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# Sustainable Novel Approaches for Food Processing in the view of Food Safety

# Food Safety

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Food safety: an assurance that food will not cause harm

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Food borne cases: 66M cases – 420K deaths per year (WHO, 2023)

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Allergens – foreign matter – processing contaminants - **failed process – process design issues**

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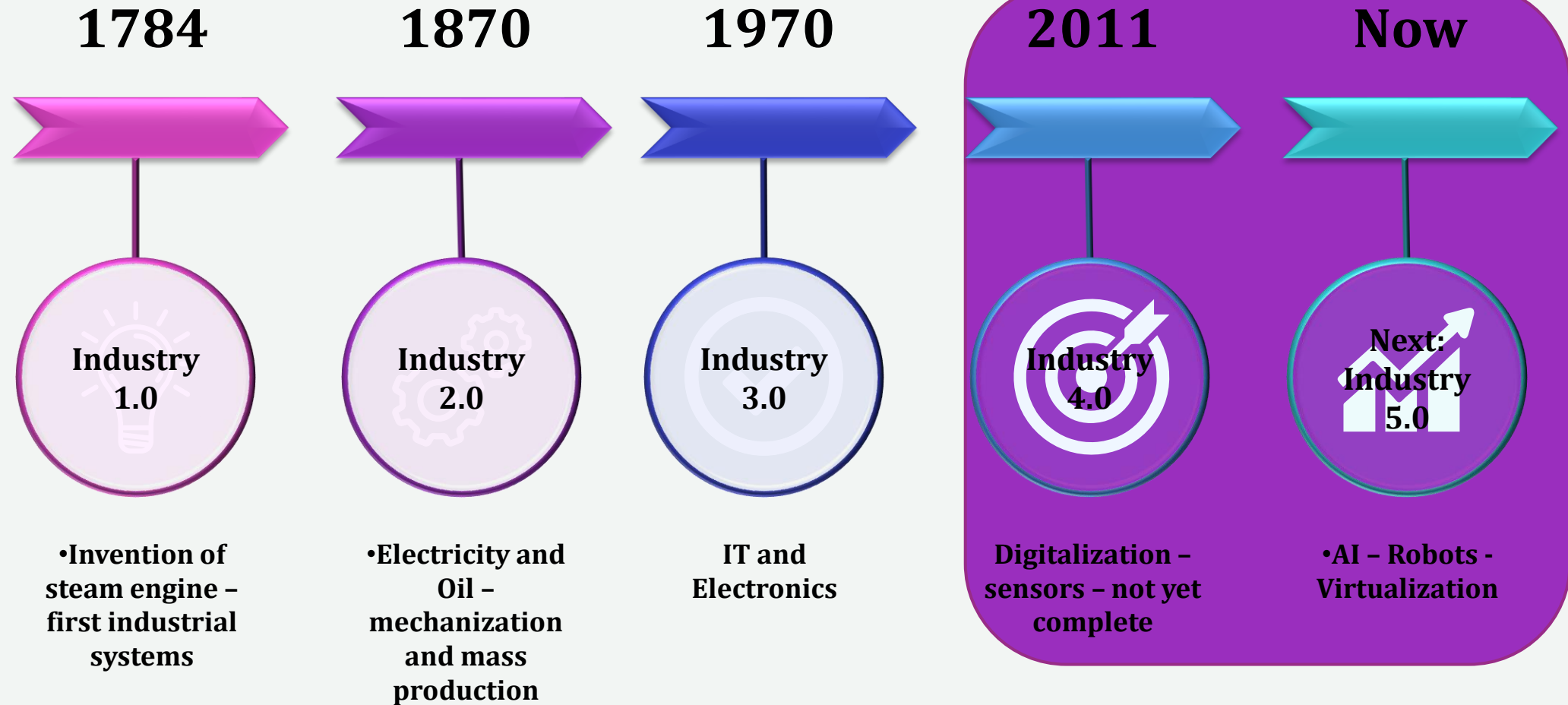
*Salmonella* – *Listeria* - *E. coli* O157:H7 – recent *Cronobacter sakazakii* cases

