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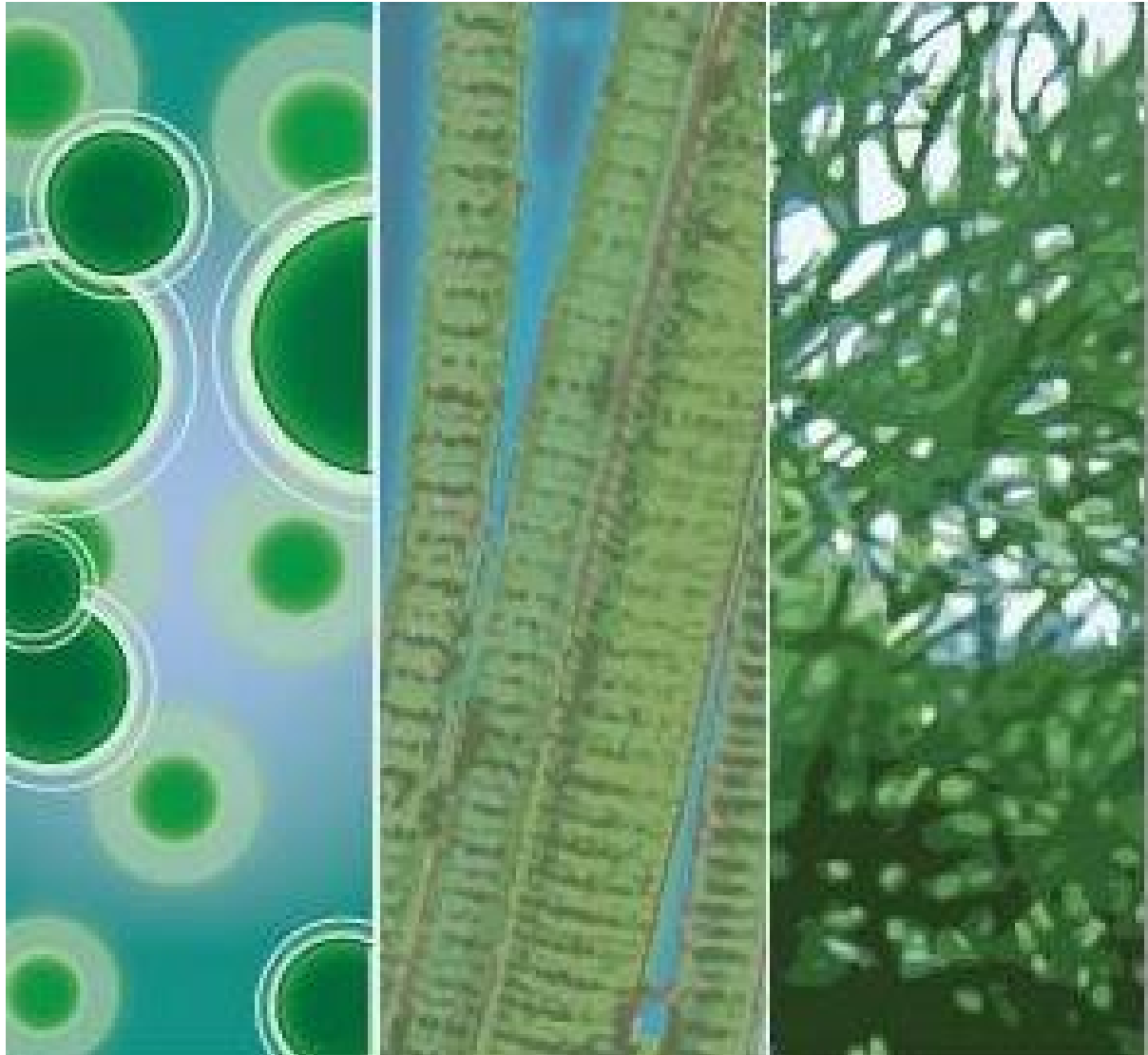
Advanced Algal Systems

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Advanced Algal Systems Overview



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**Cultivation System
Improvement**

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Detailed Agenda for Tuesday, March 9th

Day #1 Strain Development (1.3.1)

Time start (ET)	Time end (ET)	Duration (min)	Project/Task	Organization	Presenter	WBS	AOP/FOA
11:00 AM	11:15 AM	0:15	Session introduction and Strain development overview	BETO	Christy Sterner		
11:15 AM	11:40 AM	0:25	Functional characterization of cellular metabolism	LANL	Scott Twary	1.3.1.100	AOP
11:40 AM	12:05 PM	0:25	REAL HYPE: Respiration Engineering of Algal Losses for High Yields and Productivity Enhancement	SNL	Anne Ruffing	1.3.1.105	AOP
12:05 PM	12:30 PM	0:25	IGET: Informatics-based genetic tools for rapid enhancement of production strains	LANL	Blake Hovde	1.3.1.001	AOP
12:30 PM	12:55 PM	0:25	Multi-scale Characterization of Improved Algae Strains	LANL	Taraka Dale	1.3.1.120	AOP
12:55 PM	1:15 PM	0:20	Break				
1:15 PM	2:15 PM	1:00	Algae DISCOVER	PNNL, NREL, SNL, LANL, AzCATI	Michael Huesemann, Taraka Dale, Todd Lane, Lieve Laurens, John McGowen	1.3.1.501, 502, 503, 505	AOP
2:15 PM	2:30 PM	0:15	DISCOVER Q&A	PNNL, NREL, SNL, LANL, AzCATI	All	NA	AOP
2:30 PM	2:35 PM	0:05	Closing	BETO	Christy Sterner		
2:35 PM	3:05 PM	0:30	Comment Review Session				

Detailed Agenda for Wednesday, March 10th

Day #2 Strain Development (1.3.1) and Systems Integration (1.3.5)

Time start (ET)	Time end (ET)	Duration (min)	Project/Task	Organization	Presenter	WBS	AOP/FOA
11:00 AM	11:05 AM	0:05	Session introduction	BETO	Christy Sterner		
11:05 AM	11:30 AM	0:25	Algae Biotechnology Partnership	NREL	Mike Guarnieri	1.3.1.130	AOP
11:30 AM	11:55 AM	0:25	Genetic blueprint of microalgae carbon productivity	LBNL	Igor Grigoriev Shawn Starkenburg	1.3.1.110 1.3.1.111	AOP
11:55 AM	12:20 PM	0:25	Algal Translational Genomics	LANL	Shawn Starkenburg	1.3.1.600	AOP
12:20 PM	12:25 PM	0:05	Systems integration overview	BETO	Christy Sterner		
12:25 PM	12:50 PM	0:25	Life Cycle Analysis	ANL	Troy Hawkins	1.3.5.204	AOP
12:50 PM	1:10 PM	0:20	Break				
1:10 PM	1:35 PM	0:25	Marine Algae Industrialization Consortium (MAGIC): Combining Biofuels and High-value Bioproducts to Meet RFS	Duke University	Zackary Johnson	1.3.5.310	FY15 - TABB
1:35 PM	2:00 PM	0:25	Rewiring Algal Carbon Energetics for Renewables	NREL	Lieve Laurens	1.3.5.270	FY16 - ABY2
2:00 PM	2:25 PM	0:25	Integrated Low Cost and High Yield Microalgal Biofuel Intermediates Production	MicroBio Engineering	John Benemann	1.3.5.243	FY16 - ABY2
2:25 PM	2:50 PM	0:25	Algae Cultivation from Flue Gas with High CO2 Utilization Efficiency	Global Algae Innovations	Dave Hazlebeck	1.3.5.610	FY18 - ECUAS
2:50 PM	2:55 PM	0:05	Closing	BETO	Christy Sterner		
2:55 PM	3:25 PM	0:30	Comment Review Session				

Detailed Agenda for Thursday, March 11th

Day #3 Systems Integration (1.3.5)

Time start (ET)	Time end (ET)	Duration (min)	Project/Task	Organization	Presenter	WBS	AOP/FOA
11:00 AM	11:05 AM	0:05	Session introduction		TBD		
11:05 AM	11:30 AM	0:25	Innovations in Algae Cultivations	Global Algae Innovations	Dave Hazlebeck	1.3.5.284	FY19 - CIPA
11:30 AM	11:55 AM	0:25	Optimizing Selection Pressures and Pest Management to Maximize Algal Biomass Yield	The New Mexico Consortium	Alina Corcoran	1.3.5.280	FY19 - CIPA
11:55 AM	12:20 PM	0:25	Improving the Productivity and Performance of Large-Scale Integrated Algal Systems for Wastewater Treatment and Biofuel Production	University of Illinois	Lance Schideman	1.3.5.286	FY19 - CIPA
12:20 PM	12:45 PM	0:25	Algal Productivity Enhancements by Rapid Screening and Selection of Improved Biomass and Lipid Producing Phototrophs (APEX)	Colorado School of Mines	Matt Posewitz	1.3.5.282	FY19 - CIPA
12:45 PM	1:05 PM	0:20	Break				
1:05 PM	1:30 PM	0:25	Decision-Model Supported Algal Cultivation Process Enhancement	Arizona State University	John A. McGowen	1.3.5.287	FY19 - CIPA
1:30 PM	1:55 PM	0:25	Algae Technology Educational Consortium	NREL	Cindy Gerk	1.3.5.201	AOP
1:55 PM	2:20 PM	0:25	Microalgae Analysis	PNNL	Mark Wigmosta	1.3.5.203	AOP
2:20 PM	2:25 PM	0:05	Closing		Christy Sterner		
2:25 PM	2:55 PM	0:30	Comment Review Session				

Detailed Agenda for Monday, March 22nd

Day 4 Cultivation System Improvement (1.3.2)

Start (ET)	End (ET)	Duration (min)	Project/Task	Organization	Presenter	WBS	AOP/FOA
11:00 AM	11:15 AM	0:15	Session introduction and Cultivation System Improvement introduction	BETO	Christy Sterner		
11:15 AM	11:40 AM	0:25	Success Through Synergy: Increasing Cultivation Yield and Stability with Rationally Designed Consortia.	LANL	Shawn Starkenburg	1.3.2.610 1.3.2.641	FY17 - PEAK
11:40 AM	12:05 PM	0:25	High-Throughput Directed Evolution of Marine Microalgae and Phototrophic Consortia for Improved Biomass Yields	Colorado School of Mines	Matthew Posewitz	1.3.2.640	FY17 - PEAK
12:05 PM	12:30 PM	0:25	SOFAST: Streamlined Optimization of Filamentous Arthrospira / Spirulina Traits	Lumen Bioscience	Rachelle Lim	1.3.2.601	FY17 - PEAK
12:30 PM	12:55 PM	0:25	Developing Advanced Genetic and Synthetic Biology Tools for Improved Algae Productivity	University of California San Diego	Stephen Mayfield	1.3.2.650	FY17 - PEAK
12:55 PM	1:15 PM	0:20	Break				
1:15 PM	1:40 PM	0:25	Microbiome engineering of Desmodesmus to alleviate carbon limitation	LLNL	Xavier Mayali	1.3.2.652	FY17 - PEAK
1:40 PM	2:05 PM	0:25	A comprehensive strategy for stable, high productivity cultivation of microalgae with controllable biomass composition	University of Toledo	Sridhar Viamajala	1.3.2.651	FY17 - PEAK
2:05 PM	2:30 PM	0:25	Prevention of low productivity periods in large-scale microalgae cultivation	Global Algae Innovations	Aga Pinowska	1.3.2.630	FY17 - PEAK
2:30 PM	2:55 PM	0:25	Protective bacteria in algal ponds: inducible protection to maximize response	LLNL	Rhona Stuart	1.3.2.002 1.3.2.003	AOP
2:55 PM	3:00 PM	0:05	Closing	BETO	Christy Sterner		
3:00 PM	3:30 PM	0:30	Comment Review Session				

