

State-of-the-art in precision fermentation and a potential application of models to support risk-assessment of products



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Fermentation THE bio based solution





Fermentation is a logical choice for production of food ingredients, as many strains have been domesticated exactly for this purpose.

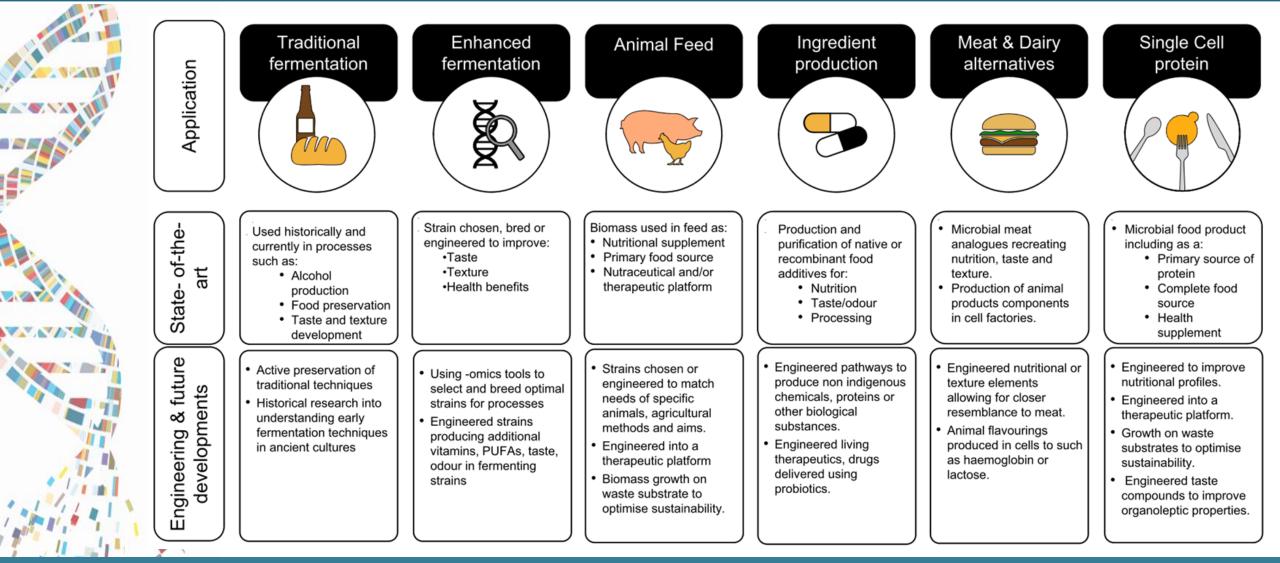
Modern Biotechnology gives us the tools to quickly train/engineer these organisms to produce food ingredients.

DSP is essential for product purification – bio-similars

Fermentation enables carbon-footprint reduction and sustainable production of high yields of pure products.

