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Process Analytical Technology in the Food Industry: Principles, Methods and Applications

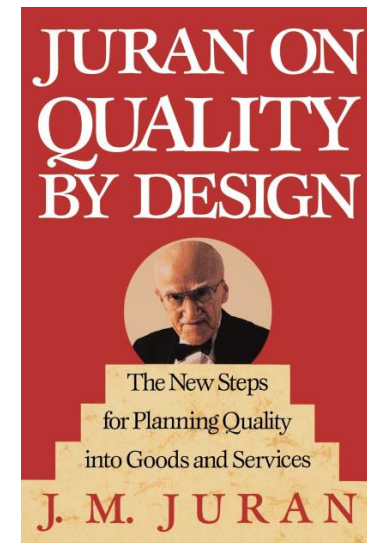
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Process Analytical Technology (PAT)

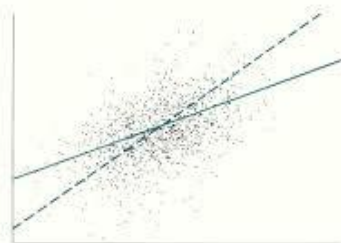
- 🔄 Basis for the fulfillment of “Quality by Design” (QbD)
- 🔄 Processing: focus on product quality
- 🔄 From post-manufacturing controls to integration of quality into processes
- 🔄 Main objective: compliance with quality standards
- 🔄 Joseph M. Juran: “...*quality can be designed*...”
- 🔄 Application of QbD in manufacture:
 1. Identification of critical quality parameters
 2. Process design
 3. Control interventions
 4. Validation and record-keeping
 5. Continuous monitoring



Basic principles of PAT



Statistics



PAT

Basic principles of PAT



*“Systems for analysis and control of manufacturing processes based on **real-time process monitoring of critical quality parameters and performance attributes of raw materials and in-process products**, to assure acceptable end-product quality at the completion of the process”*

Ways of monitoring

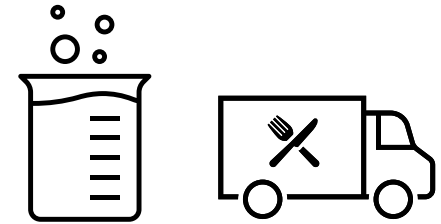


Connection to
final quality

Systematic framework

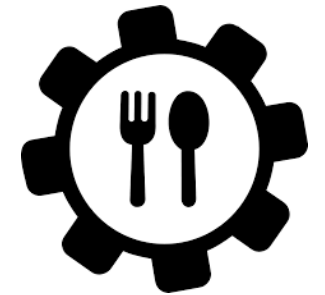
Basic principles of PAT

- 🔄 Important differences among industries
- 🔄 Key points in industrial applications:
 - ✓ Interpretation of PAT among distinct production units
 - ✓ Analytical equipment and data processing
 - ✓ Deviation from initial objective: real-time quality assurance via a holistic and systematic approach
- 🔄 Transition from Process Analytical Chemistry (**PAC**) to **PAT**: understanding of the chemical, physical and biological parameters



Application of PAT in the food industry

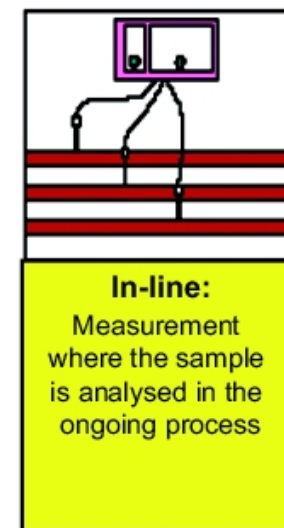
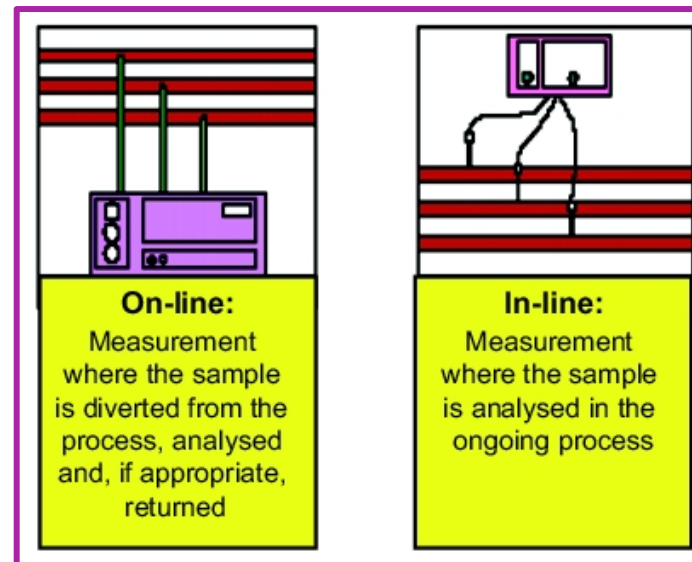
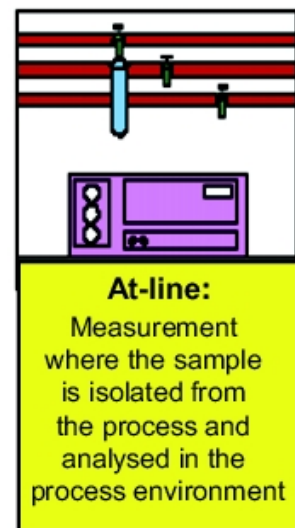
- 🔄 F. van den Berg et al. (2013)*:
“PAT represents a silent revolution in industrial quality control in food processing”
- 🔄 Strict regulatory requirements in safety, quality and traceability issues
- 🔄 Important limitations and challenges:
 - ✓ Food products: complex and multifactorial systems
 - ✓ Food systems: extensive “natural” variability (biological)
- 🔄 Incompetency of “traditional” technologies (based on off-line laboratory measurements)



*<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tifs.2012.04.007>

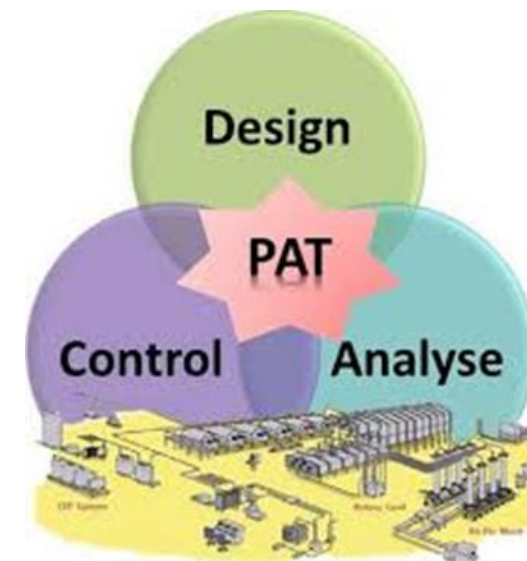
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- 🔄 Goal: end-product quality assurance in an efficient, traceable and environmentally responsible manner
- 🔄 Development of novel sampling methods/analytical tools allowing for timely measurements of critical parameters

