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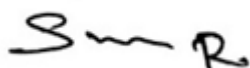
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ABSTRACT

The food industry is constantly evolving to provide consumers with better quality products that meet their needs for convenience, safety, and sustainability. Intelligent food packaging is a technology that has emerged in recent years to address these needs by incorporating sensors and other components to monitor and control various aspects of the packaging and the food inside it. One area of focus for intelligent food packaging is the development of freshness indicators that can accurately detect the quality and shelf life of the food. This project aims to develop a freshness indicator for food packaging using a combination of sensors and machine learning algorithms. The freshness indicator will be able to detect changes in the temperature, humidity, and gas composition inside the packaging, which are all indicators of the freshness of the food. The data collected by the sensors will be analyzed using machine learning algorithms to develop a model that can accurately predict the remaining shelf life of the food. The suitability of the freshness indicator will be evaluated by conducting tests on different types of foods and packaging materials to determine its accuracy and effectiveness. The results of the tests will be used to optimize the design of the freshness indicator and to identify any limitations or challenges in its implementation. Overall, this project will contribute to the development of intelligent food packaging by creating a new technology that can help to ensure the quality and safety of food products, reduce food waste, and improve the overall consumer experience.

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CHAPTER 1

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The goal of developing freshness indicators is to provide consumers with accurate and reliable information about the quality and freshness of food products. This can be achieved through the use of various types of sensors or labels that change color or other properties based on changes in the environment, such as temperature or gas composition. Intelligent food packaging, on the other hand, involves incorporating additional features or technologies into food packaging beyond its traditional function of protecting the product. This can include sensors, QR codes, or other forms of technology that provide consumers with information about the product's freshness, nutritional content, and other details. The development of freshness indicators and intelligent food packaging has the potential to improve food safety, reduce food waste, and enhance the consumer experience. However, there are also challenges to be addressed, such as ensuring the accuracy and reliability of the indicators, keeping costs low, and ensuring that the technology is accessible to all consumers. Overall, the development of freshness indicators and intelligent food packaging is an area of ongoing research and innovation, with the potential to make a significant impact on the food industry and the way that consumers interact with their food products. Freshness indicators are used to provide consumers with information about the freshness and quality of food products. These indicators can take many different forms, such as time-temperature indicators, gas sensors, or colour changing labels.

They are designed to help consumers make informed decisions about whether or not to consume a particular food item, based on its freshness and quality. Intelligent food packaging goes beyond traditional packaging to include additional features or functionality, such as sensors, QR codes, or other forms of technology. These features can help to monitor the condition of the food product inside the packaging, provide information to consumers, or even interact with other devices or systems. The development of freshness

indicators and intelligent food packaging has the potential to improve food safety, reduce food waste, and enhance the consumer experience. However, there are also challenges to be addressed, such as ensuring the accuracy and reliability of the indicators, keeping costs low, and ensuring that the technology is accessible to all consumers. Overall, the development of freshness indicators and intelligent food packaging is an area of ongoing research and innovation, with the potential to make a significant impact on the food industry and the way that consumers interact with their food products.

During the process of storage, transportation and sale, food will be corrupted by microorganism, enzyme, temperature and other factors, which will reduce its freshness. Every year, about 1.3 billion tons or between a quarter and a third of the world's grains are lost or wasted in food supply chains (Food and Agriculture Organization, 2019). In addition, the scarcity of food caused by the spread of novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in 2020 has caused further attention to the problem of food waste. Therefore, consumers pay more attention to the quality and safety of food, and need to accurately obtain the foods quality information. It is necessary to provide a convenient and real-time method for monitoring of quality and safety in the process of food supply, which is significant to standardize the order of food market and safeguard the rights and interests of consumers.

Food packaging plays a very important role in the food supply chain, which can be used as a protective layer to prevent contamination of food and maintain food quality. However traditional packaging system only isolates food from the external environment and cannot provide food freshness information for producers, sellers and consumers (2013). Physiochemical detection, microbial properties and sensory evaluation are routine methods for detection of food freshness. The disadvantages of above methods are cumbersome operation, long detection period, high cost, destruction of samples due to pre treatment etc., which make it difficult to realize non destructive and rapid detection of food freshness.

Intelligent packaging is a new packaging technology that integrates intelligent functions with conventional packaging systems. Intelligent packaging can sense, detect and record external or internal changes of products, further to provide food quality and safety information, and therefore extending the information function of packaging

(Sohail, Sun, & Zhu, 2018). The intelligent packaging information exchange function is shown in Fig. 1. Intelligent packaging undertakes the functions information perception, storage, transmission and feedback functions from raw material supply to product manufacturing, product packaging, logistics distribution, sales and packaging waste disposal during food processing (Yam, Takhistov, & Miltz, 2005). Freshness indicator (FI) is an indispensable part of intelligent packaging, mainly including two types: indicator card (label) and indicator film. The colour change of FI caused by the characteristic volatile from food can directly reflect the freshness of food. FI can provide qualitative or semi-quantitative information about food quality changes caused by physiological changes or microbial growth without destroying food packaging, and therefore can help consumers intuitively and scientifically judge food quality (Ghaani, Cozzolino, Castelli, & Farris, 2016). FI is very suitable for non destructive testing of freshness of perishable foods such as meat products, seafood, dairy products, fruits and vegetables. Although FI has such advantages, the applications of FI as a new intelligent packaging technology in the food industry are still rare. Therefore, the purpose of this paper is to briefly summarize the latest progress of FI in food intelligent packaging, and safety of freshness indicator assessment. In addition, the limitations and directions of future development of FI in food packaging are emphasize.

As household income has increased and eating habits have

become more westernized, the consumption of fresh meat has increased as well (Kim et al., 2012b). The food industry has striven to develop new technologies that enable consumer expectations regarding the safety and sensory quality of food to be met (Vaikousi et al., 2009), as well as pursuing the production of safe livestock products, the improvement of distribution systems to maintain freshness, and the development of quality and safety assessment technology. Despite these efforts, there is still no reliable way to scientifically confirm the freshness of consumer grade meat except for checking its color, smell, and/or expiration date (Shin et al., 2006). The chemical composition of meat is very complex, consisting of about 1–5% sugars, 10–20% protein, and 10–30% fat. Therefore, the decomposition of meat is faster because microorganism contamination is difficult to control (Kuswandi et al., 2015).

