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# ADVANCING THE UTILIZATION OF PLANT-PROTEIN-RICH INGREDIENTS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FOOD SUPPLY



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# PROBLEM: NECESSARY SHIFT IN THE DIET

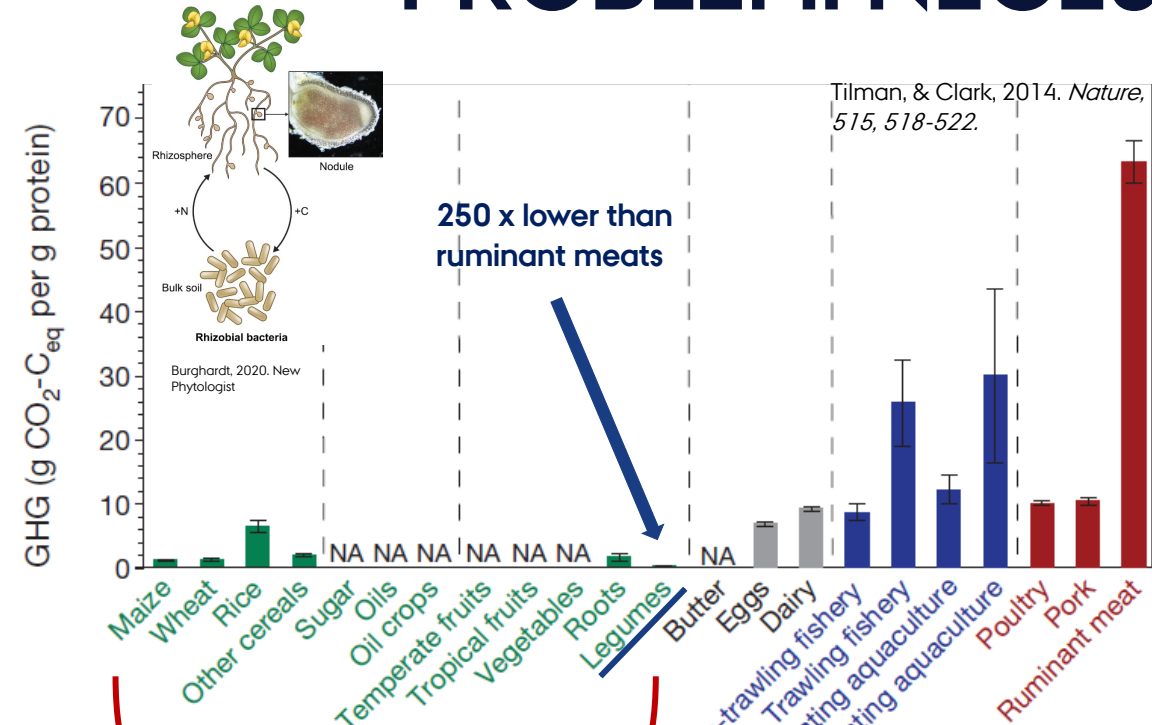
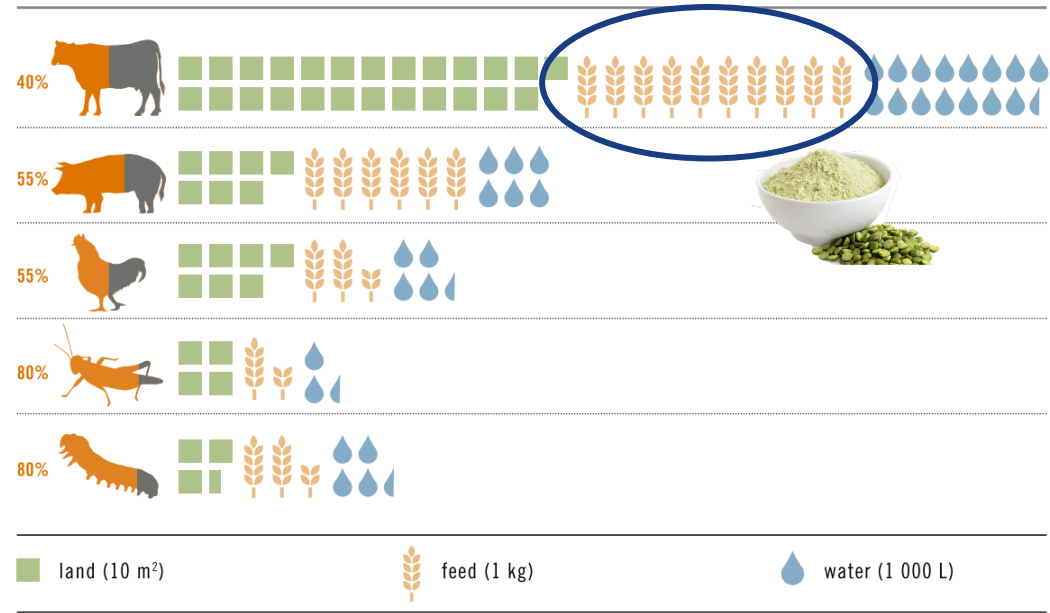


FIGURE 13 QUANTITIES OF WATER, LAND AND FEED NEEDED TO PRODUCE 1 kg OF THE LIVE ANIMAL. ALSO SHOWN IS THE PERCENTAGE OF EACH ANIMAL THAT IS EDIBLE.



**Improved sustainability through alternative proteins**



More **sustainable** sources of **plant proteins** can be introduced to the **food market**

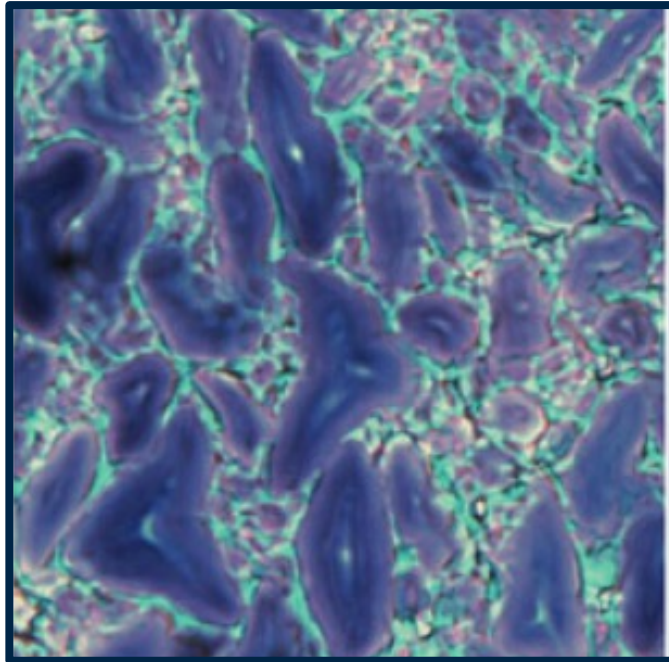
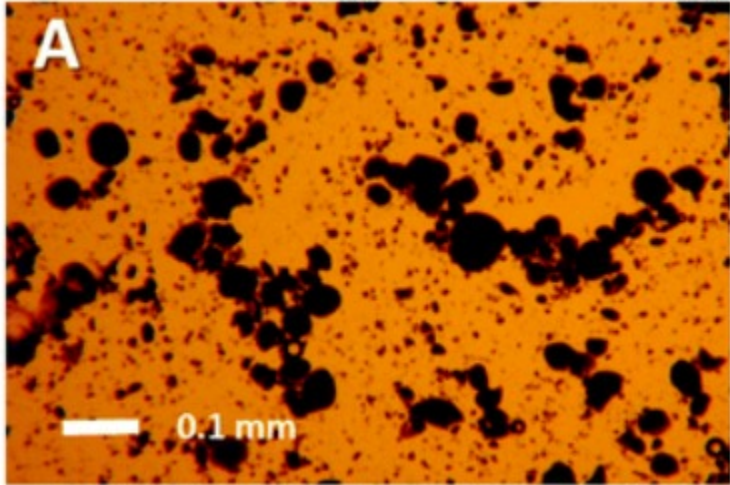
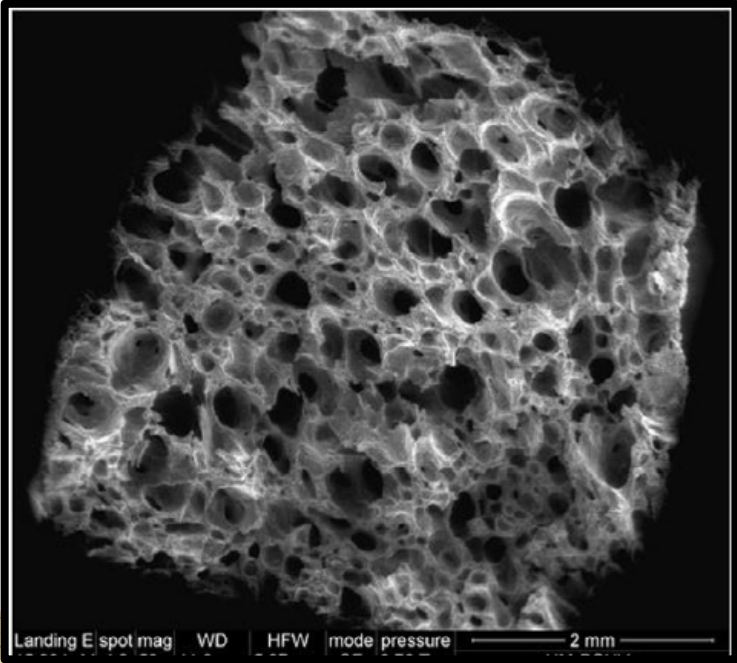
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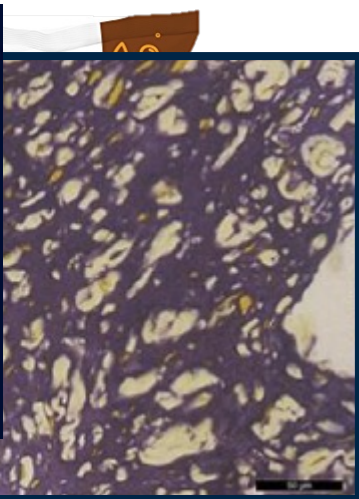
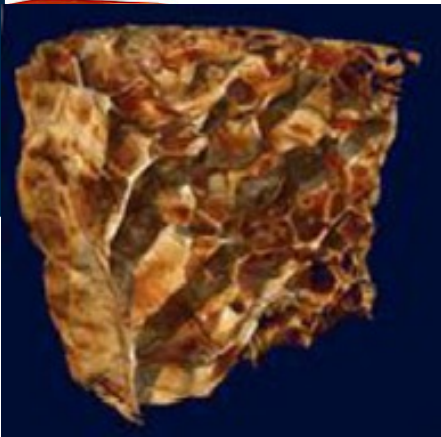
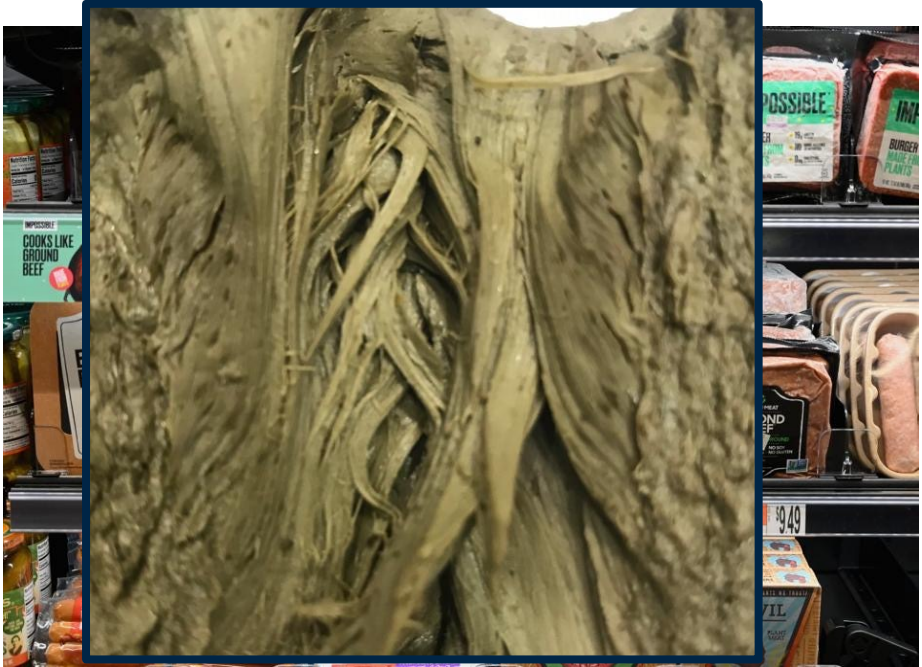


