# WHC in mushroom in relation to its material property

Conceptual process design of mushroom processing

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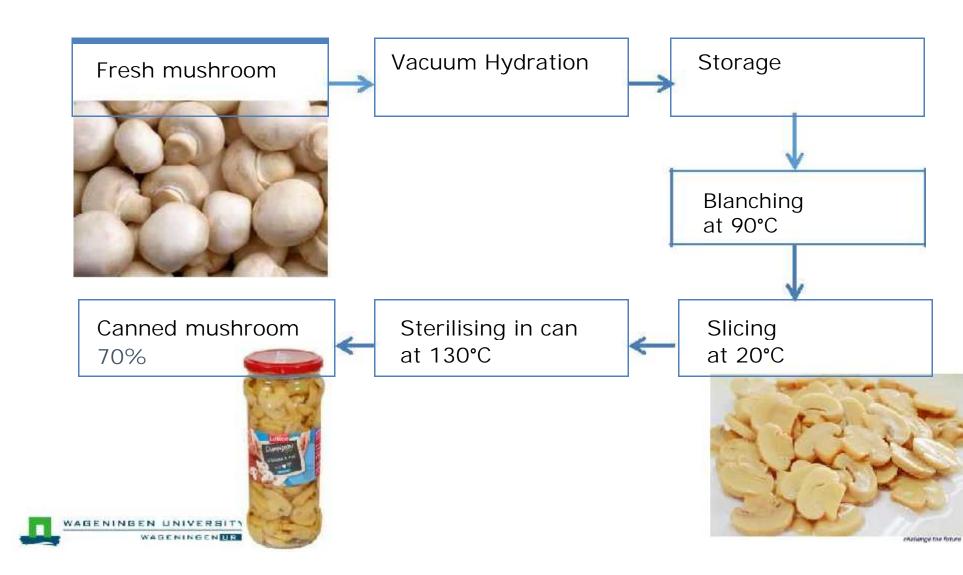
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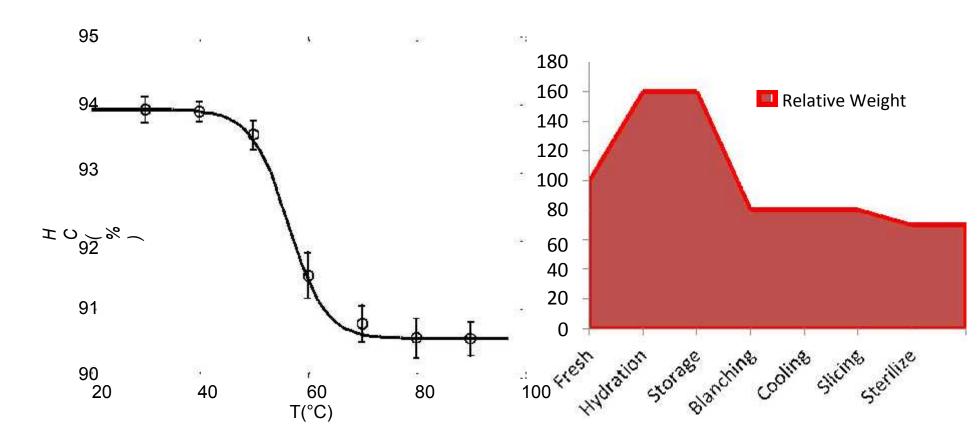
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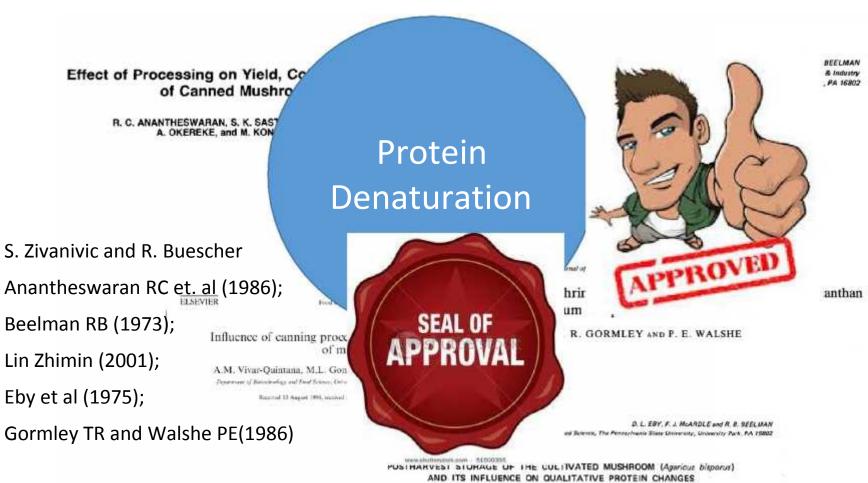
## Canned mushroom: production process



