

### Heterogeneous phase enzyme reactions

Advantages/disadvantages:

Advantages:

- homogeneity of the system,
- enzyme does not need previous preparation - (over isolation and purification)

Economic disadvantages:

- Enzymes are expensive, 1-10- \$/mg
- can be used only once, after reaction they are to be discarded...

Technological disadvantage:

- Proteins contaminate products



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### CHEMICAL METHODS

Covalent bond between non essential amino acid sidechain(!) and water insoluble matrix with function groups

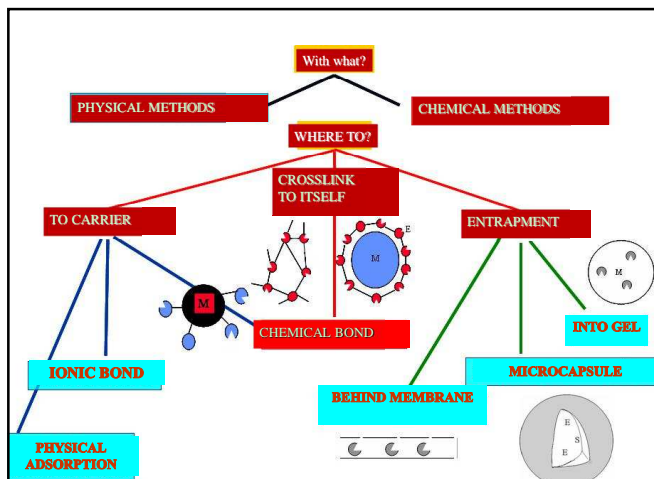


CARRIERS :

- natural polymers: agar, agarose, chitin, cellulose, collagene, ...,
- synthetic polymer: polyurethane, polystyrene, nylon, ...,
- inorganics: glass, aluminium, silicagel, magnetit, ...



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### CHEMICAL METHODS

Building of covalent bond:

- free  $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ - or  $\gamma$ -COOH ,  $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$  -NH<sub>2</sub> groups
- phenyl-, OH-, SH- imidazole-groups

STEPS:

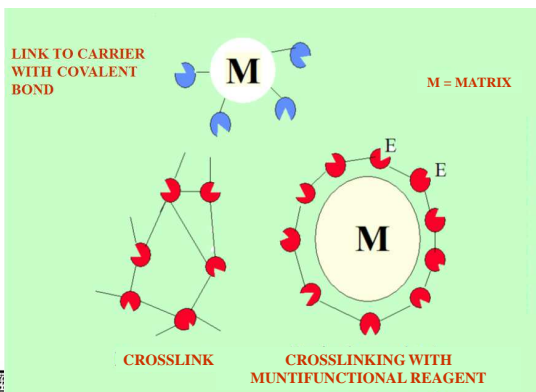
1. Activation of carrier (arm and reactive X-group),
2. Creating covalent bond between enzyme and activated carrier.

Protection of the active sites: S or analog



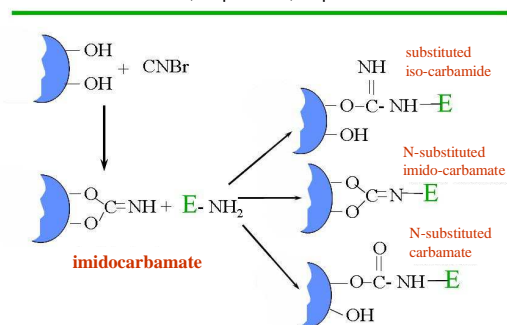
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### CHEMICAL METHODS



MATRIX: vicinal -OH groups like:

cellulose, Sepharose, Sephadex




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### Origin of carbohydrate matrix