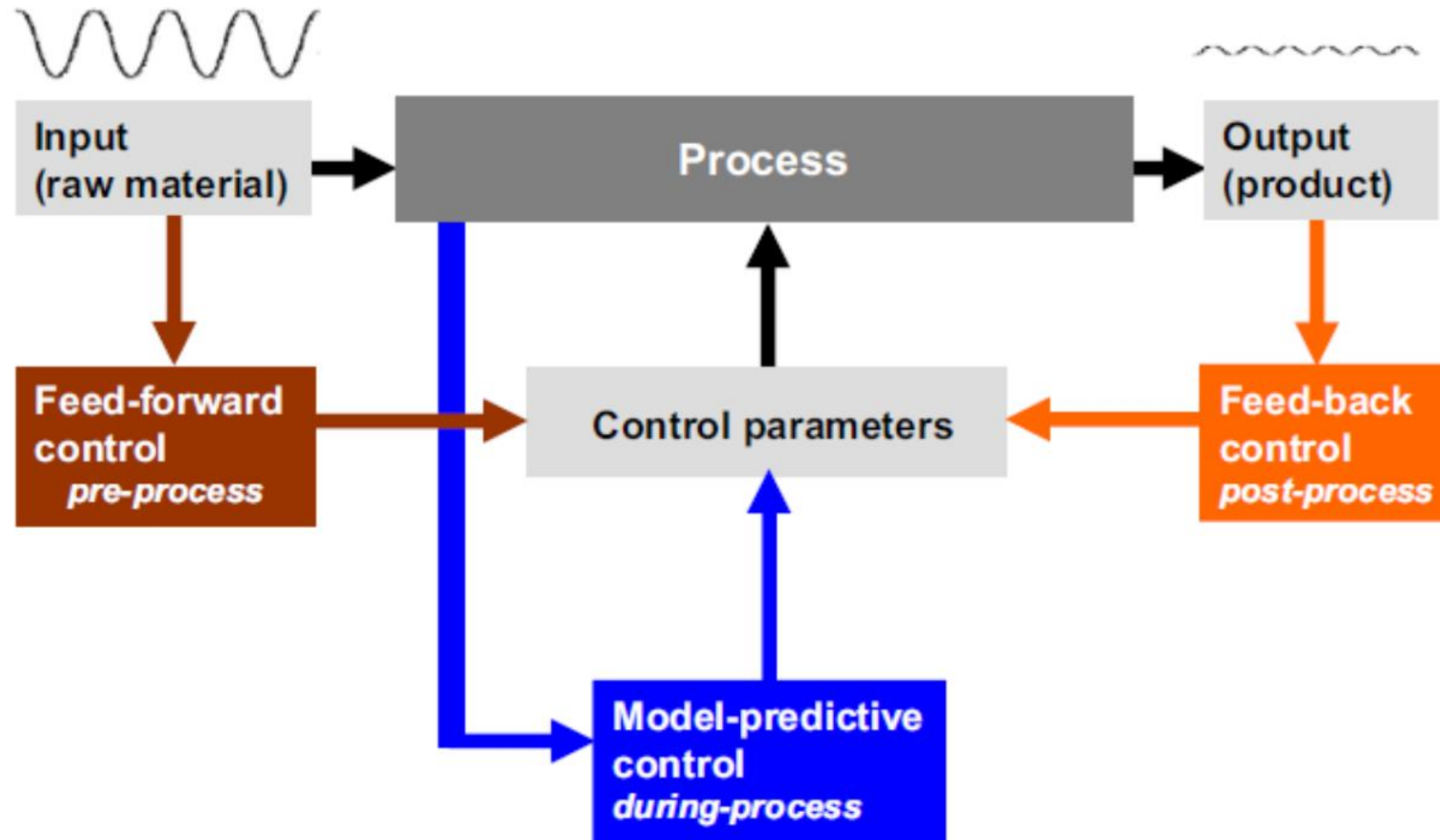


Benefits of PAT in the food industry

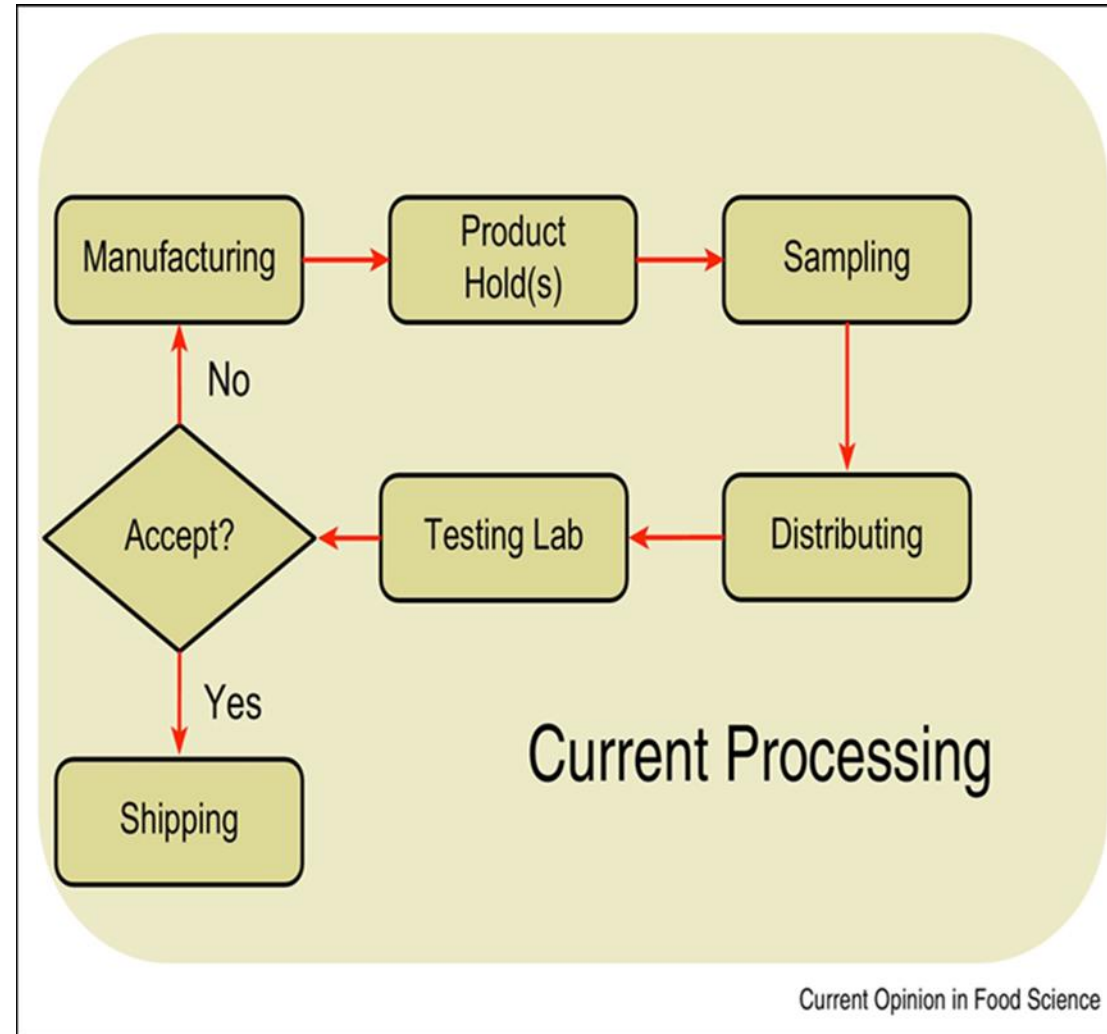
- ✔ Improved utilization and control of raw materials
- ✔ Reduction of the variability in end-product quality
- ✔ Reduction/elimination of food loss
- ✔ Reduction of the duration of process cycles
- ✔ Time efficiency
- ✔ Cost reduction
- ✔ Ongoing knowledge update
- ✔ Process and product innovation
- ✔ Assisting HACCP strategies



