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Innovazione sostenibile nelle tecnologie di processo e confezionamento dei prodotti della pesca e acquacoltura

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Critical Factors in Seafood preservation

Fish products in general have a high degree of perishability due essentially to:

High content of spoilage bacteria

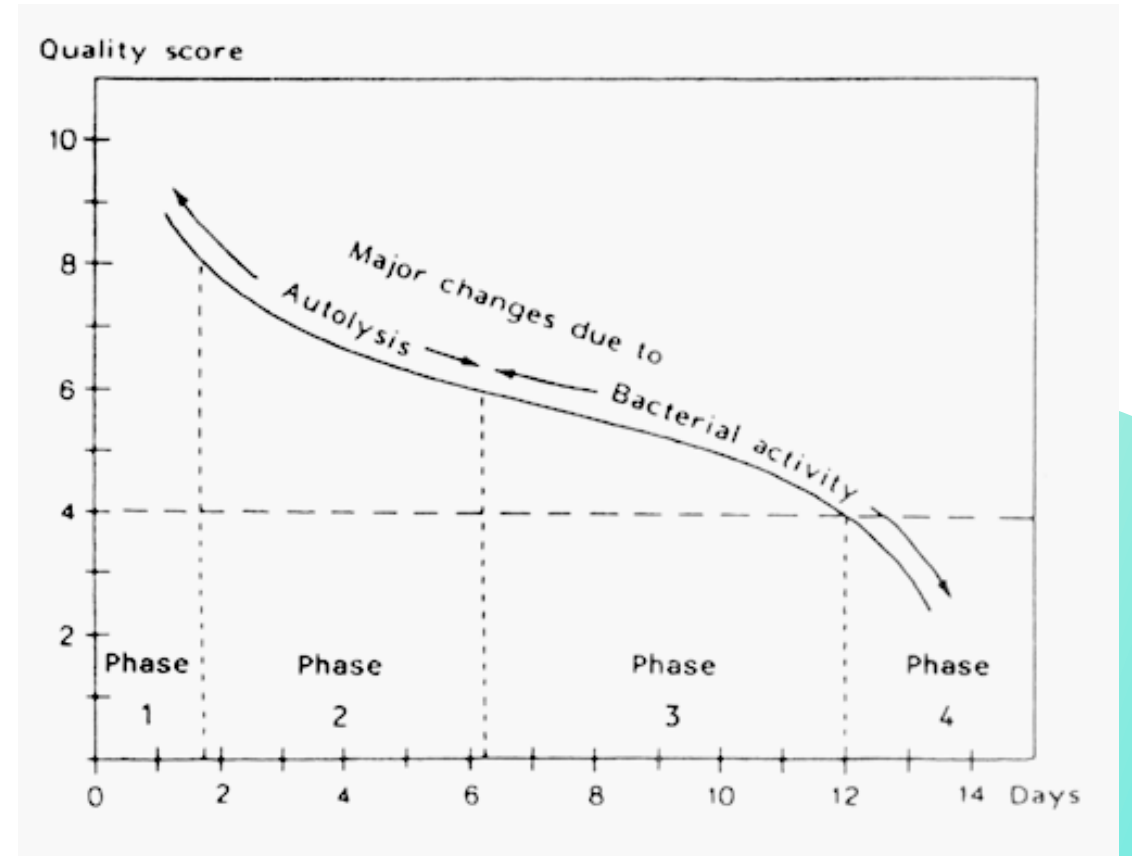
Presence of autolytic enzymes

pH \approx low acid

High water activity (a_w)



Factors favorable to microbial development and degradative reactions



Fresh-like quality and cold chain

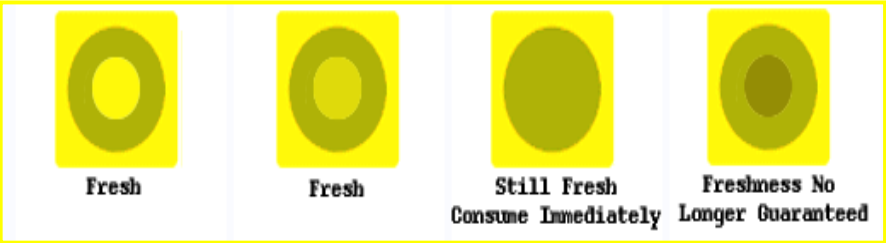


Real needs vs. reality!

