

BIOTECHNOLOGY:

PRINCIPLES AND PROCESSES

European Federation of Biotechnology (EFB)
The integration of natural science and organisms, cells, parts thereof, and molecular analogues for products and services.

Principles of Biotechnology

① Genetic engineering

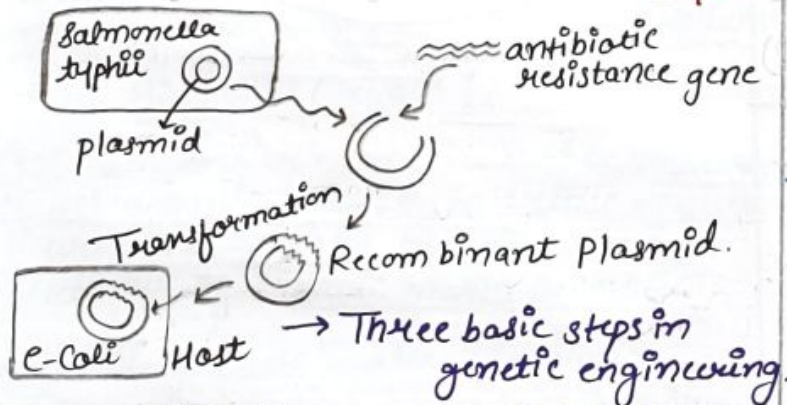
Technique to alter chemistry of DNA/RNA to introduce these into host organisms.

② Bioprocess Engineering

Maintenance of sterile conditions to enable growth of only desired microbes.

Construction of first recombinant DNA → (1972) *

Done by Stanley Cohen and Herbert Boyer



- ① Identification of DNA with desirable genes
- ② Introduction of identified DNA into host.
- ③ Maintenance of introduced DNA in the host and transfer of DNA to its progeny.

Isolation of Genetic Material

→ To break the cell walls.

Bacterial Cells → Lysozyme

Plant Cells → Cellulase

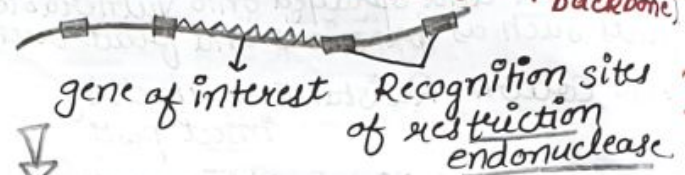
Fungal Cells → Chitinase

→ Then cells are treated with protease, ribonuclease, Lipase.

→ Spooling → Treatment with chilled ethanol to collect DNA.

Separated DNA is treated with restriction endonuclease.

endonuclease → Cuts nucleotide from middle
exonuclease → Cuts from end
(Sugar-phosphate backbone)

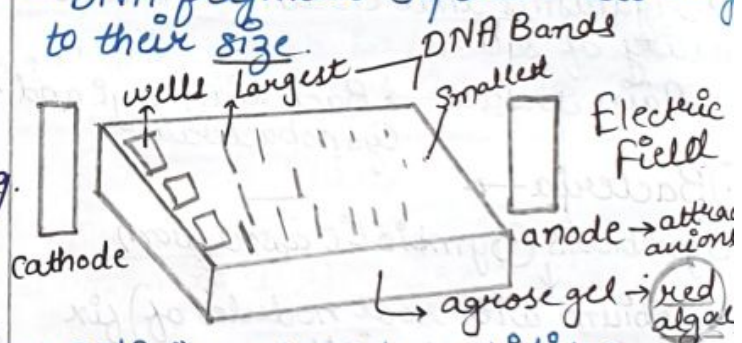


→ Separation and Isolation of DNA fragments

→ Gel Electrophoresis.

→ Negatively charged DNA pieces can be forced to move towards the cathode (+ve) under an electric field through a medium (Agarose).

→ DNA fragments separate according to their size.



→ DNA is stained by ethidium bromide followed by UV Ray exposure (Orange Colour) *

→ elution: Extraction of DNA piece from agarose gel ✓

sealing effect

Polymerase Chain Reaction

→ To make billions of copies of segment of DNA/gene.

→ Kary Mullis.

→ Taq polymerase → Heat resistance from thermus aquaticus.

→ Template separate.

→ Primer

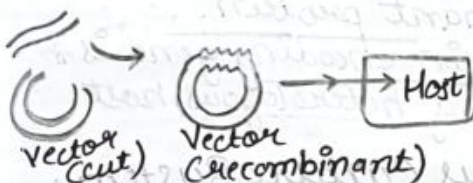
→ Nucleotides

→ 3 Steps →

① Denaturation (stands get separated) 5' ————— 3' 90°C temp.

② Annealing 5' ————— 3' 50°C temp.
↓
3' ————— 5' primer

③ Extension (Taq polymerase) 5' ————— 3' 70°C temp.
↓
3' ————— 5' amplified (~1 billion) - time...



Tools of Recombinant DNA Technology

① Restriction Endonuclease nuclease

→ In 1963, 2 enzymes responsible for restricting growth of bacteriophage in E. coli were isolated.

