

Clariant Uses the Liquid Injection System (LIS) to Improve Strain Development Experiments in Shake Flasks

Drawbacks of Testing Production Strains in Batch Cultivations

Clariant found that batch cultivations of Bacillus strains lead to alterations in the cell's metabolism and cell lysis, interfering with a reliable production strain characterization in shake flasks. Due to the large impact on the cell's metabolism that the batch condition imposed, the strains' characteristic biomass and protein production behaviors were overshadowed.



Production of unwanted by-products



Acidification of the medium

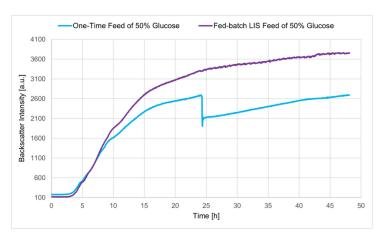


Altered cell physiology and cell lysis

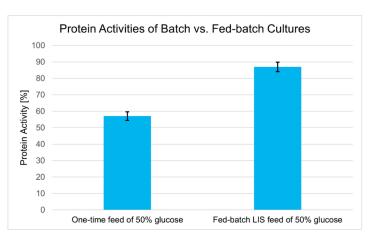


Physiological changes impede the analysis of production behavior

The Big Picture



Using the LIS on shake flasks enabled fedbatch cultivations in small scales, improving strain development experiments in shake flasks.



When compared with the culture with a onetime feed, the fed-batch feeding of glucose to the medium augmented the final protein yield by approximately 30%.



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