

MICROWAVE DRYING KINETICS OF GREEN SWEET AND BELL PEPPERS

Dr. Meriç ŞİMŞEK ASLANOĞLU

Dr. Özge SÜFER

Merve YILDIRIM

***Osmaniye Korkut Ata University
Food Engineering Department***

- **Introduction**

- ✓ Pepper (*Capsicum annum L.*)
- ✓ Microwave drying
- ✓ Thin layer drying and semi-empirical equations

CONTENT

- **Objectives**

- **Material and Method**

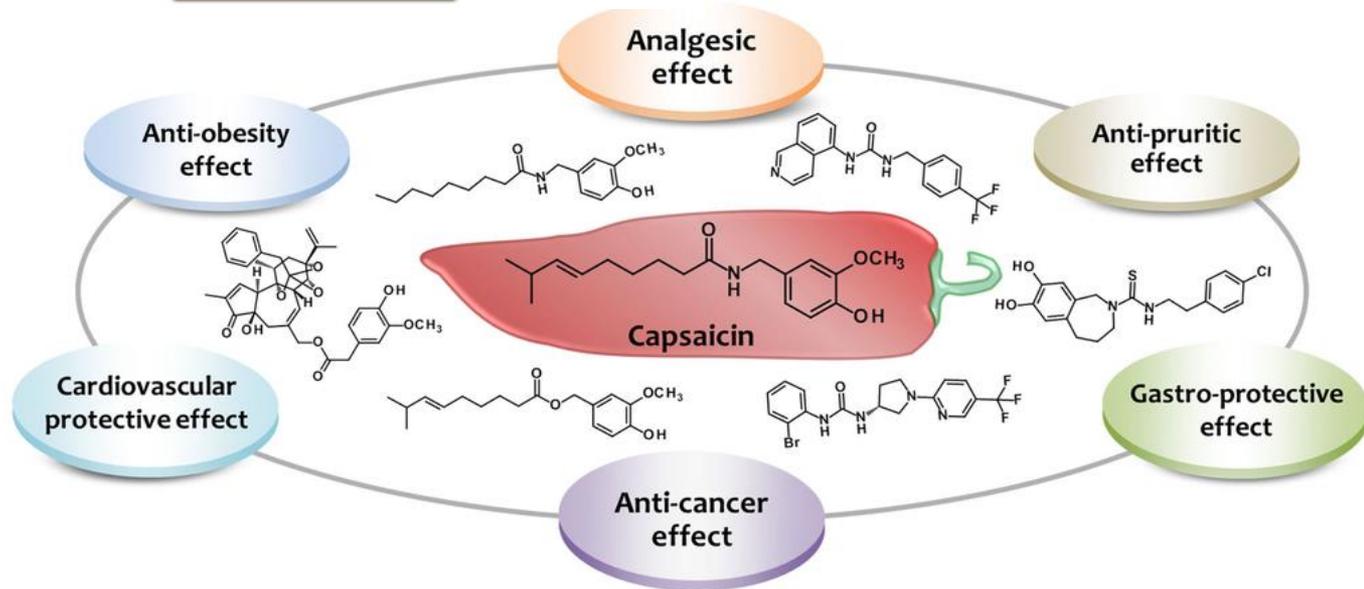
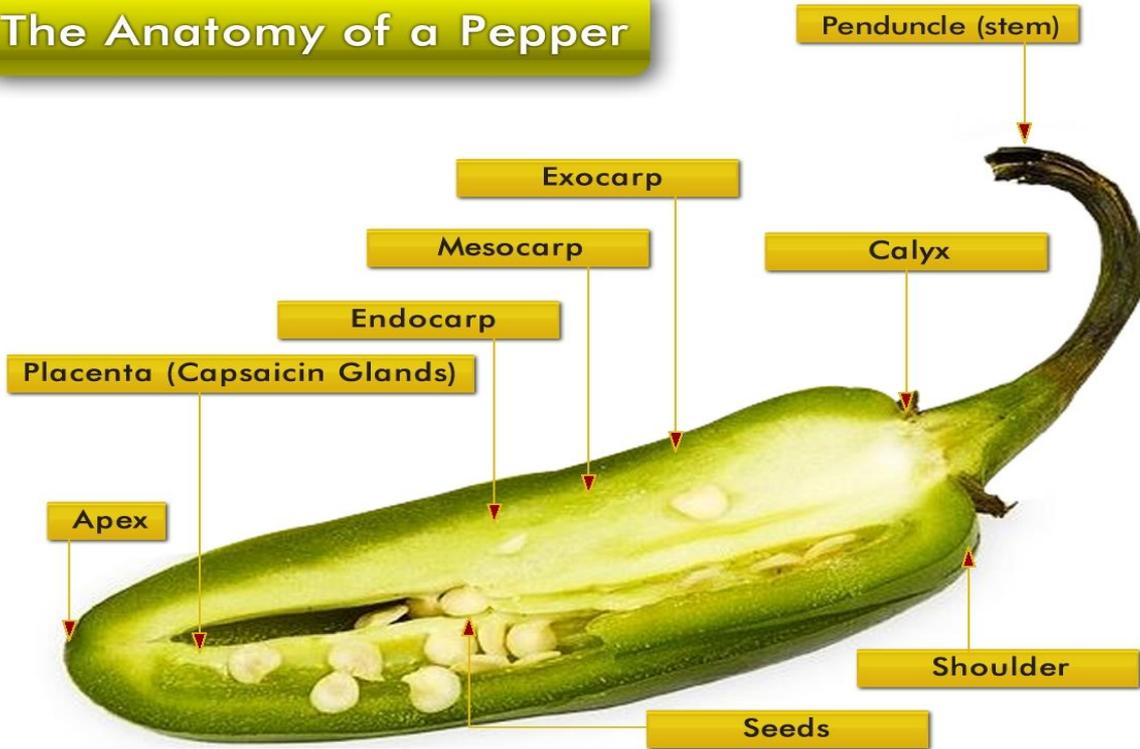
- ✓ Material
- ✓ Drying procedure
- ✓ Fitted mathematical expressions

