

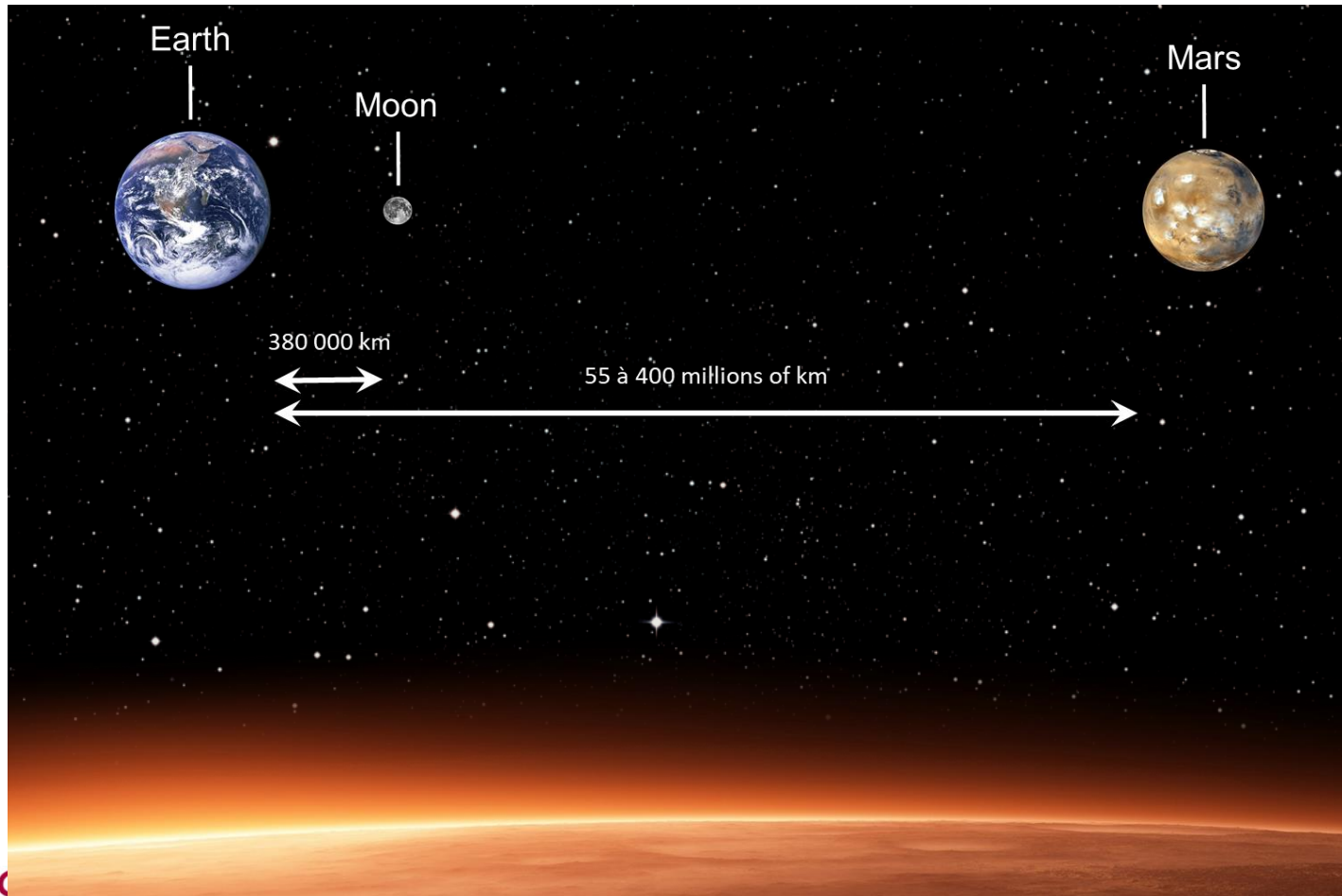
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Supporting life in space: Bacterial production of Oxygen

