

“Energy use and energy efficiency in selected arable farms in Central and South Eastern Europe”

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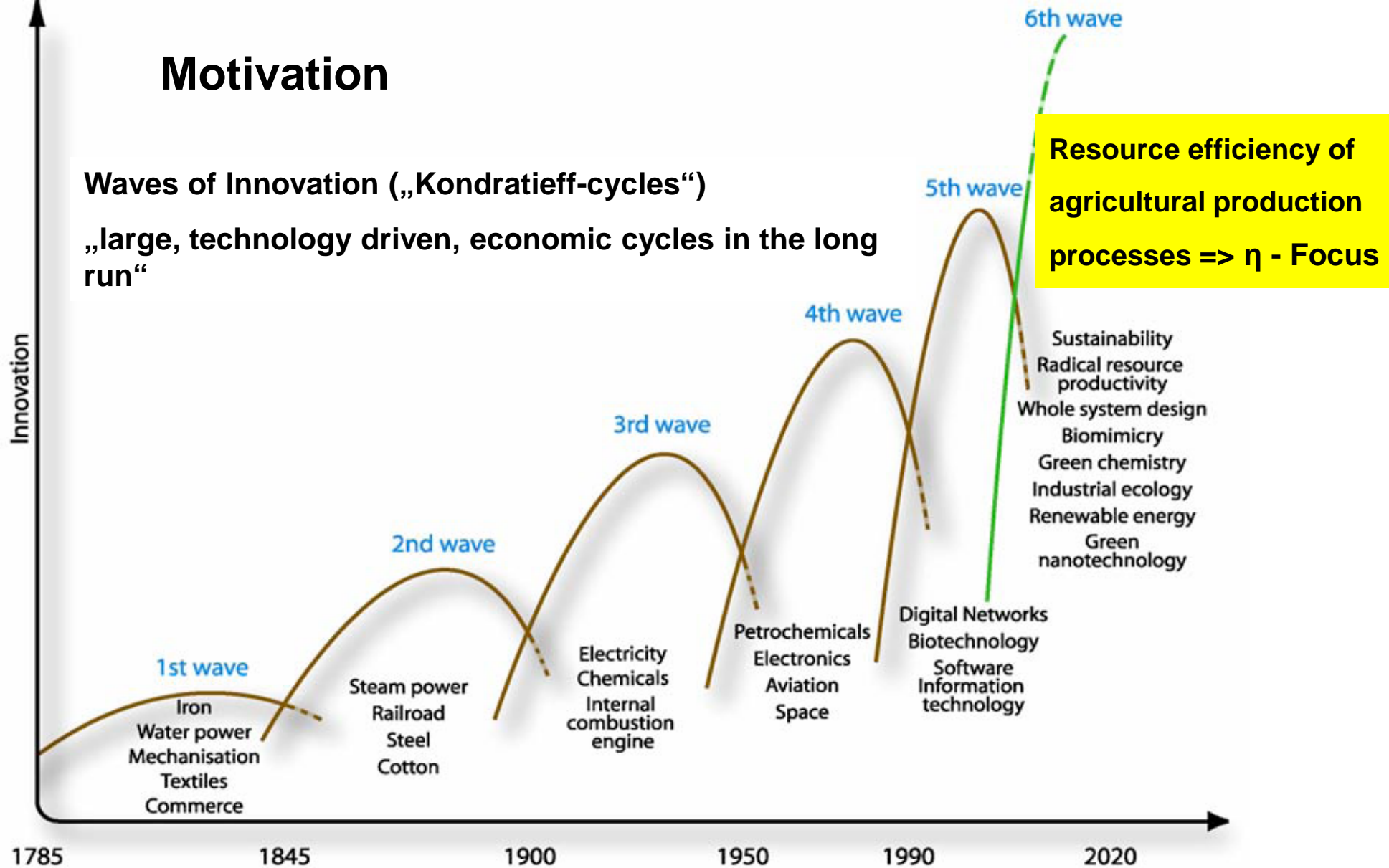
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Motivation

Waves of Innovation („Kondratieff-cycles“)

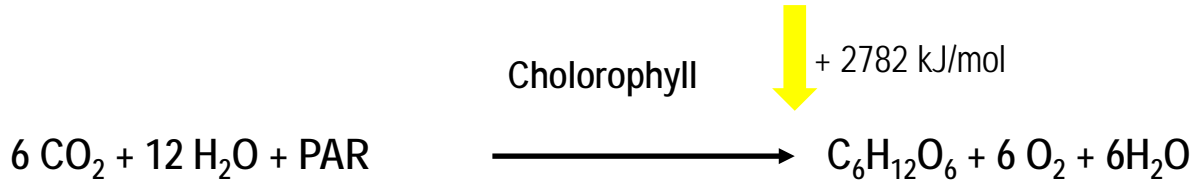
„large, technology driven, economic cycles in the long run“



Quelle: Vortrag von Ernst von Weizsäcker an der Veranstaltung „20 Jahre Ökosoziale Marktwirtschaft“ am 15. Dezember 2009 in Wien

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Agriculture - „solar energy harvester“



PAR: Photosynthetically active radiation

Agriculture is a process to harvest photosynthetically stored solar energy for:

- ⇒ food
- ⇒ feed
- ⇒ energetic and material usage



Farm branch: **crop production**

Input energy

Direct

fuel, heating oil, electricity

indirect:

process energie in „annual“
production facilities (fertilizers,
pesticides, seeds)

Tolerable range:

between: 5 und 15 GJ/ha

Extensive: < 8 GJ/ha

Intensive: > 8 GJ/ha



Output energy

**Crops for food and feed
straw**

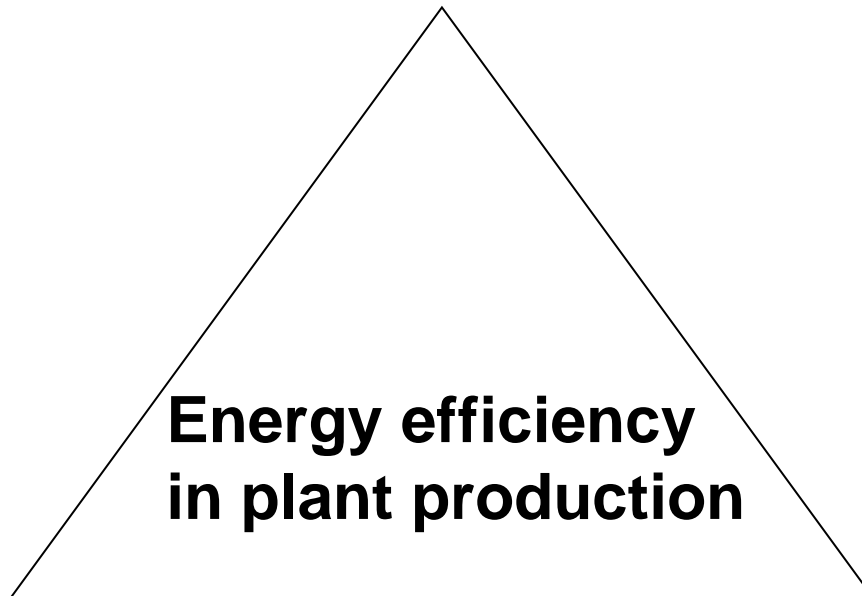


balance = Output - Input

minimum: 50 GJ/ha

Source: Hege U., & Brenner M., Kriterien umweltverträgliche
Landbewirtschaftung/”**Criteria of environmentally compatible land
management**”, Bayerische Landesanstalt für Landwirtschaft, 2004

Site-related factors (climate, soil)



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Input of farm facilities (seeds,
fertilizer, pesticide, etc.)

Mechanization (e.g. soil tillage)



Energy-equivalent

		Energy-equivalent	Source
Direct-use Energy			
	Diesel, Heating oil	44.3 MJ/l	<i>CIGR, 1999</i>
	Electricity	12 MJ/kWh	
Indirect-use Energy			
<i>Fertilizers</i>	Nitrogen	60 MJ/kg N	<i>CIGR, 1999</i>
	Phosphorus	14 MJ/kg P ₂ O ₅	
	Potassium	12 MJ/kg K ₂ O	
<i>Pesticides</i>	Herbicide	250 MJ/kg ¹⁾	<i>CIGR, 1999</i>
	Fungicide	180 MJ/kg ¹⁾	
	Insecticide	300 MJ/kg ¹⁾	
<i>Seed</i>	Cereals	15 MJ/kg	<i>CIGR, 1999</i> <i>Hülsbergen, 2008</i>
	Corn hybrid	100 MJ/kg	
	Potato	93 MJ/kg	
	Oil seed rape	200 MJ/kg	
	Sunflower	20 MJ/kg	
	Sugarbeet	54 MJ/kg	
	Soybean	34 MJ/kg	
<i>Machinery</i>	Farm size (50 ha)	3000 MJ/ha	<i>Biedermann 2009</i>
	Farm size (100 ha)	1700 MJ/ha	
	Farm size (200 ha)	1170 MJ/ha	

In a **questionnaire** basic farm description (size, crop rotation,...), the **amount of used facilities** (fuel, pesticides, fertilizer, and seed) and the **yearly harvested crops** were recorded for the cropping **season 2011**.

Description of the analysed farms



	RO 1	RO 2	SK 1	SK 2	SRB 1	SRB 2	A 1
Location	Transylvanian Plateau A	Transylvanian Plateau B	Kolinany	Risnovce	Sremska Mitrovica	Novi Sad	Ansfelden
Arable land (ha)	400	600	1112	1266	115	450	368
Mean temperature (°C)	8.4	9.0	9.7	10.3	11.0	11.5	9.1
Precipitation (mm)	628-733	557-600	631	550-600	650-700	550-600	848
Average field size (ha)	8.0	10.0	39.5	27.0	5.0	8.5	8.8
Soil	clay-silty, chernozem	clay-silty, chernozem	brown soil type	brown soil type	clay-silty chernozem	clay-silty chernozem	silty loam; brown soil type
Soil tillage	with plough	with plough	with plough	with plough	with plough	Plough-less	Plough-less

Energetic parameters for the energetic evaluation of the production systems

(CIGR 1999, Hülsbergen 2008, Naghiu et al. 2003)

a.) *Energy Ratio* = E_o/E_i

b.) *Energy Intensity (MJ/kg)* = E_i/Y

c.) *Fuel Intensity (l/t)* = FI/Y

d.) *Net Energy Gain (GJ/ha)* = $E_o - E_i$

e.) *Energy Productivity (kg/MJ)* = Y/E_i

f.) *Energy Efficiency Index (%)* η_E $\eta_E = \frac{E_o - E_i}{E_o}$

[%]

where:

E_i - Energy input (fuel, seeds, fertilizer, pesticide, farm machinery); MJ/ha

E_o : Energy output of the harvested crop; MJ/ha

Y : harvested crop; kg/ha



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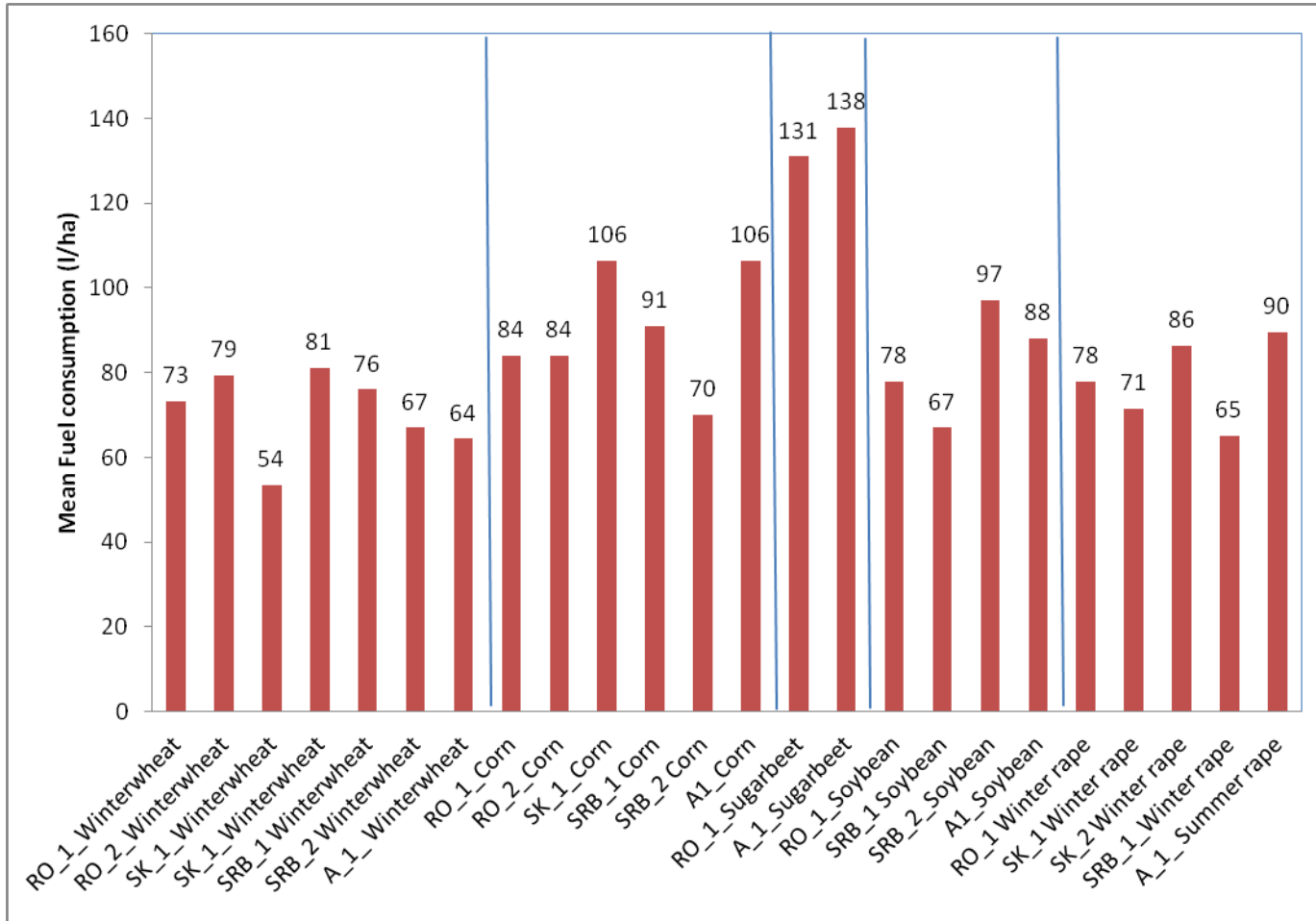
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Mean Fuel consumption (l/ha)