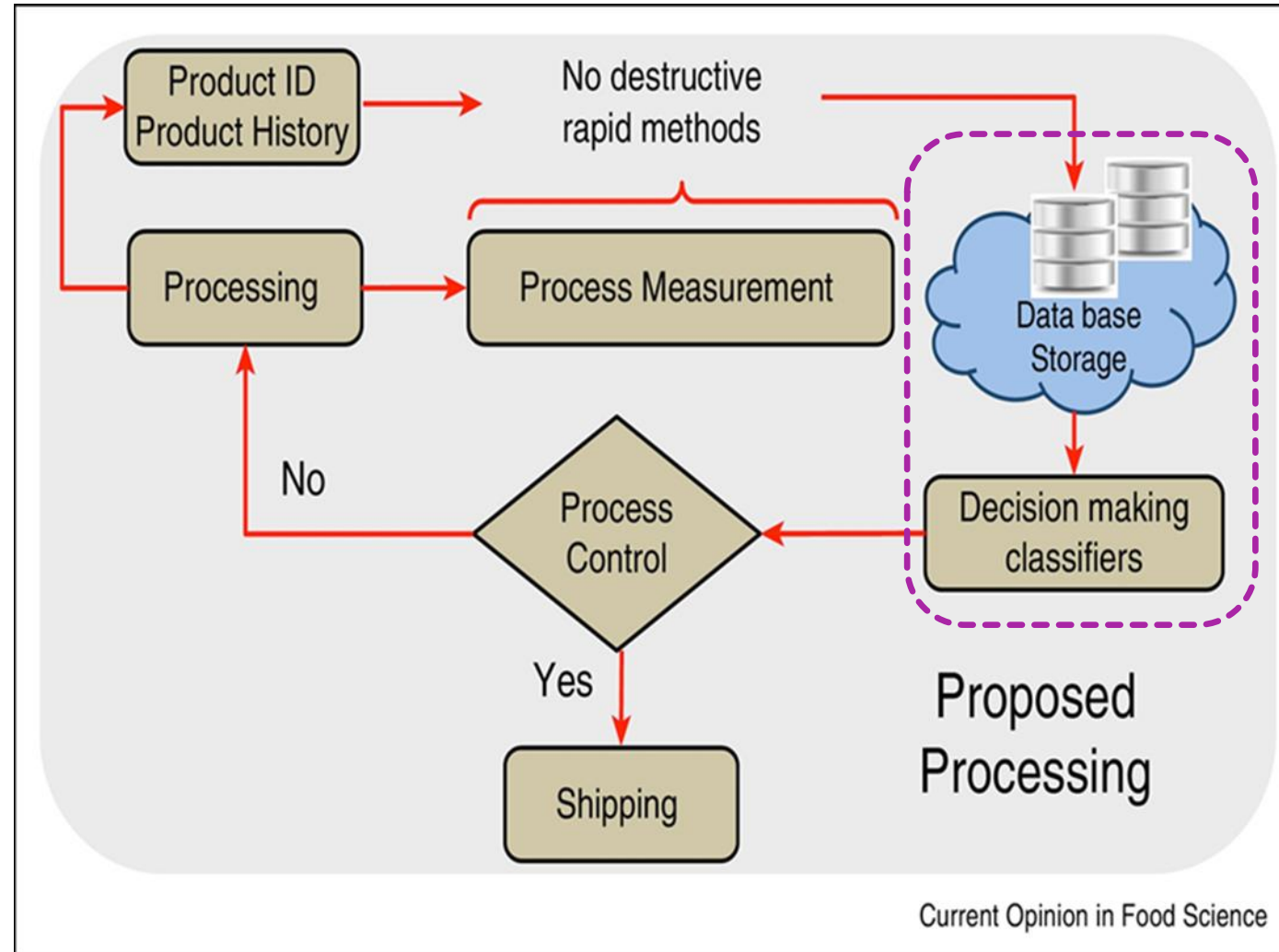
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“Traditional” food industry processes...



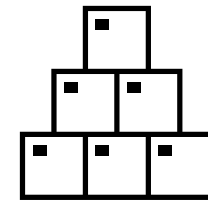
Proposed food industry processes...



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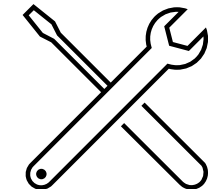
Basic components of PAT application:

- ✓ Understanding of critical quality parameters of products
- ✓ Understanding of process dynamics in relation to sampling
- ✓ Analytical instruments for in-line/on-line measurements
- ✓ Massive flows of process (multivariate) data



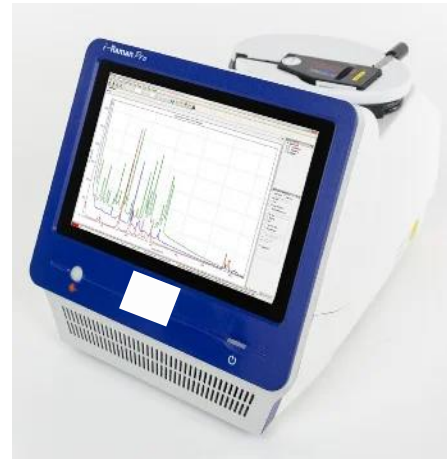
Tools for PAT application:

- (I) Process monitoring using spectroscopy-based methods
- (II) Statistical analysis of multivariate data
- (III) Information/data management and ongoing improvement



⚙️ PAT application tools

(I) Non-invasive analytical technologies based on spectroscopy and/or image analysis



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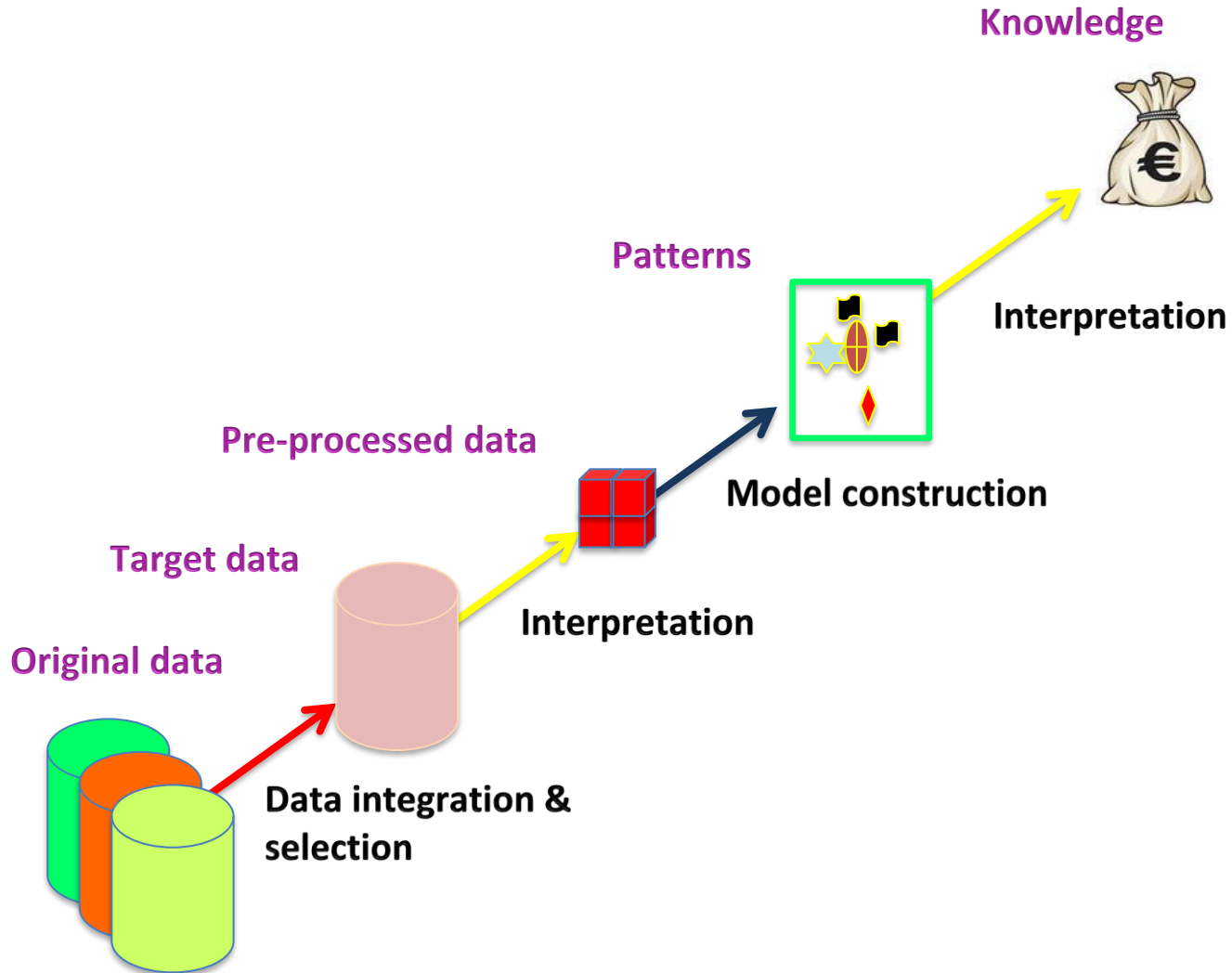
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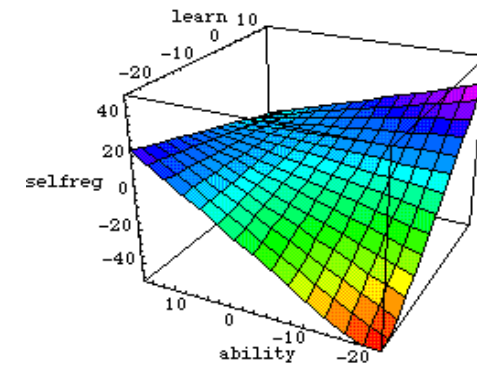
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⚙️ PAT application tools

