

# Control of Algal Growth In Water Bodies: A Review

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**Abstract-** Green growths are available in all water bodies normally. They are a significant piece of any lake biological system. The degree of green growth focus influences the biological equalization. Broad algal blossoms in lakes and repositories disturb the common parity reducing the nature of water. On the off chance that any algal sort begins developing quickly, it can suffocate different animals living in the water. The water turns green; tastes mildew covered, and can be perilous to drink. In the long run, this can trigger freshwater lack, huge passing of fish and other sea-going occupants. A mix of high temperatures, stale water and supplement overburden can bring about exorbitant green growth development. These alleged algal blossoms can prompt a consumption of oxygen in the water, arrival of poisons and taste and scent issues. Without treatment, the green growth will develop all the more consistently, bringing about a lopsided biological system. In this manner, it is imperative to control green growth development for a sound environment.

**Keywords-** Algal growth, effects, control techniques.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Algae are a differing gathering of plant-like living beings that happen in a wide scope of ecological territories. They are photoautotrophic cells that contain chlorophyll, have basic conceptive structures, and their tissue isn't separated into genuine roots, stems or leaves. The term “algae” covers a variety of organisms that produce oxygen using photosynthesis. Other than creating oxygen, the green growth gives nourishment to angle and other amphibian creatures. In all water bodies, a basic level of algae is present. These algal focuses have a place with the ordinary lake environment and are additionally significant for the biological equalization inside the water. Be that as it may, wherever where water is put away, green growth issues happen. At the point when water is stale, has a high temperature or a high convergence of Nitrates and Phosphates, an algal blossom may happen, which can cause a few issues [2,8]. The ideal temperature for algal growth in the range of 20°C and 30°C [2]. Ideal light force for green growth is 2,500 - 5,000 lux [2]. CO<sub>2</sub> focus during algal development and verified that the correct range is 0.8% - 1.0% [2]. The pH esteem for ideal development of green growth goes between 7-12 [2]. Each algal species has an alternate ideal saltiness run [2].

Algal blooms cause reduced light penetration, depletion of oxygen, and release of toxins from the algae, which are unfavourable conditions for fish and plants. Because of the unbalanced ecosystem, the algae levels will increase each year. Algae growth in lakes, ponds, and reservoirs can deteriorate their water quality. Many types of algae Rhodophyta (red algae), Phaeophyta (brown algae), Chlorophyta (green algae), Cyanophyta (Blue Green algae), Bascillariophyta (Golden brown algae) can form blooms, cyanobacterial harmful algal blooms (CyanoHABs) have the potential to produce toxins that are dangerous to other organisms including humans, pets, and livestock [2,8].

Algal growth occurs in three major forms: [11]

- Plank tonic – single-celled, microscopic algae. They can float in the water freely or form colonies. They can change water color to green, yellow, brown or red.
- Filamentous algae – single-celled algae forming long hair like mats.
- Macrophyte – resemble real plants appearing to have stems and leaves.



(a) Plank tonic (b) Filamentous (c) Macrophyte

Fig 1 Algal growth [11]

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Addisu Demeke, **Cyanobacteria blooms and biological control Methods**, *International Journal of Fauna and Biological Studies* 2016, had studies in most recent couple of

decades, an over the top improvement of cyanobacteria in lakes and supplies happens as an outcome of expanding freshwaters eutrophication, particularly of phosphorus input. Because of creation of high biomass and poisons, the cyanobacterial event prompts decay of sea-going biological systems and furthermore contrarily influences utilization of lakes for diversion and as drinking water supplies. This audit centres on cyanobacterial sprouts and conceivable organic control strategies. The survey incorporates as of now well-known strategies just as of now creating natural control techniques and standards. With respect to organic controls techniques, the utilization of infections and microscopic organisms speak to another fascinating course of investigate, in any case, they have just been founded on research centre examinations up to now. Thought, there are different natural controls strategies, the expulsion of generous measure of benthivorous fish and reclamation of macrophyte control are significant or even fundamental enhancements for fruitful lake rebuilding, it is not adequate to forestall cyanobacterial turn of events whenever utilized as the main measures.

**A. Thornton, T. Weinhart, O. Bokhove, B. Zhang, D.M. van der Sar, K. Kumar, M. Pisarenco, M. Rudnaya, V. Savcenko, J. Rademacher, J. Zijlstra, A. Szabelska, J. Zyprych, M. van der Schans, V. Timperio, F. Veerman, Modeling and Optimization of Algae Growth**, had contemplated that The model comprises of a halfway differential condition for the green growth fixation coupled to three normal deferential conditions for the phosphate, the nitrate and the carbon dioxide focuses. The re-enactments have demonstrated a decent subjective forecast for the grouping of green growth, minerals and carbon dioxide. The most significant parameters directing algal development are temperature, supplement amount and quality, power of light, levels of CO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>, pH and saltiness. Information about the impact and scopes of these parameters will assist us with promoting green growth development. The temperature of water just as the supplements content must be fair and square that will permit the green growth to develop.

