

# Microbial and additive formulations for enhanced bioremediation and biotreatments

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## BIOSURFACTANTS producer strain *Rhodococcus sp.* HFO180-S2B (réf. Collection Madep N° TB-4058)



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**Integrated Biotechnological Solutions  
for Combating Marine Oil Spills**



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# Biosurfactants and their applications

- Biosurfactants can be defined as **surface-active biomolecules produced by microorganisms** with a wide-range of applications.
- When compared to chemical or synthetic surfactants, **biosurfactants gained several advantages** including their biodegradability and ecological biocompatibility.
- Due to their unique functional properties, biosurfactants were **used in several industries** including :
  - ✓ organic chemicals,
  - ✓ petroleum and petrochemicals,
  - ✓ mining and metallurgy (mainly bioleaching),
  - ✓ agrochemicals and fertilizers,
  - ✓ foods and beverages,
  - ✓ cosmetics and pharmaceuticals,
  - ✓ and many others....
- They can be used as emulsifiers as well as **de-emulsifiers, wetting agents, foaming agents, spreading agents, functional food ingredients and detergents.**
- The biosurfactants can be used in **environmental cleanup** by biodegradation and detoxification of industrial effluents and in **bioremediation** of contaminated soil.

## Colonies of the strain on solid medium

- The strain *Rhodococcus erythropolis* HFO-S2B (MADEP) has excellent abilities to solubilize (by biosurfactants production) and to degrade HFO-180 and DANSK crude oils.



- Colonies of HFO-S2B on TSA (Tryptone Soya Agar, after 3-4 days)

## Physiological properties

Physiological parameters tested	Results
Growth temperature	5°C to 37°C (optimum 20-30°C)
PH growth	5 to 9 (optimum 7 to 8,2)
Anaerobic growth	No
Growth on basal mineral medium + 33 g NaCl + 1-20g / l simple organic compounds (lactate, dextrose, glycerol)	Good
Growth and degradation of various types of vegetable oils (colza or rapeseed, soybean, olive, coconut, linseed, sunflower, nut, peanut, grape seed, sesame, safflower).	Good
Degradation and solubilization of heating oil and dielectric oil.	Good
Solubilisation of PAH's (chrysene, benzo-a-pyrene, benzo-a-anthracene) and PCB (Aroclor 1260)	Good
Binding capacity (biofilm formation) on Kaldnes K1 Media	Good

# Strong solubilization of PAH`s, PCB and dielectric oil

Biomass inoculated at startup : 10-20 millions CFU HFO-S2B/ml.

(Cells taken from a petri dish, Tryptone Soya Agar medium).

Medium and pollutants : Mineral basal medium with 1 g/l of PCB or Aroclor 1260, chrysene, benzo(a)pyrene, benzo(a)anthracene, and 5 g/l of dielectric oil.

Incubation : Under magnetic stirring 250 rpm, at 20°C during 14 days for PCB, chrysene, benzo(a)pyrene, benzo(a)anthracene, and 5 days for dielectric oil.

