



# CELL DISRUPTION BY HIGH-INTENSITY ULTRASOUND - A POTENTIAL INDUSTRIAL-SCALE TECHNIQUE





#### **Cell Disruption**

- Many biologically interesting molecules are produced by culturing in bacterial or yeast cells
  - Antibodies
  - Enzymes
  - Hormones
  - Cytokines
  - Clotting factors
  - Vaccines



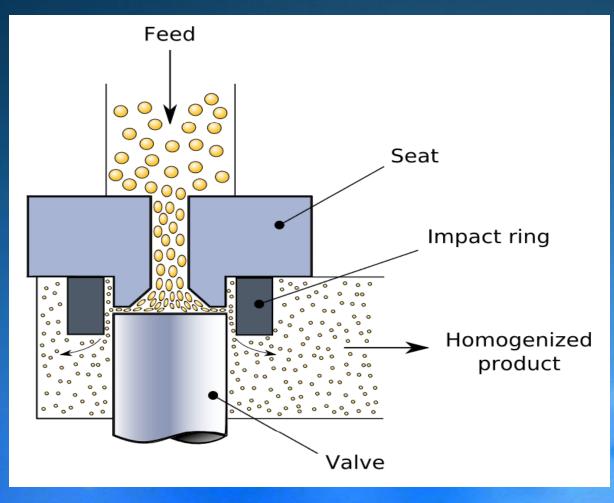
- Cell disruption (lysis) is a method for releasing biological molecules from inside a cell
- Global sales for biopharmaceutical proteins ~ \$170 Billion





#### **Current Industrial Technologies**

**High Pressure Homogenization (HPH)** 







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- Currently the main method (90% of the market)
- Used for bacteria and yeast disruption

#### **Drawbacks:**

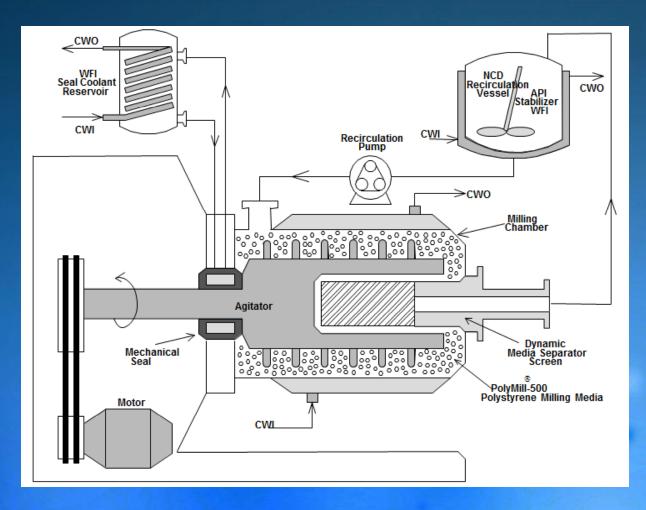
- Pre-processing by non-mechanical techniques
- Heating
- Consumes a lot of energy, damageable valves, expensive maintenance





#### **Current Industrial Technologies**

Wet Media Milling (WMM)







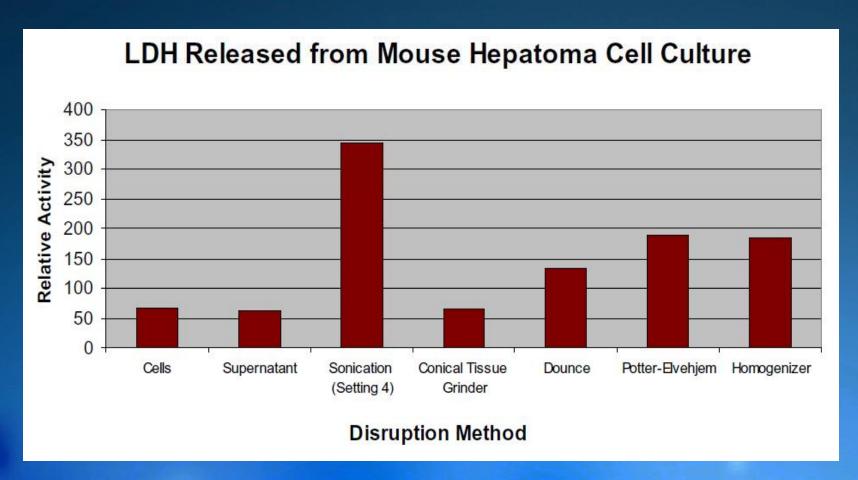
#### Wet Media Milling

- Mills are less popular within pharmaceutical industry (<10% of the market)</li>
- Media occupies 80-90% of the packed volume
- Frequently used in combination with chemical disruptors
- Drawbacks: significant protein denaturation because of high temperature and/or excessive shear, wear of the grinding media





#### Sonication vs. Other Methods



Ultrasonic cell disruption is a laboratory standard

Burden, D. W. Guide to the Homogenization of Biological samples. Random Primers, 2008. 7:1-14.





