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Evaluate the effects:

- **Temperature** (Factor A);
- **Substrate concentration** (Factor B) and
- **Type of enzyme** (Factor C)

on the yield of an enzymatic reaction.

$k = 3$  factors

Factor	Low level	High level
Factor A: Temperature	20 °C	30 °C
Factor B: Substrate	20 g/L	40 g/L
Factor C: Enzyme	E1	E2

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) numerical  
⇒ categorical



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Treatments are denominated by the factors tested at their high levels

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This table presents the standard order of the experimental matrix for a  $2^3$  factorial design.

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# The $2^3$ Factorial Design: Assigning the Natural Variables

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Run #	Factor A $x_A$	Factor B $x_B$	Factor C $x_C$	Treatment	Temperature $T$ (°C)	Substrate $S$ (g/L)	Enzyme $E$
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	$x_A$	$x_B$	$x_C$		$T$ (°C)	$S$ (g/L)	$E$	$n = 2$ replicates
1	-1	-1	-1	(1)	20	20	E1	
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The 16 runs were performed in a random order:  
**completely randomized experiment**

$$N = 2^k \times n = 2^3 \times 2 = 16$$

# The $2^3$ Factorial Design: Analysis of Variance

Source of variation	Sum of Squares	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	$F_0$	$p$ -value
Factor A	$SS_A$	1	$MS_A = SS_A$		
Factor B	$SS_B$	1	$MS_B = SS_B$	$F_0 = \frac{MS_i}{MS_E}$	
Factor C	$SS_C$	1	$MS_C = SS_C$		
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BC	$SS_{BC}$	1	$MS_{BC} = SS_{BC}$		
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Error	$SS_E$	$2^k(n - 1)$	$MS_E = \frac{SS_E}{2^k(n - 1)}$		
<b>Total</b>	$SS_T$	$2^k \times n - 1$			

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# The $2^3$ Factorial Design: Regression Model

$$y_{pred} = b_0 + \underbrace{b_A x_A + b_B x_B + b_C x_C}_{\text{1st order linear}} + \underbrace{b_{AB} x_A x_B + b_{AC} x_A x_C + b_{BC} x_B x_C}_{\text{two-factor interaction}} + \underbrace{b_{ABC} x_A x_B x_C}_{\text{three-factor interaction}}$$

**predicted  
(calculated)  
response**

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We must keep the enzyme coefficient, since the enzyme is significant.

However, its effect depends on the temperature.

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## Reduced model for coded variables:

$$y_{pred} = b_0 + \underbrace{b_T x_T}_{\text{Temp}} + \underbrace{b_S x_S}_{\text{Subs}} + \underbrace{b_E x_E}_{\text{Enz}} + \underbrace{b_{TE} x_T x_E}_{\text{Temp x Enz}}$$

# The $2^3$ Factorial Design: Regression Models

Regression Model for Coded Variables:

	Coefficient	p-value
Intercept ( $b_0$ )	64.25	$< 2 \times 10^{-16}$
$x_T$	11.5	$1.9 \times 10^{-9}$
$x_S$	-2.5	0.0027
$x_E$	0.75	0.27
$x_T x_E$	5.0	$9.25 \times 10^{-6}$

$$R^2 = 0.9726$$

significant in the ANOVA

Regression Model for Natural Variables:

	Coefficient	p-value
Intercept ( $b_0$ )	14.25	0.00341
$T$	2.3	$1.9 \times 10^{-9}$
$S$	-0.25	0.0027
$x_E$	-24.25	$1.5 \times 10^{-5}$
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the order of magnitude  
of the natural variables  
interferes in the statistical analysis

# The $2^3$ Factorial Design: Model Adequacy

Regression Model for Natural Variables:

Final regression model:

$$Y(\%) = 14.25 + 2.3T - 0.25S - 24.25x_E + T \cdot x_E$$

$x_E = -1$  for enzyme E1

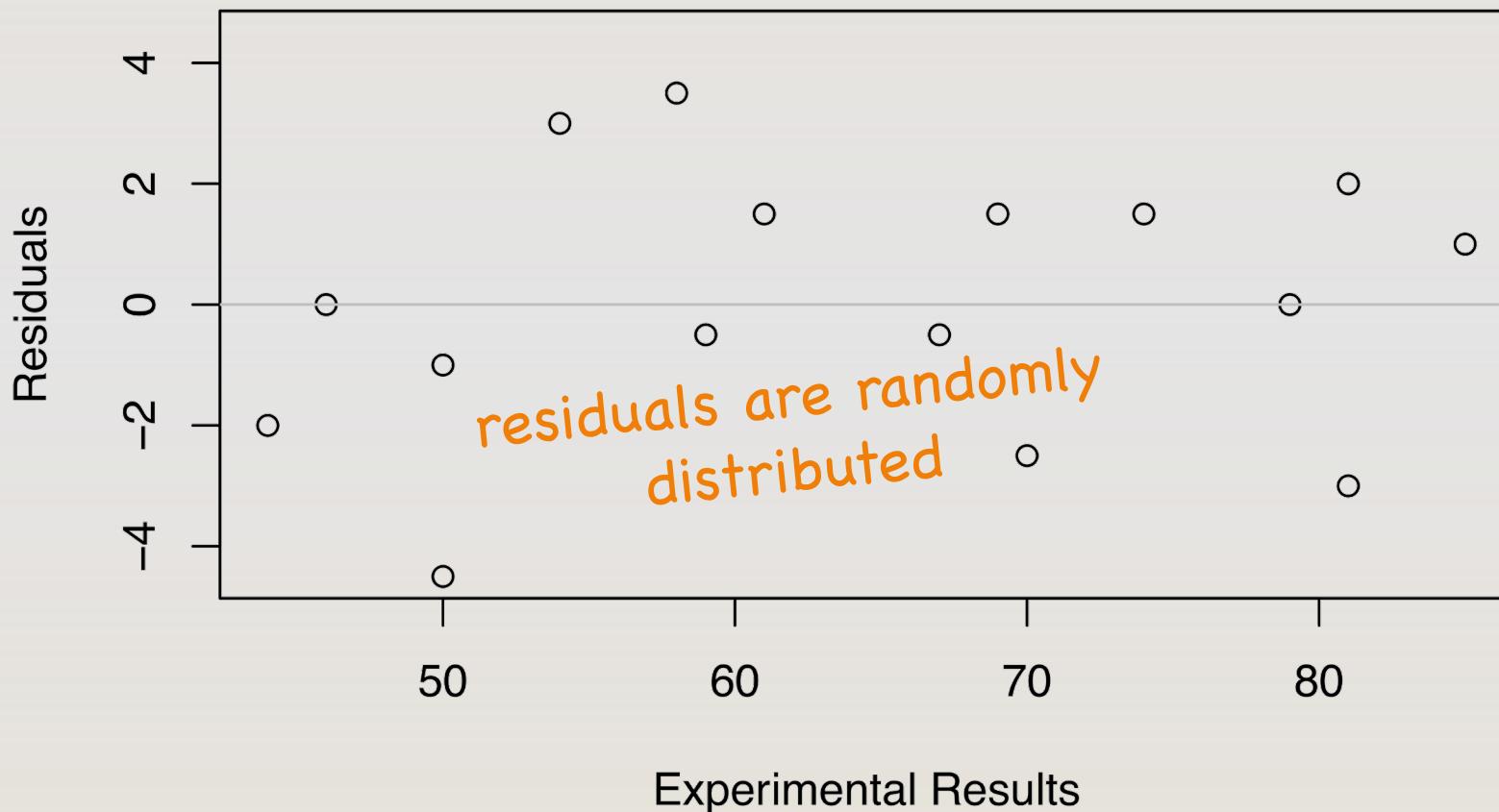
$x_E = +1$  for enzyme E2

	Coefficient	p-value
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97.3 % of the data variability  
is explained by the model

# The $2^3$ Factorial Design: Residuals Analysis



# The $2^3$ Factorial Design: Contour Plot

$2^3$  design: 3 regression variables

Which contour plots are the best  
to show the results?

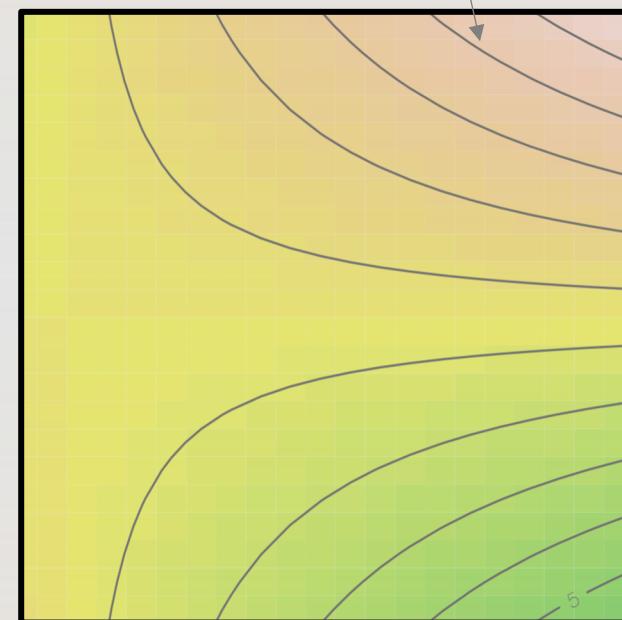
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Substrate