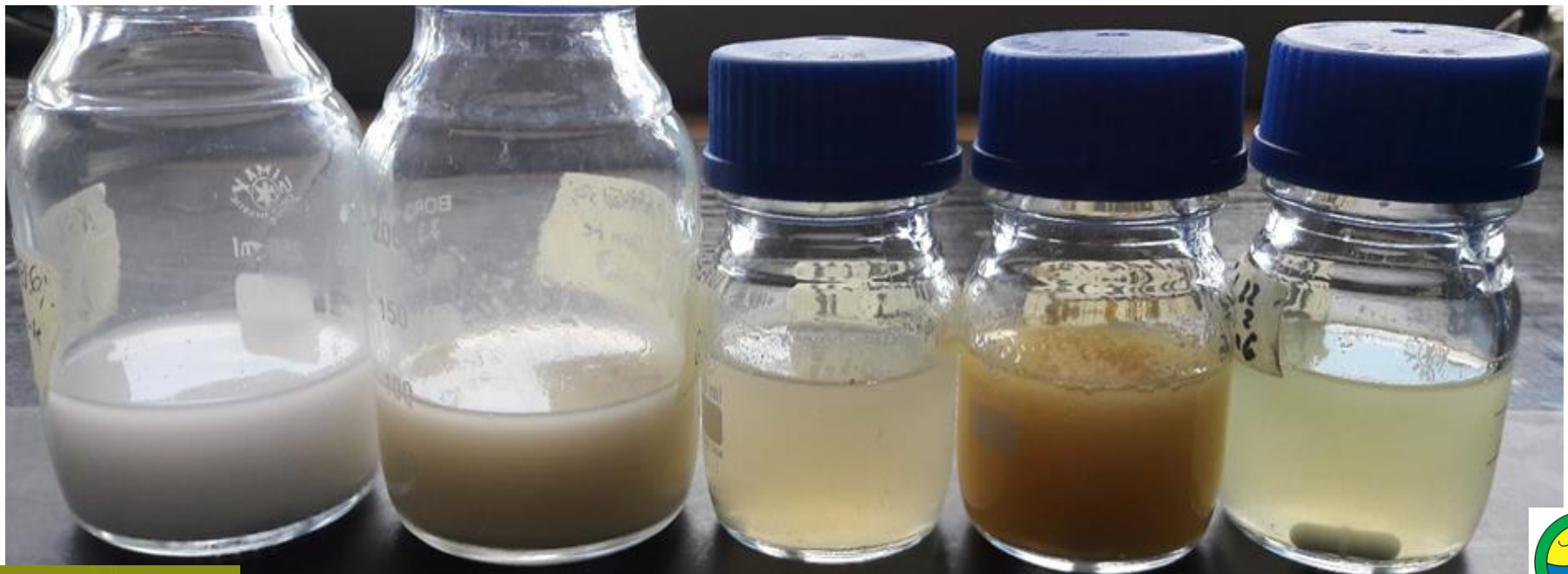
**PCB (Aroclor 1260)**

**Dielectric oil**

**Chrysene**

**Benzo(a)pyrene**

**Benzo(a)anthracene**



*Rhodococcus sp.* HFO180-S2B (Madep)

## Very speed solubilization of heating oil

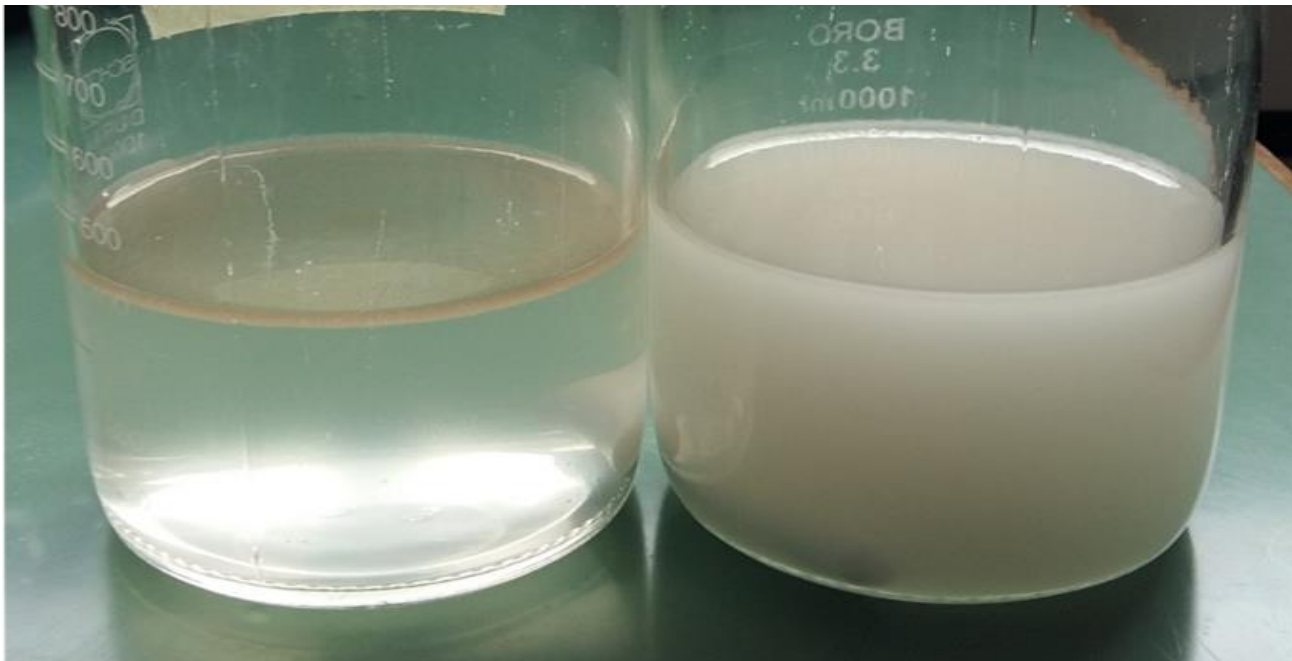
Biomass inoculated at startup: 100-120 millions CFU strain HFO-S2B/ml  
(Cells taken from a petri dish, Typtone Soya Agar medium).

