A satellite-style image of the Baltic Sea region, showing the sea in dark blue and green, surrounded by green landmasses. The text is overlaid on the upper part of the image.

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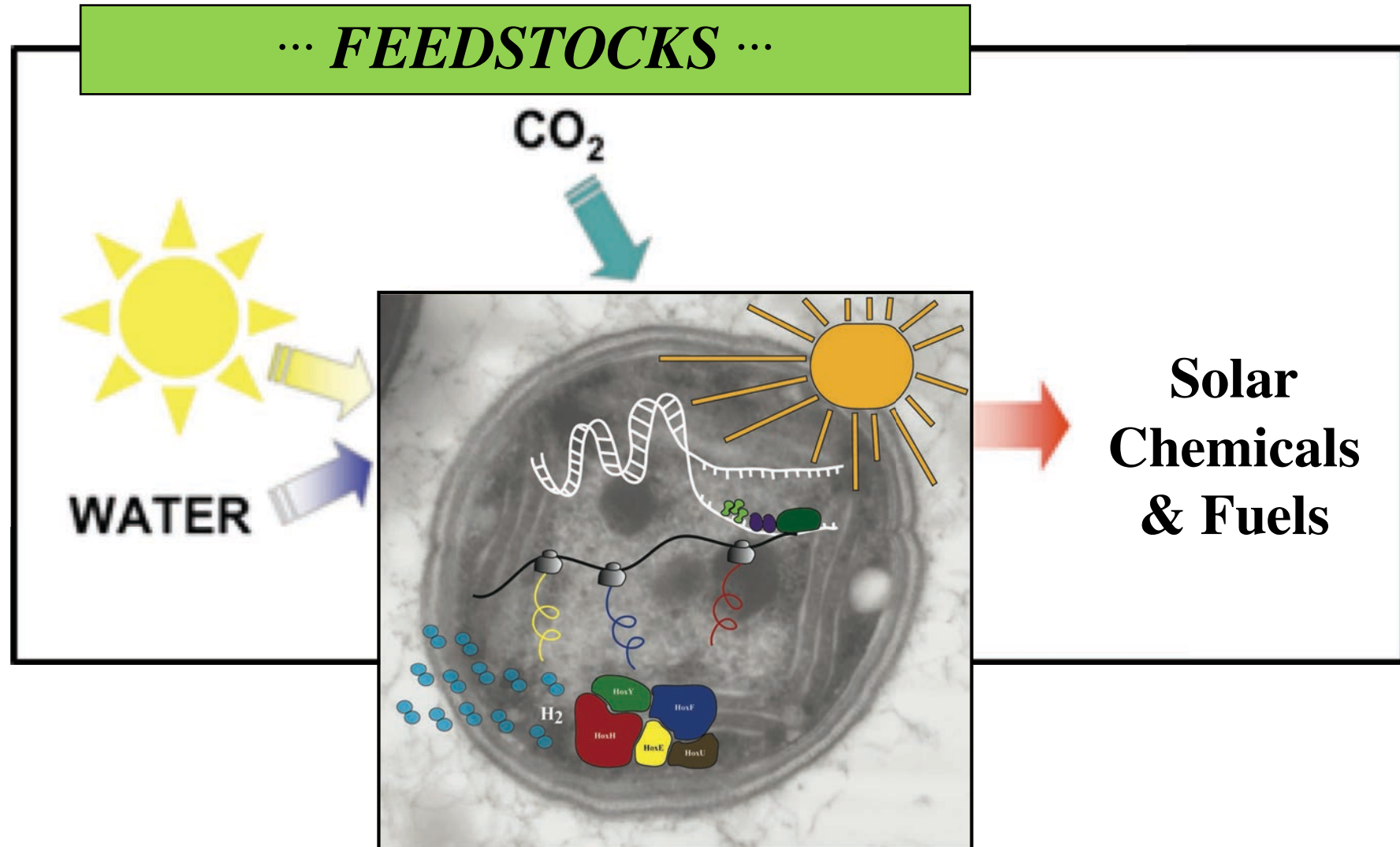


