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# Separation for Life

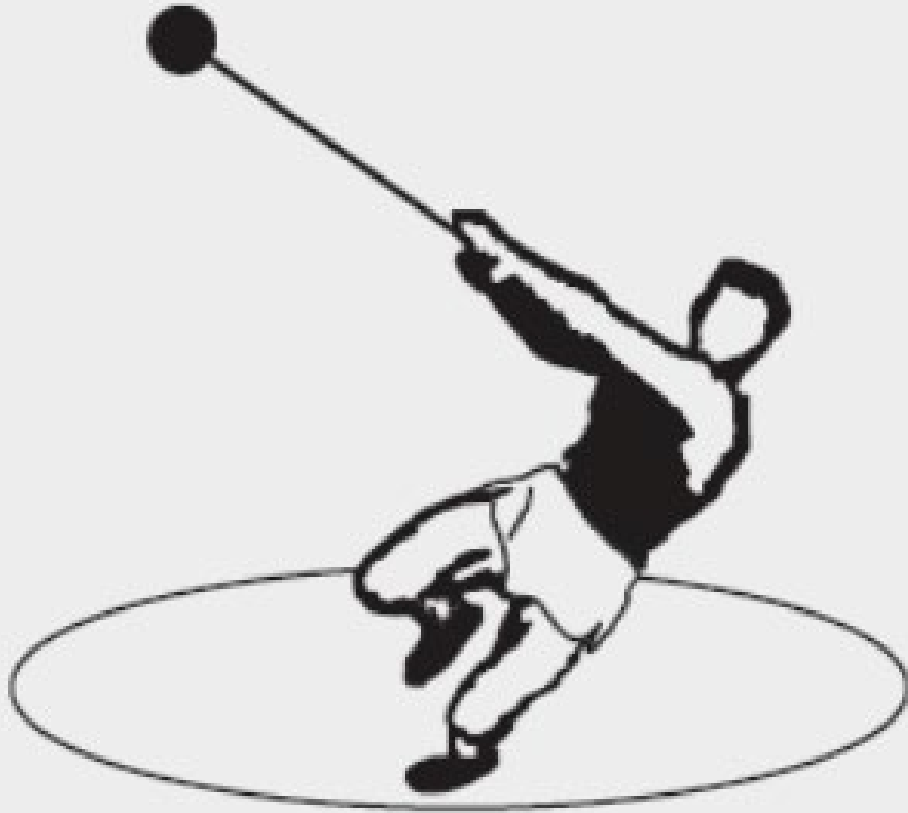
Biotech separation seminar in Taiwan

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# Content

Seminar for separation challenge in biotech applications

- Alfa Laval company brief
- Alfa Laval involvement and perspective for Biotech market trend
- General separator applications
- Separation challenges in Biotech application
- Alfa Laval solutions and products
- Q/A



# Who are we?

## What can we do?

### Gustaf de Laval (1845-1913) Founder of Alfa Laval company



"The man of high speed"

- 200 projects and inventions
- 92 patents, including the milk separator (1878) and the steam turbine (1883)



Genentech  
A Member of the Roche Group

sanofi

Lonza

Boehringer  
Ingelheim

Takeda

Daiichi-Sankyo

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leidos

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cytiva

AVID  
BIOSERVICES

VirGenix

AMGEN

janssen

Pfizer

mAbxience  
From lab to life

sinovac

ABZENA  
Enabling better biopharmaceuticals

ADM

WuXi Biologics  
Global Solution Provider

abbvie

SYNBIO  
TECH.  
Better Probiotic Better Life

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# Market we are working for

Biotech market

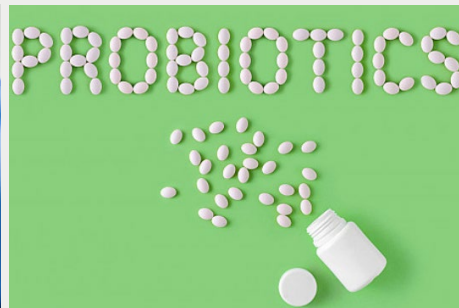
## Biopharma & pharma

- Antibiotic
- Insulin, GLP-1
- Human vaccine
- Animal vaccine
- Interferons
- Growth factor
- Therapeutic enzymes
- Antisera



## Starter and probiotics

- Starter culture
- Probiotic for human
- Probiotic for animal



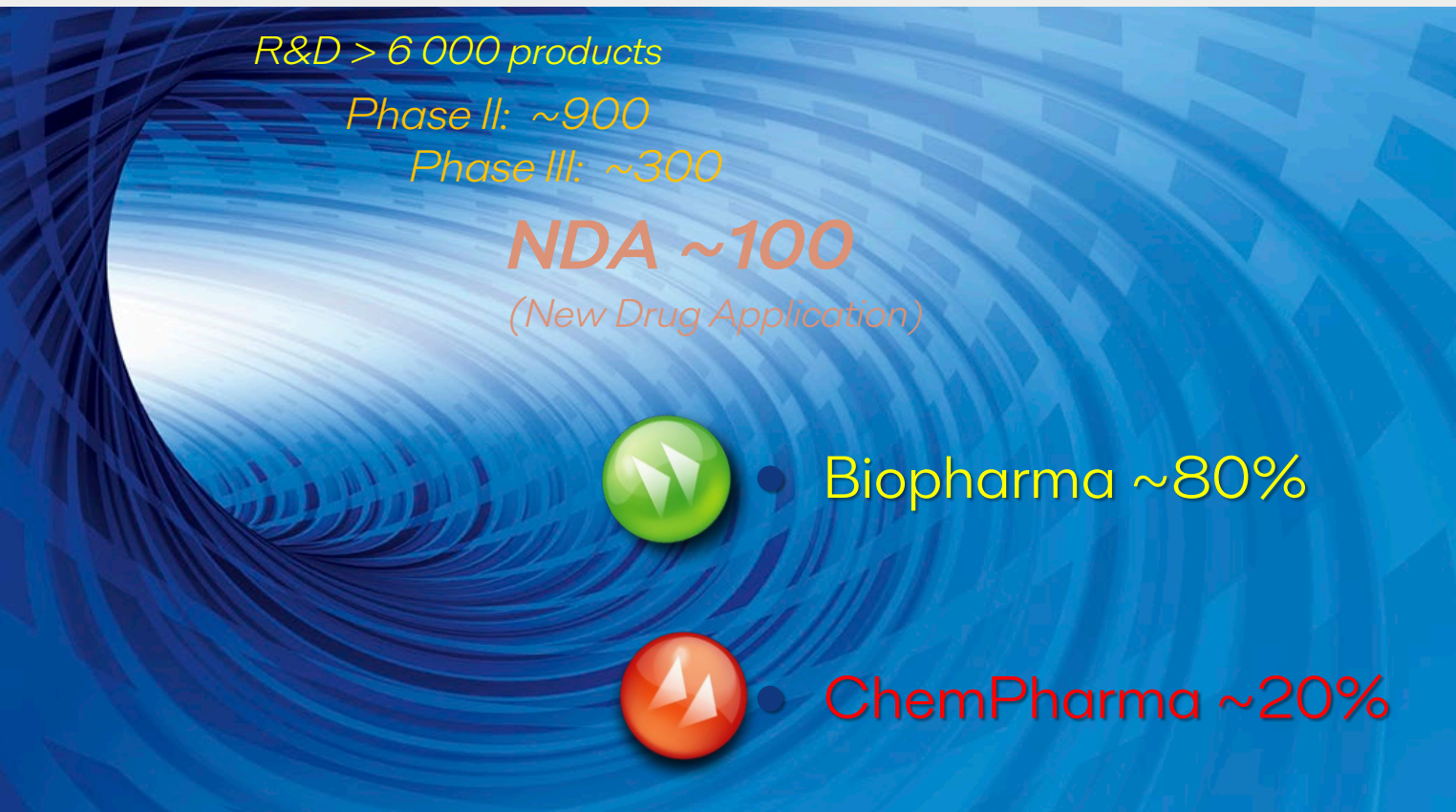
## Cultivated meat and cosmetic

- Beef
- Chicken
- Fish
- Collagen





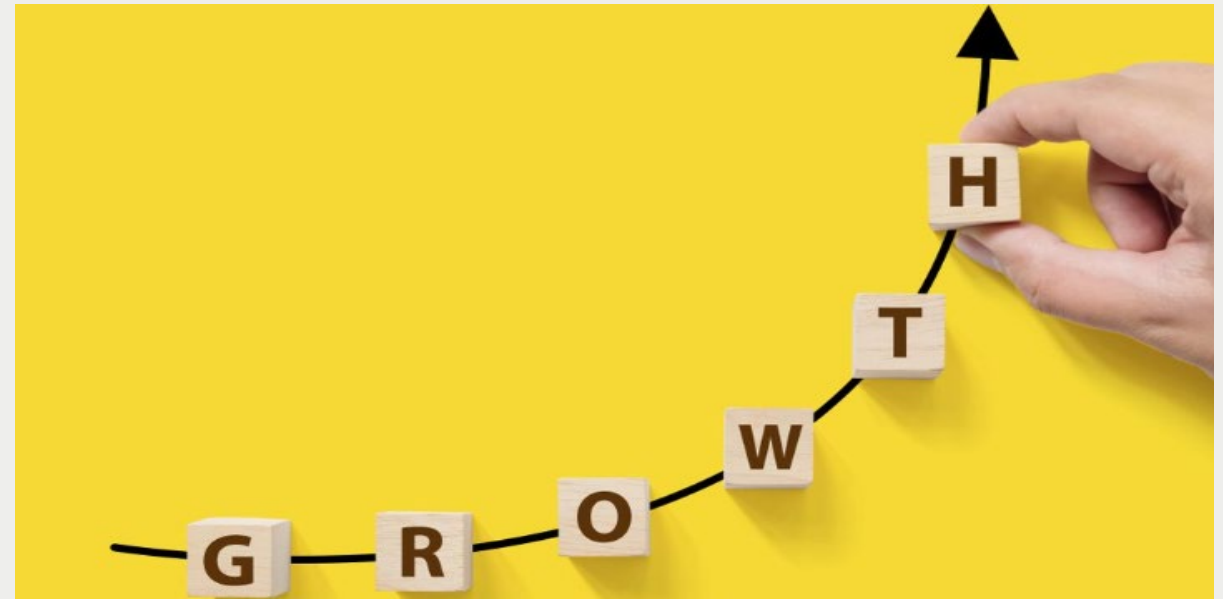
# Our view of Technical trend



# Our view of Market driver

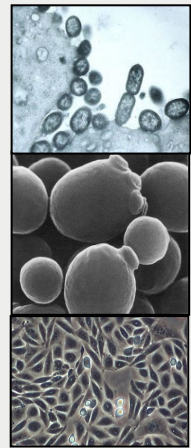
A very essential, fast and profitable market

