



**SECTION II: KINETICS AND BIOREACTOR DESIGN:**  
**LESSON 9.3. - Enzymatic kinetics, microbial kinetics and metabolic stoichiometry – Models and Metabolic Stoichiometry**



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# AIMS FOR TODAY'S LESSON

## 1.- KINDS OF MODELS

Using concepts as “segregation” and “structure”.

2.- MALTHUS MODEL and its prediction capability.

3.- LOGISTIC EQUATION and its prediction capability.

4.- MONOD EQUATION and its prediction capability.

5.- OTHER MODELS

## 1. KINETIC MODELS

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A model is a **simplified representation** of a biological phenomenon, designed to **facilitate predictions and calculations** that can be expressed in mathematical form

A model is an approximation to a real phenomenon

**"All models are wrong but useful"**

Modeling involves an agreement between the **reliability**, **degree of complexity** and the **effort** required to produce the model.

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**Structured Model** → considering a large network of enzymatic reactions within the cell.

**Totally Segregated Model** → considering that every cell in the culture is different in both size and metabolic state.

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**Balanced Growth** → cell growth is defined as a function of a limiting **component**, which controls its rate of limiting substrate, while the other components are in adequate concentrations and not limiting growth..

**Average Cell** → cells within a population are equal and behave in the same way.

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<b>SEGREGATED</b>	<b>Cell population</b> (distribution of an <b>average cell</b> characteristic), one single component	<b>Multicompartment description</b> of a <b>unicellular population</b> , heterogeneity from one cell to another cell

Diagram illustrating the relationship between kinetic models based on segregation and structure. The table is divided into four quadrants by 'NON SEGREGATED' vs 'SEGREGATED' (rows) and 'NON STRUCTURED' vs 'STRUCTURED' (columns). Red arrows labeled 'Balanced Growth' point from the 'NON SEGREGATED' row to the 'SEGREGATED' row, and from the 'NON STRUCTURED' column to the 'STRUCTURED' column. Green arrows labeled 'Average cell' point from the 'NON STRUCTURED' column to the 'STRUCTURED' column, and from the 'SEGREGATED' row to the 'NON SEGREGATED' row.

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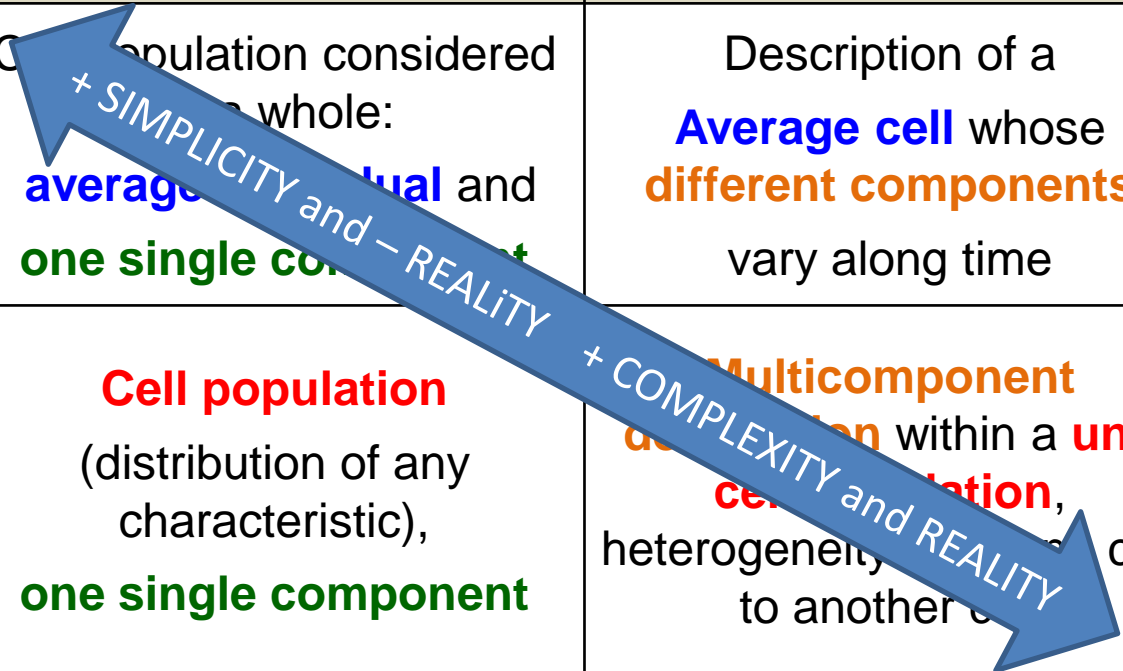
**Real case** → Growth of cells in the system is **segregated** and **structured** → very complex to describe.

