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# Les protéines solubles du lait pour texturer les aliments



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## Context

• Additives are currently used to control dairy product quality (texture, heat stability, phase separation,...)

• New trends in Europe driven by consumer's expectations





 Milk proteins are customizable into different assemblies that exhibit different properties than native proteins (water holding capacity, heat stability,...) → could be used to replace partly or totality food additives in dairy products







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## Context

Whey proteins : Large amount available around the world



WHEY ----- From waste stream to value-added

- 10% of the milk volume
- >80% of the milk proteins (caseins)
- 90% of the milk volume
- <20% of the milk proteins (whey proteins)
- Exceptional biological value (amino acid composition),
- Ligand carriers (vitamins, minerals, fatty acids)
- Bioactive proteins and peptides

Excellent for human nutrition





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## Introduction: whey proteins as texturizing ingredients

Whey proteins: • Heat-induced aggregates produced by heating treatments in solution for increased functional properties



- Dry heating or heating a protein powder: process used for white egg powders for increasing foaming, emulsifying and gelling properties (Kato et al. 1989),
- Dry heating of dairy powders: less studied and not used
- Dry heating: a way to produce other changes of whey proteins
  - ✓ Limited diffusion of solutes = less aggregation
  - ✓ Traces or addition of lactose, degradation products of Maillard intermediates such as dicarbonyl
     ⇒ crosslinks



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## **Research Questions**



- How to custom protein assemblies with targeted sizes?
- How to custom their functional properties such as their ability to entrap large amounts of water and deliver high viscosities?

to replace food texturizing additives





#### How to custom protein assemblies with targeted sizes?







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#### How to custom protein assemblies with targeted sizes?



 Microparticles have a size and shape related to the size of the powder before dry heating





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## How to custom their functional properties such as their ability to entrap large amounts of water and deliver high viscosities?

Yield of transfer of whey proteins into microparticles



- 1 g of powder  $\rightarrow$  0.9 g of microparticles  $\rightarrow$  15 g of wet particles
- 95% weight of microparticles = H<sub>2</sub>O

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• Due to the porous structure of powders

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How to custom their functional properties such as their ability to entrap large amounts of water and deliver high viscosities?

- 1- Due to porous structure of powders  $\Rightarrow$  Microparticles entrap a large amount of water
- 2- Ability of microparticles to swell in the water



swelling by a factor around 4







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How to custom their functional properties such as their ability to entrap large amounts of water and deliver high viscosities?



- Very high viscosity as compared to micro-particulated whey proteins (d[4,3] $^{10} \mu$ m)
- Viscosity decreases with increased dry heating duration
  - ✓ reduced d[4,3]

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✓ reduced water content

## Conclusions

Mechanism of formation and nature of the protein crosslinks still speculative



2 phases

- Alkaline pH values only required during the liquid state
- We can form microparticles only at pH
  > 8.0 (but Maillard reaction at pH <8.0)</li>
- Time of storage at alkaline pH values  $\uparrow$  $\Rightarrow$  amount of microparticles  $\uparrow$
- Role of alkaline pH values?
  - ✓ very few denaturation

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- ✓ significant aggregation of whey proteins
- ✓ Increased exposure of lysine residues?



- Lactose only required during the dry state
- Role of lactose?
  - ✓ degradation via Maillard reactions?
  - ✓ degradation products of lactose at high temperature?





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