EV BIOTECH Timeline of the role of microbes in food





EV BIOTECH Commercialisation of MCF



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Name	Focus	Country	GMC	Organism	Product					
Shiru	Ingredients	USA		Yeast and fungi	Flourish™; protein discovery platform for food ingredients (currently: gelling agents.)	1				
Oobli (formerly Joywell)	Ingredients	USA		Yeast: Pichia pastoris	Sweet proteins	1	1			
EVERY company (formerly Clara Foods)	Ingredients	USA		Undisclosed	Eggs: EVERY EggWhite™, EVERY Protein™, Pepsin: EVERY Pepsin	Australia				
Geltor	Ingredients	USA		E.coli	Collagen: PrimaColl®					
Melibio	Ingredients	USA		Undisclosed	Honey]				
Impossible foods	Ingredients	USA		Pichia pastoris	Animal alternative processed meats] ladia				
Perfect day	Ingredients	USA		Yeast	Dairy: Whey	India				
Better Dairy	ingredients	UK		Undisclosed	Dairy: Casein]				
Change Foods	Ingredients	Australia/ USA		Undisclosed	Dairy: Casein]				
New Culture Food	Ingredients	USA		Undisclosed	Dairy: Casein] Canada				
Nutropy	Ingredients	France		Yeast	Dairy: Casein]	E			
Standing ovation	Ingredients	France		Undisclosed	Dairy: Casein]				
Formo (formerly LegenDairy)	Ingredients	Germany		Undisclosed	Dairy :'bioidentical milk protein'	Poland				
Remilk	Ingredients	Israel		Yeast	Dairy: Milk proteins					
Mycotechnology	Ingredients	USA	X	Filamentous Fungi: multiple	Fermented plant proteins: FermentIQ [™] , Bitter blocking and flavour modulating: ClearIQ [™]]				
Motif foodworks	Ingredients	USA		Yeast	Animal free ingredients: Haem: HEMAMI™,	Finland				
Planet A Foods	Ingredients	Germany		Yeast	Cocoa butter	Finiano				
C16 Bioscience	Ingredients	USA		Coculture: oleaginous yeast +	Palm oil	1				
Melt&Marble	Ingredients	Sweden		Yeast	Animal Fats: beef fat	1				
Nourish ingredients	Ingredients	Australia		Yeast	Animal Fats	1 Denmark				
Corbion	Ingredients	Netherlands		Microalgae: Chlorella spp., Prototheca	Lactic Acid and its derivatives/ Algal oil SCO and SCP	1				
Manus Bio	Ingredients	USA		Multiple	Food ingredients: diverse	1				
Skotan	Feedstock/aguaculture / Ingredients	Poland	×	Yarrowia lipolytica	Animal Feed: Equinox Horse food, Caniflow dog and cat food,	Sweden				
Lallemand	Feedstock/aguaculture / Ingredients	Canada		Multiple	Bscteria and yeast speciality products in many areas.					
Unibio	Feedstock/aguaculture	Denmark	×	Methylococcus capsulatus	Animal Feed: Uniprotein®	1				
Novus International	Feedstock/aguaculture	USA	×	B.licheniformis	Animal Feed Supplement: Cibenza®, protease from B.licheniformis	1 Natharlanda				
Kiverdi	Feedstock/aguaculture	USA		Undisclosed	Fish feed: CO2 AQUAFEED , Palm oil	Netherlands				
Novonutrients	Feedstock/aguaculture	USA	×	Bacterial	Fish feed	1				
Nutrinsic (acquired by iCell)	Feedstock/aguaculture	USA	×	Bacterial	Fish feed	1 _				
KnipBio	Feedstock/aquaculture	USA		Methylobacterium extorquens	Fish feed: KnipBio Meal (Taurine and Carotenoid enriched)	France				
Deep branch	Feedstock/aguaculture	UK	×	Undisclosed	Fish Feed: Proton™	1				
Calysta	Feedstock/aquaculture / SCP	UK	×	Methane oxidizing bacteria	Animal and Fish feed: FeedKind®. SCP: Positive Protein	1				
String Bio	Feedstock/aguaculture/ SCP	India		Bacterial methanotroph	Animal and Fish feed: aquaculture and poultry. SCP: human food	Germany				
Enifer	Feedstock/aguaculture / SCP	Finland	×	Filamentous Fungi : Paecilomyces	Mycoprotein SCP and feed: PEKILO®					
Solar foods	SCP for humans	Finland	X	Chemoautotrophic bacteria	Bacterial SCP food	1				
Quorn (Marlow Foods)	SCP for humans	UK	×	Fusarium venenatum	Quorn® meat-alternative products: various	Israel				
Air protein	SCP for humans	USA		Undisclosed	Air Protein: protein powder	151401				
MyForest Foods (formerly Atlast Food Co)	SCP for humans	USA	X	Filamentous Fungi	MyBacon® Strips]				
The protein brewery	SCP for humans	Netherlands		Filamentous Fungi	Mycoprotein SCP	1				
Natures Fynd	SCP for humans	USA	×	Fusarium yellowstonensis	Fy Protein™: Meat Patties and cream cheese substitute	UK				
Marmite (Unilever)	SCP for humans	UK	×	Brewers yeast	Marmite	1				
Meati™ Foods	SCP for humans	USA	×	Undisclosed	Mycoprotein SCP: Meati™, Whole Cuts substitute	1				
Prime roots	SCP for humans	USA	×	Aspergillus oryzae	Mycoprotein SCP: charcuterie, ham, bacon substitute] USA	1			
Brevel	SCP for humans	Israel	×	Microalgae	Microalgae protein supplement	1		_		
Superbrewed Food	SCP for humans	USA	×	Gut Bacterium	Fortified protein milk and cream]	1	1		1
Bosque Foods™	SCP for humans	Germany	×	Undisclosed	Mycoprotein SCP: Whole cuts]	0	10		20
Mycorena	SCP for humans	Sweden	×	Filamentous Fungi	Mycoprotein B2B SCP: Promyc®	1	0	10		20
Enough	SCP for humans	UK	×	Fusarium venenatum	ABUNDA B2B mycoprotein seafood alternative ingredient	1 .	0.40		0140	
The Mediterranean Food Lab	Fermented animal product alternative	Israel	×	Multiple	Meat alternatives: Fermented Plant protein	1 (ONIć	Non-	GMO	N/A
Miyoko Creamery	Fermented animal product alternative	USA	×	Multiple	Fermented plant milk cheese products	1				
MATR Foods	Fermented animal product alternative	Denmark	×	Fungi	Meat alternatives: Fermented Plant protein	1				
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EFSA's Scientific Colloquium 27 "Cell culturederived foods and food ingredients"





