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Food formulation & microbes for controlling flavour development: case studies of starter cultures in emulsions

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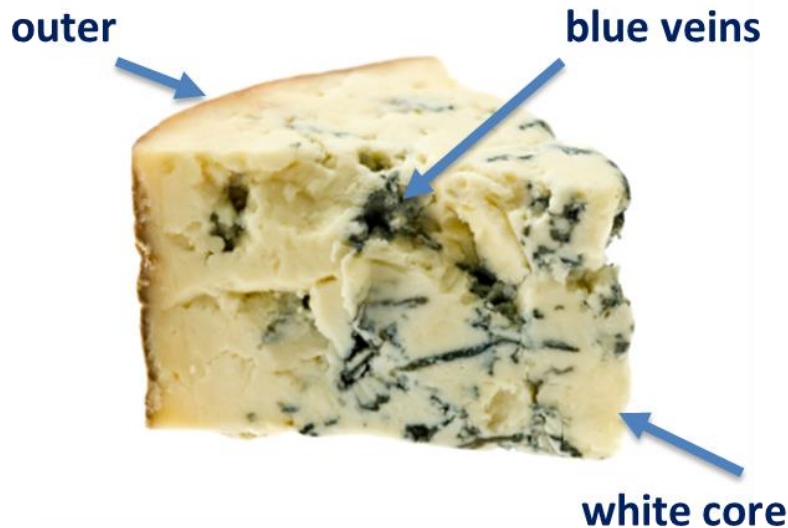
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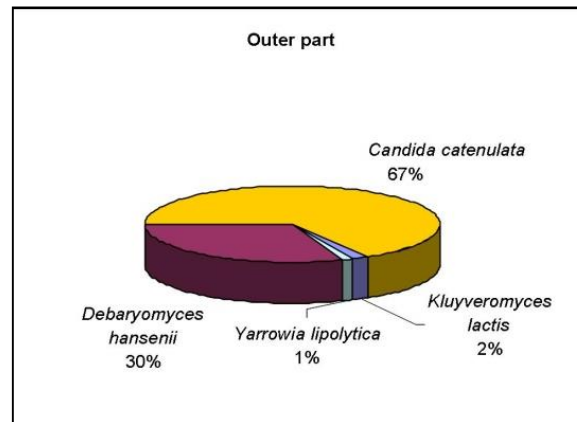
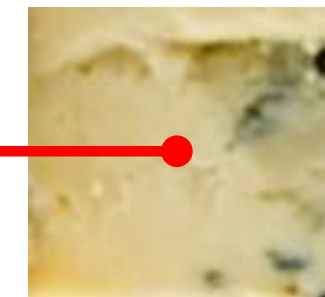
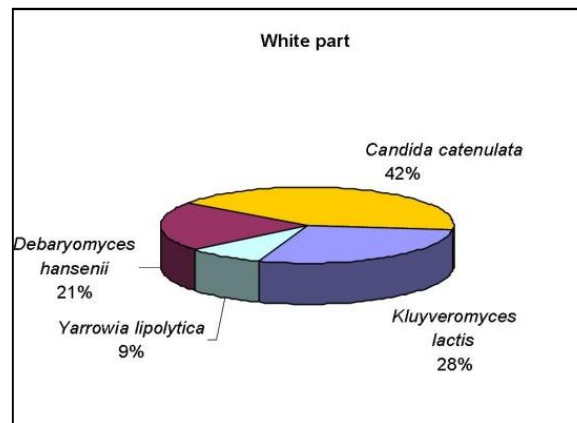
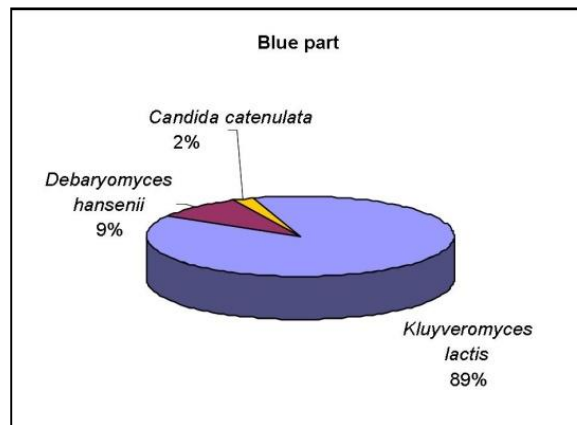
**...what is the share of
microbes in fermented food**

DNA-based microbial analysis of the yeasts in Stilton



Example of typical fermented food:

- Starter culture
- Secondary culture
- Links of its microbes to flavour
- Diverse food structure
- Principals that apply to many fermented foods



Flavour

Interactions in models

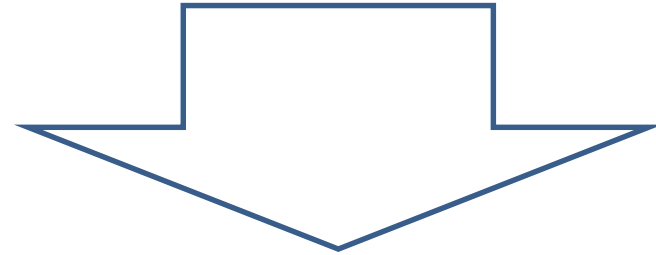
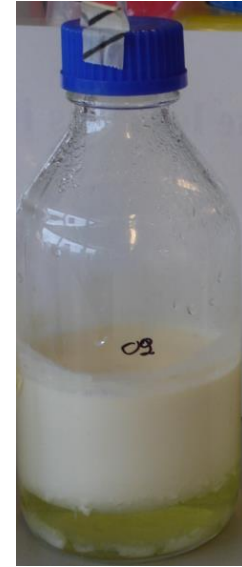
Yeasts (secondary microflora)

- *Kluyveromyces lactis*
- *Debaryomyces hansenii*
- *Trichosporon beigeli*
- *Yarrowia lipolytica*

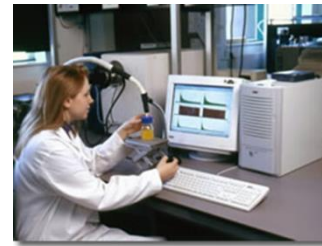
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Starter mould

