

Introduction

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1.1.5 – Reactor Mass Balances

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = (\mu - k_d)x \quad (13)$$

Specific cell
growth rate

Specific cell
death rate

For the exponential
phase $\mu = \mu_{\max}$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = (\mu_{\max} - k_d)x \quad (14)$$

$$x = x_0 e^{(\mu_{\max} - k_d)t} \quad (15)$$

$$t_b = \frac{1}{\mu_{\max} - k_d} \ln \frac{x_t}{x_0} \quad (16)$$

t_b is the time needed to reach the
maximum cell concentration ($x_t \Rightarrow x_{\max}$)

If death rate is
negligible :

$$t_b = \frac{1}{\mu_{\max}} \ln \frac{x_t}{x_0} \quad (17)$$

Total operating time

Batch time

$$t_T = t_p + t_r + t_{lag} + t_b \quad (18)$$

preparation

emptying,
cleaning

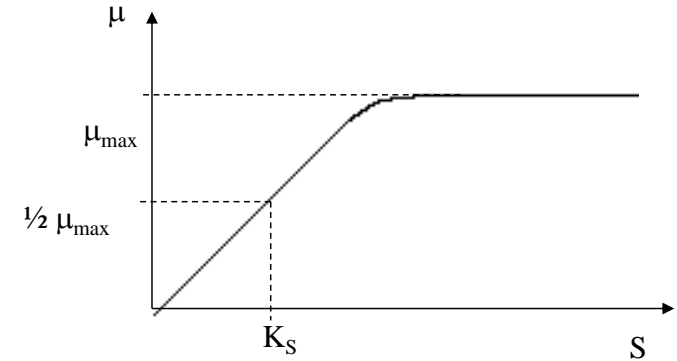
1.1.6 – Relationship between Cell Growth and Substrate Consumption

Growth Monod Model

$$\mu = \frac{\mu_{\max} S}{K_s + S} \quad (19)$$

$$S \gg K_s \Rightarrow \mu = \mu_{\max} \quad (21)$$

$$S \ll K_s \Rightarrow \mu = \frac{\mu_{\max} S}{K_s} \quad (22)$$



Substrate consumption eq. de Michaelis-Menten

$$-\frac{ds}{dt} = r_s = \frac{v_{\max} S}{K_m + S} \quad (23)$$

$$Y_{x/s} = \frac{x - x_0}{s_0 - s} \quad \text{ou} \quad Y_{x/s} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta S} \quad (24)$$

if $Y_{x/s}$ is constant:

$$r_s = \frac{1}{Y_{x/s}} \mu x \quad (25)$$

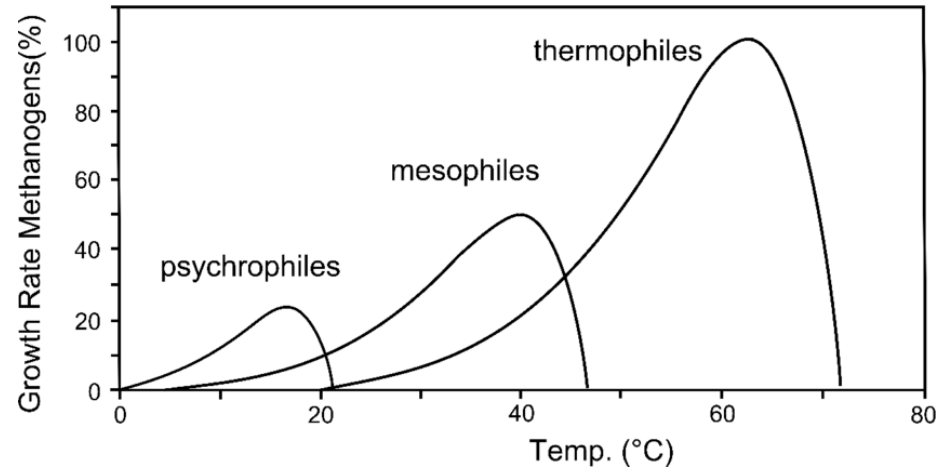
$$r_s = \frac{1}{Y_{x/s}} \frac{\mu_{\max} S}{K_s + S} x \quad (26)$$

