# FuturEnzyme

Technologies of the FUTURe for low-cost ENZYMEs for environment-friendly products

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WP4 - Small-scale enzyme production and characterisation



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# Deliverables

Work package number <sup>9</sup>	WP4	Lead beneficiary <sup>10</sup>	4 - UHAM			
Work package title	Small-scale enzyme production and characterisation					
Start month	1	End month	40			

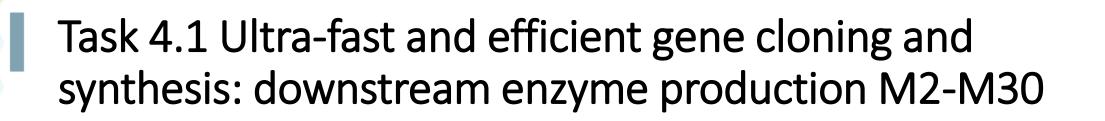
#### Description of work and role of partners

WP4 - Small-scale enzyme production and characterisation [Months: 1-40] UHAM, CSIC, BANGOR, UDUS, IST ID, CNR, FHNW, Bio_Ch, EUCODIS We propose 6 Tasks.
Task 4.1 Ultra-fast and efficient gene cloning and synthesis: downstream enzyme production M2-M30 Task Lead Partner – UHAM Participants: CSIC, BANGOR, UDUS, CNR, EUC
Task 4.2 Smart design systems to obtain enzymes with inherent problems of expression M2-M30 Task Lead Partner – FHNW Participants: CSIC, EUC
Task 4.3 Production of enzymes from their natural hosts M2-M30 Task Lead Partner – CNR Participants: IST-ID, BIO_CH
Task 4.4 Enzyme characterisation for selecting those with manufacturers' specifications M2-M36 Task Lead Partner – UDUS Participants: BANGOR, CSIC, UHAM, FHNW, IST-ID, EUC
Task 4.5 Decision-making strategy for selecting lead enzyme candidates M6-M36 Lead partner – UDUS Participants: BANGOR, UHAM, CSIC, CNR, IST-ID, FHNW, BSC, EUC
Task 4.6 Design of multi-enzyme blends to process complex ingredient mixtures M12-M40 Task Lead Partner – CSIC Participants: BANGOR, UDUS, UHAM, IST-ID

#### Due Deliverable Type<sup>15</sup> **Deliverable Title** Date (in Lead beneficiary Dissemination level<sup>16</sup> Number<sup>14</sup> months)17 Confidential, only for members of the QR barcoding system, consortium (including 3 D4.1 1 - CSIC Other available the Commission Services) The FuturEnzyme Confidential, only Portfolio of 1,000 for members of the final version? D4.2 enzyme (recombinant/ 1 - CSIC consortium (including 16 Other native/biomimetic) the Commission material, obtained Services) Confidential, only for members of the Cell-free expression/ reported system, consortium (including | 16 D4.3 4 - UHAM Other developed the Commission Services) Confidential, only **Biomimetic** protease for members of the consortium (including | 16 D4.4 production system, 9 - FHNW Other the Commission developed Services) Confidential, only At least 9 enzyme crystal D4.5 1 - CSIC 30 Other for members of the structures consortium (including the Commission Services) Confidential, only for members of the The metadata on data sets. consortium (including | 18 expression yield, activity 5 - UDUS D4.6 microdata, etc and stability, available the Commission Services) Confidential, only At least 180 enzymes for members of the (recombinant, native, D4.7 1 - CSIC consortium (including 18 biomimetic) with Other attractive properties, the Commission available Services) Confidential, only for members of the Set of high-performing -1 D4.8 1 - CSIC Other consortium (including 20 multi-enzyme blends the Commission Services) 2

List of deliverables

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- Task Lead Partner UHAM
- Participants: CSIC, BANGOR, UDUS, CNR, EUC

