



Improved competitiveness through optimization of cold chain communication

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**Improved
quality, safety,
transparency and traceability
for consumers**

Real time temperature
monitoring, geographic
location and traceability
system

Supply Chain Management
& Decision Support System

TRACECHILL



**Fish Supply Chain
Hand over points**

- From vessel
- Fish Market
- Processor
- Trucking company
- Shipping Company
- Stevedoring at foreign port
- Trucking to 2nd processor
- Secondary Processor / Depot
- Trucking to Market
- Sales point at Market
- Trucking to buyer
- Buyers depot / cold store
- Trucking
- Retailer / Fishmonger / Restaurant
- Consumer

Optimized chilling

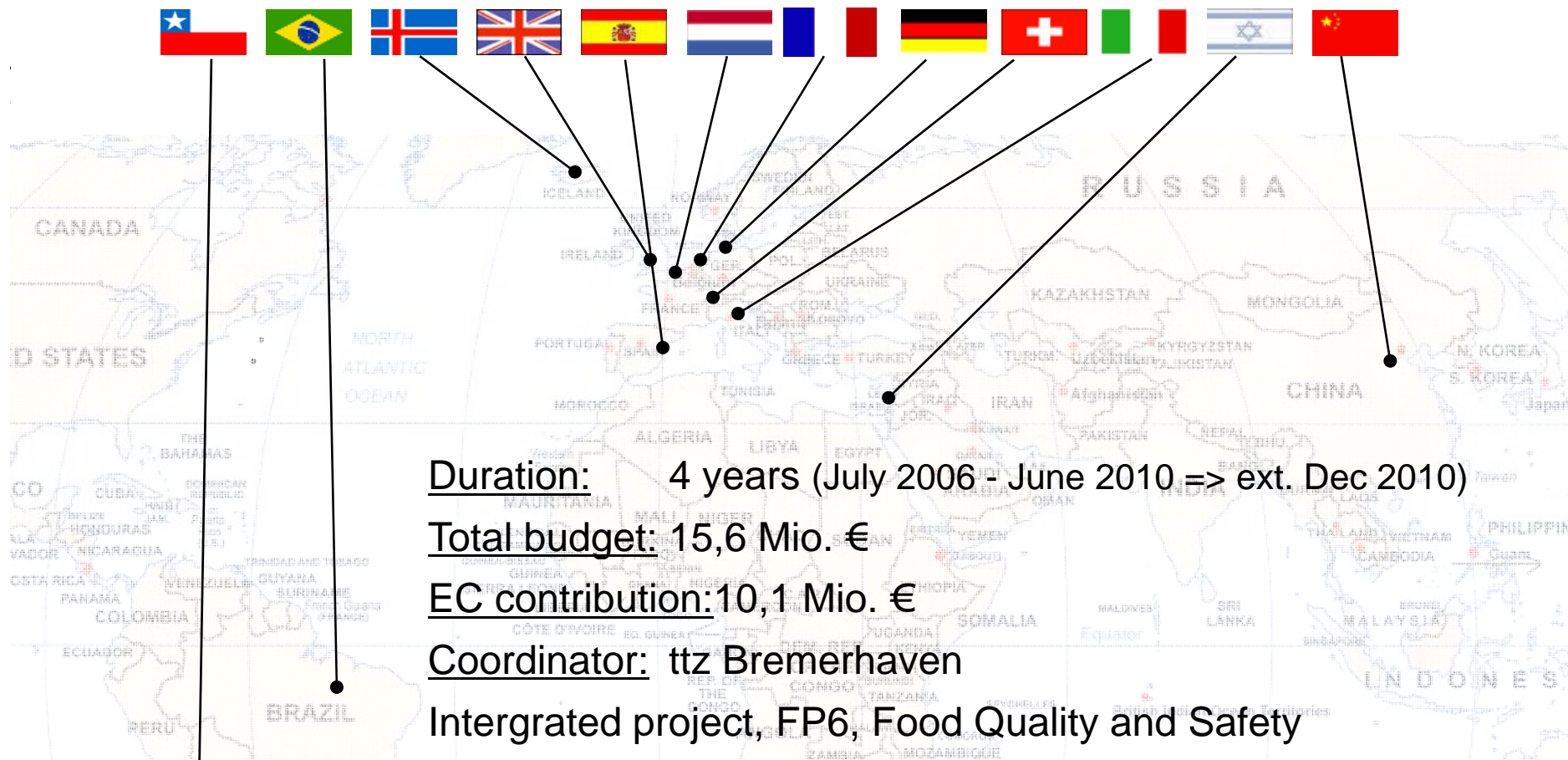
T-sensors, GPS - ICT

Optical TTIs for packaging

QMRA /SLP models

Rapid detection of bacteria / qPCR

- CHILL-ON project
- CHILL-ON technologies
- Vision of CHILL-ON
- Implementation and validation in field trials
 - Monitoring of temperature - transparency
- Industrial requirements
 - Competitiveness
 - Compliance with regulations – industrial standards
 - Added value



Duration: 4 years (July 2006 - June 2010 => ext. Dec 2010)

