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Green technologies-based approaches for the food processing

Main drivers for development and employing innovative or novel process technologies

Some Examples:

Industrial needs

- High hydrostatic pressure (HHP)
- Ultrasound (US)
- Higher energy conservation
- Reduce production costs
- Development of new foods for specific groups of consumers
- Improve shelf life
- Reducing carbon emission
- Reducing water consumption
- Microwave
- Radio frequency (RF)
- Infra Red

Thermal / Non-thermal

Pulsed Electrical Field (PEF)
Cold plasma
Ohmic heating (OH)
Co₂ injection

Energy efficiency

Consumer demands for:
Less water consumption

Less organic water pollutants

Fresh, nutritious, healthy and Safe products

Efficient reduction of microorganisms

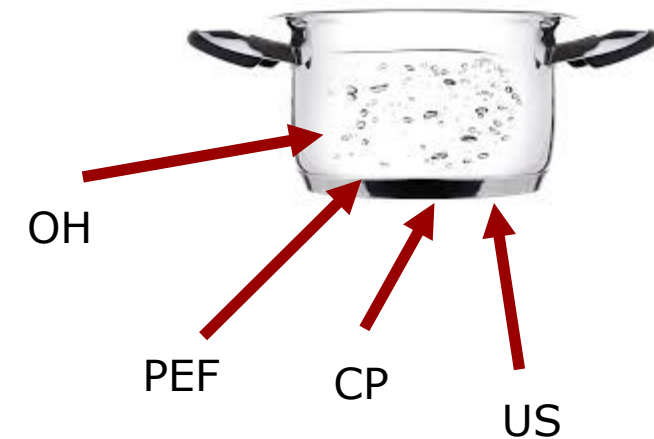
Preserving the structure and function of food ingredients

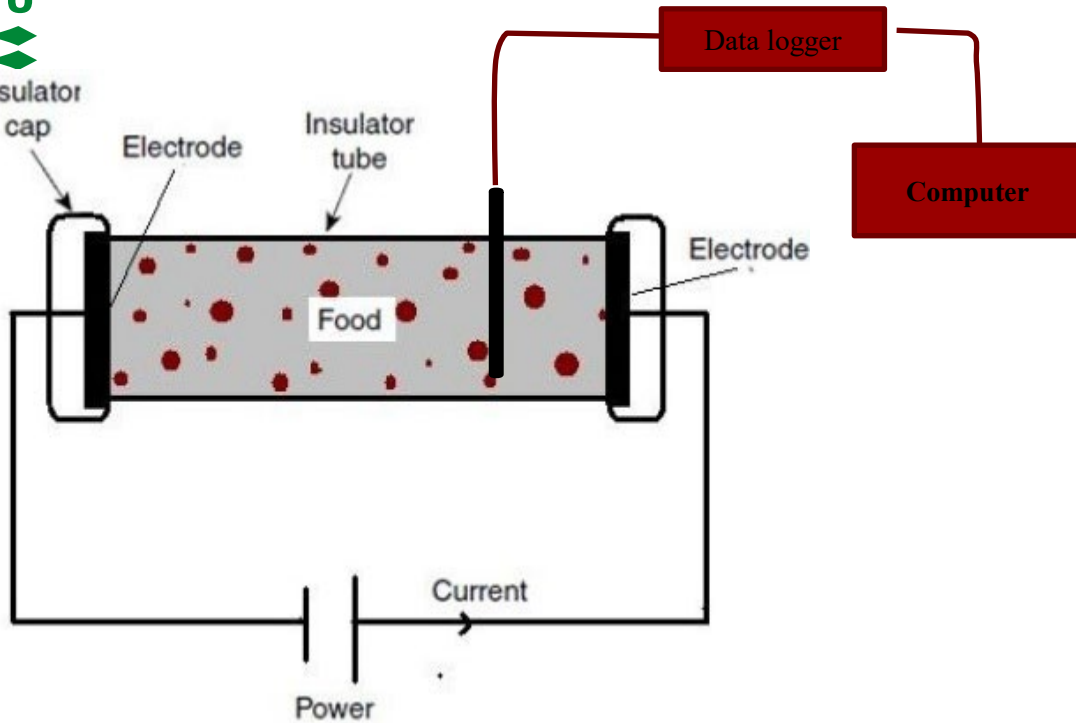
Lower loss of thermolabile compounds

Better sensory

Better nutritional properties

Novel functional properties and food structure engineering





Ohmic Heating

Preservation
Evaporation
Blanching
Extraction
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$$P = R \cdot I^2 \quad (\text{power})$$

$$q = \left(\frac{U}{L}\right)^2 V \sigma \quad (\text{generated heat})$$

U is the voltage (volts)

