

MEMBRANE BIOREACTORS

Models for Bioprocess Design

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Process intensification in a microbiological membrane bioreactor is due, first of all, to the concentration of bacterial biomass. In an enzymatic membrane bioreactor this is achieved by immobilization, and consequently multiple use of the enzyme which, depending on its activity, can remain in the membrane bioreactor either in a native form or can be bound with the membrane. Additionally, a properly selected membrane and method of transmembrane mass transport can replace a multi-stage, often complicated and costly, process of reagent separation used in traditional technologies.

A description of the membrane bioreactor in this book helps to minimize costs of membrane bioreactor application. This must be preceded by proper familiarity with the process and identification of parameters which affect the operation of a membrane bioreactor.



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