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Ultrasounds: A Recent Perspective in Food Industry

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Abstract | Sound waves above audible frequency have revolutionized food industries being inexpensive and green technology. The technology has wide range of application in food industry. Ultra-sonication, thermo sonication, man osonication and man othermosonication are used in food industries for various objectives. Sound waves produce acoustic effect and when bubble produced bursts it results in mechanical energy responsible for inactivation of the pathogenic organisms present in food by poration and DNA fragmentation. Ultrasounds have diversified application in meat industry, extraction of bio actives, dairy industry, Enzyme technology, fruit and vegetable juice industry, water, waste water treatment, starch modification and removal of food allergens from food.

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Introduction

Environment friendly technologies are replacing traditional expensive technologies. Sonication is among these technologies with wide range of applications in different food industries and food processes. Sound waves above the audible range are used for this purpose with other factors such as amplitude, time, temperature, intensity and energy etc. (Feng and Yang, 2011; Majid et al., 2015; Nowak et al., 2017). Ultrasound is widely recognized as green and non-chemical technology which improves quality and safety of final product (Turantaş et al., 2015). The ultrasound is being carried out in various areas of food technology namely crystallization, freezing, bleaching, degassing, extraction, drying, filtration, emulsification, sterilization, cutting etc. Ultrasounds have diversified application right from diagnostic purposes to the different food process operations including meat and meat products, milk and dairy

products, extraction of bio actives, crystallization, emulsification, homogenization, cereal products, honey, gels, proteins, enzymes, microbial inactivation, cereal technology and water treatment etc.

Applications of ultrasound

Application of sound waves more than 20 KHz frequency in food has three prime perspective preservation, extraction and modification (Color, antioxidants, bioactive and polysaccharide). It is a non-thermal recent food technology has wide range of application. Three types of sonication are used only soundwaves, sonication with heat (Thermo sonication) and manosonication (Sonication with pressure) and sonication with pressure and heat (Manothermosonication).

Mode of action of ultrasounds

Ultrasound causes mechanical tissue destruction by acoustic cavitation and sonoporation. Sound wave

of spoilage and pathogenic bacteria (Esmaili, 2014).

Microbial decontamination by sonication

Sound waves above the 20 KHz frequency can kill the bacteria by poration of bacterial cell wall and cell membrane. Sound waves produced by sonication also create heat which can effectively kill bacteria (de São José et al., 2014; Dinçer and Baysal, 2004).



Figure 1: *Ultrasound applications.*

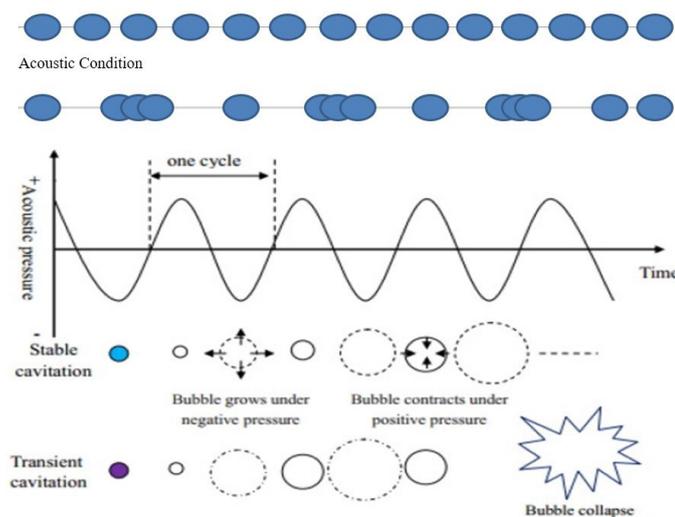


Figure 2: *Mode of action of ultrasonic waves Before Sonication Equilibrium; Source: (Soria and Villamiel, 2010).*

frequency changes the expansion and compression behavior and results in rupturing of cell. Sonication of the medium produces two types of the bubble; non-linear and non-stable (Majid et al., 2015). Ultrasounds are the recent preservation technique with non-destructive impact and less time consuming. In dairy industry it served dual purpose microbial inactivation and homogenization. Some time it is used with heat and pressure called manothermosonication. Mechanism of action of sound waves is formation of gas cavities with in bacterial body. Other effect includes mono oxygen, hydrogen peroxide formation and DNA fragmentation which lead towards inactivation