I is the amperage (ampers)

R is resistance (ohms)

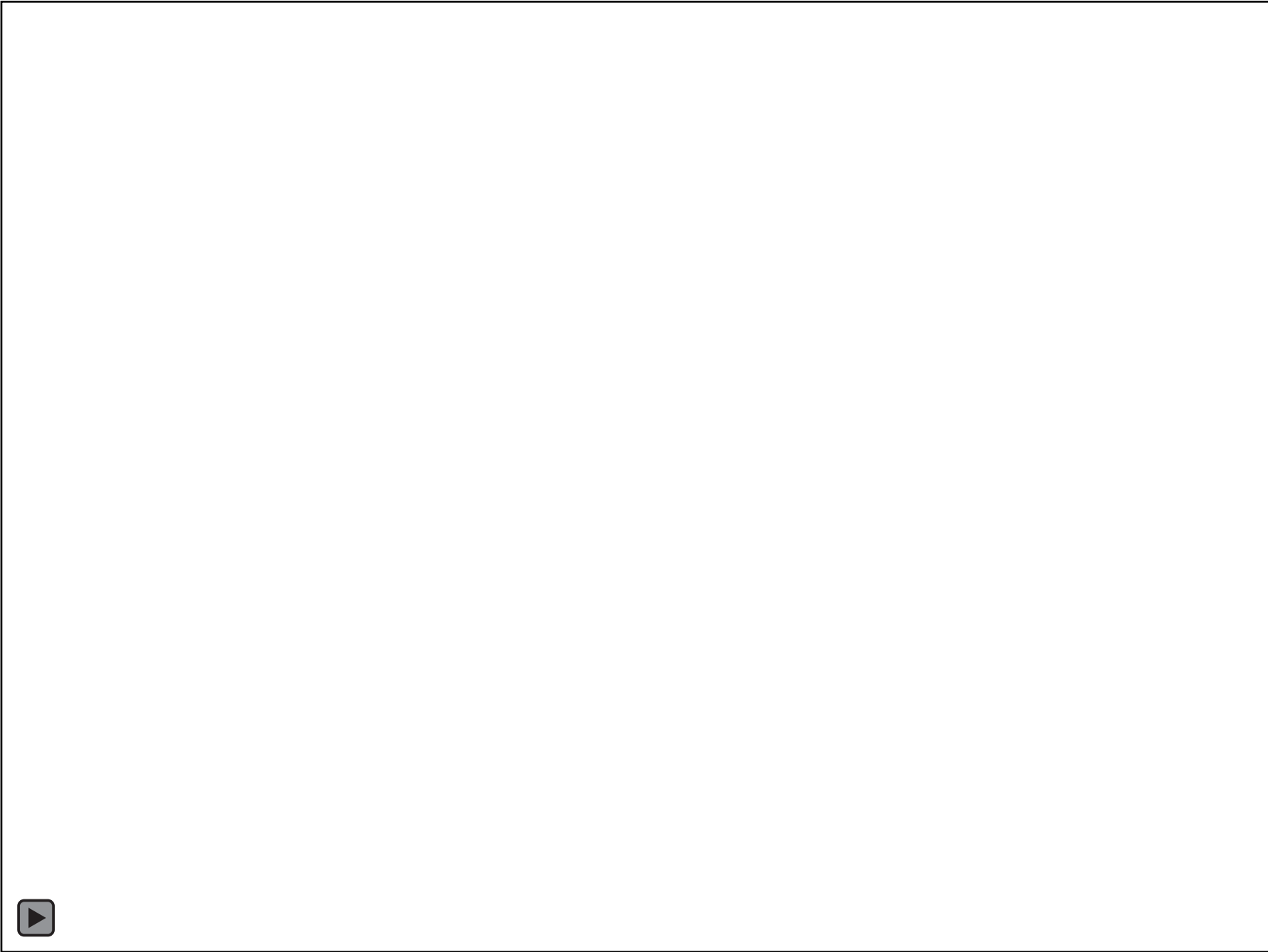
L is Food length

V is food volume

σ is electric conductivity

- ✓ Green process
- ✓ Uniform heating
- ✓ Heating product containing large particles
- ✓ Fast heating
- ✓ Higher energy efficiency
- ✓ Low capital investment

