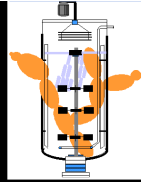


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notions:

STERILITÁS -- STERILITY

ASZEPTIKUSSÁG -- ASEPTICITY

ELSZIGETELÉS, IZOLÁLÁS -- CONTAINMENT

Killing microbes

**Protecting the environment
from microbes**

**Protect the system from the microbes
aseptic operation=maintaining sterility**

**Patogenes }
Víruses } vakcinatermelés
GMO-s }

rDNS production
problems**

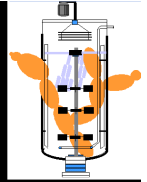
**OECD 1986 – Recombinant DNA
Safety Considerations
EC 1990 Council Directive on the
Contained use of GMOs**

GMO

I.: small risk

II.: others

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CONTAMINATION

Extra work, money

DECREASING YIELD

ALTERATION IN PROCESS BEHAVIOUR (KINETICS)

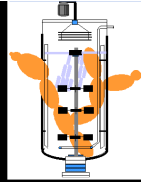
PLUS STERILIZATION NEED

WHOLE CHARGE GOES WRONG

(SCALE DEPENDENT DAMAGE)

PROBLEM AT DOWN-STREAM

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METHODS for removal and killing of microbial cells

mechanical methods: **filtration**,

centrifugation,

flotation,

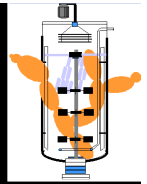
electromagnetic irradiation: **UV, X** ,

chemical methods: **dezinfection**,

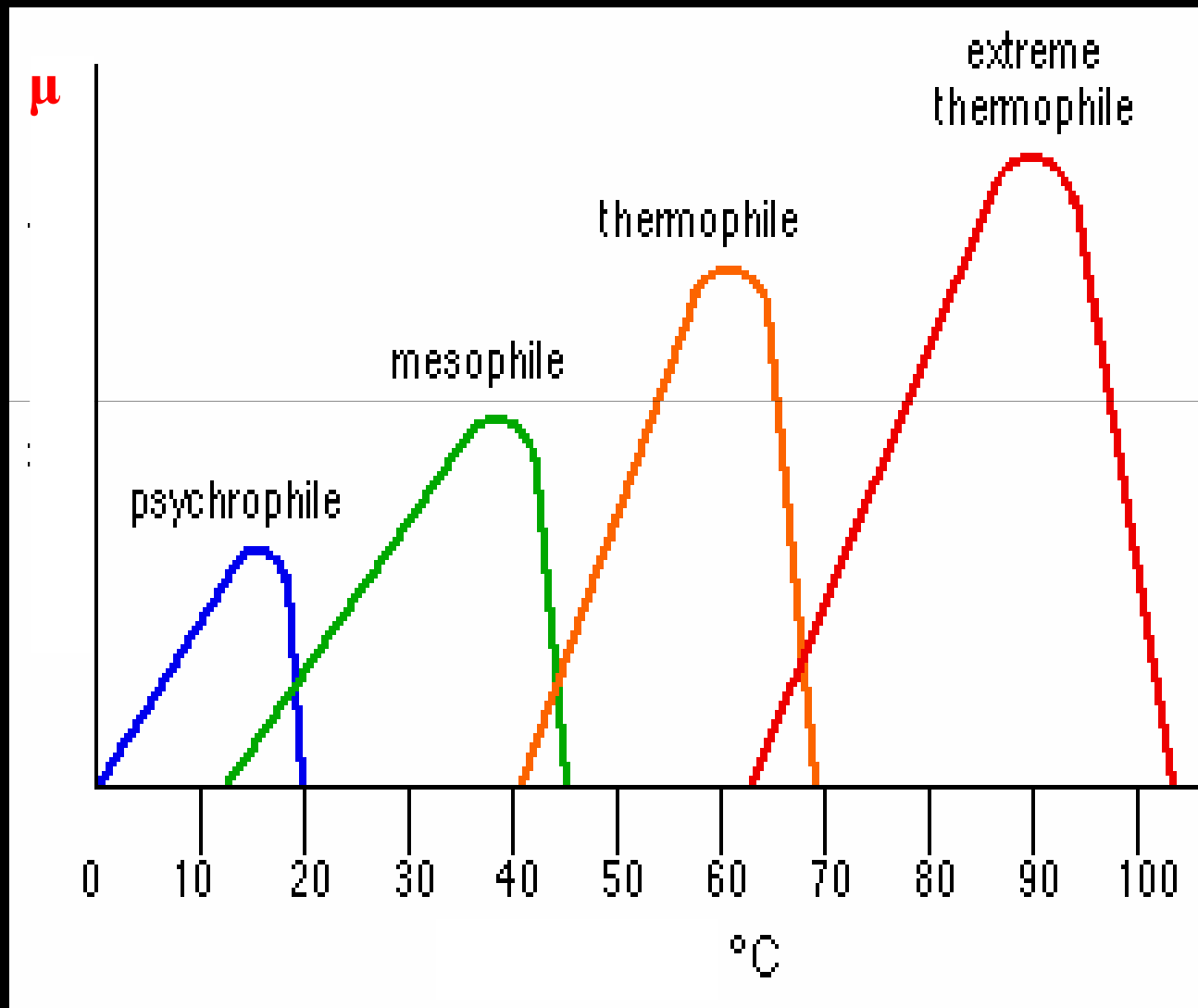
heat.

Thermal death of microorganisms

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Temperature ranges of the growth of microbes



Vegetative bacterium- and yeast cells



E. coli



S. cerevisiae

Vegetative cells

Conidiospores of phylamentous fungi



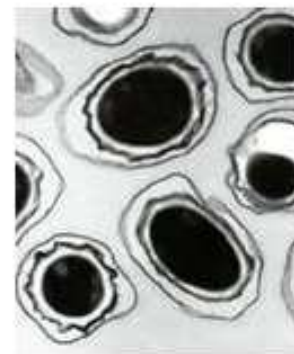
P. chrysogenum
conidiospores

Viruses and bacteriophages



H1N1 influenzavírus

Bacterium spores



Bacillus anthracis
endospores

Relative heat resistency

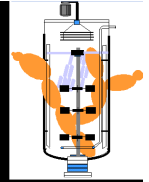
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2-10

1-5

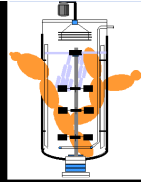
$\sim 10^6$

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- heat sensitivity depends upon (given species): life history of the cell, age of the cell
(e.g.: cells from the exponential growth phase are more sensitive than cells from the stationary phase)
- cells are more sensitive against moist heat than against dry heat
- heat sensitivity (thermal death) increases with increasing temperature
- heat sensitivity depends on media
pH, viscosity, osmotic pressure,
presence of defending colloids,

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KINETICS OF THERMAL DEATH AT CONSTANT TEMP.

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = -kN$$

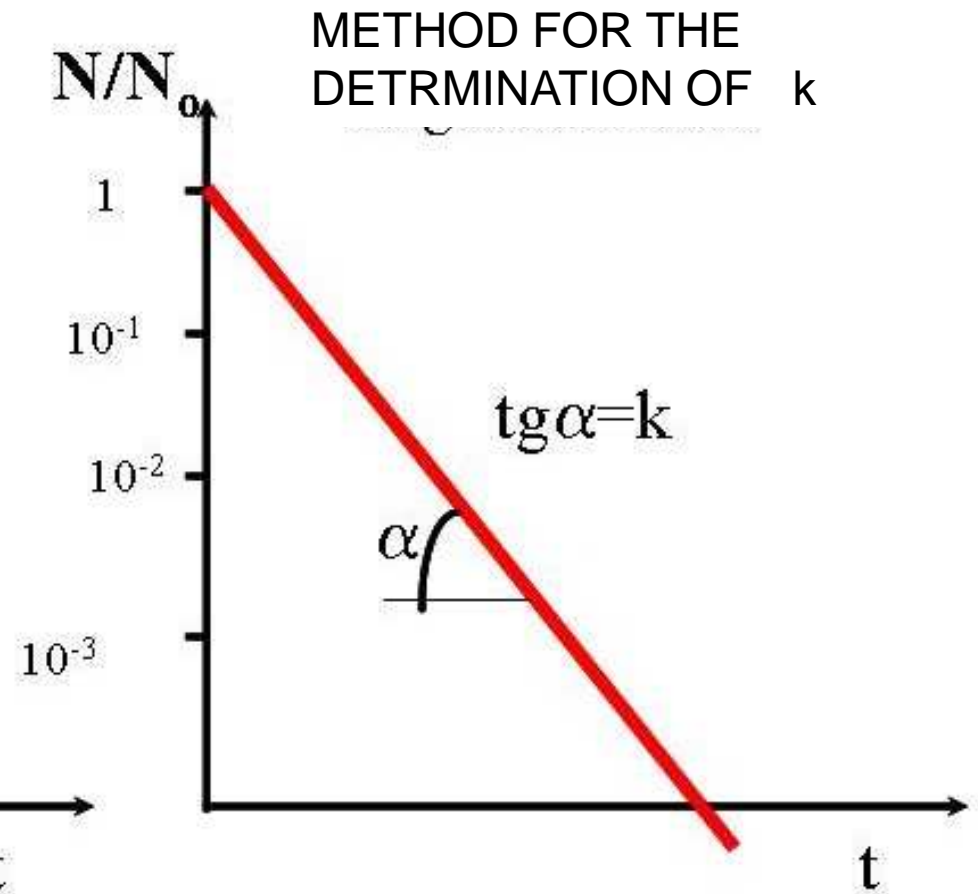
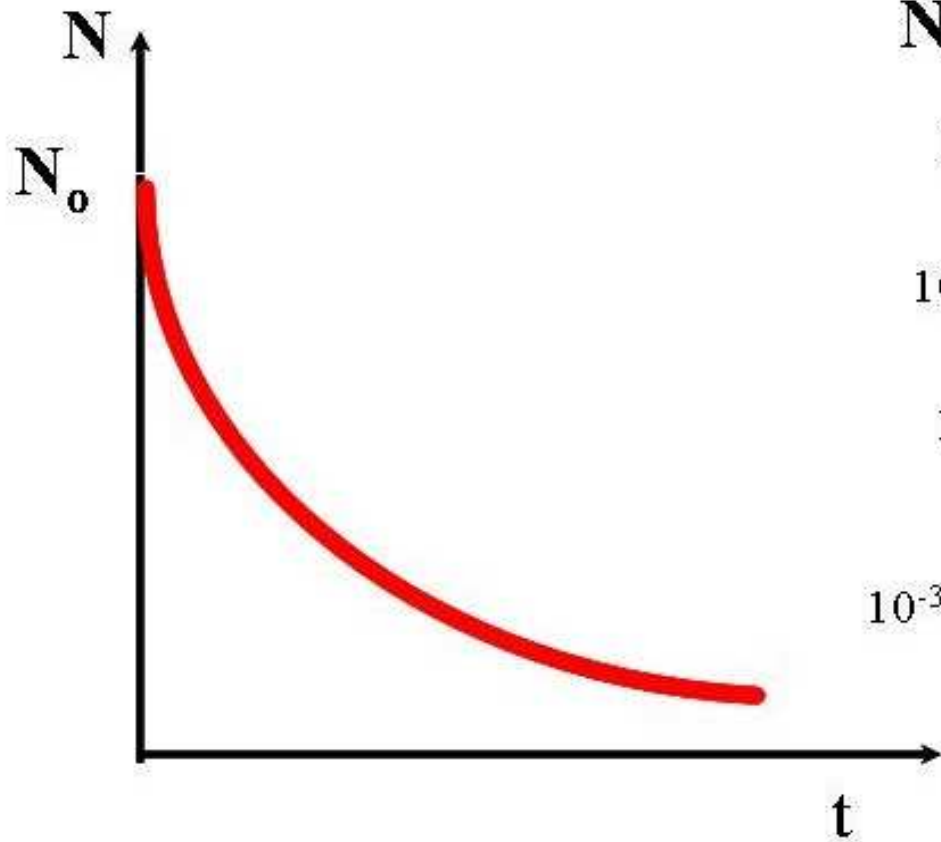
N number of living cells [pc/cm³]

k thermal death rate (decay) constant [min⁻¹].

$$\ln \frac{N}{N_0} = -kt$$

$$\int_{N_0}^N \frac{dN}{N} = \int_{N_0}^N d \ln N = - \int_0^t k dt \quad \rightarrow \quad \left\{ \right.$$

