

Coupled transport / conversions in Bioreactors

O₂ transfer limitation in **Batch** reactor.

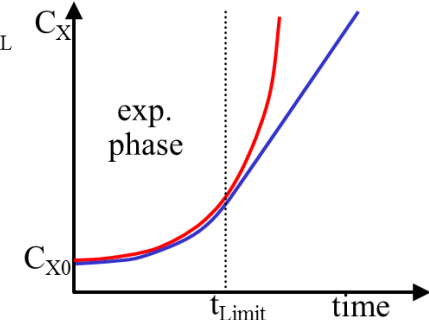
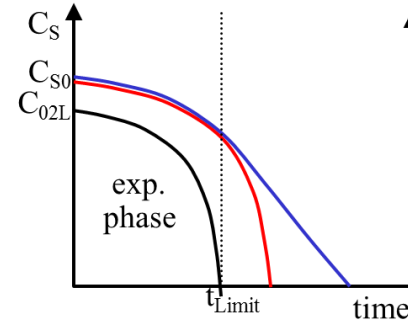
After O₂ limitation, linear phase

$$C_{O2L}^* - C_{O2L} = \frac{\mu^{\max} C_{XO} V}{Y_{OX}^{\max} K_L a} \exp(\mu^{\max} t)$$

$$-r_{O2} = K_L a \cdot C_{O2L}^* = Cst$$

$$r_X = Y_{OX}^{\max} \cdot K_L a \cdot C_{O2L}^* = Cst$$

$$\frac{dC_X}{dt} = r_X = Cst$$



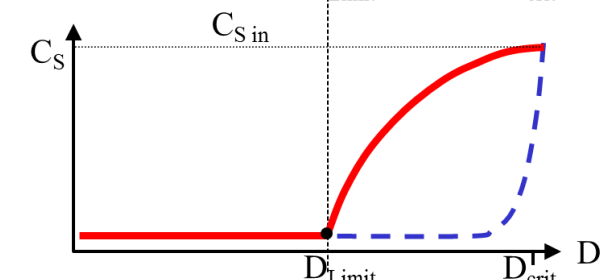
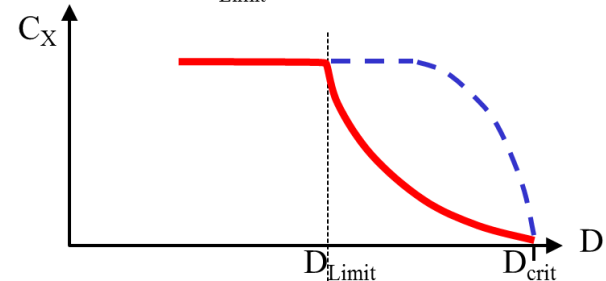
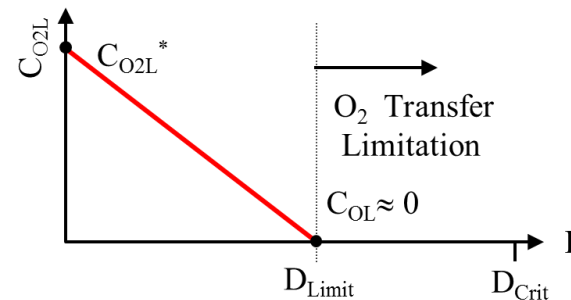
O₂ transfer limitation in **Chemostat** reactor.

Before O₂ limitation, C_{O2L} decrease

linearly with D. After O₂ limitation

C_{O2L} = 0 C_X decrease and C_S decrease D⁻¹.

$$C_{O2L}^* - C_{O2L} = \frac{Y_{SX}^{\max} \cdot C_{S,in} \cdot V \cdot D}{Y_{OX}^{\max} \cdot K_L a}$$



O₂ transfer limitation including **gas depletion**

X_{O2g} < X_{O2g}ⁱⁿ?

$$-r_{O2} = \frac{K_L a}{V} (C_{O2L}^* - C_{O2L})$$

$$X_{O2g} = \frac{X_{O2g}^{in} + \frac{K_L a}{\phi_g} \frac{RT}{P} C_{O2L}}{1 + \frac{K_L a}{\phi_g} \frac{1}{m_{O2}}}$$

$$\frac{K_L a}{\phi_g} \text{ large} \Rightarrow X_{O2g} \approx \frac{X_{O2g}^{in} + 0}{1 + 0} \approx X_{O2g}^{in}$$

$$\frac{K_L a}{\phi_g} \text{ small} \Rightarrow C_{O2L} \approx X_{O2g} \frac{P}{RT} \cdot \frac{1}{m_{O2}} = \frac{C_{O2g}}{m_{O2}} = C_{O2L}^*$$

O₂ & C_{O2} coupling

$$C_{CO2L} = \frac{\left(1 + \frac{K_L a V_L}{\phi_g} \cdot \frac{1}{m_{CO2}}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{K_L a V_L}{\phi_g} \cdot \frac{1}{m_{O2}}\right)} \left(\frac{P}{RT} \frac{X_{O2g}^{in}}{m_{O2}} - C_{O2L} \left(1 + \frac{K_L a V_L}{\phi_g} \cdot \frac{1}{m_{O2}}\right)\right)$$

→ For constant microenvironment, gas/liquid transfer and microbial growth stoichiometry determine C_{CO2L} and C_{O2L} coupling.