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Need to understand the functionality in the complexity of a food matrix



Laleg et al. Food Funct., 2016, 7, 1196-1207



Schuchardt et al. Food Funct., 2016, 7, 464-474

# CHALLENGE: INTEGRATE PLANT PROTEIN INGREDIENTS INTO FOODS

How can we deliver sustainable plant-based food with optimal functionality and minimal waste?

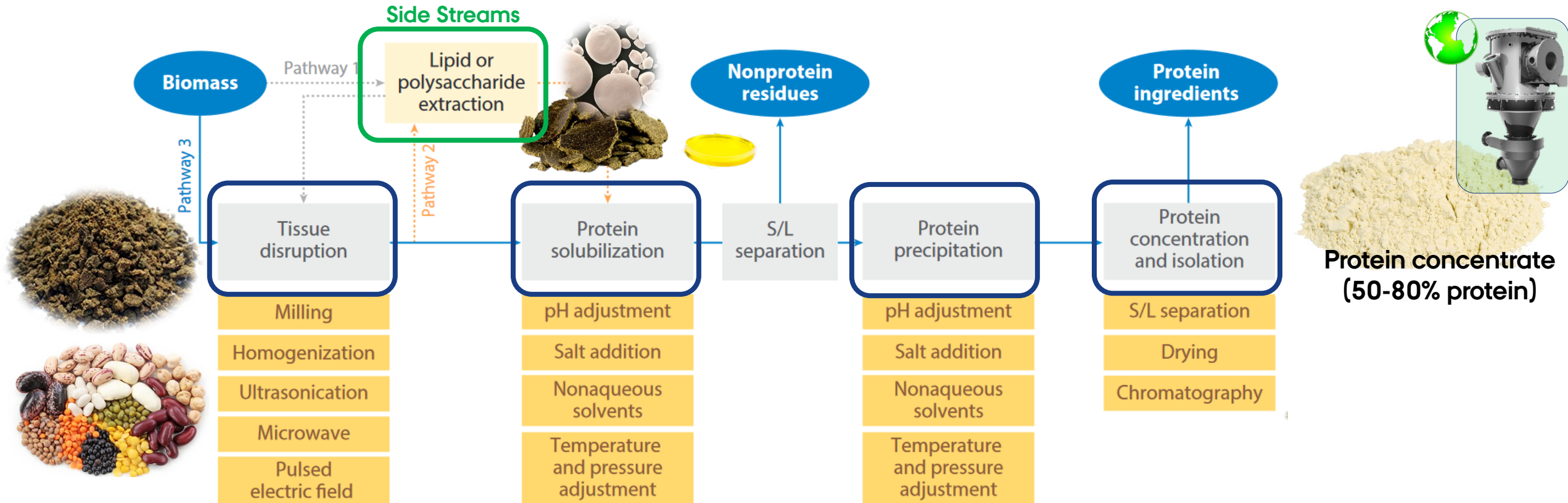
**Delving into the Complexity of Protein Ingredients from Less Refined Plant Biomass**

**Sustainable & Tailored Processing of Plant Tissues, including valorization of side-streams**

**Optimal Breeding of High Protein and More Resilient Crops**

# LESS REFINEMENT, MORE SUSTAINABLE

General design of protein extraction to obtain plant-protein concentrates and isolates



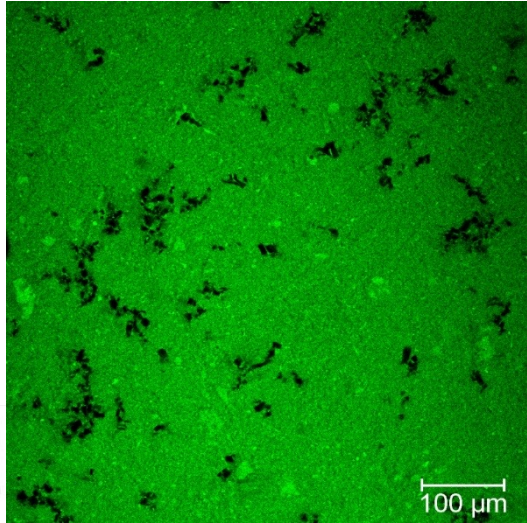
Extraction processes adapted to the physiological organization of protein fractions within the plant materials:

- Maximizing protein recovery
- Preserving their native structure
- Wheat gluten → washing starch out of a wheat dough
- Oilseed proteins → tandem alkaline extraction-isoelectric precipitation
- Legume proteins → air classification

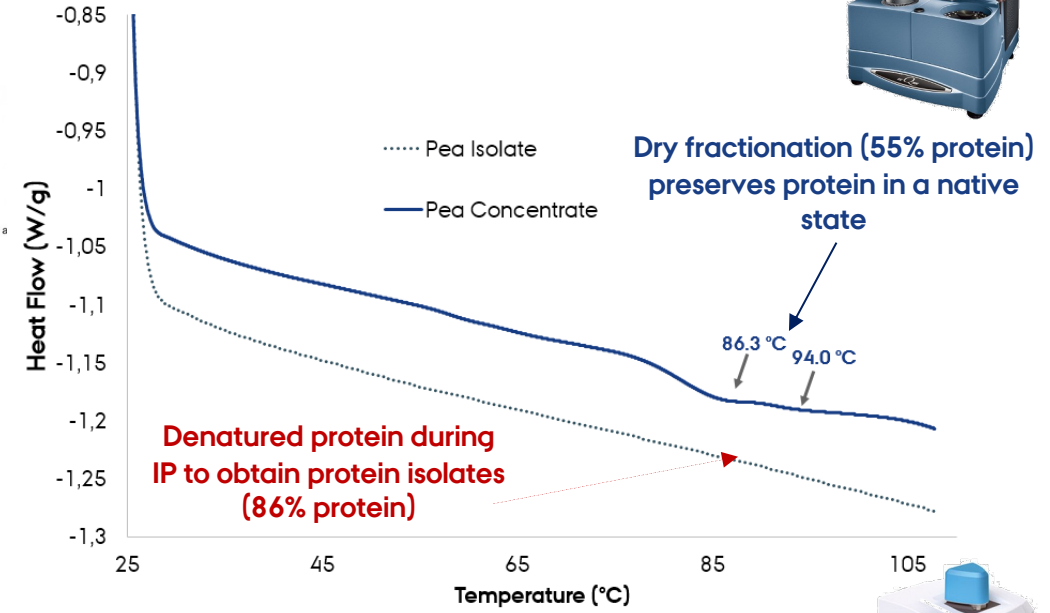
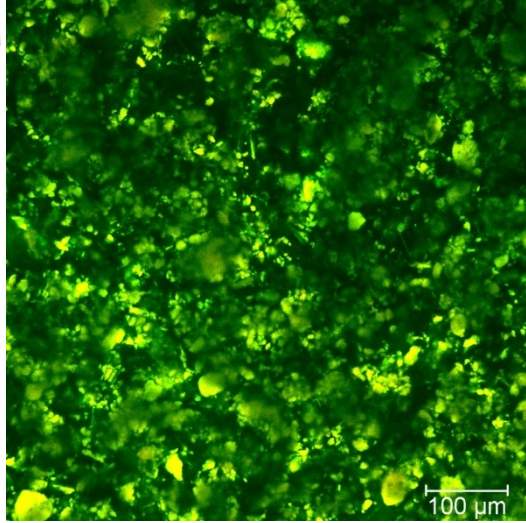
- Less denatured proteins**, still preserving their native oligomeric state
- Less side-streams
- Non-proteinaceous components (including anti-nutritional factors)**

