



West Pomeranian
University of Technology
Szczecin



Bioimmobilisation - towards applied biotechnology for industrial applications



Faculty of Food Sciences and Fisheries
Center of Bioimmobilisation
and Innovative Packaging Materials
Chair of Food Packaging and Biopolymers





The West Pomeranian University of Technology officially was created on 1 January 2009. Bringing a new university into existence by joining two universities (Agricultural Academy in Szczecin and Szczecin University of Technology), besides enriching its teaching programme with new fields of study and specializations, creates a possibility of further, faster progress of new technologies in technical and natural sciences.

The West Pomeranian University of Technology (WPUT) has a chance to make use of an effect of synergy which originated from joining two well-known universities. Around 13 000 full-time and extramural students study in numerous facilities under the tutelage of over 1 100 academic teachers (including almost 280 professors and assistant professors). There are ten faculties at WPUT specializing in 44 fields of study:

Faculty of Biotechnology and Animal Husbandry

Faculty of Civil Engineering and Architecture

Faculty of Economics

Faculty of Electrical Engineering

Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology

Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Mechatronics

Faculty of Environmental Engineering and Agriculture

Faculty of Food Sciences and Fisheries

Faculty of Maritime Technology

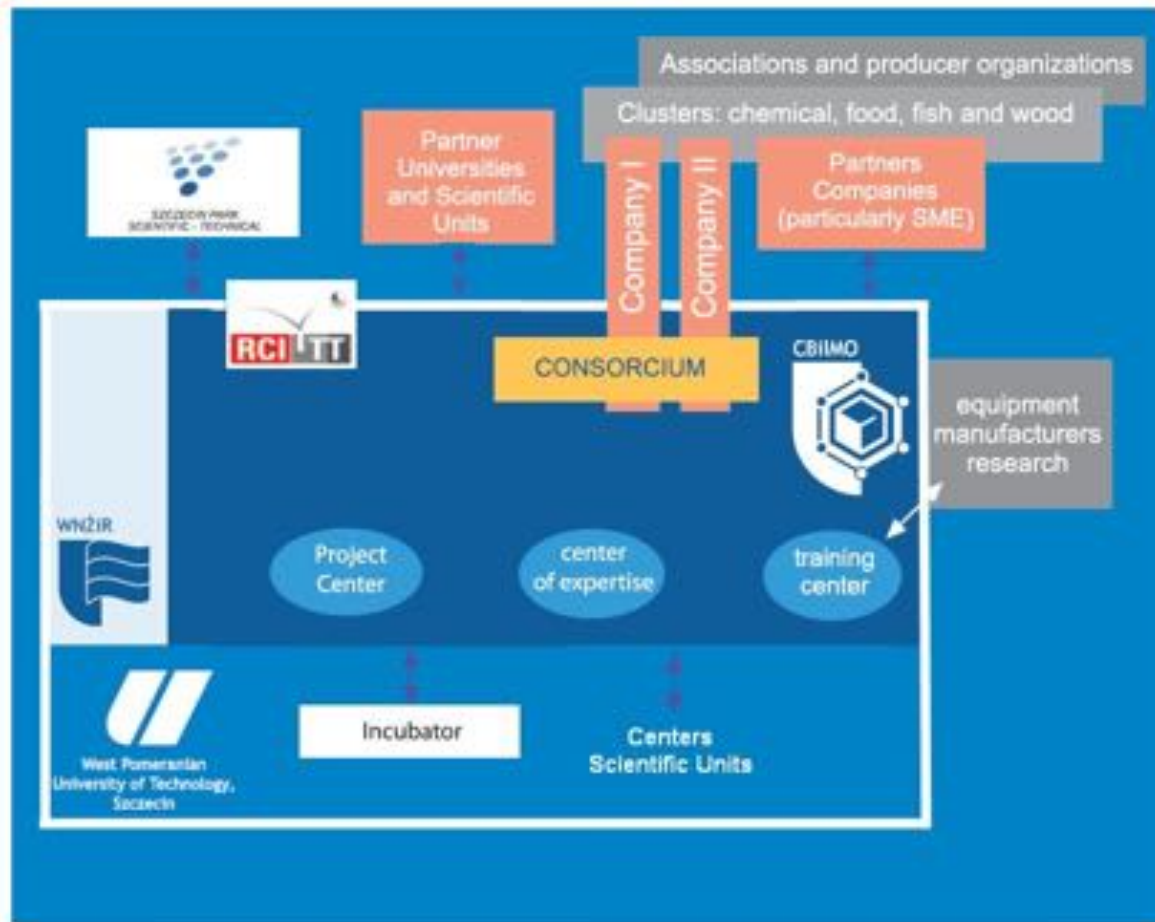
Faculty of Chemical Engineering



New fields are constantly created as the answer to changing economic conditions and needs of the labour market..

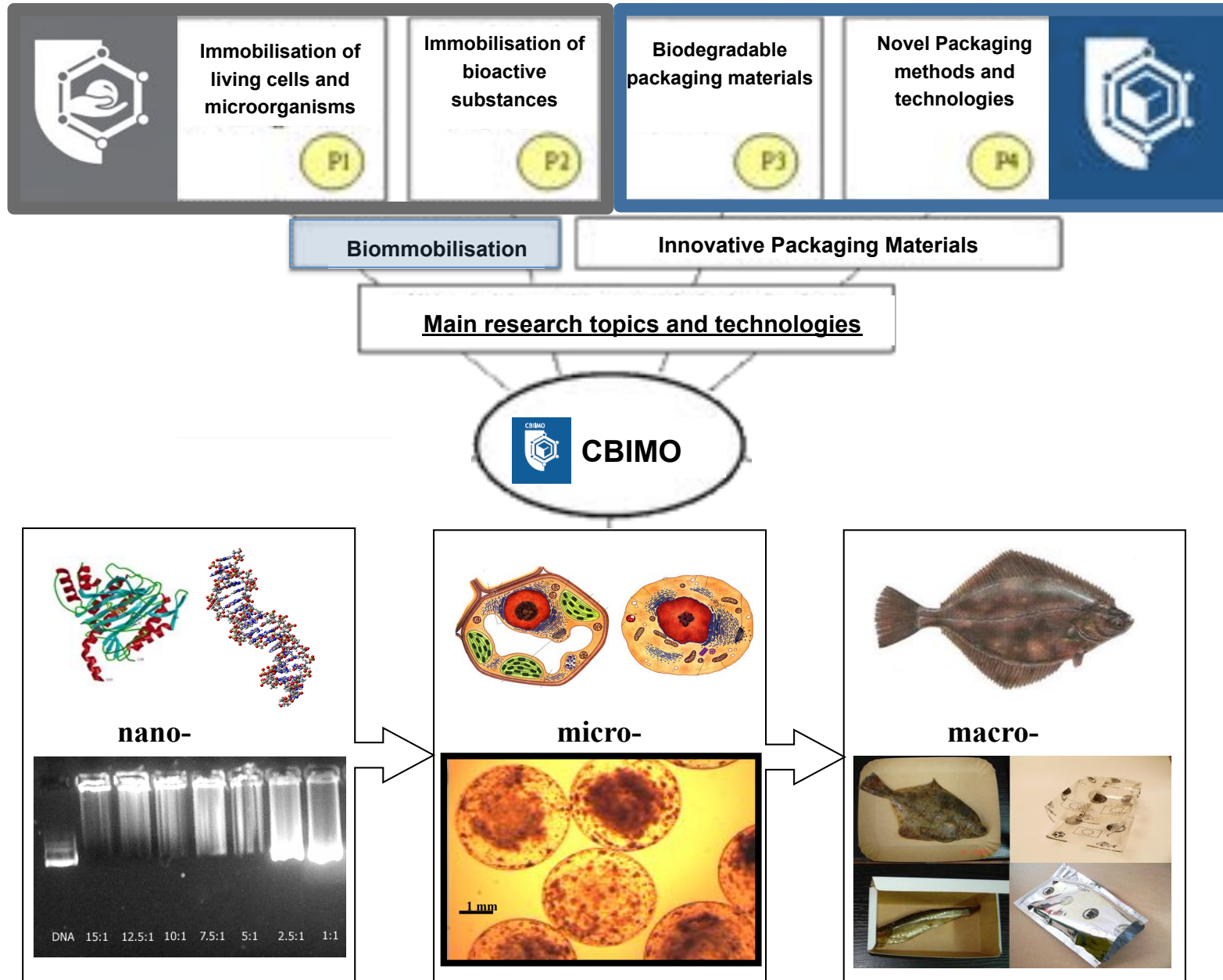
The creation of the West Pomeranian University of Technology consolidated research teams dealing with: engineering, environmental protection, renewable energy, bio- and nanotechnologies, polymers, economics and industry and agriculture technologies. WPUT has powers to confer the PhD degree in 17 specializations and the degree of assistant professor in 9 fields.

CBIMO structure and international collaboration



www.cbimo.zut.edu.pl

Scientific activities of CBIMO



Center of Bioimmobilisation and Advanced Packaging Materials (CBIMO)
is an interdisciplinary group at Faculty of Food Sciences and Fisheries (ZUT)

CBIMO research activities are mainly focused on three topics:

- **immobilisation and microencapsulation** of bioactive substances and food-additives,
- **biodegradable food-packaging materials** (biodegradable plastics and cellulose based)
- **properties of food-packaging materials** (mechanical, gas-barrier, food contact etc.).

Especially CBIMO has some expertise in:

- **novel microencapsulation systems** based on natural and modified polymers,
- **immobilization of living cells** (animal&plant cells and bacteria, food-bioactive substances, taste and smell masking),
- **biotechnological applications of immobilized bacteria for various processes,**
- **innovative biodegradable food packaging materials** (cellulose, starch and PLA based)
- **food and packaging interaction** (long shelf-life studies - changes of texture and chemical composition during storage),
- **characterization of food packaging materials** (plastics and cellulose based) – various mechanical properties, oxygen, water vapor transmission rate and biodegradability measurements.