Enzyme

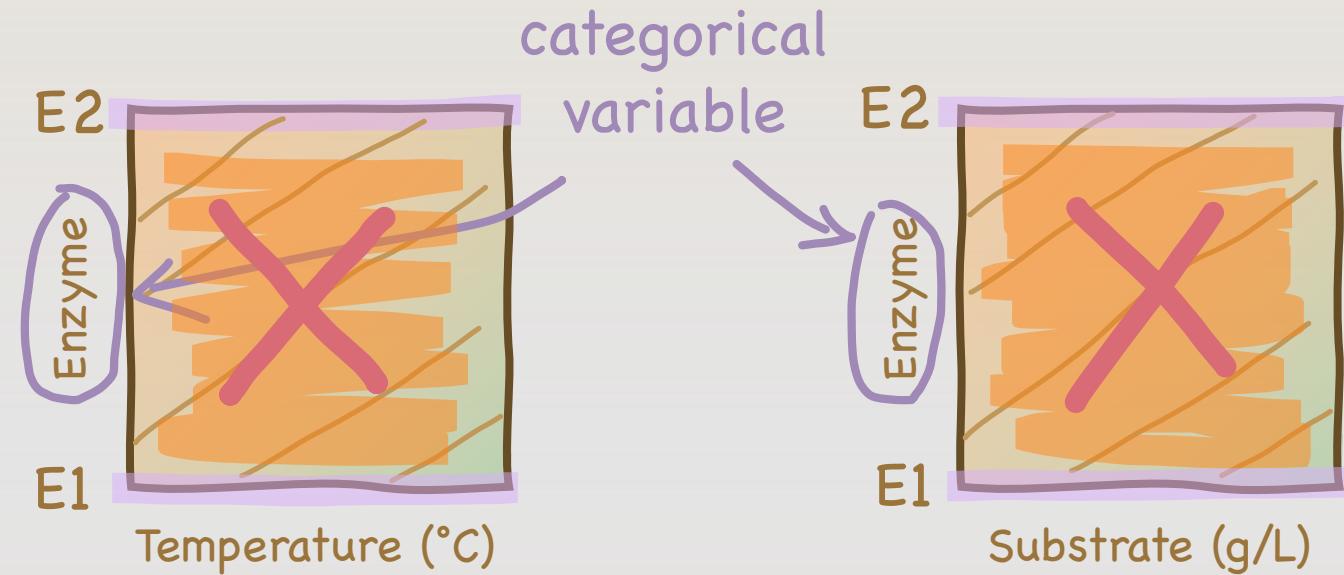
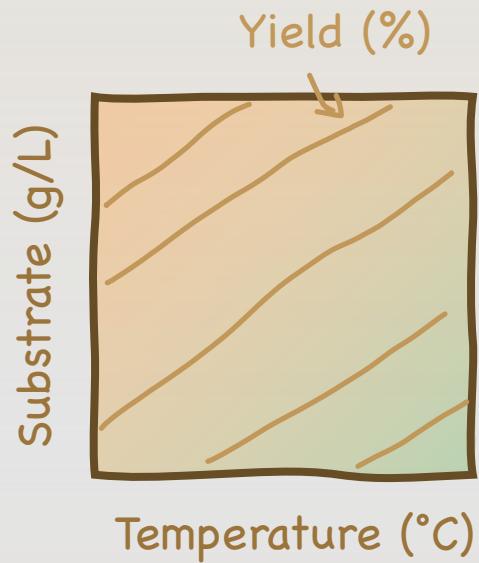
Regression  
Variable 2