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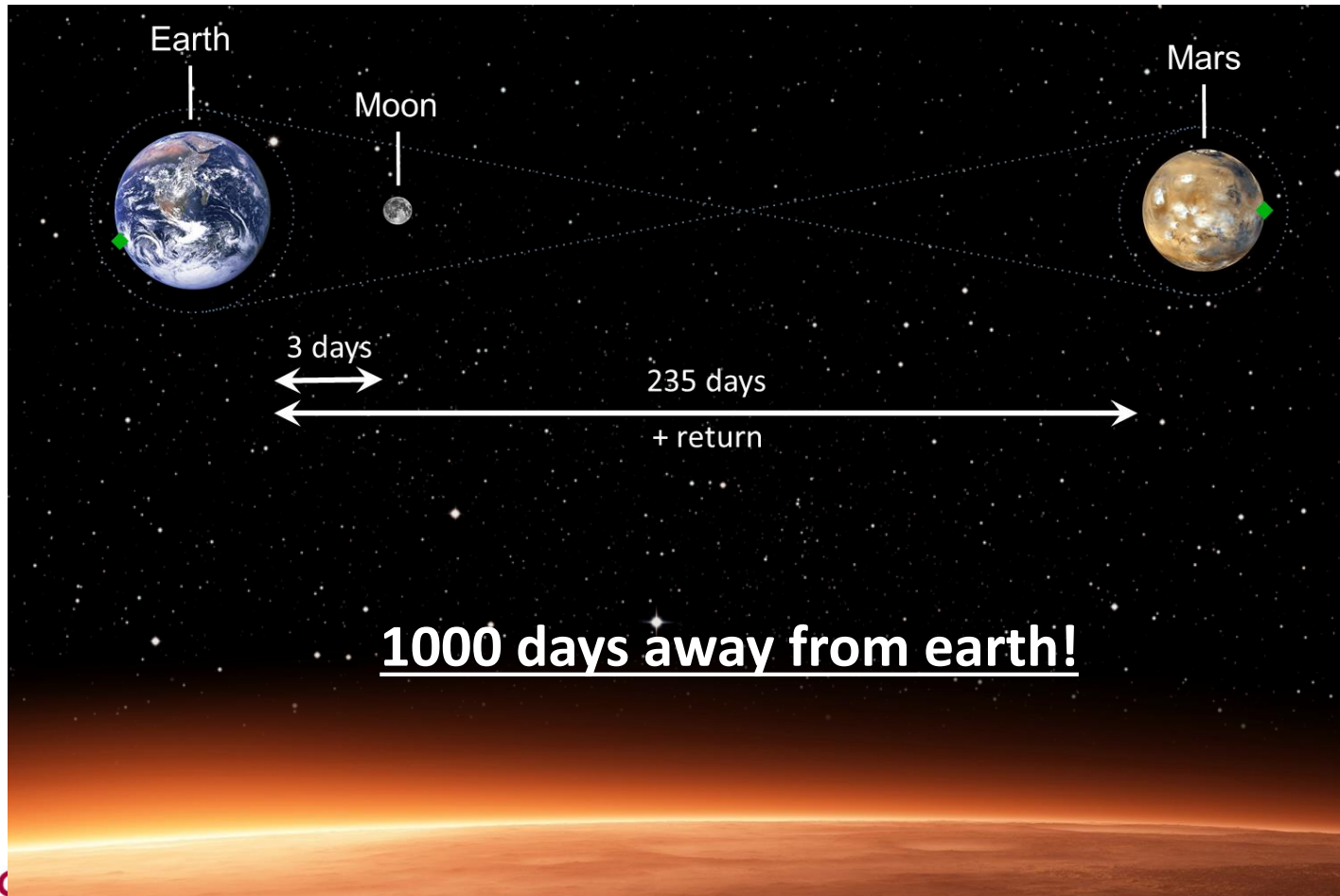
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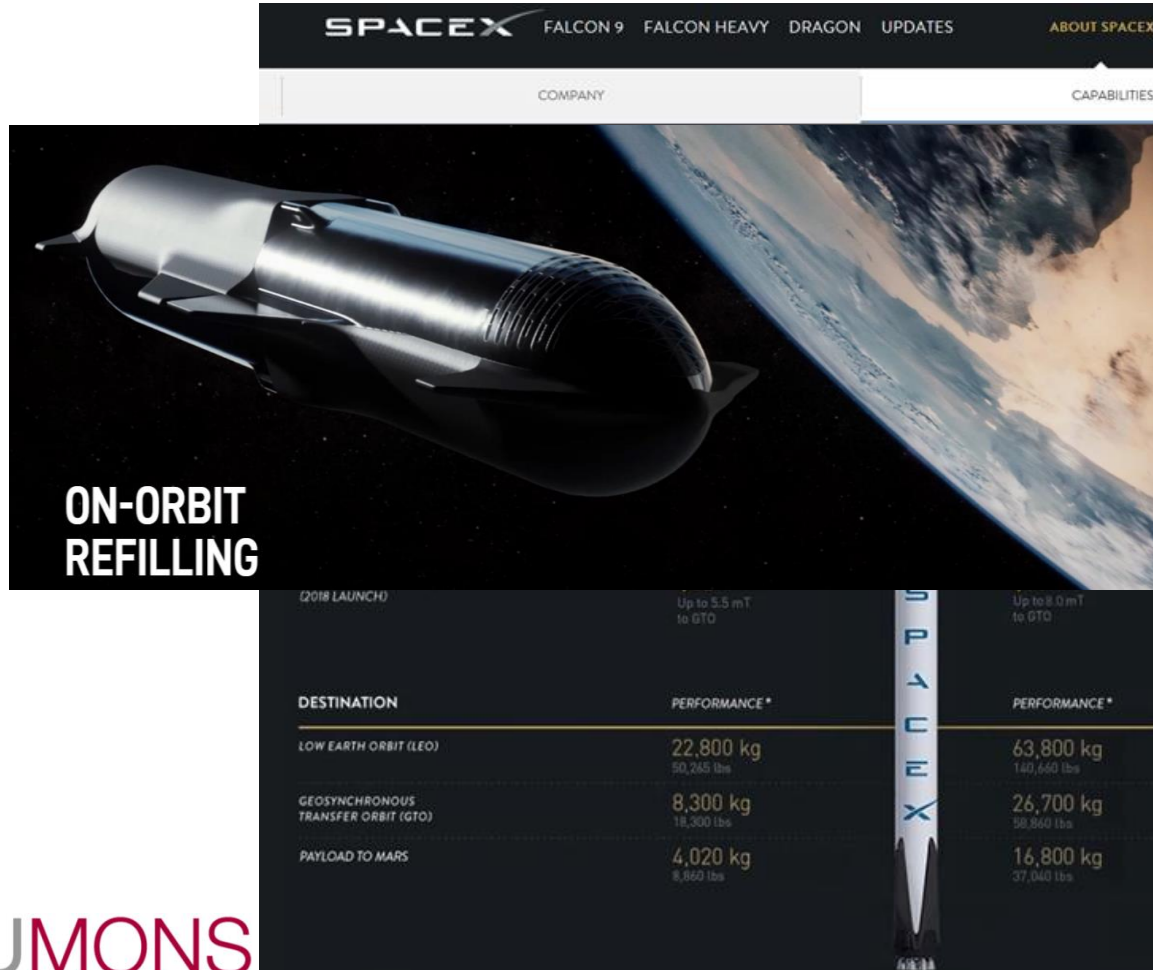
