



State of the industry and science of alternative proteins

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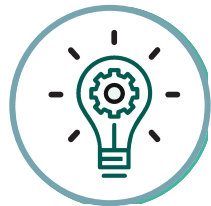
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What the future holds



GFI is an **international network of nonprofit think tanks** developing the roadmap for a sustainable, secure, and just protein supply.

Our work spans three areas:



Science and Tech

Advance foundational, open-access research across alternative proteins



Corporate Engagement

Partner with companies and investors to unlock funds, innovation, and scale



Policy

Work with policy actors to secure support for R&D and ensure regulatory clarity



Protein diversification

Plant-based



credit: TINDLE

Fermentation



credit: Meati

Cultivated



credit: GOOD Meat



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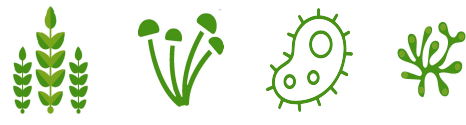
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Production value chain: Plant-based meat (PBM)



CROP SELECTION

The best source material for the end product is selected



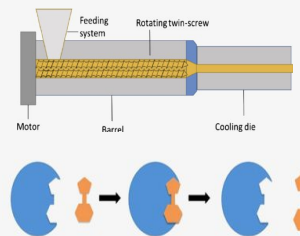
CROP OPTIMISATION

Crops are optimised via breeding or engineering



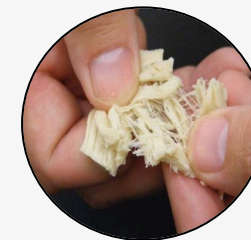
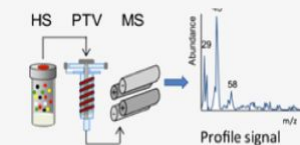
INGREDIENT OPTIMISATION

Raw materials are isolated and functionalised by mechanical and chemical processes to create optimal ingredients for the end product

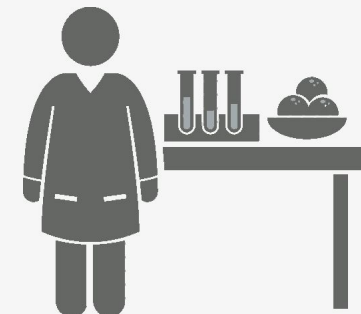


END PRODUCT COMPOSITION AND PROCESS OPTIMISATION

The correct mix of ingredients and processes are established to create the desired taste, texture, smell, and structure



Final product



Fermentation applications in alternative proteins



TRADITIONAL FERMENTATION

- Uses **intact live microorganisms** to modulate and process plant-derived ingredients.
- Produces unique flavour and nutritional profiles, modified texture.



BIOMASS FERMENTATION

- Leverages microorganism **fast growth** and **high protein content** to produce large protein quantities.
- Biomass serves as predominant or primary ingredient of a food product.

