

Modifications Approaches of Potato Constituents

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There are various physical, chemical, and biochemical modifications approaches for potato constituents. Physical modifications to alter the physicochemical properties of powders including starches and proteins are e.g., hydrothermal treatment, irradiation, ultrasonication and high-pressure treatment. Starches and proteins, which have been modified via physical methods do not have to be claimed as “modified”. Physical modification is also viewed as cost-efficient and environmentally friendly, because no hazardous substances (chemicals) are used. Chemical modifications refer to the substitution, cross-linking or degradation of a polymer via chemical reaction. Starch contains a large number of hydroxyl groups, and proteins contain a variety of different functional groups (hydroxyl-, carboxyl-, amine groups, etc.). These functional groups can be used as reactive sides for chemical modification reactions such as acylation, esterification, etherification, cross-linking, grafting, acid hydrolysis and oxidation. Biochemical modifications of starches and proteins including enzymatic substitution, cross-linking or hydrolysis are usually regarded as a clean or green alternative to chemical modification. Throughout the different biochemical modification methods, substrate specific enzymes can be used such as in enzymatic de-/branching modification, where the branched structure of potato starch can be altered to effect starch crystallinity and thus its properties.

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1. Potato Tubers

Potato tubers are the stems of the potato plant that develop under the soil from the propagation of previously planted mother tubers by sprouting. Sprouting occurs under suitable conditions from the dormant/lateral buds of the potato tubers (also known as “potato eyes”). Although shape, color and size vary between different cultivars, the morphology of potato tubers is generally characterized by an oval to round shape, white flesh and light brown skin. The potato flesh consists of the pith, perimedullary zone, vascular ring and cortex (**Figure 1**), which are usually consumed by humans. The periderm (skin) contains the apical bud, stem end, lenticels and lateral buds, as shown in **Figure 1**. In addition to the type of potato cultivars, composition of potato tubers also depends on several other factors including soil type and temperature, location, cultural practices, maturity and postharvest storage conditions. On average, potato tubers mostly consist of water (approximately 80%) and 20% dry matter. Related to the dry matter content, carbohydrates, especially starch, are the main fraction, followed by proteins, which can be both extracted from potato tubers or their side streams [\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#).