Scientific projects of CBIMO

Projects funded under EU Funds:

1. POIG.01.03.01-32-193/09-00 „Health promoting food additives containing immobilized unsaturated fatty acids and pro biotic bacteria obtained by spray drying” (2010-2013)
2. POIG.01.01.02-00-074/09 "Biotechnological conversion of glycerol to polyols and dicarboxylic acids" (2010-2014)
3. POIG.04.01.00-14-084/09 "The application of polymeric materials on the surface layers of cardboard as a barrier to water vapor, water and fat " (2010-2011)
4. FP7-NMP-2007-SMALL - 7PR UE FLEXPARENEW "Design and development of an innovative ecoefficient low-substrate flexible paper packaging from renewable resources to replace petroleum based barrier films" (2008-2011)
5. COST FPS1003 Action "Impact of renewable materials in packaging for sustainability - development of renewable fibre and bio-based materials for new packaging applications" (2010-2013)

Projects funded by Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education:

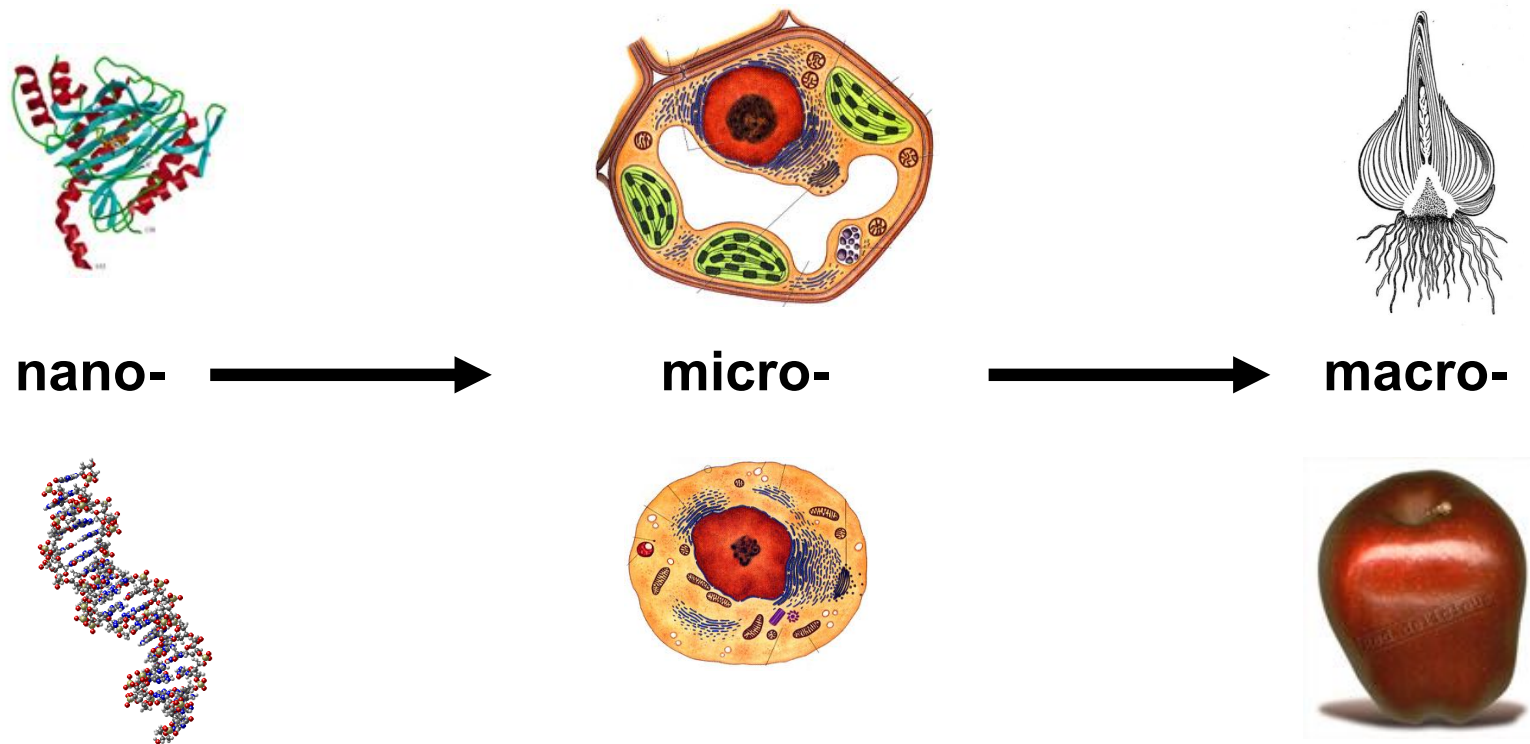
1. N305 1517 33 "Development a green method of surface water treatment from petroleum compounds using immobilized, environmental bacterial strains" (2007-2010)
2. N312 199135 "The application of bioimmobilisation process in technology for obtaining cyclodextrins from potato starch" (2008-2010)
3. N312 427937 „The processes of nano- emulsion and microencapsulation as a method of immobilization of functional food additives" (2009-2011)
4. N312 439937 „Continuous production of bacteriocins using the waste products of food industry" 2009-2011)
5. N312 334439 "Innovative methods for obtaining a composite film of poly(lactic acid) for food packaging with improved barrier properties" (2010-2012)
6. N508 592139 "Hydrofobisation of starch using fatty acids in the direction of receipt of the substrates for modifying cellulose packaging for food" (2010-2012)

Proecological technologies used for immobilization of different bioactive components

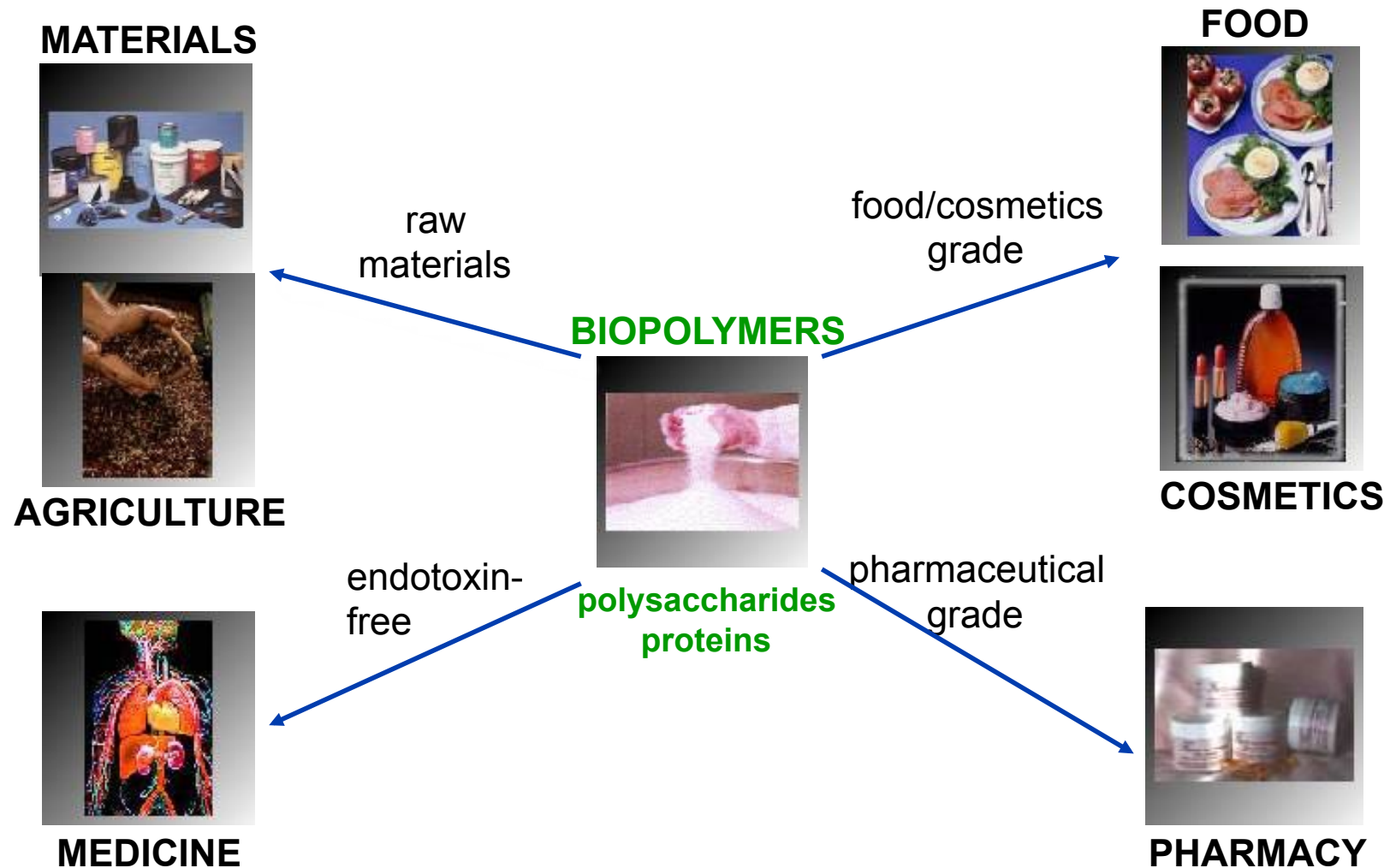
Substrates: biopolymers and their chemical derivatives

Environment: aqueous

Process conditions: similar to physiological (pH, temperature, ionic strength)



Potential Applications of **Biopolymeric** Microcapsules



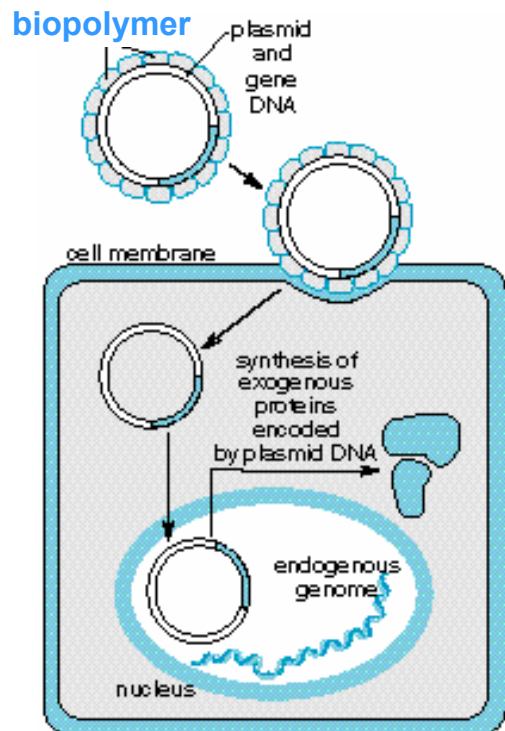
A. Bartkowiak, W. Brylak, T. Spychaj „Method of hydrogel microcapsule formation”

PL Patent Application P372100 (2004)

Nano-immobilization of bioactive substances (DNA, proteins...)