# Thermal processing shrink mushroom



### ....and Why?



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#### Objectives

 Describe the WHC loss in mushroom during thermal processing with the Flory Rehner's theory



## Theory

### WHC definition and understanding

Synonyms: water hydration capacity, water absorption, water-imbibing, water-binding etc.

Water Holding Capacity (WHC) – The ability of meat to retain its inherent moisture even though external pressures (like gravity, heating, centrifugation, pressing) are applied to it. This characteristic can be measured by drip loss, but other methods can be used as well (Honikel and Hamm, 1994; Honikel, 1998).

The ability of meat to retain both inherent water and added water is de-fined as water-holding capacity (WHC) (Grau and Hamm, 1956).

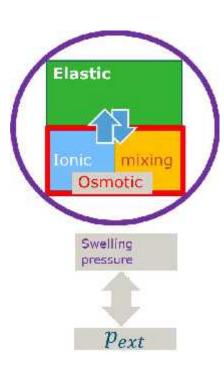




# Water holding capacity: Flory Rehner's theory

- WHC: Ability to hold water under applied external force
- FR theory: WHC expressed as swelling of polymer
- Driving force for dewatering: -п

$$\Pi = \Pi + \Pi - \Pi$$



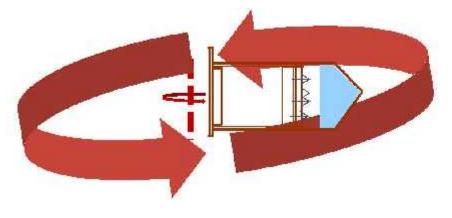


### WHC-determination: centrifugation

 $\bullet$  Sample centrifuged at various speed till equilibrium ( =  $\Pi$  )



 $\Pi = \Pi + \Pi - \Pi$ 



Centrifugation technique



### The swelling contributions

$$p_{ext} = \Pi_{sw} = \Pi_{mix} + \Pi_{ion} - \Pi_{elas}$$

$$\Pi_{mix} = \frac{RT}{V_w} \Big[ \ln(\emptyset_w) + \Big(1 - \frac{1}{N_{eff}}\Big) (1 - \emptyset_w) + \chi_{eff} (1 - \emptyset_w)^2 \Big] \text{ Flory Huggin's Theory}$$
 
$$\Pi_{ion} = \frac{RT}{v_w} \log(a_{w,ion})$$
 
$$\Pi_{elas} = \frac{RT}{v_w} N_c \phi_0 \left[ \frac{1}{2} \Big( \phi/\phi_0 \Big) - \Big( \phi/\phi_0 \Big)^{2/3} \Big]$$
 Estimated



#### Calculation of mixing pressure

Mixing pressure was computed from the composition of blanched mushroom (Sman, 2013)¹

$$\Pi_{mix} = \frac{RT}{V_w} \left[ \ln(\emptyset_w) + \left( 1 - \frac{1}{N_{eff}} \right) (1 - \emptyset_w) + \chi_{eff} (1 - \emptyset_w)^2 \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{N_{eff}} = \frac{\sum_{i \neq w} \phi_i / N_i}{\sum_{i \neq w} \phi_i}$$

