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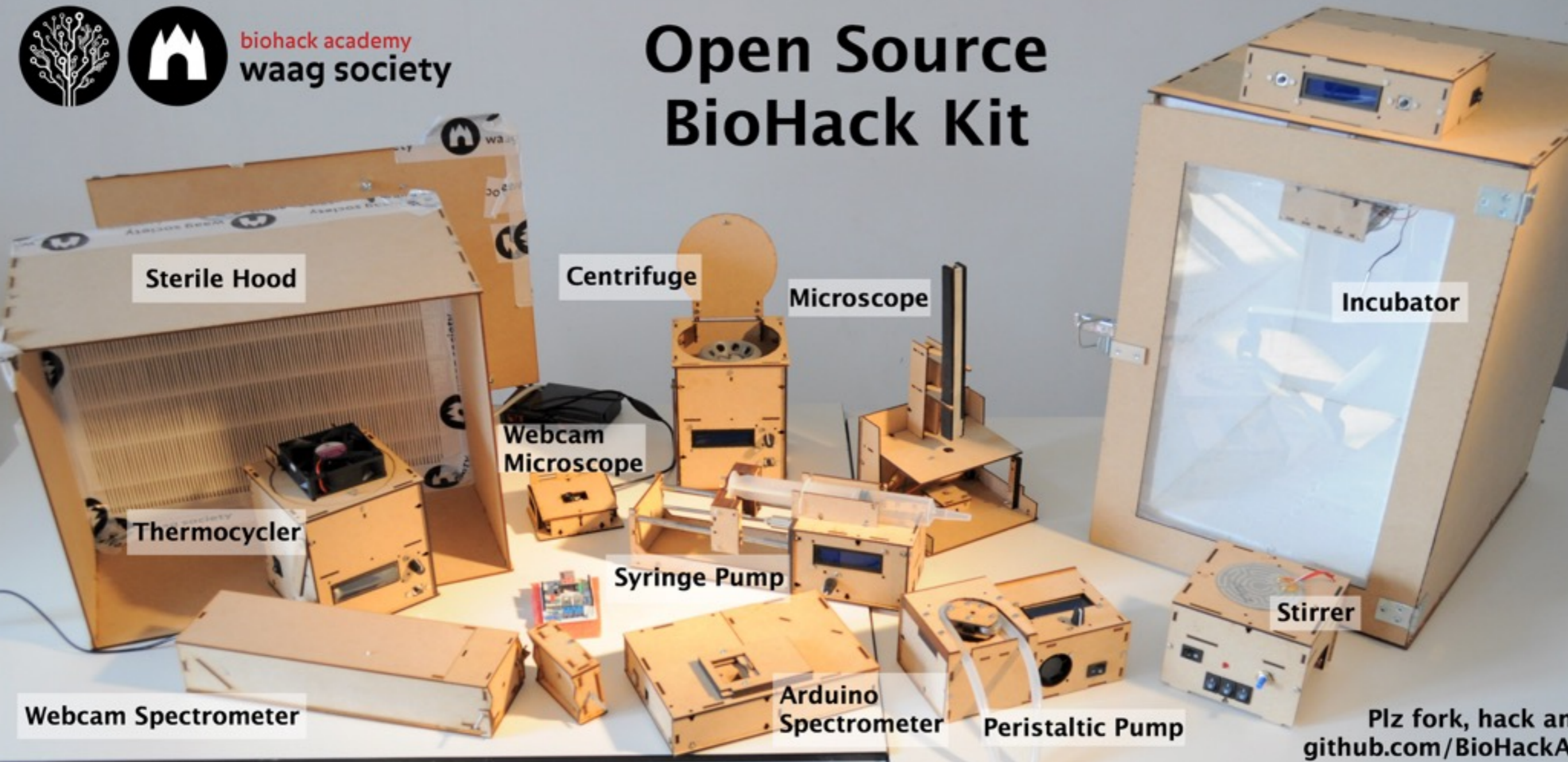


# BioHack Kit



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## Open Source BioHack Kit



Sterile Hood

Centrifuge

Microscope

Incubator

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Thermocycler

Syringe Pump

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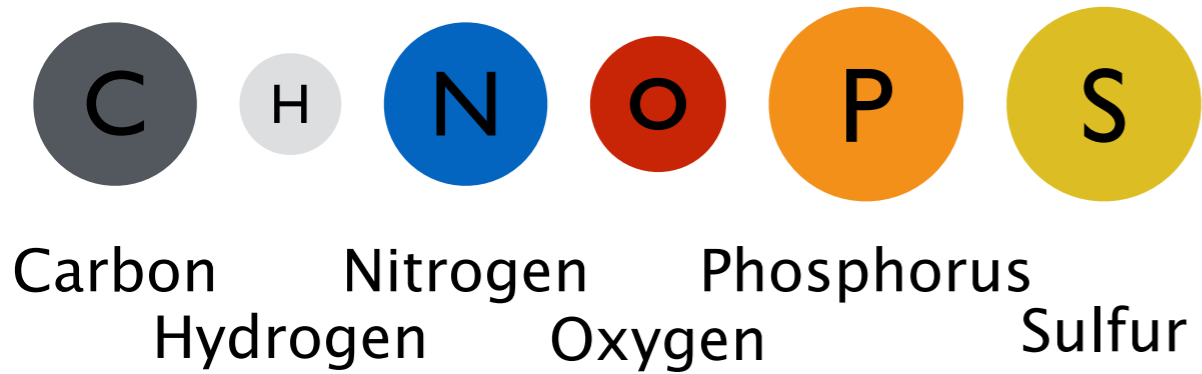
Peristaltic Pump

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[github.com/BioHackA](https://github.com/BioHackA)

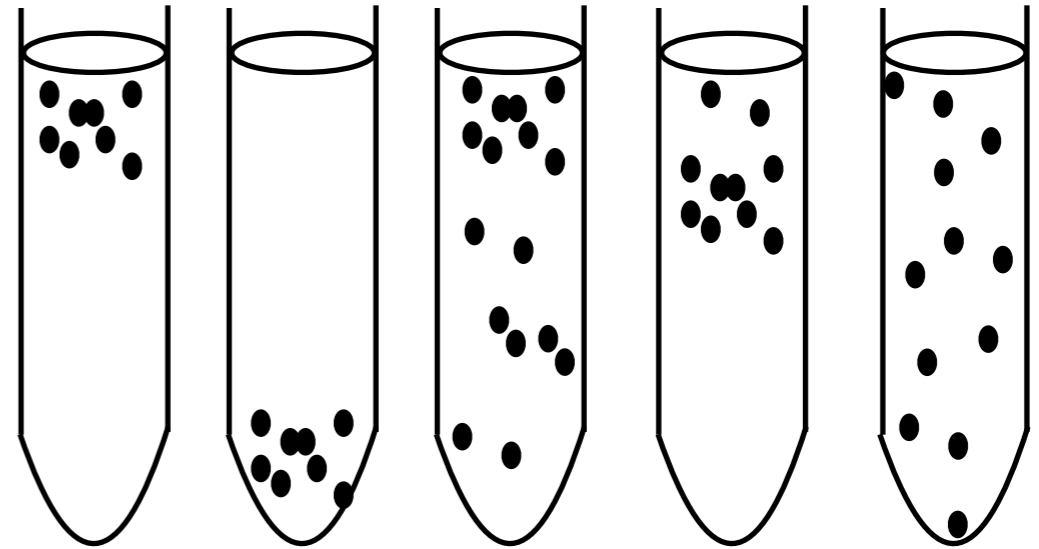


# Diversity in growth conditions

## Nutrients



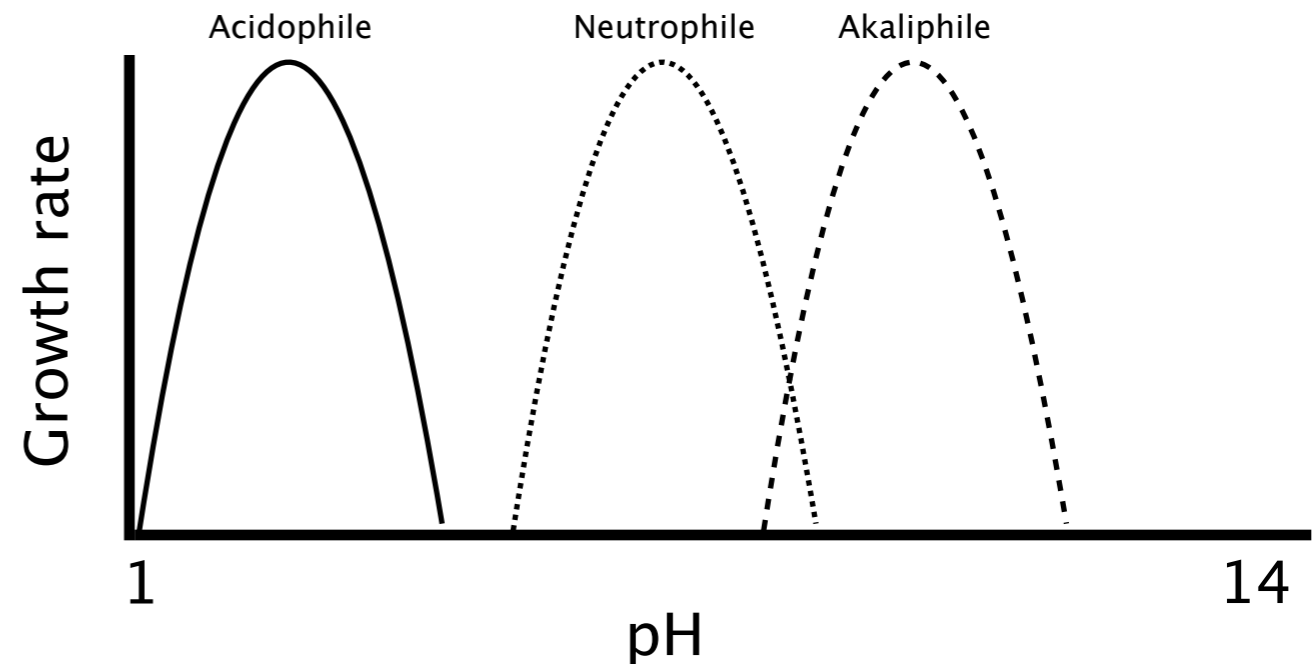
## Atmosphere



## Temperature




## pH





# BioFactory canvas



  
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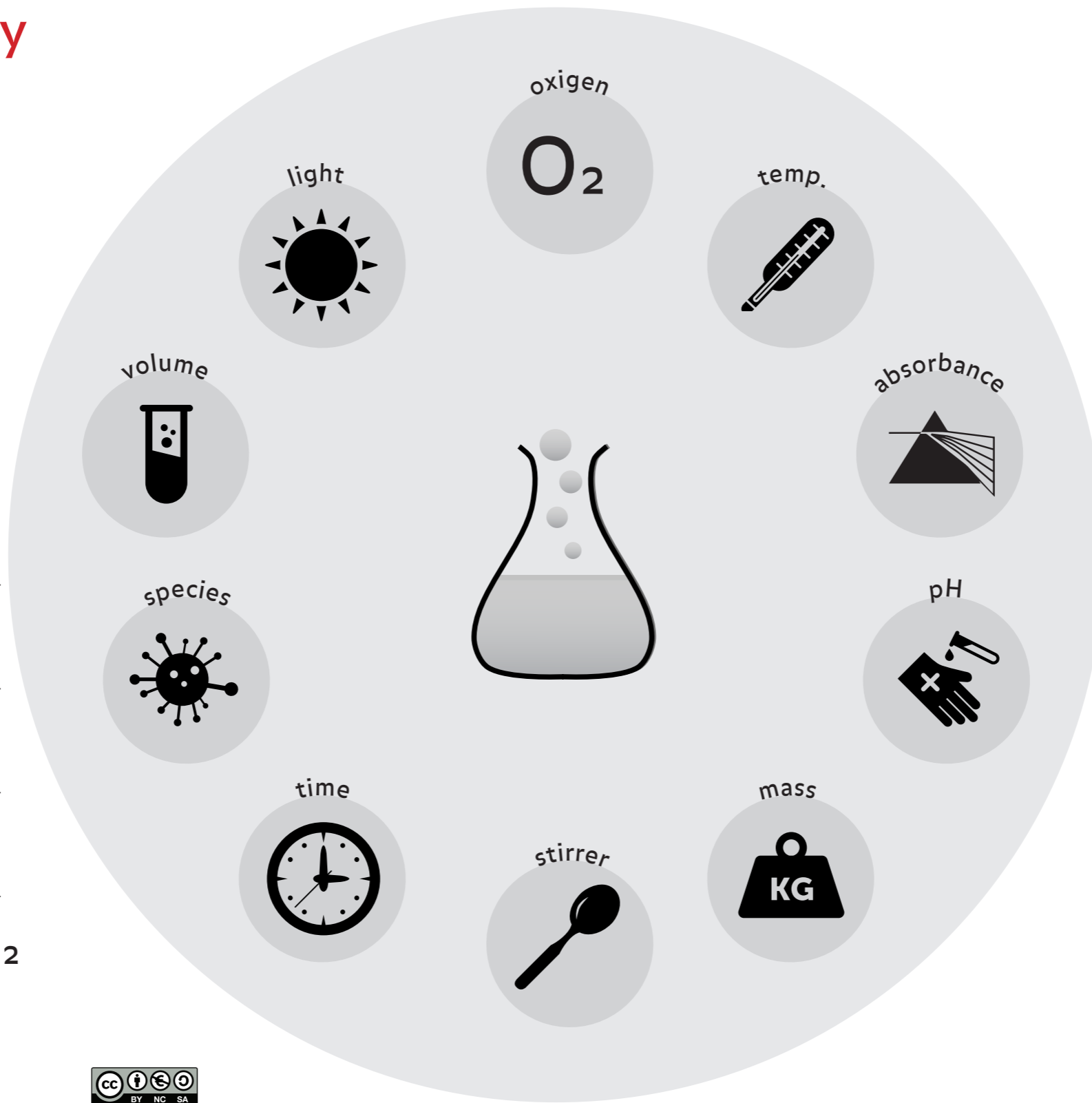
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\_\_\_\_\_ P