(II) Multivariate statistics and data mining

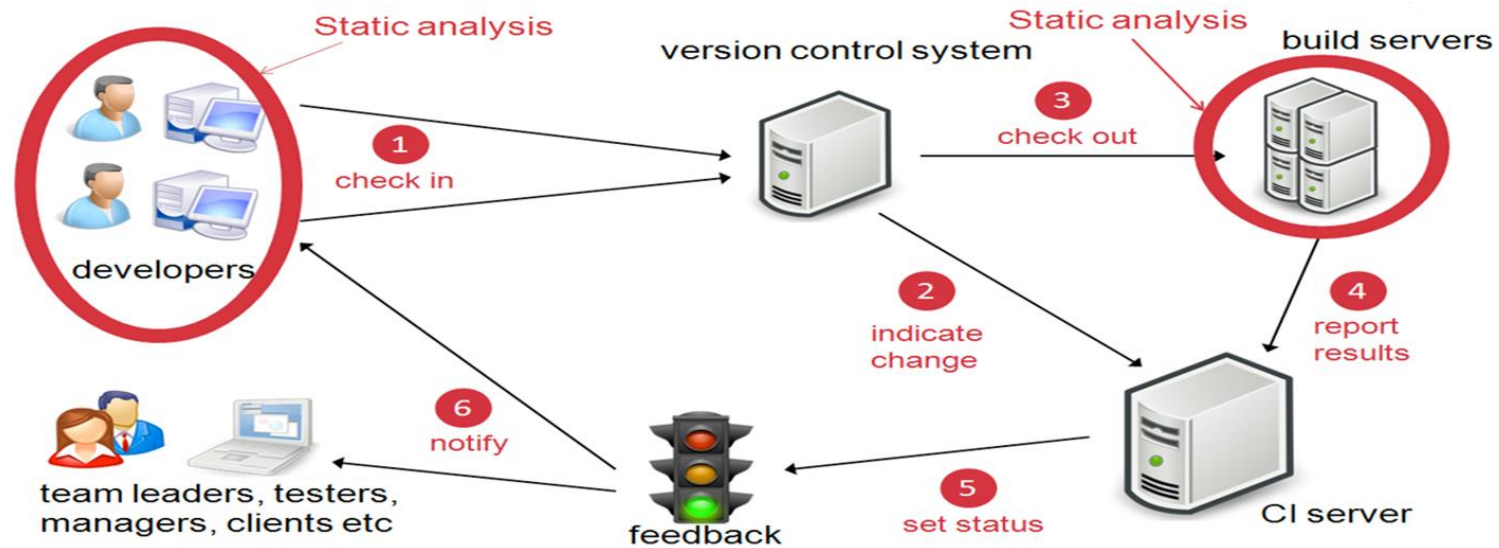


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⚙️ PAT application tools

(III) Information/data management and ongoing improvement



PAT concept applications in foods

Food risk matrix*

- ✓ *Microbiological quality*
- ✓ *Milk coagulation*
- ✓ *Cheese ripening*
- ✓ *Emulsification*
- ✓ *Physicochemical parameters*
- ✓ *Food additives*
- ✓ *Antioxidants*

Food Quality	Food Fraud	Motivation Gain: Economic
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*Spink and Moyer, 2011; <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1750-3841.2011.02417.x>



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Original papers

Evaluation of Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy as means of estimating the microbiological quality of beef bream

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A unified spectra analysis workflow for the assessment of microbial contamination of ready-to-eat green salads: Comparative study and application of non-invasive sensors

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sensors



Article

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PAT concept applications in foods





Food risk matrix

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- ✓ *Biological hazards*
- ✓ *Chemical hazards*
- ✓ *Environmental contaminants*

Review

Recent Advances and Applications of Rapid Microbial Assessment from a Food Safety Perspective

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Technique	Microorganisms	Purpose	Data Analysis
Fluorescence spectroscopy	<i>E. coli</i> O157:H7, <i>S. Typhimurium</i> , <i>L. monocytogenes</i>	On-site detection in lettuce samples	Savitzky–Golay filter, WA Multiscale Peak Detection, Linear regression
THz-TDS	<i>S. aureus</i> , <i>E. coli</i> , <i>P. aeruginosa</i> , <i>A. baumannii</i> .	Detection and alive/dead cells discrimination in culture media	Fourier transformation, standard algorithm
LIBS	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> , <i>E. coli</i> , <i>S. Typhimurium</i>	Detection in culture media	Neural network
3D SERS and LIBS	<i>S. aureus</i> , <i>S. Typhimurium</i> , <i>E. coli</i>	Direct quantification in water	PCA, HCA, Voigt profile fitting
ETLIBS	<i>S. Typhimurium</i>	Quantification in bacterial suspensions and detection in spiked food samples	Voigt profile fitting, Log-log linear regression
LTRS	14 microbial species	Discrimination in single cells	Convolutional neural network (ConVet), Occlusion-Based Raman Spectra Feature Extraction (ORSFE) tool
SR-FTIR microspectroscopy	10 foodborne bacteria	Discrimination in bacterial suspensions	PCA
HSI	<i>E. coli</i> O157:H7 and <i>Staph. aureus</i>	Quantification in pork samples	Voigt profile fitting, 2nd derivatives, SNV VCPA, IRIV, GA

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- ✓ EMA (detection of adulterants)
- ✓ Misbranding (authentication)

Article

Detection of Meat Adulteration Using Spectroscopy-Based Sensors

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Rapid detection of minced pork and chicken adulteration in fresh, stored and cooked ground meat

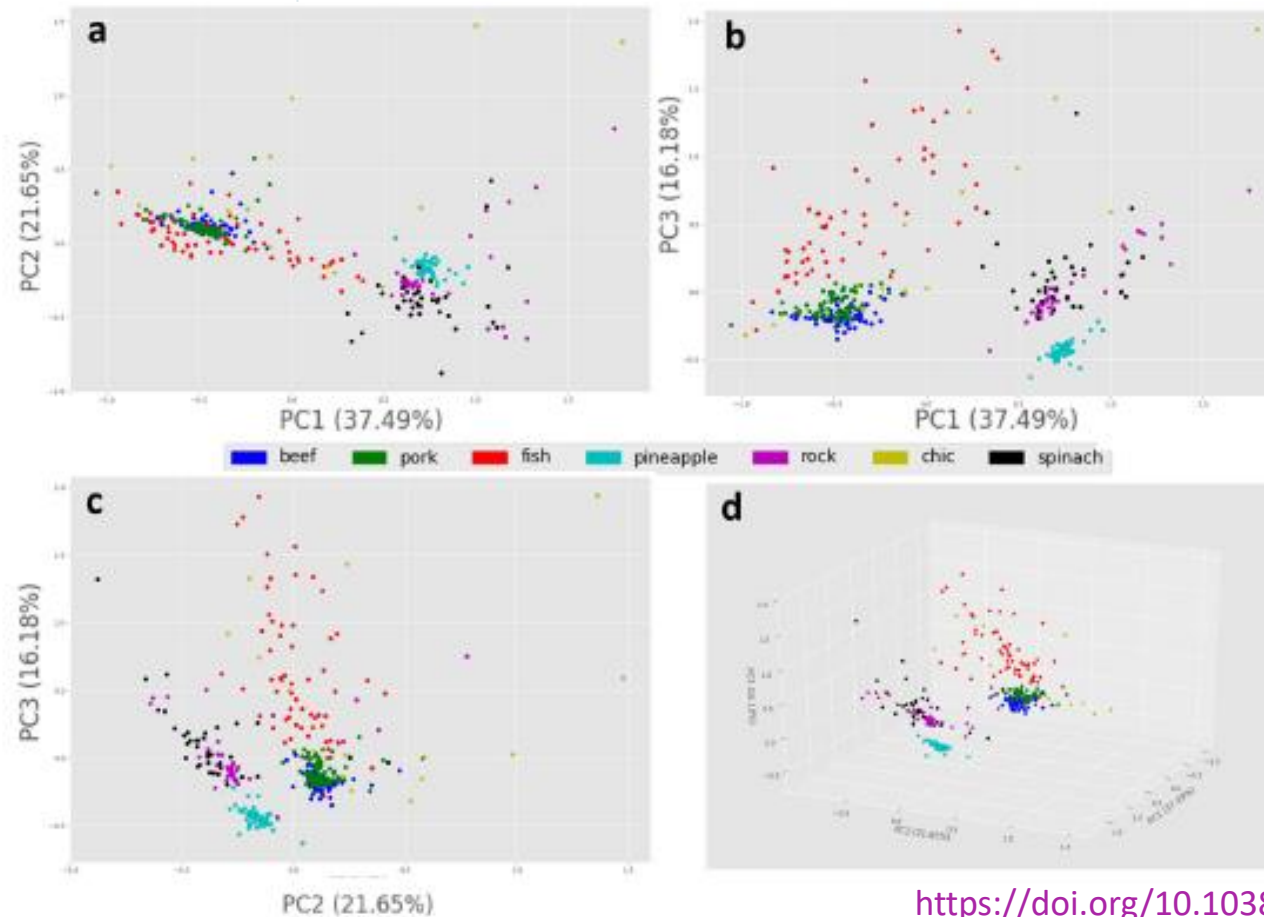
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OPEN **A machine learning workflow
for raw food spectroscopic
classification in a future industry**

