

Increasing the value of our fish landings – what's beyond the fillets?

Thoughts on a (Baltic) fish based biorefinery



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Only ~50 000 tons to food!

~76 000 tons currently used fish muscle

Fish mince

Functional proteins

Functional peptides

~0,1-0,3 Euro/kg

Residuals

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Feed

Bioenergy

Enzymes

**~20%
Gelatin**

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Calcium concentrate

Oil

Phospholipids

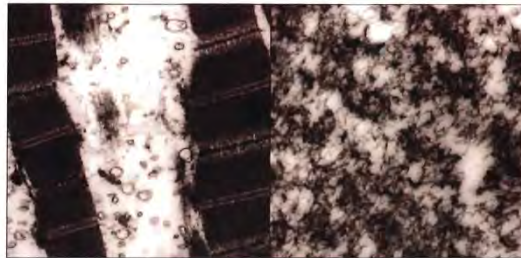
Nucleic acids (e.g. DNA)/nucleotides

The **pH-shift** process
since then we

- Herring (partly European)
Isolated liquid
Fillets
Whole gutted
Whole
- Cod heads/frame
- Blue whiting
- Whole vendace
- Mussels (with/w/o shell)

Most trials done in 2000, and
also **pilot scale trials** carried out

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Protein isolation from herring
(*Clupea harengus*) using
the pH-shift process

Protein yield, protein isolate quality
and removal of food contaminants

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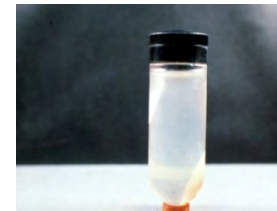
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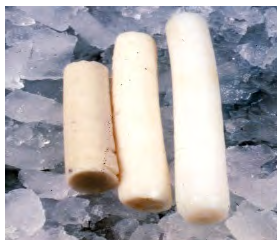
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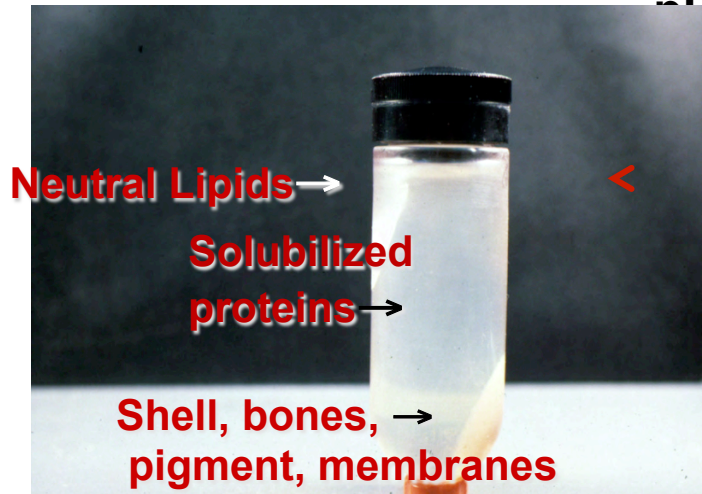
Protein dewatering
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Gelation
(pH $\rightarrow 7.1$, 2% salt
20 min $90^{\circ}C$)





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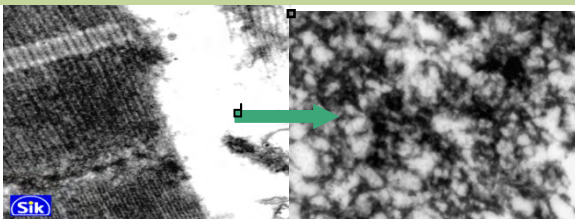
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Final protein isolate

- 50-75% Protein recovery

- $\leq 70\%$ fat \downarrow
- $\leq 70-80\%$ \downarrow in dioxins & PCB's
- $\leq 80\%$ \downarrow DSP-toxins
- \uparrow essential amino acids
- Retained protein digestibility

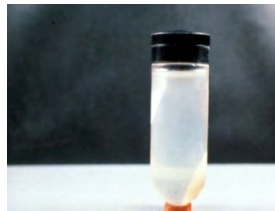
- Good gelation capacity



Compared to the actual **fishing step**, the pH shift process is not of major importance for neither the climate gas emissions nor the energy consumption coupled to the prot.isolate



