


Devising Methods to achieve an efficient cell culture process in Biomanufacturing

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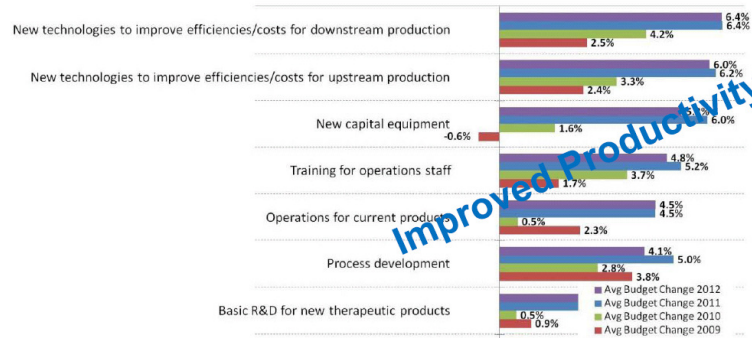


Biopharma Industry Today

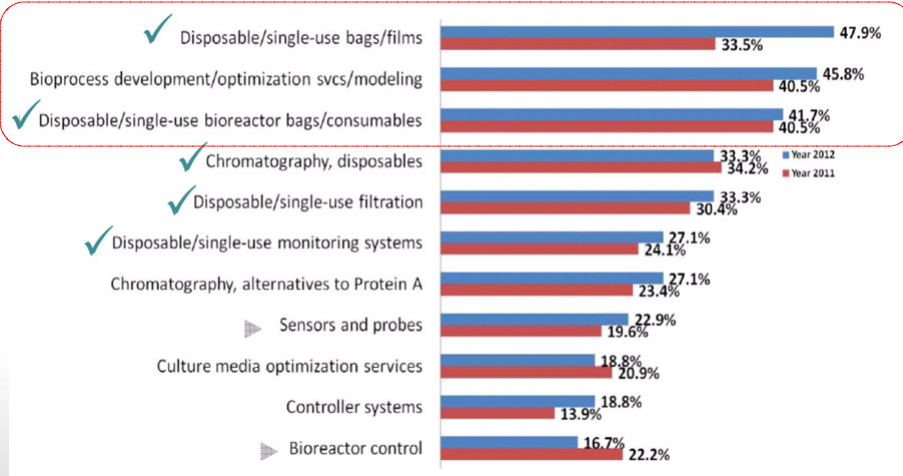
- **Biopharma is Hot: >\$145 billion**
- **Growing at 15-18%**
- **New products, new markets, new growth: Driving investment**
- **Pipeline Shrinkage? Products in development not significantly expanding**
- *This may increase likelihood of product success*



Change in Biomanufacturers' Budgets 2009-12



New Technologies (Top 11 areas)



Unique Approach to Media Optimization



Metabolic Pathway Design™ (MBD)

Method for optimizing media performance by balancing waste and nutrients

Factorial Approach to Design

Investigate relationships based on input factors and output responses

Industry Leading Approach for Media

Industry Leading Approach

Combining rigorous theoretical and empirical design principles to developing and optimizing media that exceeds customer expectations

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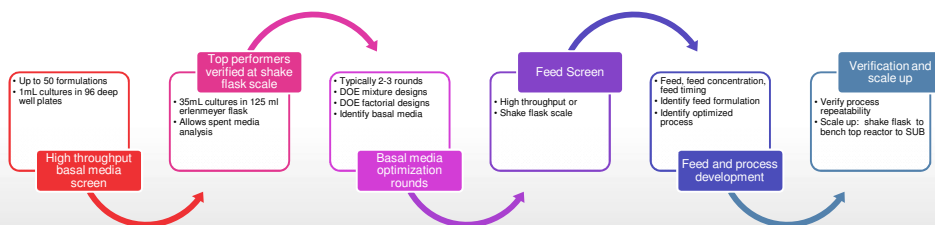
Metabolic Pathway Design™ Overview

A rigorous process for optimizing media performance to maximize cell yield

The Benefit

- Drive performance through customized formulations
- Clonal variations of cell lines provides the perfect opportunity to maximize productivity
- Find the right balance of nutrient supply vs. metabolic waste and improve cell yields

