# Cellulosic material from leaf waste streams as food emulsifiers

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# Purification of cellulose particles



Using waste stream from leaves to improve valorisation Better use of resources, produce more food



- Mild purification of cellulose-rich particles, retaining natural complexes. Functionality as emulsifiers
- Cellulosic particles with surface active properties.
- Interfacial behaviour similar to solid particles.
- Opportunities to mix with other biopolymers



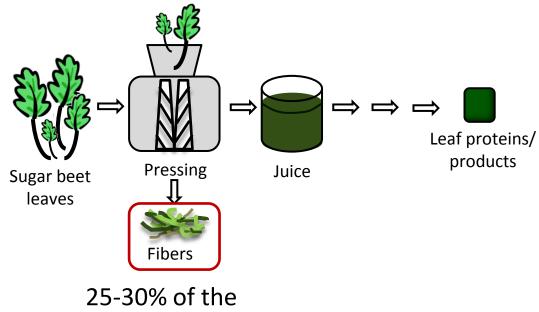
**CONCLUSION** 

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Mild treatment polysaccharide/protein complexes
- Size and composition interfacial behaviour
- Enhanced functionality



### Raw material – leaf fibres

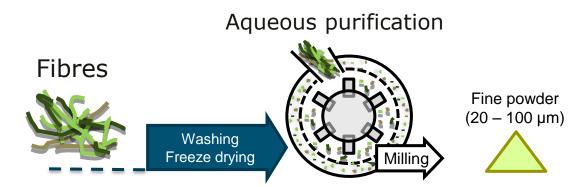


Mild processing to retain existing complexes!

25-30% of the starting biomass



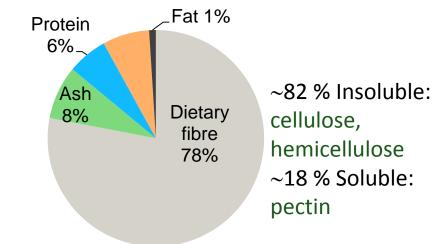
## Purification of leaf fibres



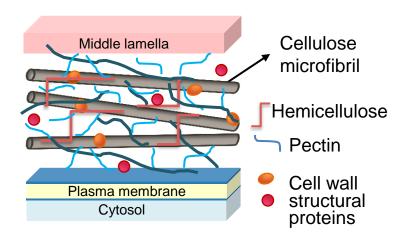


Air classification

#### Composition (dry base)

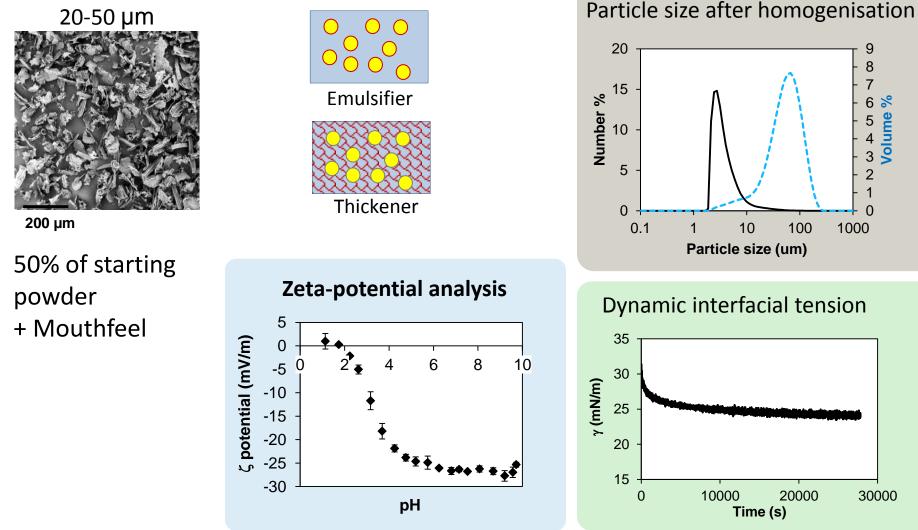


#### **Cell wall structure**



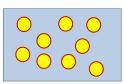


### Characterisation of cellulose particles





## Cellulose particles as food emulsifiers

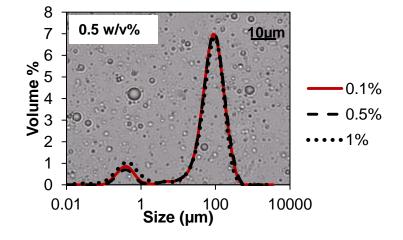


#### Oil-in-water emulsions 10 % oil

Emulsifier



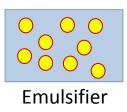
0.1 0.5 1.0 Fibre concentration wt% (db)



- Phase separation
- Stable against coalescence

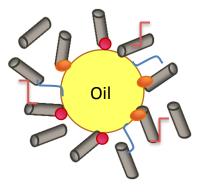


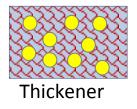
### Cellulose particles as food emulsifiers





### Cellulose particles Dietary fibres Proteins



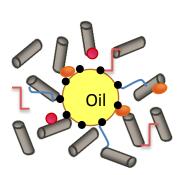


Combined effect of proteins and cellulose particles:

Soy protein isolate (SPI) Food Matrix + SPI •

Fibre SPI







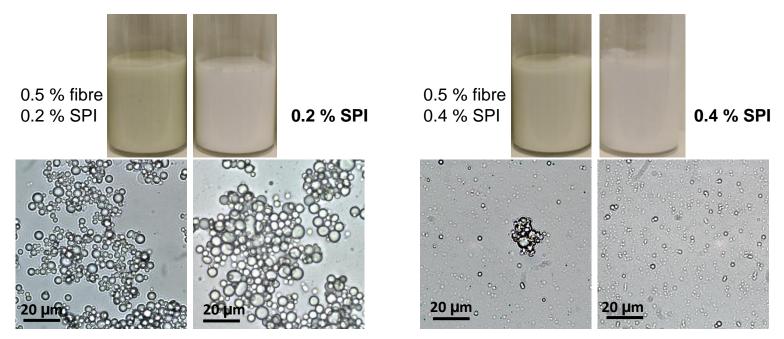
### **Emulsion characterisation**

Main role of SPI

• Flexible to stabilise the interface

#### Cellulose particles

• Stabilisation of continuous phase



### Complexation of biopolymers Attractive interactions, hydrophobic domains



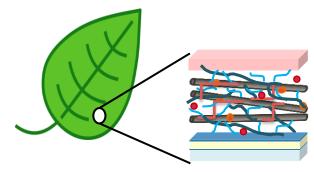
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Role of proteins attached to the cellulosic material

Product with added value

Benefit from nature's architecture





# Thank you!

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