



Monitoring the Bioeconomy

**Some practical insights into simulation modelling
in BioMonitor - The MAGNET Model**

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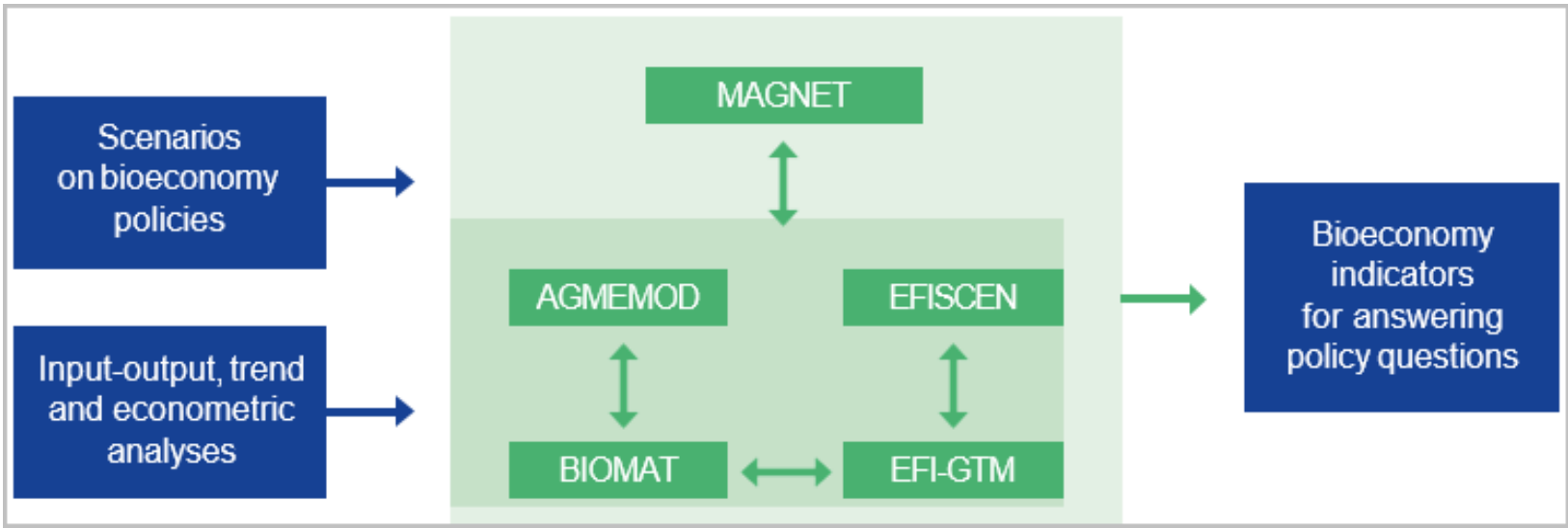
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Table No. 2 - Indicators in the BioMonitor Project Covered by the BioMonitor Model Toolbox

■ Driving forces of the bioeconomy for which assumed future trends constitute prior information for the models
■ Indicators calculated by the model

	AGMEMOD	BIOMAT	EFI-GTM	EFISCEN	MAGNET
1. Food and Nutrition Security					
Availability of food					
Access to food					
Utilisation					
Stability					
2. Sustainable Natural Resource Management					
Sustainable threshold levels for bioec. technology					
Biodiversity					
Land cover					
Primary biomass production					
Sustainable resource use					
3. Dependence on Non-Renewable Resources					
Bioenergy replacing non-renewable energy					
Biomaterial replacing non-renewable sources					
Biomass self-sufficiency rate					
Material use efficiency					
Certified bio-based products					
4. Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change					
Greenhouse gas emission					
Climate footprint					
Climate change adaption					
5. Employment and Economic Competitiveness					
Innovation					
Investments					
Value added					
Production/consumption of non-food/feed bio-based products					
Import/export of bioeconomy rawmaterials					
Employment					
Policies					

The BioMonitor Model Toolbox



	Value chains	Indicators	Geographic location	Timeframe
Input-Output, econometric, trend analysis	Bioeconomy sectors, biobased products	Socio-economic, environmental	Case based; country based data	Case based
AGMEMOD	Agro-food products markets; biofuels	Environmental, economic	EU member states, Balkan countries, East-African countries, Ukraine, Russia	2030, 2050
BIOMAT	Bio-based product markets	Techno-economic	EU member states	2030, 2050
EFISCEN	Forest resources	Environmental	EU member states, other European countries	2030, 2050
EFI-GTM	Forest and wood-based products and markets	Economic	EU member states, world regions	2030, 2050
MAGNET	Bioeconomy sectors; overall economy	Socio-economic, environmental	EU member states; 141 world regions	2030, 2050