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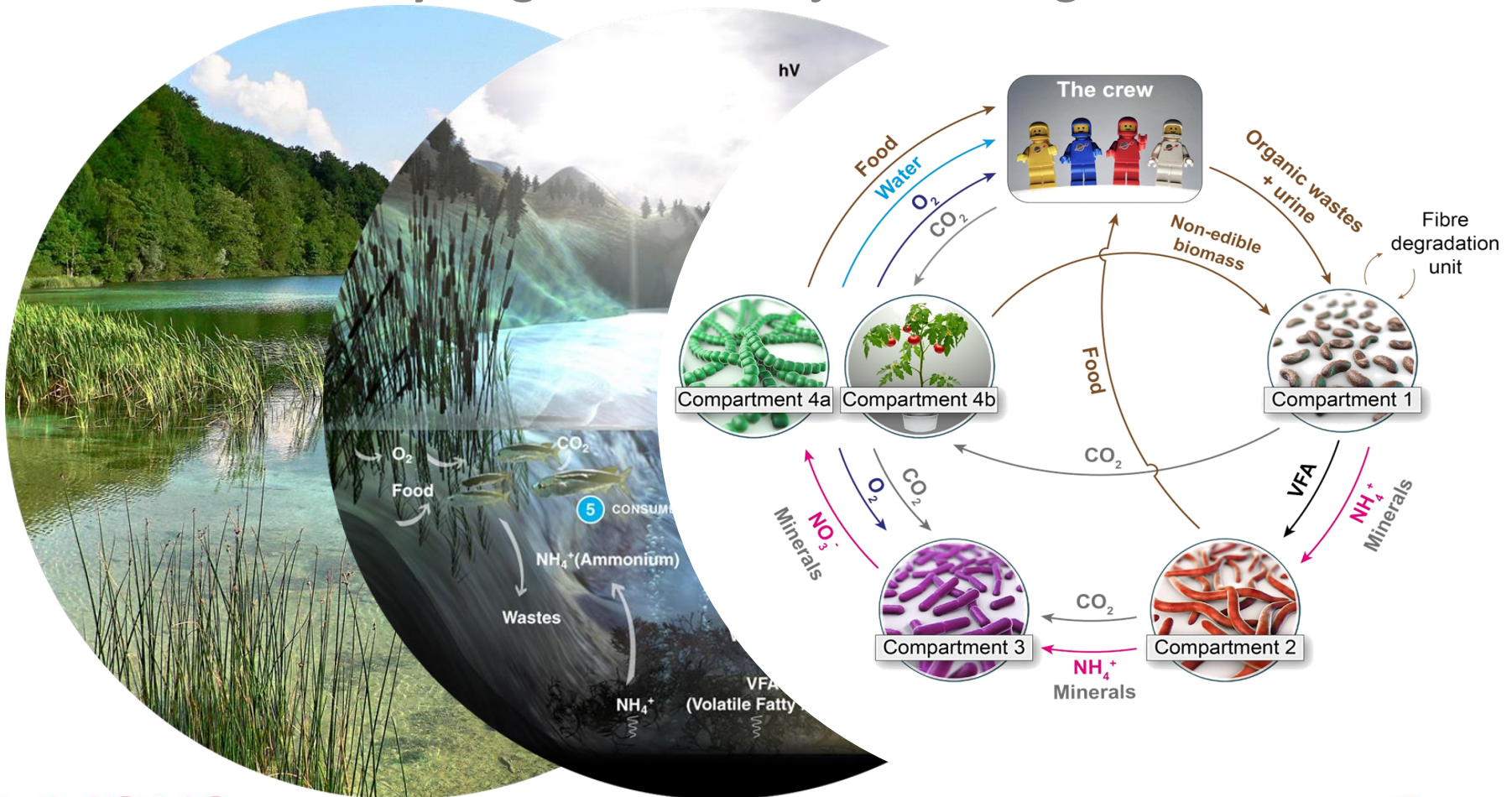
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- Payload capacity to Mars



