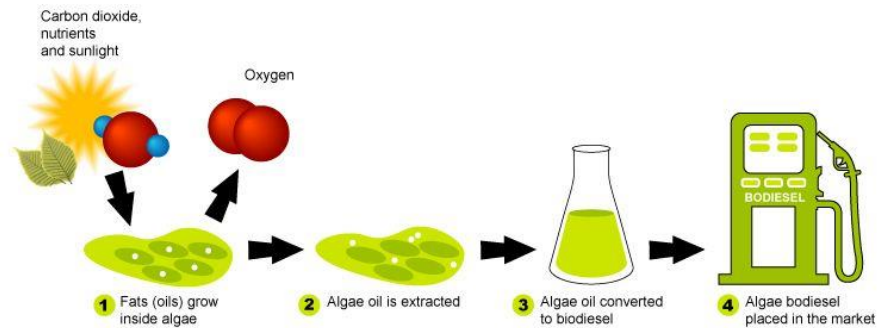
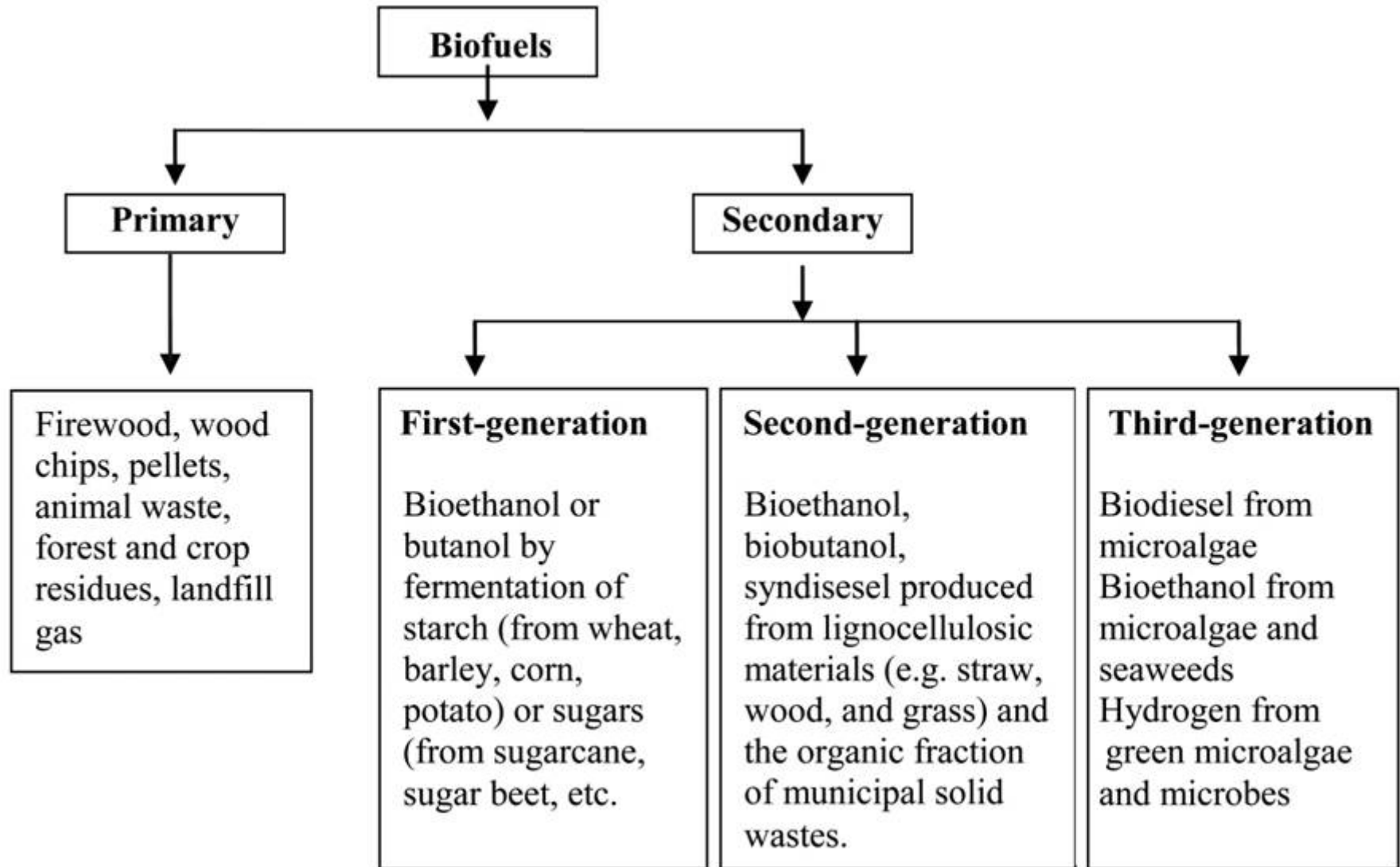


6. Lecture – Biofuels



- Alternatives to fossil fuels (crude oil, coal,...)
- Plant and animal biomass
- Primary biofuels like wood or crop waste used since ancient ages
- Most of the currently used biofuels are plant-based
- Algae and bacteria are promising sources of biofuels for the future

Generations of biofuels



Generations of Biofuels

First Generation

- Derived from edible plants grown on arable land.
- Ethanol and butanol produced via yeast fermentation.
- Crops include wheat, sugar cane, and oily seeds.
- Attributed as a potential reason for recent spike in food prices.
- Net energy negative.

Second Generation

- Produced from non-edible crops grown on non-arable land.
- Sources have high lignocellulosic content, which include wood and organic waste.
- Potential to be net energy positive.

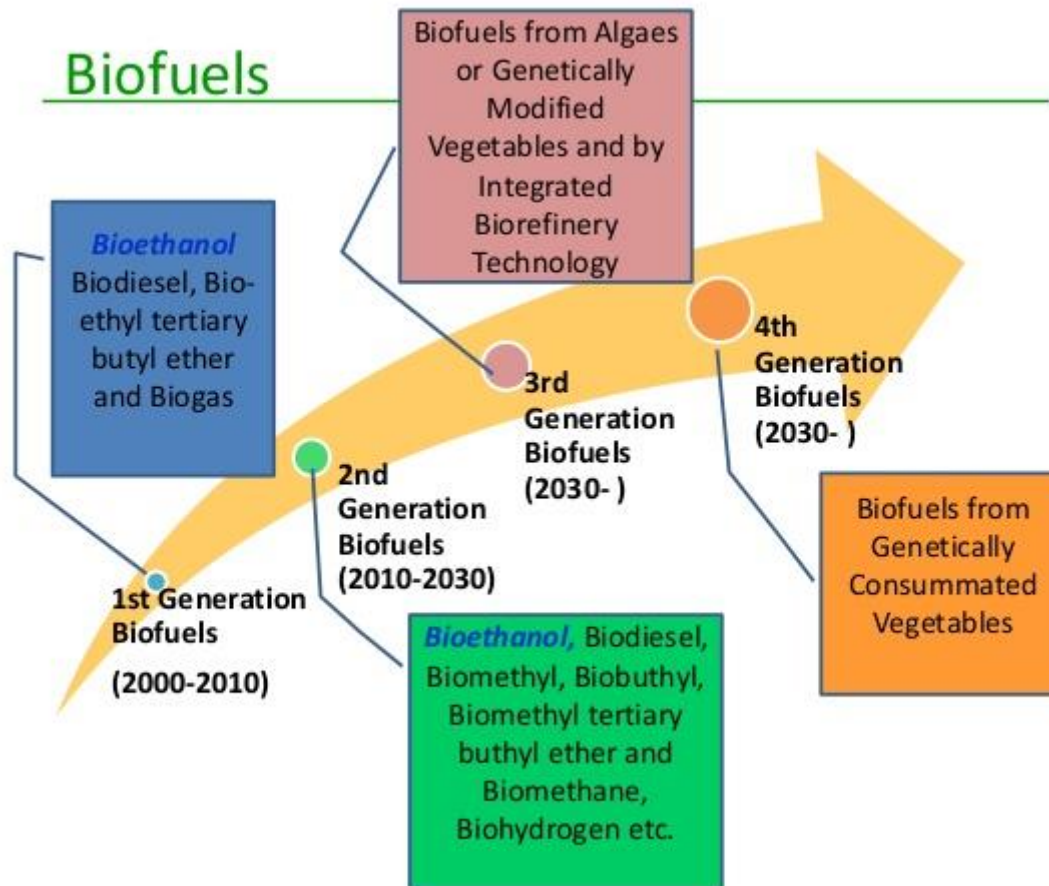
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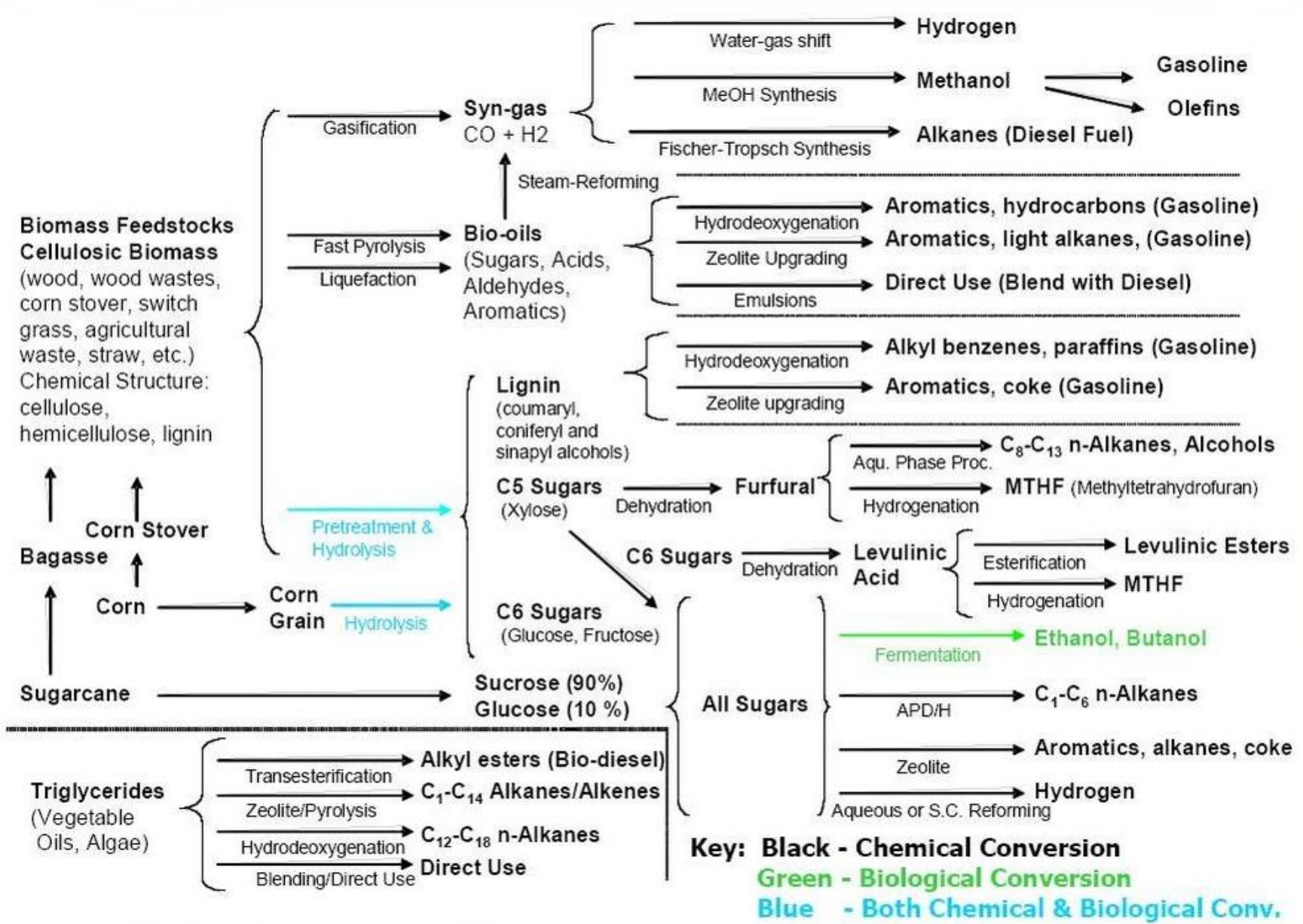
- Produced from algae and other microorganisms.
- Resilient organisms that can be grown from sunlight, CO₂ and brackish water.
- Does not use arable land.
- Fastest growing of all biofuel sources.
- Potentially carbon neutral

Fourth Generation

- Genetic engineering of organisms for efficient production of biofuels.
- Includes altering lipid characteristics and introducing lipid excretion pathways.
- Aim to be carbon negative by creating artificial carbon sinks.

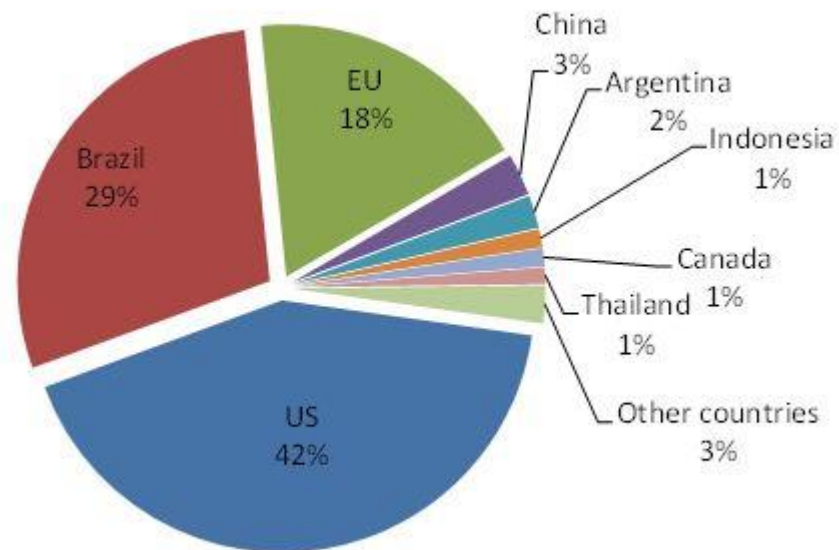
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Biofuels in the world

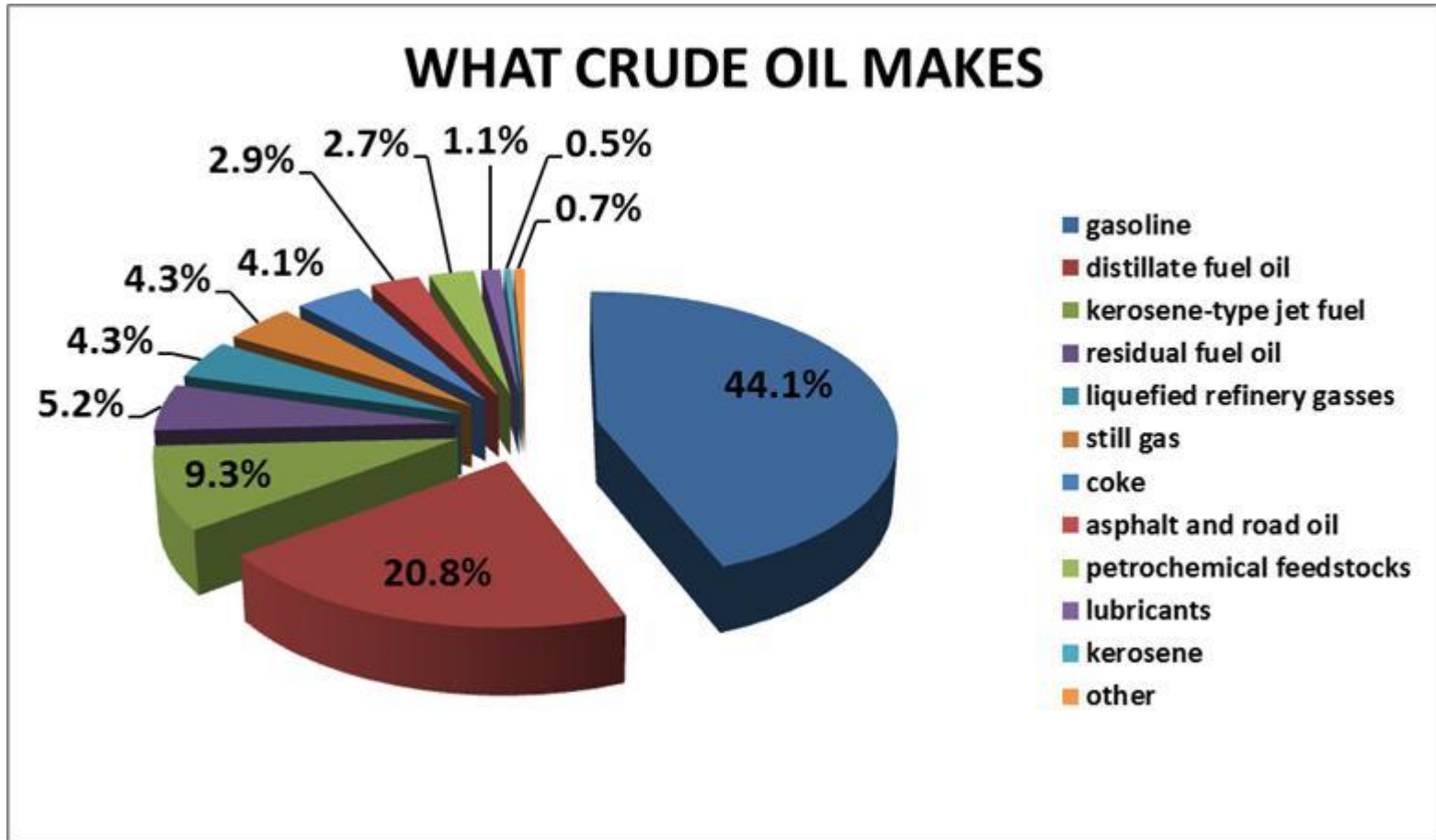
- Vast majority of the biofuels production is based in the US, Brazil and Europe



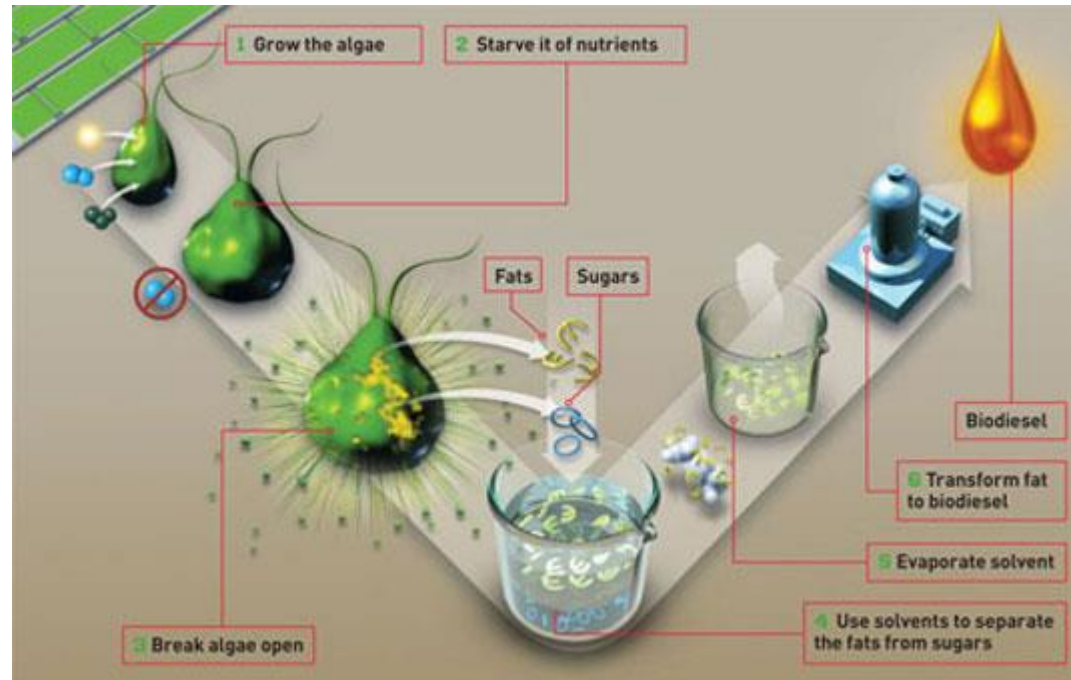
Why are biofuels important?