- **Results and Discussion**

- **Further Studies**



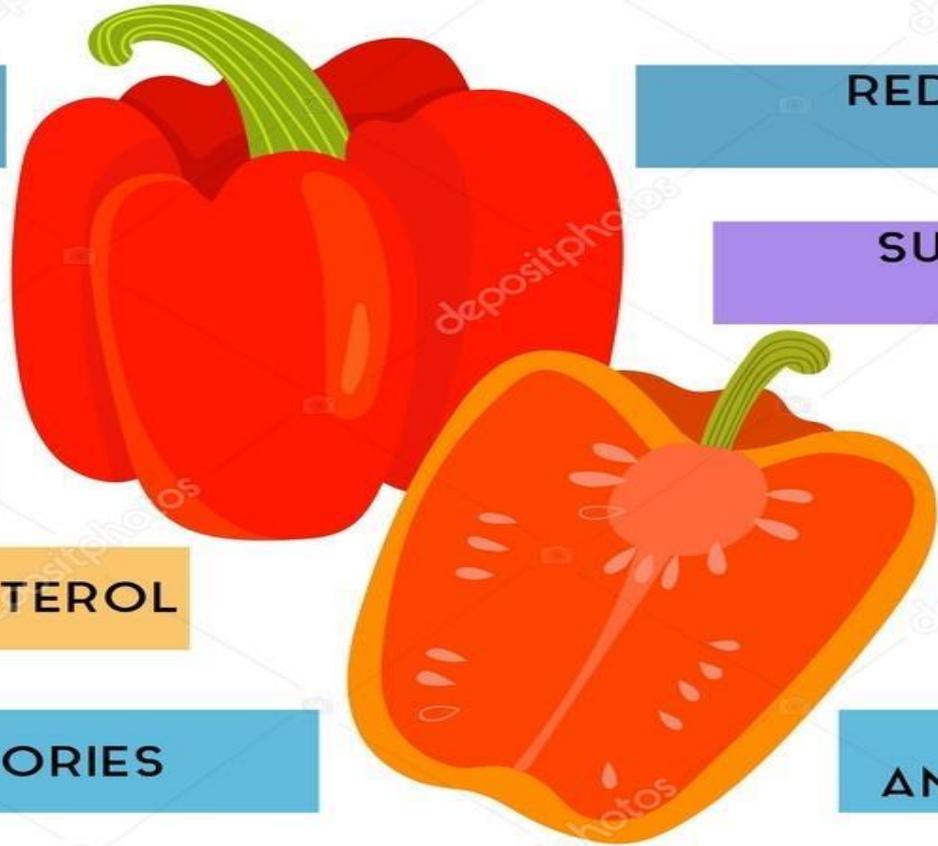
The Anatomy of a Pepper



10

HEALTH BENEFITS

BELL PEPPERS



BOOSTS IMMUNITY

REDUCE REDNESS AND SWELLING

GOOD FOR EYES

SUPPORT BLOOD CIRCULATION

HEART HEALTHY

CURES ANEMIA

LOWERS CHOLESTEROL

ANTI-CANCER

BURN MORE CALORIES

FUNCTION AS AN ANTI-OXIDANT

VITAMIN C

VITAMIN B6

VITAMIN A

FIBER

FOLATE

157%

16%

16%

7%

11%