Penicillium roqueforti



- GC-MS



- APCI-MS

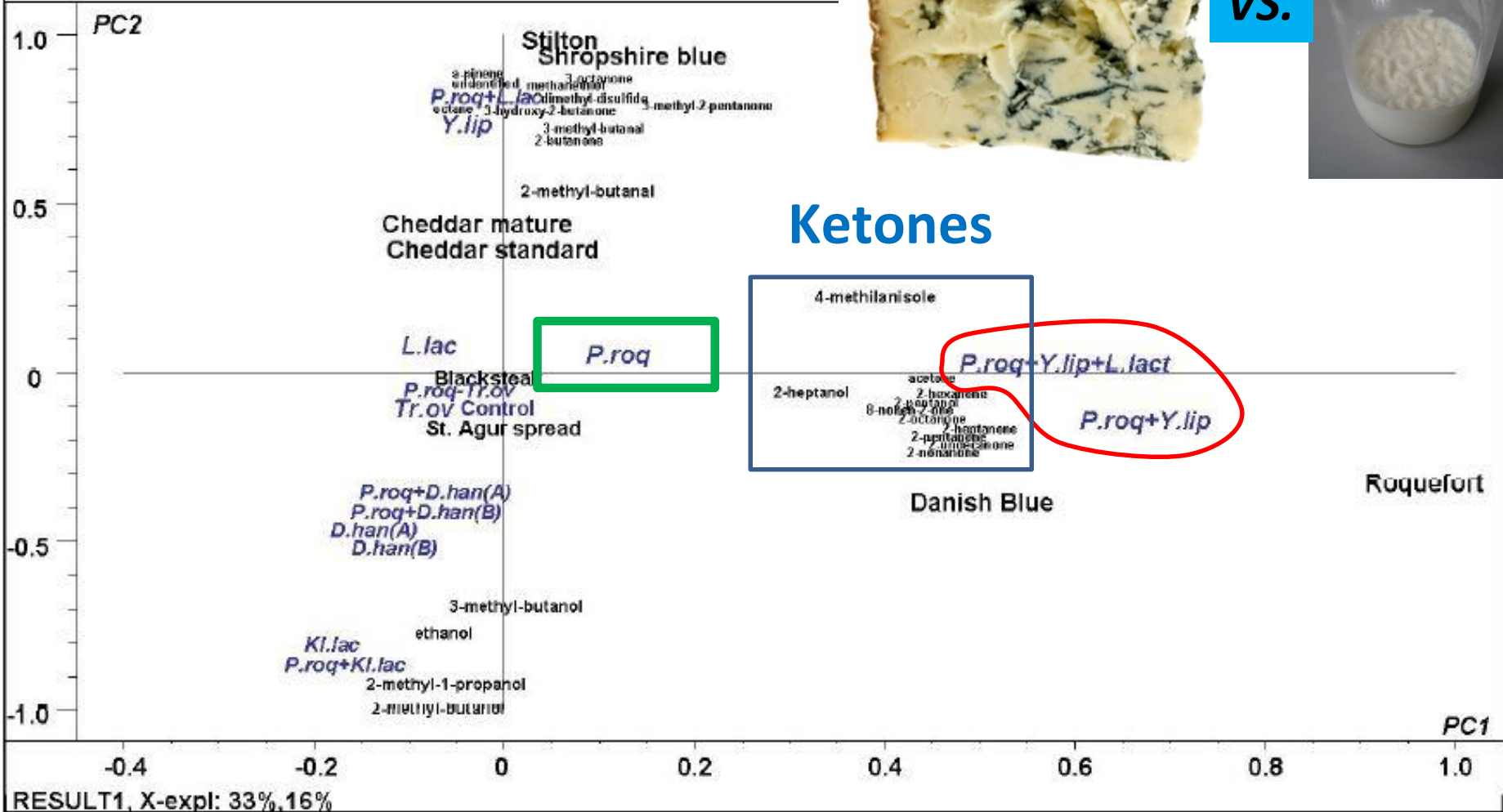


- Sensory

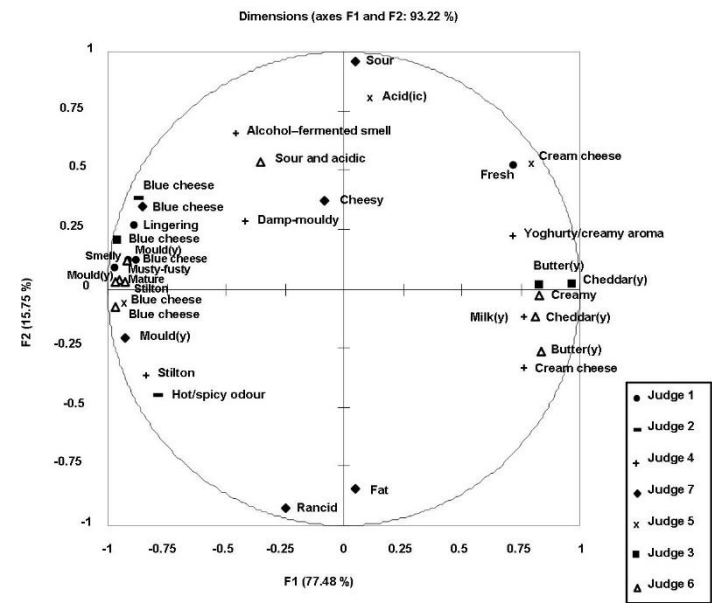
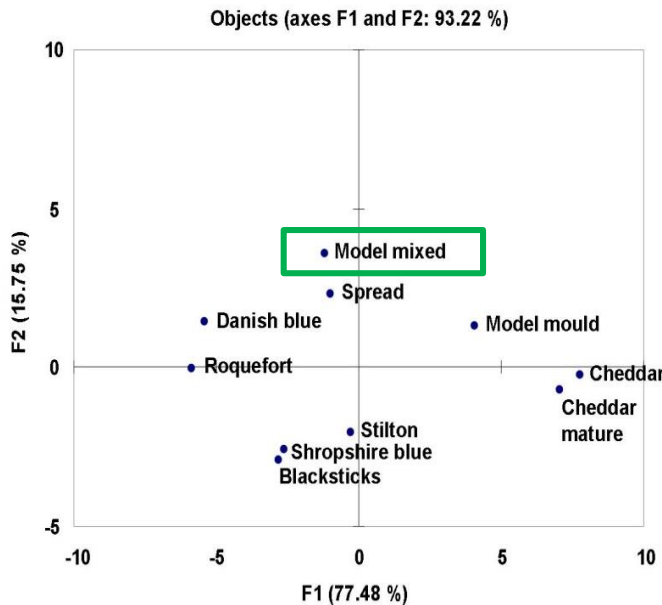
Comparison of models and real cheese aroma - GC-MS analysis



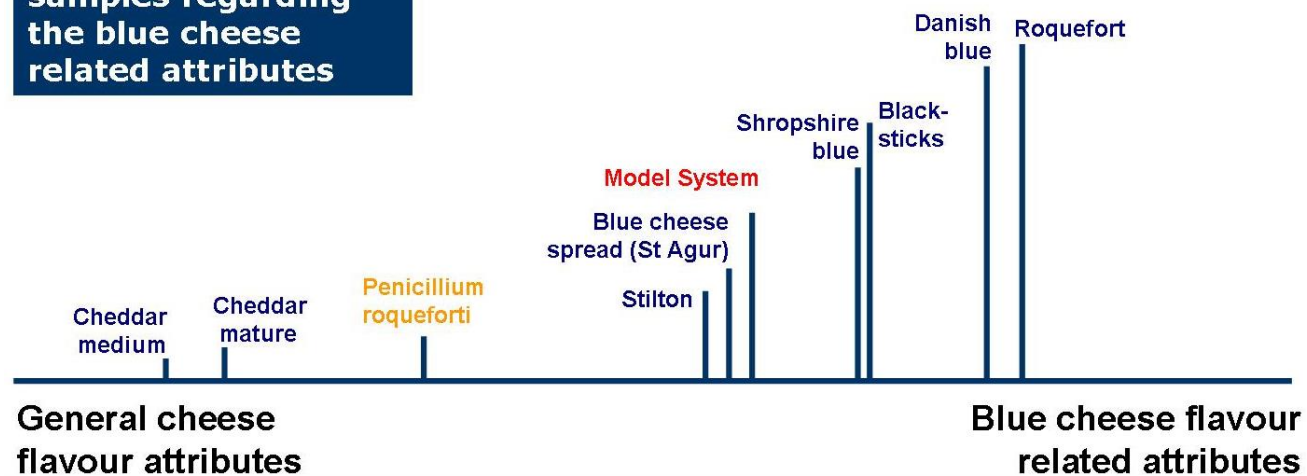
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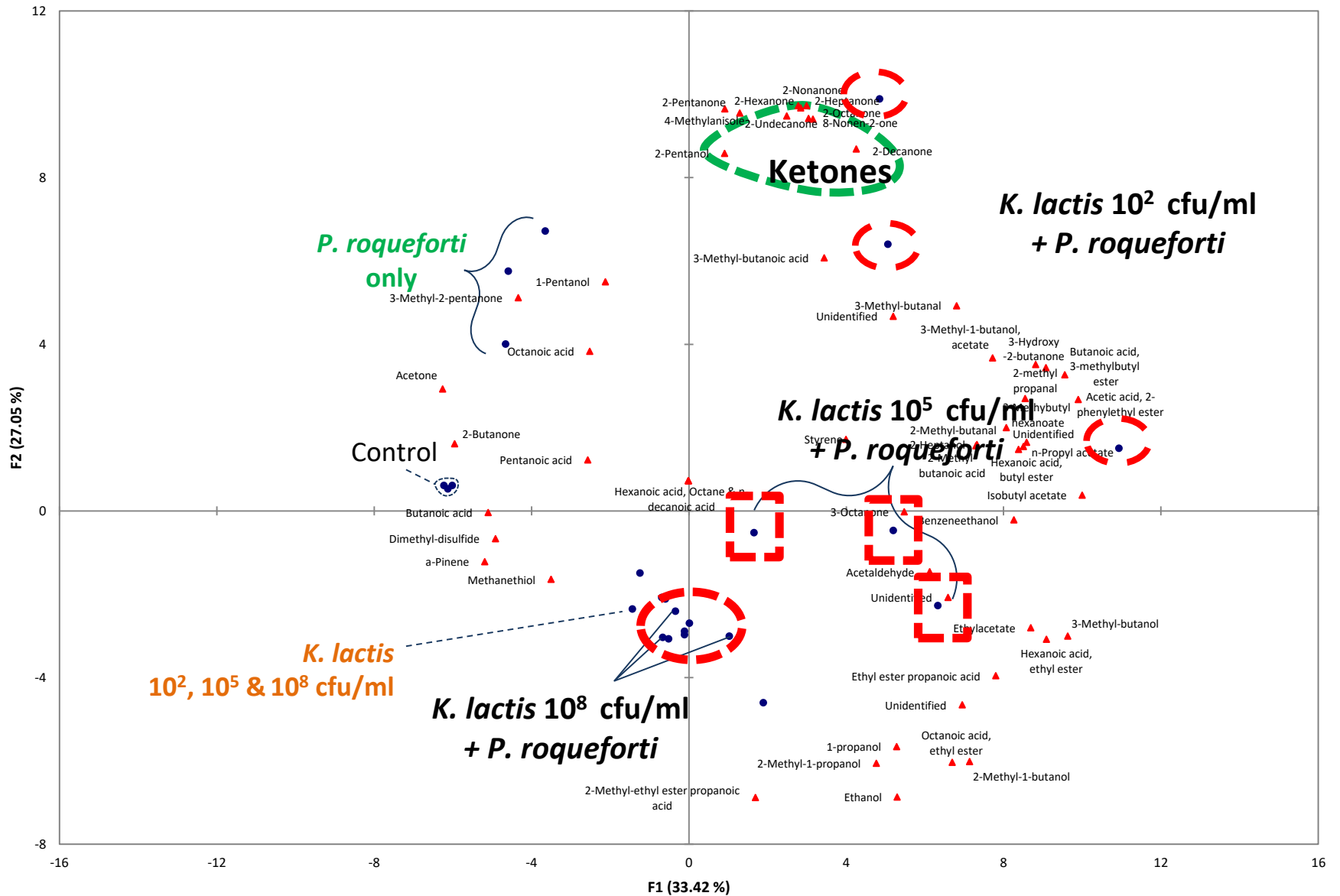
Sensory - Flash profile