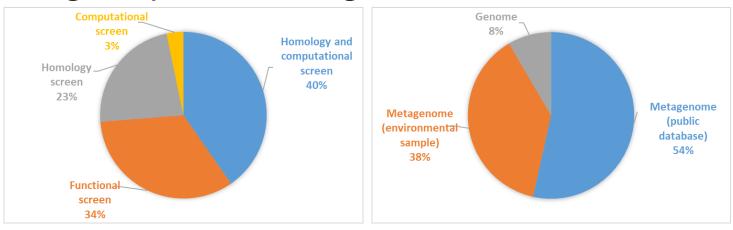


### Task 4.1 Ultra-fast and efficient gene cloning and synthesis: downstream enzyme production M2-M30

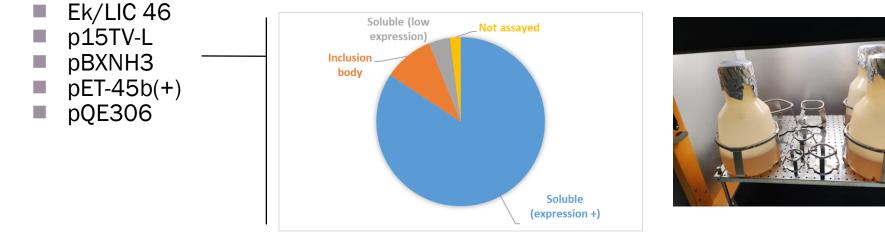




- Actually, CSIC has contributed to the cloning and synthesis of 344 genes
  - Lipases-esterases: 304
  - Hyaluronidases: 16
  - Polyester hydrolases: 10
  - Amidases: 6
  - Amylases: 4
  - PluriZymes: 3
  - Proteases: 1



Expression in *Escherichia coli* (scale: 50 mL, 1 L, 4 L, ... 12 L)









Focus: hydrolases [lipases, esterases, cutinases].



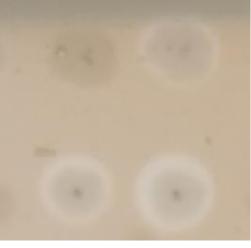


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> Task 4.1 Ultra-fast and efficient gene cloning and synthesis: downstream enzyme production

✓ Esterase & lipase set: first tests for detergent compatibility (Henkel)

- ✓ 60 enzymes out of 85 lipolytic enzymes expressed in active form using *E. coli* in deep well plates for HTS with cell extracts
- ✓ Cutinase-like enzymes productions studies in *B. subtilis* as alternative host to enhance soluble protein yields



*B. subtilis* producing the cutinase-like enzyme Paes\_PEH from a signal peptide library on polyester indicator plates



## WP4 Results obtained by Eucodis



Task 4.1. Ultra-fast and efficient gene cloning and synthesis: downstream enzyme production (M2-30)

**Goal:** Improvement of current expression systems in WP4 to be able to produce enzymes in WP6 in the desired quantities for the downstream partners

### Approach:

- Expression in Pichia pastoris (ongoing, see results on next slides):
  - Design of integration plasmids for faster cloning, establishment of secretion signal/pro-peptide library, fermentation optimization with improved plasmids, new promoters to be tested
- Expression in Corynebacterium glutamicum (planned):
  - Design of integration plasmids for stable integration into genome, Design and test of secretion signal peptide library, antibiotics-free expression for food/cosmetics grade enzymes

## WP4 Results obtained by Eucodis



Task 4.1. Ultra-fast and efficient gene cloning and synthesis: downstream enzyme production (M2-30)

Small scale screening of different Signal Peptides (SPs) using Cal B wildtype and Eucodis lipase 32 as model enzymes:

- Not predictable, which SP is preferred
- Screening necessary
  neg

pos. ctrl: A12/C12/E12/G12 CalB-KREAEA #8 neg. ctrl: B12/D12/F12/H12 Pichia wt

	Units /ml	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
pPichia57ost1_CalBwt	A	0,331	0,385	0,373	0,355	0,355	0,350	0,367	0,358	0,365	0,351	0,374	0,340
pPichia57aMFd5770_CalBwt	В	0,447	0,393	0,393	0,409	0,402	0,363	0,419	0,422	0,413	0,431	0,424	0,008
pPichia57SPshort_CalBwt	С	0,196	0,109	0,128	0,122	0,204	0,121	0,133	0,147	0,111	0,146	0,170	0,290
pPichia57aMF_CalBwt	D	0,346	0,355	0,314	0,282	0,326	0,331	0,356	0,352	0,341	0,355	0,293	0,008
pPichia57ost1_ EL032	E	0,222	0,161	0,154	0,159	0,100	0,093	0,241	0,211	0,243	0,198	0,238	0,292
pPichia57aMFd5770_EL032	F	0,147	0,155	0,089	0,065	0,107	0,058	0,061	0,067	0,058	0,082	0,053	0,010
pPichia57SPshort_ EL032	G	0,071	0,036	0,026	0,058	0,024	0,044	0,029	0,032	0,042	0,039	0,060	0,314
pPichia57aMF_ EL032	Н	0,142	0,089	0,089	0,106	0,150	0,078	0,115	0,110	0,040	0,065	0,044	0,009

> Yields improved by 25-60%. Optimized Pichia Signal

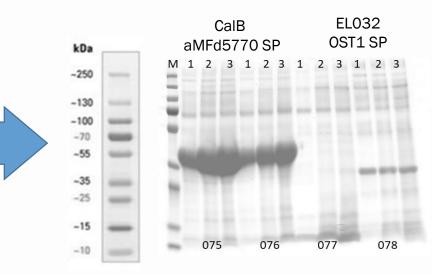
Peptides ready for Consortium enzyme production.

Secreted expression in Fermenters:

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- High yields
- High purity

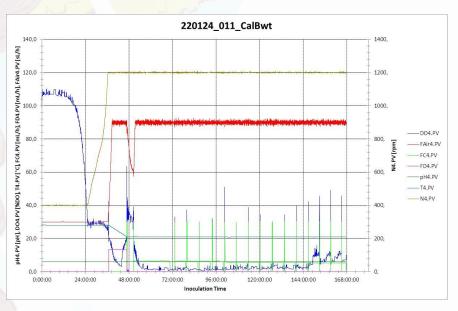


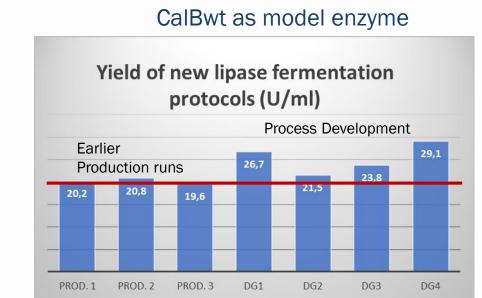
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- Improved Lipase fermentation protocols (using CalB wildtype as model enzyme)
  - Optimized feeding strategy (methanol/glycerol co-feeding)
  - Optimized induction strategy (spiked versus continuous, amounts, time)