Glucose → dextrane → Sephadex®

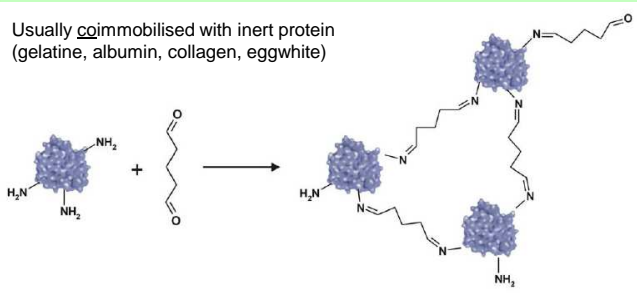

Alga → agar(ose) → Sepharose®



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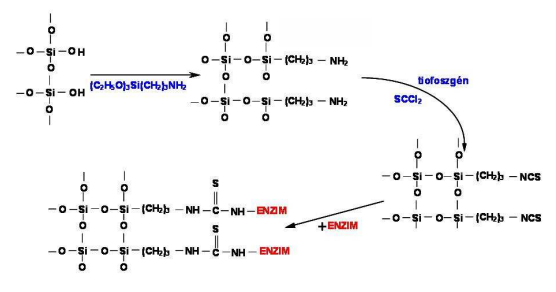

### Chemical methods: crosslinking

Usually coimmobilised with inert protein (gelatine, albumin, collagen, eggwhite)

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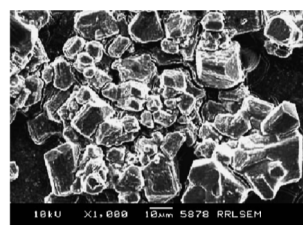
### Immobilization onto glass surface

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### CLEC = Cross-Linked Enzyme Crystals

Cross-linked Enzyme crystal of PNP (purine nucleoside phosphorylase)



Scanning electron microscopic view of CLEC laccase  
Surface area (m<sup>2</sup>/g) 2.456

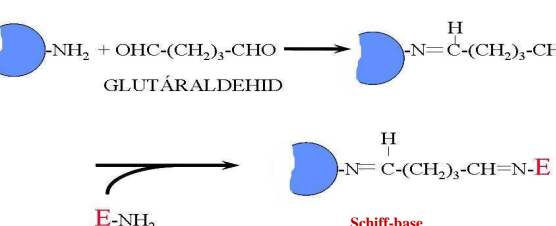

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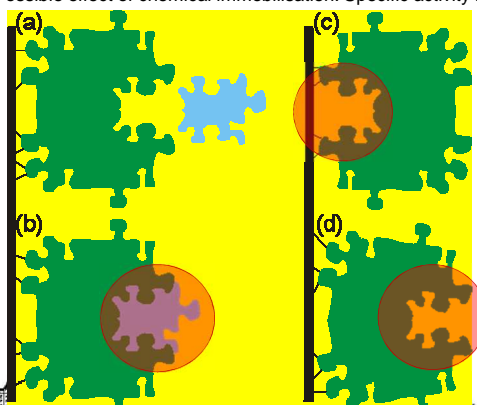

### Chemical methods: bifunctional molecules

**MATRIX:** -NH<sub>2</sub> groups like:  
AE-cellulose, DEAE-cellulose, collagen, chitin, nylon...

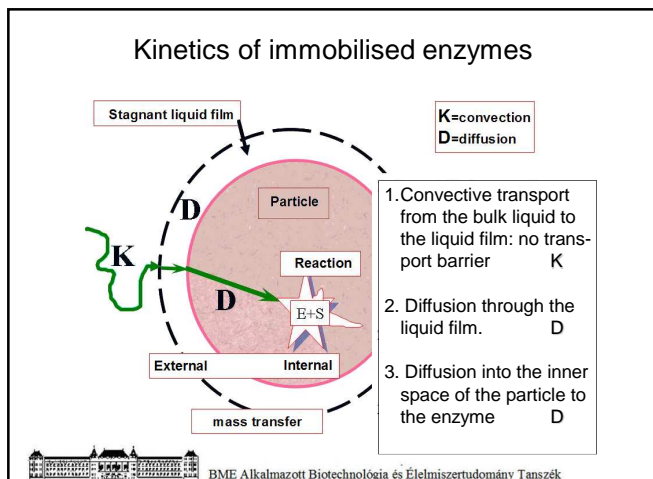
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### Possible effect of chemical immobilisation: Specific activity loss

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### Pros/cons about immobilised enzymes

