

# Advanced Food Technologies

Increasing process efficiency, product quality and safety.  
New structure generation and product development.

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# ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES



INCREASING PROCESS EFFICIENCY, PRODUCT QUALITY AND SAFETY. NEW STRUCTURE GENERATION AND PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT.

## Technology focus

- Pulsed electrical fields (PEF)
- High pressure
  - Static high pressure (HPP)
  - High pressure homogenisation (HPH)
  - Shockwaves (dynamic pressure)
  - Supercritical water and CO<sub>2</sub>
- Light systems (UV, Pulsed light, IR)
- Electron beam (irradiation)
- Ultrasounds
- Ohmic heating

## Research focus

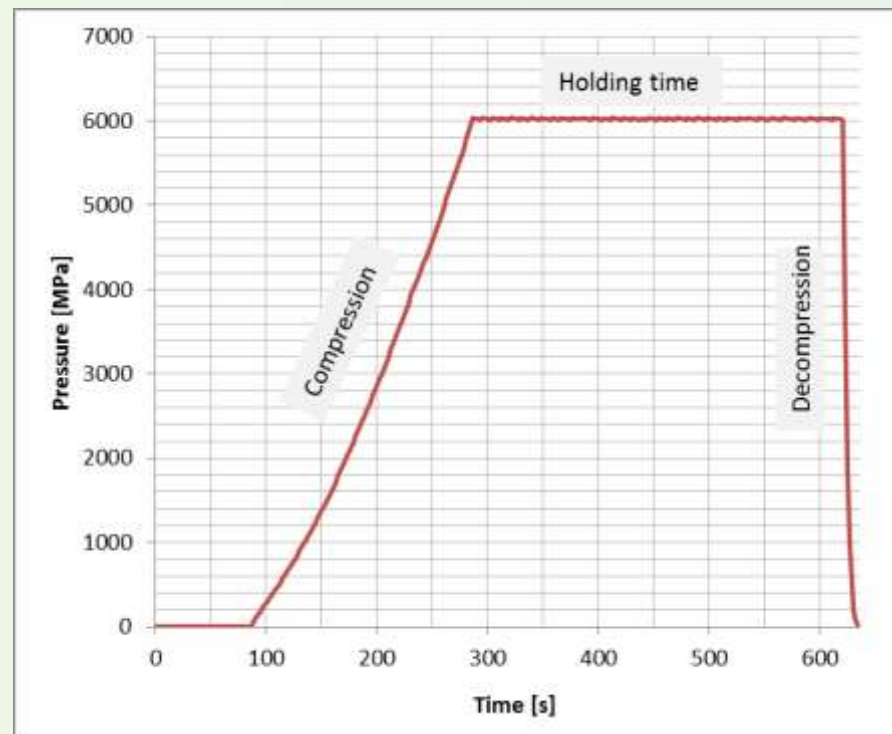
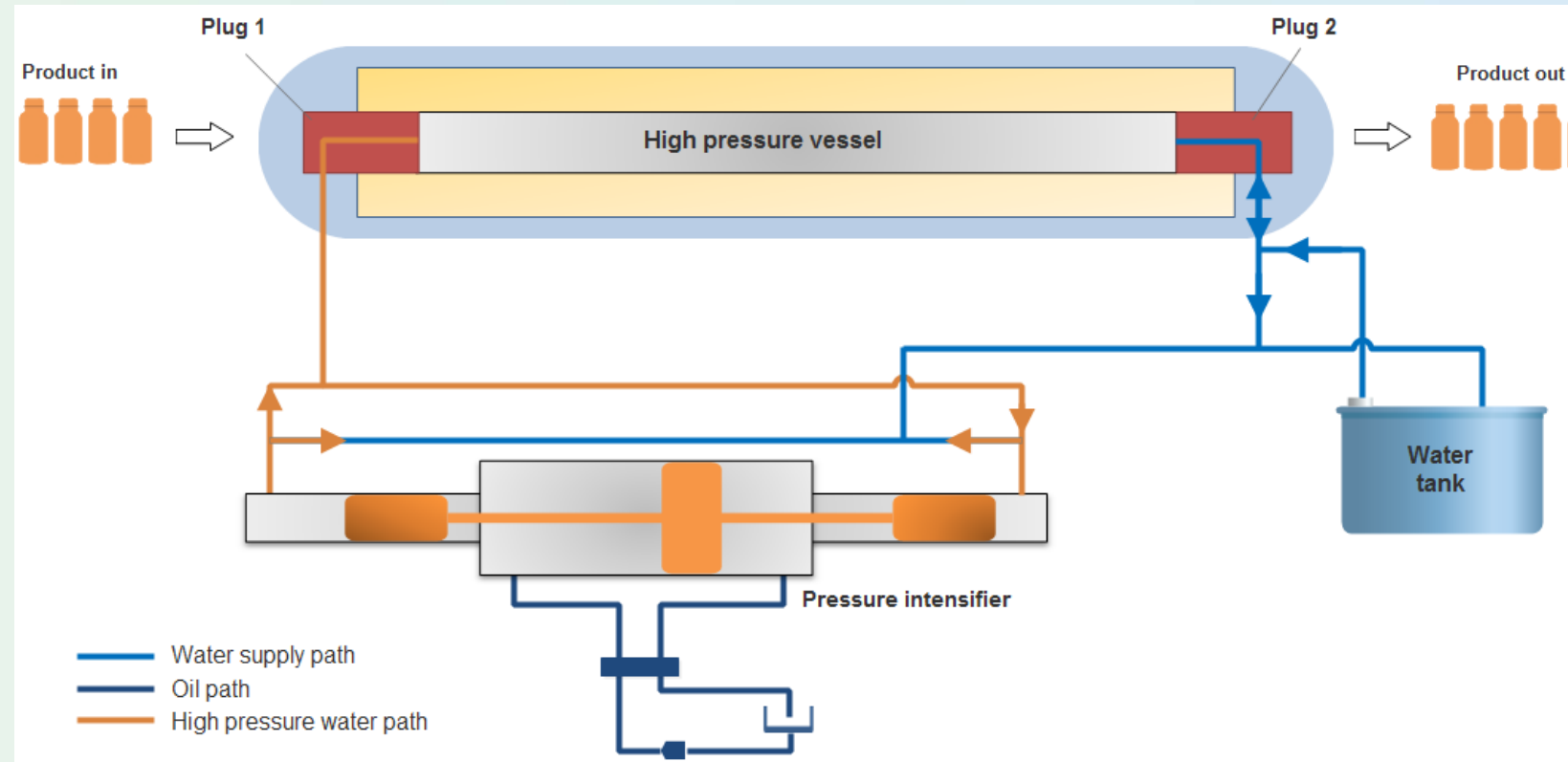
- Different applications
- Impact on food quality
- Impact on safety
- Microbial inactivation
- Process efficiency
- Process scalability
- Energy assessment
- Sustainability assessments
- Legal aspects

# HIGH HYDROSTATIC PRESSURE



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## GOVERNING PRINCIPLES

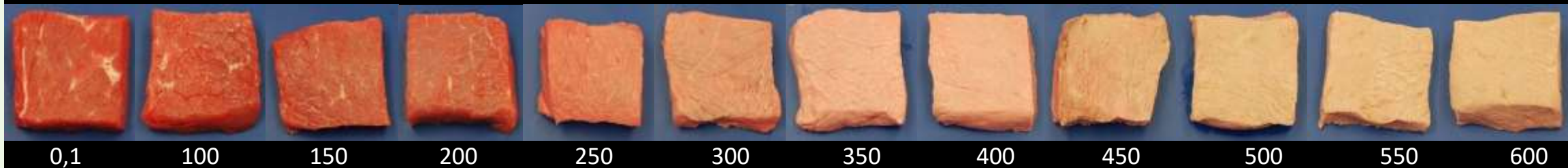




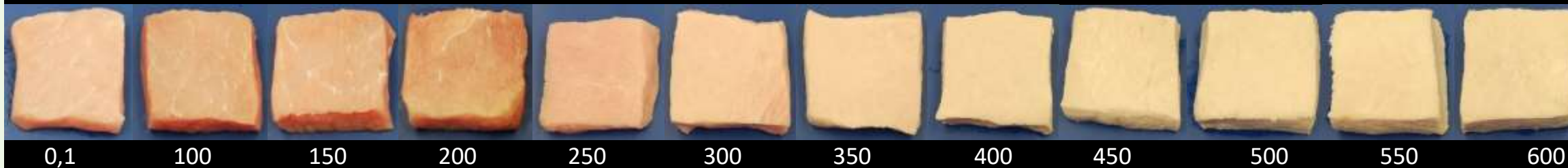
# HIGH PRESSURE PROCESSING

## EFFECTS ON PROTEIN – OBSTACLE OR OPPORTUNITY?

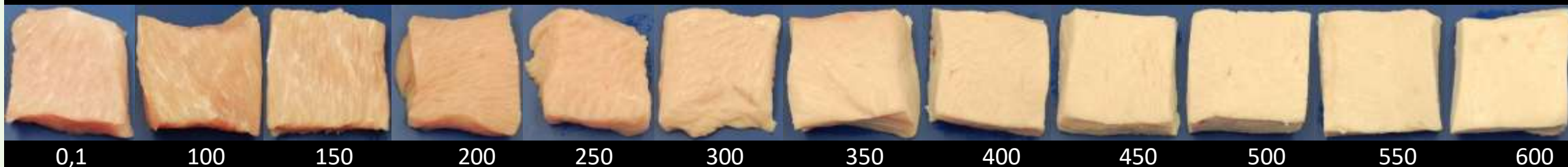
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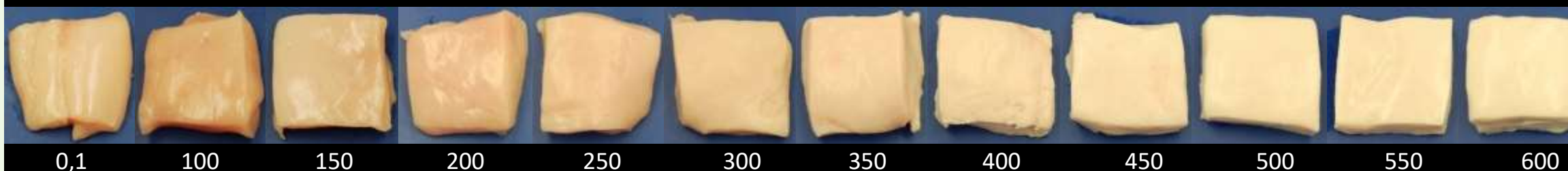
Colour changes in pork loin (*M. longissimus dorsi*) after 3 min. at 0,1 – 600 MPa and 18 °C