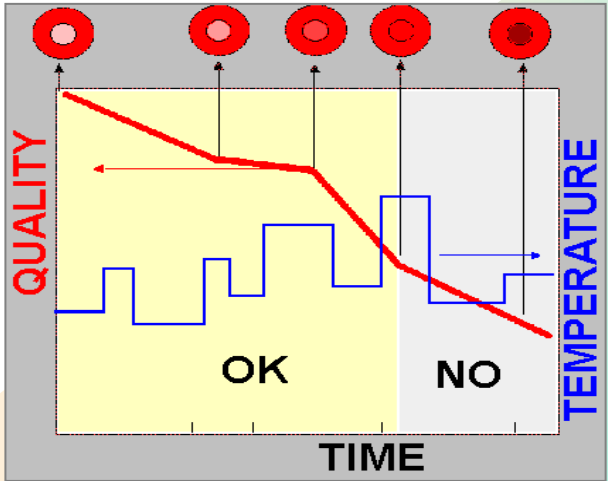
Primary transport	4°C	24-48 h
Distribution platform	4°C	12 h
Secondary transport	6°C	12 h
Unloading point of sale	12°C	4 h
Storage point of sale	6,5°C	3 d
Consumer transport	20°C	2 h
Home refrigeration	7,5°C	End of shelf-life

Intelligent packaging

- Time-temperature integrators



Why not?



Nonthermal Processing Techniques



Ultrasound

High Pressure



HPP: hiperbaric.c

Pulsed Electric Fields



PEF: elea-technology.de

Minimal Processing

Others...

UV and Pulsed Light



Ozon: bwt.de



UV: uv-light.co.uk

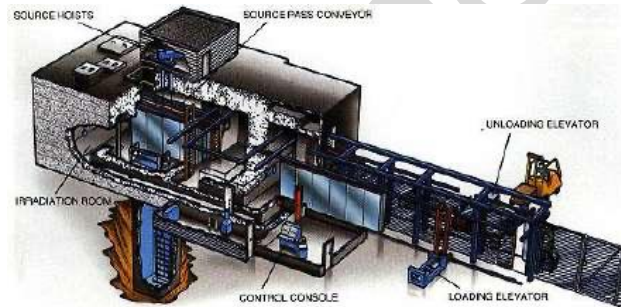
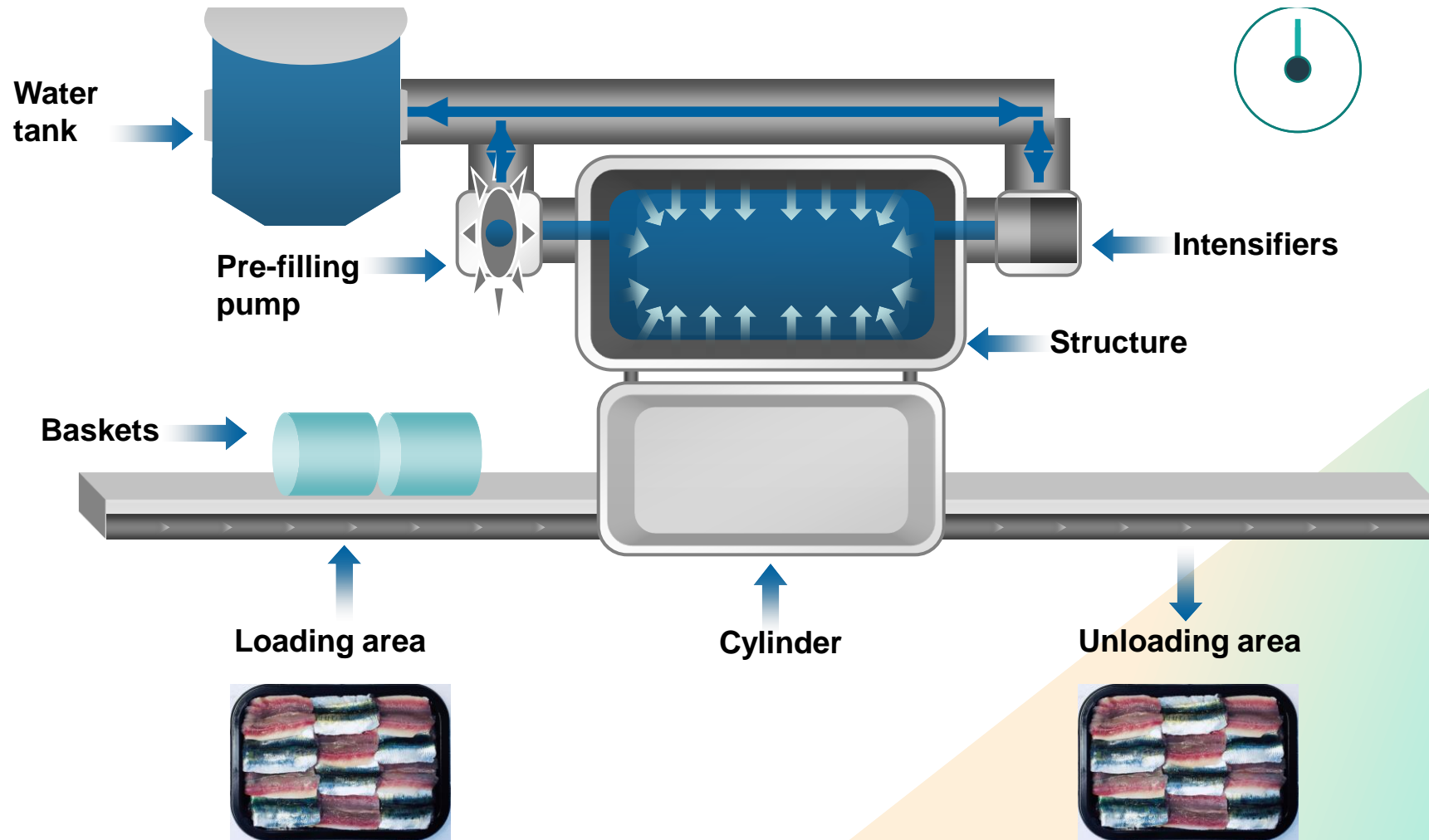


