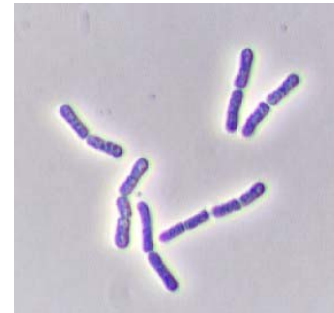


# *Malolactic fermentation 2005*

*R-e-s-p-e-c-t  
the bacteria in your wines  
and  
manage your MLF*

# *BACTERIA IN MUST & WINE*



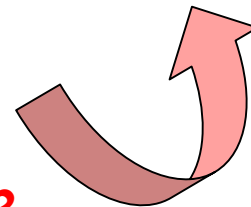
■ *Only a few bacteria are adapted to survive in wine*

*alcohol  
acidity*

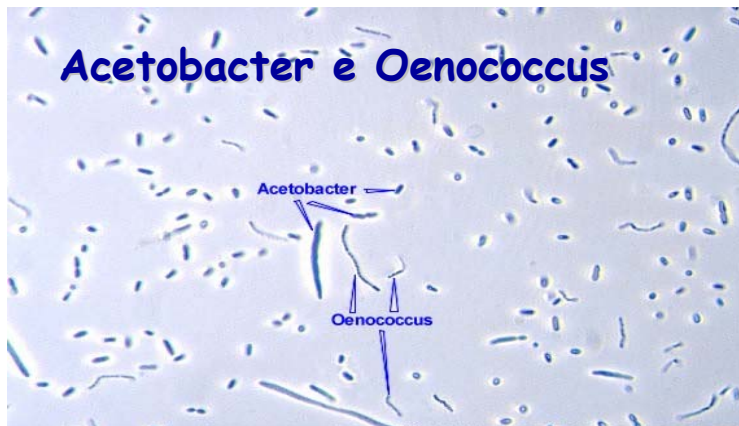
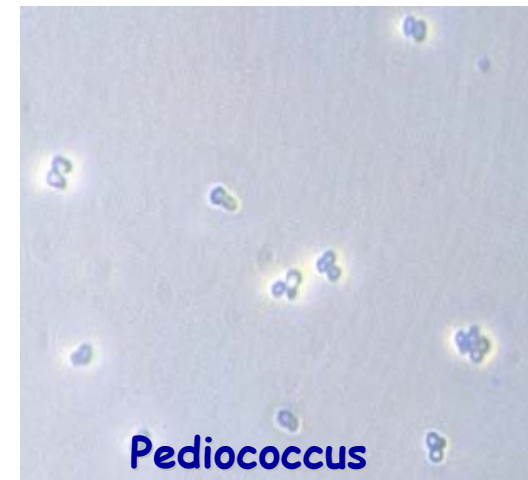
*Low pH???*

*SO<sub>2</sub>*

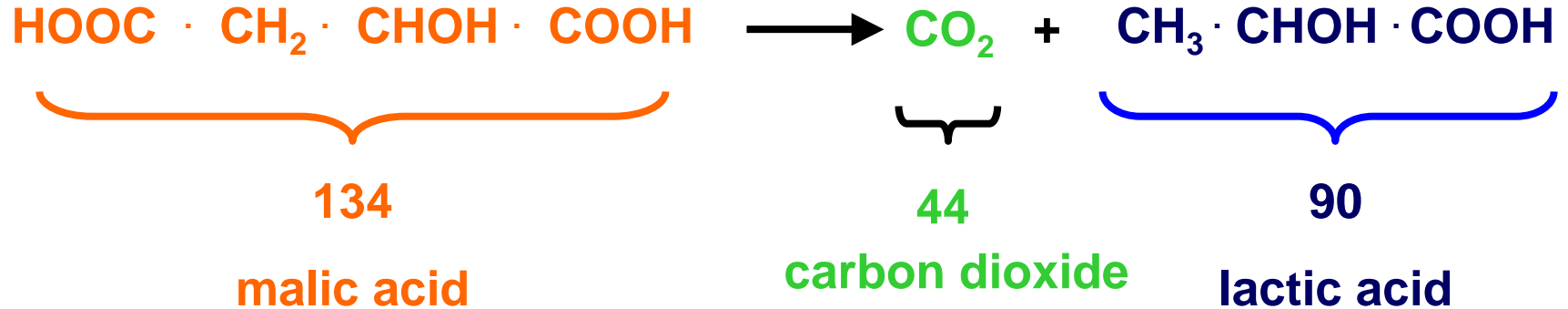
*Nutrient deficiency*



# *Microflora in must and wine*



# THE CHEMISTRY...

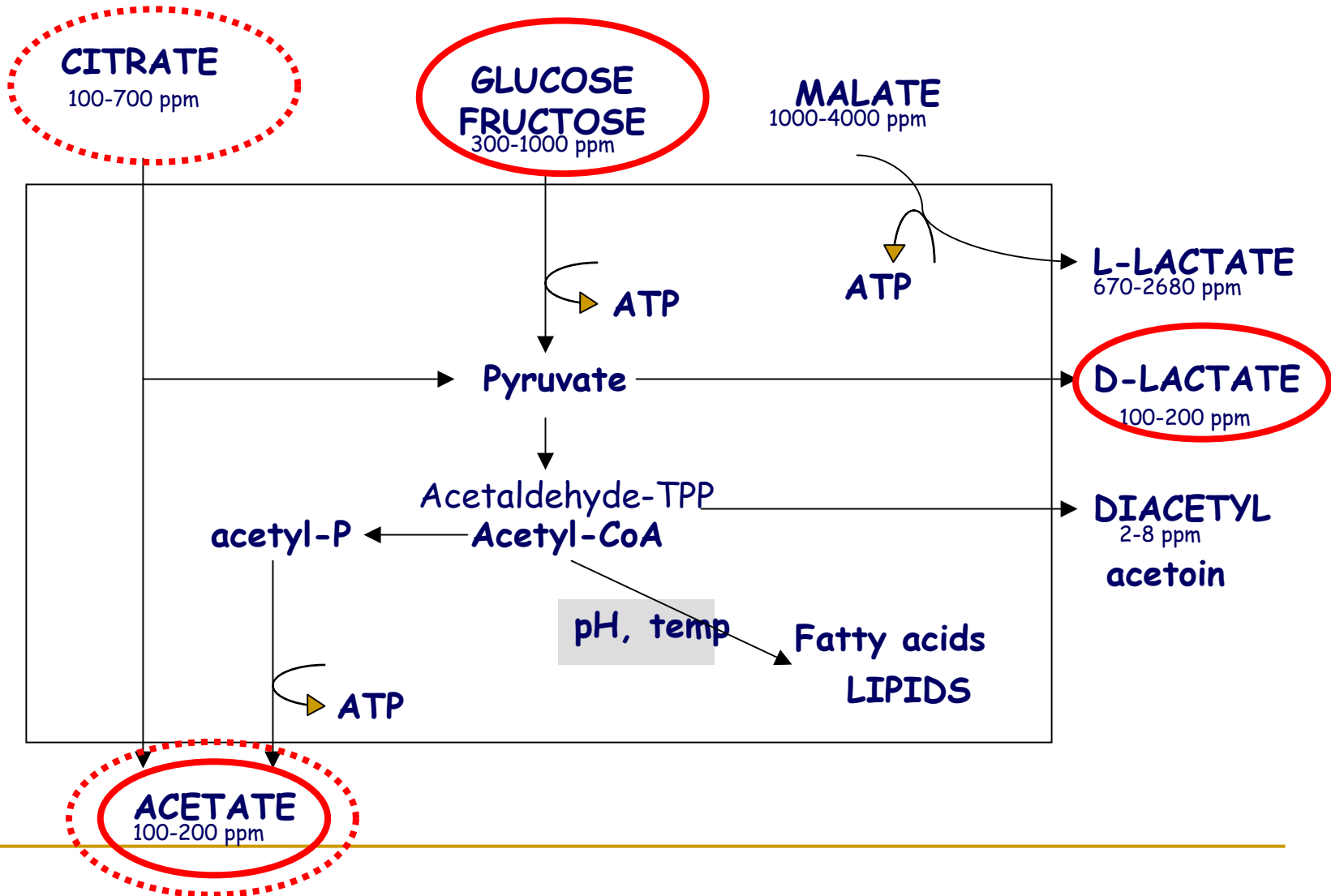


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# THE CHEMISTRY

- L (-) malic acid converted into L(+) lactic acid (commercial additions of D(+) will remain untouched).
- Not really a 'fermentation' as no energy is produced
- Reduction of acidity by 1-3 g/L
- Addition of diacetyl: good or bad?