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**Green
Cell
Factories**

Prof Peter Lindblad, Uppsala University

Aim: Green Cell Factories



Cyanobacteria

Green organisms: Plants, algae, cyanobacteria

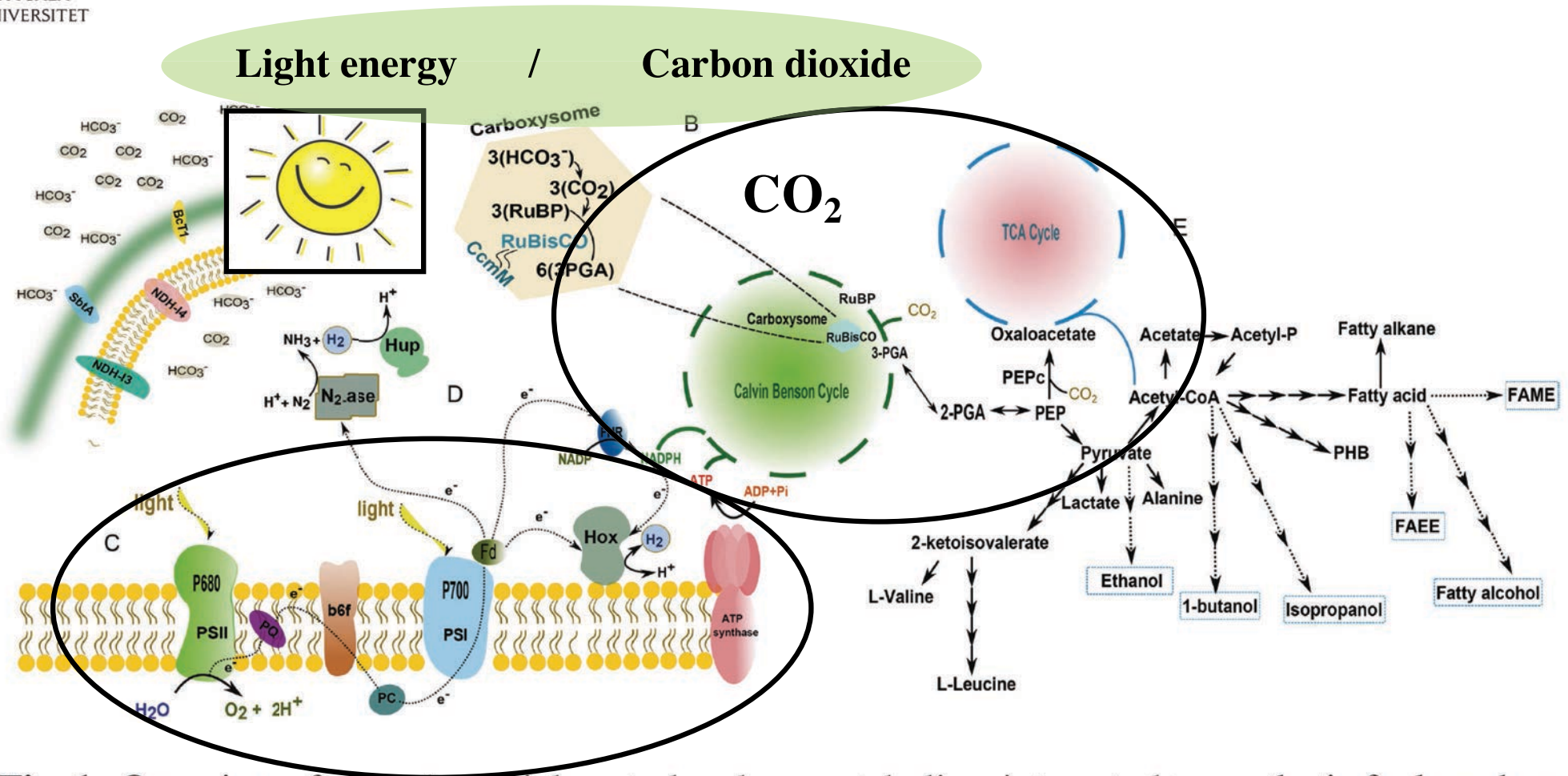


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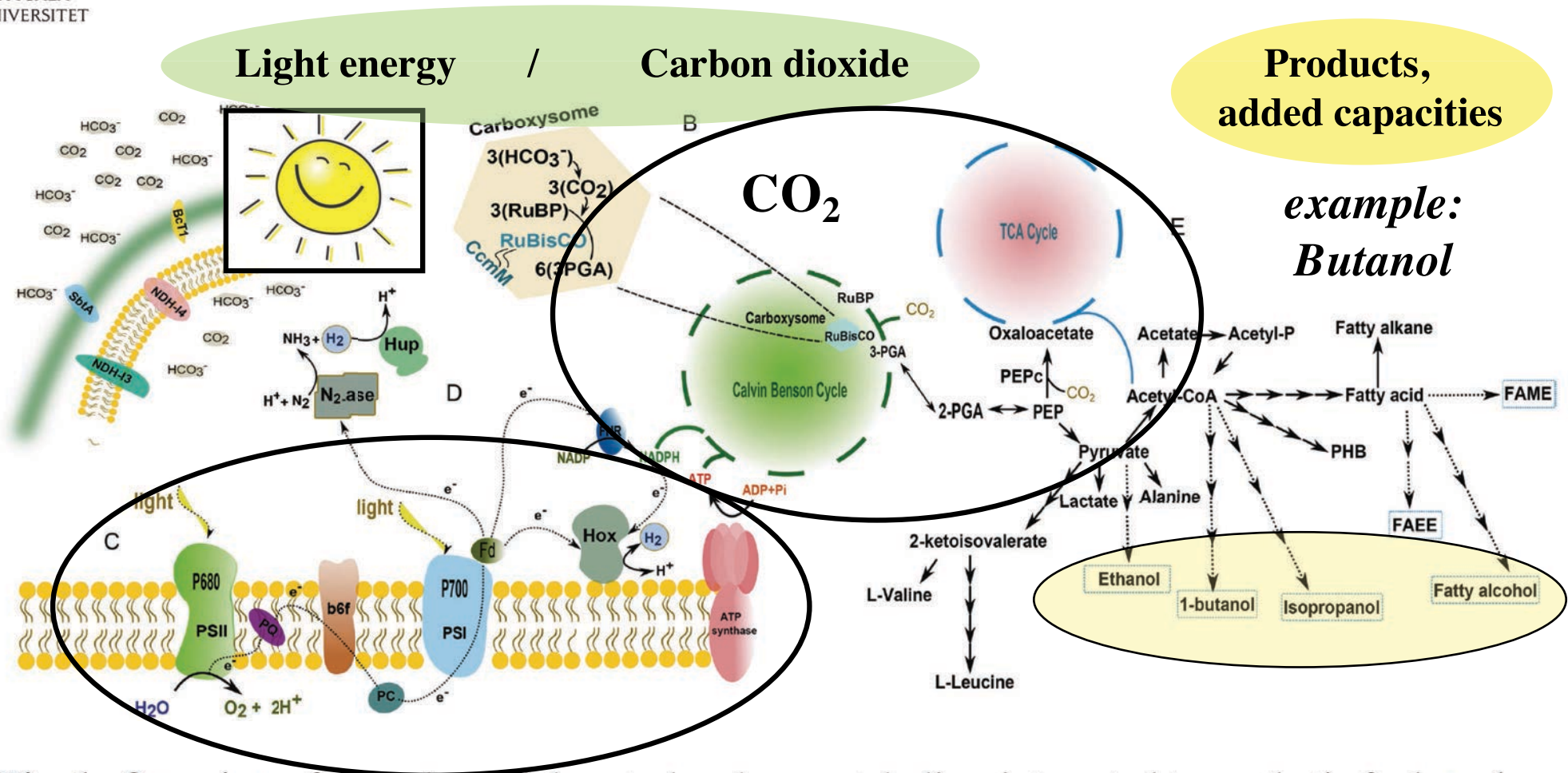


