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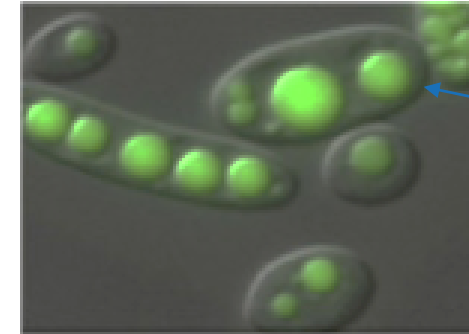
01 | Welcome to BioEngineering lab

We are the Food Tech and Bioengineering lab at Tallinn University of Technology
We develop novel processes for the production of food and feed components, bio-chemicals and materials

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Microbial platforms – producer species

- Non-conventional yeast
- Safe-to-use (GRAS, QPS status)
- Oleaginous – high lipid accumulation



Lipid droplet



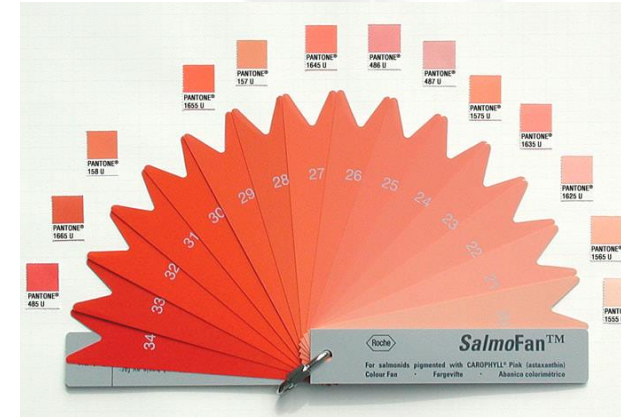
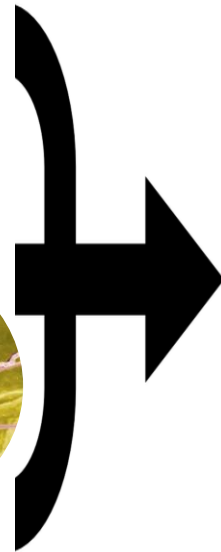
Yarrowia lipolytica



Rhodotorula toruloides

From waste to products

2nd generation biofuels, biochemicals, nutraceuticals, novel food and feed

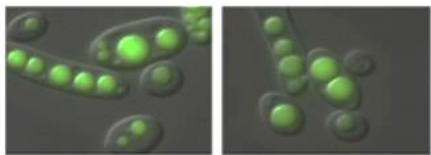
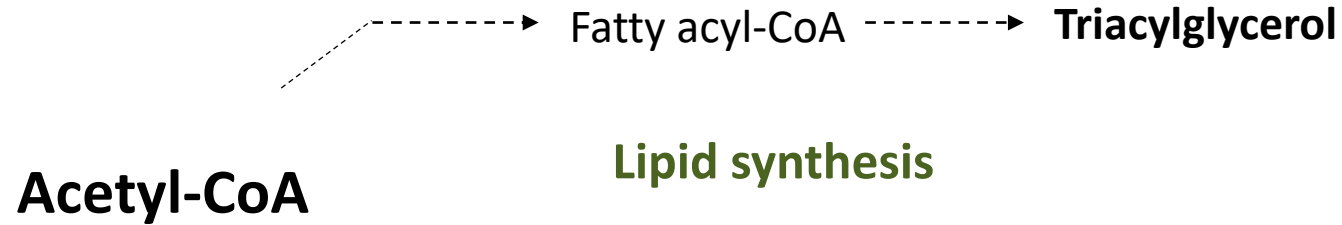
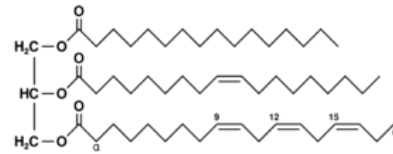


Real-life process - example



<https://aio.bio/>

Terpene production in oleaginous yeasts



Lipid synthesis

MVA pathway

ERG10 ERG13 HMG1

Mevalonate

ERG12 ERG8 ERG19

IPP

IDI

DMAPP

ERG20

GPP

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FPP

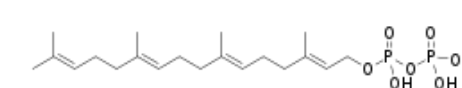
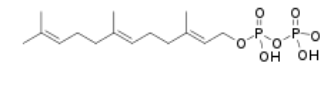
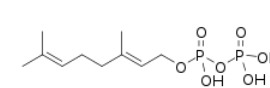
GGP1

