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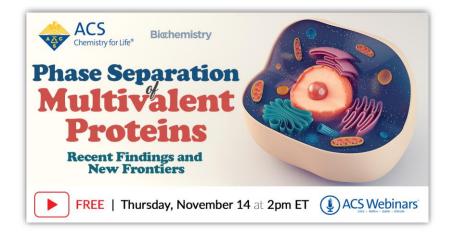




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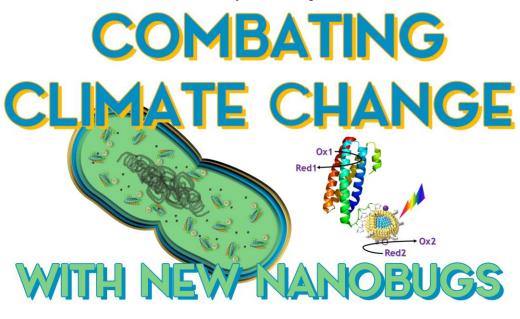
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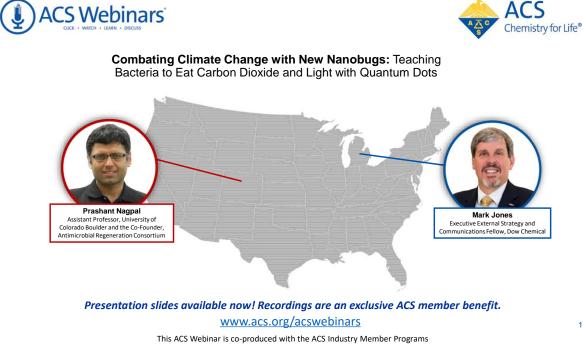
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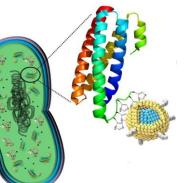
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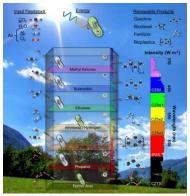


Combating Climate Change with New Nanobugs: Teaching Bacteria to Eat Carbon Dioxide and Light with Quantum Dots



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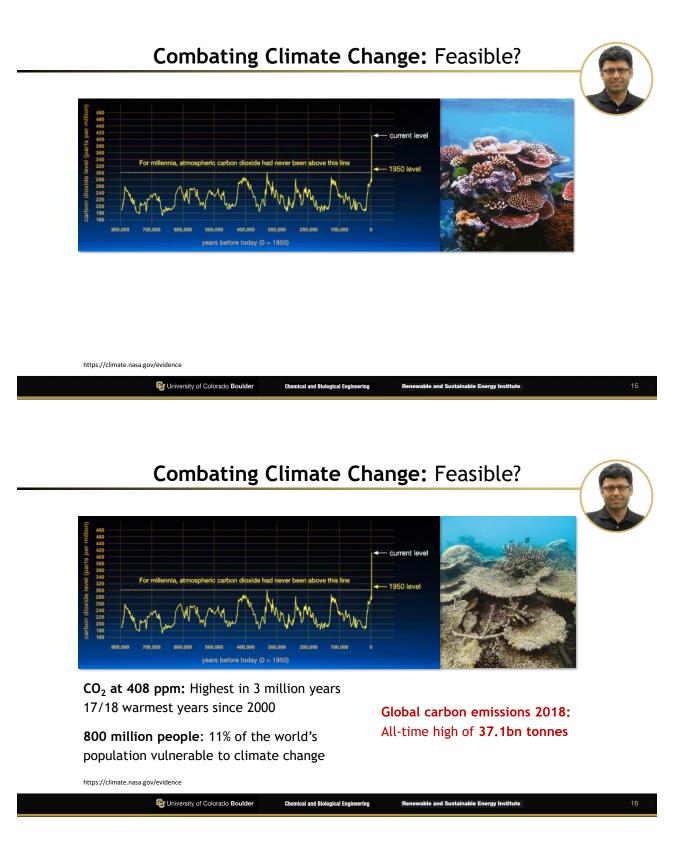




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Combating Climate Change: Feasible?





70% of Earth's oxygen comes from oceans...

