

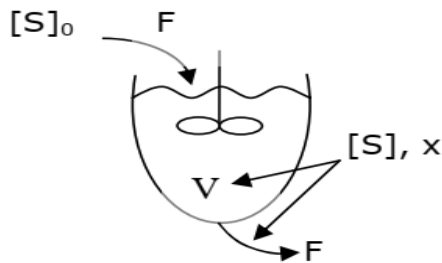
**LECTURE SEVEN: Heat Effects in reversible exothermic reactions.**

This lecture covers: theory of the chemostat, fed batch or semi-continuous fermenter operations, Significance, typical values and diffusion limit, approach to equilibrium, and multi-valency Significance, typical values and diffusion limit, approach to equilibrium, and multi-valency

**1. Biological Reactors- Chemostats**

**Biological Reactors (Chemostat)**

Concentration/Combustion constant  
Biological CSTR



**Figure 1.** Diagram of a chemostat.

$F$  = Volumetric flow rate

$$x = \frac{\text{biomass}}{\text{volume}}$$

$[S]_0$  = Concentration of growth limiting substrate. (for growing cells)

At steady-state, biomass balance

$$\downarrow \text{In} - \text{Out} + \text{Prod} = \uparrow \text{Acc}$$

Sterile feed:  $\text{In}=0$

Steady state:  $\text{Acc}=0$

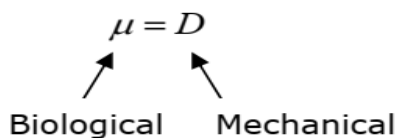
$$-Fx + r_x V = 0 \quad \text{at steady-state}$$

Cell growth kinetics  $r_x = \mu x$

$$-Fx + \mu x V = 0$$

Solve  $\mu = \frac{F}{V}$

$$D = \text{Dilution rate} \equiv \frac{F}{V} = \frac{1}{\tau}$$



When at steady-state, can control cell mass.

Allows precisely reproducible cell states.

Not easy to run at steady-state.

Material balance on [S] (sugar concentration)

$$\text{In} - \text{Out} + \text{Prod} = \text{Acc}$$

0 at steady-state

$$F[S]_0 - F[S] - \frac{1}{Y_{\frac{x}{s}}} \mu x V = 0$$

Yield coefficient  $\frac{\text{mass biomass created}}{\text{mass substrate consumed}}$

Divide by V

$$D \underbrace{([S]_0 - [S])}_{\text{change in sugar concentration}} = \frac{\mu x}{Y_{\frac{x}{s}}}$$

At steady-state  $\mu = D$

$$x = Y_{\frac{x}{s}} ([S]_0 - [S])$$

What is the value of [S]? What more information do we need?

$\mu = f([S])$  ← must choose a growth model to connect  $\mu$  and [S]

Monod growth model:

$$\mu = \frac{\mu_{\max} [S]}{K_s + [S]} \rightarrow \text{at steady-state} \rightarrow D = \frac{\mu_{\max} [S]}{K_s + [S]}$$

$$\boxed{[S] = \frac{K_s D}{\mu_{\max} - D}} \leftarrow \text{substitute in x equation}$$

$$x = Y_{\frac{x}{s}} \left( [S]_0 - \frac{K_s D}{\mu_{\max} - D} \right)$$

Specifying  $\mu_{\max}$ ,  $K_s$ ,  $Y_{\frac{x}{s}}$ ,  $D$ ,  $[S]_0$ , can predict  $x$ ,  $[S]$ .

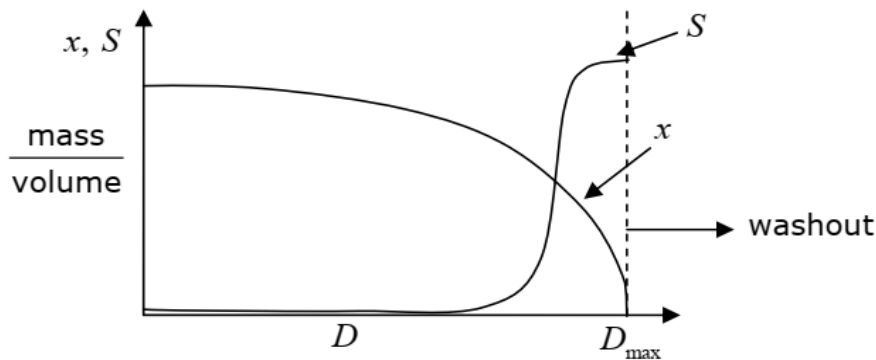
$x < 0$  is non-physical but formally in solution

