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Assessing the integration of a bioreactor producing SCPs and PHAs from organic waste into global environmental systems

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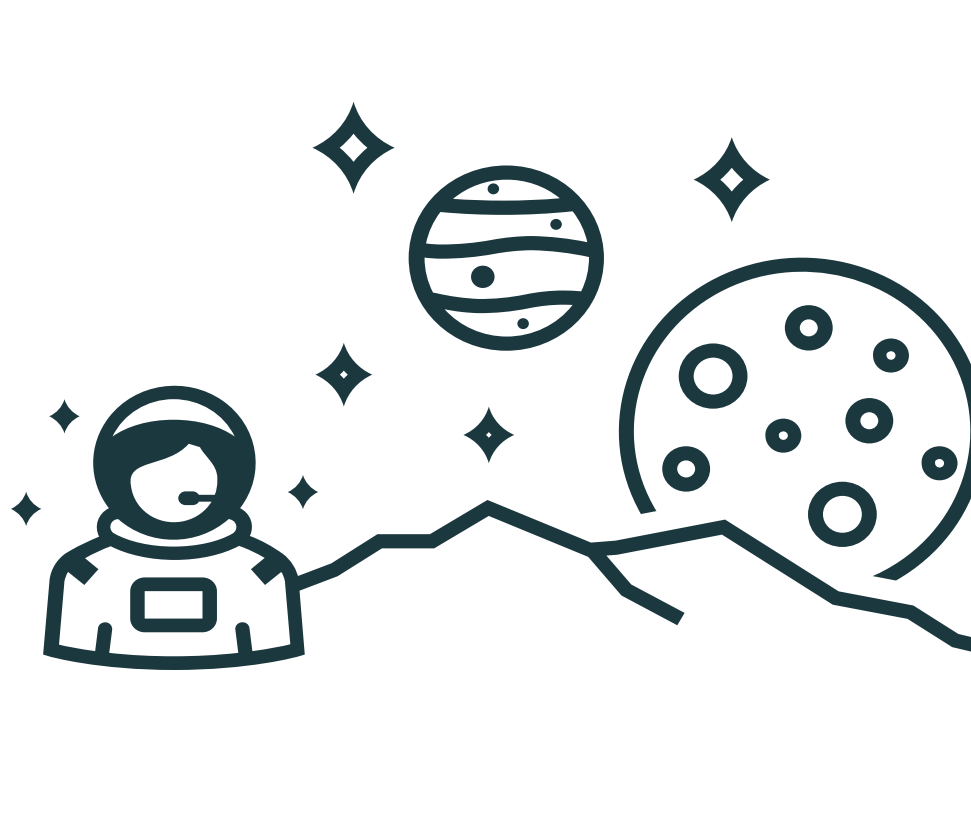
