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Food Risk Mitigation Tools and Strategies

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- 45 years (1967)
- 1st non-state University in Portugal
- 20.000 graduates
- 2012: 12.000 students (including professional training)

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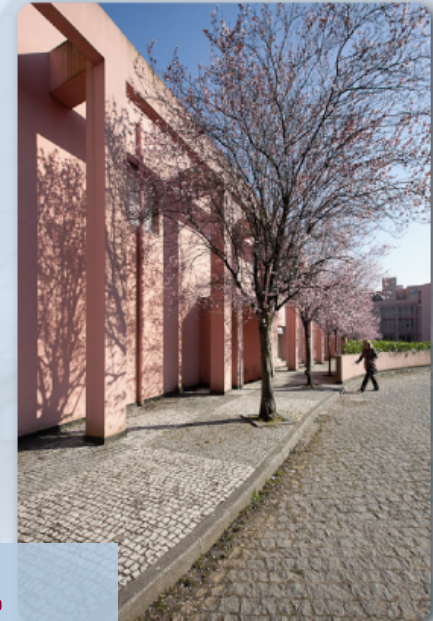


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Registered as an Associate Laboratory since 2004.

CBQF occupies a single site and is functionally dependent on the Catholic University.

Currently has 47 PhDs listed as members.

Initial candidature focussed on environmental and food risk assessment, current scope slightly refined.

Statute renovated as from January 2011

Contract signed for 10 years, subject to availability of funds and 2-yearly evaluations.

At present fixed Associate Laboratory finance is awarded (i) based on 2-yearly “strategic projects” (known previously as plurianual) and (ii) salary funding for 5 senior researchers.

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Research Budget for 2011.

External Finance:

1.2 M Euros in researcher obtained finance*

0.3 M Euros in Strategic Project (FCT).

0.35M Euros in Associate Laboratory personnel.

* Not including significant non-research finance for entrepreneurship and networking.

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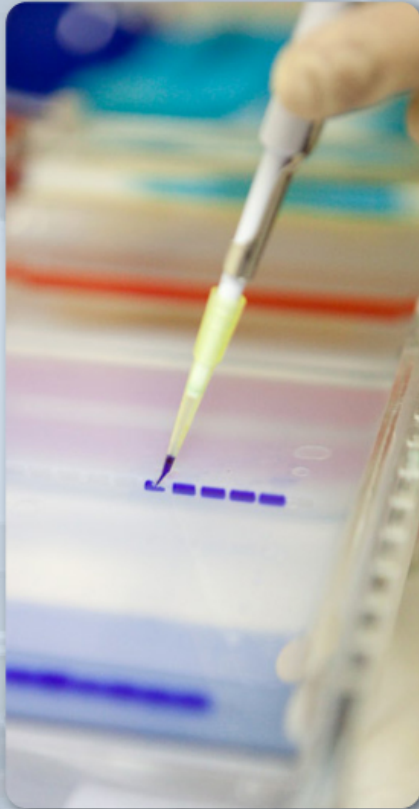
Intended contribution to society.

1. Preparation of high calibre professionals and academics by exposing them to a demanding but supportive research environment.
2. To generate and communicate new knowledge which addresses 2 major societal challenges.
 - a. *The health and well being of the citizen –*
Safety in the food chain and the protection of the environment
 - b. *The competitiveness of the agricultural and food systems –*
Underpinning health-, safety- and sensory- driven innovation in foods and supporting sustainable use of agricultural resources.

Research Centre - CBQF

Research Lines:

- **Food: safer, healthier, more nutritious and more competitive food**
 - Food risk assessment
 - Food risk mitigation tools and strategies
- **Environment: Innovative approach to environment and sustainability challenges**
 - Environmental diagnosis
 - Environmental mitigation tools and strategies





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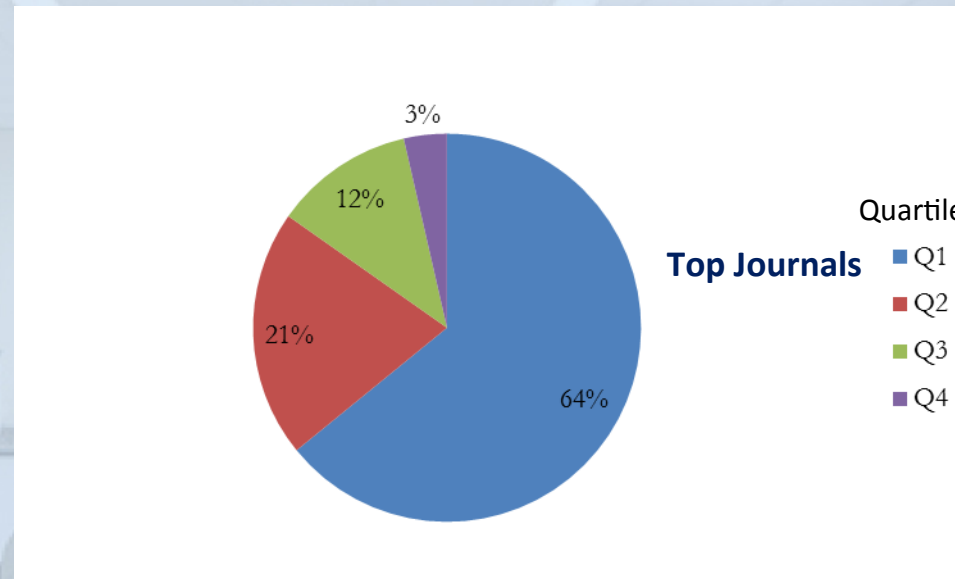
- **Ca. 110 researchers**
 - 47 PhD researchers; 41 PhD students; 30 research fellowships
- **Scientific production (2007-2011)**
 - 300 international scientific papers (ISI)
 - 6 patents
- **35 ongoing projects / year**
- **40 partnerships in national and international active networks**





Research Centre – CBQF

Bibliometric Analysis 2008-2011



- **2011: 125 scientific publications, including 87 international scientific papers (ISI)**



Research structure and plan 2011/2012.

The CBQF presents itself formally in the following Research Lines and Groups*

Food Line – Leader; Tim Hogg

Food Risk Assessment Group – Leader; Paula Teixeira

Food Risk Mitigation Group – Leader; Cristina Silva

Subgroup - Safety

Subgroup – Nutrition and Food Quality

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Food: safer, healthier and more nutritious and more competitive food.

Food Risk Assessment

- Data for exposure assessments
- Refining methods

Food Risk Mitigation Tools and Strategies

- Quality and safety interventions in specific product lines
- Safety interventions for the food chain in general.
- Quality and nutrition.

Food Risk Assessment

Data for exposure assessments

- ✓ Microbiological and chemical hazards in traditional foods
- ✓ Listeria abundance and modulation in relevant chains
- ✓ Staphylococci in cheese plants

Refining methodologies

- ✓ Package usage in specific populations

Food risk mitigation tools and strategies

Product line interventions in quality and safety

- ✓ Wine quality – Dekkera, LAB, phenolics and chemiometrics.
- ✓ Fruits and vegetables – postharvest and minimal processing.
- ✓ Dairy - authenticity of traditional cheeses
- ✓ Charcuterie - authenticity

Food risk mitigation tools and strategies

Safety interventions for the food chain.

- ✓ Modelling of inactivation and transport processes
- ✓ Phages, bacteriocins and other natural antimicrobials
- ✓ Molecular and microscopical methods for pathogens
- ✓ Analytical methods for safety and quality parameters

Food risk mitigation tools and strategies

Food Quality and Nutrition.

- ✓ New functional ingredients and new sources
- ✓ Matrix development and optimisation
- ✓ Applications – probiotic fish feed, functional edible films
- ✓ Genetics of nutrient uptake in key food plants

Food Risk Mitigation Group

Subgroups:

Safety

Nutrition and Food Quality

Quality and safety in specific food product lines

Wine

To study positive aspects of wine sensory quality and develop knowledge to underpin the achieving and protecting of this quality – grape quality determination on vine, fermentation and spoilage yeasts, LAB, and oxidative degradation.

Fruits and vegetables

To systematically study fruits and vegetables quality changes and its biochemical basis provoked by preservation processes and minimal processing and to develop technological strategies for the mitigation.

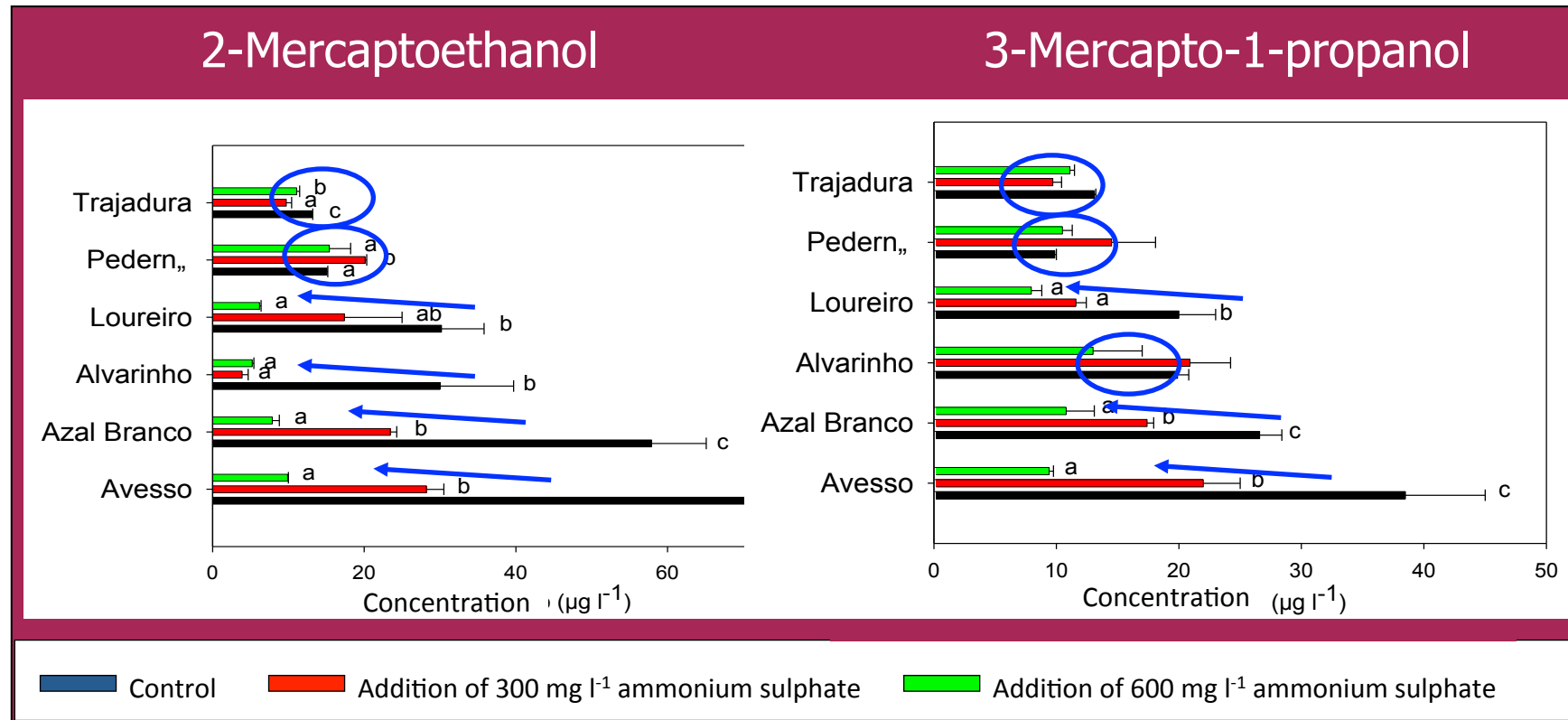
Dairy

Traditional Charcuterie

*Quality and safety in specific food
product lines*

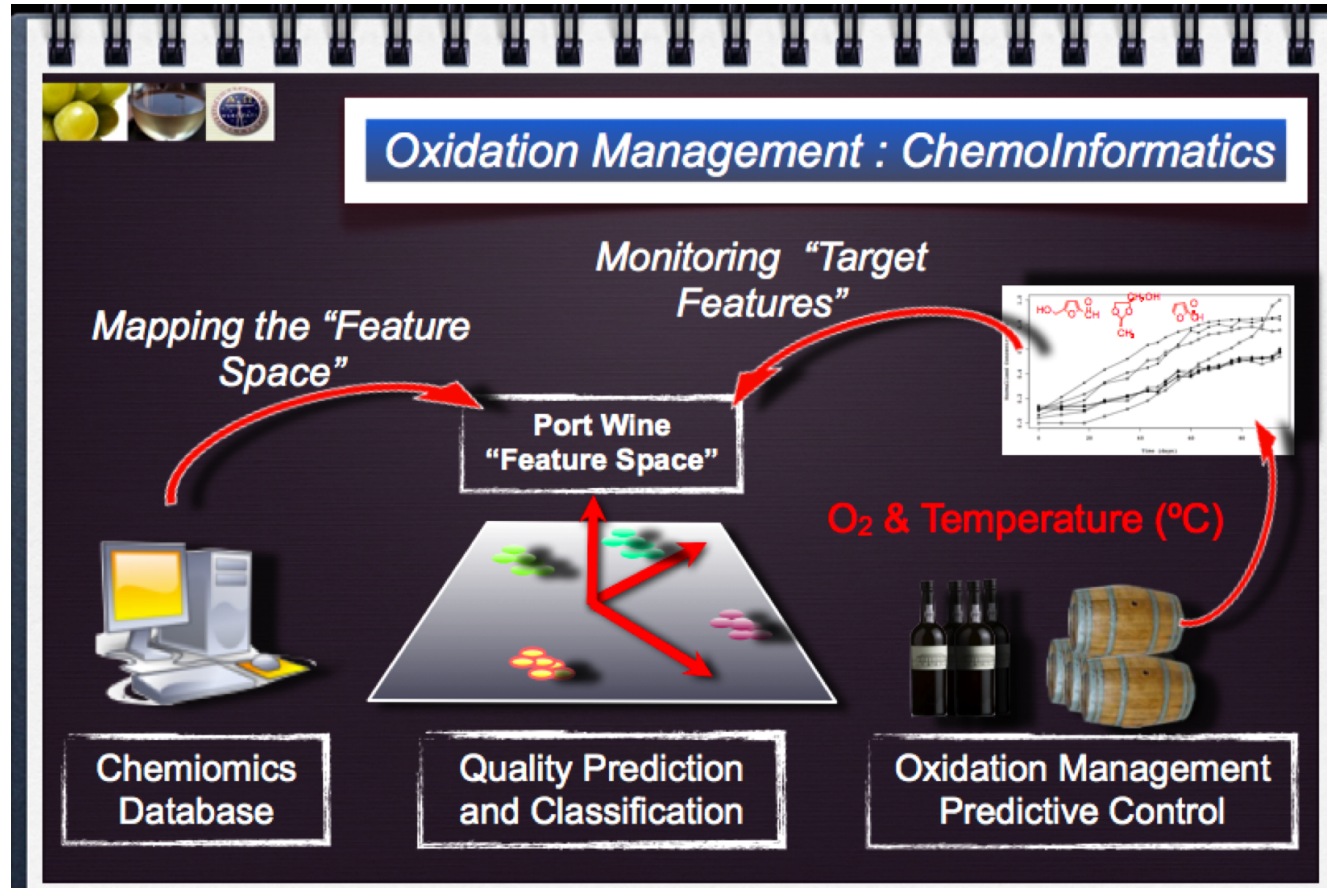
Highlights 2011

Modulation of sulphur-containing volatiles in wine by the presence of nitrogen supplementation



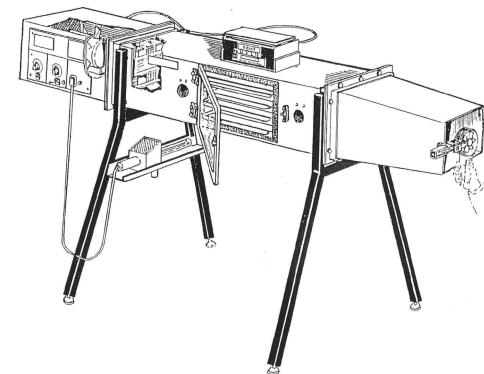
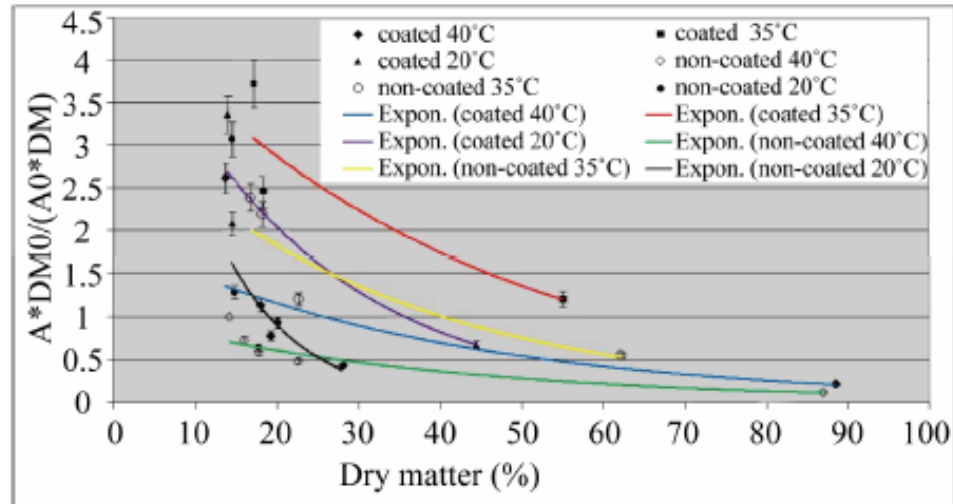
→ the repressive effect is variety sensitive due to differences in abundance of amino acids in the musts.

