



Integrated Predictive Models and Sensors in Food Supply Chains to Enhance Food Safety

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Outline

- Predictive Microbiology – an overview
- Case studies- industry/government/academic partnerships
- Sensors and databases (ComBase)

Global Food Drivers

Environment

- Contaminants
- Climate Change
- Resource conservation

Safety

- Complex global supply chains
- Traceability
- Physical contaminants
- Microbial contamination
- Chemical contaminants
- Economic adulterants
- Allergens
- GMOs
- Emerging hazards
- Biosecurity
- Nano safety

Globalization

- Global sourcing
- Global sourcing of R&D

Regulatory

- Increased scrutiny
- National vs International Standards
- New risk management approaches

Consumer

- Food safety
- Converging trends
 - health
 - convenience
 - premium
 - ethics
- Animal welfare

Science & Technology

- Transformational in biology & nutrition
- Novel processing technologies
- Functional ingredients
- Nanotechnology

Nutrition/Health

- Chronic illness
- Immunodeficiency
- Consumer behaviour difficult to change

Demographics

- 2050, 9 billion population
- Urbanisation
- Aging population
- Increased ability to pay for value-added products

Retailers

- Larger than the biggest food processors
- Buying power
- Reduced margins affect systems downstream



Microbiological Safety of foods:

Key areas of scientific capacity building

HEALTH SURVEILLANCE

Surveillance

- Ongoing collection
- Analysis
- Interpretation
- Dissemination



Public Health Action

- Priority Setting
- Planning, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating public health practice

Identification of critical health issues linked to foods – e.g. top 5 pathogens causing most illnesses (metrics - DALYs) for prioritization

FOODBORNE PATHOGENS



Global best practices for identification & characterization

Speed, precision and insights are actionable

DIGITAL / MODELING TOOLS



PREDICTIVE

Risk based design of safe:

- Formulations
- Processes
- Supply chain

FOOD HYGIENE TOOLS

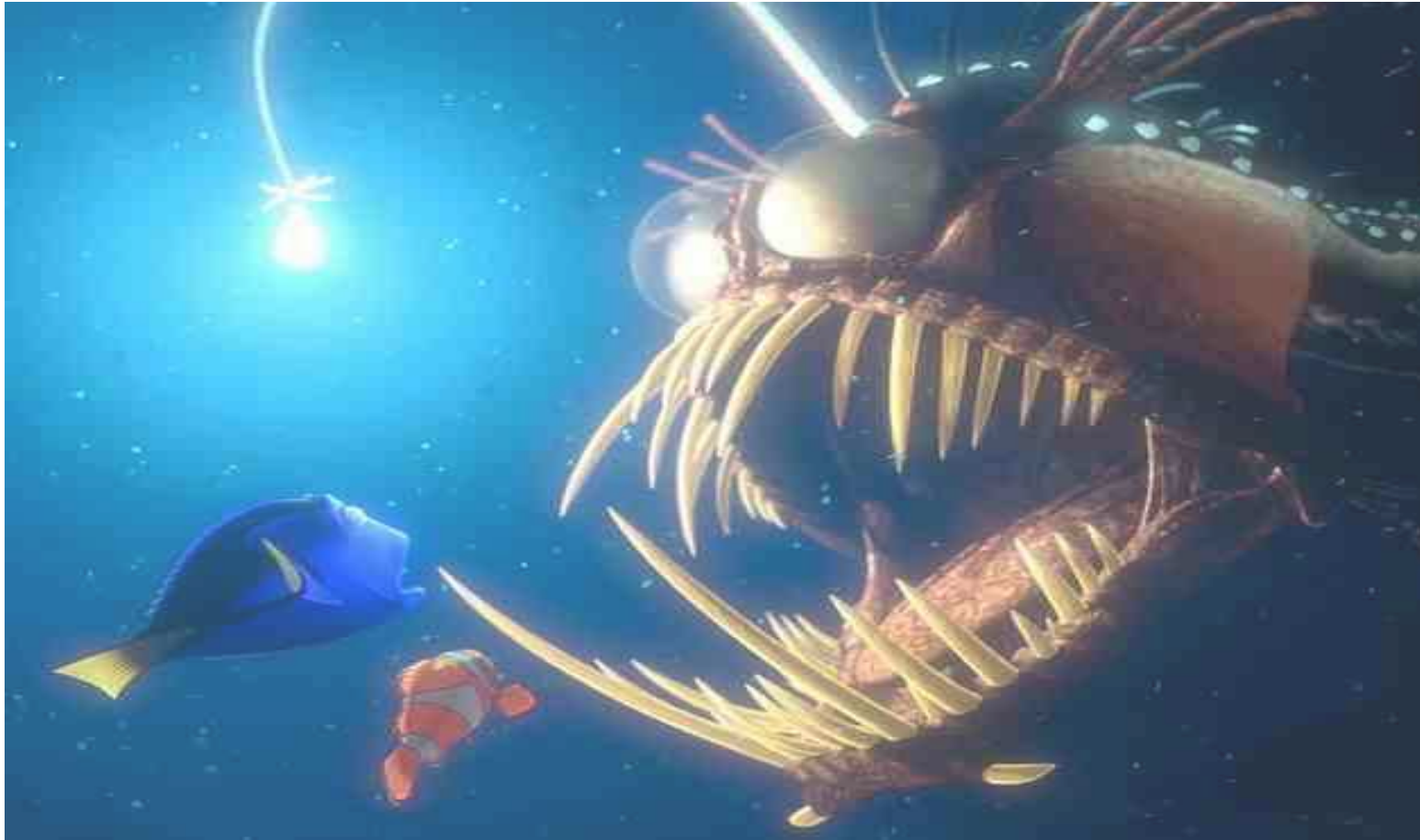


- Households
- Serviced foods
- Industry

Climate Change



Emerging Hazards



Food import-export (\$-value) fluxes “The highway”

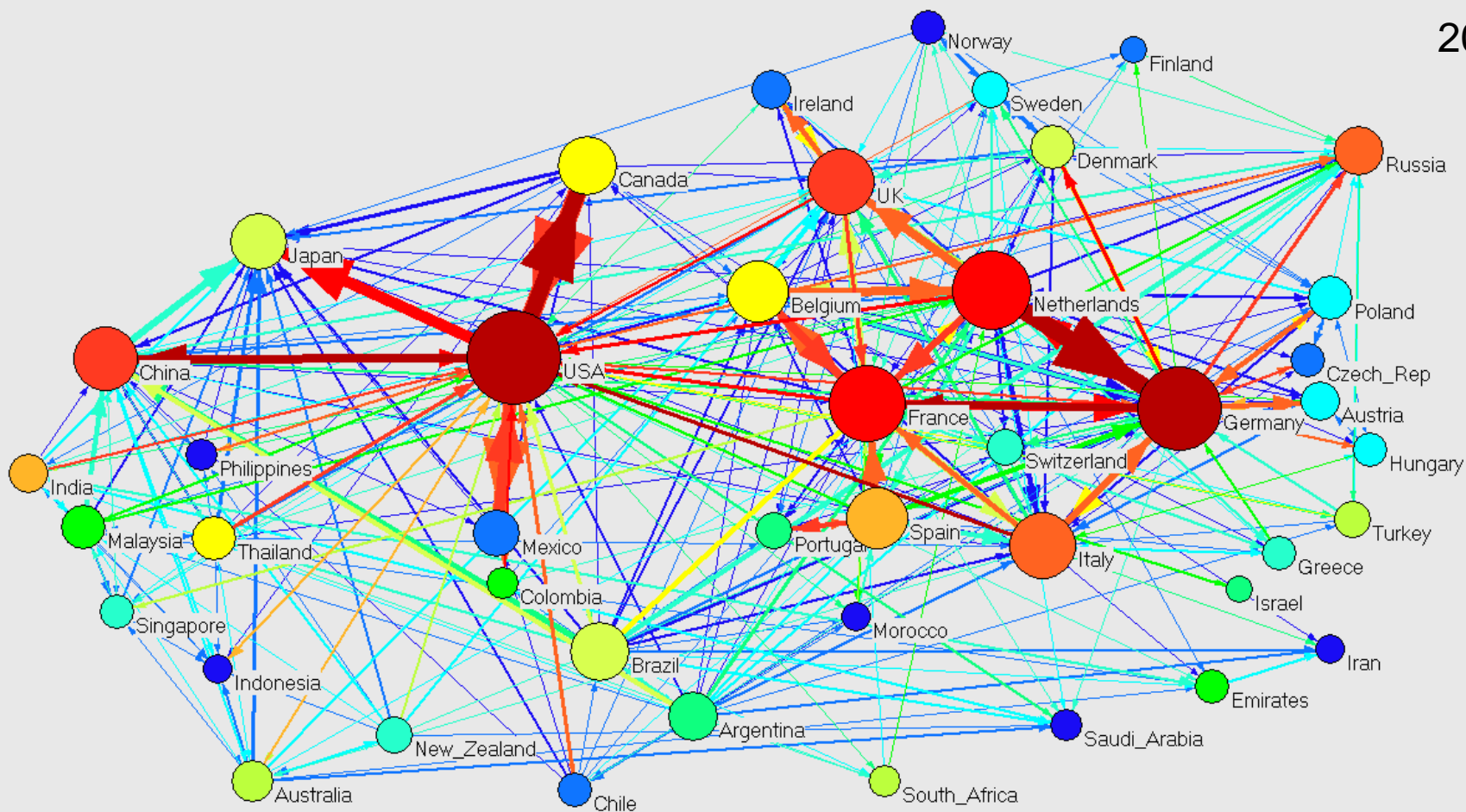
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Betweenness centrality

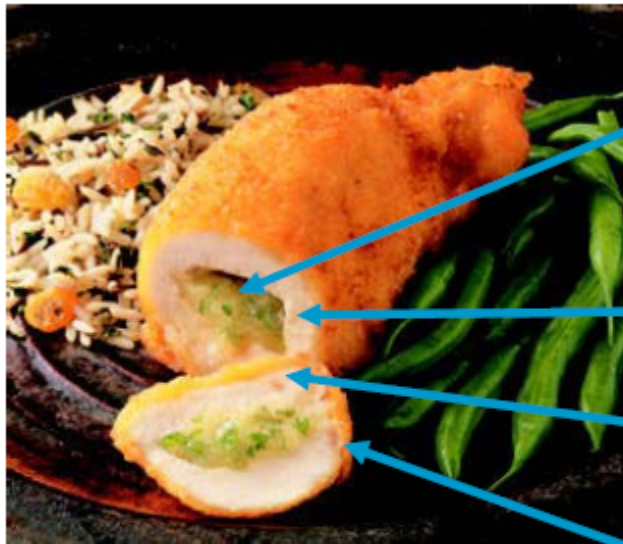
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Global sources of food (*and* contamination)

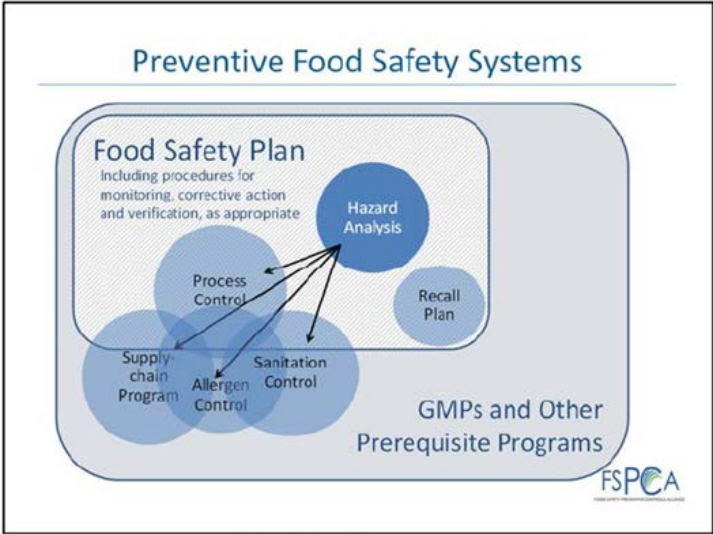


Chicken Kiev

Source: Wayne Anderson, IFSA
and Martin Cole

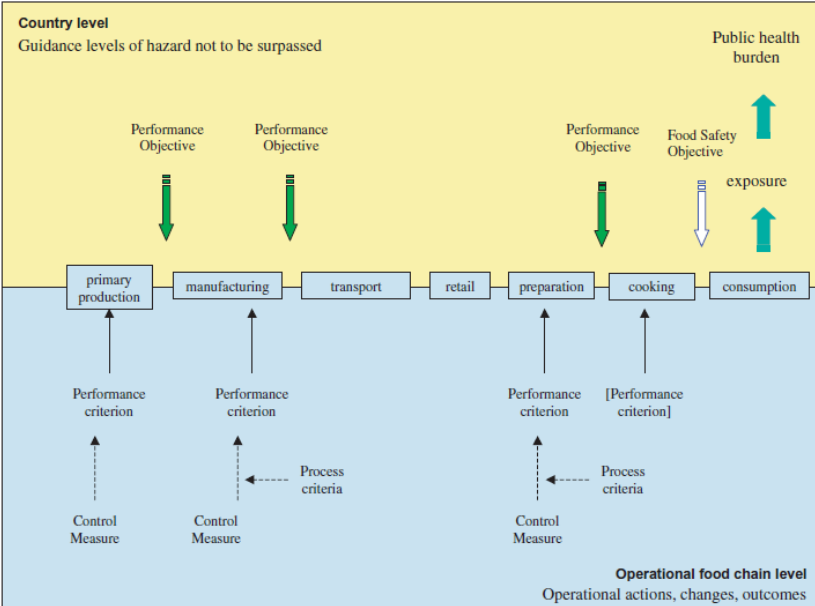
Herb Butter:	Salted butter (Ireland) Garlic puree (China, USA, Spain) Garlic salt (China, USA, Spain) Lemon (USA) Parsley (France, UK) Pepper (India) Water (Ireland)
Chicken Breast:	Chicken (Ireland, Belgium, UK, Thailand)
Batter:	Flour (Belgium, France) Water (Ireland)
Bread Crumb:	Bread crumbs (Ireland, UK) Rape-seed oil (EU, Australia, Eastern Europe)

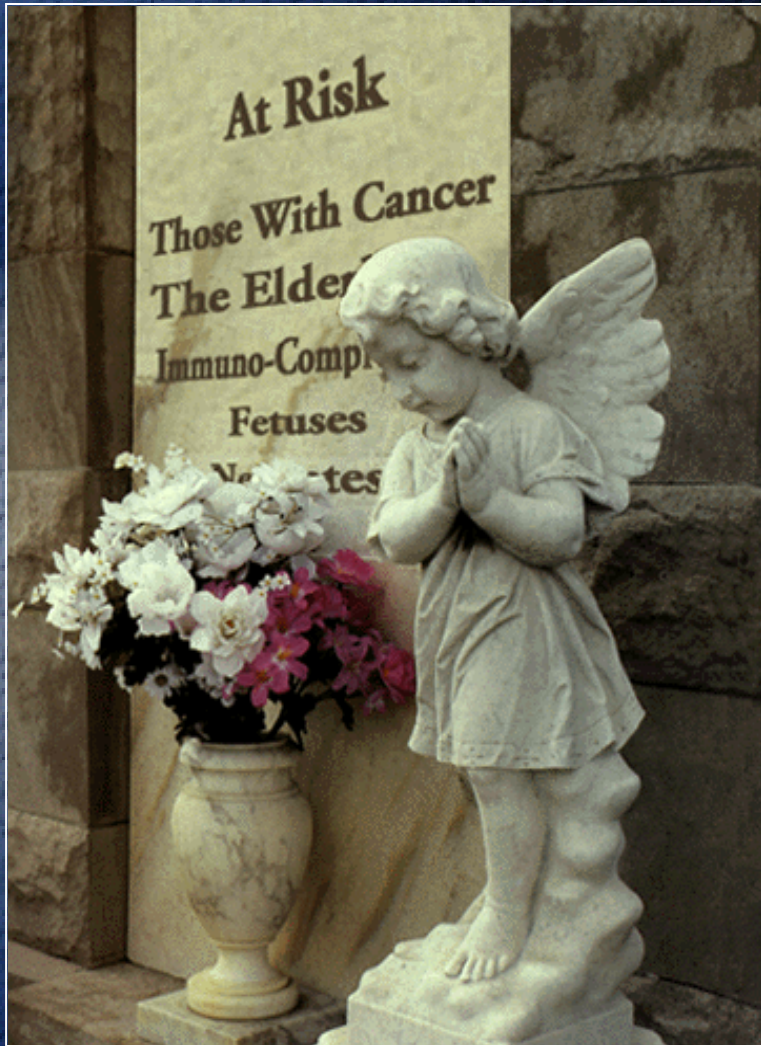
Food Safety Modernization Act



Food Safety Objectives

$$H_0 + \sum I + \sum R \leq FSO$$





Those at risk for serious foodborne illness:

- persons with chronic disease
- very young and elderly
- immuno-compromised

A basic tenet of food safety

Successful risk management systems rely on knowing how hazards respond to environmental conditions.

