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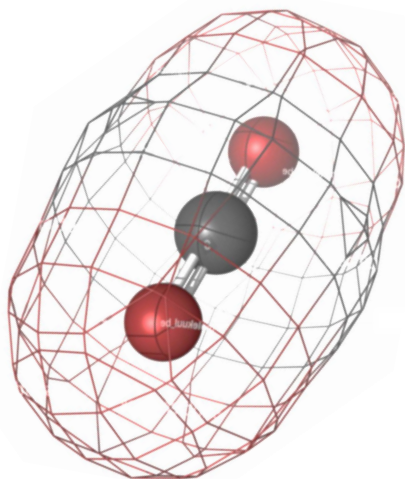
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Valorización de aceite de pescado mediante tecnologías de dióxido de carbono supercrítico

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outline



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omega-3 PUFAs



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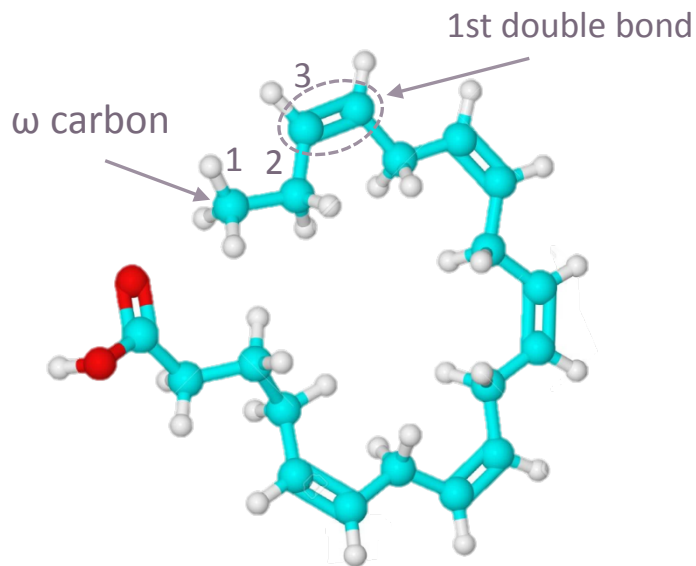


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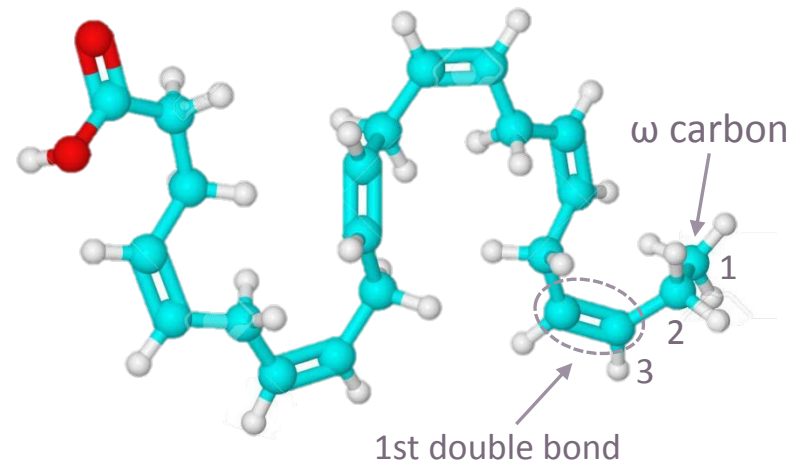
Fatty acid: carboxylic acid with a long aliphatic chain

Unsaturation: double covalent bond between adjacent carbon atoms

Eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA, C₂₀:5 *n*-3)

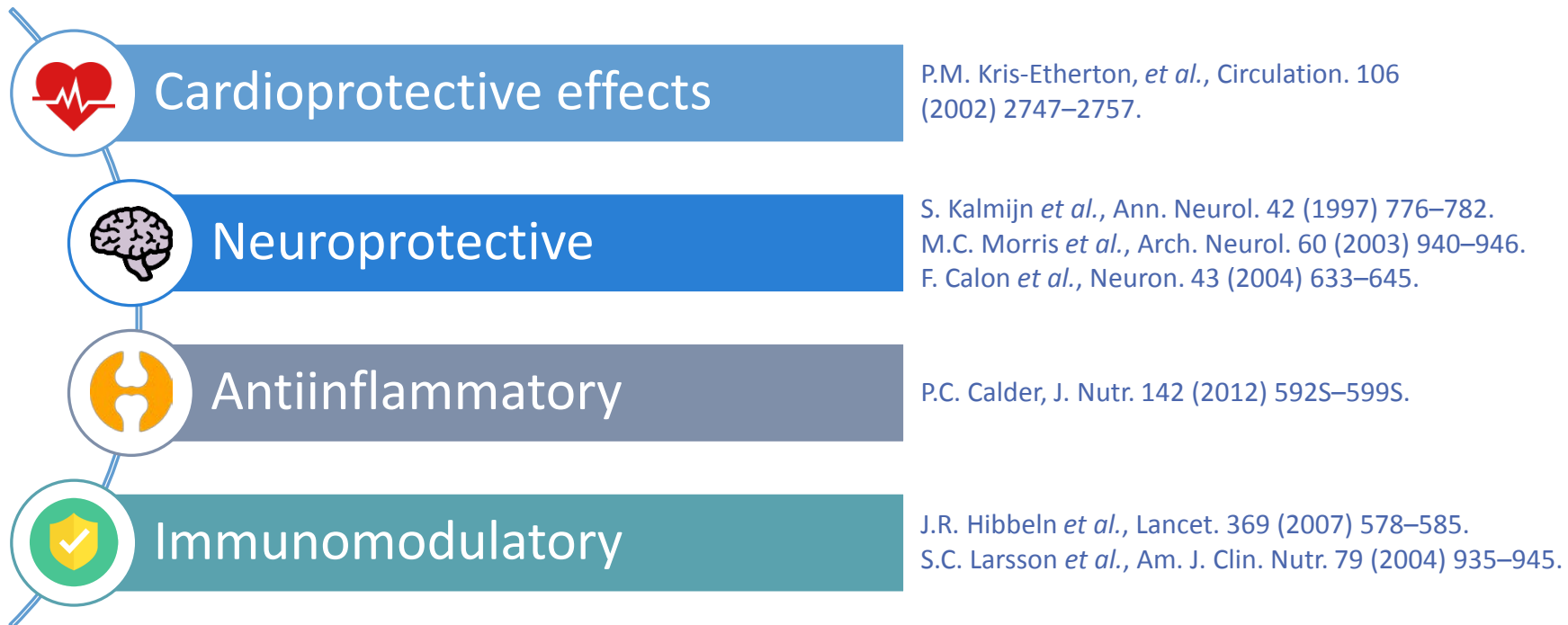


Docosahexaenoic acid (DHA, C₂₂:6 *n*-3)



why are omega-3 consumed? healthy effects

Healthy effects of omega-3 are linked to their **structural** and **regulatory** roles



why are omega-3 consumed? some data



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Ingredient - Omega-3

1,906 product(s) contain the ingredient "Omega-3"

almost 2000 products in USA

The following results include DSLD products that contain any of the following:

"OMEGA-3 FATTY ACIDS"; "OMEGA-3"; "DELETE"; "TOTAL OMEGA-3"; "TOTAL OMEGA-3 FATTY ACIDS"; "OMEGA 3"; "OMEGA 3 FATTY ACIDS FROM FISH OIL"; "OTHER OMEGA-3'S"; "OTHER OMEGA-3 FATTY ACIDS AS TG"; "TOTAL EPA"; "OMEGACHOICE OMEGA-3 ESSENTIAL FATTY ACIDS:"; "PROVIDES 600MG OF TOTAL OMEGA-3 FATTY

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Dietary Supplement Label Database (NIH)

<http://www.dsld.nlm.nih.gov/dsld/index.jsp>

(accessed june 2018)

Global Market: US\$ 1.8 bn/year

Transparency Market Research (2013) Global Fish Oil Market Industry Analysis, Size, Share, Growth, Trends and Forecast, 2012–2018

<https://www.transparencymarketresearch.com/fish-oil.html>

(accessed june 2018)



the problem of omega-3 oxidation



Fishing for answers: is oxidation of fish oil supplements a problem?