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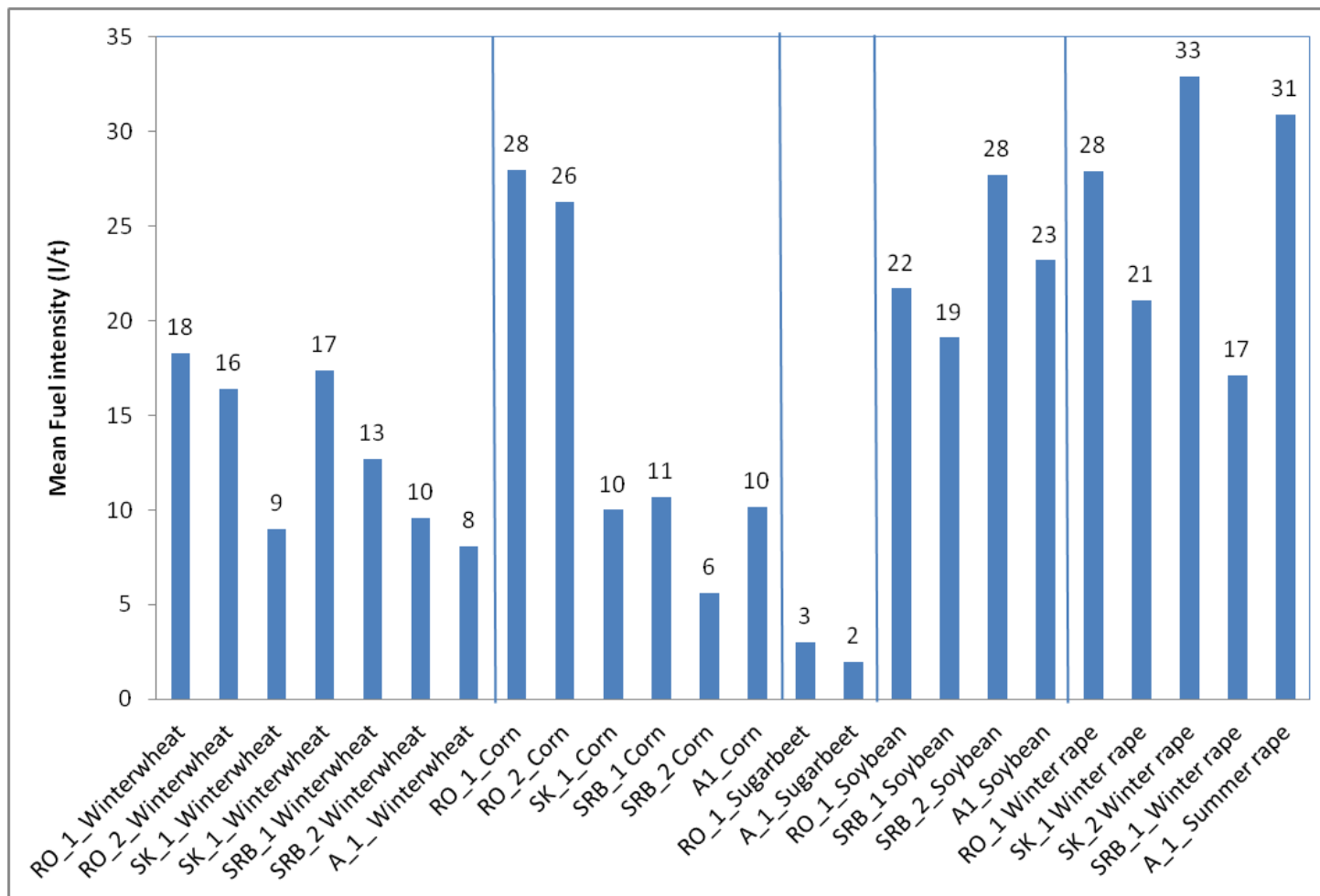


Mean Fuel intensity (l/t)



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Crop specific data for wheat production on seven arable farms



	Romania		Slovak Republic		Serbia		Austria
	RO 1	RO 2	SK 1	SK 2	SRB1	SRB 2	A1
Location	Transylvanian Plateau A	Transylvanian Plateau B	Kolinany	Risnovce	Sremska Mitrovica	Novi Sad	Ansfelden
Arable land on the farm (ha)	400	600	1112	1266	115	450	368
Winterwheat area (ha)	20	76	177	155	38	120	185
Mean Fuel consumption (l/ha)	73.2	79.4	53.5	81.1	76.0	67.0	64,4
N-fertilizer (kg N/ha)	30	37.5	145	145	160	207	164
Herbicide (kg/ha)	2	1.15	1.20	0.4	0.35	2.50	3.20
Fungicide (kg/ha)	-	-	1.10	1.0	0.50	-	3.82
Insecticide (kg/ha)	-	-	0.1	0.1			
Seed (kg/ha)	230	230	223	200	200	240	190
Organic manure (t/ha)	15	20	-	-	-	-	-
Mean yield (kg/ha)	4.000	4.850	5.920	4.657	6.000	7.000	8.000

Energy analysis for winter-wheat production

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Winterwheat (ha)	20	76	177	155	38	120	185
Yield (kg/ha)	4.000	4.850	5.920	4.657	6.000	7.000	8.000
Energy ratio	5.05	5.58	6.51	5.09	4.91	4.82	7.08
Energy intensity (MJ/kg)	3.19	2.89	2.81	3,59	2.62	3.17	2.27
Fuel intensity (l/t)	18.3	16.4	9.0	17.4	12.70	9.60	8.06
Net energy gain (GJ/ha)	51.67	64.10	91.69	68.49	74.54	84.56	110.64
Energy productivity (kg/MJ)	0.31	0.34	0.36	0.28	0.32	0.31	0.44
Energy efficiency index (%)	80.2	82.1	84.6	80.4	79.6	79.3	85.9

Energy saving through targeted or reduced application of farm facilities



- **Manure management** (e.g. Treatment and application with low trace gas emissions)

- **Organic Farming** (Biological N-fixation)



- **„Precision farming“**

Steering Assistance Systems, Automatic Guidance Systems

Variable Rate Technology (e.g.: sensorbased fertilization systems)



Thank you for your attention

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Farm structural data

❖ Total land: 600 ha

- potato: 150 ha
- wheat: 200 ha
- barley: 150 ha
- oat: 50 ha
- sugar beet: 50 ha

Summer 2007

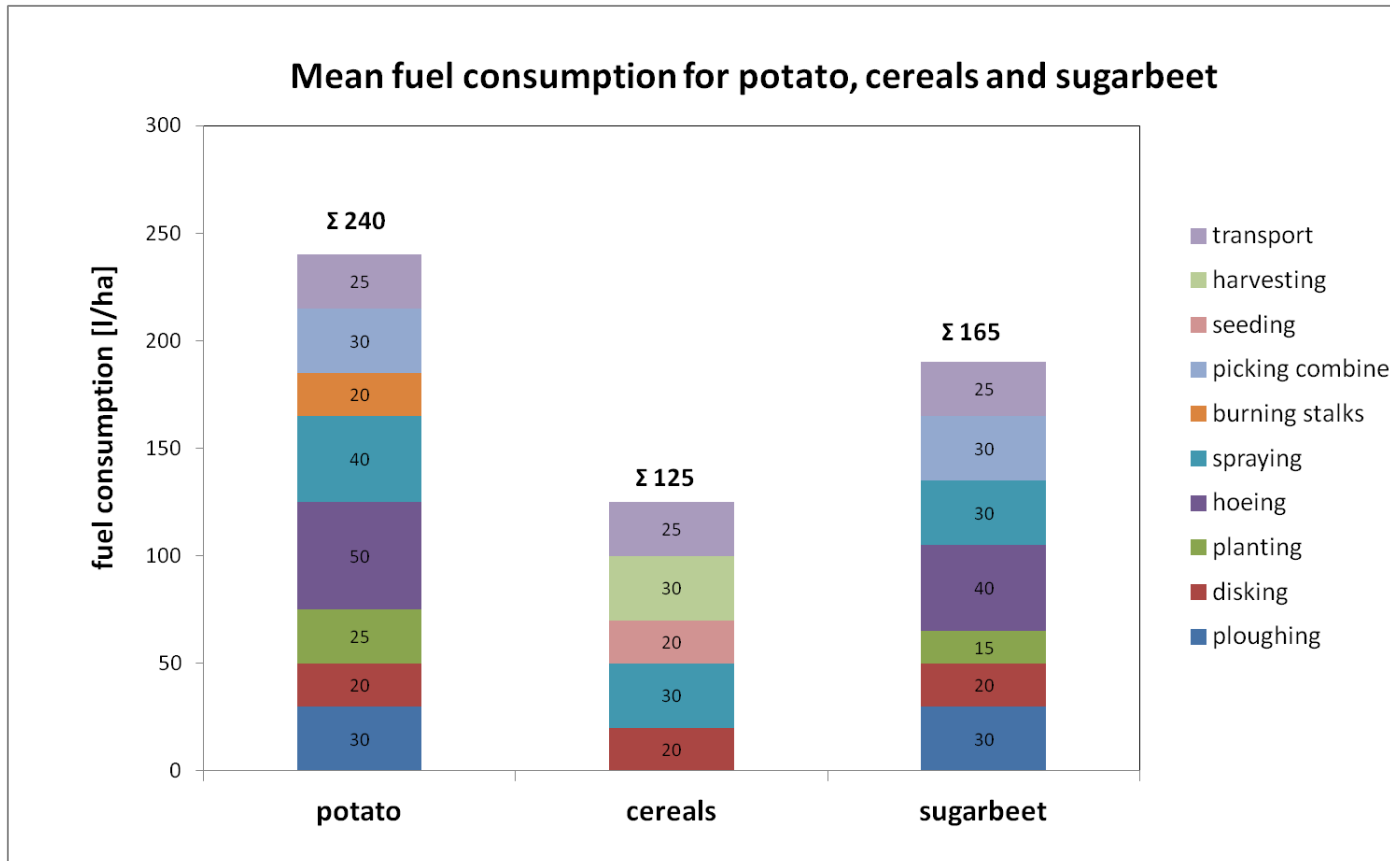
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Machinery usage

- 6 tractors with 65 Hp
- 1 tractor with 150 Hp (Zetor)
- 2 trucks (6 t capacity)

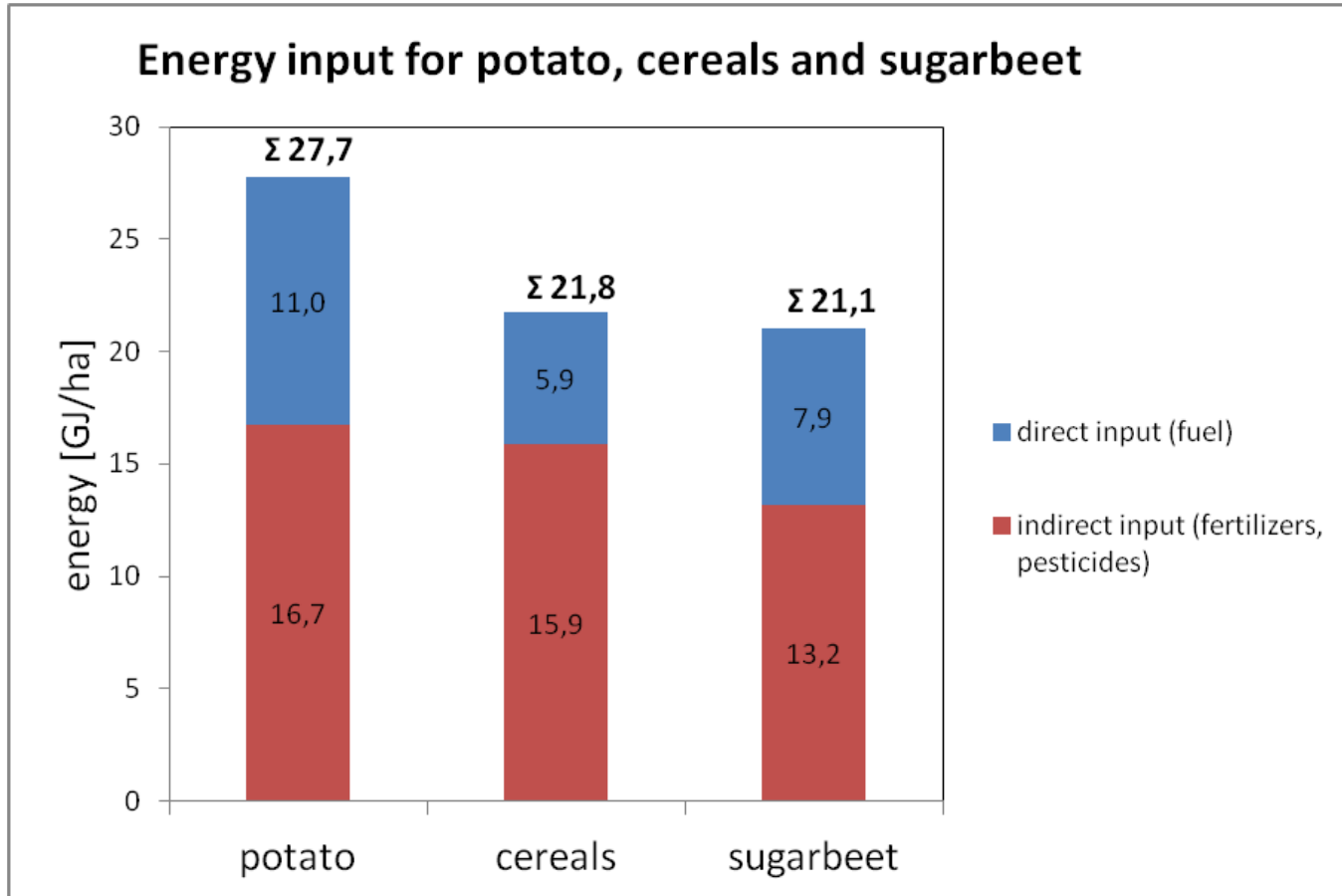


Fuel Consumption



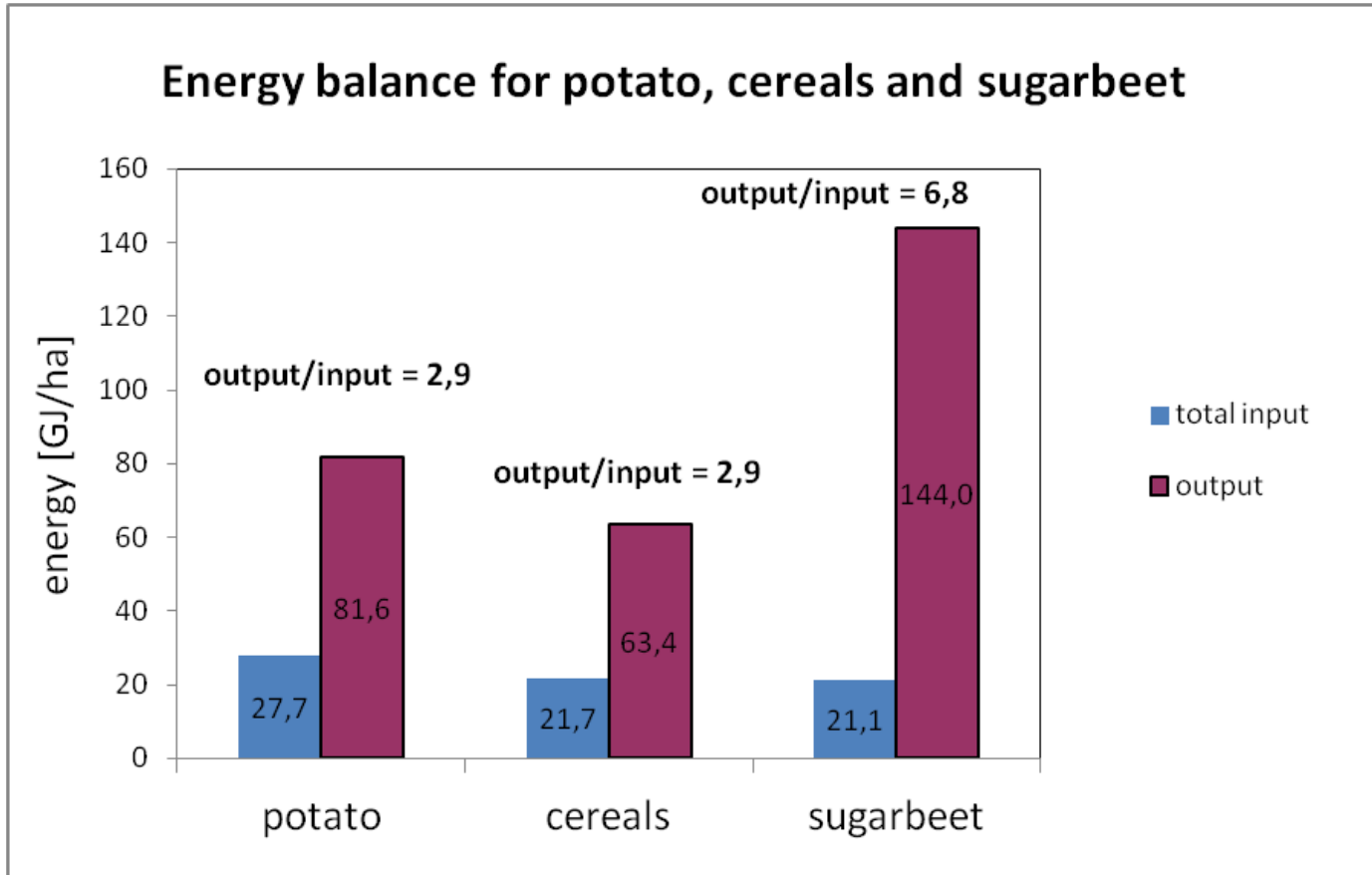
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Direct and indirect energy input



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Energy efficiency



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“Mechanization and Energy use in selected arable farms in Central and South Eastern Europe”

Project-timeline: 12th April 2012 – 15th February 2013

Grant amount: 4.500 €

Involved partners:

- USAMV - University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca (**Rumania**)
- The Slovak Agricultural University in Nitra (**Slovakia**) => Prof. Dr. L. Nozdrovicky
- University of Novi Sad (**Serbia**)
- University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, BOKU-Vienna (**Austria**)

1. Selected arable farms are analysed via on-farm survey according:

- ⇒ Kind of mechanisation
- ⇒ Farm facility inputs (Fuel, fertilizer, pesticides, etc)
- ⇒ Crop rotation with yields

2. Calculating of the fuel intensity (l/ha) and energy efficiency (Output/Input-Ratio)

3. Potential energy saving strategies (without and with investment) are identified.

- ⇒ Soil tillage systems are focused deeper and if possible fuel consumption for selected soil tillage operations are measured volumetrically.

