

CHP, Land use change, N₂O field emissions

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Summary

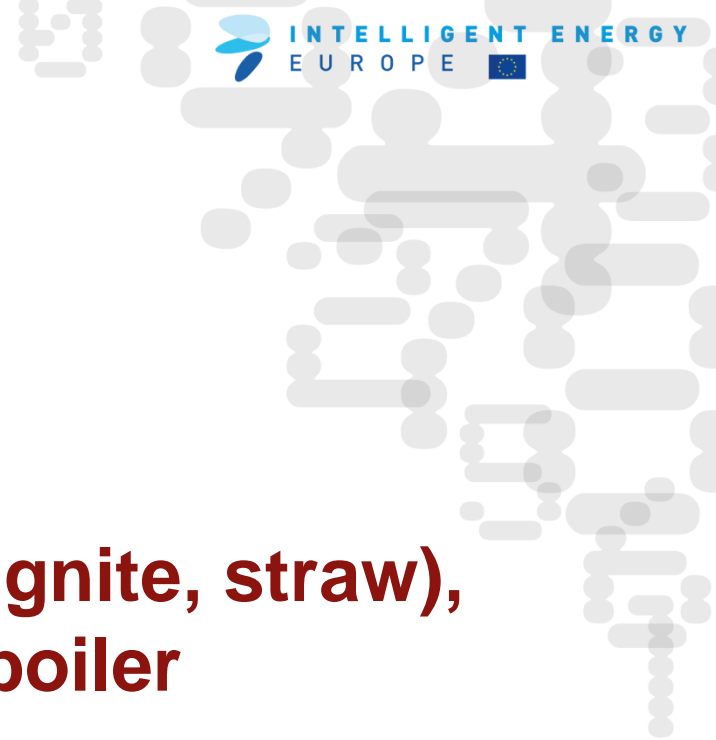
1. CHP (natural gas, lignite, straw), natural gas boiler (30 min)
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GHG emissions from the production and use of biofuels

According to the methodology of the RED Directive, Annex V.C.1

$$E = e_{ec} + e_l + e_p + e_{td} + e_u - e_{sca} - e_{ccs} - e_{ccr} - e_{ee}$$

- **E**: total emissions from the use of the fuel
- **e_{ec}**: emissions from the extraction or cultivation of raw materials (includes N₂O field emissions)
- **e_l**: annualised emissions from carbon stock changes caused by land-use change
- **e_p**: emissions from processing (include CHP and NG boilers)
- **e_{sca}**: emissions saving from soil carbon accumulation via improved agricultural management
- **e_{ccs}**: emission saving from carbon capture and geological storage
- **e_{ccr}**: emission saving from carbon capture and replacement
- **e_{ee}**: emissions saving from excess electricity from cogeneration (CHP)



1. CHP (natural gas, lignite, straw), natural gas boiler

CHP (natural gas, lignite, straw) – General principles

What is a CHP?

- CHP stands for Combined Heat and Power.
- CHP integrates the production of electricity and steam simultaneously, from the same fuel (e.g. natural gas, lignite, straw).

Which steps of the biofuel production process can include CHP?

- CHP appears in the « Processing » step.

Which emissions are considered for calculations?

- Emissions from the fuel used at the CHP plant.
- Emissions of CH₄ and N₂O from steam production in the CHP plant.
- Emission savings for excess electricity from the CHP plant (e_{ee}).
« The excess electricity is not accounted for if the fuel for CHP is a co-product other than an agricultural crop residue », according to the RED Directive, Annex V.C.16.

CHP (natural gas, lignite, straw) – Calculation rules

What is the methodology to make calculations in BioGrace?

→ Directions from the RED Directive, Annex V.C.16 are followed:

“Emission saving from excess electricity from cogeneration, e_{ee} , shall be taken into account in relation to the excess electricity produced by fuel production systems that use cogeneration except where the fuel used for the cogeneration is a co-product other than an agricultural crop residue. In accounting for that excess electricity, the size of the cogeneration unit shall be assumed to be the minimum necessary for the cogeneration unit to supply the heat that is needed to produce the fuel. The greenhouse gas emission saving associated with that excess electricity shall be taken to be equal to the amount of greenhouse gas that would be emitted when an equal amount of electricity was generated in a power plant using the same fuel as the cogeneration unit.” (in the RED Directive, Annex V.C.16)

→ The text gives directions but no actual calculation steps.

→ Direction 1: Annex V.C.16 of the RED Directive states that the excess electricity credits from CHP are calculated in proportion to the steam consumed by the production process of the biofuel:

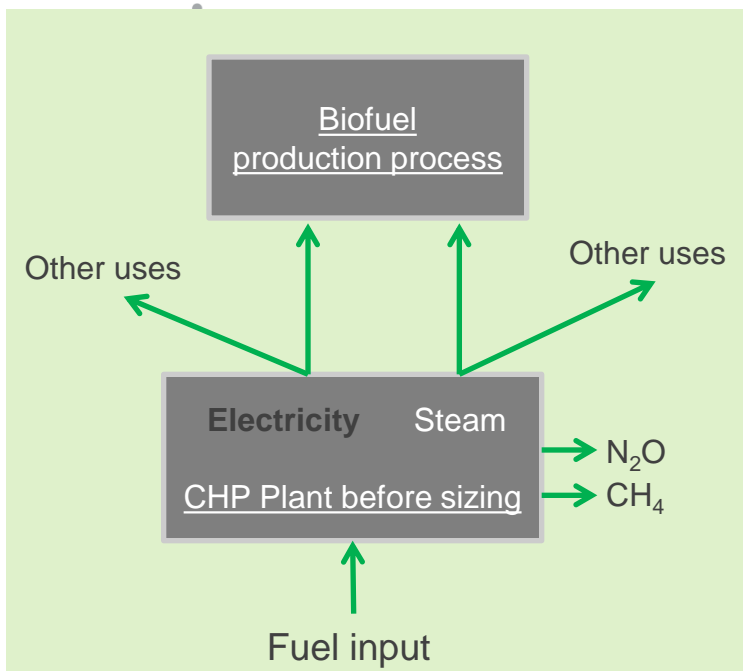
“The size of the cogeneration unit shall be assumed to be the minimum necessary for the cogeneration unit to supply the heat that is needed to produce the fuel” (in the RED Directive, Annex 5.C.16)

CHP (natural gas, lignite, straw) – Calculation rules

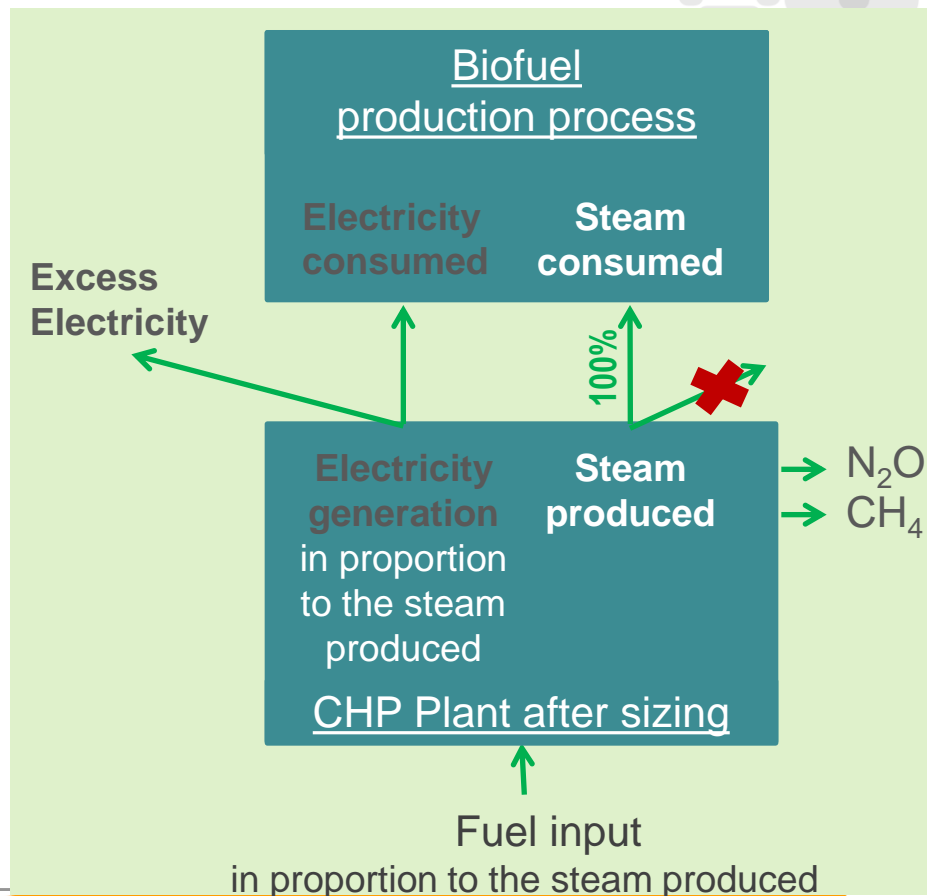
Sizing of the CHP plant



Usual CHP plant



CHP plant for GES calculations in BioGRACE



CHP (natural gas, lignite, straw) – Calculation rules

→ Direction 2:

“The greenhouse gas emission saving associated with that excess electricity shall be taken to be equal to the amount of greenhouse gas that would be emitted when an equal amount of electricity was generated in a power plant using the same fuel as the cogeneration unit.” in the RED Directive, Annex V.C.16

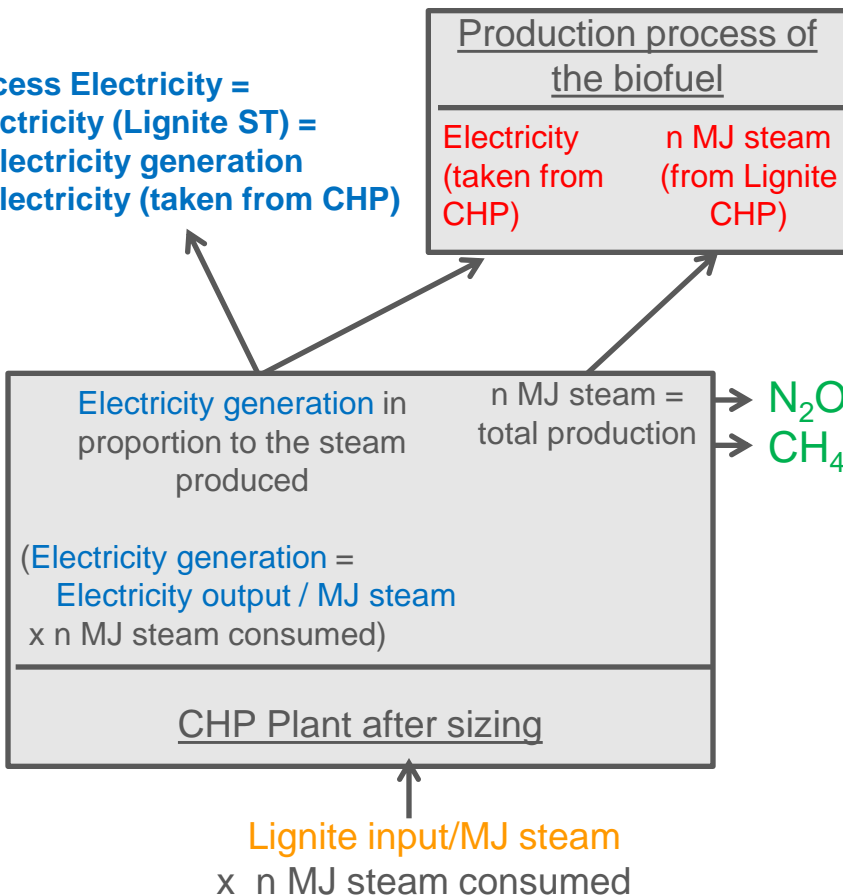
→ Credits for excess electricity refer to the avoided impact of the production of electricity in a plant powered with the same fuel as in the CHP plant.

→ In version 4c of the Biograce tool: the « EU mix » may not be used for electricity from the grid (i.e. an additional standard value must be defined and used for the grid average emissions for the country in which electricity is taken from the grid).

CHP (natural gas, lignite, straw) – Calculation steps

Example - Ethanol from wheat, with lignite - fuelled CHP:

Excess Electricity =
 Electricity (Lignite ST) =
 Electricity generation
 – Electricity (taken from CHP)



| Ethanol plant | |
|---|---|
| Yield | |
| Ethanol | 0,537 MJ _{Ethanol} / MJ _{Wheat} |
| Co-product DDGS | 1,14 ton _{DDGS} / ton _{Ethanol} |
| Energy consumption | |
| Electricity (taken from CHP) | 0,076 MJ / MJ _{Ethanol} |
| Steam (from Lignite CHP) | 0,509 MJ / MJ _{Ethanol} |
| Lignite CHP | |
| CH₄ and N₂O emissions from Lignite CHP | |
| Lignite input per MJ steam | 1,405 MJ / MJ _{Steam} |
| Lignite | 0,715 MJ / MJ _{Ethanol} |
| Electricity output / MJ steam | -0,222 MJ / MJ _{Steam} |
| Electricity generation | -0,113 MJ / MJ _{Ethanol} |
| Electricity (Lignite ST) | -0,037 MJ / MJ _{Ethanol} |

Natural gas boiler – Calculation steps

Which steps of the biofuel production process can include NG Boiler?

→ Natural Gas Boiler appears in the « Processing » step.

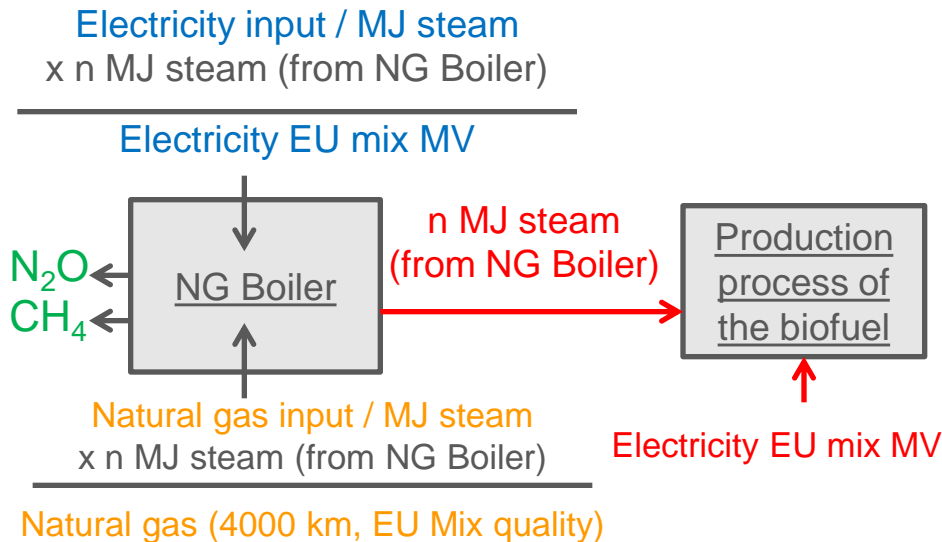
Which emissions are considered for calculations?

→ Emissions from Natural Gas input.

→ Emissions of CH₄ and N₂O from steam production.

→ Electricity consumption.

Example - ethanol from sugar beat with NG Boiler:



| Ethanol plant | |
|---|---|
| Yield | |
| Ethanol | 0,544 MJ _{Ethanol} / MJ _{Sugarbeet} |
| Co-product Sugar beet pulp | 0,219 MJ _{Sugar beet pulp} / MJ _{Sugarbeet} |
| Energy consumption | |
| Electricity EU mix MV | 0,048 MJ / MJ _{Ethanol} |
| Steam (from NG boiler) | 0,393 MJ / MJ _{Ethanol} |
| NG Boiler | |
| CH ₄ and N ₂ O emissions from NG boiler | |
| Natural gas input / MJ steam | 1,111 MJ / MJ _{steam} |
| Natural gas (4000 km, EU Mix quality) | 0,436 MJ / MJ _{Ethanol} |
| Electricity input / MJ steam | 0,020 MJ / MJ _{steam} |
| Electricity EU mix MV | 0,008 MJ / MJ _{Ethanol} |



2. Land use change and N2O field emissions

Land Use Change – General principles

Types of land cover to be considered in LUC:

- Forest land, grassland, cropland, wetlands, settlements and other lands (IPCC categories), perennial crops (*in [OJ C160, p.8]*).
- LUC can be either:
 - direct: conversion of a land that is cultivated or not to biofuel production land or
 - indirect (ILUC): the land used for biofuel production was previously used for food crops' production. Because of food demand, additional land will be used for food crops. NOT yet taken into account in calculation !

Measure of (direct) land use change:

$$\frac{\begin{matrix} \text{e.g. Forest land} \\ \downarrow \\ (\text{SOC} + C_{\text{VEG}})_{\text{reference land use}} \\ \text{(since January 2008)} \end{matrix} - \begin{matrix} \text{e.g. Cropland} \\ \downarrow \\ (\text{SOC} + C_{\text{VEG}})_{\text{land use after conversion}} \end{matrix}}{\text{nb years during which the C stock changes (20 years taken as a reference)}}$$

= annualised emissions from carbon stock change due to LUC (in kg CO₂ eq / MJ biofuel)

Land Use Change – Issues for biofuels

Issues regarding GHG emissions:

- ILUC for biofuels, combined with an intense food demand, are suspected to lead to a higher demand for crop land, and thus higher GHG emissions.
- Some recent studies suspect that ILUC might have important impacts, for example in the biodiesel industry. *
- Albeit ILUC is mentioned in the RED Directive, it will be accounted for only when appropriate methodology is validated by the European Commission.