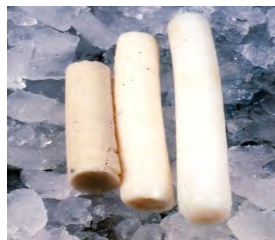
- Water consuming



- Dewatering challenging in large scale



- Requires antioxidants with blood rich materials
- Color could be improved



Marine protein isolates in foods, and health supplements

- **Surimi:** Its gelation capacity very attractive in all gelled fish products (fish balls, fish cakes, crab sticks..)
- **Powder:** can replace milk-/soyproteins in soups, energy drinks, bakery products
- **Marinades:** injection into fillets for improved water holding/juiciness (replaces phosphates with a natural product)
- **Coating:** on fried products (nutrilean™)
- **Biodegradable films** : with antimicrobial and antioxidative properties
- **In capsules;** Positive effects documented in relation to high blood pressure, diabetes and weight management



In Japan, ~40 000 ton marine proteins and peptides are yearly used as food ingredients...

What could an expected value addition be?

- Basically anything exceeding the value of fish meal, which is currently 1,2 Euro/kg¹
- Difficult, however, to find relevant price information on novel products where a market is not yet developed..

****Casein/caseinates; 9,5 Euro/kg²***

****Soy protein: 4-14 Euro/kg^{2,5}***

****Surimi, i.e. washed fish mince: 5,5 and 28 Euro/kg on a wet and dry weight basis, respectively³***

****Fish protein based seafood marinades; 13-38 Euro/kg***

****Fish skin gelatin; 10-19 Euro/kg^{4,5}***

****Fish collagen peptides; 10-150 Euro/kg⁴***

****DNA salts: 10-160 Euro/kg⁵***



1. <http://www.indexmundi.com/commodities/?commodity=fish-meal¤cy=sek>

2. U.S. Protein Ingredients Markets, Frost & Sullivan research service (<http://www.frost.com/prod/servlet/report-brochure.pag?id=N415-01-00-00-00>)

3. <http://www.seafoodsource.com/newsarticledetail.aspx?id=4294999004>

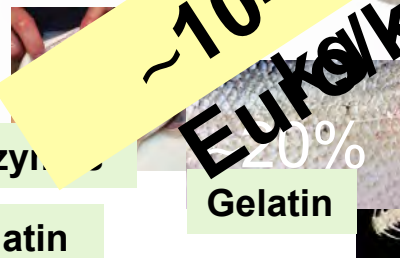
4. <http://www.alibaba.com/showroom>

5. RUBIN report nr. 4613/111

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pH-shift processing of mussels



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Protein yield

Acid process, isolated mussel meat	43%
Alkaline process, isolated mussel meat	58%
Acid process, whole mussels	31%
Alkaline process, whole mussels	48%

Changes in dioxins/dioxin-like PCB's during pH-shift processing of Baltic herring

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		Herring mince	Protein isolate
Fat %	(On	7.1	2.1
80% water basis)			
Dioxins TEQ	(pg/	5.7	2.0
g, on 80% water basis)			
Dioxin-like PCB's TEQ		3.3	1.0
(pg/g, on 80% water basis)			

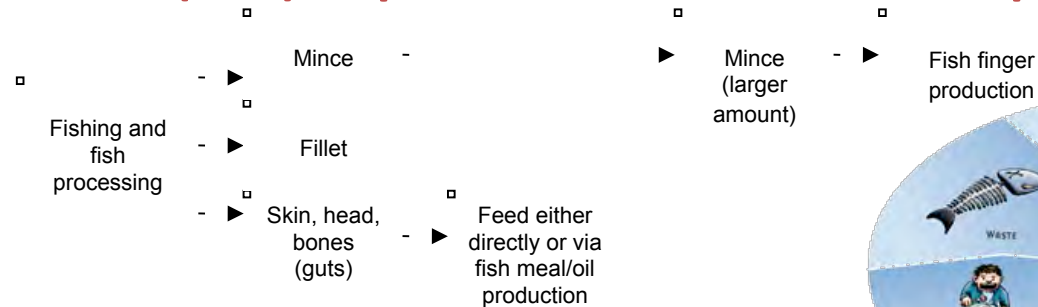
* Average value based on isolates from acid and alkaline processing

