

fermentation technology

① The word fermentation is derived from Latin & word *fervere* which means to Boil.

② But the conventional Definition of fermentation is to Break down of larger Molecule into smaller and simple molecule using micro-organisms.

③ In Biotechnology, fermentation means any process by which micro-organisms are grown in large quantities to produce any type of useful materials.

⇒ Culturing the Micro-organism / method -
After isolation of micro-organism they are grown in culture medium. Different type of microbial culture are used for different purposes. Some of the common types of culture are -

- 1) Batch Culture
- 2) Continuous Culture
- 3) fed - Batch Culture.

Batch Culture

- ① It is the simplest method of culturing the micro-organism in which the micro-organism are grown on a limited amount of medium. Until essential nutrients are exhausted or toxic by products inhibit the growth.
- ② In a batch culture, the microbes pass through a number of stages during their growth.

A. Lag phase

① The growth of micro-organism will not occur immediately after inoculation. They take some time to adjust or adapt to the medium.

② This time is called lag phase.

③ The lag phase can be reduced by using a relatively large amount of exponentially growing inoculum which is grown in a medium having similar composition as that used in the fermentation.

(B) Exponential or log phase -

In this phase, the microbes grow in an exponential manner consuming the nutrient present in the medium.

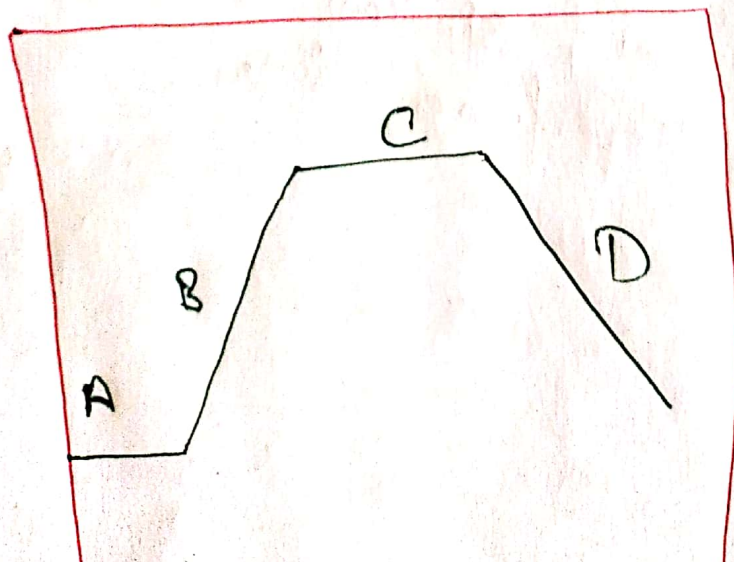
(C) Stationary or Deceleration Phase -

As soon as the level of nutrient is reduced or exhausted in the medium, the growth of culture gradually slows down.

This may also occur due to accumulation of toxic metabolites which inhibits the growth. During this phase, the micro-organism can not grow and hence their number can not increase.

(D) Death or Decline Phase -

In this phase the nutrients in the medium exhaust completely and there will be accumulation of toxic material which leads to death of microbial cells.



Advantages-

- 1) Require less space
- 2) Can be easily handled, and
- 3) less chance of Contamination

② Disadvantage-

- ① Time Consuming
- ② Requires more time for cleaning, Sterilization, and Cooling
- ③ Product yield is low.

★ Continuous Culture-

- 1) if the Culture medium is designed such that the cessation of growth is due to Depletion of nutrients rather than by Accumulation of toxins, the exponential growth in the Batch can be prolonged by the Addition of fresh medium to the culture vessel.
- 2) if the Addition of medium Displaces an Equal Amount of Culture, then Continuous Production of cells can be Achieved.
- 3) if the medium is Added Continuously to such a System at a Suitable rate, the Displacement of Culture can be Balanced by the Production of New Biomass and a steady State can be Achieved.

Advantage of CF.

- 1) Product forms continuously.
- 2) Product yield is good.
- 3) Inoculation of culture is done only once, and
- 4) Save time and labour.

Disadvantage of CF.

- 1) Complex and Difficult to operate
- 2) More chance of Contamination
- 3) operators with brief knowledge on fermentation and microbial behaviour and growth are required.