Colour changes in turkey breast (*M. pectoralis superficialis*) after 3 min. at 0,1 – 600 MPa and 18 °C



Colour changes in chicken breast (*M. pectoralis superficialis*) after 3 min. at 0,1 – 600 MPa and 18 °C



# HIGH HYDROSTATIC PRESSURE EQUIPMENT



Equipment	Wave Hiperbaric 600/55	Nova Swiss	Unipress
Max. Pressure	600 MPa	600 Mpa	700 Mpa
Treatment chamber volume	55 L	2 L	5 mL
Pressure build up	150 MPa/min	100 ( $\leq 400$ MPa) MPa/min 80 ( $> 400$ MPa) MPa/min	100 MPa/min
Temperature controle	No	Yes	Yes
Temperature range	Chilled to room temperature	-20 to +80 °C	-20 to +120 °C

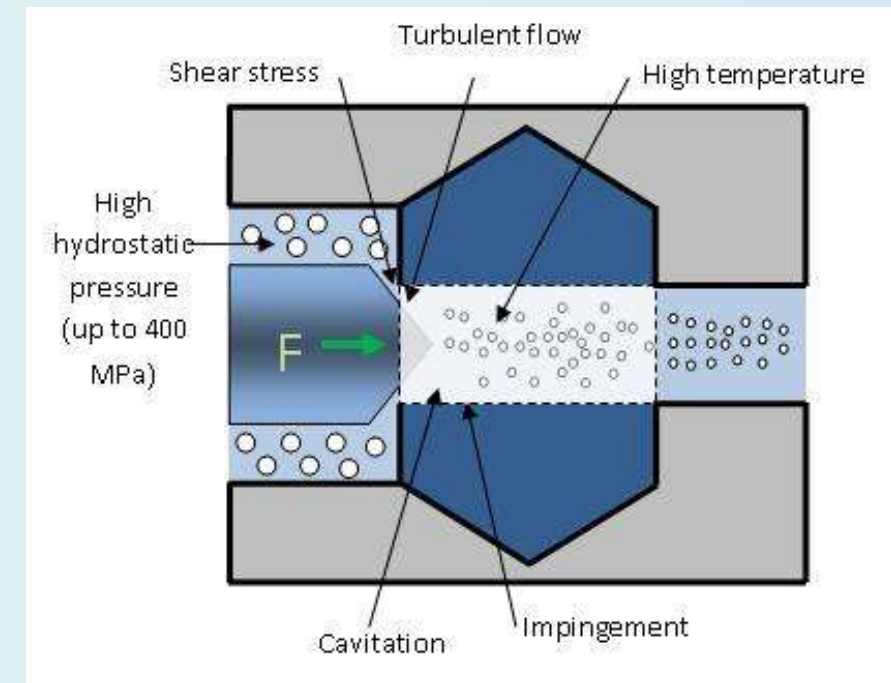
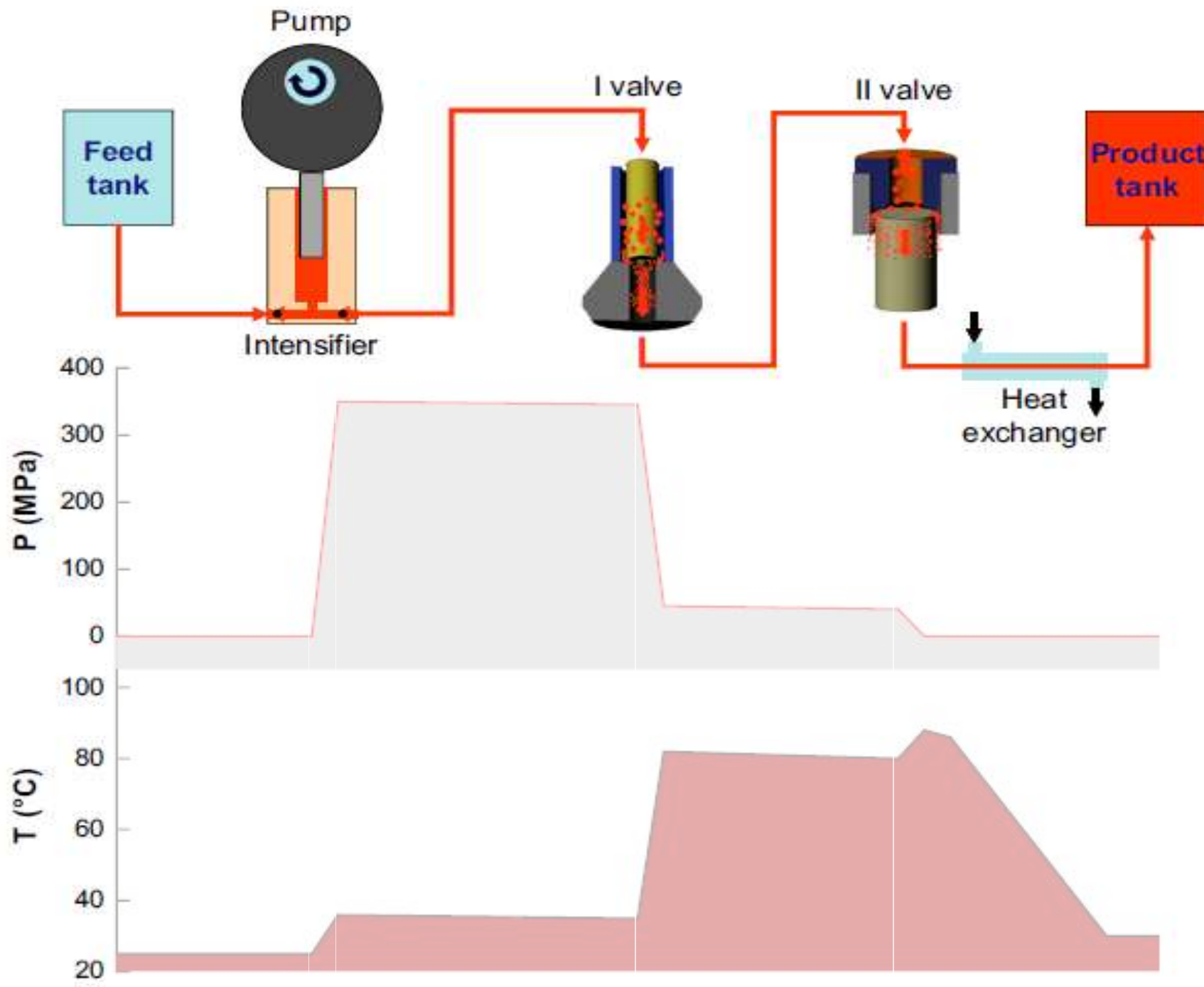
# ULTRA HIGH PRESSURE HOMOGENISATION





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## DYNAMIC HIGH PRESSURE FOR PRESERVATION AND STRUCTURE MODIFICATION



### Fluid temperature increase due to:

- Compression; Adiabatic heating  
( $\sim 3^\circ\text{C}/100\text{ MPa}$ )
- Shear effect
- Instantaneous pressure drop  
( $15\text{--}20^\circ\text{C}/100\text{ MPa}$ )
- Conversion of kinetic energy to heat

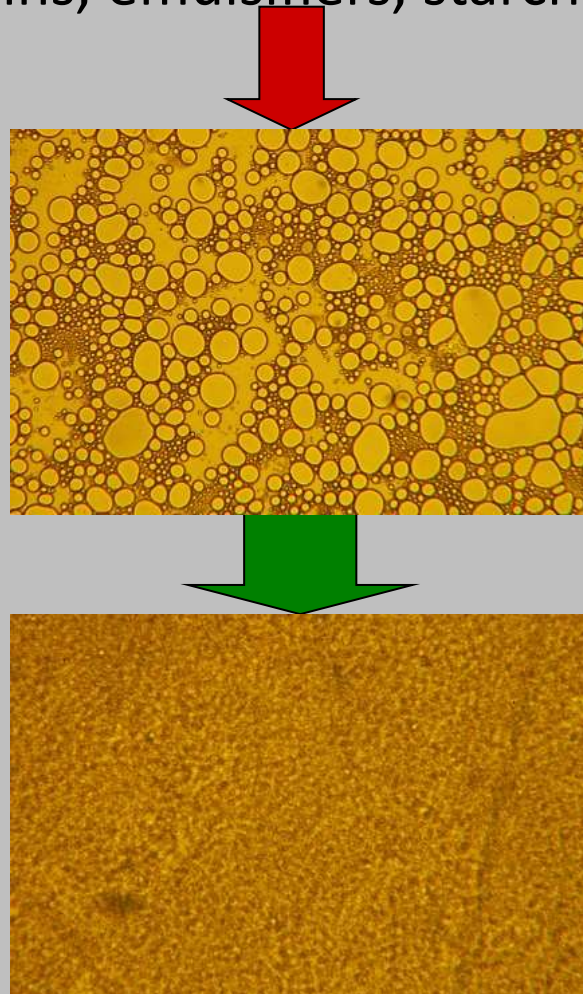


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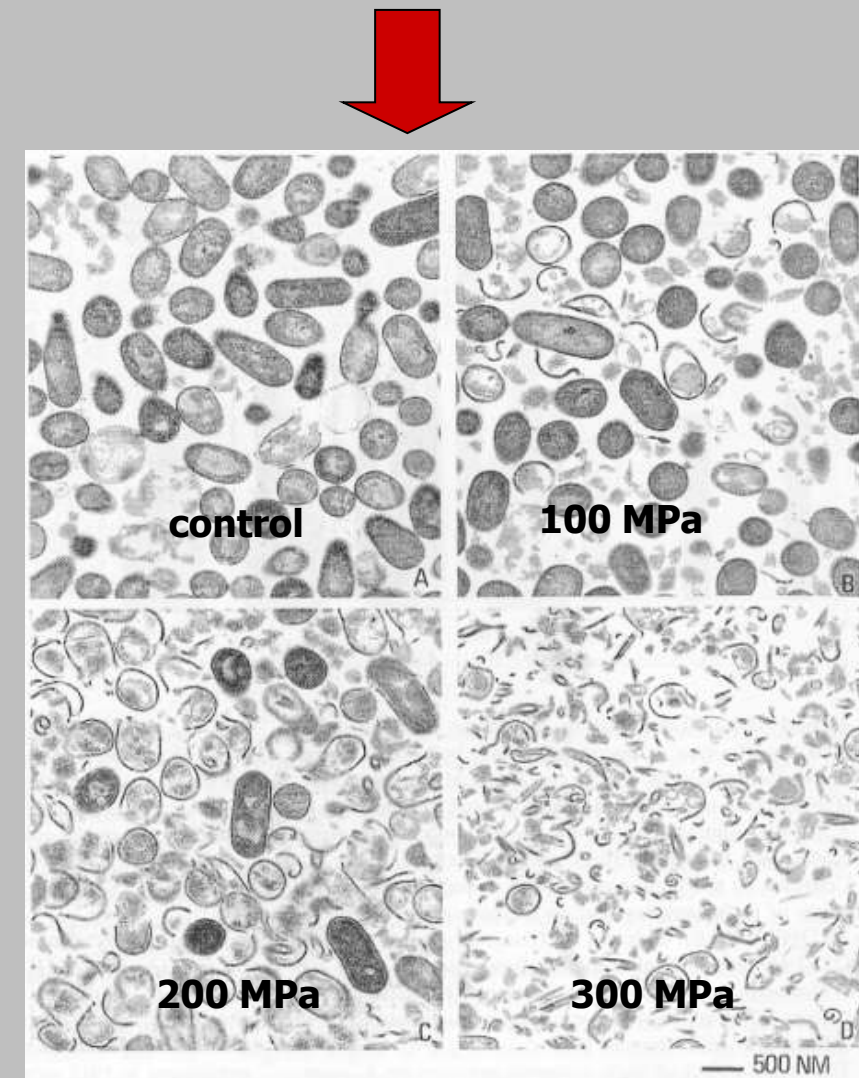
### Structural modification

- Particle and fat droplet size reduction (Nanoparticles, nanosuspensions)
- Modification of constituents (proteins, emulsifiers, starch etc.)



