

# From small-scale insight to design of new dry processes for foods

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## Quick facts

Wageningen is a municipality and a historic town in the central Netherlands, in the province of Gelderland. It is famous for Wageningen University, which specialises in life sciences. [Wikipedia](#)

**Province:** Gelderland

**Area:** 32.35 km<sup>2</sup>

**Area code:** 0317



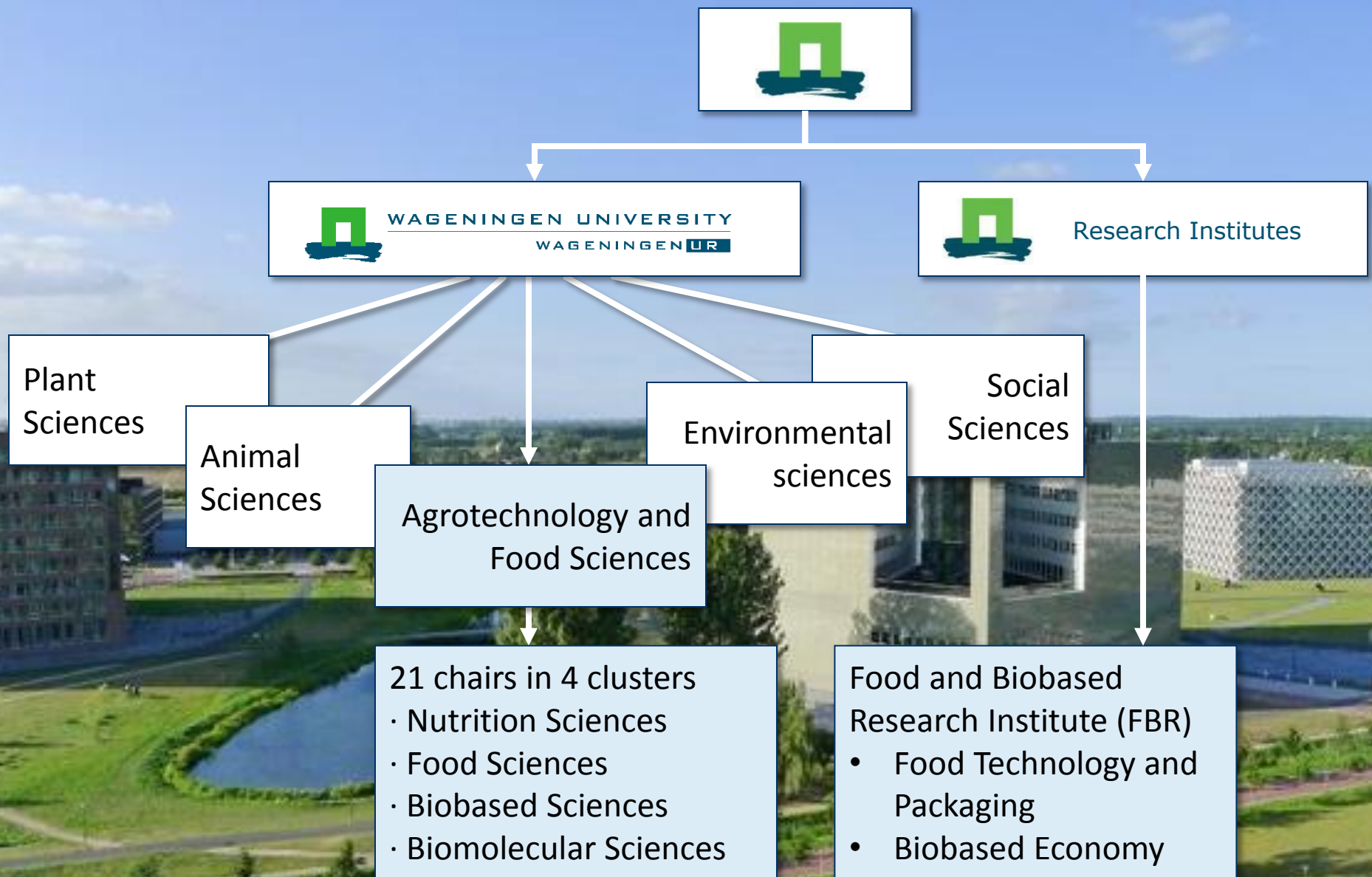
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# Wageningen University and Research Centre



- General University, and several Research Centres
- ~ 6 500 researchers  
~ 10 000 BSc and MSc students  
~ 2 300 PhD students
- Specialised on food & food production, living environment, Health, lifestyle & livelihood
- In global top 3 in our fields  
NTU globally best Agri university; QS World Univ. ranking Agri&For 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Strongly growing university, emphasis on PhD-level





# Food Process Engineering Laboratory

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- New principles and systems for preparing (structured) food products and food ingredients
  - Scientific
    - Understanding the behaviour of complex (food) systems
  - Societal
    - Find processes and production chains that are significantly more sustainable, producing products that combine excellent taste with better nutrition
    - Educate young academics with high awareness of sustainability, quality and health, and a drive for true innovation



**Chair:**  
**Remko Boom**



**Microtechnology in Food**  
**Karin Schroen**



**Food Nanotechnology**  
**Claire Berton**



**Concentrated processing; 'soft solids'**  
**Atze Jan van der Goot**



**Drying and solids processing**  
**Maarten Schutyser**



**Digestive kinetics and enzymatic conversion**  
**Anja Janssen**



**Thermodynamic process system analysis**  
**Remko Boom (new scientist from April)**

**Ingredient production**

**Protein Structuring**

*Typical size of the group:*  
7 scientific staff, 5 technical staff,  
~ 25 PhD students, 3 – 6 postdocs,  
10 – 40 BSc or MSc thesis students

**Endowed  
chairs**



**Albert van  
der Padt**



**Remko Boom  
(acting)**



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# Drying and Solids Processing



Drying



Dry Fractionation



Baking & Frying





# The approach

- Study dynamic behaviour of concentrated and dry materials under relevant conditions.



- Unravel mechanisms underlying the relation between processing and product properties.

$$A = A_D \exp \left( - \left( \frac{t}{\alpha(T, xw)} \right)^{\beta_T} \right)$$

- Develop new processing principles; more energy efficient and better product quality.