Fed - Batch Culture

(1) It is also the Batch Culture which is fed continuously with fresh medium with fresh medium without the removal of original culture from the fermenter. The volume of medium in the fermenter increases continuously. (4)

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⇒ General requirements

(1) Water - forms the leading component of the media in micro-organism.

(a) The water quality is highly significant as it affects microbial growth and production of Bioproduct.

(c) In media production, there is quality control of raw material. In many Biotechnological process, and in supply and use should be carefully monitored and controlled.

(2) Source of Energy - Carbon, a nitrogen source, inorganic element, and specific growth (for some cell type) are the basic nutritional requirement of micro-organism.

Carbohydrate Sources	Form	Nitrogen Sources (% Nitrogen by wt)
Glucose	Pure glucose, Monohydrate and hydrolyzed starch	Barley (1.5-2.0) Beet Molasses (1.5-2.0)
Lactose	Pure lactose, whey powder	Corn Steep Steep (4.5)
Starch	Barley, groundnut meal, oat flour, vye flour, and soybean meal	ground meal (8.0) oat flour (1.5-2.0) Phosma media (8.0)

③ Sterile Sterilisation Practices for Biotechnological media should destroy maximum contaminating micro-organism at minimum temperature and causing minimal damage to the medium component.

④ Preparation of the media in an appropriate manner is the basis of the entire fermentation process. Poor media design lead to low efficiency of growth and poor product formation.

★ Study of Media -

- (i) Media is a mixture of various nutrient prepared artificially to support the growth and multiplication of micro-organisms.
- (2) Media are continuously being developed and/or revised to be used for isolating and identifying desired bacteria in various fields (like food, water, and clinical microbiology).
- (3) Culture media are required for growing organism from infected material so that the causative agent can be identified.

⇒ Constituent of Culture Media -

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|------------------|--------------------|
| (i) Water. | (iv) Meat Extract |
| (ii) Electrolyte | (v) Blood or Serum |
| (iii) Peptone | (vi) Agar. |

Type of Media -

(2)

(1.) Based on Physical State -

- (a) liquid Media,
- (b) Semi-Solid Media,
- (c) Solid Media

(2.) Based on the Presence of Molecular Oxygen and Reducing Substance in the Media

- (a) Aerobic Media.
- (b) Anaerobic Media.

(3.) Based on Nutritional factors -

- (a) Simple media.
- (b) Complex media.
- (c) Synthetic media.
- (d) Special media.
 - (i) Enriched media
 - (ii) Selective media
 - (iii) Indicator media
 - (iv) Sugar media
 - (v) Enrichment media.
 - (vi) Differentia media.
 - (vii) Transport media.

⇒ Culture Media for Lactobacillus and E. coli -

① Autotrophs can be cultivated using Chemically Defined Media, which are also used for Defining the nutritional requirement of heterotrophs.

② However, Chemically Defined media is not Employed and instead some complex organic materials. Eg - Peptone, meat Extract and

Teat- Extract) are used for the contin
Cultivation of heterotrophs.

③ The resulting media support the growth of
a wide variety of heterotrophic bacteria.

④ To obtain a solid medium, agar is
added which serve as a non-nutritive
Solidifying Agents

⇒ Culture media for viruses

1) Primary Culture - This culture is prepared by
Dispersing cells, obtained from freshly removed
host tissues, with trypsin, generally, they
cannot grow for more than a few
Passage in culture.

2) Secondary Culture - This culture included
Diploid cell lines that have undergone a
change allowing limited culture (up to
50 passages).

3) Continuous Cell Culture -

This culture is capable of more prolonged
indefinite growth that has been derived
from Diploid cell lines or from
malignant tissue.

The type of cell culture used for viral
cultivation depend on the sensitivity of cells to
a particular virus.

⇒ Sterilisation Method -

(1) Sterilisation is an important operation which Differentiates biochemical and Chemical Process.

(2) The Process aims to provide a Contamination-free Environment.

(3) fermentation Proceeds only with the involvement of

- (i) A micro-organism
- (ii) A medium
- (iii) A fermenter
- (iv) Nutrient / other Additives
- (v) Air in the case of Aerobic Process.

(4) A Contaminant may affect the fermentation Process in the following ways.