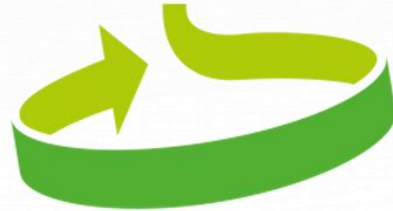
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- What about recycling rather than just wasting resources?



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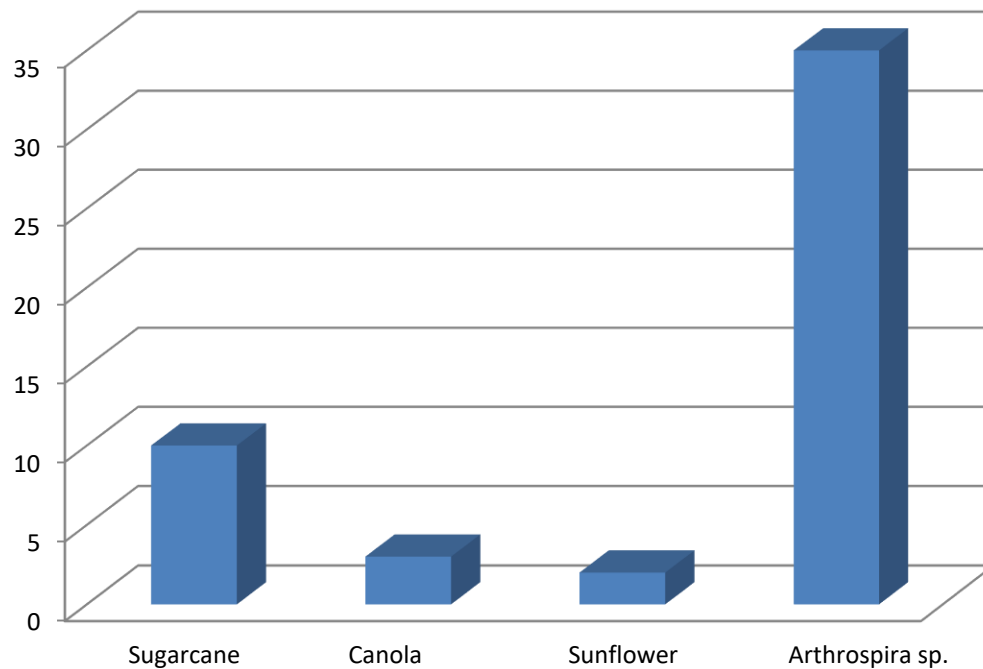
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O₂ production and CO₂ removal

