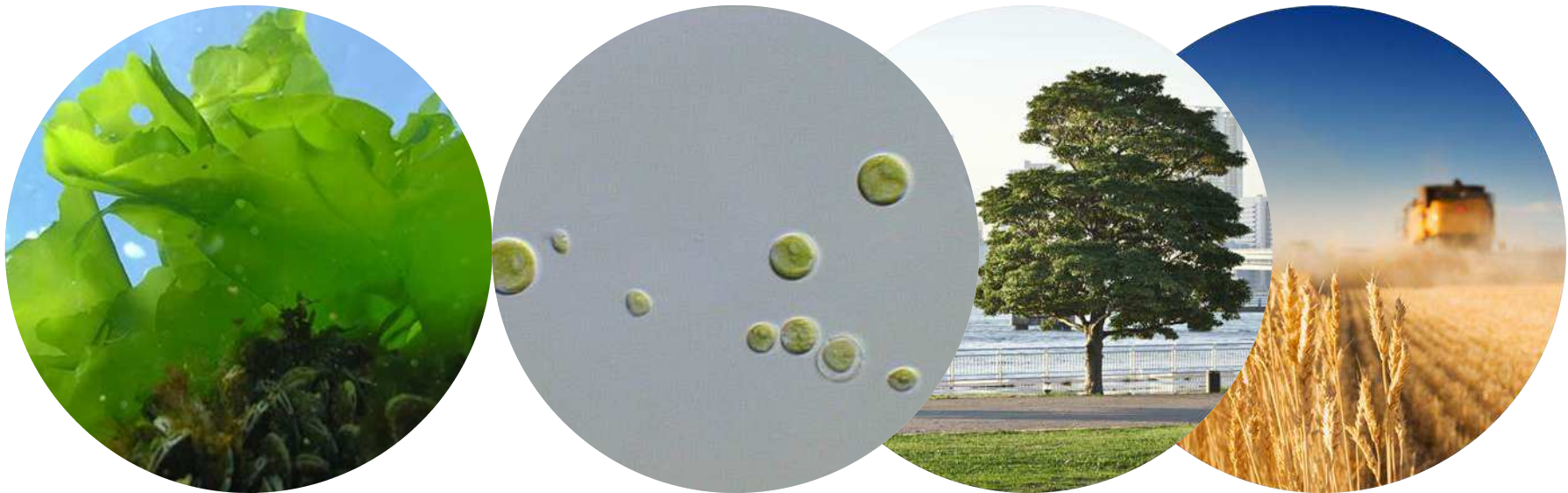


Proteins from micro- and macro-algae

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Background

BASc Internship and Thesis:

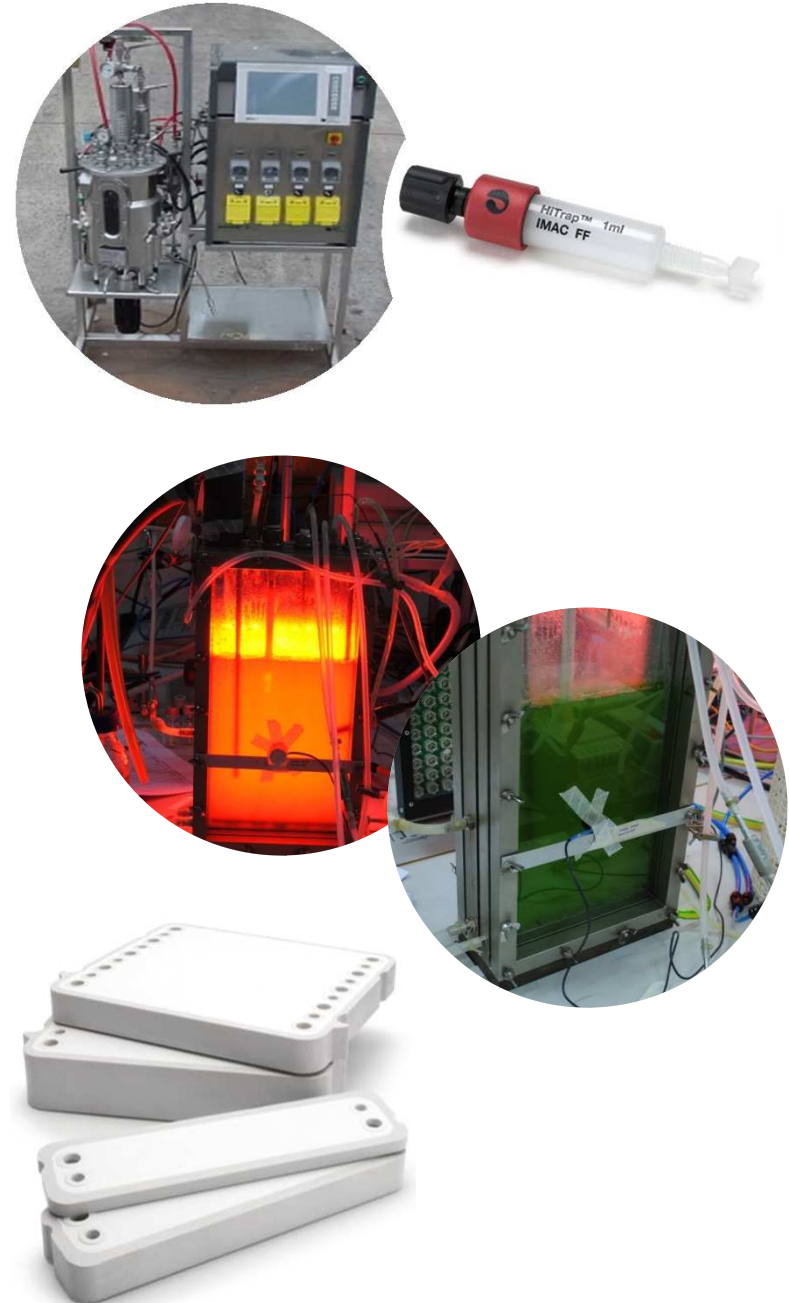
E. coli cultivation
and immobilized affinity
chromatography

MSc Thesis:

Modeling growth of *Chlorella
sorokiniana*

MSc Internship:

Re-use versus Single-use TFF
cassettes for Ultrafiltration /
Diafiltration



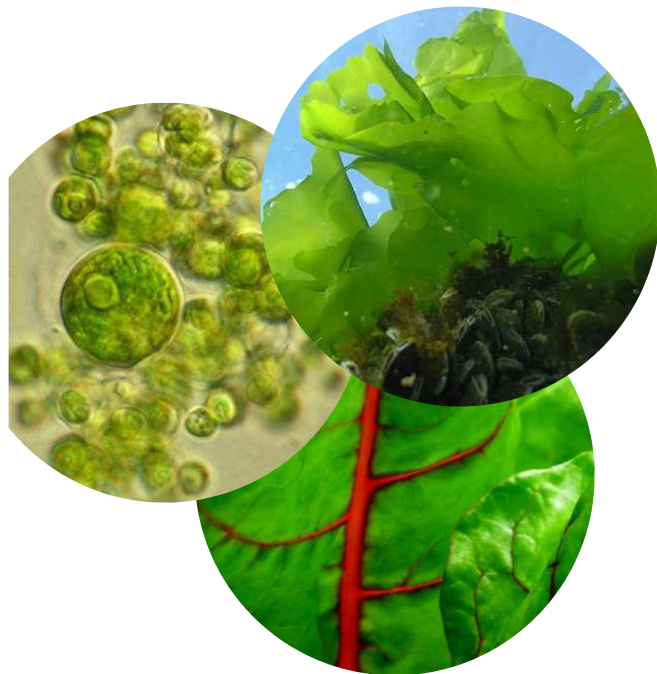
From oil...



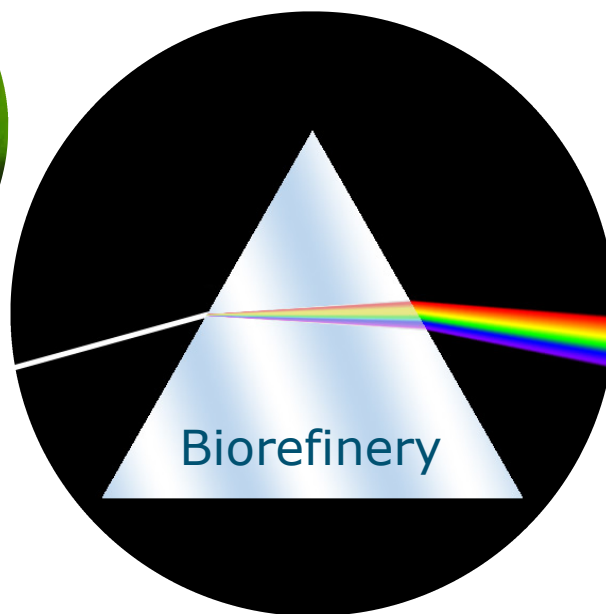
Diesel: € 0.50 L⁻¹ (1)