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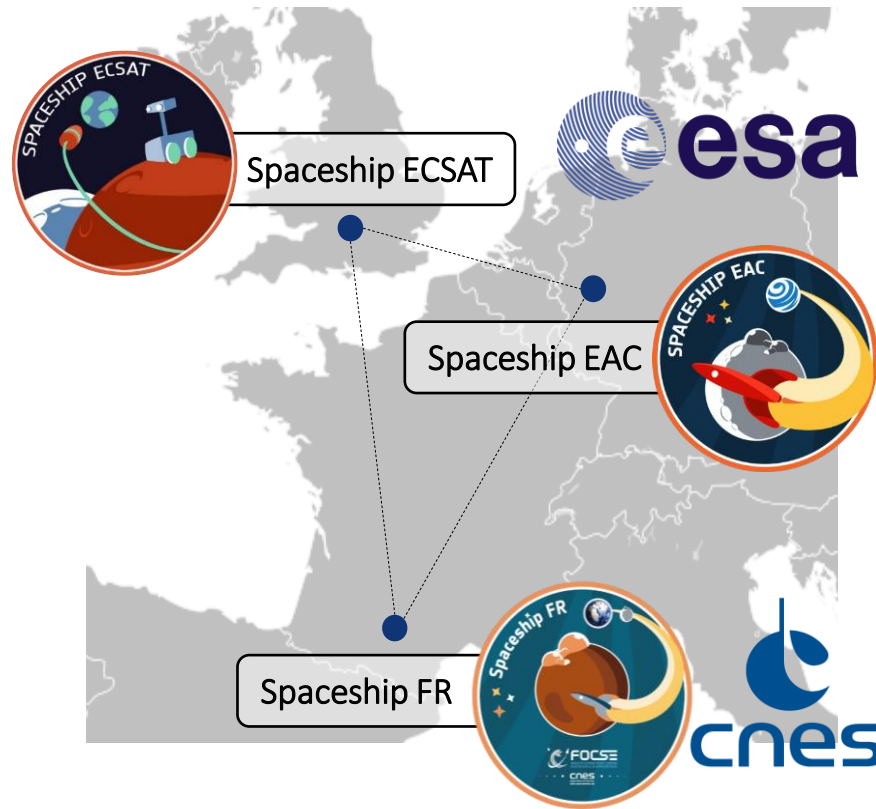
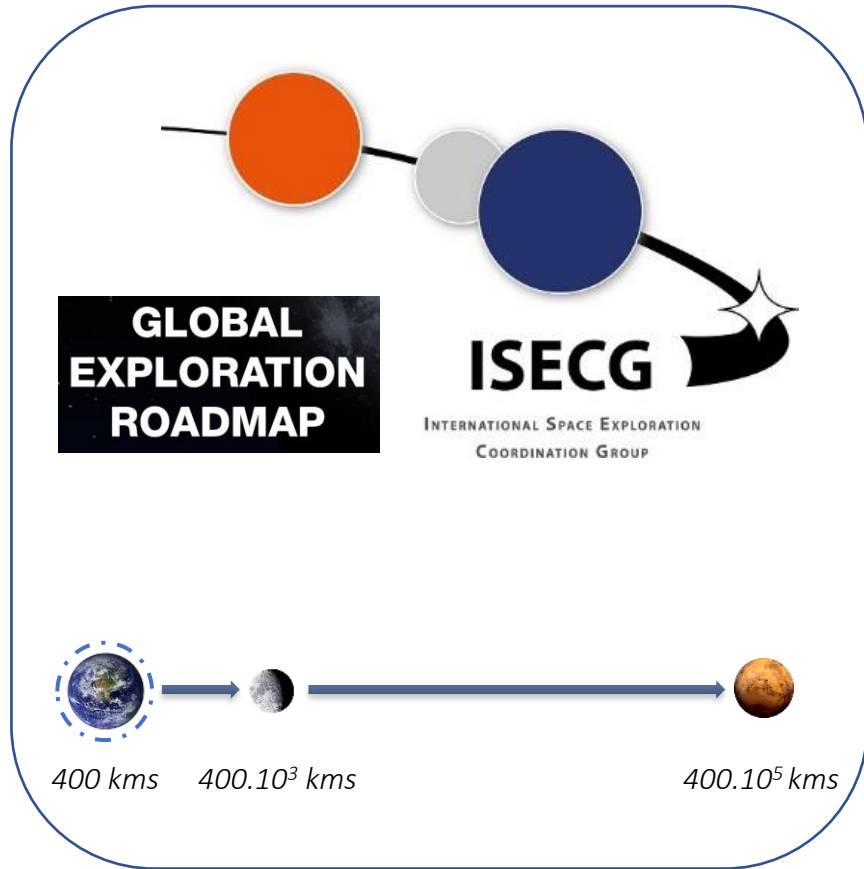
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I. SPACESHIPS PROJECTS & CONTEXT





