



# **AlgenBiomasse-Verarbeitung: Herausforderungen einer jungen Industrie**

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# Topics



- Ecoduna Technology 2016
- R&D – which approach to choose
- Production & Downstream processing
- Challenges & prospects

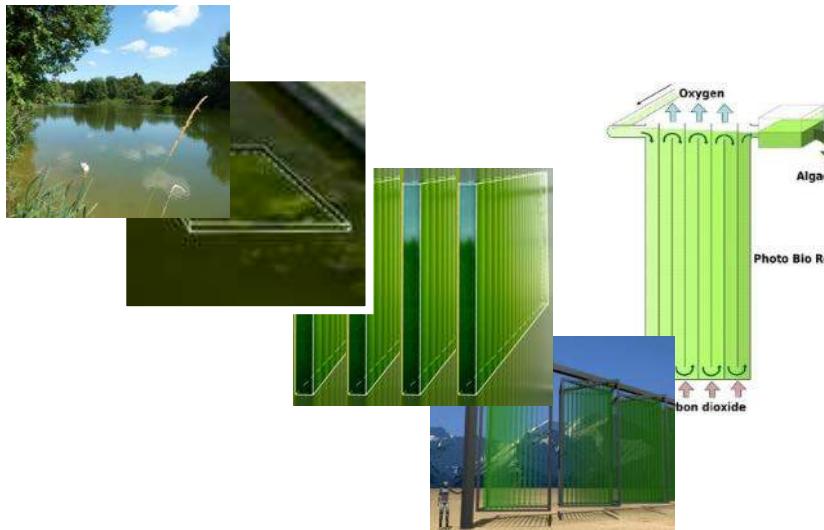


# The 'hanging garden Technology' 2016

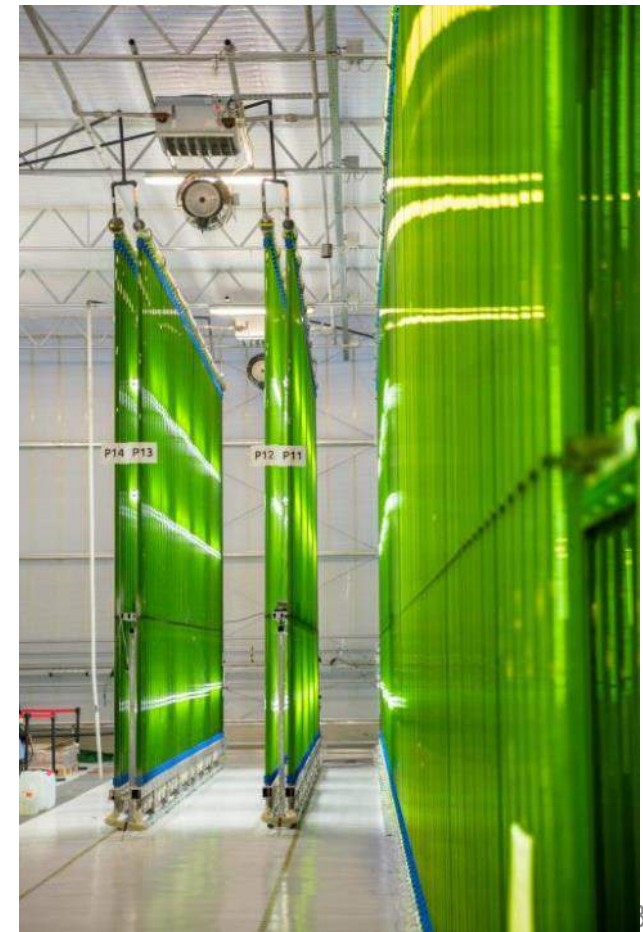


Concept:

- mimicking nature – 3D structure to optimize light capture



2007-2015



- Technology change: From Polycarbonate to Glass
- Bubble column reactor – 6m high

# Highly efficient light harvesting

- Optimal for higher latitudes
  - High percentage of light stays in the system due to reflections
  - ‚light sucking‘ effect
  - Gas bubble reflections

