



REVTECH PROCESS SYSTEMS

Heat treatment technology

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PRODUCT RECALLS



Pathogen	Year	Number of cases	Isolated from product?	Outbreak location(s)
E. coli O121, E. coli O26	2015–2016	63	yes	USA (24 states)
E. coli O121	2016–2017	30	yes	Canada (6 provinces)
E. coli O121	2017	6	yes	Canada (1 province: BC)

What is the common point ?

PRODUCT RECALLS

Product : Flour	Pathogen	Year	Number of cases	Isolated from product?	Outbreak location(s)
General Mills, Kansas City, MO	E. coli O121, E. coli O26	2015– 2016	63	yes	USA (24 states)
Ardent Mills, Saskatoon, SK	E. coli O121	2016– 2017	30	yes	Canada (6 provinces)
Rogers Foods, BC	E. coli O121	2017	6	yes	Canada (1 province: BC)

Flour !

E. Coli !



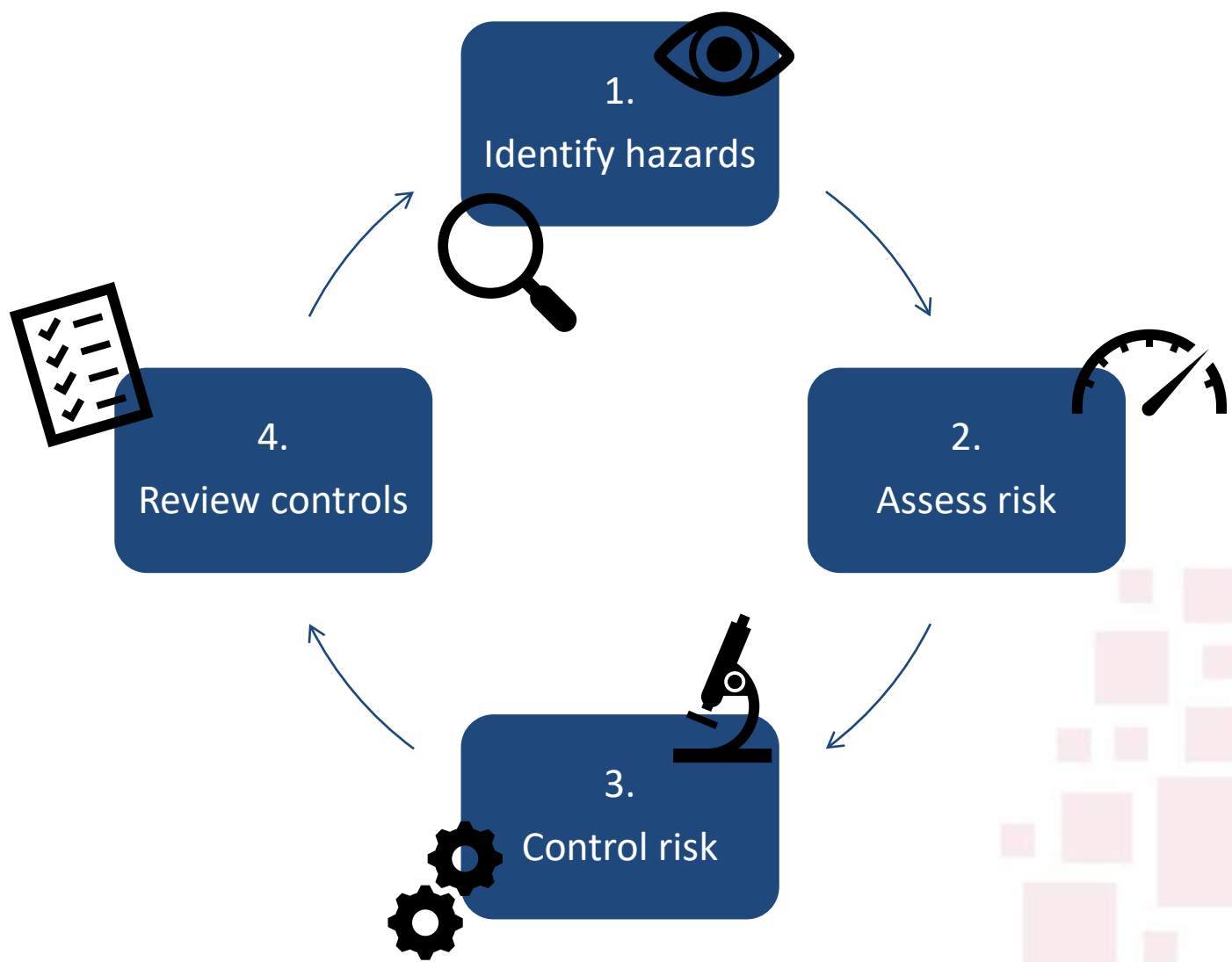
RISK ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Pasteurization