# PROTEIN CONCENTRATES VS. ISOLATES

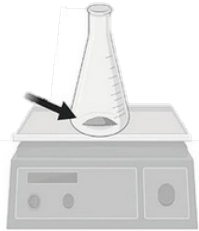
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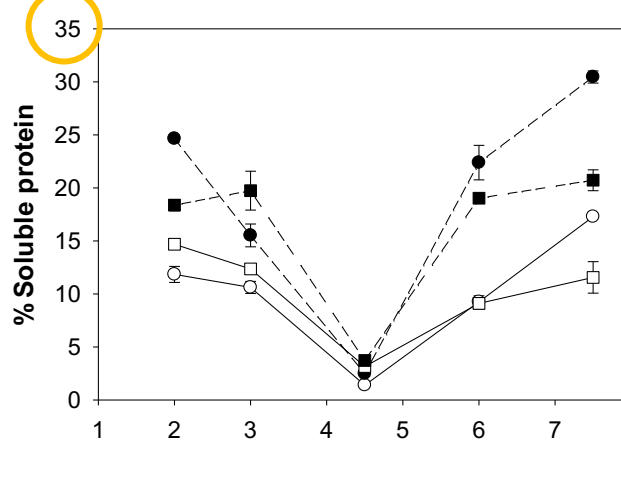
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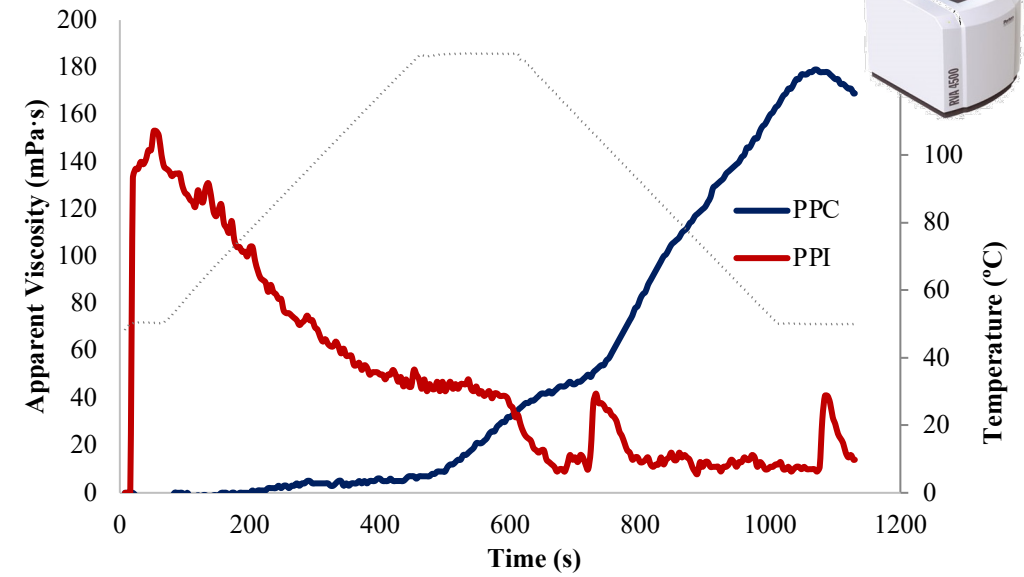
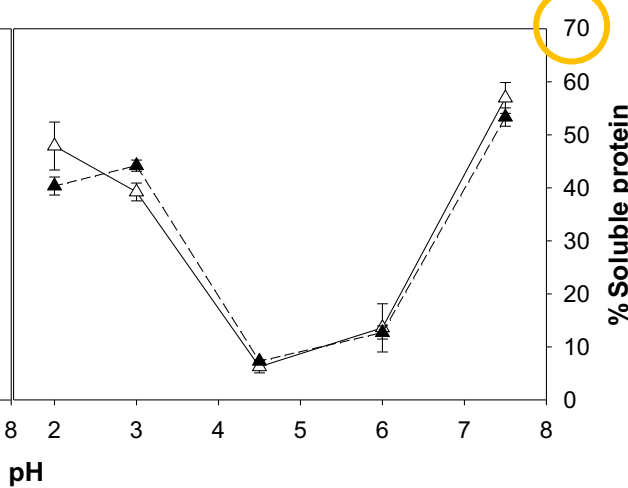
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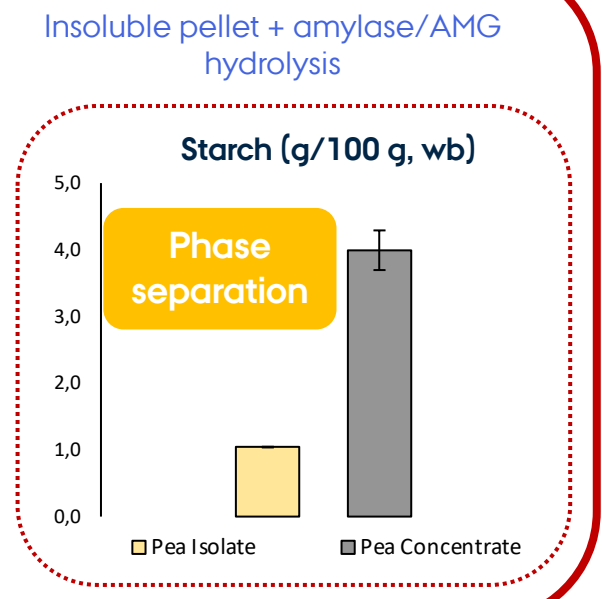
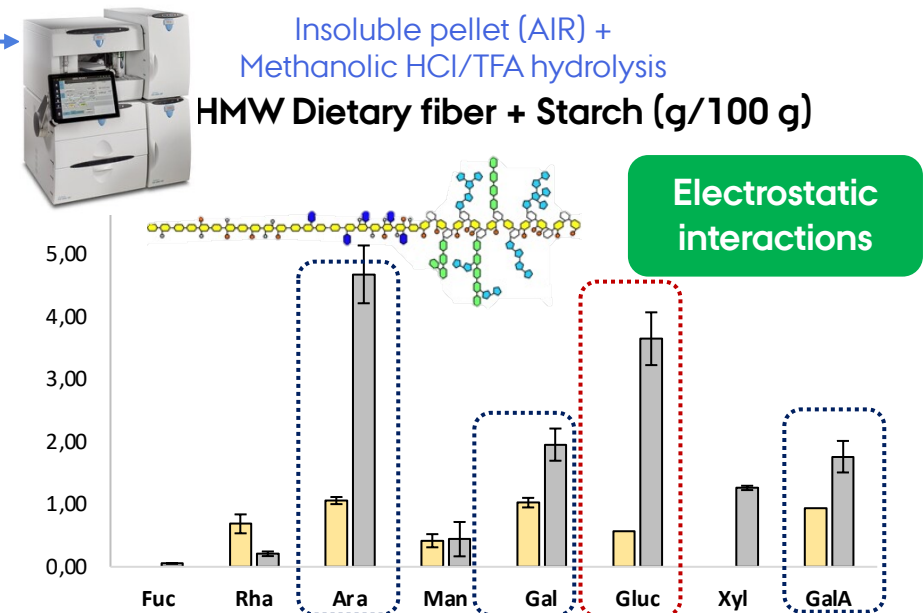
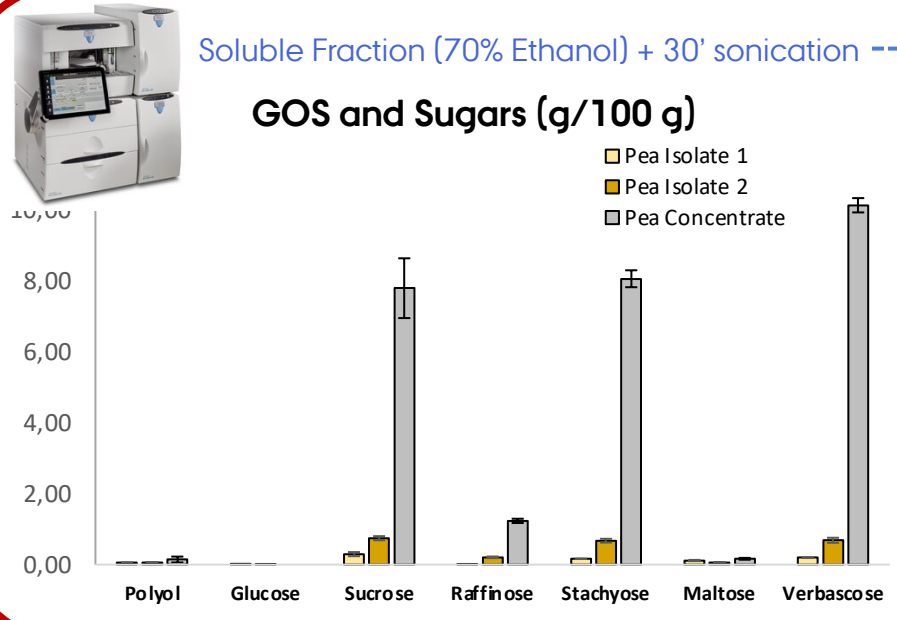
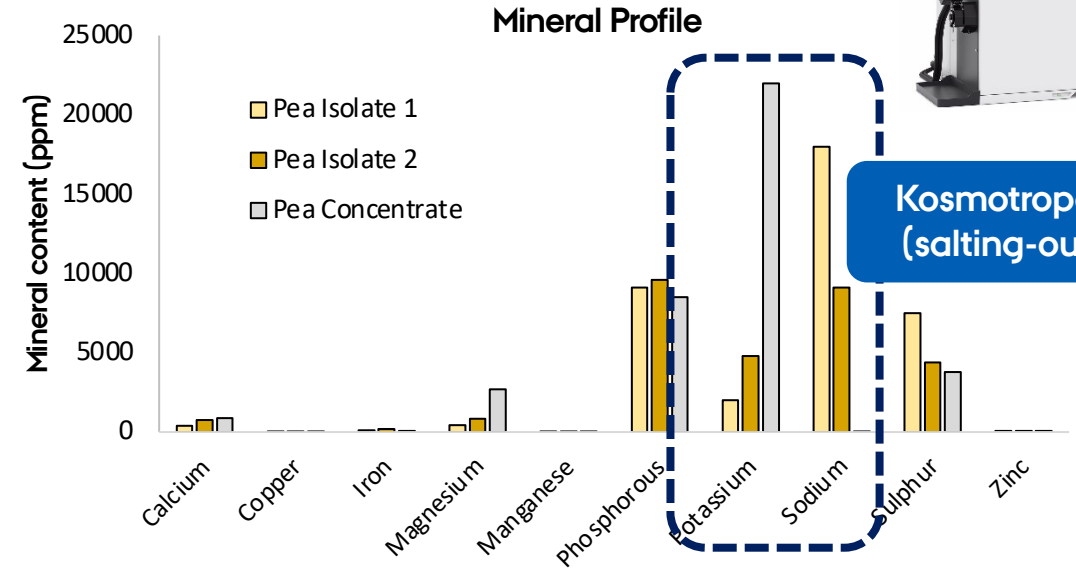
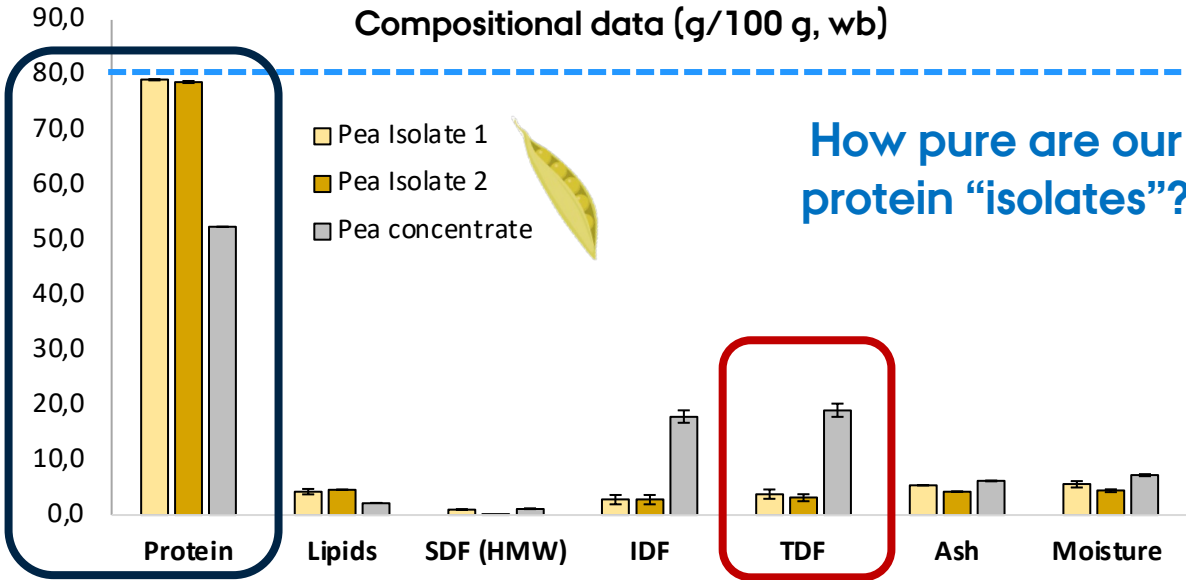
PPI1 and PPI2 (81% Protein)



