



## **Process induced structural features of solid cereal foams- in relation to oral processing**

**PhD thesis**

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## Ariful's dissertation: Process induced structural features of solid cereal foams

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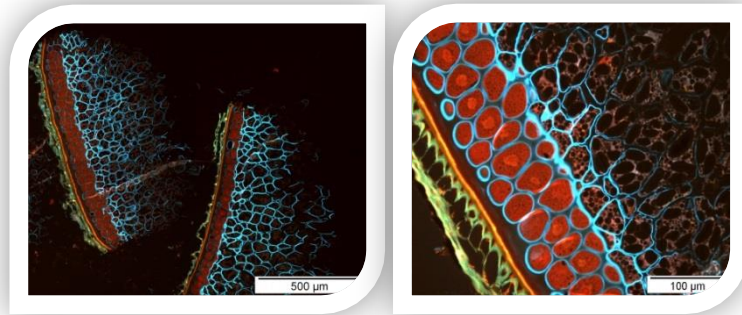
Objective: Understand the main structural and mechanical features of healthy solid foams. Elucidate mechanism of structural disintegration of healthy solid foams in mouth and stomach phase.

## Overview of the PhD thesis & publications

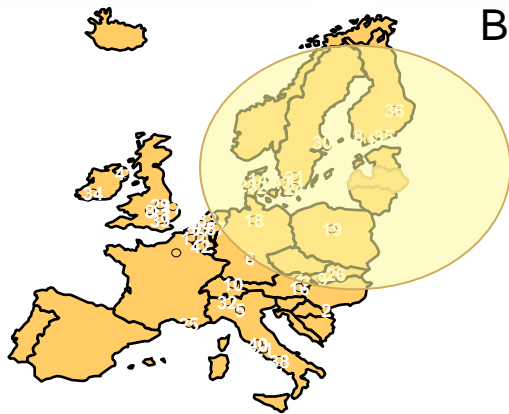
- Influence of particle size reduction on structural & mechanical properties of extruded rye bran
  - Published at Food and Bioprocess Technology, 2014  
- Effects of rye bran particle size reduction on *in vitro* starch digestibility and structural & textural properties of high-fibre extrudates
  - **Submitted to Food and Bioprocess Technology, 2015)**  
- Structural and mechanical properties of brittle cereal foams affecting disintegration in mouth during *in vivo* mastication
  - **On-going study.....**  
- Disintegration of high fibre solid cereal foams in mouth (*in vivo*) & in stomach (*in vitro*) & their positive impact on physiological responses
  - **Funding: 2016-2017 (to be applied)**

## Why RYE?

- **90%** of world rye production is in Europe
- **30%** is consumed as food
- Traditional use as whole grain breads, often produced by sour dough fermentation
- Health effects of rye bread increasingly demonstrated
- Development of new types of rye products & ingredients for the modern consumer is important



BRAN



### RYE BRAN

40-45% dietary fibre  
15-20% protein  
13-20% starch  
4-5% fat

Beneficial  
physiological  
effects in  
humans

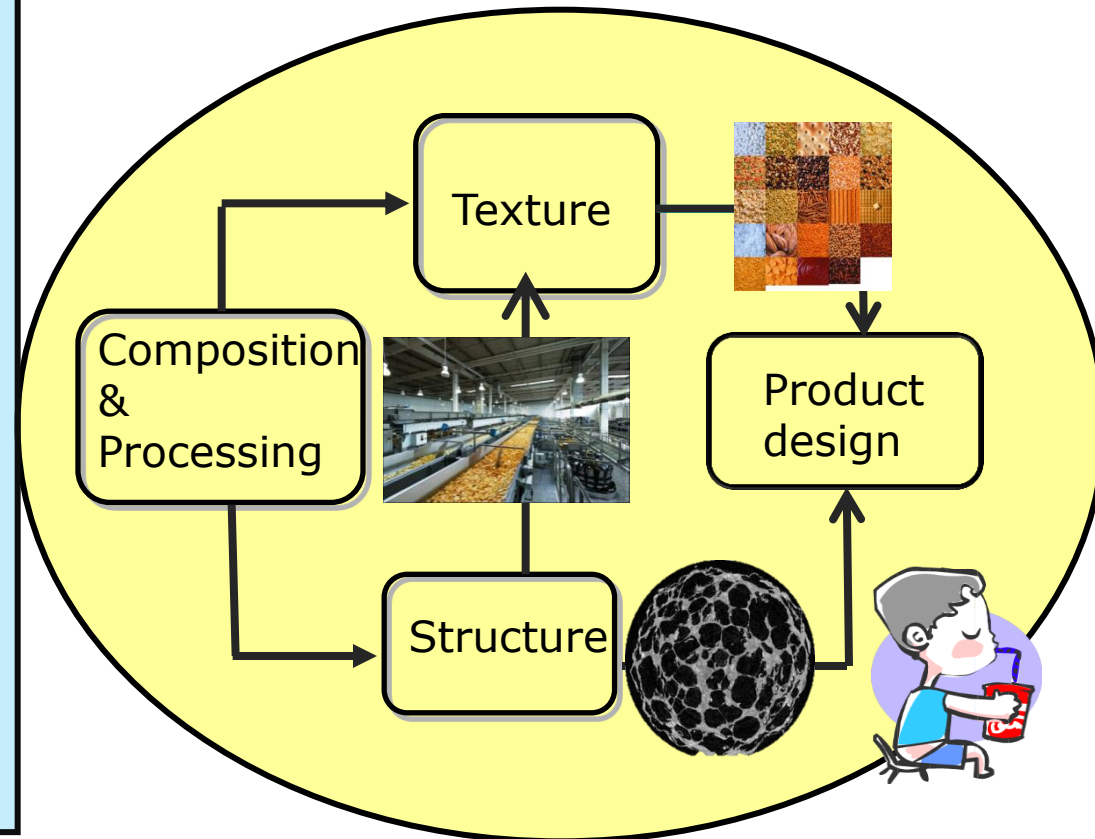


## Background

- Extrusion processing can be used for production of a wide range of solid cereal foams e.g., puffed snacks, flakes etc.
- Addition of DF into extruded product improve the nutritional quality
- Bran addition → product quality (e.g., expansion, hardness & crispiness) attributes reduced
- Addition of DF into extruded product improve the nutritional quality
- Breakdown in mouth by mastication inversely related to food hardness and thus affects hydrolysis rate
- Prediction of the disintegration pattern of solid cereal foams → Mathematical modelling