(i) It may Contaminate the final Product

(ii) The medium would be consumed to support the growth of Contaminating organisms.

(iii) The Contaminated Product may be greater than the Desired Product

(iv) Unsteril Air in Aerobic fermentation may Spoil the fermentation Product

⇒ Sterilisation of fermenter

Media

Air

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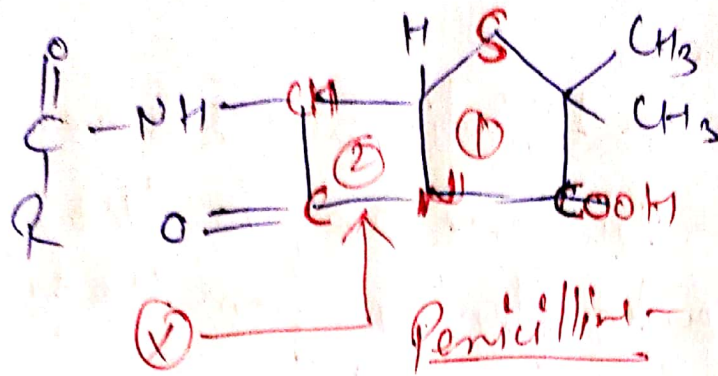
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⇒ Production of Penicillin — (1)

- ① Antibiotics are Antimicrobial Agents Produced Naturally by other microbes (usually fungi or Bacteria).
- ② The first Antibiotic was Discovered in 1896 by Ernest Duchene and in 1928, Rediscovered by Alexander Fleming, from the filamentous fungus Penicillium Notatum.
- ③ The Antibiotic Substance, named Penicilline, was not Purified until 1940, just in time to be used at the end of the Second world war.
- ④ Penicilline was the first important Commercial Product — Produced by an aerobic, Submerged fermentation.
- ⑤ Penicilline is Produced by the fungus Penicillium Chrysogenum — which require lactose, other Sugar, and a Source of Nitrogen (in this case Yeast Extract) in the medium to grow well.
- ⑥ Like all Antibiotics, Penicilline is a Secondary metabolite, so is only produced in the Secondary Phase.



Properties-

- ① Secondary metabolite.
- ② Against gram -ve bacteria.
- ③ Soluble in water, very soluble in Acetone, Ethyl Alcohol and Ether, less soluble in Benzene, $CHCl_3$.
- ④ Aq. Penicillins are unstable & store in refrigeration.
- ⑤ most stable in the pH range of 6.0 to 6.5 and reasonable stable over pH range 5.5 to 7.5

Process of Penicilline Production

(2)

① The inoculum

(i) inoculum is the micro-organism used in fermentation. generally, a high yielding strain of *P. chrysoogenum* is used.

(2) Spores [*P. chrysoogenum*] from working stock cultured are suspended in water or non-toxic solvent lauryl Sulphonate,

(3) then added to the flask containing wheat Bran and Nutrient Solⁿ.

(4) These flasks or bottle are now incubated at 24°C for 5-7 days to support heavy sporulation.

(5) This spore is repeated a number of times to have more sporulation.

(2) The Medium - Jackson in 1958 prepared a media for Penicillin Production. The major constituent of typical medium includes.

(i) fermentable Carbohydrate — Corn Steep liquor (3.5%)
Lactose (3.5%)
Glycerol (1%)

(ii) Potassium Di hydrogen phosphate → 0.4%

(iii) Edible oil → 0.25%

(iv) Calcium Carbonate → 1.0%

(v) pH After Sterilization → 5.5% to 6%

(vi) organic Nitrogen source

(vii) phenyl Acetic Acid Precursor

③ Aeration - (Oxygen Supply)

- ① Supply of oxygen in a bioreactor is the limiting factor in Penicillin Biosynthesis. ~~Limiting~~ ~~factor.~~
- ② Aeration Speed is Between 3 to 1.5.

④ Temperature -

Temperature plays an important role in Penicilline Production it should be mentioned at 28°C .

