

Preserving freshness of processed vegetables using emerging processing technologies

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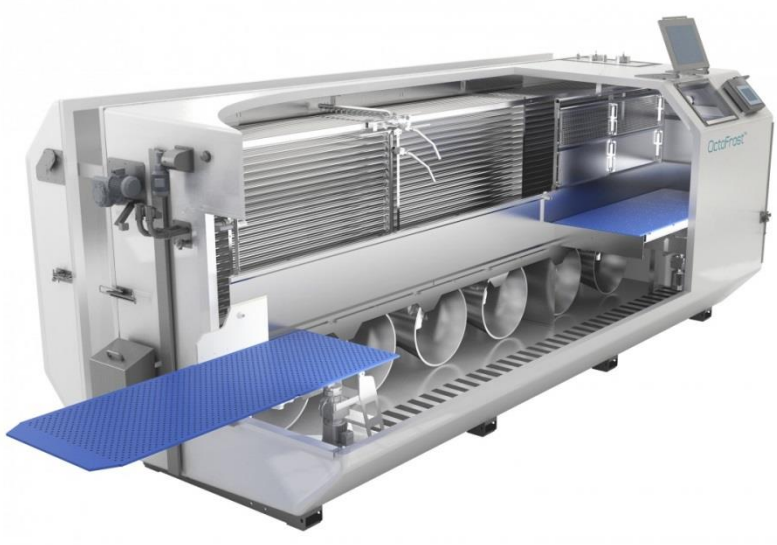
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Freezing

1960's



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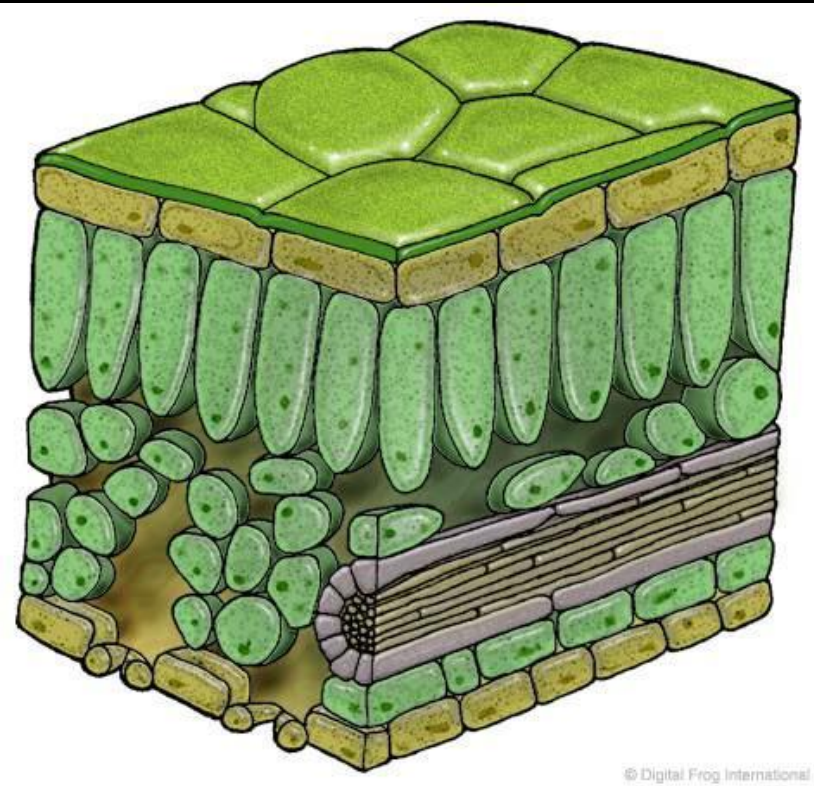


**Good quality after
freezing and thawing
due to tough structure**

**Good texture is kept
after thawing by the
cell wall of the cells in
the vegetables**









Gas in Scattering Media Absorption Spectroscopy (GASMAS) Detected Persistent Vacuum in Apple Tissue After Vacuum Impregnation