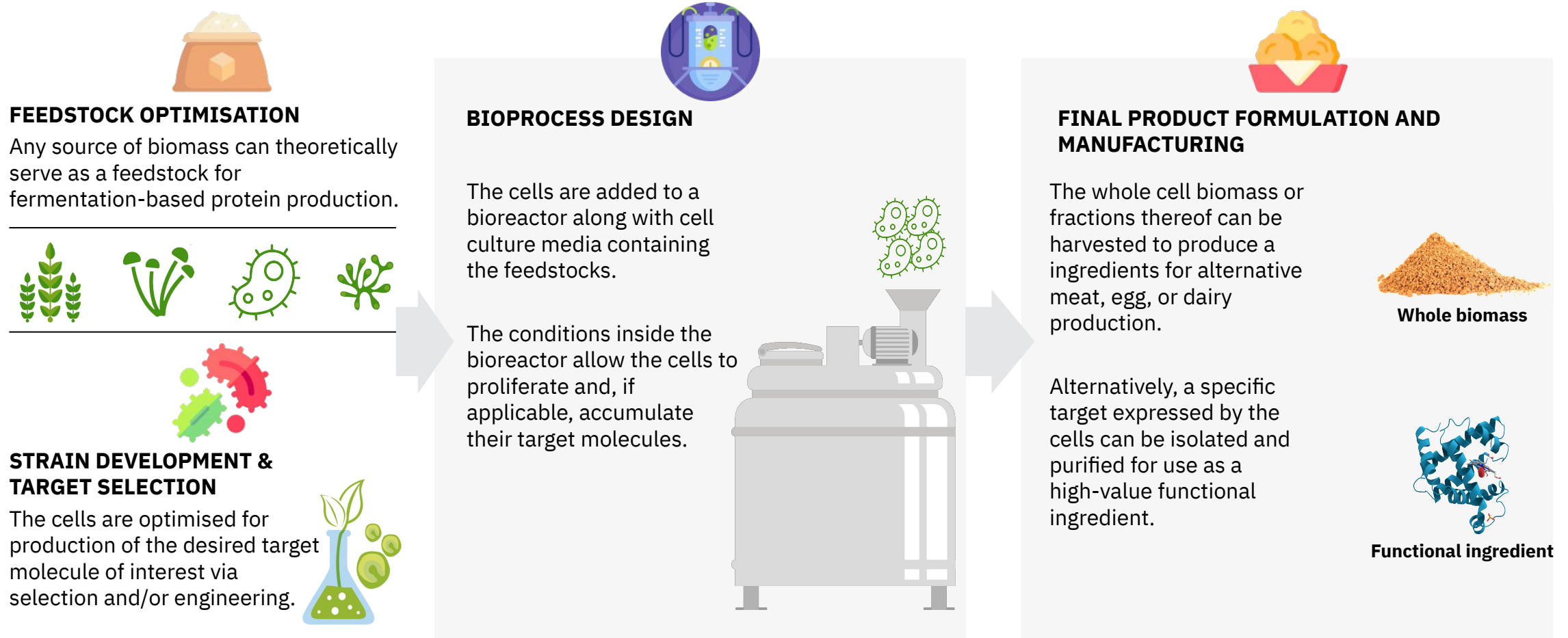


PRECISION FERMENTATION

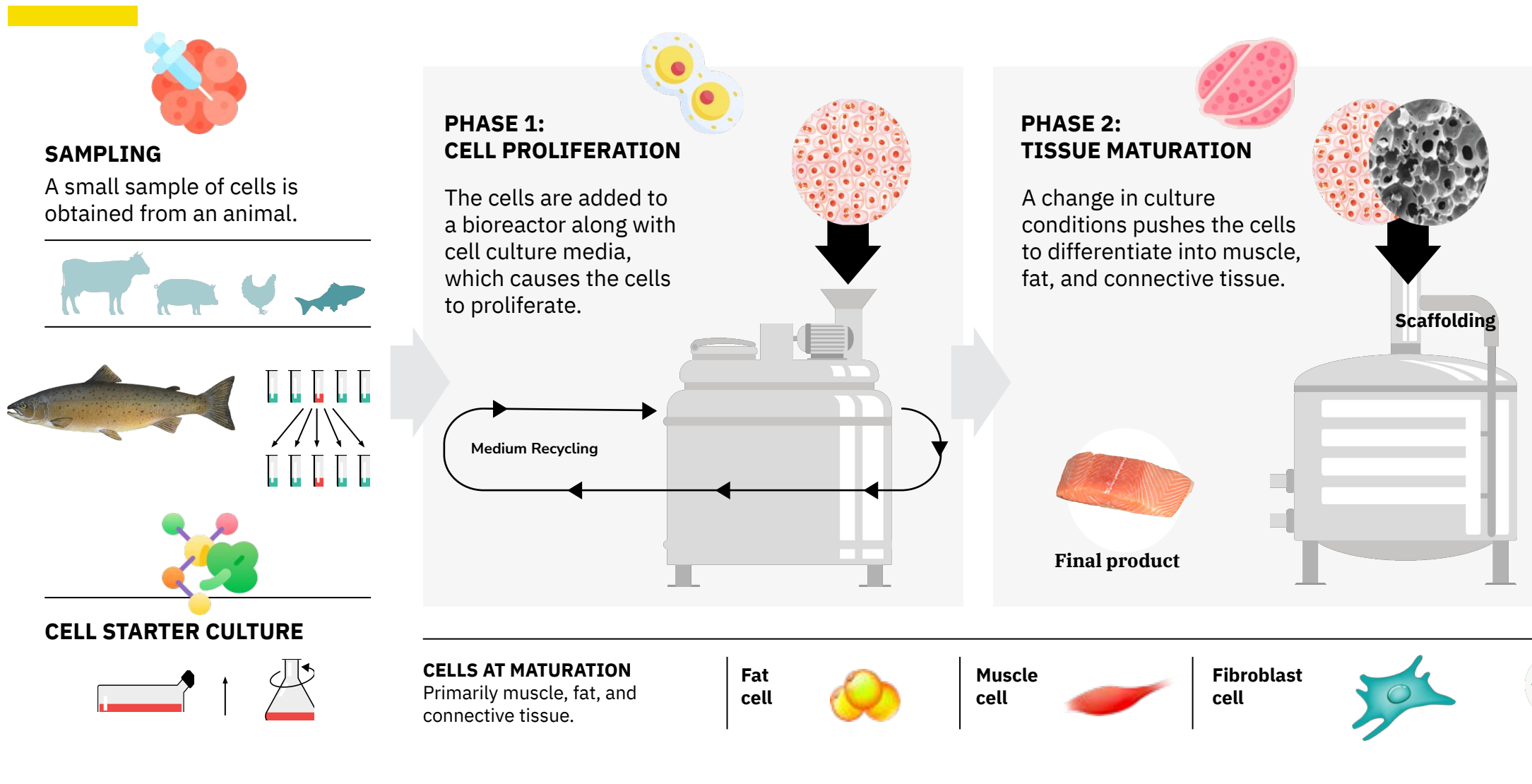
- Uses **microbial hosts** to produce **specific functional ingredients** that often require greater purity.
- Ingredients enable improved sensory characteristics, functional attributes.



Production value chain: Fermentation-derived (FD) ingredients



Production value chain: Cultivated meat (CM)





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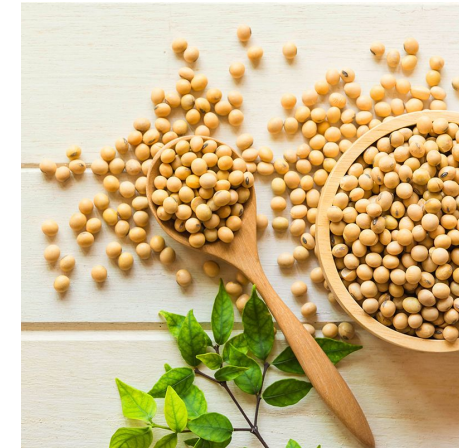
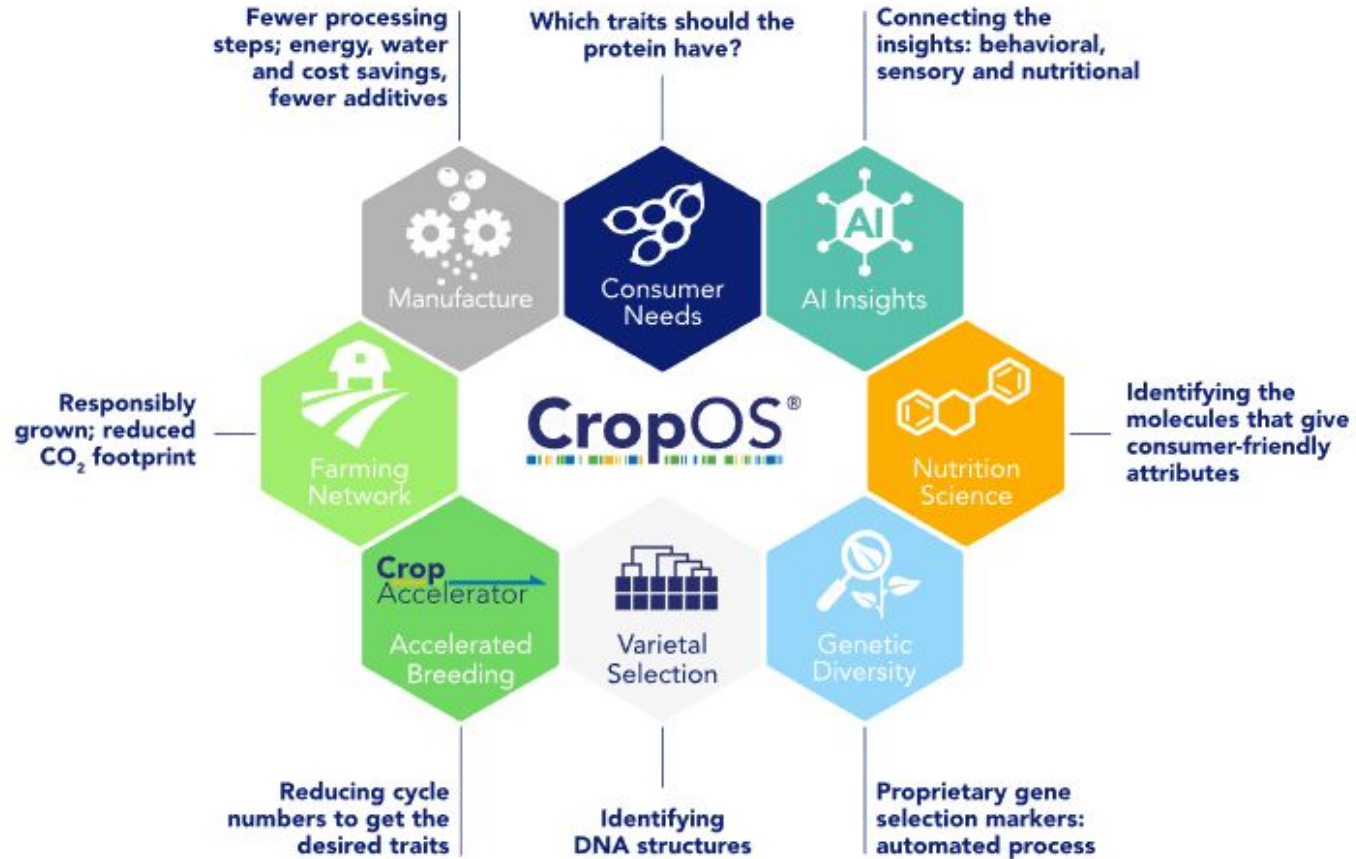
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What the future holds

