

INFORMATION as of  
11:00 AM, Nov 9, 2013

# SUPER TYPHOON YOLANDA

NOV 6

Super Typhoon "Yolanda" (Haiyan) entered PAR

NOV 9

"Yolanda" to leave PAR by afternoon

Moving steady at 35 kph in a West Northwest direction

Weaker max sustained winds of 175 kph with gusts of up to 210 kph

Signal number 1 remains in Northern Palawan including Puerto Princesa

Over 100 reported dead in Tacloban, Leyte alone.

At least 792,018 persons or 161,973 families evacuated in 37 provinces

Moving West NW



Infographics by:  
**INQUIRER.net**

GFX by: Matikas Santos, Mark Diamat  
Source : NDRRMC, PAGASA









Earth natural life support system  
has been compromised  
*endangering “the needs and  
aspirations of the future  
generations” is...*

Engineering's *greatest challenge!*



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# MECH-ENG UP YOUR MIND

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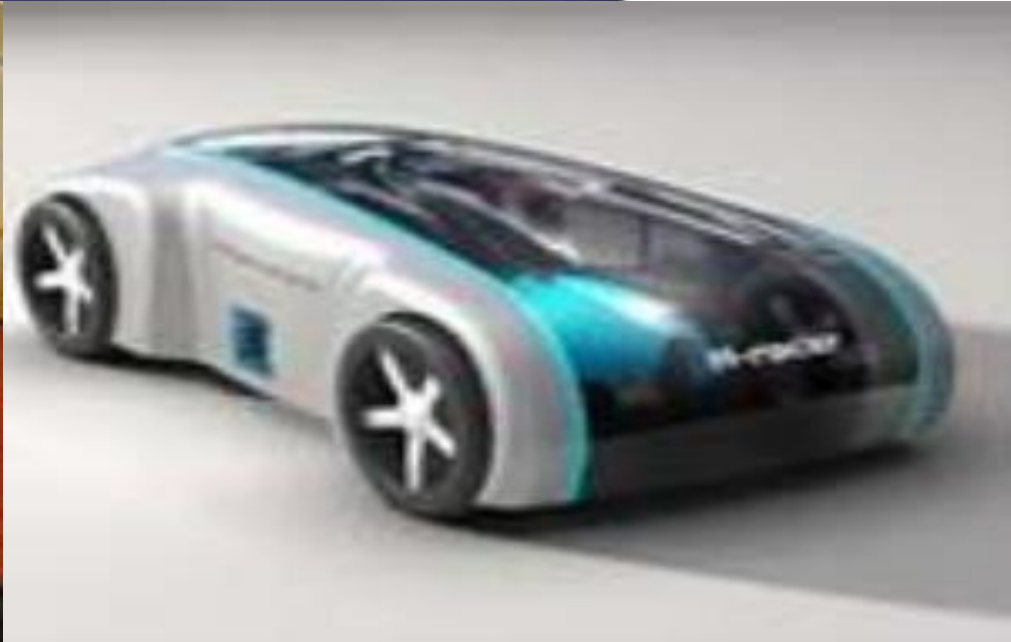
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# What is Mechanical Engineering?

**Applies the principles of physics and materials science in the manufacturing, design and maintenance of mechanical systems**



# Mechanical Engineering

□ The Domain ...

- Diminishing resources  
(energy, water, food)
- Global warming
- Environmental degradation



- ✓ Electrification technology started to light up the world
- ✓ Innovations include the improvement of the power systems, and continues to grow
- ✓ Development of convention, renewable and alternative energy power sources



# Energy

- Thermal power plants
- Solar photovoltaics power plants
- Hydroelectric power plants
- Geothermal power plants
- Wind power system plants
- Off- and on-shore oil and gas plants
- Nuclear power plants
- Biomass and biogas plants



Large-scale power grids are supplemented by decentralized energy systems such as wind farms and photovoltaic power systems







# Photovoltaics systems





# Drilling rigs and gas piping





# Transportation

- Air transport systems
- Water transport systems
- Land transport systems



- Changed the way we travel
- Remains an engineering work-in-progress
- Advancements such as electric-powered vehicles and fuel cell for cleaner cars
- Forefront of technology innovations





# Manufacturing

- Industrial plants
- Production and process systems
- Equipment and machineries
- Devices and gadgets
- Appliances
- Consumer goods



- Improved efficiency
- Higher productivity



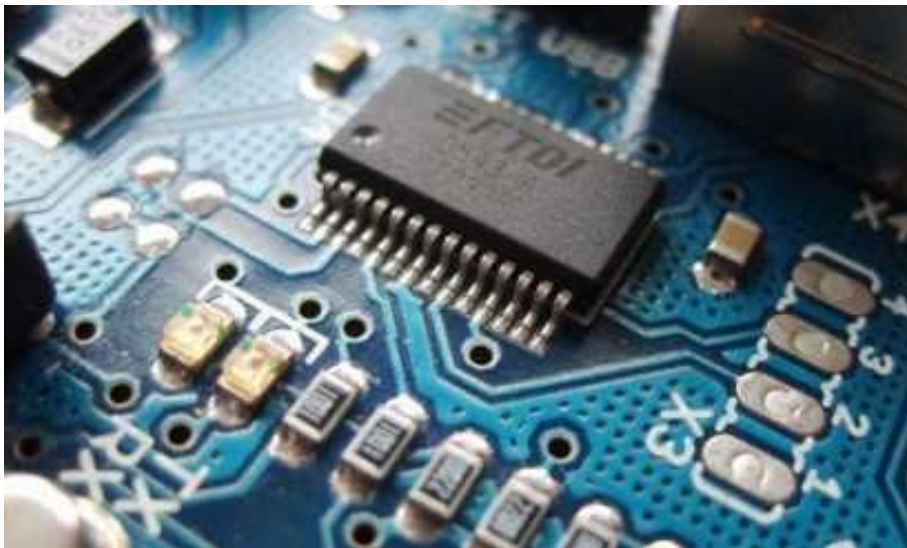


- New age of communication
- Billions on mobile phones
- New forms of media and entertainment
- Received data and information through satellite

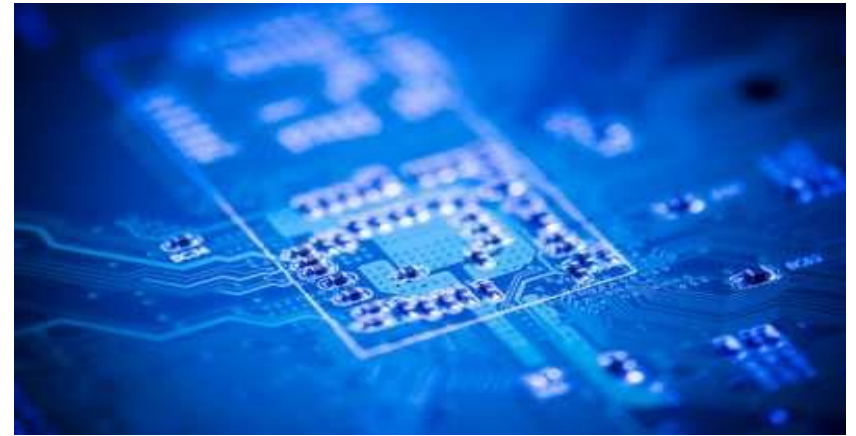




- ❑ From large computers capable of most basic tasks
- ❑ Today, technologically advanced, ie., PCs, Macs, laptops, smart phones
- ❑ Continue to be part in







- ❖ Transistors to microscopic size
- ❖ Harness its magical power for digital computing, controls, communication, detection, display, etc.
- ❖ New circuit designs to improve quantum effects on computation and data processing