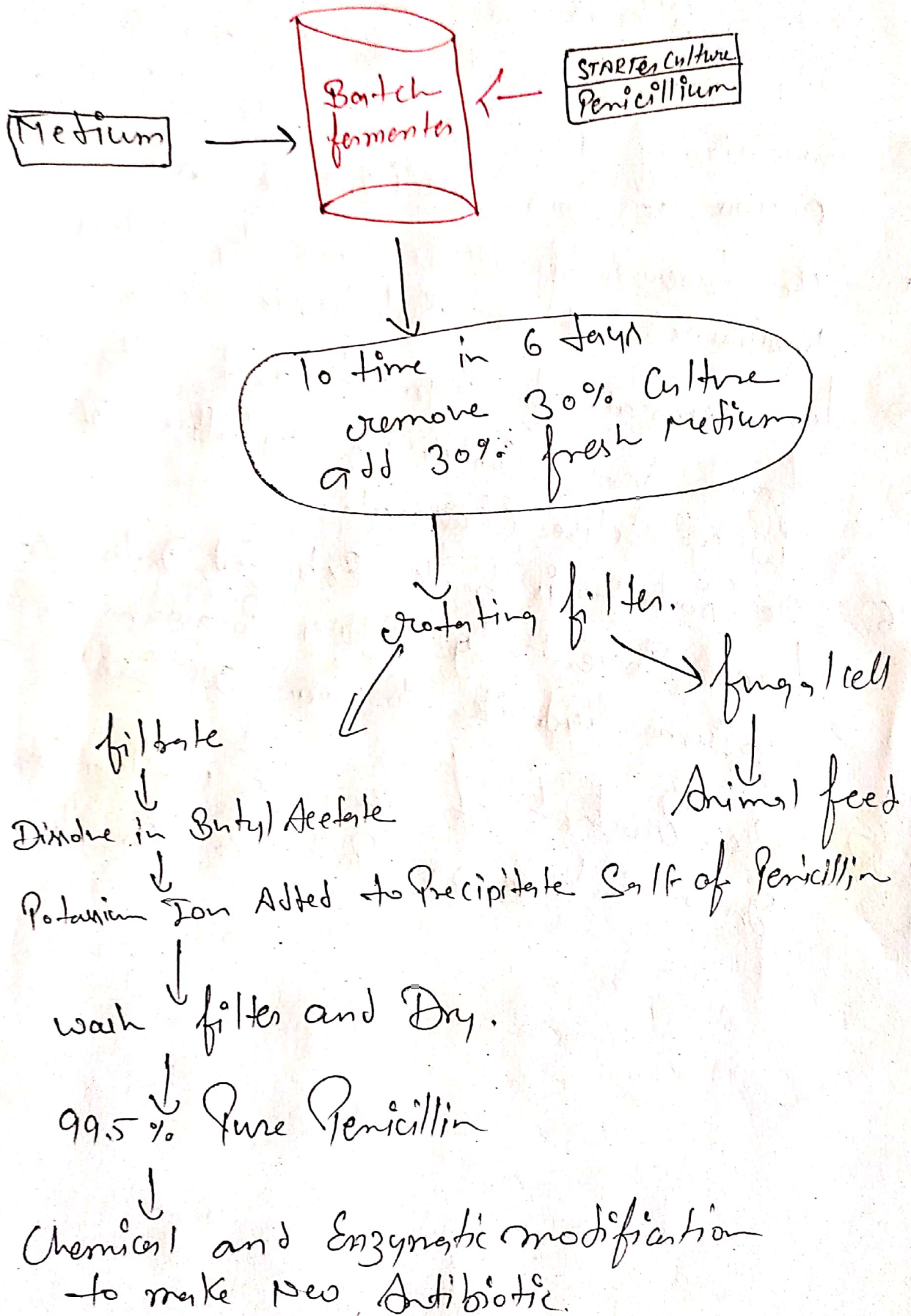
⑤ Biomass Production -

Production of Penicillin Depend upon Biomass Production therefore, it is desirable to have a high Biomass Conc in the vessel. It is achieved by increasing the Agitator rate and power.

⑥ pH - It is maintained Early Neutrality by Calcium and magnesium Carbonated in the medium by phosphate Buffer. It is also controlled by Adding Sodium hydroxide or Sulphuric Acid in the Medium.