.....such information reduces uncertainty

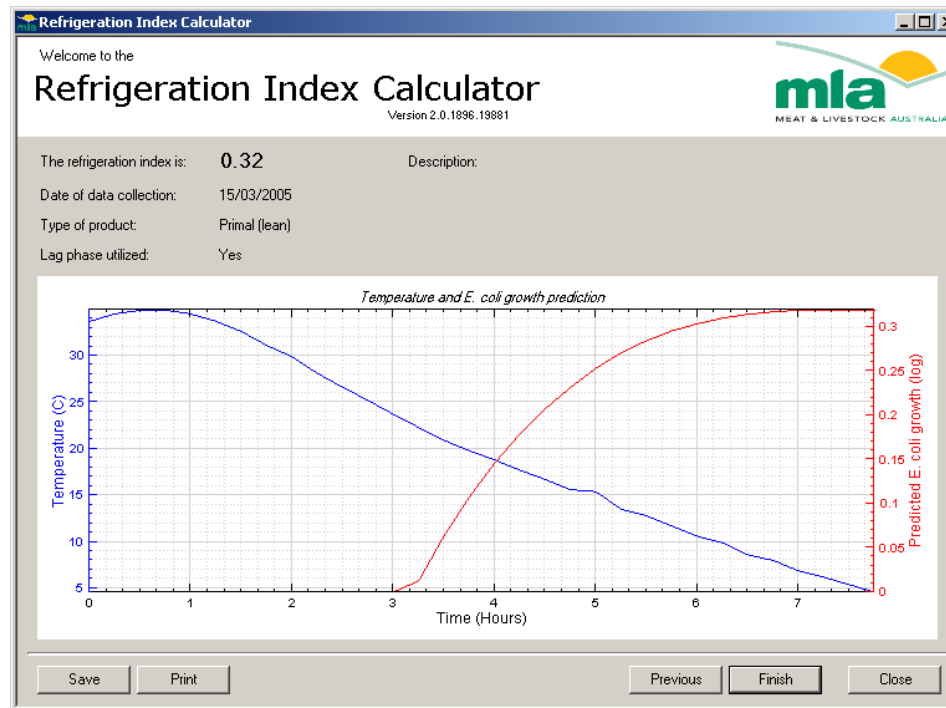
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But are we using all of the available tools to manage risk?

Predictive Microbiology



Predictive models

Represent *condensed knowledge*, which

- describe microbial behavior in different environments
- help us better understand and manage the ecology of foodborne microorganisms

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{q(t)}{q(t) + 1} \cdot \mu_{\max} \cdot \left(1 - \left(\frac{x(t)}{x_{\max}} \right)^m \right) x(t)$$

Predictive microbiology

Assumes microbial behavior is:

- reproducible
- quantifiable by characterizing environmental factors

Benefits of predictive models

- **Identify factors** that control microbial viability (e.g. temp, a_w , pH, organic acids)
- Assist in **defining preventive controls** (e.g. critical limits)
- Help regulatory authorities **develop** standards, and help companies **meet standards**
- **Minimize microbiological testing**
- **Inform exposure assessment**

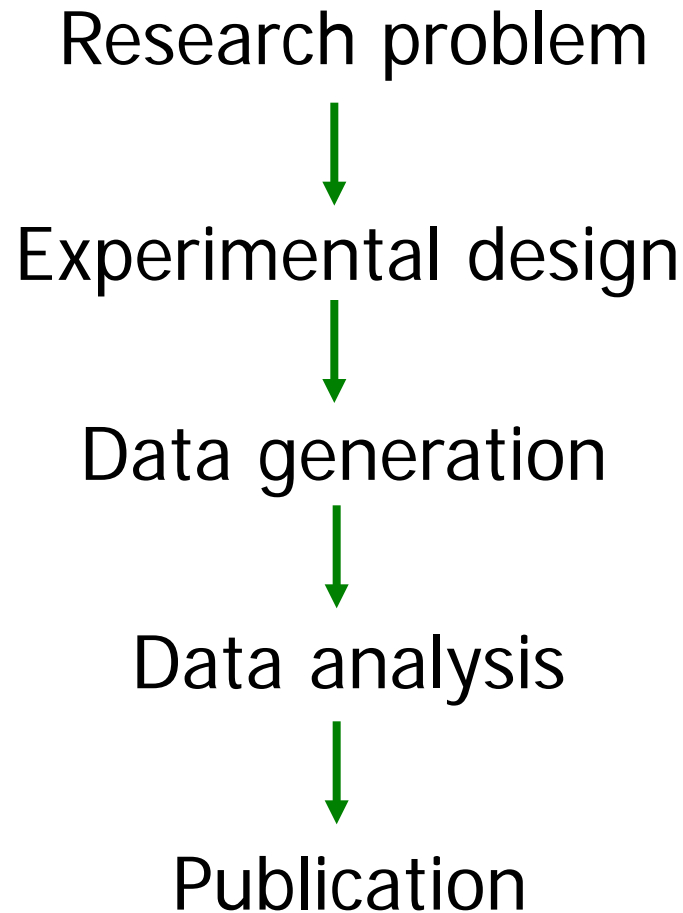
...and just as important

Predictive models advance food safety risk management systems

prescriptive  *outcome-based*
flexible

How can we be sure that we are producing the most effective models?

Technical Aspects of Applied Research



Social Aspects

Interacting with all end-users of the model
(defining the intended outcomes)



Determining the necessary resources



Research



Communicating with end-users



Other associated benefits

- Predictive microbiology brings together persons with diverse but complimentary skills, including microbiologists, mathematicians, engineers, and other disciplines.
- Excellent approach for capacity-building

PRIMARY MODEL PRODUCTION

Experimental design

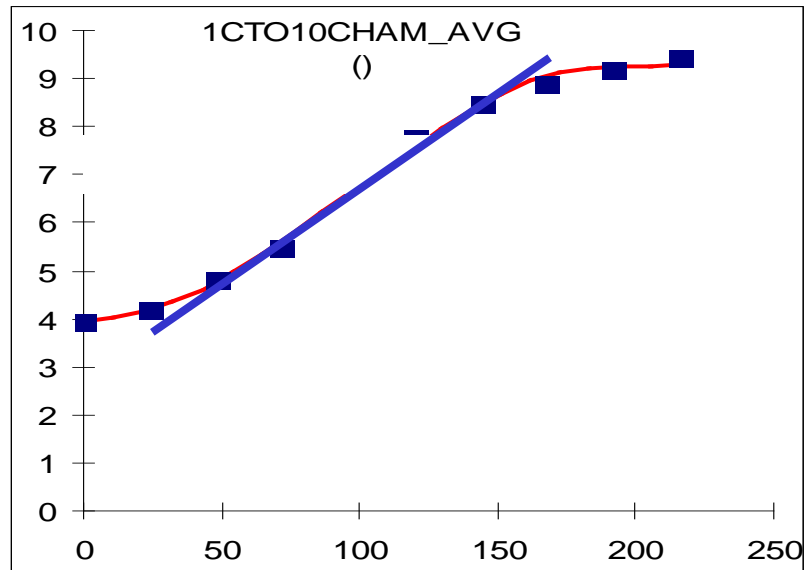
Extrinsic factors

- temperature
- atmosphere (e.g. packaging gas, humidity)

Intrinsic factors

- food matrix
- pH
- water activity
- additives (e.g. NaCl, acidulants)

Growth



Kinetic parameters

- Lag phase

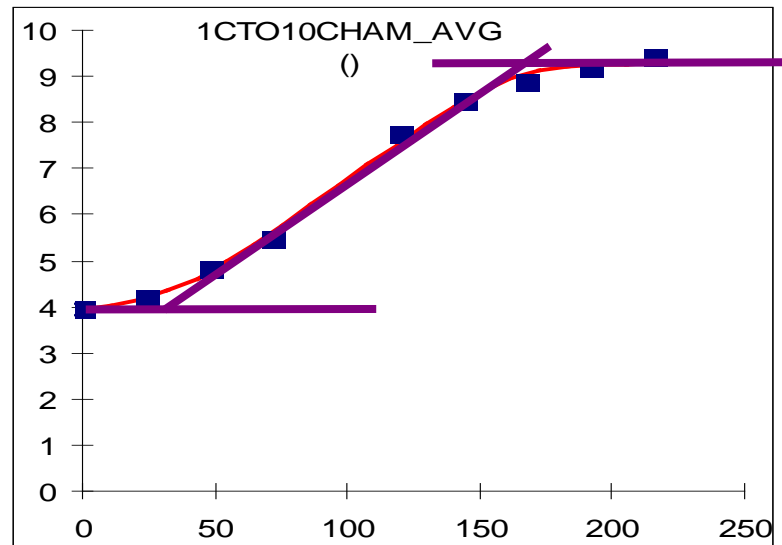
lag phase duration

- Growth

growth rate

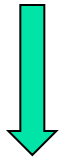
- Stationary phase

maximum population density



Growth Models

- Gompertz $\log x(t) = A + C \exp\{-\exp[-B(t - M)]\}$

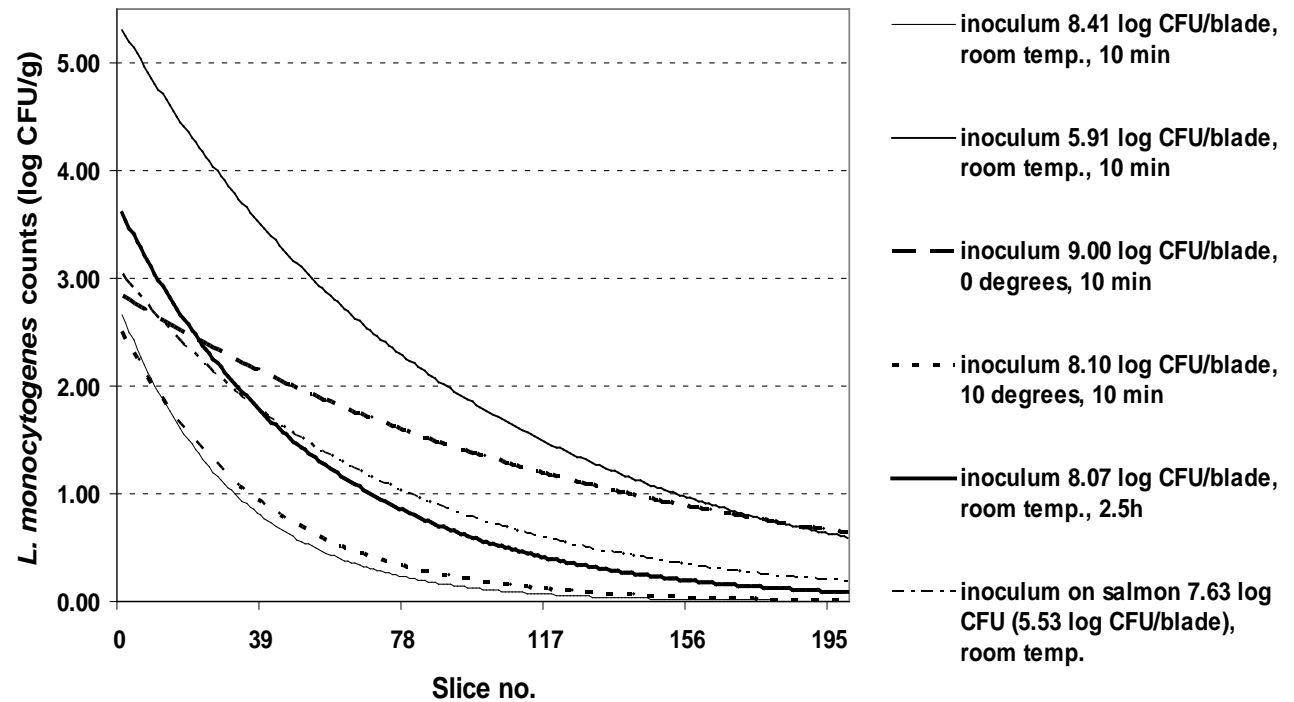


- Baranyi $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{q(t)}{q(t) + 1} \cdot \mu_{\max} \cdot \left(1 - \left(\frac{x(t)}{x_{\max}}\right)^m\right) x(t)$

Inactivation Models

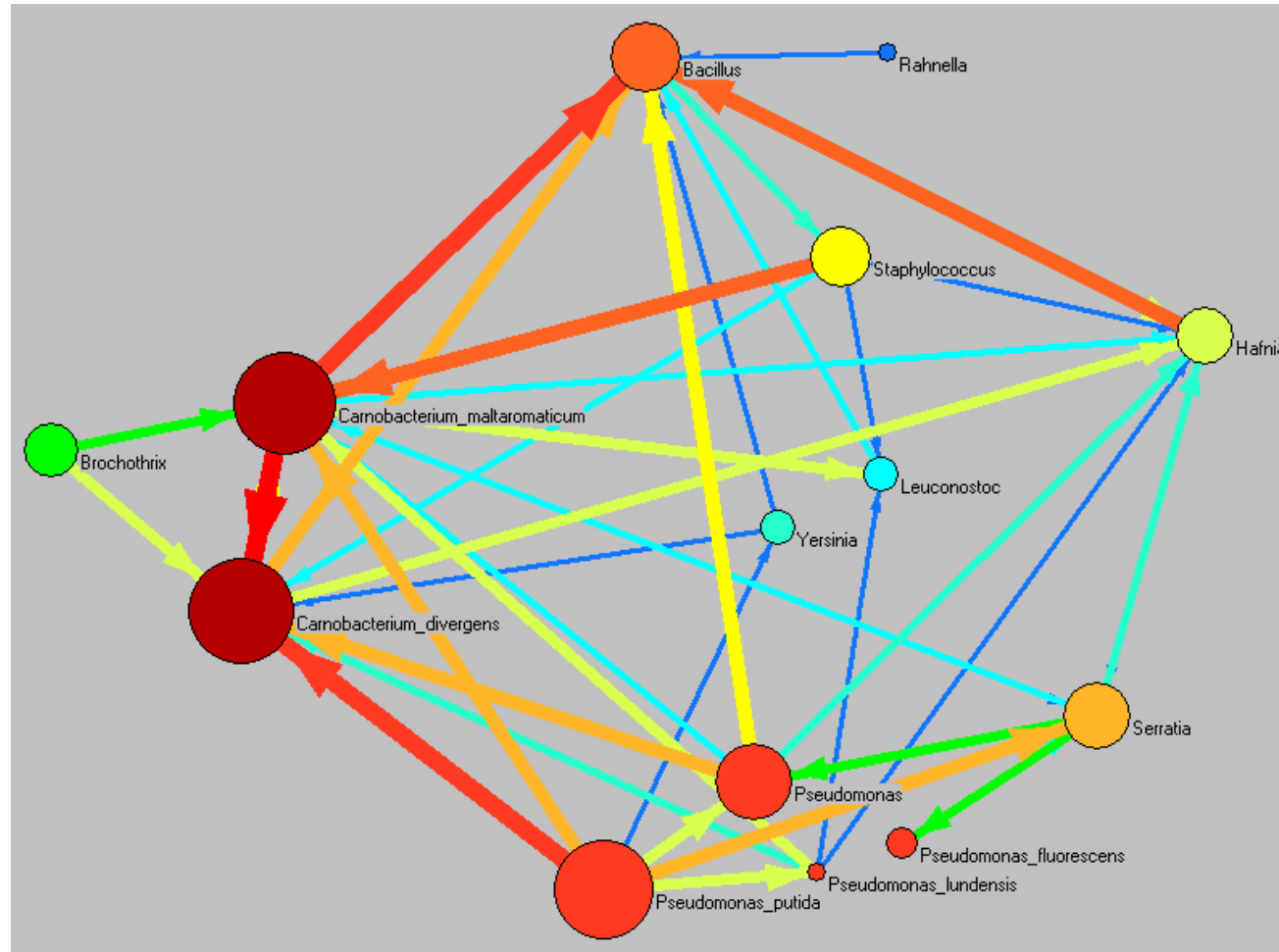
- Inactivation kinetics $N = N_0 e^{-kt}$
- D-value $\frac{t}{\log N_0 - \log N_1}$
- Z-value $\frac{(T_2 - T_1)}{\log(D_1 / D_2)}$
- Process lethality $F = \int_0^t 10^{(T(t) - T(\text{ref})) / z} dt$

