



Aurinkoenergiaa fotosynteettisesti mikro-organismeista

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**Climate change has alerted
photosynthesis researchers to find
solutions for clean energy production.
(2004 – 2005)**

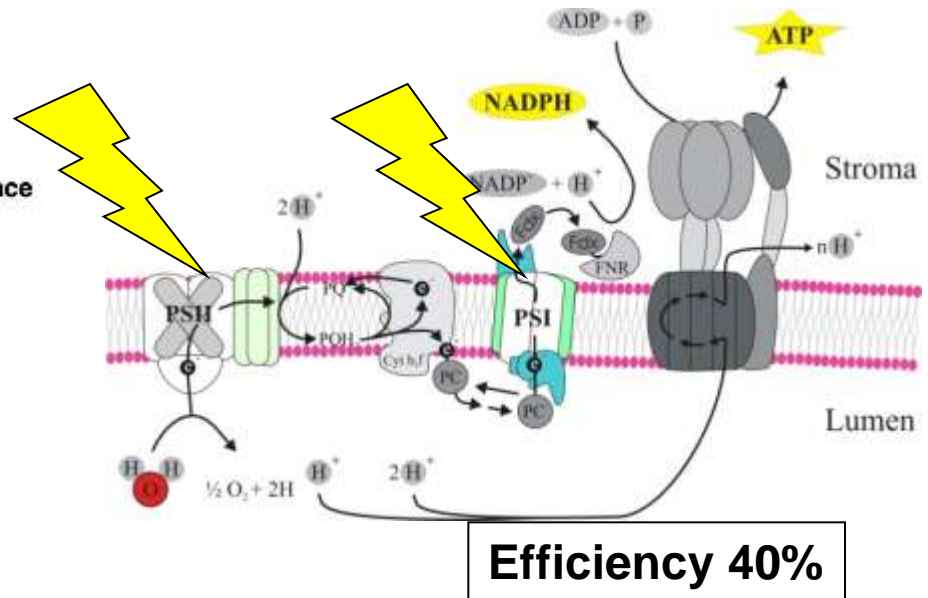
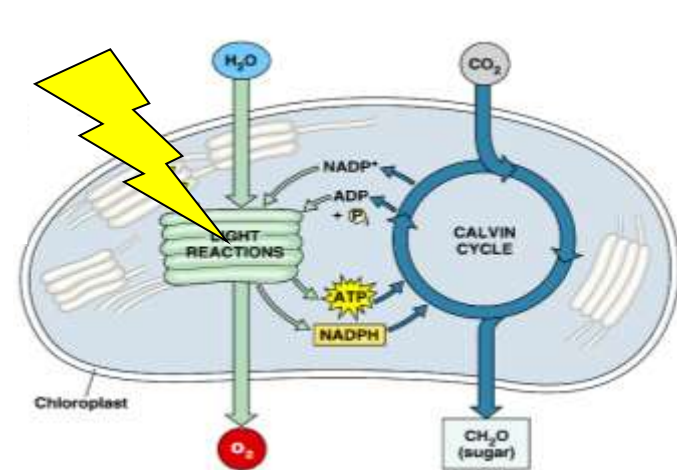
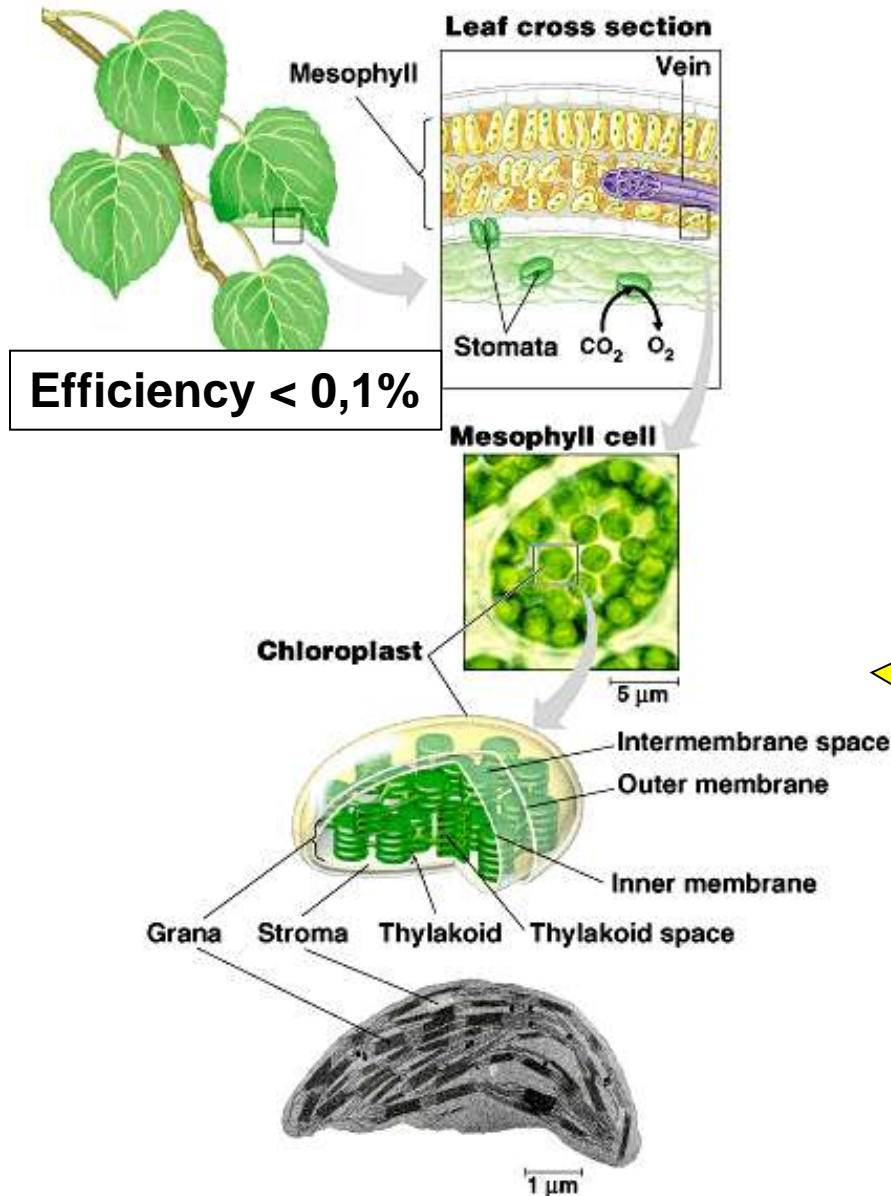
Photosynthesis has produced over 85 % of the energy we use globally today!

- 80% comes from ancient photosynthesis (fossil fuels)**
- 5 % directly from present day photosynthesis (Bioenergy)**

