

Developing an enzyme-based antifouling coating, part I:



THE ENZYME SYSTEM

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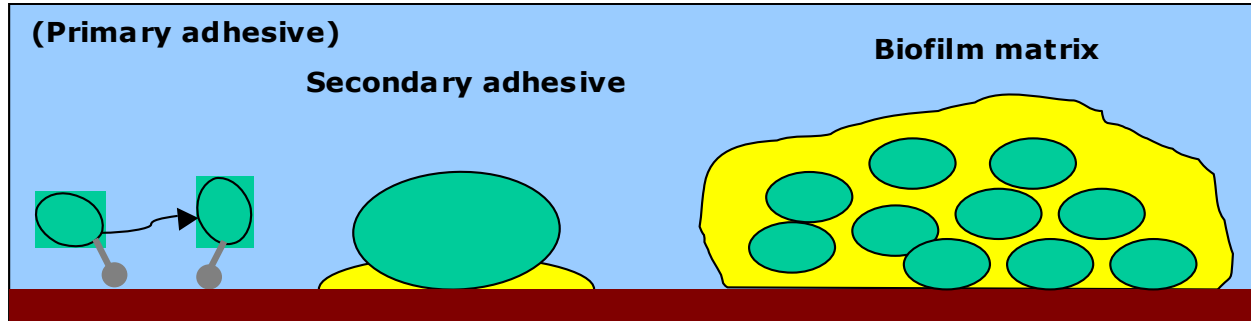
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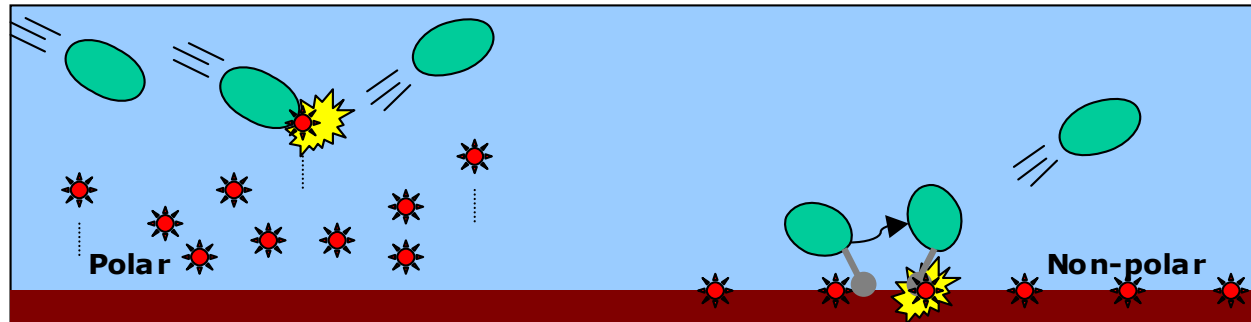
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Enzyme-based antifouling

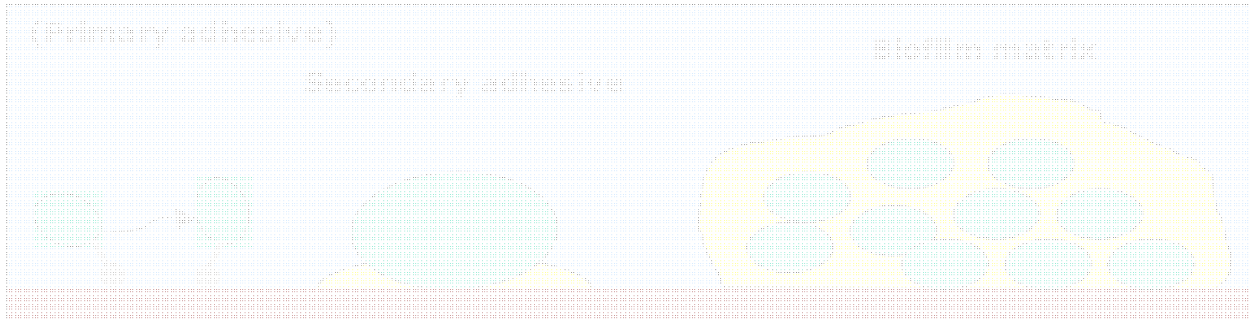


Silicone, super-hydrophobic, super-hydrophilic, nano/micro textured, sol-gel
Hydrolases

