

## **FUTURE GENERATION RENEWABLE RESOURCE – BIOFUEL**

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### **Introduction**

Entire world is dependent on non-renewable sources of energy for the fuel. Energy is the most important source for future and present sustainable goals. By burning fuels, we can produce significant amounts of energy. We know that the fossil fuels are not the future because they are in limited amount and also the prices are hiking extremely for about 100\$ per barrel of crude oil, so we have to use alternative sources of energy like biodiesel which has the potential to be the future of world's energy. Biodiesel can be made through the process of trans-esterification and esterification.<sup>[1]</sup>

Biomass is a source of biodiesel. Biodiesel plays a crucial role in providing the source of energy which is less costly than other forms of energy. Algae which is carbon-neutral and single-celled organism, produces 60% or more of its dry weight as oil to store energy from the nutrients and the sun. The oil produced is converted to biodiesel and used in fuel form which can cost less than 10 times the price of crude oil.

#### **1.1 Biodiesel**

Biodiesel is a source of biofuel which is obtained from animal and plant oils, and is regarded as a future fuel as an alternative for conventional fuel. Biodiesel is completely of non-toxic nature. It is obtained from oil crops including soya, rapeseed, palm oil, and other animal fats, as well as waste oil food. Some environmental and renewable characteristics, such as fatty acid methyl ester, have received extensive recognition. It is regarded as the renewable and cost efficient fuel.

## 1.2 Uses of Biodiesel

It is being used because of its inexpensive cost, wide access, or the ease through which waste streams including CO<sub>2</sub> can emerge. Furthermore, there is little competition in the market for biodiesel produced this way. Because it is a renewable resource, that can be a good substitute for traditional energy sources that can generate a lot of emissions.

## 1.3 Production sources of biodiesel

Biofuels are compostable and harmless since they are generated from plants or animal fat. Biofuel is a solid, liquid, or gaseous fuel made from any microbial carbon source, including industrial discharges waste treatment. Vegetable oils and greases are used to make biodiesel.<sup>[2]</sup>

- a. **1<sup>st</sup> generation-fuels:** Its generation fuels include: Ethanol which is derived from food crops such as palm oil, soyabean crop, corn and that have commercial level production, but this is very expensive.
- b. **2<sup>nd</sup> generation-fuels:** They include residue from agriculture and forestry processing the non-edible components like woodchips, stem leaves, seeds casing from traditional food and non-food crops such as animal fats, waste cooking oil but these tend to have low conversion rates.
- c. **3<sup>rd</sup> generation-fuels:** It is specific to the thousands of species of microalgae and these actually have a legitimate potential for commercial use depending on the species and methodology.

Microalgae have higher lipid yields than terrestrial plants. They are simple cellular structure which is more efficient at photosynthesis (by direct sunlight in water reservoirs). They have high growth rates and have high biomass conversion rates. Microalgae can be cultivated in constructed wetlands or closed photo bioreactors with minimal effort. These photosynthetic cells can produce oils for biofuel in amounts that are considerably greater than conventional fuel under suitable growth environments.

Table 1: Crop's scientific name and derived oil content from their biomass <sup>[3]</sup>

Crops	Scientific name	Oil price(US \$/MT)	Oil Content (% dry wt.)	Average oil yield (L/ha)
Oil palm	Elaeisguineensis	811.20	36	6852.51
Coconut	cocos nucifera	1,362.00	60	3100.48
Safflower	Carthamus tinctorius	6,000.00	20-45	898.69
Sesame	Sesamum indicum	5,500.00	50	797.59
Mustard	Brassica alba	1,014.00	38-46	662.78
Jatropha	Jatropha curcas	700.00	30-40	2179.32
Castor bean	Ricinus napus	1,450.00	48	1628.87
Rapeseed	Brassica napus	974.82	37-41	1370.50
Peanut	Ariachishypogaea	1,303.00	45-52	1224.46
Linseed	Linumusatissimum	6,500.00	35-53	550.45
Soybean	Glycine max	873.66	14-18	516.75
Cotton seed	Gossypium hirsutum	1,050.00	18-26	370.71
Rubber seed	Hevea brasiliensis	260.00	50-60	292.07
Sunflower	Helianthus annuus	1,137.04	32-40	1100.89
Maize	Zea mays	1,362.00	7-11	202.21
Microalgae (50g/m <sup>2</sup> /day at 50% Triglycerides)	...	487.00	4-86	93,530.00

#### 1.4 Merits of algae fuel

- Biodiesel made from algae is non-poisonous.
- Biodiesel is profoundly bio-degradable.
- Biomass from algae can be created in large quantities, and this biomass can produce more oil than other sources.
- Algae oil has little competitiveness in the market, and it can be generated on land, in freshwater resources, or in sea.

### 1.5 Demerits of Algae fuel:

- Algae fuels have low energy content as compared to traditional fuels or petroleum counterparts.
- The energy efficiency of algae bio fuel isn't always achieved.

### 1.6 Algae

Microalgae are unicellular and autotrophic organisms that have the potential to convert carbon dioxide into lipids (oils) which after trans-esterification can become biodiesel which is a source of energy or fuel. Ostwald and Golueke were the first to suggest employing wastewater treatment in algal ponds with high rates to produce algal-biofuels. <sup>[4]</sup>



Figure 1: This is the image of algae: fresh source of biodiesel<sup>[5]</sup>

Algae comprise both single-celled and multicellular creatures, and some are quite complex and specialised<sup>[6]</sup>. Algae thrive in damp environments or bodies of water, making them common in both terrestrial and aquatic environments. To thrive, algae, like plants, require three essential elements: sunshine, carbon dioxide, and water. Photosynthesis is a fundamental biological process that converts solar energy into chemical energy in plants, algae, and bacteria. Bogs, marshes, or wetlands, as well as salt marshes and salt lakes, are large-scale natural producers of algae. Lipids and fatty acids are found in microalgae as cell membranes, storage devices, intermediates, and energy sources. Lipids/oils can make up anywhere from 2% to 40% of the weightage of algae.