Transfer Models



$$y = a * e^{(-x/b)}$$

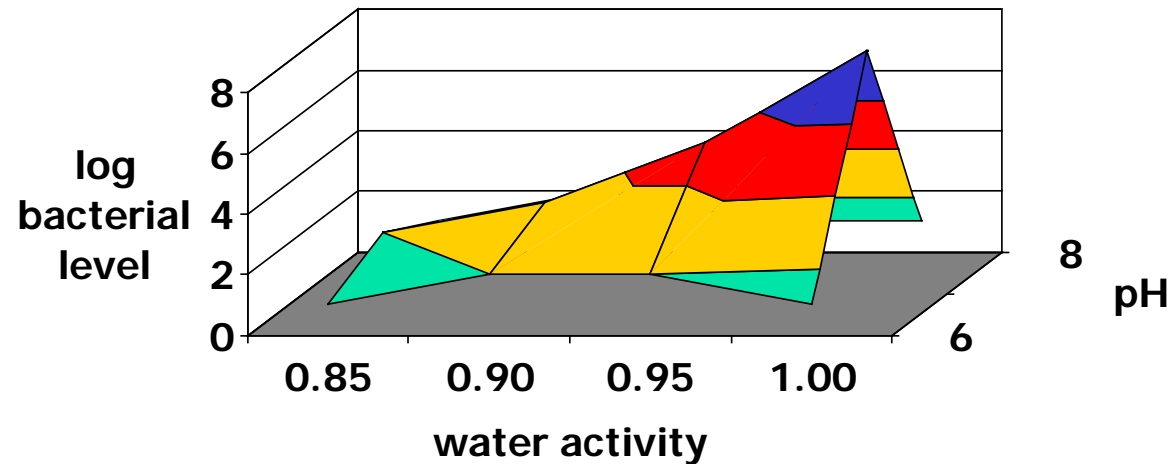
Modeling the complexity of microbial interactions



SECONDARY MODELS

Change in parameter(s) as a function of environmental change

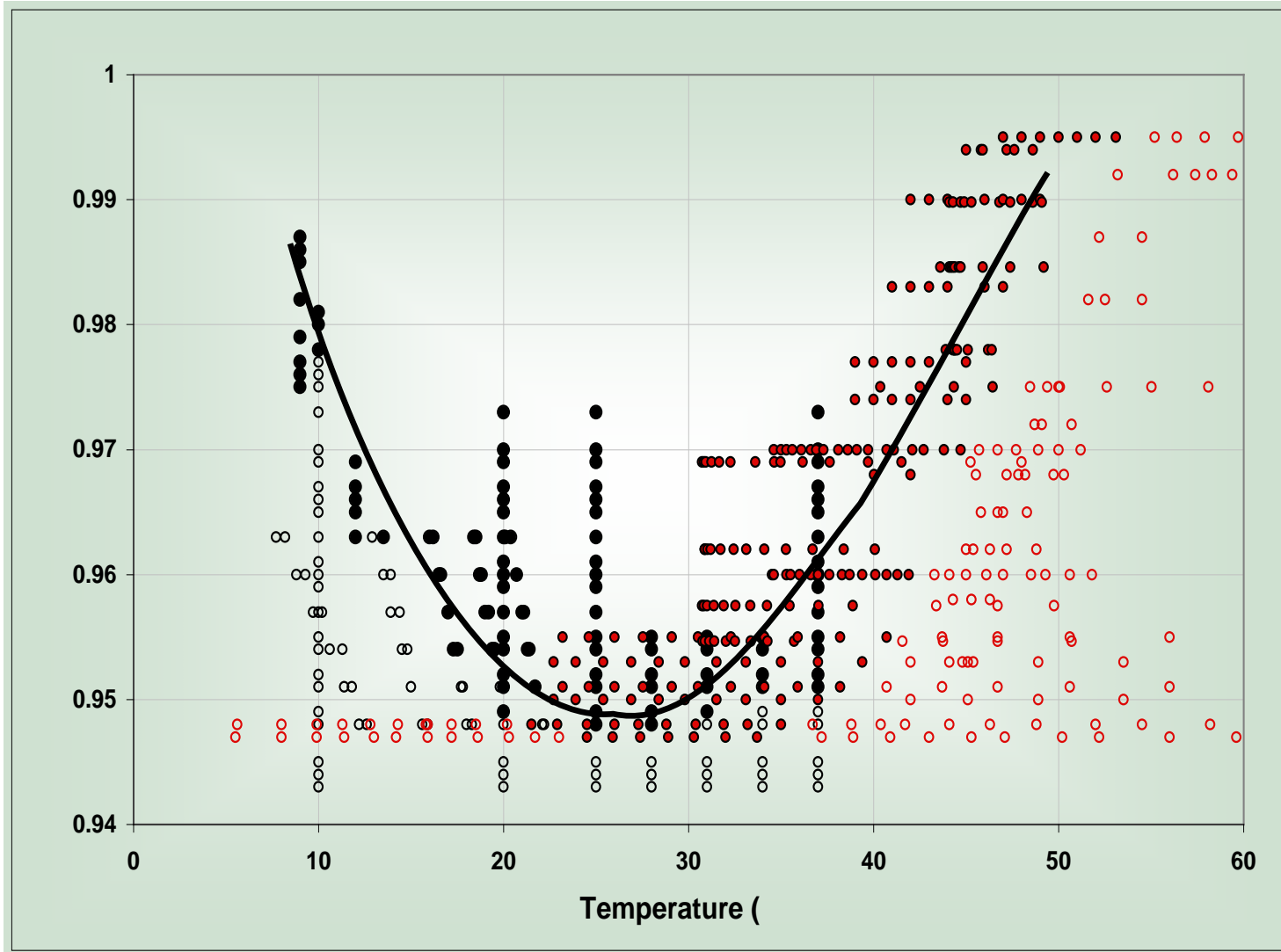
Effect of pH and Water Activity on Microbial Growth



Probabilistic models

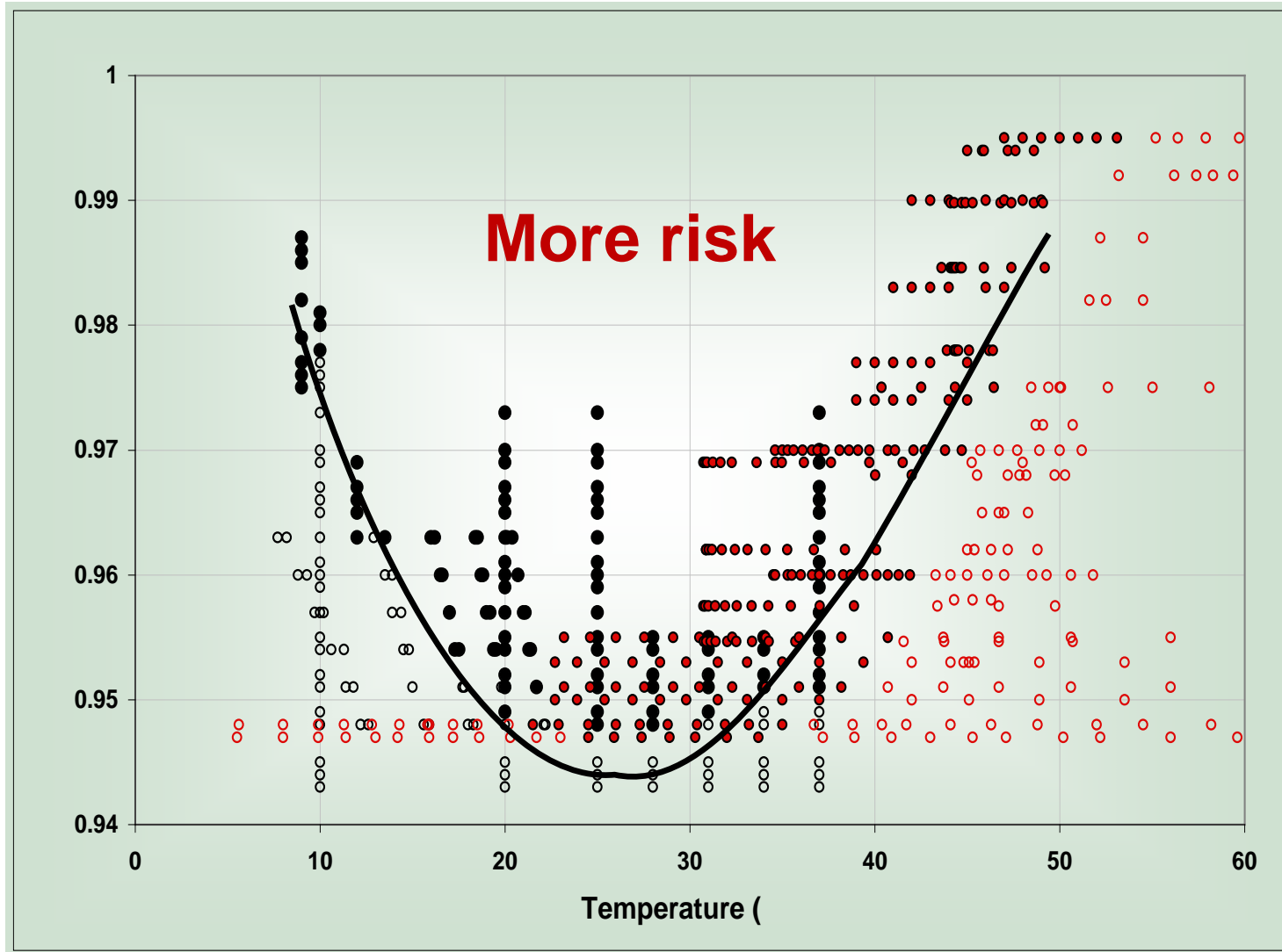
Growth/No-growth boundaries
(e.g. product development)

Growth/No-Growth



Adapted from Ross

Growth/No-Growth



Adapted from Ross

Measuring Model Performance

(validation)

- **Bias factor**

$$B_f = 10^{(\sum \log(GT_{\text{predicted}}/GT_{\text{observed}})/n)}$$

- **Accuracy factor**

$$A_f = 10^{(\sum |\log(GT_{\text{predicted}}/GT_{\text{observed}})|/n)}$$

TERTIARY MODELS

Growth Model

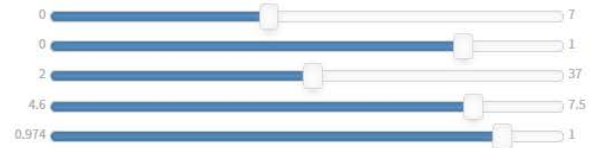
Prediction Uncertainty

[Static | Dynamic]

[Aw | NaCl]

Aeromonas hydrophila

Init. level	3
Phys.state	1.2e-3
Temp (°C)	20
pH	7
Aw	0.997

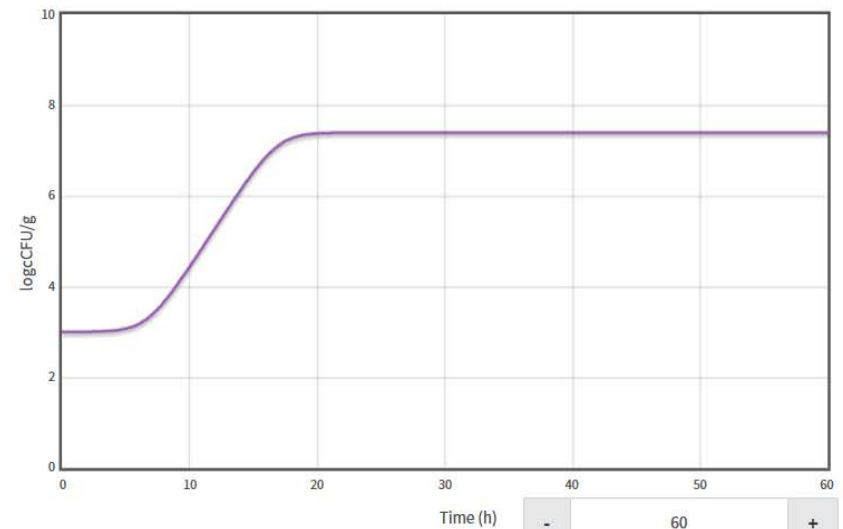


Max.rate (log.conc/h) 0.433 Dbl.time(Hours) 0.696

[Add prediction]



Chart Data points



Plot custom points

$$\text{GR (log cfu/h)} = -0.0146 + 0.0098T - 0.0206L - 0.2220D - 0.0013TL - 0.0392TD + 0.0143LD + 0.0001T^2 + 0.0053L^2 + 2.9529D^2$$



Refrigeration Index Calculator

Welcome to the
Refrigeration Index Calculator
 Version 2.0.1936.1981

mla
 MEAT & LIVESTOCK AUSTRALIA

Paste temperature data here:

13	23.7
14	22.3
15	20.9
16	19.0
17	10.0
18	17.7
19	16.7
20	15.6
21	15.4
22	13.5
23	12.8
24	11.7
25	10.6
26	9.9
27	0.6
28	8
29	6.9
30	6.2
31	5.4
32	4.6
33	

Select the product type:

- Carcase
- Boxed Trim
- Primal where the slowest cooling point is lean
- Primal where the slowest cooling point is fat OR a mixture OR you're not sure
- Offal
- Recovered meat products

The starting temperature is hot (as for initial cooling of a carcase):

- Yes
- No

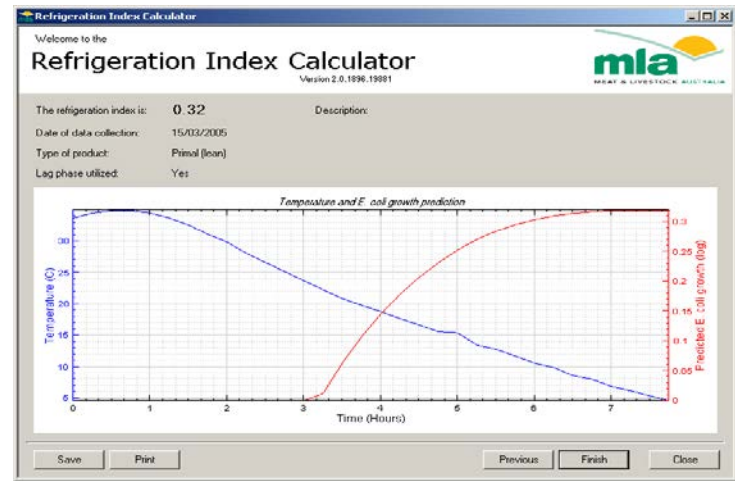
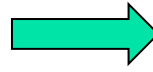
Specify other parameters and information:

Temperature measurement interval: min

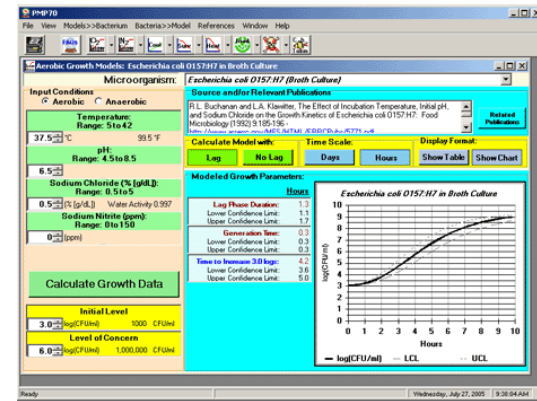
Date of data collection:

Description of product, processing conditions, etc.:

Previous Next Close



Examples of common model interfaces

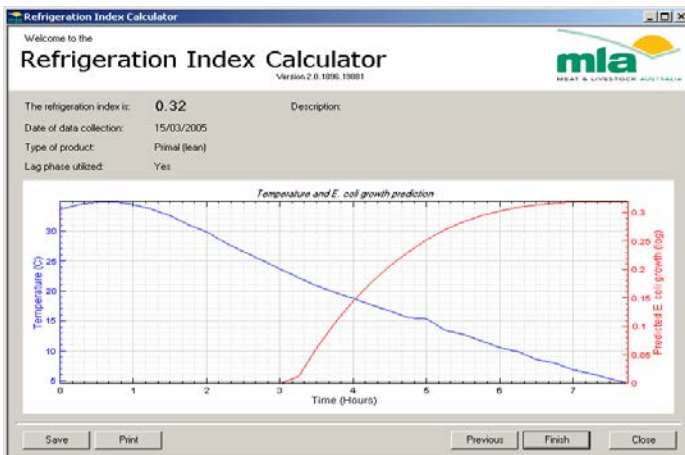


GroPIN Modelling DataBase

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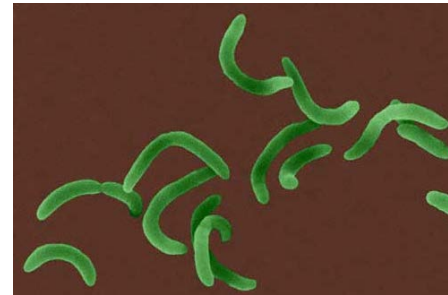


Food Spoilage and Safety Predictor (FSSP)