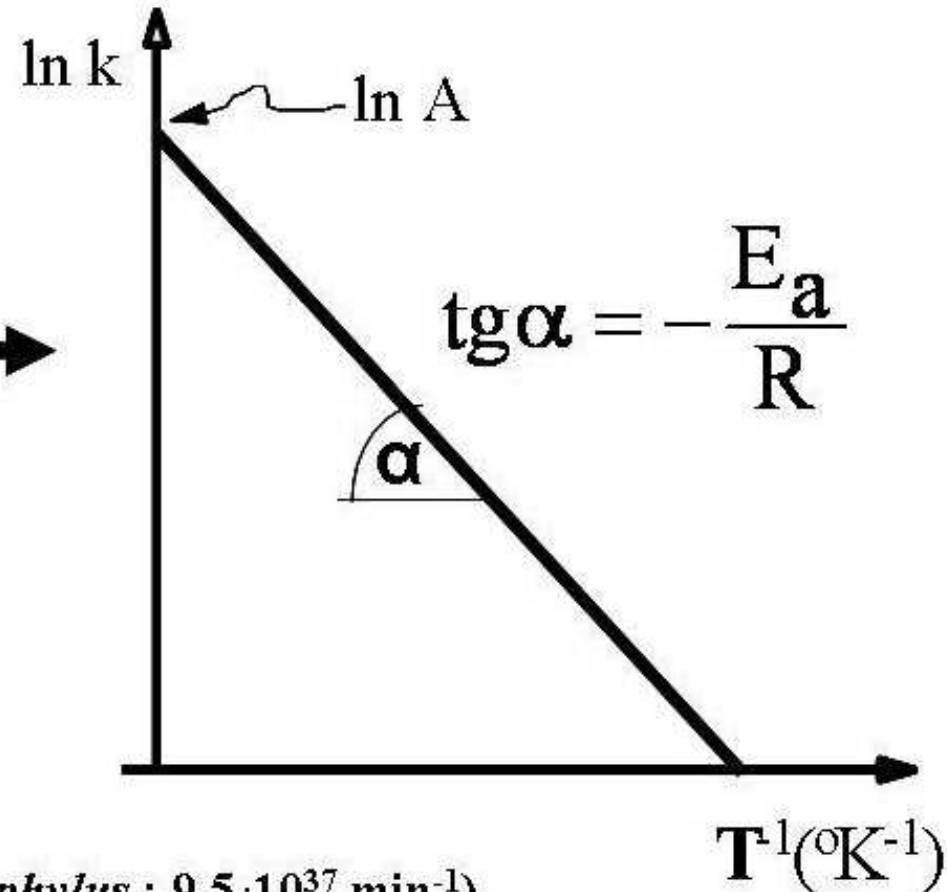
$$N = N_0 e^{-kt}$$



what k depends on?

microbe ...sort, „form”
medium
temperature

$$\ln k = \ln A - \frac{E_a}{R} \frac{1}{T}$$



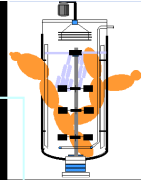
A: Empirical constant

(*Geobacillus stearothermophilus* : $9,5 \cdot 10^{37} \text{ min}^{-1}$)

E_a : Apparent activation energy of thermal death (KJ/mol)

(*Geobacillus stearothermophilus* : 70 kcal/mol) **Determination method**

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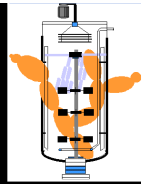


Microbe	T[°C]	k[min^{-1}]	E_a [KJ/mol]
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> (vegetative)	110	27	310
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> (spores)	121,1	3	-
<i>Bacillus</i> <i>stearothermophilus</i> (spores)	104 125 130	0,051 6,06 17,52	283 283 283
<i>Clostridium botulinum</i> (spores)	104	0,42	344
Hemoglobin (heatdenaturation)	68	$6,3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	312

Medium components heat decay apparent activation energies [kJ/mol]

Reaction between carbohydrates and proteins	130,6
B ₁ vitamin decay	87,9
B ₂ vitamin decay	98,8

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$$\frac{1}{k} = \bar{t}$$

Mean life span

$$\frac{2,3}{k} = \mathcal{D}$$

\mathcal{D}

decimal reduction time

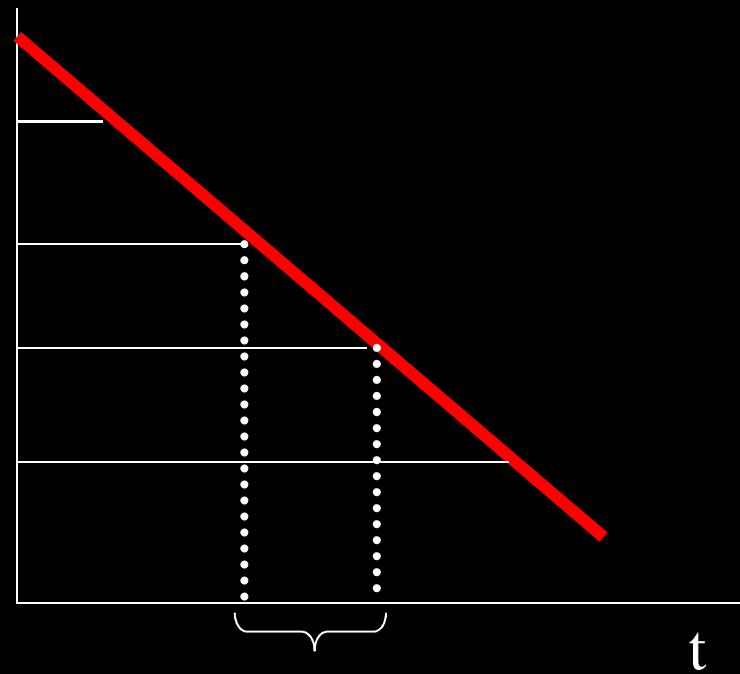
$$\lg \frac{N_0}{N}$$

1000

100

10

1



\mathcal{D}

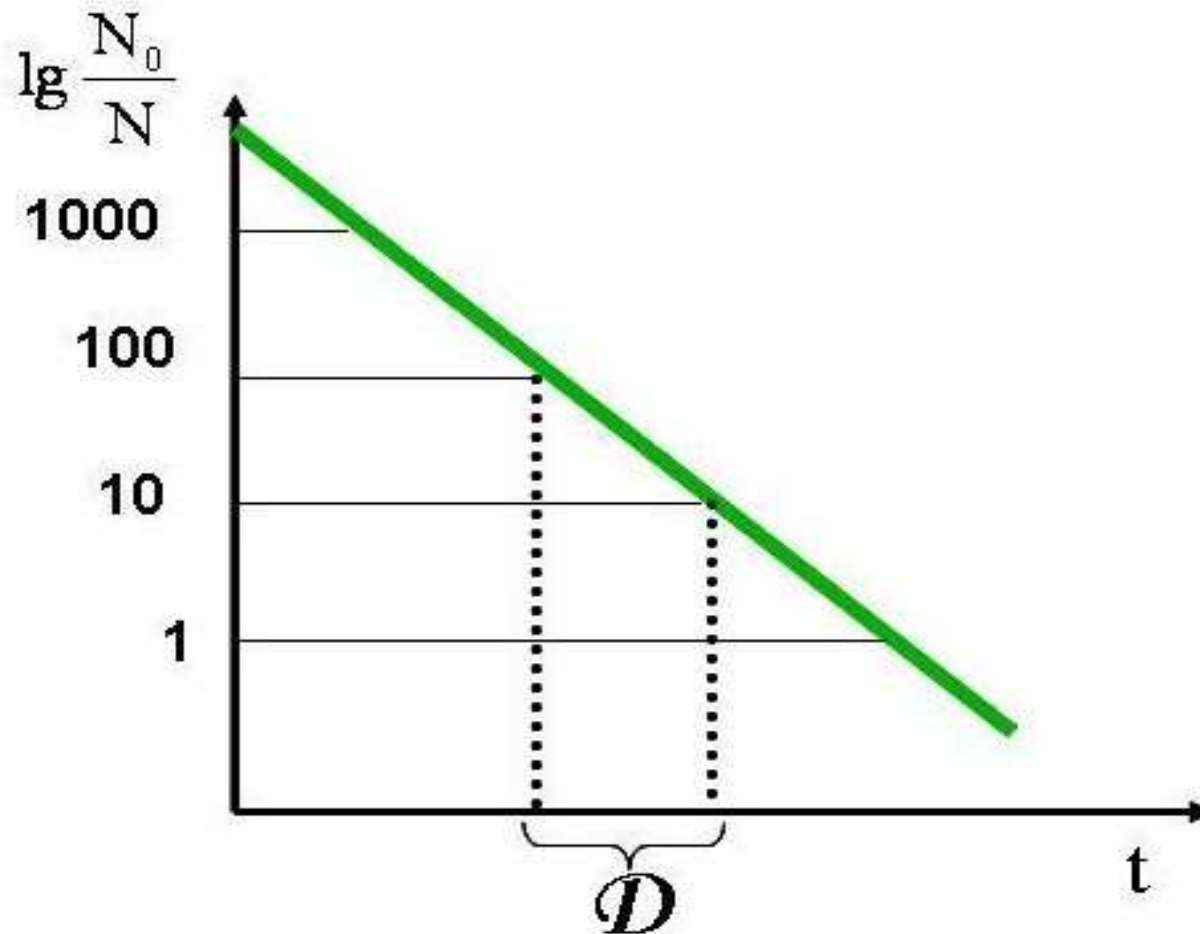
t

$$\frac{1}{k} = \bar{t}$$

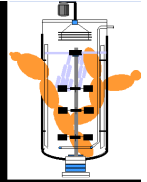
Mean life span

$$\frac{2,3}{k} = \mathcal{D}$$

decimal reduction time



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Probabilistic approach of thermal death

Kinetic description is good if $N_0 \gg 1$!

Thermal death is also a stochastic process

Definition: the life span of one cell (spore) is the length time during which the cell (spore) will just remain viable.

mean life span of the population

$$\bar{t} = \frac{1}{N_0} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} N_i t_i$$

Life span



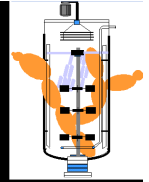
N_0 no of all the spores

N_i no of the spores with life span of t_i

Mean thermal decay constant

$$\frac{1}{\bar{t}} = \bar{k}$$

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CONDITIONS

If temp is the same everywhere in the vessel,

No growth, (!!!!)

Behaviour of the individual spores is independent of the others.

Probability of the event that at time t the no of the survivors is exactly N ($N= 0,1,2,\dots,N_0$), follows a binomial distribution:

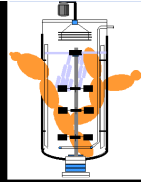
$$P_N(t) = \binom{N_0}{N} [p(t)]^N [1-p(t)]^{(N_0-N)}$$

$$p(t) = e^{-\bar{k}t}$$

probab. that one spore
is survivor at time

$$P_N(t) = \frac{N_0!}{(N_0 - N)!N!} \left(e^{-\bar{k}t} \right)^N \left(1 - e^{-\bar{k}t} \right)^{(N_0 - N)}$$

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$$P_N(t) = \frac{N_0!}{(N_0 - N)!N!} \left(e^{-\bar{k}t} \right)^N \left(1 - e^{-\bar{k}t} \right)^{(N_0 - N)}$$

What is the prob. that **all** the spores had already died by the time t ?

$$P_0(t) = \left(1 - e^{-\bar{k}t} \right)^{N_0} < 1$$

Always higher than 0:

$$1 - P_0(t) = 1 - \left(1 - e^{-\bar{k}t} \right)^{N_0} > 0$$

At a common sterilization process $N_0 \gg 1$

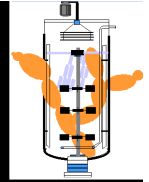
$$1 - P_0(t) \cong 1 - e^{-N}$$

in which $N = N_0 e^{-\bar{k}t}$.

