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Biomimicry and energy, a systemic eco-design approach to address the challenges of the energy and ecological transition

PS 1 Setting ambitious climate targets in the energy sector Question 1.10. Among the numerous examples of energy-related industrial processes and/or technologies mentioned in the paper (Tables 1 – 4), can the authors highlight the most promising ones? Is it possible to give ideas of the current R&D efforts on these most promising issues)?

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Biomimicry and energy, the key challenges



Examples of currently researched axes



How to become primary producers without using rare materials ? Organic solar panels, Sugar battery, Heavy-metal-free battery, Decentralization [Zhu, 2014] [Ding, 2016], [Brozzolotto, 2016],[Ahmed, 2022]



How to combine both energy and matter sustainability ? Use artificial photosynthesis to stock energy in matter, produce solar fuel and molecular building blocks [Haas, 2018], [Atkinson, 2020],[Yang, 2022], [Wang, 2022]







How to reduce each system's energy consumption ? Thermic energy management, anti-biofouling, object circadian cycle, data storage, mutualization. [Karaca, 2013], [Sullivan, 2020], [Liu, 2021], [Tian, 2022]



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Example of current R&D projects at various levels



Designing new material Iron-based catalysts inspired from the active site of biological [Fe,Fe] Hydrogenase behave as bidirectional electrocatalysts for interconverting H2 and protons efficiently under near-neutral aqueous conditions [Ahmed, 2022]



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Designing new systems Artificial photosynthesis to collect and store solar energy through, H_20 oxidation and the formation of H_2 or the reduction of CO_2 into solar fuel or other molecules of interest. E-scaled project [2018-2022]



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Designing new network

Similarities between energy-related processes in plant cells and electrical power grids are identified and used to inspire the definition of new models of flexible and resilient electrical power grids, particularly microgrids.[Suzuki, 2022]