Total budget: 15,6 Mio. €

EC contribution: 10,1 Mio. €

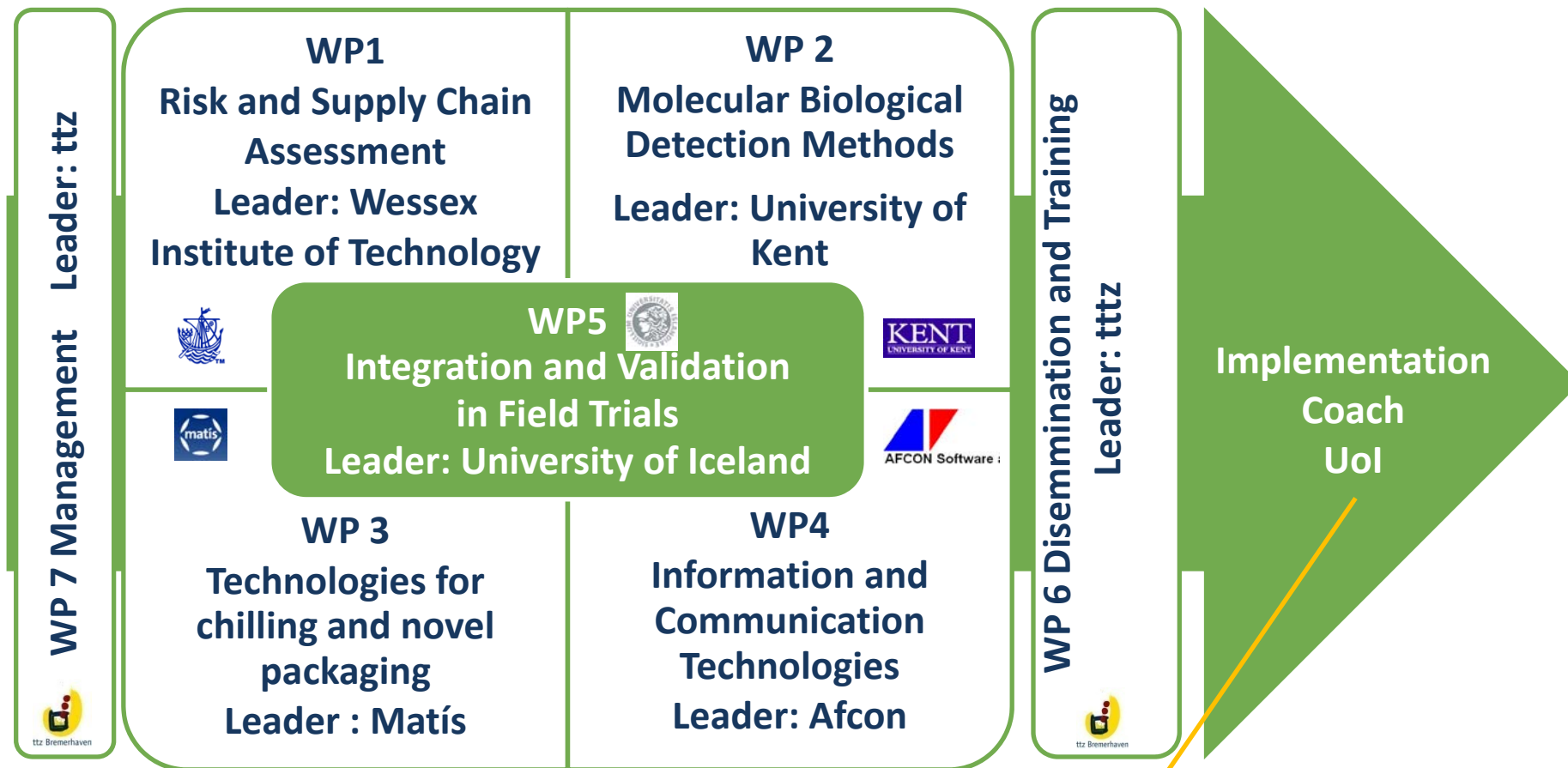
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Integrated project, FP6, Food Quality and Safety

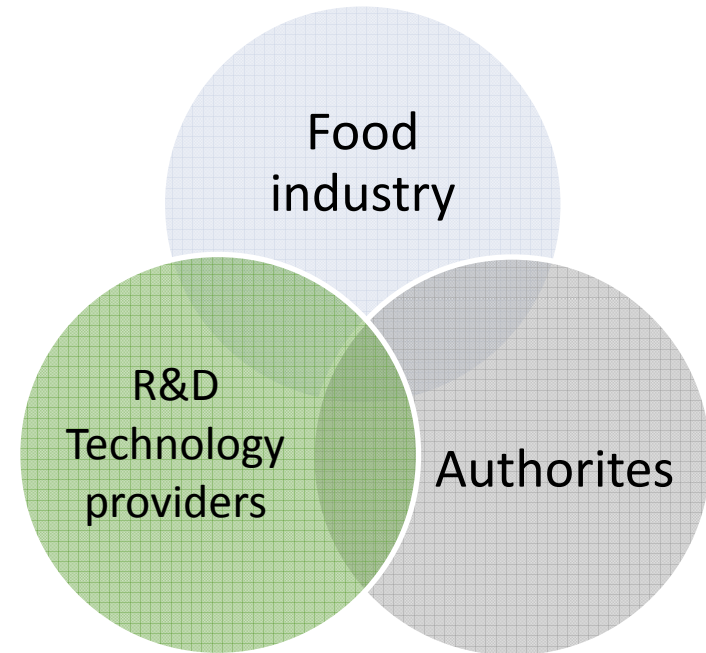
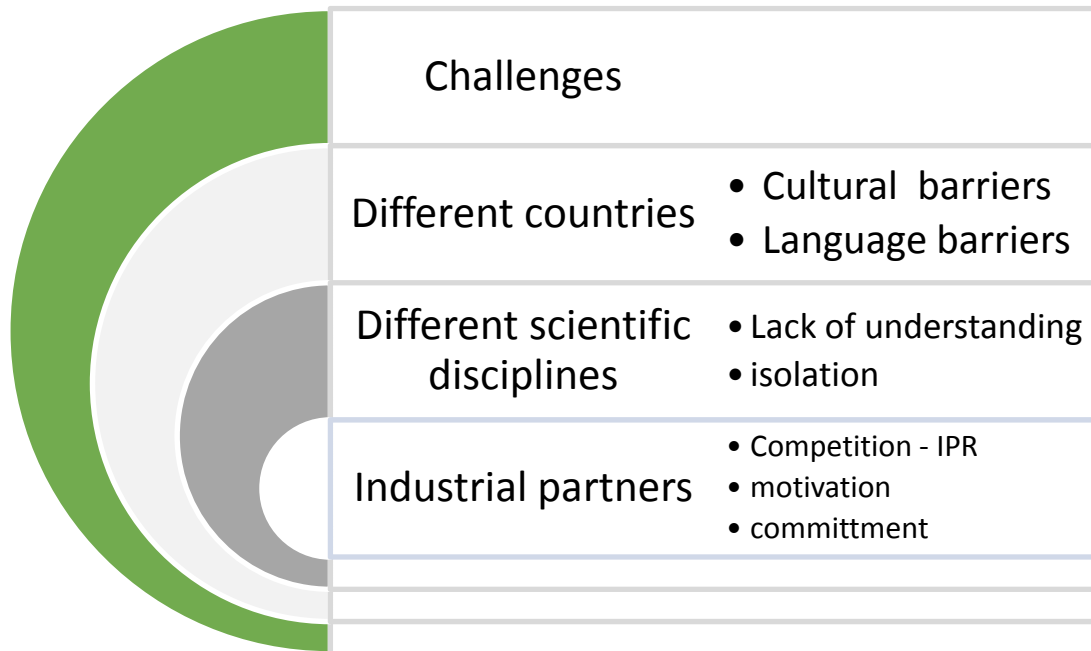
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intermediary between the anticipated and already achieved results of Chill-On and the practical needs of industry.