**Simplest case** → cell population is considered as a **non-segregated** and **unstructured** system.



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### MAIN CHARACTERISTICS:

- Black box: what happens inside the cells?
- Non structured
- Homogeneously distributed population → Non segregated.
- **Great simplification** of the reality.
- **Useful** for technological purposes.
- Can be applied under different situations.

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### MAIN EXAMPLES:

- Malthus Law.
- Logistic Equation
- Monod equation

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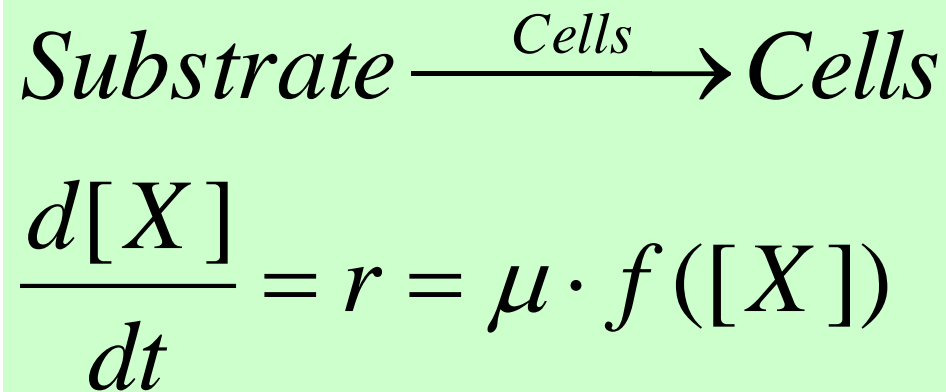


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➤ Growth Models.



- Describing one single process
- Simple equations ← only considering [X]

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$$\frac{d[X]}{dt} = \mu \cdot f([X])$$

$$\frac{d[X]}{dt} = \mu \cdot [X] \Rightarrow [X] = [X]_0 \cdot \exp(\mu \cdot t)$$

Valid only to describe the exponential growth stage.

**Unable to describe the stationary phase.**

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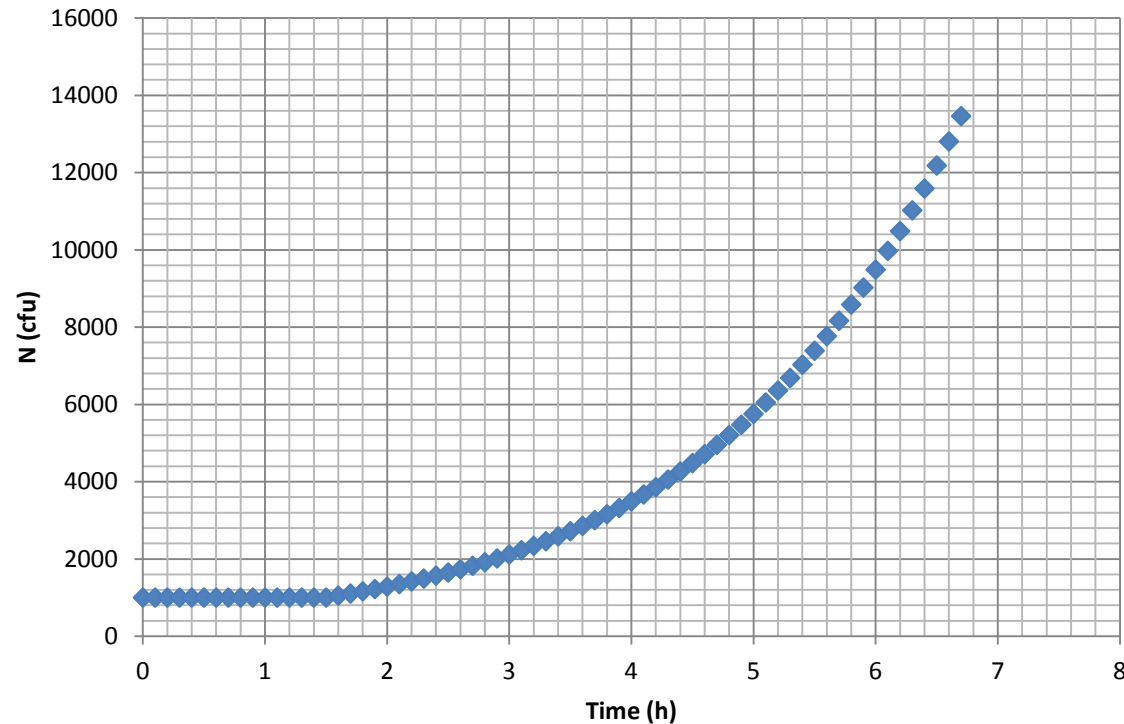
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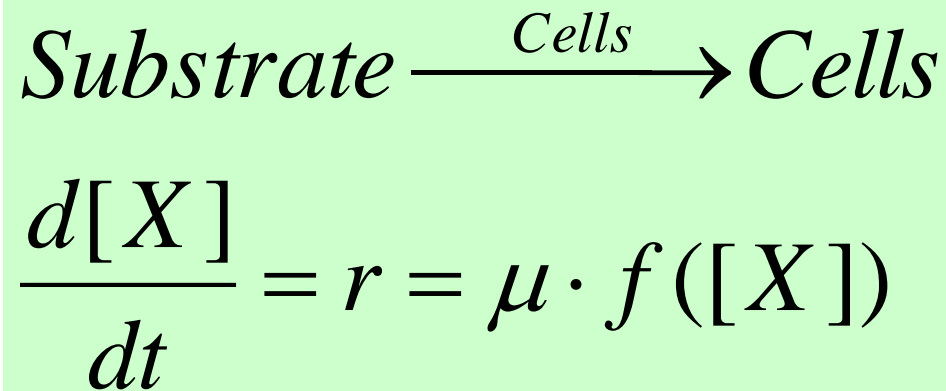
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$$\frac{d[X]}{dt} = \mu \cdot f([X])$$