## **Study:**

Drying of a droplet / film  
Crust or skin formation  
Fragmentation of particles  
Agglomeration behaviour



## **Understand:**

Water removal  
Inactivation mechanisms  
Structure formation  
Particle dynamics



## **Develop:**

New operating windows  
New processing principles



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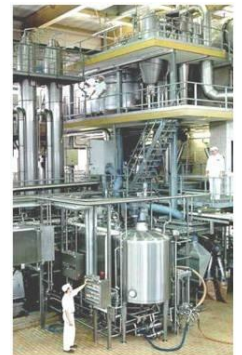
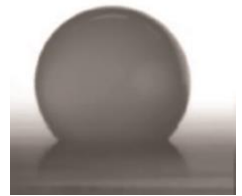
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✓ ***Move towards rational design  
using bottom-up approach***



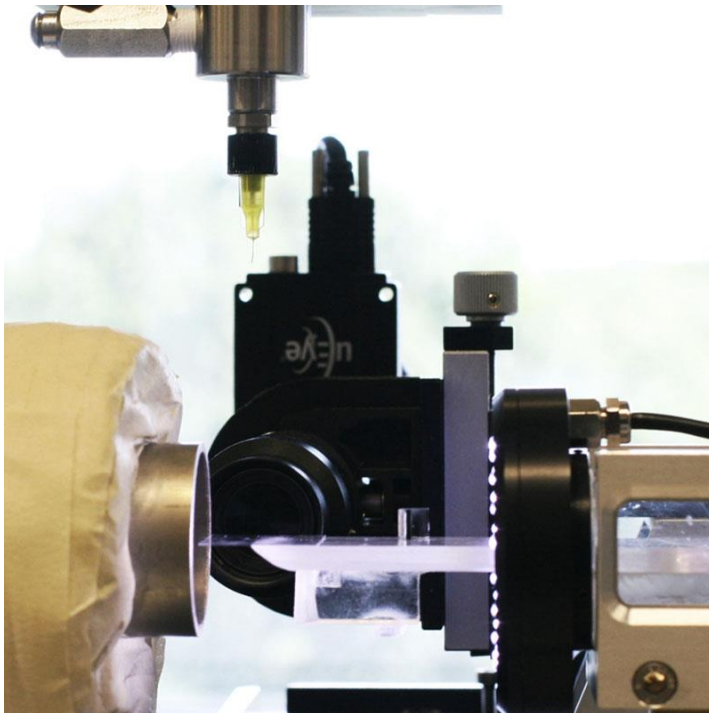
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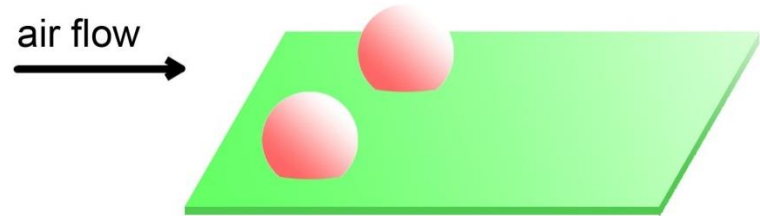


Link to industrial  
partners

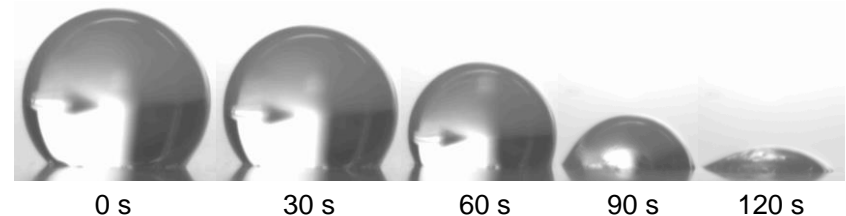
# Single droplet drying



air flow

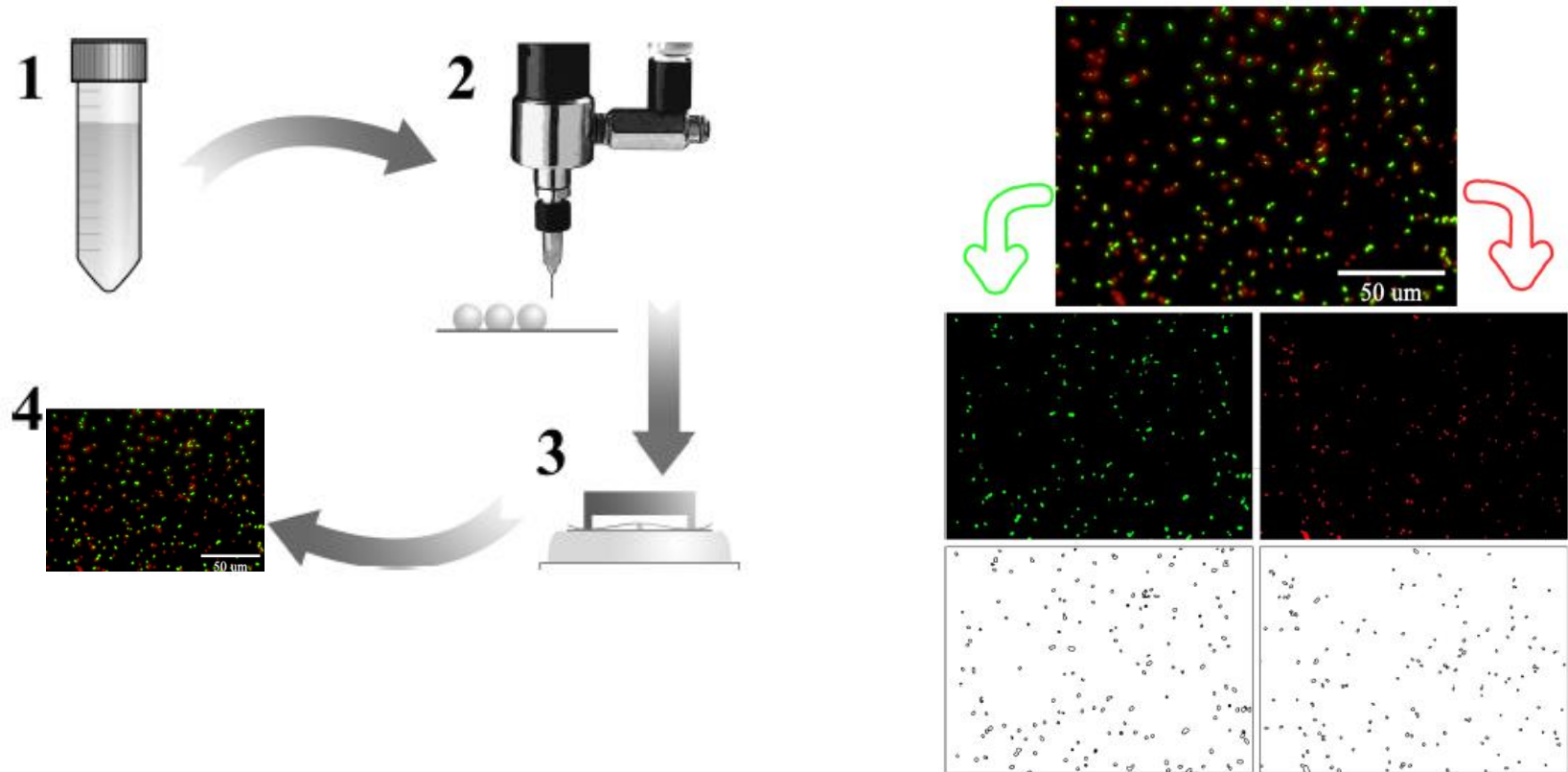


- Hydrophobic membrane
- Initial  $d_p = 200 \mu\text{m}$
- Heat & mass transfer correlation derived for water droplets



*Perdana et al., Chem. Eng. Technol. 2011, 34, No. 7, 1151–1158*

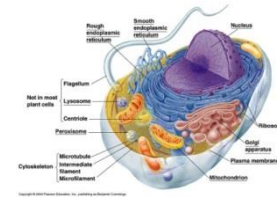
# Novel method for enumeration of bacteria



Perdana, J., L. Bereschenko, et al. (2012). "A novel method for viability enumeration for single-droplet drying of *Lactobacillus plantarum* WCFS1." *Applied and Environmental Microbiology* 78(22): 6.