Procedure of Penicillin

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* Recovery & Purification of Penicilline

- ① Harvested Culture Broth include Penicilline - G Along with a variety of other metabolites.
- ② Vacuum filter is used for separation of mycelium from the broth on a rotary.
- ③ Conversion of Penicilline to the Anionic form occurs at low pH (2.2 to 2.5)
- ④ The lowering of pH is Done by Adding Phosphoric Acid or Sulphuric Acid.
- ⑤ for removal of pigment and other impurities from solvent containing penicilline it is treated with Active charcoal.
- ⑥ The product is back extracted into water from solvent by Adding Potassium or Sodium hydroxide to form 9H Salt.
- ⑦ The product of Penicilline is then crystallized into Sodium or Potassium Penicilline.

Production of Citric Acid -

★ Introduction -

- ① Citric Acid was first Discovered as a constituent of lemon, Citric Acid at the current time is known as intermediate of Krebs' Cycle, and therefore is present in every living organism.
- ② Previously, it was isolated from lemons (which contain 7-9% Citric Acid), and now days 99% of it is obtained by microbial fermentation.

★ Citric Acid Production

- ① fermentation is the most Economical and widely used for Synthetic Citric Acid Production.
- ② Citric Acid Production can be carried in three Different ways,
 - (i) Surface fermentation
 - (ii) Submerged fermentation
 - (iii) Solid state fermentation.

(i) Surface fermentation.

1) Surface fermentation using *Aspergillus niger* may be done on rice bran as in the case in Japan, or in liquid solⁿ in flat Aluminium or Stainless steel pans.

2) Special strains of *Aspergillus niger* which can produce Citric Acid despite the high content of toxic metals in rice bran are used.

(ii) Submerged fermentation -

1) In this case, the strains are inoculated of about 15 cm depth in fermentation tanks.

2) The culture is enhanced by giving Aeration using Air Bubbles.

3) And it is ~~not~~ allowed to grow for about 5 to 14 days at 27 to 33 Degree Celsius.

4) The Citric Acid produced in the fermentation tank and it is purified.

(iii) Solid State fermentation -

1) It is simplest method for Citric Acid Production.

2) Solid State fermentation is also known as Koji Process, was first developed in Japan.

3) Citric Acid Production reached a maximum (88g/kg Dry matter) when fermentation occurred out with Guava having initial moisture of 62% at 26 Degree Celsius for 120 hours.