- Market driver by improving of awareness of healthcare and people become rich to improve the healthcare awareness.
- Higher demands to the animal product (egg, milk and meats)
- Food safety
- Aging population
- Higher profits
- Compound Annual Grow Rate (CAGR) >10% during 2025-2030.



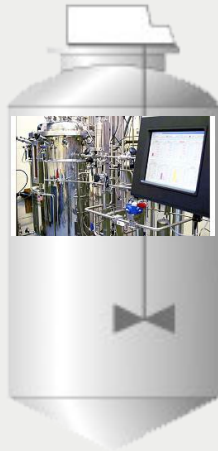
# General biotech Process

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E-Coli  
Yeast  
Mammalian cell

Fermentation



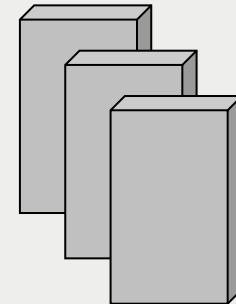
Separation

- harvest cell
- clarify broth



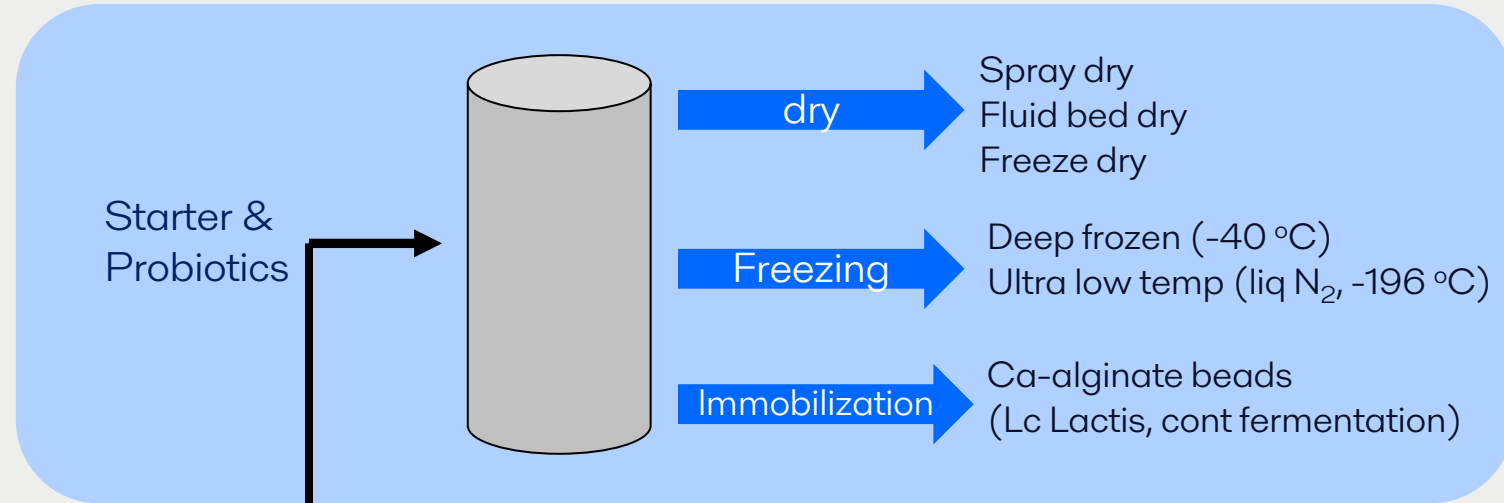
Extraction

- Lysis
- Sedimentation
- Precipitate



Purification and  
Concentration

- Chromatography
- Crystallization

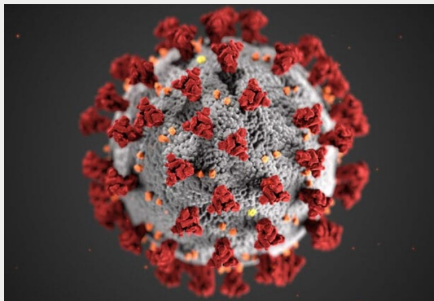


# Expression system



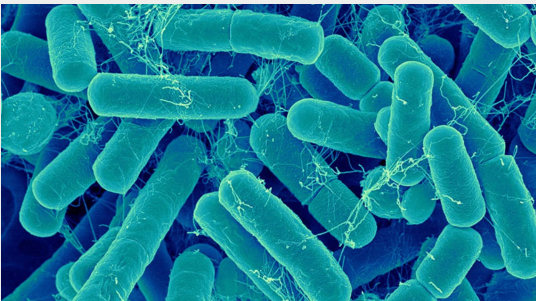
**Virus**

vaccine



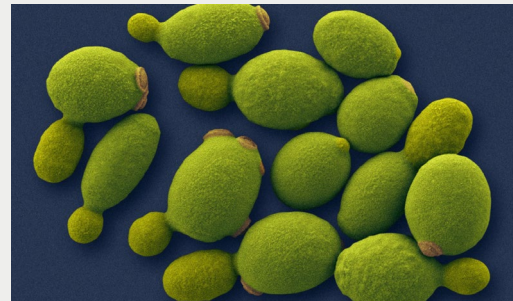
**Bacteria**

Vaccine, growth factor

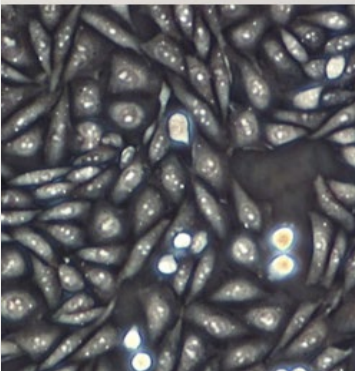


**Yeast**

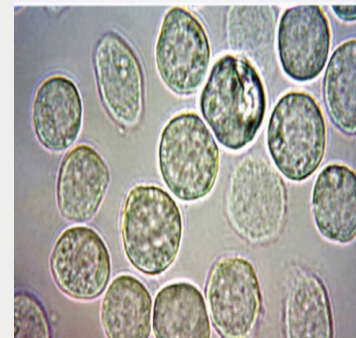
insulin



**Mammalian cell culture**  
mAB



**Insect cell culture**  
vaccine





# Expression ways

## Extra cellular

Product is in outside of cell



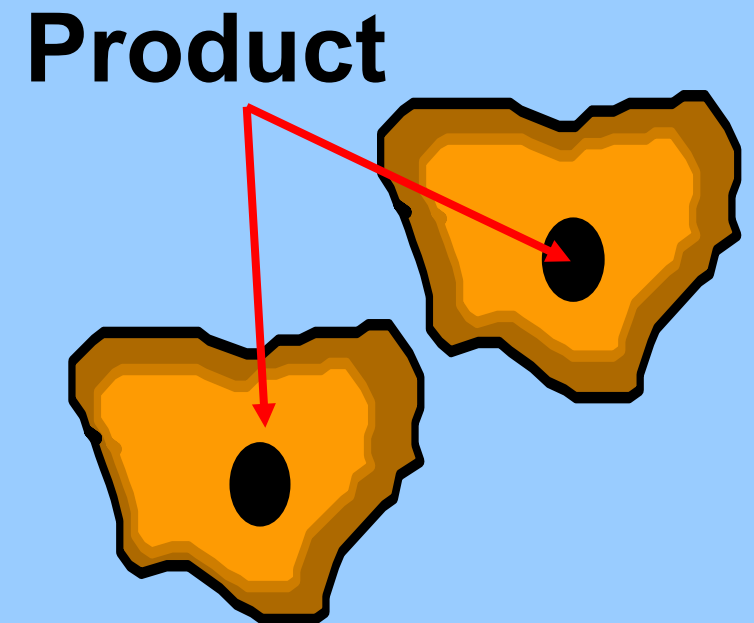
## Intra cellular

Product is inside of cell



## Inclusion body

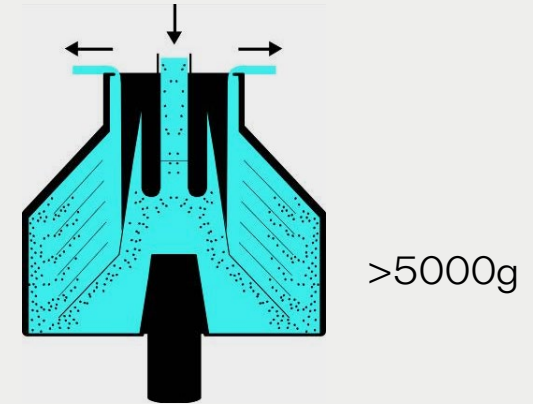
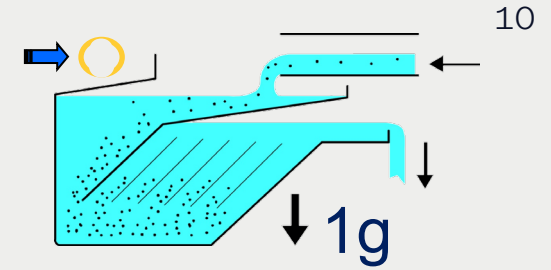
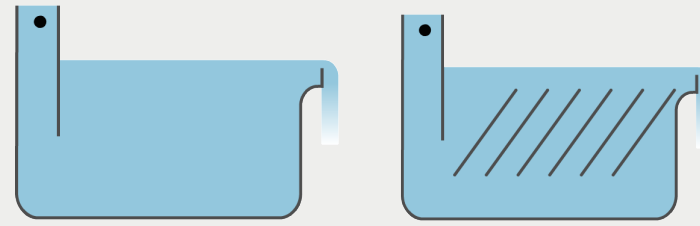
Product is inside of cell but it's particle



