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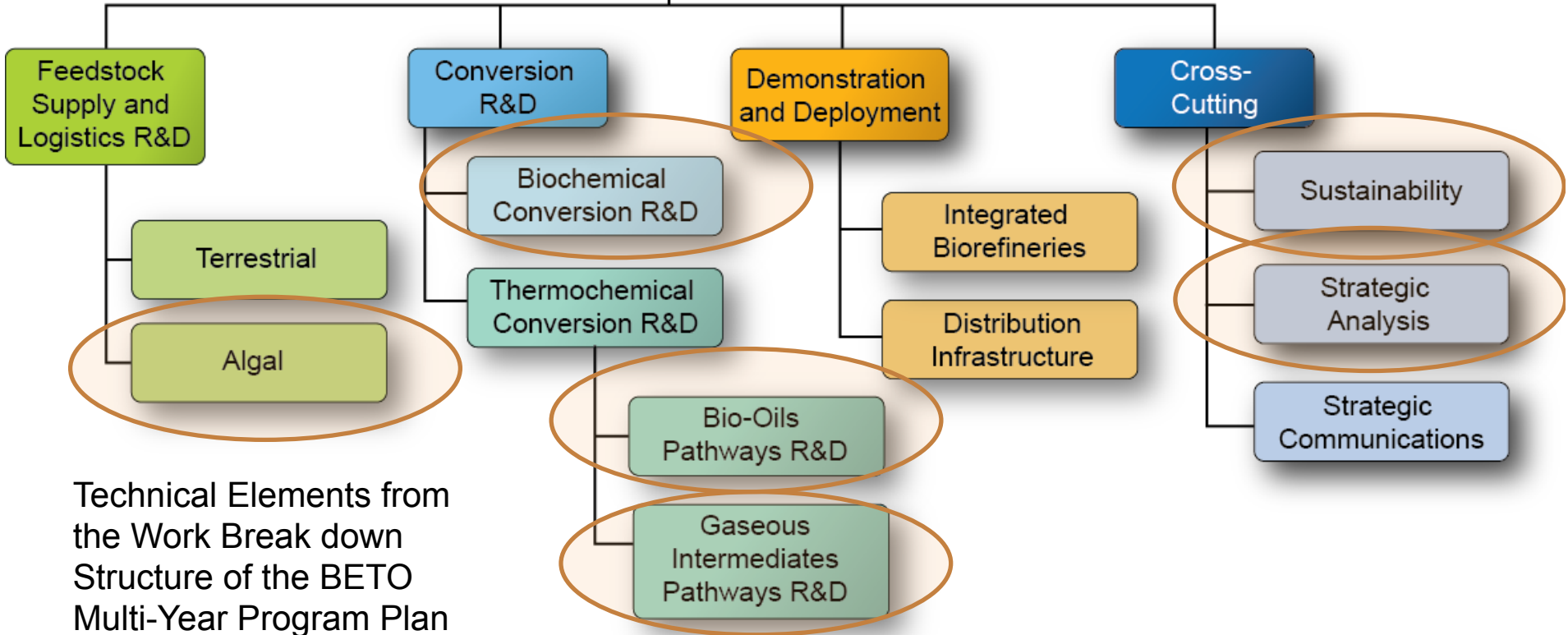
John Holladay and José Olivares

3- Relevance

NAABB has a central role in EERE's Bioenergy portfolio

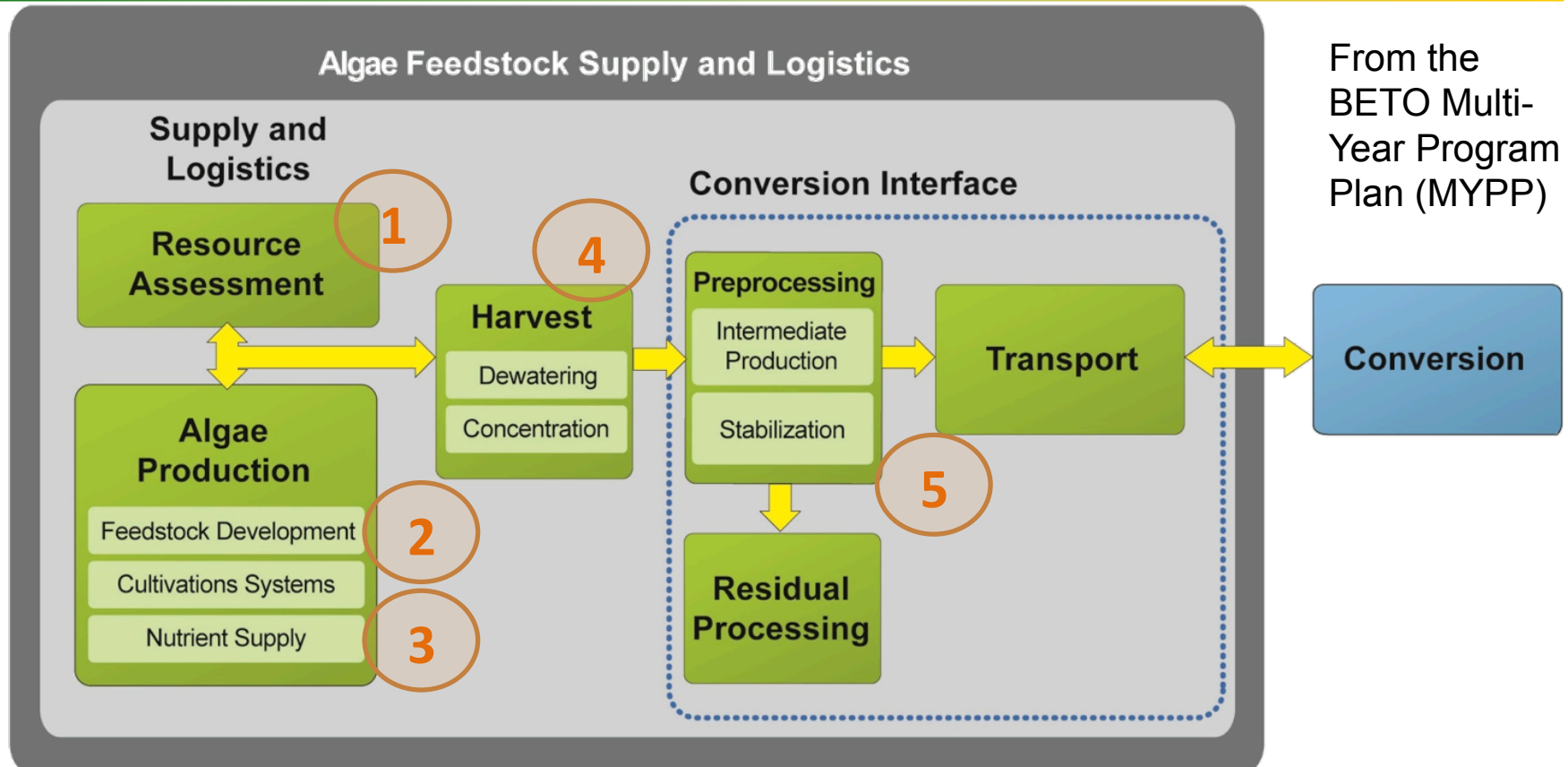
Bioenergy Technologies Office Work Breakdown Structure

