

Industry / University Partnerships: Colorado's Unique Model

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- CSU Clean Energy Supercluster
- Solix Biofuels, Inc.
- Envirofit International, Inc.



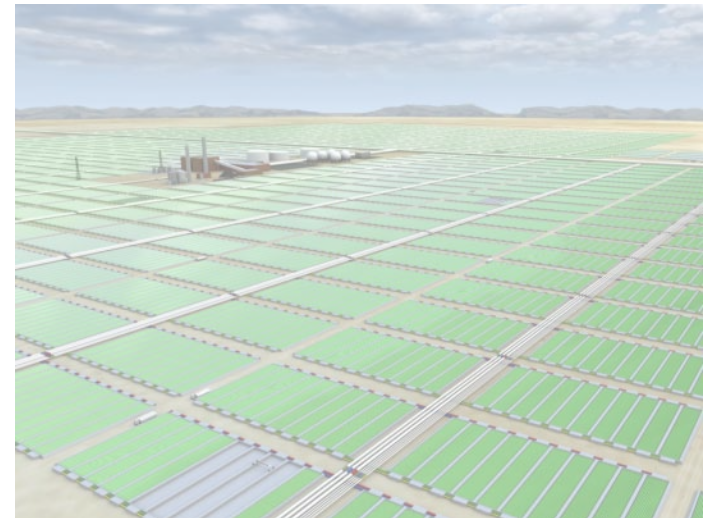
Key Points

- Today's energy challenges are complex and interdisciplinary
- Universities are well-positioned to develop creative solutions
- Corporations have the ability to implement solutions
- Differing cultures in academia and industry can make meaningful partnership challenging
- Colorado has a unique culture of collaborative entrepreneurship
- Illustrated with 3 examples

Case Study #1

Envirofit International

A non-profit, global corporation



LOCATION: Fort Collins, Colorado



Colorado

Nw York

Florida

Engines & Energy
Conversion Laboratory
430 North College Avenue

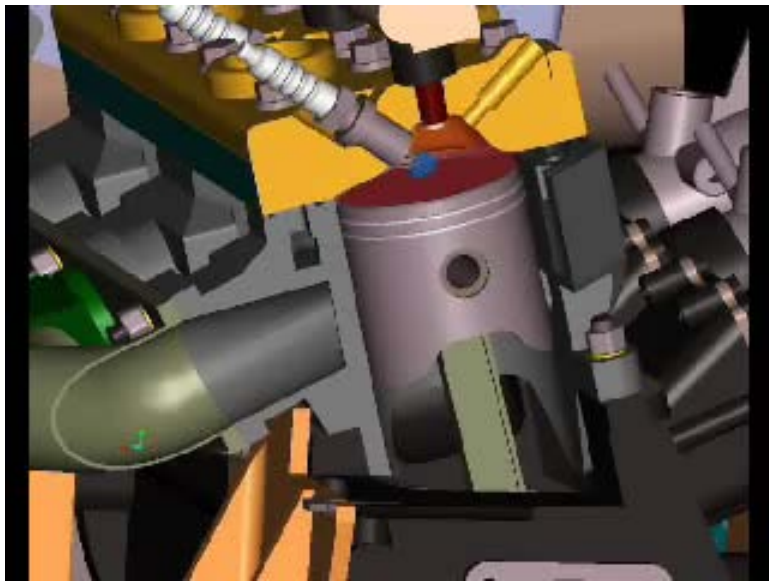
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY ENGINES & ENERGY CONVERSION LAB



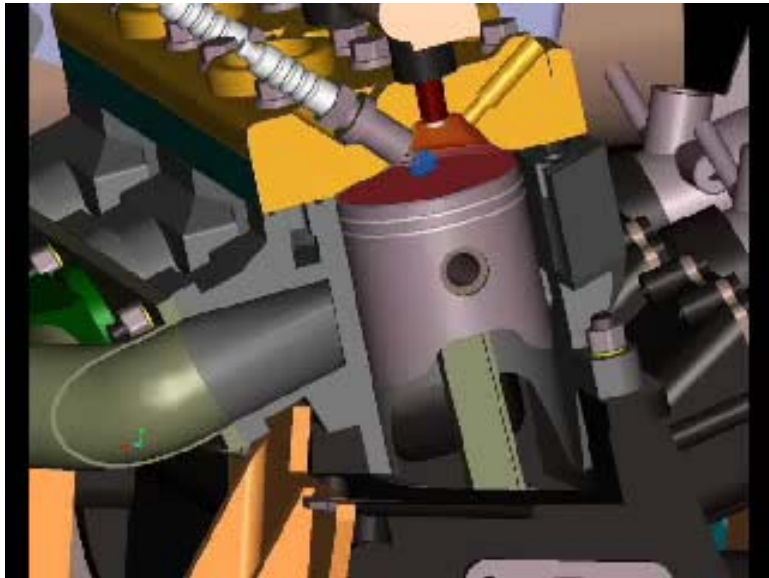








Carbureted 2-Stroke



Direct Injection 2-Stroke

**Direct
Injection
Retrofit
Kit**



**Before
Conversion**



**After
Conversion**



Items Shown:

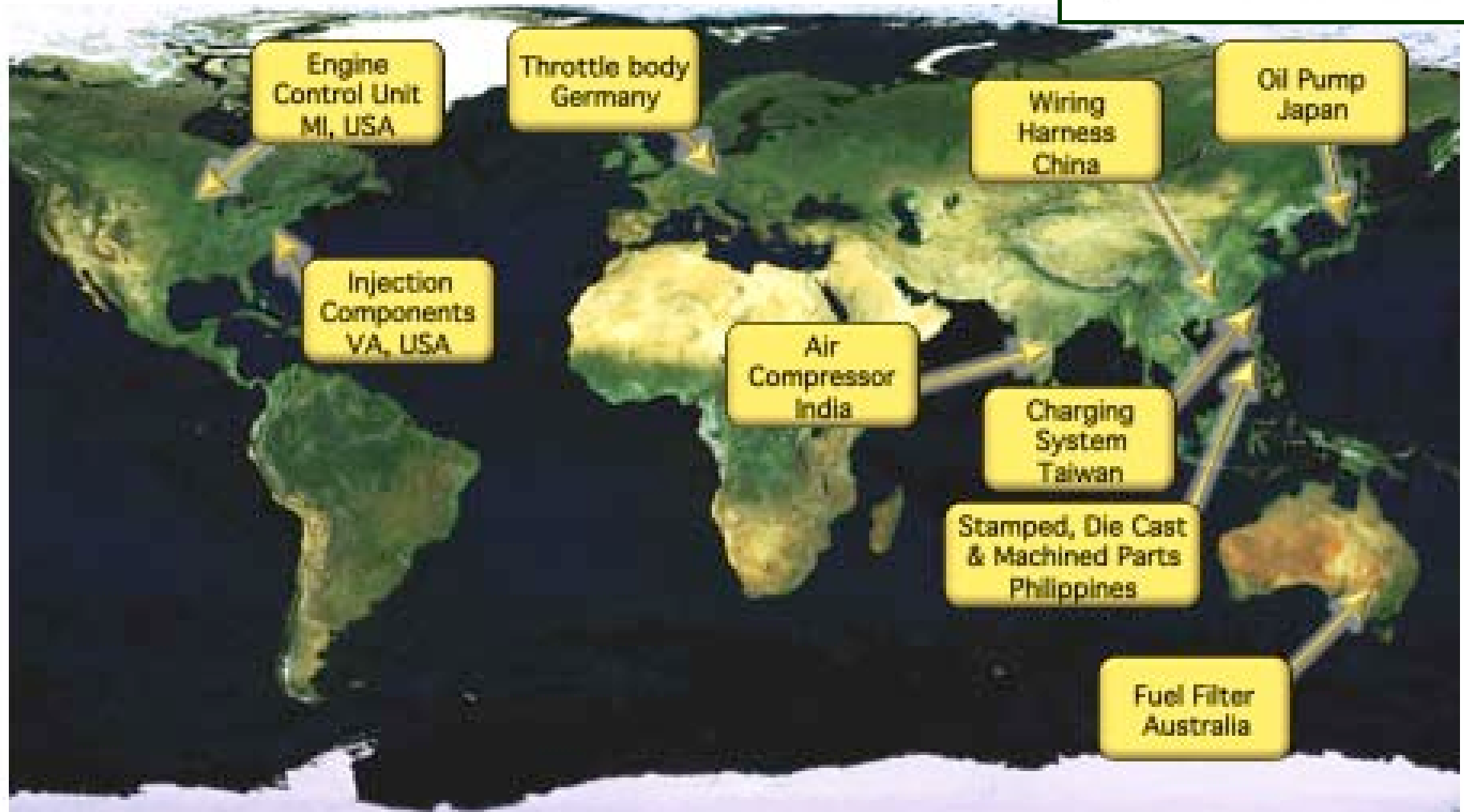
Fuel Injector
Air Injector
Cylinder Head
Fuel Pump
Oil Pump



Items Not Shown:

Air Compressor
Engine Control Unit
Charging System
Wiring Harness

Supply Chain





ENVIROFIT





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Tim Bauer

UNITED STATES
2008 Laureate

Retrofitting for the environment

Reduce pollution from motorized tricycles in Asian cities

GALLERY

[OVERVIEW](#)[THE PROJECT](#)

Here-and-now solution

In Asia, the ubiquitous motorised tricycle with its two-stroke engine is a major cause of air pollution. Working in the Philippines, American mechanical engineer Tim Bauer and his team have developed a kit to reconfigure these machines, drastically reducing their noxious emissions.

“At the end of the day, we can improve their lives with a cylinder head, a few brackets, and, of course, hard work. This is our best reward.”

