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# Pasteurization of Milk



# Agenda

## The milk pasteurizer

- Purpose
- Incoming milk quality
- Running time
- Cleaning

## Separation processes

- Hot or cold milk fat separation
- Spore removal in Bactofuge unit

## Summary





# THE MILK PASTEURIZER

## - Purpose

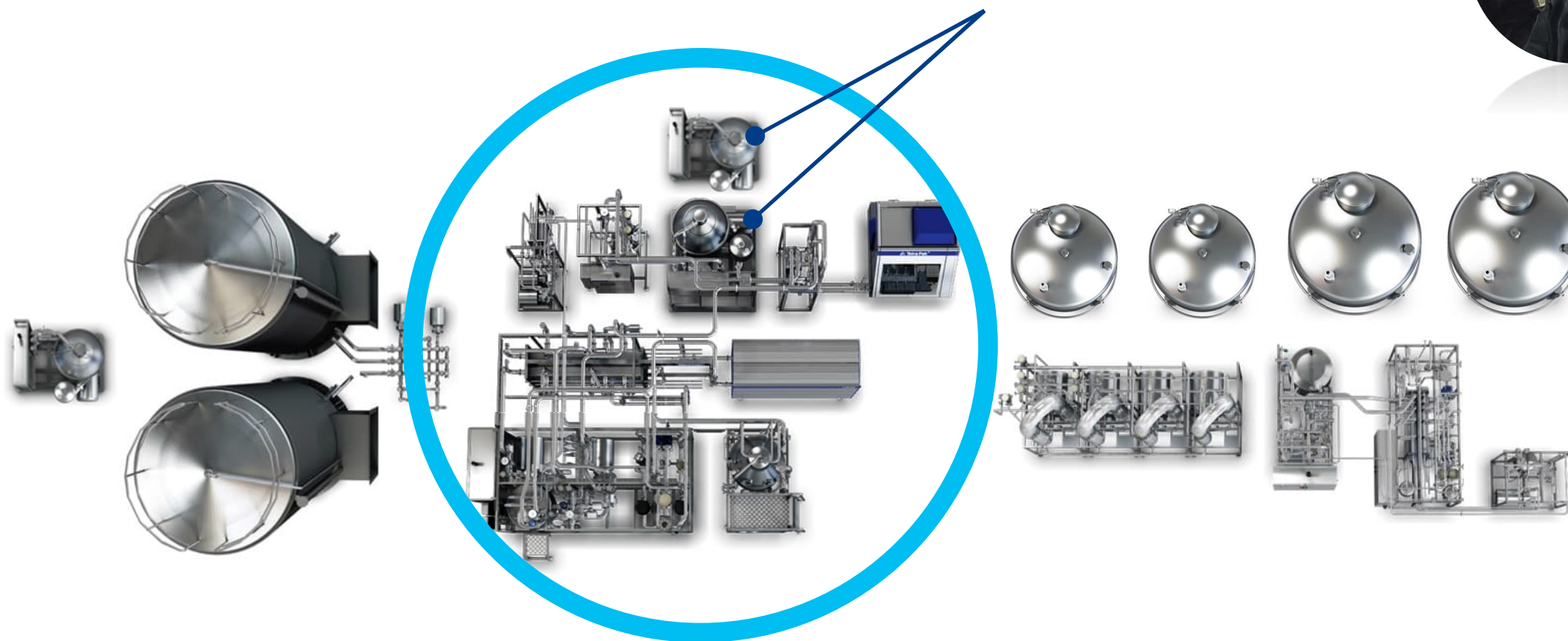
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# Processing line for pasteurized milk

Louis Pasteur  
1822-1885







# Legal / Standard definitions of pasteurization

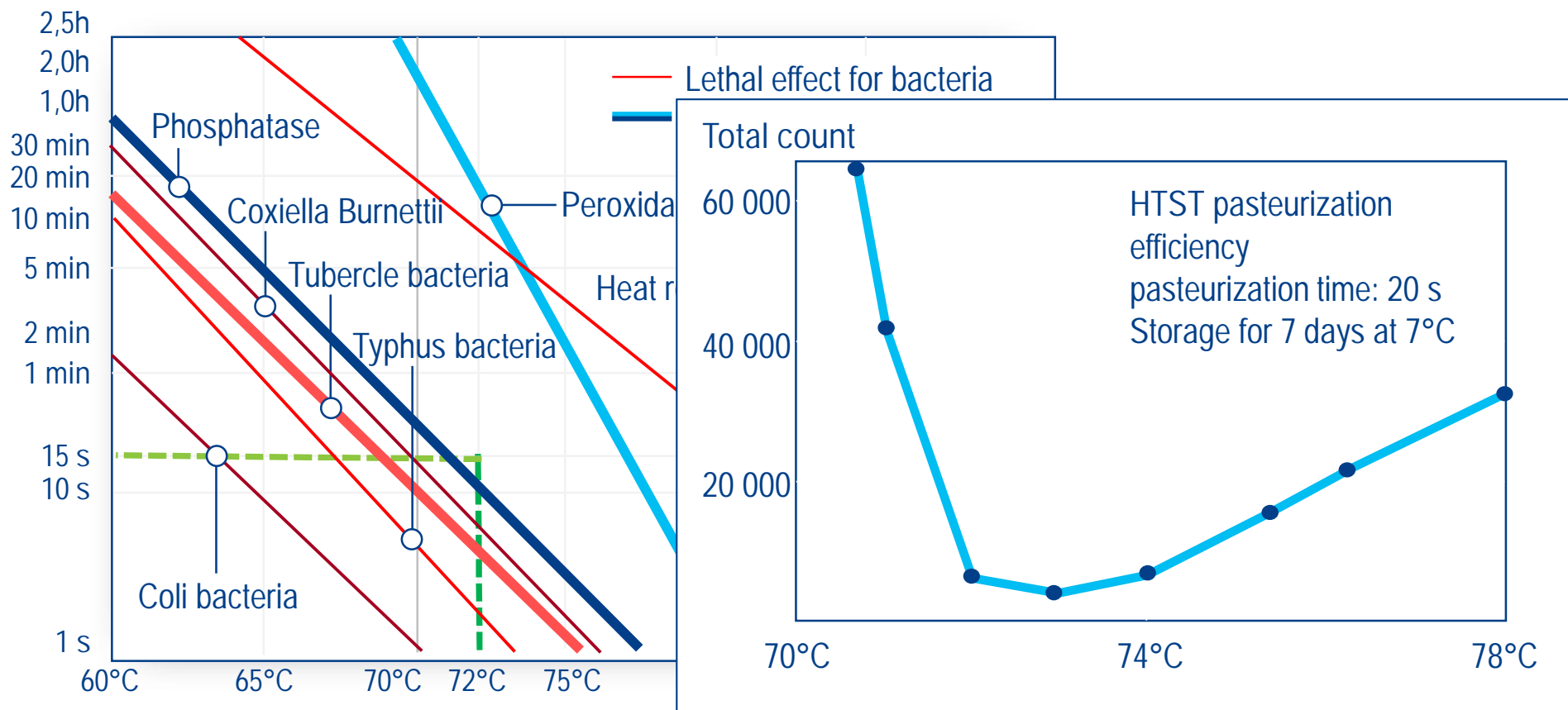
- ▶ **Codex Alimentarius:** *C. burnettii* is the most heat – resistant non-sporulating pathogen likely to be present in milk, pasteurization is designed to achieve at least a 5 log reduction of *C. burnettii* in whole milk (4% fat)
- ▶ **PMO**

OO. **PASTEURIZATION:** The terms “pasteurization”, “pasteurized” and similar terms shall mean the process of heating every particle of milk or milk product, in properly designed and operated equipment, to one (1) of the temperatures given in the following chart and held continuously at or above that temperature for at least the corresponding specified time:

Batch (Vat) Pasteurization	
Temperature	Time
63°C (145°F)*	30 minutes
Continuous Flow (HTST and HHST) Pasteurization	
Temperature	Time
72°C (161°F)*	15 seconds
89°C (191°F)	1.0 second
90°C (194°F)	0.5 seconds
94°C (201°F)	0.1 seconds
96°C (204°F)	0.05 seconds
100°C (212°F)	0.01 seconds

\*If the fat content of the milk product is ten percent (10%) or greater, or a total solids of 18% or greater, or if it contains added sweeteners, the specified temperature shall be increased by 3°C (5°F).

# A little higher a little better?





# Heat treatment of milk

## Pre-treatment

Thermization	63–65°C/15 sec	Preliminary heating
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## Chilled distributed products

LTLT Pasteurization	63°C/30 min	Pasteur's method
HTST Pasteurization	72–75°C/15 sec	Milk
HTST Pasteurization	82– 85°C/15 sec	Cream
HTST Pasteurization	90-95°C/5 min	Milk for fermented products
HTT Pasteurization	120–150°C/0,1–4 sec	Cold storage ESL products

