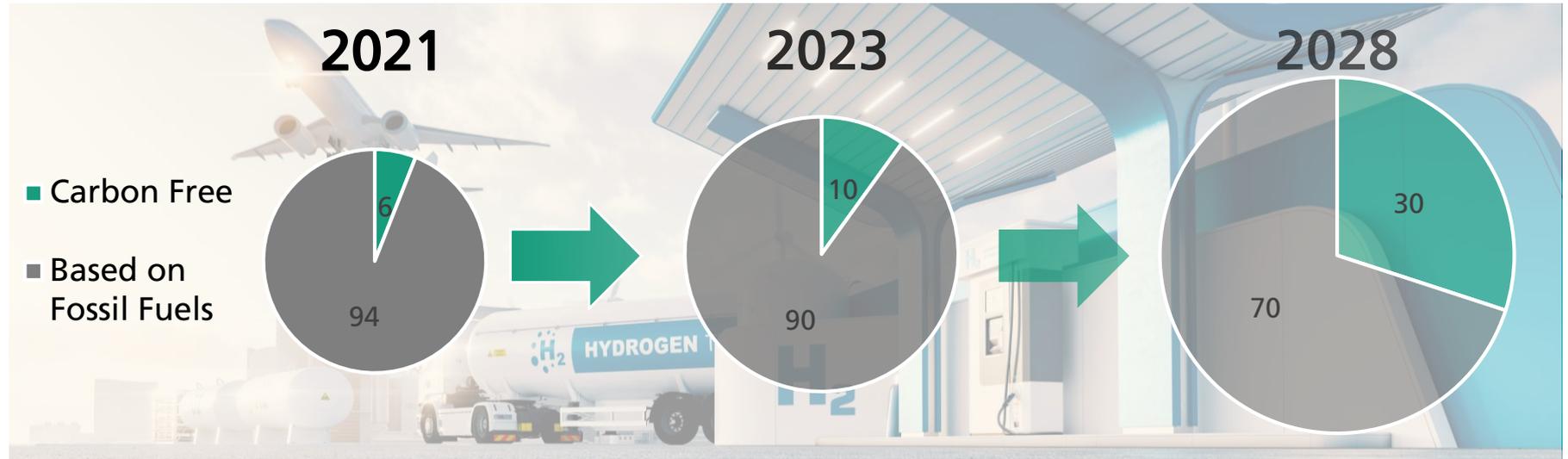


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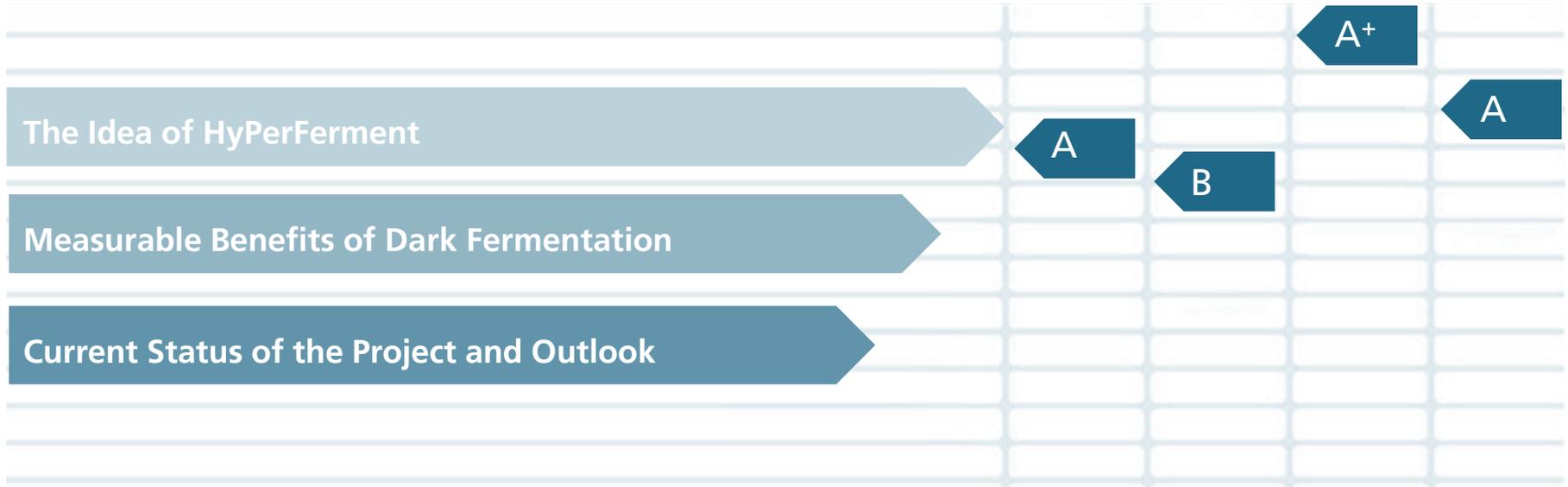