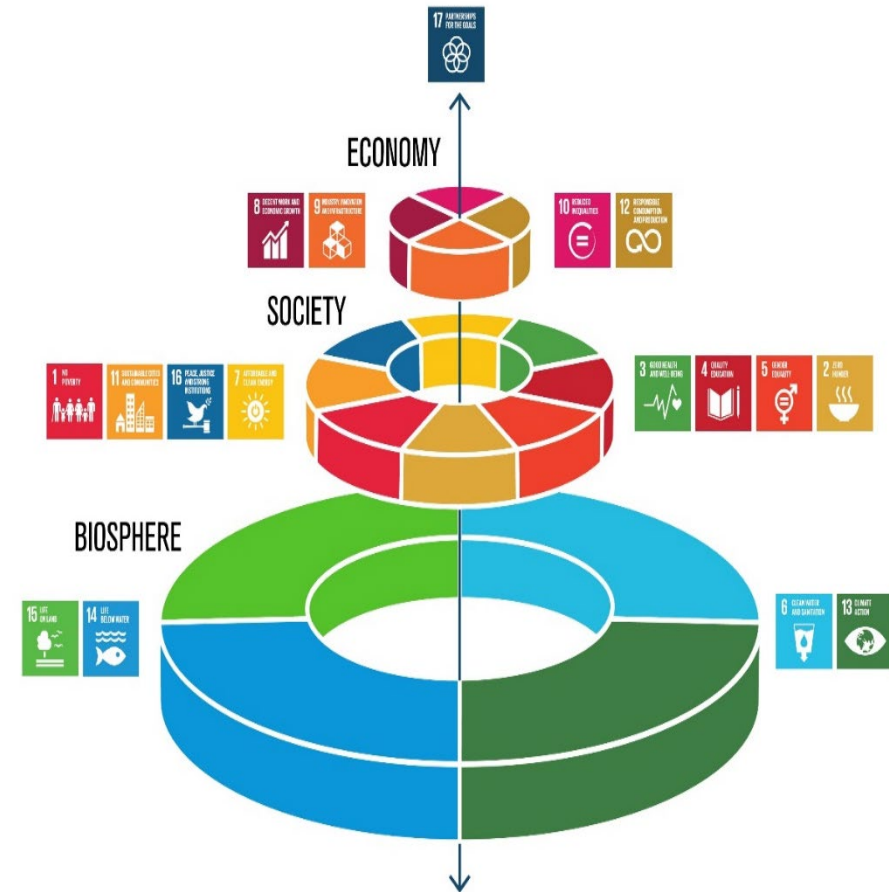
Planetary boundaries are finite. Choices must be made – implies trade-offs.

Stockholm Resilience Centre – EAT Foundation
"Food System-sustainability-healthy diets-healthy planet"

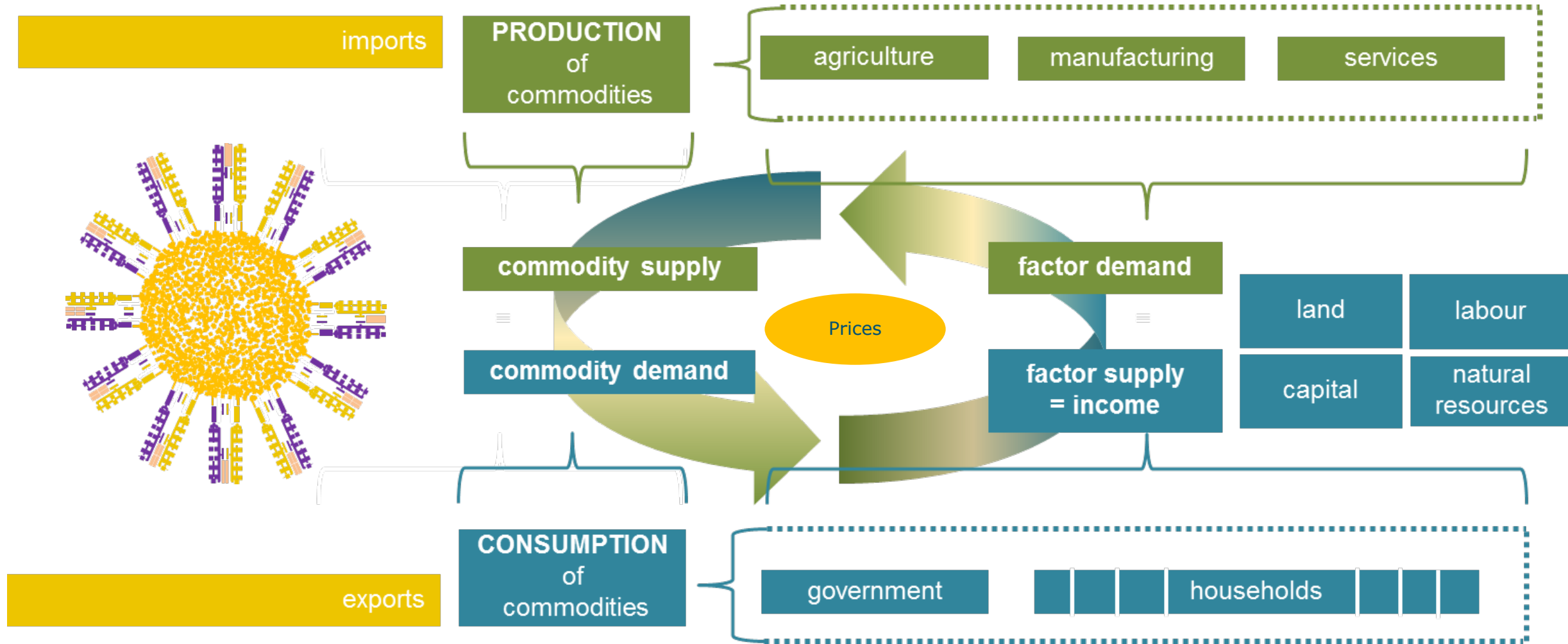
Keynote speech 2016 EAT Forum: Wedding Cake. Three 'layers' are matched with SDGs

Postulates a strong role for the food system and broader bioeconomy in positively influencing the SDGs.