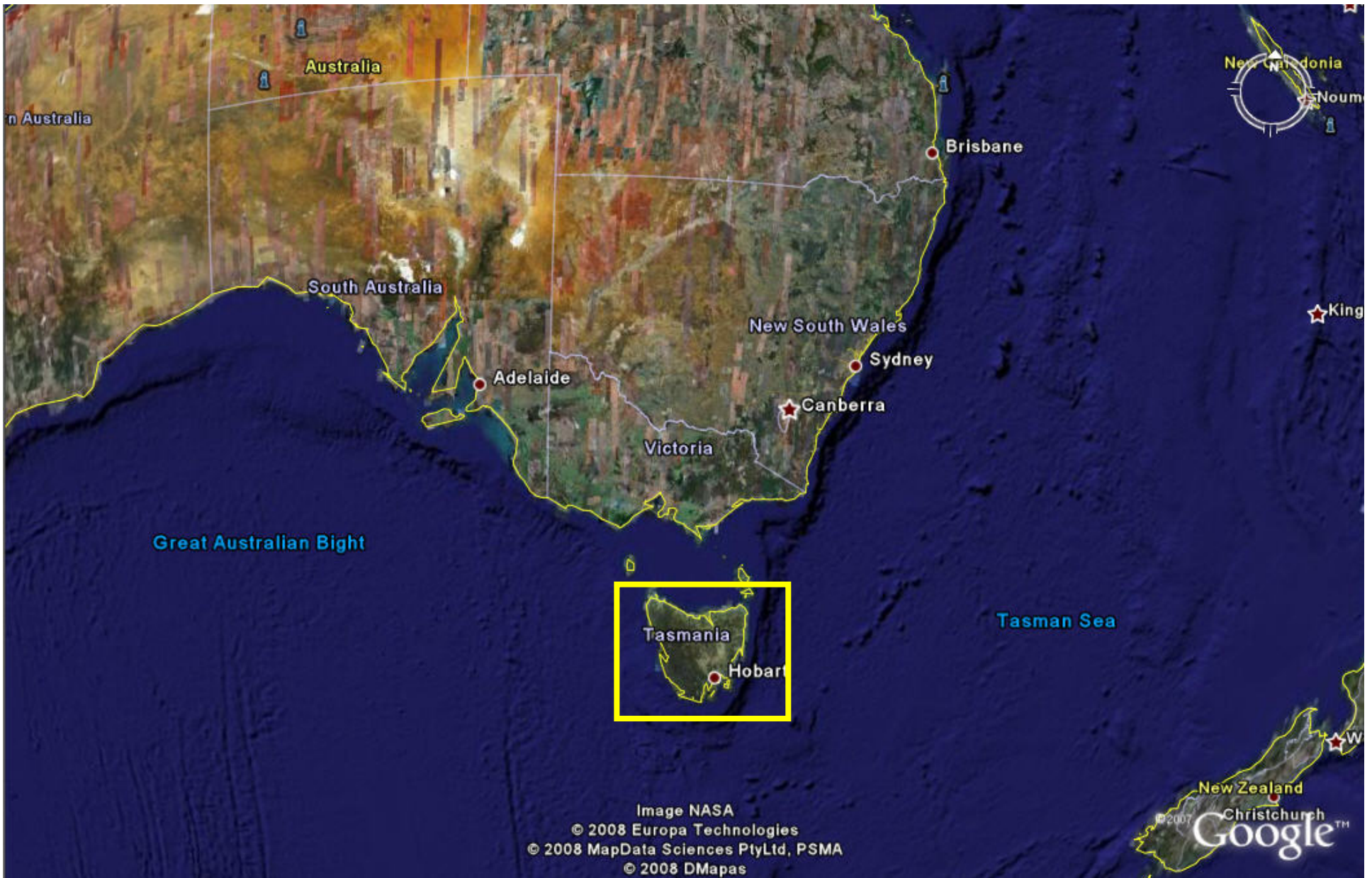


Case Studies

Case study #1: *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* and oyster supply chains



Problem: How can companies reduce uncertainties in supply chains?



Australia

n Australia

New Guinea

Noumea

Brisbane

South Australia

New South Wales

Adelaide

Sydney

Canberra

Victoria

Great Australian Bight

Tasmania

Hobart

Tasman Sea

New Zealand

Christchurch

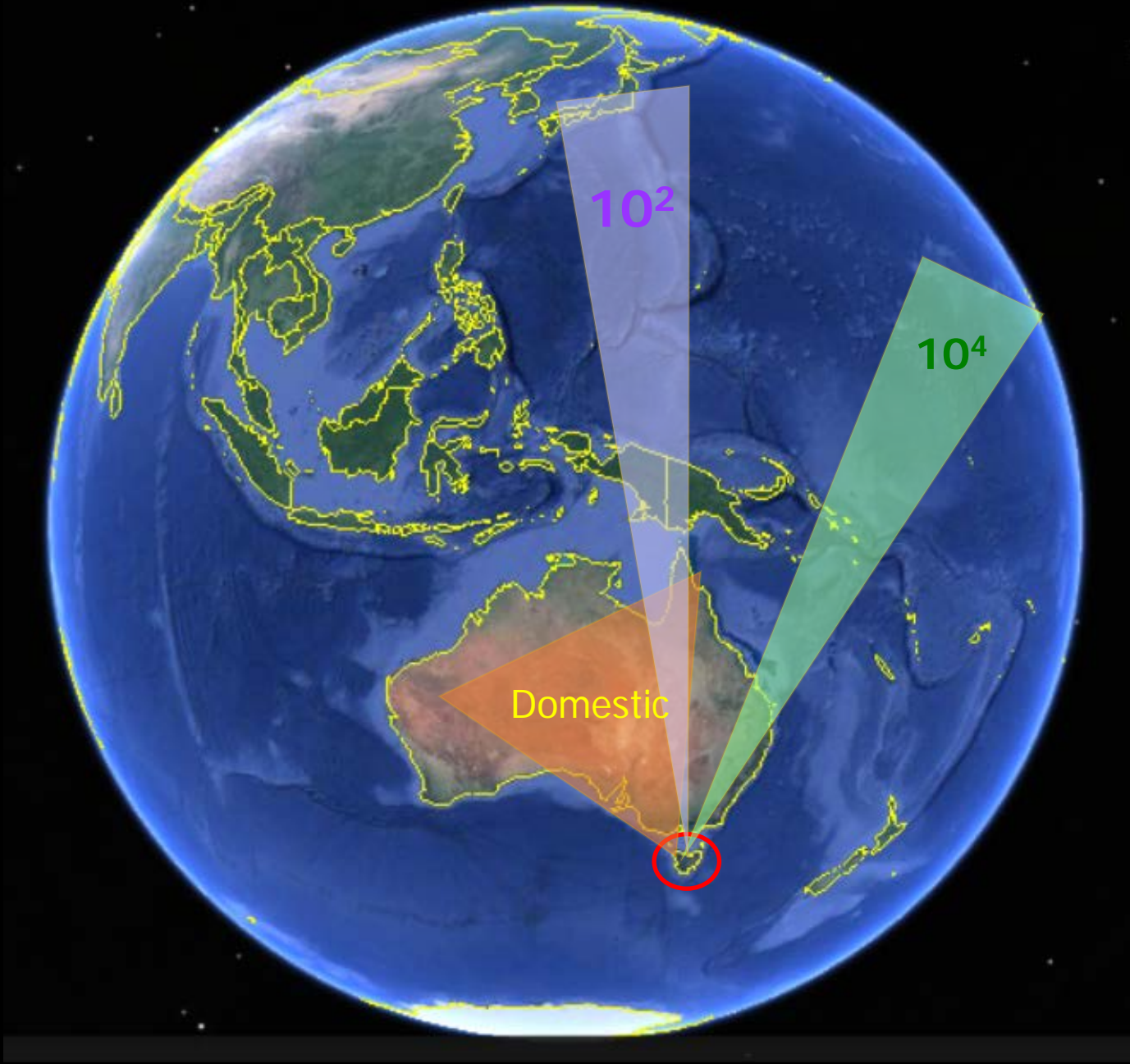
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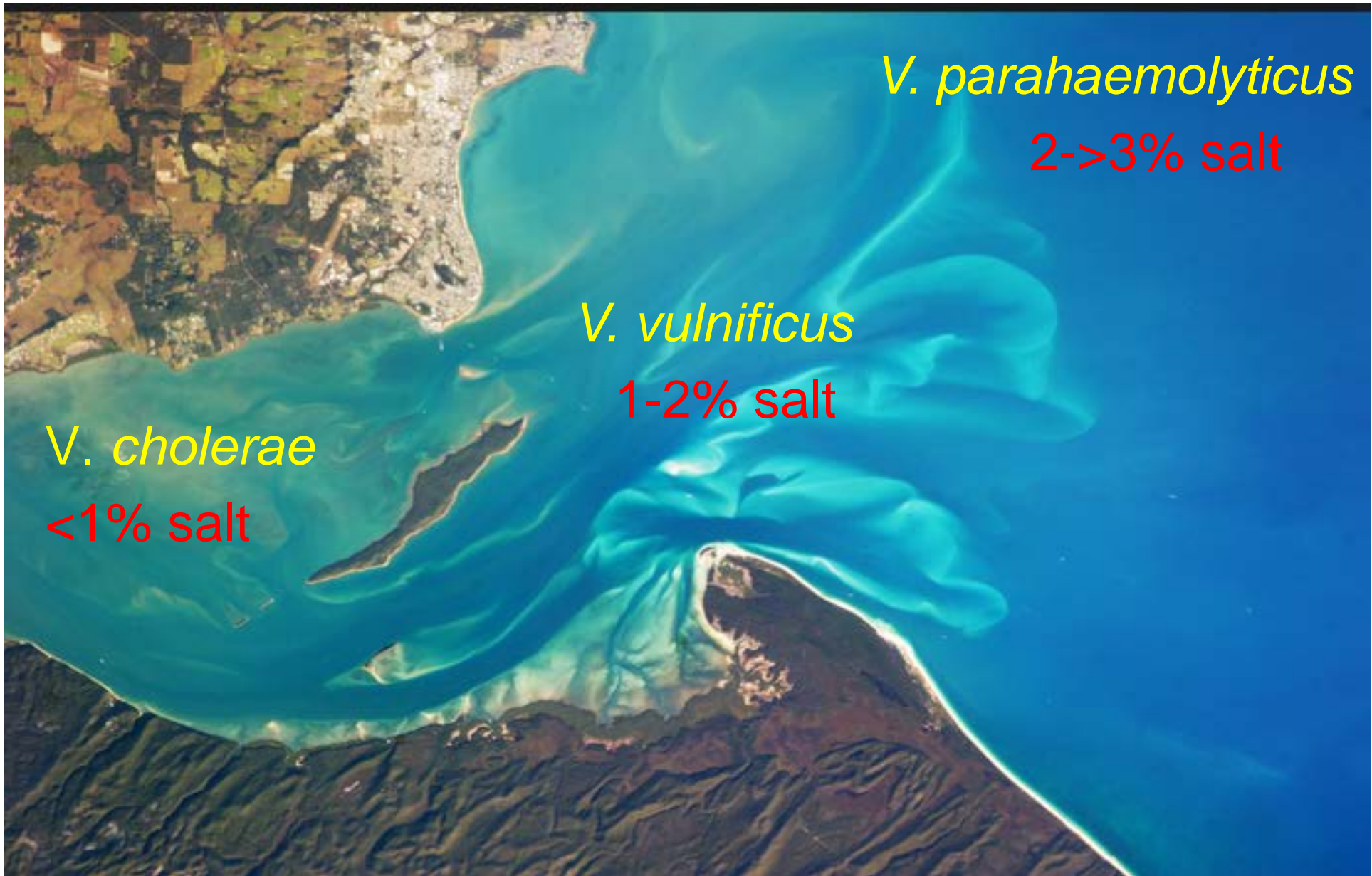


10^2

10^4

Domestic





V. cholerae

<1% salt

V. vulnificus

1-2% salt

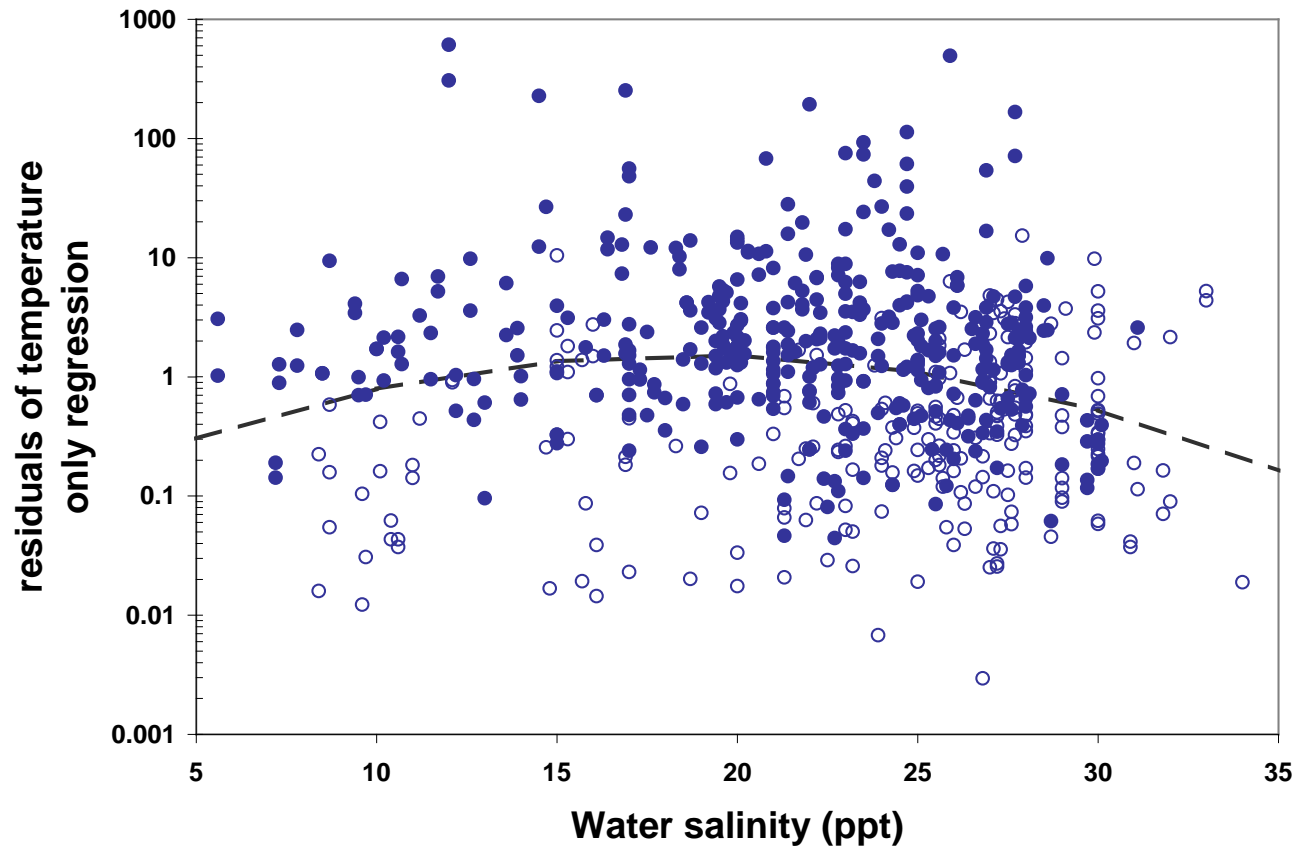
V. parahaemolyticus

2->3% salt

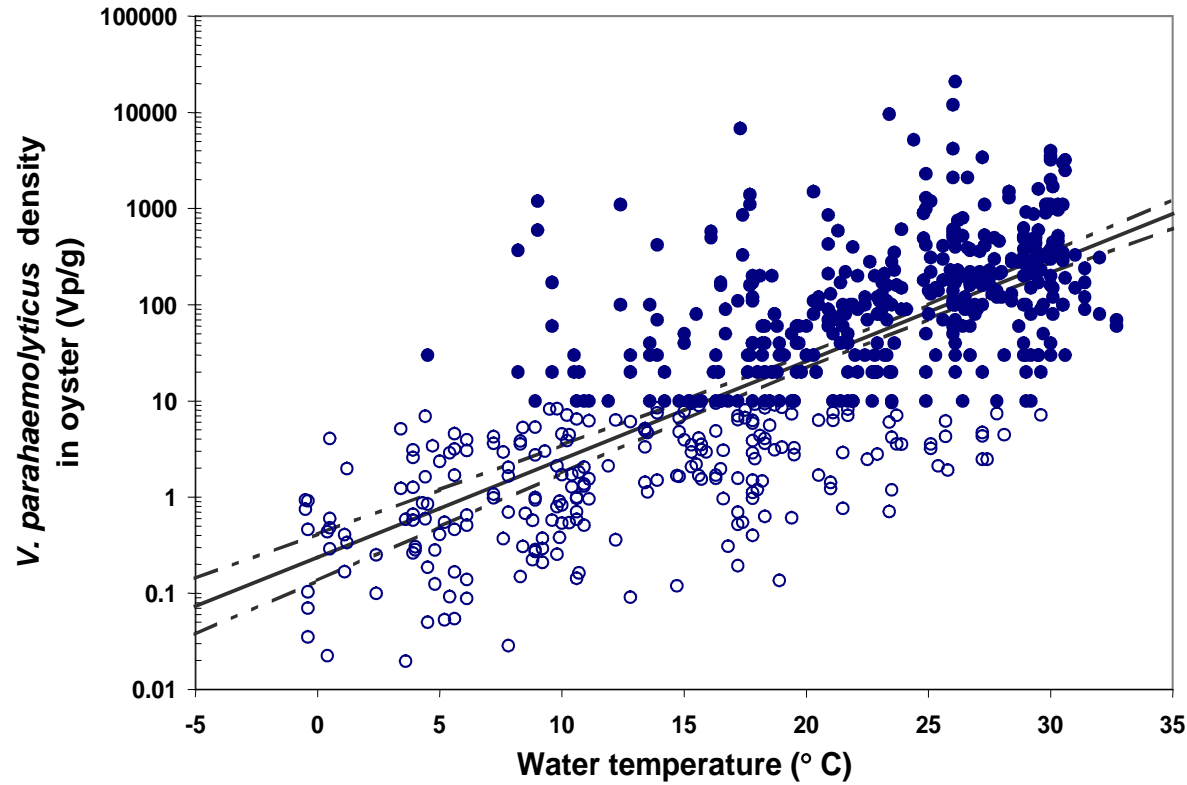


V. parahaemolyticus

2->3% salt



Residuals of predicted versus observed \log_{10} *V. parahaemolyticus* (Vp) densities in oysters versus salinity based on linear regression of \log_{10} *V. parahaemolyticus* (Vp) densities against water temperature.