$$= 1 - e^{-N_0 e^{-\bar{k}t}} \approx N_0 e^{-\bar{k}t}$$

$e^{-x} \sim 1 - x + \dots$ according to a Taylor serie

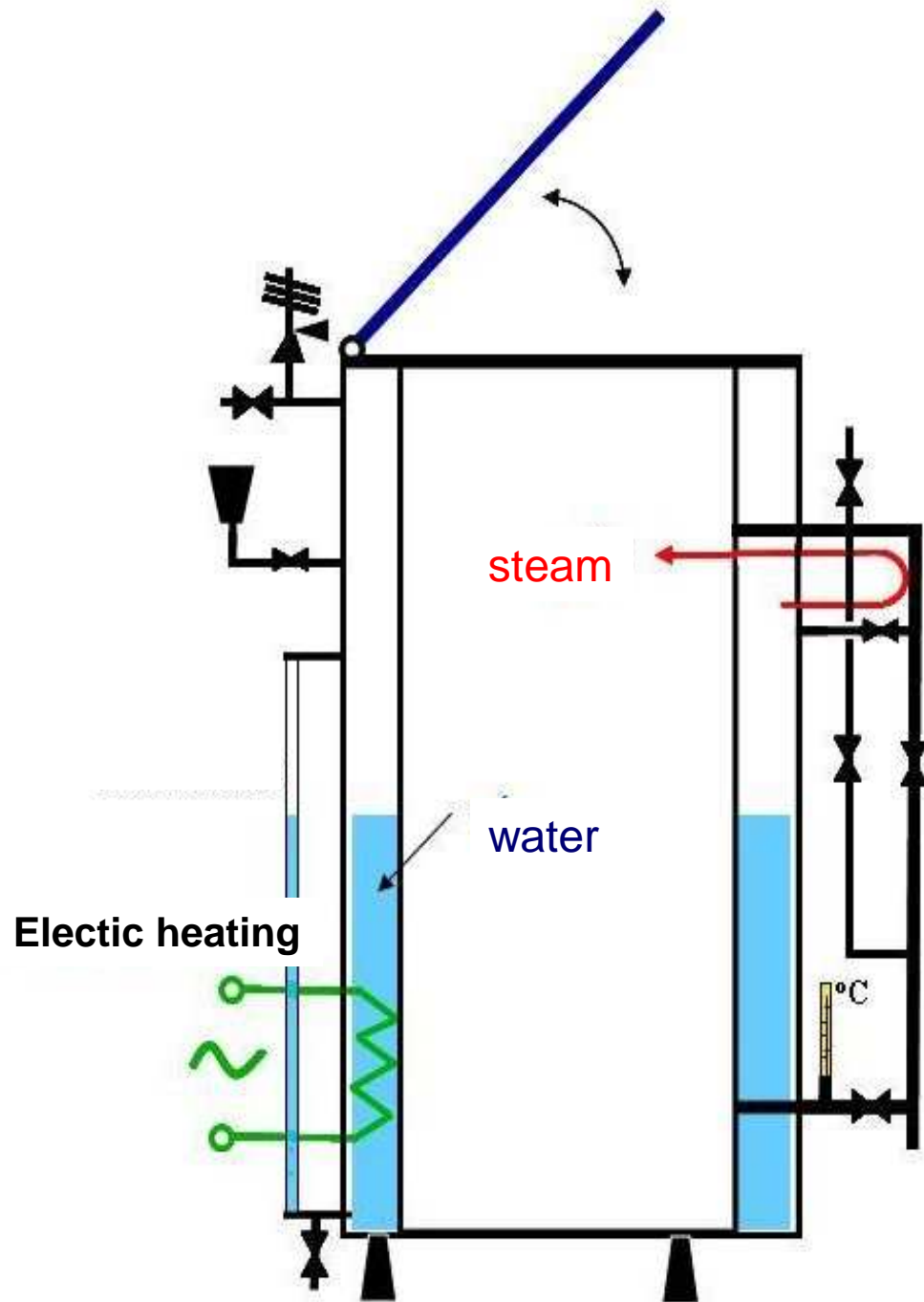
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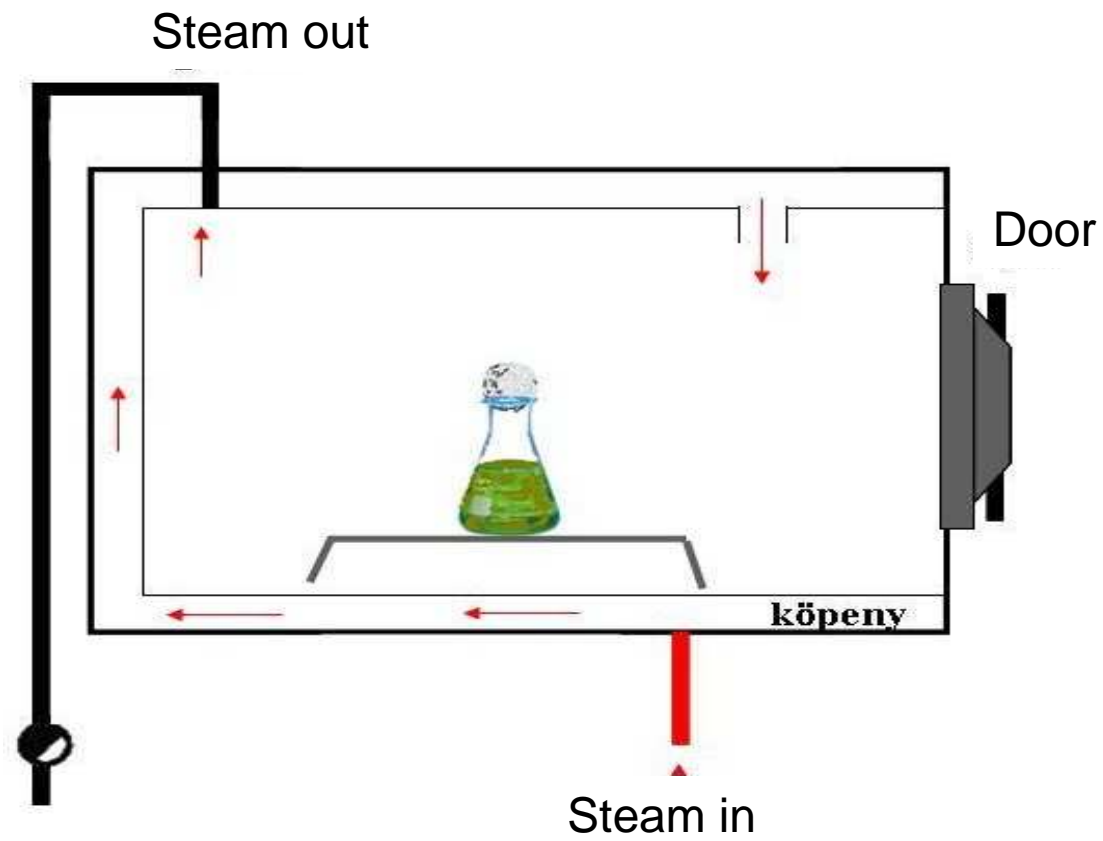


Sterility criterion? Pl .:

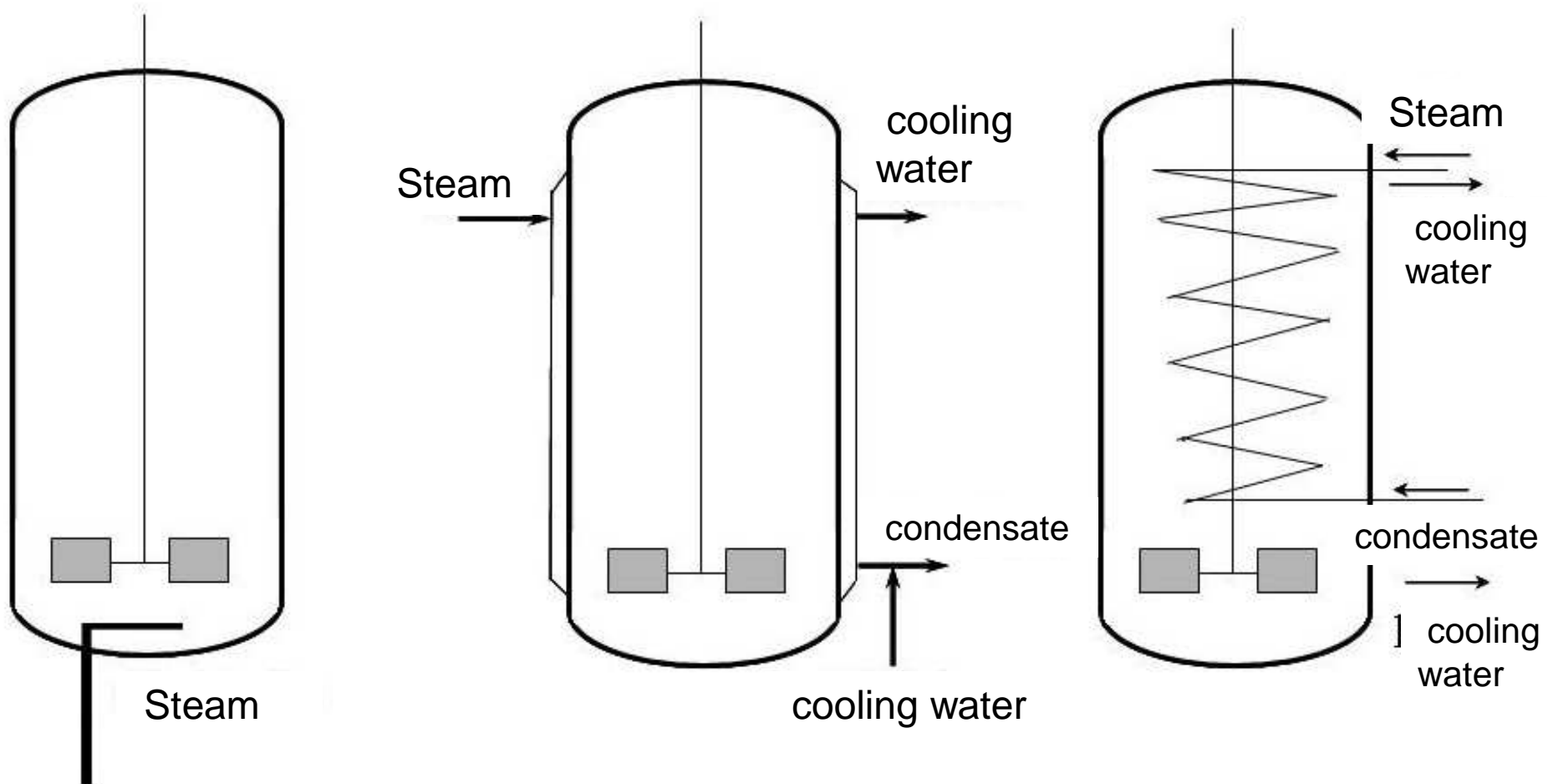
$$99,9\% \quad \longrightarrow \quad P_0(t)=0,999 \quad \longrightarrow \quad 1-P_0(t)=0,001=10^{-3}$$

- ★ **The probability that the sterilization had failed, i.e. there remained at least one survivor: 10^{-3}**
- ★ **The probability that the sterilization succeeded, No remaining living cells : 0,999**
- ★ **At every 1000th of sterilizations is allowed to occur one unsuccessful one. It is probable that one in thousand went wrong.**
- ★ **After the sterilization process the number of survivors (Cell in the whole system)**

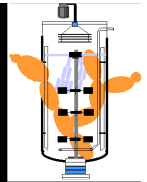




Batch sterilization of culture media

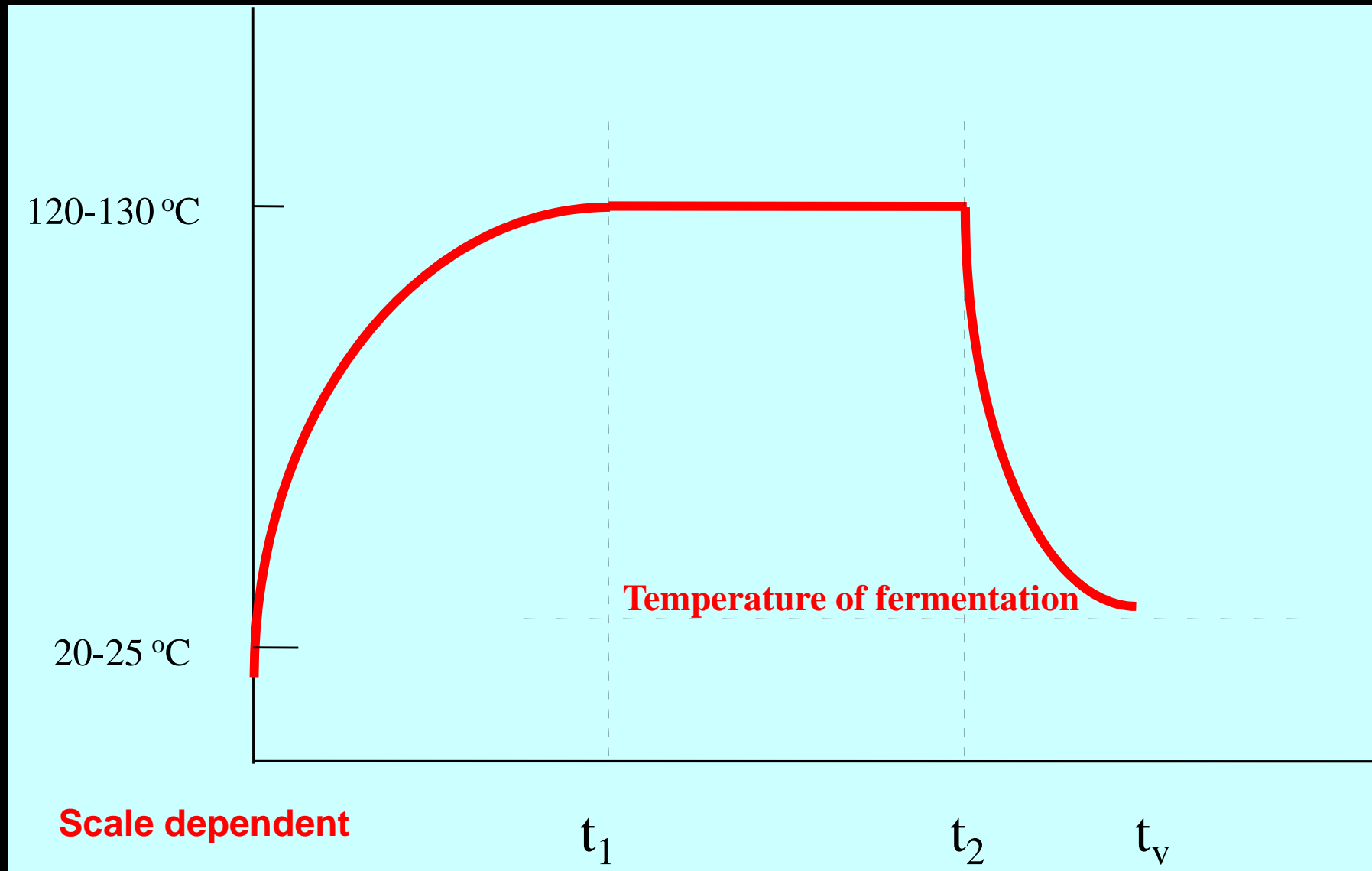


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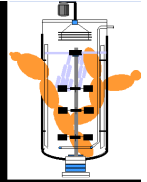


Heat penetration curve

Commeasurable sections!