Refinement of chemometric methods



→ moving from the prediction of quality in tawny ports to the management of quality.

New functional dry food



Interventions for the food chain and food ingredients

Tools and strategies for pathogen and spoilage control

Knowledge and technologies for prediction, detection and control. Models of inactivation with novel technologies, bacteriocins, phages and natural antimicrobials.

Nutrition and ingredients

Novel functional ingredients and sources, matrix and delivery development, naturally, nutritionally-fortified plants - Probiotics, phenolics, CLA, Omega 3, bioactive peptides, microencapsularion, spray drying, phytate and minerals transport.

Detection and measurement

Automated wet-chemistry and spectroscopy, development of high-throughput, flow-based systems.

Upgrading of secondary streams

*Interventions for the food chain and
food ingredients*

Highlights 2011

Dynamic approach for assessing food processes

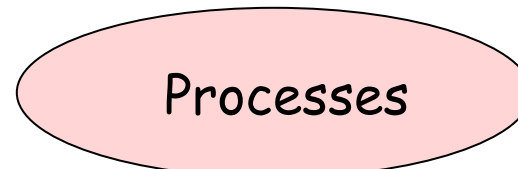
Modelling

Transport Phenomena

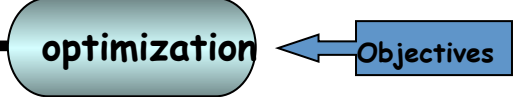
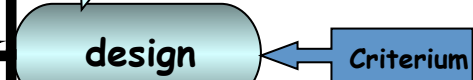
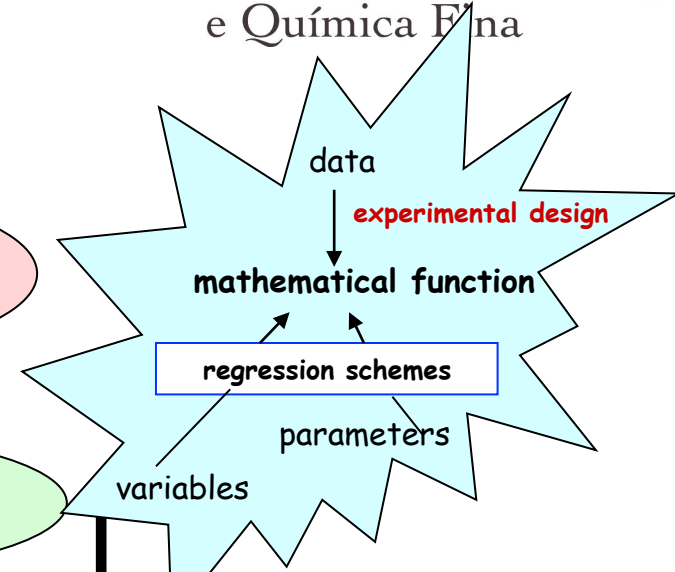
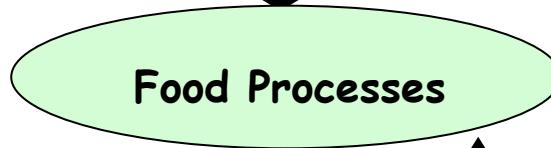
- heat
- mass
- *momentum*

Reaction kinetics

Properties



Physical Chemical



Transfer of results is compromised



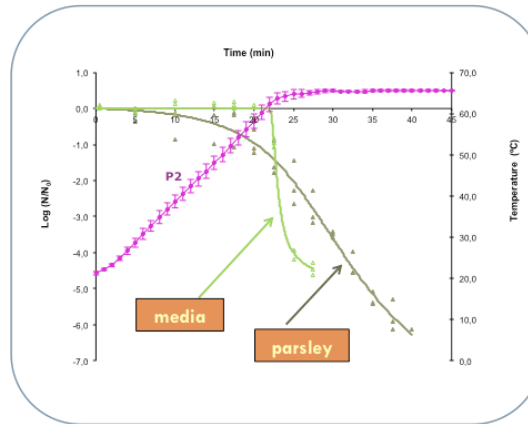
Isothermal



Non-isothermal

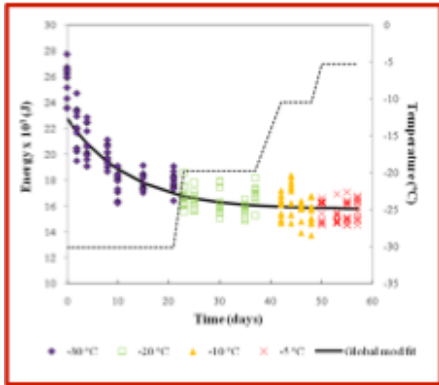


Thermal inactivation of *Listeria* in culture media and foods



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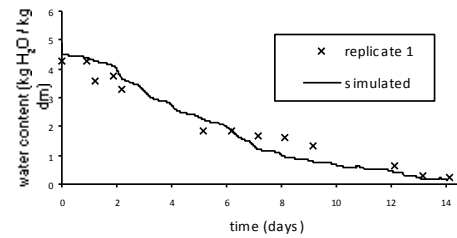
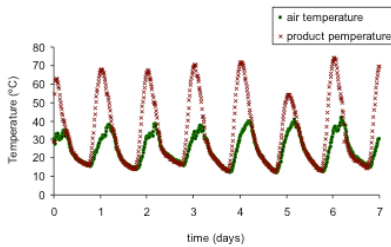
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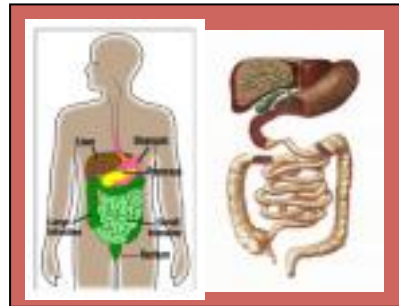
Frozen storage of vegetables



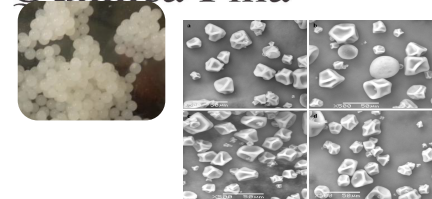
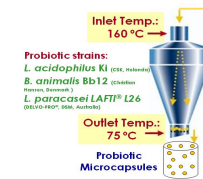
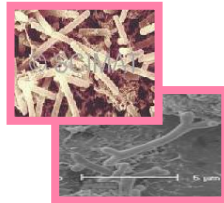
Solar drying of grapes



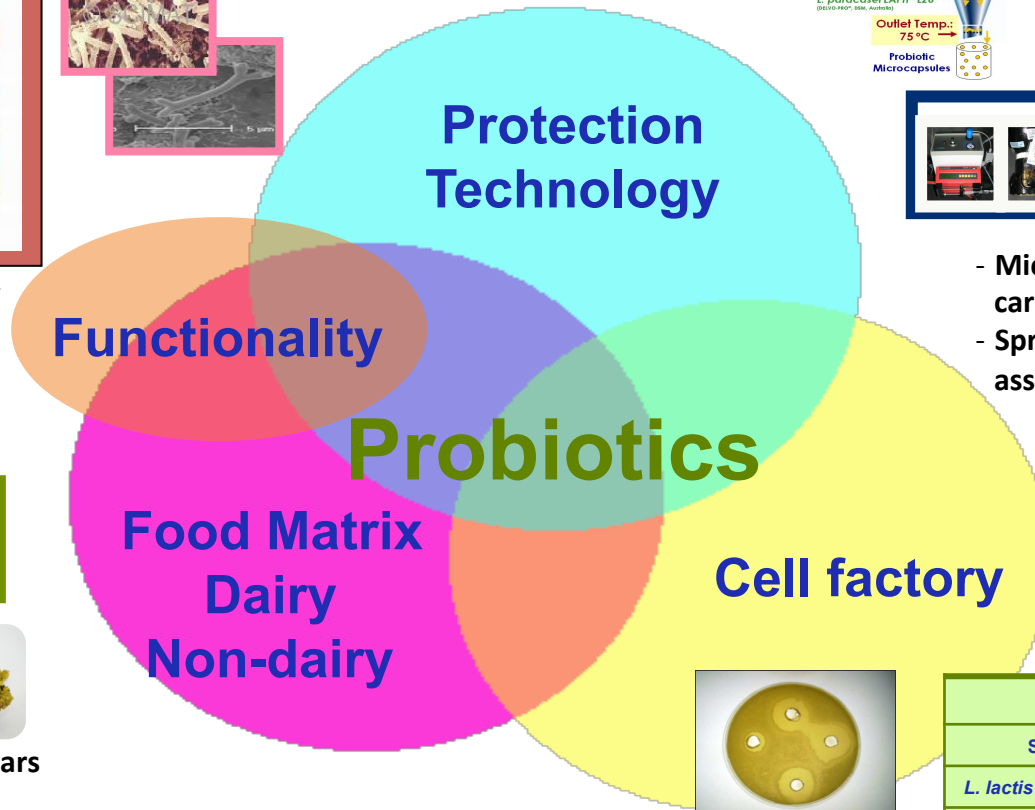
Functional Ingredients: Probiotics



Protective effect of whey cheese matrix



- Microencapsulation in tailored carriers
- Spray-drying and aerodynamically assisted flow extrusion



ACE-inhibitory peptides
 Probiotic cheese



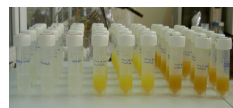
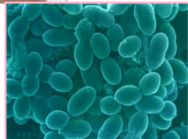
Oat matrices



Granola bars



Whey cheese



Fruit juices



Strain	mg CLA/ mL skim milk	
	Safflower	Linolei acid
<i>L. lactis</i>	23,053	45,513
<i>B. animalis</i> BLC	18,413	48,246
<i>B. animalis</i> Bb12	22,290	42,207
<i>L. acidophilus</i> Lac1	4,683	40,936
<i>L. plantarum</i>	21,527	51,678

Functional Ingredients: Biopeptides

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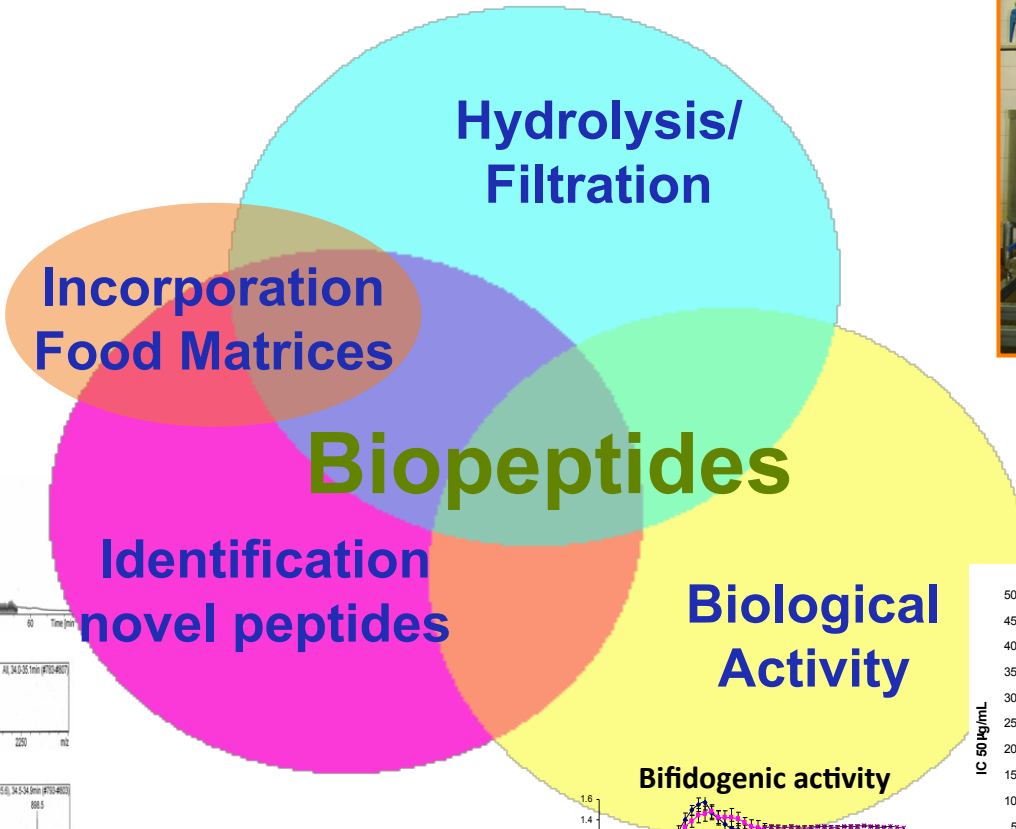
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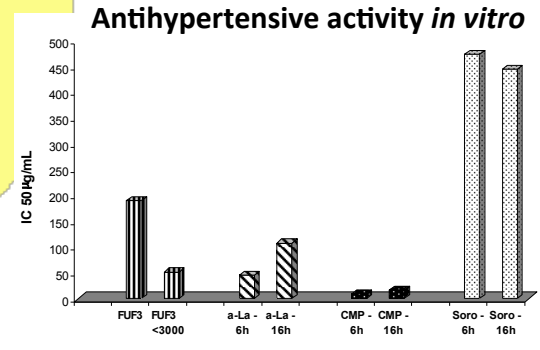
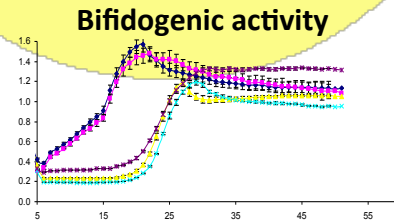
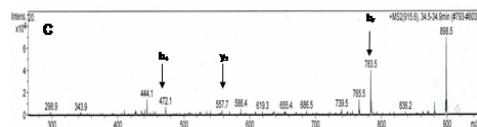
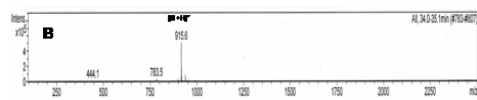
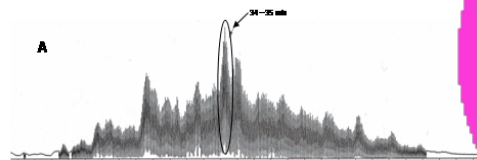
Fruit juices