II. BIOREACTOR CONCEPT

N2 (% air)	O2 (% air)	CO2 (% air)
77,7	21,3	0,009

O₂
rO₂ = - 12 mmol/L/h

CO₂ (to be valued)
rCO₂ = 7,9 Cmmol/L/h

N2 (% air)	O2 (% air)	CO2 (% air)
78,2	19,0	1,9

Nitrogen source (urea)
rN = - 1,6 Nmmol/L/h

Carbon source (VFA mix)
rC = - 13 Cmmol/L/h

Biomass
Q_x = 0,17gDM/L/h

(72% of proteins)
Q_p = 0,12gProteins/L/h

INLET

OUTLET



**SCPs production mode
(study case for D=0,06 h⁻¹)**

Input concentrations & C/N ratio

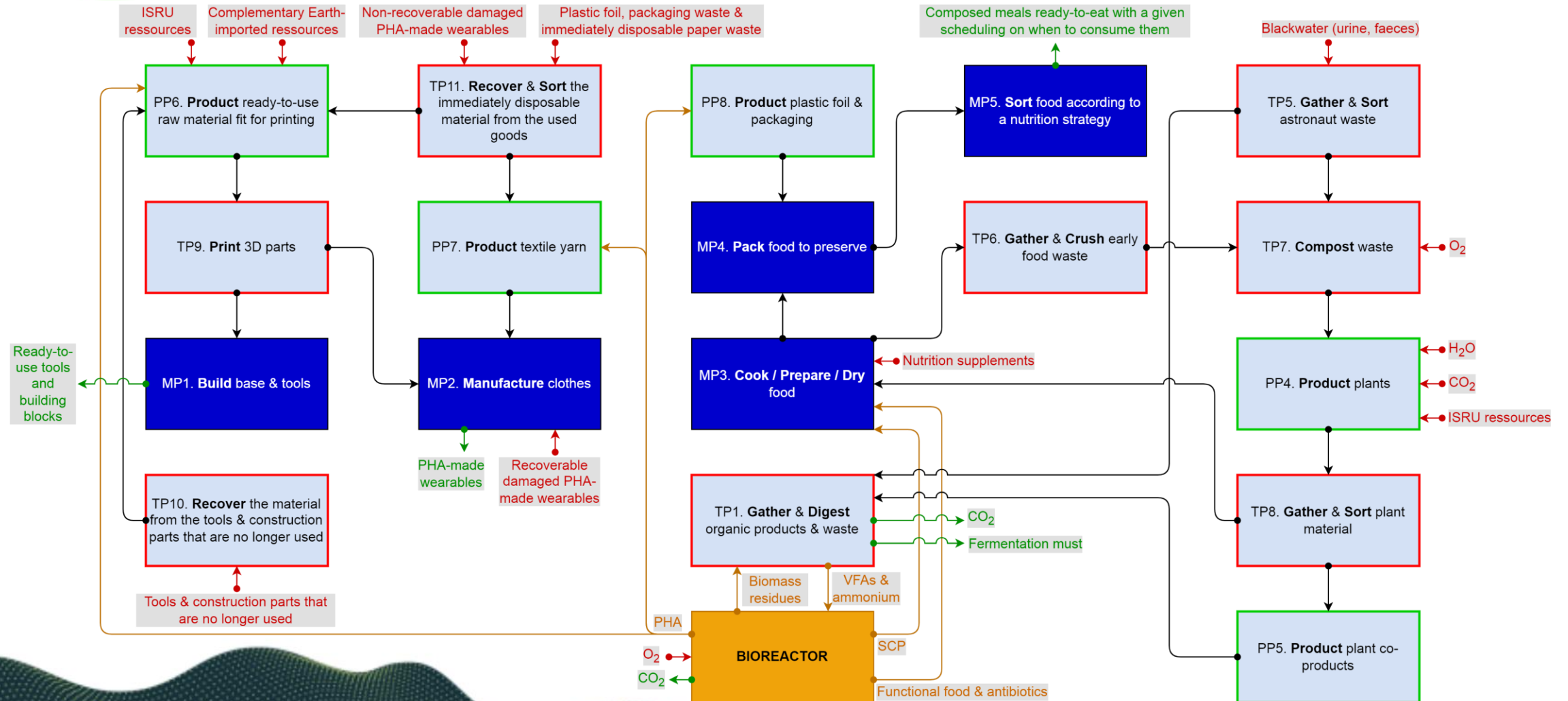
Nitrogen (Nmol/L)	Carbon (Cmol/L)	C/N
0,041	0,212	8,1

* Credits & results from INSA TBI, CNRS, INRA, Pierre Joris

* For more information see Pierre Joris presentation on 10/11 at 13:30 Room 1 on the topic of "Assessing the Recycling Potential of Cupriavidus necator for Space Travel: Production of SCPs and PHAs from Organic Waste."