EU limits: 4/8 pg/g

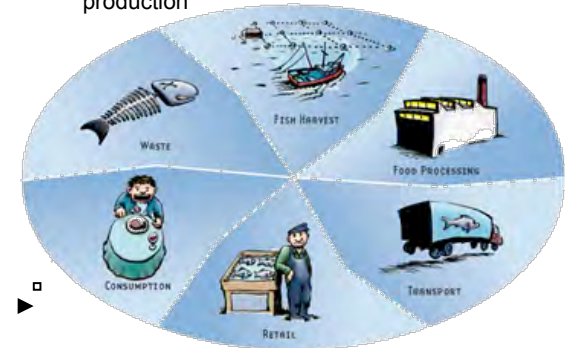
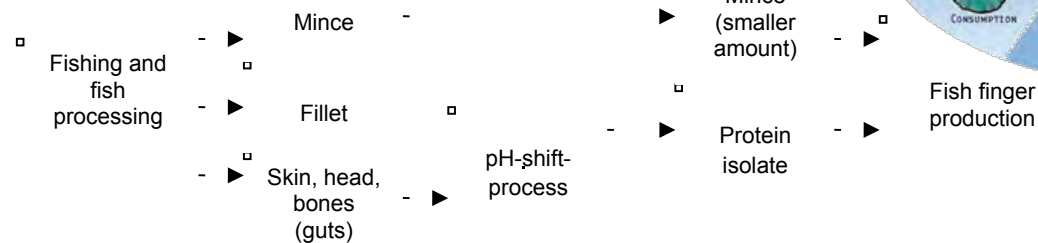
This herring: 5.7/9 pg/g → 2/3 pg/g

Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) of protein isolation with the pH-shift process

Today's use of by- products:



Tomorrow's use of by-products:



by In an up-scaling project coordinated by Chalmers (and funded EU-structural funds – project 31-652-08), SIK has evaluated the environmental burden coupled to the protein isolate production using Life Cycle Assessment (LCA). LCA is a method for accounting the environmental performance of a product through the whole chain from cradle to grave, or certain steps in the product's life cycle, regarding the impact categories chosen. In this study greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) as well as energy use was assessed. In addition a Life Cycle Costing (LCC) analysis was performed, where the price of producing the protein isolate was calculated, and economic hotspots were identified. The raw material used for processing was cod back bones.

Results showed, not surprisingly, that the main environmental burden lies in the fishing phase where diesel is used as fuel and refrigerants are used to preserve the fish. Hence the contribution from the process for extracting the protein is not of major importance for neither the climate gas emissions nor the energy consumption coupled to the protein isolate.

Changes in DTX-1 during pH-shift processing of mussels

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	DTX-1 µg/kg (80% moisture basis)
Mussel mince	800
Protein isolate (acid process)	65
Protein isolate (alkaline process)	135

EU limit 160µg/kg mussel meat

Major value increases and environmental gains to expect if moving further than fillets, fish meal and biogas!

Consumer attitudes, terminology, techniques and entrepreneurship/courage will be decisive!



Vi måste se bortom lax- och torskfilén....

Grillade sardiner



"Sotare"



Torsknacke



Torsklever



Torskkinder



Fiskmage



Tilapiafenor



Fiskgelatin



Fiskprotein



DNA-salter



Fiskpeptider



Fiskmølje



The problem: *The fishing industry yields large amounts of poorly utilized fish proteins → low income & not sustainable*



Total consum fish landed
in Sweden 2011*:
100 000 tonnes

Total "fodder fish" landed by
Swedish boats 2011:
93 000 tonnes



Fillet: ~56% w/w

Guts: ~12%

Frame: ~21%

~1-2.20 SEK/kg!



Muscle: 45-50%

~ 15 500 tonnes muscle

Protein: ~18%

~3000 tonnes proteins

~2.8 million tonnes proteins

~ 24 000 tonnes proteins

~2.8 million tonnes proteins

*Incl aquaculture

Sources: FAO, RUBIN, VRF, Sintef, Nofima, Havs och Vattenmyndigheten

Some conclusions

- The pH-shift process very promising for complex bone/shell structures- "2nd generation use"
- Protein yields from herring, cod frames/heads and mussels; 50-70%
- Excellent removal of ash, good removal of lipids, toxins & pigments
- Decent protein functionality of gels produced
- The acid process often gives better recoveries while the alkaline process often perform better in other aspects
- Each new raw material is a new case
- The factor determining success depend on your application
- Among future challenges are process simplifications and colour/stability improvements