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Thermal death during heating period:

$$\ln \frac{N_0}{N} = \int_0^{t_1} k dt = \nabla_{\text{heating}}$$

Thermal death during holding period:

$$\ln \frac{N_1}{N_2} = k_{\text{holding}} \cdot (t_2 - t_1) = \nabla_{\text{holding}}$$

Thermal death during cooling period:

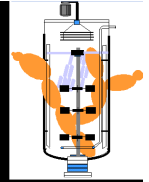
$$\ln \frac{N_2}{N_v} = \int_{t_2}^{t_v} k dt = \nabla_{\text{cooling}}$$

$$\nabla = \nabla_{\text{heat}} + \nabla_{\text{hold}} + \nabla_{\text{cool}}$$

$$\ln \frac{N_0}{N_v} = \ln \left(\frac{N_0}{N_1} \frac{N_1}{N_2} \frac{N_2}{N_v} \right) = \ln \frac{N_0}{N_1} + \ln \frac{N_1}{N_2} + \ln \frac{N_2}{N_v}$$

e.g.: 0,20 0,75 0,05

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$$\nabla_{\text{factor}} = \ln \frac{N_0}{N} \quad \text{Scale sensitive!}$$

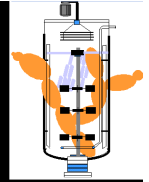
$$10^{-3}$$

$$N_0 = 10^5 / \text{ml}$$

100 liter	$\frac{10^5 \cdot 10^5}{10^{-3}} = 10^{13}$	$\nabla = 32,2$
10 m ³	$\frac{10^5 \cdot 10^4 \cdot 10^3}{10^{-3}} = 10^{15}$	$\nabla = 36,8$
100 m ³	$\frac{10^5 \cdot 10^5 \cdot 10^3}{10^{-3}} = 10^{16}$	$\nabla = 39,2$

10x: increases with 2,3

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Continuous sterilization of culture media

Fermentor size limit productivity: (kg product/fermentor.m³.year).

Advantages of the cont. Sterilization process:

-at higher temp.(130-140 °C) with shorter process time

increased safety

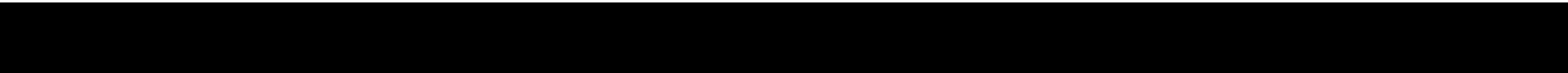
less thermal decay of culture medium components

-the continuous process more reproducible,

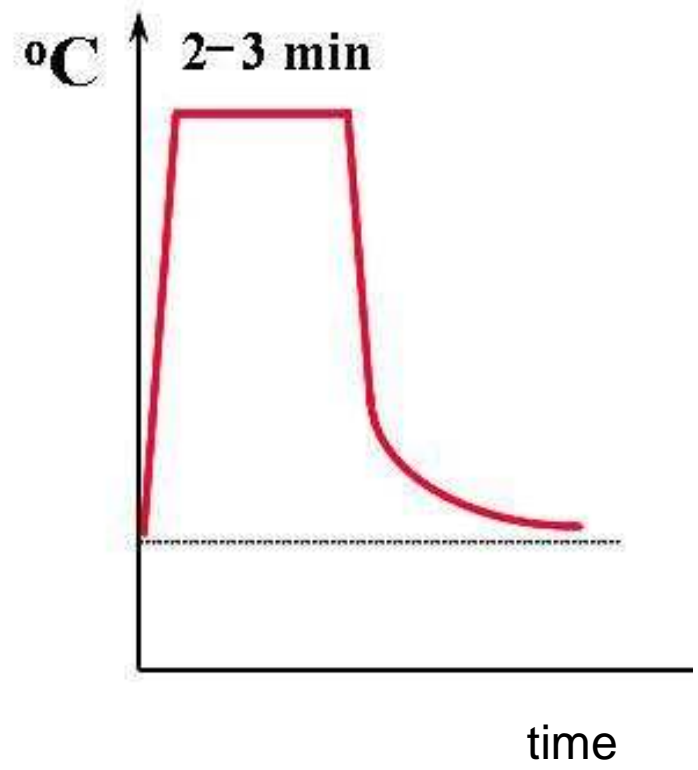
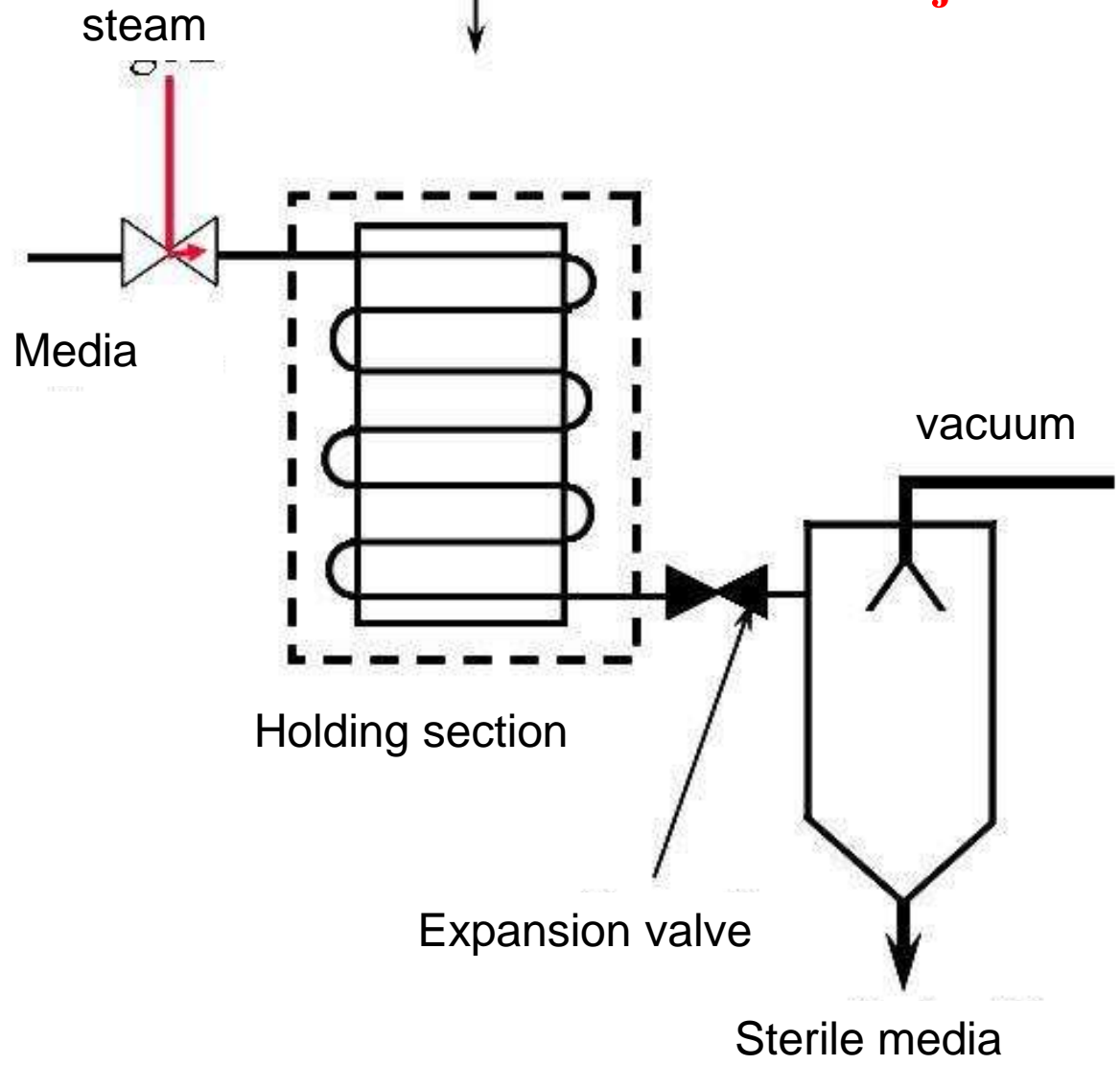
-stable quality of the sterile media

this may increase the fermentation yield

**-cont. Ster. Equipment and the process easily controllable,
automation possible.**



Steam injection



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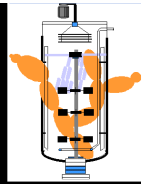
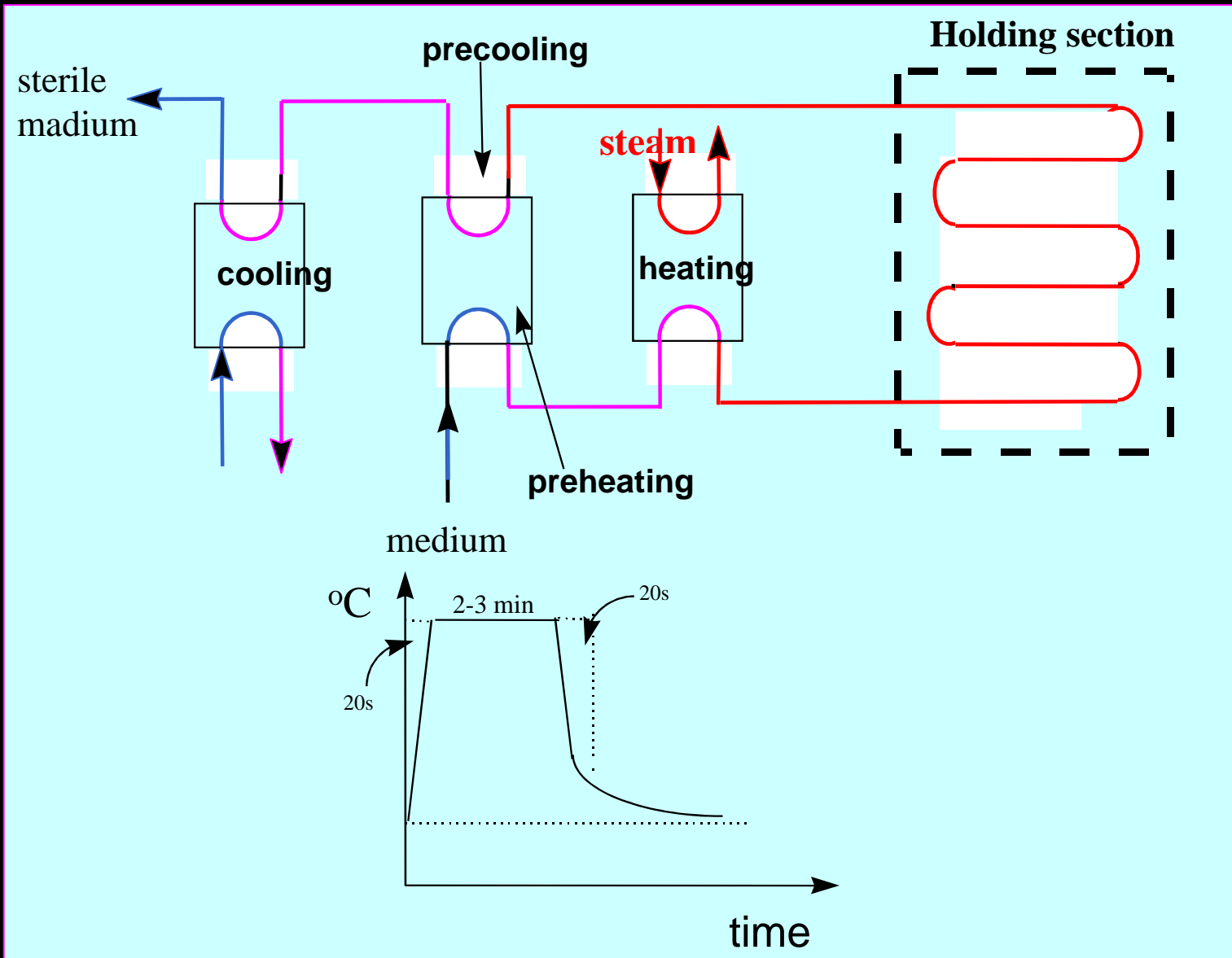
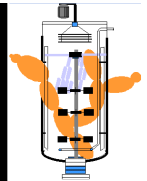