Figure 1: JS-6800 Unit Carrier Irradiator

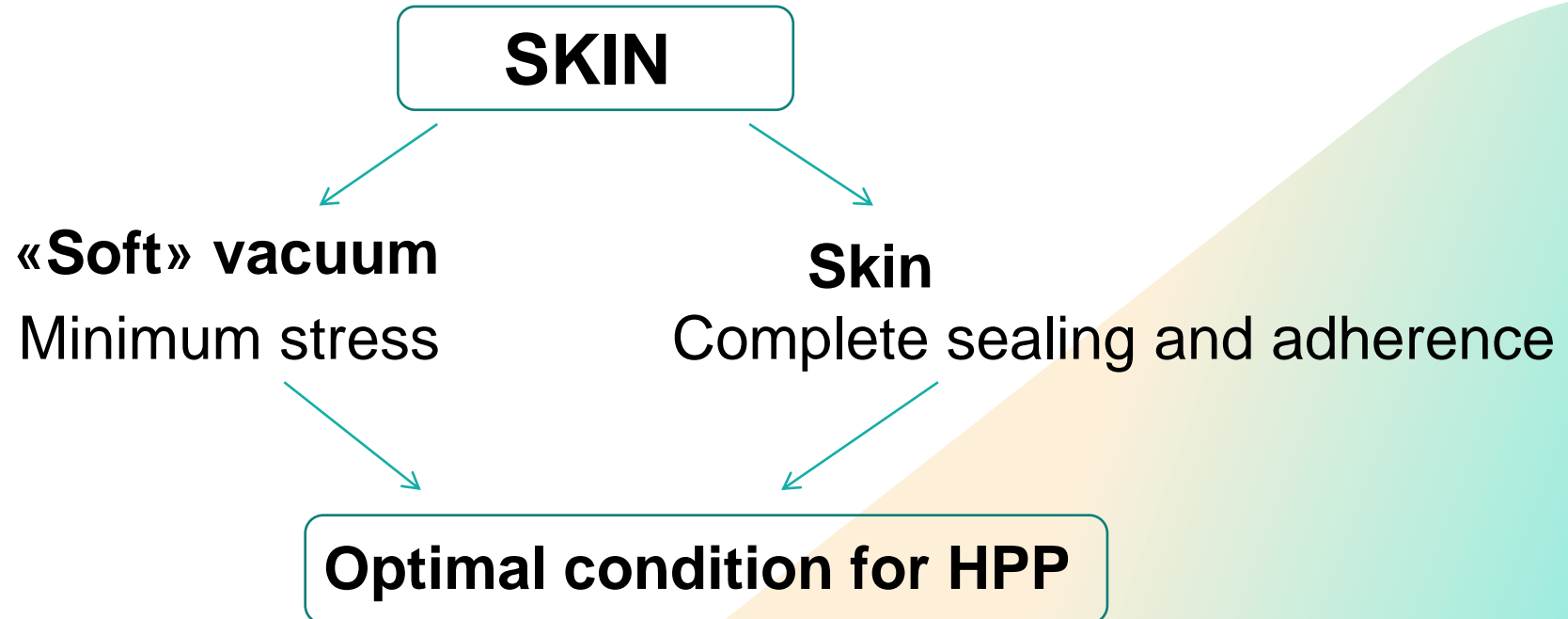
High Hydrostatic Pressure (HPP)