PPC (51% protein)



# PROTEIN CONCENTRATES VS. ISOLATES





# THE COMPLEXITY OF FIBER FRACTION IN LEGUMES

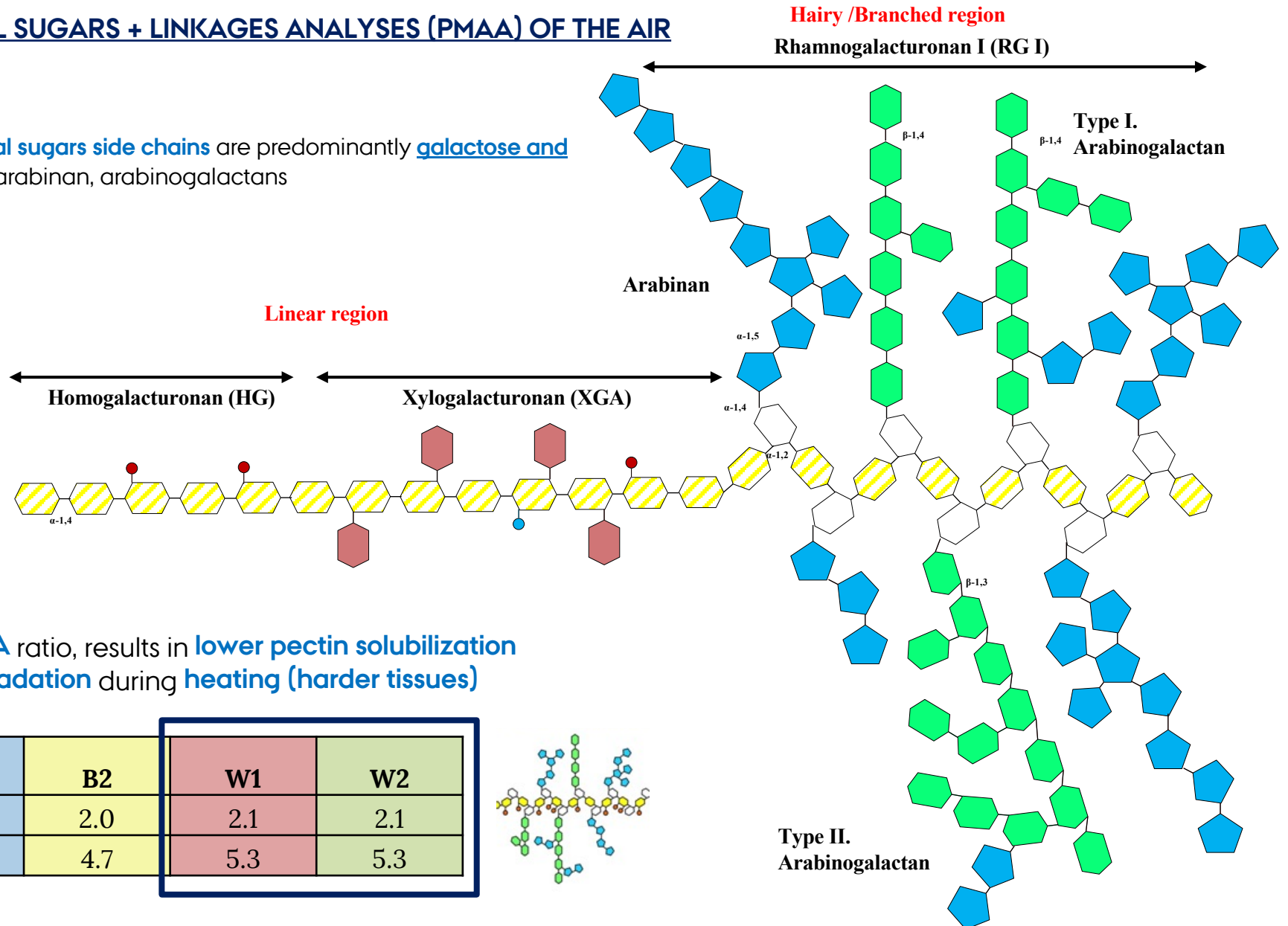


Pettolino et al., 2012

## ACIDIC (UA) AND NEUTRAL SUGARS + LINKAGES ANALYSES (PMAA) OF THE AIR

**RGI- rich pectin**, whose **neutral sugars side chains** are predominantly **galactose and arabinose**, forming galactan, arabinan, arabinogalactans

- D-Galacturonic acid
- D-Galactose
- D-Rhamnose
- L-Arabinose
- D-Xylose
- O-Methyl
- O-Acetyl

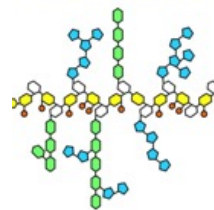


**Importance of Protein-Carbohydrates Interplay during cooking**



**Higher Ara/UA** and **NS/UA** ratio, results in **lower pectin solubilization** and galacturonan **degradation** during **heating (harder tissues)**

	B1	B2	W1	W2
Ara/UA	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1
NS/UA	4.9	4.7	5.3	5.3



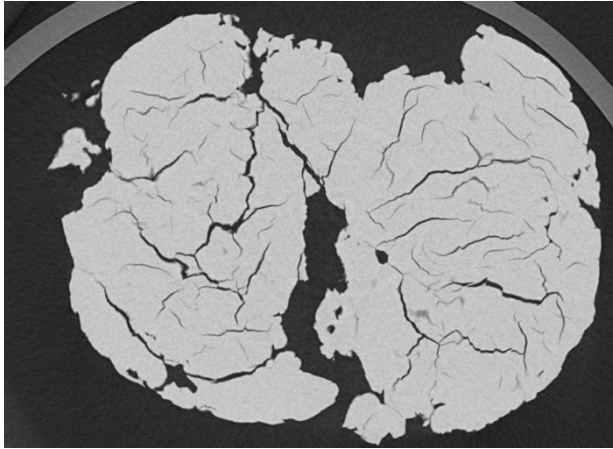
# STARCH-PROTEIN INTERPLAY IN FOOD MATRICES

## X-RAY COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY

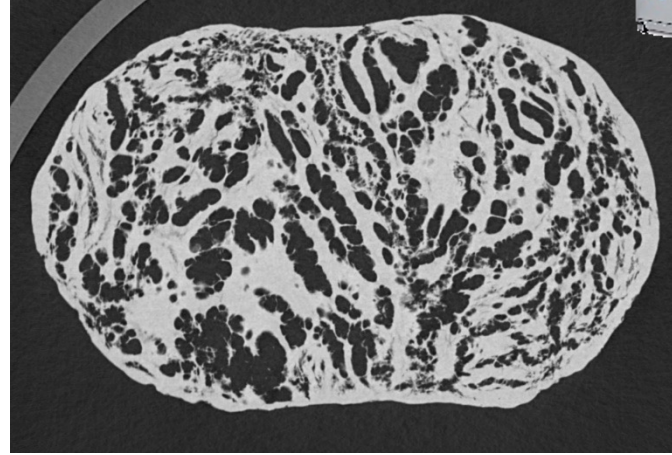


Protein Matrix

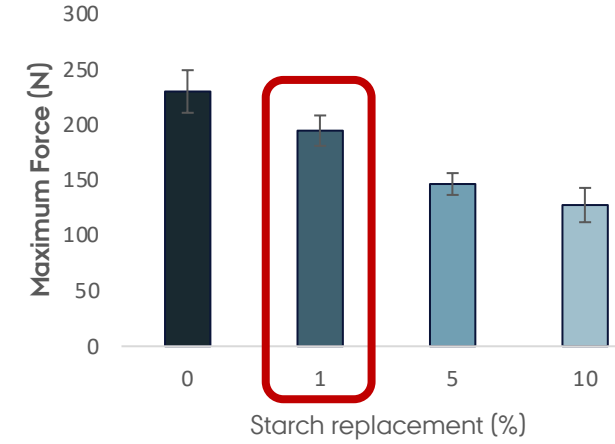
### Low Moisture Processing (30%)



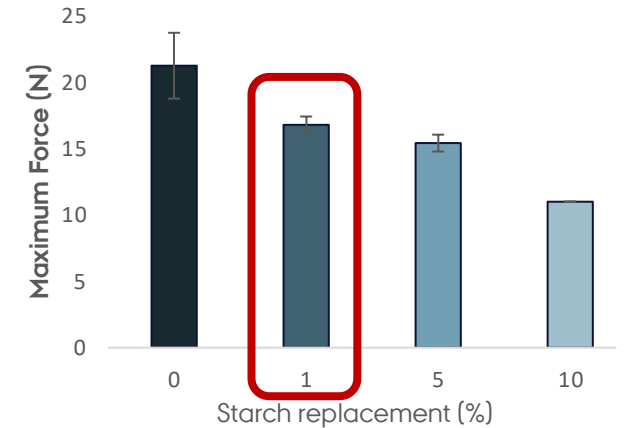
### High Moisture Processing (60%)



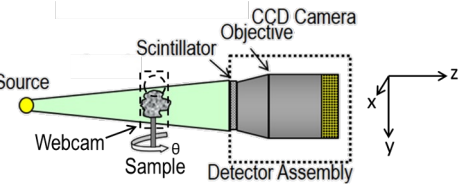
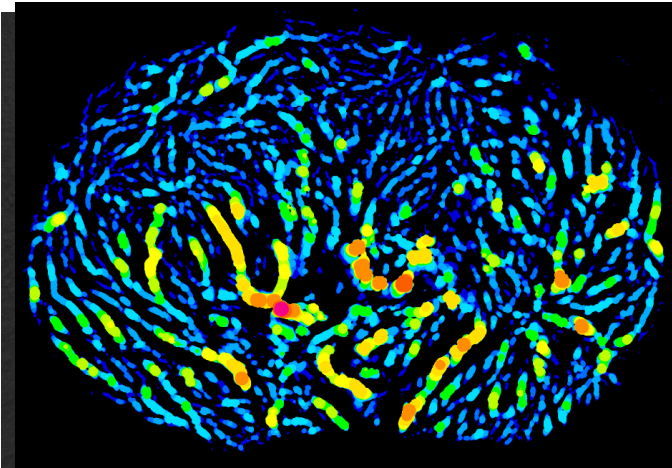
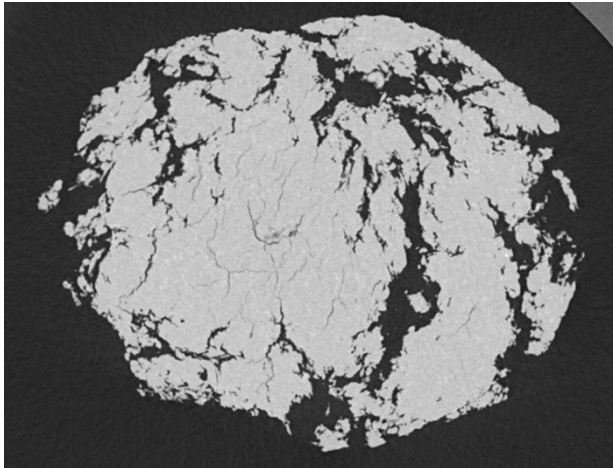
### PI-Starch – 30% Moisture



