



# Coating e film attivi a base di biopolimeri per preservare la sicurezza e qualità degli alimenti

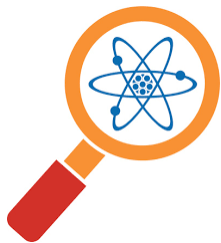
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# Mi presento!



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## *Didattica:*

- ✓ Elementi di Packaging (TAL)
- ✓ Tecnologie del confezionamento e della distribuzione dei prodotti alimentari (STAL)
- ✓ Kinetics approach to predict the shelf life of Food (PhD Food Science)
- ✓ Sustainable food processing and packaging (Sustainable Food Systems)



# I miei interessi

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*Alimenti freschi ma con shelf-life adatta ai nuovi stili di vita*

*Economia circolare*



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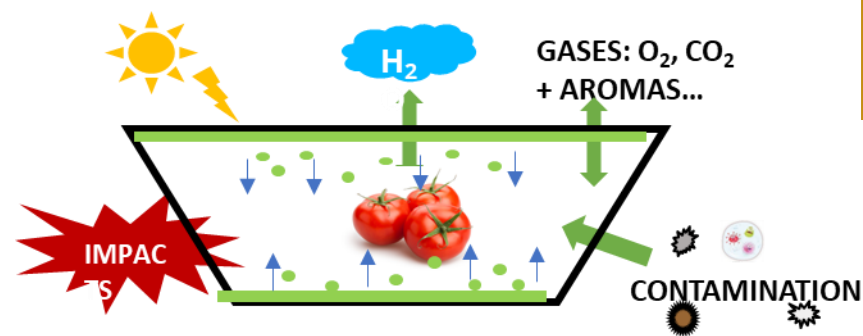
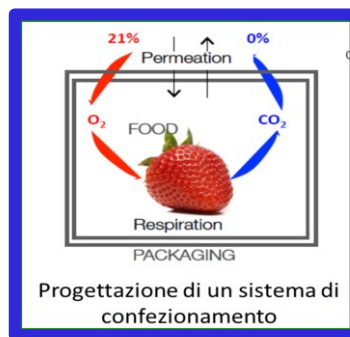
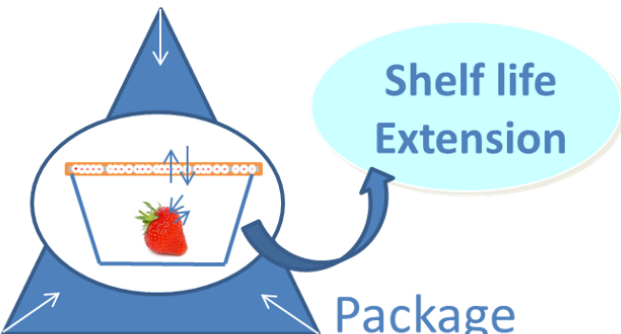
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# Cosa sono gli imballaggi Attivi?

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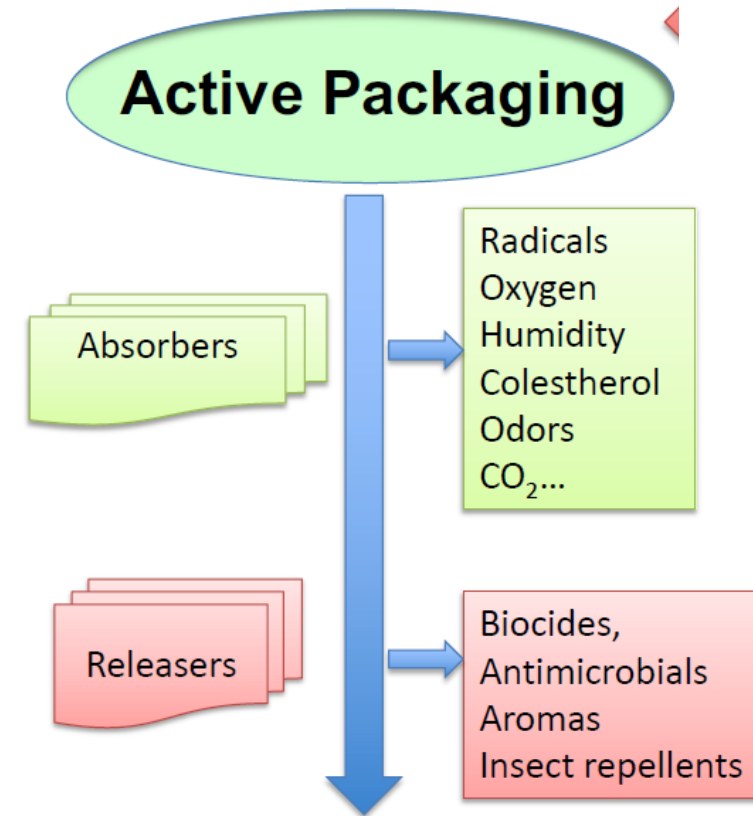
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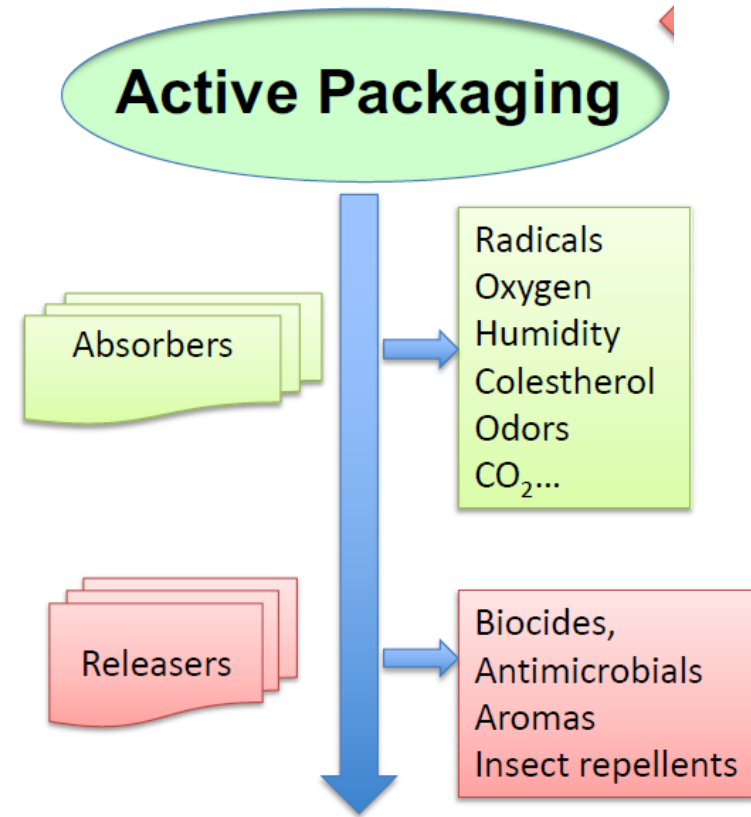
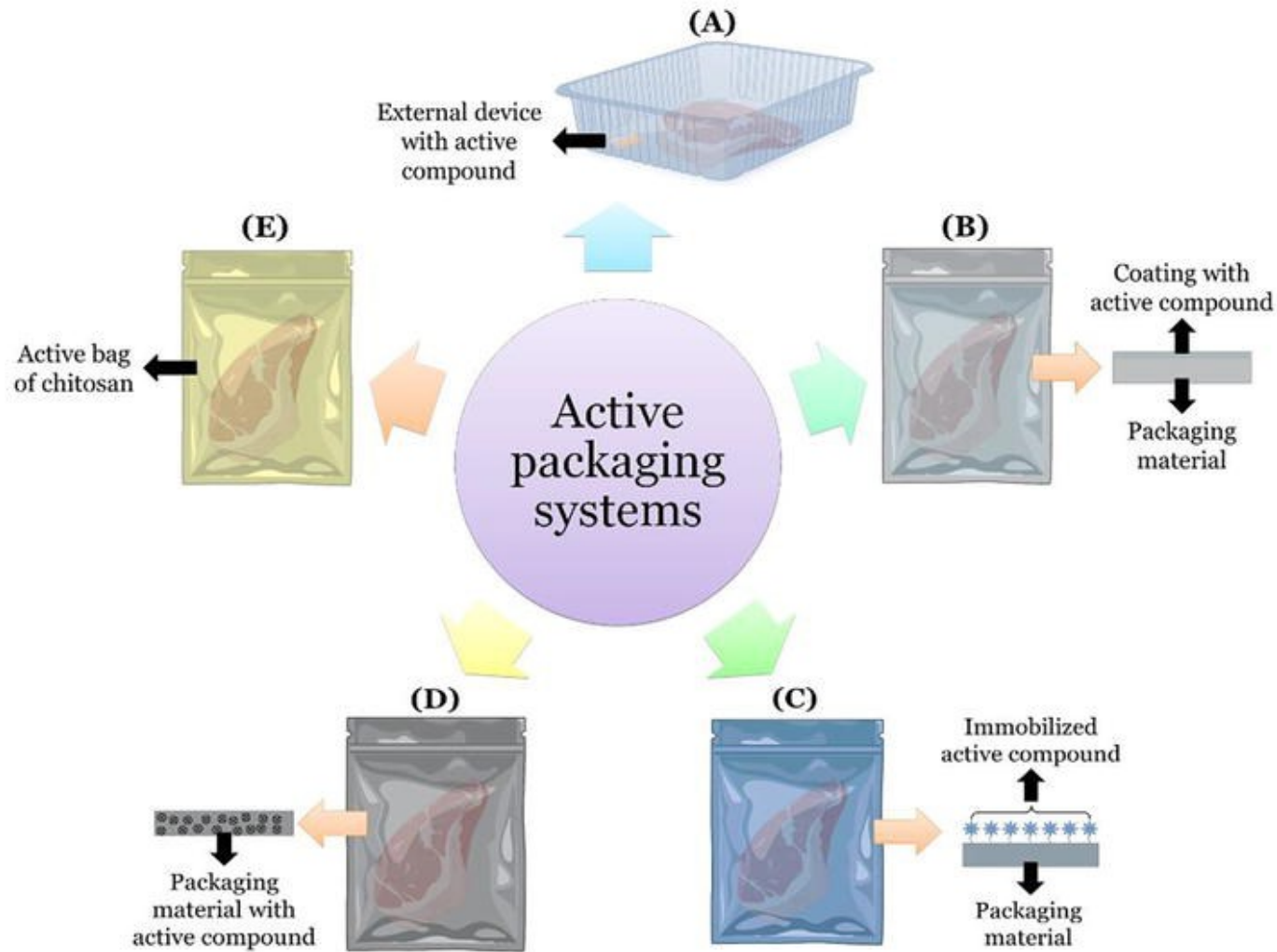
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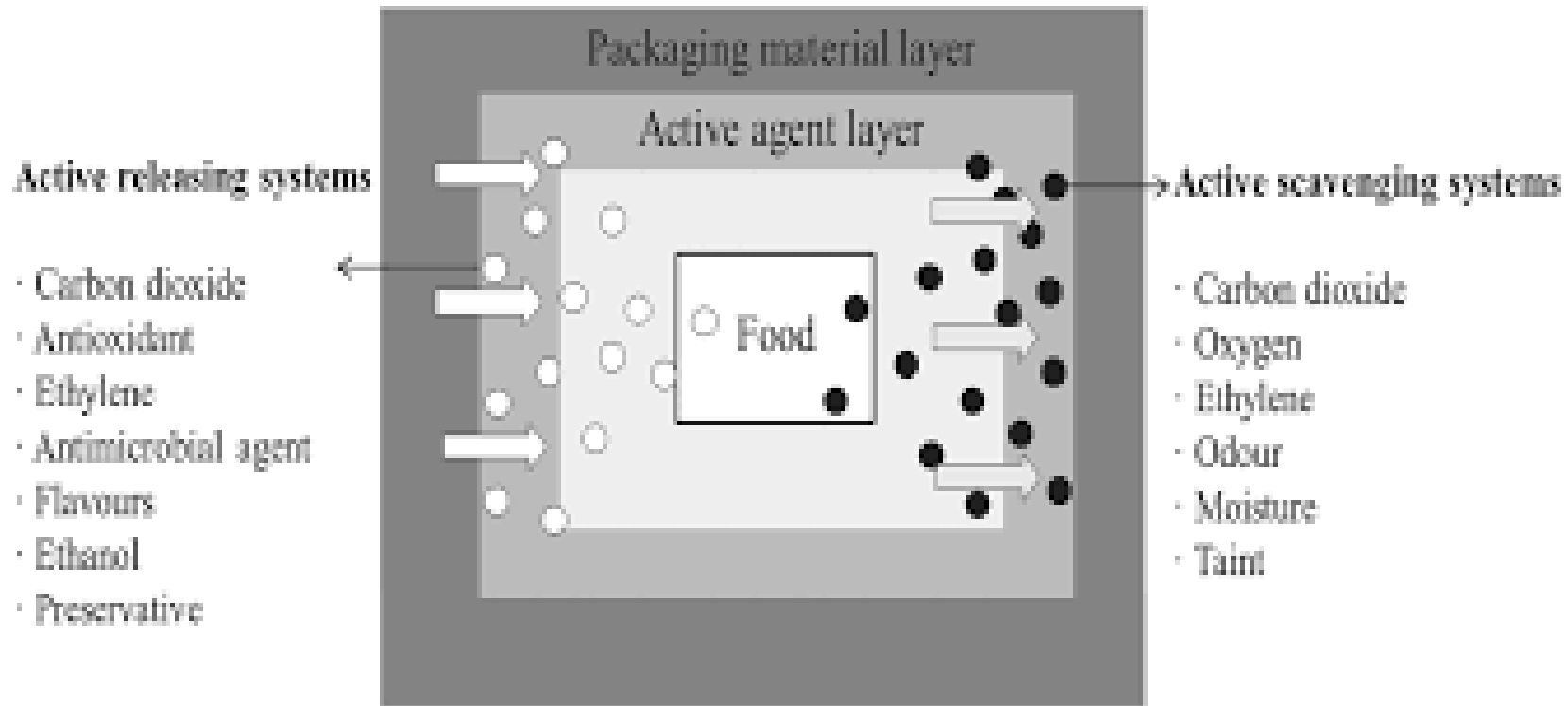
«per materiali e oggetti attivi .....s'intendono materiali e oggetti destinati a prolungare la conservabilità o mantenere o migliorare le condizioni dei prodotti alimentari imballati. Essi sono concepiti in modo da incorporare deliberatamente componenti che rilascino sostanze nel prodotto alimentare imballato o nel suo ambiente, o le assorbono dagli stessi»