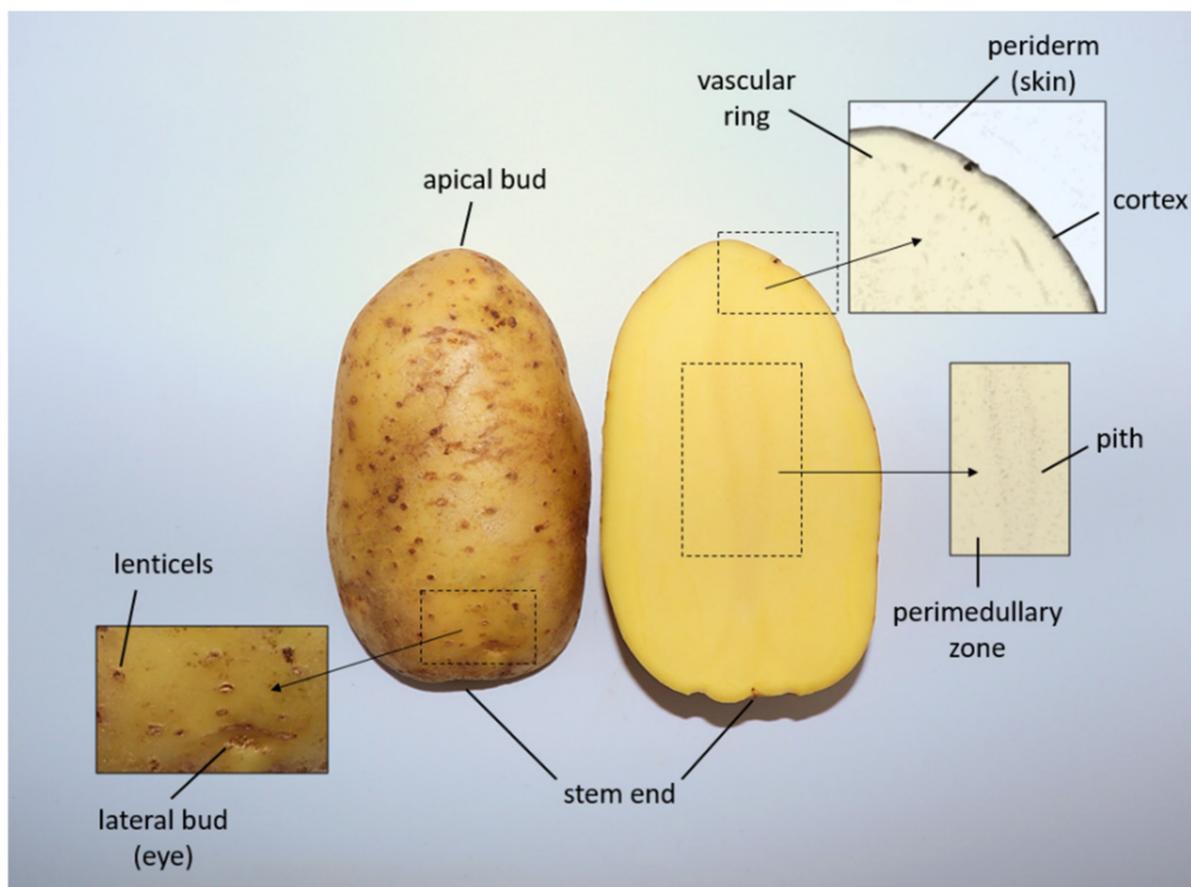


Figure 1. Structure of a potato tuber of the bernina variety (own illustration, terminology based on [3]).

Based on its high dry-matter starch content, potato tubers are favorably used by the industry for starch extraction. In laboratory scale experiments, starch extraction is often conducted via sedimentation or centrifugation method [4][5][6]. Therefore, potato tubers are usually peeled and washed to remove defective parts and contaminations, and then grounded to destroy cell structures and release starch granules. The obtained slurry is filtered and washed to further remove contaminants. Based on the higher density and low cold-water solubility most of the starch can be removed as a sediment using decantation of the supernatant prior drying to obtain starch powder. Alternatively, the separation between starch and supernatant can be performed by centrifugation. Potato starch can also be extracted from potato side streams including potato peels [4][5][6].

Accordingly, potato protein can be extracted either from potato tubers or potato side streams. For instance, after potato starch and tuber cell (pulp) removal, the supernatant (potato juice) of the centrifuged sample, can be further used for protein recovery [7]. To increase the concentration of potato protein, purification by ultrafiltration, reverse osmosis or fractional precipitation can be conducted. Precipitation methods generally include salting out, heat denaturation and isoelectric precipitation [8][9][10]. In laboratory scale experiments, potato protein is recovered at pH 3.0 or 5.5 under thermal treatment [11]. However, dependent on the extraction and purification methods, the recovered yield of potato protein and its composition (e.g., amount of patatin, protease inhibitors and high molecular weight proteins) vary [12].

1.1. Potato Starch

With 70 to 80% *w/w* of dry matter content, starch is the major component of potato tubers. The structure of starch on molecular to macromolecular level is schematically illustrated in its main levels in **Figure 2**. The structure of potato starch typically consists of 20 to 30% (*w/w*) amylose, which is a linear to slightly branched (degree of polymerization > 60) polymer chain consisting of α -D-(1,4)-linked glucose units (**Figure 2a**), and 70 to 80% (*w/w*) of amylopectin, which is a highly branched polymer based on relatively short chains of α -D-(1,4)-linked glucose units with 4 to 6% (*w/w*) additional α -D-(1,6)-linkages (**Figure 2b**). Low molecular weight amylose (0.13–0.5 MDa) is assumed to form a helical structure (**Figure 2c**). Amylopectin is characterized by its high molecular weight (10–1000 MDa) and its branched structure, with branched chains being classified by their substitution into A chains (not substituted with other chains), and B chains (substituted with other chains) (**Figure 2d**). These branched chains derive from the main chain, which is called C chain (**Figure 2d**). The reducing end of the amylopectin polymer can be found at the end of the C chain (**Figure 2d**). Due to the tight packing of A and B chains, they can form double helices with six glucose units building one turn (**Figure 2e**). The arrangement of interlinked clusters results in lamellar structures, where alternating amorphous (branching points/interconnecting chains) and (semi-) crystalline (A and B chain clusters) parts are present (**Figure 2f**). On a macromolecular level, several of the alternating lamellar structures are organized in so called growth rings forming the starch granules (**Figure 2g**). The amorphous center of the granule (hilum) is formed mainly by amylose chains (**Figure 2h**) [13][14][15].

