



Outline

- **Before the Floor**
 - All the activities that happen before large scale cGMP manufacturing
- **Manufacturing Process**
 - Manufacturing steps
 - Equipment Requirements
 - How it all works together
- **Supporting Cast**
 - All the groups that make a process successful



Building a foundation for success

BEFORE THE FLOOR

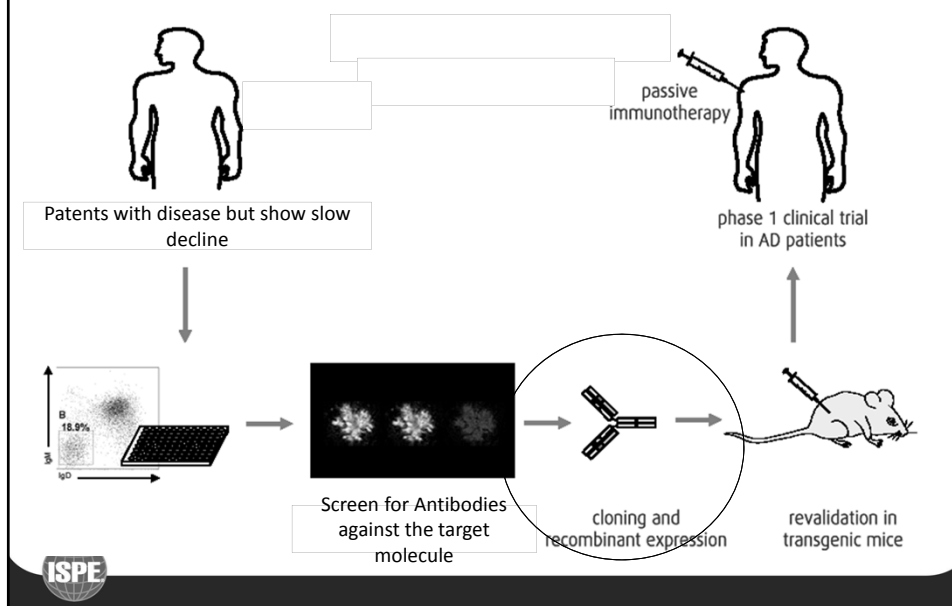


Before the Floor

- A huge amount of work occurs before the process ever enters a manufacturing facility
 - Drug Discovery
 - Expression System
 - Small Scale Process Development
 - Design Space
 - Media, Buffer, filter determination, chromatography resins and types and on and on
 - Assay Development
 - How do we measure our success?
 - Technology Transfer and Scale up
 - Does the as design process fit?
 - What can we change without impacting the product quality
- These initial steps have a huge impact on the final process!

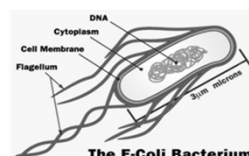


Discovery of Biologics (Antibodies)



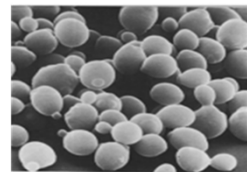
Typical Cell Types

- Cell type selection based on both economic and biologic requirements
 - Considerations
 - Tertiary Structure
 - Glycosylation
 - Expression levels
 - Process Time
- Cell Types
 - Bacterial (E.Coli; B.subtilis)
 - Yeast (Saccharomyces Cerevisiae, P.Pastoris)
 - Mamalian (CHO; BHK; Vero)
 - Plant
 - Insect