The Process

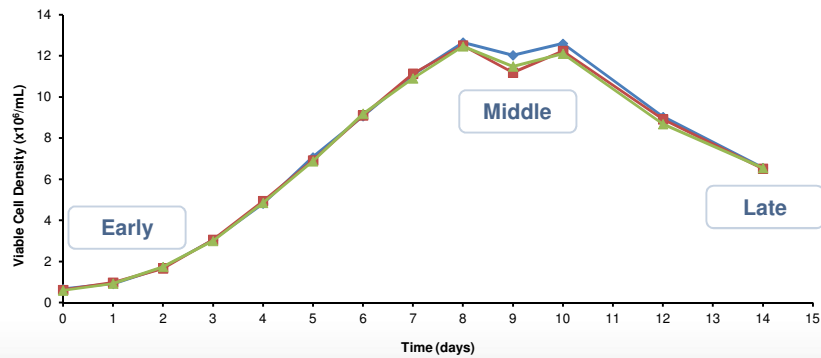


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Metabolic Pathway Design™ In Use

Spent Media Analysis



- Observe media component flux throughout **complete growth cycle**
- Balance waste buildup with nutritional demand
- Adjust formulation to accommodate component deficiencies or buildup

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Factorial Approach to Design

Overview

- Investigate relationships
 - Input factors
 - Output responses
- **Full factorial designs are unmanageable**
 - #Levels^{#Factors} = Factorial points
 - CD media can have up to 100 individual components
 - Analysis at 2 levels without replication
($2^{100} = 1,267,650,600,000,000,000,000,000,000$)
- **Infeasible due to lack of technology and insufficient resources**

Full Factorial Design Experimentation not Feasible

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Empirical and Factorial Approach to Optimization

Manageable factorial approaches

- Grouping 'classes' of components
- Limiting factors studied to 'key' components
- Metabolic pathways and effects of factors present

DOE factorial approach

- Analyze levels of components that are already known to be essential
- Identify components that are not relevant

Metabolic Pathway Design

- Balance nutrient supply to achieve high cell viability and productivity
- High throughput screening for much larger design space
- Higher degree of replication for each treatment
- Drive performance through customized formulation for specific cell line applications
- Formulating for nutritional demand

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Media Optimization Capabilities

• Culture capabilities

- Multiwell to 2000 L bioreactor
- Standard and high throughput
- Comprehensive disposable technologies

• Library of relevant formulations

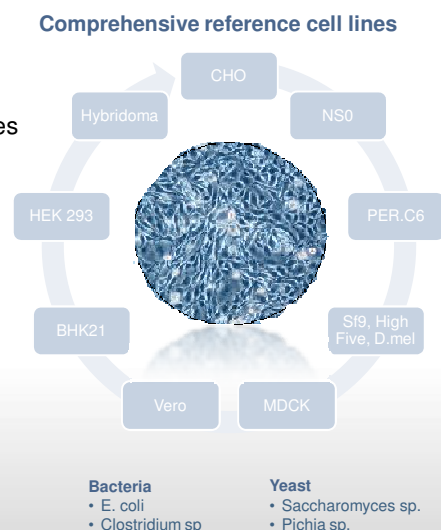
- Reference media
- Buffers
- Process supplements

• Highly qualified raw materials

- Full specifications
- Traceability
- Change control

• GMP-like pilot production service

- Rapid Response Production™ Service



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Optimizing Media Case Study

CASE STUDY: TOP 10 GLOBAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY

- High cell density and productivity for CHO clone
- Target 2g/L accumulated product
- Animal-free, chemically-defined media formulation that outperforms current media

SOLUTION:

Enhance productivity by 3x

- 3 months to develop final media formulation
- Transferred process to single-use manufacturing



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Optimizing Feeds Case Study

CASE STUDY: TOP 10 GLOBAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY

- Feed Design of Experiment (DOE) using feed variants to identify best feeds
- Chemically defined medium

SOLUTION:

Enhance productivity by 4x

- Customized chemically defined media
- mAb production from 0.4 to 2 g/L
- Doubled peak viable cells
- Twelve-day fed-batch process



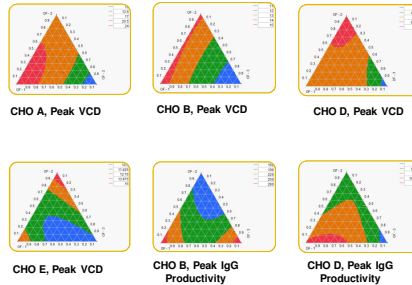
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HyCell CHO Media Development

Leverage Metabolic Pathway Design

- Four different CHO cell lines
 - Large-scale screening 96-Deep-well Plate Studies
 - Shake flask studies
- Identification of three optimal formulations
- Further optimization with large-scale effort applying a DoE mixture design of three optimal formulations
- Final formulation was evaluated at shake level with four cell lines
- Verification in large scale bioreactor runs



Ternary plots reveal hot spots for promising mixtures using optimal formulations 1,2, and 3. Red and orange areas are most favorable. Mixtures were tested on several cell lines in an attempt to find the most universal blend.