1.1.7 – Effect of Temperature and pH on growth

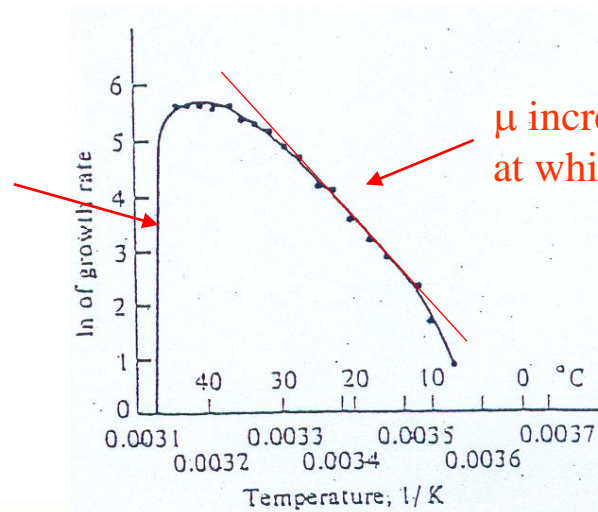
Effect of temperature

$$\mu = A e^{-\frac{E}{RT}}$$

$$\ln \mu = \ln A - \frac{E}{R} \frac{1}{T}$$



μ decreases with the temperature
(enzymatic deactivation)



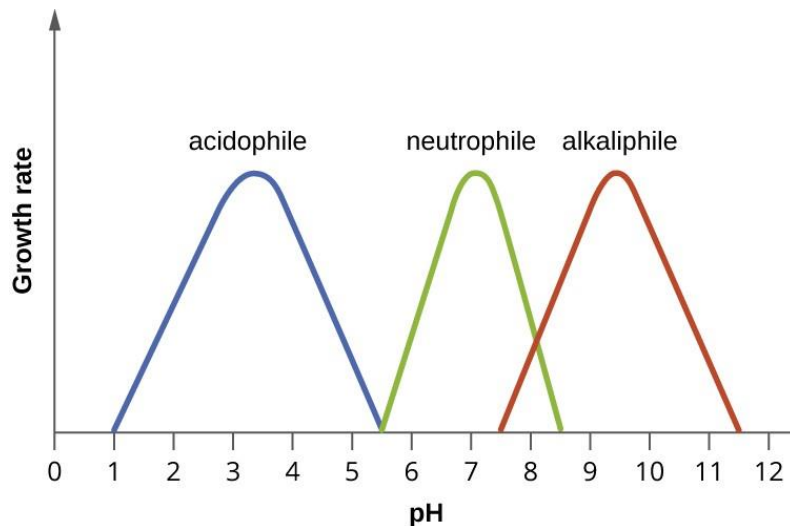
μ increases linearly with the temperature
at which the Arrhenius equation is valid

1.1.7 – Effect of Temperature and pH on growth

Effect of pH

The pH influences:

- type of metabolism
- enzyme activity
- substrate or product inhibition
- biomass (cell wall) and morphological (fungi) composition



- Most bacteria grow at pH 6.5-7.5
- Yeasts grow at pH 4-5
- Algae grow at pH=10 (contain cytoplasmic membranes that are not permeable to H^+ or OH^-)

1.1.8 – Effect of Endogenous Breathing and Maintenance on Biological Reaction Kinetics

- Cell maintenance:

The energy (ATP) formed in the primary metabolism is used for:

- a) cellular synthesis (substrate consumption for the production of cellular material);
- b) maintain chemical gradients** (intracellular pH regulation);
- c) transport nutrients from the environment through the cell membrane to the cytoplasm;**
- d) DNA repair and replication;**
- e) product formation (very low value).

→ The energy spent in processes b), c) and d) is called **maintenance energy**.