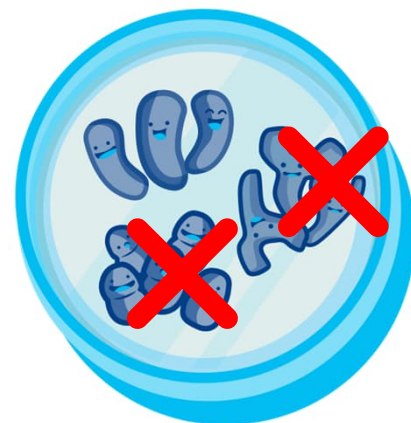
## Ambient distributed products

UHT	135–150°C/4–15 sec
Conventional sterilization	approx. 116°C/20 min

Increased  
impact on  
Product  
qualites



Limited  
microbiological  
shelf life



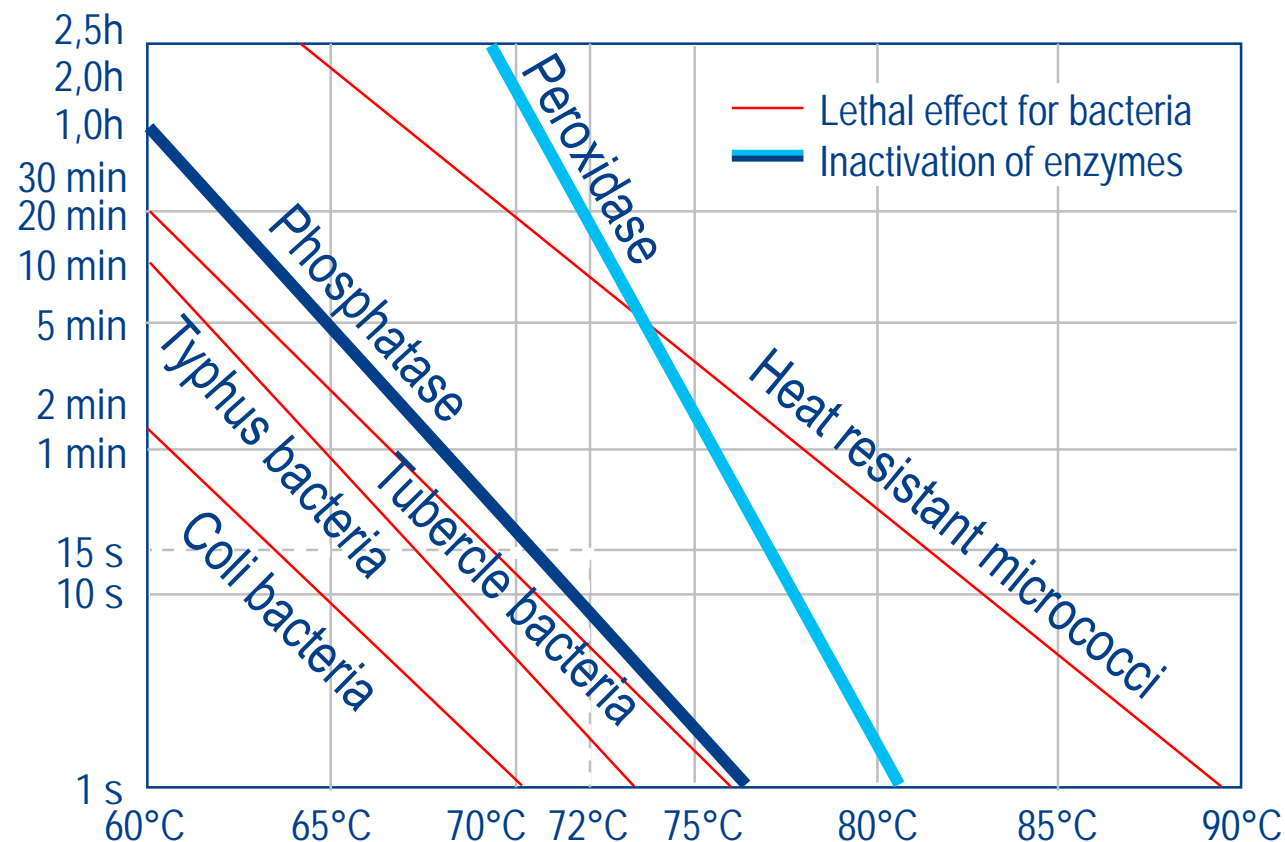
LTLT = low temperature / long time, HTST = high temperature / short time, UHT = ultra high temperature; HTT = High Temperature Treatment



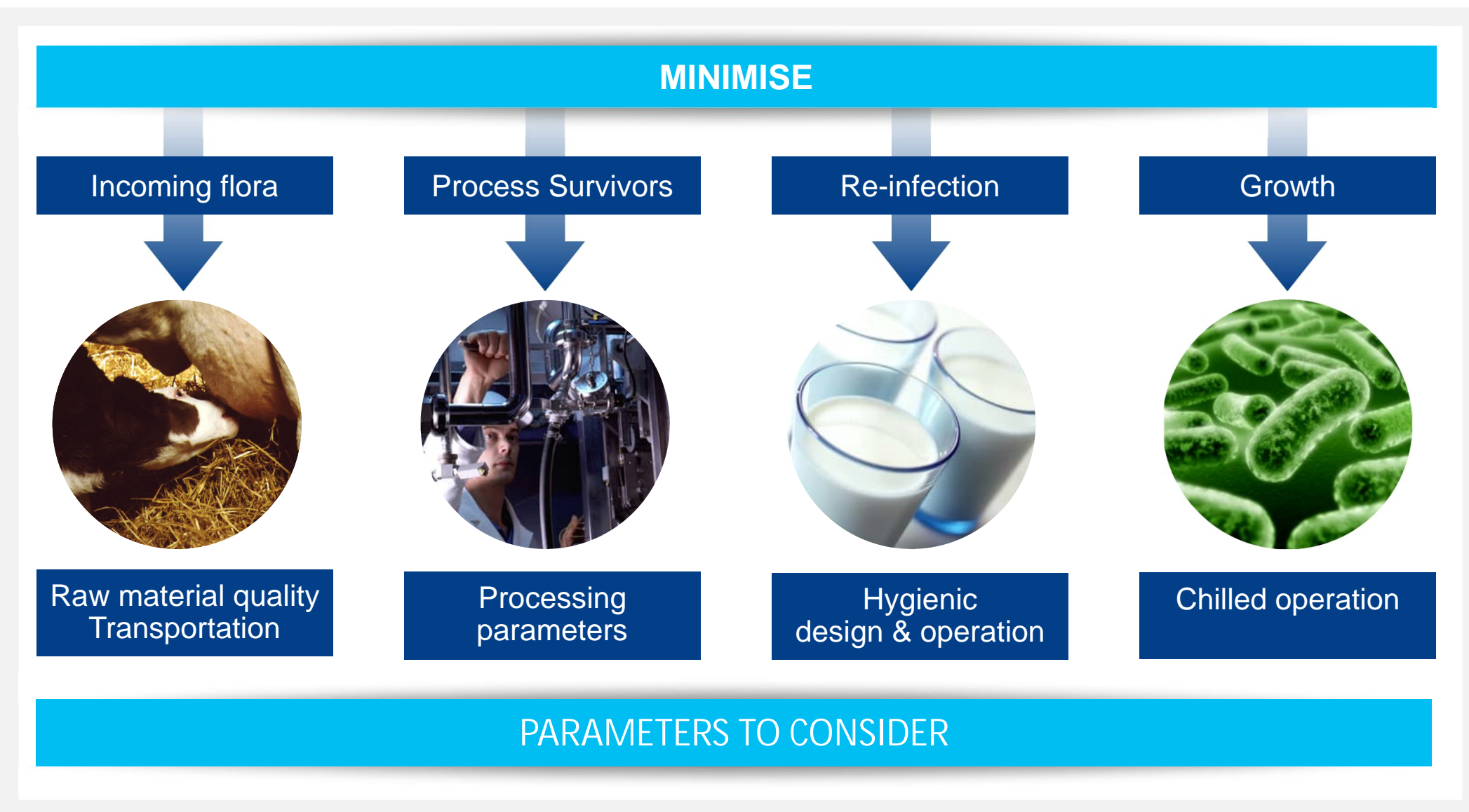


# HTST pasteurization for Cream

- **Standards for cream >10% fat**
  - +3°C from milk 4%, i.e., 75°C
- **Recommendation for cream >10% fat**
  - 82 °C for 15sec
  - phosphatase and peroxidase are inactivated
  - Increased temperature for improved
  - deactivation of enzymes