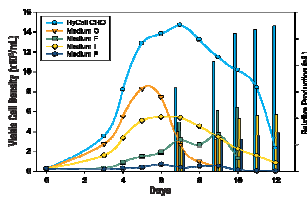
Versatile Performance Across Variety of CHO Clones

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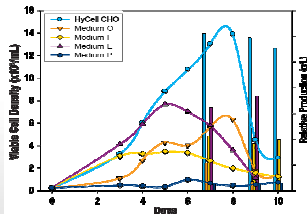
HyCell CHO Medium Performance Comparison

CHO-S Cell Line

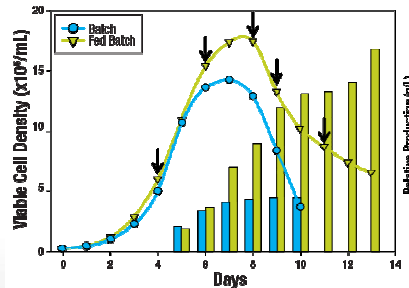


Feeds: mixture of Cell Boost 2 and Cell Boost 5 at 6:4 ratio. Feeds of 6% (w/v) concentration were delivered at 10% (v/v) of cell culture at times indicated by arrows

CHO-DG44 Cell Line



CHO-K1 Cell Line



Peak productivity and VCD show similar trends over deep well plates and shake flasks

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Expected Bioreactor Capacities

- What is target molecule and dose required per treatment?
- What is the quantity required per Clinical Phase I, II and III?
- What is the quantity at commercial scale expected?
- What is your expression rate?
- What is the overall yield expected?
- What is the capacity of the bioreactor required?
- Whether to have Single bioreactor of large size or multiples of medium size?
- What is the investment required for a Stainless steel vs Disposable?

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Material Demand Phase I , II, III & Market Size

Required runs at given scale and productivities

	Demand (g)	Bioreactor Volumes (L)	Harvest titer (g/L)		
			1	2	3
Number of Runs					
Preclinical	50	100	1	0.5	0.3
Phase I	250	100	5	2.5	1.7
Phase I	250	250	2	1	0.7
Phase II	1000	250	8	4	2.7
Phase II	1000	1000	2	1	0.7
Phase III	10000	2000	10	5	3.3
Market Size	250000	10000	50	25	16.7
Market Size	250000	5000	100	50	33.3

DSP Yield - 50%

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Why Choose SUT?

Eliminate Contamination Risks

- Industry estimates of product loss due to contamination ~ 5-20%

Lower Initial Investment Costs

- 74% Capital Savings

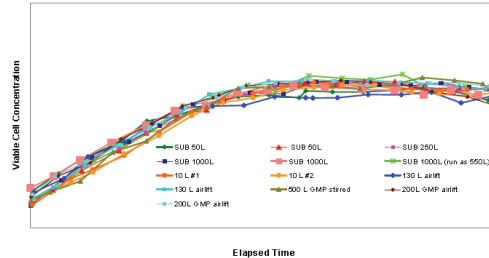
Lower Operating Costs

- 90% Water Reduction (Process and WFI)
- 45% Faster Changeover
- 40% Energy Reduction

Business Continuity

- Faster speed to market (concept to production)
- Campaign flexibility

SUT performance compared to stainless steel



Cell growth in fed-batch production mode GS CHO cell type

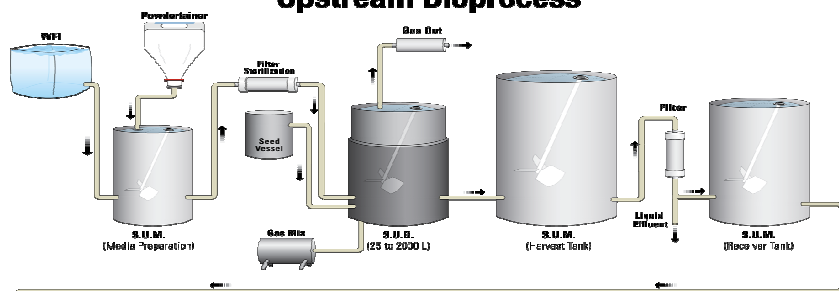
Single-use bioreactor utilizes stainless steel bioreactor principles to provide seamless transition to the single-use model