Benson Hill crop breeding technologies



70% less water

50% less CO₂ emission



Benson Hill partnerships with Kelloggs & ADM



BENSON HILL



MorningStar FARMS



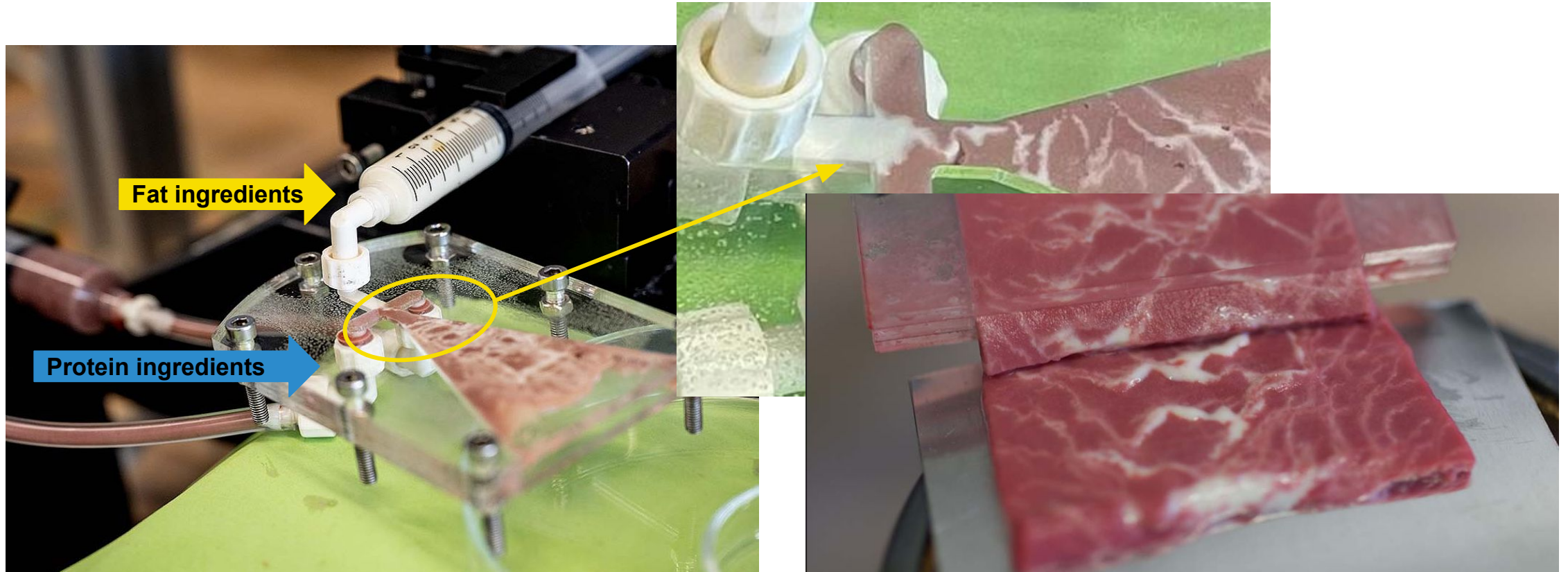
Expansion of raw materials for plant-based meat



Offering the best of nature™



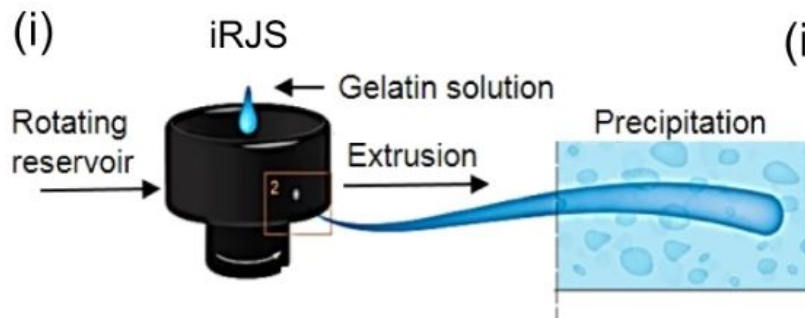
Novel innovation for PBM productions



Alternative texturisation technologies



(immersion rotary jet spinning)



Tender



credits: [Tenderfood](#), NovaMeat





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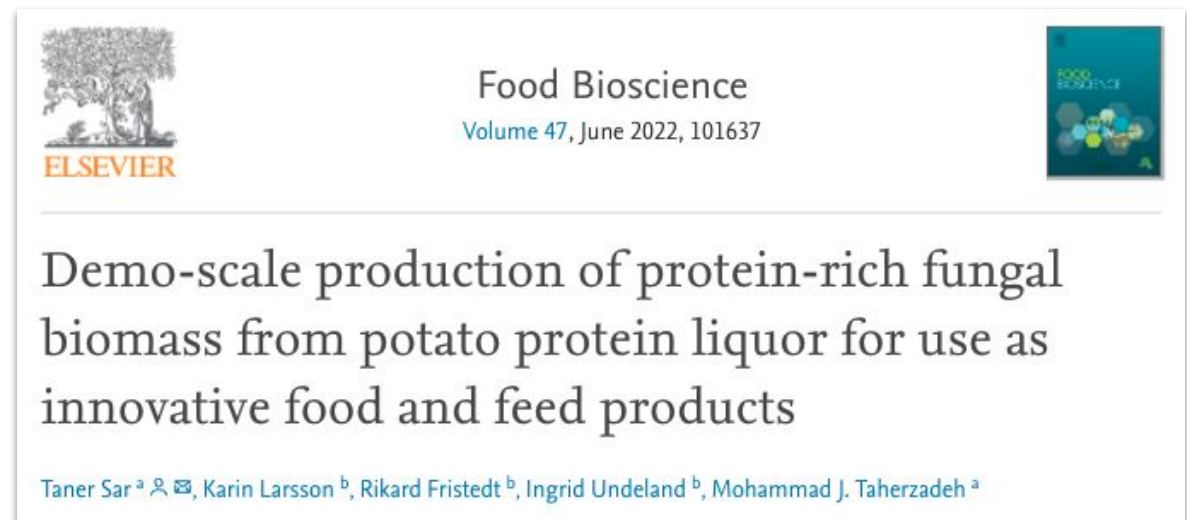
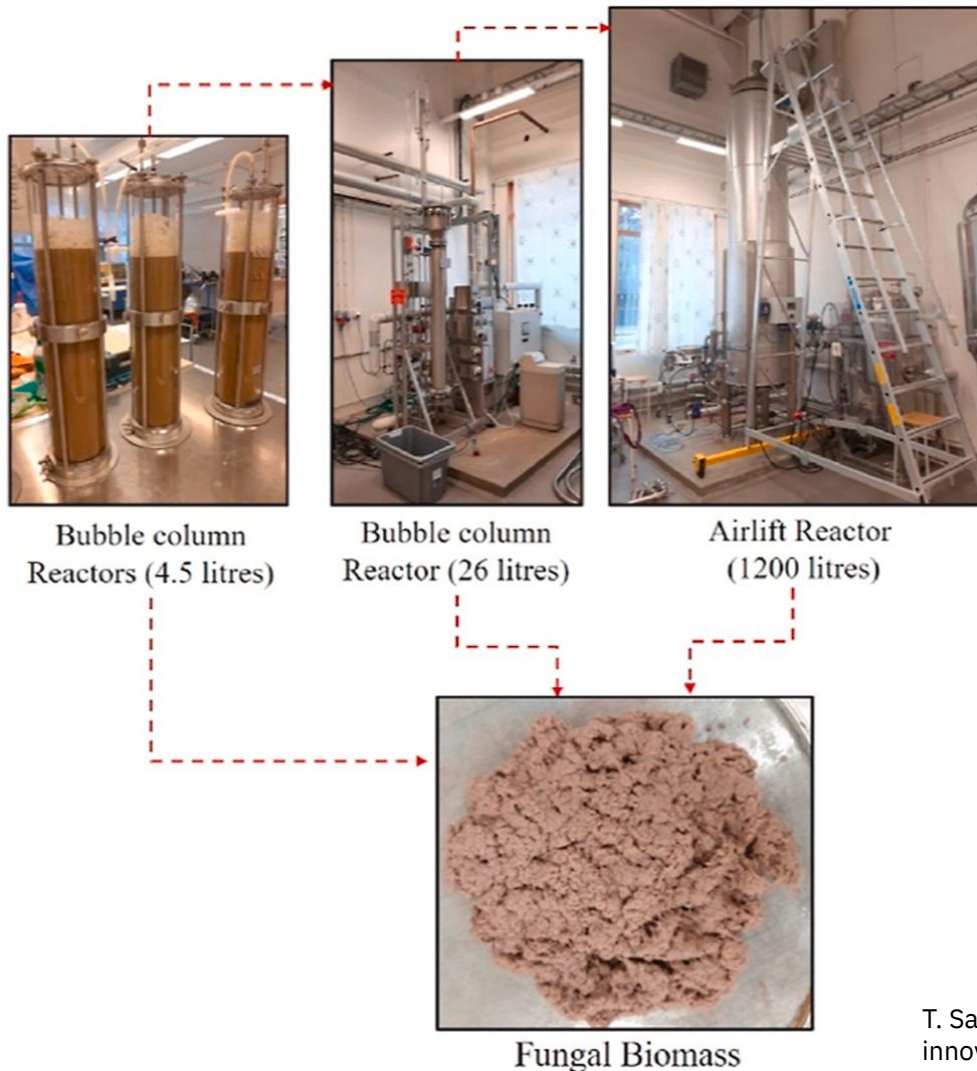
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Feedstock optimisation from bench to pilot scale