$$\frac{d[X]}{dt} = \mu \cdot \left( [X] \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{[X]}{[X]_{\max}} \right) \right)$$

$$X = \frac{X_0 \cdot \exp(\mu \cdot t)}{1 - \frac{X_0}{X_{\max}} \cdot [1 - \exp(\mu \cdot t)]}$$



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$$X = \frac{X_0 \cdot \exp(\mu \cdot t)}{1 - \frac{X_0}{X_{\max}} \cdot [1 - \exp(\mu \cdot t)]}$$

It predicts **exponential and stationary phase**,  
but it does not consider the **influence of the substrate** (limiting nutrient).

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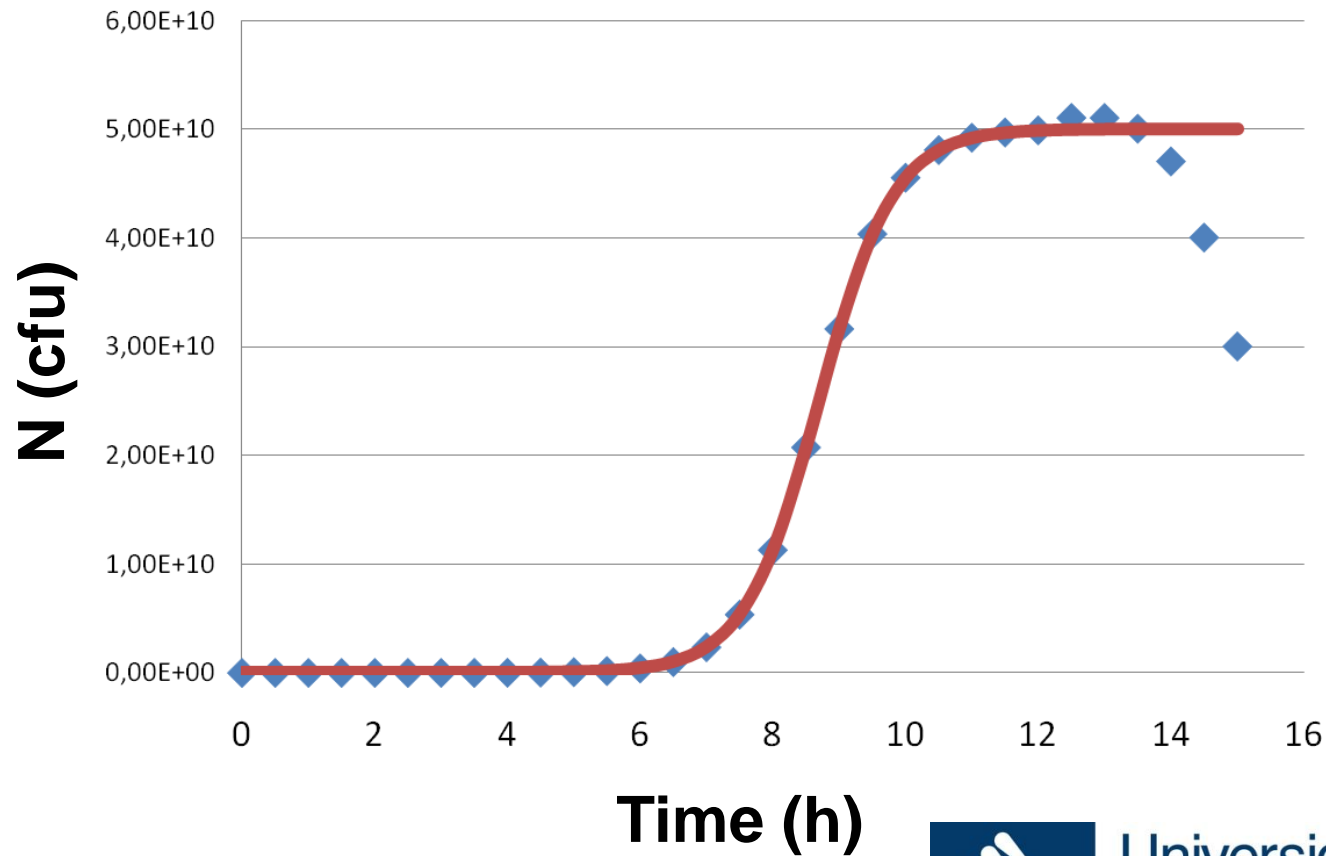
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$$\frac{d[X]}{dt} = \mu \cdot f([X], [S])$$
$$\frac{d[X]}{dt} = \mu([S]) \cdot [X] = \frac{\mu_m \cdot [S]}{K_s + [S]} \cdot [X]$$

Predicts specific growth rate **according to substrate concentration**

**Under limiting substrate conditions.**

Hyperbolic kinetics  $\approx$  Michaelis-Menten kinetics for an enzymatic process

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$$\frac{d[X]}{dt} = \frac{\mu_m \cdot [S]}{K_s + [S]} \cdot [X]$$

$\mu$  = specific growth rate for a particular substrate concentration

$\mu_m$  = maximum = specific growth rate for a particular substrate concentration

**S** = substrate concentration

**K<sub>s</sub>** = saturation constant ([S] for  $\mu = 1/2$  de  $\mu_m$ )





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$$\frac{d[X]}{dt} = \mu([S]) \cdot [X] = \frac{\mu_m \cdot [S]}{K_s + [S]} \cdot [X]$$

$$K_s \ll [S] \Rightarrow \frac{d[X]}{dt} = \mu_m \cdot [X]$$

Malthus

$$K_s \gg [S] \Rightarrow \frac{d[X]}{dt} = \frac{\mu_m}{K_s} \cdot [S] \cdot [X]$$