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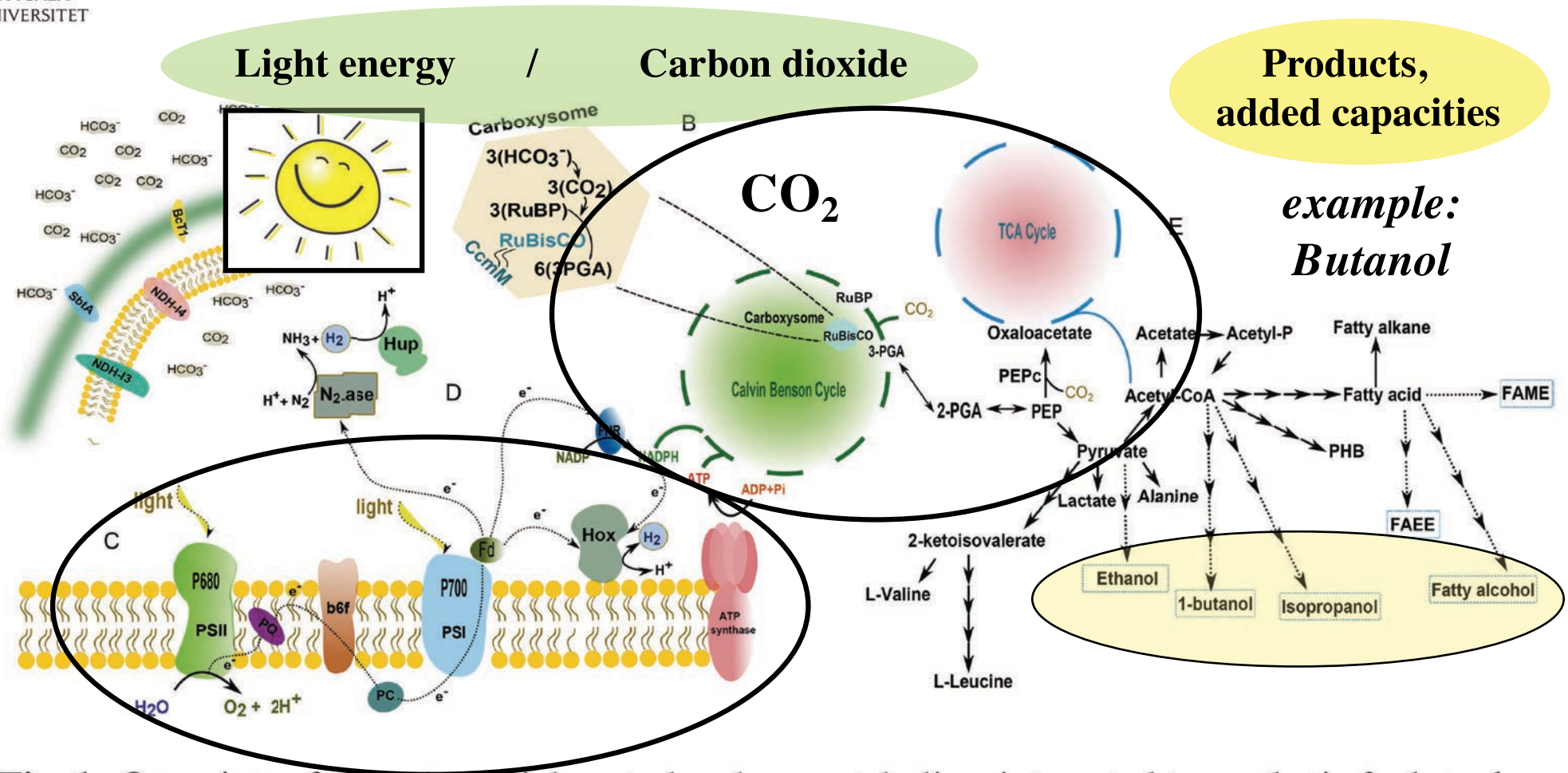
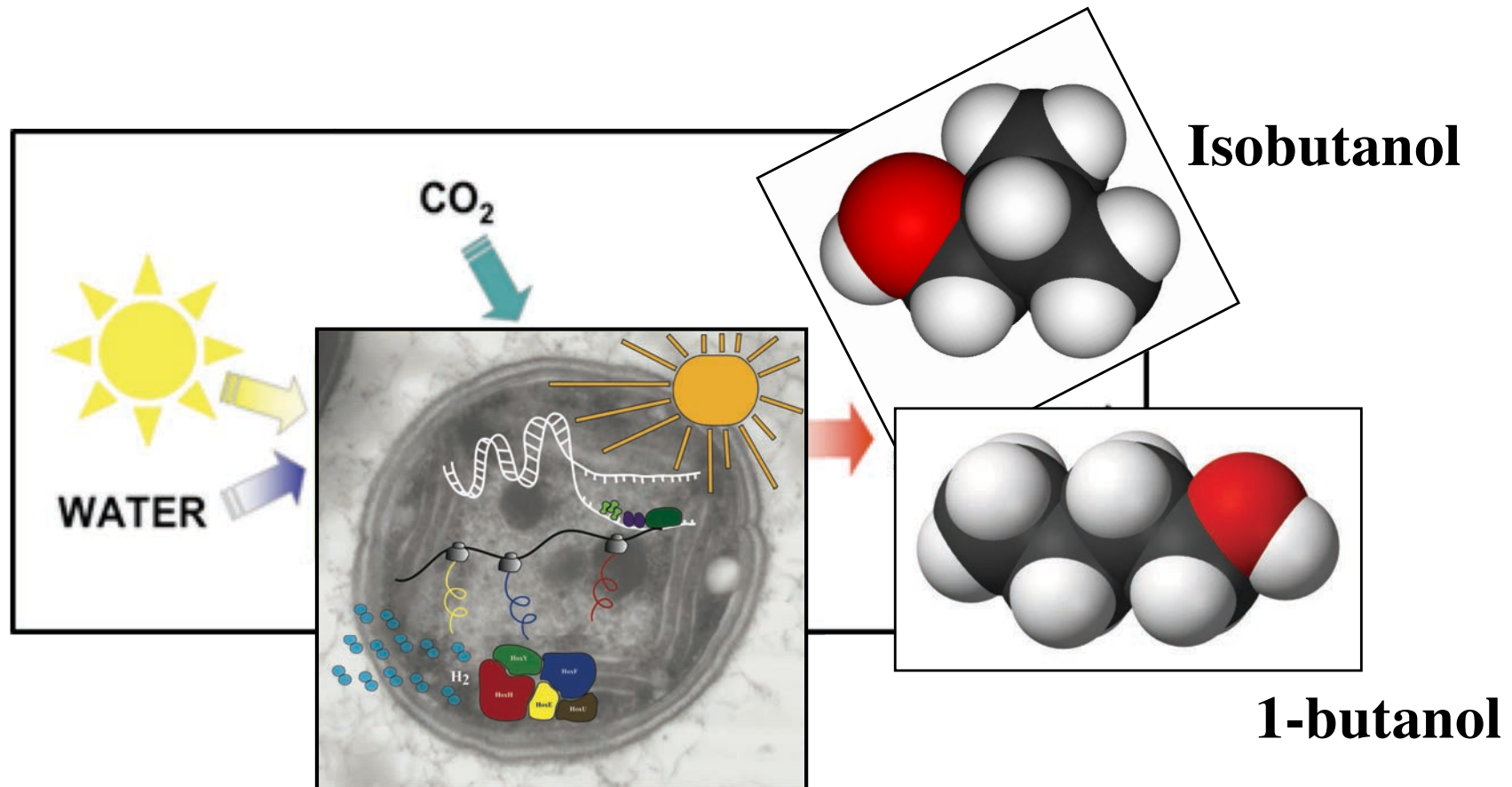