Conditions + pollutant: Basal mineral medium + 10 g/l heating oil.

Incubation: Under magnetic stirring 750 rpm, at 20°C during 4 hours.

**WITHOUT strain HFO-S2B**

**WITH strain HFO-S2B**



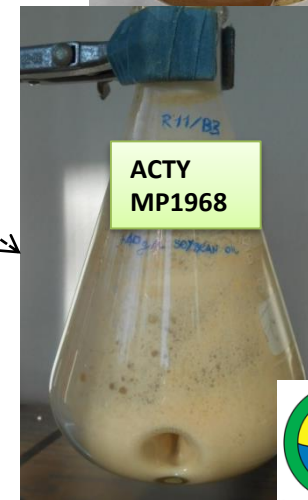
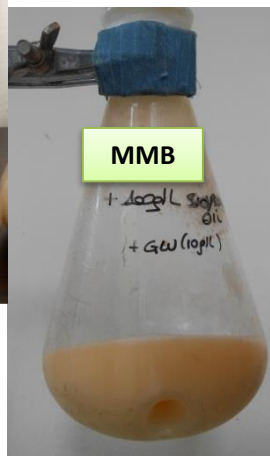
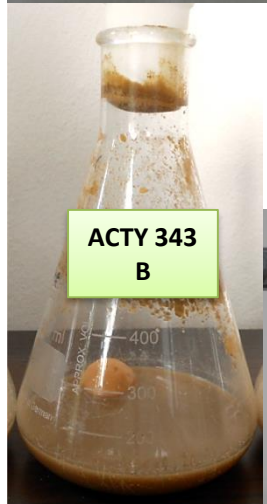
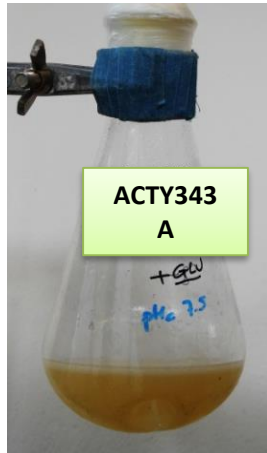
# Very speed washing heating oil from soil

Stirring time (min) 0,5 Kg soil + 1 l tap water	Residual HC in washed soil (Index C10-C40, ppm)	Residual HC in washed soil (Index C10-C40, ppm)
	WITHOUT strain HFO-S2B	WITH strain HFO-S2B
0	3'150 (0 %)	3'150 (0 %)
5	3'030 (6 %)	1'020 (69 %)
15	3'010 (7 %)	602 (82 %)
30	2'980 (8 %)	555 (83 %)
60	2'955 (8 %)	490 (85 %)