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Digital TEChnologies as an enabler for a conTinuuous transformation of food safety management systems (EU-CHINA project 861915)

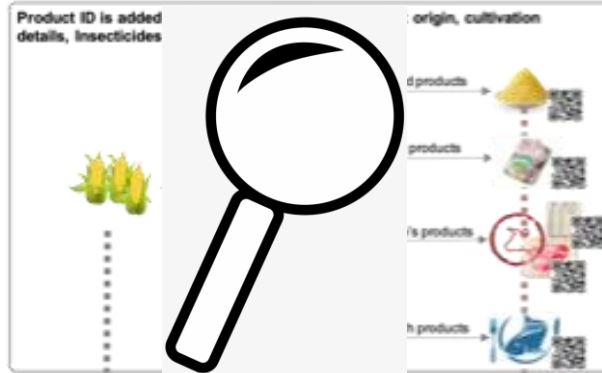


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W P 1 Project Management

WP2 Tracking Hazards & Contaminants



WP7 Pilots, trial, monitoring and evaluation

The DiTECT's developments, services and tools will be tested and demonstrated in concretely defined piloting activities through:

- Detailed plan for the execution of the piloting sessions
- Ensuring that all relevant data and resources are timely available
- Define the experimental protocols and processes across all four product use-cases shown on the left

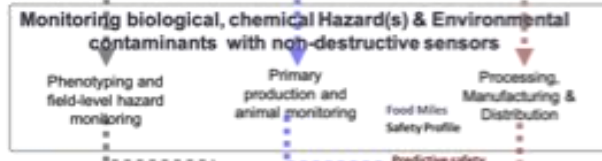
WP6 Decision Support Safety System

Decision-support models are built based on non-invasive techniques implemented across the chain

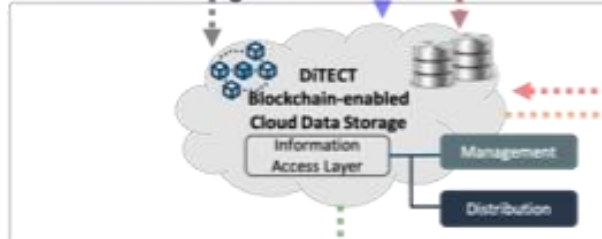
Prediction of the safety indices of a given product at any given point of time.

Access to the platform will be made available over several information access layers according to the user type, for example: system administrator, production manager, distributor, retail manager, and consumer.

WP3 Real-time Hazards, Monitoring Tools & Sensors



WP4 Data Management



WP5 Risk Assessment & Intervention

For the retail managers/QC authority: Using their smartphones/ tablet PCs retail product information can be retrieved through scanning the product. This takes them straight to the product information page on the online server.

For Food Value-chain Actors (FVA): They can contribute to user generated content through expanding the platform using customised Apps

For consumers: A customer assess will also be developed with limited accessibility to the product background, origin and details.



WP8 Dissemination, Exploitation and Training



Pilot 1: Corn farming:
Corn-based infant food



Pilot 2: Corn farming: Poultry
farming & poultry products

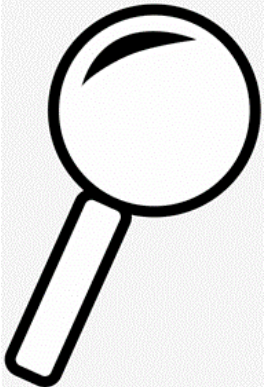
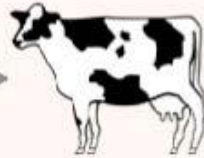