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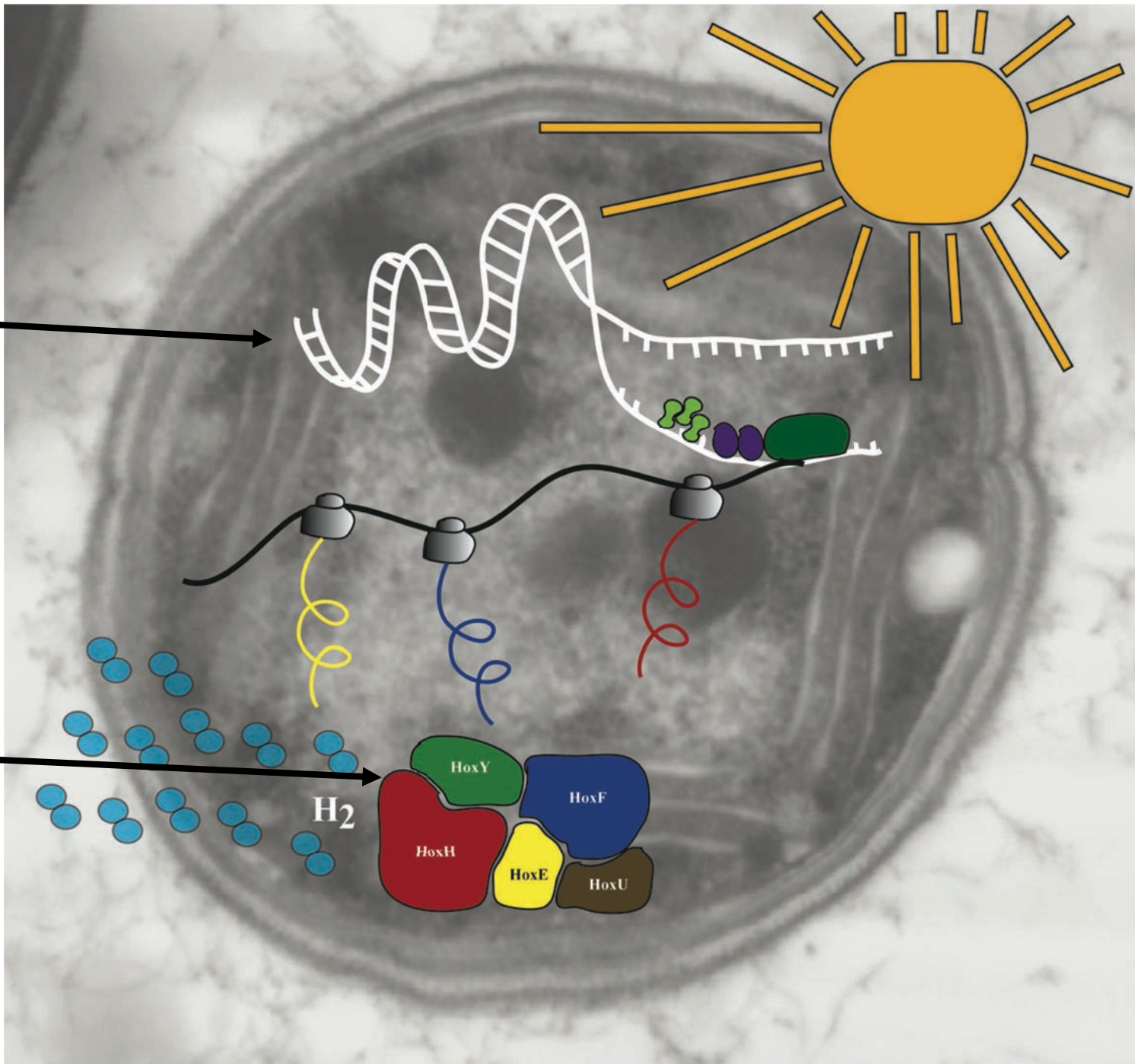
Engineering a photosynthetic cyanobacterium to produce butanol