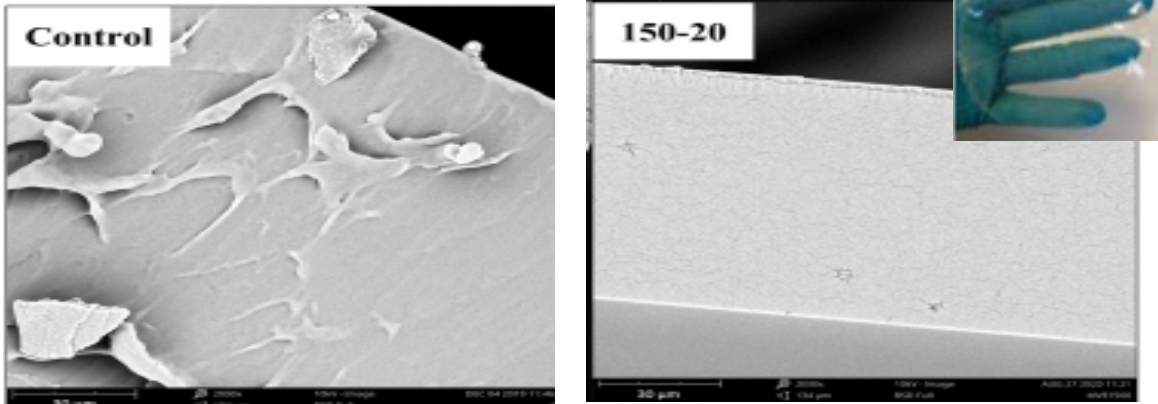
The need for a reliable feedback control to
Adjust supply power to the conductivity change



Effect of MEF on the Structure and Functionality of Proteins

The non-thermal effect of MEF treatments could be proposed as a physical method to change the

- Structural changes:**
 - Unfolding or partial denaturation
 - Reduction in random coil
 - Higher β -structures
- Interfacial and surface tension:** lowering surface tension
- Thermal properties:** Increase glass transition temperature
- Particle size of dispersion:** Smaller particle size
- Emulsion stability:** Higher stability



SEM images (cross-section) of control and MEF-treated caseinate films



Effect of moderate electric field on structural and thermo-physical properties of sunflower protein and sodium caseinate

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Influence of moderate electric field on sodium caseinate structure and its techno-functionality

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Effect of OH on Mineral balance in Cheese powder dispersions

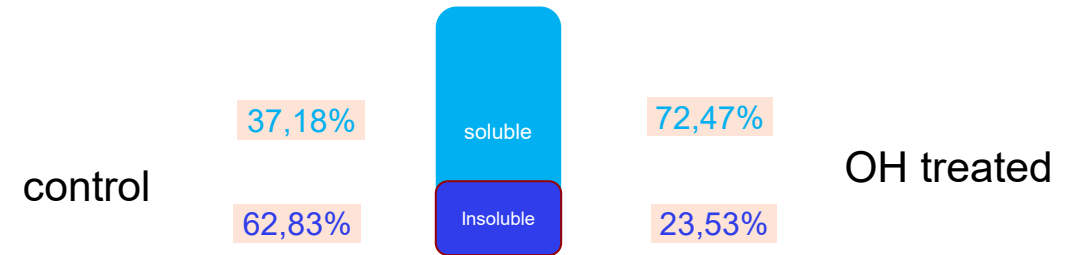
More Sustainable Alternative: Manipulation of Ca balance in cheese emulsion to increase the soluble Ca amount.