- Renewable sources of energy
- Lowering of carbon emissions
- Lower energy demands than 'traditional' processes
- Biomass can be used for extraction of biologically active compounds and as biofuel
- Waste is biodegradable or can be used further

Crude oil consumption



Algae as biofuels sources



Advantages and disadvantages of biofuel production using microalgae.

Advantages	Disadvantages
High growth rate	Low biomass concentration
Less water demand than land crops	Higher capital costs
High-efficiency CO ₂ mitigation	
More cost effective farming	

ALGAL BIOMASS PRODUCTION SYSTEMS



System Inputs

Selection Criteria

Algal Species
Sunlight
Water Source
CO2 Source
Nutrients npk
Suitable Land
Finance

Production

System Components

Ponds & PBRs
Fermentation Systems
Equipment
Energy & Labor
System Monitors
Biometric Analysis
CAPEX Estimates
OPEX Estimates
Target Markets & Strategies

Harvesting

Methods & Systems

Sedimentation
Centrifuges
Filtration
Microstraining
Foam Fractionation
Bio Flocculation
Electro Flocculation
Shrimp & Fish

Extraction

Methods & Systems

Expeller Press
Hexane Solvent
Supercritical CO2
Enzymatic Hydrolysis
Microwave
Cavitation
Ultrasonic Cavitation
Cellular Decompression

System Outputs

Products from oil and biomass

Biodiesel and Biocrude
Renewable Diesel, Gasoline
Animal and Fish Feed
Livestock Feed Protein Additives
Organic Fertilizer
Pharmaceutical Products
Green Plastics, Chemicals
Omega 3, 6 and DHA oils
Clean Power Generation



Timelines for Production and Progression Into Larger Markets

Small Scale Production
2009 –to 2011

Mid-Scale Production
2010-to 2012

Larger-Scale Production
2011 to 2015

Large Scale Production for Fuels
2012 to 2020

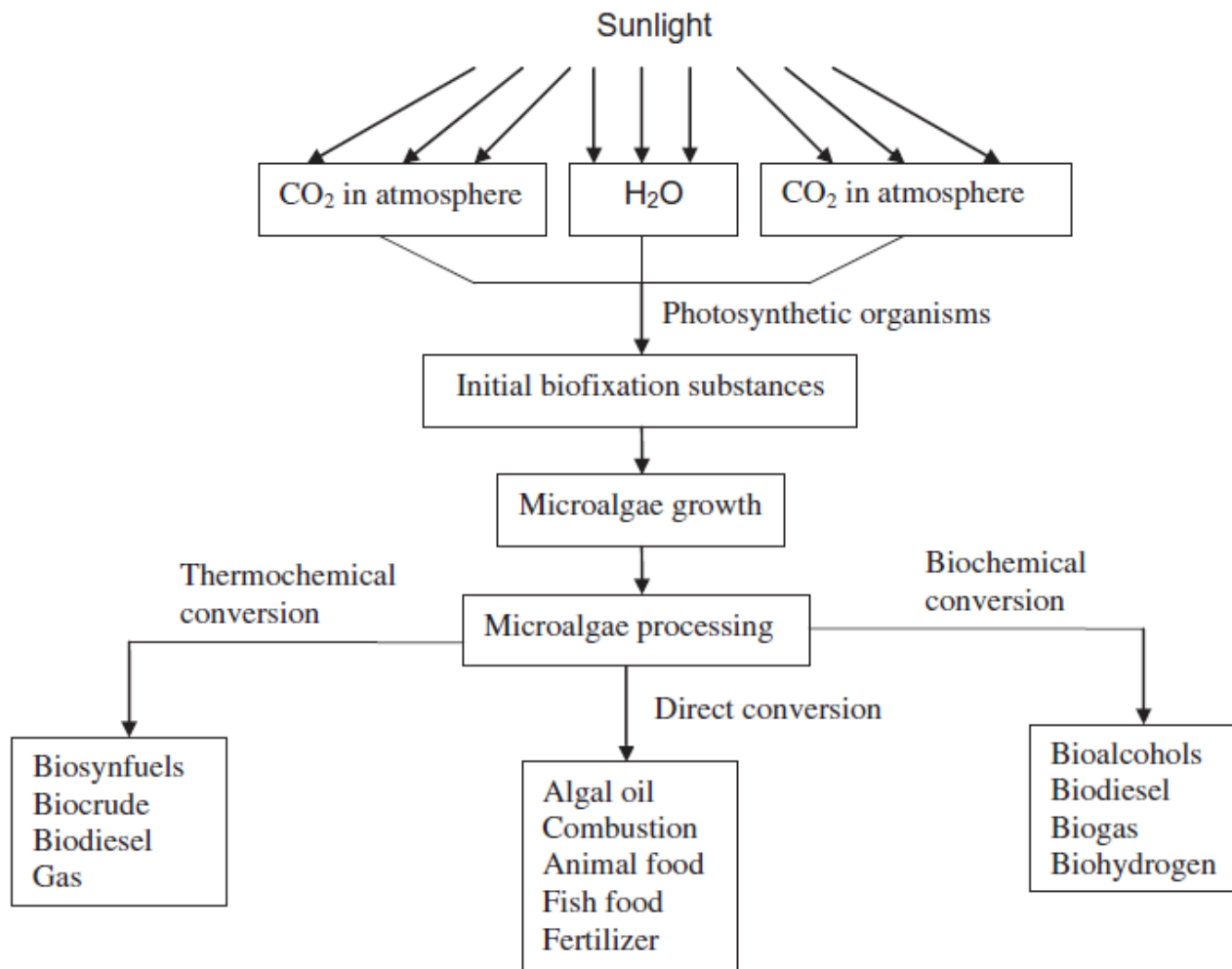
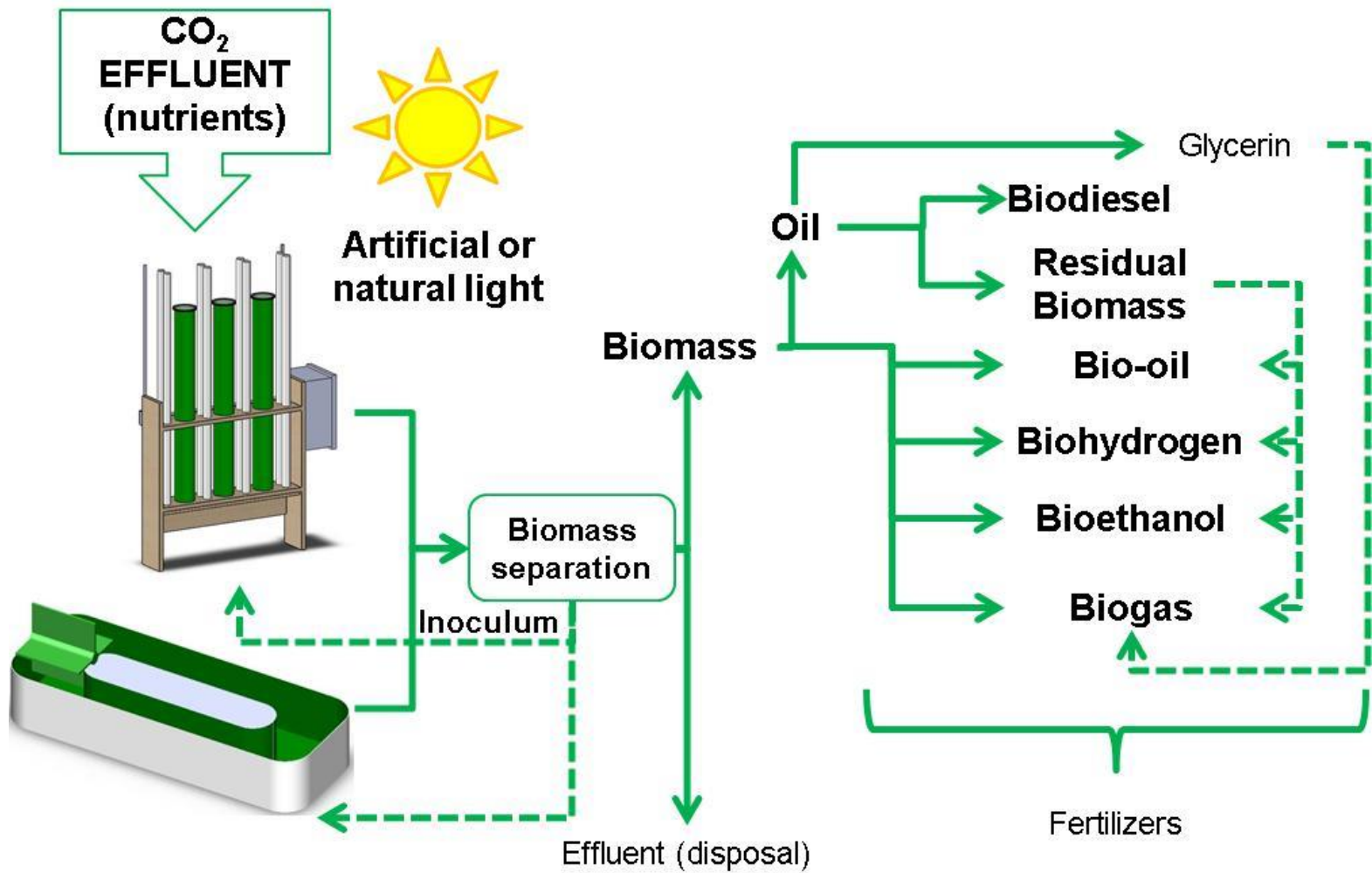


Fig. 1. Carbon dioxide fixation and main steps of algal biomass technologies.



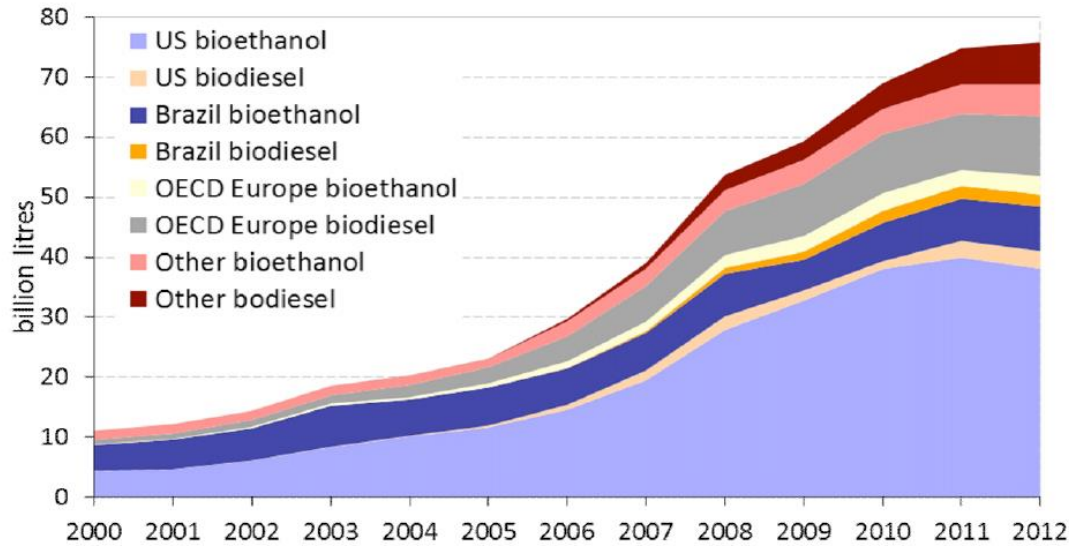
Chemical compositions of algae on a dry matter basis (%).

Species of sample	Proteins	Carbohydrates	Lipids	Nucleic acid
<i>Scenedesmus obliquus</i>	50–56	10–17	12–14	3–6
<i>Scenedesmus quadricauda</i>	47	–	1.9	–
<i>Scenedesmus dimorphus</i>	8–18	21–52	16–40	–
<i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i>	48	17	21	–
<i>Chlorella vulgaris</i>	51–58	12–17	14–22	4–5
<i>Chlorella pyrenoidosa</i>	57	26	2	–
<i>Spirogyra sp.</i>	6–20	33–64	11–21	–
<i>Dunaliella bioculata</i>	49	4	8	–
<i>Dunaliella salina</i>	57	32	6	–
<i>Euglena gracilis</i>	39–61	14–18	14–20	–
<i>Prymnesium parvum</i>	28–45	25–33	22–38	1–2
<i>Tetraselmis maculata</i>	52	15	3	–
<i>Porphyridium cruentum</i>	28–39	40–57	9–14	–
<i>Spirulina platensis</i>	46–63	8–14	4–9	2–5
<i>Spirulina maxima</i>	60–71	13–16	6–7	3–4.5
<i>Synechococcus sp.</i>	63	15	11	5
<i>Anabaena cylindrica</i>	43–56	25–30	4–7	–

- Methyl esters of unsaturated fatty acids
- Better biodegradability than fossil-based diesel
- High energy capacity
- Can corrode the engine parts
- Higher health hazard than fossil fuels

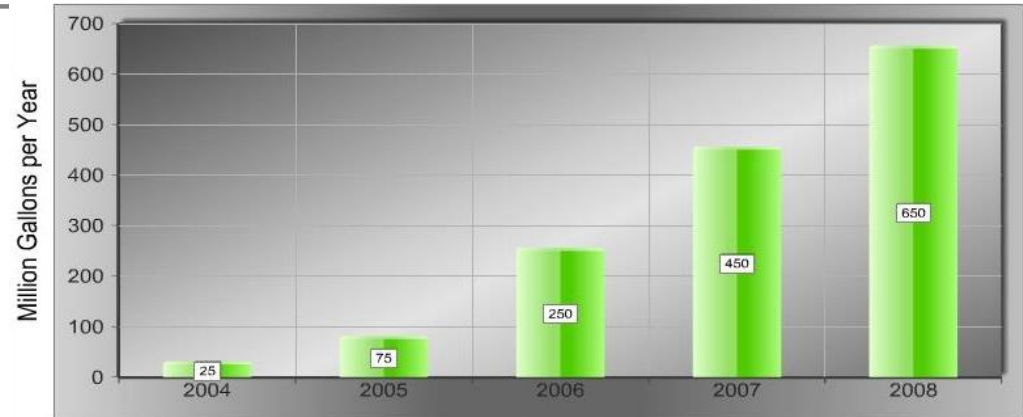
- In the EU 5 % of biodiesel has to be mixed with liquid fossil fuels

Figure 1 – Global biofuels production, 2000-12



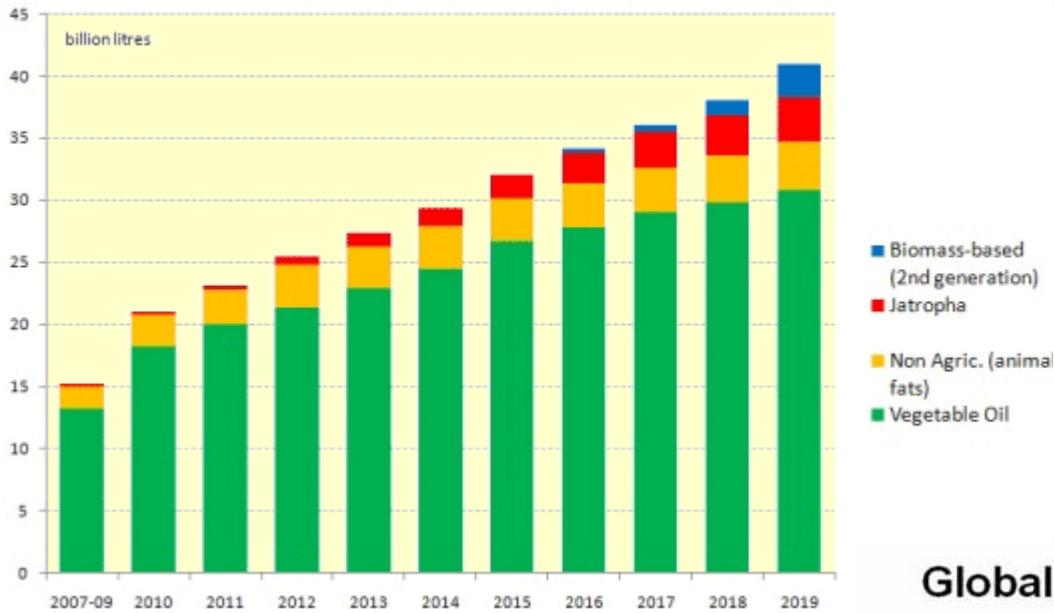
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US Biodiesel Production 2004-2008

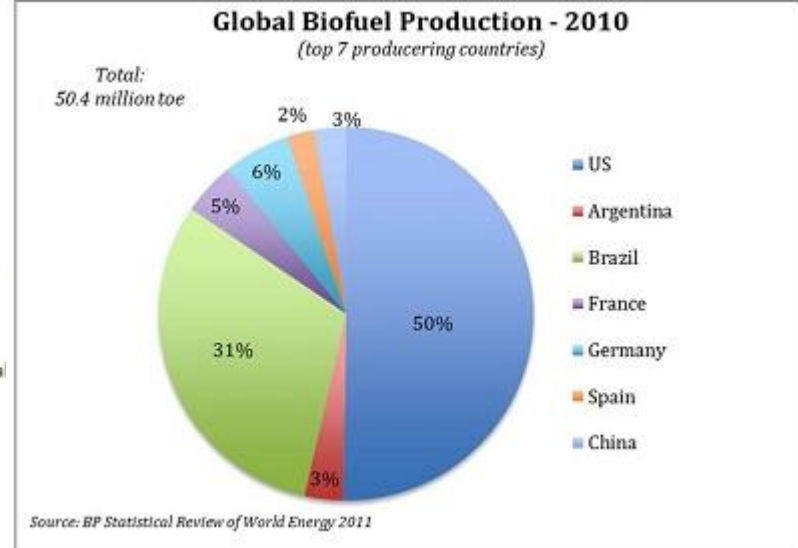


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Global biodiesel production by feedstock



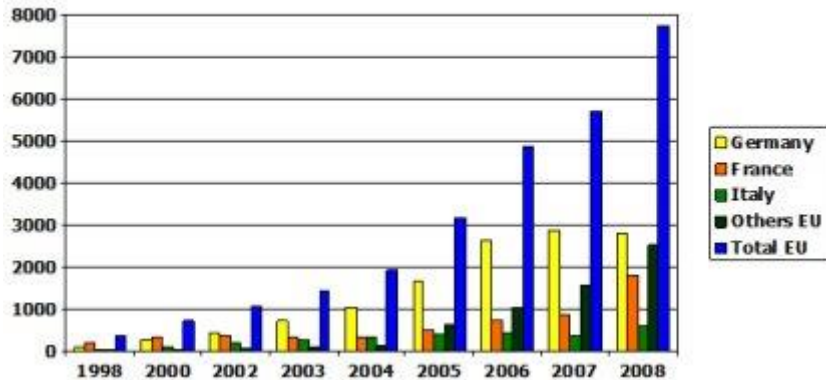
Global Biofuel Production - 2010



Global Biodiesel Production by Country

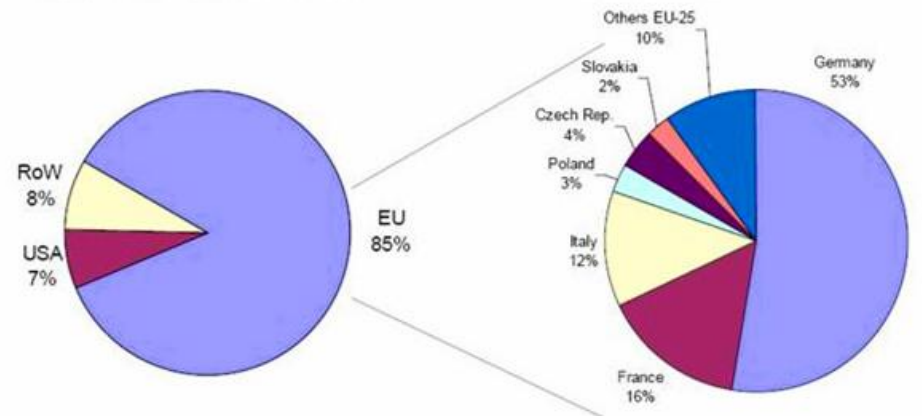
EU and Member States' Biodiesel Production ('000 t)

