







Annual International Training Course (AITC) 2023

The application of a parabolic greenhouse solar dryer together with raw material preparation techniques to extend shelf-life and enhance quality of agricultural products













Demonstration 2_27 April 2023

Production of osmotic dehydration fruits using a solar dryer and a tray dryer and impact of raw materials and processing on their shelf-life



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General Process of production of osmotic dehydrated fruits

Raw materials: Fruits



Raw materials preparations: Selection, Cleaning, Washing,

Sanitization (peroxyacetic acid), Peeling, Trimming, Slicing,

Pretreatment: dipping in pretreatment solution such as

calcium chloride, acid and or sulfiting agents, blanching and

sugaring by dipping fruit slices into osmotic solution



Drying or Dehydration: Greenhouse Solar dryer or tray dryer



Osmotic dehydrated Products



Packaging and Storage

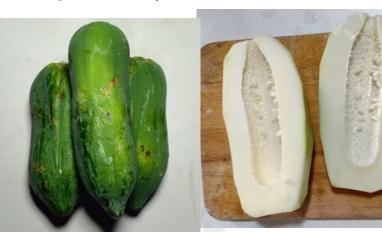






Impact of raw materials and processing on product's shelf-life

Degree of ripeness









Unripe



Half-ripe









Impact of raw materials and processing on product's shelf-life

Degree of ripeness











Over-ripe



Ripe









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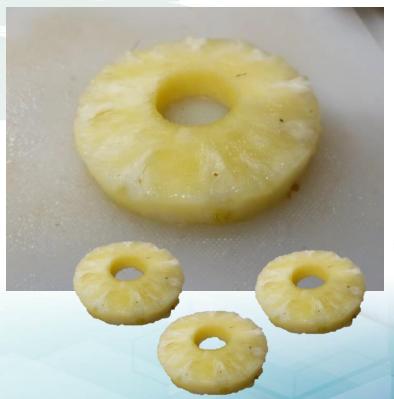




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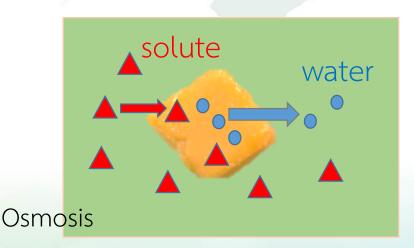






Osmotic Dehydration

Osmotic dehydration (OD), which comprises two major counter flows i.e. inflow of solute into food and outflow of water from plant tissues (Khubber et al. 2020).



Equilibrium (immersion time)

Ripe mango flesh (plant tissue)

TSS = 16-17 OBrix (sucrose and fructose)

Moisture content = 80%

Osmotic solution (OS)

for example sucrose solution at a concentration of **50** ^OBrix

(for 500 g of OS, water = 250 g sucrose 250 g









Impact of raw materials and processing on product's shelf-life Osmotic solutes

Sugars – sucrose, fructose, glucose

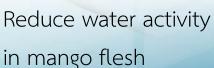
Sugar alcohol; sorbitol, mannitol, glycerol etc.

Honey

Maltodextrin

Salt













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Pretreatment

Accelerate the mass transfer – increase water loss and solid gain

Blanching, ultrasonic, vacuum etc.

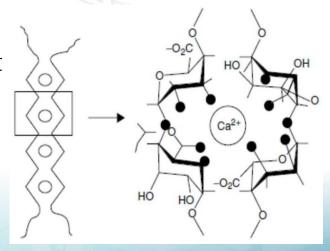
Calcium ion, Ca²⁺ (Calcium chloride, calcium lactate)

- Pectin is the most structurally complex polysaccharide in plant cell walls. It has a significant influence on fruit softening.

- Fruit softening involves changes of the structural

CaCla

properties of pectin



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Pretreatment

Enzymatic browning reaction

PPO active at pH 5-7



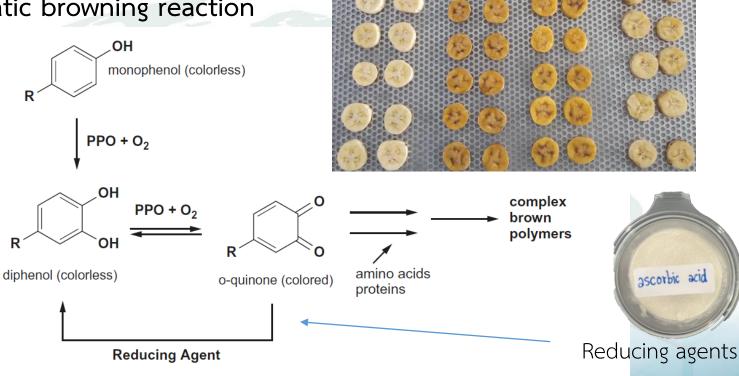


Fig. 6.1 The reaction catalyzed by polyphenol oxidase (Mayer and Harel 1979)

