



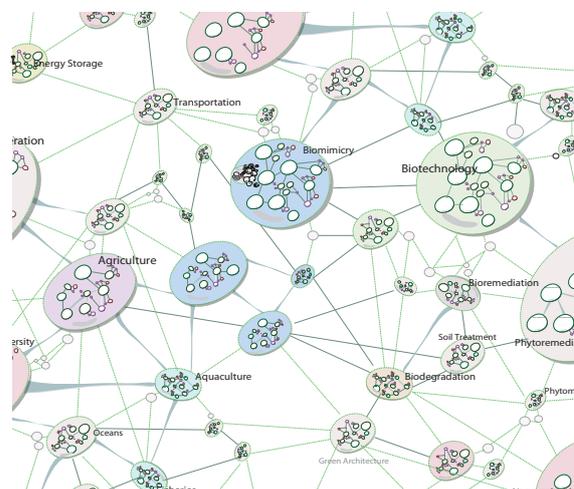
The Dandelion Project

Connecting the World's Intelligence

We can see a future where societies and economies flourish, drawing strength from their locally abundant resources. In the deserts, energy flows freely from the sun. On seashores and mountain ridges, wind towers harvest power for neighboring communities. Precious metals are recovered from wastewater streams by bacteria. Carefully designed ecosystems produce abundant and diverse supplies of food year-round.

This multitude of resources already surrounds us. The question remains: how can we transition from our current extractive economies to locally refueling economies of abundance?

This project presents a step on the path to answering that question. Welcome to the Dandelion Project.



Towards an intuitive, effective, and transparent knowledge universe.

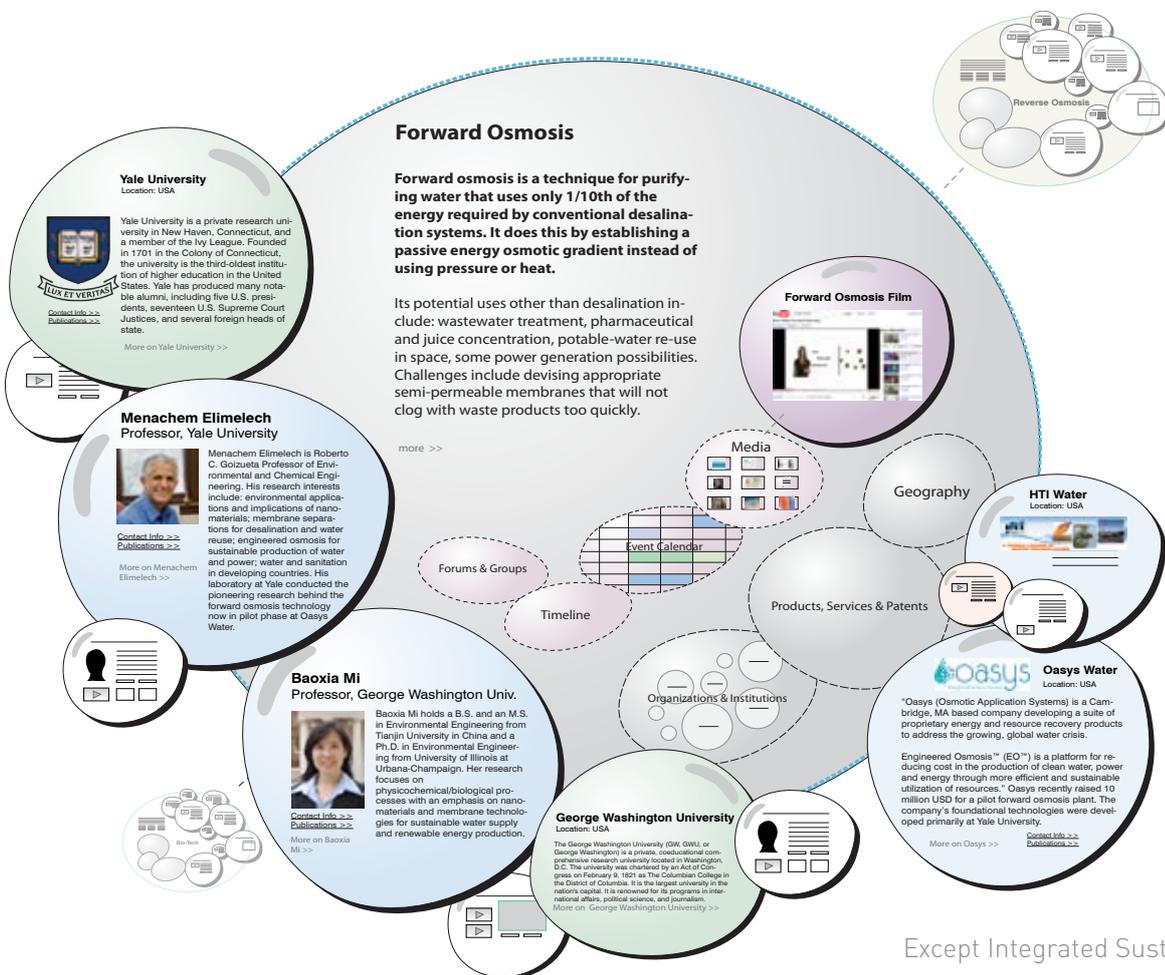
The Dandelion Project is a concept for an interactive online tool that organizes our knowledge universe, activates international and interdisciplinary collaboration, and provides a navigational and exploratory space for education and research. Dandelion is designed to catalyze the movement towards a more sustainable society and an economy of abundance.

