

# L- 41 Definition of Biotechnology

## Introduction

- **Biotechnology is the**
  - **industrial use of**
  - **micro-organism and**
  - **living animal and plant cells**
- to produce products.**

**Biotechnology encompasses the manufacture of .....**

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**Biotechnology encompasses the manufacture of :**

- + Antibiotics,**
- + Vaccines,**
  
- + Vitamins and**
- + Plastics.**

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- **Pollution control,**
- **toxic waste disposal**
- **using bacteria,**
- **production of new fuels and**

**all possible things through "biotechnology".**

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**Biotechnology can be defined by number of ways:-**

**“Biotechnology is the application of**

- **biochemistry,**
  - **Biology,**
  - **microbiology and**
  - **chemical engineering to**
- industrial process and products and on environment”.**

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**“Biotechnology is the integrated use of**

- ❖ **biochemistry,**
- ❖ **microbiology and**
- ❖ **engineering sciences**
- ❖ **in order to achieve**

**technological application of the**

- ❖ **capabilities of micro-organism cultured tissue cells and**
- ❖ **parts thereof.”**

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So we can say

**“Biotechnology is a multidisciplinary science, which includes**

- **microbiology,**
- **chemistry,**
- **biochemistry,**
- **chemical engineering and genetics”.**

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**It has many application and significant contributions in different fields like**

- **food,**
- **agriculture,**
- **energy production and**
- **pollution control.**

**It has multidisciplinary nature.  
Fig. shows its multidisciplinary nature.**

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Chemistry

**Biochemistry**

Microbiology

Molecular biology

Physiology

Immunology

Cells & Tissue

**Cells & Tissue Culture**

**Chemical Engg.**

**Biotechnology**

**Biochemical Engg.**

Food & Beverages industry

Pharmaceutical Industry

Chemical industry

**Environment**

Medical Diagnostic

Fermentation Technology

Agriculture Industry

**Agriculture Industry**

Multidisciplinary Nature of Bio



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**Biotechnological applications to environment protection of industrial pollution management is very important.**

- \*Biodegradation is the ultimate fate of a material that enters the environment.**
- The current philosophy on the issue of degradation is that –**

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- **It is not an ideal option.**
- **It represents waste of material.**
- **It is valuable only if waste are hazardous and permanent elimination is sought.**
- **Products of degradation should come in use if possible.**

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- **Bio-energy (biogas, ethanol, hydrogen gas) generation from treatment of liquid/solid wastes.**
- **Heavy metal recovery from various industrial effluent.**

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**Effluent treatment for variety of industries.**

- **Waste gas treatment and deodorization**
- **removal of phenol,**
- **mercaptans,**
- **hydrocarbons,**
- **hydrogen sulfide.**

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- **Biomass/food/mushroom production from wastes using appropriate biological agents.**
- **Modification of process or new processes /products to prevent pollution. (In tanning/paper/plastic industries).**

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**(In tanning/paper/plastic industries).**

- **Added value processes involving the conversion of wastes into useful products**
- **(production of animal feed from waste of food processing plants etc.).**

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## Role of Biotechnology in Environmental Protection:

**Biotechnology can offer**

- **cheap, compact and**
- **effective process**
- **instead of bulky, expensive and space wasting ones.**

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**Its philosophy is linked with**

- ❖ **conservation and by-products recovery,**
- ❖ **and it is not stimulated by market pressures.**
- ❖ **Its initial cost is high, the treatment may be less costly overall.**



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- ❖ **Its full potential is not realized** and
- ❖ **laboratory and field successes have not translated in to applications.**
- ❖ **Important low-value products, if any, are obtained (like ethanol).**

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Biotechnology can **become effective** if

- **technical,**
- **legal, economic,**
- **business and market**

**issues are successfully tackled.**

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## Biotechnological Process:

- A bioprocess is any **large scale operation** which involves the
- **transformation of “substrate”**
- **(i.e. biological or non-biological raw material upon which a microorganism acts) into**

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## Biotechnological Process:

- some ‘**products**’  
(i.e. biomass, metabolite or transformation products of a starting material),
- **by means of micro-organism,**
- **animal or plant cell culture or**
- **by material (e.g. **enzymes, organelles**) derived from them.**

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- Most biotechnological process can be represented as:

**Process**  
**Substrate +Micro –Organism      Products.**  
**Engineering**



**There are three steps** in any biotechnological process:-

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- i) **Pre treatment**
- ii) **Bio reaction and**
- iii) **Downstream processing**

## i) **The Pre-Treatment Step:**

**Converts raw material** or feed stock or substrate into a **form**

**which is suitable for processing.**

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In this following steps are added-

- **sorting,**
- **sieving,**
- **hydrolysis,**
- **sterilization etc.**

## ii) **Bio Reaction Step:**

This is done in 'bioreactor', where desired biotransformation take place.

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**The commonly used operation in bio reaction are :**

- **Biomass production,**
- **metabolite biosynthesis,**
- **immobilized enzyme.**



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## iii) Downstream Processing:

- **The material produced in the bioreactors is further processed in downstream section.**
- **The commonly used operation in downstream processing are –**

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## (Downstream Processing)

The commonly used operations are –

- **Filtration,**
- **centrifugation,**
- **Sedimentation,**
- **chromatography,**
- **evaporation,**
- **drying and packing.**

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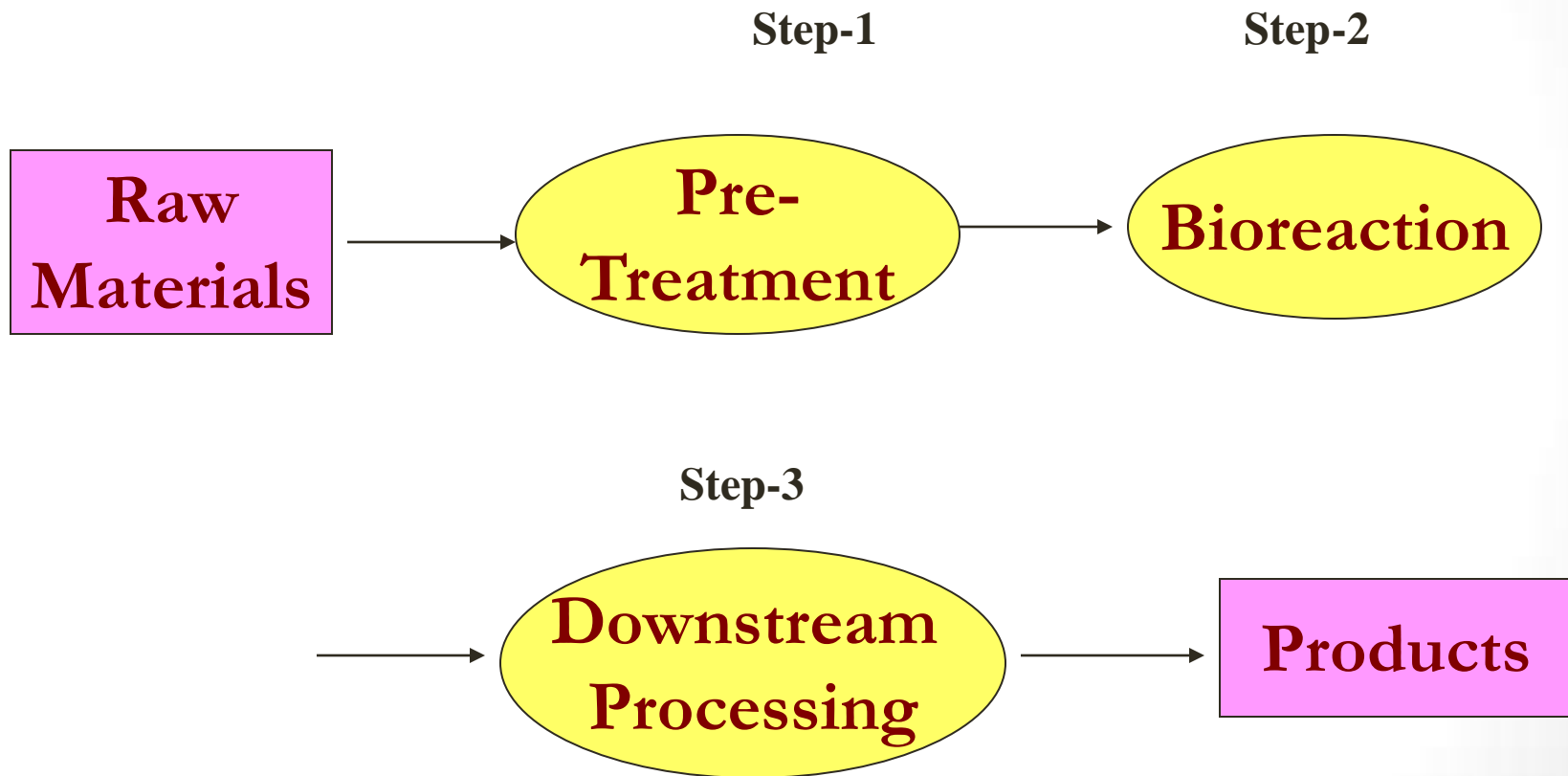