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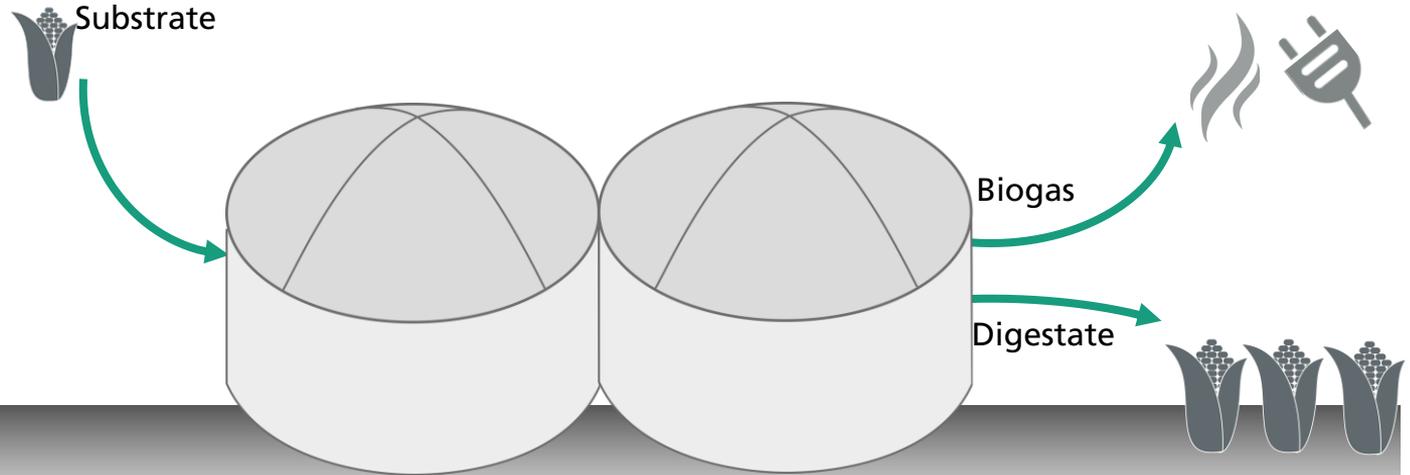
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