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In this case, substrate consumption can be described by:

$$\Delta S = \Delta S_{1-\text{assimilation/reserves}} + \Delta S_{2-\text{growth/energy}} + \Delta S_{3-\text{maintenance/energy}}$$

The observed or apparent yield coefficient:

$$Y_{x/s} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta S_1 + \Delta S_2 + \Delta S_3}$$

$Y_{x/s}$ takes into account the amount of substrate used for all cell processes.

The true yield coefficient:

$$Y'_{x/s} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta S_2}$$

$Y'_{x/s}$ only takes into account the amount of substrate used for cell formation.

1.1.8 – Effect of Endogenous Breathing and Maintenance on Biological Reaction Kinetics

Maintenance effect on substrate consumption rate:

$$r_s = \frac{1}{Y_{x/s}} \mu x$$

$$\mu x = r_x$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r_s = \frac{1}{Y_{x/s}} r_x$$

r_s – volumetric rate of substrate consumption

r_x – volumetric growth rate

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Maintenance effect on substrate consumption rate:

$$r_s = \frac{1}{Y_{x/s}} \mu x$$

$$\mu = \frac{\mu_{\max} S}{K_s + S}$$

$$r_s = \frac{1}{Y'_{x/s}} \frac{\mu_{\max} S}{k_s + S} x + mx$$

$$r_s = \frac{1}{Y'_{x/s}} r_x + mx$$

m – maintenance coefficient (gS/gX h)

$Y'_{x/s}$ – true growth yield (gX/gS)

1.1.8 – Effect of Endogenous Breathing and Maintenance on Biological Reaction Kinetics

The relation between $Y'_{x/s}$ e $Y_{x/s}$ is given by:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} r_s &= \frac{1}{Y_{x/s}} \mu x \\ r_s &= \frac{1}{Y'_{x/s}} \mu x + m x \end{aligned} \right\} \quad \frac{1}{Y_{x/s}} \mu x = \frac{1}{Y'_{x/s}} \mu x + m x$$
$$\Leftrightarrow Y_{x/s} = \frac{Y'_{x/s} \mu}{\mu + m Y'_{x/s}} \quad Y_{x/s} \ll Y'_{x/s}$$

The value of **m** depends on the type of substrate and environmental conditions (temperature and pH)

Note: Many of the maintenance needs are to maintain osmotic gradients (**m** increases if the salinity or pH of the medium increases).

1.1.8 – Effect of Endogenous Breathing and Maintenance on Biological Reaction Kinetics

- Endogenous Metabolism or Endogenous Respiration :

Reactions in cells that consume cellular substances (decrease in cell mass over time)

Cellular mass consumption rate (r_x) is given by:

$$r_x = \underbrace{\frac{\mu_{max} S}{k_s + S}}_{\text{Cell growth}} x - \underbrace{k_e x}_{\text{Endogenous respiration}}$$

K_e – endogenous specific rate (h^{-1})

Note: the term K_e can be interpreted as a death rate

In this case the relation between $Y'_{x/s}$ and $Y_{x/s}$ is given by:

$$Y_{x/s} = \frac{Y'_{x/s} \mu}{\mu + k_e}$$

1.1.8 – Effect of Endogenous Breathing and Maintenance on Biological Reaction Kinetics

- Calculation of m and $Y'_{x/s}$

$$V_s = \frac{r_s}{x}$$

V_s – specific substrate consumption rate (gS/gX h)

r_s – volumetric rate of substrate consumption (mgS/l.h)