# Metabolism in heterofermentative Lactic Acid Bacteria



# Bacteria found in must and in wine

## LACTIC ACID BACTERIA

fermentation:



***Oenococcus oeni* (ex *Leuc. oenos*)**

**hetero**

***Leuconostoc mesenteroides***

**hetero**

***Lactobacillus plantarum***

**homo**

***Lactobacillus casei***

**homo**

***Lactobacillus brevis***

**hetero**

***Pediococcus damnosus***

**homo**

***Pediococcus pentosaceus***

**homo**

## ACETIC BACTERIA

***Gluconobacter oxydans***

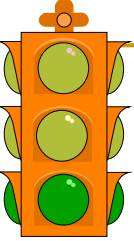
**sugars**

***Acetobacter aceti***

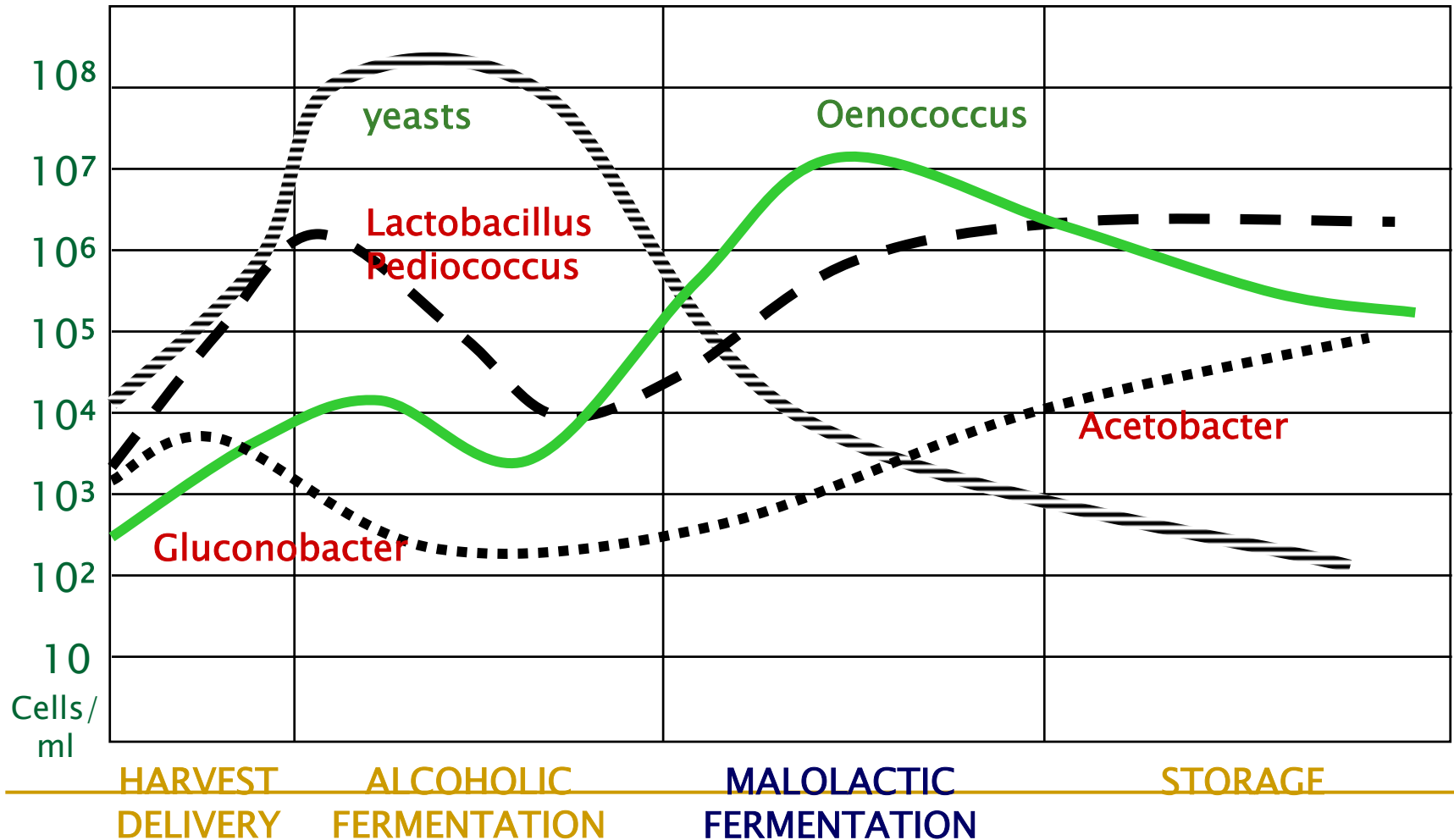
**ethanol**

***Acetobacter pasteurianus***

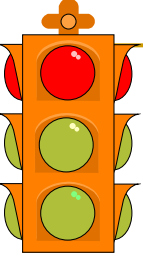
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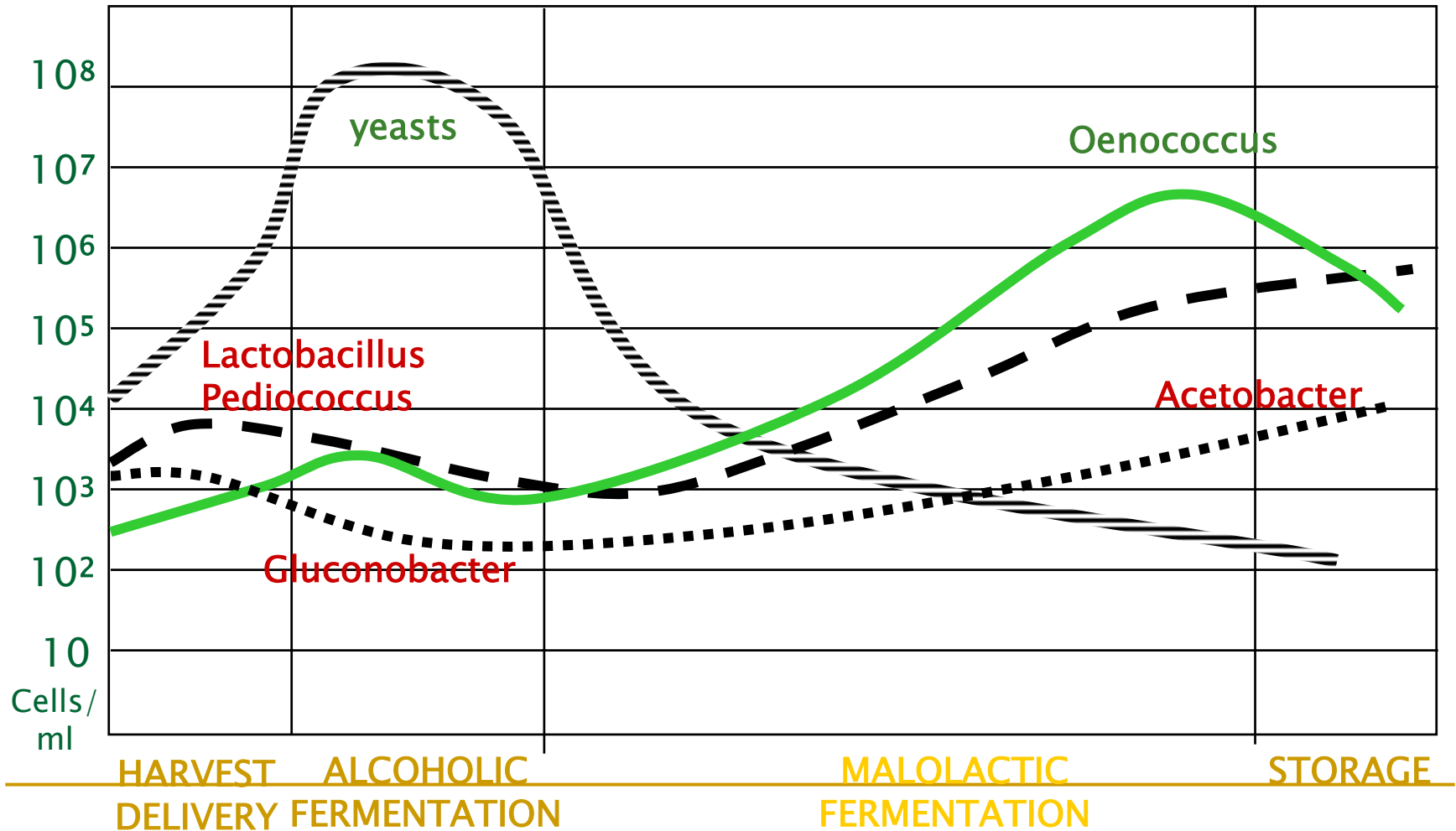
# BACTERIA EVOLUTION UNDER FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS







# BACTERIA EVOLUTION UNDER DIFFICULT CONDITIONS



# *Most important parameters*

## CHEMICAL/PHYSICAL

*SO<sub>2</sub> > pH > temperature > alcohol*

## NUTRIENTS

*(achtung! O. Oeni cannot use ammonia)*

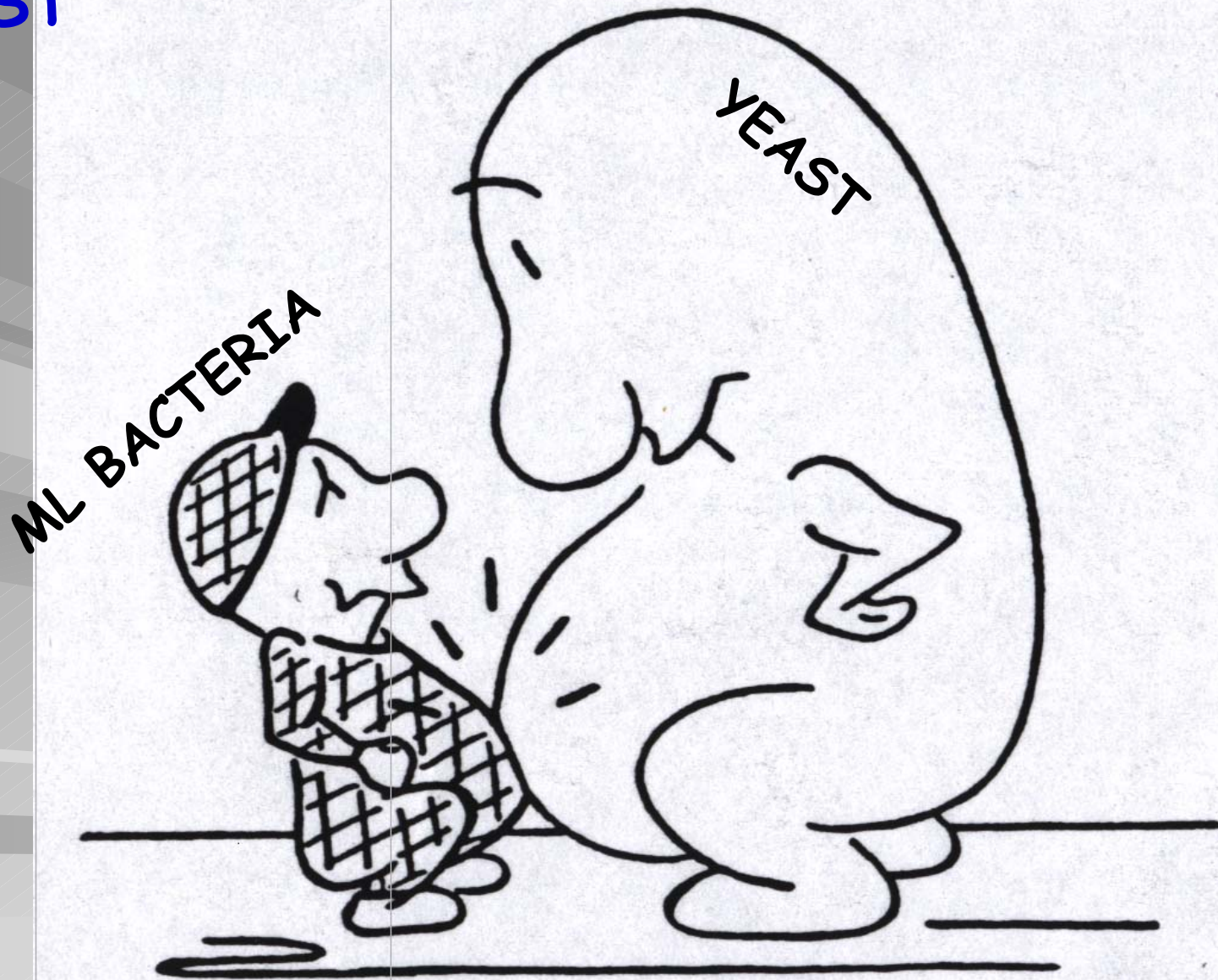
## MICROBIOLOGICAL

*Influence of the wine yeast from AF*

# POSSIBLE INTERACTIONS BETWEEN YEAST & ML BACTERIA

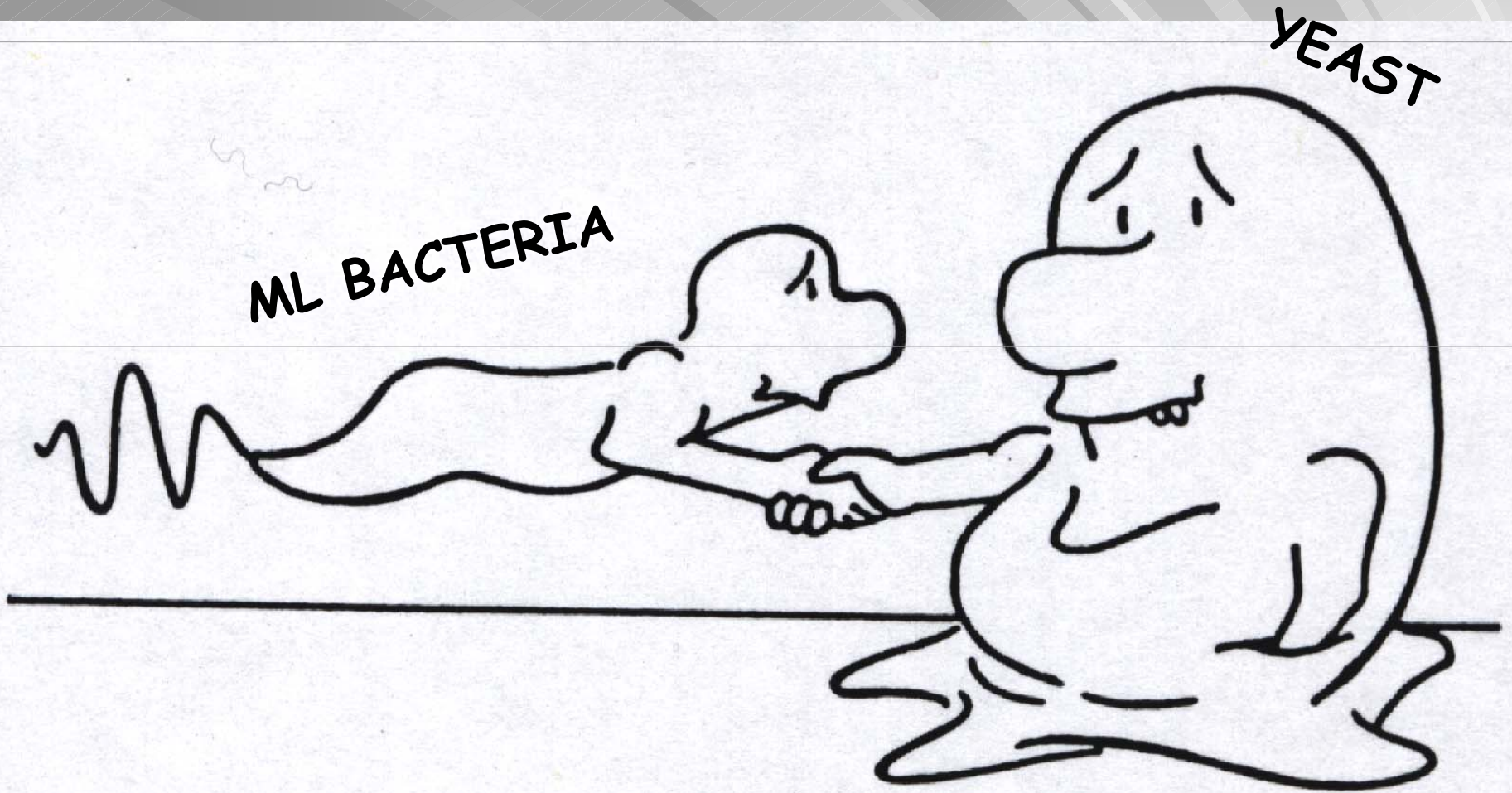


# INHIBITION OF OENOCOCCUS OENI BY THE YEAST

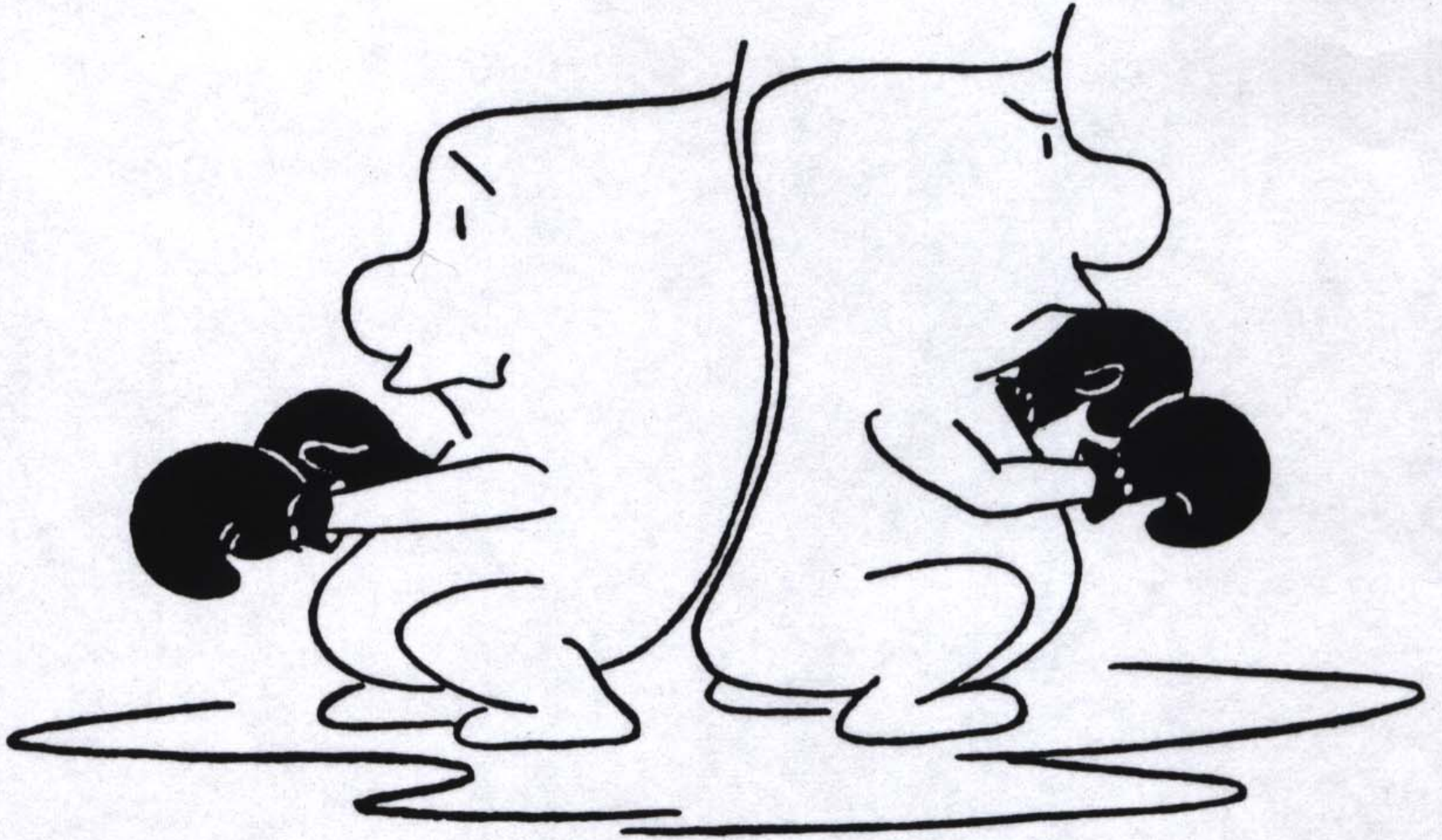