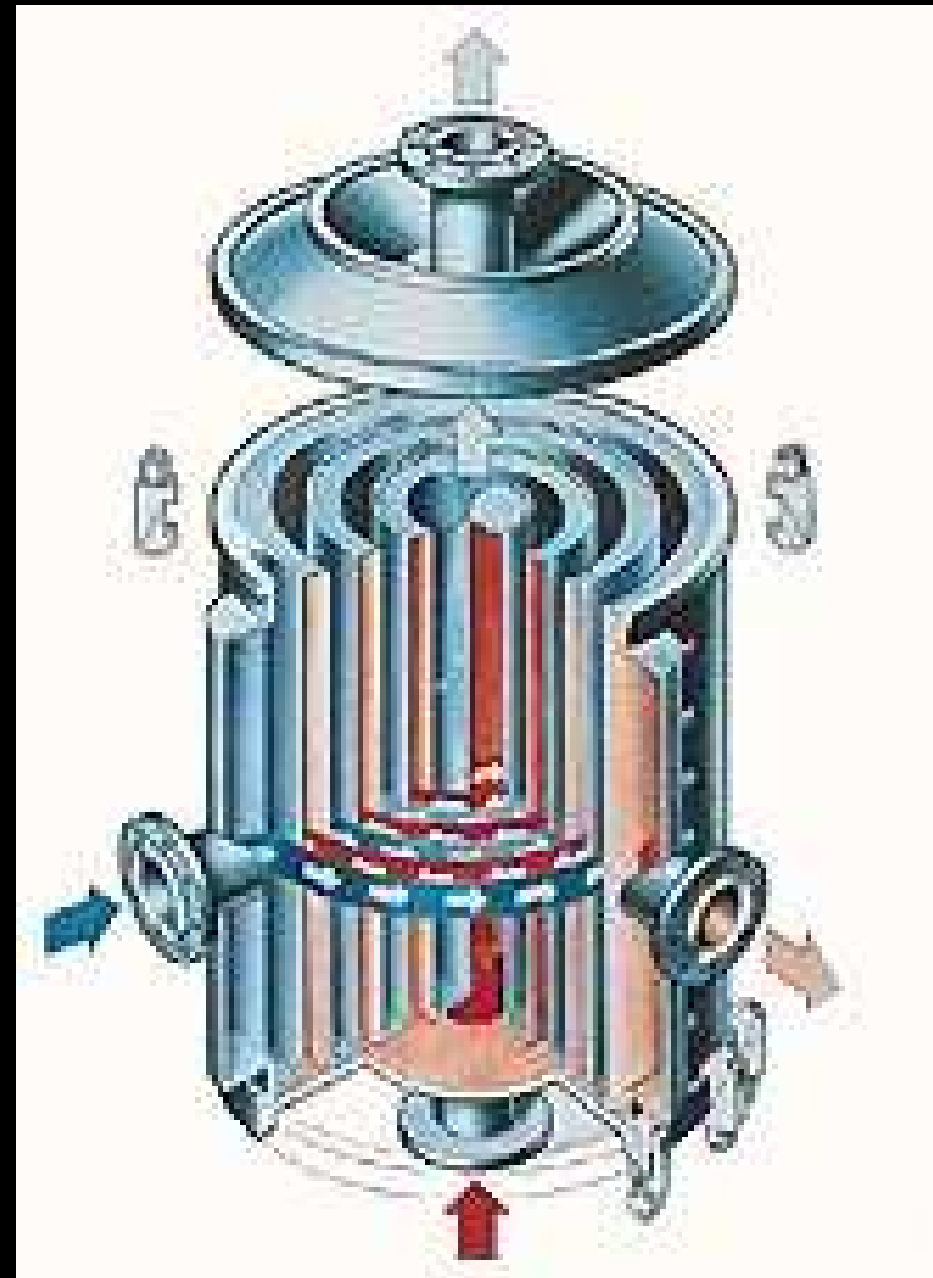
Plate and frame heat exchanger



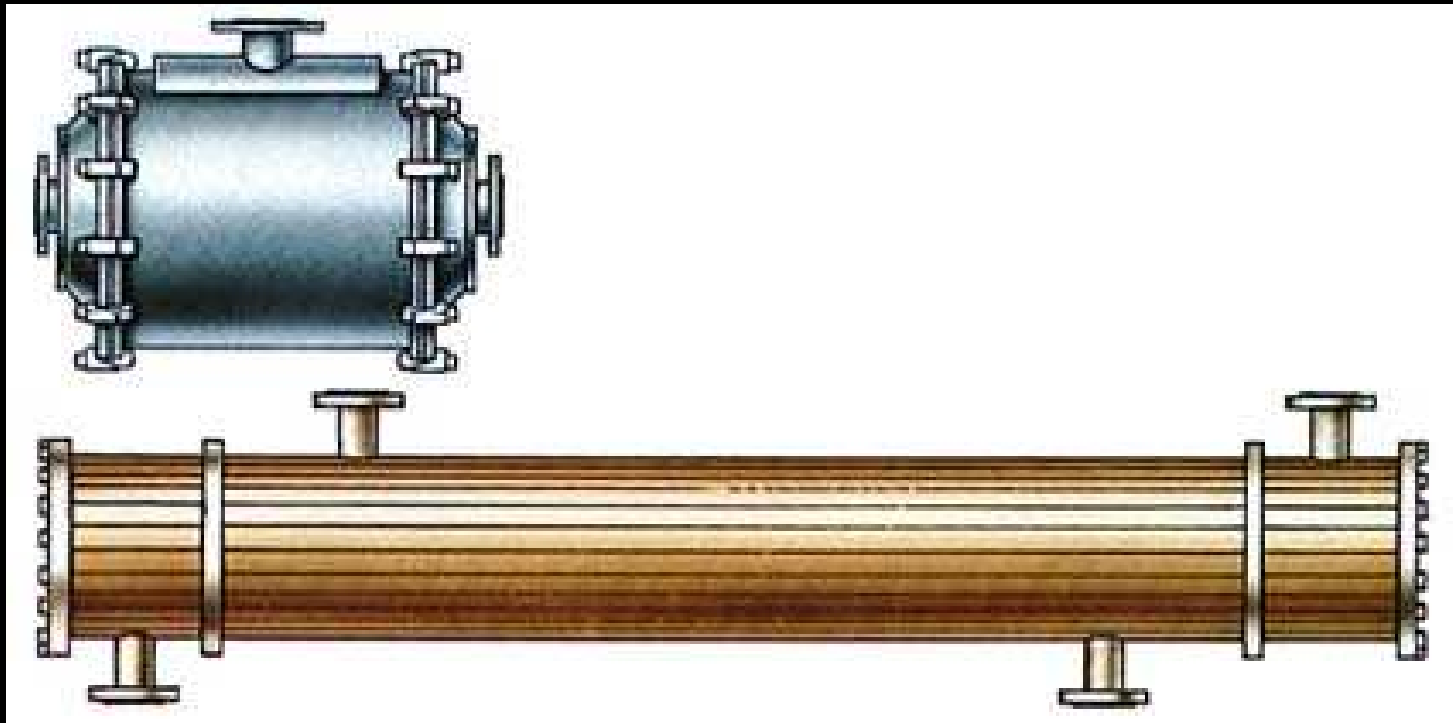
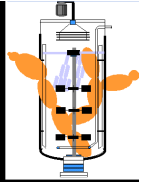
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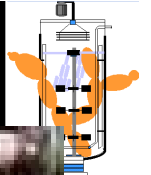
SPIRAL HEAT EXCH.



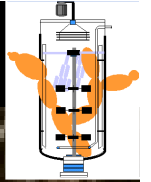
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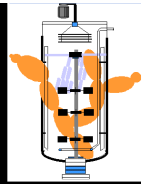
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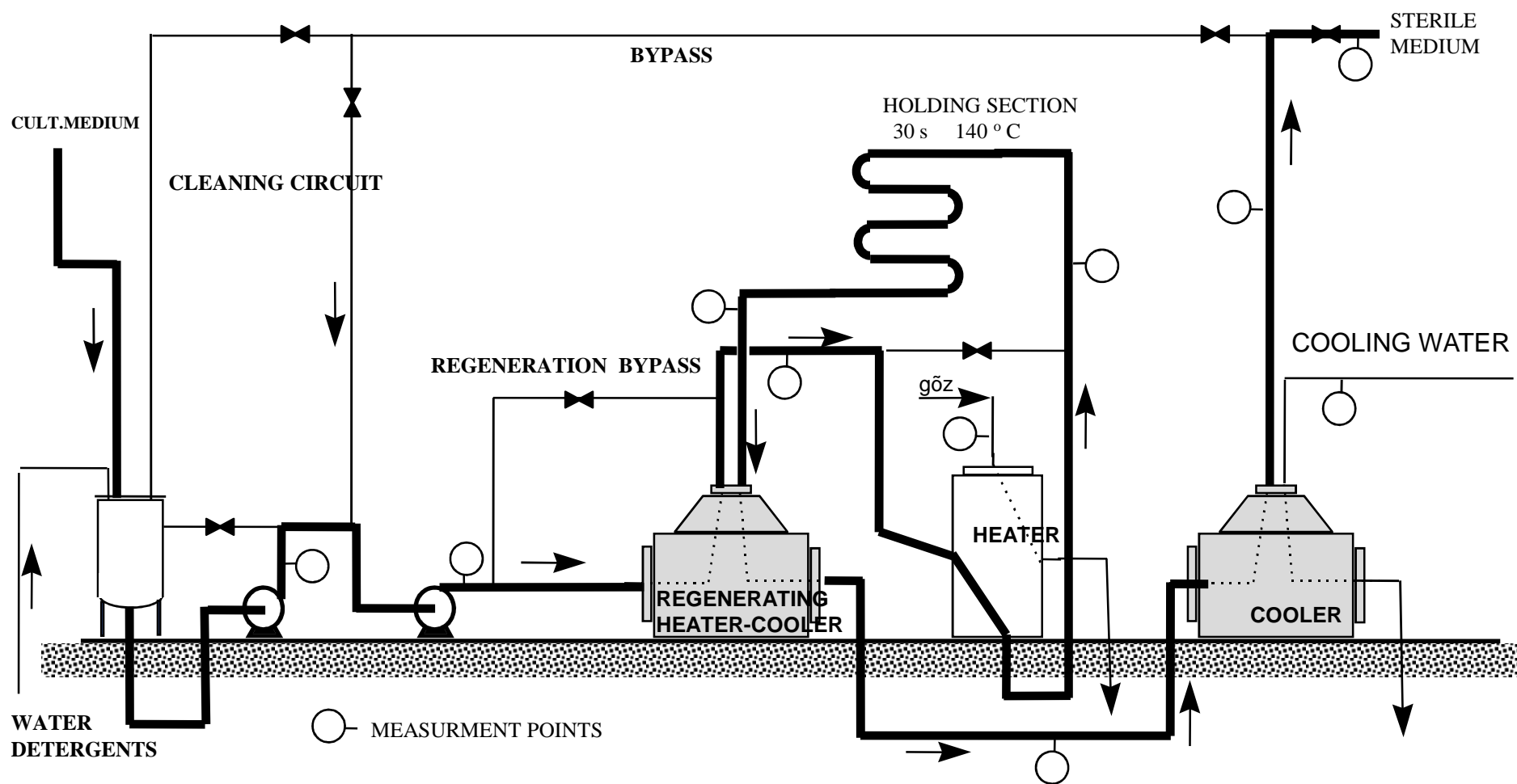
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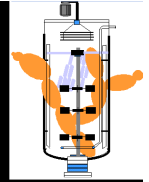
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CONTINUOUS MEDIUM STERILIZATION PROCESS OUTLINE



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Continuous sterilizer (design) calculation

For holding section:

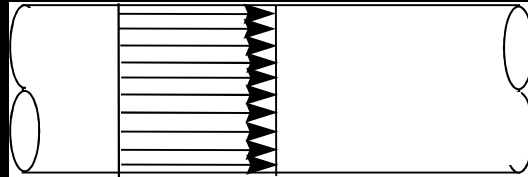
$$\ln \frac{N_0}{N_v} = k\Delta t = k \frac{L}{\frac{w}{q}}$$

L – length of holding section tube (m)

w – volumetric rate (m³/min)

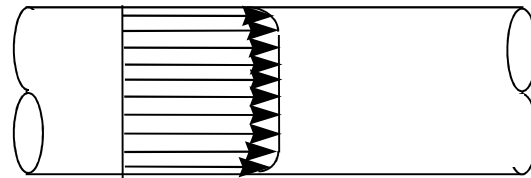
q – tube cross sectional area (m²)

BUT!!!



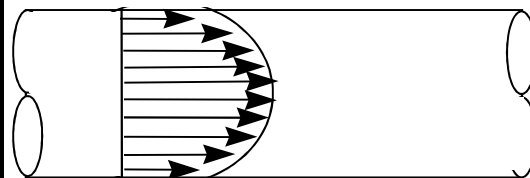
plug flow

$$\bar{u} = u_{\max}$$



Turbulent stream

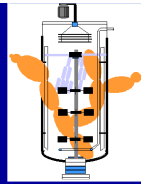
$$\bar{u} = 0,82 * u_{\max}$$



Laminar stream

$$\bar{u} = 0,5 * u_{\max}$$

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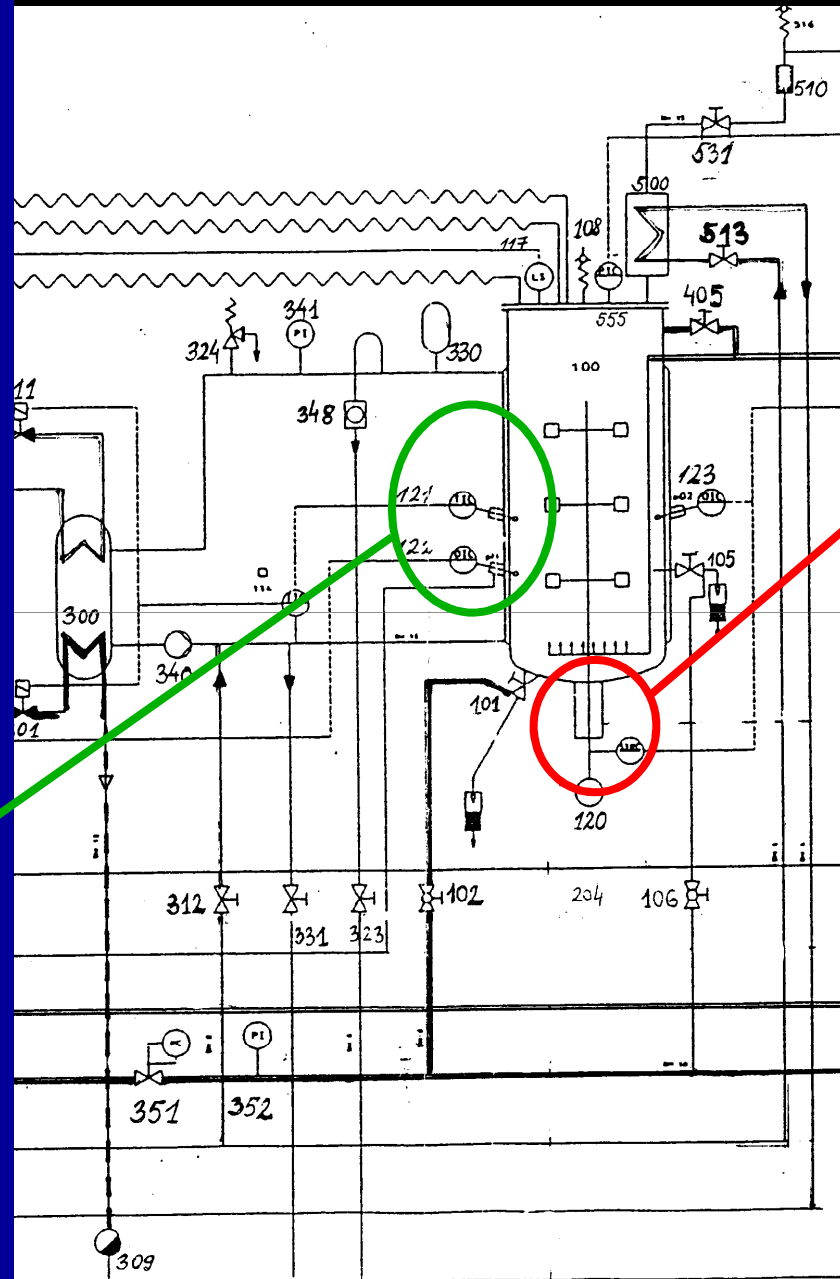


