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Abstract:
In this tandem presentation, the authors highlight new opportunities and current challenges of pure and mixed microbial culture fermentations. Results and practical examples are given as part of on-going research in butanol production and keratin degradation. Specific advantages of each process are contrasted with typical bottlenecks. The authors provide a decision framework for using either technology based on some key parameters of the target application.