**For sustainable bioeconomy - 100 % must come from direct
photosynthesis and other renewables**

In 2030 150 % ; in 2050 200 % ; in 2100 300 %

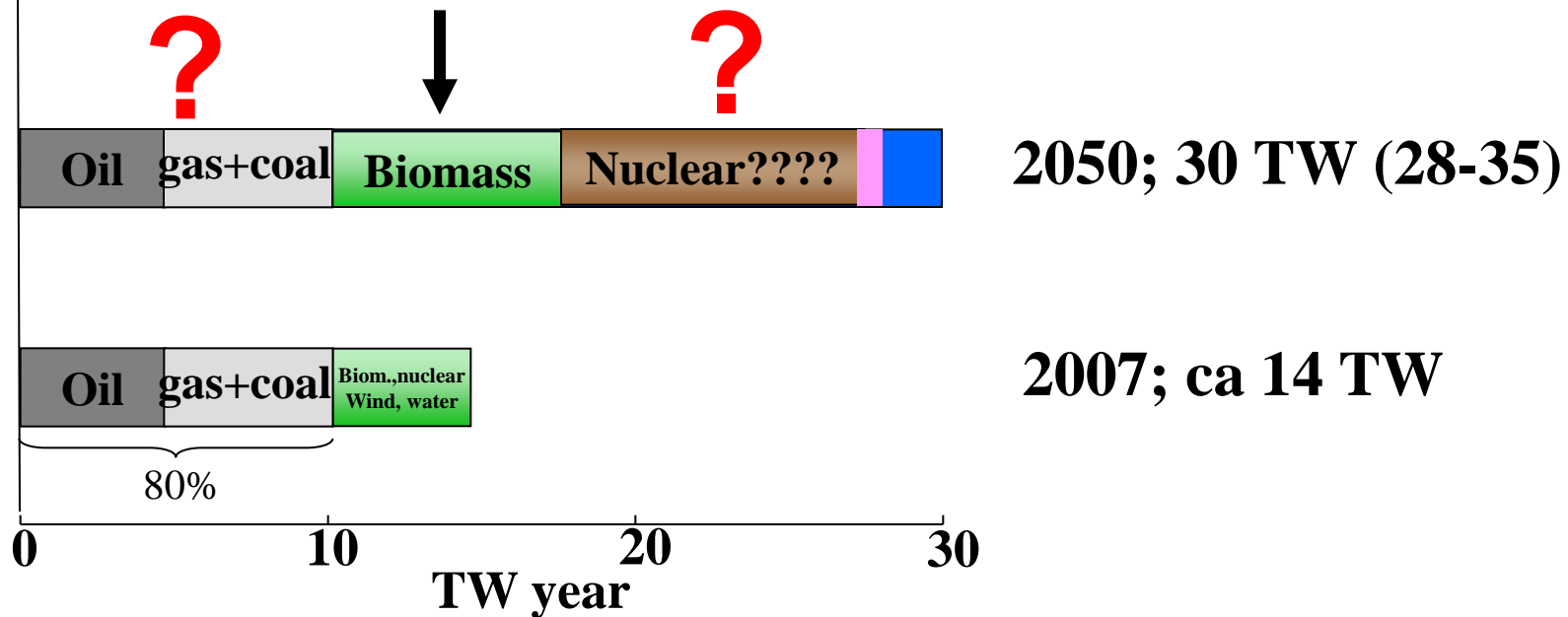
Photosynthetic machinery



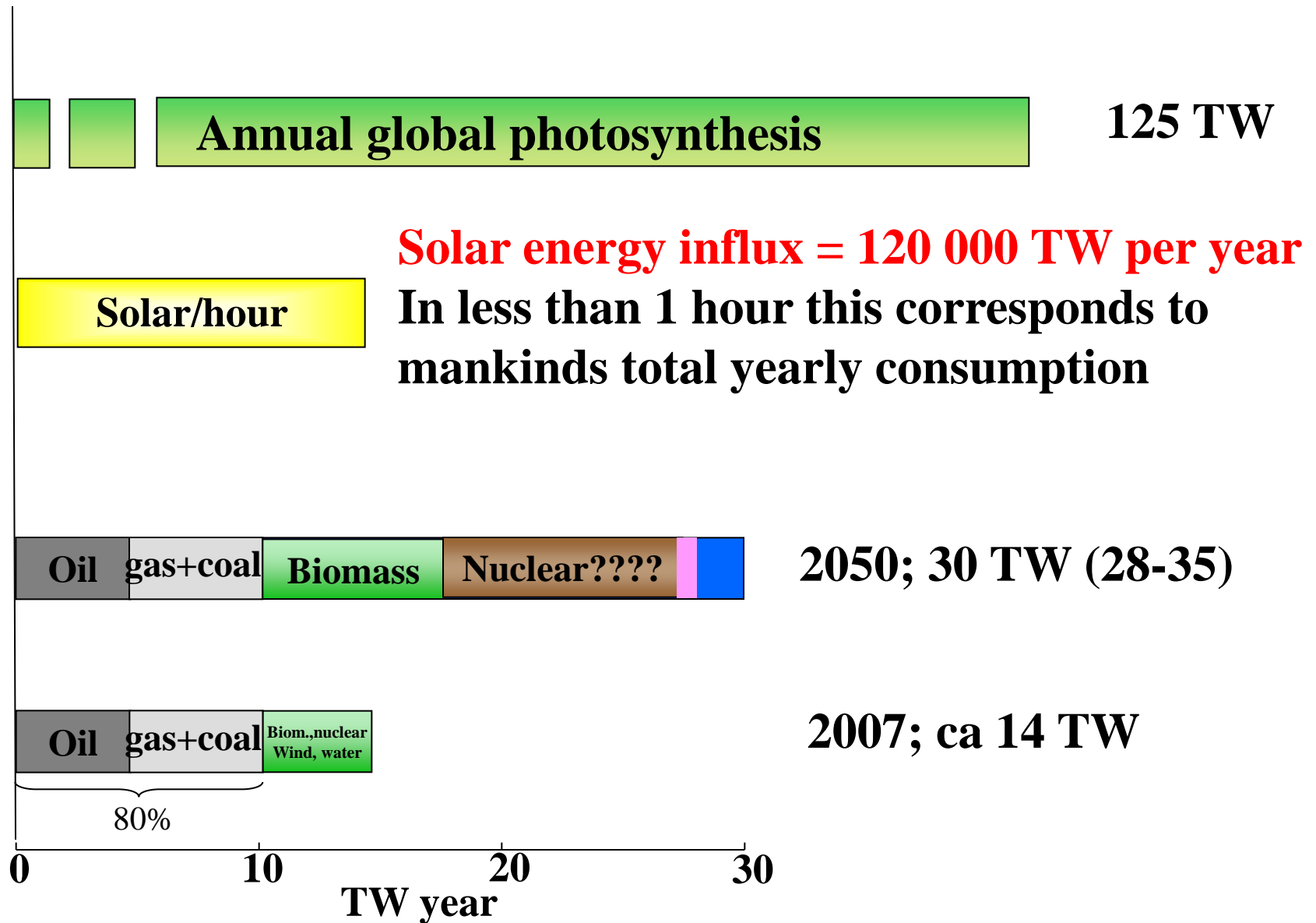
The global concept

There is not a single solution.....

20% of all land where things
can be grown (7-10 TW)



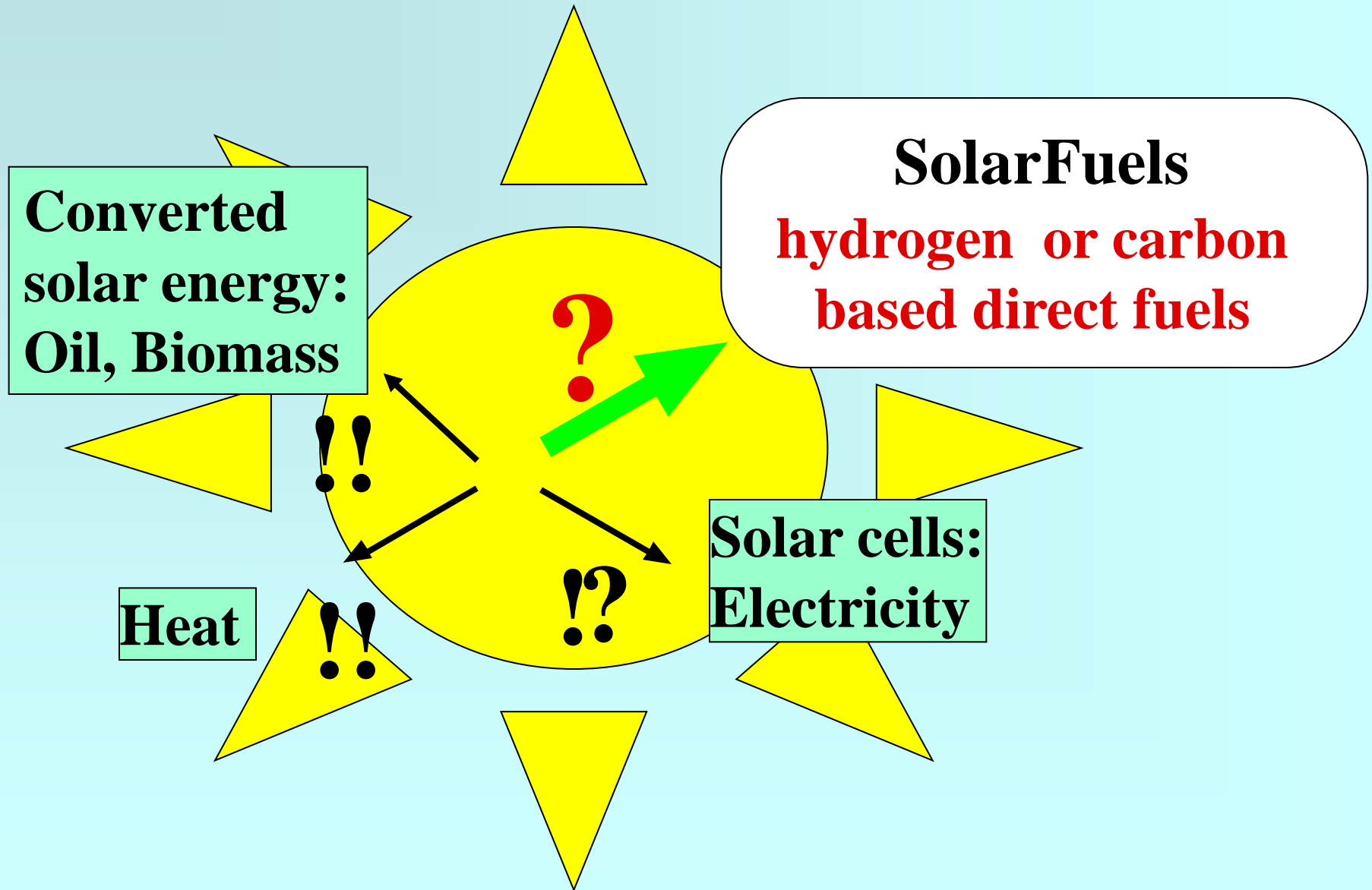
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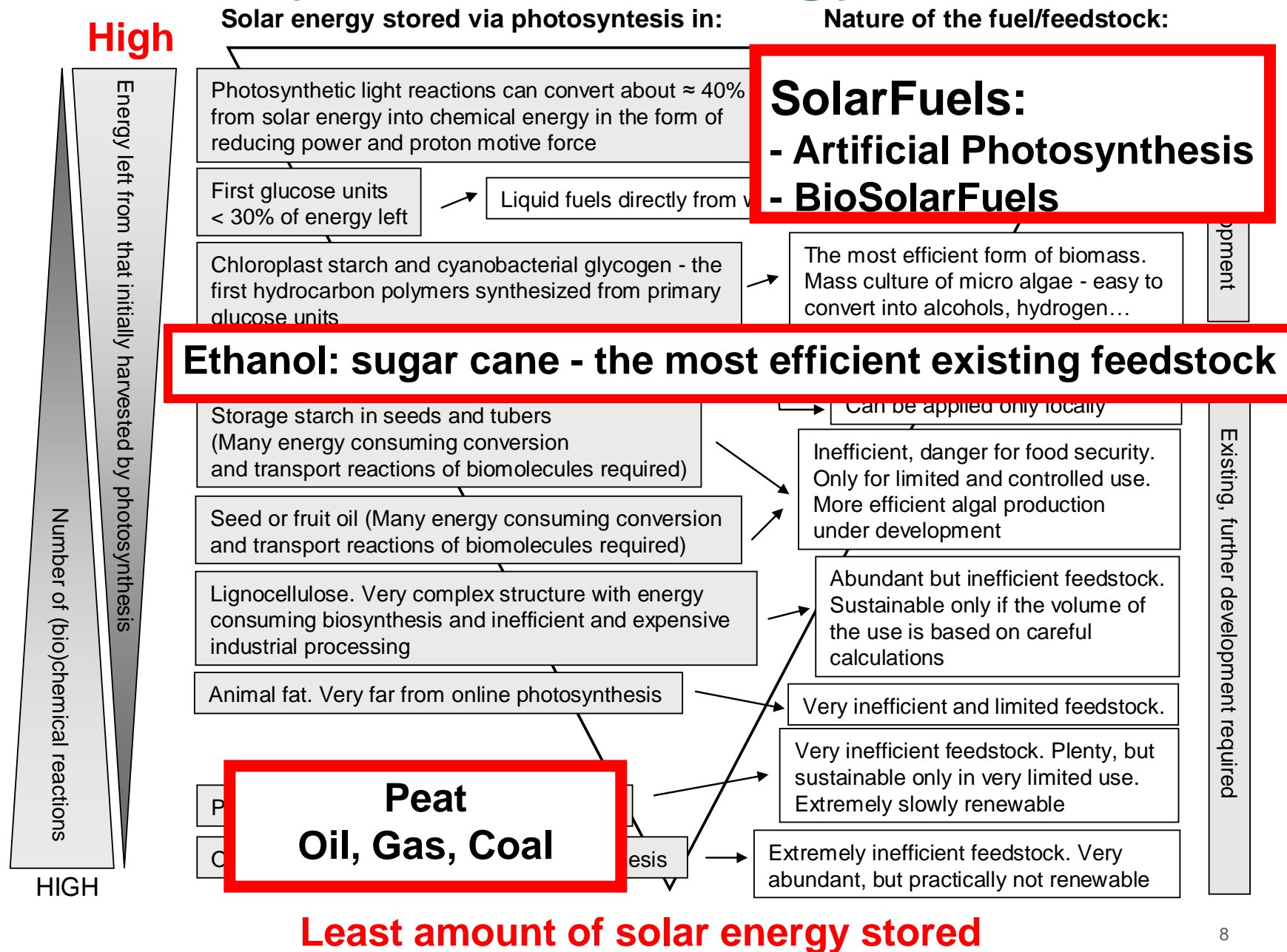
Use of solar energy