# Importance of structure and texture formation in food design

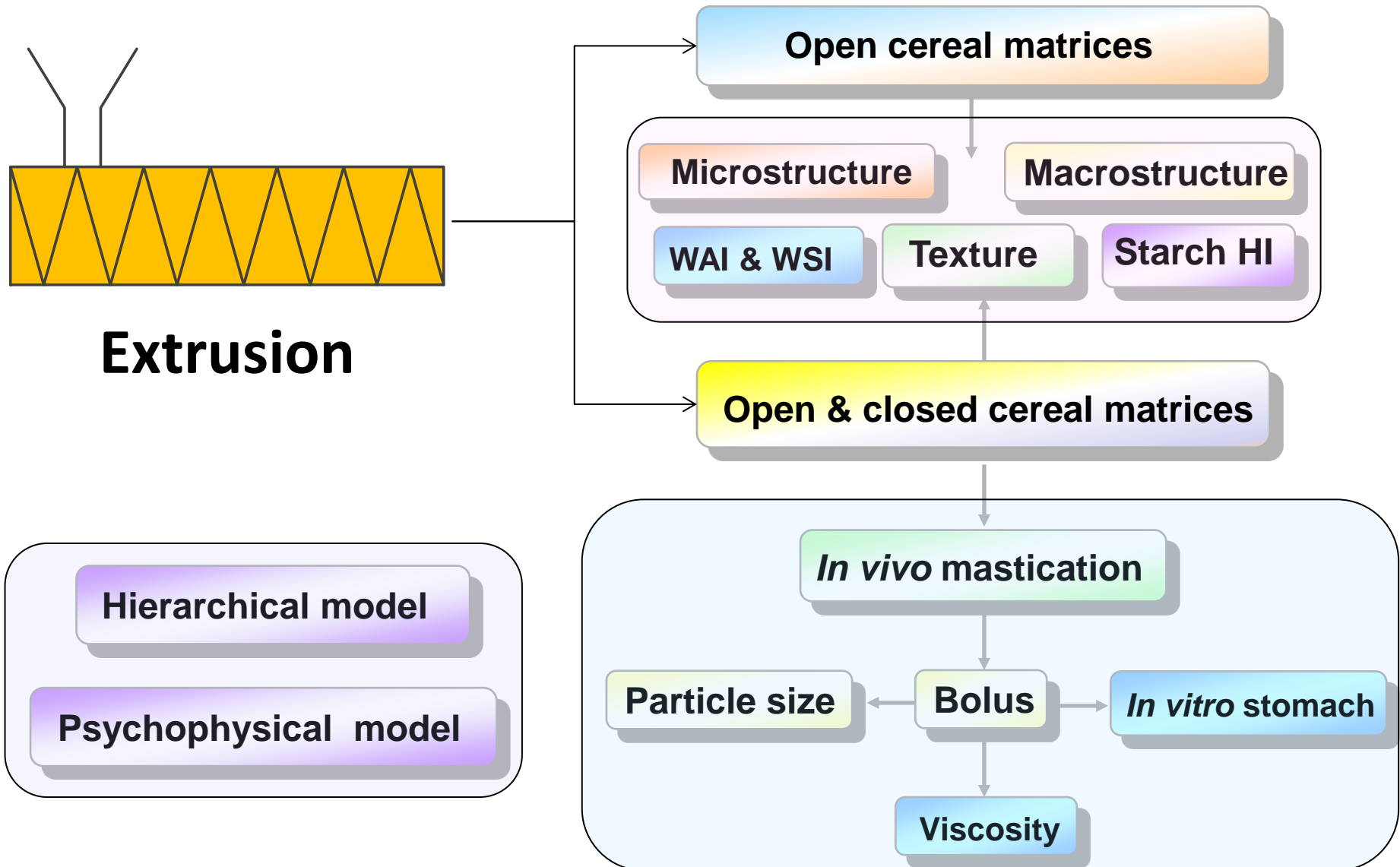
- Increased **demand for high quality healthy food** products.
- **Technological and physical challenges** in high fibre food matrices.
- **Adverse affect on sensory texture and flavor/taste.**
- **Important to understand the physical basis of texture** in order to be able to **design palatable and healthy foods.**



## Objectives

- Understand the main structural and mechanical features of healthy solid foams e.g., puffs and flakes
- Assessing the effect of structural and mechanical properties of high fibre extruded puffs & flakes on disintegration in mouth (*in vitro*) and in bolus formation
- Elucidate mechanism of structural disintegration of healthy puffs and flakes (*in vivo* mouth and *in vitro* stomach phase) in comparison to regular wheat based foams

## Flow chart of 4-year work





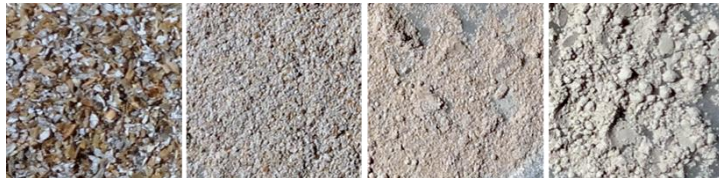
## Experimental design paper 1 & 2/4

### Publication 1:

100 % rye bran

3-particle sizes of rye bran:

- Coarse (440  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- Medium (143  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- Fine (28  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- Screw speed: 300/500rpm
- Feed Moisture: 17/ 19 %
- Barrel T profile: low (110°C) / high (130°C)
- Hydration regimen: In-barrel/  
Preconditioning



Raw material:

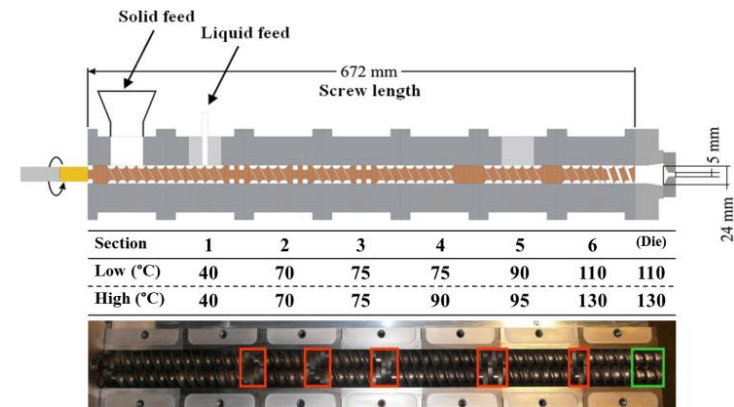
**RYE BRAN**



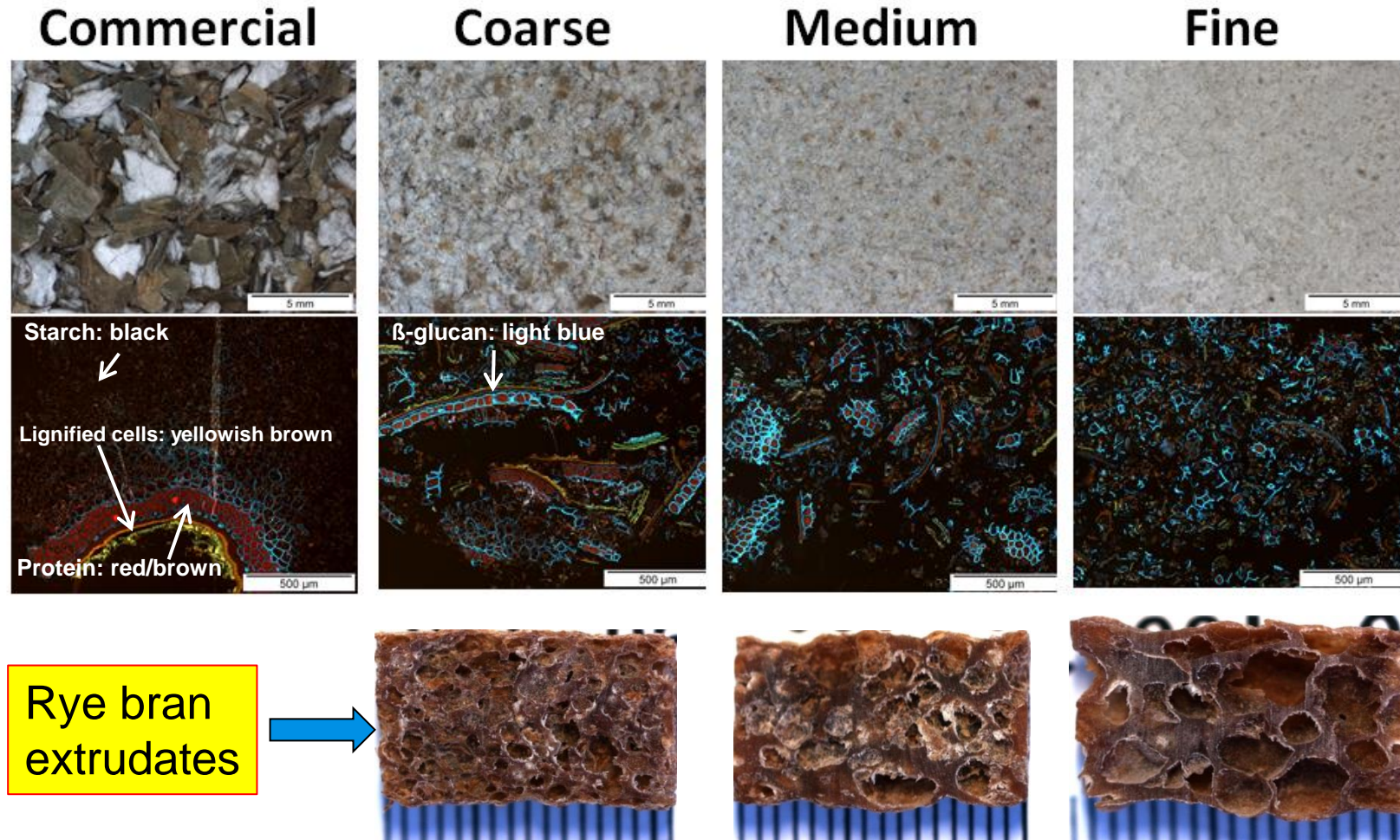
### Publication 2:

Rye endosperm flour + 15/30% rye bran

- 2-particle size (Coarse vs. Fine)
- Screw speed: 500 rpm
- Feed moisture: 17%
- Barrel T profile: low (110°C)
- Hydration regimen: In-barrel/  
Preconditioning

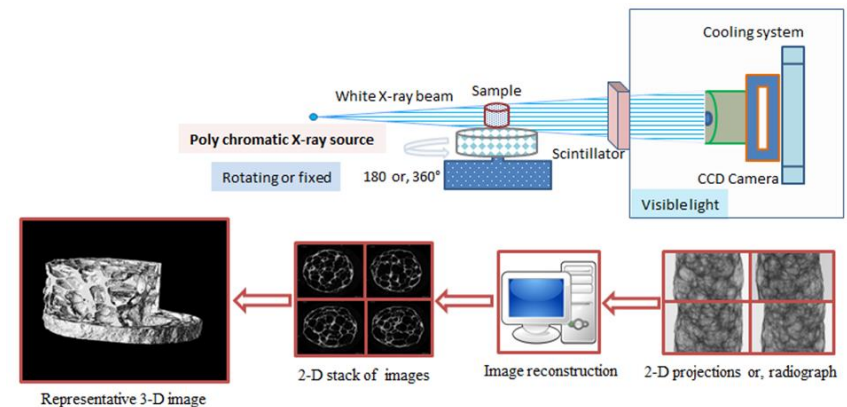
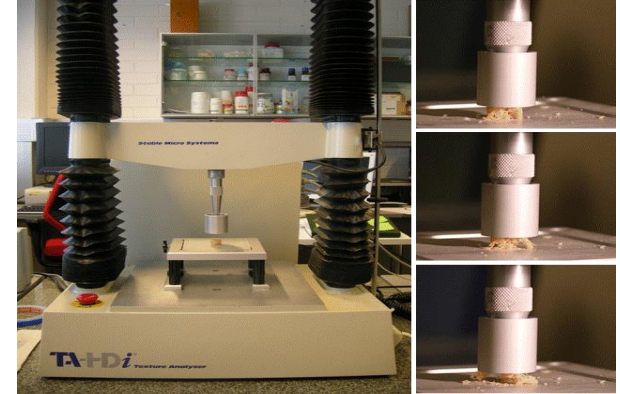


# Partile size reduction and effect on rye bran quality and on extrudates



## Structural & textural parameters

- Macro-structural vs. Textural parameters
  - Expansion
  - Piece density
  - Crispiness
- Microstructure
  - Effect of particle size and extrusion on microstructure (LM)
  - X-ray microtomography (XMT)
- Texture Analysis: Uni-axial compression test for puffs & crammer  
shear compression for flakes
- Micro-structural vs. Textural parameters
  - Porosity, air cell diameter
  - Cell wall thickness, crispiness



## Crispiness index

Mechanical properties of the extrudates were analysed using a texture analyzer (TAXT2i) and the Texture Exponent software (v5.1.2.0) (both from Stable Micro Systems, UK).

- A 36 mm Al cylindrical compression plate was used to compress the samples to 70% of their original diameter (test speed of 1 mm/s).

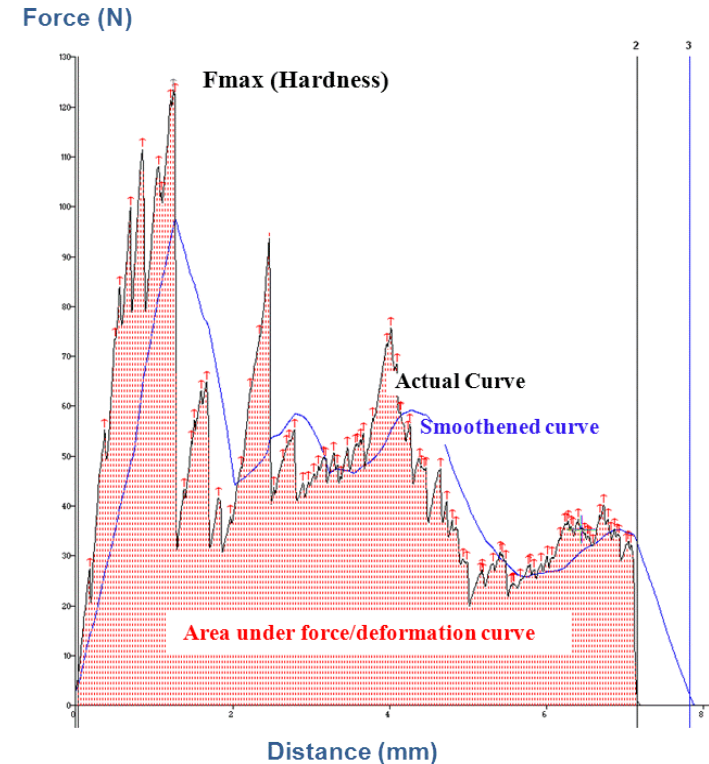
- $$\text{Crispiness index (CI)} = \frac{\text{Curve length (N)}}{A * F_{\text{mean}}}$$