The freshness of refrigerated meat is reduced by biochemical, physicochemical, and microbiological changes. This loss of freshness indicates that the meat has started to decay. Microorganisms can act on proteins via proteolytic activity and transform them into smaller compounds, such as free amino acids. These amino acids undergo oxidative deamination, decarboxylation, and desulfurization, resulting in NH_3 , CO_2 , and H_2S . In addition to these, another indicator of the microbial decay of proteins in food is high levels of highly total volatile basic nitrogen (TVBN), such as ammonia, dimethylamine (DMA), and trimethylamine (TMA). Changes in the color of pH dyes (e.g. bromocresol green, methyl yellow, methyl red, and phenol red) can be used to detect acidic or basic volatile compounds, which exhibit irreversible changes in non-visual appearance (Rukchon et al., 2014). Three types of criterion are usually employed to determine beef quality: sensory, microbiological, and chemical. However, these methods have a number of disadvantages, including time-consuming detection processes, low accuracy, and/or high costs. Therefore, in order to evaluate the quality of meat in the field, such as at home, in supermarkets, or at distribution centers, a simple, low-cost, and highly efficient method is necessary. This would allow consumers to directly determine the freshness of meat (Kuswandi and Nurfawaidi, 2017). Intelligent packaging can communicate with consumers or food manufacturers and can detect internal or external environments in the package to provide early warning to users. One type of intelligent package, the freshness indicator, is a small device that is printed in the form of packaging film or package labels (Chen et al., 2018). Freshness indicators provide information about product quality based on chemical changes or microbial growth in the food product. Especially, Color-based pH-sensitivity indicators have been reported as promising intelligent packaging for the determination of microbial metabolites for packaged fish, shrimp, broiler chicken freshness (Lee et al., 2019). These indicators are natural dyes of bromocresol green, curcumin, bromocresol purple, which are changed from the acid form to the basic form due to the increase in the pH of the headspace caused by volatile amines which are generated when meat and aquatic products spoilage (Ezati et al., 2019). So, pH-sensitive dyes can be used to develop sensors for the detection of basic volatile amines in meat, fish, and poultry. One indicator of the microbial degradation of food proteins is VBN (Biji et al., 2015). It has been reported that the increase in VBN during the storage of meat is due to the decomposition of muscle proteins into amino acids by the enzymes secreted by microorganisms. In addition, VBN is

seen as an indicator of odor generation in beef, which shows a tendency of change among several quality factors and temperature dependency similar to the occurrence of offensive odor. Packaging technology that incorporates indicator sensors to monitor food spoilage has been proven useful in ensuring the quality and safety of packaged foods. It also has the advantages of being able to be quickly applied onsite at a low cost without requiring expensive equipment and of allowing the management of food quality in real time (Shukla et al., 2015). The aim of this study is to evaluate the relationship between the amount of volatile compounds and the number of microorganisms and to develop display a clear change in colour of indicator when beef has lost its freshness.

1.2 OVERVIEW

However, in general, the development of freshness indicators and intelligent food packaging is an active area of research and innovation. Freshness indicators can take many forms, such as time-temperature indicators, gas sensors, or color-changing labels. These indicators provide consumers with information about the quality and freshness of the food product, which can help to reduce food waste and improve food safety.

Intelligent food packaging involves incorporating additional features or technologies into food packaging beyond its traditional function of protecting the product. This can include sensors, QR codes, or other forms of technology that provide consumers with information about the product's freshness, nutritional content, and other details.

The suitability of these technologies in food packaging depends on factors such as their accuracy, reliability, cost-effectiveness, and ease of use. Ongoing research aims to improve the effectiveness and practicality of freshness indicators and intelligent food packaging, and there is potential for these technologies to make a significant impact on the food industry and the way that consumers interact with their food products.

1.3 SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

Meat freshness level is one factor to determine the quality of meat. This freshness level is used to decide whether the meat is consumable or not. Presently, traditional way to identify the quality and freshness level of a meat is still widely used. The mean is required a direct contact to a meat sample through human visual inspection and order assessment by human

nose. Moreover, meat freshness quality assessment by human sense such as in food industry is difficult to be quantified due to inconsistent, error prone, expensive and labour intensive measurement for routine quality application.

1.4 AIM OF THE PROJECT

The freshness identification of the meat has a high percentage of success up to 80%. The errors are caused by the small different of the pattern sensed by sensors for half rotten meat and rotten meat; these two kinds of meat fortunately are not consumable. Thus, it may conclude that the system has 100% success degree to identify fresh meat and non-fresh meat. The implementation of the system is expected to replace the traditional measurement by the human senses (i.e. nose and eyes) to obtain equal measurement as different human examiner acquires different result, and to eliminate the impact of bacteria or virus from meats to examiner. It may also replace measurement system using chemical substances so the tested meat will be still consumable.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 LITERATURE SURVEY

"Innovations in Food Packaging" written by Jinheong Han and published by Academic Press in 2014. The book provides a comprehensive overview of the latest developments and innovations in food packaging technology. It covers topics such as active and intelligent packaging, modified atmosphere packaging, nanotechnology, and sustainable packaging. The book is intended for professionals in the food packaging industry, including food scientists, engineers, packaging technologists, and researchers. With 20 chapters written by experts in the field, the book provides an in-depth analysis of the various factors that influence food packaging and discusses the different types of food packaging and their properties. The book highlights the importance of active and intelligent packaging in preserving the quality and safety of food products and covers the latest advancements in nanotechnology, biodegradable materials, and edible packaging. Overall, "Innovations in Food Packaging" is a valuable resource for anyone involved in the food packaging industry.

"Innovations in food packaging" by J.H. Han provides a comprehensive overview of the latest innovations in food packaging. The book covers a range of topics including active and intelligent packaging, nanotechnology in food packaging, and biodegradable packaging materials. One of the important topics covered in the book is intelligent packaging solutions such as freshness indicators. This reference can be a valuable resource for researchers and professionals interested in the latest developments in food packaging.

"Advances in food packaging" review article that summarizes recent advances in food packaging technology. It provides an overview of the current state-of-the-art in the field, including the development of intelligent packaging solutions such as freshness indicators. The authors discuss various types of active and intelligent packaging technologies, their properties, and their applications. They also highlight the potential

benefits of these technologies, such as increasing shelf life, reducing waste, and improving food safety. The review includes a comprehensive list of references for further reading and research in this field.