LUC is critical to define biofuels as a renewable energy:

- To comply with the European Directive 2009/30/EC:
a biofuel is considered a renewable energy if its use leads to a 35% GHG emission reduction at least (*Article 7b.2 on the sustainability criteria for biofuels*).
- Depending on the scenario, LUC impacts can vary a lot: LUC from rainforest to palm oil plantation makes it hard to comply with the 35% criterion whereas LUC from grassland to palm oil plantation leads to good GHG emission savings.

* "Assessing the Land Use Change Consequences of European Biofuel Policies" by David Laborde, IFPRI, October 2011.

Land Use Change – Calculation sheet

Method for measuring LUC, in RED, Annex V, C:

$$e_l = (CS_R - CS_A) * 3.664 * 1/20 * 1/P - e_B$$



How to calculate SOC and C_{VEG} of a Carbon Stock:

- **Default with mineral soils:** based on the "Option 1. Default calculation" module.
- **Default with organic soils:** based on the "Option 2. Actual calculation" module, and include the C_{veg} result from the "Option 1. Default calculation" module.
- **Actual calculation:** based on the "Option 2. Actual calculation" module for both C_{veg} and SOC.

Then, calculation details reported in the calculation sheet stem from the Commission Decision of 10 June 2010 on guidelines for the calculation of land carbon stocks for the purpose of Annex V to Directive RED.

Calculation sheet: Actual and Reference land uses

| Option 1. Default calculation (no actual and accurate data are available) | |
|---|---|
| <p style="text-align: center;">Actual land use data area (CS_A)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Reference land use data area (CS_R)</p> |
| <p>When does the land use change occurs ? <input type="text"/></p> | |
| <p>Actual land use</p> <p>Climate region: <input type="text" value="Warm temperature moist"/></p> <p>Vegetation/crop (land use): <input type="text" value="Cultivated/cropland"/></p> | <p>Reference land use</p> <p>Climate region: <input type="text" value="Warm temperature moist"/></p> <p>Vegetation/crop (land use): <input type="text" value="Native forest (> 30% canopy cover)"/></p> |
| <p>Above and below ground vegetation</p> <p>Ecological zone (if relevant): <input type="text" value="-"/></p> <p>Continent (if relevant): <input type="text" value="-"/></p> <p>C_{veg}: <input type="text" value="0"/> ton C / ha</p> | |
| <p>Carbon stock in mineral soil</p> <p>Climate region: <input type="text" value="Warm temperature moist"/></p> <p>Soil type: <input type="text" value="High activity clay"/></p> <p>Soil management: <input type="text" value="Full-tillage"/></p> <p>Input: <input type="text" value="High without manure"/></p> <p>SOC₁₇: <input type="text" value="88"/> ton C / ha</p> <p>F₁₀: <input type="text" value="0,63"/></p> <p>F₁₂: <input type="text" value="1"/></p> <p>F₁: <input type="text" value="1,11"/></p> | |
| <p>Resulting carbon stock</p> <p>CS_A = 67,4 ton C / ha</p> | <p>Resulting carbon stock</p> <p>CS_R = 172,0 ton C / ha</p> |
| <p>Resulting LUC</p> <p>e₁ = 19,16 ton eq. CO₂ / ha / year</p> | |
| <p>Option 2. Actual calculation Carbon Stocks and Carbon vegetation</p> <p>The guidelines published by the Commission (see above for the link) authorises the use of actual data for Soil Organic Carbon. It is also possible to use its own data for other parameter like the carbon stock in vegetation (C_{veg})</p> <p>In order to use them, please provide the following information:</p> <p>Type of data use: <input type="text"/></p> <p>More detail information: <input type="text"/></p> | |
| <p>If using data from other methods than measurements :</p> <p>Please confirm that they take into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> climatic conditions: <input type="checkbox"/> soil type: <input type="checkbox"/> land cover: <input type="checkbox"/> land management and inputs: <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <p>Resulting carbon stock in soils</p> <p>SOC_A = <input type="text"/> ton C / ha</p> | <p>Resulting carbon stock in soils</p> <p>SOC_R = <input type="text"/> ton C / ha</p> |
| <p>Resulting carbon stock in vegetation</p> <p>C_{veg,A} = <input type="text"/> ton C / ha</p> <p>CS_A = <input type="text"/> ton C / ha</p> | <p>Resulting carbon stock in vegetation</p> <p>C_{veg,R} = <input type="text"/> ton C / ha</p> <p>CS_R = <input type="text"/> ton C / ha</p> |
| <p>Resulting land Use Change</p> <p>e₁ = 0,0 ton CO₂ / ha / year</p> | |

Calculation sheet: Option 1 – Default calculation

LUC definition

C_{VEG} data area, based on predefined data (point 8, Commission Decision* Tables 9 to 18)

SOC data area

Option 1. Default calculation (no actual and accurate data are available)

The default calculation are based on the calculation of the Commission Decision, with the following assumptions

- the area concerned is 1 hectare. As a result, the factor A (ha / area concerned) equals 1.
- the soils in question are mineral soils. For organic soils, appropriate methods shall be used (see paragraph 4.2 of the Commission Decision).

CS_A and CS_B are calculated with the following equation: $CS_i = C_{VEG} + SOC_{ST} * F_{LU} * F_{M0} * F_i$

When does the land use change occurs?

Give the year of LUC. LUC should be taken into account 20 years after the land use change occurs.

| | Actual land use | Reference land use |
|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Climate region | Warm temperature moist | Warm temperature moist |
| Vegetation/crop (land use) | Cultivated/cropland | Native forest (>30% canopy cover) |

Above and below ground vegetation

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Ecological zone (if relevant) | - | Oceanic forest |
| Continent (if relevant) | - | Europe |
| C_{VEG} | 0 ton C / ha | 84 ton C / ha |

There are two ways of getting C_{veg} :

- or you can use predefined data set out in point 8 of the Commission Decision (tables 9 to 18)
- or you should calculated them following the rules set out in point 5 of Commission Decision. Use the module right to this section for that.

Carbon stock in mineral soil

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Climate region | Warm temperature moist | Warm temperature moist |
| Soil type | High activity clay | High activity clay |
| Soil management | Full-tillage | No till |
| Input | High without manure | No input |
| SOC_{ST} | 88 ton C / ha | 88 ton C / ha |
| F_{LU} | 0,69 | 1 |
| F_{M0} | 1 | n/a |
| F_i | 1,11 | n/a |

Determine using paragraph 6.1 of Commission Decision
 Determine using paragraph 6.2 of Commission Decision
 Determine using table 3 of Commission Decision
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Loop up in Table 1 of Commission Decision, using climate region and soil type above
 Look up in Tables 2 - 8 of Commission Decision
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Resulting carbon stock $CS_A = 67,4$ ton C / ha $CS_B = 172,0$ ton C / ha
 Resulting LUC $e_i = 19,16$ ton eq. CO₂ / ha / an Please, note that positive value means carbon soil losses

* Commission Decision of 10 June 2010 on guidelines for the calculation of land use carbon stocks for the purpose of Annex V of Directive 2009/28/EC

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Calculation sheet: Option 1 – Default calculation

C_{VEG} data area, based on calculated data (point 5, Commission Decision*)

C_{VEG} calculation, if carried out under point 5 of the Commission Decision : details of the calculation
For more explanation, please read the Commission Decision of the 10 June 2010, point 5.

Reference land use :

$$C_{VEG} = \frac{C_{BIO}}{C_{AGB}} + \frac{C_{DOM}}{C_{LJ}}$$

$$C_{VEG} = B_{AGD} \times CF_E + B_{BGB} \text{ (or } C_{AGB}) \times CF_E \text{ (or R)} + DOM_{DW} \times CF_{DW} + DOM_{LJ} \times CF_{LJ}$$

$C_{VEG} =$ *data given in purple are suggestion from the Commission Decision*

$C_{VEG} = 0$ t carbon / ha To be reported in C_{VEG} for reference land use

Actual land use :

$$C_{VEG} = \frac{C_{BIO}}{C_{AGB}} + \frac{C_{DOM}}{C_{LJ}}$$

$$C_{VEG} = B_{AGD} \times CF_E + B_{BGB} \text{ (or } C_{AGB}) \times CF_E \text{ (or R)} + DOM_{DW} \times CF_{DW} + DOM_{LJ} \times CF_{LJ}$$

$C_{VEG} =$

$C_{VEG} = 0$ t carbon / ha To be reported in C_{VEG} for Actual land use

Details about sources :

* Commission Decision of 10 June 2010 on guidelines for the calculation of land use carbon stocks for the purpose of Annex V of Directive 2009/28/EC

Calculation sheet: Option 2 – Actual calculation

Information on dataset area

Actual values area

Option 2. Actual calculation Carbon Stocks and Carbon vegetation

The guidelines published by the Commission (see above for the link) authorises the use of actual data for Soil Organic Carbon. It is also possible to use its own data for other parameter like the carbon stock in vegetation (C_{veg})

In order to use them, please provide the following information:

Type of data use

More detail information

Example : If model : name of the model, who runned it, main data sources, date of the modeling, etc
 If measurements : where were they made, who carried them out, years of measurements, For all : details about representativeness, proof of scientific validity, etc

If using data from other methods than measurements :

Please confirm that they take into account :

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| climate | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| soil type | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| land cover | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| land management and inputs | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Resulting carbon stock in soils $SOC_A =$ ton C / ha $SOC_R =$ ton C / ha Please, fill these data with you actual value

Resulting carbon stock in vegetation $C_{veg,A} =$ ton C / ha $C_{veg,R} =$ ton C / ha Please, fill these data with you actual value

$CS_A =$ 0,0 ton C / ha $CS_R =$ 0,0 ton C / ha

Resulting land Use Change $e_l =$ 0,0 ton CO₂ ha⁻¹ year⁻¹ Please, note that positive value means carbon soil losses

N₂O field emissions – General principles

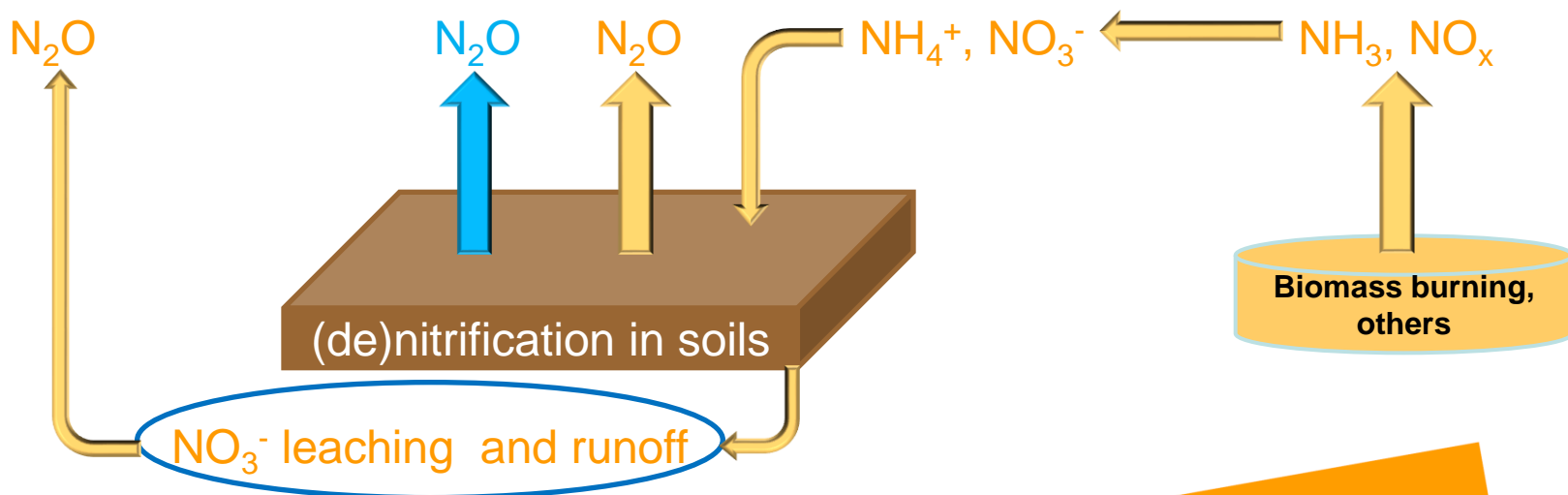
Measure of the direct and indirect N₂O emissions from managed soils (kg N₂O/ha/year):

- N₂O emissions are estimated depending on the quantity of N in soils coming from human activity or from organic matter mineralization.

Measure of N₂O emissions following the IPCC guidelines:

- The methodology used is the Tier 1 of IPCC guidelines 2006 for N₂O emission calculation – Chap.11 “*N₂O emissions from managed soils and CO₂ emissions from lime and urea application*”.
- A new methodology using the Stehfest & Bouwman statistical model combined with IPCC Tier1 approach, will be used for the calculations after it is presented by the Commission

- Two types of N₂O emissions:
 - **Direct emissions:** due to nitrogen in soils brought by crop residues, fertilizer, urea, lime, trash burning, land use change and agricultural management change
 - **Indirect emissions:**
 - NH₃ and NO_x are volatilized (by biomass burning, manure storage, non agricultural activities...) and brought back to soils and shallow waters where they are converted to N₂O.
 - NO₃⁻ – runs off and leaches from soil to ground water, riparian zones, ditches, streams, etc. Then, nitrification and denitrification result in N₂O emissions.



N₂O field emissions– Issues for biofuels

N₂O field emissions have deep impacts on total GHG emissions:

- N₂O is a greenhouse gas that is 298 times as much powerful as CO₂. (*RED Directive, Annex V.C.5*)
- Strong uncertainty remains on N₂O emissions due to general data scarcity.

Connection with LUC and Improved agricultural management:

- Direct N₂O emissions depend on agricultural practices, thus both LUC and agricultural management impact N₂O emissions.

N₂O field emissions– Calculation sheet

When to use the “N₂O emissions IPCC” calculation sheet ?

When making the actual calculation for the “cultivation” step.

| Cultivation of sunflower | | Quantity of product | Calculated emissions | | | | |
|--|---|--|-----------------------|---|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Yield | | Yield | Emissions per MJ FAME | | | | |
| Sunflowerseed | 2 440 kg ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | 57 974 MJ _{Sunflowerseed} ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | g CO ₂ | g CH ₄ | g N ₂ O | g CO ₂ eq | |
| Moisture content | 10,0% | 1,000 MJ / MJ _{Sunflowerseed} input | | | | | |
| Co-product Straw | n/a kg ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | 0,068 kg _{Sunflowerseed} /MJ _{FAME} | | | | | |
| Energy consumption | | | | | | | |
| Diesel | 2 963 MJ ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | | 7,21 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 7,21 | |
| Agro chemicals | | | | | | | |
| N-fertiliser (kg N) | 39,0 kg N ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | | 3,06 | 0,01 | 0,01 | 6,41 | |
| Manure | 0,0 kg N ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | |
| CaO-fertiliser (kg CaO) | 0,0 kg CaO ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | |
| K ₂ O-fertiliser (kg K ₂ O) | 22,0 kg K ₂ O ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | | 0,33 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,35 | |
| P ₂ O ₅ -fertiliser (kg P ₂ O ₅) | 30,0 kg P ₂ O ₅ ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | | 0,80 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,84 | |
| Pesticides | 2,0 kg ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | | 0,55 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,61 | |
| Seeding material | | | | | | | |
| Seeds- sunflower | 6 kg ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | | 0,07 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,12 | |
| Field N₂O emissions | 1,43 kg ha⁻¹ year⁻¹ | | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,04 | 11,86 | |
| Field N ₂ O emissions can be calculated in the sheet N ₂ O emissions IPCC | | | Total | 12,02 | 0,01 | 0,05 | 27,41 |
| | | | Result | g CO₂eq / MJ_{FAME} | | 27,41 | |

Structure of the BioGrace Excel sheet:

- Part 1: Crop data
- Part 2: Direct N₂O emissions from managed soils
- Part 3: Indirect N₂O emissions from managed soils
- Part 4: Total N₂O emissions

Part 1: Crop data

- Eight crops are predefined in the “crop name” field.
- For other crops, tables 1 and 4 have to be used. Guidelines appear in IPCC guidelines 2006 - Chap.11, Table 11.2 (*).
- **LUC and Esca sheet** must be used for Carbon loss calculation if applicable

Crop data.

Please enter the data for your crop in the blue cells

General information

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Crop name | <input type="text" value="Sugar beet"/> | |
| Crop yield (fresh matter) | <input type="text" value="60 000"/> | kg _{fm} /ha/year |
| Humidity(%) | <input type="text" value="68,0%"/> | |
| Crop yield (dry matter) | <input type="text" value="19200"/> | kg _{dm} /ha/year |
| Straw yield (removed from the field) | <input type="text"/> | kg _{dm} /ha/year |

Abbreviation glossary :

Fresh matter = fm

Dry matter = dm

Ton = t

N mass in N₂O = N2O_N

Is the soil water saturation high?

Put "yes" when the crop is irrigated OR when rainfall in rainy season (1) minus potential evaporation is higher than soil water holding capacity. If not known, the average nitrate leakage will be applied.
(1) Rainy season: period when rainfall > 0.5 * Pan Evaporation

Specific information in case of Land Use Change or modified management practices

What type of land use change is it?

Carbon loss due to land use change t/ha/year

Use "arable to arable land" in case of modified practices
Please, calculate this value by using the LUC sheet
or the Esca sheet for modified practices (2)

(2) If the Esca sheet gives negative value then there is a C loss due to a change in management and the value obtained (with a positive sign) should be inserted here

Specific information for some imported crops

Please, fill in the following cells only when a text appears. Default value used by RED

Text appears when the adequate imported crop is selected in the above section (cell C19).