III. BIOREACTOR INTEGRATION INTO SPACESHIP FR ROADMAP

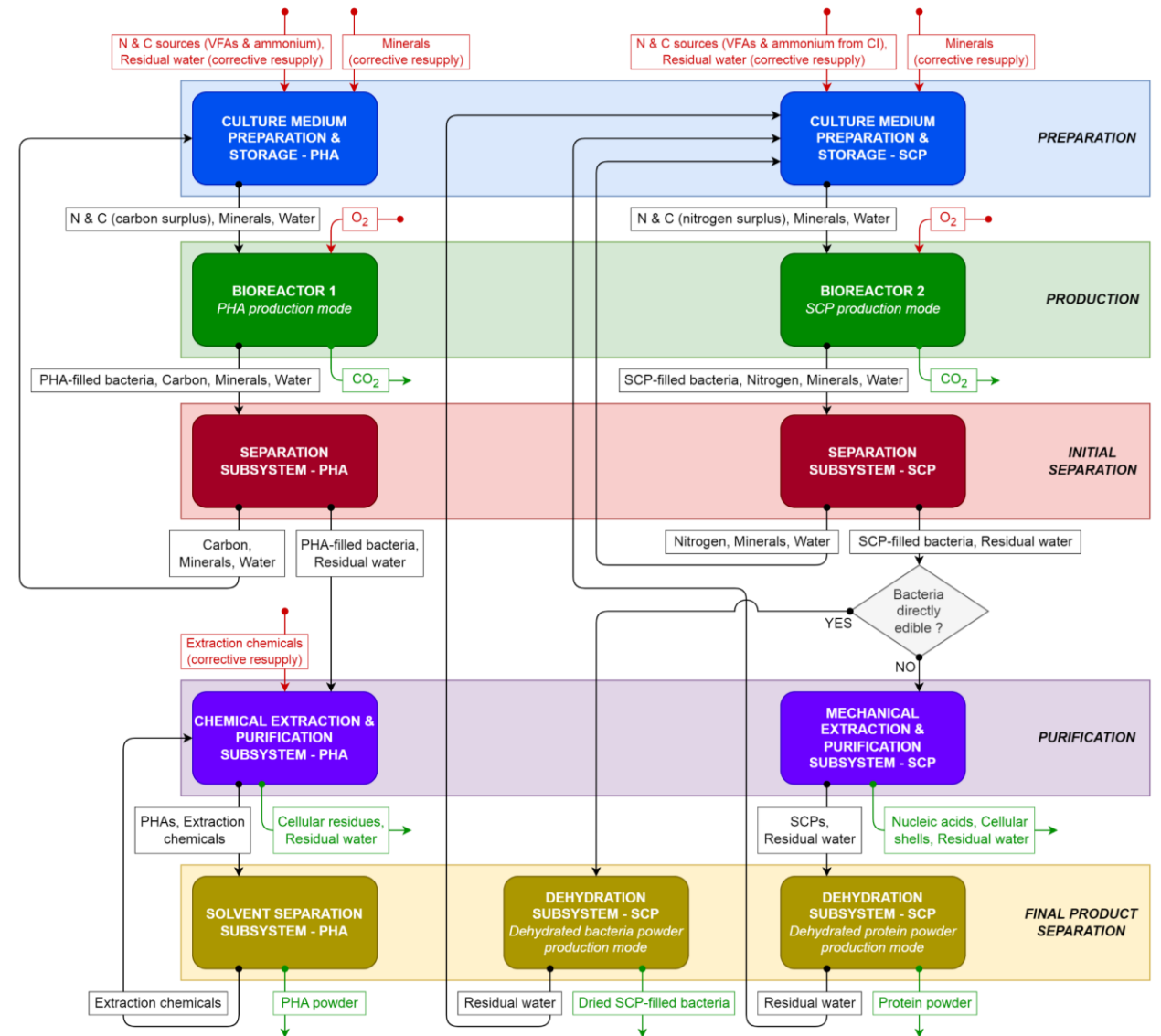


IV. BIOREACTOR PRODUCTION CONFIGURATIONS

MULTI REACTOR EXCLUSIVE PRODUCTION CONFIGURATION
(uninterrupted production)