NAABB Areas of Research



Technical Elements from the Work Break down Structure of the BETO Multi-Year Program Plan (MYPP)

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NAABB has...

1. Provided a detailed resource assessment through the AISIM BAT Module
2. Brought five new strains through the value chain (including outdoor cultivation)
3. Demonstrated the ARID cultivation (heat management) and low nutrient cost
4. Evaluated three new harvesting systems at larger scale
5. Combined extraction with conversion technology to reduce cost and demonstrated with NAABB produced algae (with high and low lipid content)

3- Relevance



AISIM Model covers elements from each of the sustainability pillars and provides an unique data set of algal sustainability that was not previously available

3- Relevance



- **NAABB is working to move technologies into commercial application through effective technology transfer...**
 - Capturing and licensing intellectual property
 - Peer review publications (as well as presentations)

NAABB team members have authored more than 65 original peer-reviewed research publications, filed 33 invention disclosures, spun one new company out, forged several international alliances, created a new peer-review research journal titled "Algal Research" established a new annual technical conference titled "International Conference on Algal Biomass, Biofuels and Bioproducts"

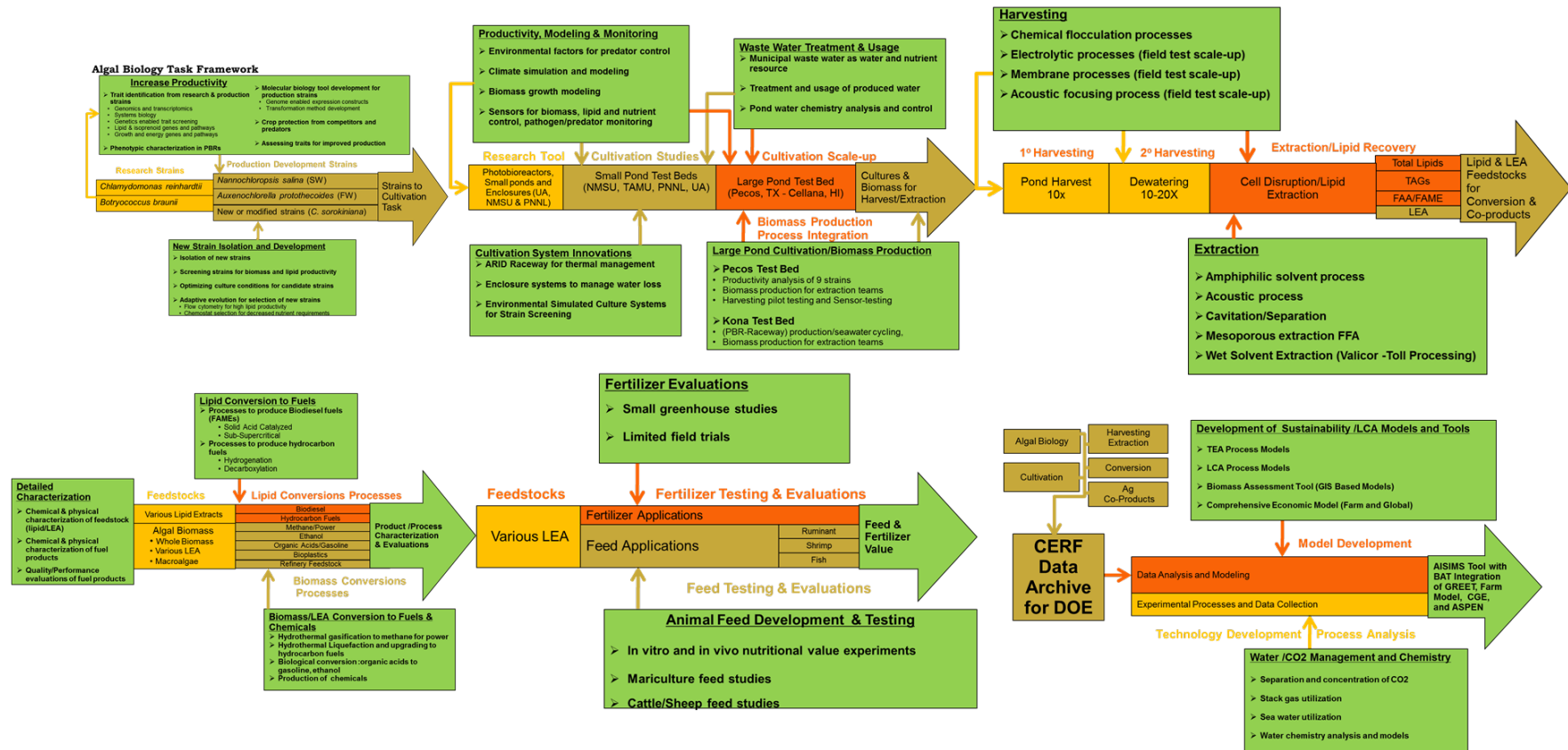
4 - Critical Success Factors



- **Technical Critical success factors**
 - Improve Biomass Productivity
 - Improve Extraction-Conversion Yield
 - Improve Cultivation-Harvesting Efficiency
- **Market and Business Critical Success Factors**
 - Combinations in reductions in CAPEX and OPEX needed in even the best scenarios
- **Top challenges (technical and non-technical) for achieving successful project results**
 - Combined 80 individual projects and 40 members into a unified consortium that address critical barriers
 - Developed Frameworks and Matrices that clearly communicate to each individual PI their role in the NAABB team structure
- **Demonstrate that success of the project advances the state of technology and positively impacts the commercial viability**
 - NAABB has taken the baseline technology, in which no combination of reduction of CAPEX and OPEX could led to commercial success to scenarios in which modest improvements have economic viability

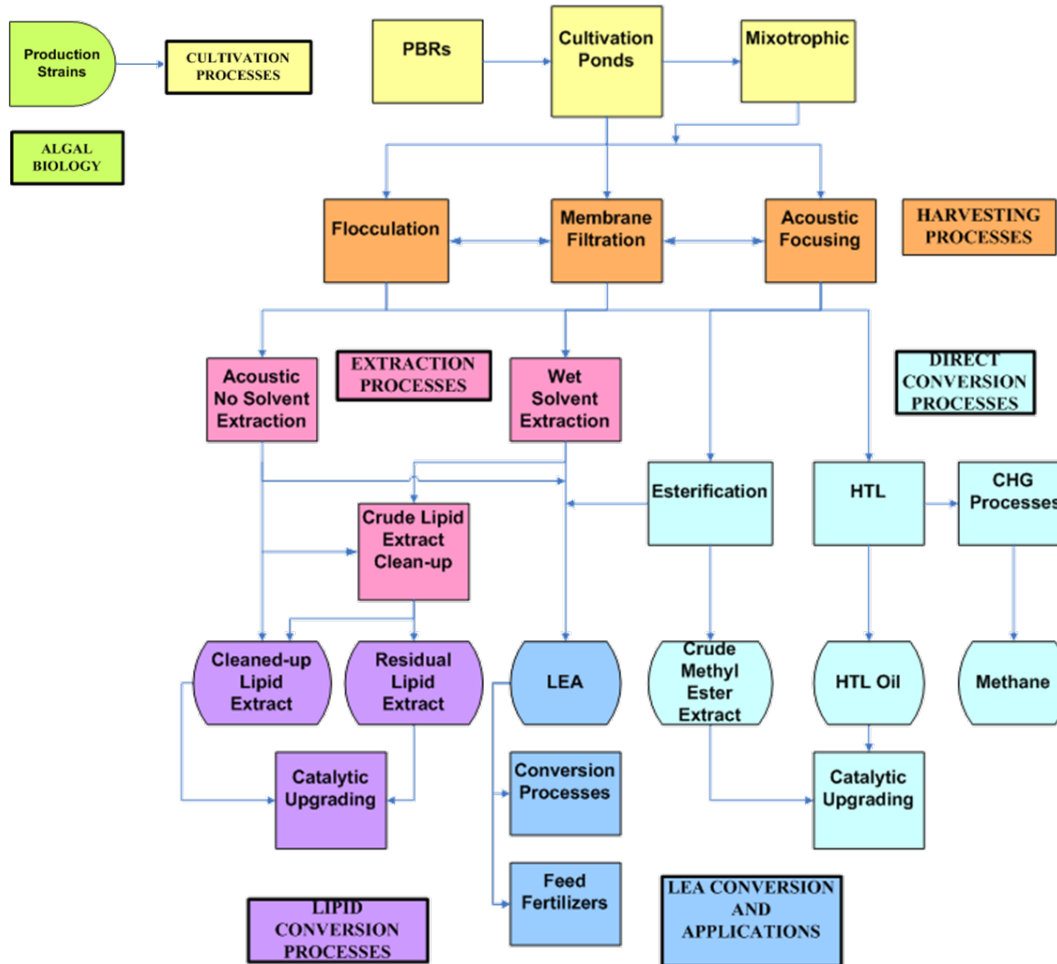
4-Critical Success Factors

NAABB developed a framework that laid out the goals and format of the consortium so that each member clearly understood their role



4-Critical Success Factors

From the Process Framework we developed a Cross Cutting Matrix to examine all the ties between the six research areas (Framework)