Turkey



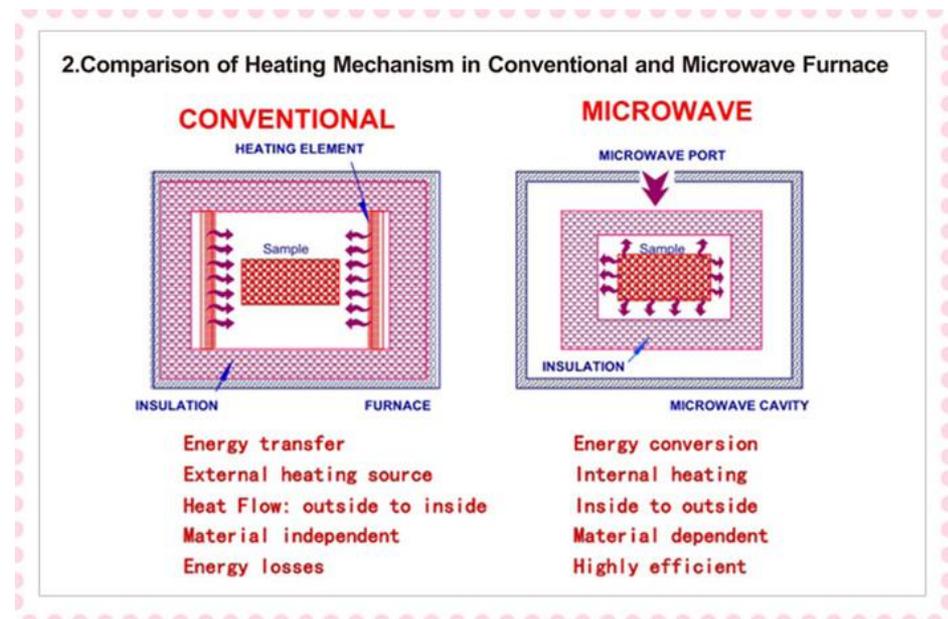


World



MECHANISM OF MICROWAVES

- ❖ The microwave energy is absorbed by liquid water
- ❖ After absorption, some water get evaporated
- ❖ Internal heating and evaporation generate significant pressure
- ❖ Moisture is pumped to the surface





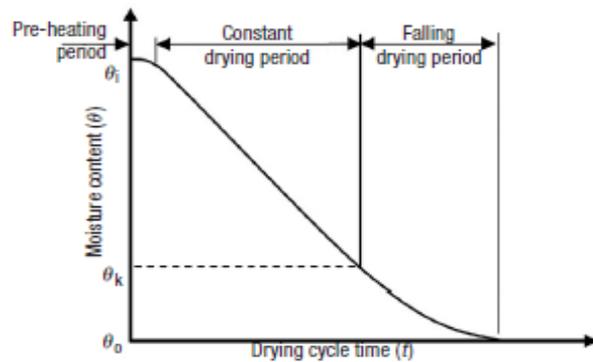
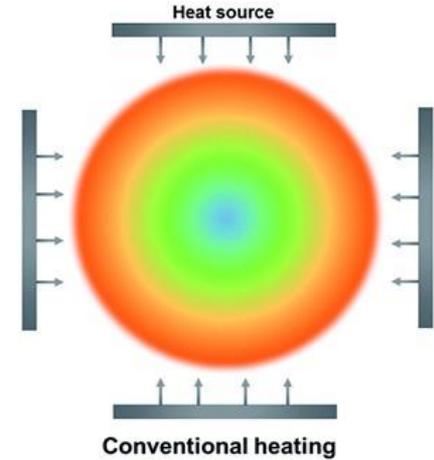
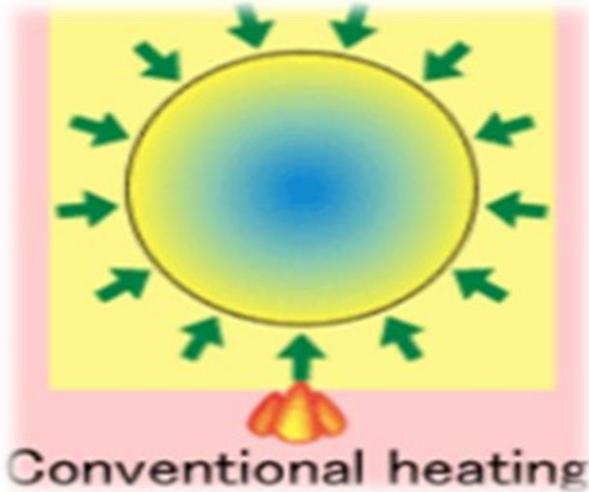
DRYING TECHNIQUES