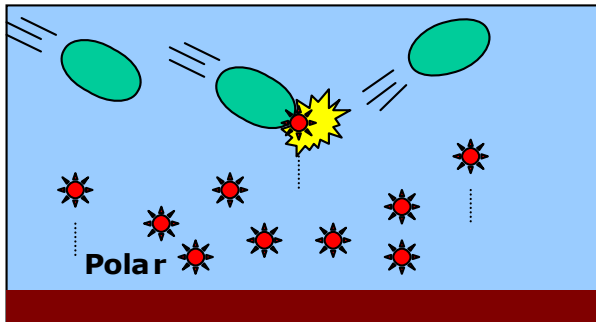


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In-situ generated deterrent

Enzyme-based antifouling



Silicone, super-hydrophobic, super-hydrophilic → Hydrogen peroxide produced *in-situ* from starch by an enzyme catalysed reaction
Hydrolases



- Continuous release
- Strong case for paint compatibility and antifouling effect
- Prototype coatings in field trials

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Key points in developing antifouling coatings

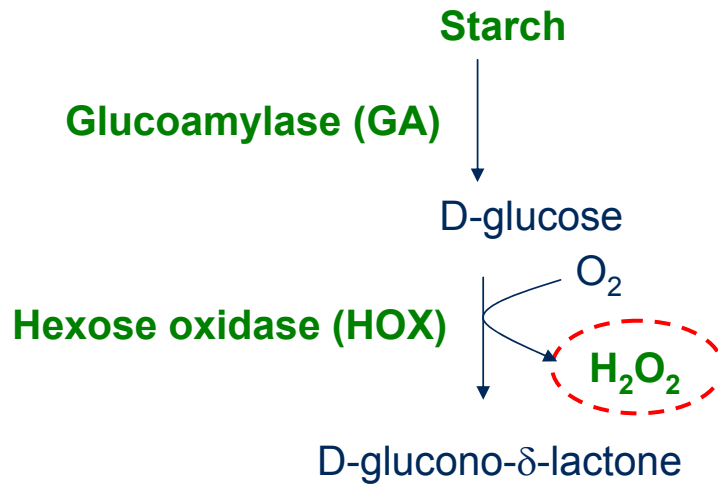


- Effective release of **ANTIFOULING AGENT**
- Well defined (limited) **ENVIRONMENTAL FATE** and impact
- **REGULATORY** registration
- **PAINT COMPATIBILITY**
- **COLLABORATION** between agent developers and paint producers

Adapted from Dan Rittschof *et al.* (2003) *Biofouling* 19:207-212

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Enzymatic formation of hydrogen peroxide