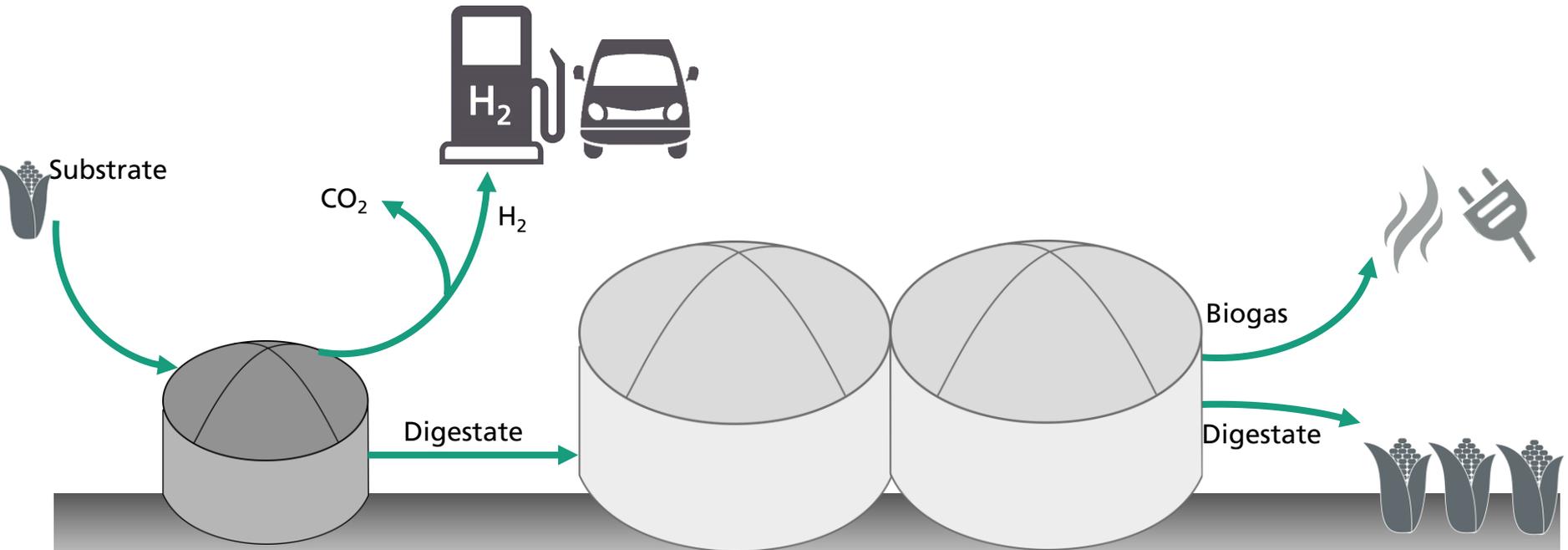
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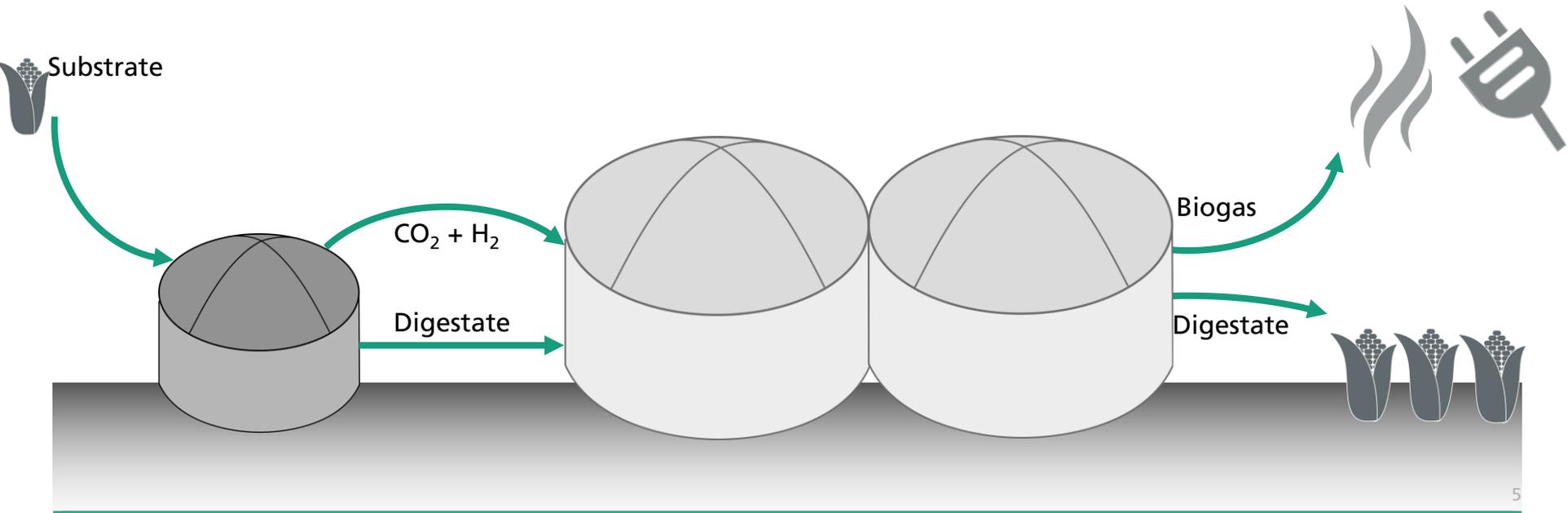