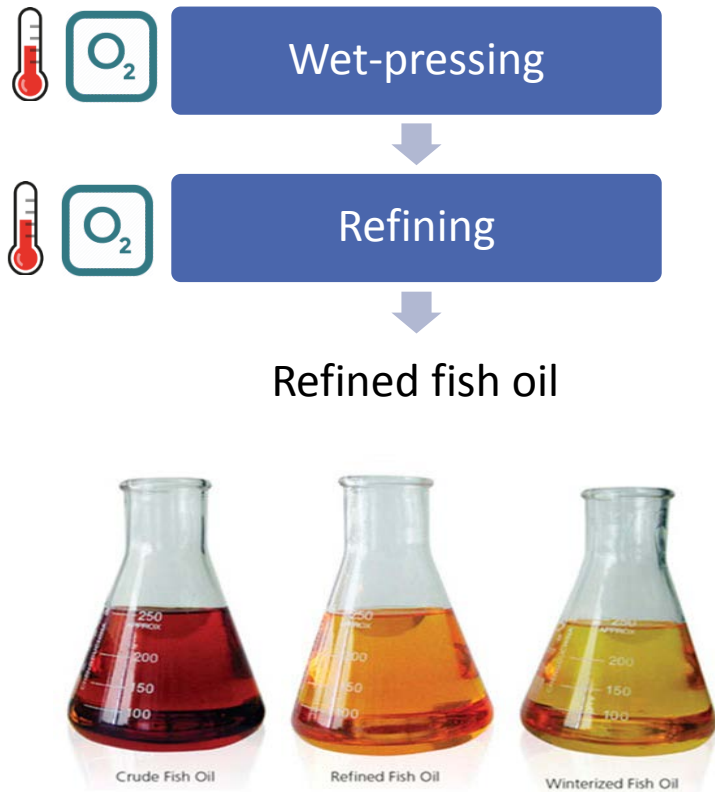
Cameron-Smith, D., Albert, B.B., Cutfield W.S., J. Nutr. Sci. 4, e36 (2015) 1–2.

[...] in Canada, 50 % [of 171 over-the-counter omega-3 supplements] exceeded voluntary limits for at least one measure of oxidation [...]. In the USA, 27 % of products tested were found to have more than twice the recommended levels of lipid peroxides, while in South Africa and New Zealand more than 80 % of supplements tested exceeded recommended levels.

[...] The levels of oxidation now described in four independent studies since 2012 (analyzing 260 n-3 PUFA products) suggest that the general public is consuming oxidized products [...].

Importantly, the biological effects and health consequences of consuming oxidized fish oil supplements are not yet established. In 2010, the EFSA panel on biological hazards concluded that 'information on the level of oxidation of fish oil (...) and related toxicological effects in humans is lacking'.

the problem of omega-3 oxidation

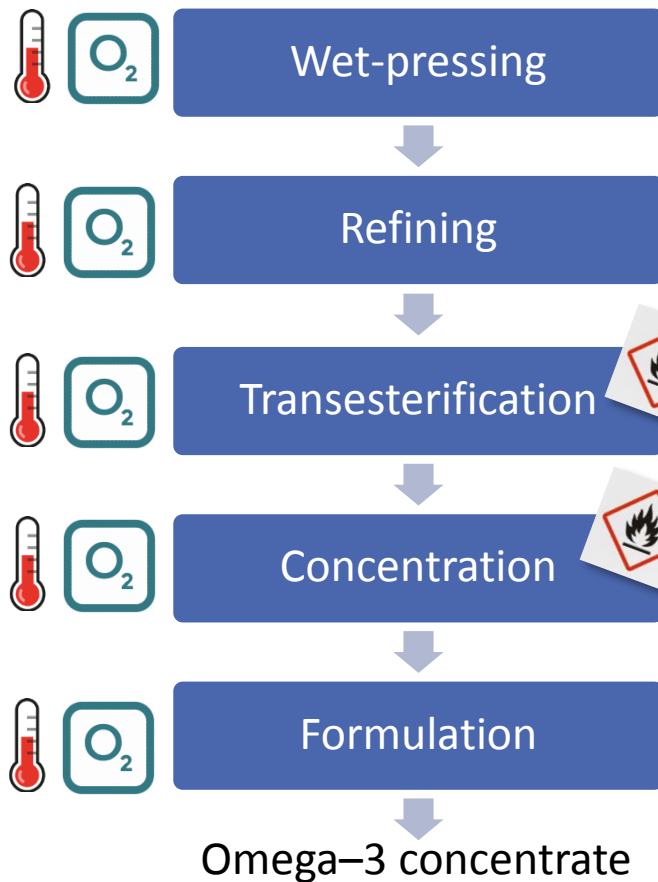


It is not surprising that many retail fish oil products are oxidized, considering the complex process from ocean catch through to the final consumer product.

[...] small pelagic fishes, caught off the coast of Peru and Chile [...] transported to shore, processed by fractionation into fish meal and crude fish oil. [...] stored in large tanks before being shipped on for further refining, particularly to China [...], involving several steps with repeated heating at high temperatures. [...]

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the problem of omega-3 oxidation



Production of omega-3 concentrates

Further processing may increase oxidation even more

Organic solvents

Toxicity, environmental concerns

More processing steps
(more oxidation)

