



# A simple, robust, and decentralized approach to utilize organic waste streams in the heterotrophic cultivation of *Galdieria sulphuraria*

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# Solution

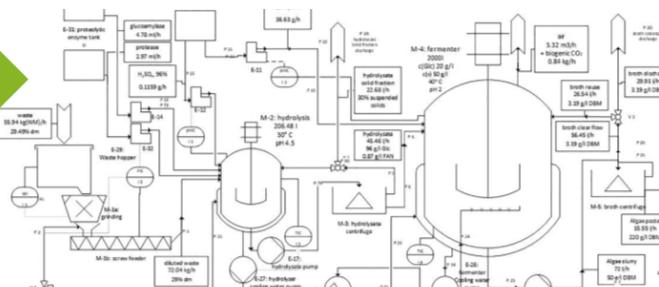
## Biorefinery for biobased products out of organic residues

biology ...

- Heterotrophic **extremophilic** microalgae
- Grows at **pH 2** and **40°C**
- Little commercialized



...in technology



algae cultivation ...

... extraction and drying by-products

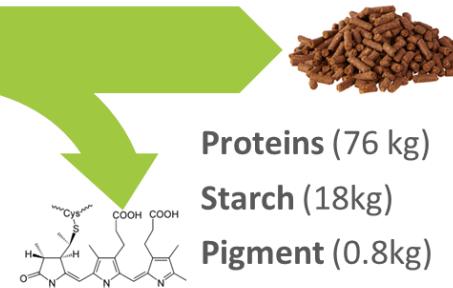
**1000 kg (30% DM) organic residues**

Conversion

DM = dry matter

540 liters of waste water

**260 kg of algae mass**  
TR 25% (high protein)  
**200 kg biomass**  
TR 25% (fatty/to biogas)

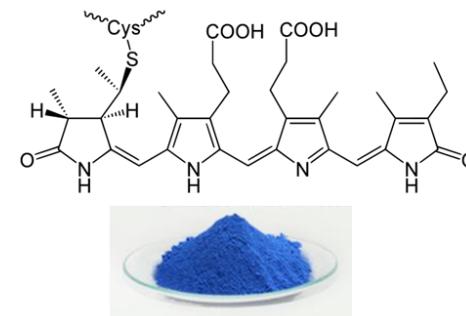
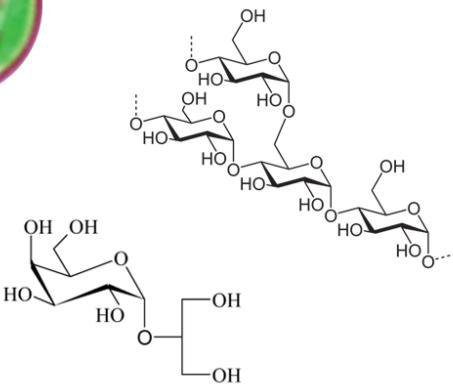


**Proteins (76 kg)**  
**Starch (18kg)**  
**Pigment (0.8kg)**

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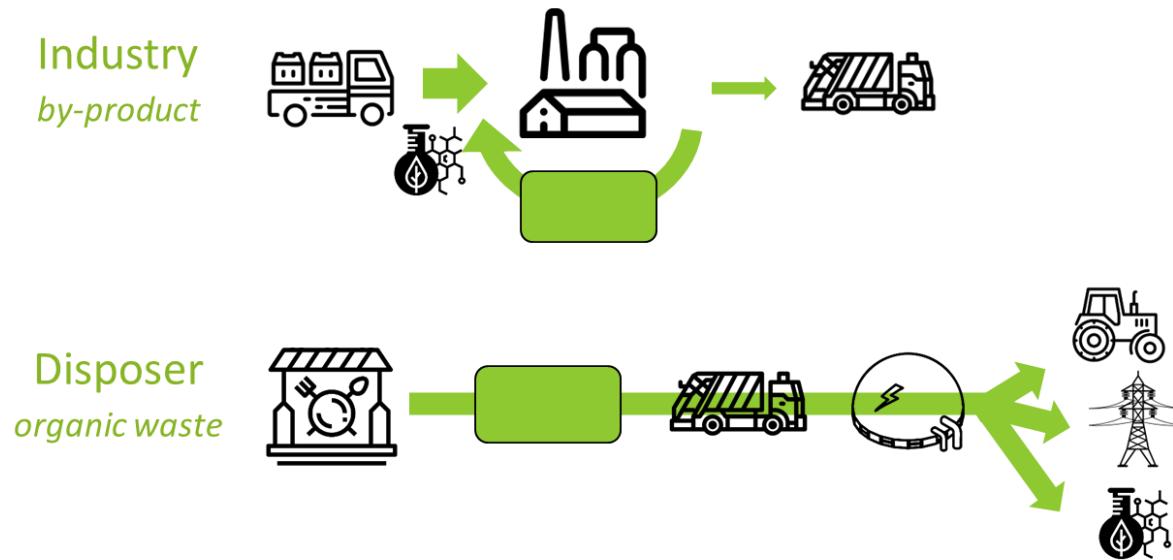
## Components of the extremophile red alga *G. sulphuraria*