Sun

Smoke

Hot air

Refractance Window



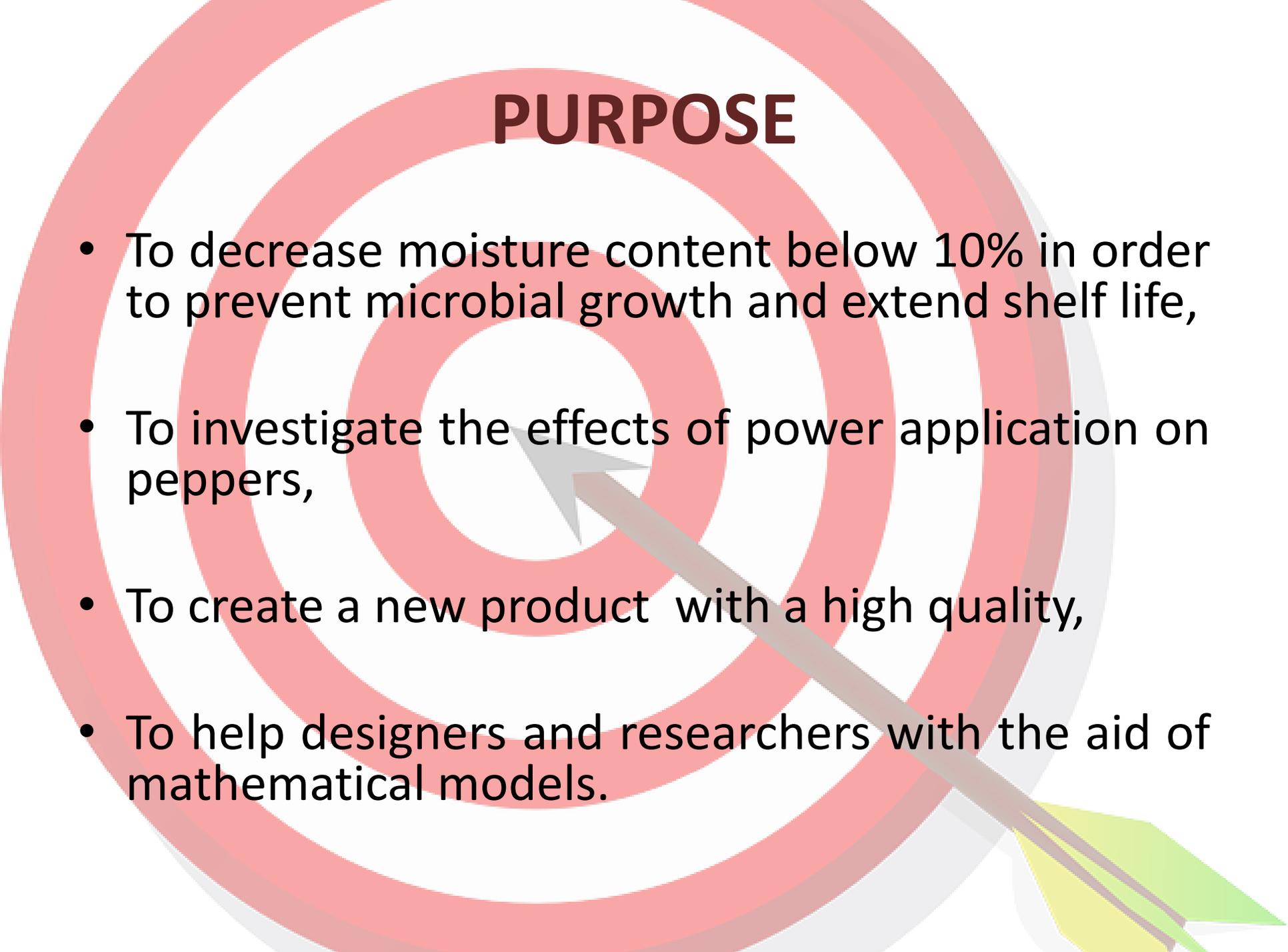
Freeze drying,
MWV drying



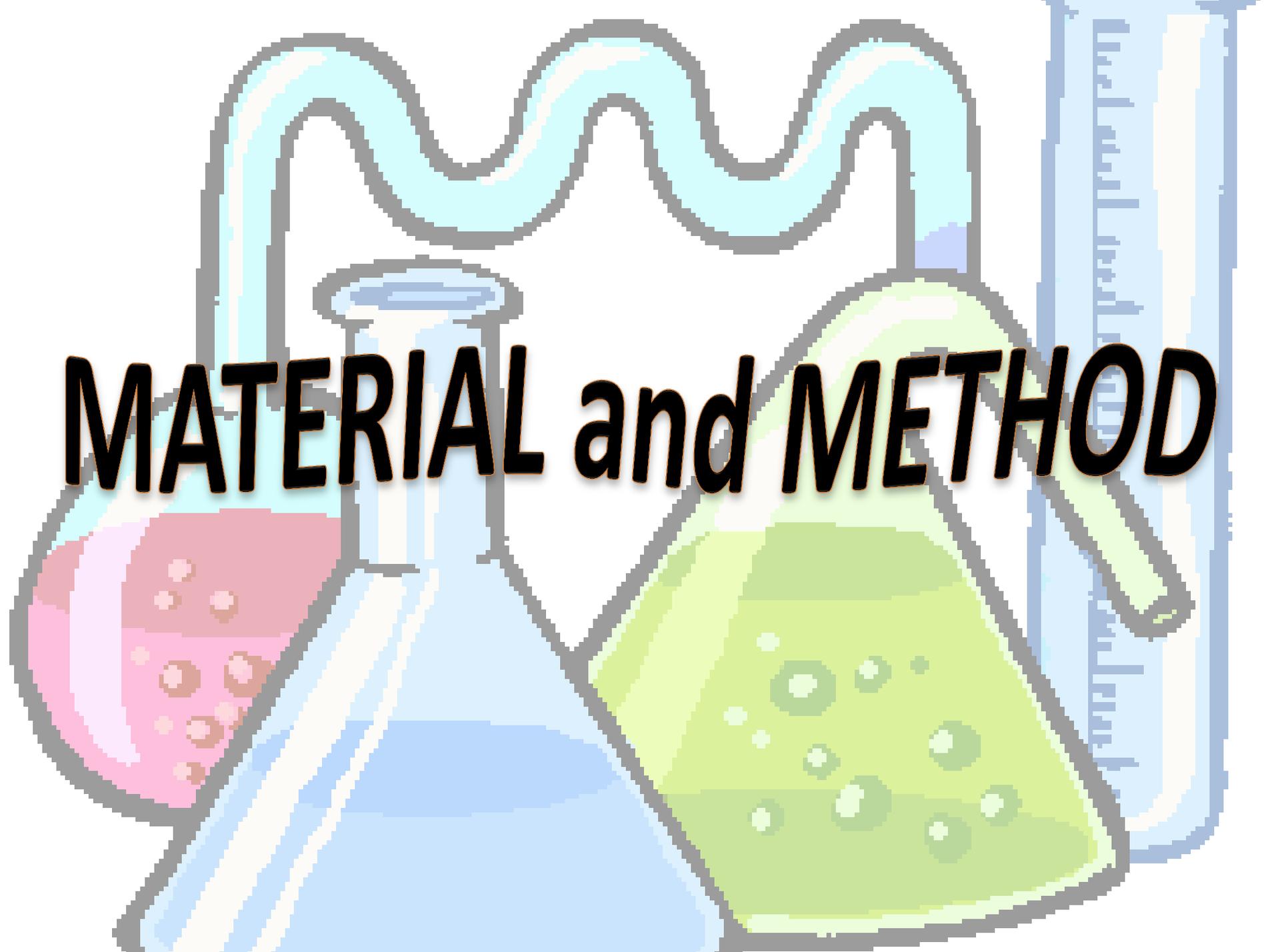
MATHEMATICAL MODELING

Drying contains a series of transfer phenomenas like heat and mass and is a complicated process. When defining the parameters of this, mathematical models could help to solve complexities. Mathematical models are able to be **emphirical**, **semi-emphirical** and **theoretical**. In most drying studies, semi-emphirical models were used called as **Page**, **Modified Page**, **Henderson and Pabis** and so on.

PURPOSE



- To decrease moisture content below 10% in order to prevent microbial growth and extend shelf life,
- To investigate the effects of power application on peppers,