# STIMULATION OF OENOCOCCUS OENI BY THE YEAST

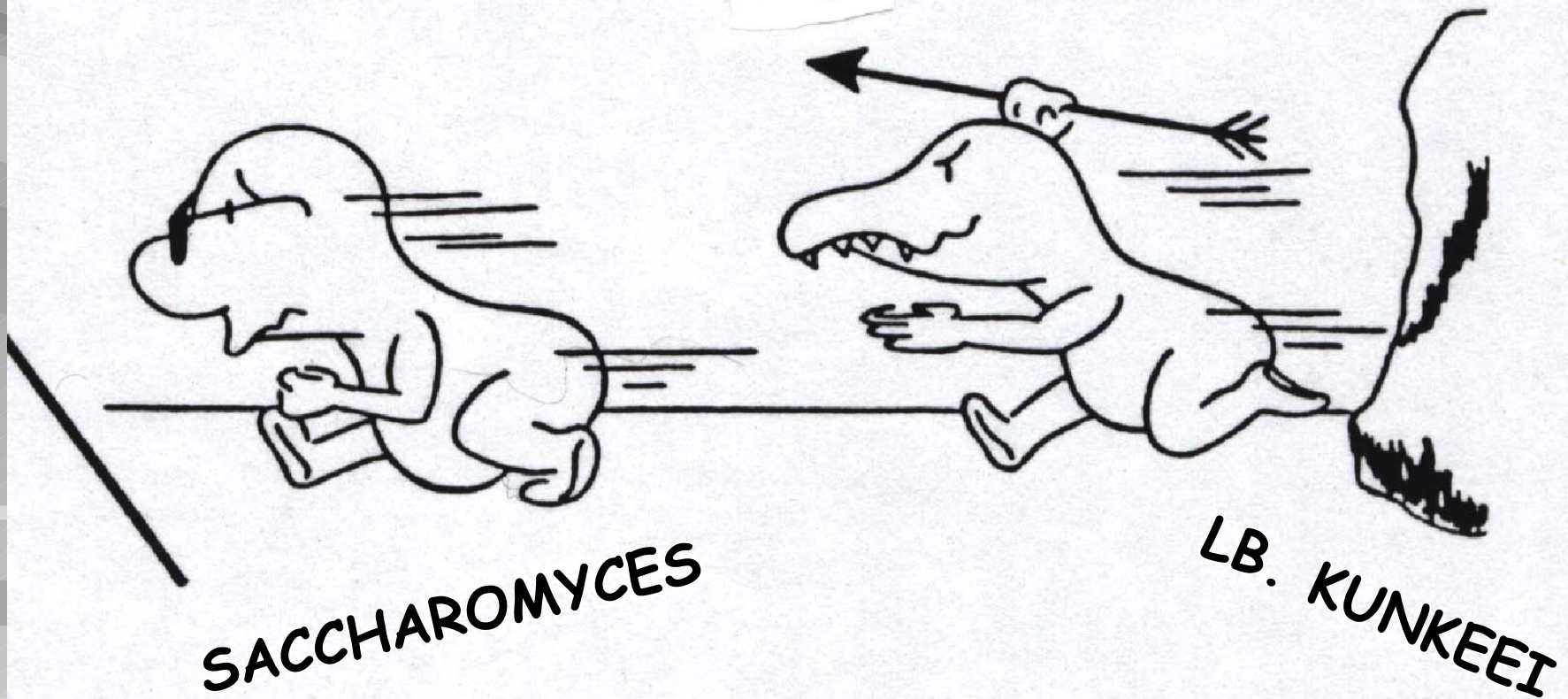


NO INFLUENCE = INDIFFERENT



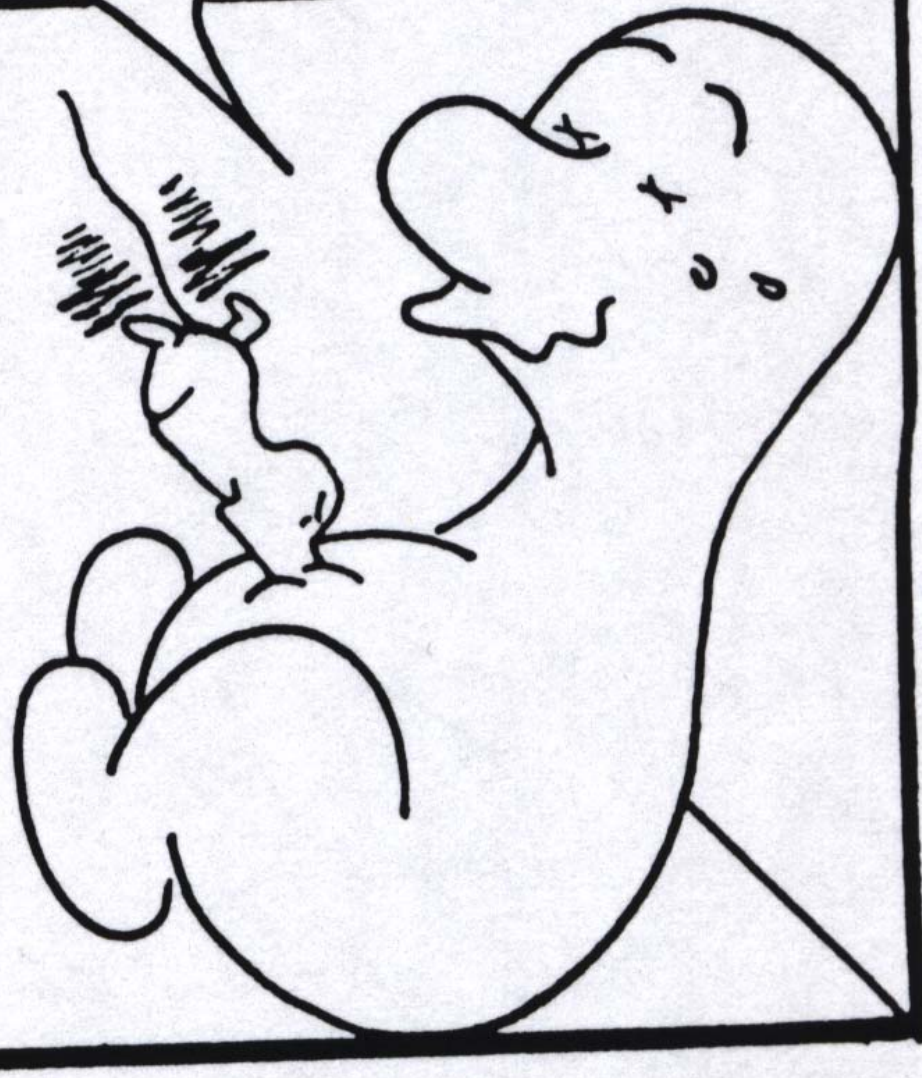


**IN SOME CASES INHIBITION OF  
SACCHAROMYCES CEREVISIAE BY WILD  
LACTIC ACID BACTERIA WAS REPORTED**



Ha Ha Ha Ha... stop it,  
Bdello... heeheehee...

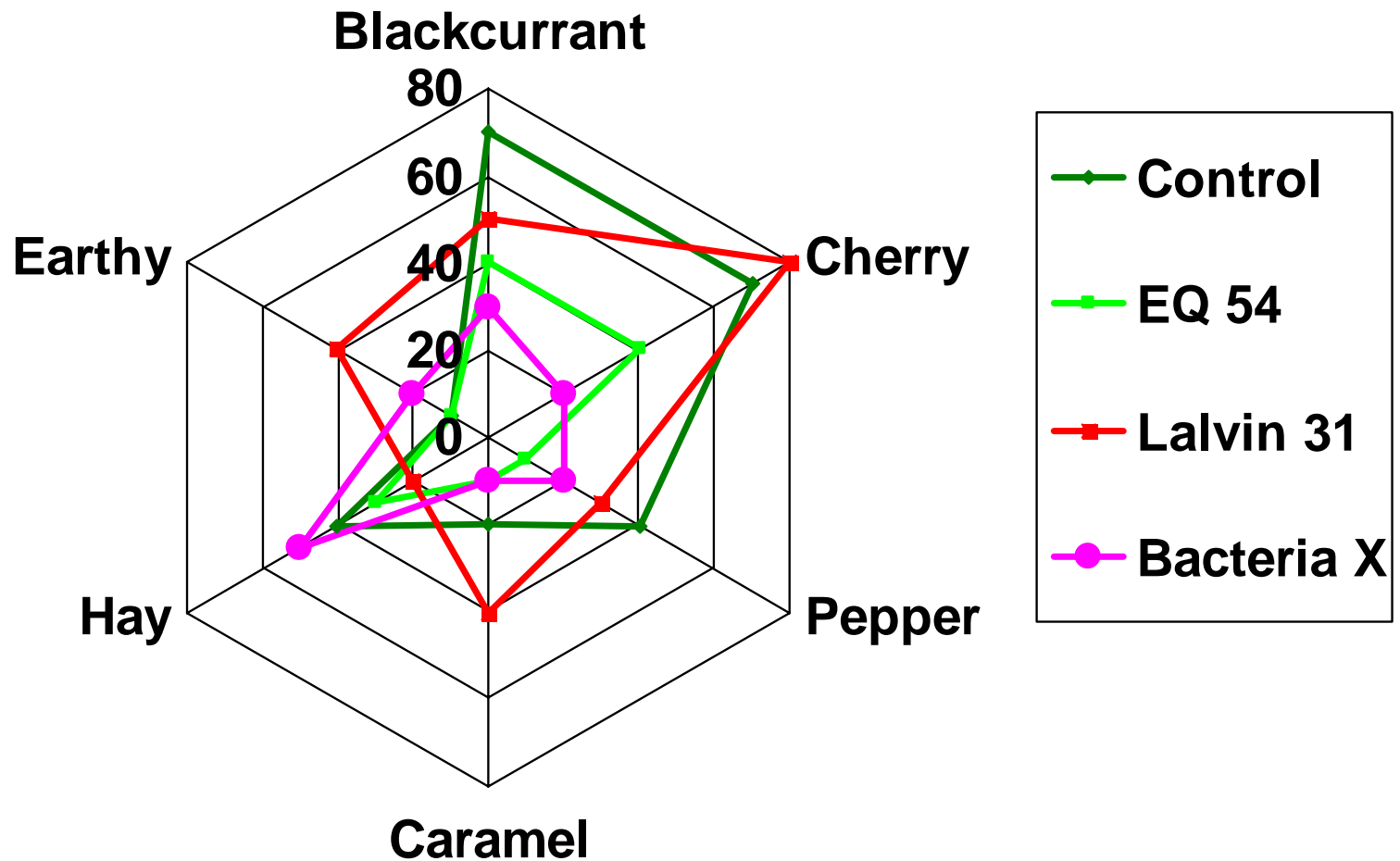
IN SOME CASES THEY  
EVEN CAN HAVE MUCH  
FUN





