



Successful Scale-up of Industrial Fermentations: Process Development, Engineering and Economics

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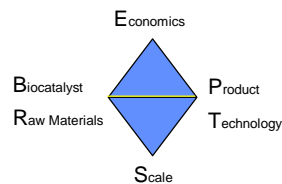


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Key Factors for Bioprocess Technology Selection, Scale-up and Engineering of New Facilities

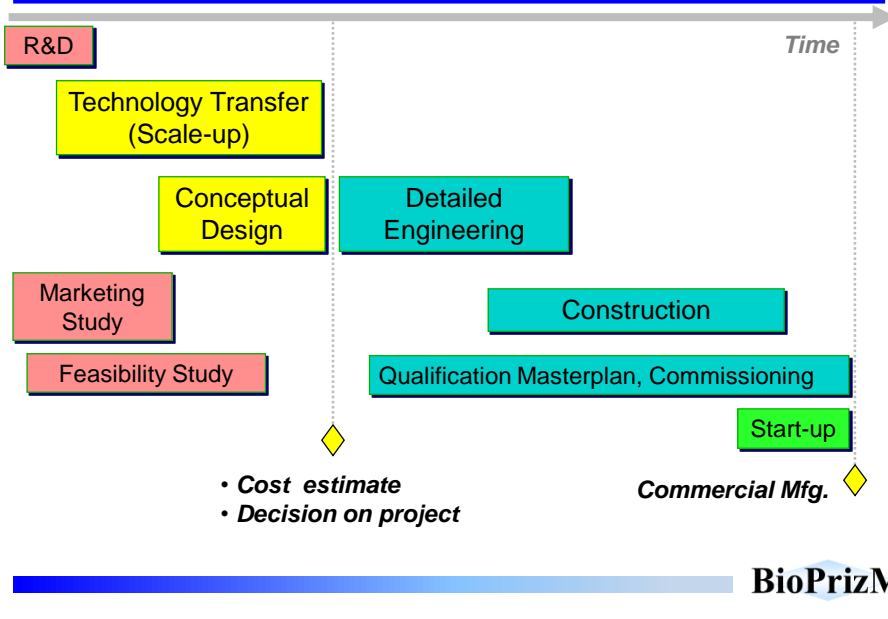
- Biocatalyst
- Raw Materials
- Process Technologies
- Products
- Scale
- Economics



Success is through
Early Integration of
Process Development, Engineering & Economics



From R&D to Commercial Manufacturing Facility Key Project Phases – Operations & Engineering perspectives



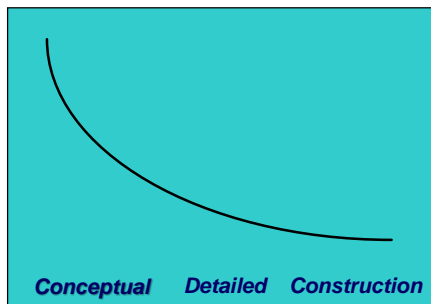
Cost Impact of Key Engineering Project Phases

Cost Impact

Ability of a Phase's

- Decision
- Work quality
- Scope Change

Impacting CAPEX



Project Phases (time)

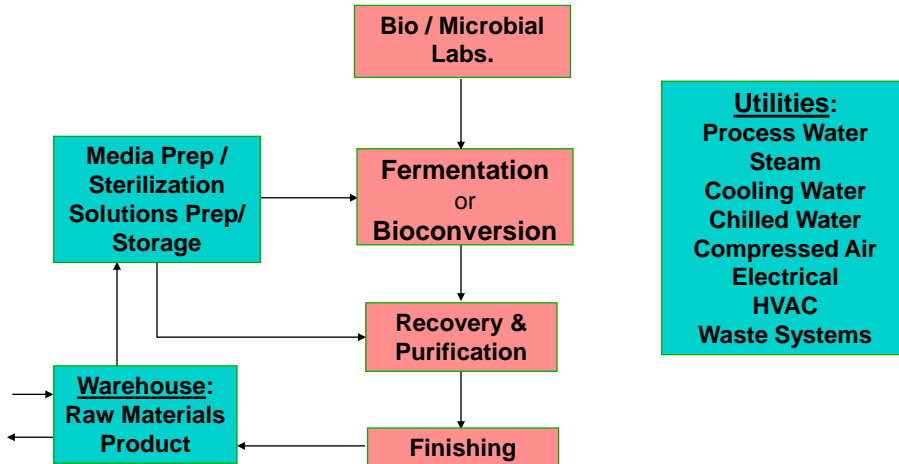
Key Success Factor:

- ❖ *Early Integration* of Process Development and Engineering Concepts for Successful Commercial Bioprocesses and Facilities.