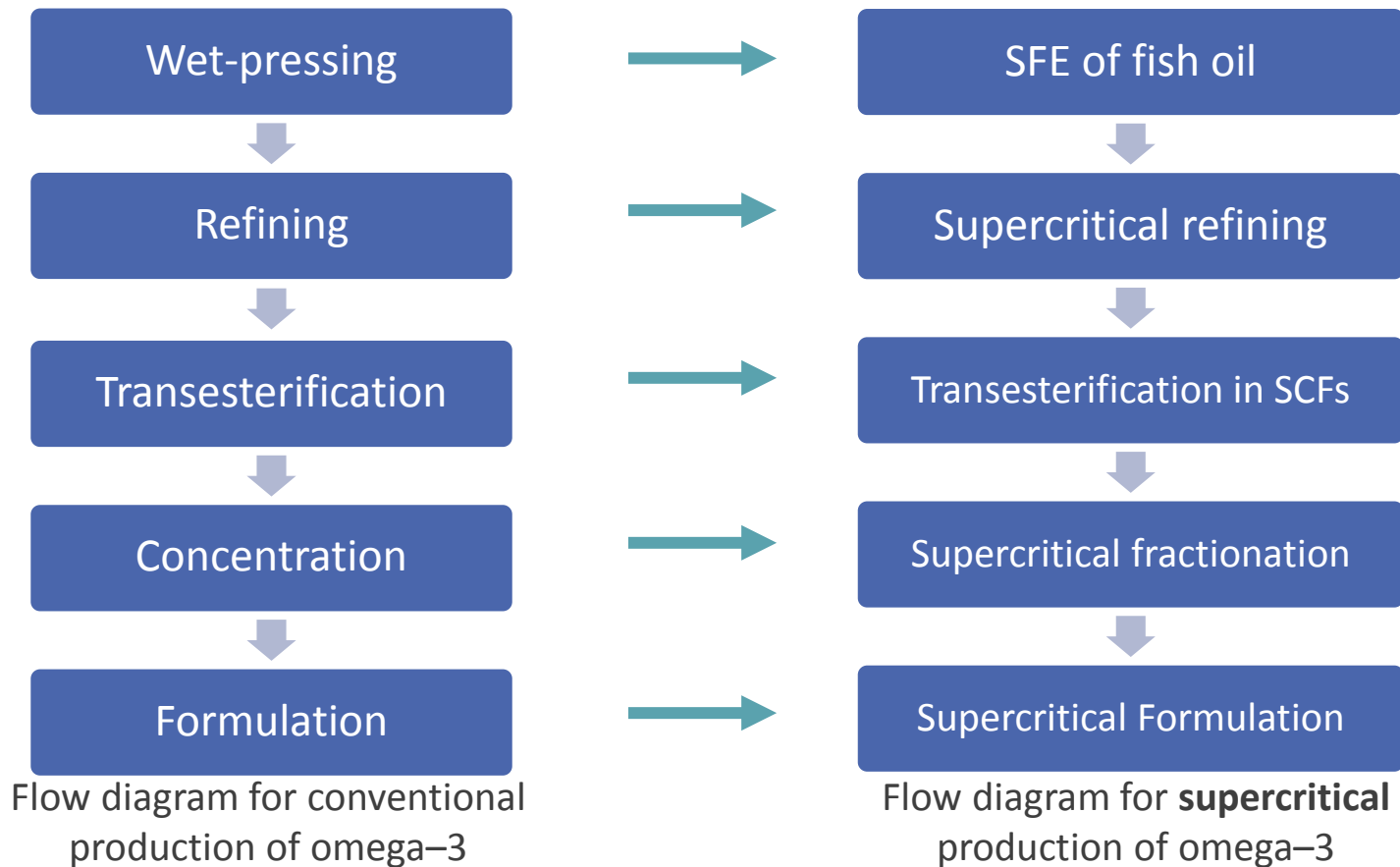
supercritical alternative



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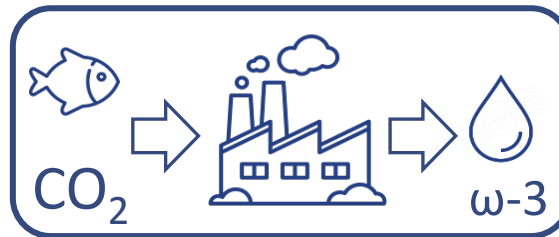
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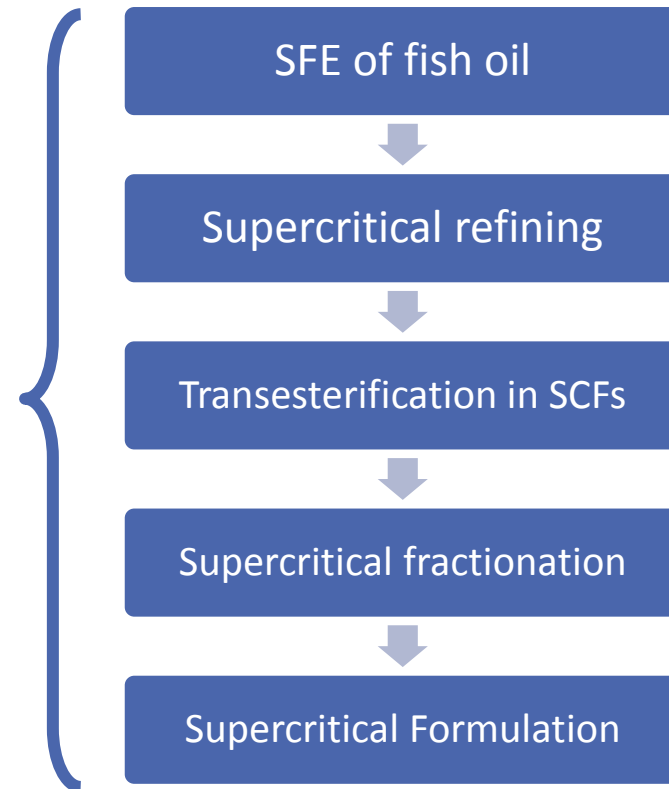
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**SUPERCritical FISH
OIL BIO-REFINERY**



Flow diagram for **supercritical**
production of omega-3

supercritical alternative



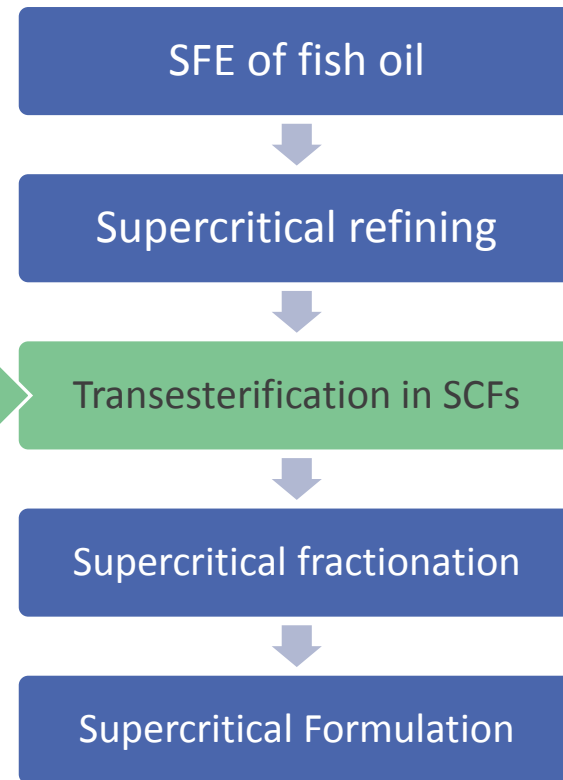
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**Study the lipase-catalyzed
ethanolysis of fish oil in
supercritical CO₂**

Focus of
this work



Flow diagram for **supercritical**
production of omega-3

reaction and biocatalyst



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3-step transesterification of fish oil TAGs with ethanol as acyl donor



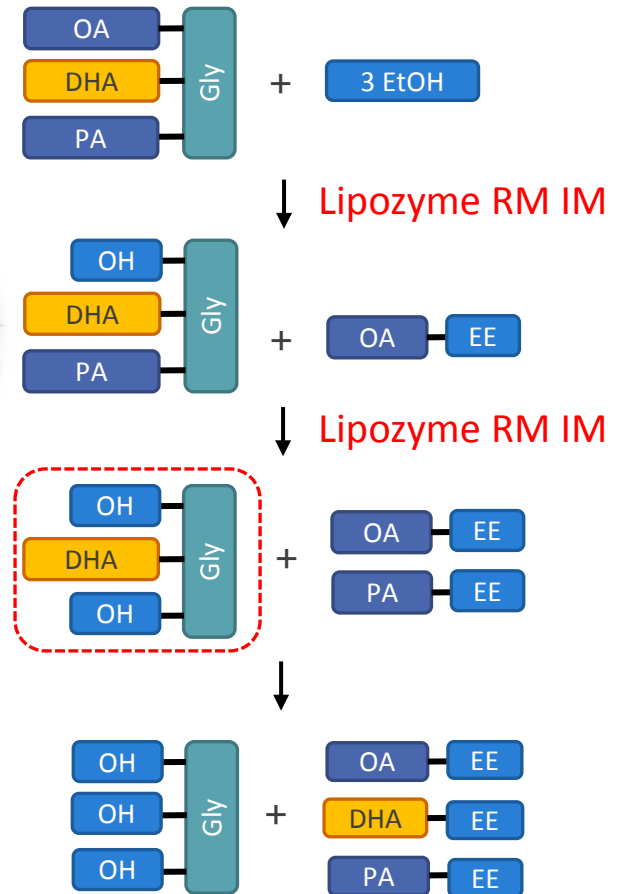
Biocatalyst: Lipozyme RM IM
Rhizomucor miehei
(5 % wt. of substrates)