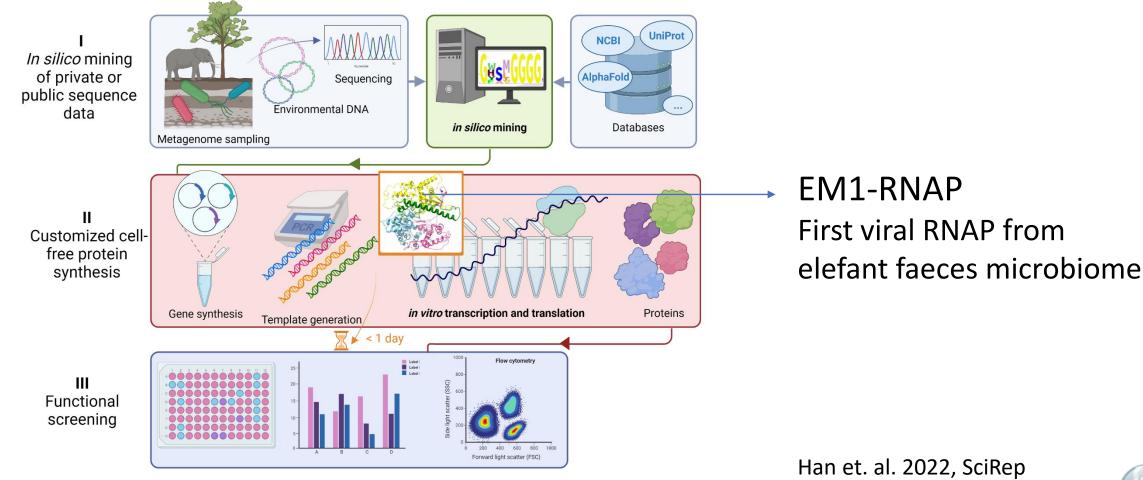


> Yields improved by 50-75%. Optimized Pichia protocols ready for Consortium enzyme production.

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# Task 4.1 Development of a cell-free expression system



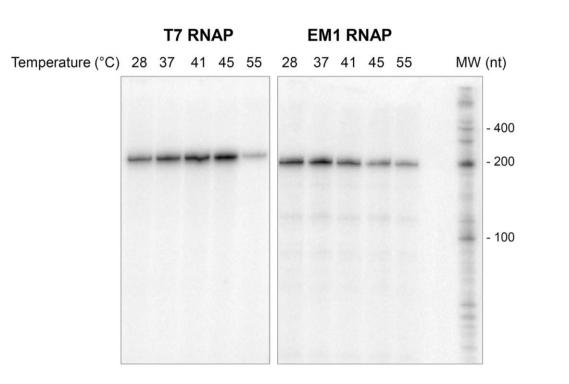


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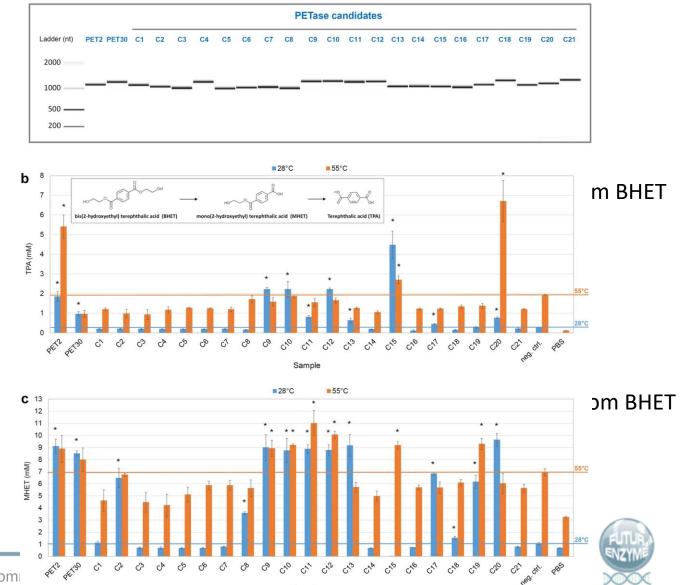




### Task 4.1 Development of a cell-free expression system



Activity equal to T7 RNAP Applicability tested for PETases



Sample

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# Task 4.2 Smart design systems to obtain enzymes with inherent problems of expression M2-M30



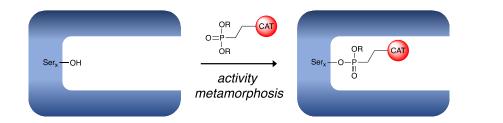
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- Participants: CSIC, EUC