$\mu_{\max} - D$  can go to 0. If you turn knobs incorrectly: if  $D$  is too high, the cells cannot grow fast enough to reach steady-state. Washout will occur.

so use  $x = 0$  to find  $D_{\max}$

$$D_{\max} = \frac{\mu_{\max} [S]_0}{K_s + [S]_0}$$

For  $D > D_{\max}$  "washout", no steady-state.



**Figure 2.** Biomass/volume versus dilution rate. Beyond the maximum dilution rate, washout occurs.

For real systems  $K_s \ll [S]_0$ . Most cell growth systems reach maximum at fairly low concentrations; hence  $x$  is flat, then drops off sharply.

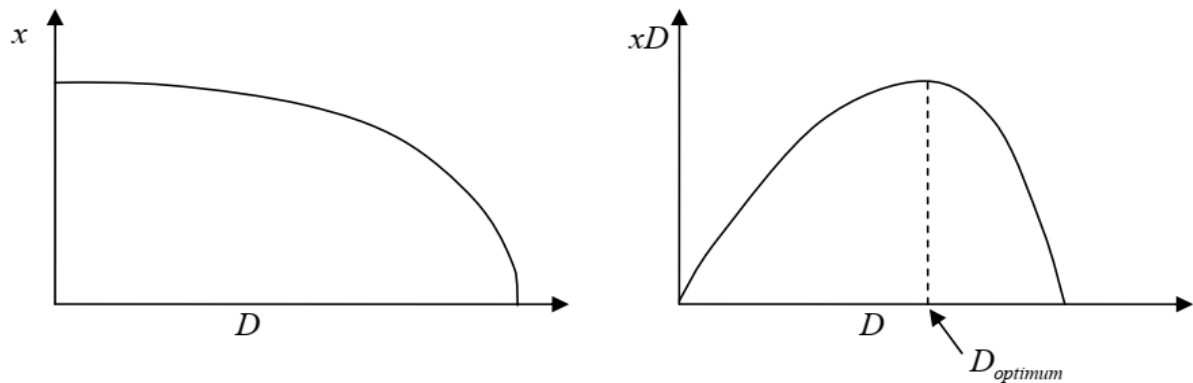
If biomass is the product, is there a best operating condition?

What should we consider?

$\frac{dx}{dD}$  optimize  $x$  with respect to  $D$ ?  $D=0$  (no, because this would be batch reactor)

Define productivity as  $\frac{\text{biomass}}{(\text{reactor volume})(\text{time})} = xD$

$$\frac{d(xD)}{dD} = 0 \text{ for optimum. (is a maximum)}$$



**Figure 3.** Left: Biomass/volume versus dilution rate. Right: Productivity versus dilution rate.

$$D_{optimum} = \mu_{max} \left( 1 - \sqrt{\frac{K_s}{K_s + [S]_0}} \right)$$

$$K_s \ll [S]_0$$

$$D_{optimum} \approx \mu_{max}$$

$$\approx D_{max}$$

Close to washout conditions.

Operability would be difficult. We would not want to run too close to washout conditions.

Fed-batch fermentor (microbes or mammalian cells)

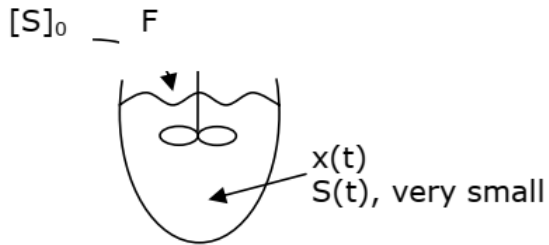
-used to achieve very high cell densities (e.g. hundreds of grams cell dry weight (c.d.w)/liter)

If you want  $x_{final} = \frac{100 \text{ g}}{L}$

If  $Y_{\frac{x}{s}} \approx 0.5$ ,  $[S]_0 = \frac{200 \text{ g}}{L} \approx 20\% \frac{wt}{volume} \leftarrow$  Toxic, sugar content cells will die

Why do we not feed all at once? Cells will die.