### 1.7 Algae as a source of biodiesel

Bio-Diesel is widely used in various industries, commerce, farming, and other fields<sup>[7]</sup>. As a result, in recent years, the manufacturing and use of biodiesel from rapeseed harvests has reawakened interest in order to overcome the shortcomings of oil from oil seed crops. Due to increased algal biomass and oil productivity gains and the necessity for non-arable land for its cultivation, biodiesel made from microalgae has huge benefits over the above re- sources. Urban and industrial wastewaters might be used to cultivate microalgal oil, which could then be used to make biofuel to totally replace petro diesel. The most efficient technique of creating biodiesel fuel is to make it from algae. Algae biofuel contains no sulphur, algae biofuel is non-toxic, algae biofuel is highly bio-degradable, and algae absorb CO<sub>2</sub>. They might have been used to collect CO<sub>2</sub> from power plants and other manufacturing sites that would otherwise be re-circulated.

## Literature

### Review

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Microalgae has the tendency to isolate large amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> required for photosynthesis. It was propositioned from the start to utilize CO<sub>2</sub> from other waste streams. The US Department<sup>[9]</sup> of Energy as founded in 1977 under the Carter Administration in response to international fuel shortages, which had become known as the energy crisis of the 1970s. In 1973, the US was made subject to an oil embargo during a war in the Middle East, and also the price of oil quadrupled within just three months. And after the deal was signed a year afterward, prices continued to rise, as did misgivings about came up with this idea and oil. The United States started trying to find a way out of its reliance on fossil fuels, and as a result, the Department of Energy was established. Under this branch of government, several investigative programmes dedicated to the research and development of alternative energy were born, one however was the biofuel production programme.

Microalgae limnetic<sup>[10]</sup> is an algae which can be cultivated at temperatures ranging from 15 to 27 degrees Celsius, but it grows best at 22 degrees Celsius. The pace of growth slows after attaining this ideal temperature. Furthermore, excessive light brightness has been shown to hinder microalgal formation.

Algae, non-flowering organisms that possess<sup>[10]</sup> photosynthesis but are separate from floras spanning from micro to macro dimensions, are brilliant or dark green areas discovered in moist areas. The nutritious sector, bioplastics, pharmaceuticals, specific chemical manufacturing, organic fertiliser, and the thriving biofuel business all benefit from the treatment of these microorganisms. Algae have unique characteristics such as: a. CO<sub>2</sub> absorption for growth reduces the greenhouse effect; b. They do not require a large field for growth compared to alternative crops; c. They could respond to saline water; and d. They have a high lipid content. During the early nineteenth century's energy shortage, methane generation from algae gained a lot of

traction. Half a century ago, algae was a source of food and energy. In the mid-nineteenth century, the world's earliest biodiesel plant using algae offered algae as a source of nutrition and energy. During WWII, Japan, England, and Israel launched large-scale production of *Chlorella* algae. Because of the abundant supply of fossil fuels, the idea of employing these algae for power generation was confined to food items. In recent times, there has been a lot of interest in using algae to synthesise alternative fuels, and they can effectively replace G1 and G2 biomass.

The generalised approach for converting vegetable oil as fuel can indeed be required to transform the oils in algae to biodiesel. Bioethanol and biobutanol, on the other hand, are made from algal polysaccharides. *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* (21 percent oils, 48 percent sugars), *Spirulina platensis* (8 percent lipids, 60 percent sugars), and *Chlorella* sp. are some of the algae under consideration (19 percent lipids, 56 percent sugars). Approximately ten countries are now interested in generating biodiesel from microalgae.<sup>[11]</sup>

## Conversion of algae to Biofuel

This is the process to convert algae biofuel industrially

### 1. Checking environmental conditions

It's critical to optimise the microalgae's ecosystem whenever cultivating them at a commercial basis. Variations in climate, pH, or illuminance can have a significant impact on total number of items generated.

**pH:** When cultivating microalgae, pH is one of the most serious ecological factors to consider. A neutral pH range of 7.0–7.6 is ideal for most microalgal strains. The pH of the environment changes when nutrients are consumed by microalgae. CO<sub>2</sub>/carbonic acid intake raises the pH and resulting in a more basic medium because CO<sub>2</sub> becomes carbonic acid when dissolved in water. Nitrogen and phosphorus usage can also impact pH. When ammonium is absorbed, hydrogen is liberated, which causes the pH of the medium to drop. When growing microalgae, it is consequently critical to keep a close eye on the pH.

**Temperature:** Microalgae thrive at temperatures ranging from 15 to 40 degrees Celsius, dependent on the strain. The microalgae's rate of growth may rise with temperatures ranging to a species-specific optimal temperature. Photo-inhibitory consequences of less severe irradiance levels could be aided by unfavourable climatic condition.

**Light intensity:**The amount of light that microalgae receive influences their biomass productivity. Micro algal production rises with luminance and/or duration until it exceeds the threshold value, which is related with light saturation in the microalgae. Photoinhibition and hence growth suppression may result from light exposure beyond the microalgae's maximal light saturation, resulting in less effective CO<sub>2</sub> fixation as well as other nutritional rates.