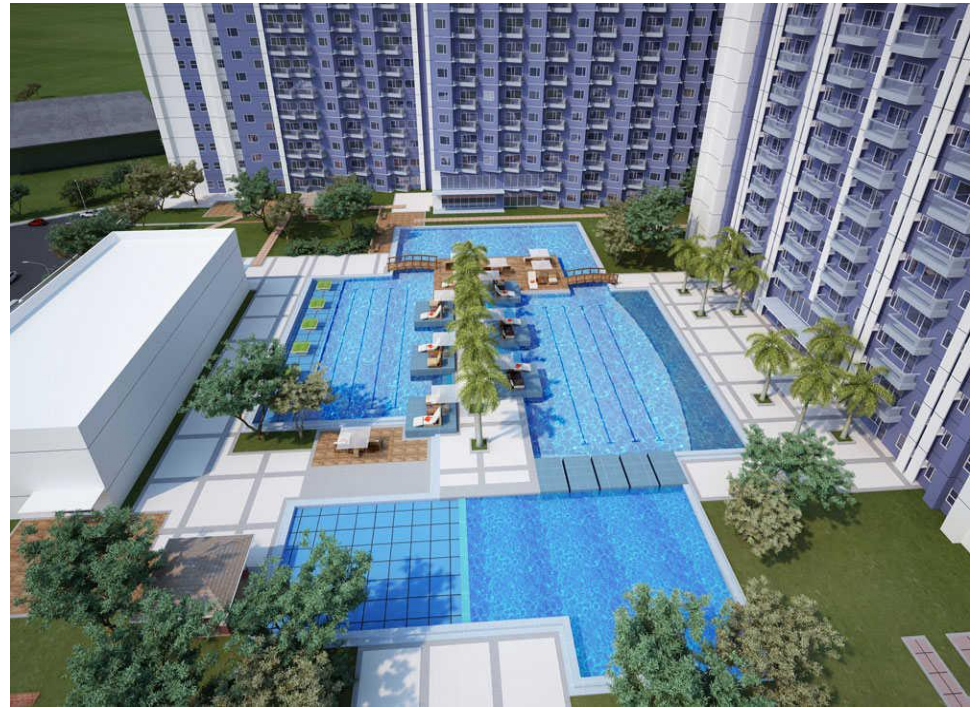
- Advanced medicines and medical care
- Prolong life span of people





# Air-conditioning and ventilation

- High-rise buildings
- Commercial establishments
- Offices, theatres, museums
- Sports arenas
- Residential houses



- ✓ High-rise and multi-functional establishments
- ✓ Changed work- and life-styles
- ✓ Integrated facilities for work and wellness
- ✓ Improved comfort and efficient services





# Advanced computing methods and techniques

- Modelling systems
- Simulation systems
- Computational softwares
- Mathematical algorithms
- Nonconventional algorithms  
(eg., neural networks, fuzzy  
systems, genetic algorithms)



- ❖ Began as a tool for academia and government
- ❖ Evolved into the World Wide Web open to anyone who is connected to a computer and a telephone line
- ❖ Changed the way we communicate, buy things, etc.
- ❖ Part of our lives; bring more opportunities to connect to the world around us





# Mechanical Engineering and its future

## ❑ The Future ...

- ❑ Developing Sustainability
- ❑ Engineering Large and Small Scale Systems
- ❑ Competitive edge of Knowledge
- ❑ Collaborative Advantage
- ❑ Nano- and Bio- future
- ❑ Regulating Global Innovation
- ❑ Diverse Face of Engineering
- ❑ Designing at Home
- ❑ Engineering for the other 90%



# Mechanical Engineering and its future

❑ The Future ...

## ❑ Competitive Edge

- ❑ The ability of engineers and technologists to learn, innovate, adopt, and adapt faster will drive inclusive development
- ❑ Mechanical engineering education must be structured to meet this challenge





# Mechanical Engineering and its future

❑ The Future ...

❑ ... the other 90%

❑ Mechanical engineering projects must also address the needs of the poorest 90% of humanity.



# Mechanical Engineering and its future

❑ The Future ...

**So what does the future hold for the Mechanical Engineer?**

- ❑ Many problems indeed!
- ❑ Engineers see problems as challenges
- ❑ Challenges create opportunities
- ❑ Engineers live to solve problems



# Pessimist's view



# Technocrat's view



**technically,  
the glass is always**



# Opportunist's view

Dear Optimist,  
Pessimist, and  
Realist,

While you guys  
were busy arguing  
about the glass of  
water, I drank it!

Sincerely,  
The Opportunist

# Who are we, engineers?

- Engineers turn ideas into reality
- Thrive on problems
- Develop new methods and approaches for production and manufacturing
- Develop powerful computational tools and dependable testing techniques
- Led the major engineering innovations that changed our world
- Innovations become central part of our lives, and
- Served as foundation for the greatest engineering achievement thus far



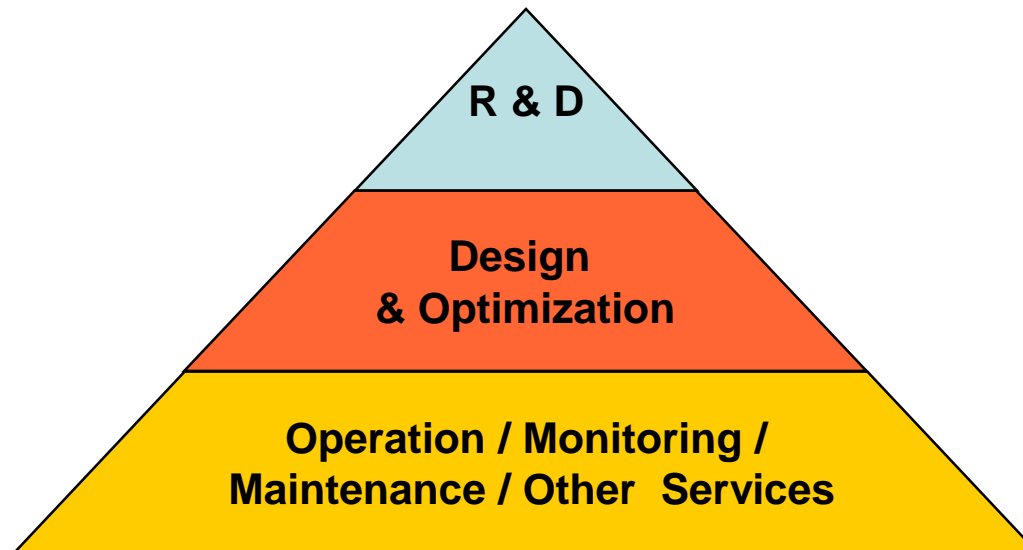
**Solutions to Problems of the  
World?**