Calculate medium feed rate in order to hold  $\mu$  constant.



**Figure 4.** Diagram of a fed-batch fermentor.

If  $\mu$  is constant, biomass = biomass $_{t=0} e^{\mu t}$

There is a dilution term, because as we feed in fresh medium, volume will change. Volume often doubles.

$$xV = x_0 V_0 e^{\mu t}$$

$$\underbrace{\text{Feed } F[S]_0}_{\text{sugar feed}} = \frac{\mu x_0 V_0 e^{\mu t}}{\underbrace{Y_{\frac{x}{s}}}_{\text{sugar consumed}}}$$

Assume all converted into biomass.

$$F = \frac{x_0 V_0}{[S]_0 Y_{\frac{x}{s}}} \mu e^{\mu t}$$

Exponential flow rate. Typically  $\mu$  specified as "small."

Dilution:

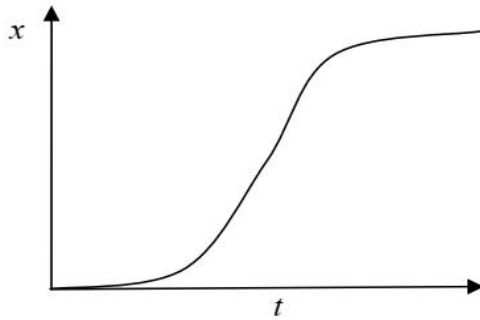
$$\frac{dV}{dt} = F$$

$$V(t) = V_0 \left( 1 + \frac{x_0}{[S]_0 Y_{\frac{x}{s}}} (e^{\mu t} - 1) \right)$$

$$x = \frac{\text{biomass}}{V} = \frac{x_0 e^{\mu t}}{1 + \frac{x_0}{Y_{\frac{x}{s}} [S]_0} (e^{\mu t} - 1)}$$

$$= \frac{x_0 V_0 e^{\mu t}}{V}$$

"Logistic equation"



**Figure 5.** Graph of logistic growth.

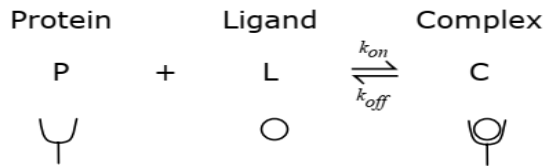
If product is something cells are making:

Product synthesis kinetics

- 1)  $\frac{1}{x} \frac{dP}{dt} = \alpha\mu$  growth associated (e.g. ethanol)  
 $P \equiv \frac{\text{product}}{\text{volume}}$
- 2)  $\frac{1}{x} \frac{dP}{dt} = \beta$  not growth associated (e.g. antibiotics, proteins, antibodies)  
 $P = \beta \int_0^t x dt$  integrate for amount of product.

## 2. Kinetics of Non-Covalent Biomolecular Interactions

### Noncovalent Interactions



**Figure 1.** Protein-ligand binding.

Association rate =  $k_{on} C_p C_L$

Dissociation rate =  $k_{off} C_c$

@ equilibrium,  $k_{on} C_p C_L = k_{off} C_c$

$$\frac{C_p C_L}{C_c} = \frac{k_{off}}{k_{on}} = K_d$$

$\swarrow \frac{1}{s}$   
 $\searrow \frac{L}{\text{mol s}}$

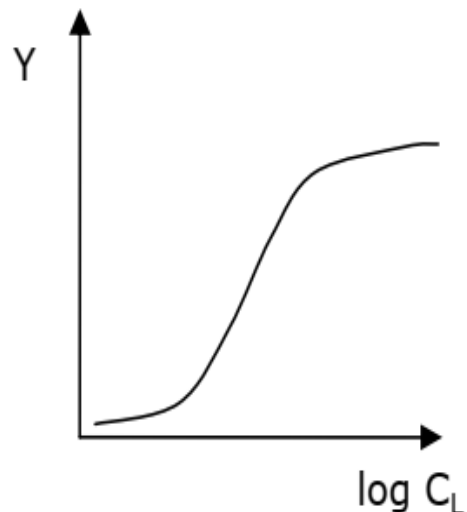
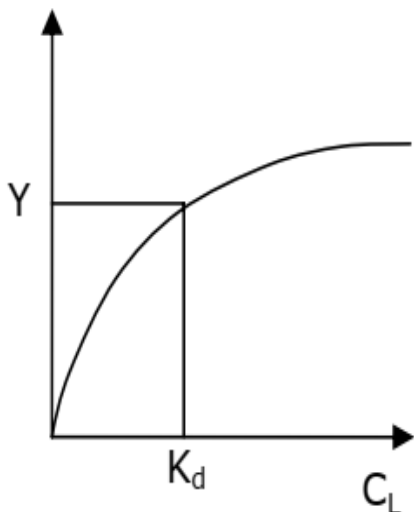
In general, for protein-protein interactions,  $k_{on} \approx 10^5 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

