

CONFETI

ABOUT CONFETI

CONFETI project proposes the development of a lab-scale validated innovative technology that is able to utilise and electrochemically convert CO₂ and N₂ directly from air or flue gases minimizing the use of critical raw materials and using renewable energy sources.

By the production of urea from N (N₂ and/or NO₃⁻) and CO₂, the project aims to ensure a circular and renewable carbon and nitrogen economy by recycling and converting the NO₃⁻ not consumed by the plant into ammonia or urea using photocatalytic technologies based on sunlight.

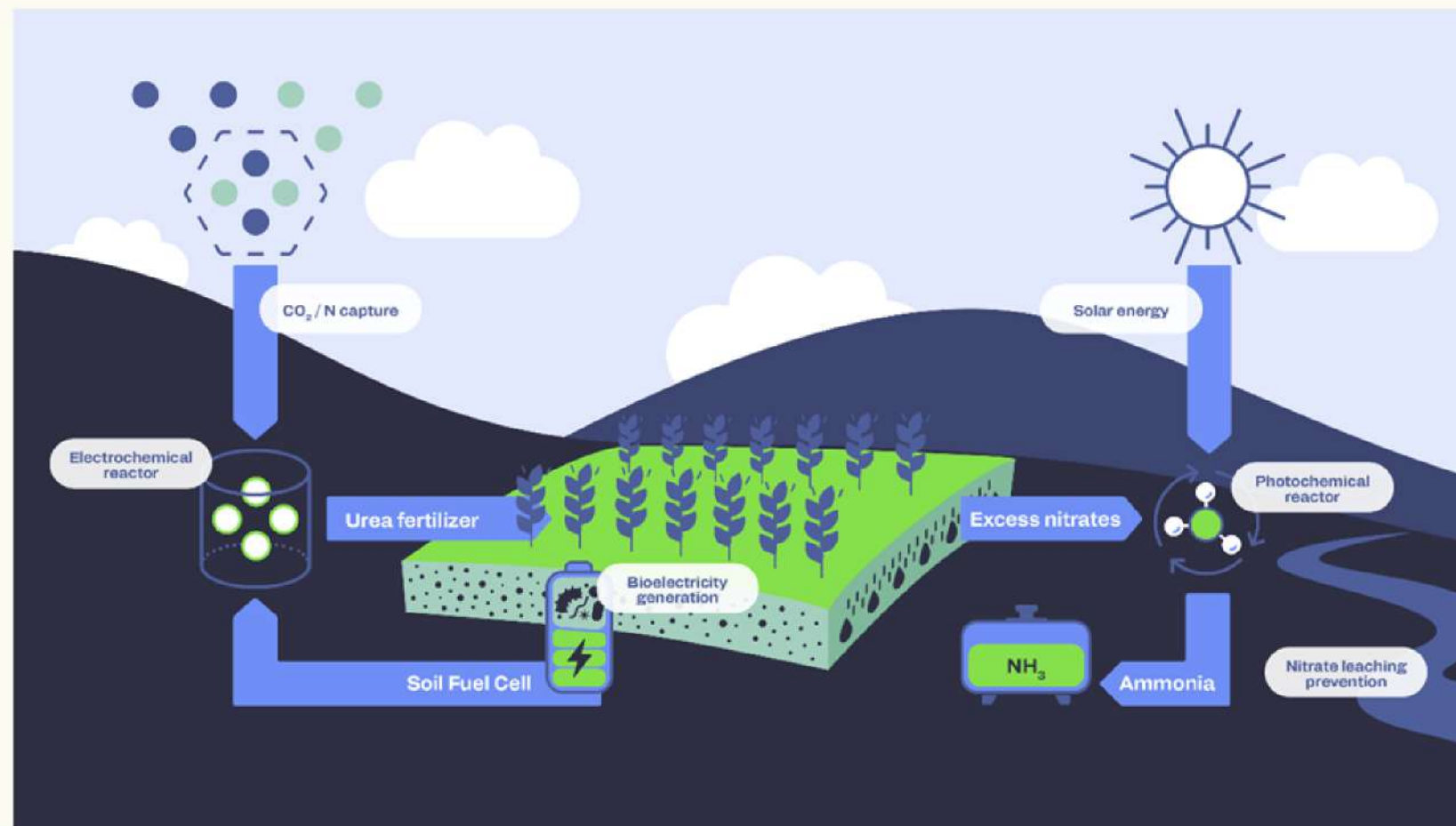


Figure 1. CONFETI approach to lab-scale cycle production of urea from N (N₂ and/or NO₃⁻) and CO₂.

CONFETI project aims to transform urea fertilizer production and use with a groundbreaking photo-electrochemical process. The scientists behind CONFETI seek to convert CO₂ and nitrogen (N₂) into urea, reducing both the need for fossil fuels and the environmental impact.

In addition, the project pursues the recovery of nitrogenous by-products generated from fertilization (e.g., nitrates), which are potentially polluting, and transform them back into other fertilizers (e.g., ammonia or urea). Resulting a cycle urea or ammonia fertilizer production system (Figure 1).

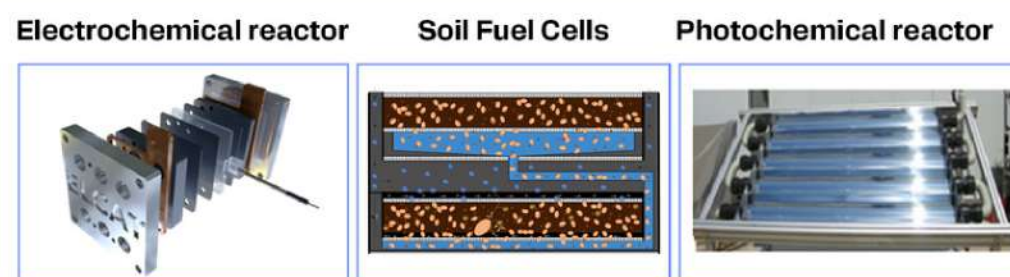


Figure 2. CONFETI research areas to reach technological objectives.

Specifically, the final proof-of-concept system will combine three pocket-scale reactors:

- 1) an electrochemical reactor (Figure 2) for capturing, storing and converting CO₂ and N₂ into urea,
- 2) a soil microbial fuel cell (SMFC) (Figure 2) that generates energy from soil microorganisms, and
- 3) a photochemical reactor (Figure 2) for reducing nitrate (NO₃⁻) to ammonia/urea using photocatalytic technology with sunlight.

IN A NUTSHELL

CONFETI proposes an innovative, self-sufficient technology that will capture carbon dioxide and nitrogenous compounds convert them into eco-friendly urea or ammonia fertilizer.

CONFETI PARTNERS

EIC - CO₂ and Nitrogen Portfolio

The logo for CONFETI, featuring the word 'CONFETI' in green capital letters with a green sun-like icon containing the number '2' to the left of the 'F'.

