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# Controlled release of biocides from encapsulation

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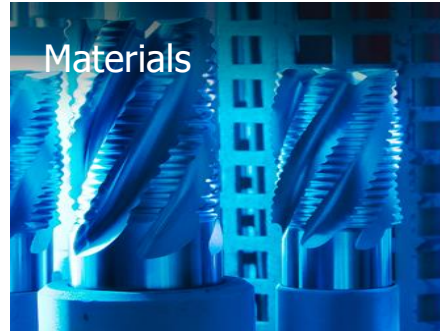
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## Expertise:

- Research and development projects in collaboration with university and industry
- Substitution and encapsulation
- Characterisation of particles

## Focus:

- Sustainable materials
- Tailor-made material properties
- Substitution and reduction of problematical chemicals

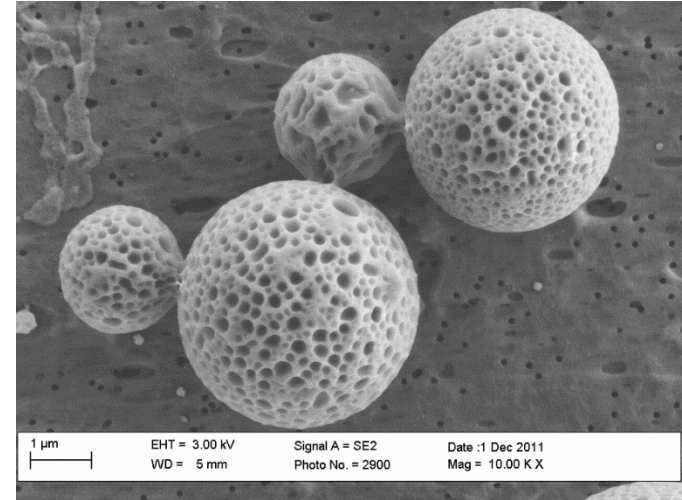


# Project: Encapsulated biocides



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- Blue INNOship - Partnership with approx. 40 partners
- 15 projects - Activities for app. 16 million EUR
- **Goals and objectives:**
  - Control release rate of biocides in antifouling coating



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# Antifouling coating – Why and what for?



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- Biocides are often used in antifouling coatings to prevent fouling
- Balance to have low toxicity and still prevent fouling



# Antifouling coating – Why and what for?

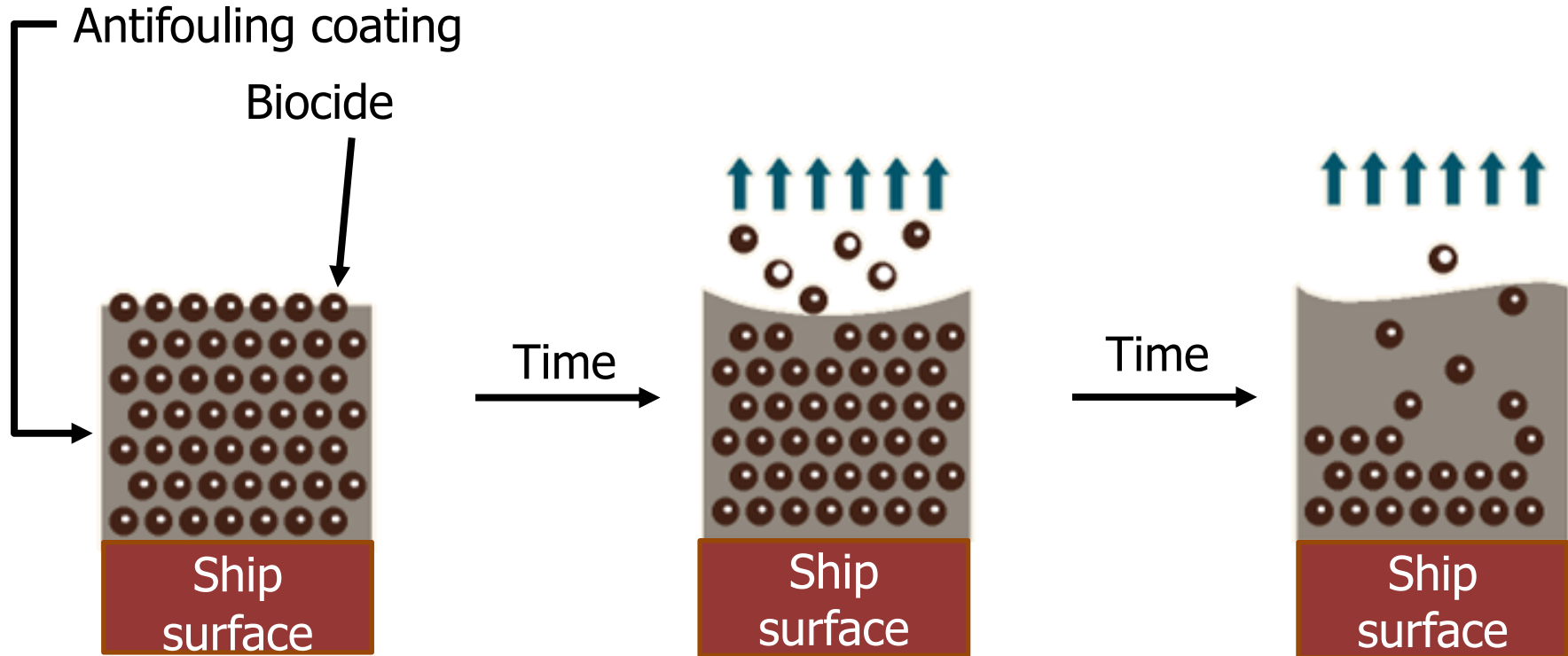


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- Fouling is unwanted biological growth on the underwater surface of marine vessels
- Increases drag on the surface:
  - Slime 1-2 %
  - Weed 10 %
  - Hard 40 %
- Benefits of AF coating:
  - Reduced waste emission, fuel, travel