Source: EBB



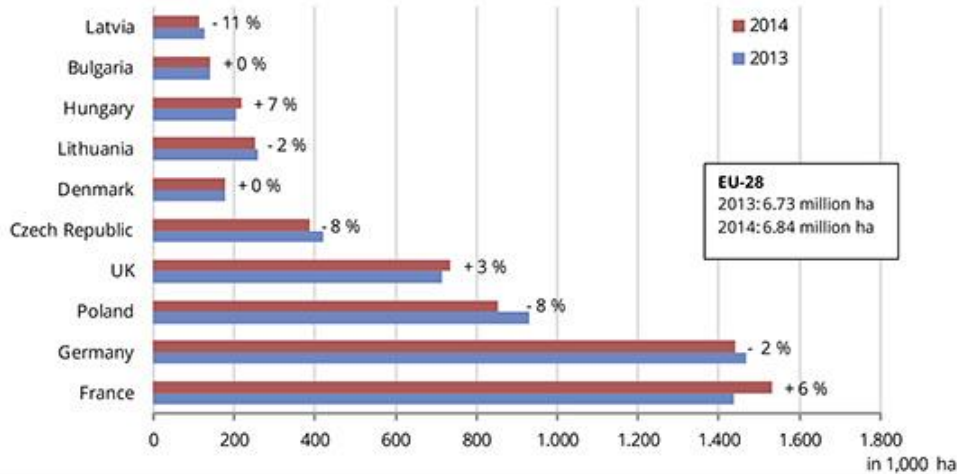
Global biodiesel production has reached approx. 3.8 mill. tons in 2005

The EU biodiesel production has reached 3.2 mill. tons in 2005



Source: Diester Industrie International/EBB

Increase in EU rapeseed area in 2014



Source: European Commission, AMI

Global Biofuels Market Share by Feedstock, World Markets: 2011

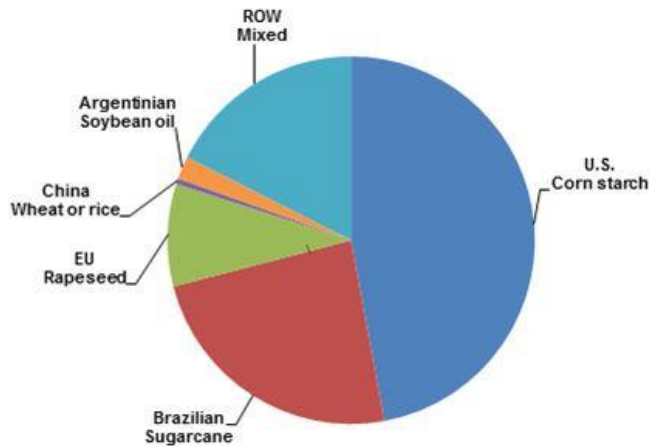


Figure 5. Feedstocks Used for U.S. Biodiesel Production in 2011 by Month, in Millions of Pounds

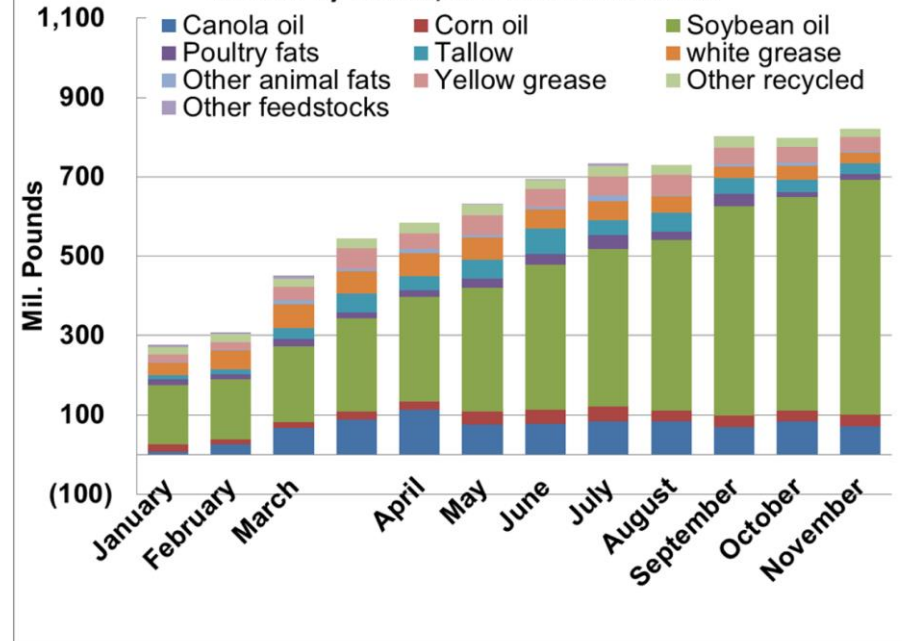
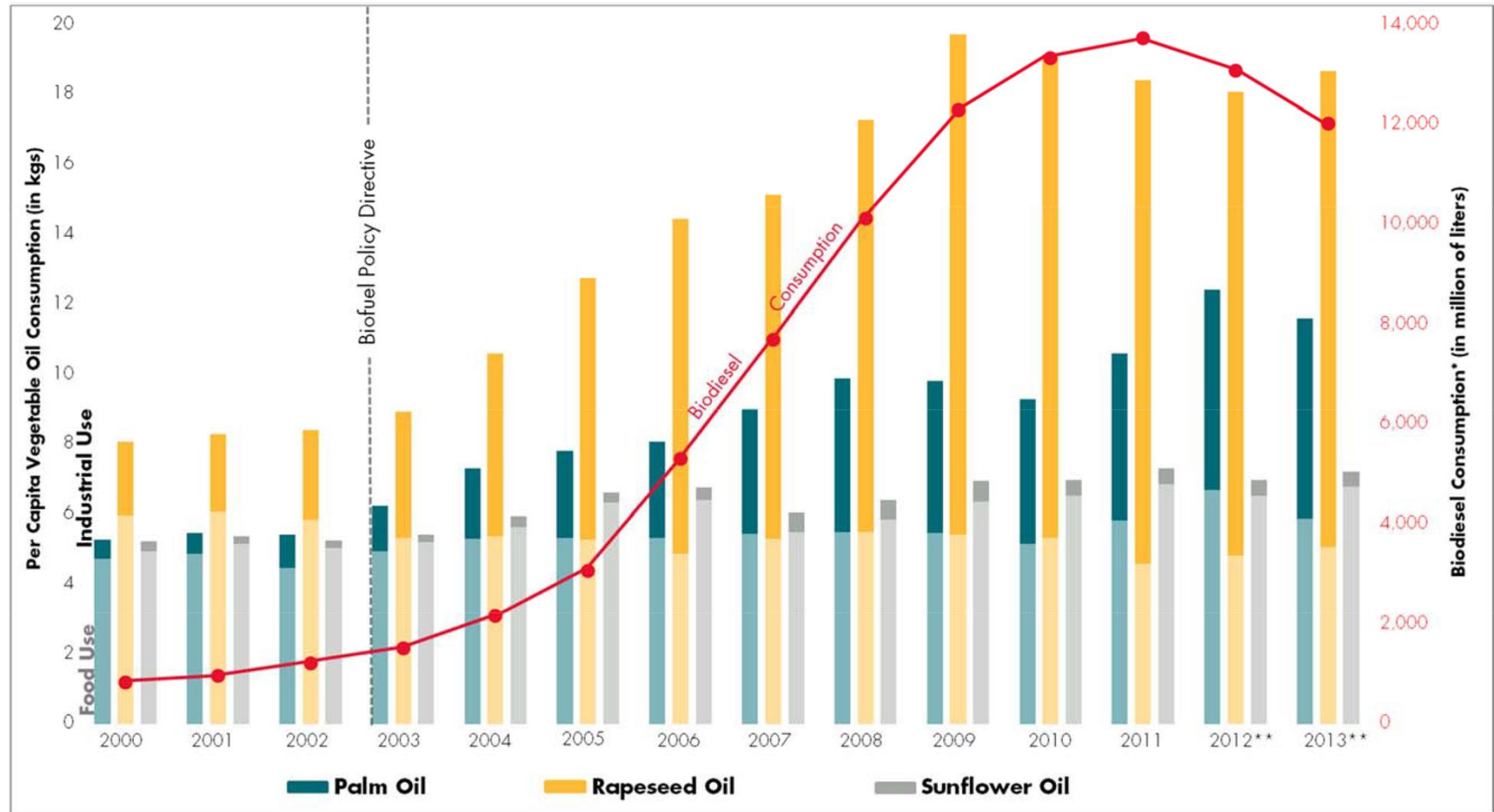


Figure 3. EU Per Capita Consumption of Vegetable Oil and Biodiesel



*Biodiesel consumption is total industrial consumption, converted from '000Barrels a day using EIA's unit conversion of 158.99 liters per barrel.

**2012-13 biodiesel consumption based on percent change from USDA estimates.

Sources: Vegetable Oil Consumption, USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, Production, Supply and Distribution database; per capita calculated using World Bank, World Development Indicators data on population. Biodiesel Consumption is from US Energy Information Administration, International Energy Statistics.

Algae processing

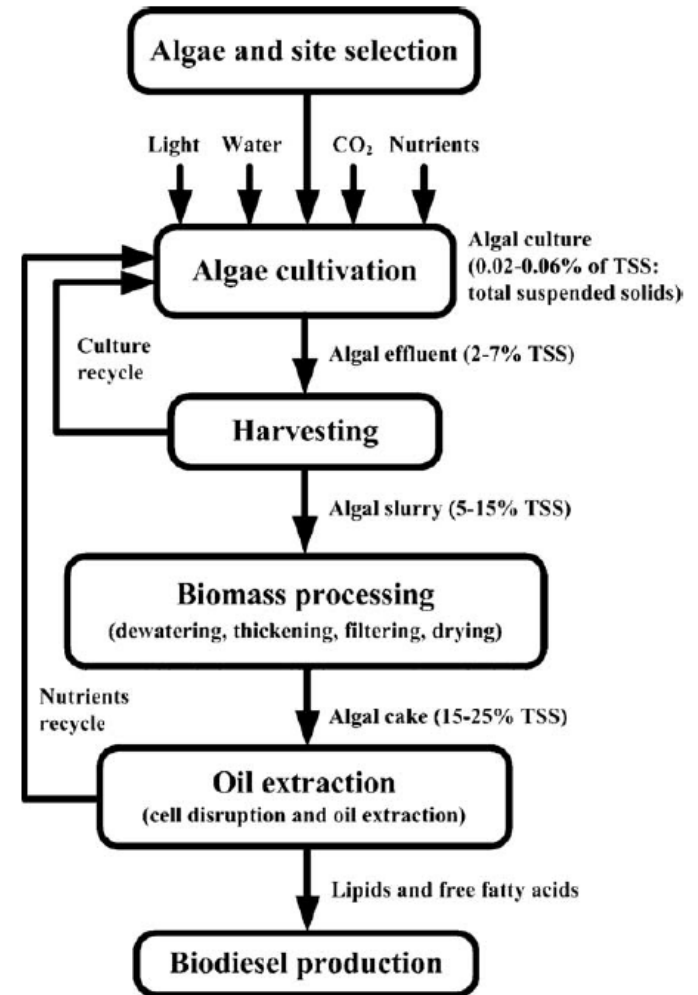
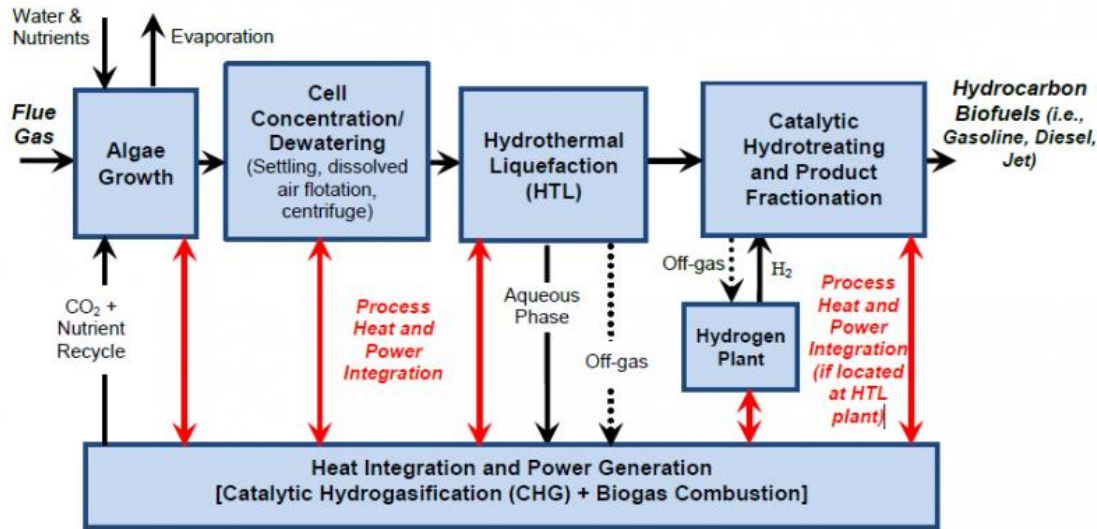


Fig. 1. Microalgae biodiesel value chain stages.

- Water removal is important
- 20% humidity after dewatering

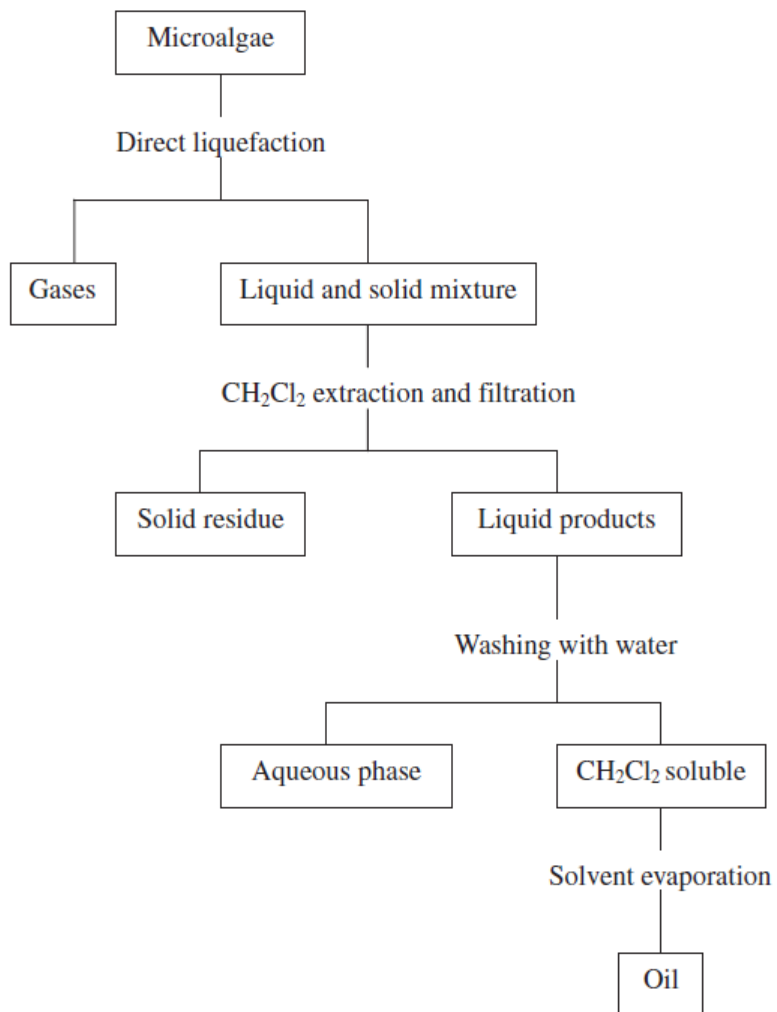


Fig. 3. Direct liquefaction of microalgae and oil from liquefaction products by CH₂Cl₂ extraction.

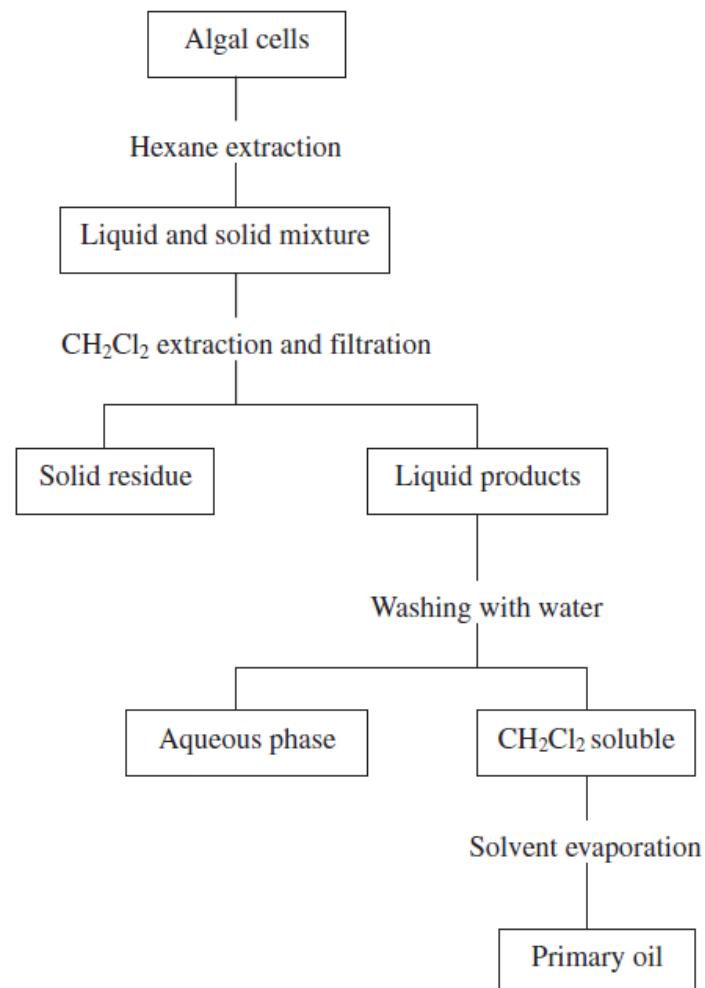


Fig. 4. Primary oil from algal cells by liquefaction of hexane extraction.

Comparison of microalgae with other biodiesel feedstocks.