# Separation in biotech

Classic and sustainable

- Disc stack separator is **efficient separation technology, big in capacity, and low in operation cost**
- High speed disc stack separator is a centrifuge for liquid-solid, liquid-liquid, liquid-liquid-solid **mechanical separation**
- It's a unique separation equipment based on settlement theory. It's often to see other technologies in biotech factories -
  - Filtration. Like hollow fiber filter, membrane filter
  - Tubular centrifuge
  - Chromatography

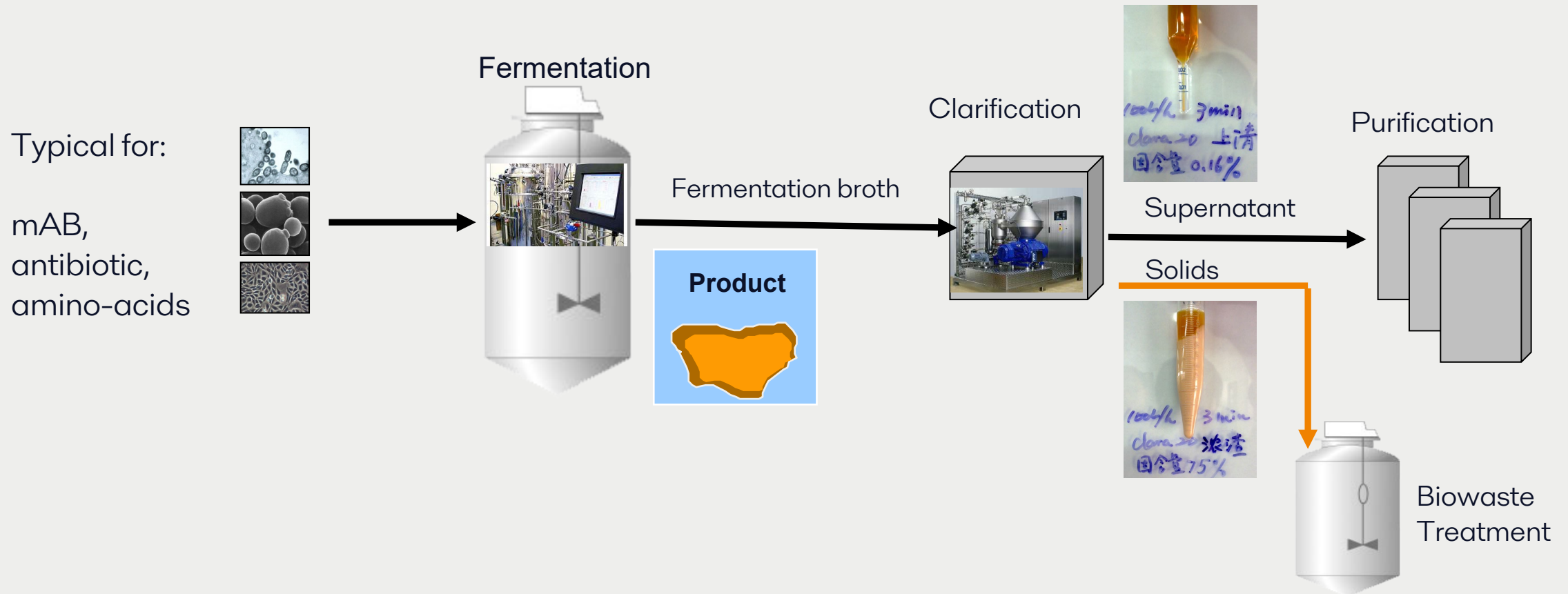


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# Extracellular

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Target product (protein) is in outside of cell



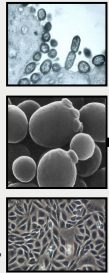
# Intracellular

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Target product (protein) is in outside of cell

Typical for:

Vaccine,  
Enzymes,  
Growth factor



Fermentation



Fermentation broth



Clarification



Supernatant

Solids



Biowaste  
Treatment



Homogenizer

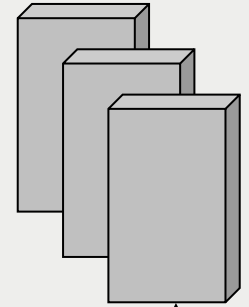


Supernatant

Solids



Depth filtration



Biowaste  
Treatment



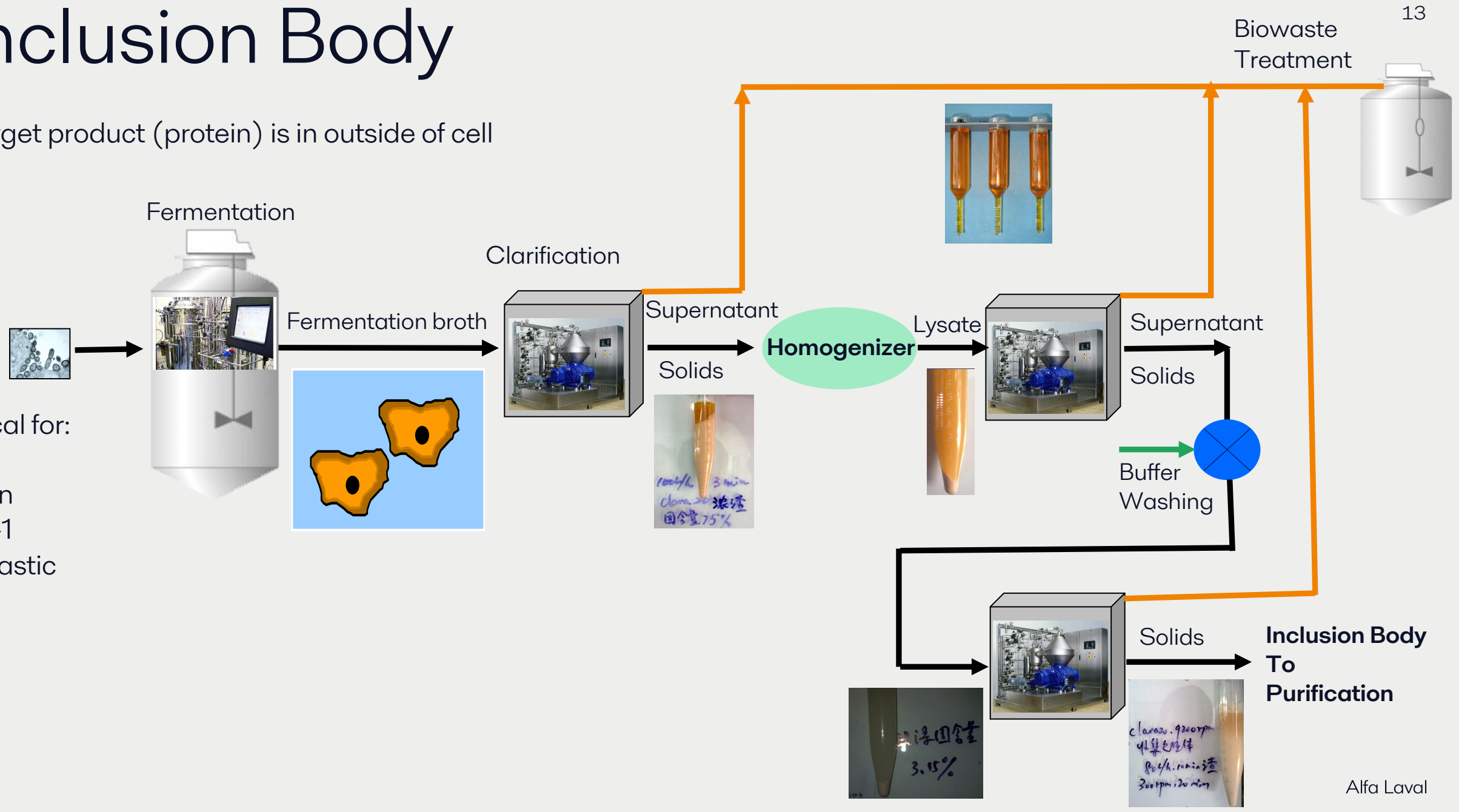
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# Inclusion Body