START

01 November 2023

END

31 October 2026

BUDGET

€3.992.976

PROJECT WEBSITE

<https://confetiproject.eu/>

CORDIS LINK

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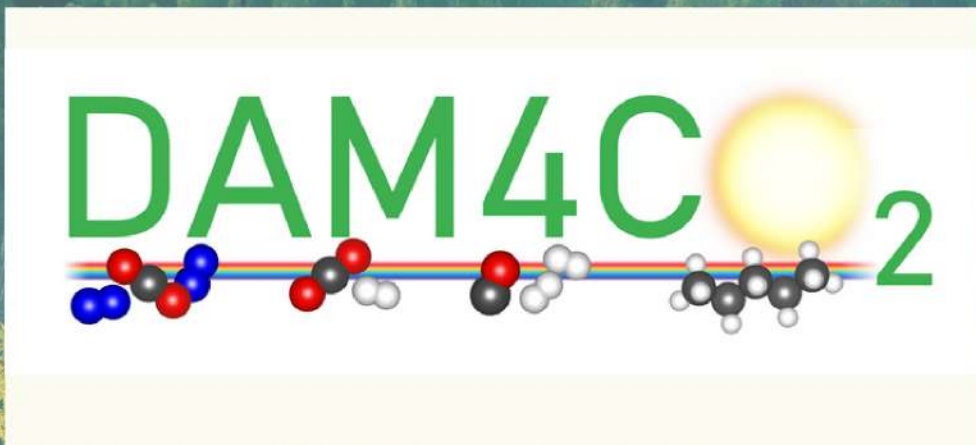


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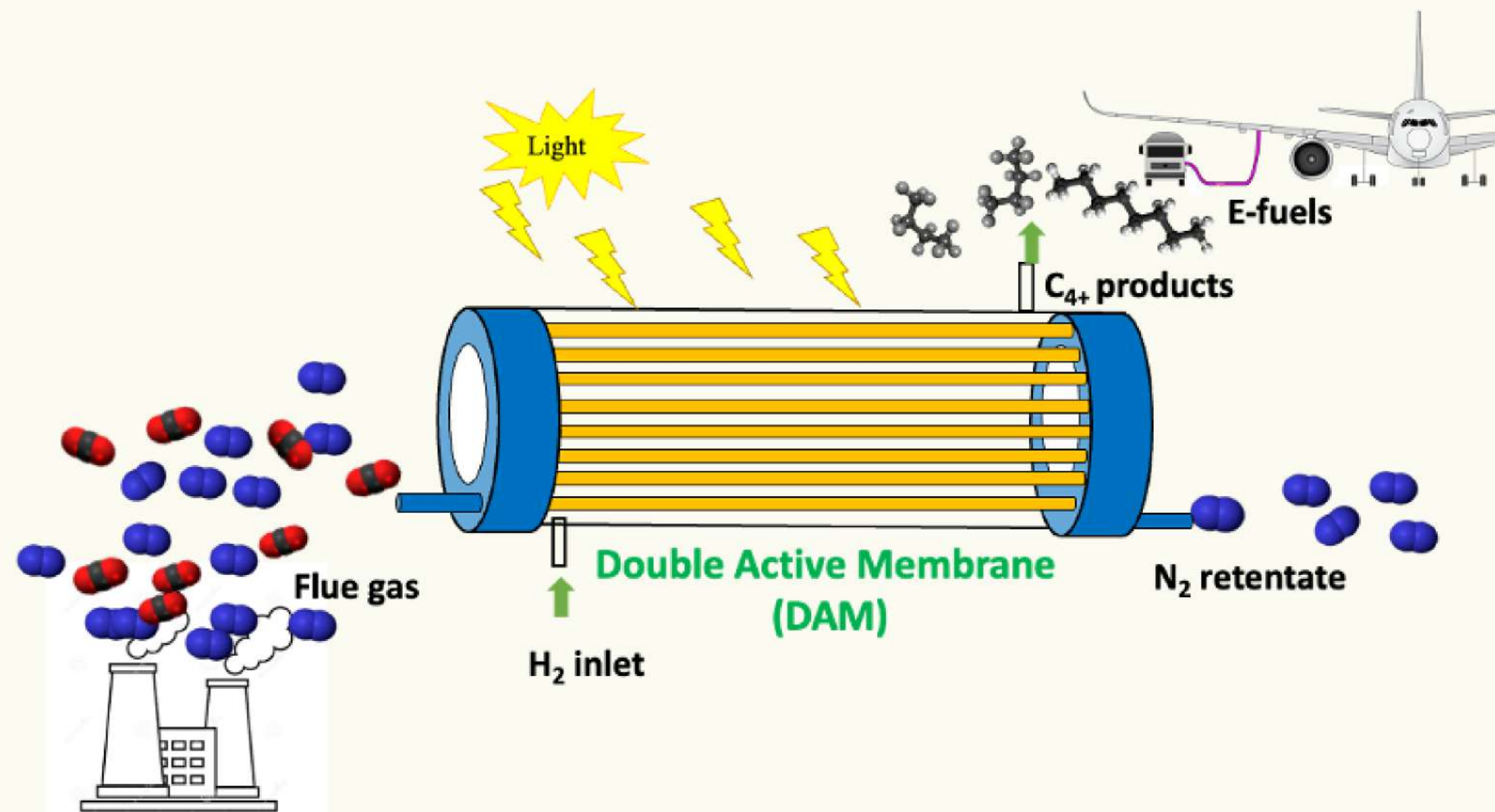
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ABOUT DAM4CO₂

The **DAM4CO₂** project aims at the **simultaneous** carbon dioxide **capture** and **conversion** into added value products such as RFNBO (Renewable Fuel of Not Biologic Origin), also known as e-fuels with application in the production of fuel for aviation.



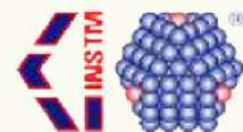
The project implementation will result in a lab-scale membrane reactor for proof-of-concept validation, tested in simulated relevant conditions. Close attention will be paid to:

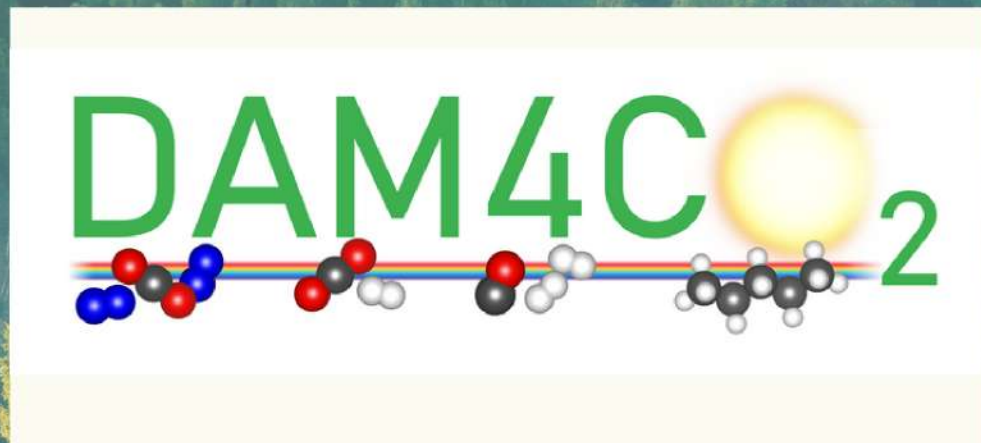
- the **use of non-critical raw materials** at any stage of the process,
- **carbon-neutrality of the process**, which will be certified with a detailed full life cycle assessment (**LCA**).

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DAM4CO₂ will develop a novel membrane technology for the simultaneous CO₂ separation and its photocatalytic conversion to C₄₊ molecules, as renewable fuels to achieve the goals of the European Green Deal.