Plant-based Whole organism

Cell-based meat Special functionality

Fermentation Product specific

Interesting for:

consumptions of whole or part of the biomass of the organism itself

Less effective for single molecule products

Interesting for:

specific replacements of mammalian consumption products where the tissue is the actual product Interesting for:

single molecule products, biomass

E.g. nutritional proteins, lipids, flavor molecules, vitamins

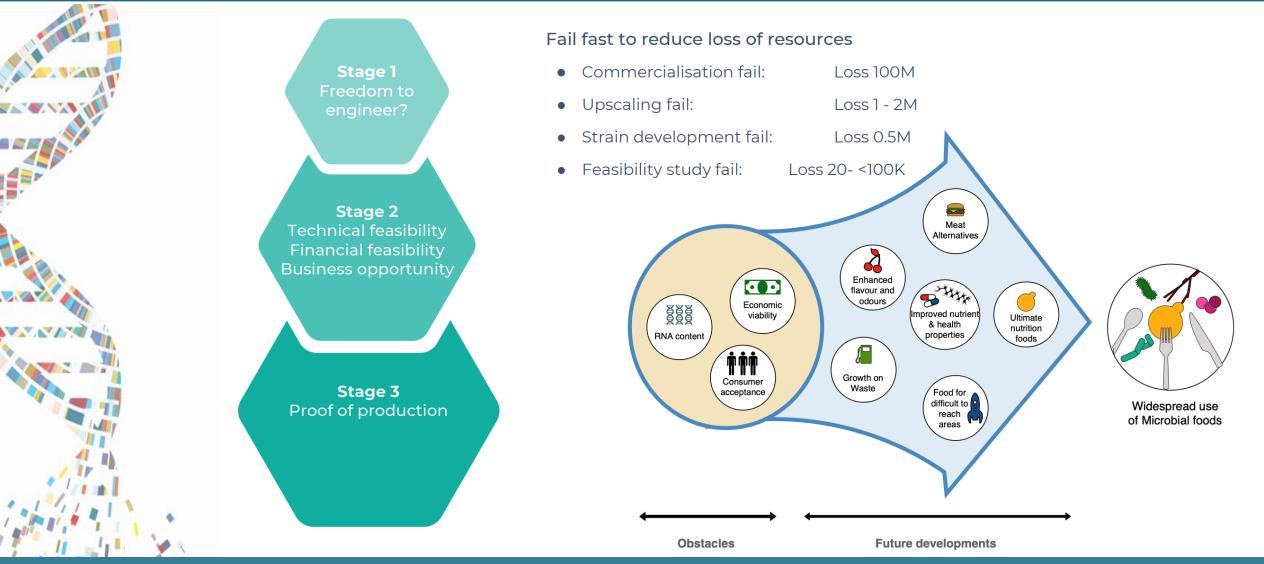






EV BIOTECH De-risk a project at earliest possible stage





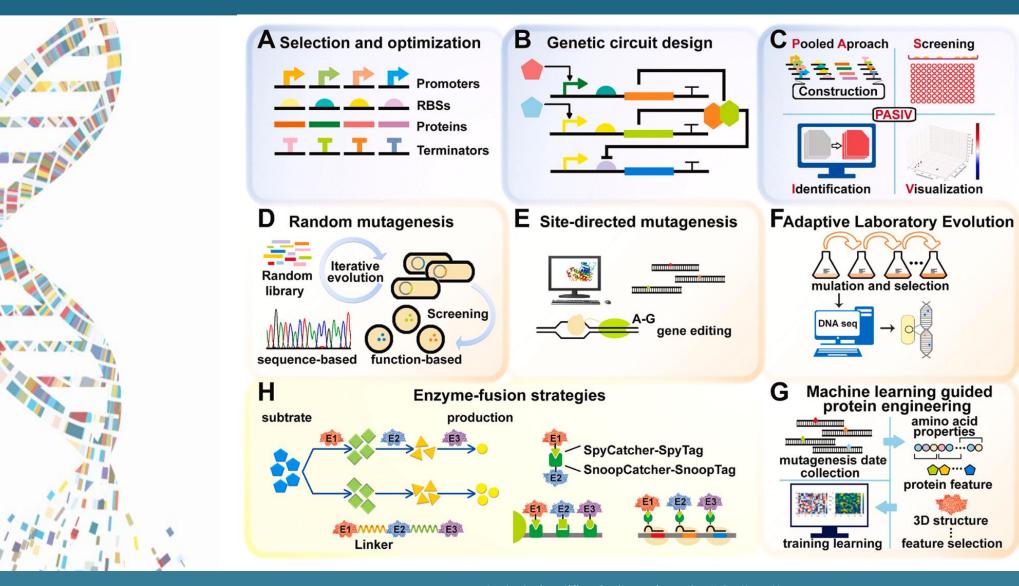
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Overview of metabolic engineering strategies in MCF developments





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Overview of metabolic engineering strategies in MCF developments

