion

Zero

Significant capacity  
coming online but  
feedstock cost and  
capex are challenges

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Algae to Ethanol & Hydrocarbons



Zero

Zero

Focus includes high  
value chemicals that  
are less sensitive to  
falling crude prices

### Key challenges –

- Availability of feedstock
- Cost of feedstock
- Customer's appetite for premium for green products

**Need breakthrough innovations to make biofuels viable**





# *Mind set change: From relay to synchronous dance*

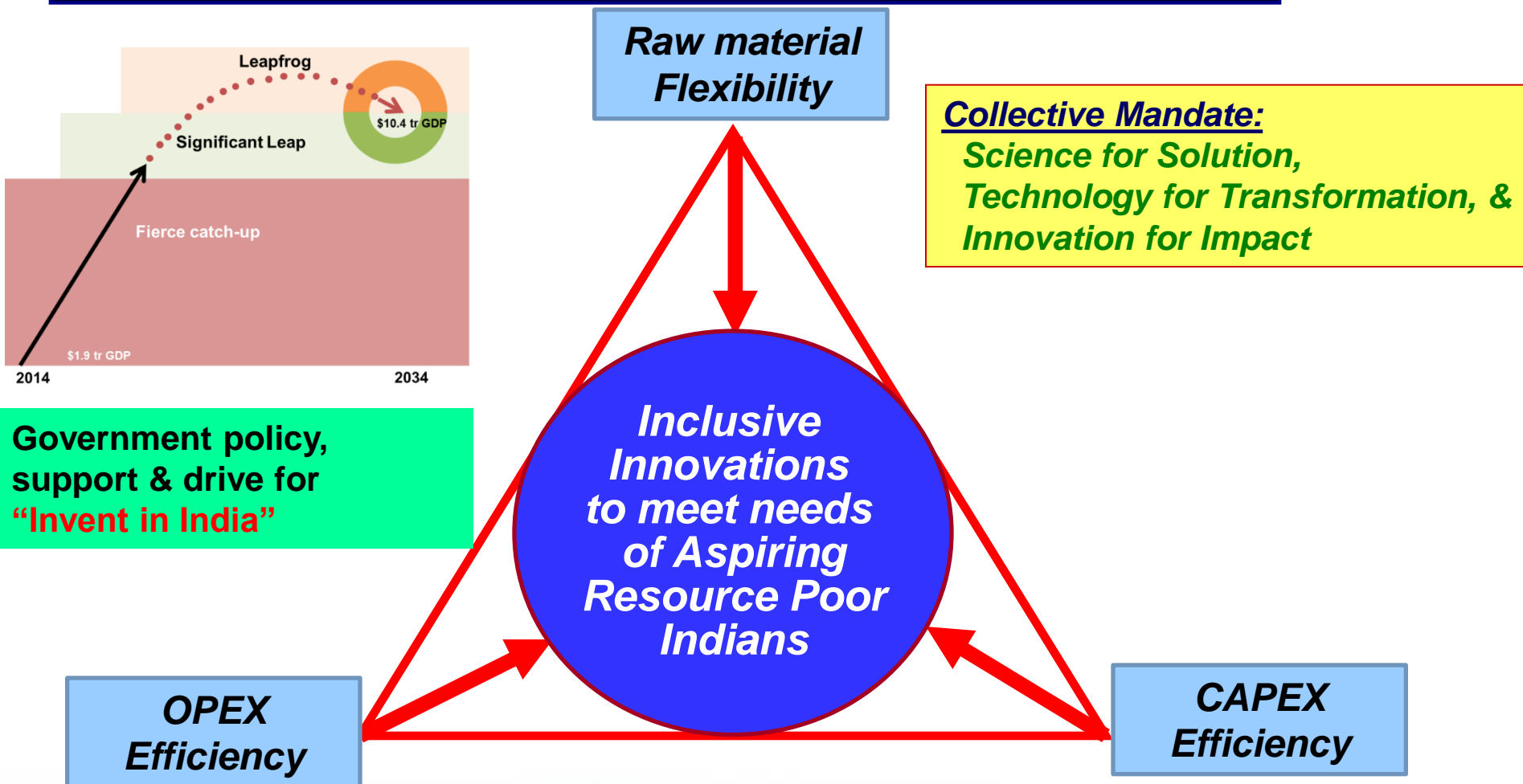


*Organizing scientific research on the scale of big operatic and theatrical production is still something new in science and engineering*





# Innovation = Creativity X Execution



*I Would Prize Every Invention of Science Made for the Benefit of All – Mahatma Gandhi*

# Summing up



## Innovation Led Growth



Growth is Life



**THANK YOU**