$A$  = Area under the f-d curve

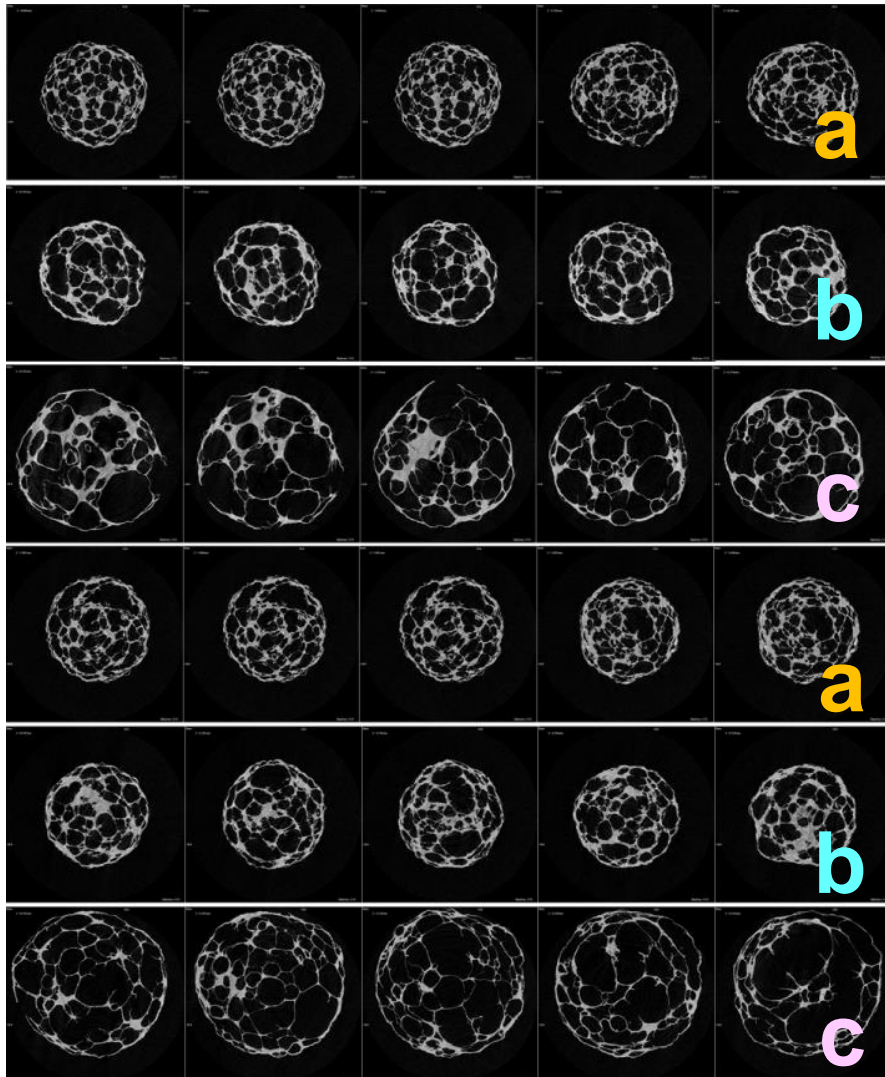
$F_{\text{mean}}$  = Average force of the # peaks from the F-d curve

$\text{Curve length}$

$$= \sum |\Delta \text{Force}|$$



# Particle size reduction gives lower thickness to radius ratio; less thick and more expanded cells



In barrel

Representative XMT images of  
a) Coarse  
b) Medium  
c) Fine particle-sized  
extruded rye bran samples

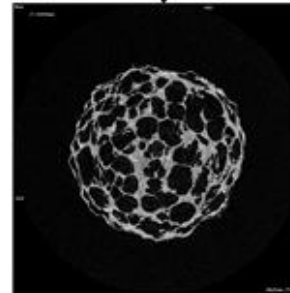
Pre-conditioned

## Macro-structural vs. Textural parameters

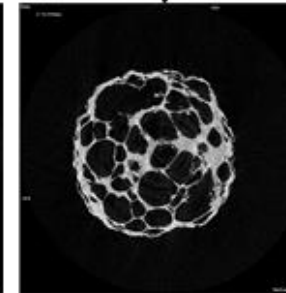
- High screw speed and small particle size
  - good expansion
  - low density
- High expansion and low density
  - More crispy
  - less hard texture

In-barrel water

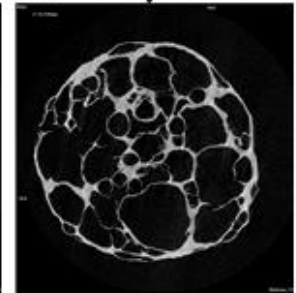
COARSE  
440  $\mu\text{m}$



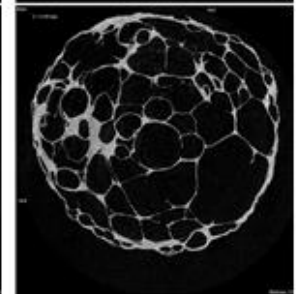
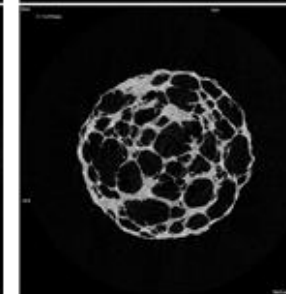
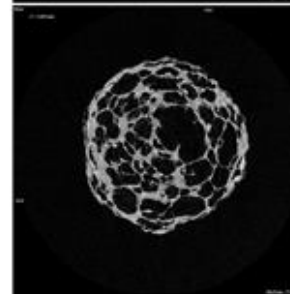
MEDIUM  
143  $\mu\text{m}$