- Cyanobacteria selected for their very high productivity

Productivity (Kg of proteins/m².day)



MELiSSA biological/knowledge requirements

- High level of integration at MELiSSA Pilot Plant



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✓ Omics: our molecular toolbox

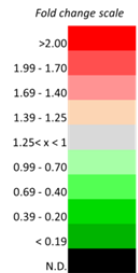


- Do we really care?
- Couldn't we just predict process outcome based on previous experiment?

Let's have a short video...



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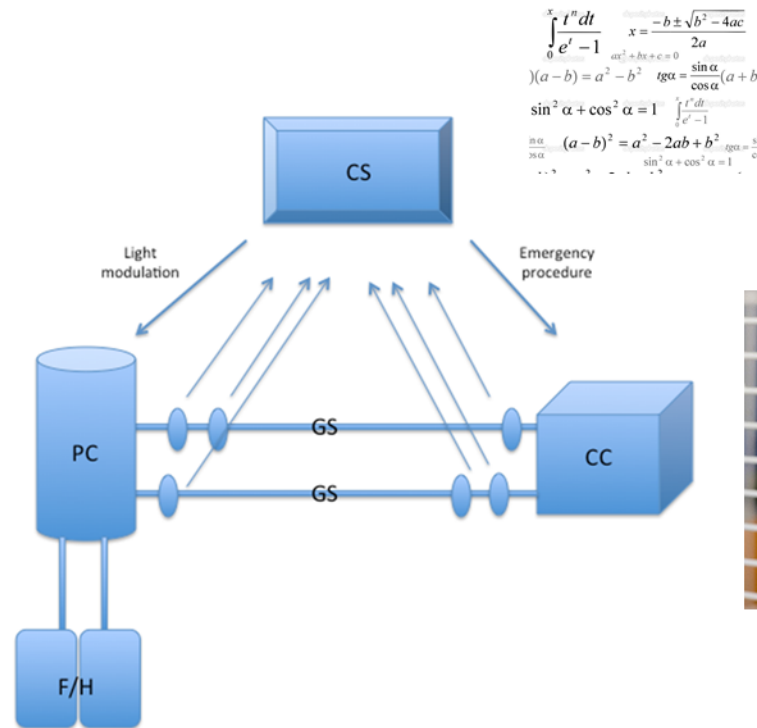
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✓ Advanced space flight experiment Artemiss project