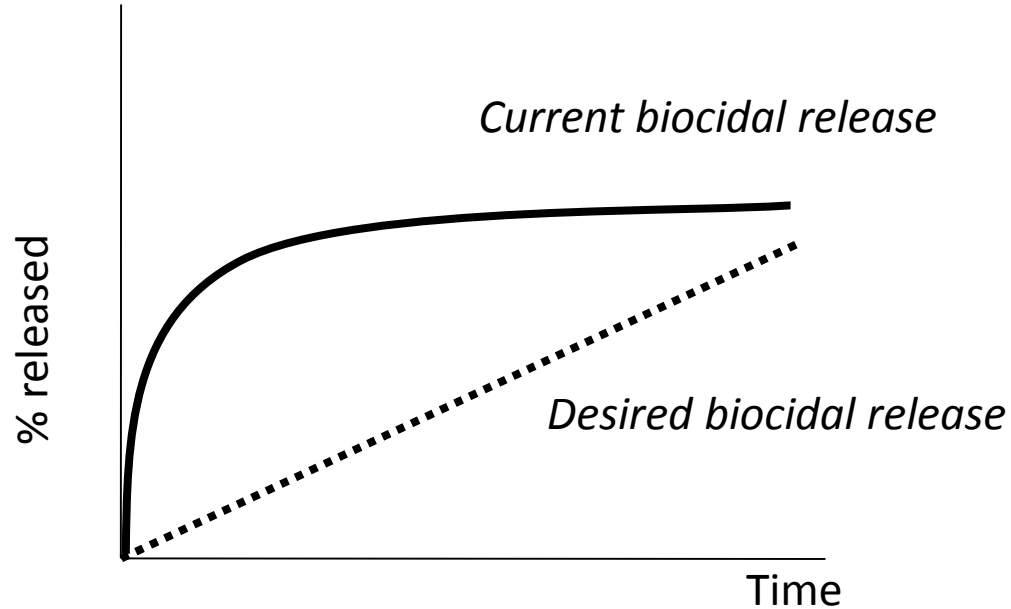
# Antifouling coating mechanism



# Release of biocides in antifouling coating



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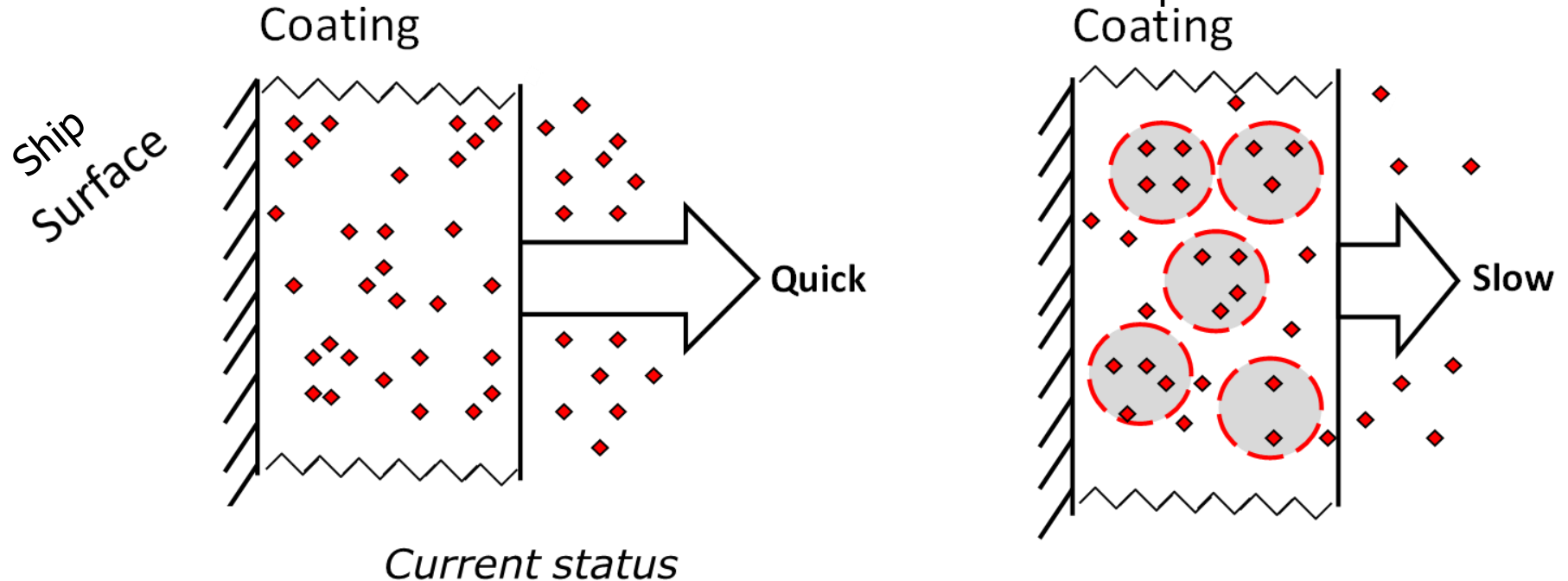