Relative position of samples regarding the blue cheese related attributes



Effect of quantity – Aroma profiles of *Kluyveromyces lactis* in models



Conclusions...

Interactions of starter and secondary culture in fermented food are like...

There is a starter culture

- this is needed

There is a secondary culture

- this is desirable

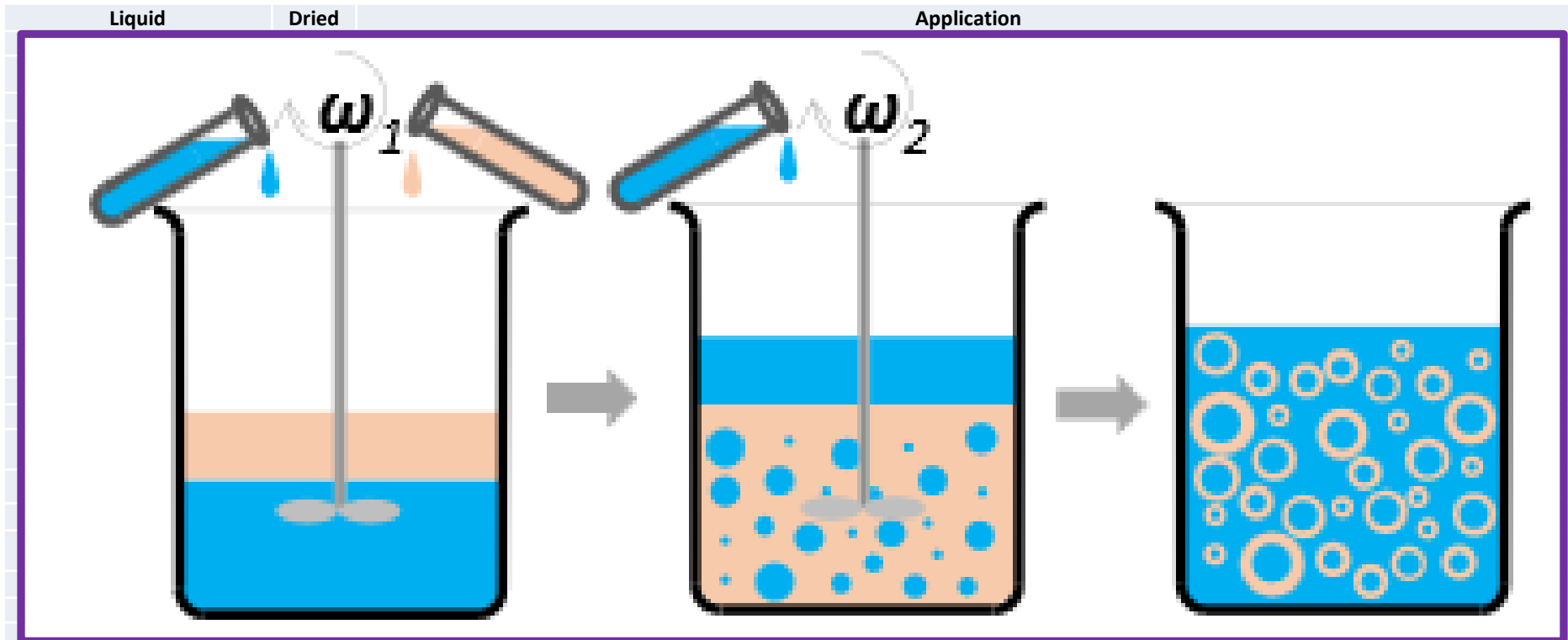
- we do not control it

Interesting things happen when both are ensured

- ...however, they can not co-exist due to competing with each other

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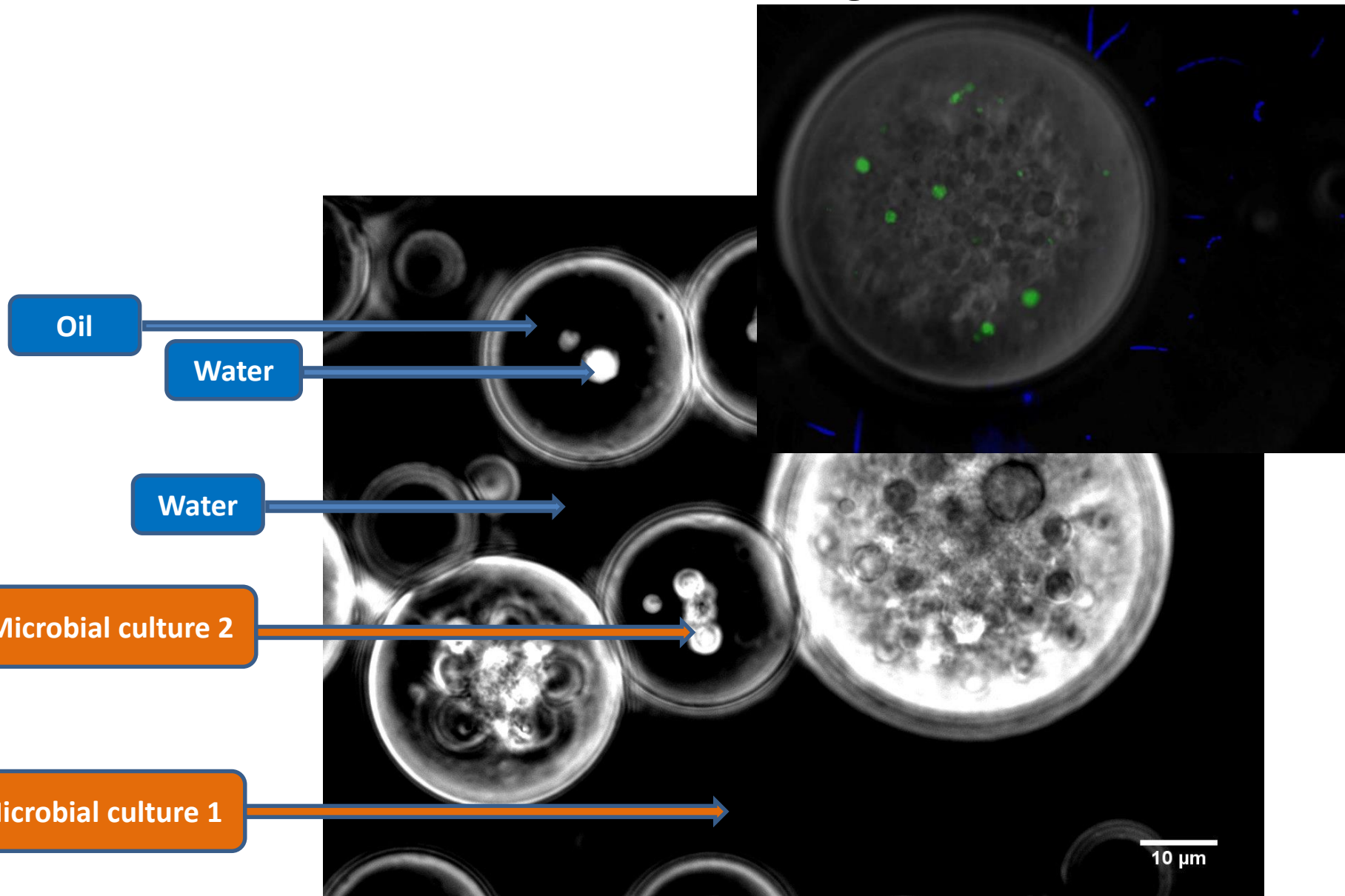
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| x | | Tailoring oral destabilization of DE with NaCl in W1 in order to enhance saltiness perception (application for sodium reduction in food) |
| X | | Replacement of oil by water droplets in oil phase to manipulate sensory response (intensity of fat-related attributes) |
| X | | Encapsulation of caffeine in yogurt |
| X | | Replacement of beef fat in meat emulsion system |
| X | | Encapsulation of probiotic bacteria <i>L. salivarius</i> (W1 consists of solid-phase (S) dried cells) |
| X | | Replacement of pork fat in frankfurters with DE containing perilla oil (high content of α -linolenic acid) |
| X | | Beverage with 1% DE as clouding agent, with 60% sucrose as weighting agent in W1 phase, and orange oil or medium-chain triglycerides as O phase |
| X | | Enrichment of skim milk with sunflower oil |
| X | | Encapsulation of <i>Lactobacillus delbrueckii</i> |