4. Potential of integration of biobased fuels (e.g. canola or sunflower oil, FAME) are analysed.

- ⇒ The vision is an fuel autarkic farm.



CO₂-enrichment in the atmosphere

⇒ Greenhouse Gases GHG (CO₂, CH₄, N₂O)

⇒ 80 % of the global energy consumption is based on crude oil, coal and natural gas

⇒ CO₂-emission factor: ~3 kg CO₂/kg fossil liquid fuel



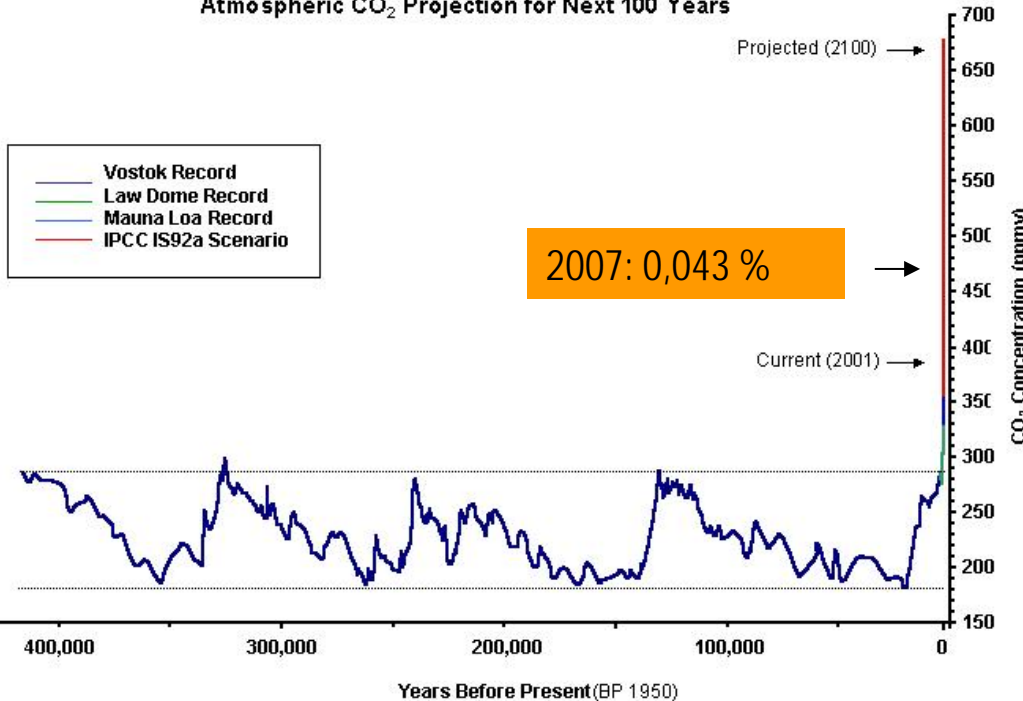
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CO₂ Concentration in Ice Cores and
Atmospheric CO₂ Projection for Next 100 Years

2100: 0,073 %

2007: 0,043 %



Yearly carbon enrichment in the atmosphere:
3,2 Billion Tonnes C

Costs of the stabilisation of the CO₂-
Concentration (between 500 and 550 ppm):
about 1 % of the global GDP

between: 0,02 und 0,03 %

Source: C. D. Keeling and T. P. Whorf; Etheridge *et al.*; Barnola *et al.*; (PAGES / IGBP); IPCC

Challenges of a Changing Earth – July 2001

CO₂-mitigation strategie

„energy
efficiency“

renewable
energy
biomass
utilization

Bad efficiency in energy
conversion

State of Art

=> Increasing in traffic
=> Limitation in crude oil resources

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Improvement in energy efficiency:

- 20 % reduction of primary energy till 2020
- 20 % increase of energy efficiency

Targets in EC

Biofuel promotion

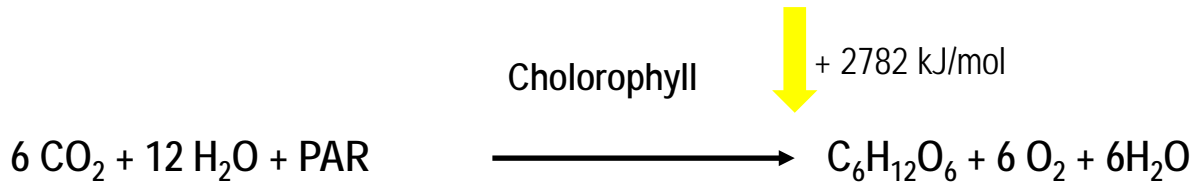
Till 2010: 5,75 % biofuel share
Till 2020: min. 10 % biofuel share

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Energy – input in agriculture



Direct energy input:

= Direct usage of secondary energy:

fuel, heating oil: heat value: 35,2 MJ/l => 2,6 kg CO₂/l;
261 g CO₂/kWh

Electricity: Ø Austria 439 g CO₂/kWh => 2020: 220 g CO₂/kWh
Ø EC: 652 g CO₂/kWh

Indirect energy input:

= Secondary energy for production of farm facilities:

- Fertilizer: z.B. NAC (39 MJ/kg N); Urea (48 MJ/kg N);
- Herbicide: Ø 259 MJ/kg
- Fungicide: Ø 177 MJ/kg
- Insecticide: Ø 296 MJ/kg
- PE-foils: 76,8 MJ/kg
- Machinery: 50 - 70 MJ/kg
- Seed: z. B. WW_{konv}: 2,8 MJ/kg; WW_{biol}: 1,52 MJ/kg

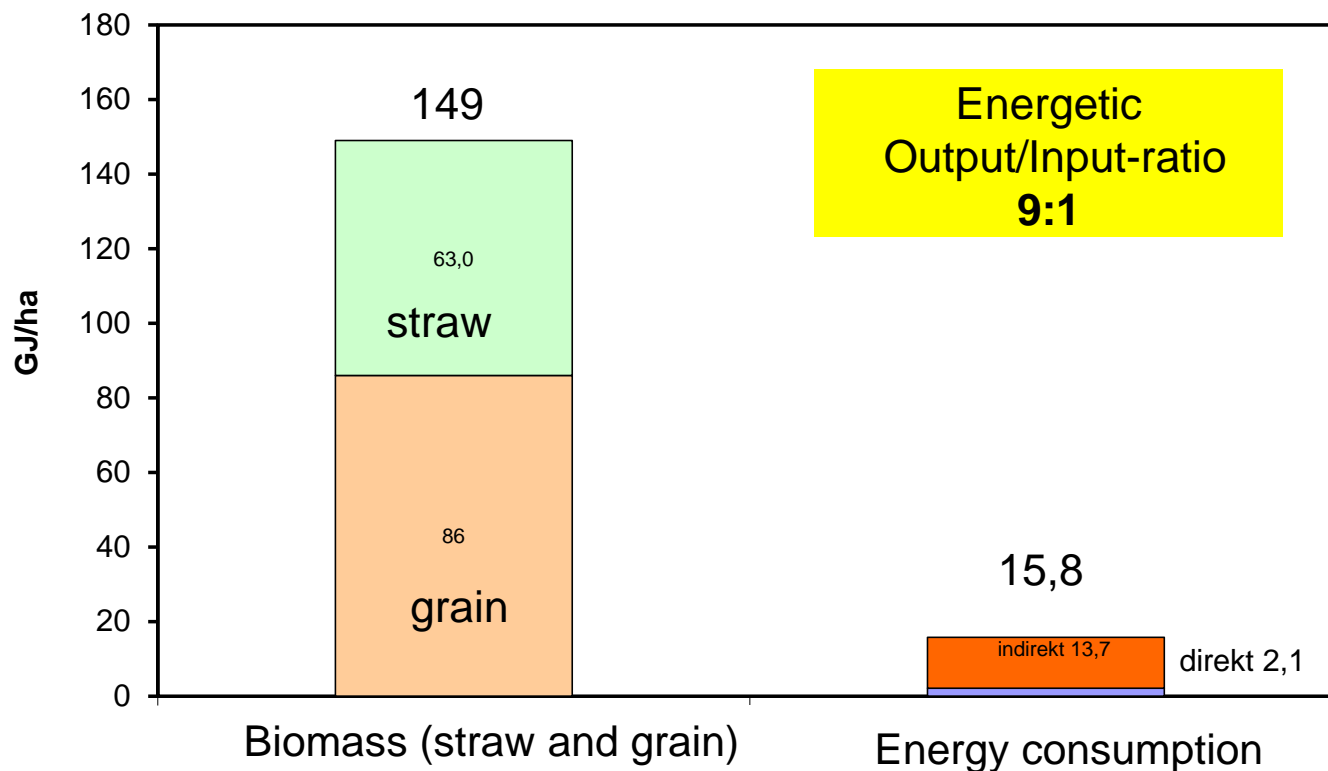


Agriculture as solar energy harvester

Experimental site: Gross Enzersdorf in Lower Austria



Winterwheat



Grain - yield: 5500kg
Straw - yield: 4000 kg

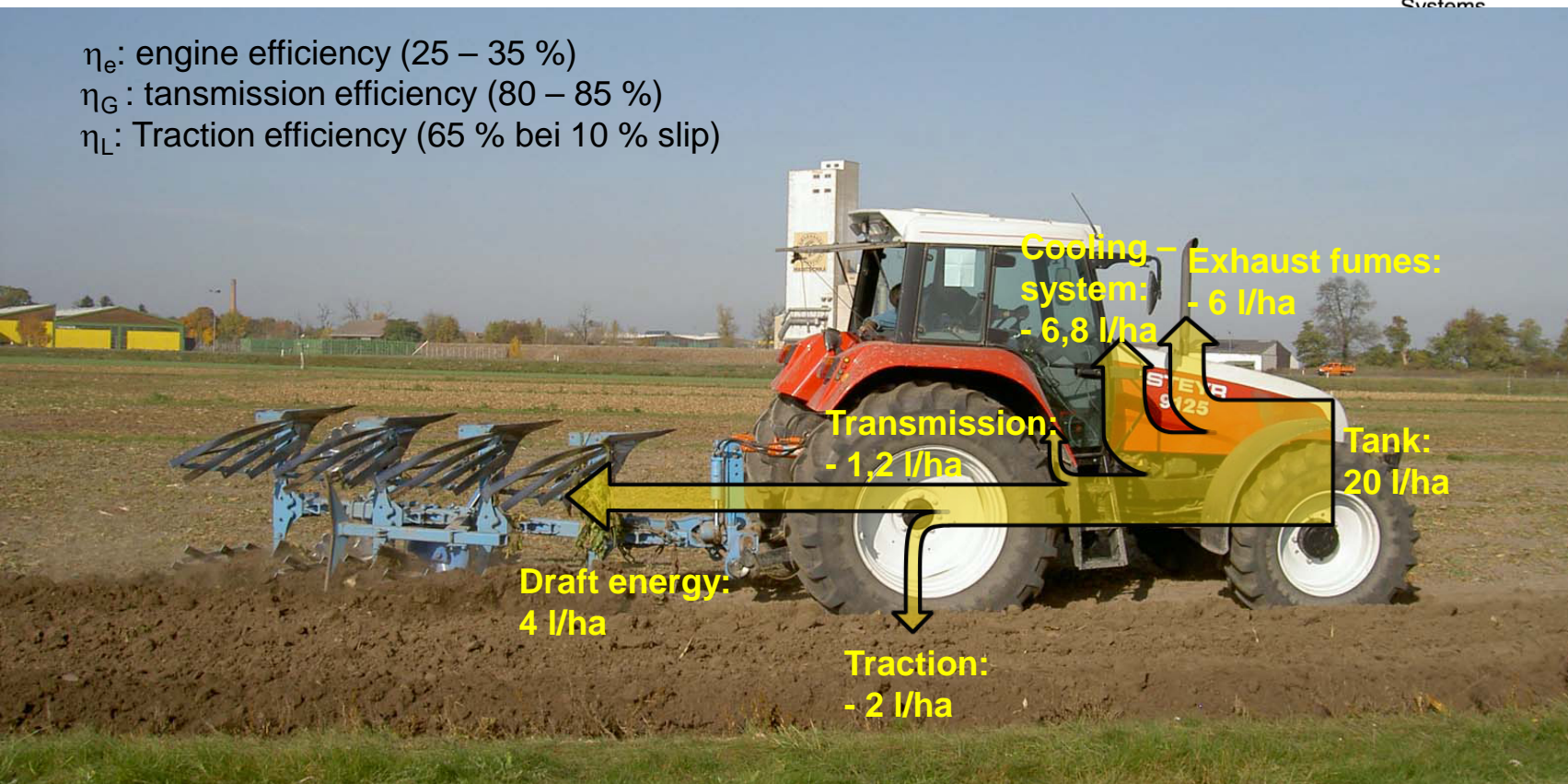
Energyflow in a tractor

$$\eta_{ges} = \eta_e \times \eta_G \times \eta_L$$

η_e : engine efficiency (25 – 35 %)

η_G : transmission efficiency (80 – 85 %)

η_L : Traction efficiency (65 % bei 10 % slip)



Fuel consumption in soil tillage

- **Soil tillage can be an large energy consumer:**
=> 1 cm soil tillaged → approx. 100 m³ or 150 t/ha must be moved
=> per 1 cm ploughing depth → **0.5 – 1.5l/ha**

- Transmission of drawbar power via the interface wheel and soil surface is affected by the efficiency of traction:

tractor-related factors:

weight, number of driven axle, kind of tyre, inflation pressure etc.

soil-related factors:

surface hardness, soil moisture content etc.