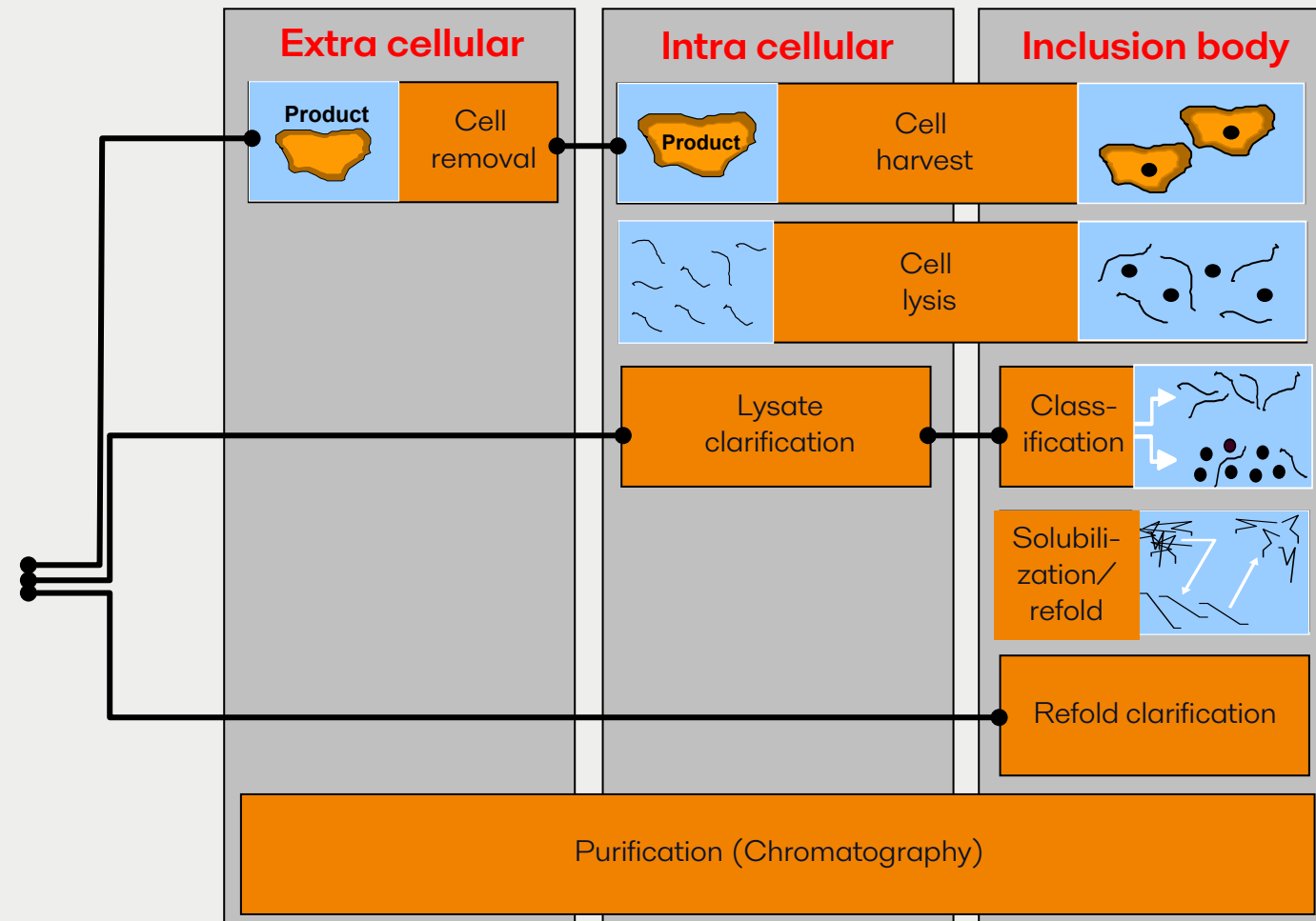
Target product (protein) is in outside of cell

Typical for:  
Insulin  
GLP-1  
Bioplastic



# Summary of separation duty

Only for liquid and solid separation



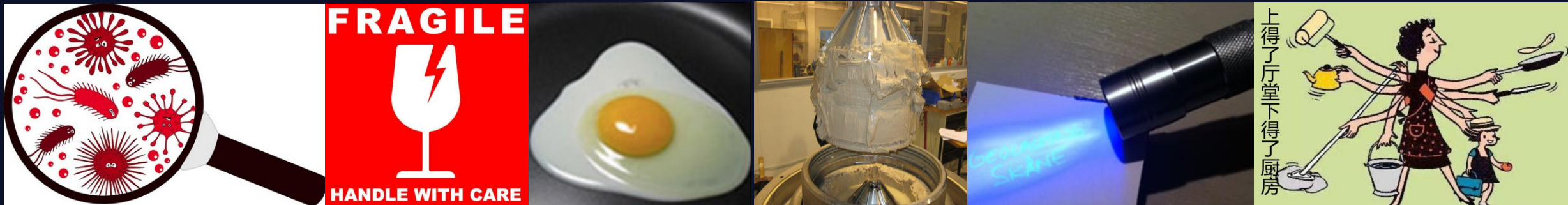


# Challenges

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# Challenges to disc stack separation

1. Separation efficiency
2. Shearing force sensitive separation
3. Keeping viability
4. Multi-products share one equipment
5. High fermentation density tender
6. Clean and validation to separation system





# Alfa Laval contribution

# Alfa Laval contribution

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Alfa Laval can provide unique solution to help customer to optimize the performance.

Alfa Laval solution focus on:

- improve the separation efficiency
- reduce shearing force to keep whole cell separation
- Less power consumption and friendly to use
- more aseptic operation



# Different product (1)

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Different feed structure  
higher separation efficiency in bottom feed machine due  
to lower shearing force to keep intact cell separation.

particle/ droplet size!!!

density difference

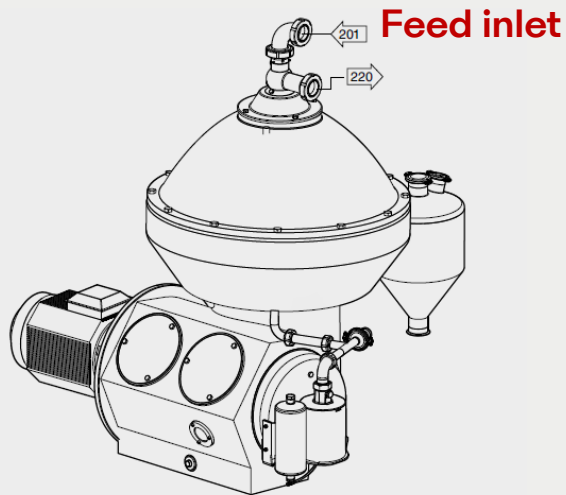
g-force

viscosity

Settling velocity!

$$v_g = \frac{d^2(\Delta\rho)}{18\eta} g$$

Top feed



Bottom feed

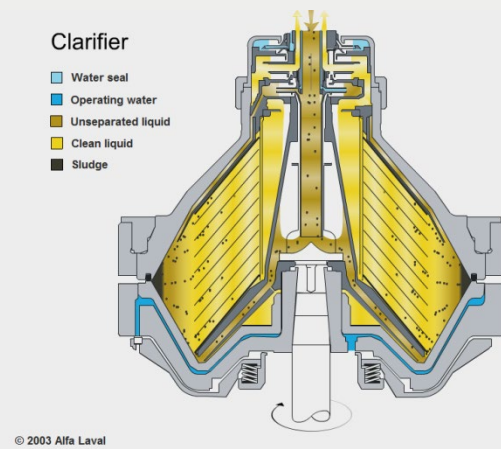


# Different product (2)

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## Different of solid discharge system

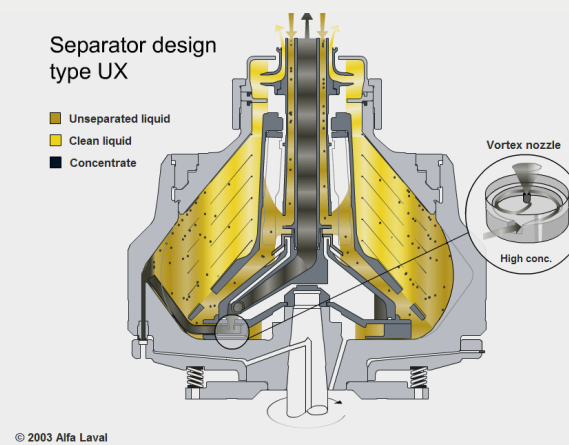
### PX



### Intermittent solid discharge

Typical apply for low fermentation bacteria separation

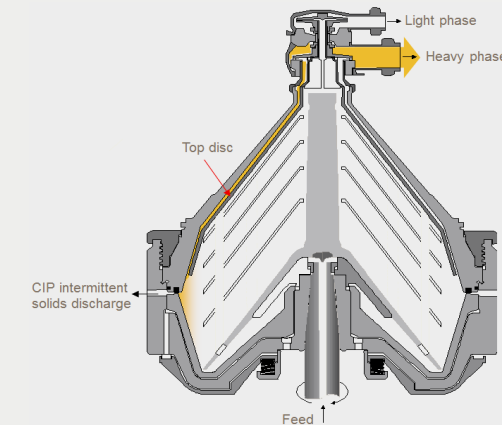
### UX



### Continuous solid discharge

Typical apply for Pichia yeast, probiotics separation and high feed PCV duty

### Bactofuge



### Continuous solid discharge

Typical for mammalian cell culture, higher fermentation bacteria, probiotics separation



# Different product (3)

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The difference investment level

## Clara series



CLARA 200 (VNPX 810)