### Cell disruption

- Reduction of microbial load
- Extraction of compounds (e.g. algae)





# HIGH PRESSURE HOMOGENISATION

## LOW FAT EMULSION

### 1. Pre-emulsion preparation

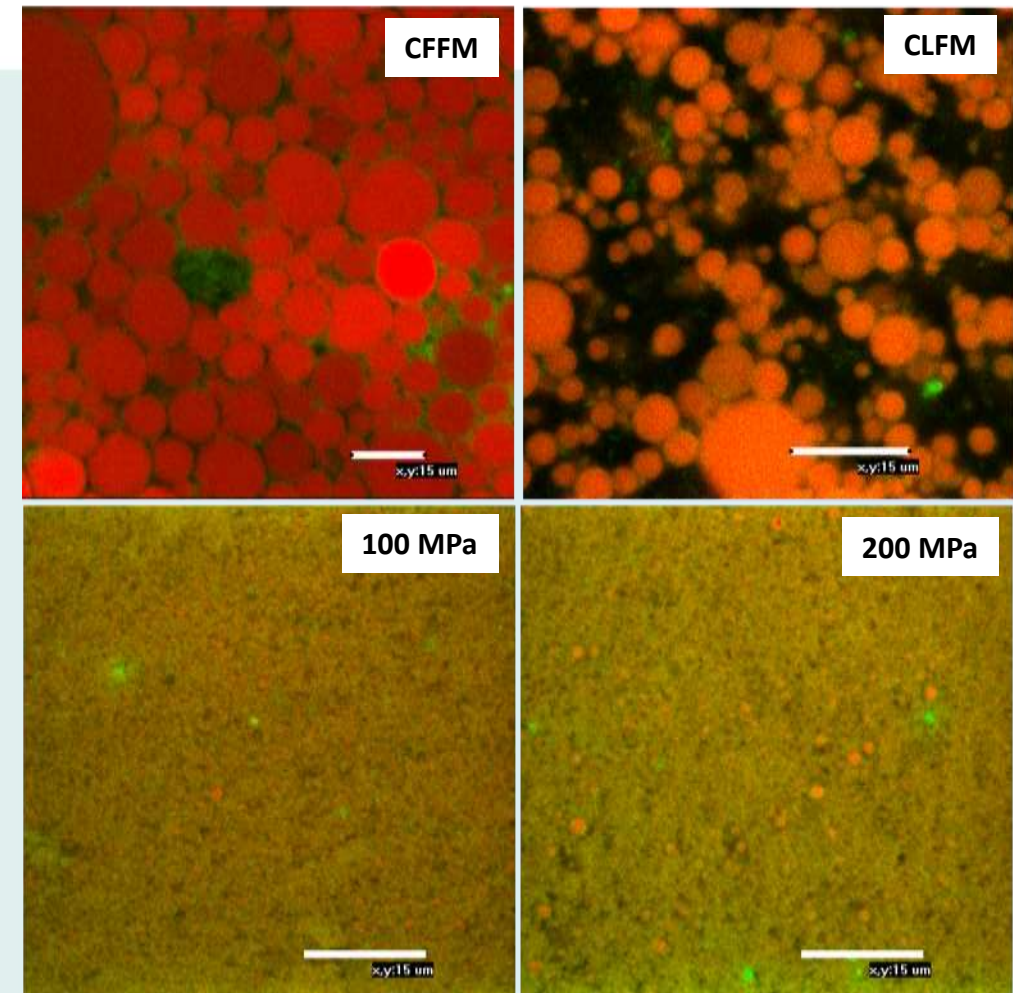
- Water	56 %
- Egg yolk (PLA2 modified)	8 %
- Sugar	2 %
- Mustard	1 %
- Salt	1 %

### 2. Addition of fat and acidic phase

- Liquid fat slowly added during mixing	<b>28 %</b>
- Finally:	
- Vinegar	3 %
- Citric acid	1 %

### 3. High pressure homogenisation

- 100-350 MPa



Confocal laser scanning microscopy (CLSM)



100 MPa



200 MPa

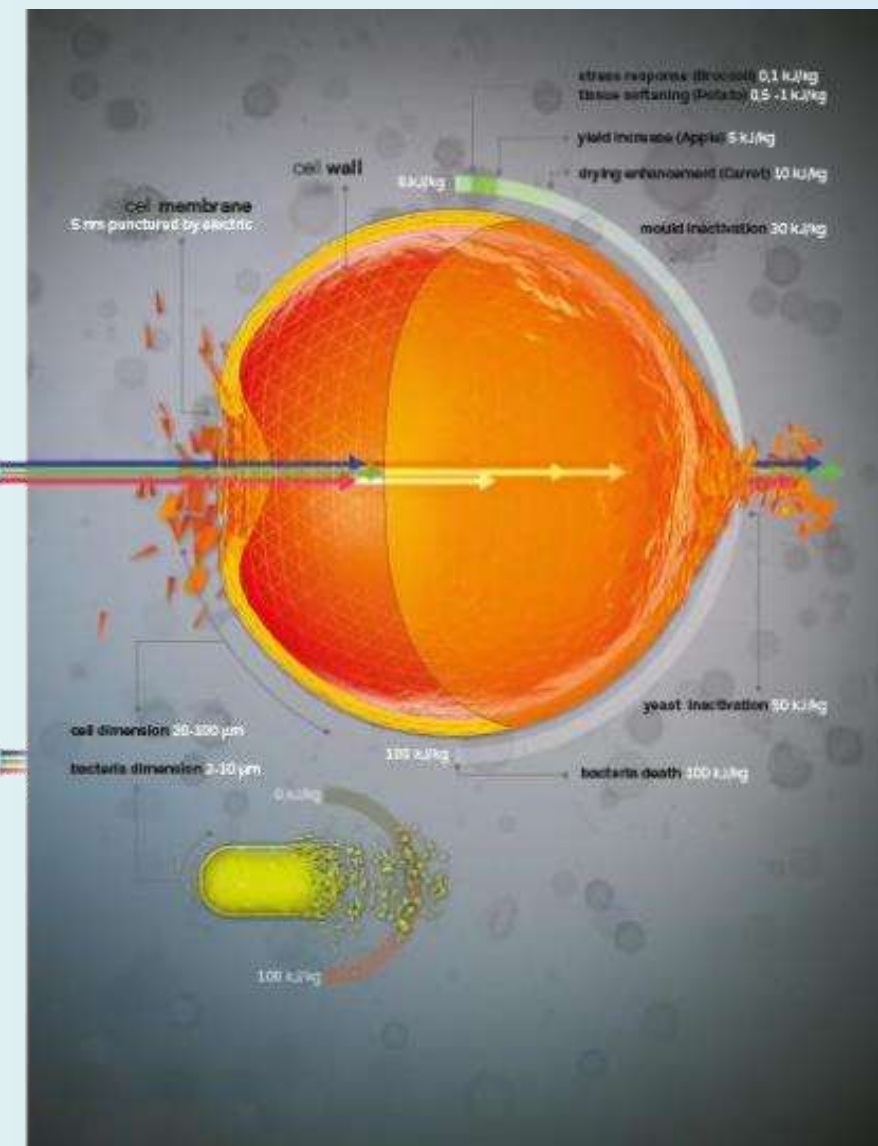
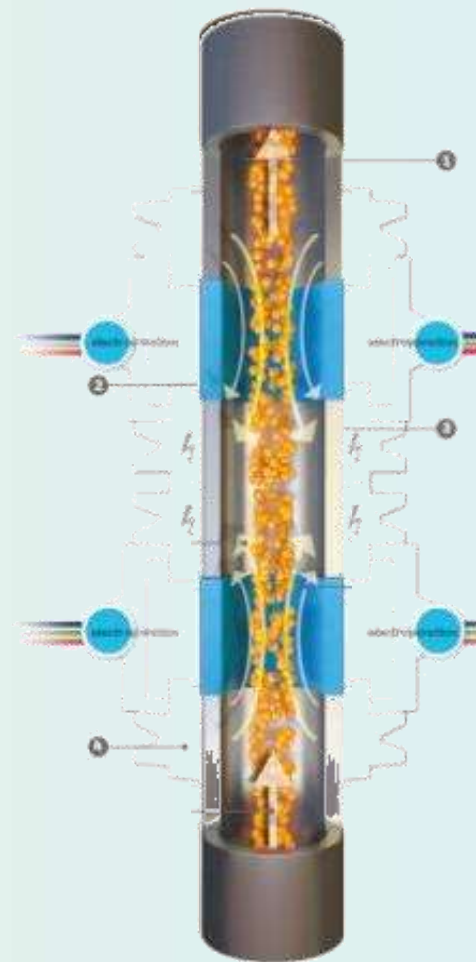