# Benefits of using encapsulation in antifouling coating



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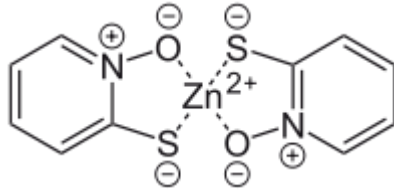


# Encapsulated zinc pyrithione

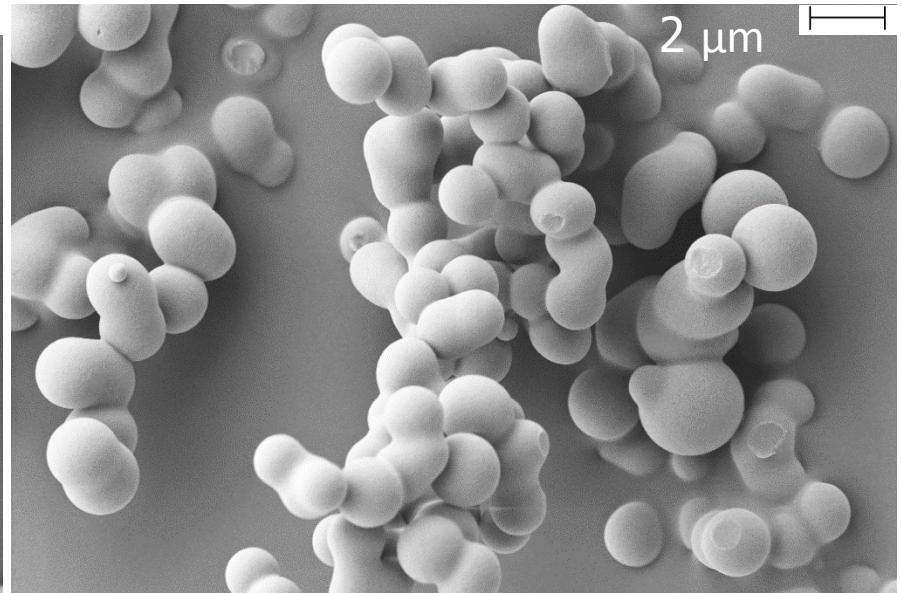
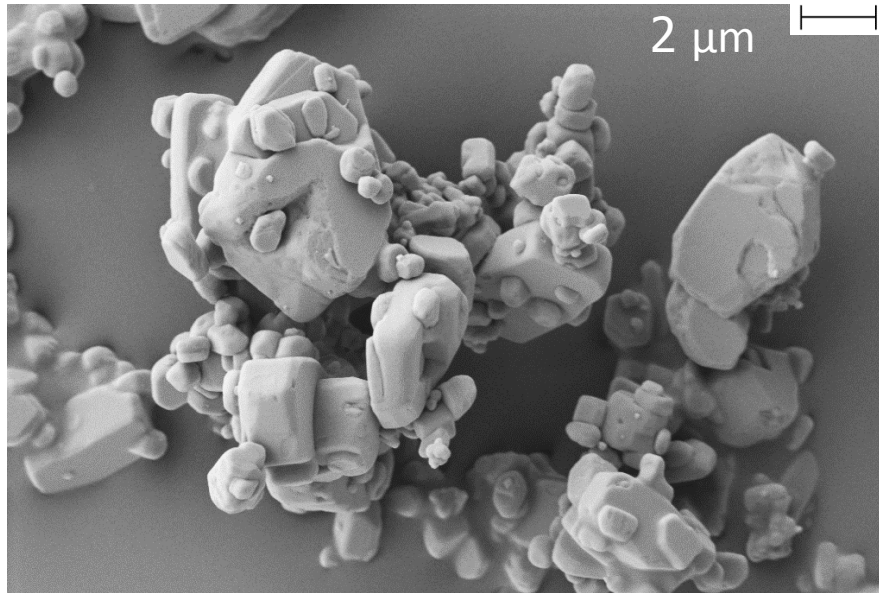