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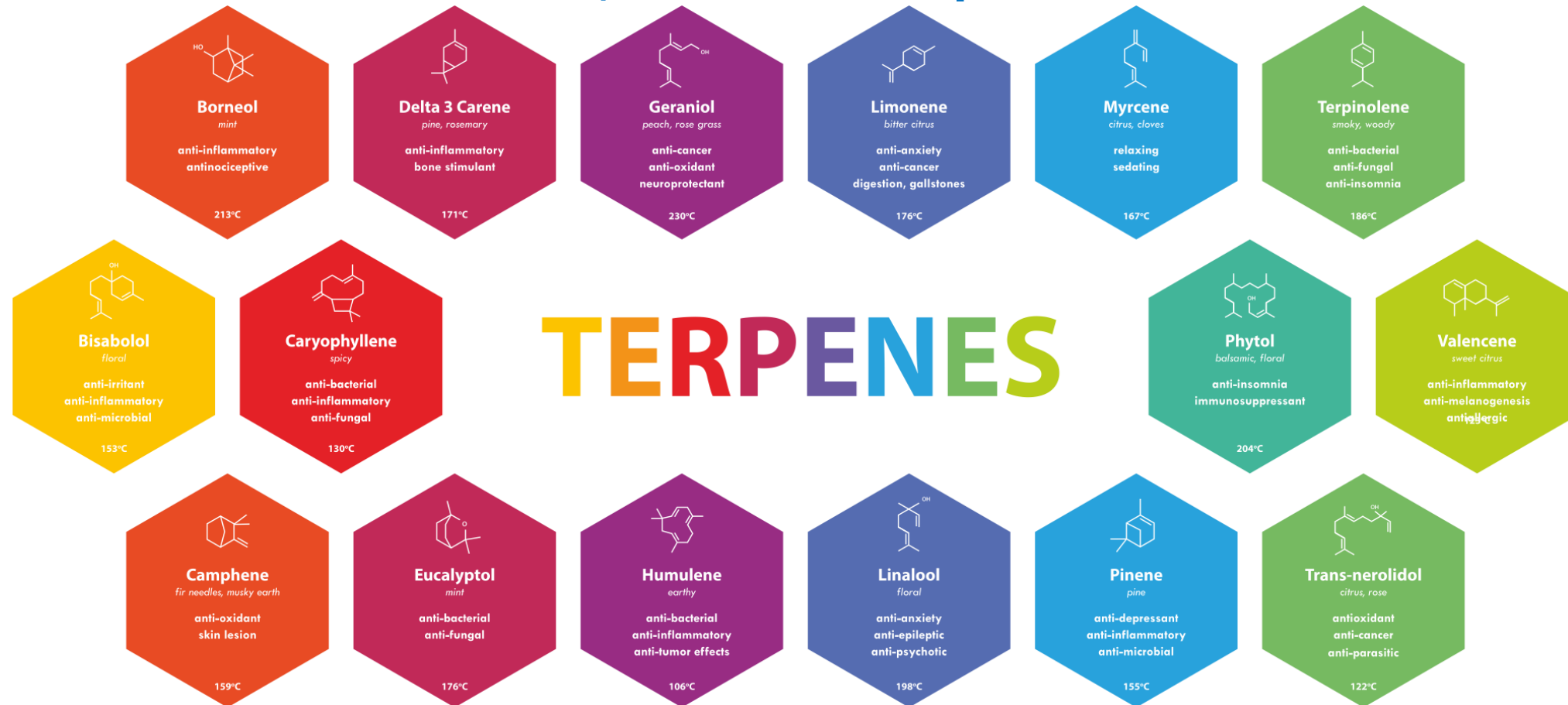
Monoterpene

Sesquiterpene
Triterpene

Tetraterpene

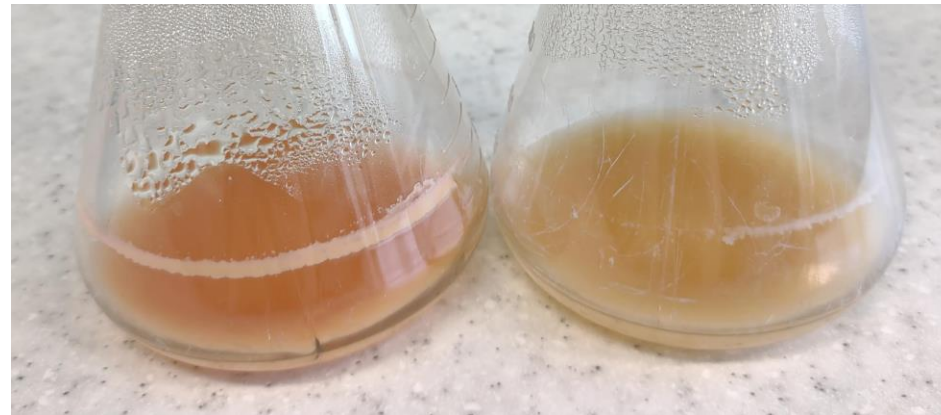
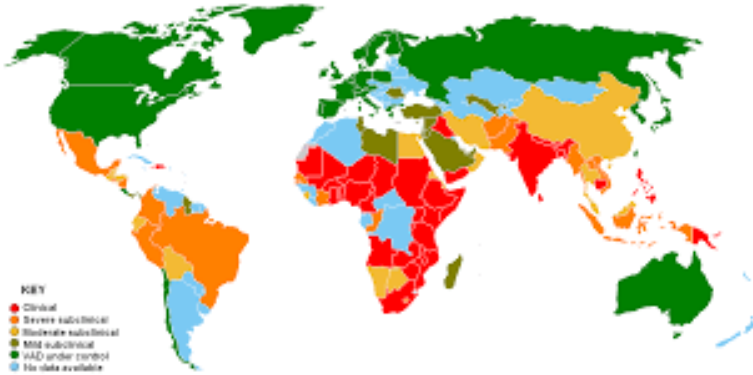