## 2. Cultivation of Algae

Algae can become fundamentally quicker than whatever other plant, which is one of their greatest drawing focuses as a biofuel feedstock. Additionally, they can be filled in various ways anyplace that temperatures are adequately warm and, contingent upon their strain, don't need freshwater. Open lakes and photobioreactors are the two most generally acknowledged types of algae development, as of now sent by driving algae organizations.

### a. Open Pond Systems

One of the principal frameworks of algae development explored different avenues regarding despite everything inclined toward by many organizations nowadays. This basic framework includes the progression of suspended algae around an enormous however shallow counterfeit lake frequently alluded to as a raceway. CO<sub>2</sub> is taken care of into the framework at the lower part of the raceway. A negligible part of the algal biomass is by and large collected consistently and gave to extraction handling.



Figure 2: Image of open pond system (3D Form)<sup>[12]</sup>



Figure 3: Open pond system <sup>[13]</sup>

**Advantages of Open Pond Systems**

- Modest and simple to work
- Low running expenses
- Very efficient

**Disadvantages of Open Pond Systems**

- Unfortunate light uses by algae cells
- Evaporative misfortune
- Huge necessity of land
- High defines-Lessness of defilement of undesirable species

**b. Closed photobioreactors**

Dissimilar to open frameworks, algae are encased in a straightforward vessel or cylinder which gives a controlled climate. There are numerous assorted types of photobioreactors leaned toward by various makers. Microalgae CO<sub>2</sub> biofixation in photobioreactors is a promising method for increasing biomass and biofuel output. The use of photo-bioreactors for CO<sub>2</sub> absorption by microalgae has the benefits of increased microalgal production due to regulated climate factors and optimal space or volume use, leading to more efficient use of valuable land. As a result, microalgae can serve two purposes: reducing climate change by fixing CO<sub>2</sub> and producing biofuel to meet rising energy demand.

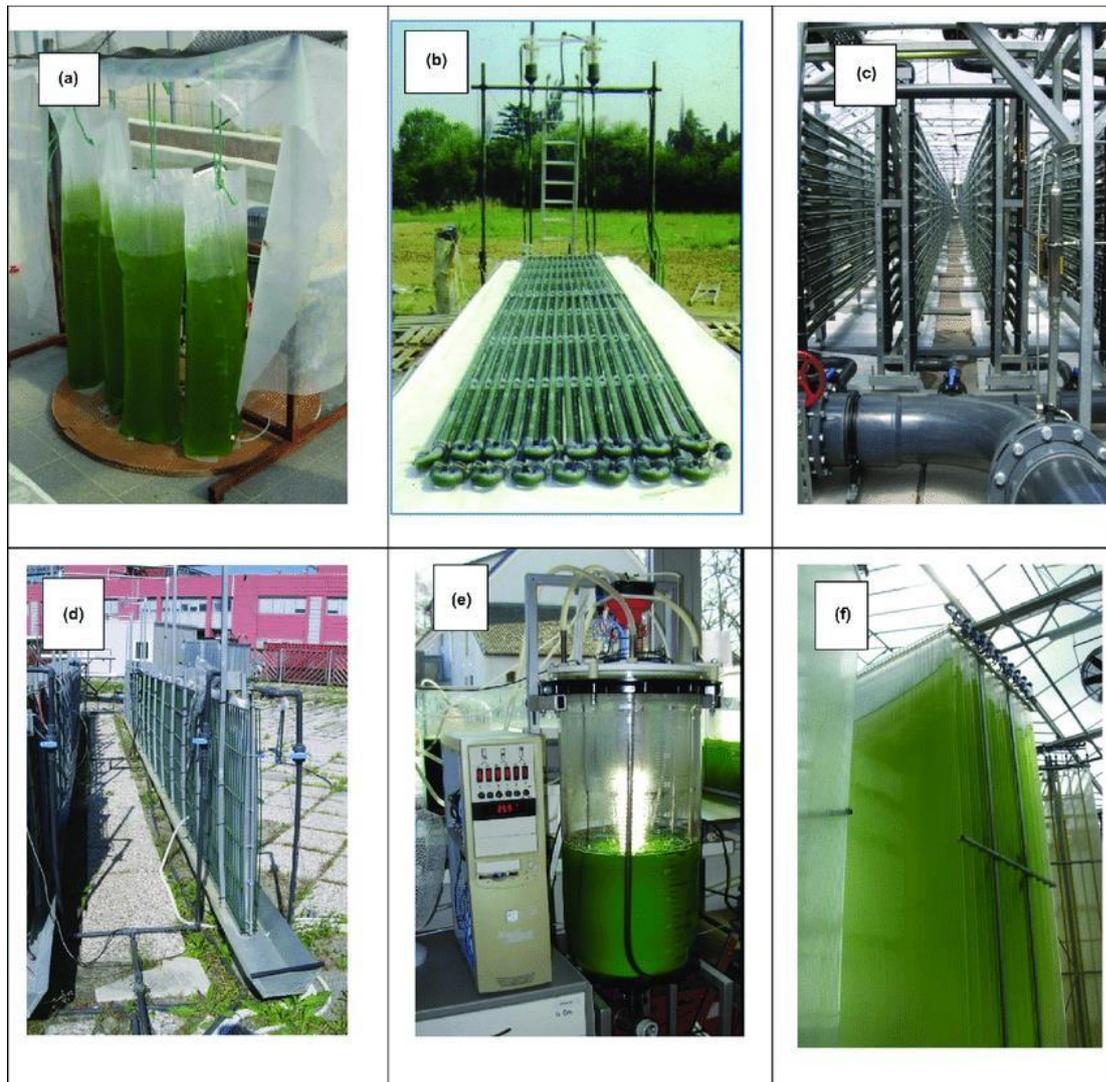


Figure 4: Closed or semi-closed photobioreactors for microbial culture that can be grown up to bigger manufacturing plants<sup>[14]</sup>.