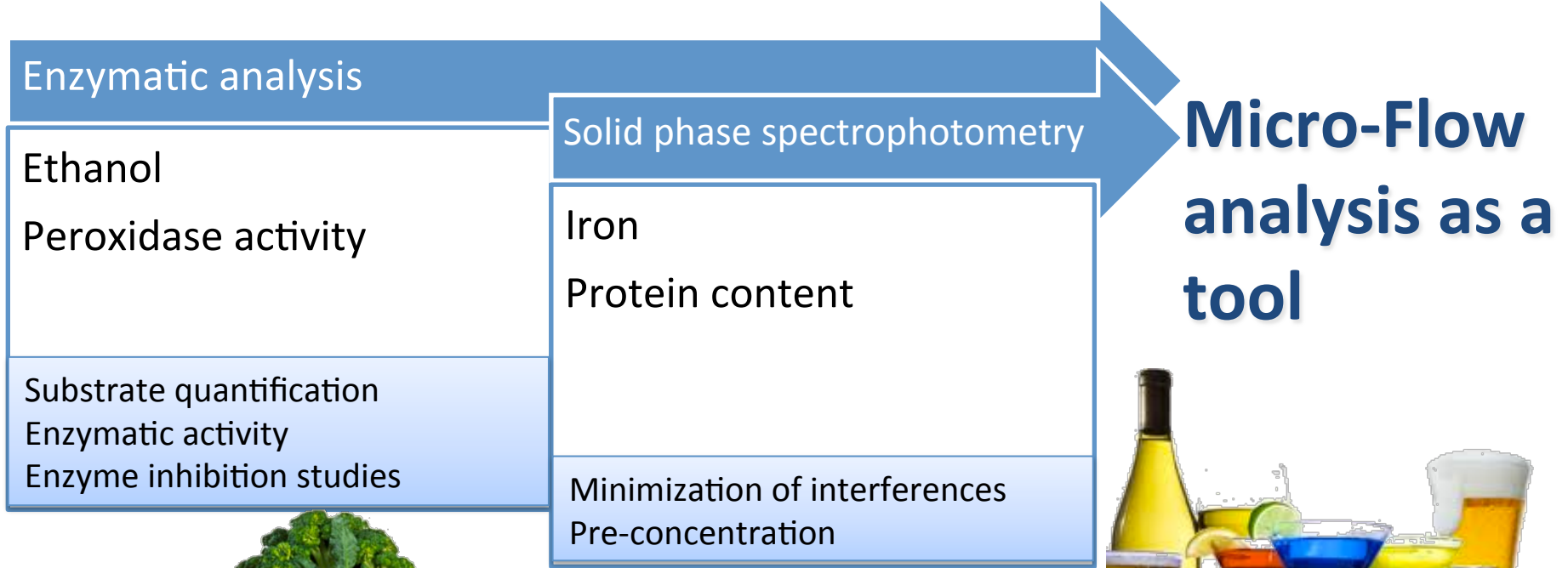
Whey cheese



Pilot scale preparation of bovine
WPC and peptide extracts



Automation/miniaturization of different food chemical analysis



Micro-Flow system

- ↪ Pre-concentration and detection directly on the solid-phase (micro-beads)
- ↪ Reagents/sample consumption μL ; μg
- ↪ Integrated device for sample manipulation and detection (charge coupled device detector / fiber optics)
- ↪ **Wine**: determination of alcohol (enzymatic), iron and total protein content

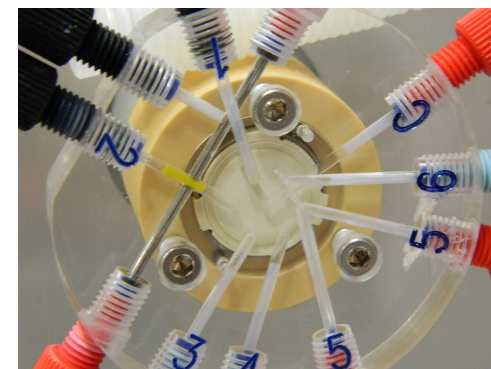
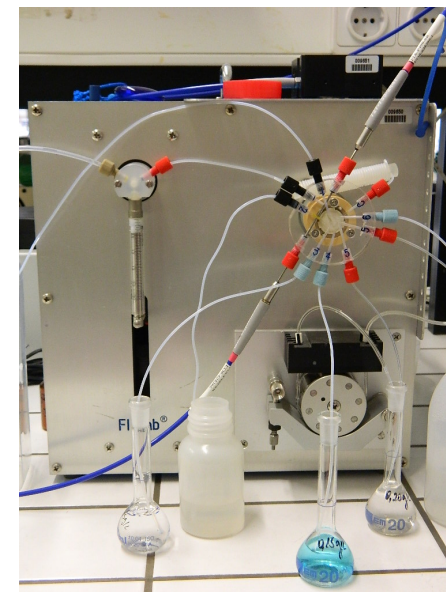


- ↪ **Vegetables**: Enzymatic activity and inhibition studies



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*Ferramentas Predictivas para a
Qualidade e Segurança Alimentar*

Caso prático –
Degradação nos alimentos
(hortofrutícolas)



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Enquadramento Hortofrutícolas



Aliados essenciais para a prática de hábitos alimentares saudáveis



Vitaminas
[Vit C, pro-vitamina A]

Compostos protectores
[flavenóides..]

Minerais
[K, Zn, Ca, Mg, Cu...]

Fibras
[complantix]

Baixas calorias

Sabores diversos

Cores apelativas



Enquadramento Hortofrutícolas frescos



As características fisiológicas e de composição química, determinam a elevada perecibilidade



Produtos	Temperatura (°C)	HR (%)	Tempo
Manga	12	85	2-3 semanas
Maçã	2	-	4 meses
Cereja	4	90	9 dias
Pepino	14	90-95	10 dias
Abóbora	10	75	2-3 meses
Feijão-verde	5-6	90-95	7-10 dias
Cenoura	2	90	1-2 semanas
Brócolos	0	60	1-2 dias
Couve-flor	2	90-95	30 dias
Beringela	8-10	90-95	10-14 dias



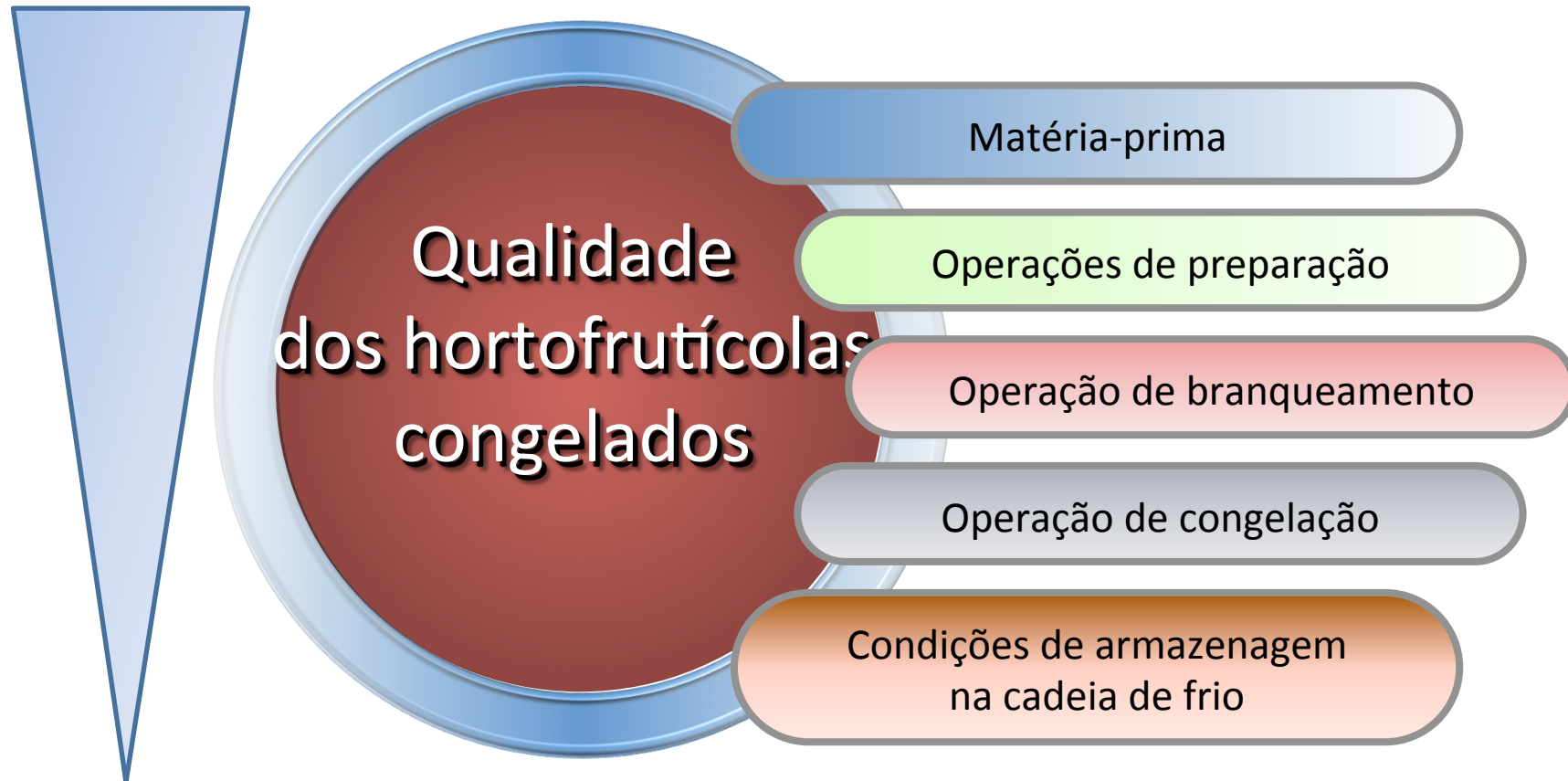
Enquadramento Hortofrutícolas congelados



Enquadramento
A qualidade dos HF_Congelados



 **Qualidade**



 **Qualidade**

Enquadramento

Tratamento térmico de branqueamento (TT_B)



No entanto ...

Afecta negativamente os factores da qualidade...

Objectivos:

Inactivar enzimas degradativas

- Referência: Peroxidase (POD)

E ainda:

Eliminar bactérias

E contaminantes químicos

...

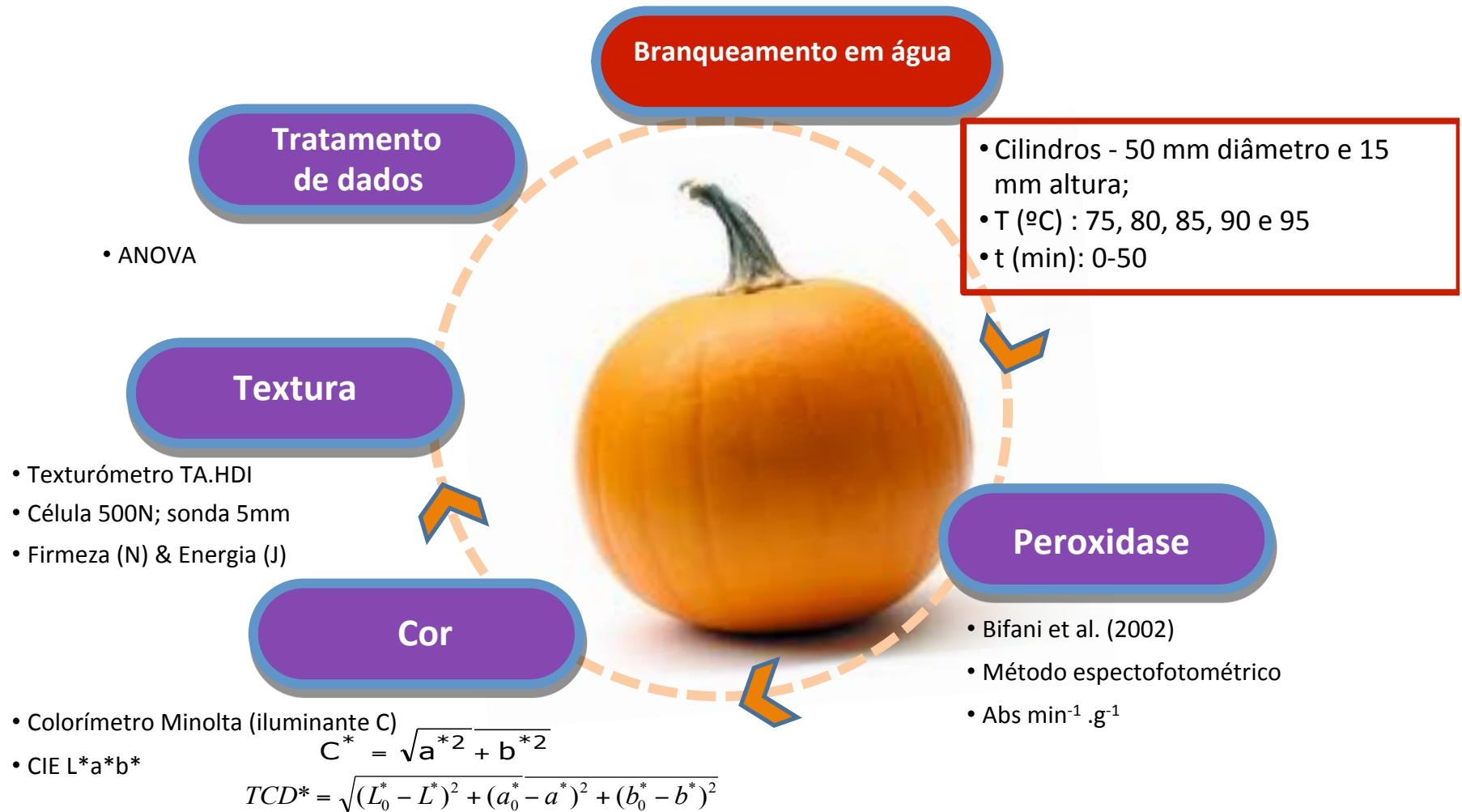


Operação de branqueamento

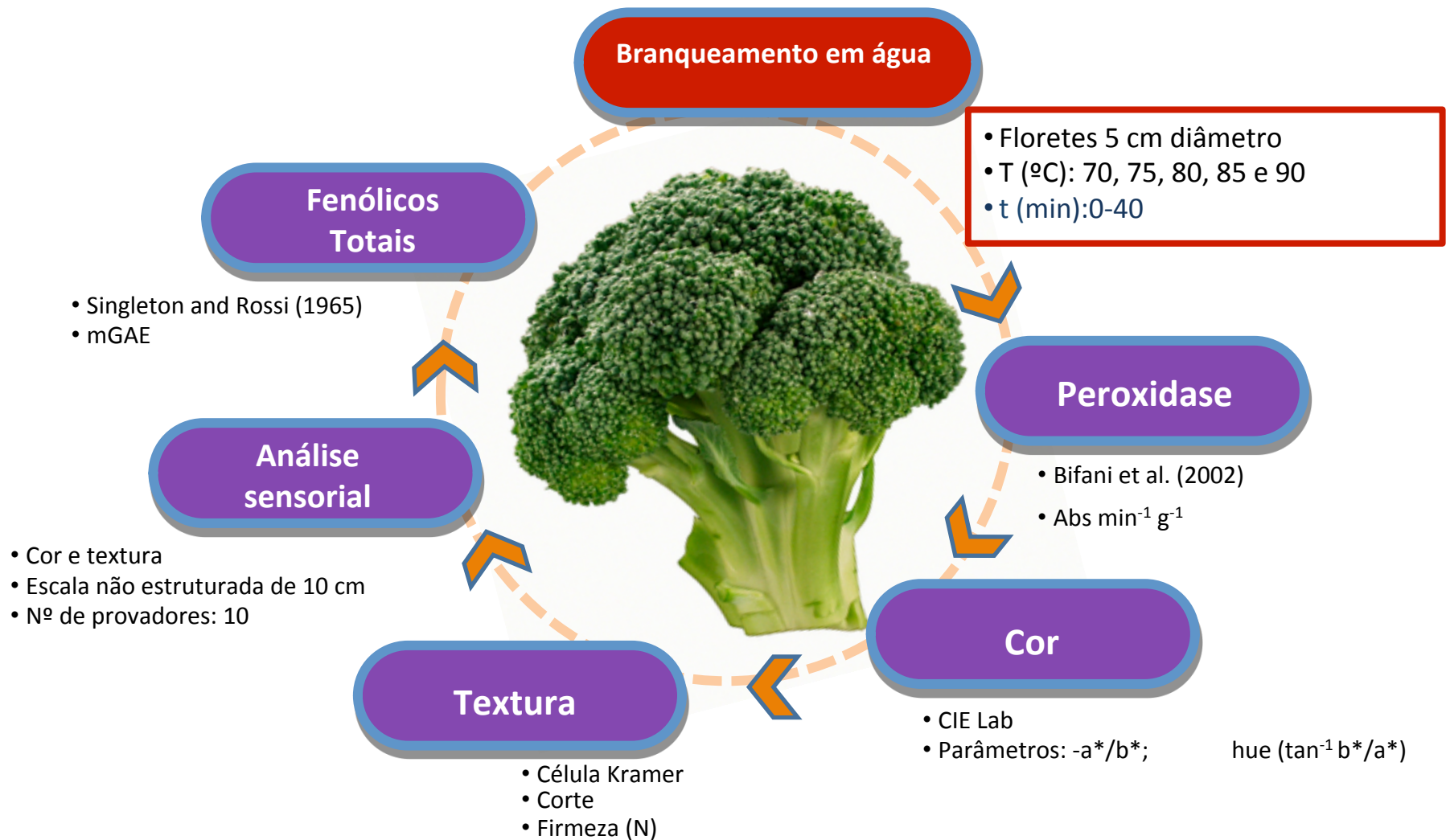


Obtenção das cinéticas de inativação e de alteração da qualidade.