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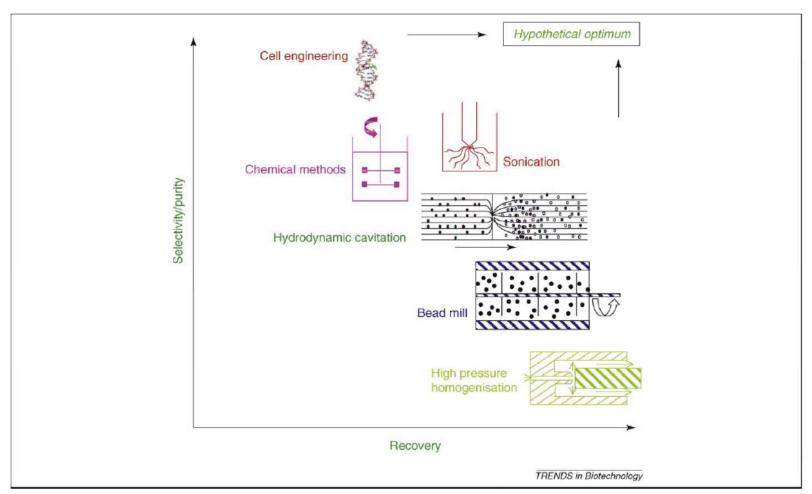


Figure 3. Relationship between the selectivity of product release and the ease of product recovery for various disruption techniques based on literature reports.

Balasundaram, B., S. Harrison, et al. (2009). Trends Biotechnol 27(8): 477-85.





#### **Conventional Ultrasonic Technology**

Ultrasonic Cell Disruption – HIGH AMPLITUDES ARE REQUIRED



- High-Quality Product
- Low-Cost Equipment
- Simple Aseptic Processing
- Selective Extraction









#### **Barbell Horn Ultrasonic Technology**

Scale up without lowering the amplitudes

CH HBH

Scale-up Factor = 
$$2(D_{hbh}/D_{ch})^2$$
 = 25 - 50





#### **Barbell Horn Ultrasonic Technology**







#### Ultrasonic Disruption of S. cerevisiae

**Laboratory scale – LSP-500** 

Bench scale - BSP-1200





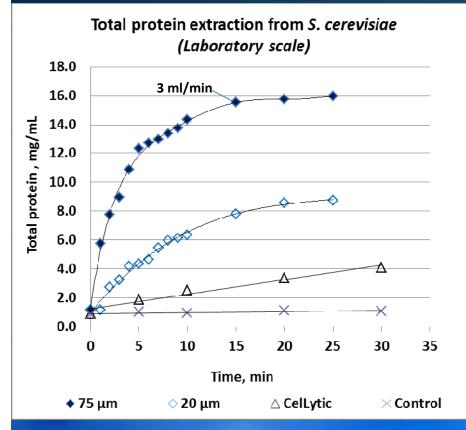


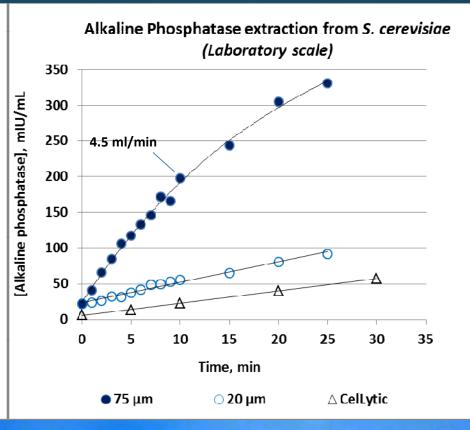
HBH-type horn,  $\emptyset = 32 \text{ mm}$ 





#### Sonication Versus Chemical Extraction, Laboratory Scale (45 ml)



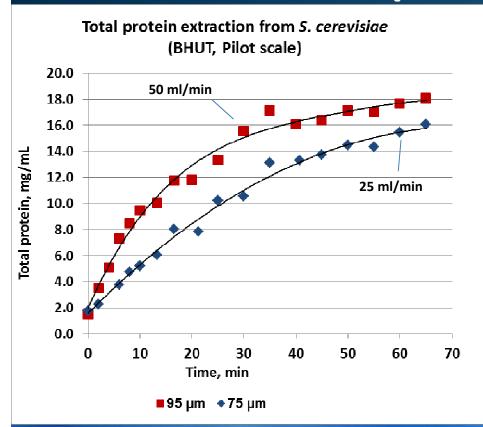


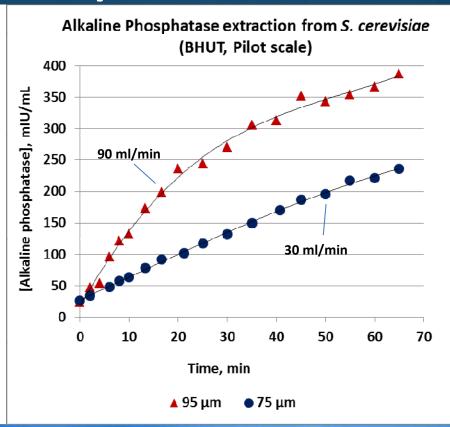
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## Sonication with BHUT, Bench Scale (1500 ml)





Ultrasonic amplitude is important!





#### **CONCLUSIONS**

- BHUT effective for cell disruption
- High amplitudes are essential
- Directly scalable
- Proven laboratory standard method can now be taken to the production scale





### THANK YOU

Q&A