- To create a new product with a high quality,
- To help designers and researchers with the aid of mathematical models.



MATERIAL and METHOD

Material

Trials



Conditions

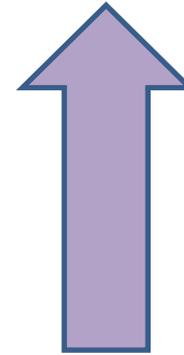
90 W

90+180 W

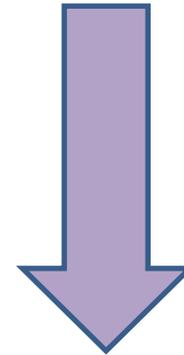
180 W



Model Name	Equation
<i>Lewis</i>	$MR = \exp(-kt)$
<i>Page</i>	$MR = \exp(-kt^n)$
<i>Modified Page</i>	$MR = \exp(-kt)^n$
<i>Logarithmic</i>	$MR = a \exp(-kt) + c$
<i>Midilli et al.</i>	$MR = a \exp(-kt^n) + bt$
<i>Wang and Singh</i>	$MR = 1 + at + bt^2$
<i>Parabolic</i>	$MR = a + bt + ct^2$
<i>Sigmoid</i>	$MR = a + \frac{b}{1 + e^{k(t-c)}}$
<i>Thompson</i>	$t = a \ln(MR) + b [\ln(MR)^2]$
<i>Rational</i>	$MR = \frac{a+bt}{1+ct+dt^2}$



