

Development of Microalgae Cultivation for Producing Biofuel fed by CO₂ in Ethanol Production Facilities of PT Medco Downstream Indonesia

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Introduction

- CO₂ effluent from ethanol production facilities at PT Medco Downstream Indonesia (MDI).
- Could we utilize 160 ton/day of generated CO₂?
- Tremendous development in microalgae cultivation to convert CO₂ into renewable fuels.
- Photobioreactor for develop microalgae cultivation system.
- A pilot plant of microalgae cultivation to utilize CO₂ and wastewater in ethanol production facilities of MDI becomes important to consider.



Objective

- to operate medium-scale of cultivation systems that are able to convert a significant fraction of the CO₂ effluent from fermentation process in ethanol production and wastewater facilities into renewable fuels.

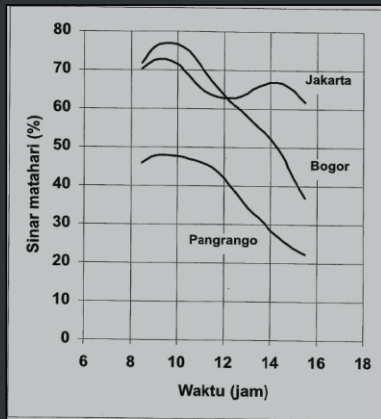


Scope of Work

- Selection and improvement of algal strains that is able to cultured in photobioreactor with CO₂ injection from flue gas and wastewater.
- Development of CO₂ scrubber system from flue gas for microalgae cultivation.
- Development of medium-scale photobioreactor for microalgae cultivation.
- Development of low cost algal-harvesting technologies.
- Improvements in the processes for converting microalgae biomass into biofuels.



Why Microalgae: solar radiance intensity in Indonesia



Indonesia is enlightened by sun along the year for at least 12 hours a day.

So, Indonesia is being radiated for ± 4.380 hours per year

Variance of sun radiance in average (Schmidt, 1950)