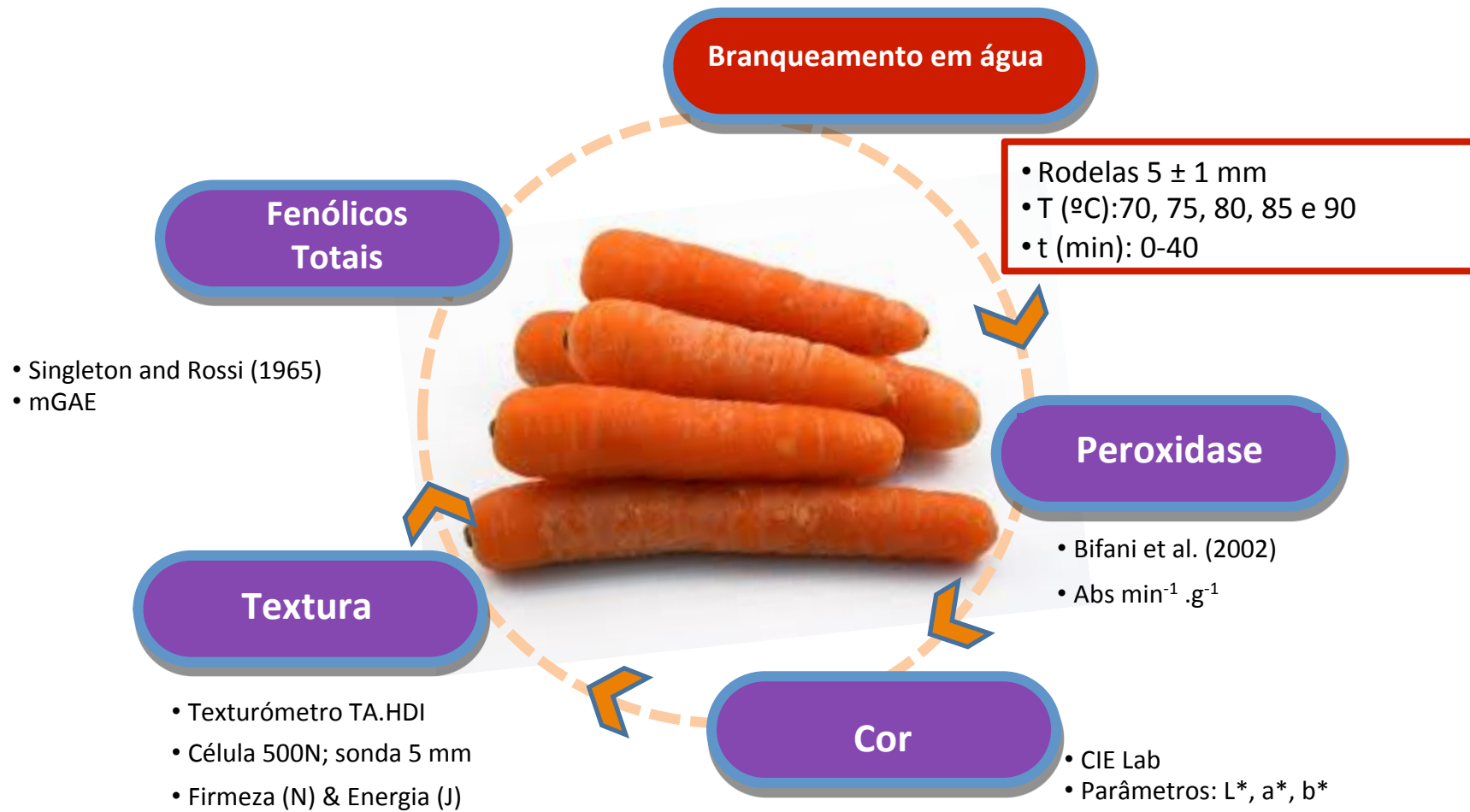
Obtenção da condição otimizada de branqueamento (90% de inativação da POD e maximização da qualidade).



Abóbora (*Cucurbita maxima* L.)



Brócolos (*Brassica oleracea L. ssp.*)

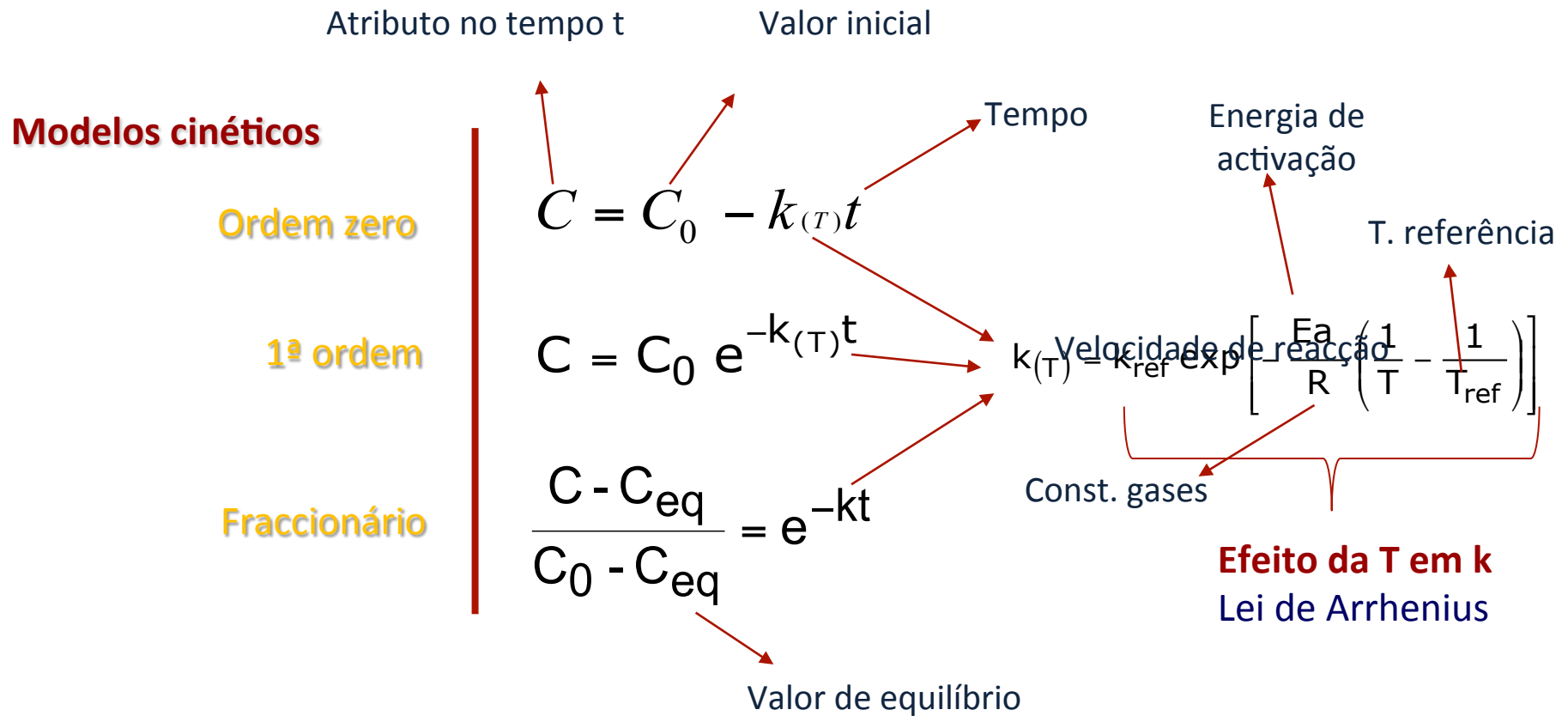


Cenoura (*Daucus carota* L.)

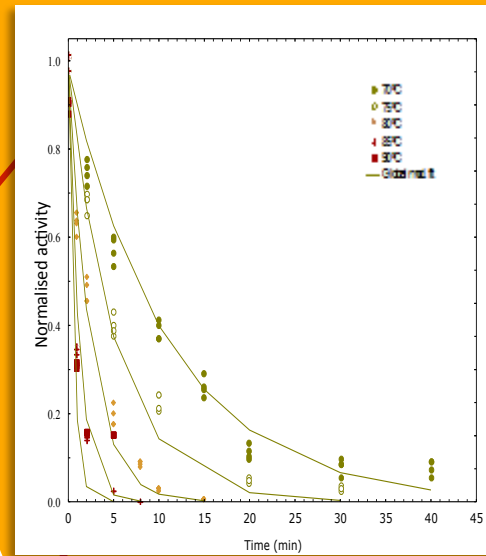
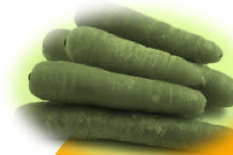
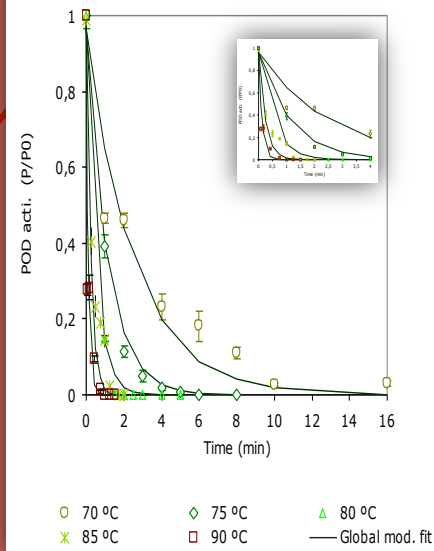
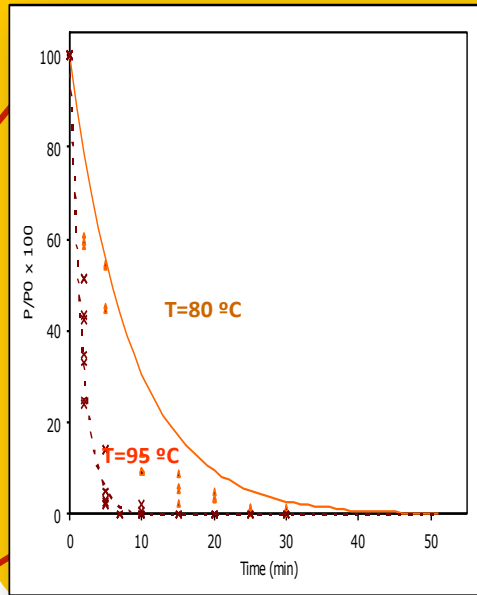
Modelar as condições de TT_B



Avaliar o efeito do tempo e temperatura de TT_B na velocidade de inativação/ degradação dos atributos analisados

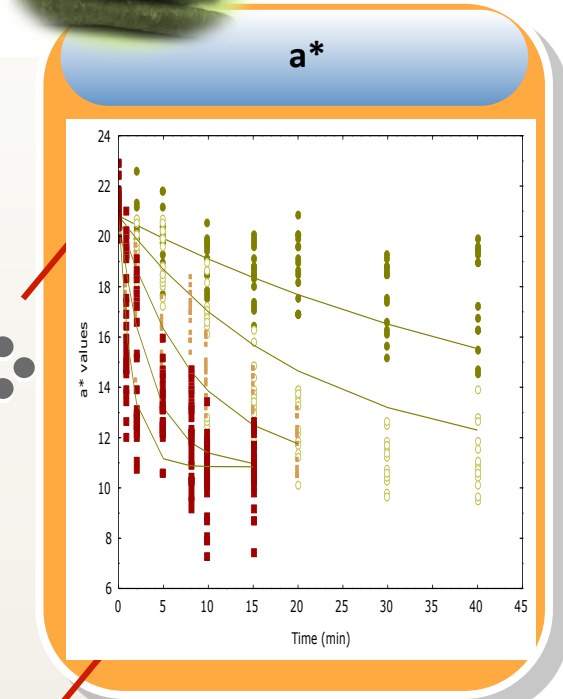
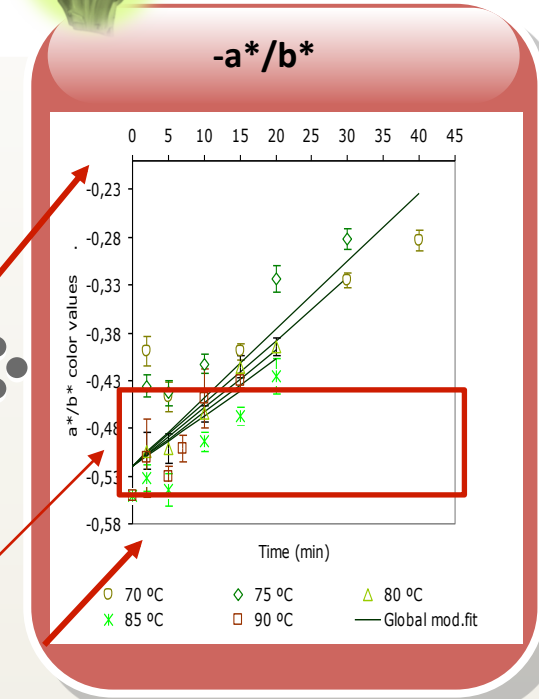
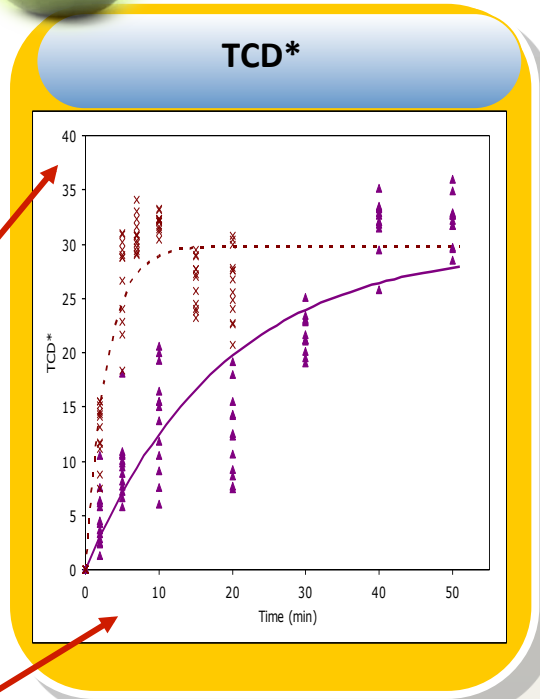


Inactivação da POD



Resultados

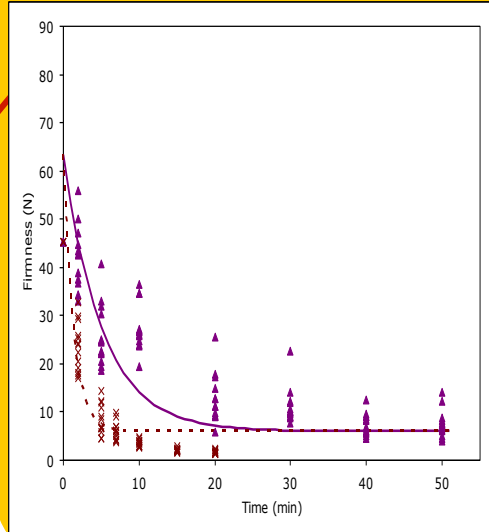
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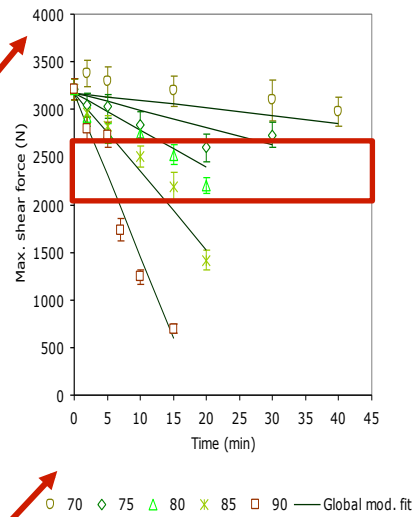
Alterações de Firmeza



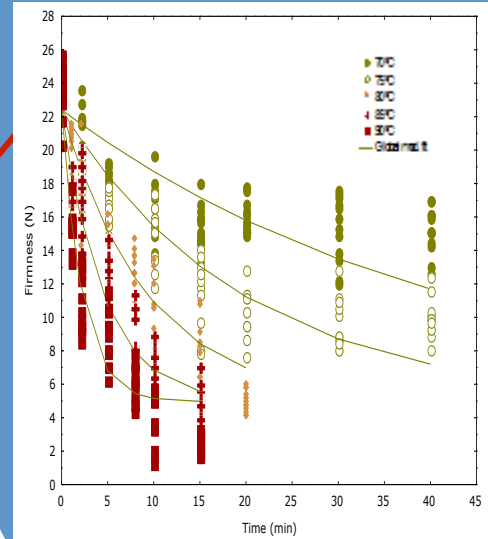
Firmeza (N)