By **2050**, plastic > fish in oceans by weight

We produce ~**381 million** tonnes of plastic each year

https://www.unenvironment.org/interactive/beat-plastic-pollution



Audience Survey Question

ANSWER THE QUESTION ON BLUE SCREEN IN ONE MOMENT

The amount of plastic waste each year (381 million tonnes) is equivalent to the weight of how many people?

- Few thousand people
- Population of a large city
- Population of a large country
- Almost entire human population

* If your answer differs greatly from the choices above tell us in the chat!

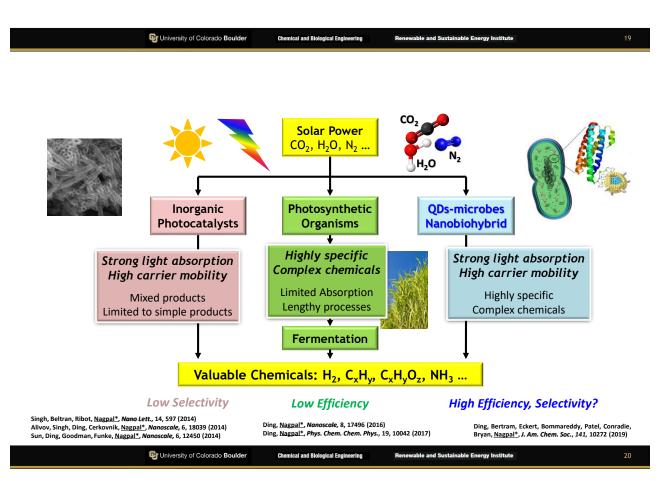
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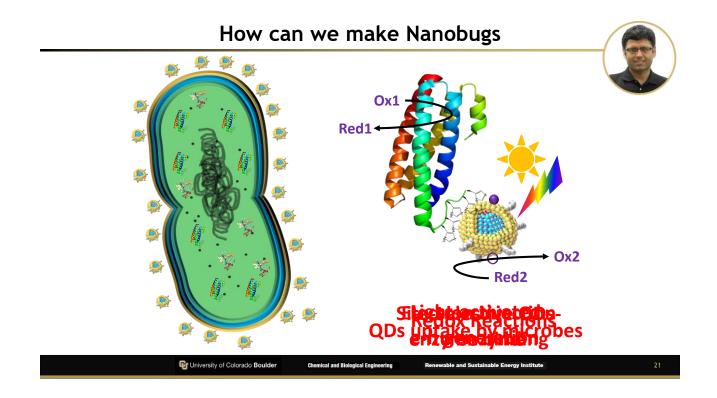
Answer: Almost entire human population

381 million tonnes= 381×10⁹ kg

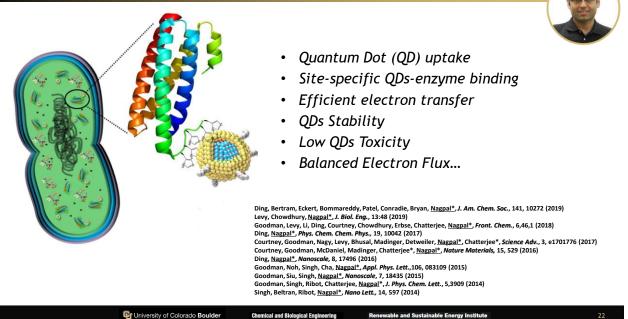
Assuming an average human weight of 75 kg

381 million tonnes= 381×10⁹ /75=5.08 billion people or ~2/3 of entire human population