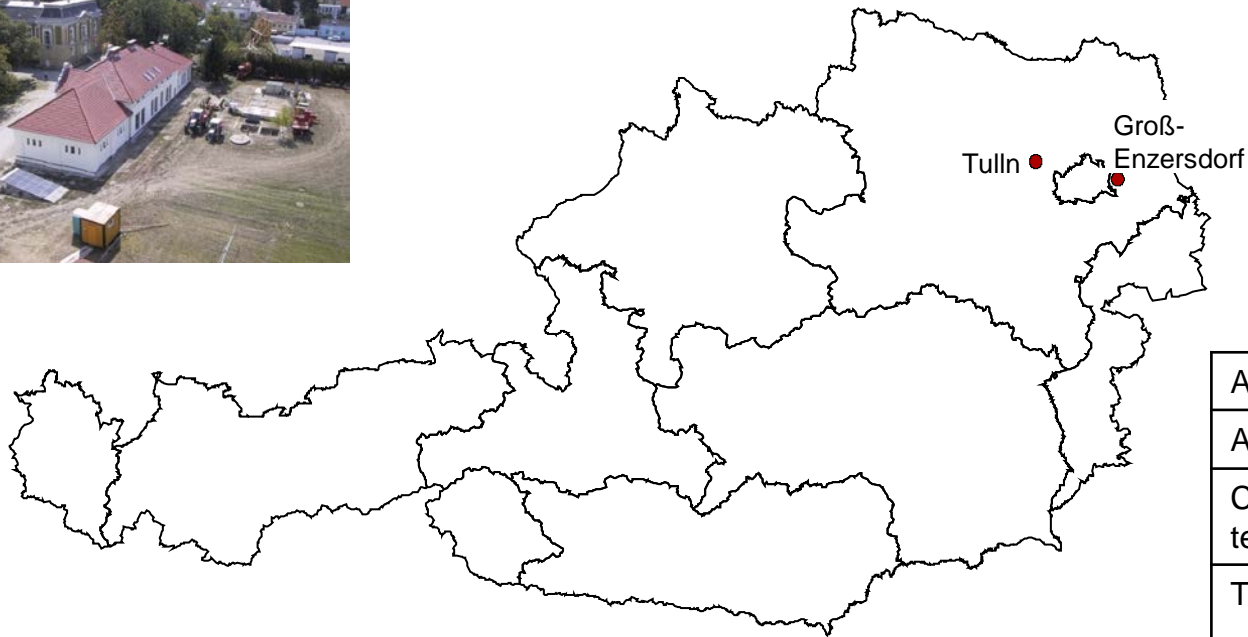
**Efficiency
of traction**

Experimental farm of BOKU in Gross Enzersdorf (Lower Austria)



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Average temperature	9.5 °C – 10 °C
Average rainfall	500 – 600 mm
Classification of soil texture	loamy clay
Type of soil	Gleyc Chernozem And pure Chernozem



Tractor with measurement equipment



Steyr 9125a

- Power: 92 kW (DIN)
- 6 stroke diesel engine with direct injection and exhaust turbo super charger
- Capacity: 6600 cm³
- Nominal rotation speed: 2300 rev/min
- Constant power range between 1900 – 2300 rev/min
- Gear box: 4 step power shift, forward/reverse group, main transmission 6 gears (synchronized). total: 24 forward and 24 reverse speeds
- weight: 5465 kg

Process parameter

- Vehicle speed (v)
- Wheel speed (v₀)
- Engine speed (n_M)
- Position lifting system
- Fuel consumption (B)

Measurement engineering

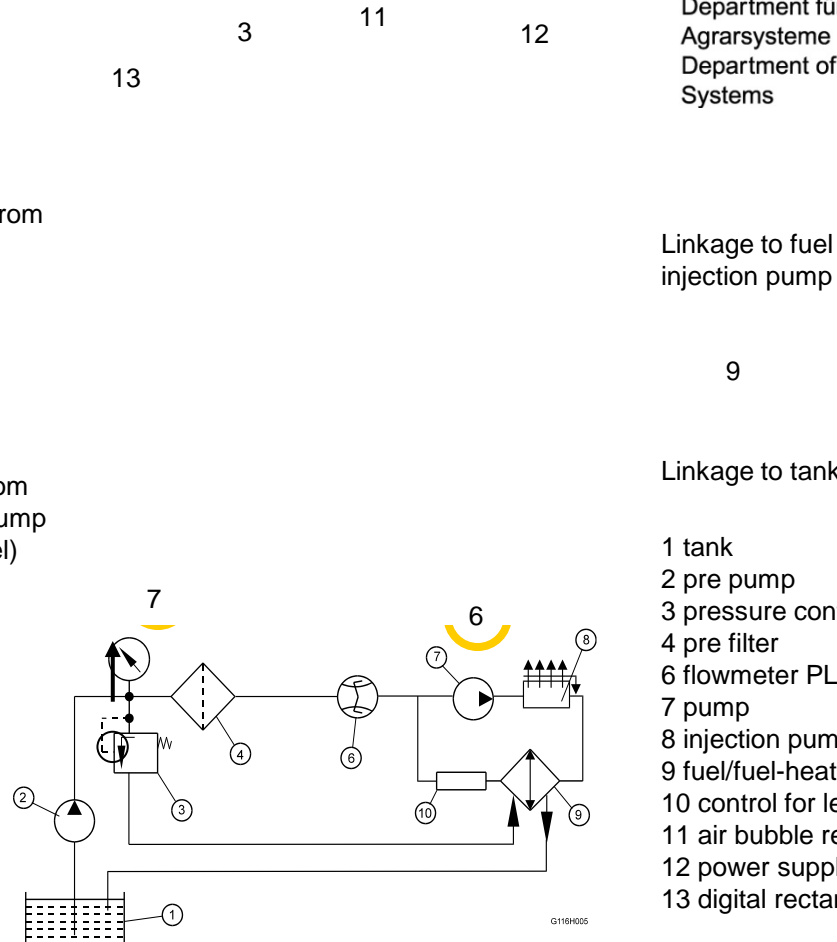
- Radar sensor: generates a rectangular signal (130 pulses/m = 27,8 Hz/(km/h))
- Transmission sensor (inductively transducer), generates a alternative current (0.4 - 3.8 V), rectified with diode rectifier
- Inductive sensor: generates a rectangular signal: 0-12 V > 50 % = 12 V, < 50 % = 0 V
- Flow-meter (PLU 116 H), inductive displacement sensor generates a digital rectangular signal (22 - 2800 Hz)

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Linkage from
fuel filter

Linkage from
injection pump
(leak diesel)



Linkage to fuel
injection pump

Linkage to tank

- 1 tank
- 2 pre pump
- 3 pressure controller with manometer
- 4 pre filter
- 6 flowmeter PLU 116H
- 7 pump
- 8 injection pump
- 9 fuel/fuel-heat exchanger
- 10 control for leak flow
- 11 air bubble releaser
- 12 power supply
- 13 digital rectangular signal



Soil tillage Systems	Description
<i>Conventional tillage with plough</i> (Conventional 1)	Heavy cultivator for Stubble field skimming (3 m, 5 cm) 2x4-mouldboard plough (1,6 m, 25 cm) Power harrow (3 m, 5 cm) Seeding machine (3 m, 3 cm)
<i>Conventional tillage with heavy cultivator and subsoiler</i> (Conventional 2)	Heavy cultivator for Stubble field skimming (3 m, 5 cm) Subsoiler ¹⁾ (3 m, 35 cm) Heavy cultivator (3 m, 20 cm) Power harrow (3 m, 5 cm) Seeding machine (3 m, 3 cm)
<i>Conventional tillage –integrated</i> <i>Every four years: plough instead of cultivator</i> (Conventional 3)	Heavy cultivator for Stubble field skimming (3 m, 5 cm) Heavy cultivator (3 m, 10 – 15 cm) Resp. 2x4-mouldboard plough (1,6 m, 25 cm) Power harrow (3 m, 5 cm) Seeding machine (3 m, 3 cm)
<i>Conservation tillage – mulch seeding</i> (Conservation 1)	Heavy cultivator for Stubble field skimming (3 m, 5 cm) Heavy cultivator (3 m, 8 cm) Seeding machine (3 m, 3 cm)
<i>Conservation tillage – direct seeding</i> (Conservation 2 – No tillage)	Direct drilling machine with disc coulters (3 m, 2 cm)



Mean measured technical process parameter for different field operations

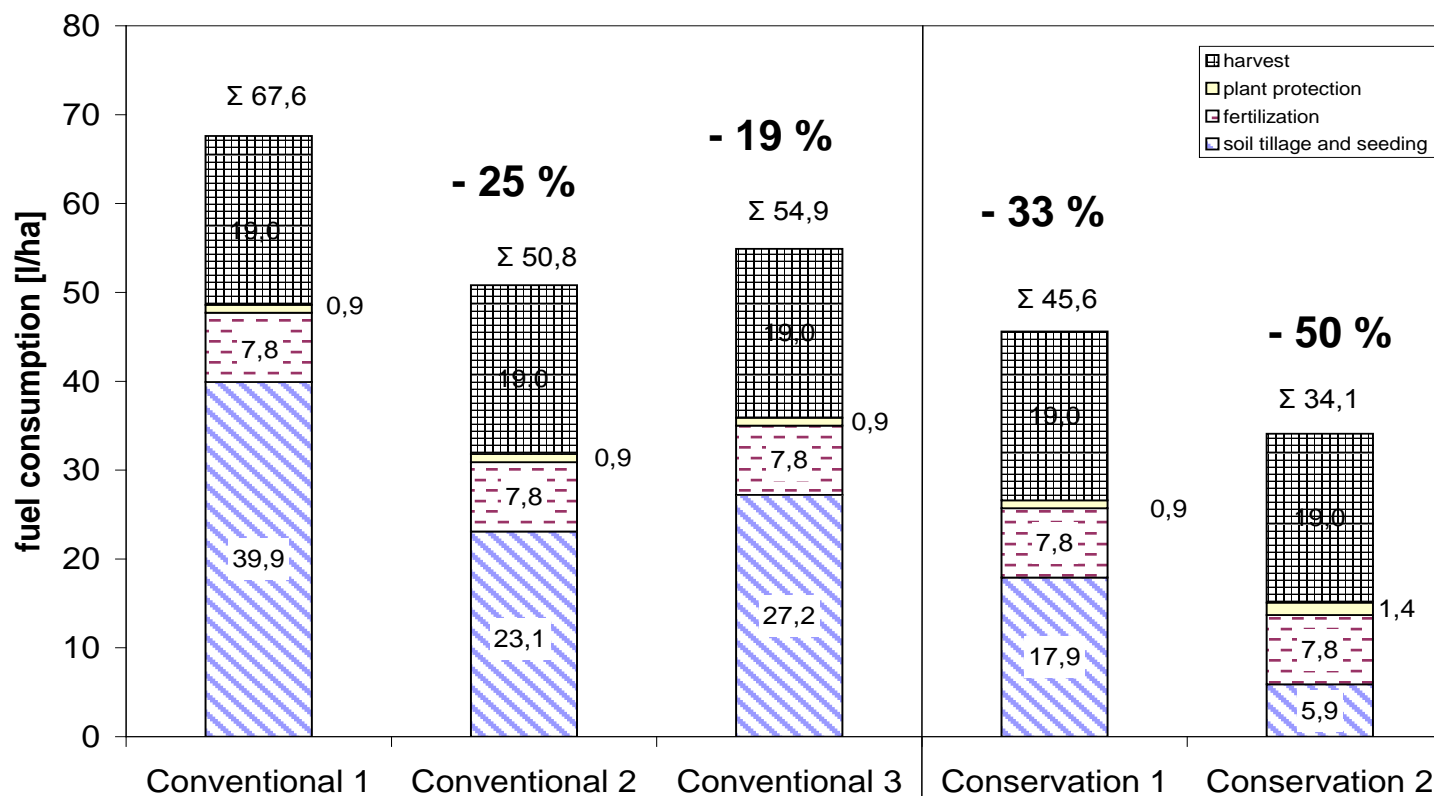
Field operations	Fuel consumption [l/ha] in the field operation	Technical performance [ha/h]	Working time requirement for one turning event [sec.]	Fuel consumption [l/h] at turning
Ploughing (25 cm)	18.8	1.03	35	5.0
Subsoiling (35 cm)	9.4	2.16	30	5.8
Cultivating (20 cm)	9.4	2.19	26	5.0
Cultivating (8 cm)	6.7	2.71	23	5.0
Power harrowing	8.6	2.31	22	5.6
Seeding	6.3	2.46	33	5.3
Stubble field skimming	5.6	2.85	21	5.0

Fuel consumption of the different soil tillage systems for winter wheat cropping



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Fuel consumption for fertilization, plant protection and harvest is calculated by means of data from The Association for Technology and Structures in Agriculture (KTBL)

Energy analysis for wheat production in different soil tillage systems



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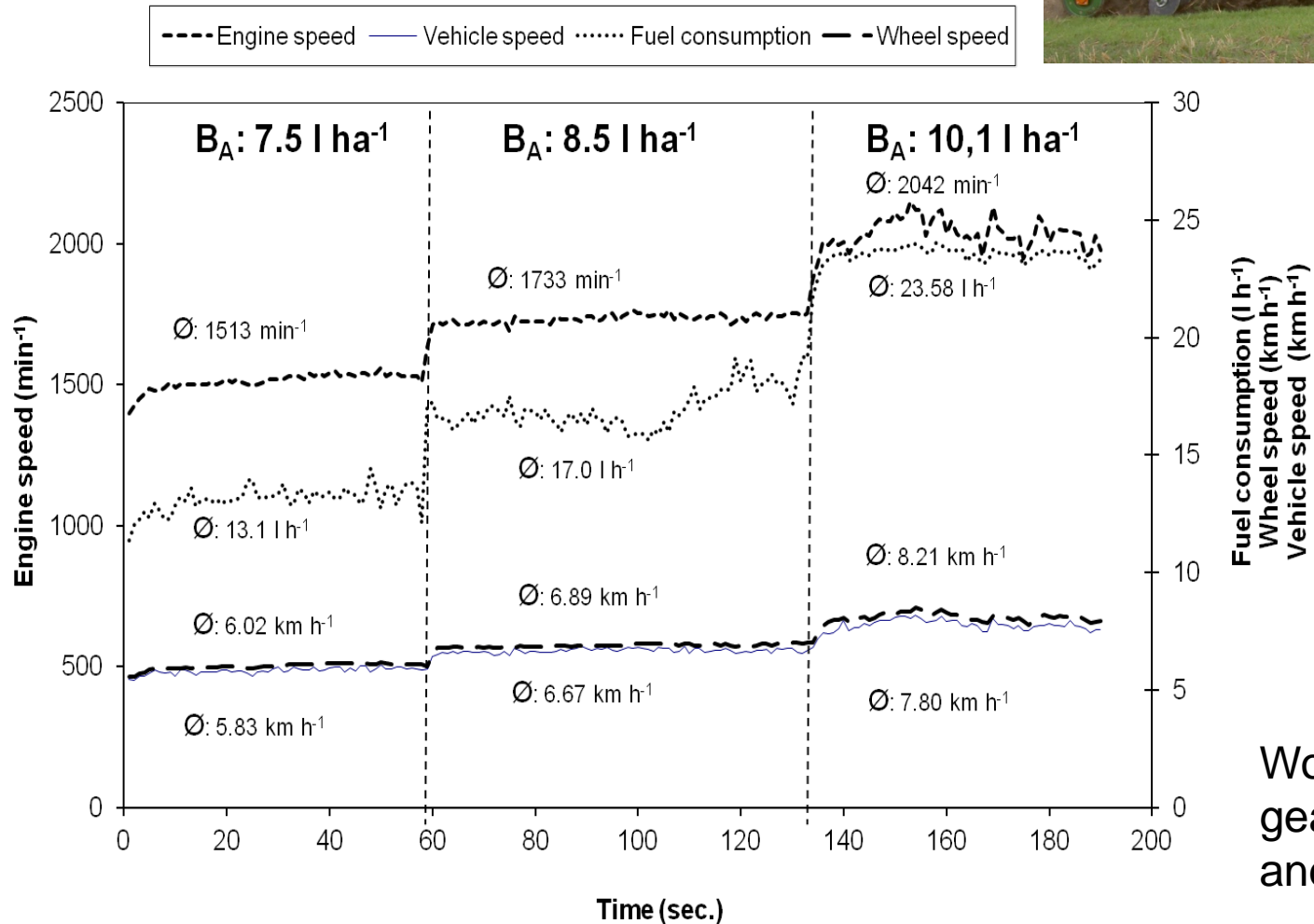
	Conventional tillage			Conservation tillage	
	1	2	3	1	2
Direct Energy input [MJ•ha⁻¹]	2380	1788	1932	1605	1200
Fuel for soil tillage (figure 1)	1404	813	957	630	208
Fuel for fertilizer application	275	275	275	275	275
Fuel for pesticide application +1 <i>glyphosate</i> application in Conservation tillage 2	32	32	32	32	49
Fuel for harvest (combine)	669	669	669	669	669
Indirect Energy input [MJ•ha⁻¹]	7042	7030	7013	7033	7109
Seeds (160 kg•ha ⁻¹)	880	880	880	880	880
Fertilizers (Ø 120 kg N•ha ⁻¹)	4874	4874	4874	4874	4874
Herbicides + 1 <i>glyphosate</i> application (2 l•ha ⁻¹) Conservation tillage 2	675	675	675	675	805
Machine	612	600	583	603	550
Total Energy input [MJ•ha⁻¹]	9422	8818	8945	8638	8609
Direct Energy:Indirect Energy	25:75	20:80	22:78	19:81	14:86
Wheat yield*) [kg•ha⁻¹], 89 % DM	4636	4788	4969	4842	5117
Energy output_grain [MJ•ha⁻¹]	72964	75347	78205	76198	80539
Energy intensity [Input_MJ•kg⁻¹ wheat]	2.03	1.84	1.80	1.78	1.68
Fuel intensity [l fuel•t⁻¹ wheat]	14.58	10.60	11.04	9.41	6.66
Output-Input = Net energy [MJ•ha⁻¹] (grain)	63542	66529	69260	67560	72230
Output/Input = Energy efficiency (grain)	7.70	8.54	8.74	8.82	9.69