# Come rendere un imballaggio attivo



# Perchè utilizzare gli imballaggi Attivi?





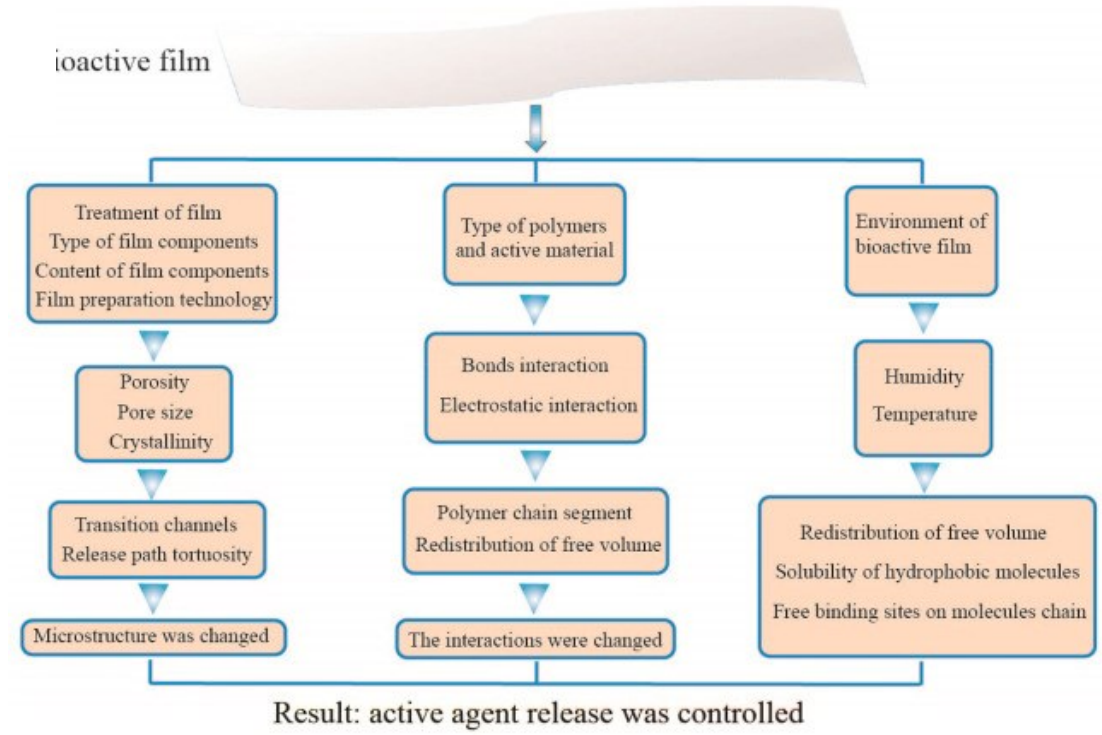
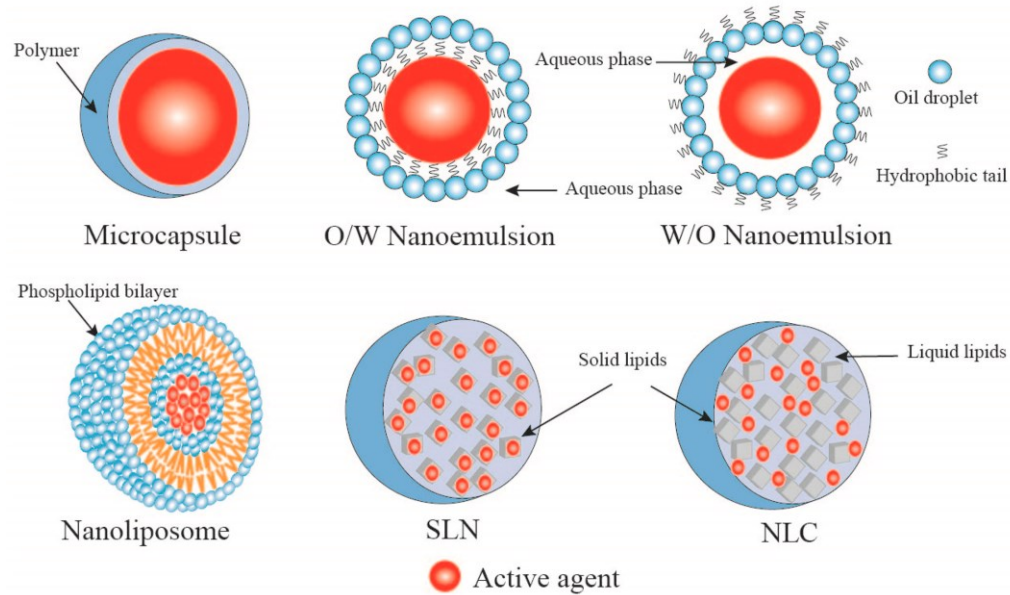
## A comprehensive review on natural bioactive films with controlled release characteristics and their applications in foods and pharmaceuticals

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# Progettazione di nuovi sistemi di imballaggio:

## Film Attivi a rilascio controllato

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### A mathematical model for tailoring antimicrobial packaging material containing encapsulated volatile compounds



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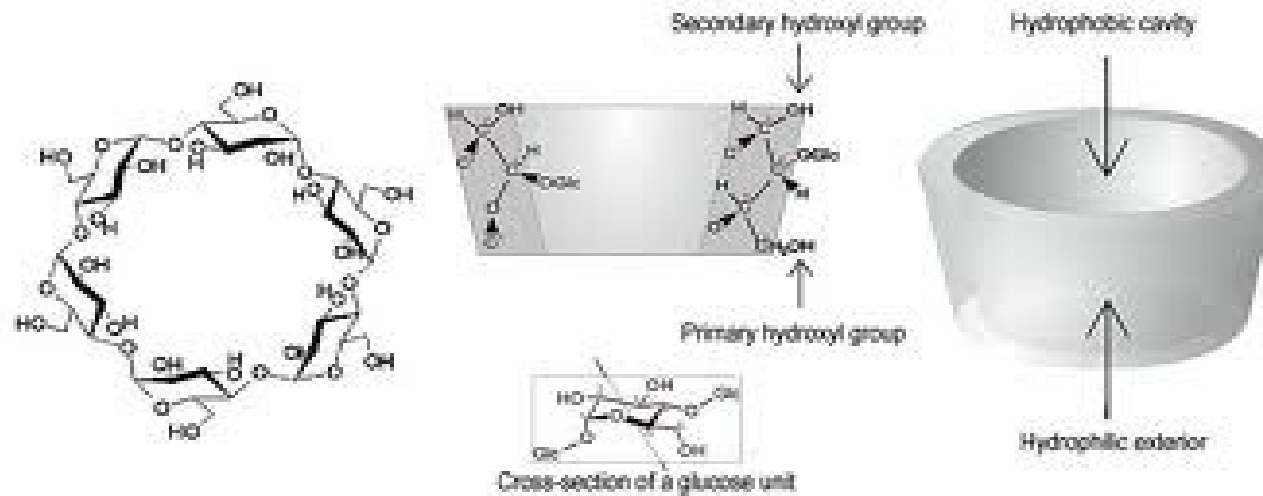
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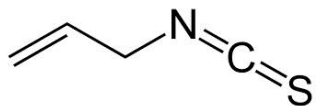


# Rilascio controllato

## $\beta$ -CYCLODEXTRIN (CD)



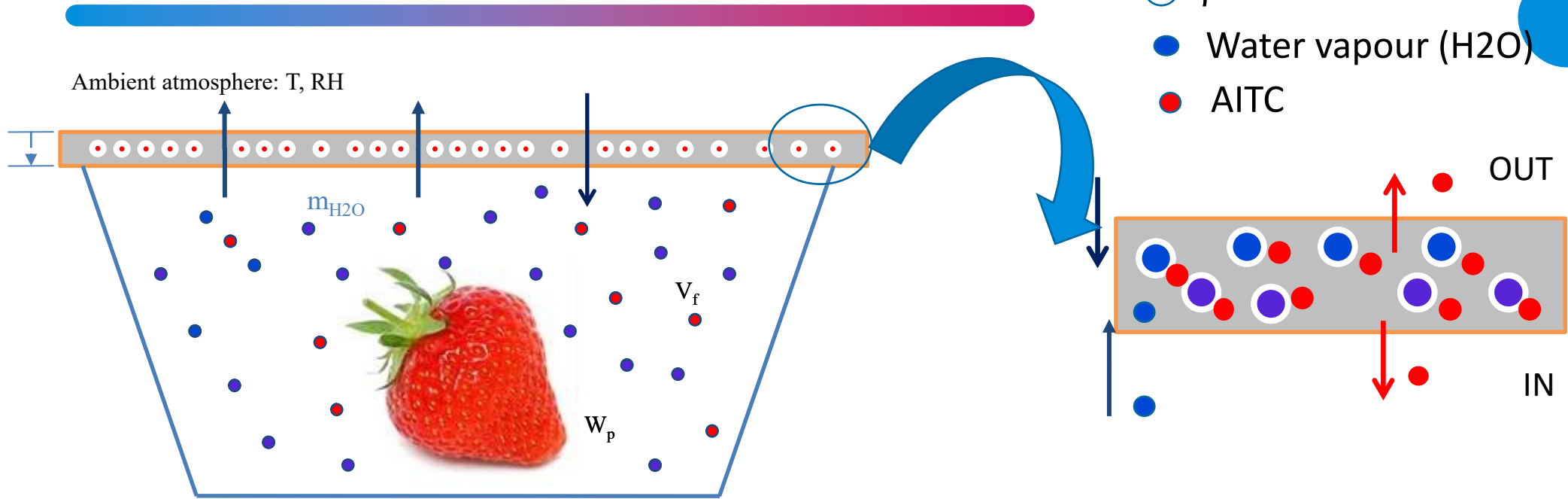
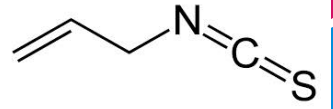
AITC



ACTIVE  
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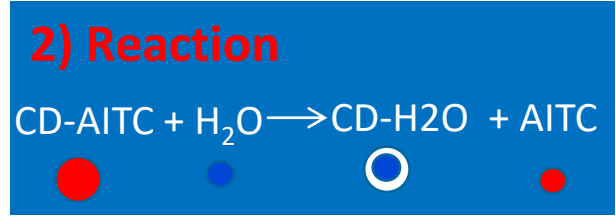
AITC



- $\beta$ -CD-AITC
- Water vapour (H<sub>2</sub>O)
- AITC

## 1) Water trasport

$$\frac{\partial C_i}{\partial t} = D_i \frac{\partial^2 C_i}{\partial x^2}$$

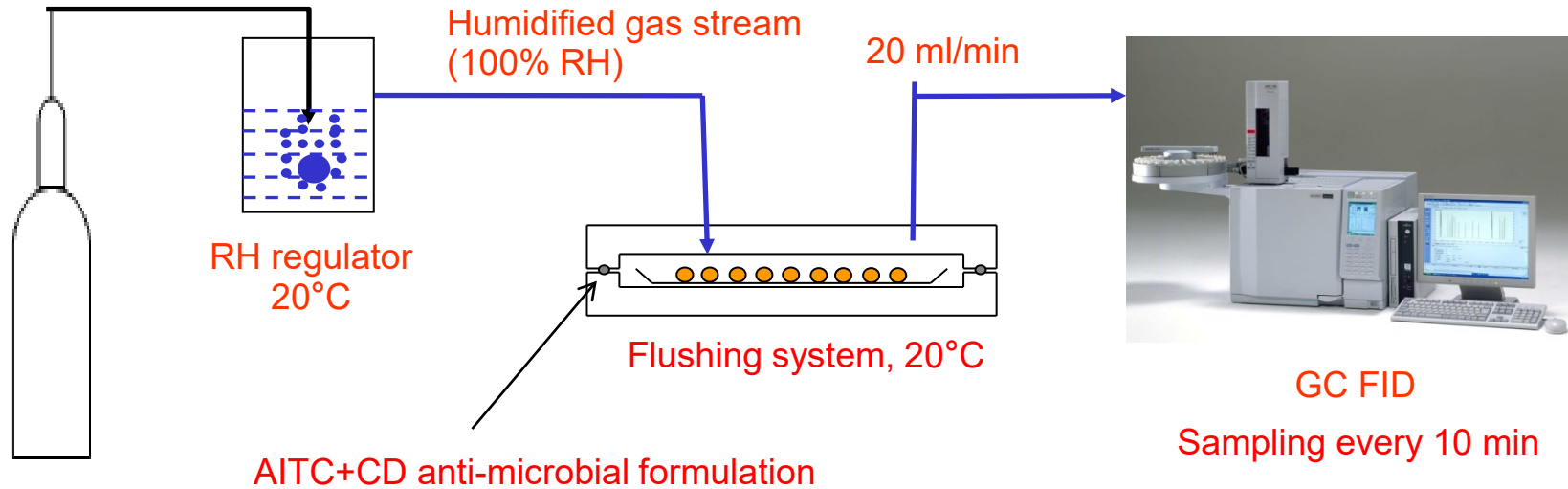


$$\frac{\partial C_j}{\partial t} = -rC_j$$

## 3) AITC tranport

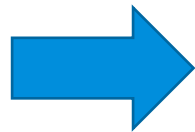
$$\frac{\partial C_z}{\partial t} = D_i \frac{\partial^2 C_z}{\partial x^2} + rC_j$$

# Progettazione di nuovi sistemi di imballaggio: Film Attivi a rilascio controllato



Test conditions:

50%  
60%  
70%  
80%  
90%  
100%

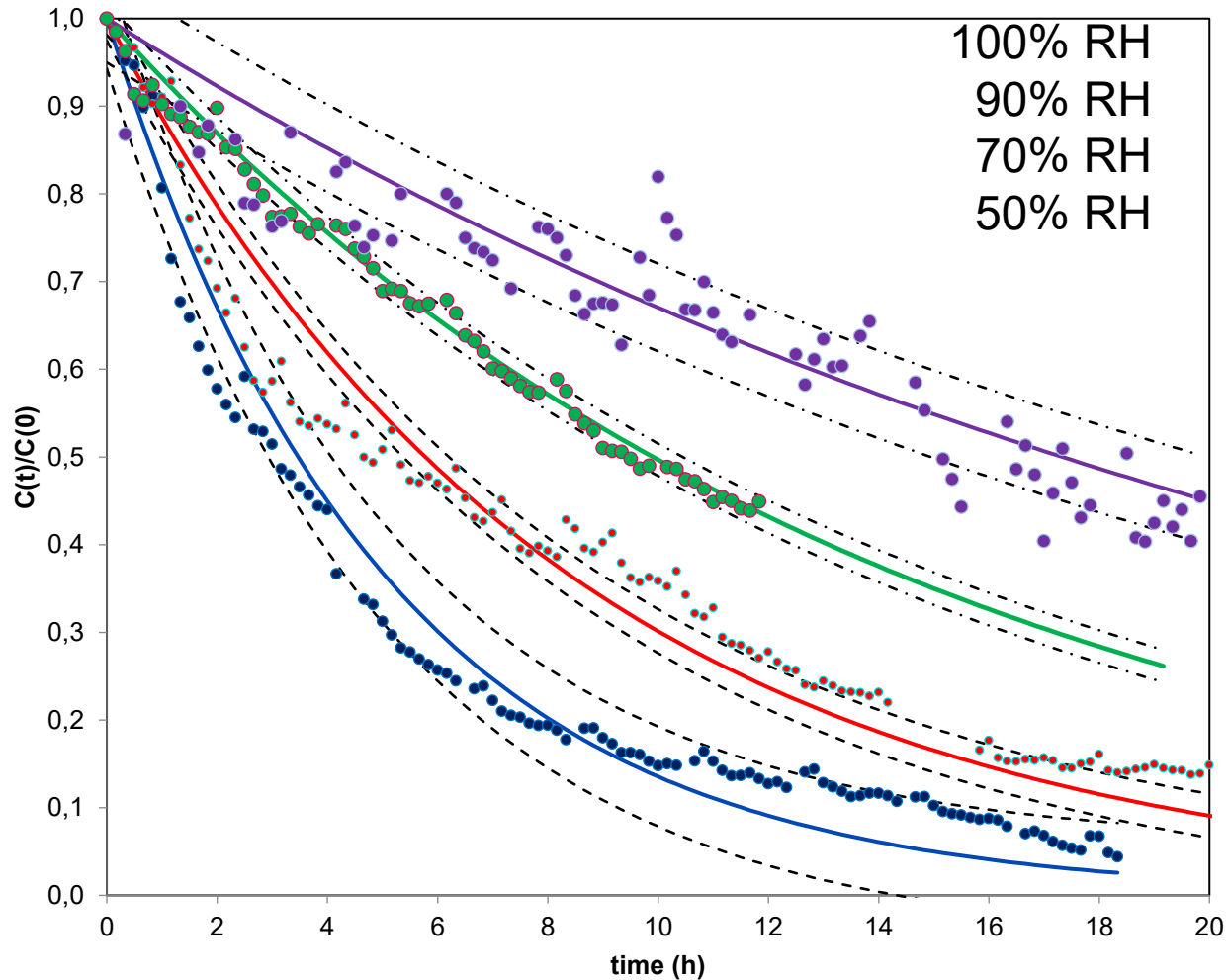


$$-\frac{d[AITC]}{dt} = k_{app}[AITC]n$$

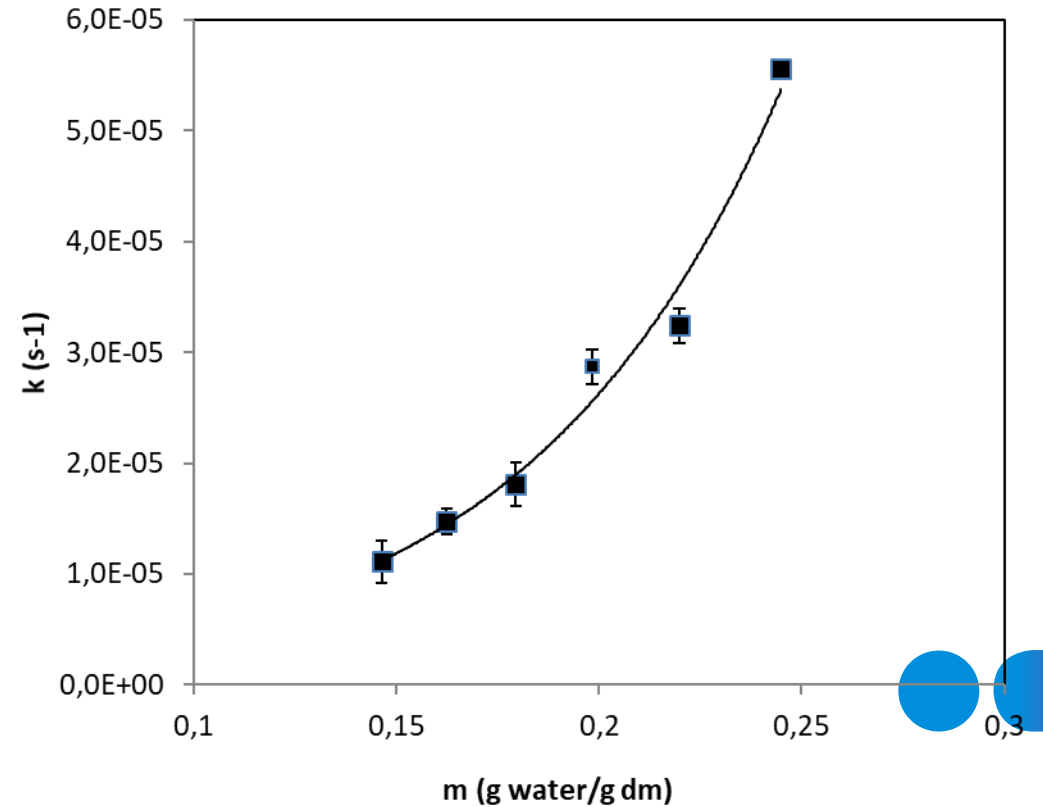
with

$$k_{app} = f(RH)$$

# Progettazione di nuovi sistemi di imballaggio: Film Attivi a rilascio controllato



$$\frac{\partial C_j}{\partial t} = -rC_j$$



# Progettazione di nuovi sistemi di imballaggio: Film Attivi a rilascio controllato

At  $x = 0$ ,

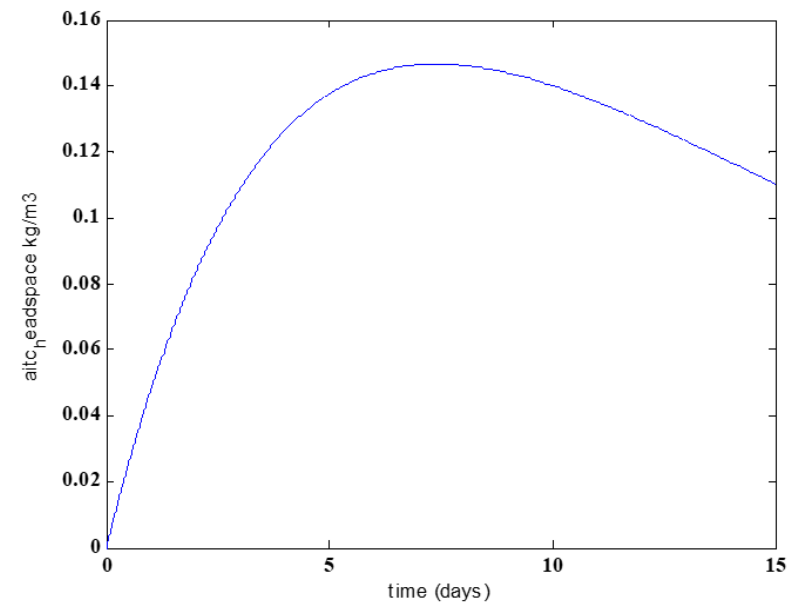
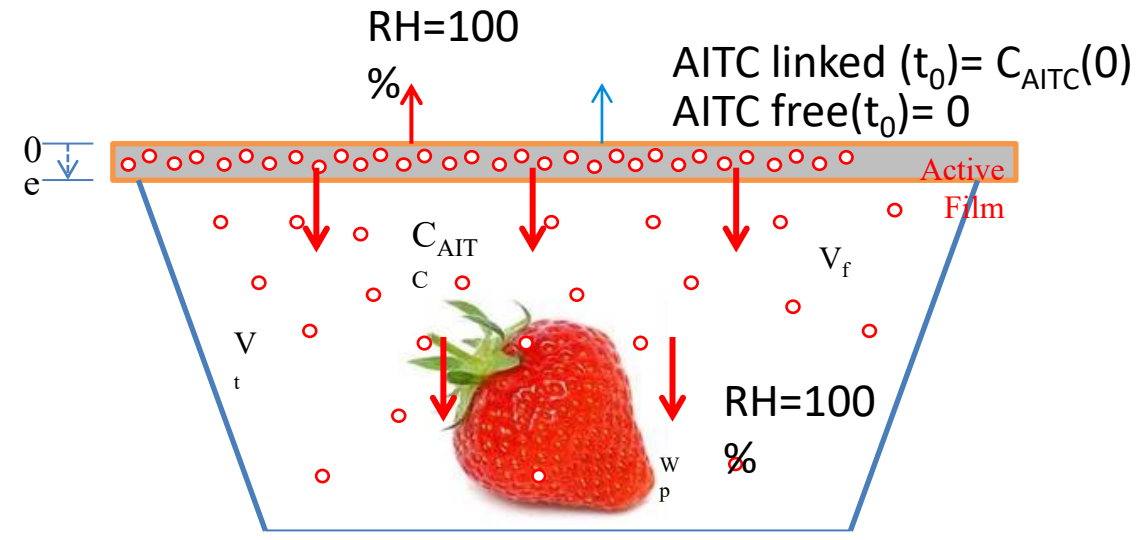
$$\begin{cases} D_i \frac{\partial C_{i(0,t)}}{\partial x} = \frac{\varphi_{ifilm}}{S_f} \\ \frac{\partial C_{j(0,t)}}{\partial x} = -rC_j \\ D_i \frac{\partial C_{z(0,t)}}{\partial x} = \frac{\varphi_{zfilm}}{S_f} + rC_j \end{cases}$$

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$$\begin{cases} D_i \frac{\partial C_{i(e,t)}}{\partial x} = \frac{\varphi_{ifilm}}{S_f} \\ \frac{\partial C_{j(e,t)}}{\partial x} = -rC_j \\ D_z \frac{\partial C_{j(e,t)}}{\partial x} = \frac{\varphi_{zfilm}}{S_f} + rC_j \end{cases}$$

At HS,

$$\begin{cases} V_{hs} \frac{\partial C_{AITC,hs}}{\partial t} = \varphi_{AITC,f} \\ V_{hs} \frac{\partial C_{w,hs}}{\partial t} = \varphi_{w,f} \end{cases}$$



# Performance!

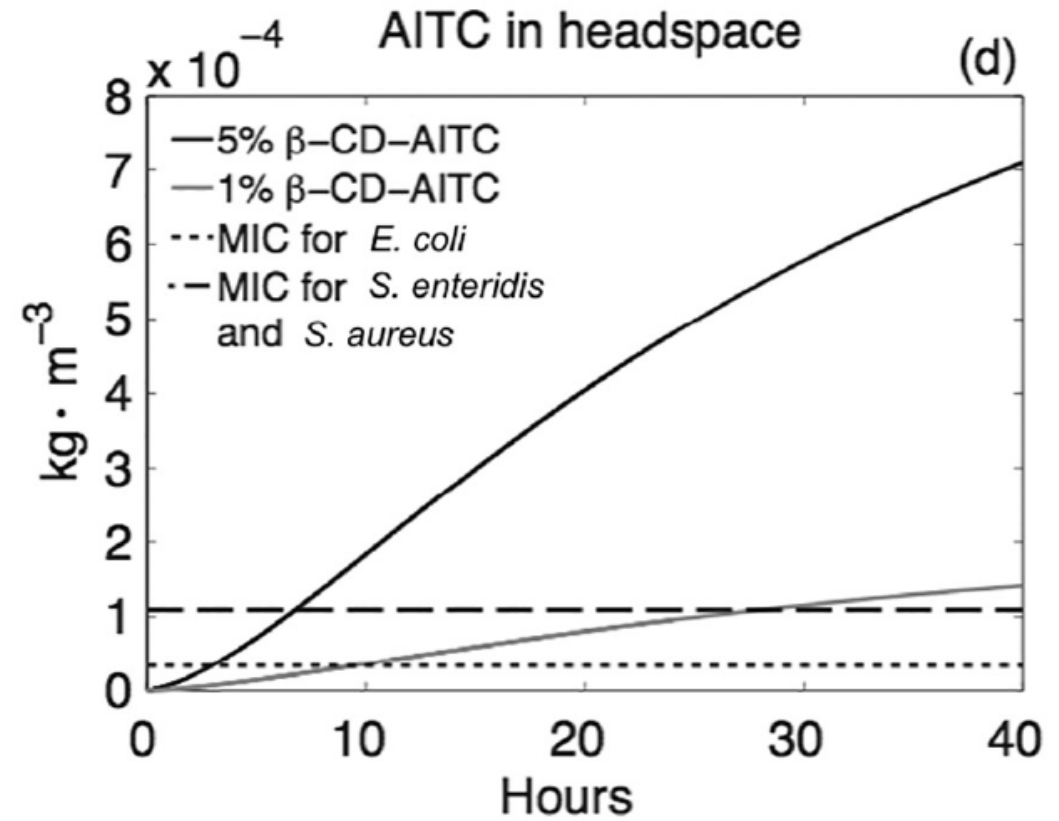
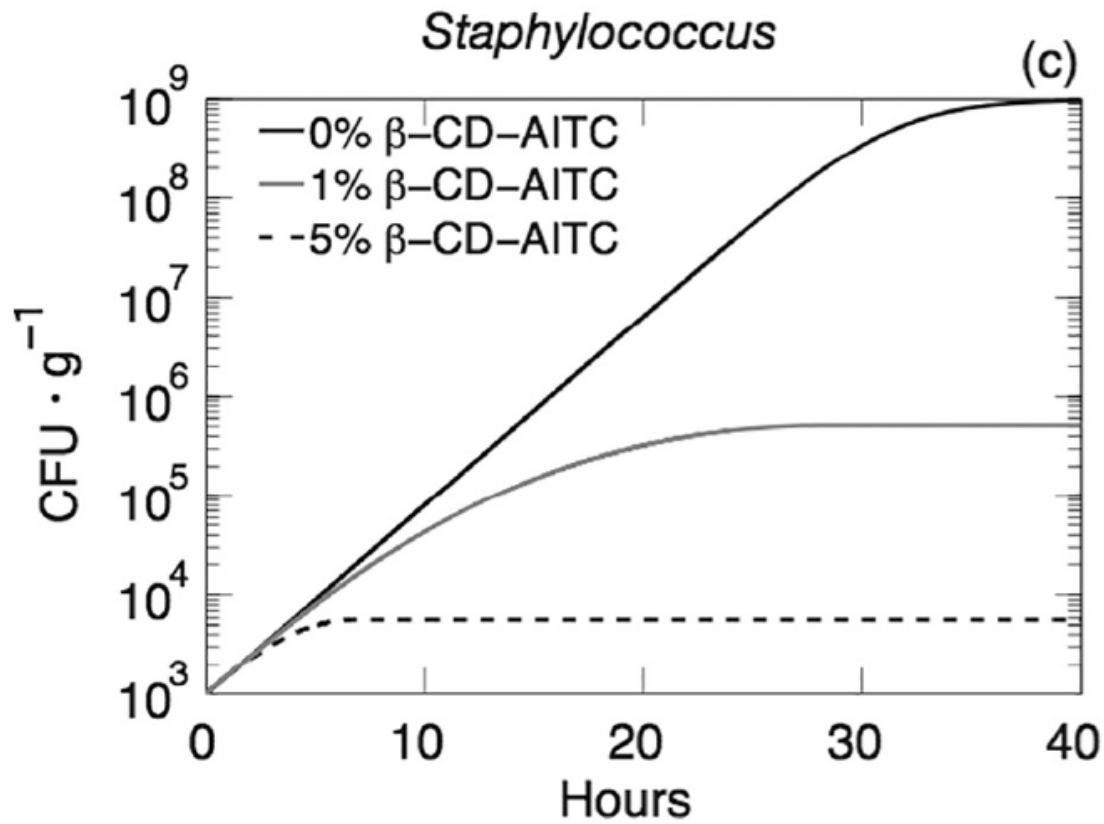
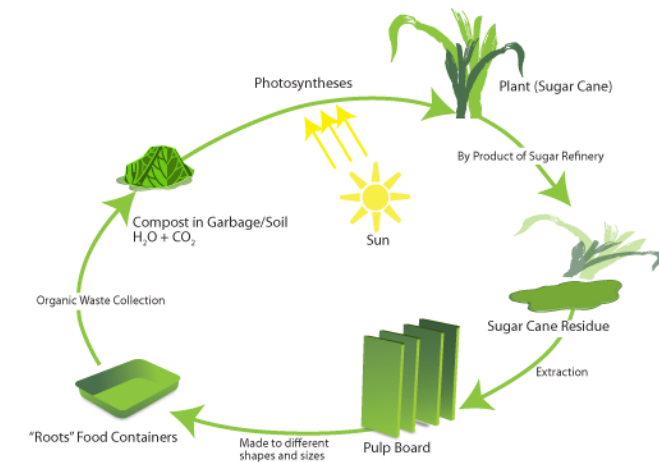
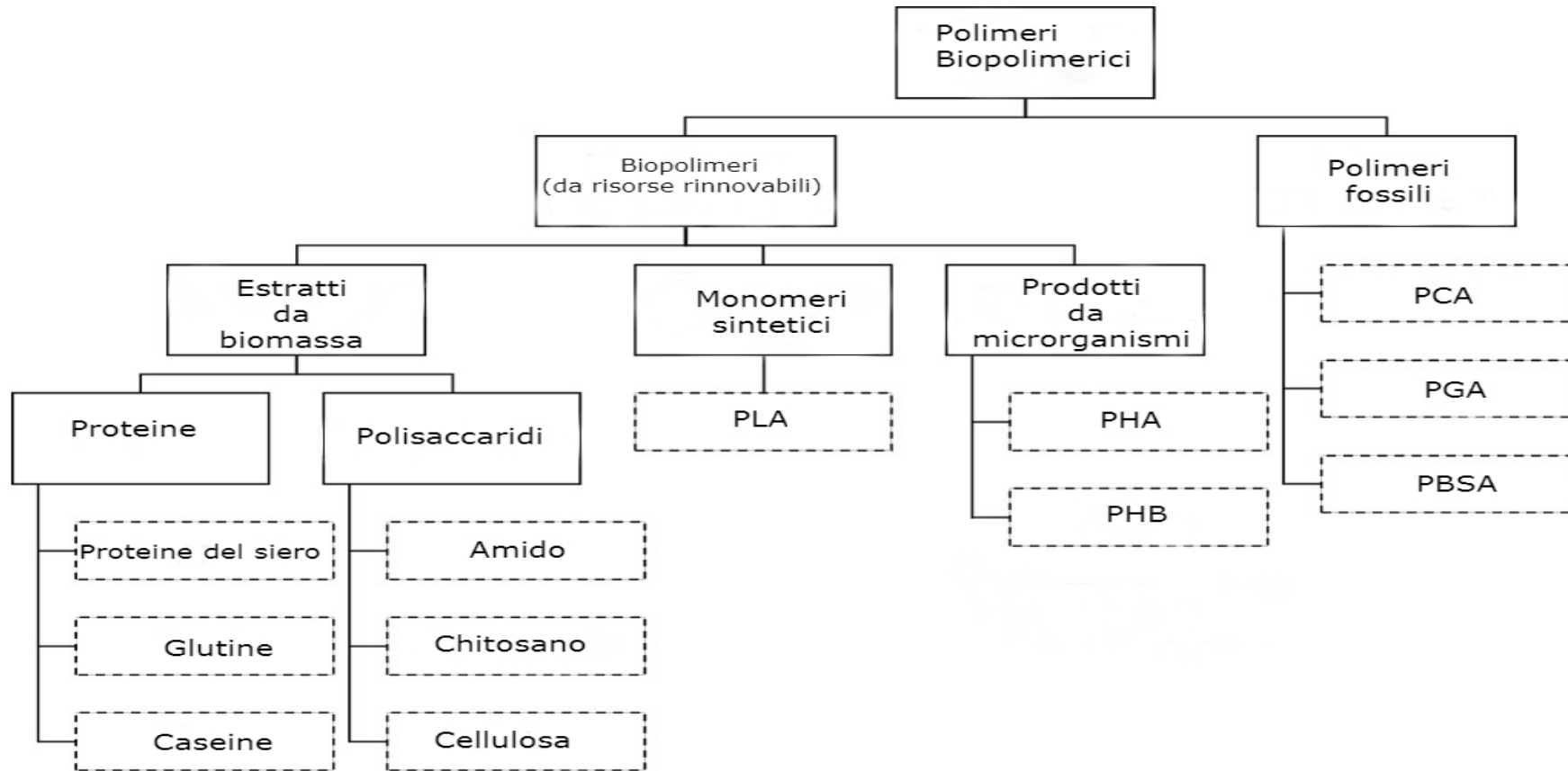