# The key is to control growth through the process





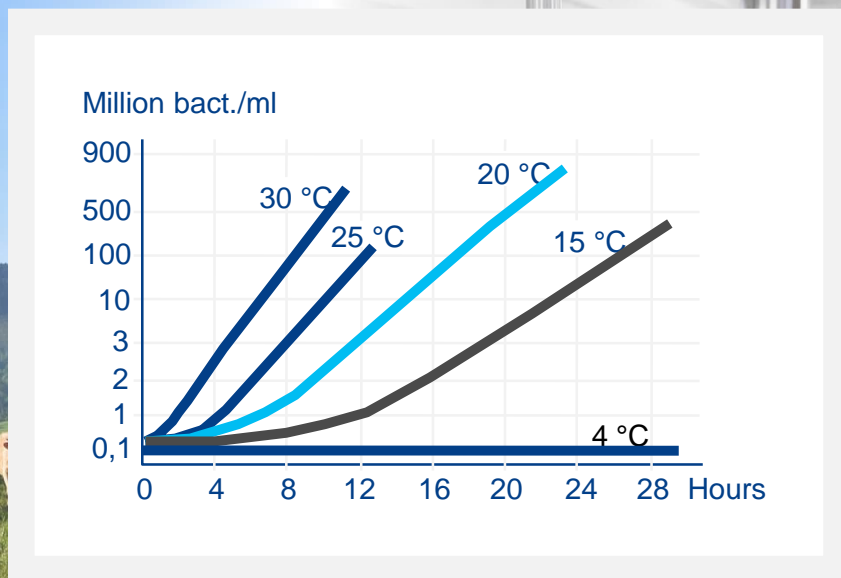
**Raw milk to the dairy**





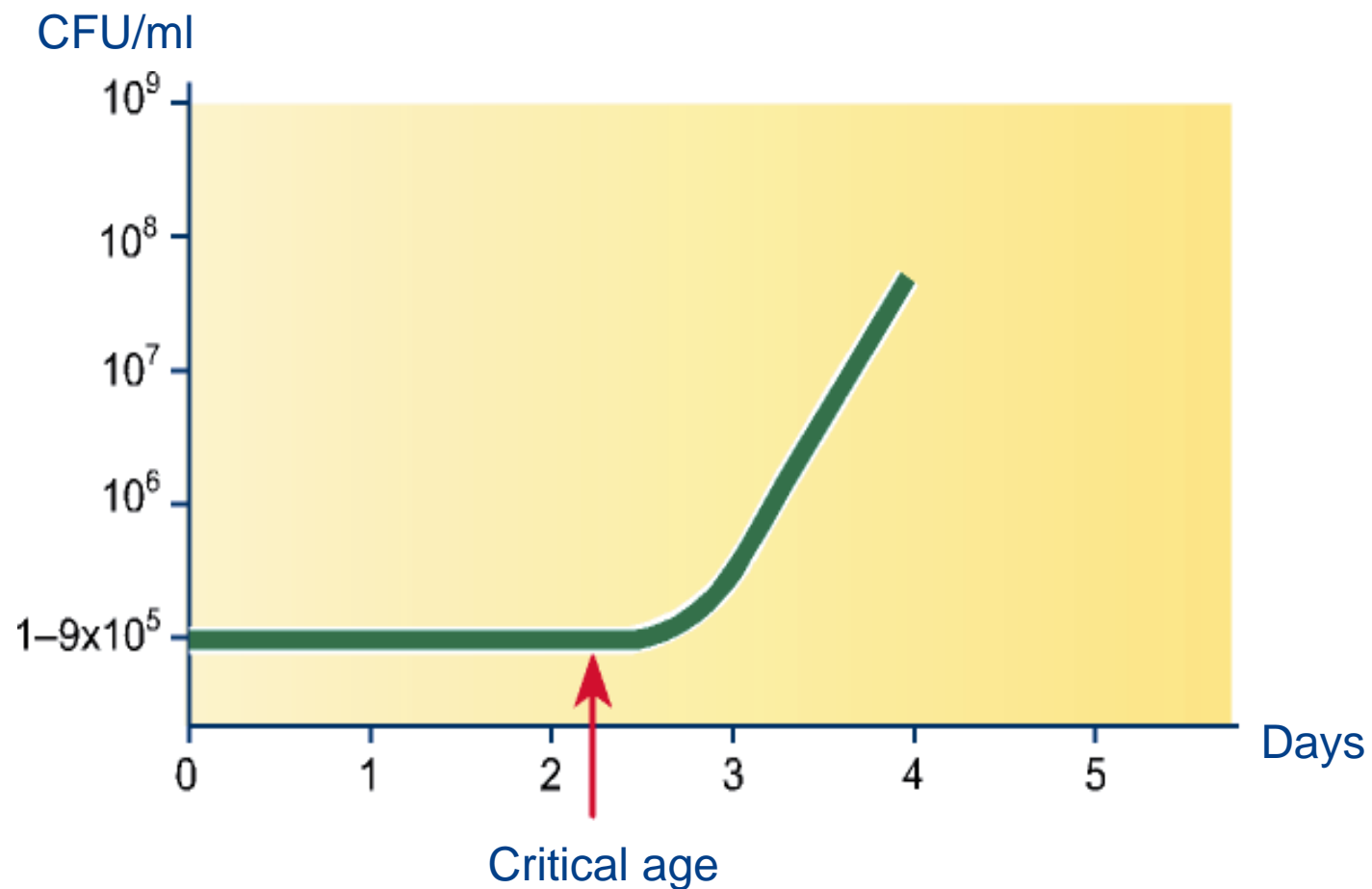


# From farm to dairy





## Bacterial development in raw milk at +4°C







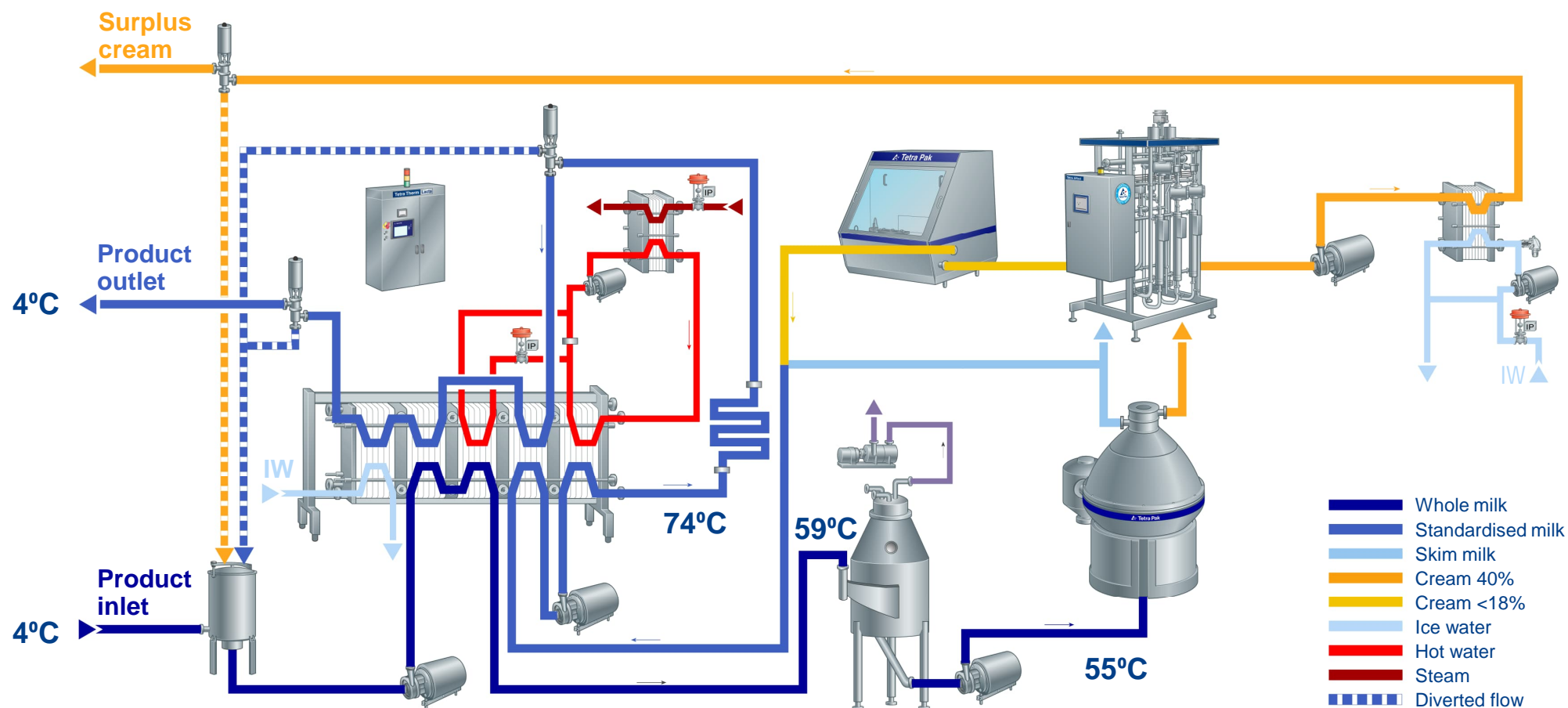
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# Milk Pasteurizer

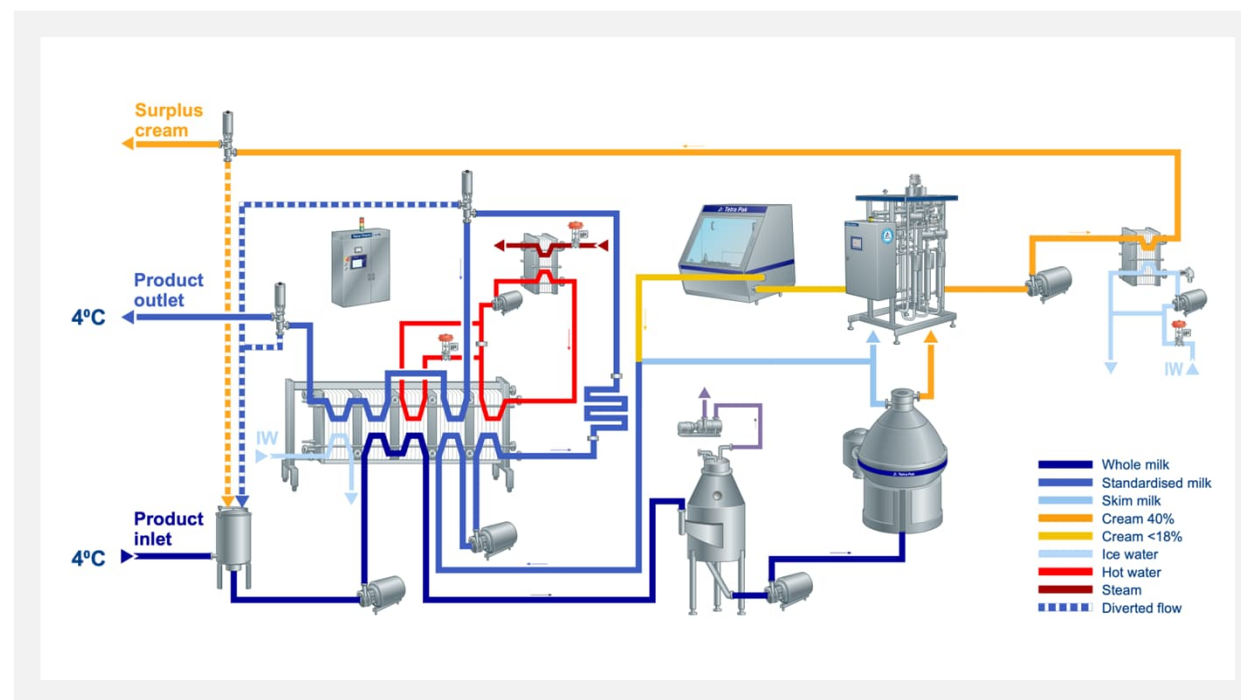




# Secure food safety

## Pasteurizer requirements and features

- ▶ **Clarification prior to heat treatment:**  
The milk must be free of particles. In a filter or, more effectively, in a centrifugal clarifier or centrifugal separator
- ▶ **Automatic control of pasteurization temperature**  
Two temperature switches, one before and one after the holding tube for increased safety at pasteurization temperature and interlocked with the flow diversion valve.
- ▶ **Product flow re-circulation in case of**
  - pasteurization temperature failure
  - low level in balance tank.
  - too high flow
  - too high outlet temperature.





