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# An Innovative Concept for Degassing and Absorption in Photobioreactor

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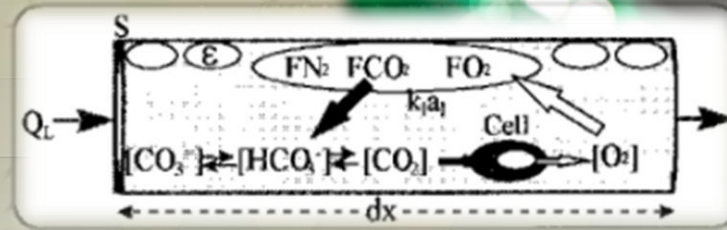
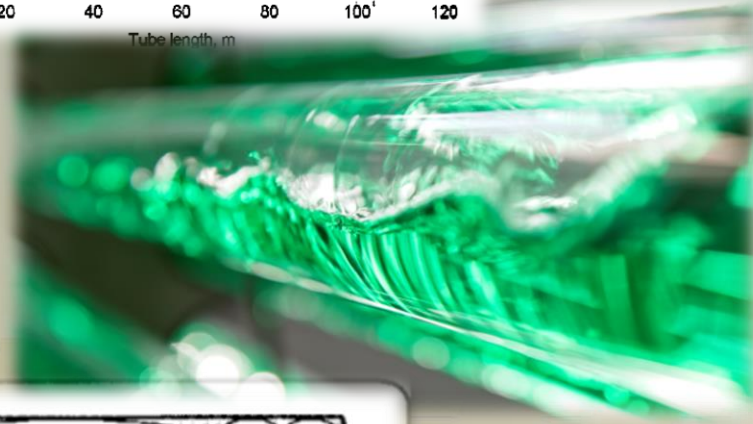
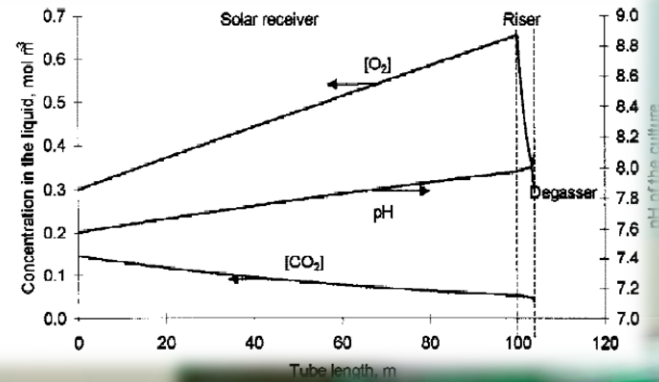
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# 3 Scale up Limits

1. Limited Maximum Length of the Solar Collector due to oxygen buildup in liquid phase.
2. Large Geometry for the degassing vessel due to limited driving force ( $\sim 10$  mg/l)
3. Carbon dioxide loss with pH control in the solar collector or degassing vessel



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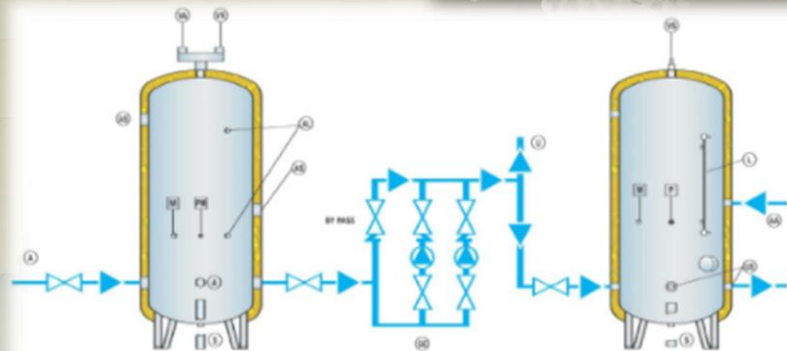
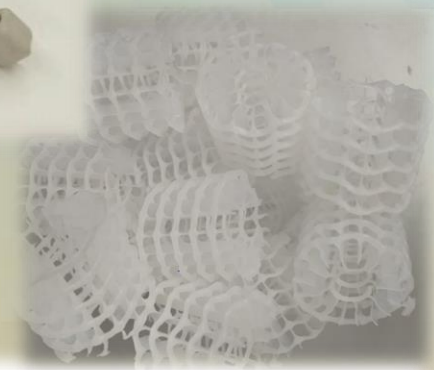
# Our Solutions

1. Solar Collector elongated thanks to a bubble free gas-liquid extraction membrane supported realized with PTFE 3D printed.
2. Optimization of the degassing process with dynamic pressure control, higher gas-liquid surface thanks to tower packing coated elements.
3. Dedicated vessel for pH control with CO<sub>2</sub> recirculation and dynamic pressure control.