predicted  
response



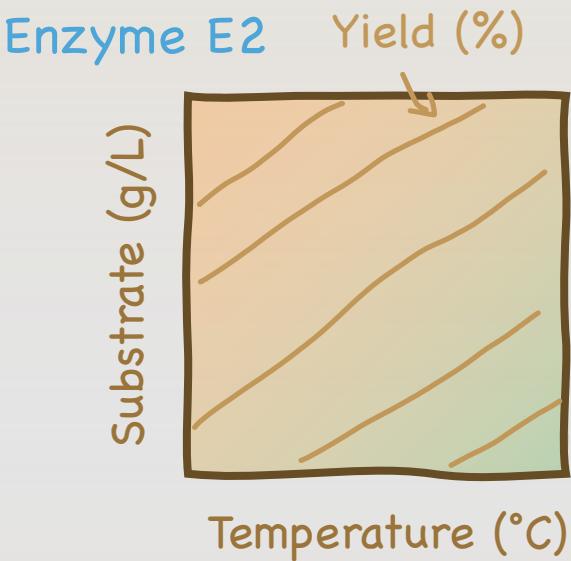
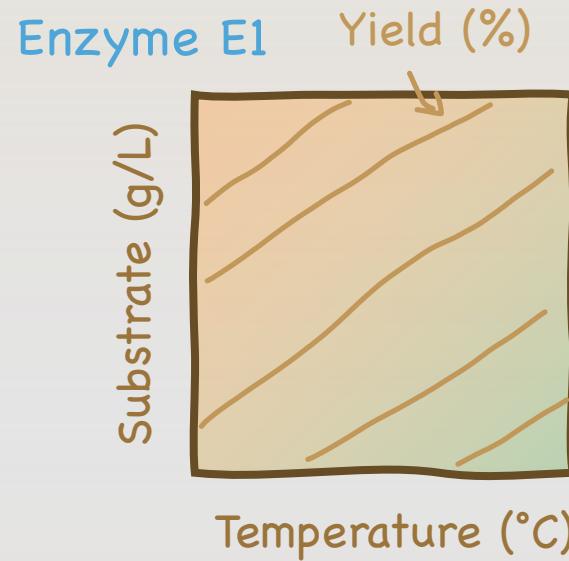
Regression  
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A contour plot with a categorical variable in the axis does not make sense.