Modification of
flour properties

Stabilization

Roasting



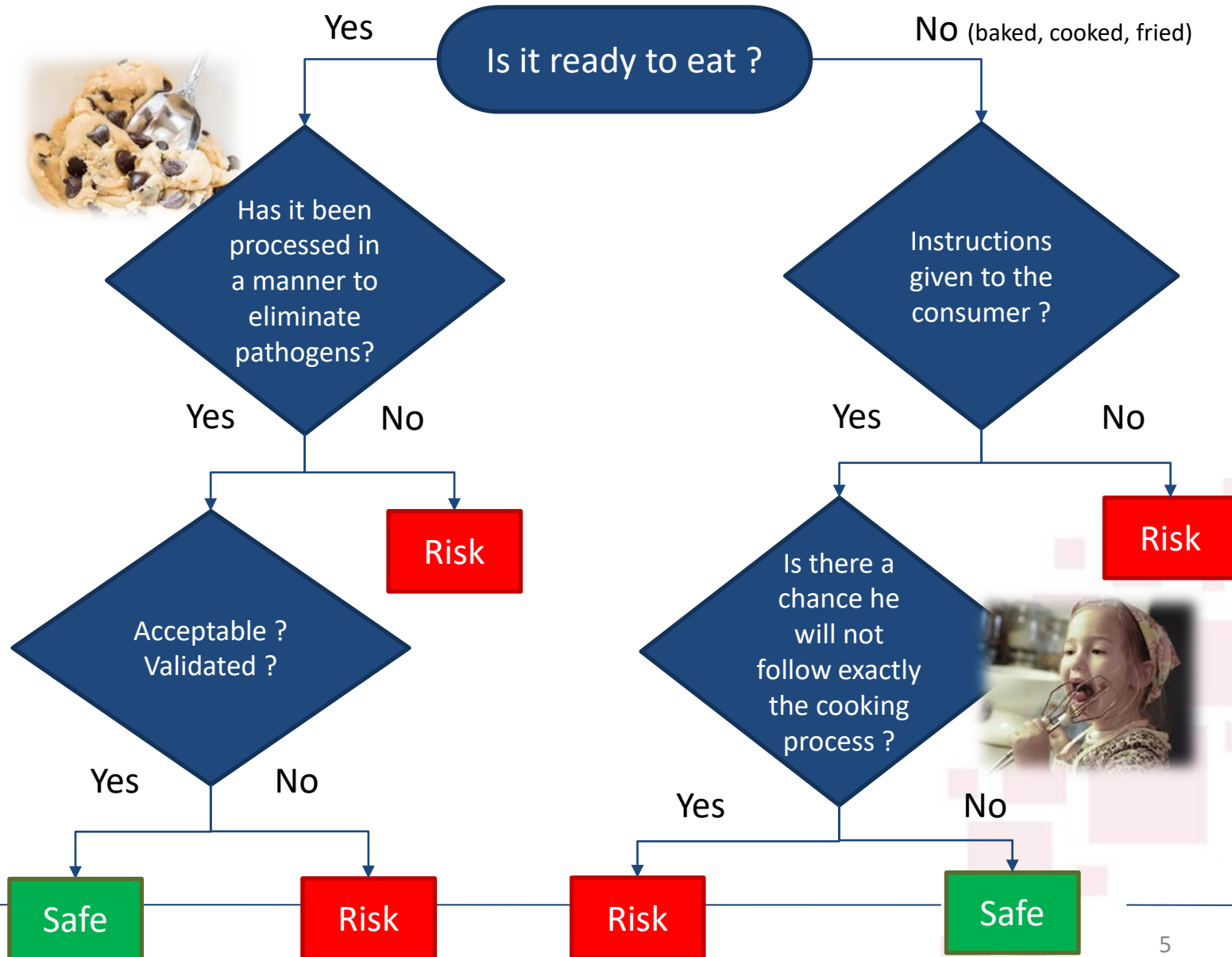
WHY ? IDENTIFY HAZARDS

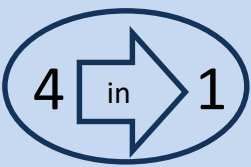
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WHY ? ASSESS RICK