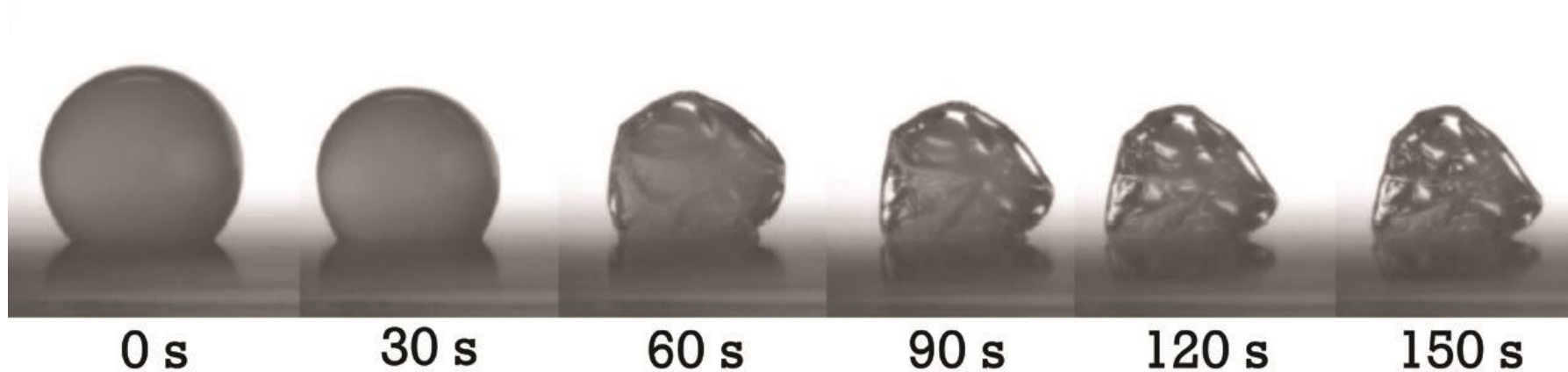


# Spray drying of probiotics



- Single droplet drying observations
  - $T < 45^{\circ}\text{C}$ : dehydration inactivation
  - $T > 45^{\circ}\text{C}$ : combined thermal-dehydration inactivation
- Modelling of viability loss
  - Models for (i) dehydration and (ii) thermal inactivation
  - Prediction of residual viability after single droplet drying
- Spray drying experiments for validation – lab & pilot
  - Compared to predictions

# Monitoring droplet drying

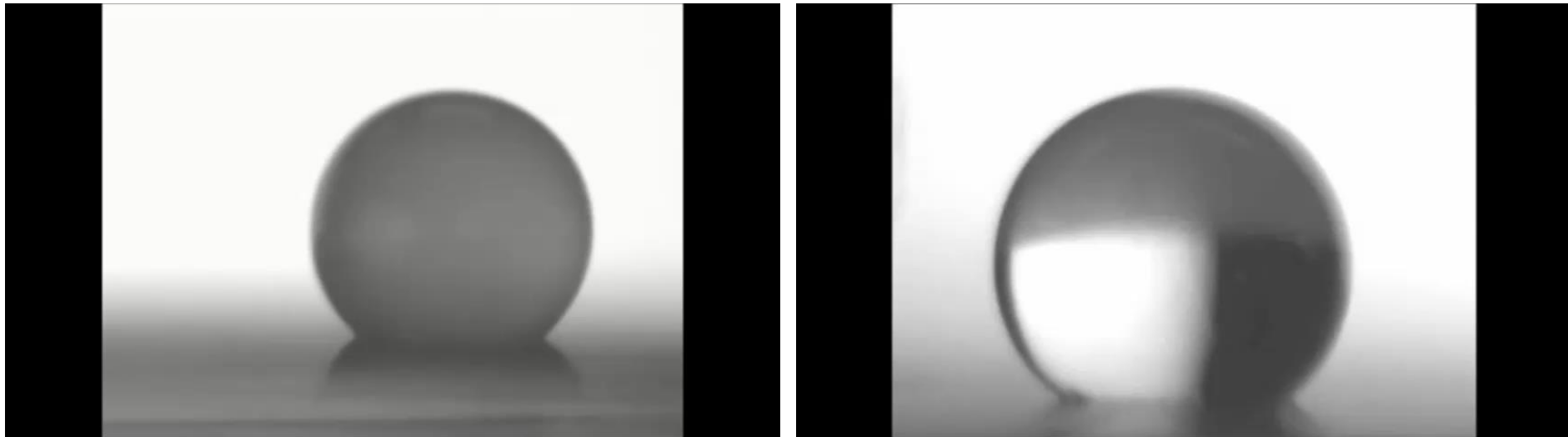


- 20 w/w% maltodextrin suspension
- Initial drying stage: ideal shrinkage
- Second drying stage: formation of wrinkles

