

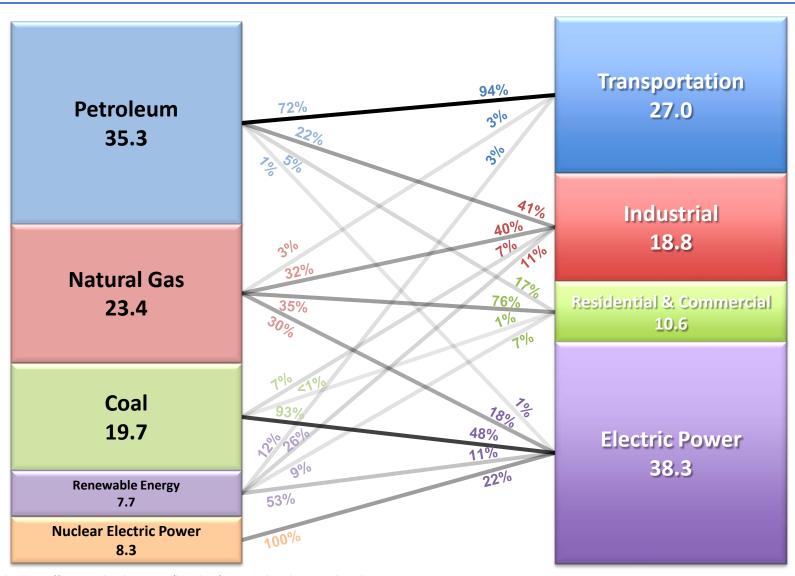
NIChE Workshop Catalysis and Alternative Feedstocks in the Biofuels Industry

An Introductory Perspective

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US Energy Sources* and Uses 2009



^{*}In Quads, http://www.eia.doe.gov/basics/energybasics101.html



US Energy Consumption

Electricity Generation (~40% of total)

48% Coal, 18% Natural Gas, 22% Nuclear, 7% Hydroelectric, 4% Other Renewables, 1% Petroleum

Transportation Fuels (~30 % of total)

94% Petroleum, 3% Natural Gas, 3% Renewables

Very little overlap between energy sources for these two dominant sectors!

- US daily consumption: 20 million barrels of oil (60% imported @ \$1billion per day!)
- 60 billion cubic feet of natural gas
- 3 million tons of coal

"We are not going to have energy independence as long as the US relies on the internal combustion engine."

James R. Schlesinger former Secretary of Energy

America's energy challenges

- Energy security
 - Reliable and economic energy supply
 - Mostly about liquid hydrocarbons for transport
 - Goal: 3.5 M bbl/day reduction in crude use
- Greenhouse gas emissions
 - Mostly about CO₂ from stationary sources (power and heat)
 - Goal: 17% reduction by 2020, 80% by 2050
- Significant changes in energy supply, transmission, storage, and use

Identify, develop, and deploy cost-effective, material, and timely solutions and Create jobs in the process





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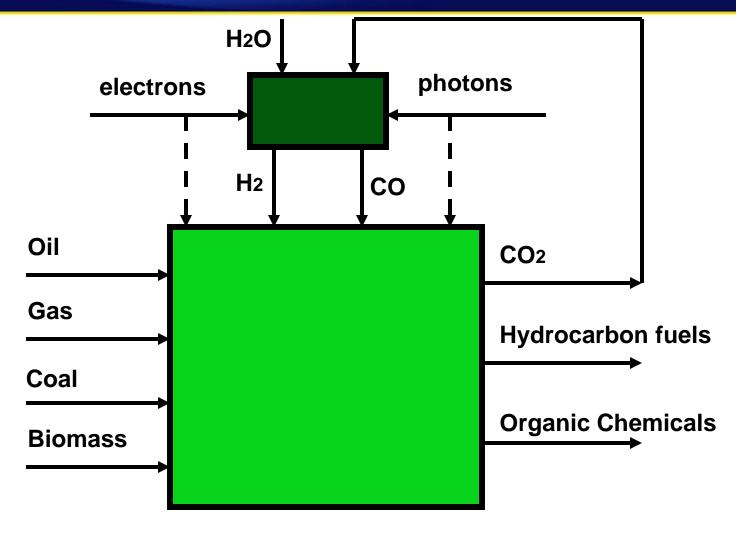
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Different fits for different renewables



How can we couple carbon-based resources with carbon-free renewable resources to meet the full spectrum of our energy needs?