*) mean wheat yield from
the year 1998, 2000, 2002,
2004, 2007 and 2009

Conclusions

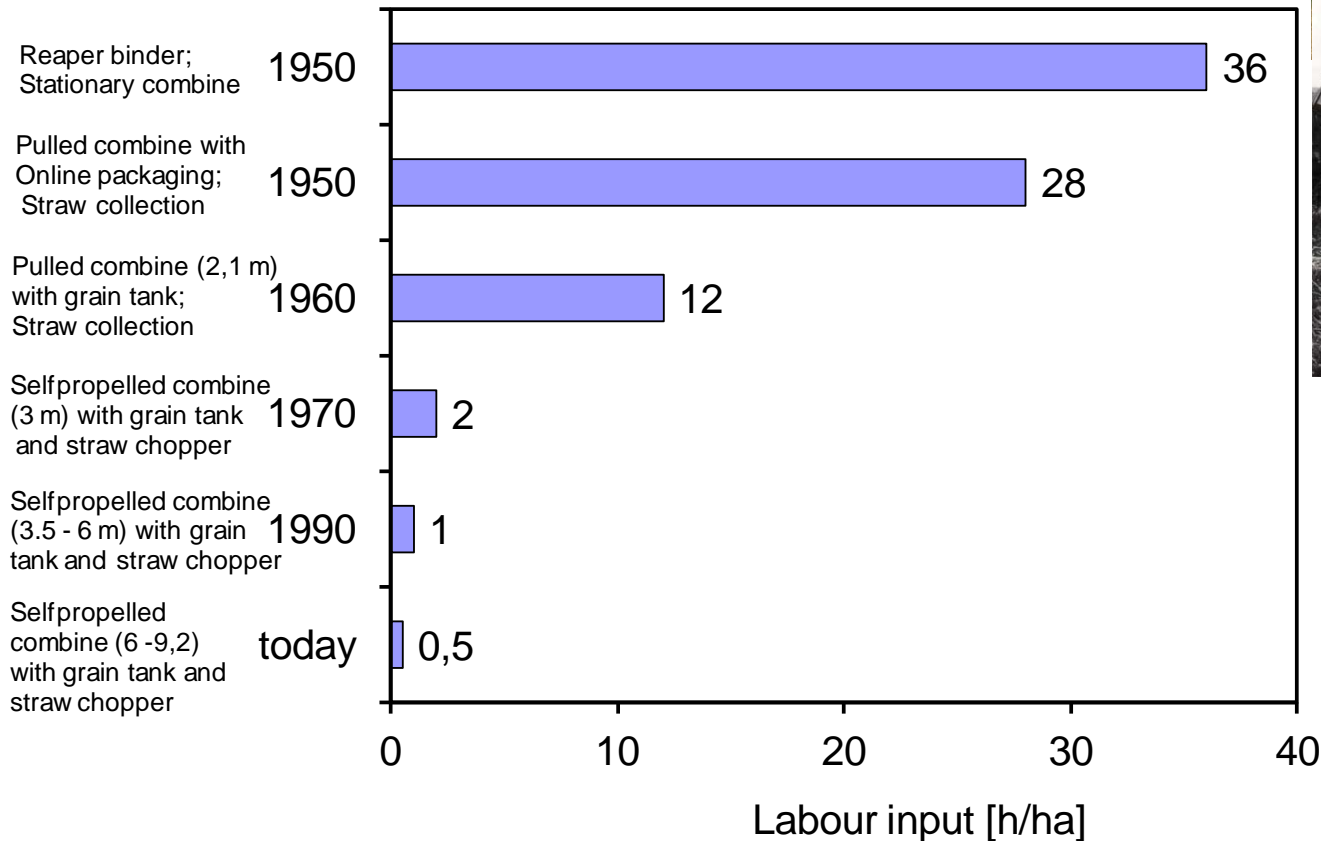
- **Fuel consumption** in cereal cropping is significantly influence by the **soil tillage system.**
- **Conservation soil tillage systems** save fuel and increase the water storage capacity in the soil.
- The shift from soil tillage systems with plough to conservation tillage systems **reduces the direct energy input and improves the energy efficiency.**

Influence of the engine operating point (controlled via engine speed) at cultivation



Working depth 15 cm.
 gear adjustment: 3. gear
 and 3. powershift.

Labour input for wheat - harvesting



Source: Bertram; in Flur und Furche 3/2006

Classification of soil tillage systems according intensity and soil covering



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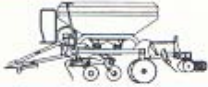




Bodenbearbeitungs- u. Bestellverfahren		Arbeitsabschnitte			Bodenbedeckung nach Saat
		Grundbodenbearbeitung	Saatbettbereitung	Saat	
Konventionelle Bodenbearbeitung	wendend		 oder 		bis 15% oder 560 kg/ha
	nicht wendend		 oder 		15 - 30% oder 560 - 1120 kg/ha
Konservierende Bodenbearbeitung	Mulchsaat nicht wendend	 oder 	 oder 		> 30 % oder > 1120 kg/ha
			 oder 		
	oder				
	Streifensaat streifenweise Lockerung bis 1/3 Reihenweite			 	
	Direktsaat keine Bodenbearbeitung				

Bild 2: Einteilung der Bodenbearbeitungsverfahren

Nach Loibl & Köller
(Landtechnik
Sonderheft 2006)

Cultivating vs. Ploughing

Heavy-cultivator (subsoiler) with star distributor and cracker rolls:
working width: 3.0 m
working depth: 15 cm



Real speed: 7,2 km/h

Field performance: 2,2 ha/h

Fuel consumption: 8 l/ha

2 x 4 mouldboard plough – two-way-rear mounted:
working width: 1.7 m
working depth: 15 cm



Real speed: 6,8 km/h

Field performance: 1,2 ha/h

Fuel consumption: 14 l/ha



Soil tillage operations

Location „Gross Enzersdorf“ (soil texture: silty loam)

4-wheel driven tractor: 92 KW

measurement of fuel
consumption: volumetric with
high performance flow-meter



Conventional Tillage
(CT)



Reduced Tillage
(RT)



No Tillage
(NT)



Location „Tulln“ (soil texture: loamy clay)

4-wheel driven tractor: 110 KW

measurement of fuel
consumption: volumetric in
three repetitions



Conventional Tillage
(CT)

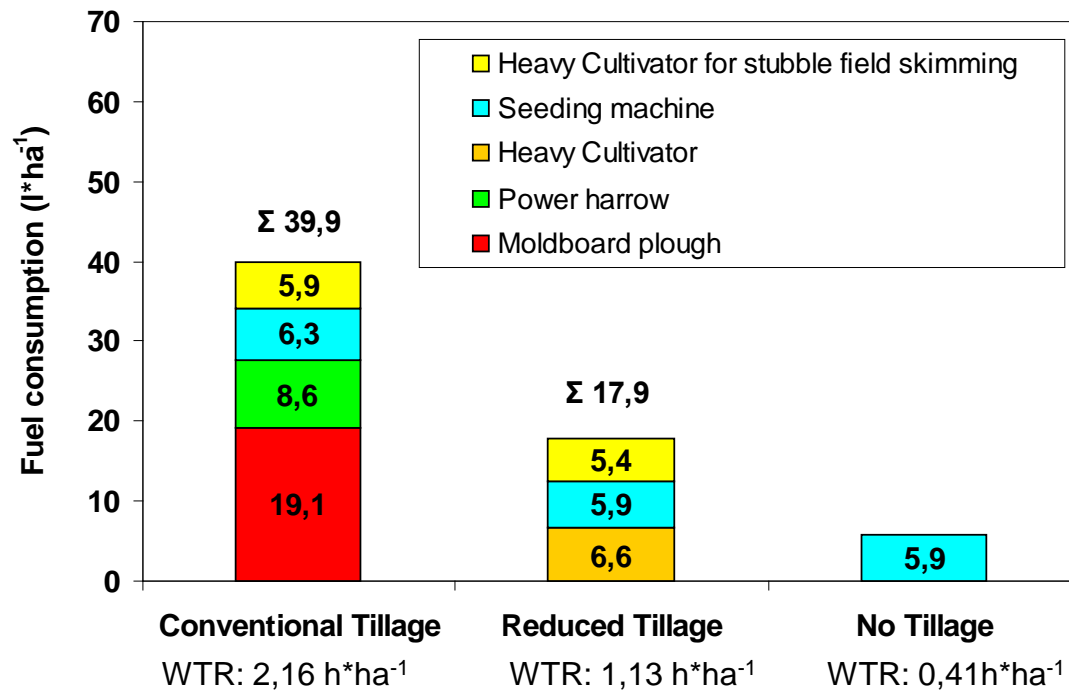


Reduced Tillage
(RT)



No Tillage
(NT)



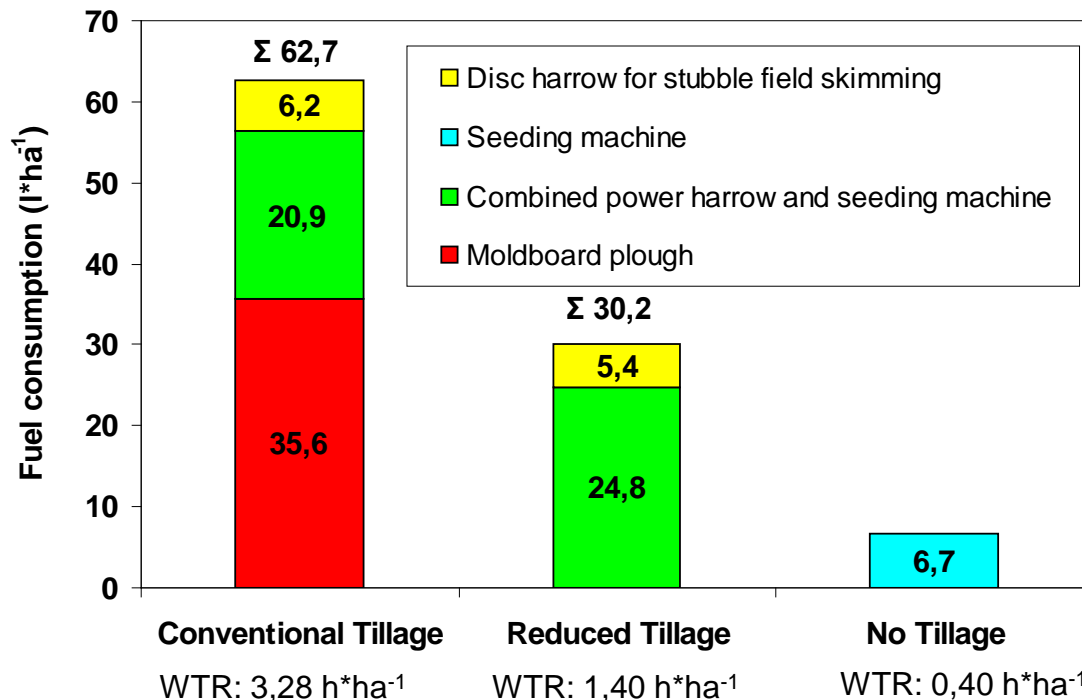


Results: fuel consumption

Location: „Gross Enzersdorf“

(soil texture: silty loam)

WTR: Working Time Requirement



Location: „Tulln“

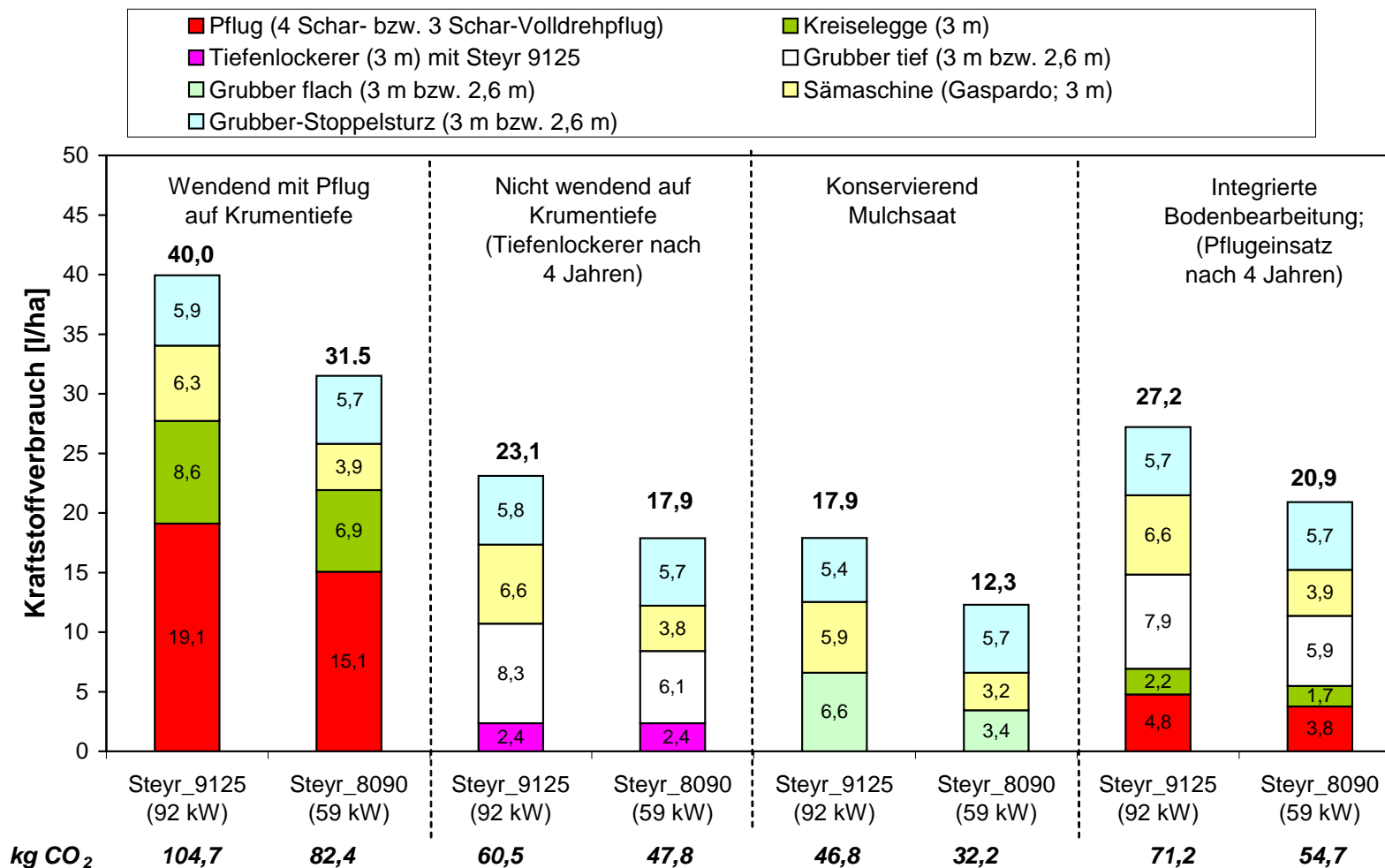
(soil texture: loamy clay)

