Algal Biofuels & High Value Co-products

Algae hold great potential as a biomass feedstock due to its fast growth rates and ability to capture CO₂, nitrates, and phosphates that can be harmful to the environment. Using water at high temperatures/pressures (subcritical), a technique known as hydrothermal liquefaction, we can convert algae to biocrude oil and various other high value co-products simultaneously.

Keywords: Algae, Hydrothermal Liquefaction, Wastewater Treatment

Skills & Techniques

• Oil Characterization

- Distillation Fractions
- Elemental Analysis
- Higher Heating Value
- Catalysis Characterization
 - X-ray Diffraction
 - BET Surface Area
 - Scanning Electron Microscopy

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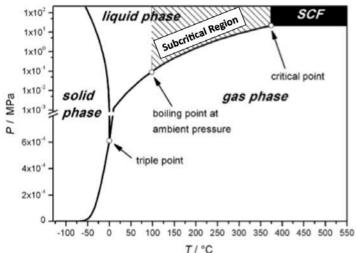
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Courses

Material & Energy Balances Reaction Kinetics Thermodynamics Organic Chemistry Biology



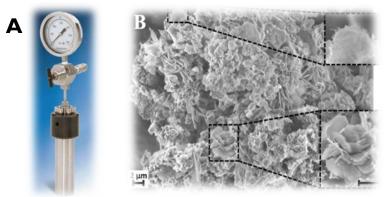






Biocrude Oil

Enhanced Fertilizers & Catalysts



(a) High Temp/Pressure Parr Reactor(b) SEM image of biochar crystals

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