Fig. 7. Variation of microbial growth with AITC content (a, b, c) and AITC content in the headspace (d).

# ..... Coating e film attivi a base di **biopolimeri**



# Film attivi antiossidanti

*ici men due*



Chitosan/Sodium caseinate/REO

+

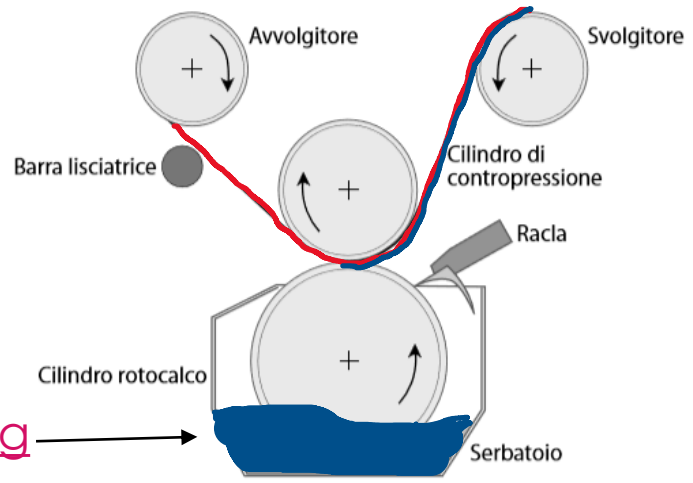
- a) Polyammide
- b) Polybutylene succinate film



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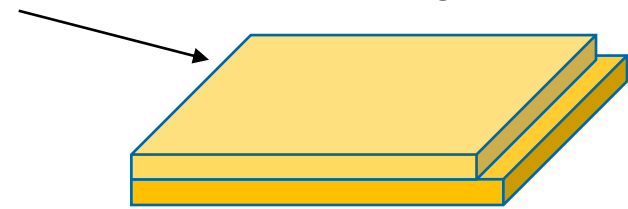


Layer by layer active film



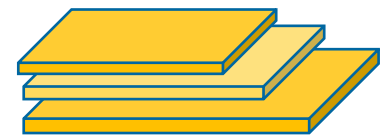
Active coating

Amount of solid deposited  
 $0.1 \text{ mg/cm}^2$



Single layer

$0,4 \text{ mg/cm}^2$

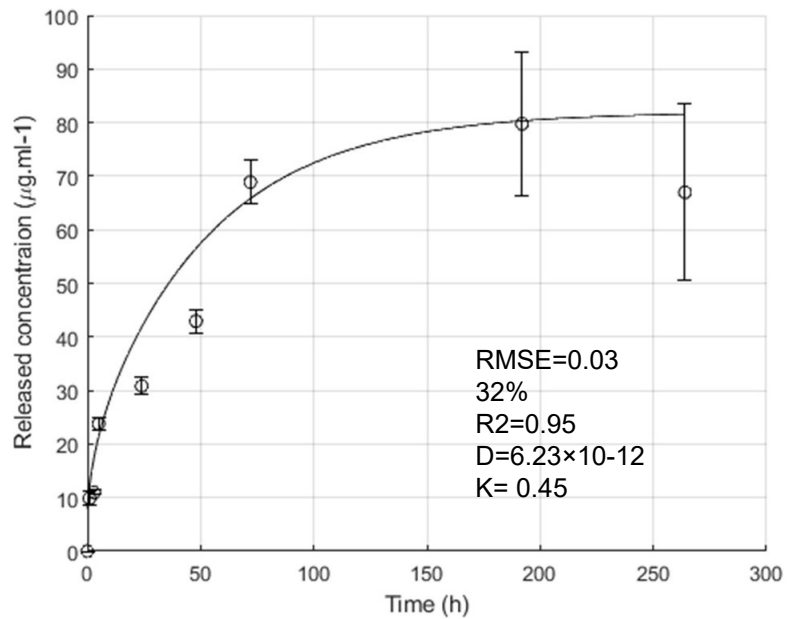
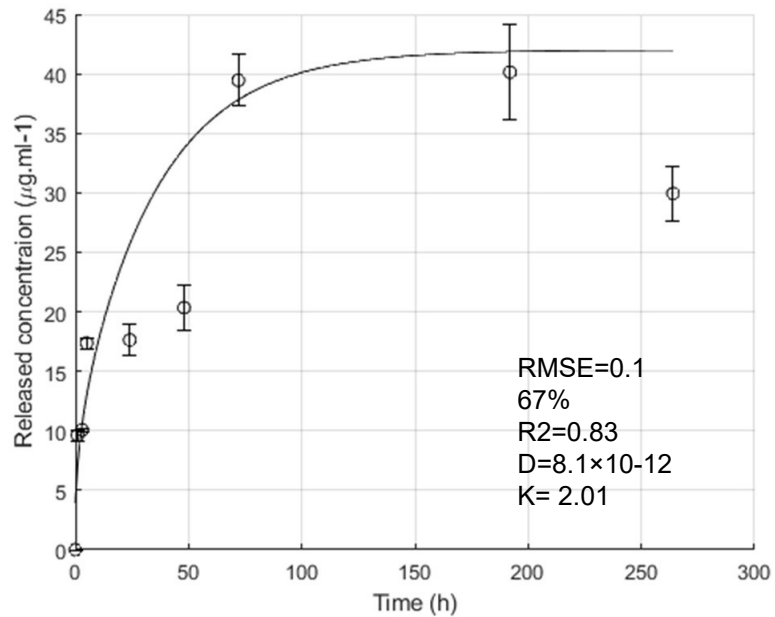


multilayer

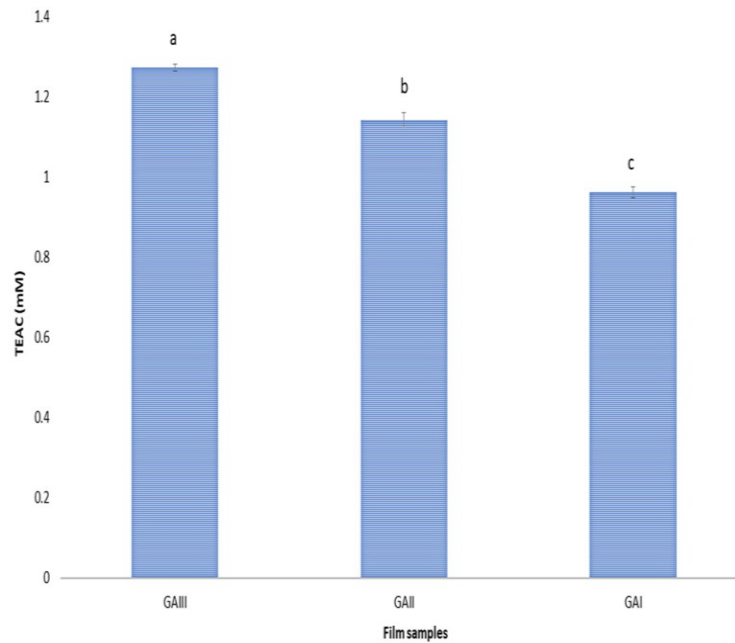
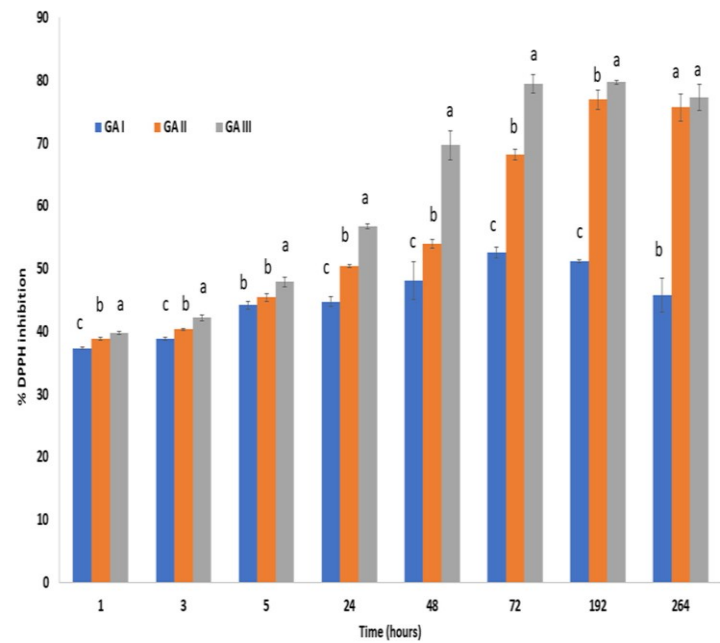
Theoretical antioxidant activity= 40% I(DPPH test)



## Release kinetics



## Antioxidant activity



# Film attivi antiossidanti

*ici men due*

1% 45% of **SC/GA/PBS**  
film



Single layer



Riduzione del **28% di MDA** del grana padano dopo 7 giorni di conservazione a 40°C

1% 46% of **CH/SC/REO/Nylon**  
film



Single layer



Riduzione del **20% di MDA** in creme di nocciola dopo 45 giorni di conservazione a 4°C

1% 80% of **CH/SC/REO** film

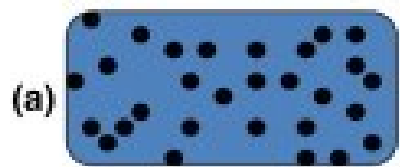
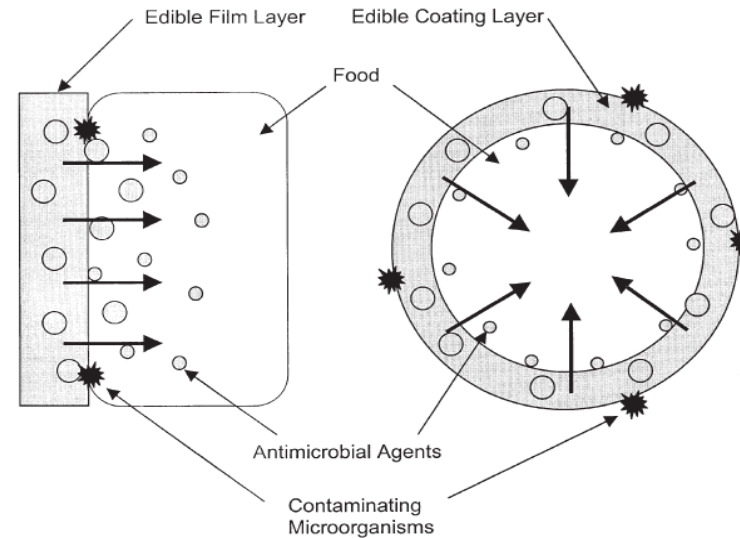


Riduzione del **20% di MDA** di hamburger di carne dopo 11 giorni di conservazione a 4°C

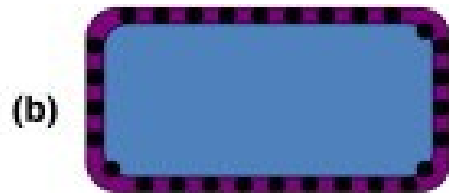
# Coating attivi a base di biopolimeri

Carrier di sostanze attive:

- Antimicrobiche
- Antiossidanti



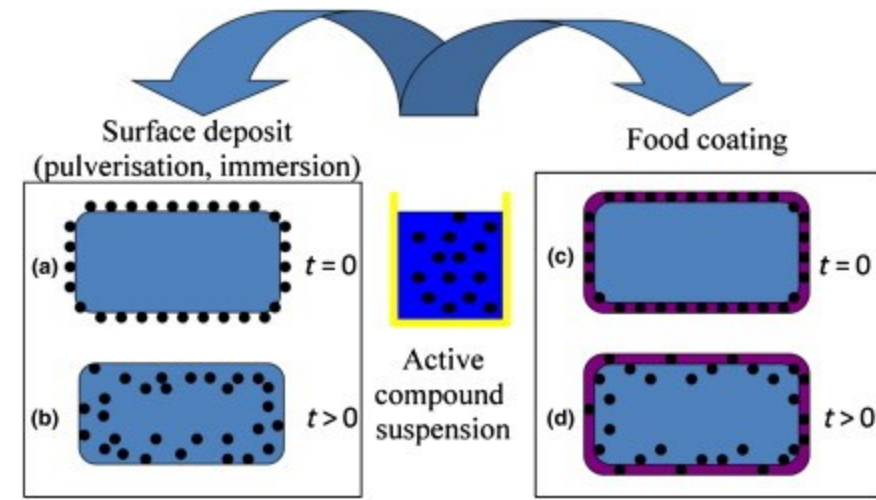
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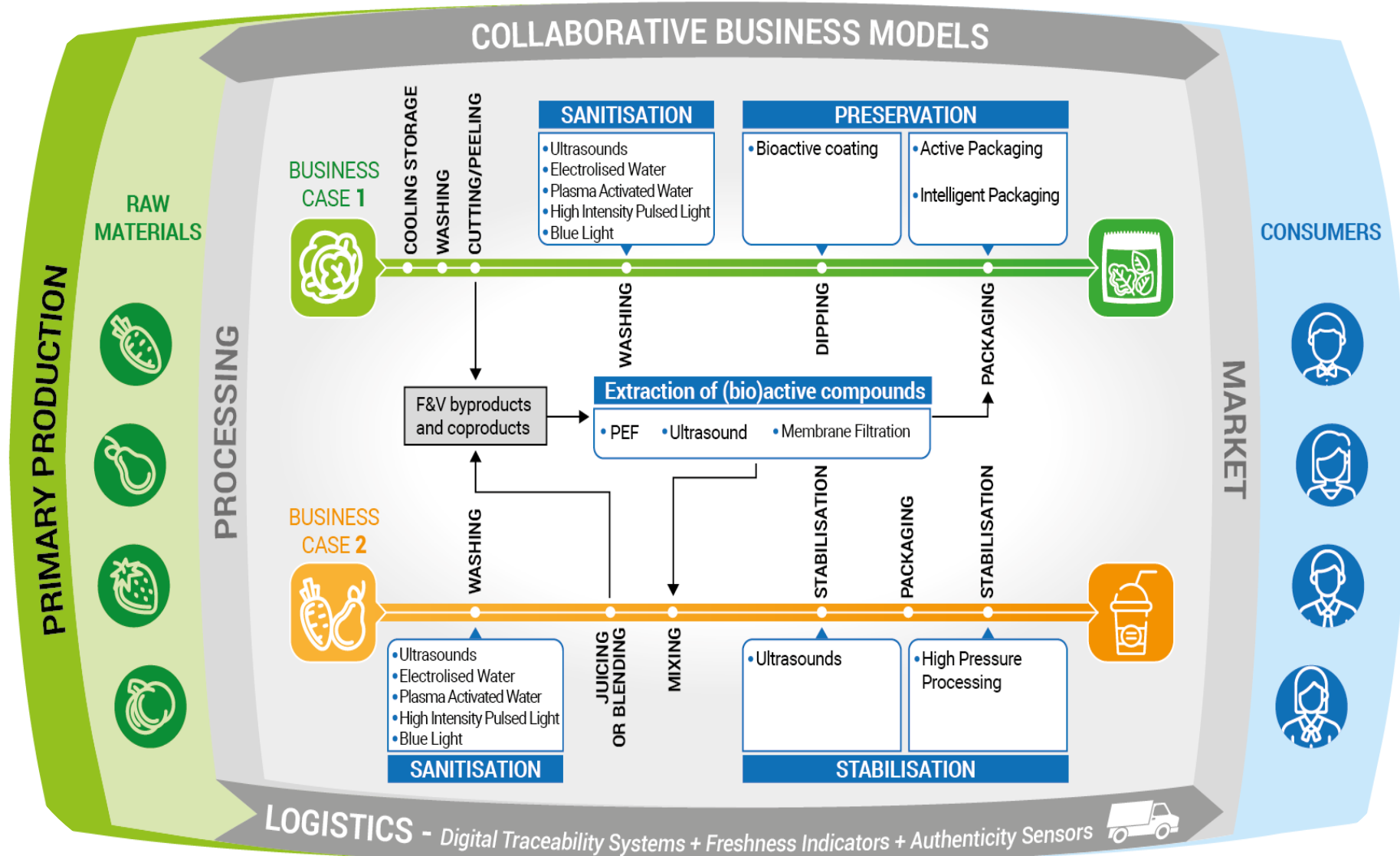
Addition in food coating -  $t = 0$



Addition in food coating -  $t > 0$



# Tecnologie non termiche per preservare la qualità e sicurezza di prodotti di IV gamma





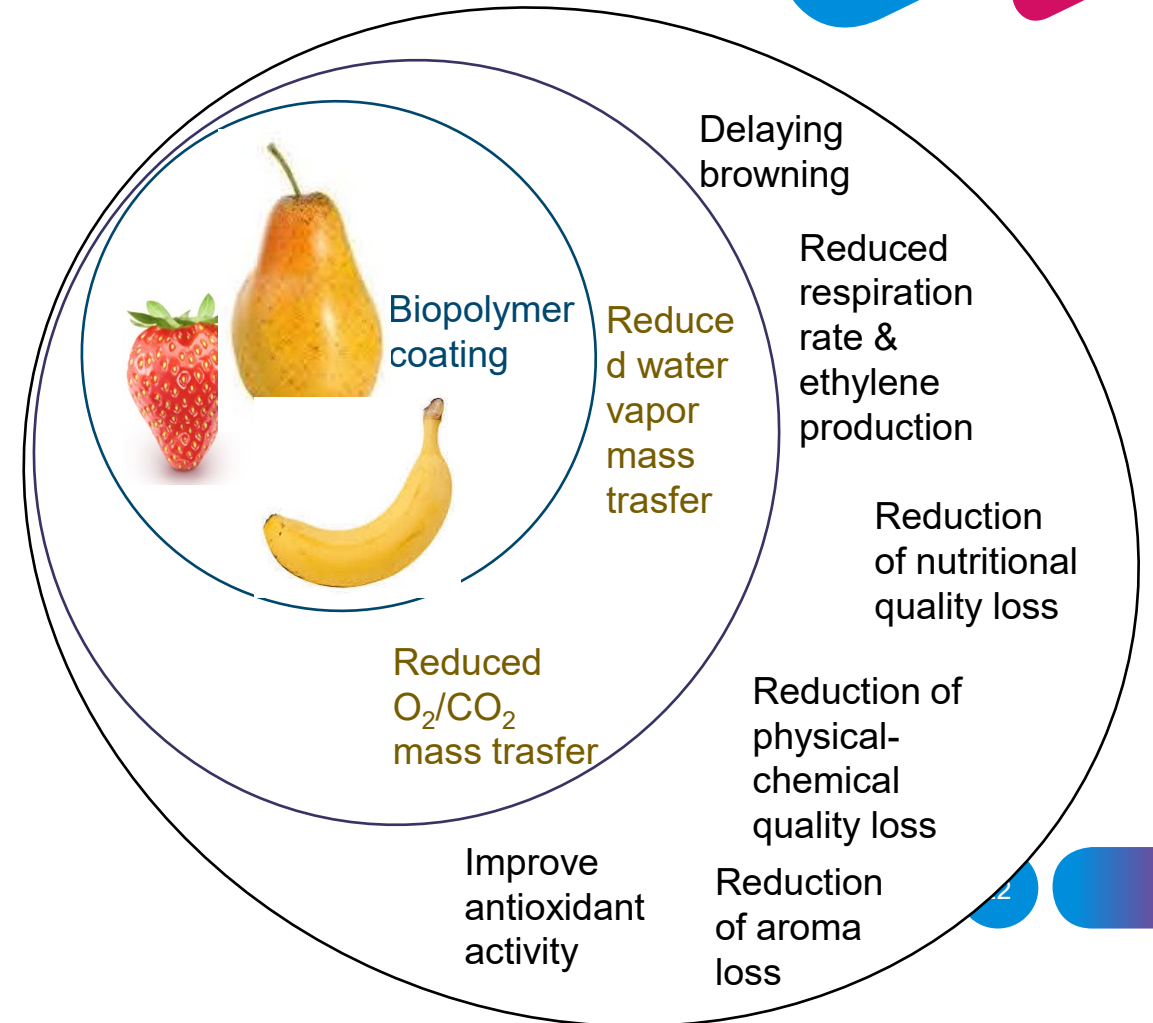
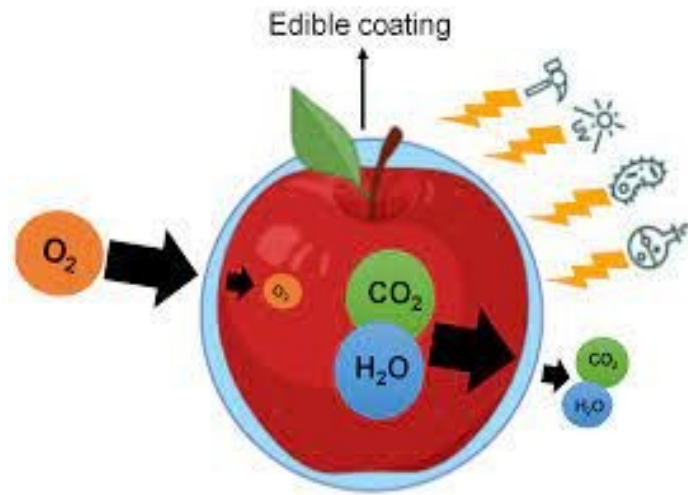
**Coating attivi a base di biopolimeri per estendere la shelf life di frutta e verdure minimamente processata**





Ph.D Marika Valentino

# Coating attivi a base di biopolimeri

- Sottile strato di materiale edibile applicato sulla superficie dell'alimento



# Active Biopolymer Coating Based on Sodium Caseinate: Physical Characterization and Antioxidant Activity

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Stima dello spessore del coating

$$h_{avg} = \frac{q}{A} = K \left( \frac{\eta \pi r}{\rho g t} \right)^{1/2}$$

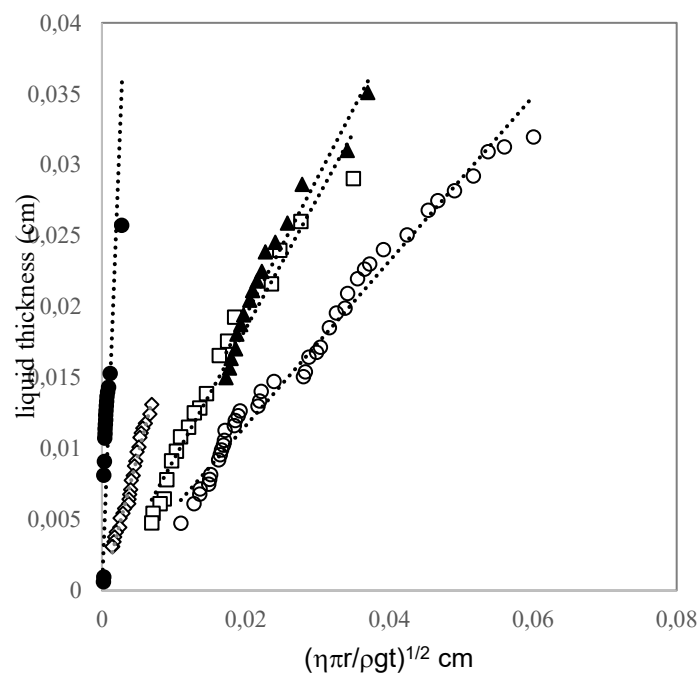
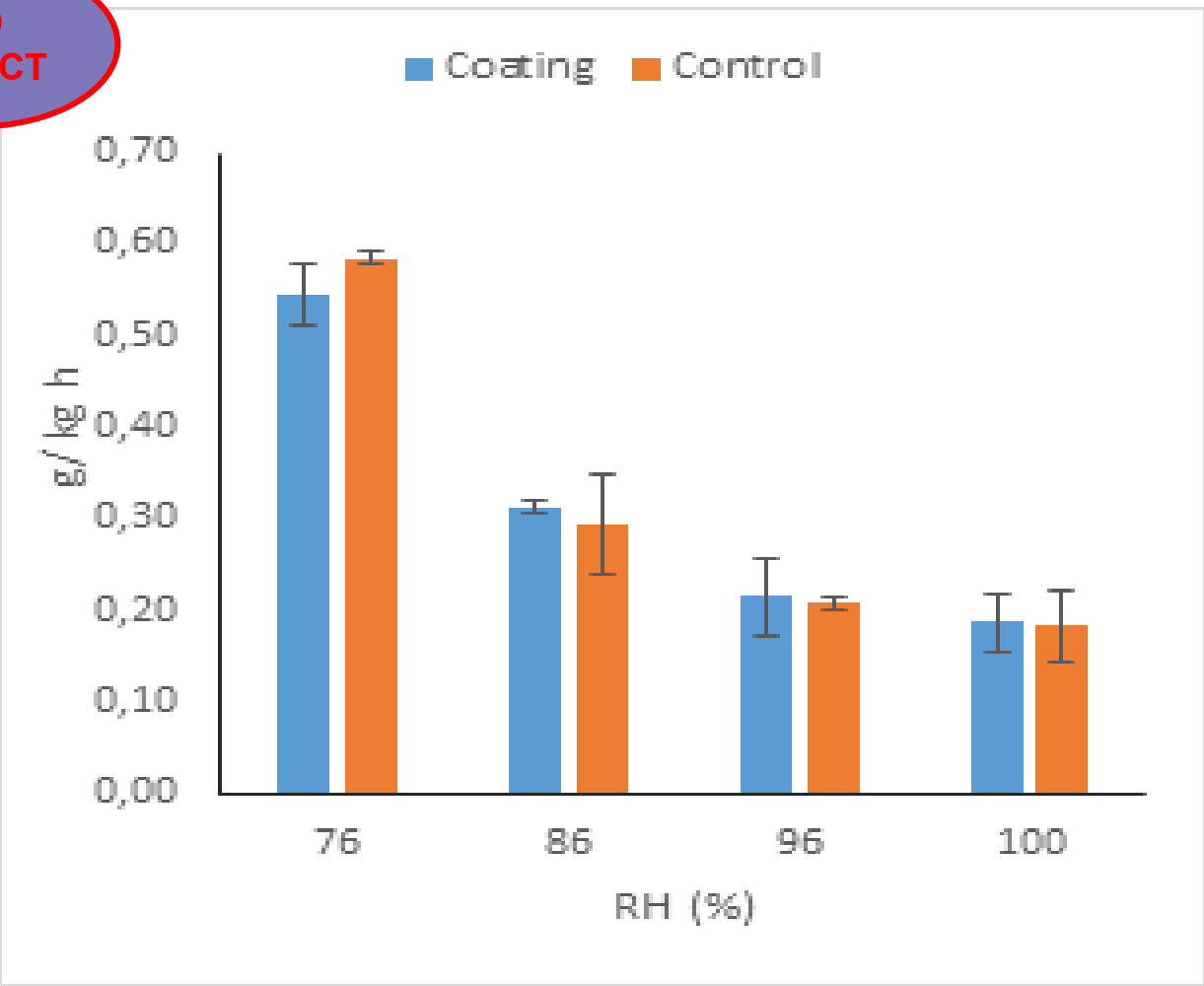
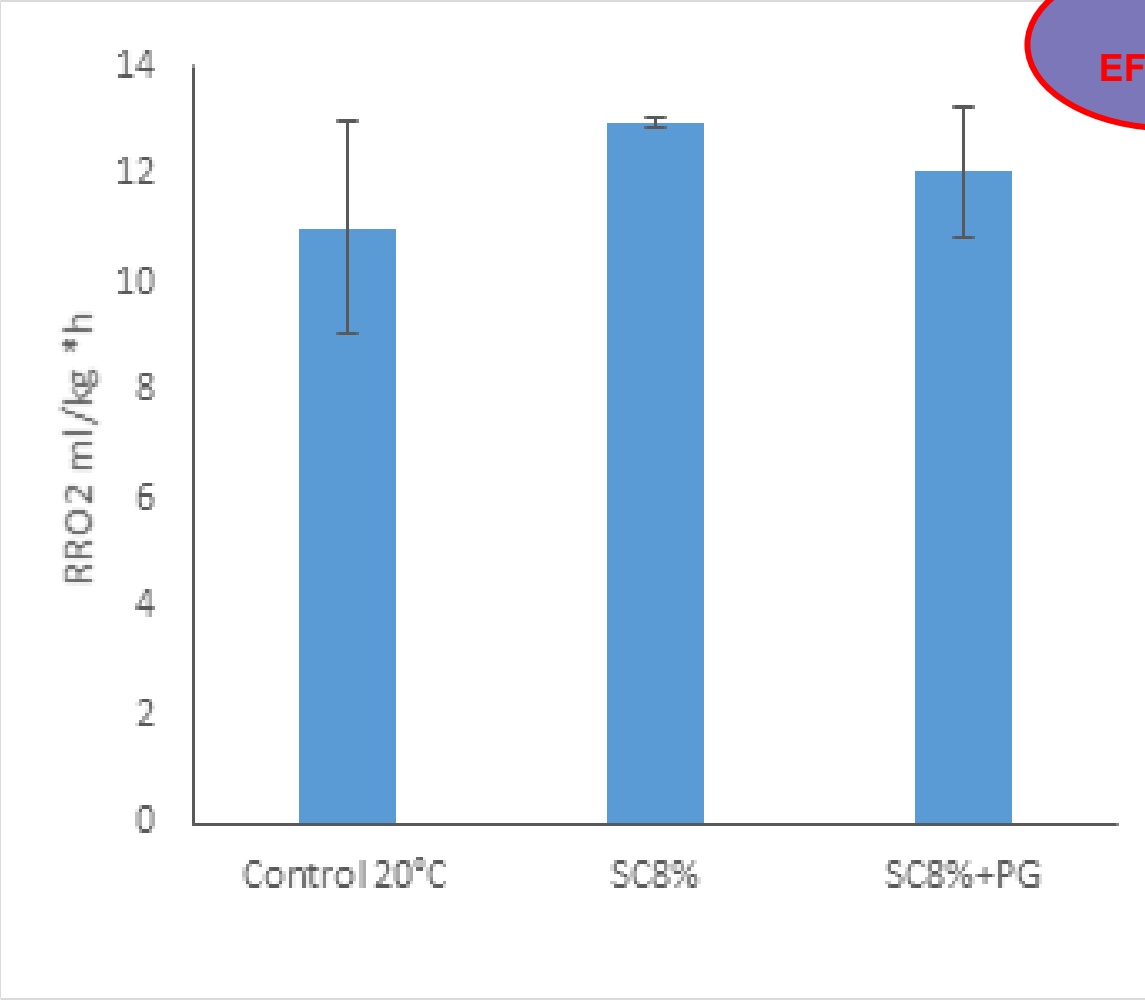


Table 3. Density of SC solutions ( $\rho$ ), dimensionless  $K$  factor, average liquid film thickness on fennel ( $h_{avg}$ ), density of SC film ( $\rho_f$ ), and average dry coating thickness on fennel ( $H_{avg}$ ) as function of SC concentration.