300 MPa



350 MPa

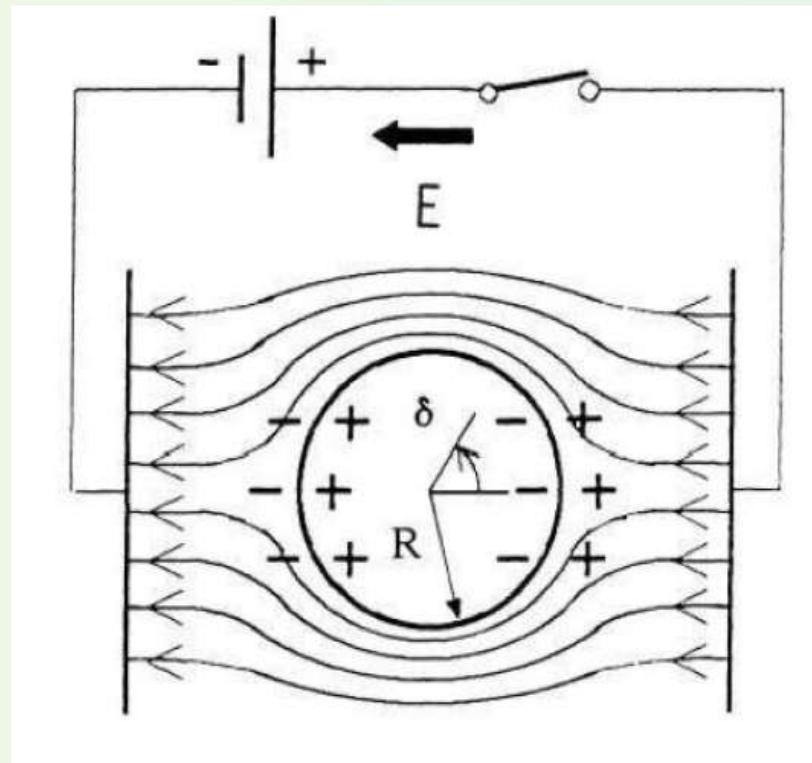
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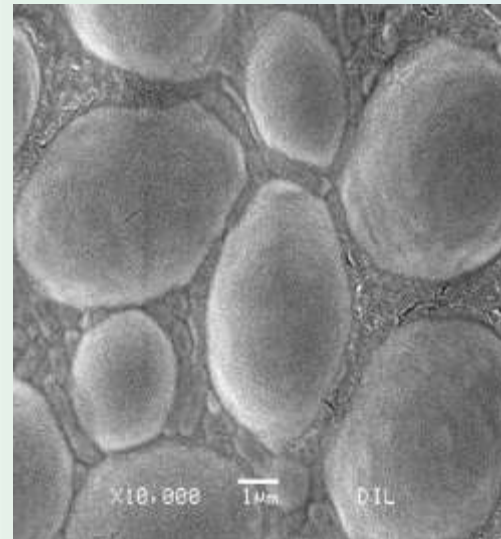


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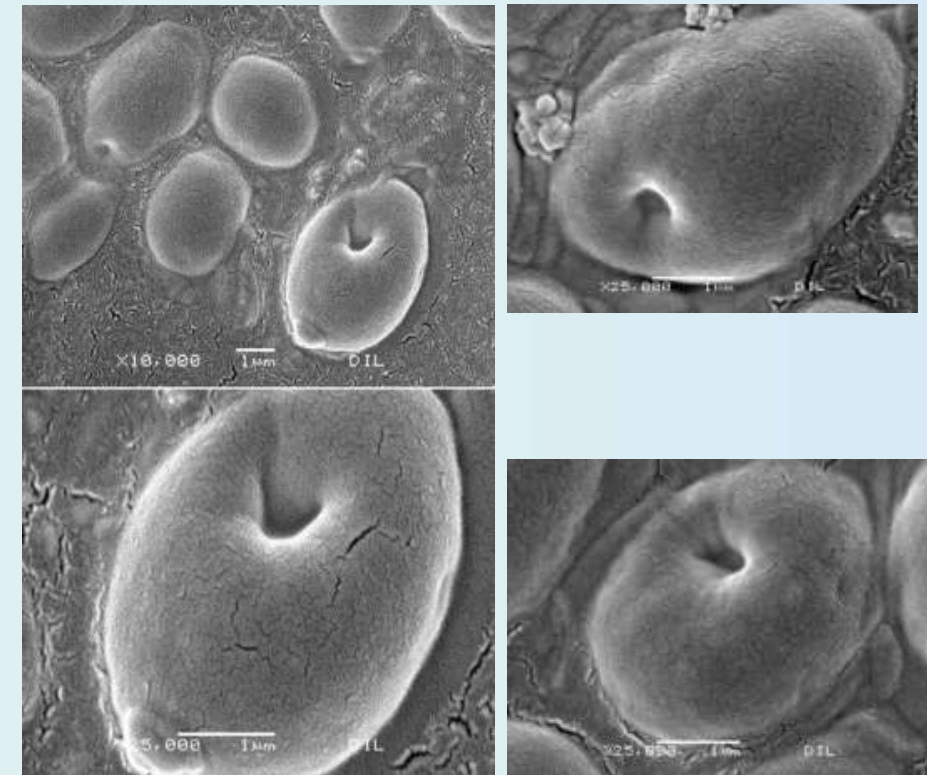
## ELECTROPORATION



Untreated



PEF-treated



1. Pore induction  
(reversible)

*Induction of stress response*

2. Expansion and Stabilisation  
(irreversible Pore)

*Loss of semipermeability*

*Loss of vitality*

*Loss of turgor pressure*

Aganovic, K., Siemer, C., Toepfl, S., Heinz, V. (2012). Microscopic analysis of yeast and *Listeria innocua* after PEF, HPP and temperature treatment in Ringer's solution. Poster presentation at Kongress Lebensmitteltechnologie, Dresden, Germany



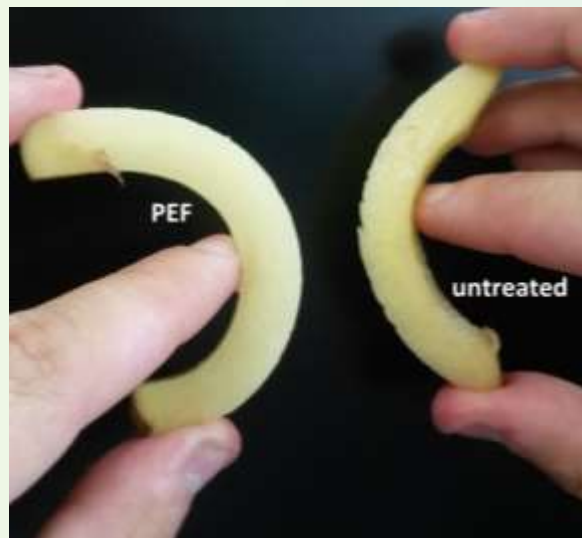
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INCREASING PRODUCT QUALITY AND SAFETY, AND PROCESS EFFICIENCY

## ■ Pulsed electric fields

- Electroporation for structure modification
- Gentle preservation
- Improved mass transfer



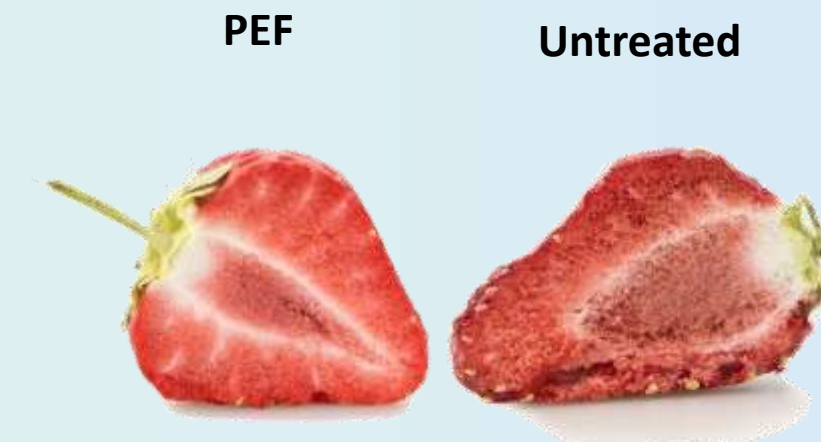
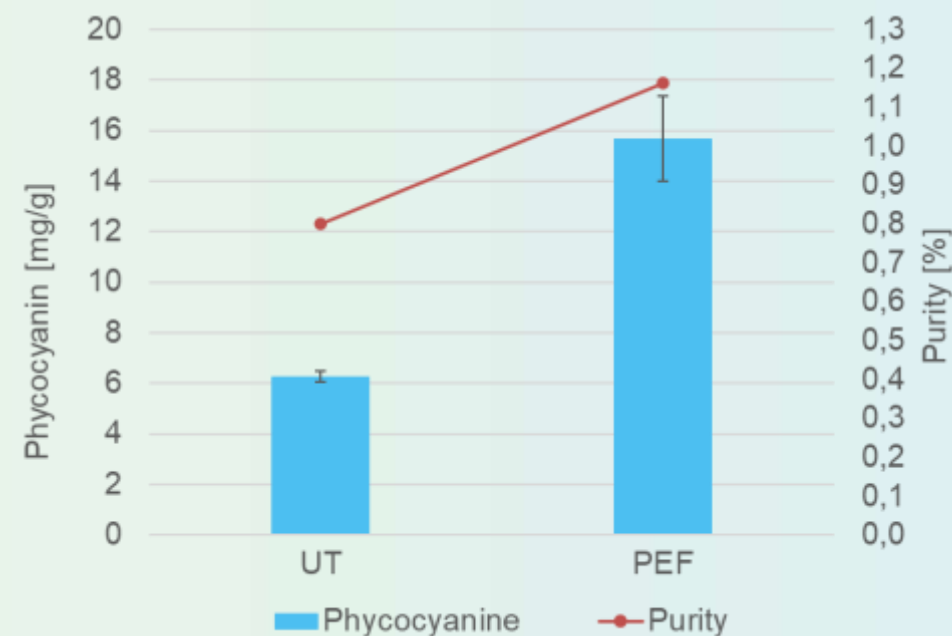
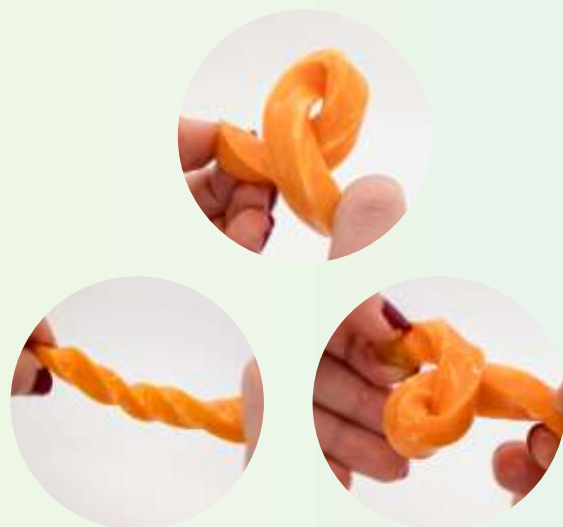
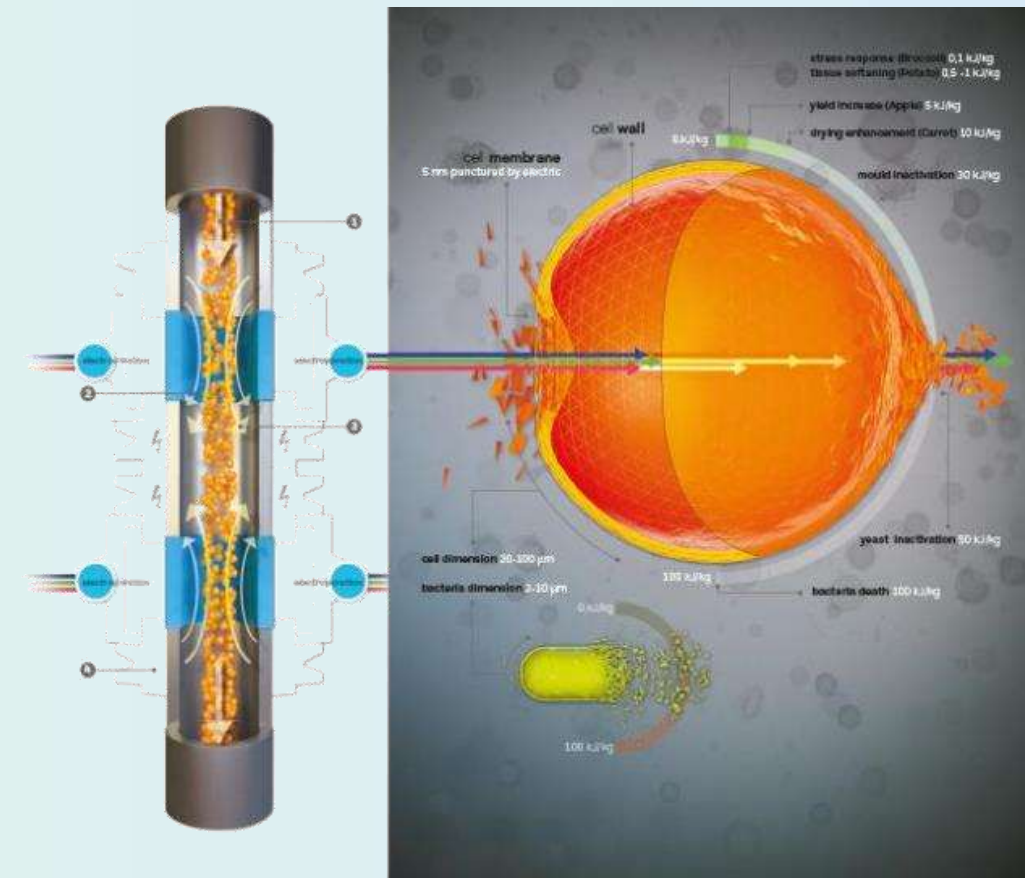
Freshly squeezed, untreated