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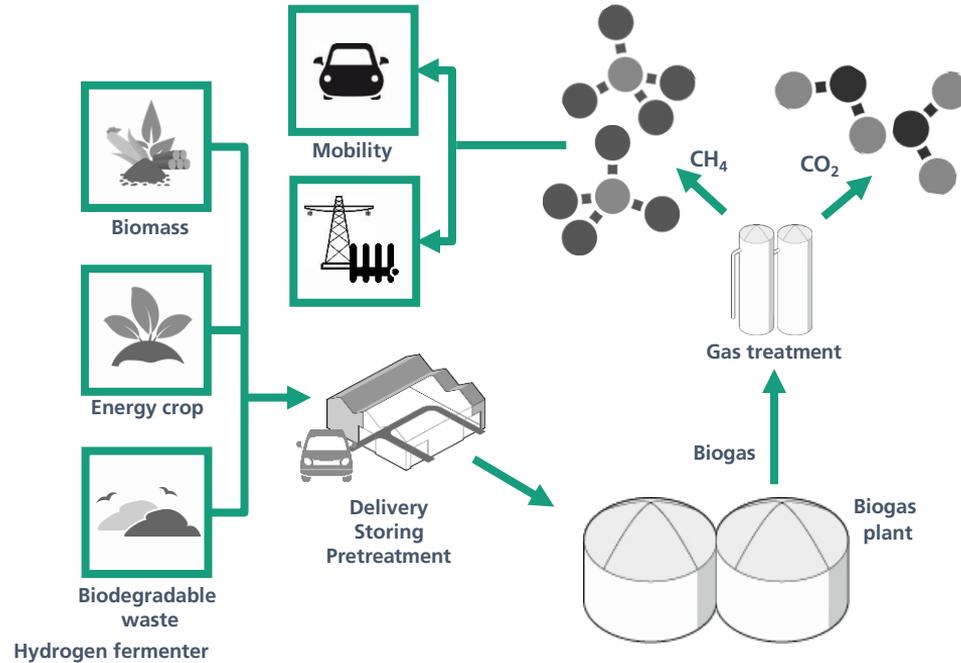
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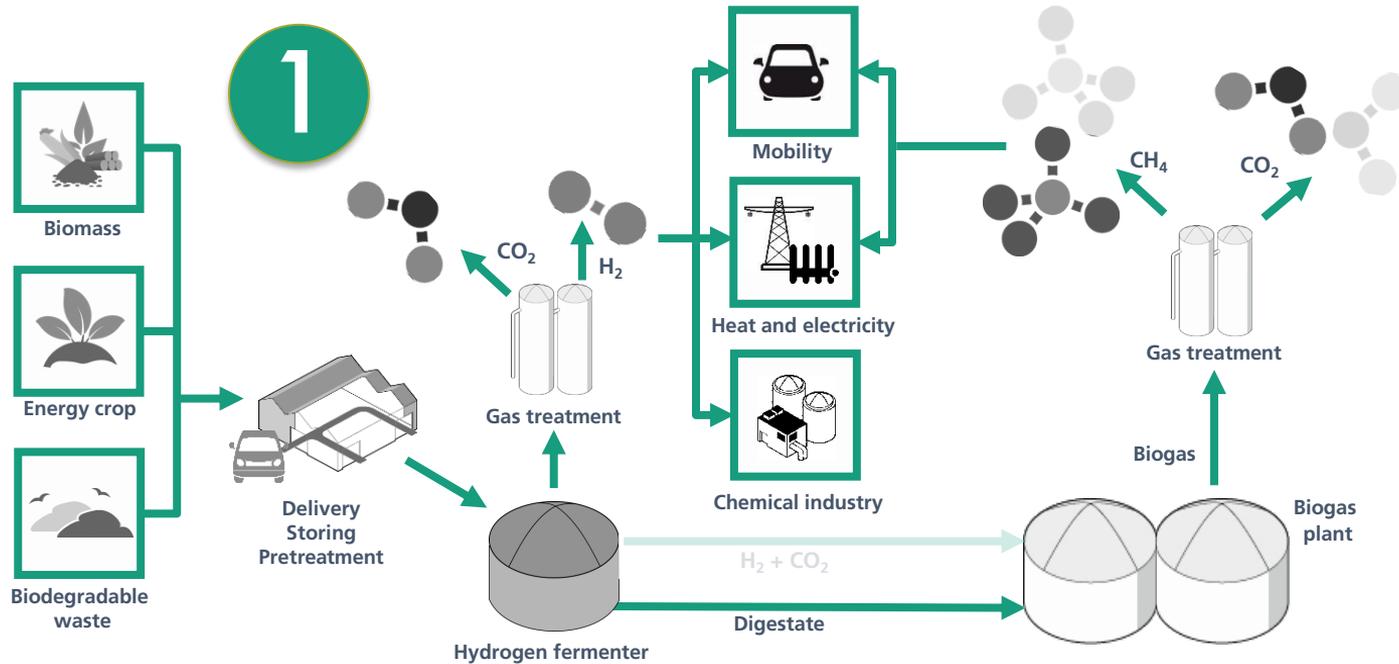