Application of terpenes: Flavors, Pigments, Binder, Bioactive compounds



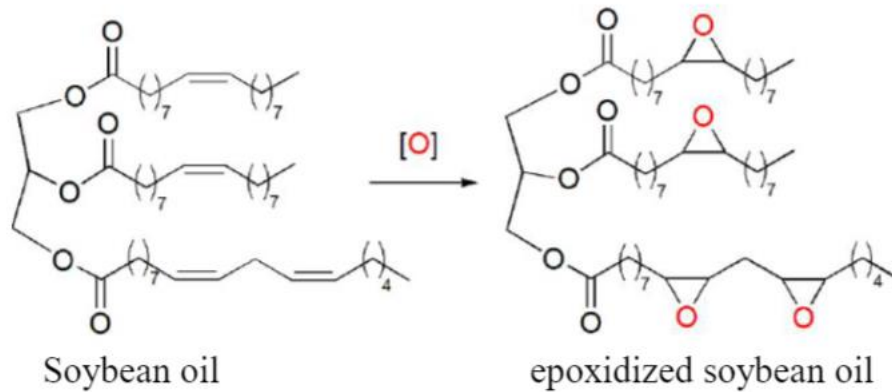
*Pain/Stress reliever, Anti-cancer, Anti-inflammatory, etc. (Image from mgf.org.il)

Solving multiple problems

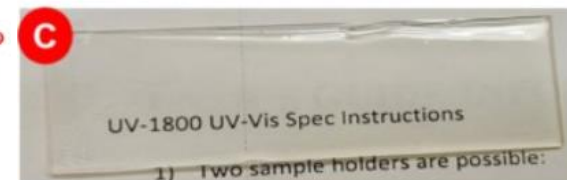
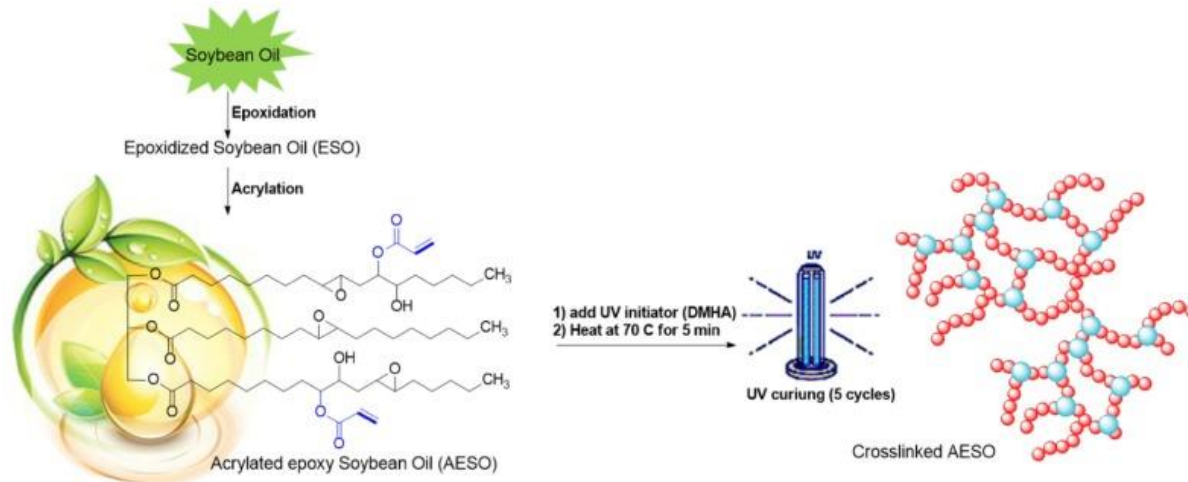


Soybean oil is up to 7.5% of plant (~20% of seed).
 Microbial oil is up to 70% of microbial biomass.