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Pure Zn-Pt



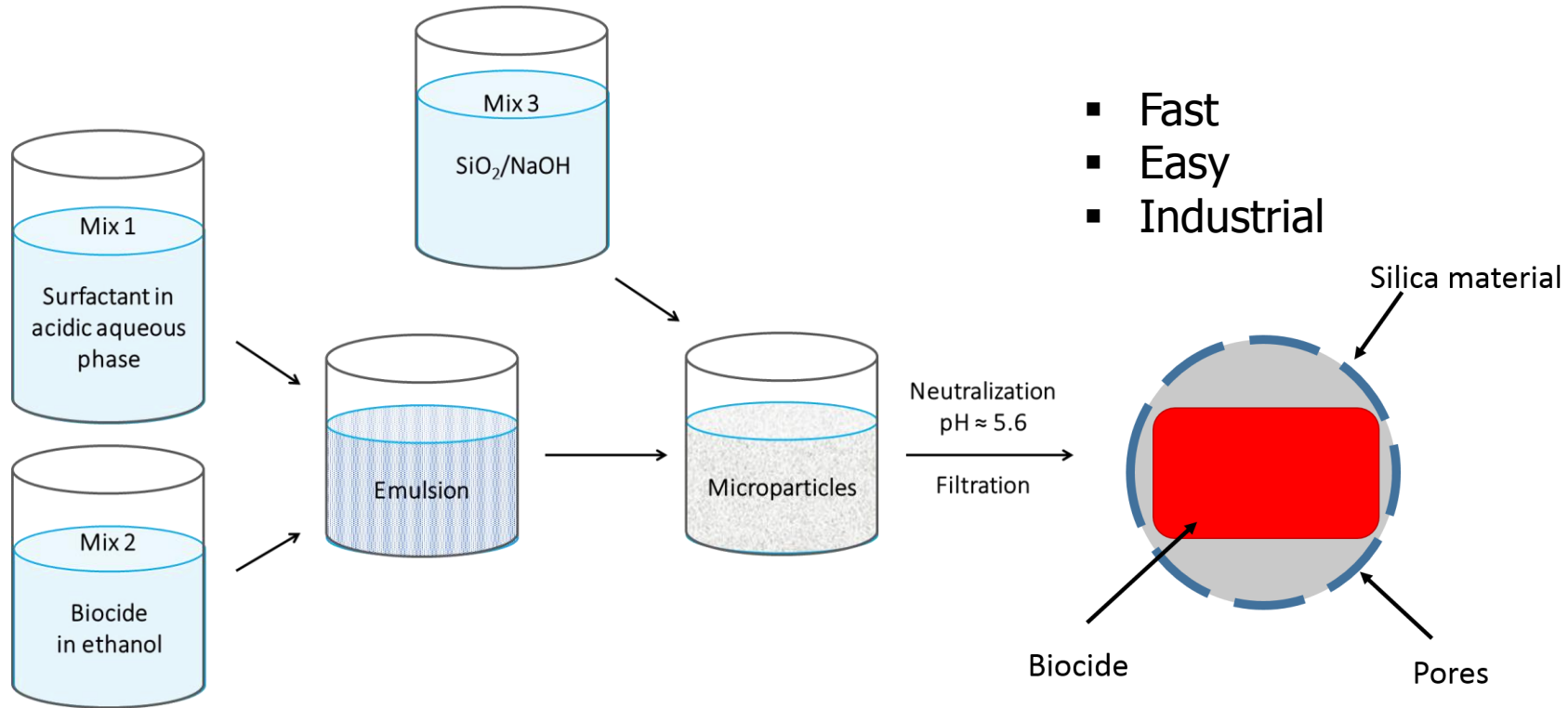
Silica



# Synthesis of encapsulated zinc pyrethione



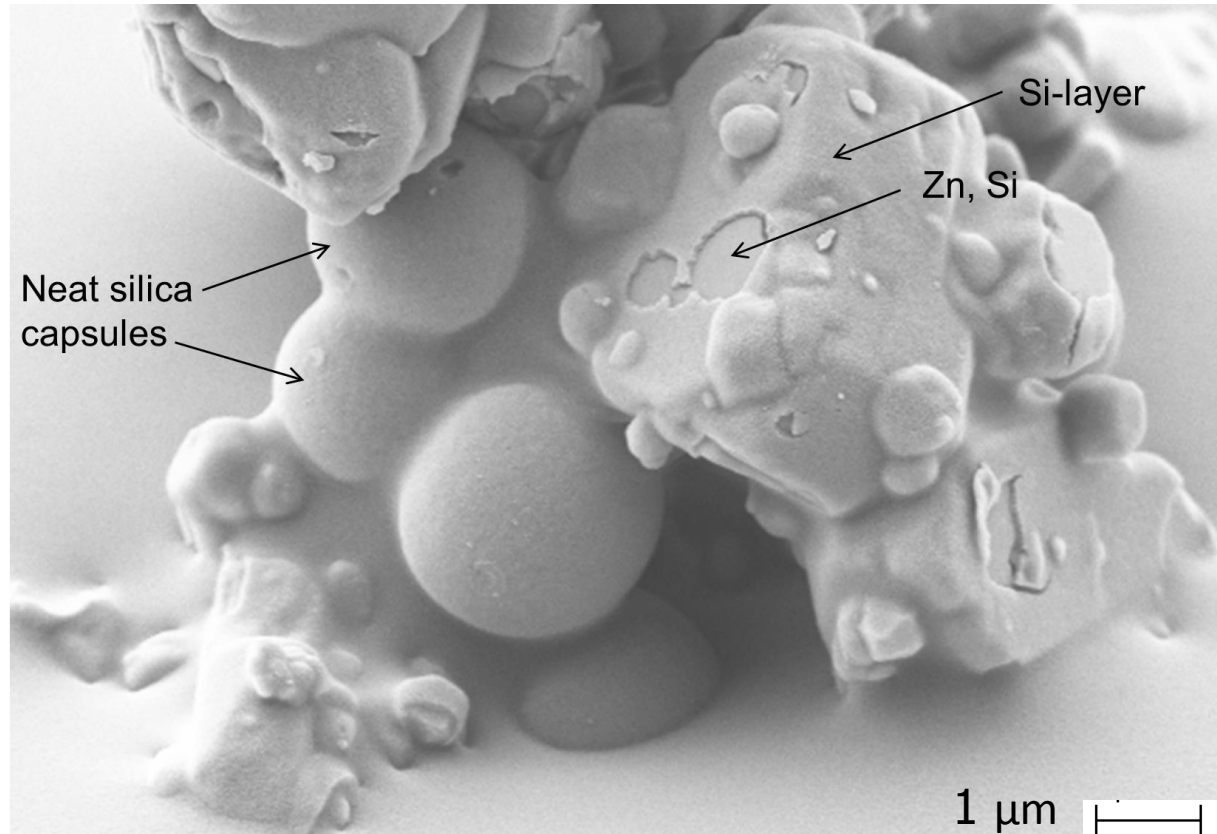
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# SEM-EDX of encapsulated zinc pyrrhione