Plant source	Seed oil content (% oil by wt in biomass)	Oil yield (L oil/ha year)	Land use (m ² year/kg biodiesel)	Biodiesel productivity (kg biodiesel/ha year)
Corn/Maize (<i>Zea mays</i> L.)	44	172	66	152
Hemp (<i>Cannabis sativa</i> L.)	33	363	31	321
Soybean (<i>Glycine max</i> L.)	18	636	18	562
Jatropha (<i>Jatropha curcas</i> L.)	28	741	15	656
Camelina (<i>Camelina sativa</i> L.)	42	915	12	809
Canola/Rapeseed (<i>Brassica napus</i> L.)	41	974	12	862
Sunflower (<i>Helianthus annuus</i> L.)	40	1070	11	946
Castor (<i>Ricinus communis</i>)	48	1307	9	1156
Palm oil (<i>Elaeis guineensis</i>)	36	5366	2	4747
Microalgae (low oil content)	30	58,700	0.2	51,927
Microalgae (medium oil content)	50	97,800	0.1	86,515
Microalgae (high oil content)	70	136,900	0.1	121,104

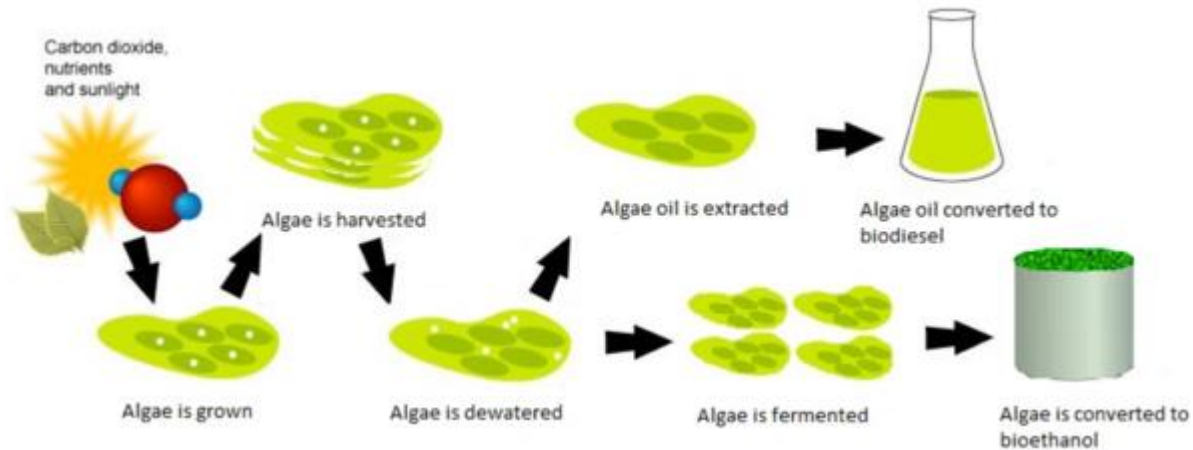
Yields of bio-oil by pyrolysis from alga samples at different temperatures (K).

Sample	575	625	675	725	775	825	875
<i>Cladophora fracta</i>	10.5	23.5	33.2	43.4	48.2	46.8	44.6
<i>Chlorella protothecoides</i>	12.8	27.4	38.4	50.2	55.3	53.7	51.6

Table 1 | Comparative study between algal biomass and terrestrial plants for biodiesel production.

Feedstock	Conditions	Biodiesel	Reference
ALGAE			
<i>Spirulina platensis</i>	Reaction temperature 55°C, 60% catalyst concentration, 1:4 algae biomass to methanol ratio, 450 rpm stirring intensity	60 g/kg lipid	Nautiyal et al. (2014)
<i>Nannochloropsis</i> sp.	Oil extraction with n-hexane, acidic transesterification	99 g/kg lipid	Susilaningih et al. (2009)
<i>Scenedesmus</i> sp.	Alkaline (NaOH), temperature of 70°C	321.06 g/kg lipid	Kim et al. (2014)
	Acidic (H ₂ SO ₄) catalyst, temperature of 70°C	282.23 g/kg lipid	
<i>Nannochloropsis salina</i>	Freeze drying of biomass, extraction with chloroform–methanol (1:1 ratio), alkali transesterification	180.78 g/kg lipid	Muthukumar et al. (2012)
<i>Chlorella marina</i>		100 g/kg lipid	
TERRESTRIAL PLANTS			
<i>Madhuca indica</i>	0.30–0.35 (v/v) methanol-to-oil ratio, 1% (v/v) H ₂ SO ₄ as acid catalyst, 0.25 (v/v) methanol, 0.7% (w/v) KOH as alkaline catalyst	186.2 g/kg lipid	Ghadge and Raheman (2005)
<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>	Transesterification with methanol, NaOH as catalyst, temp. 60°C	253 g/kg lipid	Mamilla et al. (2011)
	Acid-catalyzed esterification by using 0.5% H ₂ SO ₄ , alkali-catalyzed transesterification	193.2 g/kg lipid	Naik et al. (2008)
<i>Azadirachta indica</i>	Reaction time of 60 min, 0.7% H ₂ SO ₄ as acid catalyst, reaction temperature of 50°C, and methanol: oil ratio of 3:1	170 g/kg lipid	Awolu and Layokun (2013)
Soybean	Hydrotalcite as basic catalyst, methanol/oil molar ratio of 20:1, reaction time of 10 h	189.6 g/kg lipid	Martin et al. (2013)

Bioethanol



- Production depends on content of fermentable sugars
- Production higher than 4 % (40 g/L) is necessary to make the proces economically feasible

Table 1. Comparison of the productivities of lignocellulosic biomass and seaweeds

Biomass	Productivity [dry g/(m²·year)]	Reference
Lignocellulosic biomass		
Switchgrass	560–2,240	65
Corn stover	180–790	65
Eucalyptus	1,000–2,000	65
Poplar	300–612.5 ^a	66
Willow	46–2,700	67
Seaweeds		
Green seaweeds	7,100 ^b	19, 20
Brown seaweeds	3,300–11,300	21
Red seaweeds	3,300–11,300	21

^aMean value calculated from the amount of biomass produced for 8 y;

^bcalculated value.

Bioethanol production

- Cells are pretreated using acid or enzymatic hydrolysis
- Hydrothermal pretreatment may be applied
- Ethanol fermentation by bacteria or yeast
 - *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
 - or technical cultures
- Mannitol cannot be converted by *S. cerevisiae*

Table 3. Advantages and disadvantages of various natural microorganisms regarding industrial ethanol production. Adapted from [98] with permission.

Organism	Natural sugar utilization pathways ^{a)}					Major products ^{b)}		Tolerance ^{c)}			O ₂ needed ^{d)}	pH
	Glu	Man	Gal	Xyl	Ara	EtOH	Other	Alcohols	Acids	Hydrolysate		
Anaerobic bacteria	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	Neutral
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	Neutral
<i>Zymomonas mobilis</i>	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	Neutral
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	++	++	++	-	Acidic
<i>Pichia stipitis</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	Acidic
Filamentous fungi	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	++	++	++	-	Acidic

a) +: Fermentation possible; -: Fermentation not possible

b) +: Major product(s); -: Minor product(s)

c) ++: High tolerance; +: Moderate tolerance; -: Poor tolerance

d) +: O₂ needed; -: O₂ not needed

Table 2. Various hydrolysis treatments methods and their bioethanol yields

Hydrolysis type	Hydrolysis source	Fermentation Mode ^{a)}	Algae species	Algae type	Yield (g ethanol/g algae)	Reference
Acid	HCl/ MgCl ₂	SHF	<i>Chlorella</i> sp.	Micro	0.47	[36]
Alkaline	NaOH	SHF	<i>Chlorococcum infusionum</i>	Micro	0.261	[10]
Chemical	H ₂ SO ₄	SHF	<i>Chlorococcum humicola</i>	Micro	0.48	[9]
Chemical ^{b)}	H ₂ SO ₄	SHF	<i>Chlorella vulgaris</i>	Micro	0.233	[61]
Chemo-enzymatic ^{c)}	HCl/ H ₂ SO ₄ + amyloglucosidase + endocellulase + β-glucosidase	SHF	<i>Dunaliella tertiolecta</i>	Micro	0.14	[46]
Enzymatic	α-amylase + amyloglucosidase	SHF	<i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i>	Micro	0.235	[18]
Enzymatic	endoglucanase + β-glucanase + amyloglucosidase	SSF	<i>Laminaria japonica</i>	Macro	0.196	[38]
Enzymatic ^{b)}	cellulase + amylase	SHF	<i>C. vulgaris</i>	Micro	0.178	[61]
Enzymatic ^{d)}	cellulase + β-glucosidase	SHF	<i>Gracilaria verrucosa</i>	Macro	0.43	[14]
Enzymatic ^{e)}	cellulase + β-glucosidase	SSF	<i>Saccharina japonica</i>	Macro	0.111	[31]
Enzymatic ^{b)}	cellulase + Amylase	SSF	<i>C. vulgaris</i>	Micro	0.214	[61]
Physical ^{c)}	supercritical CO ₂	SHF	<i>Chlorococum</i> sp.	Micro	0.383	[45]

a) SHF: separate hydrolysis and fermentation; SSF: simultaneous saccharification and fermentation

b) Sonicated algal biomass was utilized

c) Lipid-extracted algal biomass was utilized

d) Agar pulp was extracted after alkali treatment and hydrolyzed

e) Algal biomass received extremely low acid pretreatment.

Table 6. Polysaccharides, sugars in them and organisms to convert these sugars into ethanol

Biomass	Polysaccharides	Sugar		Reference	
Green seaweed	Glucan	Glucose	<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	15, 27	
		Ulvan	Xylose	Xylose-fermenting yeast	39
			Xylose-utilizing <i>S. cerevisiae</i> ,	37	
			Ethanologenic <i>E. coli</i>	38	
			Glucuronic acid	<i>P. tannophilus</i>	35
			Ethanologenic <i>E. coli</i> .	36	
Brown seaweed	Glucan	Glucose	<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	10, 15	
			<i>P. angophorae</i>	45	
			Ethanologenic <i>E. coli</i> KO11	44	
			Ethanologenic <i>E. coli</i> BAL1611	51	
			- ^a	Mannitol	<i>P. angophorae</i>
			Ethanologenic <i>E. coli</i> KO11	44	
			Ethanologenic <i>E. coli</i> BAL1611	51	
		Alginate	Uronic acid	Ethanologenic <i>Sphingomonas</i> sp. A1	50
				Ethanologenic <i>E. coli</i> BAL BAL1611	51
Red seaweed	Glucan	Glucose	<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	15, 56, 58, 60, 61	
	Agar, Carrageenan	Galactose	<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	15, 56, 58, 60, 61	
			3,6-anhydrogalactose	NR ^b	

^aMannitol is not a polysaccharides, but a major sugars in brown seaweeds; ^bethanol production from 3,6-anhydrogalactose has not been reported.

Fermentative production of ethanol from algal feedstock.

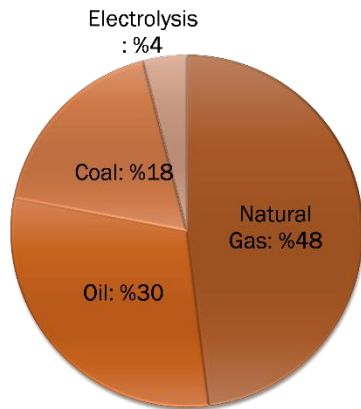
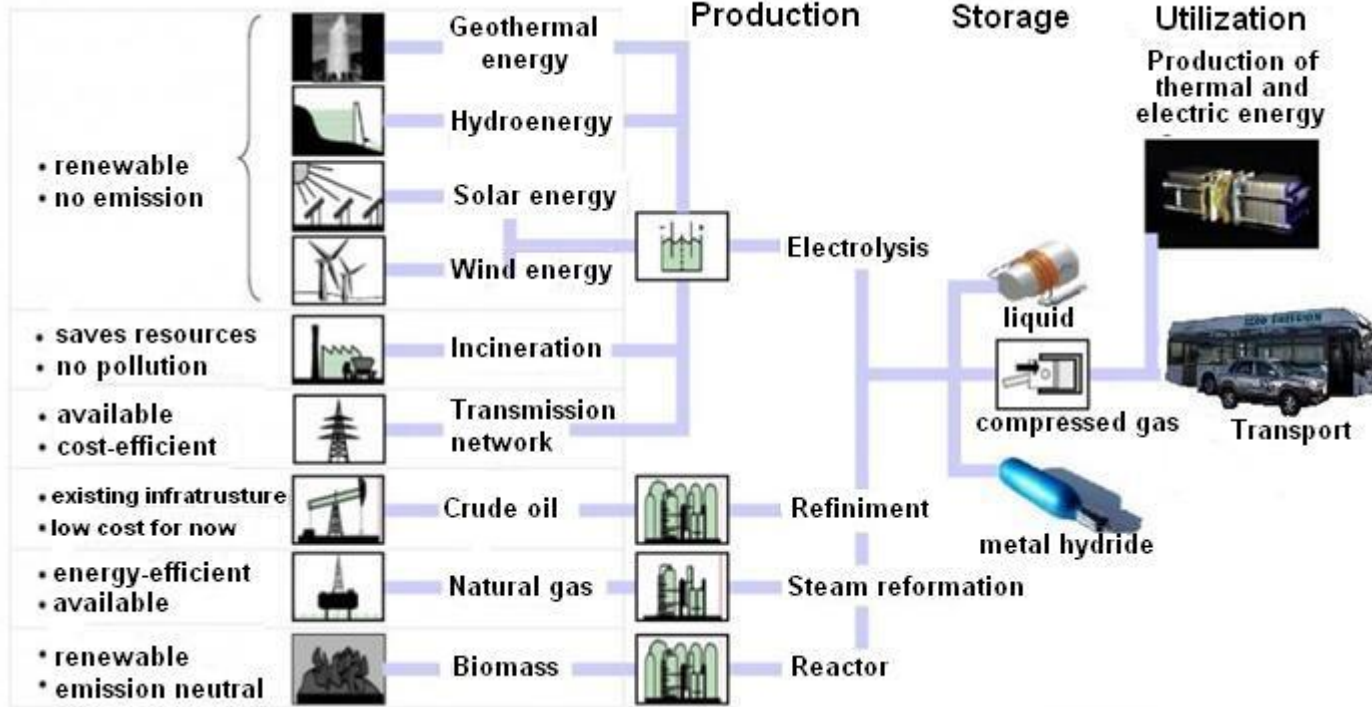
Algal feedstock	Type of algae	Pretreatment and saccharification	Fermenting organism, time and mode	Yield (reported)	Yield (normalised to g EtOH/g dry weight)	Refs.
<i>Chlorococum sp.</i>	Micro	Supercritical CO ₂ lipid extraction at 60 °C and 400 mL/min CO ₂	<i>Saccharomyces bayanus</i> SHF, 60 h	3.83 g Ethanol from 10 g of lipid-extracted microalgae debris	38.30%	[49]
<i>Chlorococum infusionum</i>	Micro	0.75% (w/v) NaOH at 120 °C for 30 min	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> SHF, 72 h	0.26 g Ethanol/g algae	26.00%	[52]
<i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i> UTEX 90	Micro	3% H ₂ SO ₄ at 110 °C for 30 min	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> S288C, SHF, 24 h	0.291 g Ethanol/g algae	29.10%	[39]
<i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i> UTEX 90	Micro	α -amylase (90 °C, 30 min) and glucoamylase (55 °C, 30 min)	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> S288C, SSF, 40 h	0.235 g Ethanol/g algae	23.50%	[16]
<i>Chlorella vulgaris</i>	Micro	3% H ₂ SO ₄ at 110 °C for 105 min	<i>Escherichia coli</i> SJL2526, SHF, 24 h	0.4 g Ethanol/g algae	40.00%	[40]
<i>Schizochytrium sp.</i>	Micro	Hydrothermal fractionation and α -amylase at 13,000 AAU/g-glucan and glucoamylase 660 GAU/g-glucan	<i>Escherichia coli</i> KO11, SSF, 72 h	11.8 g/L of Ethanol from 25.7 g/L of glucose	5.51%	[44]
<i>Kappaphycus alvarezii</i>	Macro	0.9 N H ₂ SO ₄ at 120 °C for 60 min	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> NCIM 3455, SHF, 96 h	92.3% Theoretical conversion	15.4%	[34]
<i>Kappaphycus alvarezii</i>	Macro	0.2% H ₂ SO ₄ at 130 °C for 15 min	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> SHF, 24h	1.7 g/L	1.31%	[35]
<i>Gracilaria salicornia</i>	Macro	2% H ₂ SO ₄ at 120 °C for 30 min and cellulase at 40 °C	<i>Escherichia coli</i> KO11, SHF, 48 h	79.1 g Ethanol/1 kg	7.90%	[42]
<i>Gelidium elegans</i>	Macro	Meicelase treatment 50 °C for 120 h pH 5.5	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> IAM 4178, SHF, 48h	5.5% Ethanol in fermentation broth	36.7% * (dry weight approximated)	[41]
<i>Sargassum sagamianum</i>	Macro	Thermal liquification at 200 °C and 15 MPa for 15 min.	<i>Pichia stipitis</i> CBS 7126, SHF, 48 h	84.3% of Theoretical value	10.0%	[43]
<i>Laminaria japonica</i>	Macro	0.1 N HCl, 121 °C for 15 min and Celluclast 1.5 L, Viscozyme L, 50 °C on 150 rpm for saccharification	<i>Escherichia coli</i> KO11, SSF, 72 h	0.4 g Ethanol/g of sugars	16.1%	[36]
<i>Laminaria hyperborea</i>	Macro	Cutting and washing in water pH 2 at 65 °C	<i>Pichia angophorae</i> , SHF, 48h	0.43 g Ethanol/g sugar	0.86%* (dry weight approximated)	[37]
<i>Saccharina latissima</i> (<i>Laminaria hyperborea</i>)	Macro	Shredding and laminarinase treatment for saccharification	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> Ethanol Red, SSF, 48 h	0.45% (v/v)	0.47%	[38]
<i>Laminaria digitata</i>	Macro	Shredding and laminarinase treatment for saccharification	<i>Pichia angophorae</i> , SSF, 96 h	167 mL Ethanol/kg algae	13.2%	[51]
<i>Laminaria japonica</i>	Macro	Floating residues from alginate industry treated with 0.1 M H ₂ SO ₄ at 121 °C, 1 h and cellulase, cellobiase	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> , SHF, 36 h	0.143 L Ethanol from 1 kg floating residues	11.3%	[48]
<i>Laminaria japonica</i>	Macro	Grinding of dry biomass and autoclaving at 120 °C for 15 min	<i>Pichia stipitis</i> KCTC7228	2.9 g/L Ethanol using 100 g/L algae	2.9%	[53]

Micro, microalgae; Macro, macroalgae; SHF, separate hydrolysis and fermentation; SSF, simultaneous saccharification and fermentation. Several studies were optimisation experiments containing various combinations of feedstocks/fermentors/pretreatments in these cases the most successful experiment is reported in the table.