Investment level x 1

## MB series



MBPX 810

x 5

## BT series, 121dC SIP-able



BTPX 810H

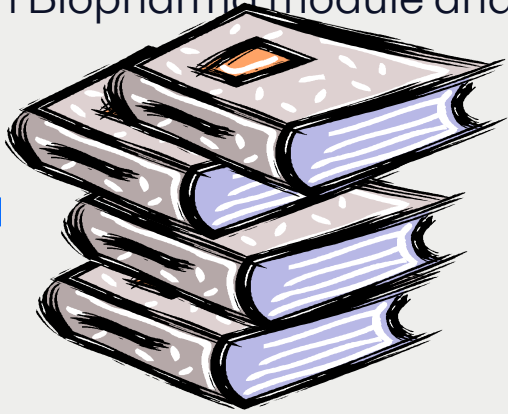
x 10

# Documentation/validation

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Difference between Biopharma module and food module

Biopharma



- Separation system directive and instruction
- System manual
- Test report and validation

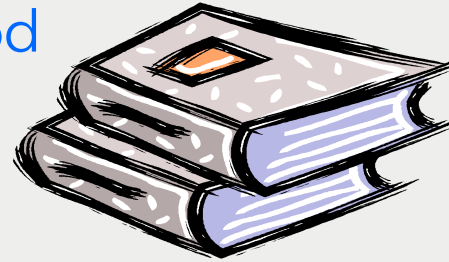
Certificate (GMP document package)

- Separator/Module/components
- Electric and pneumatic element
- Software
- Welding

Validation documents

- FAT
- SAT
- CIP validation
- IQ/OQ

Food



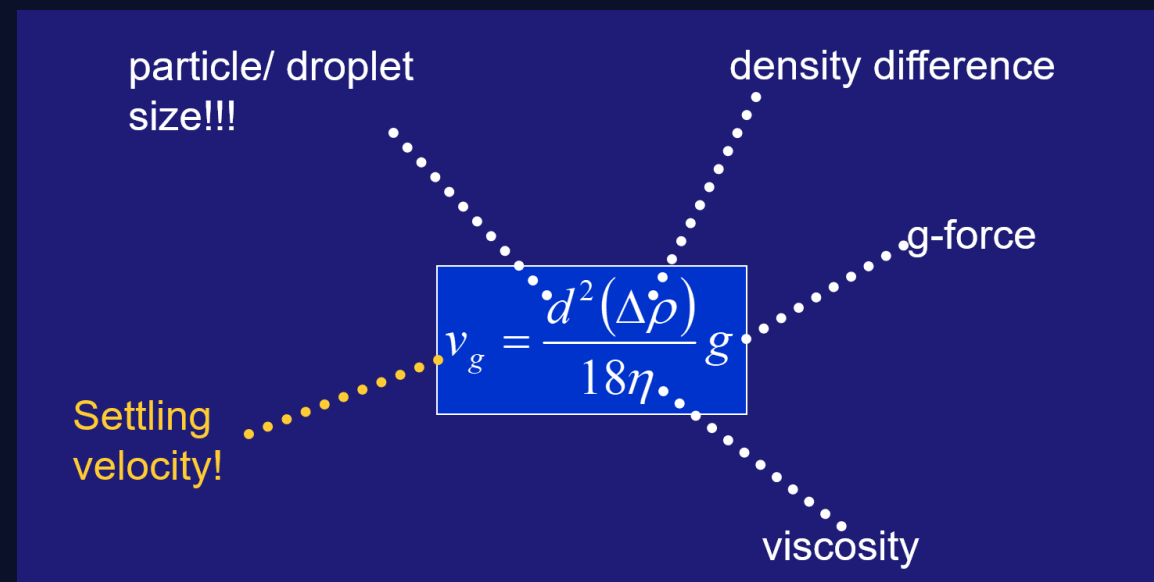
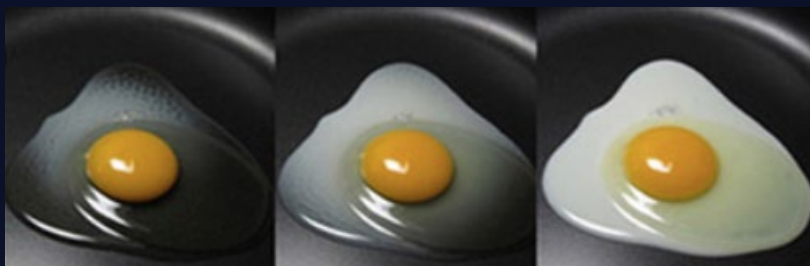
- Installation and operation instruction
- Separator manual
- Module manual
- Electric drawing
- Test report and certificate

**Higher cost for these  
documentation and validation  
protocols and longer lead time.**

# Challenges for intracellular

Separation efficiency and temperature

- Product is in liquid phase
- Cell debris is very small (<0.5um), it's very difficult for separation
- Low feed flow to generate high temperature up to denature the protein and clean issue



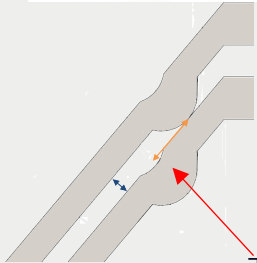
# UniDisc™

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Traditional disc



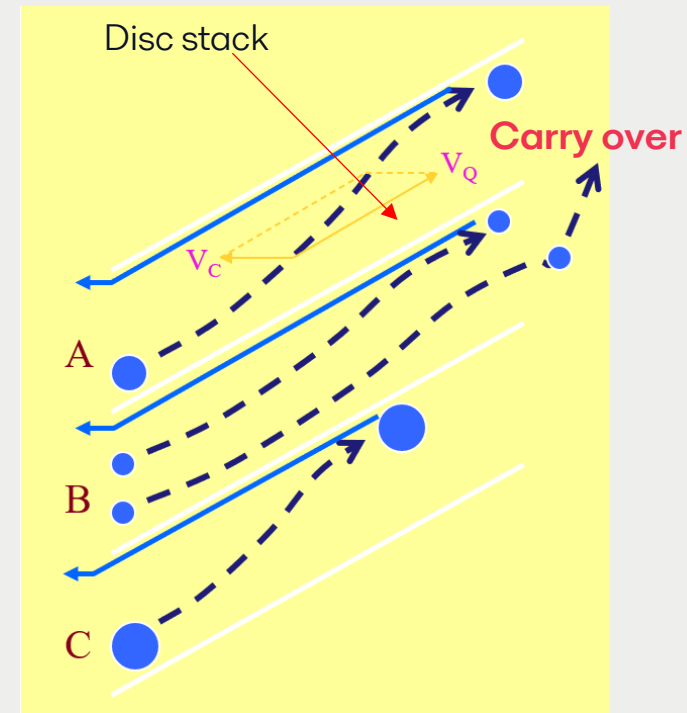
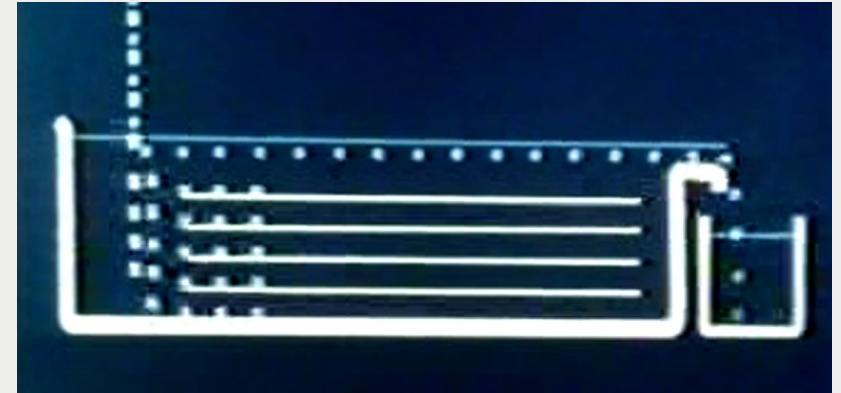
Alfa Laval Unidisc



Total ~1400 spots  
on one disc surface

UniDisc™, a unique Alfa Laval design  
of separator disc stack

- New generation disc stack with patented integrated caulk design
- Enhance the small particles capture capability due to even short settlement distance
- Free gap between each disc become easier for CIP