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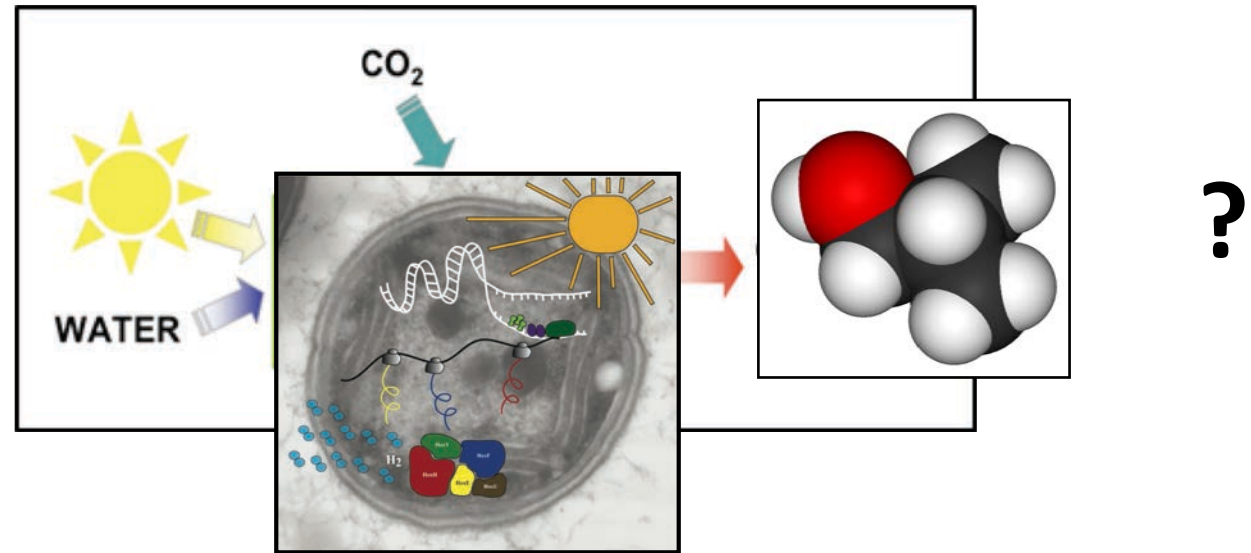
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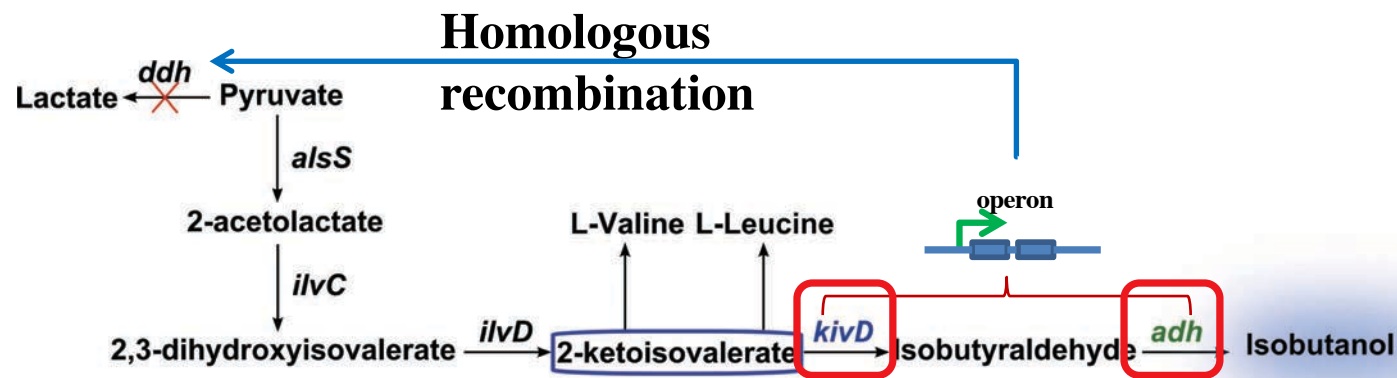
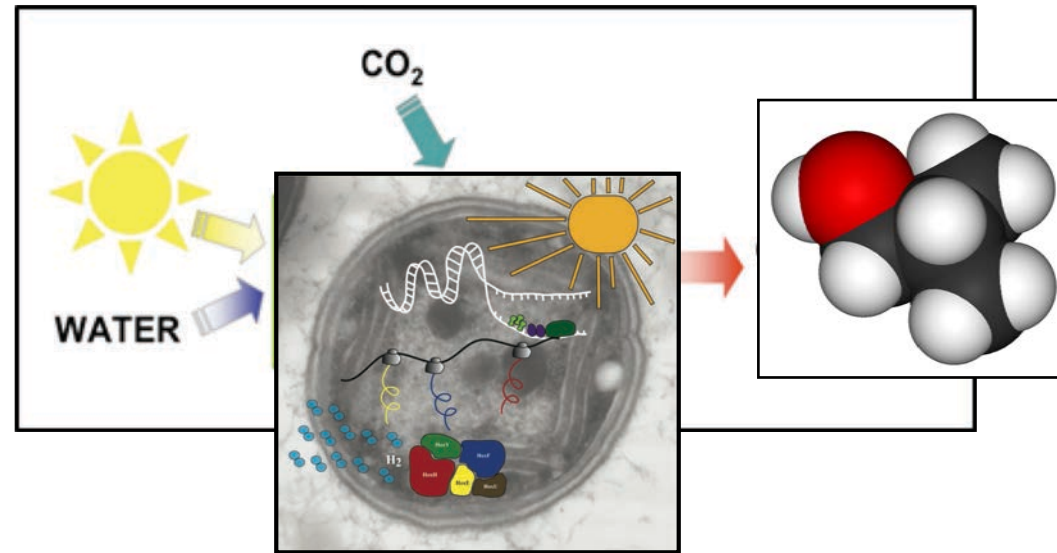