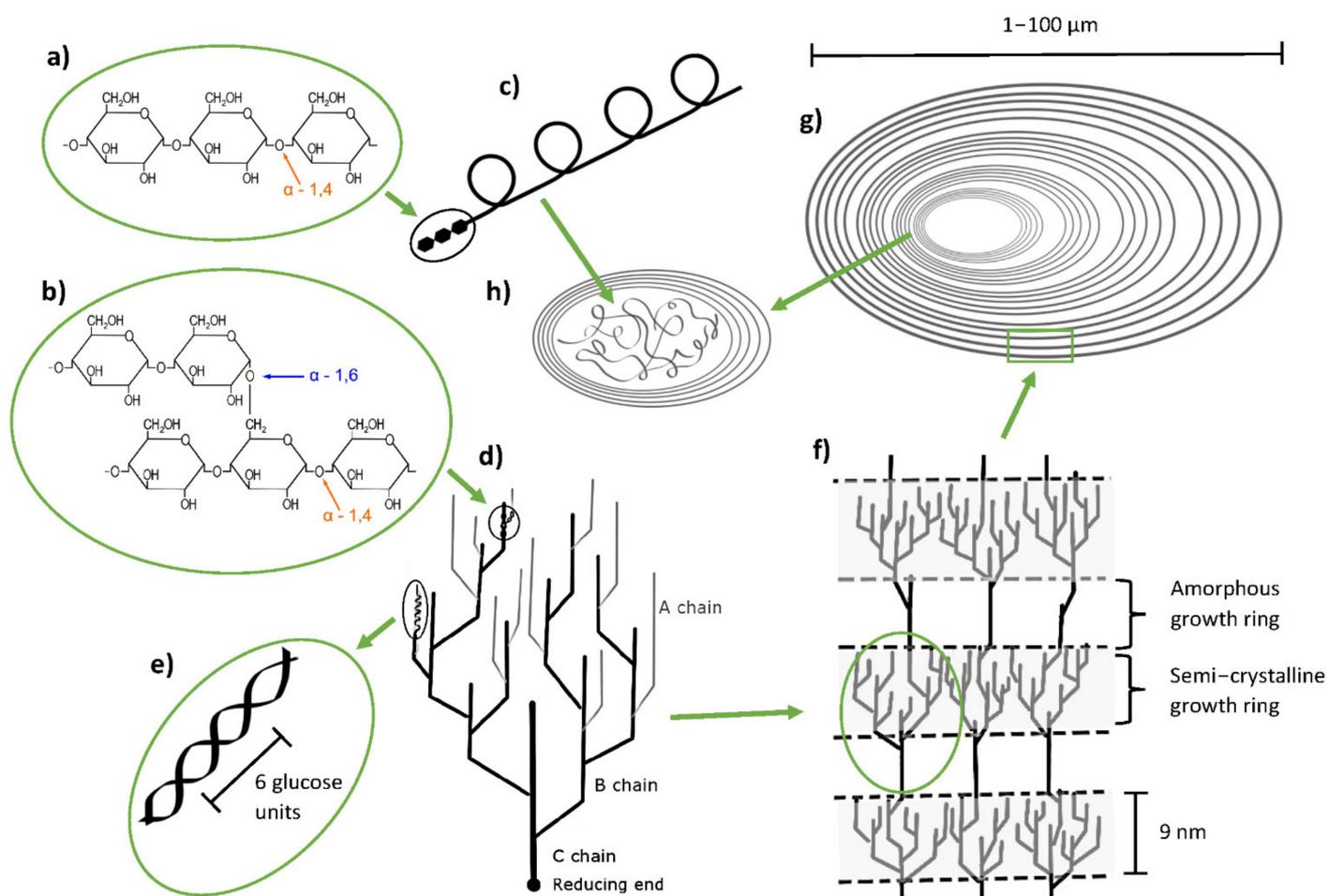


Figure 2. Schematic illustration of some key elements of the macro- and microstructure of potato starch (a) molecular structure of amylose, (b) molecular structure of amylopectin, (c) helical arrangement of amylose, (d) arrangement of amylopectin, (e) double helix structure of neighboring A and B chains, (f) cluster model of amylopectin with alternating amorphous and semi-crystalline parts, (g) potato starch granule, (h) starch hilum containing mainly amylose. (Own illustration, based on references [\[13\]](#)[\[14\]](#)[\[15\]](#)).

1.2. Potato Protein

Although potato proteins account for only 1 to 3% of the fresh weight of potato tubers, they are the second largest fraction of the dry matter of potato tubers. Potato proteins consist of water insoluble and water-soluble proteins, which account for 25 and 75% of potato tuber proteins, respectively. Based on their function, soluble potato proteins are classified into three groups, namely patatins (30–40%), protease inhibitors (40–50%) and other high molecular weight proteins (10–15%) [\[15\]](#)[\[16\]](#).