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| <input type="text"/> | <p style="font-size: 1.2em; color: blue;">To be filled in the cases of sugar cane or palm crops</p> |
| <input type="text"/> | |
| <input type="text"/> | |
| <input type="text"/> | |



* IPCC 2006, 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, Chapter 11 on N2O emissions from managed soils

Part 2: Direct N₂O emissions from managed soils

- N synthetic fertilizer and N organic fertilizer quantities are required.
- Detailed calculations are displayed on Tables 2, 3, 4 and 5.



Direct N₂O emissions from managed soils (Tier1). See Table 2, Table 3, Table 4 and Table 5 for intermediate calculations (right side of the this sheet)

Please enter the N additions in the form of synthetic or organic fertilizer in the blue cells

N₂O emissions from N inputs:

| | | | |
|------------------|--------|--------------|---------------------------|
| F _{BN} | 119,70 | kg N/ha/year | N in synthetic fertilizer |
| F _{ON} | 0,00 | kg N/ha/year | N in organic fertilizer |
| F _{CR} | 119 | kg N/ha/year | N in crop residues |
| F _{SDM} | 0,00 | kg N/ha/year | N mineralized |

| | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|------|------|------|--|--|
| Emission factor for direct emission (IPCC Tier 1) | average | min | max | | | |
| | EF ₁ | 1,0% | 0,3% | 3,0% | | |

| | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|------|------|-----------------------------|------|-------|---------|
| Calculated Direct N ₂ O emissions | kg N ₂ O_N/ha/year | | | kg N ₂ O/ha/year | | | Eq.11.2 |
| | average | min | max | average | min | max | |
| N ₂ O_N _{inputs} | 2,38 | 0,72 | 7,15 | 3,75 | 1,12 | 11,24 | |

Other direct N₂O emissions (trash burning) data appears only when required

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| kg N ₂ O_N/ha/year | kg N ₂ O/ha/year |
| | |

TOTAL direct N₂O emissions

| | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|--------|
| TOTAL Direct N ₂ O Emissions : | kg N ₂ O_N/ha/year | | | kg N ₂ O/ha/year | | |
| | average | min | max | average | min | max |
| | 2,384 | 0,715 | 7,153 | 3,747 | 1,124 | 11,240 |

Part 3: Indirect N₂O emissions from managed soils

- Calculations are automatic.
- Tables 6 and 7 show calculations for N₂O indirect emissions due to :
 - NH₃ and NO_x volatilisation
 - leaching and runoff

| Indirect N ₂ O emissions from managed soils (Tier1) | | See Table 6, Table 7, Table 8 for intermediate calculations (right side of the this sheet) | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|--|-------|-----------------------------|------|------|------|
| Quantity of NH ₃ volatilized(IPCC Tier 1): | NH ₃ _N (kg) | average | min | max | | | |
| Quantity of nitrate leaching (IPCC Tier 1): | NO ₃ _N (kg) | 12,0 | 3,6 | 35,9 | | | |
| Emission factor for NH ₃ volatilization (IPCC Tier 1): | EF ₄ (%) | 1,0% | 0,2% | 5,0% | | | |
| Emission factor for Nitrate leaching (IPCC Tier 1): | EF ₆ (%) | 0,75% | 0,1% | 2,5% | | | |
| | | kg N ₂ O_N/ha/year | | kg N ₂ O/ha/year | | | |
| N ₂ O from atmospheric deposition of N volatilised: | N ₂ O(ATD)-N | 0,12 | 0,007 | 1,80 | 0,19 | 0,01 | 2,82 |
| Emission of N ₂ O from nitrate leaching effect: | N ₂ O(L)-N | 0,54 | 0,012 | 4,77 | 0,84 | 0,02 | 7,49 |

Part 4: Total N₂O emissions

- The final value in the yellow frame is to be reported in the “Cultivation” step of the pathway.

TOTAL N₂O EMISSIONS (Direct + Indirect N₂O) from managed soils (Tier1)

| | kg N ₂ O_N/ha/year | | | kg N ₂ O/ha/year | | |
|----------------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|------|-------|
| | average | min | max | average | min | max |
| per ha | 3,04 | 0,73 | 13,72 | 4,78 | 1,15 | 21,55 |
| per kg dm | 0,16 | 0,04 | 0,71 | 0,25 | 0,06 | 1,12 |
| per MJ of crop | 0,0097 | 0,0023 | 0,0438 | 0,02 | 0,00 | 0,07 |

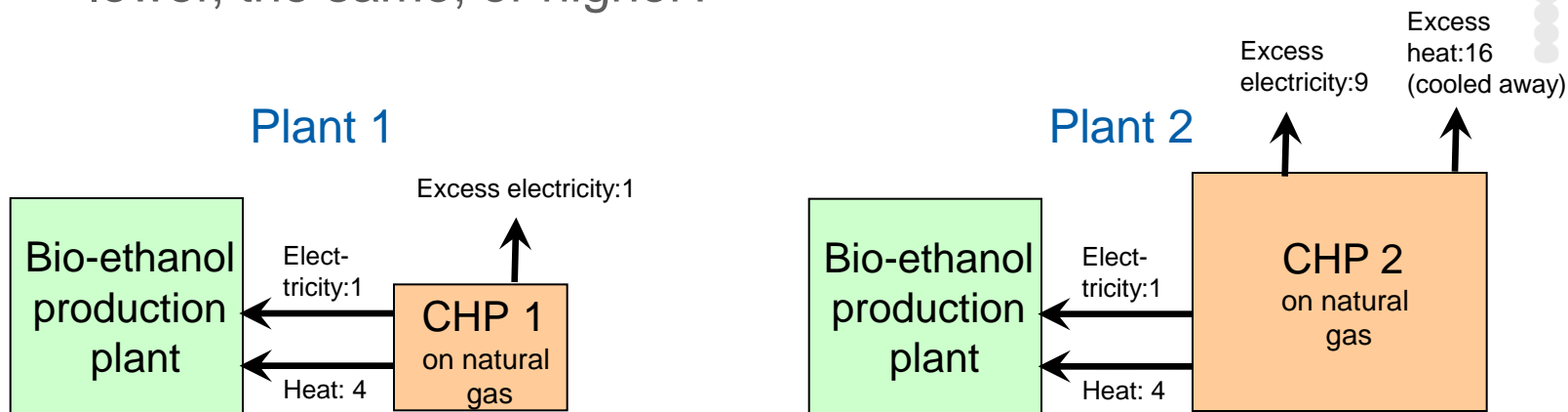
Value to report in your pathway : **4,78 kg N₂O/ha/year**

| Cultivation of sunflower | | Quantity of product | Calculated emissions | | | | |
|--|---|--|------------------------------|--|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Yield | | Yield | Emissions per MJ FAME | | | | |
| Sunflowerseed | 2 440 kg ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | 57 974 MJ _{Sunflowerseed} ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | g CO ₂ | g CH ₄ | g N ₂ O | g CO _{2,eq} | |
| Moisture content | 10,0% | 1,000 MJ / MJ _{Sunflowerseed, input} | | | | | |
| Co-product Straw | n/a kg ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | 0,068 kg _{Sunflowerseed} /MJ _{FAME} | | | | | |
| Energy consumption | | | | | | | |
| Diesel | 2 963 MJ ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | | 7,21 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 7,21 | |
| Agro chemicals | | | | | | | |
| N-fertiliser (kg N) | 39,0 kg N ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | | 3,06 | 0,01 | 0,01 | 6,41 | |
| Manure | 0,0 kg N ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | |
| CaO-fertiliser (kg CaO) | 0,0 kg CaO ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | |
| K ₂ O-fertiliser (kg K ₂ O) | 22,0 kg K ₂ O ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | | 0,33 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,35 | |
| P ₂ O ₅ -fertiliser (kg P ₂ O ₅) | 30,0 kg P ₂ O ₅ ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | | 0,80 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,84 | |
| Pesticides | 2,0 kg ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | | 0,55 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,61 | |
| Seeding material | | | | | | | |
| Seeds- sunflower | 6 kg ha ⁻¹ year ⁻¹ | | 0,07 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,12 | |
| Field N₂O emissions | <input type="text" value=""/> | | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,04 | 11,86 | |
| Field N ₂ O emissions can be calculated using the N2O emissions IPCC method | | | Total | 12,02 | 0,01 | 0,05 | 27,41 |
| | | | Result | g CO_{2,eq} / MJ_{FAME} | | 27,41 | |