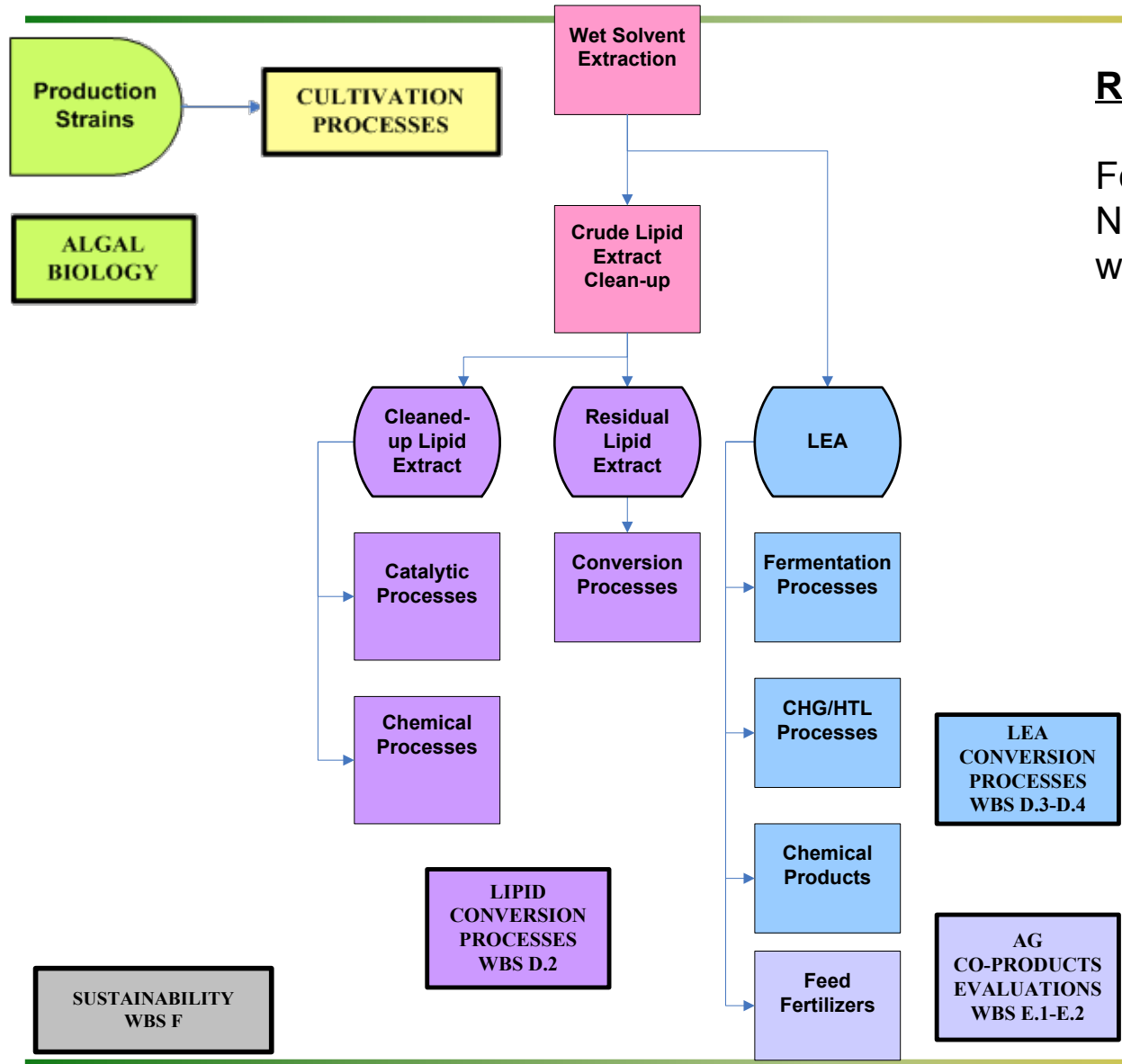


Role of Gap Analysis

Gap analysis of the matrix

- Allowed us to identify key cost drivers and how they impact technologies upstream and downstream
- We also learned where the consortium was missing key R&D elements

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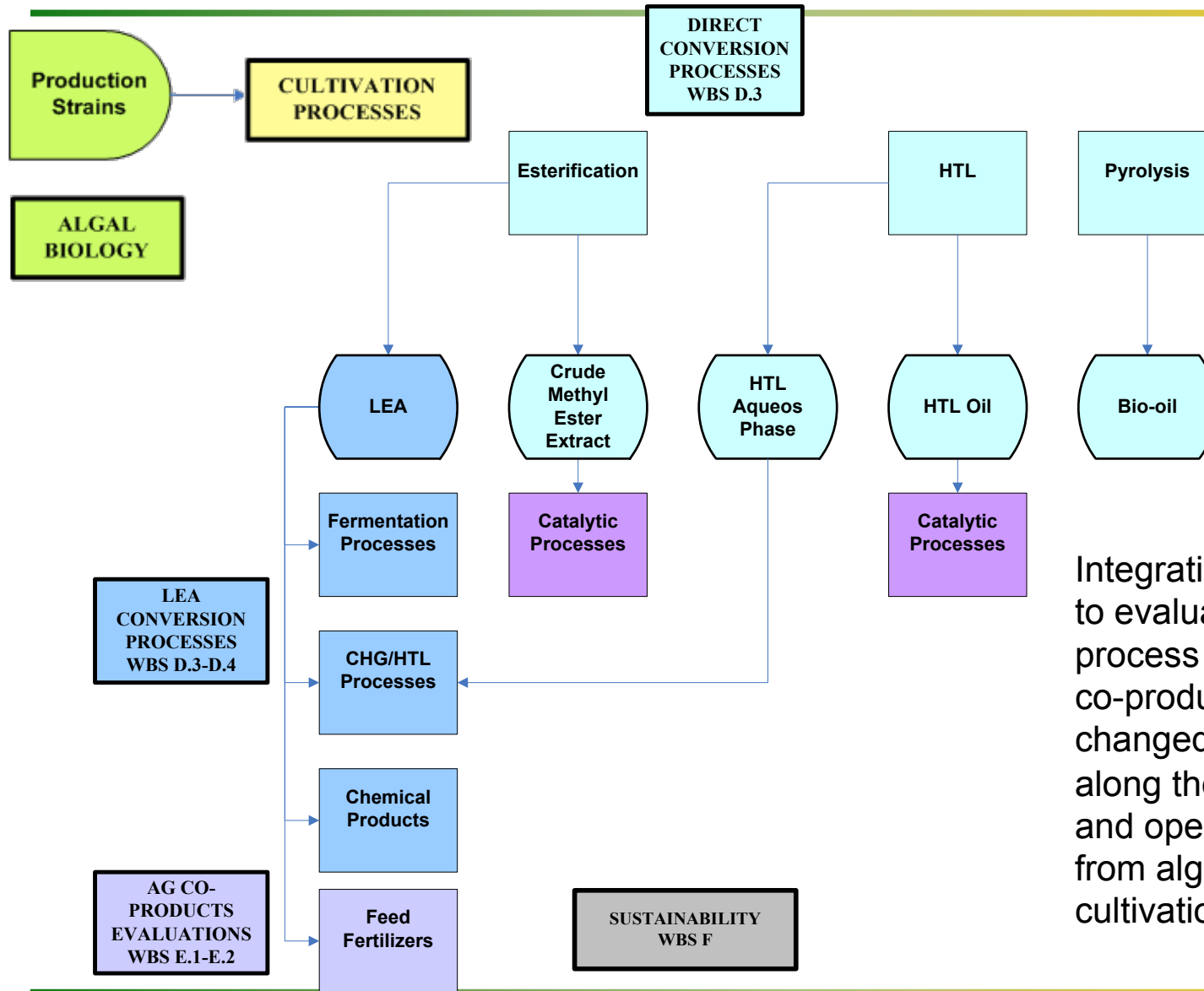


