

# Lecture 3

## I. Pure cultures

A. Are cultures that are derived from \_\_\_\_\_ bacterial cell and thus contain only one species.

B. Are \_\_\_\_\_

1. Most ecological niches harbor \_\_\_\_\_ of microorganisms

(Example: \_\_\_\_\_)

2. Clinical specimens contain both \_\_\_\_\_ (disease-causing) and \_\_\_\_\_ microorganisms

(e.g. urine samples and throat swabs).

C. Deriving a pure culture is very important because it allows us to \_\_\_\_\_, characterize, study, and, perhaps most importantly, develop \_\_\_\_\_ strategies to control the microorganism.

## II. Techniques used to derive a pure culture:

A. \_\_\_\_\_: Dilute original culture and spread on an agar plate; colonies then form on the agar surface .

B. \_\_\_\_\_: Dilute original culture and add to molten agar; colonies then form on the subsurface of the agar .

C. \_\_\_\_\_: The original culture is \_\_\_\_\_ across the agar surface using an inoculating loop. Isolated colonies form on the agar surface.

1. It is possible that a single colony on a streak plate could contain a minute level of contamination. Therefore, we \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ another plate for an absolutely pure colony.

i. Characteristics of a contaminated colony:

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. Different colors

c. Different \_\_\_\_\_ (mucoid on one side and dry on the other)

2. Pay attention to this streak plate demonstration. Be absolutely certain you are competent and confident with the triplet-streak technique.

## III. Culture medium

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ (macroelements):

1. \_\_\_\_\_

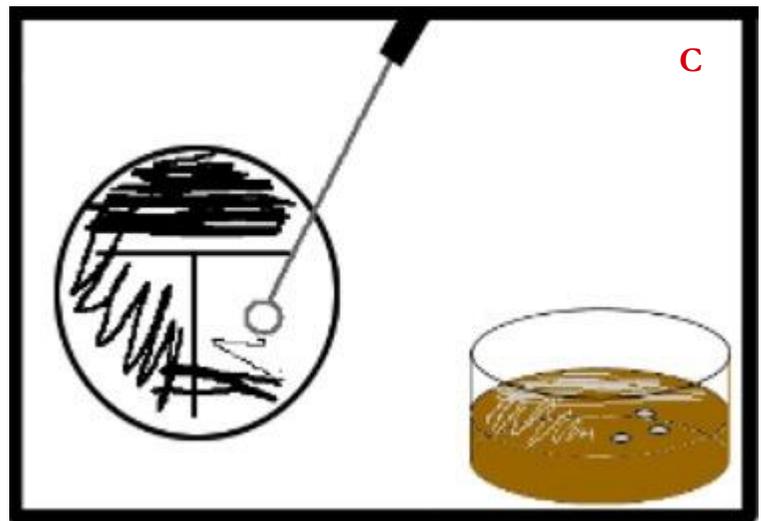
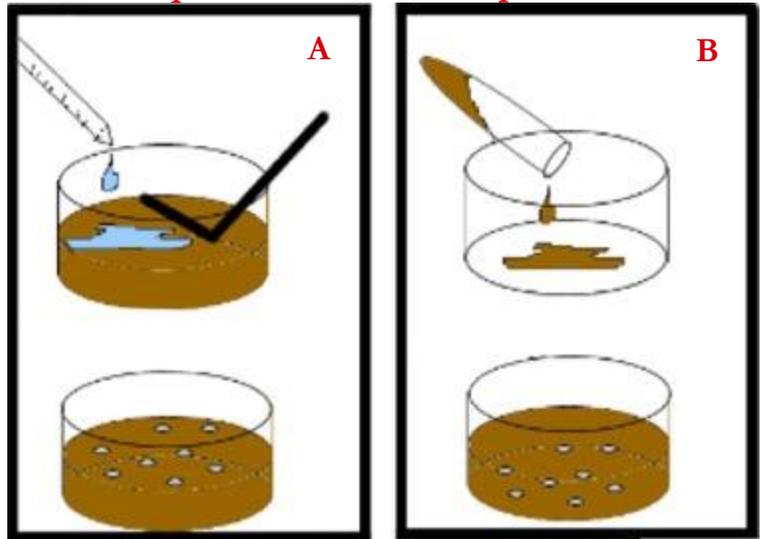
i. Components of carbohydrates, lipids, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Potassium ions, \_\_\_\_\_, magnesium ions, and \_\_\_\_\_ ions