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# Load of encapsulated zinc pyrithione investigated from ICP-MS



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Average weight fraction (%)  $\pm$  STD

Zinc pyrithione

60 $\pm$ 9

Silica

10 $\pm$ 2

Silica + zinc pyrithione

70 $\pm$ 11

Residual from synthesis

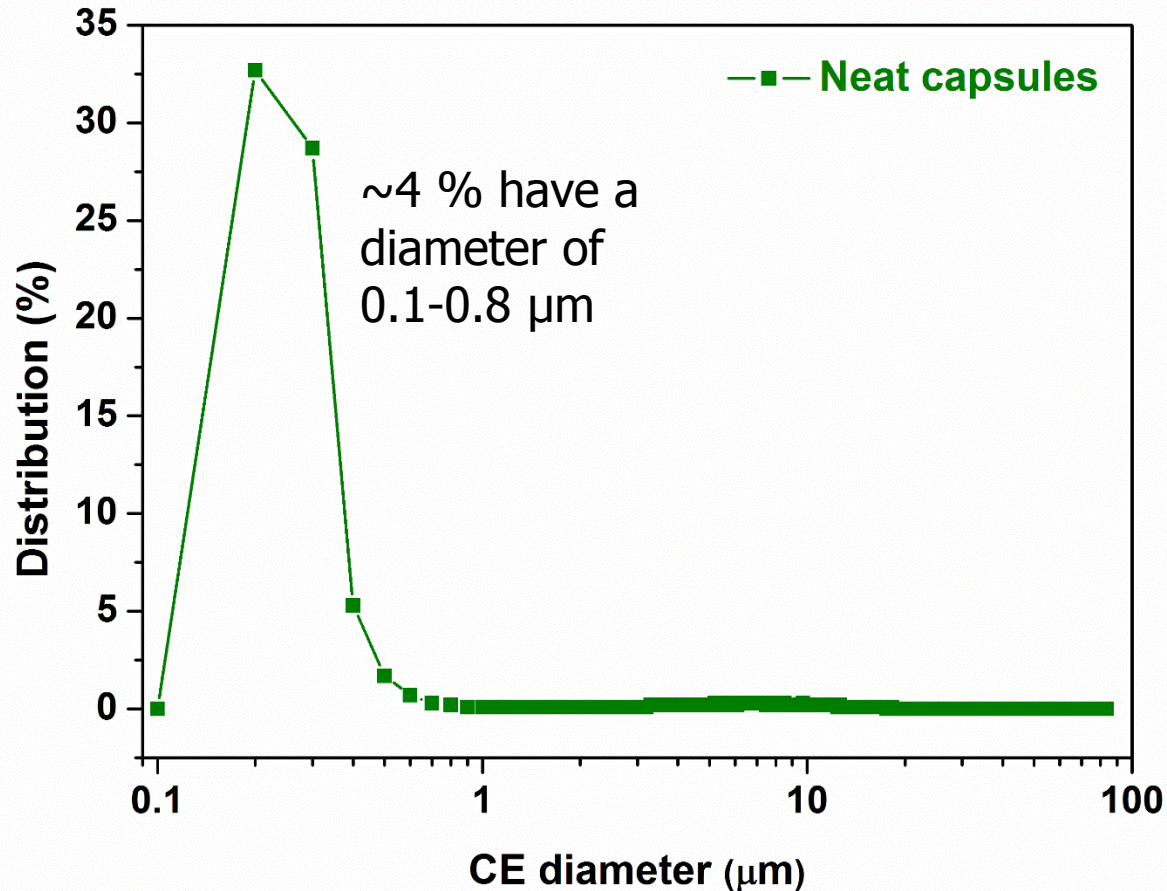
30 $\pm$ 11



# Particle distribution of encapsulated Zn-Pt



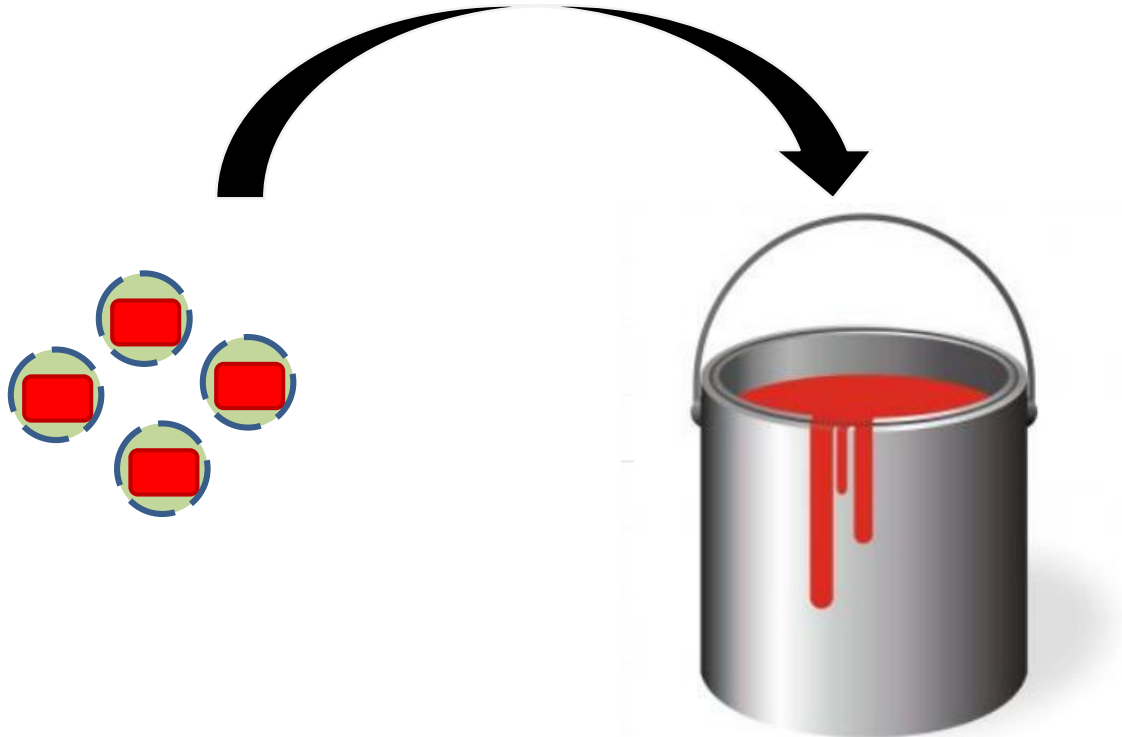
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# Incorporating encapsulated Zn-Pt into coating