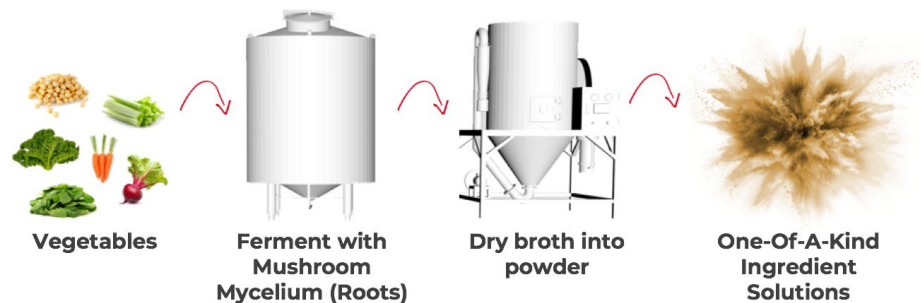


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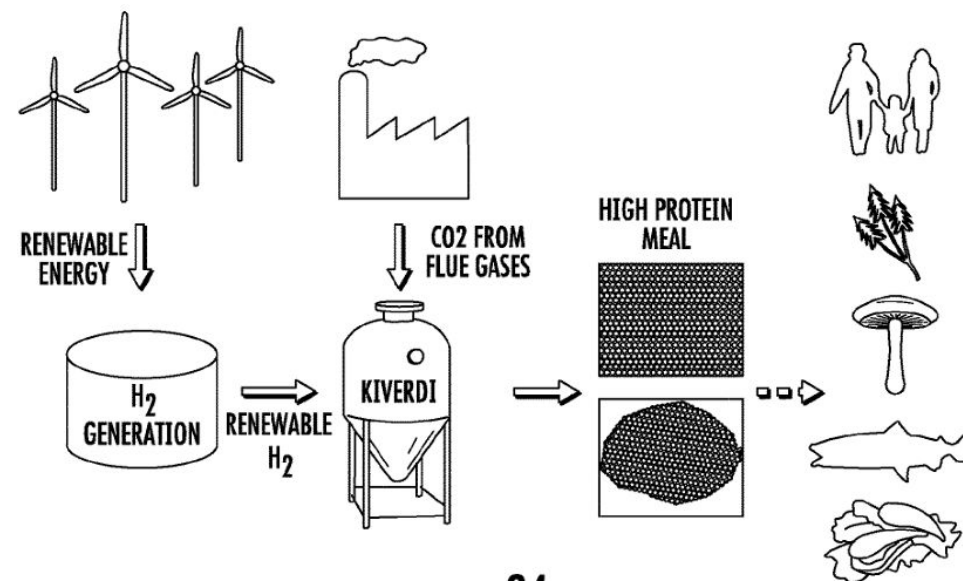


Novel feedstocks for microbial protein production

Upcycling food waste



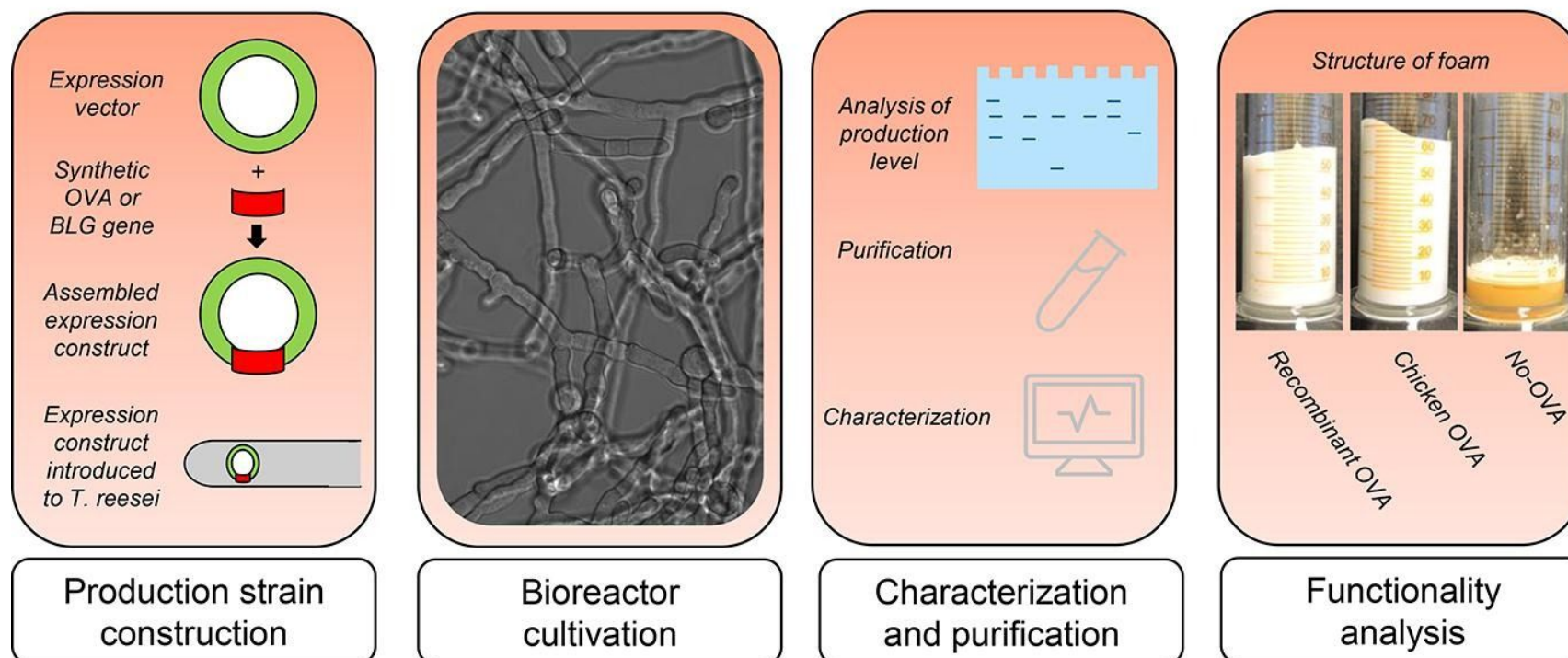
Gas fermentation



Product development in precision fermentation



Production of bovine beta-lactoglobulin (BLG) and hen egg ovalbumin (OVA) by *Trichoderma reesei* using precision fermentation technology and testing of their techno-functional properties



Bioprocess developments for medium recycling

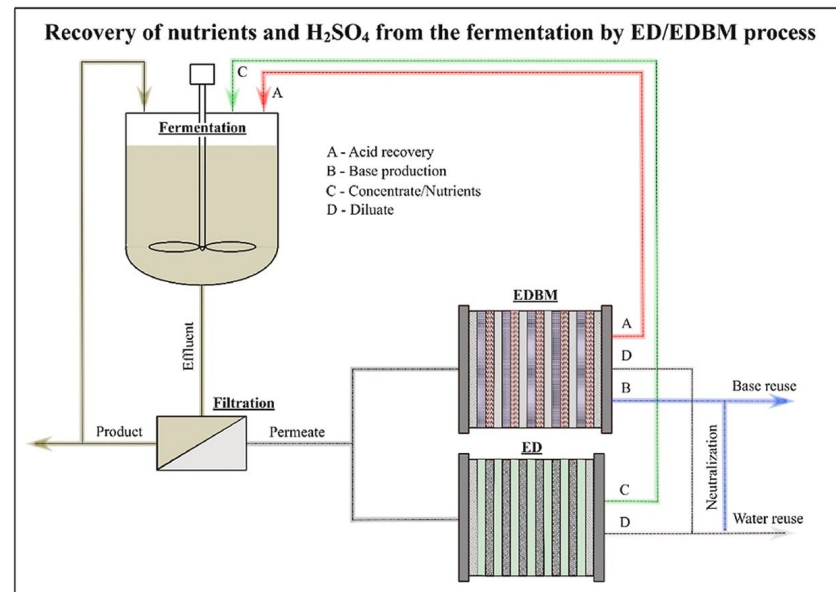


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Circular production – Evaluation of membrane technologies for nutrient recycling from a microbial fermentation effluent