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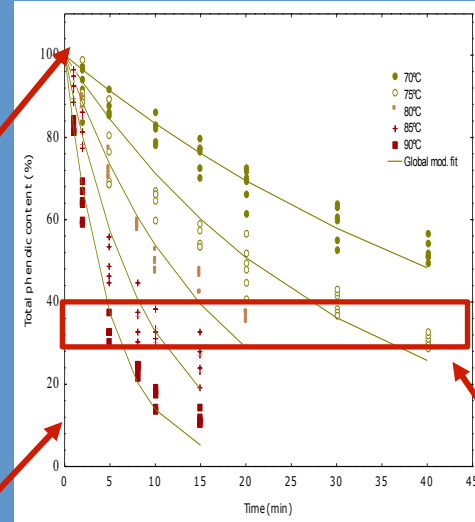
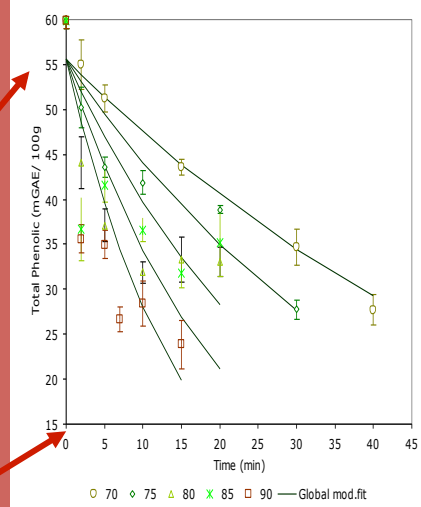


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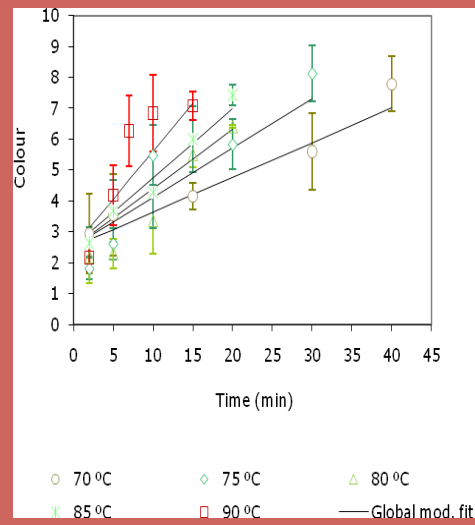
Conteúdo em fenólicos totais



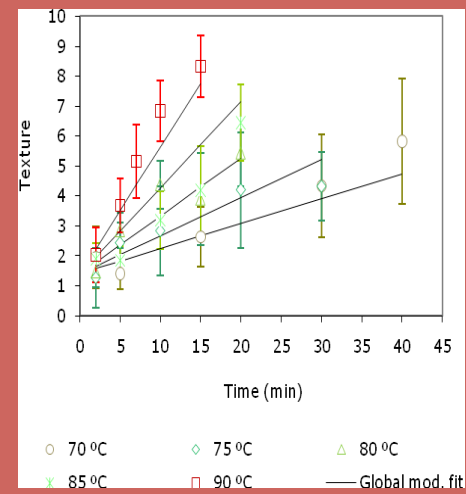
Análise sensorial



Cor



Textura



Boas correlações entre os atributos físicos e a análise sensorial

Condição otimizada de branqueamento

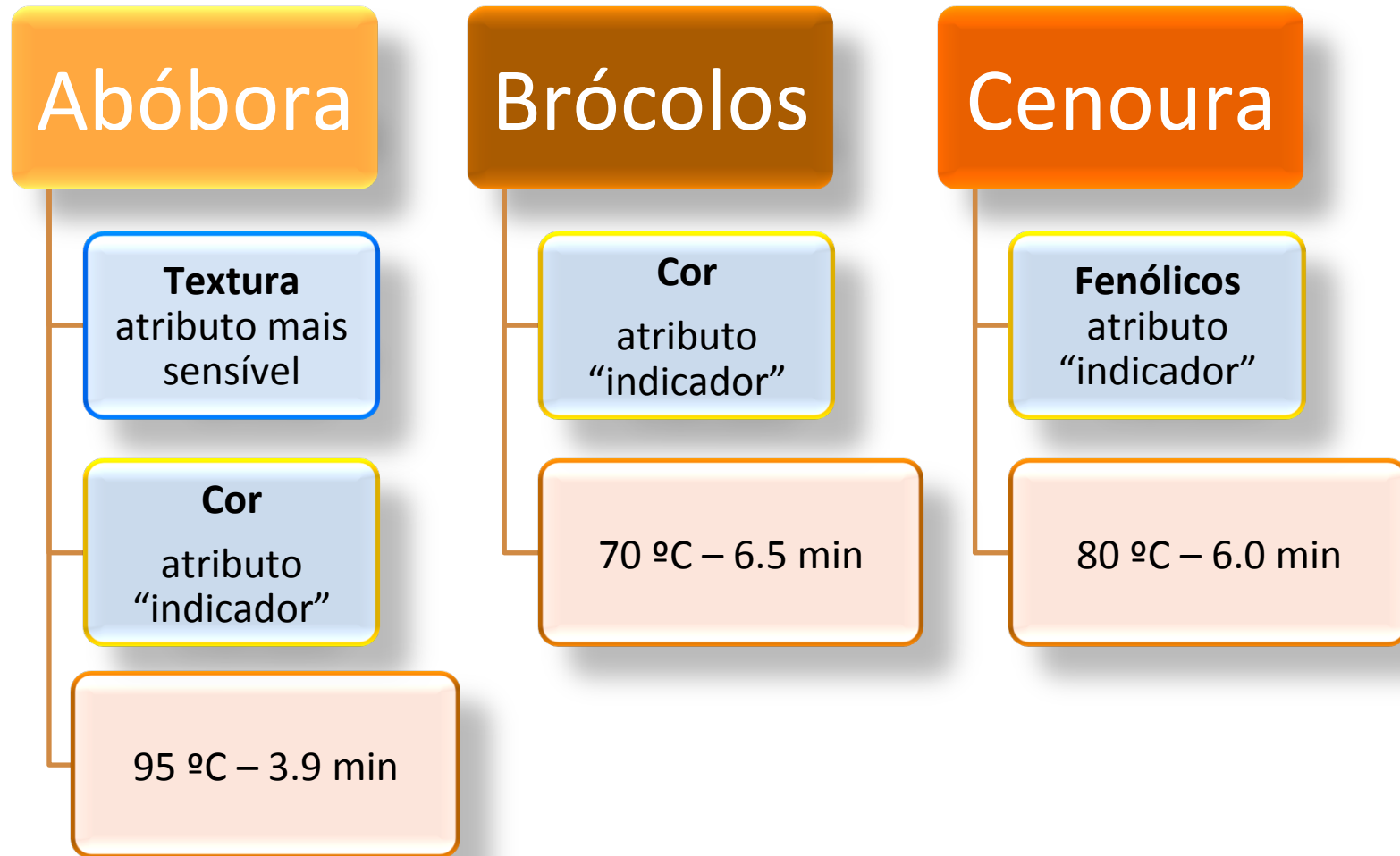


Condições de tempo-temperatura de branqueamento para atingir 90% de inativação da POD e correspondente perda da qualidade dos diferentes atributos



Temperatura (°C)	Tempo (min)	Perda da qualidade (%)				
		Fenólicos totais	Parâmetros de cor			Textura (N)
			L*	a*	b*	
70	25	36.5	2.5	21.2	10	35.4
75	12	33.4	3.0	24.5	13.9	36.2
80	6	31.1	3.8	28.2	18.5	37.5
85	2.8	26.8	4.3	30.6	22.2	36.5
90	1.4	24.1	5.1	33.3	25.8	36.7

& verificando a sensibilidade dos parâmetros cinéticos...



Armazenagem em congelamento



Obtenção das cinéticas de alteração nos regimes isotérmicos e não-isotérmicos.

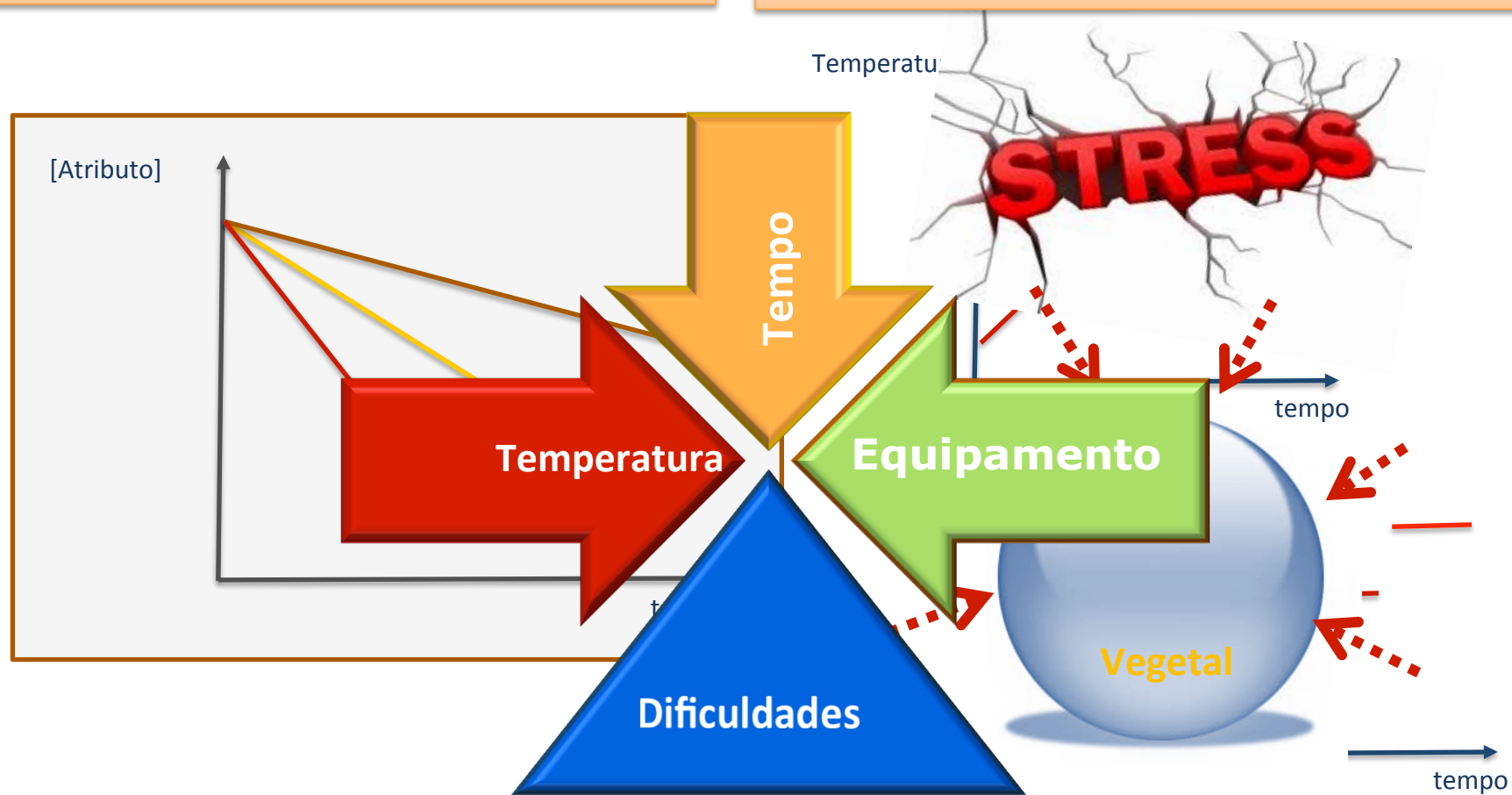
Obtenção do tempo de vida do produto à temperatura de -18°C .

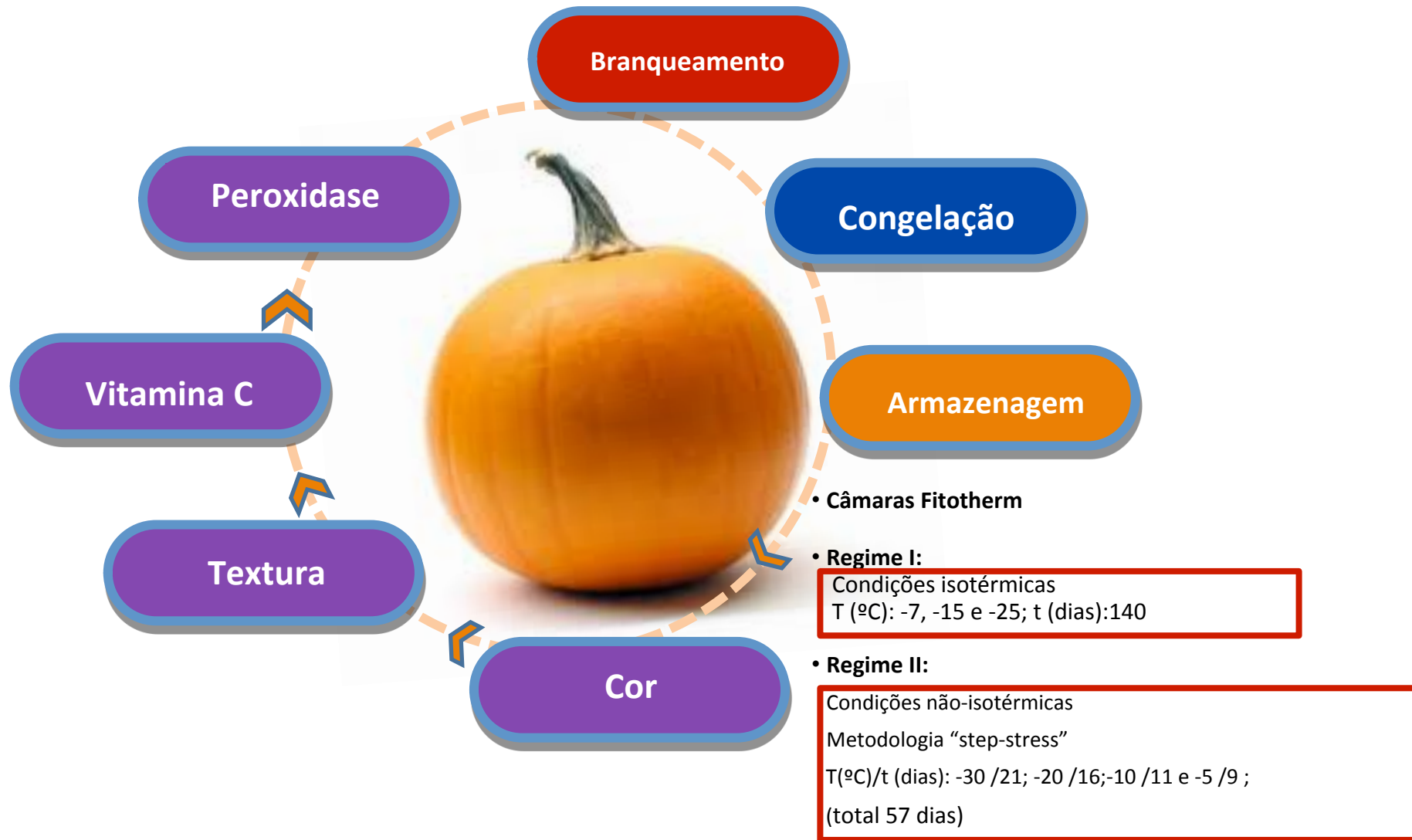
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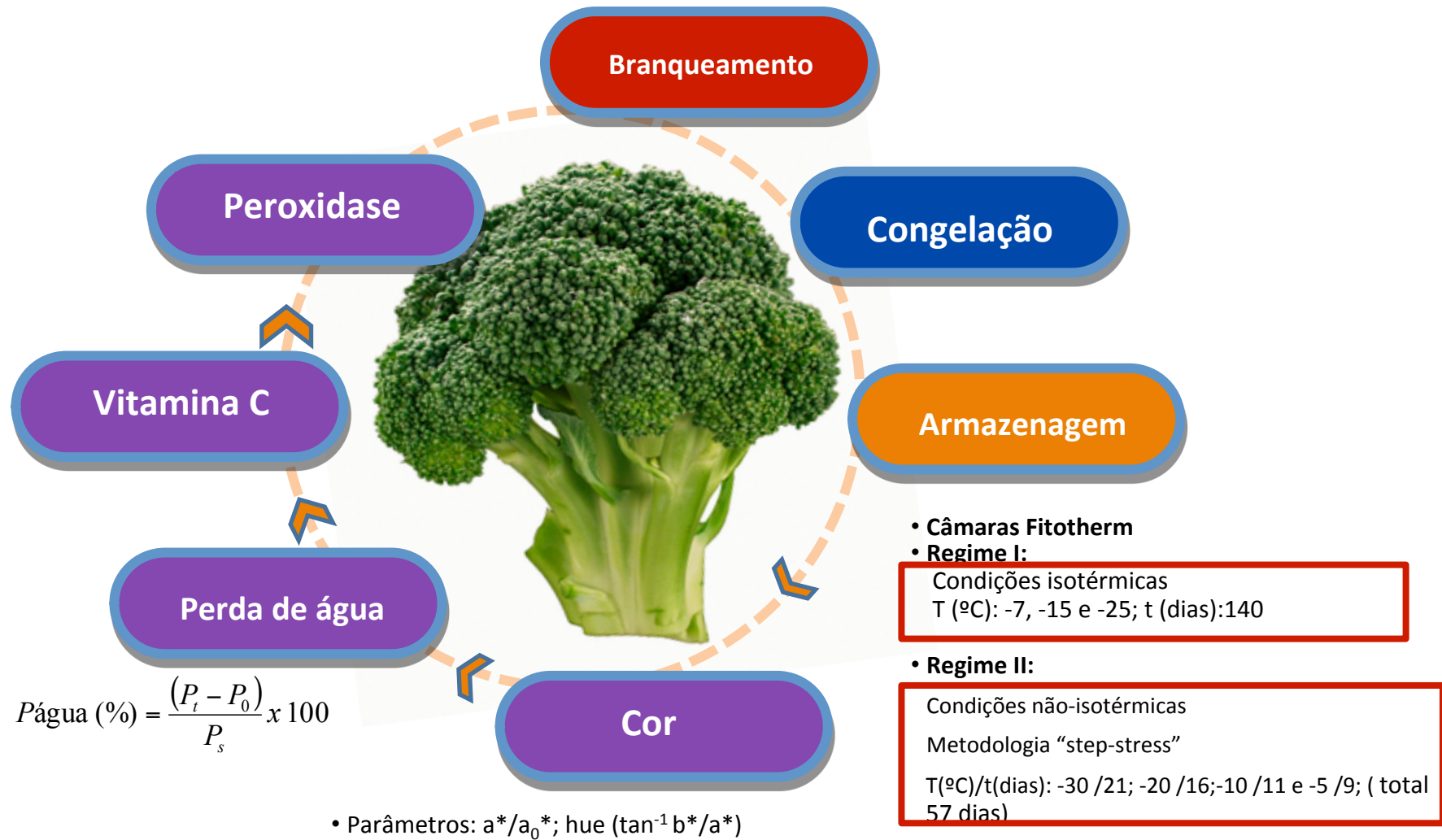