#### Advantages of Photobioreactors

- Development of algae is in controlled conditions, henceforth the potential for a lot higher efficiency is there.
- Extremely high surface-to-volume ratio. PBRs offer most extreme proficiency in utilizing light and accordingly further develop efficiency. Normally, the way of life thickness of algae delivered is 10 to multiple times more noteworthy than pack culture in which algae culture is done in sacks - and can be significantly more prominent.
- Improved gas control move.

- Development medium dissipation is reduced.
- Improved temperature consistency.
- More protection against contamination from the outside.
- Saves space by being able to be mounted upward, evenly or at a point, inside or outside.
- Decreased Fouling - Recently accessible cylinder self-cleaning instruments can significantly lessen fouling.

#### **Disadvantages of Photobioreactors**

- High functional expenses because of enormous measure of energy expected in extra lightning and blending.

#### **c . Hybrid algae production system (HAPS)**

Cross breed framework involves both open lakes as well as shut bioreactor framework in mix to obtain better outcomes. A mix of both these frameworks is presumably the most coherent decision for practical development of high yielding strains for biofuels. Open frameworks are vaccinated with an ideal strain that had perpetually been developed in a bioreactor. Flushing the lakes ought to be made the piece of hydroponics routine to address the tainting issues.

#### **Cultivation of algae can work as an air purifier**

Algae live in a high centralization of carbon dioxide-the Greenhouse gas (GHG), nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)- a poison of force plants and diesel fumes. These contaminations in the air from the cars, concrete plants, bottling works, manure plants, steel plants are supplements for the algae. Algae creation offices can in this way be taken care of with the exhaust gases from petroleum derivatives of these plants also altogether increment usefulness and tidy up the air. Algae blossom with a high centralization of carbon dioxide and nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), a contamination of force plants, is a supplement for the algae. Algae creation offices can along these lines be taken care of exhaust gases from non-renewable energy source power plants to build efficiency and tidy up the air essentially. Inventure Chemical and Seam biotic have announced a collaborative venture to create a pilot commercial bio fuel facility using algae

derived from CO<sub>2</sub> discharges as a feedstock. The plant will manufacture ethanol, biodiesel, and other synthetic substances using algae strains developed by Seam biotic and transformation techniques developed by Inventure<sup>[15]</sup>.

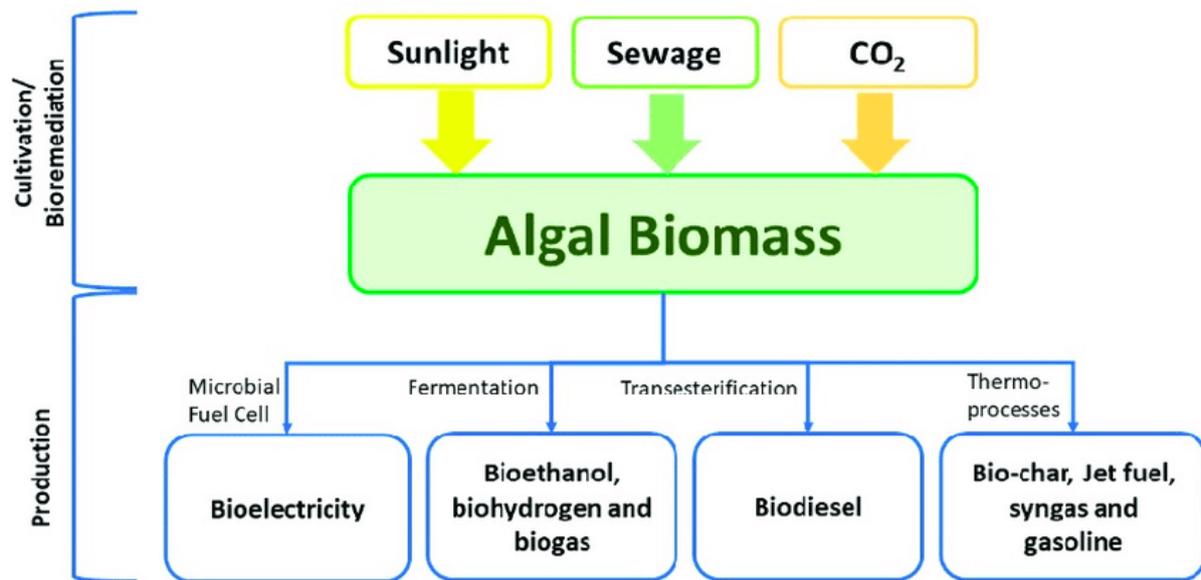


Figure 5: Conversion of algal biomass<sup>[1]</sup>

## Optimum Condition Required for Algae Cultivation

### 1. Sunlight

Along with the innovation of photograph bioreactors giving a proficient microalgae development strategy and reaction of transesterification giving an economical fuel creating technique, the subsequent stage is to track down an appropriate geographic climate to put resources into PBR foundation. To pinpoint the most fitting region for algae creation in the United States, many variables should be thought of, for example, land, sun openness, water, CO<sub>2</sub> sources, temperature, dissipation and powerlessness to serious climate. Since the best type of microalgae development is through PBRs, a portion of the elements can be precluded, like dissipation and serious climate. Algae are autotrophic living beings, which actually intend that to endure they need adequate measures of approaching sun-oriented radiation or insolation. The most appropriate conditions for algae development need to have somewhere around 2800 hours of daylight consistently, have yearly everyday temperatures of 12°C or more noteworthy and have something like 200 without freeze days every year.