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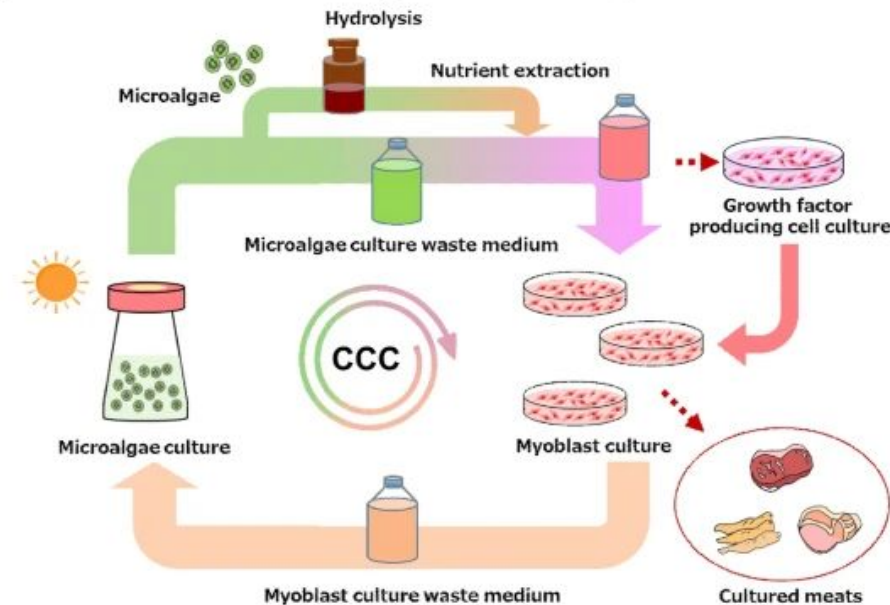
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A circular cell culture system using microalgae and mammalian myoblasts for the production of sustainable cultured meat

Yuji Haraguchi[✉], Yuta Okamoto & Tatsuya Shimizu[✉]

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Precision fermentation products enabling other pillars of alternative proteins

Precision fermentation heme proteins

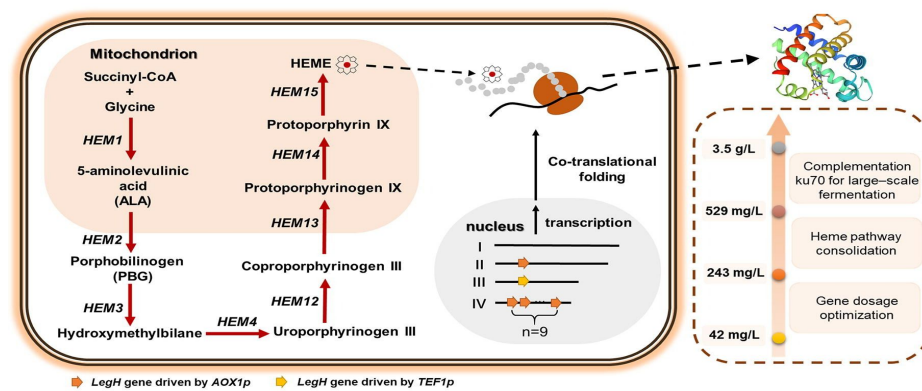


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High-level secretory production of leghemoglobin in *Pichia pastoris* through enhanced globin expression and heme biosynthesis

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Improving the Aromatic Profile of Plant-Based Meat Alternatives: Effect of Myoglobin Addition on Volatiles

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Mutated AOX1 promoter for improved expression and/or expression without methanol

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Next Generation Meat Proteins
TRANSGENIC PLANTS COMPRISING MYOGLOBIN AND METHODS FOR PRODUCING MYOGLOBIN IN TRANSGENIC PLANTS