half-time for complex dissociation  $\tau_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{k_{off}}$

|  |                               |  |  |
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| $\underline{K_d}$                                    |                               | $\underline{\tau_{1/2}}$   | <u>types</u>   |
| mM<br>μM (micromolar)<br>nM<br>pM<br>fM (femtomolar) | ↓<br>stronger<br>interactions | milliseconds<br>milliseconds-seconds<br>minutes-hours<br>hours-weeks<br>weeks-months | non-specific stickiness<br>cell surface, multi valent<br>antibodies, enzymes<br>growth factors<br>hycholase inhibitors |

Fractional saturation  $Y = \frac{C_c}{C_{p,o}} = \frac{C_c}{C_c + C_p}$

$$K_d = \frac{C_p C_L}{C_c} \rightarrow Y = \frac{C_L}{C_L + K_d}$$



**Figure 2.** Left: Graph of fractional saturation versus ligand concentration. Right: Graph of fractional saturation versus the logarithm of ligand concentration.

If  $C_{p,o} \approx C_{L,o}$ , then at equilibrium,  $C_L \neq C_{L,o}$

$$Y = \frac{C_{L,o} - yC_{p,o}}{C_{L,o} - yC_{p,o} + K_d}$$

$$Y = \frac{K_d + C_{L,o} + C_{p,o} - \sqrt{(K_d + C_{L,o} + C_{p,o})^2 - 4C_{p,o}C_{L,o}}}{2C_{p,o}}$$

If instead  $C_{L,o} \gg C_{p,o}$ ,  $C_L \approx C_{L,o}$

$$Y = \frac{C_{L,o}}{C_{L,o} + K_d}$$

How quickly is equilibrium reached?

$$\frac{dC_c}{dt} = k_{on} C_L C_p - k_{off} C_c$$

If  $C_{L,o} \gg C_{p,o}$  "pseudo-1<sup>st</sup> order"

$$k_{on} C_L = k_{on} C_{L,o}$$

$$C_{p,o} = C_p + C_c$$

← (complexed)

$$C_p = C_{p,o} - C_c$$

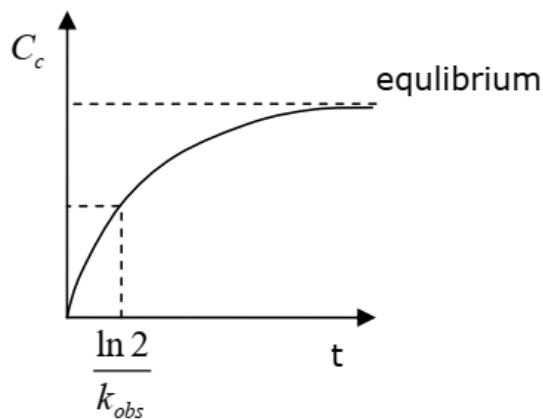
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$$\Rightarrow C_c(t) = C_{p,o} \frac{C_{L,o}}{C_{L,o} + K_d} (1 - e^{-k_{obs} t})$$

$$k_{obs} = k_{on} C_{L,o} + k_{off}$$

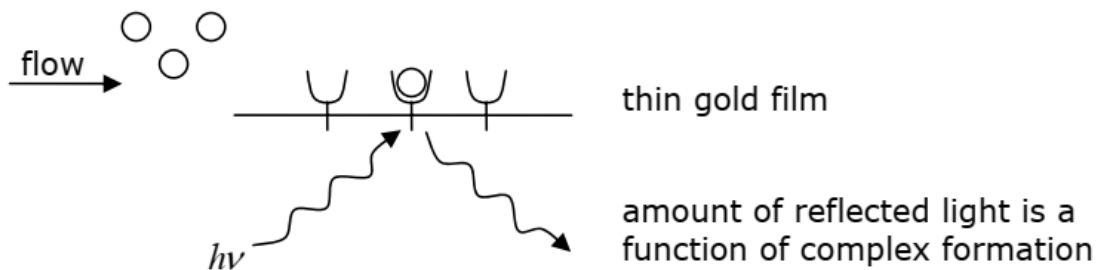
$$\frac{\ln 2}{k_{obs}} = \text{half-time for reaching equilibrium}$$