M'Kendrick y Pai

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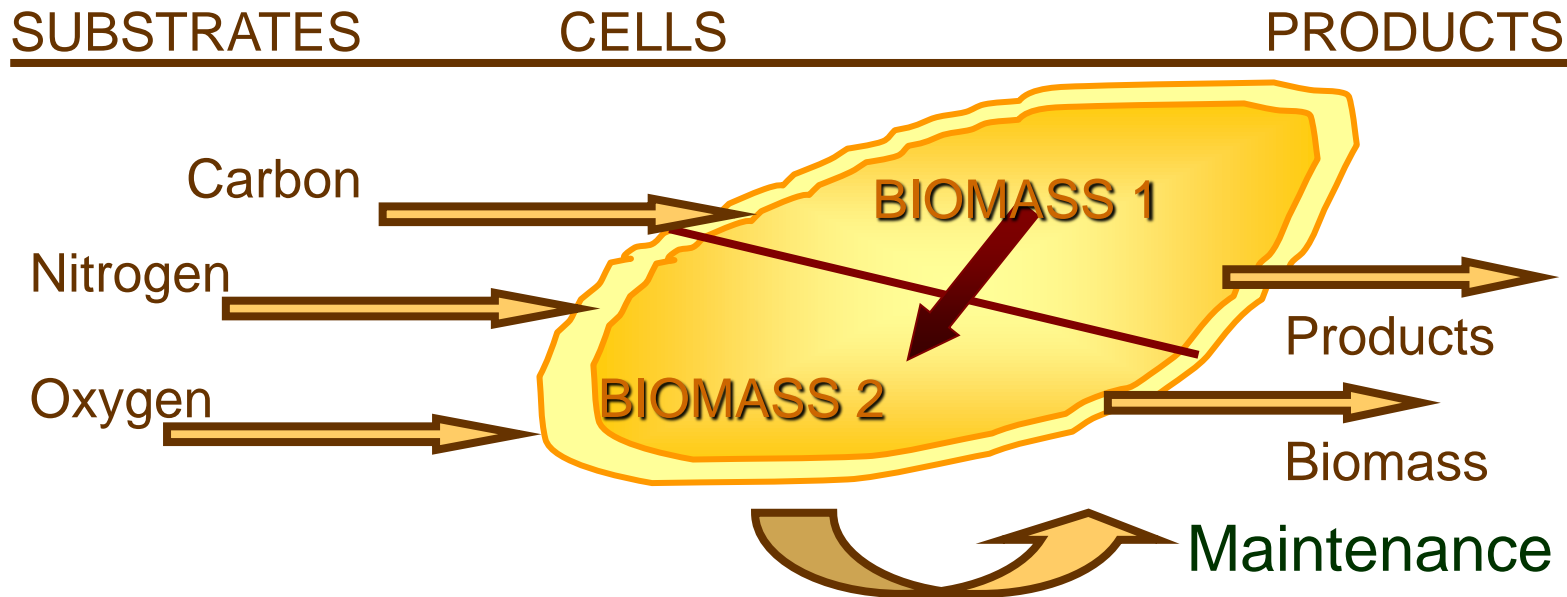
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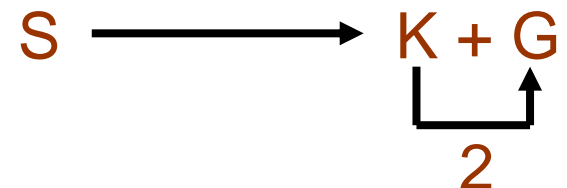
Two compartment:

- **Synthetic section (K):** RNA + small biomolecules.
- **Genetic-Structural section (G):** DNA + proteins