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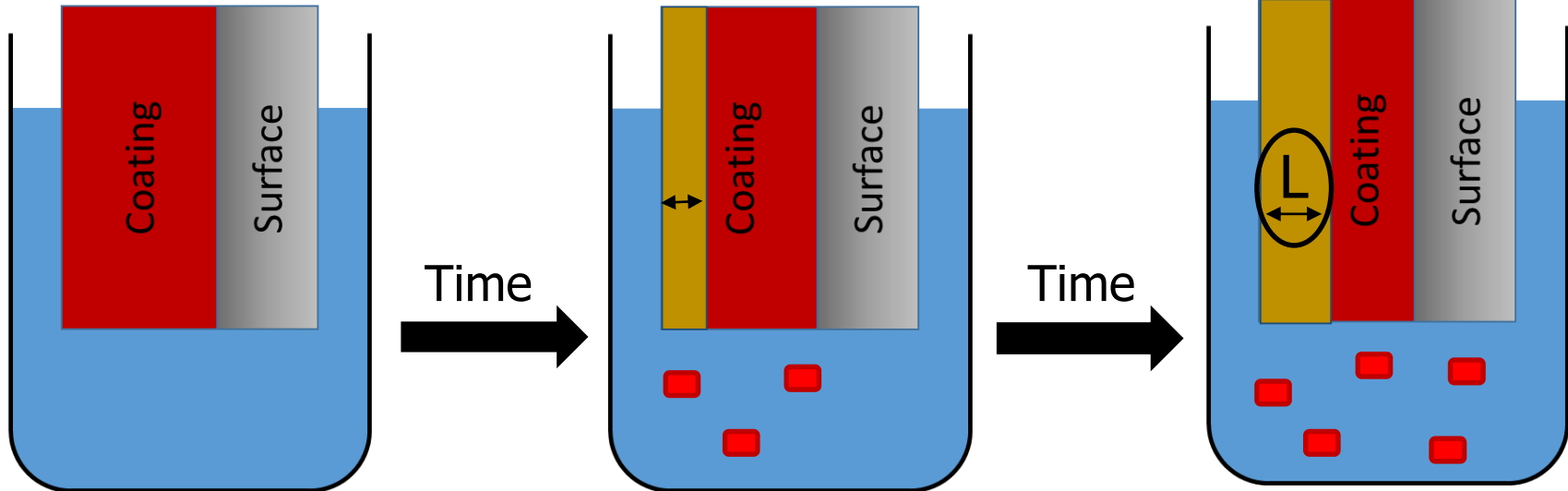


# Characterization of Zn-Pt released



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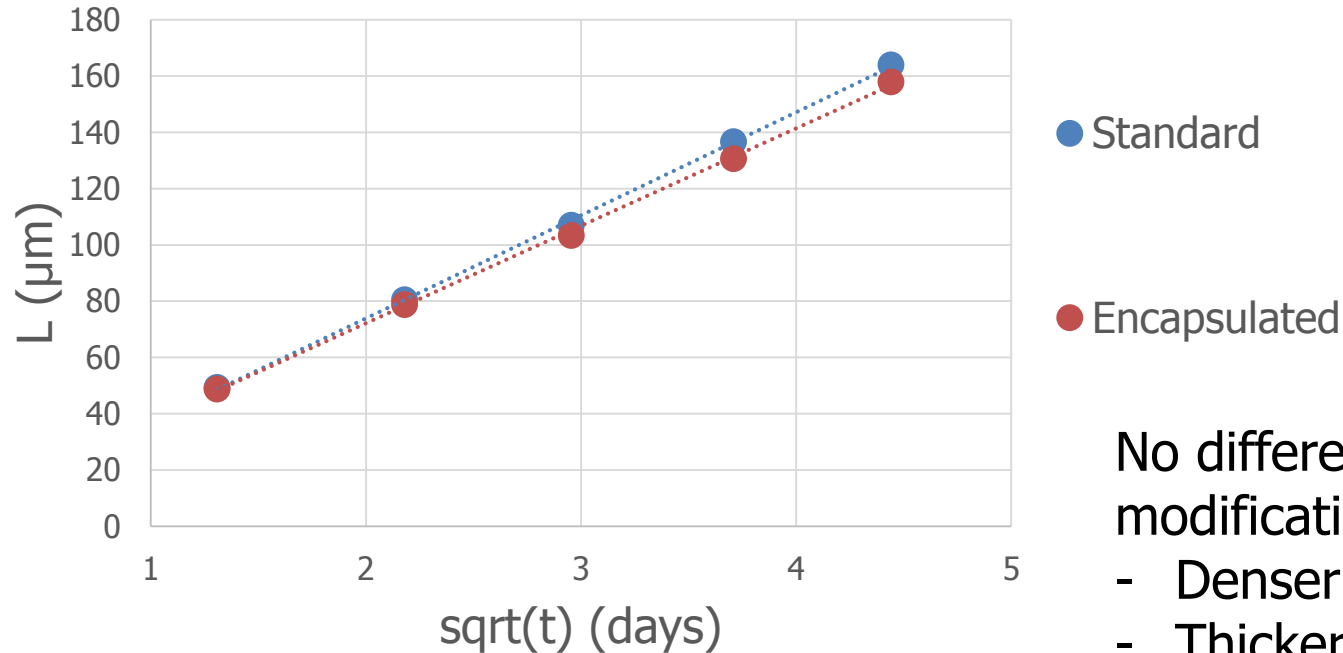
Color change due to released biocide