Pasteurization

2009, 77 people reported as sick, 30 states
Toll House Cookie Dough, Nestle
Was written not to eat before warm up
FDA found E. Coli in chocolate chip cookie dough
> 3.6 million packages recalled

Neil & al., 2011

Modification of
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Survey: 1,032 individuals in the United States

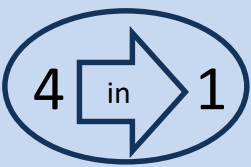
➔ **58%** of consumers have tasted refrigerated rough before baking

ConAgra Mills, 2011

Stabilization

Roasting

2010 : Nestle, USA decided using only heat-treated
flours for refrigerated dough products



IS IT GOING TO EXTEND?



Against

- Majority still going through kill step
- Low moisture / water activity
- Low level of microorganisms
- Adverse effect on flour functionality/quality
- Cost

For

- Product recalls
- Can be exposed to pathogens in soil/water or from birds/animals
- Can be impacted by wet harvest period / low harvest temperature
- Increase for wholegrain foods (might reduce obesity, cardio vascular disease, diabetes...)
- Can be eaten raw
- Can be added to foods that will not be cooked (milkshakes, ice cream...)

4 in 1

HOW TO CONTROL THE RISK ?

Pasteurization



Wheat

Cleaning

Tempering

Milling

*Dhillon et al., 2010
Galeas, 2014*

Chlorinated water
Ozone
Acetic / Lactic acid



Hesseltine, 1968 – Sperber & North American Millers, 2007

Modification of flour properties

Stabilization

Wheat,
15% moisture

Heat treatment
1h, 60°C

Milling

APC: 2.43



Wheat,
15% moisture

APC: 4.69



Roasting

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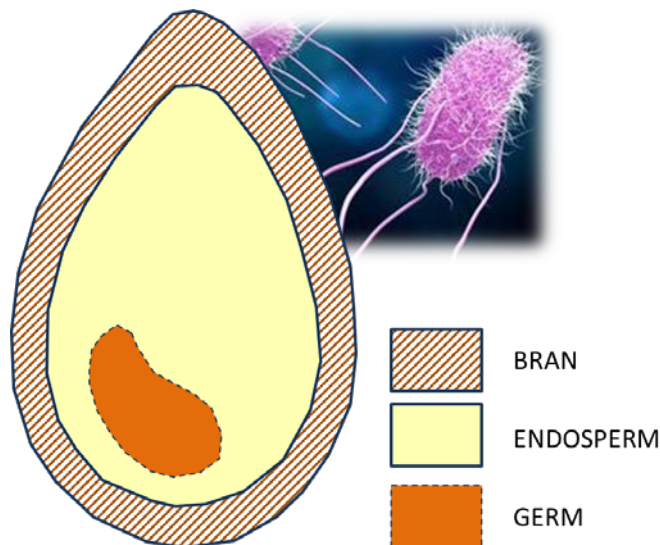


Higher contamination
on the outer layers

Miskelly & al., 2010

Higher risk
for **whole** wheat flour

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Heat treat wheat kernels outer layers