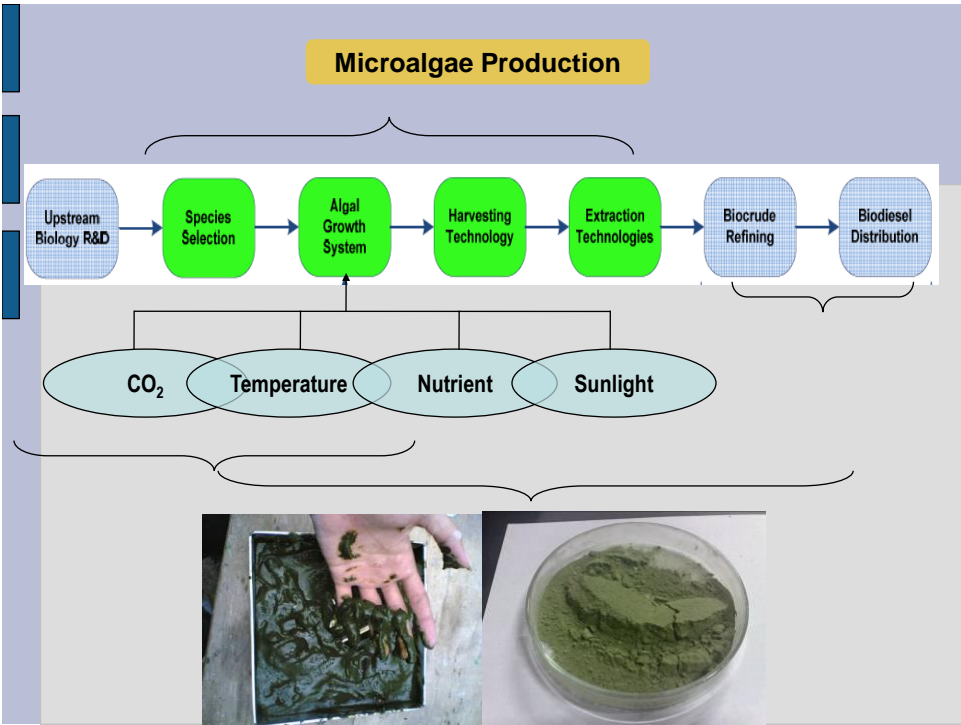
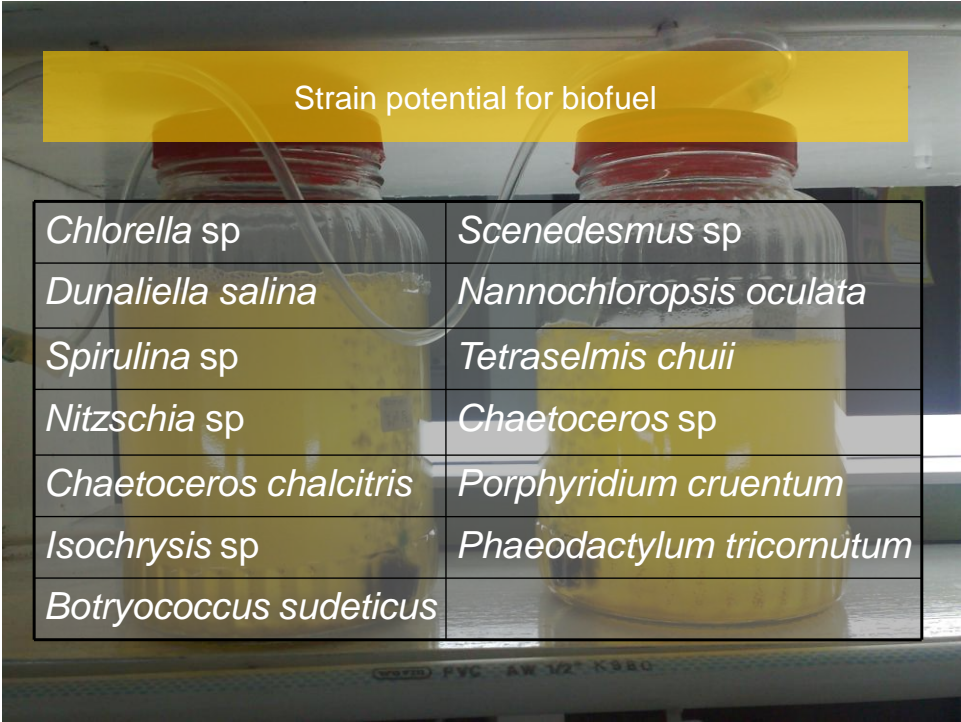


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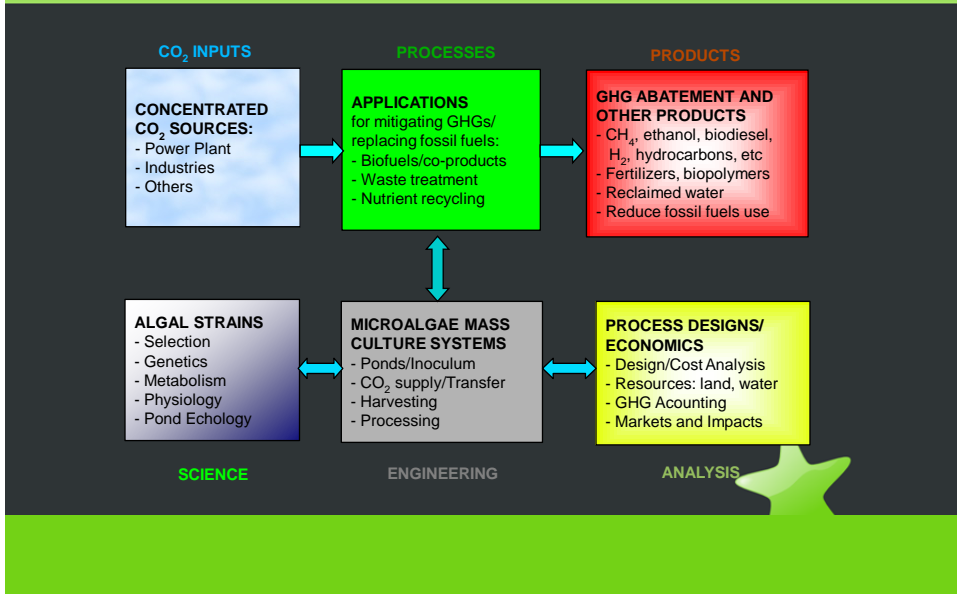
Microalgae can be used for :