**FOOD INDUSTRY: I4.0 -5.0 -X.0...**

**MORE DEMANDING**

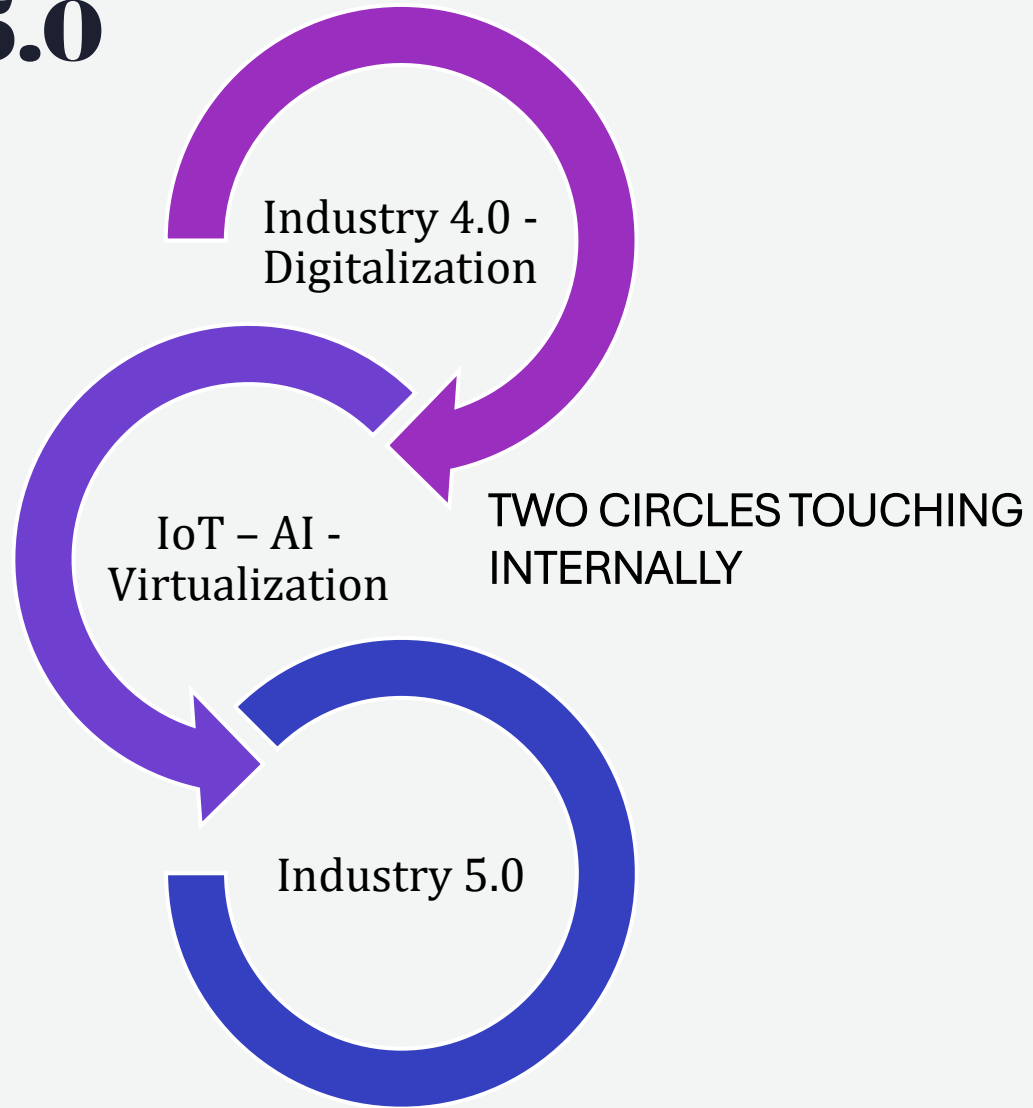
**INNOVATIVE – NOVEL –  
SUSTAINABLE  
FOR SAFETY AND QUALITY!**

# INDUSTRY

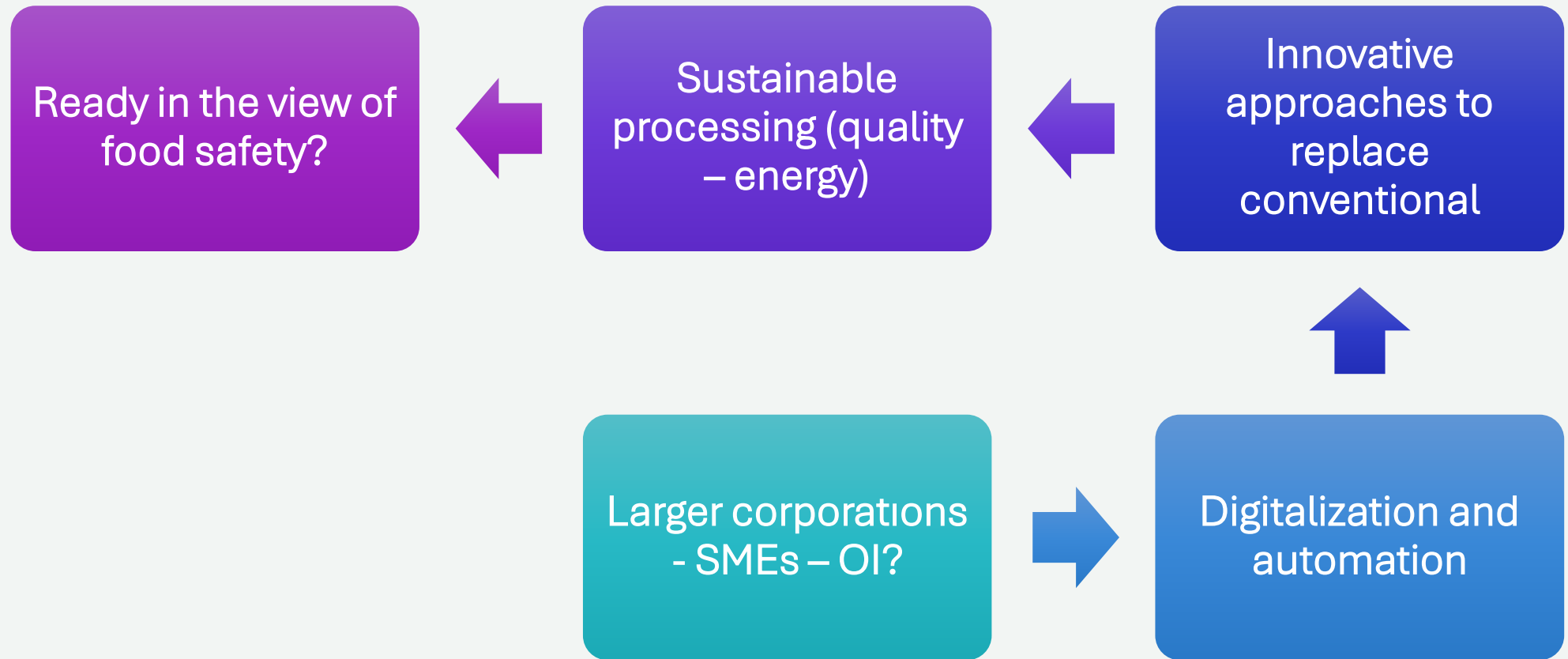


Bigliardi, 2021.

# Industry 4.0 – 5.0



# Challenges



# Sustainable food processing



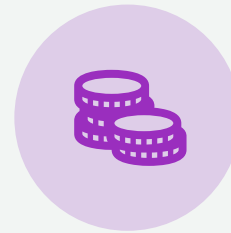
ENVIRONMENTAL-  
FRIENDLY



NON-POLLUTING



CARBON AND  
WATER FOOTPRINT?



ECONOMICALLY  
EFFICIENT



OVERCOME **ISSUES**  
**IN CONVENTIONAL**  
**PROCESSING**

# Food Processing

European Green Deal

FAO – WHO: ` Food Safety: Prepare for  
the Unexpected`



DESIGN AND  
OPTIMIZATION!



CONTROL OF THE  
PROCESSING  
CONDITIONS



PREDICT THE  
PROCESS  
OUTCOMES



IMPROVED  
SAFETY – QUALITY!

# Food safety issues

**“Food safety: Prepare for the unexpected”**

*Salmonella* in  
onions – tahini –  
peanut butter

**$a_w < 0.85$**

*Salmonella* in  
hummus - eggs –  
chocolate products-  
pea protein cases

*Listeria* in ice-  
creams – nuts –  
smoked salmon –  
white cheese

*Cronobacter  
sakazakii* in infant  
formulas

**$a_w < 0.85$**

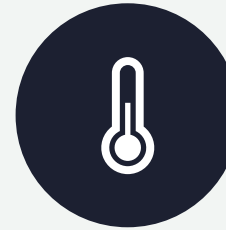
**A proper (THERMAL) processing is expected by the industry!**