**B.**

**Donald M. Anderson, Approaches to monitoring, control and management of harmful algal blooms (HABs), (2009)**, had studied Essentially every waterfront nation on the planet is influenced by unsafe algal blossoms (HABs, normally called "red tides"). These wonders are brought about by blossoms of tiny green growth. A portion of these green growth are poisonous, furthermore, can prompt disease and passing in people, fish, seabirds, marine warm blooded animals, and other maritime life, regularly because of the exchange of

poisons through the nourishment web. Now and again the immediate arrival of harmful mixes can be deadly to marine creatures. Non-harmful HABs cause harm to biological systems, fisheries assets, and recreational offices, regularly because of the sheer biomass of the collected green growth. The term "HAB" additionally applies to non-poisonous sprouts of microalgae (ocean growth), which can cause major biological effects, for example, the dislodging of indigenous species, natural surroundings adjustment and oxygen consumption in base waters. The assorted variety in HAB species and their effects presents a critical test to those answerable for the administration of beach front assets. Besides, HABs are intricate oceanographic wonders that require multidisciplinary study running from sub-atomic and cell science to huge scope field studies, numerical displaying, and remote detecting from space.

**H. Traugott, M. Zollmann, H. Cohen, A. Chemodanov, A. Liberzon, A. Golberg, Aeration and nitrogen modulated growth rate and chemical composition of green macroalgae Ulva sp. cultured in a photobioreactor, (2020)**, had studied Base air circulation is a typical innovation utilized in microalgae development. Profitability and substance piece of microalgae rely upon the wind current rate infused to the developing frameworks through mechanical incitement, the expansion of CO<sub>2</sub>, or mass exchange of supplements. Notwithstanding, itemized data about the various impacts and parts of air circulation, which are basic for augmenting the development of the green growth and advancing its quality, is still lacking. We measured the impacts of air circulation rate on the biomass development rate, protein, starch, and debris substance of *Ulva* sp., utilizing various blends of wind stream rates and nitrogen focus in an open air photo bioreactor. Expanding the wind stream from 0.5 L min<sup>-1</sup> to 2 L min<sup>-1</sup>, expanded by up to 36% the everyday development rate furthermore, the starch content up to 75%, of the *Ulva* sp. biomass, contingent upon the treatment focus.

**Harmful Algal Bloom Control Methods Synopses, Developed by the NEIWPC HAB Workgroup's Control Methods**, Cyanobacteria-related unsafe algal sprouts (HABs) and their poisons are a developing worry in the Northeast. The recurrence of HAB event is on the ascent and HABs have been related with human wellbeing impacts including skin rashes, asthma intensification, gastrointestinal sickness, and liver harm. Potential neurological effects have likewise been recommended. Impacts can be considerably progressively articulated, once in a while even lethal, in creatures extending from steers to hounds. HABs have direct ramifications for the utilization of water bodies for amusement and drinking, and for the general corruption of amphibian assets. NEIWPC arranges a Harmful Algal Blooms Workgroup to encourage

local exchange and create working records tending to explicit need issues identified with cyanobacterial sprouts. A portion of these need subjects for Northeast state organizations incorporate strategies for checking and investigating cyanobacteria, sharing procedures and methods for giving warnings and terminations on influenced water bodies, and giving direction to drinking water offices on the most proficient method to deal with possibly poisonous blossoms in their water supplies.

**Liang Heng, Nan Jun, He Wen-jie, Li Guibai, Algae removal by ultrasonic irradiation-coagulation, Desalination 239 (2009)**, the adequacy of ultrasonic illumination on green growth evacuation by coagulation was examined. Research facility results propose that ultrasonic treatment at 40 kHz and 60W for 15 s can improve green growth coagulation evacuation by 12.4% as contrasted and direct coagulation. A photometric scattering analyzer was utilized to screen the green growth coagulation in this examination. It is additionally shown that variety in ultrasonic recurrence doesn't notably affect green growth evacuation while expanding ultrasonic capacity to more than 60W produces a negative outcome. The ideal light term is decided as 15 s. taking everything into account, ultrasonic illumination coagulation demonstrates powerful for green growth expulsion. Nonetheless, down to earth application despite everything requires significant investment because of specific constraints of the system.

**Marina Montresor and Maria I Ferrante, Victor Smetacek, Philipp Assmy, Algal Blooms, 2019**, Essentially every waterfront nation on the planet is influenced by unsafe algal blossoms (HABs, normally called "red tides"). These wonders are brought about by blossoms of tiny green growth. A portion of these green growth are poisonous, furthermore, can prompt disease and passing in people, fish, seabirds, marine warm blooded animals, and other maritime life, regularly because of the exchange of poisons through the nourishment web. Now and again the immediate arrival of harmful mixes can be deadly to marine creatures. Non-harmful HABs cause harm to biological systems, fisheries assets, and recreational offices, regularly because of the sheer biomass of the collected green growth. The term "HAB" additionally applies to non-poisonous sprouts of microalgae (ocean growth), which can cause major biological effects, for example, the dislodging of indigenous species, natural surroundings adjustment and oxygen consumption in base waters.