Maintenance



High Hydrostatic Pressure (HPP)

- HPP work with **flexible packaging** (and *water friendly labels*) => no glass, no canned foods
- **Vacuum packaging is the optimal condition**



High Hydrostatic Pressure (HPP)

Shrimp sausage

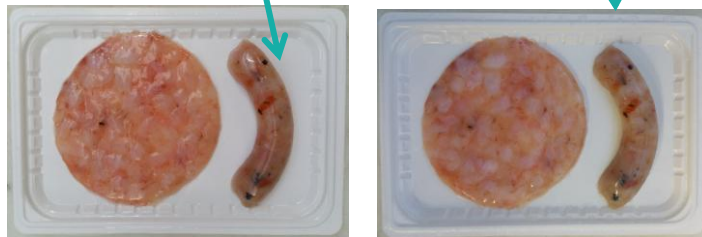
Shrimp sausage + seaweed



PRE-HPP (SL = 8 d) POST-HPP (SL > 30 d)
No detectable differences!

Shrimp burger

Shrimp sausage



PRE-HPP (SL = 8 d) POST-HPP (SL > 30 d)
No detectable differences!

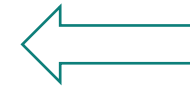
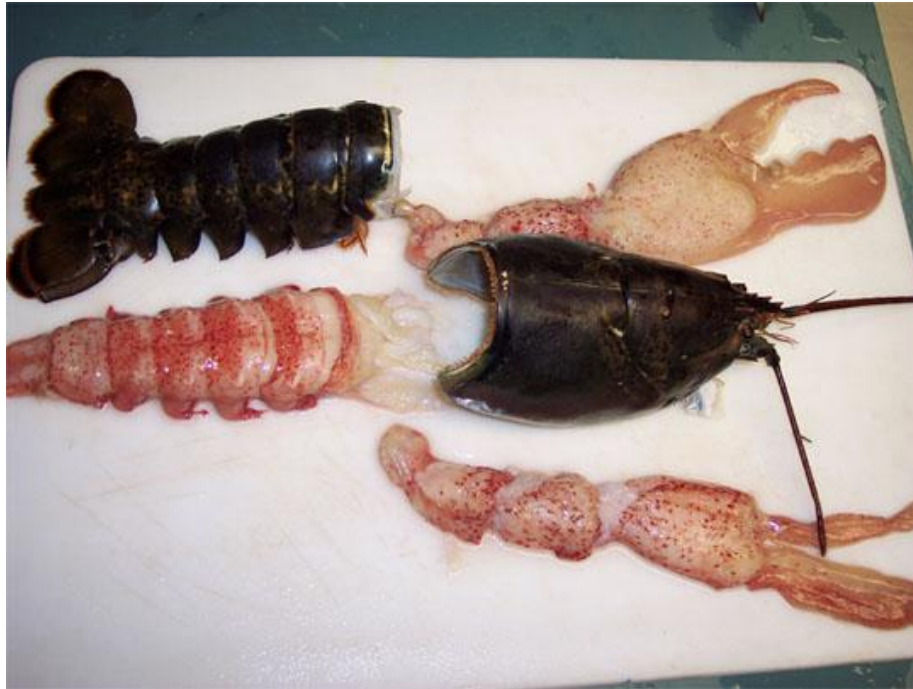
Salmon sausage



PRE-HPP (SL = 8 d) POST-HPP (SL > 21 d)

Detectable colour modification!

High hydrostatic pressure (HPP)



**Lobster:
Complete flesh
separation**

Easy to get the full lobster-meat in 3 steps...



Put lobster
ready..! For bake, grill, steamed,
on plate

step 1

step 2



step 3

and

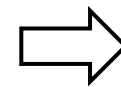
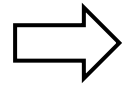
butter poached, sous-vide ...

High hydrostatic pressure (HPP)