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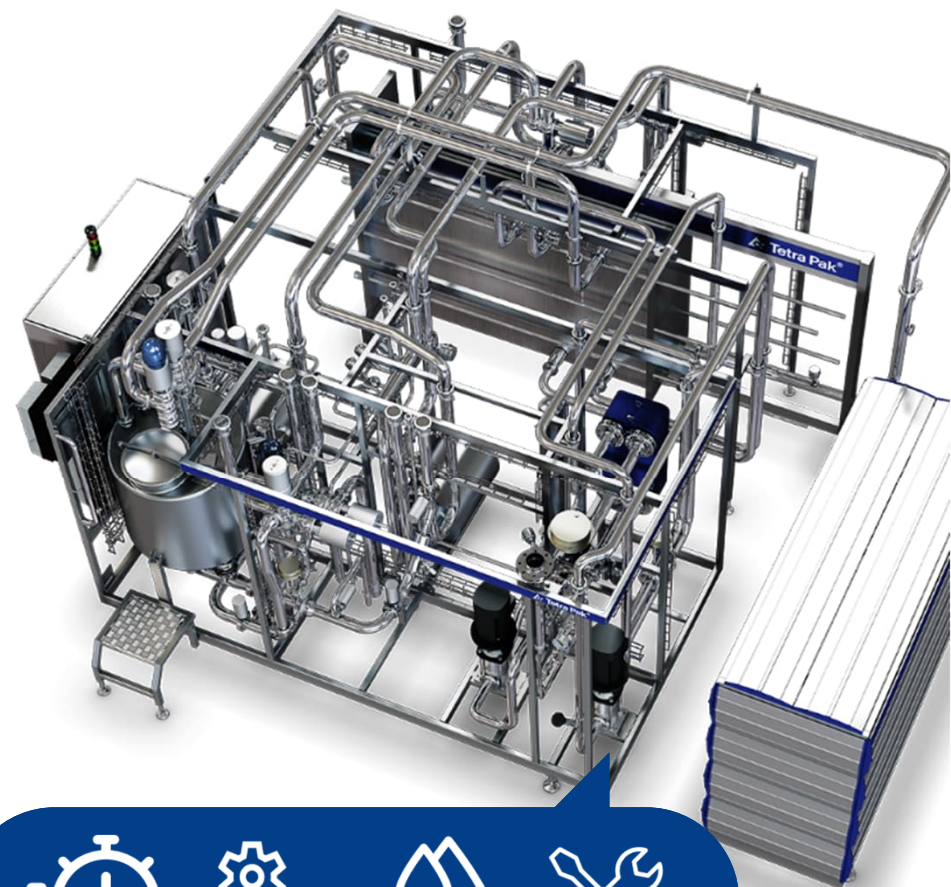






# Running time defined

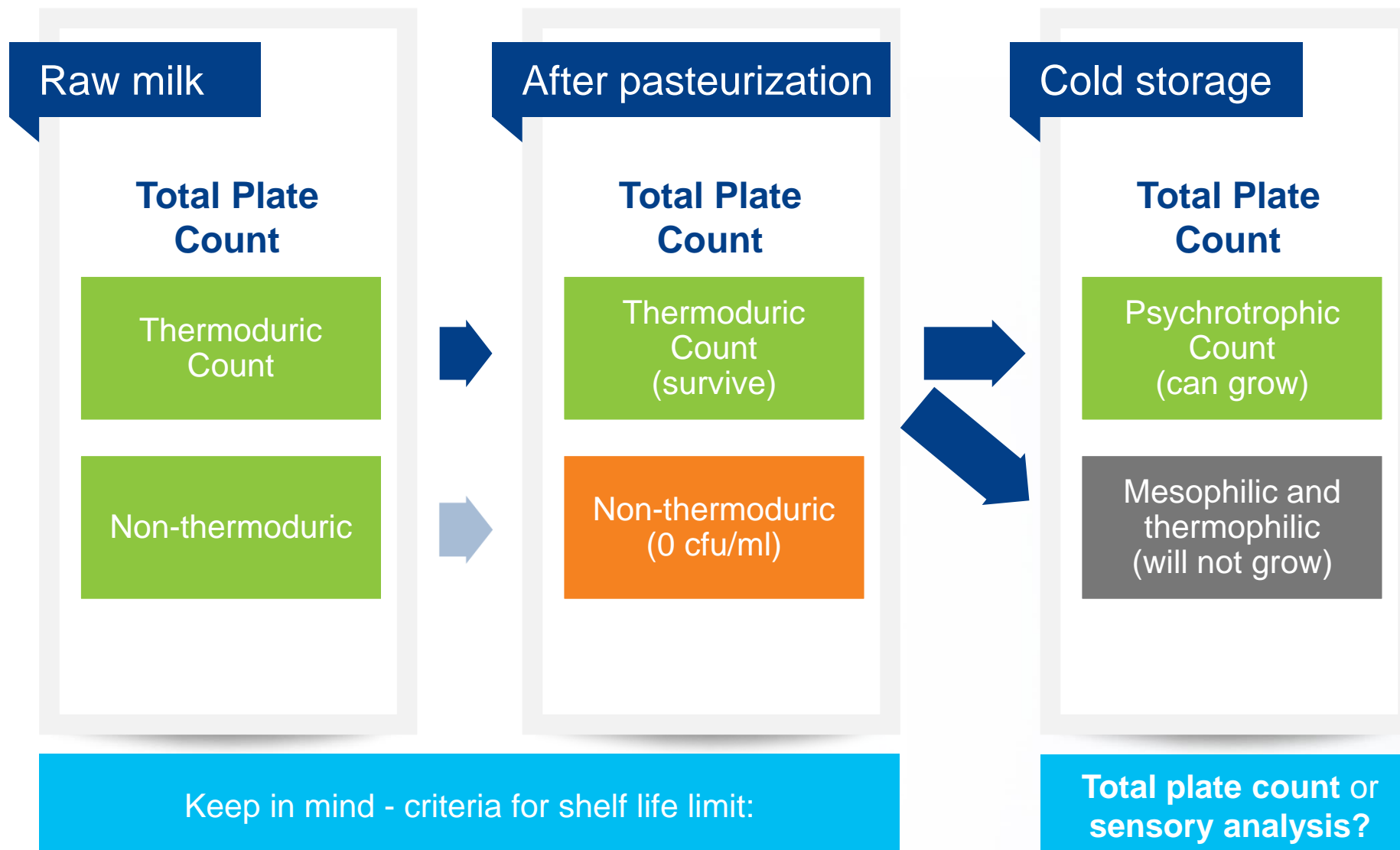
- ▶ **“Running time” or “production time” is defined as continuous operation time from start to stop of production**
- ▶ **STOP will be due to design parameters getting out of specification**
  - Flow, Pressure, differential pressure (dP), temperature or delta temperature (dT)
- ▶ **Or STOP will be due to quality parameters getting out of specification**
  - Microbiological growth







# Microbiological load of pasteurized milk





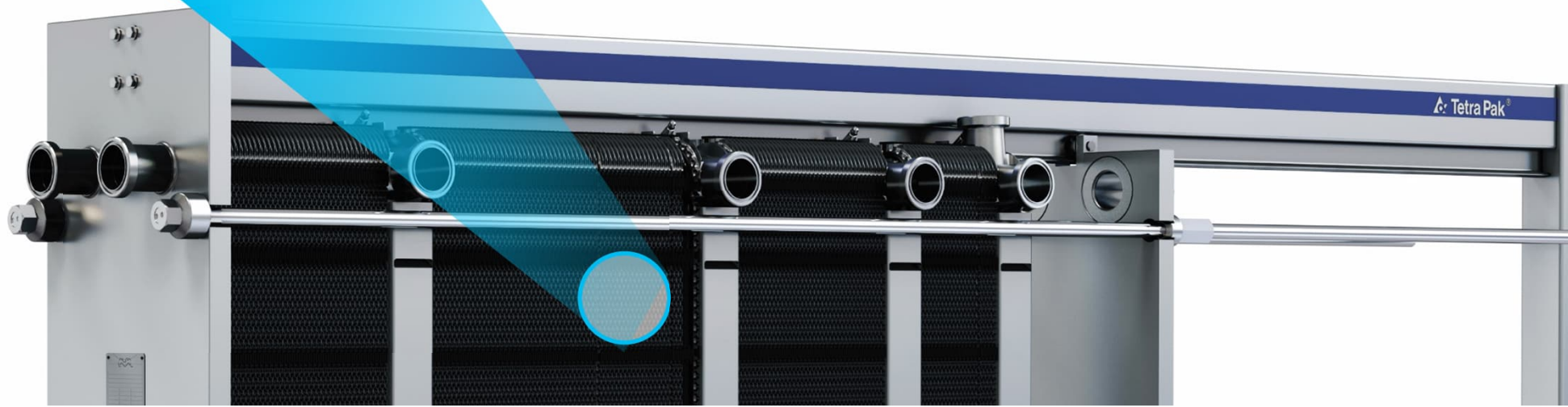
# What about microorganism activity?

## Limitation for running time of pasteurizers?

Traditional running time of white milk pasteurizer is **8h**

Some parts of milk pasteurization lines may become a **source of thermophilic bacteria growth**

Total count of bacteria can be **STOP** parameter for milk pasteurizers; when the limit is exceeded, production is stopped





# Pasteurization is not a one-size-fits-all solution



APPLICATION	HEAT TREATMENT	MAX. RUN TIME (H)	LIMITING FACTOR	STOP PARAMETER
Pasteurized consumption white milk	72 - 74°C / 15 -30 s	20 h $\pm$ 2	Customer production time schedule (PTS)	
Milk for cheese or powder	72 C / 15 s	8 h $\pm$ 2	Growth on PHE-surface of thermoduric thermophilic bacteria	Number of thermoduric thermophilic bacteria in the outgoing milk
Pasteurized Consumption cream (any fat content)	82°C / 15 s	12 h $\pm$ 2 (may be longer for fat content below 25%)	PTS and/or heat induced fouling	If applicable - dT or pressure in PHE