\_\_\_\_\_ O<sub>2</sub>

\_\_\_\_\_ S

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## observations

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## material

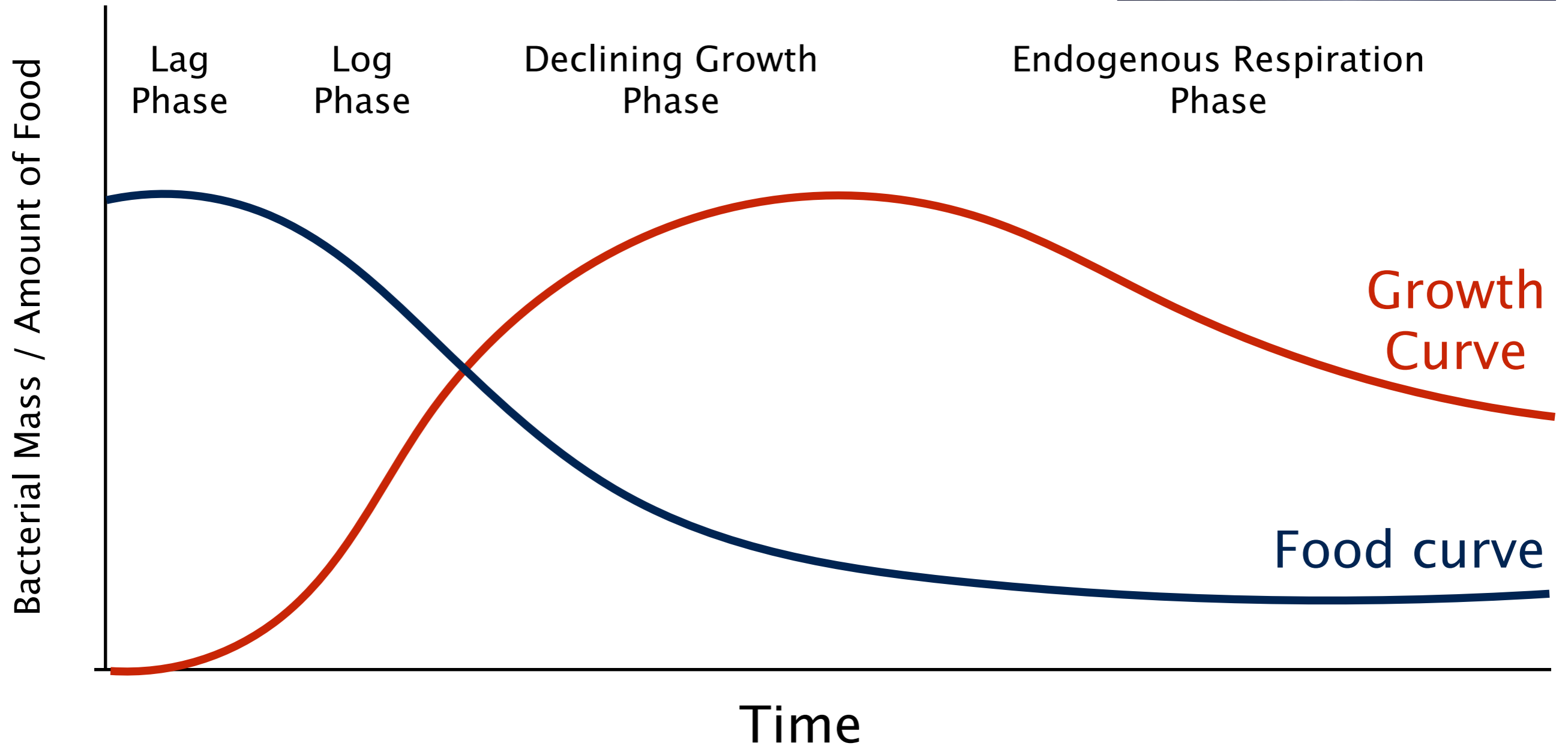
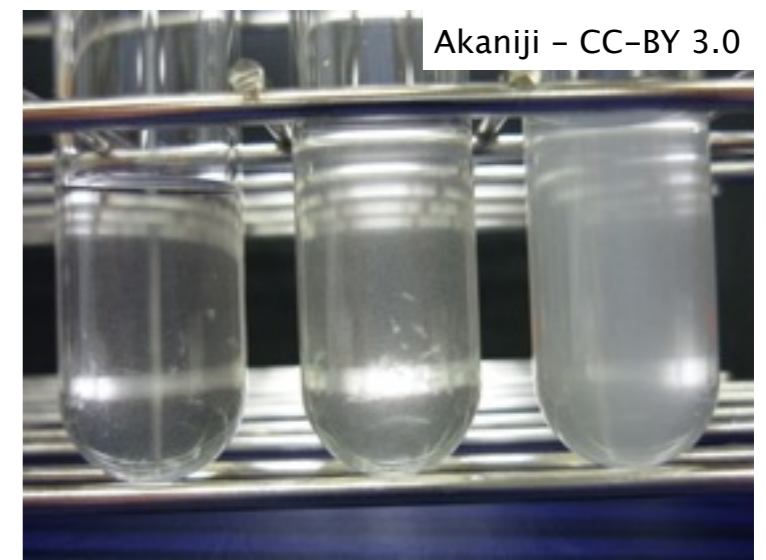
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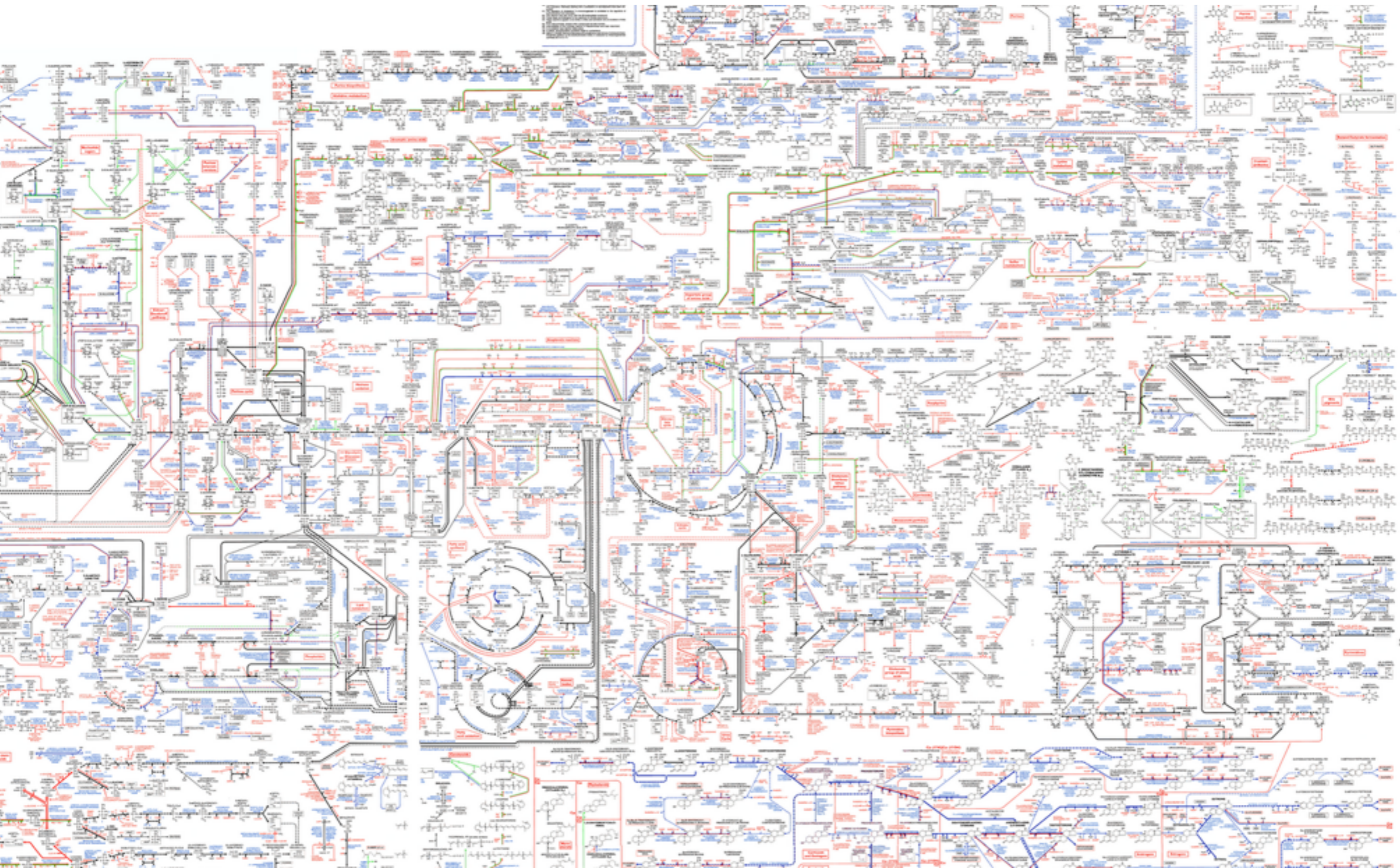