WTR: Working Time Requirement

Kraftstoffverbrauch bei unterschiedlichen Bodenbearbeitungssystemen und Mechanisierung



Winterweizenanbau, Standort Groß Enzersdorf

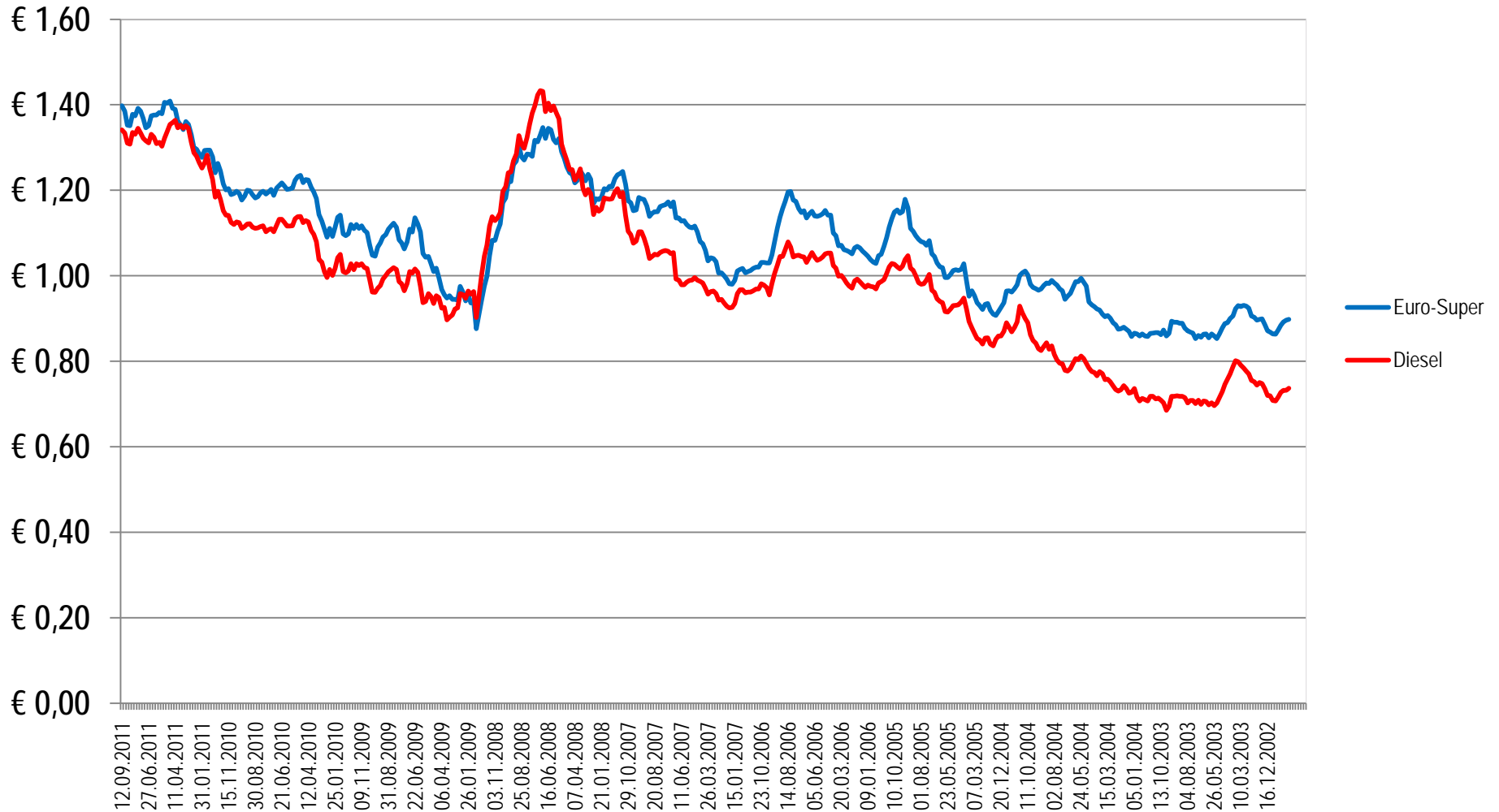


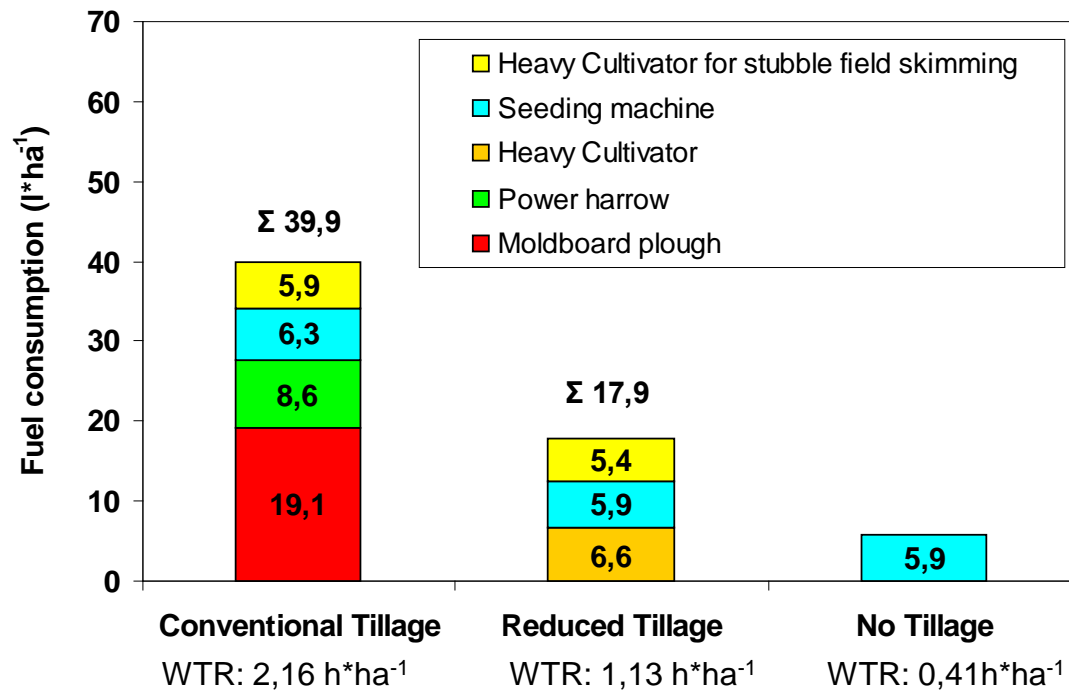
Kraftstoffverbrauchsmessungen an der Versuchswirtschaft der BOKU in Groß Enzersdorf

Fuel prices since 2002



Datasource: Austrian Ministry of Economy



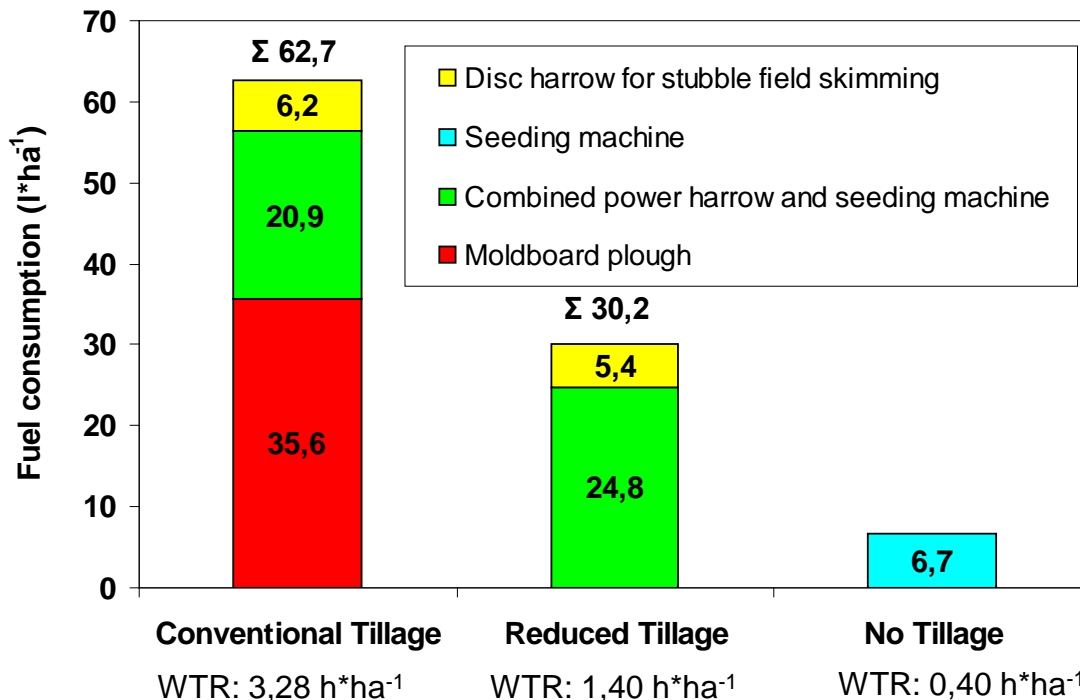


Results: fuel consumption

Location: „Gross Enzersdorf“

(soil texture: silty loam)

WTR: Working Time Requirement



Location: „Tulln“

(soil texture: loamy clay)

WTR: Working Time Requirement

CO₂-emission factors:



Energy Digestion – Ruminant N-Fertilization



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Emission source	Mean CO ₂ -Emission factor	range
Energy – fuel (Diesel)	2,6 kg CO ₂ /l 0,08 kg/MJ	very low
Energy - electricity	439 g CO ₂ /kWh 0,12 kg/MJ	large: depends on energy-mix China: 1447 g CO ₂ /kWh Ø – EU: 652 g CO ₂ /kWh A: 2020 Ziel 220 g CO ₂ /kWh
Ruminant - digestion - Methane* (CH ₄)	230 g CO ₂ **/kg TM-Aufnahme	large: depends on feed stuff; 10 – 40 g CH ₄ /kg DM-Intake
Agricultural soils Nitrous oxide* (N ₂ O)	– 3,7 kg CO ₂ **/kg N _{gedüngt}	Very large: International emission factor(IPCC): 0,0125 kg N ₂ O-N/kg N

* Treibhauspotenzial von Methan ist 23mal und von Lachgas 296mal höher als von Kohlendioxid; ** als CO₂-Äquivalente umgerechnet

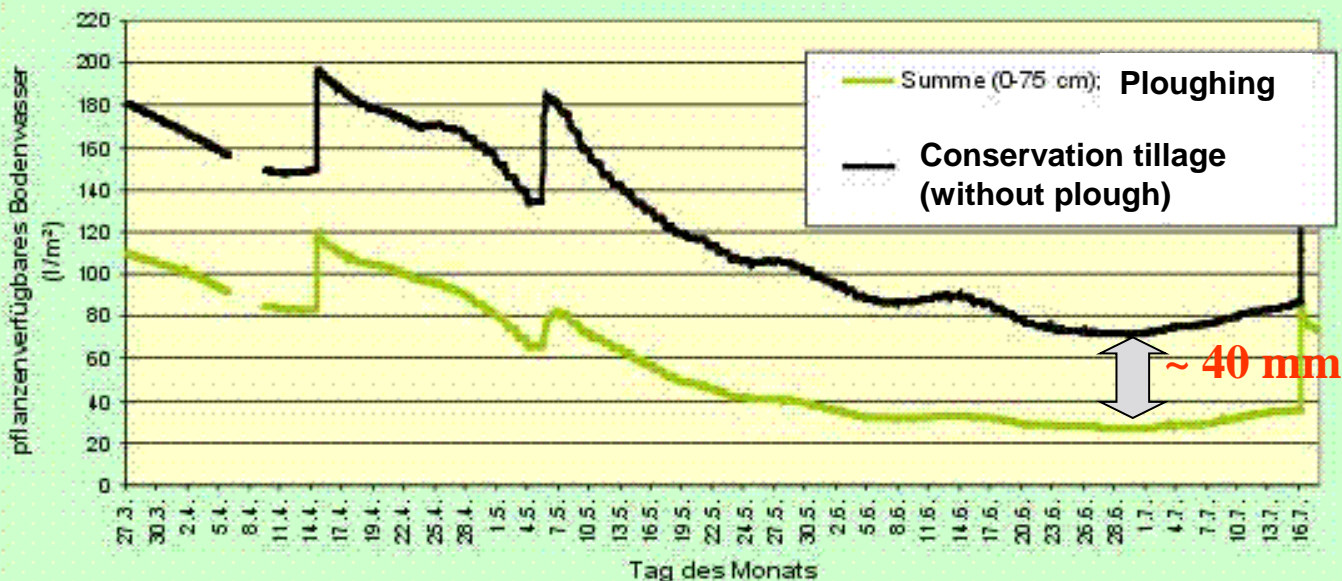
Soil tillage system and soil water storage



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Vergleich des pflanzenverfügbaren Bodenwassers
im März - Juli 2002, Raasdorf, Bodenbearbeitungsversuch
Winterweizen



Mittlere
Transpiration
über die Pflanze:
8 l/m² und Tag

Impact of soil cultivation on soil water storage (Eitzinger et al., 2004)

Overview of the investigations

The experiments were conducted on the arable fields at the research station Gross Enzersdorf (Lower Austria) of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) Vienna.