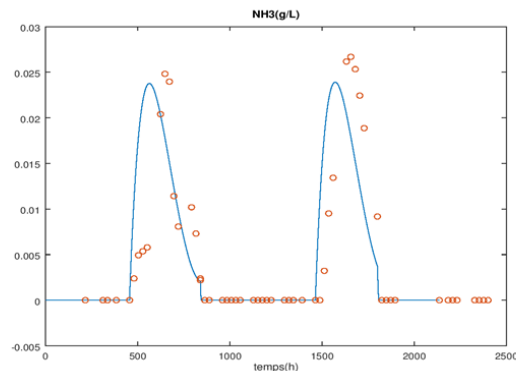


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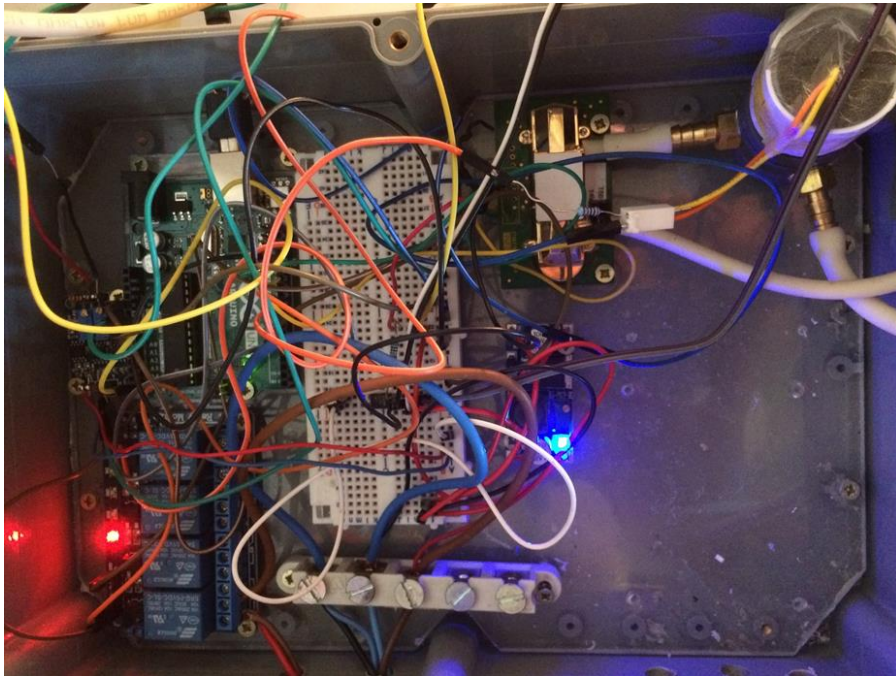


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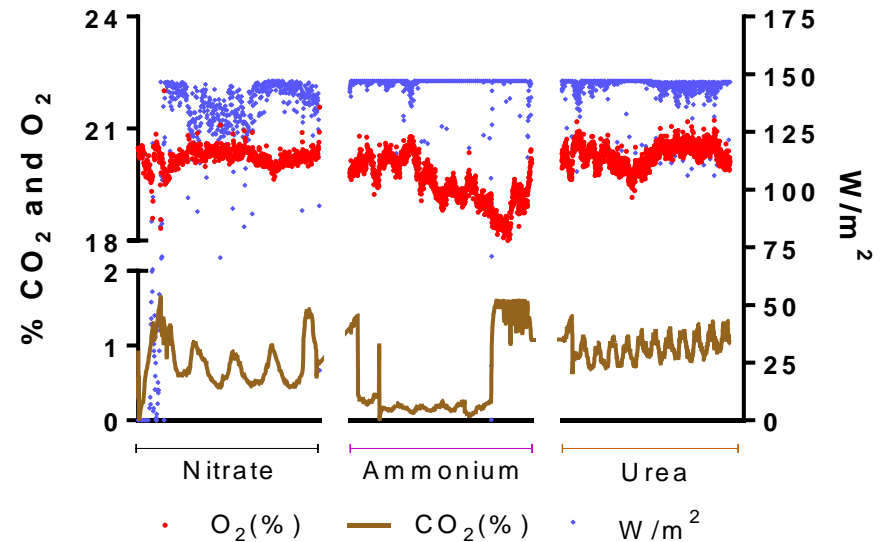