### PI-Starch – 60% Moisture

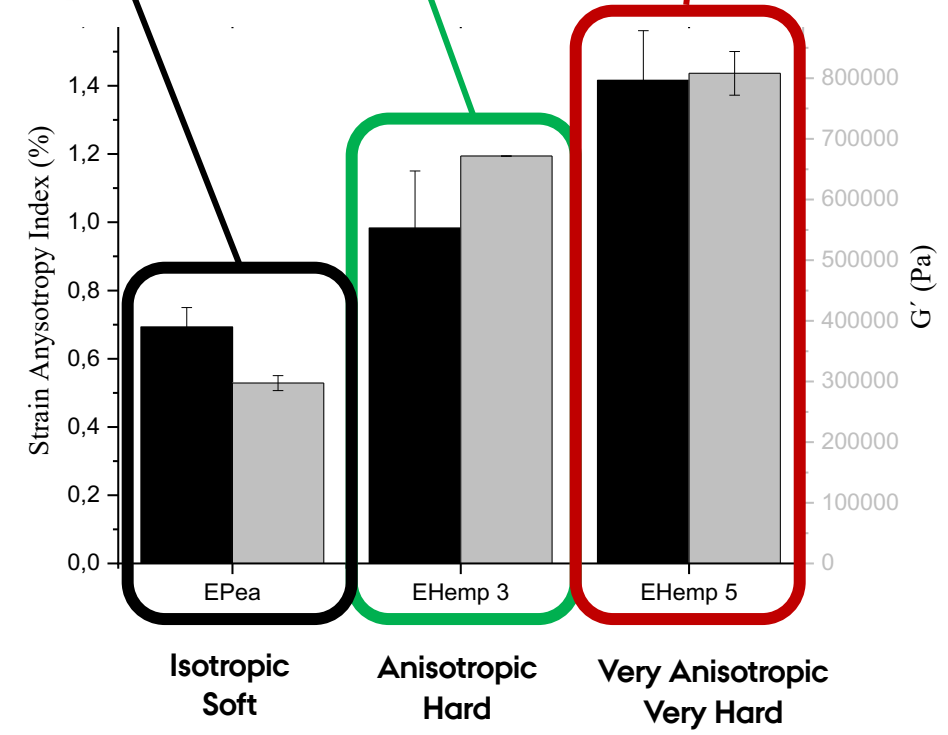
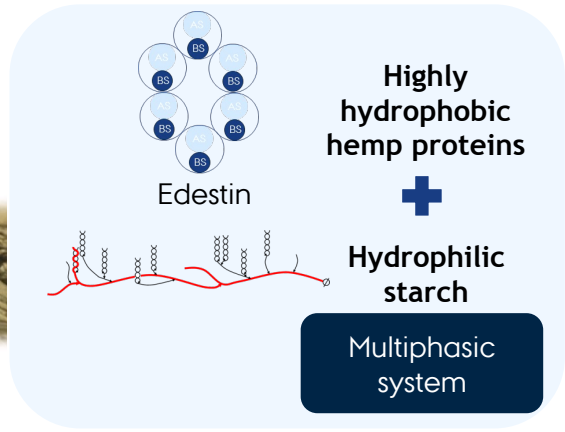
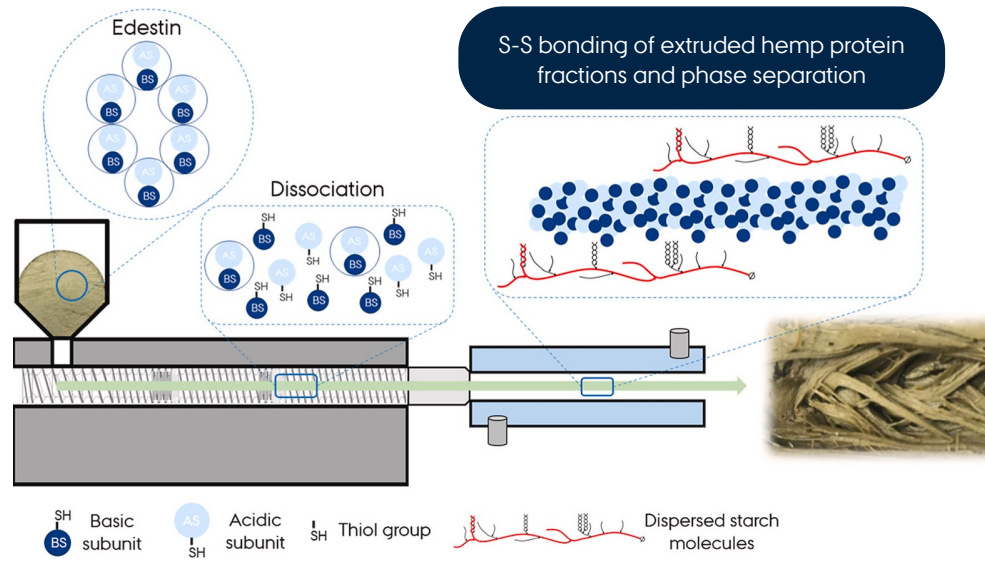
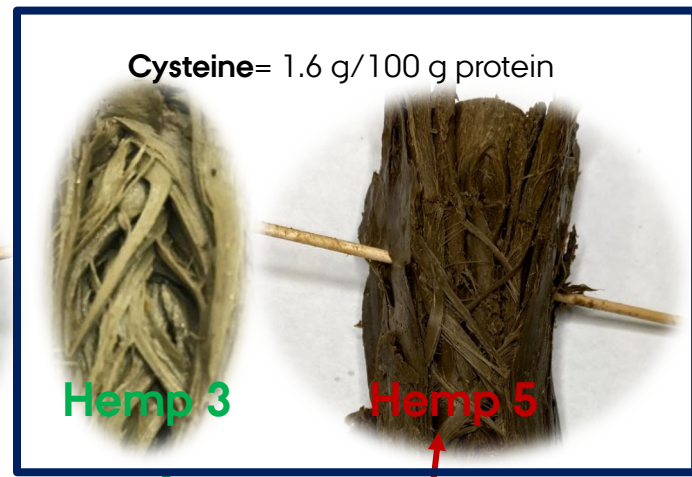
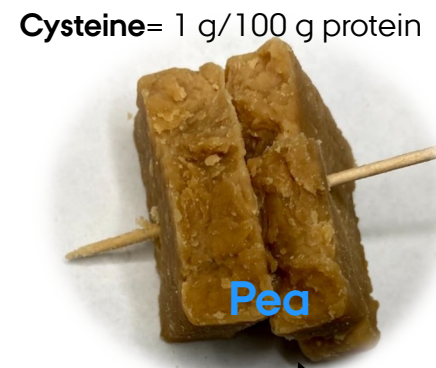
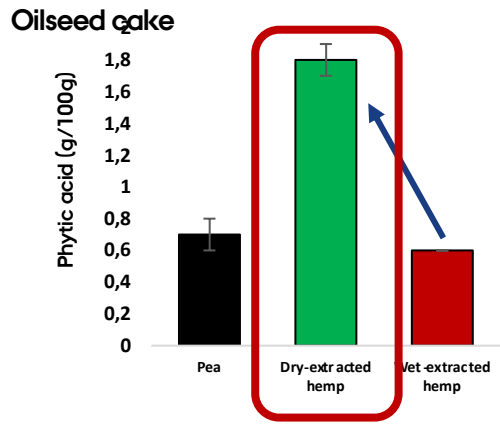
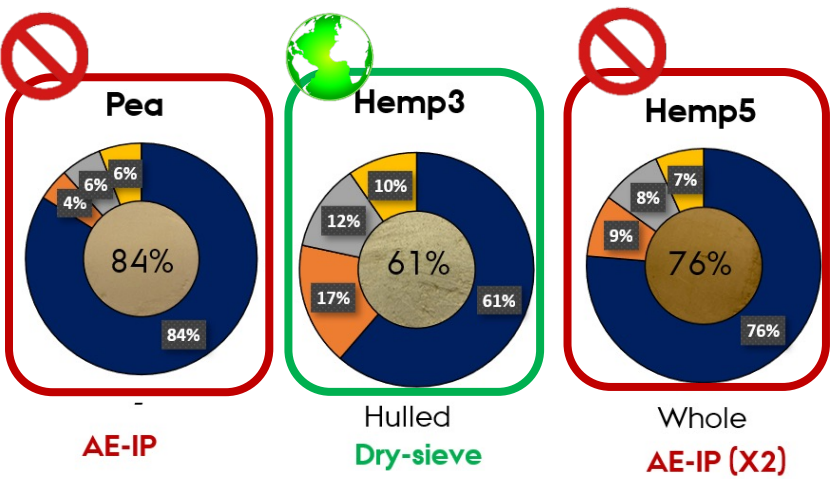


Protein- Starch Matrix



Increased air gaps and fiber formation → Improved fibrousness & softness of the matrix

# SUSTAINABLE PROCESS OF LESS REFINED SIDE STREAMS



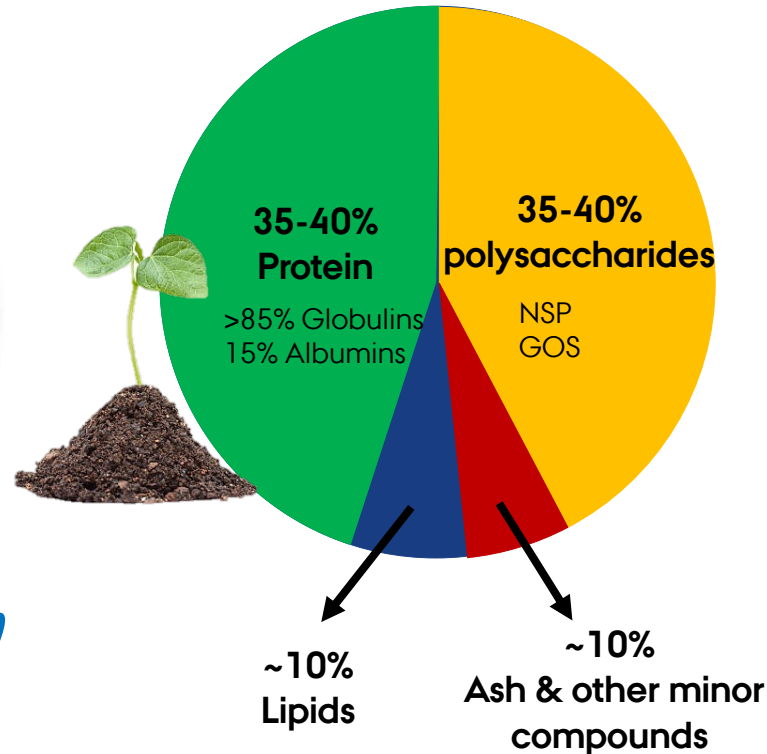
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# LUPIN: PROTEIN-RICH CROP ALTERNATIVE

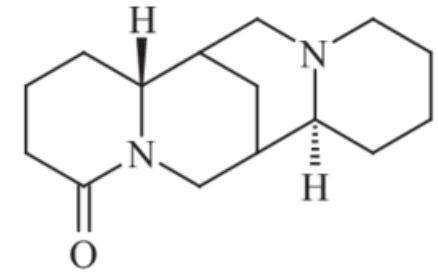
Lupinus spp.