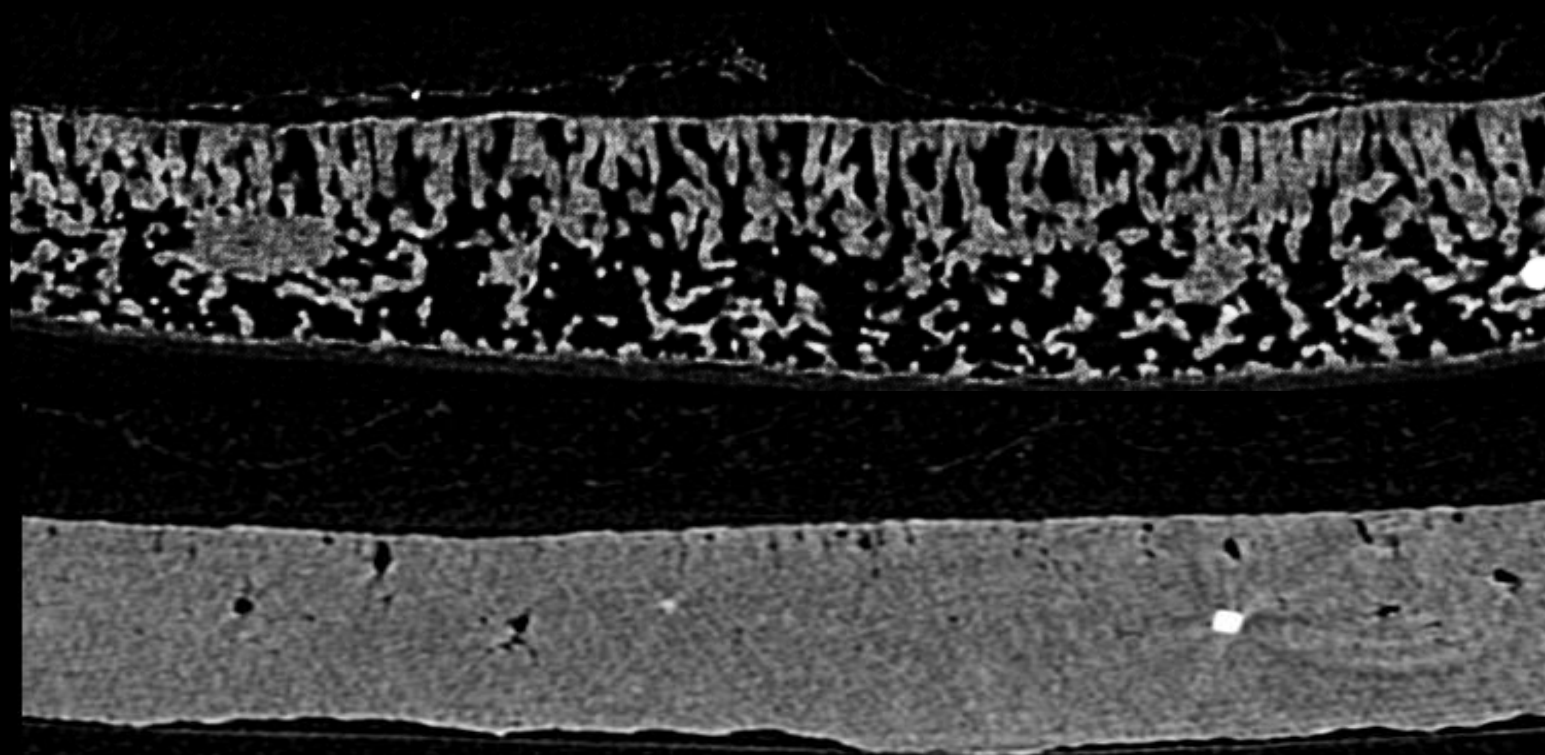
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Microscopic studies providing insight into the mechanisms of mass transfer in vacuum impregnation

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Metabolic consequences of VI

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Influence of Vacuum Impregnation with Different Substances on the Metabolic Heat Production and Sugar Metabolism of Spinach Leaves

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Impregnated substances will be transported into the cells and influence their metabolism.

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Vacuum impregnation modulates the metabolic activity of spinach leaves



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We may be able to target specific metabolic pathways with the substances that we impregnate (the sucrose-nitrates example)

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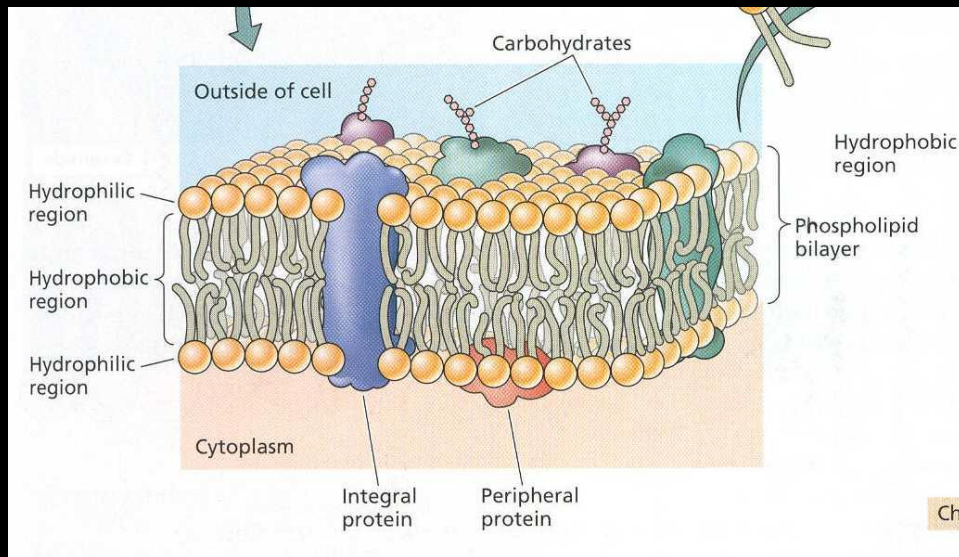
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Reduction of the Nitrate Content in Baby Spinach Leaves by Vacuum Impregnation with Sucrose