# ITV 99 - Tasting

## Pinot noir – Qualitative differences



# ML Properties based on organoleptic properties

Maintain fruit characteristics

## WHITE WINES

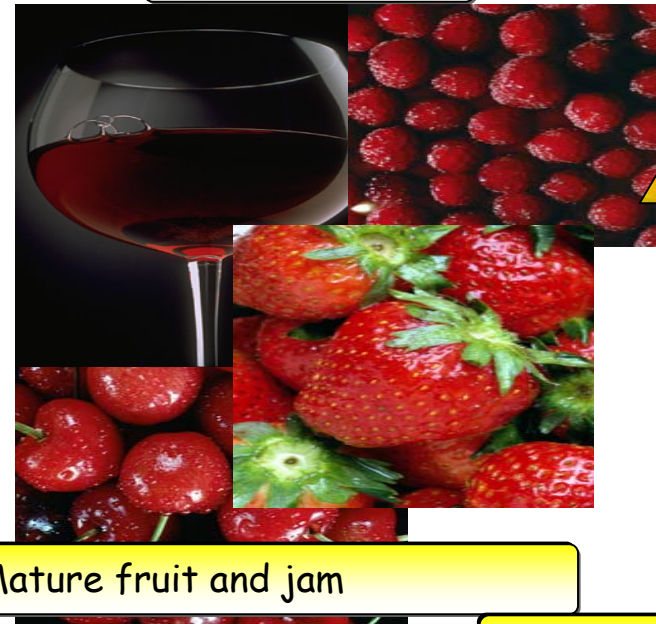


- tropical fruit,
- vanilla in barrel fermentation
- peach and melon characteristics

Reduction of vegetal aromas



## RED WINES



Mature fruit and jam

Increase

**MOUTHFEEL:** volume and balance in mouth

Heightened



**Uncontrolled Malolactic Fermentation...**

***THE MASKS...***

**(MLF Sensory Defects Kit) presented by...**

**Dr. Sibylle Krieger**

**Didier Theodore**

**Dr. Antonio Palacios**

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## **Winemakers are concerned with:**

- Limiting chemical inputs (optimizing the SO<sub>2</sub> dosage).
- Limiting health risk concerns and spoilage (low biogenic amines).
- Avoiding heavy curative treatments of clarification, filtration y stabilization.
- Developing and stabilizing positive aromas tannin perception.
- Maintaining quality through the winemaking process

# Wine bacteria: The drawbacks...

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- Volatile Acidity
- Too much Diacetyl
- Undesirable Aromas & Flavors
- Varietal character loss
- Color loss
- Ethyl Carbamate
- Biogenic Amines
- Geranium Aromas

**The Usual**  
**Suspects:**  
Some  
*Oenococcus*  
Many  
*Lactobacillus*  
Many  
*Pediococcus*

# Wine Bacteria:

## The positive side...

- Lowering acidity
- Ethyl Lactate / Diacetyl
- Varietal aroma enhancement
- Reducing Vegetative notes
- Rounding the mouthfeel
- Lowering astringency
- Lowering bitterness
- Increasing complexity
- Lowering overall SO<sub>2</sub>

The Usual  
Suspects:  
Some  
*Oenococcus*

# Ethyl Lactate







# Ethyl Lactate Aroma

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- Formed mainly during MLF.
- Low levels contribute mouthfeel volume.
- High concentrations add milk and yogurt aromas.
- Above 15 mg/L is usually considered negative in wines.



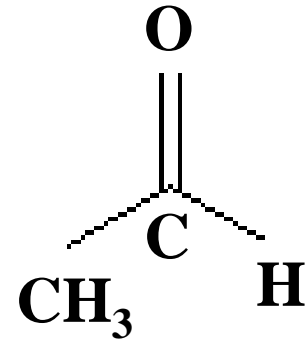


# Acetaldehyde



# ACETALDEHYDE

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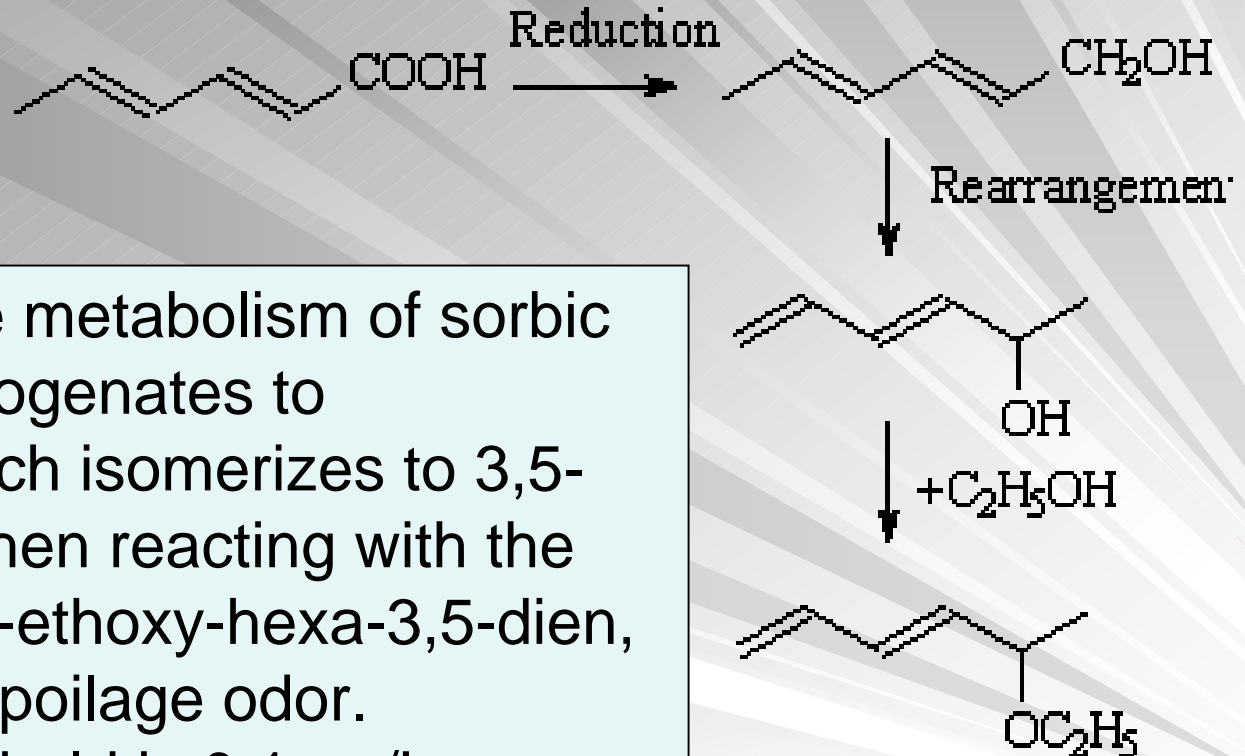
- ➔ Threshold detection ~ 100 mg/L.
- ➔ Odor: overripe apple, fish in vinegar, “oxidation”.
- ➔ Sometimes formed during MLF, and other times its levels are reduced.
- ➔ Normally the levels are reduced by binding with free SO<sub>2</sub>.



# Geranium Odor



# GERANIUM ODOR



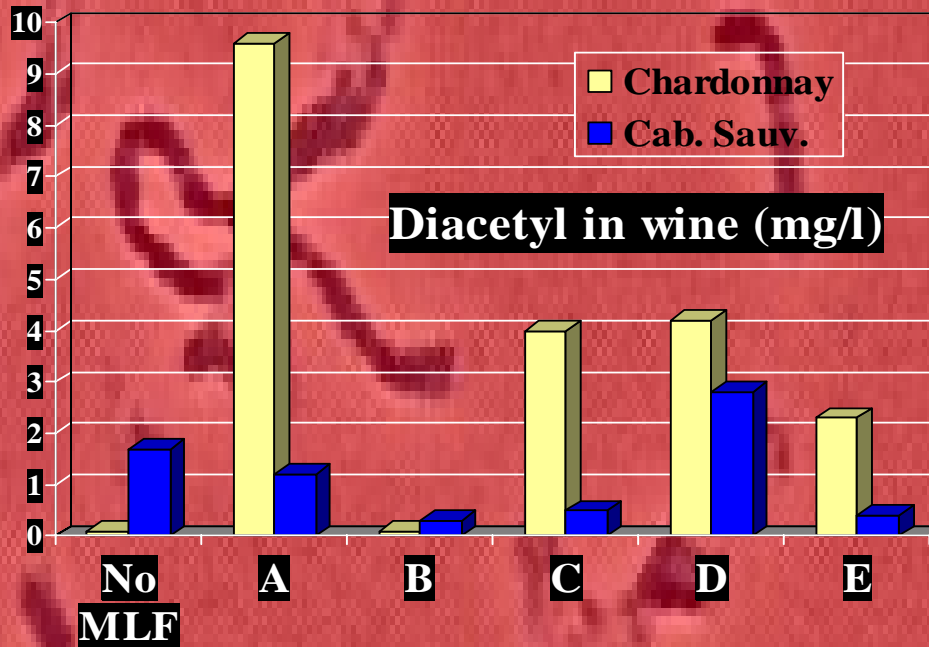
- ➔ Derived from the metabolism of sorbic acid, which hydrogenates to SORBINOL, which isomerizes to 3,5-Hexadien-2-ol, then reacting with the ethanol part of 2-ethoxy-hexa-3,5-dien, resulting in the spoilage odor.
- ➔ Perception threshold is 0,1 µg/L.
- ➔ *O. oeni* has low a production.
- ➔ Not a problem in beverages without ethanol.