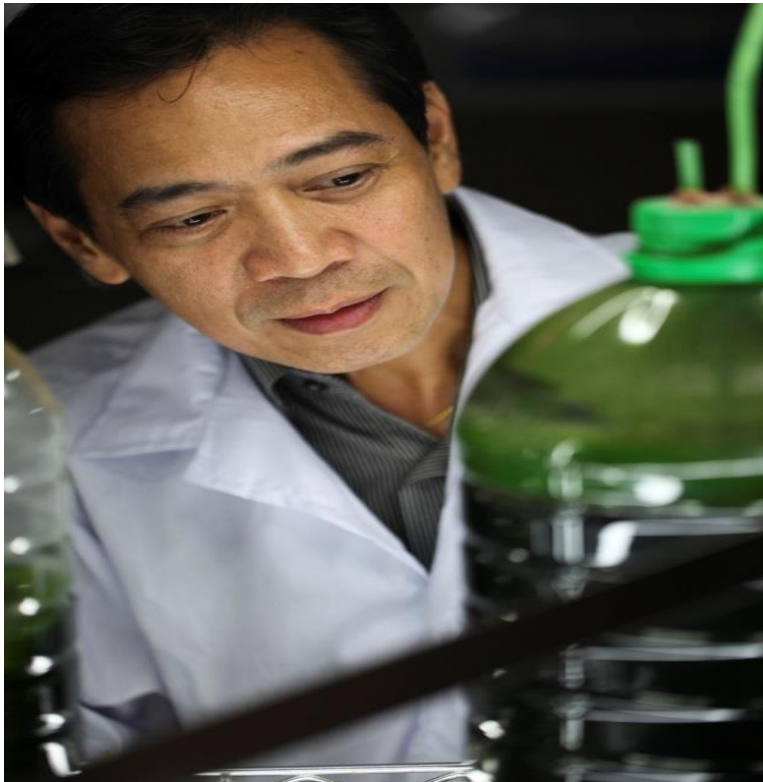
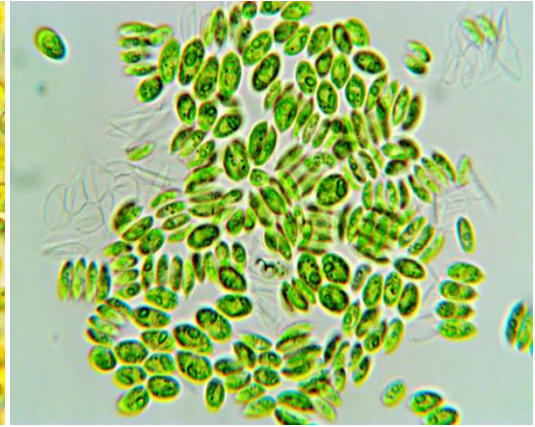
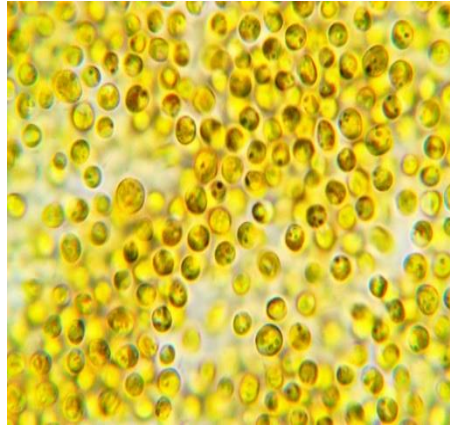
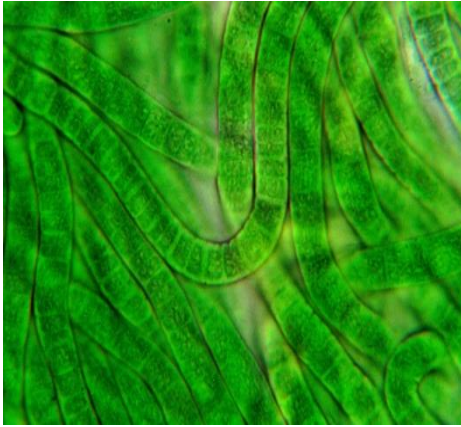
**The  
(MECHANICAL)  
ENGINEERS  
may have the  
answers.**