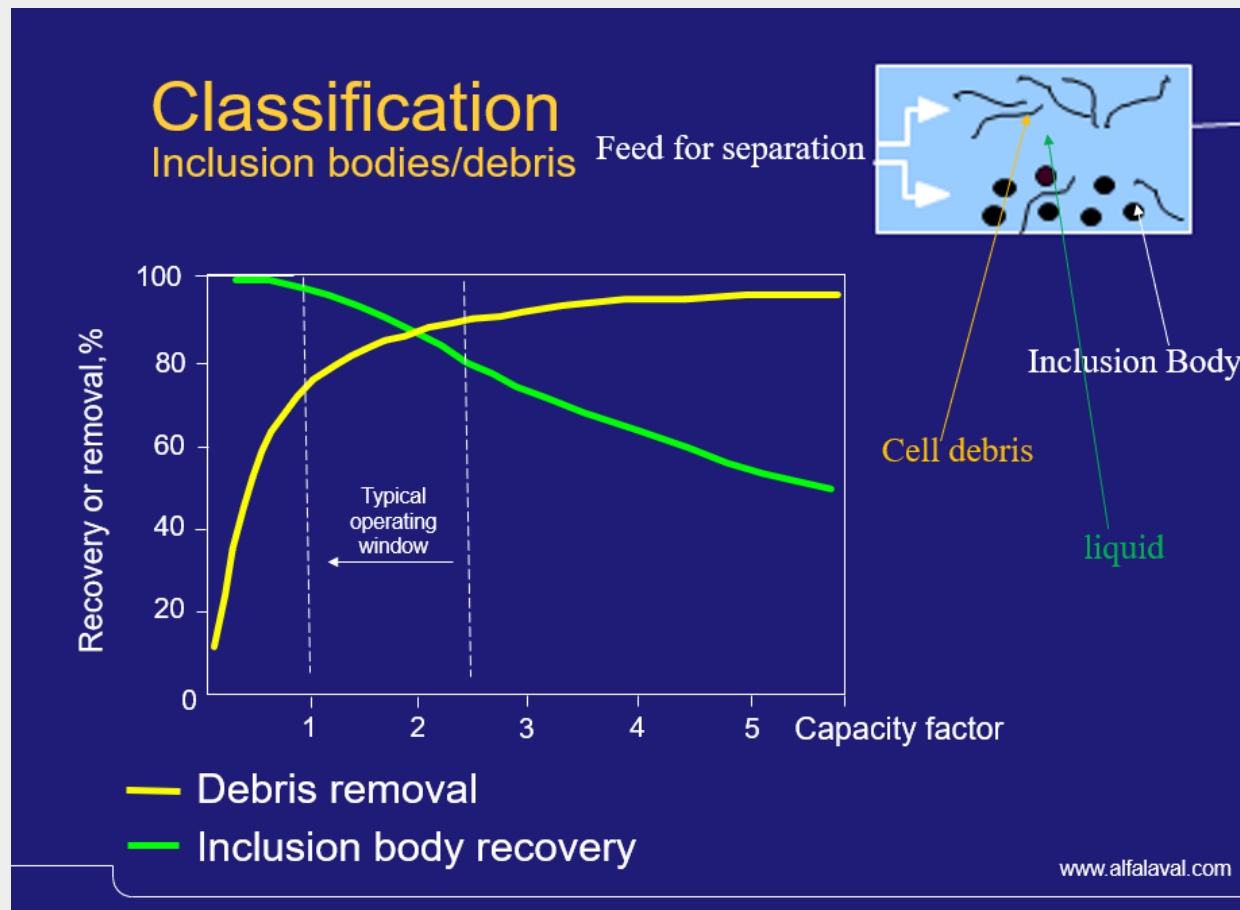
C-biggest size particle  
B-smallest size particle  
A-Cut size particle



# Challenges for Inclusion body

Separation between two different particles

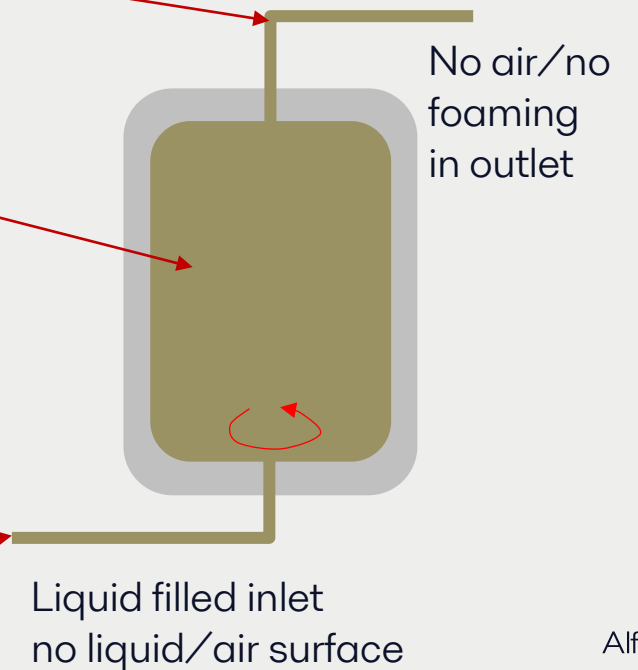
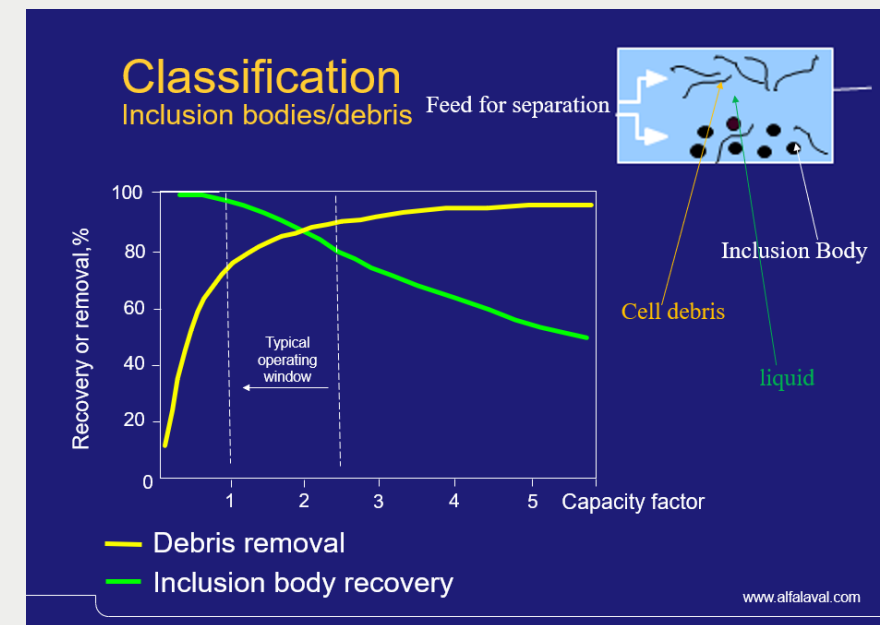
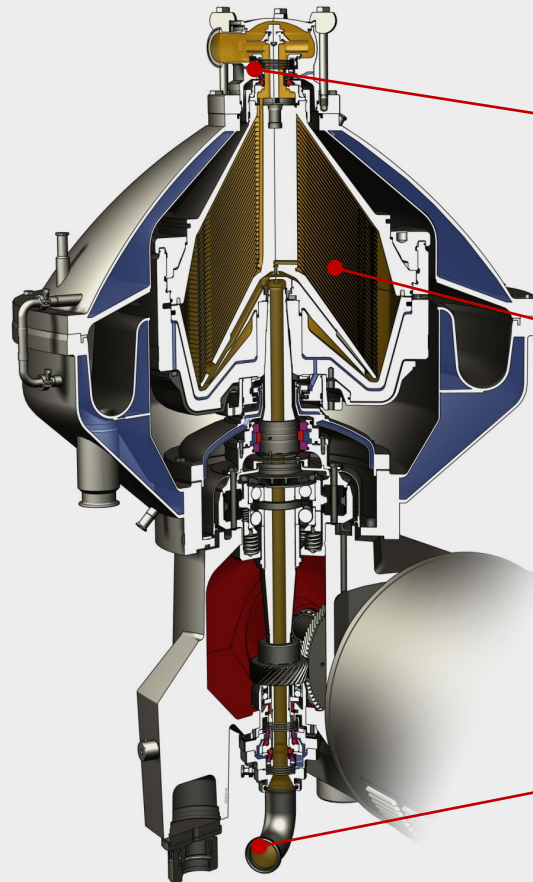
- Target particle is Inclusion body.
- Need high purity IB or need to less content of cell debris in harvested IB
- Don't expect the IB lose too much
- Narrow windows for operation



# Challenges for Inclusion body

Alfa Laval full hermetic separator

- No foaming
- No need to adjust backpressure to control the operation window
- Max separator feed capacity

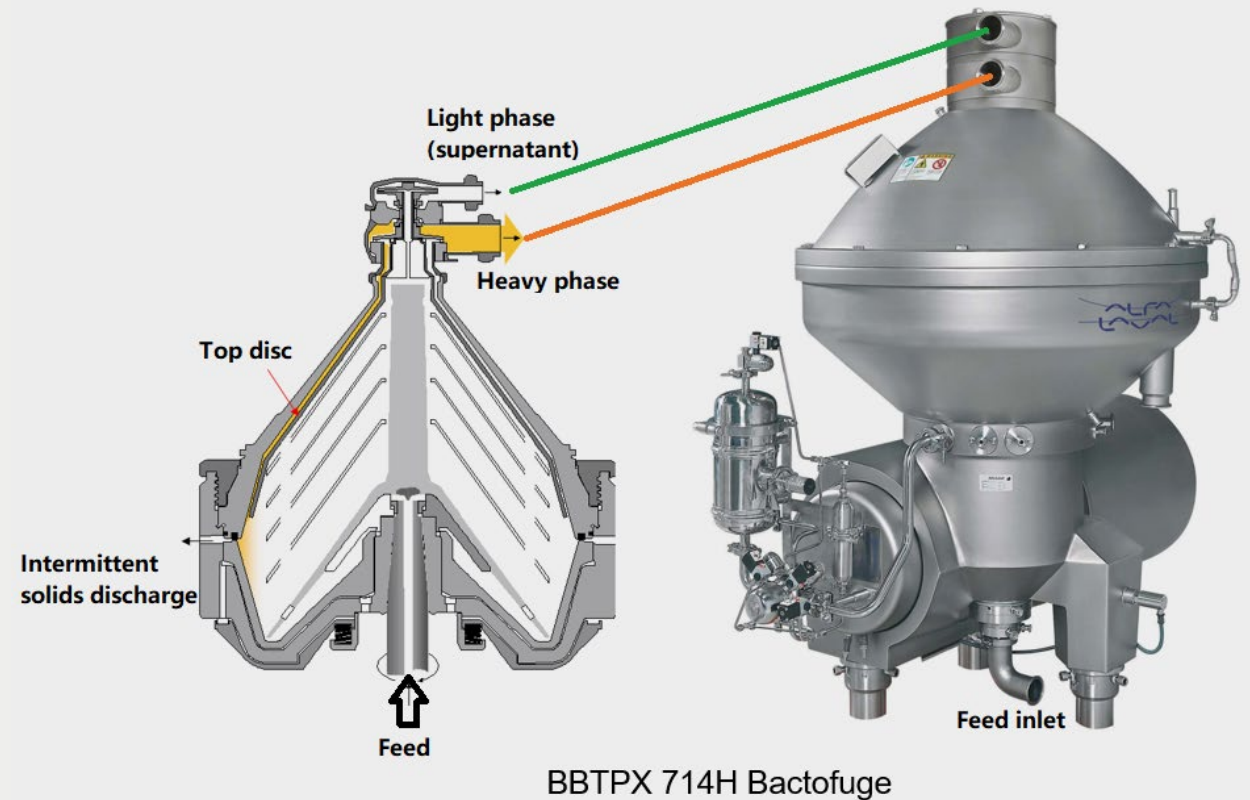


# Bactofuge

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Flexible operation for multi-production