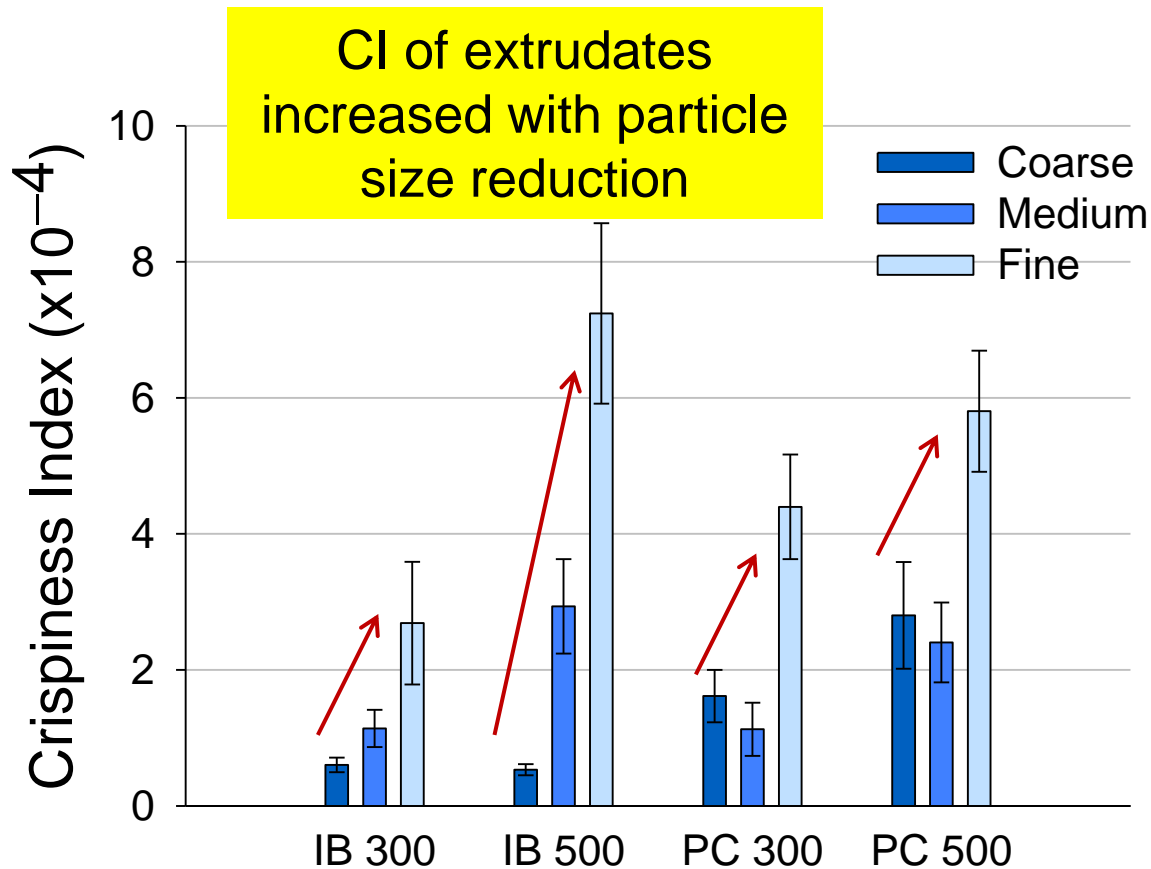
FINE  
28  $\mu\text{m}$



Preconditioning



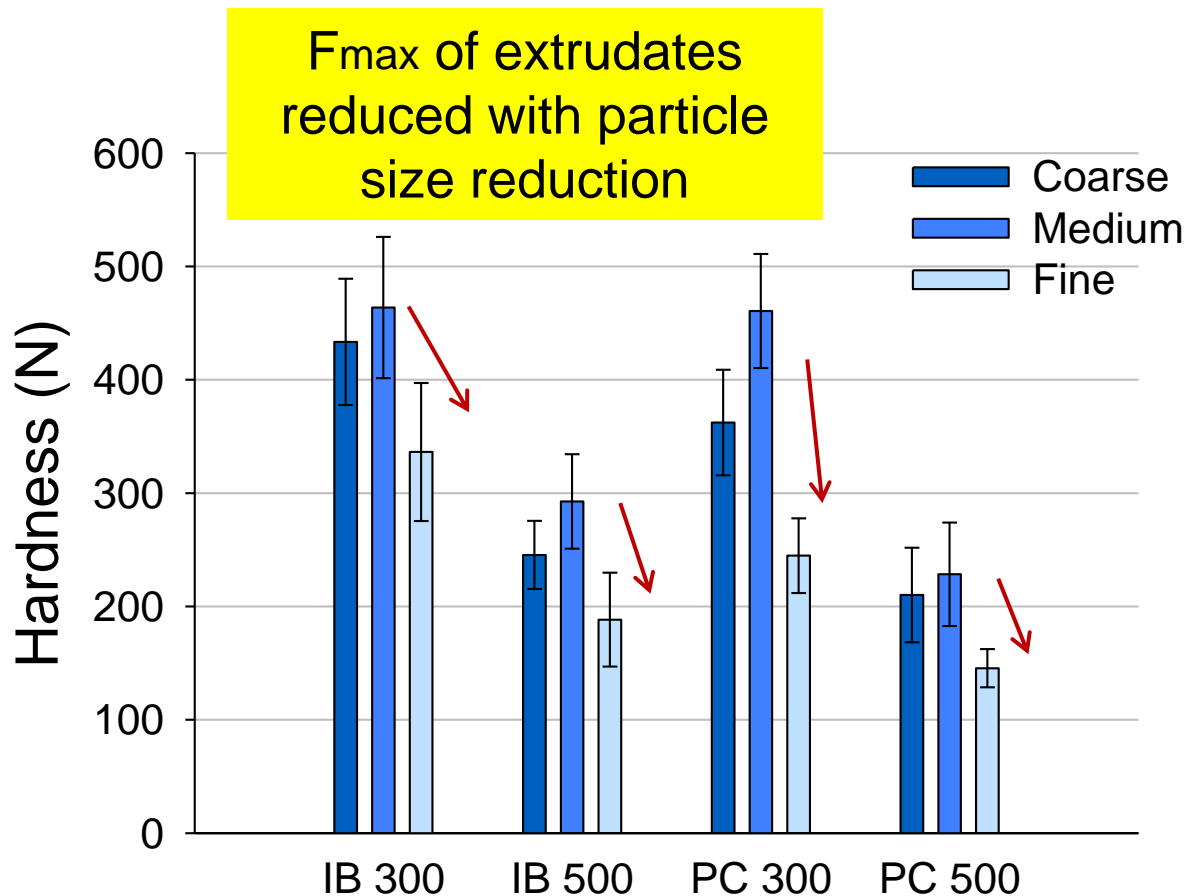
## Particle size reduction to 28 $\mu\text{m}$ gave extrudates with crispy texture. Pre-conditioning had an adverse affect on crispiness



- Fine particle increased the crispiness for both in-barrel and preconditioned extrudates
- In-barrel water feed in combination with high screw gave crispiest puffs

IB= In-barrel water feed; PC= Preconditioning; Screw speed = 300 & 500 rpm

## In general particle size reduction reduced $F_{max}$ . Pre-conditioning before extrusion reduced hardness ( $F_{max}$ ) values



- Higher screw speed reduced the hardness
- Preconditioning reduced the hardness for all particle size

IB= In-barrel water feed; PC= Preconditioning; Screw speed = 300 & 500 rpm



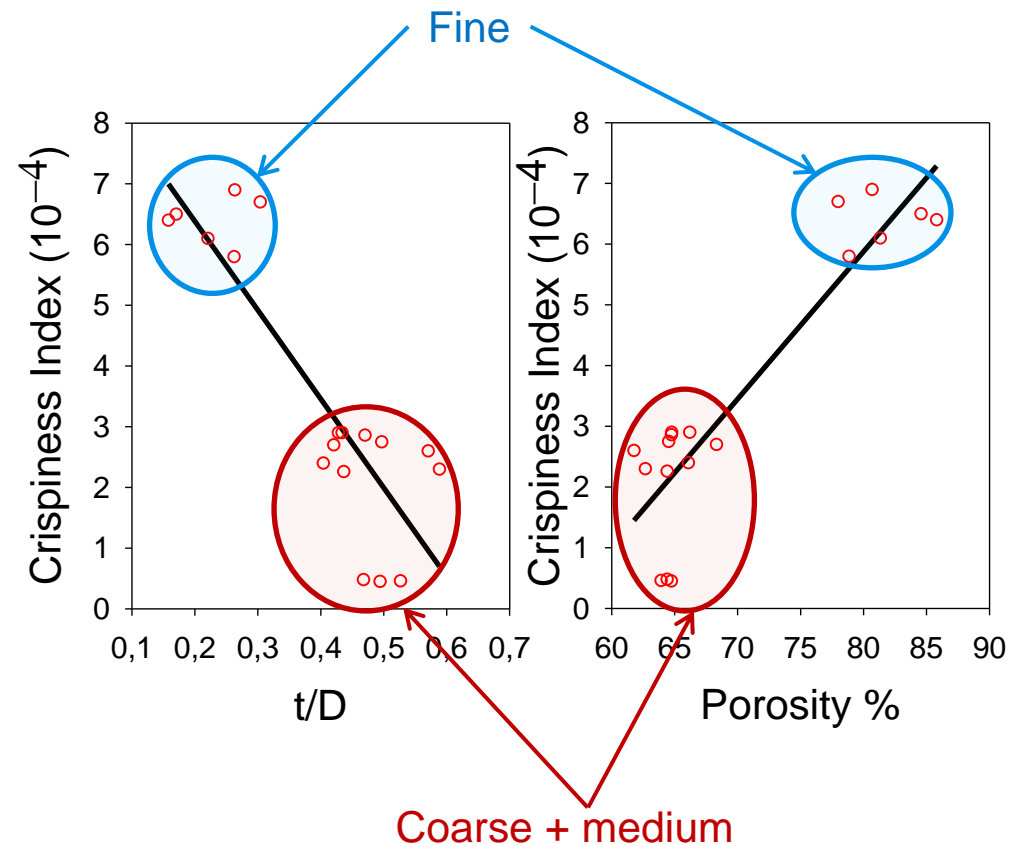
## Fibre modification

- Coarse rye bran
  - No significant effect
- Medium and fine rye bran:
  - Increase in IDF and TDF
  - SDF increased only in few samples
- Extrusion had only limited effect on DF composition
- The effect was more pronounced with medium and fine rye bran