Polyelectrolyte intelligent complexes

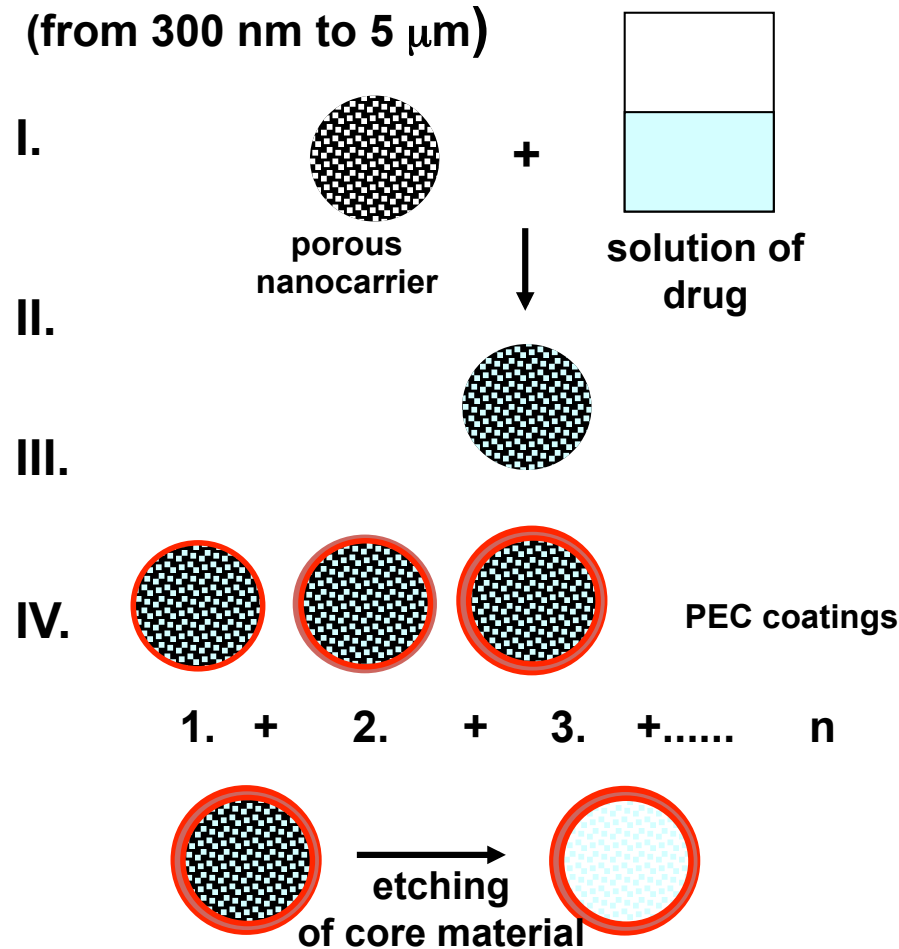
– gene therapy



Diego Delgado; M Angeles Solinís; Artur Bartkowiak; Ana del Pozo-Rodríguez; Alicia Rodríguez Gascón, New gene delivery system based on oligochitosan and solid lipid nanoparticles: 'in vitro' and 'in vivo' evaluation. European journal of pharmaceutical sciences : 2013;50(3-4):484-91.

Multilayer nano-capsules

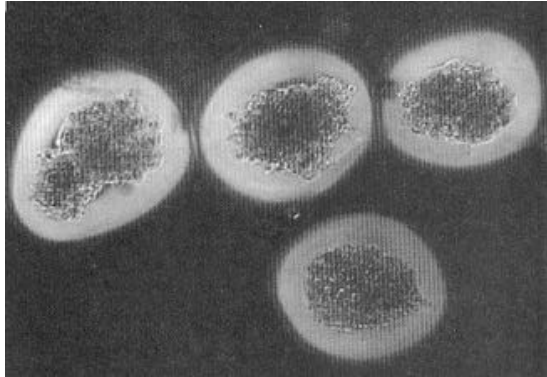
(from 300 nm to 5 μm)



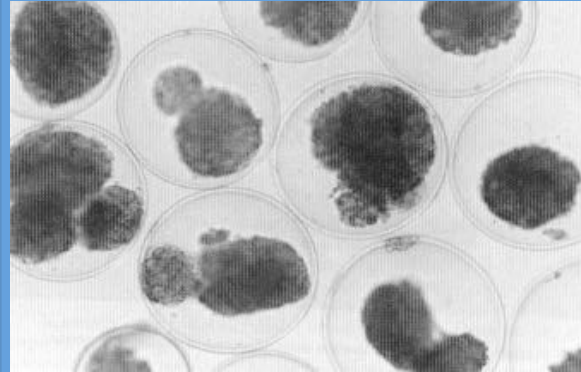
Selina OE, Belov Slu, Vlasova NN, Balysheva VI, Churin AI, Bartkowiak A, Sukhorukov GB, Markvicheva EA., Biodegradable microcapsules containing DNA for the new DNA vaccine design. Bioorg Khim. 2009 Jan-Feb;35(1):113-21.

Advantages of Microencapsulation Technologies

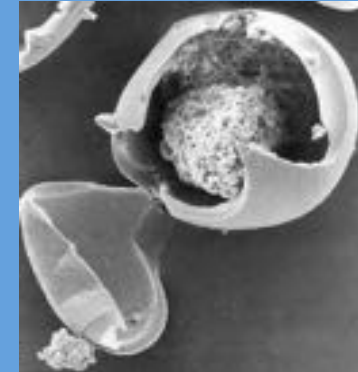
1. Various methods of formation



Photopolymerization



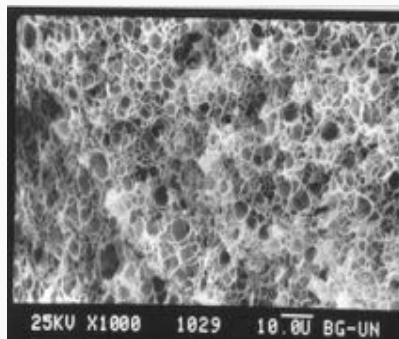
Polyelectrolyte complexes



Surface precipitation



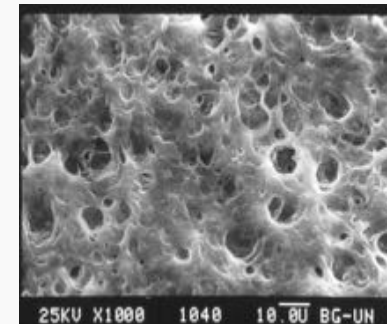
2. Tunable properties (mechanical, chemical and structural)



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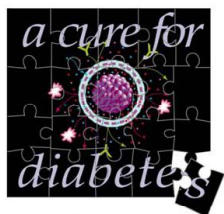
LOW

- high polymer concentration

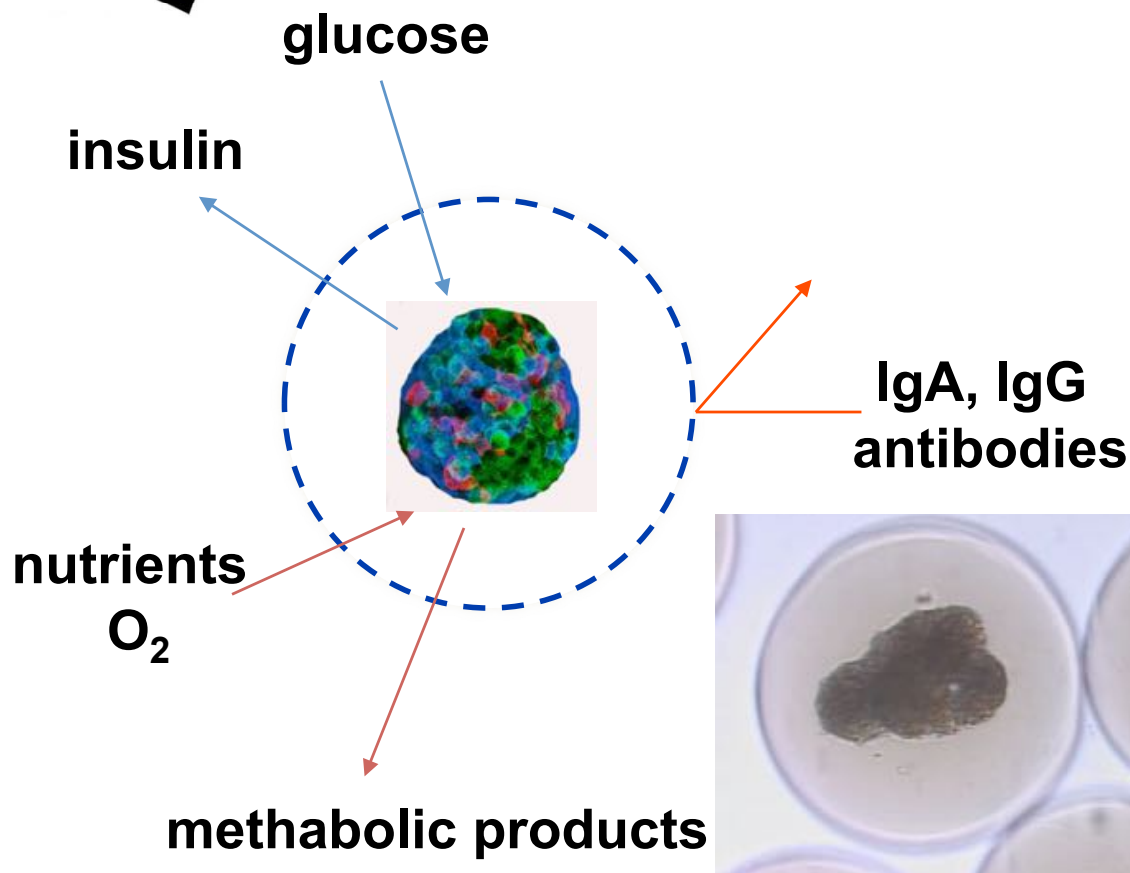


HIGH

- low polymer concentration



Principales of Bioartificial Organs „Bioartificial Pancreas”



Rat Pancreatic Islets
Encapsulated in PEC microcapsules
(400 microns)

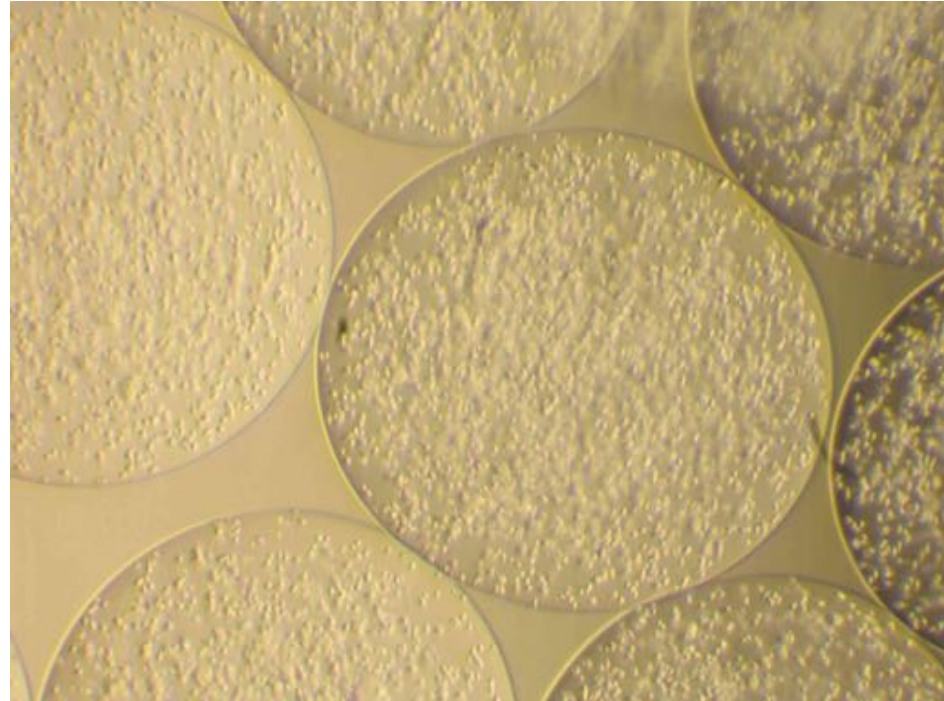
MOLAR MASS daltons	MOLECULES
16	oxygen
17	ammonia
44	carbon dioxide
60	urea
180	glucose
4000	C5a
5733	insulin
9000	C3a
13000	NGF
17000	IL-1b
51000	TNF
55000	factor X
64000	hemoglobin
66248	albumin
79000	C9
81000	transferrin
150000	IgG
160000	IgD
170000	C2, IgA
180000	leucocyte antigens
185000	C3
190000	(180000-210000)
247000	IgE
339000	catalase
950000	fibrinogen
	IgM

Evaluation of viability of beta-cells immobilized in alginate microcapsules coated with modified oligosaccharides

COOPERATIONAL INSTITUTION

dr. P. (Paul) de Vos
University of Groningen
Faculty of Medical Sciences
Groningen
The Netherlands

M. Soból M, A. Bartkowiak, B. de Haan, P. de Vos, Cytotoxicity study of novel water-soluble chitosan derivatives applied as membrane material of alginate microcapsules, Journal of Biomedical Materials Research Part A, 101A(7), (2013), 1907-1914.