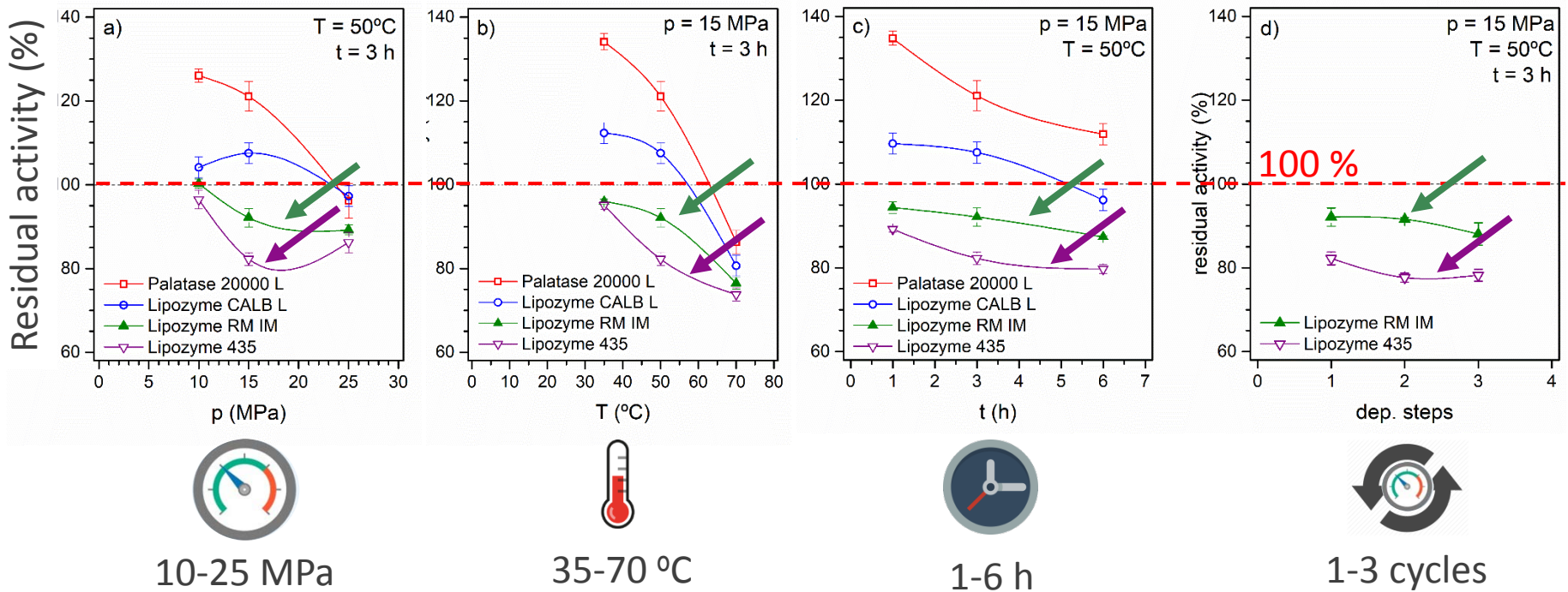
more resistant to SC-CO₂ than CALB
(Melgosa *et al.*, 2015)

immobilized - easy recovery (filtration)

sn-1,3-specific - 2-MAGs can be obtained



residual activity of commercial lipases



Lipozyme RM IM

Lipozyme 435

fish oil

Mixture of tuna and sardine refined oils

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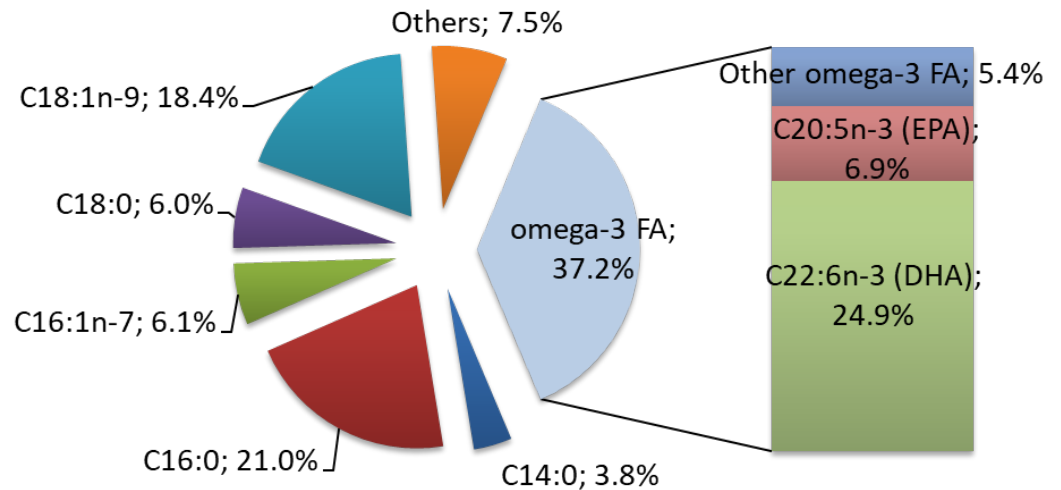
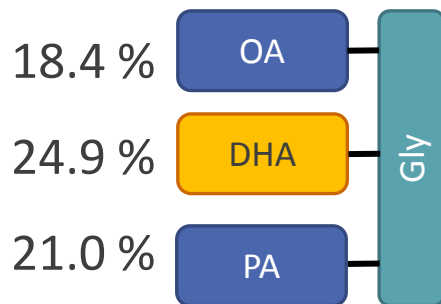


European sardine
Sardina pilchardus

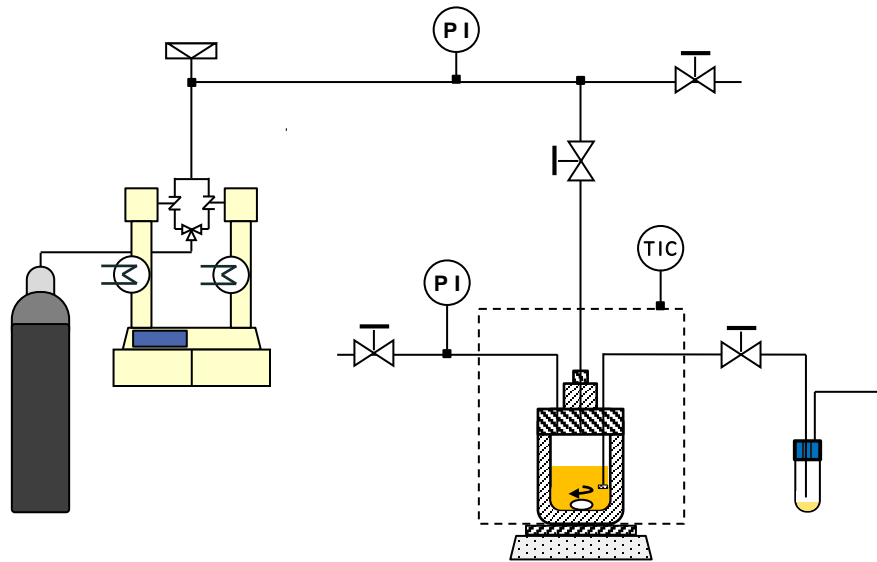


Atlantic bluefin tuna
Thunnus thynnus

Fatty acid profile (AOAC)



apparatus



High-pressure batch stirred tank reactor with sampling system design and assembling: BIOIND

7.5-30 MPa
50-80 °C
2:1-38:1 (ethanol:oil)
5 % wt. (Lipozyme RM IM)

Reaction conditions

analysis of the composition



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HPLC ELSD (Agilent Technologies)

