Algae Culture and Biofuels Development in Integrated Systems

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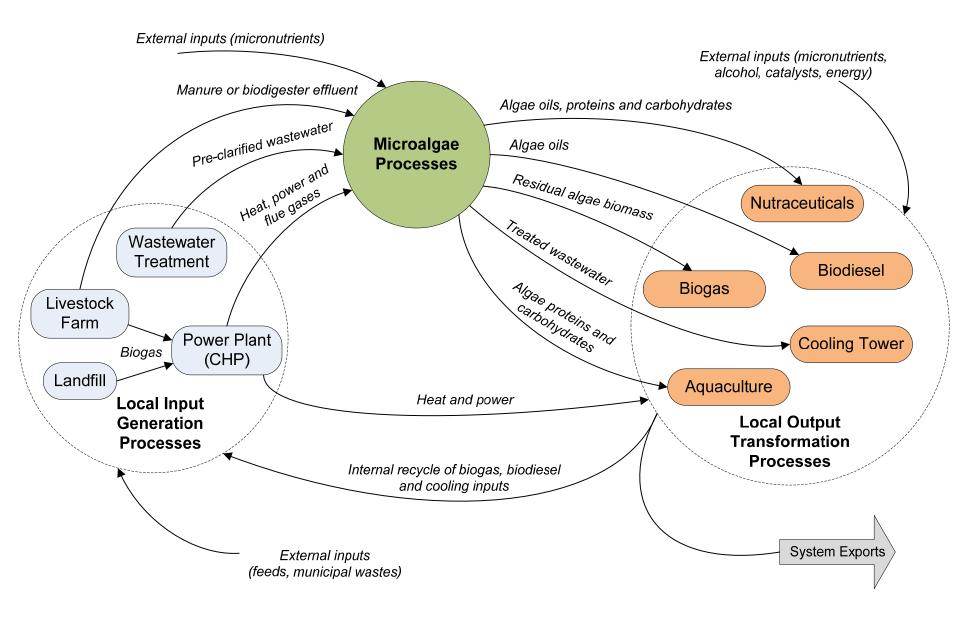




Algae Cultivation

- Greatest potential may be in integrated systems
- For large scale biodiesel operations, optimum growing conditions, links to processors and markets, must all develop together to meet economic goals
- In integrated systems, with mixed uses of algal products, production goals can be adjusted, and
- CO₂, nutrients and heat in industrial or agricultual "waste" recycled into usable product
- Community waste can be transformed into a carbon neutral/negative system that provides food and energy and is pollution free

Vermont-Scale Integrated Algae Production System

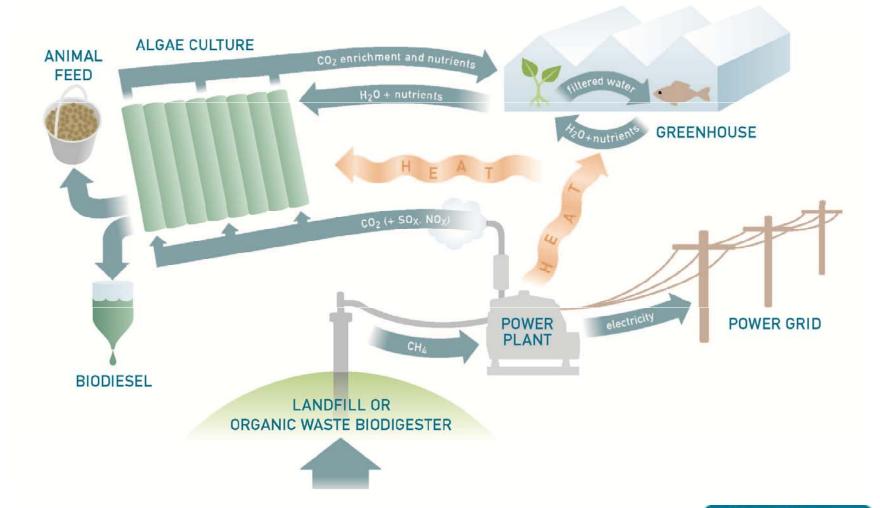


Challenges in Vermont

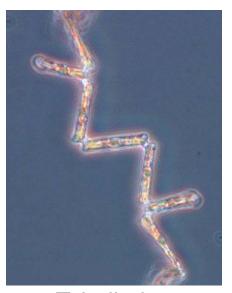
- Species selected for cultivation
 - Native, mixed or monoculture
 - Growth rate
 - Composition lipid content (fatty acid and triglycerides), protein, carbohydrate, ash content
 - Hardiness temperature, light, nutrient inputs, contaminants in the water, pH, bacterial or other competitors
 - Extraction biomass and oil processing

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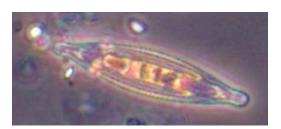
- Developing integrated use scenarios
 - Photo-bioreactor vs open tanks, design
 - Inputs types, rates, supplements needed
 - Outputs products (feed, oil, etc), production goals necessary for viability
 - Internal feedback/recycling loops
- Harvesting and processing options
- Locations and partnerships



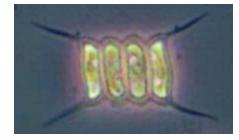




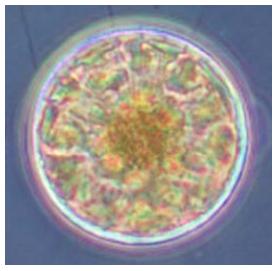
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