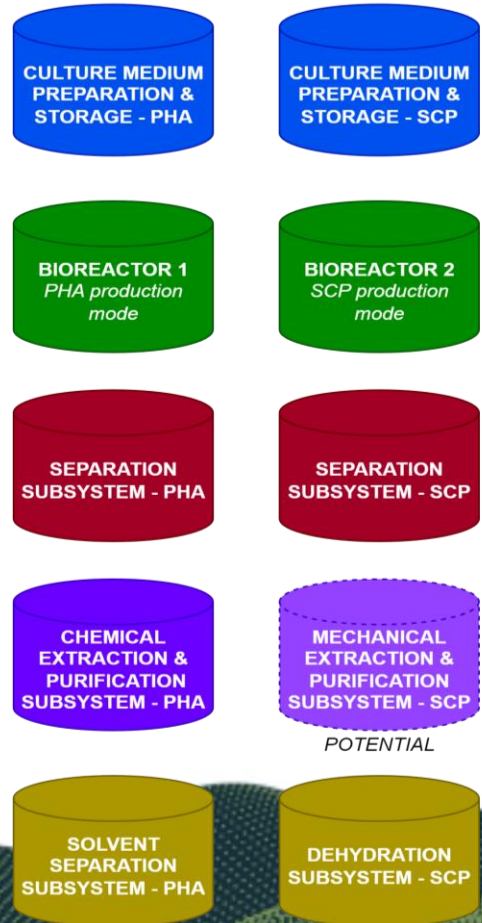
SOLO REACTOR INCLUSIVE PRODUCTION CONFIGURATION
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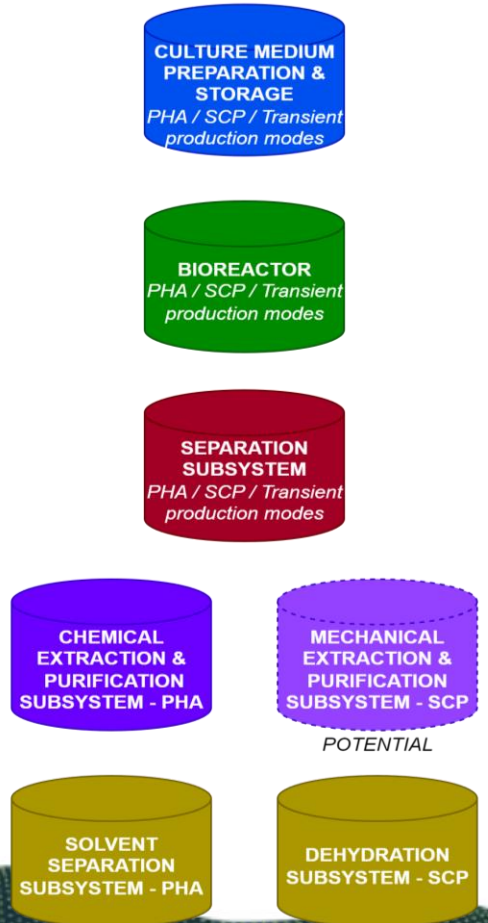