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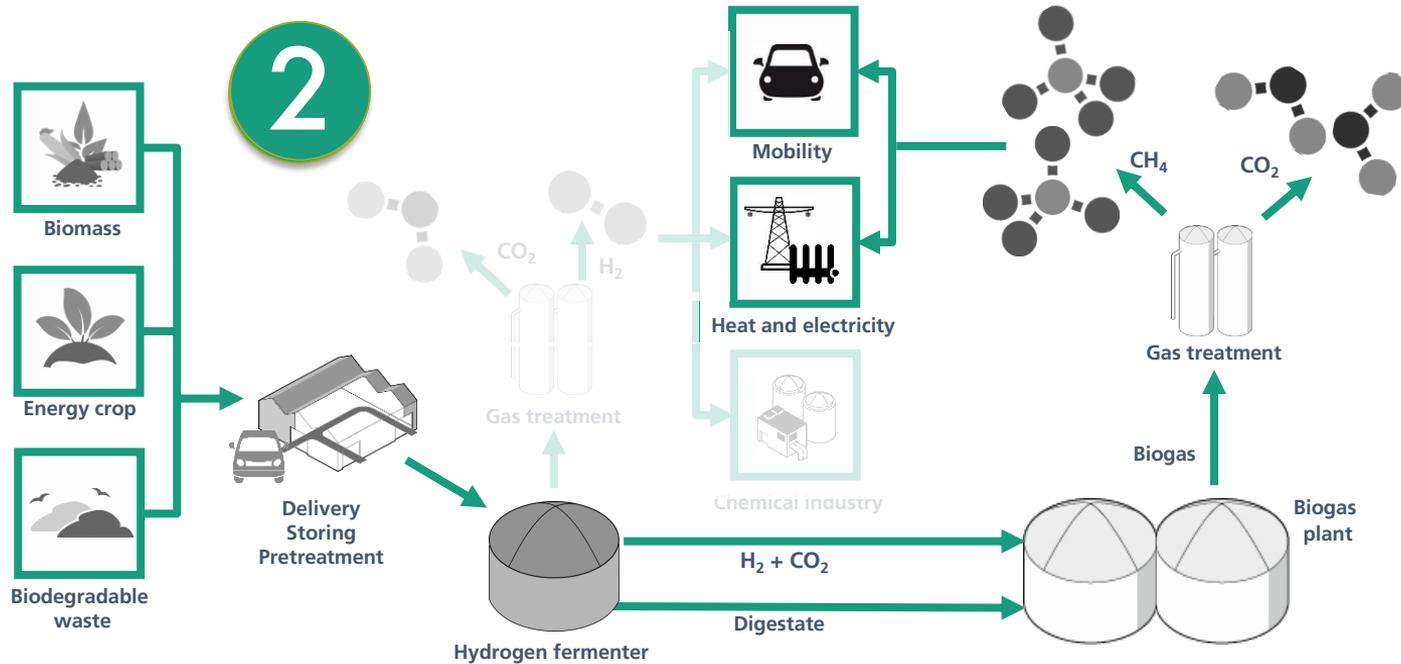
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