Closed systems wide theoretical paradigm requires a closed systems wide empirical model complete with total resource restrictions, total activities, feedback effects and trade-offs all internalised.



A systems wide issue requires a systems wide model framework



- The 'core' is an economic model
- Ex-ante medium to long-run market model, understanding trade-offs between multiple market drivers, isolation and quantification of said drivers
- Based on Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) consortium model & database
- Global coverage (140 countries, 57 sectors)
- MAGNET database includes numerous additional non-standard bio-based activities and sources of biomass.
 - Biomass sources: crop and forestry residues, solid biomass for electricity, lignocellulosic biomass
 - Biomass using activities: aquaculture, liquid biofuels, bioelectricity, advanced generation biochemicals, municipal waste management....work in progress!

'Bio' sectors in MAGNET

	AGRICULTURE	10
	FORESTRY	1
	FISHING AND AQUACULTURE	1-5
	FOOD, BEVERAGES AND OTHER AGRO-MANUFACTURING	7
	BIO-BASED TEXTILES	1
	WOOD PRODUCTS AND FURNITURE	1
	PAPER	1
	BIO-BASED CHEMICALS AND PHARMACEUTICALS, PLASTICS AND RUBBER	3
	LIQUID BIOFUELS	5
	BIOELECTRICITY	1

Global Energy and Climate Outlook : European Commission : Consistent set of GDP, population change, GHG drivers and energy markets based on energy balance sheets

Reference pathway (REF): energy and emissions projections are driven by market forces and technological advancement. Does not even match the ambition of Paris agreement.

Inspired by the 2°C (SUS) and 1.5°C (SUS+) pathways: restrict global warming to 2°C and 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels by the end of the century.

Transition is based on three main levers:

- Energy efficiency ('decoupling' economic growth from energy consumption)
- Energy carriers shifted toward electricity (away from liquid fossil fuels)
- Decarbonisation of energy system (reliance of (bio-)renewables)



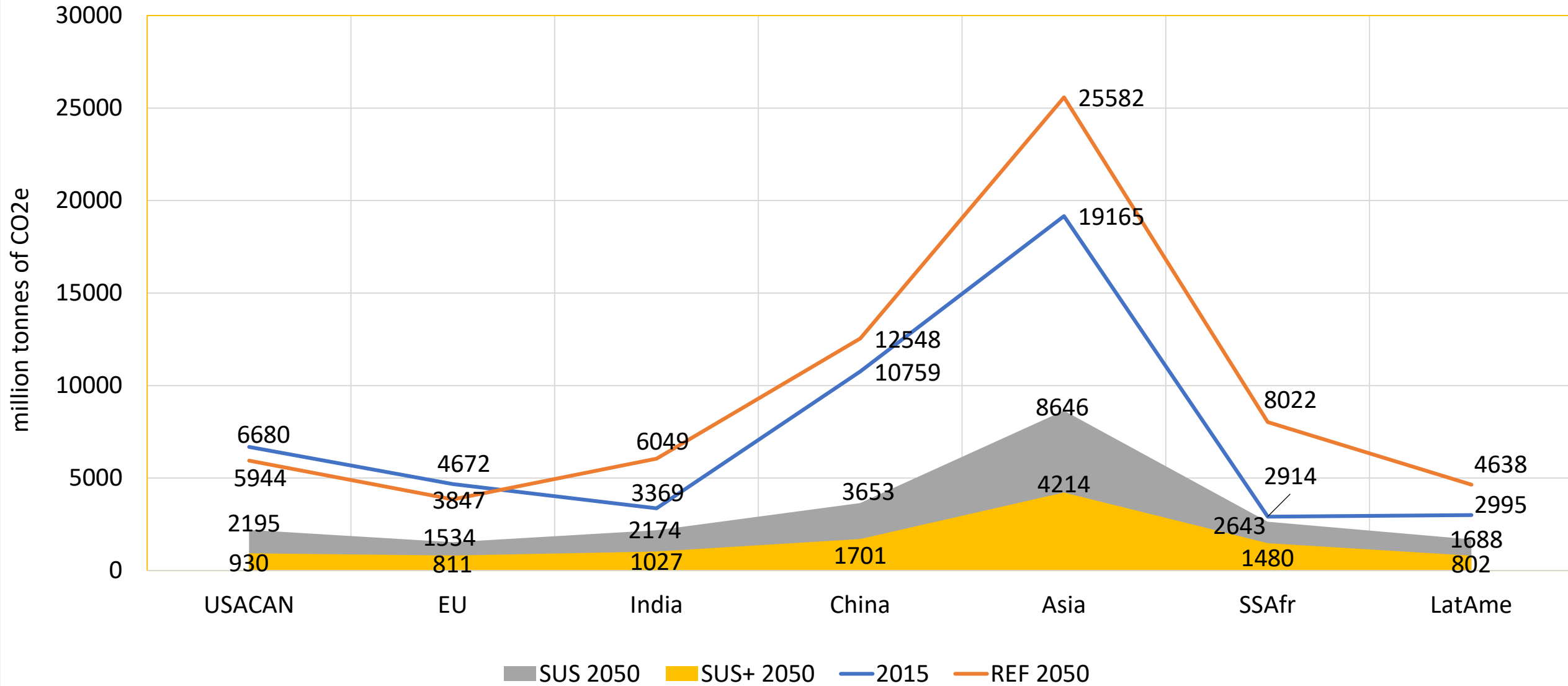
Report bioeconomy related SDG outcomes: 12 /17 indicators, 60+ indicators. Synergies and trade-offs presented reflect the wedding cake pillars of *economy*, *society* and *biosphere*. **Isolate the relative strengths of the drivers and apparent conflicts between objectives.**