2. Modifications

2.1. Physical Modification

2.1.1. Thermal Physical Modification

Heat moisture treatment (HMT) refers to the treatment of a product with heat in combination with a certain amount of moisture. Thus, the parameters for temperature, time, moisture and cycles/repetitions are crucial for this treatment method.

In HMT the amount of water in the treated samples is limited to 10–35%, to prevent starch gelatinization [\[17\]](#). Therefore, granular morphology of starch is preserved during HMT [\[18\]](#). However, several scholars noted that HMT leads to some granular damage [\[18\]](#)[\[19\]](#).

Overall, the thermal properties, such as gelatinization temperatures (onset (T_o), peak (T_p) and conclusion (T_c)) of potato starch significantly increased and melting enthalpy (ΔH) decreased by HMT. This increase in thermal properties was accelerated and/or intensified with increasing temperature [\[19\]](#), increasing holding time [\[20\]](#) and decreasing moisture content [\[21\]](#). Shi et al. [\[19\]](#) linked the changes in gelatinization temperatures with increasing HMT temperatures to intramolecular interactions towards more amylose–amylose and amylose–lipid interactions at higher temperatures, which hindered the mobility of the amorphous region thus increasing the gelatinization temperature. Decreased mobility leads to decreased water uptake and swelling, which is necessary to facilitate melting of crystals and double helices. Therefore, stability of the crystalline regions of potato starch increased and higher temperatures for gelatinization were required after HMT. Accordingly, amylose content increased, degree of crystallinity decreased and type of crystallinity varied upon HMT of potato starch, using different temperatures and moisture contents [\[18\]](#)[\[19\]](#)[\[21\]](#)[\[22\]](#). It seems that the change in type of crystallinity of potato starch from B to C or A, which occurs at 120 °C, depends on the moisture content of the material: C-type occurred at 30% [\[18\]](#), but A-type at

10–27% [5][19][21] moisture content. At lower temperature (100 °C) a change from B to A-type crystallinity occurred at 24% moisture content [22].

Annealing

Annealing (ANN) is another method to physically modify starch, without destroying its granular morphology. In contrast to HMT, moisture content of the samples is not limited (usually being > 60%, *w/w*) and temperature used during ANN is below the sample T_0 (onset gelatinization temperature). Common processing conditions during ANN of potato starch are 30 to 55 °C for 12 h to 96 h. Here, iterations of ANN treatment cycles can be applied [23][24][25].

Overall, ANN treatment of potato starch increased gelatinization temperatures (T_0 , T_p , T_c), had no effect on type of crystallinity and granule surface, but increased pasting properties (pasting temperature and final viscosity) [23][24][25], which were favored by higher temperatures [24] and longer treatment times/iterations [25] used for ANN treatment. Furthermore, increased hot water solubility and hot water swelling power of ANN treated potato starch granules were reported [25]. Through processing of starch in water having temperatures between 50 and 70 °C, solubility and swelling power of ANN potato starch was lower than for native potato starch [25].

Microwave Treatment

Microwave (MW) treatment is a thermal heating method using microwaves (300 MHz to 300 GHz), that can be absorbed by polar materials, such as potato starch. Upon MW heating, molecular vibrations and frictions occur due to their alignment to the vibrating electromagnetic field, resulting in the generation of heat within the product. Therefore, MW heating requires less treatment time and can be more efficient and less energy consuming than conventional heating [26][27]. The ability of a product to be heated via MW treatment is dependent on moisture content, frequency, as well as compaction density and temperature of the sample [28][29][30].

Compared to native potato starch granules, MW treated potato starch granules showed damaged structure or severe cracking, which correlated to an increased water absorption capacity [31]. For potato starch with low moisture content (16.5%) decreasing gelatinization temperatures and decreasing final viscosities have been reported after MW treatment [32]. Whereas increasing T_0 , decreasing relative crystallinity and increasing pasting properties (pasting temperature and final viscosity) have been observed for MW treated potato starch with higher moisture contents (21% and 30%) [31][33].

Radio Frequency Treatment

Similar to MW heating, radio frequency (RF) are electromagnetic waves in the frequency range of 1 to 300 MHz. In comparison to MW, RF has been reported to penetrate products even more deeply and distribute heat more uniformly.