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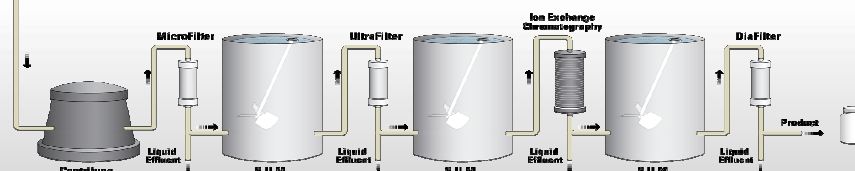
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Applications of SUT in Bioproduction

Upstream Bioprocess



Downstream Bioprocess



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Single-Use Bioreactor BPC

- CHO Cells
- Myelomas
- PER.C6®
- Vero
- Hybridomas
- HEK 293
- BHK 21
- MDCK

Single-Use Bioreactor (S.U.B.)

Overlaid CHO Cell Growth at Various Scales in Single-Use Bioreactors
 50 L, 250 L, 1000 L and 2x2000 L Single-Use Bioreactors; Chemically-Defined CDM4CHO Medium

— 50 L Cell Count — 250 L Cell Count — 1000 L Cell Count — 2000 L (1) Cell Count — 2000 L (2) Cell Count
- - 50 L Viability - - 250 L Viability - - 1000 L Viability - - 2000 L (1) Viability - - 2000 L (2) Viability

Different Cell lines and Scalability

Evaluation of scale up performance from 50 L to 1000 L to show comparability of cell culture and quality of product to stainless steel systems

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Summary of overall experience to date with SUB's

- We have executed around 40 runs in the pilot SUB's
- Runs include a mixture of cell line types
 - GS-CHO
 - Lonza CHO process (versions 6 and 7)
 - Customer process drop ins
 - CHO dhfr
 - GS-NS0
 - Human
- Commercial projects in SUB's since mid 2007
- Demonstrated successful scale up and transfer to cGMP 1000 L SUB
- Commercial project currently underway that will pilot in SUB and scale directly to stainless for cGMP manufacture

Systems successfully demonstrated:

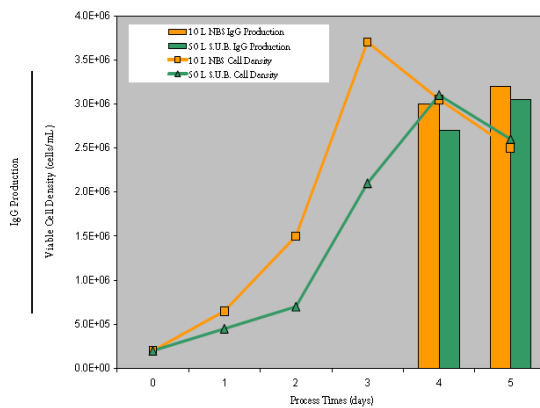
- ✓ Reproducibility of process
- ✓ Robustness of equipment & process
- ✓ Scalability

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Fed Batch Process - SP2/0 Hybridoma Cells



Process Scale and Operating Parameters

50 L Single-Use Bioreactor (S.U.B.)
 Working volume (L): 50.0
 Agitation rate (RPM): 168
 pH set point: 7.0
 DO₂ setpoint (%): 0.3 lpm (O₂ pulse when needed)
 Seed culture: SP2/0 hybridoma (mouse IgG producing)
 Cell seed density: 1×10^5 cells/mL

Final cell concentration:
 3.11×10^5 cells/mL

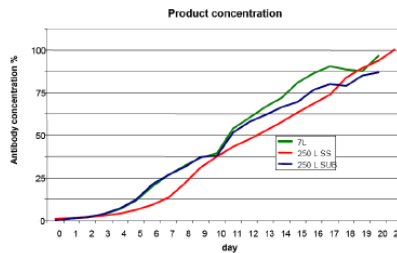
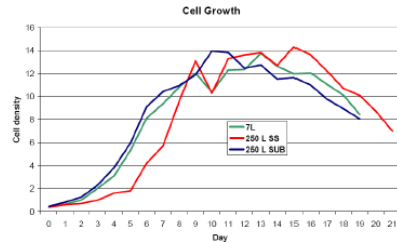
Figure 2: SP2/0 IgG production and cell density data for the 10 L conventional bioreactor and 50 L S.U.B.