“Development of a time-temperature indicator for fresh food packaging based on a chromic material” In this research article, the authors focus on developing a time-temperature indicator for use in fresh food packaging. They utilize a chromic material and study its response to changes in temperature and time. The authors describe the fabrication of the indicator and its testing with various foods, including chicken breast and fish. They also discuss the potential benefits of this indicator for food safety and quality control in the food industry. Overall, this paper highlights the potential of intelligent packaging solutions, such as time-temperature indicators, to improve food safety and quality in the food industry.

“Smart packaging technologies for perishable food preservation” the authors discuss the use of smart packaging technologies for the preservation of perishable foods. The authors provide an overview of various types of smart packaging, such as active packaging and intelligent packaging, and how they can be used to maintain the quality and safety of perishable foods. They also discuss the various materials and technologies used in smart packaging, such as oxygen scavengers and antimicrobial agents. One of the main focuses of the article is on freshness indicators, which are described as a type of intelligent packaging that can provide information on the freshness of the food product. The authors discuss various types of freshness indicators, including time-temperature indicators, gas sensors, and color-changing indicators. They also provide examples of commercialized freshness indicators and their applications in the food industry. Overall, this paper provides a comprehensive review of the current state of smart packaging technologies and their potential for preserving perishable foods. The authors highlight the importance of these technologies for reducing food waste and improving food safety and quality.

“Smart packaging technologies for perishable food preservation” the authors discuss various smart packaging technologies that can be used to preserve perishable foods. They highlight the importance of maintaining food quality and safety during storage and transportation, and how smart packaging technologies can help achieve

this. The authors cover a range of smart packaging solutions, including active and intelligent packaging, and discuss their applications for different types of perishable foods. Specifically, the authors discuss the development of freshness indicators as a type of intelligent packaging solution for monitoring the freshness and quality of perishable foods. They describe various types of freshness indicators, including time-temperature indicators, gas indicators, and enzyme-based indicators. The authors also discuss the benefits and challenges associated with using freshness indicators, as well as future directions for research in this area. Overall, this review article provides a comprehensive overview of the current state of smart packaging technologies for perishable food preservation, including the development of freshness indicators. It highlights the potential benefits of these technologies for improving food safety and quality in the food industry.

“food quality monitoring technology and its application in intelligent packaging” This review article summarizes the recent advances in food quality monitoring technologies and their applications in intelligent packaging, with a particular focus on freshness indicators. The authors discuss different methods of monitoring food quality, including physical, chemical, and biological sensors, and provide examples of their use in various types of food packaging. They also highlight the potential benefits of integrating these technologies into intelligent packaging systems, such as reducing food waste, improving food safety, and enhancing consumer satisfaction. Overall, the paper provides valuable insights into the current state of research in this field and the potential for future development.

"Active and intelligent packaging for food preservation" is a book chapter published in the book "Food packaging and preservation". The chapter provides an overview of active and intelligent packaging technologies used in food preservation. It discusses the basic principles of active packaging, including oxygen scavengers, carbon dioxide emitters, and antimicrobial agents. The chapter also describes the use of intelligent packaging, including time-temperature indicators, gas sensors, and freshness indicators. The authors highlight the potential benefits of active and intelligent packaging in terms of food safety, shelf life extension, and waste reduction. Overall, this chapter provides valuable information on the current state of active and intelligent packaging technologies in the food industry. This chapter provides an overview of active and intelligent packaging

technologies and their applications in food preservation. The authors begin by defining active and intelligent packaging and discussing the benefits and limitations of each approach. They then review various active packaging technologies, such as oxygen scavengers and antimicrobial agents, and their use in food packaging. The chapter also covers intelligent packaging solutions, including time-temperature indicators, gas sensors, and freshness indicators, and their applications in food preservation. The authors highlight the potential of these technologies to improve food safety and quality control in the food industry. Overall, this chapter provides a comprehensive overview of active and intelligent packaging solutions and their applications in food preservation. It can serve as a valuable resource for researchers, food scientists, and industry professionals interested in food packaging technology.

“Advances in food packaging” that summarizes recent advances in food packaging technology. The authors provide an overview of the various types of food packaging materials and their properties, as well as emerging trends in food packaging design and manufacturing. The paper also discusses the development of intelligent packaging solutions, including freshness indicators and other sensors that can provide real-time information on the quality and safety of food products. Additionally, the authors highlight the importance of sustainability in food packaging and the use of eco-friendly materials. Overall, the paper provides valuable insights into the current state of food packaging technology and the direction in which it is heading, with a focus on improving food safety and quality while also addressing environmental concerns. the authors provide a comprehensive overview of the recent advances in food packaging technology. They discuss various types of packaging materials, such as biodegradable and edible packaging, and their applications in food packaging. They also cover the development of intelligent packaging solutions, including freshness indicators, which can provide real-time information about the quality of the food product. The authors also touch upon the use of nanotechnology in food packaging and its potential impact on food safety and quality. The article concludes with a discussion of the challenges and opportunities in the field of food packaging and the need for continued research and development in this area.

“Intelligent packaging in the food sector” This research article provides an overview of intelligent packaging in the food sector. The authors discuss the types of

intelligent packaging, including active and smart packaging, and the various functionalities they can offer, such as freshness indicators, temperature and time indicators, and gas scavengers. The article also explores the advantages of intelligent packaging, including improved shelf-life and food safety, and the potential barriers to its implementation in the food industry. The authors conclude with a discussion of future directions for research and development in the field of intelligent packaging for food. the authors provide an overview of intelligent packaging in the food sector. They discuss the different types of intelligent packaging, including active and smart packaging, and their potential applications in the food industry. The authors also cover the various technologies that can be used in intelligent packaging, such as RFID, biosensors, and time-temperature indicators. The paper highlights the benefits of intelligent packaging, including improved food safety and quality, reduced food waste, and increased consumer engagement. Overall, the article serves as a useful introduction to the field of intelligent packaging in the food sector.