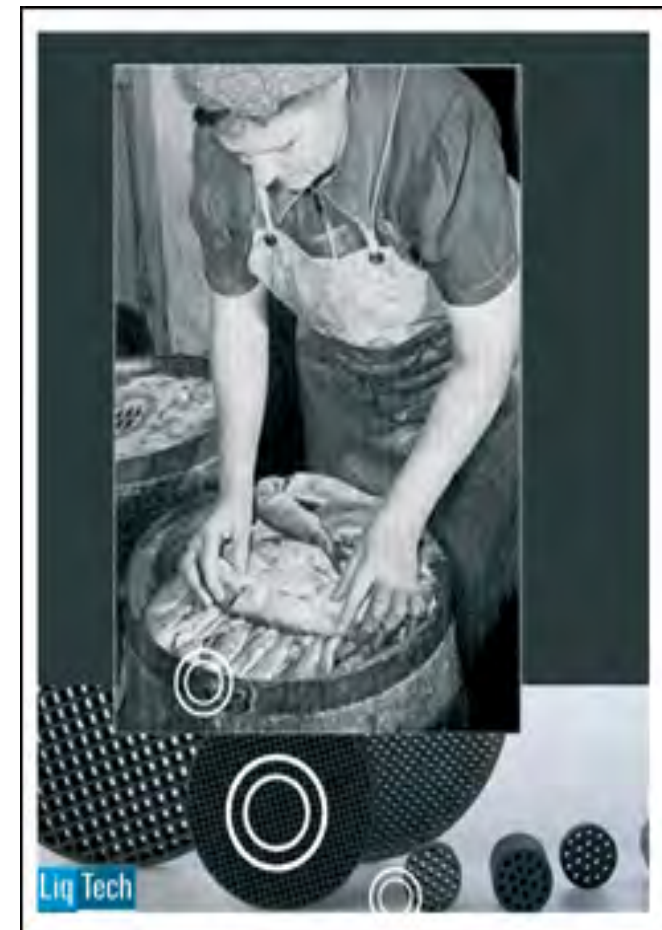
Maximera nyttjandet av vätskeströmmar från fiskindustrin

PIPE projektet

➤ **P**elagic **I**ndustry **P**rocessing **E**ffluents:
Innovative and sustainable solutions

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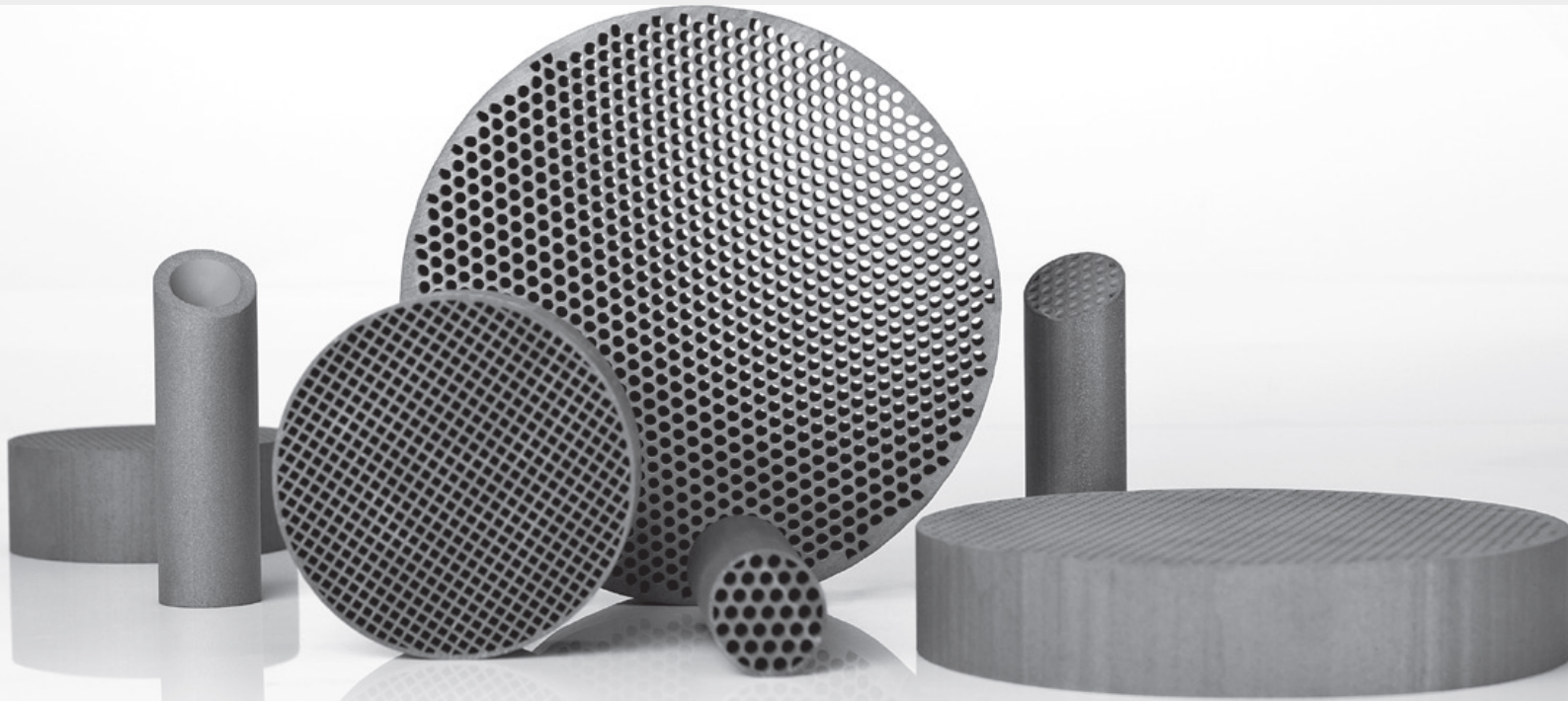