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Pulsed electric fields (PEF)

Apply electricity (voltages from 300 – 2000 V) to a biological system



Plant/animal cells/tissues

Microorganisms

**Times ranging in
milliseconds/microseconds or
even nanoseconds**

Low intensity PEF

Irreversible/**Reversible**



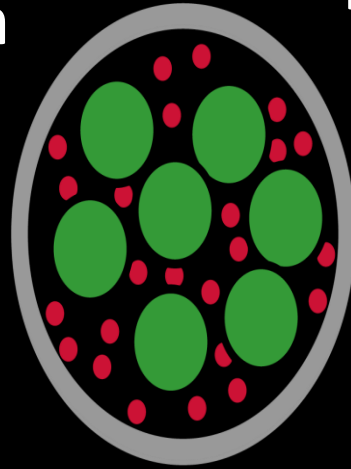
Cells survives PEF

- Strength of electric field
- Duration of pulse electric field
- Number of pulses



Stress

**Vacuum
impregnation**

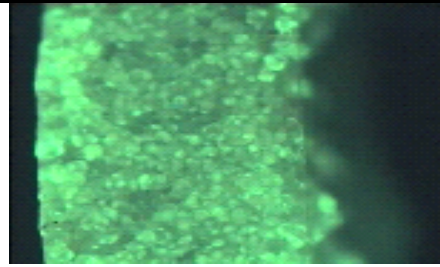
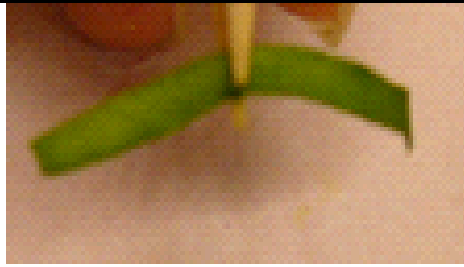


**Cryoprotectant
distributed in the
extracellular spaces**

**Pulsed electric field
(PEF)**

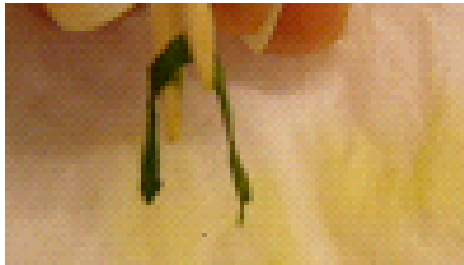
**Cryoprotectant
distributed in the extra-
and intracellular spaces**

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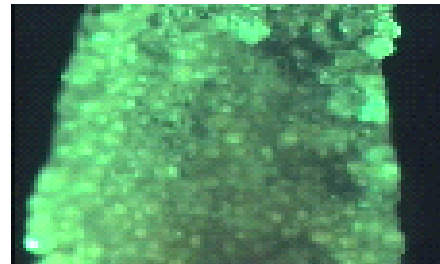
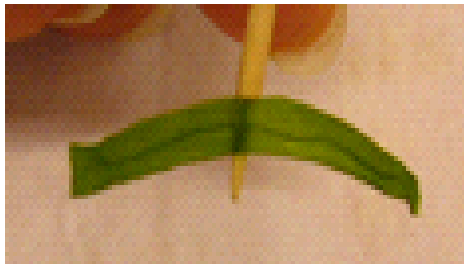
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(b)



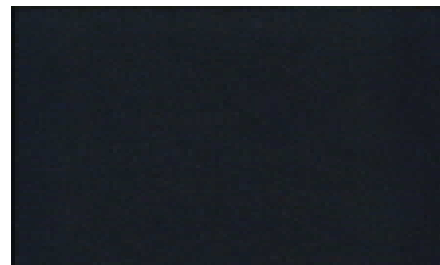
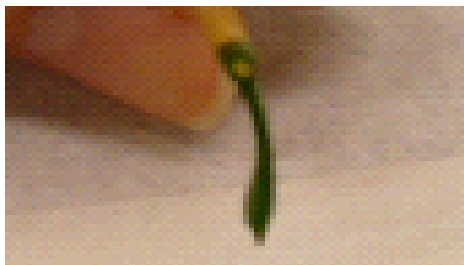
control

(c)



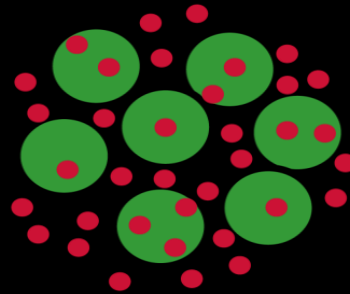
PEF + VI

(d)



Only VI

Role of PEF?