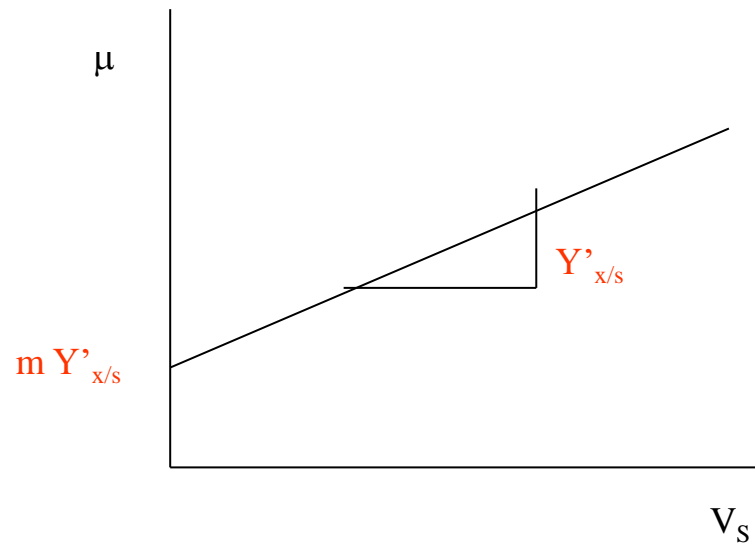
$$r_s = \frac{1}{Y_{x/s}} \mu x \quad \Rightarrow \quad V_s = \frac{1}{Y_{x/s}} \mu$$

Taking into account the maintenance effects :

$$r_s = \frac{1}{Y'_{x/s}} \mu x + m x \quad \Rightarrow \quad V_s = \frac{1}{Y'_{x/s}} \mu + m$$

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$$V_s = \frac{1}{Y'_{x/s}} \mu + m \Leftrightarrow \mu = \underbrace{V_s Y'_{x/s}}_{\text{Slope}} - \underbrace{m Y'_{x/s}}_{\text{Intercept}}$$



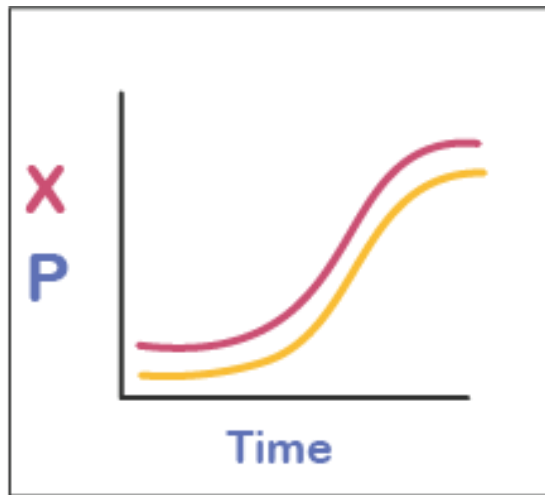
1.1.9 – Product production

- Classification of Product Types according to Gaden:

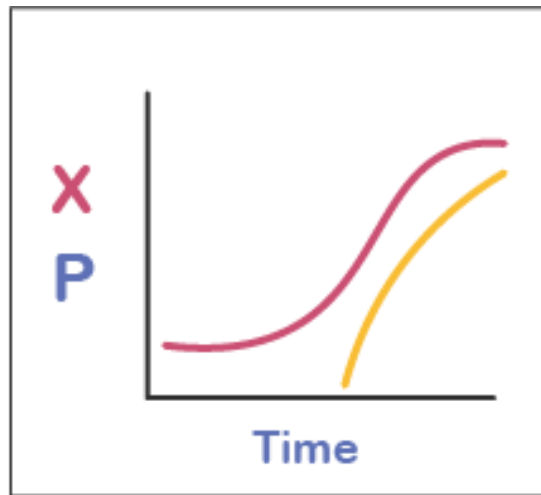
Type I - Product associated with growth

Type II - Product partially associated with growth

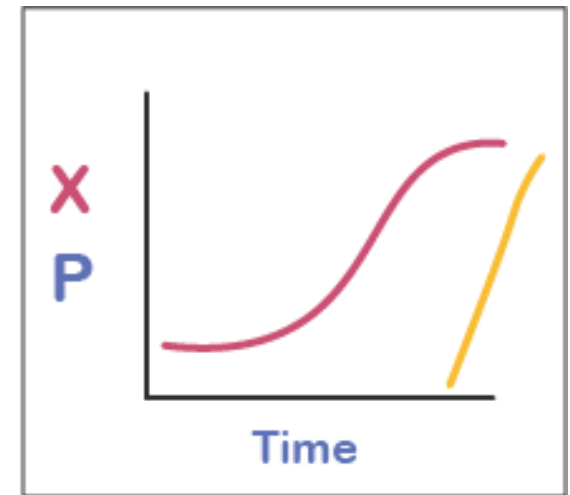
Type III - Product not associated with growth