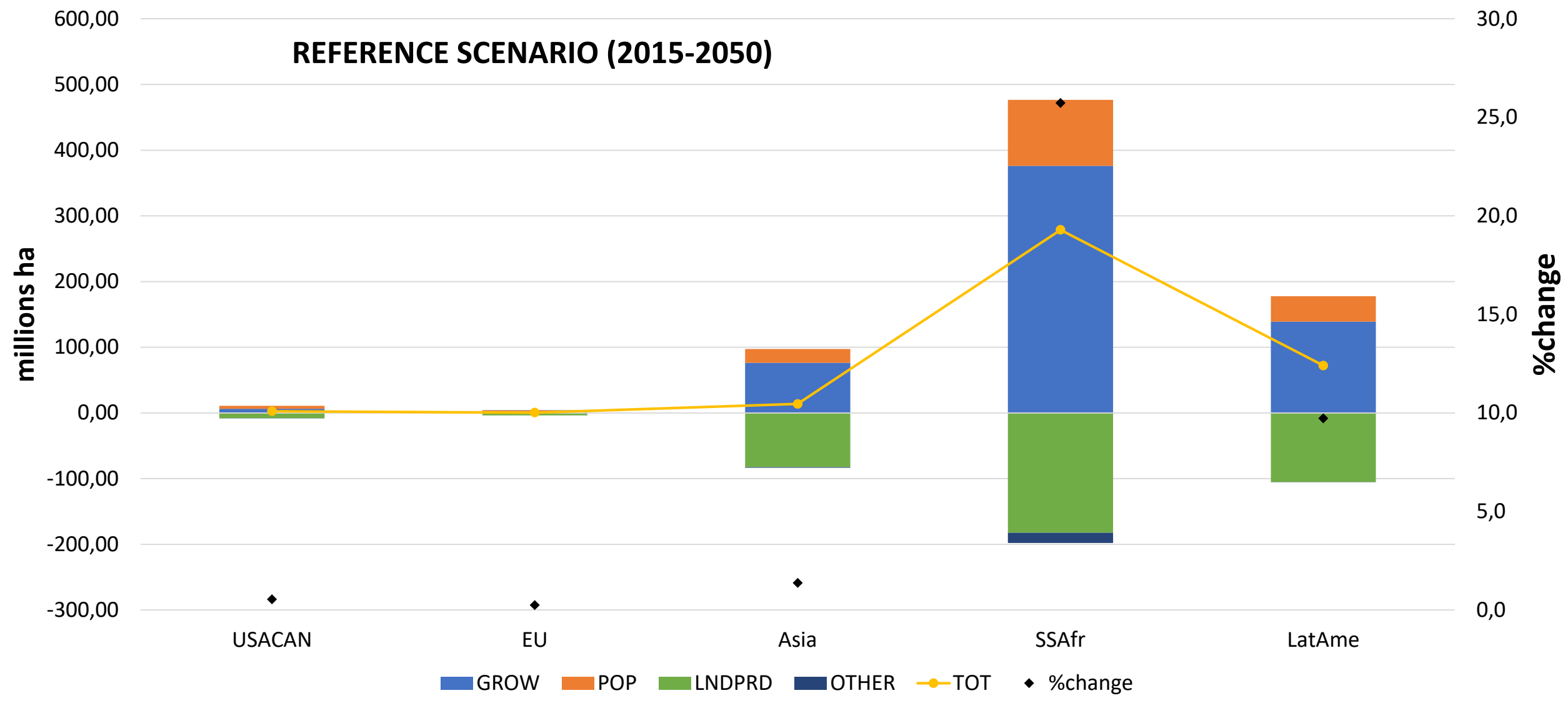
Biosphere



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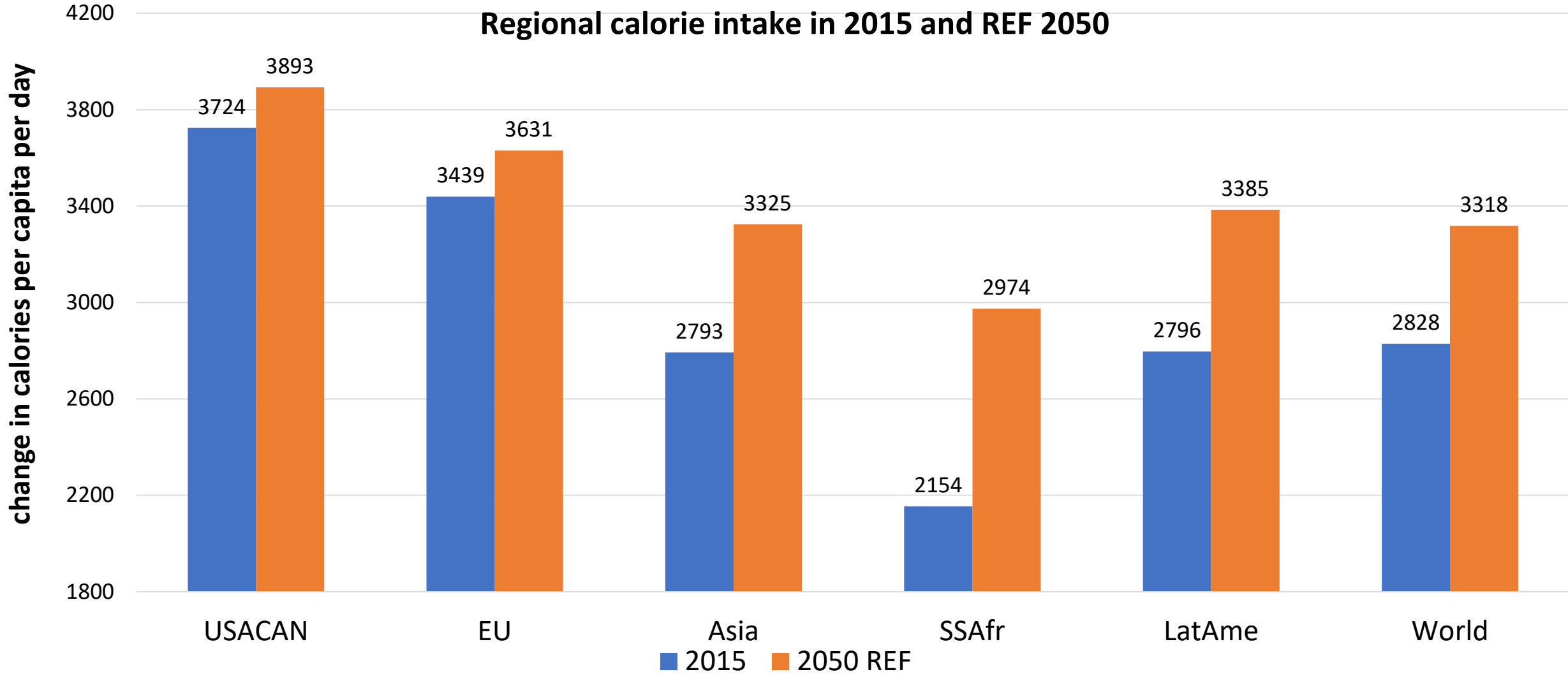
REFERENCE SCENARIO (2015-2050)



