



## Photosynthesis began 1.25 billion years ago

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The world's oldest algae fossils are a billion years old, according to a study, which found that the basis for photosynthesis in today's plants was set in place 1.25 billion years ago. The study may resolve a mystery over the age of the fossilised algae, which were first discovered in rocks in Arctic Canada in 1990. PTI