PROJECT LOCATION

The Philippines



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Clean Cookstove Program



CURRENT PRODUCT LINE

B-1100



S-2100



S-4100



S-4150



Gen III – Design for Reduced Cost



Importance of Aesthetics

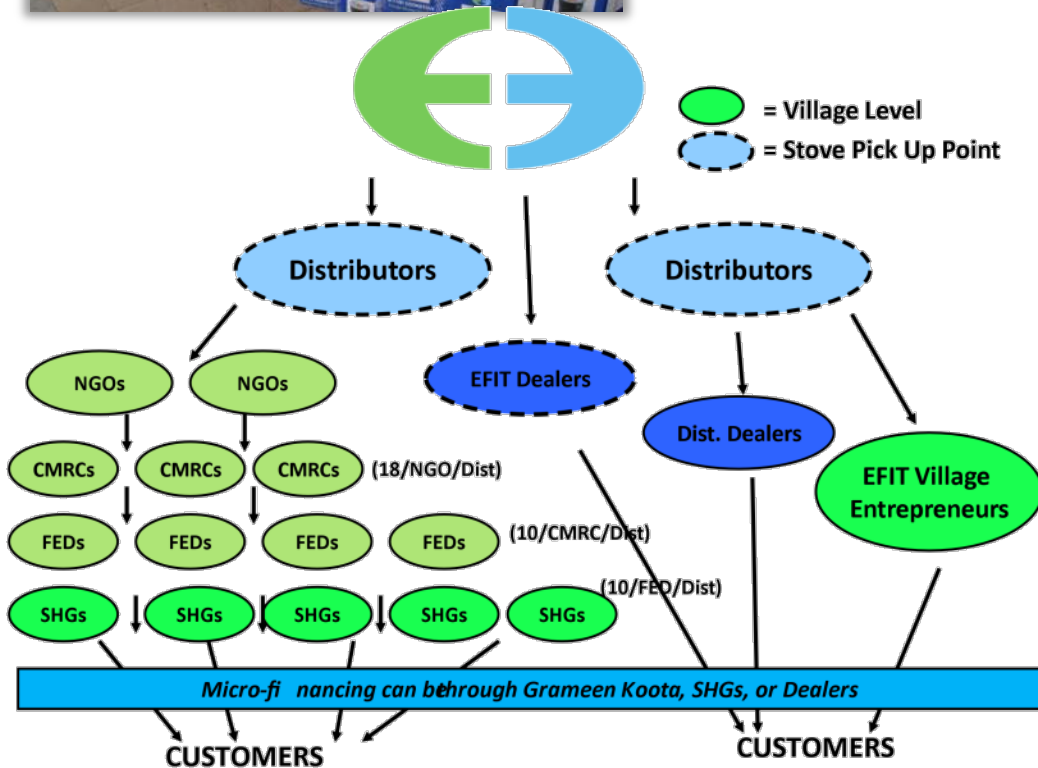




Manufacturing