“Recent advances in intelligent packaging for enhancing food quality and safety” that highlights the recent advances in intelligent packaging for improving food quality and safety. The authors discuss various types of intelligent packaging technologies such as time-temperature indicators, gas indicators, biosensors, and nanosensors. The article provides a comprehensive overview of the principles and applications of these technologies, as well as their advantages and limitations. Additionally, the authors also discuss the future prospects of intelligent packaging in the food industry. Overall, the paper provides a valuable resource for researchers and industry professionals interested in the development and application of intelligent packaging for food safety and quality improvement. the authors review recent advancements in intelligent packaging for enhancing food quality and safety. They discuss various types of intelligent packaging, including time-temperature indicators, oxygen scavengers, and antimicrobial packaging, and their applications in the food industry. The authors also cover the challenges and limitations of intelligent packaging and propose future directions for research in this area. Overall, this paper highlights the potential of intelligent packaging solutions to improve food safety, reduce food waste, and enhance the shelf life of food products.

“Migration of nanomaterials from packaging polymers into foods” discusses the potential migration of nanomaterials from packaging polymers into food

products, and the potential implications for food safety. The authors review various types of nanomaterials used in food packaging, such as silver nanoparticles and titanium dioxide, and the potential risks associated with their migration into food. They also examine factors that affect the migration of nanomaterials, including the size and shape of the nanoparticles, the properties of the packaging polymer, and the nature of the food product itself. The authors conclude by highlighting the need for further research and regulatory oversight to ensure the safety of nanomaterials in food packaging. the authors discuss the migration of nanomaterials from packaging polymers into foods. They review various types of nanomaterials that are commonly used in food packaging, such as silver nanoparticles and titanium dioxide nanoparticles, and their potential effects on human health. The authors also explore the factors that can affect the migration of nanomaterials from packaging into foods, including the type of packaging material, food composition, and storage conditions. This paper highlights the importance of understanding the potential risks associated with the use of nanomaterials in food packaging and the need for further research in this area.

"Active and intelligent packaging in the meat industry" by Gomez-Estaca et al. (2019) explores the potential use of active and intelligent packaging solutions for improving the quality and safety of meat products. The authors provide an overview of the different types of active and intelligent packaging technologies that can be applied in the meat industry, such as modified atmosphere packaging, antimicrobial packaging, and smart packaging. They discuss how these technologies can be used to control factors such as moisture, oxygen, and microbial growth, which are critical in preserving the quality and safety of meat products. The authors also highlight the importance of selecting appropriate packaging materials and evaluating the effectiveness of the packaging systems through sensory and microbiological analyses. Furthermore, the paper includes case studies and examples of how active and intelligent packaging has been used in the meat industry, such as extending the shelf life of fresh meat and controlling the growth of spoilage and pathogenic bacteria. Overall, the paper highlights the potential of active and intelligent packaging solutions for improving the quality and safety of meat products, while also addressing some of the challenges associated with their implementation. In this research article, the authors discuss the use of active and intelligent packaging in the meat industry to improve the safety and quality of meat products. The authors provide an overview of the

different types of active and intelligent packaging, including oxygen scavengers, antimicrobial agents, and time-temperature indicators. They also discuss their potential benefits for the meat industry, such as extending shelf life and reducing food waste. Additionally, the authors highlight the importance of regulatory compliance and consumer acceptance when implementing active and intelligent packaging solutions. Overall, this paper provides insights into the use of innovative packaging solutions for the meat industry.

"Recent progress in intelligent packaging materials and technologies for food preservation" by Xiao et al. (2021) provides an overview of recent advances in intelligent packaging materials and technologies for food preservation. The authors highlight various types of intelligent packaging technologies, including freshness indicators, time-temperature indicators, gas sensors, and antimicrobial packaging, and discuss their potential applications for improving food safety and quality. The paper also covers recent developments in materials science, such as the use of nanotechnology, biopolymers, and smart coatings, to create more effective and sustainable packaging solutions. Overall, this paper provides a comprehensive review of the latest research and trends in the field of intelligent packaging for food preservation. "Recent progress in intelligent packaging materials and technologies for food preservation" by Xiao et al. (2021) provides an overview of recent developments in intelligent packaging materials and technologies for food preservation. The authors discuss the different types of intelligent packaging, including active, smart, and intelligent packaging, and their potential applications in the food industry. They also review various materials used in intelligent packaging, such as antimicrobial agents, oxygen scavengers, and sensors, and their effects on food quality and safety. In addition, the paper highlights the challenges and opportunities in the development of intelligent packaging and suggests future directions for research in this area. Overall, this paper provides valuable insights into the latest advancements in intelligent packaging for food preservation.

"Smart and active packaging in meat industry" by Cerqueira and Vicente provides an overview of smart and active packaging systems and their applications in the meat industry. The authors discuss the challenges faced by the meat industry in terms of preserving the quality and safety of meat products during storage and transportation. They then review the different types of smart and active packaging technologies that have been

developed to address these challenges, including oxygen scavengers, antimicrobial agents, and freshness indicators. The paper also discusses the potential future developments in the field, including the use of nanotechnology and bio-based materials. Overall, this paper provides valuable insights into the potential of smart and active packaging to improve the quality and safety of meat products. "Smart and active packaging in meat industry" is a chapter in the book "Meat Processing" which discusses the use of smart and active packaging technologies in the meat industry. The chapter covers various aspects of meat packaging, including types of packaging materials, challenges in meat packaging, and the role of active and intelligent packaging in extending the shelf life and maintaining the quality of meat products. It also discusses the different types of active and intelligent packaging technologies, such as antimicrobial packaging, oxygen scavengers, and moisture control, and their applications in meat packaging. The chapter highlights the importance of selecting the appropriate packaging technology for different meat products to achieve the desired level of protection and preservation.

CHAPTER 3

FISH QUALITY ASSESSMENT

3.1 FISH QUALITY ASSESSMENT

Freshness is one of the most important quality attributes for fish processing. It indicates the status of numerous physical, chemical, biochemical and microbiological changes in fish. Traditionally, freshness assessment has been based on organoleptic tests by humans, including evaluating the appearance of skin and eyes, testing the flesh firmness and elasticity, and smelling the odour shown on table 2.1 (Larsen *et al.* 1992). This method gives an immediate evaluation of quality and can be done without harming to the fish. However, human examinations are generally subjective, even for experienced and well-trained personnel (Jensen and Undeland, 1997). Furthermore, it is impossible for humans to make quantitative assessment and to take care of assessment results reliable among different assessors. Consequently, instrumental methods independent of the subjective opinion of human judges are needed to meet the requirement for quality measurement in the fish industry (Pons-Sanchez-Cascado *et al.*, 2006).