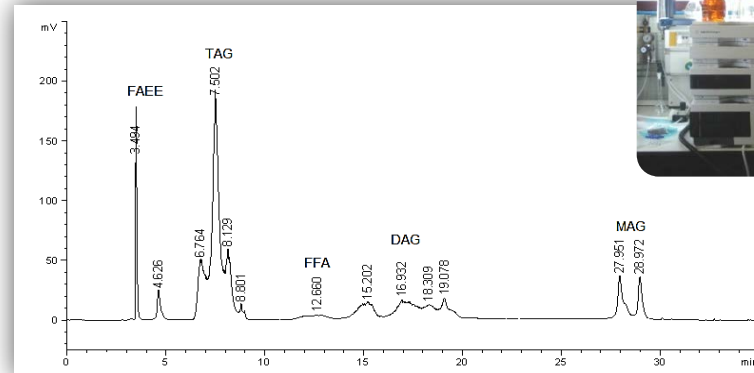
Neutral Lipids profile - TAG, DAG, MAG, FAEE

Normal Phase HPLC ELSD

Isooctane

MTBE + AcOH 0.1 %vol

Calibrated with 13 standards
and the original fish oil



Glycerol and ethanol

Theoretically estimated from the reaction stoichiometry

$$n_{\text{GLY}}^t = (n_{\text{FAEE}} - n_{\text{DAG}} - 2 \cdot n_{\text{MAG}}) / 3 \quad (\text{Sovová et al., 2008})$$

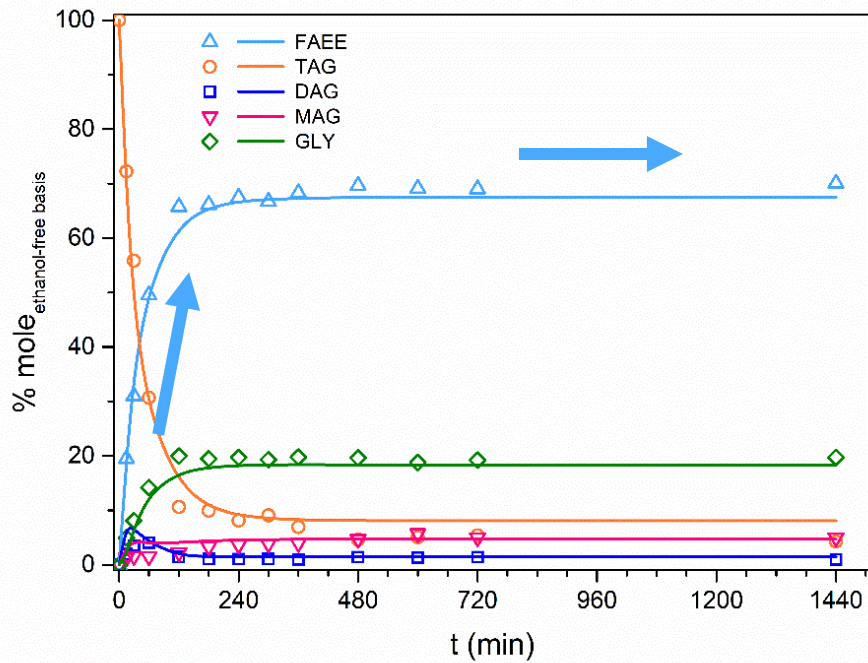
$$n_{\text{EtOH}}^t = n_{\text{EtOH}}^0 - n_{\text{FAEE}}$$

Sovová, H., Zarevúcka, M., P. Bernášek, P., Stamenić, M., Chem. Eng. Res. Design. 86 (2008) 673–681.

reaction kinetics

Time course of the reaction

MR = 38:1, T = 50 °C, p = 10 MPa, enz. = 5 %wt.



Rapid production of FAEE at the beginning

Plateau at eq. conversion

reaction kinetics



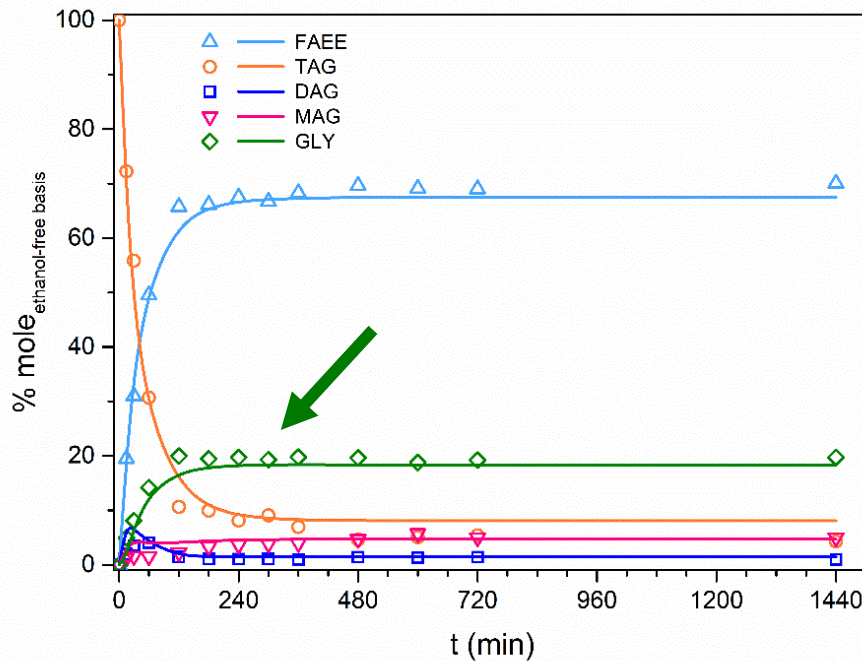
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Time course of the reaction

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Rapid production of FAEE
at the beginning

Plateau at eq. conversion

Production of GLY
non *sn*-1,3-specific behaviour

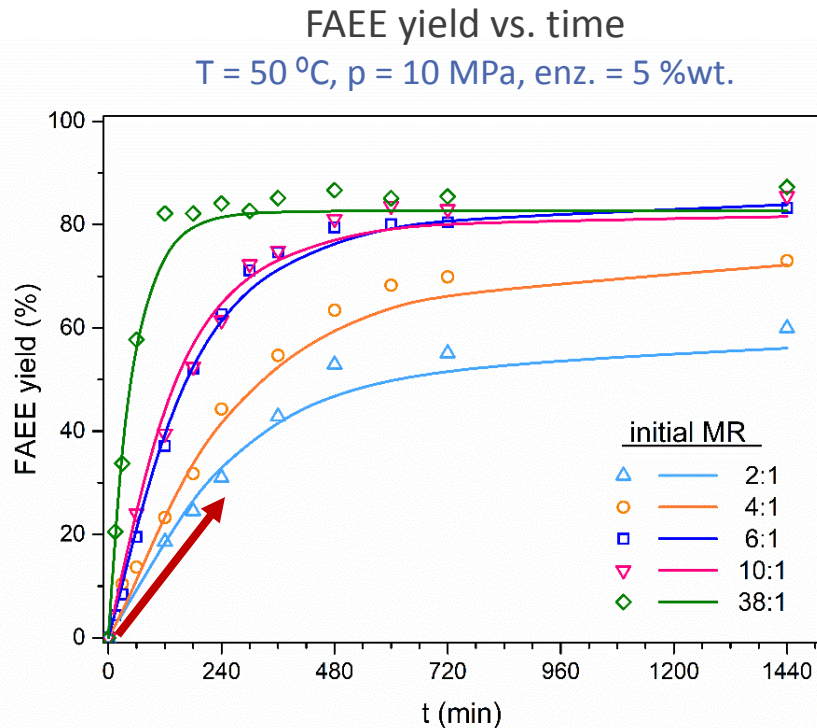
acyl-migration

Support, reaction time,
temperature, solvents,
water content, etc.