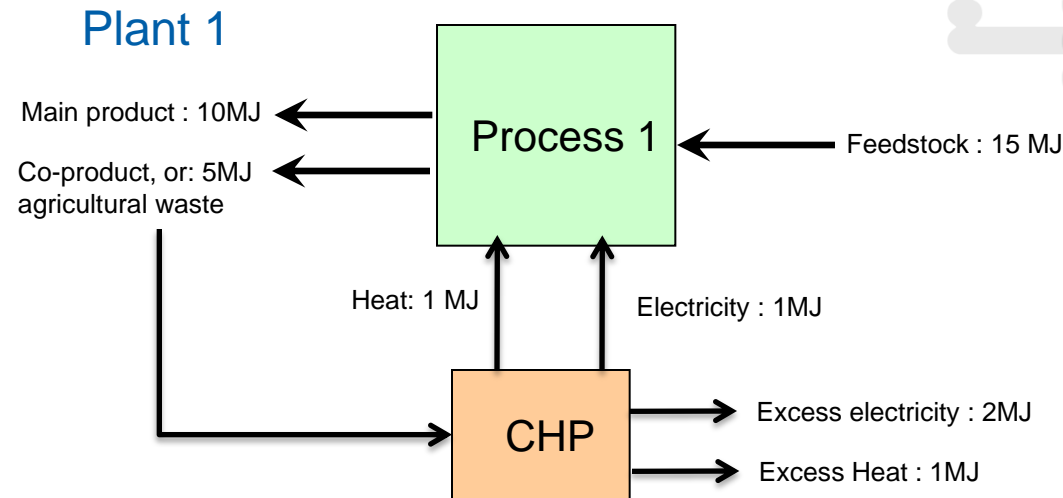
3. Exercise including CHP, land use change and N₂O field emissions

- Question 1:** Installation sizing - The only difference in the two calculations below is that CHP 2 is five times larger than CHP 1. Will the GHG performance of ethanol from plant 2 - in comparison to the performance of ethanol from plant 1 - be lower, the same, or higher?



Answer: The performance will be the same, as only that part of CHP 2 will be taken into account that is needed to supply the heat for the ethanol plant, which is 1/5 of CHP 2, resulting (again) in an excess electricity of 1. See rule 6.1

• **Question 2:** Calculate the credit due to excess of electricity



Answer: It depends if it is a co-product or an agricultural waste (RED, Annex V.C.16) :

- For an agricultural crop residue : it is a simple case of sizing the CHP according to the excess of heat produced (so the credit is calculated using 0.5MJ for the excess electricity)
- For a co-product : There is no credit strictly speaking; the system should be extended to the process and the CHP so that the input is the feed stock and the outputs are the main product, the excess of electricity and the excess of heat. Then there is an allocation between the 3 outputs where, :
- 0MJ is used for the excess of heat (as the LHV for heat is null)
- the allocation between electricity and the main product is related to their energy which means 1/6 of emissions allocated to excess of electricity and 5/6 to the main product

- **Question 3:** If I buy a green certificate for using green energy to fuel my CHP, how can I take it into account to calculate the credit related to this green certificate ?

Answer: Green certificates are not taken into account in calculation, so no credit can be used.

- **Question 4:** If a land use change occurring in 2010 led to an increase in the C storage, how do I take it into account in my calculation? How do I take it into account if the LUC occurred in 2000?

Answer: For 2010, the formula given in the RED should be used to find the result which also depends on the productivity of the biofuel. For 2000, the LUC is not taken into account as it happened before the 1st January 2008.

- **Question 5:** Can I use the default values for the cultivation step listed in the Annex V of the RED, if a land use change occurred in 2010 ?

Answer: It depends. If a land use change occurred after January 2008, you are allowed to use the default values provided in Annex V of the RED, only if this land use change lead to an increase in the carbon stock.

- **Question 6:** If actual data are available for the calculation of SOC and Cveg, I am allowed to make default calculation using the data listed in the "Guidelines for the calculation of land carbon stocks for the purpose of Annex V to Directive 2009/28/EC" ?

Answer: Yes, it is always possible to use both possibilities

- **Question 7:** I can use the same LUC value for several plots but only if they are in the same NUTS 2 area ?

Answer: The use of an identical value for LUC is not related to the closeness of the plots but to their identical management history, biophysical conditions, and input history (cf "Guidelines for the calculation of land carbon stocks for the purpose of Annex V to Directive 2009/28/EC")

- **Question 8:** For a CHP using waste, shall we account the wastes' transport in the calculation?

Answer: Yes, according to BioGrace methodology .But there are inconsistencies: JRC sometimes took it into account, France does not take these transports into account, England take these transports into account, EC take them into account if waste have changed their destination by being used in the CHP. The RED states that wastes (...) shall be considered to have zero life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions up to the process of collection of those materials.

- **Question 9:** The excess electricity from the ethanol plant is - 0,113 MJ/MJ_{Ethanol} with the following data: right or wrong?

| Ethanol plant | |
|--|---|
| Yield | |
| Ethanol | 0,361 MJ _{Ethanol} / MJ _{Sugarcane} |
| Co-products | 0,000 MJ / MJ _{Sugarcane} |
| Energy consumption | |
| Electricity (taken from CHP) | 0,076 MJ / MJ _{Ethanol} |
| Steam (from CHP) | 0,509 MJ / MJ _{Ethanol} |
| CHP | |
| <u>Size of CHP</u> | |
| Steam prod. considered | 0,509 MJ / MJ _{Ethanol} |
| <u>Input to CHP</u> | |
| Fuel input / MJ steam | 1,405 MJ / MJ _{steam} |
| Fuel input per MJ ethanol | 0,715 MJ / MJ _{Ethanol} |
| <u>Emissions from CHP</u> | |
| CH ₄ and N ₂ O emissions from CHP (to be further specified - give G) | |
| CHP fuel - specify | 0,715 MJ / MJ _{Ethanol} |
| CH ₄ and N ₂ O emissions from CHP (to be further specified - give G) | |
| CHP fuel - specify | 0,715 MJ / MJ _{Ethanol} |
| <u>Electricity generation in CHP plant</u> | |
| CHP net output / MJ steam | 0,222 MJ / MJ _{steam} |
| CHP net output / MJ Ethanol | 0,113 MJ / MJ _{Ethanol} |
| Net production or consumption in ethanol plant | -0,037 MJ / MJ _{Ethanol} |
| Electricity - specify | 0,037 MJ / MJ _{Ethanol} |
| Pure CaO for processes | 0,000670 kg / MJ _{Ethanol} |
| Cycle-hexane | 0,000040 kg / MJ _{Ethanol} |
| Sulphuric acid (H ₂ SO ₄) | 0,000598 kg / MJ _{Ethanol} |
| Lubricants | 0,000010 kg / MJ _{Ethanol} |

*Answer: Wrong, the excess electricity is - 0,037MJ/MJ_{Ethanol}
= Electricity Lignite ST = Electricity taken from CHP - Electricity generation
= 0,076 MJ/MJ Ethanol – 0,113 MJ/MJ Ethanol*

- **Question 10:** Make the 3 exercises included in the excel sheet given in annexe
 - Exercice on CHP calculation
 - Exercice on LUC
 - Exercice on N₂O emissions

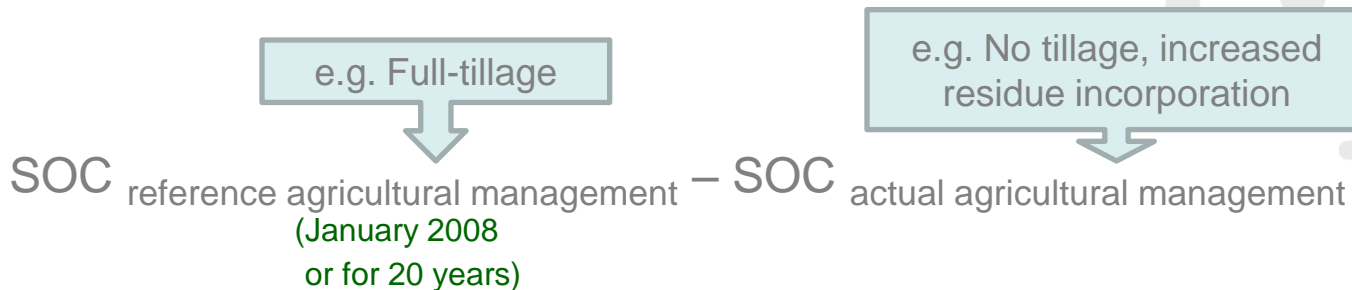


4. CO₂ storage or replacement:

- Improved agricultural management (soil organic carbon accumulation)
- CO₂ capture and geological storage
- CO₂ capture and replacement

Improved agricultural management – General principles

What is measured:



nb years during which the C stock changes (20 years taken as a reference)
= annualised emissions from carbon stock change due to agricultural management change (in kg CO₂ eq / MJ biofuel)

Land Use Change and e_{sca} (soil carbon accumulation):

| | Esca | LUC |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Nature of change | Agricultural management change | Land use change |
| Carbon stock change accounted for | Soil | Soil and vegetation |
| Meaning | e _{sca} positive <=> CS increase in soil <=> GHG emissions depletion | e _l positive <=> CS losses <=> GHG emissions increase |

Improved agricultural management – Issues for biofuels

Agricultural management & LUC:

The impacts of Improved agricultural management are included in the Land use change impacts.