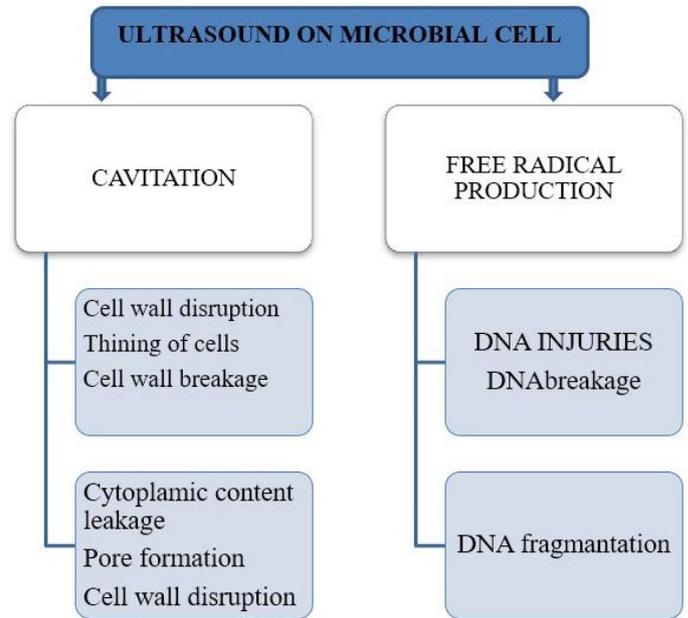


Figure 3: *Mode of microbial inactivation by ultrasounds.*

Meat and poultry pasteurization

Microbial inhibition can be carried out by the use of sonication. Sonication also facilitates other quality attributes such as color, texture, water retention, curing, marinating, cooking yield, thawing and freezing. (Alarcon-Rojo et al., 2015) Meat bacterial load can also be reduced by use of sonication in production line to make it safe for human consumption. It can reduce the bacterial count 1-2 logarithmic unit (Mason et al., 2003). Gram-negative bacteria including *Pseudomonas fluorescens*, *Eschersia coli*, *Salmonella enterica ssp.* and *Proteus sp.* and *Pseudomonas fluorescens*) are sensitive to the sonication .Among these *Pseudomonas* and *E.coli* species are more sensitive to sonication (Kordowska-Wiater and Stasiak, 2011). Sonication of poultry carcass in lactic acid medium reduced the bacterial load up to 1.0 log CFU/cm². Sonication of water for 20 minutes killed 49 % bacteria in alone; in combination with chlorine killed 100 % bacteria (Mason et al., 2003). Bacterial load of chicken meat decreased by sonication with two factor including frequency and power. Lactic acid, Psychrophilic and mesophilic bacterial load of chicken meat

Table 1: *Ultrasound and its uses in dairy industry.*

Food Product	Mechanism	Reference
Butter separation	Size reduction	(Maheshwari, Saravanathamizhan and Balasubramanian, 2018)
Milk fat	Size reduction of fat globule and increase surface area	(Sutariya et al., 2018)
Whey protein powder	Size reduction of insoluble aggregates	(Zisu et al., 2011)
Milk Protein	surface hydrophobicity Manipulation of structure	(Chandrapala et al., 2012)
Cheese	Aroma preservation by Encapsulation and improved mass transfer	(Mongenot et al., 2000; Sánchez et al., 1999)
Characterization	Acoustic spectroscopy	(Dukhin et al., 2005)
Ultrafiltration membrane cleaning in dairy industry	Synergistic effect	(Muthukumaran et al., 2004)
Spray drying of milk solution	Microstructure/changes in surface composition	(Chandrapala et al., 2014)