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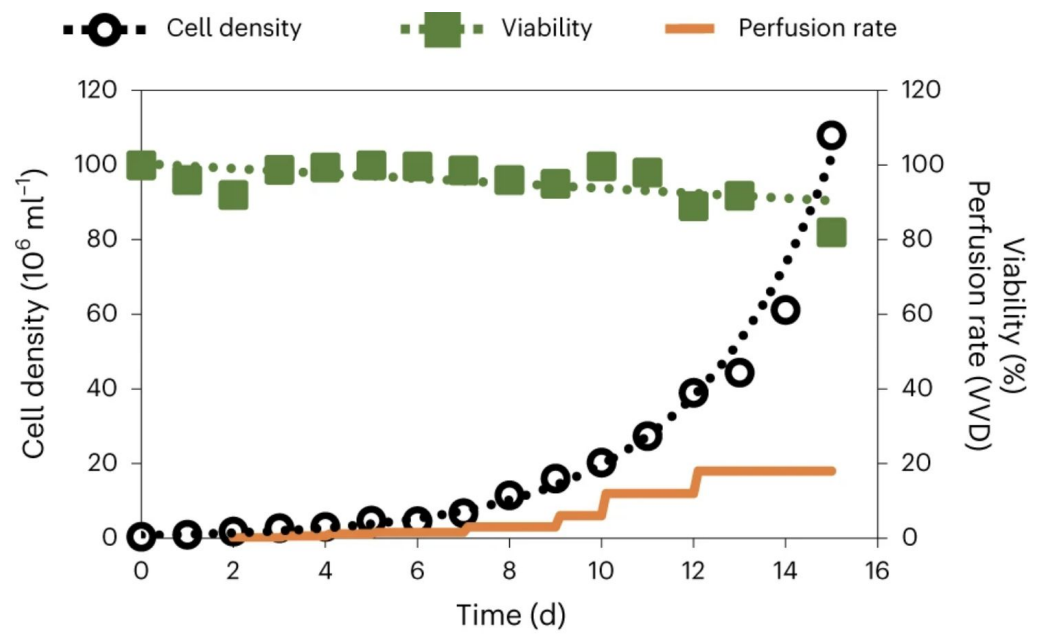
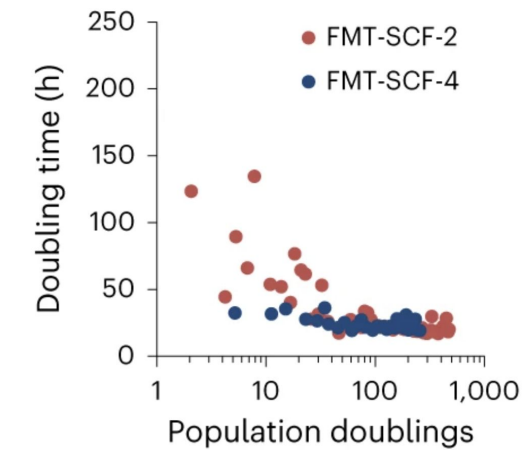
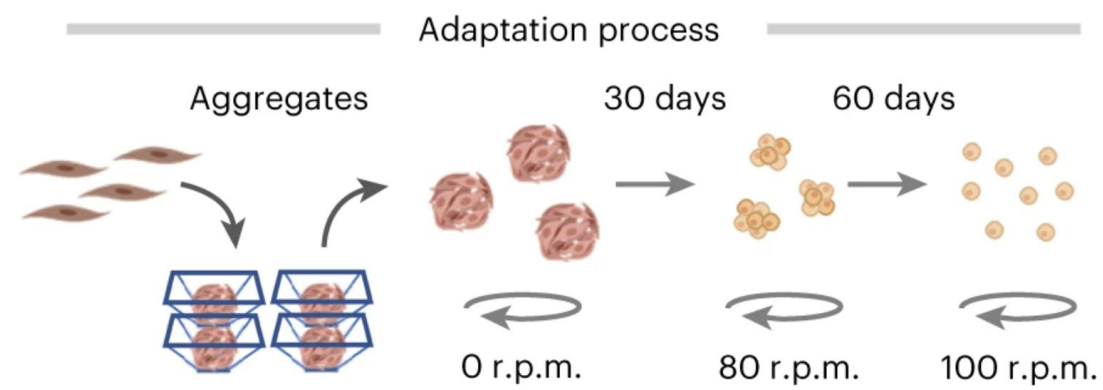
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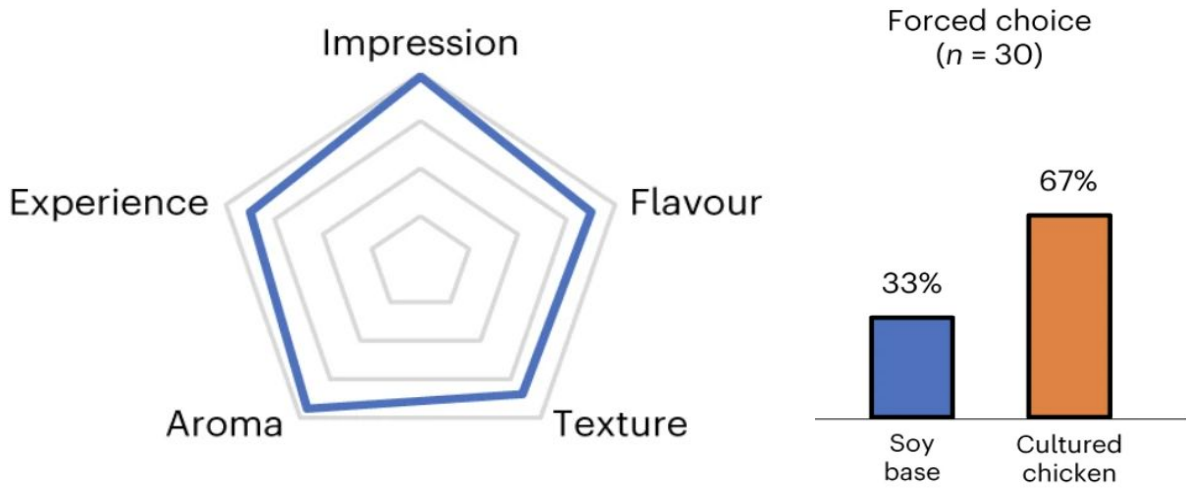
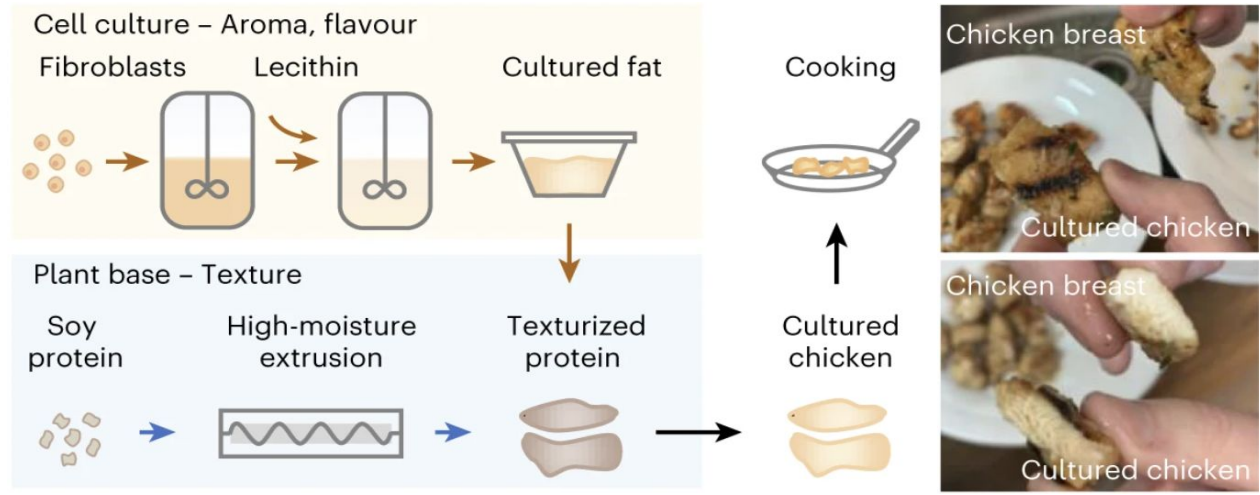
High-yield cell lines for serum-free production of cultivated meat



Summary of outcomes from three independent runs

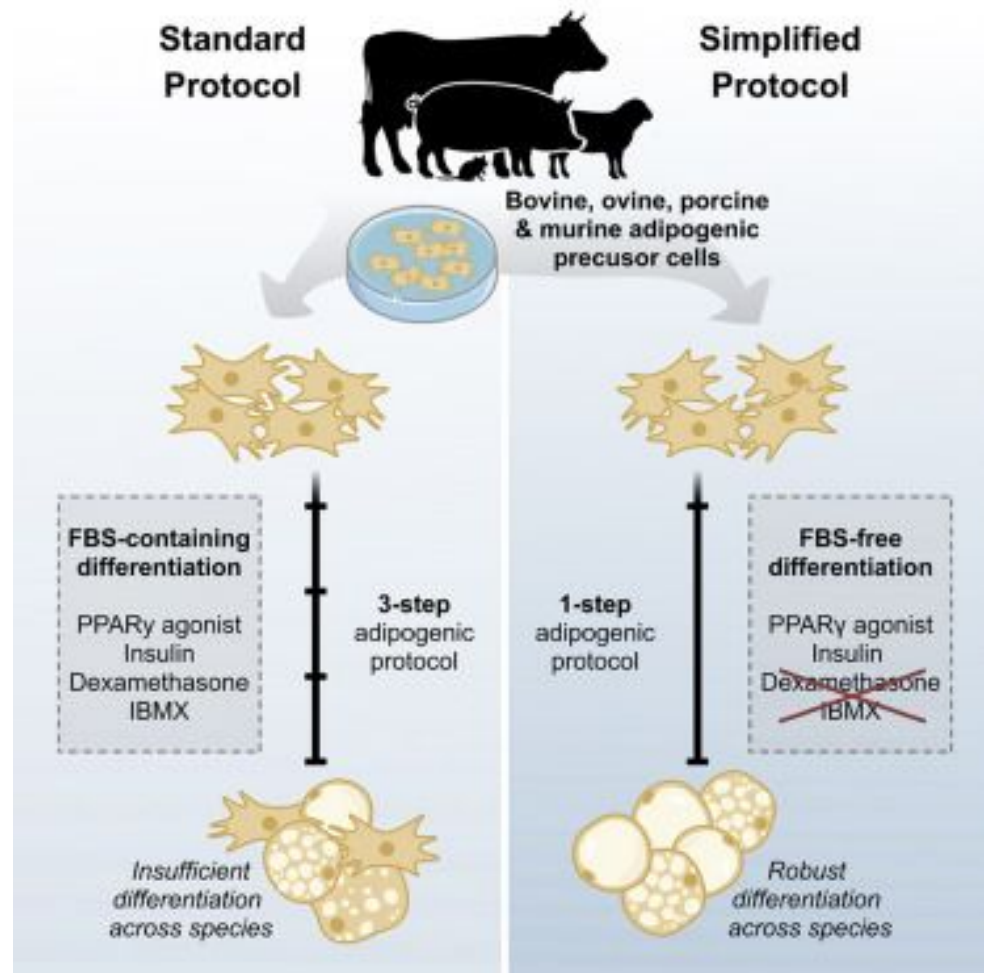
Run outcomes	Value
Max. cell density	$99 \pm 9 \times 10^6$ cells per ml
Glucose consumption	270 ± 34 g
Lactate production	150 ± 38 g
Ammonium production	2.2 ± 1 g
Accumulated base	332 ± 90 ml