Detailed Agenda for Tuesday, March 23rd

Day 5 Cultivation System Improvement (1.3.2)

Start (ET)	End (ET)	Duration (min)	Project/Task	Organization	Presenter	WBS	AOP/FOA
11:00 AM	11:05 AM	0:05	Session Introduction	BETO	Christy Sterner		
11:05 AM	11:30 AM	0:25	Chytrid Control Advancing Algal Targets (ChytCAAT)	LLNL	Ty Samo	1.3.2.040	AOP
11:30 AM	11:55 AM	0:25	Membrane Carbonation for 100% Efficient Delivery of Industrial CO2 Gases	Arizona State University	Bruce Rittmann	1.3.2.430	FY18 - ECUAS
11:55 AM	12:20 PM	0:25	Enhanced Algal Production of CA for Improved Atmospheric Deliver of CO2 to Ponds	J. Craig Venter Institute	Andrew E. Allen	1.3.2.402	FY18 - ECUAS
12:20 PM	12:45 PM	0:25	Carbon Utilization Efficiency in Marine Algae Biofuel Production Systems Through Loss Minimization and Carbonate Chemistry Modification	Duke University	Zackary Johnson	1.3.2.440	FY18 - ECUAS
12:45 PM	1:05 PM	0:20	Break				
1:05 PM	1:30 PM	0:25	Integrating an Industrial Source and Commercial Algae Farm with Innovative CO2 Transfer Membrane and Improved Strain Technologies	Colorado State University	Ken Reardon	1.3.2.400	FY18 - ECUAS
1:30 PM	1:55 PM	0:25	Multi-pronged Approach of Improved Biological and Physicochemical Systems to Improving Carbon Utilization by Cyanobacterial Cultures	Arizona State University	Wim Vermaas	1.3.2.410	FY18 - ECUAS
1:55 PM	2:20 PM	0:25	Air Carbon for Algae Production - AirCAP	MicroBio Engineering	John Benemann	1.3.2.600	FY18 - ECUAS
2:20 PM	2:45 PM	0:25	Direct Air Capture of CO2 and Delivery to Photobioreactors for Algal Biofuel Production	Georgia Institute of Technology	Christopher W. Jones	1.3.2.620	FY18 - ECUAS
2:45 PM	3:10 PM	0:25	Attached Periphytic Algae Production and Analysis	SNL	Ryan W. Davis	1.3.2.130	AOP
3:10 PM	3:15 PM	0:05	Closing	BETO	Christy Sterner		
3:15 PM	3:45 PM	0:30	Comment Review Session				

Detailed Agenda for Wednesday, March 24th

Day 6 Cultivation System Improvement (1.3.2), Logistics (1.3.3), and Conversion Interface (1.3.4)

Start (ET)	End (ET)	Duration (min)	Project/Task	Organization	Presenter	WBS	AOP/FOA
11:00 AM	11:05 AM	0:05	Session introduction	BETO	Christy Sterner		
11:05 AM	11:30 AM	0:25	Algal Biomass Composition	NREL	Lieve Laurens	1.3.2.001	AOP
11:30 AM	11:55 AM	0:25	LEAF: Leveraging Algae Traits for Fuels	SNL	Amanda Barry	1.3.2.043	AOP
11:55 AM	12:00 PM	0:05	Logistics R&D overview	BETO	Christy Sterner		
12:00 PM	12:25 PM	0:25	Algal Feedstocks Logistics and Handling	INL	Brad Wahlen	1.3.3.100	AOP
12:25 PM	12:30 PM	0:05	Conversion interface overview	BETO	Christy Sterner		
12:30 PM	12:55 PM	0:25	Cyanobacteria Photosynthetic Energy Platform	NREL	Jianping Yu	1.3.4.301	AOP
12:55 PM	1:15 PM	0:20	Break				
1:15 PM	1:40 PM	0:25	Thermochemical Interface	PNNL	Dan Anderson	1.3.4.101	AOP
1:40 PM	2:05 PM	0:25	HTL Model Development	PNNL	Lesley Snowden-Swan	1.3.5.202	AOP
2:05 PM	2:30 PM	0:25	Algal biofuels techno-economic analysis	NREL	Ryan Davis	1.3.5.200	AOP
2:30 PM	2:55 PM	0:25	Bioconversion of Algal Carbohydrates and Proteins to Fuels	SNL	Ryan W. Davis	1.3.4.200	AOP
2:55 PM	3:20 PM	0:25	CAP Process Research	NREL	Jacob Kruger	1.3.4.201	AOP
3:20 PM	3:25 PM	0:05	Closing	BETO	Christy Sterner		
3:25 PM	3:55 PM	0:30	Comment Review Session				

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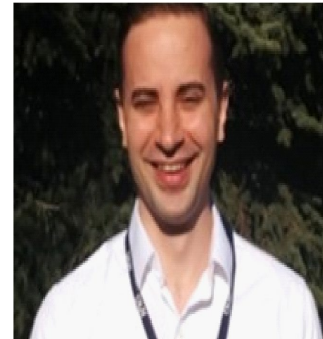
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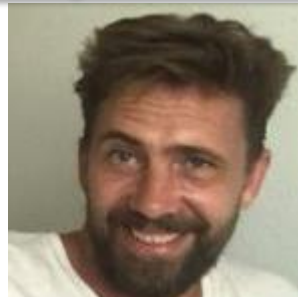
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Why Algae?

Productivity 4 times as dense as corn.
Biofuel yield 8-13 times larger. Can grow
on brackish and saline water.



Corn

Productivity: 4.22 tons/acre;
Conversion quality: 77 GGE/ton
Fuel yield: 326 GGE/ton



Algae

Productivity: 20 (current)- 33 (potential)
tons/acre;
Conversion Quality: 85-120 GGE/ton,;
Fuel yield potential: 2,837- 4,000
GGE/acre

45 acres of cultivation on marginal land in
Imperial, Texas, with water drawn from a
hyper-saline aquifer. Photo: Qualitas

Convert carbon emissions
into market opportunities



Demonstration testing of direct flue gas
injection into a filamentous algae open
system operated by the Orlando Utilities
Commission at the Stanton Energy Center
and MicroBio Engineering Inc. Photo by
MicroBio Engineering Inc. Funding by
Office of Fossil Energy.

Improve nitrogen and
phosphorous recovery from
point and dilute sources



Near term ecosystem services
Credit: Clearas Water Recovery

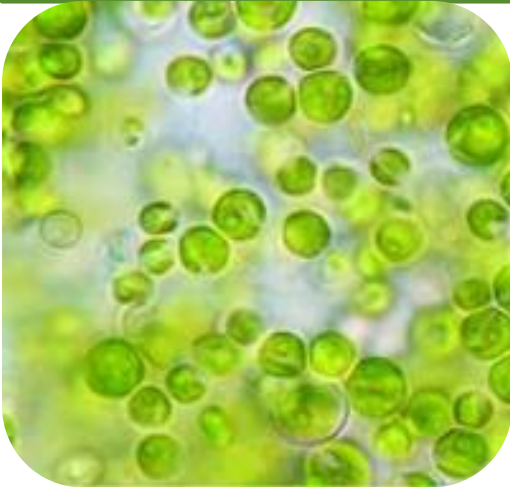


900 foot algae turf scrubber cleaning
impaired water in California
Credits SNL

Societal Challenges Algae Can Help Solve

Today

Better manage carbon, nitrogen, and other resources.



Algae coupled with DAC can capture 1 gigaton of CO₂ a year using marginal lands equivalent to 15% the area of corn.

15 years

Fly a total of 6.9 billion passengers. 3.1 billion more than today.



Algae can produce 16% of U.S. jet fuel needs using marginal lands equivalent to 3% of the area of corn.

30 years

Feed a world population that is estimated to reach more than 9 billion people.



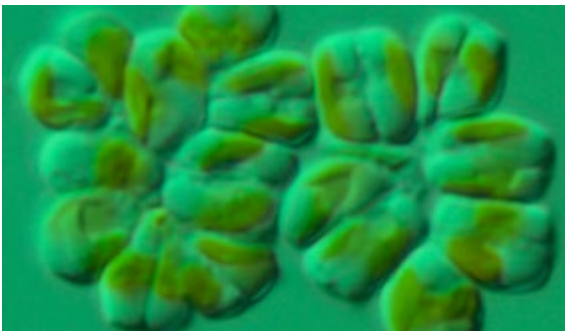
Algae grown on marginal lands equivalent to 2% of the area of soy can yield 17 million more tons of protein.

Advanced Algal Systems Program

Strategic Goal: *Develop technologies that enable production of environmentally sustainable algal feedstocks that perform reliably in conversion processes to yield renewable fuel blendstocks, as well as bioproducts and chemical intermediates. Developing algal feedstocks and processes to achieve BETO's goals requires technology breakthroughs along the entire algal supply chain.*

Priorities:

- Develop biology and culture management approaches to increase algal productivity.
- Develop low-cost, scalable cultivation and harvesting systems *that reduce costs and impacts* by minimizing the use of energy, water, land, and nutrients.
- Perform integrative analysis to evaluate impacts on overall yield and identify critical barriers to developments in biology, cultivation, and processing.
- Investigate high-value co-products that can be produced along with biofuels.



Verify laboratory improvements outdoors at increasing scales

Major Goals: FY2021 - FY2030

By 2021, develop strain improvement toolkits and technologies that enable algae biomass compositions in environmental simulation cultivation conditions that represent an energy content and convertibility of 80 GGE of biofuel per AFDW ton of algae biomass.

By 2023, develop technologies that enable mature modeled algae yields of 30 tons ash-free dry weight algae biomass per acre per year with conversion yields of 80 GGE per ton of biomass.

By 2025, increase the summer seasonal areal productivity to 25 grams per square meter per day ($\text{g}/\text{m}^2/\text{d}$) from the 2018 benchmark of $13.3 \text{ g}/\text{m}^2/\text{d}$.

By 2030, deliver technologies that enable the verification of integrated systems research at engineering scale for hydrocarbon biofuel technologies at mature modeled MFSP of \$2.50/GGE.

Ruth Spierling from MicroBio Engineering taking samples from outdoor test raceway ponds at a wastewater treatment plant in San Luis Obispo.



Phenometrics ePBRs which allow researchers to simulate outdoor conditions in the laboratory.