R²



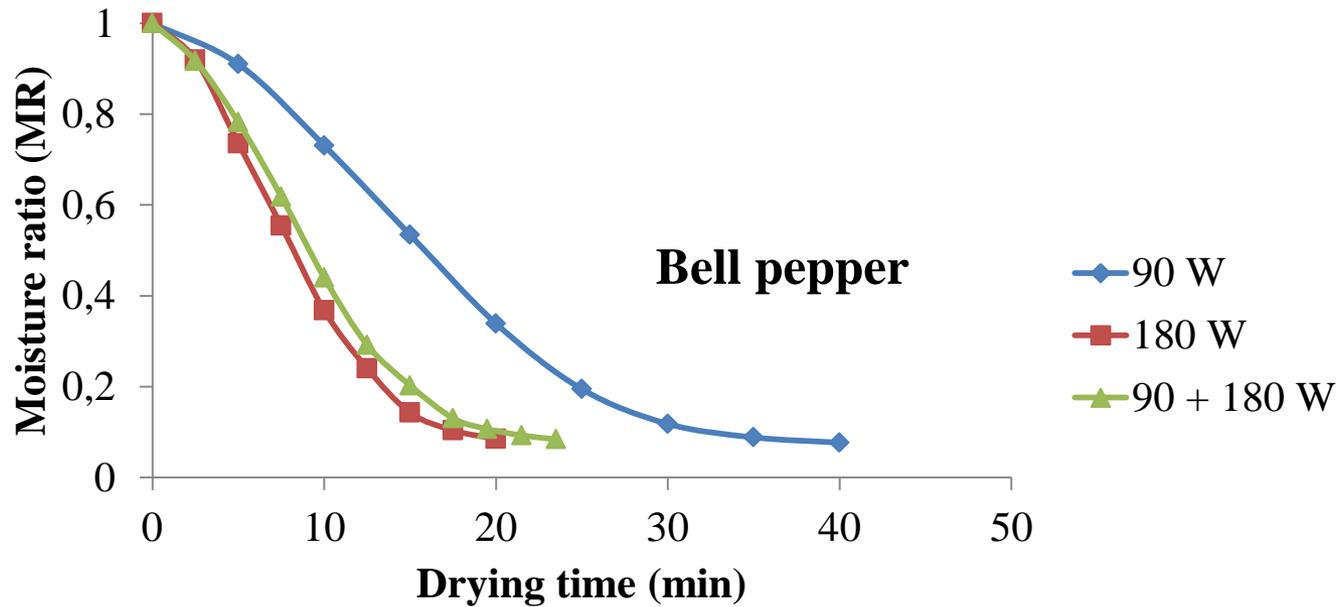
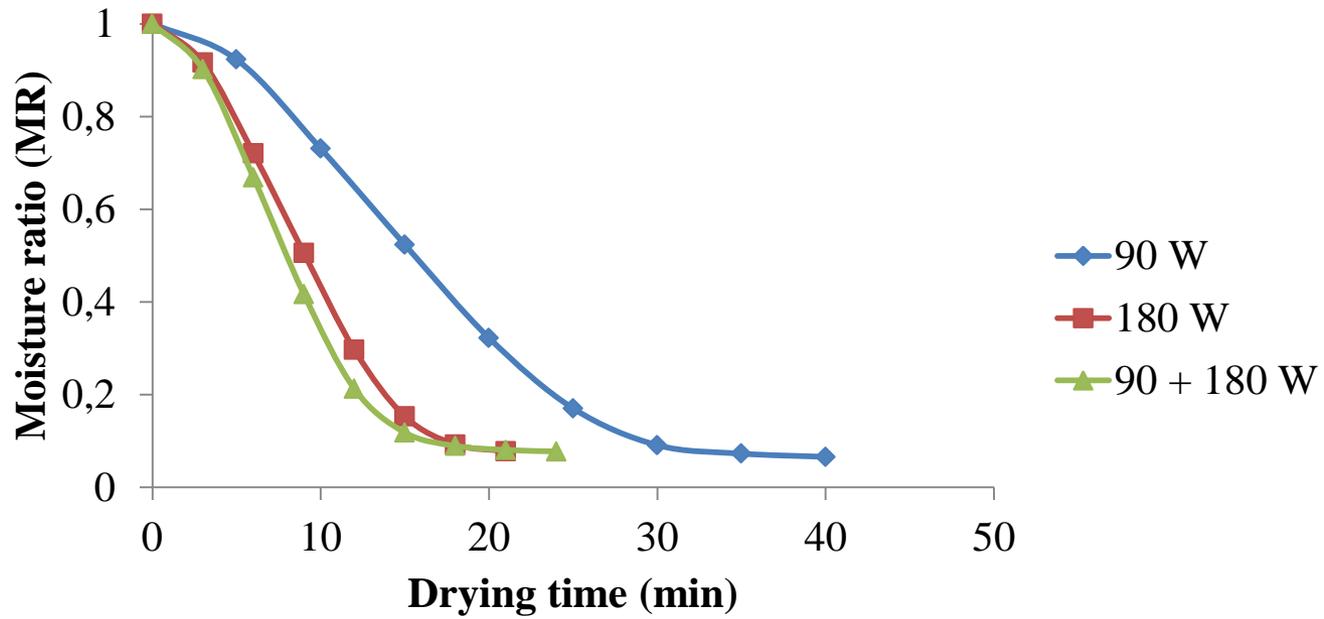
**χ²
RMSE**