1. Producing Oil which can be converted into biofuel
2. Utilization of CO₂ waste that can be used for algae cultivation. This process can get the CDM.
3. Producing Animal Feed
4. Pharmaceutical products

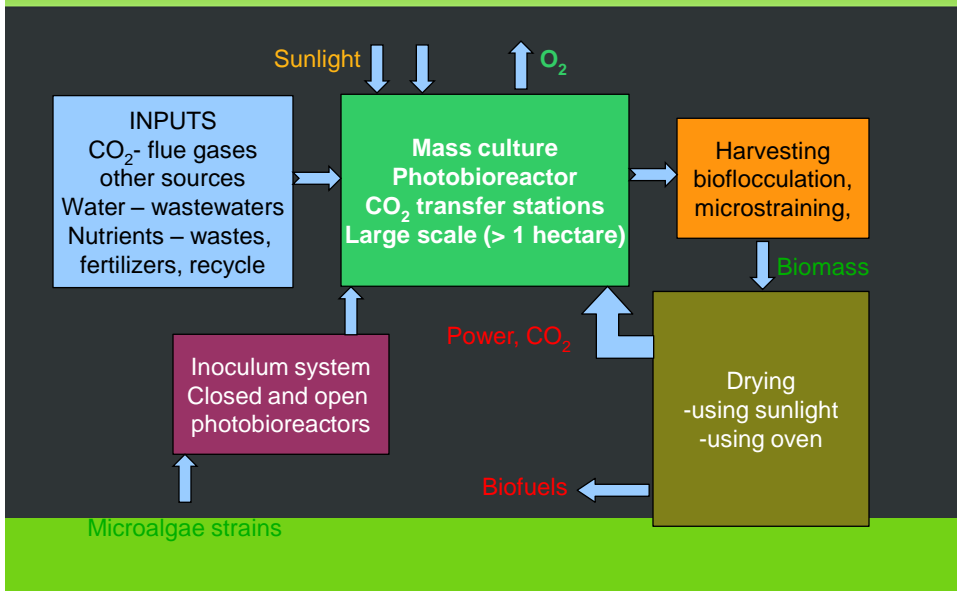




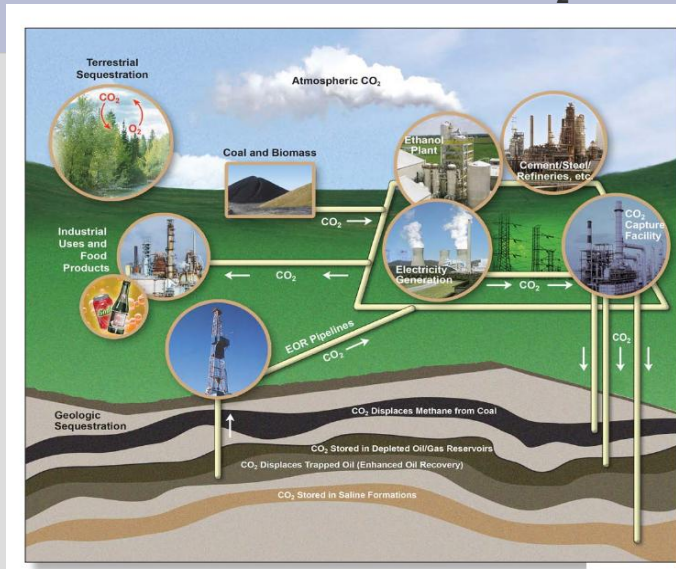
Schematic of Microalgae Biofixation of CO₂