Table 2: *Effect of sonication on enzyme activation and inactivation.*

Ultrasound	Enzyme activation/ inactivation	Reference
Continuous flow high-intensity ultrasound	alkaline phosphatase-γ-glutamyltranspeptidase, , lactoperoxidase	(Villamiel and de Jong, 2000)
Sonication at amplitude 80%	alkaline phosphatase and lactoperoxidase	(Ertugay et al., 2003)
Ultrasonic bath	alpha-amylase and amyloglucosidase toward starch and glycogen hydrolysis, and of invertase toward sucrose hydrolysis	(Barton et al., 1996; Leaes et al., 2013)
Sonication	Alcalase activity enhanced	(Ma et al., 2011)
Sonication affects β-sheet of enzyme	Activity of papain and α-amylase inhibited Activity of pepsin enhanced	(Yu et al., 2014)
Low-frequency ultrasound	Cellulase activity decreased	(Szabó and Csiszár, 2013)
Combined treatment of ultrasound and ascorbic acid	polyphenol oxidase and peroxidase activity inhibited	(Jang and Moon, 2011)
Manothermosonication (MTS)	Inhibit pectin esterase	(Kuldiloke, 2002)
Low frequency and mild intensity ultrasound	Enhanced allinase activity	(Wang et al., 2011)
Increased power sonication	Inactivate tomato peroxidase	(Ercan and Soysal, 2011)
Manothermosonication (MTS)	inactivation of phospholipase , α-chymotrypsin, trypsin and porcine pancreatic lipase	(Vercet et al., 2001)
Thermo sonication	Inactivate α-amylase during barley germination	(Yaldagard et al., 2007)
Sonication	Tyrosinase Activated	(Yu et al., 2013)

decreased by high intensity ultrasound (Piñon et al., 2018). Thermogenesis by sonication is controlled by using jacketed beaker with refrigerant to mask the heat effect. Sonication kills the E.coli by cavitation and its sensitivity has increased to ultrasounds (Dolatowski et al., 2007; Salleh-Mack and Roberts, 2007). Ultrasound significantly decreased load of coliforms, mesophilic and psychophilic bacteria. Among these the most affected were Coliforms and psychophilic bacteria (Caraveo et al., 2015).

Ultrasound effect on milk

Sonication as non-thermal way of pasteurization has gained importance because of its benefits over traditional pasteurization techniques used in dairy industry. Sonication of milk removed the pathogenic and spoilage organisms up to the level acceptable for consumption. The most encouraging effect of sonication was reported as *E.coli*, *Pseudomonas fluorescens* and *Listeria monocytogenes* reduced by 0%, 99% and 100% respectively after 10.0 min. Sonication

has no detrimental effect on total protein, lactose and casein contents. Milkoscan indicated it increased the fat concentration due to increase in surface area of the fat particles (Cameron et al., 2009). Ultrasound is being used as non-thermal milk processing technologies. This green processing technology has no adverse quality effects (Cameron et al., 2009).

Ultrasound and its effect on enzymes

Some enzymes produce undesirable effect when present in food so they are in need to be inactivated to retard or prevent their undesirable effect. Ultrasounds are being used for the inactivation of the enzymes. Ultrasound brings about the structural changes in enzymes by denaturing its protein structure by acoustic effect (Rojas, Hellmeister Trevilin, Augusto and Esteves, 2016).

Ultrasound effect on the water

Sonication is an innovative technology being used for its wide range potential and efficacy. Traditional techniques are time consuming and demands much more resources rather than green technologies. Water can be decontaminated by using the sonication.

Table 3: *Sonication conditions for different Water contaminants.*

Contami- nants	Sonication condition
Phenol	96 % removal by irradiating for 60 minutes
Algae	Brasonic bath at 42 KHz 100 percent destruction
Nematode	Sonication for 12 minutes kills 100 % nematodes
Coliform	99.95 % reduction in coliform count for sonication at 90 minutes
Fungi	90% inactivated by 60 minutes sonication

Sources: (Mahvi, 2009).