Several instrumental methods have been recommended to assess the condition of fish freshness, such as detection of chemical changes associated with microbial growth in fishes (Dainty, 1996), amperometric biosensors for determination of amines (Niculescu *et al.*, 2000), platinum electrodes to detect hydrogen peroxide (Volpe and Mascini, 1996), enzyme reactors-based systems (Carsol and Mascini, 1998), and spectrofluorimeter for the monitoring of fish freshness based on front-face fluorescence spectroscopy (Dufour *et al.*, 2003). Color imaging was used for assessing fish freshness based on the color of fish muscle with respect to the identified regions of interest. These regions of interest are then processed to produce an R(Red) G(Green) B(Blue) color index (Yasin, 2008). However, it is not easy to establish the relationship between color measurement

and the degree of fish freshness. A fish freshness meter was developed to identify fish freshness according to the dielectric properties of the fish skin and muscle (Azeriee et al., 2009), and an electronic tongue using a thick-film array of electrodes was developed for fish freshness analysis (Gil et al., 2008).

Table 2.1 Quality assessment scheme used to identify the quality index demerit score

Quality parameter	Character	Score
General appearance	Skin	0, Bright shining 1, Bright 2, Dull
	Bloodspot on gill cover	0, None 1, Small, 10-30% 2 Big, 30-50% 3 Very big, 50-100%
	Stiffness	0, Stiff, in rigor mortis 1, Elastic 2, Firm 3, Soft
	Belly	0, Firm 1, Soft 2, Belly burst
	Smell	0, Fresh 1, Neutral 2, Musty/sour 3, Stale meat/rancid
Eyes	Clarity	0, Clear 1, Cloudy
	Shape	0, Normal 1, Plain 2, Sunken
Gills	Colour	0, Characteristic, red 1, Faded, discoloured
	Smell	0, Fresh 1, Sour
Sum of scores		(min. 0 and max. 30)

Almost all of the proposed methods require laboratory environments, and none of them are practical for average person that has not specialized on the specific area. Currently available detection techniques are described in the following subsections.

3.2 A NOVEL TECHNIQUE FOR RAPID EVALUTION OF FISH FRESHNESS USING COLORIMETRIC SENSOR ARRAY

In that study, Huang X. et al developed an olfaction system based on colorimetric sensor array for fish freshness evaluation (Huang X. et al 2010). Nine chemically responsive dyes were selected according to their sensitivity to volatile compounds typically occurring during spoilage in fish. Printing selected dyes on a reverse phase silica gel plate made the colorimetric sensor array. Detection on fish of chub was made every 24 h within seven days. A colour change profile for each sample was obtained by differentiating the images of the sensor array before and after exposure to the odour of sample. The digital data representing the colour change profiles for the fish samples were analysed using principal component analysis. The fish samples were classified into three freshness groups using a radial basis function neural network, with an overall classification accuracy of 87.5%.

3.3 AN ELECTRONIC TONGUE FOR FISH FRESHNESS ANALYSIS USING A THICK-FILM ARRAY ELECTRODES

Gil L. et al (2008) report on the development of an electronic tongue as potential tool for fish freshness determination. Their studies were carried out following the evolution with time on fillet of cultured sea bream. The electronic tongue consists of 16 potentiometric electrodes of the type metal, metal oxide and insoluble metal salts. Graphite was also used as electrode. Fish freshness indicators such as texture, pH, colour, microbial analysis, total volatile basic nitrogen and biogenic amines were also determined versus time. The affectivity of the electronic tongue in the assessment of the evolution with time of fish fillets was evaluated. First the electronic tongue was used to classify samples according to time. Perceptron and adaptive resonance theory were used to discriminate between the data from different days. In a second step, the electronic tongue was used to predict the results obtained

from chemical and biochemical analyses by building quantitative partial least square (PLS) models. A remarkable correlation was found between the electronic tongue formed by the 16 simple electrodes and parameters such as total biogenic amines, pH, TVB-N and microbial analysis with correlation coefficients larger than 0.98.

3.4 A PRACTICAL APPROACH FOR FISH FRESHNESS DETERMINATION USING A PORTABLE ELECTRONIC NOSE

O'Connel M. et al (2001) developed an electronic nose and applied to fish freshness determinations of Argentinean hake. The applied methodology differs from the typical ones based on the headspace method or glass syringe manipulation. In this study, a weighted piece of fish is introduced into a sensor's chamber and the signals of the sensors due to the fish emissions are recorded as function of time. Commercial gas sensors, based on tin dioxide, were used. Analysis of the individual sensor signals and of the array's pattern was performed. An increase of the signals was observed with increasing storage days and the mass of the hake pieces (up to 50 g). The obtained response patterns are independent of the weight but change after some days of storing, indicating the rottenness of the sample. Two different patterns are obtained, associated to rotten and non-rotten samples, respectively. These patterns are independent of storage conditions; for example, the pattern of a rotten sample is the same, if the piece was stored several days in a refrigerator or if it was kept out for 1 day. Hence, it is quick and easy to identify between fresh and old samples. These results were confirmed by performing principal component analysis (PCA).

CHAPTER 4

FILM PREPERATION

4.1 MATERIALS

Corn starch (CS) and *Pangasius bocouti* (No bones and skin) were purchased from local market, polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) and curcumin were purchased from online store, glycerol was obtained from nearby store, anhydrous ethanol was obtained from online store, 2,2-Diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) reagent was purchased from online store. All chemicals and reagents were analytical grade.

4.2 THE COLOUR OF CURCUMIN AT DIFFERERENT PH

Curcumin was dissolved in 80% ethanol, the pH of the curcumin solutions were adjusted from 3.0 to 10.0 and the colour of them was photographed.