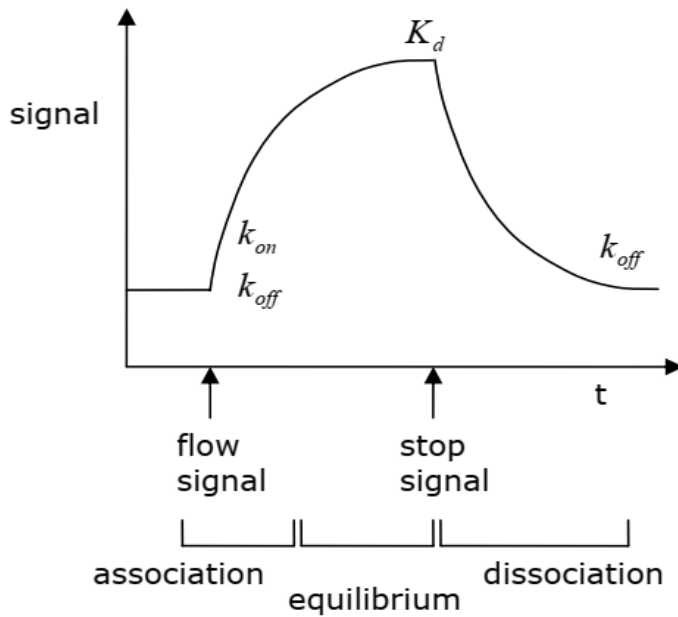
**Figure 3.** Concentration of complex versus time. Equilibrium is approached at long times.

## Biosensor

Surface plasmon resonance (label-free)



**Figure 4.** Schematic of how surface plasmon resonance works.

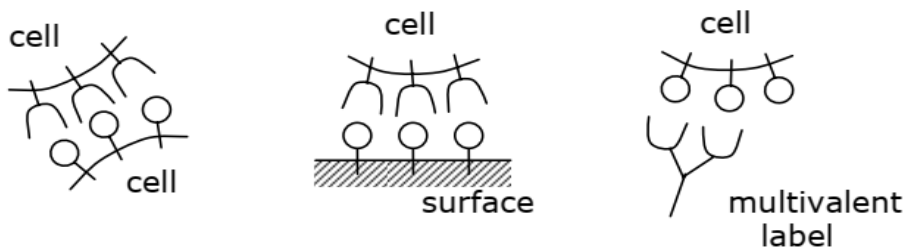


**Figure 5.** Signal of detector versus time.

redundant estimates:  $k_{off}$  in both association & dissociation,  $K_d = \frac{k_{off}}{k_{on}}$  in equilibrium phase

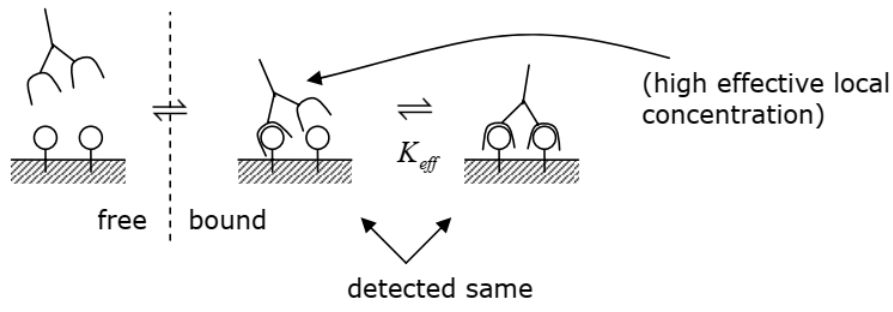
best approach: fit one set of parameters to three phases of experiment. (global least squares)

### Multivalency (Avidity)



**Figure 6.** Three examples of multiple protein-ligand binding.

How does multivalency effect apparent interaction strength?



**Figure 7.** Multivalent binding equilibrium.