**Immobilised enzymes**

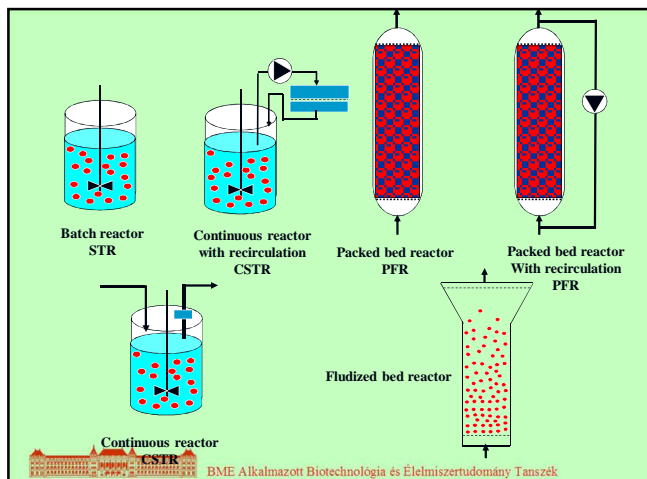
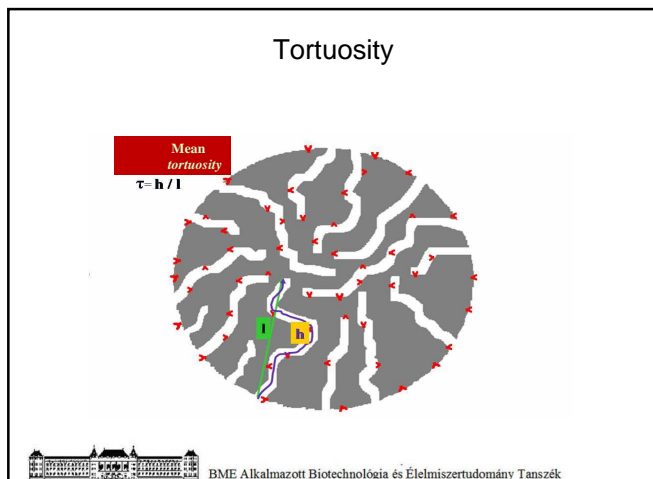
**Advantages**

- No contamination of product
- Easily separable
- Possible reuse
- Also continuous technologies
- Easy termination
- Increasing stability

**Disadvantages**

- Expensive preparation need
- Loss in enzyme activity
- Diffusion barrier

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### Pros/cons about immobilised enzymes

**Dissoved enzymes**

**Advantages**

- homogeneous system
- no preparation needed
- no mass transfer limitation

**Disadvantages**

- expensive (1-10-50 \$/mg)
- discarded after use
- contamination of product
- only batch technology

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### Industrial application of immobilised enzymes

Aminoacilase	resolution of D,L-amino acids
Glucose-isomerase	conversion of glucose to glucose+fructose 1:1 mixture
Penicillin-amidase	preparation of 6-amino-penicilloic acid
$\beta$ -galactosidase	hydrolysis of lactose to glucose+galactose
Lipase	hydrolysis and transesterification of lipids
Thermolysin	Preparation of aspartame

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### Enzyme electrode

Based on an amperometric electrode for dissolved oxygen measurement. It is covered with an enzyme producing or consuming oxygen.  
Eg. glucose oxydase + catalase.  
The electrode reaction:

Ag anode:  $4Ag + 4Cl \rightarrow 4AgCl + 4e^-$

Pt cathode:  $O_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^- \rightarrow 2H_2O$

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### End-point measurement of substrate

The whole amount of substrate is converted – change is measured

$$S + E \rightarrow P + E$$

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### Indicator reaction

If S and P are not observable → an enzymatic indicator reaction makes it measurable.

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### Analytical enzyme applications

In these cases not the activity of enzyme is measured but the concentration of an analyt molecule.

1. Determination of S
2. Determination of I
3. Marker reactions (eg. in immunoassays)

**Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA)**  
diagnostical, research purposes

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### Kinetic measurement of S

At small substrate concentrations the reaction rate changes linearly with S concentration (M-M kinetics).

If  $S \ll K_m \rightarrow V = V_{max}/K_m \cdot S$

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