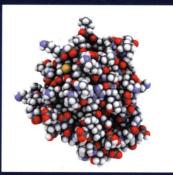




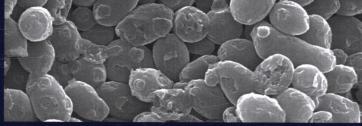
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The latest insight into the opportunities and challenges of this emerging technology

This book is fully focused on the food industry, presenting the basic principles and most recent advances of ultrasound, in addition to the application of this technology in specific food products and unit operations. It also presents the current research needs and challenges of ultrasound to be transferred to industry settings in the near future.

This book is divided into three main areas. Chapters 1 to 5 focus on the basic principles of ultrasound and how the technology works on microbial cells, enzymes, and the chemistry behind the process. Chapters 6 to 15 cover the application of ultrasound in specific food products and processes, discussing changes on food quality and presenting some innovations in food ingredients and enhancement of unit operations. Finally, Chapters 16 to 20 present some topics about manufacture of ultrasound equipment and simulation of the process, the use of the technology to treat food industry wastewater, and an industry perspective. The laws and regulations concerning emerging technologies, such as ultrasound, are also discussed, including the new Food Safety Modernization Act.

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- Contains updated research behind this technology
- Presents the majority of the current tested products and processes
- · Explores potential future use within the food industry









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Preface

Ultrasound is an emerging technology that has been widely explored in food science and technology since the late 1990s. First attempts were focused on microbial inactivation, but at the same time interesting discoveries in food properties, composition, and processes were observed that led to further research. Today it is well known that ultrasound can modify the physical properties of some foods, offering novel ingredients for innovative product development. Also, ultrasound can remove some undesirable compounds from foods such as allergens or change the chemical composition of the product (e.g., it can enhance the antioxidant activity). Ultrasound also can improve some basic unit operations such as drying, freezing, or extraction, reducing the use of solvents in the last. Ultrasound can improve the quality of the product after the process (better color, texture, nutritional content) under the right processing conditions. A lot of research has also been done regarding the manufacturing of ultrasound equipment compatible with the food industry, with important advances in the past five years. Additionally, regulatory agencies worldwide have paid attention to these emerging technologies and the several advantages they offer compared with traditional technologies, leading to changes in or creation of new regulations or even new definitions of processes, like the term pasteurization. Ultrasound is a technology with a promising future of use in the food industry in an extensive number of applications.

This book is fully focused on the applications of ultrasound in food science and food engineering, from basic principles of ultrasound, across food processing, to legislation and the industry perspective. The book is divided into three main sections: the first section is about how ultrasound works and its basic principles to understand the technology. Chapter 1 presents an excellent overview of the engineering principles of ultrasound; Chapters 2 and 3 are devoted to understanding the effects of ultrasound in microbial inactivation, showing in Chapter 2 the general mechanisms of cell inactivation and the advances in the use of this technology. Meanwhile, Chapter 3 presents detailed information on the use of hurdle technology for microbial inactivation, ultrasound being the main preservation factor. Chapter 4 provides an interesting perspective on the effects of ultrasound in some of the main enzymes studied in food science. Finally, Chapter 5 presents a brief introduction to sonochemistry of foods, a scarcely studied area with a huge potential for research. The second section of the book is about specific food products and processes: Chapter 6 is focused on the use of ultrasound to process and preserve dairy products, Chapter 7 presents a very

comprehensive review on the use of ultrasound to process fruit and vegetable juices, and Chapter 8 discusses the use of ultrasound to disinfect fresh produce. Chapter 9 presents an overview about how ultrasound affects the quality of some food products. Further, Chapter 10 shows how ultrasound can generate new ingredients by changing some physical properties during cavitation. In this second section, some food processes are also included: Chapter 11 presents novel information about how to remove allergens from food using ultrasound. Chapters 12–14 are focused on the enhancement of some unit operations by ultrasound, such as freezing, encapsulation, and emulsification, respectively. Chapter 15 includes other unit operations, focusing on mass transfer enhanced by ultrasound, drying being the focus of this chapter. The last section of the book is dedicated to the industry and regulations about ultrasound. Chapter 16 presents the use of ultrasound to treat food industry wastewater and Chapter 17 describes how some past drawbacks of ultrasound have been solved regarding equipment manufacturing. Chapter 18 presents the use of mathematical modeling to simulate the acoustic field during processing, very important information for transferring the technology to industry settings. Chapter 19 presents an industry point of view about the use of ultrasound. Last, but not least, Chapter 20 discusses laws and regulations that affect novel technologies such as ultrasound, especially with the new Food Safety Modernization Act.

The book is intended for undergraduate and graduate students studying food science or food engineering, young and experienced researchers working with emerging technologies, people from industry exploring novel technologies in R&D departments, and professionals working in research centers. Although the book is focused on food science and technology, anybody interested in the use of ultrasound can find valuable information.

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