National Potential for Affordable & Sustainable Algae Biofuels

BETO uses modeling to provide **process design and economic analysis support** for the algae platform to **guide R&D priorities** to commercialization and to **track progress** toward goals through state of technology (SOT) updates

Modeling annual future productivities of 25g/m²/day

Over 7 million acres of land with suitable CO₂ access that satisfy land and water sustainability criteria

100-270 MM tons per year biomass;
Over 5 billion gallons of fuel

Biomass cost averages
\$472/ton (freshwater) to \$655/ton (saline)

National fuel targets can be delivered at
<\$2.50/gge when co-produced with high-value commodities like polyurethanes

Pathways achieve 50% GHG reduction



Qualitas Health Inc.; Imperial, TX, Farm



Harvested biomass; Harmon Consulting

ANL, NREL, and PNNL. 2017 Algae Harmonization Study: Evaluating the Potential for Future Algal Biofuel Costs, Sustainability, and Resource Assessment from Harmonized Modeling. Golden, CO: National

State of Technology Studies Track R&D Progress

State of technology updates rely on BETO funded **standard, rigorous, and objective long term cultivation trials** to provide a realistic assessment of the state of technology for algal based biofuels.

Current annual avg productivity: >18g/m²/day

Summer productivity: 31 g/m²/day

57% improvement in annual average productivity over past 2 years

27% decrease in MBSP over past two years
2021 projection at \$560/ton on way to
2030 target (\$488/ton)



Algae cultivation; Arizona Center for Algae Technology and Innovation



Data from DISCOVER Presentation –
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AAS – Strategy, Approach: Program Structure

Advanced Algal Systems R&D

Strain Development

Develop stable algal strains that:

- Are highly productive
- Produce high yields of fuels and products
- Are robust against environmental perturbations

Cultivation System Improvement

Improve cultivation systems through:

- Understanding and managing the microbial community
- Optimization of cultivation system design and management
- Crop protection

Logistics

Reduce costs and improve efficiencies of:

- Algae harvesting
- Processing
- Stabilization and transport

Conversion Interface

Examine integration of feedstock production and preprocessing and conversion technologies, such as:

- Lipid extraction
- Fermentations
- HTL
- Co-products

Systems Integration

Conduct experiments in outdoor test environments and verify improvements through analysis

Program Structure: Strain Development 1.3.1

Advanced Algal
Systems R&D

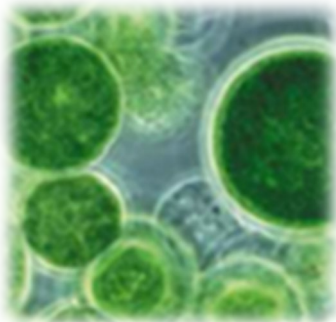
Strain
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Cultivation System
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Logistics

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Systems
Integration



Develop stable algal strains that:

- Produce high yields of fuels and products
- Highly productive
- Robust against environmental perturbations

Program Structure: Cultivation System Improvements 1.3.2

Advanced Algal Systems R&D

Strain Development

Cultivation System Improvement

Logistics

Conversion Interface

Systems Integration



Improve cultivation systems through:

- Understanding and managing the microbial community
- Optimization of cultivation systems and design management
- Crop protection

Program Structure: Logistics 1.3.3

Advanced Algal Systems R&D

Strain Development

Cultivation System Improvement

Logistics

Conversion Interface

Systems Integration

Reduce costs and improve efficiencies of:

- Algae harvesting
- Processing
- Stabilization and transport



Program Structure: Conversion Interface 1.3.4

Advanced Algal Systems R&D

Strain Development

Cultivation System Improvement

Logistics

Conversion Interface

Systems Integration

Examine the integration of feedstock production and preprocessing and conversion technologies, such as:

- Lipid extraction
- Fermentations
- Hydrothermal liquefaction
- Co-products development



UC San Diego



Photo courtesy of PNNL

Program Structure: Systems Integration 1.3.5

Advanced Algal Systems R&D

Strain Development

Cultivation System Improvement

Logistics

Conversion Interface

Systems Integration



Conduct experiments in outdoor test environments, as part of an iterative development process, and verify improvements through analysis projects

National Laboratory Core R&D

- The Program funds **foundational research & development** through its national laboratory partners.
- This funding aligns with national laboratory **core competencies**.
- Labs **collaborate** heavily within this core portfolio, as well as with competitive funding recipients.
- **Novel concepts** can be initiated easily within the “seed” program for minimal initial investment.



Advanced Biology

Algae Cultivation

Conversion Interface

Resource Assessment

Techno-economics

Logistics

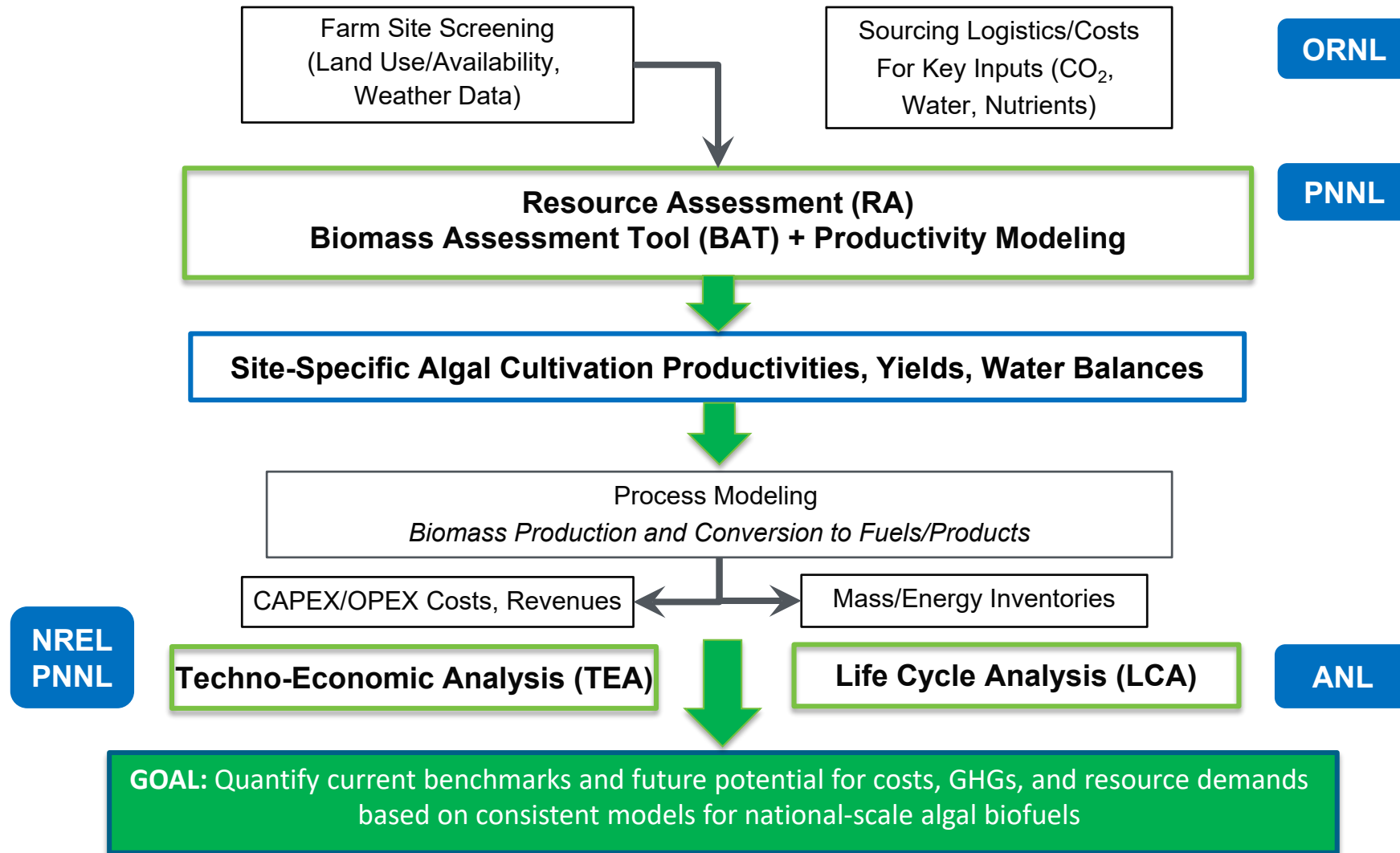
National Laboratory Core R&D

Annual Operating Plans

- EERE is committed to funding multi-year project plans
- Plans include Go/No-go decisions in 12-18 month period
- Reviewed externally on a 3-year cycle project cycle
- Reviewed and approved by BETO annually



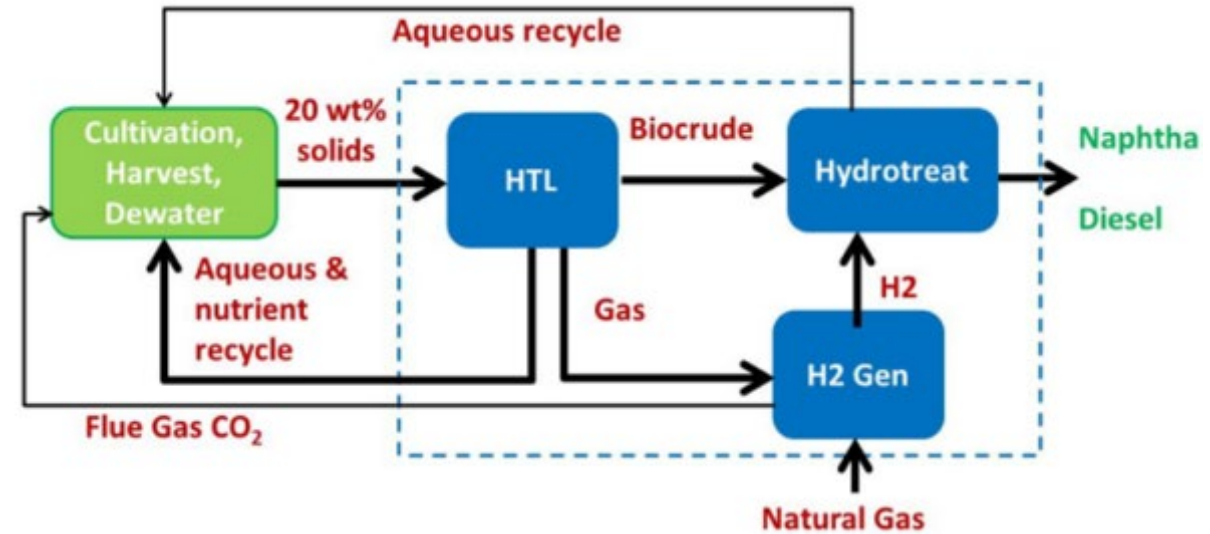
National Laboratory: Harmonization Collaboration