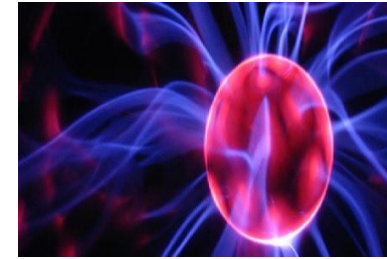
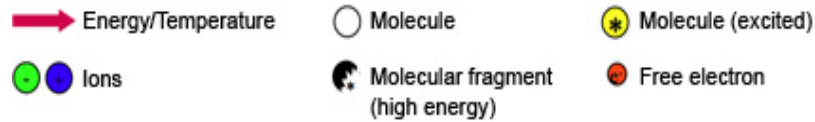
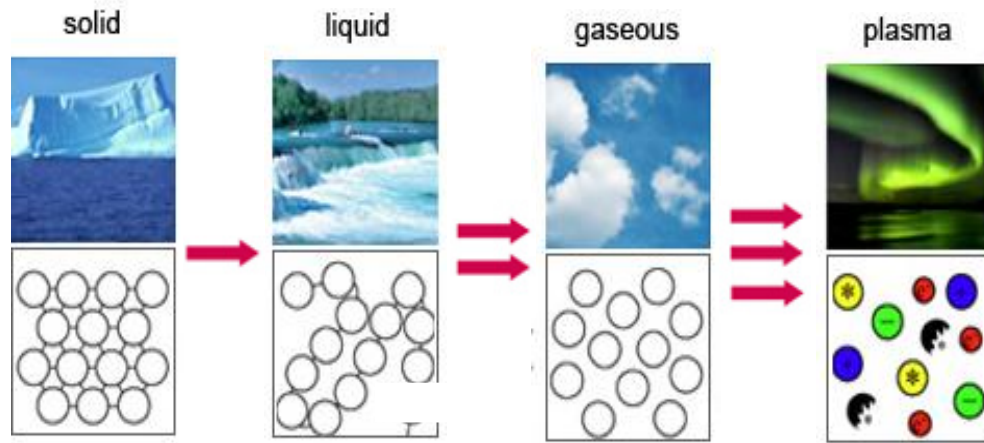
Blue Crab Processing



Callinectes sapidus



Atmospheric pressure cold plasma

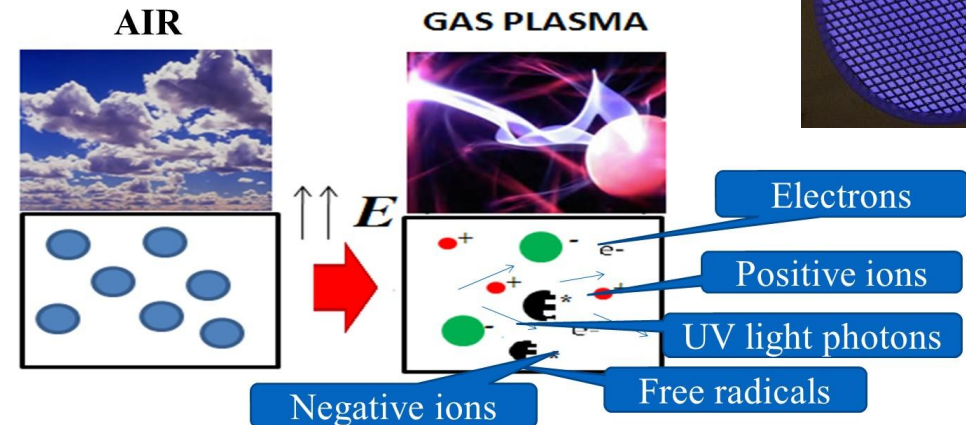


Ionized gas obtained by applying energy to a gas mixture

Contains: reactive oxygen and nitrogen species, radicals, electrons, ions, UV ...

Main effect in Food

- Microbial decontamination
- Enzymatic inactivation
- Effect on living tissue metabolism
- Oxidation of fat and bioactive compounds



Atmospheric pressure cold plasma



Mackerel fresh fillets
Albertos et al (2017)
DBD 70-80 kV
Treatment time: up to 5
min



Dried filefish
Park et al (2015)
Treatment time up to 20
min

Results:

Spoilage bacteria was significantly reduced as DBD voltage-time increased.
Colour parameters not affected by DBD.
Lipid oxidation increased after DBD exposure.

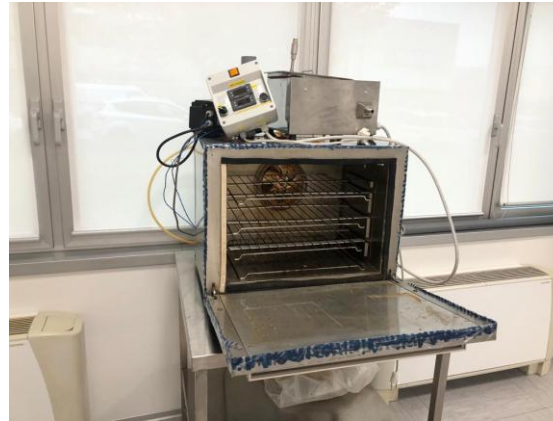


Promising treatment for microbial inhibition in fish products
Necessary to tailor treatment parameters for each specific products