DAM4CO₂ PARTNERS



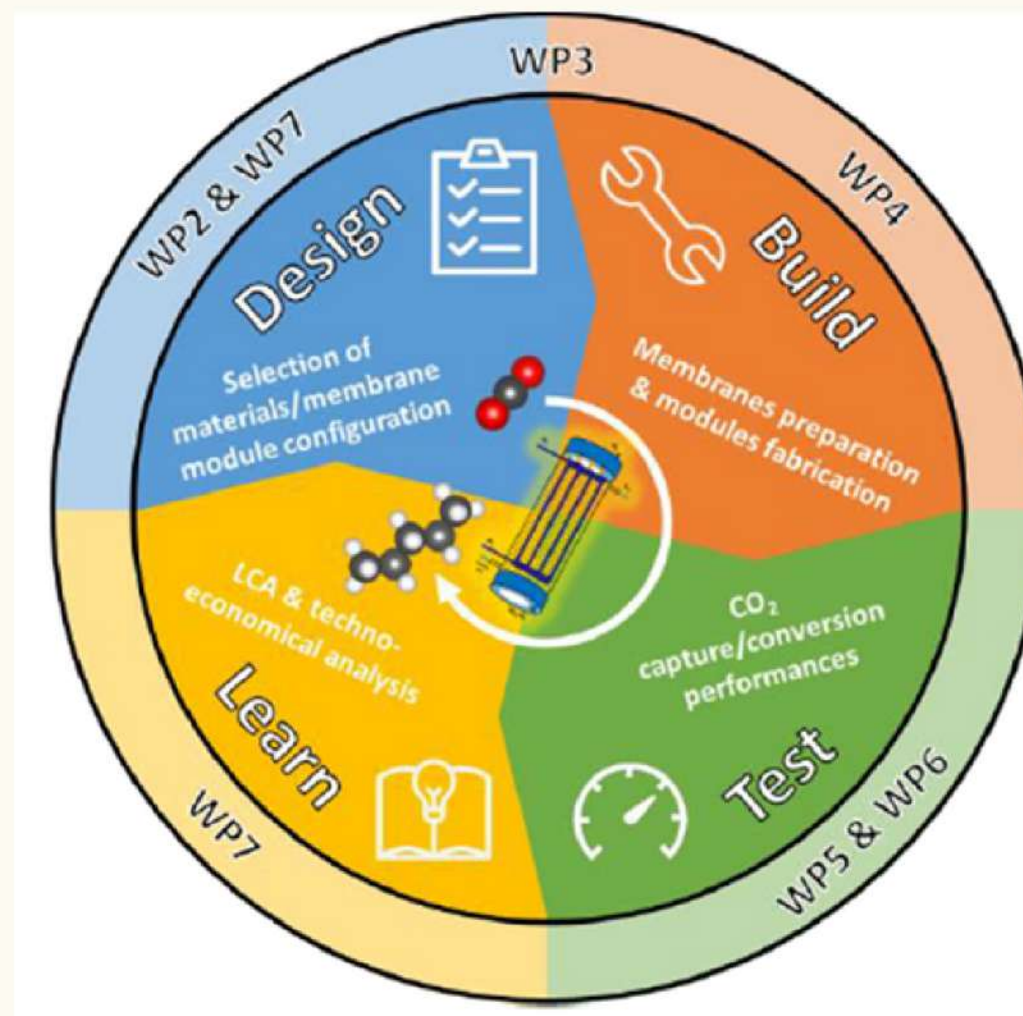


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PROJECT WEBSITE
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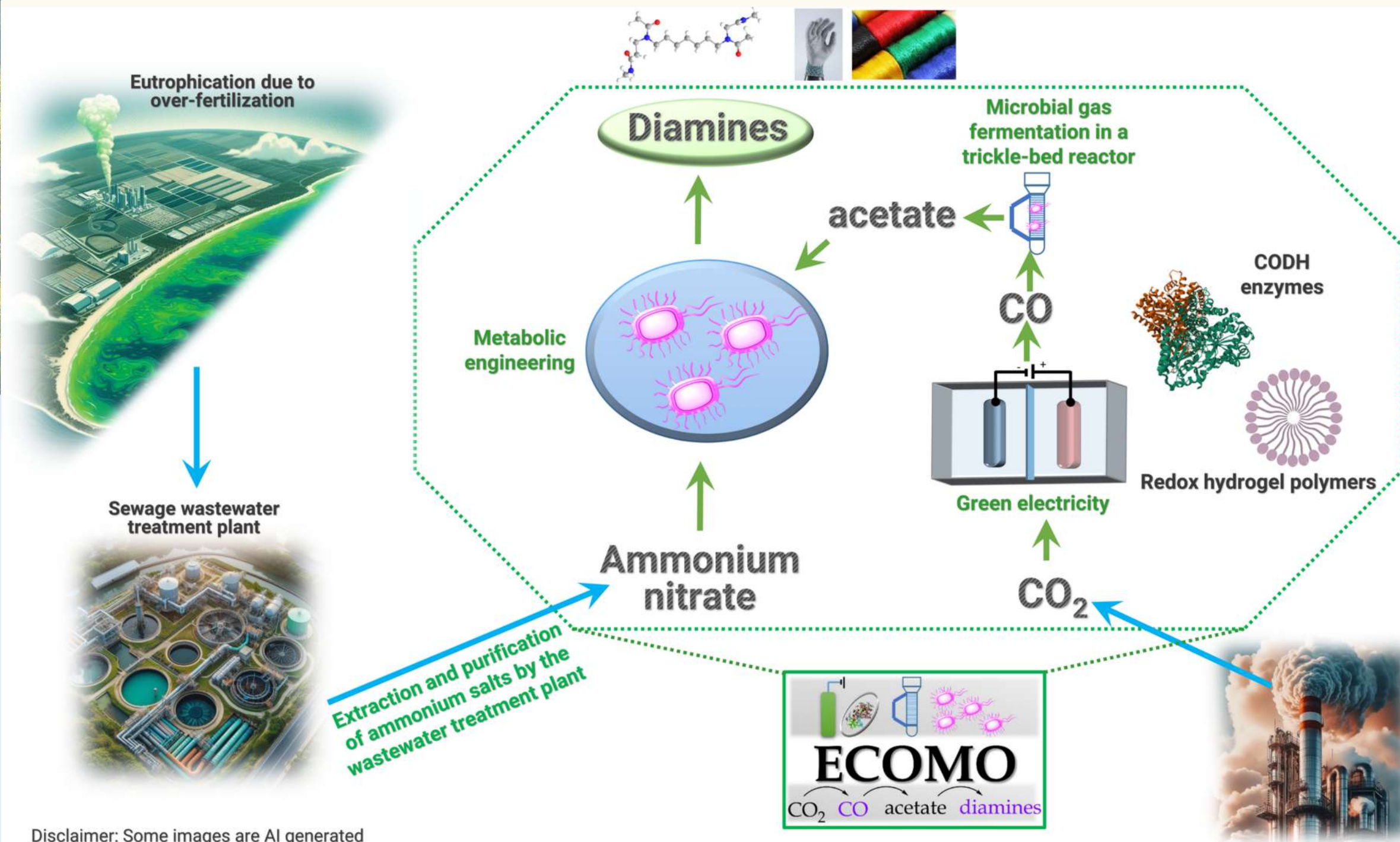
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ABOUT ECOMO

ECOMO addresses the chemical industry sector by making it fossil-free, green and sustainable by converting waste carbon dioxide and ammonia (or nitrates) to diamines, making the diamine end-products renewable. The project adopts a hybrid technological approach through three unique innovation gates:

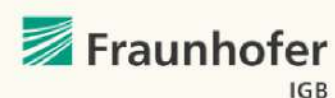
- Electrochemical conversion of carbon dioxide to carbon monoxide
- Converting carbon monoxide to acetate through gas fermentation
- Transforming acetate to the final product diamine through metabolic engineering