Lipid Dropet

enlargement

Membrane morphology engineering

Membrane vesicle

trafficking system

Production

TES/AT

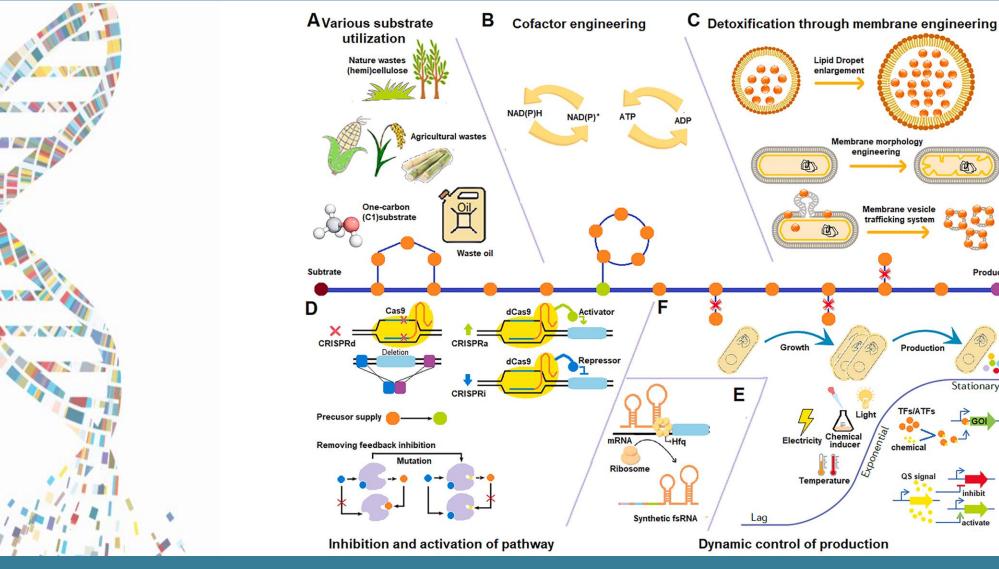
chemical

Light

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Temperature



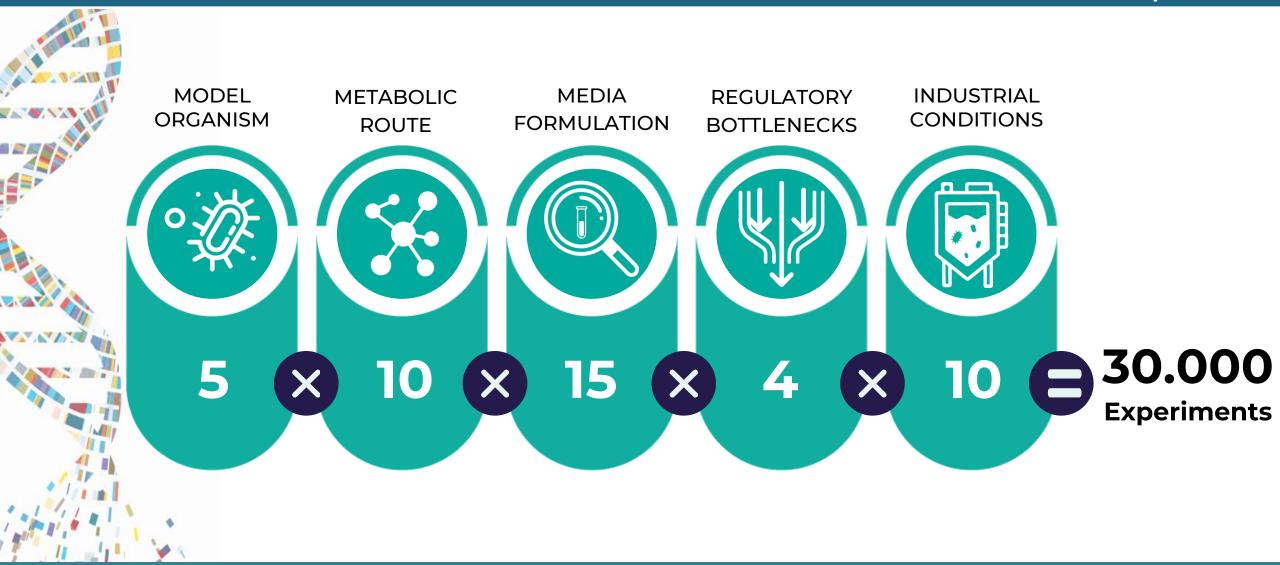


Production

Stationary



How many possibilities are there?

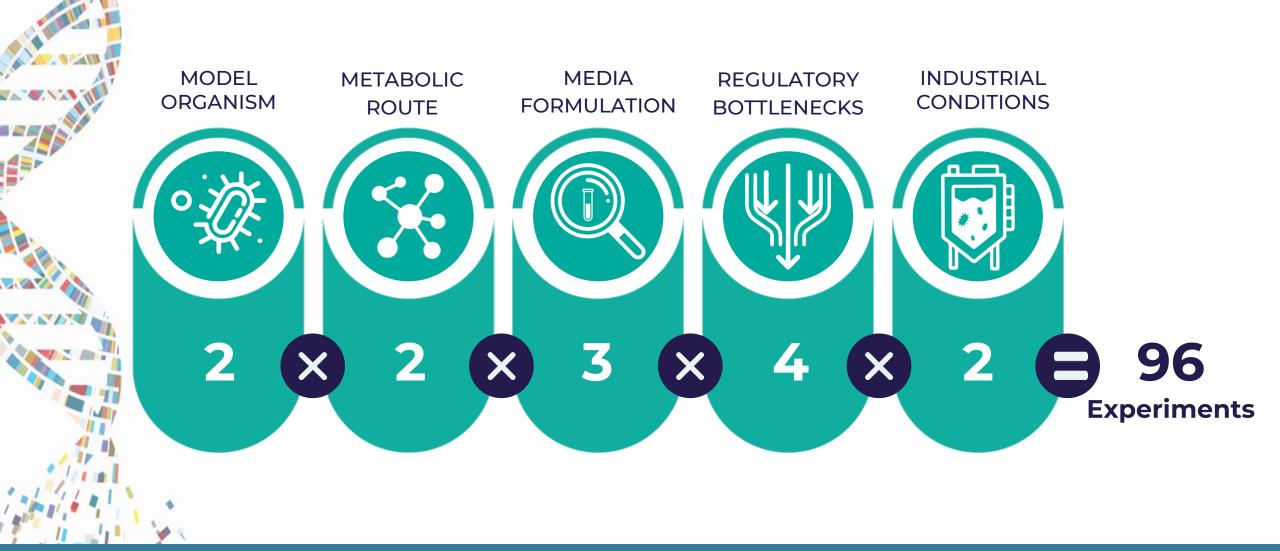


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Reducing time and costs

EV BIOTECH Selecting relevant experiments





EV BIOTECH Modelling-aided strain development





Laboratory solutions



Selecting top 10% of best performers



Genetic engineering

Protein engineering



Fed batch strain selection already on milliliter scale



Lab-scale fermentation: Proof of performance, & validation of predictions.



Results in large data sets on all -omics levels

B EV BIOTECH Models, simulations, predictions



Mechanism-driven models:

(GSM, dynamic metabolic or bioprocess models, molecular dynamics of proteins)

- Protein-ligand binding
- Metabolic response to modifications/stress
- Secretion profile predictions
- Media and process optimization simulations

Data-driven models:

(AI/ML/linear regression etc.)

- Predictions of protein stability
- Predictions of protein folding
- Generation of proprietary protein specific solubility tags
- Generation of proprietary host specific secretion tags
- Codon optimization
- Estimate risks based on phylogenic/homology similarities





Thank you for listening! What questions do you have for me?



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