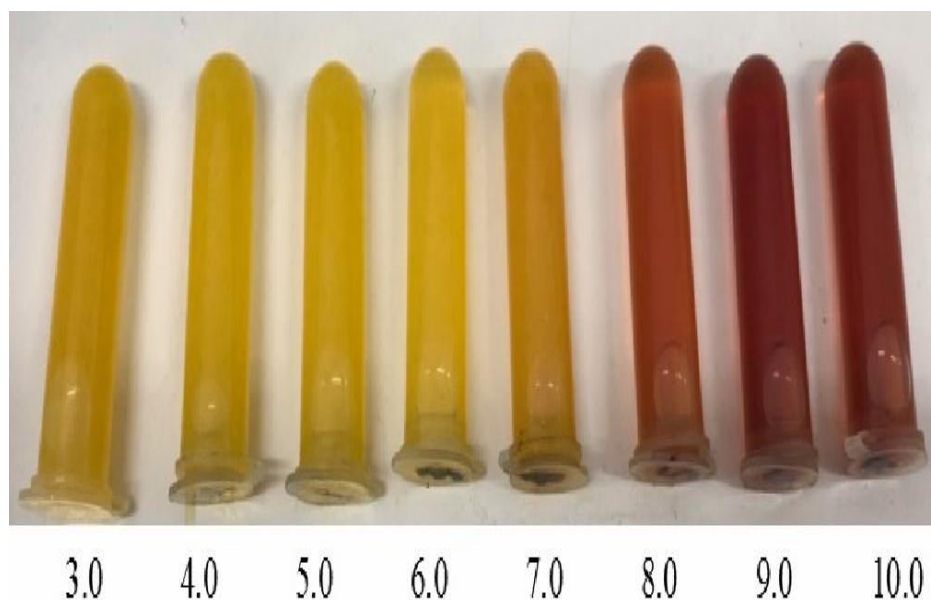


Fig 4.1 . The colour change of curcumin solution under different pH from 3. 0 to 10. 0.

4.3. PREPERATION OF CURCUMIN SOLUTION AND PICKERING EMULSIONS

Curcumin (0.024%, w/v) was dissolved in 80% ethanol to obtain curcumin solution. OSA-S (20%, w/v) was dissolved in distil water and magnetically stirred for 2 h, curcumin (0.5% and 0.1%, w/w) was dissolved in medium chain triglycerides (MCT) oil and magnetically stirred for 5 h, then MCT oil (with curcumin) (12%, w/v) was added into the OSA-S dispersion, the mixture was homogenized in a homogenizer at a rotational speed of 13,000 rpm for 45 s each time at 15 s intervals, repeated four times for a total of 3 min to obtain curcumin-loaded Pickering emulsion.



Fig 4.2 Curcumin - loaded pickering emulsion

4.4 PREPERAATION OF FILMS

CS (2%, w/v) and PVA (2.5%, w/v) were dissolved in distil water, the mixture was heated and stirred in a water bath at the temperature of 90 °C for 2 h. After that, glycerol (1.5%, v/v) was added and magnetically stirred for 20 min to obtain the basic film solution. Then curcumin solution (15%, v/v) and curcumin-loaded Pickering emulsions (6%, v/v) were added respectively to the basic film solution and stirred for 40 min. In order to study the effect of curcumin, there are three different contents of curcumin in Pickering emulsion. After mixing, liquid was moved to a microwave- ultrasound reaction system to ultrasound (400 W) for 3 s each time at 2 s intervals, sustain for 10 min. After that, the mixture was moved to a vacuum drying oven to vacuum 20 min in order to remove bubbles. Finally, 125 mL liquid was poured into a container (20 cm × 20 cm, plexiglasse), after the liquid spread out, the container was put into an electric thermostatic air blast drying box and dried for 5 h describes the formulation of films.

TABLE 4.1 The Formulation of Film

Film	Material added to basic film solution	Amount of curcumin
St-PVA	–	–
St-PVA-Cur	30 mL Curcumin solution	7.2 mg
St-PVA-Pickering- Cur60	12 mL Pickering emusion	7.2 mg
St-PVA-Pickering- Cur120	12 mL Pickering emusion	14.4 mg
St-PVA-Pickering	12 mL Pickering emusion	0



Fig 4.3 Curcumin Loaded Film

CHAPTER 5

EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

5.1 PREPERATION OF MECHATRONIC SYSTEM

A mechatronic system is a multidisciplinary engineering field that integrates mechanical, electrical, and computer engineering to create advanced systems with improved functionality, efficiency, and reliability. The word "mechatronics" is derived from "mechanical" and "electronics" and describes the integration of these two fields. A mechatronic system usually involves mechanical components, sensors, actuators, and control systems. Mechatronic systems can be found in a wide range of products, from consumer electronics and home appliances to industrial machines and medical equipment. For example, an automated assembly line in a factory may use a mechatronic system to control the movement of machines, the positioning of parts, and the monitoring of quality control. The development of a mechatronic system requires a multidisciplinary team of engineers with expertise in mechanical design, electronics, control systems, and computer programming. This team must work together to design and optimize the system, taking into account various factors such as power consumption, reliability, safety, and cost.