# Structure formation

Maltodextrin

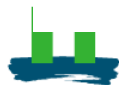
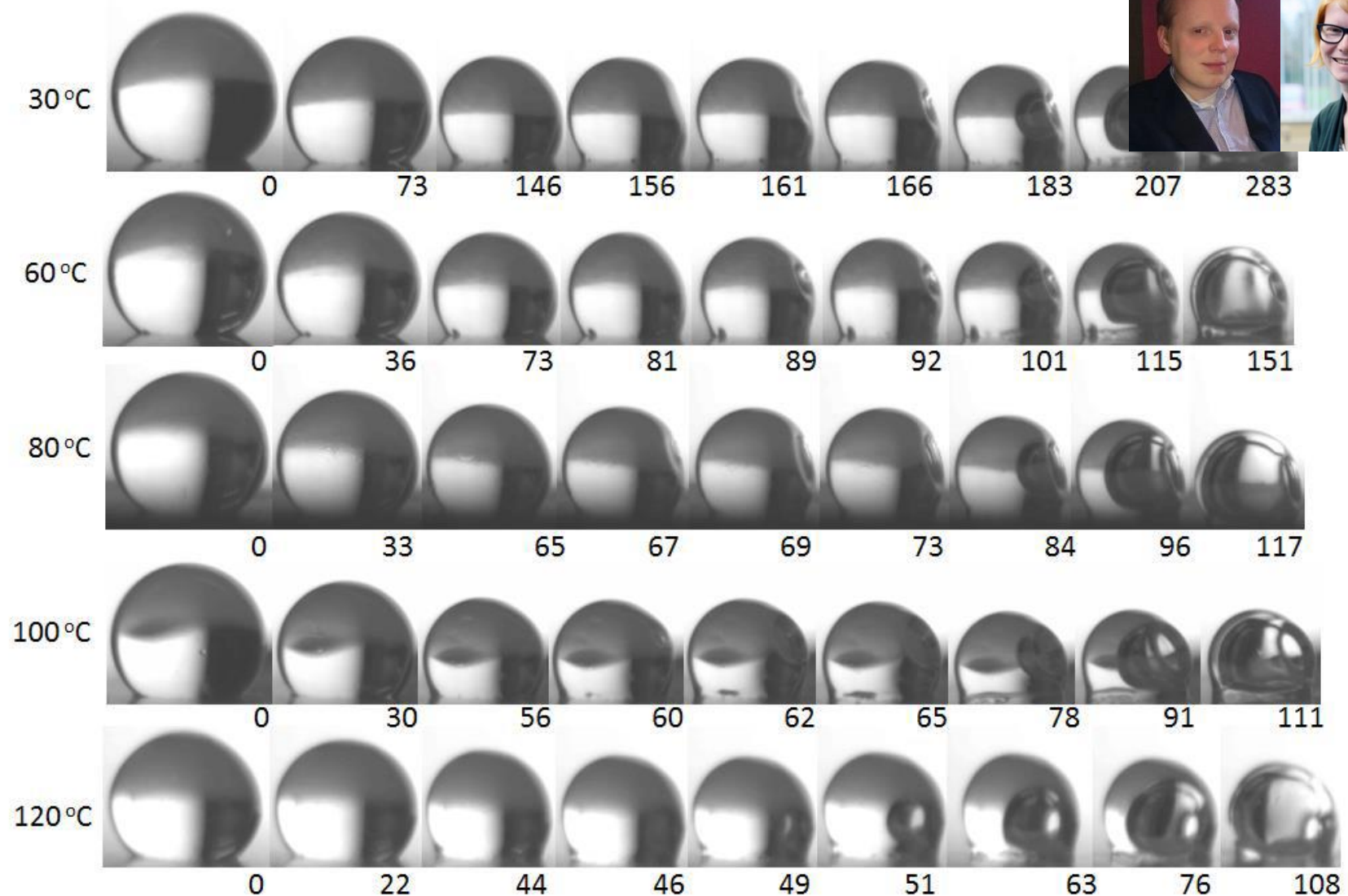
Whey Protein



How do we explain this remarkable difference?

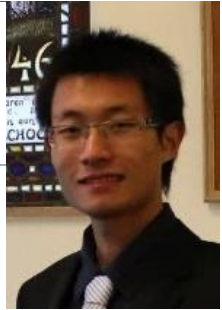


# Single droplet drying of WPI solutions



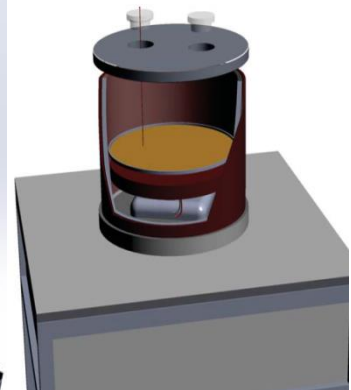
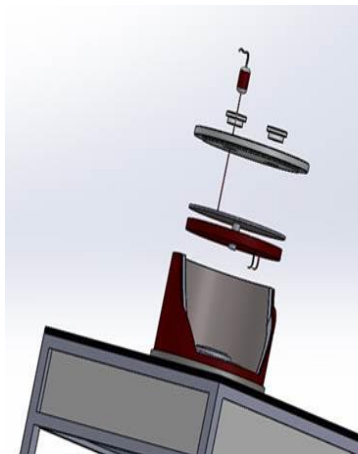
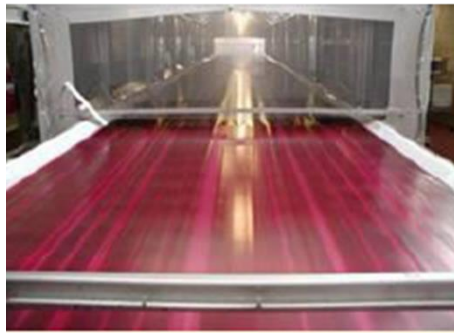
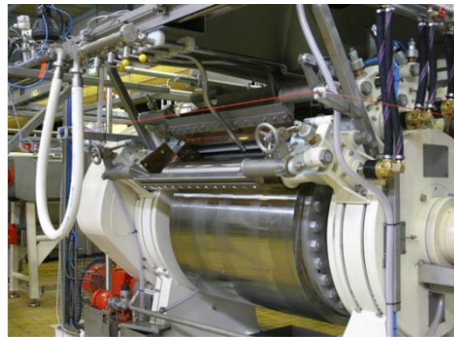
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# Thin film drying



Develop knowledge-based guidelines for conductive mild thin film drying:

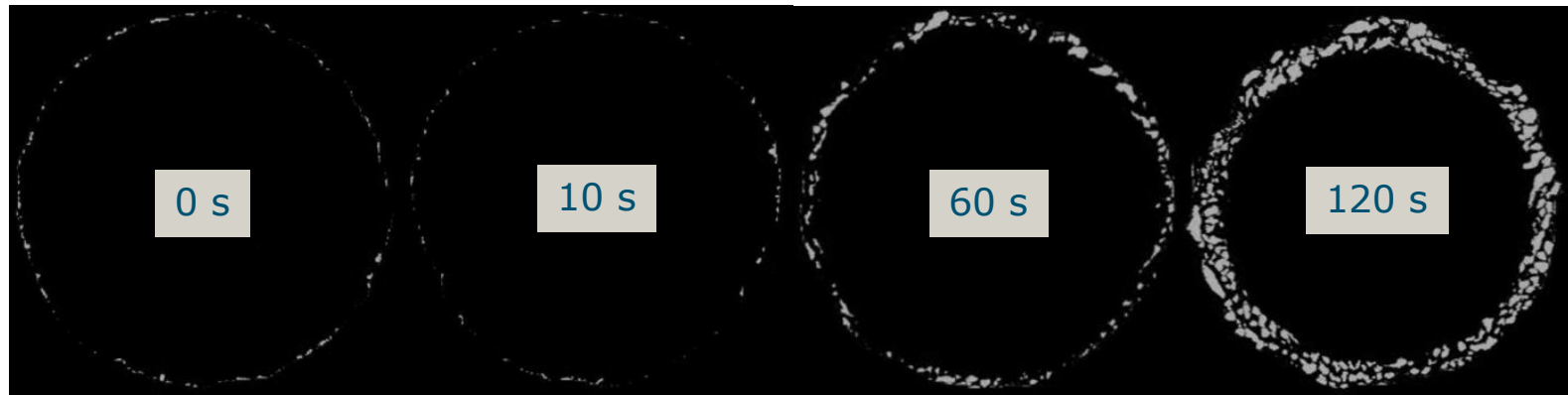
- 1) Investigate drying at the product scale and develop transient thin film drying models.
- 2) Comparison of drying technologies (Drum, ATFD & Refractance Window Drying) via pilot scale experimenting & benchmarking.



