



## Lec3 \ Principles of microbial Biotechnology

قسم علوم التقنيات الاحيائية الطبية  
المرحلة الاولى

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# قصة ("من عفن الخبز إلى مضاد حيوي")



- في أحد الأيام من عام 1928، عاد العالم ألكسندر فليمنغ إلى مختبره بعد إجازة قصيرة، ليجد شيئاً غريباً في أحد أطباق البكتيريا التي كان يدرسها. لاحظ أن بقعة من العفن قد نمت بالصدفة، والأغرب من ذلك أن البكتيريا حول هذا العفن كانت ميتة تماماً. بدل أن يتجاهل الأمر، طرح فليمنغ سؤالاً بسيطاً لكنه غير العالم: **لماذا ماتت البكتيريا؟**
- اكتشف أن هذا العفن وهو كائن مجهرى يُدعى (**Penicillium**) يفرز مادة تمنع نمو البكتيريا، فأطلق عليها اسم البنسلين. لم يكن يعلم حينها أن هذا الاكتشاف العرضي سيكون الشرارة الأولى لثورة هائلة في التكنولوجيا الحيوية. بعد سنوات، طوّر العلماء طرقاً لاستزراع هذا الكائن المجهرى داخل مفاعلات حيوية ضخمة، والتحكم بظروفه (الحرارة، الأوكسجين، الغذاء) لإنتاج كميات هائلة من البنسلين.

# Introduction

The use of microorganisms (bacteria, fungi, algae, and viruses) to create products and processes that benefit a variety of industries, such as agriculture, medicine, food production, and environmental management, is known as microbial biotechnology. Because of their rapid growth, genetic diversity, and adaptability in producing bioactive compounds, microorganisms are essential to the biotechnological sector.

# Microorganisms in Biotechnology:

Microorganisms are critical tools in biotechnology due to their ability to produce a variety of biologically significant products, such as **enzymes, antibiotics, Vitamins, amino acids, biofuels, and bioremediation agents.**

- **Bacteria:** *Escherichia coli*, *Bacillus* species, and *Streptomyces* are commonly used in industrial biotechnology. They can produce a range of proteins, enzymes, and antibiotics..
- **Fungi:** *Aspergillus*, *Penicillium*, and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* are used for producing enzymes, biofuels, and pharmaceuticals.
- **Algae:** *Cyanobacteria* and *microalgae* can be used for biofuel production and carbon capture.
- **Viruses:** They are harnessed for gene therapy and as vectors for gene delivery.

# Principles of Microbial Biotechnology

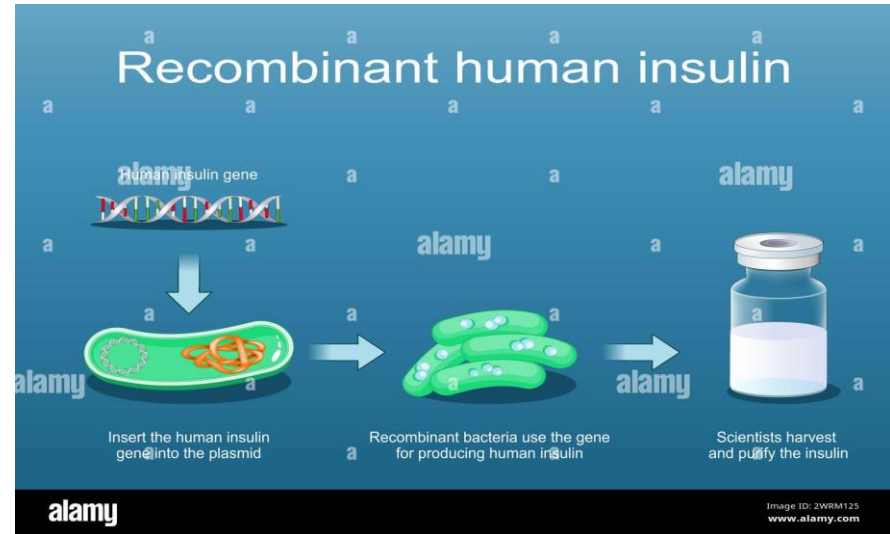
## a-Metabolic Pathways and Genetic Engineering

Microbial biotechnology relies primarily on modifying metabolic pathways to produce desired products. Metabolic engineering involves altering the genetic material of microorganisms to improve production processes. This can include the following:

- **Gene cloning and expression:** Inserting foreign genes into microorganisms to produce therapeutic proteins or enzymes.
- **CRISPR-Cas9 technology:** Gene-editing tools like CRISPR are used to precisely modify the genetic makeup of microorganisms to enhance their metabolic capabilities.