Reduce microbiological load



Mill into flour

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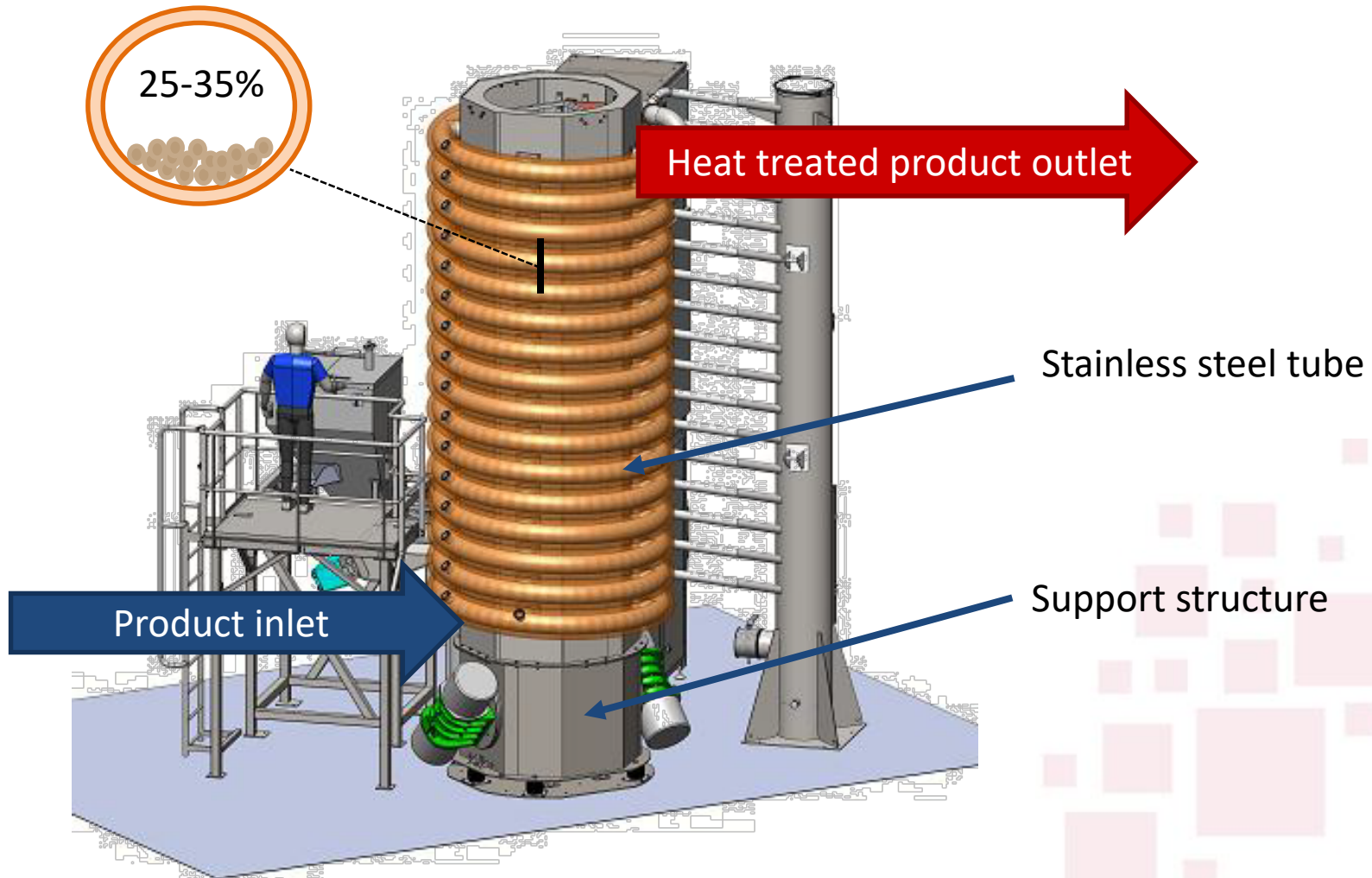
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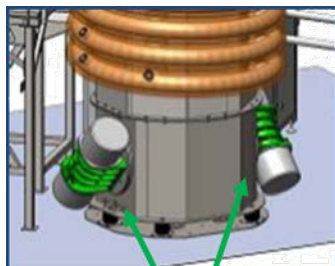
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Pasteurization



Off balanced motors

Frequency: ~ 12 Hz
Amplitude: ~ 4 mm
Acceleration: ~ 4 g

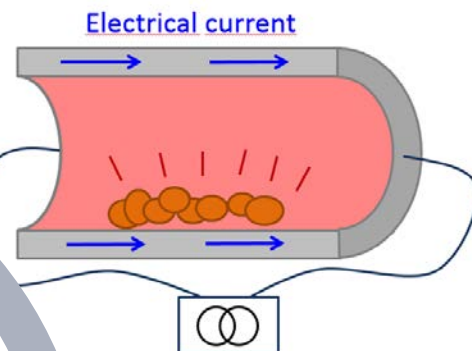
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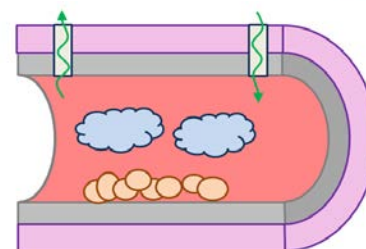
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1. Transportation / mixing by vibrations
2. Heating by direct contact with a hot surface
3. Treatment in a confined atmosphere