Blue lupin (*Lupinus angustifolius*)



Quinolizidine Alkaloids (QAs)



Toxic secondary metabolites of Lupinus plants

(arrhythmia, vomiting, convulsions...)

- ☐ ↑↑N<sub>2</sub> fixation and ↓↓ GHG emissions
- ☐ Can grow in acidic and sandy soil, erosion control crop
- ☐ Higher seed-yield & more freeze-tolerance
- ☐ Short cycle and wide adaptation potential

- ✓ ↑↑ Protein
- ✓ ↓↓ QAs
- ✓ ↑↑ Climate robustness

The presence of QAs, prevents the direct consumption of lupins as ingredients or foods → Eliminate by post-harvest processing or seed crossbreeding selection

# BREEDING OF PROTEIN RICH CROPS: LUPINS

- 22 blue lupin seed varieties and crossbreedings → grown in AFP greenhouse under the same controlled environment
- Seeds were let dry in the pods and the pods carrying the seeds were harvested for analyses



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## Compositional Attributes of Blue Lupin (*Lupinus angustifolius*) Seeds for Selection of High-Protein Cultivars

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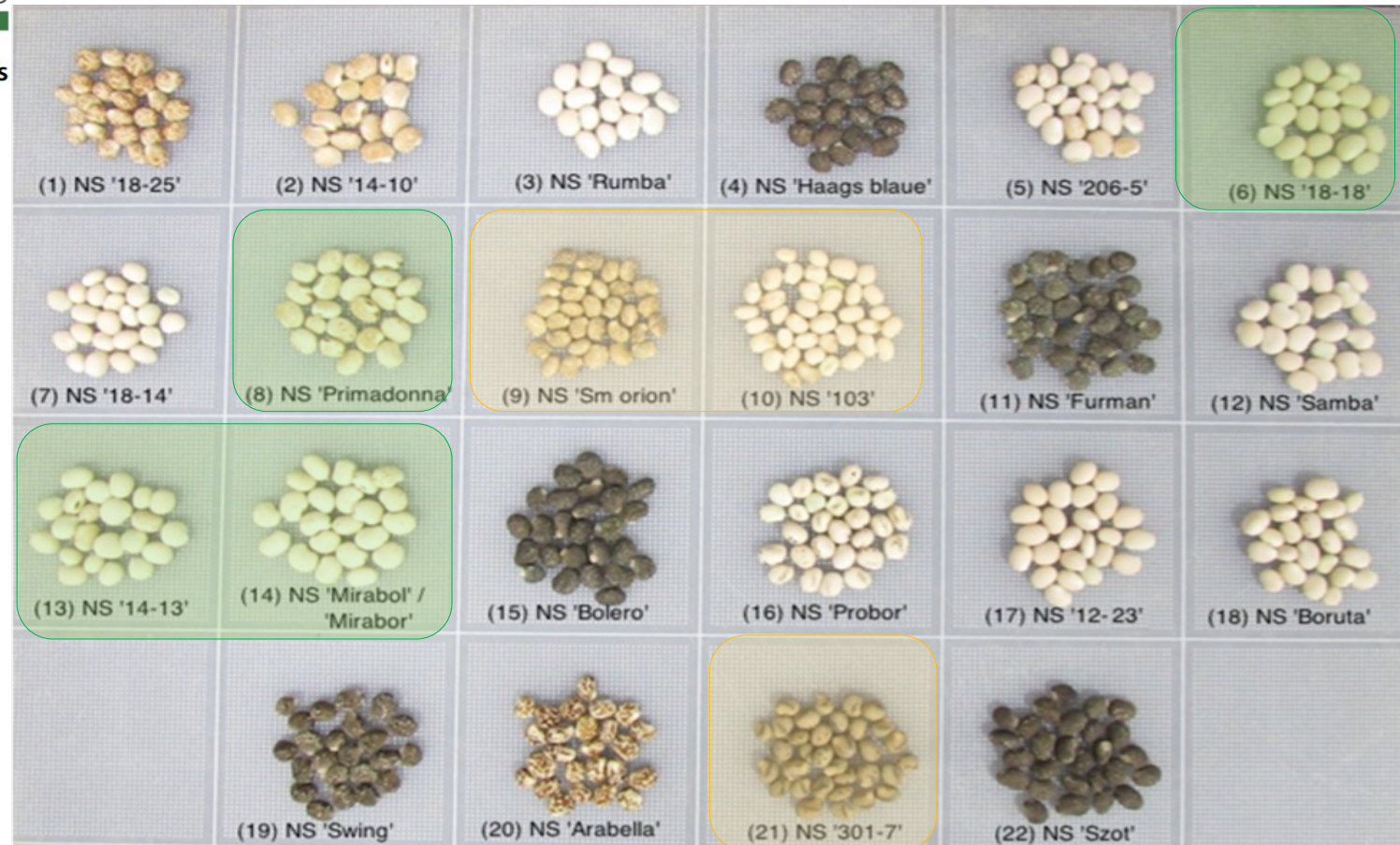
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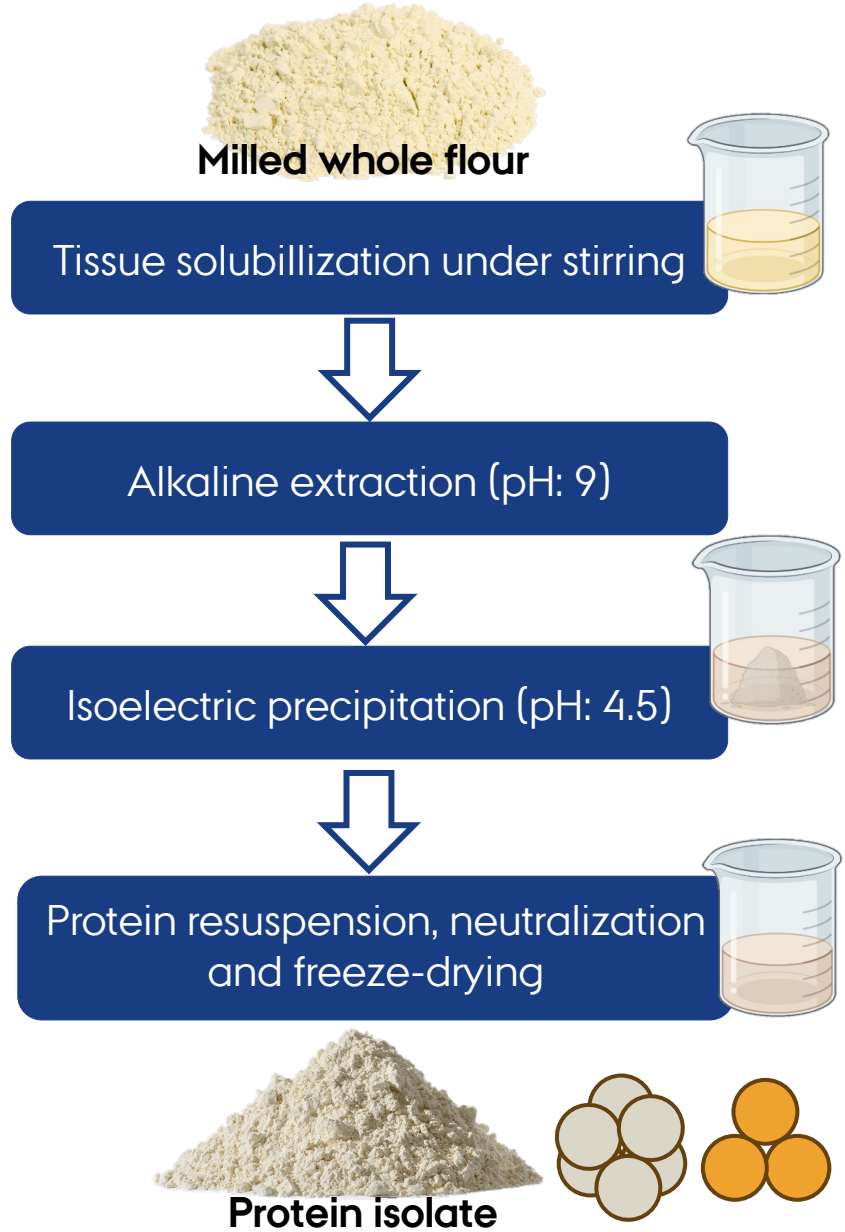


High Grain Yield

Low Grain Yield

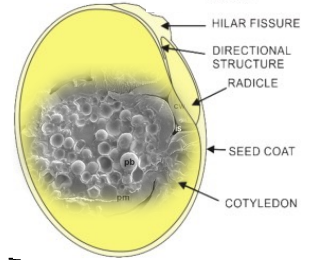
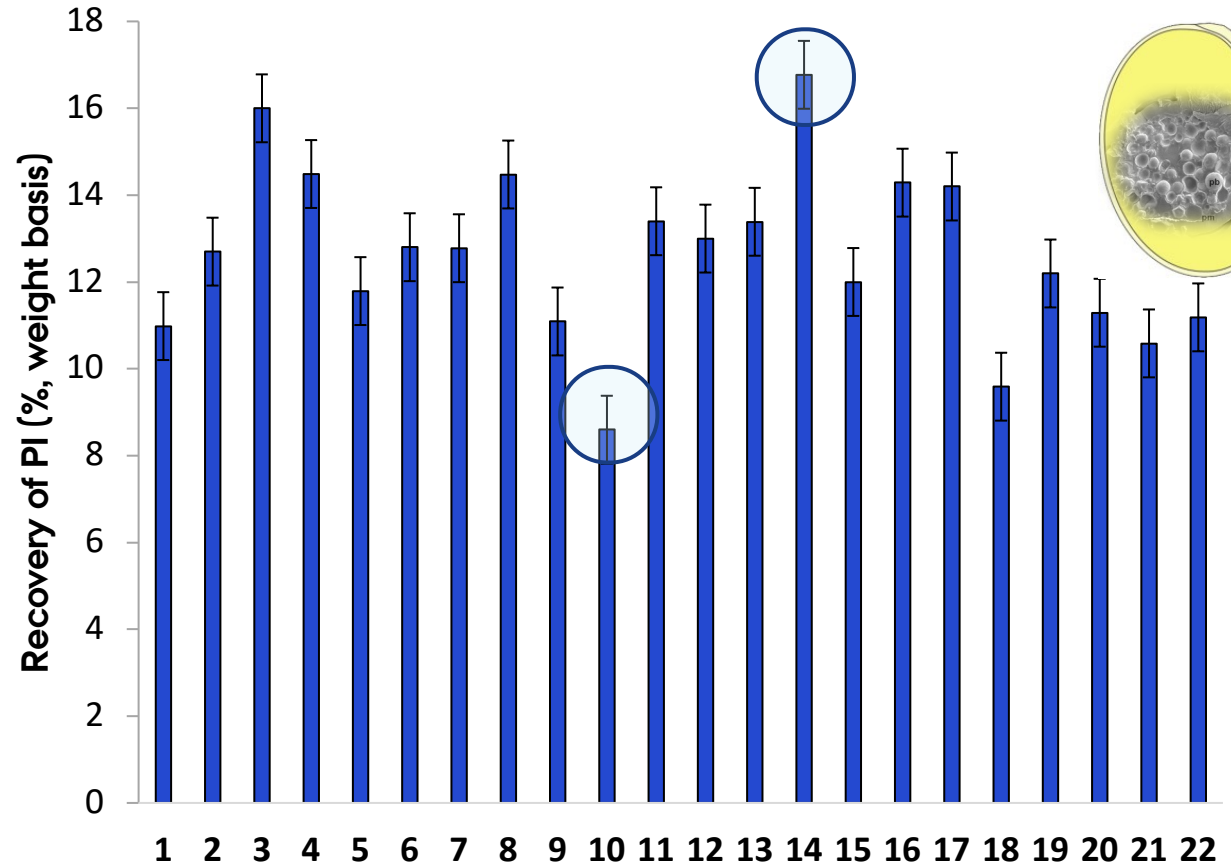