# a-Metabolic Pathways and Genetic Engineering

**Example:** Recombinant DNA technology in *Escherichia coli* allows the production of **human insulin**.



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## b-Fermentation Technology:

Fermentation is a biochemical process where microorganisms convert organic substrates into valuable products under controlled conditions. It is used to produce antibiotics, vitamins, biofuels, and other secondary metabolites.

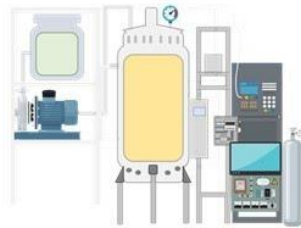
- **Batch Fermentation:** A closed system where microorganisms are cultivated in a fixed volume of nutrient-rich media until product accumulation ceases.
- **Continuous Fermentation:** Microorganisms are continually supplied with fresh media while products are continuously harvested.

# Operation modes of bioreactors

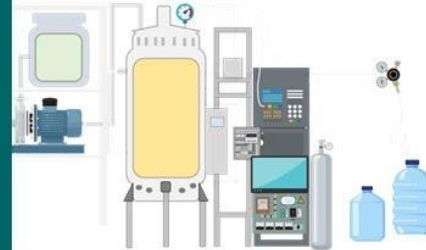
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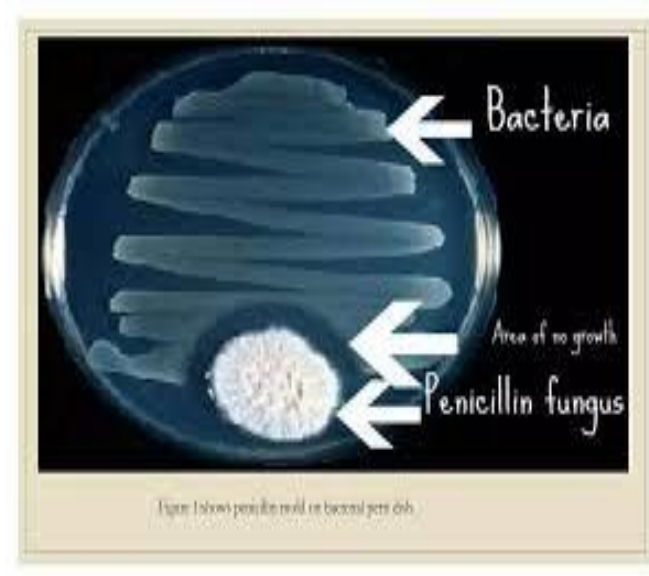
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# b-Fermentation Technology:

**Example:** Penicillin production by *Penicillium chrysogenum* uses submerged fermentation to produce high yields





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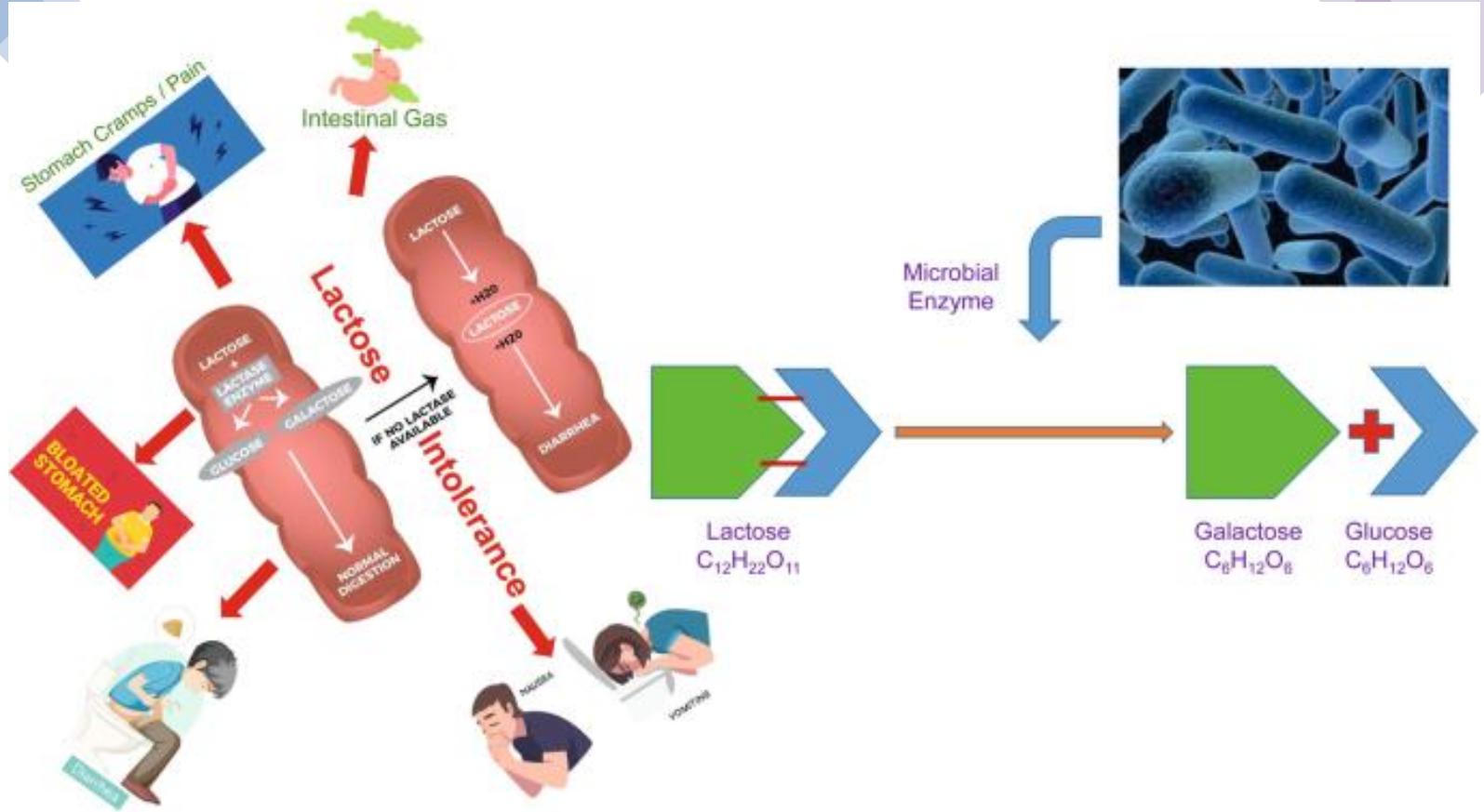
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# C-Microbial enzymes

**Microbial enzymes** are widely **واسع** used in industrial processes. They catalyze biochemical reactions and are often **more efficient** and **cost-effective** than **chemical** catalysts.