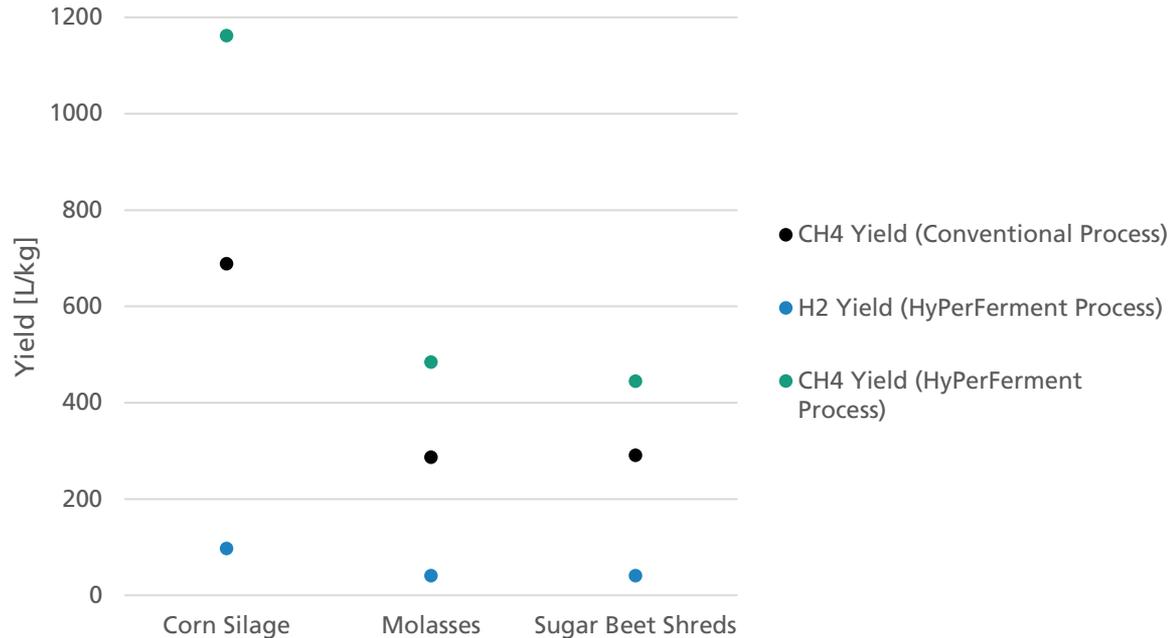
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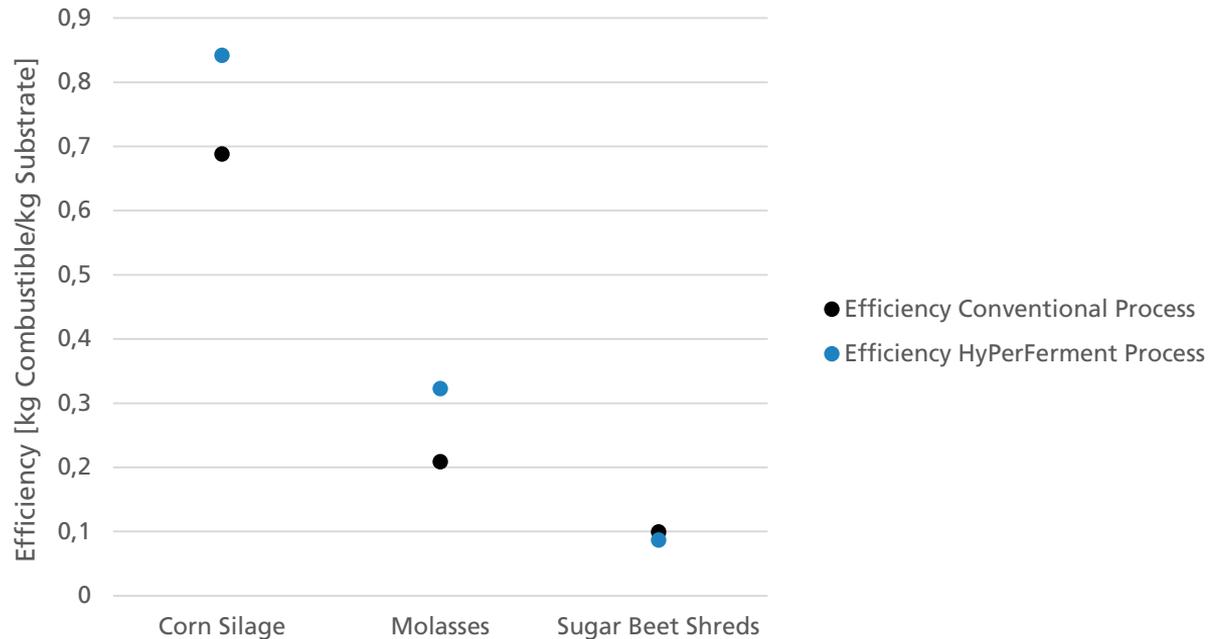