# Mechanical Engineering and its future

## □ Degrees of Sophistication

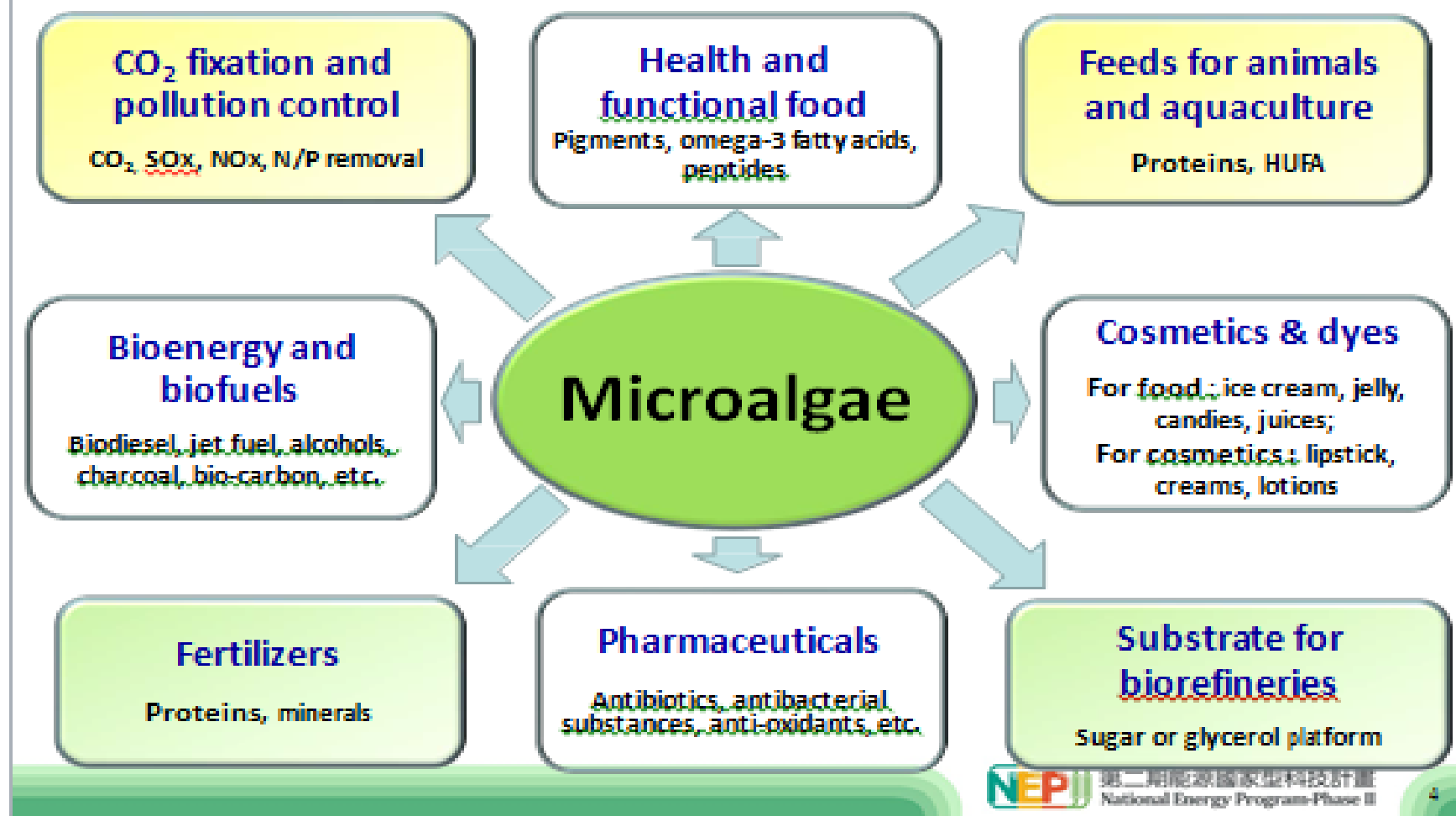




# Microalgae Research



# Opportunities for Microalgae Use



# Why Algae?

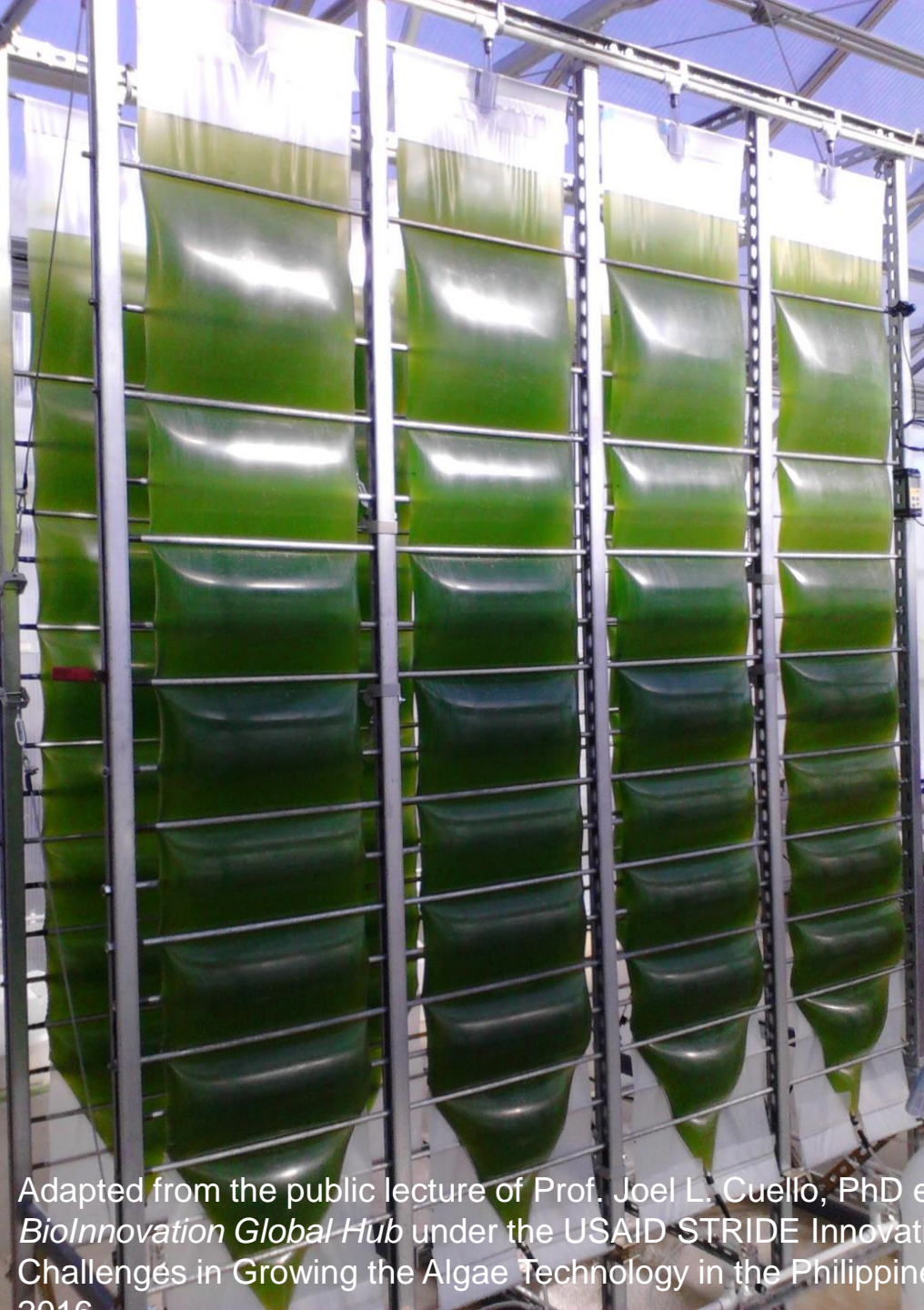
**Omega 3 Oils Market Worth  
\$4.3B by 2019**

**Astaxanthin Market Valued at  
over \$1B by 2020**

**Global Bioproducts Market  
to Reach over \$700B by 2018**

**Non-Energetics Bioproducts  
Market to Reach \$236B by 2018**

**-- BCC Research**



Adapted from the public lecture of Prof. Joel L. Cuello, PhD at *BioInnovation Global Hub* under the USAID STRIDE Innovation Challenges in Growing the Algae Technology in the Philippines 2016

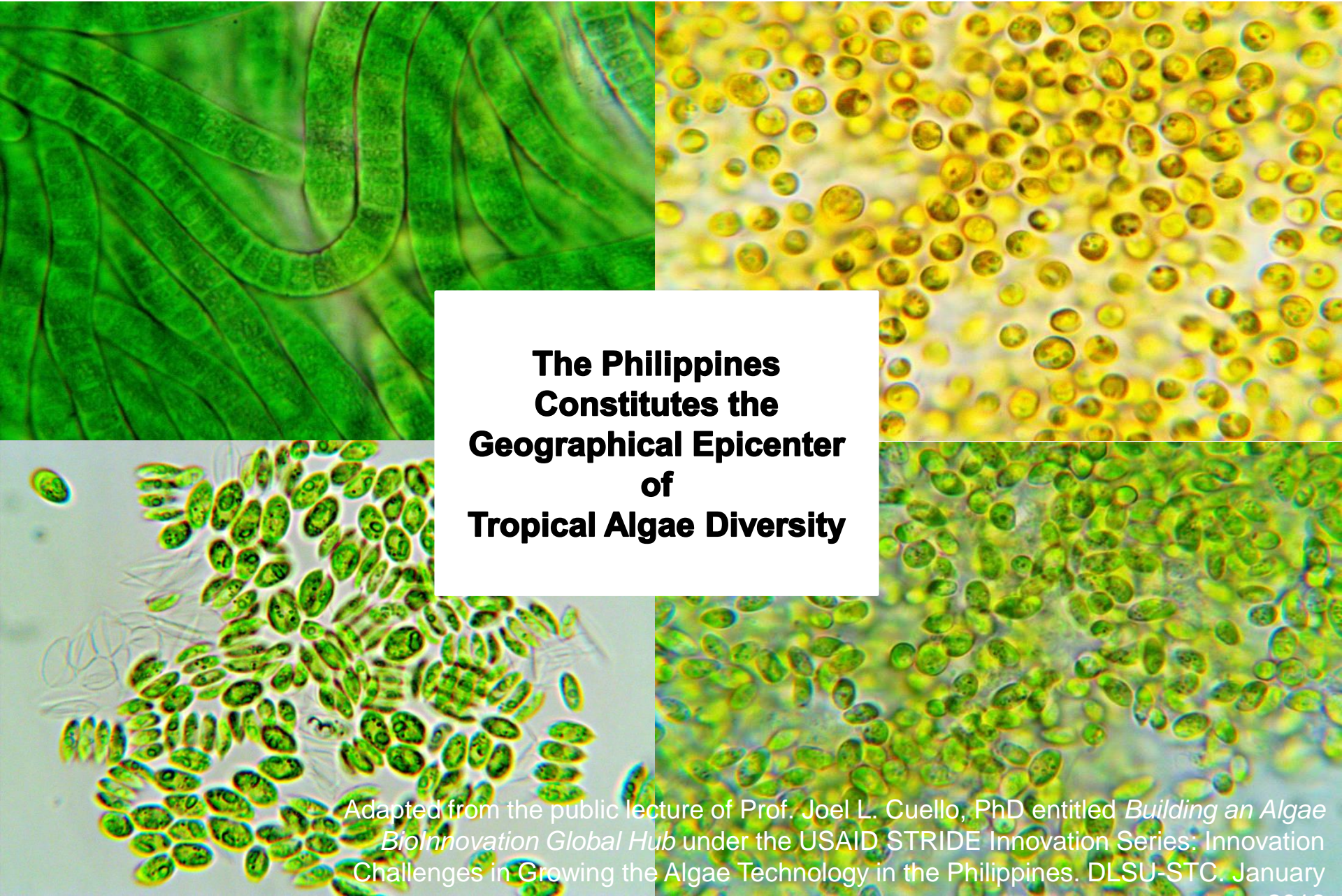
# Why Microalgae?

## Microalgae as Biomass Resource

- Exceptional growth characteristics
- Less nutrient input and land area requirement
- Minimum competition to productive land
- Wastewater treatment potential
- Carbon sequestration capability
- Size range: few to few hundred micrometers; length of 300-1,000 microns



# Prospects in the Philippines



**The Philippines  
Constitutes the  
Geographical Epicenter  
of  
Tropical Algae Diversity**

Adapted from the public lecture of Prof. Joel L. Cuello, PhD entitled *Building an Algae BioInnovation Global Hub* under the USAID STRIDE Innovation Series: Innovation Challenges in Growing the Algae Technology in the Philippines. DLSU-STC. January 2019