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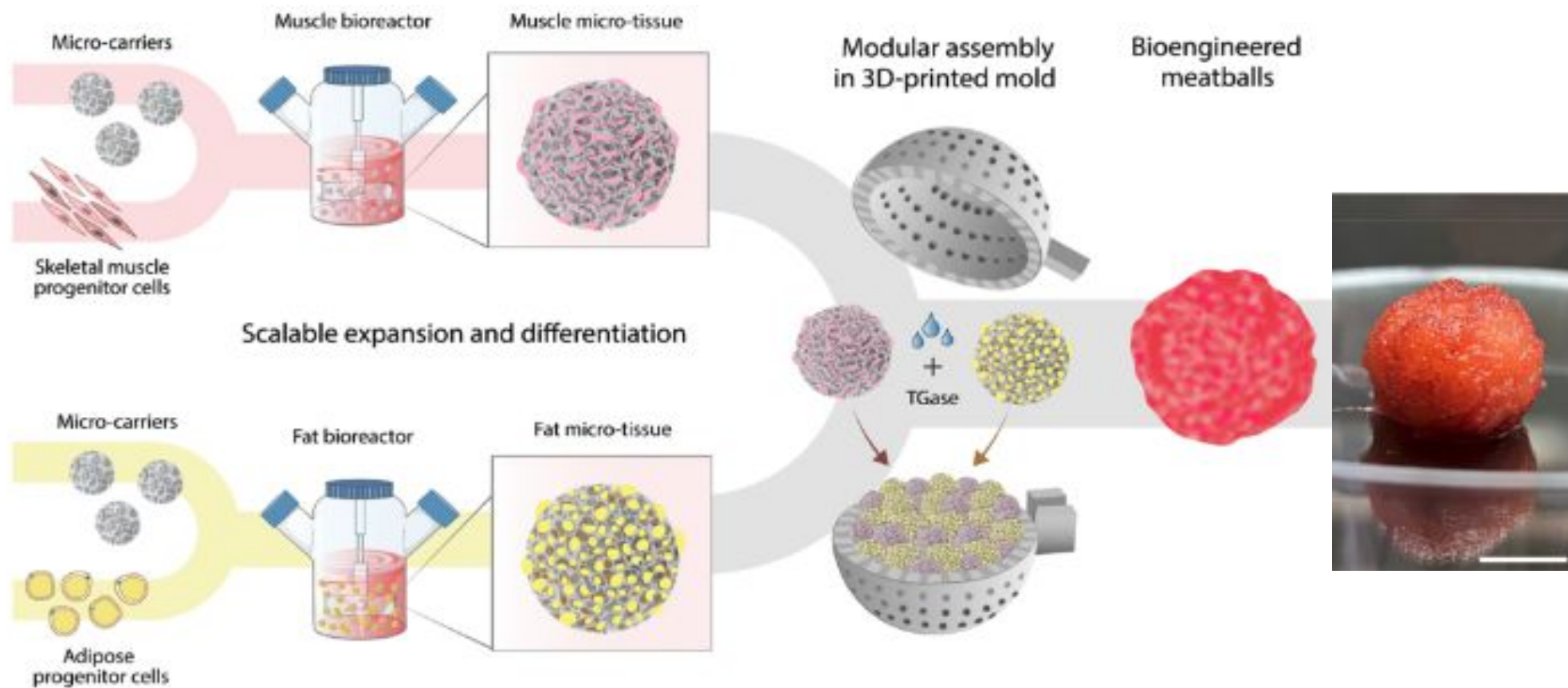


Nutrition Profile	Soy base	Cultured chicken	Chicken breast
Energy (kcal 100 g ⁻¹)	157.0	137.0	106.0
Protein (g 100 g ⁻¹)	22.5	19.1	19.8
Fat by hydrolysis (g 100 g ⁻¹)	4.7	4.5	2.9
Saturated fat (g 100 g ⁻¹)	0.4	0.7	0.9
Cholesterol (mg 100 g ⁻¹)	0.0	56.9	89.8
Carbohydrates (g 100 g ⁻¹)	1.0	0.8	0.1
Sodium (mg 100 g ⁻¹)	399.0	346.2	157.0
Ash for minerals (g 100 g ⁻¹)	1.0	0.9	1.2

Serum-free media closer to being the norm



Advances in microcarriers



Cultivated meat companies are sharing insights

Aleph Farms

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3D-printable plant protein-enriched scaffolds for cultivated meat development

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ABSTRACT
Cultivated meat harnesses tissue engineering (TE) concepts to create sustainable, edible muscle tissues, for addressing the rising meat product demands and their global consequences. As 3D-printing is a promising method for creating thick and complex structures, two plant-protein-enriched scaffolding compositions were primarily assessed in our work as 3D-printable platforms for bovine satellite cells (BSC) maturation. Mixtures of pea protein isolate (PPI) and soy protein isolate (SPI) with RGD-modified alginate (Alginate(RGD)) were eval-

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OPEN Application of texture analysis methods for the characterization of cultured meat

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Mechanical characterization supposes a key step in the development of cultured meat to help mimicking the sensorial properties of already existing commercial products based on traditional meat. This work presents two well established methods that can help studying cultured meat mechanical characteristics: texture profile analysis (double compression test) and rheology. These techniques

Mosa Meat

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Comparative analysis of cattle breeds as satellite cell donors for cultured beef

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Muscle-derived fibro-adipogenic progenitor cells for production of cultured bovine adipose tissue

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Cultured meat is an emergent technology with the potential for significant environmental and animal welfare benefits. Accurate mimicry of traditional meat requires fat tissue, a key contributor to both the flavour and texture of meat. Here, we show that fibro-adipogenic progenitor cells (FAPs) are present in bovine muscle, and are transcriptionally and immunophenotypically distinct from satellite cells. These two cell types can be purified from a single muscle sample using a simple fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS) strategy. FAPs demonstrate high levels of adipogenic potential, as measured by gene expression changes and lipid

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A serum-free media formulation for cultured meat production supports bovine satellite cell differentiation in the absence of serum starvation

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Cultured meat production requires the robust differentiation of satellite cells into mature muscle fibres without the use of animal-derived components. Current protocols induce myogenic differentiation in vitro through serum starvation, that is, an