Regression fit of \log_{10} *V. parahaemolyticus* (Vp) densities in oysters versus water temperature (DePaola *et al.*, 1990). Mean \log_{10} Vp/g or median Vp/g (solid line) and 95% confidence limits (dashed lines).

Relationship Between Seawater Surface Temperature and *V. parahaemolyticus* Densities in Oysters

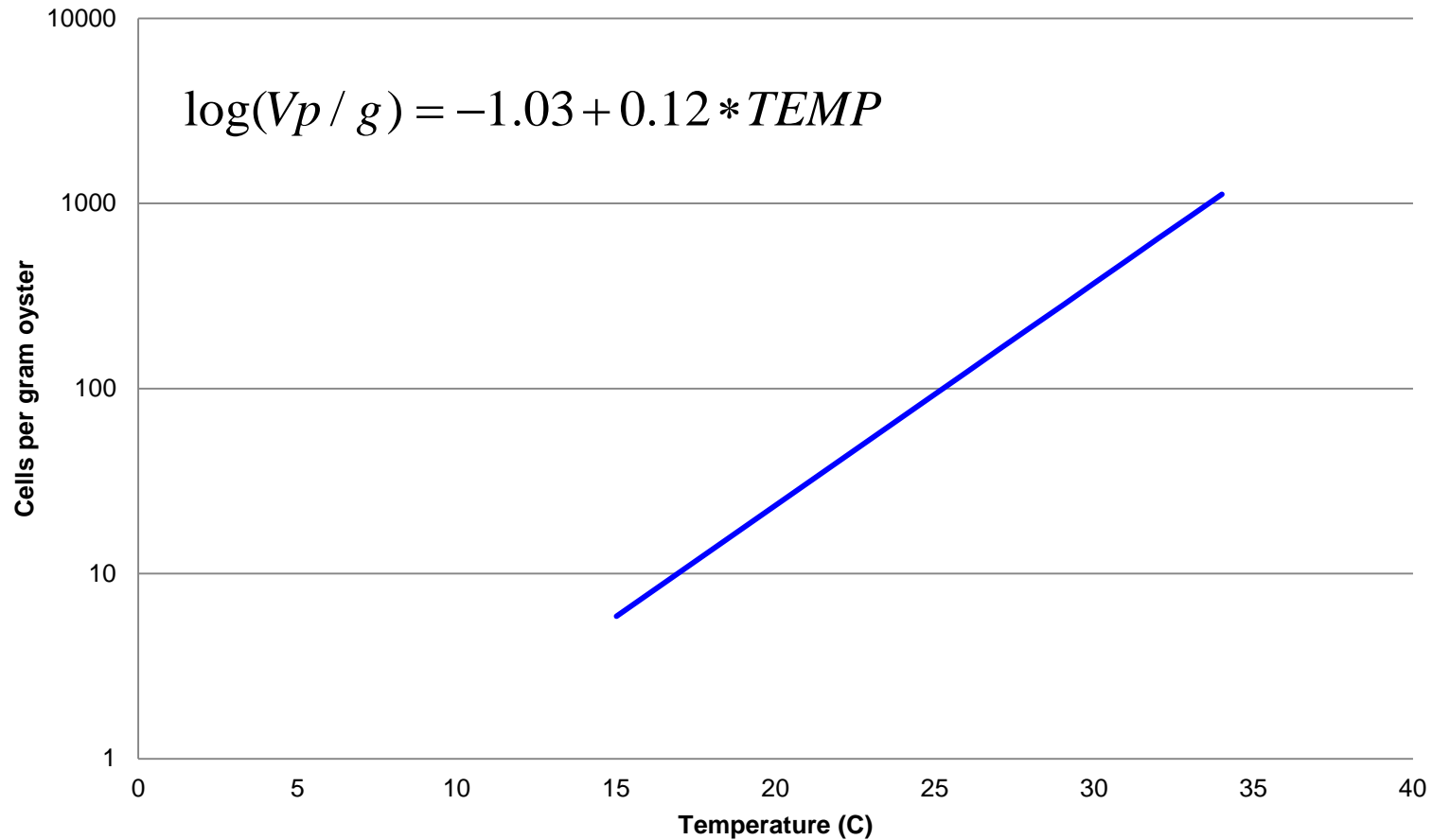


Figure 5: Water temperature

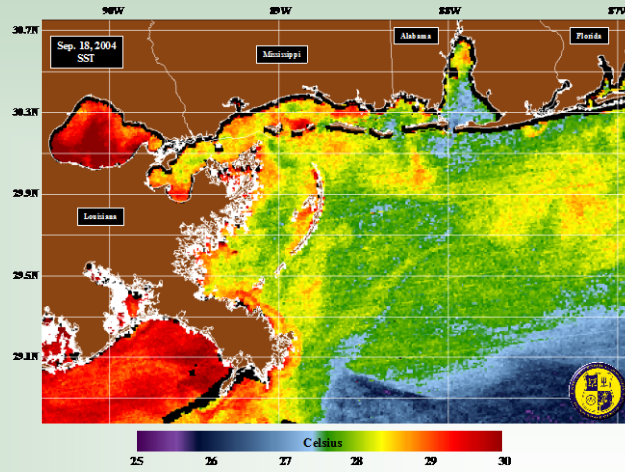


Figure 6: *V. vulnificus* baseline levels

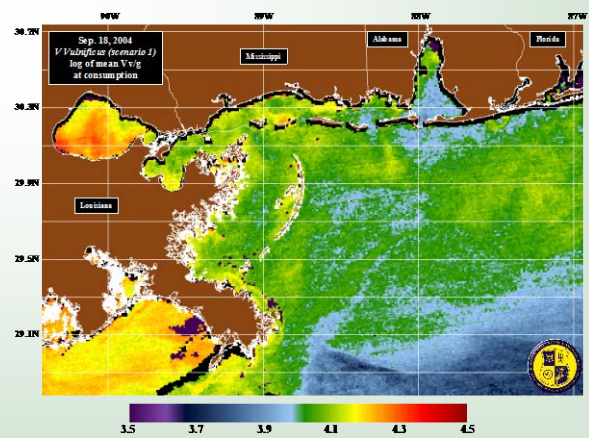
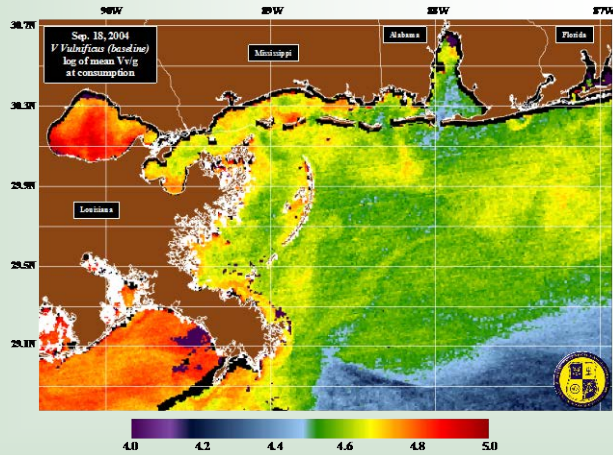
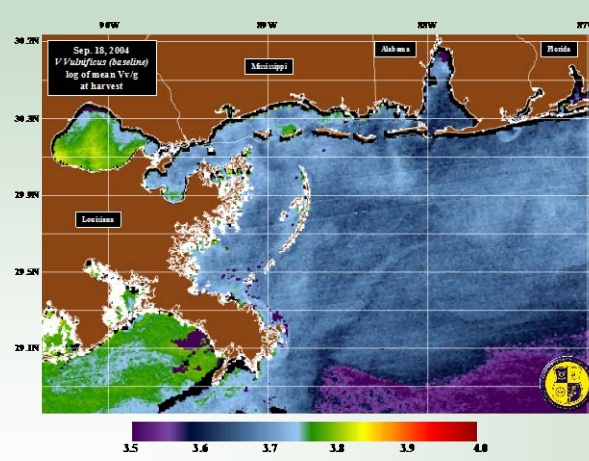
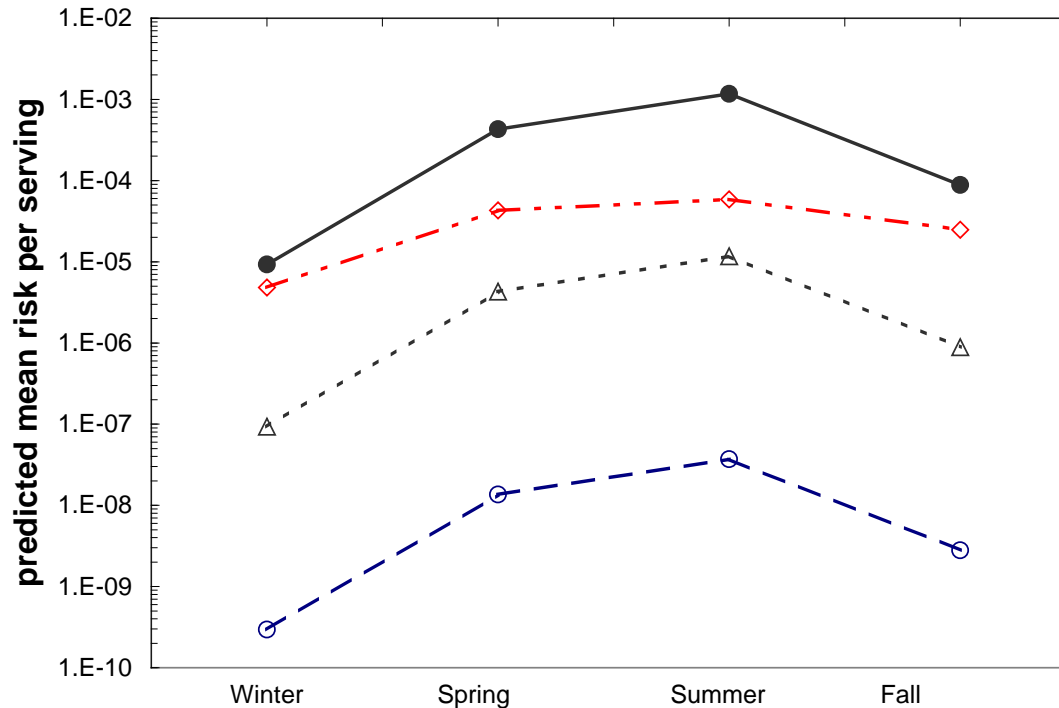


Figure 7: *V. vulnificus* levels at time of consumption

Figure 8: Log mean risk at consumption

Risk Management



Effect of potential mitigations on the distribution mean risk of *V. parahaemolyticus* illnesses per serving associated with Gulf Coast harvest. No mitigation (●); rapid cooling (◇); treatment resulting in 2-log reduction (△); treatment resulting in ≥ 4.5 -log reduction (○).

V. parahaemolyticus harvest control plan

Atlantic (subtidal harvest)

month	water temperature (F)	air temperature (F)	maximum time unrefrigerated (hr)	expected cases per 100,000 (servings)	lower confidence limit on expected cases per 100,000	VPCP needed?	maximum time (hr) for lower confidence of 1 per 100,000
Jan	38.3	33.3	36	0.0038	0.0003	N	
Feb	36.7	35.6	36	0.0018	0.00014	N	
Mar	42.6	41.0	36	0.0019	0.00015	N	
Apr	52.3	50.9	36	0.012	0.00095	N	
May	64.0	59.9	36	0.56	0.044	N	
Jun	73.8	69.3	24	13	1	N	
July	79.9	74.3	24	160	13	Y	12.3
Aug	81.1	73.0	24	120	9.5	Y	12.9
Sep	75.2	67.1	24	7.7	0.61	N	
Oct	64.6	56.3	36	0.2	0.016	N	
Nov	53.1	45.9	36	0.0074	0.00059	N	
Dec	43.0	36.0	36	0.0037	0.00029	N	

Climate Change

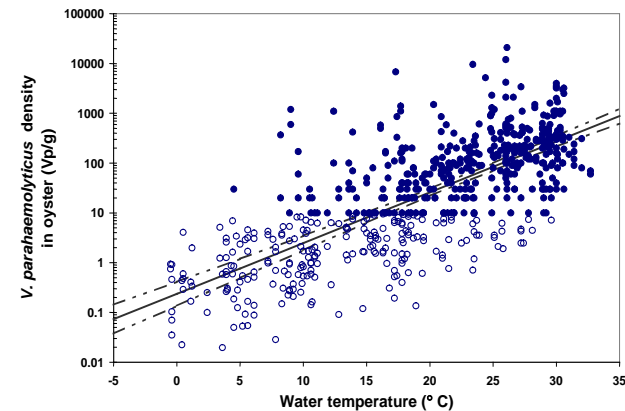




Vibrio species

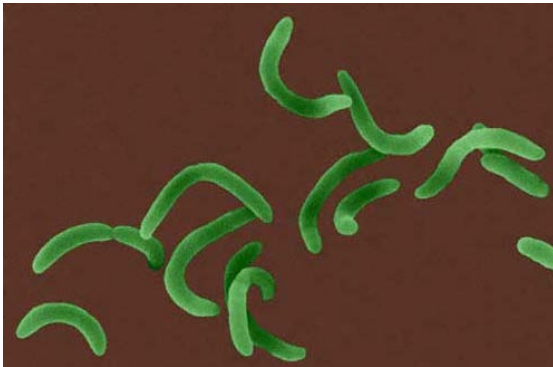


- *Vibrio* diseases are increasing
- Outbreaks of *V. parahaemolyticus*
 - Example: 2004-2007- outbreak in Puerto Montt, Chile
 - >7,000 cases
 - O3:K6 serotype
 - El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO)



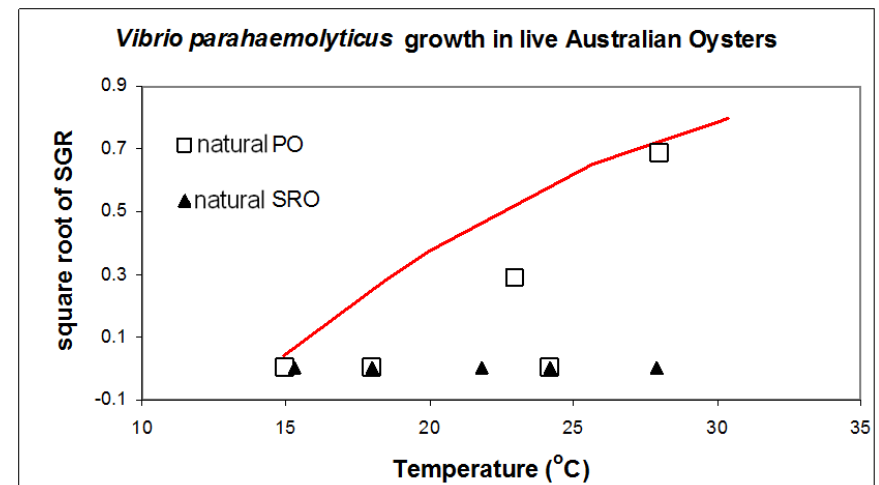
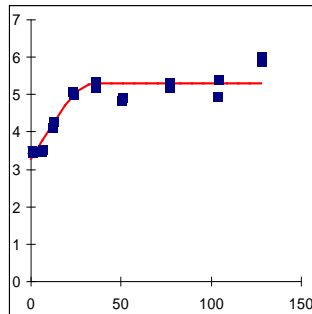
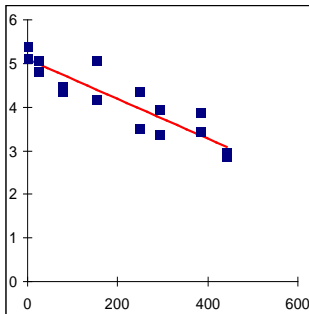
A Predictive Model to Manage the Risk of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* in Australian Pacific Oysters (*Crassostrea gigas*)