Fig.2 The Bioprocess Stages

# L-43 Biofuels & Biofertilizers

## BIO FUELS

- **The bio fuels are biologically produced fuel. Production of biofuels involve**
- **conversion of diffused & inconvenient to use source of energy such as**
- **biomass and sun light into**
- **dense and convenient to use fuels.**

**This process constitute the  
'fuel technology'.**

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## Some characteristics features of bio fuels:

1. **Bio fuels are mostly derived from biomass, which is**
  - **renewable,**
  - **low cost and**
  - **easily available.**
  - **2. Compared to fossil fuels, biofuels emit low CO<sub>2</sub> .**

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## Some characteristics features of bio fuels:

3. Pollutant gases such as  $\text{SO}_2$  are not produced by bio fuels.
4. The environment also gets cleaned up.

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## Some Undesirable character of Bio-Fuels:

1. **Very large scale production is required** and usually near to the site of use.
- 2. **Very large requirement of substrate, this requires large are of land.**
- 3. **Low value of product and**
4. **Low profit margin.**

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## Biomass for Energy Production:

**During photosynthesis**

- **Solar energy is converted to biomass**
- **which is stored and used as fuel.**

**Biomass is nothing but**

- **living matters or its residues**
- **which are used as a source of energy.**



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## Sources of Biomass for fuel:

Land crops such as

- eucalyptus, maize, sugarcane and pine tree.

Aquatic plant such as

- water weeds and algae.

Wastes such as

- domestic sewage, wood and crop residues such as
- straw, husk, bagasse and molasses.

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The advantages of using bio-masses as a fuel are –

- i) Biomass is renewable and it can be stored.
- ii) Fuel from biomass has high energy content.
- iii) It requires low investment.
- iv) It does not increase the CO<sub>2</sub> contents in the atmosphere.

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## Type of Biofuels:

1. **Biohydrogen** - is produced by anaerobic fermentation and by 'Photolysis' of water.
2. **Biogas** - is a gaseous bio fuel which is produced by the anaerobic degradation of organic matter.

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## Type of Biofuels:

Constituent of Biogas	%
• $\text{CH}_4$	63
• $\text{CO}_2$	30
• $\text{N}_2$	4
• $\text{H}_2\text{S}$	1
$\text{H}_2$ $\text{O}_2$ $\text{CO}$ etc.	Traces

- It is used for lightning and cooking purpose in rural area.

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## 3. Bio diesel –

- ☀ Is a diesel like liquid obtained from
- ☀ **materials of biological origin** like
- ☀ **liquids accumulated in plants and algae**
- ☀ or from **hydrocarbons** produced by some **plants and algae.**

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## 4. Bio ethanol –

- It is obtained from starch and sugar crops.
- It is used as fuel **after blending with petrol.**

### Rap seed oil a substitute for Diesel -

- ❖ Rap seed oil has similar physical and chemical properties like diesel and hence
- ❖ **it is called Bio diesel.**

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**The advantages** of using rap seed oil as a biofuel –

- **It is 98% bio degradable.**
- **It is non-toxic.**
- **The raw material is renewable.**
  
- **Its contribution to green house effect is less than that of diesel.**
- **Energy yield is high.**

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**Production of Bio-Diesel** – It has following steps:

- Production of **rapeseed oil** by crushing of rap seeds.
- **Heating of rapeseed oil with menthol at 50° C in presence of NaOH,**
- **So that diester is formed.**





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## 4. Algae as a source of energy:-

- Algae are 'renewable' and economical source of energy.
- These are grown in a vessel called biocoil.
- These burn same as any other fuel like oil.

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**Advantages of using algae as a bio fuel are:-**

- **Algae can be grown in dry lands and waste lands also.**
- **Solar energy is used for the growth of algae.**
- **Electricity produce is less costlier.**
- **It does not contribute to atmospheric pollution.**

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## 5. Bio-hydrogen as a source of energy:-

- ◆ In the **presence of sun light**,
- ◆ using **'hydrogenase' enzyme**
  
- ◆ hydrogen can be produced from water
- ◆ by a process known as **"Biophotolysis"**.
  
- **Advantage of using hydrogen as a bio-fuel are –**

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## Advantage of using hydrogen

as a bio-fuel are

- Compared to coal and gasoline, it has **high calorific value**.
- On combustion, it **does not produce pollutant gases**.
- It can be used in **fuel cells to produce electricity**.

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## 6. Methane as a source of energy:-

- Hydrocarbons can be produced from ‘unicellular algae’,
- **Botryococcus braunii.**
- **It contains 75% hydrocarbon.**
- **Cultivation of this type algae is direct and renewable source of solar energy.**

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## 6. Methane as a source of energy:-

- **Methane is produced by**
- **‘Anaerobic degradation’ or from**
- **proteins, carbohydrates and lipids.**

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## 7. Water Hyacinth

as a source of energy:-

- **Water hyacinth is a 'water weed'**
- **which grows very rapidly on the surface of Ponds.**
- **It is sun dried , crushed and**
- **treated with NaOH in**
- **presence of Enzyme (Klebsiella Oxytoca) at high temperature.**

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- **Fermentation process** leads to the
- **formation of butanediol**
- **which is recovered by distillation.**
- **Butandiol has a high ‘octane number’**
- **so it can be used to improve the octane number.**



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## BIO FERTILIZERS

- **Bio-fertilizers are 'bio-logically active products.'**
- **Bio-fertilizers are microbial inoculants of**
- **bacteria, algae and fungi**
- **that enrich the nutrient quality of soil.**

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## BIO FERTILIZERS

- **Bio-fertilizers do 'Symbiosis' with plants means**
- **both get benefited from each other.**
- **Bio-fertilizers are**
- **environment friendly fertilizers.**

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**The advantages of using bio-fertilizers are:-**

- **Plant nutrition.**
- **Disease resistance and increased crop productivity.**
- **Tolerance to adverse soil and**
- **The low cost and eco friendly nature.**
- **These decrease the salinity of the soil.**

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**The disadvantages of using bio-fertilizers are:-**

- **These do not show immediate and extraordinary response.**
- **The amount of nutrients provided is not sufficient to meet**
- **the total needs of crop for high yield**

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Some important bio-fertilizers are given below:-

1. **Symbiotic nitrogen fixers:**
  - **Rhizobium species** of bacteria are
  - **soil bacteria,**
  - **capable of forming 'root nodules' in**
  - **most leguminous plants like**
  - **beans, peas, pulses.**

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- These **fix atmospheric nitrogen** and not only
- **increase the production of crops** but
- **also leave a fair amount of N<sub>2</sub> in soil.**
- **Different types of Rhizobia are used:**
- **R. leguminosarum**
- **R. Trifoli,**
- **R. Pahsiaoli,**
- **R. Melitolli.**

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## 2. A symbiotic nitrogen fixers : ‘Azospirillum’ and ‘Azotobactor’,

- when applied to soil fix atmospheric nitrogen and make it available for **Graminaceous crops** like
- **wheat, rice and sugarcane etc.**
- They also synthesize growth promoting ‘**antibiotic substances**’ helpful for plants.