Capsules size 650 μm

Potential applications:

**Development of "tailored made" encapsulation system
for various cell therapy methods**

New 3D cell models for in vitro testing

COOPERATIONAL INSTITUTION

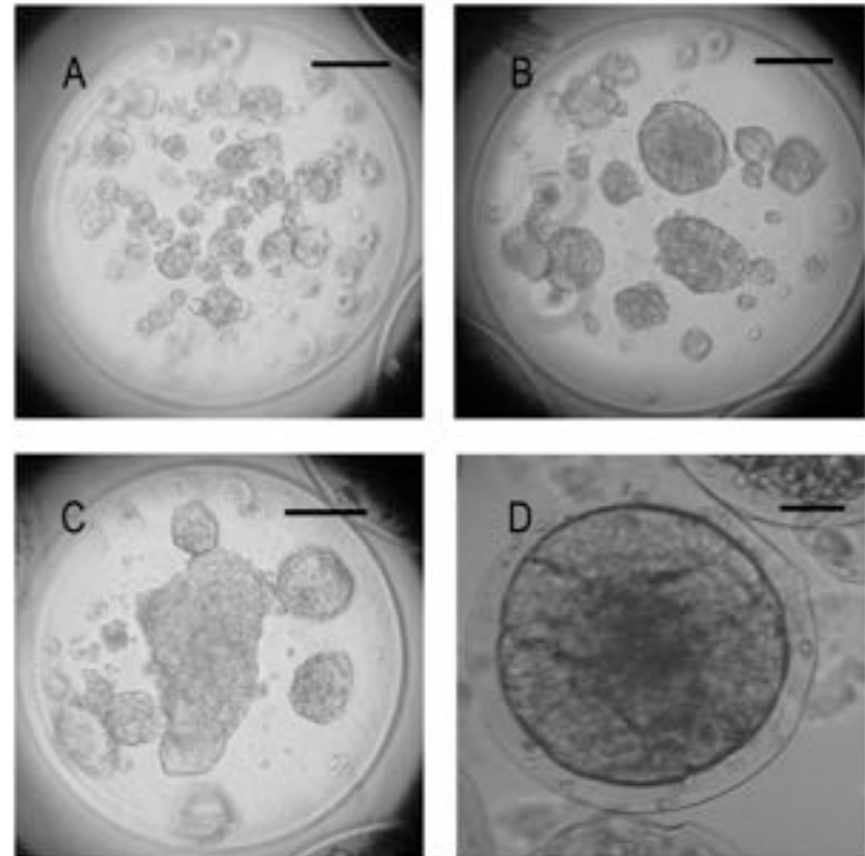
Prof. Elena A. Markvicheva PhD, DSc

Polymers for Biology Laboratory,

Shemyakin and Ovchinnikov Institute of Bioorganic
Chemistry of Russian Academy of Sciences,

Moscow, Russia

D.S. Zaytseva-Zotova, O.O. Udartseva, E.R. Andreeva, A. Bartkowiak, L.N. Bezdetnaya, F. Guillemin, J-L. Goergen, E.A. Markvicheva, 2011, Polyelectrolyte microcapsules with entrapped multicellular tumor spheroids as a novel tool to study the effects of photodynamic therapy J Biomed Mater Res B Appl Biomater. 2011; 97(2), 255-62.



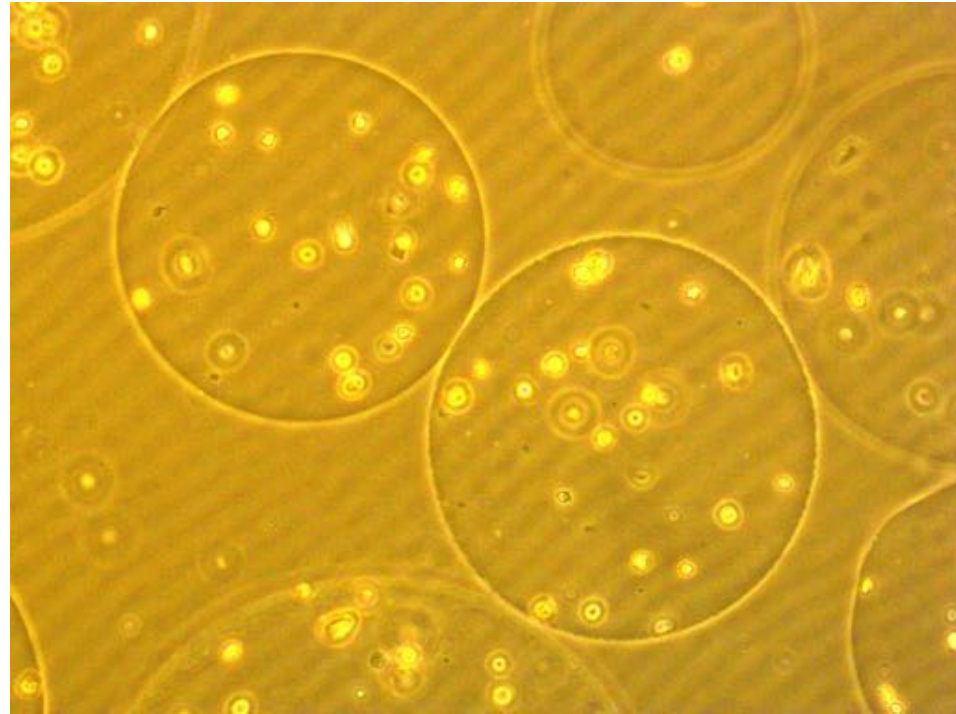
Potential application:

Evaluation in vitro of different methods of cancer treatment using 3D model

Encapsulation of mononuclear blood cells and stem cells

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Prof. Bogusław Machaliński MD, PhD, DSc
Head of Department of General Pathology
Pomeranian Medical University
Szczecin, Poland



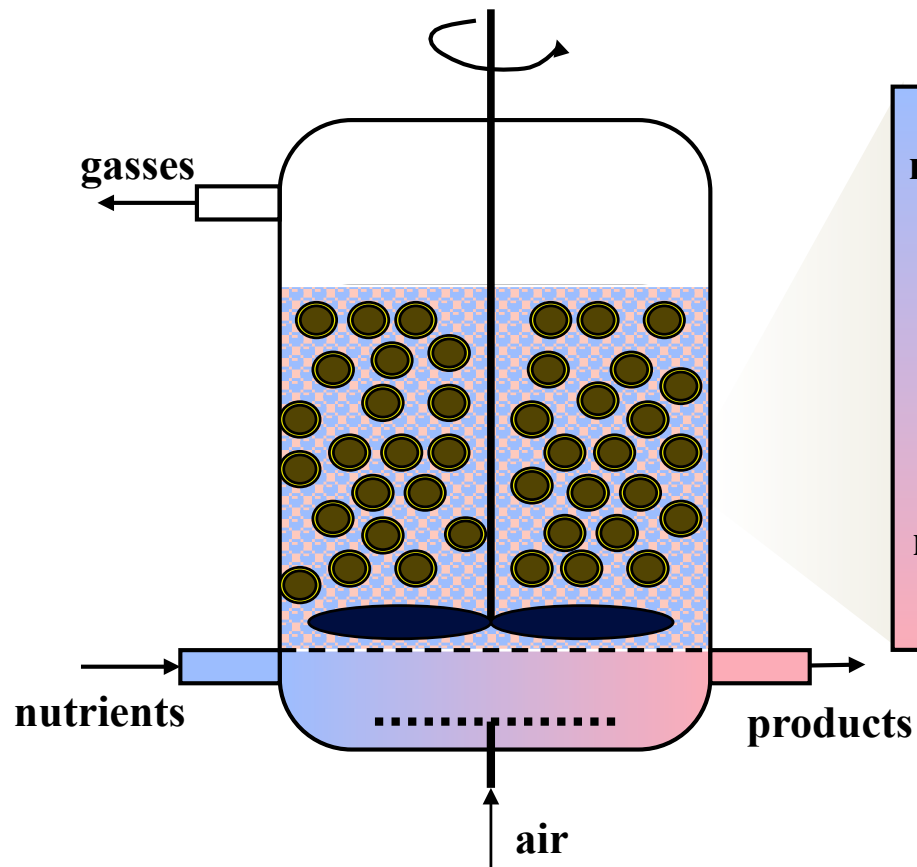
Capsules size 250 μ m

Potential application:

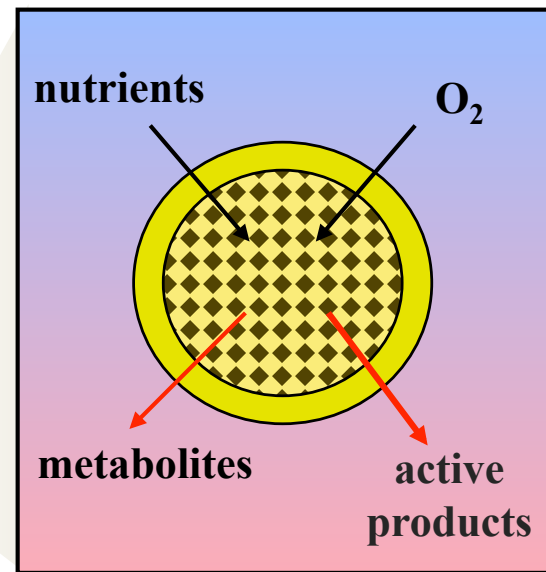
Production both in vivo / in vitro of specific bioactive molecules