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| Liquid | Dried | Application |
|--------|-------|---|
| X | | Low-calorie cream or mayonnaise |
| X | | Double emulsion containing gelling polysaccharide and encapsulated flavor, applicable to low-fat salad dressing or margarine-like spread |
| X | | Formation of W/O/W emulsion by diluting O/W microemulsion (with nonmiscible flavoring substances), suitable for food flavoring purposes |
| X | | Carrier for vitamins in sweets (40% sugar in W phase) |
| X | | Replacement of milk fat in cheese |
| X | | Carrier for sodium ascorbate in ultra-high temperature milk (3% DE in milk) |
| X | | Carrier for CaCl ₂ in soybean milk in order to influence consistency |
| | X | Edible film with mechanical properties comparable to hydrophilic film, but with water vapor permeability |
| X | | Carrier for omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids (chia essential oil) or ascorbic acid |
| X | | Encapsulation of natural coloring agents for confectionery, fruit preparation, ice cream |
| X | | Spread enriched with fish oil |
| | X | Powder with microencapsulated peanut sprout extract (containing high content of resveratrol) |
| X | | Encapsulation of vitamin B12 to produce functional dairy products |
| X | | Encapsulation of seasoning particles (4 to 25 μm) |
| | X | Powdered additive for chewing gum with encapsulated aspartame to prolong perception of sweet taste |
| X | | Pork backfat replacers in meat gel/emulsion model systems with olive oil as lipid phase |
| X | | Bittern solution (MgCl ₂) in W1 phase as a coagulant for tofu preparation |
| | X | Encapsulation of xylitol and menthol in chewing gum to prolong cooling effect and flavor perception duration |
| X | | Encapsulation of curcumin and catechin in beverage systems |
| | X | Encapsulation of grape seed extract (procyanidins) |
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Double emulsions for microbiological control



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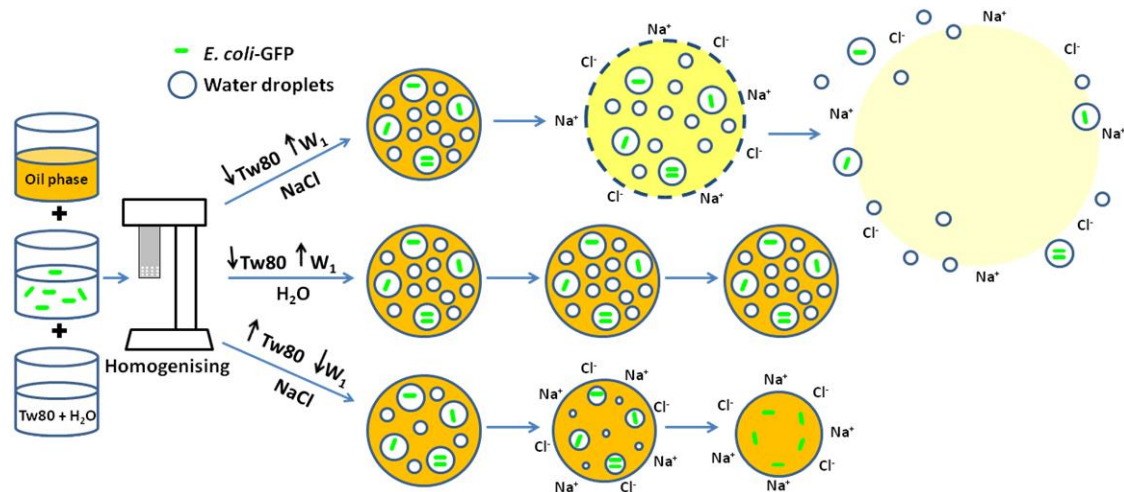
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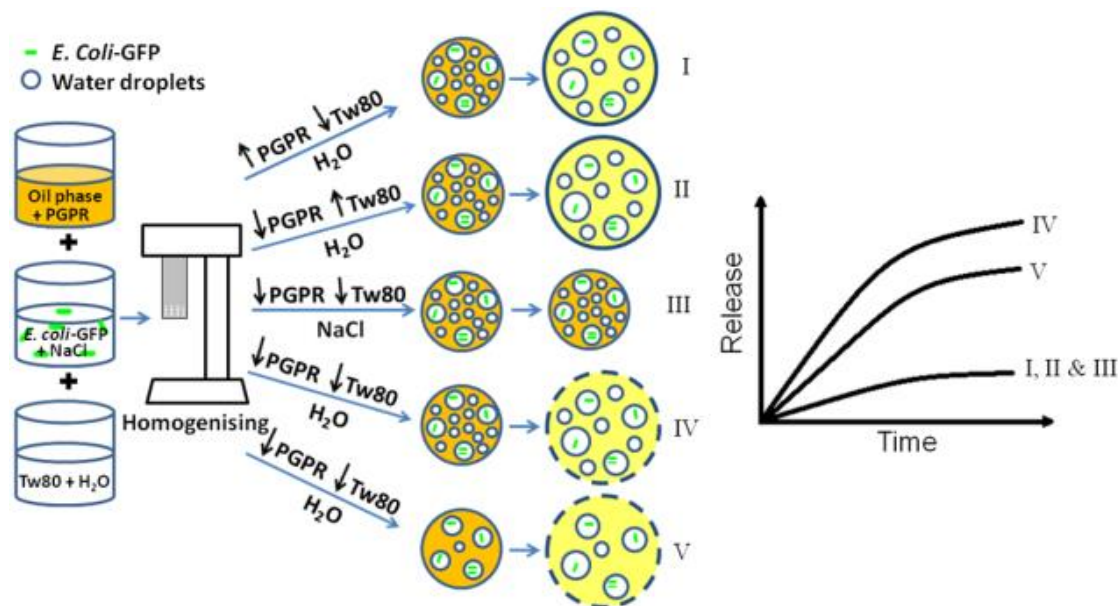
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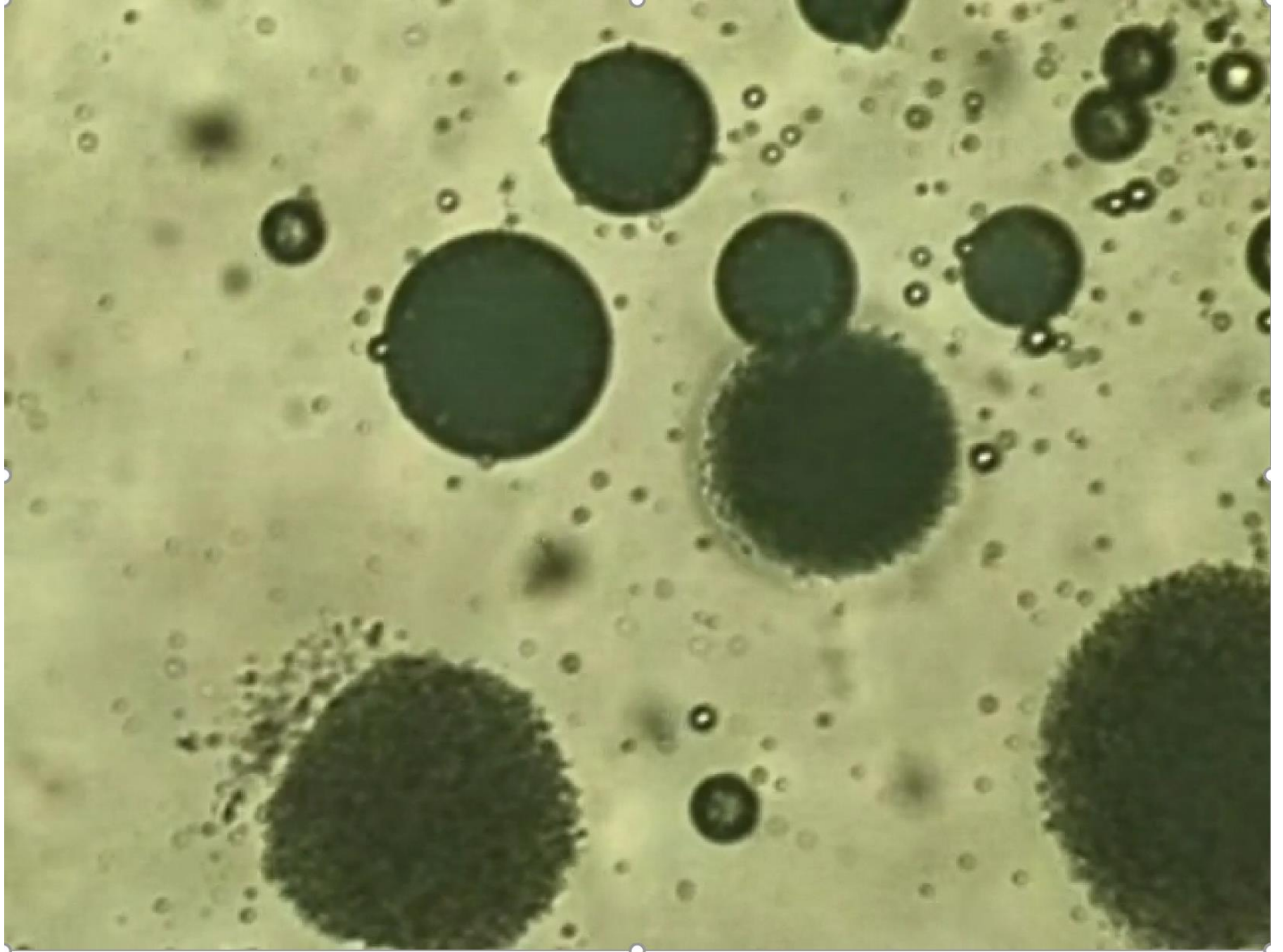