Distribution & Sales









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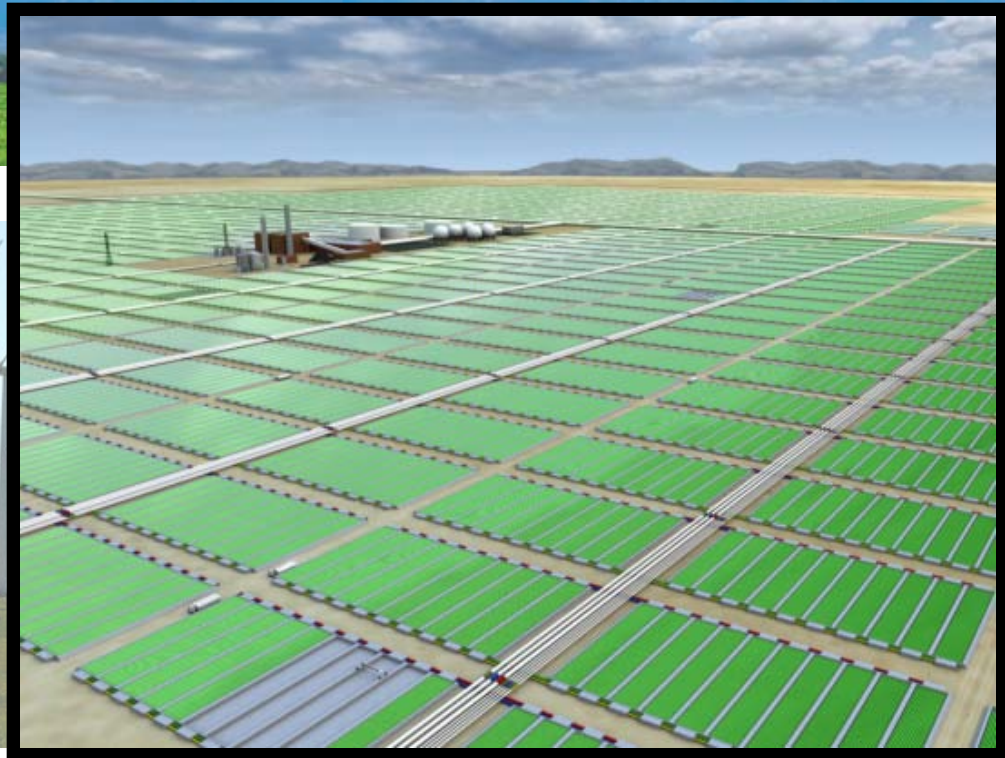
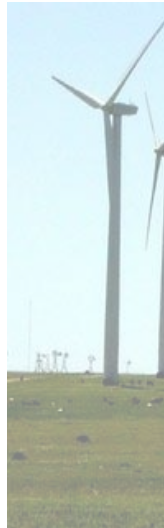
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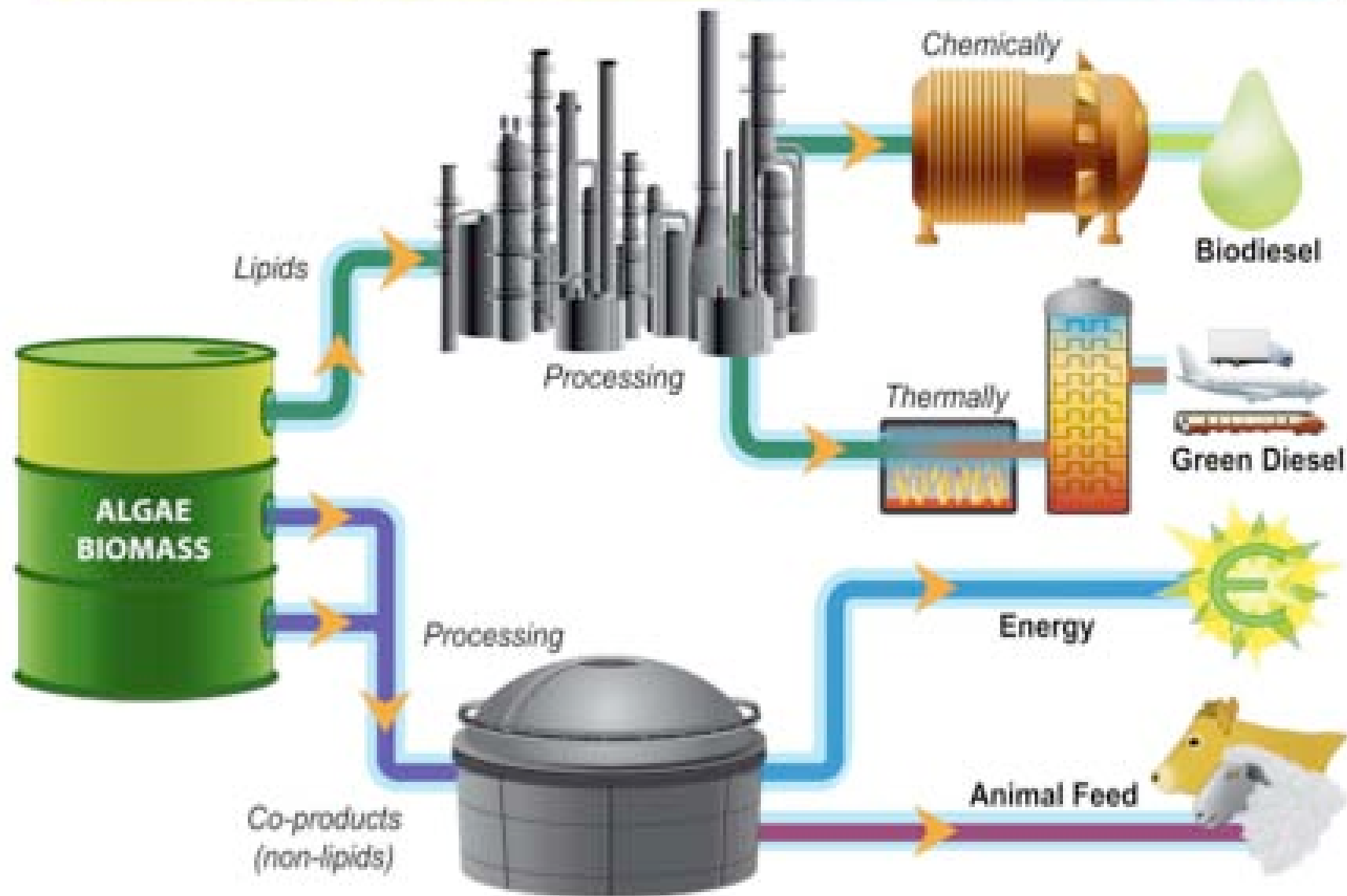
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Solix Biofuels

