

U.S. Department of Energy Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy







PHOTOELECTROCHEMICAL BARRIERS

- Material durability
- Materials and system engineering
- Efficiency
- PHOTOBIOLOGICAL BARRIERS
- Light utilization efficiency
- Rate of hydrogen production
- Continuity of photoproduction
- Systems engineering





Photolytic Hydrogen Production

| Characteristics | Units | 2003 status | 2005 | 2010 |
|--|----------------------|-------------|-------|--------|
| Photoelectrochemical Hydrogen Production | | | | |
| Solar-to-H ₂ Efficiency | % | 7 | 7.5 | 9 |
| Durability | Hours | 100 | 1,000 | 10,000 |
| Cost | \$/kg H ₂ | N/A | 360 | 22 |
| Photobiological Hydrogen Production | | | | |
| Util. Eff. of Abs. Light | % | ~5 | 10 | 20 |
| Absorbed Light Energy to H ₂ Efficiency | % | 0.1 | 0.5 | 5 |
| Duration of Continuous Photoproduction | Hours | 240 | 500 | 1500 |
| Cost | \$/kg H ₂ | 200 | 100 | 30 |



Projects Photolytic Hydrogen Production

- Combinatorial Chemically Derived UC Santa Materials
 Barbara
- Combinatorial Discovery of Photocatalysts for Hydrogen Production

Barbara Southwest Research Institute

Algal Hydrogen Production



- Photoelectrochemical Hydrogen Production
- Photoelectrochemical Systems for Hydrogen Production
- Maximizing Photosynthetic Efficiencies in H₂ Production in Microalgal Cultures
- Algal H₂ Production System

University of Hawaii

NREL

UC Berkeley

ORNL



- These technologies are in the early stages of development
- A key to reaching a commercialization decision is for the PIs of the various projects to work together in developing each photolytic technology
- We initiated two working groups (photobiological and photoelectrochemical) made up of the current PIs and other support as necessary