Biotechnological processes – from batch towards continuous

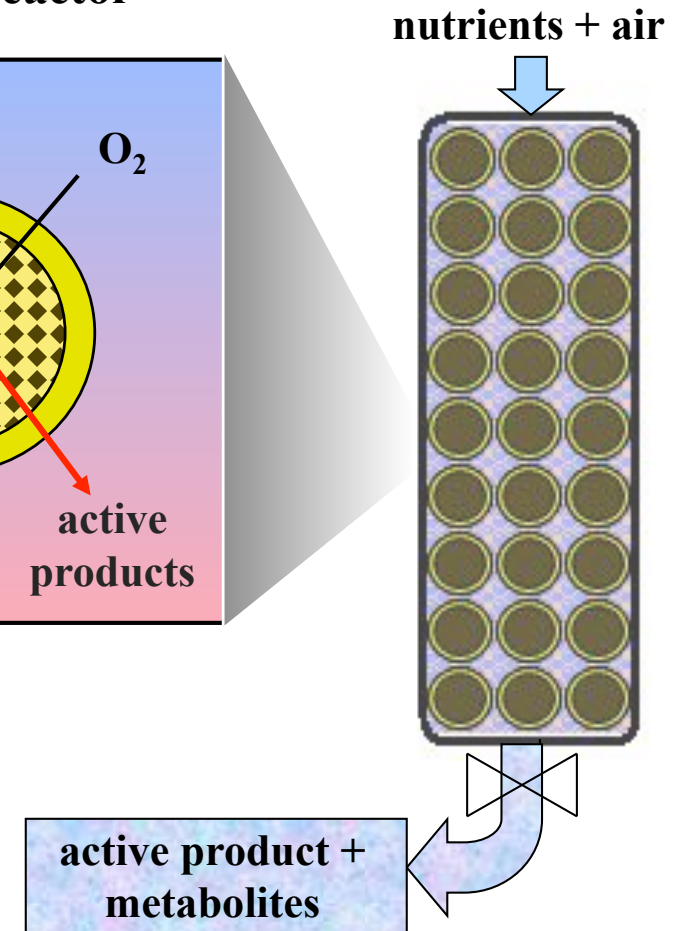
Standard batch bioreactor



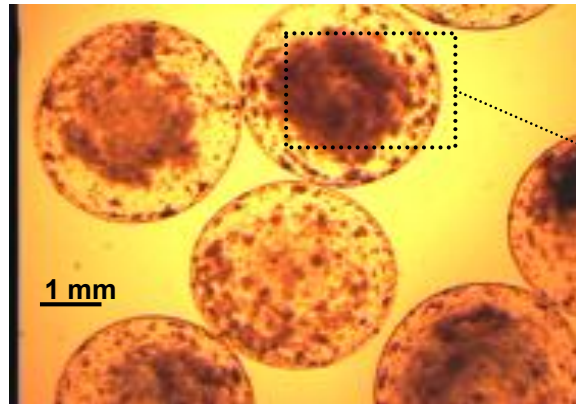
MICROCAPSULE
micro-bioreactor



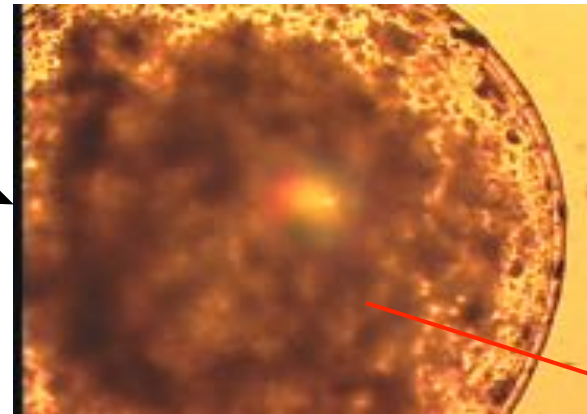
Flow bioreactor



Immobilization of CHO cells using binary polysaccharidic capsules



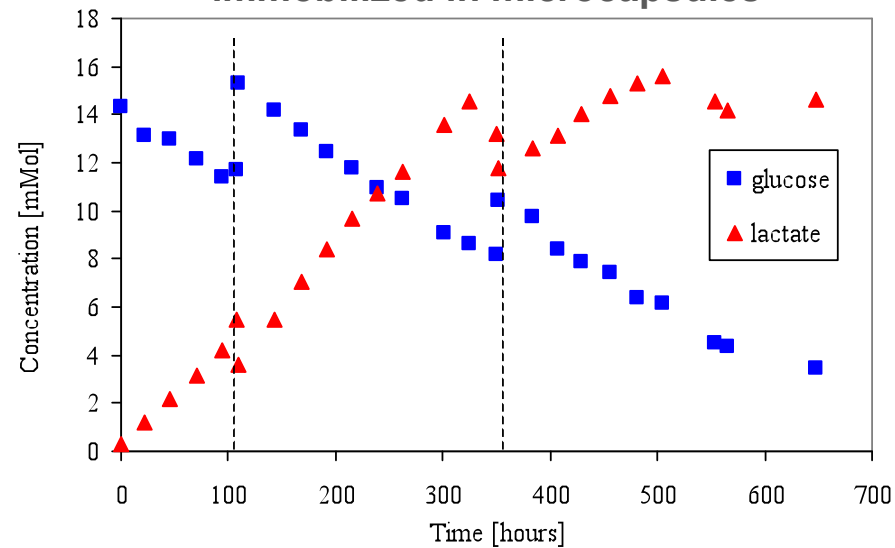
PEC capsules after 25 days in bioreactor



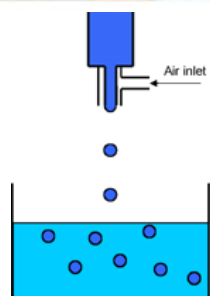
CHO SSF3
(Novartis, CH)

glycoprotein SC (66 kDa)
constituent of human
immunoglobulin A

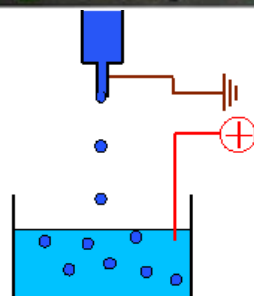
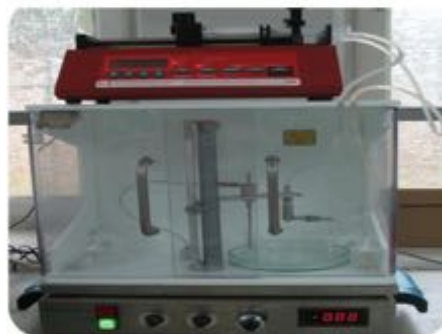
Monitoring of viability of CHO cells
immobilized in microcapsules



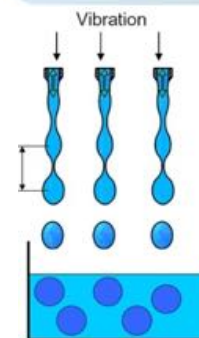
Cell encapsulation methods



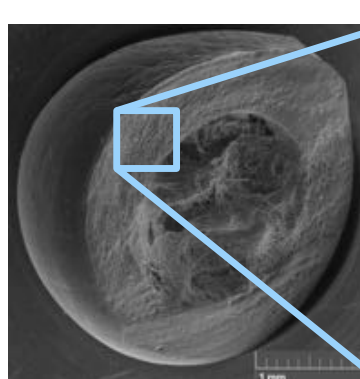
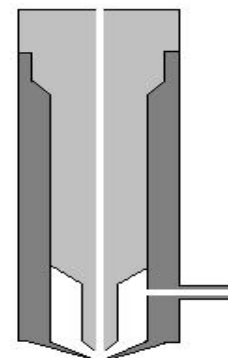
Air flow



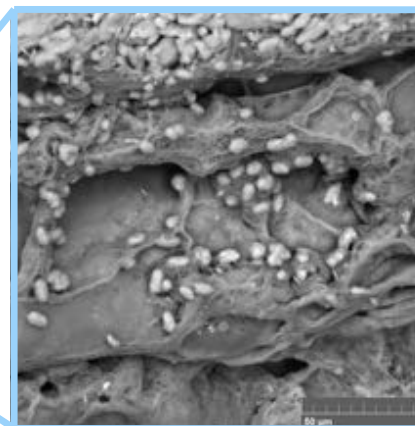
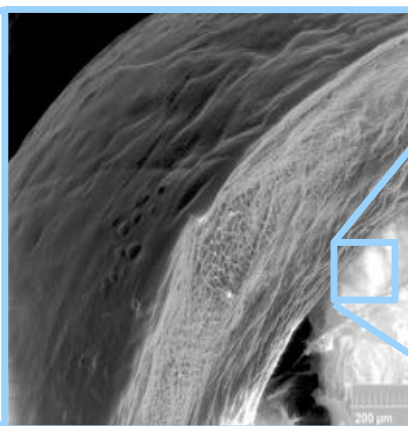
Electrostatic



**Laminar jet break-up
with additional co-axial
nozzle**



Capsules size 2,5mm



**Bacteria cell
encapsulated in novel
stable microcapsules**

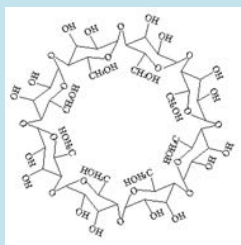
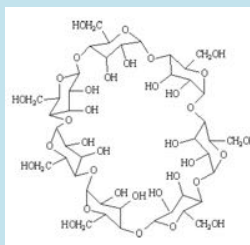
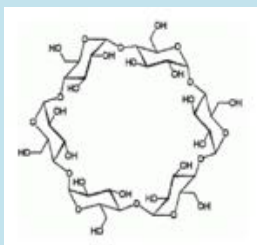
**European Patent
submission
EP13461563**

Continuous production of cyclodextrins by immobilized microorganisms

W. Krawczyńska, A. Bartkowiak (e-mail: wkrawczynska@zut.edu.pl)



1. Selection of microorganisms and immobilisation systems



Types of cyclodextrins: α -CD, β -CD, γ -CD .



Bacillus sp. i *Bacillus pseudofirmus* in starch solution (phenolphthalein as indicator)

2. Continuous production of selected cyclodextrins using immobilized bacteria



Microcapsules with immobilized bacteria which convert starch into the cyclodextrin

3. Stable complexes with bioactive substances – food additives



This work is supported by Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education - contract 1991/B/P01/2008/35 (2008-2010)

„Biotechnological conversion of glycerol to polyols and dicarboxylic acids”

PO IG 01.01.02-00-074/09 (2010-2014)

Isolation and screening of
microorganisms

Optimization of culture
medium and fermentation
conditions

Immobilization of
microorganisms

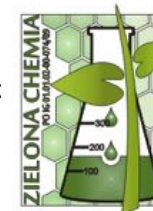
Fermentation process

Separation and purification
of particular metabolites

Valorization of purified
metabolites for chemical
products



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Research partners:



<http://www.zielonachemia.org.pl>

Potential industrial recipients:



Zakłady Azotowe Kędzierzyn SA

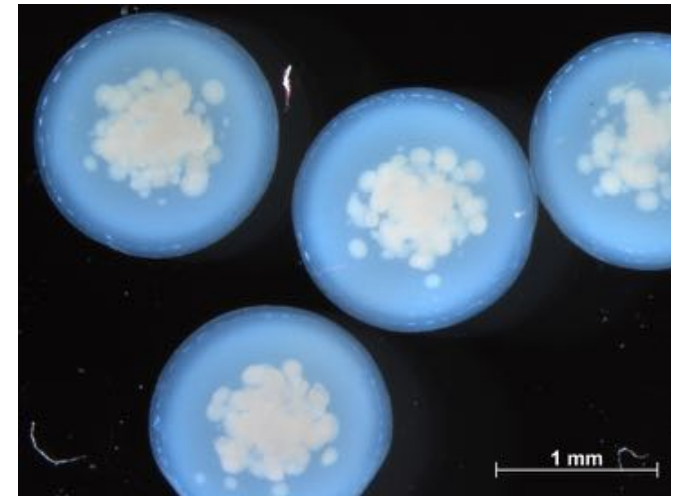
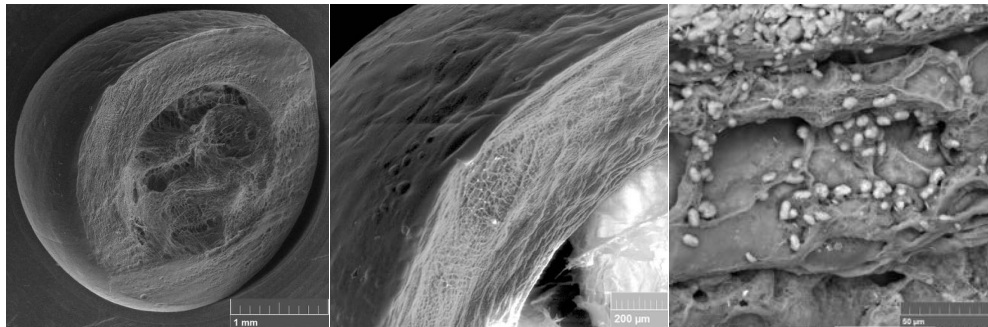
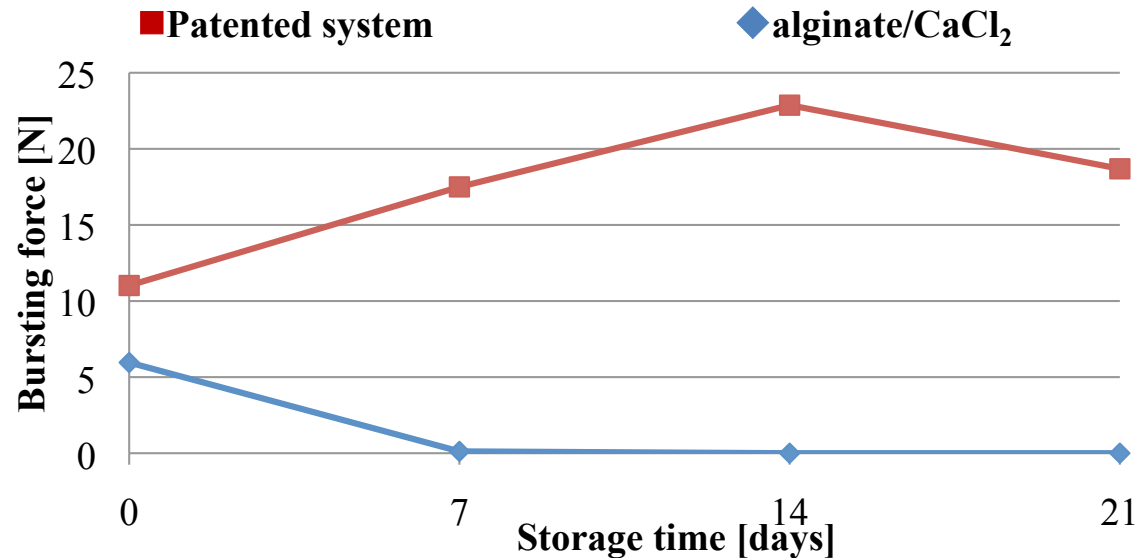


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NEW system for bioimmobilisation of living cells for biotechnological processes

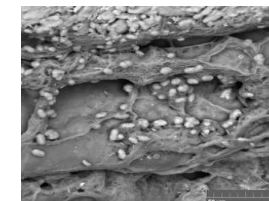
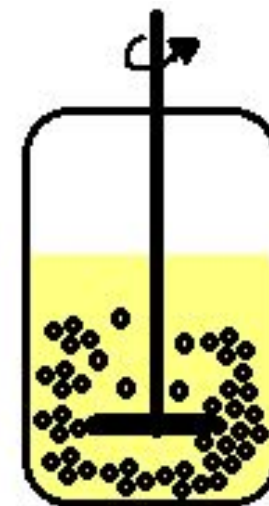
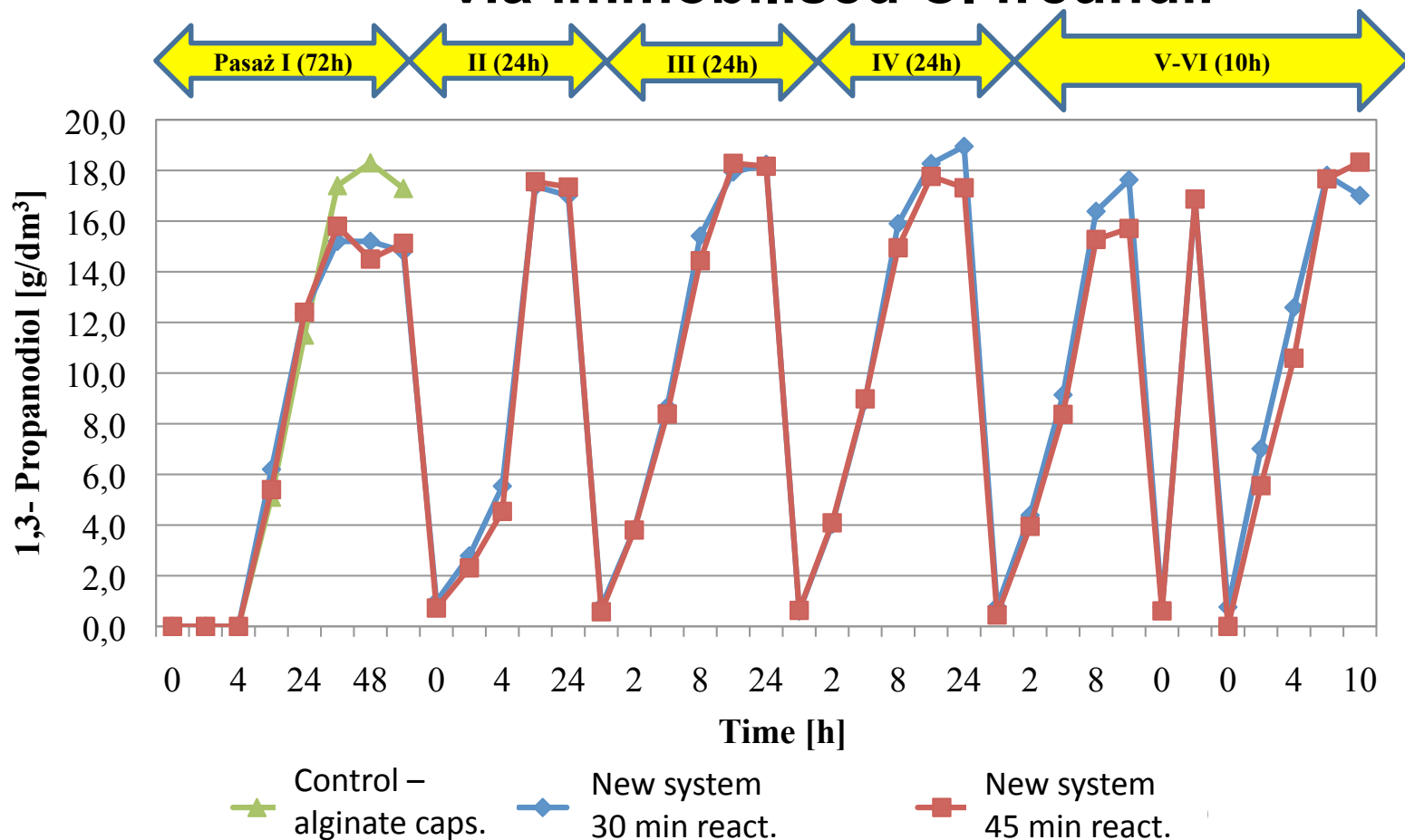
Mechanical stability of new encapsulation system in culture medium:



NEW patent applications:

M. Soból, A. Bartkowiak, A process for preparing microcapsules – PL P.405101 i EP13461563 (2013).

Batch bioconversion of glycerol to 1,3- propanodiolu (1,3-PD) via immobilised *C. freundii*

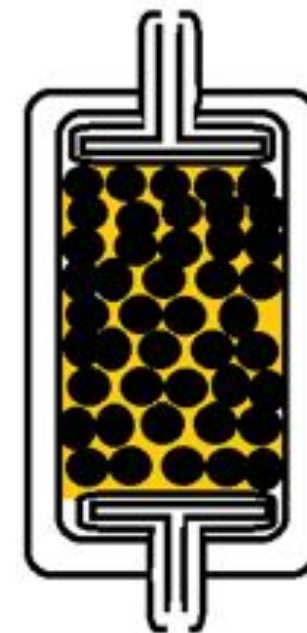
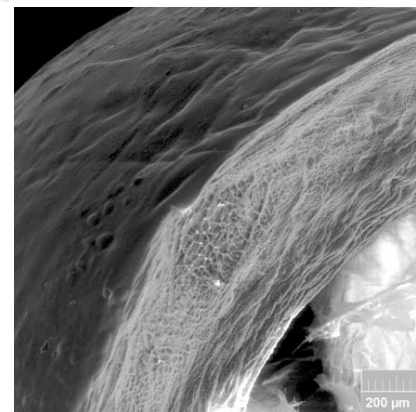
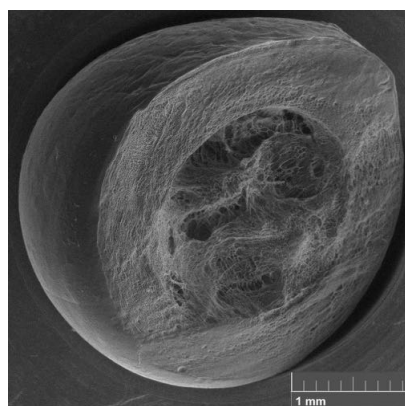
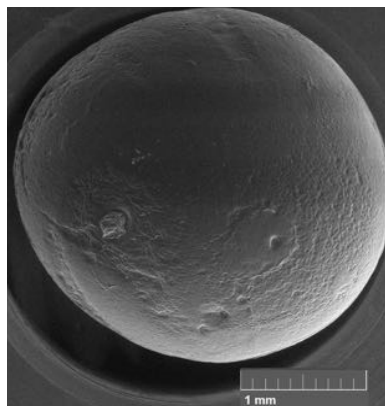
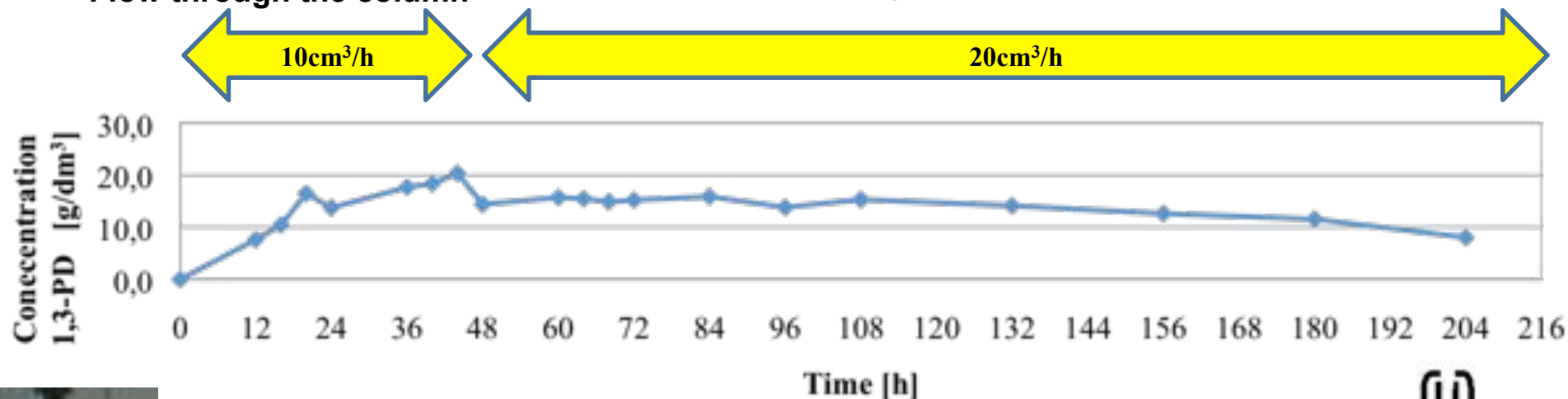