High current
Low voltage < 40V



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Flowrate

200 lbs/h to
4,000 lbs/h

Temperature

100 to 800°F

with 2 to 4
independent
heating zones

Residence time

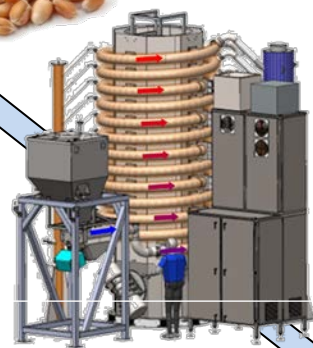
1 to 40 mn

Atmosphere

air, steam,
nitrogen...

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REVTECH RESULTS



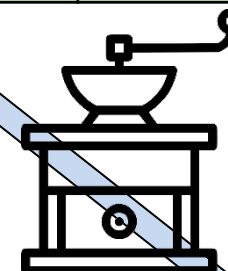
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Product	Conditions	Residence time	Steam	Tube temperature	Average of 3 Samples		
					TPC (cfu/g)	Enterobacteria (cfu/g)	Yeasts & Molds (cfu/g)
Wheat grains	Raw material				140 000	12 000	1 600
	Revtech 1	5 min	10%	210°F	< 10	< 10	< 10
	Revtech 2			240°F	< 10	< 10	< 10
	Revtech 3			265°F	< 10	< 10	< 10



Reduced TPC
Elimination Enterobacteria / Yeasts & Molds
Safer wheat flour !

REVTECH RESULTS

Product	Conditions	Residence time	Tube temperature	TPC (cfu/g)	Enterobacteria (cfu/g)	Yeasts & molds (cfu/g)
Wheat flour	Raw			2 000	510	320
	Raw			5 000	1 500	300
	Raw			2 300	120	150
	Low temp	5 min	160°F	750	250	100
		10 min		610	< 40	< 40
		15 min		720	~ 40	< 10
	Medium temp	5 min	175°F	430	< 40	~ 40
		10 min		170	~ 40	< 10
		15 min		150	< 10	< 10
	High temp	5 min	190°F	< 400	< 10	< 10
		10 min		< 40	< 10	< 10
		15 min		< 40	< 10	< 10

Pasteurization works on wheat flour as well !



But higher surface/volume ratio
 ➔ Higher contact with heat
 ➔ Might change flour properties

REVTECH RESULTS

Pasteurization

Russo et al., 1970

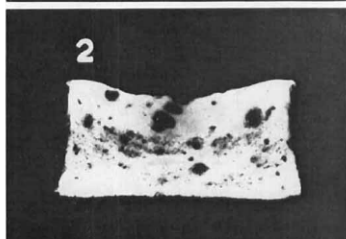
Keppler, 2017



Chlorinated flour



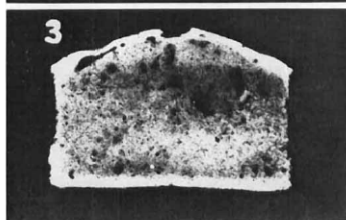
Untreated flour



Untreated flour



Revtech
230°F, 10:45min



Heat treated flour
(Drum, 250°F)