**Sustainable  
processes**

**Optimized  
processing –  
scale-up!**



MICROWAVE –  
RADIO  
FREQUENCY



INFRARED



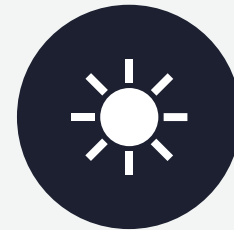
OHMIC HEATING



INDUCTION



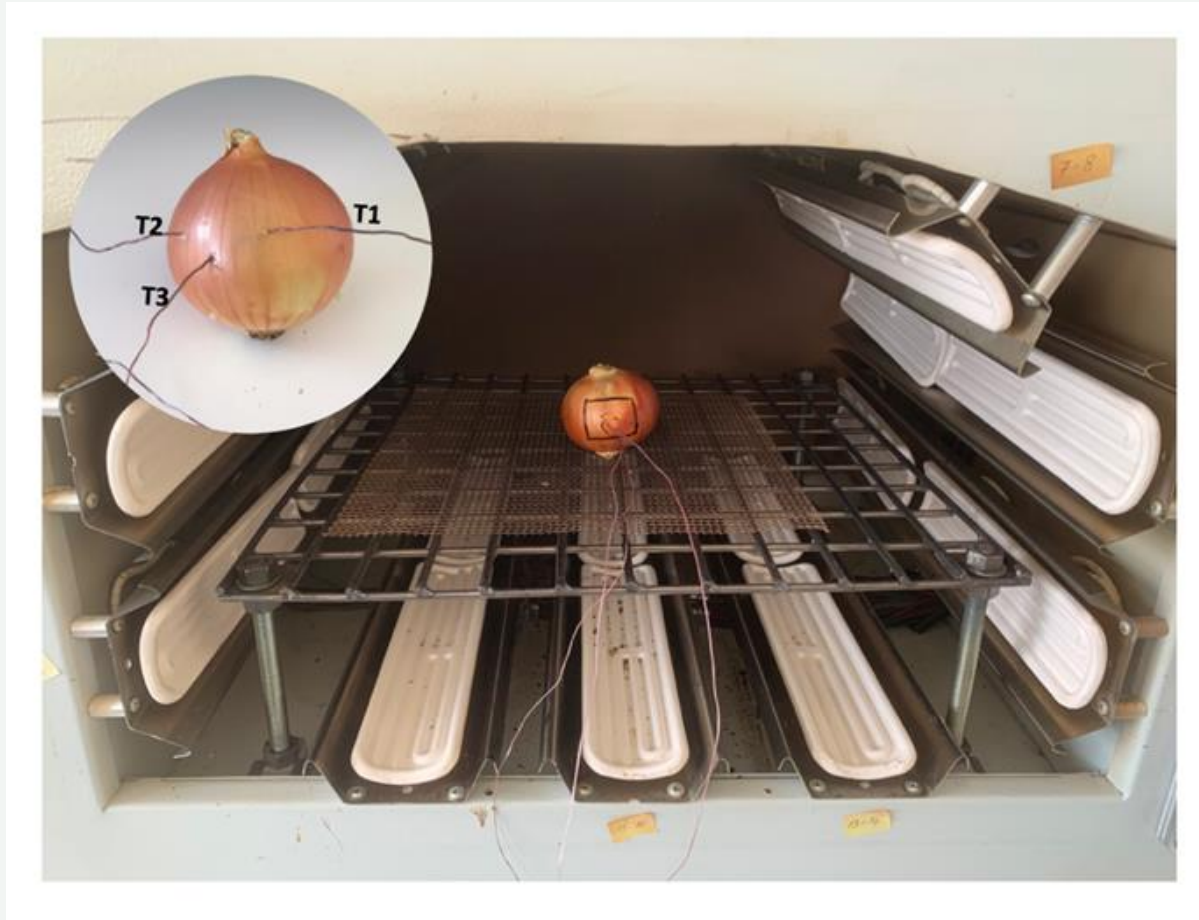
ULTRASOUND

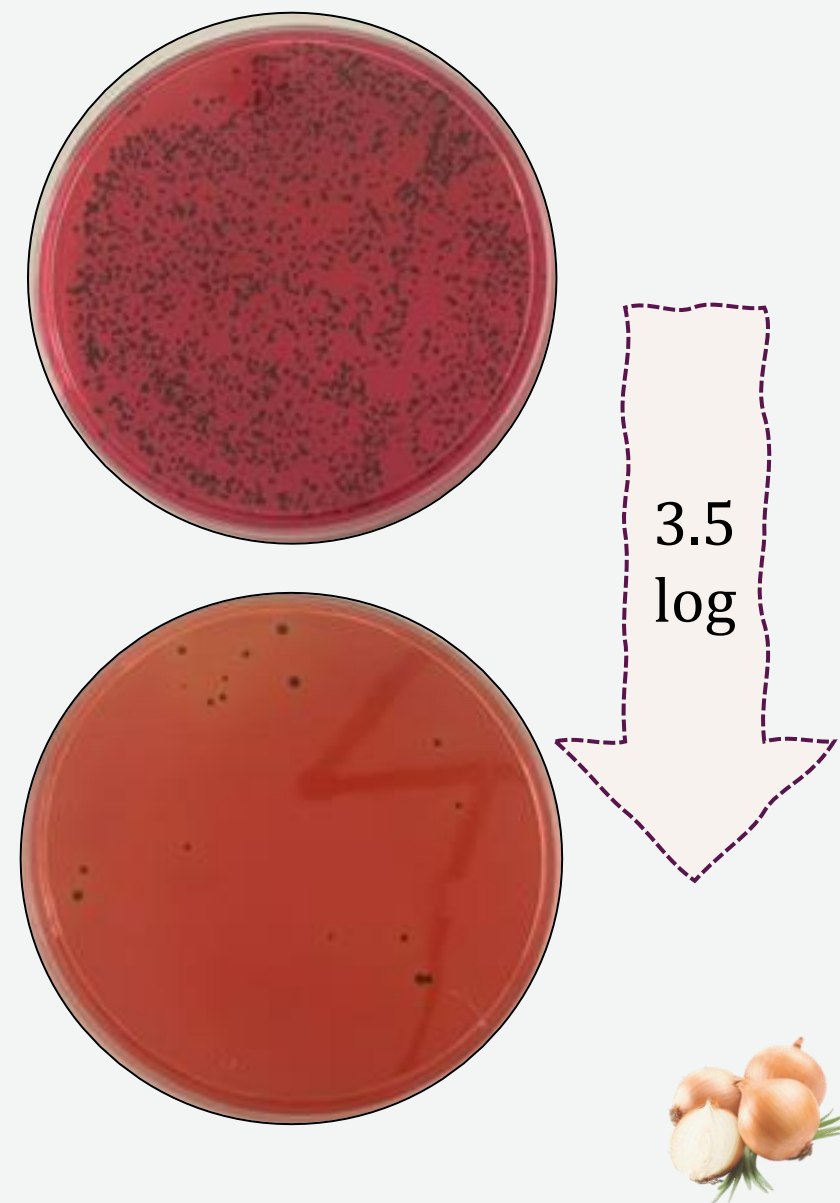
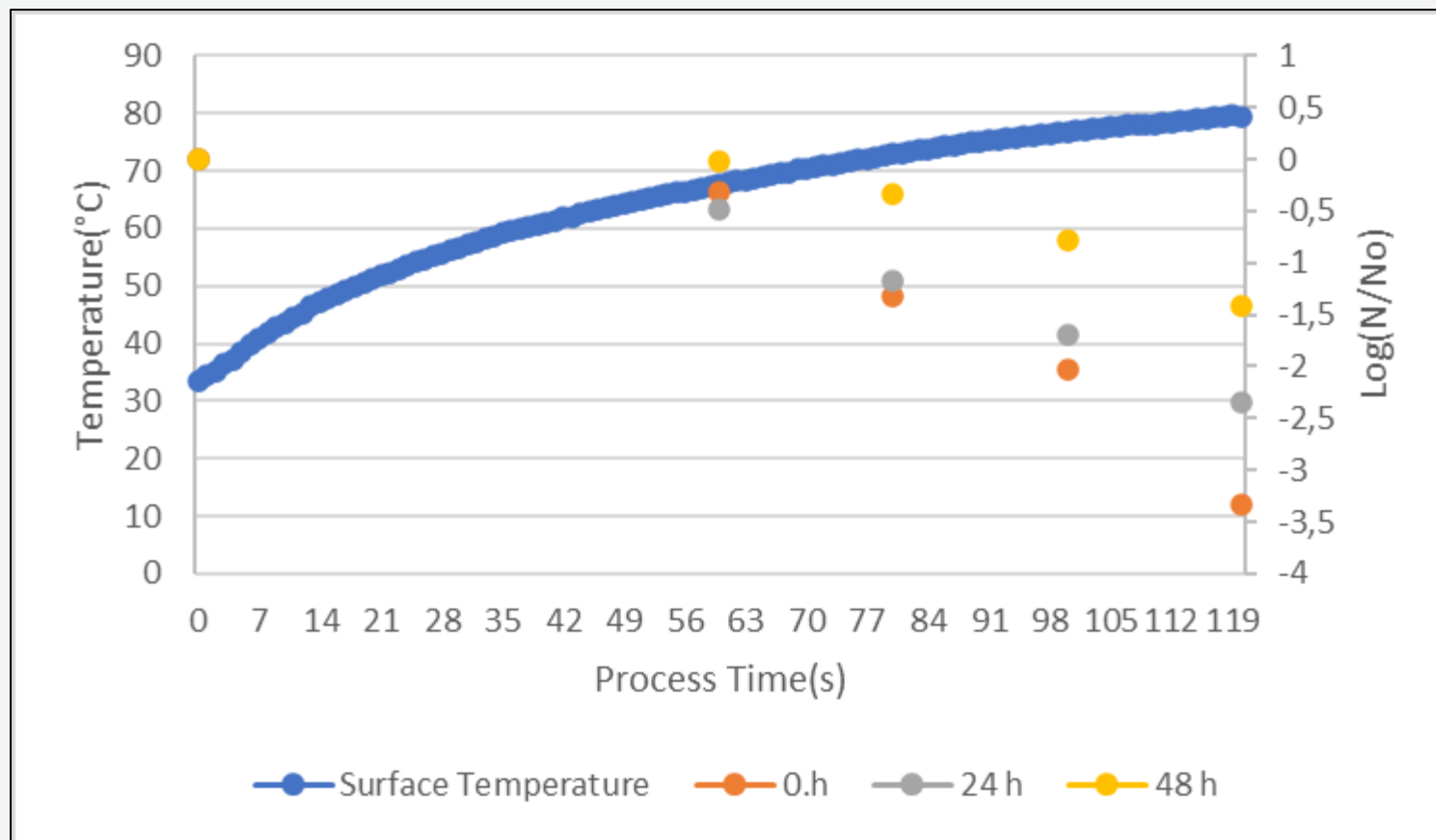