(Xu *et al.*, 1998)

X. Xu, A. R. H. Skands, C. E. Høy, H. Mu, S. Balchen and J. Adler-Nissen,, JAOCS 75 (1998) 1179–1186.

effect of initial MR



MR (ethanol:oil)	r_0 ($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{g}_{\text{enz}}^{-1}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$)	Eq. FAEE yield* (%)
2:1	34 ± 2	57 ± 3
4:1	43 ± 5	70 ± 2
6:1	71 ± 5	82 ± 2
10:1	79 ± 3	84 ± 1
38:1	130 ± 10	86 ± 1



$$\text{FAEE yield (\%)} = \frac{x_{\text{FAEE}}}{(x_{\text{TAG}} + x_{\text{DAG}} + x_{\text{MAG}} + x_{\text{FAEE}})} \cdot 100$$

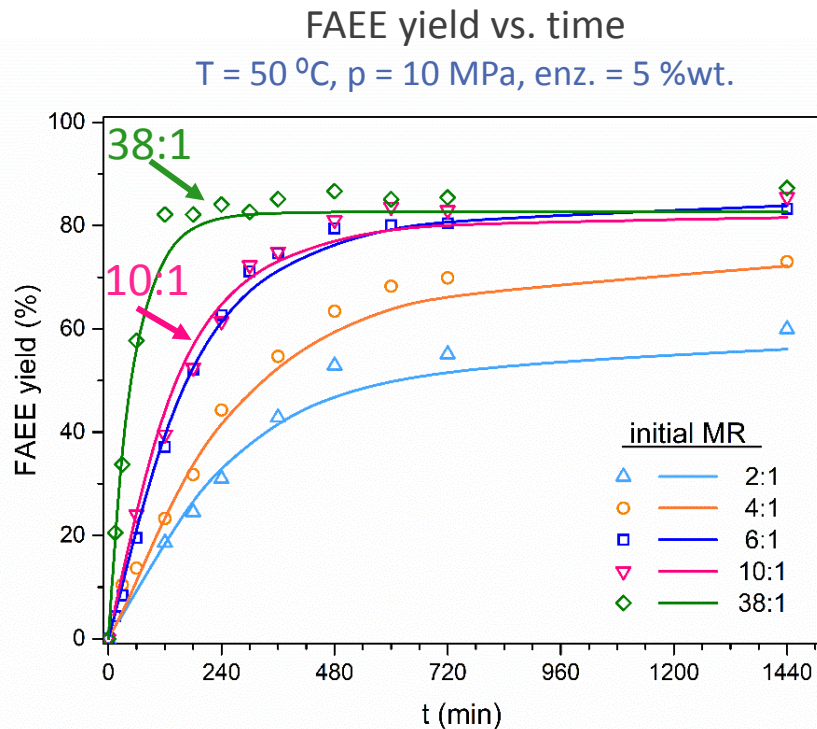
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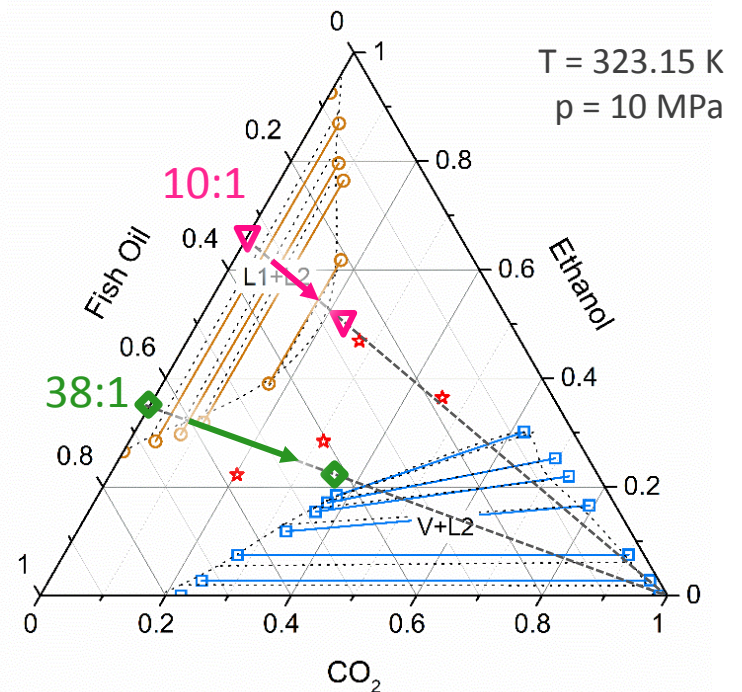


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10:1 and 38:1 are biphasic without CO₂



SC-CO₂ expands reaction media, which becomes homogeneous

(Melgosa *et al.*, 2017)

pressure effect



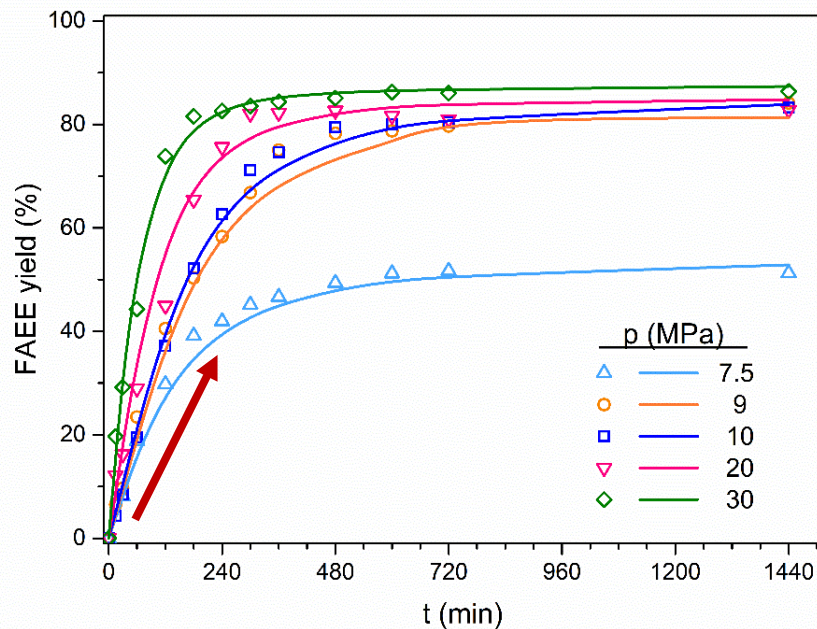
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FAEE yield vs. time

MR = 6:1, T = 50 °C, enz. = 5 %wt.



p (MPa)	r_0 ($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{g}_{\text{enz}}^{-1}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$)	Eq. FAEE yield* (%)
7.5	51 ± 7	51.4 ± 0.3
9	67 ± 6	80 ± 3
10	71 ± 5	82 ± 2
20	110 ± 10	82.1 ± 0.7
30	210 ± 20	86 ± 1