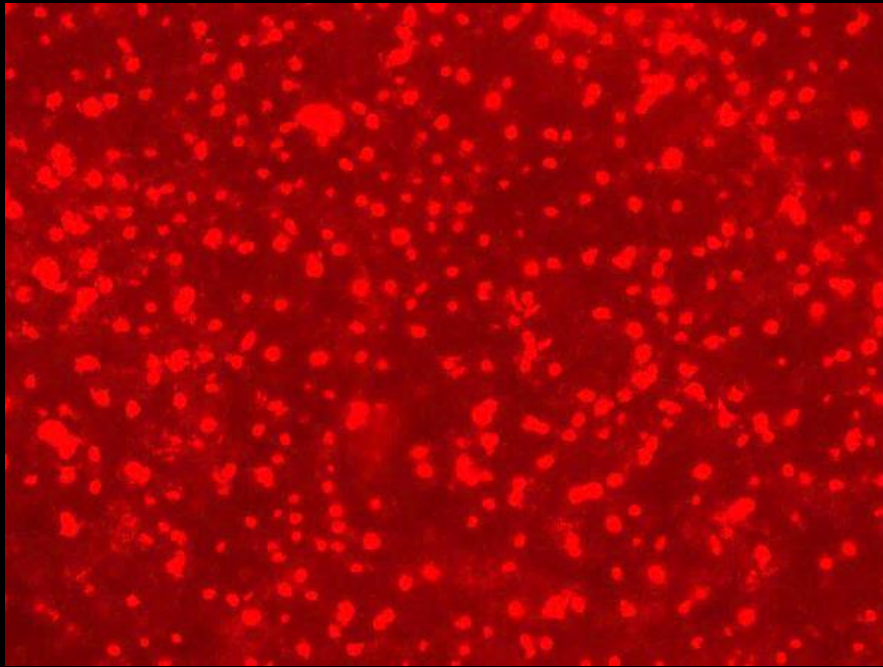


- PEF increases the intracellular concentration of the already existing cryoprotectant
- PEF effect is only due to stress
- PEF effect is both ways: concentration and stress

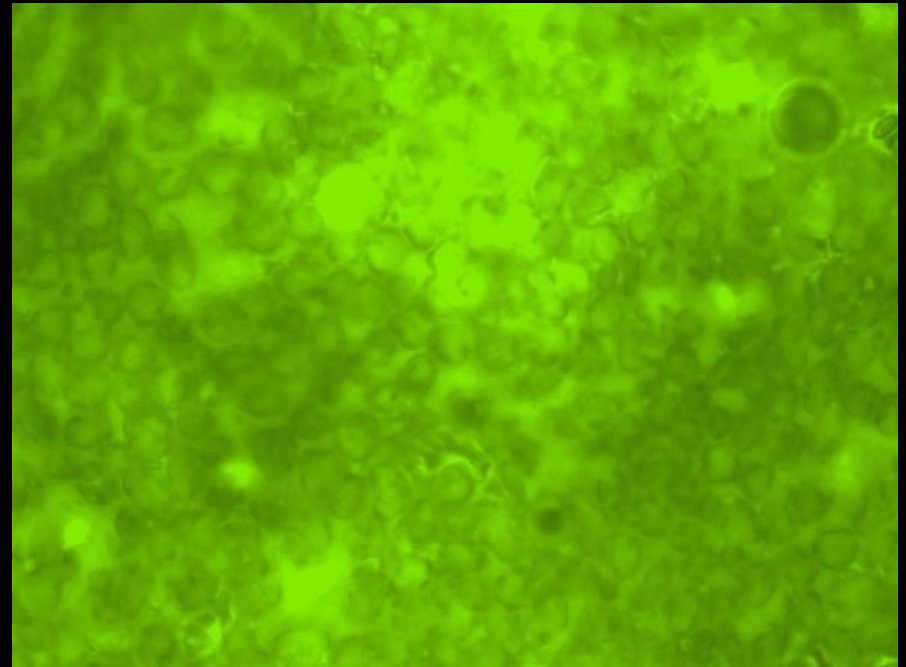
Improving quality of dried aromatic herbs