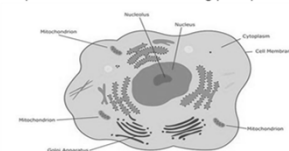


The E-Coli Bacterium

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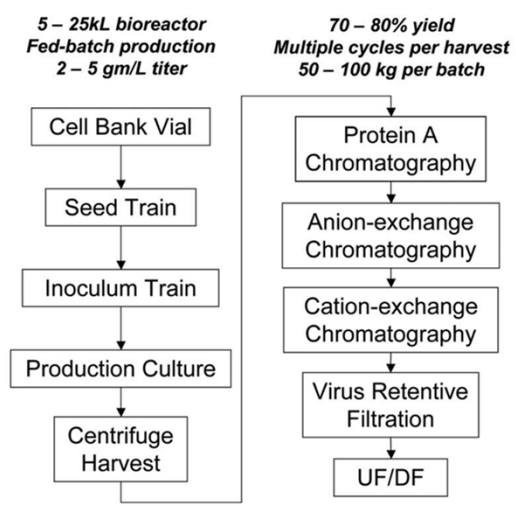
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The boots on the floor

MANUFACTURING PROCESS



process flowsheet for mAb Bulk Drug Substance



Adapted from Brian Kelley, 2009, MAbs



Types of Upstream Process Equipment

- Cell Culture MFG:
 - Incubators
 - Bioreactors
 - Filter transfer stations
 - Centrifuges
 - Depth filters
 - Microfiltration systems
 - Hold tanks
- Dispensary/Support MFG:
 - Media prep tanks
 - CIP systems
 - Carboy washers
 - Glass washers
 - Autoclaves



Typical Process – Cell Cultivation



WCB vial



wave bag



N-3 reactor (seed)



N-1 reactor
(seed)



N reactor
(production)



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Human Body Process Control

- Breathing
 - Lungs transfer oxygen
- Temperature
 - Shiver/sweat
- pH
 - Food
- Sterility
 - Skin and immune system
- Mixing
 - Circulation of Nutrients



Bioreactor Process Control

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- Dissolved Oxygen
 - Agitation
 - Air/Oxygen Flow
- Temperature
 - Glycol Supply
 - Steam
 - Heat Exchangers
- pH
 - CO₂
 - Chemical Addition (NaOH)
- Sterility
 - Steaming
 - Positive system pressure
- Mixing
 - Agitation



Typical Process – Clarification

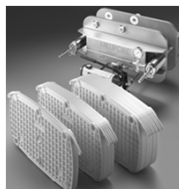
Highly product-specific



Centrifugation



Microfiltration



Depth Filtration



Sterile Filtration



Hold Tank

Centrifugation



Purification

- Start with “Clarified Conditioned Media”
- Contains target protein and impurities
 - Host cell proteins, DNA, metabolic byproducts, media components, “theoretical contaminants”
- Need to separate the target protein from the impurities
- Need to get target protein into a buffer that is close to physiological conditions




Types of Purification

- Chromatography
 - Can remove non-target proteins, aggregated or partial target protein, HCP, DNA, viruses
- Filtration
 - Depth Filtration: Removal of precipitates and other impurities from CCM
 - Viral Filtration: Ensures removal of virus
 - Ultrafiltration/Diafiltration: Concentrates and performs buffer exchange
- Membrane Adsorbers
 - Filters that act as a chromatography step removing residual impurities
- Other
 - Chemical viral inactivation



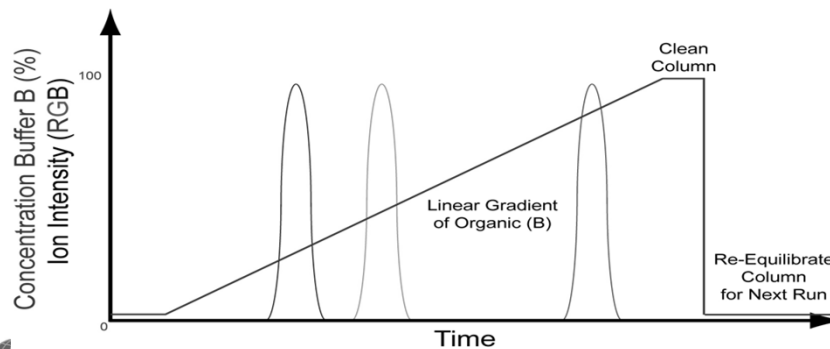
Chromatography

- Separation by Size
 - SEC or Gel Filtration
 - Separation by Charge
 - Ion Exchange Chromatography
 - Separation by Hydrophobicity
 - HIC or Reverse Phase
 - Separation by Specific Interaction (Affinity)
 - IMAC – immobilized metal affinity chromatography
 - Protein A
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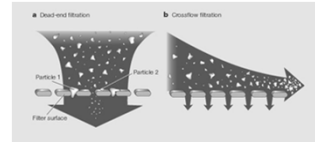
Chromatography Example