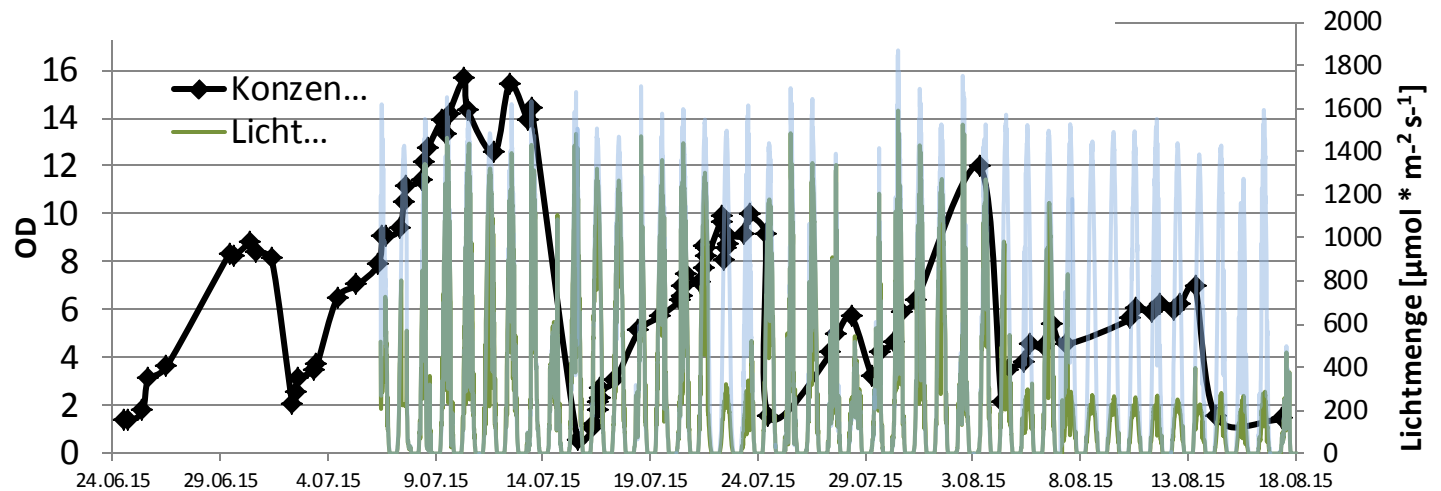
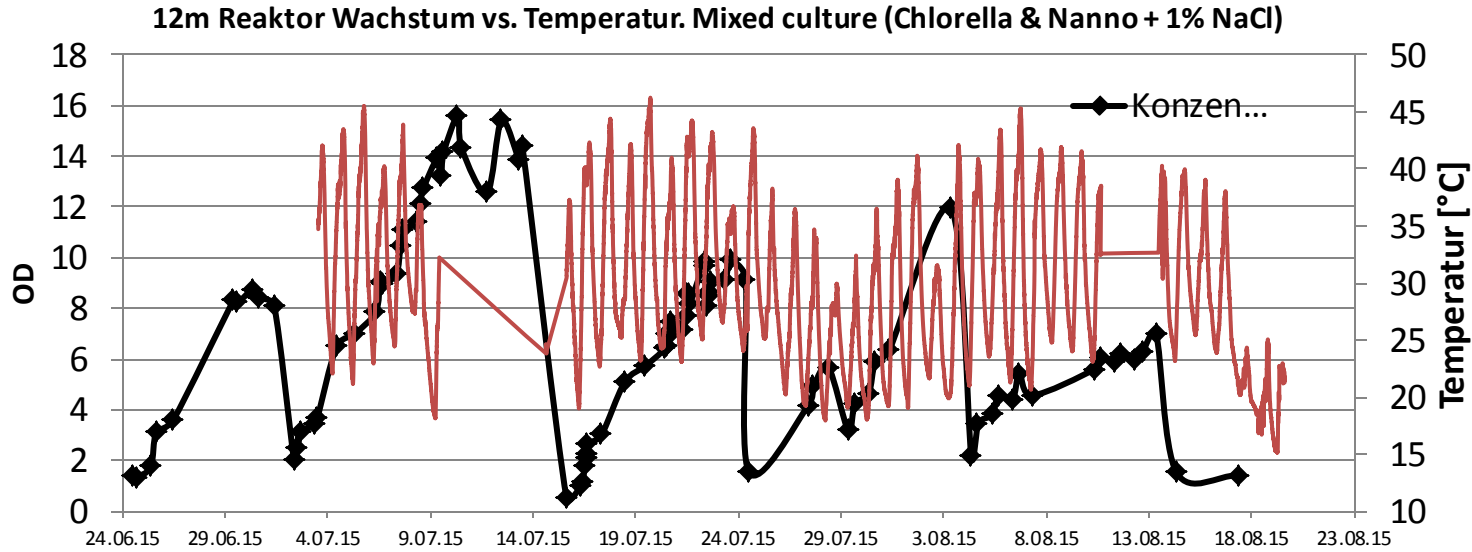