Sample	$\rho$ (g·cm <sup>-3</sup> )	$K$	$h_{avg}$ (μm)	$\rho_f$ (g·cm <sup>-3</sup> )	$H_{avg}$ (μm)
SC 4%	0.98	13	18	1.14	0.61
SC 8%	0.96	1.91	33	1.33	1.90
SC 10%	0.94	0.92	36	1.35	2.52
SC 12%	0.93	0.97	74	1.37	6.06
SC 14%	0.92	0.58	78	1.40	7.20

# Respiration rate and Transpiration rate of MP Fennel







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Improving physical properties of sodium caseinate based coating with the optimal formulation: Effect on strawberries' respiration and transpiration rates

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**Obiettivo:**

Ottimizzare le proprietà barriera dei coating per controllare i processi di senescenza dei frutti

**Table 1**  
Formulations of the analyzed samples.

Samples	Composition				
	T (%)	S (%)	T:S	BW (%)	GG (%)
1 <sup>a</sup>	0	0	0	1	0.2
2 <sup>a</sup>	0	0	0	1	0.4
3 <sup>a</sup>	0	0	0	2	0.2
4 <sup>a</sup>	0	0	0	2	0.4
5 <sup>b</sup>	0.063	0.187	1:3	1	0.2
6 <sup>b</sup>	0.063	0.187	1:3	1	0.4
7 <sup>b</sup>	0.125	0.375	1:3	2	0.2
8 <sup>b</sup>	0.125	0.375	1:3	2	0.4
9 <sup>c</sup>	0.125	0.125	1:1	1	0.2
10 <sup>c</sup>	0.125	0.125	1:1	1	0.4
11 <sup>c</sup>	0.25	0.25	1:1	2	0.2
12 <sup>c</sup>	0.25	0.25	1:1	2	0.4
13 <sup>d</sup>	0.187	0.063	3:1	1	0.2
14 <sup>d</sup>	0.187	0.063	3:1	1	0.4
15 <sup>d</sup>	0.375	0.125	3:1	2	0.2
16 <sup>d</sup>	0.375	0.125	3:1	2	0.4

T: Tween 80; S: Span 80; BW: Beeswax; GG: Guar gum; a: no surfactant; b:HLB: 7; c: HLB = 9.2; d: HLB = 12.5.

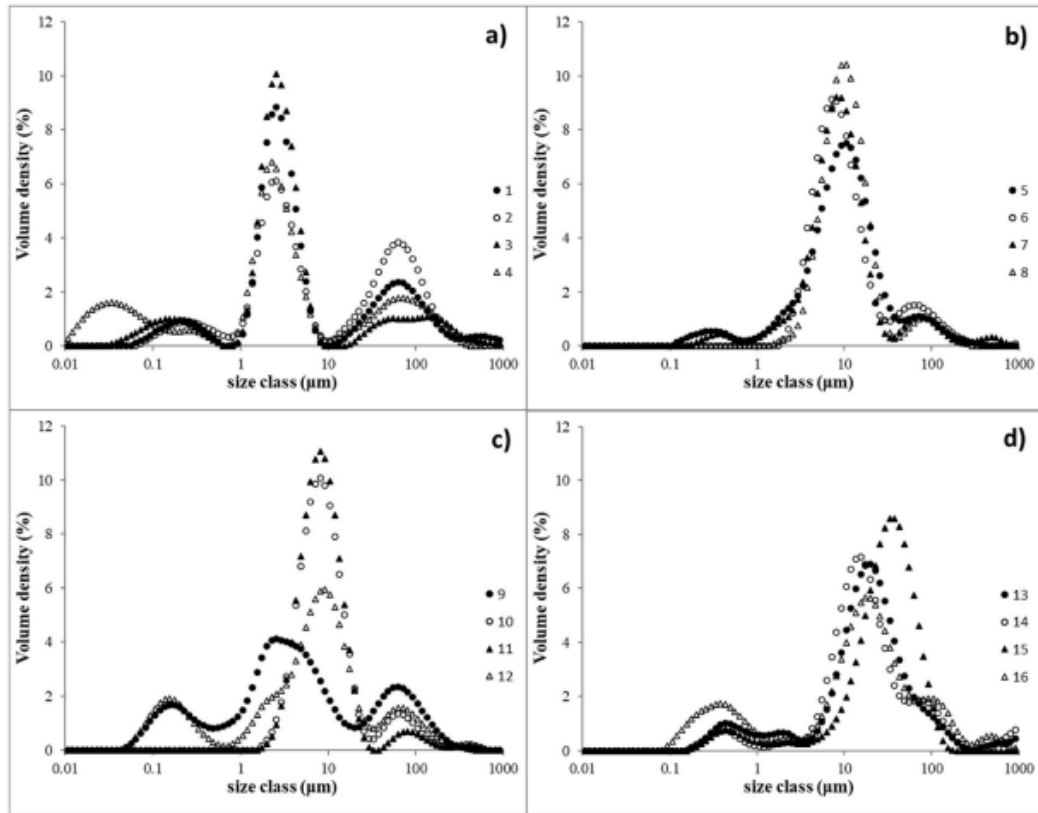


Fig. 1. Particle size distributions of 16 formulations. a) formulations 1–4, without surfactants; b) formulations, with surfactants HLB 7; c) formulations 9–12, with surfactants HLB 9.2; d) formulations 13–16, with surfactants, HLB 12.5.

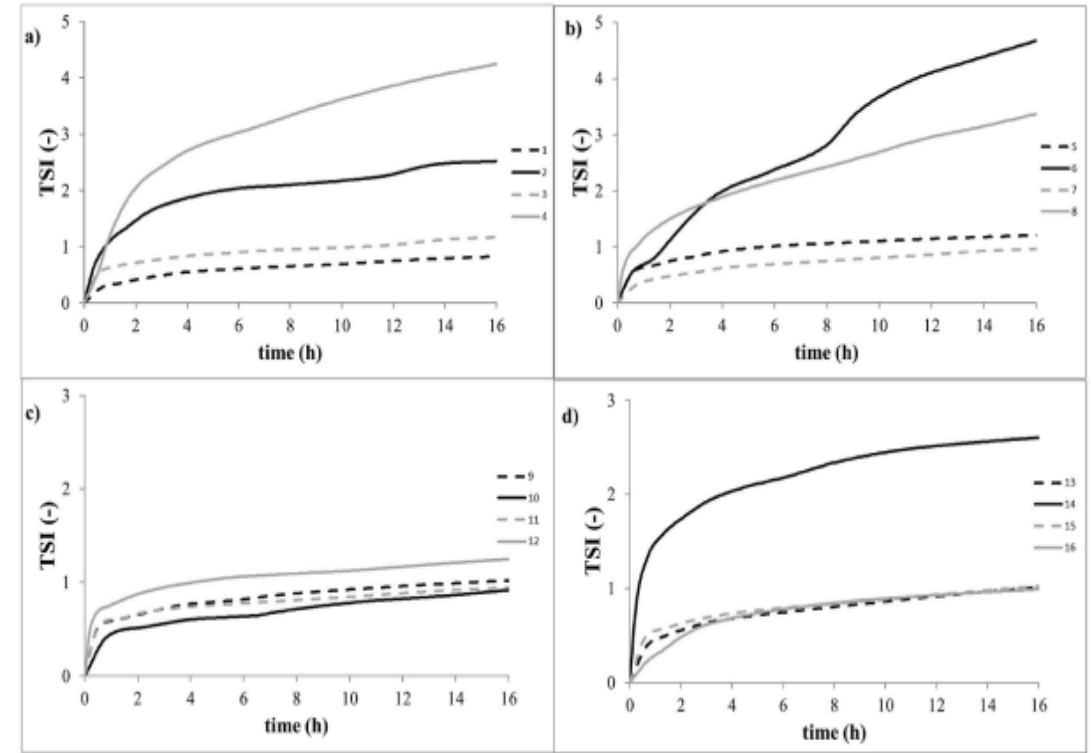


Fig. 3. Global Turbiscan stability index (TSI) vs time. a) formulations 1–4, without surfactants; b) formulations, with surfactants HLB 7; c) formulations 9–12, with surfactants HLB 9.2; d) formulations 13–16, with surfactants, HLB 12.5.

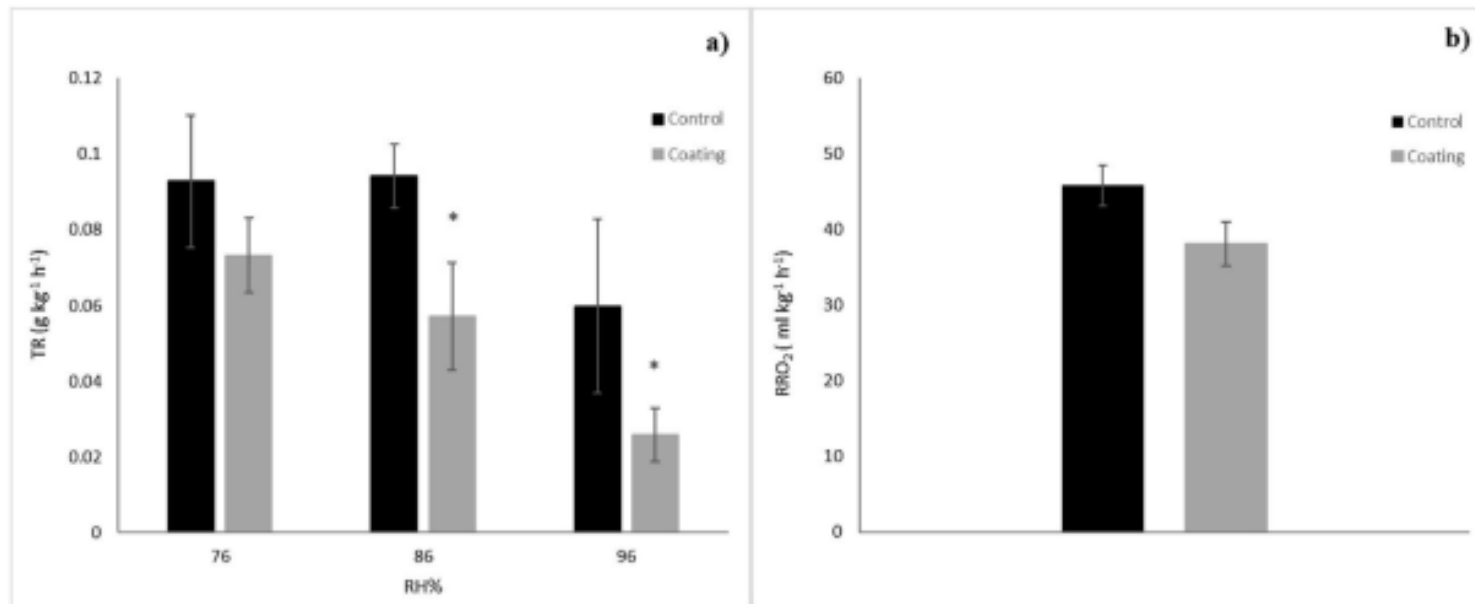
Samples with an **HLB of 9.2** were selected for their physical stability and their optimal PSD properties (narrow and small particle size distribution of the fat phase).

**Table 4**

Colorimetric parameters ( $L^a$ ,  $a^a$ ,  $b^a$ ,  $\Delta E$ ), thickness, moisture content (MC) and water vapor barrier properties of films obtained from samples 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Samples	$L^a$	$a^a$	$b^a$	$\Delta E$	Thickness (mm)	$^a$ MC %	WVTR ( $\text{g m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$ )	WVP ( $\times 10^{-11}$ ) ( $\text{g m}^{-1} \text{ sec}^{-1} \text{ Pa}^{-1}$ )
9	$95.6 \pm 0.3^b$	$0.83 \pm 0.03^d$	$5.6 \pm 0.2^a$	$4.2 \pm 0.9$	$0.036 \pm 0.005^a$	8.7	$166 \pm 14^b$	$7.0 \pm 0.3^c$
10	$95.1 \pm 0.2^a$	$1.15 \pm 0.07^c$	$6.7 \pm 0.1^b$	$5.4 \pm 0.6$	$0.076 \pm 0.005^b$	8.4	$59 \pm 17^a$	$2.7 \pm 0.7^a$
11	$95.2 \pm 0.5^{ab}$	$1.43 \pm 0.07^b$	$8.2 \pm 0.2^c$	$7 \pm 1$	$0.068 \pm 0.005^c$	7	$75 \pm 17^a$	$3.4 \pm 0.9^{ab}$
12	$95.61 \pm 0.06^b$	$1.88 \pm 0.01^a$	$8.9 \pm 0.1^d$	$7.5 \pm 0.7$	$0.081 \pm 0.005^d$	7	$86 \pm 15^a$	$4.1 \pm 0.6^b$

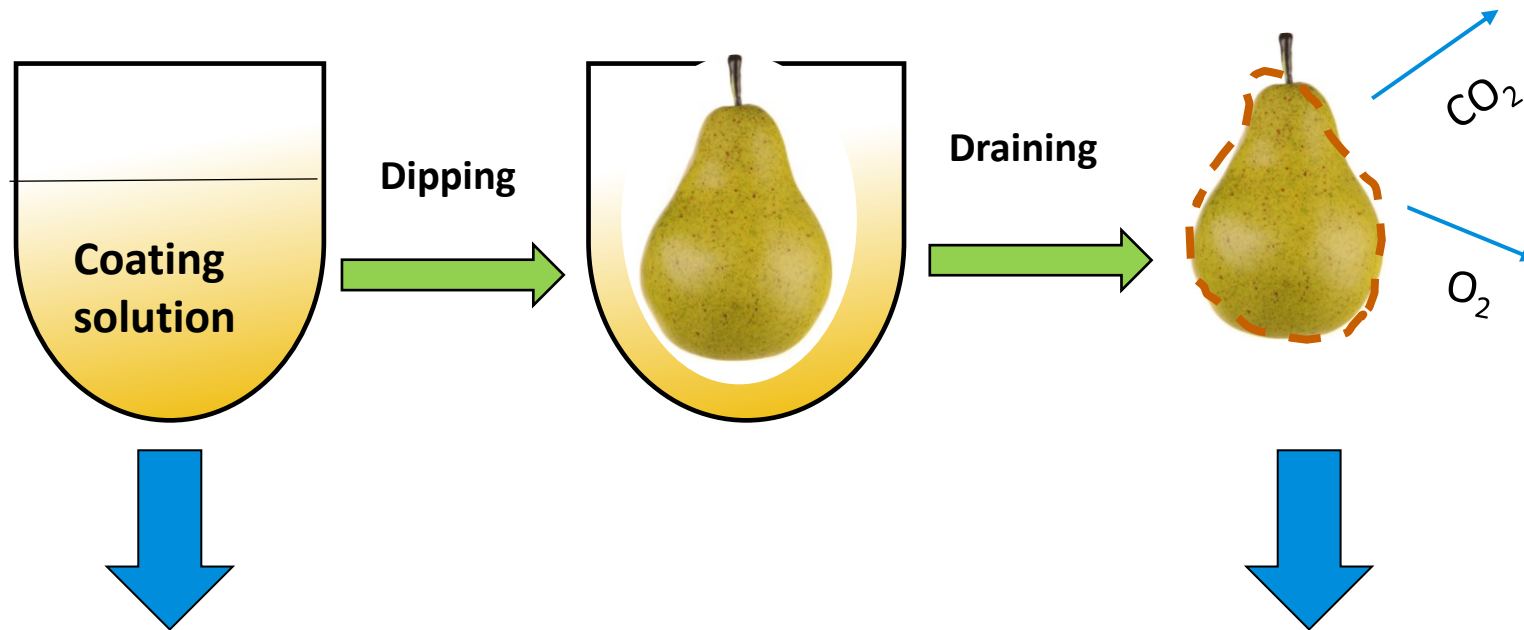
<sup>a</sup> Measured after equilibrium at 50% of relative humidity.