Modified atmosphere processing and packaging

Cryo-smoking – set up of procedures

Equipment, developed and in the process of patenting by CS

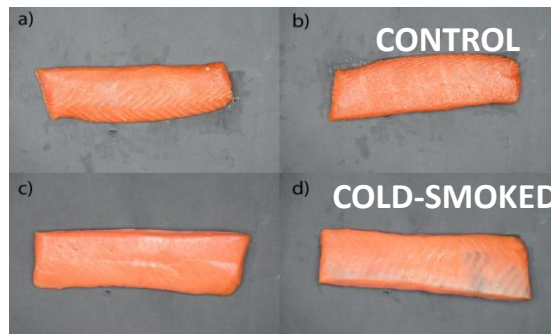


Smoking

- 30 °C (without ice) 1-2 h Smoking: Chippings Beech Tree
- 1°C Carrier gas: Cold Nitrogen 1-2 h Smoking: Chippings Beech Tree

AIM

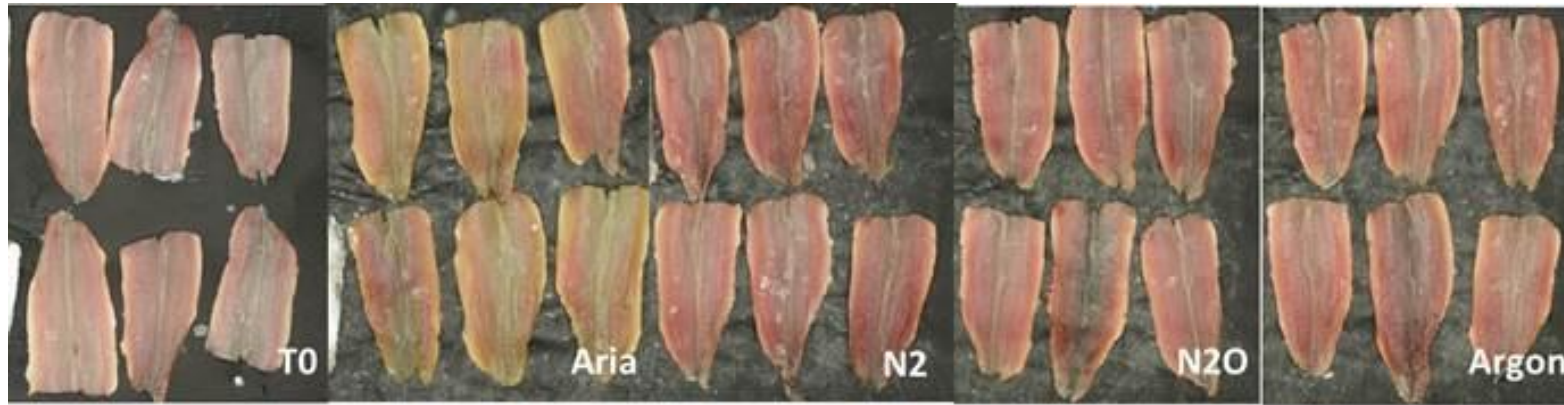
obtain smoked salmon with improved quality and nutritional characteristics compared to the traditional method



Preliminary tests

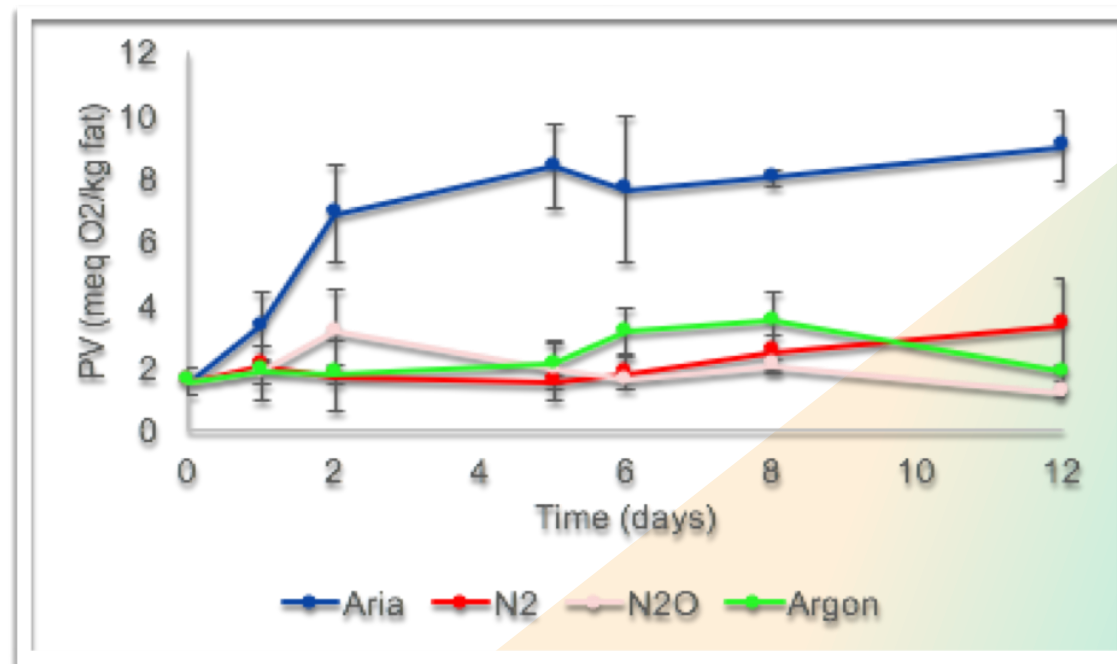
	Color			a _w	Hardness	Dry matter
	L*	a*	b*			
Control	38,68 ^a (± 1,24)	15,13 ^a (± 0,54)	20,73 ^b (± 1,75)	0,894 ^a (± 0,006)	22,36 ^b (± 1,93)	45,51 ^b (± 1,18)
Cryo-Smoked	41,39 ^b (± 1,37)	16,73 ^a (± 1,00)	15,84 ^a (± 2,85)	0,950 ^b (± 0,003)	12,42 ^a (± 1,22)	38,19 ^a (± 0,61)