### III. TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES

Controlling the spread of Cyanobacteria has become a severe global challenge. Especially, for lakes and bigger ponds. Some control methods are not environmentally safe, for example, Algaecides. Other methods like Aeration, are quite expensive to prevent algal blooms, current algae control options that are commonly used include: Chemicals, Aeration, Mixing, Ultrasound.

**Chemical control** Involves treating the water with various chemical additives. Alum, lanthanum, or any other products that precipitate or sequester the ionized orthophosphates. Aquatic herbicides used to treat algae are called algaecides. They are often copper-based compounds (e.g. copper sulfate, copper chelate communes, chemical Endothall). Algaecides are expensive and need frequent dosing. They must be used with care, as they can cause algal cell rupture. This triggers the release of toxins into the water. Rapid decay of algal blooms can contaminate water with high concentrations of algal toxins. This is dangerous for fish and plants. Algaecides can have significant long-term effects on the lake's ecological balance. They are not suitable for large water surfaces [4].



Fig 2 Chemical control [13]

**Aeration** Healthy levels of dissolved oxygen in the pond are crucial. Oxygen helps break down the decaying vegetation and other nutrients in the water. Microorganisms help break down the silt at the bottom. Aerobic and anaerobic bacteria both contribute to decomposition. Aerobic decomposition requires a continuous supply of oxygen. It intensifies when dissolved oxygen concentrations approach the saturation levels. The primary result of aerobic bacteria decomposition is carbon dioxide. Anaerobic decomposition is slower. The end products are organic compounds like alcohols and foul-smelling organic acids. Aeration is an environmentally friendly technique to rejuvenate water bodies. It increases the level of oxygen in the water. Aeration systems can help avoid chemical use and create a healthy ecosystem. It can be used for large ponds. But High costs for maintenance and labour,

intense energy use. Aeration does not kill the algae directly, so it is not always efficient. It requires treatment of the entire water surface [4].



Fig 3 Aeration [13]

**Mixing** Mixing circulates water to achieve desertification in reservoirs. The process involves mixing water to eliminate stratified layers. Epilimnion and Metalimnion are usually circulated to control algae. The aim is to clear the surface water from iron, manganese, and anoxic odours that usually occur in the Hypolimnion layer. This makes conditions less favourable for algae growth in certain layers. Artificial circulation causes less environmental damage than using chemicals. It is generally more effective in deep reservoirs (mean depth >15 m). Circulating water requires high systems' maintenance due to wear and tear. Such systems have fluctuating results on algae blooms. The effect on total cyanobacteria levels is controversial. In lakes, mixing often affects only surface layers close to destratifiers. In large systems, mixing sediments can actually increase the available nutrients. This triggers further algae growth in the short term. However, in the long-term, reductions can be achieved [1].



Fig 4 Mixing [13]

**Ultrasonic algae control** Ultrasounds are sound waves with frequencies above the limit of human hearing (22 kHz). At specific frequencies, ultrasounds can help control algae growth. Cyanobacteria use gas vesicles for buoyancy and

depth regulation. During the day, algae are photosynthesizing in the top layer. Carbon dioxide and nutrients dissolved in water help them produce oxygen and polysaccharides. At night, the cyanobacteria cells empty their vacuole to sink to the bottom. There, they use oxygen and nutrients to produce biomass. Ultrasound waves create a sound layer in the top layer of the water. This affects algae buoyancy. The algae cells start sinking to the bottom. There, they cannot photosynthesize without enough light and eventually die. Specific frequency programs must be used to ensure efficiency. Selection is based on the type of algae that requires control. Algae can adapt during seasons within the same lake. The ultrasonic frequencies must be regularly adjusted for successful long-term algal control. Controlling algae with ultrasound is a well-established technology used for many years. It is proven effective for green and blue-green algae. It is environmentally friendly and harmless to fish or plants. It can be used for small and large lakes. Ultrasound in integrated with real-time monitoring allows predicting algal blooms and preventing algal blooms. Must cover the entire surface of the lake. Each spatial spot must be treated for a minimum duration to achieve full efficiency [6].



Fig 5 Ultrasound [13]

#### IV. CONCLUDING REMARK

To forestall or re-establish an unequal biological system, it is critical to control green growth issues. With regards to lakes or greater lakes, current green growth control strategies incorporate air circulation, blending and ultrasound. As an option for the utilization of synthetic compounds, controlling green growth with ultrasound is an entrenched innovation that has existed for a long time. It is an ecologically well disposed and practical innovation that is totally innocuous to fish and plants. It is demonstrated powerful for green and blue green growth. It tends to be utilized for little and huge lakes.

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