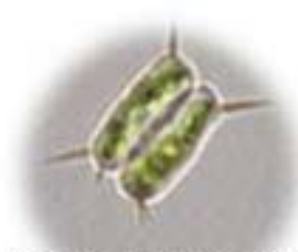
# Common Microalgae Strains



***Chlorella* sp.**



***Scenedesmus* sp.**



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***Nannochloropsis* sp.**



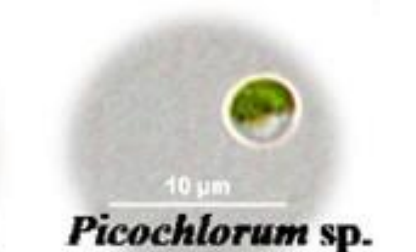
***Golenkinia* sp.**



***Auxenochlorella* sp.**



***Micractinium* sp.**



***Picochlorum* sp.**



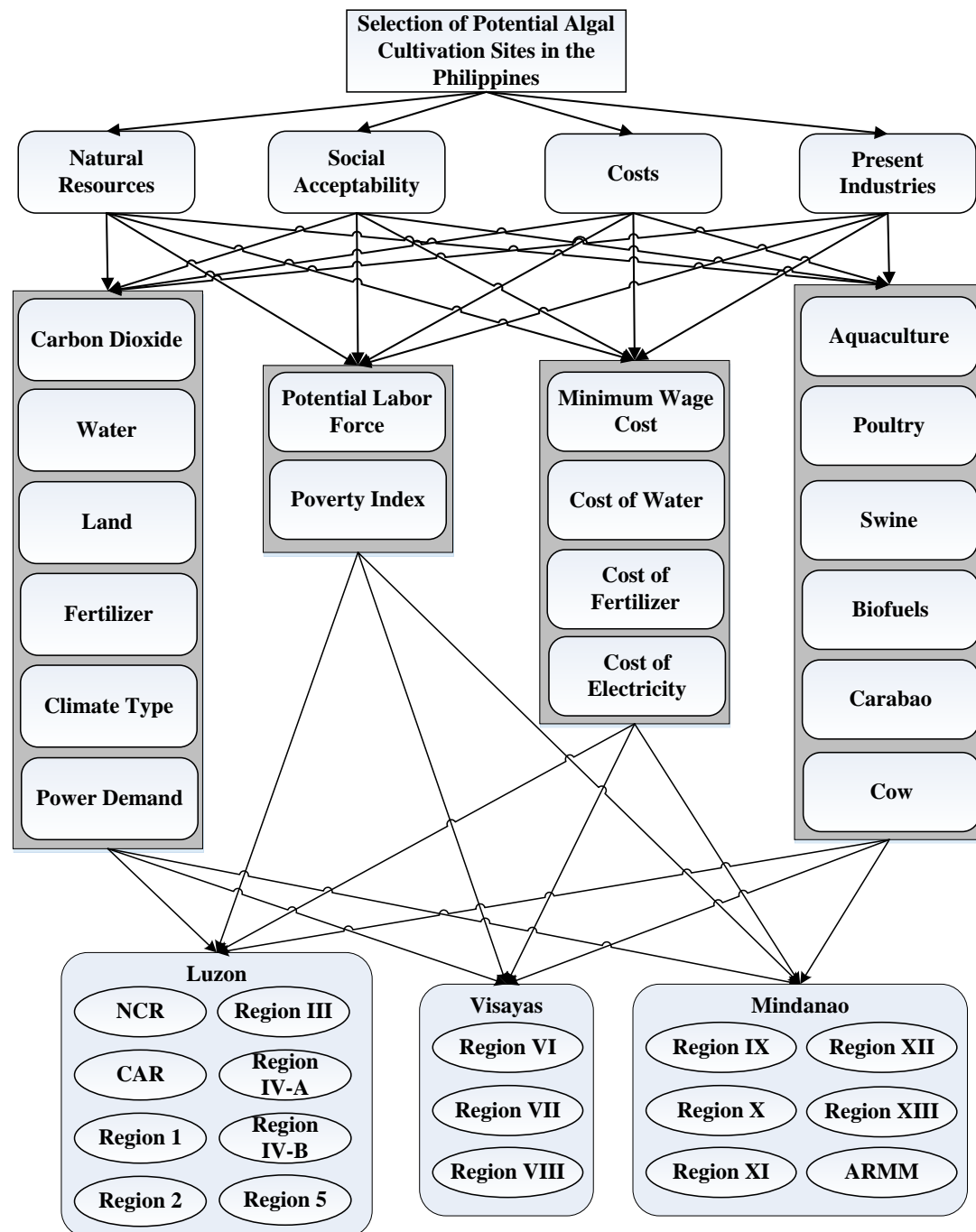
***Tetraselmis* sp.**



***Ankistrodesmus* sp.**



***Actinastrum* sp.**



# Deployment of a Microalgae Industry in the Philippines

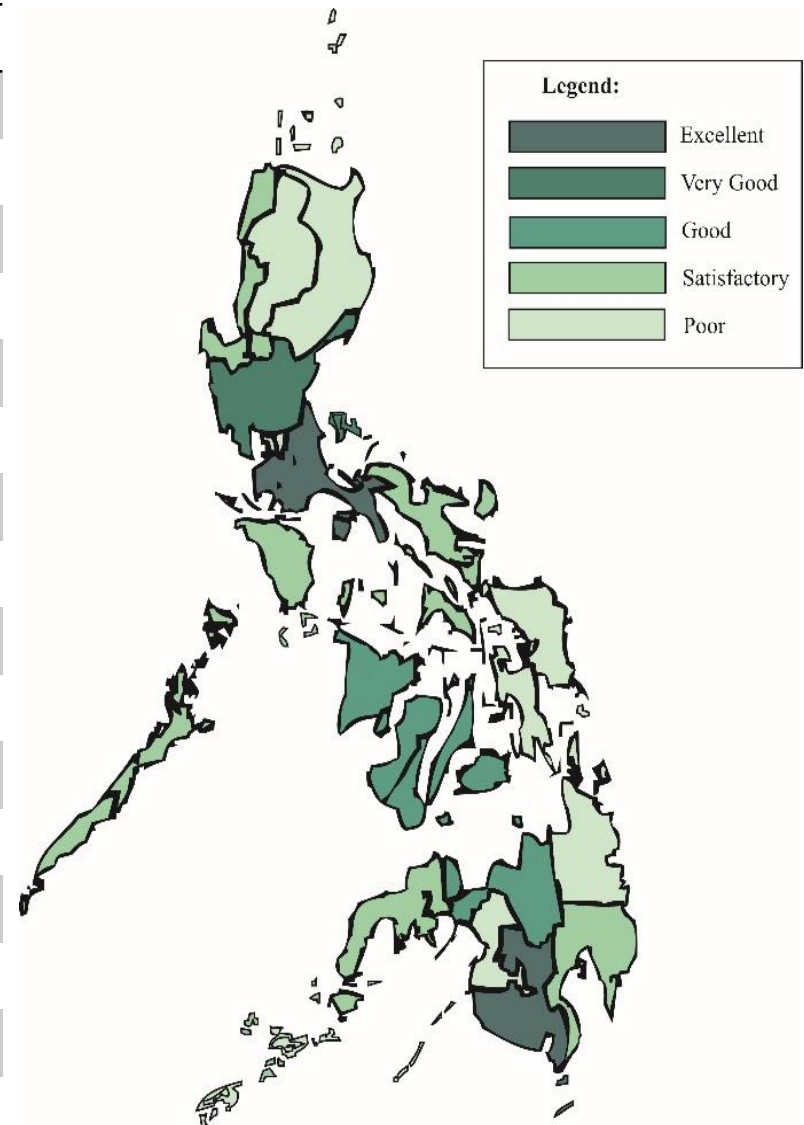
Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis model in the evaluation of the most suitable cultivation sites in the Philippines