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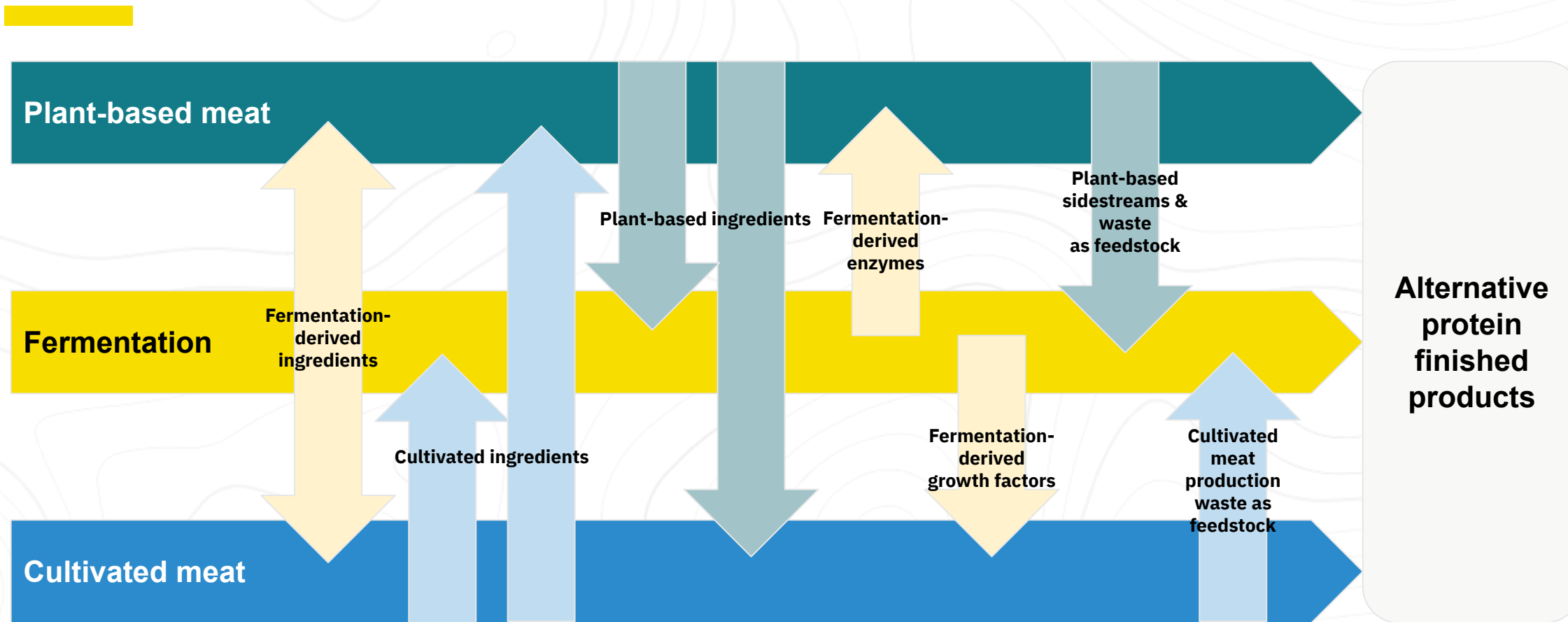
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Connections between alternative protein pillars



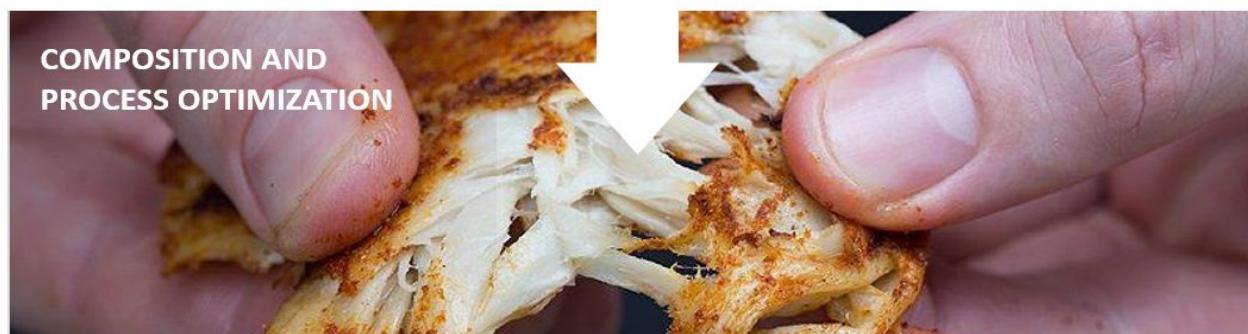
Data will be central to the next generation of PBM

plant-based meat

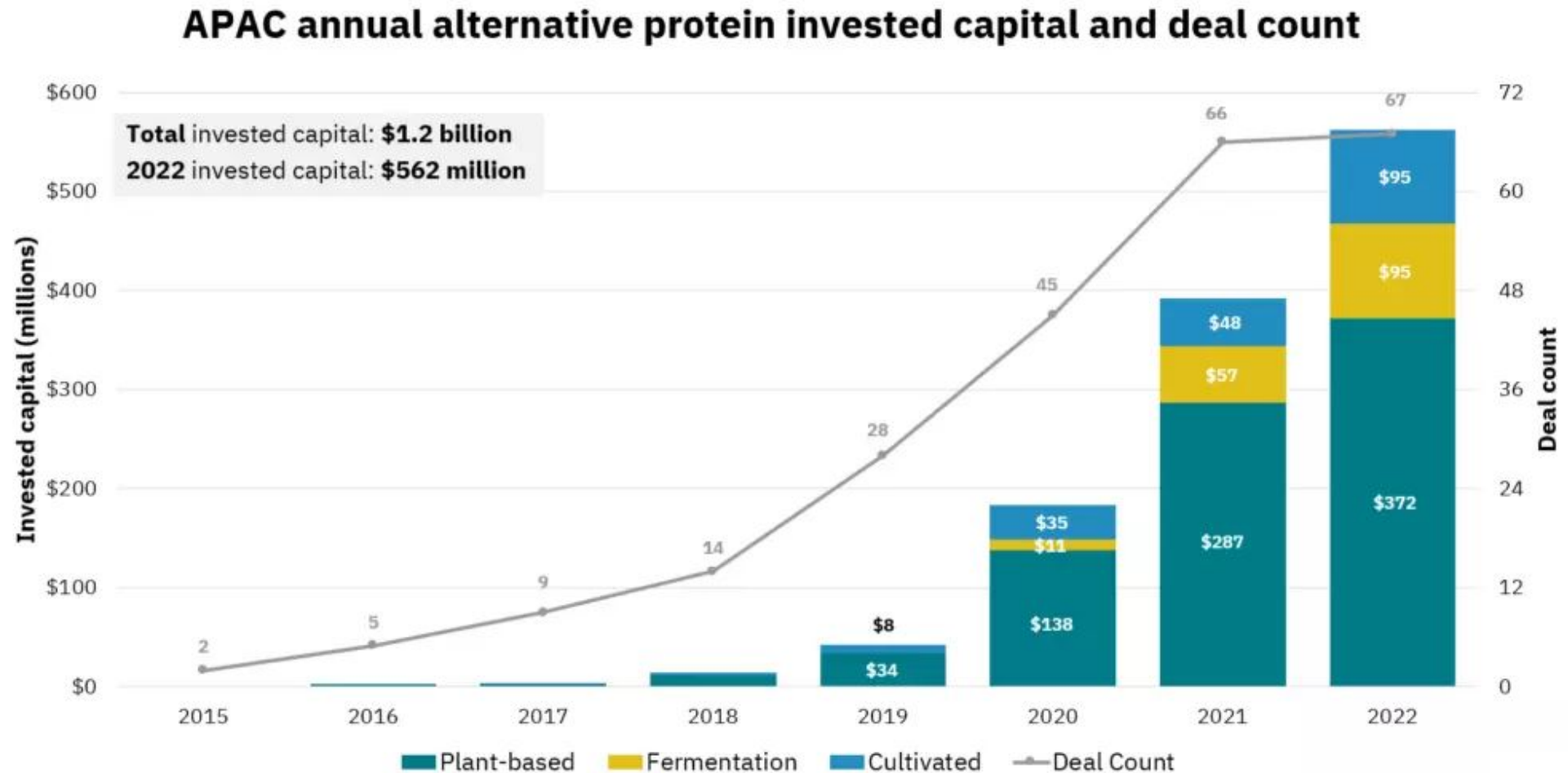


DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

- GENOTYPE
- PHENOTYPE
- MACRONUTRIENTS
- MICRONUTRIENTS
- FUNCTIONALITY
- PROTEIN STRUCTURING
- CONSUMER PREFERENCE
- SOIL CONDITIONS



Investment across alternative proteins



Alternative protein market trend predictions for 2023



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MORE FDA GREENLIGHT OF CULTIVATED MEAT




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MERGERS AND ACQUISITION




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ALTERNATIVE PROTEIN ALIGNMENT WITH ESG INVESTING




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CORPORATIONS PARTNERING WITH ALT PROTEIN COMPANIES




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SCALE UP FACILITIES TAKE CENTRE STAGE



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CONSUMER INSIGHTS AS A KEY DEVELOPMENT TOOL



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RISK ASSESSMENTS AS GROUNDWORK FOR AGILE STARTUPS

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