Others

Other thermal modification methods including freezing and thawing (FT), flash drying, autoclaving or steam heating can be used to alter potato starch, flour and protein properties. In general, there are methods that can be used in the presence or absence of water to generate/transfer heat. FT can be applied to induce structural and functional changes in potato constituents. For instance, Zhang et al. [34] investigated the effect of FT treatment on potato starch showing disruption and aggregation of granule fragments after FT treatment. Furthermore, pasting temperature slightly increased and final viscosity of potato starch slightly decreased. Similarly, an increase in gelatinization properties (T_0 , T_p , T_c), final viscosity, and a reduction in granule damage and gelatinization were achieved in potato flour upon flash drying (130–135 °C, 1–2 min) as compared to commercial potato flakes and granules [35]. The influence of superheated steam (100–160 °C) on potato starch properties was investigated by Hu et al. [36], showing minor effects on granule surface, compared to native starch granules. The type of crystalline structure was not affected by the superheated steam treatment, but relative crystallinity decreased progressively with increasing temperature. Furthermore, thermal properties (T_0 , T_p , T_c and ΔH), solubility and swelling power decreased, and pasting properties increased upon superheated steam treatment [36].

2.1.2. Non-Thermal Physical Modification

High Pressure Treatment

High pressure (HP) treatment (30–1000 MPa) is a non-thermal modification method, which can cause starch gelatinization and protein denaturation/gelation [37][38]. Thereby, HP can be applied in different ways, which are commonly referred to as high hydrostatic pressure/high isostatic pressure, high pressure homogenization and dynamic high pressure microfluidization. During high hydrostatic pressure/high isostatic pressure modification of starch and protein, pressure is transmitted uniformly through a pressure-transmitting medium (e.g., water) to the sample (sample-water suspensions), which is usually packed in vacuum bags and placed inside the high pressure vessel [39][40]. The high hydrostatic pressure treatment of starch in its granular form has been previously reported [41]. During high pressure homogenization a liquid sample is pressed through a small orifice causing shear forces. In dynamic high pressure microfluidization the pressure is transferred in an interaction chamber [42][43]. Similar to other modification methods, the effect of HP treatment can vary for starch from different plant sources as summarized elsewhere [44][45].

Ultrasonication

During ultrasound (US) treatment, acoustic waves with a frequency > 16 kHz are transmitted through solid, liquid or gaseous systems. US can be classified into different types based on frequency and intensity [46][47]. As for the modification of potato constituents, US treatment is usually carried out in a liquid medium (usually in a water bath), with starch- or protein-based samples treated in their granular form or in the form of suspensions before or after the gelatinization/gelation process. US can be conducted at room or elevated temperatures. During US treatment cavitation occurs, which is the formation and implosion of gas bubbles that can break polymer chains by mechanical shear forces, which occur when these bubbles collapse. As a side effect, local temperature increases contributing to the modification effect [48]. For different carbohydrate and protein-based films or coatings US

treatment has shown to be able to improve gelling properties and tensile properties, increase solubility and surface hydrophobicity, and reduce water vapor permeability [49][50].

Ionizing Irradiation

Upon interaction with ionizing irradiation, cleavage of water molecules (in the product) into free radicals and high energy electrons occur, which can facilitate cross-linking and hydrolysis reaction of the polymer chains. The affinity of a polymer towards crosslinking and chain scission is described by the $G(x)$ and $G(s)$ value (quantification of the chemical yield obtained from ionizing irradiation treatment), respectively, which can highly differ among polymers. Thereby, the ratio between $G(s):G(x)$ indicates the overall prevailing reaction (cross-linking < 1 , hydrolysis > 1) which, however, depends on the irradiation dose and temperature. Accordingly, the molecular weight is either increased (cross-linking is prevailing), decreased (chain scission is prevailing) or not significantly changed (cross-linking and chain scission occur equally). For starches (including potato starch) mostly decreasing average molecular weights upon irradiation have been reported in several studies which were summarized by Bashir and Aggarwal [51], indicating the prevalence of hydrolysis [51].

Others

In addition to HP, US treatment and ionizing irradiation, there are other non-thermal modification methods to change the structural and functional properties of potato constituents, such as milling and electric field treatment.

Milling is commonly applied in the food industry to reduce the particle size and produce flour/powder. Ball-milling of potato starch does not only reduce the particle size of the samples but can also highly damage granule morphology, induce partial gelatinization and destroy B-type crystallinity, which is accelerated with increasing milling time [52].