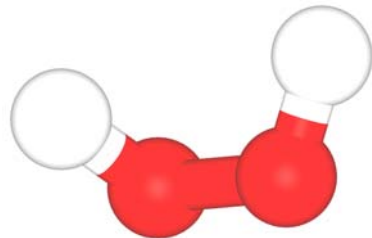
Chondrus crispus

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Hydrogen peroxide effects



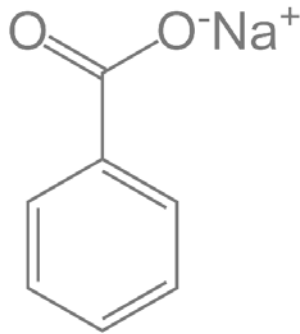
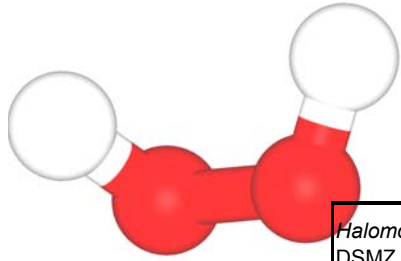
- Remove ectoparasites from Atlantic salmon¹.
- Moderate toxicity to aquatic organisms²
 - Algae
 - Daphnia
 - Fish
- Reduce macrofouling in marine cooling water systems³
 - + ferrous ions → active oxygen radical



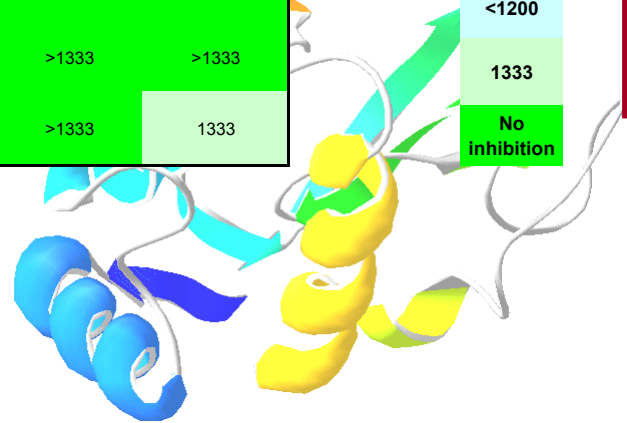
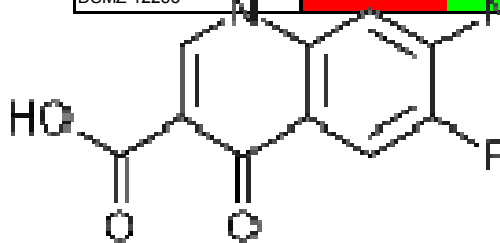
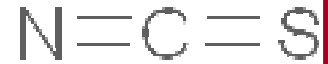
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Bacterial growth inhibition
(Minimum Inhibitory Concentration)