Modified atmosphere processing and packaging



Colour was affected by MAP and resulted in higher L* and lower a* values in Air sample

Fat oxidation was inhibited by
MAP as shown by PV values.



Tappi et al., 2018,
FoodOmics
Conference,
Cesena (ITA)

Fish production & By products

178 million tons

(The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture -SOFIA, 2022)

20 million tons were used for non-food purposes

EU 5.2 million tons per year

"non-target" species, fish processing residues and by-products



Fish by-products

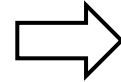
A treasure trove of value-added compounds



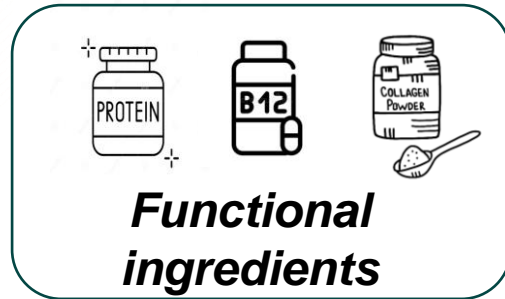
Fish by-products



Minced fish



Fish-based products



Functional ingredients

Protein, fish protein hydrolysates, bioactive peptides, natural pigments, collagen, fatty acids (Omega 3), vitamin D and B12, minerals, chitin, chitosan



Wellness and disease prevention

*Antioxidant,
Antihypertensive,
Immunostimulant*

*Antimicrobial,
Antitumor,*



Technological Function

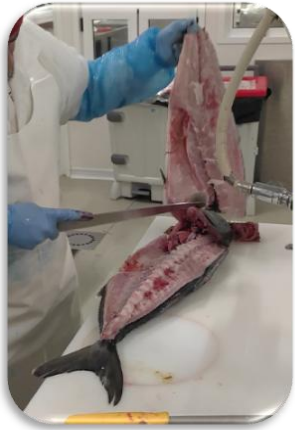
*Thickeners, Emulsifiers, Gelling agents,
Colorants, Clarifiers, Antioxidants,
Cryoprotectants*

Food Industry



Fish by-products

Amberjack fish flesh obtained through mechanical separation



Fileting



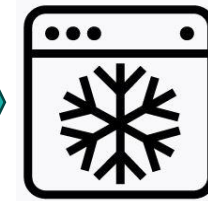
Trimmings



Belt-drum separator



Amberjack meat



Frozen
at -40°C

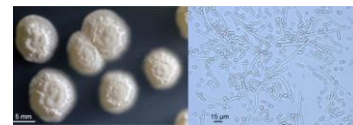


Laboratory of
food technology

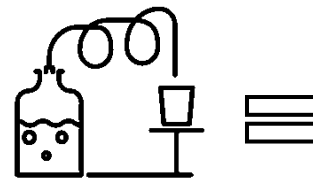
Fish protein hydrolysate development



Mullet by-products



Yarrowia lipolytica
(YL2)



Fermentation
process



FPH
(Freezer dried)



Food
Microbiology
Laboratory

- The yeast strain YL2 was selected based on previous studies
- Functional and flavour properties

Rich in acids, mainly acetic acid, propanoic acid and butanoic acid and 3 methylbutanoic acid