**Fig. 5.** Transpiration rate of coated and control strawberries expressed in  $\text{g kg}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$  at 4 °C and 75%, 86% and 96% RH (a). Respiration rate of coated and control strawberries expressed as  $\text{RRO}_2$  ( $\text{ml kg}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$ ) calculated at 4 °C (b).

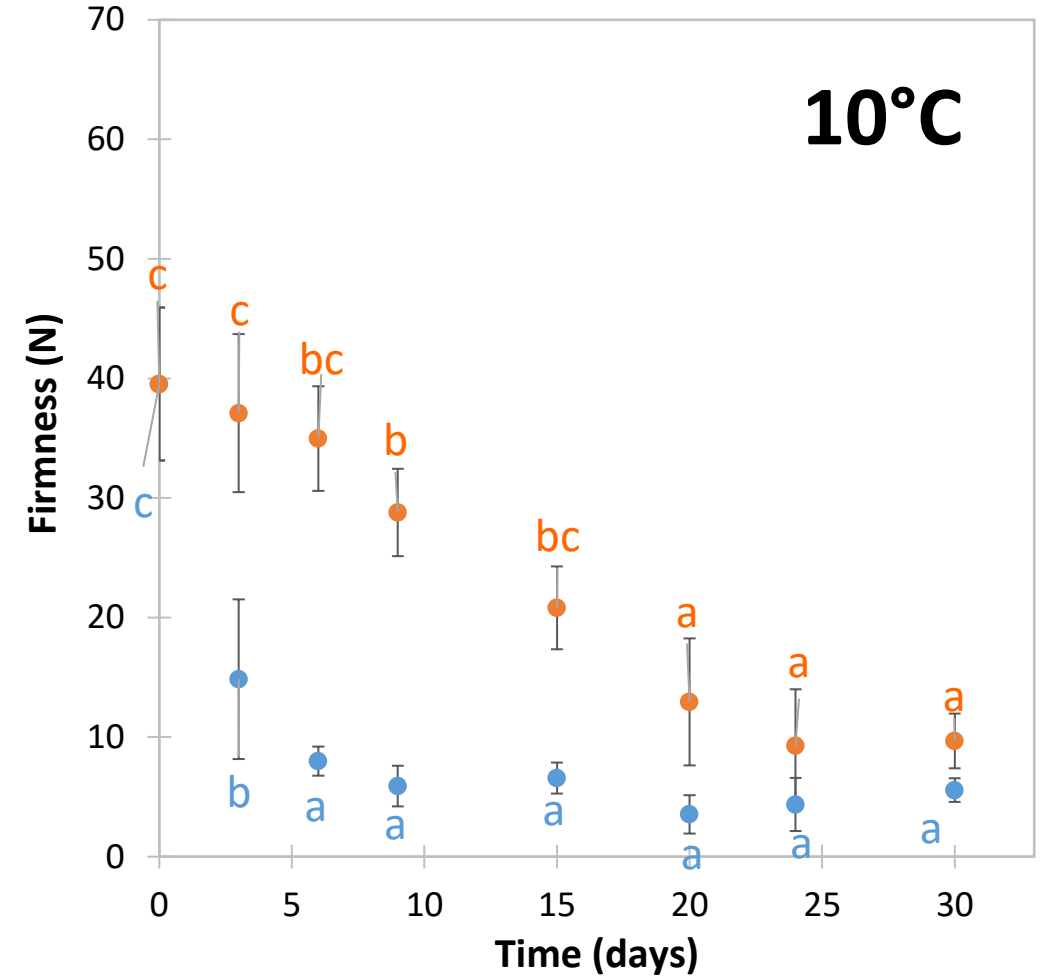
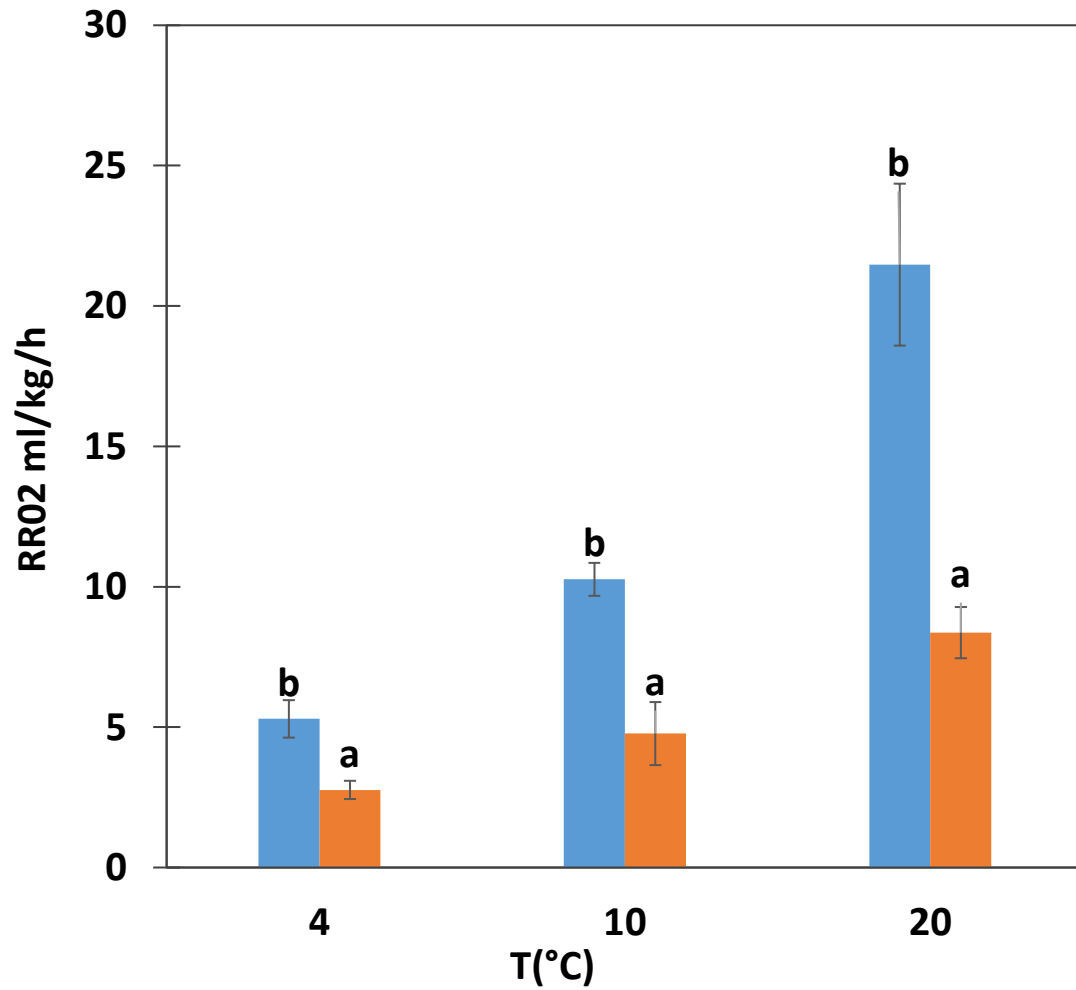
The average liquid thickness (havg) and the dry coating thickness estimated on strawberries (Havg) were found to be  $63 \pm 8 \mu\text{m}$  and  $4,5 \pm 0.6 \mu\text{m}$ , respectively.

# Coating attivi antiossidanti



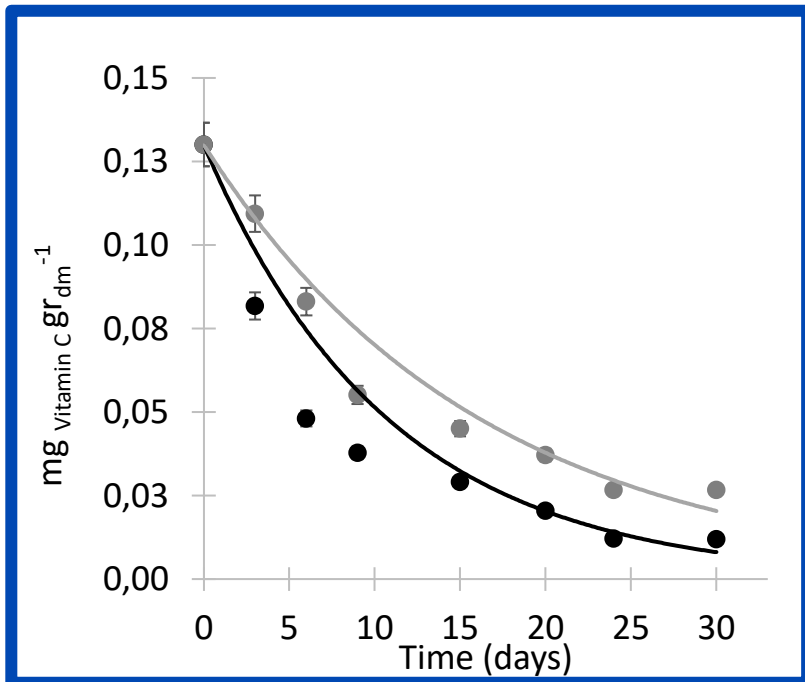
- Sodium caseinate
- Guar gum
- Beeswax
- Tween 80-Span 80
- Propyl gallate

Shelf life estimation at  
20°C and 10°C at RH  
70%



pears control ( ● ) and with coating ( ● )

T (°C)	Samples	Firmness	Total antioxidant capacity	Total polyphenols content	Vitamin C content
		k (Day <sup>-1</sup> )			
10	Control	0.291±0.034 <sup>b</sup>	0.081±0.022 <sup>b</sup>	0.035±0.005 <sup>b</sup>	0.115±0.005 <sup>b</sup>
	Active	0.044±0.005 <sup>a</sup>	0.016±0.043 <sup>a</sup>	0.016±0.004 <sup>a</sup>	0.068±0.003 <sup>a</sup>
20	Control	0.626±0.049 <sup>b</sup>	0.078±0.008 <sup>b</sup>	0.149±0.004 <sup>b</sup>	0.523±0.064 <sup>b</sup>
	Active	0.031±0.008 <sup>a</sup>	0.062±0.001 <sup>a</sup>	0.077±0.006 <sup>a</sup>	0.129±0.002 <sup>a</sup>



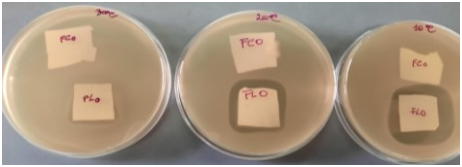
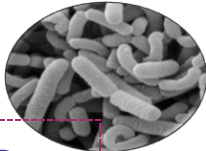
Nutritional properties	Time of 60% reduction (days)			
	10°C		20°C	
	Control	Active	Control	Active
Antioxidant (mg TROLOX/g dm)	6	30	6	15
Polyphenol (mg GAE/g dm)	15	-	7	15
Vit C (mg/g)	6	15	1	3

# Coating attivi antimicrobici



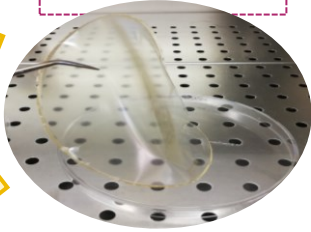
Sodium caseinate + Guar gum + Beewax + m-MRS broth

Lactobacillus curvatus 54M16

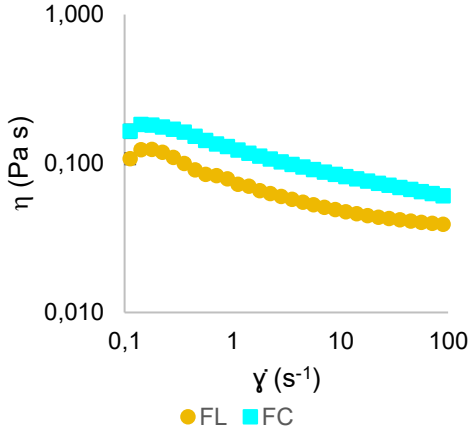


Antilisterial activity

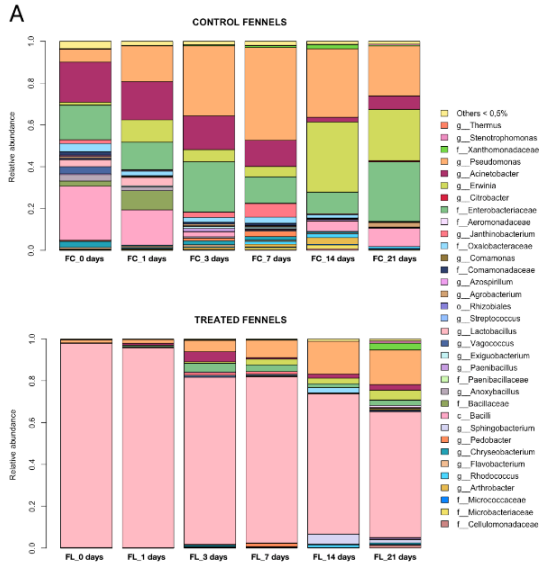
Bioactive film



Bioactive coating



Sample	Tensile properties			WVP x 10 <sup>11</sup> (g m <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> Pa <sup>-1</sup> )	Δx (mm)
	EM (Mpa)	TS (Mpa)	ε%		
FC	222±30 <sup>b</sup>	5±1 <sup>b</sup>	4±1 <sup>a</sup>	4.8±0.5 <sup>a</sup>	0.09±0.01 <sup>a</sup>
FL	184±31 <sup>a</sup>	3.7±0.8 <sup>a</sup>	4±1 <sup>a</sup>	5.8±0.7 <sup>b</sup>	0.10±0.02 <sup>b</sup>