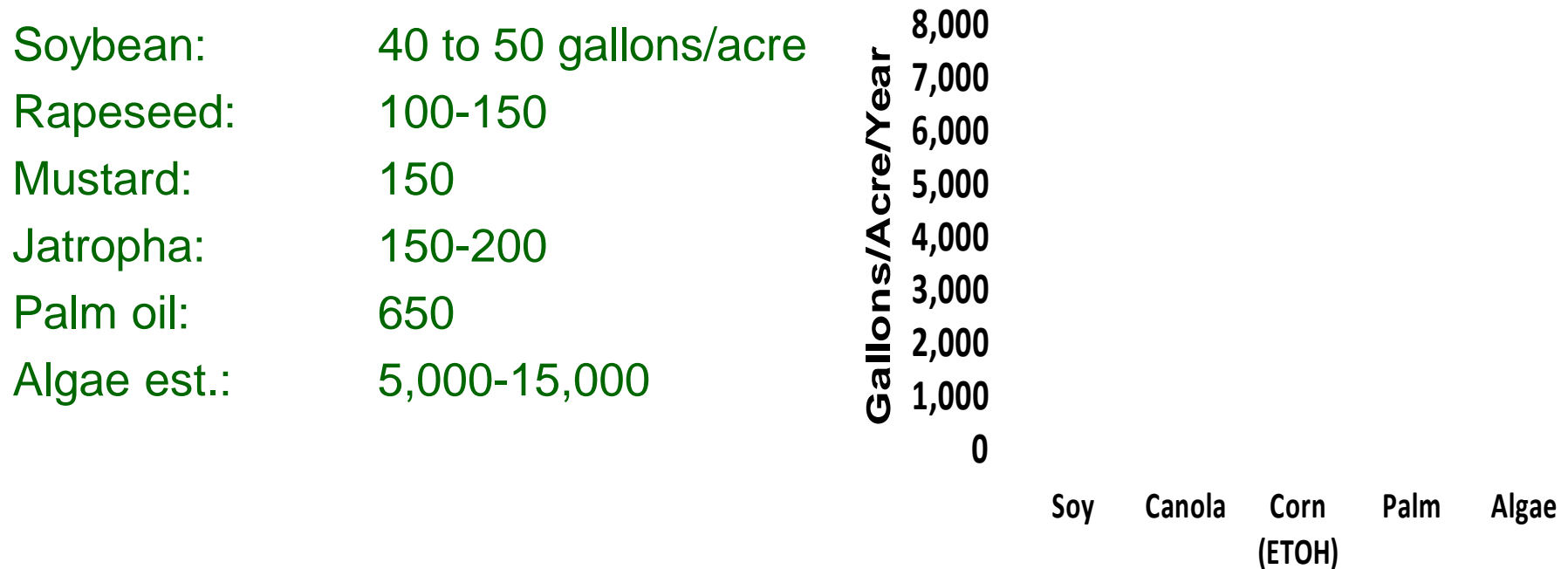
Fast-growing for-profit startup



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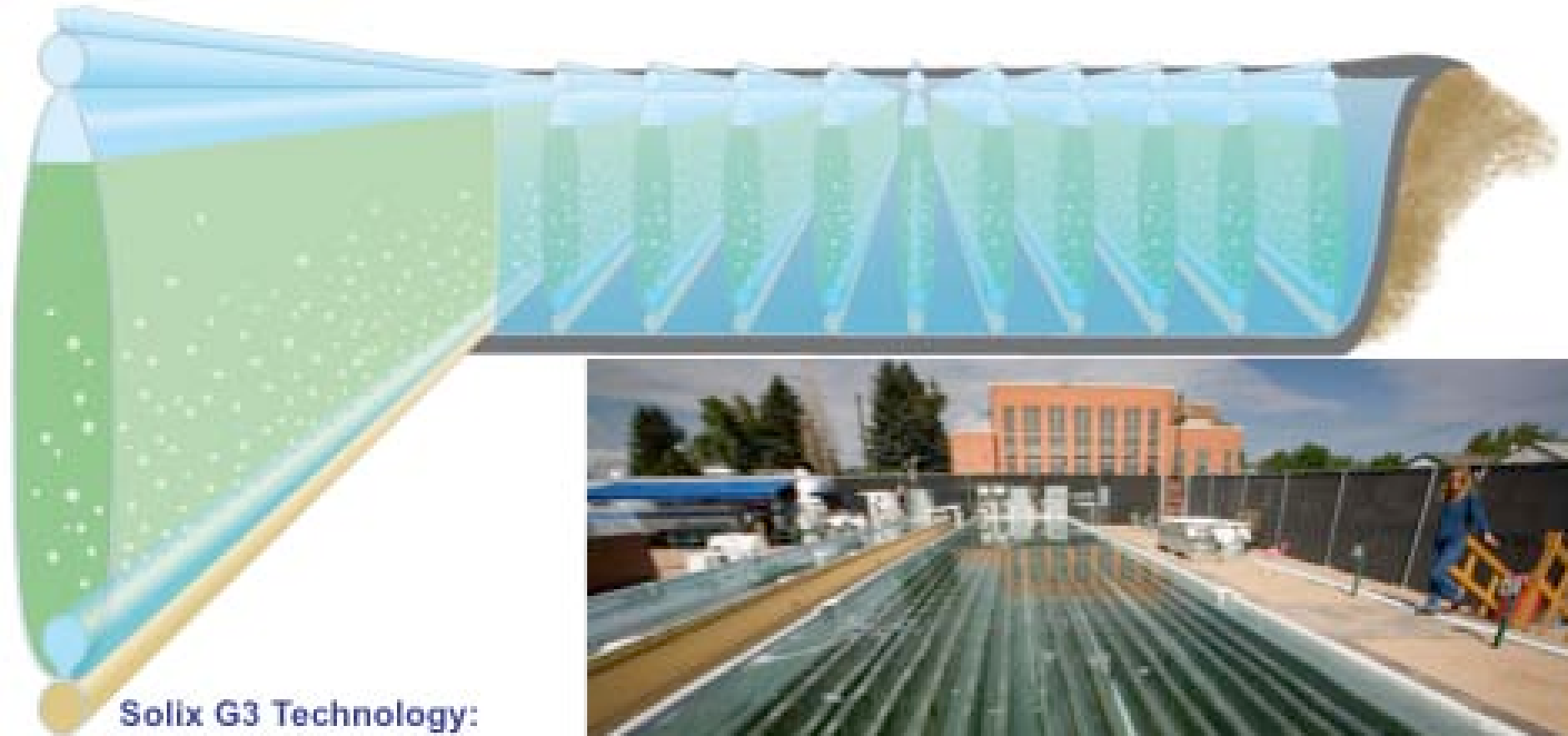