# Bacterial growth curve



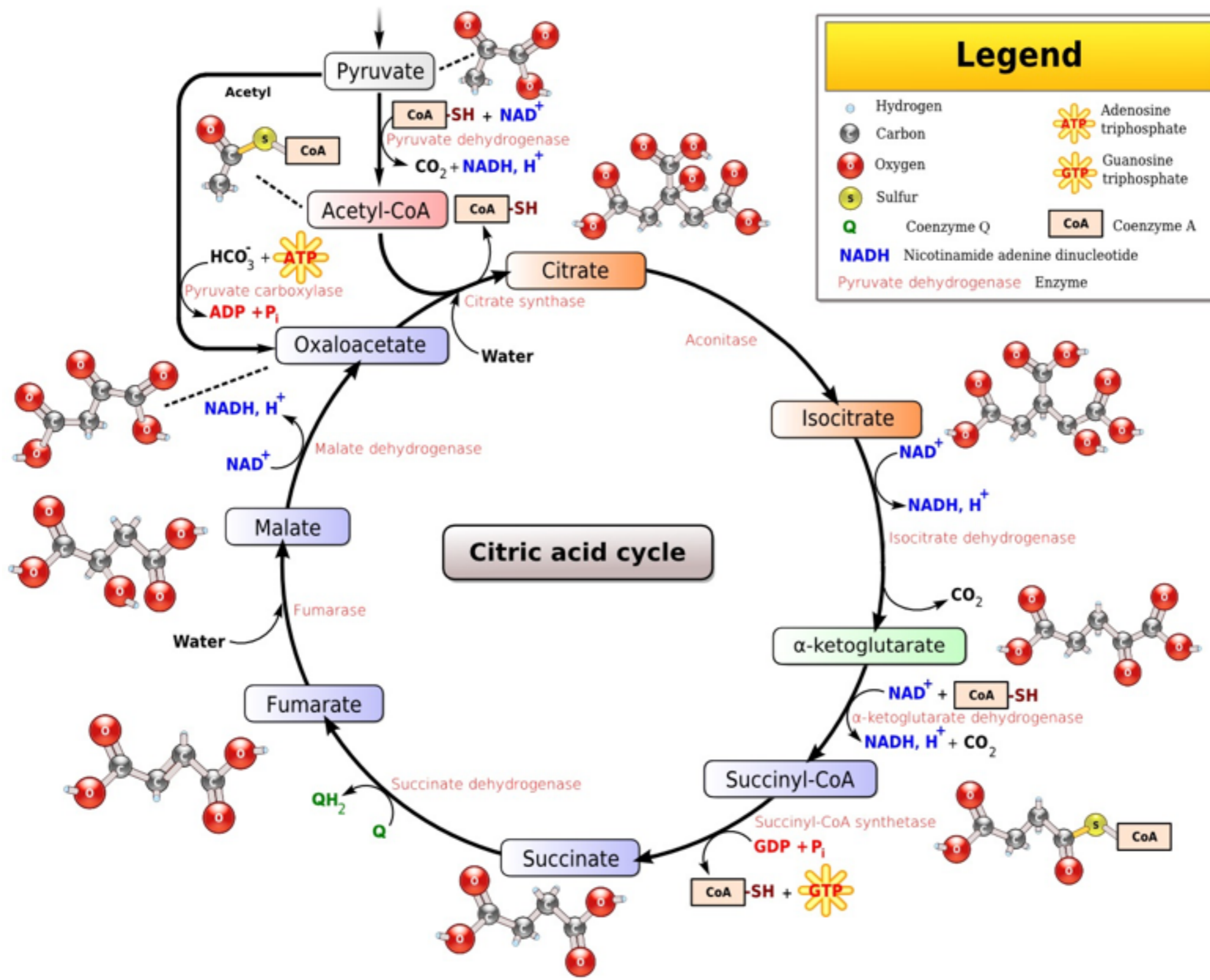


# Metabolic Pathways





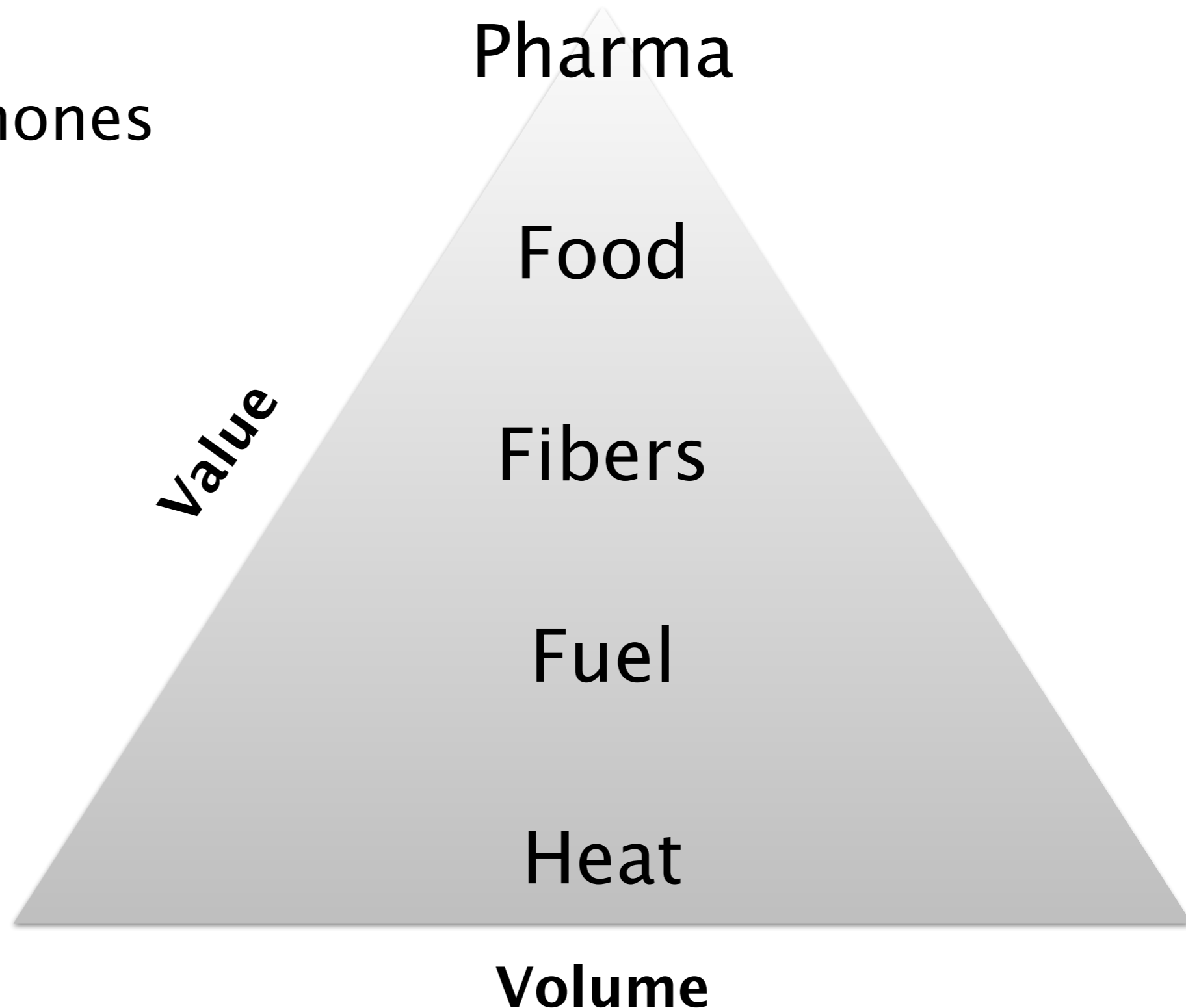
# Citric Acid Cycle





# Bioreactor value pyramid

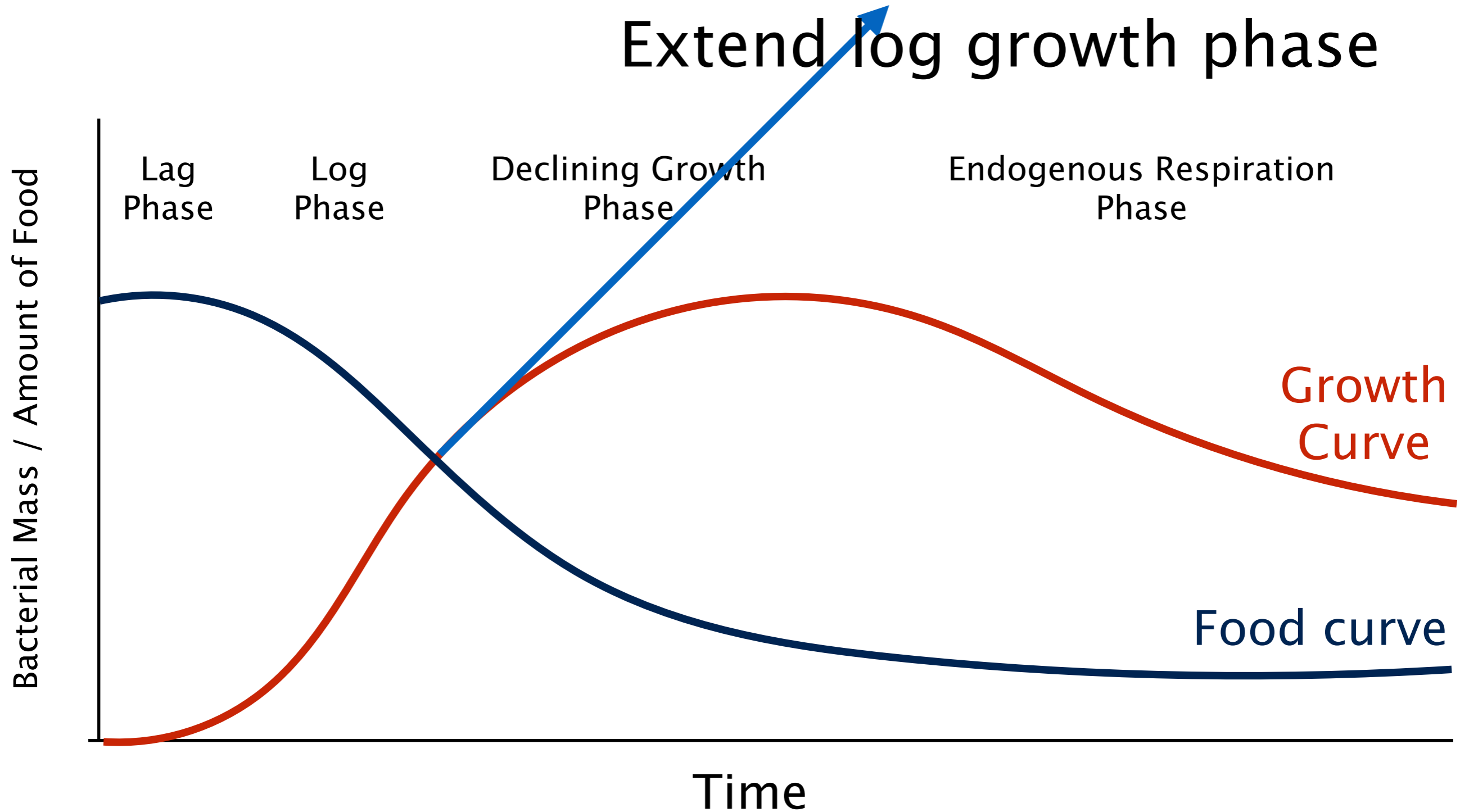
- Antibiotics
- Steroids / hormones
- Vitamins
- Proteins
- Sugars
- Acids