Citric Acid Production - (A) → Clavertus PDA → Potato Dextrose Agar

A. Niger (A) 16 and 19/20

growth PDA Agar Slant

A. Niger Spore 7 Days old Culture

Substrate cut, Dried and Powder

Mixed with water at Different Concentration

filtration @ Sterilization

inoculation with 1×10^8 Spores / 25ml

filtration → filtrate for Citric Acid

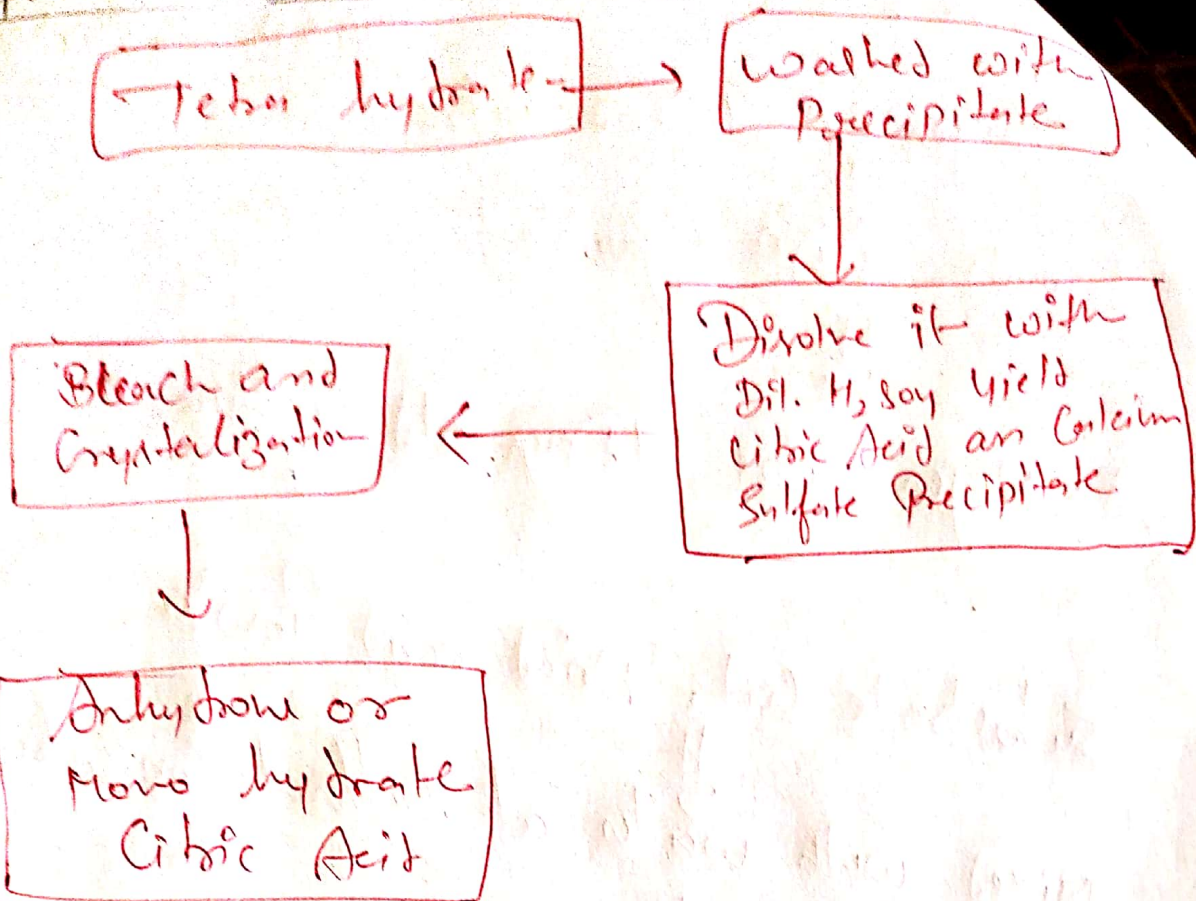
Cell Biomass

Application

- 1) Preservative
- 2) Flavour Enhancer
- 3) Sequestrant
- 4) Emulsifying Agent

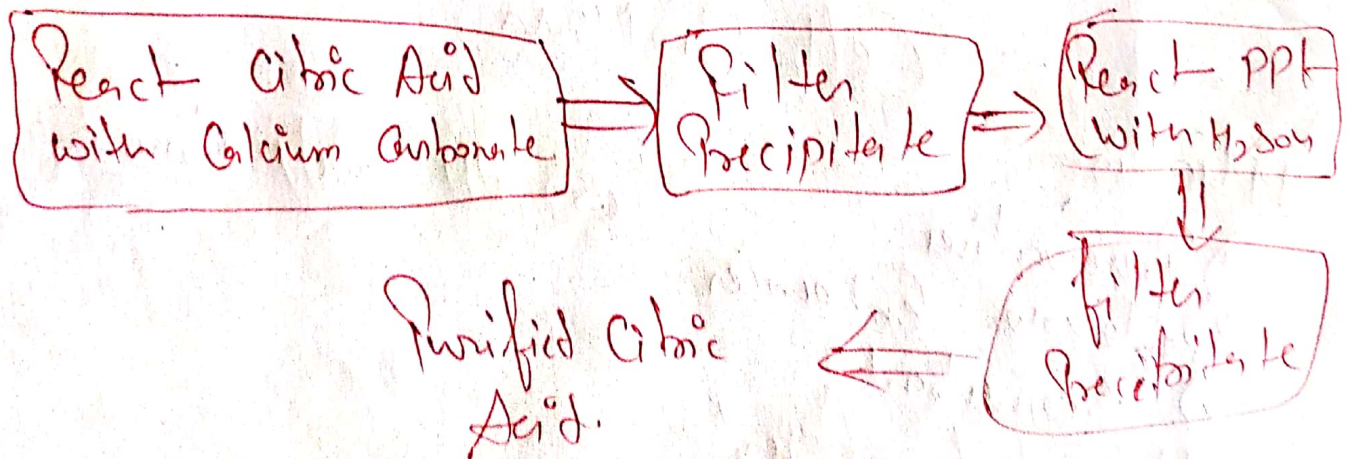
5) pH Adjustment

★ Separation Process —



★ Purification —

- ① Purification is a simple form of getting a Pure Citric Acid followed by two simple techniques.
- ② Precipitation
- ③ filtration