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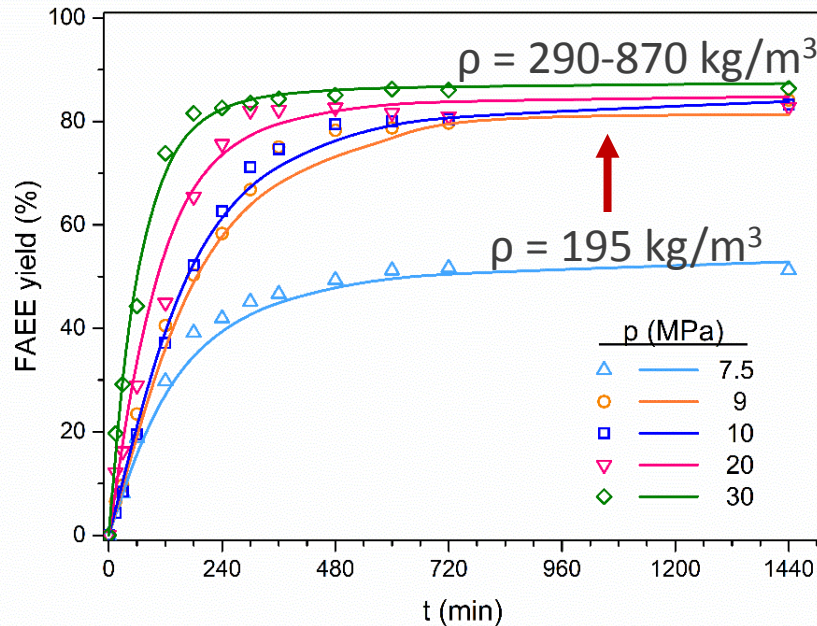
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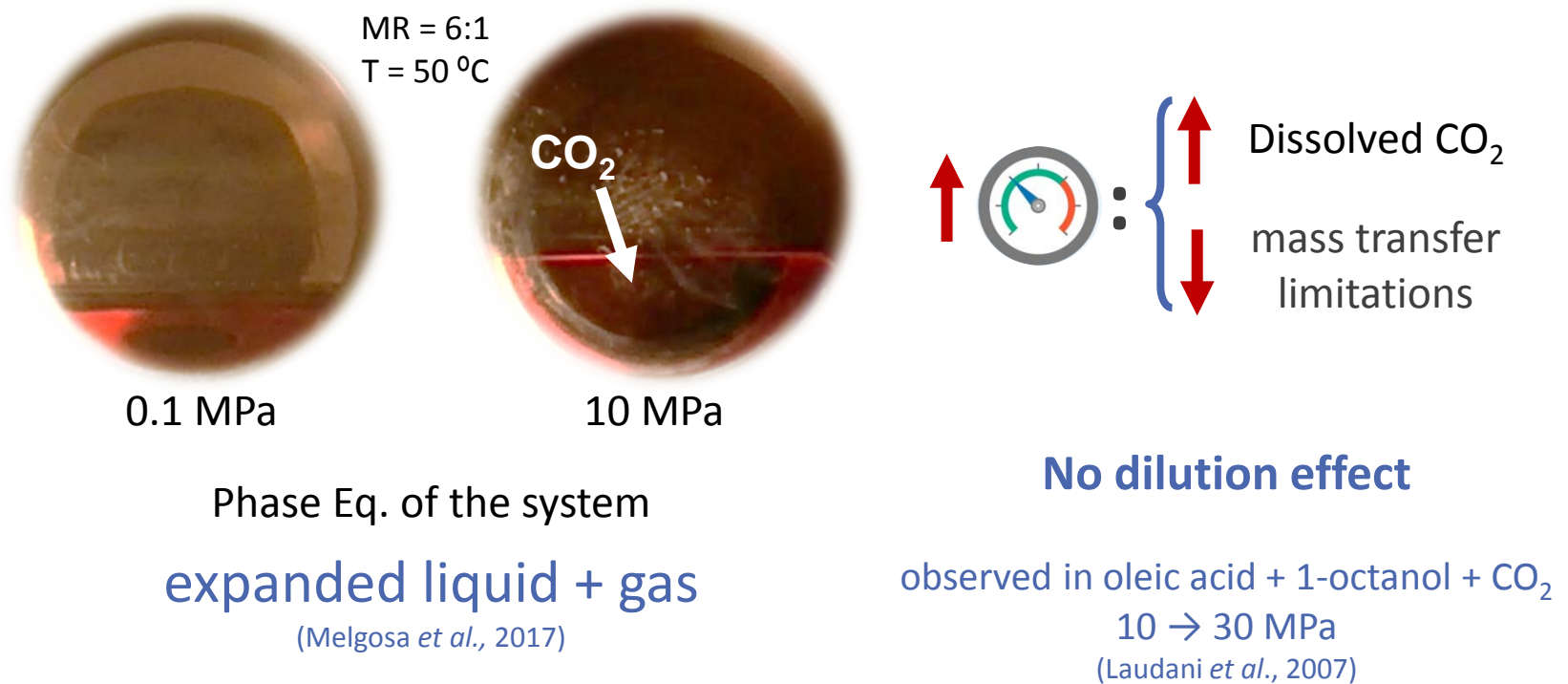
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7.5 → 9-30 MPa

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Melgosa, R., Sanz, M.T., Solaesa, Á.G., Beltrán, S., J. Chem. Thermodynamics 115 (2017) 106-113

Laudani, C.G., Habulin, M., Knez, Ž., Della Porta, G., Reverchon, E., J. Supercrit. Fluids, 41 (2007) 92-101.

temperature effect

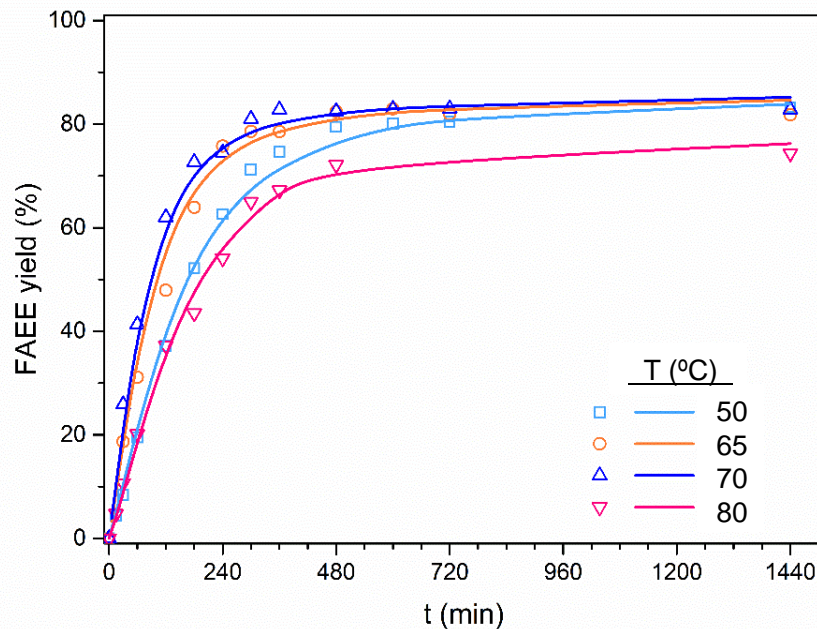


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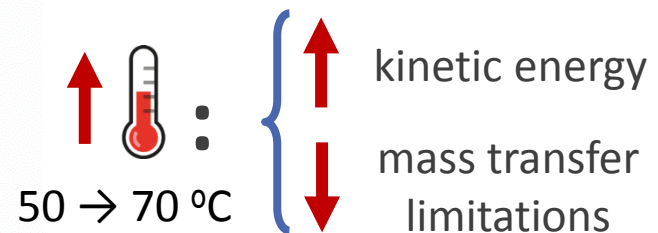


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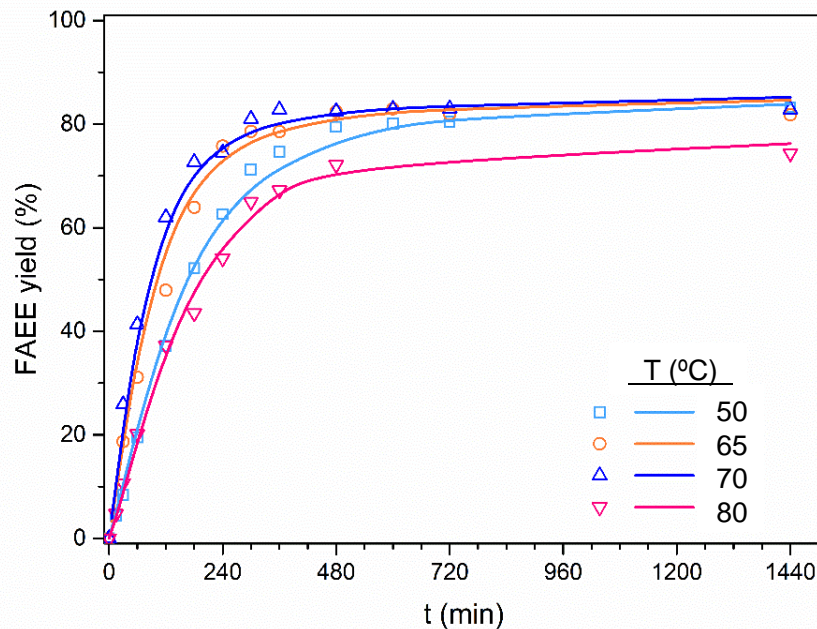