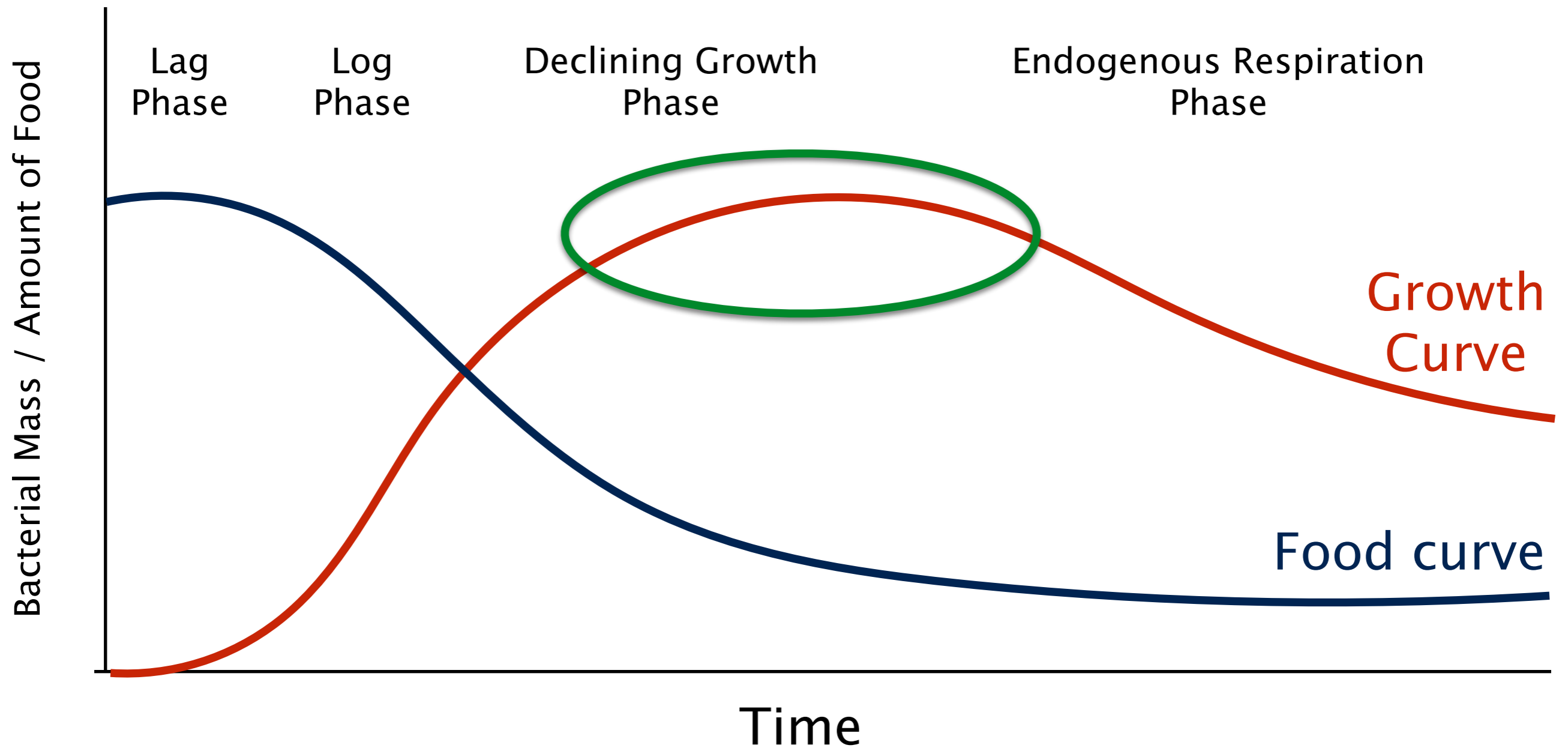


# Primary products



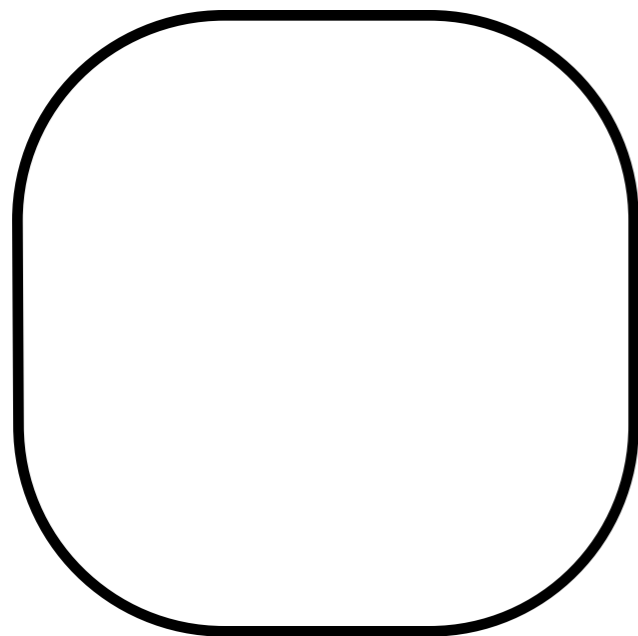


# Secondary products

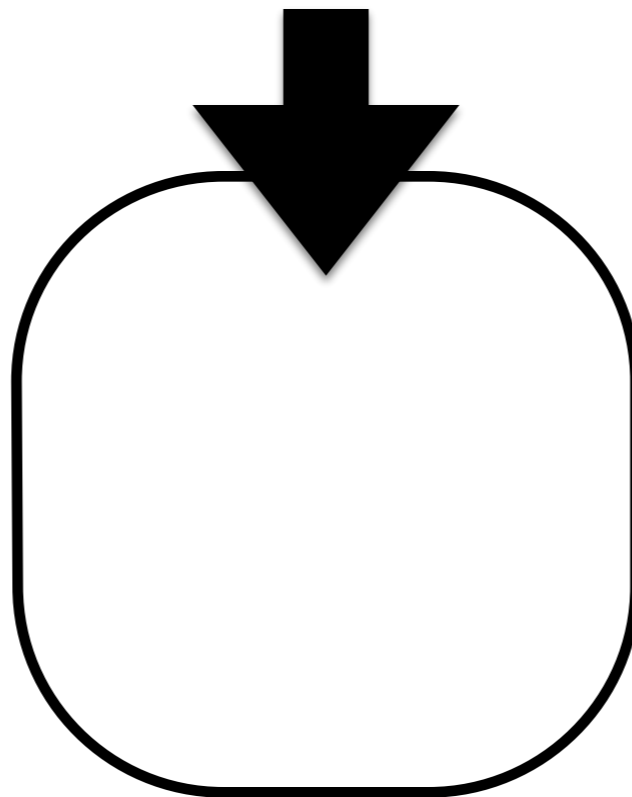




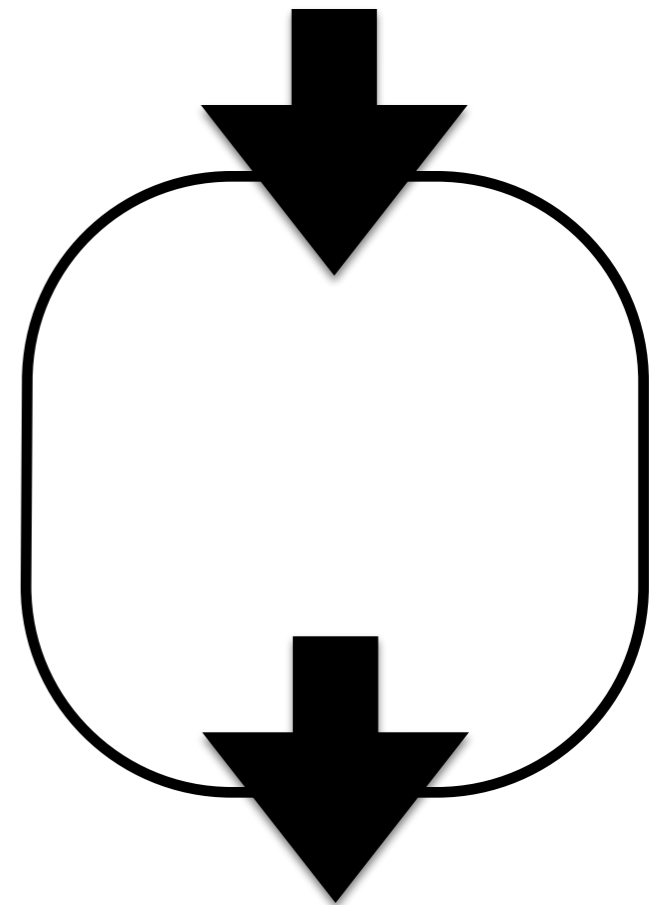
# Growth strategies



Batch



Fed Batch



Chemostat



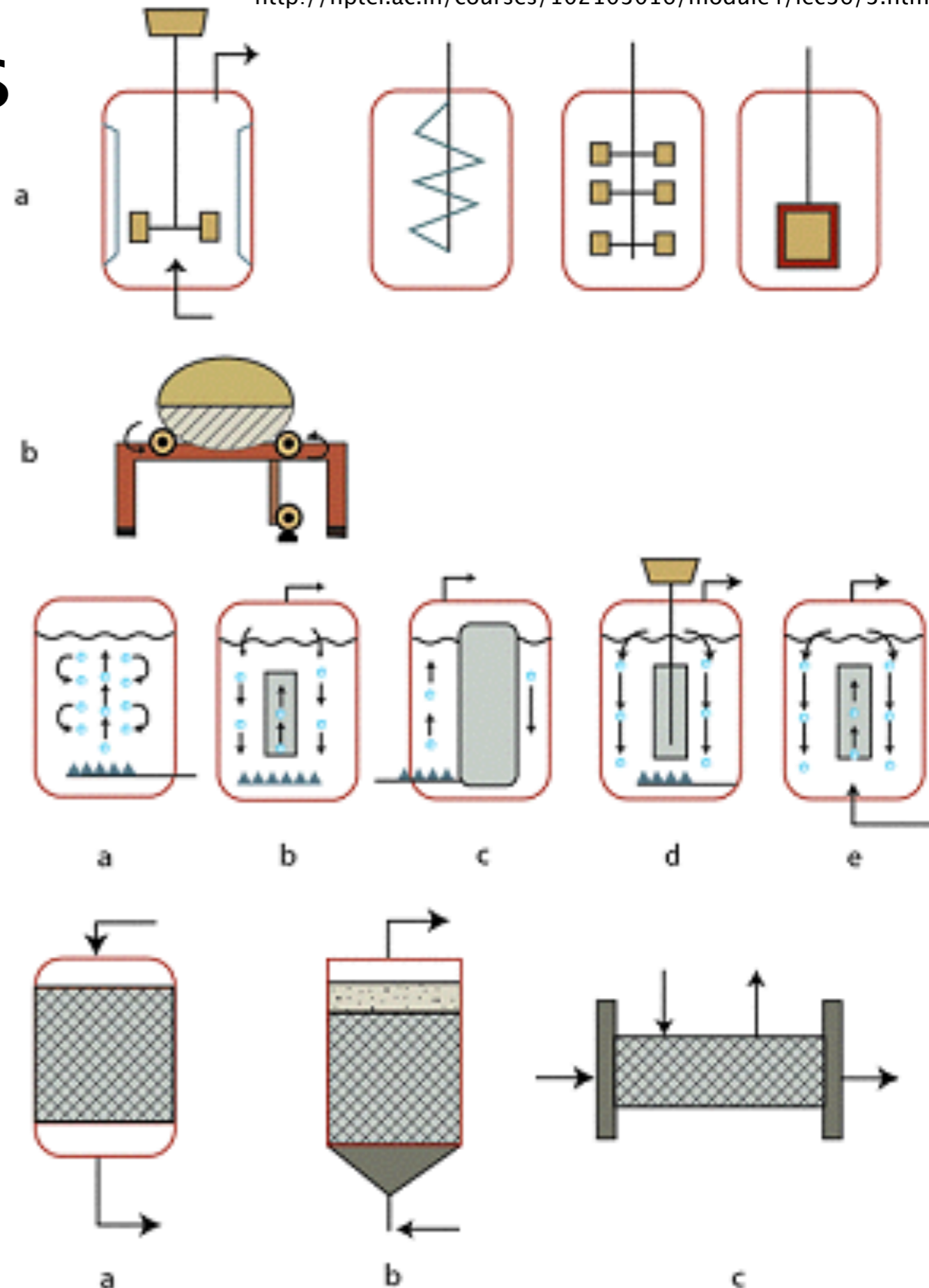
# Bioreactor Wishlist

- Simple design
- Many cells per volume
- Uniform distribution
- Simple oxygen supply
- Low energy use



# Bioreactor Types

- Stirrer tank
- Air-lift
- Membrane
- Immobilized cells
- Cell culture
- Solid state
- Photobioreactor
- Microbioreactors
- Animals



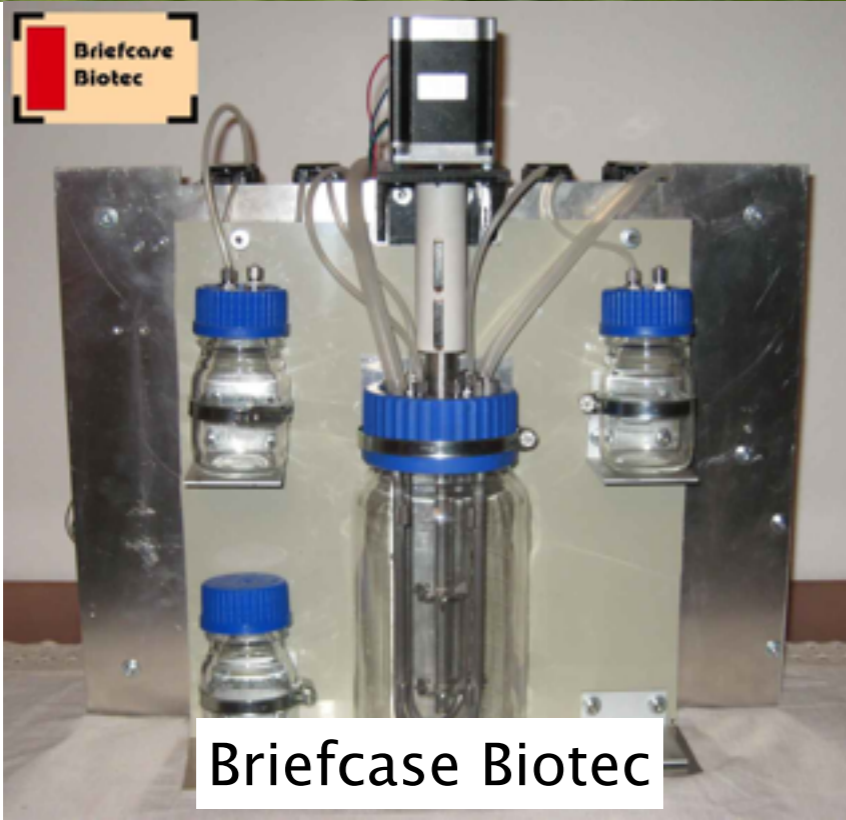


# Bioreactor hacks

<http://www.instructables.com/id/An-Algae-Bioreactor-from-Recycled-Water-Bottles/>



<http://www.instructables.com/id/Biogas-at-home-Cheap-and-Easy/>



Briefcase Biotec



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDarDR4vi1A>



# Advantages of chemostat

- Measure specific growth speed
- Investigate effect of medium
- Measure & control environmental parameters





# Large scale chemostats



*Fusarium graminearum*

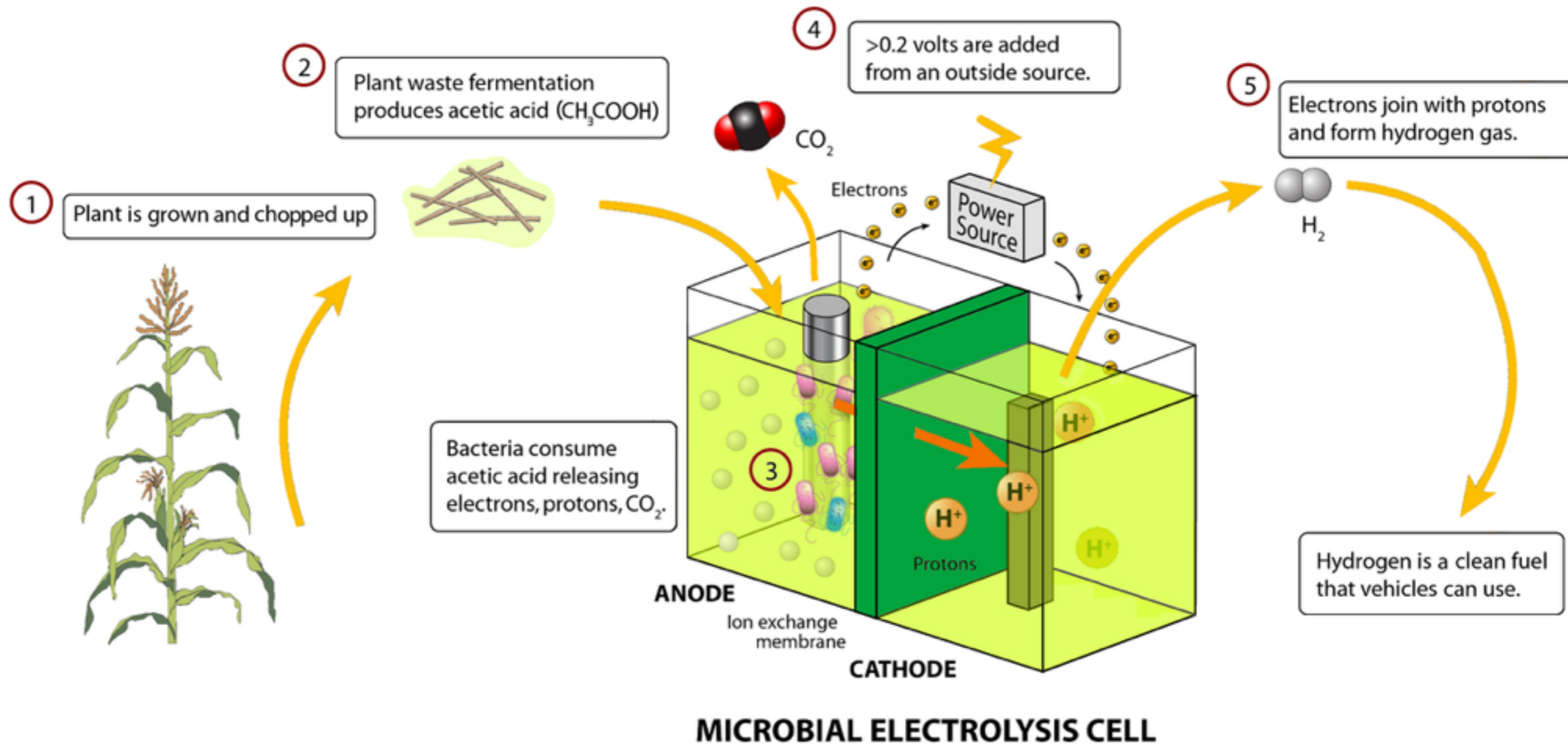


*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*



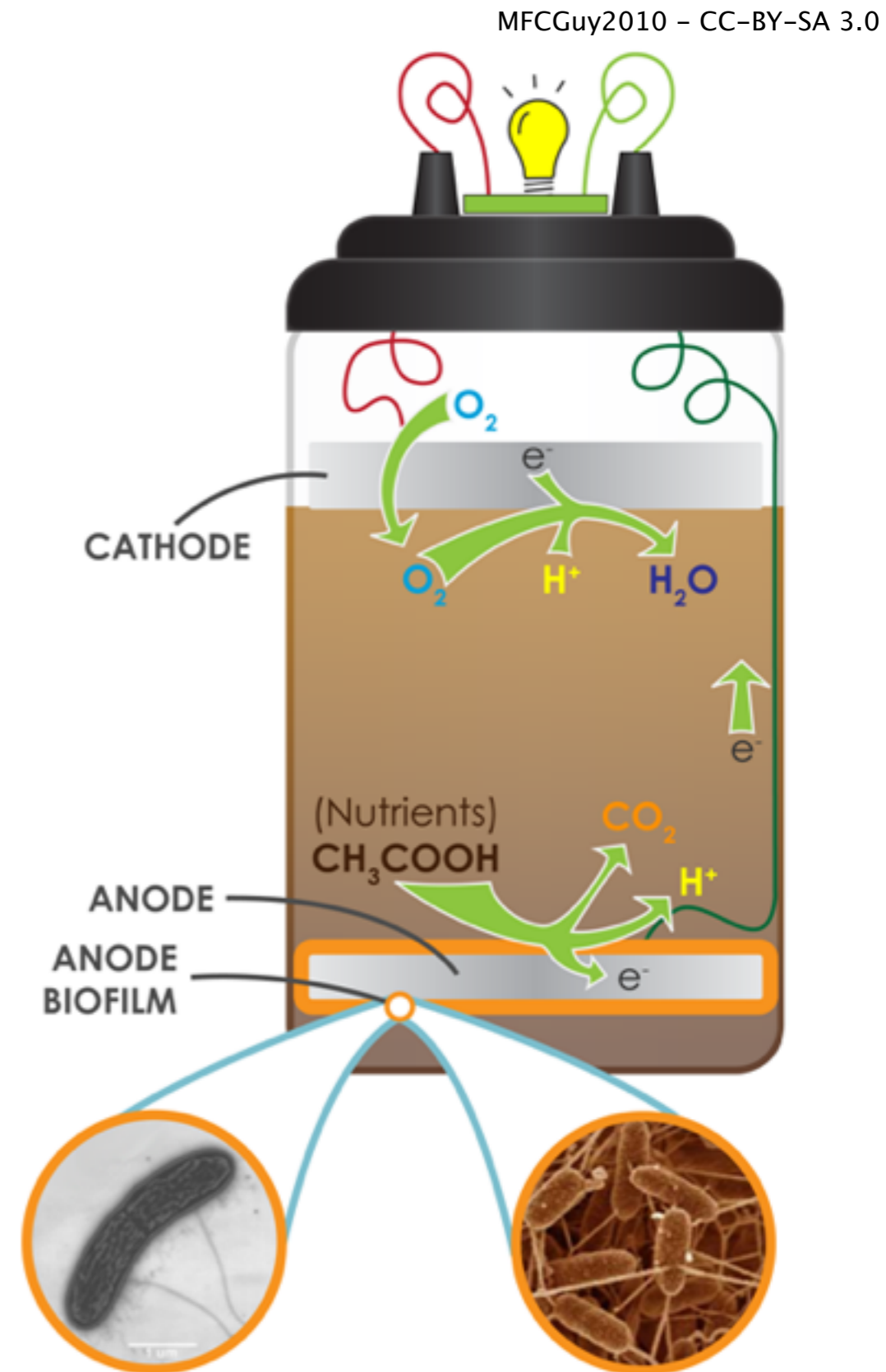
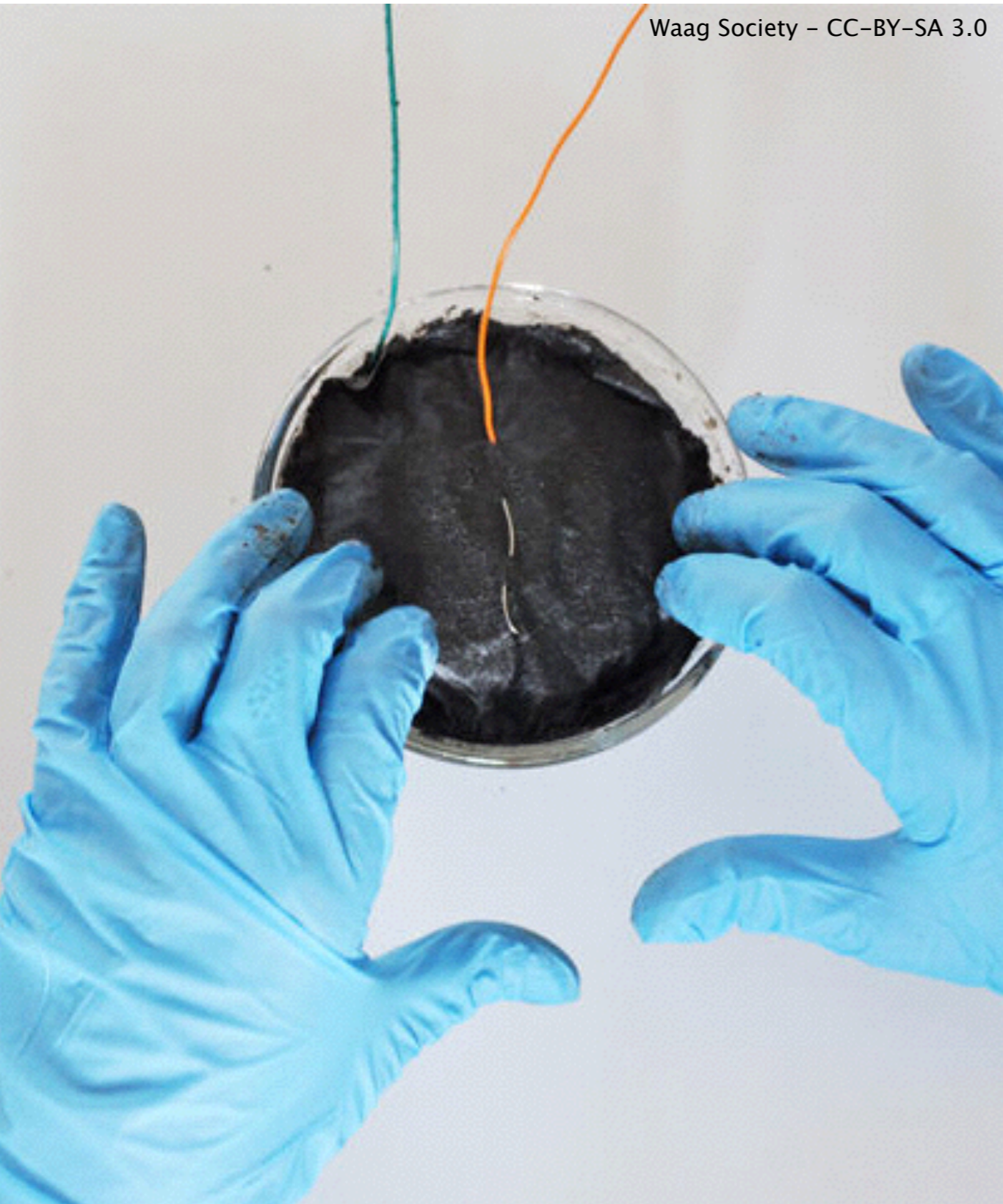