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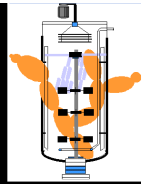
BOTTOM DRIVE

ELEKTRODES

MECHANICAL SEAL

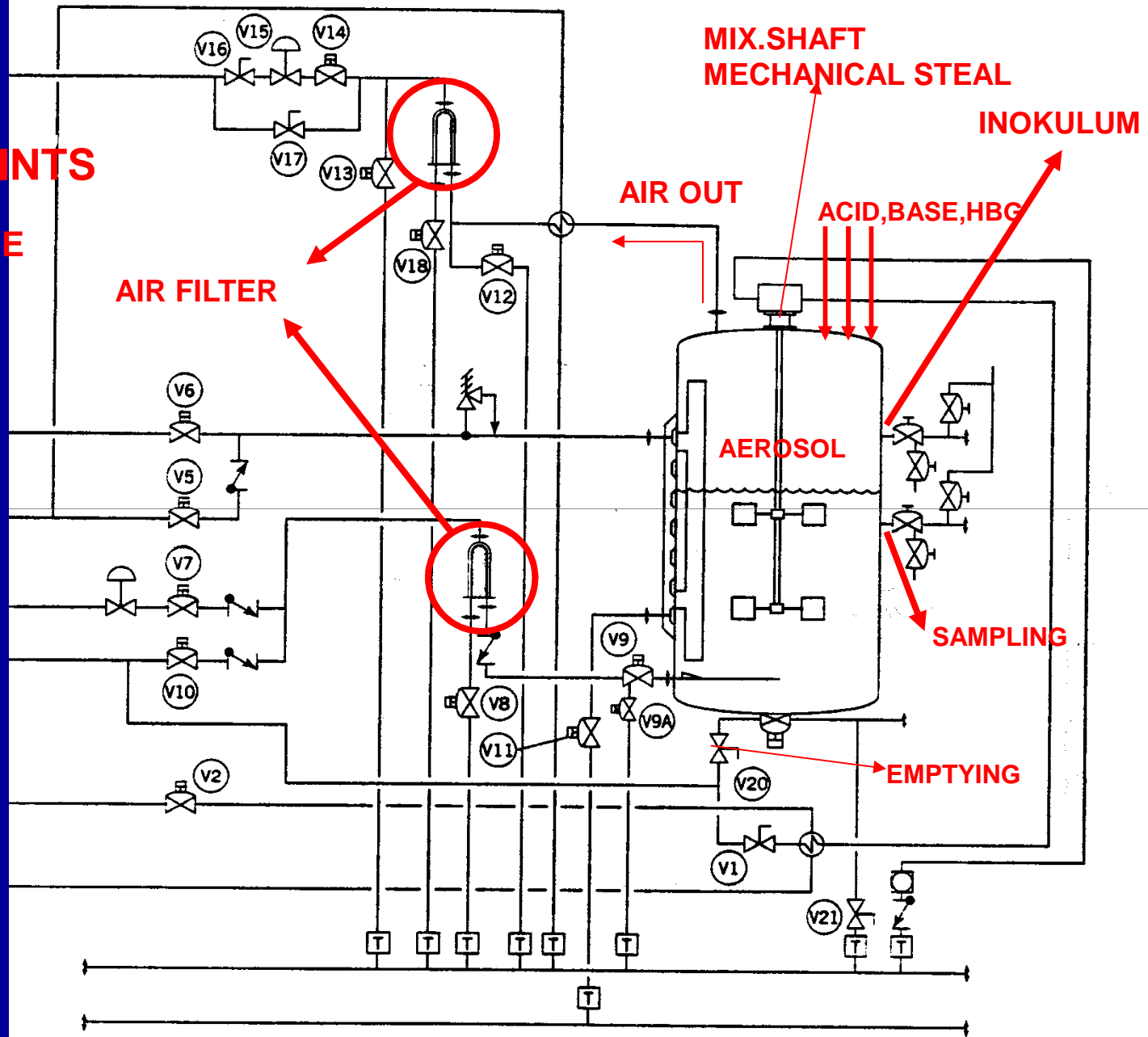


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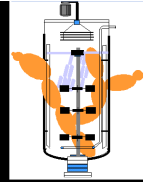


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TOP DRIVE



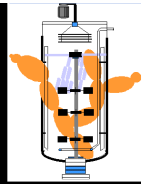
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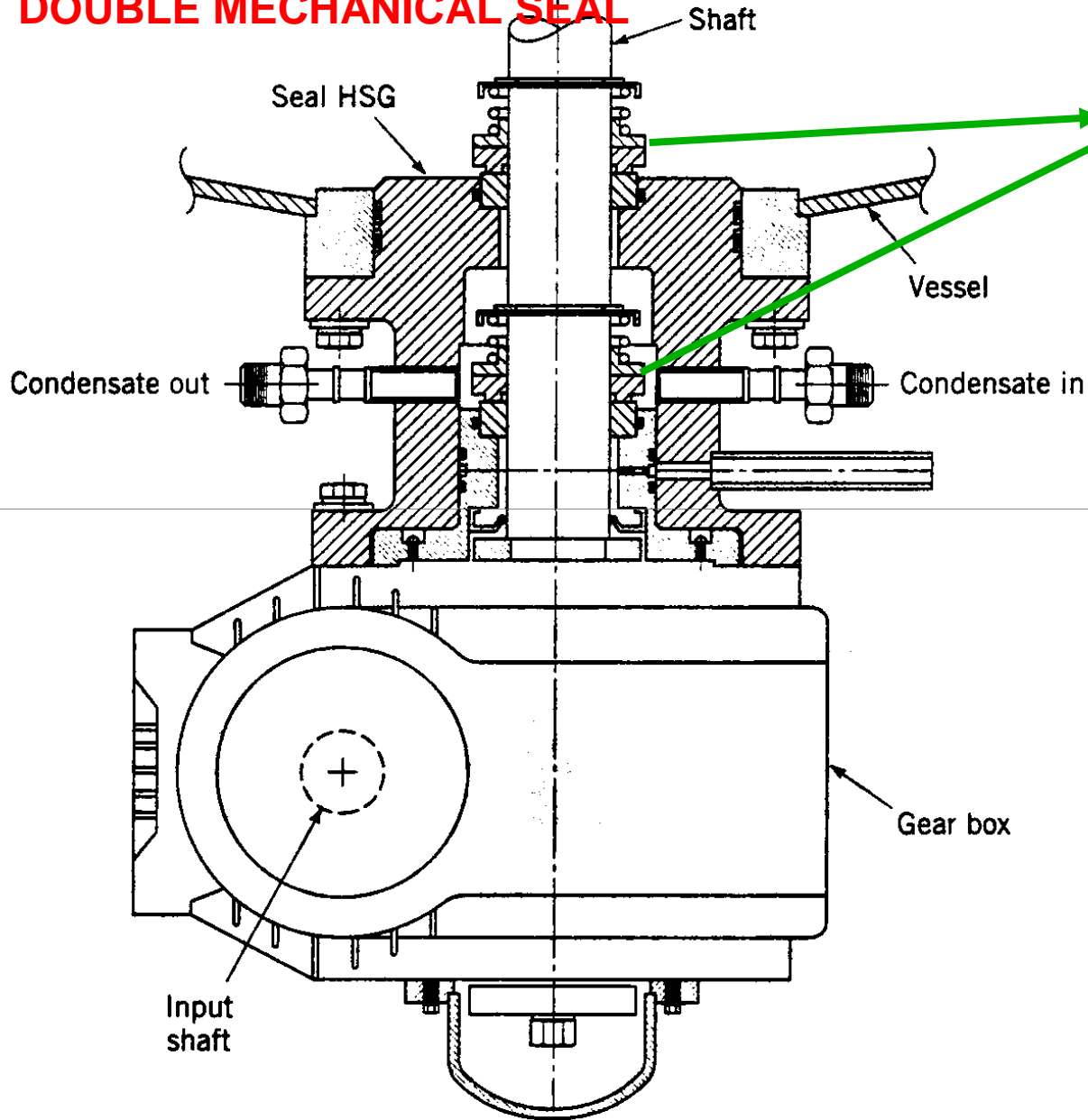
MIXING SHAFT
AIR IN, OUT
INGREDIENTS:
PIPES
VALVES
INOKULUM LINE
SENSORS
PUMPS

DOWN-STREAM: STERILE
NONSTERILE

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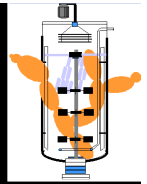
DOUBLE MECHANICAL SEAL