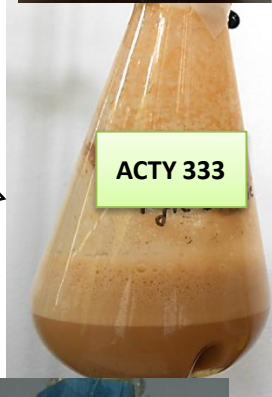
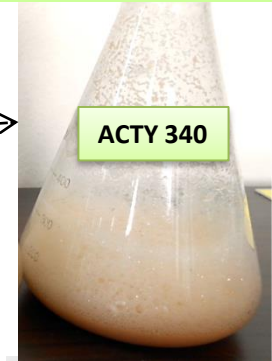
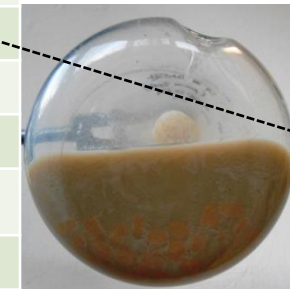
- In brackets the % oil washed.
- HC = total hydrocarbons (heating oil).
- Tests carried out on thin part of soils (sieved to 0.2 mm).
- Biomass used : culture of *Rhodococcus* furnished by the partner ACTY produced under biosurfactants conditions/medium (Ref. Actygea Lot # Acty HFO2B-351/001, at  $1.2 \times 10^9$  CFU/ml).
- Biomass added to soils :  $4 \times 10^7$  CFU HFO-S2B/g soil.



# Growth in different production media



Medium	Vegetable Oil	Source C		Ref
ACTY 340	(20 g/l)	Glu	Gly	ACTYMEDAT
ACTY 333	(100 g/l)		Gly	ACTYMEDAT
ACTY MP1968	(100 g/l)		Gly	ACTYMEDAT
ACTY 343/A	(100 g/l)	Glu		ACTYMEDAT
ACTY 343/B	(100 g/l)		Gly	ACTYMEDAT
ACTY 345	(100 g/l)	Glu		ACTYMEDAT
MMB	(100 g/l)	Glu		MADEP (SA)
UChb	(100 g/l)			Uchida (1989)
Rapp	(20 g/l)			Rapp (1979)