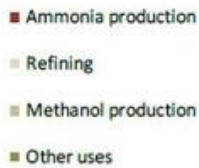
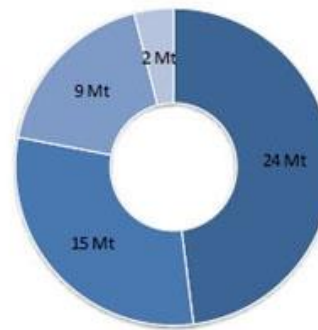
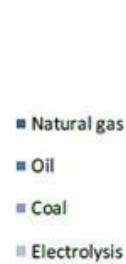
Table 4. Bioethanol production from SSF and SHF tested on various algal strains

Fermentation Type	Algal feedstock	Hydrolysis		Fermentation		Bioethanol Yield	Reference
		Source	Treatment conditions	Source	Process conditions		
Simultaneous Saccharification and Fermentation (SSF)	<i>Chlamydomonas fasciata</i>	Glutase	40°C for 30 min	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	100 rpm and 40°C for 30 h	0.194 g ethanol/g algae	[99]
	<i>Chlorella vulgaris</i>	Cellulase + Amylase	200 rpm and 45°C	<i>Zymomonas mobilis</i>	30°C in desktop fermentation	0.214 g ethanol/g algae	[61]
	<i>Schizocytrium sp.</i>	Amylase	37°C at 150 rpm for 24 h	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	150 rpm and 37°C	0.055 g ethanol/g algae	[44]
	<i>Laminaria japonica</i>	Sulfuric acid	121°C for 15 min	<i>E. coli</i>	150 rpm and 37°C	0.4 g ethanol/g carbohydrate	[39]
	<i>Saccharina japonica</i>	<i>Bacillus licheniformis</i>	200 rpm and 30°C for 7.5 days	<i>Pichia angophorae</i>	200 rpm and 30°C for 13 h	7.7 g ethanol/L algae hydrolysate	[55]
Separate Hydrolysis and Fermentation (SHF)	<i>C. vulgaris</i>	Cellulase + Amylase	200 rpm and 45°C	<i>Z. mobilis</i>	30°C in desktop fermentation	0.178 g ethanol/g algae	[61]
	<i>C. vulgaris</i>	Sulfuric acid	121°C for 20 min.	<i>Z. mobilis</i>	30°C in desktop fermentation	0.233 g ethanol/g algae	[61]
	<i>Dunaliella tertiolecta</i>	HCl/H ₂ SO ₄ + cellulase + amylo-glucosidase	121°C for 15 min	<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	200 rpm and 30°C for 12 h	0.14 g ethanol/g algae	[46]
	<i>Gelidium amansii</i>	Sulfuric acid	150°C and 3.0–3.5 bar pressure	<i>Brettanomyces custersii</i>	150 rpm and 30°C	27.6 g ethanol/L algae hydrolysate	[53]
	<i>Scenedesmus abundans</i>	Cellulase	37°C for 30 min	<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	200 rpm and 30°C for 48 h	0.103 g ethanol/g algae	[60]
	<i>L. japonica</i>	Cellulase + Cellubiose	150 rpm and 50°C for 48 h	<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	30°C for 36 h	0.143 L ethanol/kg algae	[47]

Hydrogen production

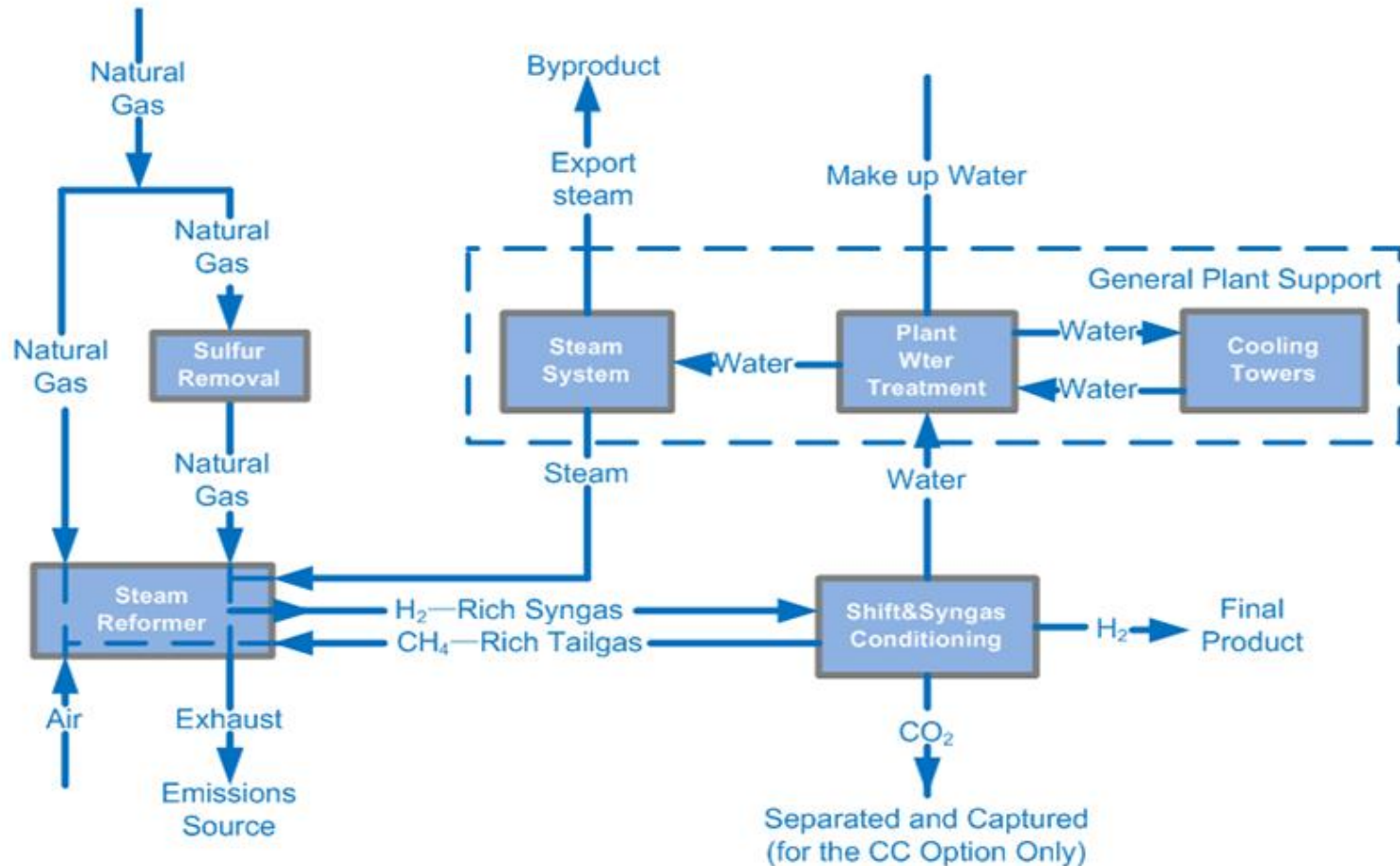


World H₂ production approx. 50 Mt/yr

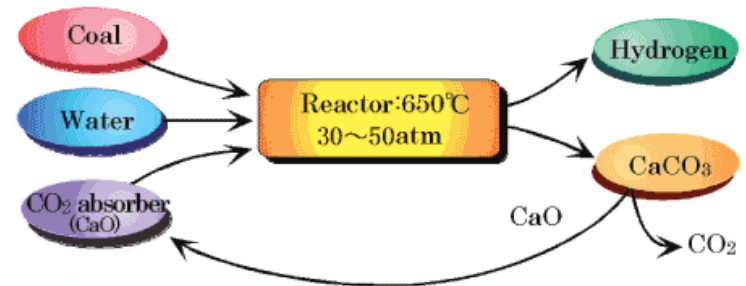
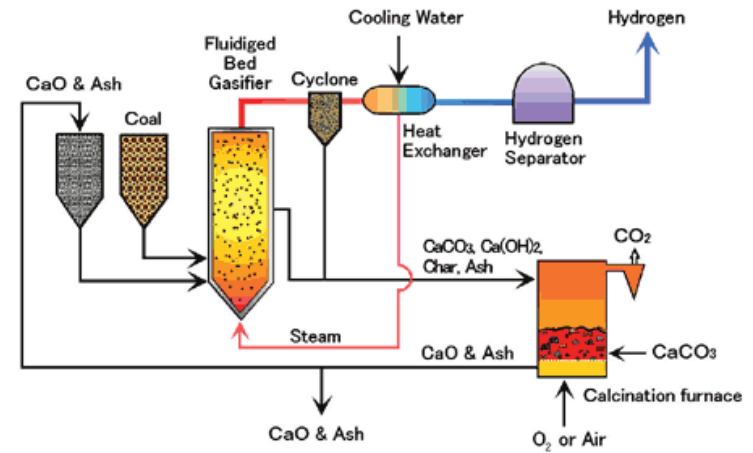
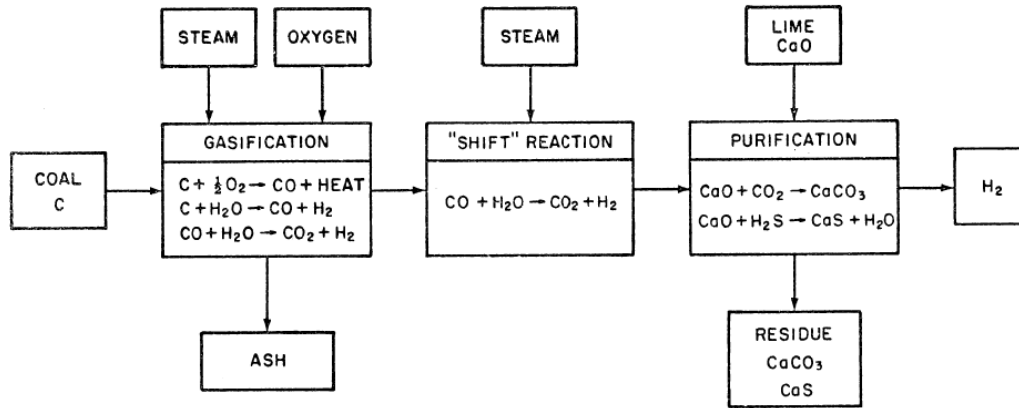


Hydrogen production from natural gas

- $\text{CH}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{CO} + 3 \text{H}_2$ (at 700 – 1100 °C) – steam reforming

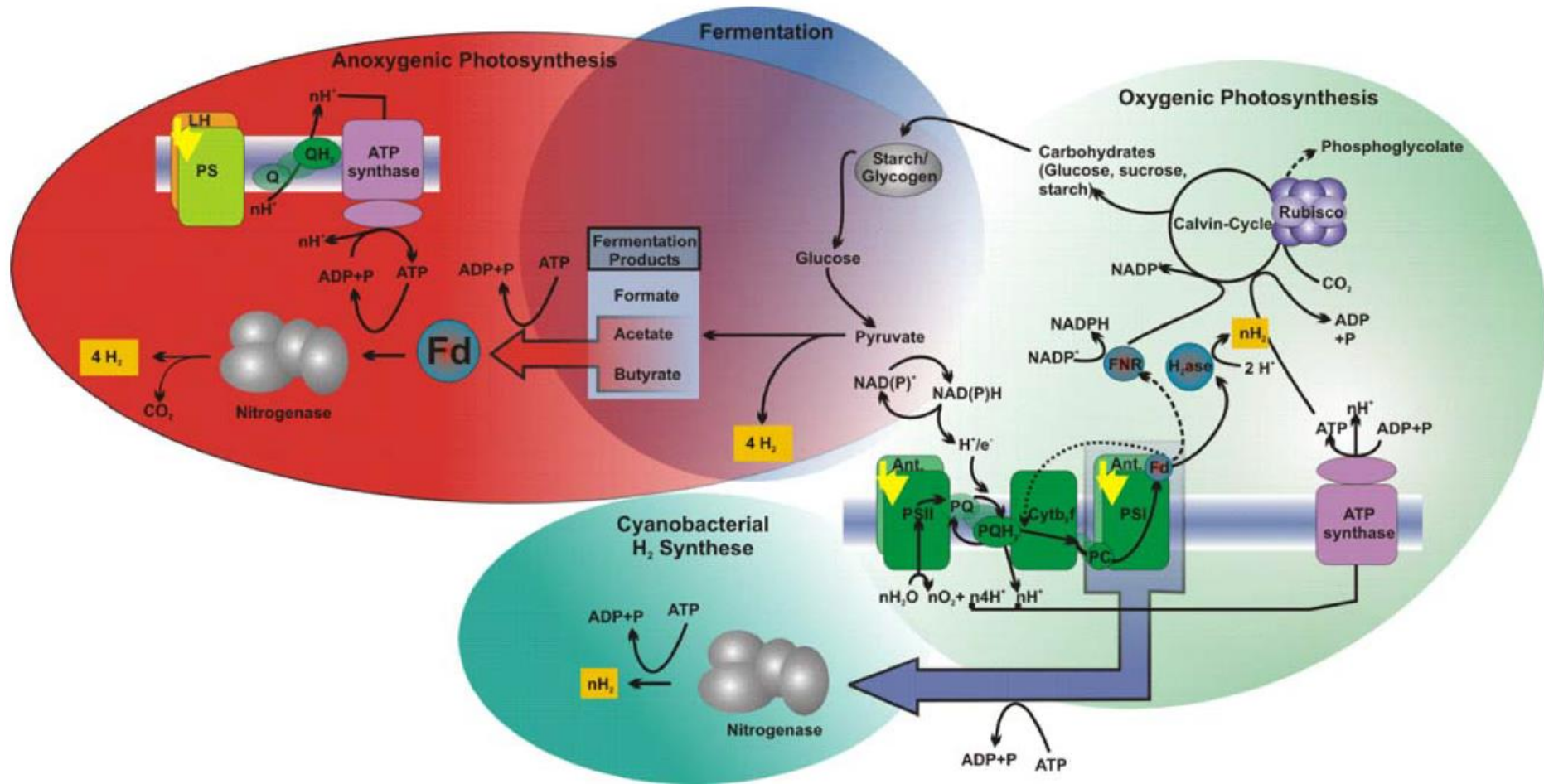


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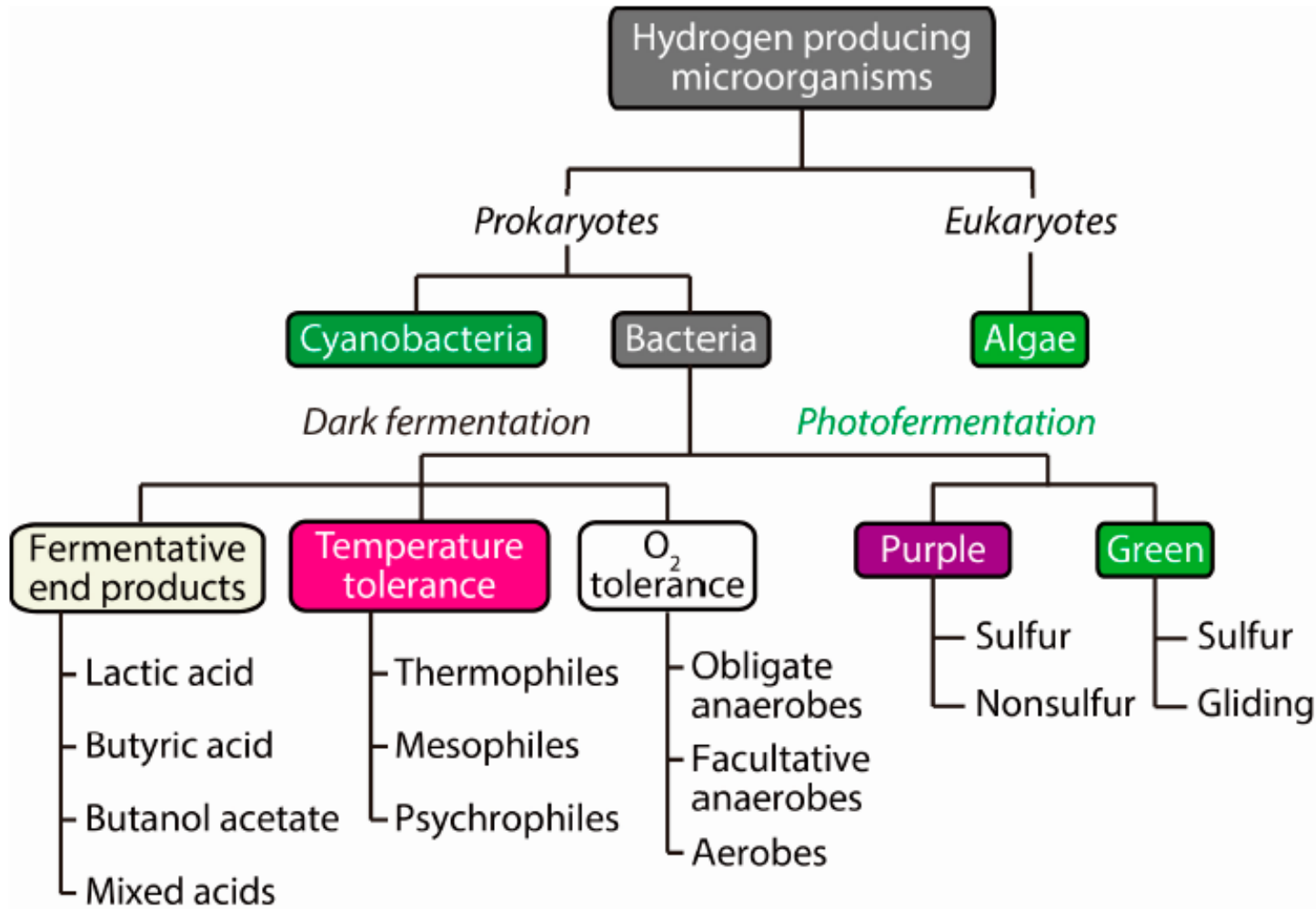


	CASE 1	CASE 2	CASE 3 ⁵
Technology Readiness Goal	Current	2015	2015
Carbon Sequestration	YES (87%)	Yes (100%)	Yes (100%)
Hydrogen (MMscfd)	119	158	153
Coal (Tons/day) (AR)	3000	3000	6000
Efficiency (%HHV)	59	75.5	59
Excess Power (MW)	26.9	25	417
Power Value (mils/kWh)	53.6	53.6	53.6
Capital (\$million)	417	425	950
RSP of Hydrogen (\$/MMBtu)	8.18	5.89	3.98