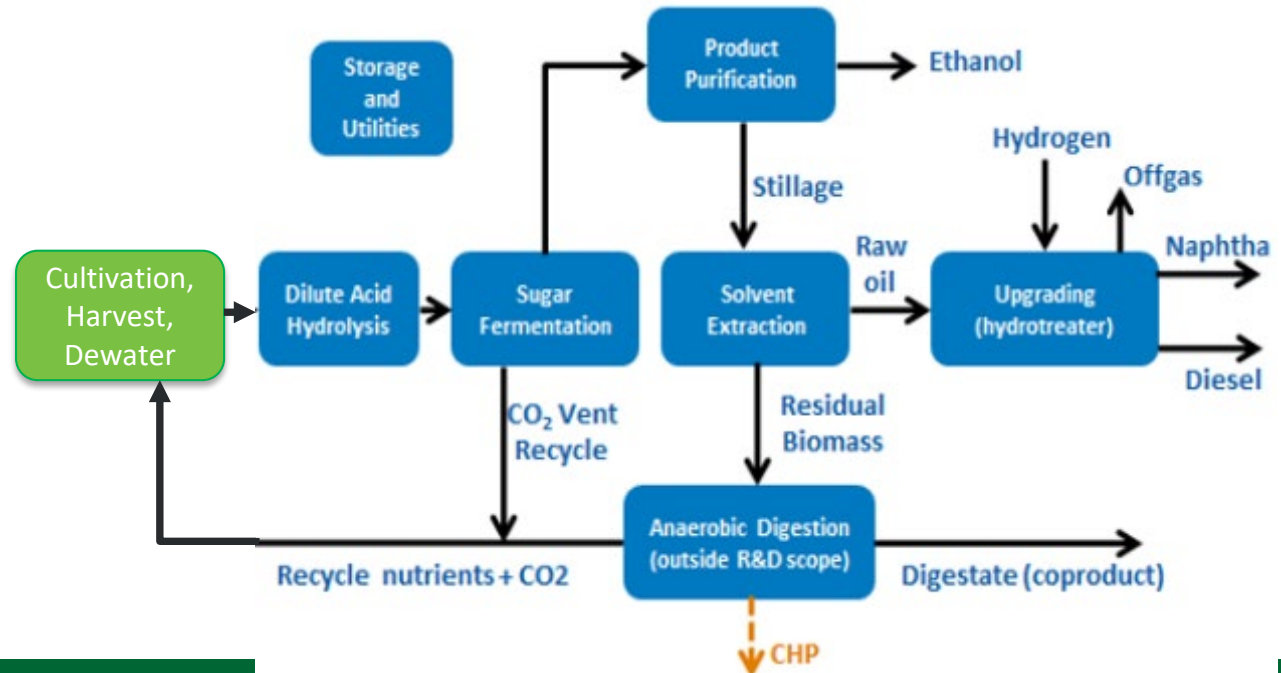
National Laboratory Conversion Analysis

Two representative pathways:

1. Hydrothermal Liquefaction



2. Combined Algae Processing



National Laboratory: Strain Characterization and Improvement

Characterization of Productivity and Robustness

DISCOVER

Genome Sequencing, Functional 'Omics, Metabolic Mapping

Algal Translational Genomics
(Formerly Greenhouse)

Genetic Blueprint of
Microalgae
Carbon Productivity

Strain Improvement: Genetic Modification & Non-GM Strategies

Algae
Biotechnology
Partnership

Functional
Characterization
of Cellular
Metabolism

Multi-scale
Characterization
of Improved
Algae Strains

Robust
Genome
Engineering
Tools for the
Algal Research
Community

GOAL: Deliver deeply characterized and improved strains, with accompanying data and tools, to stakeholders including industry, academics, and other BETO projects (e.g., BioFoundry)

Competitive Funding

- The Program **annually** supplements Core R&D with open and **competitive** funding through EERE Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs)
- Relatively **large awards** encourage **partnership** within the algal biofuels community
- Multi-year project work allows for research during **multiple growing seasons**
- This funding allows for robust **outdoor validations** at commercially-relevant scales

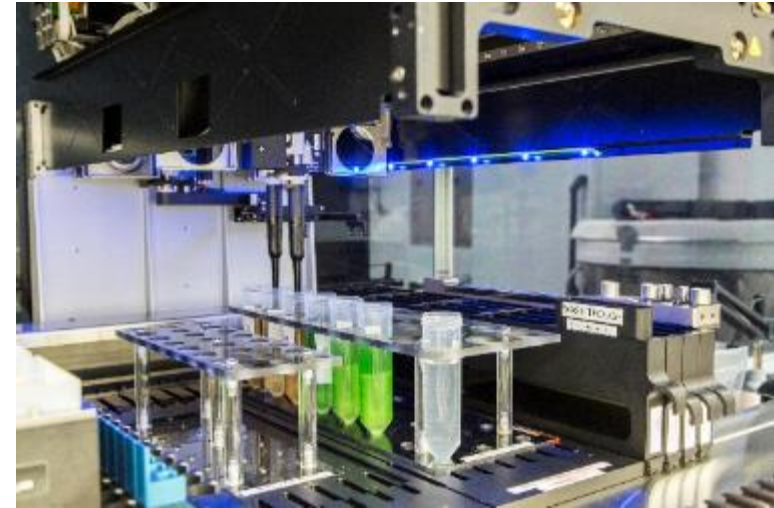
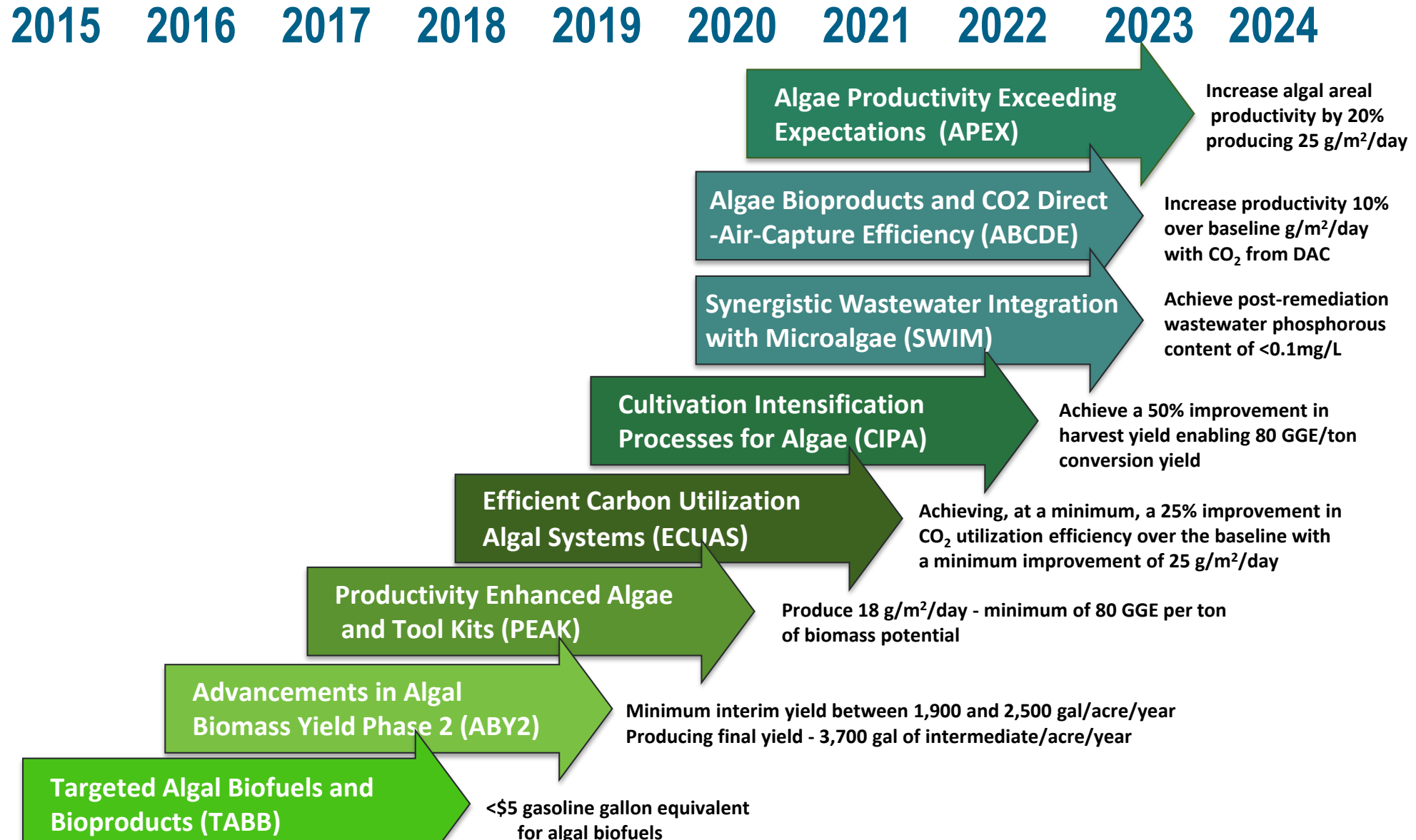


Photo courtesy Global Algae Innovations



University of Arizona's RAFT testbed in Tucson, AZ

Funding Opportunity Announcements



National Laboratory Targeted Algal Biofuels and Bioproducts (TABB)

Date: FY2015

- Selections announced July 2015

Goals:

- Enable a modeled minimum fuel selling price, assuming mature technologies, of less than \$5 gasoline gallon equivalent for algal biofuels through creation of valuable products and higher feedstock yields by 2019.

Selections:

- Producing Algae and Co-Products for Energy (PACE), Colorado School of Mines led consortium
- Marine Algae Industrialization Consortium (MAGIC), Duke University led consortium
- Global Algae Innovations, Inc.
- Arizona State University
- University of California San Diego
- Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory



GAI's 33-acre algae facility in Kauai with CO₂ supplied from off-gas of adjacent power plant



Advancements in Algal Biomass Yield, Phase 2 (ABY 2)

Date: FY2016

- Selections announced July 2016, alternate announced 2017

Goals:

- Continue to advance yield improvements, building upon successes of ABY1, to a goal of 3,700 gallons of biofuel intermediate per acre per year by 2020.

Selections:

- Global Algae Innovations Inc.
- Algenol Biotech LLC,
- MicroBio Engineering, Inc.
- NREL



GAI's Zobi harvester (above) and effluent streams (below)



Productivity Enhanced Algae and Toolkits (PEAK)

Date: FY2017

- Selections announced July 2017, alternates September 2017

Goals:

- Deliver high-impact tools and techniques for increasing algae productivity in order to reduce the costs of producing algal biofuels and bioproducts

Selections:

- Lumen Bioscience
- Global Algae Innovations
- Los Alamos National Laboratory
- Colorado School of Mines
- University of California San Diego
- University of Toledo
- Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory



Efficient Carbon Utilization in Algal Systems (ECUAS)

Date: FY2018

- Selections announced September 2018

Goals:

- Improve efficiency of carbon utilization and productivity of algal systems through improving uptake and conversion of waste CO2 emissions—such as from a power plant or industrial facilities—or through the development of new, affordable technologies to capture CO2 directly from ambient air to enhance algal growth

Selections:

- Colorado State University (TA1)
- Arizona State University (TA1)
- Global Algae Innovations (TA1)
- Arizona University (TA1)
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Cultivation Intensification Processes Algae (CIPA)

Date: FY2019

- Selections announced September 2019

Goals:

- Develop technologies for outdoor algae systems that increase the harvest yield, reliability and quality of algae

Selections:

- Global Algae Innovations
- New Mexico Consortium
- Colorado School of Mines
- University of Illinois
- Arizona State University



Algae Bioproducts and CO₂ Direct-Air-Capture Efficiency (ABCDE)

Date: FY2020

- Selections announced July 2020

Goals:

- Improve algal feedstock quality for algae grown using CO₂ captured from the air (i.e., DAC). Successful projects will capture CO₂ from the air, grow high quality algal biomass suitable for conversion to fuels and products, and develop fuels and/or products made from the algae biomass.