Oil functionalization



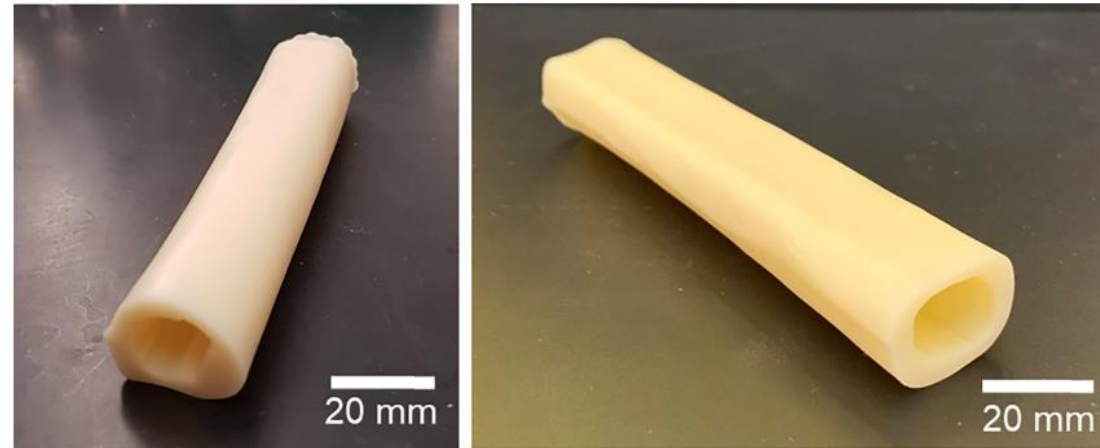
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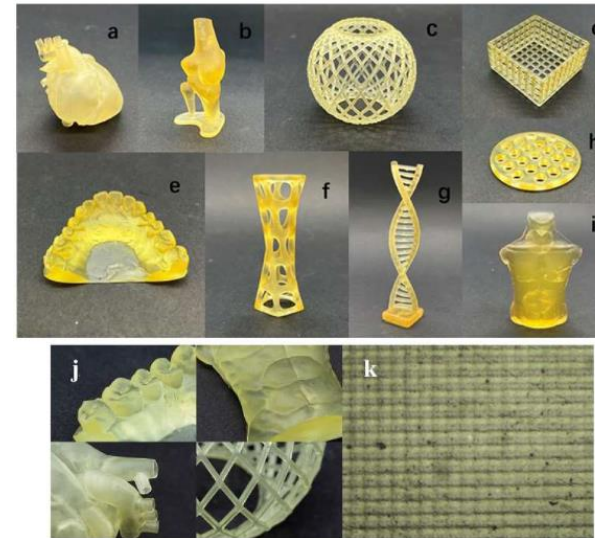
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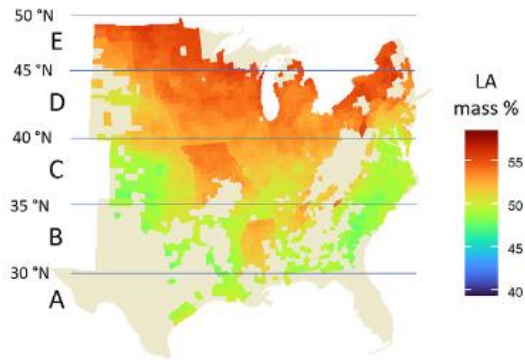
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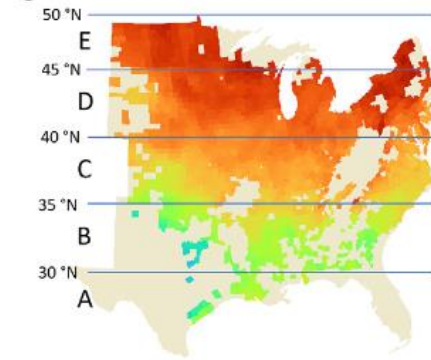
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Variability in quality of plant-based oils