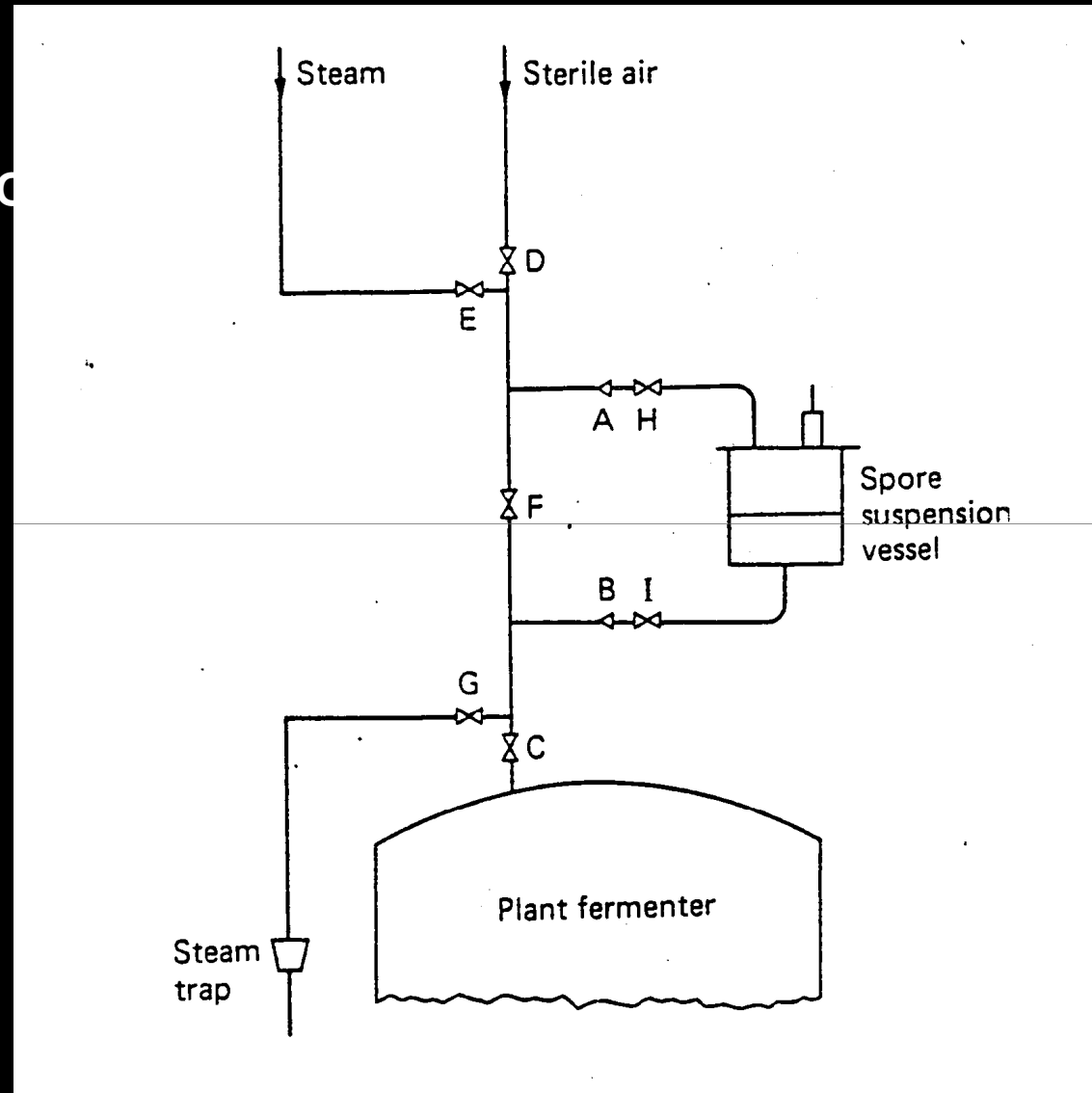
SLIPPING SURFACE

STERILE WATER –
LUBRICATION

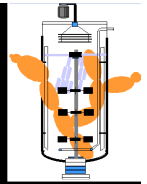
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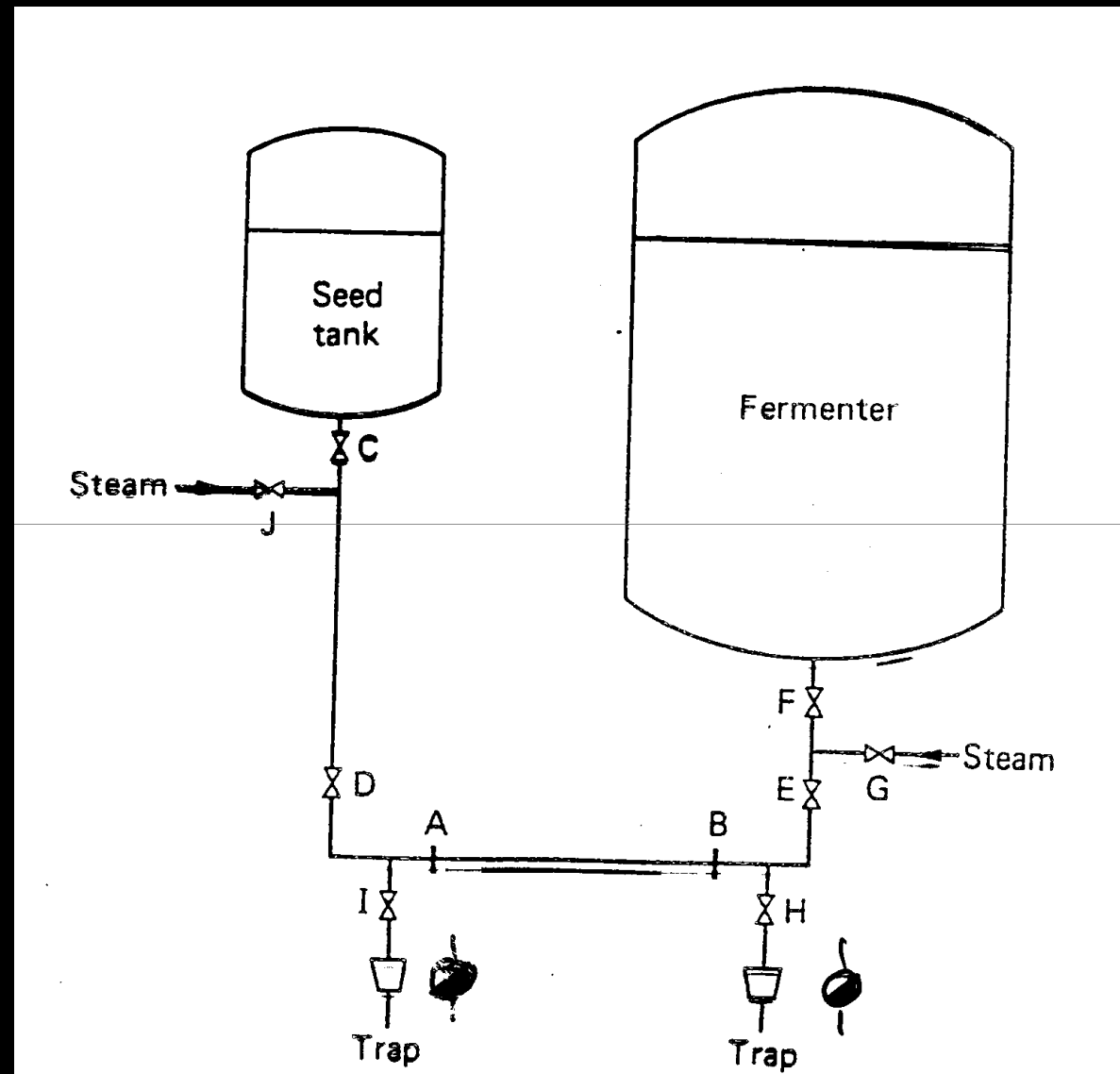
STERILE INOCULATION



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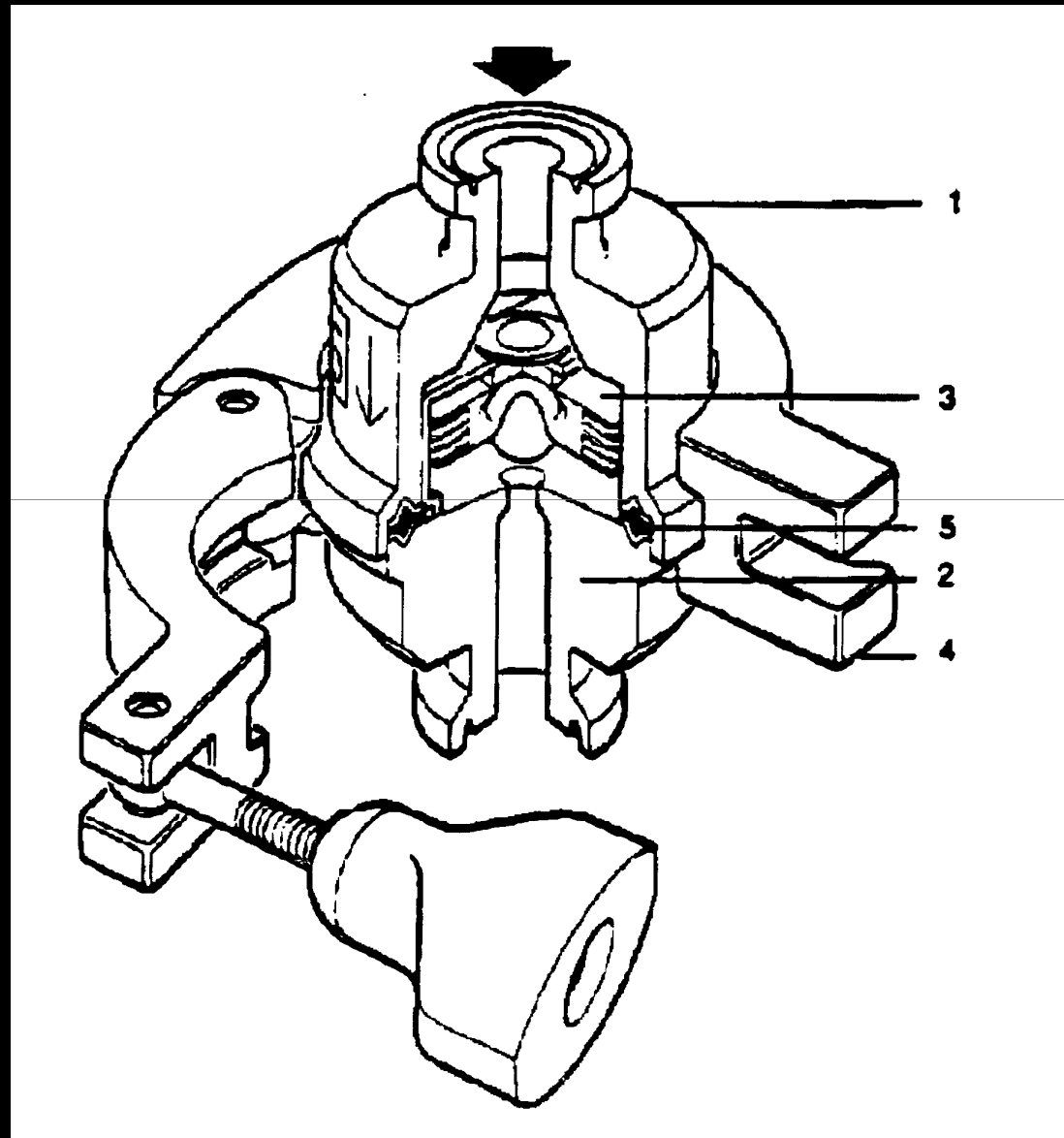
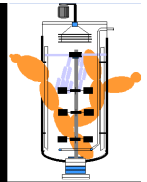


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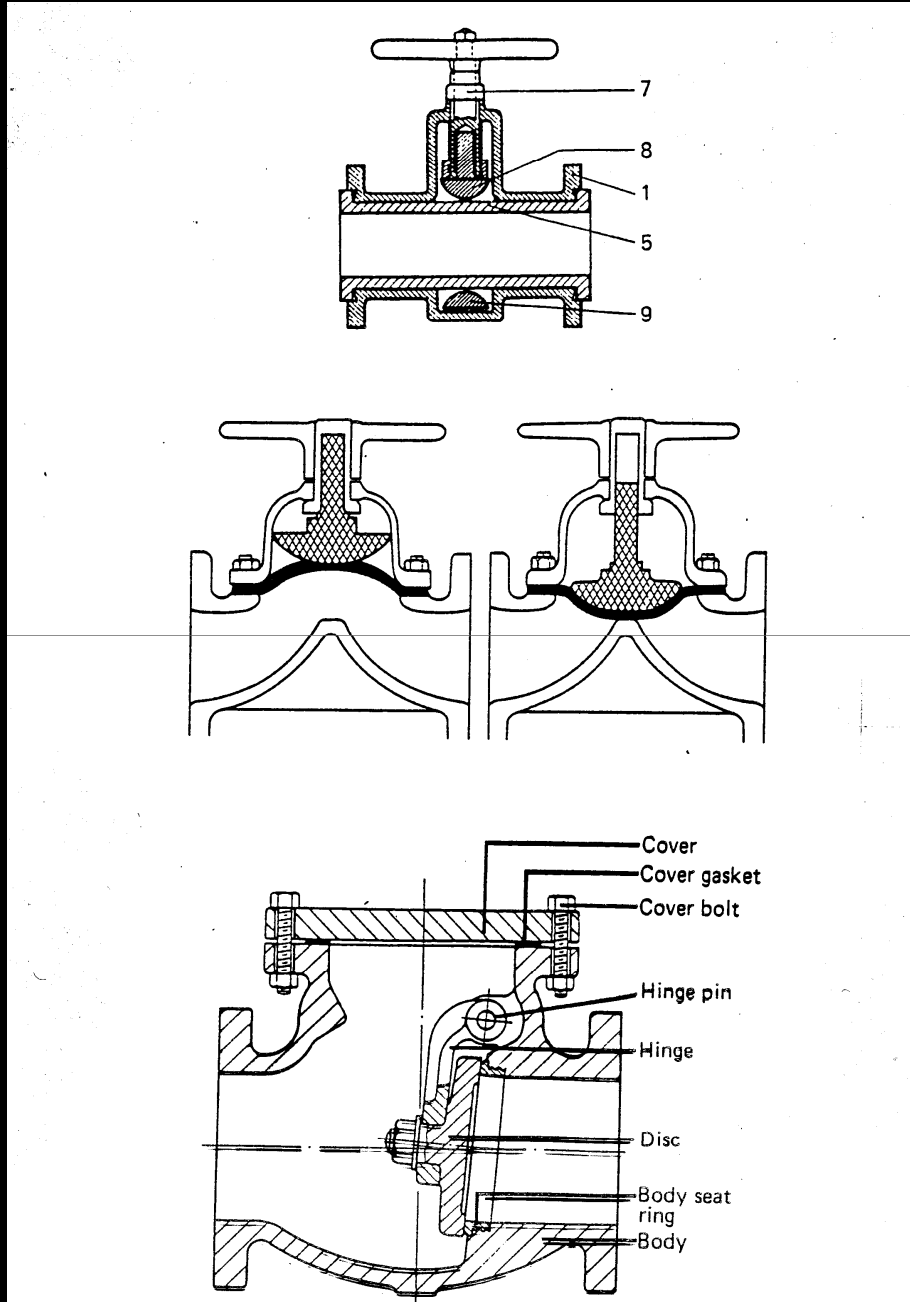
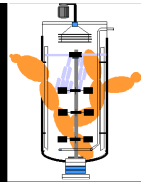