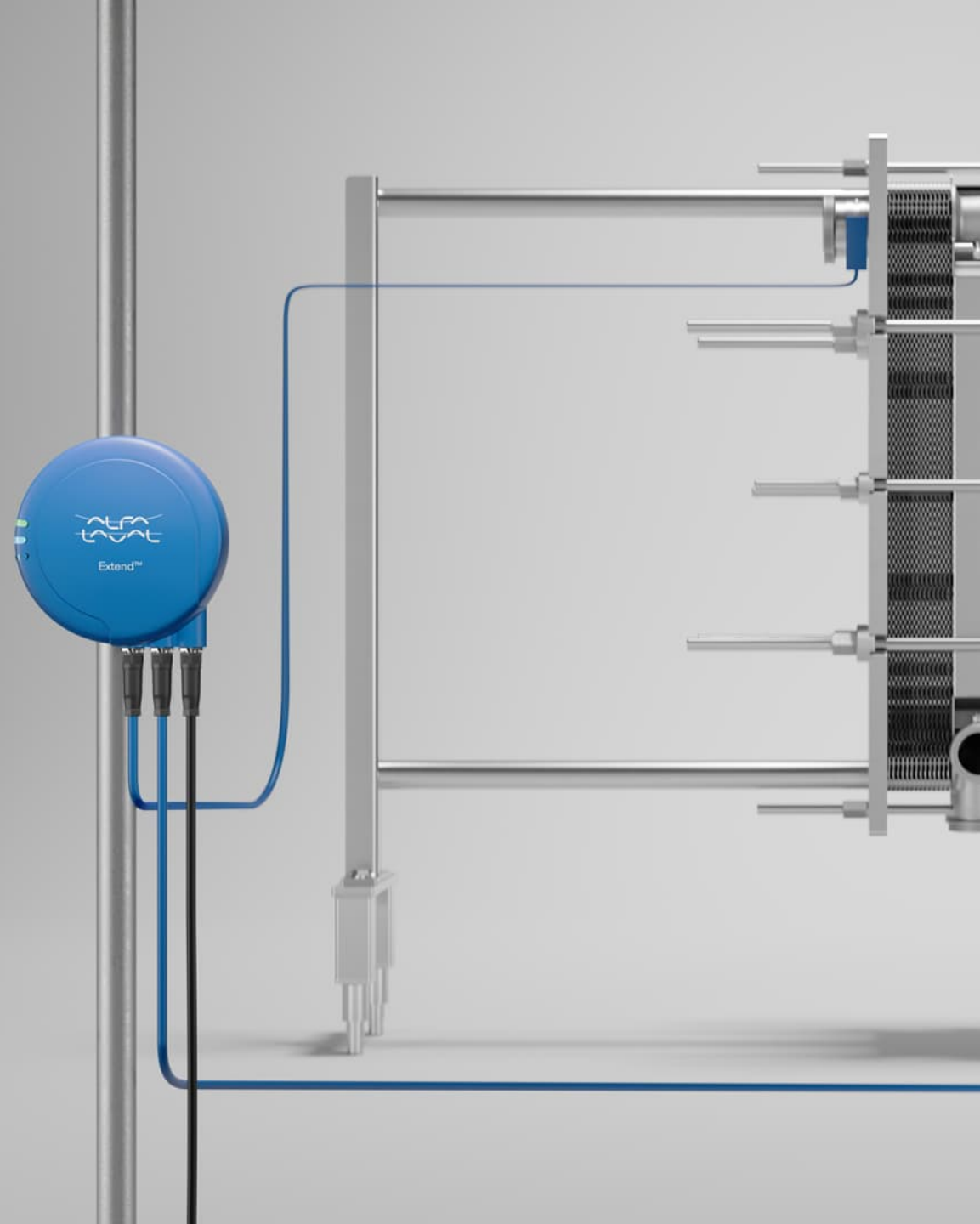
- ▶ **Approximately 8 hours running time** is still an appropriate limit for cheese and milk powder products, because of the need to limit the number of thermoduric thermophilic microorganisms in final products
- ▶ Consumption milk can be run for **20 $\pm$ 2 hours** with no risk to food safety and quality



# The Solution

## Alfa Laval Extend™

- ▶ Special engineered electrical pod
- ▶ Weak, safe electrical current through the plate pack
- ▶ Connect to inlet and outlet pipe of HE
- ▶ Bacteria do not attach to the surface





# Want to learn more?

Recommend: White Paper @ TetraPak.com



WHITE PAPER

## Sign up for white paper

Sign up to download the white paper "Consumption milk pasteurizers can be run much longer than 8 hours"

Download paper to learn more >







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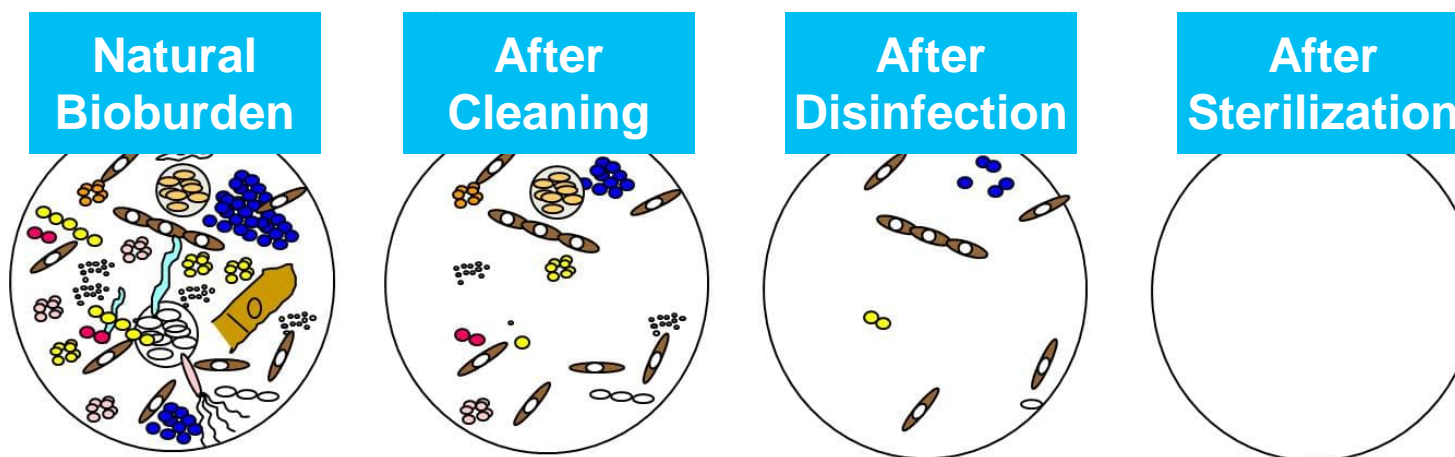




# Making the line ready for production

- ▶ Pre-sterilization is performed in aseptic lines and sometimes for extended shelf life (ESL) products.
- ▶ **Disinfection** is used in non-aseptic production lines. Commonly only on “pasteurized side”
- ▶ Require a successful cleaning prior to pre-sterilization/disinfection

## Mibi status on the stainless steel surfaces





## Centrifugal separators in the pasteurizer





# Centrifugal separation in dairy process lines

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Removal of non-milk solids and somatic cells



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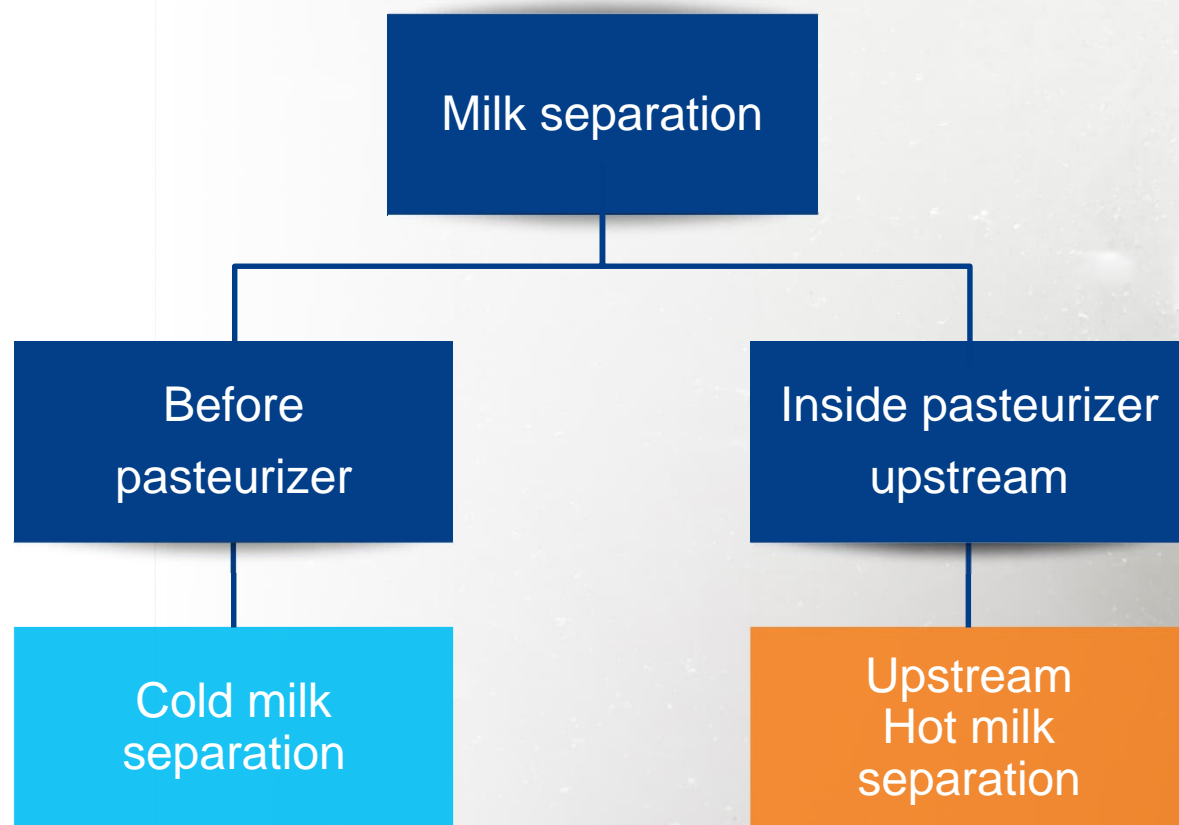