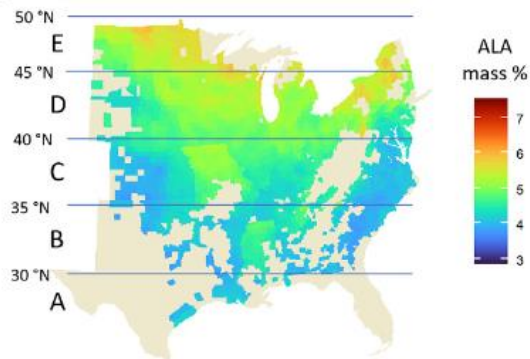
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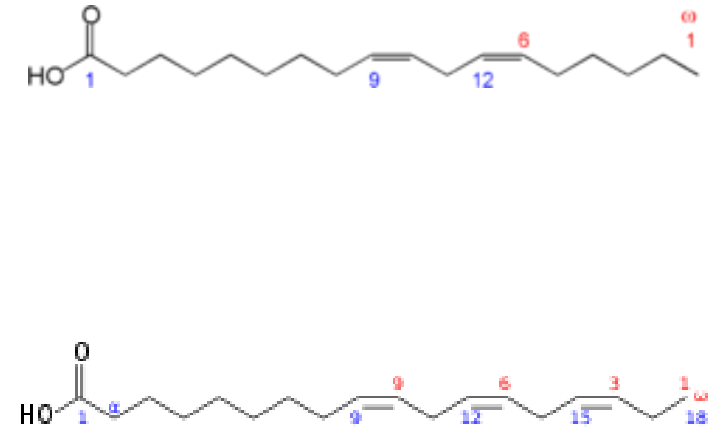
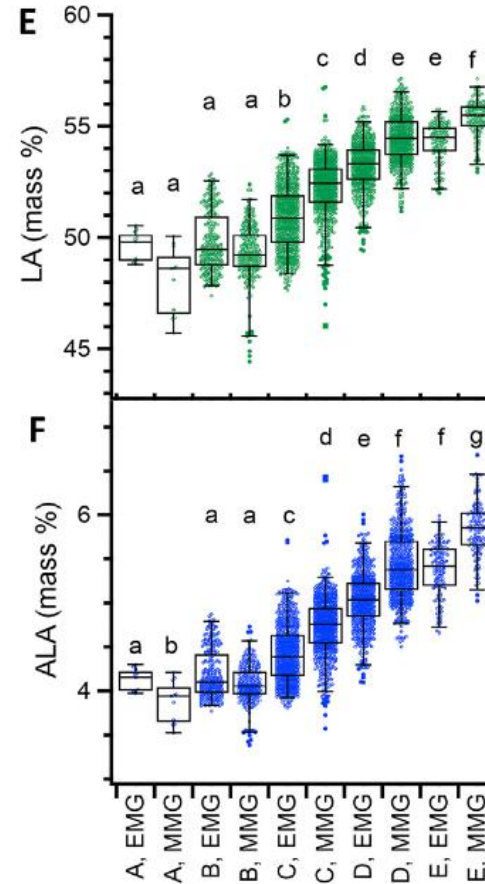
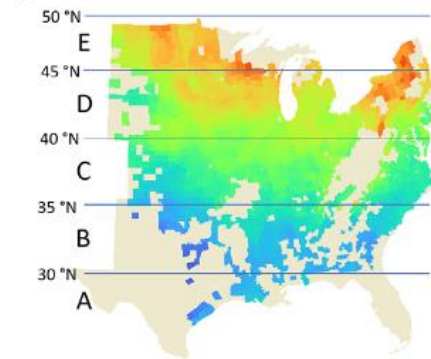
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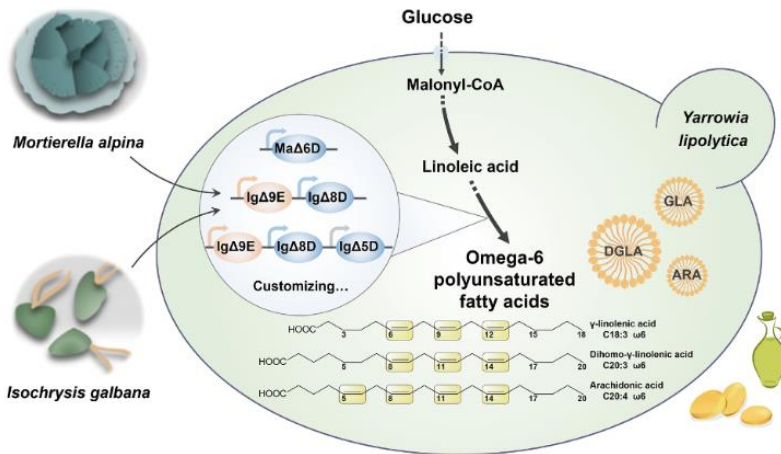
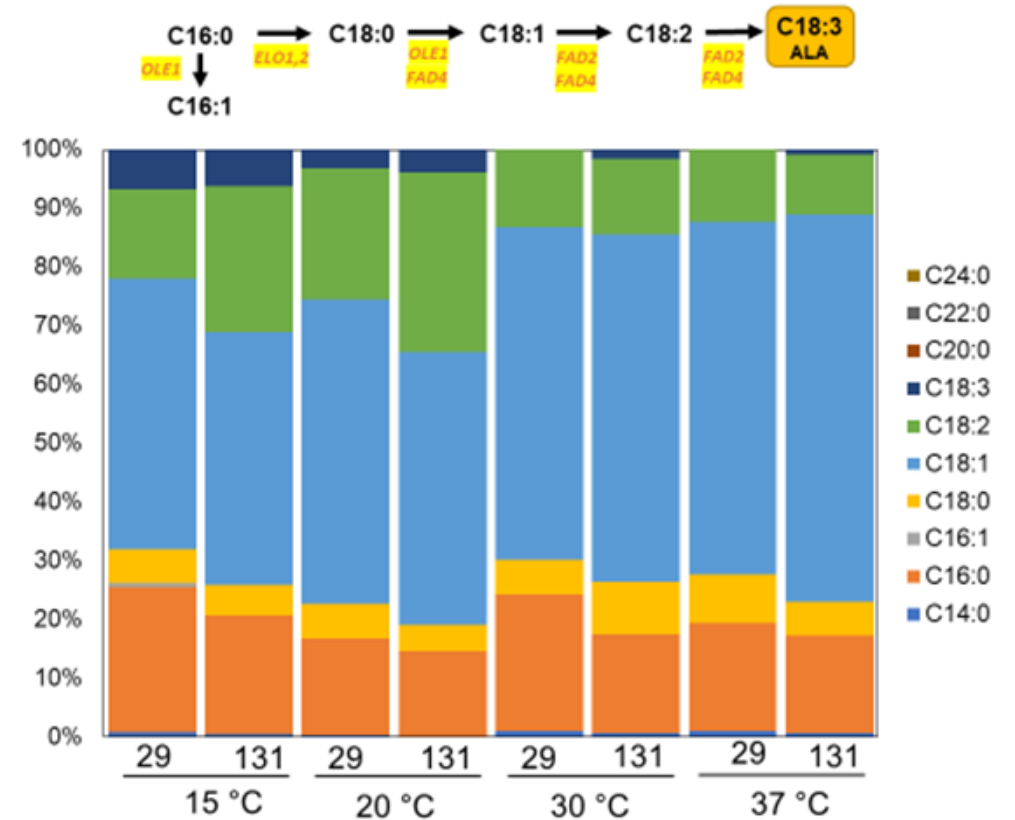
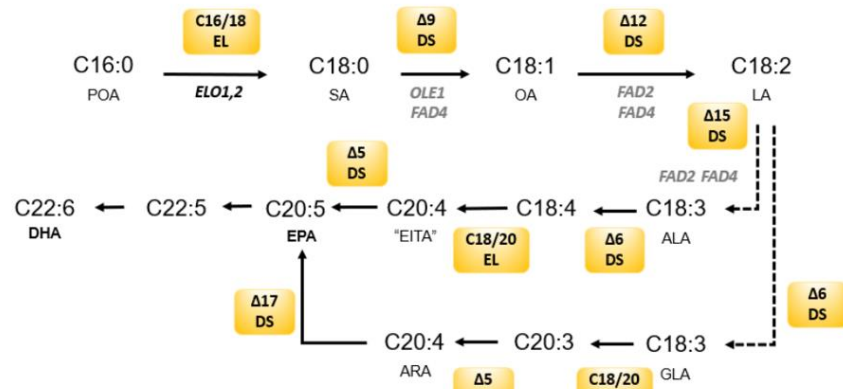