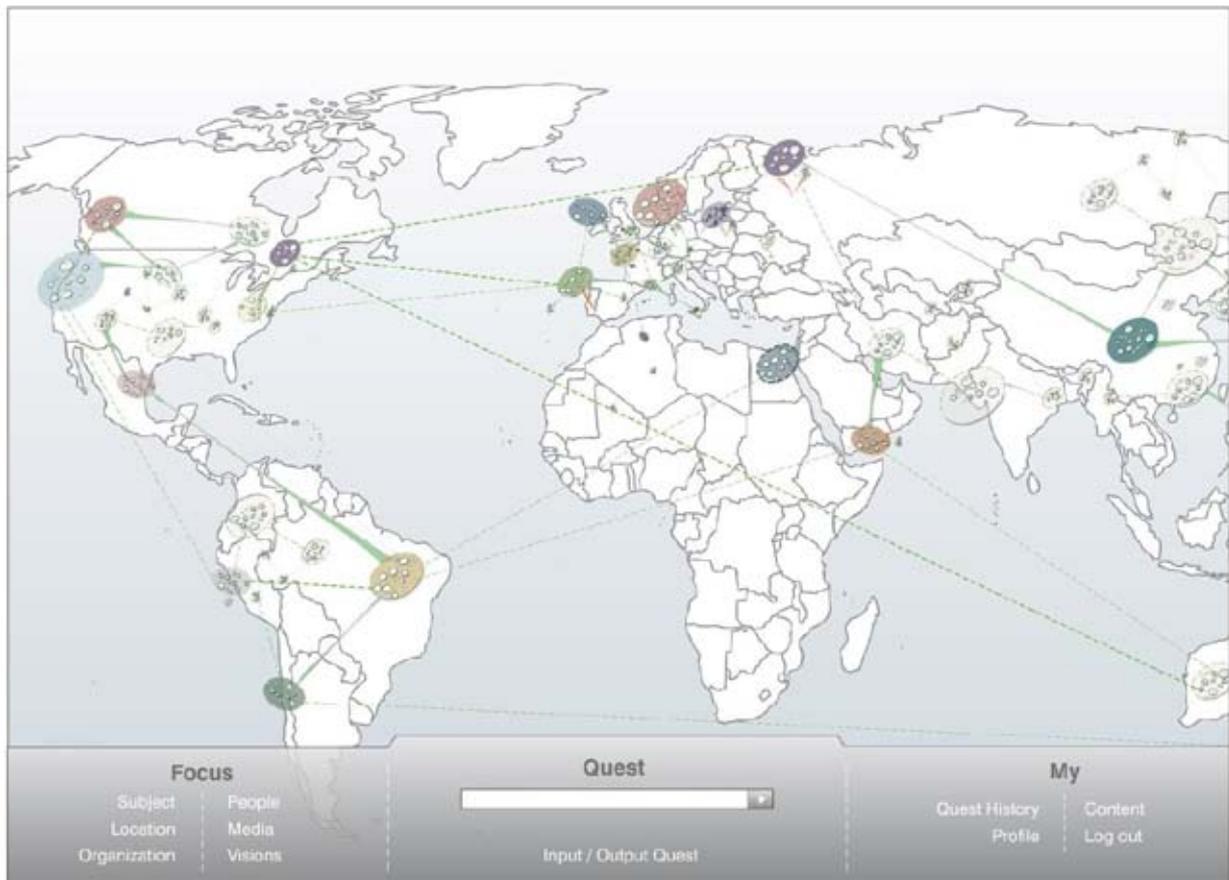
The tool combines elements of a search engine, an online encyclopedia, a user-driven content generator, as well as a social networking device. As a visual Wikipedia, Dandelion allows users to navigate through a spatially-displayed network of information, which intelligently self-organizes

using keywords, usage patterns, and social networks. This information network is the user's playground. A user can explore and interact with it in various ways including direct queries to answer questions.

Engaging communities

The Dandelion Project allows communities to find each other and interact through spatially-embedded discussion groups and blogs. People interested in similar topics or located geographically close together will find each other exploring the same parts of the information network.





Create New Development Links

The ultimate goal of this mode of semi-automated informational management is to rapidly uncover new connections between concepts and people, and to highlight the common paths we are traveling in our efforts to innovate towards a sustainable future.