1. Strong development in solar energy conversion to **electricity**. Electricity is used to carry a minor part of the energy that is used in the world.
2. Production of **biomass** is limited on a global scale – not enough even in Finland for sustainable Bioeconomy. There is not enough biomass to exchange for fossile fuels.

SOLAR ENERGY - OPTIONS



Efficiency of Solar Energy Conversion

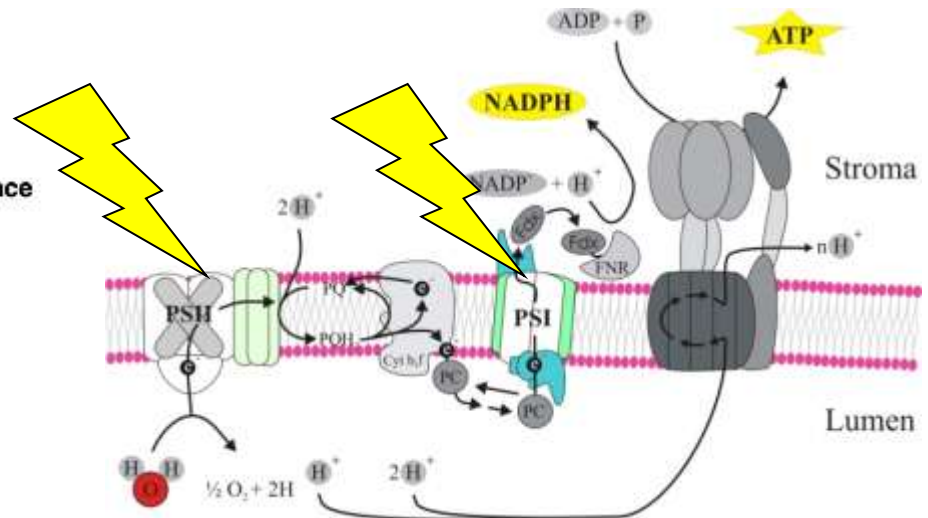
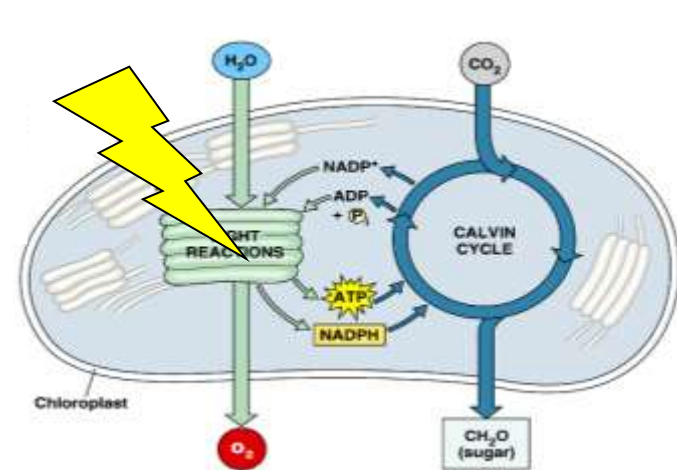
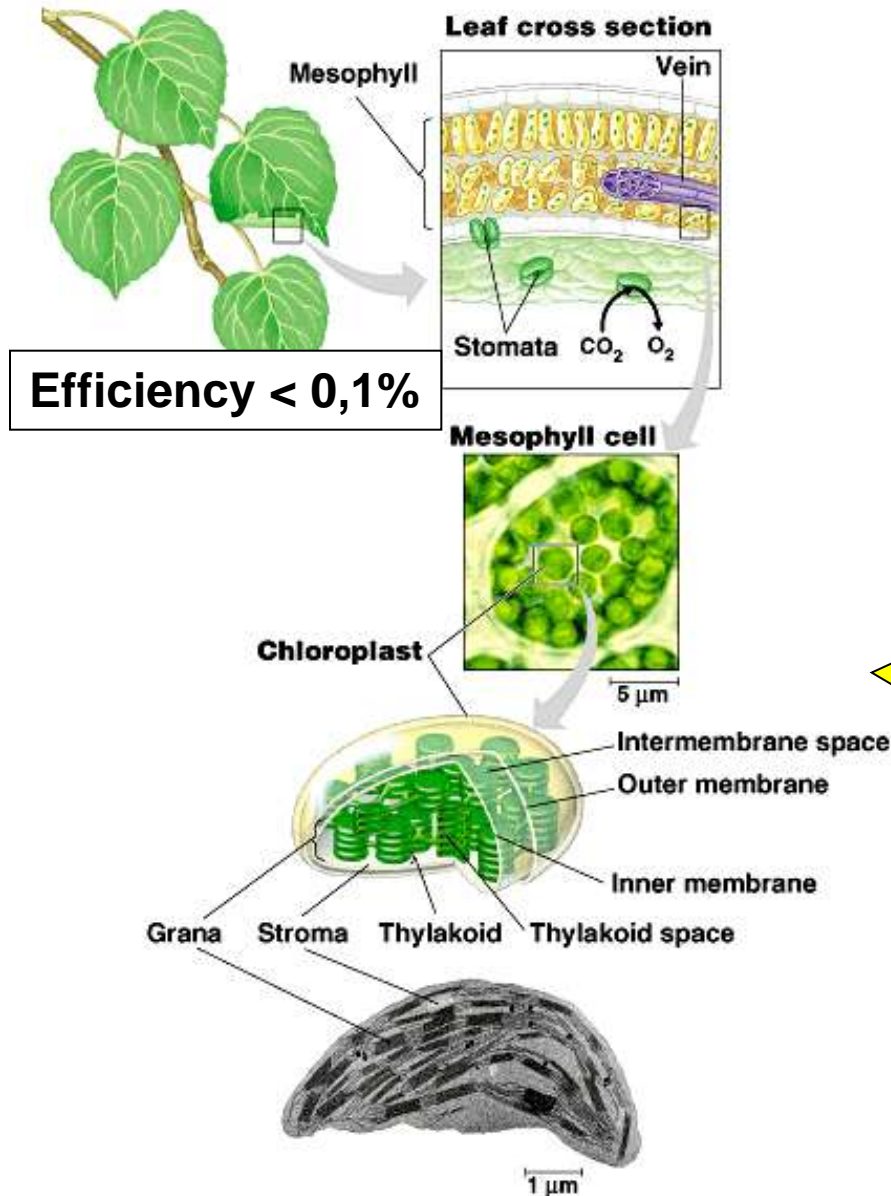