# Membrane reactor: Fuel Cells





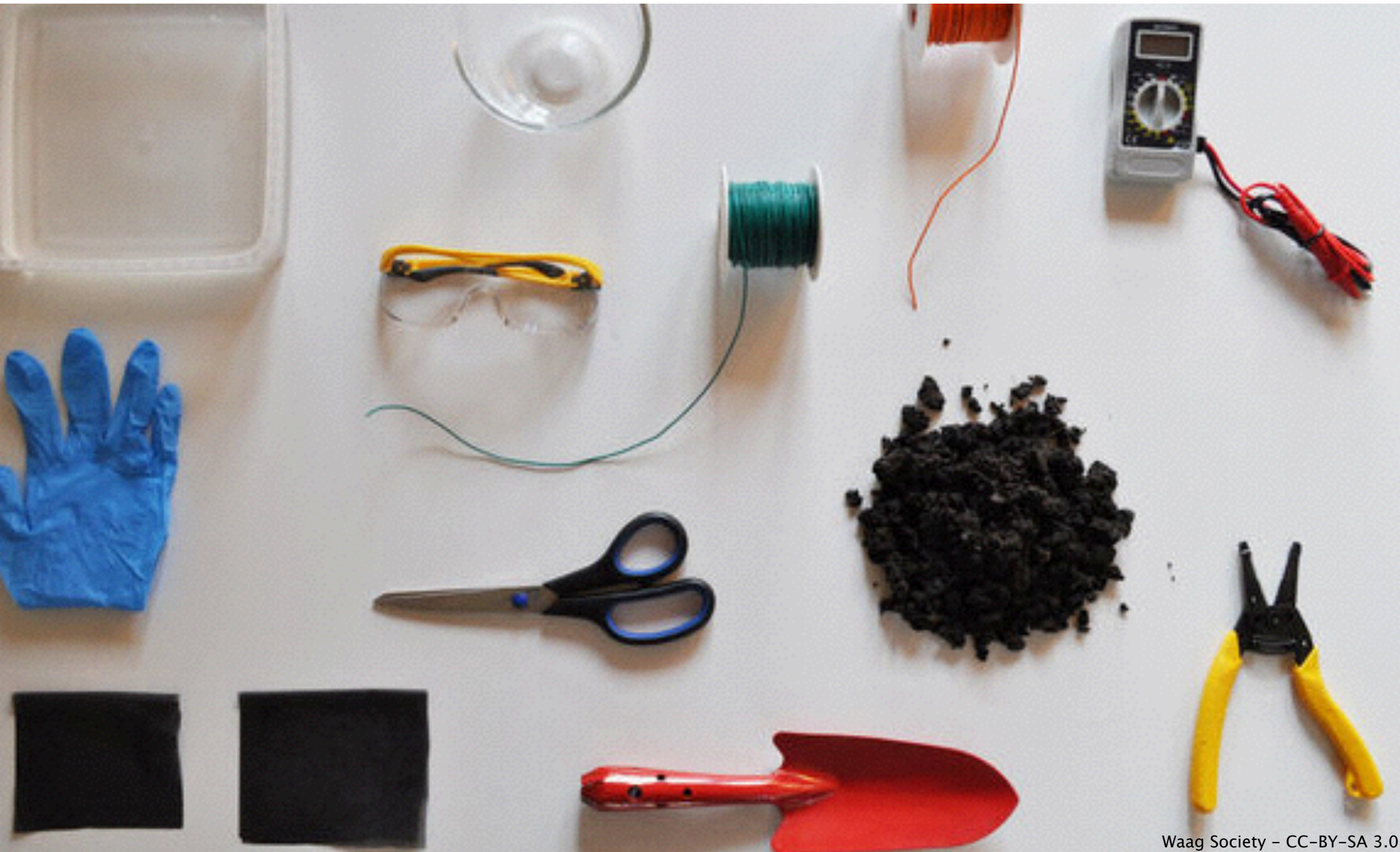
# Soil based fuel cells





# Bio mud battery

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Create-your-own-mud-battery-Bouw-je-eigen-modderba/>





# 100 m<sup>3</sup> reactor

- Yeast production
- Yield = product / substrate
- Fermentation: 2 ATP per sugar
- Respiration: 16 ATP per sugar
- Even at full aeration risk of low yield: Respirofermentive metabolism





# Flu vaccine production in eggs



## How flu vaccine is prepared

Each year's influenza vaccine is 85% effective against the dominant flu strain.

- 1 Human flu virus injected into fertilized hen's eggs
- 2 Flu virus reproduces in hen's eggs
- 3 Formaldehyde solution injected to kill virus
- 4 Killed virus extracted; vaccine solution prepared

### Who should be vaccinated

**People with:**

- ▶ Immune system disorders
- ▶ Heart or lung disease
- ▶ Diabetes
- ▶ Chronic kidney disease
- ▶ Anemia

**People over age 65**

**Health care workers**

**Home care-givers**

### Influenza vaccine myths

<b>Myth</b> Vaccine can cause flu	<b>Myth</b> Body builds up immunity against flu	<b>Myth</b> Vaccine causes side effects
<b>Truth</b> Vaccine viruses cannot invade healthy tissue	<b>Truth</b> Different strains of flu appear each year	<b>Truth</b> May cause temporary redness, soreness in inoculated area

SOURCES: Baylor College of Medicine, World Book Health & Medical Annual, research by BRENNIA SINK



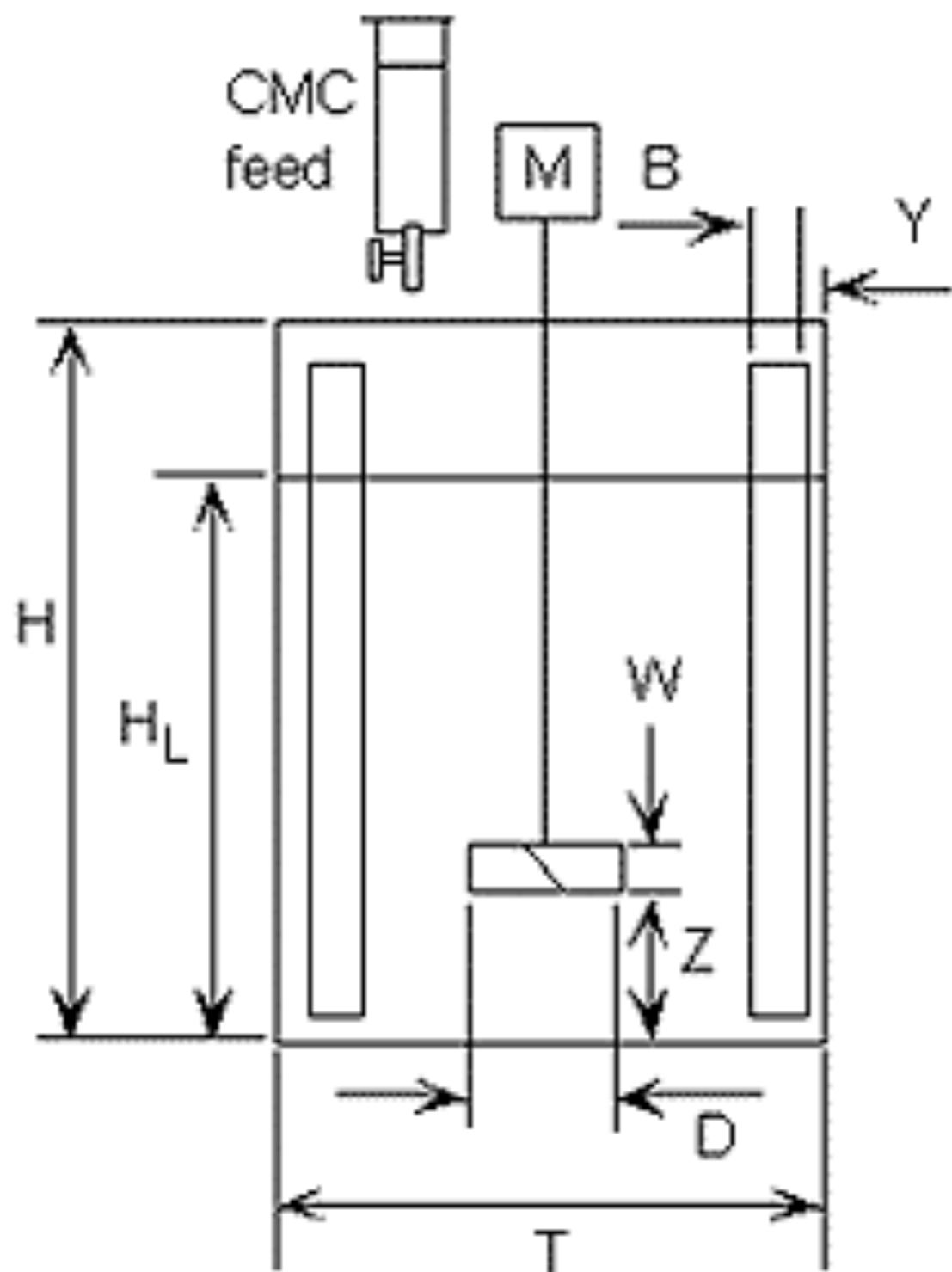
# Transport Phenomena

- Mass transfer
  - Nutrients
  - Oxygen
- Energy transfer
  - Heat
  - (electrons)

$\varphi \leftrightarrow \theta_l$			
Type 1 MSC		$\theta_l = g_\varphi(\varphi)$	$\theta_l =$
Type 3 MSC		$\theta_l = g_{\varphi,T}(\varphi, T)$	$\theta_l =$
Partial derivatives			
	$\left. \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \theta} \right _T$	$\left. \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial T} \right _\theta$	$\left. \frac{\partial p_c}{\partial \theta} \right _T$
Equivalency	$\left( \left. \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \varphi} \right _T \right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\xi_{\varphi\varphi}}$	$-\left. \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \theta} \right _T \cdot \left. \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial T} \right _\varphi$ $= -\frac{\xi_{\varphi T}}{\xi_{\varphi\varphi}}$	$\left( \left. \frac{\partial p_c}{\partial \varphi} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \theta} \right) \right _T$ $= \left. \frac{\partial f(\varphi, T)}{\partial \varphi} \right _T \frac{1}{\xi_{\varphi\varphi}}$
Type 1 MSC	$\left( \frac{dg_\varphi}{d\varphi} \right)^{-1}$	0	
Type 3 MSC	$\left( \left. \frac{\partial g_{\varphi,T}}{\partial \varphi} \right _T \right)^{-1}$	$-\left. \frac{\partial g_{\varphi,T}}{\partial T} \right _\varphi \cdot \left( \left. \frac{\partial g_{\varphi,T}}{\partial \varphi} \right _T \right)^{-1}$	$-\frac{R_v \rho_l T}{\varphi \xi_{\varphi\varphi}}$
Balance equation			
$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot [(D_{\theta T}^l + D_{\theta T}^v) \nabla T + (D_{\theta\theta}^l + D_{\theta\theta}^v) \nabla \theta]$			
Secondary moisture transport functions			
	Vapor transport		Liqu
	Isothermal	Non-isothermal	Isothermal
	$D_{\theta\theta}^v = \frac{\delta_v p_{sat}}{\xi_{\varphi\varphi} \rho_l}$	$D_{\theta T}^v = \frac{\delta_v}{\rho_l} \left( \varphi \frac{\partial p_{sat}}{\partial T} - \frac{\xi_{\varphi T} p_{sat}}{\xi_{\varphi\varphi}} \right)$	$D_{\theta\theta}^l = \frac{K_l R_v T}{\varphi \xi_{\varphi\varphi}}$