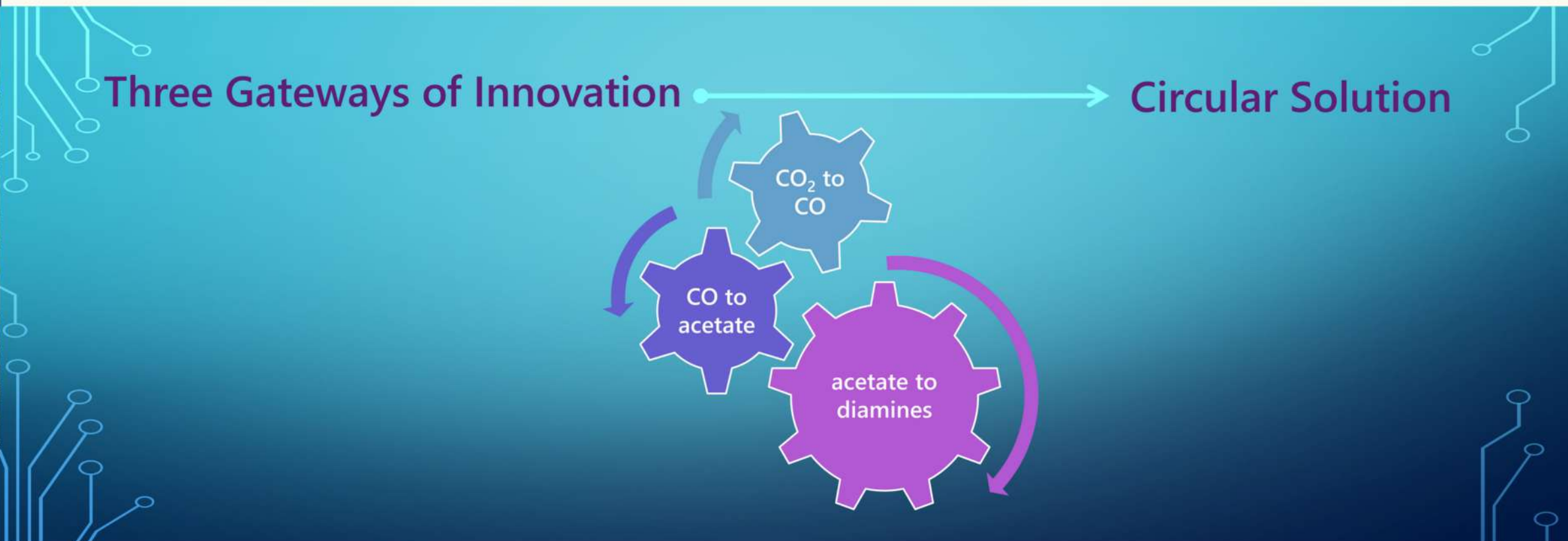


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ECOMO brings together bioelectrochemistry and microbiology in a circular platform that turns carbon and nitrogen from waste streams into diamines, chemical products of high-value, promoting a greener future.

ECOMO PARTNERS





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PROJECT WEBSITE
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CORDIS LINK
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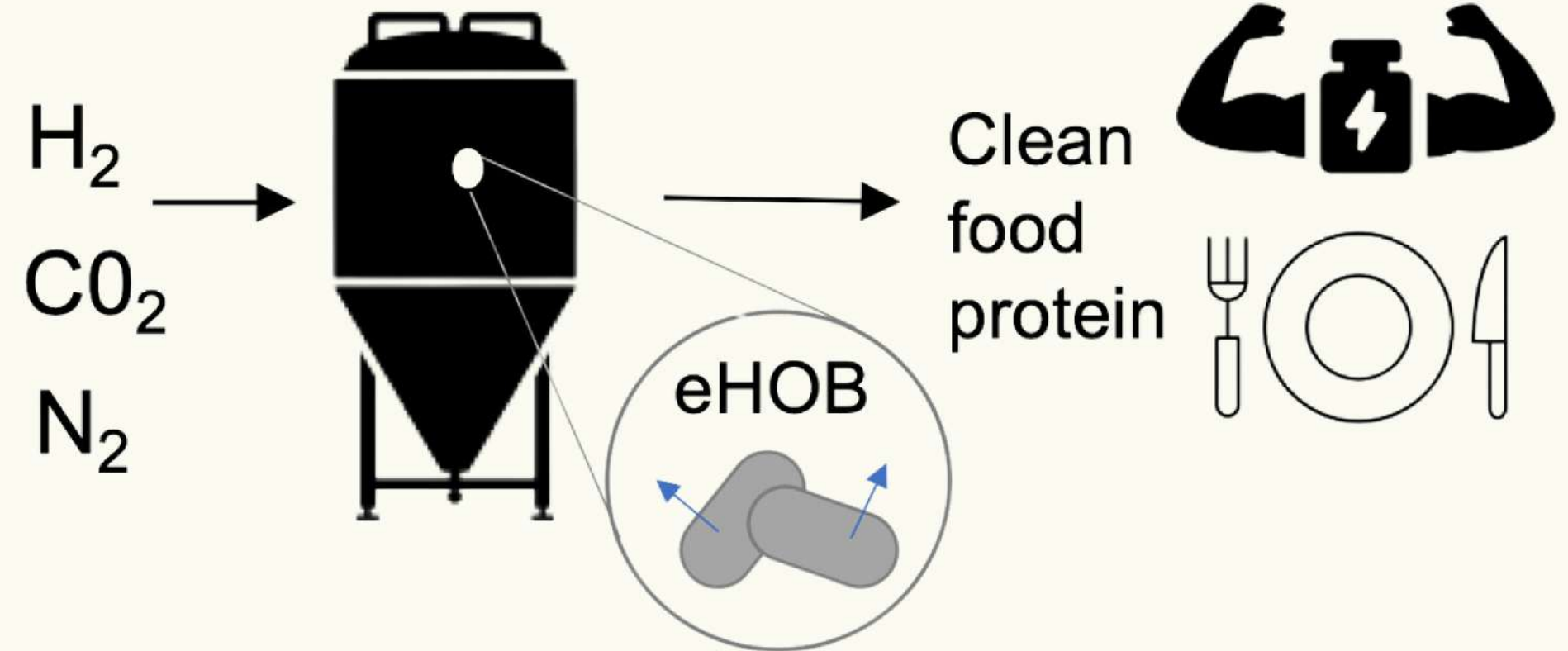
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ABOUT HYDROCOW

Project HYDROCOW realizes a radically new technology that has the potential not only to address the global challenge of sustainability of food production and the resulting CO₂ emissions but also to create a totally new market in the food industry. The main impact of the project is through the **disconnection of food production from agriculture**. This leads to the development of a net-zero carbon, animal-free food product, with an estimated 99% reduction in land and water use in comparison to dairy cows - taking into consideration the land and water use of protein production, such as factory space.

Gas fermentation



The main objective of the project is to develop and demonstrate a **first-of-a-kind** engineered hydrogen oxidizing bacterium (eHOB) *Xanthobacter* sp. SoFl-based protein secretion system, where CO₂ and soon N₂ is valorized into food-grade protein, decoupled from agriculture. In addition, HYDROCOW will generate significant knowledge for a growing research and application community about autotrophic, microbial production systems, their physiology, and sophisticated tools for genetically designing and screening them.

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Our goal is to engineer a microbe that converts carbon dioxide (CO₂) and hydrogen, produced from water using electricity, into beta-lactoglobulin, a major constituent of milk. In other words, HYDROCOW aims to produce milk with CO₂ and electricity, removing the cow from the process.

HYDROCOW PARTNERS



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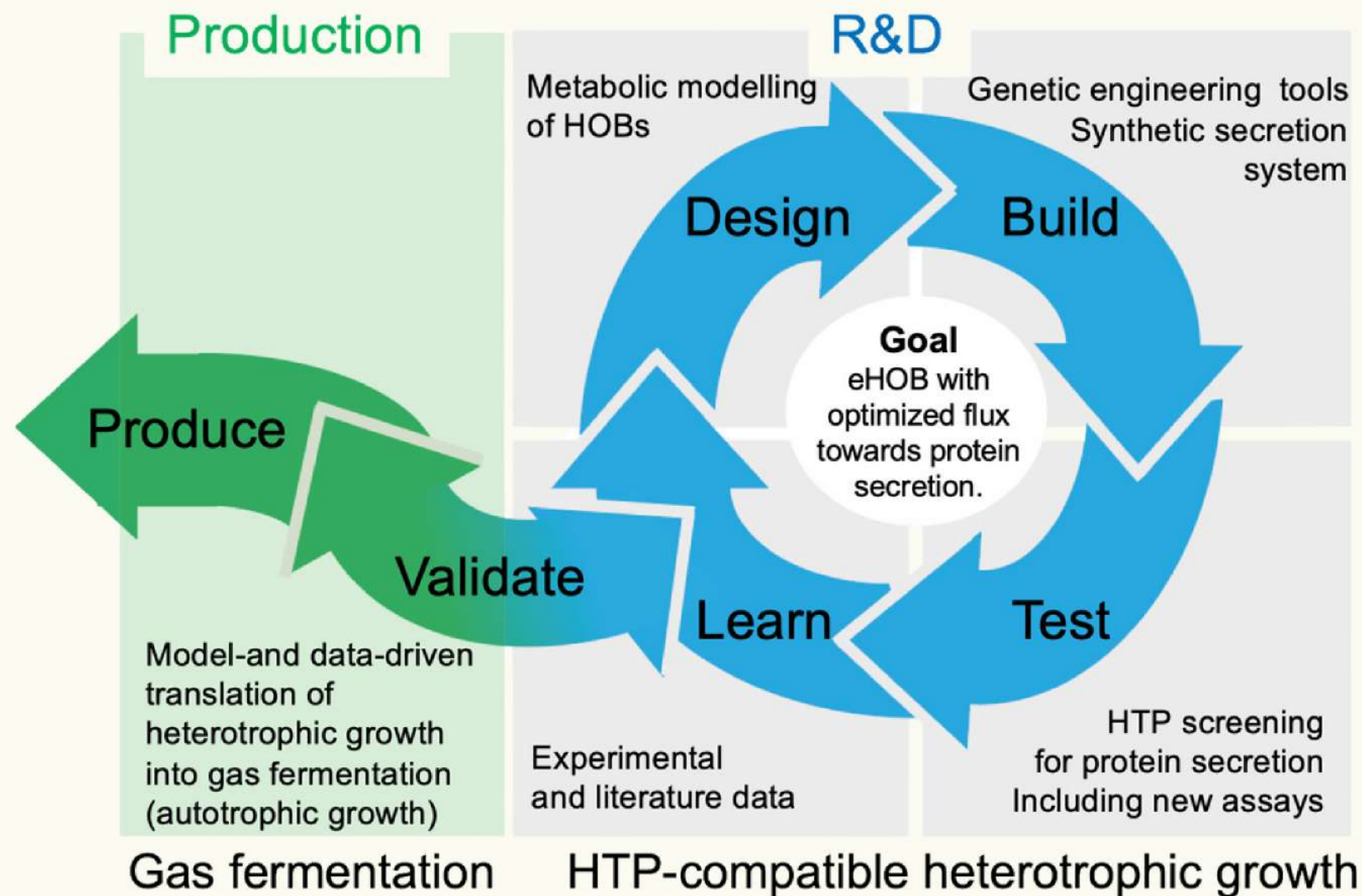
BUDGET €3,963,836