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Membrane-Supported Liquid-Liquid Extraction  
[Wolfgang Riedl doi.org/10.1002/cben.202000032](https://doi.org/10.1002/cben.202000032)



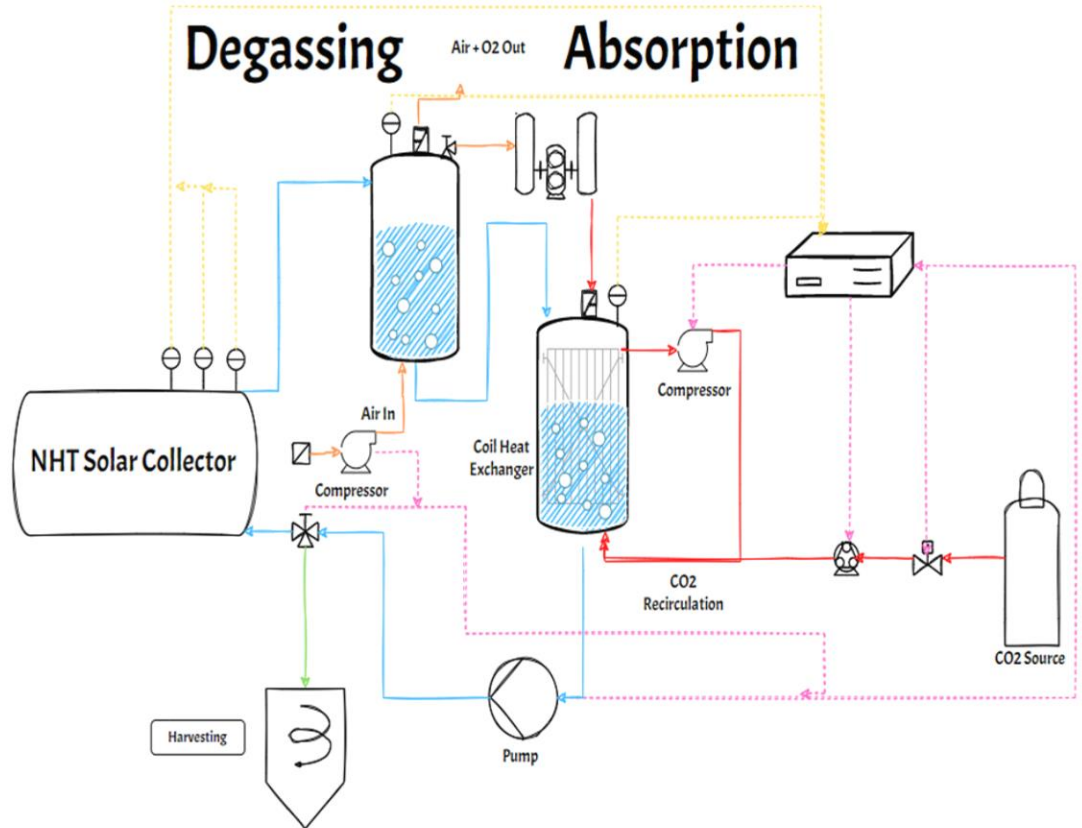
# Design and Simulation

Separate the two processes into two different units.

Full CO<sub>2</sub> recirculation with 0% Carbon Dioxide losses.

Pressure Variation in function of the DO.

Highly Adaptability to different scenarios (YCO<sub>2</sub>, XCO<sub>2</sub>, pH, Flow).



# Test Result



High volumetric mass-transfer coefficient in both processes:

$$K_{LaO_2} = 26.1 \text{ h}^{-1} @ \varepsilon = 0.001185$$

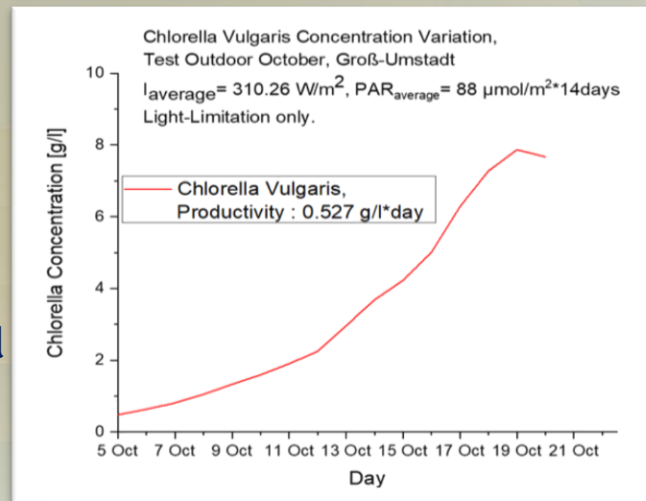
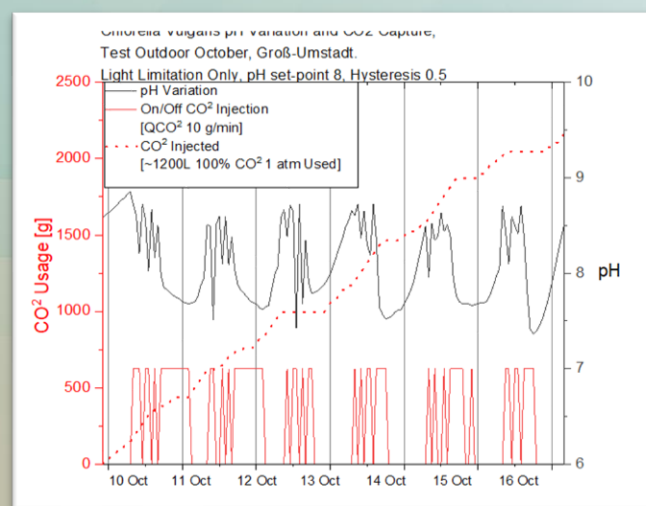
$$K_{LaCO_2} = 28.05 \text{ h}^{-1} @ \varepsilon = 0.000891$$

High Productivity obtained even in batch mode.

High Hysteresis allowed ( high pH variation ).

Only 2.1 kg CO<sub>2</sub> used to control the reactor for 6 days.

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# Future Development and Scale Up

- ❖ Application of the complete system in a larger scale tubular photobioreactor with estimated solar collector length up to 1200m.
- ❖ Governmental Founded project for Carbon Dioxide from Biogas production Plant usage.
- ❖ New test with gas-liquid and liquid-liquid extraction with enhanced hollow membrane.



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