# Geometry of standard stirred tank for aerobic reactions



Volume = 800 mL

Reactor Configuration		
Tank diameter	T	105 mm
Baffles		4 number
Baffle width	B	$T/12$
Baffle spacing	Y	$T/60$
Impeller diameter	D	$T/3$
Bottom clearance	Z	$T/3$
Liquid depth	$H_L$	T
Number of blades	n	4
Blade width	w	$D/5$
Blade angle	$\alpha$	$45^\circ$



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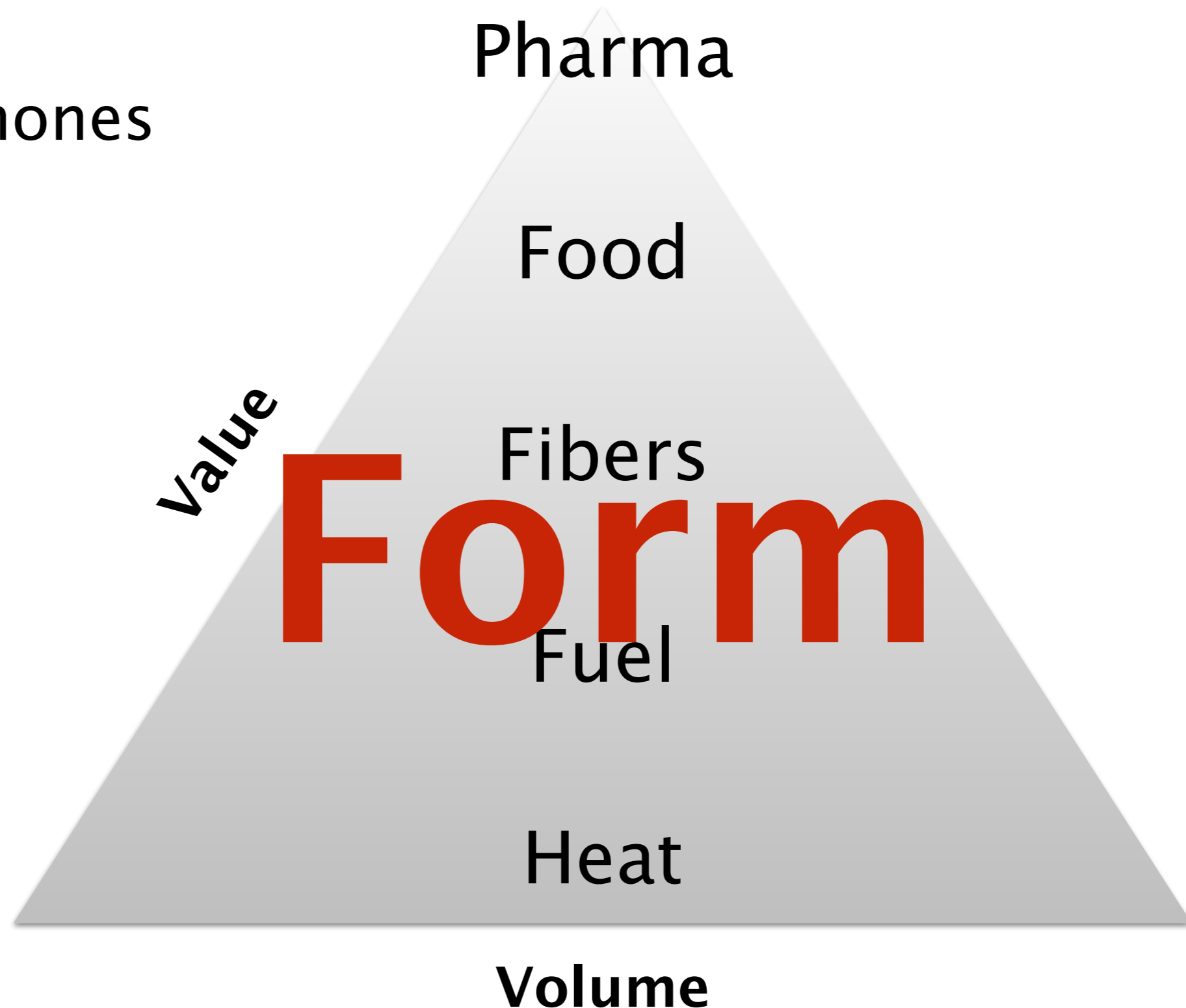
# Mycelium





# Bioreactor value pyramid

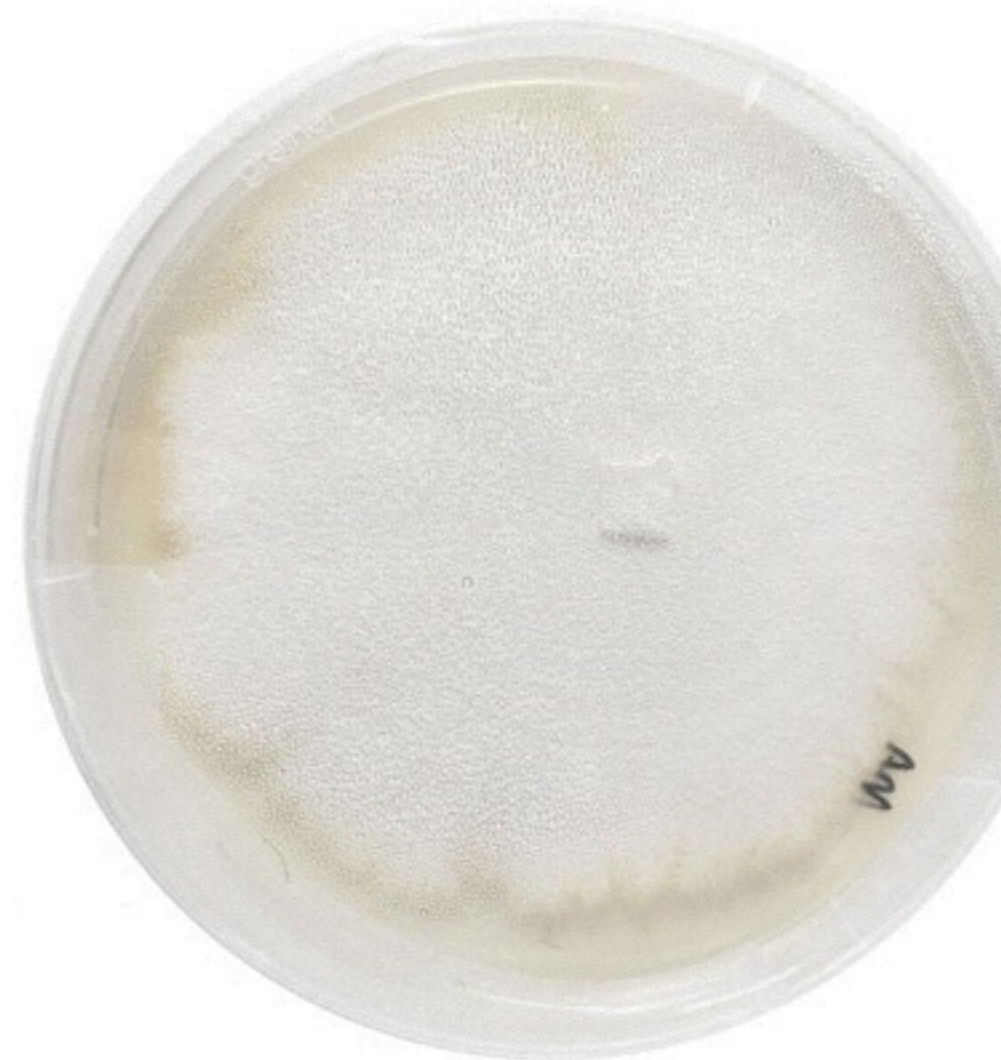
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# MycoMake recipe

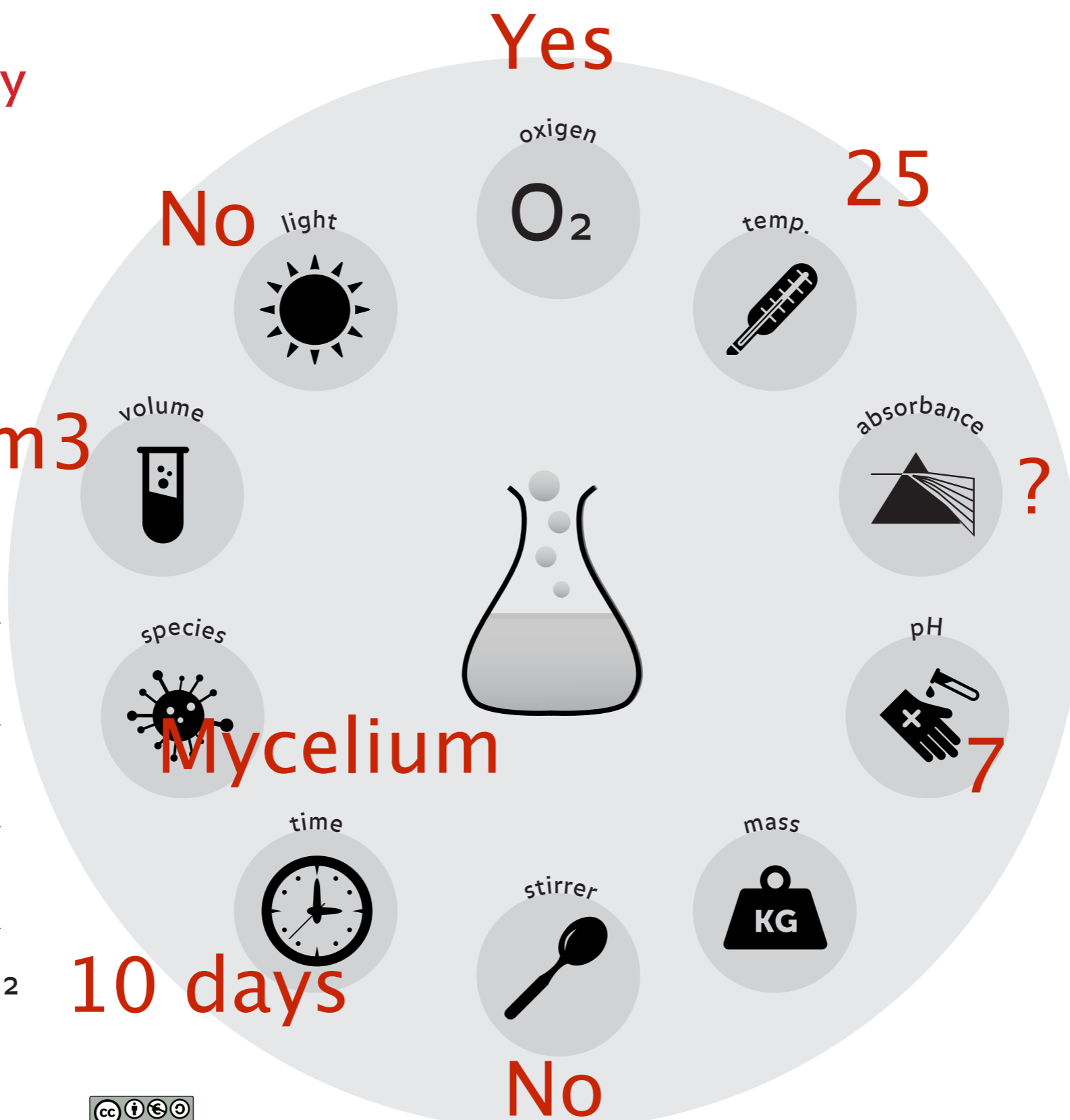
- Straw
- Starting culture
- Water
- Flour
  
- Grow for 4–5 days at room temperature
  - In the dark, in an open bag
  
- Put the material in a mold
  
- Grow again for 4–5 days
  - In the dark
  
- Dry in an oven





# Mycelium canvas

BioFactory  
canvas



observations

day #	
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material

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input

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Straw

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Flour

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# Fungal Futures





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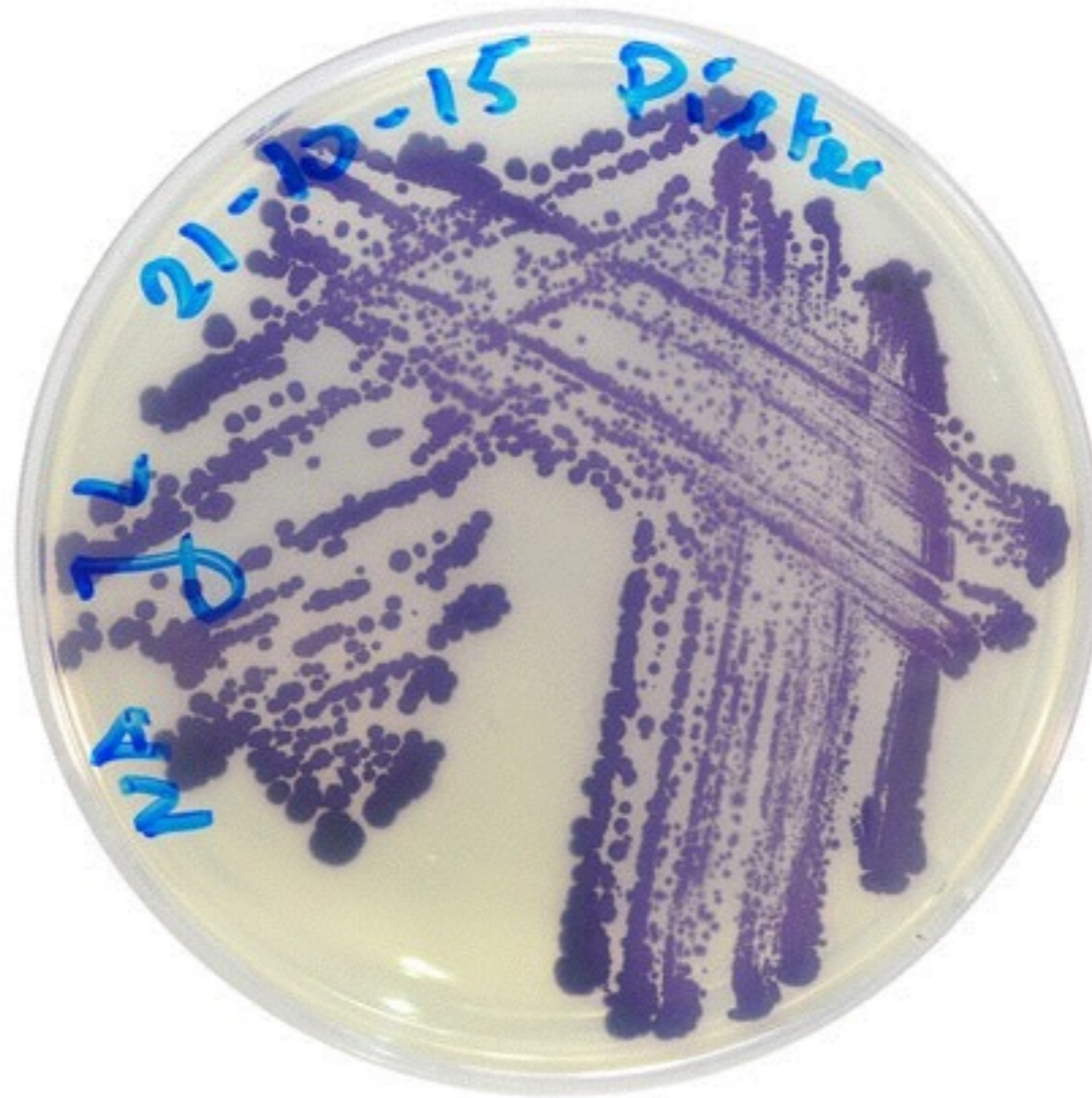
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# Example Production Process Design