- Preparation for field trials
- implementation and validation of technologies
- integration, communication,
- complementary motives and mutual benefits of partners

CHILL-ON technologies

- a holistic concept
- stand alone technologies

Status

- Prototypes - still in the testing phase
- Ready for implementation
- Commercial products

Supply chains:

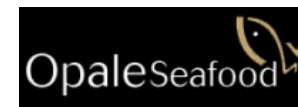
– Poultry

- Germany
- Italy
- Brazil

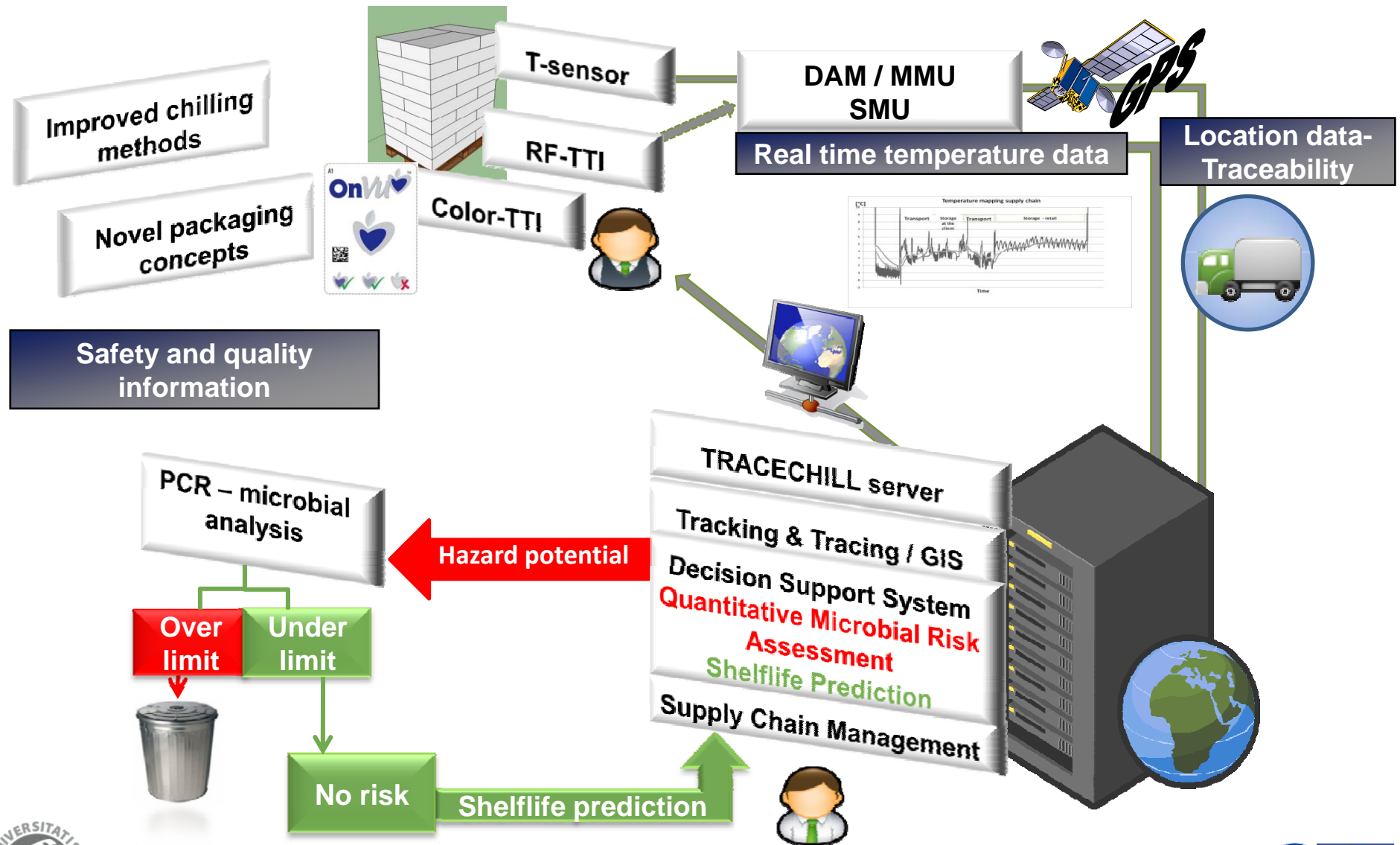


– Fish

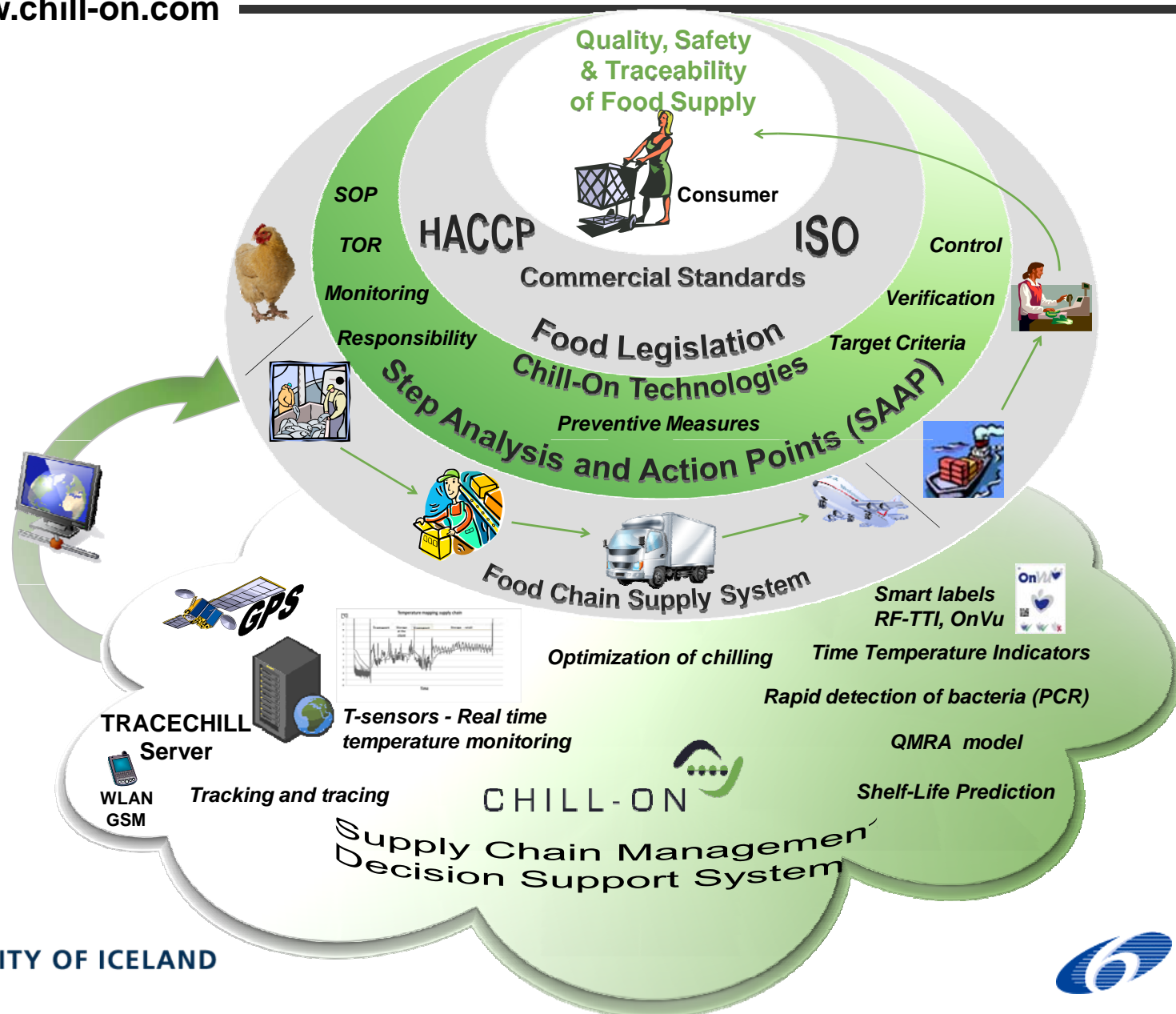
- Cod IS-→ FR
- salmon, CSS NO-→ FR
- Hake - Chile
- Tilapia - China