Annual Production



Water: Algae culturing typically uses 98% less water than *irrigated* fuel crops (corn, soy, etc.)

Photo-bioreactor (G3)

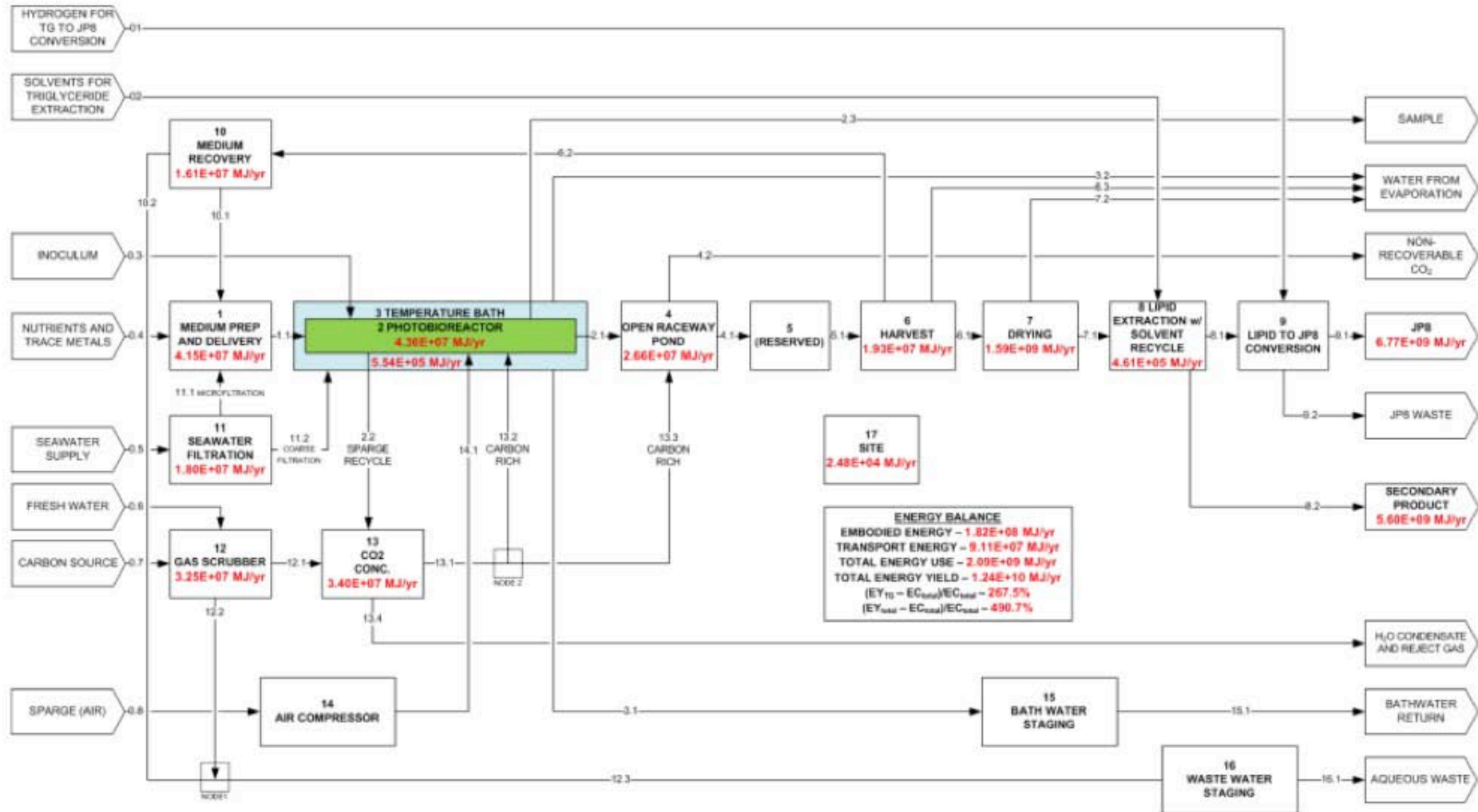


Solix G3 Technology:

- Extended surface area
- Water supported
- Integrated CO₂ / air sparging
- G4 – membrane exchange in development



System Analysis / Modeling