Revtech
300°F, 9:50min

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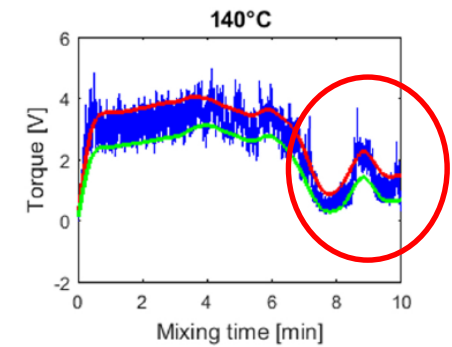
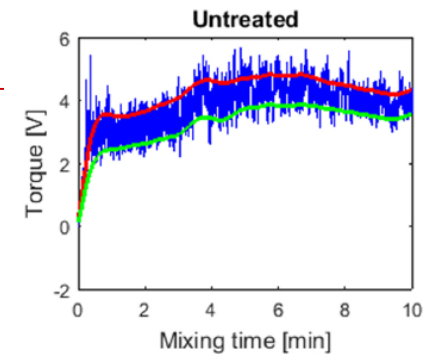
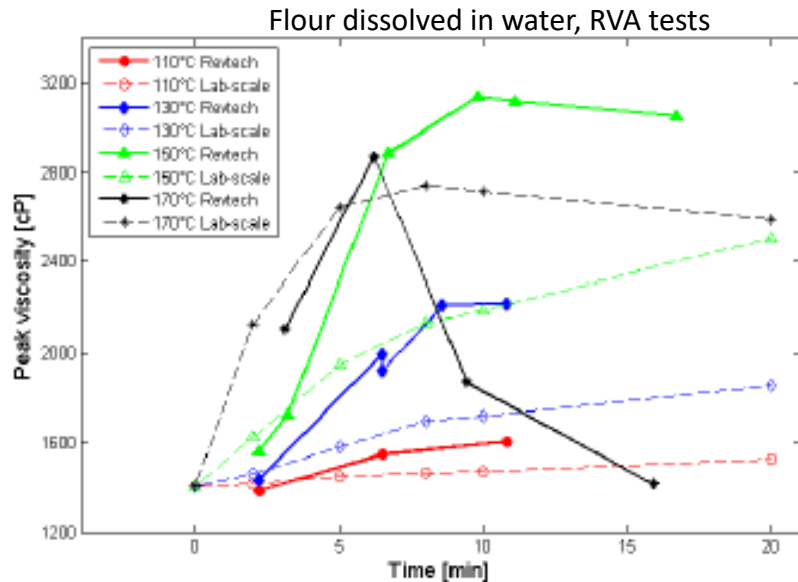
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Rheometer tests

Temperature

Processing time

Easier for granules
to swell ?



Viscosity

Instability of gluten network

WHAT ABOUT BRANS / GERMS ?

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Raw brans / germs

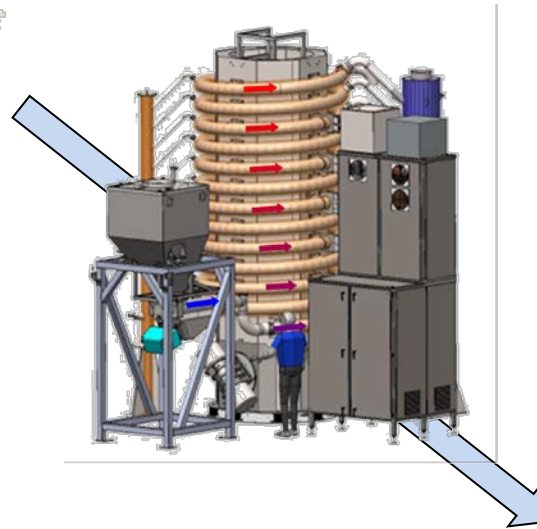
Source of fibres

High enzyme activity:
Lipase + Lipoxygenase

Short shelf life



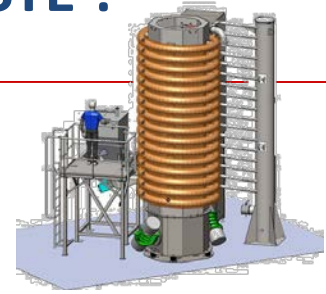
About
250°F, 10 minutes



Enzyme inactivation

↗ Shelf life

AND IF I WANT TO CHANGE COLOR/TASTE ?



Temperature around 150 to 250°C / 300 to 480°F

Residence time around 10 to 20 mn



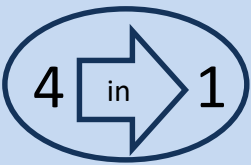
Wheat flour - 430°F, 0 – 3 – 6 – 9 – 15 – 30 mn



Milled wheat bran: 430°F, 0 – 3 – 6 – 12 – 18– 24 mn



Wheat germs: 350°F, 0 – 6 – 9 – 12 – 21 mn

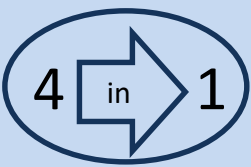


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CONCLUSION

Pasteurization

4 applications, 1 equipment

Modification of
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Great **homogeneity**

Only gentle vibrations (no auger, belt mixer)

Stabilization

Works for small **pieces and powders**

Roasting

Every machine **can be validated** to FDA standards

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More than **120 units** installed around the world



THANK YOU

Any question ?

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