PROJECT WEBSITE

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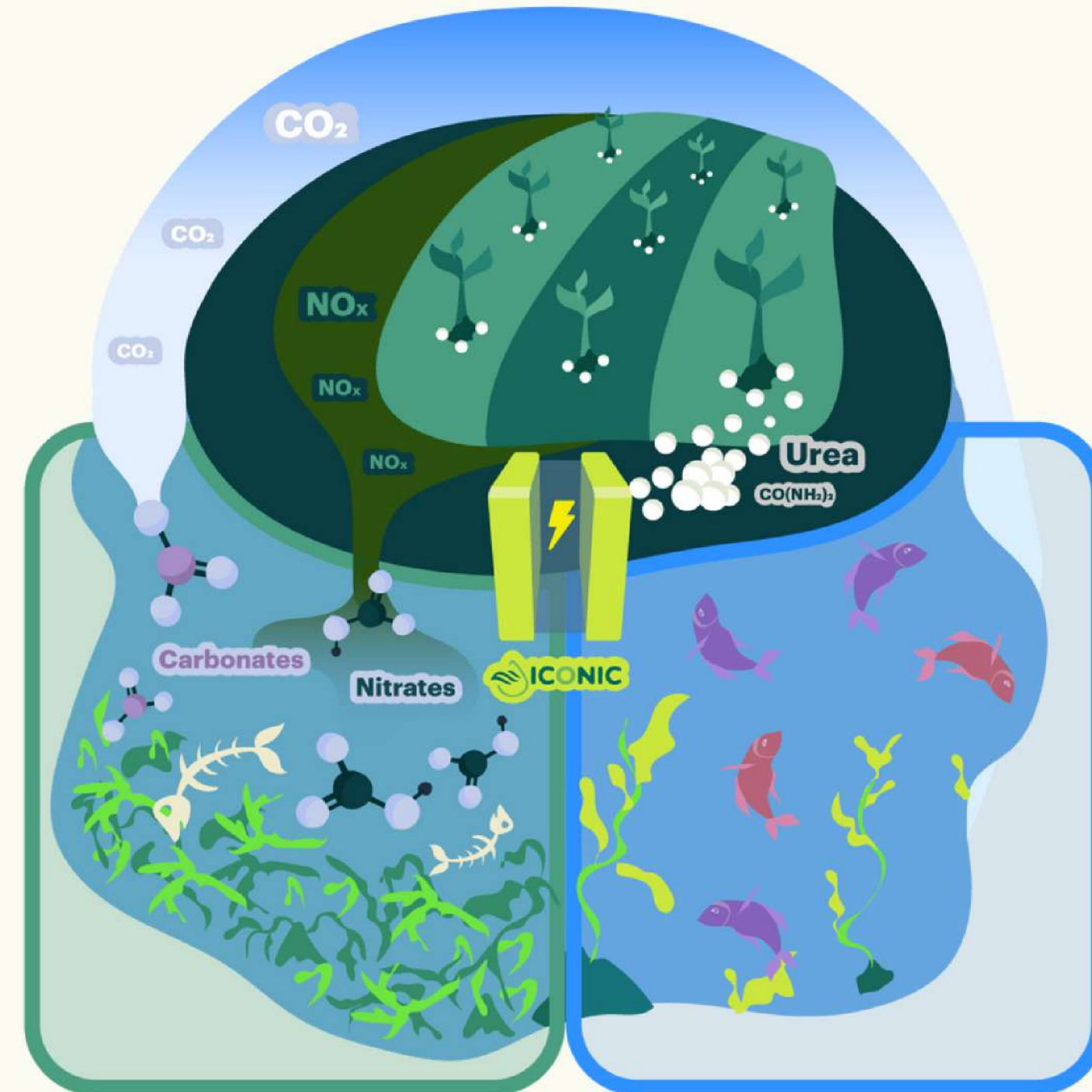


ABOUT ICONIC

Using as an inspiration how the natural carbon and nitrogen cycles operate, ICONIC presents itself as an **environmental remediation and a sustainable production technology**. We will help restore the ecosystem by capturing dissolved CO₂ and nitrates from seawater and transforming those chemicals into useful industry products, such as urea.

Our **strengths**:

- New catalysts based on non-critical raw materials.
- Direct co-electrolysis of CO₂ and nitrates from seawater
- Integrated and scalable prototype powered by renewables for on-site mitigation.



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ICONIC helps to remediate the ocean ecosystem by converting seawater carbonates and nitrates, pollutants responsible for water acidification and eutrophication, into urea and other useful chemicals.

ICONIC PARTNERS





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BUDGET €3.964.666

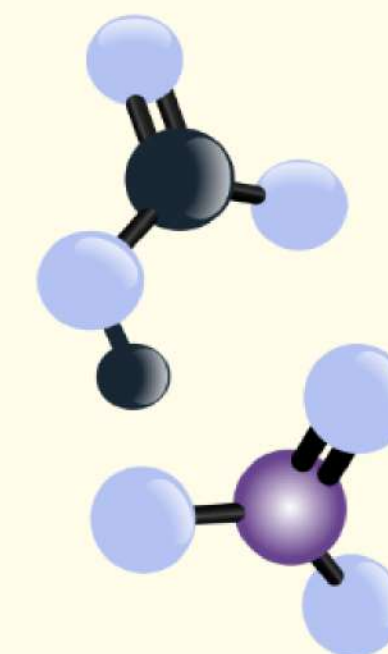
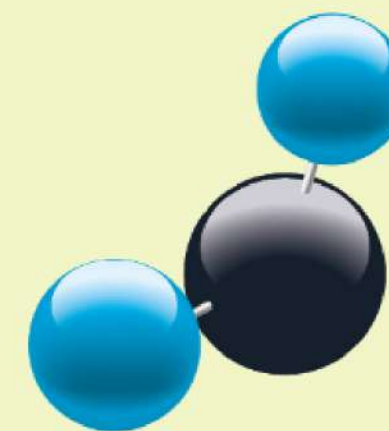
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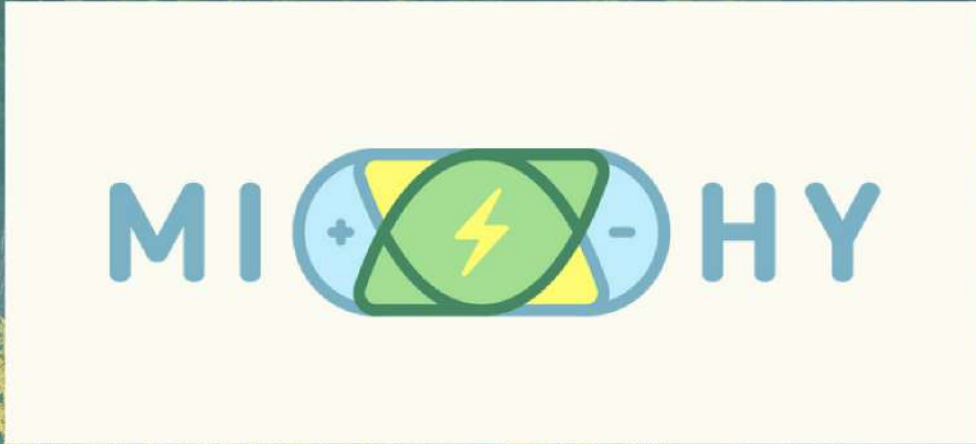
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use of CO₂