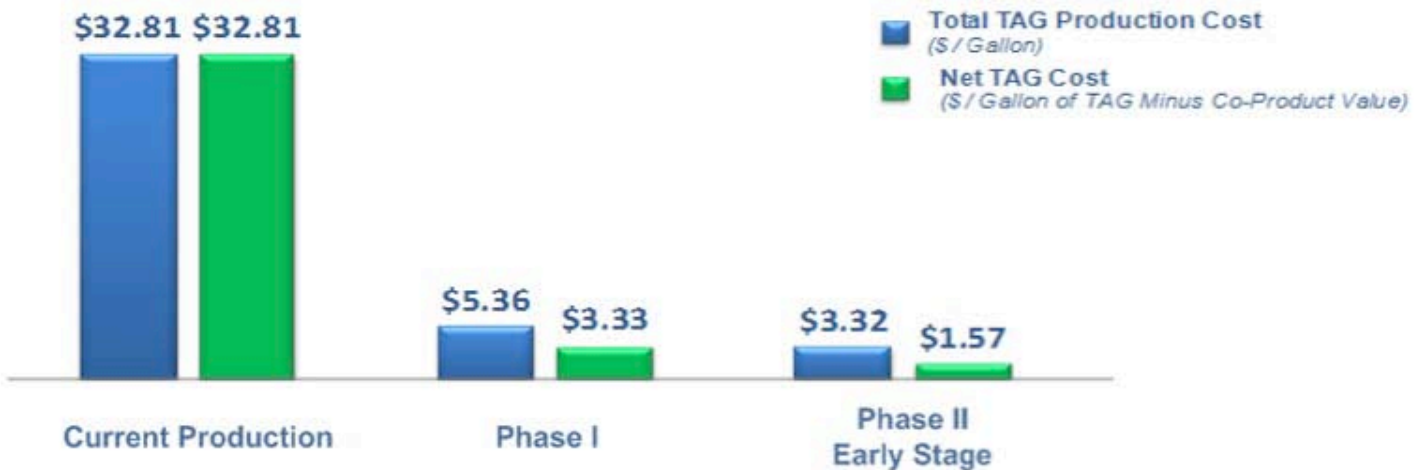
COST OF TAG PRODUCTION

(Production @ \$0.06/kW-Hr)



Co-Product Impact On TAG Cost

(\$ per Gallon)



Coyote Gulch



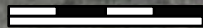
Scale-up in the Desert



New Site: Southwest Colorado, Coyote Gulch



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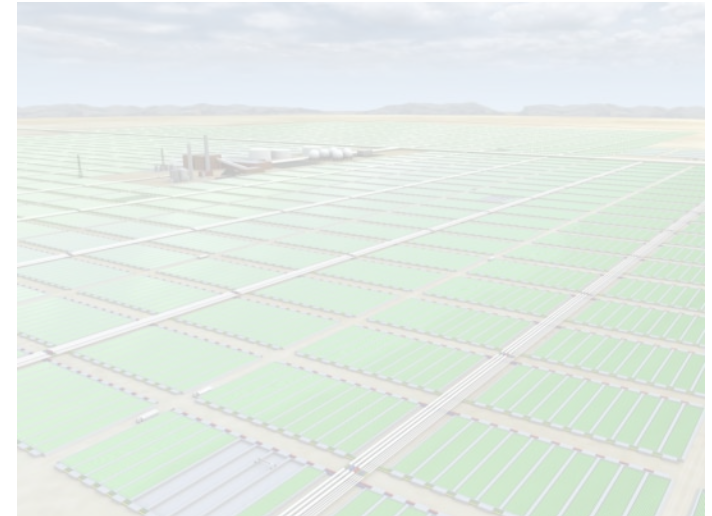