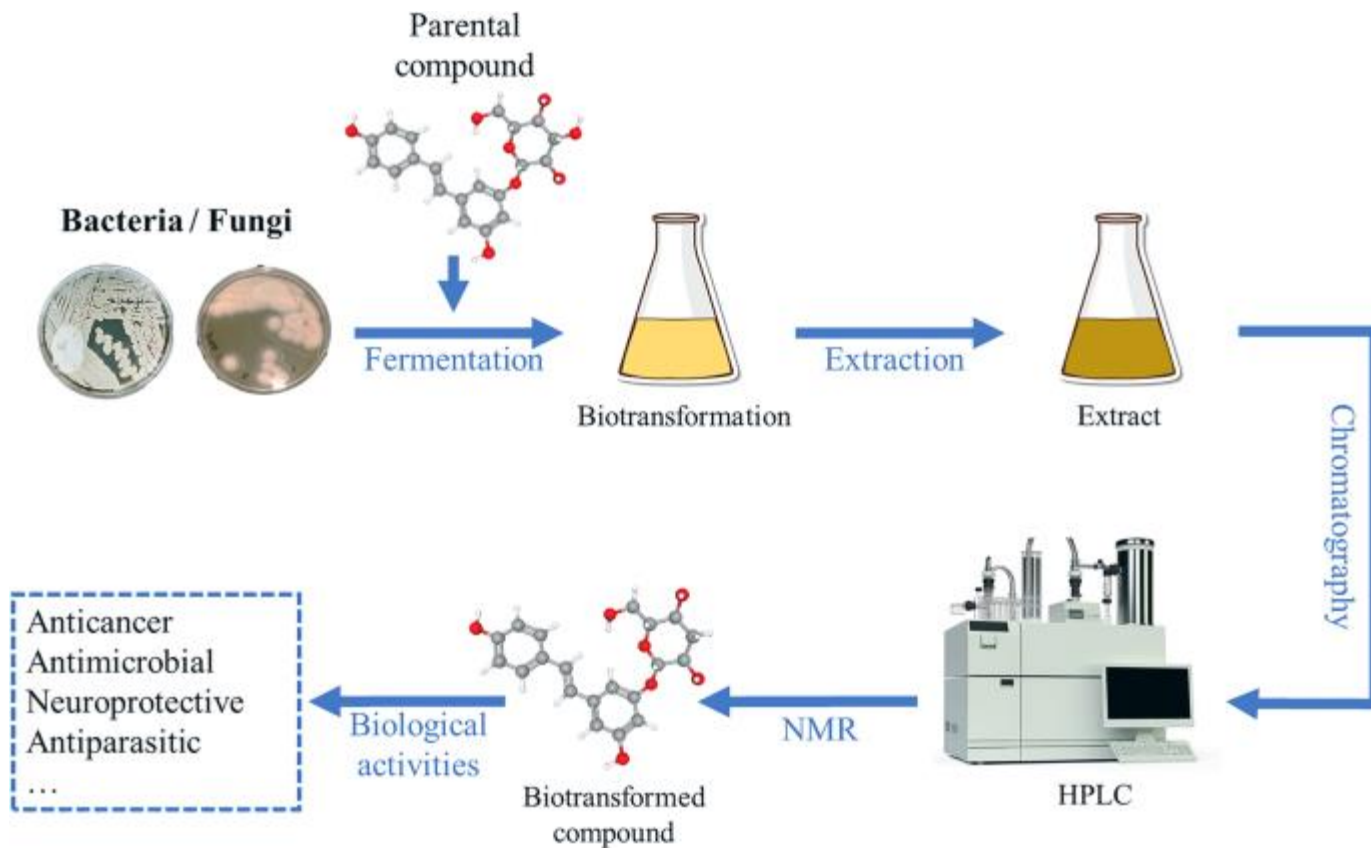
- **Amylase**: Produced by *Bacillus* subtilis and used in the food industry for **starch hydrolysis**.
- **Protease**: Produced by *Aspergillus* species for **detergent** and **leather processing**.



# d-Microbial biotransformation

Microbial biotransformation involves using microorganisms to **convert one compound into another**, often to produce **high-value chemicals, drugs, or metabolites** that would be difficult to synthesize through traditional chemical methods.

- **Steroid transformation:** Microorganisms like **Rhodococcus** رودوكوكوس are used for the biotransformation of **steroids to produce pharmaceutical intermediates**.



# e-Biofuel and Bioremediation

- **Biofuels:** Microbial biotechnology plays a significant role in the production of bioethanol, biodiesel, and biohydrogen as renewable energy sources.

**Example:** *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (yeast) is used for ethanol production from sugars.

تُستخدم خميرة *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* لإنتاج الإيثانول من السكريات

- **Bioremediation** **المعالجة الحيوية:** Microorganisms are used to break down or detoxify environmental pollutants such as oil spills, heavy metals, and organic pollutants.

**Example,** certain types of *Pseudomonas* bacteria can break down hydrocarbons in oil-contaminated soil. يمكن لأنواع بكتيريا الزائفة تحليل الهيدروكربونات في التربة الملوثة بالنفط.