Thermally treated



PEF treated

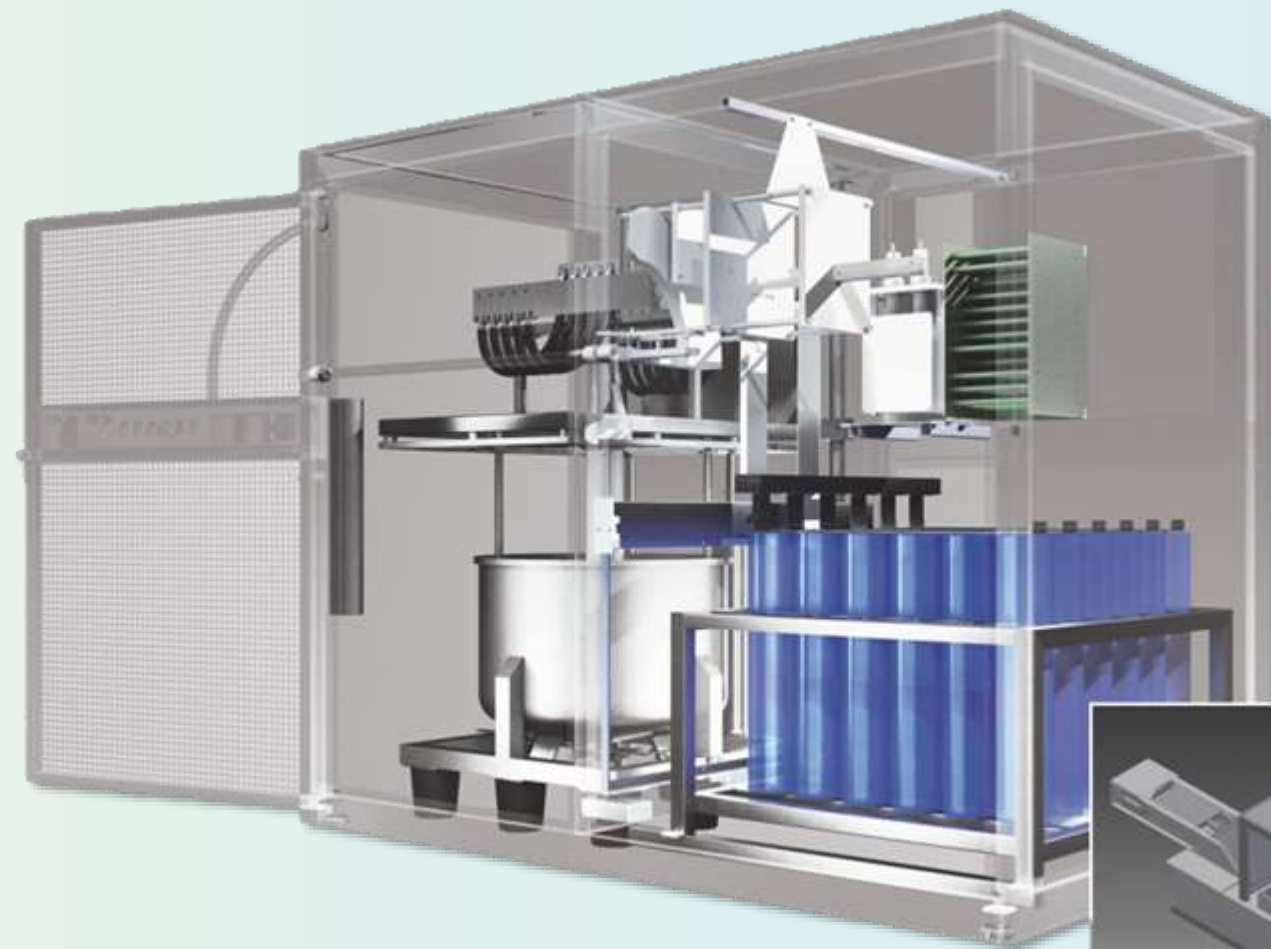


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## GENTLE JUICE PRESERVATION