Role of Gap Analysis

For example, as we started NAABB, this is the model we were working toward...

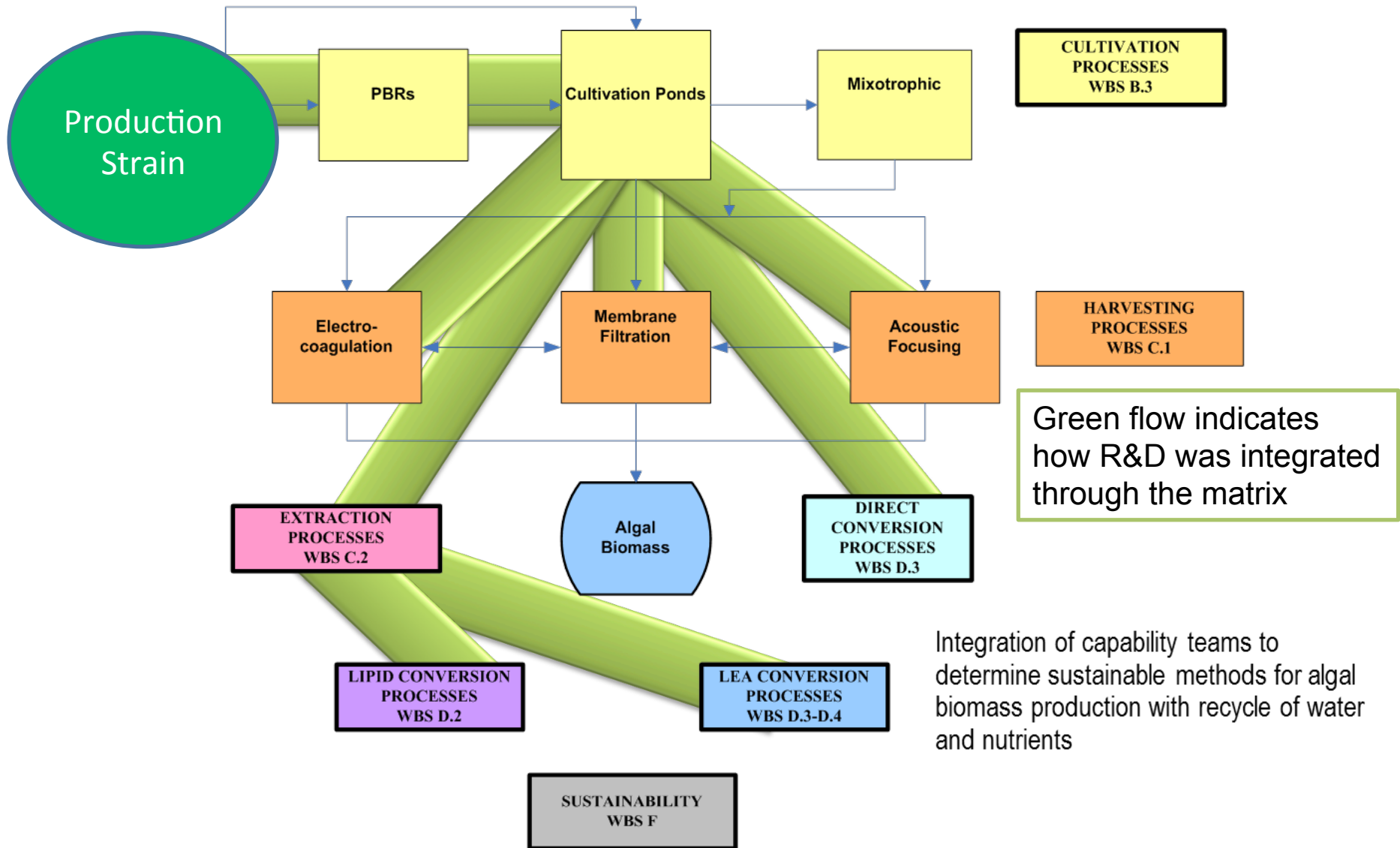
- Achieve high lipid efficiency
- Crude lipid extract clean-up proved too costly
- Through a gap analysis we added new technologies that combine extraction and conversion
- Similar analysis was done in the algal biology group to focus on traits and genes