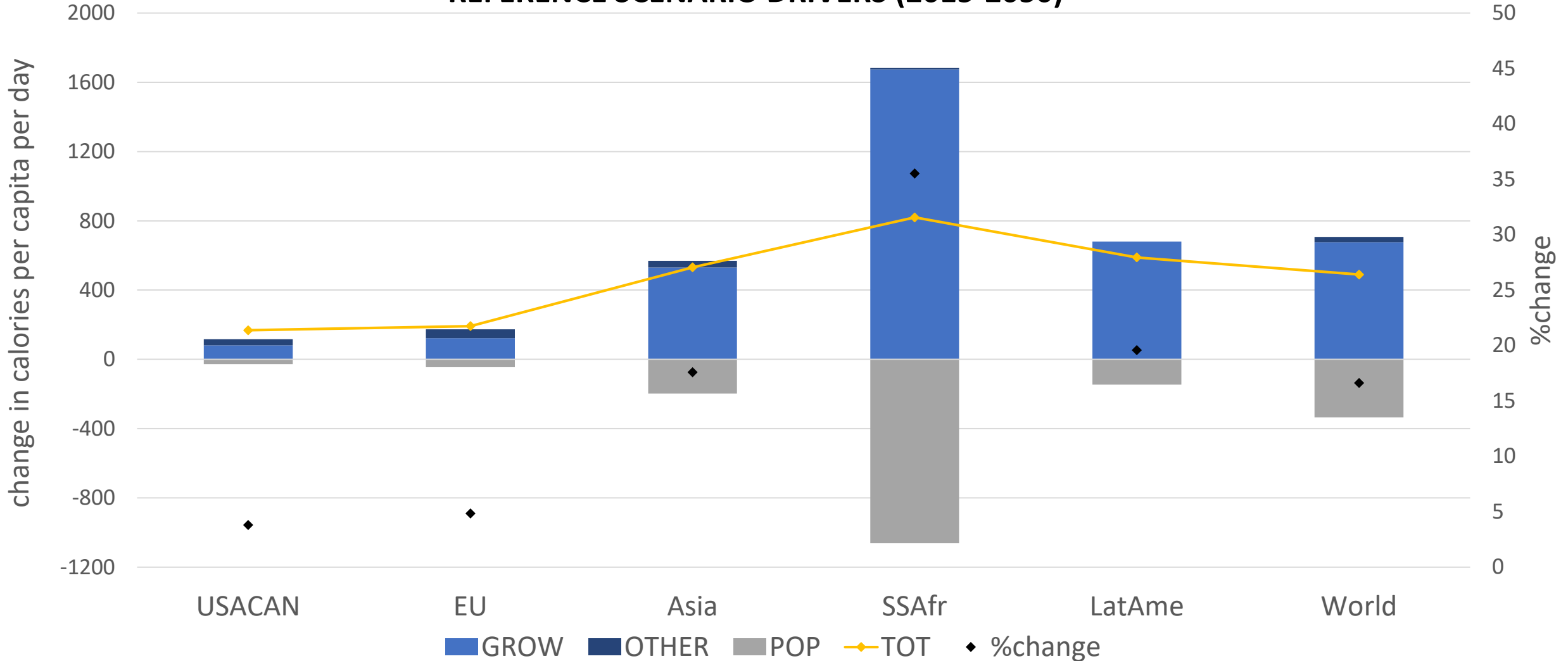
Society



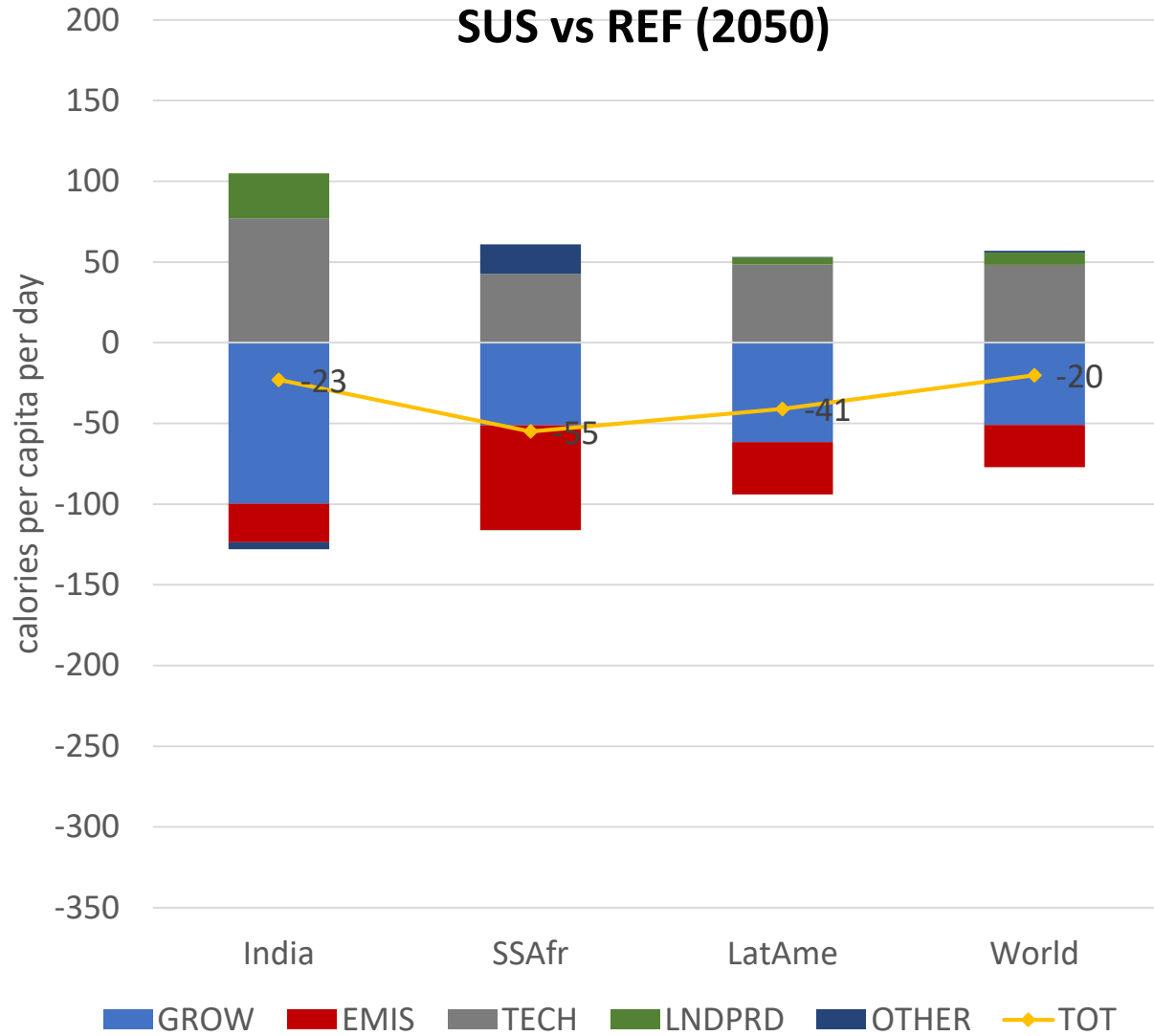
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