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## 3) Algal fertilizers:

- ◆ **Blue green algae (Cynobacteria) are photosynthetic organism which fix  $N_2$  .**
- ◆ **Blue green algae produce nitrogenase and fixation of nitrogen occurs in specialized structures called 'heterocysts'.**
- ◆ **These algae can accumulate biomass.**
- ◆ **They give growth promoting substance to soil.**
- ◆ **They provide partial tolerance to pesticides.**



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## (4) **Phosphate Solubilizers:**

They convert insoluble inorganic phosphates into

- soluble organic phosphate,
- which can be utilized by crop plants.
  - ◆ Some example of phosphate solubilizers are
- Thiobacillus,
- bacillus etc.

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- **(5) Mycorrhiza:**
- **Mycorrhiza is a symbiotic association of fungi with roots of plants**
- **so that the nutrients absorbed from the soil by the fungus are**
- **released to the host cells and in turn,**
- **the fungus takes its nutrient requirement from the host.**

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- **Some Functions of Mycorrhiza-**
- **They convert non available phosphate in to an available form.**
- **Produce growth promoting substance and**
- **Protect crop against soil pathogens.**
- **Produce growth promoting substance**
- **They are used in many crops including pulses**

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- **(6) Green Manuring:**

Is a 'farming' practice in which

- **A leguminous plant is ploughed into the soil and then**

- **A non legume is grown and allowed to take benefit of already fixed nitrogen.**

- **In addition to nitrogen, green manures also provide organic matter, N,P,K etc. and**

- **minimize the number of pathogens in soil.**

# L-44 Biosurfactants &...

## BIO SURFACTANTS

- Surfactants (or surface active agents) have the ability to reduce the 'surface tensions'.
- The molecules are 'amphiphilic' in nature i.e.
- These have both 'hydrophilic' and 'hydrophobic' parts in the same molecule.

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The important functions of surfactants are –

- Detergency, wetting,
  - spreading, foaming,
  - defoaming, emulsification and
  - demulsification.
- 
- surfactants are simple and complex lipids or lipid derivatives.

## L-44 Biosurfactants &...

Bio-surfactants and their generators are summarized below-

Bio-surfactants	Microbes producing them
Rhamnolipids	Anthrobacter
pseudomonas	
Mycolic & carboxylic acids	Nocardia Pseudomonas micrococus
Diglycerides	Mycobacterium
	Acinetobacter
Monoglycerides	Mycobacterium
	Acinetobacter
Diglycosyl diglycerides	Lactobacillus

# L-44 Biosurfactants &...

## Chemical structure of bio-surfactants:

- They have **'hydrophilic'** and **'hydrophobic'** parts in the same molecule.
- The **hydrophobic** parts may be **saturated or saturated 10-12 carbon long chain**
  - which is **covalently linked** to the
  - **'hydrophilic part'** ester or amide linkage.



# L-44 Biosurfactants &...

## Chemical structure of bio-surfactants:

- The 'hydrophilic part' can be
- **carboxylic group of fatty acids**
- **or mono, di and polysaccharides** of glyco lipid bio-surfactants and
- the **polar side chain peptide backbone** of lipopeptide bio-surfactants.

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The advantages of bio-surfactants are:

- Lower toxicity
- Bio-degradability
- A wide variety of possible structure and
- Renewable

The disadvantages of Bio-surfactants:-

- The recovery of bio-surfactants from the
- Fermentation and purification is
- difficult and costly.

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## Application of Bio-surfactants:-

**Bio-surfactants are used in number of industries such as**

- **industrial cleaning,**
- **agriculture,**
- **building & construction,**
- **plastic and elastomers,**
- **foods and beverages,**
- **leather, metals, paper, petroleum etc.**
- **use of enzymes in detergents.**

# L-44 Biosurfactants &...

## Use of enzymes in detergents-

- **Proteases,  $\alpha$ -amylase,**
- **cellulase and lipases are**  
important enzymes which are be used in detergents because these are
  - **cost effective,**
  - **safe to use and are**
  - **able to perform their function in presence of**
  - **ionic and non-ionic detergents,**
  - **soaps, oxidants etc. at**
  - **pH between 8 to 10.5.**

# L-44 Biosurfactants &...

The important function of enzymes in detergents are given below:

S.No.	Enzymes	Functions
1.	Proteases	To improve the efficiency of detergents for the removal of protein in blood stains, milk, grass etc.
2.	$\alpha$ -amylase	Used to digest dirt and stains
3.	Cellulases	Used for washing cotton fabrics. Thus washed fabrics look like a new fabric.
4.	Lipase	Used to digest lipid present in dirt and or stains.

# L-44 Biosurf.. & Biosensors

## BIOSENSORS

Biosensors are combinations of

- ✚ **biochemistry,**
- ✚ **membrane technology** and
- ✚ **microelectronics**

which **enable the signals** produced by specific biochemical reactions to be

- ❖ **registered,**
- ❖ **quantified** and
- ❖ **recorded.**

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(BIOSENSORS) Definition:-

“An analytical tool or system

consisting of

- ➔ an immobilized biological material in intimate contact with a
- ➔ suitable transducer device
  
- ➔ which can convert a biochemical signal,
- ➔ into a quantifiable electrical signal”.

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## (BIOSENSORS)

### Uses of Biosensors:-

- (a) **Human and animal diagnostics.**
- (b) **Industrial process control**
- (c) **Pollution monitoring and**
- (d) **Detection of bacterial contamination and**
- (e) **Presence of toxic gases.**



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## (BIOSENSORS)

### Characters of Biosensor

(a) Sensitivity

(b) Safety

(c) Accuracy

(d) Speed

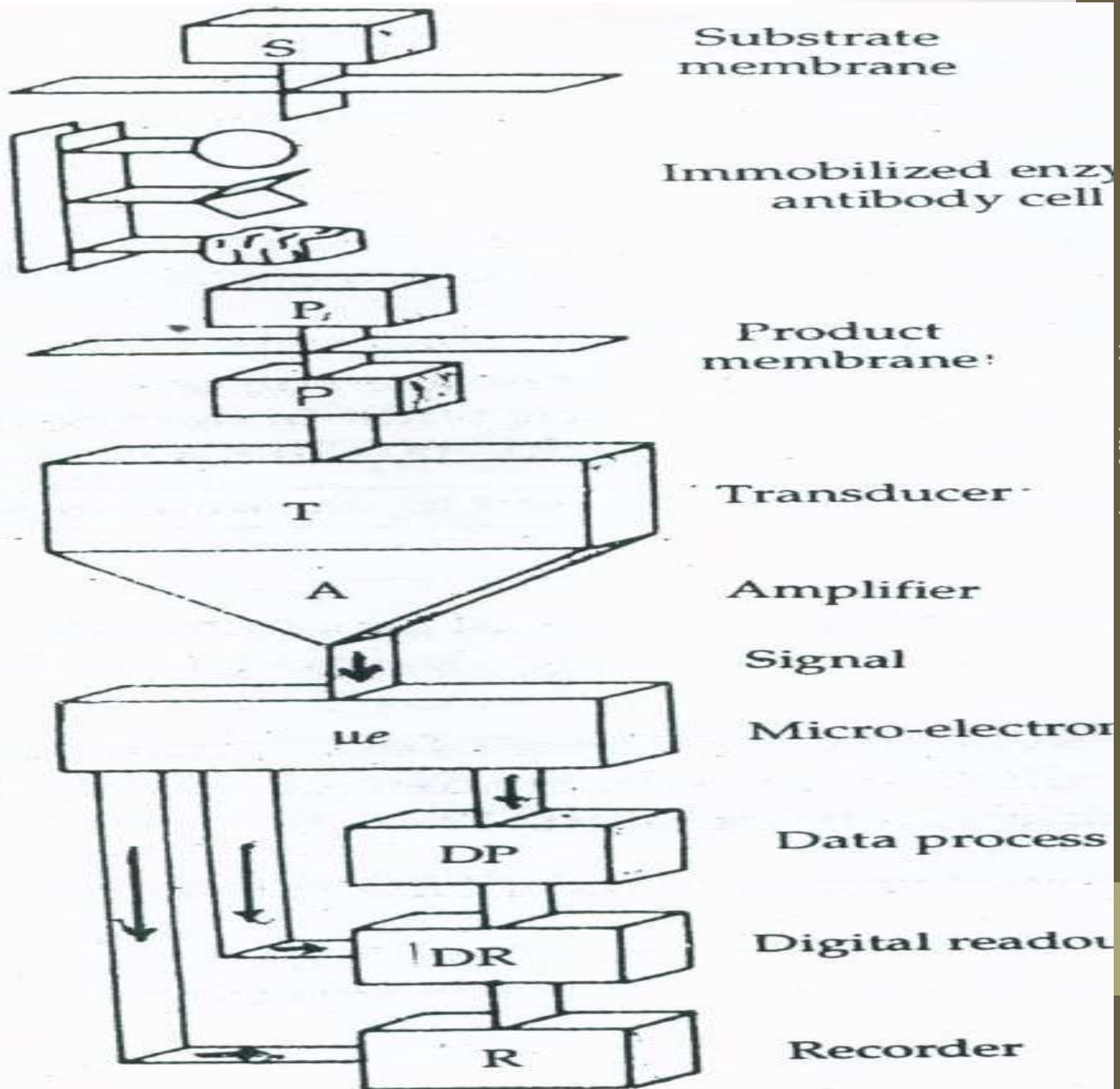
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## (BIOSENSORS) Requirements of a Good Biosensor