#### Hypothesis

Cell Division  $\leftrightarrow$  G section doubling its size

#### Reaction Scheme

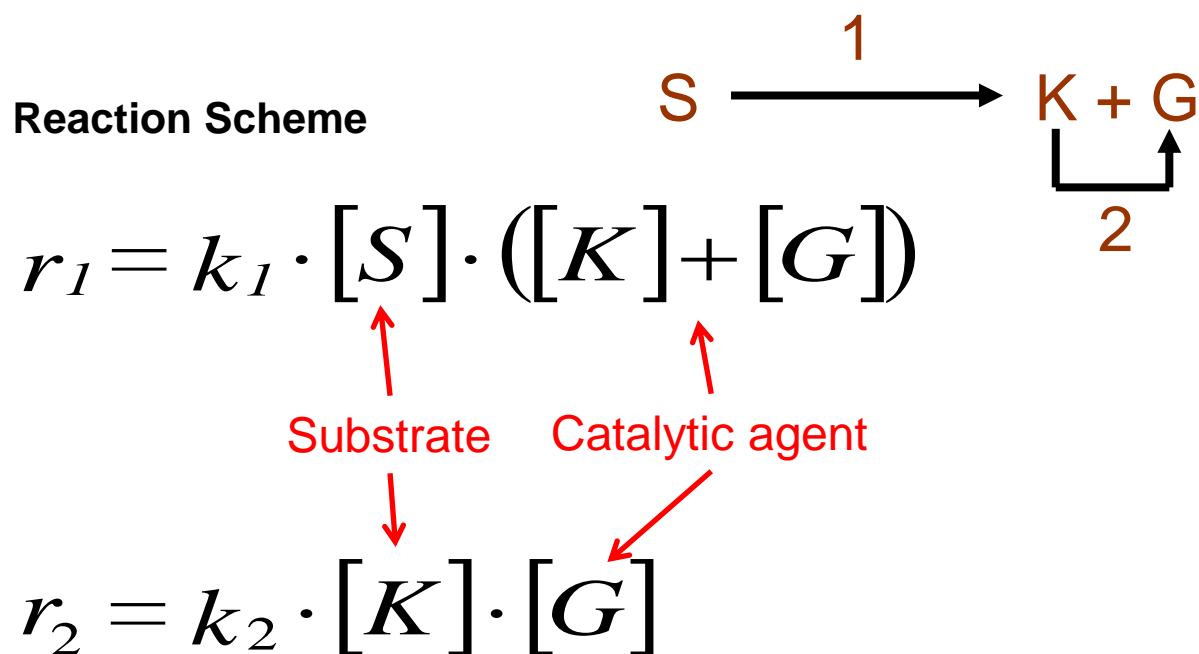


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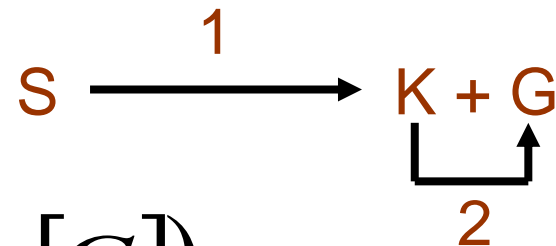
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Reaction Scheme