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Typical BioProcess Block Flow Diagram

Basis for Facility Concept Design



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BioProcess Design Basis & Scale-up - Upstream

Fermentation & Bioreactor Critical Design Parameters

Biological & Chemical

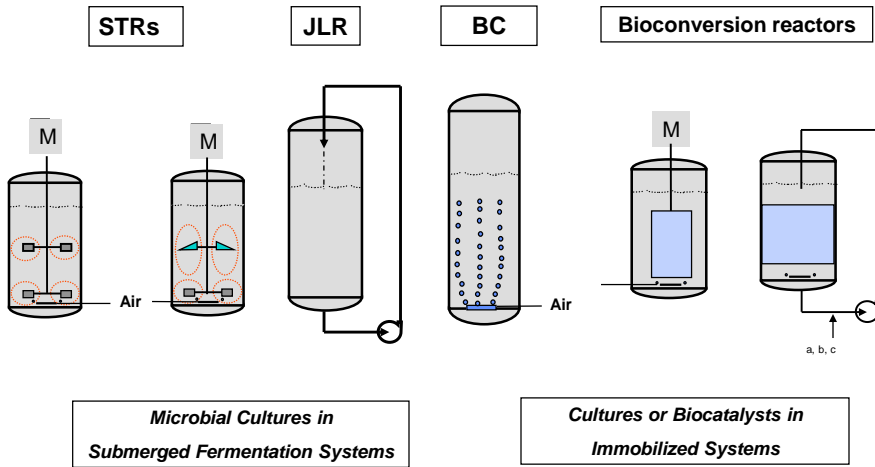
- Culture type
- Containment
- Operating and Optimal ranges for:
 - pH , Temperature
 - Foam type & control
 - Shear, Viscosity
 - DO_2 , CO_2 , Pressure

Process Engineering

- Process type (batch, continuous, fed-batch)
- Oxygen Transfer Rate (OTR)
- Heat Transfer
- Bioreactor type & Scale-up
- Instrumentation & Controls
- Sterile/ rDNA Design, MOC
- Media Prep./ Sterilization
- CIP & Waste systems

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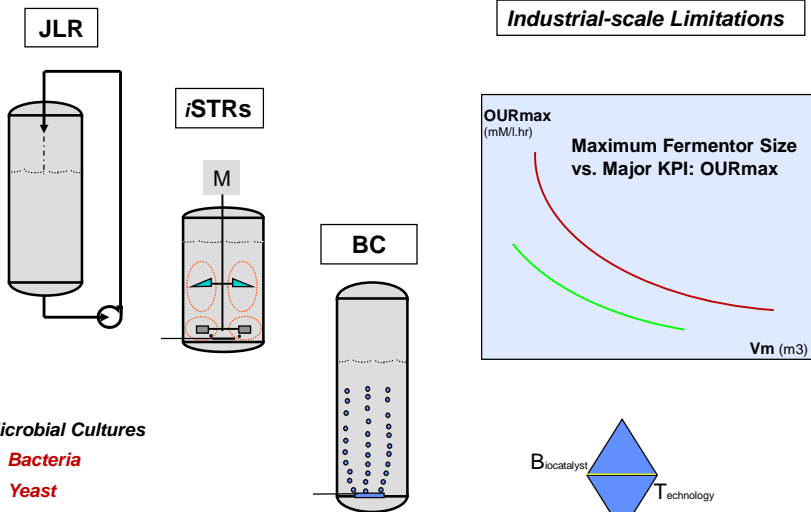
Typical Bioreactor Designs