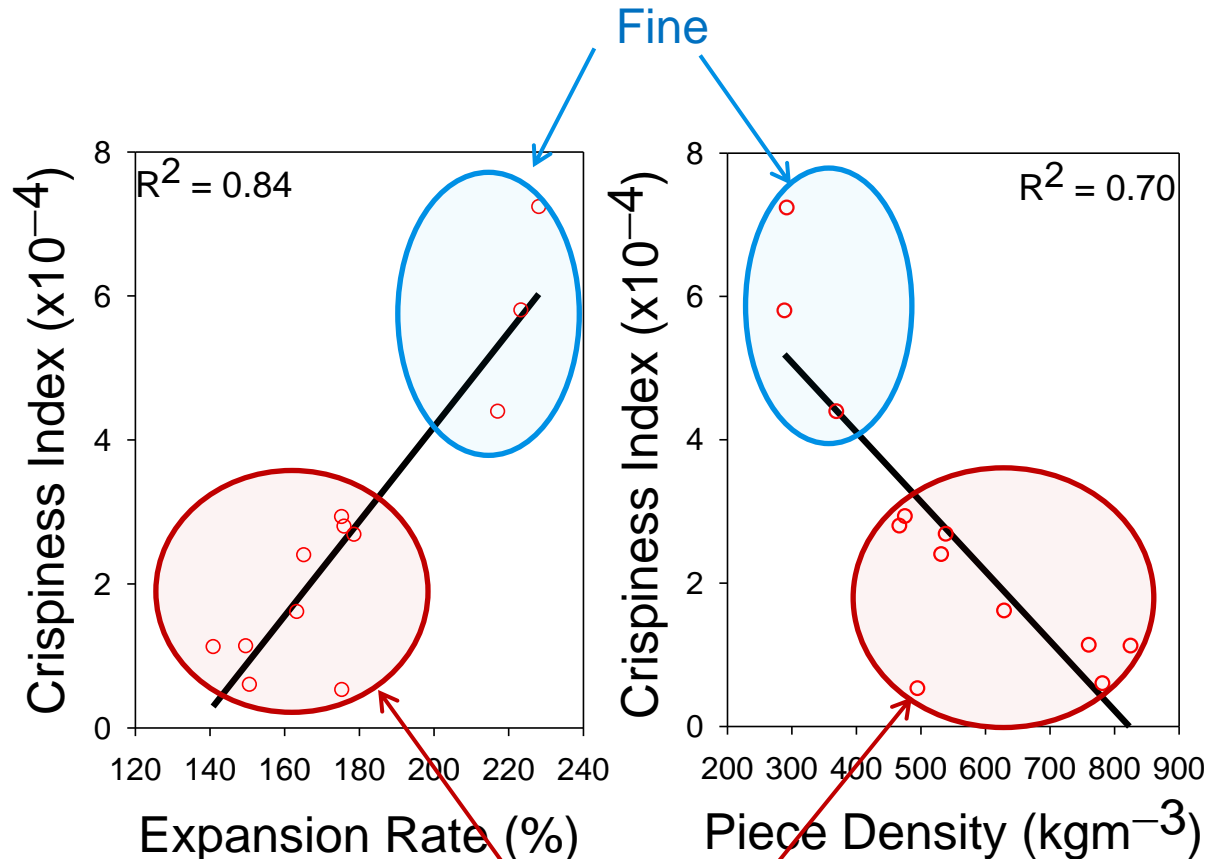
	Coarse	Medium	Fine
IDF	→	↑	↑
SDF	→	→↑	→
TDF	→	↑	↑

## Micro-structural vs. Textural parameters

- Particle size reduction to 28  $\mu\text{m}$ 
  - Porosity  $\uparrow$
  - Air cell diameter  $\uparrow$
  - $t/D$  ratio  $\downarrow$ 
    - more expanded air cells in relation to cell wall thickness
- Energy required to fracture big air cells with thin cell walls is lower than that required for small air cells with thick cell walls
- Less hard, more crispy extrudates



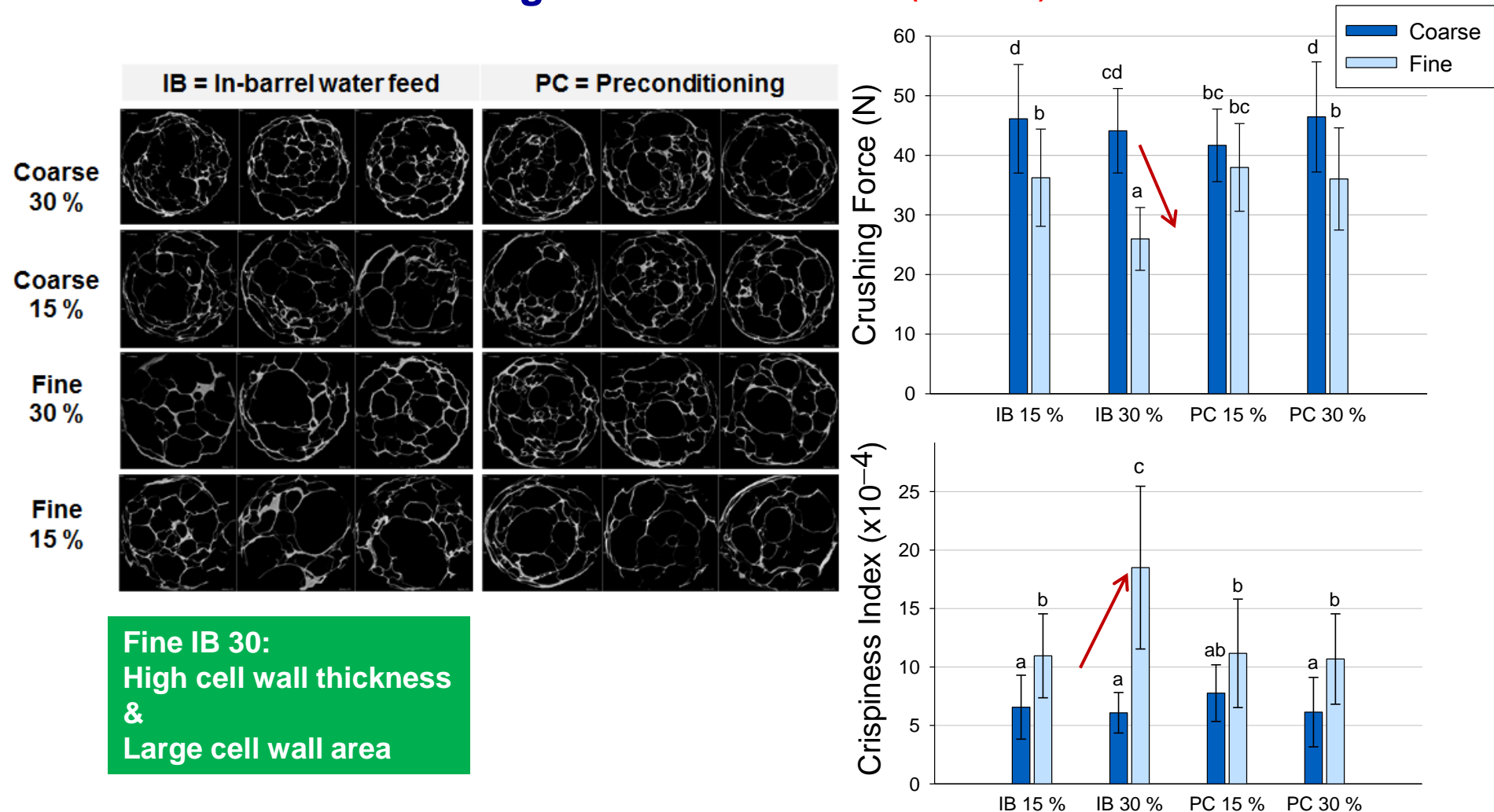
# Crispiness increases with increased expansion and decreased piece density for fine particle sized rye bran extrudates