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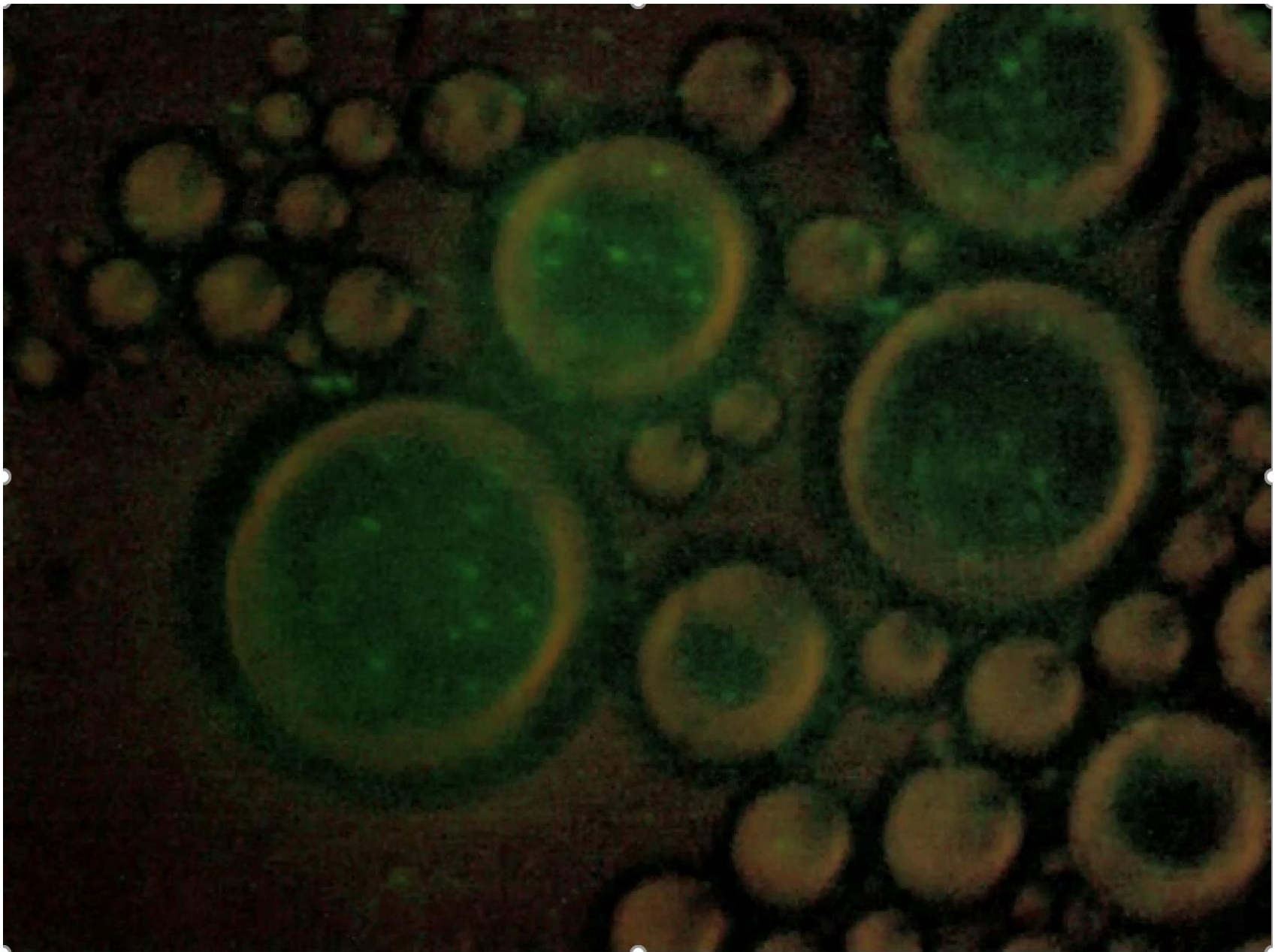
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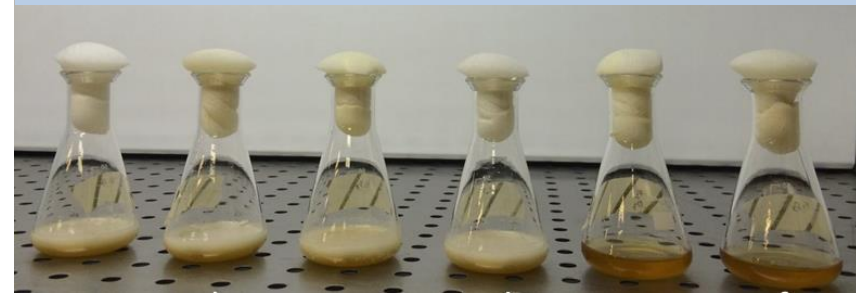
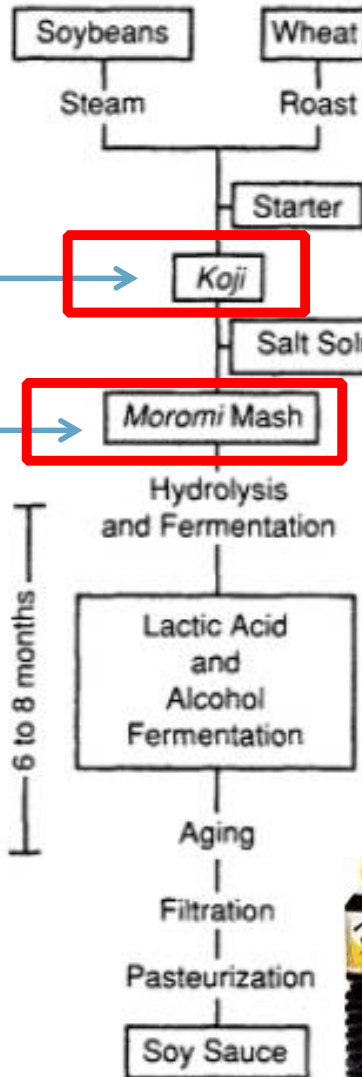