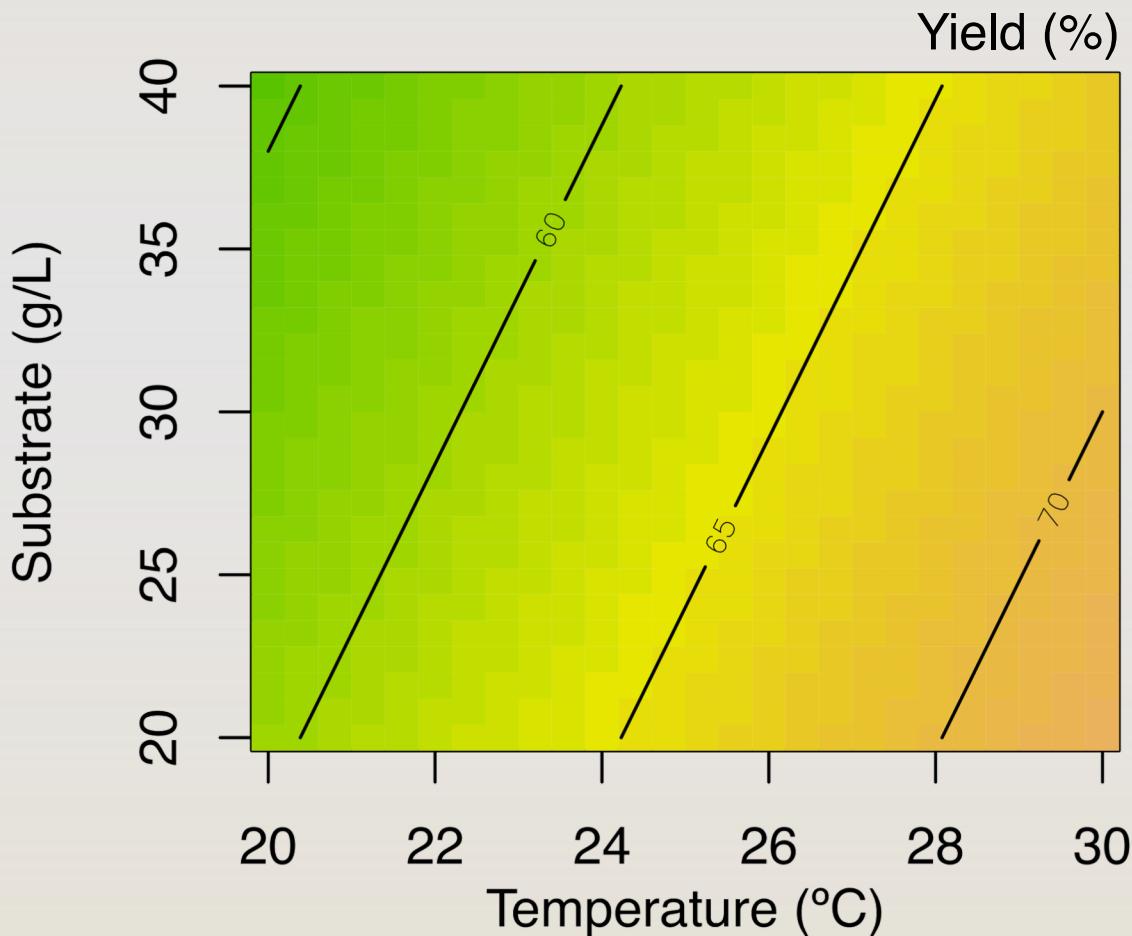
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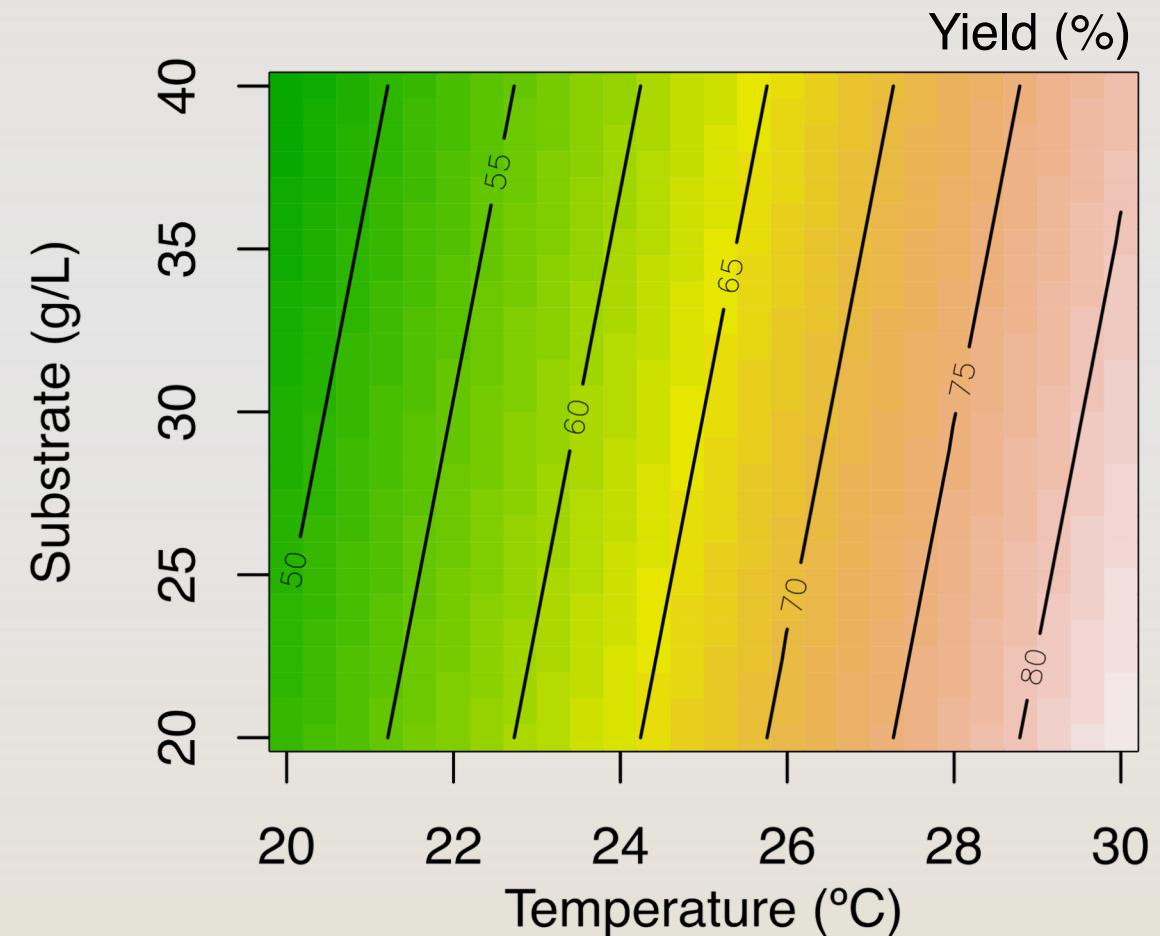
As the enzyme can only assume the values -1 and +1, we are going to build a contour plot Temp x Subs for each enzyme type.