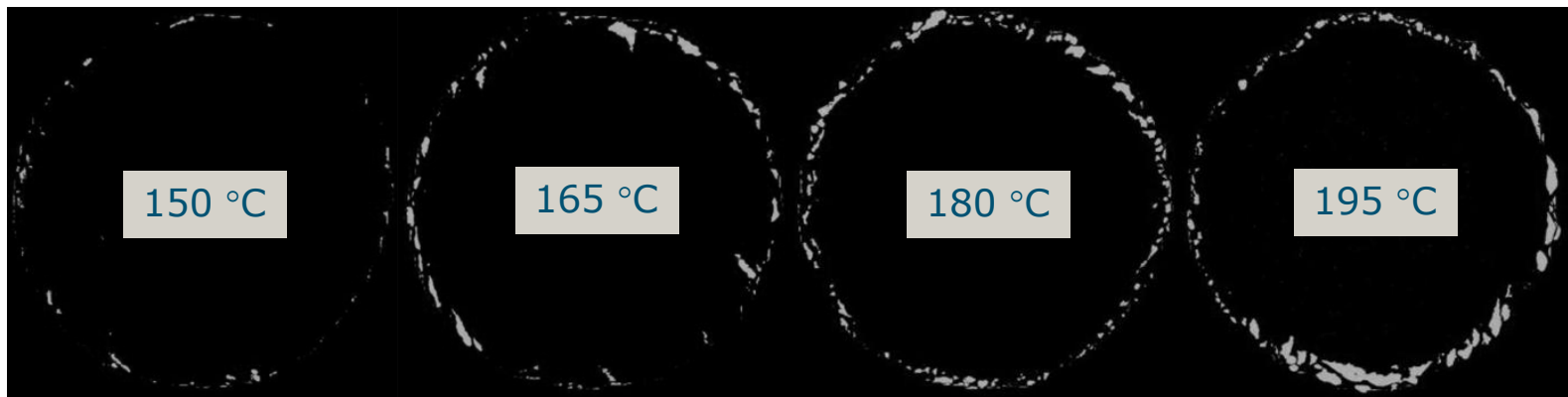
# Frying - Crust formation



## ■ Crust increase during frying (180 °C)

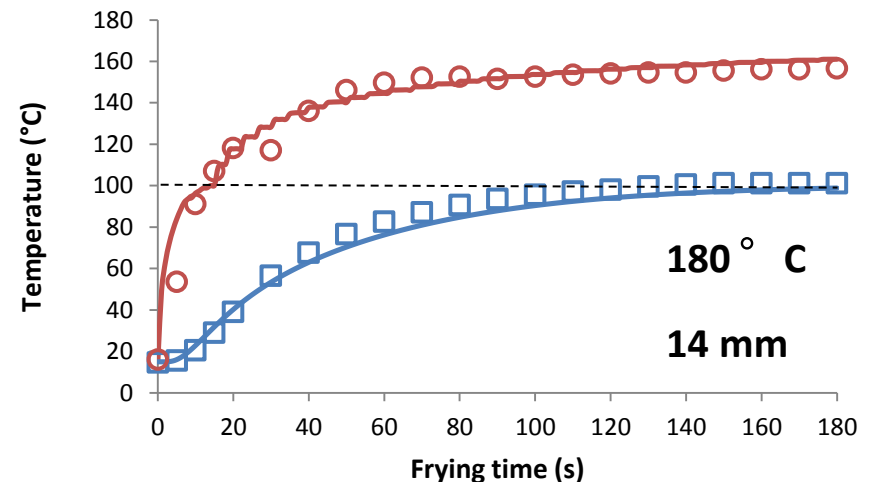
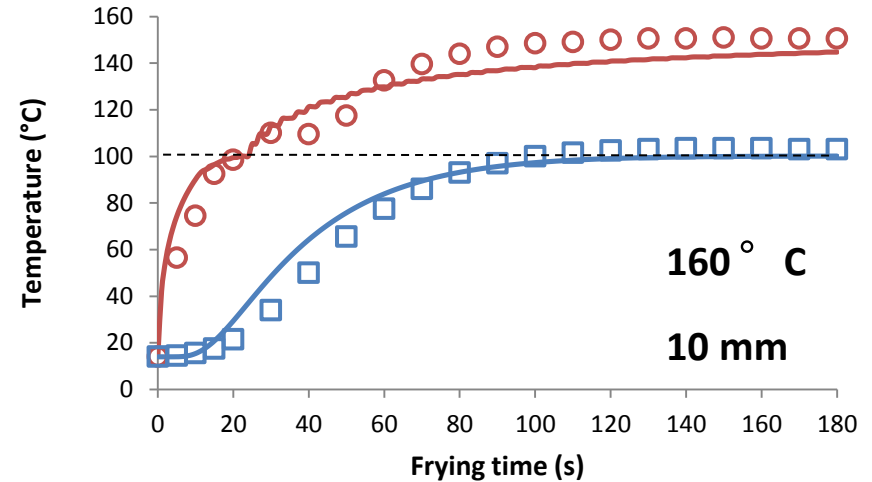
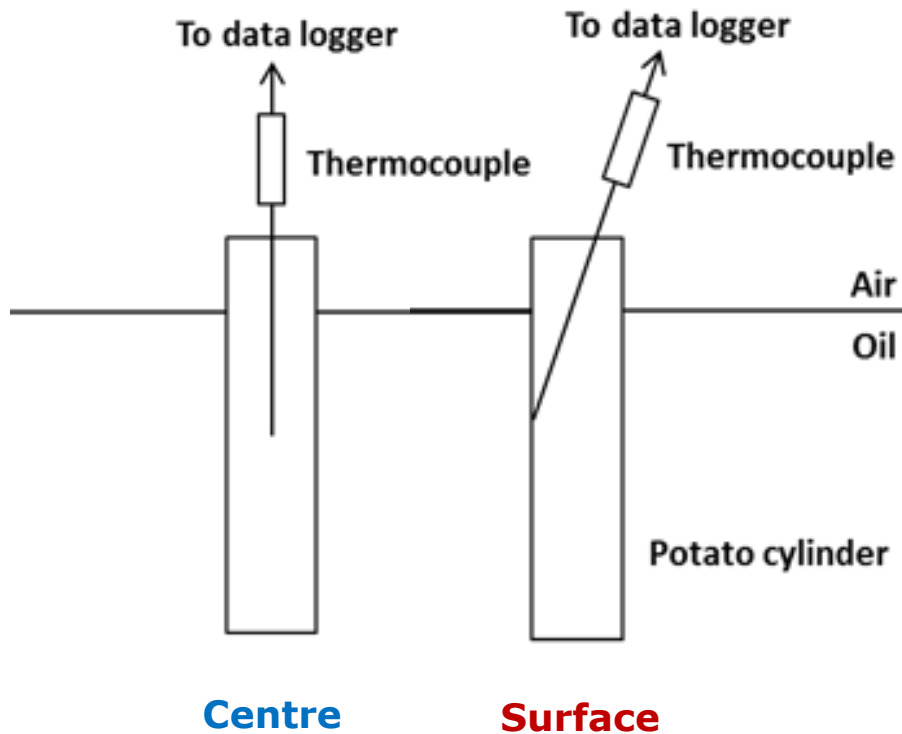