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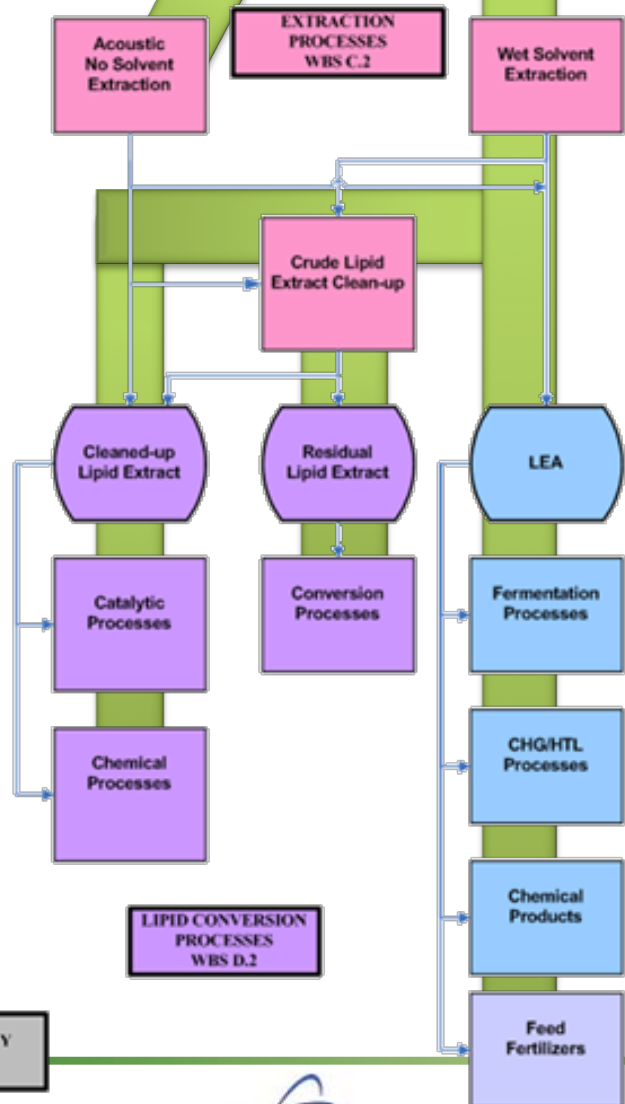
Integration of capability teams to evaluate alternative process pathways for fuels, co-products and nutrient changed the requirement along the entire value chain and opened up new options from algal biology through cultivation and harvesting