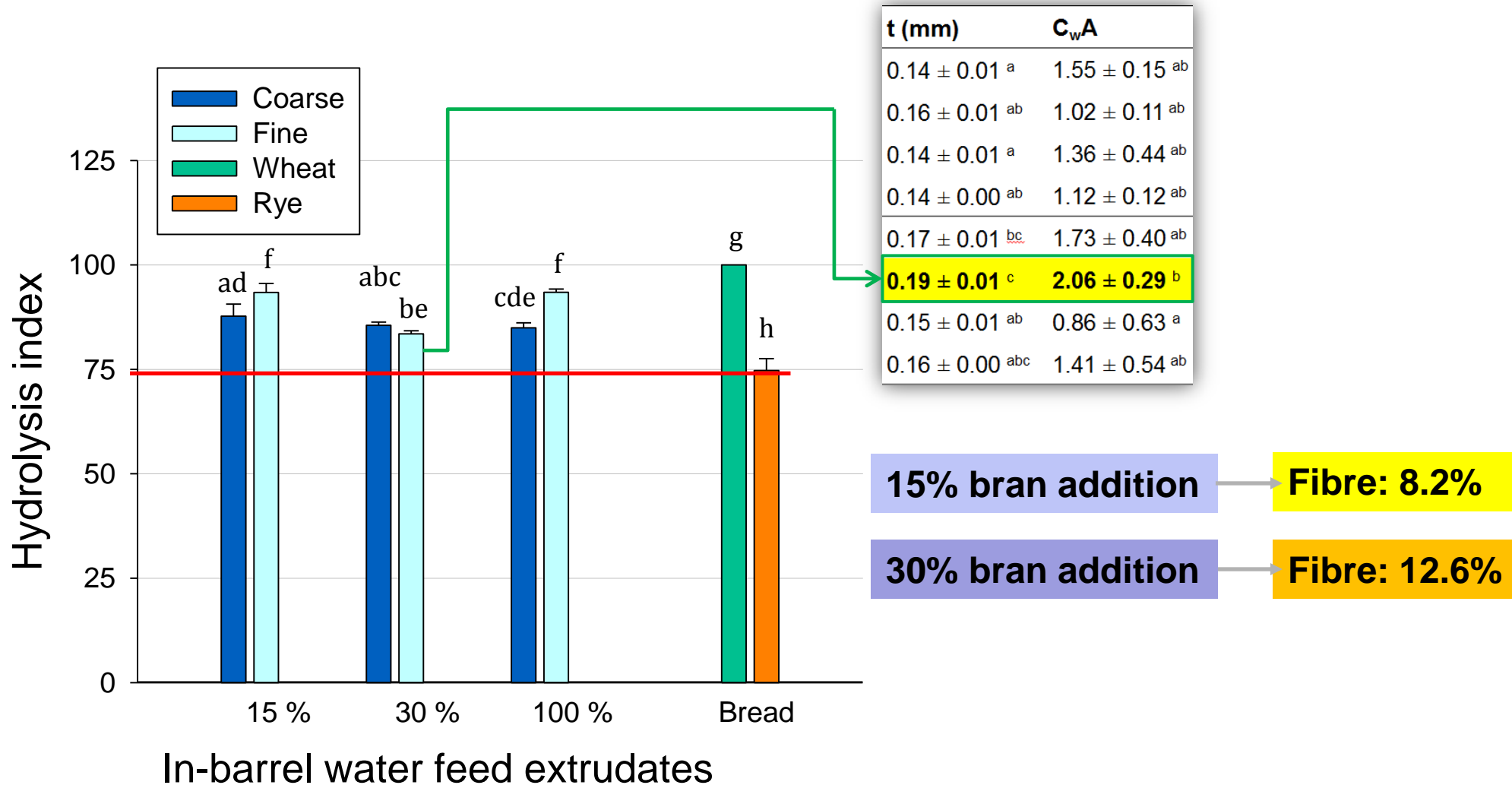
- Higher expansion tends to give crispy puffs
- Higher density reduced crispiness

Coarse + medium

## 2<sup>nd</sup> paper: Effects of rye bran particle size reduction on *in vitro* starch digestibility and structural and textural properties of starch-based high-fibre extrudates (submitted)