# Applications : Emulsification of Solvents and Oils

$El_{24}(\%)$  in Hexadecane



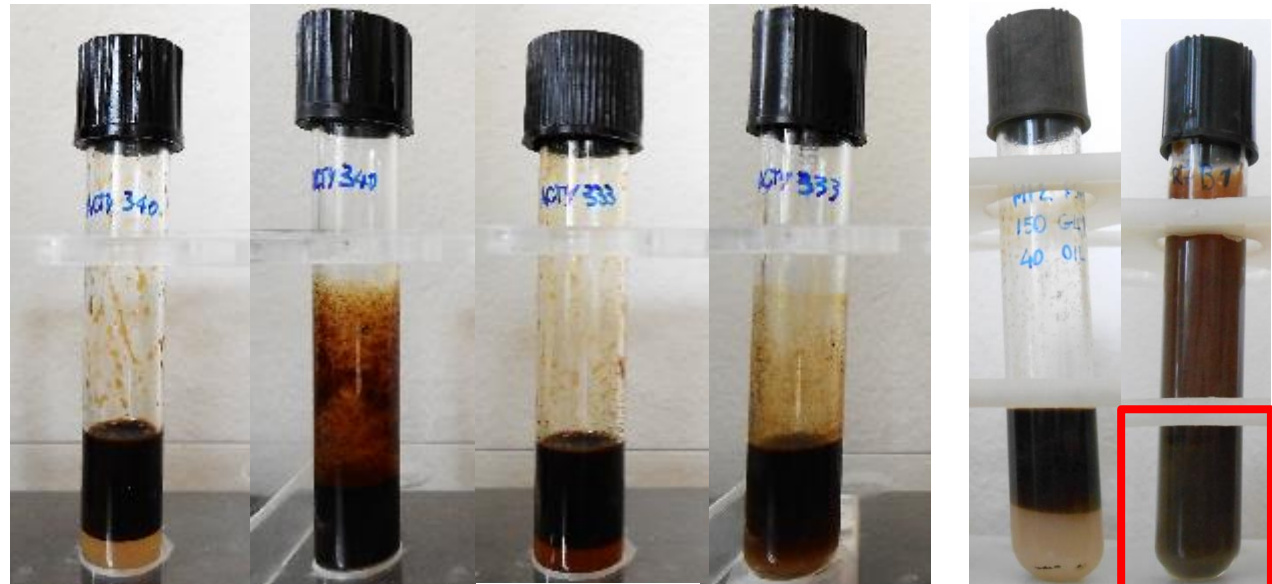
Medium	$El_{24}(\%)$ * hexadecane	$El_{24}(\%)$ * Crude oil
ACTY 340	61	75 +/- 1.4
ACTY 333	63	76 +/- 0.6
ACTY MP1968	68	97 +/- 4.9

$El_{24}(\%)$  in danish crude oil

Acty 340

Acty 333

Acty MP1968



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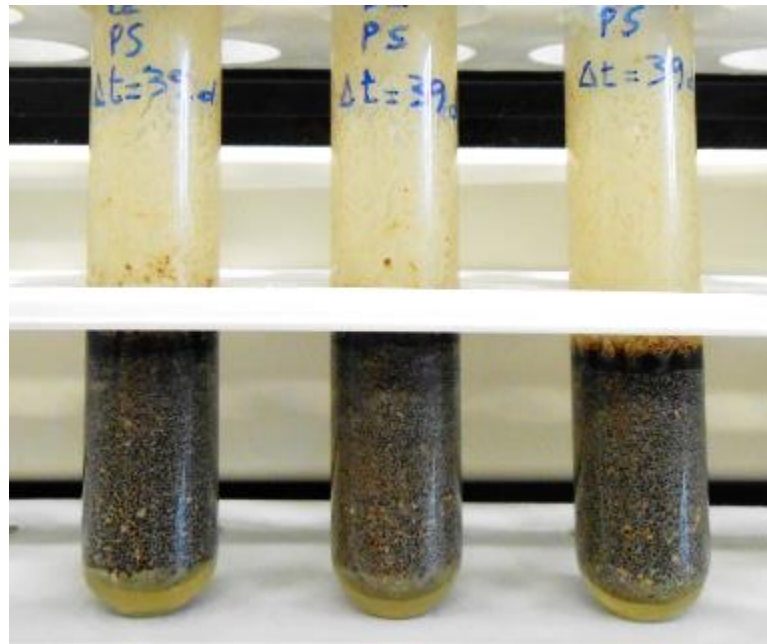
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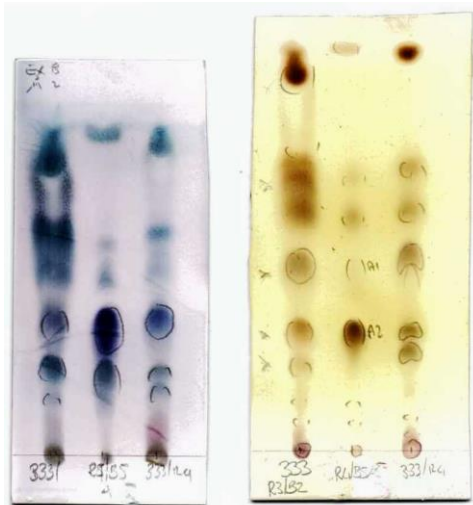
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*El<sub>24</sub>(%) in Danish crude oil*  
Stability of emulsion POST sterilization (39 days/20°C)