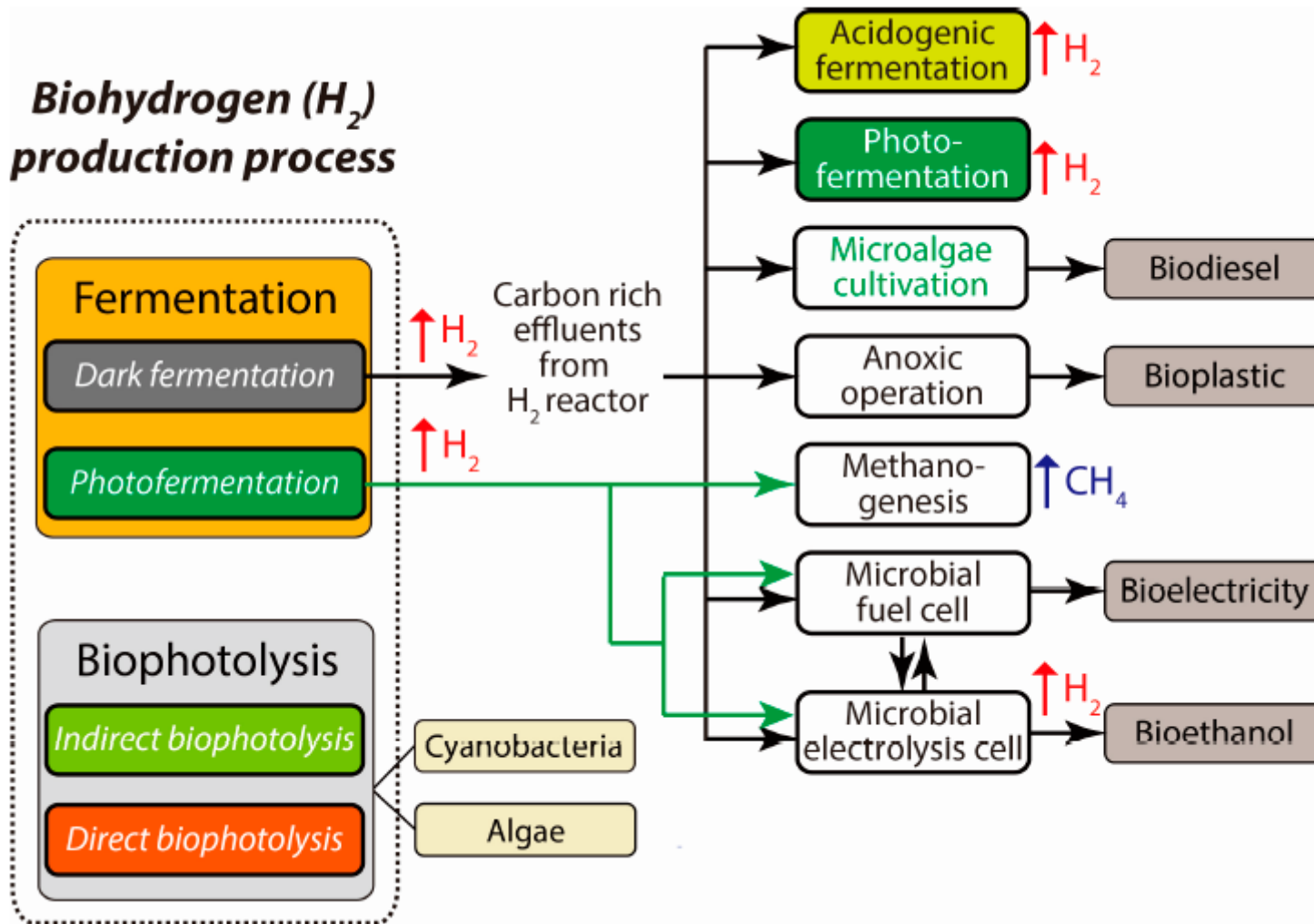
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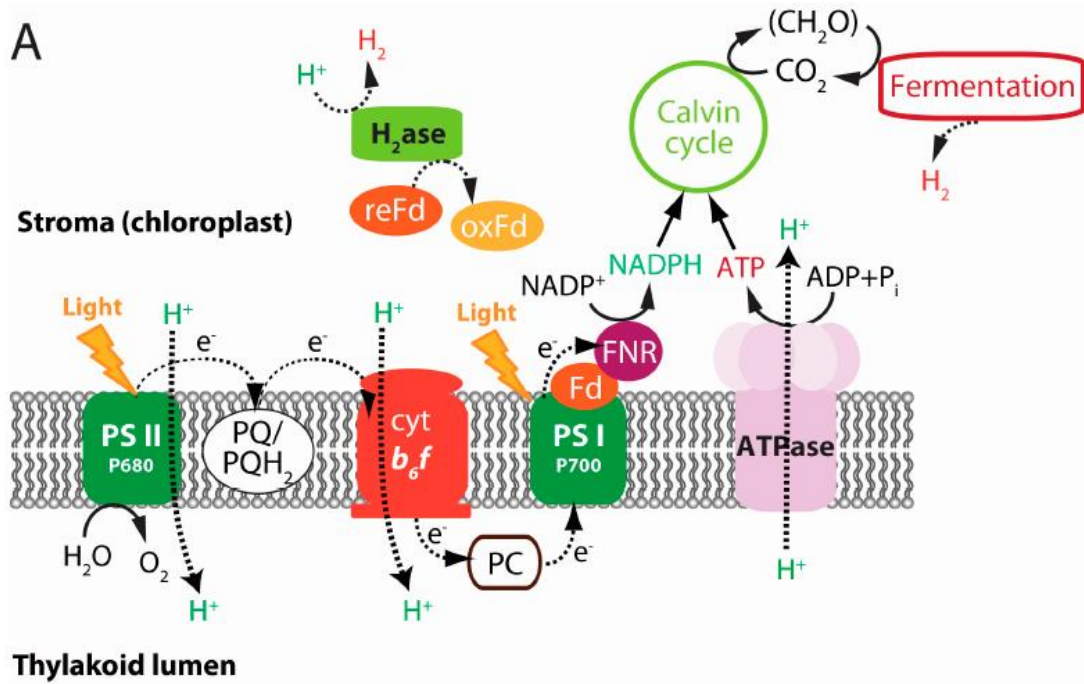
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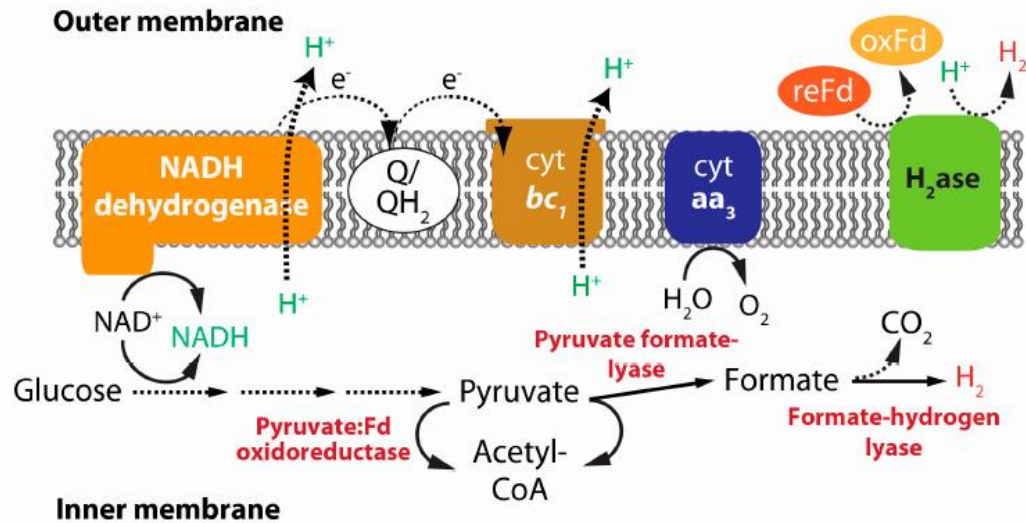
Biohydrogen (H_2) production process



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Nitrogenase in cyanobacteria

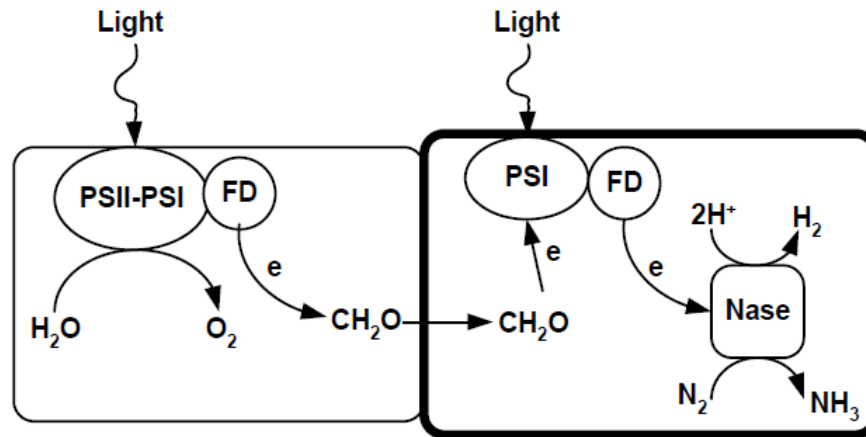


Fig. 2. Nitrogenase(Nase)-mediated hydrogen evolution in a heterocyst of nitrogen-fixing heterocystous cyanobacteria [10, 30, 32]. The oxygen and hydrogen evolution are carried out separately and the energy-rich carbohydrate (CH₂O) is used as the electron source in the oxygen-free heterocyst.

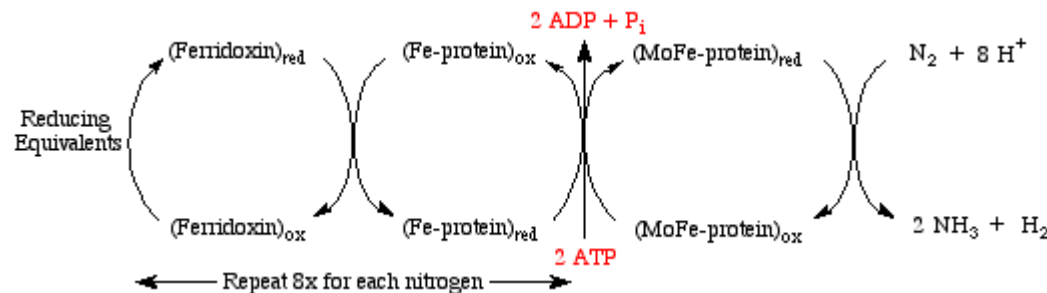
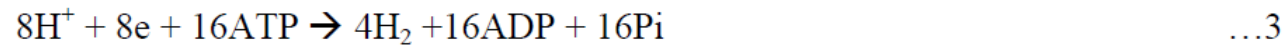
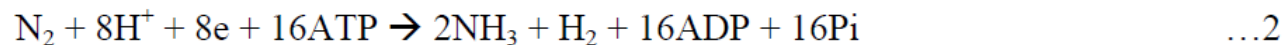


Table 1. Hydrogen evolution via direct biophotolysis by cyanobacteria in laboratory photobioreactors.

Organism	Maximum evolution rate (mmol/g/hr) ^a	Maximum productivity (mmol/L/hr) ^b (kJ/L/hr) ^b	Gas for growth; Light intensity (w/m ²) ^c	Gas for H evolution; Light intensity (w/m ²) ^c	Ref
<i>Anabaena cylindrica</i>	1.33	0.93 (0.22)	99.7% air 0.3% CO ₂ ; 20	97% Ar 3% CO ₂ ; 60	[38]
<i>Anabaena variabilis</i>	0.7	0.085 (0.02)	25% N ₂ 2% CO ₂ 73% Ar; 20	5% N ₂ 2% CO ₂ 93% Ar; 20	[39]
<i>Anabaena variabilis</i> PK84	3.06	0.35 (0.08)	25% N ₂ 2% CO ₂ 73% Ar; 20	5% N ₂ 2% CO ₂ 93% Ar; 20	[39]
<i>Anabaena variabilis</i> PK84	0.21	0.26 (0.06)	98% air 2% CO ₂ ; 72 (L/D) ^d	98% air 2% CO ₂ ; 72 (L/D) ^d	[40]
<i>Anabaena</i> AMC414	(12) ^a	0.084 (0.02)	98% air 2% CO ₂ ; 48	98% air 2% CO ₂ ; 99	[28]
<i>Gloebacter</i> PCC7421	(1.38) ^a	-	Air; 4	Ar/CO/C ₂ H ₂ ; 4-6	[29]
<i>Synechococcus</i> PCC602	(0.66) ^a	-	Air; 4	Ar/CO/C ₂ H ₂ ; 4-6 or dark	[29]
<i>Aphanocapsa montana</i>	(0.4) ^a	-	Air; 4	Ar; 4-6	[29]

Note:

- The specific hydrogen evolution rate based on per gram of dry cell mass or chlorophyll a (in blanket).
- Hydrogen productivity per liquid volume of photobioreactor during hydrogen evolution stage, not including the time and space required for cell growth and enzyme induction. The value in blankets is the energy productivity (kJ/L/hr) based on the heat of combustion of hydrogen (0.24 kJ/mmol) at 25 °C.
- 1 W/m² = 4.6 μmolE/m²/s (APR). APR: photosynthetically active radiation that includes light energy of 400-700 nm in wavelength.
- 12 hour light and 12 hour dark.

Table 2. Direct biophotolysis hydrogen production by green microalgae in laboratory photobioreactors.

Organism	Maximum hydrogen evolution (mmol/g Chl/hr) ^a	Maximum hydrogen productivity (mmol/L/hr) ^b (kJ/L/hr) ^b	Gas for growth; Carbon source; Light intensity (w/m ²) ^c	H ₂ evolution medium; Light intensity (w/m ²) ^c	Ref
<i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i> cc124	5.94	0.094 (0.022)	97% air 3% CO ₂ ; Acetate (17mM); 43	Argon; S-free acetate (17mM); 65	[54]
<i>Platymonas subcordiformis</i>	(0.001) ^a	0.002 (0.0005)	Air; Seawater nutrients; 22(L/D) ^d	N ₂ ; S-free seawater; 35	[46]
<i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i> cc1036	5.91	0.48 (0.12)	Air; Acetate (17mM); 22	Argon; S-free acetate (17mM); 26	[55]

Note:

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- 14-hour light and 10-hour dark.

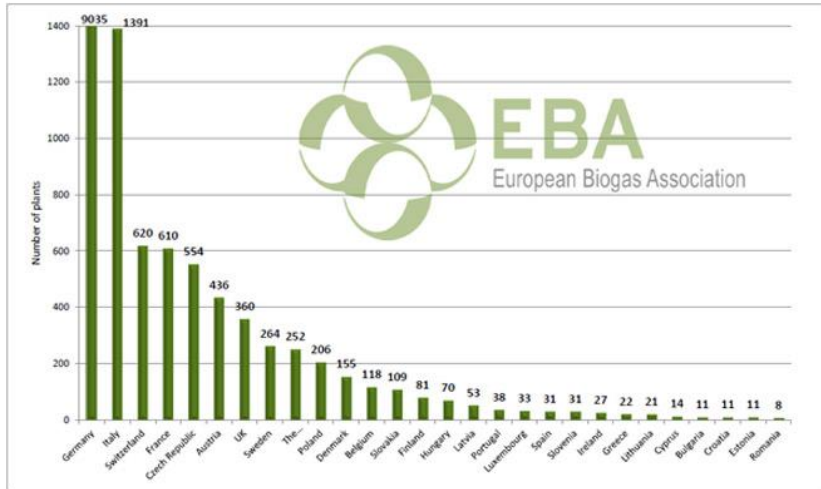
Table 3. Fermentative hydrogen evolution by cyanobacteria and microalgae in dark and anaerobic fermenters.

Organism	Maximum hydrogen evolution (mmol/g dry wt /hr) ^a	Maximum hydrogen productivity (mmol/L/hr) ^b (kJ/L/hr) ^b	Gas for growth/ Carbon/ nutrient; Light intensity (w/m ²) ^c	H evolution gas; Induction time; Carbohydrate storage (g/L)	Ref
<i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i>	(0.96) ^a	0.13 (0.032)	Air/Acetate; 0.6	N ₂ ; ~5hr dark; Starch 0.77	[60]
<i>Chlamydomonas</i> MGA 161	0.1	0.2 (0.048)	95% air/ 5% CO ₂ ; 25	N ₂ ; 12 hr dark; Starch 0.22	[64]
<i>Spirulina platensis</i>	0.11	0.18 (0.043)	Air/ N-limited; 8	N ₂ ; 12-24 hr dark; Glycogen 0.81	[66]
<i>Gloeocapsa alpicola</i>	1.02	1.6 (0.38)	98% air/ 2% CO ₂ / N-limited; 36	Argon; 24 hr dark Glycogen 1.4	[67]
<i>Gloeocapsa alpicola</i>	(~4.5) ^a	0.0072 (0.002)	96% air/ 4% CO ₂ / S-deprived; 5	Argon; 12 hr dark Glycogen 0.024	[58]
<i>Synechocystis</i> PCC6803	(~3) ^a	0.0048 (0.001)	96% Air/ 4% CO ₂ / S-deprived; 5	Argon; 12 hr dark Glycogen 0.02	[58]

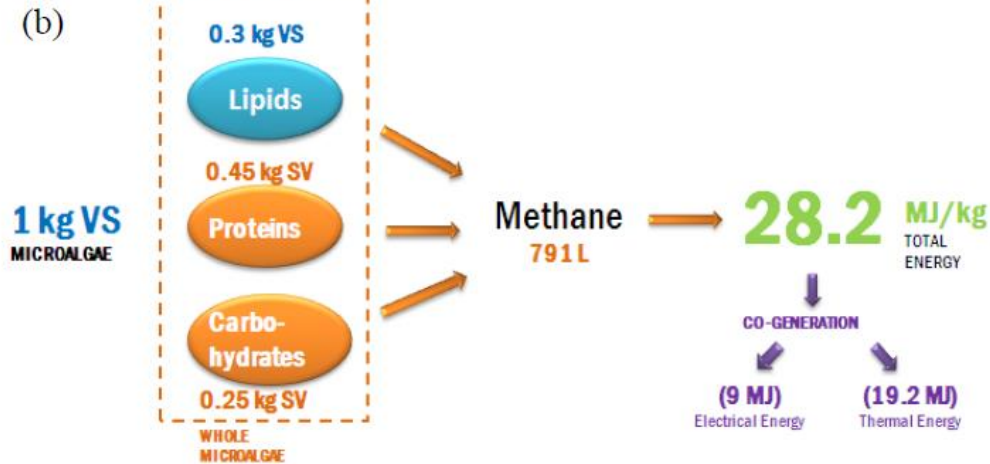
Table 2. A list of the processes integrated with the production of H₂ from dark fermentation (DF, dark fermentation; PF, photofermentation; MEC, microbial electrolysis cell; BEH, bio-electrohydrolysis).

Substrate	First Stage		Second Stage		Reference
	Process Type	Yield	Process Type	Yield	
Cornstalks	Hydrogen (DF)	58.0 mL/g	Methane (DF)	200.9 mL/g	[93]
Rice straw	Hydrogen (DF)	20 mL/g	Methane (DF)	260 mL/g	[94]
Water hyacinth	Hydrogen (DF)	38.2 mmol H ₂ /L/day	Methane (DF)	29 mmol CH ₄ /L/d	[95]
Water hyacinth	Hydrogen (DF)	51.7 mL of H ₂ /g of TVS	Methane (DF)	43.4 mL of CH ₄ /g of TVS	[96]
<i>Laminaria japonica</i>	Hydrogen (DF)	115.2 mL of H ₂ /g	Methane (DF)	329.8 mL of CH ₄ /g	[97]
Cassava wastewater	Hydrogen (DF)	54.22 mL of H ₂ /g	Methane (DF)	164.87 mL of CH ₄ /g	[98]
Microalgal biomass	Hydrogen (DF)	135 ± 3.11 mL of H ₂ /g/Vs	Methane (DF)	414 ± 2.45 mL of CH ₄ /g/Vs	[99]
Glucose	Hydrogen (DF)	1.20 mmol	Hydrogen (PF)	5.22 mmol	[100]
Cheese whey wastewater	Hydrogen (DF)	2.04 mol	Hydrogen (PF)	2.69 mol	[101]
Vegetable waste	Hydrogen (DF)	12.61 mmol H ₂ /day	Electricity (DF)	111.76 mW/m ²	[87]
Fruit juice industry wastewater	Hydrogen (DF)	1.4 mol H ₂ /mol hexose	Electricity (DF)	0.55 W/m ²	[102]
Corn stover lignocellulose	Hydrogen (DF)	1.67 mol H ₂ /mol glucose	Hydrogen (MEC)	1.00 L/L-d	[103]
Cellobiose	Hydrogen (DF)	1.64 mol H ₂ /mol glucose	Hydrogen (MEC)	0.96 L/L-d	[104]
Distillery spent wash	Hydrogen (DF)	39.8 L	Bioplastic	40% dry cell weight	[105]
Food waste	Hydrogen (DF)	3.18 L	Bioplastic	36% dry cell weight	[106]
Pea shells	Hydrogen (DF)	5.2 L of H ₂ from 4 L	Bioplastic	1685 mg of PHB/L	[107]
Food waste	Hydrogen (DF)	69.94 mmol	Lipid	26.4% dry cell weight	[108]
Olive oil mill wastewater	Hydrogen (DF)	196.2 mL/g	Biopolymer	8.9% dry cell weight	[109]
Molasses wastewater	Hydrogen (DF)	130.57 mmol	Ethanol	379.3 mg/L	[110]
Food waste	Bioelectricity	85.2 mW/m ²	Hydrogen (DF)	0.91 L	[39]
Starch hydrolysate	Hydrogen (DF)	5.40 mmol H ₂ /g of COD	Hydrogen (PF)	10.72 mmol H ₂ /g of COD	[111]
Sucrose	Hydrogen (DF)	0.98 ± 0.32 mol H ₂ /mol	Hydrogen (PF)	4.48 ± 0.23 mol H ₂ /mol	[112]
Glucose:xylose (9:1); Microalgae biomass	Hydrogen (DF)	250 mL/L/h; 2.78 mol H ₂ /mol	Mixotrophic microalgae cultivation	205 mL/L/h; 1.12 g of biomass/g of COD	[113]