# Effect of particle size on in vitro starch digestibility



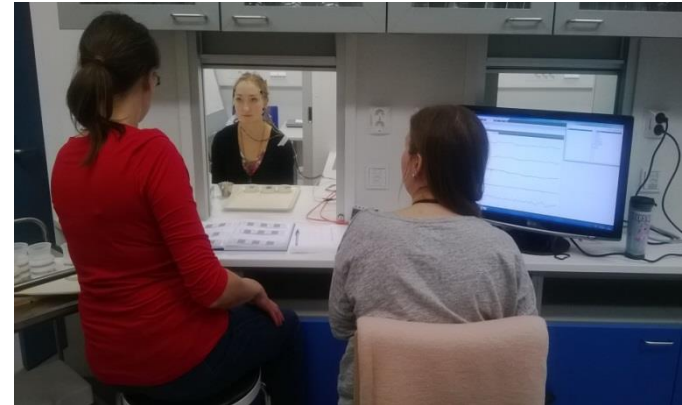
## Experimental design 3/4

### Publication 3:

#### 100% Rye flour & Rye flour + 10% rye bran

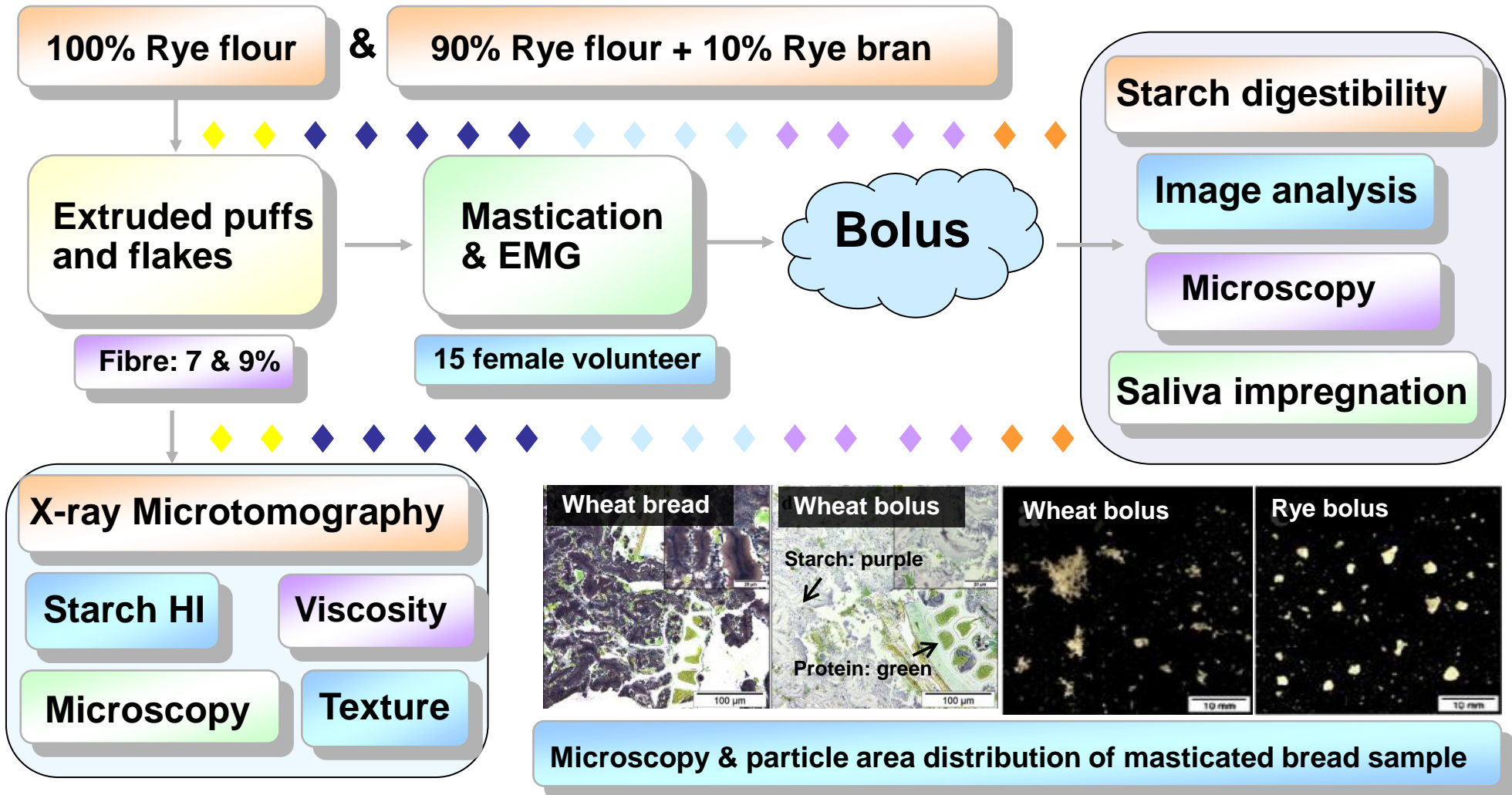
- Screw speed : 250 (F) & 345 (P)
- Feed moisture 4.5 (P) & 12 (F) In-barrel
- Barrel T profile: low (80-95-110-120°C)

- Interindividual variance due to chewing pattern
- Effect of fibre: **7 vs. 9%**
- Structure/texture effect on mastication: puffs vs. flakes

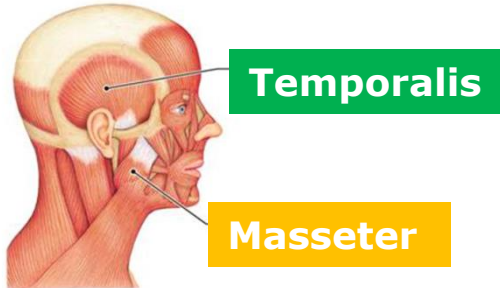


**EMG: EMG activity time -> Chewing time -> Number of bites -> Duty cycle -> Total work -> Work/bite**

## 3rd paper outline



# Mastication trial/Electromyography

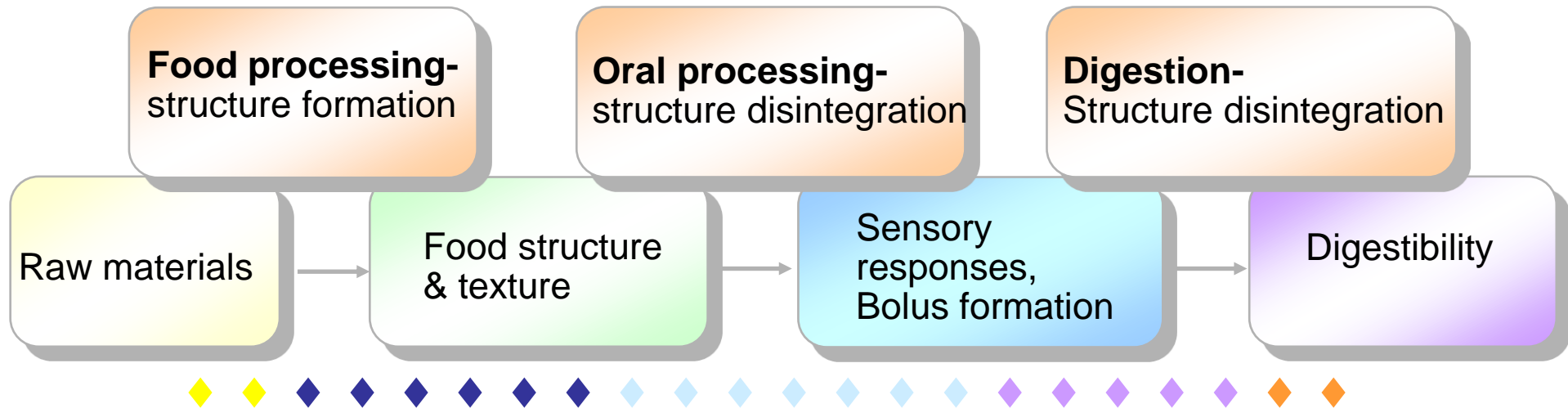


- 15 participants
- Bipolar electrodes on the **masseter** and **temporal** muscles on both sides of the face
- 3 portions
  - control bread: (2x2x2) cm cube
  - Puffs: (2x3.5) cm ribbon
  - Flakes: 1 table spoon
- Masticated until subjective swallowing point and the bolus was then expectorated
- EMG activity measured continuously
- Onset, duration and amplitude of each bite event were extracted from EMG time series





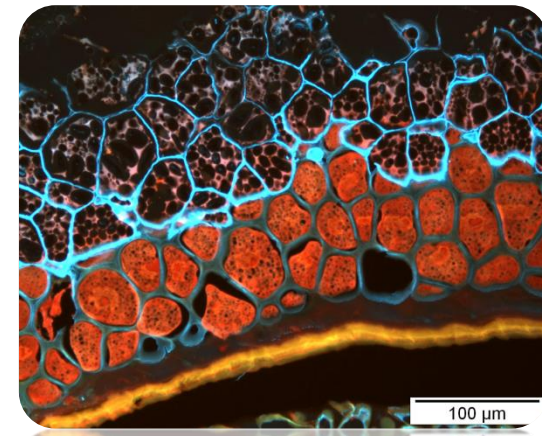
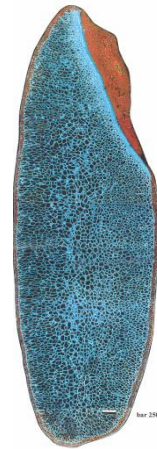
## Conclusions



HIGH FIBRE (RYE) FOODS ARE HAVE GOOD POTENTIAL TO ASSIST IN REDUCTION OF RISK OF CHRONIC DISEASES.

UNDERSTANDING THEIR STRUCTURE FORMATION AND ORAL DISINTEGRATION - THE CONNECTION BETWEEN FOOD PROCESSING AND EATING – HELPS TO DEVELOP BETTER FOODS.

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