$$r_1 = k_1 \cdot [S] \cdot ([K] + [G])$$

$$r_2 = k_2 \cdot [K] \cdot [G]$$

$$\frac{d[S]}{dt} = -r_1; \quad \frac{d[K]}{dt} = r_1 - r_2; \quad \frac{d[G]}{dt} = r_1 + r_2$$





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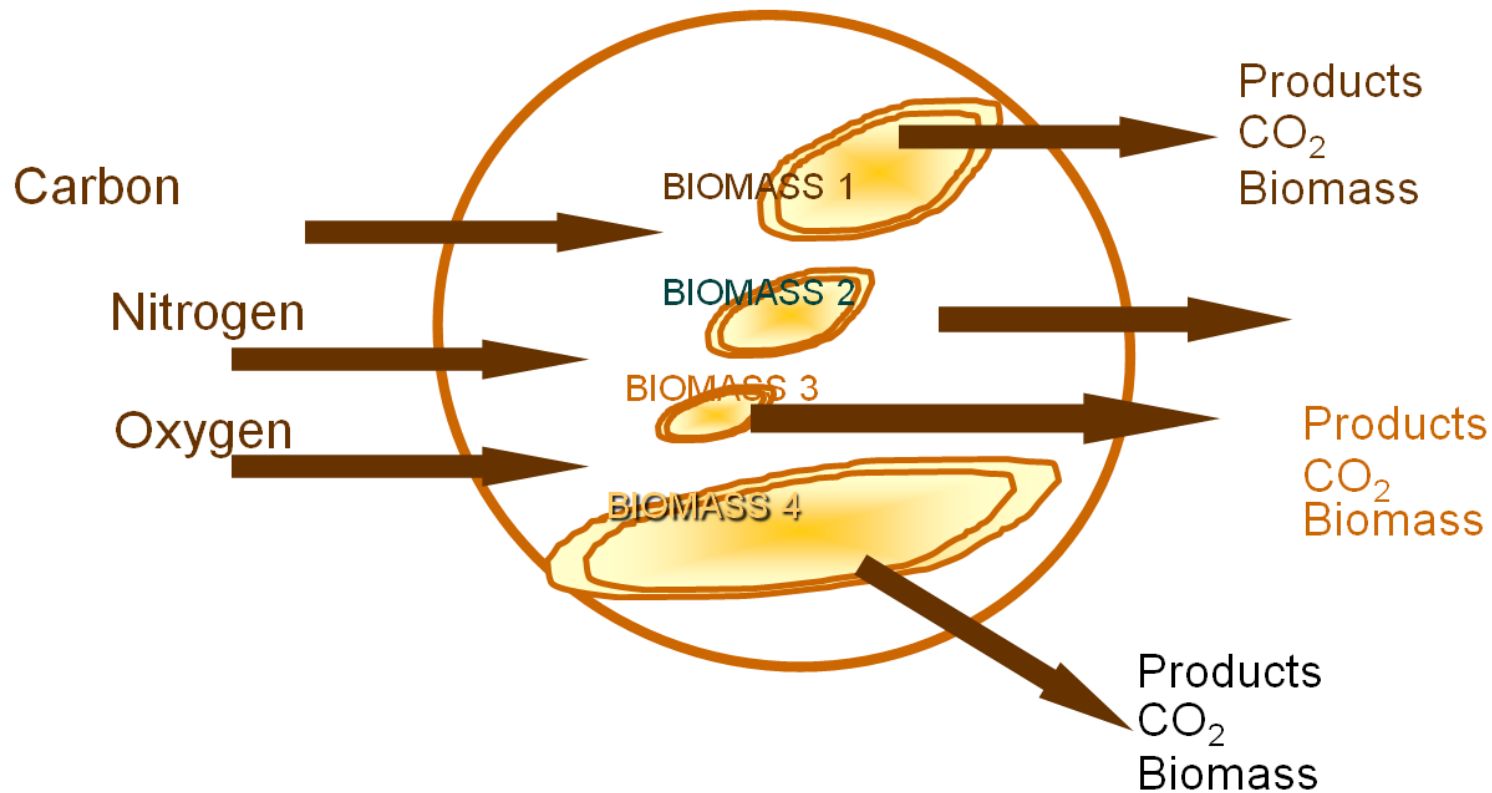
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SUBSTRATES