Reversible permeabilization

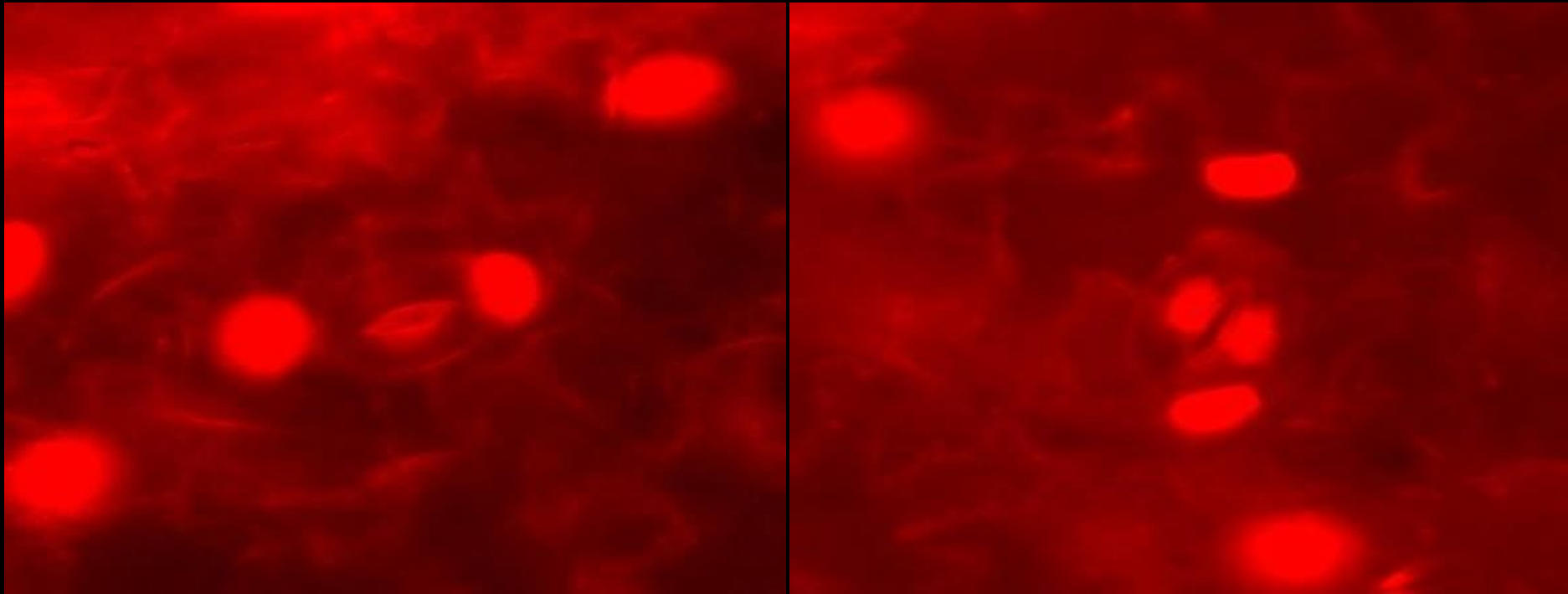


Propidium iodide



Fluorescein diacetate

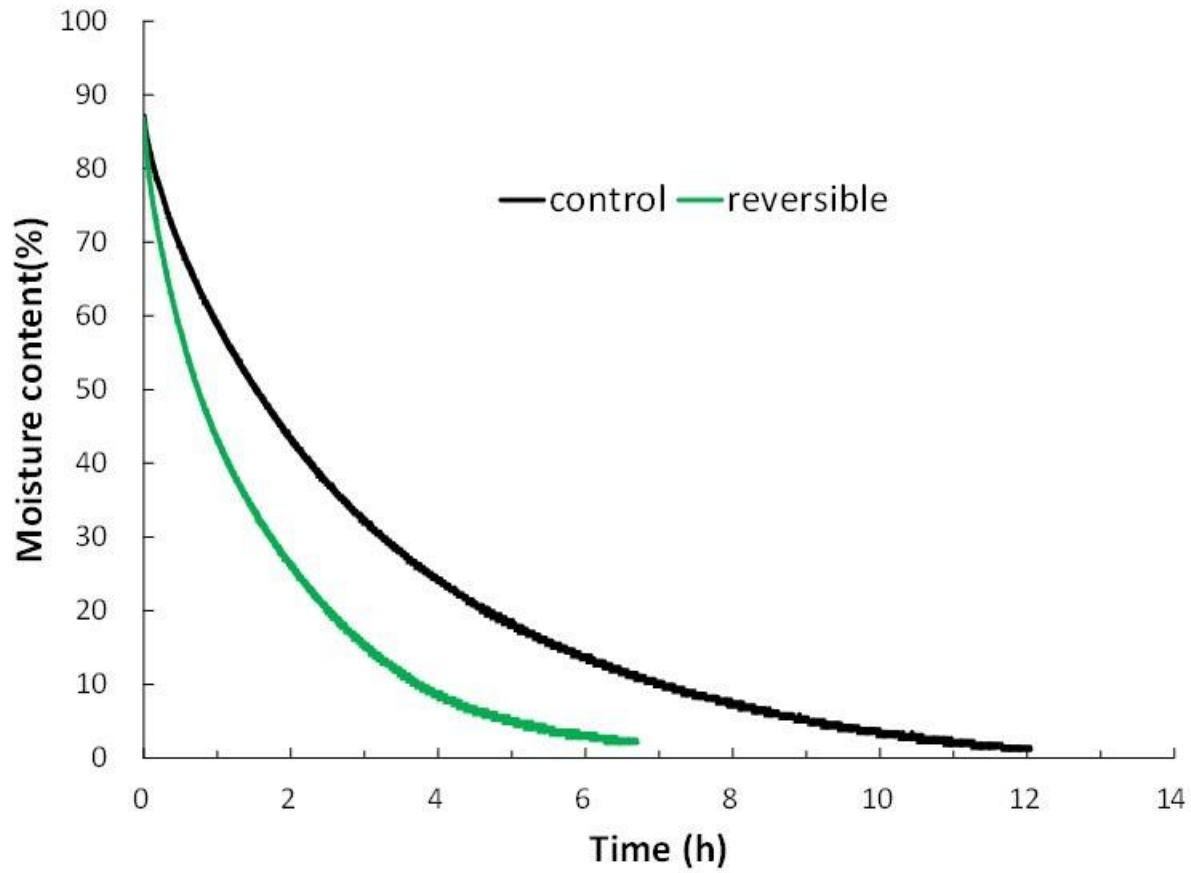
600 – 650 V/cm; 150 μ s width; 760 μ s
space between pulses; 65 pulses