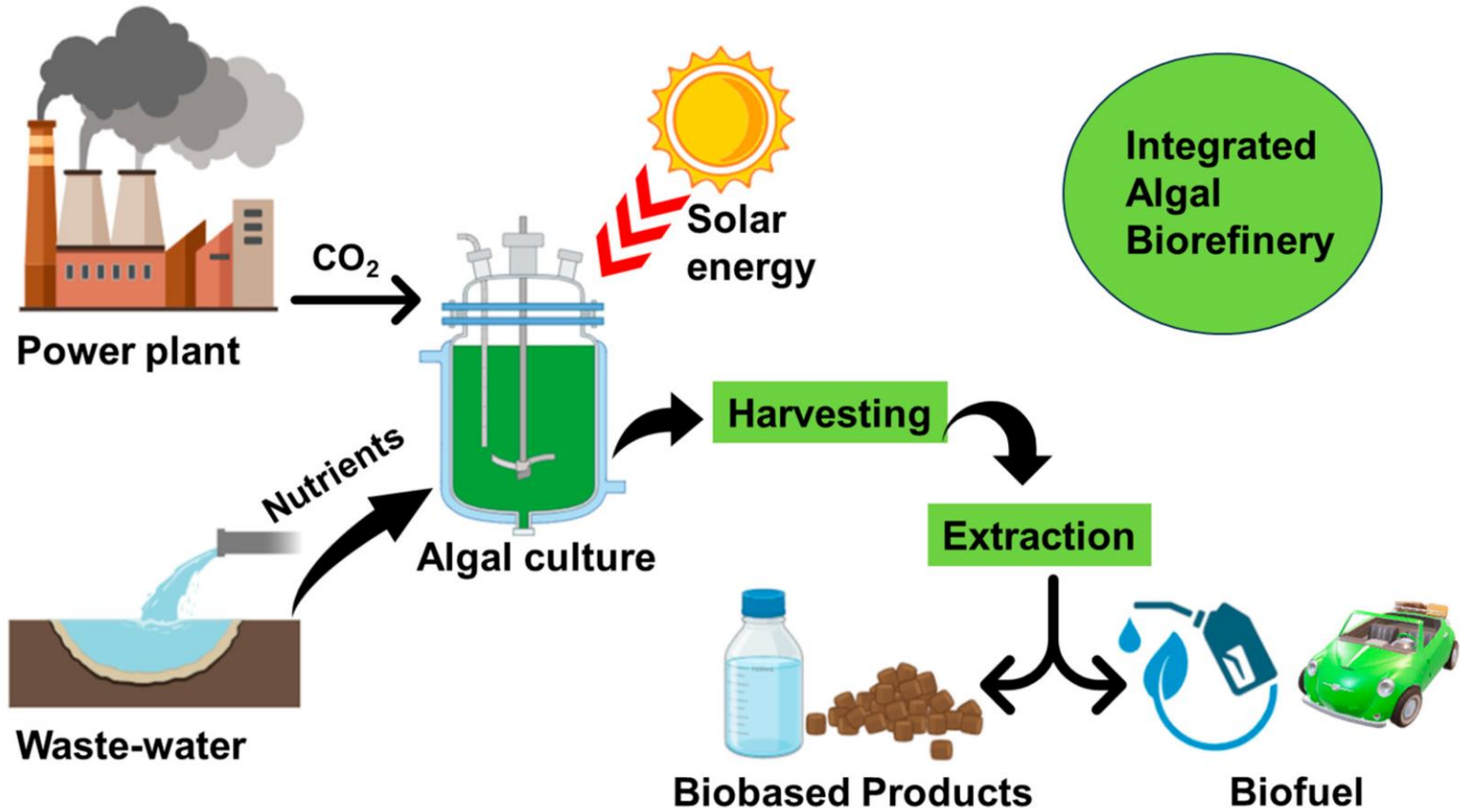
# Applications of Microbial Biotechnology:

## a-Pharmaceuticals :

Microbial biotechnology has revolutionized the production of antibiotics, vaccines, and other biopharmaceuticals.

- **Antibiotics:** Microorganisms like *Streptomyces* species produce a variety of antibiotics, including penicillin and tetracycline.
- **Vaccines:** Recombinant microorganisms are used to produce vaccines against diseases like hepatitis and influenza.