i. Required for \_\_\_\_\_ activity

3. Some culture media contain \_\_\_\_\_, such as amino acids and vitamins. These media support the growth of organisms that \_\_\_\_\_ from the major elements.

## Techniques used to derive a pure culture:



4. \_\_\_\_\_:  
 i. Manganese, molybdenum, \_\_\_\_\_,  
 cobalt, nickel, and \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. Usually aid in \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 maintenance of protein structure

B. Defined vs. undefined, or complex, media

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ medium is made by weighing out every potential nutrient component carefully (i.e. glucose, ammonium sulfate, etc.)

Advantages: We know \_\_\_\_\_ and it is therefore useful in determining \_\_\_\_\_ of a particular organism.

Disadvantages: \_\_\_\_\_, complicated preparation

2. An \_\_\_\_\_, or complex, medium is prepared with complex natural extracts and digests of \_\_\_\_\_.

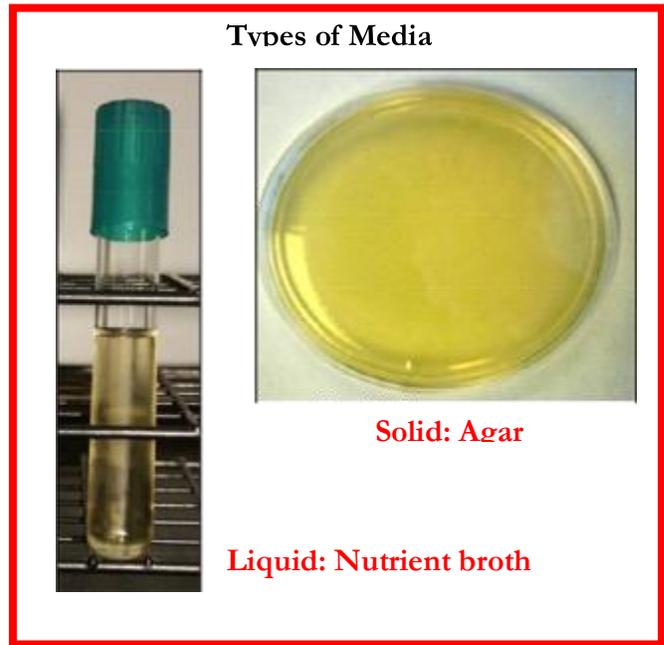
Advantages: Easy preparation, inexpensive

Disadvantages: Cannot be used to define precise growth \_\_\_\_\_ because we don't know exactly what's in it.

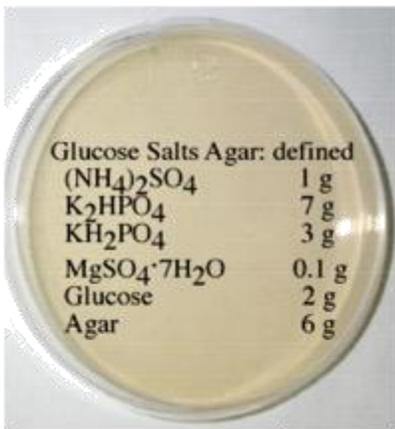
C. Selective vs. Differential

1. "Selective" means that the medium can \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ the growth of others.

2. Differential media are designed to tell us the \_\_\_\_\_ growing on the same culture medium. These media generally contain some kind of chemical that is altered in a visible way by some bacteria, but not others.