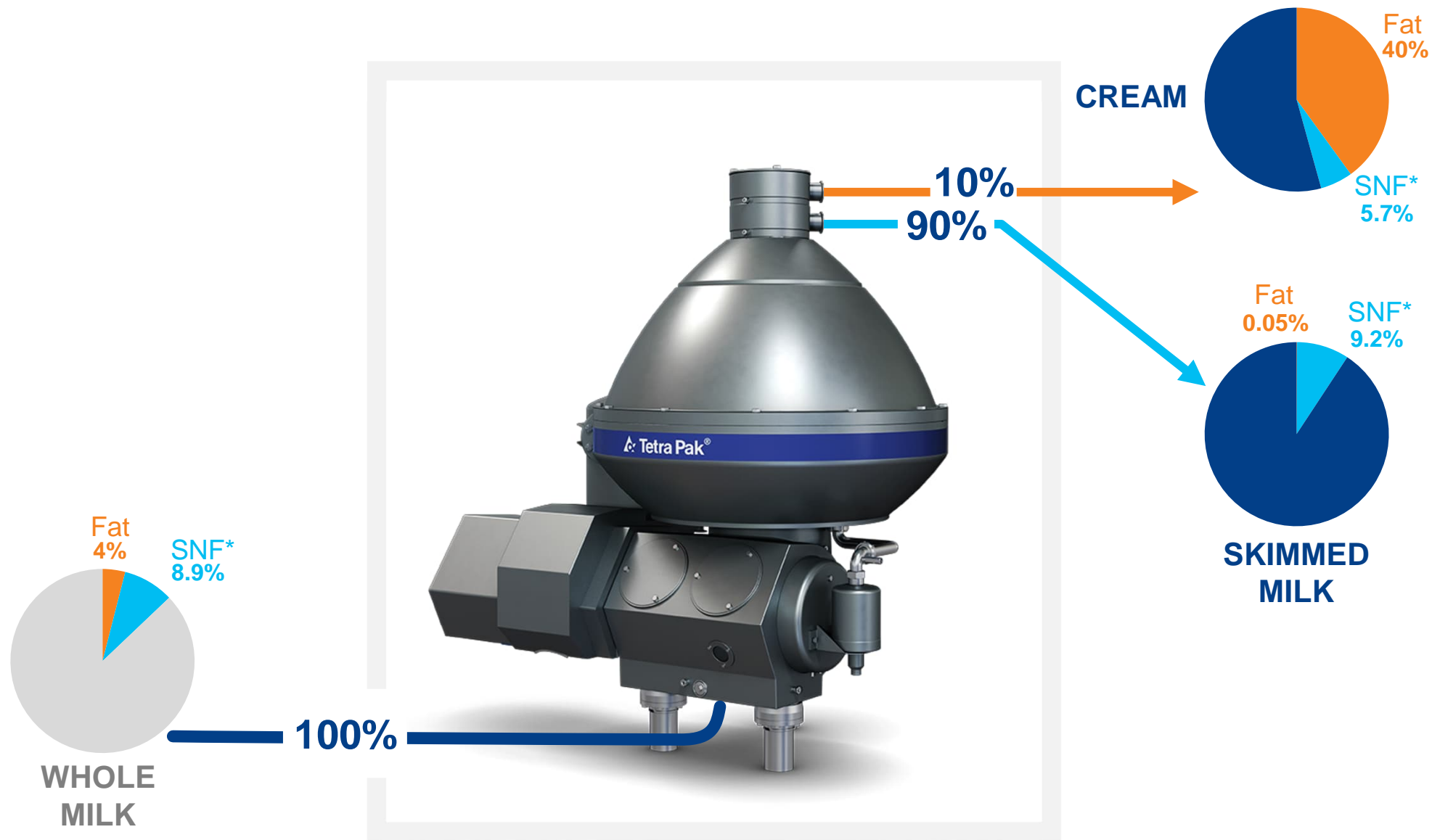
# Where to place the milk separator?