Dr. Judith Fernandez-Piquer



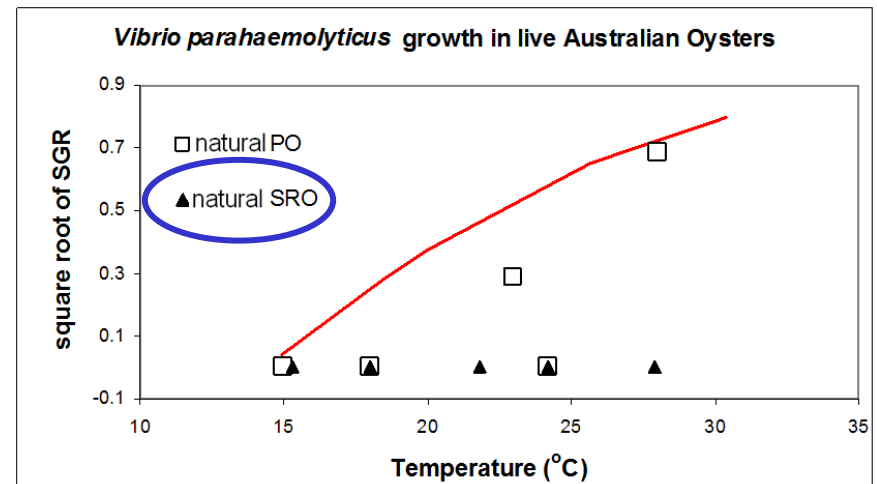
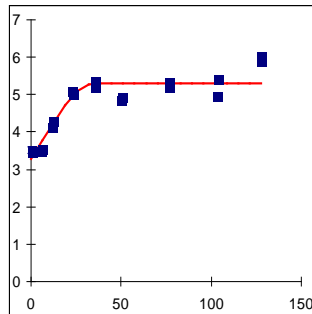
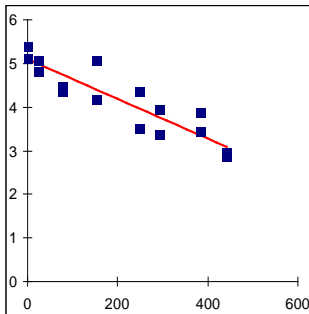
Model development

- *V. parahaemolyticus* growth kinetics measured from 4 - 30°C
- Growth (>15°C) and death rates (<15°C) determined
- Models tested (validated) against naturally-occurring Vp



Model validation

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Models for *V. parahaemolyticus* growth and inactivation, and Total Viable Count

Vp growth	$\sqrt{\text{growth rate}} = 0.0303 \times (\text{temperature} - 13.37)$ $R^2 = 0.92$
Vp inactivation	$\ln \text{ inactivation rate} = \ln 1.81 \times 10^{-9} + 4131.2 \times (1/(T+273.15))$ $R^2 = 0.78$
TVC growth	$\sqrt{\text{growth rate}} = 0.0102 \times (\text{temperature} + 6.71)$ $R^2 = 0.92$



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Oyster Refrigeration Index

The [Australian Seafood CRC](#) Oyster Refrigeration Index is a predictive model that estimates the growth and survival of *V. parahaemolyticus* and total viable count (TVC) bacteria in Pacific oysters (*Crassostrea gigas*).

Temperature is a key factor for controlling *V. parahaemolyticus* growth and this tool helps oyster companies design and monitor supply chains to maximise both oyster safety and quality. The Oyster Refrigeration Index can be especially useful for companies that have long supply chains and those exporting to countries that have maximum *V. parahaemolyticus* and TVC limits.

The model predictions were field-tested with Pacific oysters which contained natural populations of *V. parahaemolyticus*. The tests demonstrated that the model provided "fail-safe" predictions for *V. parahaemolyticus* growth in Pacific oysters over a temperature range of 4 to 30°C.

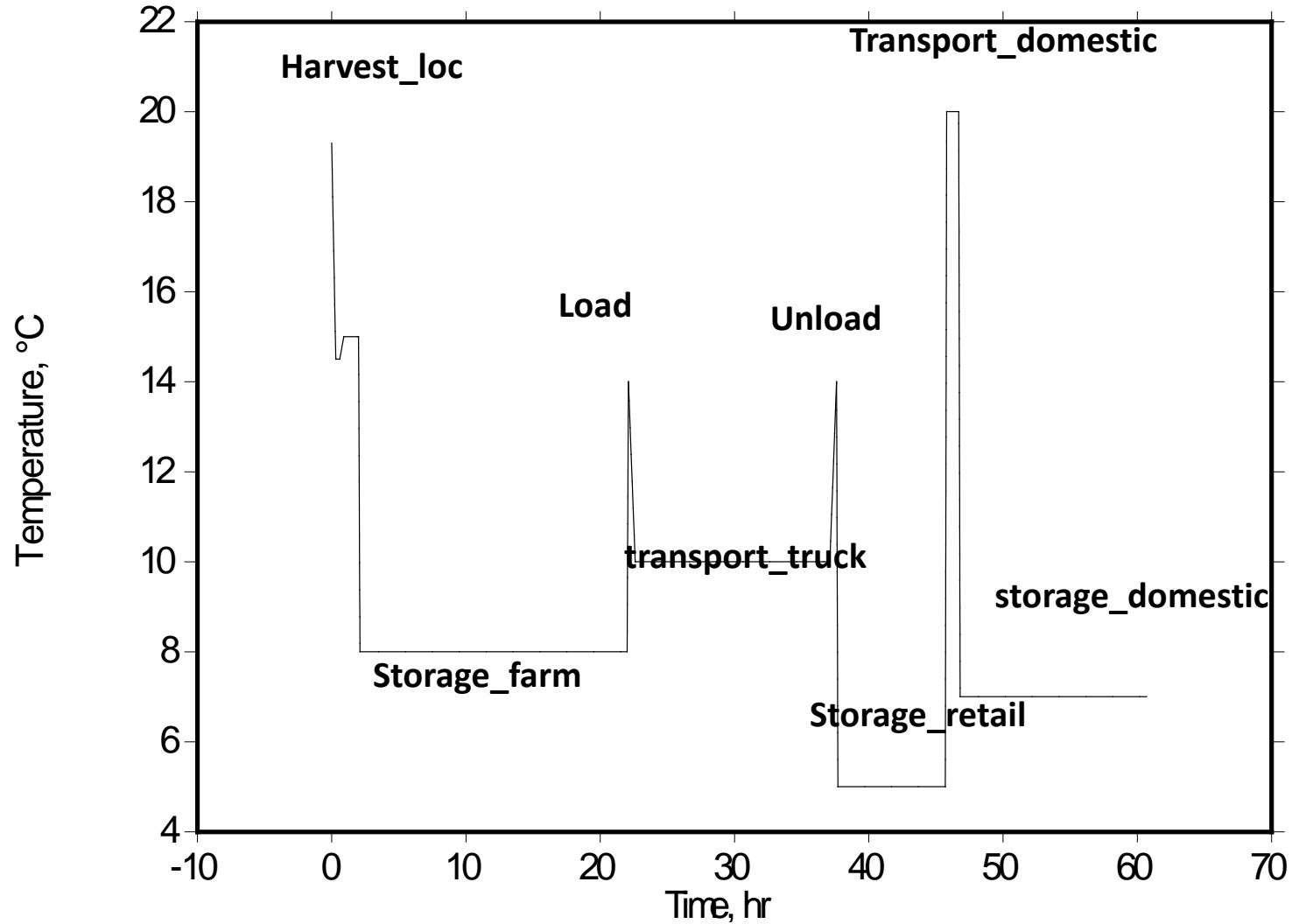
After registering, you can access both a web-based and Excel® downloadable version of the *V. parahaemolyticus* and TVC models.

We hope you find this tool useful. If you have technical questions or wish to provide us with feedback, please see the "Contact us" link below.

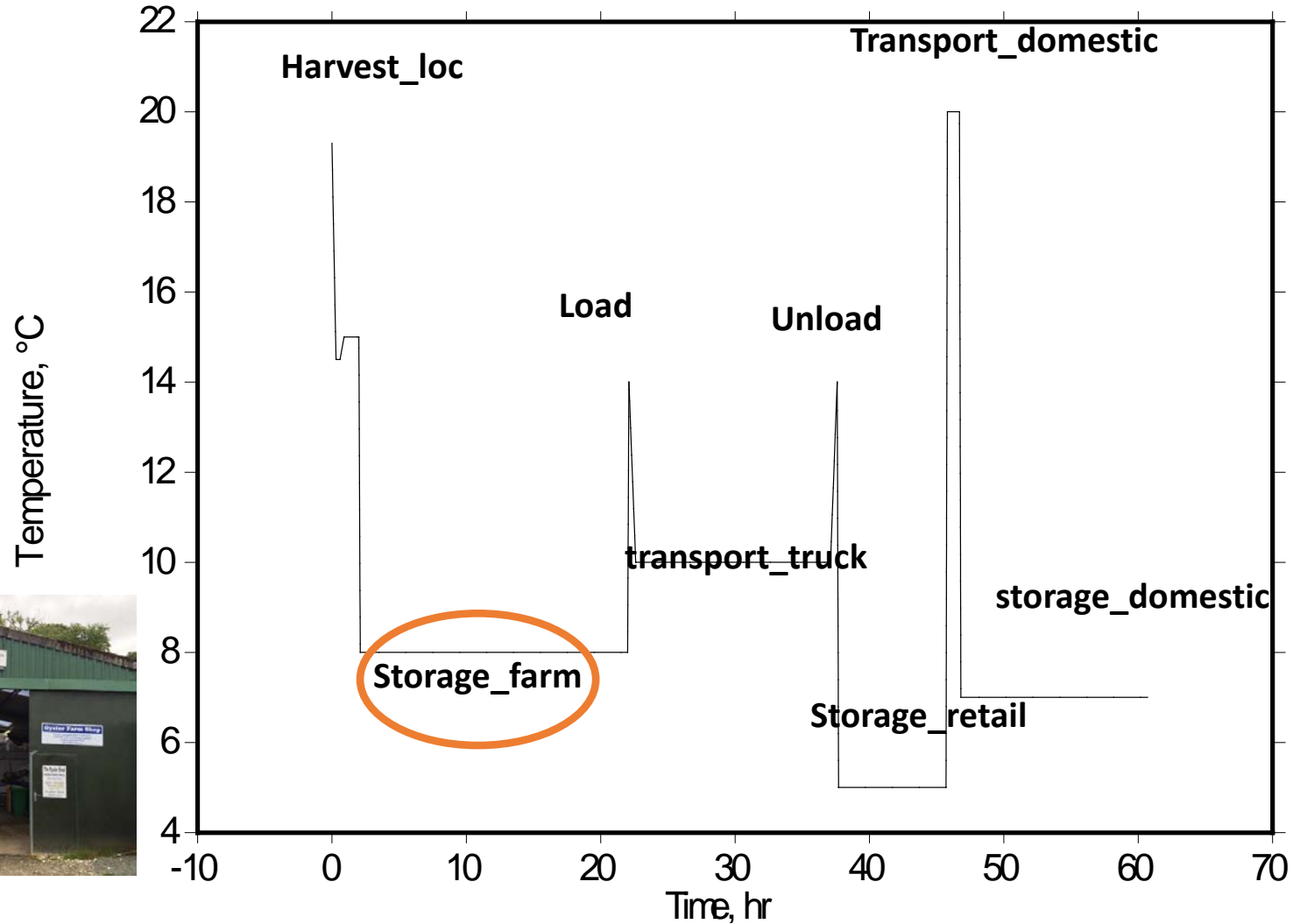
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Sensitivity Analysis of Oyster Supply Chains



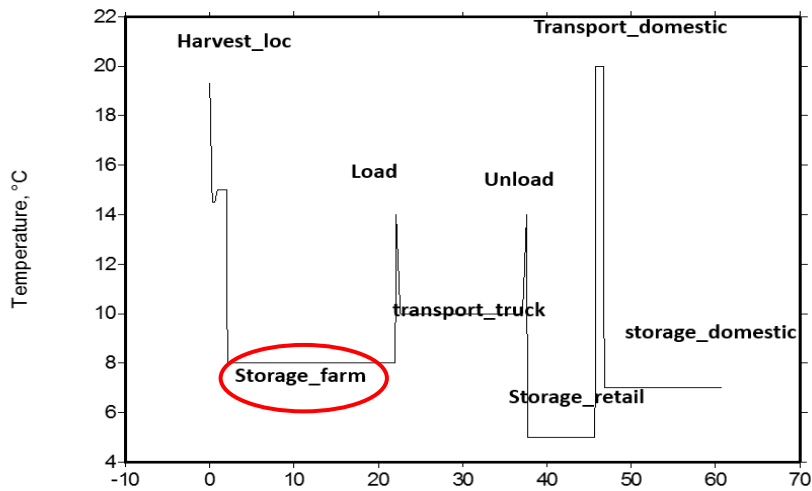
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Refrigeration vs Spoilage Cost Scenarios

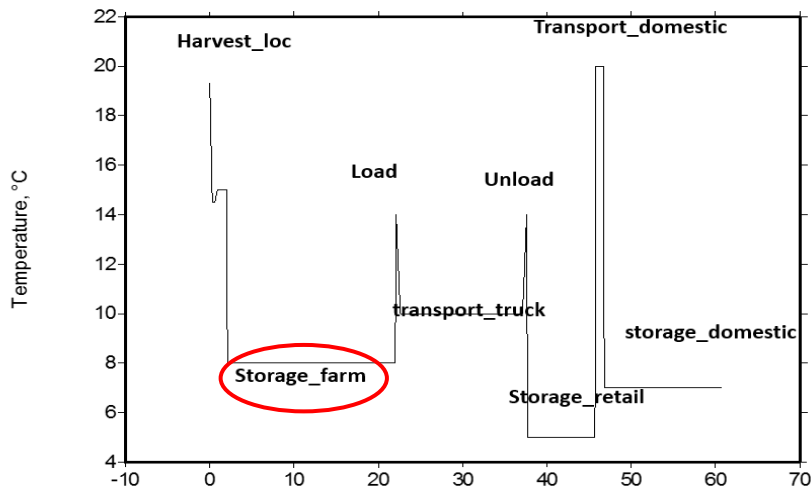
Temperature	Possibilities of exceeding 7.9 log CFU/g	Cold storage cost	Cost of loss of product
4 C	7.0%	\$ 166,445.97	\$ 1,234,975.35
6 C	9.4%	\$ 158,687.03	\$ 1,658,395.47
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~\$23,000 ~\$1.6 million



Refrigeration vs Spoilage Cost Scenarios

Temperature	Possibilities of exceeding 7.9 log CFU/g	Cold storage cost	Cost of loss of product
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~\$23,000

By investing

~\$1.6 million

The industry could save!

Integrating Sensors and Predictive Models



refrigerated storage



country import



wholesale storage



retail storage

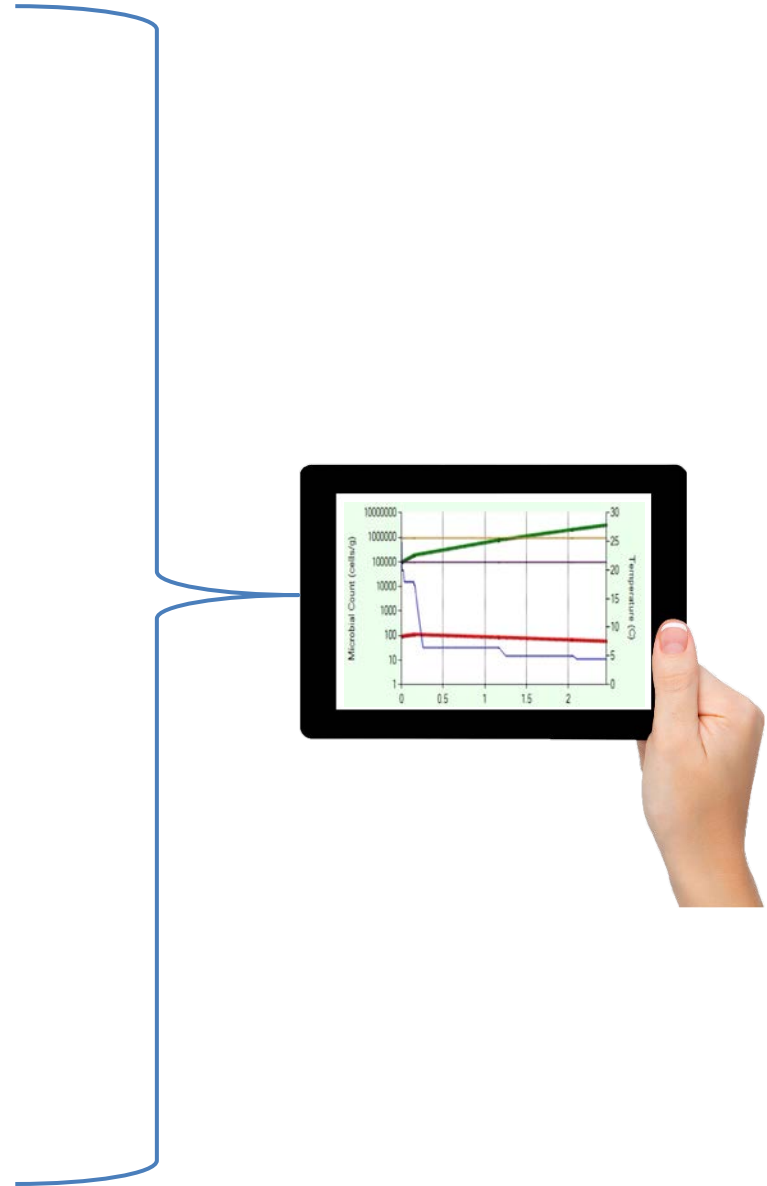
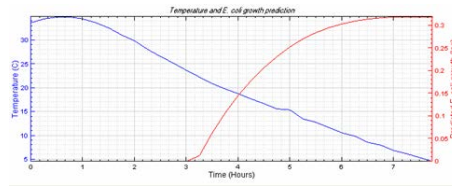
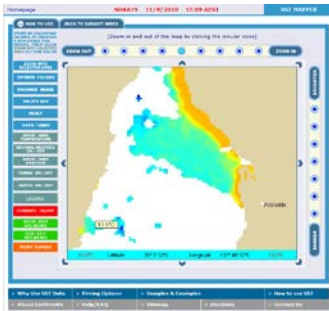