- **Floridean starch (35% DM)**
  - Highly branched, high degree of polymerisation
- floridoside
  - Carbon storage and osmotic agent
- **Proteins (40% DM)**
  - Glycoprotein / indigestible
- **Phycocyanin (1.5% DM)**
  - Pigment-protein complex
  - Antioxidant
  - Heat tolerant up to 65°C



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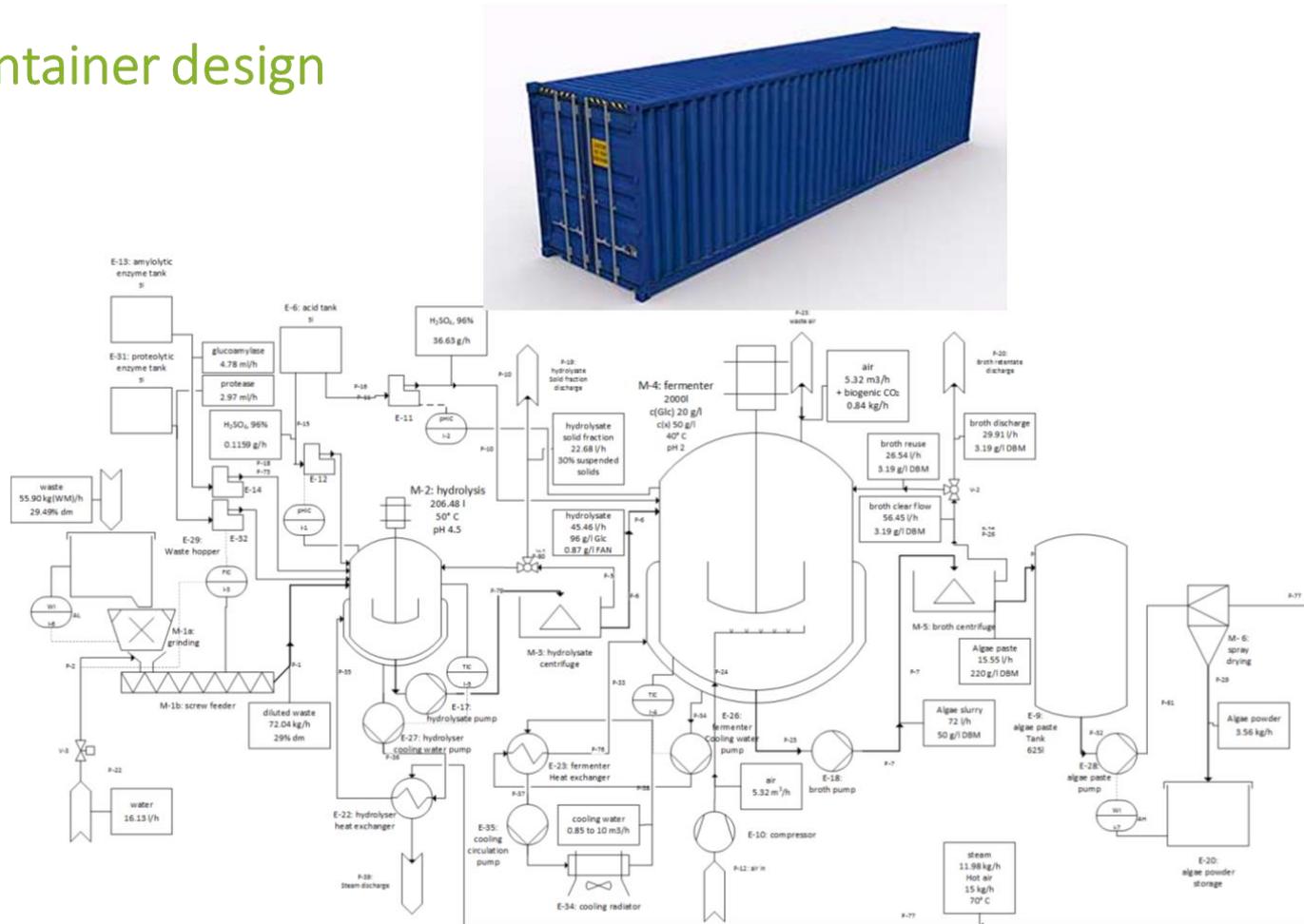
## Biorefinery integrated in disposal system