## 2. Water

The subsequent asset required for microalgae creation is water. A deficiency of water would regularly be a significant block for the development of algae yet there is an answer that conquers the water lack and furthermore gives advantages to encompassing regions; wastewater reusing. Microalgae have the ability to flourish in water that isn't always clear appropriate for different living beings. Not exclusively can microalgae get by in pungent and dirtied water yet through an interaction called eutrophication microalgae can utilize the synthetics and supplements to treat the water and make it new. Basically, developing algae with wastewater assets fills in as a triple-positive; the wastewater as of now has the supplements expected to invigorate algal development, the wastewater is blessed to receive safe levels for reuse and the reusing of water is exceptionally useful in a desert area with low water assets.

## 3. Carbon dioxide

The last asset expected for algae development is CO<sub>2</sub>. CO<sub>2</sub> is normally predominant in the climate and serves a significant job. CO<sub>2</sub> is an ozone depleting substance that helps trap the Earth's transmitted radiation and keep the surface warm to the point of supporting life. Be that as it may, the consuming of non-renewable energy sources has incredibly expanded how much CO<sub>2</sub> in the Earth's environment to risky levels. The development of algae and utilization of microalgae biofuels can fill in as a maintainable answer for CO<sub>2</sub> outflows. Algae, similar to all plants, expect CO<sub>2</sub> to animate photosynthesis. Algae normally retain CO<sub>2</sub> from the environment, yet huge scope creation of microalgae for biofuels would require a lot of CO<sub>2</sub>. Like the utilization of water, there is a technique for acquiring a lot of contaminated CO<sub>2</sub> from plants. A lot of CO<sub>2</sub> are produced day to day from power plants, petroleum treatment facilities and other modern production lines; as a matter of fact, the age of power from coal consuming power plants represents north of 80% of CO<sub>2</sub> consistently in the United States.

In the event that algae framework could be situated in regions inside nearness to control plants or other modern offices, the CO<sub>2</sub> produced from those production lines could be caught and taken care of to the algae through bubblers at the foundation of PBRs. This would guarantee the algae have adequate measures of CO<sub>2</sub> for photosynthesis and would likewise

fill in as a CO<sub>2</sub> obsession process for the industrial facilities. In addition to the fact that CO<sub>2</sub> serves as a supplement hotspot for the microalgae it additionally helps control temperatures in the PBRs.

#### 4. Temperature

For the species and strain refined, the temperature range expected to aid algal development is well characterised. The optimal temperature for phytoplankton is between 20 and 30 degrees Celsius. Temperatures below 16 °C impede development, whereas temperatures above 35 °C are usually fatal to numerous species.

#### 5. Others

There are a few variables impacting algal development: abiotic factors like light (quality, amount), supplement fixation, O<sub>2</sub>, pH, saltiness and poisonous synthetics; biotic factors like microbes (microscopic organisms, parasites, infections) and rivalry by other algae; functional factors, for example, shear created by blending, weakening rate, profundity, collect recurrence and the expansion of bicarbonate.

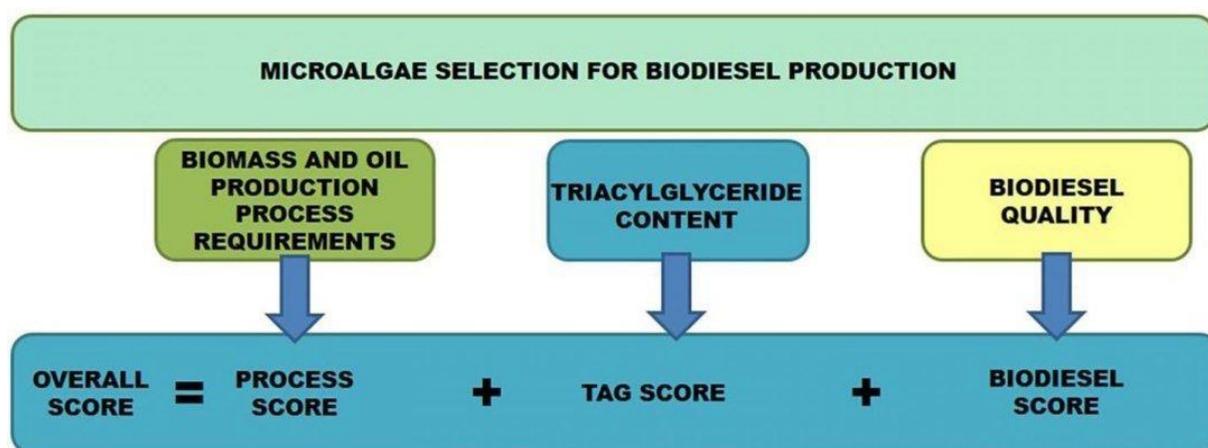


Figure 6: Schematic diagram for the process to obtain overall score for evaluating microalgal species for biodiesel production<sup>[16]</sup>.

### **Challenges for Cultivation:**

This interaction presents <sup>[17]</sup> difficulties because of the little size of algal cells (between 1-20 µm) for dealing with enormous fluid volumes by virtue of the moderately low thickness of algal cells filled in open lakes. The collecting part is exorbitant and consumes a great deal of energy.