ascorbic acid

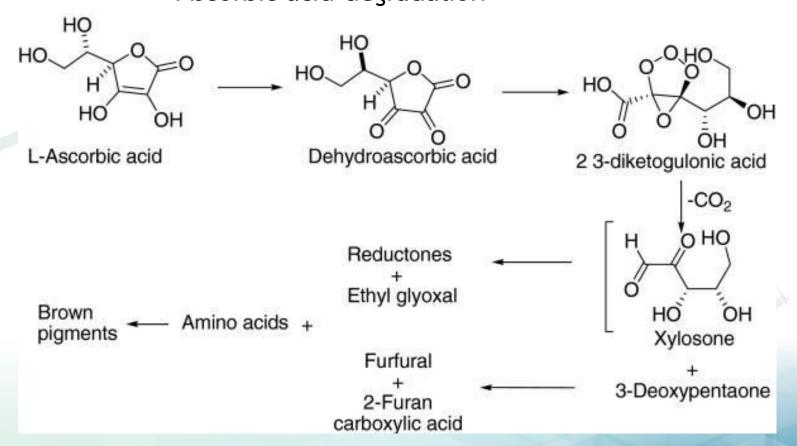








Impact of raw materials and processing on product's shelf-life Pretreatment Ascorbic acid degradation



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Sulfite agents

Sulphur dioxide

Sodium sulphite

Sodium bisulphite

Sodium metabisulphite

Potassium metabisulphite

Potassium bisulphite

Potassium sulphite



No SO₂











Production of crispy coconut

Preparing of the pretreatment solution









Ingredients

- 1) Drinking water 600 mL
- 2) 1% Calcium Chloride = 6 g
- 3) 0.2% Citric acid = 1.2 g

Immersion time 30 min







Production of crispy coconut

Preparing of coconut slices















Production of crispy coconut

Immersion in the pretreatment solution



Immersion time 30 min at ambient temperature approx. 30°C









Production of crispy coconut

Preparing osmotic solution







Sucrose solution at 35°Brix 1.5 L

Drinking water 975 mL sucrose 525 g salt 4.5 g heat up to 60°C and hold at this temperature for 5 min.







Production of crispy coconut

Blanching of coconut slices







Blanching in boiling water for 20 min. and cool down the slices to room temp.







Production of crispy coconut Immerse in osmotic solution





Immerse for 1 hour







Production of crispy coconut

Drying of osmosis coconut slices







Dried using tray dryer at 70°C for 5 hour or solar dryer for 1 day







Production of crispy coconut

Baking dried coconut slices at 170°C for 2 min





Crispy coconut





Osmotic dehydration











Osmotic dehydration **Jackfruit**



See video



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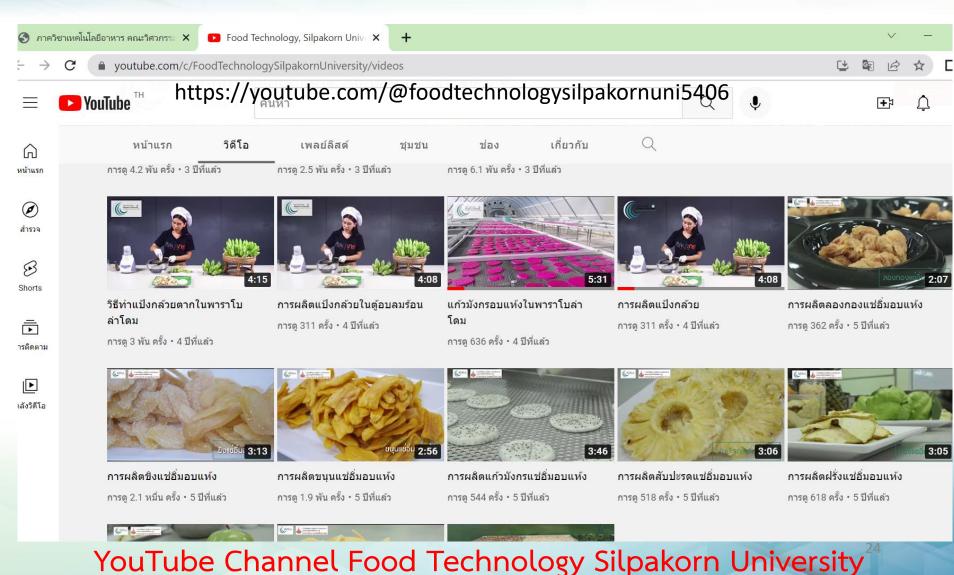
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