Electric field treatment is the generic term for a number of different applications, including high voltage electric field (HVEF), or induced electric field (IEF). HVEF application is regarded as a method to physically modify starch properties in the absence of thermal influence, as no significant changes in product temperature occur during this treatment. In HVEF application, the sample is exposed to an electric field in liquid or gaseous medium. High voltage electric field can be classified into high electrostatic field (uniform electric field with no currents or varying voltages) and into high voltage electrical discharge (current flow causing ionizing/plasma) [53].

2.2. Chemical Modification

2.2.1. Chemical Substitution

Acetylation

Acetylation refers to the chemical reaction of potato starch or potato protein with acetic anhydride [54][55][56]. Acetylation of potato starch resulted in an increase in moisture and amylose content as well as increased relative

crystallinity, solubility and paste clarity. However, type of crystallinity and gelatinization temperatures of potato starch were not significantly influenced by acetylation [54].

Phosphorylation

Phosphorylation of starch can be performed using different agents including phosphoryl chloride, sodium trimetaphosphate, sodium tripolyphosphate and sodium or potassium orthophosphate to obtain mono- and/or di-starch phosphates. In di-starch phosphates, orthophosphate groups can act as intramolecular or intermolecular bridges between the C2, C3 and C6 atoms of glucose units from the same or different (cross-linking) chain [57].

Phosphorylation of potato starch resulted in slightly decreased moisture content, no change in amylose content and a slight change in color, which was however not visible to the human eye. Compared to native starch, gelatinization temperatures were slightly decreased when phosphorylation was performed at 15 °C, but slightly increased when phosphorylation was performed at 45 °C. The scholars interpreted these effects as loosening and strengthening of the potato starch structure at 15 °C and 45 °C, respectively. Accordingly, an increase in viscosity was observed in potato starch pastes, which were phosphorylated at 45 °C [57].

Fatty Acid Esterification

Another approach to modify potato starch by chemical substitution is the esterification of hydroxyl groups by fatty acid chains. Vanmarcke et al. [58] investigated the effect of fatty acid chain length (C8, C12 and C16) on potato starch fatty acid ester cast films. Results showed that chain length did not influence esterification reactivity and FT-IR spectra confirmed the almost complete substitution of hydroxyl groups by disappearance of the 3300 cm⁻¹ band. However, with increasing chain length, weight of the samples increased and the X-ray diffraction peak in the low angle region shifted towards lower angles, indicating an increase in nanometer scale ordered structure based on the esterification of longer fatty acid chains. Thermographs showed that the thermal stability of potato starch increased due to fatty acid esterification, as hydrophobicity increased, which was indicated by the fact that the mass did not decrease due to water evaporation and the starch degradation shifted to higher temperatures. However, no significant differences between different chain lengths were observed. Fatty acid chain length highly influenced tensile properties of the modified starch films. With increasing chain length from C8, C12 to C16, elongation at break decreased by 150%, 133% and 13%, respectively. Tensile strength and elongation modulus showed no linear trend but highly depended on the fatty acid chain length. For C8, C12 and C16 fatty acid esterified potato starch films, the tensile strength was measured to be 3.8, 2.5 and 6.5 MPa and for the elongation modulus 68, 40 and 122 MPa was determined, respectively [58].

Octenyl Succinylation

The hydrophobic group of alkenyl succinic anhydrides can be esterified with starch, to weaken internal bonding and disorder the internal structure to obtain more fluid and clear pastes. Due to its food approval at low substitution levels, the influence of octenyl succinic anhydride on starch properties is widely studied [59][60][61].

Investigating the effect of octenyl succinic anhydride modification on potato starch structure, Won et al. [61] observed an increase in surface roughness, porosity, granule size and the occurrence of cavities and slight deformation after octenyl succinic anhydride modification. However, no differences between different degrees of substitutions were observed and crystallinity of potato starch was not affected by octenyl succinic anhydride modification [61].

Citric Acid Esterification

Based on its three carboxyl groups and acidity, it has been reported that citric acid can induce esterification, cross-linking and hydrolysis, when reacting under elevated temperatures with potato starch [62][63].

SEM images of citric acid esterified potato starch revealed the occurrence of some surface damage due to citric acid treatment, which was, however, not intensified using a higher citric acid concentration (up to 10%). Furthermore, amylose content of potato starch slightly in-/or decreased and moisture content and relative crystallinity decreased upon citric acid modification [62][64]. A change in type of crystallinity was not reported [62]. In addition to structural changes, citric acid esterification of potato starch also influenced different functional/physicochemical properties. Upon citric acid esterification, the solubility of potato starch decreased, whereas swelling power, water binding capacity and gelatinization temperatures increased. The reported effects of citric acid modification on potato starch pasting properties were slightly different, although pasting temperature did not appear to be significantly affected and final viscosity appeared to increase with citric acid modification compared to native potato starch [62][64].