### **3. Harvesting (Dewatering)**

It means removing the algae from the ponds and dewatering it. It can be done by variety of methods and depend on several factors like species selection density, size and culture method and other physio-chemical conditions. Now, the algae are concentrated from 1% up to ideally the order of at least 50% concentration.

Some common methods are:

- a. Centrifugation: It uses a density gradient to separate biomass from water; it is quick and accurate, but only functions on a small scale.
- b. Gravity sedimentation: Here the <sup>[18]</sup> algal particles eventually become large enough that they succumb to the forces of gravity and settle to the bottom of pond, this could be applicable to large scales of harvesting but it is limited to strains with respect to high sedimentation rate.
- c. Floatation: Clump together algae and float to the top and where you can skim it.
- d. Flocculation: It employs chemicals to induce aggregating, in which individual cells are driven out of suspension and clump together to form clumps. It is typically used as a supplementary to other methods such as clumping, it, and so on <sup>[19]</sup>.

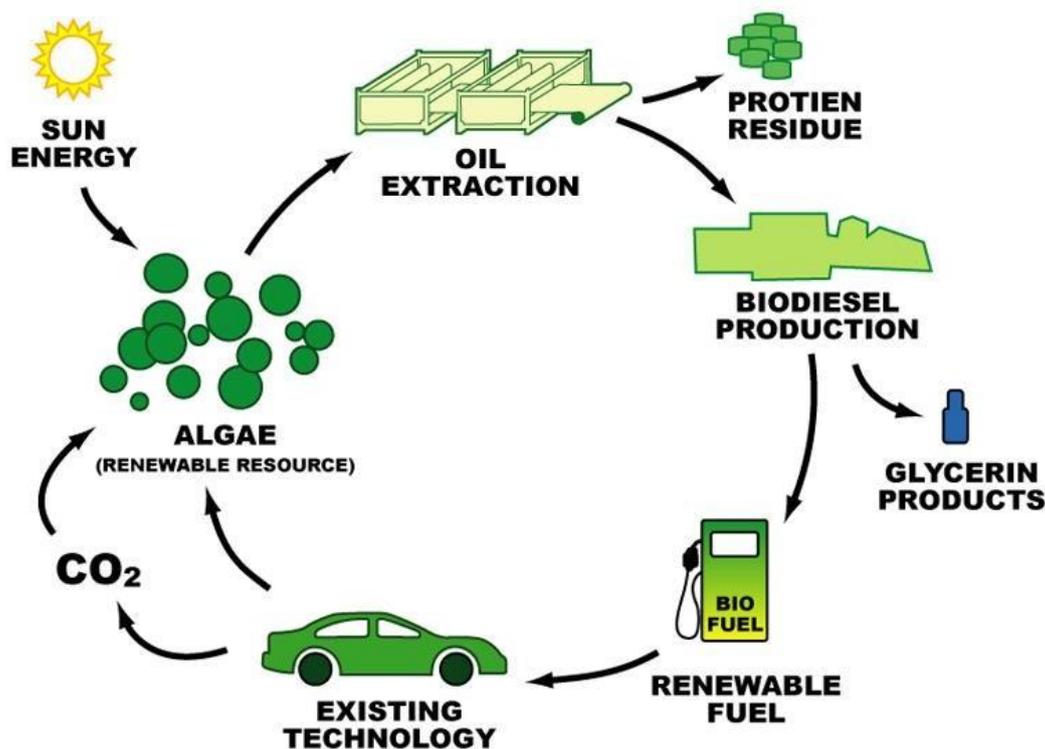


Figure 7: Complete cycle of algae usage<sup>[19]</sup>.

#### 4. Extraction of the oil:

To extract the oils from the cells, first we have to break open the cells, which can be done in a variety of ways depending on about the same set of criteria such as selecting size, concentration, cultivation technique, and so on.

a. Mechanical extraction: We treat the algae to physical loading through physical means such as crushing, commonly referred as filament thrashing, in which the algal slurry is spun at very high rates with fine beads to inflict direct damage on the cell. Ultrasonic disrupts the cell wall's stability by employing wave energy, Microwaves heat the cell and cause internal vapours to rupture the cell from the inside; transfection changes the conductivity and porosity of the cell membrane; these physical methods typically have significant capital and operation costs, as well as inadequate lipid yields.

b. Chemical extraction: It uses solvents to dissolve the cell wall usually hexane benzene or chloroform compounds.

There are different techniques involved in the chemical extraction:

b1. The flocking technique.

b2. The blind ire method

Break them or open using pH levels that the algae can't tolerate. Actually, break these cells, open the fat which then floats out into the water. The algal slurry is washed repeatedly in a solvent mixture until it undergoes phase separation whereupon the lipid layer is then easily extracted this method is very effective however at the commercial level using solvents will post significant environmental and health risks.

### 5. Conversion: Trans-Esterification Process

Triglycerides are comprised of three glycerine molecules connected to a framework of molecule is called an ester. Biodiesel and glycerol are created during the trans-esterification process to get biodiesel from algal oil. The actual experimental production was 84.7 litres of biodiesel per 100 litres of algal oil. This study utilizes an 80 percent average productivity to be conservative. Every trash of wastewater yields 0.00028 L of biodiesel at this pace.