Growth associated



Mixed-growth associated

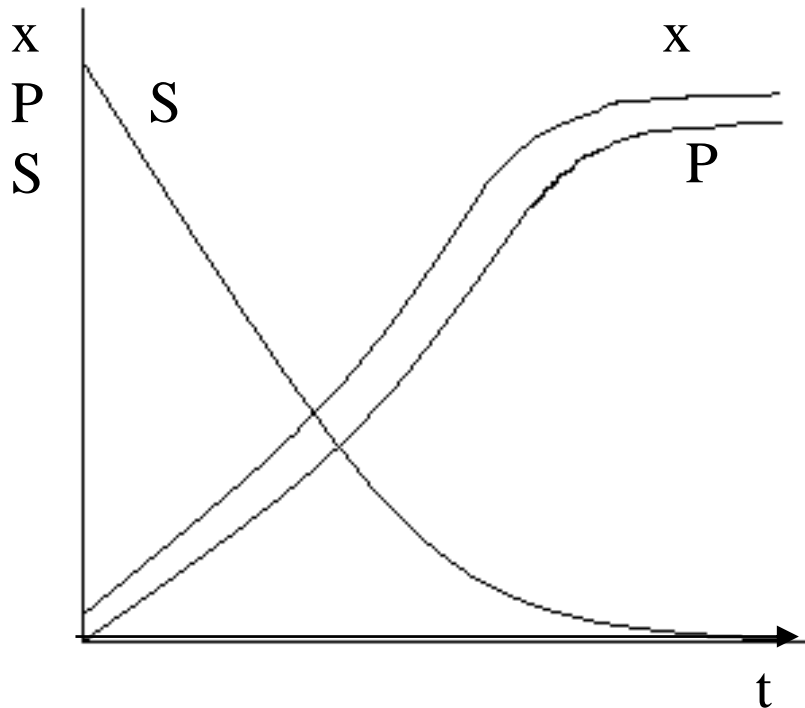


Non-growth associated

1.1.9 – Product production

I – Product associated with growth

It results directly from energy metabolism.



Examples of type I processes:

- Ethanol production
- Acetic acid production
- Production of gluconic acid

1.1.9 – Product production

I – Product associated with growth

The rate of product formation is associated with the rate of growth:

$$r_p = \frac{dP}{dt} = Y_{p/x} \mu x$$

r_p – volumetric product production rate (gP/l.h)
 $Y_{p/x}$ – Yield coefficient of product formation to cells (gP/gX)

$$V_p = \frac{1}{x} \frac{dP}{dt} = Y_{p/x} \mu$$

V_p - specific product production rate (gP/gX.h) $V_p = \frac{r_p}{x}$

Linear relationship with the substrate :

$$r_p = -Y_{p/s} r_s$$

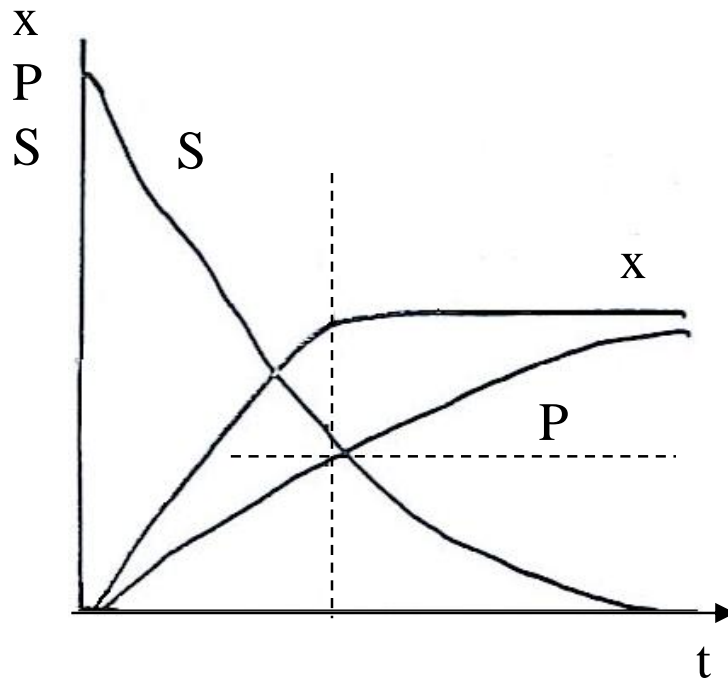
$Y_{p/s}$ – Yield coefficient of product formation to substrate (gP/gS)