By location of separator and temperature of separation





# Inputs and outputs in milk separation

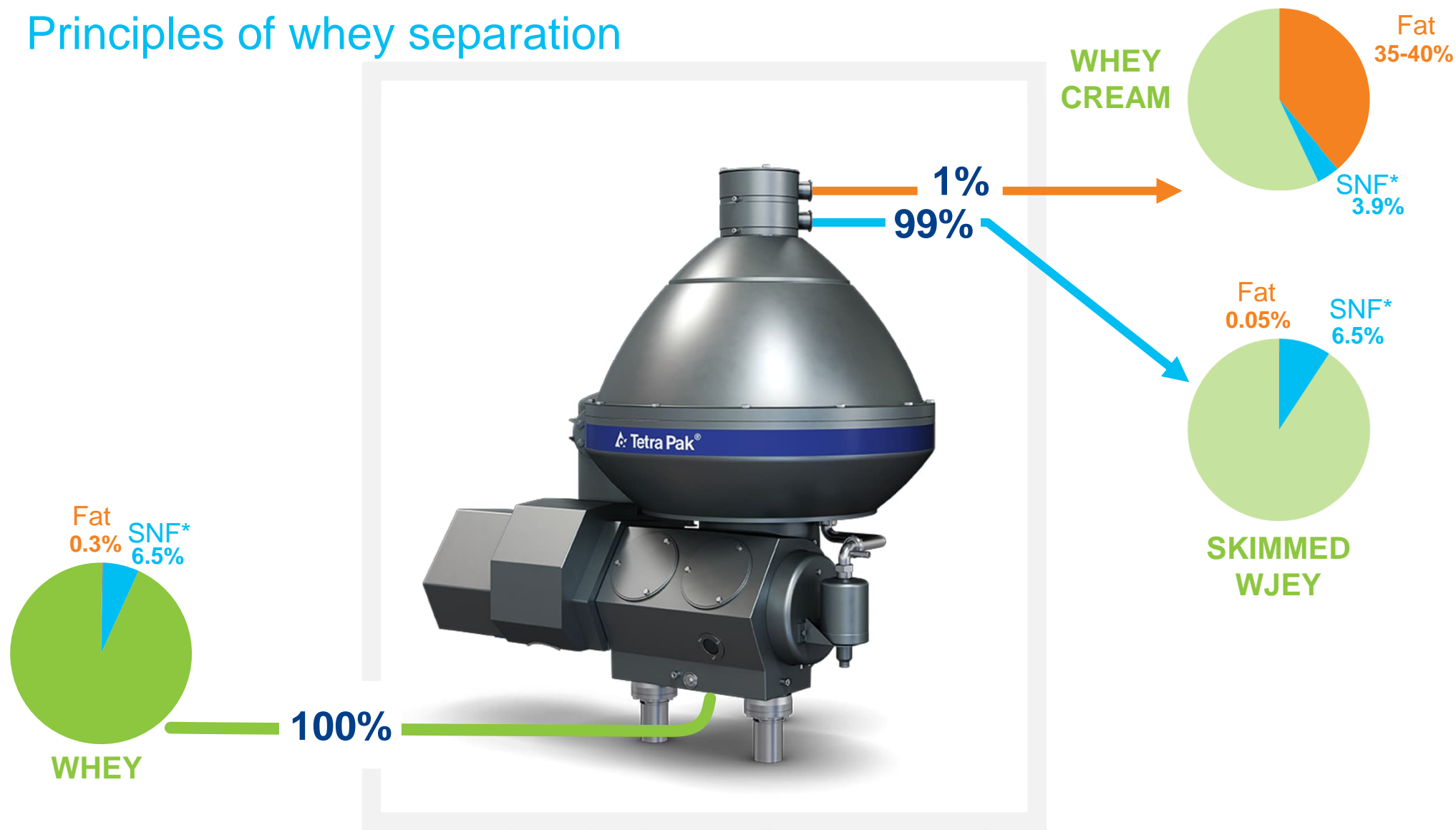


\*SNF: solids non-fat



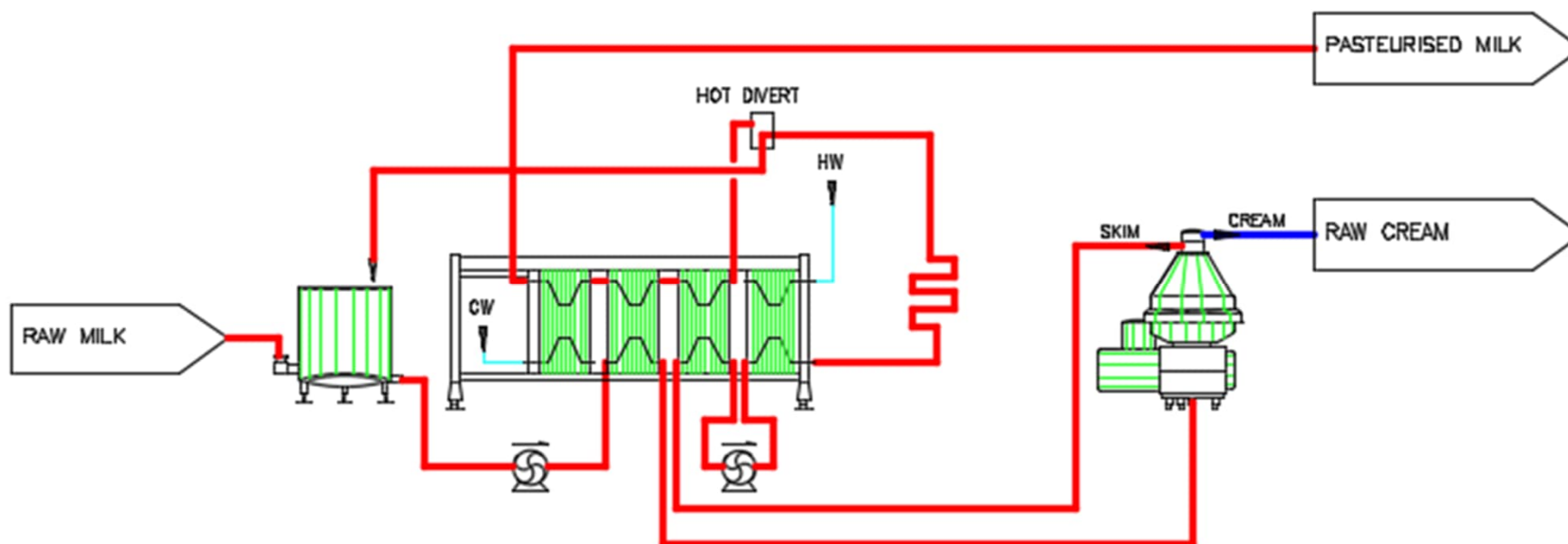
# Whey separation at a glance

## Principles of whey separation



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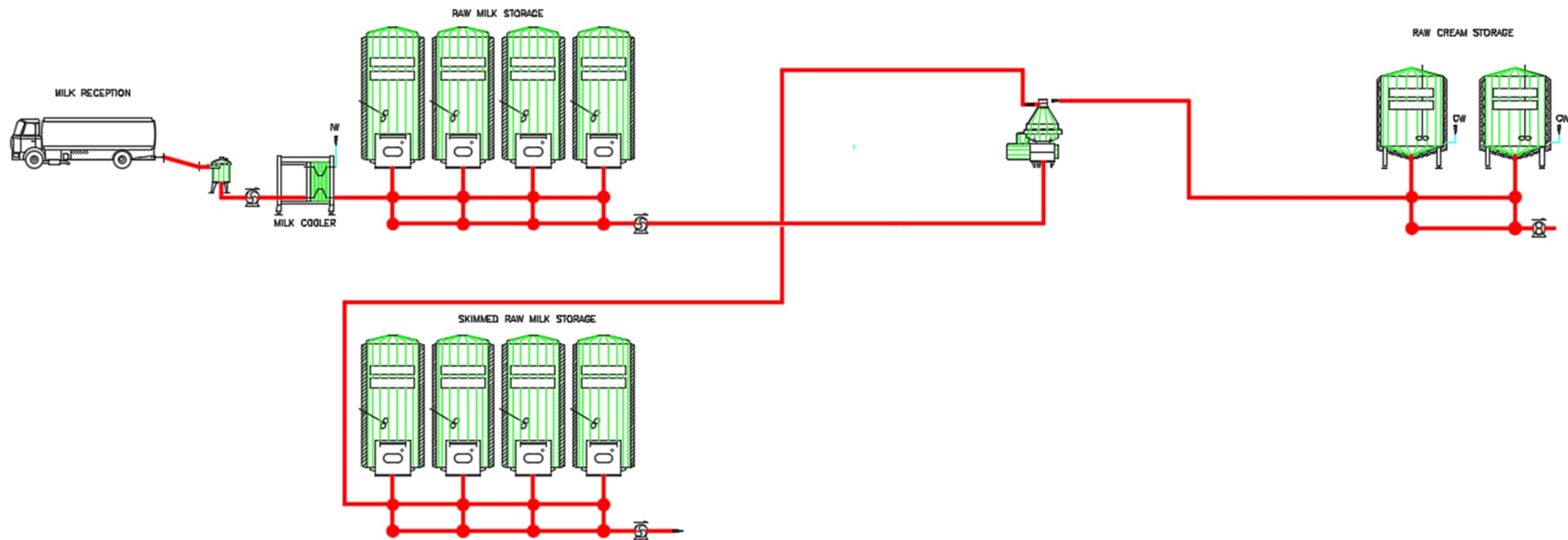
# Hot milk separation





# Cold milk separation

## Directly from raw milk silo









**Upstream hot milk  
separation**



**Cold milk  
separation**

**Skimming efficiency**

Down to 0.05%

$\leq 0.1\% - 0.3\%$

**Cream**

20%-60% fat

$\leq 40\% \pm 2$  fat

**Products**

All dairy products

UHT milk, Milk powder

**Highlighted  
benefits**

- Highest skimming efficiency
- Highest capacity
- Smaller machine (compared to cold milk)

- Reduces Thermophilic growth
- Longer production time
- Less CIP
- Less equipment



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# When is spore removal needed?

- ▶ Spore removal is a **complement to pasteurization**
- ▶ **Targets “thermoduric” spores and bacteria** that survive heat treatment
- ▶ Performed by a **spore-removal Bactofuge** unit
- ▶ Key variables to consider
  - Initial bacterial loads of different products vary widely
  - Target removal organisms differ between production line and end-products
  - Reduction rates differ with microbiological complexity of milk, cheese and whey



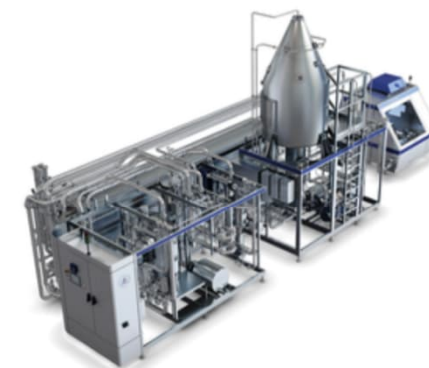


# Spore reduction

## Different processing solutions

Spores can be inactivated by **High Heat Treatment**

( >7 logs reduction )



Spores can be removed with **Filtration units** in combination with pasteurization

( up to 6-7 logs reduction, removal based on size difference )



Spores can be removed by **Bactofuge units**, and it is a complement to pasteurization

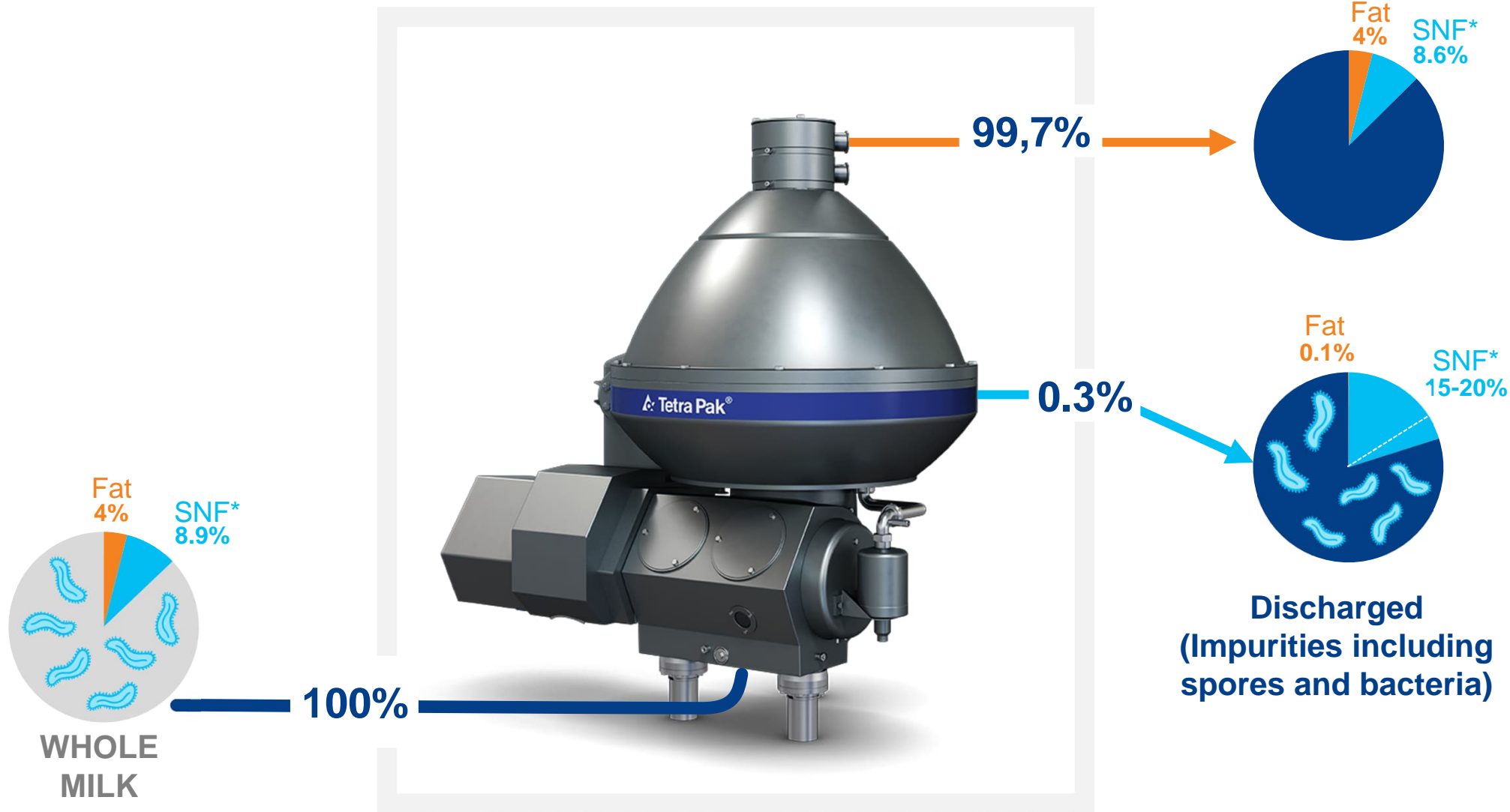
( up to 1-2 logs reduction, removal based on density difference )