Enzyme

Engineering *Synechocystis* PCC 6803 to produce isobutanol



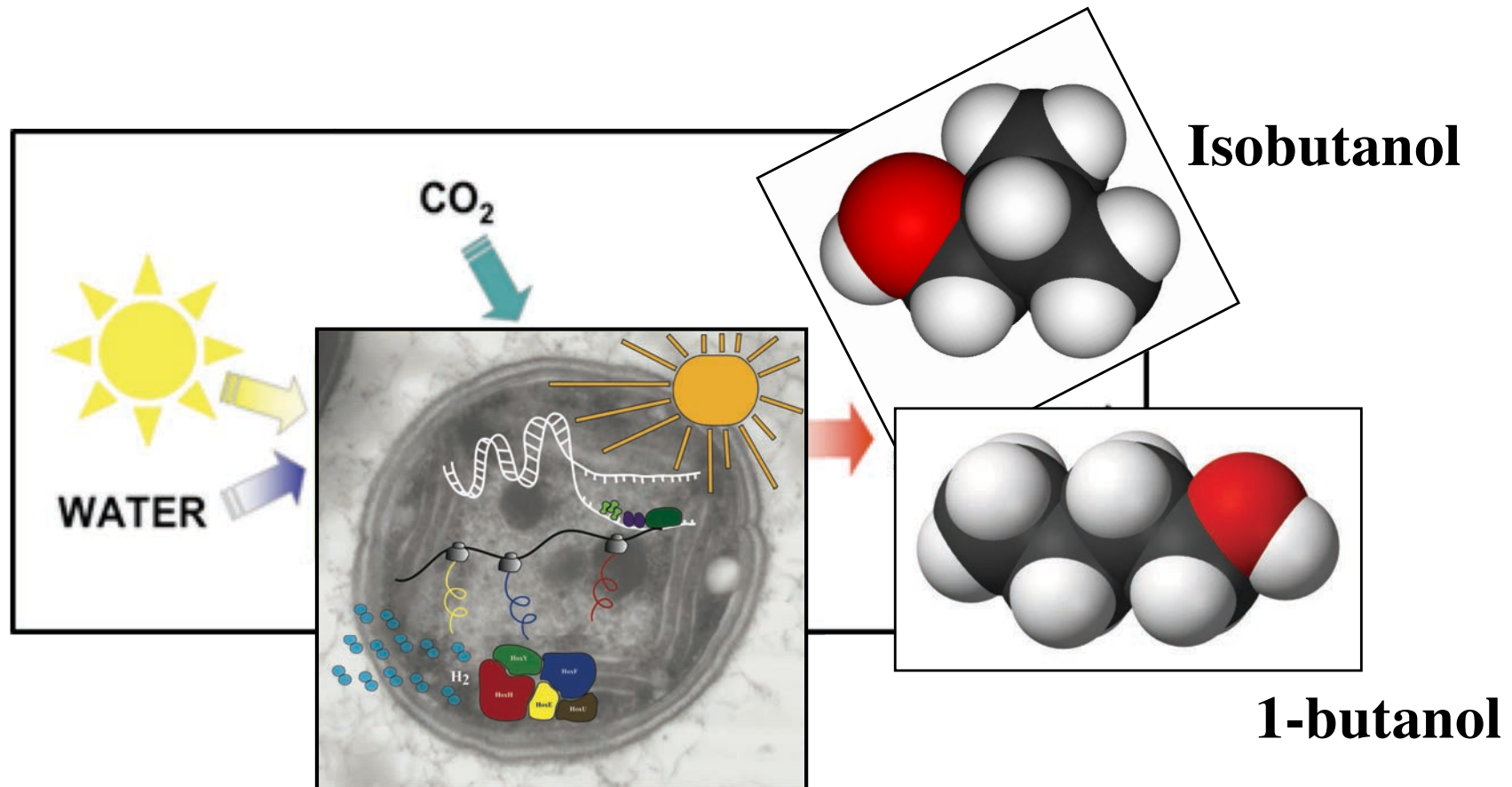
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-> Isobutanol production, photosynthetic isobutanol

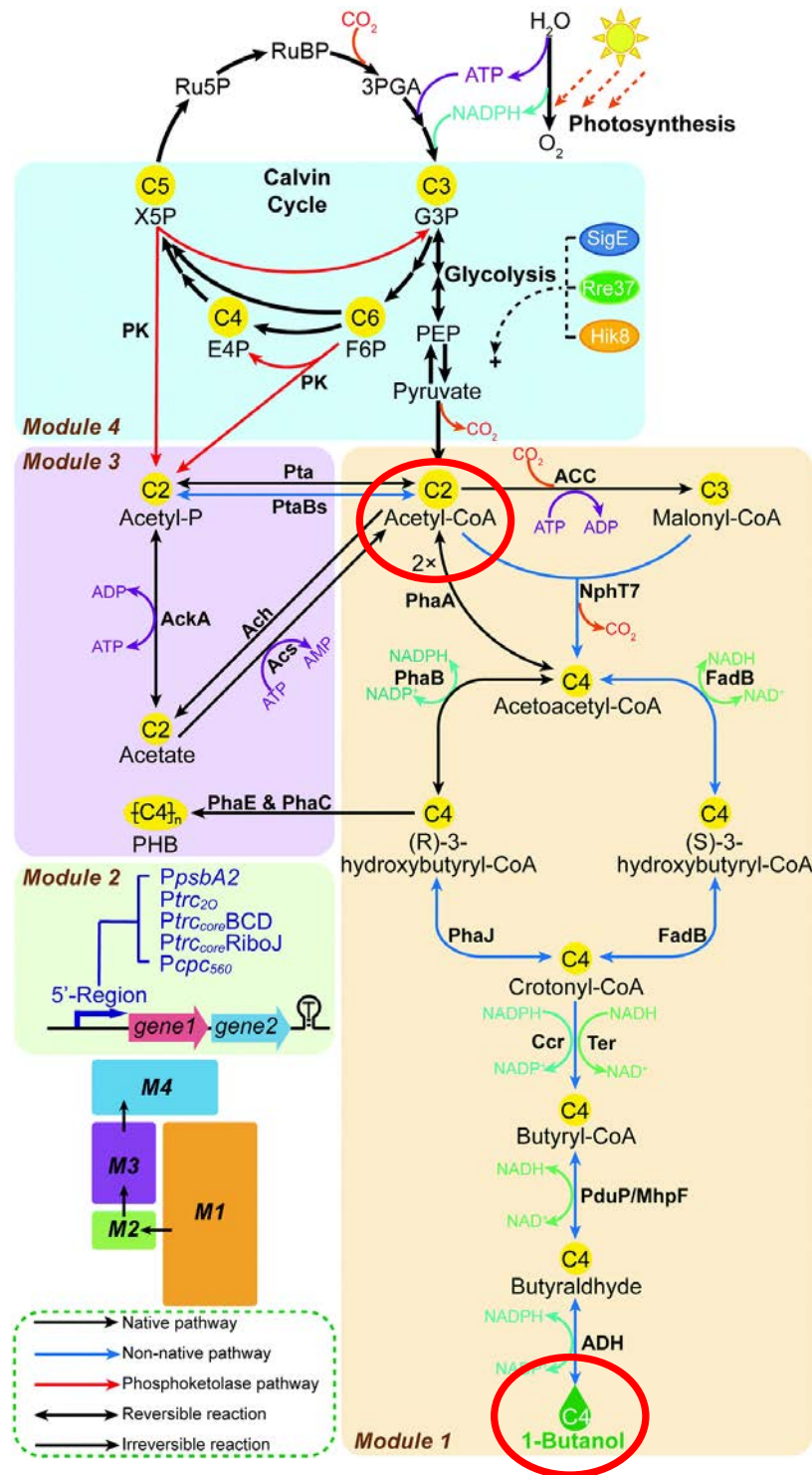
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*Design
&
Engineer*