# Diacetyl



# Diacetyl Impact

Bacteria Strain Diacetyl Production



- 5-14 mg/L

Butter

- 2- 4 mg/L

nutty

caramel

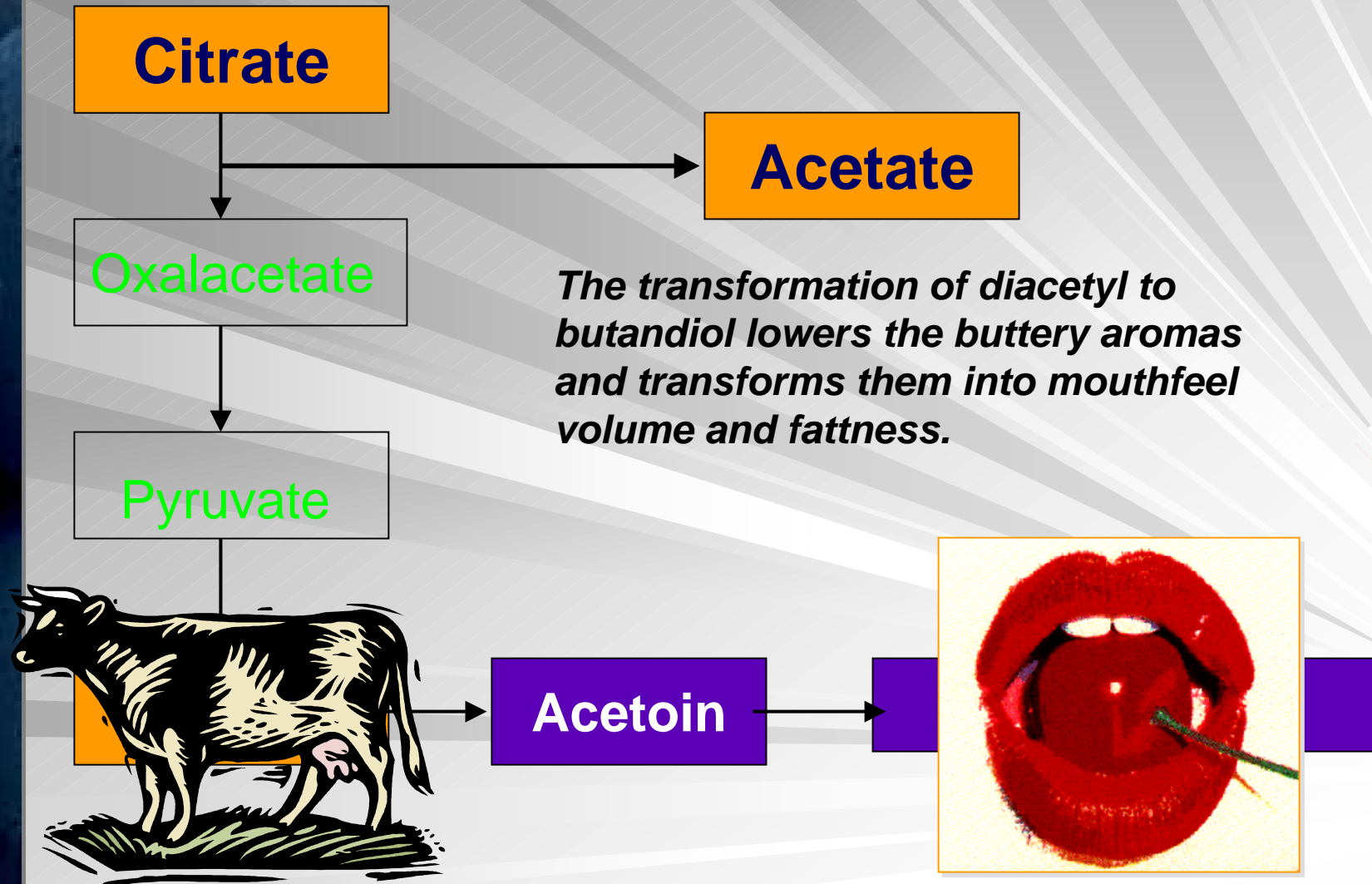
yeasty

honey

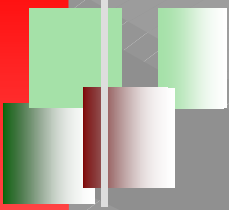
(threshold > reds)

*The final concentration depends on the bacteria strain used for the MLF & on its citric acid metabolism*

# Metabolism of citrate by *Oenococcus oeni* and the transformation of diacetyl by yeasts







# Biogenic Amines





# MECHANISM OF BIOGENIC AMINE FORMATION

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Biogenic Amines ← Decarboxylation ← Amino Acids ← Proteins

Decarboxylation of amino acids,  
Ex.: histidine decarboxylase for  
histamine

*Biogenic amines are unhealthy (histamine) and also contribute negative sensory compounds (putrescine & cadaverine)*

# BIOGENIC AMINE FORMATION: examples

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## Amino acids – Biogenic Amines