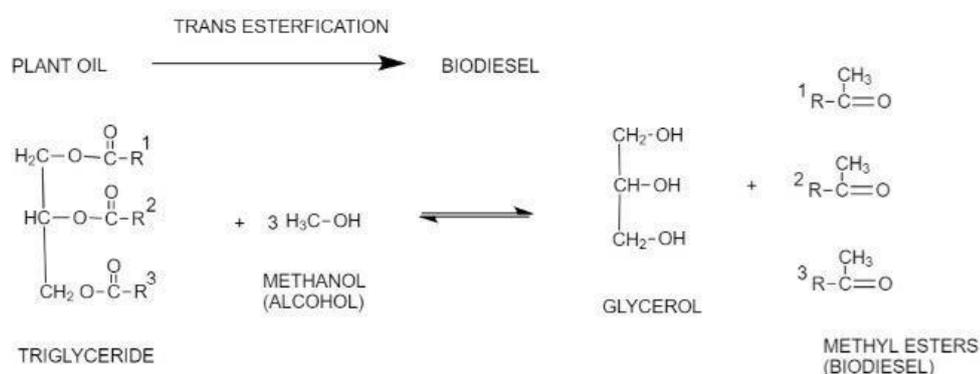


Figure 8: This picture shows the trans-esterification process which converts plant oil to biodiesel [8].

### **Advantages of Biofuel Production from Algae:**

- 1) Upstream process.
- 2) Outputs of other waste streams can become inputs for sustainability.
- 3) High carbon-isolation.
- 4) Additional water treatment
- 5) Superior lipid yields
- 6) Reduces dependence on fossil fuels: diesel=21% of US fuel sources
- 2016 7) Non-competitive for food crops.

### **Challenges**

Algae is best biomass for biofuel production still there are lot of challenges to accept by overall the world. Those challenges are written below:

#### **4.1 Production Challenges**

From the 1980s to the 1990s, the US Department of Energy (DOE) worked hard to promote the commercialization of algae biofuel through the ASP project. Following DOE found after 16 years of scientific research that algal biofuel production is still too costly to be expanded up very soon. Three key challenges to economic algal development include the difficulty of keeping up with helpful species in the way of life structure, the poor yield of bio - diesel, and the high expense of collecting algal biomass. The Department of Energy reasoned that there was plenty of land, water, and CO<sub>2</sub> to aid algal biofuel development<sup>[20]</sup>.

As of late, algal biofuel creation has acquired recharged interest. Both college research gatherings and new companies are investigating and growing new techniques to further develop the algal interaction proficiency with a last objective of business algal biofuel creation. The innovative work endeavors can be ordered into a few regions are increasing the oil yield of existing strains or picking new varieties with a high oil content, algal development

is speeding up. It is developing powerful algal-developing frameworks in either an outside climate or an encased climate, besides from oil, co-item development, the use of algae for bioremediation and creating a reliable oil extraction process.

Hereditary and metabolic modification of algae species is one way to achieve these goals. The other is to build new or expand existing developmental advancements in order to achieve comparable goals as those listed above. Nonetheless, it should be noted that this current infusion of interest has yet to result in a significant advancement.

#### **4.2 Challenges in Production Cost Estimation**

A variety of factors determine the associated with producing algal oil, including biomass yield from the culture system, oil content, production system size, and the cost of extraction of oil from algal biomass. Algal oil and gas production is currently considerably more expensive than petroleum diesel fuels. The cost of producing 10,000 tonnes of algal oil in a photo bioreactor is estimated. This estimate excludes the costs for converting algal oil into biodiesel, and also biodiesel distribution and marketing costs and taxes. Similarly, the price of gasoline has increased from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per gallon<sup>[21]</sup>.

The price of petroleum oil will determine if algal oil can be a viable biofuel source in the future. Estimated calculated cost of algal oil as a viable substitute for petroleum diesel using the following equation, where  $C_{\text{algal oil}}$  is the price of microalgal oil in \$/gallon and  $C_{\text{petroleum}}$  is the price of crude oil in \$/barrel:

$$C_{\text{algal oil}} = 25.9 \times 10^{-3} C_{\text{petroleum}}$$

Algal oil has about 80% of the caloric energy value of crude petroleum, according to this calculation. To be competitive with petroleum diesel, for example, algal oil should cost no more than \$2.59 per gallon at a price of \$100 per barrel.

#### **4.3 Environmental and Sustainability Issues**

Algae can be used for a variety of functions, including compost and pollution control, in addition to producing biofuel. On land, certain algae varieties can be consumed as a natural

manure, either raw or semi-disintegrated. Algae can be planted in lakes to collect manure spill over from ranches; the supplement-rich algae can then be collected and used as compost, effectively reducing harvesting costs. Microalgae can be used in wastewater treatment plants to reduce the amount of synthetic compounds needed to disinfect and clean water.

Moreover, additionally, algae can be used to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from power plants. Coal is by far the most abundant fossil energy resource on the world. The United States is home to around a quarter of the world's coal miners. Coal utilisation will continue to grow in the United States and around the world during the next few decades. Microalgae absorb CO<sub>2</sub> and deliver oxygen through photosynthetic digestion. If an algae farm is developed near a power plant, the CO<sub>2</sub> from the power plant might be used as a source of carbon and energy for algal growth, and fossil fuel outputs could be minimised by recycling and reusing CO<sub>2</sub> from power plants into clean-burning biodiesel <sup>[21]</sup>.

#### **4.4 Challenges for algal fuel Commercialisation**

The excessive development rates, sensible development densities and high oil substance have all been referred to as motivations to put huge funding to transform algae into the biofuels. Be that as it may, for algae to grow as an economically practical stage to counterbalance lipids and, thus, relieve CO<sub>2</sub> discharge, there are numerous challenges to overcome, ranging from how and where to grow these algae to further enhancing oil separation and fuel processing. The algal biofuels creation chain is illustrated and shows that the significant difficulties incorporate strain detachment, supplement obtaining and usage, creation the executives, collecting, by product advancement, fuel separation, refining and lingering biomass use <sup>[22]</sup>.