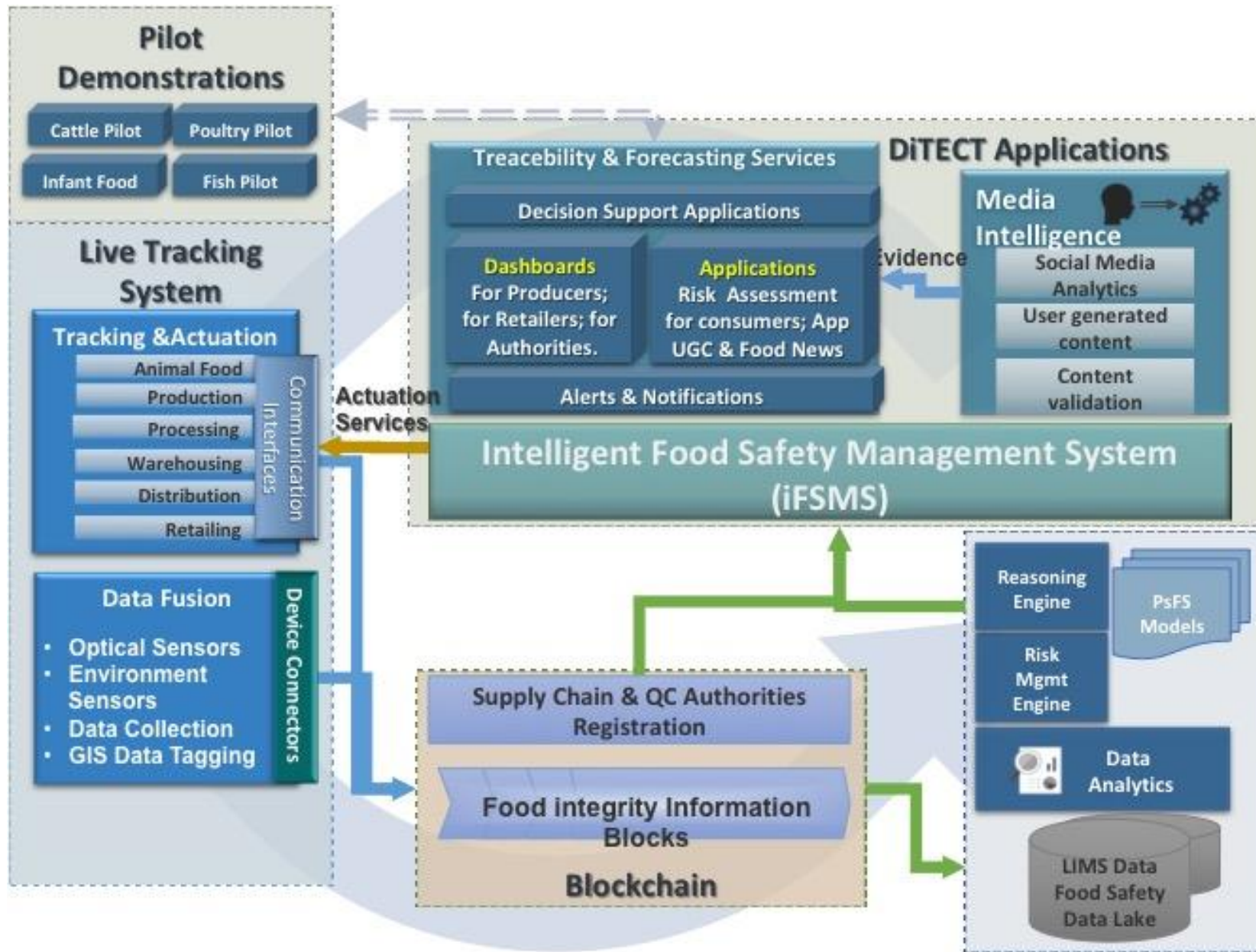
Pilot 3: Corn farming:
Cattle products



Milk &
Meat

Pilot 4: Fish Products:
across the production chain





Assessing microbiological quality of chicken burgers using spectroscopy-based sensors

Experimental design

- Six chronically independent batches purchased from a local food industry.
- The **chicken burgers** were stored at: 0, 4, and 8°C.
- Duplicate chicken burgers analyzed at regular time intervals until spoilage was pronounced.

Chicken burgers' ingredients:

- ❖ **whole boned chicken (76%),**
- ❖ fresh onion,
- ❖ fresh pepper,
- ❖ soy vegetable protein,
- ❖ flavourings,
- ❖ dried breadcrumb,
- ❖ sunflower oil,
- ❖ salt,
- ❖ yeast extract, and
- ❖ sodium caseinate

Sensors: Microbiological analysis:



Partial least squares discriminant analysis (PLSDA) and Support vector machines (SVM) classification models were developed and externally validated (split: 75-25%).

Microbiological quality groups:

- A (satisfactory): 4-7 logCFU/g
- B (acceptable): 7-8 logCFU/g
- C (unacceptable): 8-10 logCFU/g



Table 1. Confusion matrices for PLSDA and SVM model classification for the external validation (n= 68) using FTIR data.

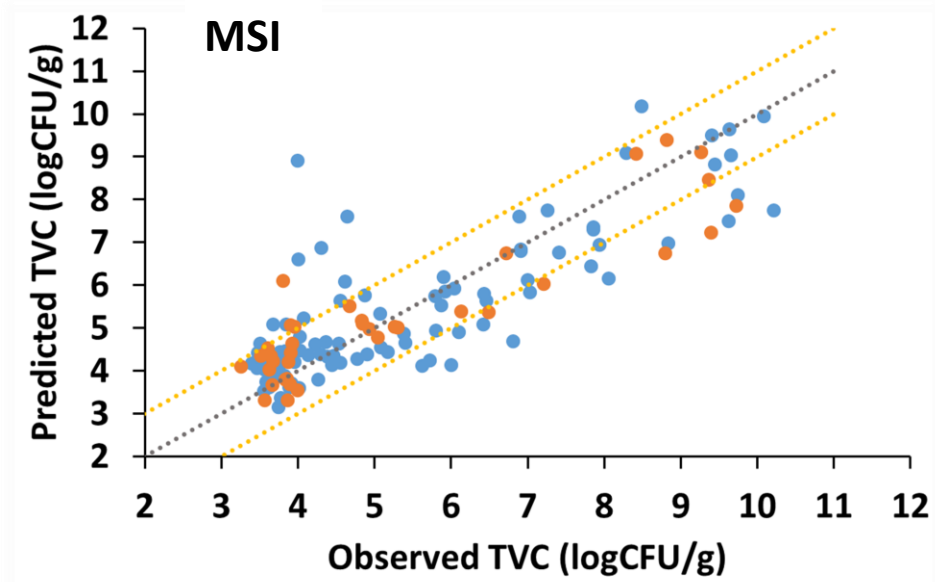
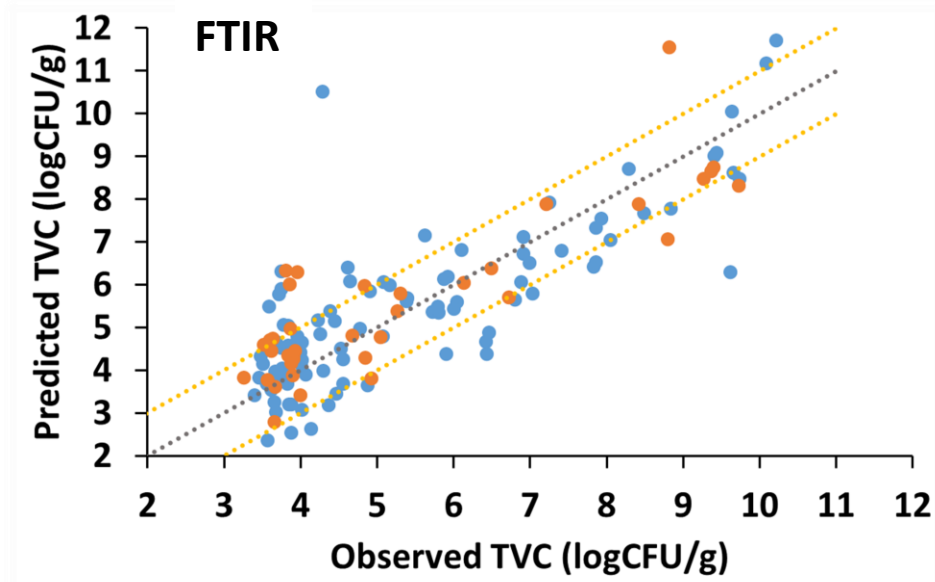
True class	Predicted class			Recall %
	A	B	C	
SVM				
A	15	0	0	100.00
B	2	14	2	77.78
C	0	3	32	91.43
Precision %	88.24	82.35	94.12	89.71
PLSDA				
A	15	0	0	100.00
B	2	12	4	66.67
C	0	4	31	88.57
Precision %	88.24	75.00	88.57	76.19

Table 2. Confusion matrices for PLSDA and SVM model classification for the external validation (n= 67) using MSI data.