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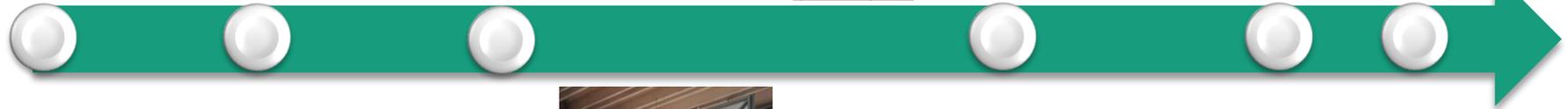
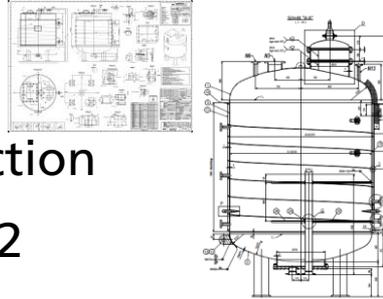
## Demonstration Plant

HyPerFerment

KickOff  
Oct 2020

Preconstruction  
Apr 2022

Start Fermentation  
June 2022



Nov 2021

Long Term Fermentation

30 L reactor: 100 L/d

pilot plant: 250 km/d 



May 2022

On-Site Construction

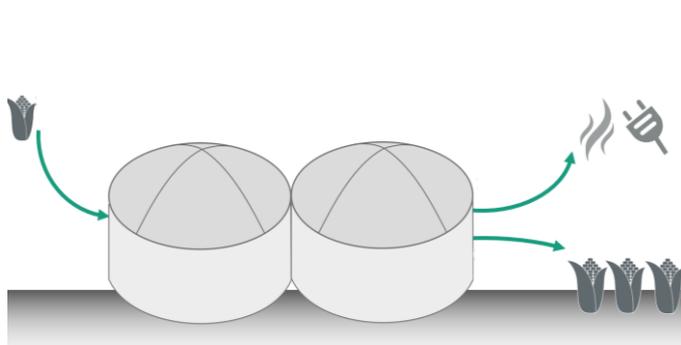


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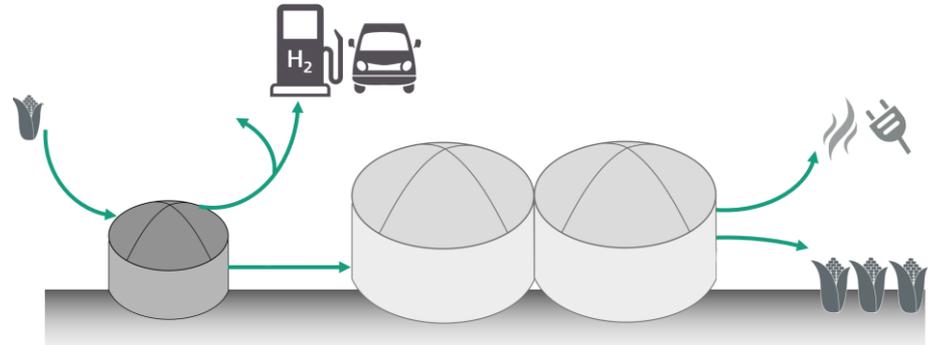
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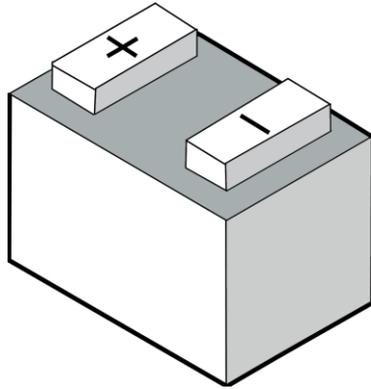