... to Green Sources



Algae: € 4 kg⁻¹ (1)

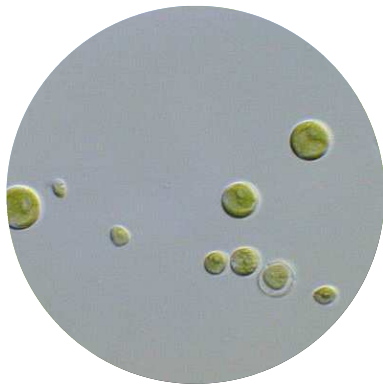


Green source composition

	Lipids (wt%)	Proteins (wt%)	Carbohydrates (wt%)
Macroalgae (<i>Ulva</i>)	5	20	40
Microalgae (<i>Chlorella</i>)	15	50	25
Microalgae (<i>Chlorella</i>) [N-stress]	50	15	25

Aim of PhD

Development of a mild, continuous, scalable disruption and protein extraction technology with minimal energy requirements



Soluble



Insoluble



Approach: Biomass

Macro-algae

- *Ulva lactuca*
 - PRI; group of Willem Brandenburg
 - Tanks in greenhouse

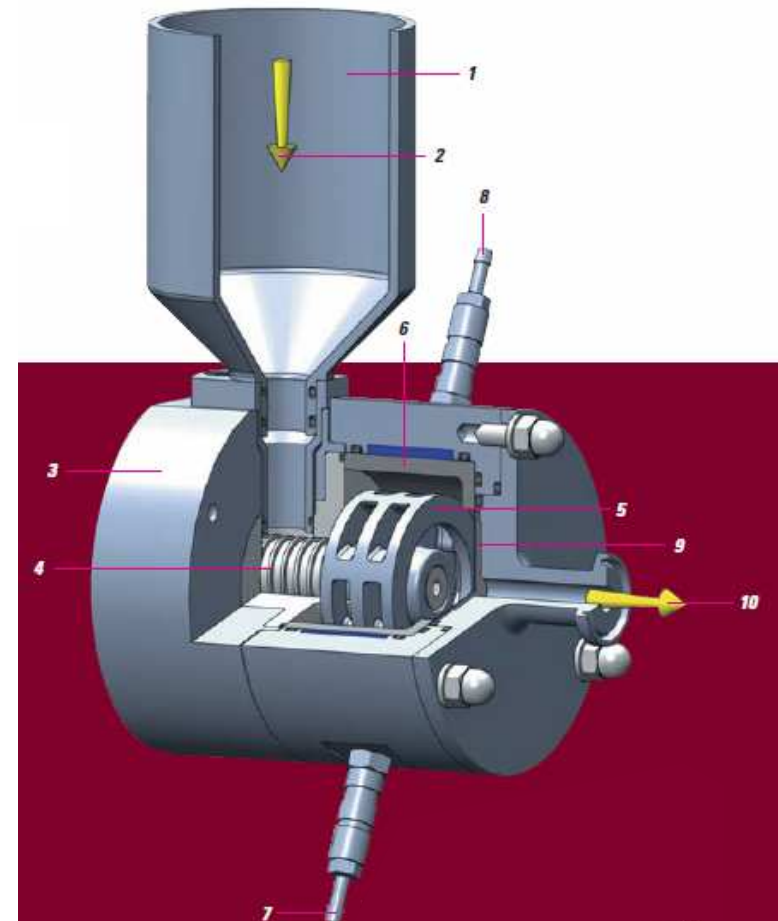
Microalgae

- *Chlorella vulgaris*
 - In-house at BPE
 - Batch cultivation
 - 15 L stirred tank reactor