- Reverse Phase
- Change in fluid conditions effect binding of a given species (in this case organic solvent)

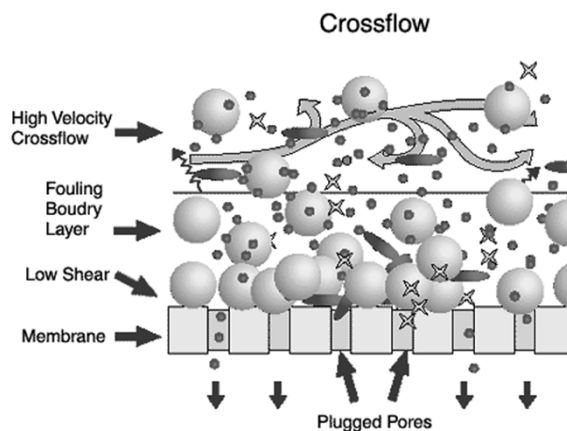


Tangential Flow Filtration

- Separation of components by size
- Pore size determines type of TFF
 - Microfiltration
 - Ultrafiltration
 - Nanofiltration
 - Reverse Osmosis
- Different configurations (Flat Sheet, Hollow Fiber, Spiral)
- Uses cross flow to mitigate fouling of filters
 - Cleaning filter surface using turbulence
- Useful for:
 - Concentration of product
 - Removal a media components



Tangential Flow Filtration



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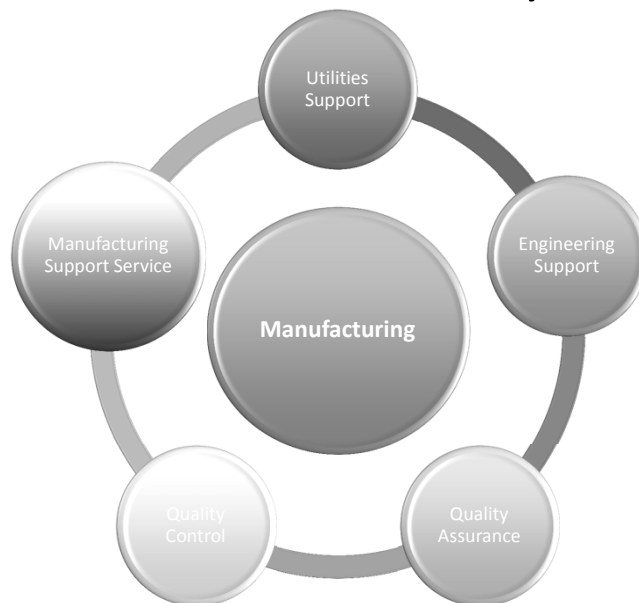


A shoulder to lean on

SUPPORTING CAST

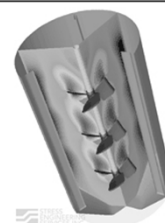
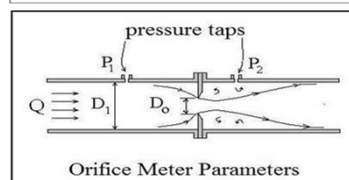
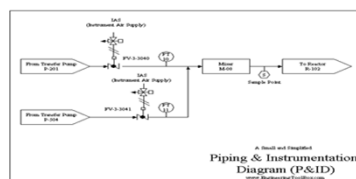


What Makes A Facility Tick?