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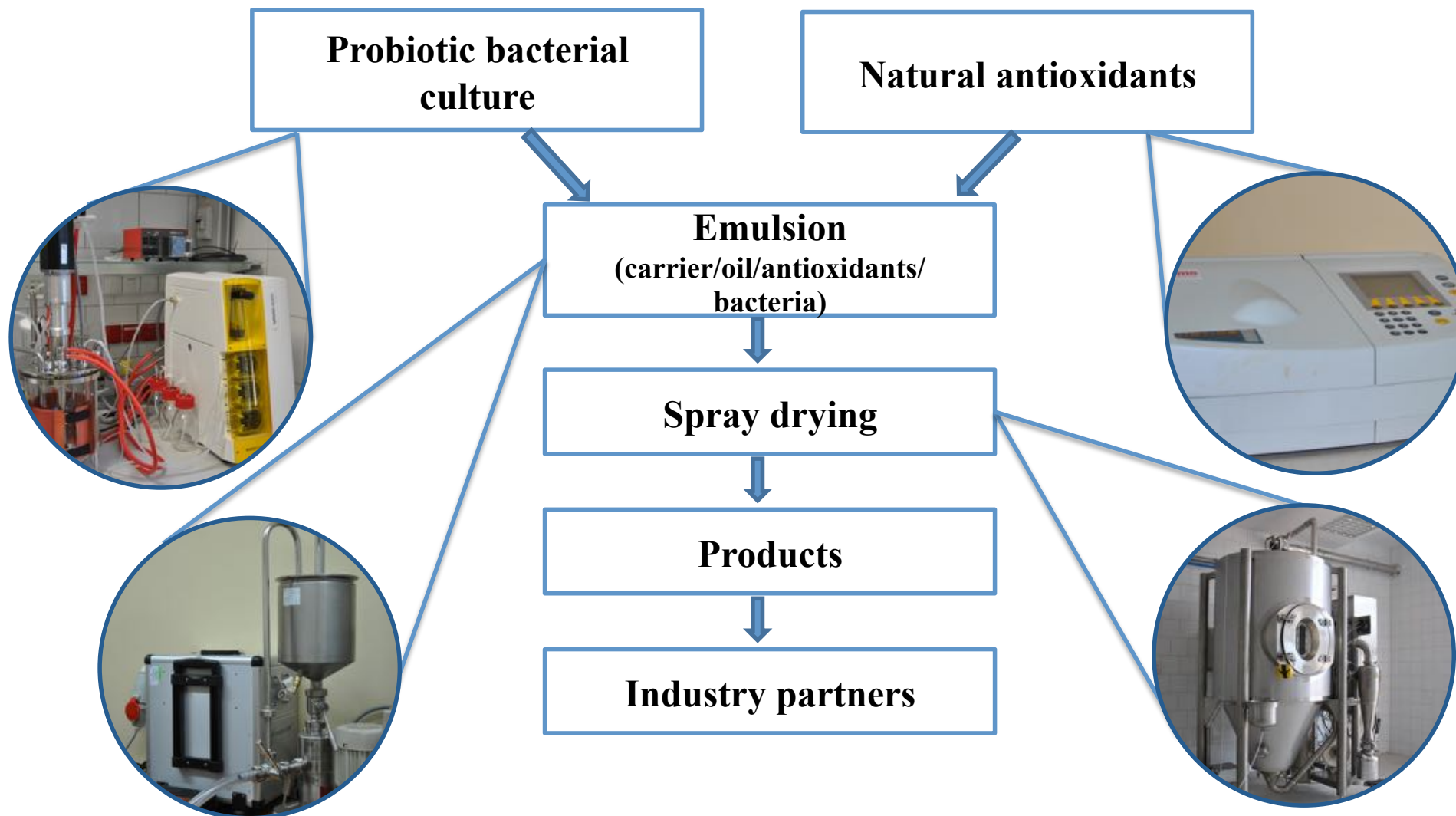
Flow through the column via immobilised *C. freundii*



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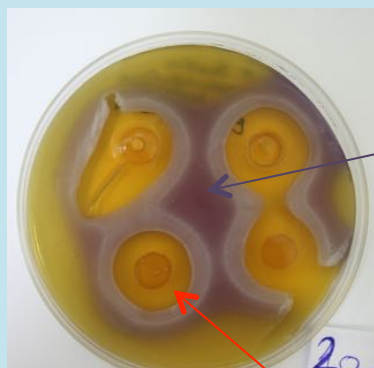


Continuous production of bacteriocins by immobilized microorganisms

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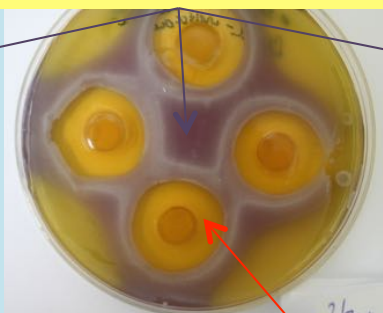


1. Selection of microorganism and immobilisation systems



E. durans (**ENTEROCINE**)

REFERENCE STRAIN *Bacillus subtilis*



Lb. d. lactis (**LACTICINE**)



Lc. lactis (**NISIN**)

2. Continuous production of bacteriocine solution using flow bioreactor

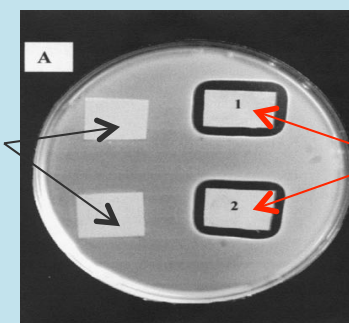
3. Bioactive coatings of food packaging materials

Surface coating containing bacteriocines



Base paper or paperboard

Uncoated paper



Coated paper

JSI Z 2801:2000 „Antimicrobial products - test of antimicrobial activity and efficiency”

This work is supported by Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education - contract 1517/B/P01/2009/33 (2009-2011)

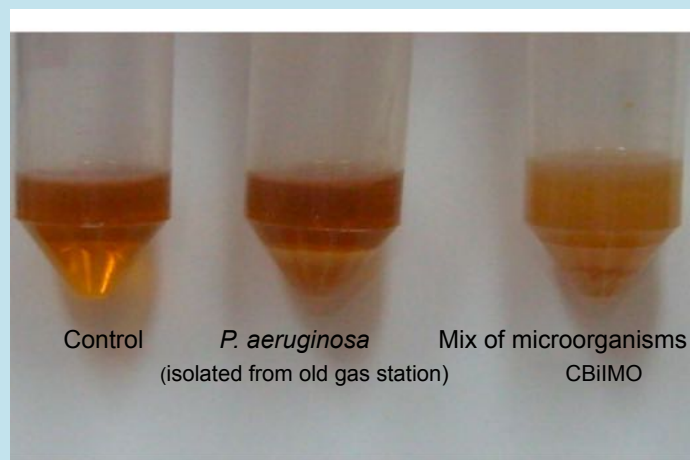
Bio-systems for direct purification of water from petroleum hydrocarbons

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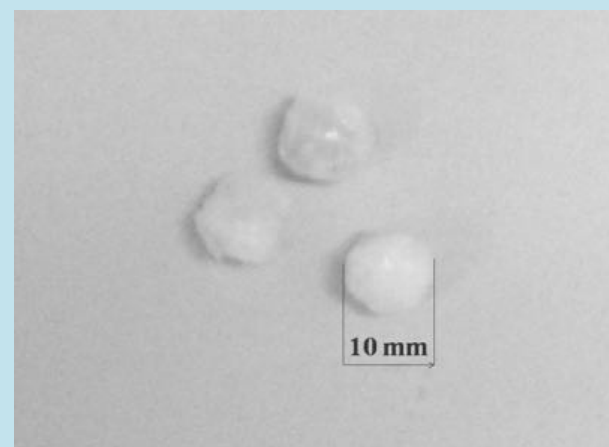
Novel immobilization systems facilitate both **adsorption of hydrocarbons** and **growth of immobilized biomass** at high degradation rate.

1. Selection of microorganisms



**Diesel oil after 9 weeks of incubation at 37 °C
(group of 8 isolated strains)**

2. Selection of immobilisation/oil adsorption system



**Biopolymeric microorganism carriers containing
natural based oil-adsorber - final adsorption
capacity of 5-10 g of oil/1 g of adsorber.**

3. Proof of concept (1 + 2) using model systems (water + diesel oil)

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BIO-immobilisation in microalgae production

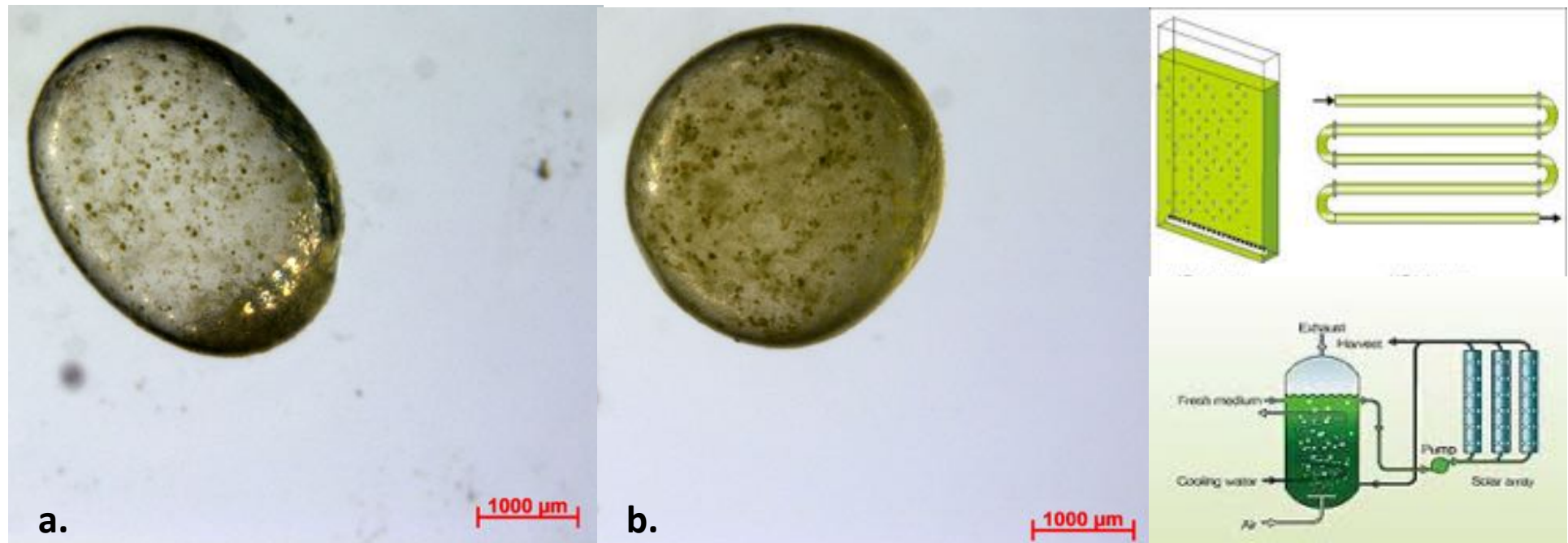
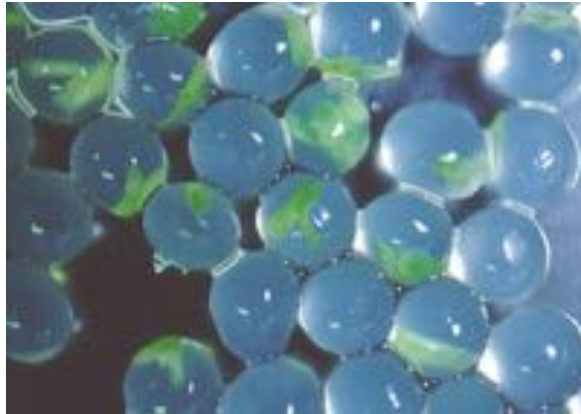