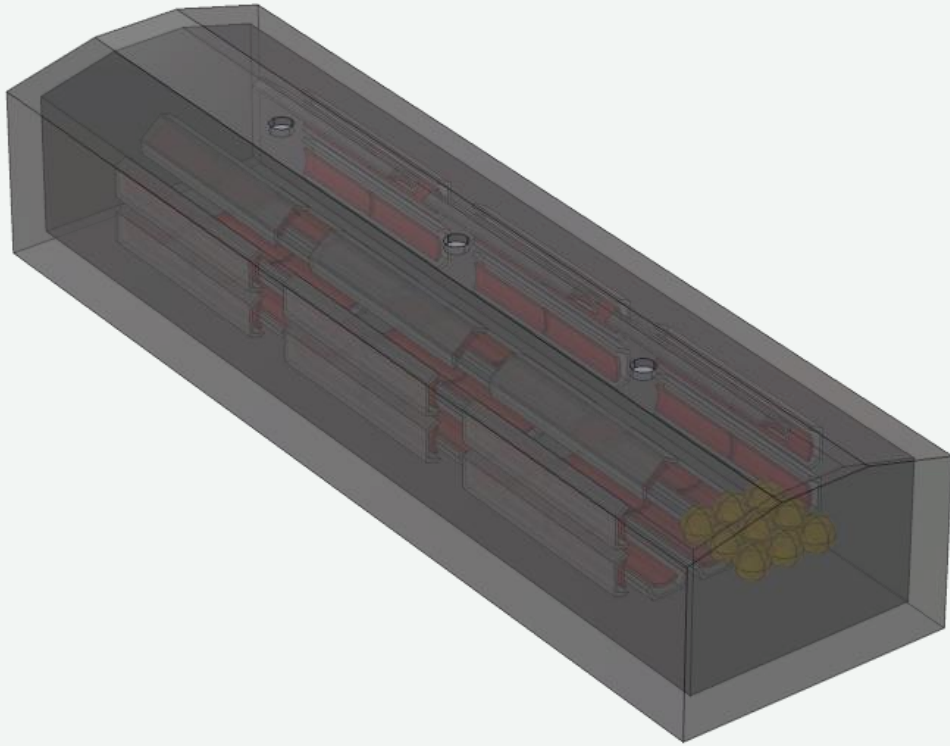
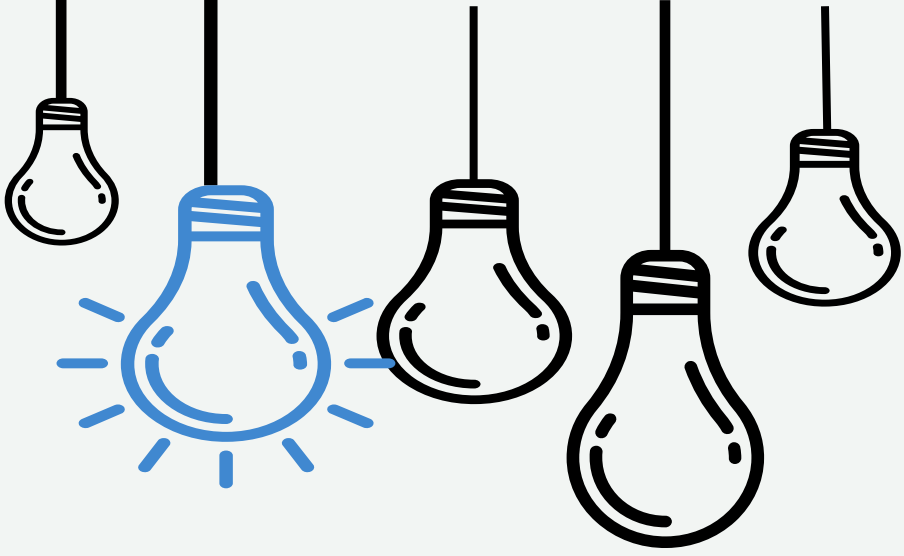
PEF – HIGH  
PRESSURE - UV

# Dry onions – Microwave Processing

October 2020 – *Salmonella* Newport –  
issue still has continued!







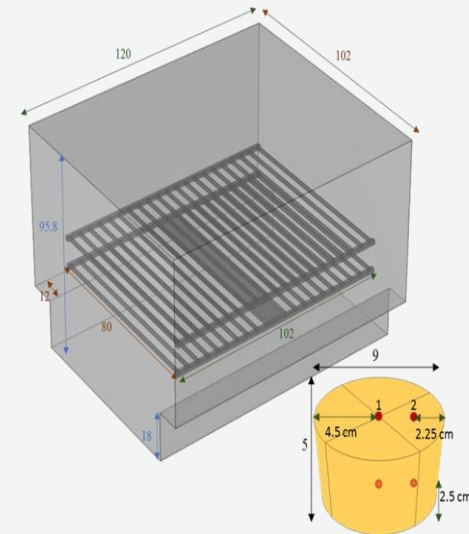
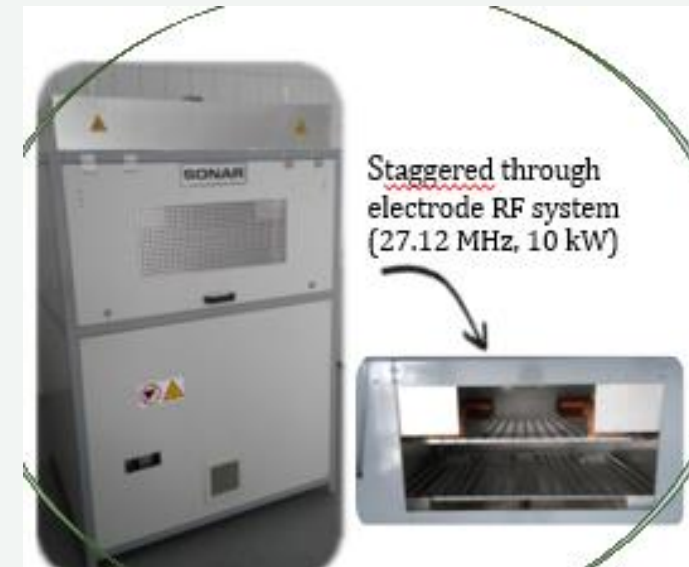
**120 s process;**

- ✓ Surface temperature  $\rightarrow 80^{\circ}\text{C}$
- ✓  $3.3 \log_{10} \text{ CFU/cm}^2$
- ✓ Hexagon cavity- 3 onion –  
moving mesh  $\rightarrow$  OPTIMUM
- ✓  $\approx 100 \text{ kg} / 1\text{h}$  capacity



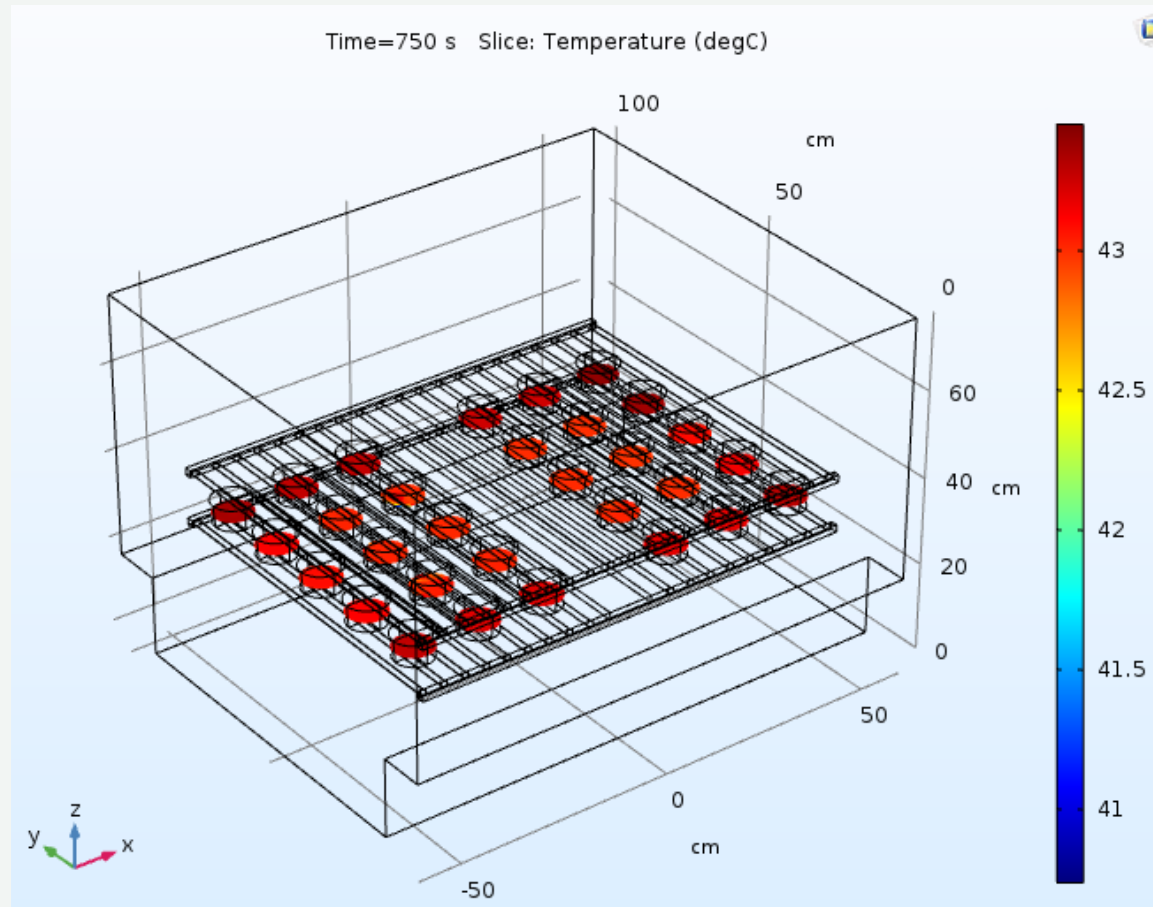
# Peanut Butter – Radio Frequency Processing

*Salmonella* – since 2012!