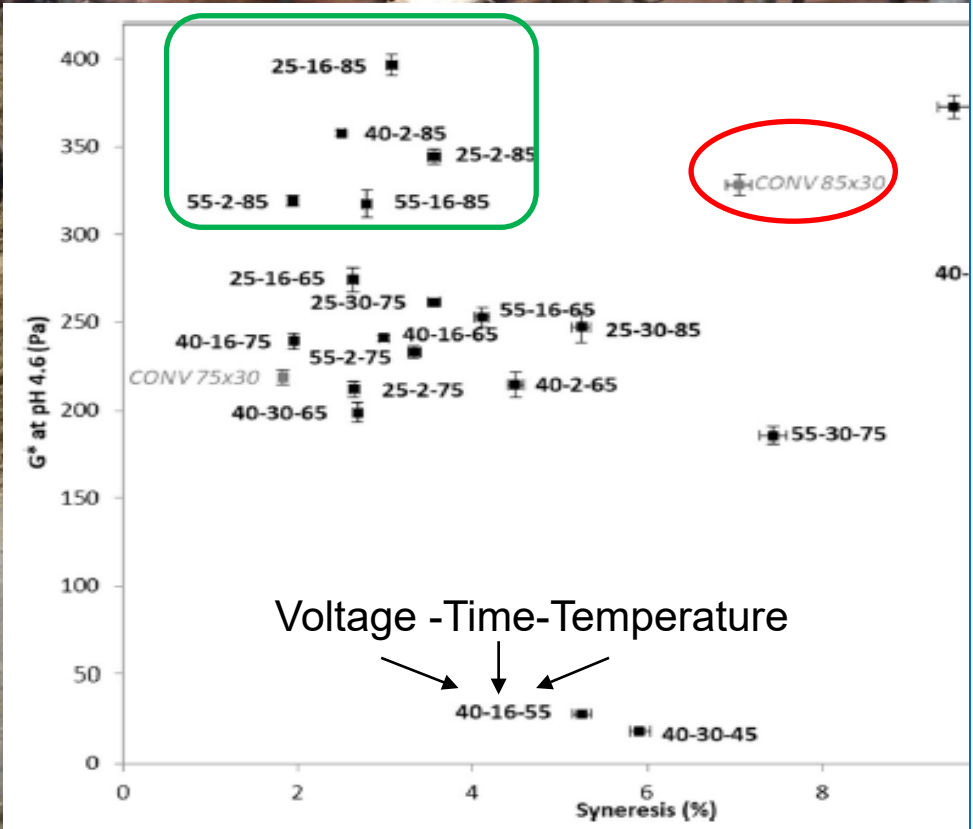
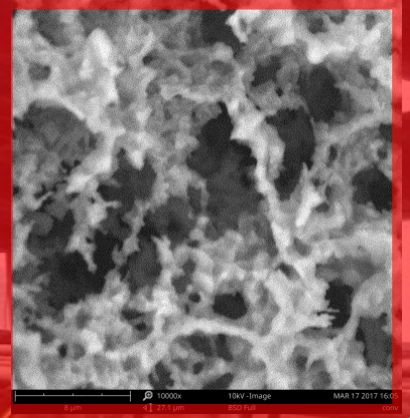
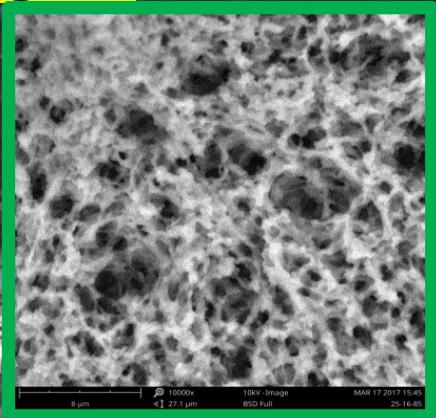
Application of different process methods (e.g., ohmic heating, PEF)

Solubilization of CaP → Disintegration of casein micelles → increased protein mobility and emulsification of oil droplets