Darkness

Dehydration

Stomata with electroporated
guard cells remain open



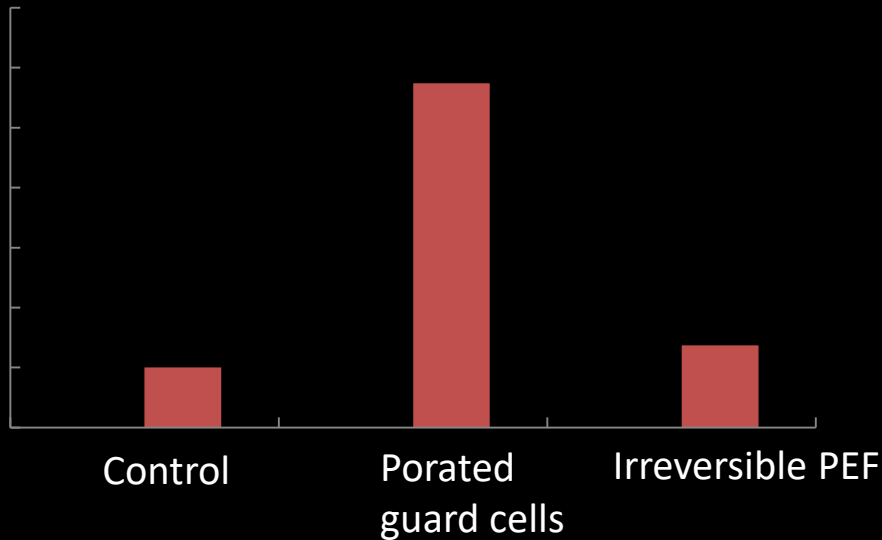
40 °C
To 10 % moisture content

Untreated control: 420 min

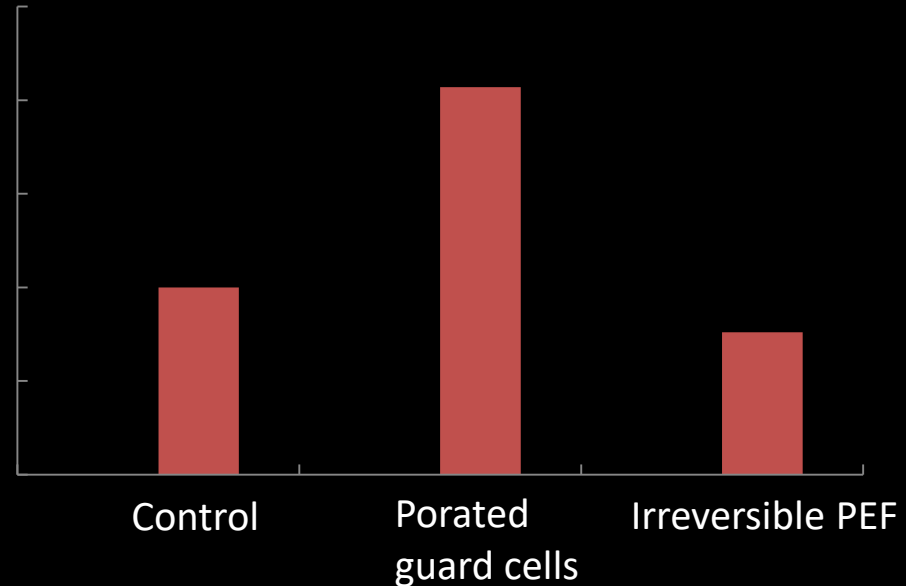