MICROORGANISM

PRODUCTS



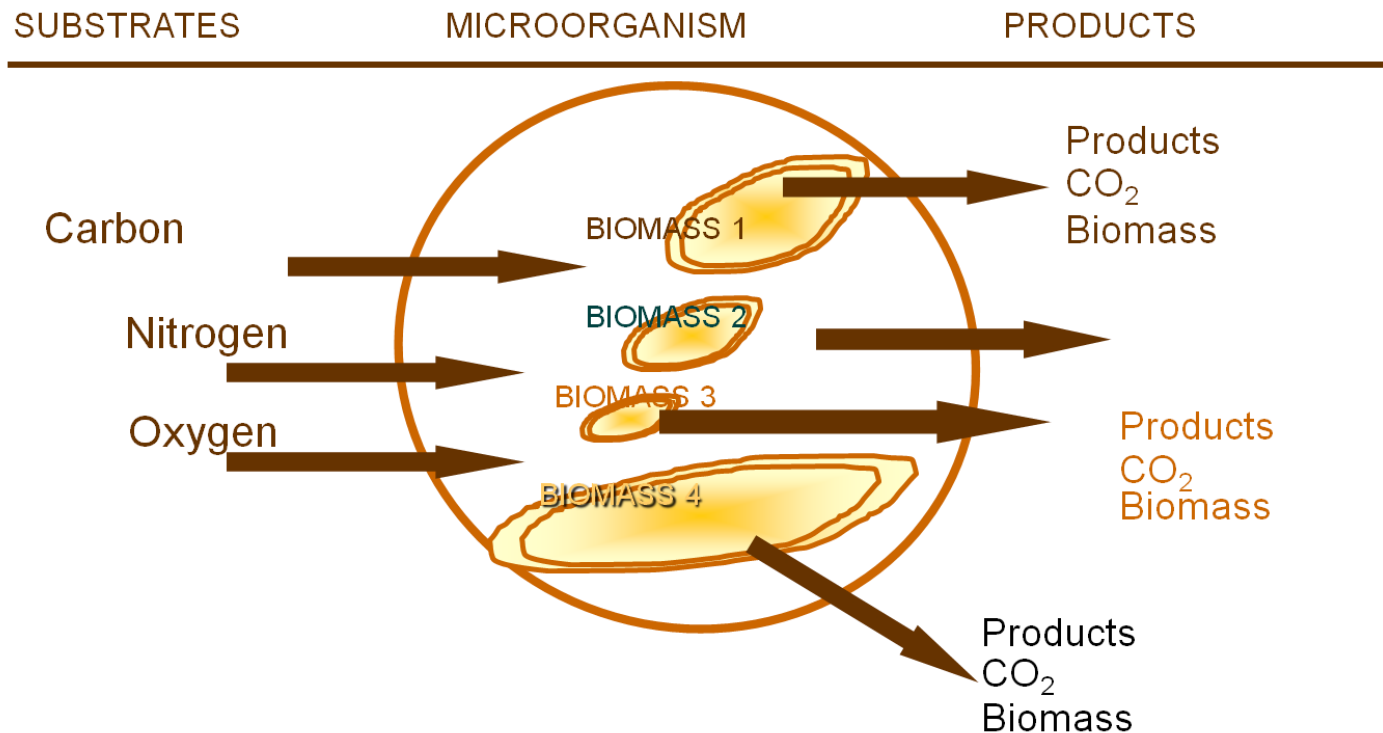
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**SEGREGATION** based on a property distribution function