## ■ Crust increase with frying temperature (same moisture)

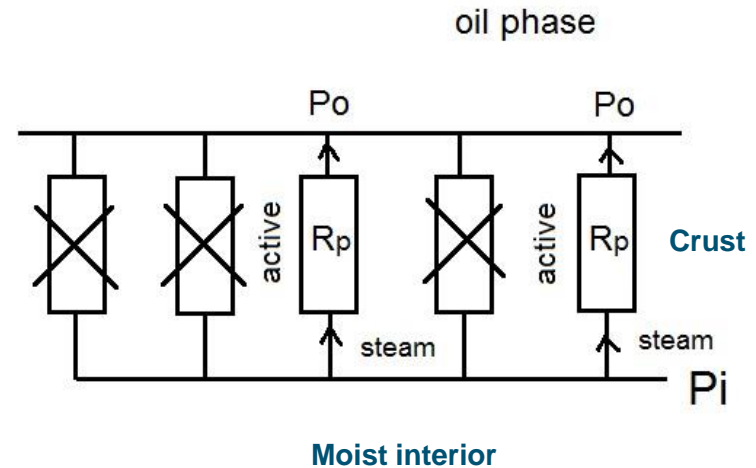
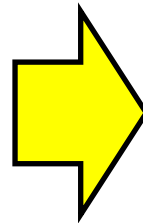
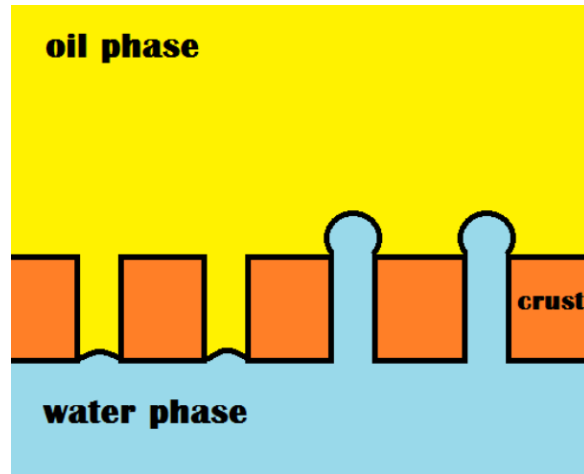




# Crust-Core model – Temperature validation



# Oil uptake during frying - modelling



$$S = \frac{M_0 - M}{M_0} \cdot K \cdot \frac{w_{\max} - w}{w_{\max}} + \text{oil}_0$$

$$K = N_T \cdot \rho_{\text{oil}} \cdot A \cdot r$$

■ = fitted parameters

S= oil uptake (g)

M= absolute moisture content (g)

w= evaporation rate (g/s)

oil<sub>0</sub>= initial oil uptake before w<sub>max</sub> (g)

N<sub>T</sub>= total amount of pores

ρ<sub>oil</sub>= density oil (g/m<sup>3</sup>)

A= average pore area (m<sup>2</sup>)

r= radius of French fry (m)

# Miniature bread baking approach and its potential use as functional food



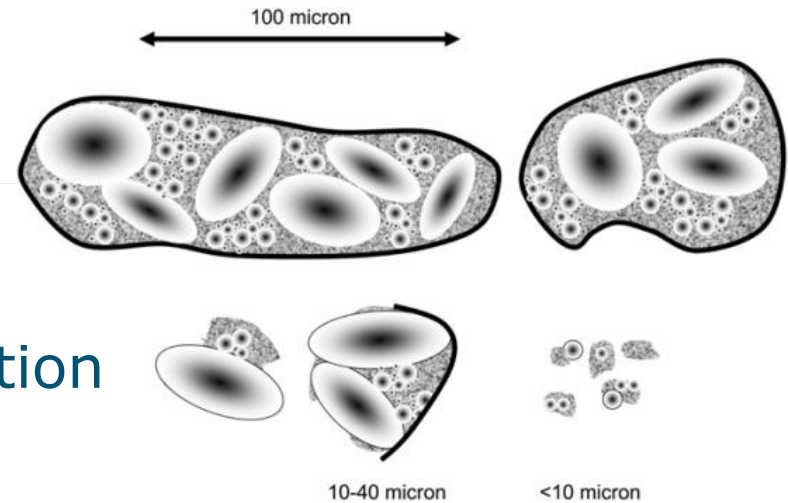
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Xiao Dong Chen (Soochow University, China)



# Dry fractionation



- More sustainable
  - Less or no water consumption
  - Less energy consumption
- More mild
  - Retaining native functional
- But, less pure
  - Functionality is more important
- Conventional dry fractionation
  - Milling & air classification