SolarFuels

**Vision – make a fuel from the
endless resources of solar
energy – water - CO₂**

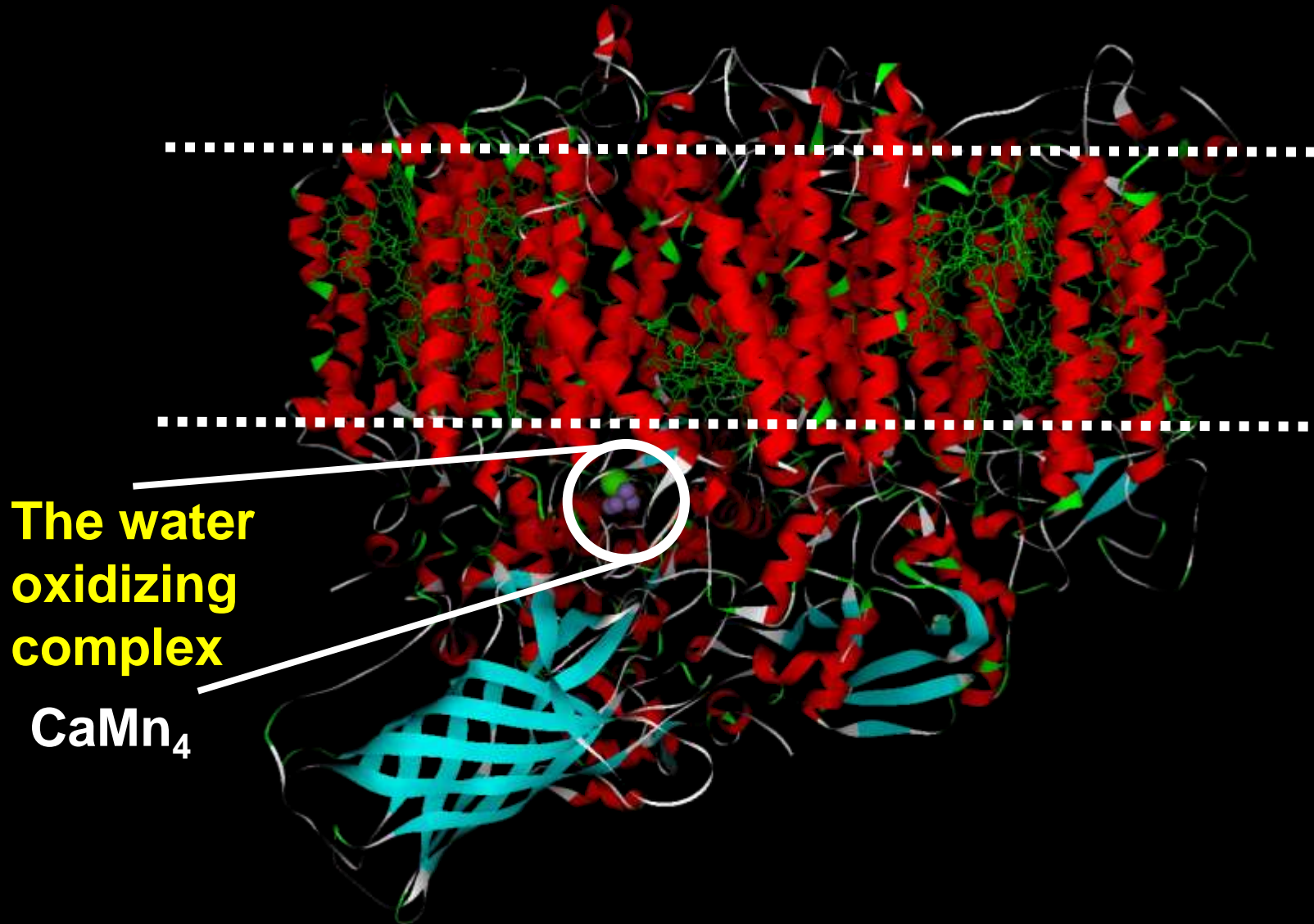
Photosynthesis

Photosynthetic machinery



Efficiency 40%

Photosystem II, the water oxidizing enzyme

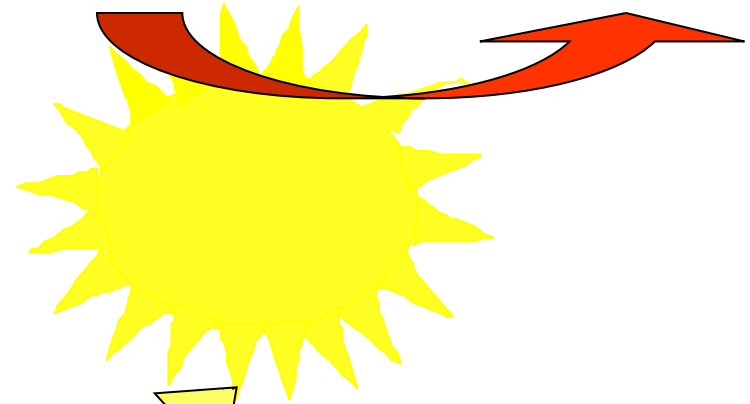
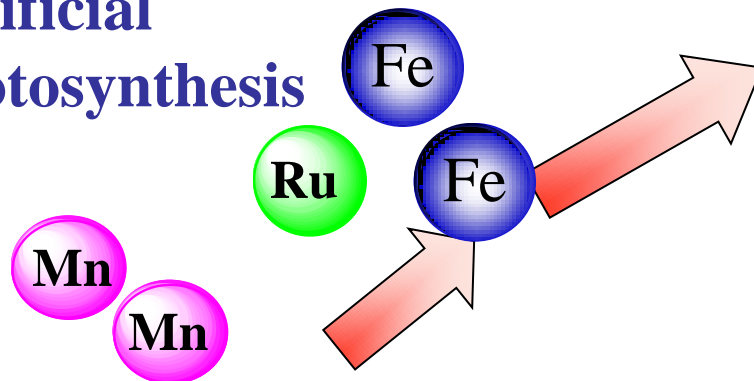


EU FP7 Solar-H2 network develops two novel processes; both unproven and conceptually new