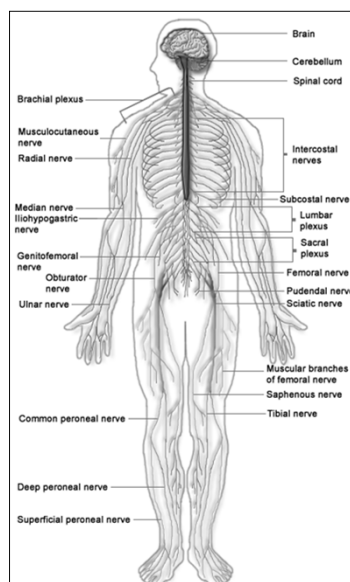
Engineering: Process

- Equipment Design
 - Process Scale Up
 - Connectivity
 - From the Largest Reactor to a orifice sizing
 - CIP/SIP design
- Equipment Troubleshooting
 - Data review
 - Hands on test runs
- Process/Equipment Interaction
 - Process Scale Up
 - Assessing root cause of process inconsistencies
- Preventative Maintenance
 - Interval Determination
 - FMEA



Engineering: Automation

- The Central Nervous System of the Plant
- Records and analyzes inputs from the plant
- Provides dynamic response to plant feedback
- Displays and records real-time data
- Central store for system alarms
- Can be used to improve / streamline process.



Quality Assurance

- Ensure that the Code of Federal Regulations are always followed
- SIS PQ
 - Safety
 - Integrity
 - Strength
 - Purity
 - Quality
- Review all documentation
- Review all investigations
- Review all deviations
- QUALITY IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY



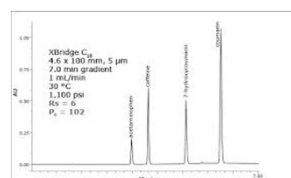
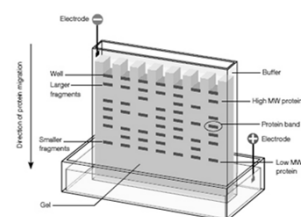
Validation

- Main goal is to ensure consistency and Repeatability of the process and process equipment
 - Equipment
 - Cleaning
 - Sterility
 - Control of Temperature, Pressure, Humidity, etc.
- Process
 - Verify the process is robust and repeatable
 - KPA Key Process Attributes
 - CQA Critical Quality Attributes
- Statistically proven result

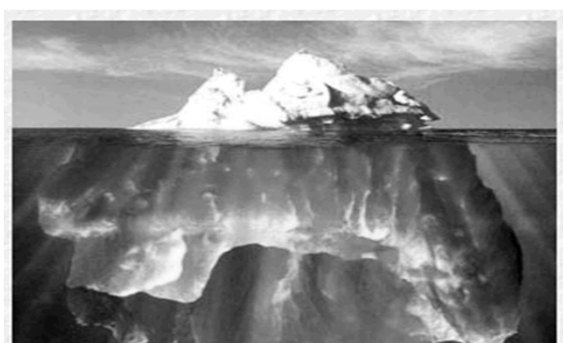


Quality Control

- Run assays and compare results to expected ranges
 - Determine if product meets the expect Quality Attributes
- Assay Examples
 - Gels (SDS, Western Blot etc.)
 - HPLC
 - Plates



Facilities Operations



Biotechnology Manufacturing Requires A Tremendous Infrastructure Of Support Systems!

These Systems Play A Vital But Often Hidden Role!



Facilities Operations

Utility Systems In Play

- Water For Injection
- Purified Water
- Pure Steam
- Plant Steam
- Process Glycol
- Compressed Air
- HVAC Systems
- Domestic Water
- Natural Gas
- Diesel Fuel Systems
- Medium Voltage (13.8KV) Electricity
- Low Voltage (120-480V) Electricity
- Liquid & Gaseous Nitrogen
- Carbon Dioxide
- Argon
- Chilled Water
- Condenser Water
- Process Waste Systems
- Biological Waste Systems

These systems spread across nearly all engineering disciplines!