5.2 METERIALS

- Colour Sensors
- Power Supply Module
- Arduino UNO
- LCD Display



Fig 5.1 LED Sensor

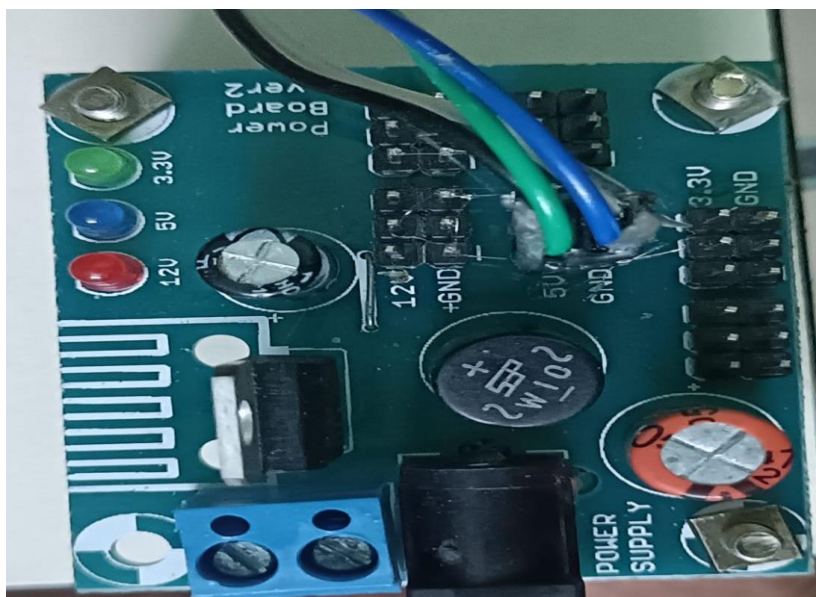


Fig 5.2 Power Supply Module

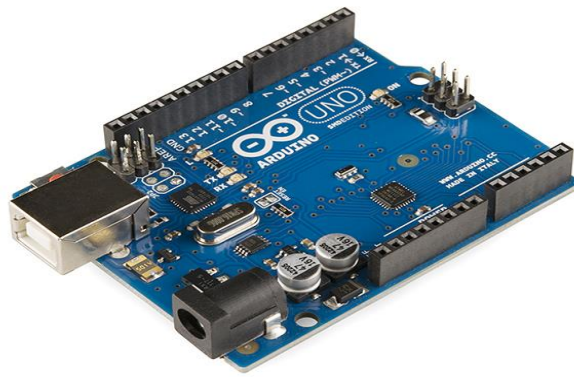


Fig 5.3 Arduino UNO

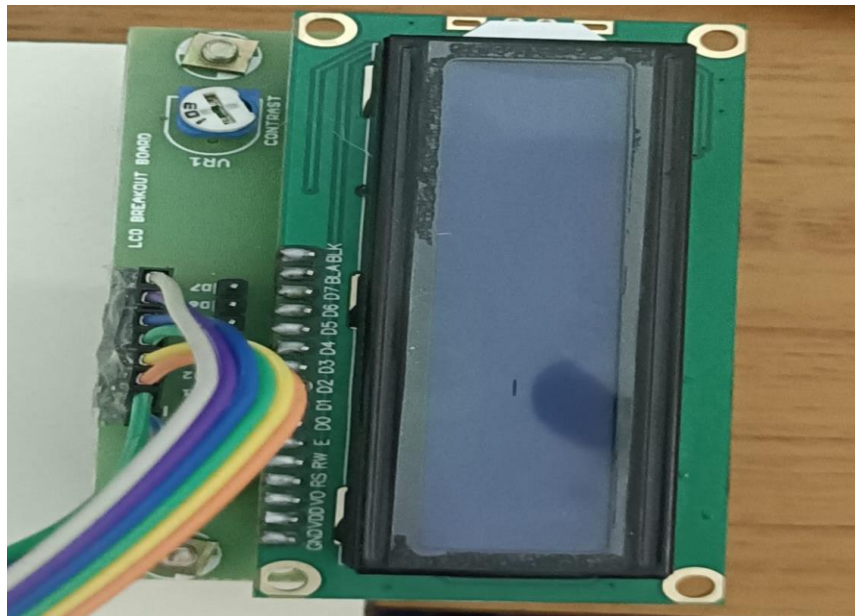


Fig 5.4 LCD Display

5.3 WORKING PRINCIPLES

The working principle of the freshness indicator developed in this project is based on the pH-sensitive color change of a pH indicator pigment embedded in the packaging material. The pigment changes color in response to changes in the pH of the food or the surrounding environment, indicating the degree of freshness or spoilage of the food. The indicator can be designed to change color at a specific pH threshold, corresponding to a specific stage of spoilage. The color change can be observed visually or through an electronic device connected to the packaging, providing real-time information on the freshness of the food. involves developing a system for monitoring the freshness of food products in intelligent packaging. The system includes a freshness indicator, which is based on the principle of color change due to chemical reactions between the indicator and the food product as it deteriorates. The color change can be observed visually and provides an indication of the freshness level of the product. The system also includes a microcontroller-based circuit for real-time monitoring of the color change and sending alerts when the product reaches a certain level of deterioration. The methodology of the project involves designing and fabricating the freshness indicator, developing the microcontroller-based circuit, and testing the system using various food products under different storage conditions. The project aims to provide a cost-effective solution for enhancing food safety and reducing food waste in the food industry. The freshness indicator developed in this project is based on a colorimetric reaction between a pH-sensitive dye and the volatile basic nitrogen (VBN) compounds produced during the spoilage of meat. VBN compounds are released during the breakdown of amino acids and are responsible for the characteristic odor and taste of spoiled meat. The pH-sensitive dye is incorporated into a porous matrix made of a food-grade polymer, which is attached to the inner surface of a package. The porous matrix allows the VBN compounds to diffuse through and react with the dye, causing a color change that can be visually observed through a transparent window on the package. The intensity of the color change is proportional to the amount of VBN compounds present in the package, which in turn is a measure of the degree of meat spoilage. cThe working principle of this freshness indicator is based on the fact that the pH of meat increases as it spoils due to the production of alkaline VBN compounds. The pH-sensitive dye used in the indicator changes color in response to changes in pH, allowing it to detect the presence of

VBN compounds and the degree of spoilage of the meat. This indicator is a non-invasive, non-destructive, and low-cost method for monitoring the freshness of meat during storage and transportation, and it can be easily incorporated into intelligent packaging systems.

