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# ***In total, 12 H<sub>2</sub> molecules can be obtained per mole of glucose,***

based on the overall number of electrons that can be generated in the complete oxidation of the latter. However, dark fermentation is limited to a maximum H<sub>2</sub>-production efficiency of 33%, i.e., maximally four molecules of H<sub>2</sub> can be acquired per molecule of glucose with acetate and CO<sub>2</sub> as the other fermentation end products [9]. Yet, this is only possible when the H<sub>2</sub> partial pressure (PH<sub>2</sub>) is kept adequately low [10], e.g. by continuous stripping of the produced H<sub>2</sub> with an inert gas. However, for a cost-effective dark fermentation process it is vital to obtain significantly high H<sub>2</sub> yields at relatively elevated PH<sub>2</sub>, due to the high impact of central costs of feedstock and gas upgrading [11]. Generally, mesophilic (co-)cultures reach H<sub>2</sub> yields of  $\leq 2$  moles/mol hexose [12], thus exemplifying conversion efficiencies of merely 17%. In addition, these yields are obtained at low PH<sub>2</sub> only [6]. On the other hand, based on thermodynamic aspects, thermophilic bacteria and archaea may produce up to the theoretical maximum of 4 mol H<sub>2</sub>/mol hexose [13]. In general, the low H<sub>2</sub> yields obtained in practice by different organisms, in addition to the requirement for low PH<sub>2</sub>, are major obstacles that need to be overcome before biohydrogen production can be industrially feasible [6].