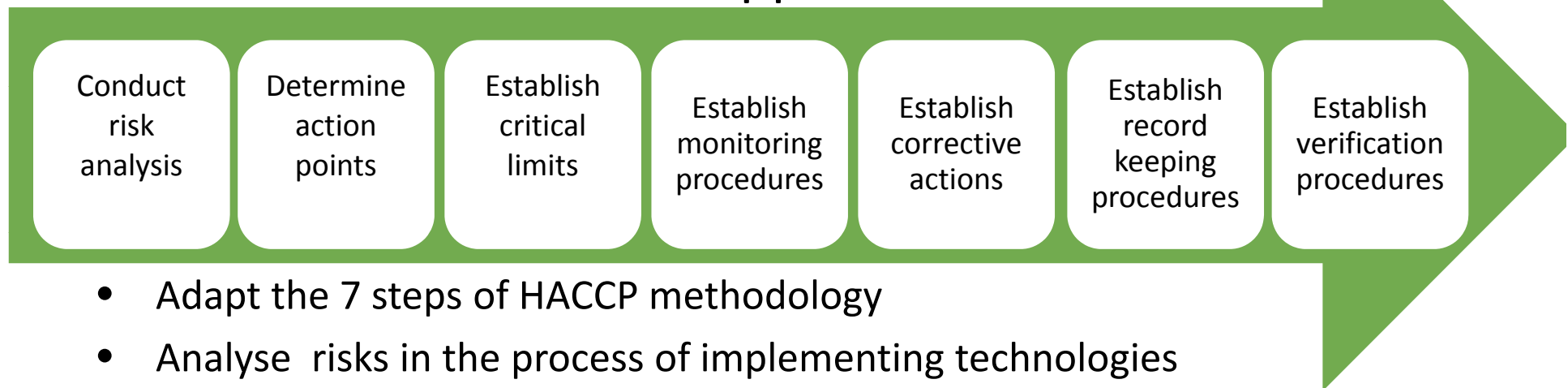
CHILL-ON technologies conceptual holistic approach



Vision of CHILL-ON



Implementing technologies in field trials risk based approach

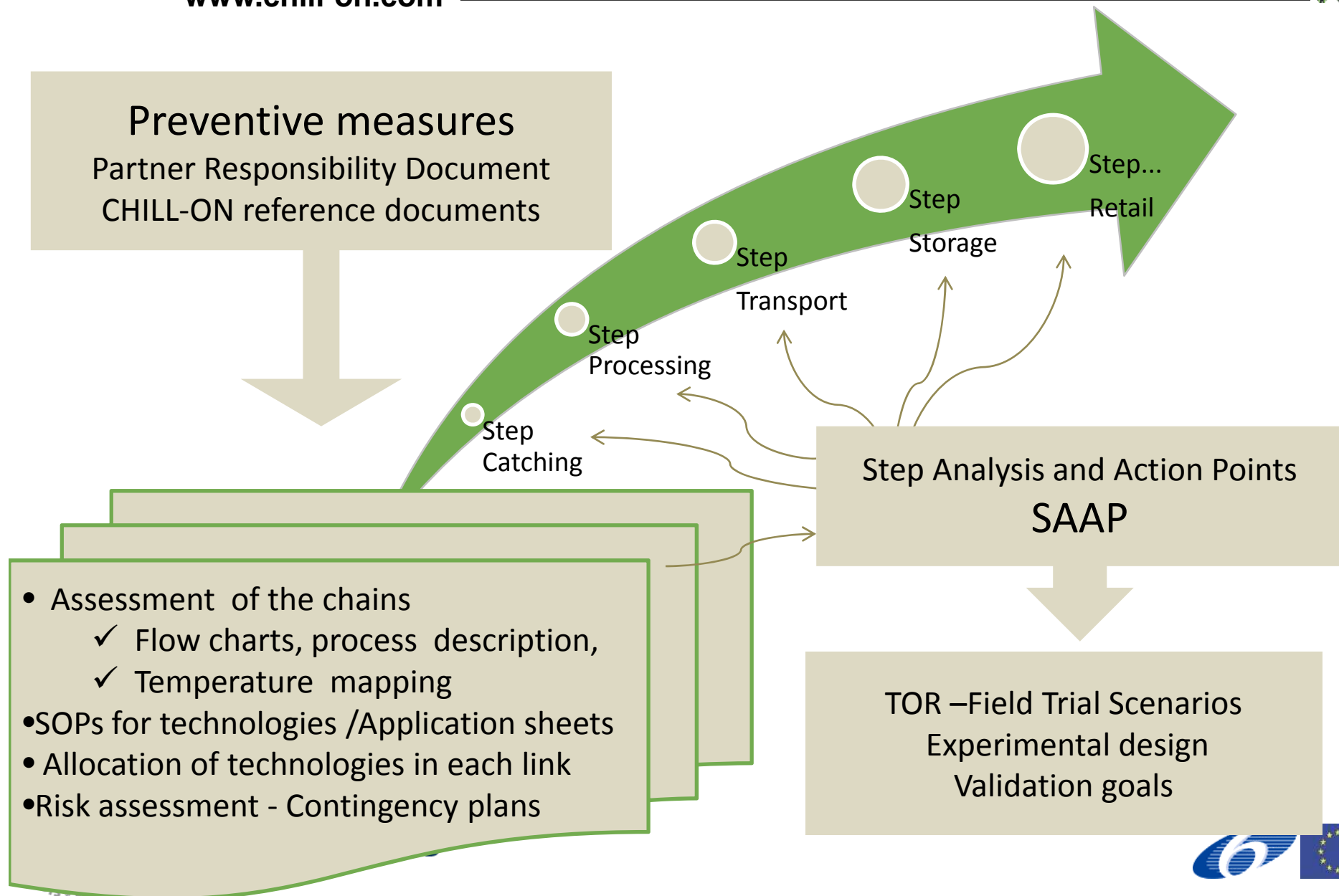


- Adapt the 7 steps of HACCP methodology
- Analyse risks in the process of implementing technologies
- Evaluate all obstacles / Risk Assessment /Action points

➤ SAAP – based on preventive measures

Step Analysis and Action points							
Action point AP	Preventive Measures	Control measures	Target criteria min / max Alerts	Corrective action / Contingency plans	Records	Responsible operator	Internal reference documents

Establishment of Standard Operation Procedures (SOP) and TOR - Field trials scenarios



– processes

- Air transport v.s ship
- Packaging
 - MAP/air / cooling mats
- Optimized chilling
 - slurry ice v.s. CBC (Contact Blast and Cooling)