- The device should be **cheap, small, easy to use and durable.**

If it has to be used within the body,

- it should be **biocompatible and tiny.**
- It should be **highly specific for the analyte.**



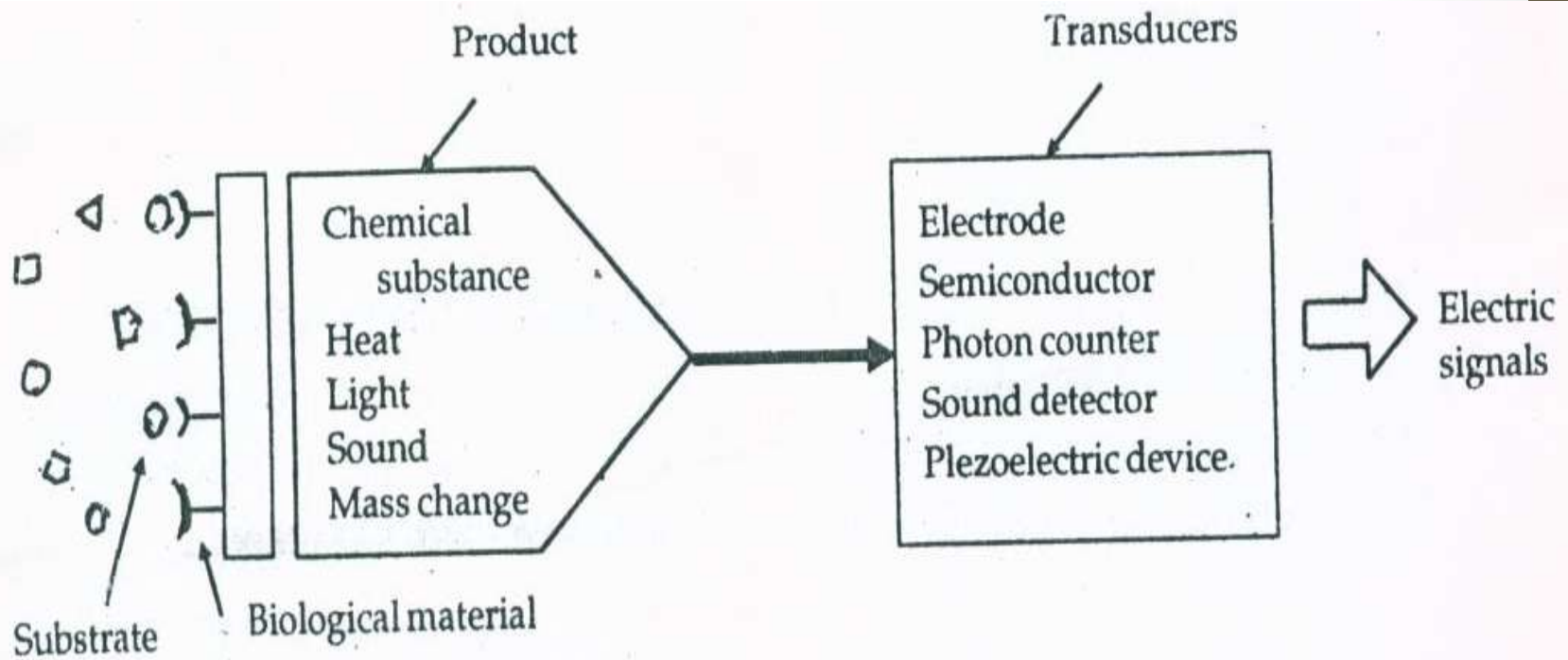
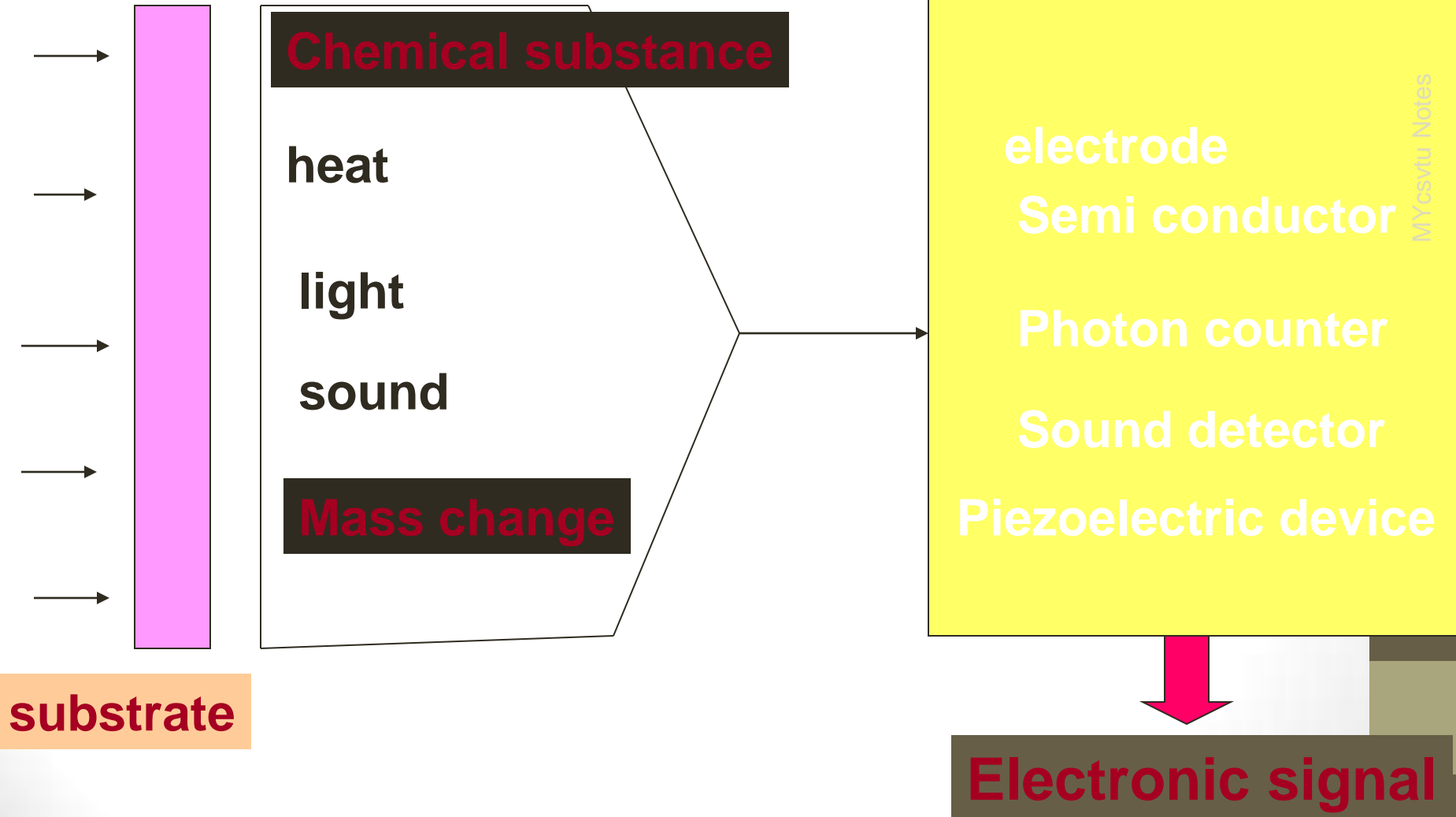


Fig. (a) Schematic of a biosensor. (b) Biosensor Principles.