Fish by-products



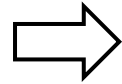
Amberjack fish-balls formulation



Amberjack pulp
About 80%



1.5% Fish
protein
hydrolysate



Formulations of amberjack fish balls

Ingredient	Traditional (Relative content)	Innovative (Relative content)
Mechanically separated amberjack meat	80.00%	78.50%
Breadcrumbs	6.25%	6.25%
Olive oil	5.63%	5.63%
Potato starch	6.88%	6.88%
Sodium chloride	0.50%	0.50%
Potassium chloride	0.31%	0.31%
Black pepper	0.03%	0.03%
Garlic powder	0.03%	0.03%
Onion powder	0.06%	0.06%
Lemon juice	0.13%	0.13%
Parsley powder	0.13%	0.13%
Nutmeg	0.06%	0.06%
FPH*	0.00%	1.50%

A total of 328 fish balls
each meatball weight 15 g



Traditional formulation
(Control)



Innovative formulation
with 1.5% FPH



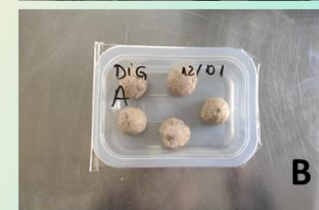
A



B



A



B

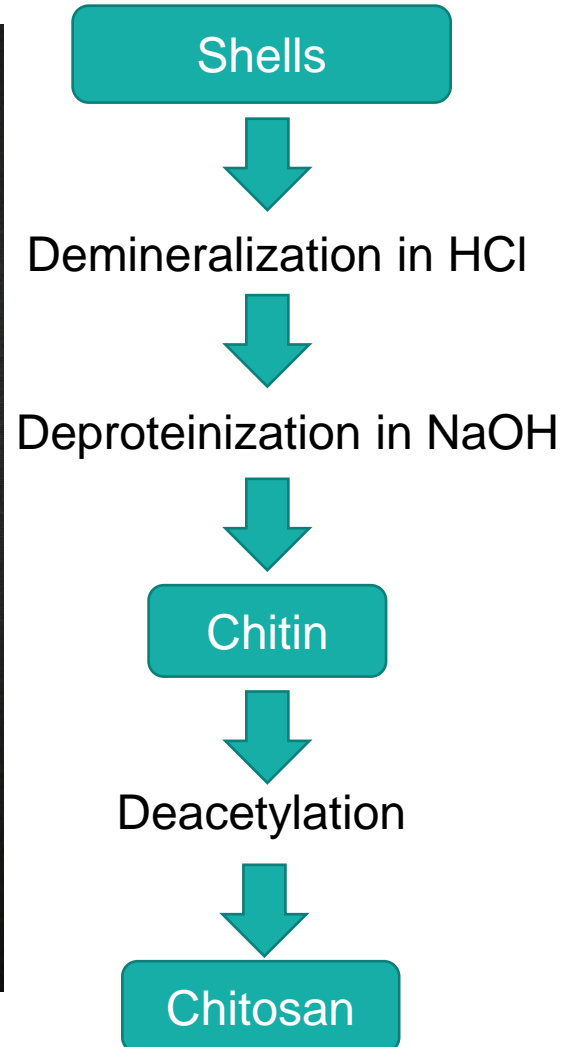


Storage
4°C
19 days

Preparation and packaging in MAP (80% N₂ and 20% CO₂)

Fish by-products

Optimization of extraction processing for chitin and chitosan production



✓ Chemical extraction using acids and alkali (method of Tolaimate et al., 2003 modified).

✓ Chitosan yield around 10%
1kg shell = 100 g chitosan

Most relevant research projects

- **PRIZEFISH** – *Piloting of eco-innovative fishery supply-chains to market added-value Adriatic fish products.* Project Interreg Italy-Croatia, European Regional Development Fund (2018-2021).
- **FUTUREUAQUA** – *Future growth in sustainable, resilient and climate friendly organic and conventional European aquaculture.* Project H2020. Call: H2020-BG-2018-2020 (Blue Growth). Type of action: IA (2018-2022).
- **NEWTECHAQUA** - *New Technologies, Tools and Strategies for a Sustainable, Resilient and Innovative European Aquaculture* H2020-BG-2018-2020 (Blue Growth) Type of action: IA (2019-2022)
- **PLASMAFOOD** – *Study and optimization of cold atmospheric plasma treatment for food safety and quality improvement.* PRIN: PROGETTI DI RICERCA DI RILEVANTE INTERESSE NAZIONALE (2018-2021).
- **IMPRESSIVE** - Improved processing to enhance seafood sidestream valorization and exploration. BLUEBIO COFUND, Sustainable and resilient biomass production and processing (2022-2025)

From research to commercial products!

Research



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Plant producers



Seafood products



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