Soy production

Moromi production model system



Conventional Method



Mould spores: *Aspergillus oryzae*

+ 2.5 volume 20% NaCl

Salt-tolerant lactic acid bacteria

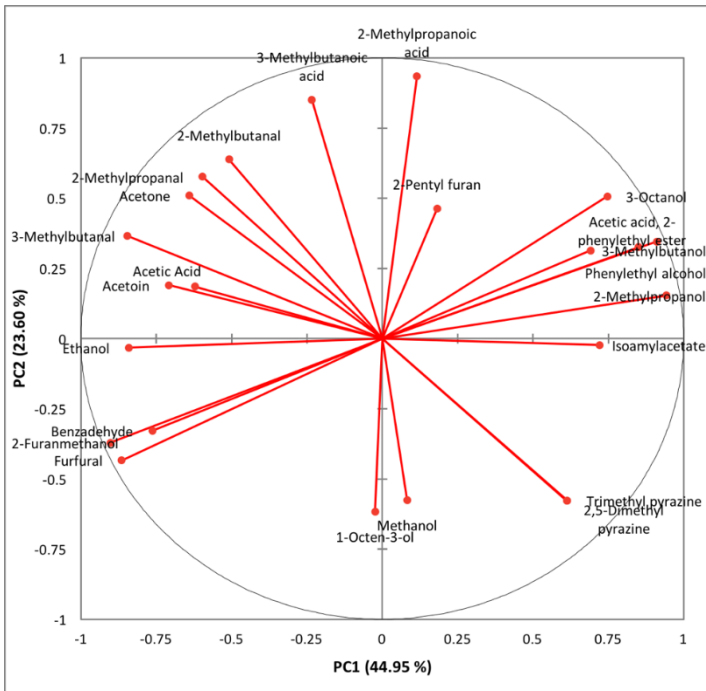
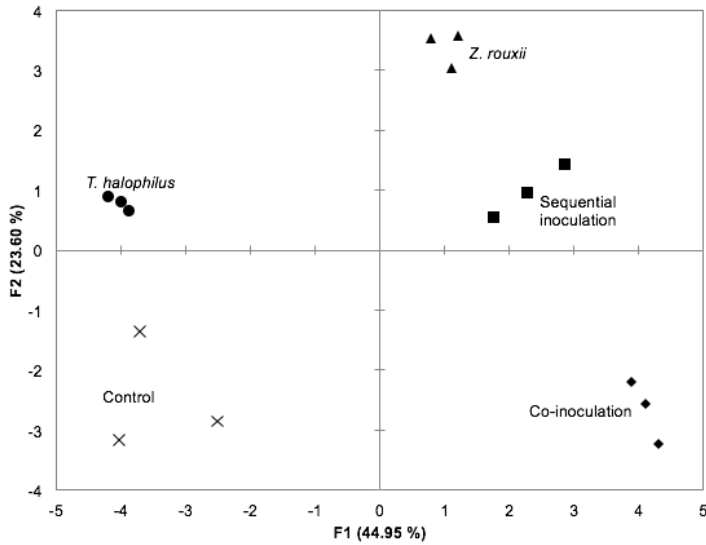
Natural fermentation : Many...but always ... *Tetragenococcus halophilus*

Yeasts

Many...but always ... *Zygosaccharomyces rouxii*

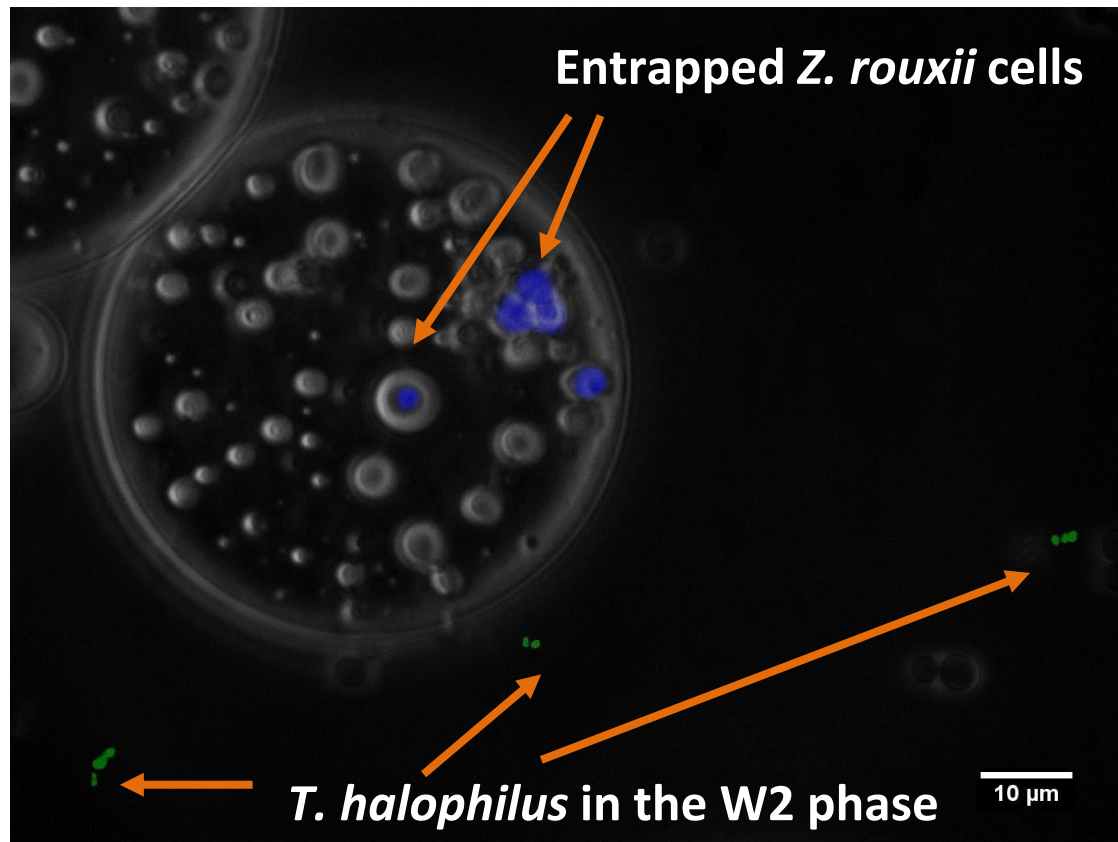


Observations (axes F1 and F2: 68.55 %)

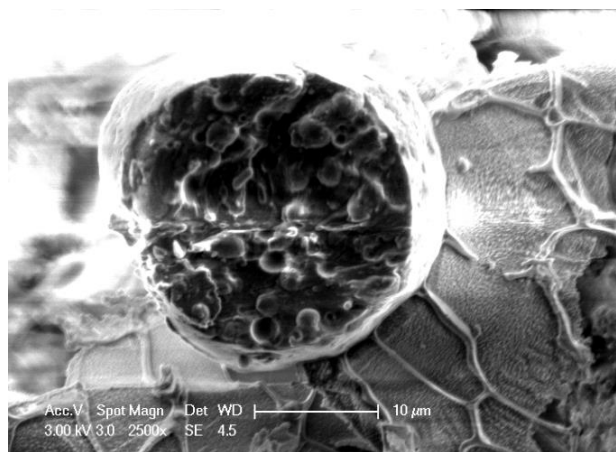
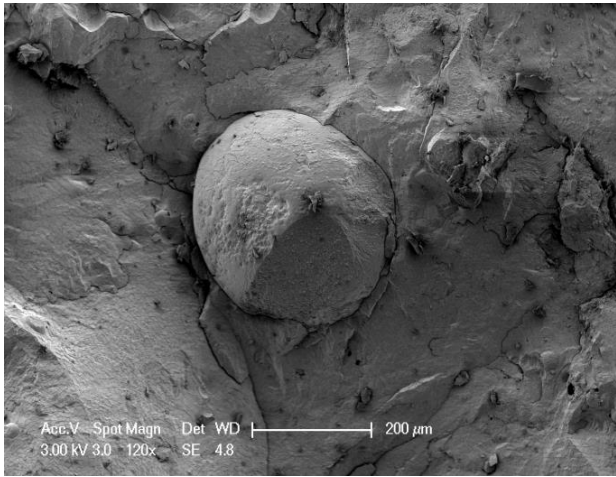
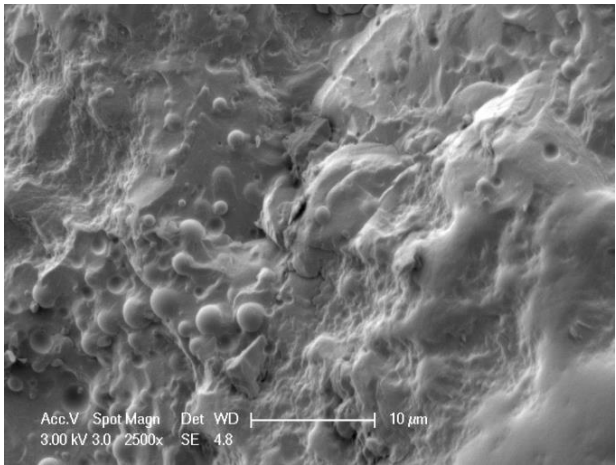