# Principle of biosensor

## Transducer



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## (BIOSENSORS)

**Main Components and Their Functions are Given Below-**

- Through the **outer protective membrane,**
- **the substrate to be analyzed (S).**
- **And any co reactants diffuse.**
- **The membrane also selectively eliminate interfering species.**

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**The substrate then react with**

■ **the biological material like**

**enzyme,**

**antibody or cell and**

■ **product (P) like**

**heat, gas,**

**electrons, H<sup>+</sup> is formed.**

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## (BIOSENSORS)

Or we can say that the

- **biological component** of a biosensor
- specially **recognizes the substrate** and
- **interacts with it and produce**
- some **physical changes**
- **detectable by the ‘transducer’**



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## (BIOSENSORS)

- ⊕ **The product is detected at the ‘transducer’.**
- ⊕ **The signal processing equipment then**
- ⊕ **converts the transducer signal**
- ⊕ **into a suitable display.**

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## (BIOSENSORS)

**Classification of Biosensors:-**  
**the biosensors can be classified into-**

**1. Calorimetric Biosensors:-**

**2. Electrochemical Type Biosensors:-**

**a) Potentiometric Biosensor:-**

**b) Amperometric Biosensors:-**

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## **Classification of Biosensors:-**

### **1. Calorimetric Biosensors:-**

### **2. Electrochemical Type Biosensors:-**

#### **a) Potentiometric Biosensor:-**

#### **b) Amperometric Biosensors:-**

### **3. Optic/Optoelectronic Biosensors:-**

### **4. Acoustic Wave Biosensors:-**

### **5. Bioaffinity Sensors**

### **6. Whole Cell Biosensors:-**

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## (BIOSENSORS)

### 1. Calorimetric Biosensors:-

- It **measure the change in temperature** of the solution and
- **interpret it in terms of the concentration** of the substrate in solution,
- **separate thermistors are used to determine the temperature**
- **before and after** the solution comes in contact
- with the **biological component** of the biosensors.

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## (BIOSENSORS)

### 2. Electrochemical Type Biosensors:-

#### a) Potentiometric Biosensor:-

- ❑ Ion – selective electrodes are used to convert
- ❑ the biological reactions into electronic signal.
- ❑ Many reactions generate or use up  $H^+$  ions
- ❑ which are detected and measured by
- ❑ glass electrodes.

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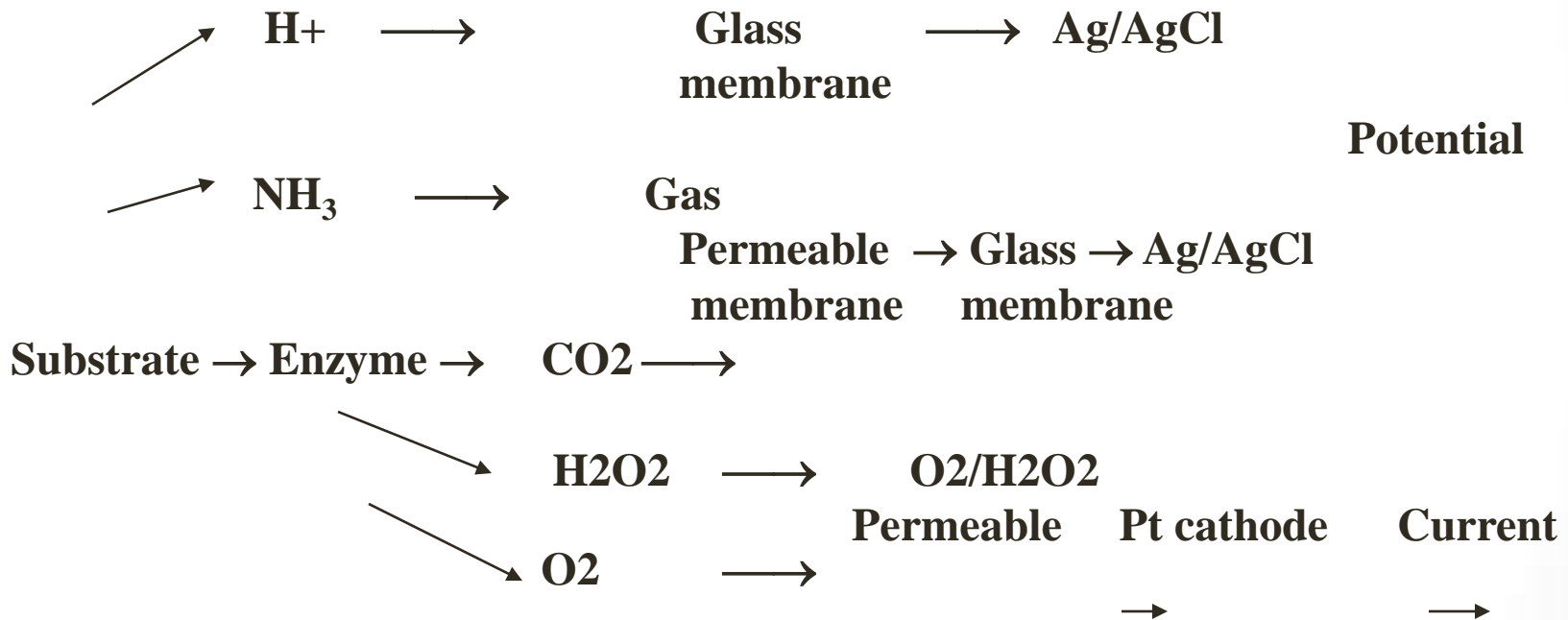
### b) Amperometric Biosensors:-

- ☐ Here **a current** is produced when
- ☐ potential is applied between two electrodes,
- ☐ the **magnitude of current** being proportional to
- ☐ the **concentration of substrate**.

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## (BIOSENSORS)

A brief summery of electrochemical type biosensors are given below-



“Electrochemical type Biosensors”

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## (BIOSENSORS)

### 3. Optic/Optoelectronic Biosensors:-

These are versatile and modern biosensors.

Based on the measurement of

- **light absorption,**
- **reflectance and**
- **fluorescence.**



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## (BIOSENSORS)

### 4. Acoustic Wave Biosensors:-

- ❑ **The transducer is piezoelectric active**
- Response**
- ❑ **out put depends on the**
- ❑ **change in mass or which gives surface of crystals**
- ❑ **variation in oscillating frequency.**

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## (BIOSENSORS)

### 5. Bioaffinity Sensors:-

- ❖ These are based on measuring the
- ❖ “antibody antigen interactions”.
  
- ❖ Labeled antibodies or antigens may be used in biosensor configurations based on
- ❖ ‘enzyme-linked immunoassay’ (EIA).

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## (BIOSENSORS)

### Example of Enzyme – Immunoassay Biosensor

Analyte	Enzyme label in conjugate	Transducer	Sensitivity
(i) <b>Cancer diagnosis</b> <b><math>\alpha</math>-fetoprotein</b>	<b>Catalase</b>	<b>Amperometric</b>	<b><math>10^{-11}</math> to <math>10^{-8}</math> g/mL</b>
(ii) <b>Drugs</b> <b>Digoxin</b>	<b>Alkaline Phosphatase</b>	<b>Electrochemical</b>	<b><math>50 \times 10^{-12}</math> g/mL</b>

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## (BIOSENSORS)

### 6. Whole Cell Biosensors:-

- These utilize **immobilized whole cells**
- **or organelles** instead of discrete enzyme.
  
- These have **slow response** and
  
- often **react to broad spectrum** of substrate.