Electroporated guard cells: 213 min

Fully disintegrated cells (using PEF): 67 min

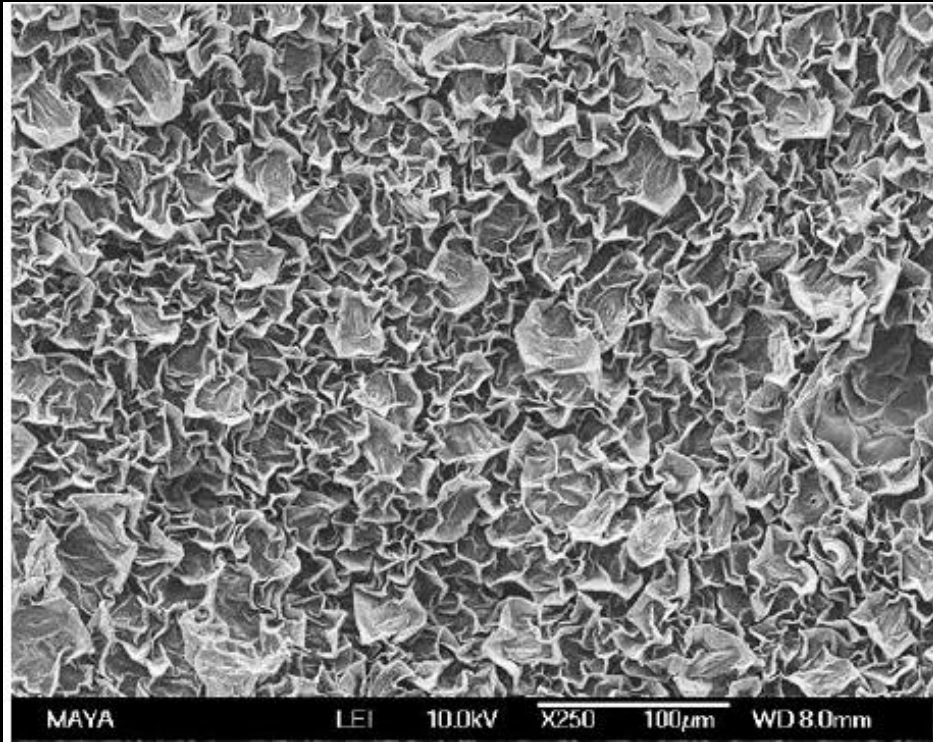
Caryophellene



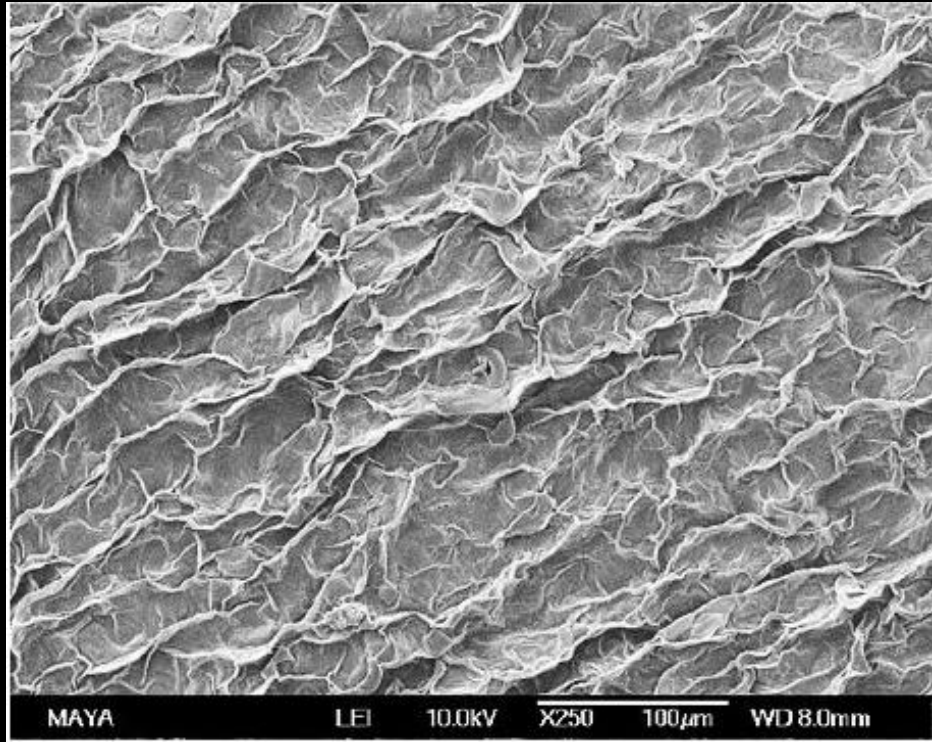
Farnesene



Structure (top surface of leaves)