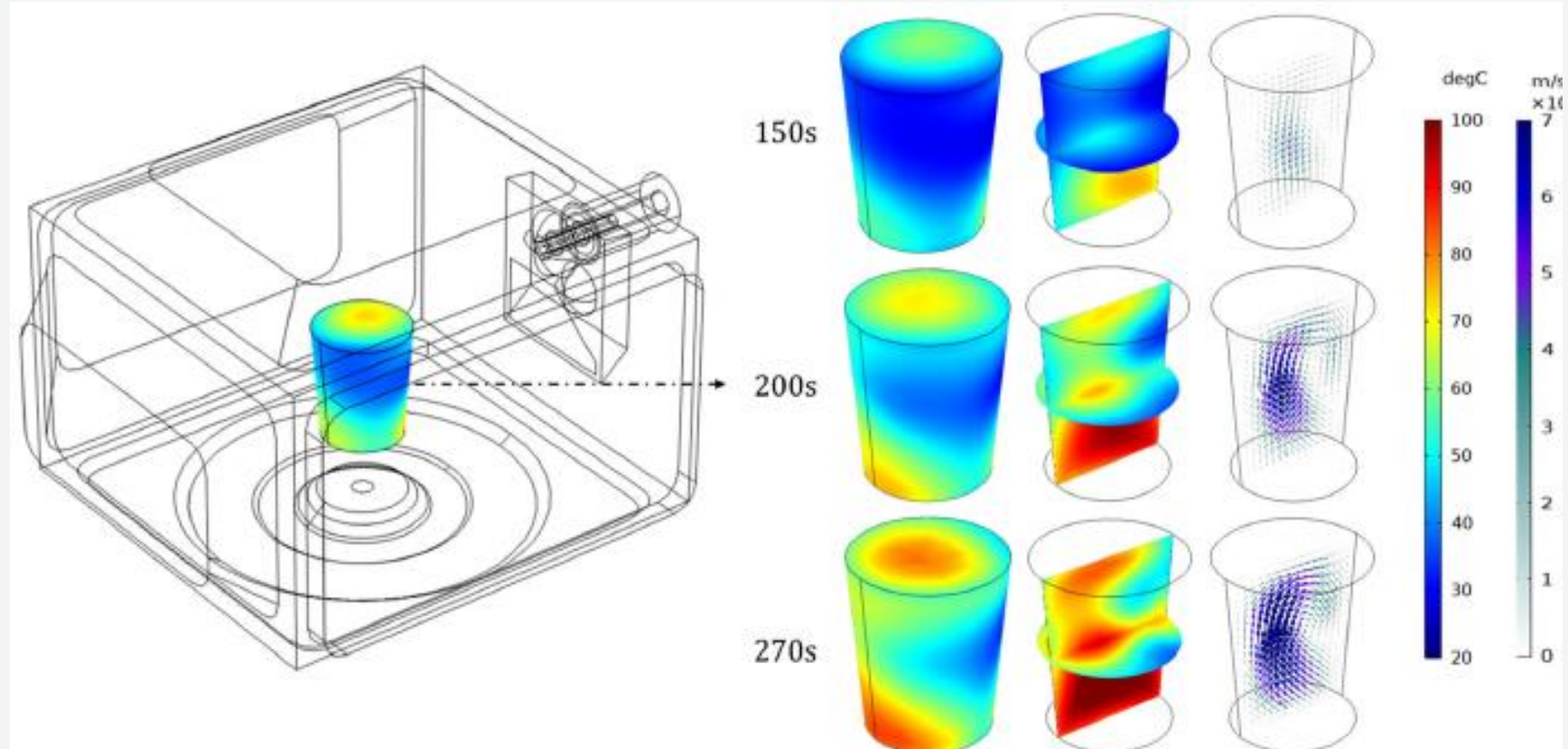
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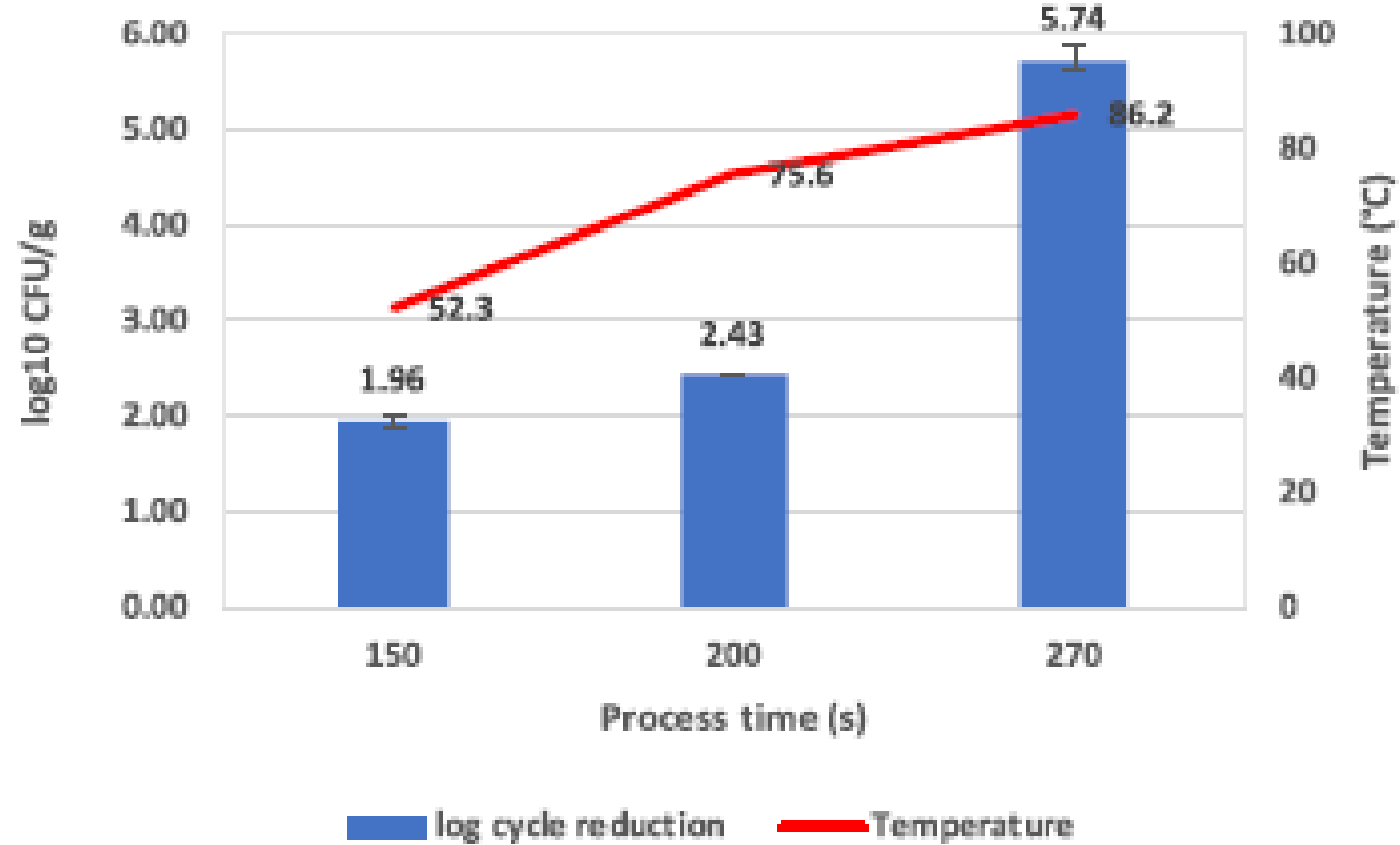
4000 V  
potential