Violacein production



# Janthiobacterium lividum





# My search for *J. lividum*

- „*Janthinobacterium lividum*” +
  - „growth conditions”
  - „violacein pathway”
  - „violacein genes”
  - „patent”
  - „yield”
  - „inhibition”
  - „extraction”





# Violacein pricing

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V9389 SIGMA

## Violacein from *Janthinobacterium lividum*

>98% (violacein (minimum 85% violacein) and deoxyviolacein, HPLC)

MSDS

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CAS Number [548-54-9](#) | Empirical Formula (Hill Notation)  $C_{20}H_{13}N_3O_3$  | Molecular Weight 343.34

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assay	>98% (violacein (minimum 85% violacein) and deoxyviolacein, HPLC)
solubility	H <sub>2</sub> O: insoluble
	acetone: soluble
	ethanol: soluble

### Price and Availability

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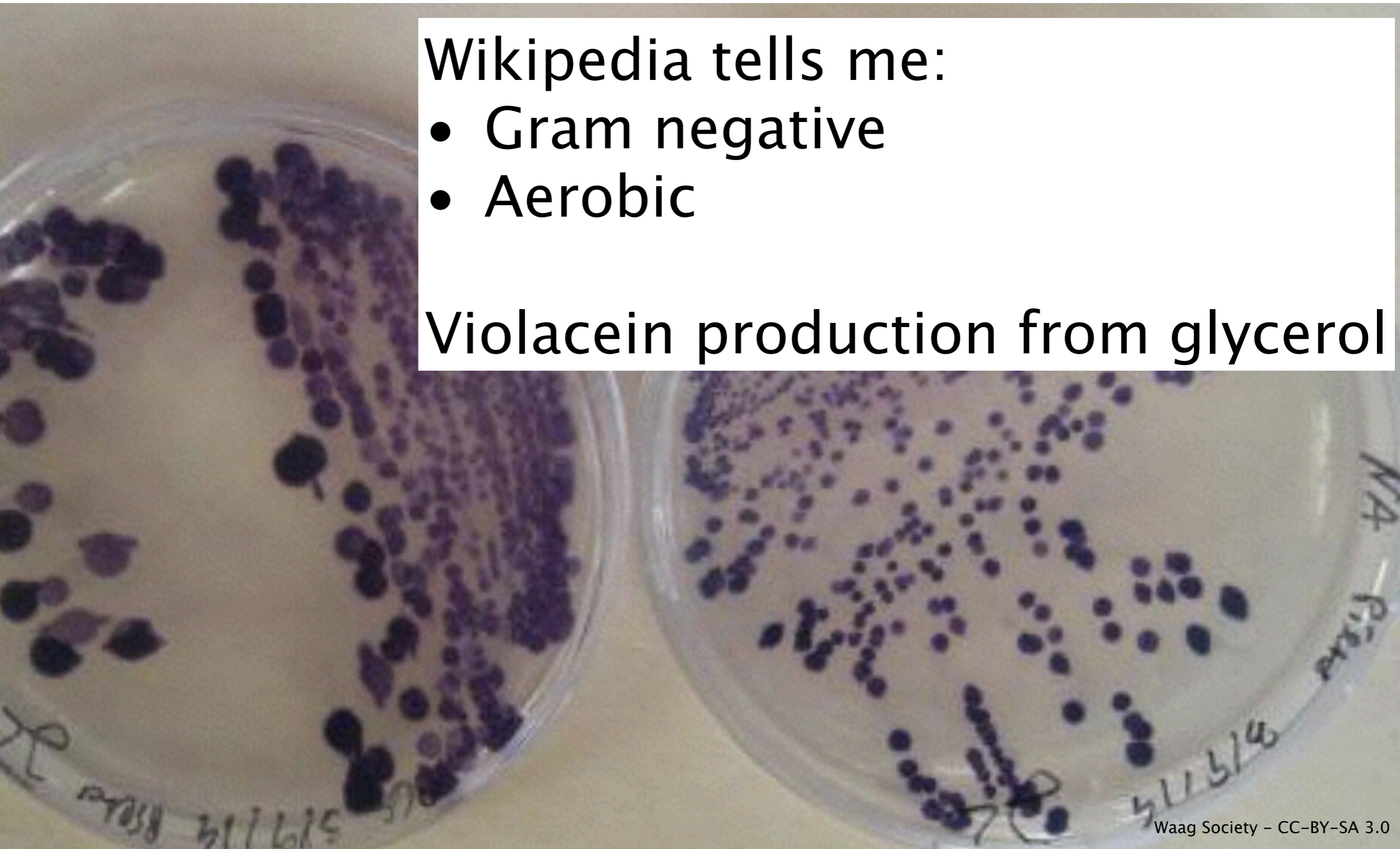


# Janthinobacterium lividum

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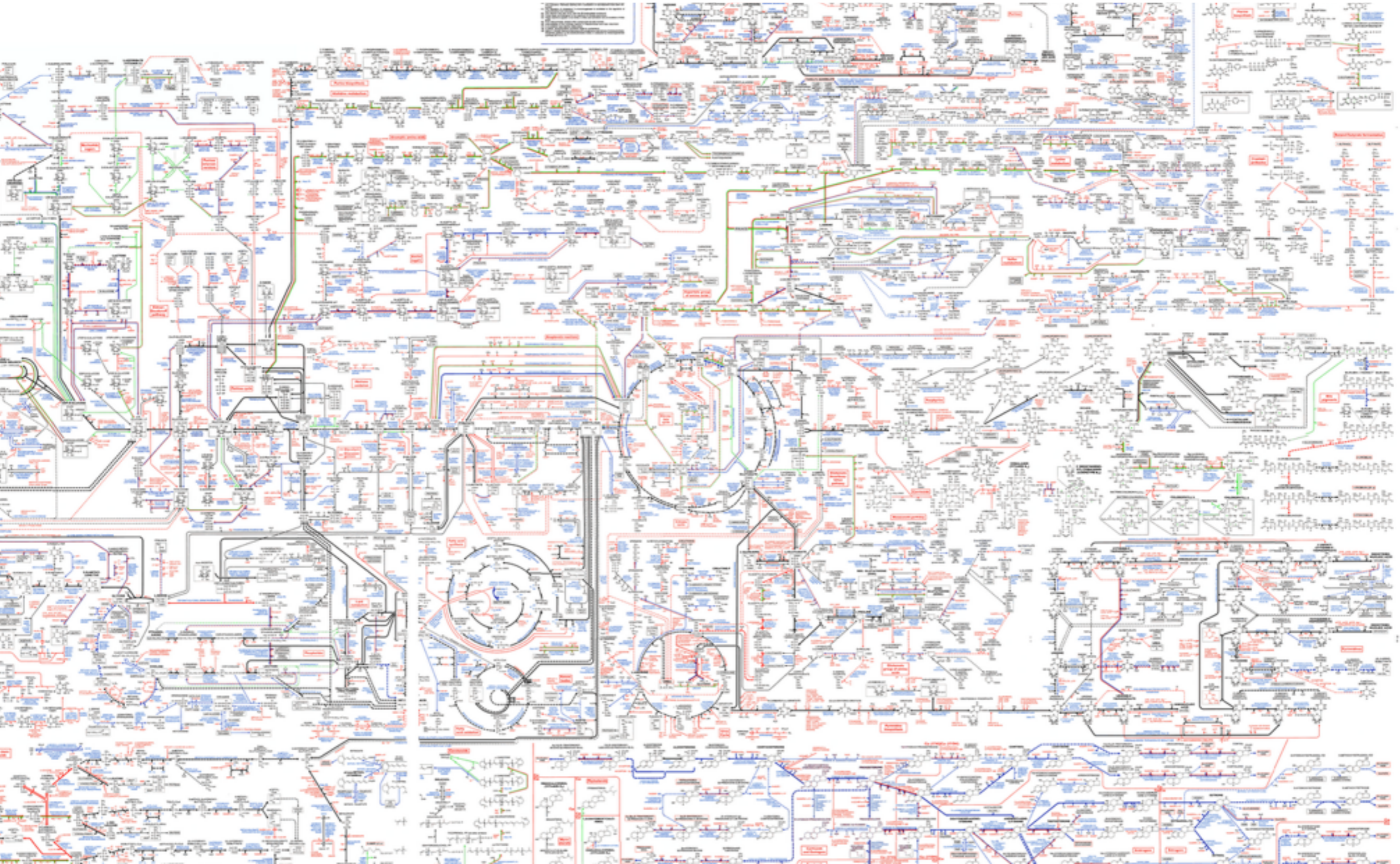
- Gram negative
- Aerobic

Violacein production from glycerol



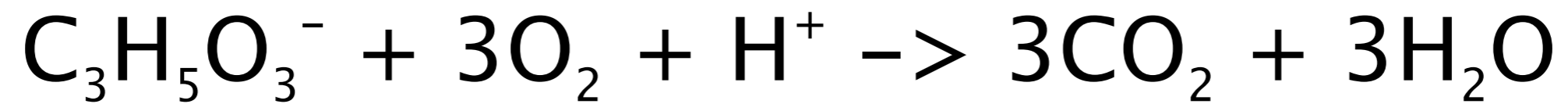


# Production pathway?





# P. Roqueforti eating lactate



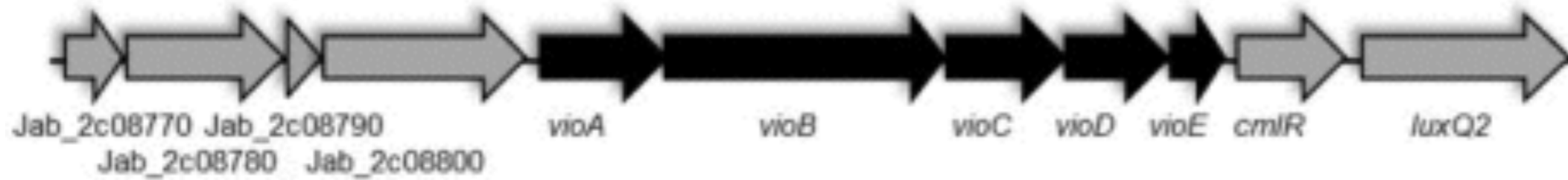
Acid is consumed



# Violacein genes

Hornung et al. - The *Janthinobacterium* sp. HH01 Genome Encodes a Homologue of the *V. cholerae* CqsA and *L. pneumophila* LqsA Autoinducer Synthases (2013)