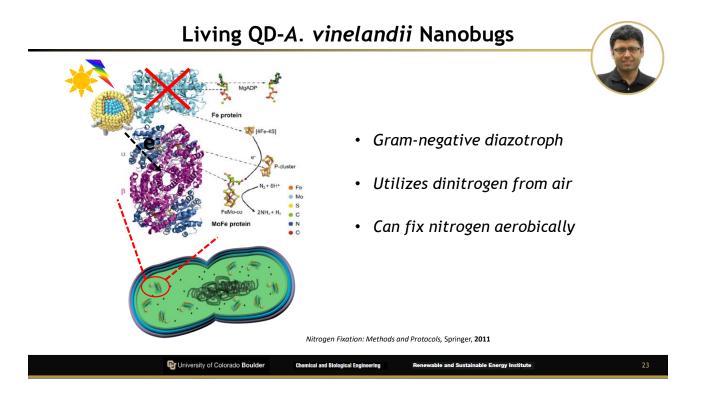








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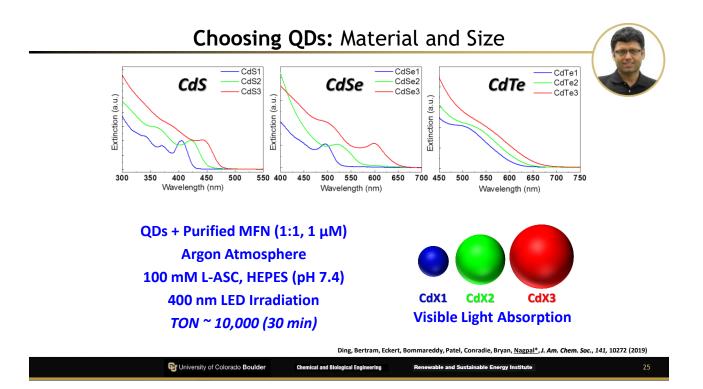
Choosing QDs: Material and Size

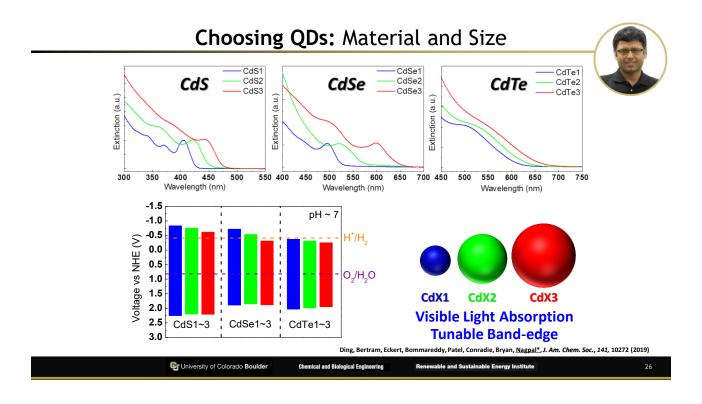


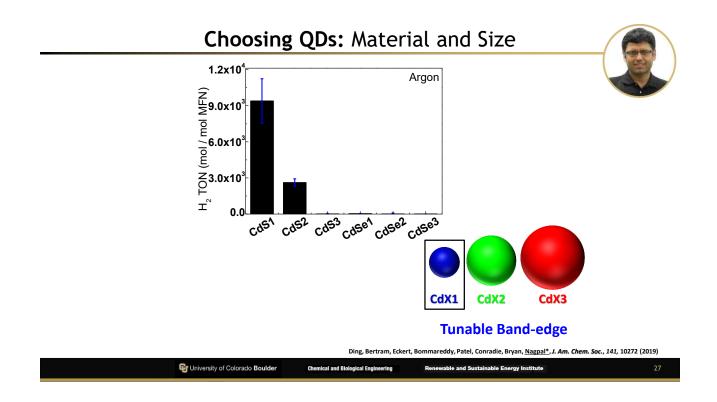
QDs + Purified MFN (1:1, 1 μM) Argon Atmosphere 100 mM L-ASC, HEPES (pH 7.4) 400 nm LED Irradiation *TON* ~ 10,000 (30 min)



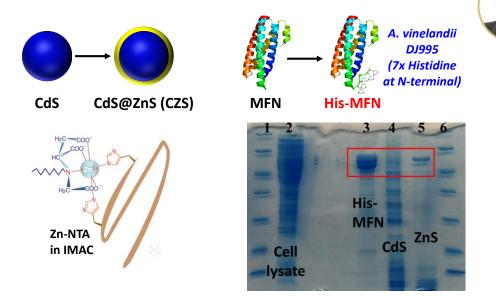
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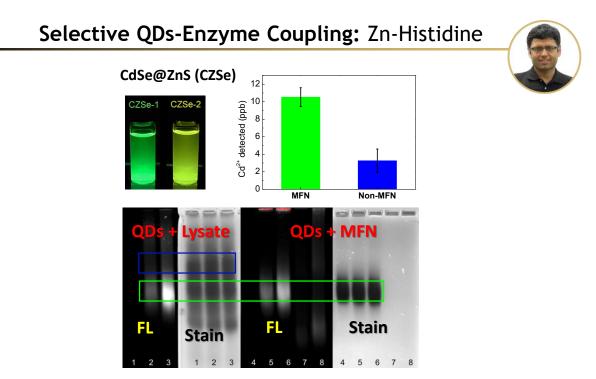