$$\chi_{eff} = \frac{\sum_{i \neq w} \phi_i \chi_{iw}}{\sum_{i \neq w} \phi_i}$$

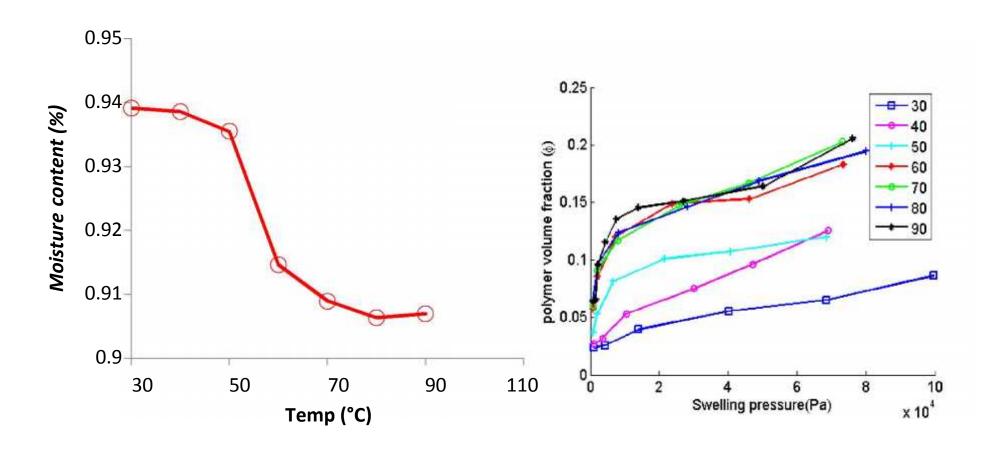
Components	Xiw	1/N,
Mono – saccharides	0.27	0.16
Di- saccharides	0.53	0.84
Polymers	0.8	0
Proteins	0.8-1.4	0

Protein denaturation affects χ<sub>eff</sub> via an effect on χ<sub>1,p</sub>

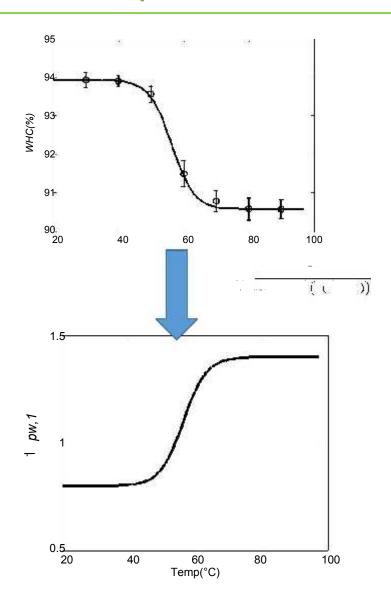
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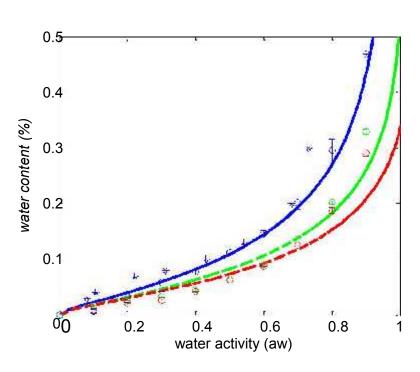


### WHC in the heat treated sample



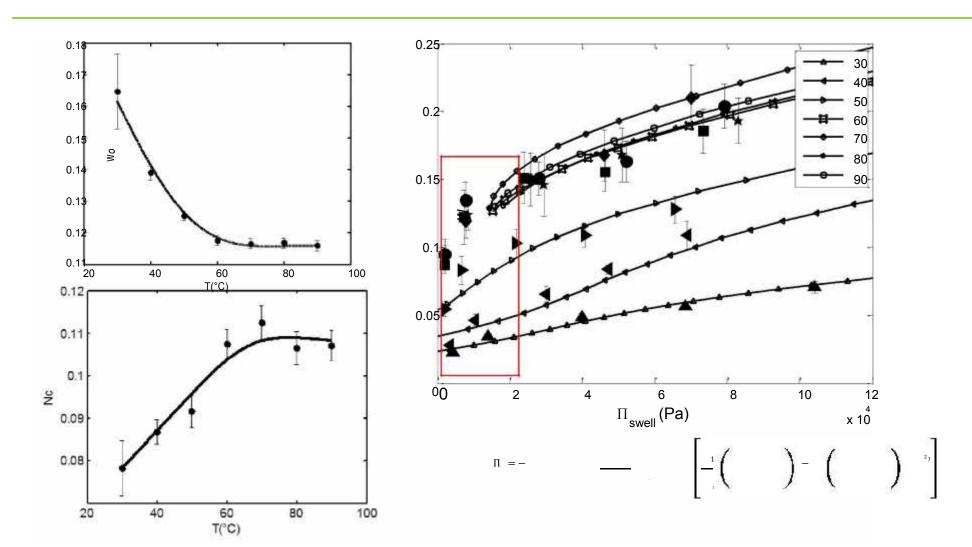
### Assumptions and verification





Sorption isotherm of freeze dried mushroom (30, 60 and 90C)

### The fitting



### Summary and Conclusion

- Describes the water contained in the gel phase
- Need a consideration for water contained in the capillaries