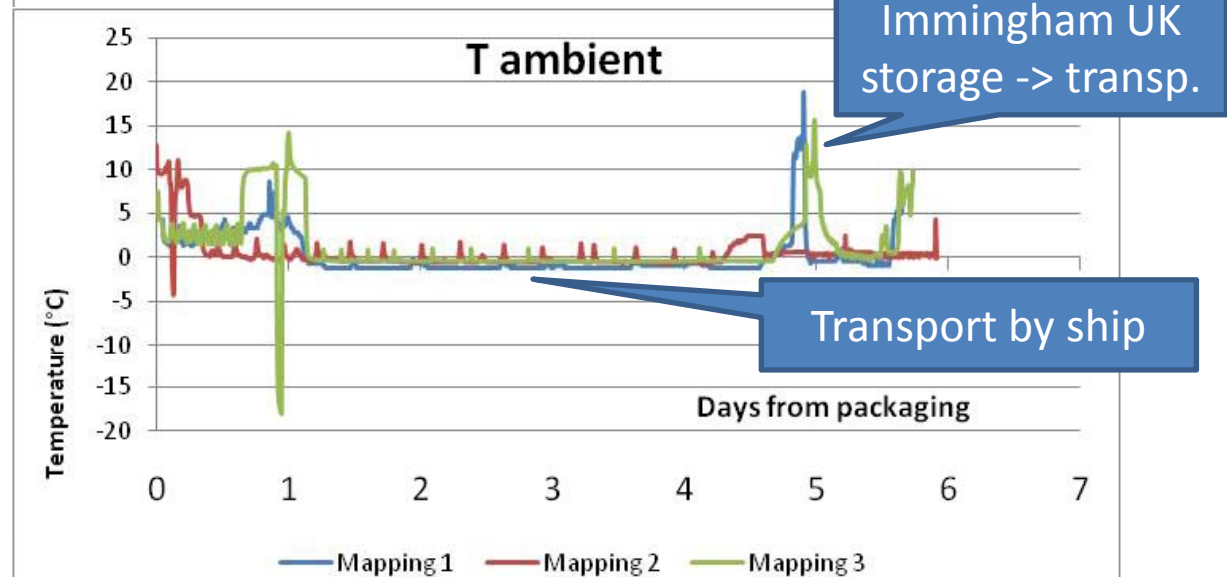
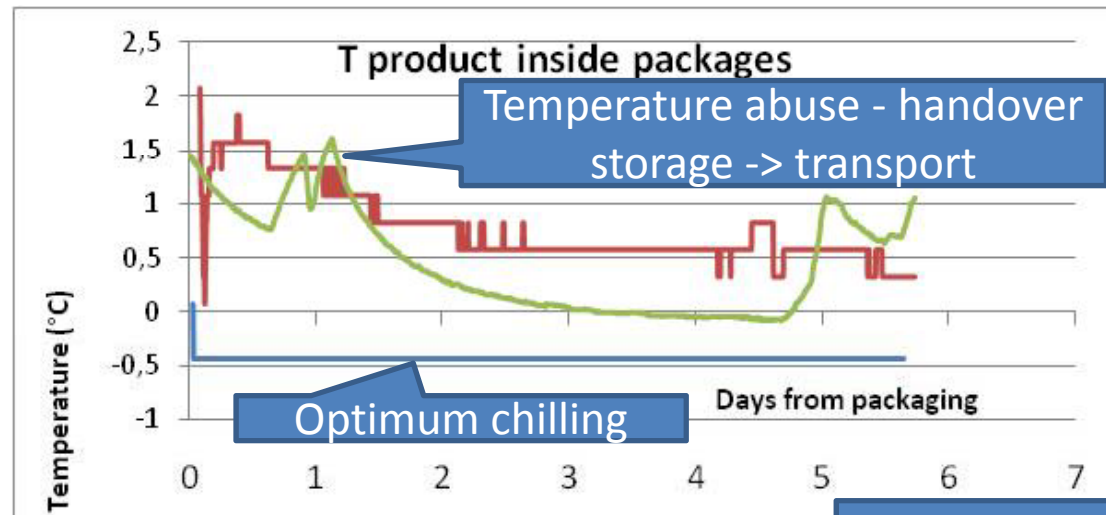


– requirements of the industry / authorities

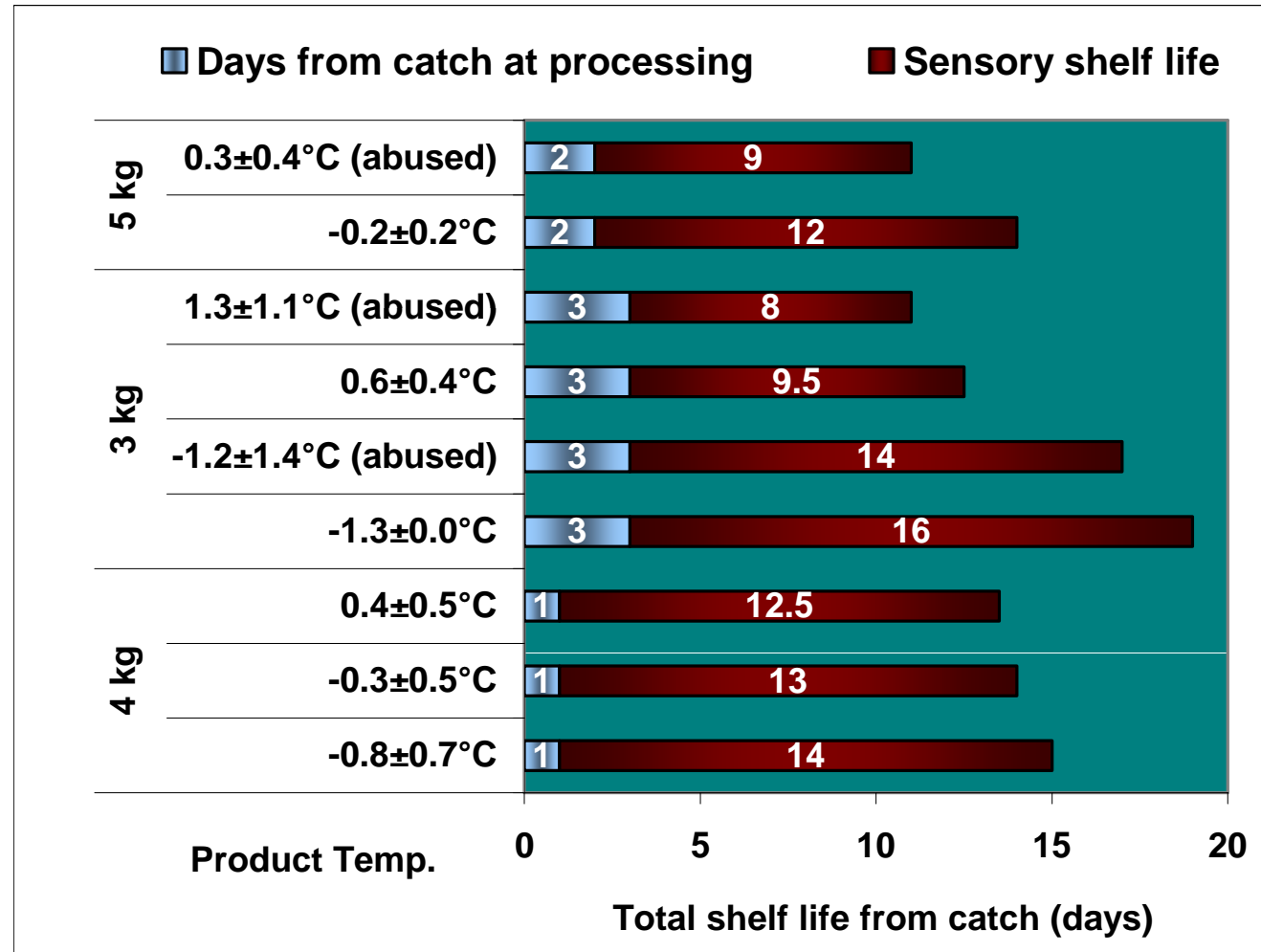
- Temperature criteria
- Type of bacteria and limits