Reduce and
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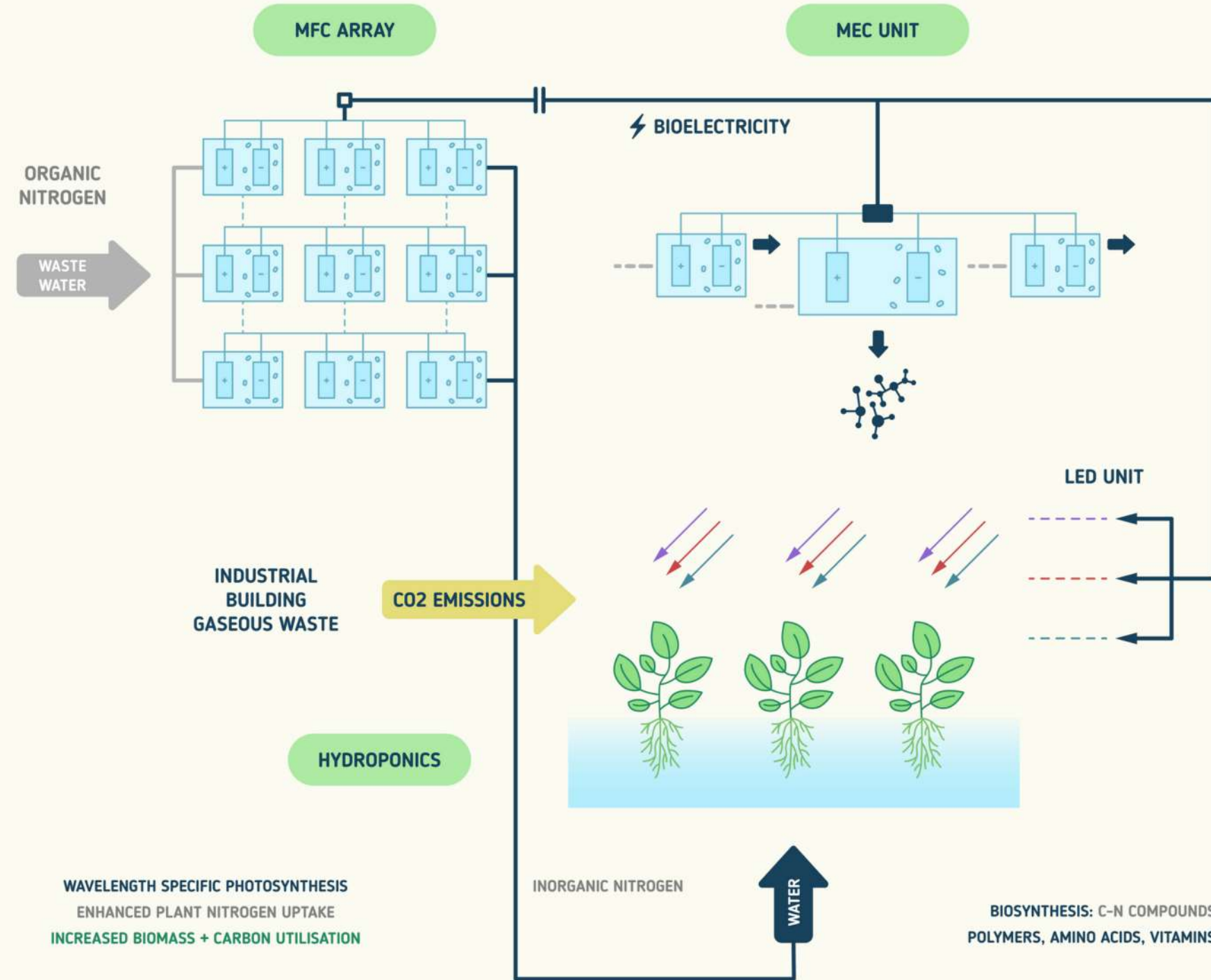
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ABOUT MI-HY

Mi-Hy represents an **innovative approach to hydroponics, waste treatment, and energy generation** by integrating processes which historically have been separate into a single ecosystem. This eliminates the need for external (fossil-fuel-based) energy or carbon and nitrogen sources. The novel integrated platform consists of:

- Bioelectricity-generating microbial fuel cells
- Wavelength-specific hydroponics LEDs
- Hydroponics system
- Microbial electrolysis cell (MEC)



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Mi-Hy brings together microbial fuel cell (MFC) technology and hydroponics in a circular platform that turns carbon into biomass and recycles nitrogen from wastewater, promoting a greener future.