1st half PhD: Mild disruption technology

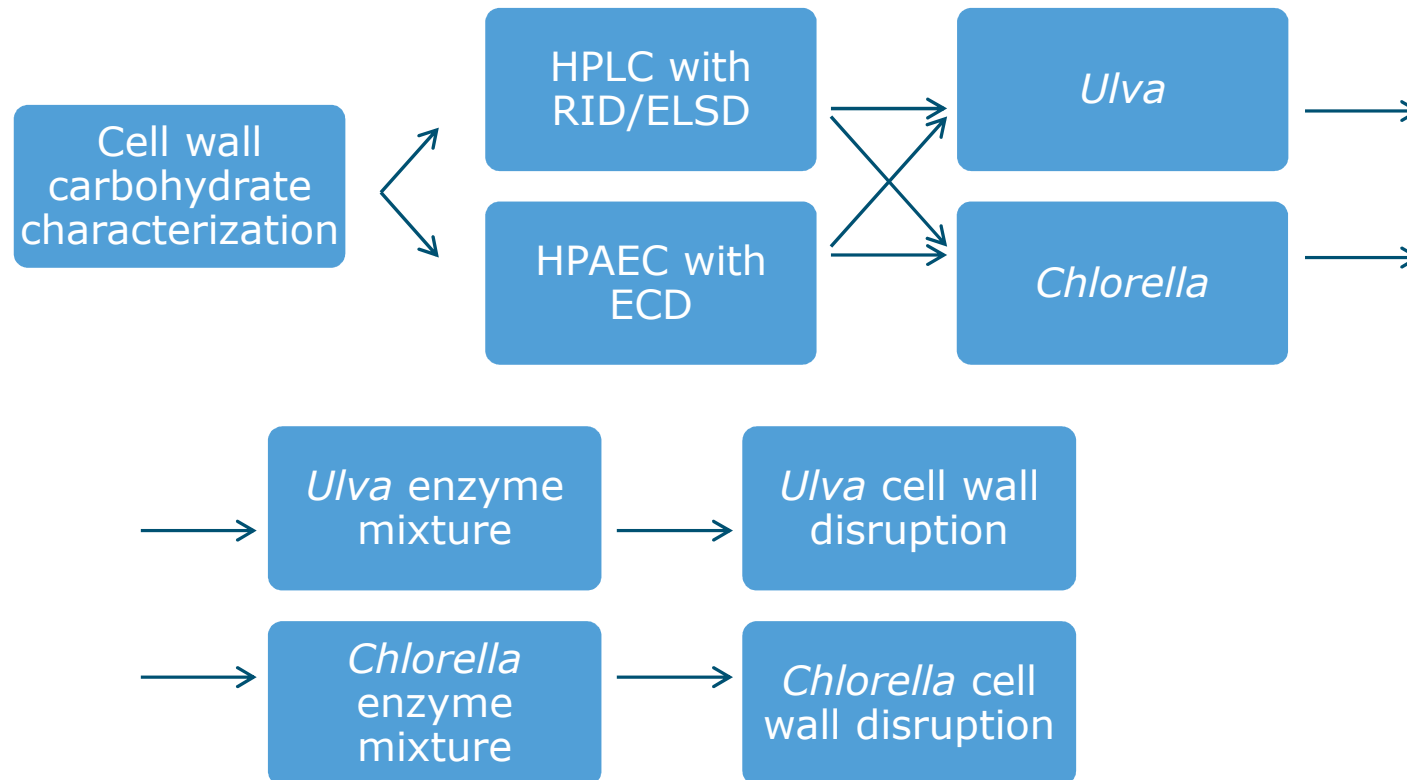
■ Bead milling

Particle size	X
Bead size	$\sim 8-10 * X$
<i>Chlorella vulgaris</i>	2-3 μm
Beads	20-30 μm