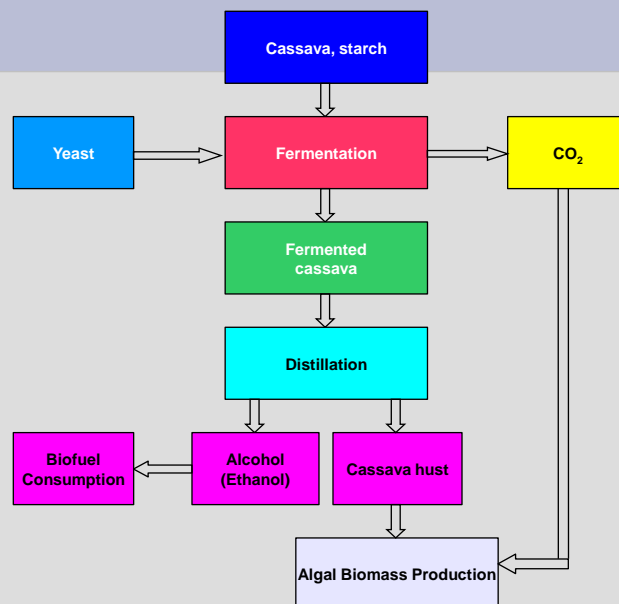
Process Schematic for Biofixation of CO₂ and Greenhouse Gas Abatement with Microalgae



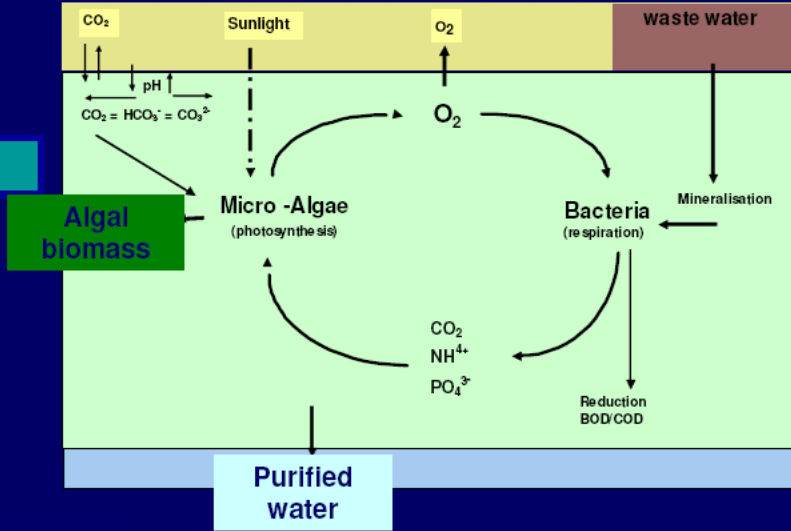
Carbon sequestration encompasses the process of capture and storage of CO₂