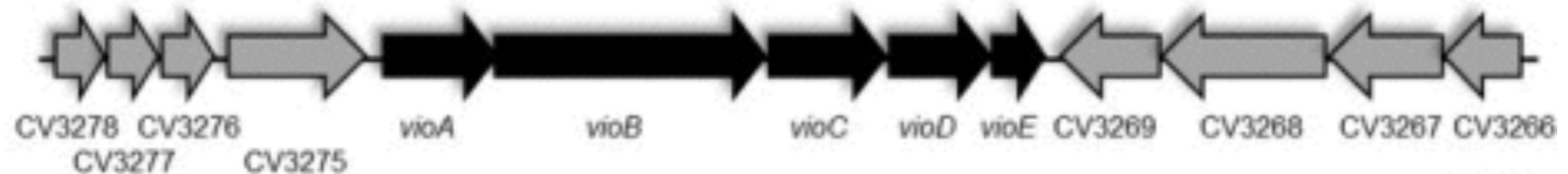
## *Janthinobacterium* sp. HH01



## *Pseudoalteromonas tunicata* D2



## *Chromobacterium violaceum* ATCC 12472

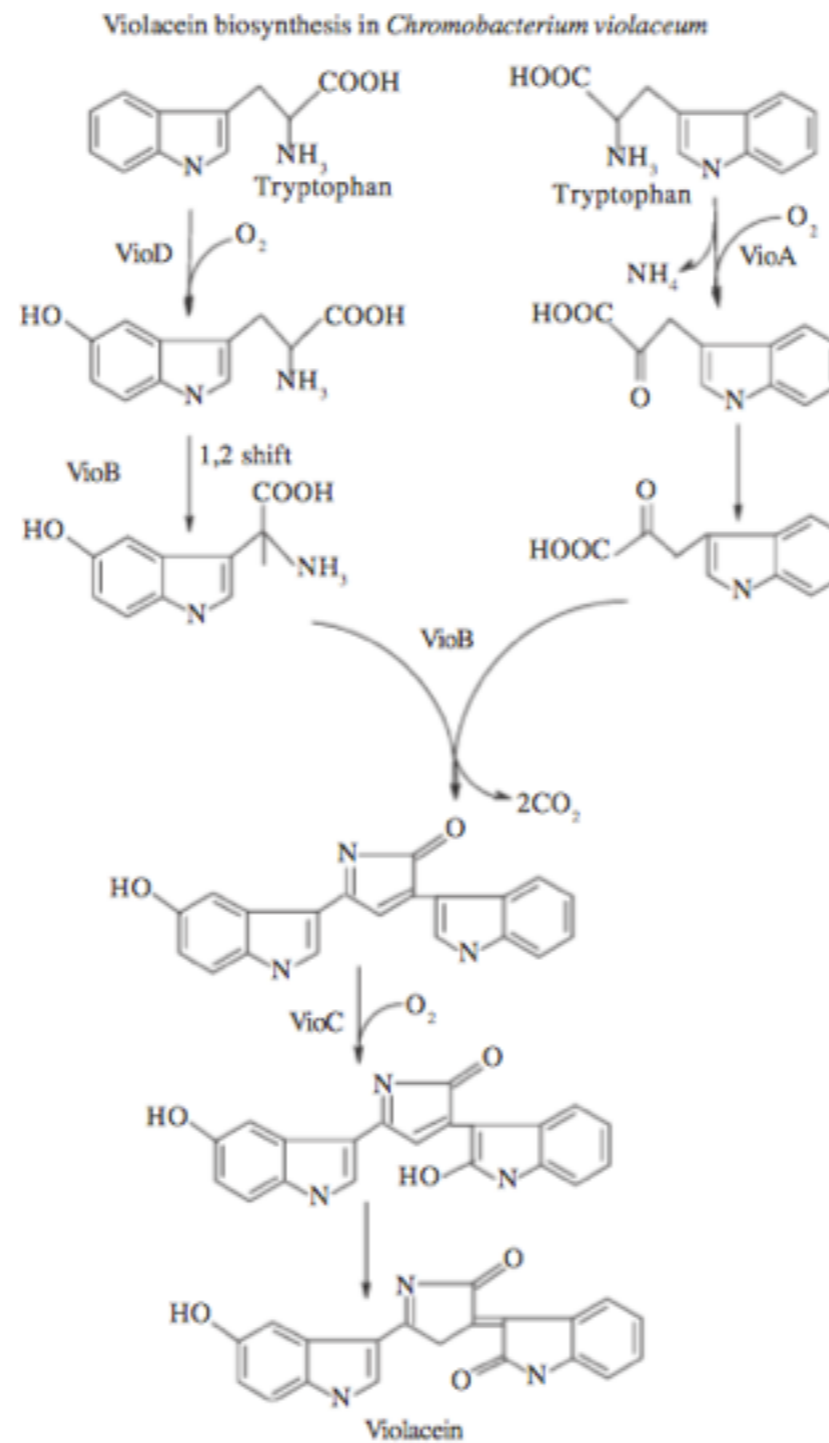


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# Production pathway?

## Tryptophan



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**Figure 2.** Violacein biosynthesis, as proposed by August et al., 2000. VioA, VioB, VioC, and VioD are the gene products of the biosynthesis operon, encoding nucleotide-dependent monooxygenases and a protein similar to a polyketide synthase (VioB).



# Other interesting things:

- *J. lividum* produces a metallo- $\beta$ -lactamase conferring resistance to several  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotics

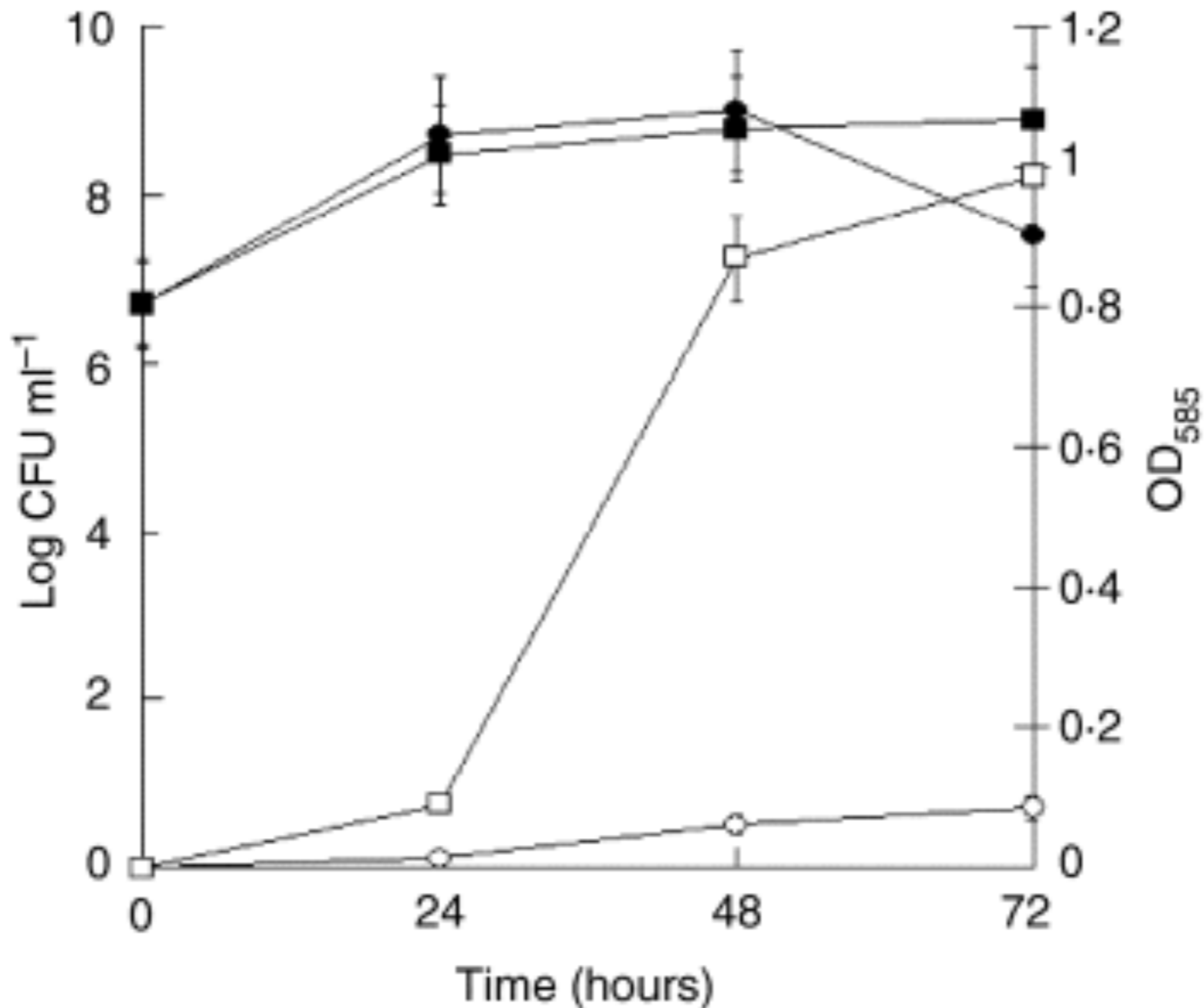
Rossolini, G.M., Condemi, M.A., Pantanella, F., Docquier, J.D., Amicosante, G. and Thaller, M.C. (2001) Metallo- $\beta$ -lactamase producers in environmental microbiota: new molecular class B enzyme in *Janthinobacterium lividum*. *Antimicrob Agents Chemother* 45, 837-844.

- Violacein:
  - $C_{20}-H_{13}-N_3-O_3$
  - molecular weight of 343.33
  - insoluble in water
  - soluble in alcohols as methanol, ethanol and acetone
  - maximal absorption in a solution of methanol is at 585 nm

Blosser, R.S. and Gray, K.M. (2000) Extraction of violacein from *Chromobacterium violaceum* provides a new quantitative bioassay for N-acyl homoserine lactone autoinducers. *J Microbiol Methods* 40, 47-55.



# Production inhibition





# Production conditions

Growing the bacteria in culture took 5 days before the culture would turn purple due to *J. lividum* forming a biofilm in the media. Large culture growth by embedding sterile cotton mats in sterile 2L bottles with nutrient media with the added glycerol and L-tryptophan (**fig. 2**) that showed purple coloring after 48 hour incubation [9]. The mats were extracted after 5 days to harvest the violacein. Yield of violacein from after crude methanol extraction and low was about 10mg.



**Figure 2: Violacein optimization.** 1% Glycerol and 250 $\mu$ M L-tryptophan were added to the nutrient broth media to enhance pigment development. Cotton mats were used to allow bacteria to become sessile and produce violacein faster than with liquid cultures.





# Patent – USPTO

Process for the production of violacein and its derivative deoxyviolacein containing bioactive pigment from *Chromobacterium* sp. (MTCC5522)

## EXAMPLE 1

### PRODUCTION AND EXTRACTION OF THE BIOACTIVE PIGMENT FROM THE CULTURE OF CHROMOBACTERIUM SP. NIIST-CKK-01

A loopful of 24 hrs old pure culture *Chromobacterium* sp. NIIST-CKK-01 from solid agar medium (LB agar or Nutrient agar) was inoculated with 50 ml of the growth medium (0.5% Yeast extract and 1.5% Peptone) taken in a 250 ml Erlenmeyer flask. Alternatively, 10% (v/v) of 24 hour old pure culture of *Chromobacterium* sp. NIIST-CKK-01 in LB broth was also used as inoculum. The pH of the medium was 7. The flasks inoculated with *Chromobacterium* sp. NIIST-CKK-01 were subsequently incubated in a rotary shaker at ambient temperature (30 °C) and 200 rpm for 24 hours. The deep purple purple-blue pigment starts appearing in the medium by about 6 hours of incubation and continued beyond biomass increase (Fig 1).

After 24 hrs of incubation, the bacterial biomass with pigment was centrifuged at 9676.8 x g and 4 °C for 10 minutes. After centrifugation, the clear supernatant was removed. The pellet containing biomass and pigment was mixed thoroughly with 5 ml of extra pure methanol. The mixture was centrifuged again at 9676.8 x g and 4 °C for 10 minutes to separate the cell pellet from the solvent-pigment mixture. The pigment extraction was repeated twice using fresh solvent as described. All the pigment extracted solvent pooled together and the pigment was concentrated by normal vacuum drying in a desiccator. The quantity of biomass and pigment produced could be accounted by measuring optical density at 600 nm and 575 nm respectively. The yield of pigment by this method was about 1.0 g pigment/g of dry biomass in 24 hrs.

HPLC analysis is carried out for checking the purity of the pigment produced using an ODS column (Lichrospher-100; Merck) with acetonitrile (40%) at 1ml/min as mobile phase and using UV-VIS detector at 575 nm (Figure 2). UV-VIS absorption spectra indicated maximum absorption at 575 nm, typical of violacein and its derivatives (Figure 3).

## EXAMPLE 2



# J. Lividum canvas

BioFactory  
canvas



input

330 ml

volume



species



time



48h

stirrer



No

Yes

oxygen

O<sub>2</sub>

light



No

temp.



15

absorbance



585

pH



?

mass



1 mL?



observations

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material

Nutrient  
Broth

Glycerol

tryptoph.

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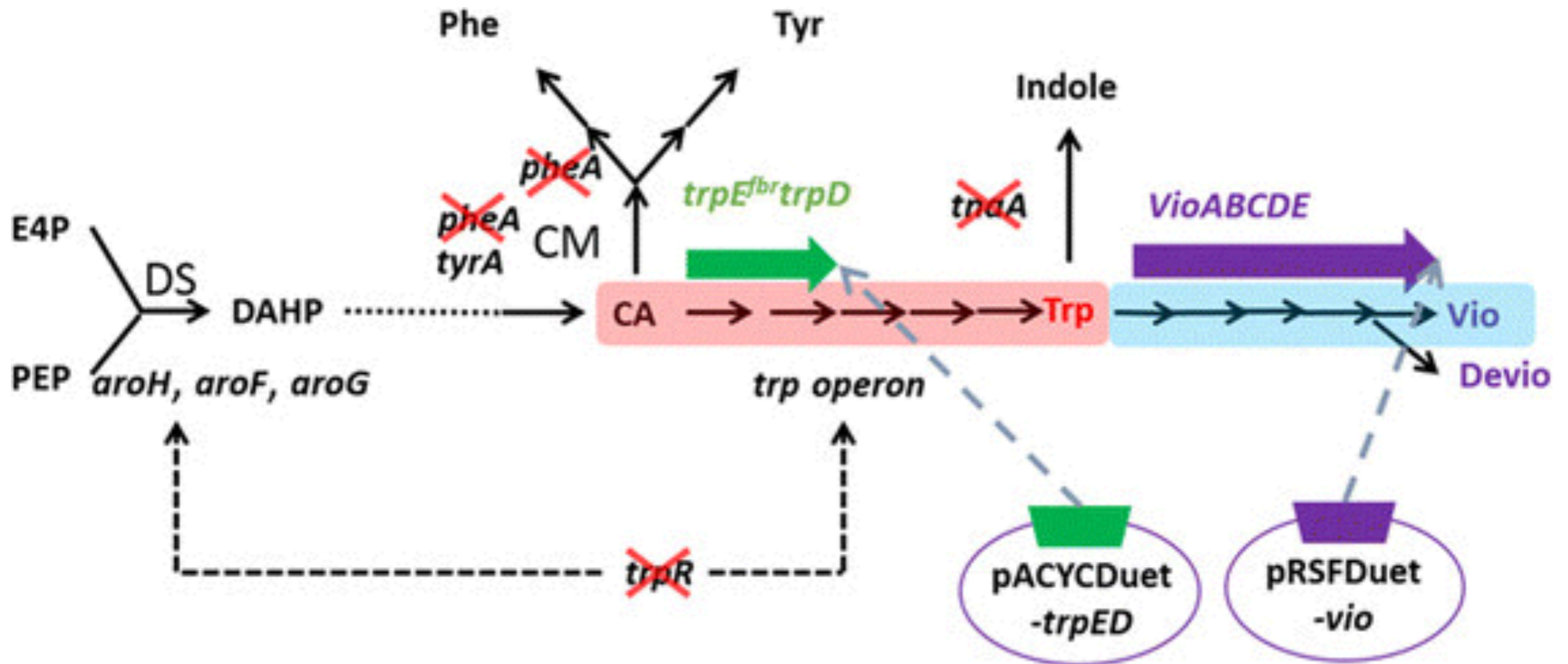
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# Genetic construct for E. coli





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