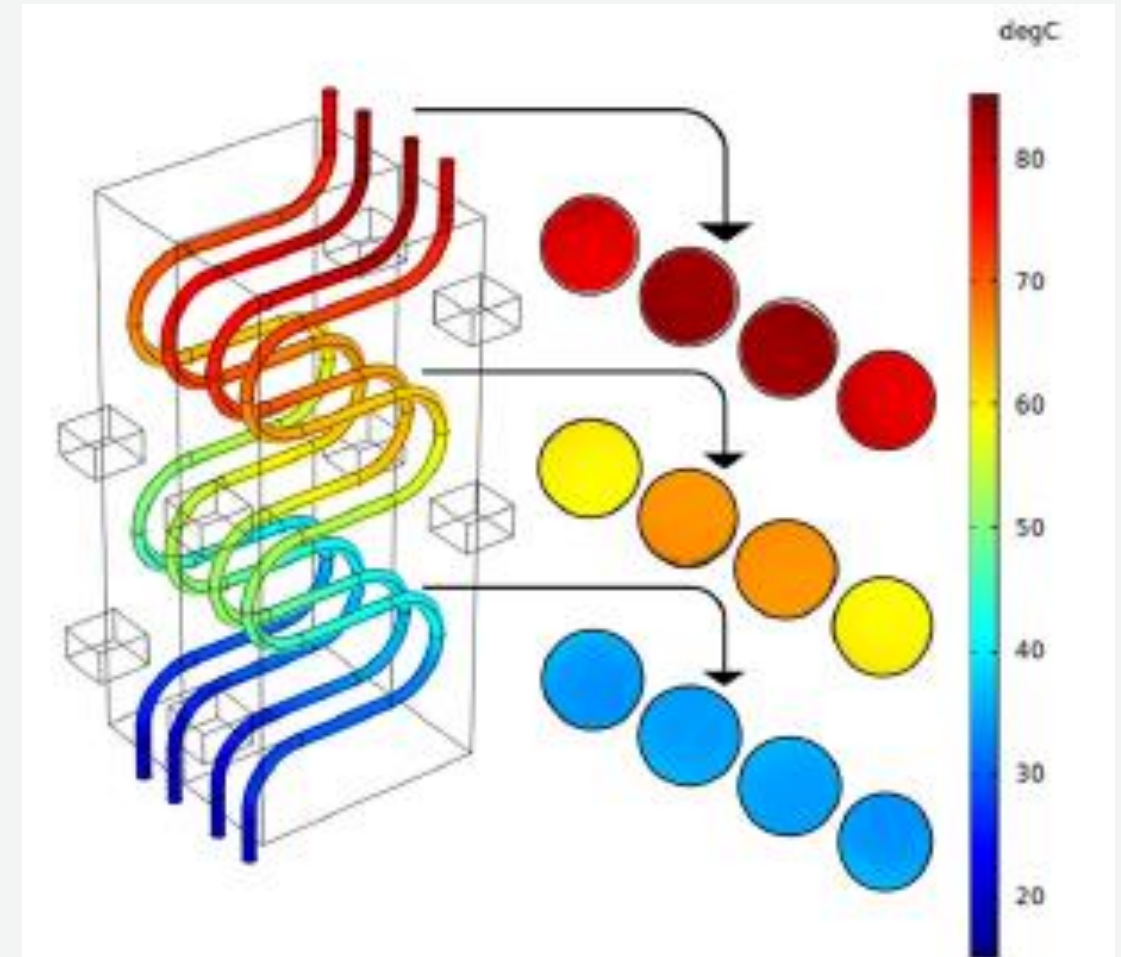
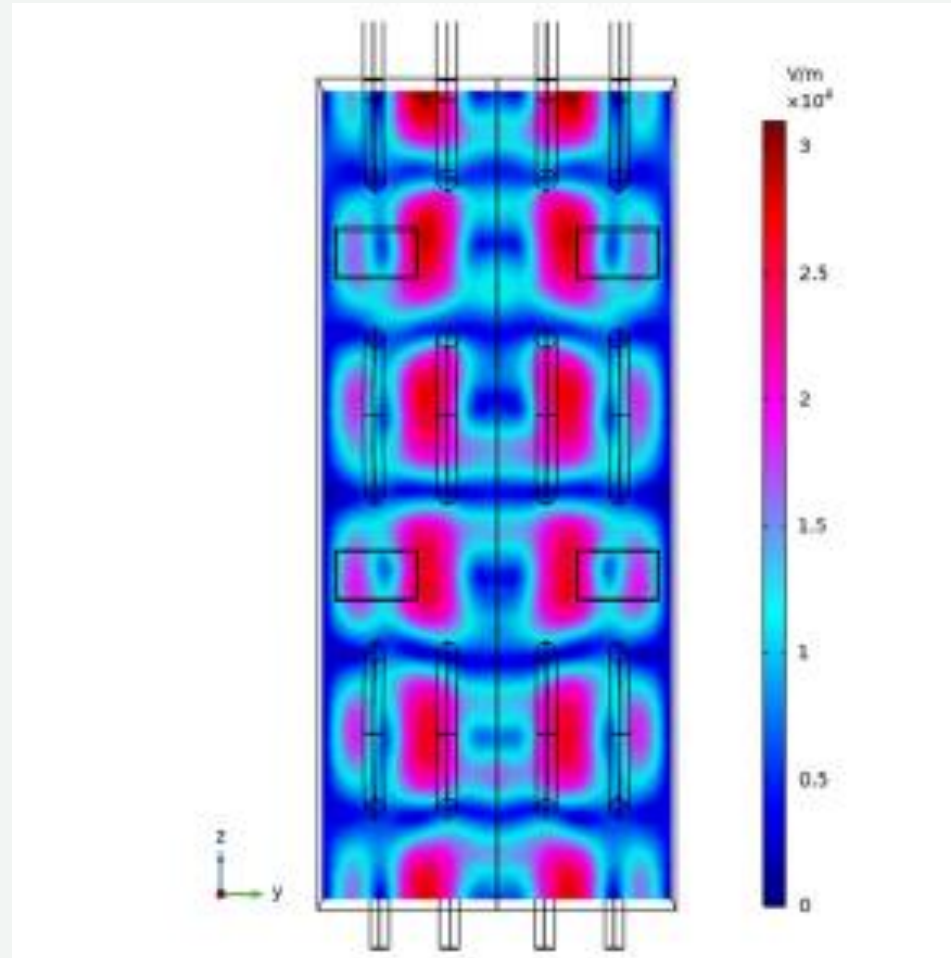
# Tahini – Microwave Processing

**Salmonella – sesame source (roasting!) in the last 2-decades!**

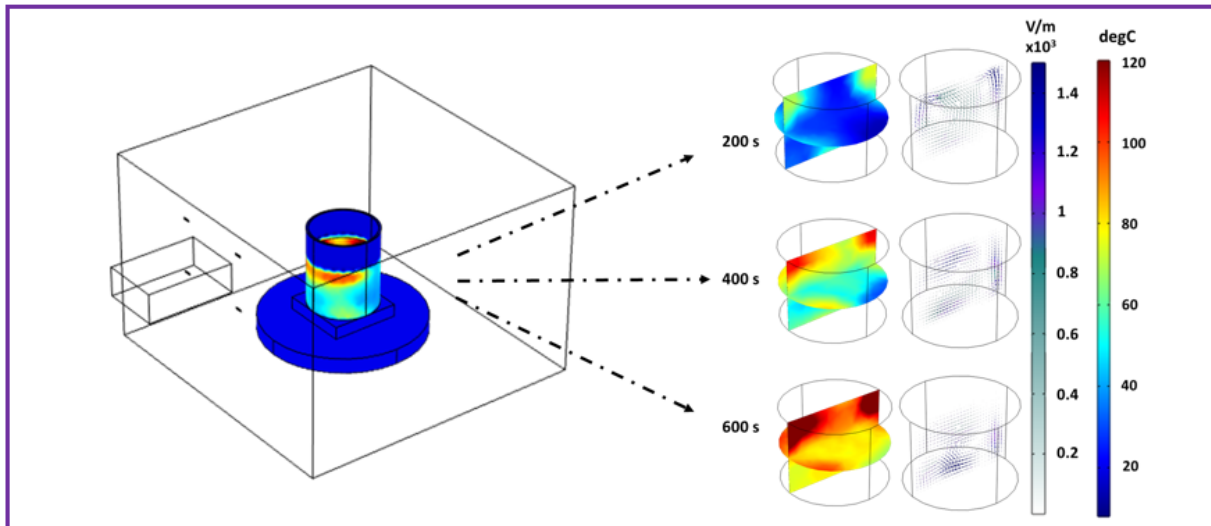
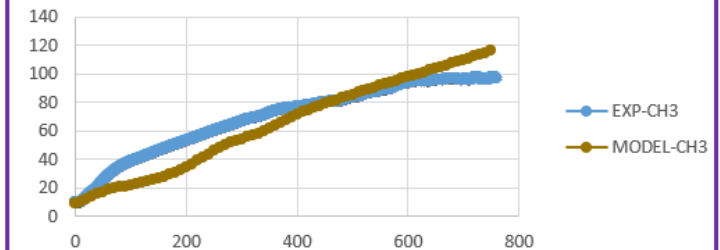
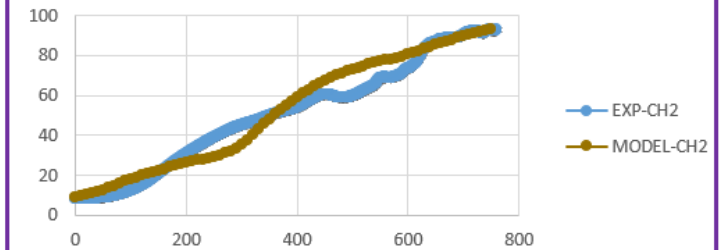
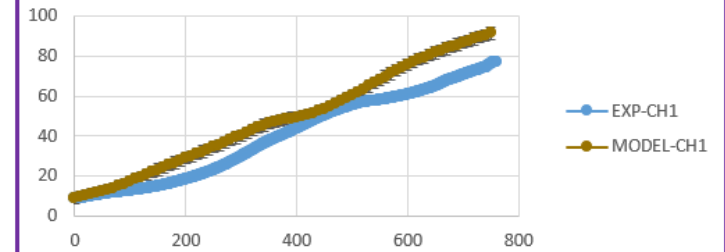
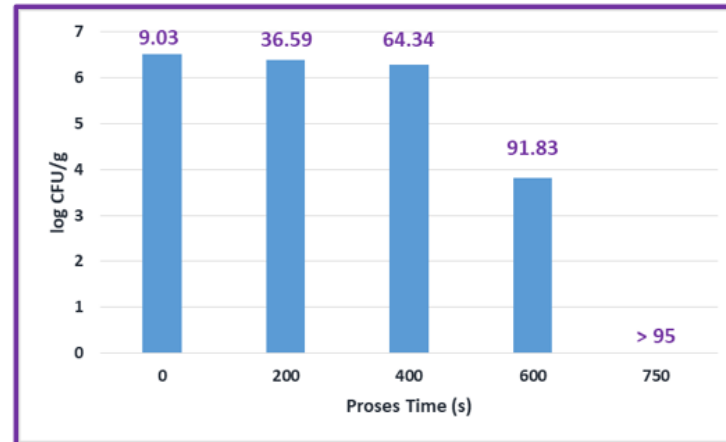
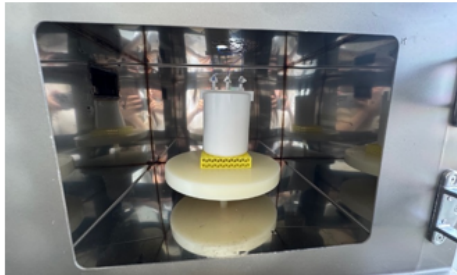