*Add/delete
capacities*

Control

Synthetic biology

Photosynthetic 1-butanol



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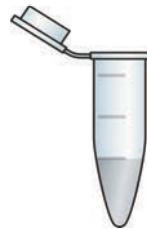
Introduce genetic construct into *Synechocystis* PCC 6803

Plasmid+wild type cells



pUFRM

10370bp

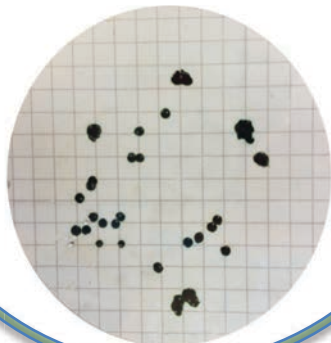


Larger scale cultivation

(25ml BG11, Antibiotic, High light)

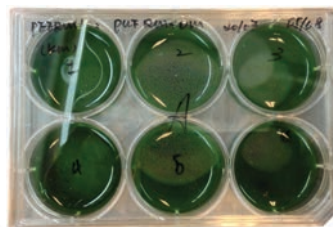


**Engineered cells survive
on selective plate**



**Cultivate positive colonies
on six-well plate**

(3ml BG11, Antibiotic, Low light)



Bubbling bottle (Air)



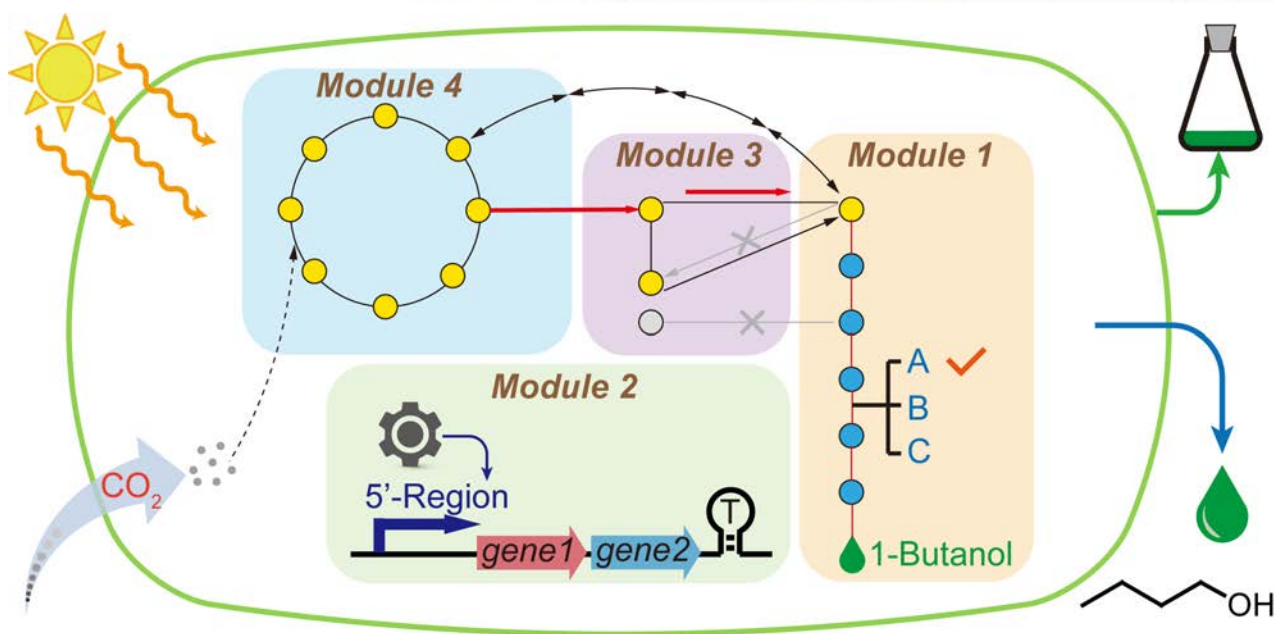
CHEMISTRY WORLD

Engineered cyanobacteria turn carbon dioxide into petrol substitute

BY ENNA GUADALUPE | 14 AUGUST 2019

Strategy transforms wild photosynthetic organism into a system that could reduce humanity's reliance on fossil fuels

Scientists in Sweden have engineered cyanobacteria that can photosynthesise the petrol substitute butanol out of carbon dioxide. The microorganisms could not only provide a way to make transportation fuels that don't depend on fossil fuels, but they could also remove carbon dioxide already present in the atmosphere.



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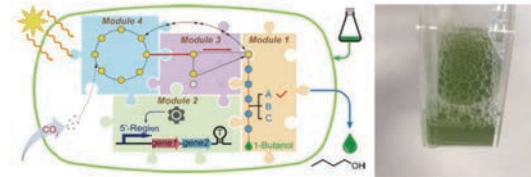
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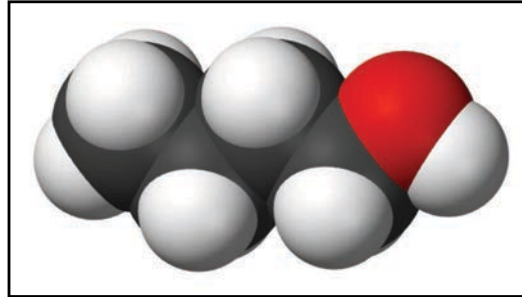
Uppsala University has successfully developed microorganisms that efficiently produce butanol directly from carbon dioxide and solar energy, without the need for biomass or solar cells.



Cyanobacteria producing 1-butanol from solar energy and CO₂

写真提供 / Source Uppsala University

The **global market for butanol** is very large, valued at USD 3.89 billion in 2016 and is projected to reach USD 5.58 billion by 2022.



There is already a market for **green bio-butanol**. Existing bio-butanol is prepared by fermenting, using strains of *Clostridium*, starch, sugar, or cellulose such as wheat, beet, corn, and wood. It is the understanding that the existing green bio-butanol market will grow significantly from 2020 to 2028.