**Example of a defined medium:  
 Glucose Salt Agar (GSA)**



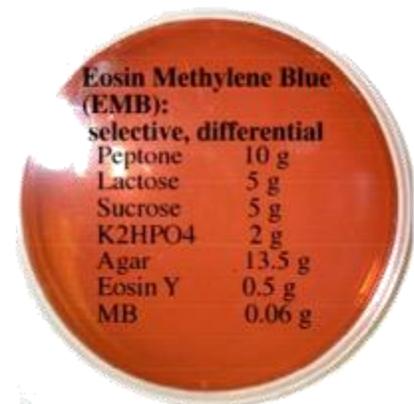
An organism that is capable of growing on GSA must be able to \_\_\_\_\_ using only \_\_\_\_\_ provided.

**Example of a complex medium:  
 Trypticase Soy Agar (TSA)**



Because TSA is made using extracts of \_\_\_\_\_, it contains complex growth factors (e.g. \_\_\_\_\_). Thus, organisms that are \_\_\_\_\_ from the major elements can grow on TSA.

**Example of a differential and selective medium:  
 Eosin Methylene Blue (EMB)**



The \_\_\_\_\_ dyes select for the growth of Gram-negative organisms. Organisms capable of fermenting \_\_\_\_\_ form dark purple colonies that sometimes have a metallic sheen.

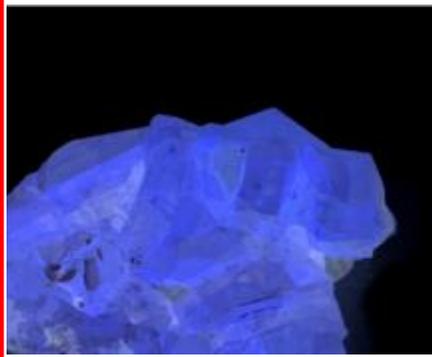
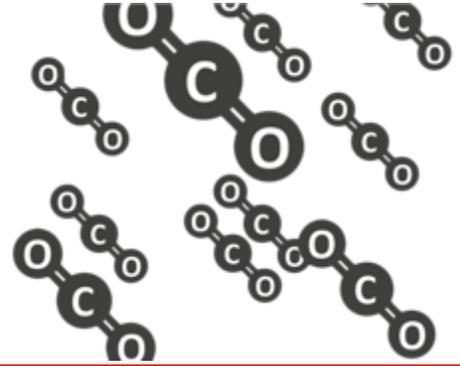
#### IV. Classifications of organisms

A. Depending on an organism's \_\_\_\_\_ sources, it can be classified as follows:



### A. Photoautotrophs

Energy: Inorganic sources  
Carbon source:  $\text{CO}_2$



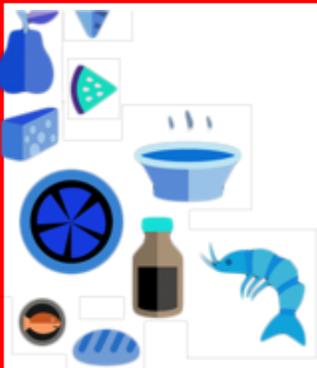
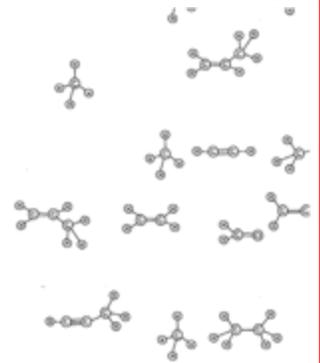
### B. Chemoautotrophs (chemolithoautotrophs)

Energy: Inorganic sources  
Carbon source:  $\text{CO}_2$



### C. Photoheterotrophs

Energy: Light  
Carbon source: Organics



### D. Chemoheterotrophs (chemoorganoheterotrophs)

Energy: Organic sources  
Carbon source: Organics