Vitamin B₁₂ -

- 1) Vitamin - B₁₂ also called Cobalamin, is a water soluble vitamin that has a key role in the normal functioning of the brain and nervous system, and the formation of red blood cells.
- 2) It is involved in the metabolism of every cell of the human body, especially affecting DNA synthesis, fatty acid and amino acid metabolism.
- 3) It is synthesized only by micro-organisms and not by animals (including human) ~~animals~~ & plants.
- 4) People with B₁₂ deficiency may eventually develop pernicious anemia.
- 5) It can be produced industrially only through bacterial synthesis.

★ Production of Vitamin B₁₂

- ① Cyano-Cobalamin, is the industrially produced stable Cobalamin form which is not found in nature.
- ② Vit B₁₂ is entirely produced on a commercial basis by the fermentation.
- ③ It is usually manufactured by submerged culture process. Such a fermentation process is completed in 3-5 days.
- ④ Most of the B₁₂ fermentation process use glycerol as a carbon source.
- ⑤ The micro-organisms that may be employed in the industrial production process are—

- (i) *Streptomyces griseus*
- (ii) *Streptomyces olivaceus*
- (iii) *Bacillus coagulans*
- (iv) *Bacillus megaterium*

★ Step Involved in Production

- 1) formulation of the medium
- 2) Sterilization of the medium
- 3) Making starter culture.
- 4) Anaerobic fermentation.
- 5) Recovery.

Streptomyces olivaceus

① Production by Streptomyces olivaceus yield
About 3.3 mg/L of vitamin B₁₂.

→ Process -

① Preparation of inoculum -

Pure Slant Culture of S. olivaceus is inoculated
in 100-250 ml of inoculum medium, in flask

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Seeded flask is incubated on platform of a
mechanical shaker to aerate the system

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flask culture is then subsequently used to
inoculate larger inoculum tanks.

[2 or 3 successive transfers are made to obtain
required amount of inoculum culture.]

② Media used in preparation of inoculum in
Bennett's agar.

Component	Amount (g/l)
Yeast	1.0
Beef Extract	1.0
Casiein	2.0
Glycerol	10.0
Agar	15.0
Dist water	1000 ml
pH	7.3

(B) Production medium -

- 1) Consist of Carbohydrate, Proteinaceous material, and Source of Cobalt and other Salts
- 2) It is necessary to add Cobalt to the medium for maximum yield to Cobalamin.
- 3) Cyanide is added for conversion of other Cobalamin to vitamin B₁₂.

(C) Sterilization of the medium -

- 1) Sterilization can be done Batchwise or Continuously.
 - ~~Batch~~ Batch → Medium heated at 250°F for 1 hour.
 - Continuous → 330°F for 13 min by mixing with steam.

(D) Temperature, pH, Aeration & Agitation -

- 1) Temperature - A temperature of 80°F in production tank is satisfactory. During fermentation
- 2) pH - At starting of process pH falls due to rapid consumption of sugar, then rises after 2 to 4 hrs due to lysis of mycelium. pH 5 is maintained with H₂SO₄ and reduce Agent Na₂SO₃.
- 3) Aeration & Agitation - optimum rate of aeration is volume Air / volume medium / min.

Anti foam Agent, Prevention of Contamination

1) Anti foam Agent -

Defoaming Agent like Soybean oil, Corn oil, lard oil and Silicones can be used.

2) Prevention of Contamination -

Essential to maintain sterility. Contamination result in reduced yield. Equipment must be sterile and all transfers are carried out under specific condition.

(F) Recovery -

1) During fermentation, melt of Cobalmine is subjected to further process to obtain Crystalline B₁₂.

filtration of broth to remove mycelium

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filtered broth is treated with cyanide to bring
conversion of Cobaltmine to Cyanocobaltmine.

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Adsorption of Cyanocobaltmine from the Solⁿ
is done by passing it through Adsorbing agent
packed in a Column.