Fig. Growth of microalgae (*Chlorella*) in hydrogel capsules:
time a) 0 h, b) 72 h

BIO-immobilisation in micro- and macroscale in plant production

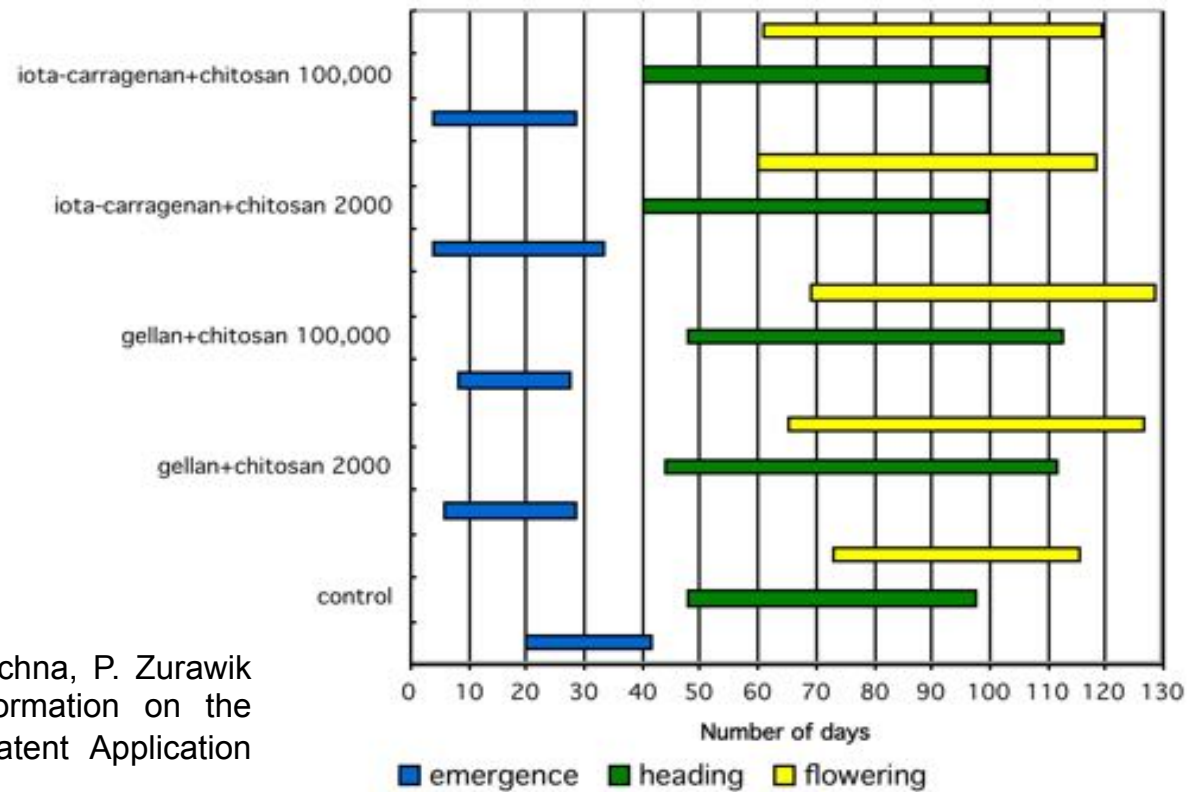
Somatic embryos

– *in vitro*



A. Bartkowiak, L. Startek, P. Slachna, P. Zurawik
“Method of hydrogel coating formation on the
surface of plant organs” PL Patent Application
P359797 (2003)

Coating of plant organs



Modern infrastructure

From July 2011 we are located in the new building of Center of Bioimmobilisation and Innovative Packaging Materials (more than 2000 m²)



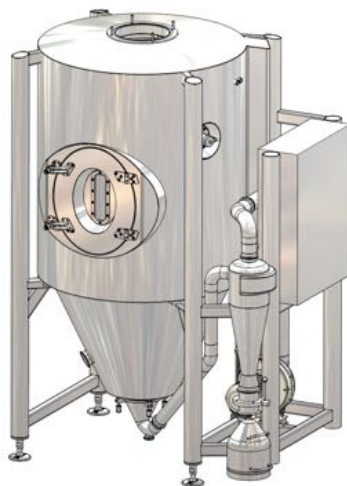
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Various microencapsulation techniques



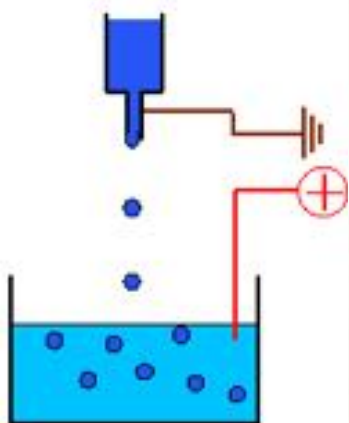
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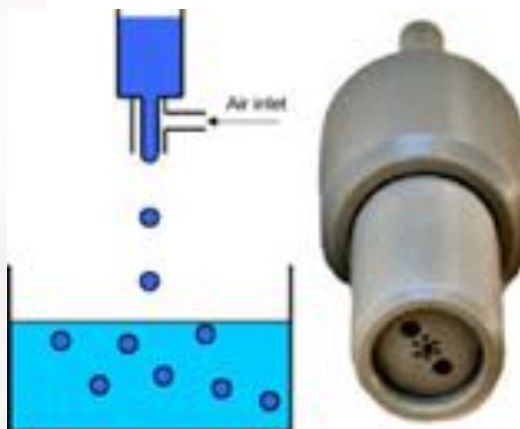
Pilot Spray Dryer
Anhydro MicraSpray 150



Mastersizer 2000 - size analyzer
Malvern (UK)



Var V1 (Nisco, CH) -
electrostatic capsule generator



Var J1 (Nisco, CH) -
fluidized capsule generator



Var D Generation II (Nisco, CH) -
electromagnetically driven generator

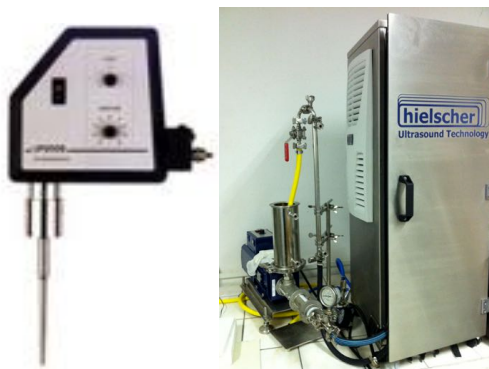
Chemical modification of biopolymers, purification and characterization including emulsion based methods



Ultrafiltration systems
Lab-scale TFF "Pelicon TFF"



HPLC-GPC "Smartline" (Knauer, G)



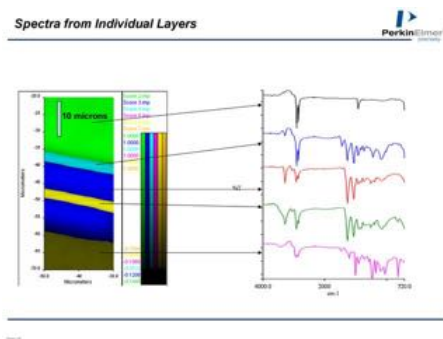
US generators (400 and 1000W) with flow cells
- Hielscher (D)



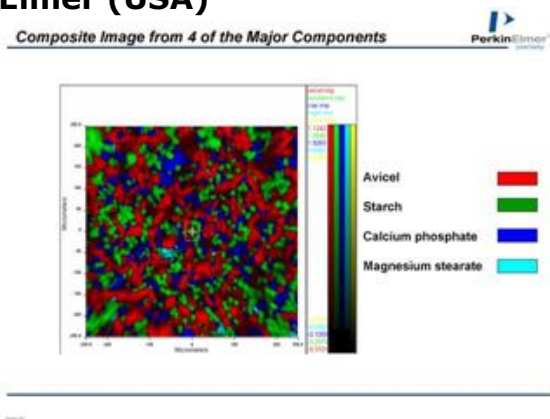
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Chemical characterization by various spectroscopic method

FTIR spectrometer + microscope
Spectrum 100 + Spectrum Spotlight 300
PerkinElmer (USA)



Raman spectrometer - chemical scan of surfaces
RamanStation 400 -
PerkinElmer (USA)

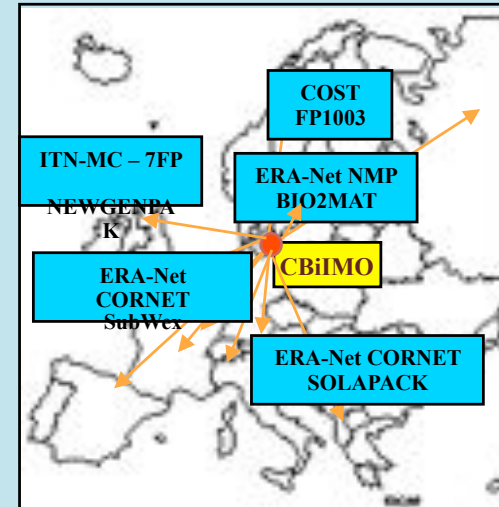


CBIMO as a partner: interdisciplinary + creative + operative +

Interdisciplinary group



Applied oriented projects



Expertise in novel techniques and methods

- innovative packaging – biodegradable packaging materials, bioactive packaging, MAP food packaging / gas barrier properties
- biopolymers – biosynthesis, chemical modification, purification and application,
- characterization of materials (surface and interfacial, emulsion, mechanical, biodegradation);
- various microencapsulation techniques – food additives, bioprocessing including food waste conversion)

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