- Up to 80% reduction in organic waste for disposal
- Provision of regenerative raw materials
- Reduced nitrogen loads, 30% higher energy density in biogas plants

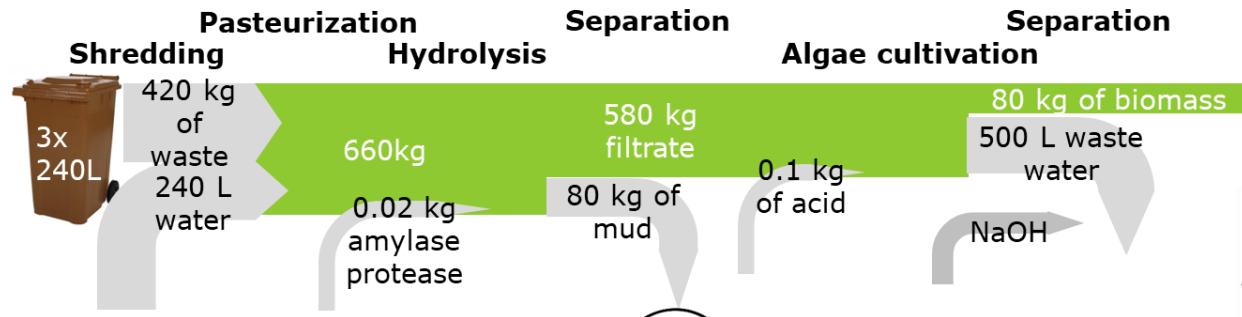
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## Container design



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No automatic process without monitoring and control



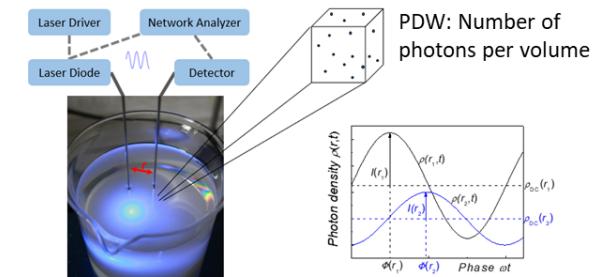
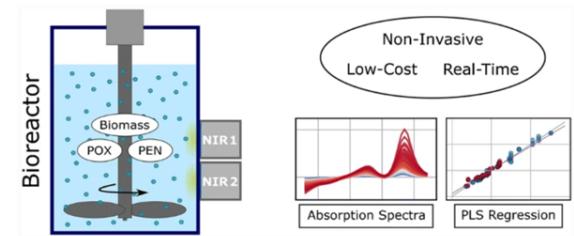
**Inline characterization of substrate and hydrolysate (e.g., NIR)**

NIR = Near Infrared Spectroscopy

PDW = Photon Density Wave Spectroscopy

**Inline characterization of medium and biomass (e.g., NIR, PDW, microscopy)**

**Monitoring of process parameters (e.g., O<sub>2</sub>-sensors, sensors for material and heat transfers)**



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## What we are looking for?

Partners from:

Agriculture and food industry,

waste managers,

industries for the utilization of *G. sulphuraria* biomass,

partners for the monitoring and automatization of the whole process.