# R&D & production: the next step

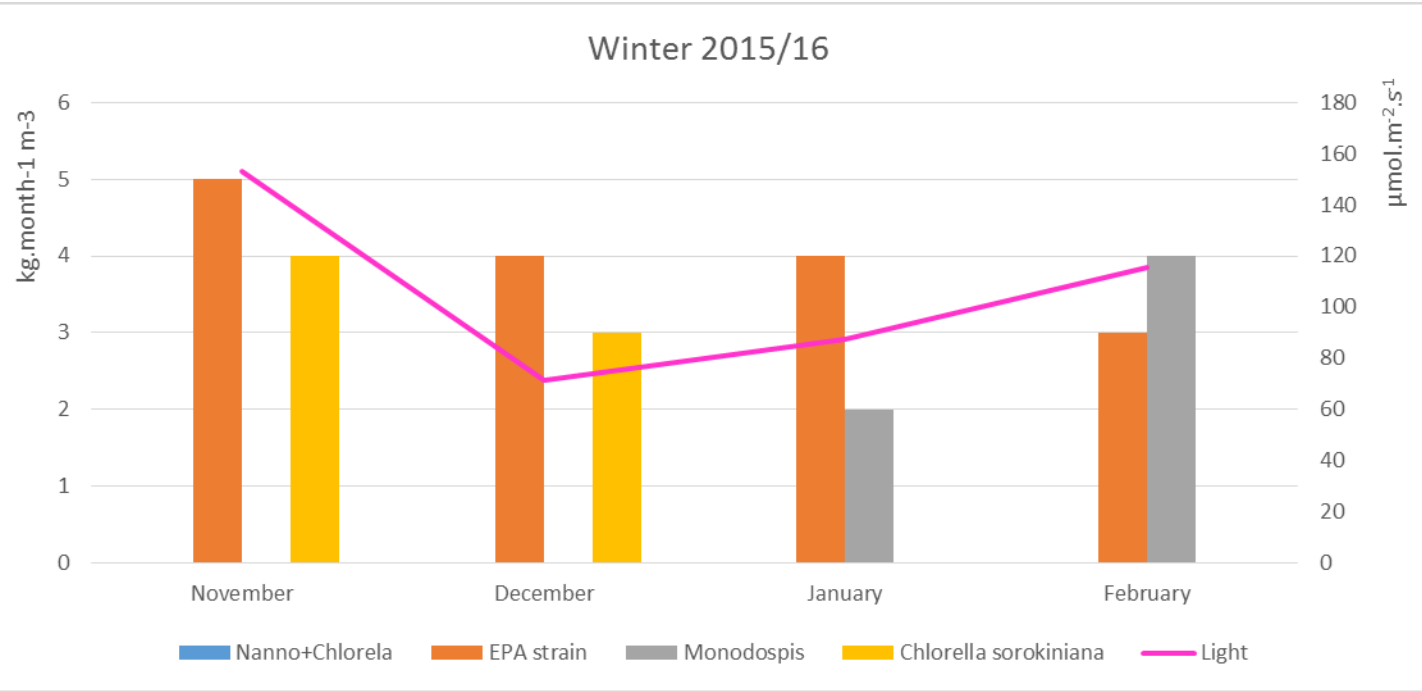
- 1ha
- Construction will start in Q4/2016
- First production summer 2017
- 1st step: 600m<sup>3</sup> photoactive volume with option to increase volume on the same footprint
- 100t/a biomass