2.2.2. Chemical Cross-Linking

Cross-linking of potato starch describes the formation of intermolecular covalent bonds (between different chains) via esterification or etherification reaction with a cross-linking agent. Thereby, the cross-linking agents possess bi- or multi- functional groups, which enable the reaction on different sides with multiple chains.

In the case of starch, it has been reported that cross-linking only occurs between two amylopectin molecules or between amylopectin and amylose, but not between two amylose molecules [65]. The reduction in amylose content by cross-linking reaction, as cross-linked molecules can be considered as amylopectin molecules, can (among others) be used to determine the degree of cross-linking by the starch–iodine method [65].

Cross-linking of potato starch can be performed using cross-linking agents such as acetylmalic acid chloroanhydride [66], sodium trimetaphosphate (STMP)/sodium tripolyphosphate (STPP) [67] and deep eutectic solvents [68]. According to Shulga et al. [66] cross-linking of potato starch resulted in destruction of its granular form and reduced relative crystallinity as well as reduced thermal stability. Furthermore, Heo et al. [67] reported that the increased formation of covalent bridges between starch molecules due to cross-linking hindered granular swelling and thermally induced gelatinization. In addition, pasting temperature and (final) viscosity of potato starch pastes increased upon cross-linking.

For potato starch-based films, the formation of new covalent bonds through cross-linking generally strengthened the starch gel network, resulting in an increase in rheological, thermal and tensile (elongation modulus, tensile strength) properties. Solubility of potato starch-based films was not affected and water sorption degree increased upon deep eutectic solvent addition [68].

2.2.3. Degradation

Acid Hydrolysis

Acid hydrolysis describes the process of chemical bond cleavage via a nucleophilic substitution reaction with water under thermal conditions and in an acidic environment. Common acids that are used in acid hydrolysis include hydrochloric acid (HCl), acetic acid, citric acid and sulfuric acid (H₂SO₄).

Generally, hydrolysis of potato starch in water results in a decrease in molecular weight and some granular damage. Furthermore, an increase in thermal properties (gelatinization temperatures and stability), gel strength and viscosity of hydrolyzed potato starch was observed [64][69][70].

Oxidation

Oxidation of potato starch can be carried out using oxidizing agents under controlled pH to oxidize hydroxyl groups into carbonyl and carboxyl groups. Common oxidizing agents used, include sodium hypochlorite, hydrogen peroxide and ozone [71]. Degree of oxidation is usually expressed as the sum of carbonyl and carboxyl content. In contrast to the use of chemical oxidizing agents, ozone can be decomposed after the oxidation reaction into oxygen by an ozone destructor. Thus, ozone oxidation is often described as a safe and environmental friendly method [71], which can also be applied to fresh potato tubers to reduce the spread of potato diseases during storage [72].

2.3. Biochemical Modification

2.3.1. Enzymatic Substitution

One example of enzymatic substitution is the esterification/transesterification of fatty acids by lipases. Based on fatty acid solubility, organic solvents or ionic liquids need to be used. Dependent on the lipase used, degree of esterification and esterification site can vary [73].

2.3.2. Enzymatic Cross-Linking

Enzymatic cross-linking of potato protein can be performed in a variety of different ways including acyl-transfer reaction, oxidation/radical formation and 1,4-addition reaction. For potato protein, enzymatic cross-linking using transglutaminase, laccase, tyrosinase and peroxidase has been reported [74][75][76][77].

Of these four enzymes, transglutaminase and peroxidase showed higher quantitative impacts on potato protein properties than tyrosinase and laccase [77]. For instance, thermal stability of potato protein was increased to a

higher extent using transglutaminase and peroxidase than using laccase or tyrosinase as the cross-linking enzyme. Similarly, rheological properties increased using transglutaminase and peroxidase but decreased using laccase or tyrosinase as the cross-linking enzyme [77][78][79]. The extent of enzymatic cross-linking using laccase could be enhanced using a mediator such as ferulic acid [78]. Furthermore, Glusac et al. [80] demonstrated that tyrosinase-cross-linking could improve emulsion properties of potato protein.