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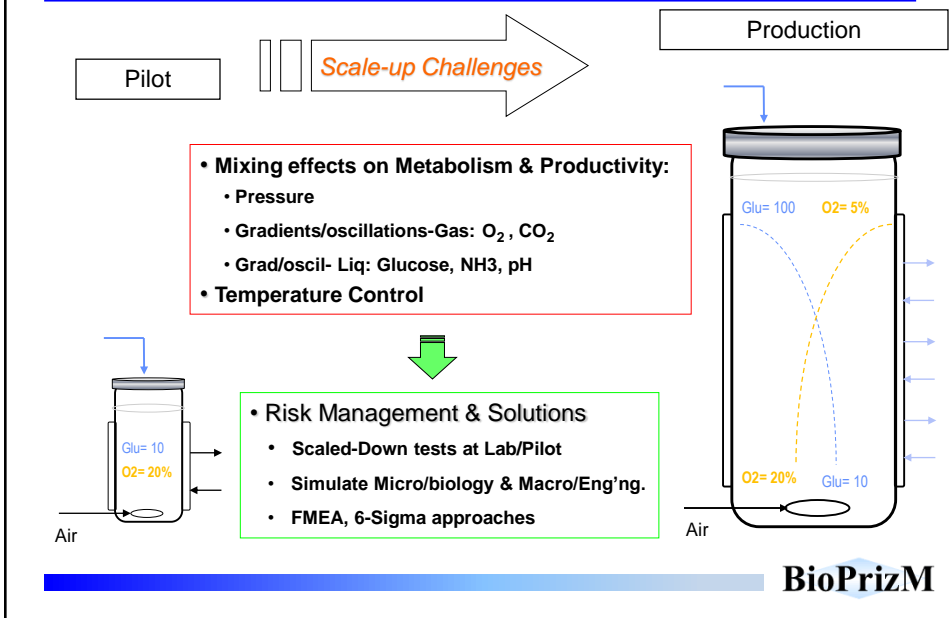
Bioreactor Design Selection – Industrial Realities

Biocatalyst, Process KPI & Scale: All Inter-related

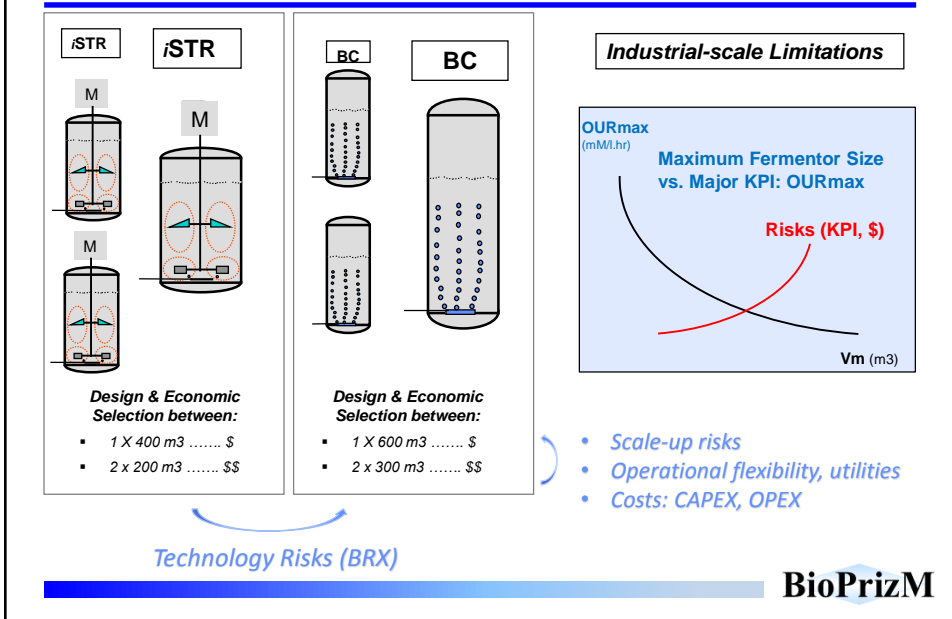


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Commercial Fermentation Scale-up Challenges & Options Case study of BC



Fermentation Facility Definition: Risks & Economics Selection of Bioreactor Design, Size & Quantities



Optimum Industrial Process Selection – KPI's

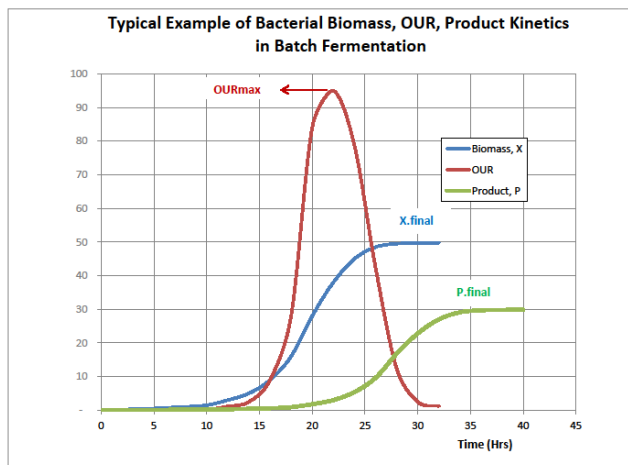
Which Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) to select ?

