

Analysis of modifications in the microstructure of vegetable raw materials subjected to conventional, innovative and non-thermal technologies

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STATE OF ART

In recent years, technical advancements in food production with innovative technologies improved the fruits and vegetables processing, meeting the growing consumer's interest in healthy, safe and sustainable foods (Cardello et al., 2007). In this optic, among innovative technologies, High hydrostatic pressure processing (HPP), based on the use of pressures between 100 and 1000 MPa, is generally proposed as a non-thermal alternative to traditional pasteurization, able to stabilize foods without affecting their quality (Chauhan et al., 2019). When applied to fruit or vegetable products, HPP has a mild or no impact on low-molecular-weight compounds, related with the sensorial and healthy properties. At the same time, HPP is reported to have an impact on other quality attributes such as texture, colour and flavour that generally depends on both process conditions and type of plant tissue (Oey et al., 2008). HPP influences the microstructure and texture of vegetables and fruits in two different ways; mechanical and biochemical. The compression and decompression steps during processing lead to deformation of cells, cell wall and membrane damage and tissue disruption resulting in turgor loss and loss of firmness (Araya et al., 2007; Basak and Ramaswamy,1998). Thus, several examinations try to identify a "Place on the processing scale" in terms of quality structure perception of HPP technology.

Abstract



Objectives

1.To study effects of HPP on fresh product quality as micro-structural and textural properties of some selected fruits and vegetables compared with conventional processing

2.To study the pressure, time and temperature kinetics for to address other issues regarding the quality and how to extend the shelf life

3.To design model for expansion and adoption of technology

4.To understand whether the HPP could be commercial application for fruits and vegetables or not

WORK PLAN: Gantt chart

Activity Months	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1 0	1 1	1 2	1 3	1 4	1 5	1 6	1 7	1 8	1 9	2 0	2 1	2 2	2 3	2 4	2 5	2 6	2 7	2 8	2 9	3 0	3 1	3 2	3 3	3 4	3 5	3 6
Collection of scientific literature																																				
Selection of raw material																																				
HPP technology: pressure kinetics study of the modifications of treated vegetables																																				
HPP technology: temperature kinetics study of the modifications of treated vegetables																																				
HPP technology: time kinetics study of the modifications of treated vegetables																																				
Experience abroad																																				
HPP technology: evaluation of shelf- life of the product after the application of the best HPP conditions																																				
Design a model for expansion and adoption of technology																																				
Paper publication -Thesis preparation																																				

<u>Results:</u> 2 papers submitted 2 papers in preparation 2 Participations to International conferences (oral/poster presentation)

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