# Release experiments from coating film



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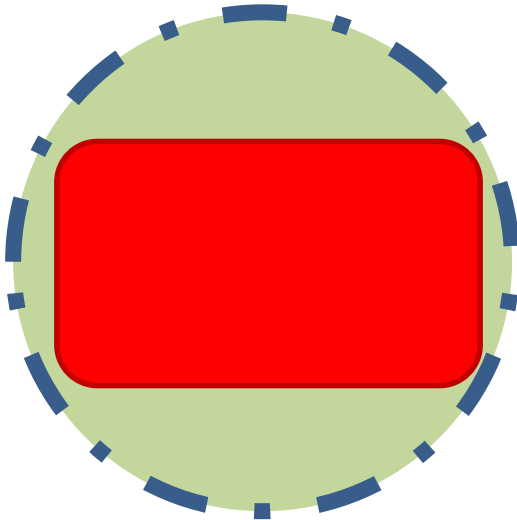
No difference – Two modifications in synthesis!

- Denser shell
- Thicker shell

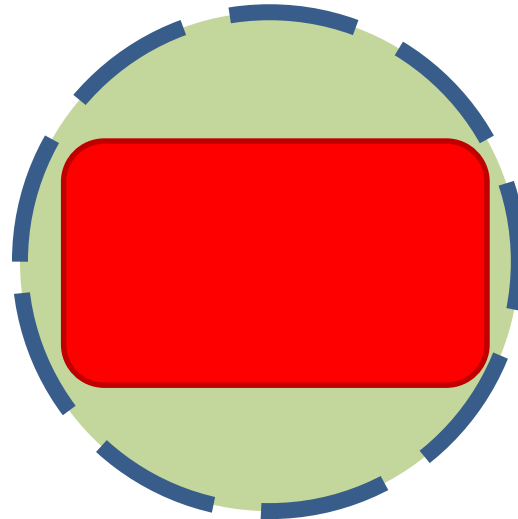
# Increased shell density

- Longer curing = More dense network

3 hours curing



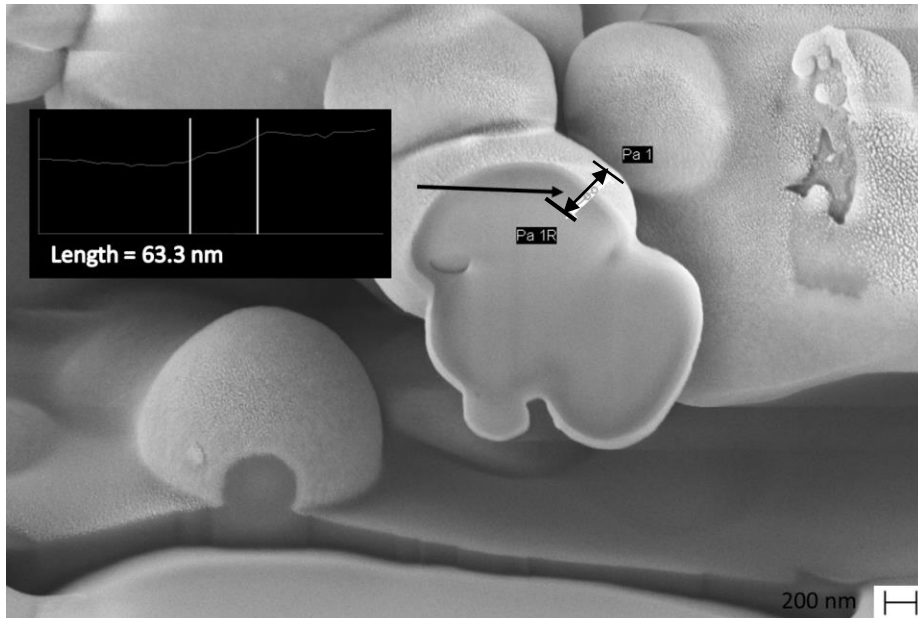
24 hours curing



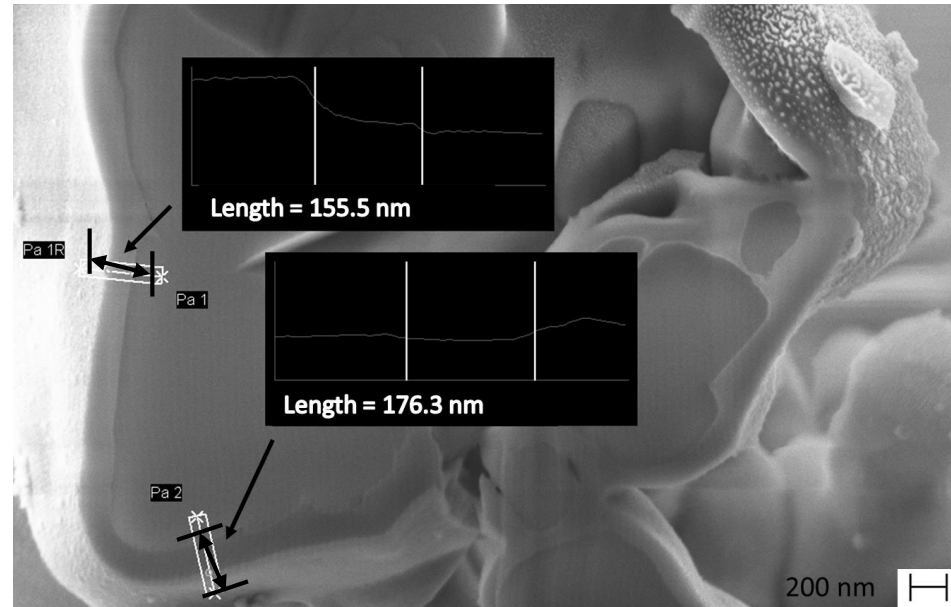


# Increased shell thickness

- Silica:Zn-Pt 1:1