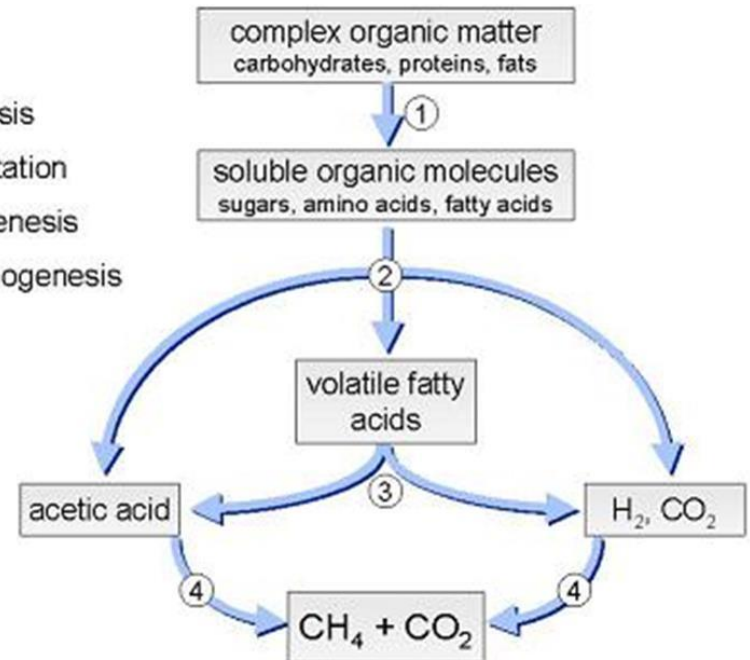
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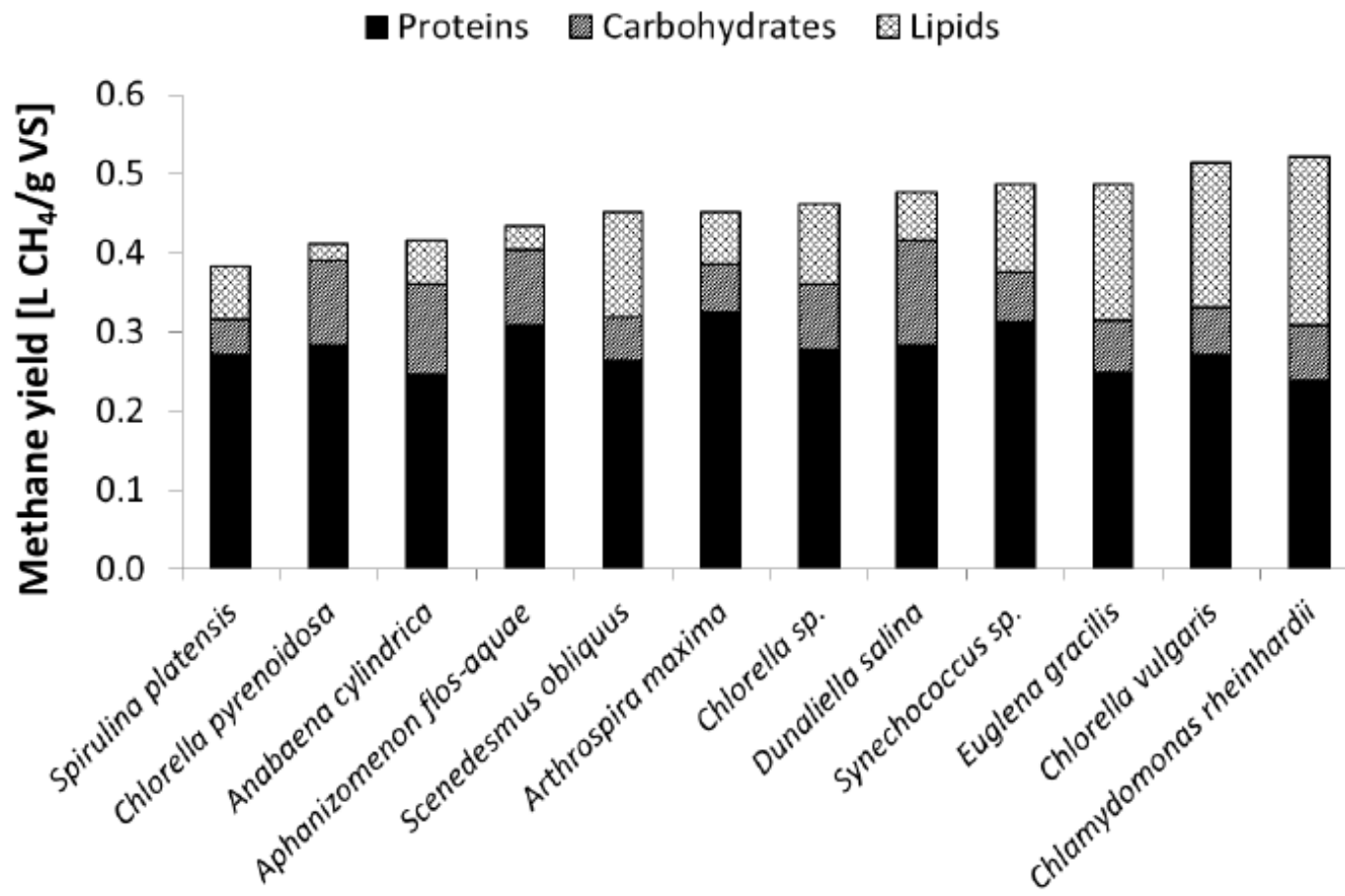


14 563 biogas plants in Europe with total installed capacity of 7 857 MWel (2013)



- ① hydrolysis
- ② fermentation
- ③ acetogenesis
- ④ methanogenesis





Methane production and pretreatment improvement for microalgal biomass.

Feedstock	AD Process	Co-digestion	T (°C)	Pretreatment	Methane	Improvement	Ref.
<i>Pilayella, Ectocarpus, traces</i>	Continuous	–	35	Hydrothermal depolymerization + enzymatic hydrolysis	0.054 dm ³ /g substrate	+64% biogas	[114]
<i>Chlorella vulgaris</i>	Batch	Sewage sludge	35	Ultrasonic	N.A.	+90% biogas	[115]
<i>Scenedesmus</i>	Batch	–	35	Ultrasonic	153.5 mL g ⁻¹ COD	+100%	[116]
	Batch	–	35	Thermal at 80 °C	128.7 mL g ⁻¹ COD	+60%	[116]
<i>Scenedesmus</i>	Batch	–	38	High pressure thermal hydrolysis + lipid extraction	380 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+110%	[118]
	Batch	–	38	High pressure thermal hydrolysis	320 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+81%	[118]
	Batch	–	38	Lipid extraction	240 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+33%	[118]
<i>Nannochloropsis salina</i>	Batch	–	38	Thermal	549 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+58%	[119]
	Batch	–	38	Microwave	487 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+40%	[119]
	Batch	–	38	French press	460 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+33%	[119]
	Batch	–	38	Frozen	233 mL g ⁻¹ VS	–33%	[119]
	Batch	–	38	Ultrasonic	247 mL g ⁻¹ VS	–29%	[119]
<i>Chlamydomonas, Scenedesmus, Nannochloropsis</i>	Batch	–	35	Thermal	398 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+46%	[97]
				Ultrasound	310 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+14%	[97]
				Biological		Negligible	[97]
<i>Acutodesmus obliquus, Oocystis sp., Phormidium and Nitzschia sp.</i>	Batch	–	35	Thermal	307 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+55%	[97]
				Ultrasound	223 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+13%	[97]
				Biological	N.A.	Negligible	[97]
<i>Microspora</i>	Batch	–	35	Thermal 110 °C	413 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+62%	[97]
				Ultrasound	314 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+24%	[97]
				Biological	N.A.	Negligible	[97]
<i>Scenedesmus</i>	Batch	–	35	Thermal 90 °C	170 mL g ⁻¹ COD	+124%	[120]
<i>Rhizoclonium</i>	Batch	–	53	Blending + Enzymatic	145 mL CH ₄ g ⁻¹ TS	+20%	[121]
<i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i>	Batch	–	38	Drying	N.A.	–20%	[101]
<i>Chlorella Kessleri</i>	Batch	–	38	Drying	N.A.	–23%	[101]

Methane production and pretreatment improvement for macroalgal biomass.

Feedstock	AD Process	Co-digestion	T (°C)	Pretreatment	Methane	Improvement
<i>Saccharina latissima</i>	Batch	–	37	Steam explosion at 130 °C, 10 min	268 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+20%
<i>Laminaria digitata</i> + <i>L. hyperborea</i> + <i>L. Saccharina</i>	Batch	–	50	Beating	425 mL g ⁻¹ TS	+53%
<i>Ulva lactuca</i>	Batch	–	55	Unwashed, macerated	271 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+56%
	Batch	–	55	Washed, macerated	200 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+17%
	Batch	–	55	Washed, 130 °C/20 min	187 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+7%
	Batch	–	55	Washed, 110 °C/20 min	157 mL g ⁻¹ VS	-10%
	Batch	–	37	Unwashed, roughly chopped	162 mL g ⁻¹ VS	-7%
	Batch	–	55	Dried, ground	176 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+1%
<i>Gracilaria vermiculophylla</i>	Batch	–	53	Washed, Macerated	147 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+11%
<i>Ulva lactuca</i>	Batch	–	53	Washed, Macerated	255 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+68%
<i>Chaetomorpha linum</i>	Batch	–	53	Washed, Macerated	195 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+17%
<i>Saccharina latissima</i>	Batch	–	53	Washed, Macerated	333 mL g ⁻¹ VS	-2%
<i>Ulva lactuca</i>	Lab-scale CSTR	Cattle manure	53	Dried, ground	15–16 mL g feed ⁻¹	N.A.
<i>Ulva sp.</i>	Batch	Sewage sludge	35	Washed	126 mL g ⁻¹ VS	0%
	Batch	Sewage sludge	35	Ground	126 mL g ⁻¹ VS	0%
	Batch	Sewage sludge	35	Washed, ground	180 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+30%
<i>Ulva sp.</i>	Batch	–	35	Unwashed	110 mL g ⁻¹ VS	N.A.
	Batch	–	35	Washed	94 mL g ⁻¹ VS	-14%
	Batch	–	35	Dried	145 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+32%
	Batch	–	35	Dried, ground	177 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+60%
	CSTR	Bovine manure	35	Ground	203 mL g ⁻¹ VS	N.A.
<i>Palmaria palmata</i>	Batch	Sludge	35	NaOH, thermal pretreatment at 20 °C/ 30 min	365 mL g ⁻¹ VS	+19%

Current approaches in biofuels production

- Single gene targeted approaches
 - Insertion of specific enzyme
 - Engineering of RUBISCO and/or PS II
 - Enzyme engineering
- Systemic approaches, metabolic engineering
 - Multiple insertions/deletions
 - Novel metabolic pathways
 - Tampering the central carbon metabolism

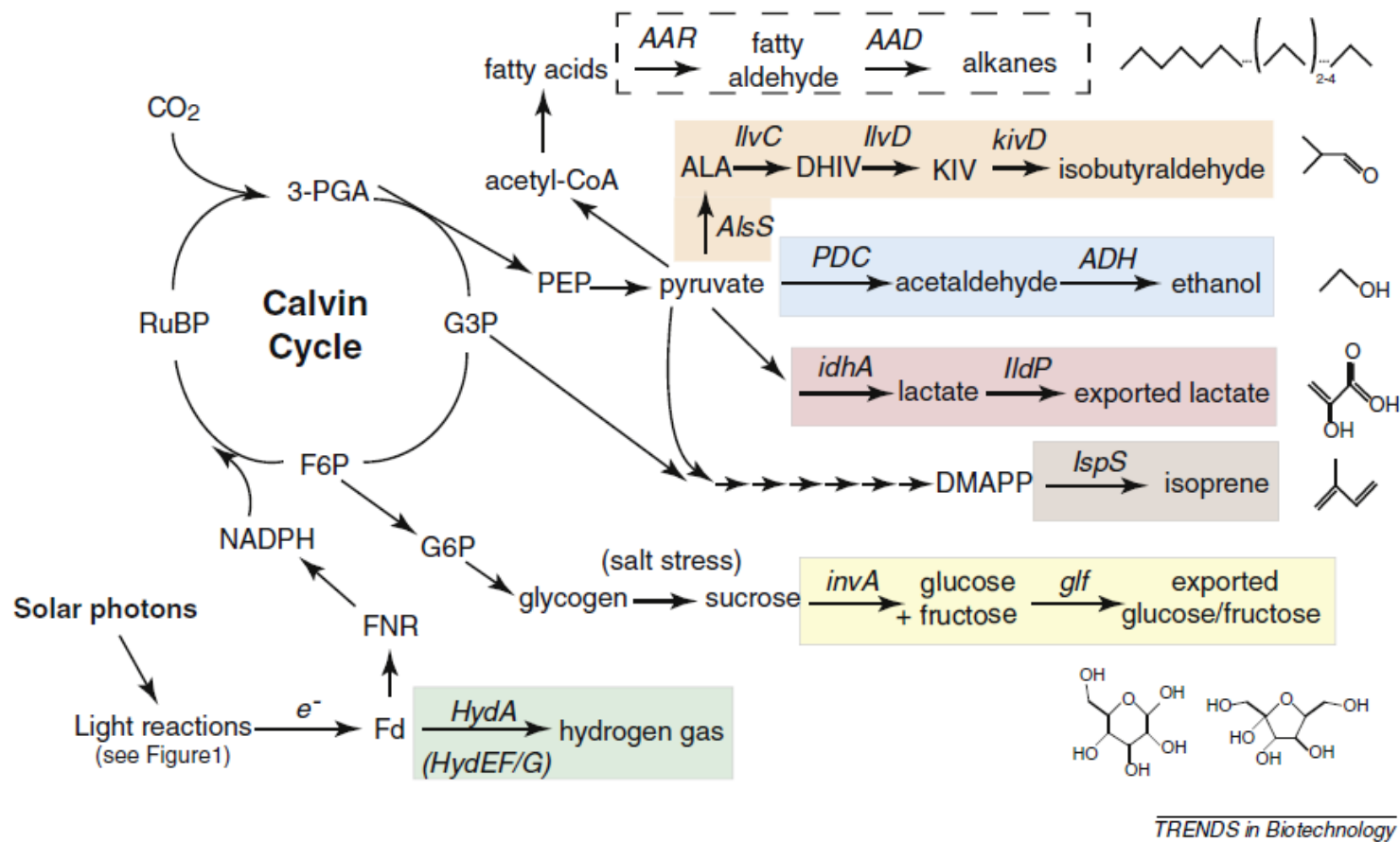


Figure 2. Schematic representation of engineered biochemical pathways in cyanobacteria. Core metabolism of photosynthetic processes is shown in black text. Branch points utilized for the production of various compounds discussed in this review are indicated (highlighted pathways) with relevant enzymes catalyzing specific reactions indicated in italics. Abbreviations: 3-PGA, 3-phosphoglycerate; AAD, aldehyde decarbonylase; ADH, alcohol dehydrogenase II; ALA, 2-acetolactate; AlsS, acetolactate synthase; DHIV, 2,3-dihydroxy-isovalerate; F6P, fructose 6-phosphate; FNR, ferredoxin NADP⁺ reductase; G6P, glucose 6-phosphate; HydA, [FeFe] hydrogenase; HydEF/G, hydrogenase maturation factors; LdhA, lactate dehydrogenase; IlvD, dihydroxy-acid dehydratase; IlvC, aceto-hydroxy acid isomeroreductase; PDC, pyruvate decarboxylase; PEP, phosphoenolpyruvate.

■ Single gene targeted approaches

In vitro route (intracellular lipase)

<i>E. coli</i>	<i>Proteus</i> sp. lipase	Vegetable oils, methanol	78–100%	Gao et al. (2009)
<i>E. coli</i>	<i>S. marcescens</i> lipase	Waste grease, methanol	97%	Li et al. (2012)
<i>E. coli</i>	<i>T. lanuginosus</i> lipase, <i>C. antarctica</i> lipase B	Waste grease, methanol	87–95%	Yan et al. (2012b)
<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	<i>R. oryzae</i> lipase	Soybean oil, methanol	71%	Matsumoto et al. (2001)
<i>P. pastoris</i>	<i>T. lanuginosus</i> lipase	Waste cooking oil, methanol	82%	Yan et al. (2014b)
<i>A. oryzae</i>	<i>F. heterosporum</i> lipase	Rapeseed oil, ethanol	94%	Howard et al. (2010)
<i>A. oryzae</i>	<i>F. heterosporum</i> lipase, <i>A. oryzae</i> lipase (mdlB)	Soybean oil, methanol	98%	Adachi et al. (2011)
<i>A. oryzae</i>	<i>A. oryzae</i> lipase (mdlB)	Olein, methanol	90%	Hama et al. (2009)
<i>A. oryzae</i>	<i>G. thermocatenulatus</i> lipase	Palm oil, methanol	90%	Adachi et al. (2013a)
<i>A. oryzae</i>	<i>C. antarctica</i> lipase B	Plant oil hydrolysates, methanol	90%	Adachi et al. (2013b)

In vitro route (extracellular lipase)

<i>P. pastoris</i>	<i>R. oryzae</i> lipase	Soybean oil, methanol	95%	Li et al. (2011)
<i>P. pastoris</i>	<i>R. miehei</i> lipase, <i>P. cyclopium</i> lipase	Soybean oil, methanol	95%	Guan et al. (2010)
<i>P. pastoris</i>	<i>T. lanuginosus</i> lipase	Waste cooking oil, methanol	87%	Yan et al. (2014a)

In vitro route (surface displayed lipase)

<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	<i>R. oryzae</i> lipase	Soybean oil, methanol	78.3%	Matsumoto et al. (2002)
<i>P. pastoris</i>	<i>R. miehei</i> lipase	Soybean oil, methanol	83.14%	Huang et al. (2012)
<i>P. pastoris</i>	<i>R. miehei</i> lipase, <i>C. antarctica</i> lipase B	Soybean oil, methanol	90%	Jin et al. (2013)
<i>P. pastoris</i>	<i>T. lanuginosus</i> lipase, <i>C. antarctica</i> lipase B	Soybean oil, methanol	95.4%	Yan et al. (2012c)
<i>E. coli</i>	<i>S. haemolyticus</i> lipase	Olive oil, methanol	89.4%	Kim et al. (2013)

■ Systemic approaches, metabolic engineering

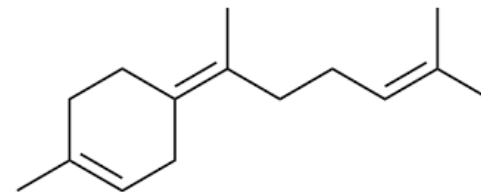
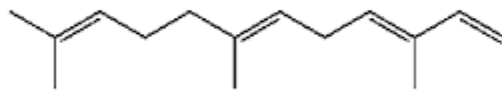
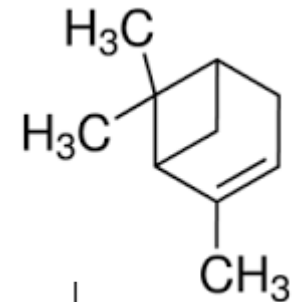
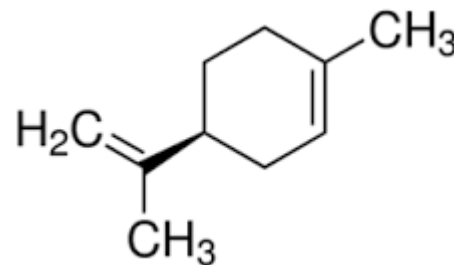
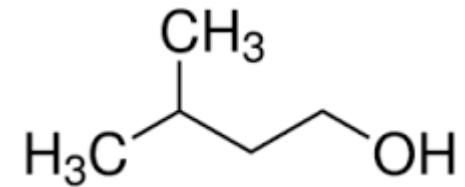
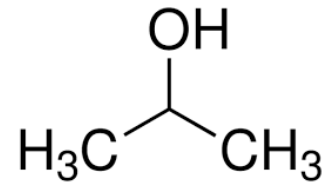
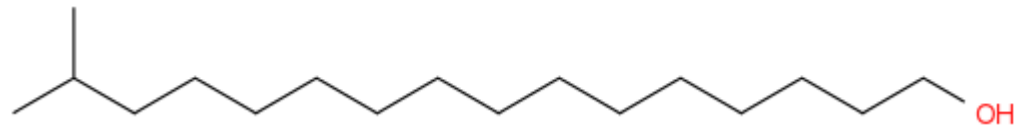
<i>In vivo</i> route				
<i>E. coli</i>	Overexpression of Pdc, Adh, accBACD, tesA', WS/DGAT, fadD; knockout of fadE	Modified LB medium	922 mg/L	Duan et al. (2011)
<i>E. coli</i>	Overexpression of Pdc, Adh, accBACD, tesA', WS/DGAT, fadD; knockout of fadE	Minimum medium, glycerol	813 mg/L	Yang et al. (2013)
<i>E. coli</i>	Overexpression of Pdc, Adh, TES, ACL, WS/DGAT, xylanases (xyn10B and xsa); knockout of fadE	Glucose, xylose, hemicellulose	3.5–674 mg/L	Steen et al. (2010)
<i>E. coli</i>	Overexpression of Pdc, Adh, TES, ACL, WS/DGAT, xylanases and cellulase (gly43F and xyn10B, cel3A and cel); knockout of fadE	Ionic liquid- pretreated switchgrass, xylan/ cellobiose, glucose	71–405 mg/L	Bokinsky et al. (2011)
<i>E. coli</i>	Overexpression of FAT, FAMT, MAT	M9 minimal medium, glucose	1.87–22 μ M	Nawabi et al. (2011)
<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	Acc, WS	SD medium, glucose	8.19 mg/L	Shi et al. (2012)
<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	Disruption of <i>DGAI</i> , <i>LROI</i> , <i>ARE1</i> , <i>ARE2</i> and <i>POX1</i> ; overexpression of WS	Glucose, YNB	17.2 mg/L	Valle-Rodríguez et al. (2014)