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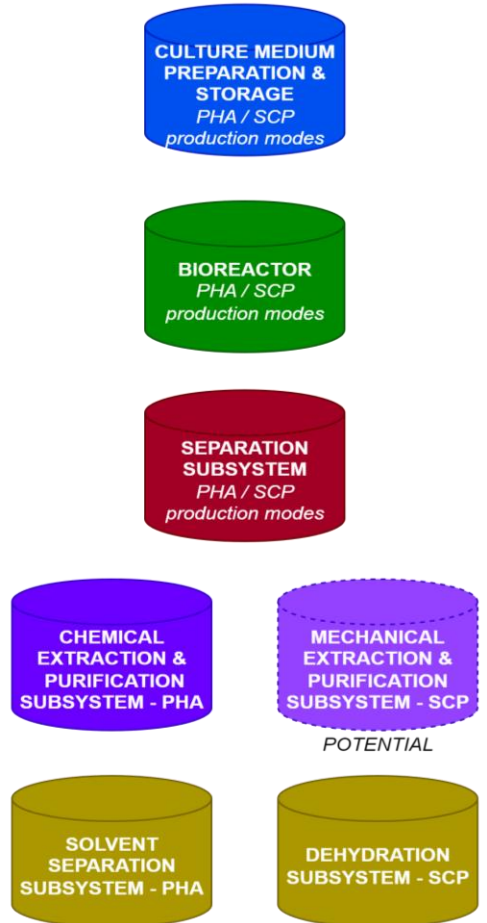
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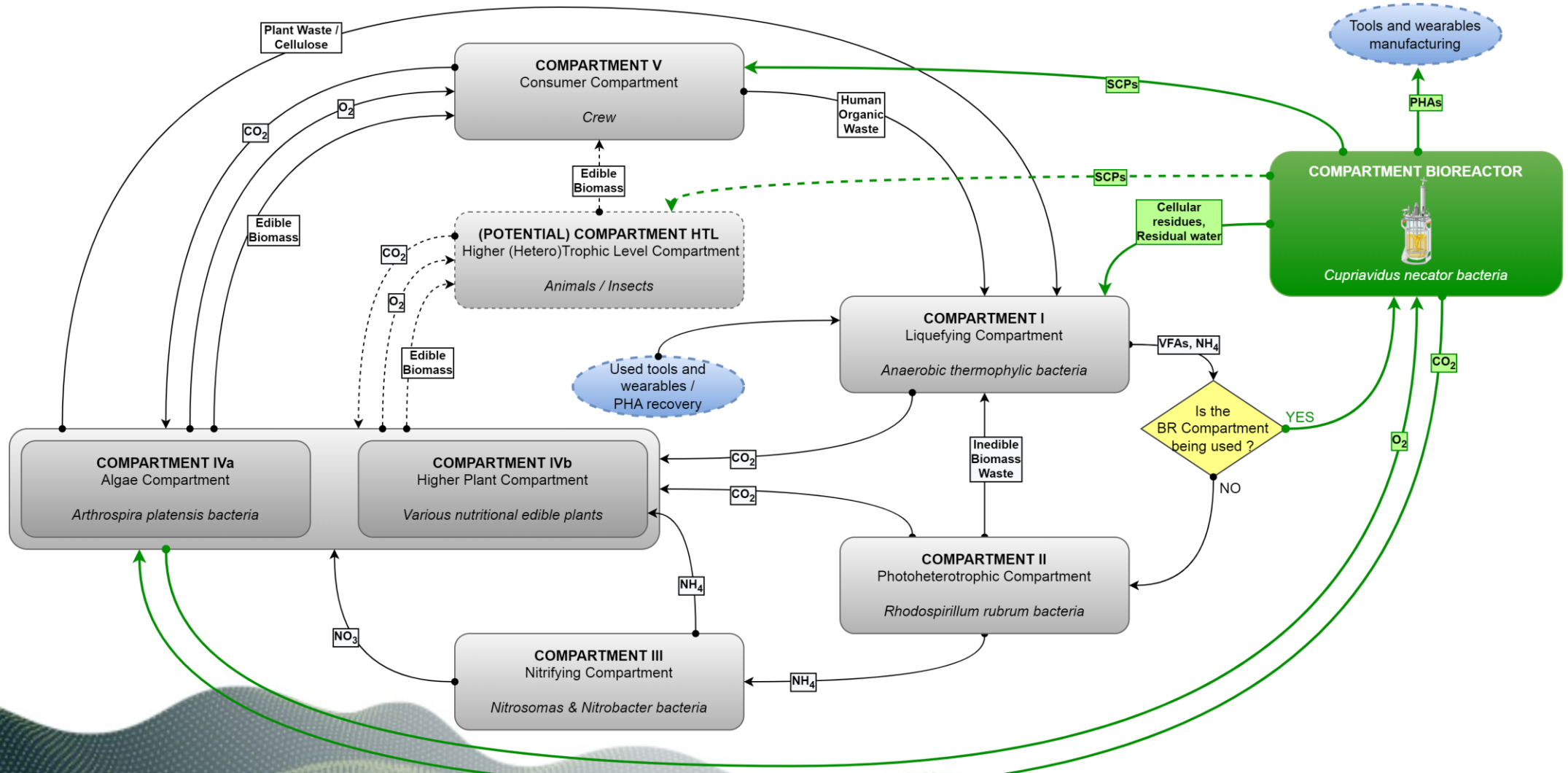


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V. BIOREACTOR POTENTIAL INTEGRATION INTO THE MELISSA LOOP





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MAIN ADVANTAGES OF A POTENTIAL INTEGRATION OF THE BIOREACTOR INTO THE MELISSA LOOP

- The production of PHAs allows for the manufacture of goods with a certain degree of autonomy from possible carbon surpluses
- The production of SCPs allows both to guarantee a good supply of proteins and also to eventually ensure a food chain of interest
- The production of SCPs, although not essential, makes it possible to diversify the nutritional intake and the dishes of the crew.

OPENINGS TO BE STUDIED AND FUTURE STEPS TO BE UNDERTAKEN

- Production of functional food and antibiotics to allow safety margins in terms of access to care and health prevention
- To adapt the bioreactor so that it can function properly in the space environment
- To look at the possibilities of improvements to optimise the comfort and durability of tools and wearables made from PHAs
- To further evaluate the amount of energy and material resources that the bioreactor system would draw from the Melissa loop



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