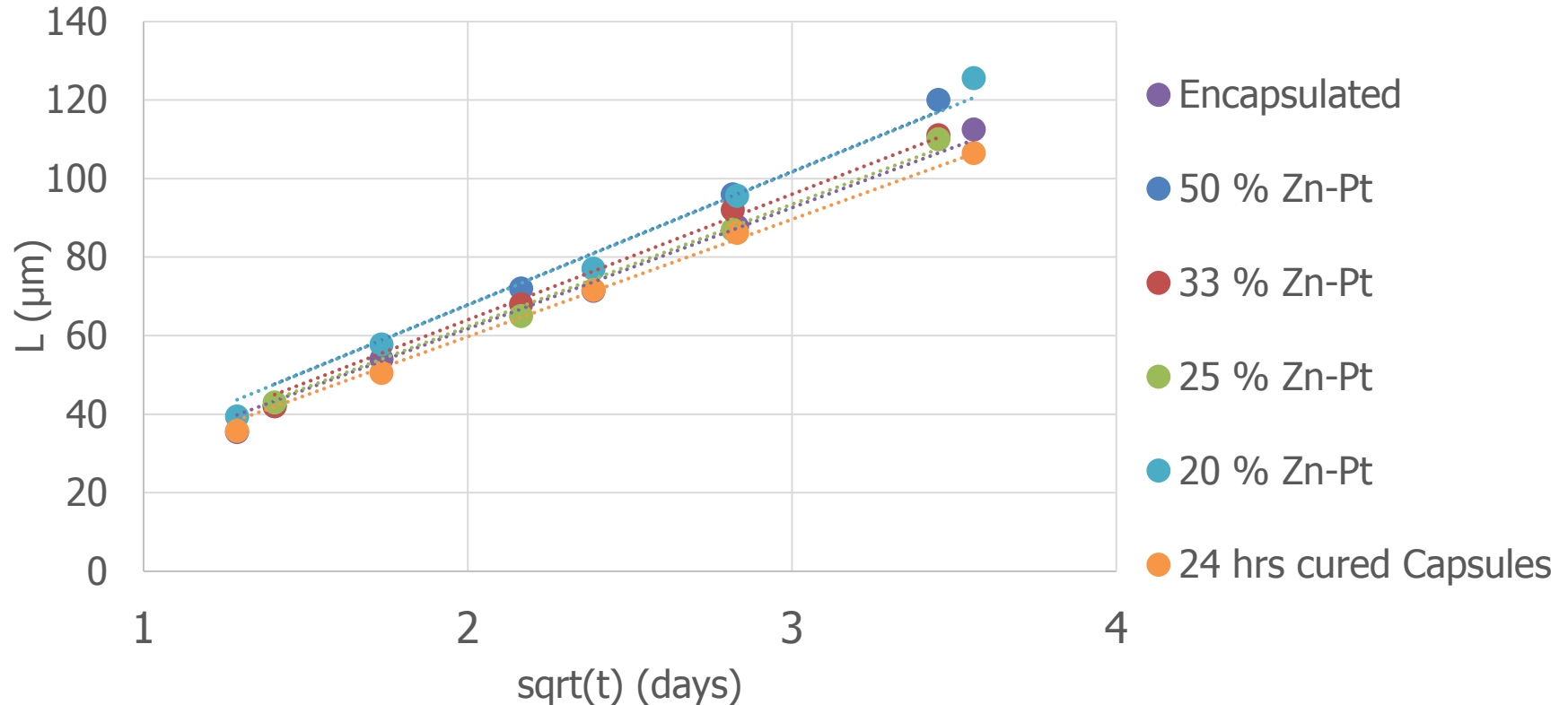
- Silica:Zn-Pt 5:1



# Release profiles from coating film II



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# Conclusions



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- Successful encapsulation of Zn-Pt
- Possible to alter thickness and density of silica capsules
- Successful integration into antifouling coating
- No delayed release observed in tested antifouling coating

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