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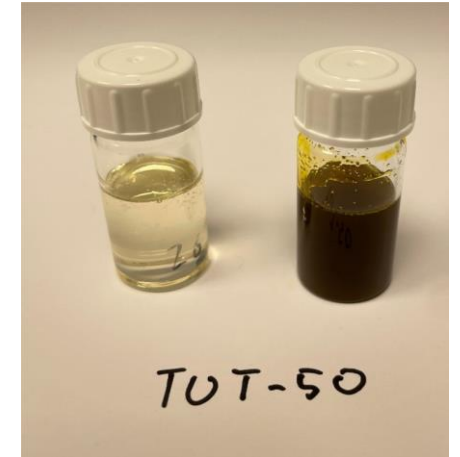
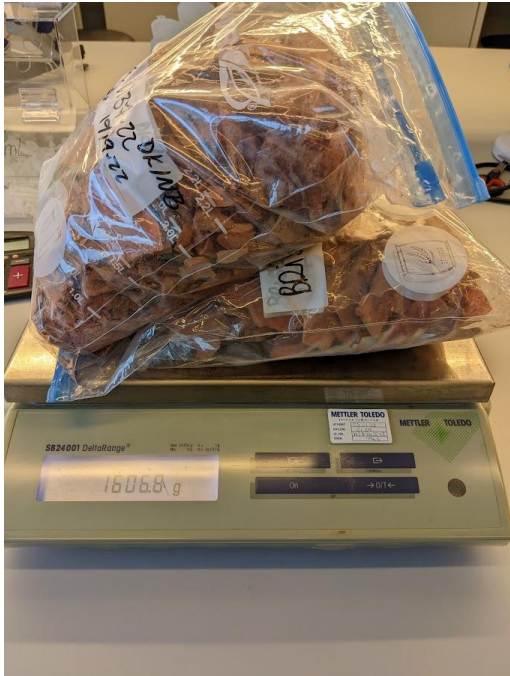
Manipulating fatty acids profile



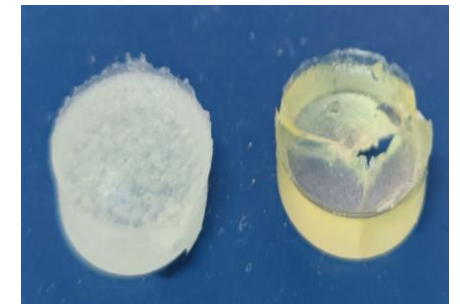
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Oil based binders

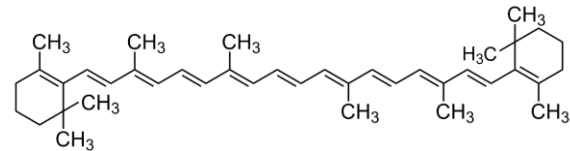
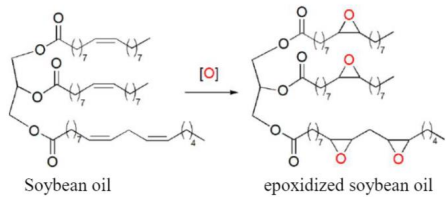