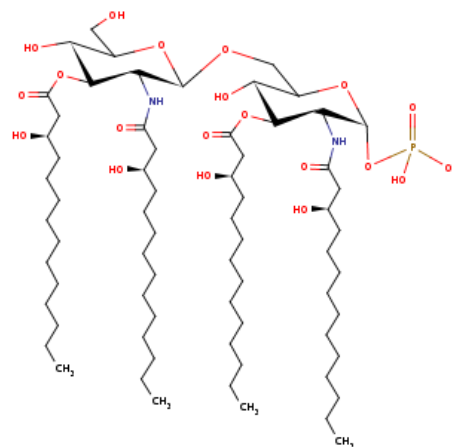
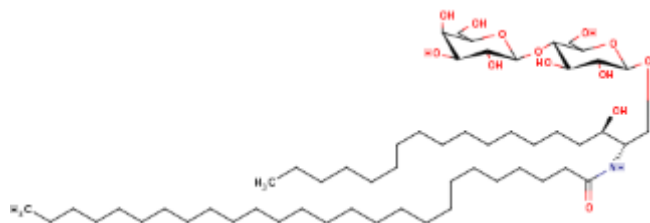
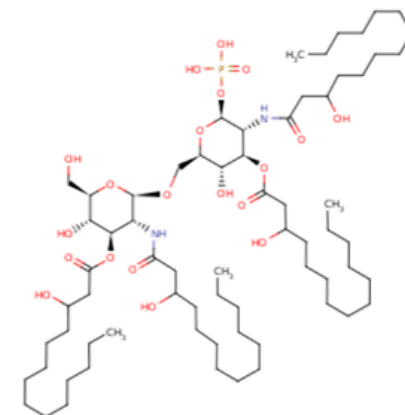
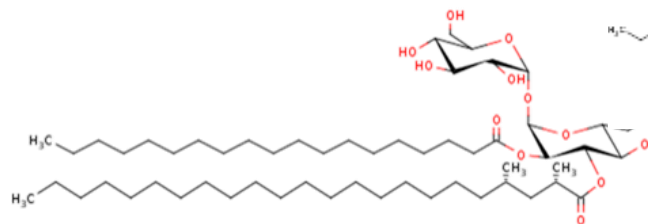
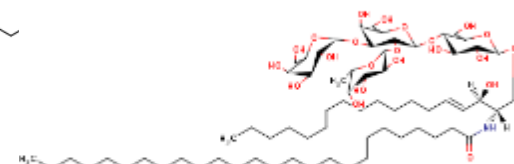
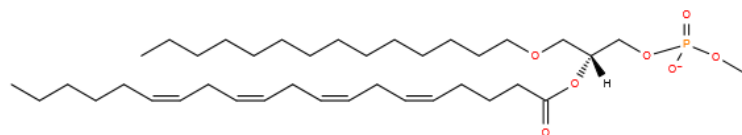
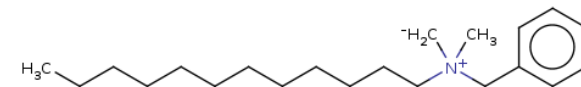
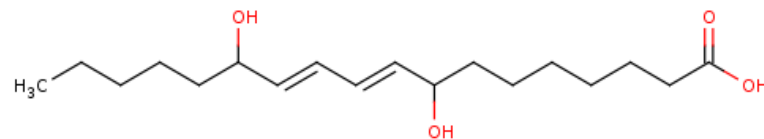


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El <sub>24</sub> (%)	87,0 % +/- 1.51