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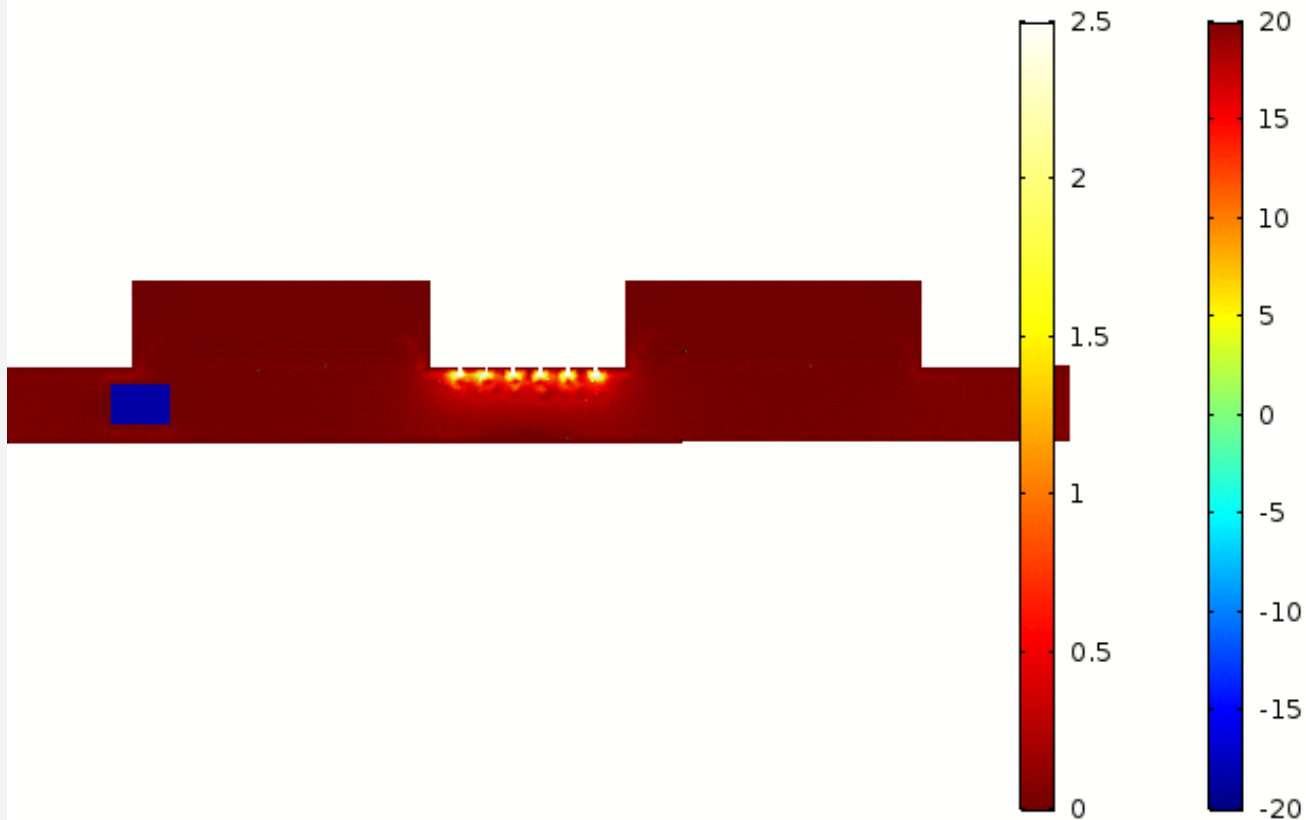


# Ice cream mix – Microwave Processing *Listeria recalls!*



# Continued...

Time=0 Surface: Temperature (degC) Surface: Velocity magnitude (m/s)



Hummus – microwave processing

Butter milk – microwave processing

Infant formula – radio frequency processing

Microbiological quality in industrial thawing – radio frequency processing

# **Future of the Food Manufacturing for improved safety and quality**

For process innovation:

Digital twin concept


Virtualization

AI – Internet of Things (IoT)