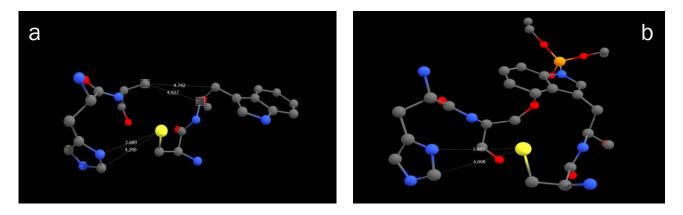
# Ongoing activities

Task 4.2 Smart design systems to obtain enzymes with inherent problems of expression M2-M30

### Design strategy



Artifical protease design - activity metamorphosis through the biocatalytic insertion of a synthetic catalyst in the active site of selected lipases (and other scaffolds). Currently are explored two classes of organocatalysts: serotonin derivative and short peptides; which need to bear phosphoester bonds (suicide inhibitors target for the lipase)



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**Papain : our model protease** – Catalytic diad of papain (left) where Cys25 sulfhydryl function is activated by His159 (distance N-S = 3.7 Å) and catalytic inhibitor proposed (synthesis ongoing) where His and Cys (expected distance N-S = 3.9 Å) residues are attached through a semi-rigid linker (prolyl-indole).





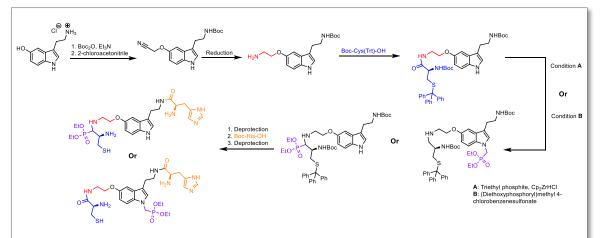
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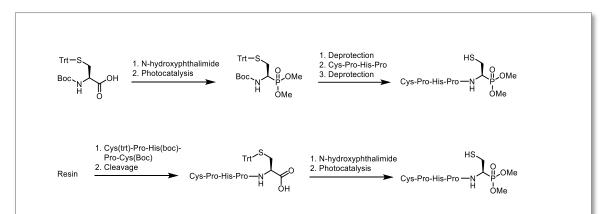


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### Synthetic work



**Catalytic inhibitor synthesis (serotonin derivatives)** – Initially, serotonin is protected by a *t*-butyloxycarbonyl (Boc) group to allow for a regioselective Williamson etherification of the free hydroxyl group followed by the reduction of the cyano moiety introduced to yield the corresponding primary amine. This amine function serves as anchoring point to attach a protected Cys residue. Two phosphorylation pathways are tested along with selective deprotection reactions to yield a catalytic suicide inhibitor.



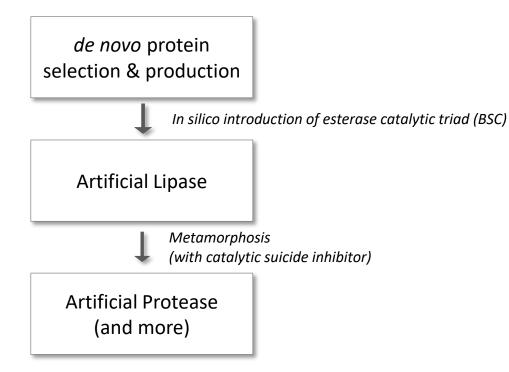
**Catalytic inhibitor synthesis (peptide derivatives)** – A first peptide sequence has been designed and the synthetic challenge lies in the introduction of phosphonate groups at the C-terminus of the peptide. This is carried out using a method recently published based on visible light photocatalysis (Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2022, 61, e202207063). Peptide synthesis is carried out with a newly acquired automatic peptide synthesizer using appropriate protecting groups.