where: $-r_s = \frac{1}{Y'_{x/s}} \mu x + m x$

1.1.9 – Product production

II – Product partially associated with growth

It results indirectly from energy metabolism - The rate of product formation is partially associated with growth:



Examples of type II processes:

- Production of lactic and propionic acid
- Production of amino acids
- Citric acid production
- Production of extracellular polymers (xanthan, pullulan)

1.1.9 – Product production

II – Product partially associated with growth

Model of Luedking Piret:

$$r_p = \frac{dP}{dt} = \underbrace{\alpha \mu x}_{\substack{\text{Term associated} \\ \text{to growth}}} + \underbrace{\beta x}_{\substack{\text{Term not associated} \\ \text{with growth}}}$$

1.1.9 – Product production

II – Product partially associated with growth

Model of Luedking Piret:

$$r_p = \frac{dP}{dt} = \alpha \mu x + \beta x$$

$$V_p = \frac{1}{x} \frac{dP}{dt} = \alpha \mu + \beta$$

$$V_p = Y'_{p/x} \mu + m_p$$

$\alpha = Y'_{p/x}$ – true yield coefficient of product production
(gP/gX)

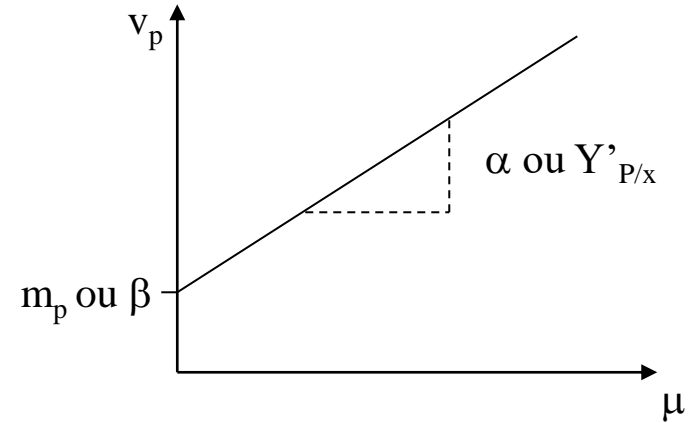
β = specific product formation rate due to maintenance
(gP/gX.h) $m_p = \beta$



1.1.9 – Product production

II – Product partially associated with growth

$$V_p = Y'_{p/x} \mu + m_p \quad V_p = f(\mu)$$



In Type II processes, the substrate consumption rate is a function of 3 factors:

- growth
- product formation
- substrate consumption rate for maintenance

$$r_S = \frac{1}{Y'_{x/S}} \mu x + \frac{1}{Y'_{P/S}} r_p + m x$$

$$Y'_{P/S} = Y'_{x/S} \times Y'_{P/x}$$

1.1.9 – Product production

III – Non-Growth Associated Product

Product production kinetics do not depend on growth rate

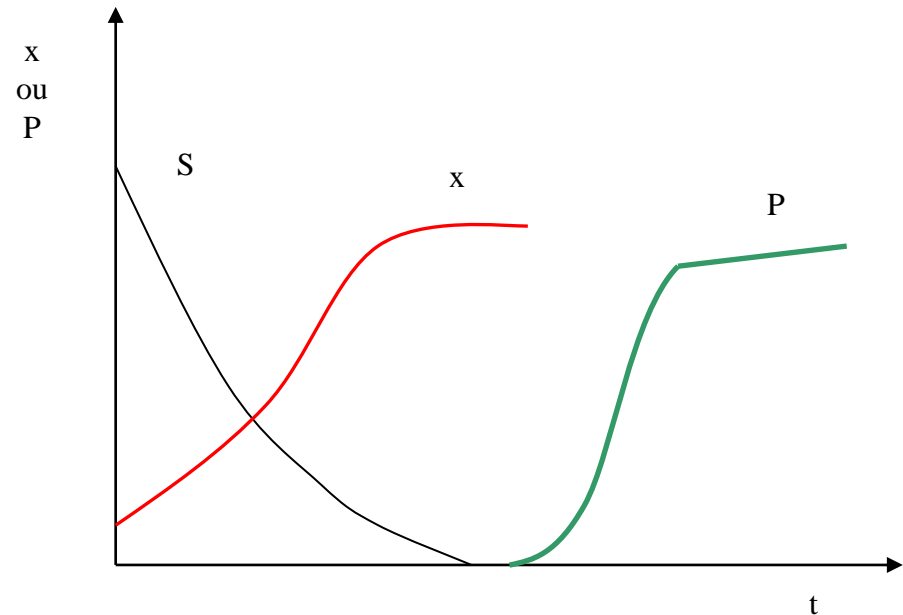
Rate is proportional to cell concentration and not to growth rate.

$$r_p = Ax \quad (50)$$

Examples of type III processes:

- Production of secondary metabolites

Ex: Antibiotics: Penicillin



1.1.10 – Inhibition Models

Possible actions of an Inhibitor:

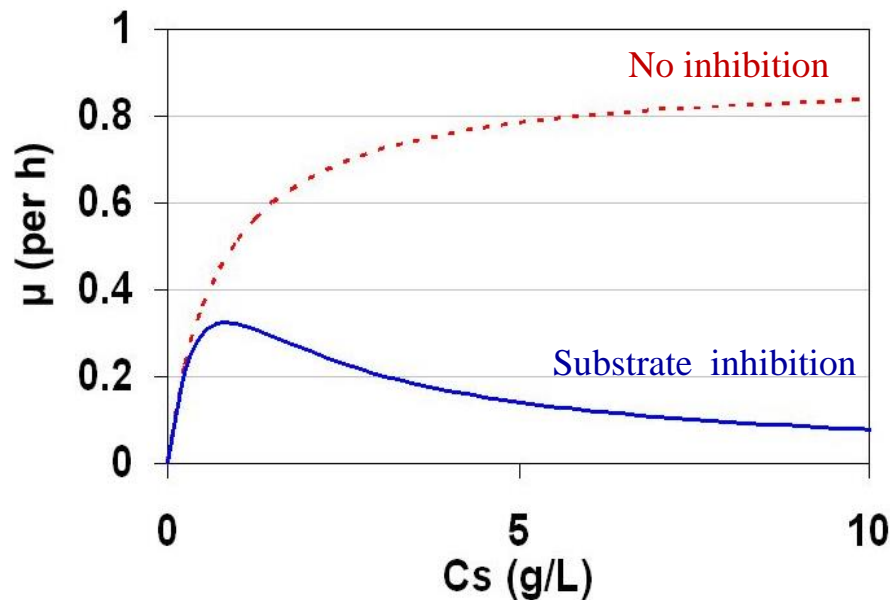
- Modifies the chemical potential of substrates, intermediates and products;
- Changes cell permeability;
- Changes the enzymatic activity;
- Dissociates enzymatic aggregates;
- Affects enzymatic synthesis;
- Influences the functional activity of cells

1.1.10 – Inhibition Models

- Inhibition by substrate:
(Andrews Model)

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \mu_{\max} \frac{S}{K_S + S + \frac{S^2}{K_i}} x$$