- Continuous solids output, over the top disc, through a second outlet on top – fully hermetic design. Fit for high density fermentation duty.
- Combined solid intermittent(traditional) and continuous discharge



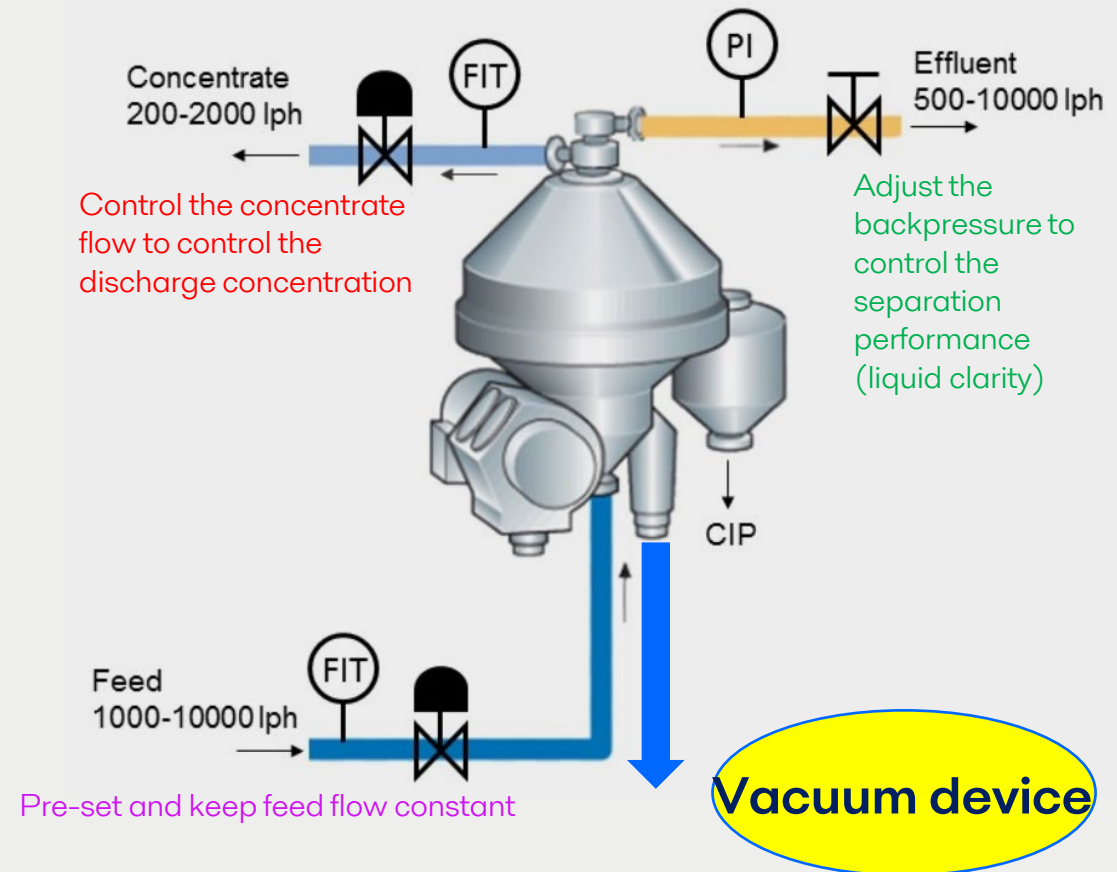
# Bactofuge

With eMotion

- Cooling water can be used to reduce the temperature
- eMotion function is under development to continue reduce the temperature pickup , reduce power consumption and ever lower noise

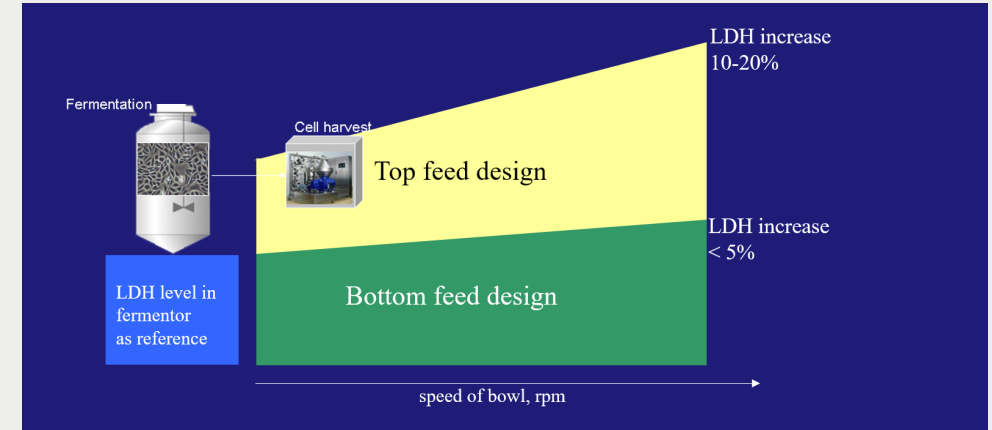
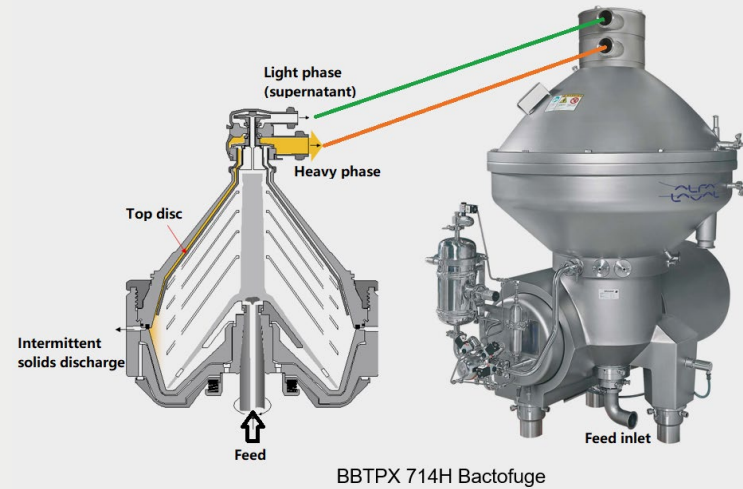


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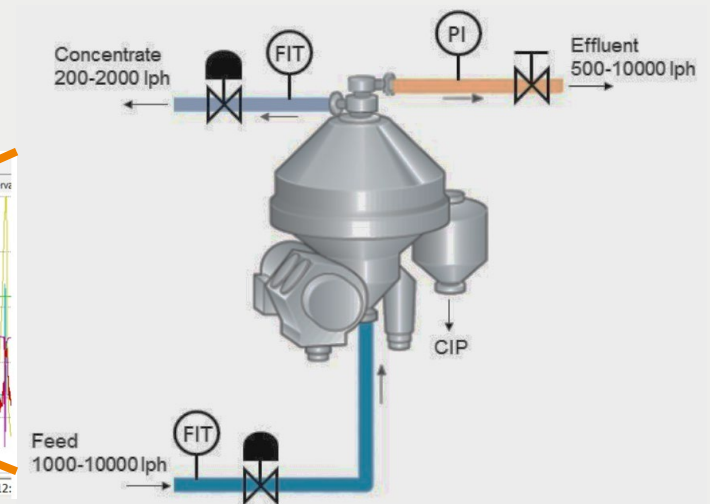
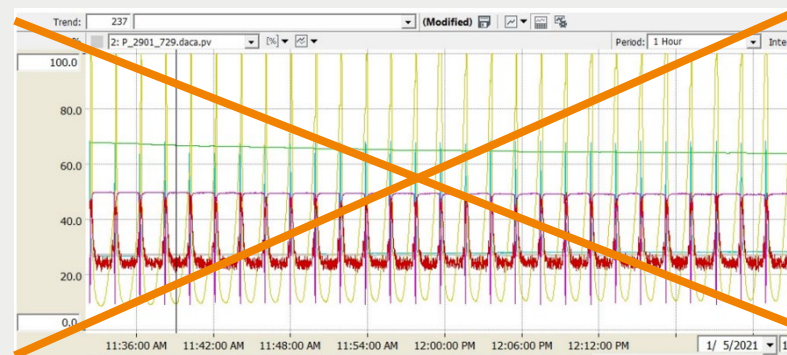


# Bactofuge

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- Full hermetic design with very gentle feed, low extra lysis
- Constant supernatant quality, constant solid discharge
- Traditional intermittent solid discharge available
- Easy for operation