Selections:



Synergistic Wastewater Integration with Microalgae (SWIM)

Date: FY2020

- Selections announced July 2020

Goals:

- Develop technologies and operational strategies that, if commercialized, can reduce the energy intensity of removing pollutants in wastewater treatment operations while also producing algal biomass that can be converted into bioenergy, biofuels, and/or bioproducts

Selections:



Algae Productivity Exceeding Expectations (APEX)

Goals: to develop and test strain and cultivation technologies that advance the state-of-the-art for algal areal productivity, and biomass quality achievable in industrially relevant cultivation systems.

Topic Area 1

- Improvements in productivity with traditional carbon dioxide (CO₂) supply

Topic Area 2

- Improvements in productivity with Direct Air Capture (DAC) of CO₂ from ambient air

Concept papers were due on February 3, 2021

Full Applications are due on April 7, 2021

2021 Peer Review Projects

Total projects being reviewed: 52

Strain development: 12

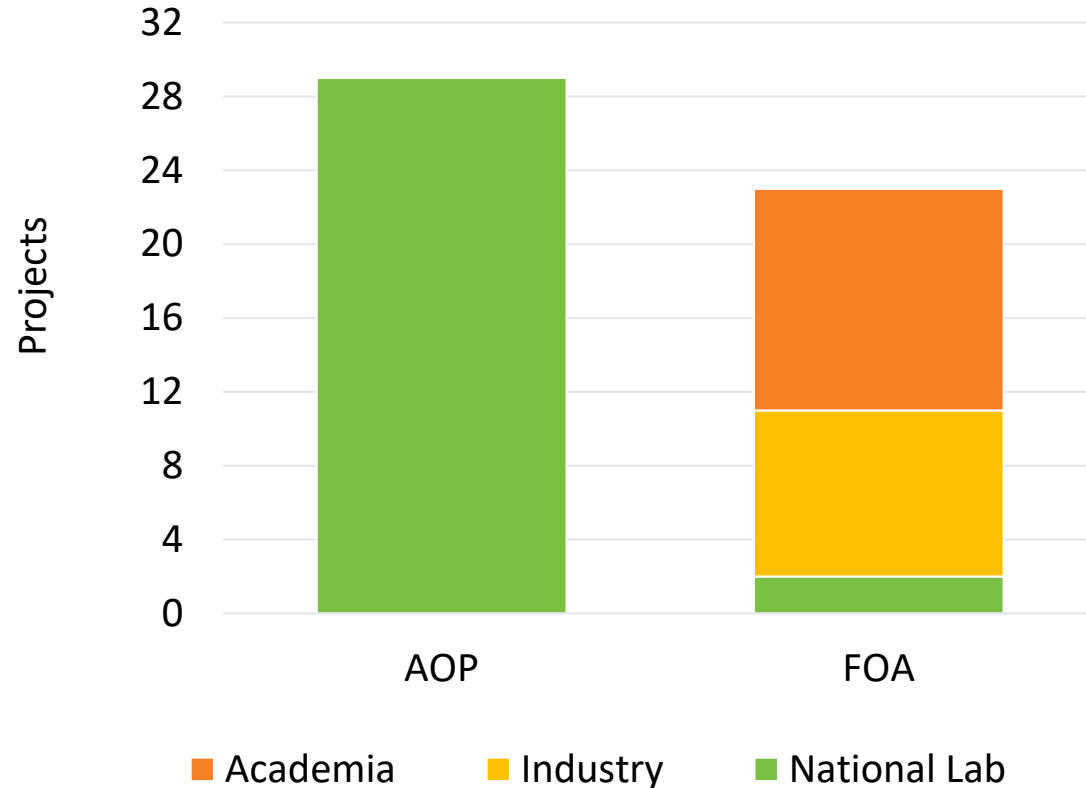
Cultivation system improvements: 20

Logistics R&D: 1

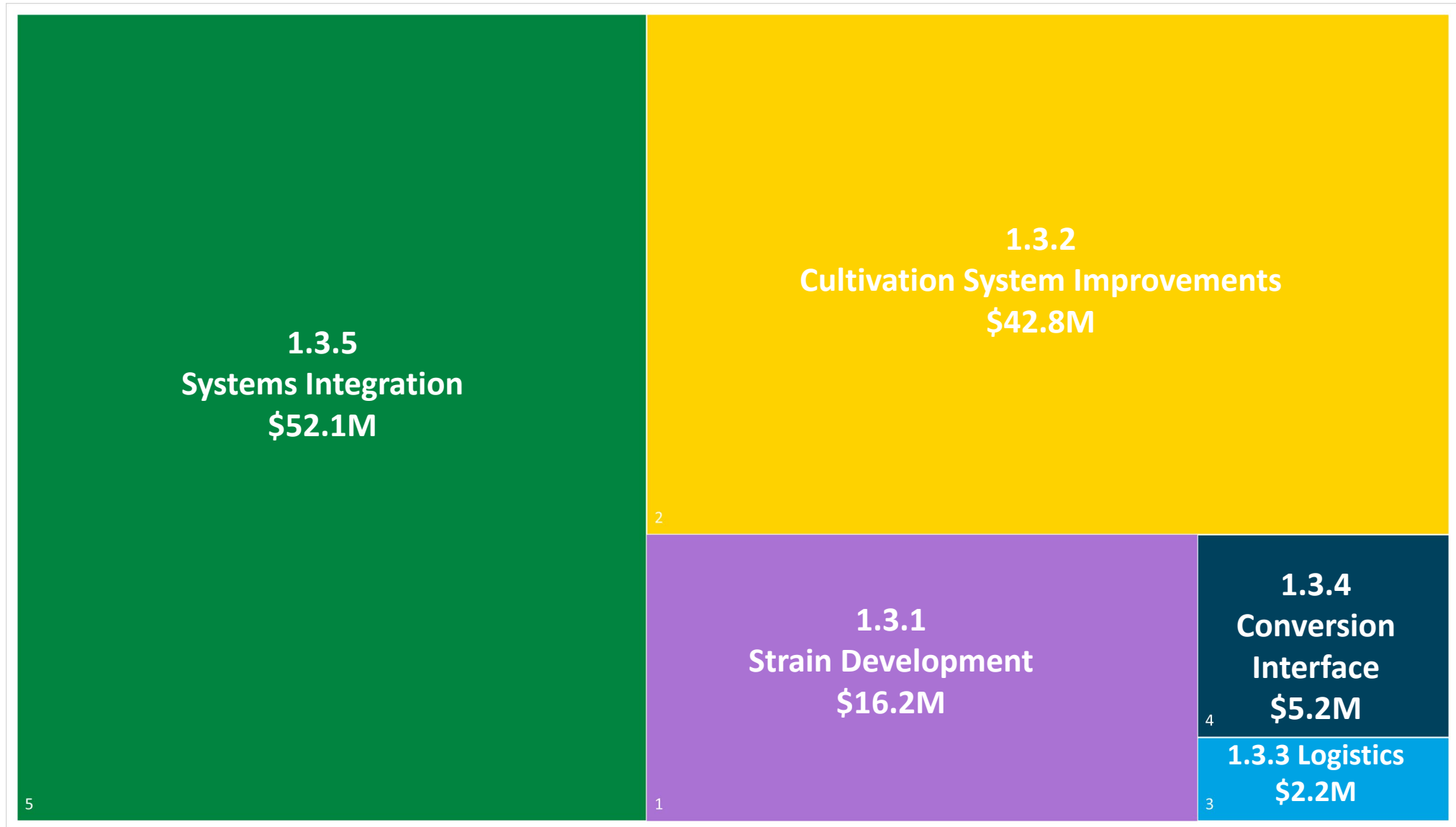
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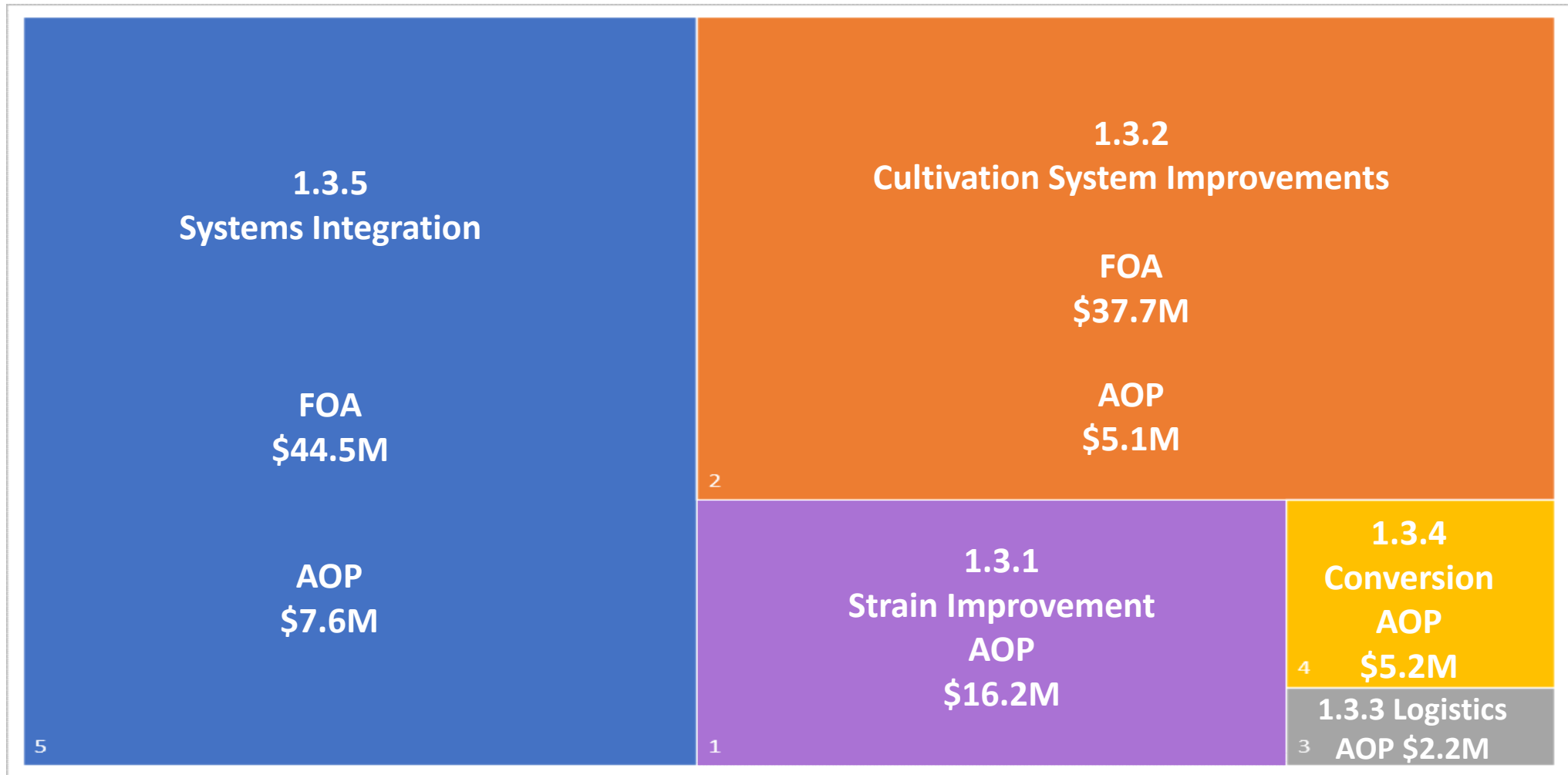
Funding type and prime recipient