# YIELD OF LUPIN PROTEIN ISOLATES (AE-IP)



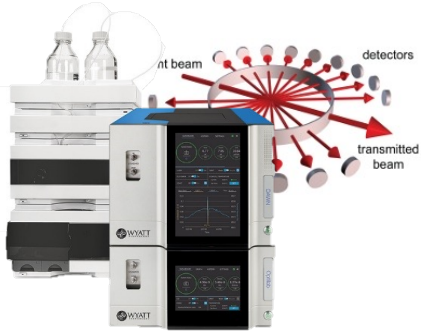
$$\text{Recovery of PI (\%)} = (\text{weight recovered PI}) / (\text{weight initial flour}) * 100$$

Recovery ranged between 8.6% and 16.8%



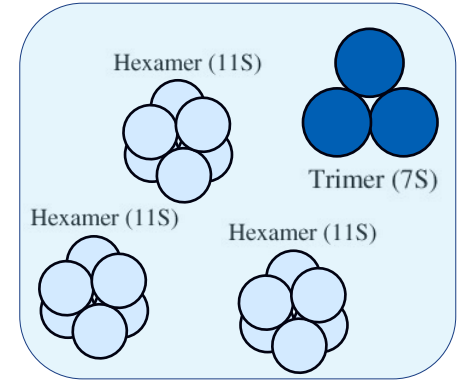
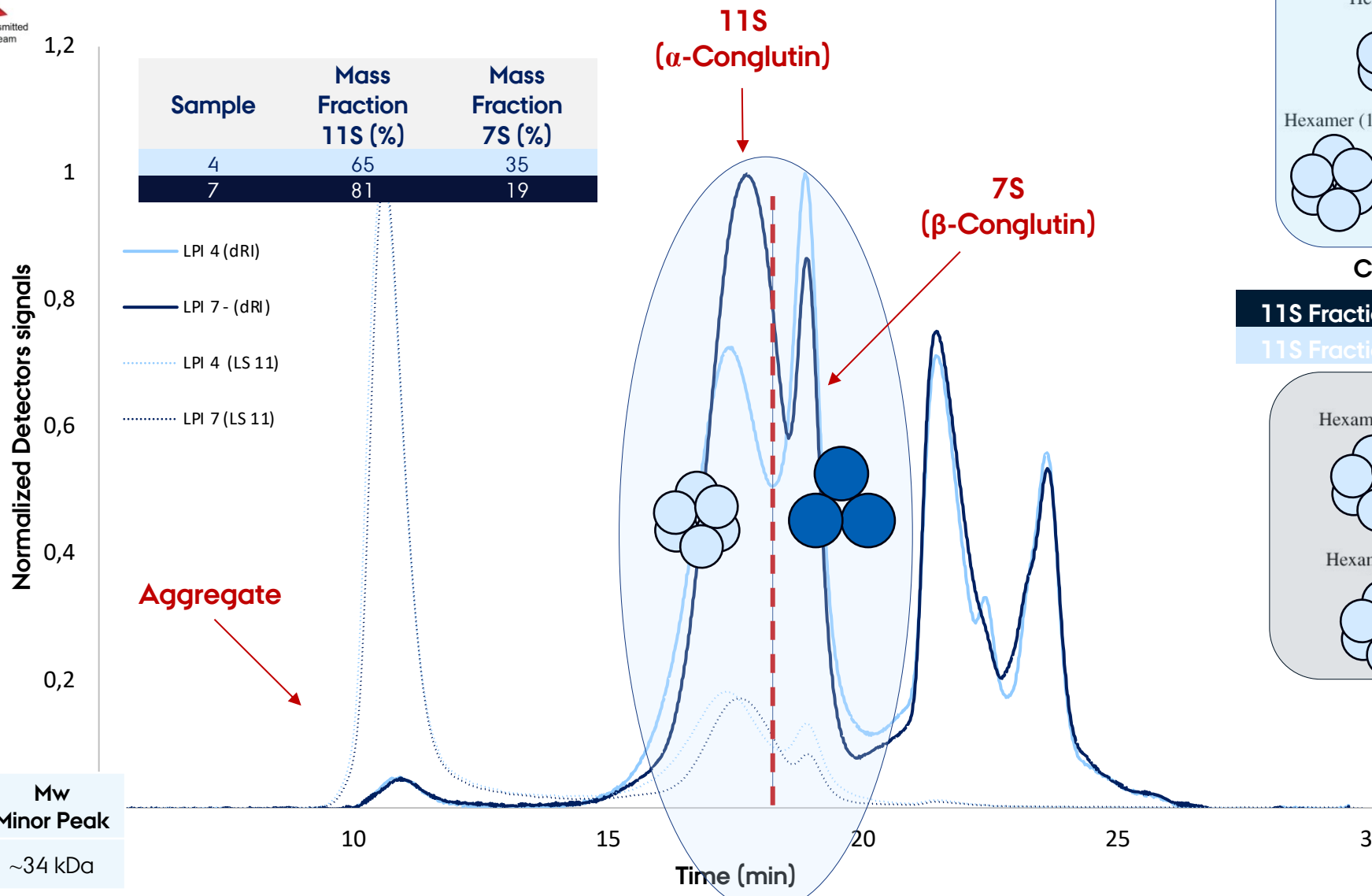
- Protein purity in Protein isolate: 70-92 % (g/100 g, wb)
- Correlation with protein, seed weight & mineral composition (K<sup>+</sup> and Ca<sup>2+</sup>)

# PROTEIN COMPOSITION OF BLUE LUPINS



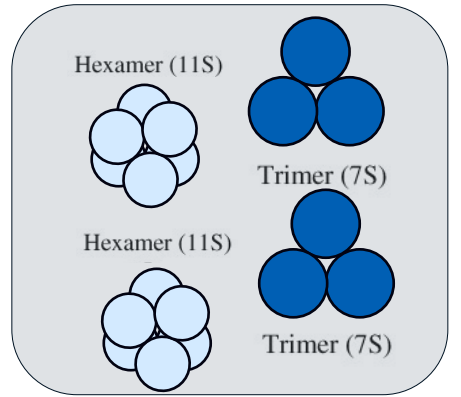
## Identification of lupin varieties richer in 11S

Sample	Mass Fraction 11S (%)	Mass Fraction 7S (%)
4	65	35
7	81	19



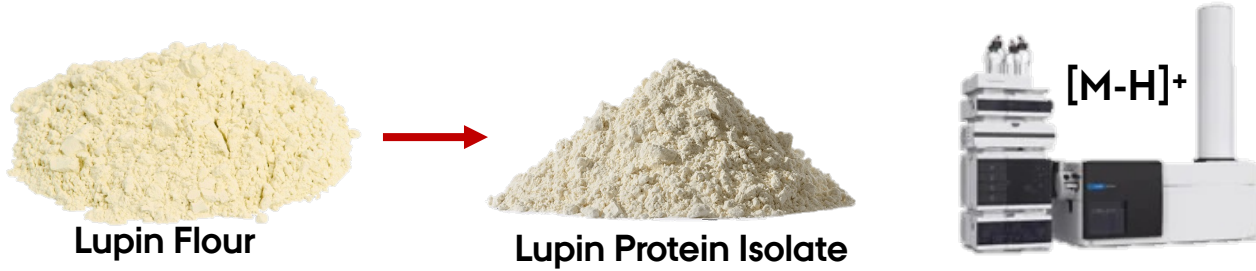
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11S Fraction:	70-80%
11S Fraction:	< 70%