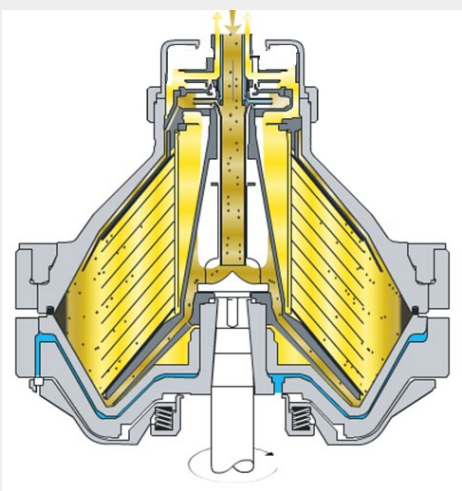




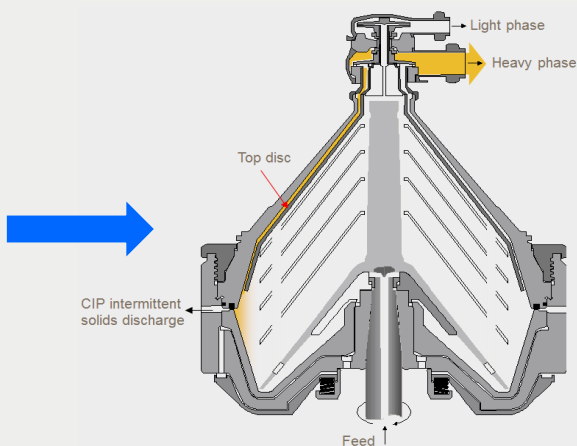
# Importance to starter and probiotic

Keeping viability from continuous discharge

- Keep the microorganism with viability after separation, To avoid to be hurted by temperature and high G-force
- Separator selection depends up acceptance of mortality and product value



Top feed PX separator



Bottom feed Bactofuge

PRODUCT				Starting	Inlet	T°C	Total Concentr Kg	Concentration	Separation	Mortality % in
				batch in litres	Flowrate, l/h	Separation	for each 5000 l batch	Factor	Yield %	Liophilisation
									in cell	
Streptococcus thermophilus				5000	2500	4-6°C	310-290	15-17 times	70-90%	10-30%
Streptococcus thermophilus+ L.bulgaricus				5000	1500	4-6°C	550-510	8-10 times	25-50%	90%
Lactobacillus Plantarum				5000	2000	4-6°C	180-200	25-27 times	90-100%	20-40%
Lactobacillus Acidophilus				5000	2000	4-6°C	330-350	14-16 times	60-80%	20-40%
Lactobacillus Bulgaricus				5000	2500	4-6°C	260	19times	60-80%	60-80%
Mesofili Omo-Eterofermentanti				5000	2000	4-6°C	440-400	11-13 times	40-60%	20-40%

Mortality 20%

# MB 20

# MB 20B



# MB 20 / MB 20 Bactofuge

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The first small fully hermetic disc stack centrifuge

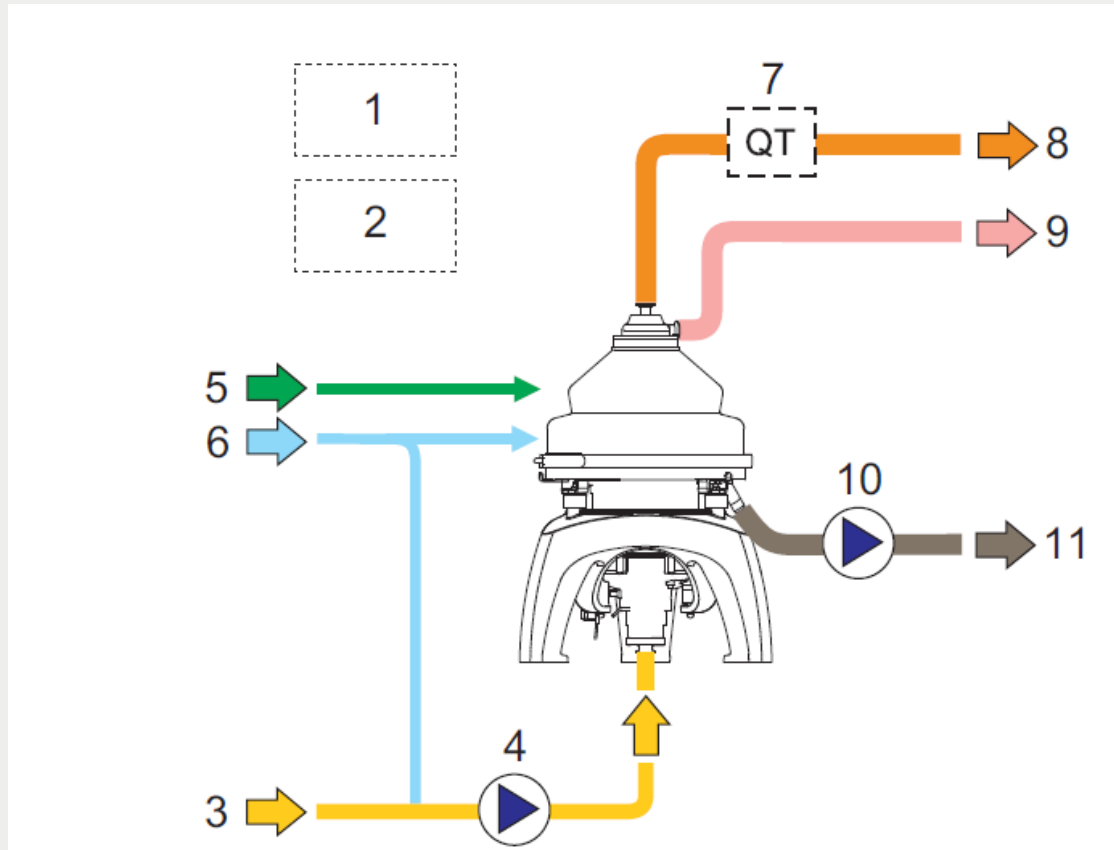
The first small fully hermetic disc stack centrifuge  
with **continuous solid discharge**



# Flow Chart

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MB20



- Control cabinet
- Main motor starter cabinet and VFD
- Feed inlet
- Feed pump (optional)
- Utilities
- Standby water
- Turbidity meter for solids discharge (optional)
- Light phase outlet
- Heavy phase outlet
- Solids receiving unit (optional)
- Discharged solids outlet

# MB 20 / MB 20 Bactofuge

Separator	
Bowl speed	9500rpm
Motor	5KW
Free steaming	90-100°C

Feed type	Max feed capacity [l/h]
E coli	120-180
Cell debris	40-80
Lactobacillus	200
Saccharomyces yeast	600
Pichia yeast	350-450
CHO	200-250





# Application and Scalability

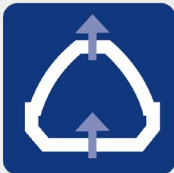
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From smallest to largest

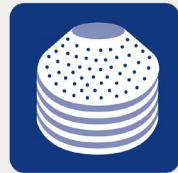
- MB 20 offers the same bowl design as larger models from Alfa Laval
- Capacity can be scaled up with high reliability
- Cell return in continuous fermentation if free steaming is available



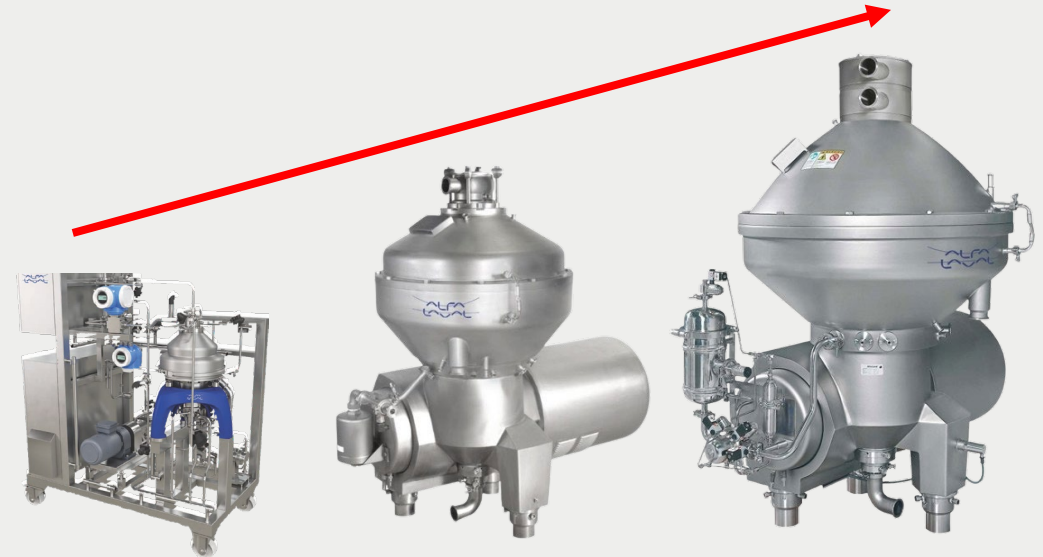
TopStream™



Hermetic Design™



UniDisc™



# User benefits with MB 20 systems

## Flexible in flow rate

- Hermetic design allows for 50-600 l/h without modifications

## Handles feeds with low and high solids, above 30%

- Easy for customer to convert between clarifier with PX discharge and Bactofuge

## High separation efficiency

- Hermetic inlet avoids cell disruption

## No foaming

- No air present in outlet

# Customer benefits



TopStream™



Hermetic Design™



UniDisc™

# Alfa Laval advantages

People, product and process understanding



To optimize the performance  
of our customers' processes  
Time and time again.

- High awareness of Biopharma processes, problems and difficulties.
- Focus on the separation solution rather than a mechanical equipment
- Good adaptation with customer process, and high bio-safe design
- Local resource, competence and experience even if the lessons



# Your contact

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# Your question?



Thanks for your time!