The experimental site is situated in the semi-arid region with an average rainfall of 546 mm and average temperature of 9.8 °C. The silty loam soil belongs to the soil type Chernozem



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	Ploughing	Stubble field skimming	Sub soiling
Soil tillage device (working width)	2x4 mouldboard plough (170 cm)	Short disc harrow (300 cm)	Subsoiler (300 cm)
Time of investigation	3 th November 2005	31 st July 2008	21 st October 2008
Previous crop	corn	winter rapeseed	corn
Mean water content in the soil (gravimetric)	14.3 % (0-30 cm)	18.3 % (0-20 cm)	16.9 % (0-40 cm)
Mean bulk density	1.35 g/cm ³	1.40 g/cm ³	1.39 g/cm ³



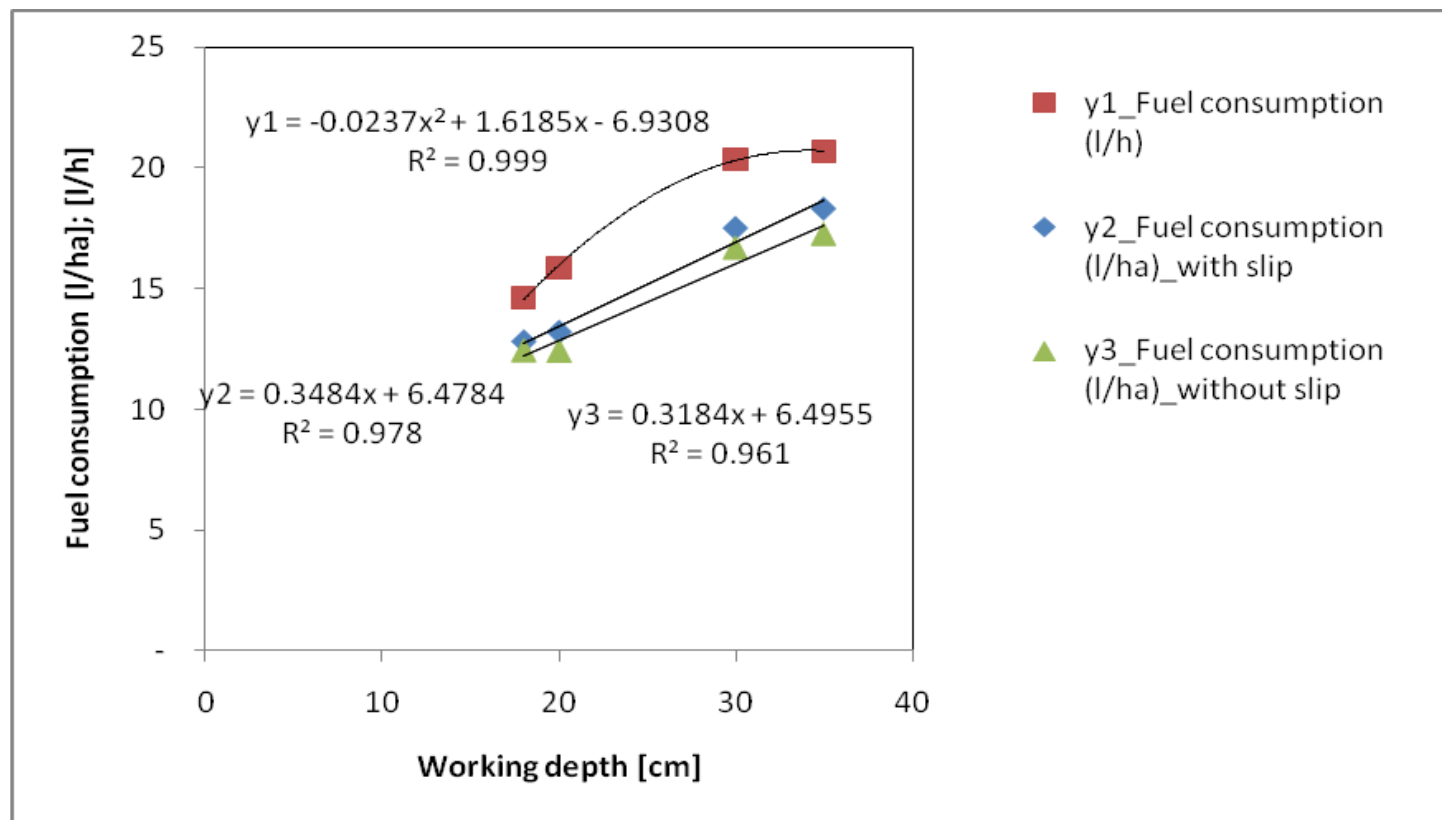
Results – Mouldboard plough

Working depths: 18 cm, 20 cm, 30 cm, 35 cm



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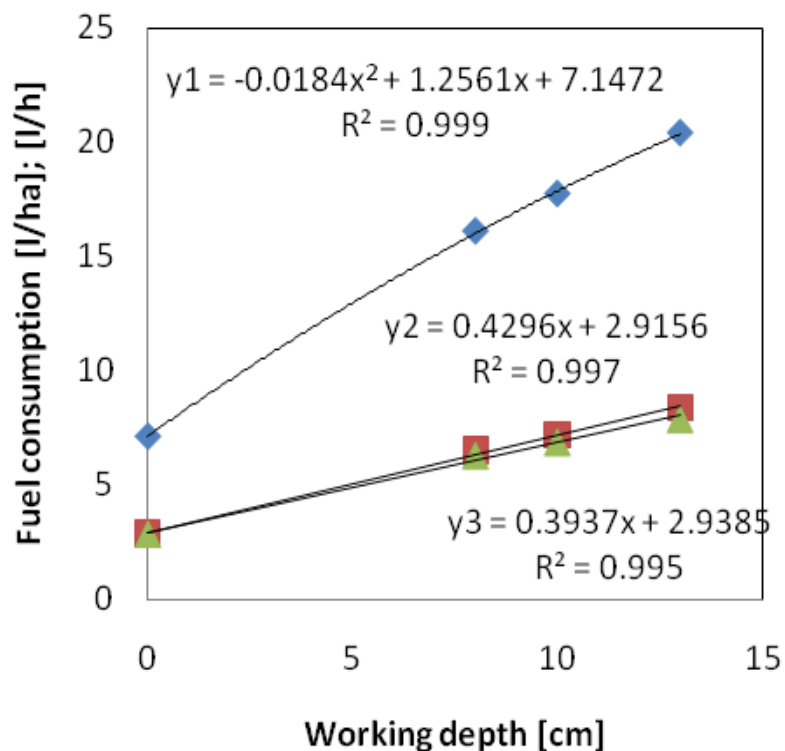
Results – Short Disc Harrow

Working depths: 0 cm, 8 cm, 13 cm



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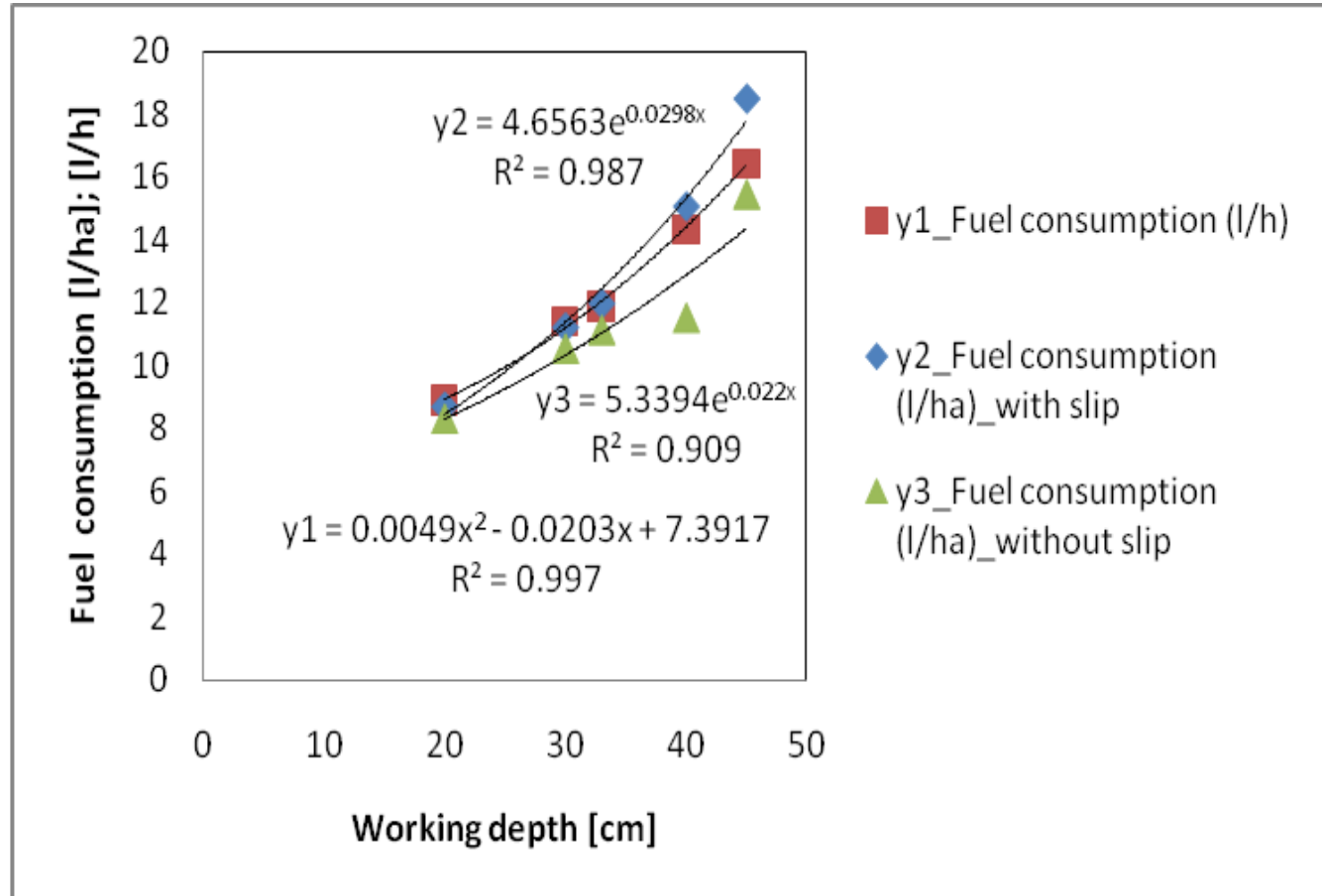


- ◆ y1_Fuel consumption (l/h)
- y2_Fuel consumption (l/ha)_with slip
- ▲ y3_Fuel consumption (l/ha)_without slip



Results – Subsoiler

Working depths: 20 cm, 30 cm, 33 cm, 40 cm, 45 cm

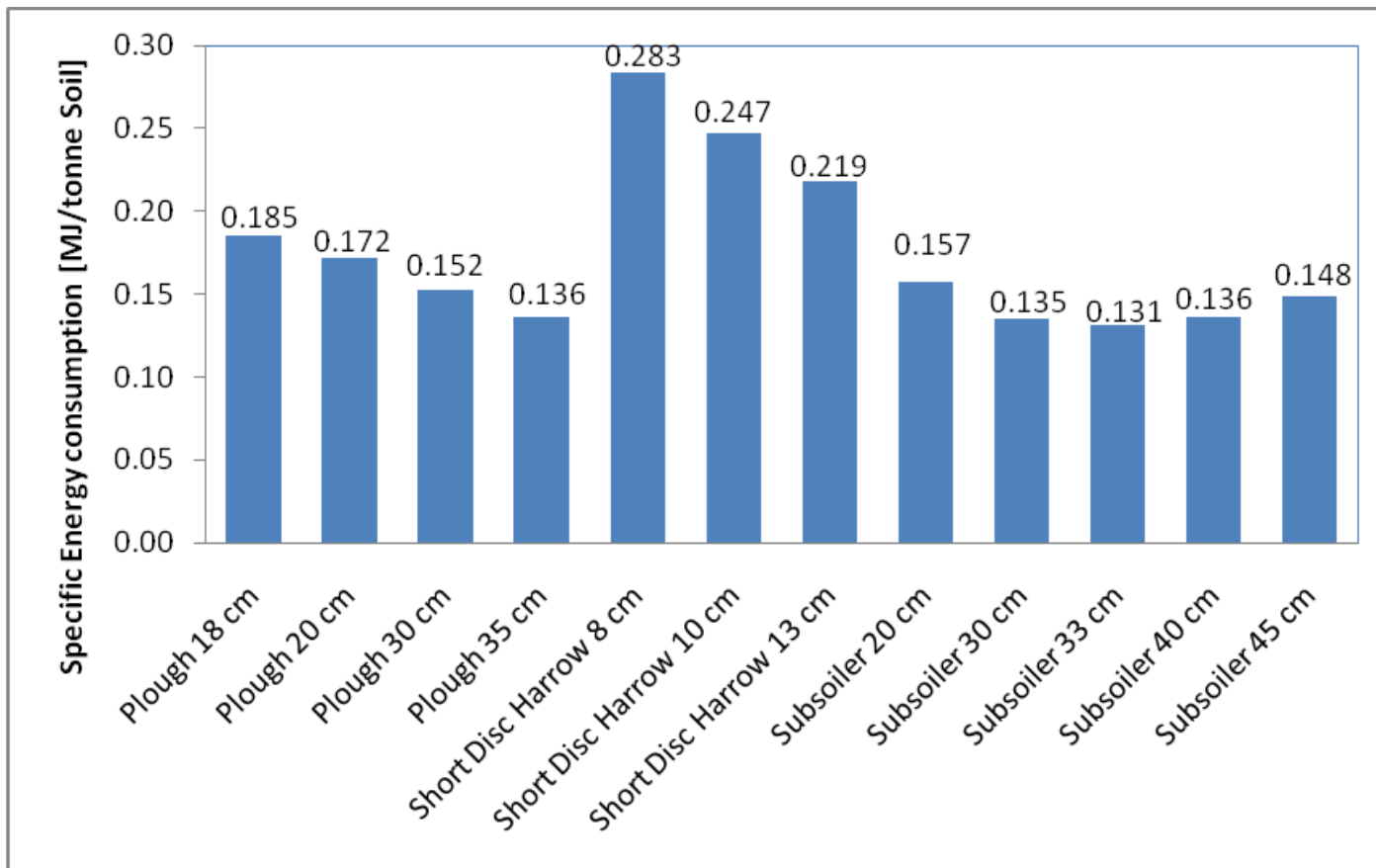


Results – Specific energy consumption



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Conclusions

- The slip in soil tillage is an important factor for analysis of fuel consumption.
- With increasing working depth, the slip rises.
- The fuel consumption [l/ha] increases linearly with working depth for mouldboard plough and short disc harrow.
- For subsoiling the fuel consumption [l/ha] increases disproportionately.

Investigated arable farms with crops share

	Farm 1	Farm 2	Farm 3	Farm 4	Farm 5
Arable land [ha]	59.9	71.7	62.4	93.4	150.0
Soft Wheat [%]	22.8	33.1	30.3	34.0	38.0
Durum Wheat [%]	26.9	12.5	20.5	22.5	
Barely [%]	5.3	13.8	3.5	7.8	18.7
Rye [%]	14.8				5.3
Rape seed [%]	13.5		4.7	7.0	
Sun flower [%]			13.5		15.3
Maize (Corn) [%]		12.8			6.0
Sugar beet [%]	4.8	19.3	17.3	12.5	6.0
Potato [%]				9.0	
Green pea [%]		5.3	6.7	4.1	
Meadow [%]					6.7
Vineyard [%]					1.3
Fallow [%]	11.8	3.0	3.4	3.0	2.7

Energy analysis

five conventional arable farms (Lower Austria)



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Average temperature	9.5 °C – 10 °C
Average rainfall	500 – 600 mm
Classification of soil texture	loamy clay
Type of soil	Gleyc Chernozem And pure Chernozem

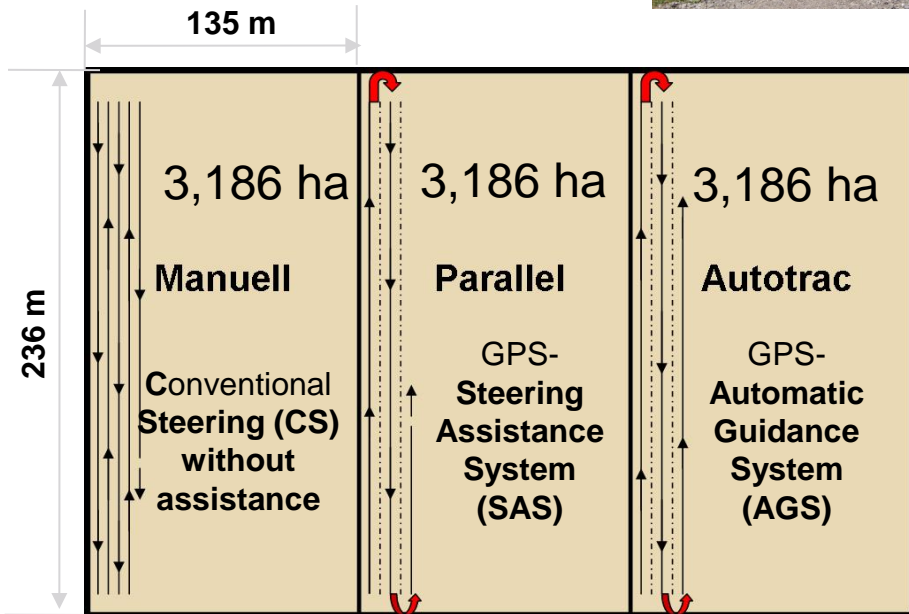
	Farm 1	Farm 2	Farm 3	Farm 4	Farm 5
Energy input [GJ/ha]					
Fertilizer	5.3	4.6	4.1	5.9	4.4
Pesticides	0.7	1.1	0.7	1.0	0.7
Seed	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.6
Fuel	3.4	5.9	3.0	4.5	4.6
Total Energy input (EI)	9.9	12.2	8.5	12.2	10.3
Energy output (EO) [GJ/ha]	86.0	133.2	92.7	119.1	104.9
EO - EI	76.1	121.0	84.2	106.9	94.6
EO/EI-Ratio	8.7:1	10.9:1	10.9:1	9.8:1	10.2:1