FY18 – FY20 Algae R&D Funding by WBS



FY18 – FY20 Algae R&D Funding by Type



Total Competitive Funding: \$82.3M

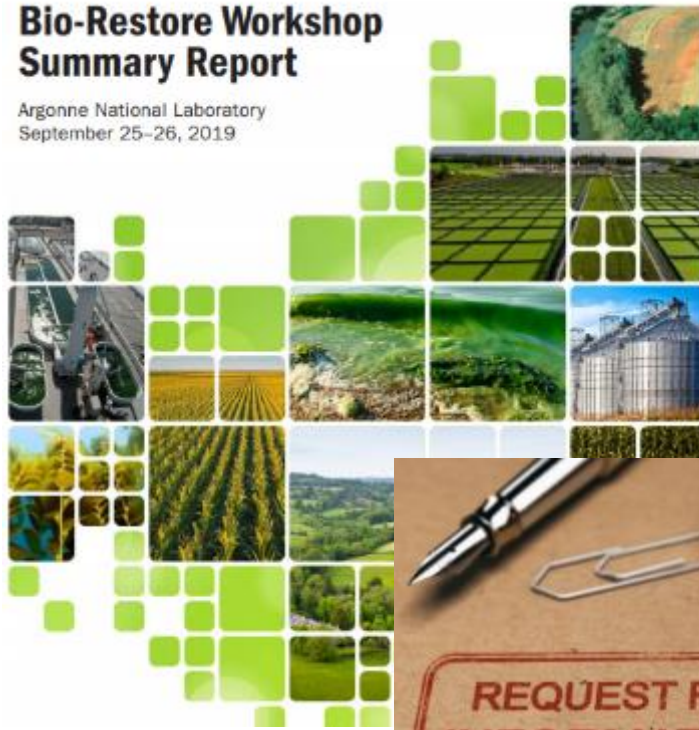
Total National Lab Direct Funding: \$36.3 M

Examples of Stakeholder Engagement



Bio-Restore Workshop Summary Report

Argonne National Laboratory
September 25-26, 2019



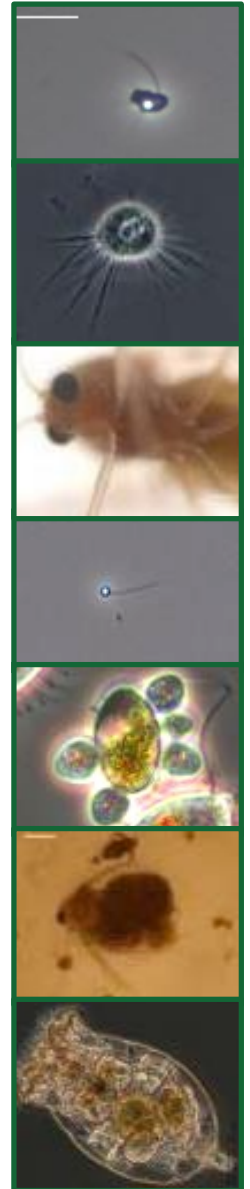
Algae Inter/Intra- Agency Collaboration

- **Algae Interagency Working Group**
 - Membership: NOAA, EPA, NSF, FDA, USDA, and DOE's ARPA-E, FE, and SC
 - Published a federal framework on Algae Research and Regulatory Oversight
- **OSTP's *National Strategic Plan for Federal Aquaculture Research 2020-2024***
 - BETO leading development of the Emerging Areas section on Algae.
 - Focusing on intentionally cultivated cyanobacteria, microalgae, and macroalgae in terrestrial and marine systems; mitigation and reporting of unintentionally cultivated harmful algal blooms
- **Algae Genome Science Partnership**
 - Collaboration: BETO, BER, JGI, and LANL
 - Collecting and disseminating genomics data on a diverse collection of industrially-, environmentally-, evolutionarily-relevant algal strains



Barriers to Scale: Algae Crop Protection Workshop

- AAS is seeking stakeholder input on crop protection, a significant barrier to scaling the algae industry
- Register for free now! Event will be virtual, April 20-21, 2021
- Keynote, Panel Presentations + Q&A, Breakout Sessions, Networking
- Day 1, 11:00 – 4:30 (ET)
 - Keynote Presentation – Barry Goldman, Pluton Biosciences
 - Session #1 – Current State of Crop Protection
 - Session #2 – Alternative Crop Protection Approaches to Chemicals and Pesticides
- Day 2, 11:00 – 4:30 (ET)
 - Session #3 – Pest Models: Understanding Pest Life Cycles and Infection Mechanisms
 - Session #4 – Current and Future Pest Monitoring Practices
 - Session #5 – Developing Scalable, Economic, and Consumer- Accepted Pest Management Practices



Advanced Algal Systems Investment in CCU and Partnership with FE

The algae industry is an early DAC and flue gas capture adopter.

BETO has **partnered with FE on carbon utilization** algae efforts to investigate both flue gas capture and direct air capture (DAC) to reduce delivered CO₂ costs and provide added value.

Selection of FOA awards that include carbon utilization from a point source and direct air capture

2015

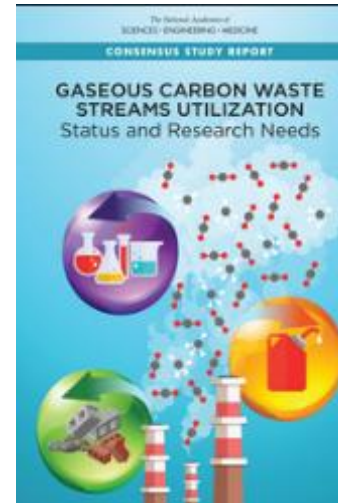


2017

ECUAS Topic language developed with input from FE

45Q includes algae as a CCU technology

2018



2017-2019

ABCDE Scoping on FOA discussed with FE
FE reviewer
FE Federal Consensus Board

The IRS released a new set of regulations for the Section 45Q tax code that can award a federal investment tax credit of up to \$35 per ton for carbon utilization with algae.

2020

AAS Progress – Active Management

- Verification Process
 - Verify metrics (baseline, mid-, and end)
 - Alignment with FOA
- Go/No Go Decision Points
 - Established in ALL projects, every 12-18 months minimum
- Weekly to Monthly Project Calls
 - Project specific
 - Includes meeting with boards, etc.
- Site Visits
- Participation in Strategy/Planning Efforts
- Lab Calls
- Stakeholder Engagement

DISCOVER – Enhancing Productivity

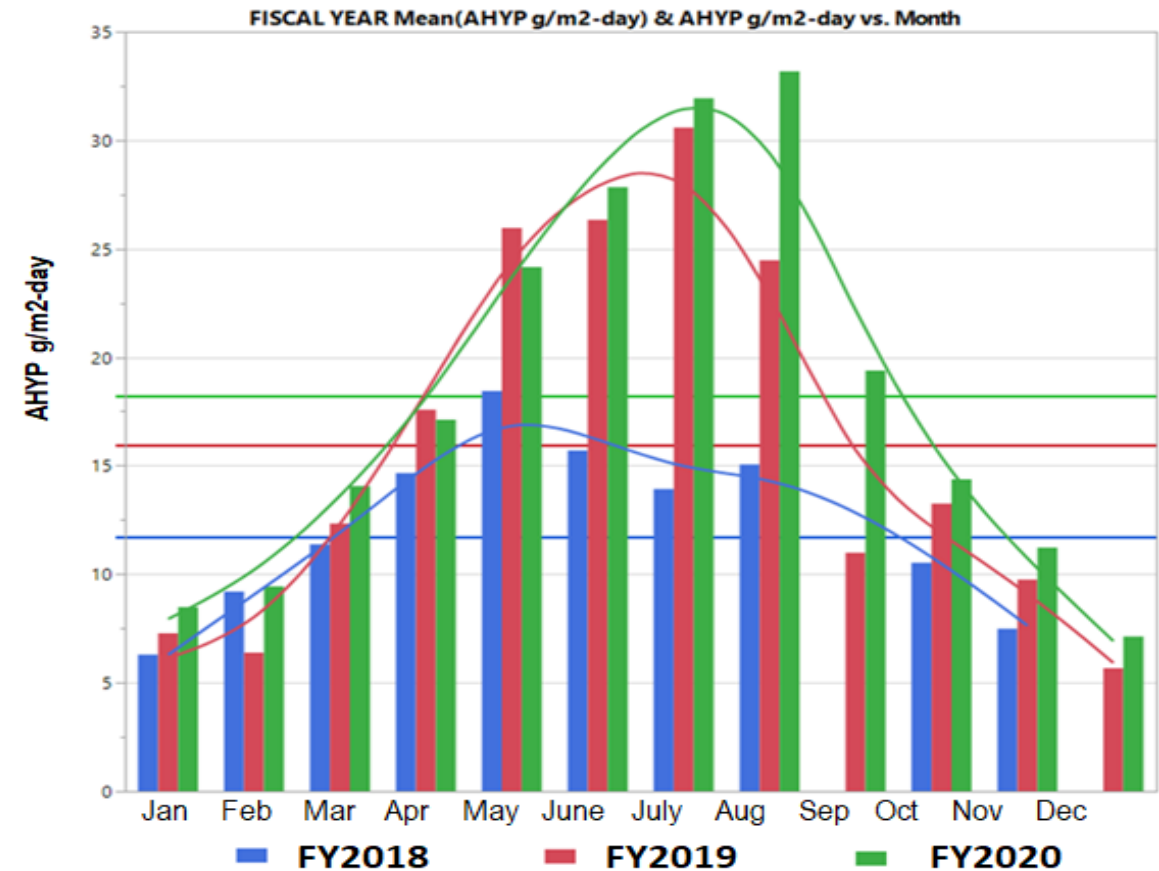
- Developing **high-performance** algae strains
- Developing **high-throughput** environmental testing of strains
- Developing **biological and culture management approaches** to unlock algal biomass-productivity potential