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## (BIOSENSORS)

**Practical Forms of Biosensors:-** There are four types of Biosensors.

1. **Small Hand – Held Devices:-**
2. **The Laboratory Analyser:-**
3. **Flow Device:-**
4. **In Vivo Continuous or Implanted Monitor:-**

# L-44 Biosurf.. & Biosensors

## (BIOSENSORS)

### Practical Forms of Biosensors:-

There are four types.

#### 1. **Small Hand – Held Devices:-**

Their design can be

- **dipstick pen - shape** or
- **a device having the size of**
- **a large hand – held calculator.**

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## (BIOSENSORS)

### Practical Forms of Biosensors:-

#### 1. **Small Hand – Held Devices:-**

##### Requirements:-

- **Robustness,**
- **ease of operation** by unskilled persons,
- **small size,**
- **fast speed** and an
- **easily read display.**

##### Main Market:-

- ✚ **Monitoring ‘blood glucose levels’ in diabetics.**

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## (BIOSENSORS)

### 2.The Laboratory Analyser:-

These are usually

- **small, discrete instruments,**
- **often transportable between**
- **laboratories and clinics.**



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## BIOSENSORS)

### 2.The Laboratory Analyser:-

#### Main Market:-

- **For glucose measurement in diabetic clinics.**

#### The uses are-

- **Faster analysis ( no step required).**
- **No errors in pipetting and dilution.**

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## 3. Flow Device:-

- These are used for **'on line' monitoring of continuous processes.**

### Example.

- ✚ **Large volume production in food processing,**
- ✚ **pollution monitoring,**
- ✚ **environment control and**
- ✚ **fermentation control.**

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### 4. In Vivo Continuous or Implanted Monitor:-

Miniaturized implanted devices,

- ❖ some incorporated in catheters,
  - ❖ have been constructed and tested but the major difficulties of
  - biocompatibility and
  - sensor stability
- have not been successfully resolved.

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### Applications and Advantages of Biosensors:-

- **Clinical chemistry,**
- **Medicine and Health Care:-**
- **improve the efficiency of patient care-**

### **Specific examples are-**

- **Single test with a small portable instrument such as**

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- such as **glucose for diabetic monitoring,**
- **cholesterol for cardiovascular care etc.**

### **Multi test –**

**bench top instrument. Example.**

- **Glucose and specific ions** (such as potassium) for general health care ,
- **creatinine and urea** determination in urine (renal functions).

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### Veterinary Agricultural and Food:-

1. **Beverage** (urine, spirits and beer improved production and quality control).
2. **Food stuffs** (contamination and toxins).
3. **Fruit and vegetables** (viral and fungal diagnosis).

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4. **Dairy industry – milk** (protein, fat, antibiotic, hormones).
5. **Small and large animal care** (fertility and infectious disease monitoring).
6. **Fermentation Industries,**
7. **Pharmaceutical Production:-**

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## (BIOSENSORS)

The uses are-

- ✚ **Biosensors give rapid responses**
- ✚ **which allow improved feedback control.**
- ✚ **It has a long lifetime**
- ✚ **which release technical staff for other duties**



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## (BIOSENSORS)

- **Rapid sampling** and rejection of below standard raw materials and
- **low cost monitoring** of stored products and raw materials.
- **No interference** with the process stream.
- **Access to remote environments.**

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## (BIOSENSORS)

### **Environmental Control and Pollution Monitoring:-**

- ❖ to combat the increasing number of pollutants
- ❖ in the ground water systems and hence into drinking water.

**Ex. Pesticide monitoring.**

- ❖ **Detection of toxic gases including chemical warfare agents.**
- ❖ **Detection of BOD, COD etc.**

### **Sports:-**

**To detect fatigue by measuring levels of lactic acid and ammonia in sweat.**

# L-45 Biochips & Bioreactors

## BIO-CHIPS OR BIOLOGICAL COMPUTERS

‘**Biological computers**’ or ‘**biochips**’

are ‘**hybrid machine**’ that would  
blend **the organic** and  
the **electronic** in  
a ‘**single machine**’.

# L-45 Biochips & Bioreactors

## BIO-CHIPS OR BIOLOGICAL COMPUTERS

- **Bio-chip production requires**
- **zero gravity conditions to**
- **achieve the proper**
- **quality and uniformity**
- **necessary for reliable operation.**

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**The advantages of Bio-chips or Bio-molecular computers:**

- **Storage of much more information in a much smaller space.**
- **It is expected that a single biochip could hold a**
- **billion times more information than**
- **a current silicon wafers.**

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- Heat production would be minimum.
- Manufacturing and operating costs would be low.
- Biochips are expected to be capable of
- parallel information processing in a network rather
- than working in linear mode.

# L-45 Biochips & Bioreactors

Compared to silicon chips,

- biochips are expected to **have reduce cross talk and**
- **more reliable intercommunication.**
- **Low power dissipation and**
- **faster switching time.**

# L-45 Biochips & Bioreactors

- **Potential applications of Biochips:-**
- **The bio-logical nature of bio-chips might**
- **allow their uses in medicine for implants in the body –**
- **To circumvent damage in the brain**
- **To regulate heart beat.**
- **Drug delivery and**
- **To control artificial limbs.**



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- **BIO REACTORS**
- An apparatus in which **bio-chemical enzymatic reactions are carried out** is called as '**bio-reactors**'.
- The main components of typical bio-reactor are:
- **Stainless steel or copper tank.**
- **Provision for stirring either by mechanical agitation.**

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- **Provision at the top for**
- **charging the reactor with substrate and**
- **micro organism.**
  
- **Inlet at the bottom for**
- **steam for sterilization and**
  
- **Sensors for monitoring and**
- **regulation of reaction condition.**

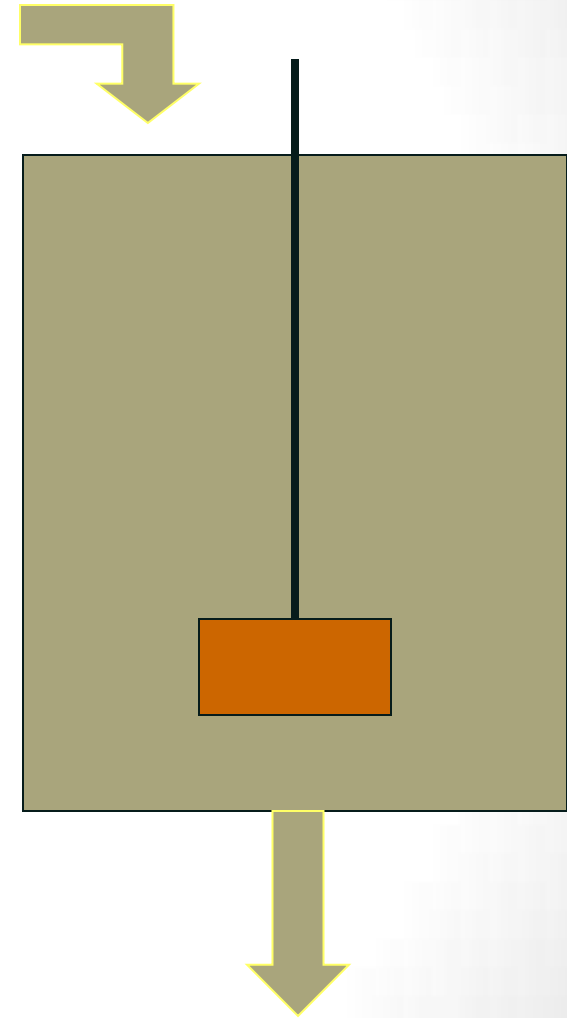
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## Types of Bio-reactors:

- **Mainly five types of bio-reactors are used:-**
  1. **Batch Reactor –**
  2. **Continuous –Flow stirred tank reactor**
  3. **Continuous - Flow stirred tank reactor with ultra filtration**
  4. **Plug – Flow Reactors**
  5. **Fluidized – bed Reactors**