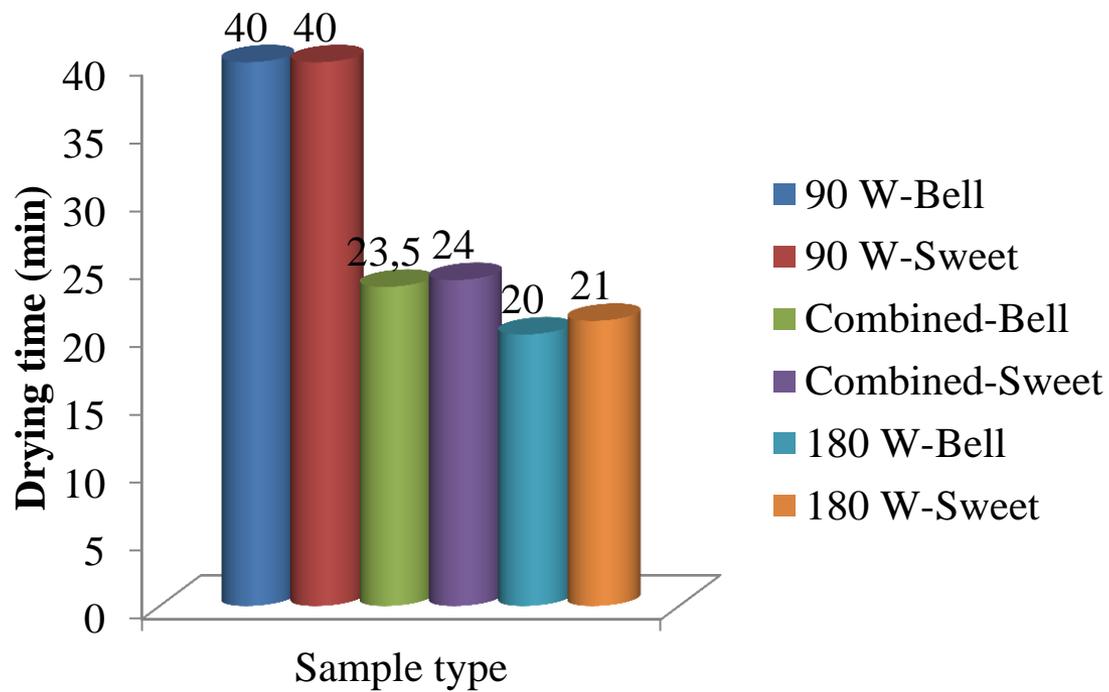




RESULTS and DISCUSSION

Sweet pepper





Sweet pepper

Bell pepper

Power level (W)	Sweet pepper		Bell pepper	
	Effective Diffusivity (D_{eff}) (m^2/s)	R^2	Effective Diffusivity (D_{eff}) (m^2/s)	R^2
90	(1.0813×10^{-7})	0.9637	(8.2328×10^{-8})	0.9730
180	(1.8681×10^{-7})	0.9634	(1.5428×10^{-7})	0.9772
90+180	(1.7249×10^{-7})	0.9494	(1.3523×10^{-7})	0.9797



Sweet Green Pepper



Bell Pepper

Model	90 W			90+180 W			180 W		
	R ²	χ ²	RMSE	R ²	χ ²	RMSE	R ²	χ ²	RMSE
Sigmoid Model	0.99943	0.00009	0.00815	0.99980	0.00002	0.00435	0.99953	0.00008	0.00752
Midilli et al. Model	0.99951	0.00082	0.00755	0.99776	0.00028	0.01456	0.99959	0.00078	0.00705

Sigmoid model

$$y = a / (1 + \exp(-k * (x - xc))) + b$$

Midilli et al.

$$y = a * \exp(-k * x^n) + (b * x)$$



Model	90 W			90+180 W			180 W		
	R ²	χ ²	RMSE	R ²	χ ²	RMSE	R ²	χ ²	RMSE
Sigmoid Model	0.99978	0.00004	0.00500	0.99992	0.00001	0.00288	0.99953	0.00006	0.00659
Midilli et al. Model	0.99946	0.00009	0.00773	0.99935	0.00008	0.00808	0.99972	0.00005	0.00557



Pal et al. 2008
Heat pump drying of bell pepper
30-35-40-45°C
Page model

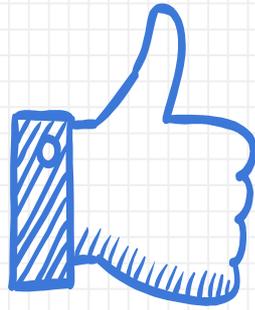
CONCLUSION

Microwaves enabled well-qualified products and shortened the drying time approximately 70 h as compared to conventional drying performed at 60 °C.

FURTHER STUDIES



- Colour kinetics
- Rehydration kinetics
- Bioactive compounds
- Microstructure



THANKS!

Any questions?

- ✘ mericsimsek@osmaniye.edu.tr
- ✘ ozgesufer@osmaniye.edu.tr
- ✘ yildirimmerve_393@hotmail.com