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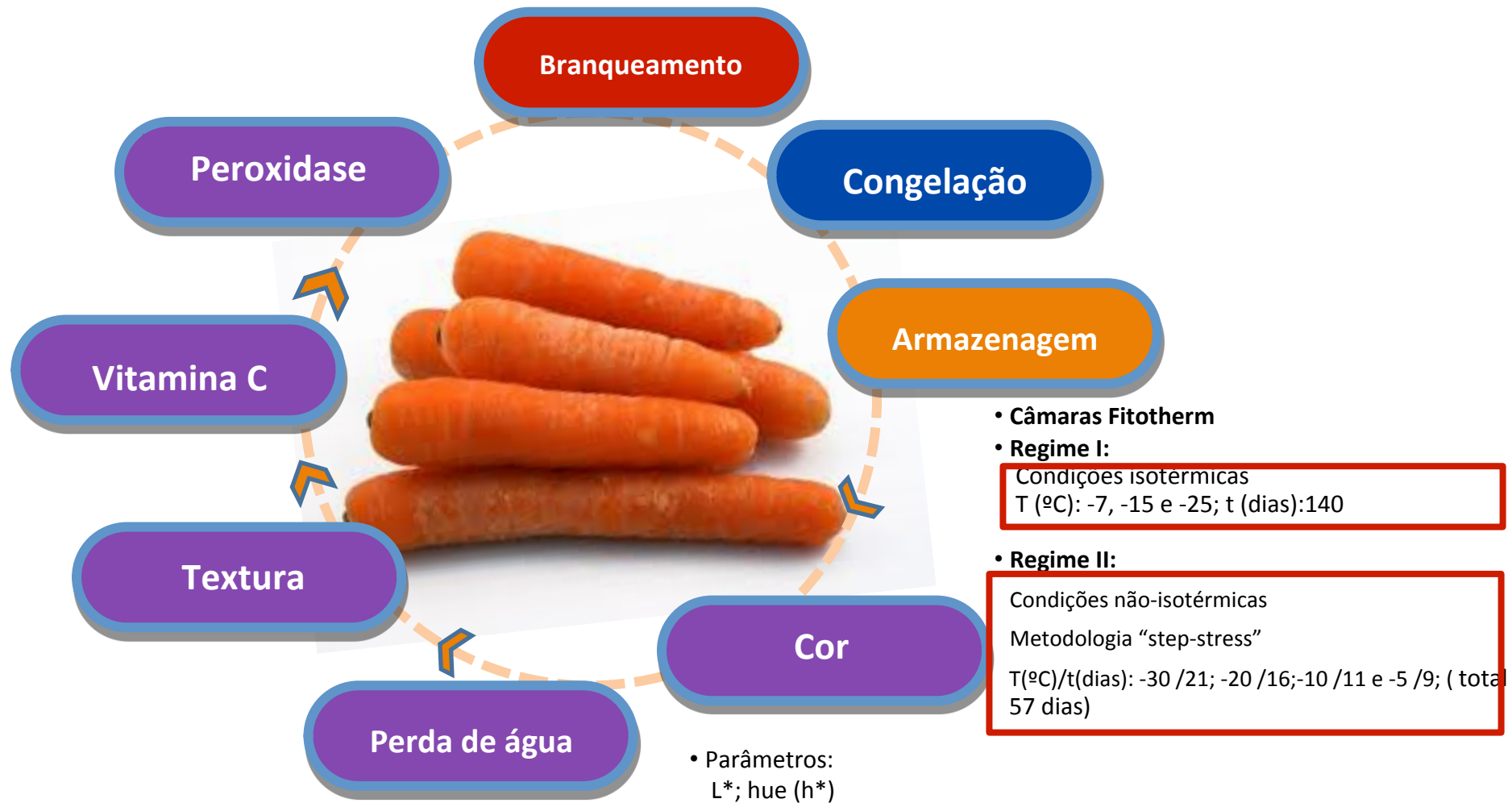
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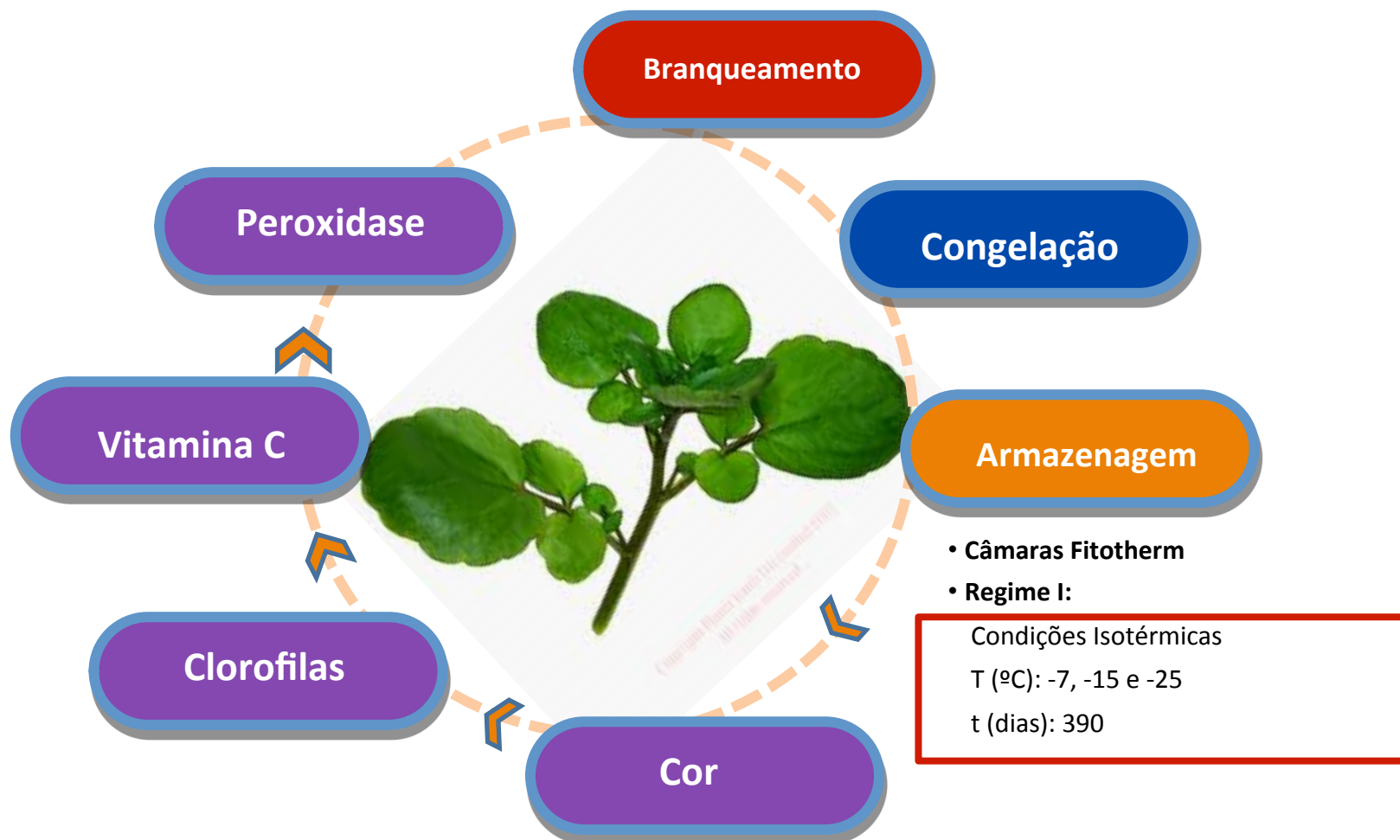




Brócolos (*Brassica oleracea L. ssp.*)



Material & métodos de análise



Modelar as condições de armazenagem



Avaliar o efeito do tempo e temperatura de armazenagem na velocidade de degradação dos atributos analisados

Modelos cinéticos utilizados

Condições Isotérmicas

$$C = C_0 - \left(k_{ref} \exp \left[- \frac{E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_{ref}} \right) \right] t \right)$$

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Condições Não-Isotérmicas

$$C = C_0 - \left[k_{ref} \int_0^t \exp \left[- \frac{E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T(t)} - \frac{1}{T_{ref}} \right) \right] dt \right]$$

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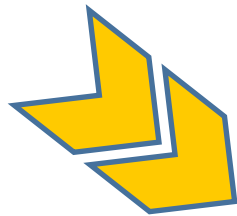
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Integração das equações

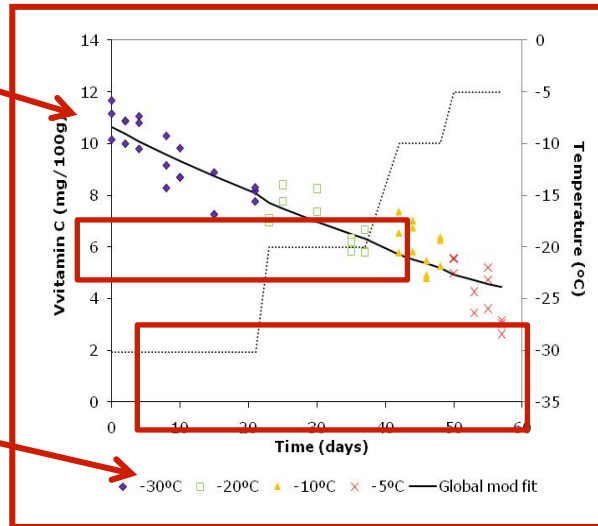
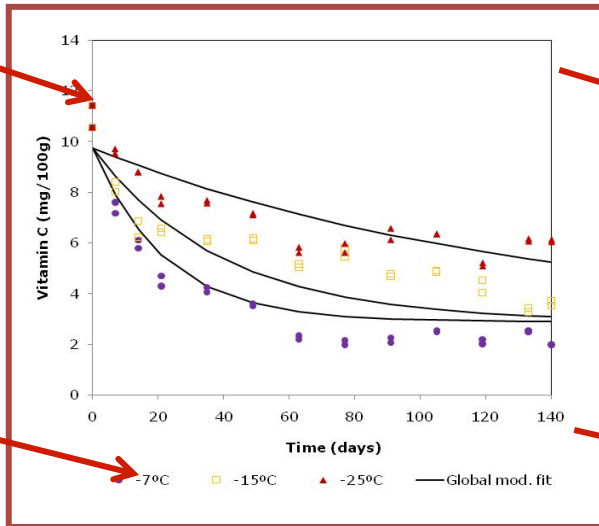
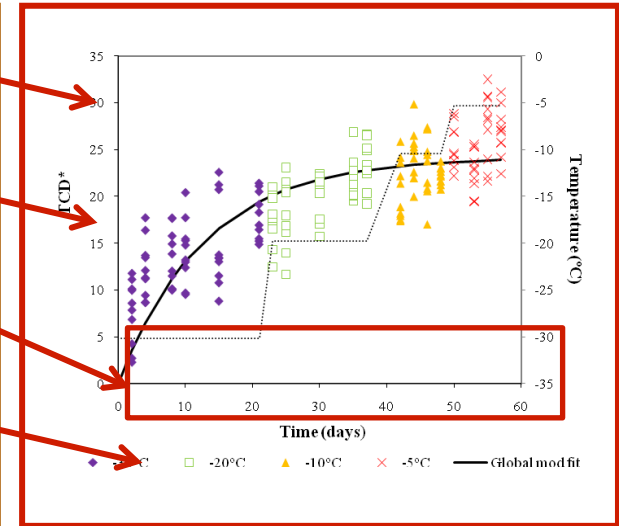
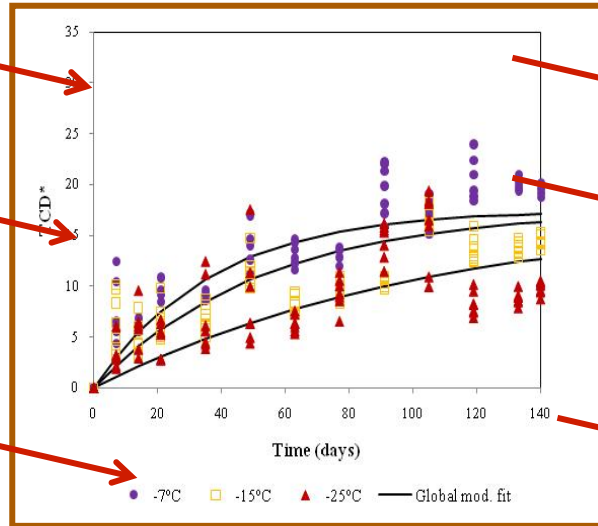
Abóbora (*Cucurbita maxima* L.)