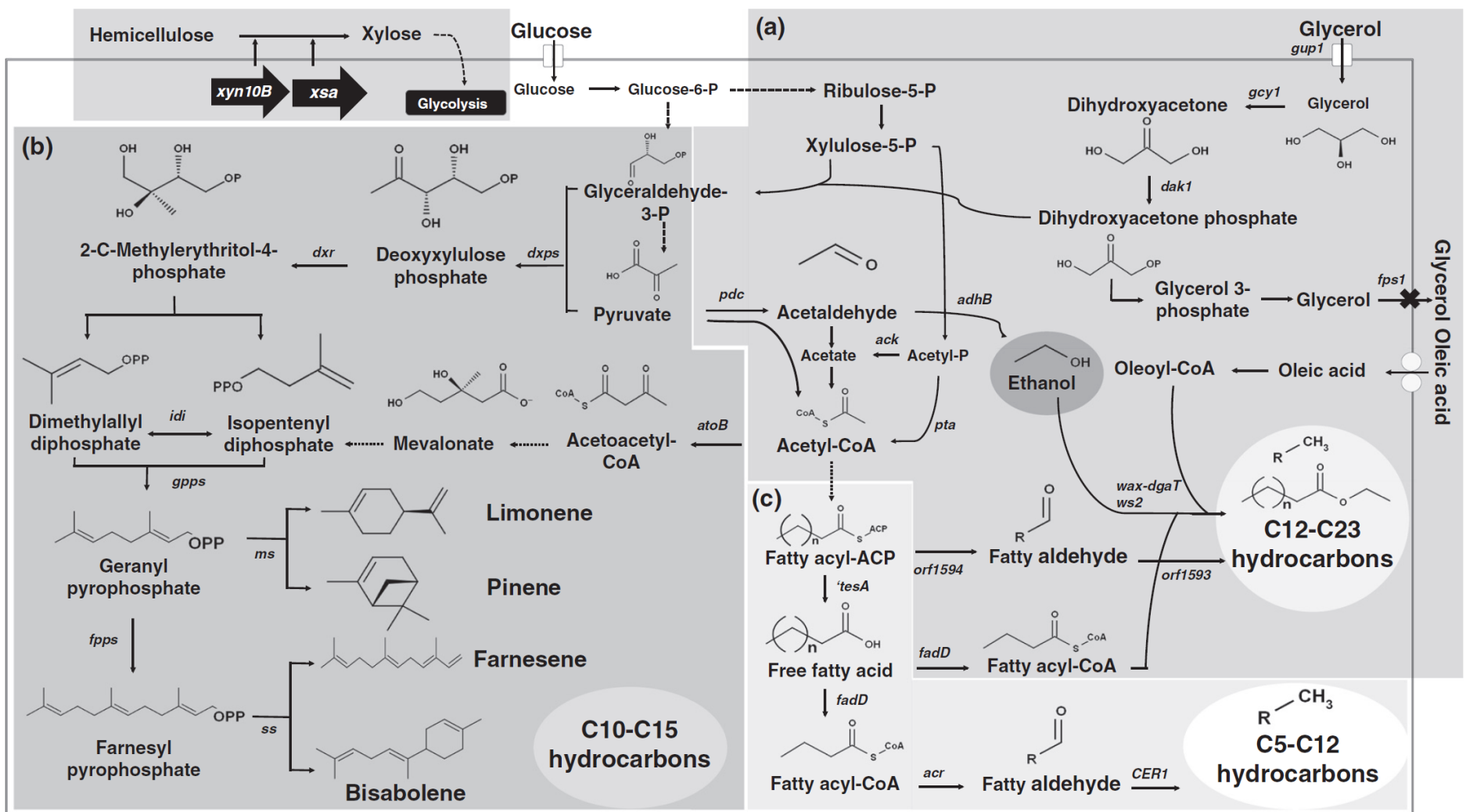
Current approaches in biofuels production

- Designing photosynthetic microorganisms for production of photobiological solar fuels
- Microbial fuel cells (electrobiofuels)
- Technical cultures of engineered (and natural) strains of microorganisms
- Systems metabolic engineering of bacteria and yeast, creation of cell factories for high-value desired chemicals

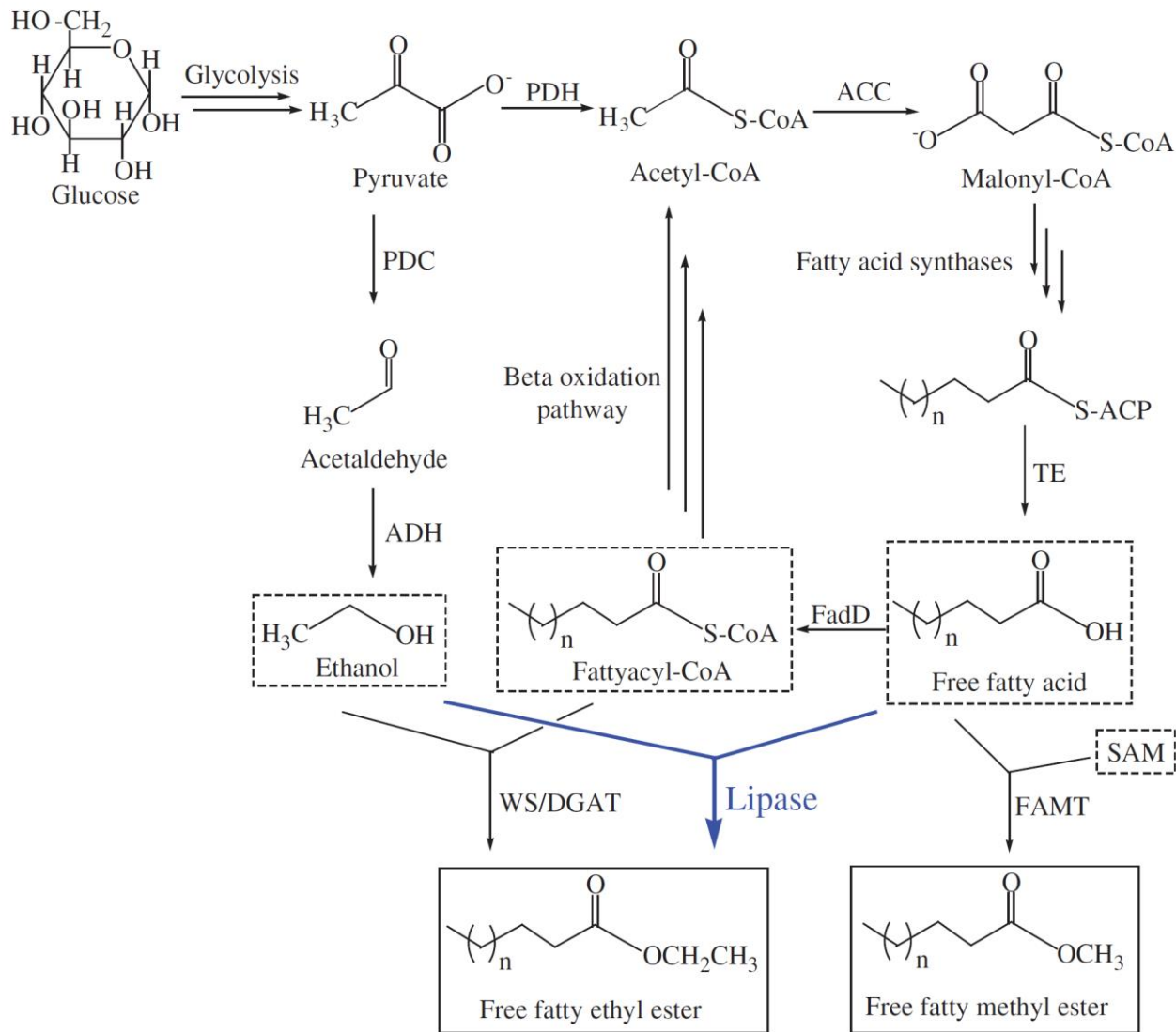
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- Alkanes, alkenes
- Isoprenoids

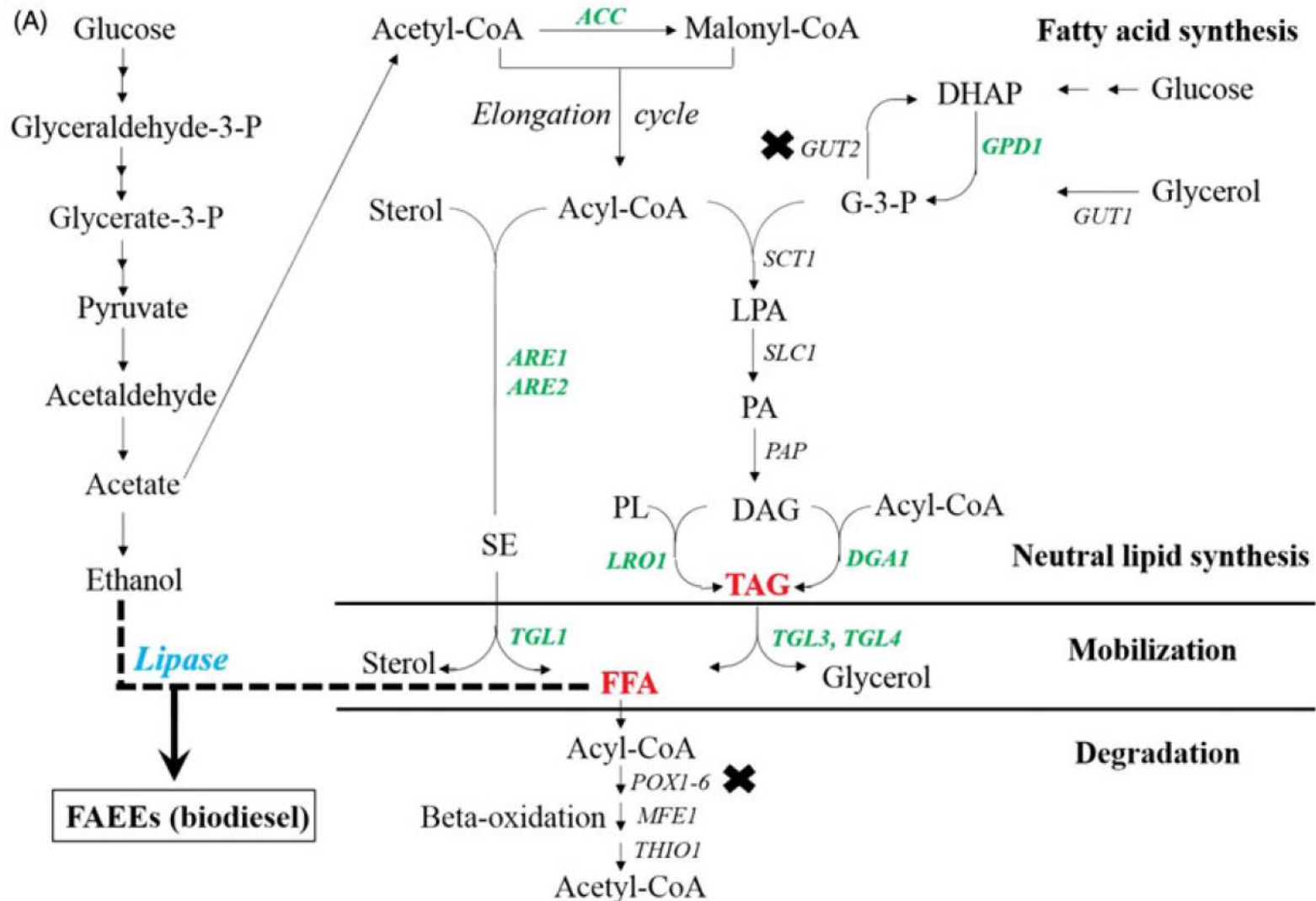




Biodiesel in engineered *E. coli*



Biodiesel from *Y. lipolytica*



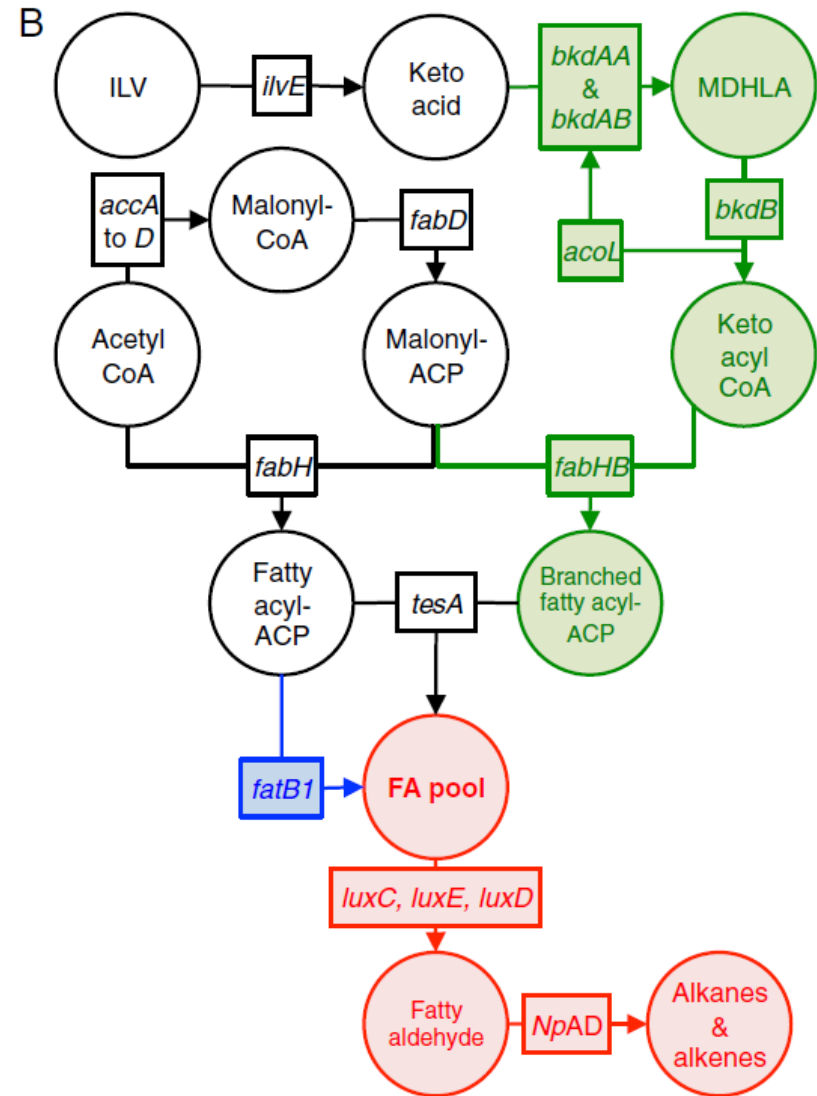
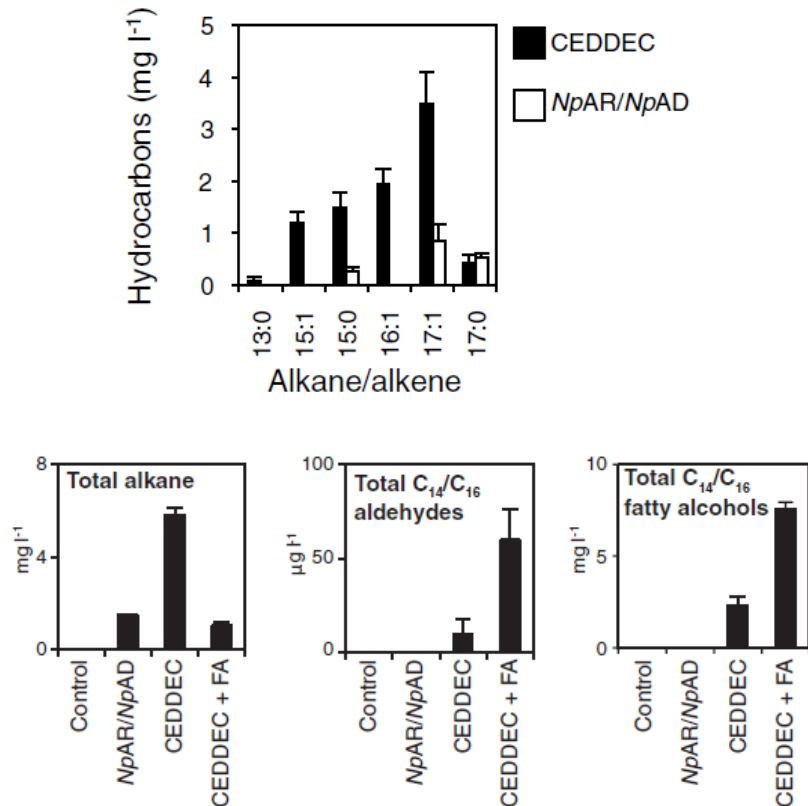
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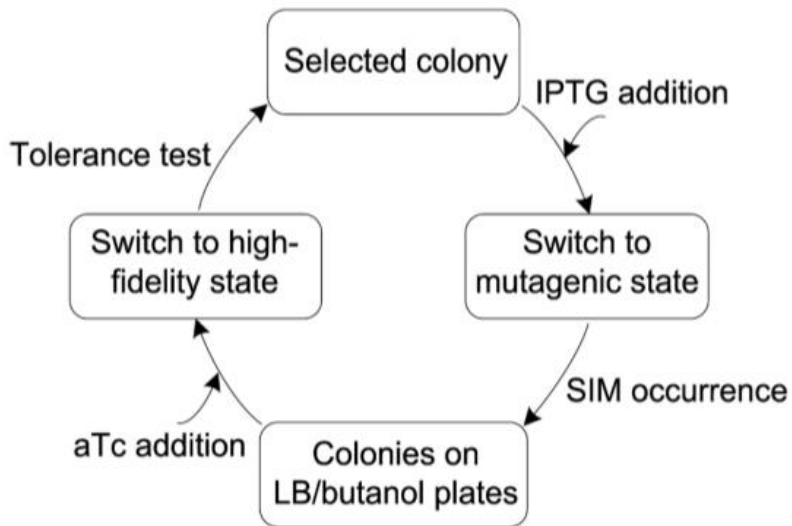
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Stress engineering

- Biofuels producing bacteria may suffer from presence of the target compound
- Stress tolerance engineering is important
 - Targeted metabolic engineering
 - Stress-induced mutagenesis



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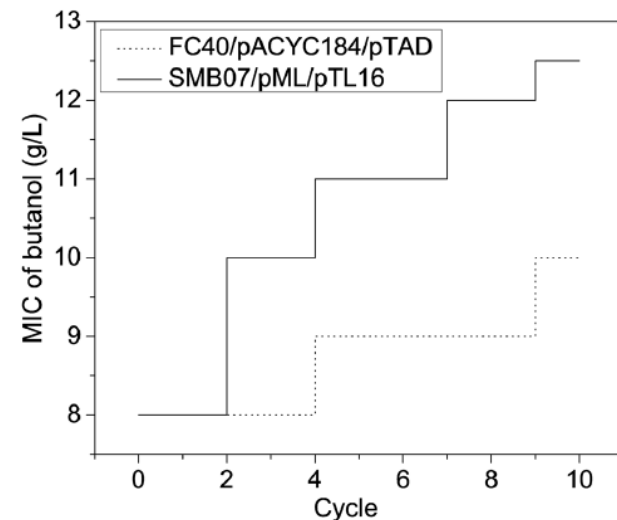
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