Methylase

Restriction Endonuclease

→ 1st restriction endonuclease →

Hind II (has recognition sequence of 6 base pair).

→ This sequence is called recognition sequence.

→ Recognition sequence are palindrome

→ 900 restriction enzymes have been isolated, from over 230 strains.

→ Restriction endonuclease forming sticky ends are used in genetic engineering, while those producing blunt / flush ends are not used.

Naming of Restriction enzymes

E co R I
↓ ↓ ↓
Escherichia Coli RY13
(Genus) (Species) (Strain)
order in which enzyme was isolated from particular strain of bacteria.

ECORI → 5' — GAATTC — 3' Vimp
3' — CTTAAG — 5'

Competent Host

→ Making Host Cells competent to take up DNA.

① Treat with Ca²⁺ ④ Disarmed pathogen vectors

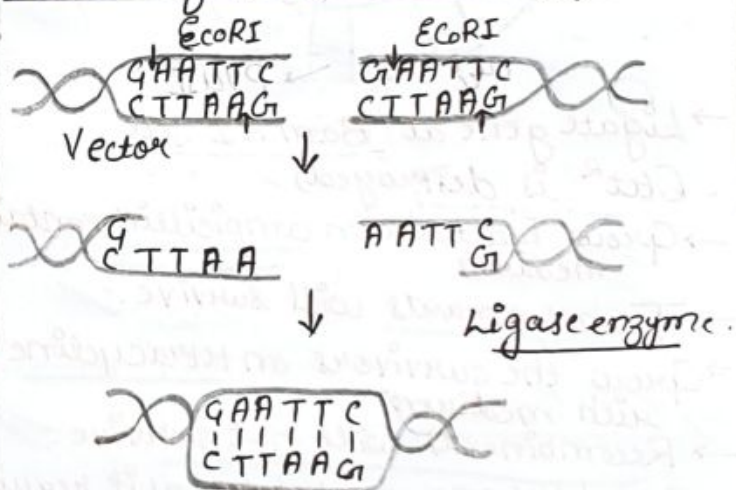
→ Ice → 42°C → Ice
Heat shock

② Microinjection: → DNA is directly injected in nucleus of an animal cell with help of a micropipette.

③ Biolistics / Gene Gun →

Plant cells are bombarded with high velocity microparticles of gold or tungsten coated with DNA.

Action of Restriction Enzyme



Cloning Vectors

→ Features of Cloning Vectors

① Origin of Replication (ORI)

→ Replication starts from this sequence.

→ It controls the copy number.

Vector — Bacteria — plasmid.

dsDNA, extra chromosomal, self replicating, only small amt of DNA transfer

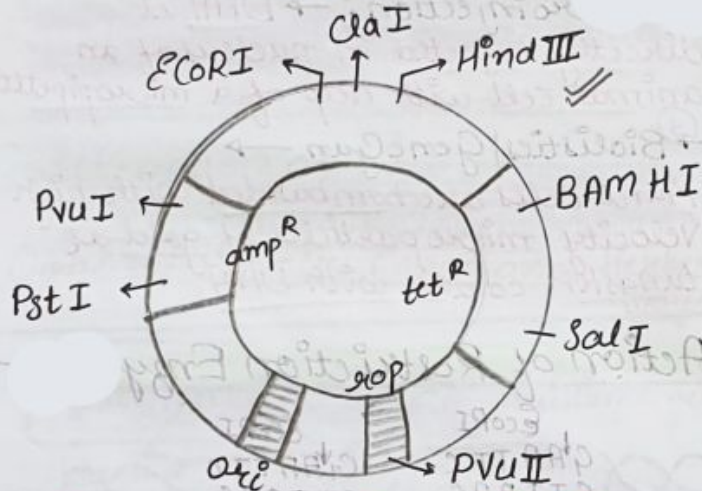
② Cloning Sites / Recognition Sites

- Recognition sequences of restriction endonuclease are called cloning sites.
- Good Vector has recognition sequence of many restriction endonuclease, but single recognition sequence for each restriction endonuclease.

③ Selectable Marker

- To select transformants from non-transformants.
- To select recombinants from non-recombinants.
- e.g. → Gene coding resistance to anti-biotics.

→ e.g. → pBR 322 → plasmid number
 plasmid Boliver and Rodriguez



- Ligate gene at Bam HI site (tet^R is destroyed)
- Grow bacteria on ampicillin containing medium
- Transformants will survive.
- Grow the survivors on tetracycline rich medium
- Recombinants will not survive.
- Cumbersome procedure as it requires two plating.

PUC Vectors

- Insertional Inactivation
- PUC vector has both ampicillin resistance gene and gene for β -galactose *
- Gene is ligated in such a way that β -galactosidase gene is inactivated.

- Bacteria is plated in ampicillin killing off all non-transformants.
- Also, X-gal is added which gives blue colour with β -galactosidase.
- So, desired colonies are white colourless.