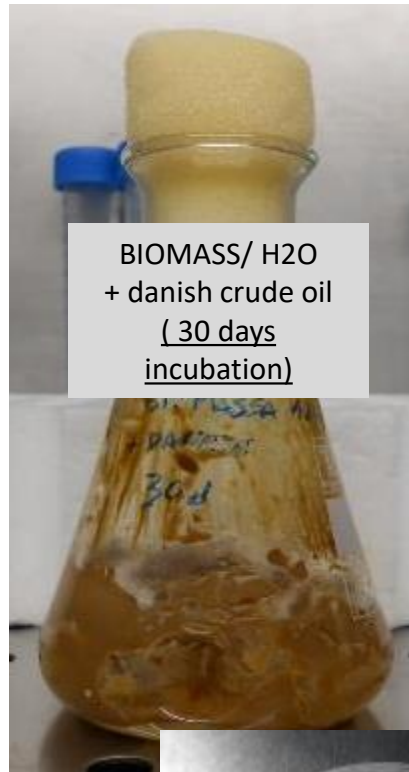
# Applications: Production of surface active biomolecules – MS analysis (in collaboration with CSIC – Madrid)



TLC ANALYSIS OF THE EXTRACT ORGANIC  
VANILLIN REAGENT (LEFT) AND ORCINOL REAGENT (RIGHT)



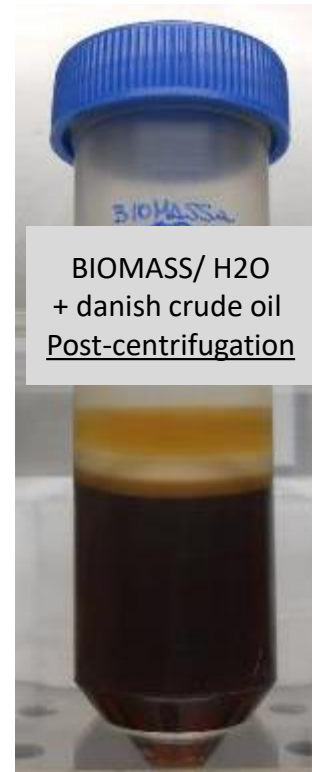
# Applications : Crude oil degradation



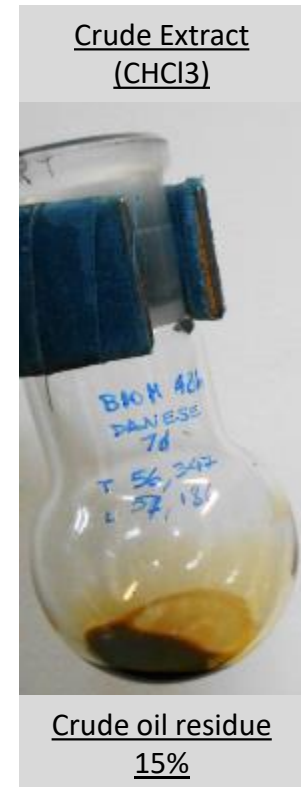
BIOMASS/ H2O  
+ danish crude oil  
( 30 days  
incubation)