Ultrasound and starch modification

Modification of starch is done to enhance the functional properties that make its wide range of industrial application. Modification is done by physical, chemical, enzymatic and by genetic manipulation (Kaur et al., 2012). Studies revealed that application of 360KHz ultrasound on the aqueous solution of chitosan and starch reduced the molecular weight of both polysaccharides (Czechowska-Biskup et al., 2005). Sonication resulted in rupture of starch grains. Cavitation is produced by sonication which results in size reduction of starch grains. Polarized light and SEM study concluded that the corn starch sonicated have no change in its crystalline

structure but its amorphous are destroyed by the sonication (Huang et al., 2007). Sweet potato starch was sonicated by using two frequencies 20 and 80 KHz. SEM study showed that sonication destroyed amylopectin and starch chains. FT-IR analysis of the sonicated starch indicated functional groups of starch were not destroyed, but it damaged its crystal structure (Zheng et al., 2013). Differential scanning calorimetry indicated that ultrasound treatment of corn starch distorts the crystalline region in starch granules (Jambrak et al., 2010). A study revealed that sonication of three starched corn starch, waxy corn starch and amylocorn V starched were exposed to sonication at moisture contents of 70%. X-Ray pattern of all these three has not changed. The swelling power, solubility and the syneresis of amylocorn V starch increased. The gelatinization transition temperatures of the three starches increased by sonication (Luo et al., 2008). Starch has wide range of application in food industries. Ultrasounds are being used effectively for depolymerization of starch and decreasing its viscosity after gelatinization. Depolymerization does not affect the functional group of starch (Iida et al., 2008; Zhu, 2015). High intensity ultra-sonication is also being used for Nano sized starch particles preparation. Sonication of the aqueous solution of t low temperature for 75 min results in the formation of starch nanoparticles between 30 and 100 nm in size (Haaj et al., 2013). Sonication of potato starch granules in excess water with different power (60, 105, 155 W) at a frequency of 20 kHz for 30 min results in notch and groove on starch granule surface (Zhu et al., 2012). Amylopectin has wide range of application because of its low cost and biocompatibility, Ultrasounds are used to reduce its chain length and enhance its diffusion ability. Functional Nano material of amylopectin are produced by lowering its molecular weight (Peres et al., 2015).

Ultrasound and removal of food allergens

Ultrasound effect is well recognized due to its wide range of application in food industry. Studies revealed that high power ultrasound significantly decreased the food allergens in shrimps. Integrated optical density of the serum of the allergic patient was carried out and found sonication has significant impact on allergens. IgE binding of the shrimp extract and protein isolates decreased by 68.9 % and 81.3-88.5% respectively by sonication at 30KHz 130 to 180 minutes (Z.X. Li et al., 2006). Study revealed that power ultrasound has decreased allergenicity of the boiled shrimps significantly.

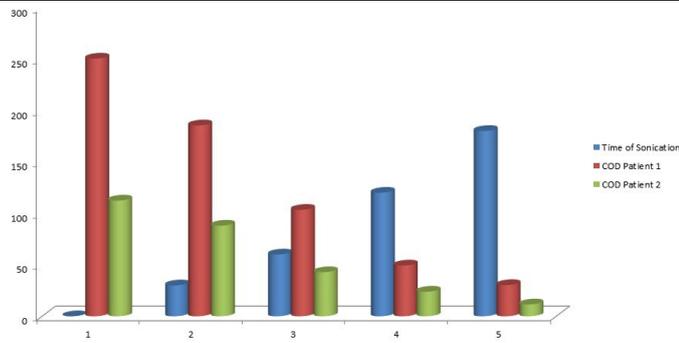


Figure 4: ELISA for food allergens after the sonication. **Source:** (Li et al., 2006).