Selective QDs-Enzyme Coupling: Zn-Histidine



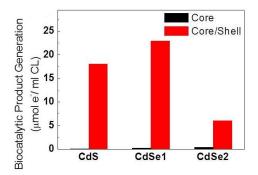


Selective QDs-Enzyme Coupling: Zn-Histidine



QDs + Cell Lysate Argon Atmosphere Light Irradiation

Yield increase significantly after ZnS coating



Audience Survey Question

ANSWER THE QUESTION ON BLUE SCREEN IN ONE MOMENT

If a nanobug has ~10,000 copies of an enzyme of interest, and chosen QD has molecular weight of 120 g/mol, how much QDs are required to make 1 mol of nanobugs?

- 1200 kg of QDs
- 6.023×10²⁴ kgs
- 120 kg
- Need more information

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How much QDs are required to make a nanobug?



Answer: 1200 kgs

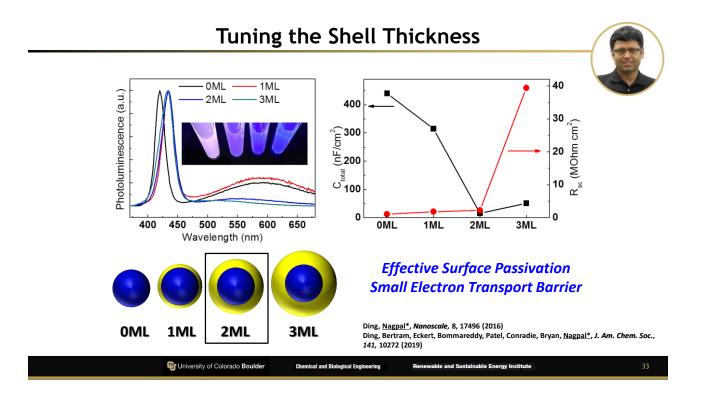
1 mol of nanobugs requires 10,000 mols of QDs (to saturate every enzyme)

Using QD molecular weight (120 g/mol)

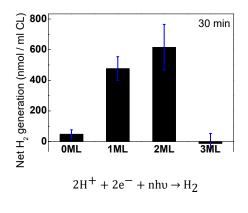
To make 1 mol of nanobugs= 10,000×120g =1200 kgs

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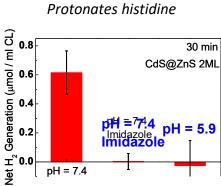