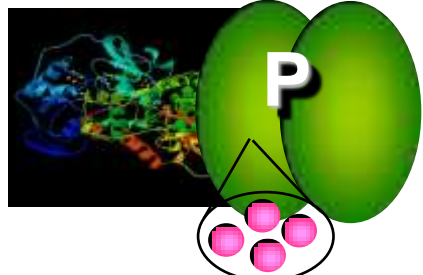
H_2O

H_2

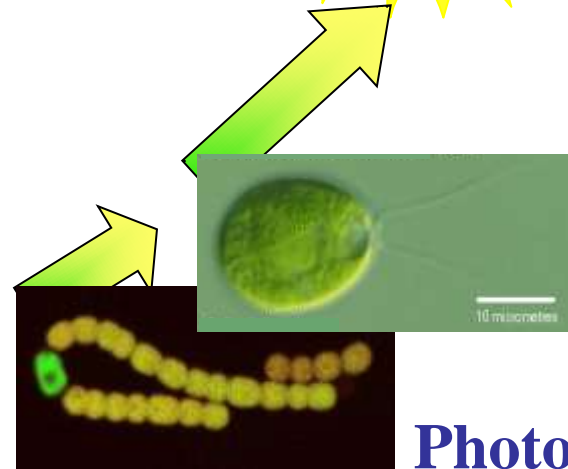
Artificial
photosynthesis



Hydrogenase



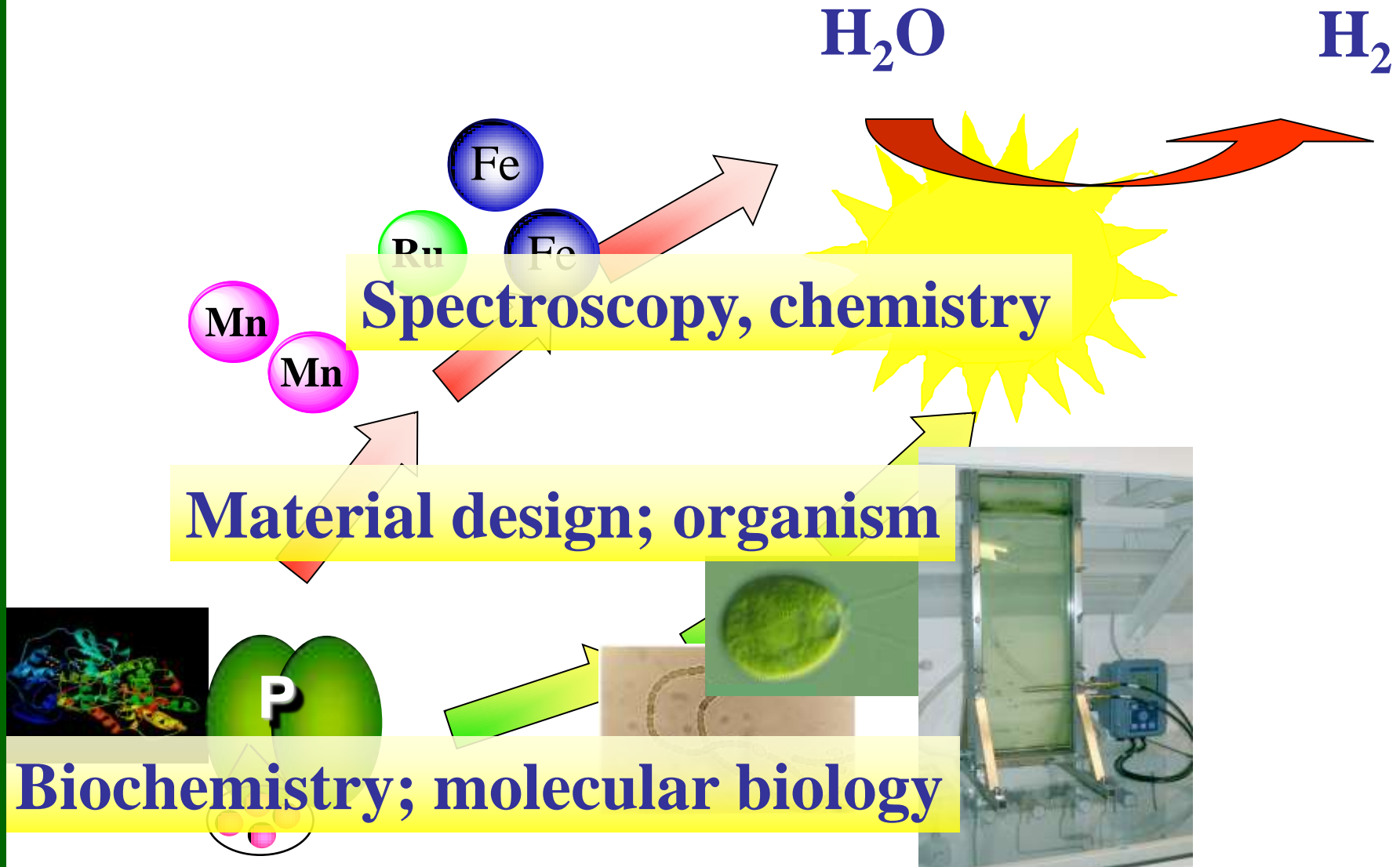
Photosystem II



Photobiological
hydrogen production

Interdisciplinary science

Building closely integrated networks



Biodiversity of Cyanobacteria

Screening of Cyanobacteria culture collection (*University of Helsinki, Department of Applied Chemistry and Microbiology*) for **excellent H₂ producers**

- Cyanobacteria isolated from Finnish lakes and the Baltic Sea (water, sediment and mats)
- Over 1000 strains
- N₂-fixing filamentous strains, non-N₂-fixing filamentous and single cell strains

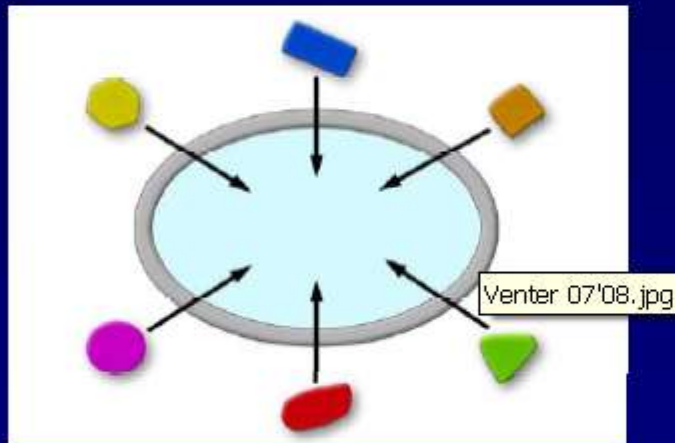
Further improvement of naturally efficient H₂ producers



"Design cell strategy"



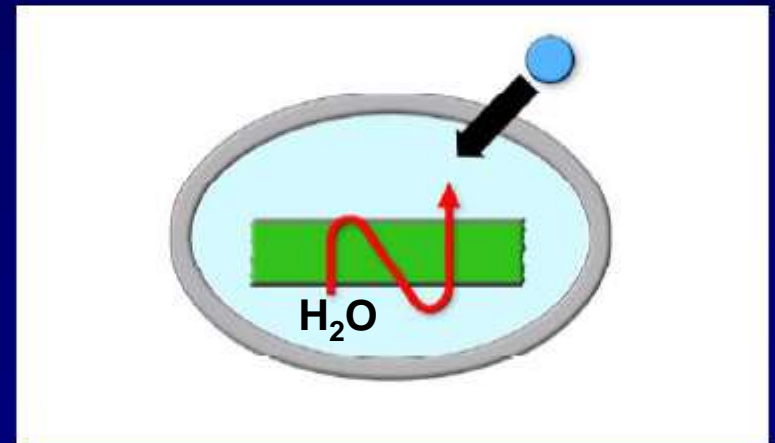
Craig Venter Approach



"Bottom up"



CyanoBioEnergy Approach

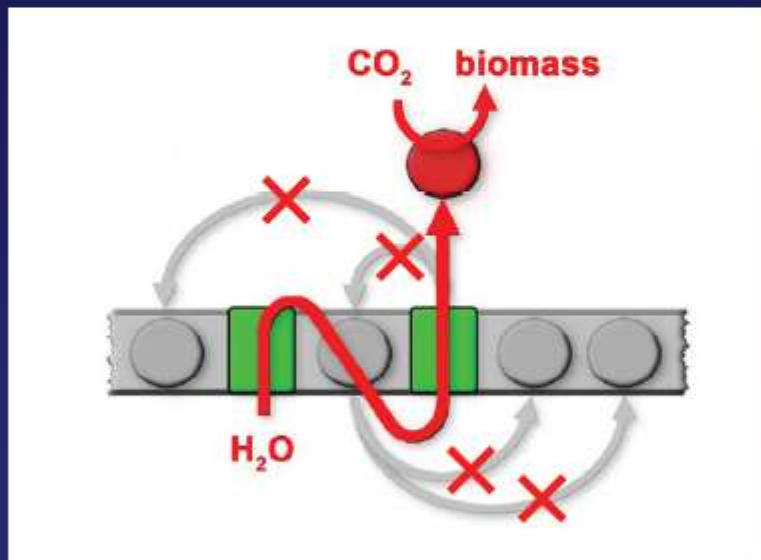


"Top down"

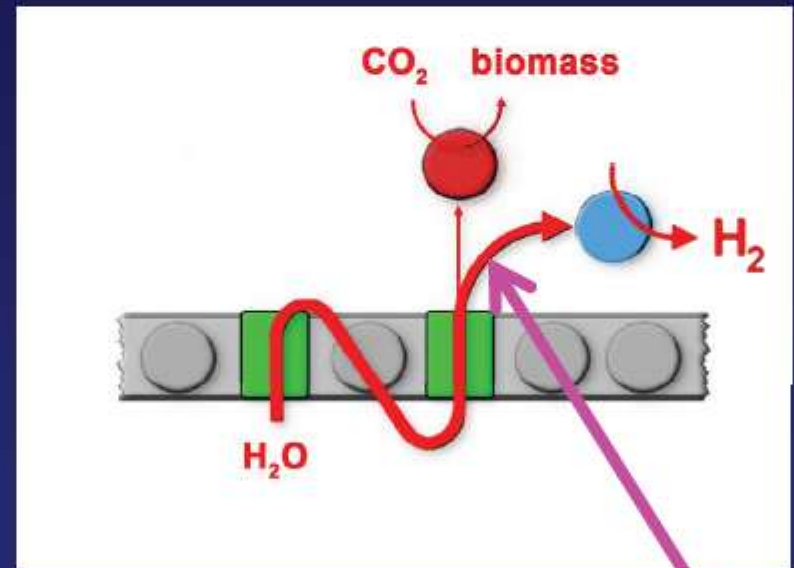


Energy metabolism design :