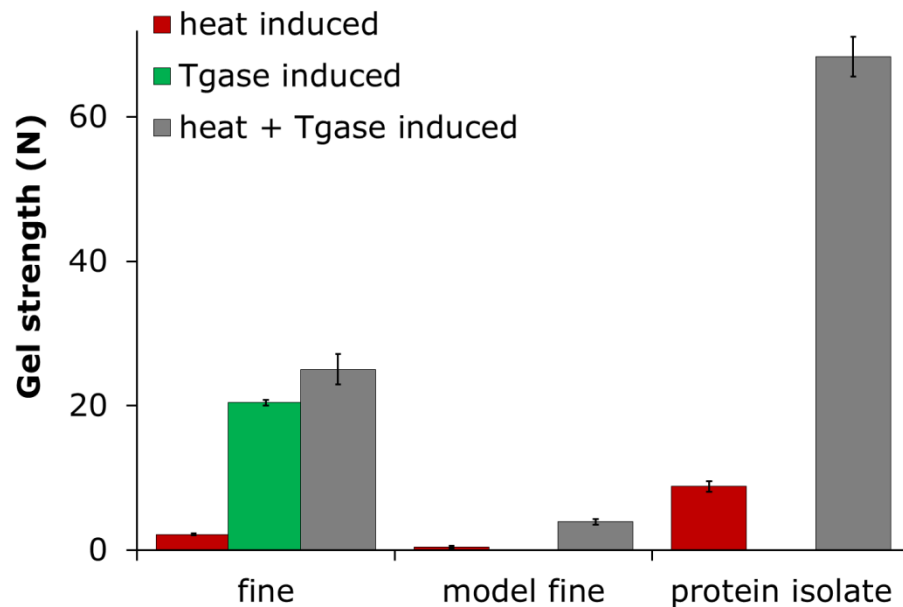
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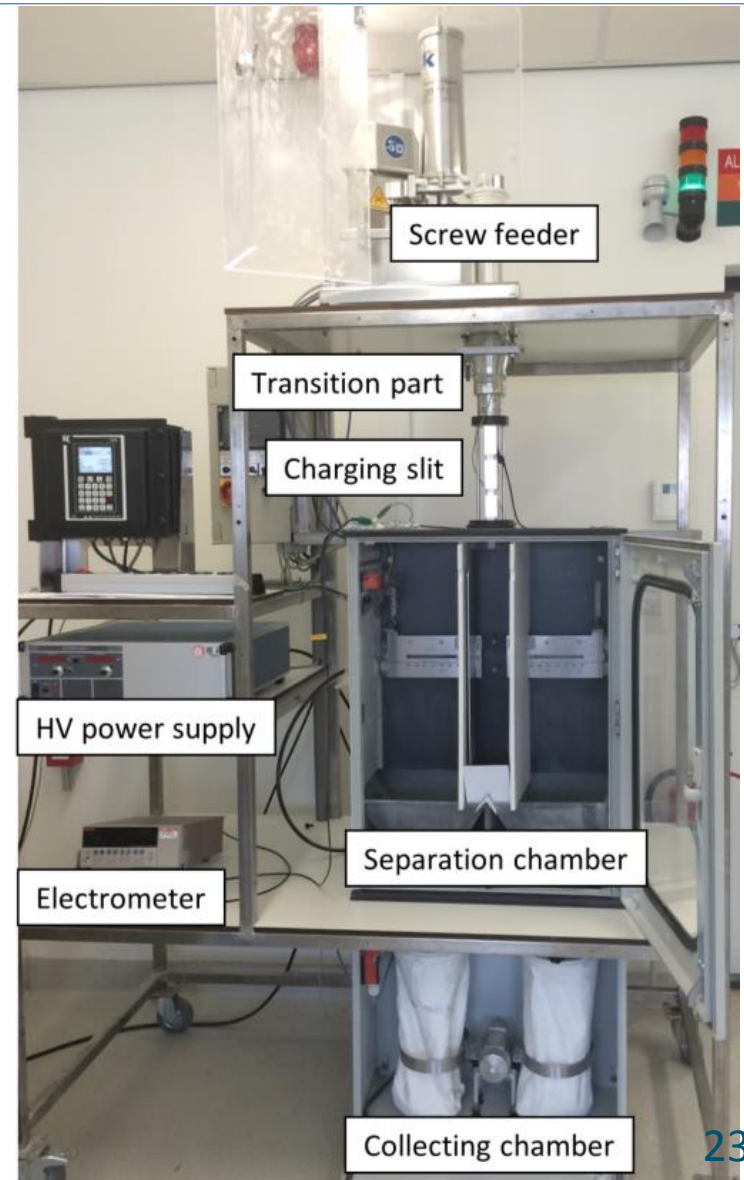
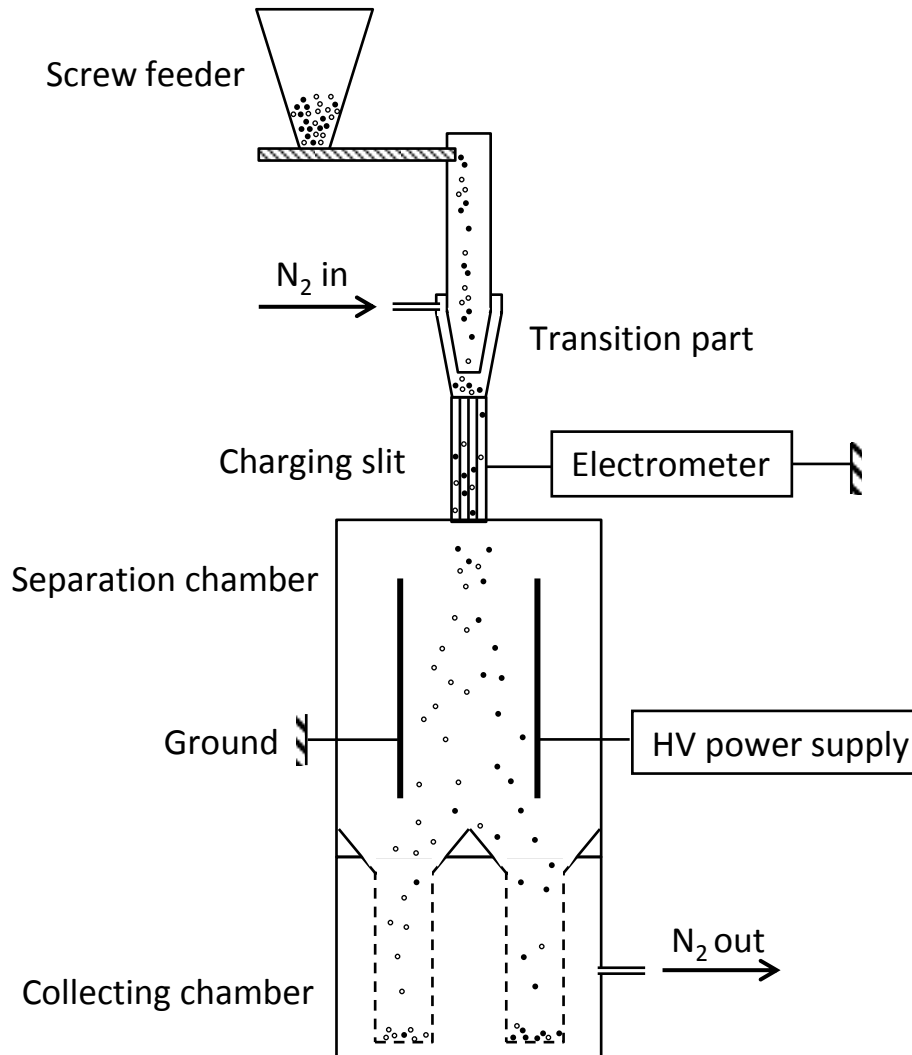


# Pea: Enzymatic gelation

- Enzymatically-induced pea protein gels are stronger than heat-induced protein gels
- Starch and fibre in the fine fraction absorb water, which increases the protein content and the gel strength.