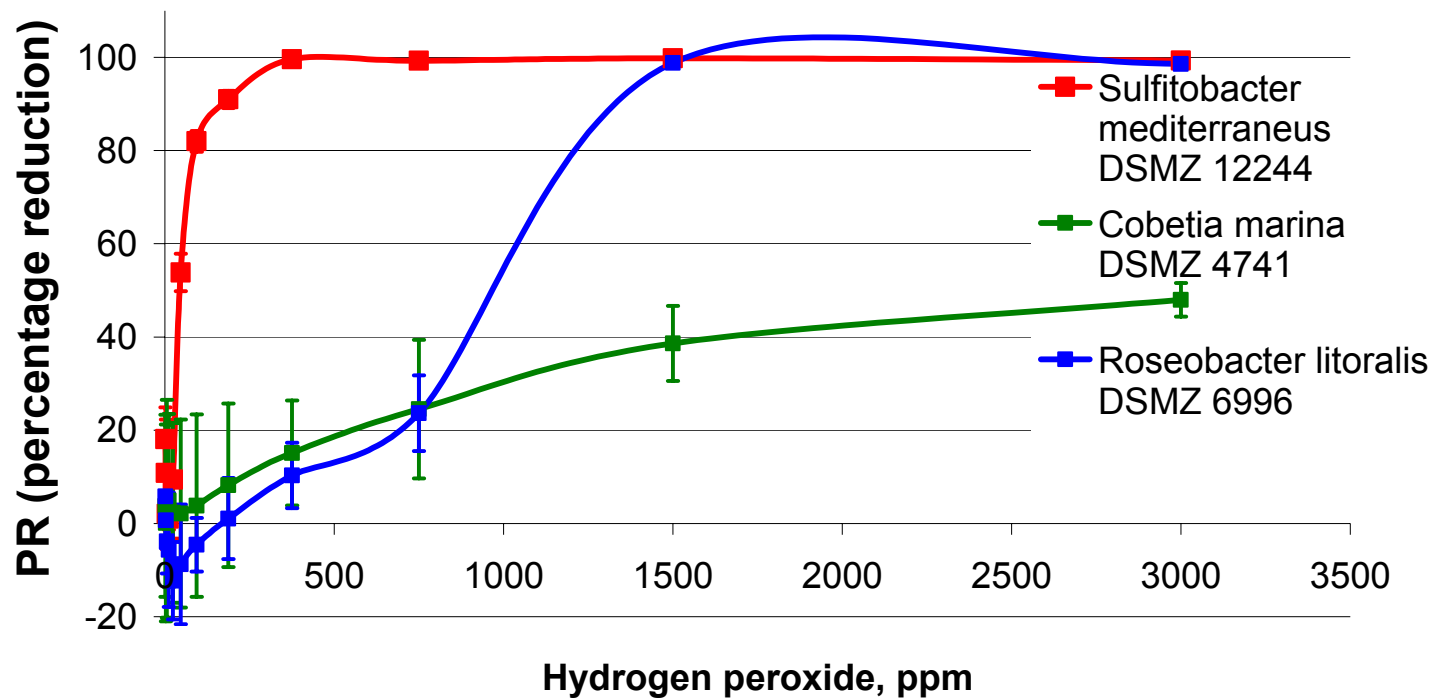
	Ciprofloxacin	Phenyl isothiocyanate	Hydrogen peroxide	Lysozyme	Sodium benzoate
<i>Halomonas variabilis</i> DSMZ 3051	4	>1333	119	>1333	>1333
<i>Cobetia marina</i> DSMZ 4741	4	>1333	99	>1333	>1333
<i>Halomonas pacifica</i> DSMZ 4742	4	>1333	5	>1333	1333
<i>Shewanella putrefaciens</i> DSMZ 6067	15	>1333	79	>1333	>1333
<i>Pseudoalteromonas atlantica</i> DSMZ 6839	24	>1333	1200	>1333	>1333
<i>Pseudoalteromonas citrea</i> DSMZ 8771	9	>1333	5	>1333	>1333
<i>Shewanella baltica</i> DSMZ 9439	15	>1333	53	>1333	>1333
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Biofilm