PCA of five moromi samples and aroma compounds after 30-days

Entrapped *Z. rouxii* cells



.... antagonism was observed as *T. halophilus* only proliferated (3 log increase) in the presence of *Z. rouxii*, while *Z. rouxii* growth was suppressed by 4 log in concurrence with pH increase to 7.31

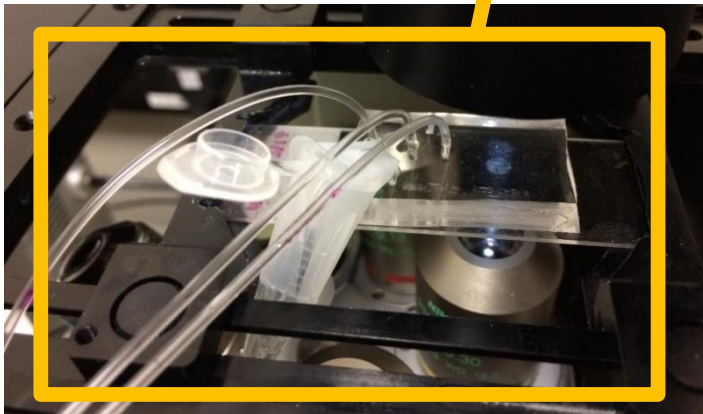
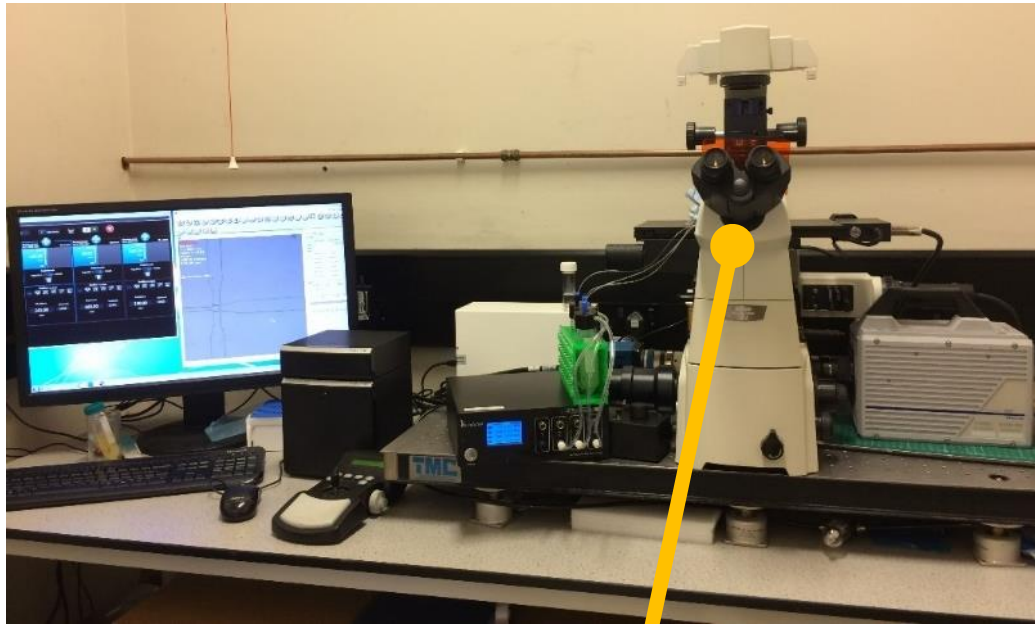
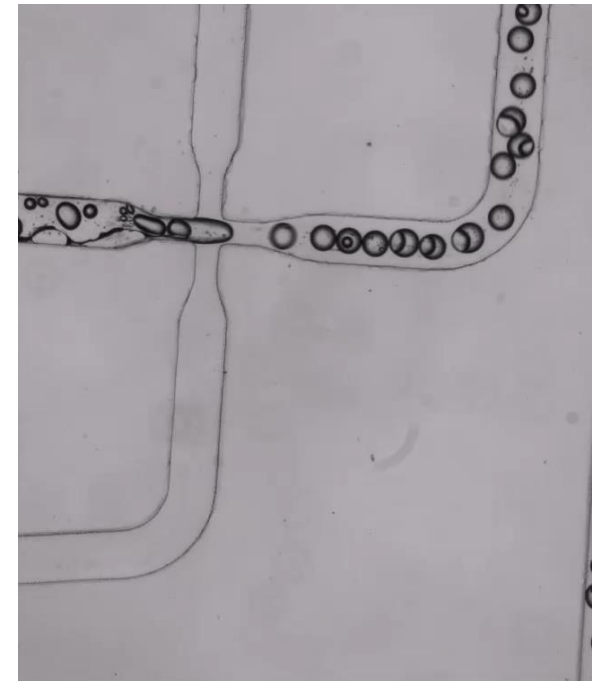
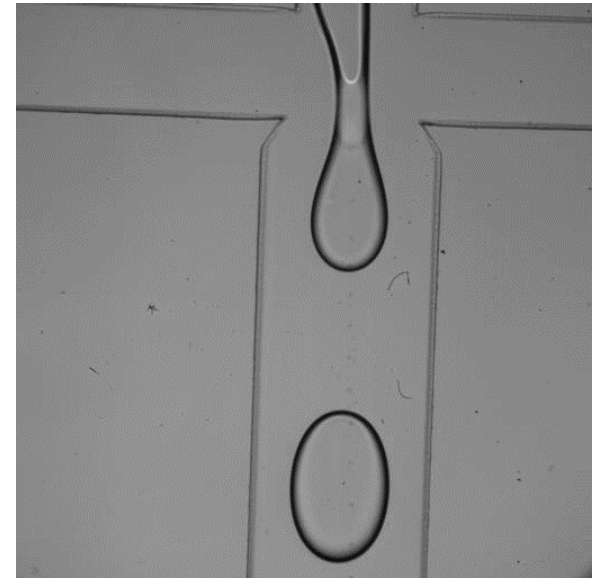
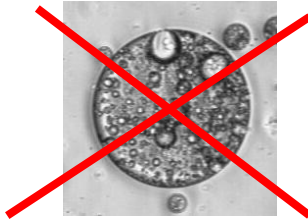
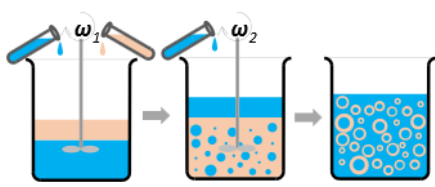