# SHOCKWAVE PROCESSING

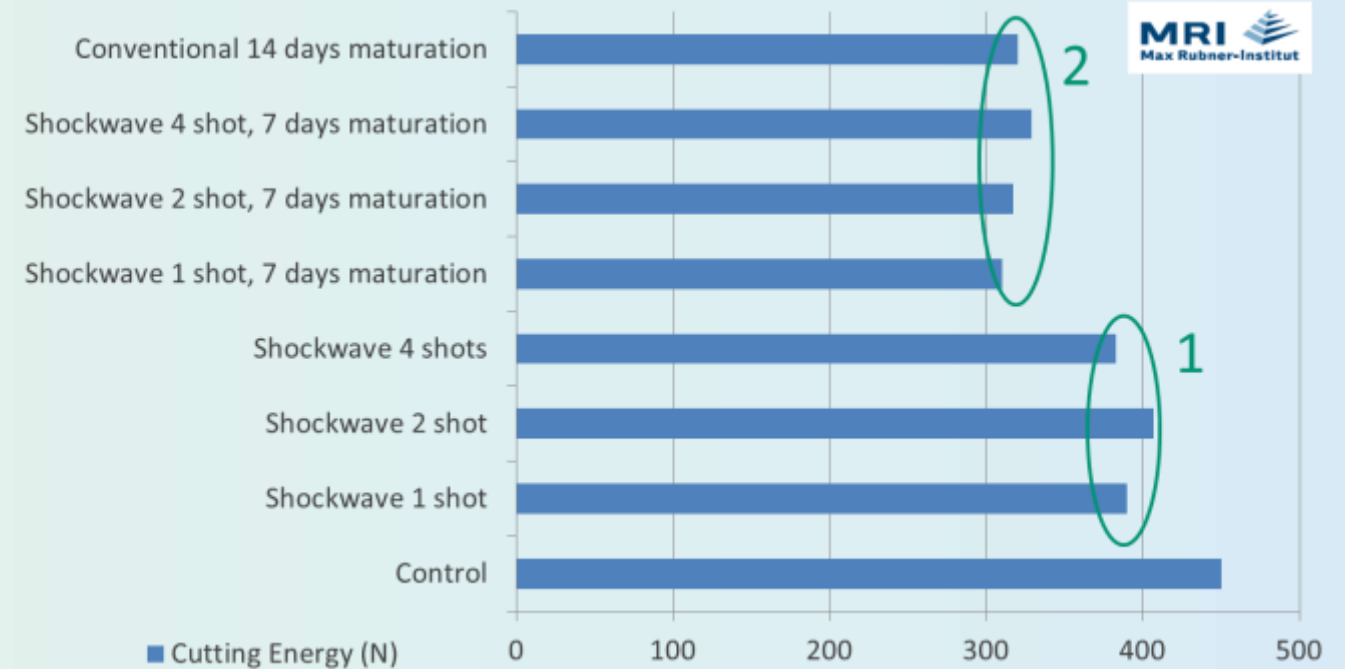
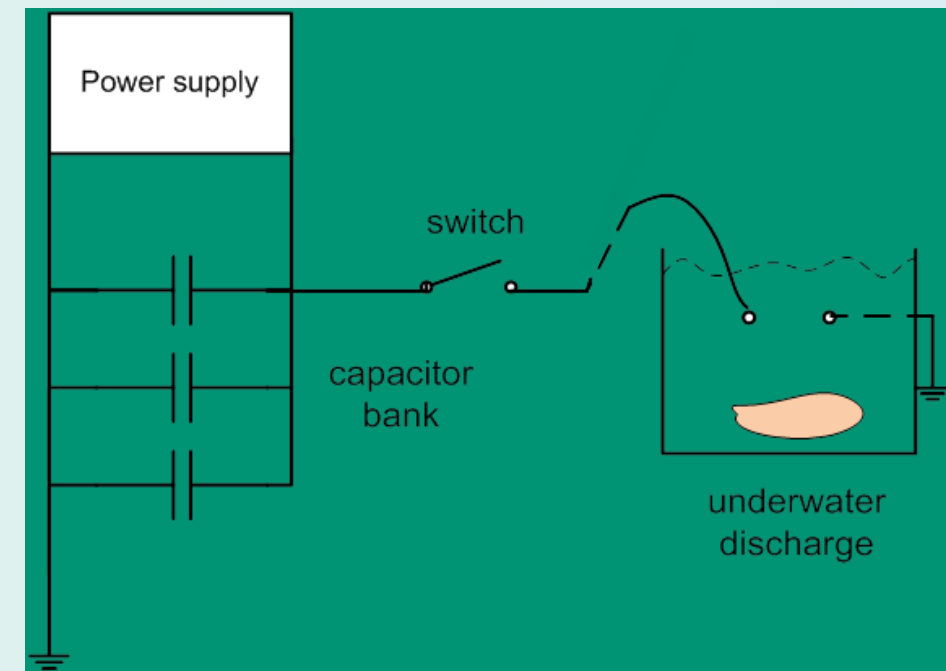
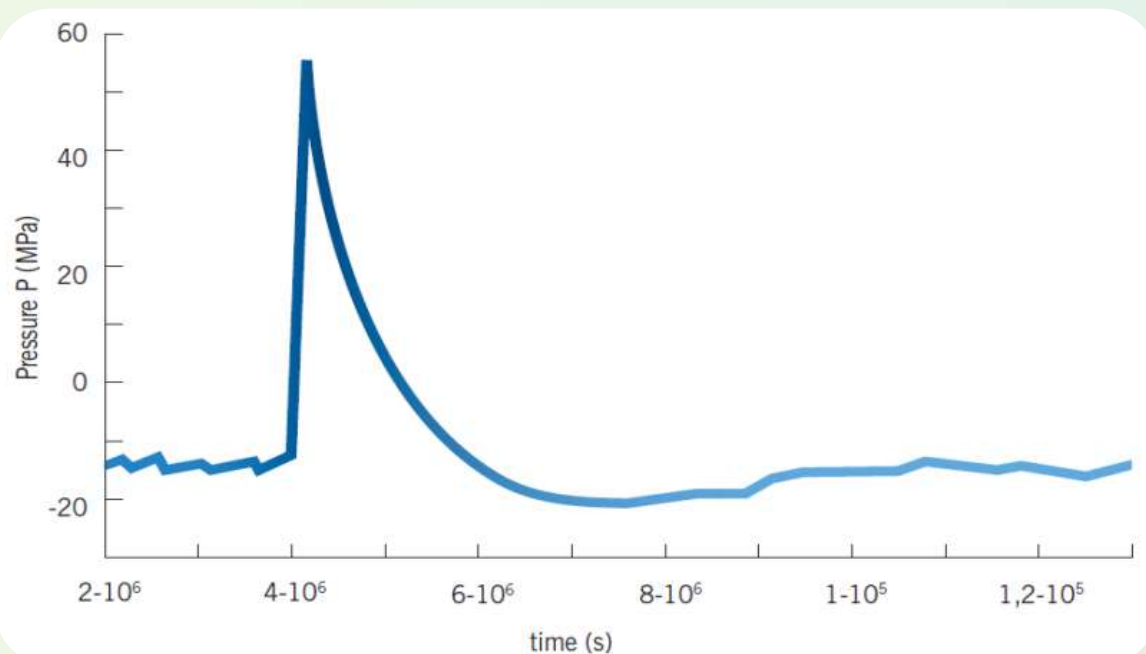
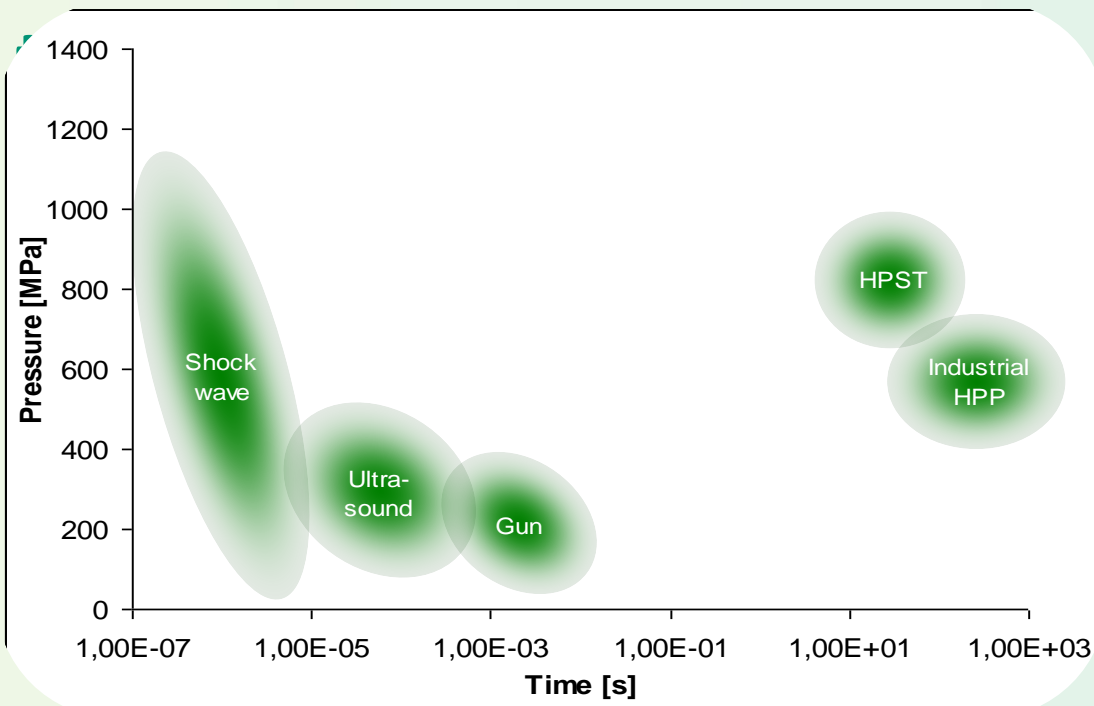




# SHOCKWAVE

## HYDRODYNAMIC HIGH PRESSURE

### High pressure levels but at $\mu\text{s}$



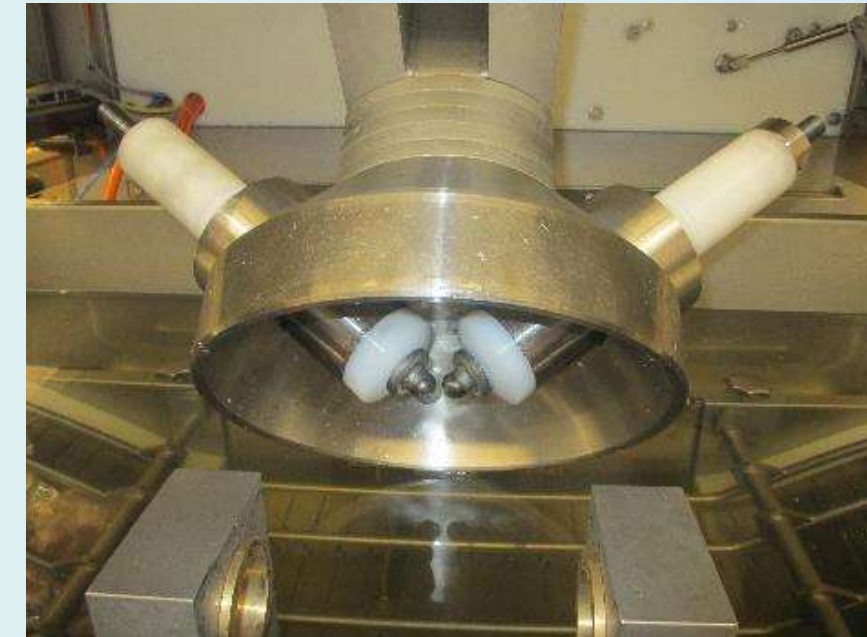


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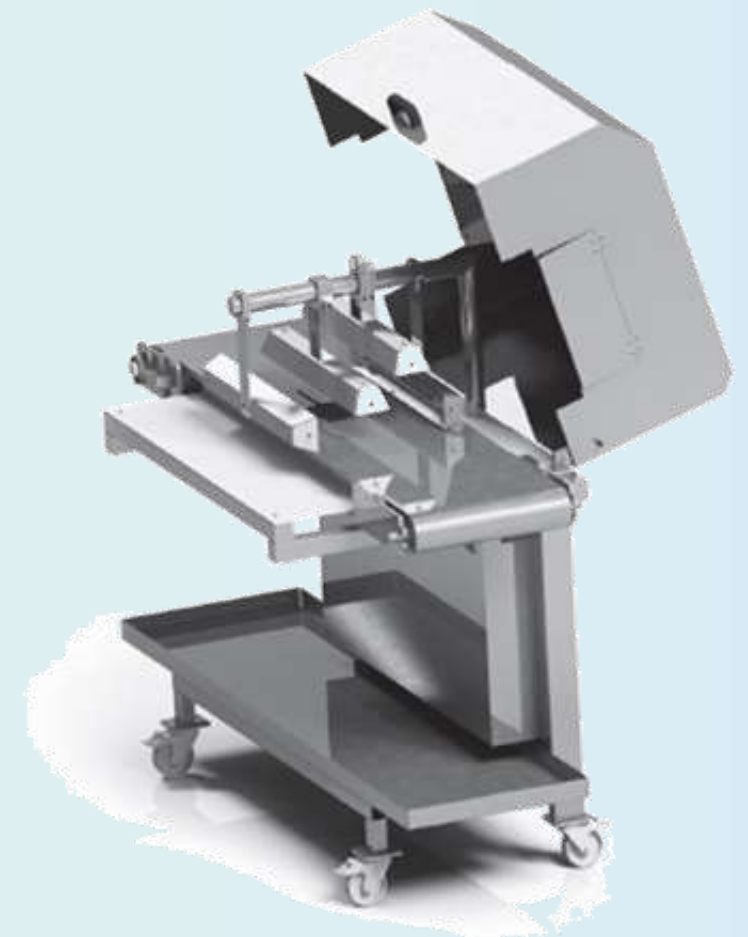
## HYDRODYNAMIC HIGH PRESSURE