Epoxidized oil

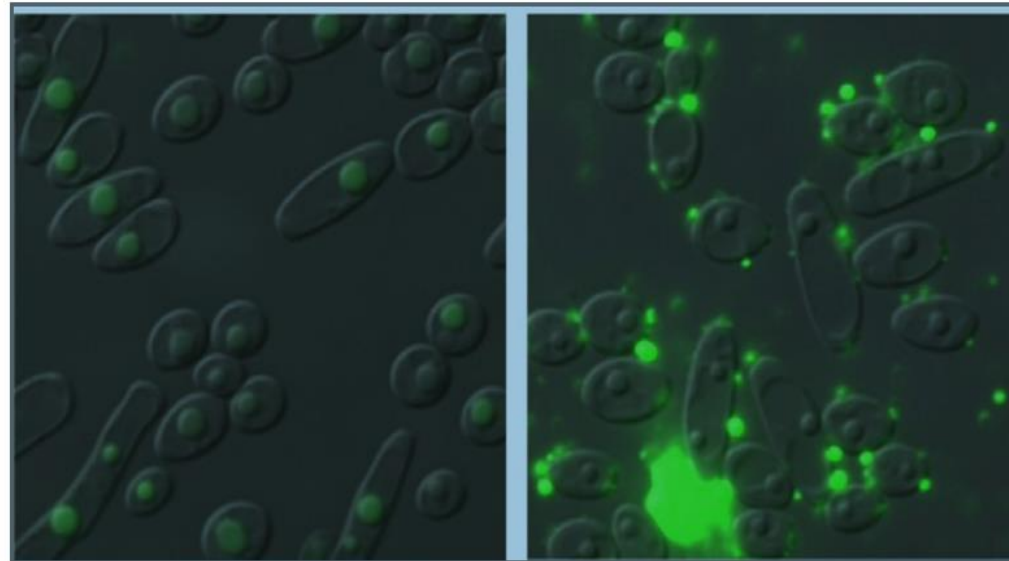


Oil derived binder

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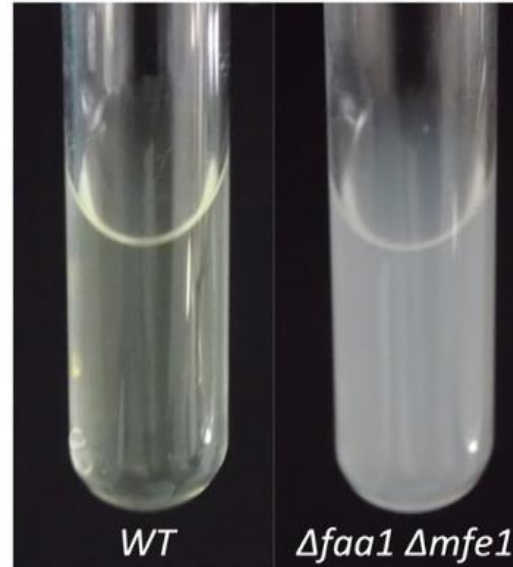


Free Fatty Acids production – secretion



Control strain

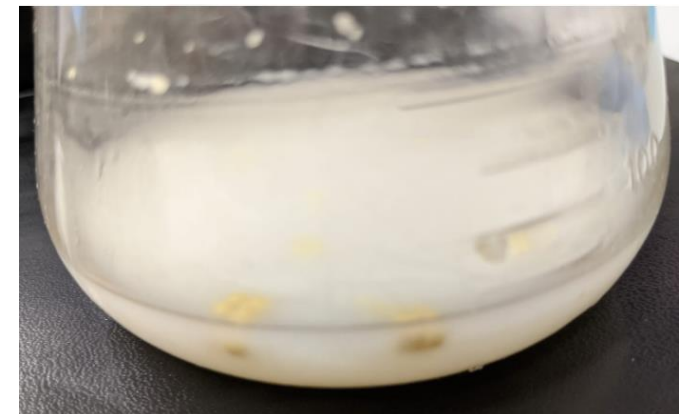
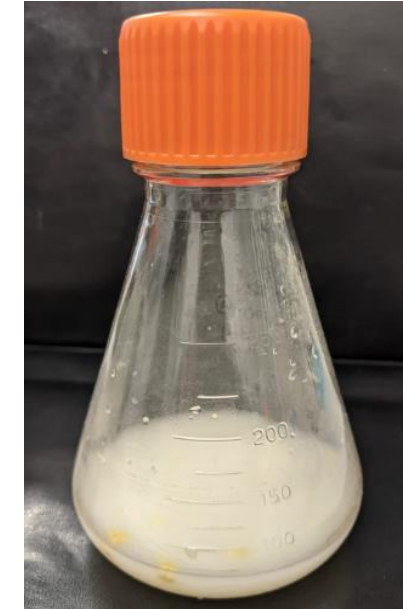
Engineered strain