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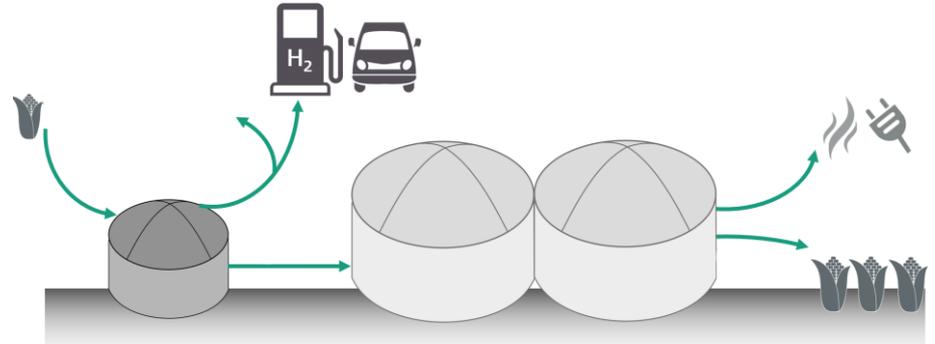


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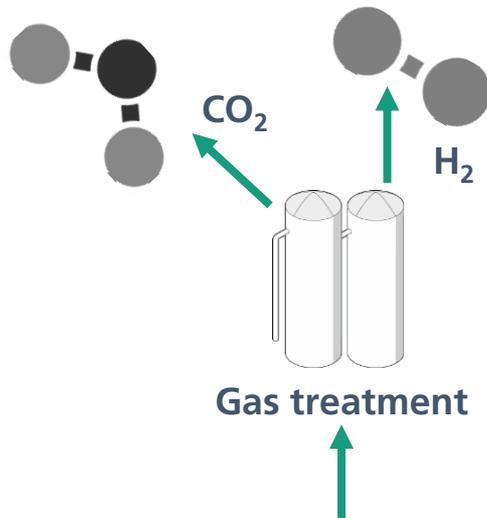


- Efficiency evaluation based on simulation
  - Model defines limit of optimizability
  - Allows comparison of different hydrogen production technologies

# Current Status of the Project and Outlook

## Challenges - Hydrogen Separation

- Different technologies available:



Pressure swing adsorption  
Vacuum swing adsorption  
Flow-through metal hydride  
Etc.

Uneconomical at a small scale

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