# Semi batch harvesting & continuous mode

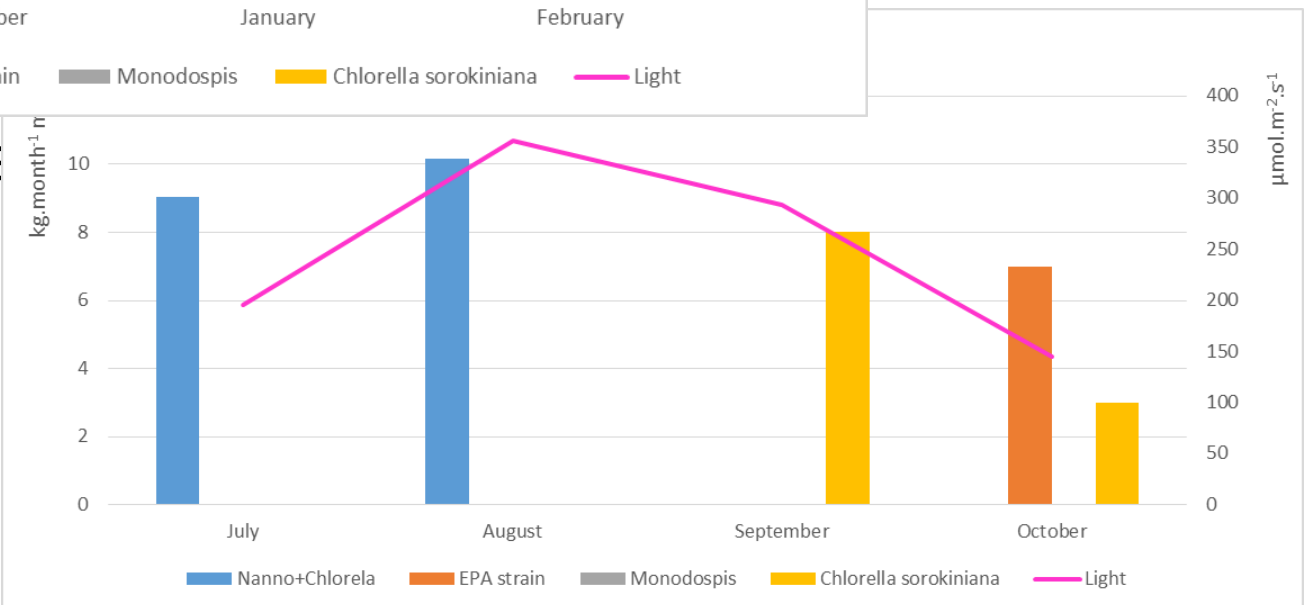


# Productivity



Semi batch harvesting

monitoring & harvesting



# Biomass processing

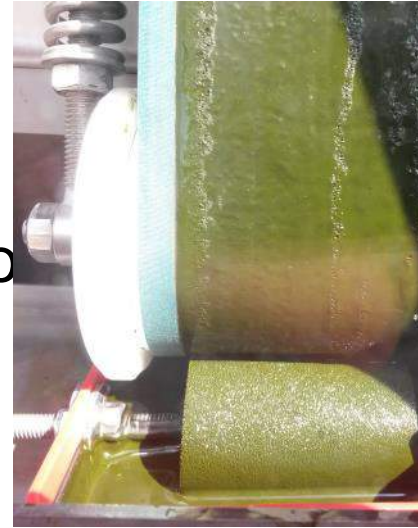
Areas that still are in their infancy

- Harvesting
- Drying
- Cell disruption
- Extractives





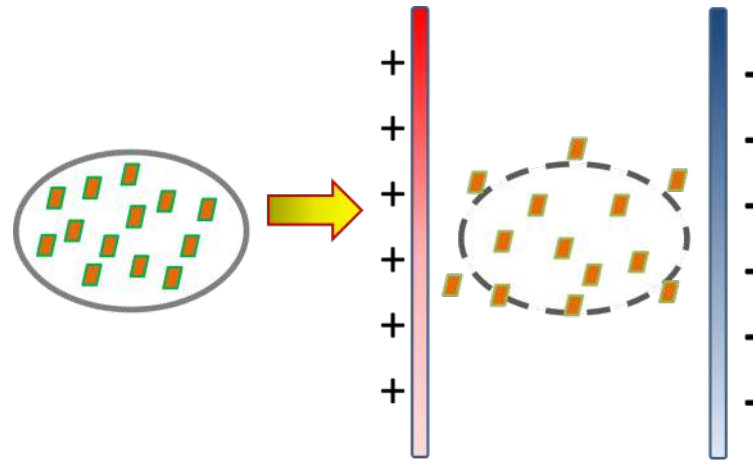
# Solar belt dryer



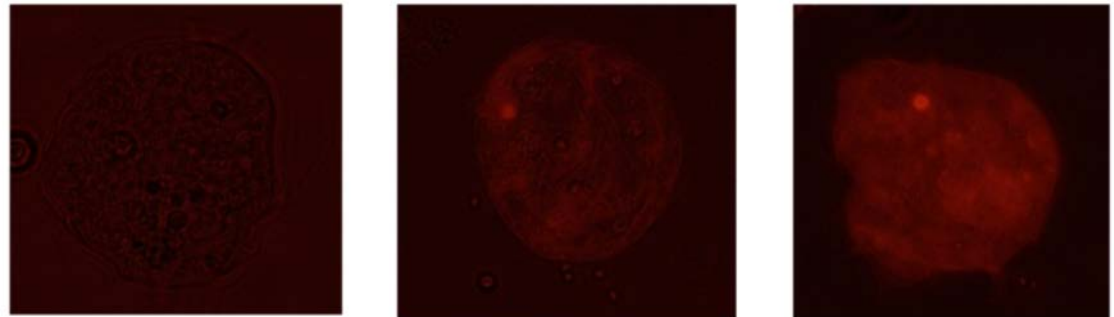
*,downstream use defines technology to be used'*