Removing energetic barriers for PS-powered H_2 -production

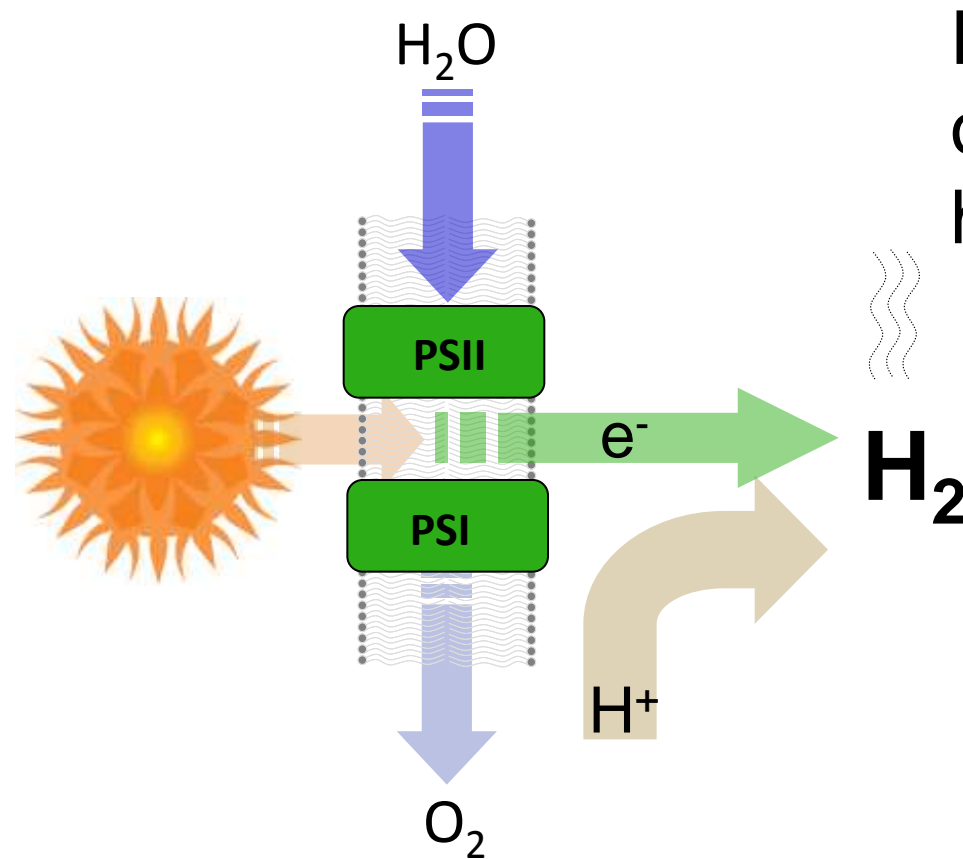


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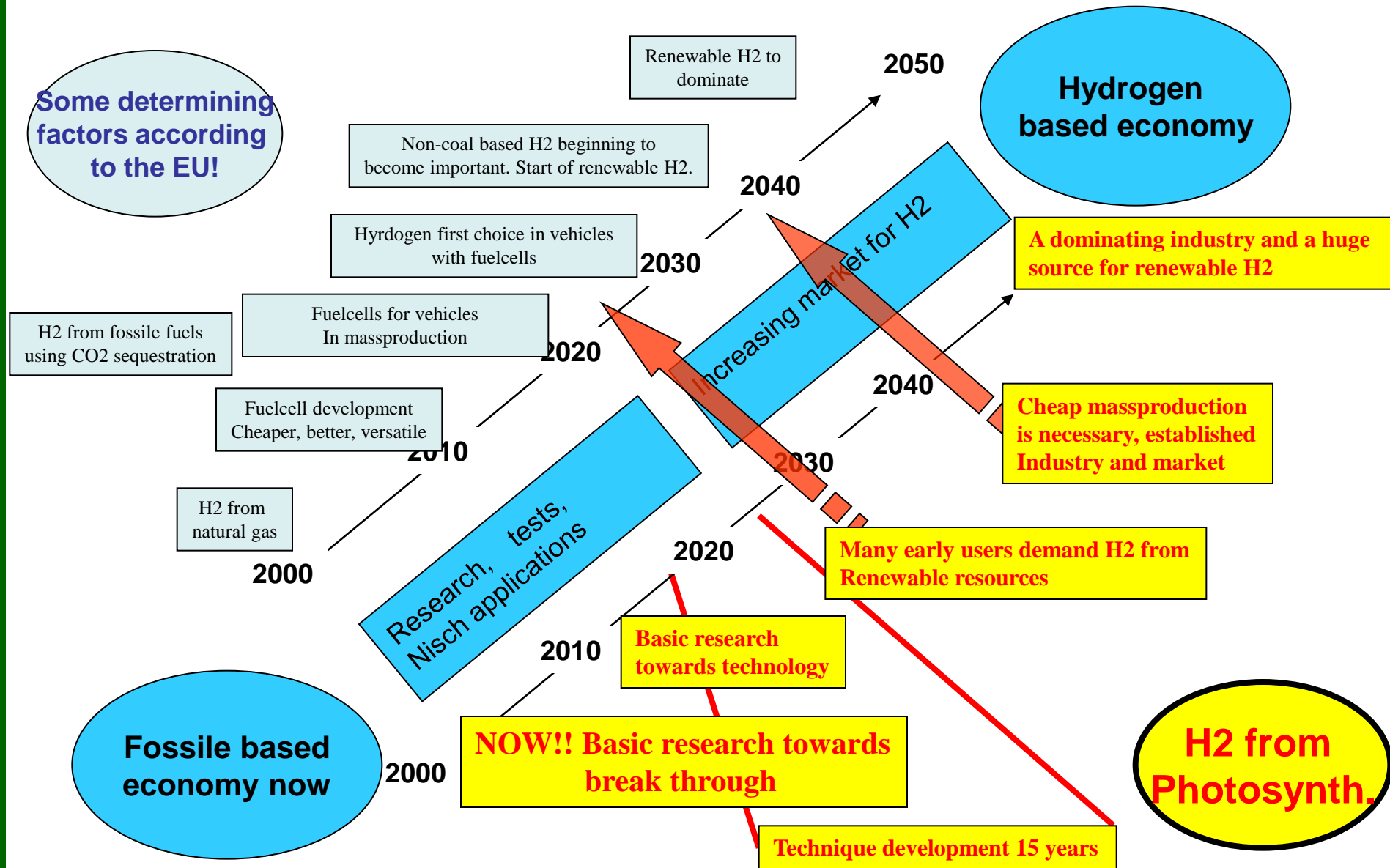
"Design organism"

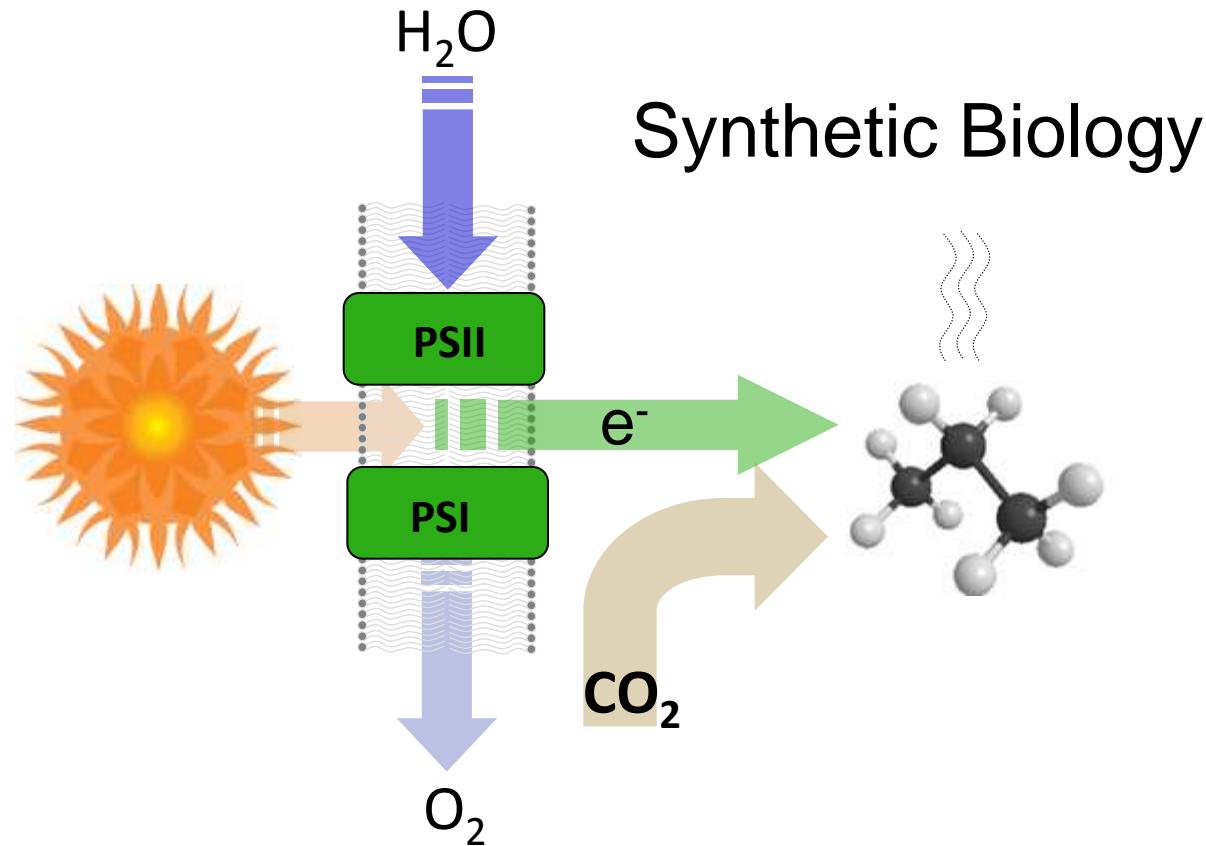
design!