Process to produce CO₂ from bioethanol fermentation of cassava



Microalgae in water purification

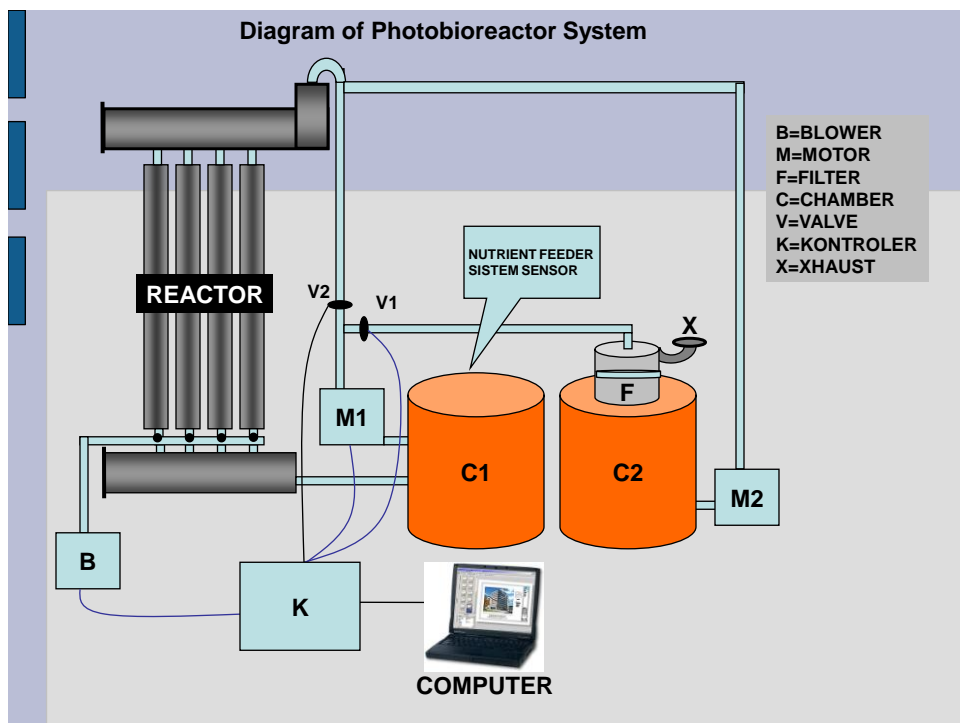


Power Plant to Produce Power and CO2 at Cyanotech Facility in Hawaii



Photobioreactor system

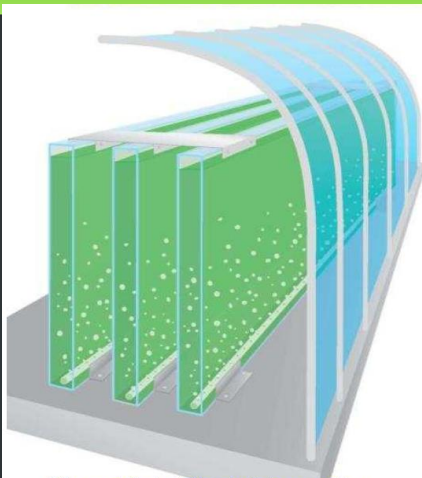
- Control System
- Reactor Chamber
- Nutrient Feeder system
- Sensor system
- Harvesting System