BIOMASS/ H2O  
+ danish crude oil  
Pre-centrifugation



BIOMASS/ H2O  
+ danish crude oil  
Post-centrifugation



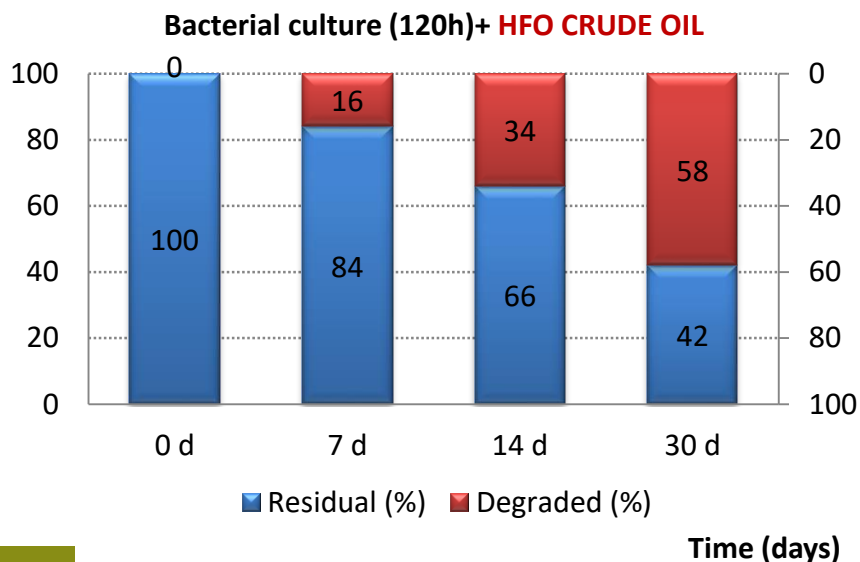
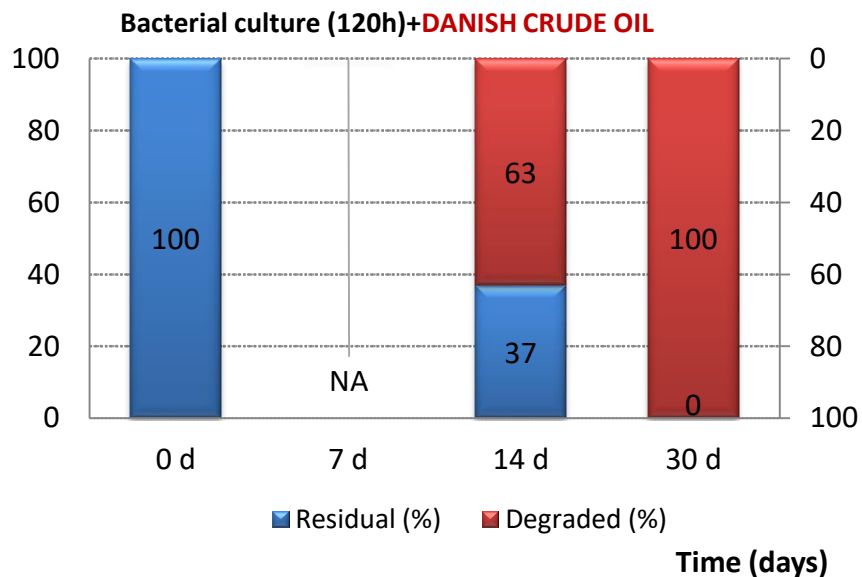
Crude Extract  
(CHCl<sub>3</sub>)

Crude oil residue  
15%



**Viability**  
of the strain  
(at 30 days in crude oil)

# Applications : Crude oil degradation



## PARAMETERS:

MEDIUM: ACTY 333

AGE CULTURE: 120h

BIOMASS = BIOMASS 125 g/L

CRUDE OIL = 50 g/L

INCUBATION: 28°C/200 RPM

\*LIGHT CRUDE OIL (DANISH)

\*\*HEAVY CRUDE OIL (HFO)

## The **goal** of ACTYGEA and MADEP

- The goal of ACTYGEA and MADEP is to transfer the biosurfactant-capabilities (\*) of the strain *Rhodococcus* sp. HFO180-S2B into **innovative formulations for environmental and industrial bioprocesses and applications.**

(\*) *These biosurfactants have both hydrophilic and hydrophobic regions.*

*Already available for :*

- Industrial fermentation protocols to **produce large quantities** of the strain HFO180-S214B (ACTYGEA and MADEP).
- **Addition** of the strain HFO180-S2B to **contaminated sites** (soils, wastewater, leachates,...) for the **improvement of solubilisation, bioavailability and biodegradability of hydrophobic pollutants**, such as Crude Oils, PAHs, PCB, ... (MADEP and ACTYGEA).



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