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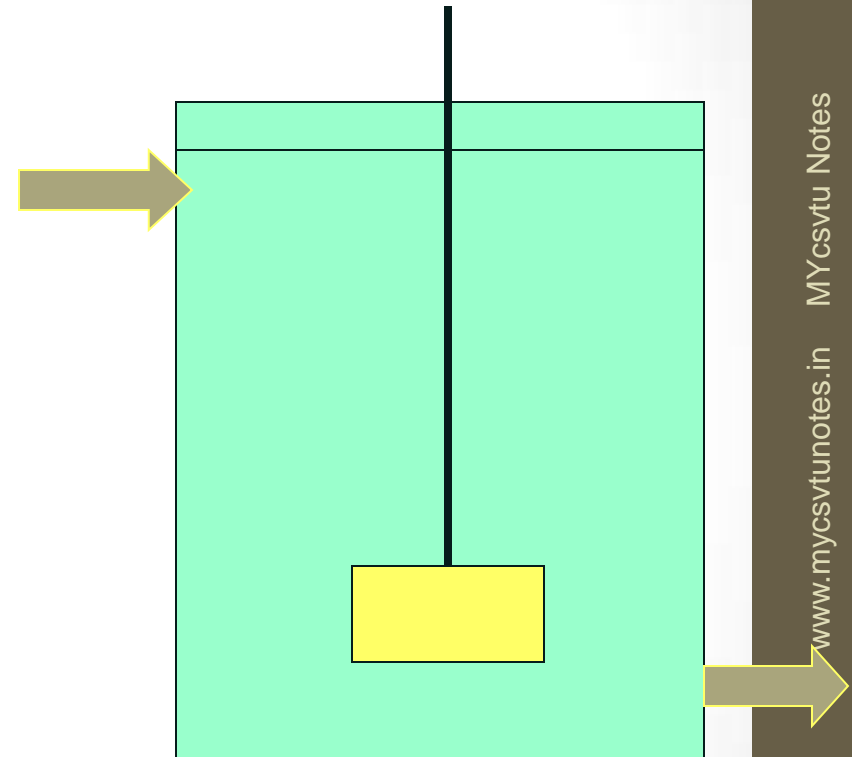
1. **Batch Reactor** –
  - They are used with free enzymes.
  - In them **high viscosity or insoluble substrates** can be used.
  - For each batch, new enzyme is required.
  - How ever **substrate inhibition** can be a problem.



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## 2. Continuous –Flow stirred tank reactor –

- This can be used with free or immobilized enzymes.
- Addition or replacement of enzymes is simple.
- The control of pH is also simple



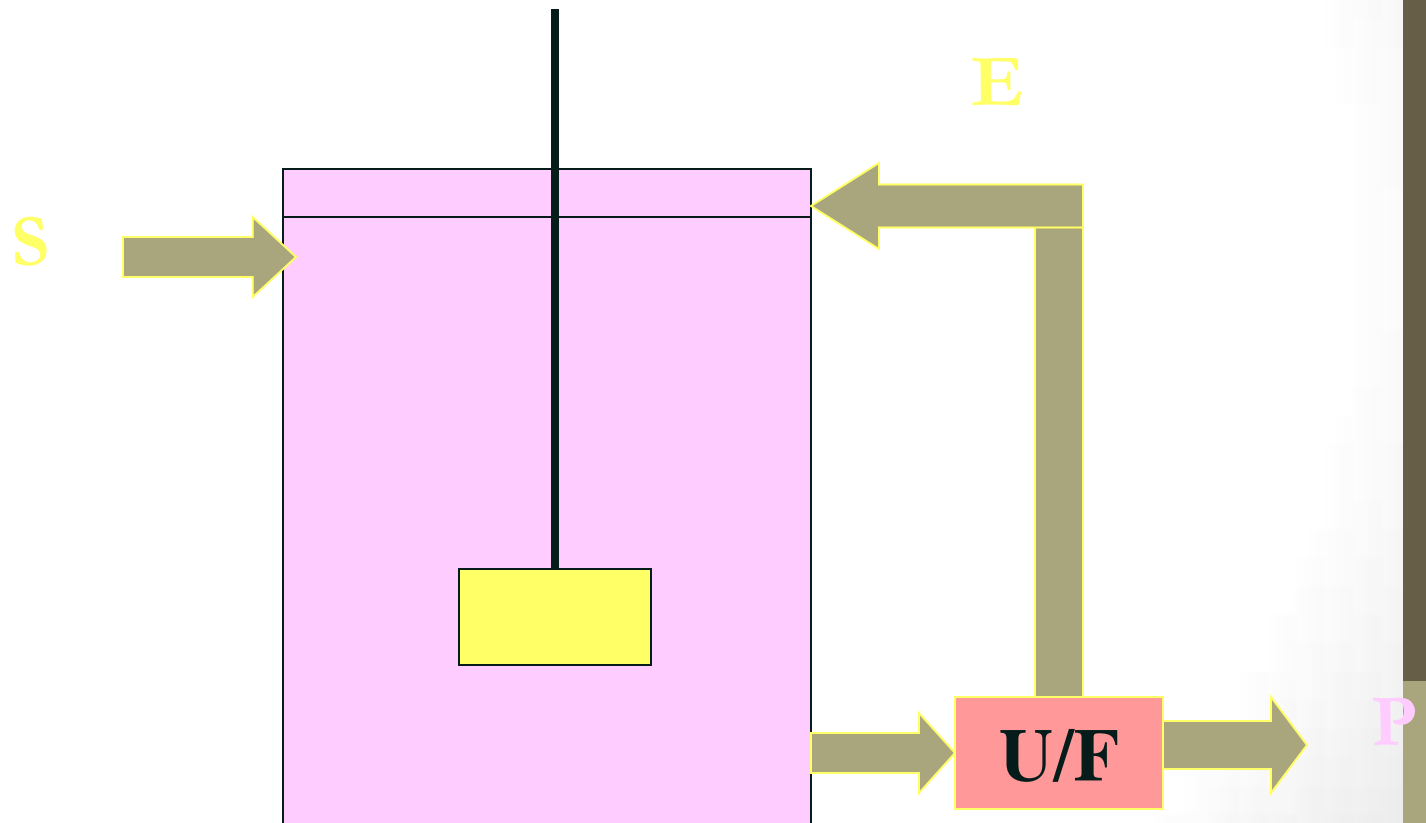
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## 3. Continuous - Flow stirred tank reactor with ultra filtration

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- They are like type (ii) discussed above. With following additional characters
- Poor enzymes stability over long term operation.
- Enzyme denatured or absorbed at membrane surface.

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## 3. Continuous - Flow stirred tank reactor with ultra filtration

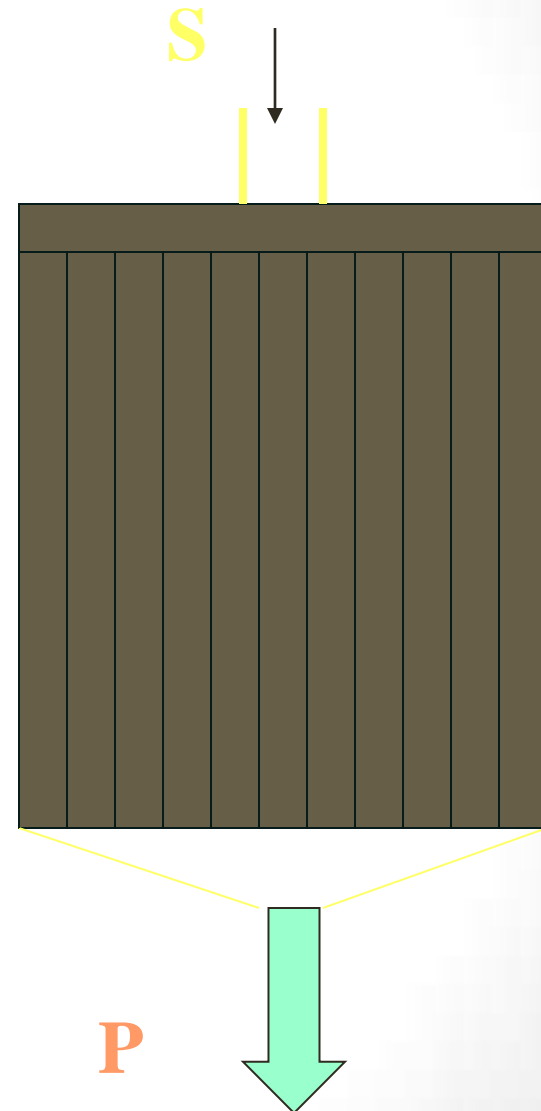


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- **4. Plug – Flow Reactors**
  - In them, **insoluble enzyme particles** are
  - packed in a column down which the substrate flow passes.