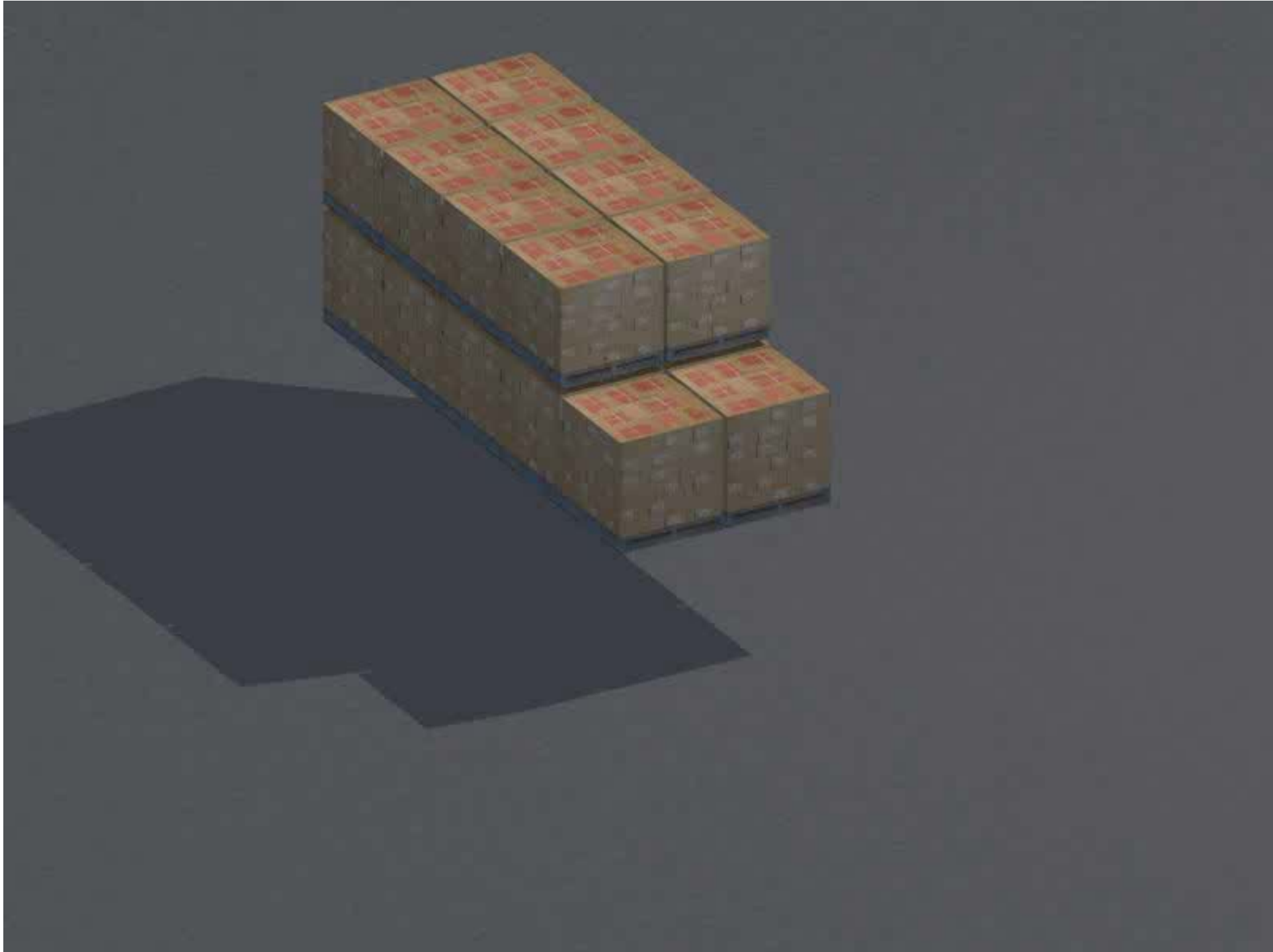
consumer



$$\log V_p/g = -2.05 + 0.097 * \text{temp}_{\text{water}} + 0.2 * \text{sal} - 0.0055 * \text{SAL}^2$$

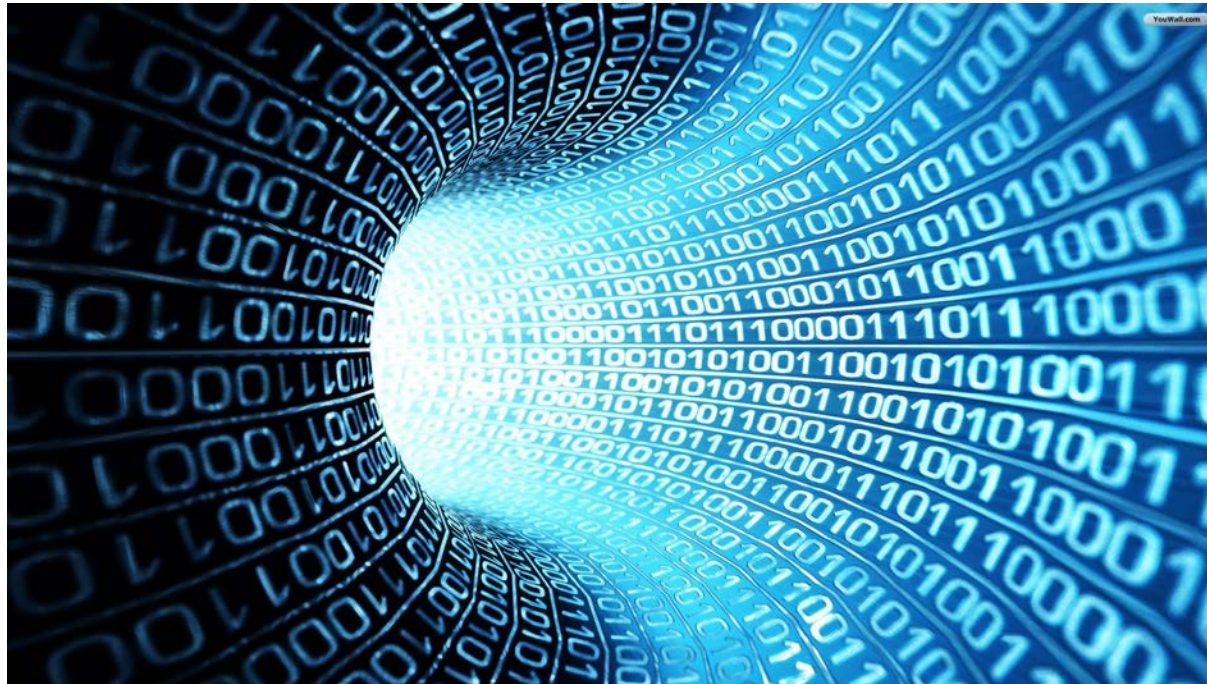
$$v_{\text{growth rate}} = 0.0303 \times (\text{temp} - 13.37)$$

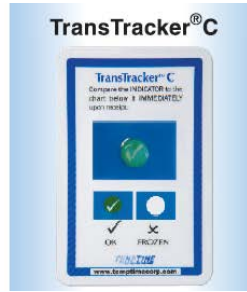
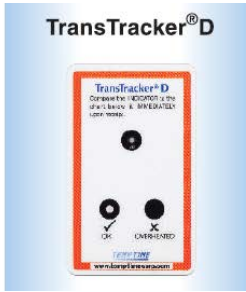
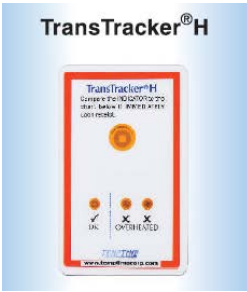




Currently, predictive models are not commonly used in real-time (or even retrospectively), due to lack of data capture.

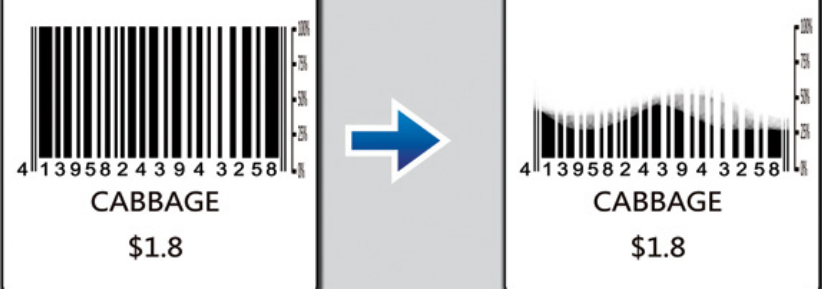
Sensors are a solution.





Dark blue strip moving from left to right, depending on time and temperature

Days left of shelf life



Integration of Time Temperature Indicator (TTI) sensors with predictive models for consumer-direct delivery of food products



Case study #2: Pathogenic *E. coli* in beef



**Boxed trim destined for
export**

Problem: What innovations can help export companies more quickly reach their markets?

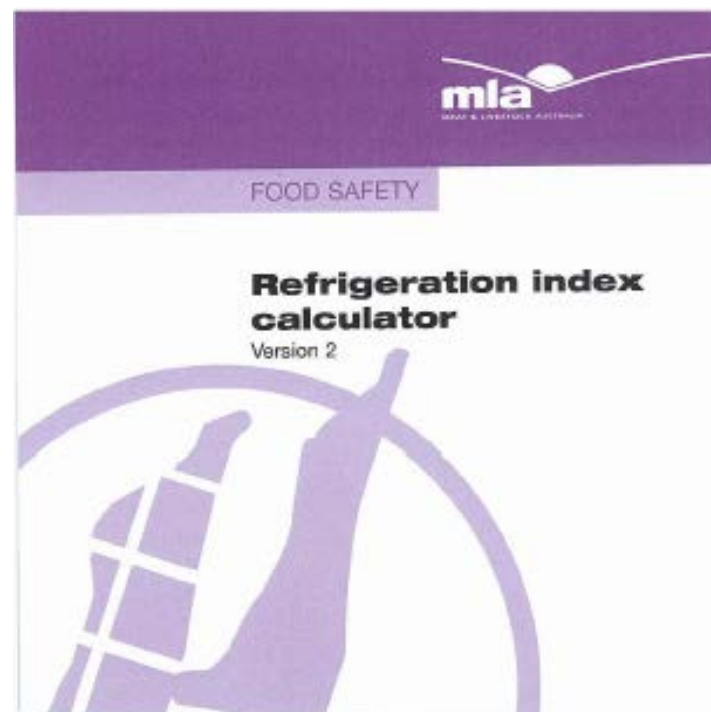
Refrigeration Index (RI)

- Previous regulation required carcasses to be cooled to 7°C in < 24 hours
 - *this could be done in many ways with quite different food safety outcomes*
- The industry wanted to package hot-boned beef trim
- A predictive model was developed through a government-industry-university partnership
- The Refrigeration Index predicts potential growth of *E. coli* based on a growth model

RI now part of Australian food safety law for meat



Export Control (Meat and Meat Products) Orders 2005



Welcome to the

Refrigeration Index Calculator

Version 2.0.1896.19881



Paste temperature data here:

	A
13	23.7
14	22.3
15	20.9
16	19.8
17	18.8
18	17.7
19	16.7
20	15.6
21	15.4
22	13.5
23	12.8
24	11.7
25	10.6
26	9.9
27	8.6
28	8
29	6.9
30	6.2
31	5.4
32	4.6
33	

Select the product type:

- Carcase
- Boxed Trim
- Primal where the slowest cooling point is lean
- Primal where the slowest cooling point is fat OR a mixture OR you're not sure
- Offal
- Recovered meat products

The starting temperature is hot (as for initial cooling of a carcass):

- Yes
- No

Specify other parameters and information:

Temperature measurement interval: min

Date of data collection:

Description of product, processing conditions, etc.:



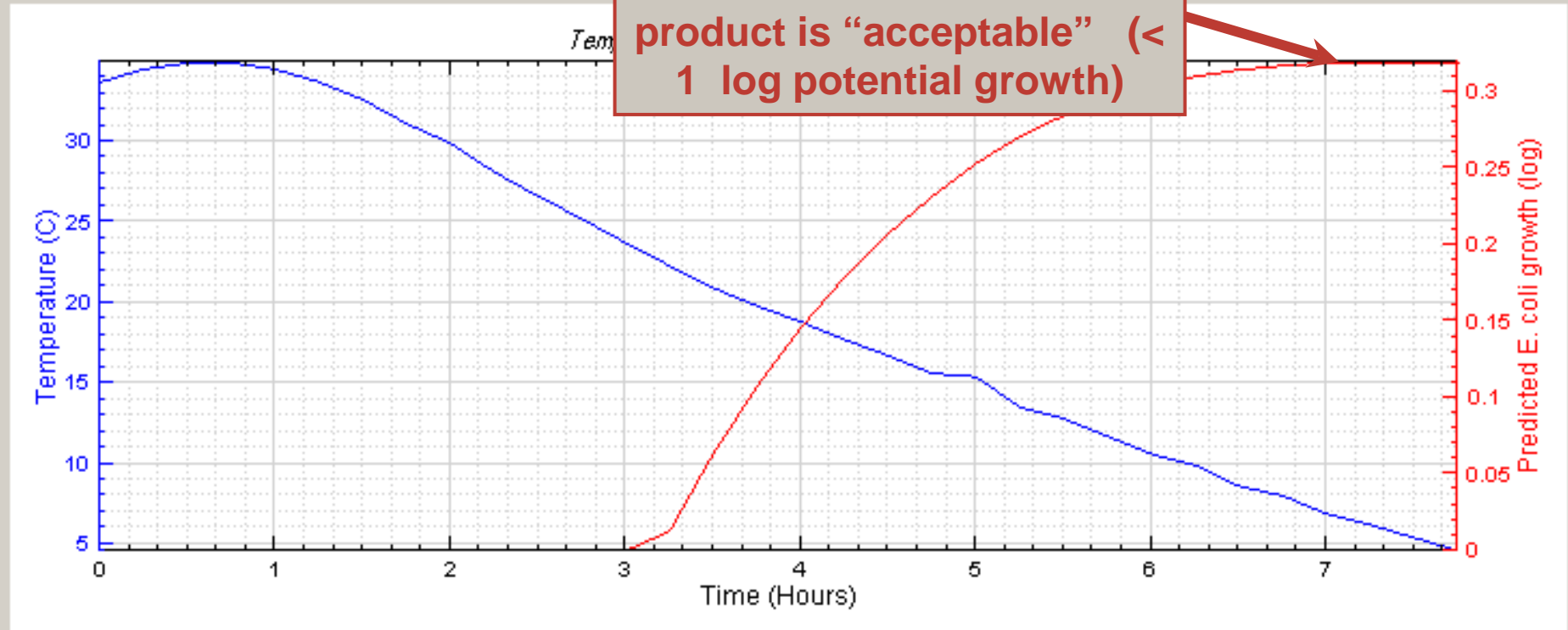
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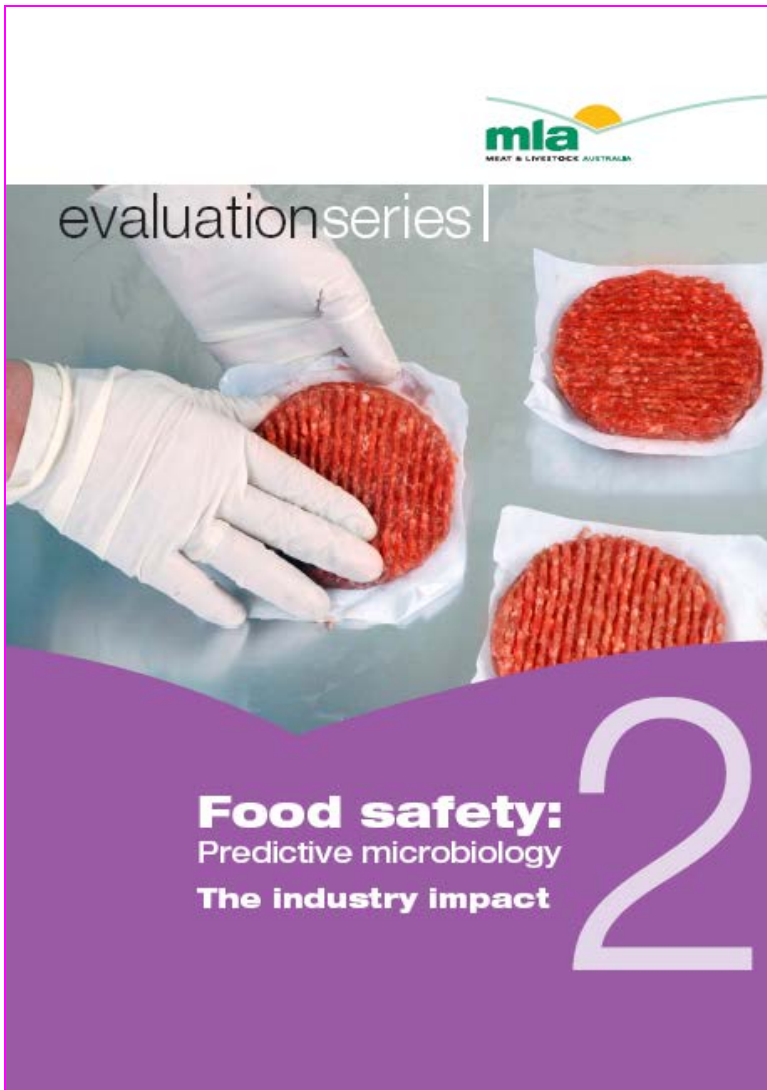
The refrigeration index is: **0.32**
 Date of data collection: 15/03/2005
 Type of product: Primal (lean)
 Lag phase utilized: Yes

Description:

total predicted *E. coli* growth during chilling; determines whether product is "acceptable" (< 1 log potential growth)



Benefits



Analysis by Australian Centre for International Economics

- **\$160 million increase in Australia's GDP**
- **\$280 million in social benefits**

Case study #3: *Clostridium perfringens* in cooked primals



Problem: How can companies better manage temperature deviations when cooling primals?