Direct photobiological conversion of solar energy to volatile biofuels

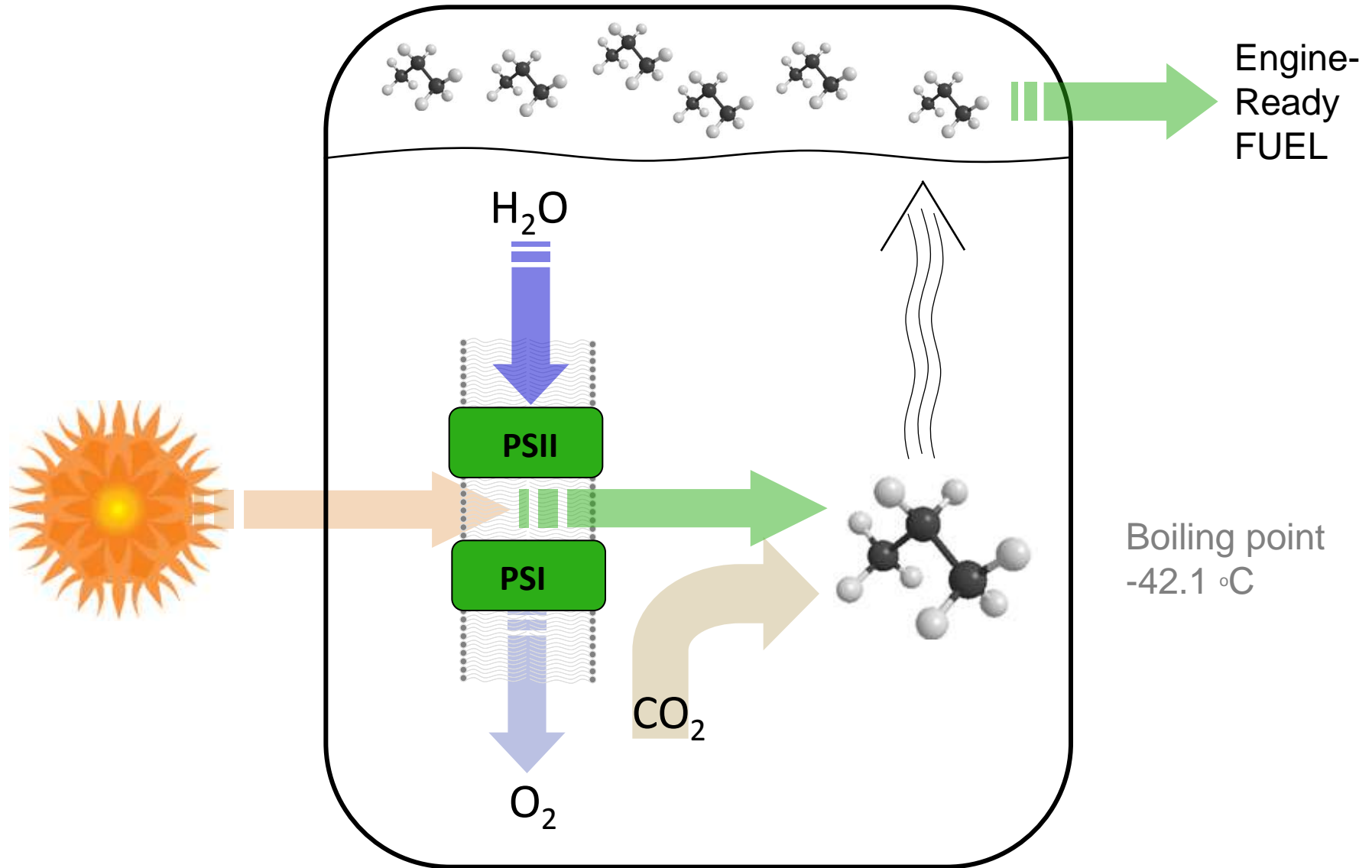
EU's roadmap to the hydrogen economy





Direct photobiological conversion of solar energy to volatile transport fuel

Direct photobiological synthesis of engine-ready fuel

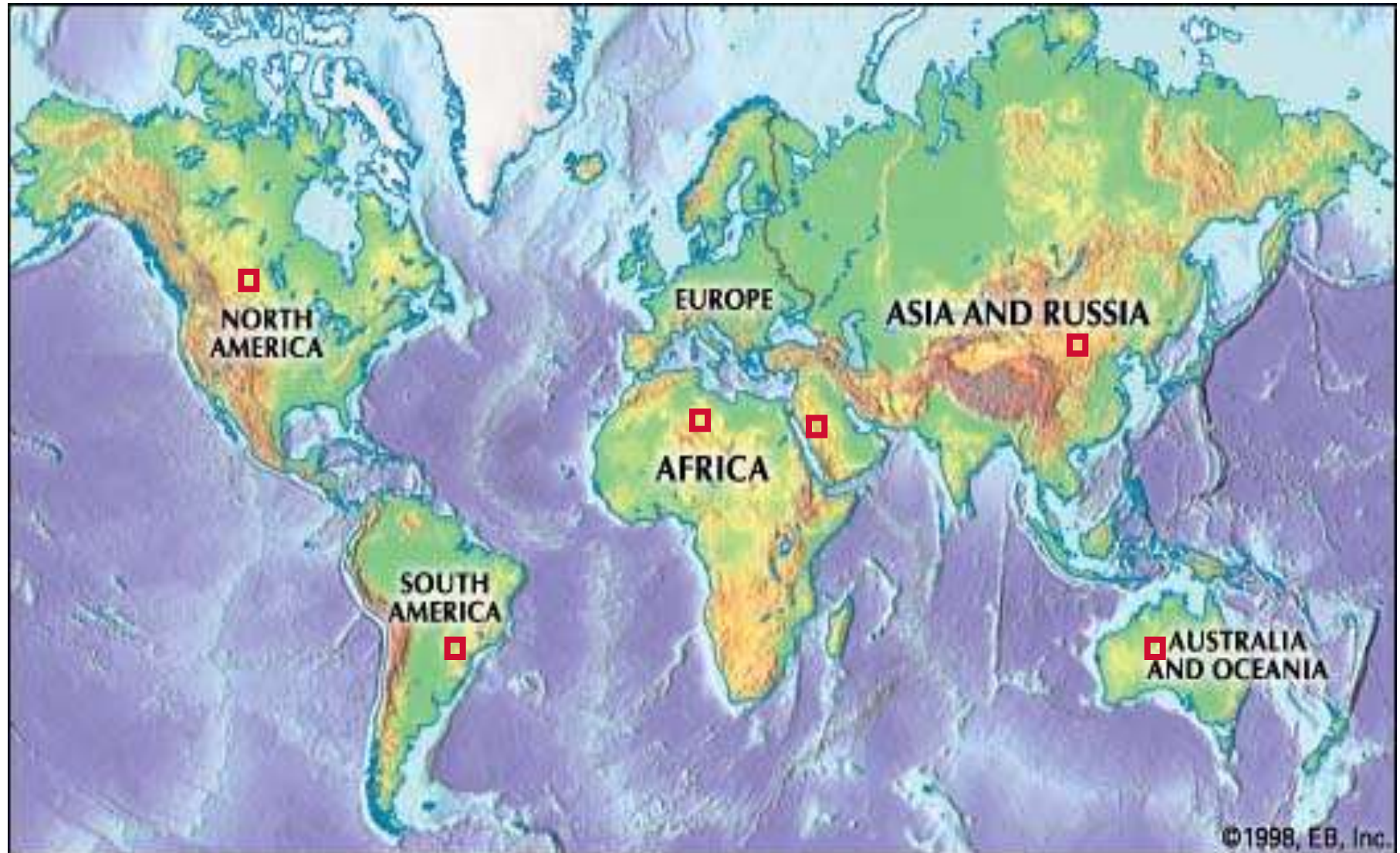


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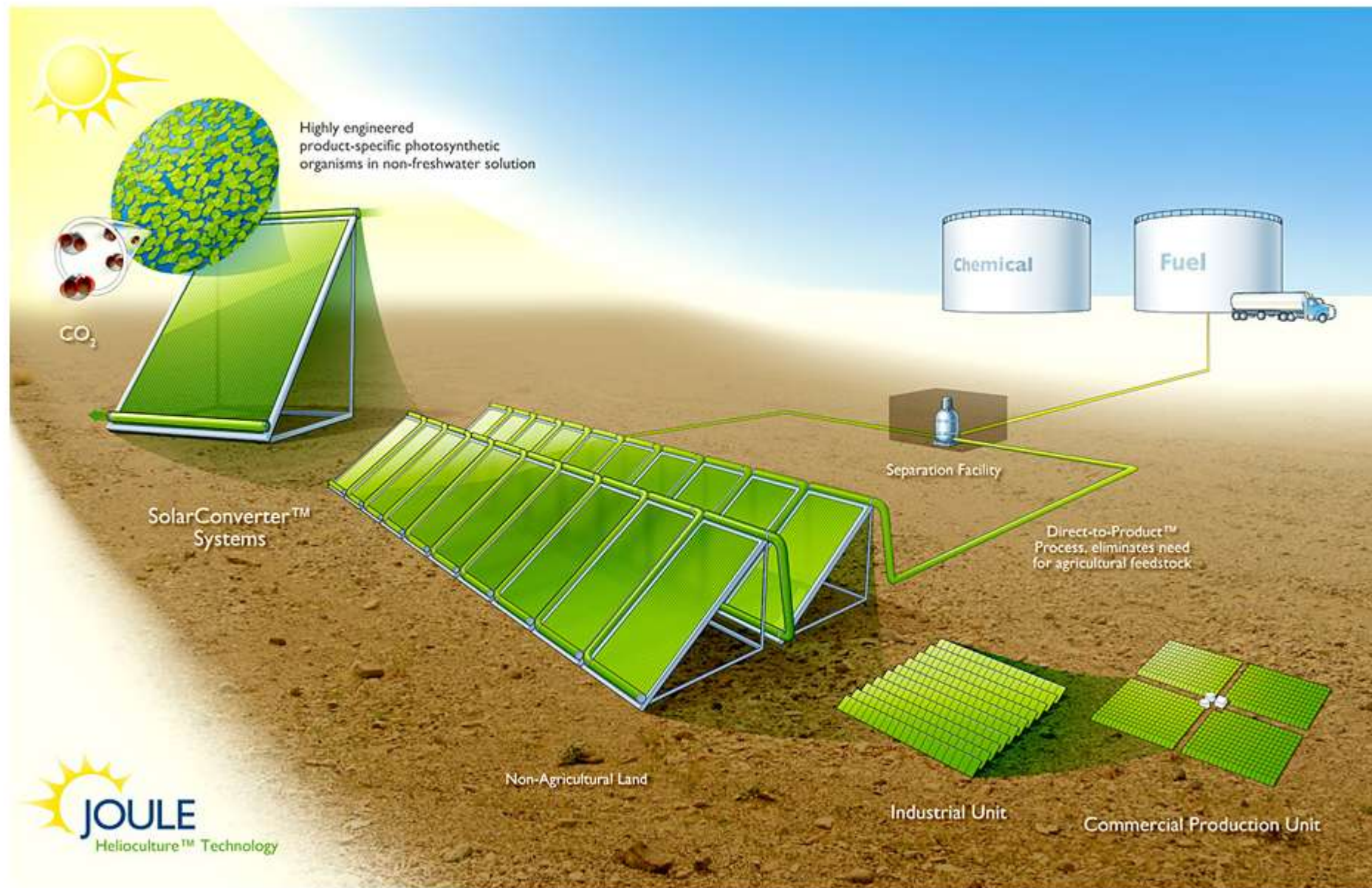
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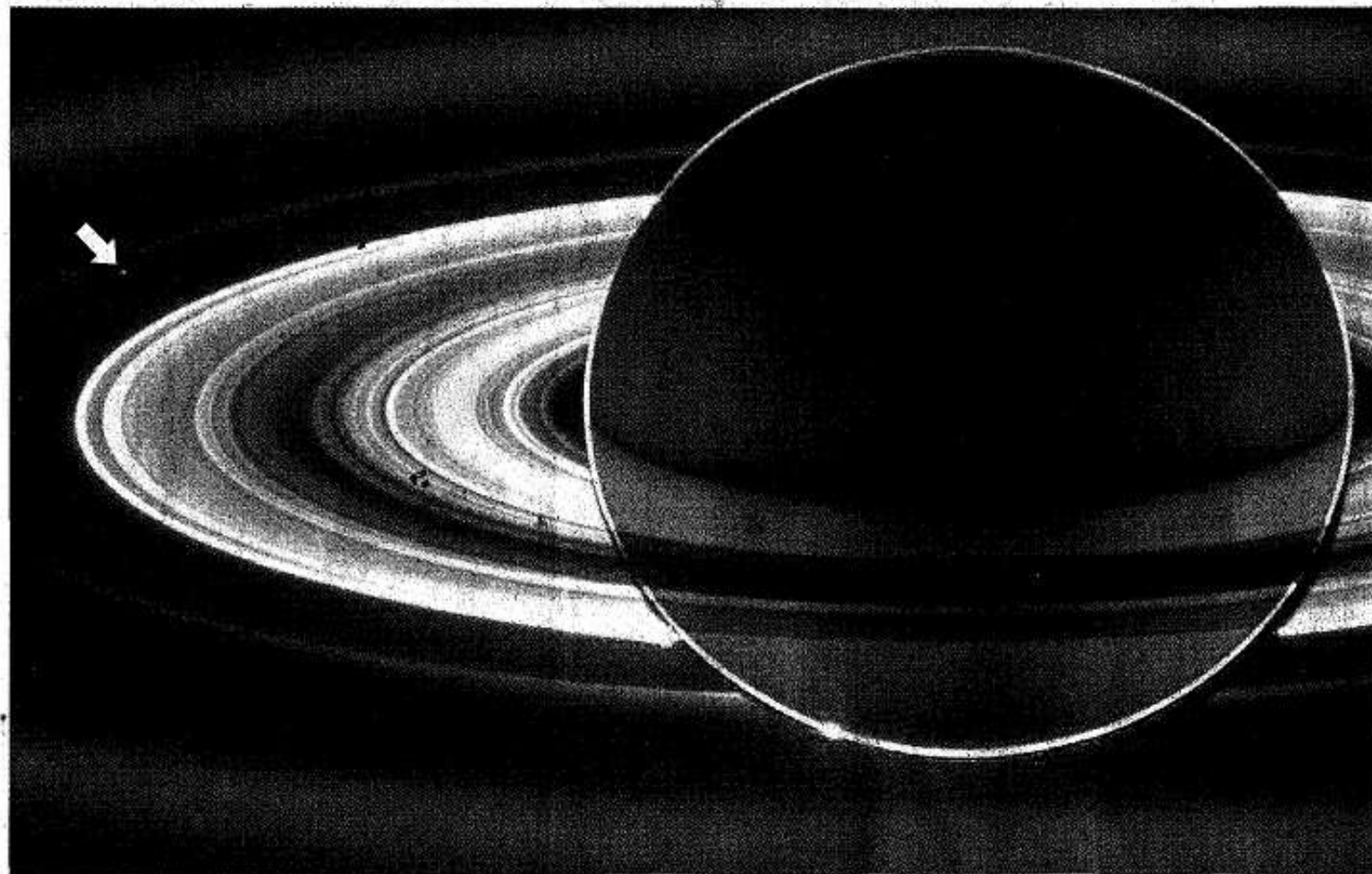
Solar Land Area Requirements



6 Boxes at 3.3 TW Each

How it Works





Ein Pünktchen Erde im All

Zum zweiten Mal in der Geschichte der Raumfahrt ist der Planet Erde aus der Tiefe des Weltalls fotografiert worden. Diese Aufnahme stammt von der europäisch-amerikanischen Raumsonde *Cassini*. Sie zeigt die Heimat der Menschheit als Lichtpunkt über dem linken Rand der Ringe des Saturn (Pfeil). Das Bild wurde aus 165 Weitwinkel-Fotos zusammengesetzt, die *Cassini* schoss, während die Sonde den Schatten des Saturn durchquerte. Die Sonne steht hinter dem Planeten und erzeugt einen gleißenden Kranz um den Saturn, während ein Teil des Sonnenlichts auf die Erde fällt und sie als Fleckchen sichtbar macht. Foto: AP/Nasa