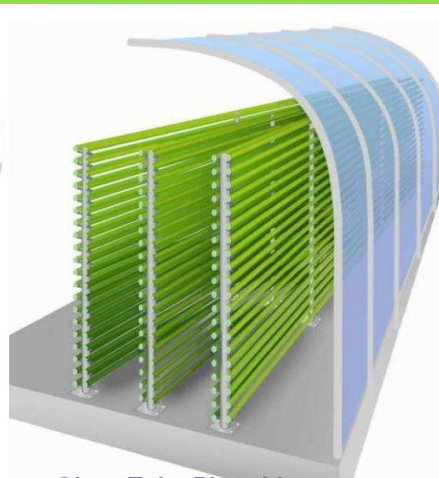
SBRC'S PHOTOBIOREACTOR



Photobioreactor

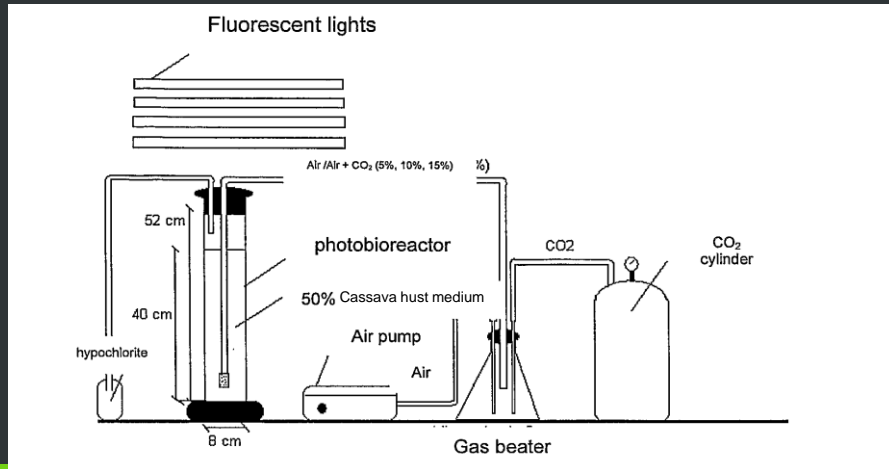


Glass Plate Photobioreactor
(Pulz, Richmond, others)



Glass Tube Photobioreactor
(Pulz, IGV, Ketura, Torzillo, others)

Scheme model of Photobioreactors with pure CO₂



Pure CO₂ Mixing Chamber



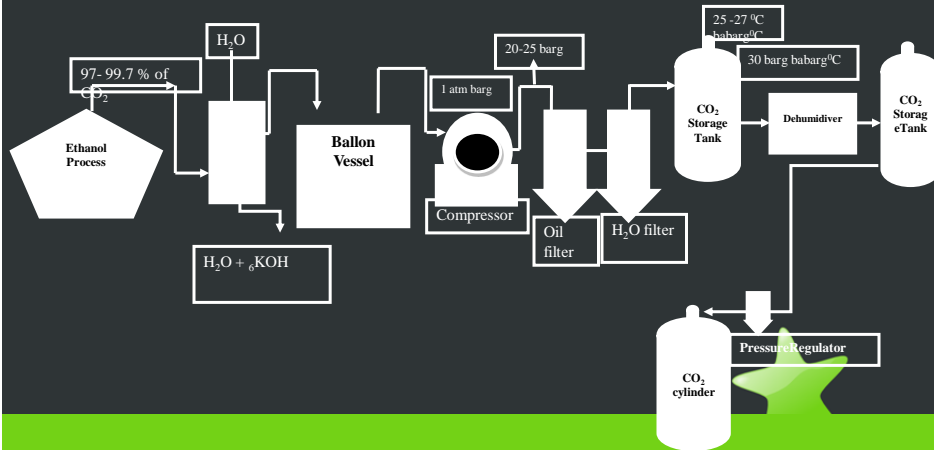
CO₂ Analyzer

Air

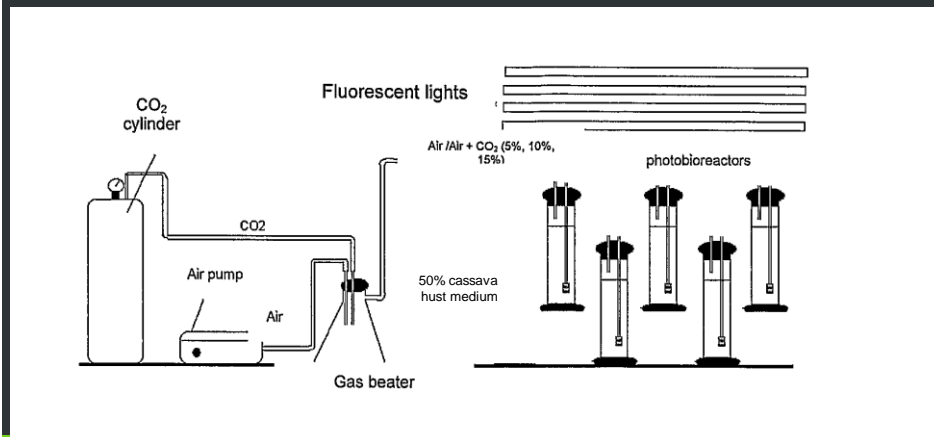
CO₂

Mixed gas for bubbling

CO2 Scrubber system



An Arrangements of photobioreactors on the oven shelves with photoperiod



Expected Benefit

1. Problem solving of actual situation in ethanol production
2. Greenhouse gases mitigation
3. Energy resilience



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