# Spore and bacteria removal

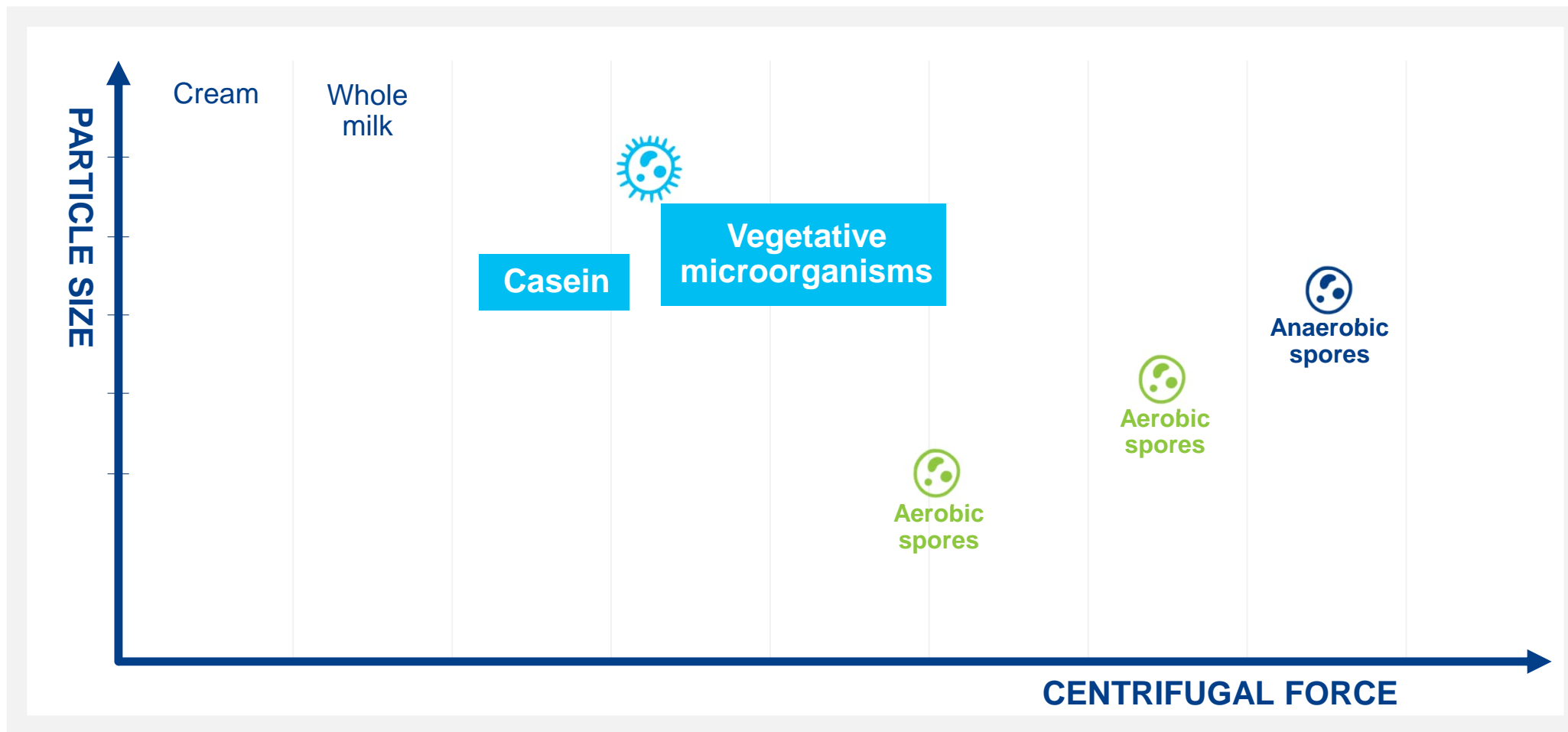
## Tetra Pak BB unit







# Heaviest and densest spores separate first

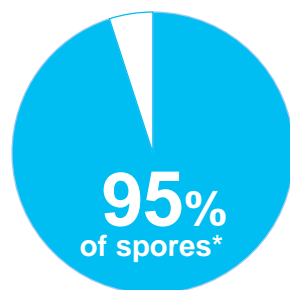
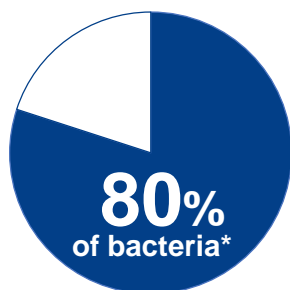




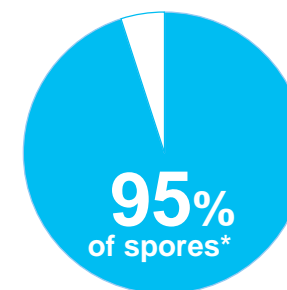
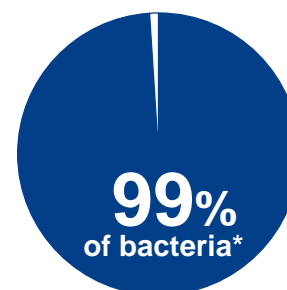
# Spore removal - optimal solution with lowest heating impact

- ▶ Mild heat treatment **can inactivate some bacteria but not spores** (depending on temperature & time)
- ▶ Pasteurization **does not kill all bacteria or spores**
- ▶ The higher the heat applied, the **more thermal effects and impact on product quality**
- ▶ A Spore Removal unit is an **optimal solution for removing spores** with lowest heating impact

**SPORE REMOVAL UNIT  
REMOVES APPROXIMATELY**



**SPORE REMOVAL UNIT + PASTEURIZER  
REMOVE APPROXIMATELY**



\* Bacteria removal substantially depends on bacteria type



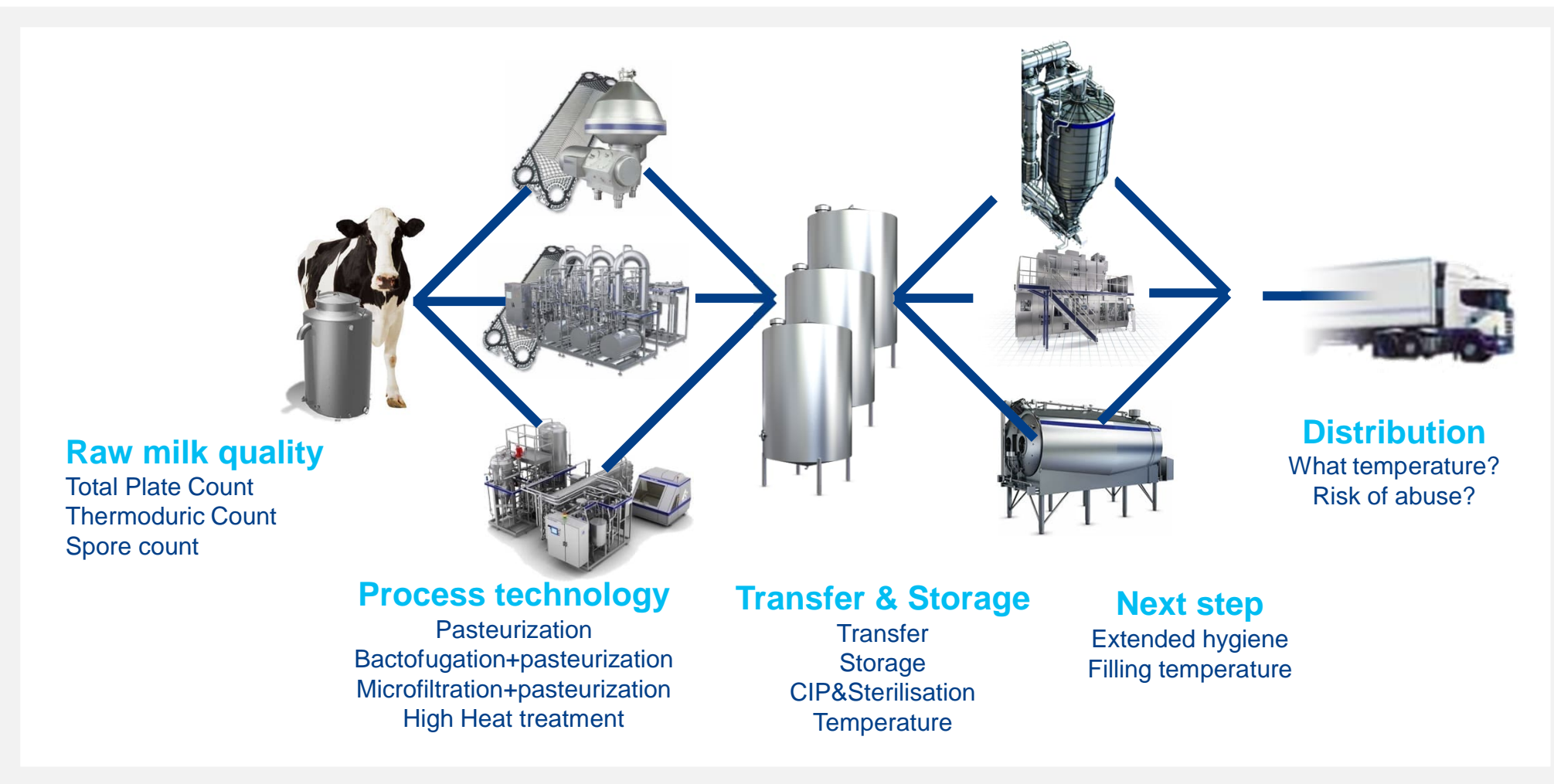
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Control of the value chain – Holistic approach





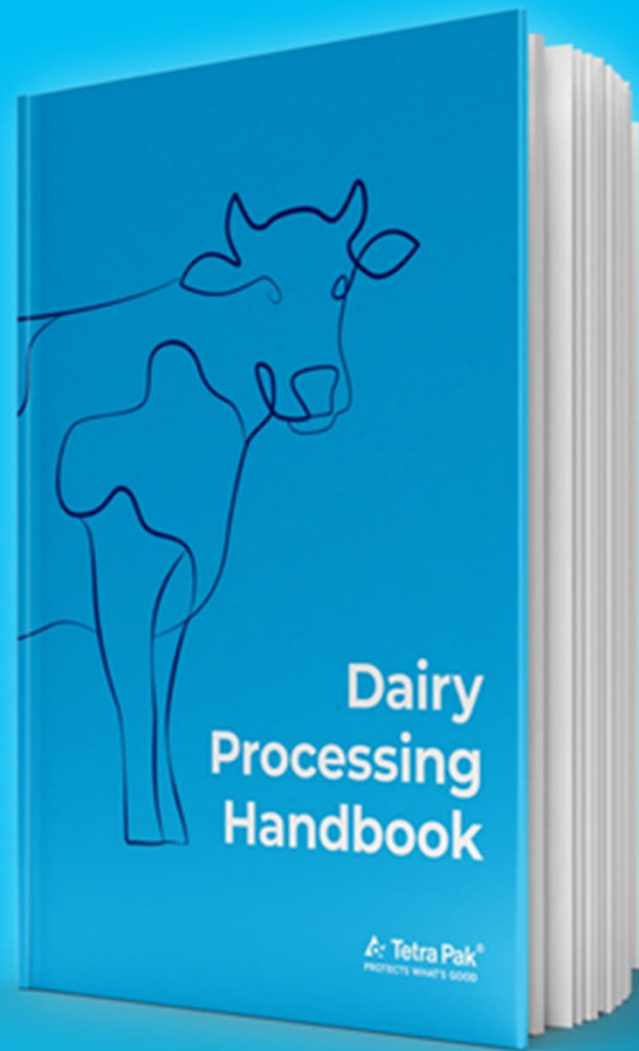
## Further questions

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