Perfringens Predictor

- Previous regulation about cooling cooked primals was highly prescriptive
- Occasionally, cooling profiles deviated
- Sampling plans and testing were not cost-effective
- An outcome-based model was developed through a government-industry partnership
- Accepted criteria was <1 log growth of *C. perfringens*

Perfringens Predictor

Perfringens Predictor



Temperature profile [0,95]

Celsius Fahrenheit

Autoincrement time

Time (h)	Temp (C)
0.00	70.0
0.50	60.0
1.00	50.0
1.50	40.0
2.00	30.0
2.50	25.0
3.00	20.0
3.50	15.0
4.00	10.0
4.50	5.0

Uncured meat Cured meat

pH [5.2-8]

- 6.0 +

Aw NaCl

[0.997-1]

- 0.998 +

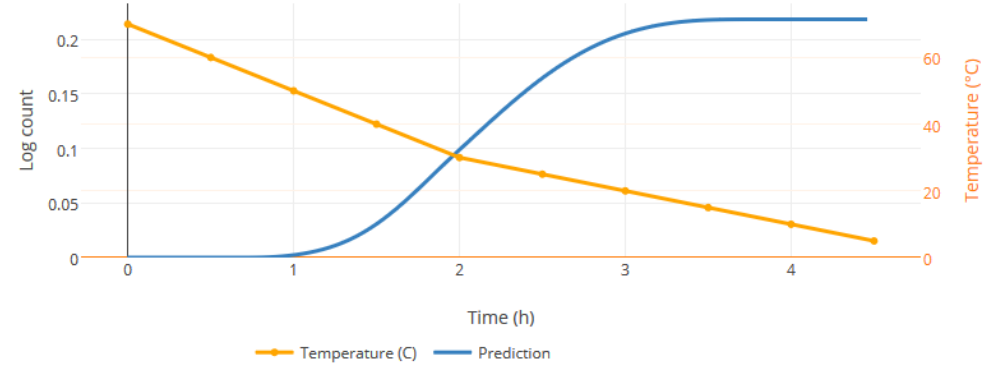
Growth limit ▾

Time limit ▾

Initial date/time ▾

Custom data ▾

Data Plot

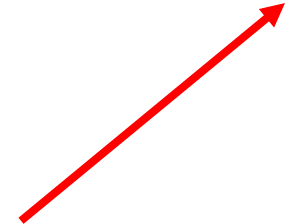


Total time

4.5 hours

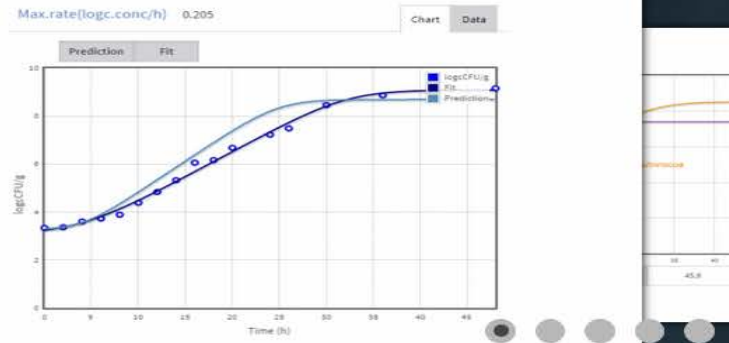
Net log increase in microbial count

0.22



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(www.combase.cc)

ComBase Browser



Access ComBase

The ComBase Browser enables you to search thousands of microbial growth and survival curves that have been collated in research establishments and from publications.

The ComBase Predictive Models are a collection of software tools based on ComBase data to predict the growth or inactivation of microorganisms

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**A database of microbial
behaviour in food
environments**

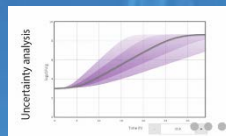
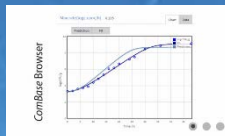


<http://www.combase.cc>



Vision: ComBase data and models will be used to support global food safety and quality programs.

Goal: To engage with the international food microbiology community, and provide it with robust data and models that describe how food safety and spoilage organisms respond to food environments.



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ComBase Advisory Group

- Unilever
- Nestlé
- IZLER
- USFDA
- USDA
- Rutgers University



The ComBase Scientific Group is being formed, and we are looking for more interested partners.

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Conditions [Any | All]

Properties [Any | All]

Temperature

Aw/NaCl [Aw | NaCl] Include where unspecified

pH Include where unspecified

Author

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Environmental conditions:

Proprietary data:

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Search results [1924 records]

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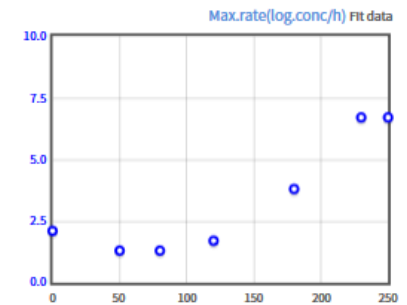
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Organism (Ascending)

1/193

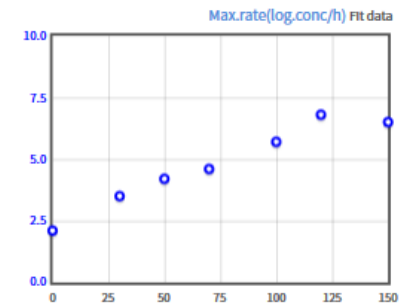
1. *Bacillus cereus* in broth

Matrix	Culture medium
Temp (°C)	7
Aw	0.997(assumed)
pH	7
Conditions	Not specified
Source	<i>Choma (et al.), 2000: Effect of temperature on growth characteristics of Bacillus cereus TZ415</i>



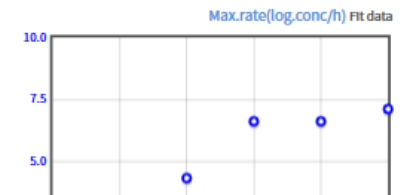
2. *Bacillus cereus* in broth

Matrix	Culture medium
Temp (°C)	10
Aw	0.997(assumed)
pH	7
Conditions	Not specified
Source	<i>Choma (et al.), 2000: Effect of temperature on growth characteristics of Bacillus cereus TZ415</i>



3. *Bacillus cereus* in broth

Matrix	Culture medium
Temp (°C)	15
Aw	0.997(assumed)
pH	7
Conditions	Not specified
Source	<i>Choma (et al.), 2000: Effect of temperature on growth characteristics of Bacillus cereus TZ415</i>



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Bacillus cereus in broth

ID: *GMW_1055*

Matrix	Culture medium
Temperature (°C)	10
Aw NaCl	0.997 (assumed)
pH	7

Source

Choma (et al.), 2000: Effect of temperature on growth characteristics of *Bacillus cereus* T2415

Conditions

Properties

Further specifications

Strain(s): T2415

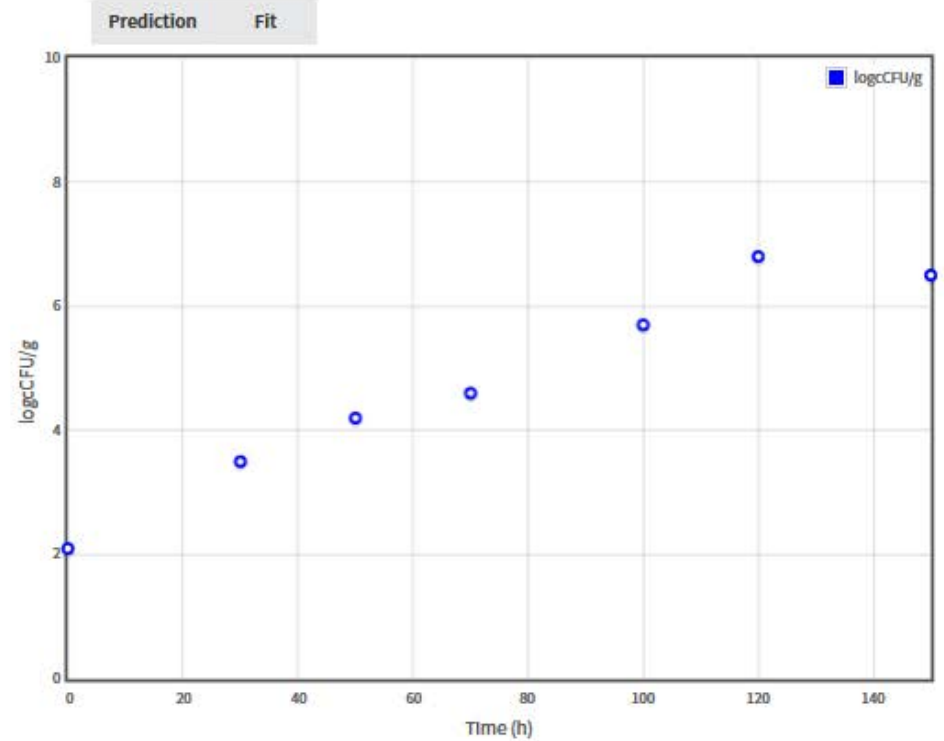
Details

No details specified

Measurement by colony counts.

Max.rate(logc.conc/h) Fit data

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Conditions

Properties

Further specifications

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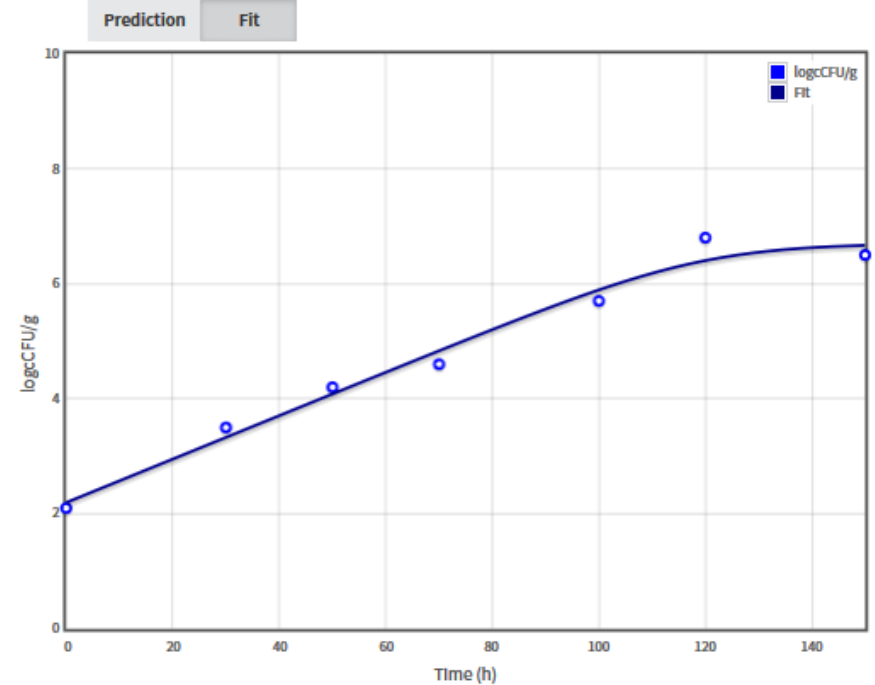
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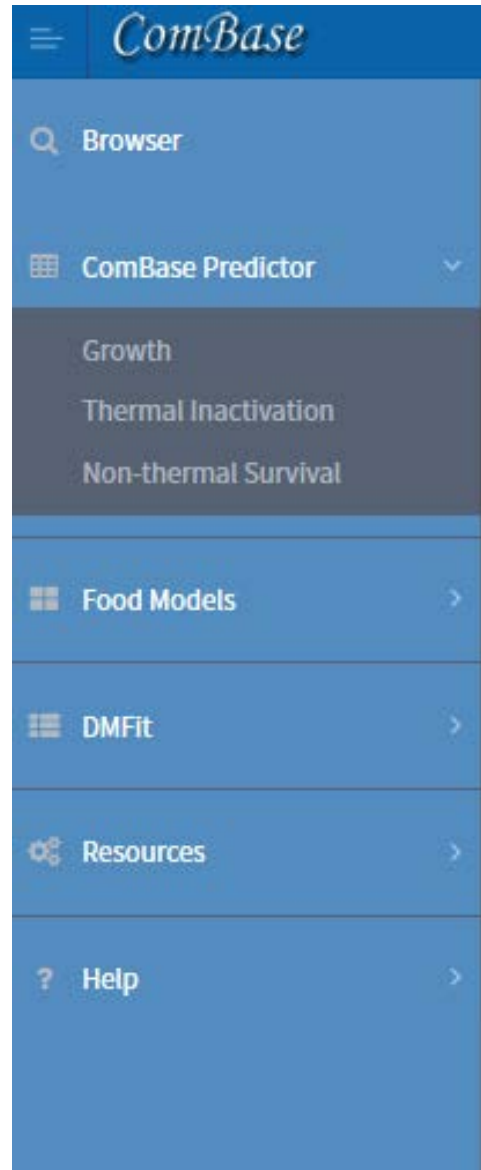


Baranyi and Roberts Model (no lag) [fit]

R-square:	0.971
SE of Fit:	0.287

Initial value	2.194 ± 0.232
Max. Rate	0.0378 ± 0.00402
Final Value	6.7 ± 0.302

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Growth

- Thermal Inactivation
- Non-thermal Survival

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Growth Model

Prediction | Uncertainty

[Static | Dynamic] [Aw | NaCl]

Bacillus cereus

Init. level	3
Phys.state	2.7e-4
Temp (°C)	5
pH	7
Aw	0.997

0 7
0 1
4.9 7.4
0.94 1

Max.rate (log.conc/h) 0.023 Dbl.time(Hours) 12.891

Bacillus cereus

Init. level	3
Phys.state	2.7e-4
Temp (°C)	10
pH	7
Aw	0.997

0 7
0 1
5 34
4.9 7.4
0.94 1

Max.rate (log.conc/h) 0.061 Dbl.time(Hours) 4.91

Bacillus cereus

Init. level	3
Phys.state	2.7e-4
Temp (°C)	10
pH	7
Aw	0.961

0 7
0 1
5 34
4.9 7.4
0.94 1

Max.rate (log.conc/h) 0.023 Dbl.time(Hours) 12.834

Chart | Data points

logCFU/g

Time (h) - 156.3 +

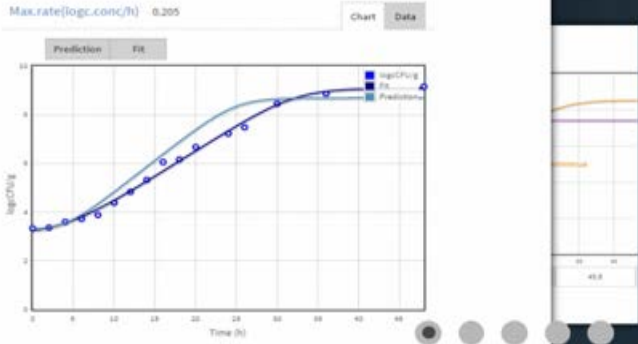
Plot custom points

Applications

- Growth/thermal and non-thermal inactivation
- Shelf-life
- Hazard identification
- Product development
- Process deviations

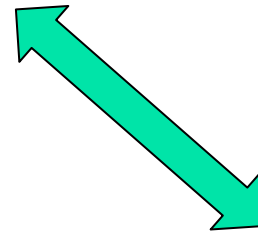
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Database

Application Program Interface (API)



Sensors

Collaborative opportunities

- Predictive microbiology training
- Research collaborations
- ComBase workshops
- Scientist-Student exchange/degrees



Thank you for your generous hospitality!