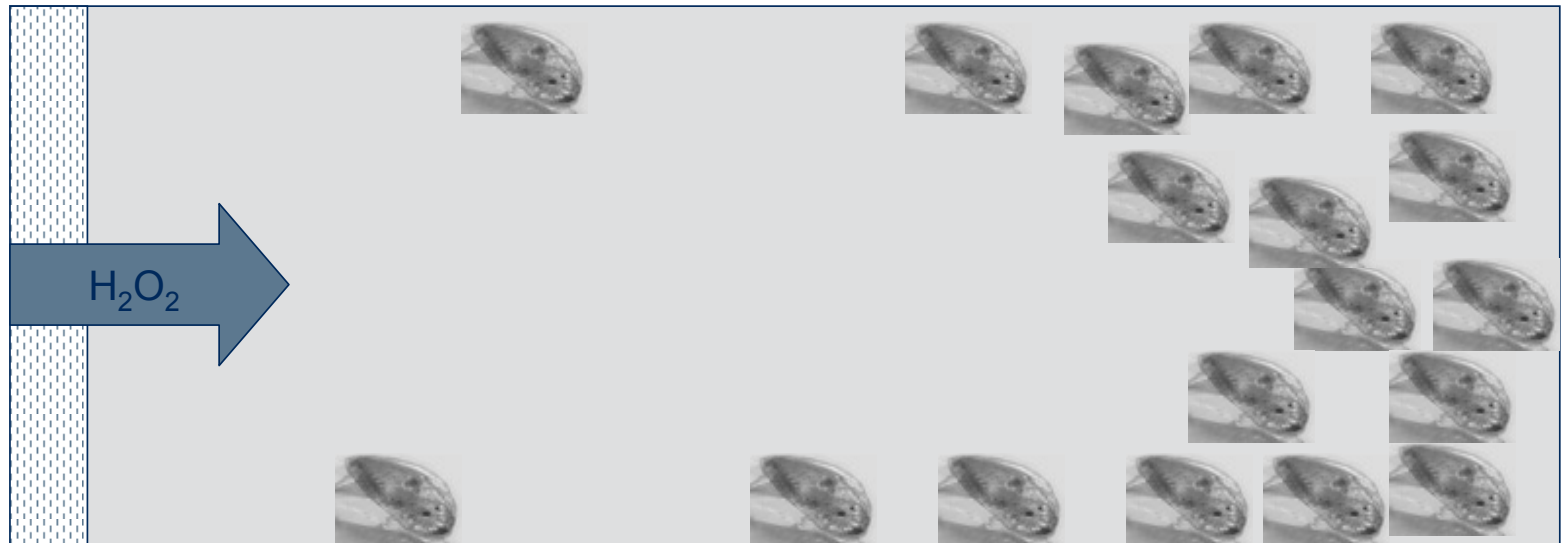
Biofilm inhibition in microtiter plates



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Flux chamber experiment

H_2O_2 gradient inside chamber



Based on observations from Olsen, SM (Hempel, 2007)

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The REAL test

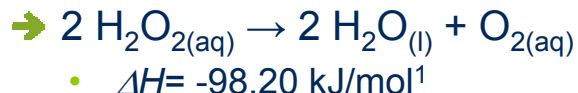


- Raft trials - Hempel
 - Barnacles
 - Seaweed
- Microscope slide tests – TNO
 - Barnacle settlement
 - Ulva zoospore adhesion test
- Raft trials - TNO



Photos courtesy of Hempel A/S

ENVIRONMENTAL FATE and impact



→ Bioaccumulation unlikely²

→ Potentially an efficient non-ecotoxic biocide

→ Considerable environmental improvement over current antifouling biocide technologies.

→ Enzymes degraded upon release


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REGULATORY

From food to paint

- All enzymes and substrates are used in food technology
- Extensive documentation of toxicology
- **Generally Recognized As Safe**

- Hydrogen peroxide is well described
- Extensively used
- GRAS

- Large portfolio ready for registration
-  Shorter time-to-market



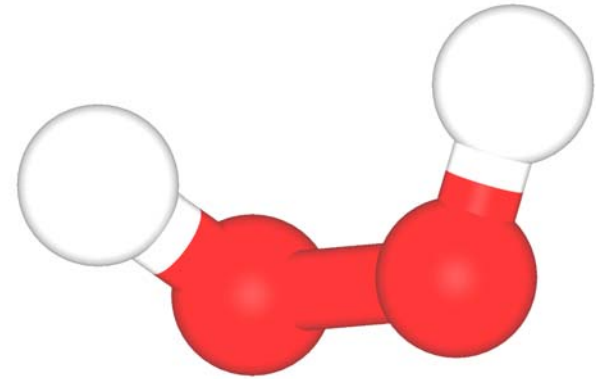
PAINT COMPATIBILITY

Why we need enzymes in the coating!



Hydrogen peroxide – not exactly paint-friendly!