**Pros:**

- **High conversion efficiency** and
- **Less problem with product inhibition.**





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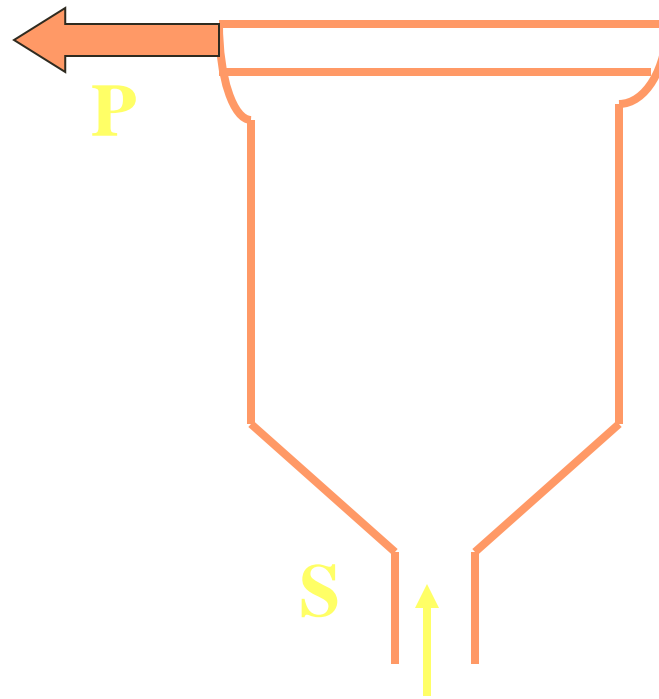
## 4. Plug – Flow Reactors –Cons:

- **They are particularly susceptible to**
- **blocking and compression.**
- **They can not be used with insoluble or**
- **high viscosity substrate**

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## 5. Fluidized – bed Reactors – In them,

- immobilized enzyme is used and
- substrate stream is passed in an
- upward direction.



# L-45 Biochips & Bioreactors

## 5. Fluidized – bed Reactors

### Pros:

- Insoluble and high viscosity substrates can be used
- Better heat and mass transfer and
- Low pressure drop.

### Cons:

- Large energy input to maintain a fluidized bed.

# L-46 Pollution prevention in Tannery Ind..

## Pollution Prevention Through Biotechnology:-

- **Biotechnology works for both**
- **clean – up/removal of pollutants**
- **as well as for prevention.**
- **Biotechnological options have proved to be not only effective to...**

# L-46 Pollution prevention in Tannery Ind..

**Biotechnological options** have proved to be not only effective to...

- improve environment credentials of **manufacturing,**
- but **higher yields,**  
better quality of the products,
- **advantages in cost,**
- **saving of energy and**  
other resources have been achieved.

# L-46 Pollution prevention in Tannery Ind..

- **Some industrial sectors, which have adopted biotechnological processes as an effective solution to prevent pollution are –**
- **Tannery industry.**
- **Paper and pulp industry.**
- **Pesticide industry.**
- **Food and allied industry.**

# L-46 Pollution prevention in Tannery Ind..

## 1.Tannery Industry:-

**Biotechnology can play a significant role in tannery industry,**

- both **in preventing generation of wastes** and
- also in **effective treatment of wastes**
  
- **un-hairing and degreasing** can be done with the help of enzymes,

# L-46 Pollution prevention in Tannery Ind..

## 1.Tannery Industry:-

- **avoiding chemicals like sulphides, alkylphenol ethoxylates etc.**
- **The use of enzymes can cut down processes like**
- **bating and**
- **the hide structure will remain least disturbed.**



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- **Fat – digesting enzymes are used for degreasing and**
- **it can eliminate use of organic solvents and surfactants.**
- **Recovery of proteins and fats from wastes as bye – products.**

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- Fungi can be used for **leaching out Cr** from tannery effluents and
- to **remove toxic tannins** present in tannery effluents.

# L-47 Pollution prevention in Paper & Pulp Ind.

## Paper and Pulp Industry:-

- **Biotechnology has many contributions to offer to the modern pulp and paper industry.**
- **Micro – organisms, enzymes, and newer technologies are being applied at various stages.**

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Some major applications areas are-

- ✚ Biopulping --fungi used to
- ✚ degrade and reduce **lignin contents** of cellulose pulp.
- ✚ **Mechanical/chemical pulping.**
- ✚ Biobleaching --use of enzyme xylanase or

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- ✚ **fungi producing such enzymes to make pulp brighter instead of chemical bleaching.**
- ✚ **Ethanol production from 'sludge'.**
- ✚ **Growing yeasts or fungi on sulphite waste liquors.**
- ✚ **Discolouration of pulp mill waste liquors with the help of fungal biomass, or**

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- ✚ **degradation of chlorinated lignin** derivatives by white rot fungus.
- ✚ Biological drinking of paper i.e.
- ✚ **cellulase and hemicellulase** to unhook ink from paper
- ✚ **and help its recycling.**

# L-47 Pollution prevention in Paper & Pulp Ind.

## Advantages with biotechnological applications.

- **Reduced use of chemicals,**
- **reduced pollution problems,**
- **higher yields,**
- **stronger or better quality paper**

# L-48 Pollution prevention in Pesticide Ind.

## Pesticide Industry:-

- The tremendous diversity in chemistry of pesticides makes
- their **detoxification process a difficult task.**
- Manufacturing pesticides that are
- **less persistent and more prone to biodegradation, .....**



# L-48 Pollution prevention in Pesticide Ind.

## (Pesticide Industry)

- ✚ manufacturing and using biopesticides which will have
- ✚ specificity of action and
- ✚ minimum environmental or biohazard, and ultimately aiming for
- ✚ resistance within the crops by
- ✚ use of genetic engineering

are all part of clean technology programs.

# L-48 Pollution prevention in Pesticide Ind.

**But till we get succeed in**

- **prevention of pollution,**
- **treatment technologies to**
- **efficiently eliminate pollutants**

**needs to be seriously examined.**

# L-48 Pollution prevention in Pesticide Ind.

- **Pesticide industry waste – waters,**
- **residual pesticides in fields and**
- **contaminated ground water** are required

to be decontaminated of pesticides and  
their intermediates.

- **Microorganisms possessing**
- **manipulated genes or enzymes with**
- **specific degradative capacity** may be used for this purpose.

# L-48 Pollution prevention in Pesticide Ind.

There are various reports of use of enzymes like

- **esterase,**
- **phosphatase,**
- **alkylsulphatase,**
- **oxygenase etc.**

**for detoxification of pesticides.**

# L-48 Pollution prevention in Pesticide Ind.

## Organisms like

- **Pseudomonas,**
- **Candida tropicalis,**
- **Aspergillus niger**  
can **degrade herbicide** of
- **chlorobenzoate class.**

**Though applications are limited today,  
the potential of Biotechnology is proven.**

# L-49 Pollution prevention in Food & Allied Industries.

## Food And Allied Industries:-

Wastes from this industries have

- **high suspended solids,**
- **high BOD & COD,**
- **no toxic matter.**

**Effluents are generally**

- **rich in carbohydrates and**
- **deficient in nitrogen.**

## L-49 Pollution prevention in Food & Allied Industries.

- **BOD and COD reduction is usually done**
- **along with generation of energy in the**
- **form of biogas and ethanol.**
- **Many new efficient biomethanisation**
- **reactors are available and**

# L-49 Pollution prevention in Food & Allied Industries.

- **bioconversions of wastes to other**
- **chemical products is also possible.**

**Solid wastes is a problem in**

- **fruit,**
- **vegetable,**
- **meat and**
- **poultry**

**processing industries.**



# L-49 Pollution prevention in Food & Allied Industries.

- **Component separation** and
- **recovery of some useful products is common for**
- **meat and poultry processing industries**
- **which have slaughter houses,**

# L-49 Pollution prevention in Food & Allied Industries.

- while **solid wastes of fruit and vegetable** processing industries are
- suitable for **ethanol production** or
- **biomass production.**