2.3.3. Enzymatic De-/Branching

During enzymatic branching of potato starch, α -1,4-glycosidic linkages are cleaved and new α -1,6-glycosidic bonds are formed via a transglycosylation reaction using enzymes such as branching enzymes and/or transglucosidase. Therefore, polymer chain length distributions shift from longer chains towards shorter chains, indicating the occurrence of enzymatic hydrolysis. This means that starch polymers become more branched, resulting in a decrease in amylose and increase in amylopectin content [81][82]. Overall, branching of potato starch induced granular damaging, affected type of crystallinity ($B \rightarrow B + C$ or C), decreased relative crystallinity, gelatinization temperatures and shear viscosity and increased solubility [82].

The opposite happens during enzymatic debranching of potato starch, where debranching enzymes such as pullulanase [81] or isoamylase [83] can be used. Here α -1,6-glycosidic bonds are cleaved and new α -1,4-glycosidic bonds are formed. As a result, starch polymers become less branched, resulting in a decrease in amylopectin and increase in amylose content [83]. Accordingly, average molecular weight of the samples gradually decreased with increasing isoamylase concentration and granular damaging occurred, which intensified with increasing enzyme concentration. However, B-type crystallinity, thermal properties and solubility were not significantly affected upon isoamylase treatment, but gel strength and viscosity of debranched potato starch pastes decreased [83].

2.3.4. Enzymatic Hydrolysis

Enzymatic hydrolysis of potato starch and potato protein refers to the enzymatic cleavage of glycosidic and peptide bonds, respectively, to decrease chain length and molecular weight and therefore, alter product properties.

Different enzymes including α -amylase [84][85][86], glucoamylase [85], glycosyltransferase [85], or mixtures of different enzymes [86] can be used to hydrolyze potato starch. In general, the enzymatic hydrolysis of potato starch results in a decrease in average molecular weight, average chain length and therefore amylose content [84][85][86]. In starch granules, this was expressed by surface roughness and cracking, which increased with increasing enzyme concentration used, which in turn increased the degree of hydrolysis [84].

2.4. Dual Modification

2.4.1. Physical–Physical

As demonstrated by Wang et al. [87] and Cao and Gao [88], the order in which the two different physical treatment methods are performed can also influence the resulting qualitative and quantitative properties of the dual-modified samples, compared to native samples. For instance, ANN treatment prior to HP treatment resulted in a decrease in

potato starch relative crystallinity, whereas an increase was reported when physical treatments were applied vice versa [87]. In potato starch, solubility and swelling power decreased, and gel hardness increased, when treated with US prior to electric field treatment, compared to untreated native potato starch. Treating potato starch first with an electric field and then with US resulted in reverse effects meaning increase in solubility and swelling power. Interestingly, the simultaneous treatment of electric field and US resulted in similar changes as the electric field prior to US treatment, except for a decrease in swelling power and increase in gel adhesiveness [88]. Some additional general information on dual-modification of starch can be found elsewhere [89].

2.4.2. Physical-Chemical

To enhance the effect of chemical modification on product properties, several studies were performed in the last years, combining different physical treatment methods with chemical modification methods. For instance, the assistance of acetylation or octenyl succinylation of potato starch by high voltage electric field, ultrasonication, pulsed electric field or microwave treatment was reported to increase the degree of substitution compared to a single chemical modification [90][91][92][93]. Moreover, some structural, pasting, rheological, thermal and other functional properties were affected by US treatment assisted acid hydrolysis [94], dry heat and CaCl₂ dual-treated [95] and annealing treated acetylated [96] potato starch samples.

2.4.3. Physical–Biochemical

Among biochemical modifications, enzymatic hydrolysis is often reported to be amplified by a physical pre-treatment. For instance, enzymatic hydrolysis of potato protein was increased by US treatment [97], and the enzymatic hydrolysis of potato starch by HP [98] and HMT [99]. This can be mostly attributed to an increase in susceptibility due to increasing structural damaging and/or surface cracking. With increasing degree of hydrolysis, different sample properties can be further in-/decreased, as demonstrated by Mu et al. [98] with increasing enzyme concentration and pressure.

2.4.4. Chemical–Chemical

For potato starch different dual modifications, including etherification + esterification, etherification + acid hydrolysis, and CaCl₂ treatment + succinylation, have been reported [100][101][102]. One commonly applied combination is acetylation + cross-linking. In potato starch granules, this dual modification resulted in a decrease in granule size and relative crystallinity and in an increase in thermal and pasting properties. Regarding potato starch-based films, acetylation prior to cross-linking caused lower water vapor permeability, solubility, moisture sorption and relative crystallinity, while flexibility of the films was increased [103].

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