K_i – inhibition constant



Critical Substrate Concentration:

$$S_{crít} = \sqrt{K_S K_i}$$

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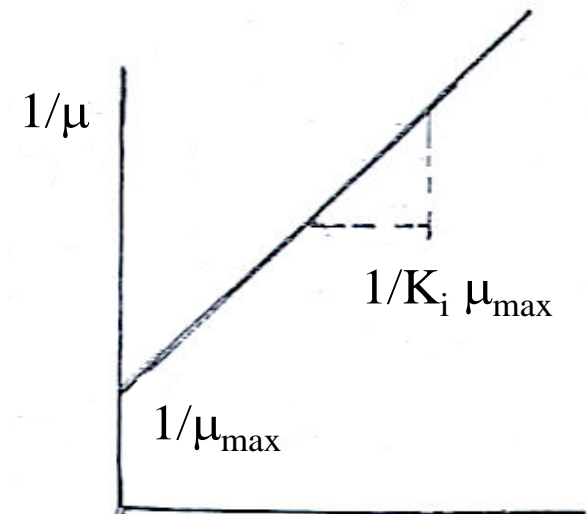
$$\mu x = \mu_{\max} \frac{S}{K_s + S + \frac{S^2}{K_i}} x$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mu = \mu_{\max} \frac{S}{S + \frac{S^2}{K_i}} \quad \text{for } S \gg K_s$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mu = \mu_{\max} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{S}{K_i}} \quad \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\mu} = \frac{1}{\mu_{\max}} + \frac{S}{K_i \mu_{\max}}$$

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intercept slope

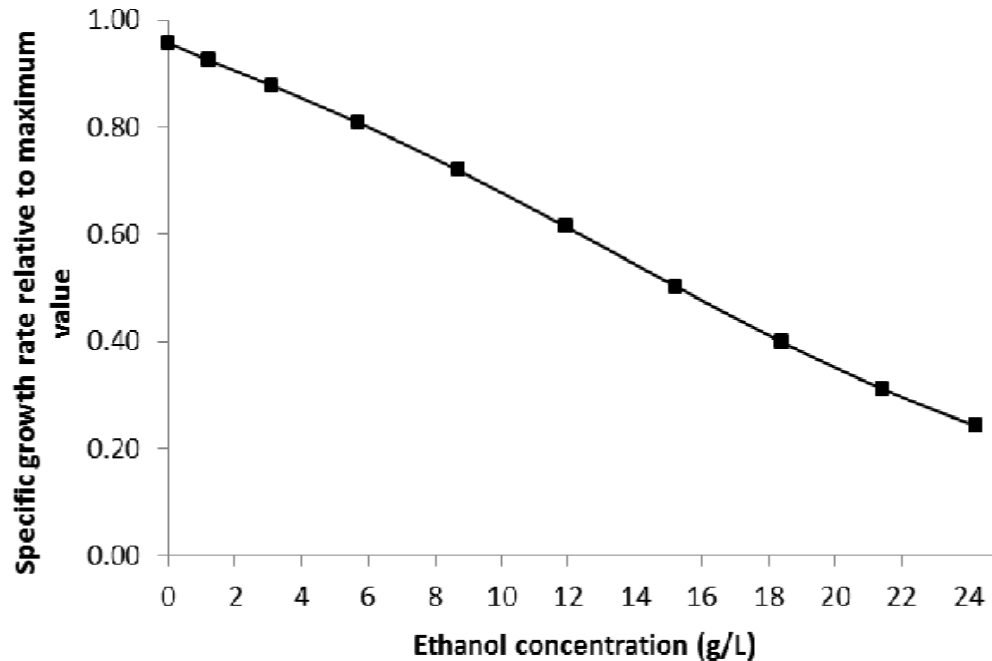


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- Inhibition by Product:

Aiba Model:
$$\mu = \mu_{\max} \frac{S}{K_s + S} \frac{K_p}{K_p + P}$$

K_p – Product inhibition constant



Exponential model:

$$\mu = \frac{\mu_{\max} S}{K_s + S} e^{-K_p P}$$

1.1.10 – Inhibition Models

- Inhibition by undissociated acid:

(Model of Han & Levenspiel)

$$\mu = \frac{\mu_{\max}}{1 + \frac{[H^+]}{K_H} + \frac{K_{OH}}{[H^+]}}$$

K_H – inhibition constant