Ubando et al, 2015

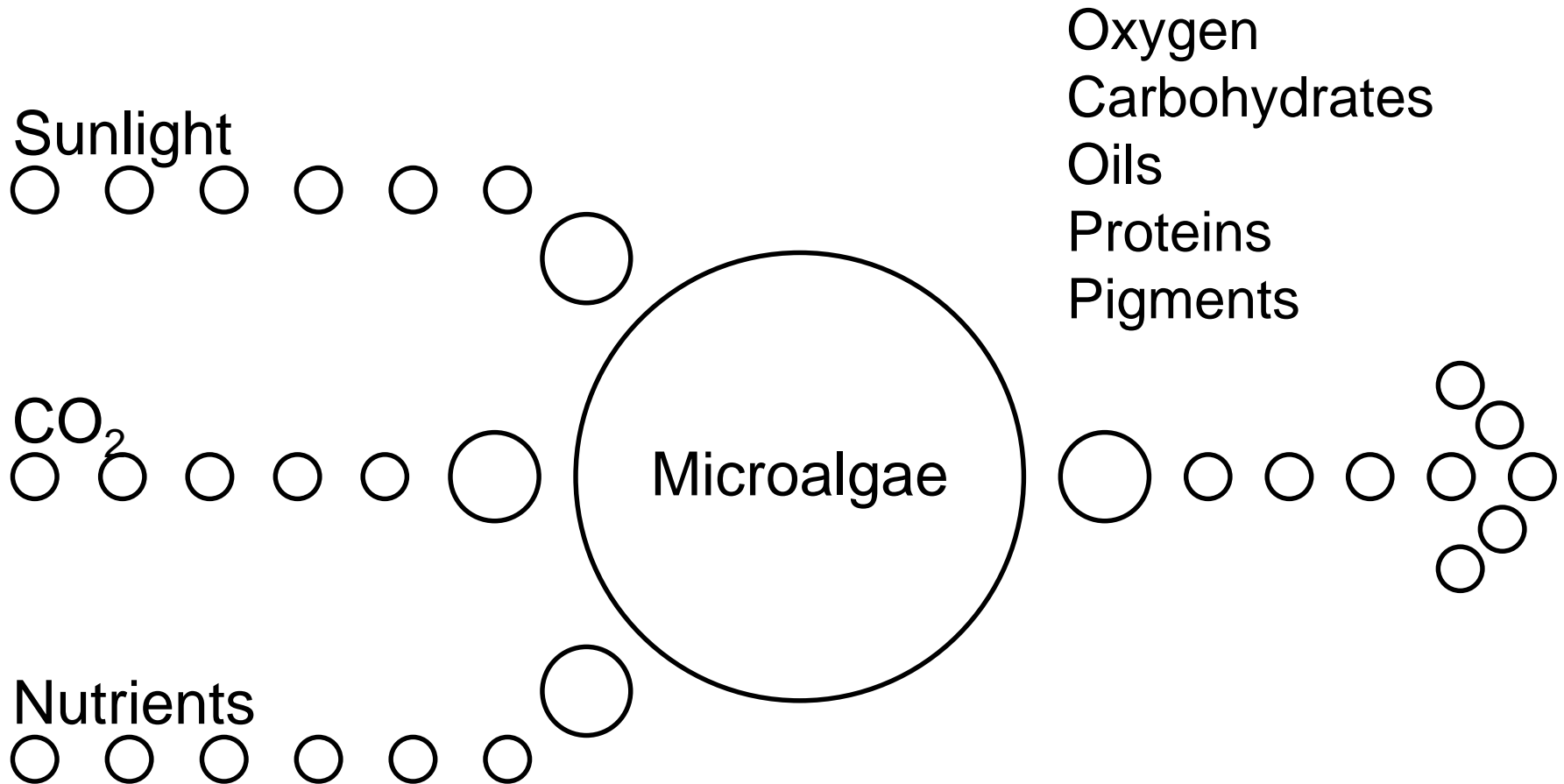


# Deployment of a Microalgae Industry in the Philippines

Ranking	Region	Weight, %
1	Region IV-A	11.47
2	Region III	9.22
3	Region X	8.73
4	Region VI	8.09
5	Region XII	6.39
6	Region VII	6.30
7	Region I	6.14
8	Region XI	6.04
9	Region IV-B	5.58
10	Region IX	5.37
11	Region V	5.31
12	Region II	5.17
13	ARMM	4.70
14	Region VIII	4.64
15	CAR	3.49
16	Region XIII	3.36



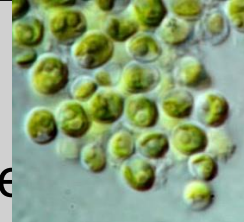
# Microalgae Biomass



# Microalgae for CO<sub>2</sub> Capture/Utilization

## Cultivation

- Nutrient medium
- Sunlight or other light source
- CO<sub>2</sub> from flue gases and power
- Photobioreactor or Open Ponds