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 : No effect on FAEE yield
low heat of reaction
 50 → 70 °C

Eq. conversion is T-independent

$$\ln \left(\frac{K_2}{K_1} \right) = \frac{\Delta H^\circ}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2} \right); \quad \Delta H^\circ \approx 0 \rightarrow K_2 \cong K_1$$

temperature effect

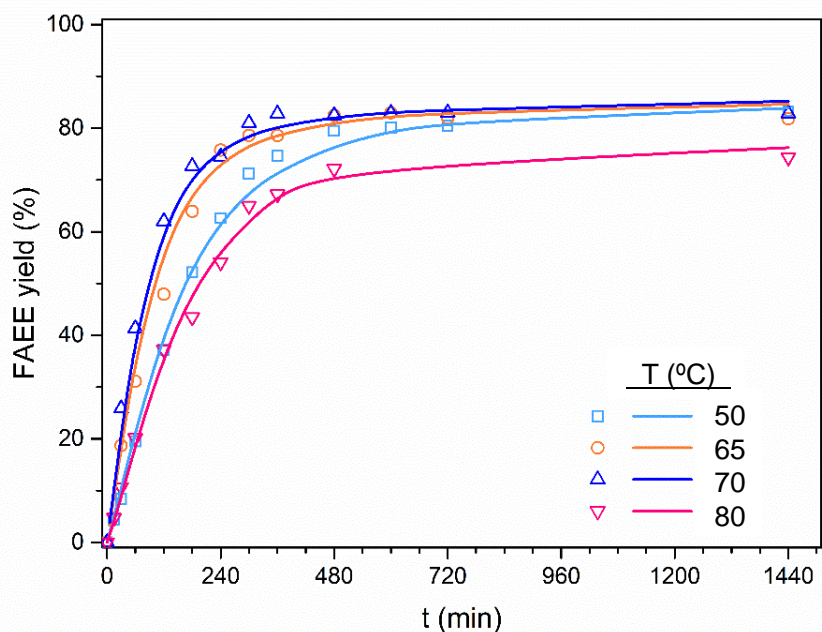


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 80 °C

Thermal inactivation of the catalyst

$T_{\text{opt}} = 70 \text{ °C}$

$T_{\text{opt}} = 40 \text{ °C}$

n-hexane solvent-free

(Oliveira and Oliveira, 2000, Calero *et al.*, 2014)

D. Oliveira, J.V. Oliveira, Ind. Eng. Chem. Res. 39 (2000) 4450–4454.
J. Calero, C. Verdugo, *et al.*, New Biotechnol. 31 (2014) 596–601.

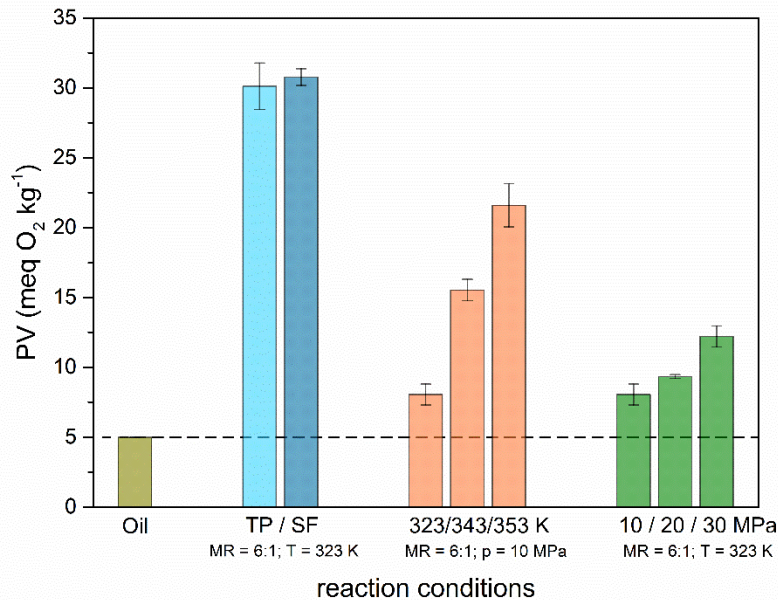
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Peroxide value of reaction products

MR = 6:1, different reaction media and p,T conditions
dashed line - *Codex* limit (5 meq O₂/kg oil)

At the same T (50 °C),
SF and TP show higher PV than SC-CO₂
in SC-CO₂

Pressure has little effect on PV

T negatively affects PV T_{opt} = 70 °C ??

compromise { good reaction performance
low oxidation

Conclusion



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SC-CO₂ can replace organic solvents in fish oil transesterification, with yields up to 86 % in 2 h (MR = 38:1, 50 °C, 10 MPa, 5% biocat.)

- Reducing mass transfer limitations
- Protecting the biocatalyst from thermal degradation
- Preventing oxidation of products due to displacement of oxygen

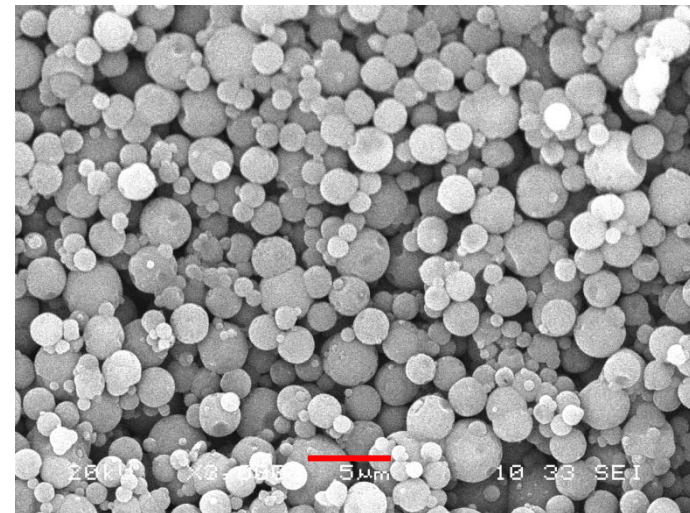
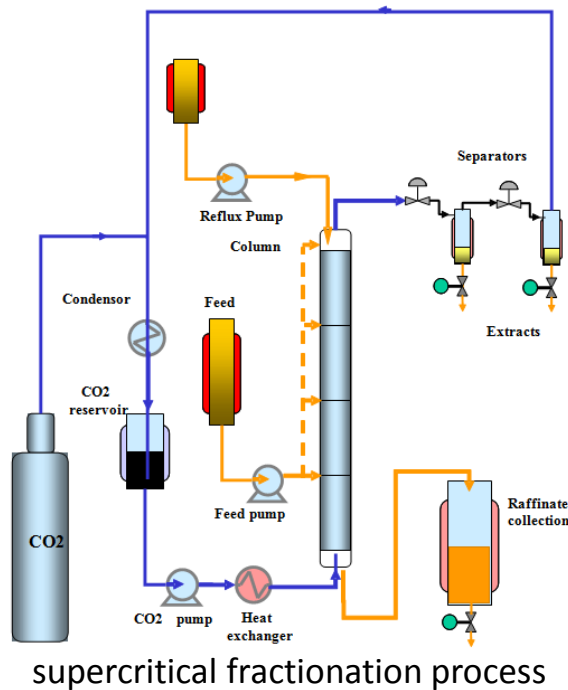
Ongoing work



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omega-3 encapsulated in OSA-starch
PGSS-dried particles (3000x, 5 μm)

Further studies on supercritical fractionation and formulation of omega-3 will help in the development of a supercritical biorefinery for fish oil production and valorization

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