## **Methodology**

### **Methodology**

The algal sample was retrieved from the bottom and top layers of a nearby water reservoir, together with colonies of other microorganisms of various weights.

This experiment was carried out in well-equipped laboratory conditions with the use of these experiments: tray drier, separating funnels, esters, alkali, funnel, beaker, alkaryls, flask and magnetic shaker. Biodiesel is made from feedstock's using the transesterification procedure

and then distilled under vacuum at 50 to 100 degrees Celsius. Trans fats and waste oils, and also vegetable and animal oils, can then be used to generate bio-diesel<sup>[23]</sup>. There are three fundamental ways to make biodiesel from oils and fats:

1. Oil transesterification catalysed by a base;
2. Oil trans-esterification with direct acid catalysis;
3. The oil is converted to fatty acids and then to biodiesel.

The work was carried out using the base catalysed trans-esterification technique<sup>[24]</sup>.

The based catalysed methodology is more economical and feasible. It is more cost-effective.

During the trans-esterification process, the triglyceride reacts with alcohol in the presence of a catalyst, certainly a strong alkaline such as sodium hydroxide<sup>[25]</sup>.

When the alcohol interacts with the fatty acids, the mono-alkyl ester, also referred as bio-diesel and raw glycerol, is created. Methanol or ethanol (Methanol creates methyl esters, ethanol produces ethyl esters) are the most commonly used alcohols, and they are base catalysed by potassium or sodium hydroxide<sup>[26]</sup>.

Few researchers have presented that it is possible to make oil react with methanol and catalyst is not present in the solution so as to decrease the need of washing with water. For this situation, be that as it may, high temperatures are required and bigger abundance measures of methanol. Additionally, there has been trouble in replication energy of the response, which has been ascribed to different catalysts on the surface of the reactor.

Furthermore, it has been established that trans-esterification of fats can occur at high temperatures and pressures (roughly 90bar, 240°C, respectively) without the removal or conversion of free fatty acids. Nonetheless, most biodiesel facilities prefer to run at low temperatures and atmospheric pressure to preserve greater response speed for financial and safety reasons.

The reaction between fats/oil and alcohol is a reversible response thus the liquor should be included abundance to drive the response towards the right and guarantee total transformation.

The specimen is washed with brine water. The contaminants from the samples are removed using brine water. The specimens were tested from the surrounding water reservoir. After

washing, the algae sample was rinsed with brine water to eliminate any remaining contaminants.

The samples were stored in a tray dryer at 55-60°C for 8 hours while being monitored on a regular basis. The dried sample is taken and ground into a fine powder using a pestle. Solvent extraction is used to create the oil.

Each sample receives 20ml hexane and ether, which is allowed to settle for 24 hours. Oil and biomass separate while stacking. The oil is used to extract the biomass. The trans-esterification process is a distinct reaction of fatty acids in the raw materials plus methanol in the presence of a catalyst, producing esters and glycerine. A mixture of methanol and the base catalyst NaOH is introduced to the bio-oil and shaken for 3 hours at 1500-1800 rpm in a magnetic shaker. The oil is retained in the centrifuge tube for another 12 hours after 3 hours to remove any remaining contaminants and biomass. Glycerol is just another end product of bio-diesel that can be utilized in the pharmaceutical industry. However, in comparison to the quantity of the incoming raw material, both products are relatively small. The oil produced by the trans-esterification process has a stronger flash point, a low exhaust value, and a lower viscosity, and it is the only type of fuel that enhances the engine's self-life.

## Conclusion

The development of algae needs appropriate climate, and work on its development and reaping is required to have been fostered that a huge amount could be developed. Specialized insight and innovative advancement are additionally required. Greater headway in hereditarily designing species development is expected to create required measures of biodiesel in short frame of time and less usage of energy.

This contextual analysis approach examined the capability of a future conceivable bio-treatment facility and ecological contamination decrease idea by coordinating microalgae biomass creation with sugarcane-handling processing plant squanders and results. It was found that the plant squanders and results have a huge potential for a suitable biofuel creation from microalgae.

We have talked about methodologies to make algae-based fuels that costs cutthroat with petrol. Bio prospecting is of significance to recognize algal species that have wanted qualities (for example high lipid content, development rates, development densities or potentially the

presence of important co-items), while developing on minimal expense media. Regardless of the capability of this technique, the most probable situation is that bio prospecting would not distinguish species that are cost serious with oil, and resulting hereditary designing and reproducing will be expected to carry these strains to monetary feasibility. The scope of potential for designing green growth is simply starting to be understood, from further developing lipid biogenesis and further developing yield assurance, to creating important catalyst or protein co-items. No supportable innovation is without its difficulties however blind advancement of those innovations without genuine thought of the drawn-out suggestions might prompt the acknowledgment of techniques whose drawn out results offset their momentary advantages. We have introduced what we view as the main current and impending difficulties of green growth biofuels however, similarly as with any new industry, the more we get familiar with the more we understand that difficulties exist that we had not anticipated. Indeed, even given these vulnerabilities, we accept that fuel creation from green growth can be cost serious and generally versatile and deployable in the following 7-10 years, however provided that we keep on extending how we might interpret these astonishing life forms as we grow our capacity to design them for the particular assignment of fostering another energy industry.

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