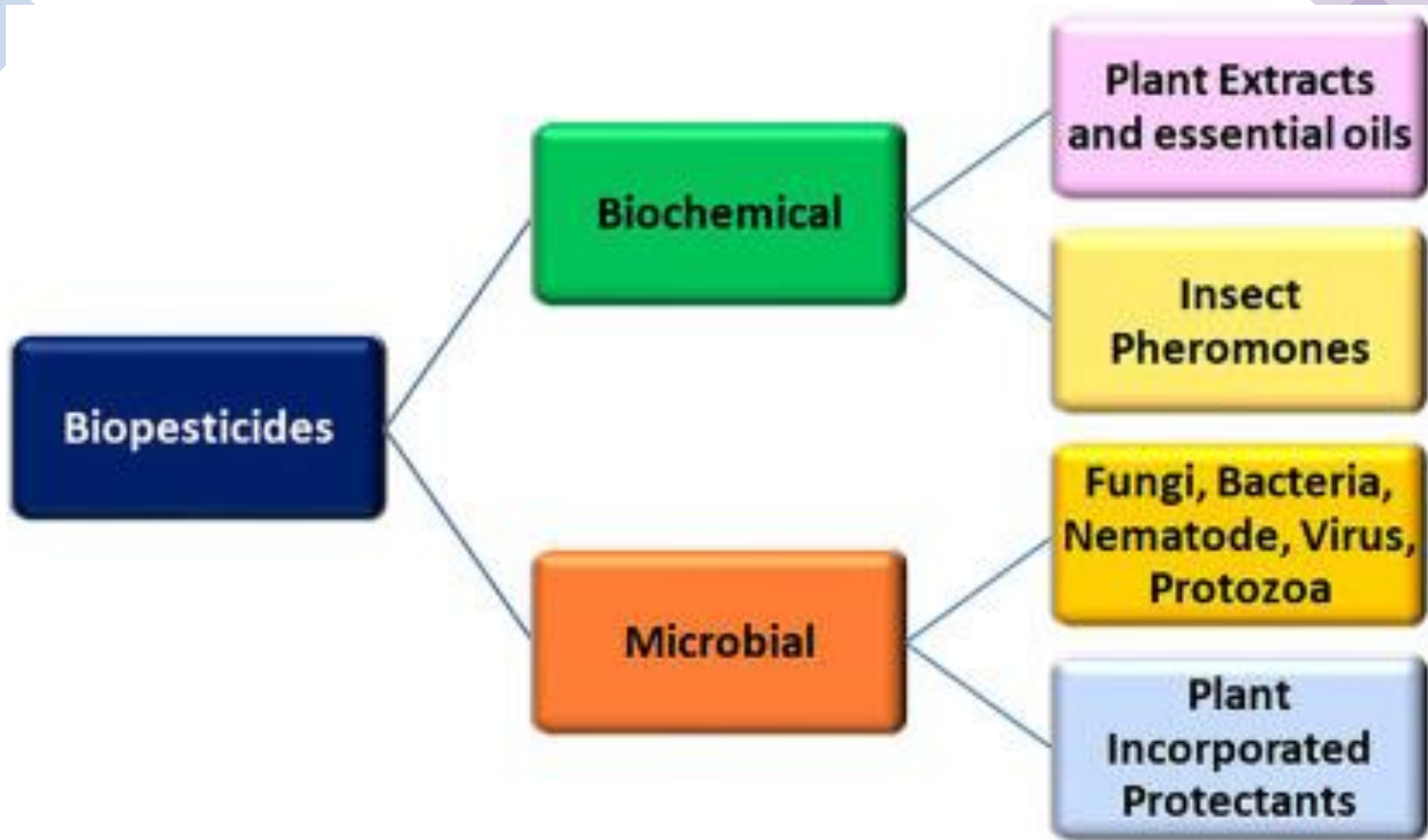
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## b- Agricultural Biotechnology :

Microbial biotechnology helps in enhancing agricultural productivity through biological control, nitrogen fixation, and biopesticides.

- **Biofertilizers** الأسمدة الحيوية : Certain bacteria like *Rhizobium* الريزوبيوم help in **fixing atmospheric nitrogen**, promoting plant growth.
- **Biopesticides** المبيدات الحيوية : *Bacillus* thuringiensis produces proteins toxic to insect pests, reducing the need for chemical pesticides.





# Applications of Microbial Biotechnology:

## c-Food and Beverage Industry:

Microbial biotechnology is fundamental in food fermentation processes that produce products like cheese, yogurt, bread, beer, and wine. Microorganisms such as *Lactobacillus* and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* are commonly used.



# Applications of Microbial Biotechnology:

## d. Environmental Biotechnology:

Microbial biotechnology plays a crucial role in environmental conservation through waste treatment, bioremediation, and bioenergy production.



- **Wastewater treatment** معالجة مياه الصرف الصحي : Microorganisms **break down** organic matter in sewage to reduce environmental pollution.
- **Carbon sequestration** عزل الكربون : Microorganisms like **algae** are explored for their potential in capturing atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>.

# Challenges and Future Directions

- **Strain improvement**تحسين السلالات: There is always a need for better microbial strains that can increase product yield and reduce by-products.
- **Safety concerns**مخاوف السلامة: Genetically modified organisms (GMOs) must be carefully monitored to **avoid unintended consequences**.
- **Cost-effectiveness**فعالية التكلفة: Scale-up processes for microbial biotechnology can be **expensive**. Efforts are ongoing to improve **efficiency and reduce costs**.



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