Investigation design

Stubble field skimming



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Conventional turning in a so-called „Swallowtail-turn“ „affiliation drive“

Turning event in a semicircle; „Bed-modus“ Each second track

John Deere 8530 (261 kW) with SAS/AGS
 Short disc harrow (Vogel &Noot; Terra Disc): 5 m
 Adjusted working width for virtual guidance: 4,9 m

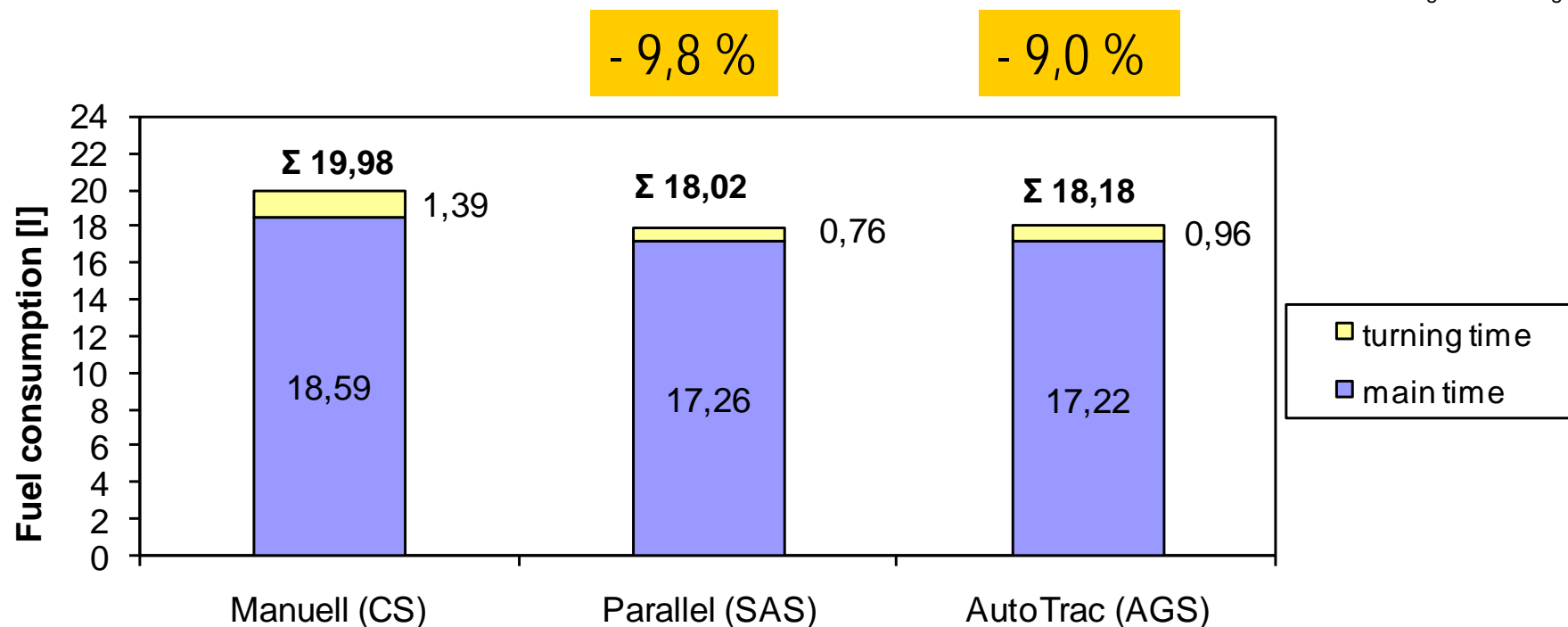


GPS-receiver (Starfire _SF1)

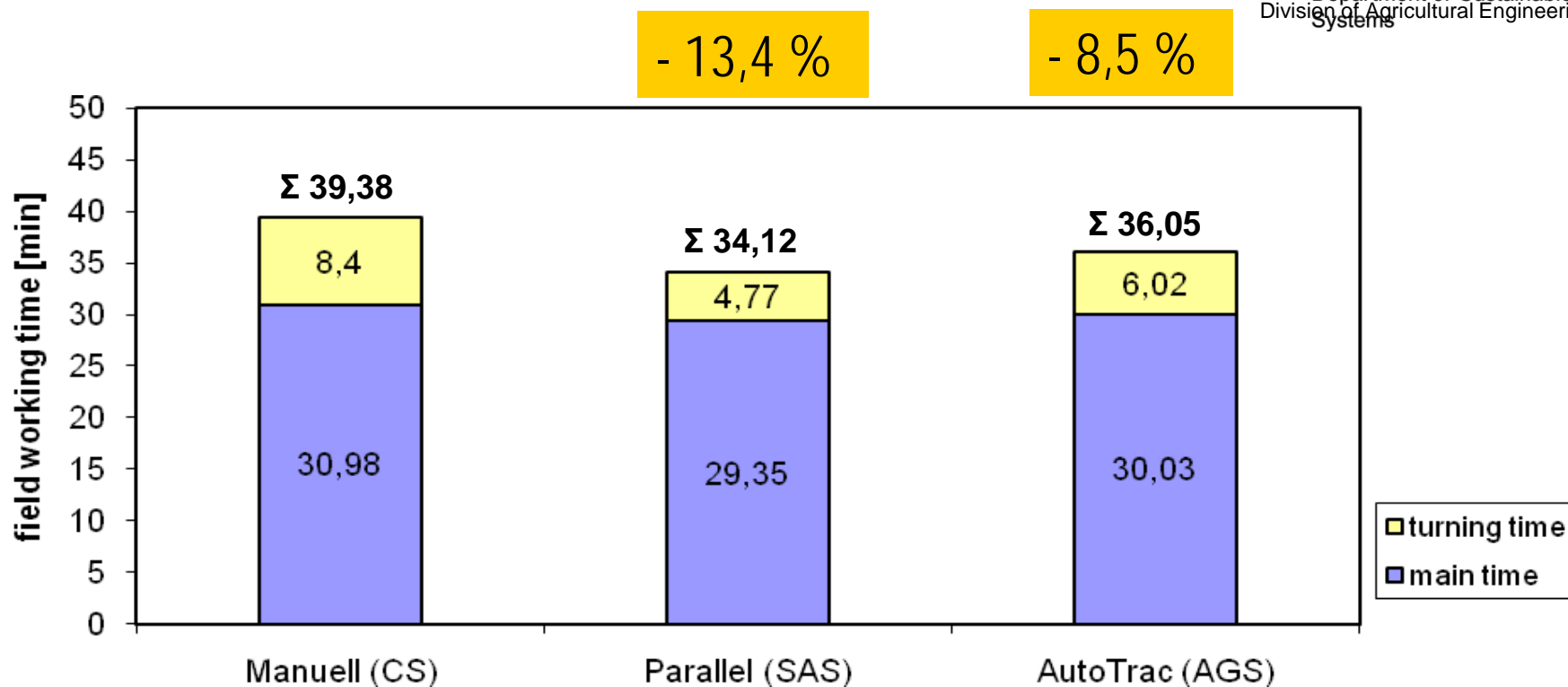
For each trial following parameters are measured:

- Fuel consumption (tractor terminal and volumetric measurement)
- Working time for turning and field operation
- System accuracy

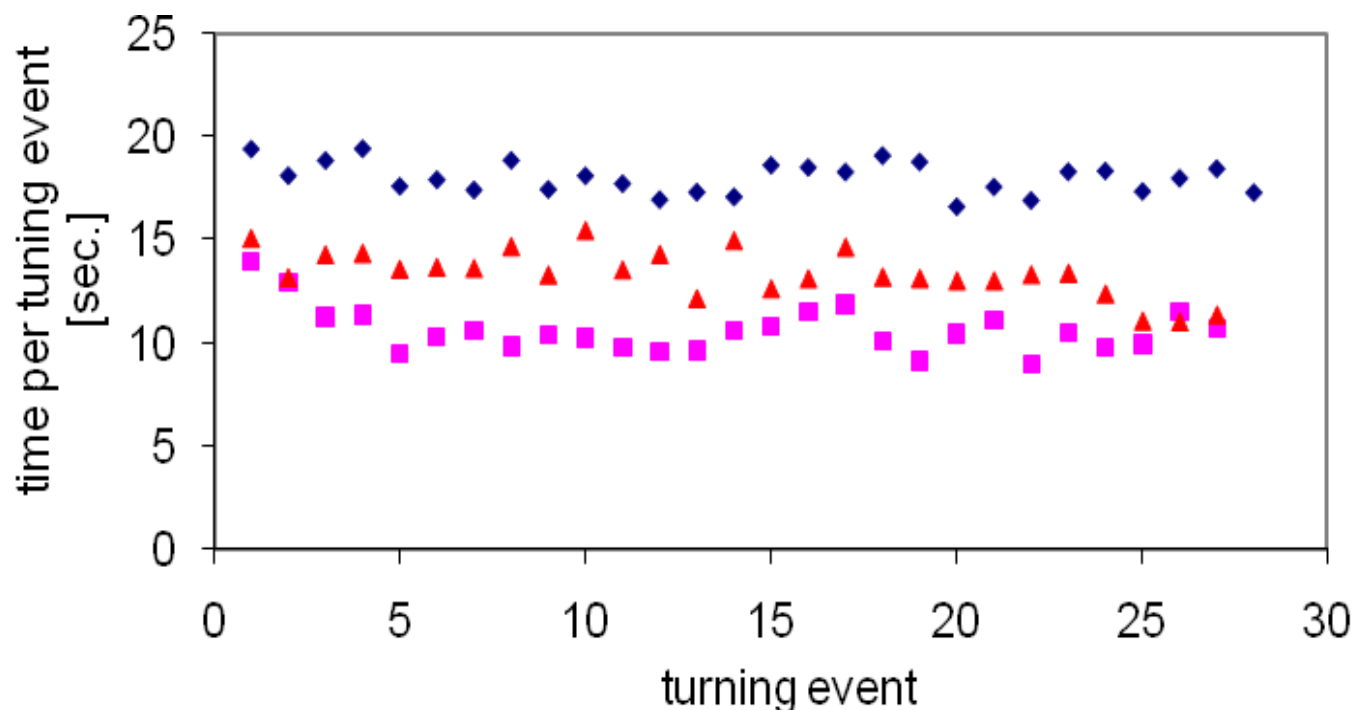
Results: Fuel consumption for stubble skimming (field size: 3,186 ha)



Results: Field working time for stubble skimming (field size: 3,186 ha)



Results: Measured time per turning event



◆ Manuell (CS) Ø: 17,4

■ Parallel (SAS) Ø: 10,6

▲ AutoTrac (AGS) Ø: 13,4

Results:

System accuracy and overlapping degree



Manuell (CS): no untreated stripes

Parallel (SAS): partial stripes (driver influence)

Autotrak (AGS): no untreated stripes

	Set width* [m] a	Treated width measured [m] b	a-b [m]	Overlapping per pass [cm]	Overlapping per pass [%]
Manuell (CS)	130	122,10	7,90	30,30	6,07
Parallel (SAS)	130	128,05	1,95	7,50	1,50
AutoTrac (AGS)	130	128,29	1,71	6,60	1,32

* 26 passes x 5 m theoretical working width = 130 m

Energy consumption for Transport



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Total weight: 40 Tonne

Transported payload: 25 Tonnen

Average fuel consumption: 31 Liter/100 km

Specific fuel consumption: 12,4 ml/t*km => 0,436 MJ/t*km

Specific CO₂-emission: 812 g/km

Tractor with two trailers



Total weight: 30 Tonne

Transported payload: 16.5 Tonnen

Average fuel consumption: 45 Liter/100 km

Specific fuel consumption: 27,3 ml/t*km

Specific CO₂-emission: 1179 g/km



Traffic induced soil compaction



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Technical repair solutions



Agraria; Cluj: 2006



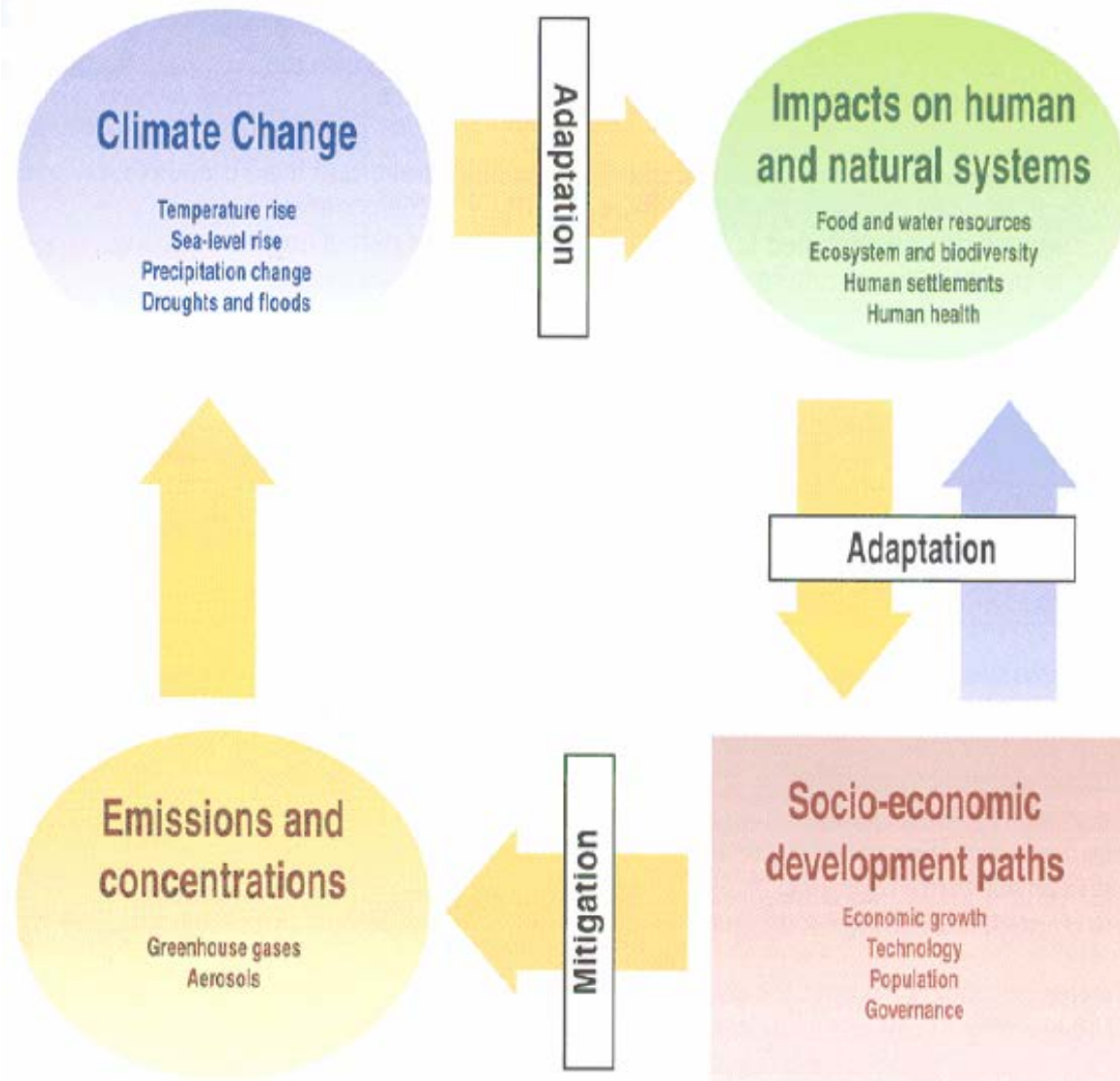
USAMV;
Department for Mechanization 2006



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