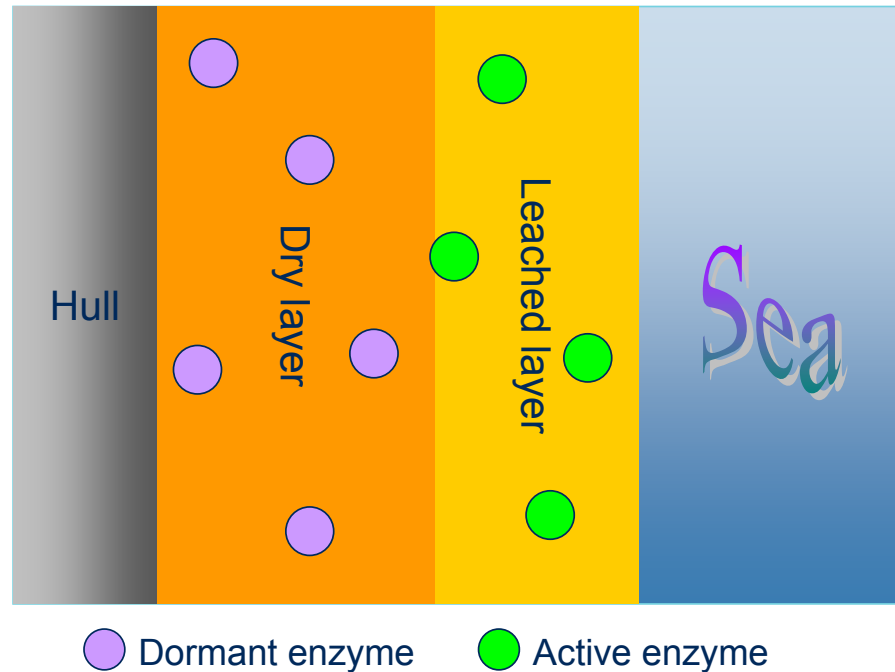
- Highly oxidative
 - High concentrations may damage coating
- Unstable
 - Will not persist through coating lifetime



- Need for production *in-situ* and when needed for transport out of coating

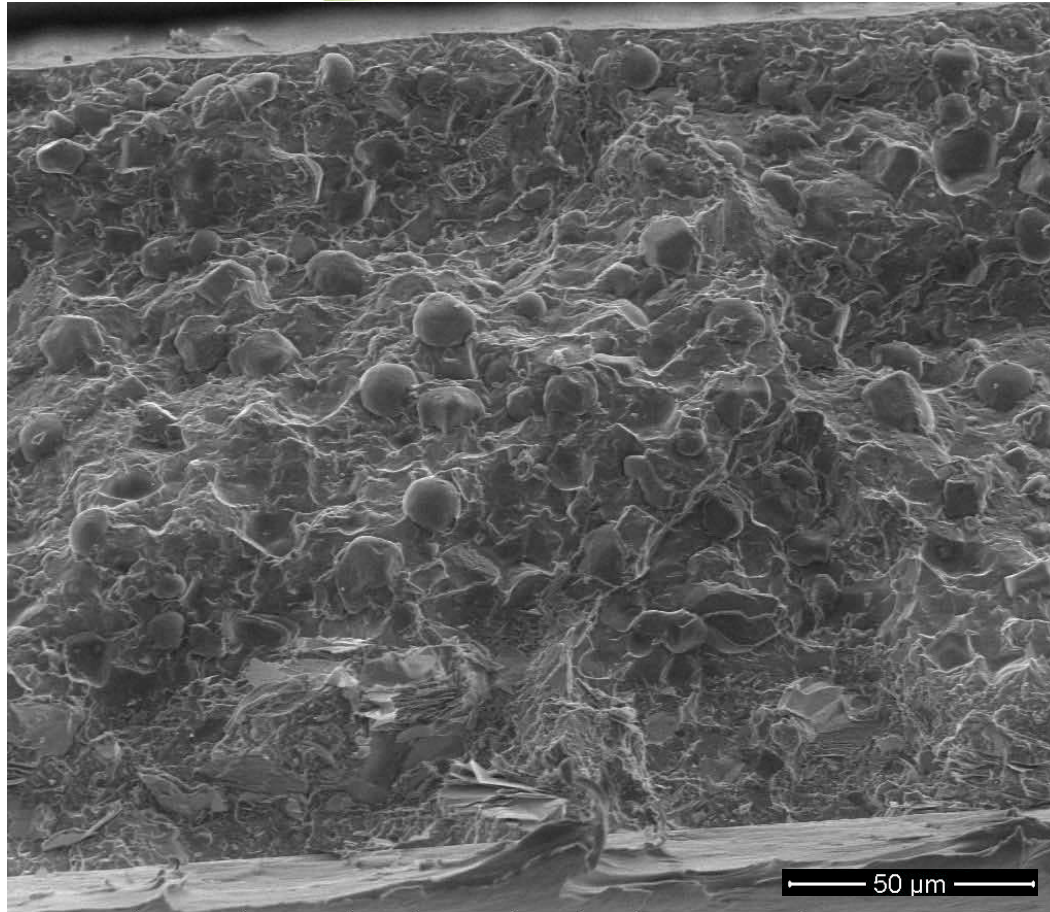
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"On-demand" enzyme activity