**Cellular age**: difficult to measure and to relate to composition

**Biomass**: filamentous fungi.



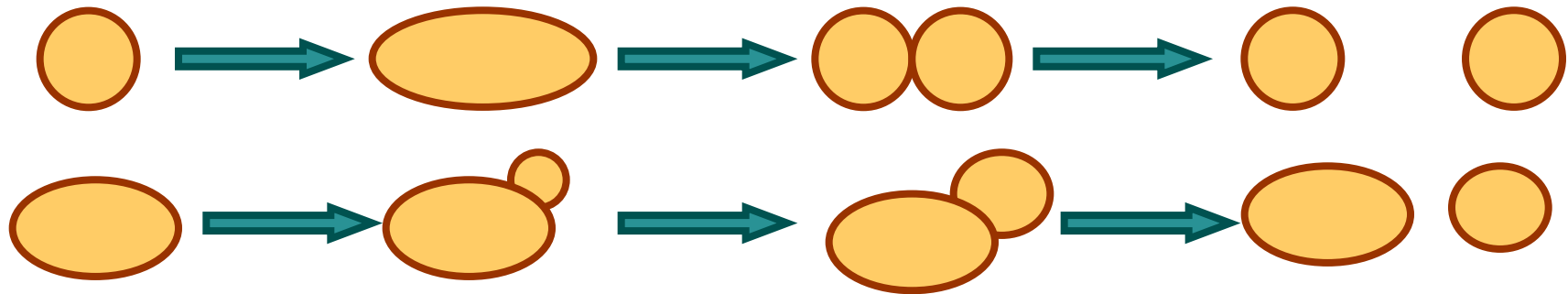
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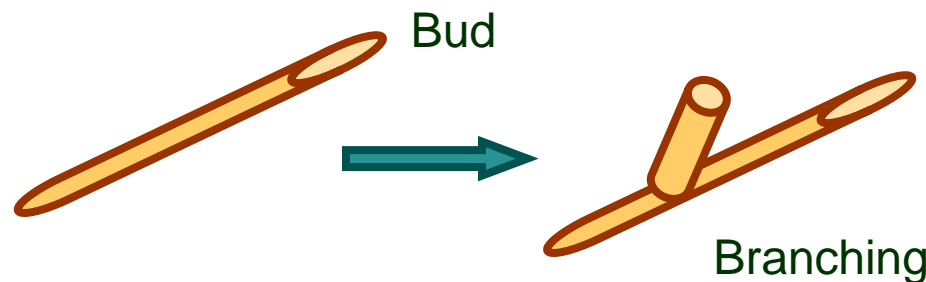
Unicellular

Fission and Budding



Filamentous

Mycelium

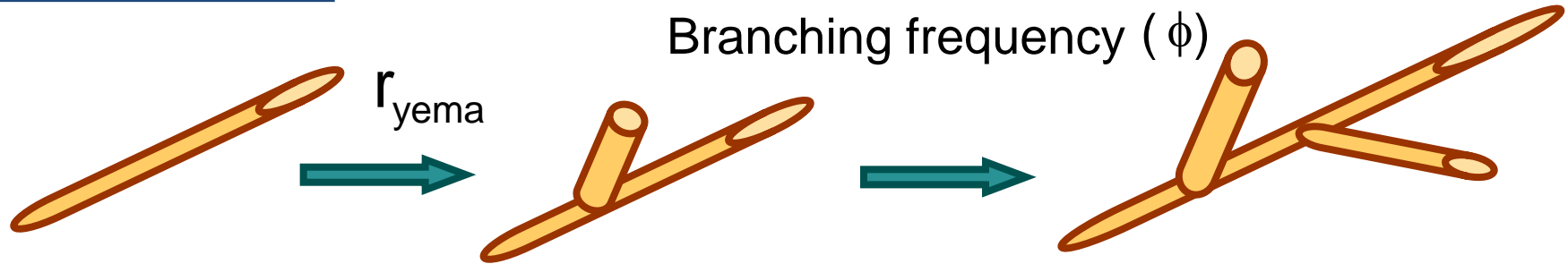


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Growth



***ANY QUESTION?***

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