MI-HY PARTNERS





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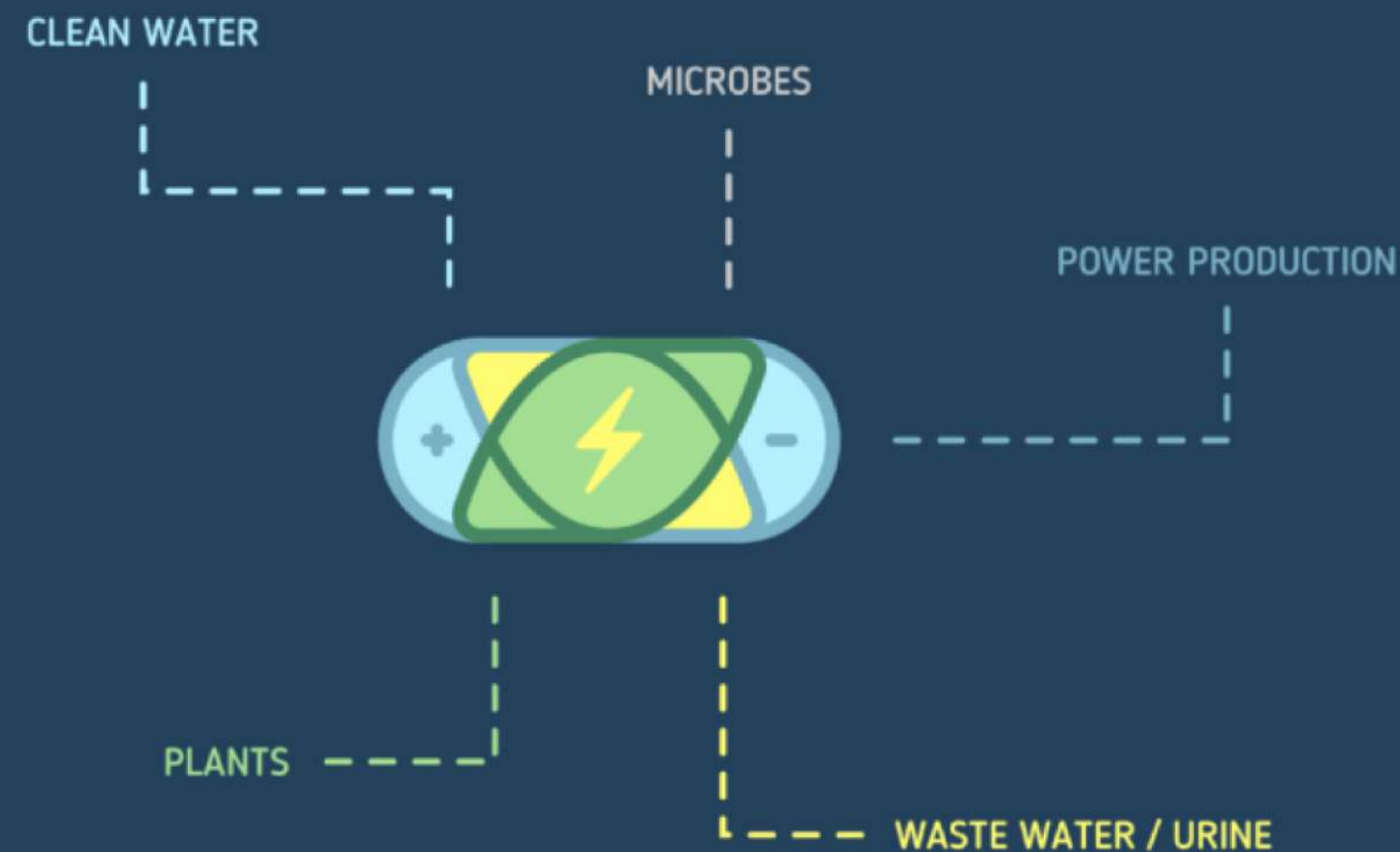
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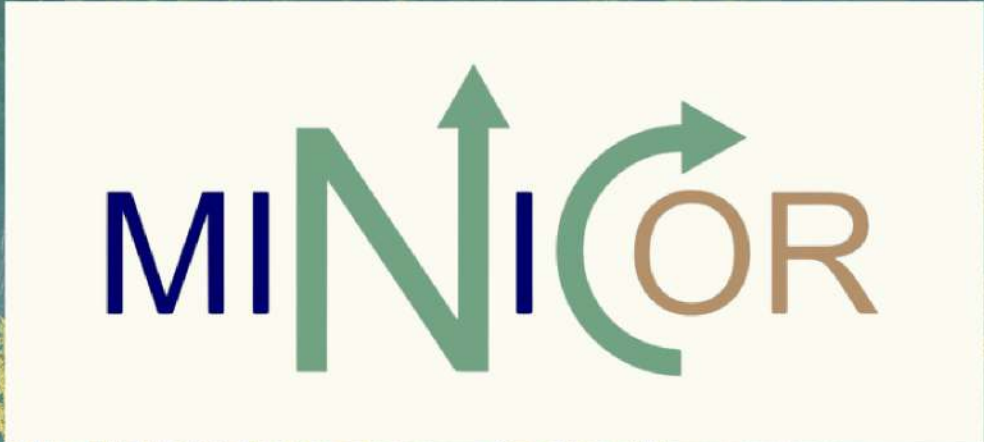
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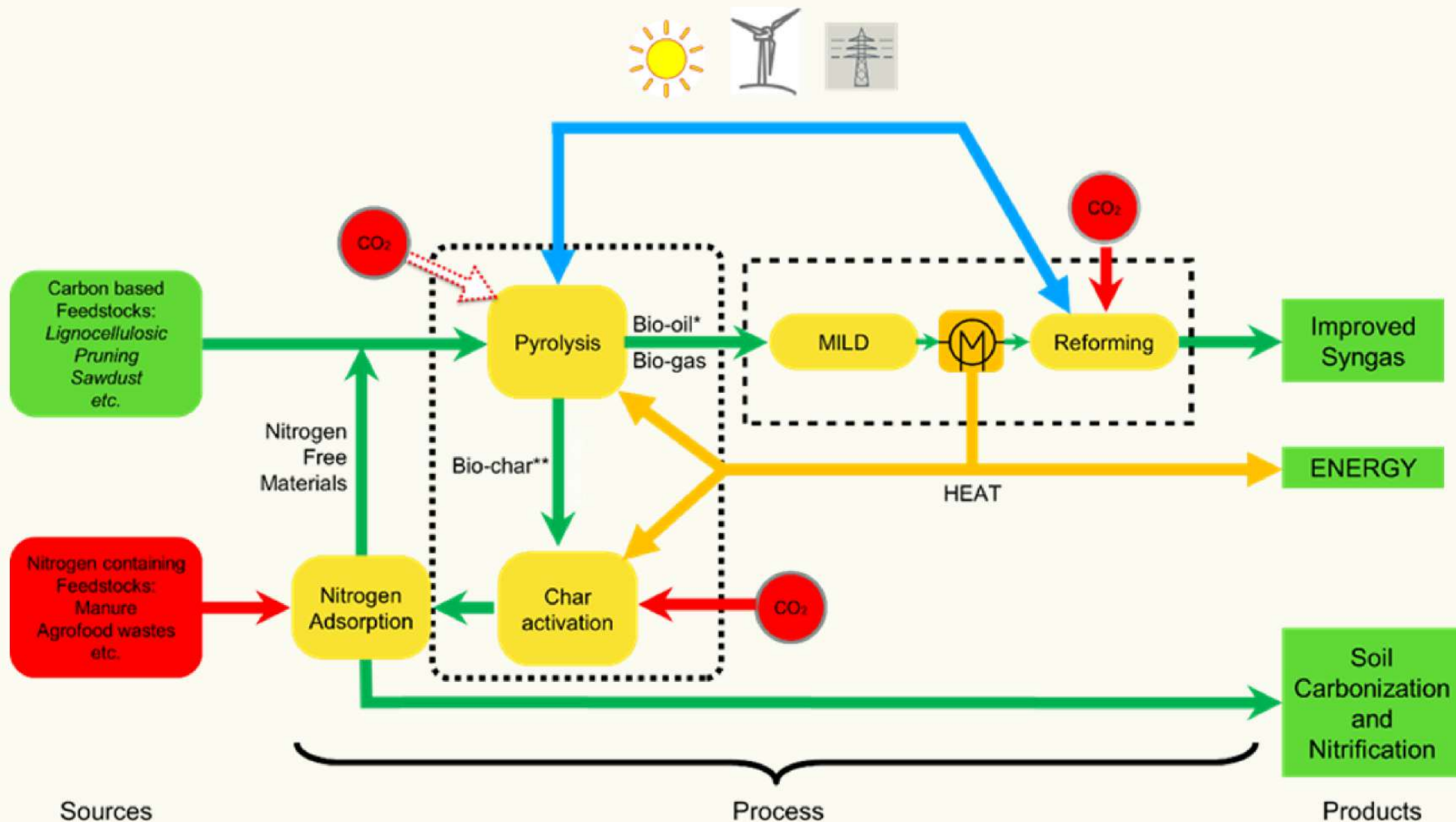
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ABOUT MINICOR

MINICOR aims to develop a versatile process for management and valorisation of CO₂ and nitrogen with efficient renewable resource deployment. The concept integrates pyrolysis, MILD-combustion and dry reforming with biomass residues as feedstock for production of syngas and biochar.

The concept adopts a circular approach as it employs biomass residues as raw material and combines the production of syngas with that of porous biochar materials for several possible applications such as soil amendment.



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MINICOR introduces circular biomass conversion for production of syngas from CO₂ via reforming, and biochar material for soil amendment. Thus adopting a circular approach for C- and N-compounds with efficient use of renewable resources.