Histidine

**Histamine**

Tyrosine

Tyramine

Lysine

**Cadaverine**

Arginine

**Putrescine**

Arginine

Espermine

Arginine

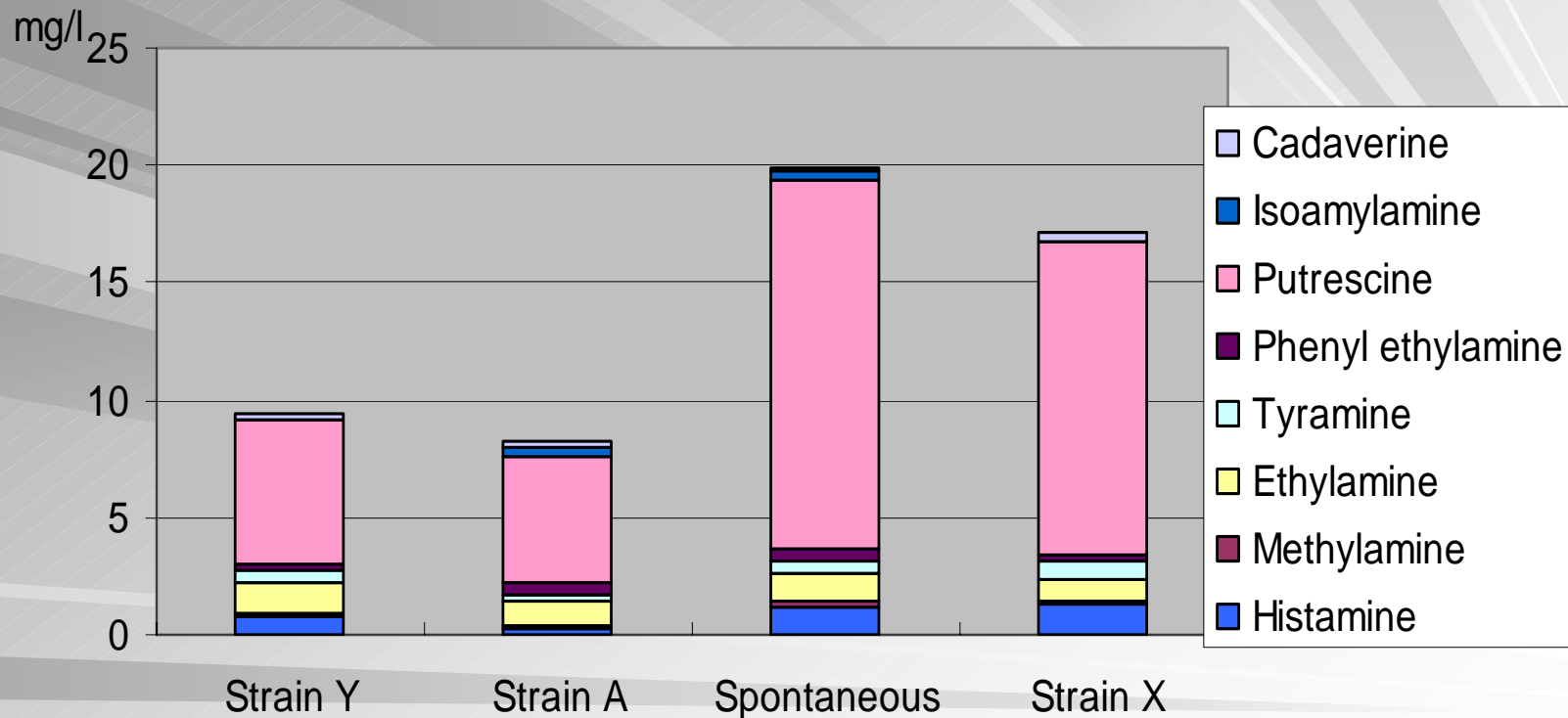
Epermidine

Ethanolamine

Phenylethylamine

Isopentylamine

# Lactic Acid Bacteria Strain Influence on Concentration of Biogenic Amines after MLF



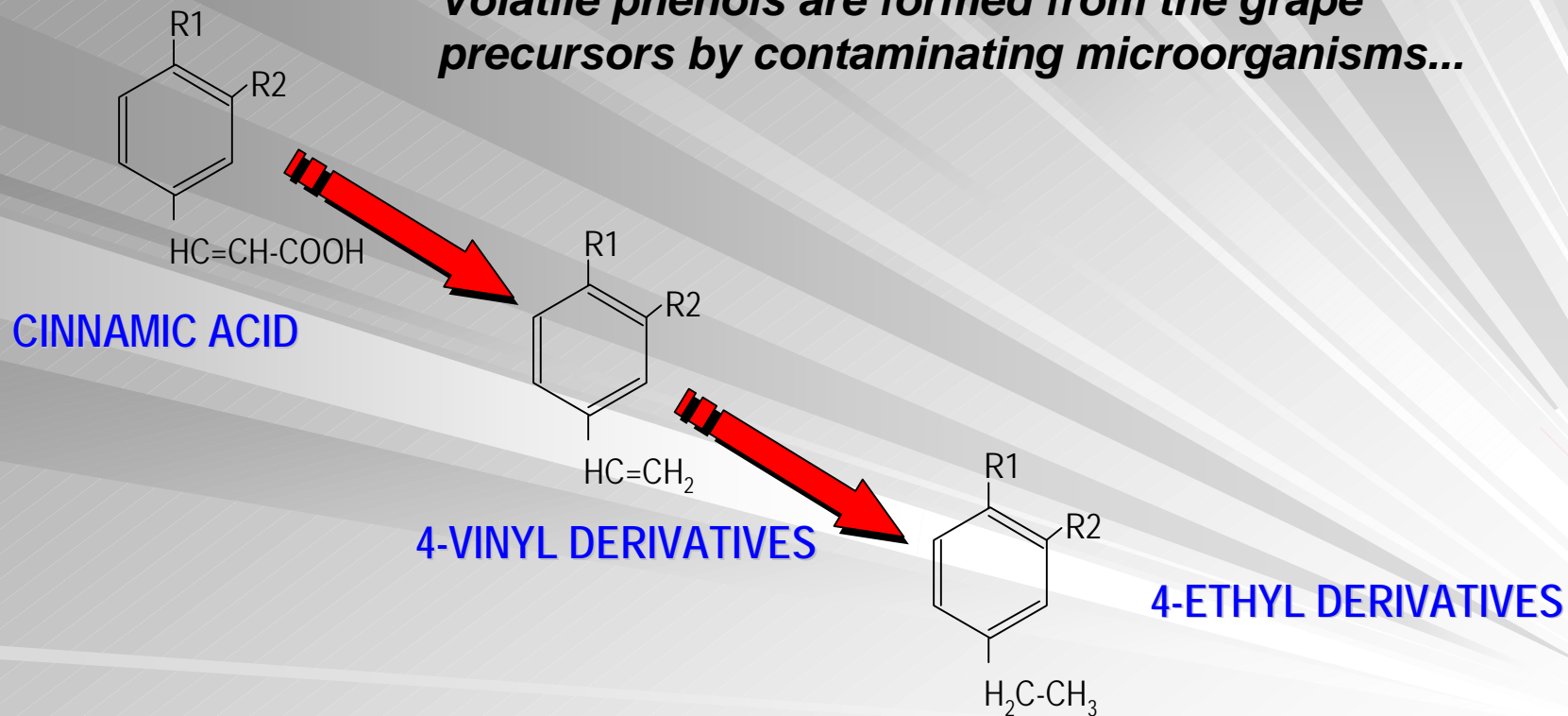
***Putrescine, a putrid “dirty sponge” aroma, is the highest contributor to Biogenic Amines in this trial.***

# Volatile Phenols



# *Lactobacillus* can produce volatile phenols

*Volatile phenols are formed from the grape precursors by contaminating microorganisms...*



Activity of  
*Lactobacillus plantarum*

# Brettanomyces Contamination...

## The Problem

- Contaminant yeast, responsible for the formation in wine of volatile phenols resulting in very negative aromas

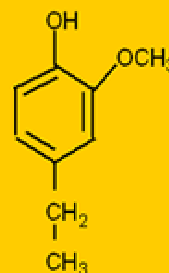
Ethylphenols 4-ethyl phenol

4-ethyl guaiacol

Vinylphenols 4-vinyl phenol

4-vinyl guaiacol

- 4-ethyl phenol results in the descriptors (“poorly cured leather”, “horse sweat”, “used socks”, “horse stables”).



4-ethyl-guaiacol



4-ethyl-phenol

**Threshold perception:**

**Ethyl phenol: 600µg/L**

**Sum of ethyl phenols: 430 µg/L**



# Mousy Off-Flavour

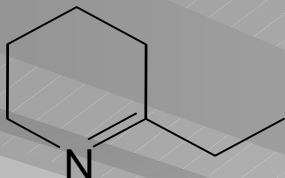




# Causal compounds of Mousy off-flavour

N-heterocyclic bases: 2-ethyltetrahydropyridine, 2-acetyltetrahydropyridine & 2-acetyl-1-pyrroline

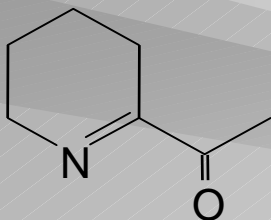
## 2-ethyltetrahydropyridine (ETPY)



Taste threshold (wine): 150 µg/L (Craig & Heresztyn 1984)

Conc'n reported in wines exhibiting mousy off-flavour: 2.7-18.7 µg/L

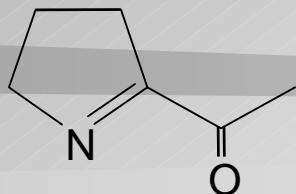
## 2-acetyltetrahydropyridine (ACTPY)



Odour threshold (water): 1.6 µg/L (Teranishi et al. 1975)

Conc'n reported in wines exhibiting mousy off-flavour: 4.8-106 µg/L

## 2-acetyl-1-pyrroline (ACPY)

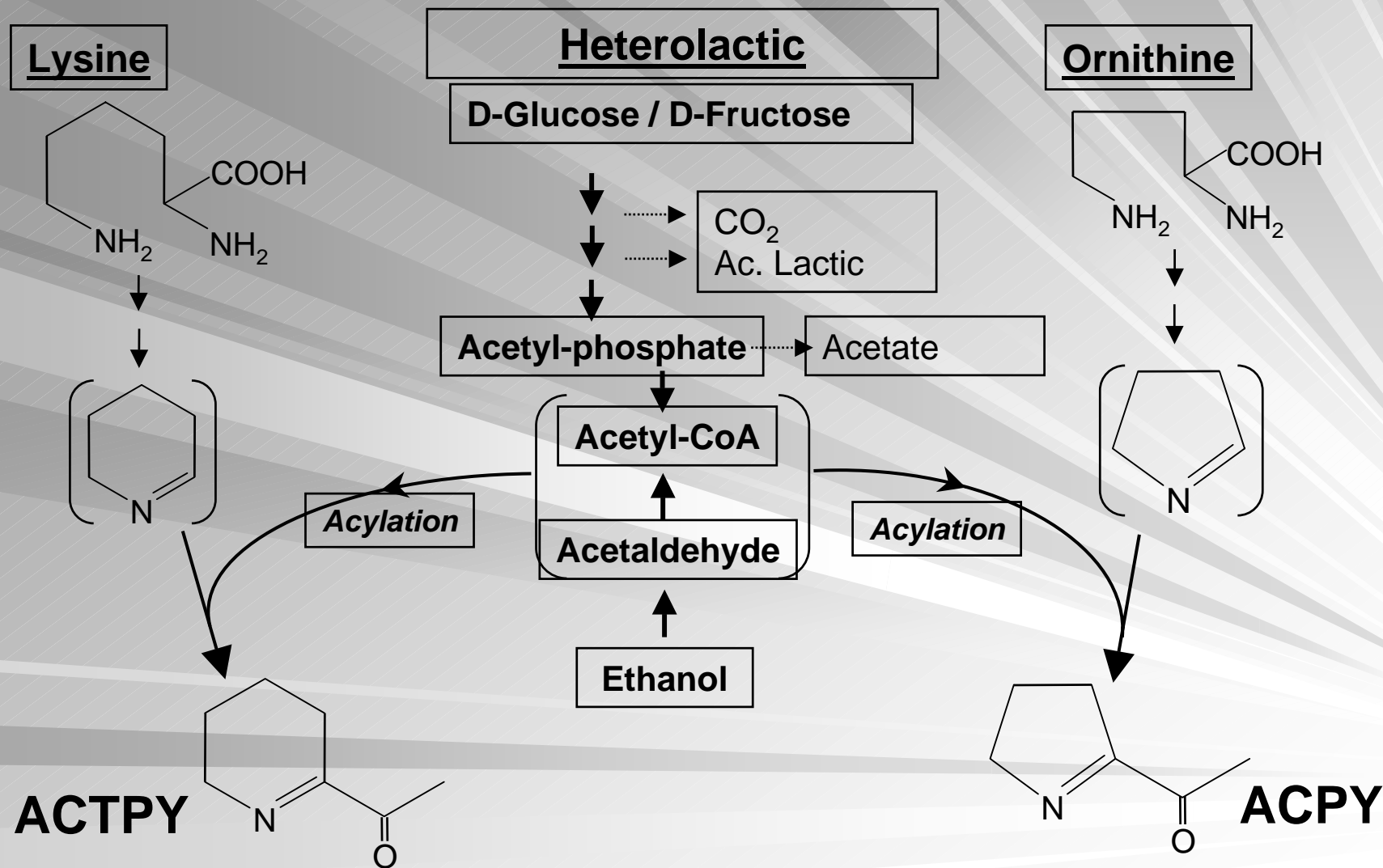


Odour threshold (water): 0.1 µg/L (Buttery et al. 1983)

Conc'n reported in wines exhibiting mousy off-flavour: Tr-7.8 µg/L



# Possible formation pathways of ACTPY & ACPY from *L. hilgardii* DSM 20176



Costello, P.J.; Henschke, P.A. (2002) J. Agric.Food Chem. 50: 7079-7087.

# To avoid these “Masking” components...



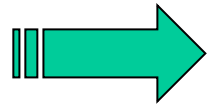
- Limit the duration of lactic bacteria in the wine.
- Control the winery cleanliness to limit spoilage organisms (*Pediococcus*, *Lactobacillus*...)
- Use selected ML bacteria to control the MLF and avoid wine spoilage including biogenic amines.