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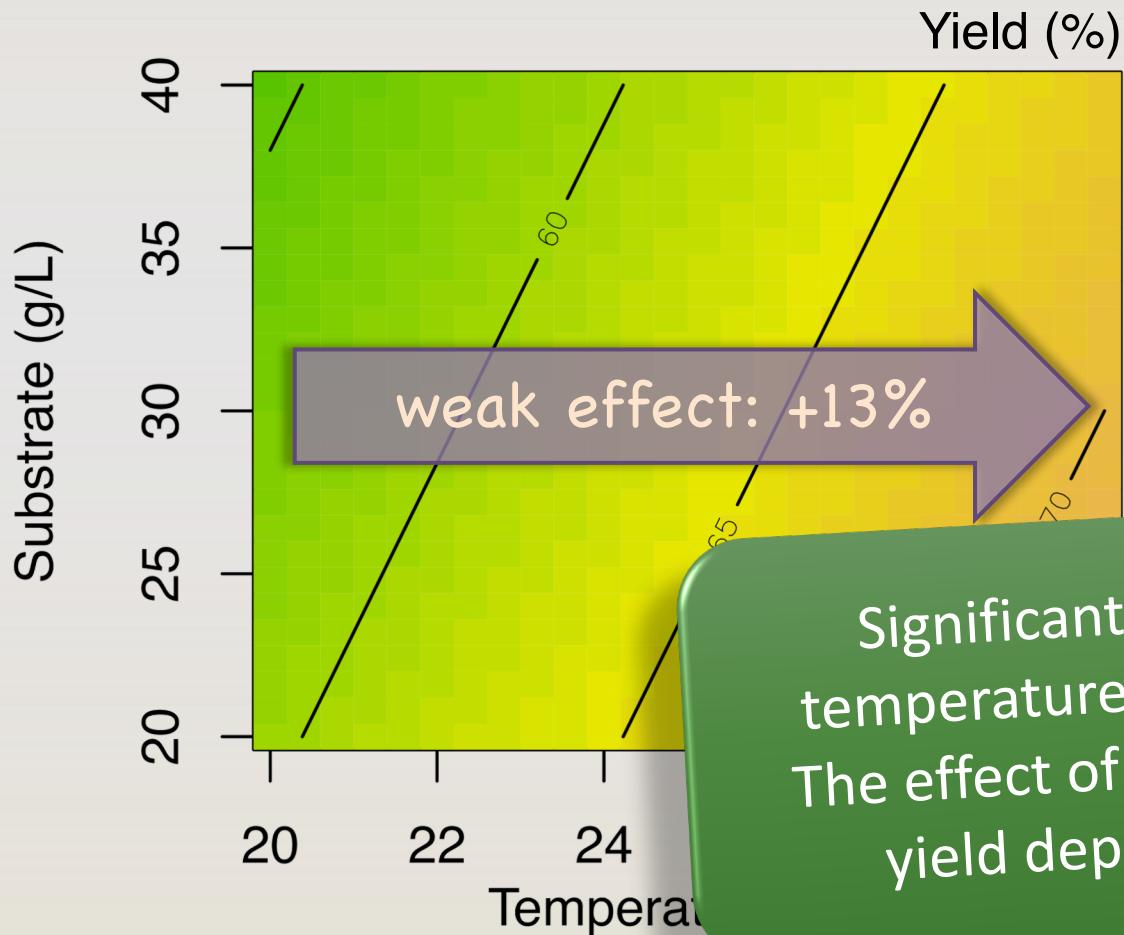