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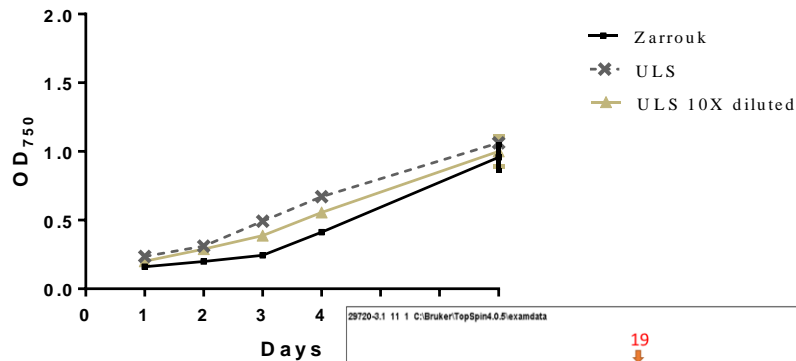


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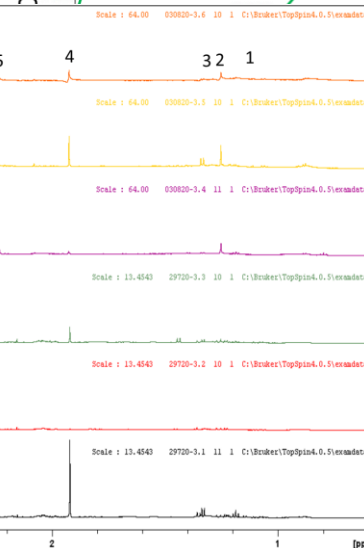
✓ Biorat2 project : treating (partially nitrified) urine



Growth rate



C2 (16.0 %)



Apres traitement

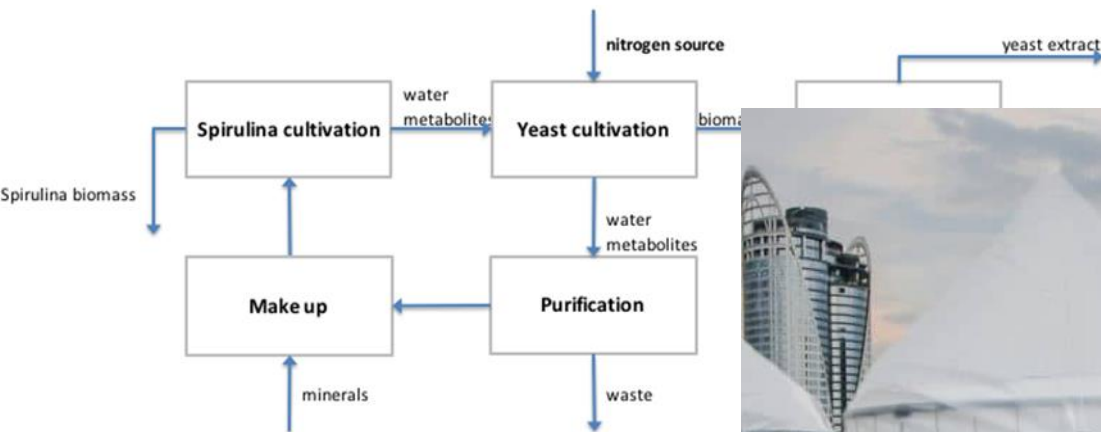
Control

(35.6 %)

30 mM NO₃⁻
30 mM Urea
15 mM NO₃⁻ + 15 mM U

What about terrestrial applications

✓ Arthrospira production and medium recycling : Purge To Value project



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What about terrestrial applications?

- ✓ **MARS : Architecture Energy and CO2 capture in a UMONS Living Lab (submitted at Walloon region)**
- ✓ **Farm at Factory : Valorisation of industrial waste for Arthrospira production (submitted at ERA-Net/FOSC)**

✓ What about you being involved in MELiSSA?



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