Ultrasound and fruit juices

Sonication is simple and inexpensive technique and is being used for extraction of juice. Study revealed that ultrasounds has increased extraction yield and nutritional quality of juice from pineapple mash (Nguyen and Le, 2012). Thermo sonication is energy efficient processing technology in juice industry which not only ensures the quality of the juice but also ensures its safety by killing the harmful pathogenic microorganisms (Abdullah and Chin, 2014). Ultrasound treatment improves juice viscosity, cloudiness stability, color and its sensory attributes. (Abdullah and Chin, 2014; Paniagua-Martínez, Mulet, García-Alvarado and Benedito, 2018). Ultrasonic power of 799.57 W and sonication time for 6 minutes improves the extracted cherry juice quality (Samani et al., 2016). Ultrasound application at 45 for 6 minutes enhanced the juice extraction from mulberry and better retention of antioxidants in juice rather than control (Nguyen and Nguyen, 2018). Sonication improves the quality and safety of carrot juice (Zou and Jiang, 2016). Sonication treatment (frequency 25 kHz and amplitude 70%) for 30 and 60 minutes also improved the polyphenolic compounds (chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid, catechin, epicatechin and phloridzin), minerals, carotenoids and sugars present naturally in fresh apple juice. Polyphenolic compounds and sugars increased significantly ($P < 0.05$) in juice samples sonicated for 30 min. Total carotenoids, mineral elements (Na, K and Ca) and viscosity were also enhanced significantly ($P < 0.05$) in samples treated for 60 min sonication (Abid et al., 2014). Polyphenols has been extracted from citrus (Safdar et al., 2017a) and mango peels (Safdar et al., 2017b) using ultrasound-assisted extraction (UAE) and maceration techniques. Highest extraction yield was obtained at 80% methanol concentration level using ultrasound-assisted extraction technique compared to maceration. Highest polyphenols were

extracted with 80% ethanol (67.58 mg GAE/g of extract) by employing UAE whereas least polyphenols (18.66 mg GAE/g of extract) were obtained with 100% ethyl acetate through maceration technique. In case of citrus peel, Maximum polyphenols were extracted with 80% methanol [32.48 mg gallic acid equivalent (GAE)/g extract] using UAE, whereas minimum phenolics (8.64 mg GAE/g extract) were obtained with 80% ethyl acetate through the maceration technique.

Ultrasound processing amplitude 70% (500 W) and frequency (25 kHz) at 25 °C for 60 min exhibited optimum results in terms of physicochemical and microbial quality of pear juice (Saadeduddin et al., 2016a, 2015). Total soluble solids, pH, titratable acidity and Ca and Mn remained stable, while the cloud value, ascorbic acid, total phenols, total flavonoids, total antioxidant capacity, sugar contents and Na, K, Fe and Mg showed a significant increase. Decreases in microbial population and P and Cu were also observed. Effect of thermosonification in carrot juice processing have also been studied (Jabbar et al., 2015a, 2015 b). The phenolic compounds from carrot pomace were extracted using ultrasound-assisted extraction (UAE). Effects of the operation parameters, including extraction time (3–37 min), extraction temperature (10–60°C) and ethanol concentration (13–97%) were studied on the extraction yields of total phenols, antioxidant capacity, chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid, catechin and epicatechin. Conditions of UAE were optimized for total phenols extraction, total antioxidant capacity and phenolic compounds using response surface methodology. Independent variables affected the extraction yields of all the responses significantly. Experimental and predicted values ($P > 0.05$) showed a good correlation under optimal extraction conditions. On the basis of results, UAE was found a more efficient process for the extraction of bioactive compounds from the carrot pomace.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Exploited use of chemicals for processing and preservation is creating health problems. Scenario demands innovative technologies which have potential benefit over the traditional ones. Ultrasounds have the most prominent place among the environment friendly technologies. Therefore, used widely in different food processing and preservation operations. More research is needed to explore its potential for its wider use.

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