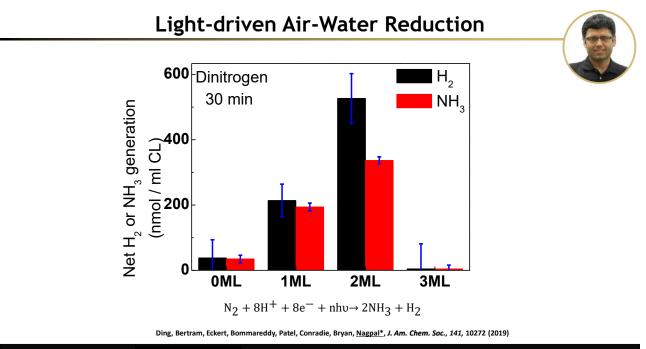
Light-driven QD-Enzyme Biocatalysis



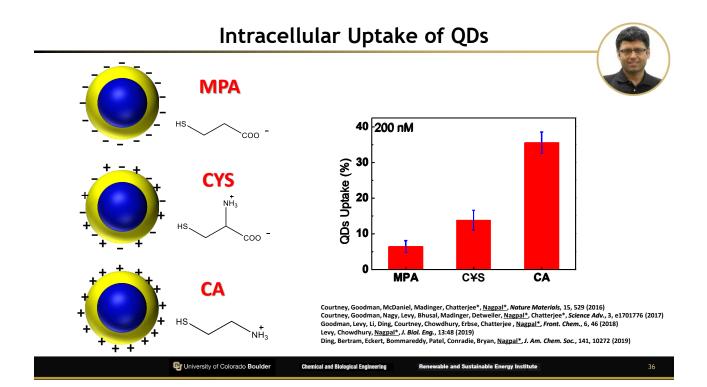
Imidazole: Competitively binds to zinc

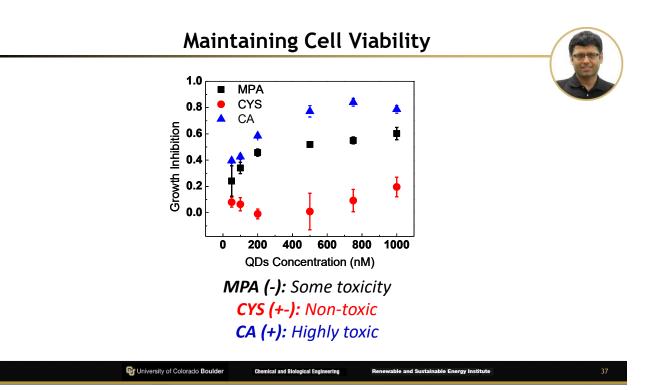
Higher acidity:

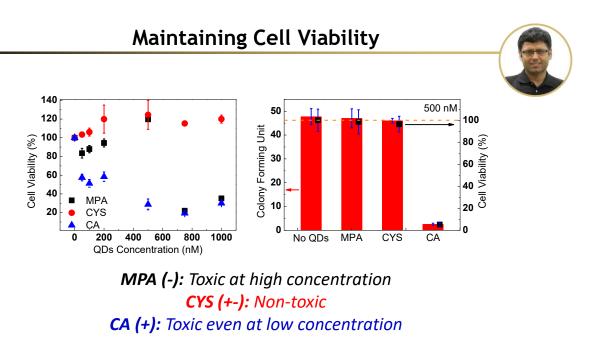




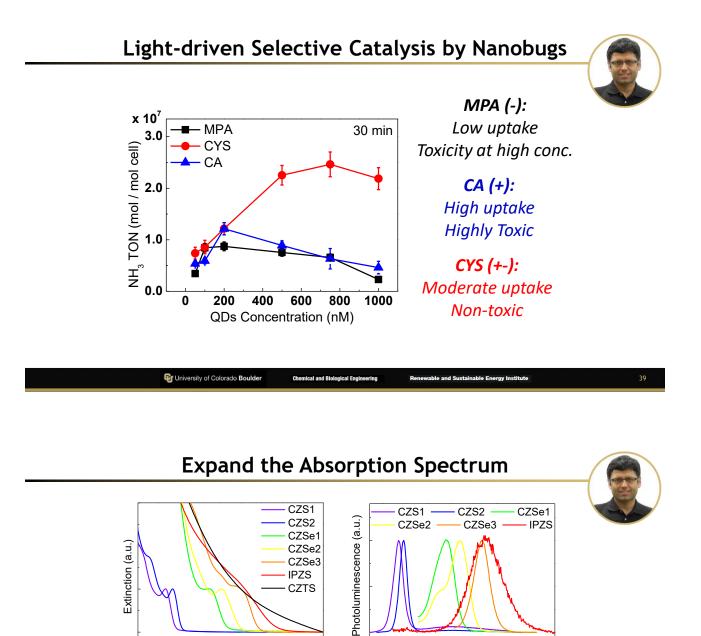
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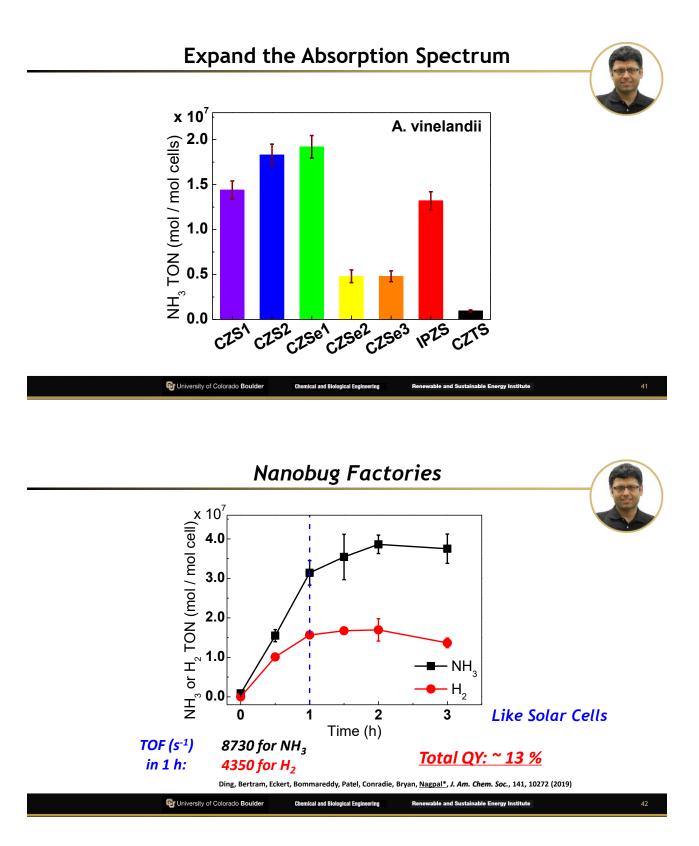
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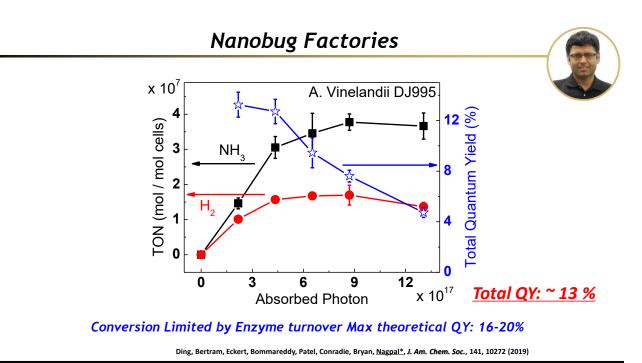
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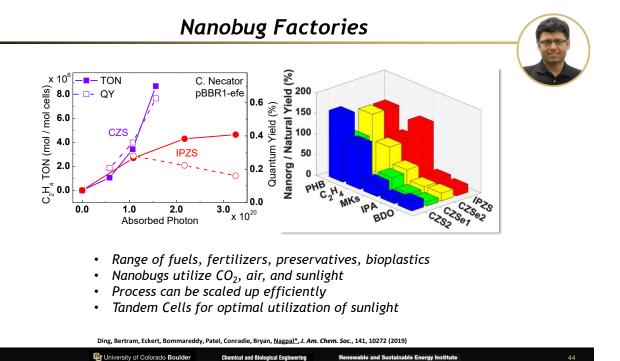
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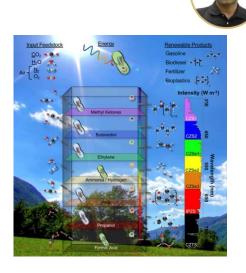


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Nanobug Factories



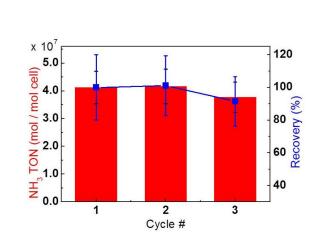
- Range of fuels, fertilizers, preservatives, bioplastics •
- Nanobugs utilize CO₂, air, and sunlight Process can be scaled up efficiently •
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- Tandem Cells for optimal utilization of sunlight ٠



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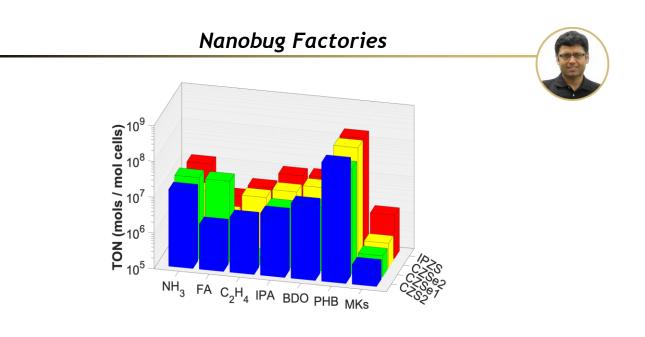
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Audience Survey Question

ANSWER THE QUESTION ON BLUE SCREEN IN ONE MOMENT

If we convert all emitted CO2/year (37.1 bn tonnes) using nanobugs, how much volume of nanobugs would it require?