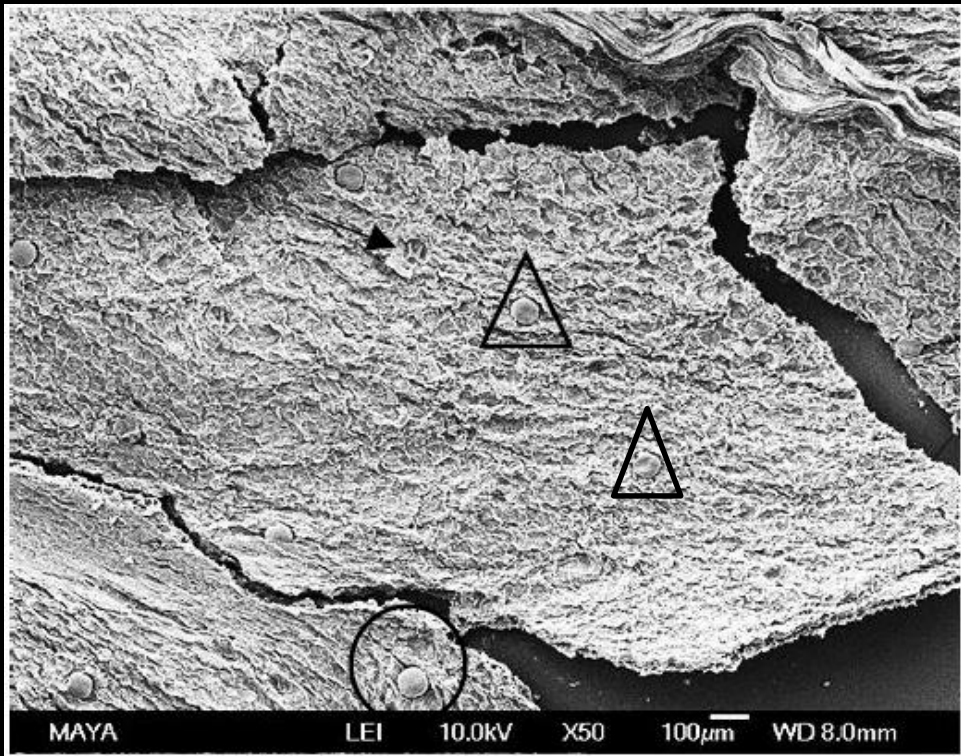


Control

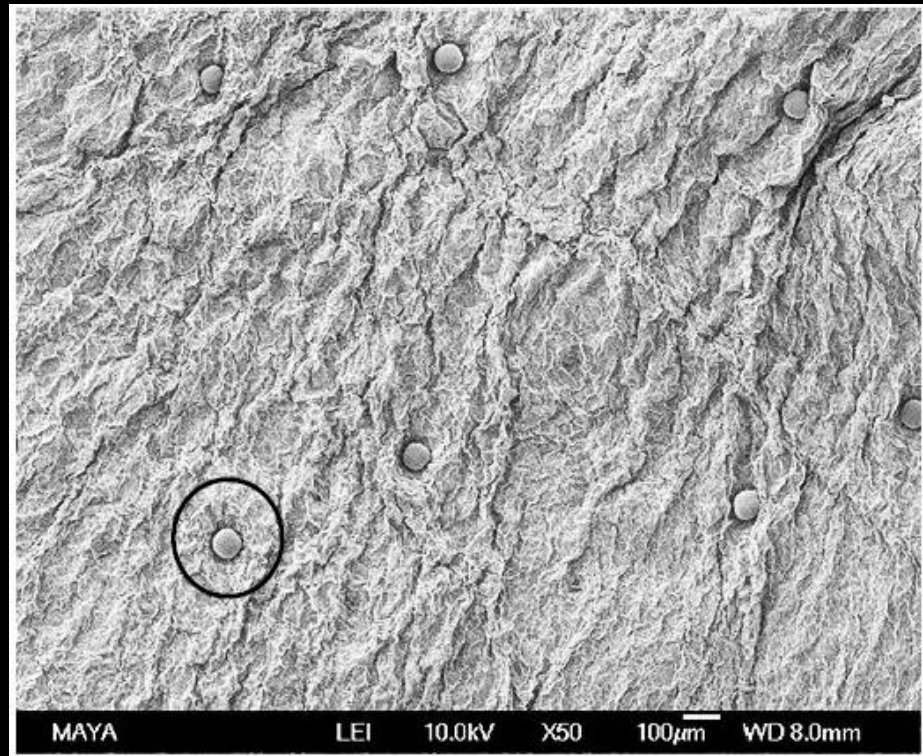


Reversible PEF

Structure (bottom surface of leaves)



Control



Reversible PEF

Weight after rehydration to constant values (as percentage of the weight of the fresh leaf)

Control	53.6 %
Electroporated guard cells	72.2 %
Irreversible permeabilization	57.1 %

*** (lightness)**

Fresh leaf:	35.7
Control:	32.7 *
Reversible PEF:	34.7
Irreversible PEF:	32.4 *

*** (greenness)**

Fresh leaf:	-9.45
Control:	-2.16 **
Reversible PEF:	-6.90 *
Irreversible PEF:	-3.30 **

- Dehydration of basil, at the studied conditions, can be aided by PEF
- When reversible PEF causes stomata to remain open, the product keeps a better colour, structure, increased rehydration capacity and retention of important aroma compounds than the control and leaves treated with irreversible PEF



40°C; reversible PEF

Commercial product