Mapping trials: cod fillets / loins transported by ship/truck IS-UK-FR



Effect of temperature abuse on shelf life of cod loins



Shelflife of products under various conditions verified by sensory analysis

– Decision Support System based on output from:



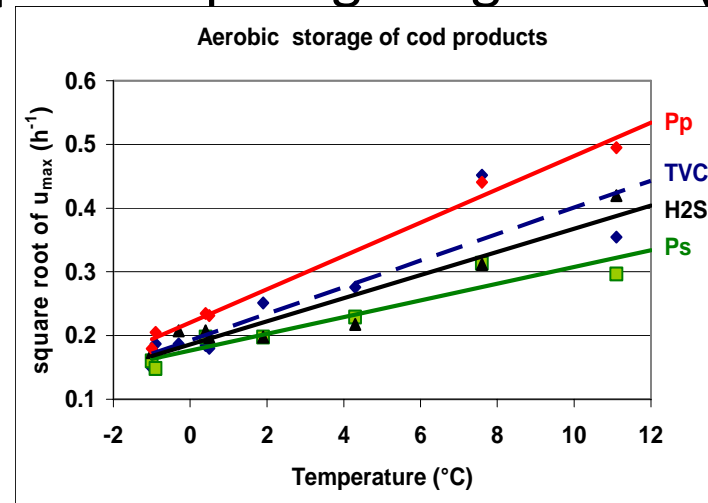
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- Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment Specific Foodborne Pathogens (SFP)
- Shelf life prediction - Specific Spoilage Organisms (SSO)

i.e. in cod

- *P. phosphoreum*
- *Pseudomonas spp*
- H_2S -producers



– QMRA/SLP models take into account growth rate of bacteria at different temperatures

PCR test kits (Polymerase Chain Reaction) for

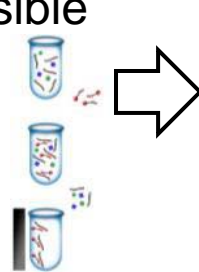
- ✓ food pathogens (i.e. *Salmonella*, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Campylobacter*, *E. coli*, *S. aureus*)
- ✓ spoilage organisms (*P. phosphoreum*, *Pseudomonas ssp*, *H₂S-producers*)
- ✓ hygienic markers (*Enterobacteriaceae*)

Status:

- ✓ Validation of methods in ring trials between laboratories/ external laboratories
- ✓ Shelf life studies to verify their correlation to conventional methods
- ✓ link traceability with analytical procedures based on DNA analysis

Advantage:

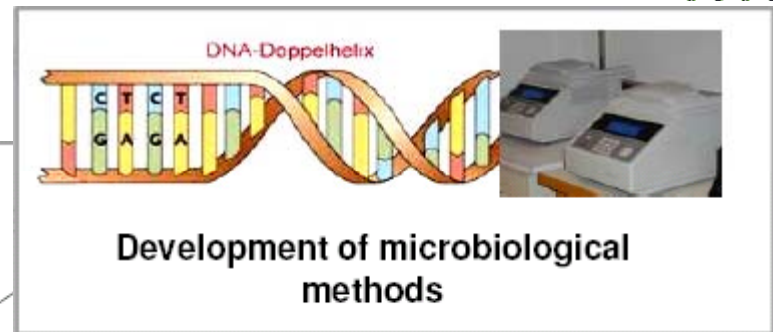
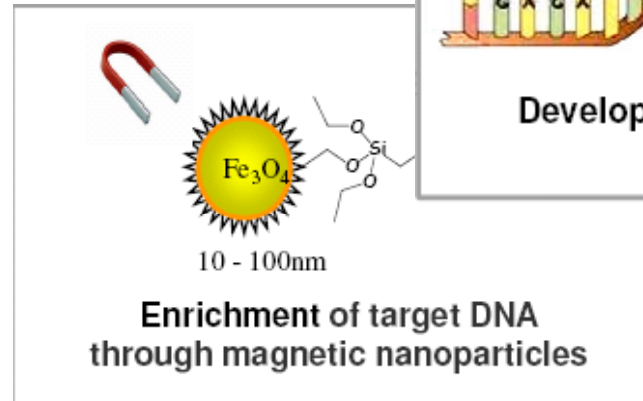
- Analysis time ~ 3 -4 hours - conventional methods 3-5 days
- Quantification possible



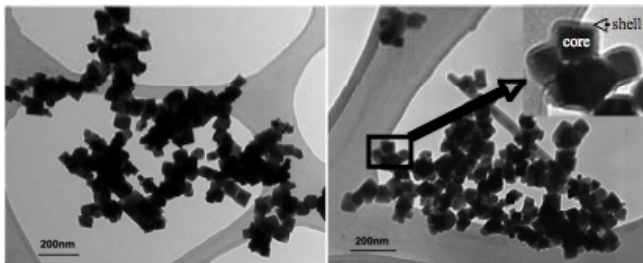
No. of Bacteria

Molecular diagnostic tools - stand alone technologies

- PCR test kits
 - Spoilage bacteria
 - Pathogenic bacteria



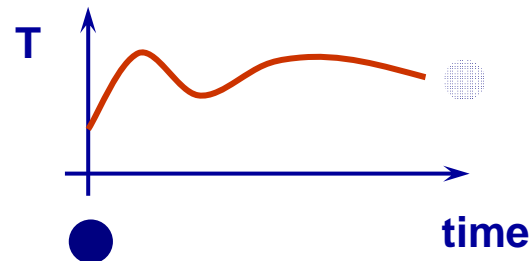
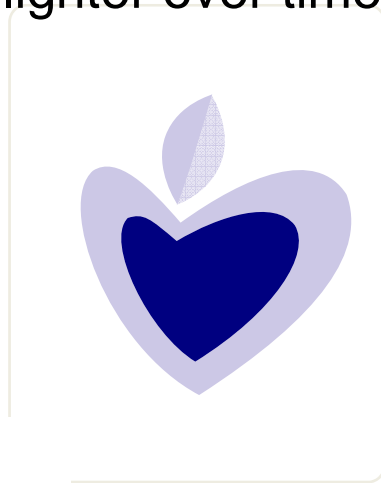
- Magnetite and silica-magnetite nanoparticles, which can be added during DNA extraction to purify nucleic acids from food material (Univ. Kent)



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- Freshpoint technology relies on the properties of organic materials that change color according accumulated temperature history of the product
- These materials form the basis of a pigment which is used to formulate their intelligent ink
- The TTI becomes dark when activated (by UV light) and then progressively lighter over time and depending on the temperature history.