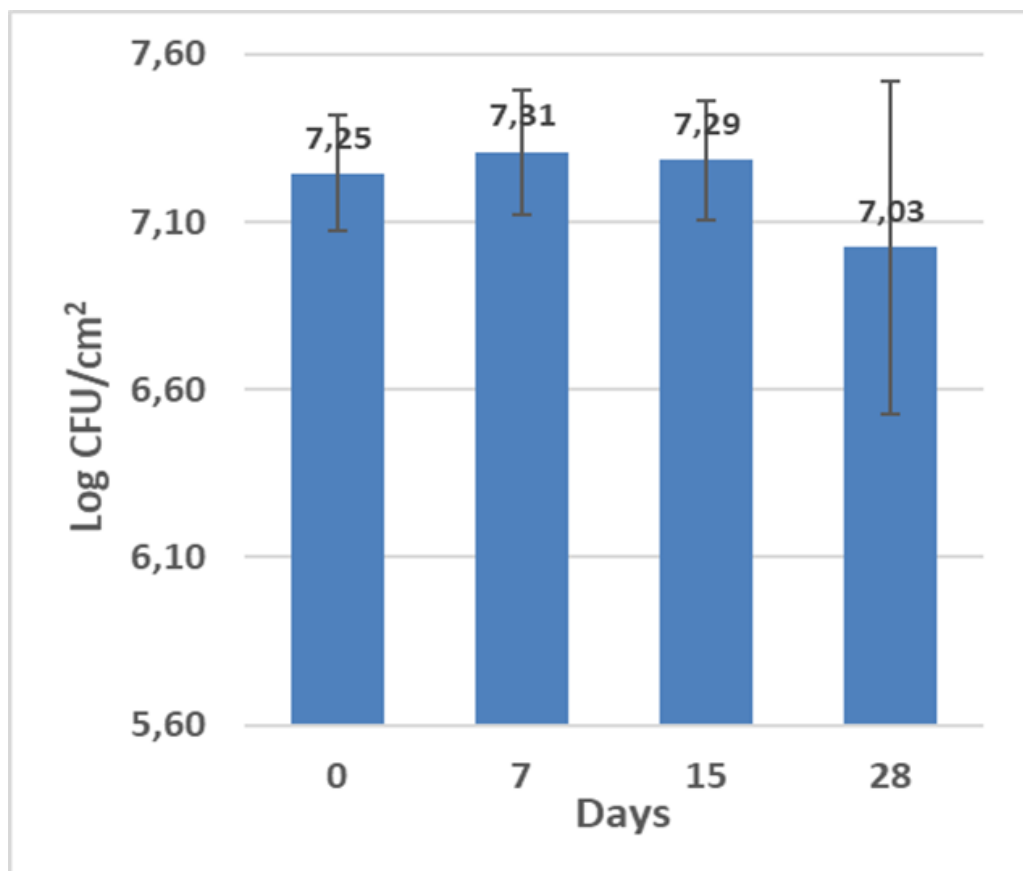
Microbiota composition on fennel during storage

Listeria innocua



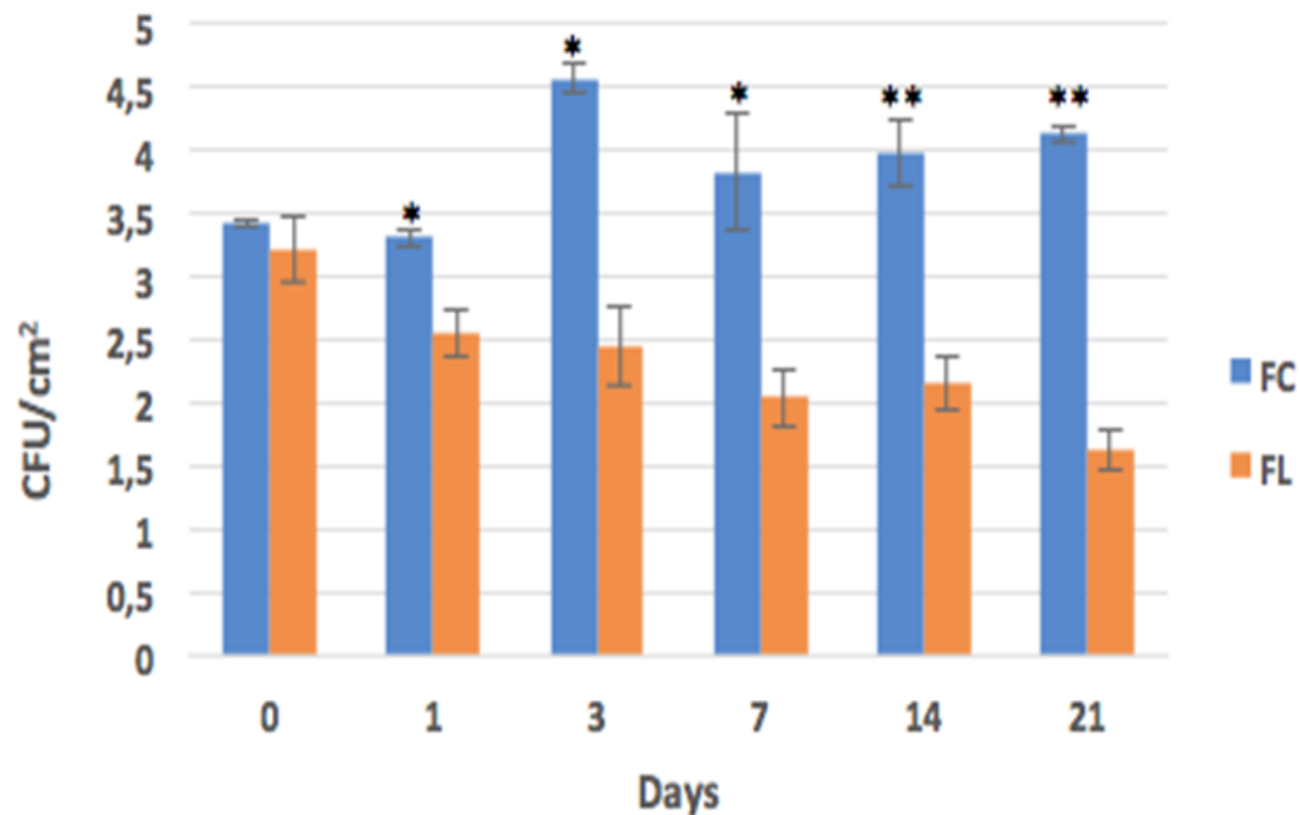
Antimicrobial activity on fennels during storage

Tensile properties, WVP and thickness



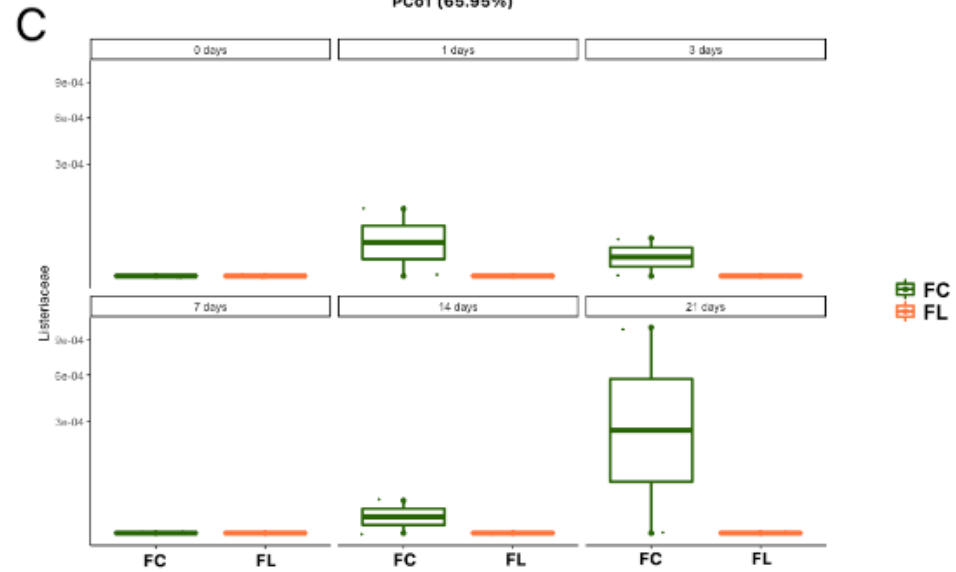
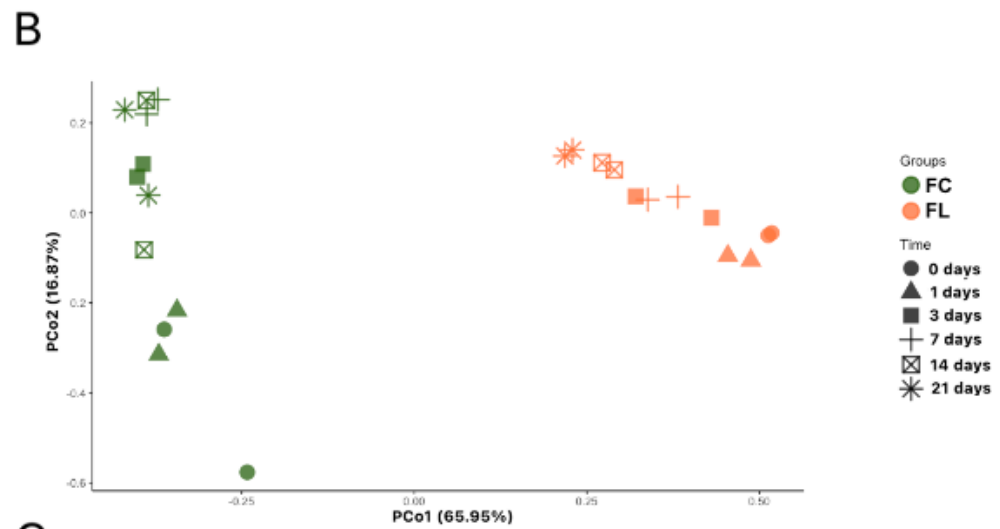
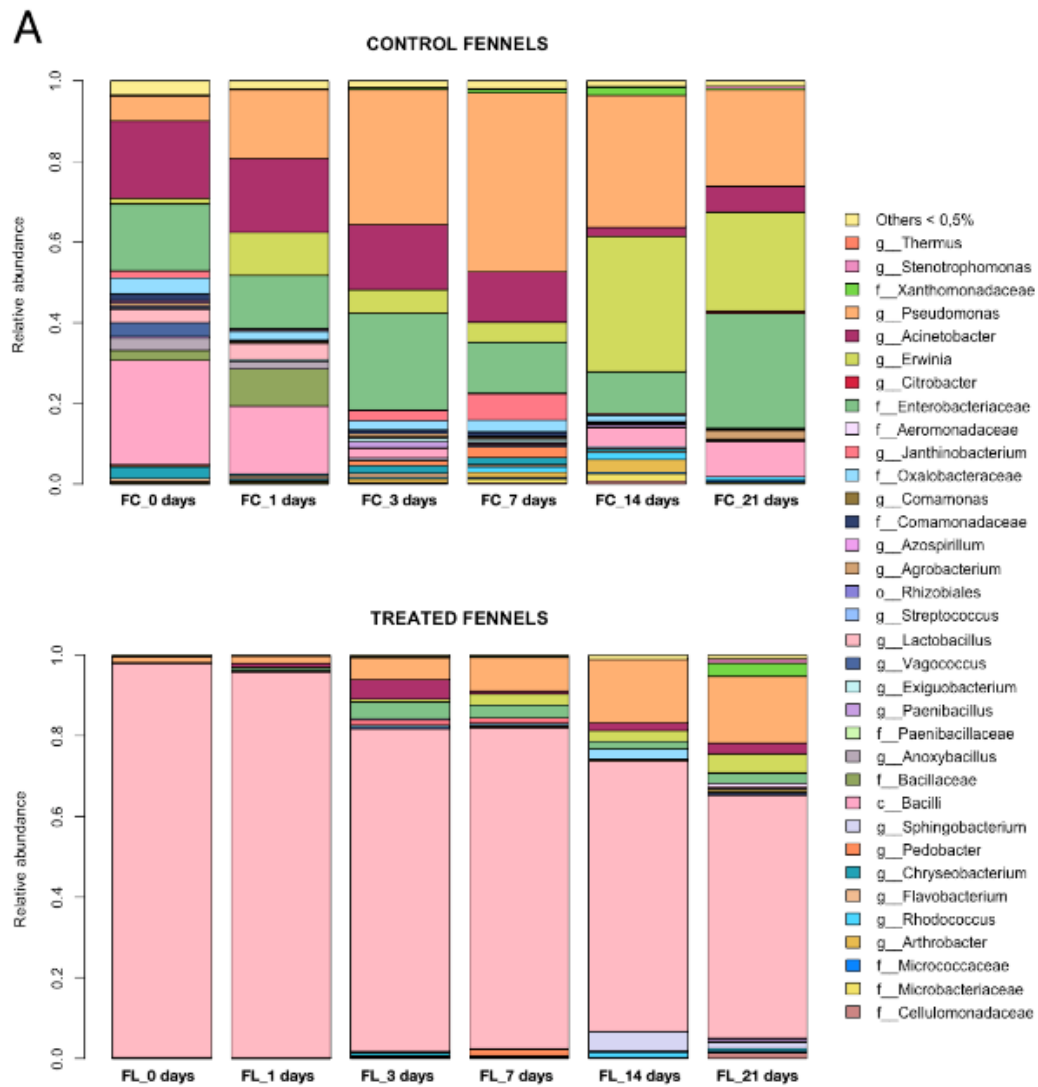
Vitalità di *Lb. curvatus* 54M16 in film a base di caseinato durante la conservazione a 4°C.

### *Listeria* spp. count



Coating +*Lb. curvatus* 54M16 applicati a finocchi MP





The addition of *L. curvatus* 54M16 strongly changed the overall microbiota composition:

- *Aeromonadaceae*, *Enterobacteriaceae*, *Pseudomonas*, and *Acinetobacter* as dominant taxa in fennel
- Microbial diversity dramatically decreased in samples coated with antimicrobial film, that was dominated by *Lactobacillus* sp.

# Prospettive future: Agritech

Agritech: National Research Centre for Agricultural Technologies



Spoke Leader: Università degli Studi di Milano

## 8 - Circular economy in agriculture through waste valorization and recycling

WP

**8.1**

Producing new products to upgrade waste value

**8.2**

Agroenergy production from wastes to reduce energy dependence

**8.3**

Nutrient and organic matter recovery from wastes to reduce the use of agrochemicals and closing waste cycle

**8.4**

Sustainability assessment of the technologies and their integration in agriculture

GOAL

Obtain from organic wastes high-value products with biological properties and technological potential

Promote sustainable agroenergy production by waste valorization through biological and thermochemical approaches, not affecting feed/food production

Produce biofertilizers to support soil fertility and mitigate climate change

Develop a holistic approach to promote sustainability, circularity and integration with agricultural systems

# Prospettive future: Agritech

## SPOKE 8: Circular economy in agriculture through waste valorization and recycling



- WP8.1. – Producing new products to upgrade waste value – Partner Leader: UNIMI**

Task	Deliverable	Involved Partners
T8.1.1 Valorisation of the waste by green chemistry to obtain for high value molecules or new products	D8.1.1 Pilots and prototypes to obtain new products from wastes (M30) D8.1.2 Products obtained and their characterisation (M33)	UNIMI, POLIMI, UNISA, ENEA, UNIPR, UNINA, UNIBO, CNR, POLITO, ENI
T8.1.2 Valorisation of the waste by biotechnology processes to obtain for high value molecules or new products		UNIMI, UNIPR, UNINA, UNIBO, CNR, POLITO, ENI
T8.1.3 Valorisation of the waste to obtain biomaterials		UNIMI, POLIMI, UNISA, ENEA, UNINA, UNIBO, CNR, IRR

**Milestones:** M8.1.1 Preliminary assessment of the products obtained (M12); M8.1.2 Design of technologies, bio-technologies and infrastructures (M24)

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