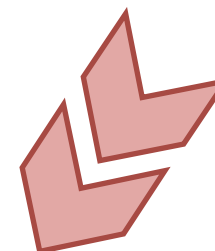
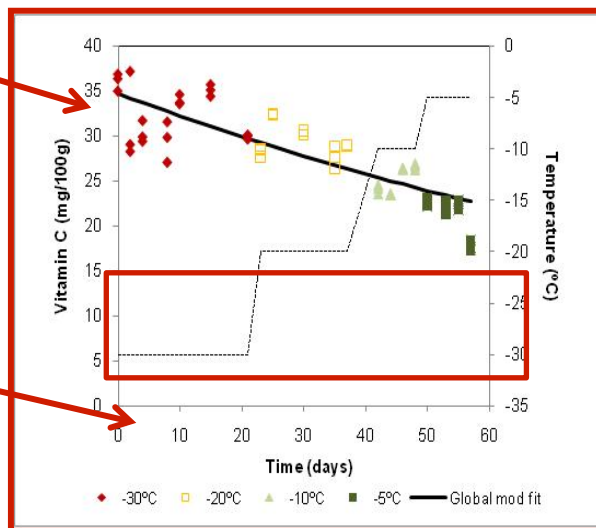
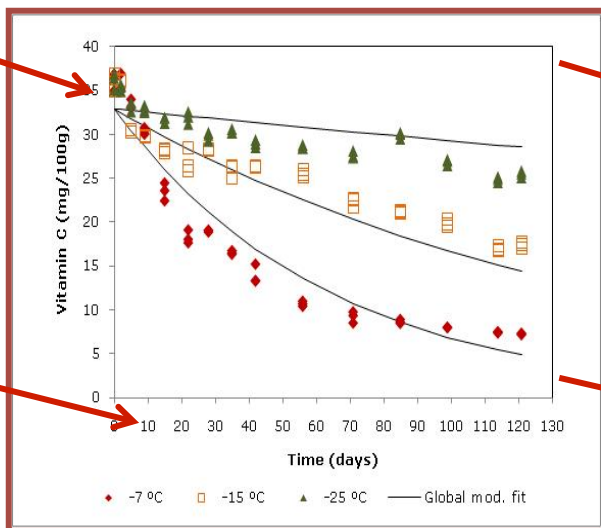
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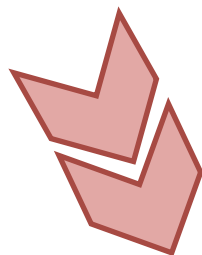
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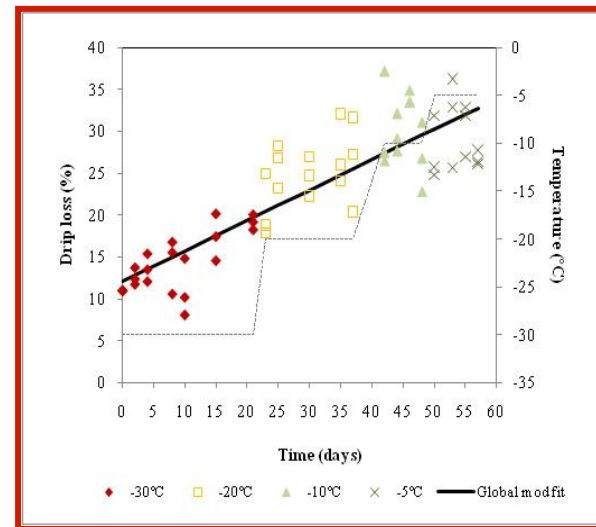
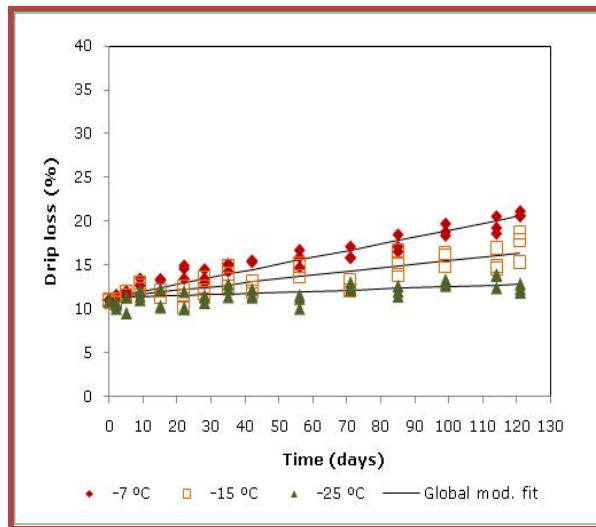
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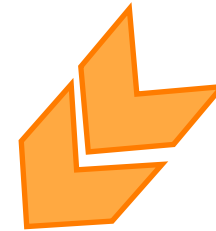
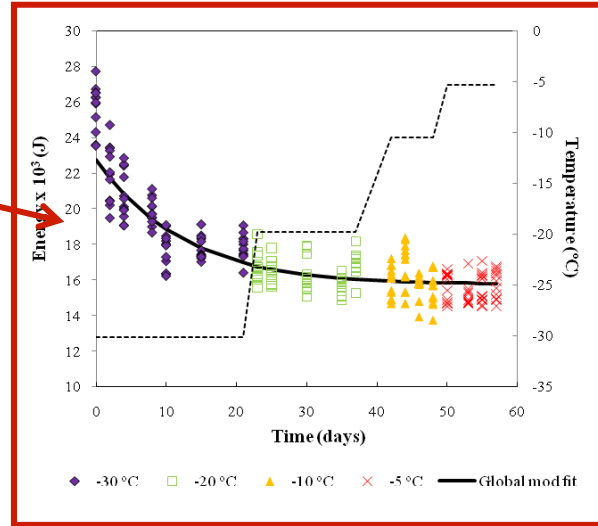
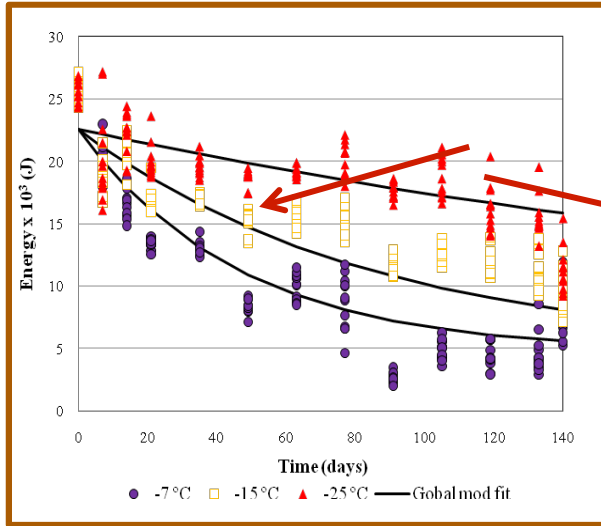


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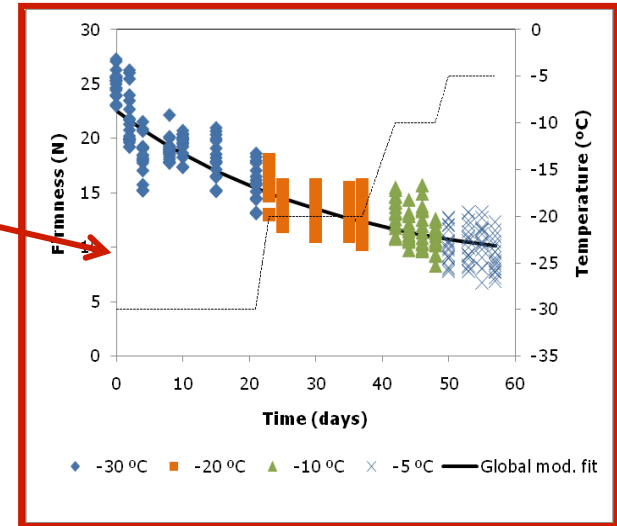
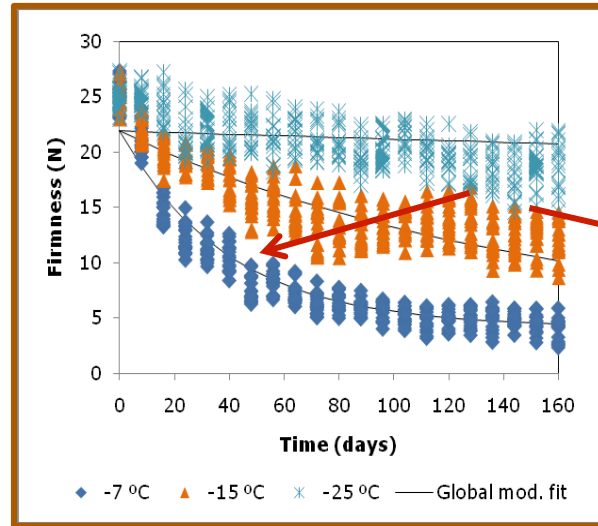
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Abóbora



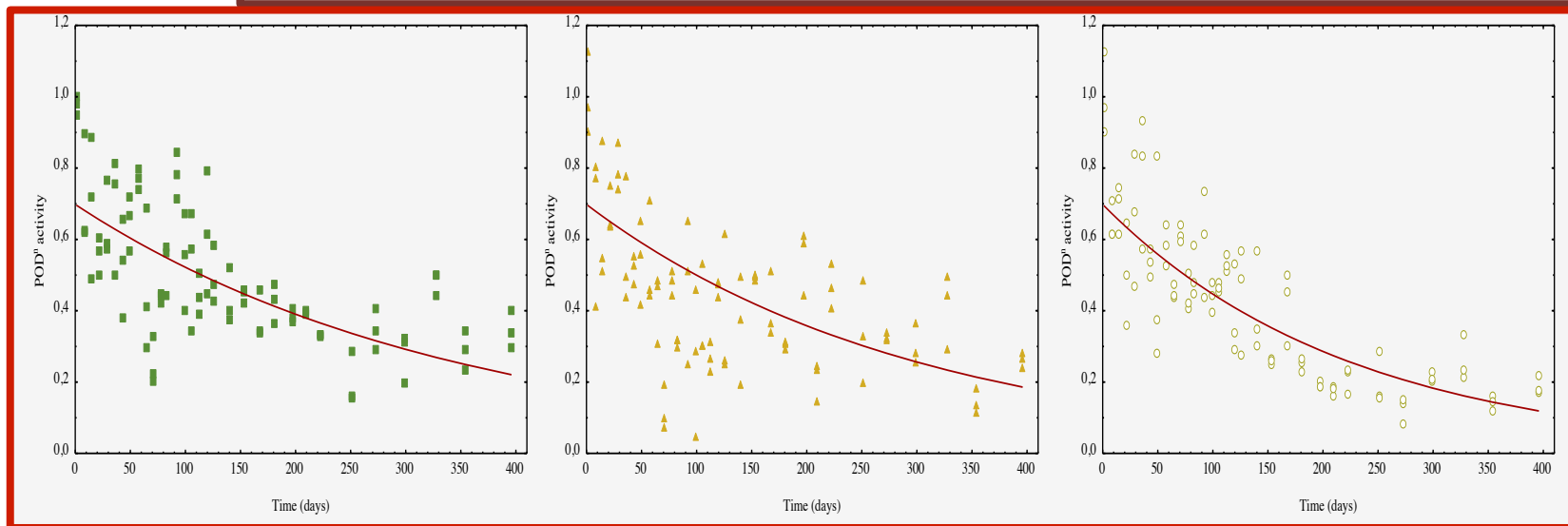
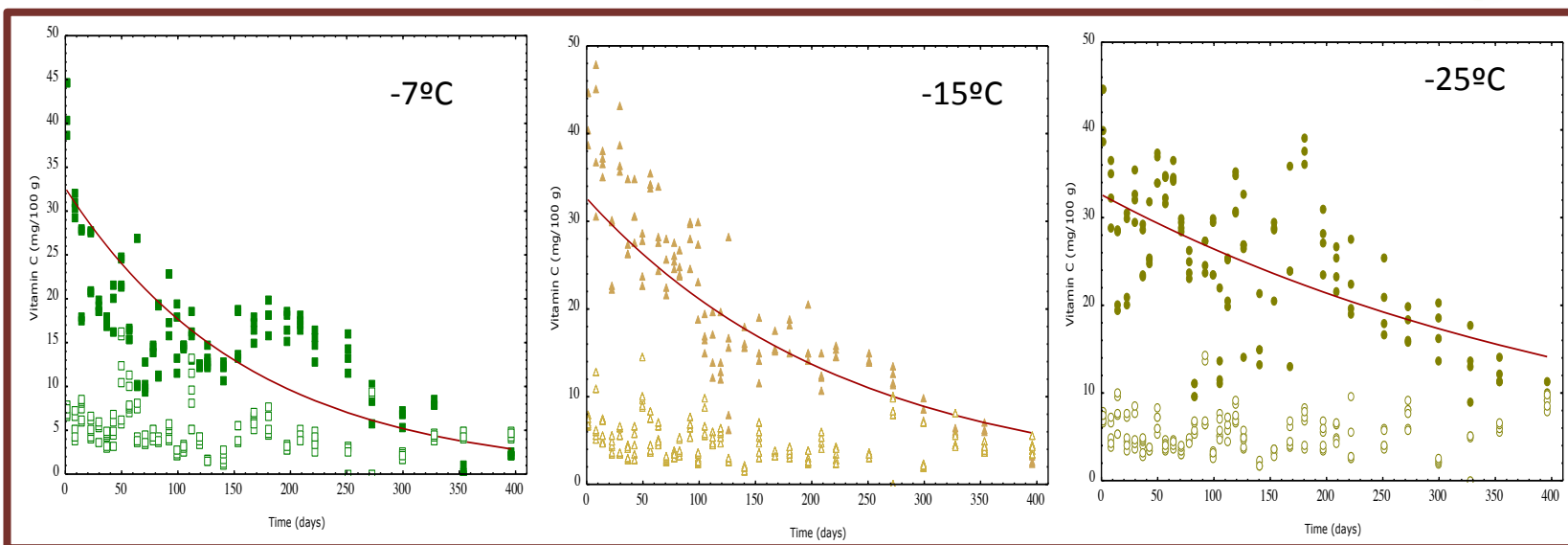
Cenoura



Agrião (*Nasturtium officinale* R. Br.)



Vitamina C AA
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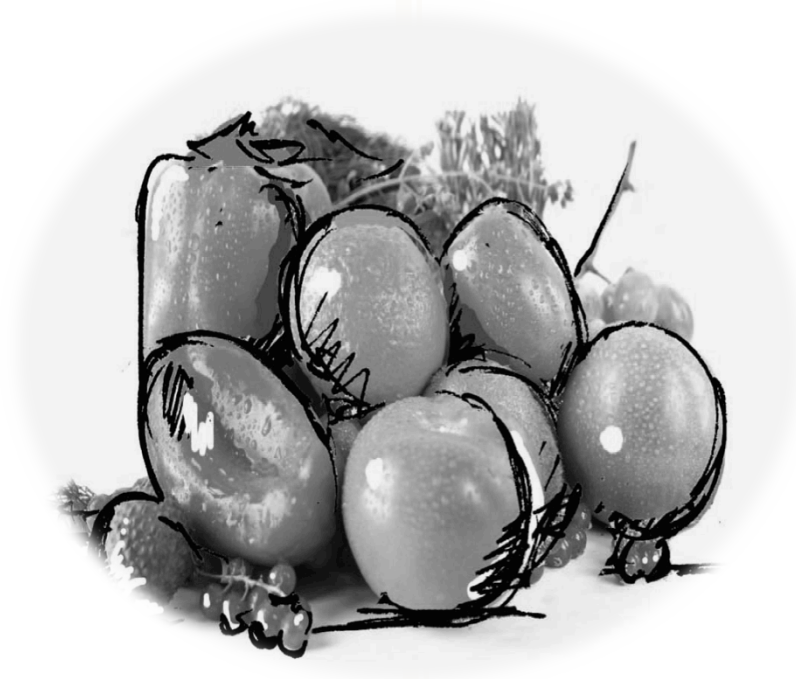


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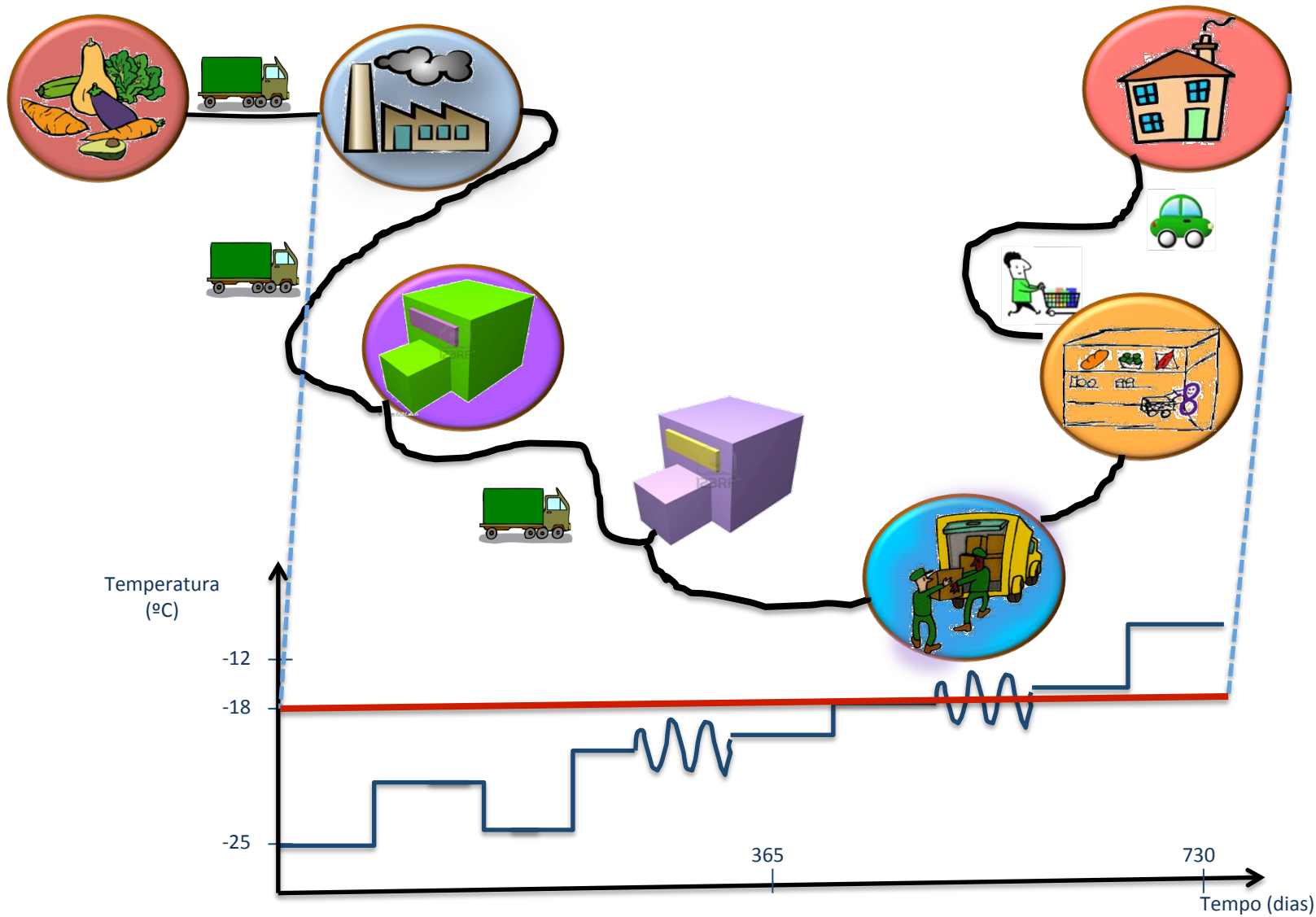