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OnVu™ – for poultry products in retail

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freshpoint™
Point Out Your Freshness

CHILL-ON provides tools to:

- monitor HACCP - **safety**
 - » temperature (**T-sensors (active) / color TTIs, rf-TTIs**)
 - » microbial contamination /spoilage (**PCR-test kits / QMRA models**)
- promote food supply of better **quality** (optimised **chilling & SLP models**)
- improve **traceability (ICT-solutions)**,
- enhance consumer trust
- supply chain efficiency
- lower the cost of recalls,
- minimize perishable waste,
- enhance sustainability of products,

Temperature influences shelflife

- **Real - Time Alerts**

Quality v.s. logistics

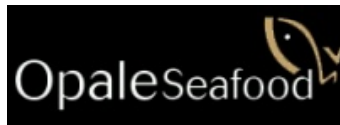
- **FEFO - First Expired First Out**
- **FIFO First in First out**
- **Cost – benefit**

– Food producers

- Tools to ensure food safety and traceability
- Quality / Competitiveness

– Public safety

- traceability can protect public health and enhance consumer trust.



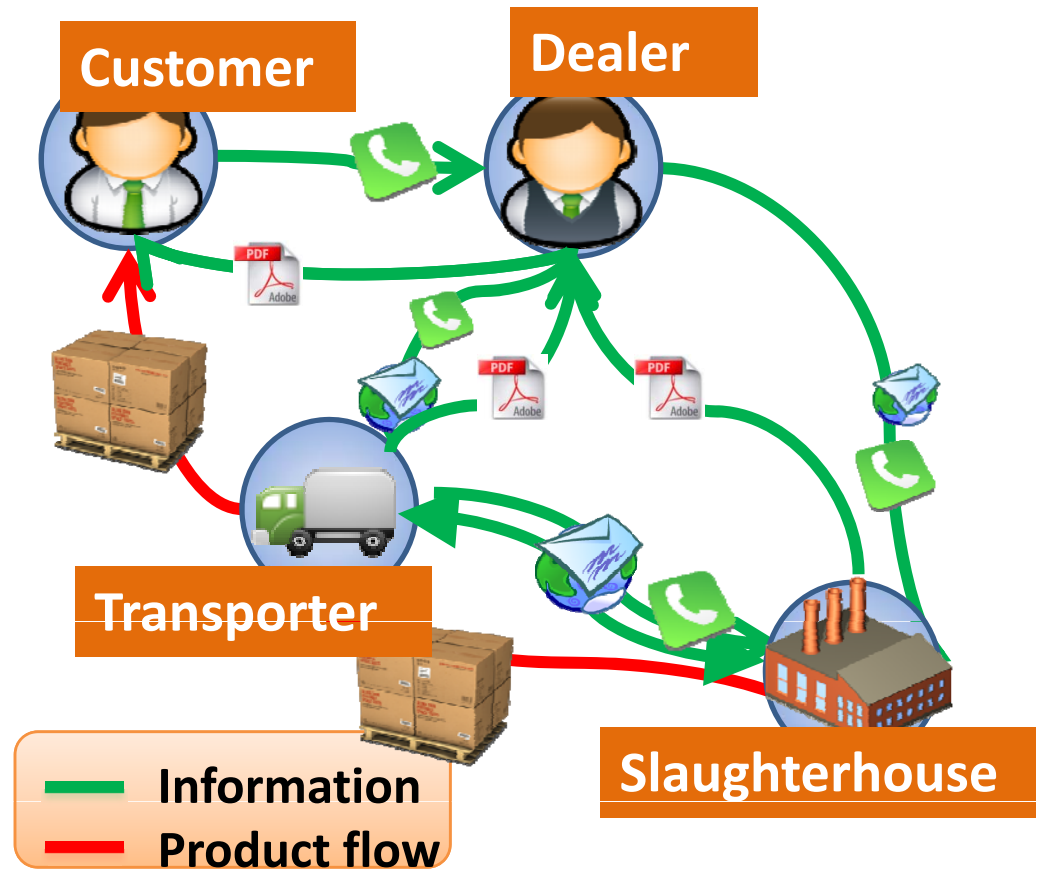
Poultry and Fish supply chains

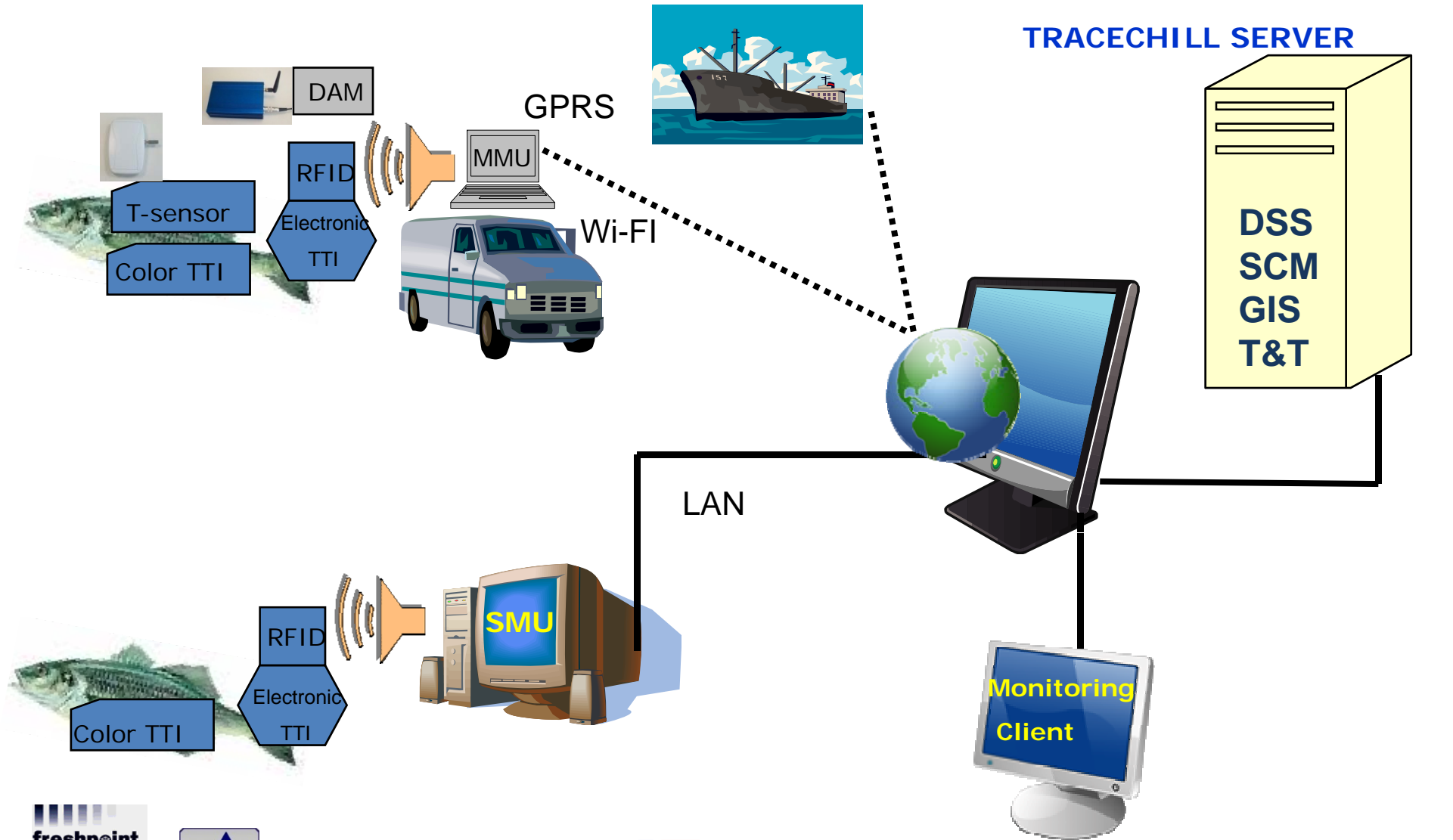
- Audits / Compliance with regulations & industrial standards
 - BRC (British Retail Consortium)
 - IFS (International Food Standard)