Ca distribution in Cheese powder dispersions

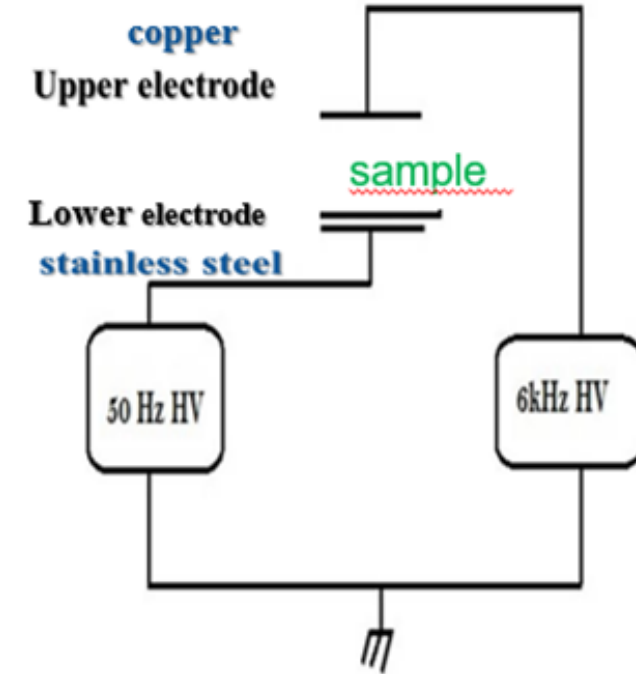


OH treatment of Milk: Structural strength and syneresis of yougurt

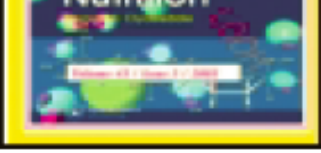


The impact of atmospheric cold plasma (ACP) treatment on inactivation of lipase and lipoxygenase of wheat germs

The Sun
is an example of a star in its
plasma state



- Plasma has been described as the fourth state of matter
 - There are ionized gases that consist of positive and negative ions and electrons as well as neutral species.



Cold Atmospheric Plasma Manipulation of Proteins in Food Systems

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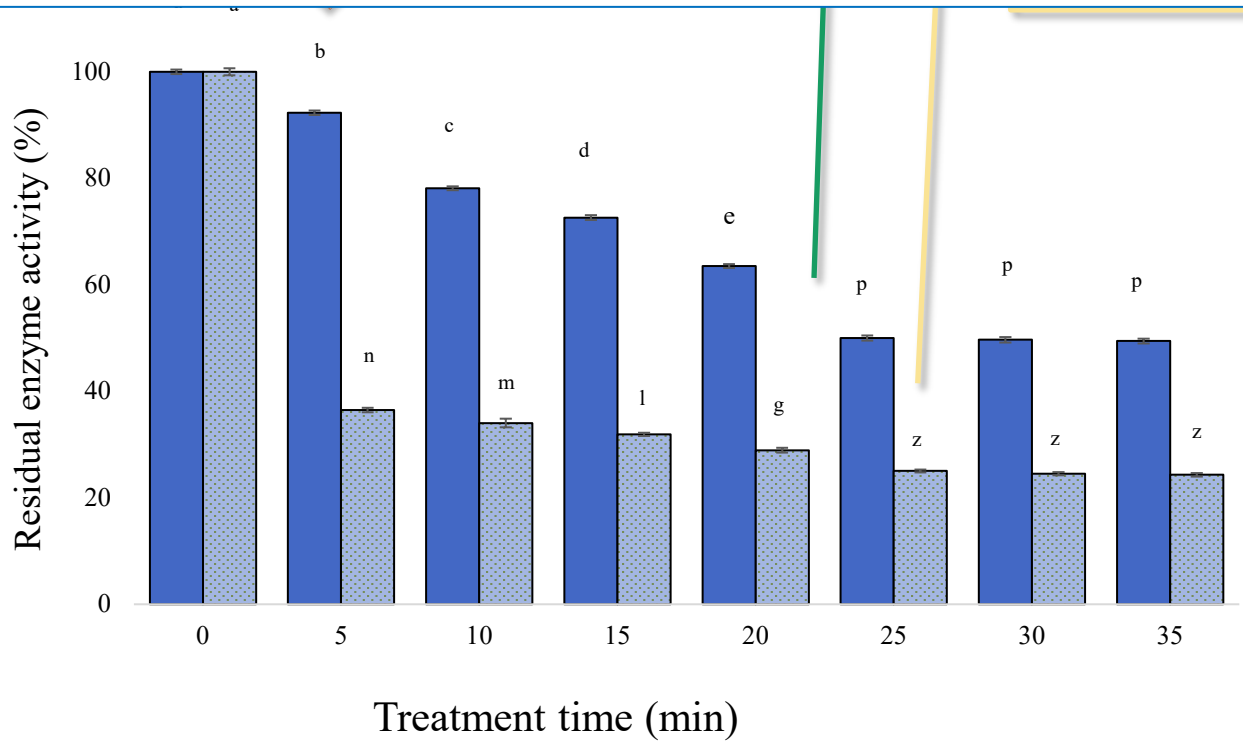