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Cyanocobaltmine is then Eluted from the Adsorbent
by the use of an aqueous Solⁿ of organic Base
or Solⁿ of Na-cyanide and thiocyanate.

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Extraction is carried out by Counter-current
Distribution b/w Cresol, Amylphenol, or Benzyl
Alcohol and water or a single Extraction
into an organic solvent (e.g. phenol) is
carried out.

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Chromatography on Alumina and final
Crystallization Complete the Process.

Propionibacterium freudenreichii -

1) Production by Propionibacterium freudenreichii yields about 20mg/L of vit. B₁₂.

A) Production Media -

→ Glycine, Corn-Steep, betaine & Cobalt.

→ Cobalt - 5ug/ml [Excess cause reduced Cobalmine]

B) pH - 7.5

C) Temperature - 30°C.

D) fermentation -

9+ involve 20 cycles; Anaerobic fermentation cycle of 70 hours and Aerobic fermentation cycle of 50 hours.

(i) Anaerobic fermentation -

→ formation of Cobalamin Co binamide occur.

→ The pH fall from 7.5 to 6.5 and then rise upto 8.5.

→ necessary to add 0.1% of 5.6% - Dimethyl Benzimidazole to the production medium.

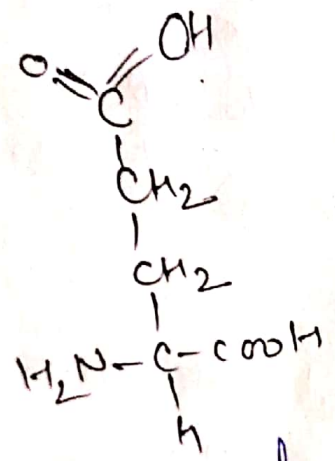
(ii) Aerobic fermentation -

→ Nucleotide formation take place

→ this nucleotide then link with Cobinamide to give Cobalamin

★ Glutamic Acid -

- ① Glutamic Acid is an α-Amino Acid that used in Bio-Synthesis of Proteins.
- ② Commercial Production of glutamic acid by Microbial fermentation offer 90% of world's total Demand, and the remaining 10% is provided by chemical method.
- ③ for actual fermentation, microbial strains are grown in fermenters with volume of 500 m³.



glutamic Acid -

★ Microbial Production of glutamic Acid -

- 1) The manufacturing process of glutamic by fermentation. Comprises -
 - (a) fermentation
 - (b) crude isolation
 - (c) purification
 - Processes.

There are 3 types of fermentation are used -

- (a) Batch fermentation
- (b) feed - Batch fermentation
- (c) Continuous fermentation.

⇒ Medium -

- 1) Starch Solⁿ, Cane molasses are the Carbohydrate used as Carbon Source.
- 2) The media containing Cane Molasses with high Biotin content is also added with Penicillin during the Active growth of cell.
- 3) Ammonia, Ammonia gas, urea etc are used as Nitrogen Source. & other ions included.
- 4) Biotin ~~solⁿ~~ should be added in the fermenting media in concentration below 5 µg/L.
- 5) media should be maintained at pH 8/w 7-8 and temp b/w 30-35°C.
- 6) fermentation takes 2-4 days to complete.

⇒ Industrial Production of glutamic Acid

- 1) Natural Product such as Sugar cane in used.
- 2) Then the Sugar cane is ~~seen~~ Squeezed to make molasses.
- 3) The Heat Sterilize raw material and other Nutrient are Put in the tank of the fermenter.
- 4) The micro-organism [*Corynebacterium glutamicum*] Production glutamic Acid is Added to the fermentation broth.
- 5) The micro-organism react with Sugar to produce glutamic Acid.
- 6) Then, the fermentation broth is Acidified and the glutamic Acid is Crystallized.

★ Separation & Purification

- 1) The glutamic Acid Crystals is Added to the Sodium hydroxide Solⁿ and Converted into monosodium glutamate.
- 2) MSG is more Soluble in water, less likely Absorb moisture and has strong umami taste.
- 3) The MSG is Cleaned by using Active Carbon, which has many micro-holes on their Surface.

The Clear MSK Soln is Concentrated by heating and the monosodium glytarate crystals are formed.

(5) The crystal produce are Dried with a Hot Air in the closed System