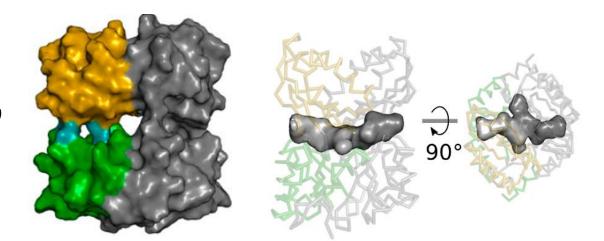


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Beyond lipases: *de novo* protein scaffolds to design artificial proteases





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**Selected** *de novo* **protein** – the selected scaffold displays a large cavity can serve as binding pockets and/or enzymatic reaction chambers. It also display high stability (95 °C, guanidinium chloride 2M) suggesting it should tolerate considerable modification of the residues surrounding the cavities.







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### Work status

- Synthetic inhibitor synthesis is well advanced, and first inhibitors are expected to be available by end of Q4 2022.
- Peptide synthesis is ongoing. Once the phosphorylation reaction is established, a large number of different peptides can be produced.
- All inhibitors produced will be tested for their ability to inhibit *FuturEnzyme* lipases and, further, for their proteolytic activity (model substrates, casein)
- BSC, FHNW and CSIC are working to engineer and endow the selected *de novo* protein with ester hydrolase activity. Different mutants will be produced by FHNW and tested for esterase activity. All inhibitors produced will be tested with the newly engineered esterase.

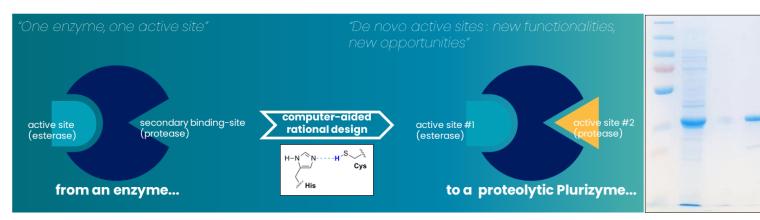


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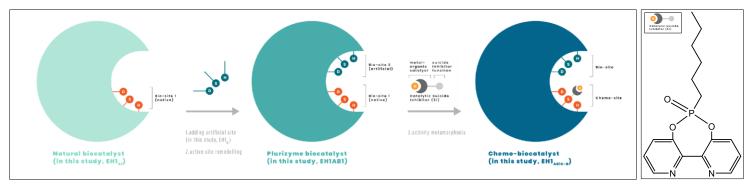
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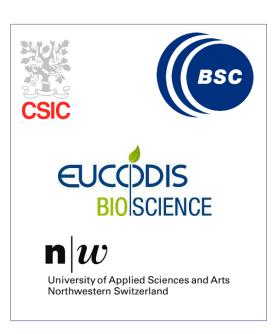
### • CSIC, BSC, EUCODIS, FHMW has contributed to the production of two novel expression systems

PluriZyme system, for producing artificial proteases



Biomimetic system, for producing biomimetic oxidases







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# Task 4.3 Production of enzymes from their natural hosts M2-M30



- Task Lead Partner CNR
- Participants: IST-ID, ACTY



### Task 4.3 Production of enzymes from their natural hosts M2-M30

CNR: Vibrio alginolyticus, the best isolate producing hyaluronidases

Two strains selected

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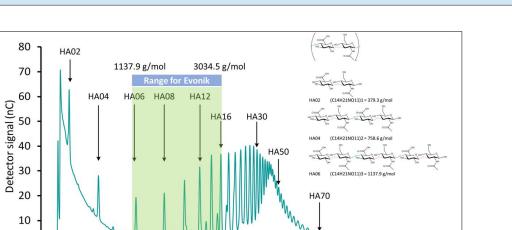
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- Vibrio alginolyticus\_V4
  Basiluzzo submarine hydrothermal field, Panarea Island, Aeolian Archipelago, South Tyrrhenian Sea (38°40.315′N; 15°07.846′E)
- Vibrio alginolyticus\_#23 Lake of Ganzirri, Sicily, Italy (38°15′39.95″N 15°37′01.9″E)