Trends in Biotechnology

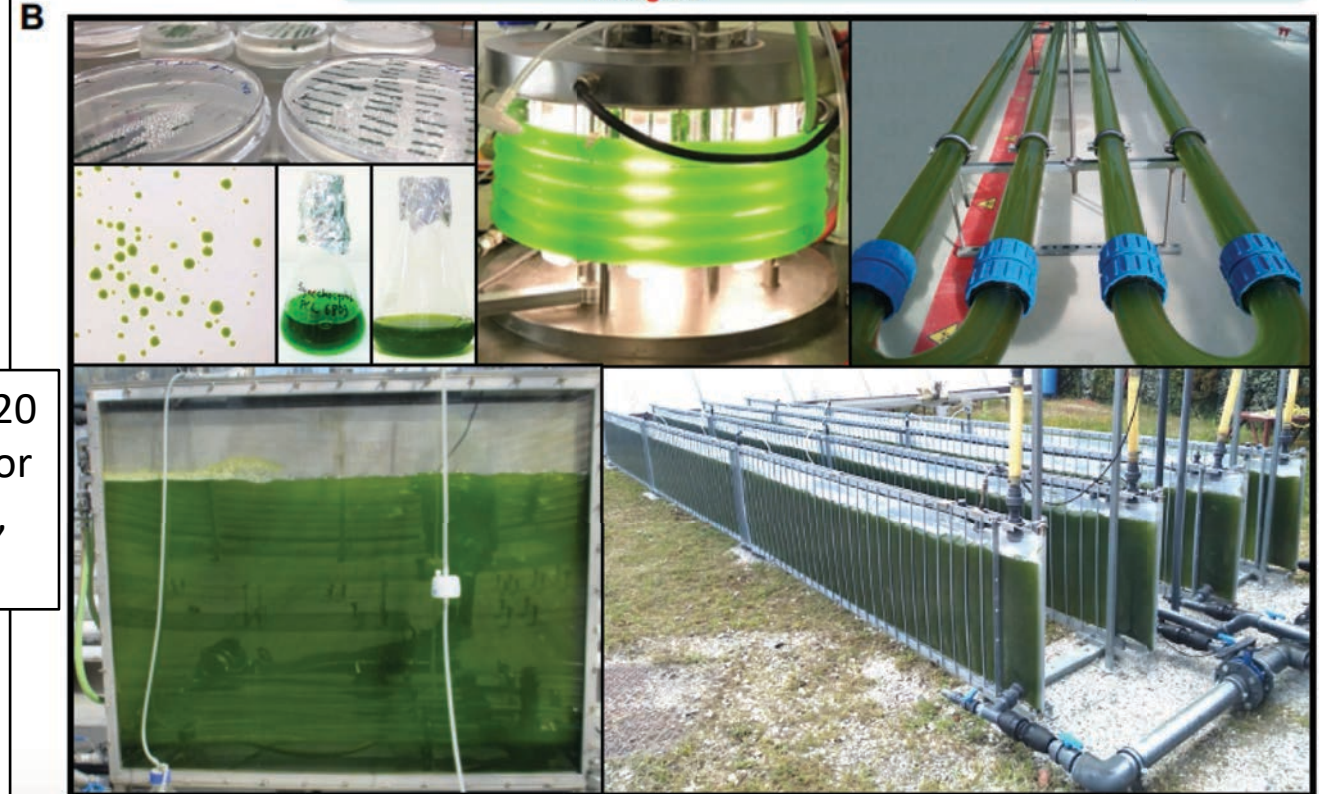
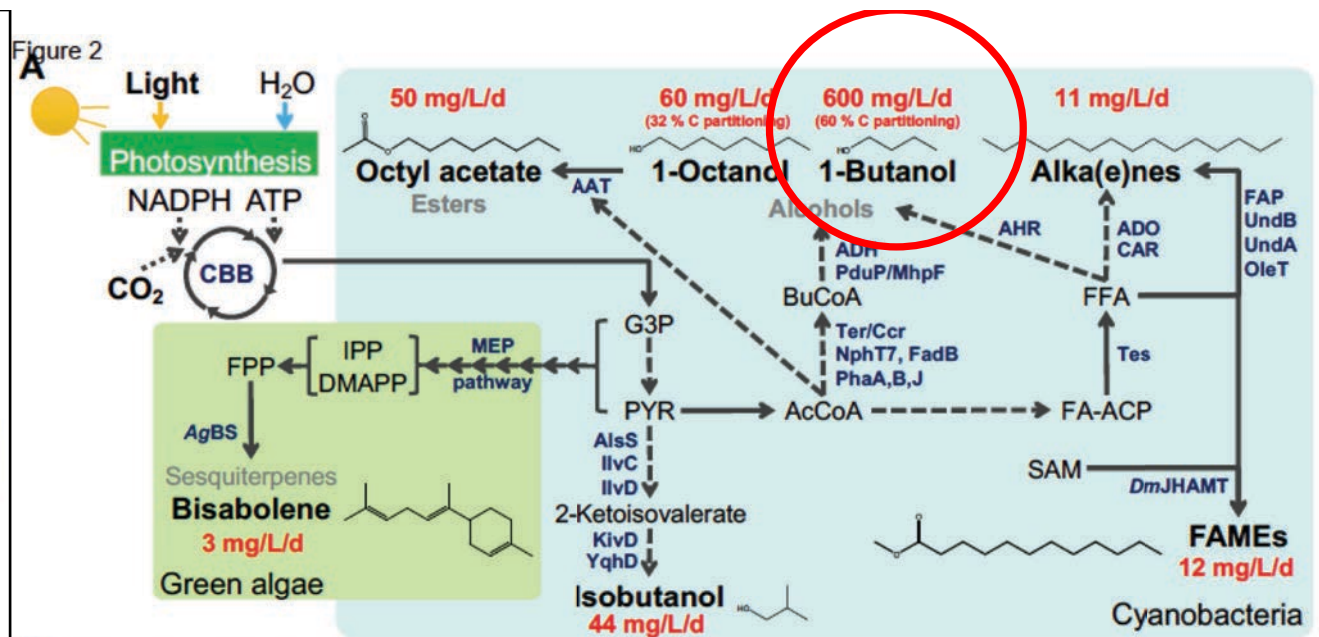
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Figure 2



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