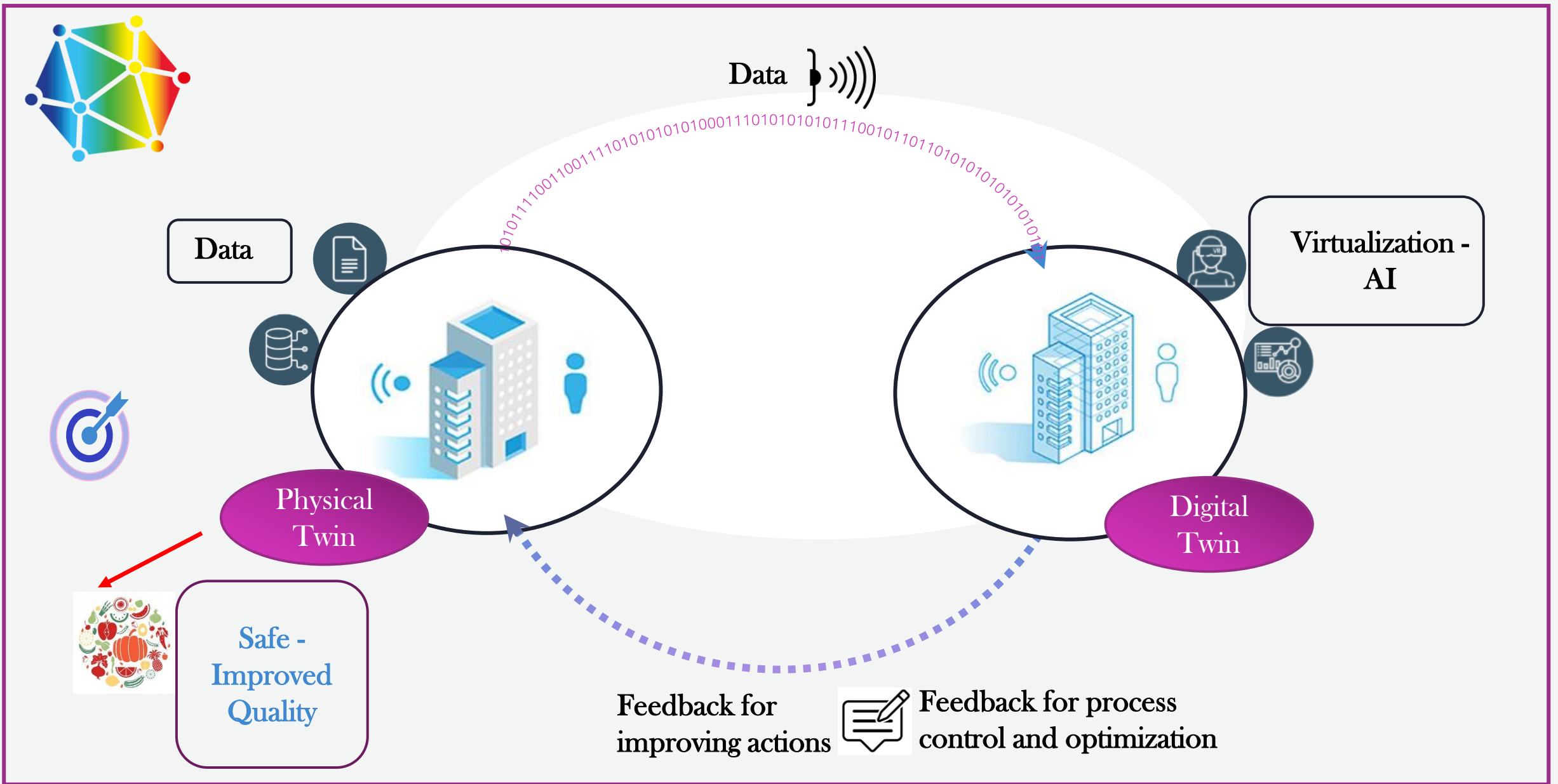
Sustainability – dynamic analysis

# Digital twin

Incorporating the modelling into actual process –  
simulation – virtualization



Online incorporation to use big data and  
enable the required changes – make  
corrective actions during operation for  
optimized process



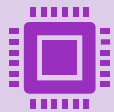
# Conclusions



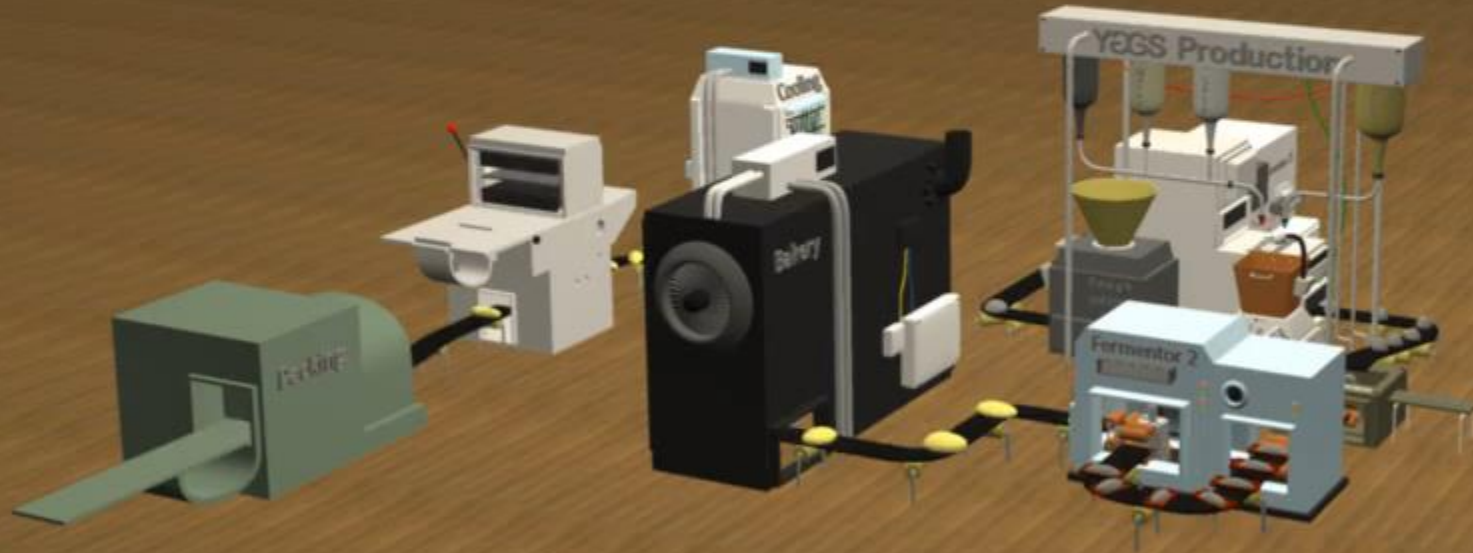
Electro-heating technologies – possible solution for (microbial) process safety in the view of sustainability and upcoming Green Deal!



Process control with virtualization and scale-up is a significant issue!

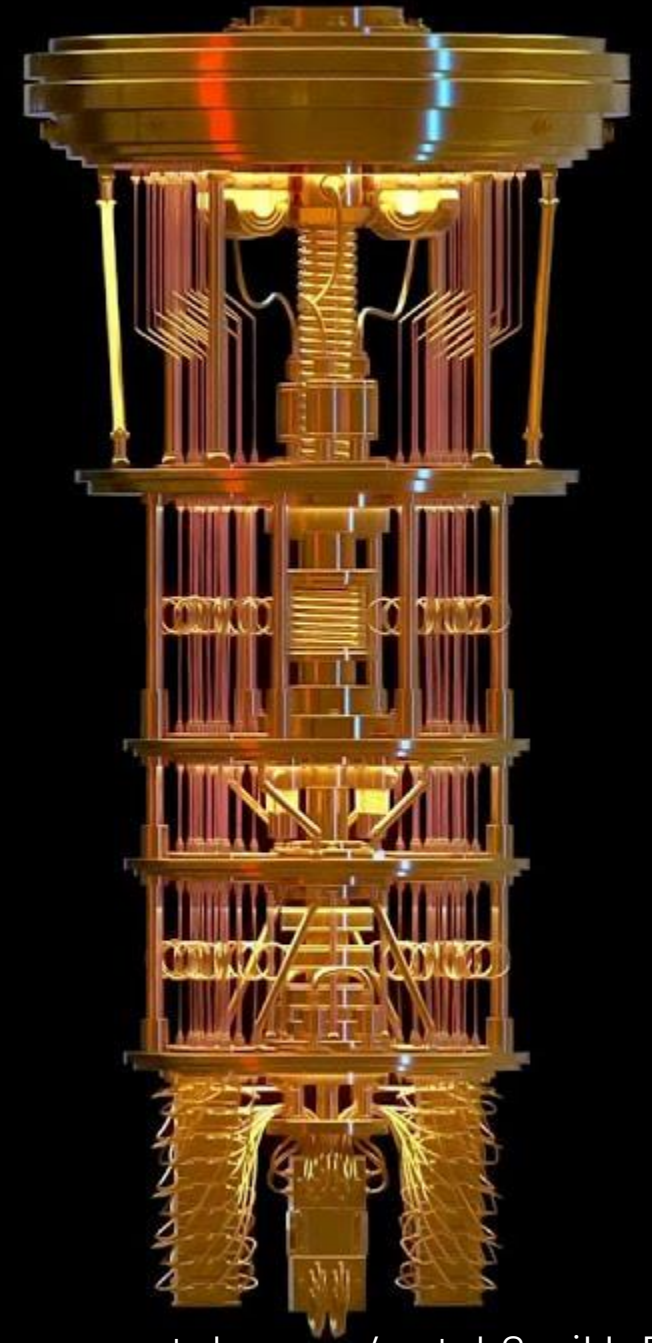
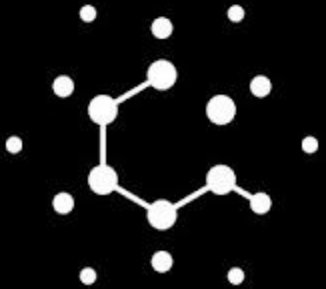


A solid-state background –digitalization and integration of computational food processing with food science and technology for industry x.0.



# QUANTUM COMPUTING

Zetabyte -  $10^9$  Terabyte



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHoEjvuPoB>



# Quantum Computers

Calculation time <4 min

The most powerful computer –  
10,000 years

- Digital twin – Virtualization

(food process – manufacturing  
– controls for food safety!)