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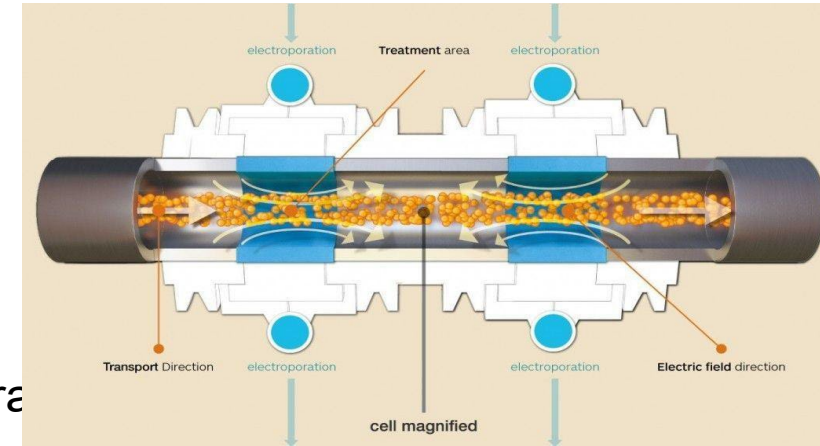
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 Modification of some amino acids side chains of the enzyme
 (Pankaj et al., 2013)
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 Changing in the protein conformation and structure
 (Surowsky et al., 2013)



The lower rate of inactivation of lipoxygenase compared to lipase inactivation

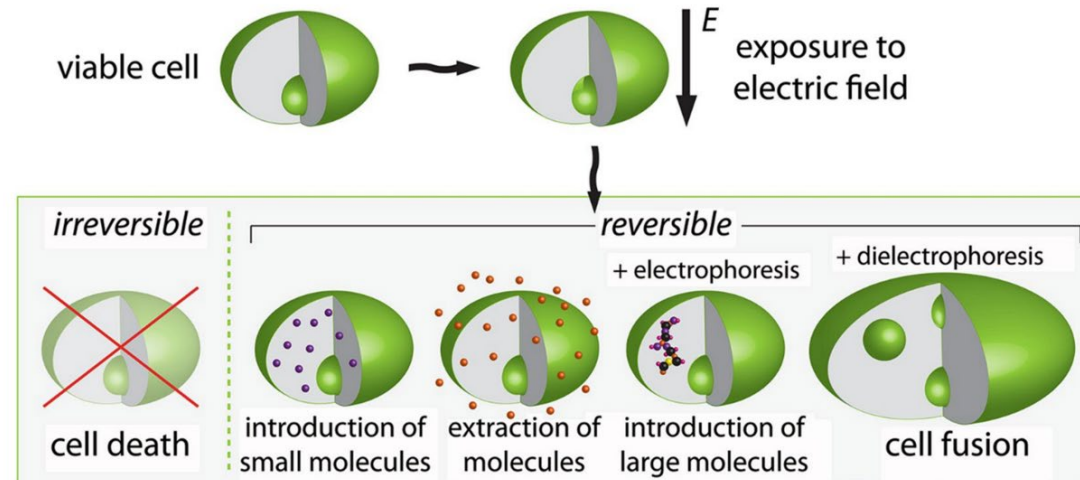
Pulsed electric field (PEF)

- Electric pulses of short duration (10^{-4} to 10^{-2} s)
- **non-thermal** food processing method
- high amplitude (0.1–80 kV/cm)
 - Critical electrical potential across cell membranes, enabling an easier extra



Advantages

- Increased mass transfer
- Reduced energy costs
- Decreased processing time
- Improved protein functionality



Pulsed electric field treatment-protein extraction

- PEF applied to insect *Tenebrio molitor* and *Hermetia illucens* (Black soldier fly larvae)



Hermetia illucens



Tenebrio molitor

| Sample | Mode | Pulse width (ns) | Pulses | E (kV/cm) | Frequency (Hz) | Flow |
|--------------------|------------|------------------|--------|-----------|----------------|----------|
| <i>T. molitor</i> | Batch | 10,000 | 200 | 1.75 | 10 | - |
| <i>H. illucens</i> | continuous | 30,000 | - | 2.5 | 5 | 0.8L/min |

| Sample | Protein content (before) | Protein content (after) |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>T. molitor</i> | 42.47±0.02 | 58.87±1.01 |
| <i>H. illucens</i> | 60.58±0.12 | 83.25±1.46 |

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