Issues that are similar to the Land Use Change's:

As for LUC, the value of improved agricultural management is critical for a biofuel classification as a renewable energy or not.

CO₂ storage and replacement – general principles

What do CO₂ storage and replacement account for?

- CO₂ capture and geological storage (CCS):

Emission saving from carbon capture and geological storage e_{CCS} , that have not already been accounted for in e_p , shall be limited to **emissions avoided through the capture and sequestration of emitted CO₂ directly related to the extraction, transport, processing and distribution of fuel.** *(in the RED Directive, Annex V.C.14)*

- CO₂ capture and replacement (CCR):

Emission saving from carbon capture and replacement, e_{CCR} , shall be limited to **emissions avoided through the capture of CO₂ of which the carbon originates from biomass and which is used to replace fossil-derived CO₂ used in commercial products and services.** *(in the RED Directive, Annex V.C.15)*

Example of CO₂ replacement: *use of captured CO₂ to replace CO₂ to greenhouses, that originally was produced by burning natural gas.*

CO₂ storage and replacement – issues for biofuels

- The RED Directive mentions a credit for CO₂ avoided by CCS and CCR, in Annex V.C.14 and Annex V.C.15.
- However, no supporting methodology is proposed in the Directive.
- CO₂ capture involves additional energy and possibly CO₂ emissions. Thus the amount of CO₂ avoided is not the same as the CO₂ captured.

CO₂ storage and replacement – calculation sheet

- CO₂ capture and replacement (e_{ccr}) and CO₂ capture and geological storage (e_{ccs}) are the last modules of each pathway.
- Both modules are directly filled by users without intermediary calculation.

| CO ₂ capture and replacement | | Emissions per MJ FAME | |
|---|--|-----------------------|--|
| e_{ccr} | <input type="text" value="0"/> g CO _{2,eq} / MJ _{FAME} | | 0,00 |
| | | Result | g CO _{2,eq} / MJ _{FAME} 0,00 |

| CO ₂ capture and geological storage | | Emissions per MJ FAME | |
|--|--|-----------------------|--|
| e_{ccs} | <input type="text" value="0"/> g CO _{2,eq} / MJ _{FAME} | | 0,00 |
| | | Result | g CO _{2,eq} / MJ _{FAME} 0,00 |

CO₂ storage and replacement – calculation sheet

- The white cells have to be filled with a positive value.
- The credit from the CO₂ storage or replacement is automatically deducted in the upper part of the sheet.

| | A | B | C | D | E |
|-----|--|---|--------------------------|--|--|
| 2 | Production of Ethanol from Sugarcane | | | | |
| 3 | Overview Results | | | | |
| 4 | <i>All results in</i> | <i>Non- allocated</i> | <i>Allocation</i> | <i>Allocated</i> | Total |
| 5 | <i>g CO_{2,eq} / MJ_{Ethanol}</i> | <i>results</i> | <i>factor</i> | <i>results</i> | |
| 6 | Cultivation e_{cc} | | | | 14,5 |
| 7 | Cultivation of sugarcane | 14,33 | 100% | 14,33 | |
| 8 | Transport of vinasse and filter cake | 0,14 | 100% | 0,14 | |
| 9 | Processing e_p | | | | 0,9 |
| 10 | Ethanol plant | 0,85 | 100% | 0,85 | |
| 11 | Transport e_{td} | | | | 9,0 |
| 12 | Transport of sugarcane | 0,85 | 100% | 0,85 | |
| 13 | Transport of ethanol | 7,73 | 100% | 7,73 | |
| 14 | Filling station | 0,44 | 100% | 0,44 | |
| 15 | Land use change e_l | 143,5 | 100% | 143,5 | 143,5 |
| 16 | Bonus (restored degraded land) | 0,0 | 100,0% | 0,0 | 0,0 |
| 17 | e_{sca} + e_{ccr} + e_{ocs} | 100,0 | 100,0% | 100,0 | 100,0 |
| 18 | Totals | =SOMME(B7:B16)-B17 | | | 67,8 |
| 19 | | | | | |
| 20 | Calculation per phase | | Track changes: OFF | | When using this sheet, please refer to the rules in the user manual. |
| 174 | CO₂ capture and replacement | | | | |
| 176 | e _{ccr} | | Emissions per MJ ethanol | | |
| 177 | | 50 g CO _{2,eq} / MJ _{Ethanol} | | | 50,00 |
| 178 | | | Result | g CO _{2,eq} / MJ _{Ethanol} | 50,00 |
| 181 | CO₂ capture and geological storage | | | | |
| 182 | e _{ocs} | | Emissions per MJ ethanol | | |
| 183 | | 50 g CO _{2,eq} / MJ _{Ethanol} | | | 50,00 |
| 184 | | | Result | g CO _{2,eq} / MJ _{Ethanol} | 50,00 |



5. Exercise and examples on CO₂ storage or replacement

Exercice on CO₂ storage and replacement – the consumption of CO₂ by greenhouses

- **Question 1:** If CO₂ captured from an ethanol plant is used as fertiliser in a greenhouse, does it lead to a CCR credit?

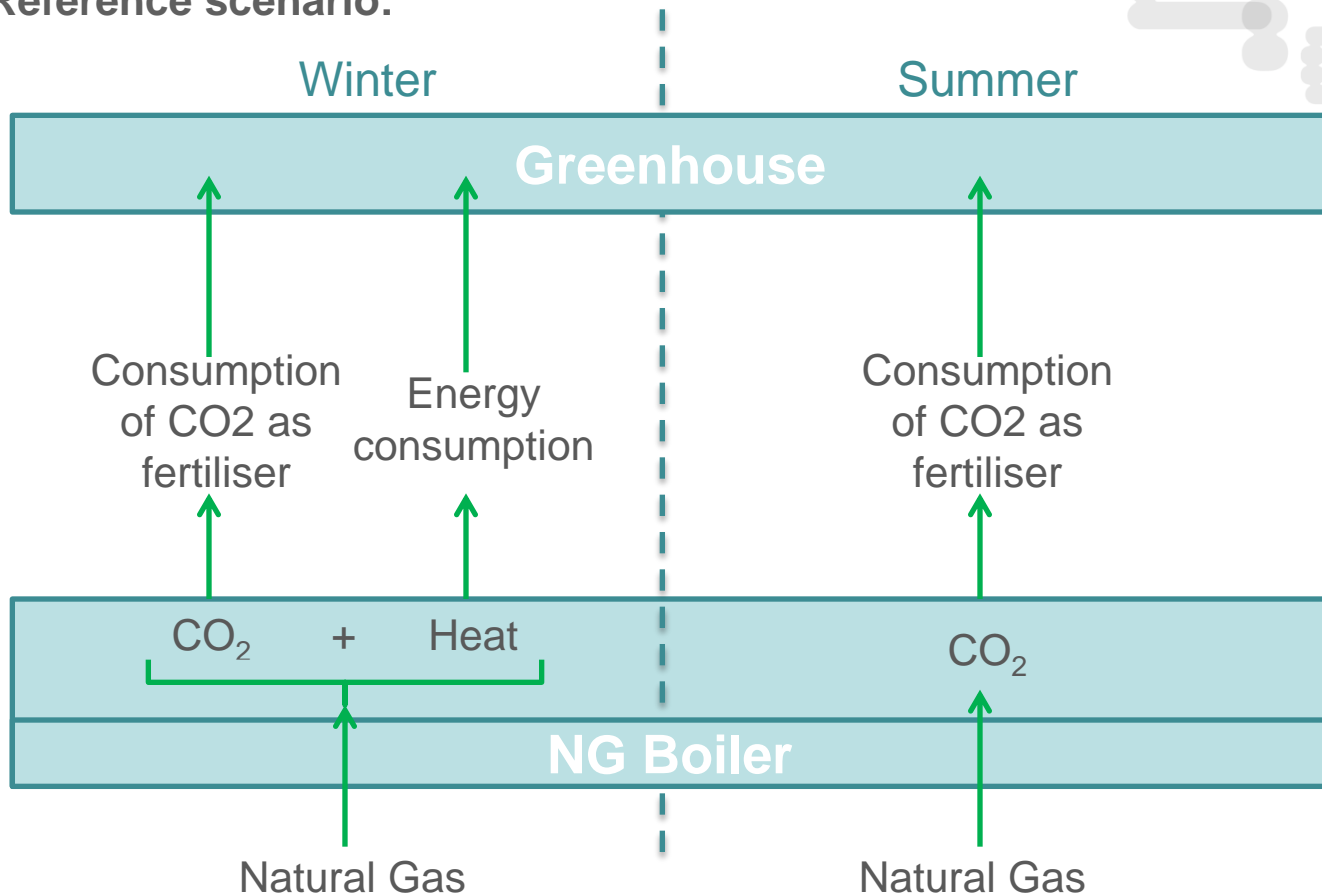
Answer : It depends on the origin of the CO₂ previously used in the reference scenario:

- *The CO₂ came from the atmosphere → no CCR credit*
- *The CO₂ came from a fossil fuel combustion:*
 - *And the use of captured CO₂ from the Ethanol plant leads to stop fossil fuel burning → CCR credit is possible*
 - *But fossil fuel still needs to be burnt → no CCR credit*

(see the following example)

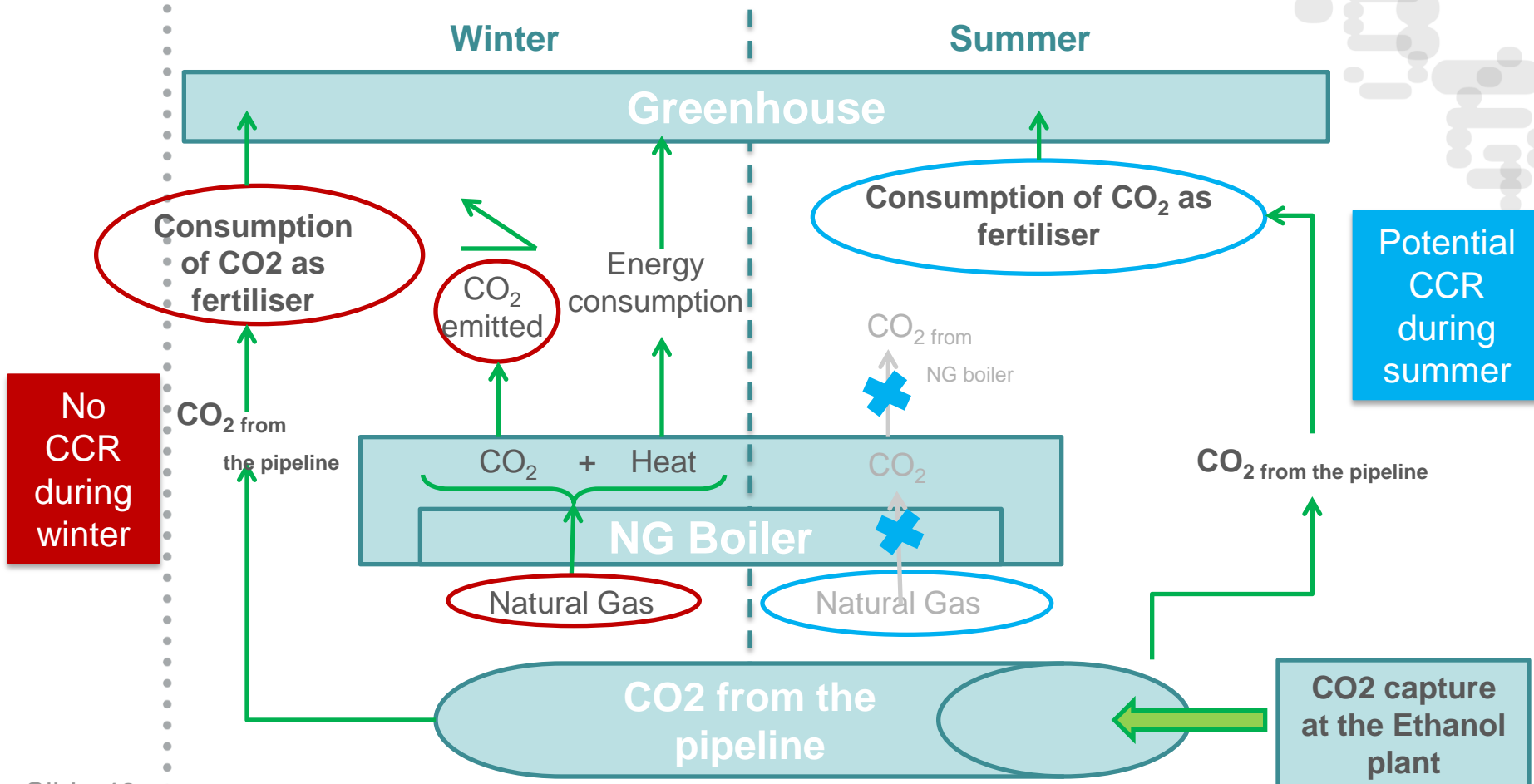
CO₂ storage and replacement – example of the consumption of CO₂ by greenhouses

→ Reference scenario:



CO₂ storage and replacement – example of the consumption of CO₂ by greenhouses

→ Scenario with CO₂ captured at Ethanol plant and provided by pipeline:



CO₂ storage and replacement – example of the consumption of CO₂ by greenhouses

- Question 2: How to calculate the CCR credit for the situation in summer?

➔ Considering only the amount of CO₂ replaced does not lead to a comprehensive result.

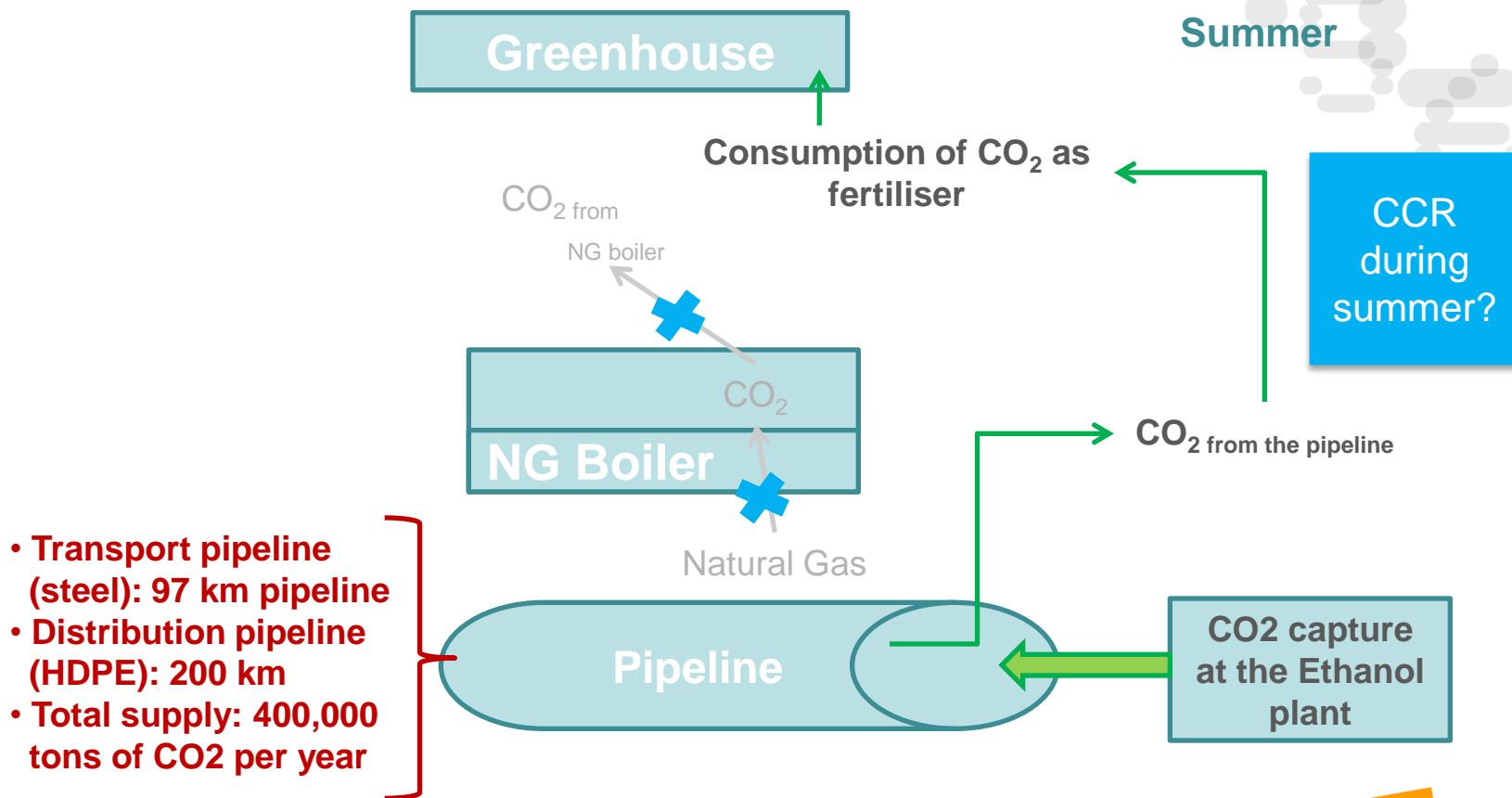
➔ Calculations have to account for all the environmental costs generated by the capture of CO₂ at the ethanol plant, transportation and use of CO₂. If the environmental costs are higher than GHG emissions savings, then there is no CCR credit.

Example of additional environmental cost:

GHG emissions due to the building of pipelines for CO₂ transportation.

CO₂ storage and replacement – example of the consumption of CO₂ by greenhouses

→ Environmental cost:



- Transport pipeline (steel): 97 km pipeline
- Distribution pipeline (HDPE): 200 km
- Total supply: 400,000 tons of CO₂ per year

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