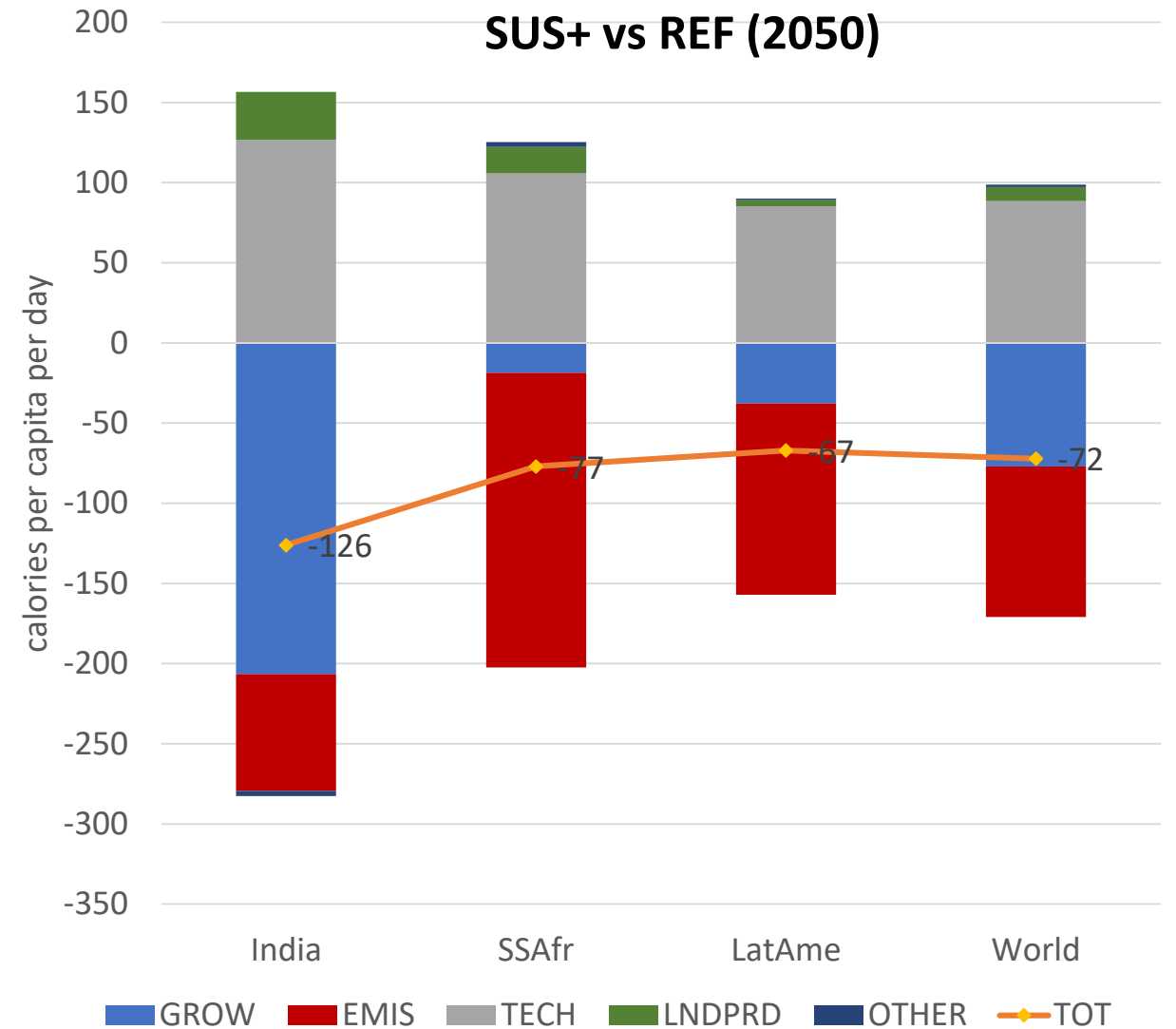
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SUS vs REF (2050)