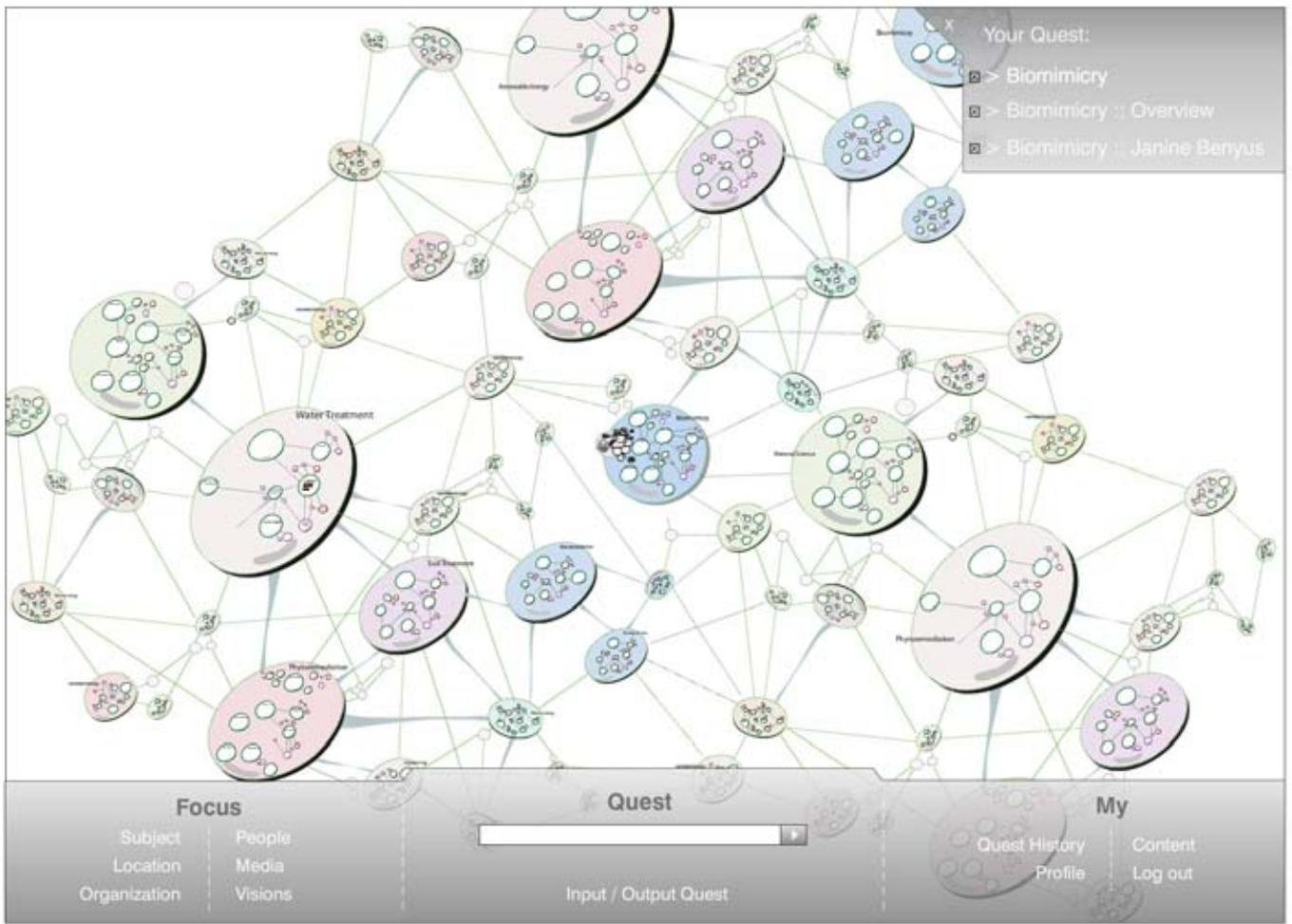
It is not a lack of technological capacity that prevents us from achieving sustainability; it is the lack of organizational capacity, coordination, and build-up of critical societal mass. Dandelion can help bridge that gap.

Anti-Scatter

Governments, researchers, and companies often duplicate one another's efforts, or do not benefit from partnerships and interdisciplinary connections because they were not apparent. Likewise, policy makers and investors often have difficulty seeing the larger trends in problem developments or technological innovation because the informational landscape is so vast and scattered.

By visualizing and intelligently organizing information, Dandelion is designed to directly address some of these problems using a simple, intuitive interface.

The Dandelion Project connects the right knowledge with the right people at the right time. As a unified knowledge platform, it can revolutionize the landscape for sustainable development.



The Dandelion Project was developed in cooperation with Storm CS consultants for the Dutch Ministry of Housing, Spatial Ordinance, and the Environment (VROM). The project is currently seeking interested parties for further development.



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