400 feet ©200

Case Study #3

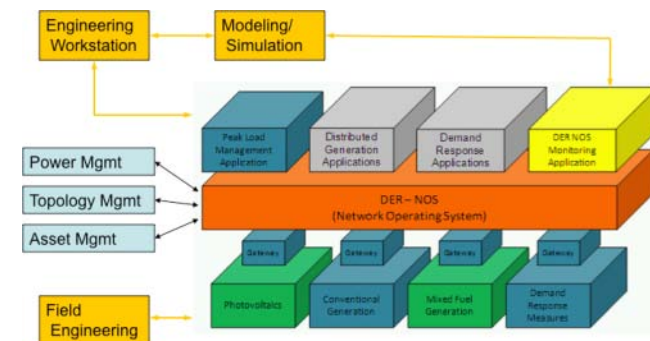
FortZED Smart Grid

Model of regional cooperation



Smart Grids: Fort ZED Fort Collins Zero Energy

- Major DOE R&D program
- Based on region's global expertise in "smart" electric grids & renewables integration
- Uses City, university, & businesses as a test platform
- Unique model of partnership
- Key to meeting City & University climate goals



FortZED Partners



Governor's
Energy Office



Colorado
State
University



EATON



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CATERPILLAR

CLEAN ENERGY CLUSTER
CEC
Northern Colorado

InteGrid

Test and Development Laboratory



UniverCity Connections

CSU, Downtown & the Poudre

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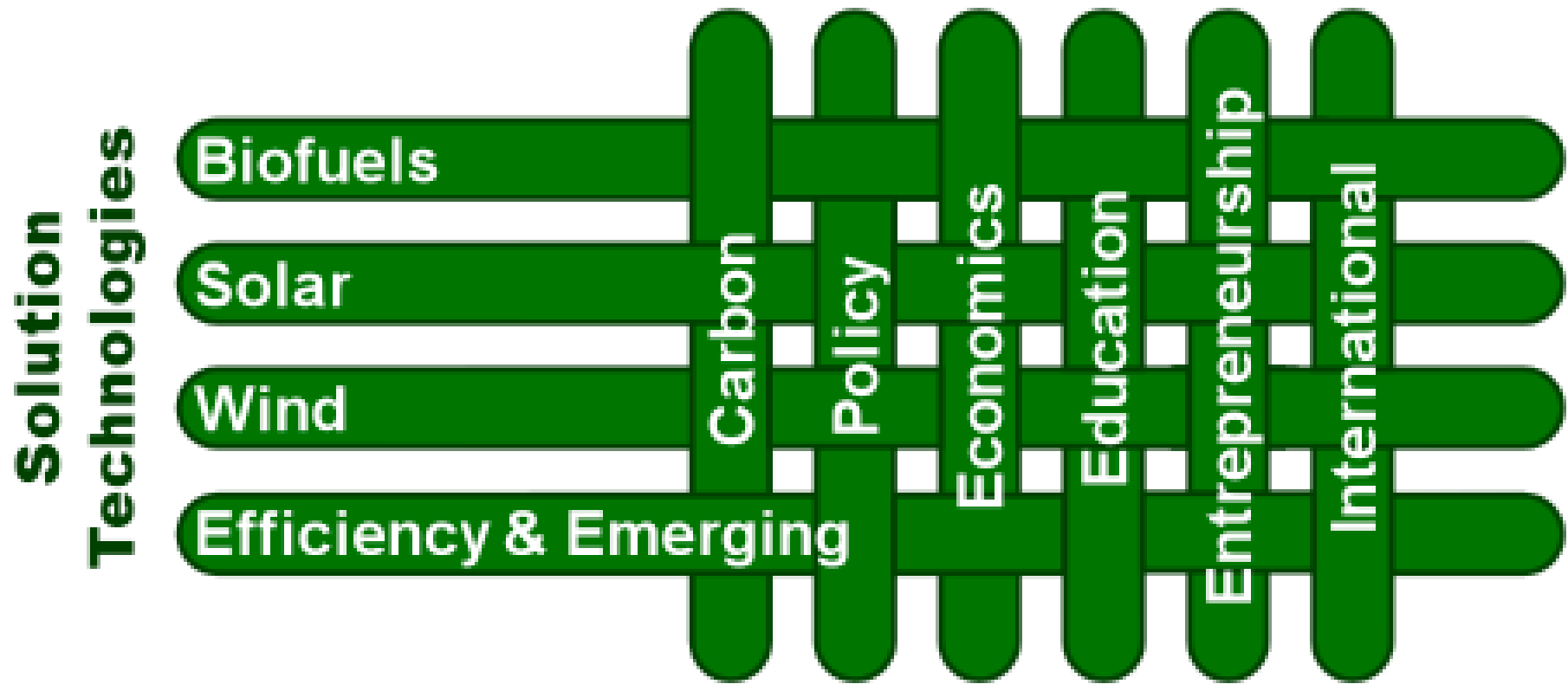
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Cross-Cutting Themes

100 Faculty members from
all 8 Colleges at CSU

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