 - ISO 9001 / ISO 22000
 - GMP Good Manufacturing Practices / Codex
 - HACCP – Hazard analysis critical control points system
 - Harmonized auditing and evaluation system
- European directives and regulations
- National legislations

Current situation

– information flow - logistics

- Traceable units /barcodes
- Data / lab results /
- Dispatch papers- invoices etc.
- Paper based system in small companies
- Electronic systems in large enterprises





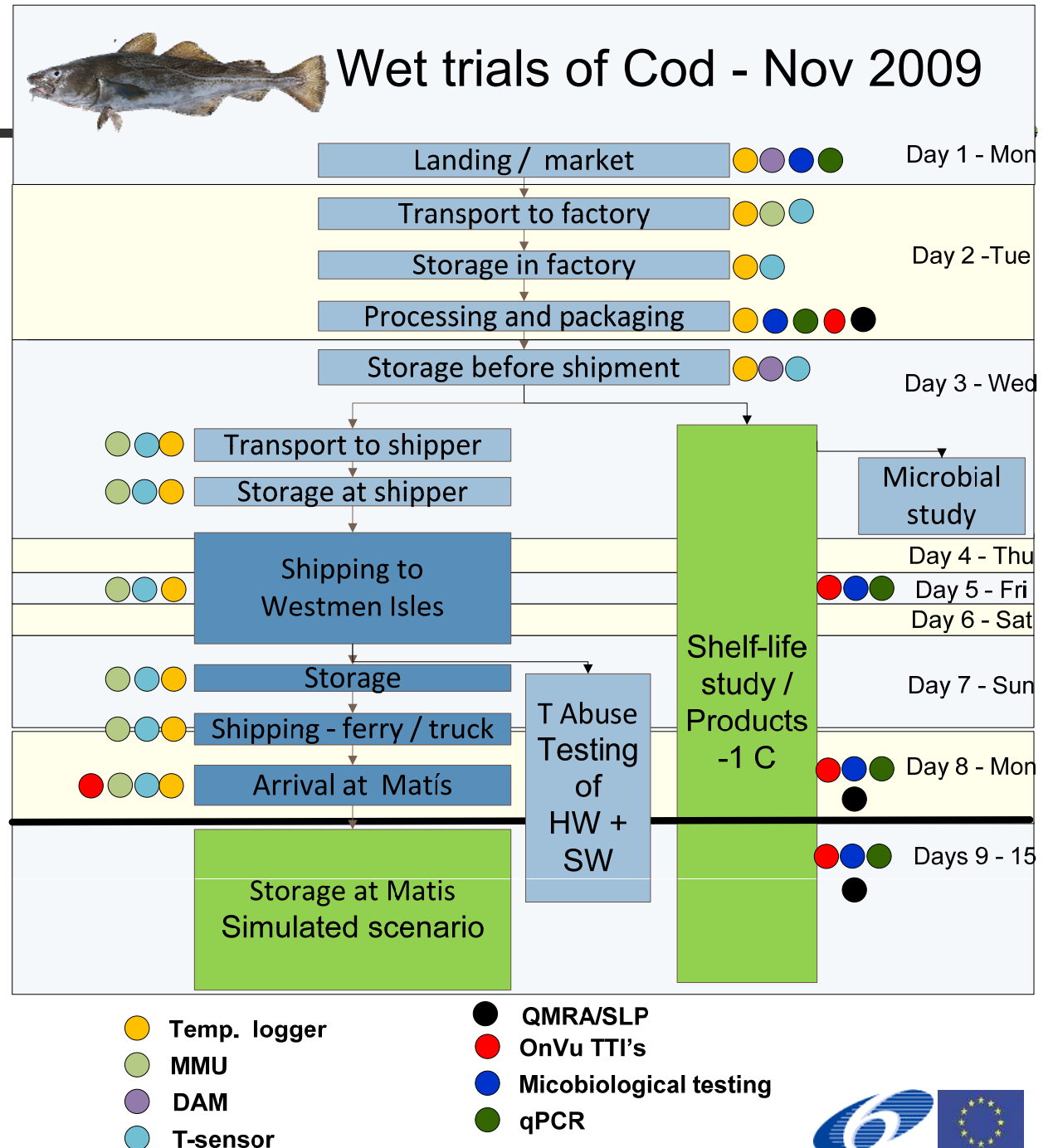
- Functionality testing of HW & SW
- Application sheets for training
- Target criteria
 - Compatability
 - Signal strength
 - Temperture recording
 - Data transfer

=> Alerts

- Validation
 - Microbial testing
 - Temp & Data loggers



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Temperature is interoperable in the chain

if access is given to the temperature profile,
the whole chain becomes **transparent** !

Consumers ☺

Food industry / SME's/Retail - Alliances

Studies done in China and EEA, Vietnam and Chile

Barriers

- Cost of implementation too high
- Lack of unified standards
- lack of technical staff
- Lack of governmental support (China)

Benefits

- Improve supply chain management
- Differentiate from others



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