ASU AZCATI mini ponds in Mesa, AZ used for DISCOVER Consortium SOT data

- 2020: ~353 days of continuous culture
- 2019: 328 days of continuous culture
- 2018: 265 days of continuous culture
- ~\$2M in DOE investment

FY20 State of Technology



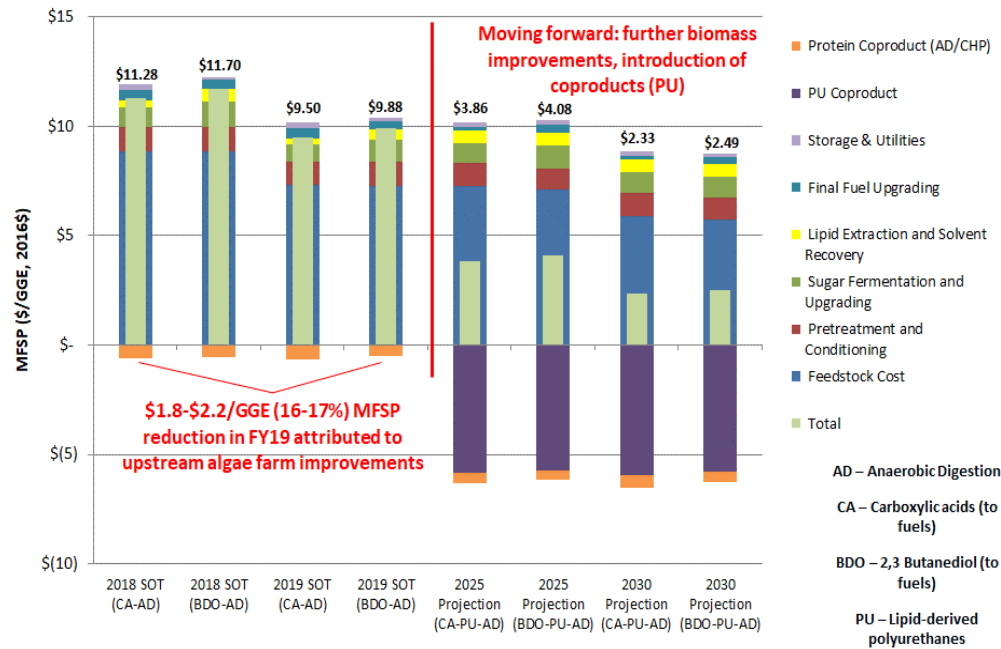
Products from Algae



NIPU foam samples made from algae.
Photo credit: NREL



A flip flop prototype made by Algenesis in their UCSD laboratory. Photo credit: Daniel Fishman



Key Accomplishments



- Direct air capture supports 20-30 g/m²/d for \$8/ton CO₂
- Open raceway contamination control with 99.95% reduction in area and cost for inoculum
- Zobi harvester produces up to 20% algae slurry and crystal clear permeate using 0.05 kWh/m³



Zobi Harvester at Qualitas Facility; picture courtesy of Global Algae



- Fall 2020 (FY21) formal SOT seasonal average was 19.3 g/m²/day compared to 15.0 g/m²/day for Fall 2019 (FY20), **an increase of 28.7%**.
- Demonstrated improvement of greater than 20% in simulated AZ summer season biomass productivity of *P. celeris*

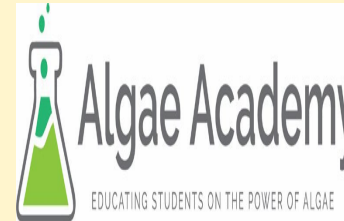


Scenedesmus cultivation; Arizona Center for Algae Technology and Innovation

Key Accomplishments



31% higher outdoor productivity by an improved *Scenedesmus obliquus* vs. wild type.



Covid-19 Pivot
Conversion of Algae Academy (K-12) to online; for 2020-2021 more than 250 schools and 35,000 students to be served; conversion of college face to face courses to online lectures and intensive face to face laboratories



- New isolate *Tribonema minus* monoculture had higher productivity than a native polyculture (prior leading producer). *T. minus* is filamentous; harvested by screens.
- In g/m²/d annual average: **17.1** *Tribonema*, **13.3** polyculture, vs. **9.1** BETO 2016 SOT.



Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs): MOOC #1 Introduction to Algae > 16,500 enrollees. MOOC #2 Introduction to Algae Biotechnology > 500 enrolled (3 weeks on Coursera.org platform)



Established partnership with the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and its 760,000 members to introduce algae as a crop and STEM curricula

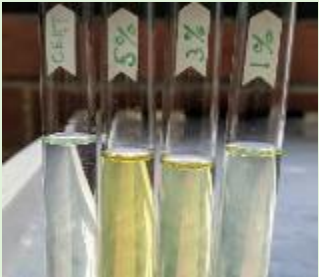
Key Accomplishments



Producing Algae for Coproducts and Energy Algal Biofuel from Field to Engine



Reliance Industries Ltd. Algal Ponds – largest raceway ~1 km. Average annual productivities during PACE project ~23 g/m²/d



Biocrude produced by RIL was hydrotreated at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (*Anderson Laboratory*) but NOT fractionated. Blended up to 5% with certification diesel.



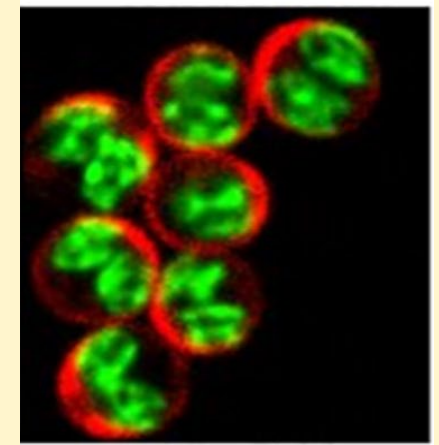
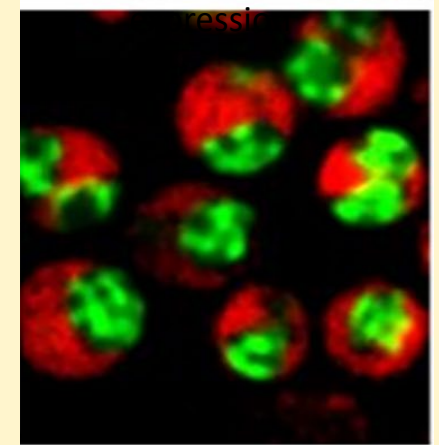
Diesel Engine Testing at Colorado State University (Marchese Laboratory). Undistilled, hydrotreated HTP fuel produced from algal biomass can be blended to 5% without negatively affecting engine performance. Higher levels not yet tested.



Algae Biotechnology Partnership

- *Picochlorum renovo* is a robust algae strain with high growth rate, salinity, and temperature tolerance
- Strain isolation, genome sequencing, transformation tools developed through DOE funded projects
- Genome analysis identified native signal peptides
- Robust protein secretion tools are now being applied to other projects in the portfolio

Intracellular mCherry fluorescent protein



Secreted mCherry fluorescent protein

Future Direction

Strategic Goal

Develop technologies that enable production of environmentally sustainable algal feedstocks that perform reliably in conversion processes to yield renewable fuel blendstocks, as well as bioproducts and chemical intermediates. Developing algal feedstocks and processes to achieve BETO's goals requires technology breakthroughs along the entire algal supply chain.

Outyear Milestones

By 2021, develop strain improvement toolkits and technologies that enable algae biomass compositions in environmental simulation cultivation conditions that represent an energy content and convertibility of 80 GGE of biofuel per AFDW ton of algae biomass.

By 2023, develop technologies that enable mature modeled algae yields of 30 tons ash-free dry weight algae biomass per acre per year with conversion yields of 80 GGE per ton of biomass.

By 2025, increase the summer seasonal areal productivity to 25 grams per square meter per day ($\text{g}/\text{m}^2/\text{d}$) from the 2018 benchmark of $13.3 \text{ g}/\text{m}^2/\text{d}$.

By 2030, deliver technologies that enable the verification of integrated systems research at engineering scale for hydrocarbon biofuel technologies at mature modeled MFSP of \$2.50/GGE.



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11:15 AM	11:40 AM	0:25	Functional characterization of cellular metabolism	LANL	Scott Twary	1.3.1.100	AOP
11:40 AM	12:05 PM	0:25	REAL HYPE: Respiration Engineering of Algal Losses for High Yields and Productivity Enhancement	SNL	Anne Ruffing	1.3.1.105	AOP
12:05 PM	12:30 PM	0:25	IGET: Informatics-based genetic tools for rapid enhancement of production strains	LANL	Blake Hovde	1.3.1.001	AOP
12:30 PM	12:55 PM	0:25	Multi-scale Characterization of Improved Algae Strains	LANL	Taraka Dale	1.3.1.120	AOP
12:55 PM	1:15 PM	0:20	Break				
1:15 PM	2:15 PM	1:00	Algae DISCOVER	PNNL, NREL, SNL, LANL, AzCATI	Michael Huesemann, Taraka Dale, Todd Lane, Lieve Laurens, John McGowen	1.3.1.501, 502, 503, 505	AOP
2:15 PM	2:30 PM	0:15	DISCOVER Q&A	PNNL, NREL, SNL, LANL, AzCATI	All	NA	AOP
2:30 PM	2:35 PM	0:05	Closing	BETO	Christy Sterner		
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Program Structure: Strain Development WBS 1.3.1

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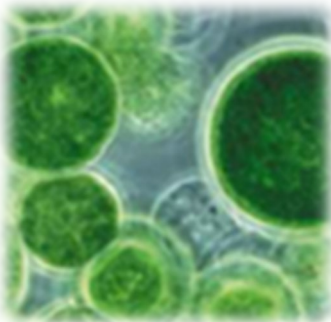
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1:35 PM	2:00 PM	0:25	Rewiring Algal Carbon Energetics for Renewables	NREL	Lieve Laurens	1.3.5.270	FY16 - ABY2
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Program Structure: Strain Improvements WBS 1.3.1

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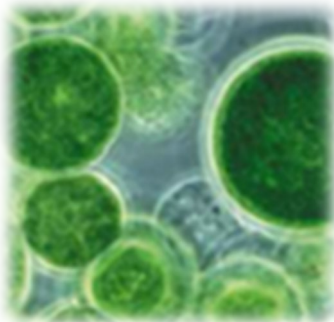
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Conduct experiments in outdoor test environments, as part of an iterative development process, and verify improvements through analysis projects

Targeted Algal Biofuels and Bioproducts (TABB)

Date: FY2015

- Selections announced July 2015

Goals:

- Enable a modeled minimum fuel selling price, assuming mature technologies, of less than \$5 gasoline gallon equivalent for algal biofuels through creation of valuable products and higher feedstock yields by 2019.