**Continuous system for tissue disintegration and meat tenderisation**



# TECHNOLOGIES FOR SURFACE DECONTAMINATION





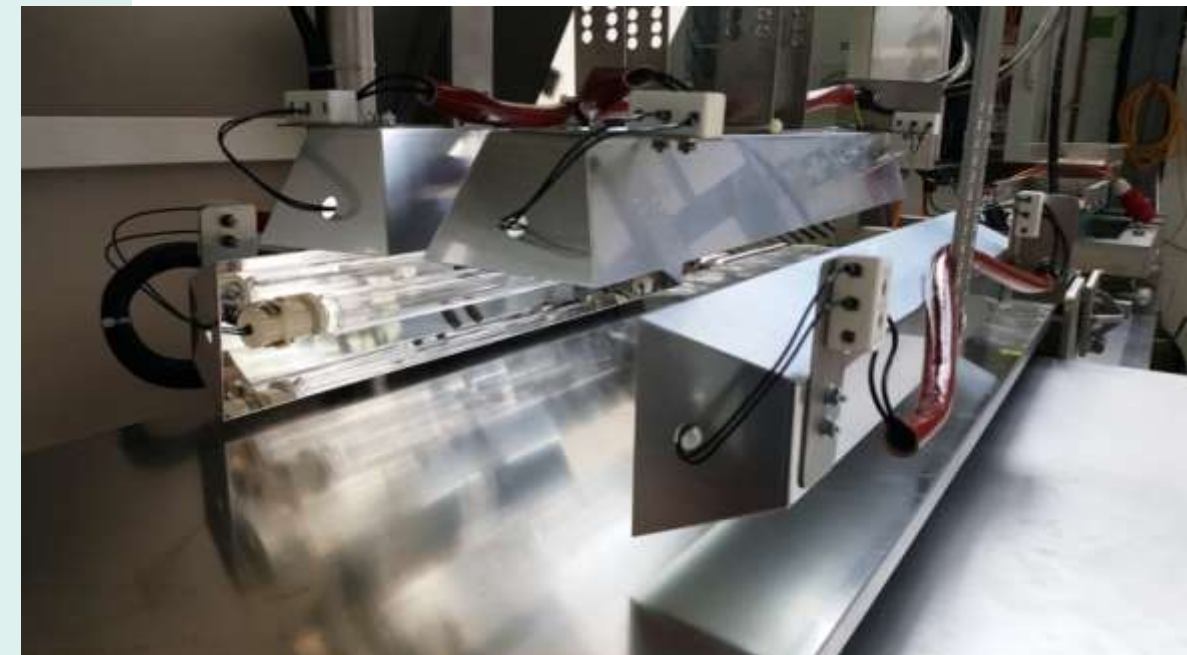
# Technologies for surface decontamination

## CONTINUOUS UV LIGHT



### Surface decontamination of packed product

- No toxic substances
- Decontamination using UV, PL
- Contact-free
- Continuous process from all sides
- Treatment in packaging
- Moderate costs

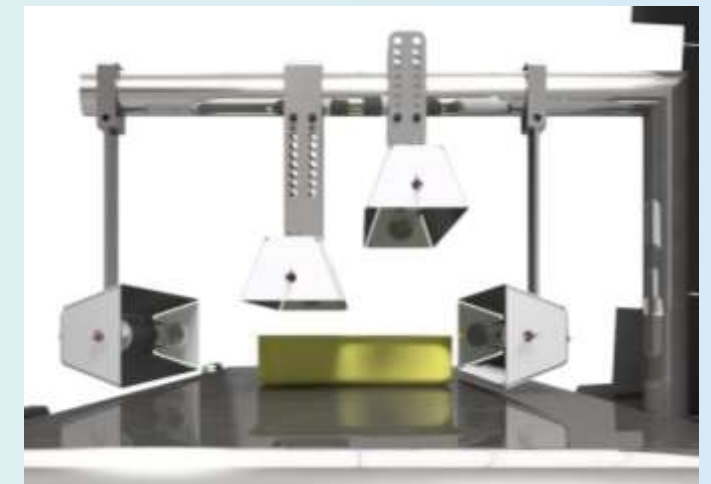


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- Technologies based on radiation energy

- UV Light
- Pulsed light
- Infra red light
- Electron beam





# OHMIC HEATING



# Ohmic heating

RAPID HEATING, COOKING, THAWING, ...

## Principle

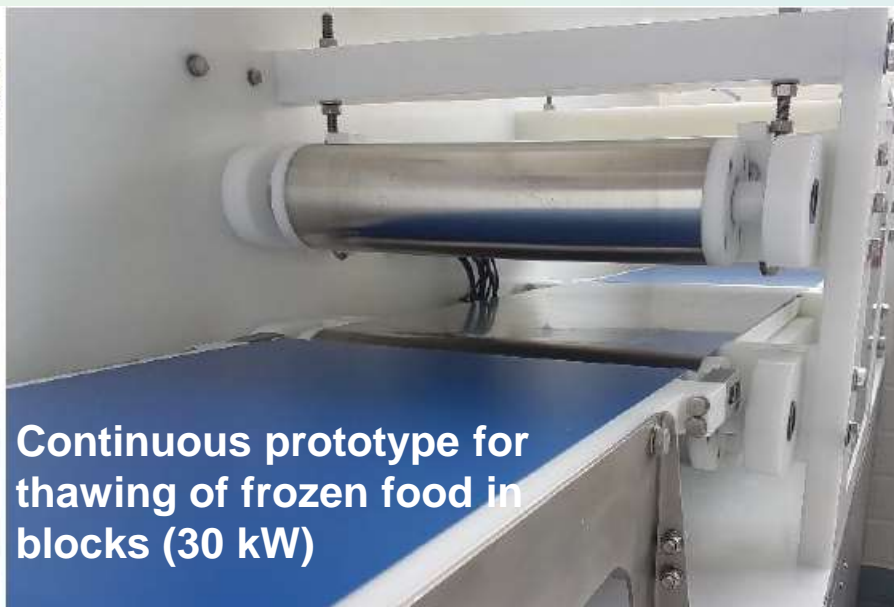
The passage of an alternating electrical current through a product acting as a resistor and in contact with electrodes causes heat generation within the product

→ heat is generated rapidly and volumetrically, resulting in faster and uniform heating

## Applications

Thawing, heating, cooking, blanching, evaporation, dehydration, fermentation, pasteurization or sterilization

→ most promising applications for meat and meat products



Continuous prototype for thawing of frozen food in blocks (30 kW)



Batch system for tests (5kW)