Commercial yogurt starter culture

- *Streptococcus thermophilus*
- *Lactobacillus delbrueckii* subsp. *bulgaricus*

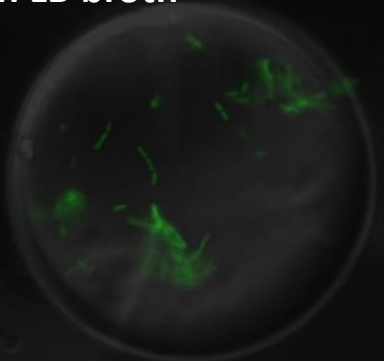
probiotic *Lactobacillus paracasei*

Microfluidics and $W_1/O/W_2$ double emulsion with microbes

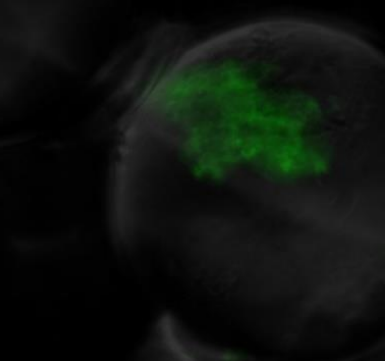


E. coli in LB broth

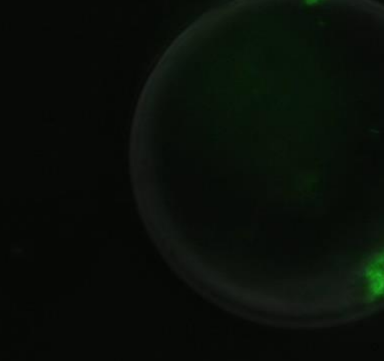
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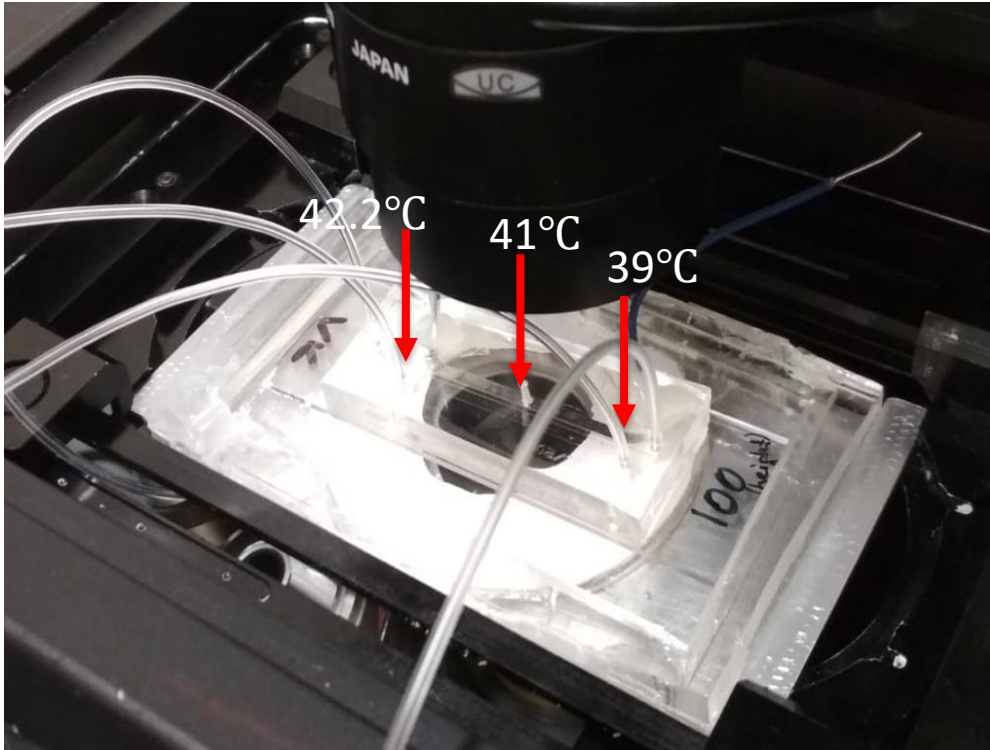
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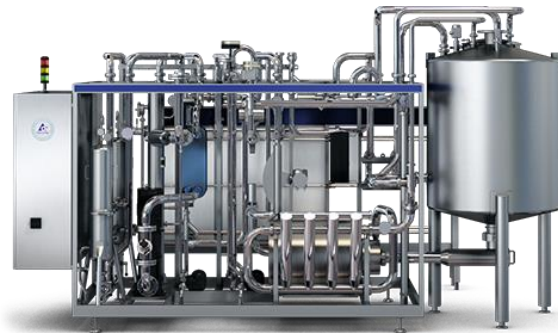
48 h



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Microbes as part of food intake – interactions beyond food

Bacteria in our gut

The bacteria in a human gut can weigh over **4lb**



There are **100 billion** bacteria to every gram of intestinal content



Analysis of the bacteria in our gut can predict obesity with an accuracy of more than **90%**

Bacteria may influence our behaviour via the **100 million neurons** in our gut. This is why our gut is known as the **2nd brain**

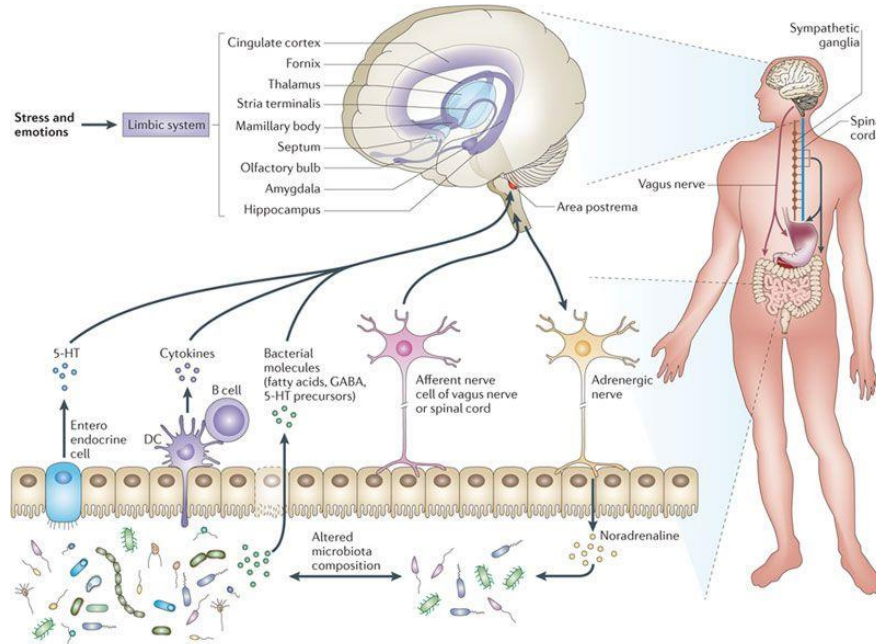
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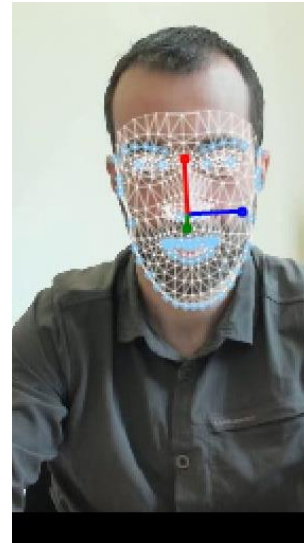
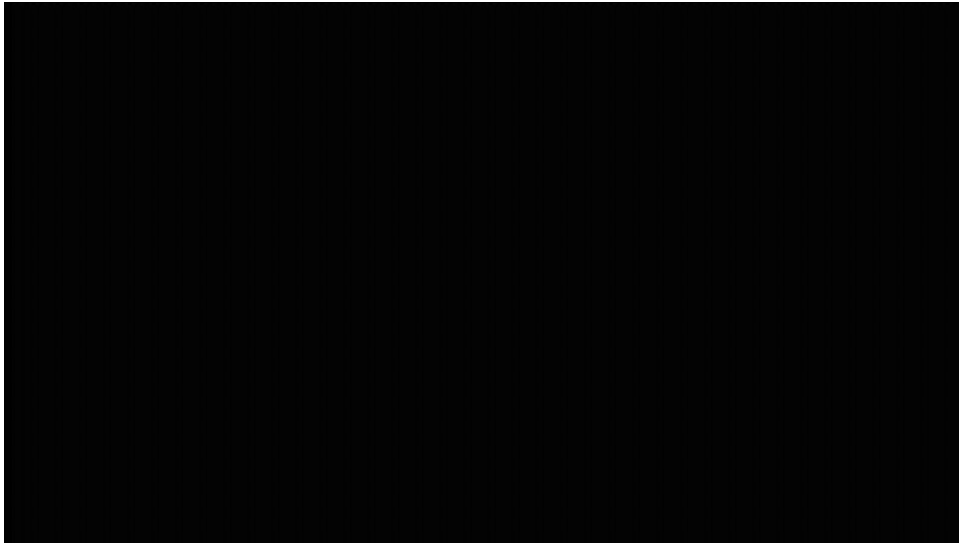
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- The demand for fermented food will grow and opportunities for innovation too.
- Need for tailored food formulation and structure to facilitate complex microbiology.
- New claims like **'% of microbes or fermented food'** in final products may become part of branding... similar to **'0 trans'**, **'fair trade'**, **'low salt'** etc.
- **Microbial composition** of food may become part of labelling, like **sugar, protein, water** content etc.
- There will be need to link (i) **food fermentation**, (ii) resulting **physicochemical properties of food** and (iii) **consumer responses and perception**



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