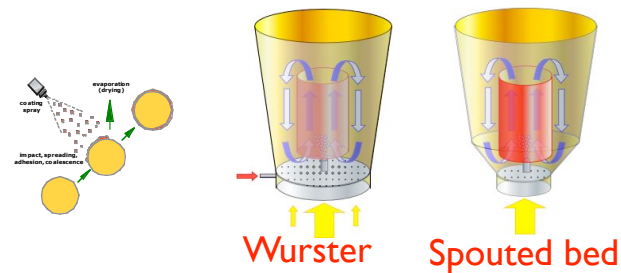
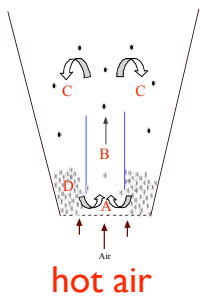


Wurster or spouted bed

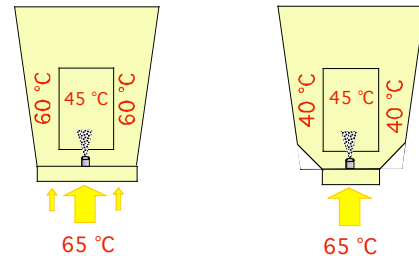


Residence times in wurster reactor

- A: Acceleration of particles (0.05 sec - 1 %)
- B: Pneumatic transport
Drying = cooling (0.15 sec - 2 %)
- C: Deceleration of particles (0.9 sec - 12 %)
- D: Expanded bed
Particle overheating? (6 sec - 85 %)



Temperature distribution in fluid bed reactors

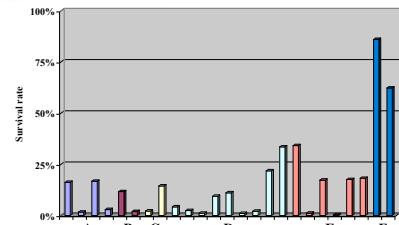
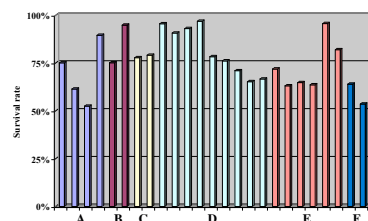


Survival rate of L.casei and L.acidophilus during fluid bed coating

Probiotic strain	Survival rate with the conventional equipment (%)	Survival rate with the modified equipment (%)	Increase of the final cell concentration (%)
<i>L. casei</i> Lc1	40.1 ± 6.9	53.6 ± 7.2	34
<i>L. acidophilus</i> R0052	7.6 ± 1.3	15.3 ± 1.4	102

Improving survival rate of probiotics during coating and pelleting

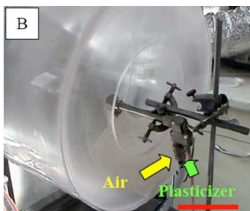
Lactobacillus Acidophilus



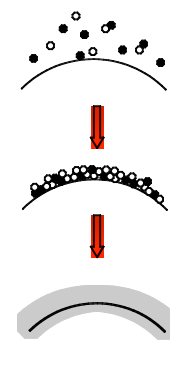
A: cellulose and starch - B: gums - C: Proteins - D: oils - E: waxes - F: double coatings

Survival rate during coating and pelleting process (70°C)

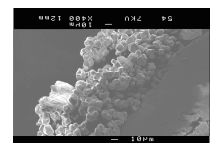
Particle dry coating



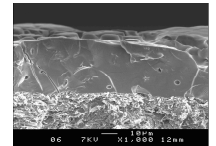
- Spray = fine powder + plastifiant
- Starch + triethyl citrate
- Phytowax + triethyl citrate
- Fast process (15 min)
- Air at room temperature
- Porous coating >>> Curing step



○ Polymer ● binder



before curing



after curing