Cultivation/Harvesting/Water & Nutrient Recycling



Extraction/Lipid Clean-up and Conversion

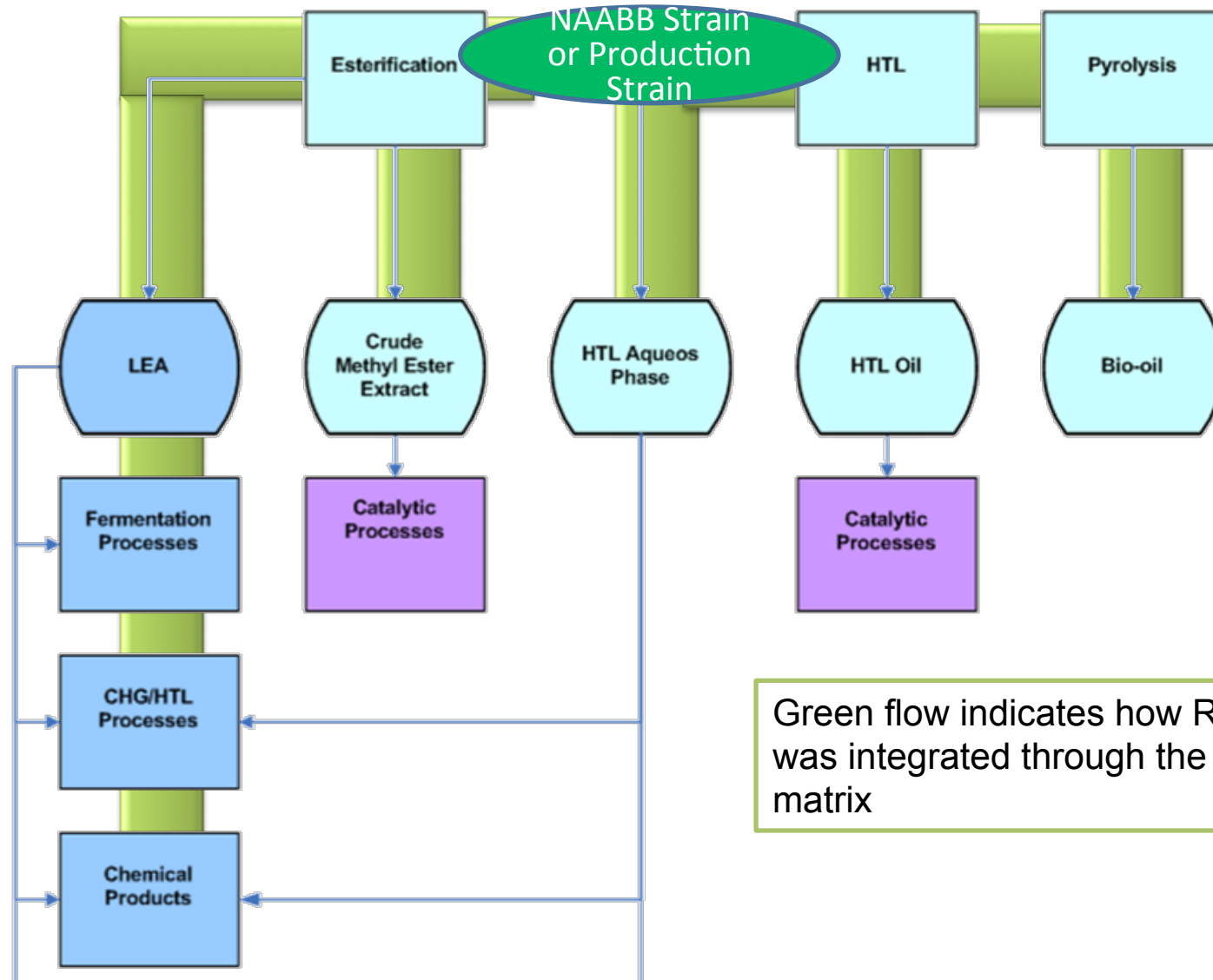
NAABB Strain or Production Strain



Integration of capability teams to determine methods for lipid, extraction and conversion of lipids/ LEA fractions to fuels and co-products and nutrient recycle

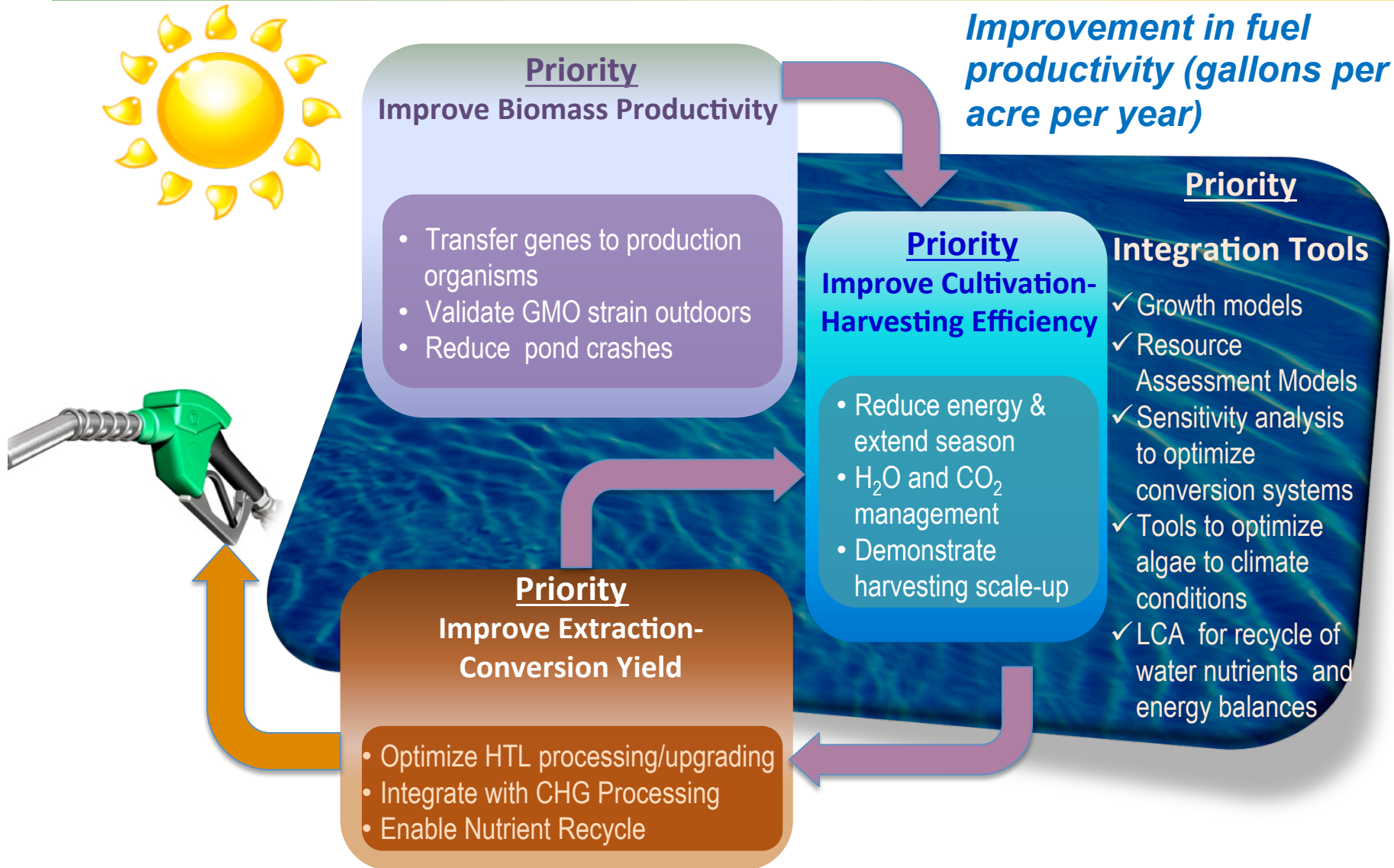
Green flow indicates how R&D was integrated through the matrix

Direction Conversion to Fuels & Co-products



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4-Critical Success Factors



5. Future Work



- **NAABB has successfully completed all of its DOE Milestones and Deliverables**
- **NAABB partners recently completed “wet research” portion**
- **Over the next 3 months we will continue to analyze data into the AISIM model and complete sustainability efforts**
- **The legacy of NAABB will be documented in our final report that detail improvements to the algal fuel enterprise**
 - A comprehensive evaluation of NAABB research
 - Aiming for a late summer public release
 - In addition:
 - Strains have been deposited in the UTEX library
 - NAABB partners are interacting with funding agencies and industry to carry forth the work initiated by EERE
 - Additional peer-reviewed publications (upstream, downstream and sustainability special topics in Algal Research)