# Cell disruption

- PEF (pulsed electric field)
- Enzymatic
- Mechanic
  - Wet
  - Dry



PEF: Pore formation due to impact of electrical field applied

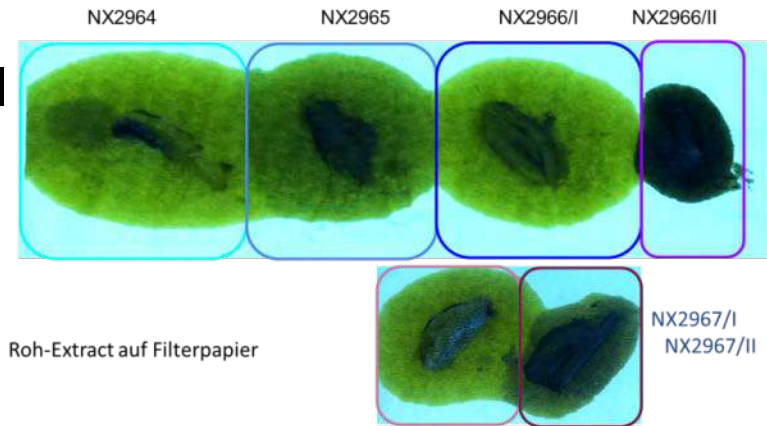


Energy input: 1.28, 8.24, 15.10 kJ/Kg

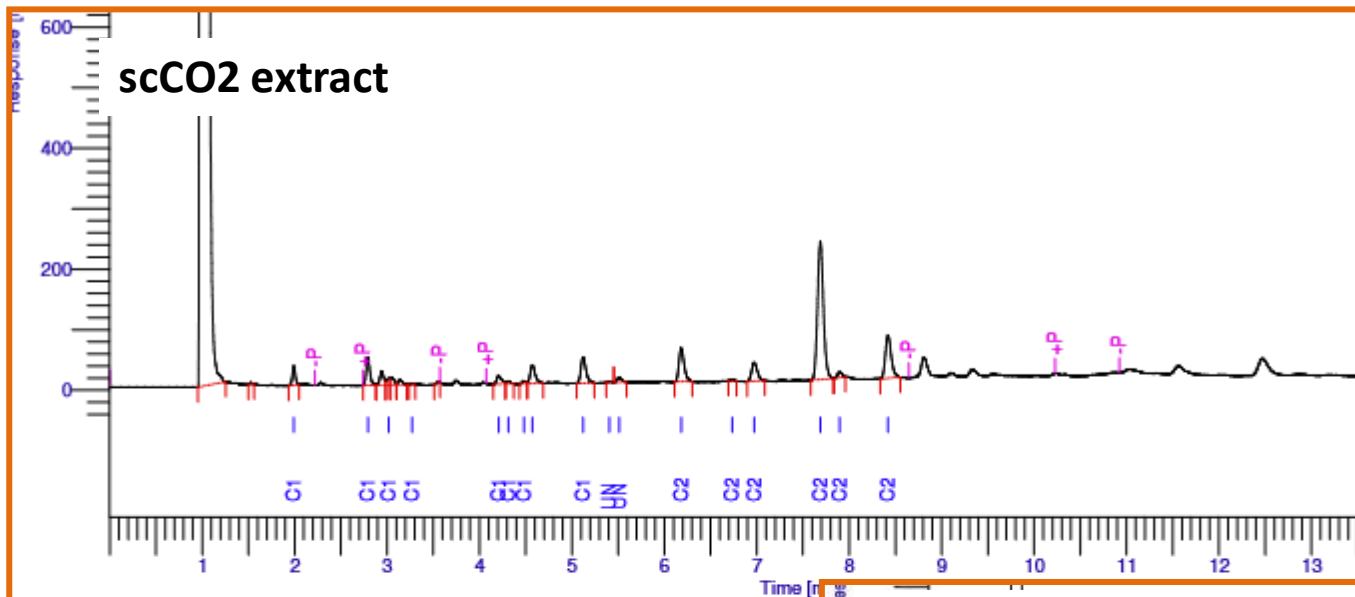


# Using spray dried Biomass for FA extraction

- Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> extraction
  - Consistency of biomass is critical
  - Different additives
  - Assessment of product quality