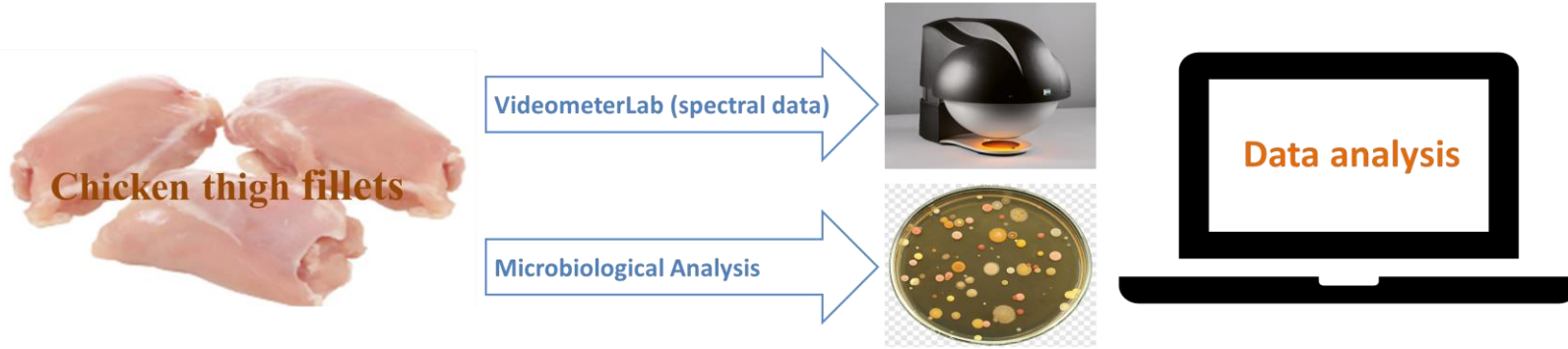
True class	Predicted class			Recall %
	A	B	C	
SVM				
A	13	1	0	92.86
B	1	11	6	61.11
C	0	3	32	91.43
Precision %	92.86	61.11	91.43	83.58
PLSDA				
A	14	0	0	100.00
B	3	11	4	61.11
C	0	3	32	91.43
Precision %	82.35	78.57	88.89	85.07



Assessment of the microbiological quality of beef using spectral data

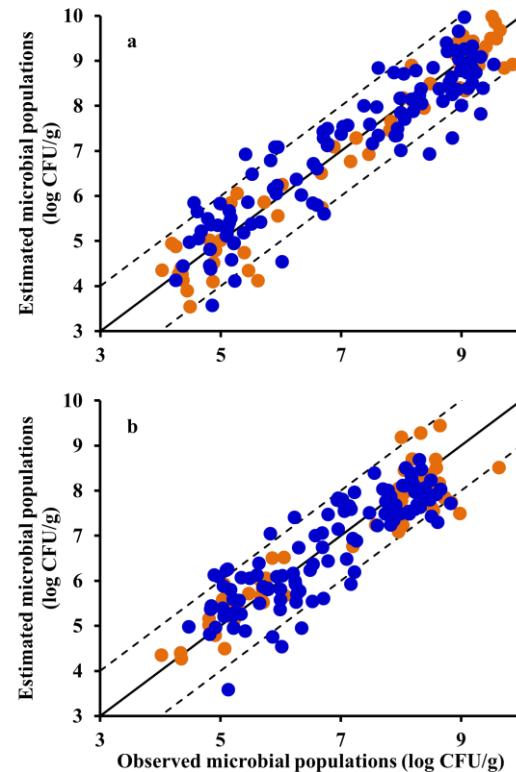


Multispectral imaging for estimating the microbiological quality of chicken fillets stored under different packaging conditions



Performance metrics of the PLS-R models correlating total mesophilic microbial populations based on MSI data

Packaging	Dataset	Slope	Offset	R ²	RMSE
AIR	Training	0.88	0.91	0.88	0.54
	Cross-validation	0.85	1.09	0.82	0.66
	Testing	1.04	-0.35	0.87	0.57
VACUUM	Training	0.81	1.33	0.81	0.51
	Cross-validation	0.80	1.37	0.72	0.62
	Testing	0.80	1.33	0.83	0.57



PAT concept applications in food quality assessment and adulteration detection

 **P1-22** - Estimation of the **Microbiological Status of Chicken Burgers** through Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FT-IR)

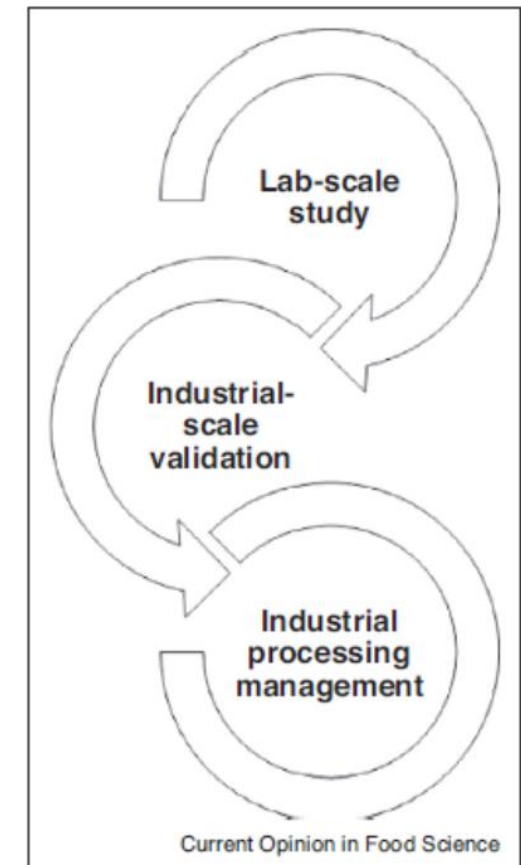
 **P1-23** - Fourier-Transform Infrared Spectroscopy Coupled with Support Vector Machine Analysis for **Chicken Liver Spoilage** and Safety Assessment

 **T4-05** - Detection of **Adulteration in Raw and Cooked Beef** Using Multispectral Imaging

 **T6-04** - Volatilomics in Tandem with Machine Learning for the **Quality Assessment of Chicken Meat**

Actual application of PAT in the food industry

- 🌀 Scientific literature: considerable potential
- 🌀 Actual industrial-scale applications: limited
- 🌀 Sensors: substitutes of off-line analytical procedures
- 🌀 Gap between potential and actual applications
- 🌀 Knowledge dissemination and close cooperation between researchers and food industry stakeholders



Outlook...

- ⌚ Enrichment of current scientific knowledge: further development and improvement of non-invasive analytical technologies and sensors
- ⌚ Better understanding of the PAT concept by regulatory authorities and stakeholders
- ⌚ Extension of the PAT framework to food protection issues beyond quality (safety, authenticity, adulteration)
- ⌚ Significant contribution of MEMS and IT in the provision of integrated approaches



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