Summary

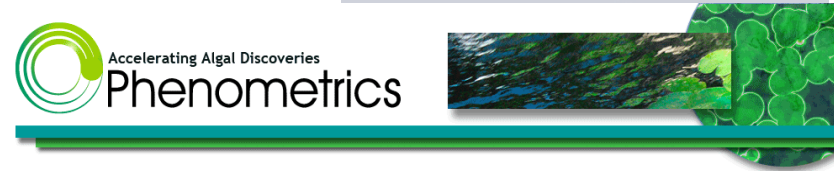
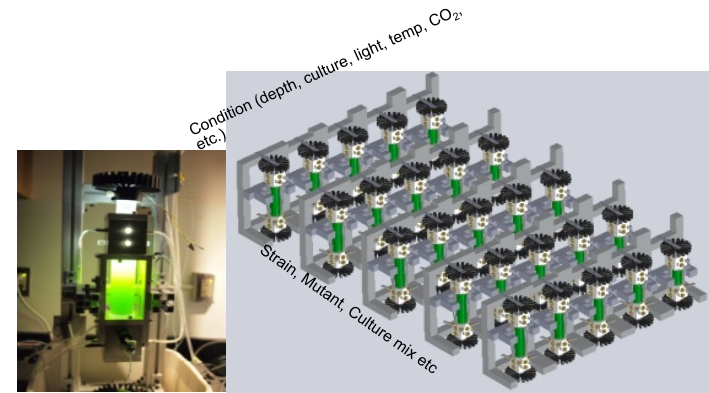


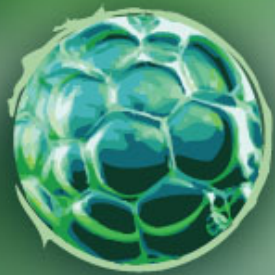
- **NAABB has expanded the state of technology for algal-based advanced fuels:**
 - Developed an algal biology tool box for new strain transformation
 - Demonstrated new strains in large outdoor ponds and have taken the material through the entire process
 - Validated the use of lower cost media and impaired water
 - Improved cultivation methods with improved heat management, CO₂ and low energy mixing
 - Demonstrated 3 innovative harvesting technologies at larger scale
 - Converted NAABB derived algae through to fuels that hit specs
 - Developed the most comprehensive data set available on ag-coproducts
 - Demonstrated strong cost savings by combining unit operations for extraction and cultivation
 - Completed 6 scenario models that carefully examine the algal enterprise
- **NAABB partners have demonstrated the value of doing work in a comprehensive consortium able to connect all aspects of the value chain**

NAABB Accomplishments (as of May 5, 2013)



- Over 150 presentations at national and international conferences
- >65 scientific publications
- Five theses
- New Journal: **ALGAL RESEARCH** (by Elsevier)
- New Conference Series: *International Conference on Algal Biomass, Biofuels and Bioproducts*
- Deposited 30 most productive algae strains into UTEX culture collection
- **33 Intellectual Property Disclosures**
 - Molecular biology tools – 10
 - Cultivation – 5
 - Harvesting and Extraction – 7
 - Fuel conversion – 8
 - Co-products and other – 3
- **New company: *Phenometrics***





3rd International Conference on Algal Biomass, Biofuels and Bioproducts

16 - 19 June, 2013 - The Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, Toronto, Canada

Supporting publication



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NABB Vision and Targets



The NAABB will develop technologies for cost-effective production of algal biomass and lipids, economically viable fuels and co-products, and provide a framework for a sustainable biofuels industry.

Process Economics Drivers

- < \$2.10 /gal of lipid
- Operating cost
 - \$0.40/gal processing cost (oil)
- Capital Cost (Industry benchmarks for oil)
 - \$1/annual gallon installed capacity (biodiesel)
 - \$2/annual gallon installed capacity (green diesel)

Productivity Targets

- >50% lipid content at harvest
- >20 g/m²/day productivity (open system)
- 5g dw/l yield (closed system)

Harvesting and Extraction Targets

- 5,000 gal/day processing for harvesting unit
- 15 gal/day lipid extraction capacity per unit

Co-product Targets

- LEA feed value \$250-1000 /ton

Sustainability

- Reduced CO₂ Emissions
- Water usage: less than 0.75 gal H₂O / gal fuel
- Nutrient recycle
- LEA: 90% recycle nutrients
- Energy required for conversion is 10% or less of energy in fuel
- Energy Return on Investment (>> 1)

How did we do?

The NAABB will develop technologies for cost-effective production of algal biomass and lipids, economically viable fuels and co-products, and provide a framework for a sustainable biofuels industry.

Process Economics Drive

- **Operating cost**
 - \$0.40/gal processing cost (oil)
- **Capital Cost (Industry benchmarks for oil)**
 - \$1/annual gallon installed capacity (biodiesel)
 - \$2/annual gallon installed capacity (green diesel)

\$6.03 (\$2.86 with reduction in CAPEX & OPEX)

\$27 total capital/annual gal for entire process (\$16 total capital/annual gal with reductions)

Capture 59-85% of carbon in usable form

\$1.6 total capital/annual gal for HTL extraction / conversion to crude

Productivity Targets

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15 g/m²/day open

demonstrated

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Thanks



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NAABB Agenda For Peer Review Meeting



Introduction to the NAABB Program and Team – José A. Olivares

1. Approach: The NAABB Framework – Dan Anderson

2. Technical Accomplishments/Progress/Results from NAABB

- UPSTREAM Technologies – *Dick Sayre*
 - Algal Biology and Cultivation
- DOWNSTREAM Technologies – *Kim Ogden*
 - Harvesting and Extraction; Conversion; Coproducts
- SUSTAINABILITY Efforts (TEA/LCA) – *James Richardson*
 - Algal Integrated Simulation Modeling System
 - Sustainability Scenarios

Summary – John Holladay

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