Nanobugs TON (7.3×1010 mol PHB/mol cells/year)

- A small reservoir or pond
- A large lake
- A whole sea
- An entire ocean

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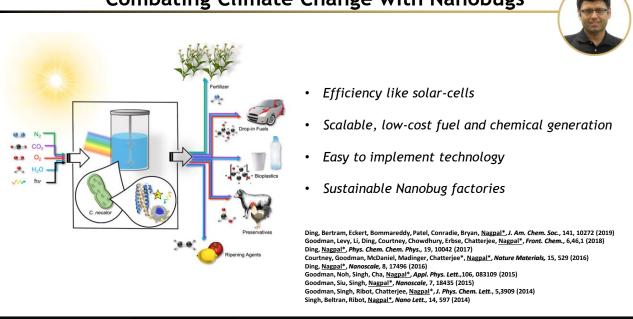
Answer: A large lake

37.1 bn tonnes= 37.1×10^{12} kg= $37.1 \times 10^{15}/44$ mol CO₂ =8.43×10¹⁴ mol CO₂

Using PHB = $5 \times 10^8 \times 365$ days/2.5day run/mol cells TON (5×10⁸ mol PHB/mol cells/run) = 7.3×10¹⁰ mol PHB/year = 7.3×10¹⁰×4 mol CO₂/year/mol cells (C₄H₆O₂)

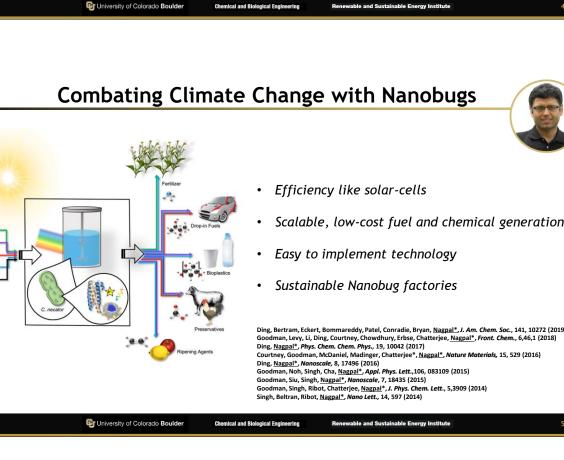
Total mol cells required= 8.43×10¹⁴ / 7.3×10¹⁰×4=2887 mol

Volume of 1 cell~1 µm³ or 10⁻¹⁵ L Total volume of cells reqd.=1×10⁻¹⁸m³×2887×6.023×10²³ =1.74×10⁹m³=1.74 km³



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Approximately a large lake (e.g. Navajo Reservoir, Colorado, Lake Minnetonka or Calhoun, Minneapolis)





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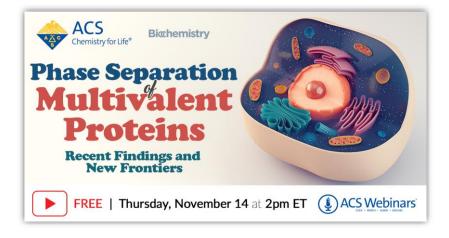


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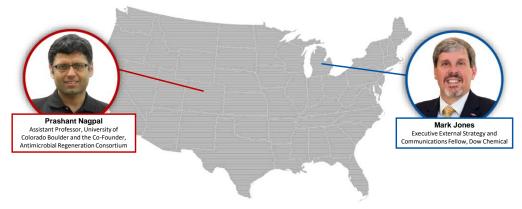








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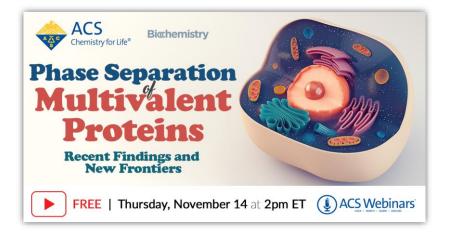
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