1st half PhD: Mild disruption technology

■ Enzymatic disruption



1st half PhD: Mild disruption technology

■ Pulsed Electric Field

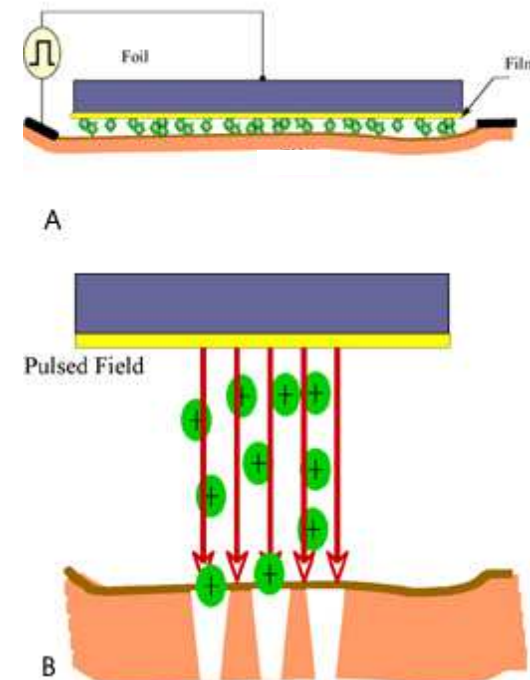
Parameters to be optimized

Biomass concentration

Electric Field strength

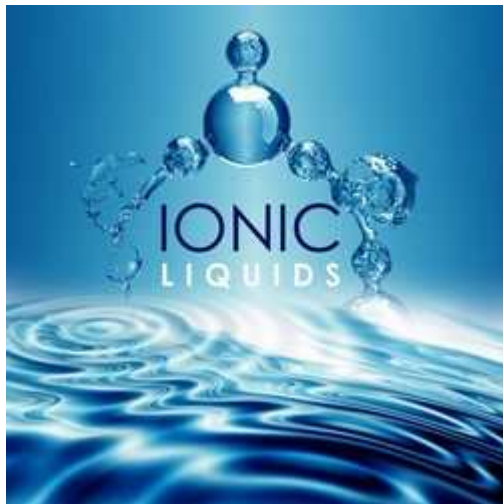
Exposure time to electric field

Conductivity of biomass

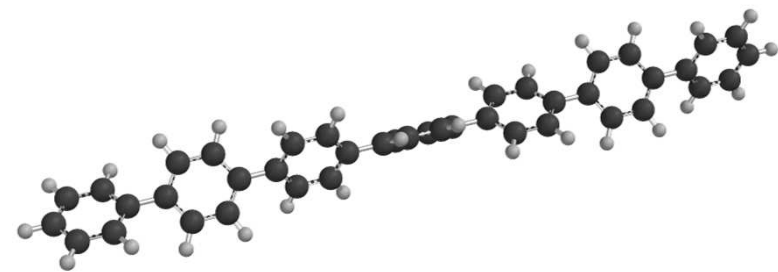


2nd half PhD

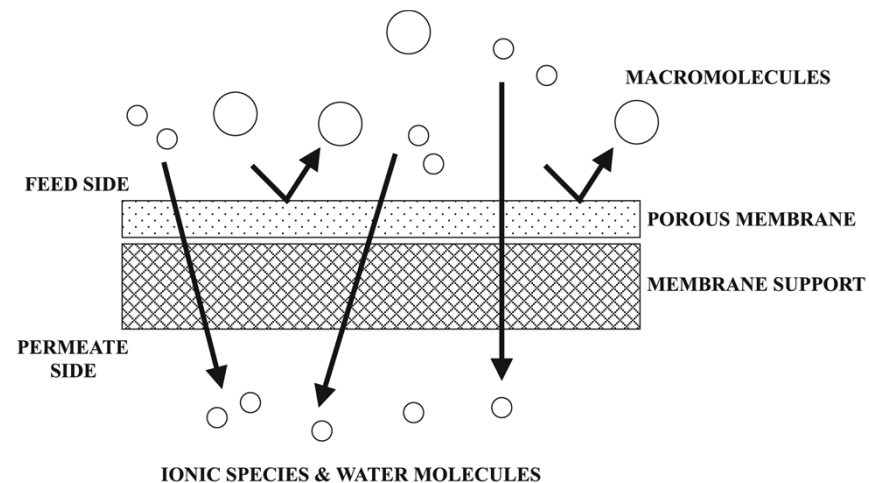
- Mild protein extraction
- Recovery of extractant
- Economical feasibility



Precipitation with polymers



Ultrafiltration



Thank you for your attention

Are there any questions?