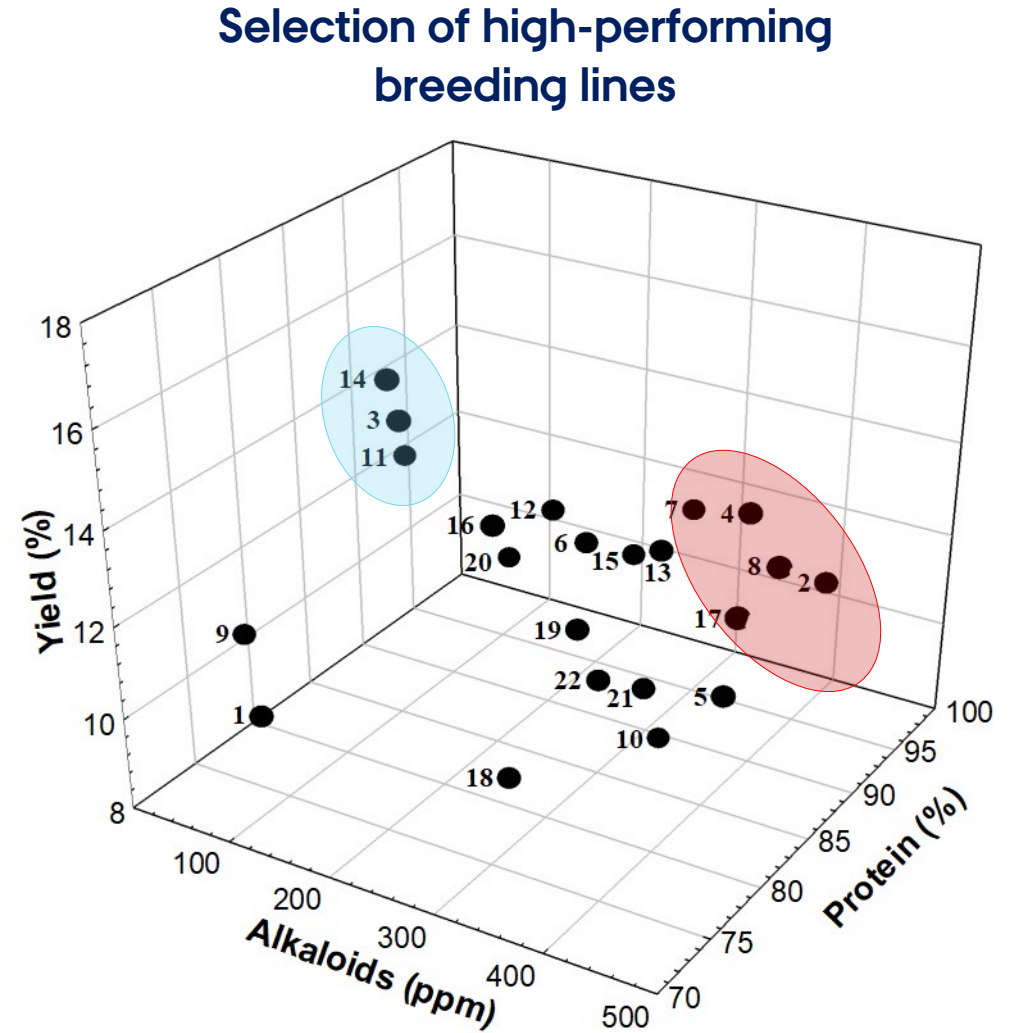
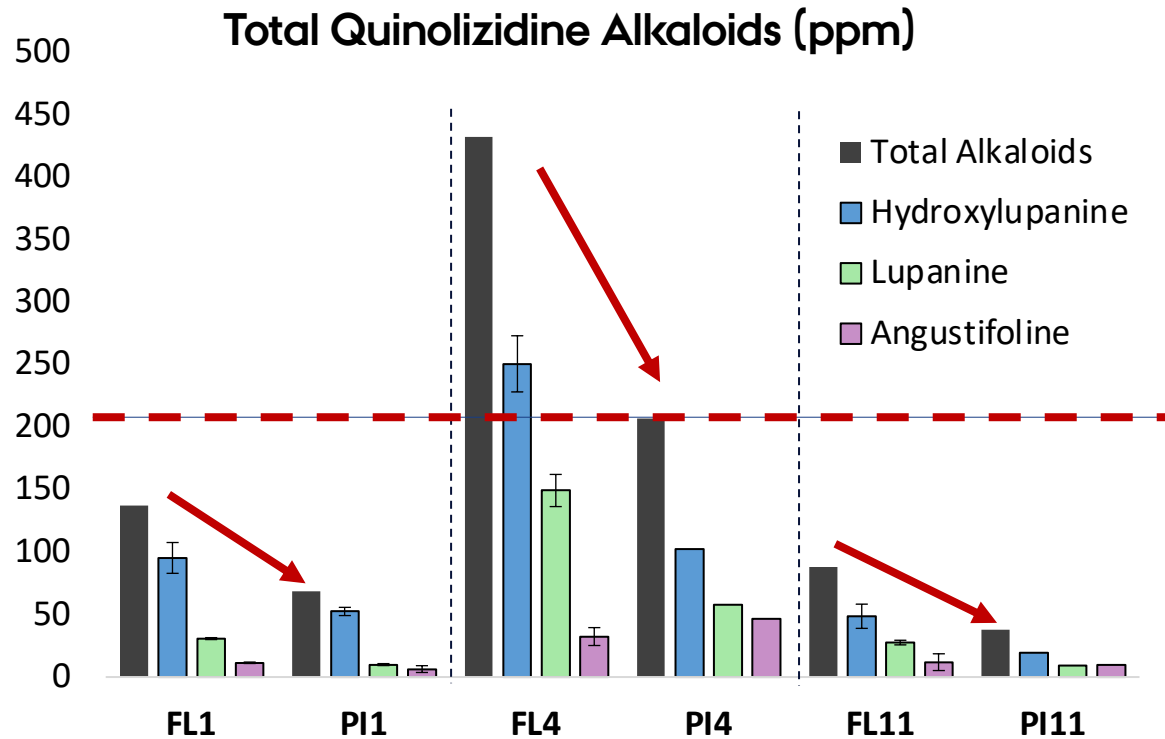


Mw 11S	Mw 7S	Mw Minor Peak
~333 kDa	~193 kDa	~34 kDa

# ANTINUTRIENTS: ALKALOIDS IN LUPINS



Some regulations impose that lupin products < 200 ppm of alkaloids

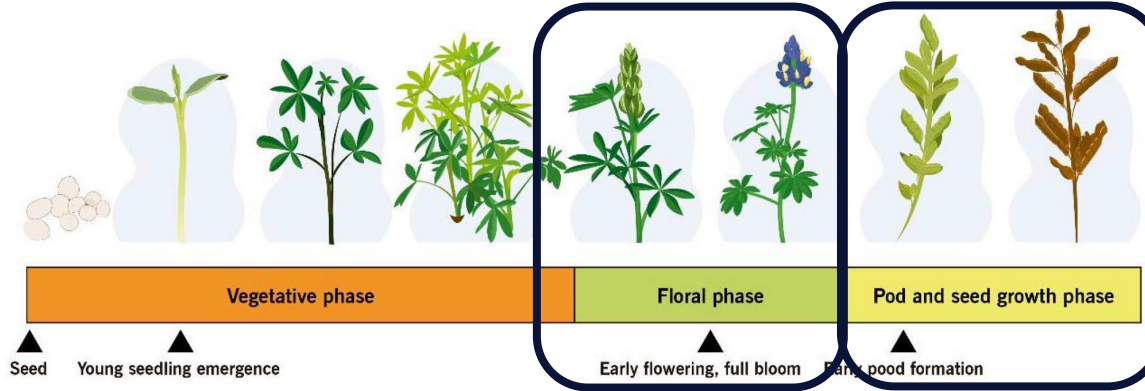


Varieties with high yield, high protein and low alkaloids content



# SEEDS GROWTH UNDER STRESS CONDNTIONS

Roman, Johansson Sjödin, Tsochatzis, Jimenez-Munoz, Ottosen, & Corredig (to be submitted)

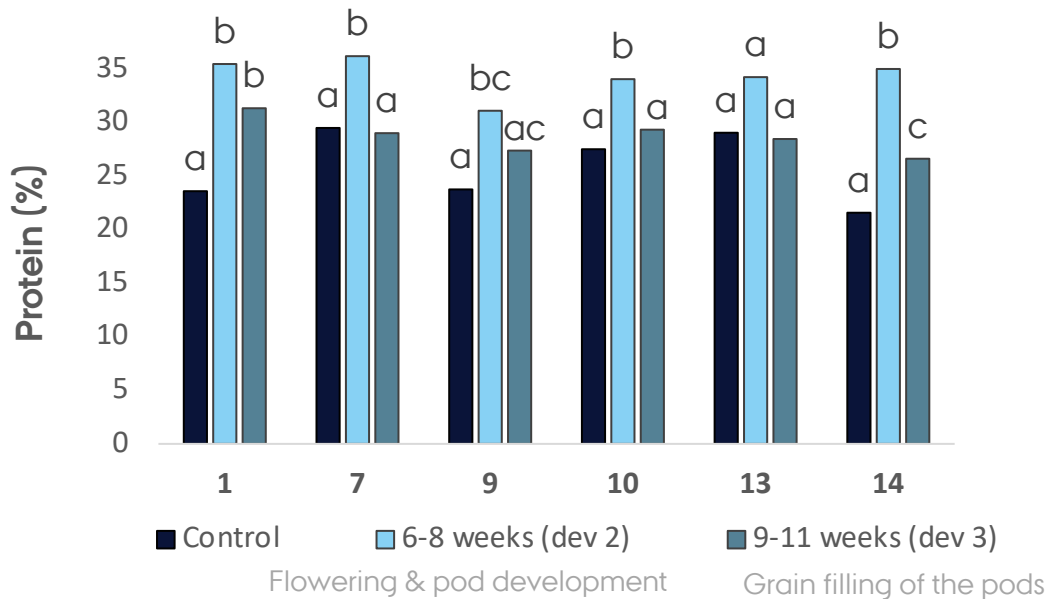


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## EFFECT OF HEAT STRESS

Heat stress (35/25°C) for 14 days at ≠ growth stages

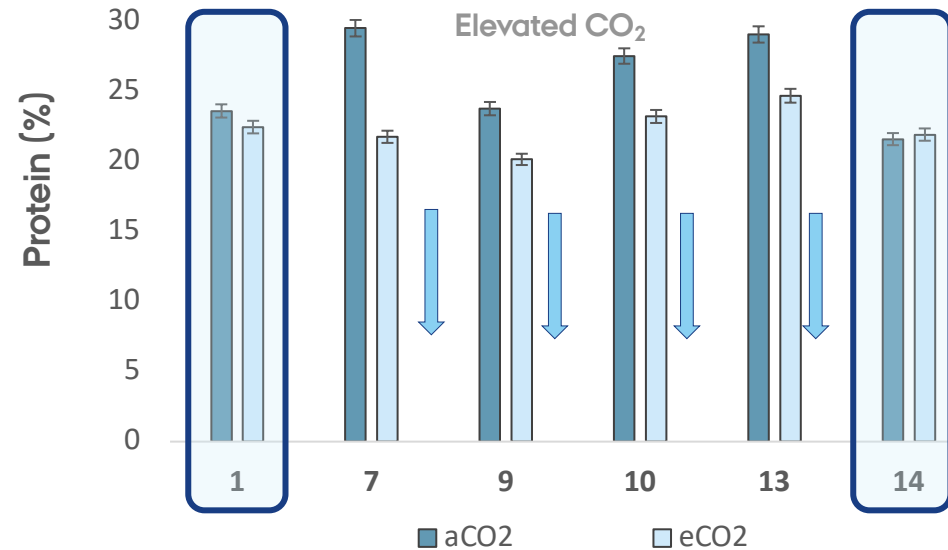
Protein (%) in diff. Heat Stress conditions for aCO2



## EFFECT OF CO2 LEVEL

aCO2 = 420 ppm → eCO2 = 750 ppm

Protein (%) in aCO2 & eCO2 - control treatment



eCO2 conditions also resulted in fewer alkaloids



↓↓ Reduced grain yield

# CONCLUSIONS



- ❑ **Breeding strategies:** Select **underutilized lupin crops** to **produce protein-rich ingredients** based on their **protein, grain yield, antinutritionals** and plant **resilience**, as **optimal starting material** to **reduce food waste generation**.
- ❑ **Less refined protein ingredients** are **complex systems** whose **non-protein components** can be beneficial to **tailor plant-protein rich matrices** with desired **technological properties**, **minimizing the generation of side steams**.
- ❑ Understand how **differences in protein composition** and **processing** can affect the technological **functionality** of the protein ingredients, to **design optimal, sustainable and oriented food applications**.
- ✓ Learn utilize **plant materials** at their **full potential**, using more **sustainable processing practices** and **reduce the environmental footprint of our food-systems**.





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# TAKE HOME MESSAGE

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