(b) Enzyme E2

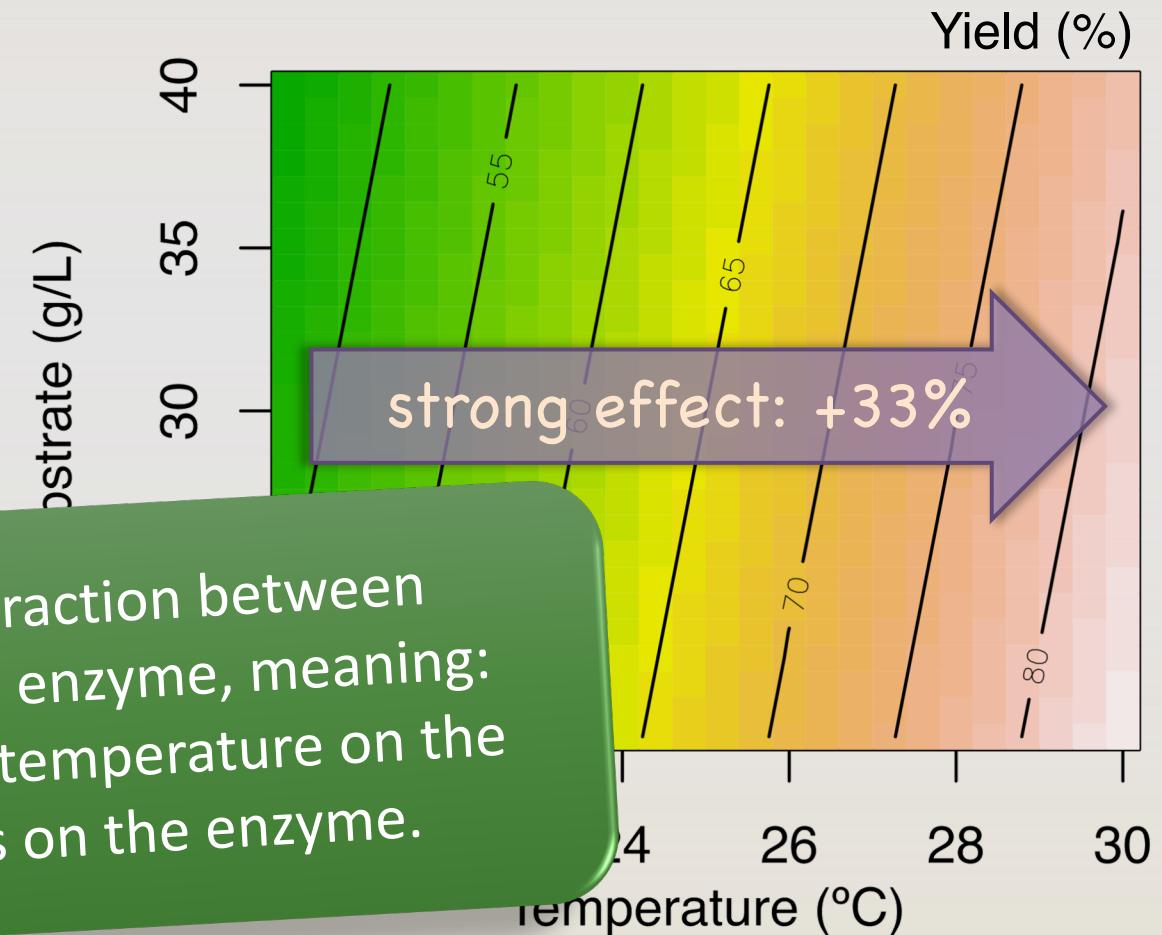


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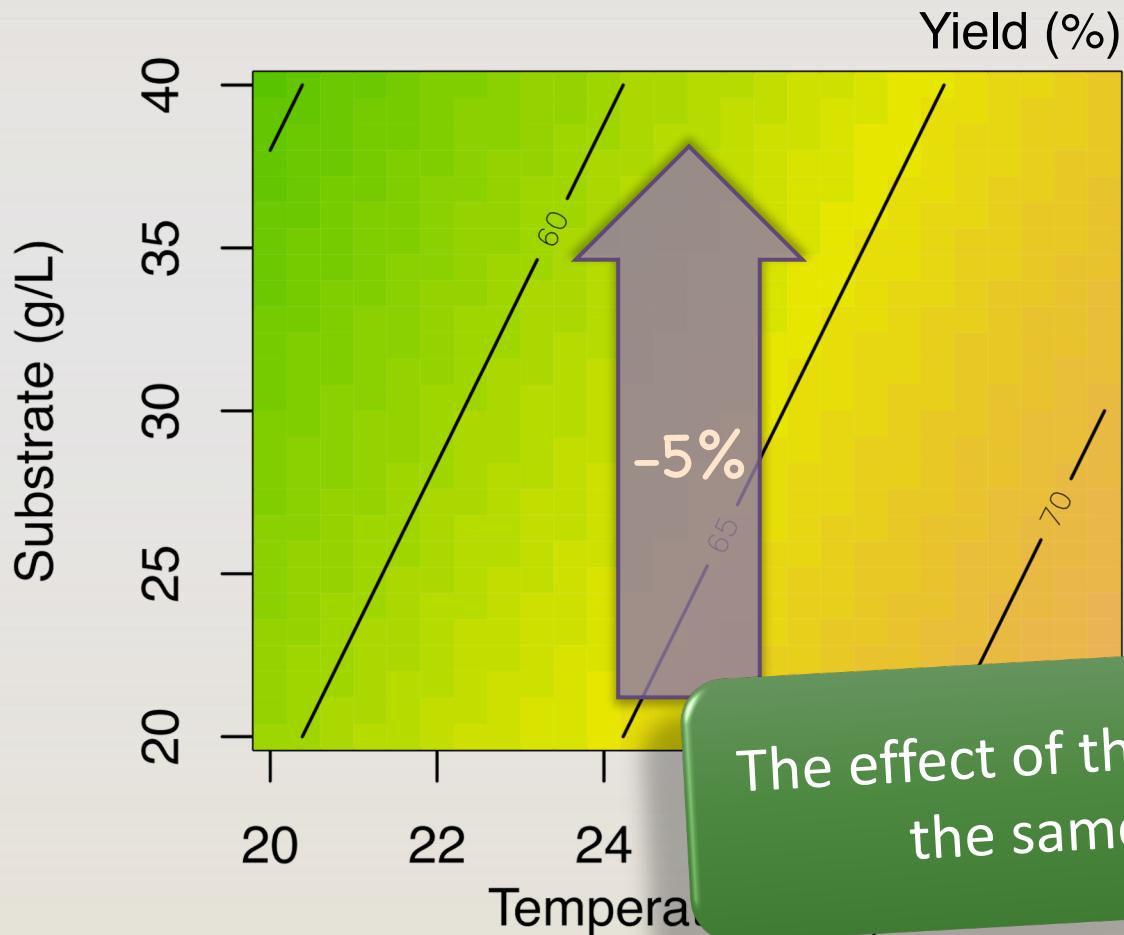
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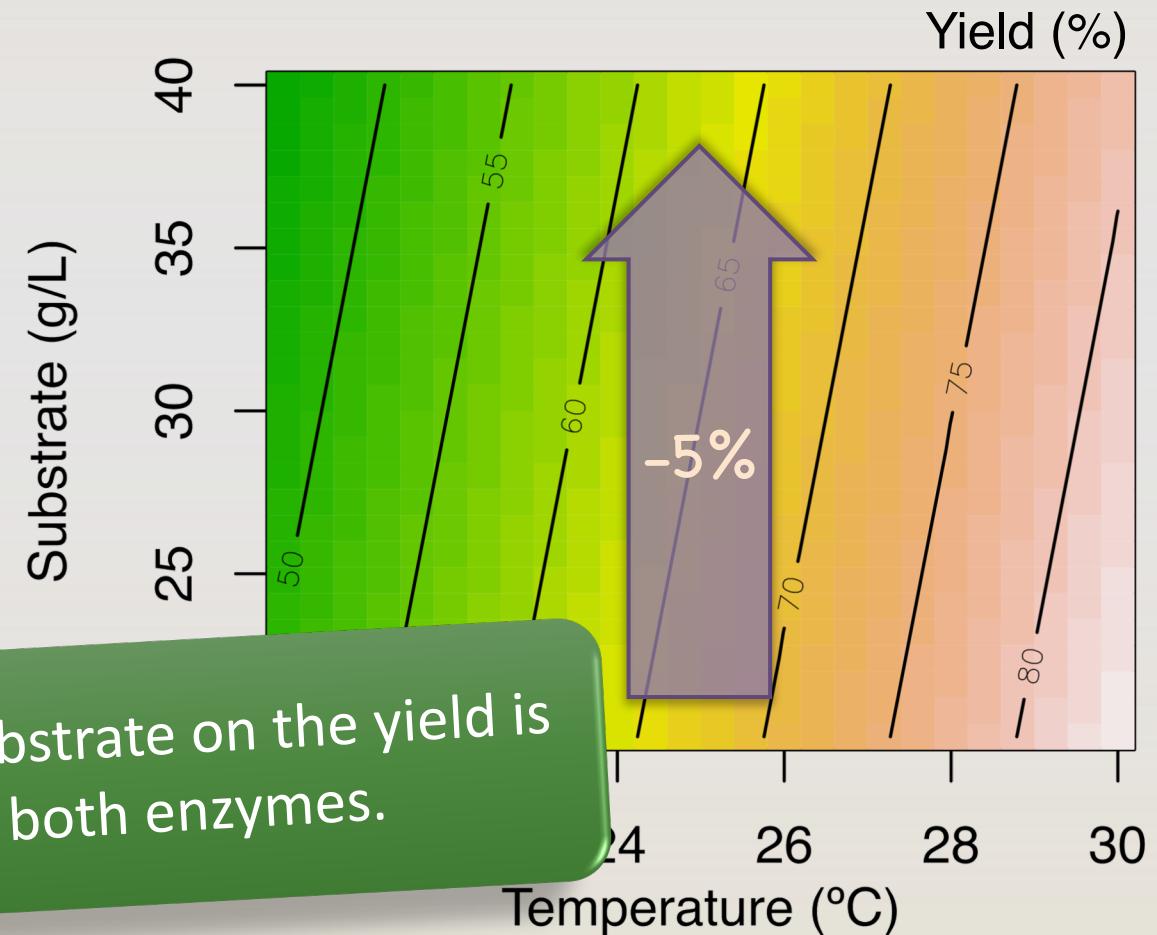
Significant interaction between  
temperature and enzyme, meaning:  
The effect of the temperature on the  
yield depends on the enzyme.

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(a) Enzyme E1



(b) Enzyme E2



The effect of the substrate on the yield is the same for both enzymes.