Acid/E
 morph

Vectors for Cloning in plants and Animals

- Dicot plants → Agrobacterium tumefaciens
 It has Ti plasmid → Tumor Inducing (cause crown gall disease)
- Animals → RetroVirus *

Obtaining a foreign gene product

- Recombinant protein.
- If any protein encoding gene is expressed in a heterologous host.

① Continuous Culture System

- Used medium is drained out from one side while fresh medium is added from the other
- Culture is maintained in log/exponential phase *

- Large biomass leading to higher yields

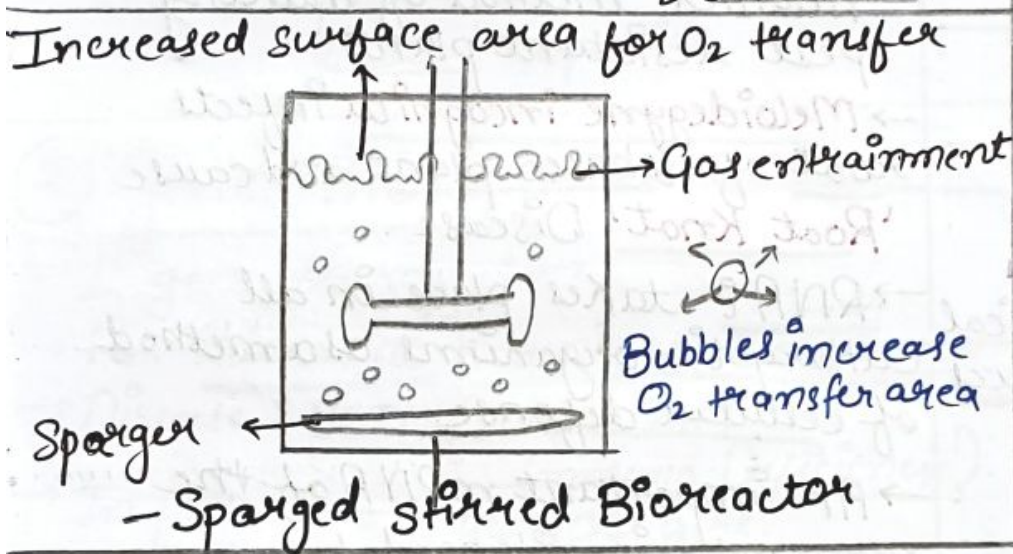
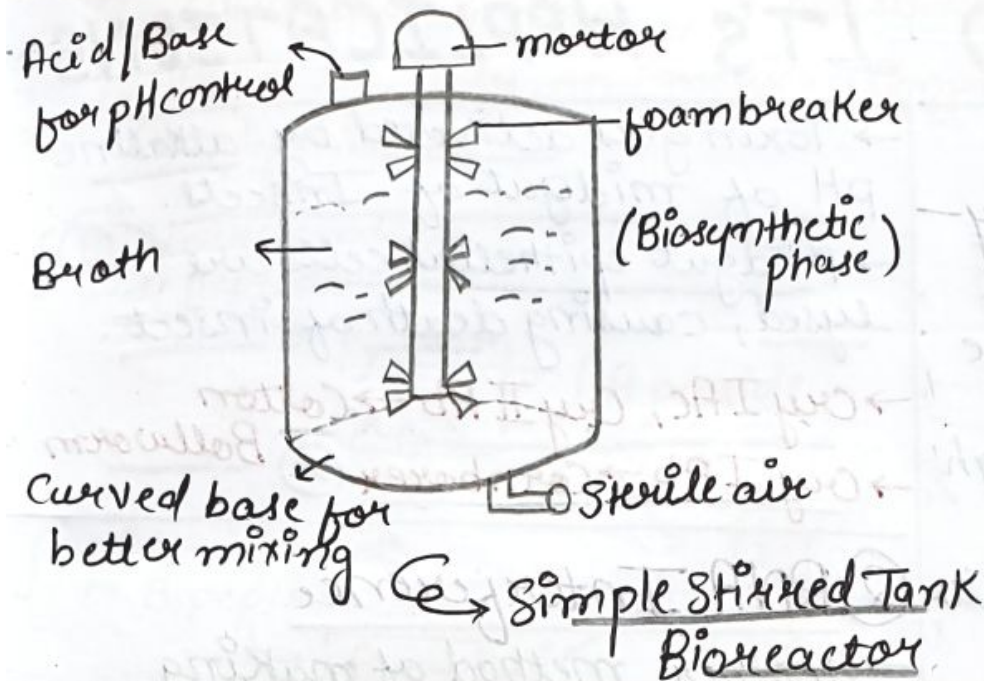
growth → exponential phase
 time →

Bioreactors

- Containers in which, large volume of culture can be processed (100-1000 ltrs)
- Bioreactors are vessels in which raw materials are biologically converted in specific products.

Bioreactor *

- Simple Stirred tank Bioreactor
- Sparged Stirred Tank bioreactor



Downstreaming Process

- Separation
 - Purification
 - Preservatives
- } Downstreaming process