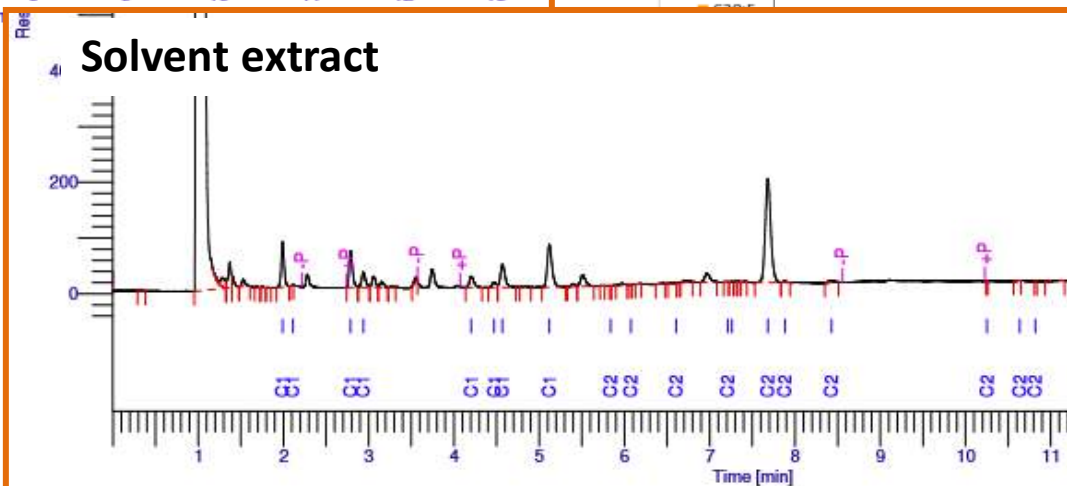


# FA analysis



## Ecoduna FAM

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20	C20:4n6	6,97	132539,41	39,7	39,7	5,50
21	C20:5n3	7,69	1013075,34	295,2	295,2	40,91
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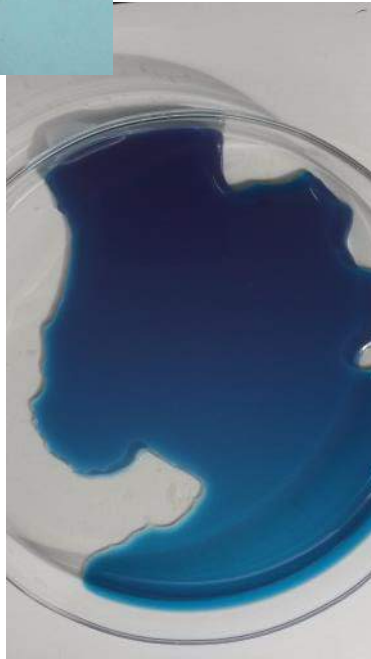
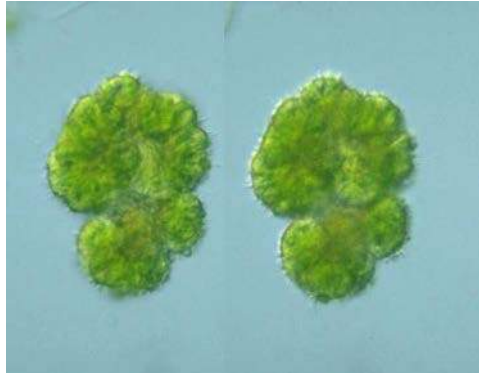


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# Biomass or biorefinery?

## Monoculture or community approach?



- Large scale production today: monoculture
- Exposed to various threads
- Biomass or few established extractives

### Options

- -> flexibility of system allows economical stability and risk mitigation **Combinatorial strategy**
- -> **community approach:** (Botryococcus) working with nature

# Conclusions



## Challenges

- Development of industrialized downstream processes
- Market readiness – niche markets still need R&D
- There is no ‚golden standard‘ yet
- Combinatorial or community approach for risk mitigation

## Prospects

- Biological systems understanding will help development of the sector
- Strain improvement will improve productivity and stability
- New markets

# Thank you!

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