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# Nitrogen requirements of yeasts



Different demand depending on the strains fermentation temperature and pH

*Jiranek et al., 1991, Manginot et al., 1998, Julien et al., 2000*

**N<sub>2</sub>**

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**N<sub>2</sub>**

71B / QA23 /  
DV10 / BC /  
EC8 / D47 /  
EC1118

EC7 / K1 / D254  
/ CAW / L2056 /  
R2 / RC212 /  
S6U

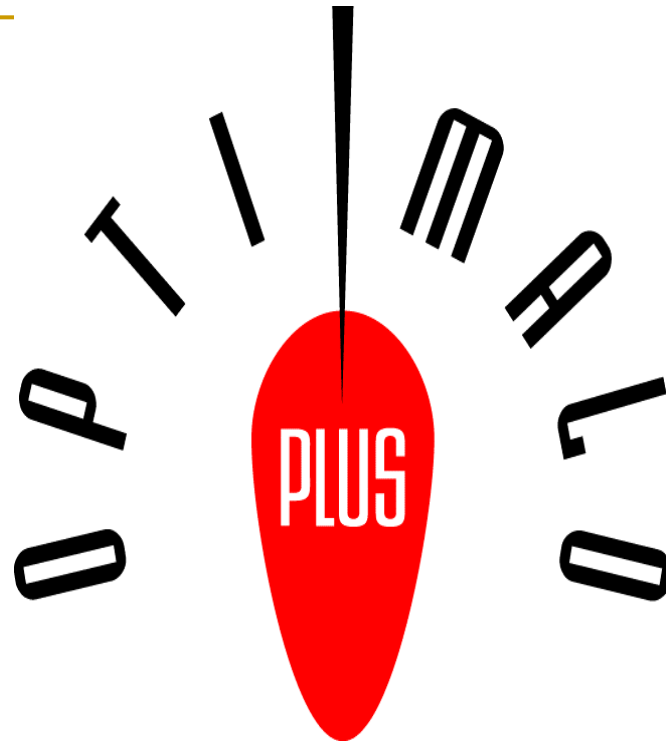
BDX / CSM /  
CY3079 / BM45 /  
K1 marque /  
L2226 / L2323 /  
VL1 / CEG

# Nutrient requirements for *O.oeni*

*Oenococcus oeni*  
(*Leuconostoc oenos*)

does not grow on  
malic acid only

it needs complex nutrients



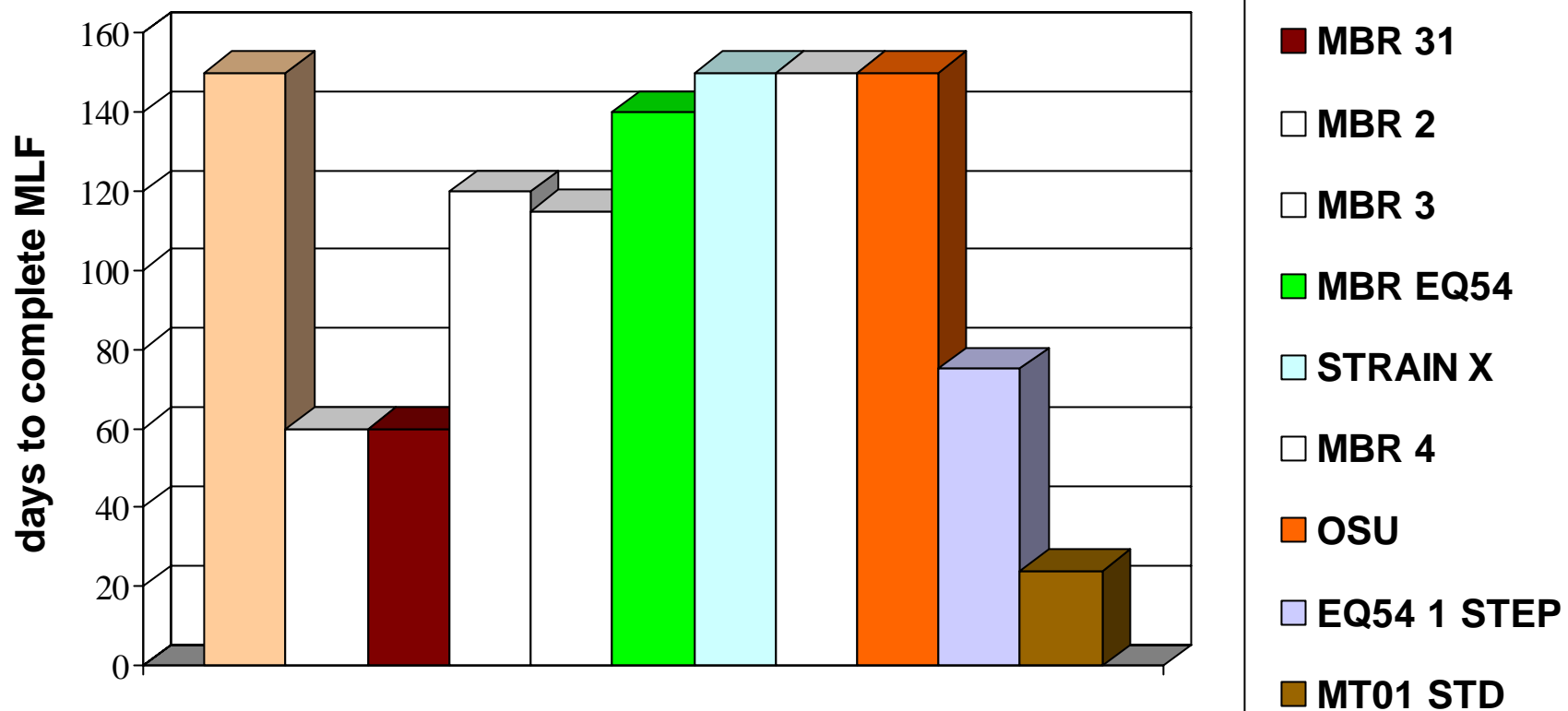
*Improved nutrient formulations  
for *Oenococcus oeni**

# Negative effects of the yeast on the bacteria (inhibition) could be caused by:

- Competition on nutrient level
- Production of inhibitory metabolites
  - $SO_2$
  - $CO_2$
  - Medium chain fatty acids
  - Antibacterial compounds

# **LALVIN MBR** in difficult wine

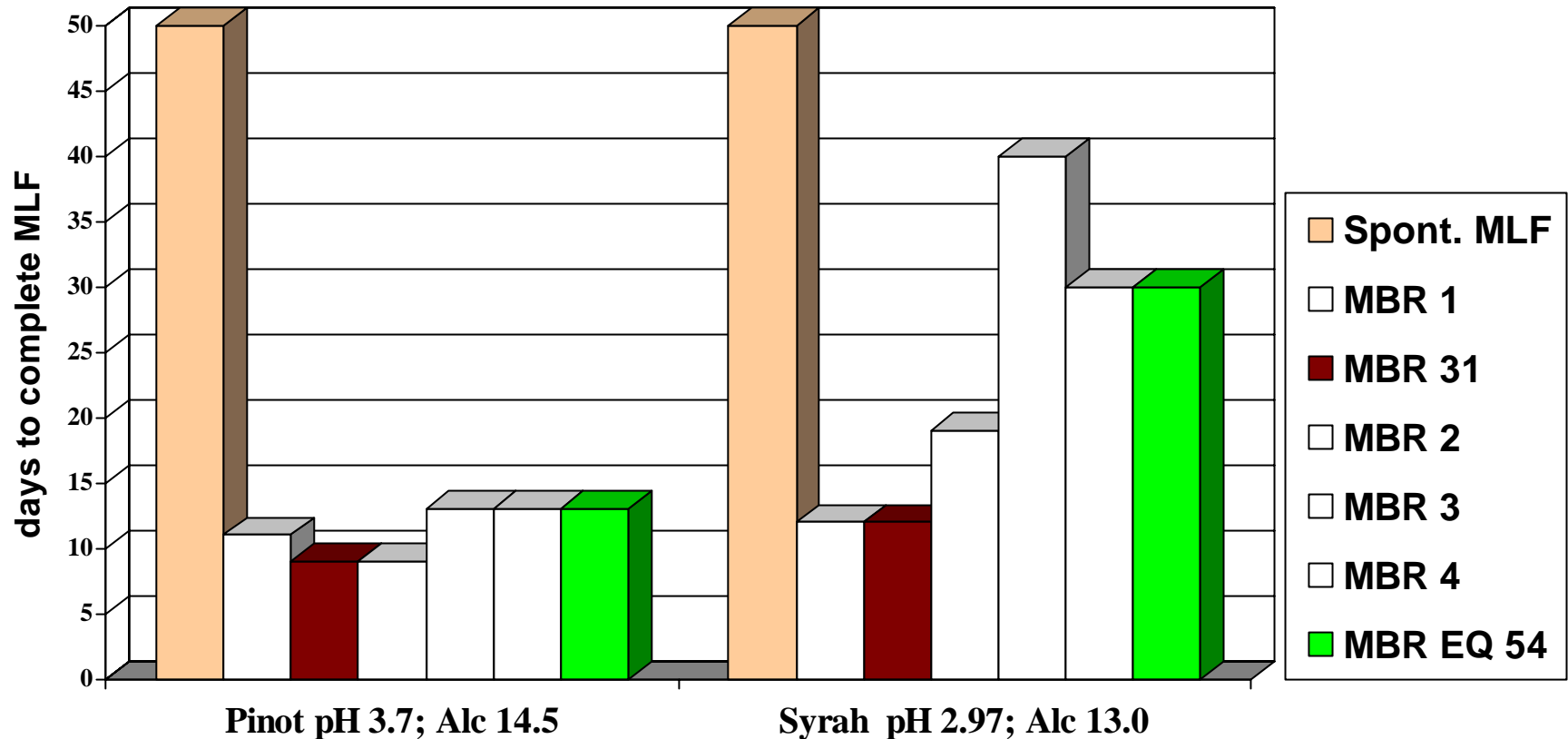
**CH '98, pH 3.13, SO<sub>2</sub>T 30, Alc 14.0**





# *LALVIN* MBR pH tolerance:

ITV Beaune, SOFRALAB '98



# MBR®: Tolerance at low temperatures

ITV Beaune 1998, Pinot noir pH 3.35, alc. 13.20 %