# SUPERCRITICAL FLUIDS

# Sub- and supercritical water

## DECOMPOSITION OF POLYMERS

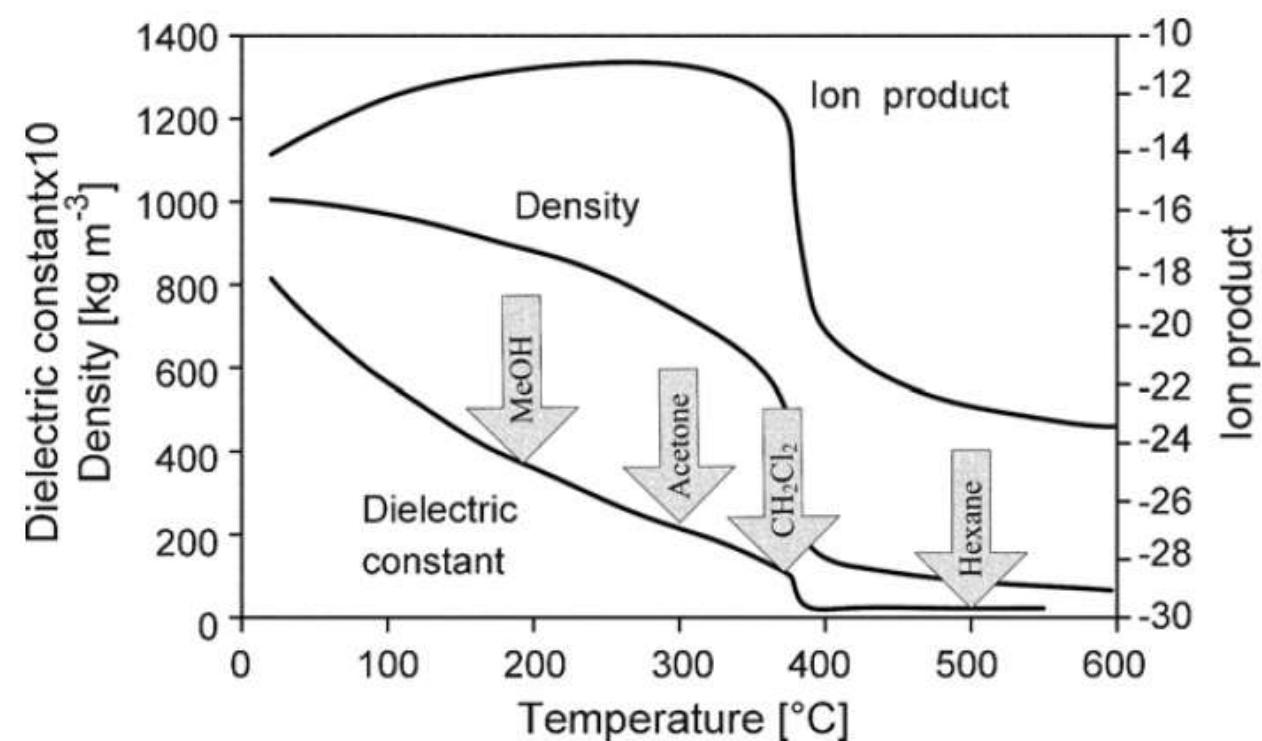
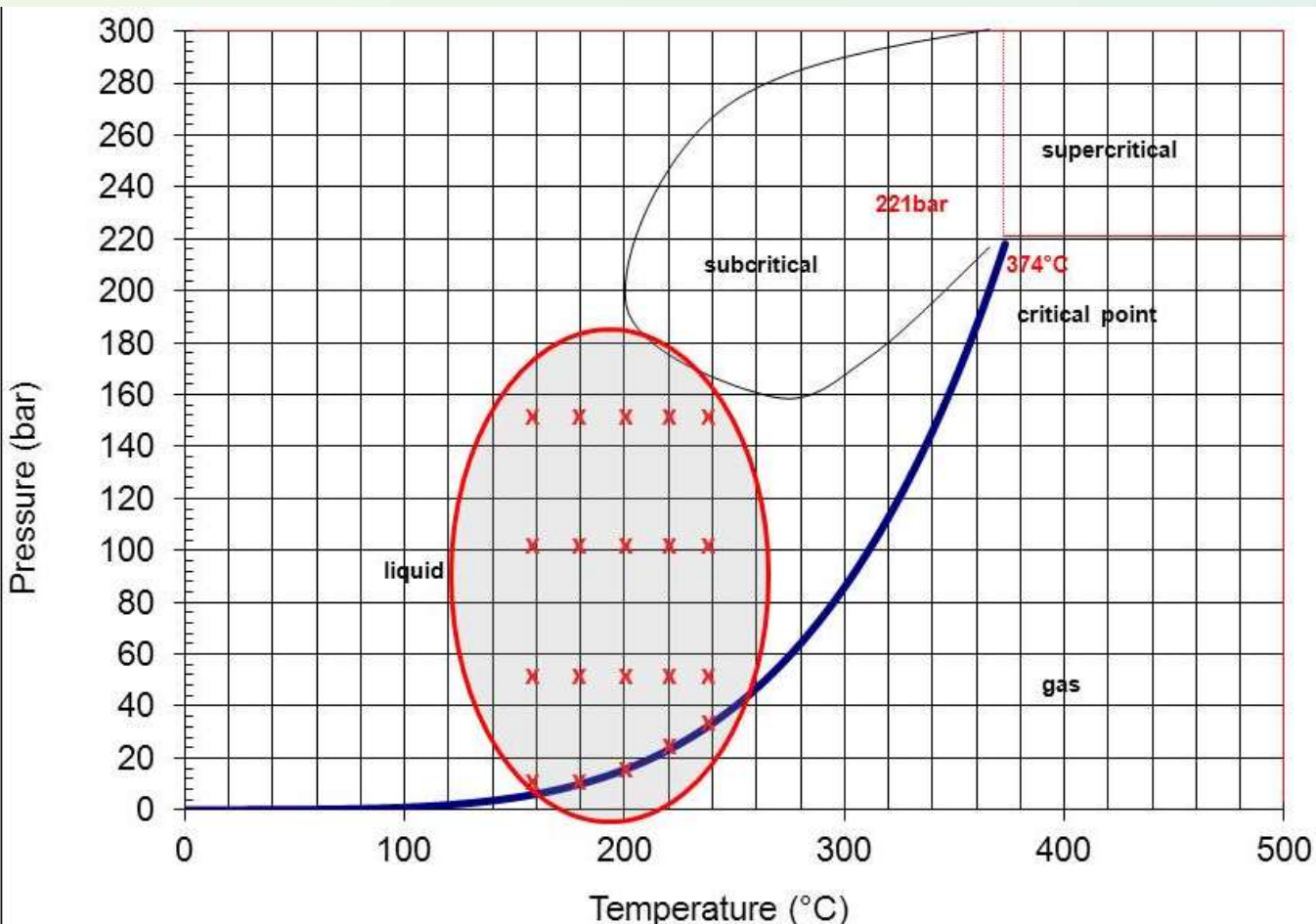
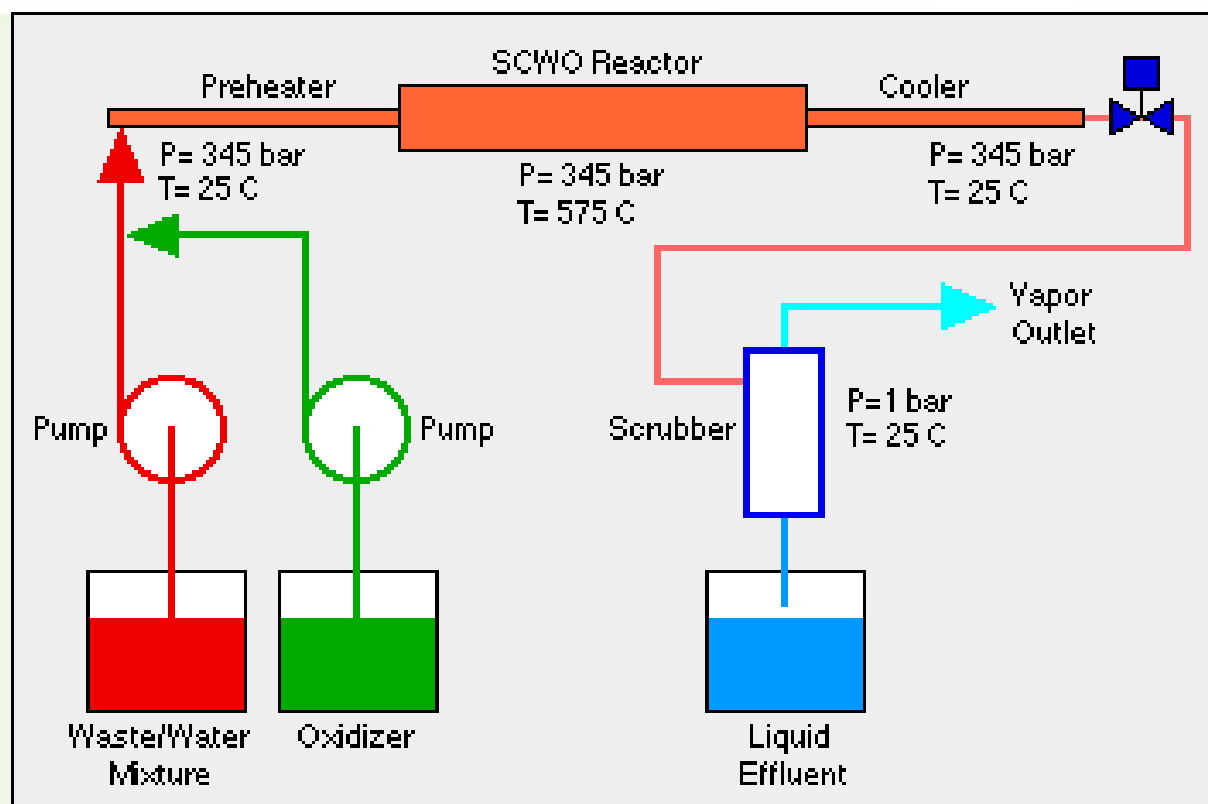


Fig. 1. Physical properties of water at a pressure of 24 MPa vs. temperature (dielectric constants of typical organic solvents at room temperature are indicated) (Kritzer and Dinjus, 2001).

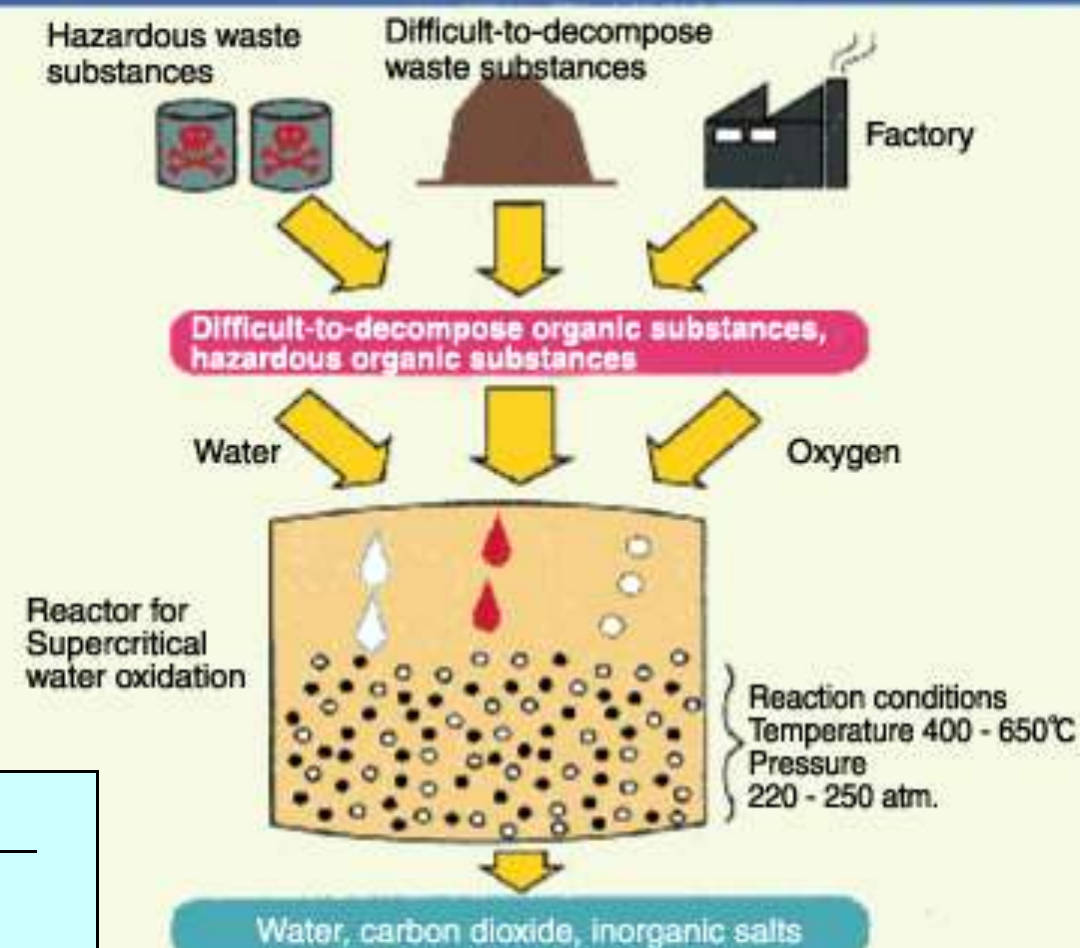


# Sub- and supercritical water

## DECOMPOSITION OF POLYMERS



### Decomposition by Supercritical water oxidation



WASTE	SCWO REACTANTS		SCWO PRODUCTS
Cellulose	$C_6H_{10}O_5 + 6O_2$	→	$6CO_2 + 5H_2O$
Methane	$CH_4 + 2O_2$	→	$CO_2 + 2H_2O$
Benzene	$C_6H_6 + 7.5 O_2$	→	$6 CO_2 + 3 H_2O$
Dioxin (PCDD)	$Cl_2-C_6H_2-O_2-C_6H_2-Cl_2 + 11 O_2$	→	$12 CO_2 + 4 HCl$
Chloroform	$CHCl_3 + 0.5 O_2 + H_2O$	→	$CO_2 + 3 HCl$
TNT	$CH_3-C_6H_2-(NO_2)_3 + 5.25 O_2$	→	$7 CO_2 + 2.5 H_2O + 1.5 N_2$
Ferrous Chloride	$FeCl_2 + 0.25 O_2 + H_2O$	→	$0.5 Fe_2O_3 + 2 HCl$
Nerve Agent HD	$Cl-C_2H_4-S-C_2H_4-Cl + 7 O_2$	→	$4 CO_2 + 2 H_2O + 2 HCl + H_2SO_4$

## Applications

# Thank you for your attention!

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