*Fiskindustrin, speciellt sillindustrin,
konsumerar mycket vatten....*



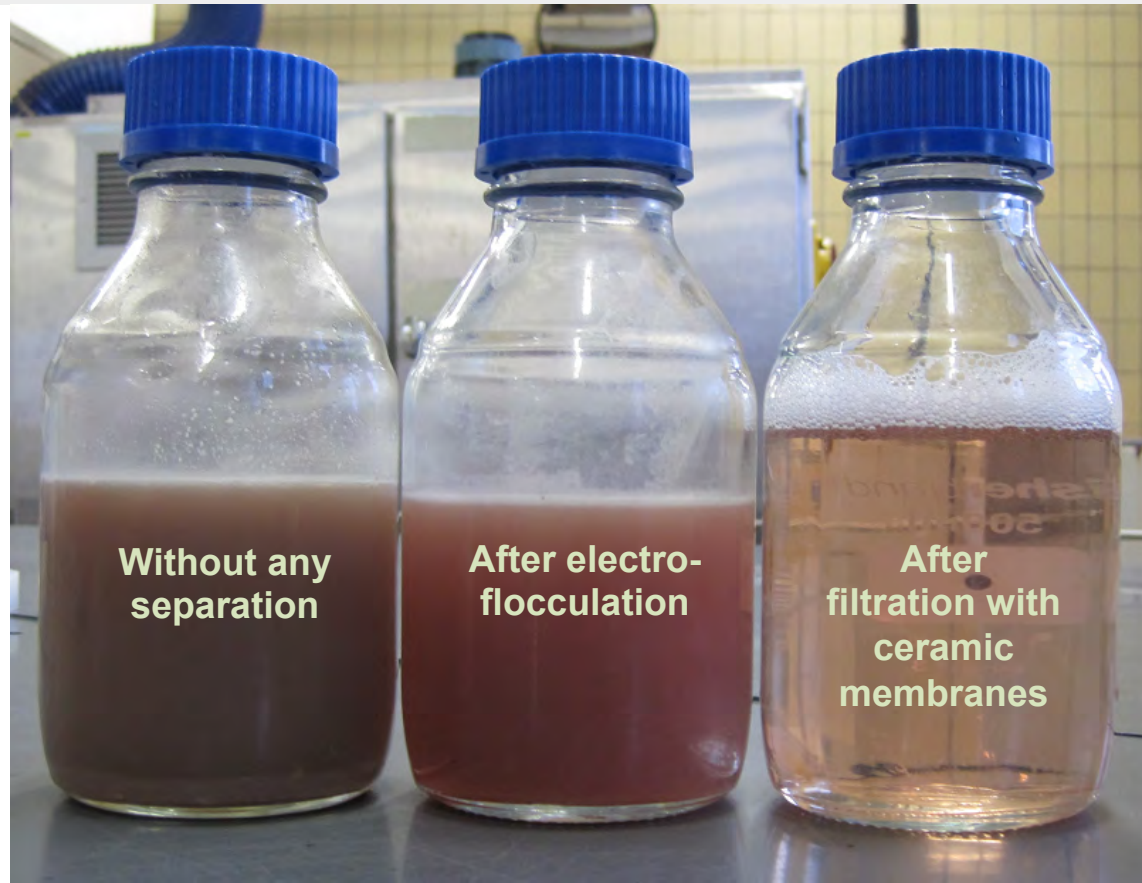
*....och genererar spännande
sidoströmmar med
upp till 7% protein och 2,5% fett!*

*Utmaning: bra tekniker och processkunskap
krävs för att ta tillvara på dessa ämnen!*



Keramiska filter

Pilottest för att koncentrera värdefulla ämnen från sill_



How to isolate *intact* muscle proteins from complex structures rich in bones and skin

- **Pressing/squeezing** with e.g. a belt drum
- Acid or alkaline solubilization followed by isoelectric precipitation, so called **pH-shift processing**