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SEM of starch granules in a paint

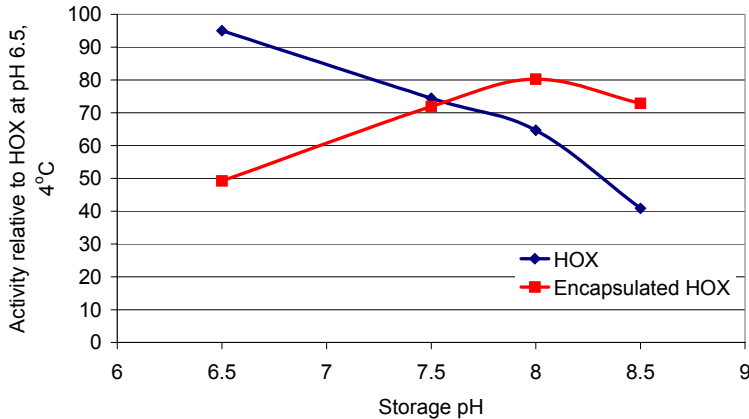


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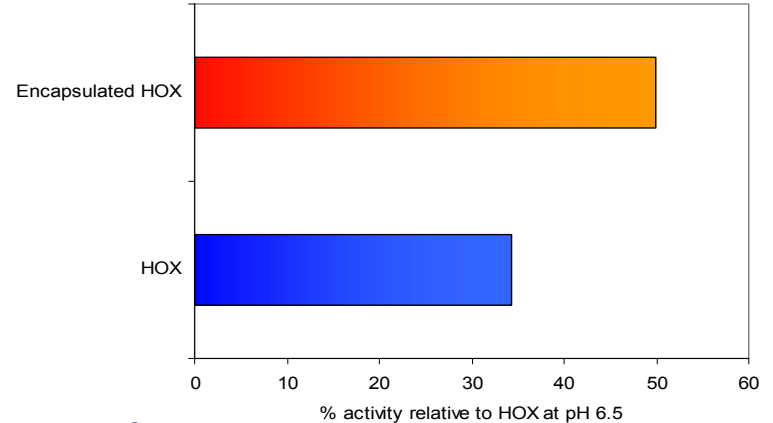
Enhanced marine enzyme stability by encapsulation



Activity after 24h storage at RT



Activity at pH 8



Prototype paint:

More than 150nmol H₂O₂ released per cm² per day after 2 months in seawater without polishing



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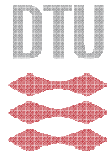
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Summary



- The Starch-Glucoamylase-Hexose oxidase system producing hydrogen peroxide is effective against marine bacteria and biofilm.
- Macrofouling studies and field trials are under way
- Prototype coatings work as intended
- Biodegradable, non-persistent and non-bioaccumulating active components
- Safe, easily implementable production process
- The "holistic" approach: design enzymes and coatings interdependently