SUS+ vs REF (2050)

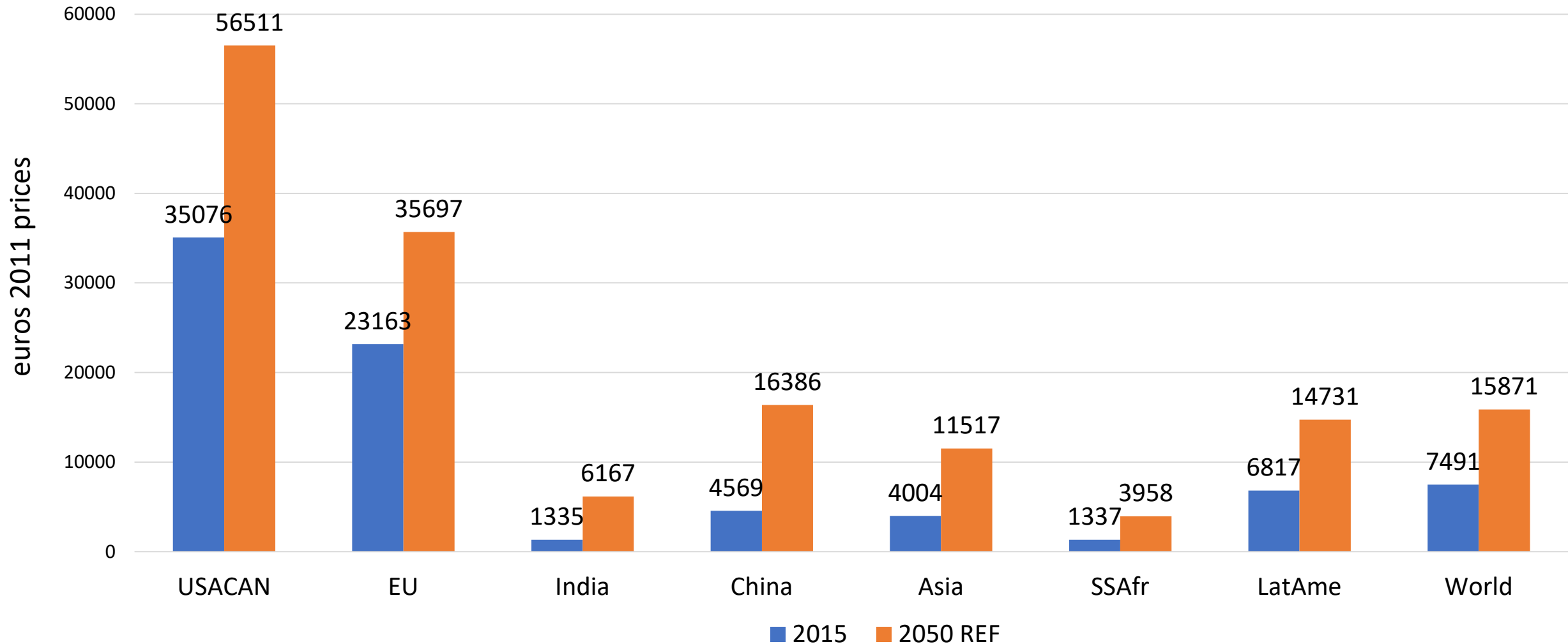


Economy

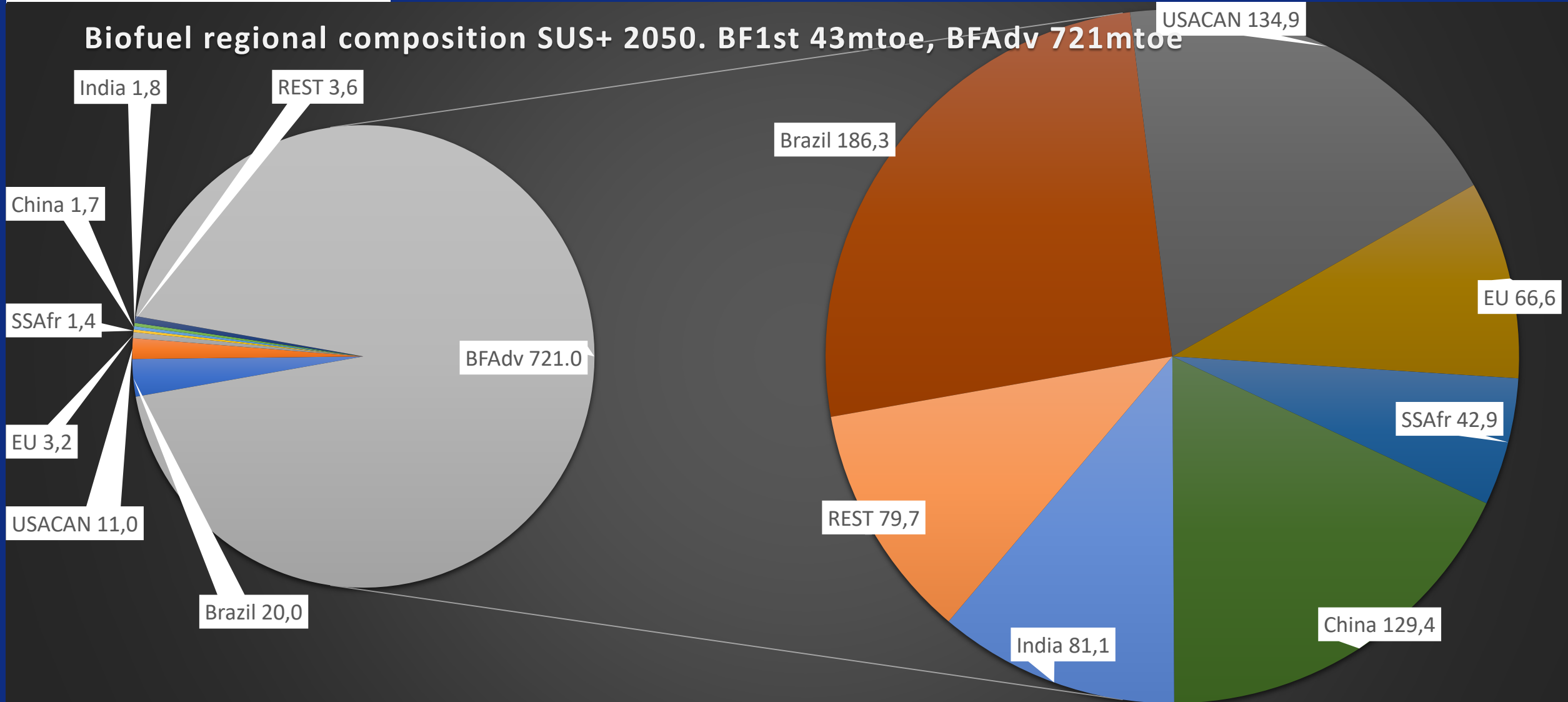


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Regional real per capita income in 2015 and REF 2050



Biofuel regional composition SUS+ 2050. BF1st 43mtoe, BFAdv 721mtoe



- Evidence of 'population' weight on planetary boundaries (SDG15 land use results)
 - Malthusian pressure reaffirms need for family planning programs in world poorer regions
- Land use results show high reliance on biotechnological land productivity improvements.
- Climate control (SDG13) evidence of synergies and trade-offs
 - Synergy effect of lower temperatures (SDG13) on reduced land pressures (SDG15) up to 30 million ha worldwide -> approx 1/6th of EU agricultural land area
 - Food affordability (not shown here) and food calorie/security (SDG2) is compromised – especially in poorer regions (SSAfrica)
 - Reinforces message of burden sharing or emissions credits systems essential
- SDG10: Income convergence, but VERY slow. Other pathways make little difference
- Sustainable pathways promote switches to advanced generation biofuels (SDG7 & SDG12) with relatively moderate effects on food affordability (SDG2) or land use (SDG15)
 - But is the technology there to support this switch?



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Thank you.

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