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Fed Batch Process – PER.C6

- Cell line: **PER.C6** (Crucell, N.V.) monoclonal antibody producing
 - Process mode: fed batch
 - Scale: 250 L working volume
 - Peak CPD: 1.4×10^7 cells/mL
 - Peak product yield: equivalent to stainless steel bioreactor



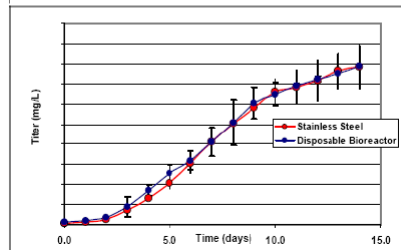
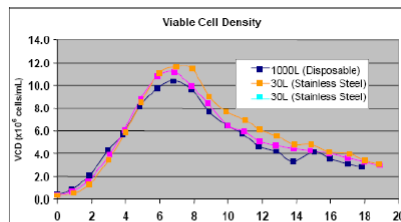
Gerben Zijlstra, DSM, 2007

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Fed Batch Process- CHO

- Cell line: **CHO** monoclonal antibody producing
 - Process mode: fed batch
 - Scale: 1000 L working volume
 - Peak CPD: 1.1×10^7 cells/mL
 - Peak product yield: equivalent to stainless steel bioreactor



Sadettin Ozturk, Centocor, 2007

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Perfusion Process - CHO Cells



Process Scale and Operating Parameters
 50 L Single-Use Bioreactor (S.U.B.)
 Working volume (L): 30.0
 Run duration : 28 days
 pH setpoint: 7.4
 DO₂ setpoint(%): 40%

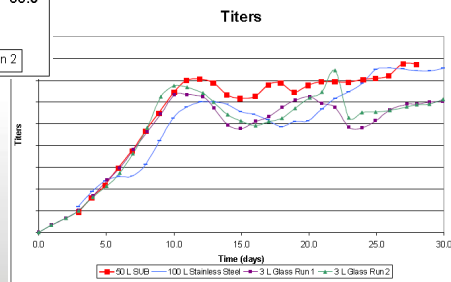
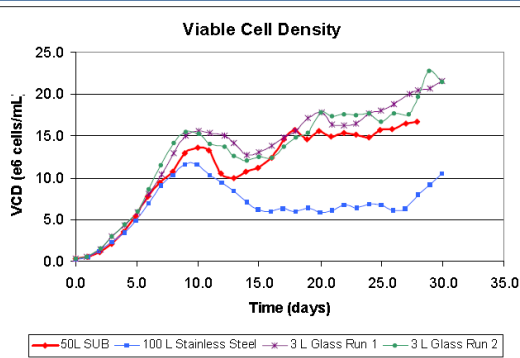
Perfusion Profile:
 -Day 2: 0.2 bioreactor volumes/day
 -Day 3: 0.4 bioreactor volumes/day
 -Day 4: 0.8 bioreactor volumes/day
 -Day 5 and on: 1.0 bioreactor volumes/day

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Perfusion Process - CHO Cell



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Quality Aspects

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Product Quality Evaluation

Purity	Identity	Impurity profile
SDS PAGE (reduced and non-reduced)	icIEF	HCP Western blot
GP HPLC	Glycosylation profile	Protein A ELISA
	ESI-MS	DNA by qPCR

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Single Use Technology

Speed

No CIP or SIP

Less complex validation

Less downtime

Quicker set-up

Cost

Reduced cleaning costs

Reduced utility costs

Less space required

Less engineering complexity

Quality

Decreased risk of cross-contamination

Less effort, less mistakes

Reduced need for audit

Reduced QC resources per cycle

Higher quality, with increased throughput, and reduced cycles time at a lower cost.

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Main Industry Drivers for SUT

- Patent cliff creating a market for biosimilars and biobetters
- Pandemic flu vaccine driving adoption of faster, more easily reproducible culture methods (away from egg-based)
- Emerging markets pressing demand for medicines and evolving regulatory framework for in-country manufacturing
- Pharmacogenomics (personalized medicine) will require smaller batches for production
- Contract manufacturing organizations becoming a viable and reliable outsourcing option

Bottom line:

Our customers are increasingly demanding single-use solutions in an effort to reduce cost and increase flexibility in a more competitive market with more market entrants (countries & manufacturers) and fewer patent protections

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Future of SUT

- SUT have quickly become a cost-effective replacement for stainless steel model for many reasons
- Continuing demands for SUT driven by biopharma customers and new market entrants to biological production
- Smaller batch sizes due to flexibility of SUT
- Single use manufacturing of the future models are becoming the norm
- Better alignment between biopharma manufacturers and SUT suppliers to eliminate lead-times and customize solutions specific to customer needs

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