Selections:

- Producing Algae and Co-Products for Energy (PACE), Colorado School of Mines led consortium
- **Marine Algae Industrialization Consortium (MAGIC), Duke University led consortium**
- Global Algae Innovations, Inc.
- Arizona State University
- University of California San Diego
- Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory



GAI's 33-acre algae facility in Kauai with CO₂ supplied from off-gas of adjacent power plant



Advancements in Algal Biomass Yield Phase 2 (ABY2)

Date: FY2016

- Selections announced July 2016, alternate announced 2017

Goals:

- Continue to advance yield improvements, building upon successes of ABY1, to a goal of 3,700 gallons of biofuel intermediate per acre per year by 2020.

Selections:

- Global Algae Innovations Inc.
- Algenol Biotech LLC,
- **MicroBio Engineering, Inc.**
- **NREL**



GAI's Zobi harvester (above) and effluent streams (below)



Efficient Carbon Utilization in Algal Systems (ECUAS)

Date: FY2018

- Selections announced September 2018

Goals:

- Improve efficiency of carbon utilization and productivity of algal systems through improving uptake and conversion of waste CO2 emissions—such as from a power plant or industrial facilities—or through the development of new, affordable technologies to capture CO2 directly from ambient air to enhance algal growth

Selections:

- Colorado State University (TA1)
- Arizona State University (TA1)
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11:05 AM	11:30 AM	0:25	Innovations in Algae Cultivations	Global Algae Innovations	Dave Hazlebeck	1.3.5.284	FY19 - CIPA
11:30 AM	11:55 AM	0:25	Optimizing Selection Pressures and Pest Management to Maximize Algal Biomass Yield	The New Mexico Consortium	Alina Corcoran	1.3.5.280	FY19 - CIPA
11:55 AM	12:20 PM	0:25	Improving the Productivity and Performance of Large-Scale Integrated Algal Systems for Wastewater Treatment and Biofuel Production	University of Illinois	Lance Schideman	1.3.5.286	FY19 - CIPA
12:20 PM	12:45 PM	0:25	Algal Productivity Enhancements by Rapid Screening and Selection of Improved Biomass and Lipid Producing Phototrophs (APEX)	Colorado School of Mines	Matt Posewitz	1.3.5.282	FY19 - CIPA
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Program Structure: Systems Integration WBS 1.3.5

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Conduct experiments in outdoor test environments, as part of an iterative development process, and verify improvements through analysis projects

Cultivation Intensification Processes Algae (CIPA)

Date: FY2019

- Selections announced September 2019

Goals:

- Develop technologies for outdoor algae systems that increase the harvest yield, reliability and quality of algae

Selections:

- Global Algae Innovations
- New Mexico Consortium
- Colorado School of Mines
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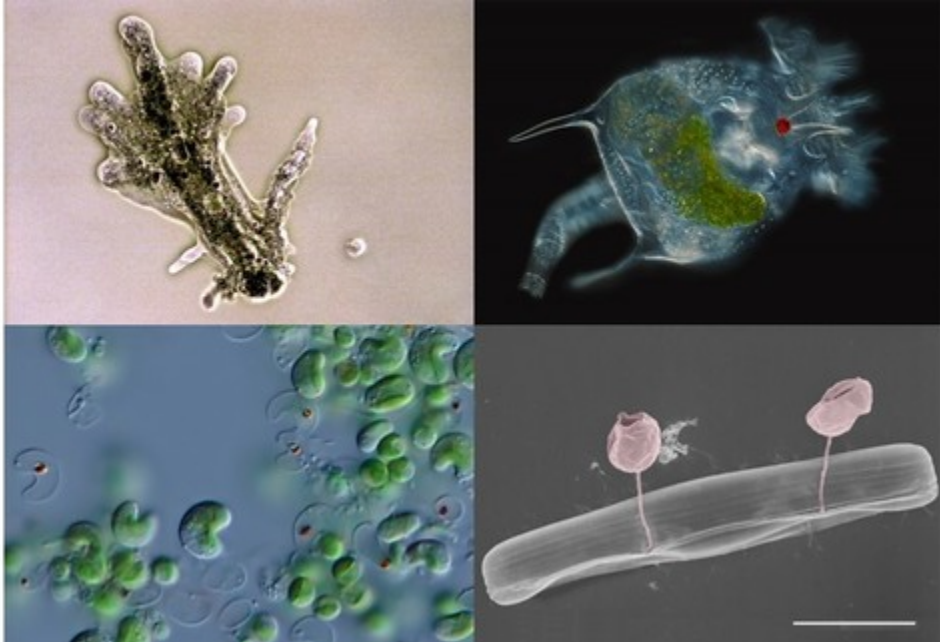
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11:15 AM	11:40 AM	0:25	Success Through Synergy: Increasing Cultivation Yield and Stability with Rationally Designed Consortia.	LANL	Shawn Starkenburg	1.3.2.610 1.3.2.641	FY17 - PEAK
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12:30 PM	12:55 PM	0:25	Developing Advanced Genetic and Synthetic Biology Tools for Improved Algae Productivity	University of California San Diego	Stephen Mayfield	1.3.2.650	FY17 - PEAK
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1:40 PM	2:05 PM	0:25	A comprehensive strategy for stable, high productivity cultivation of microalgae with controllable biomass composition	University of Toledo	Sridhar Viamajala	1.3.2.651	FY17 - PEAK
2:05 PM	2:30 PM	0:25	Prevention of low productivity periods in large-scale microalgae cultivation	Global Algae Innovations	Aga Pinowska	1.3.2.630	FY17 - PEAK
2:30 PM	2:55 PM	0:25	Protective bacteria in algal ponds: inducible protection to maximize response	LLNL	Rhona Stuart	1.3.2.002 1.3.2.003	AOP
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Productivity Enhanced Algae and ToolKits (PEAK)

Date: FY2017

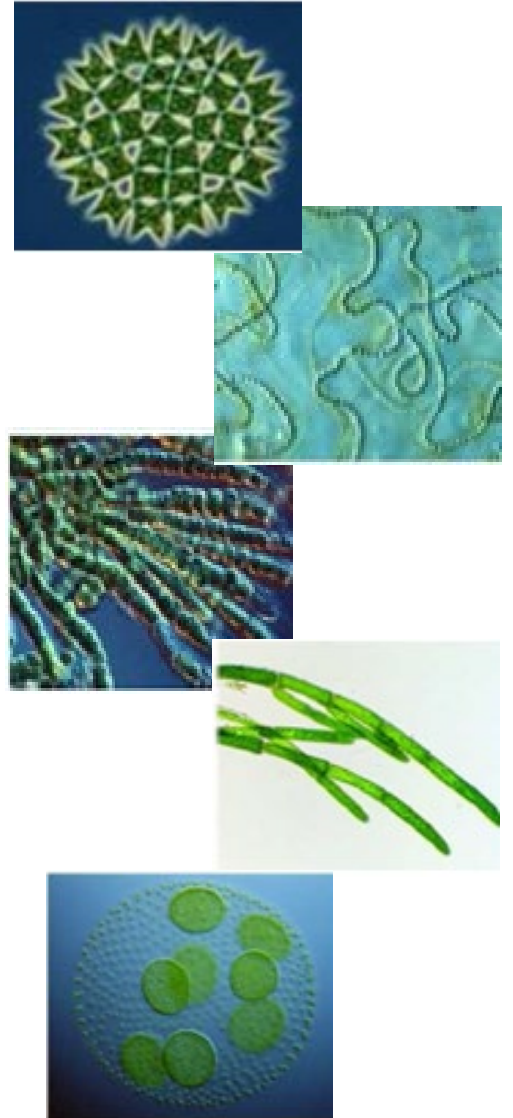
- Selections announced July 2017, alternates September 2017

Goals:

- Deliver high-impact tools and techniques for increasing algae productivity in order to reduce the costs of producing algal biofuels and bioproducts

Selections:

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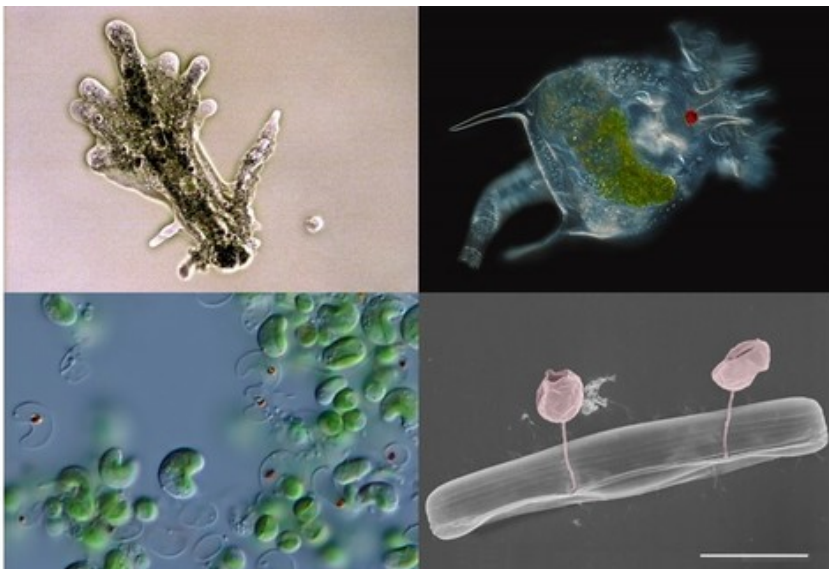
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11:00 AM	11:05 AM	0:05	Session Introduction	BETO	Christy Sterner		
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11:55 AM	12:20 PM	0:25	Enhanced Algal Production of CA for Improved Atmospheric Deliver of CO2 to Ponds	J. Craig Venter Institute	Andrew E. Allen	1.3.2.402	FY18 - ECUAS
12:20 PM	12:45 PM	0:25	Carbon Utilization Efficiency in Marine Algae Biofuel Production Systems Through Loss Minimization and Carbonate Chemistry Modification	Duke University	Zackary Johnson	1.3.2.440	FY18 - ECUAS
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1:30 PM	1:55 PM	0:25	Multi-pronged Approach of Improved Biological and Physicochemical Systems to Improving Carbon Utilization by Cyanobacterial Cultures	Arizona State University	Wim Vermaas	1.3.2.410	FY18 - ECUAS
1:55 PM	2:20 PM	0:25	Air Carbon for Algae Production - AirCAP	MicroBio Engineering	John Benemann	1.3.2.600	FY18 - ECUAS
2:20 PM	2:45 PM	0:25	Direct Air Capture of CO2 and Delivery to Photobioreactors for Algal Biofuel Production	Georgia Institute of Technology	Christopher W. Jones	1.3.2.620	FY18 - ECUAS
2:45 PM	3:10 PM	0:25	Attached Periphytic Algae Production and Analysis	SNL	Ryan W. Davis	1.3.2.130	AOP
3:10 PM	3:15 PM	0:05	Closing	BETO	Christy Sterner		
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Efficient Carbon Utilization in Algal Systems (ECUAS)

Date: FY2018

- Selections announced September 2018

Goals:

- Improve efficiency of carbon utilization and productivity of algal systems through improving uptake and conversion of waste CO2 emissions—such as from a power plant or industrial facilities—or through the development of new, affordable technologies to capture CO2 directly from ambient air to enhance algal growth

Selections:

- Colorado State University (TA1)
- Arizona State University (TA1)
- Global Algae Innovations (TA1)
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