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THERMODYNAMIC STEAM TRAP



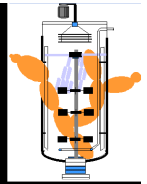
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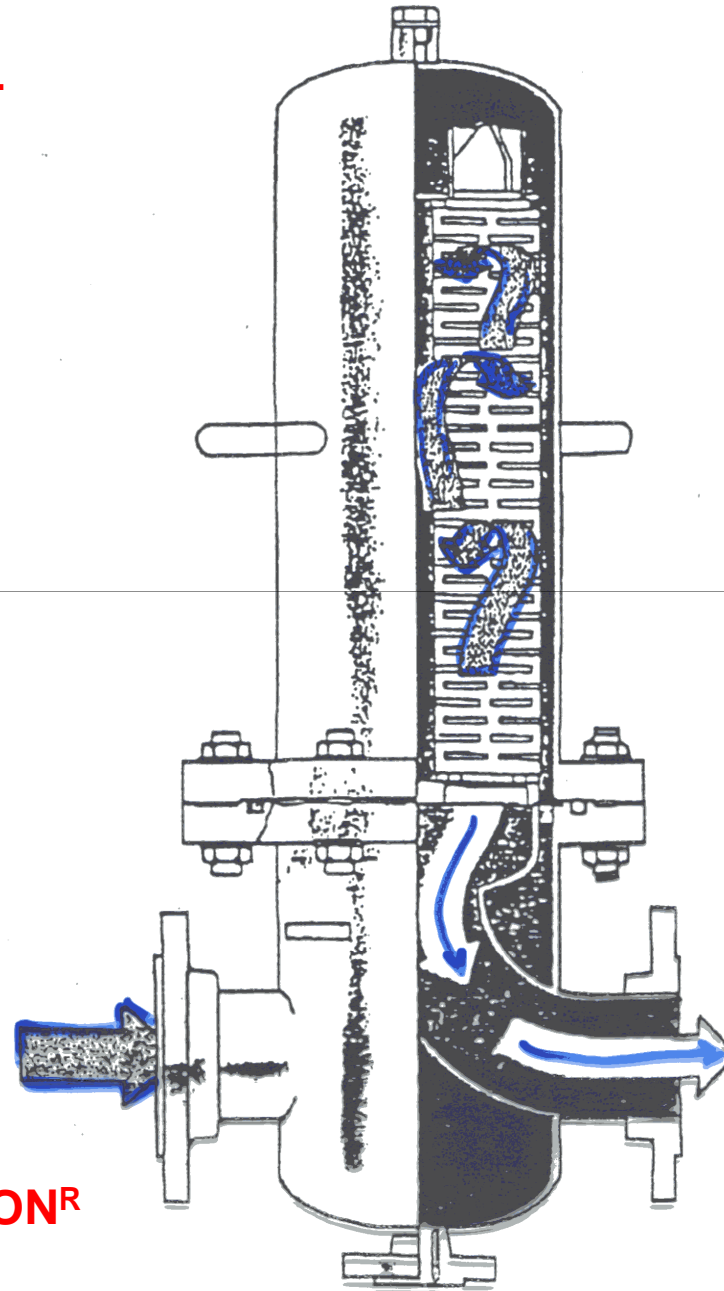
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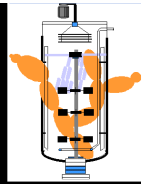
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DEPTH FILTER

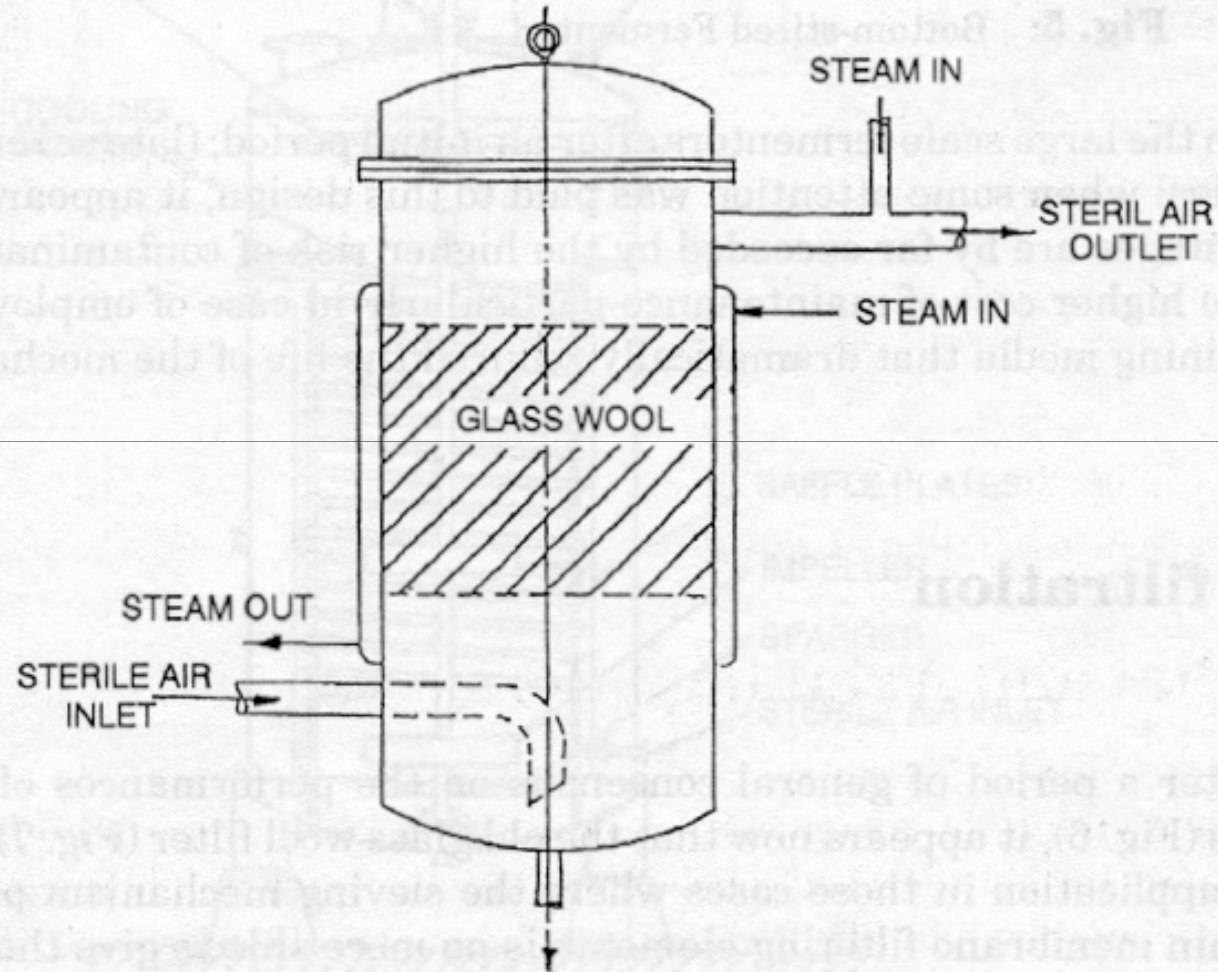


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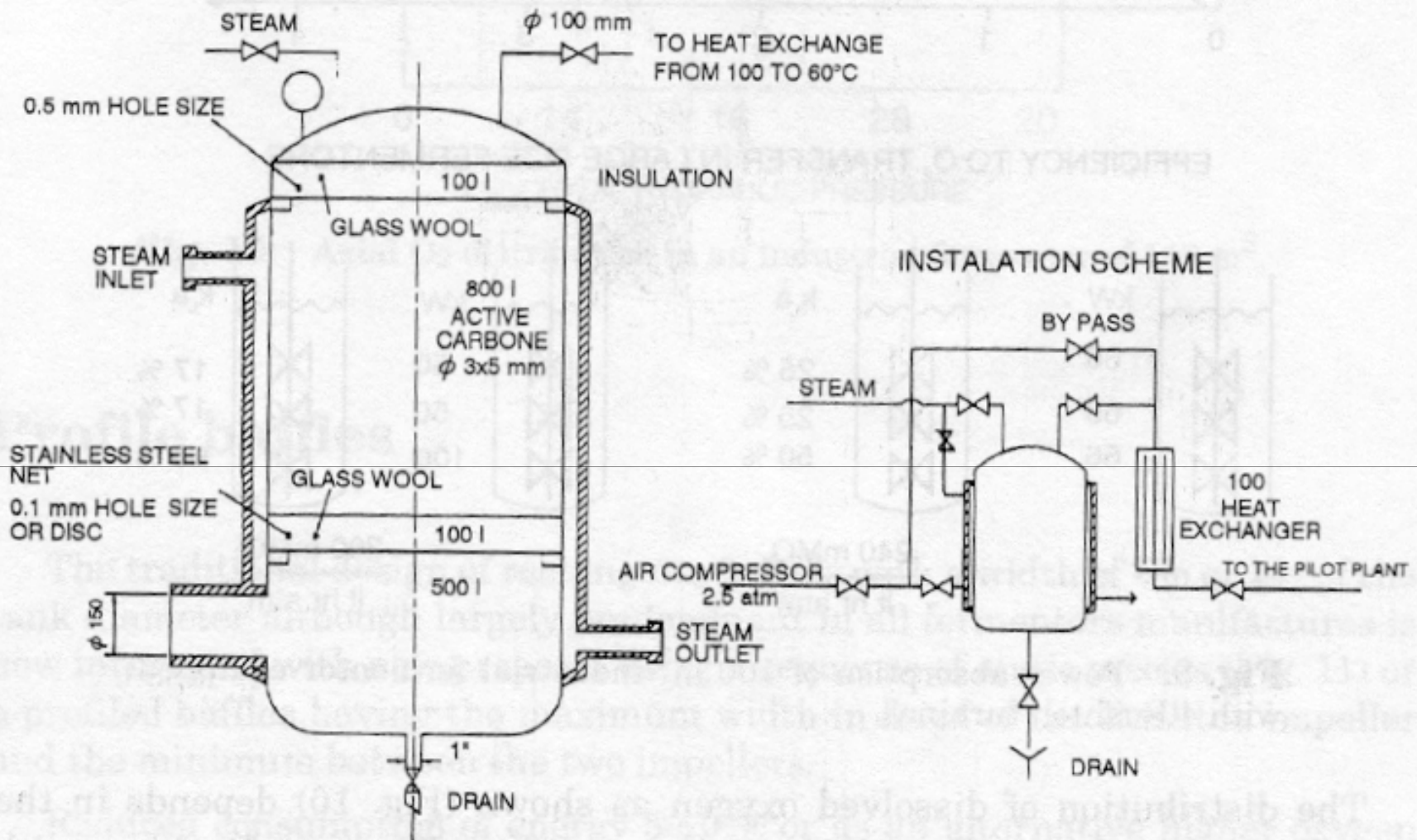
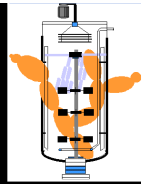


Fig. 8: Antiphage system.

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CIP (CLEANING IN PLACE)

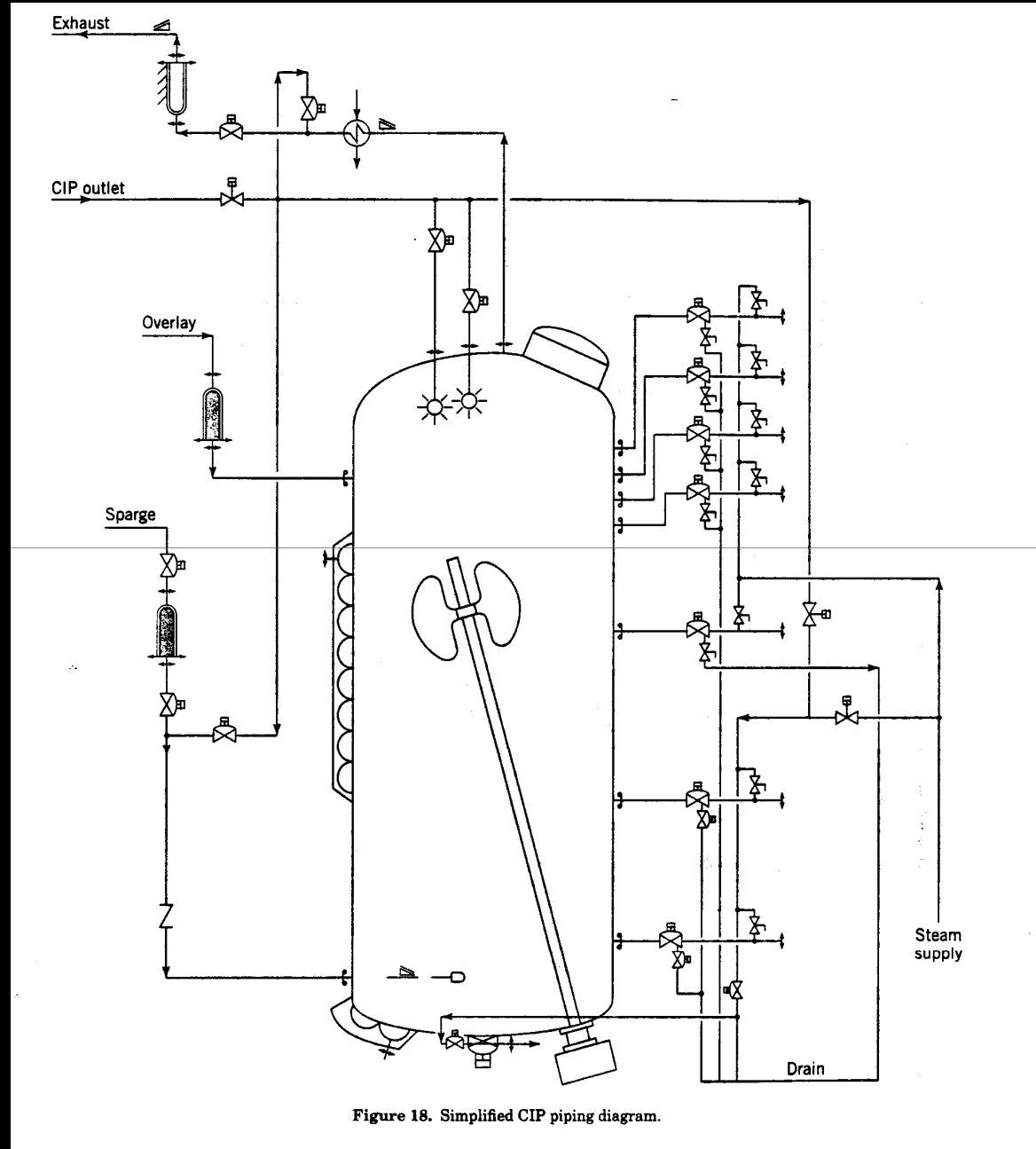


Figure 18. Simplified CIP piping diagram.