Previsão

Armazenagem e Cadeia de distribuição



Enquadramento Armazenagem e cadeia de distribuição



Factory



Product at -21 °C



Truck



1 h / room temperature (load the truck)

2 h 15 min
transportation
15 min / 4 °C
45 min / -10 °C
1 h / -18 °C



1st Distribution center

15 min / 4 °C (unload the truck)



15 min / -10 °C 1 h 15 min
1 h / -18 °C } transportation

2nd Distribution center

15 min / 4 °C (unload the truck)



15 min / -10 °C 1 h 15 min
1 h / -18 °C } transportation

Retail car



3rd Distribution center

20 min / -10 °C (unload the truck)
3 days / -21 °C (distributor chamber)



15 min / 4 °C (load the retail car)

30 min } transportation
15 min / 4 °C
15 min / -10 °C



Selling points



10 min / room temperature (unload the truck)
10 days / -15 °C and switch off at night



CONSUMER

30 min / room temperature (product purchase)
3 months / -18 °C (product storage)

Plano de Abusos de Temperatura

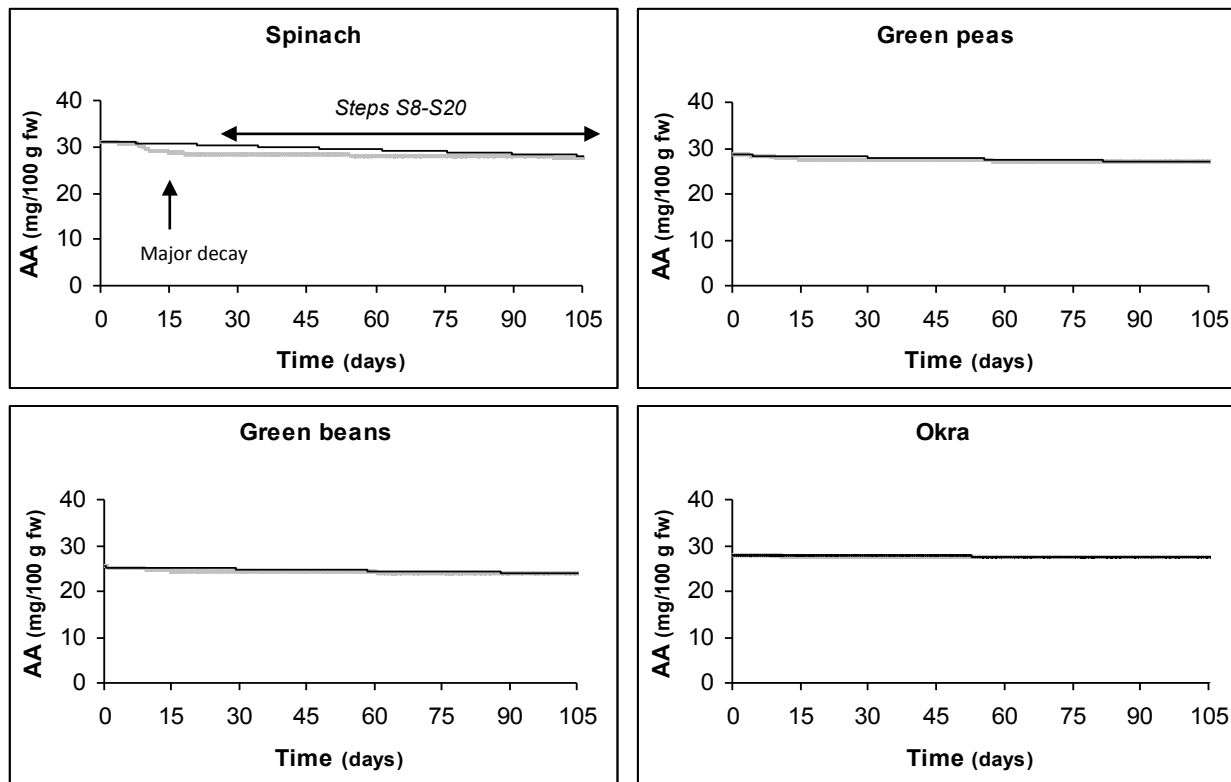


Figure 8- Spinach, green peas, green beans and okra ascorbic acid prediction models for constant temperature (-18 °C; black line) and for temperature abuses following the storage plan (grey line).

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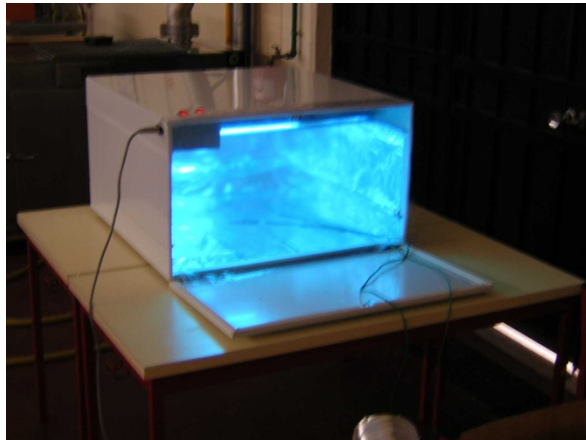


New Technologies

Combining Heat and other Non-Thermal Technologies to preserve foods

UV-C radiation

UV-C chamber (University of Algarve), 4 germicidal UV lamps (TUV G30T8, 16 W, Philips, peak emission at 254 nm), average intensity 12.36 W/m²



Ozone



ozone generator,
concentration
measured by potential
difference, 0.3 ppm

Ultrasonication / Thermosonication



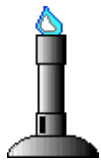
ultrasound equipment (Bandelin Sonorex RK 100H) operating at 32 kHz

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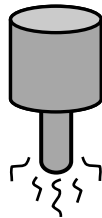
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Types of combined treatments with ultrasound



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Heat + Ultrasound

Thermosonication

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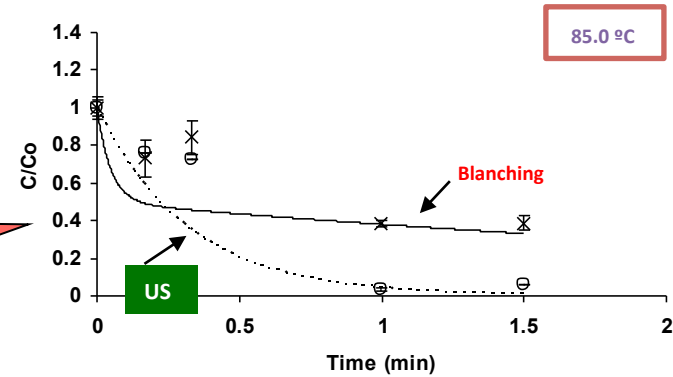
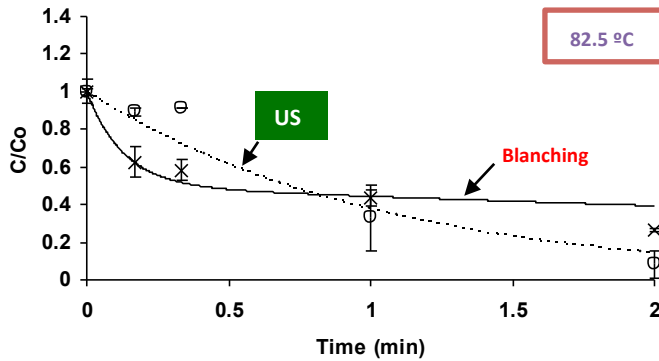
Colour changes

Vitamin C

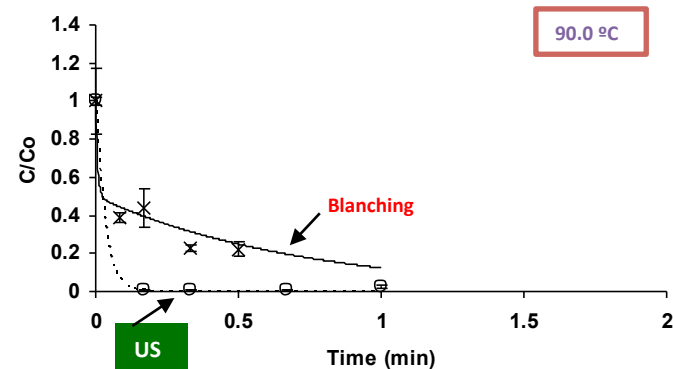
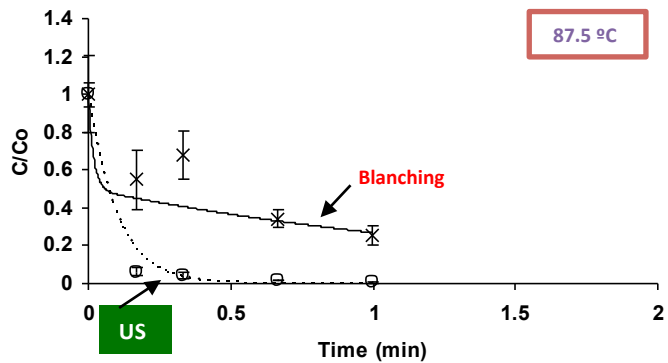
Peroxidase

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Peroxidase



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The application of thermosonication



- temperatures above 85 °C and for the same blanching times

led to higher enzyme inactivation when compared to heat blanching processes

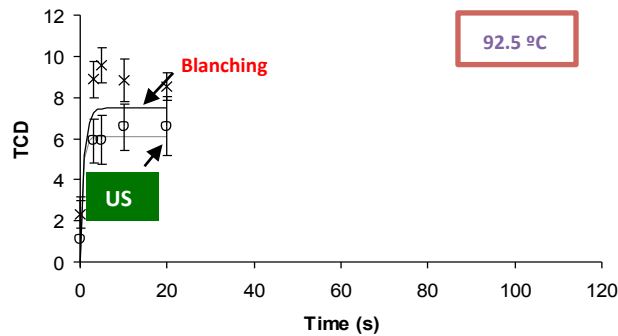
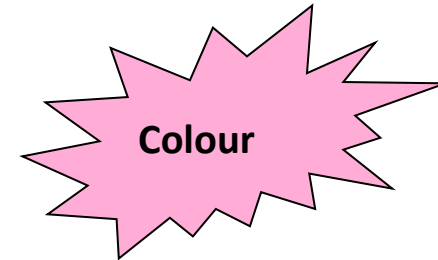
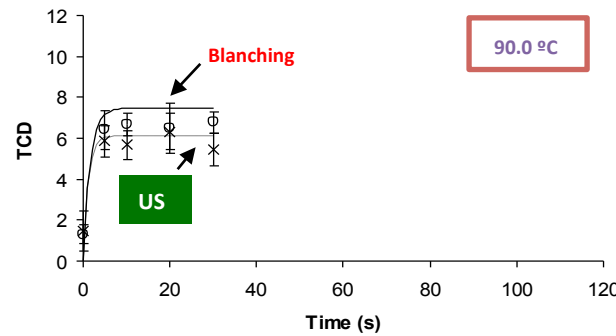
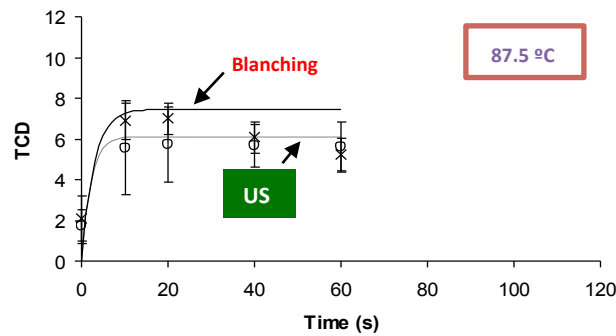
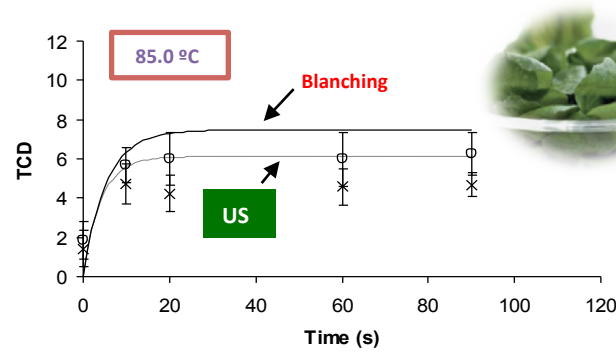
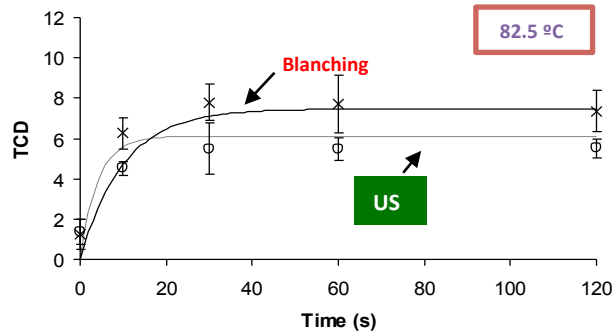
Peroxidase

These results allow the application of shorter blanching times at this range of temperatures, leading to a product with a higher quality, or minimized processing

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85 °C

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The application of thermosonication

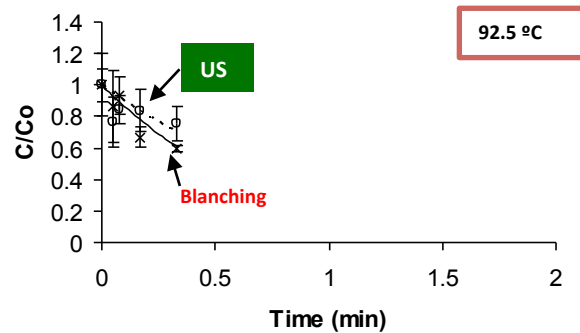
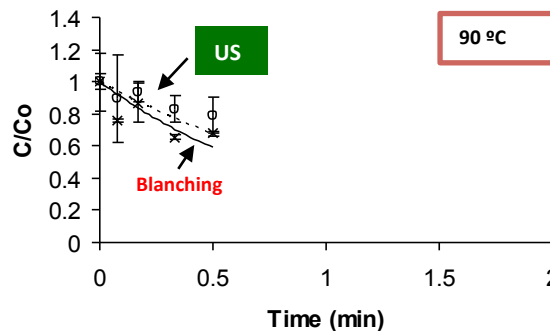
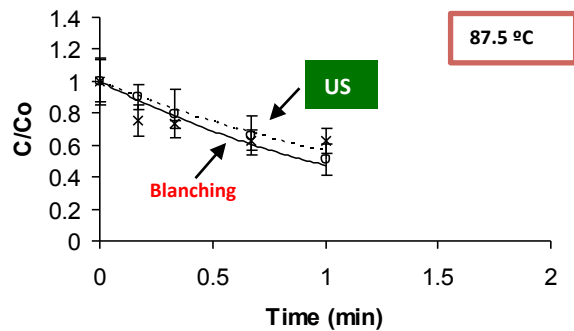
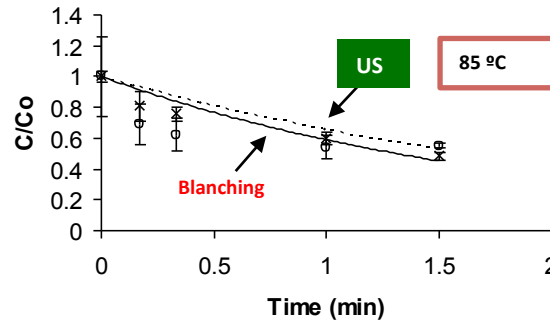
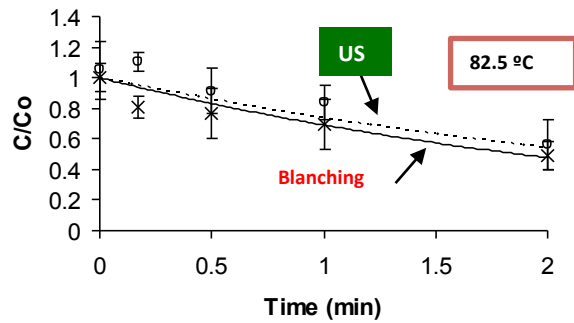


Colour

Reaction rates of watercress colour changes due to heat and thermosonication blanchings were not significantly different

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The application of thermosonication



Vitamin C

Results showed no significant differences between heat and thermosonication treatments

The treatment will allow good vitamin C retention

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The application of thermosonication



Quality

The thermosonication treatments can be a good alternative to the traditional heat blanching processes, since higher quality products are attained

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