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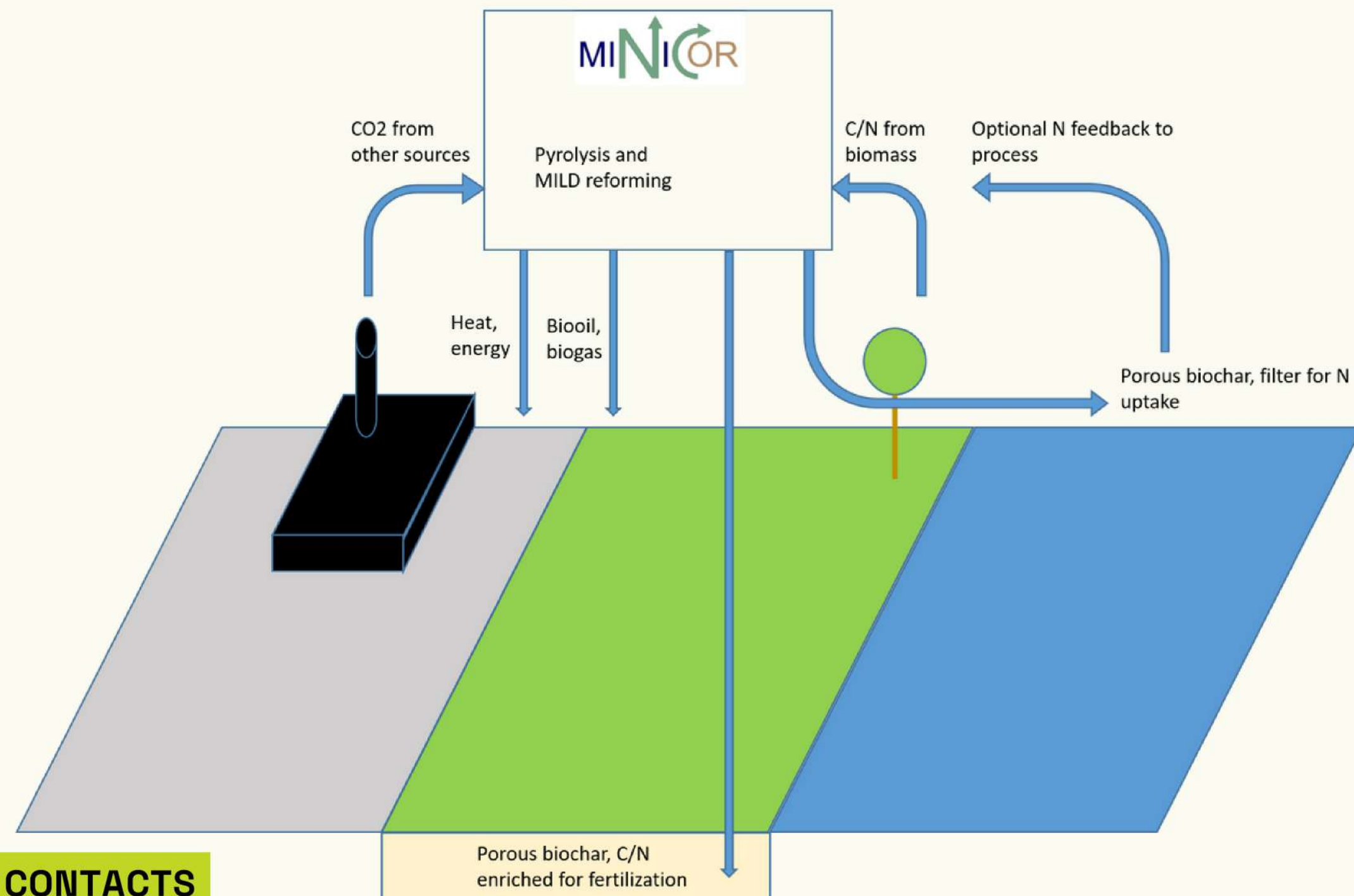
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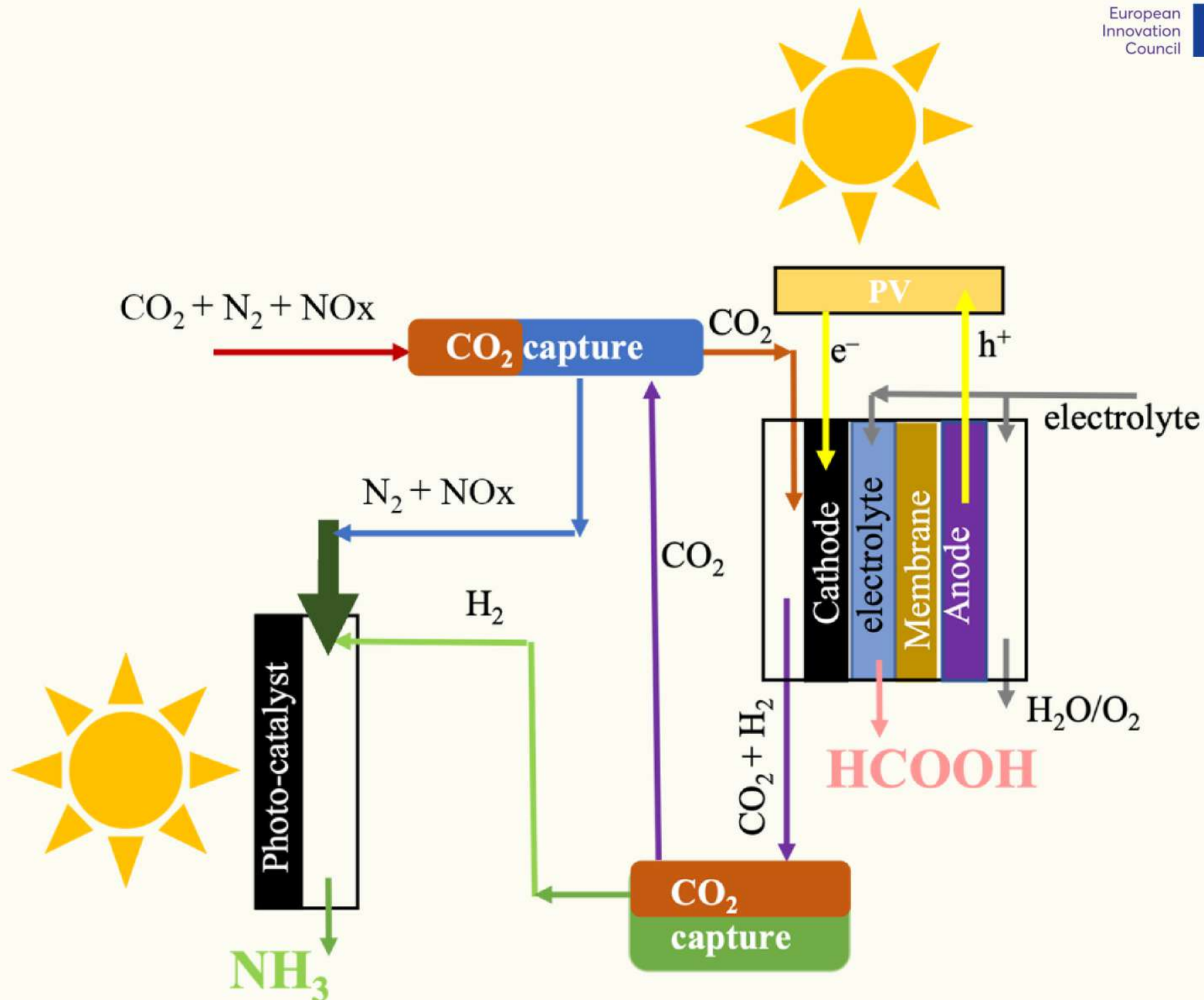
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super^{val}
 sustainable photoelectrochemical valorization of flue gases

ABOUT SUPERVAL

Limiting postcombustion emissions is one of the most urgent environmental actions.

SUPERVAL overarching objective is to develop a breakthrough modular technology, built with non critical raw materials, able to capture and valorise the CO₂ and nitrogen components (NO_x and N₂) of flue gas streams respectively to formate and ammonia, using sunlight as primary energy source, and water as source of hydrogen (protons and electrons).



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SUPERVAL aims to turn CO₂ and Nitrogen from pollution and waste into useful products (like ammonia and formate) in a sustainable way

SUPERVAL PARTNERS

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valorization
of flue gases

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€3.571.708

PROJECT WEBSITE

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CORDIS LINK

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Flue gases

Low-energy gas
separation
technology

CO₂

NO_x, N₂

Photo-electrocatalytic
CO₂ Valorization Cell

H₂

Photo-hydrogenation Cell

HCOOH (Formate)

NH₃ (Ammonia)



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