- ❑ High Cell Density, Maximum Fermentation Titer ?
.... *Not Always ! Don't disregard industrial limitations !*
- ❑ Yield of Feedstock Bioconversion can be a major KPI for Cost of Goods Sold (COGs), but impact can change with Product, Technology & Scale

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Typical Microbial Fermentation Process Kinetics

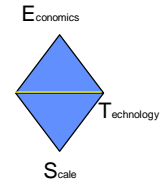
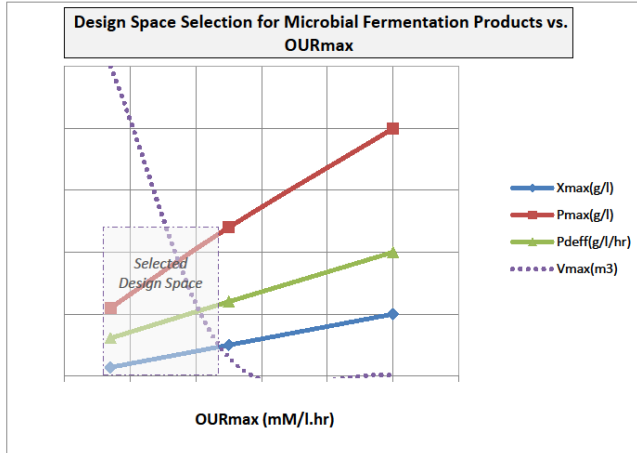
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Selecting Industrial Fermentation Process – Design Space

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BioProcess Modeling is Key for Economic Optimizations

❑ **Modeling and Cost Sensitivity Analysis:**

Need Simulation by Professionals Experienced in Real Commercial Scenarios for Reliable Estimation of Facility CAPEX & OPEX

A screenshot of a spreadsheet showing various financial and operational data. The columns include categories like 'CAPEX', 'OPEX', and 'Total'. The rows list different components of the facility. The data is presented in a grid format with numerical values and some text descriptions.

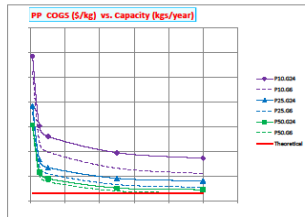
CAPEX reduced by 60% from \$203 to \$78 MM

❖ **Industrial Process Modeling is a major Guide for R&D and Project Objectives... i.e. What to Focus on ?**

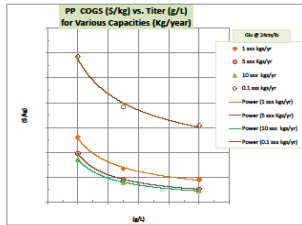
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COGS vs. Capacity, Media Costs, Titer

COGS vs. Capacity at Various Titrers & Media Costs



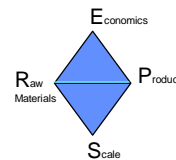
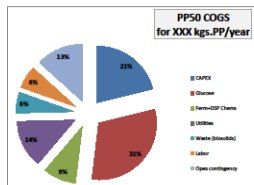
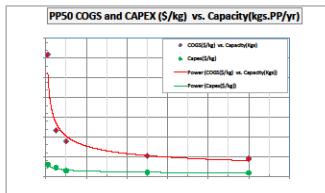
COGS vs. Titrers at Various Capacities



❖ Economic analysis defines “Critical” or Minimum Capacity or Titer for Optimum COGS

Costs vs. Scale. Product impact on COGS Distribution

- **COGS** decreases with increased Capacity or Scale.
- **CAPEX** % of COGS changes with Scale, Technology & Product



Product-type impact

- **Raw Materials** cost % of COGS in *Industrial Biotech* is More than for *BioPharma*
- **CAPEX** % of COGS in *Industrial Biotech* is Less than *BioPharma*.

Conclusions

BioProcess Commercialization: Success factors

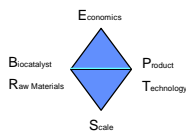
- ❑ *Integrate, early on*, R&D, Engineering and Manufacturing *Teams*
- ❑ Assess each Bioprocess option from an *Integrated industrial* view
- ❑ Select optimal option based on *Scale-up* reliability & economics
- ❑ Use *Modeling* to evaluate each Bioprocess impact on *Facility Design, Utilities & Costs*
- ❑ Perform a *Conceptual Design* with preliminary CAPEX and OPEX



From Concept to Commercial: DuPont BioPDO

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