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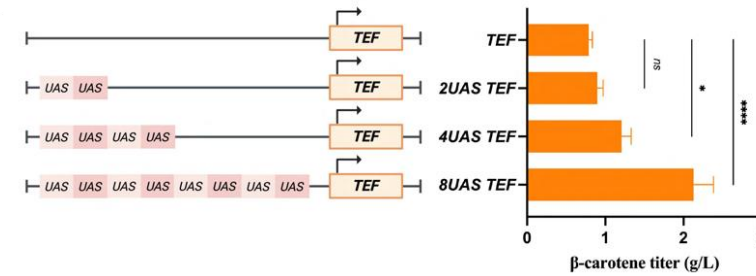
Recombinant technology for bio-based pigments production

- Modulation of expression level by hybrid promoters

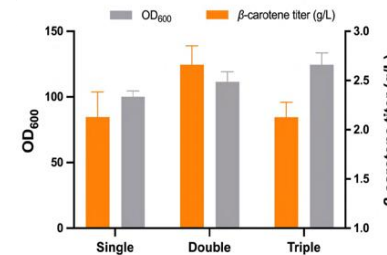
Mevalonate → GGPP → β-carotene



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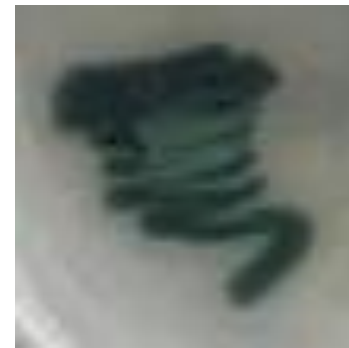
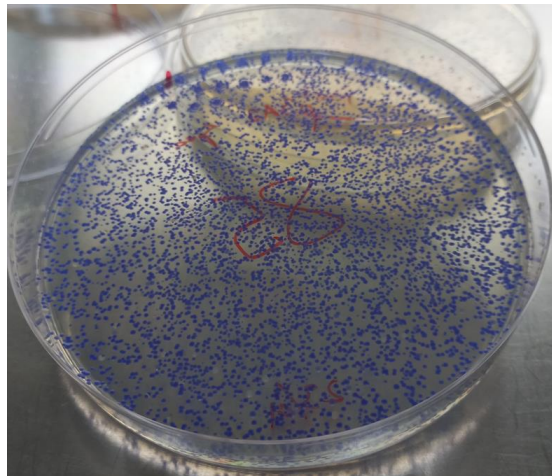
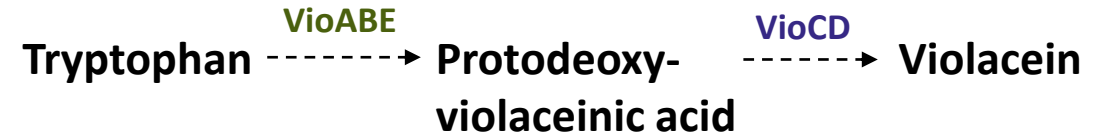
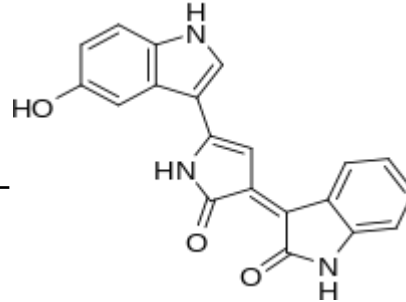
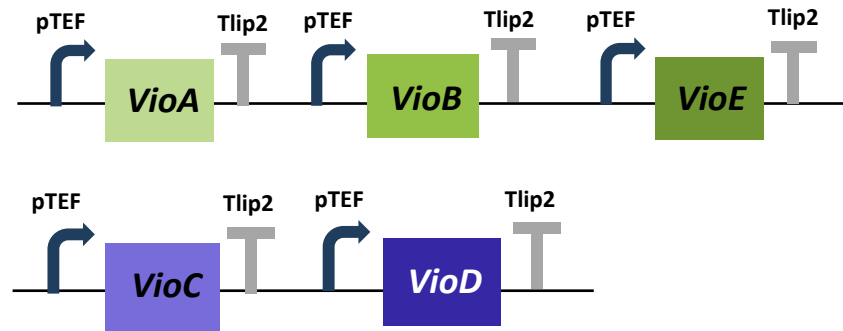
- Effect of multi-copy integration



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Recombinant technology for bio-based pigments production

- Construction of expression cassette



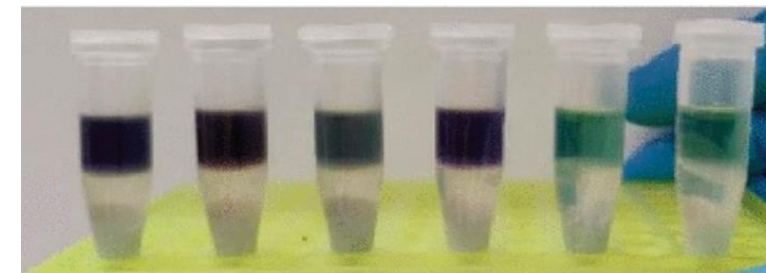
Y. lipolytica WT + VioABE



WT + VioCD



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