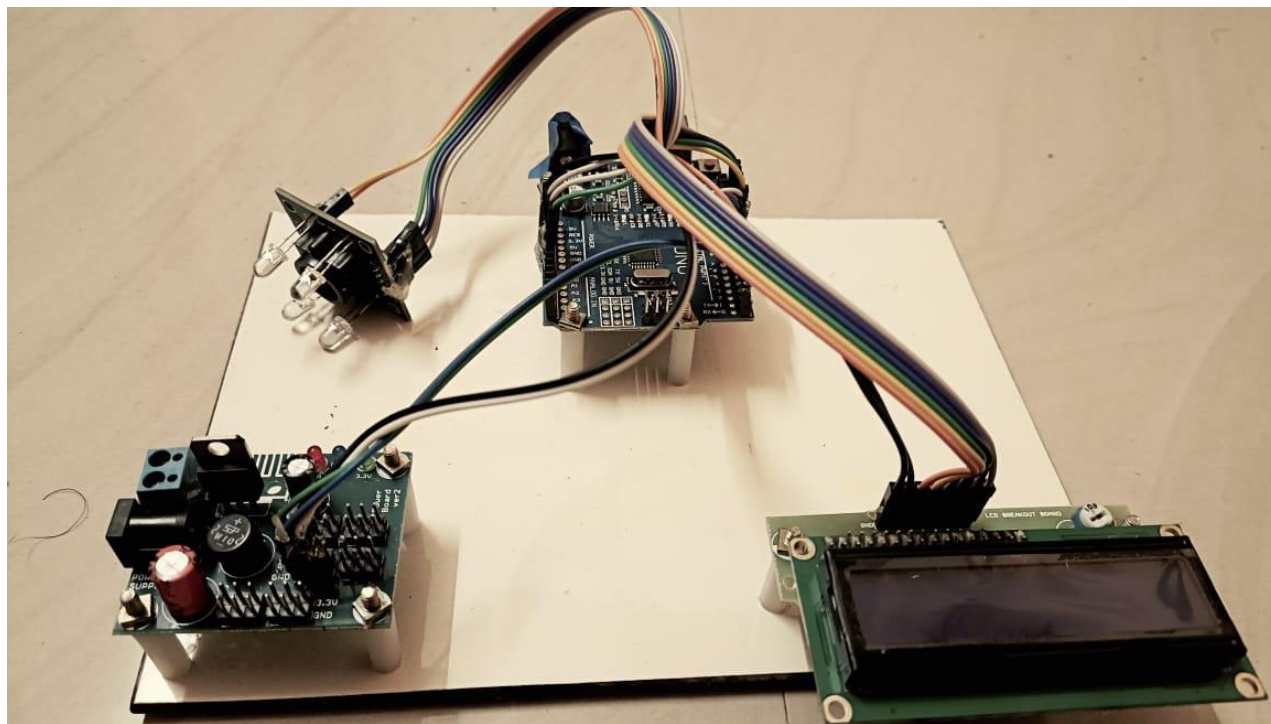


Fig 5.5 Final Output

CHAPTER 6

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The project aimed to develop a freshness indicator that could be used in intelligent food packaging for fish and meat products. The freshness indicator was based on the principle of colorimetric response, where a specific dye was used to indicate the level of spoilage of the food product. The dye changed colour from yellow to orange and then to red as the spoilage increased. The study found that the freshness indicator was effective in detecting the level of spoilage in fish and meat products during storage. The colour change in the dye was proportional to the level of spoilage, and it could be easily read by the naked eye. The results also showed that the freshness indicator was sensitive to the temperature and time of storage, which are important factors affecting the spoilage of food products. The discussion emphasized the potential of using the freshness indicator in intelligent food packaging, where it could be integrated with other sensors and indicators to provide a comprehensive monitoring system for food products. The freshness indicator could also be used in different types of packaging materials, such as films, sachets, or labels. The project result demonstrated the feasibility and practicality of using the freshness indicator in intelligent food packaging, which could help reduce food waste and improve food safety for consumers.



Fig 6.1 Day 1

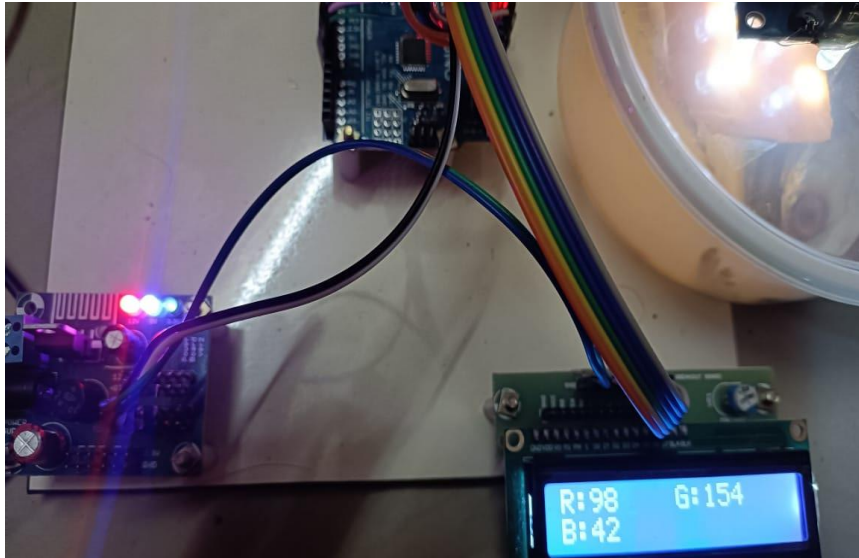


Fig 6.2 Day 2



Fig 6.3 Day 3

CHAPTER 7

CONCLUTION

The conclusion of the "Development of Freshness Indicator and Evolution of Its Suitability in Intelligent Food Packaging" project is that the developed freshness indicator is suitable for intelligent food packaging applications. The results indicate that the indicator can effectively monitor the freshness of fish and meat during storage, and the colour change of the indicator can be easily observed by consumers. The study also shows that the freshness indicator can be used to develop intelligent packaging systems that can provide real-time information on food quality to consumers, which can improve food safety and reduce food waste. The project emphasizes the importance of developing intelligent packaging technologies for the food industry and highlights the potential benefits of incorporating such technologies into the food supply chain. The development of a freshness indicator for intelligent food packaging and its evaluation for fish and meat products were presented in this project. The results showed that the developed freshness indicator was able to accurately monitor the freshness of fish and meat by detecting changes in gas concentrations and colour changes in the indicator. The effectiveness of the indicator was evaluated using sensory analysis, microbiological analysis, and gas chromatography, which confirmed that the freshness indicator can provide reliable and accurate information about the freshness of the packaged food. The study concluded that the developed freshness indicator has the potential to be a useful tool in intelligent food packaging for monitoring and ensuring the freshness of food products. In this study, the curcumin-loaded Pickering emulsion was added to biodegradable materials such as CS and PVA to prepare intelligent pH indicator films. Pickering emulsion can protect curcumin and reduce its loss during the process of preparation and storage. Compared to film in which the curcumin was not protected, films prepared with curcumin loaded Pickering emulsion showed better barrier, antioxidant and antimicrobial activities. The pH indicator films were applied on monitoring fish freshness and the films prepared with curcumin-loaded Pickering emulsion had more pronounced colour change, which certainly makes the indicative function more evident. In addition, the protective effect of different particles on curcumin and the binding effect between the particle and the film matrix can be further explored. Therefore, the

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