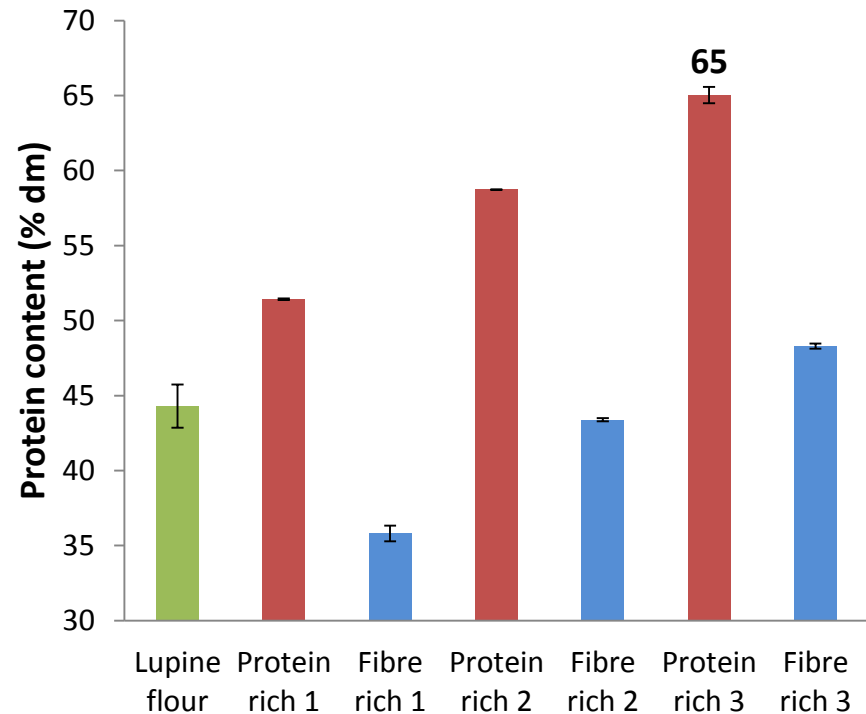
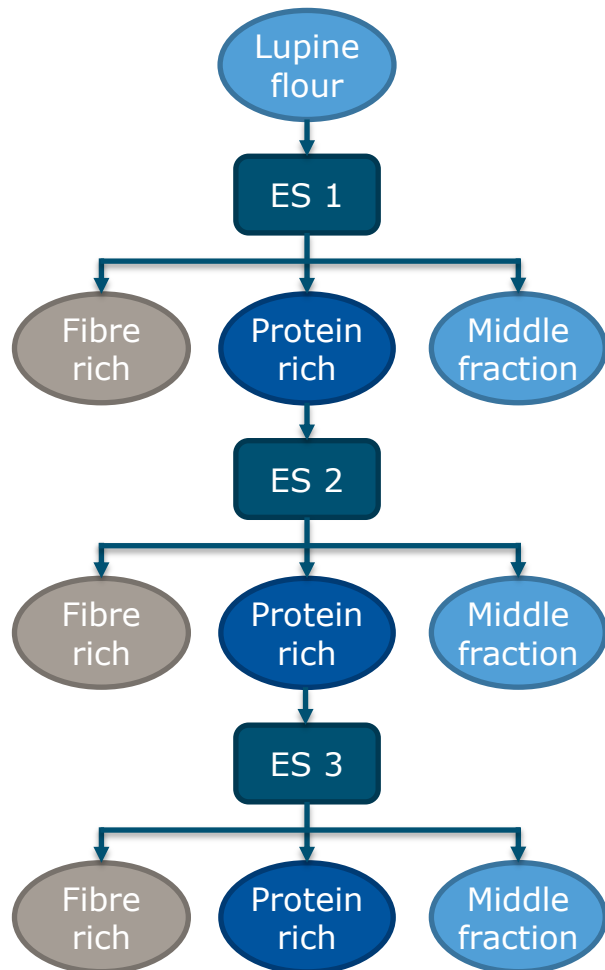


# Bench-scale electrostatic separator



Wang, J., et al., (2015). Charging and separation behavior of gluten–starch mixtures assessed with a custom-built electrostatic separator. *Separation and Purification Technology* 152, 164-171.

# Multiple-step ES (MSES) of Lupine



**15%** more protein enrichment than by air classification (~59% dm)

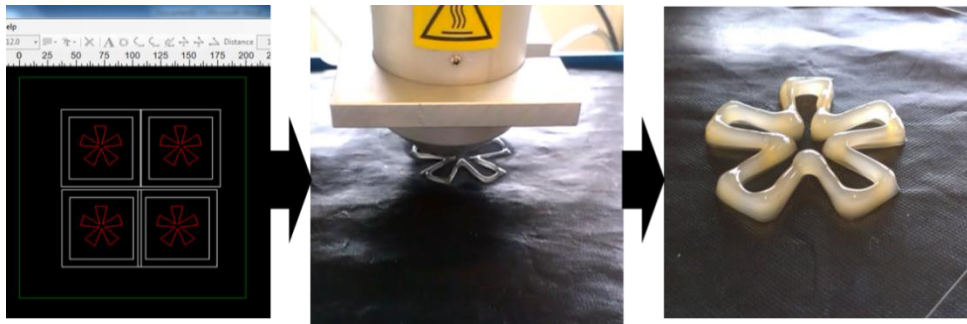
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# 3D Food Printing



[www.3ders.org](http://www.3ders.org)

Fused deposition modelling of chocolate (paste)



- Food production will be more tailored to individual needs & preferences
  - Health, Age, Lifestyle
- Decentralized production
- Prototyping tool
- Fused deposition modelling
- ***Enable development of 3D printed protein foods***



# FDM of caseinate 40% w/w



# Filled protein-rich structures

- Niche application
  - Healthy
- Spatial design
- Modulate sensory perception.
- *"Shown that the spatial distribution of fat provided similar perceived creaminess in layered gels with lower amount of fat"\**



\*Mosca, Rocha, Sala, van de Velde, Stieger, 2012

# Conclusions

- *From small scale insight to design of new processes*
- Drying & solids processing
  - Spray drying & thin film drying
  - Dry fractionation
  - Baking & Frying
  - 3D Food Printing



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