## Strain Improvement

- Chemical or Physical treatment
- Genetic Engineering

## Harvest and Separation

- Centrifugation
- Oil Extraction





# Carbon from Flue Gases



Fossil Fuel Power Stations



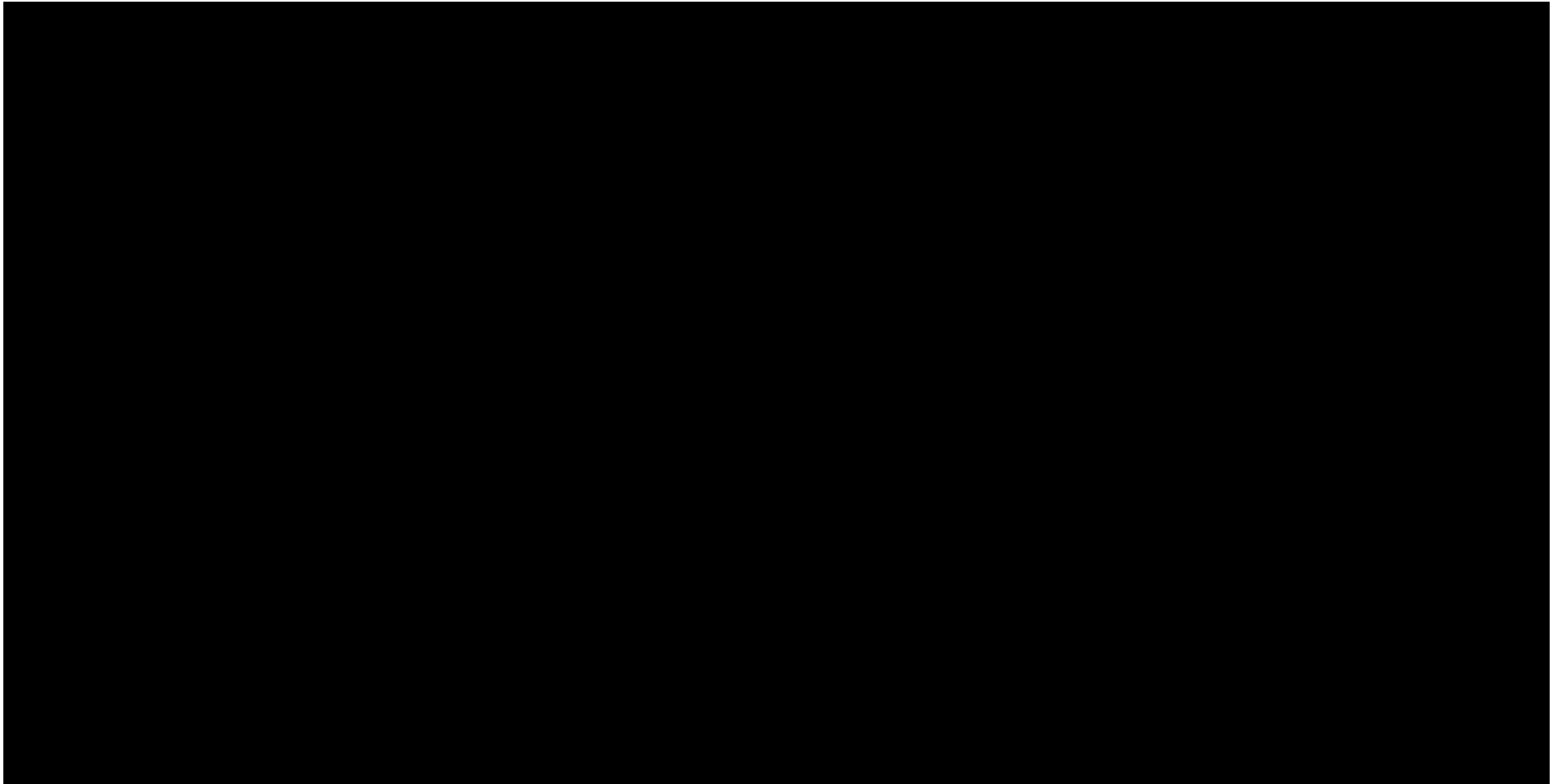
Cement Processing



Automotive Industry

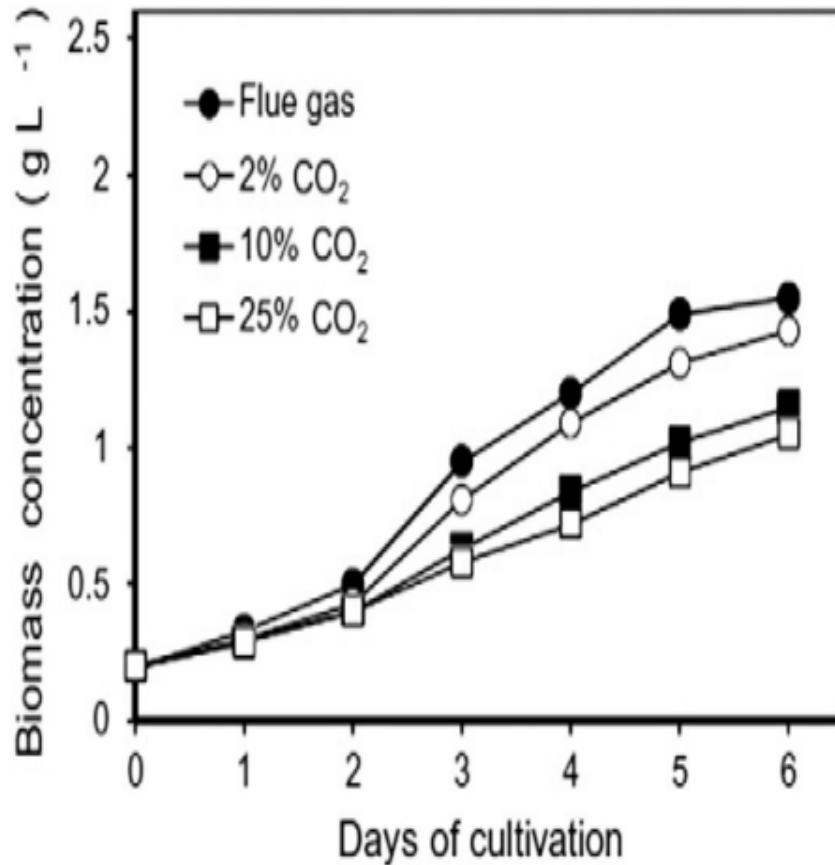
- Microalgae can grow on varieties of flue gas types.
- CO<sub>2</sub> reduction capacity is **300-500 ton CO<sub>2</sub>/ha/yr** with a removal efficiency of **60-70%** (Taiwan NEP – II)
- Flue gas impurities such as NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> can be simultaneously removed as well

# Carbon Sequestration: How it works

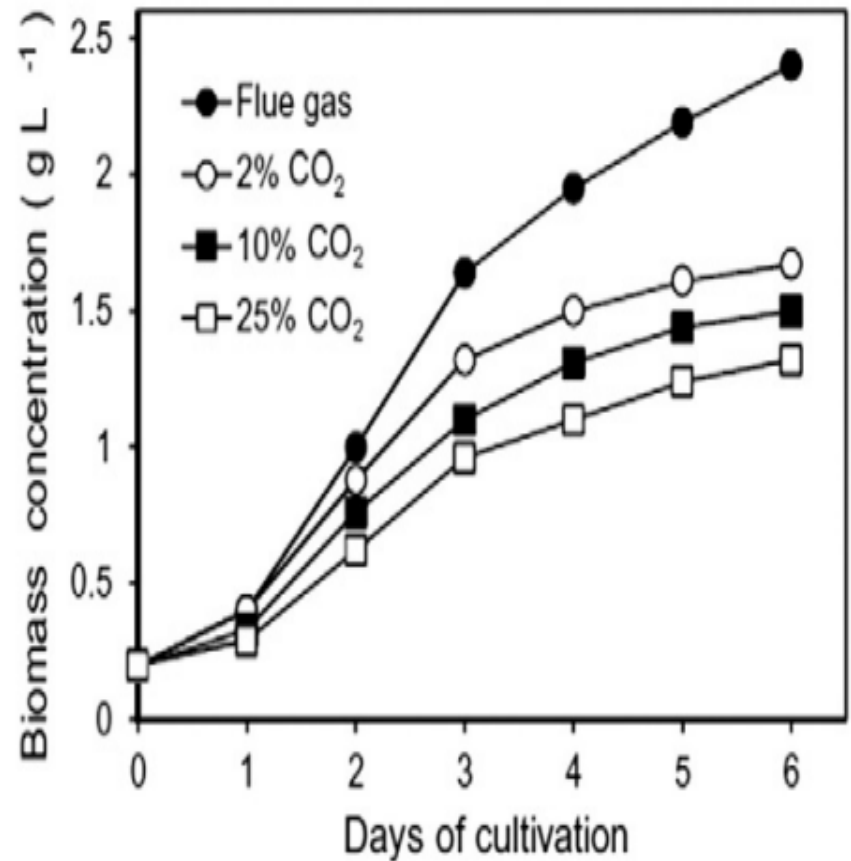


# Microalgae Growth using Different Flue Gases

A. *Chlorella* sp. WT



B. *Chlorella* sp. MTF-7





# Open Pond / Closed Photobioreactor



Open Pond Cultivation  
System  
at UP Visayas

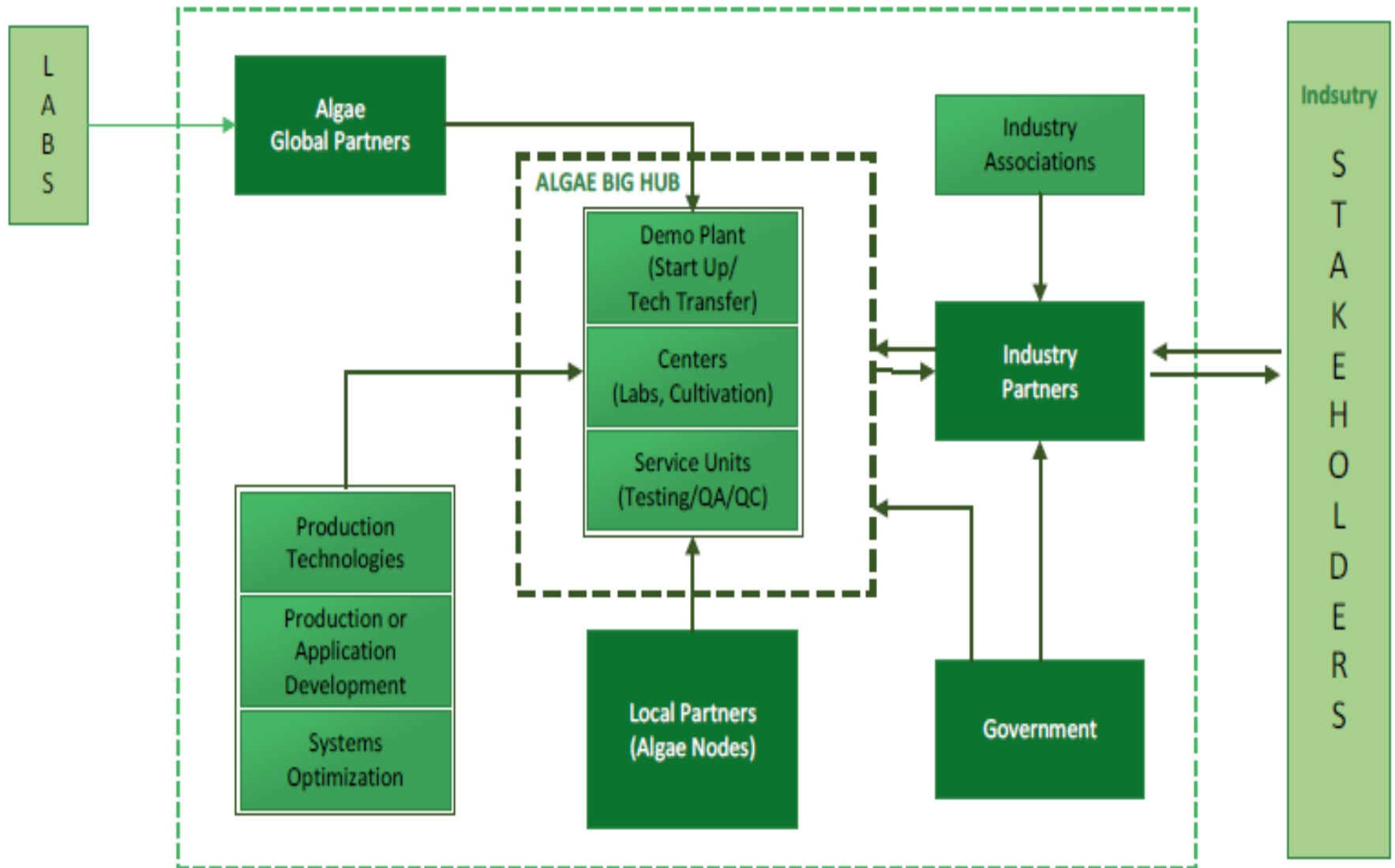


Open Pond Cultivation  
System of AZtec Spirulina in  
Cainta



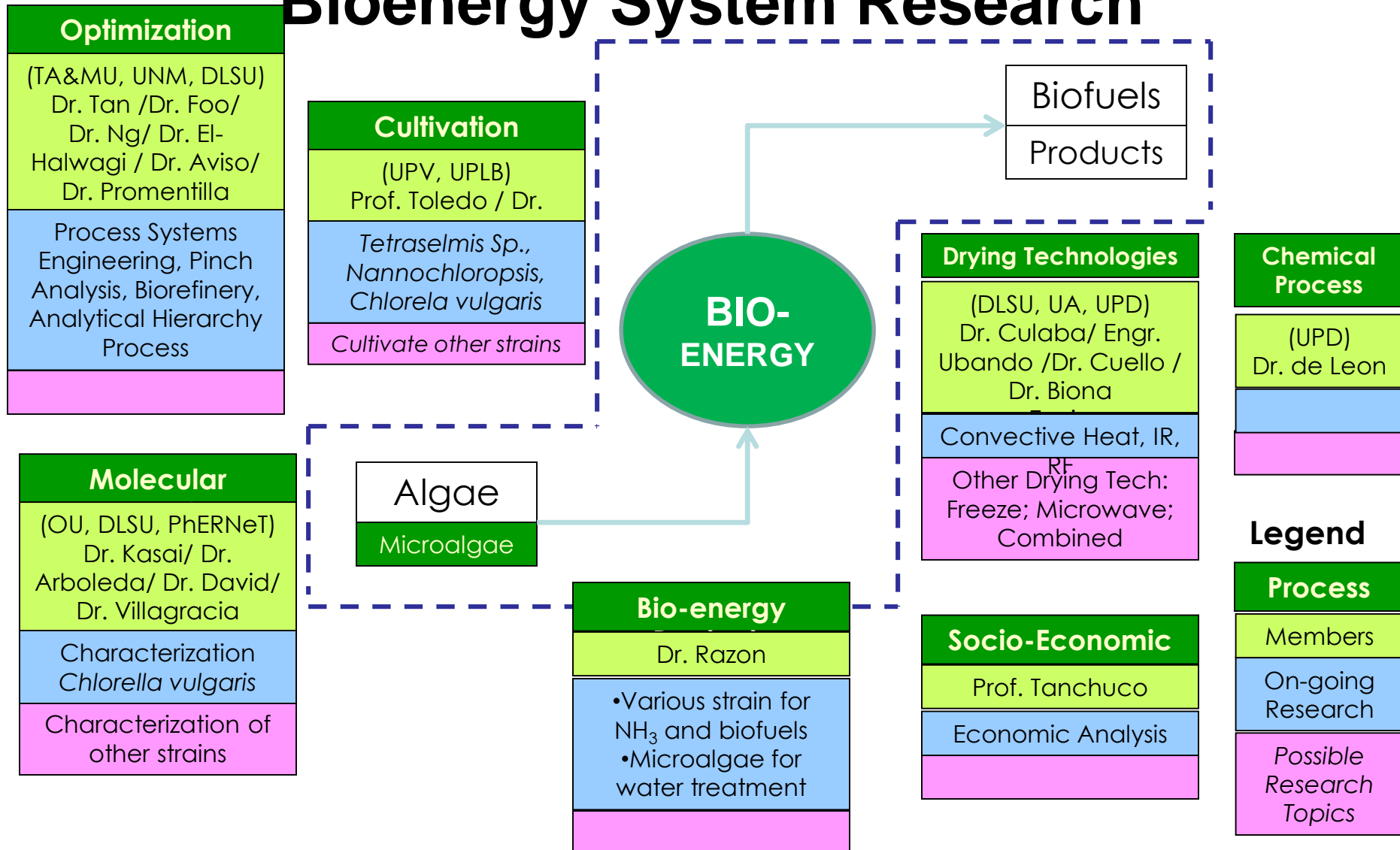
Closed PBR system at DLSU Manila

# Algae BioInnovation Global Hub



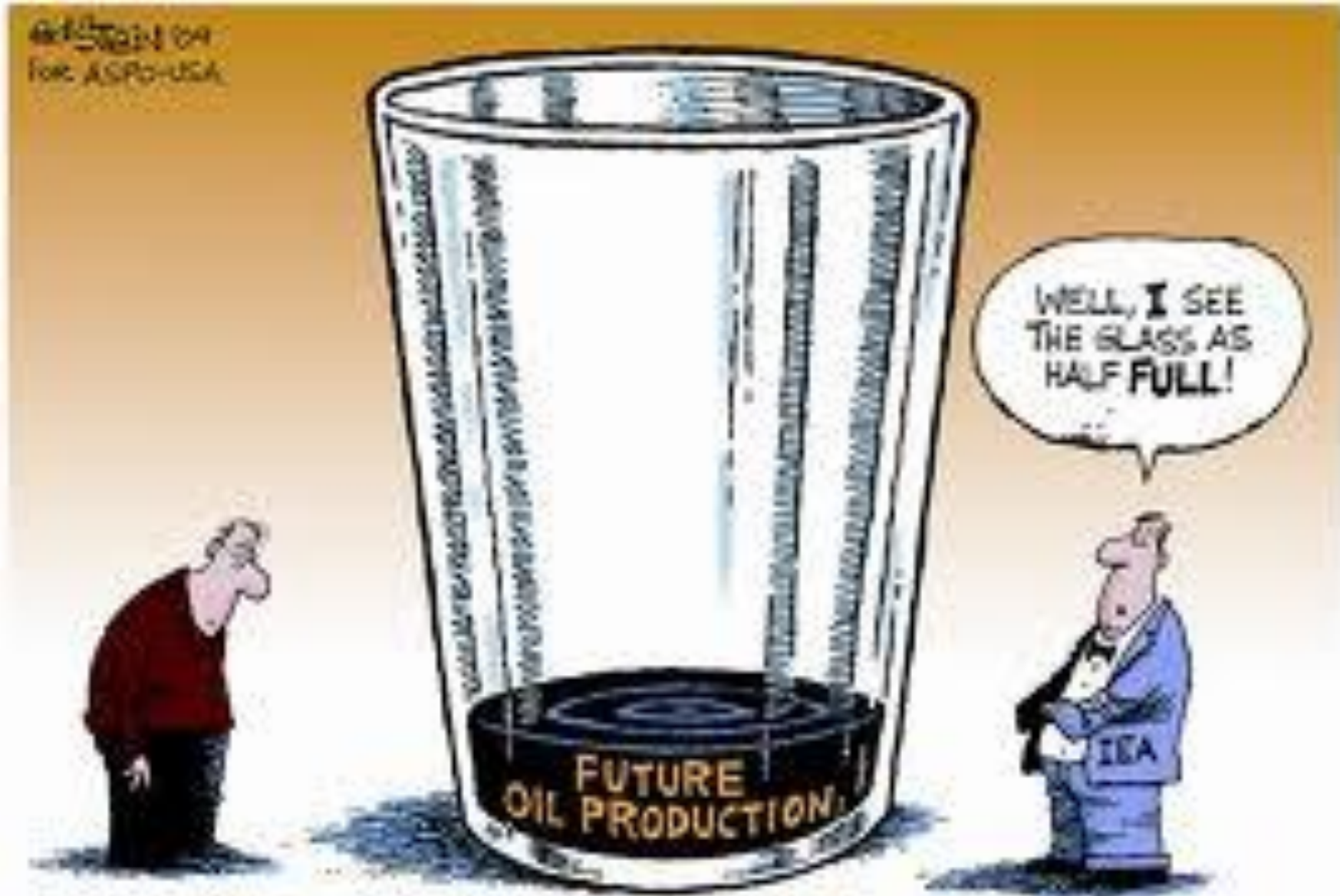
# Research@DLSU:

## Life Cycle-based Multifunctional Bioenergy System Research





# Engineer's view (?)



**THANK YOU.**

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