CULTIVATION CONDITION: Artificial seawater Medium supplemented with 0.2% HA



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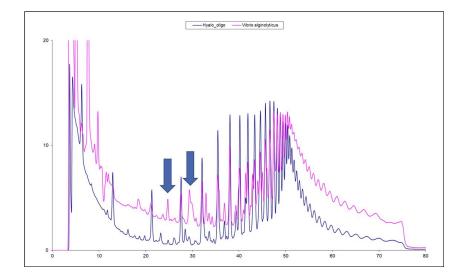
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Time (min)



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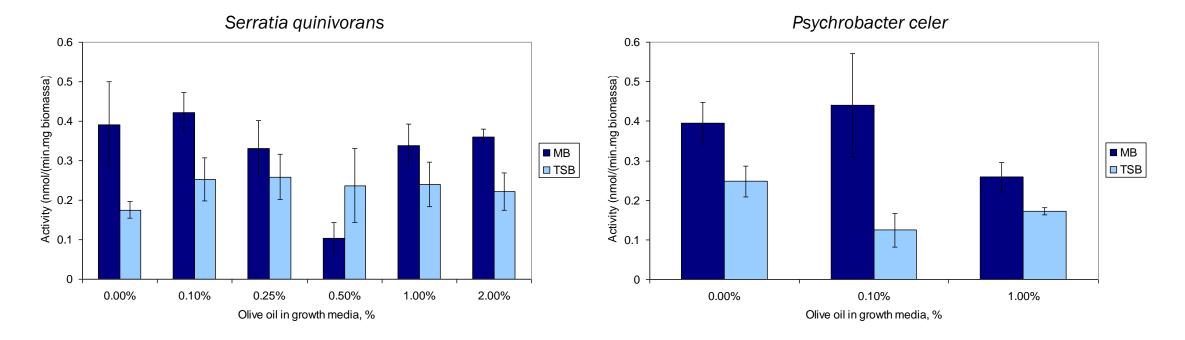


### Task 4.3 Production of enzymes from their natural hosts

conditions for cultivation of microbes for highest enzyme activities; assessment of enzyme performance under industrial relevant conditions; testing enzymes in small scale bioreactors

### Lipases/Esterases

Effect of media composition and olive oil concentration during growth on strain activity



#### MB = marine broth; TSB – tryptic soy broth







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- Task Lead Partner UDUS
- Participants: BANGOR, CSIC, UHAM, FHNW, IST-ID, EUC



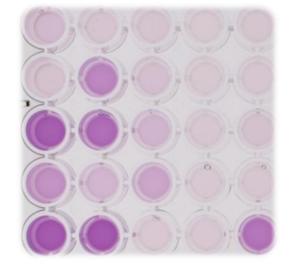








- WP4
  - > Task 4.4 Enzyme characterization for selecting those with manufacturers' specifications
- ✓ Activity screening of esterase/lipase collection with industry-oriented substrates using the NEFA kit
- > Detection of Non-Esterified Fatty Acid (NEFA) in a two-step colorimetric assay
- Substrates: standardized stains of:
  - 1) beef fat on polyester/cotton mix
  - lipstick on polyester/cotton mix 2)
  - 3) collar stain on polyester/cotton mix





Application: Detergents

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Enzyme

PETase

LCC WCCG

Ppel PE-H

Psab PE-H

Hyd18c13

TBEc350

TBEc310

Paby PE-H

Abo\_LipA (CE02)

Abo\_LipD (CE07)

Abo Est3 (CE03)

Detergent stability

yes

no

n.d.

no

LCC

Pbau PE-H

POIL-1 PE-H

Poce PE-H

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**Detergent stability** 

yes

yes

n.d.

yes

	yes	Paes PE-H Y250S	yes		
	no	Paes PE-H (CE16)	yes		
	n.d.	Pxin PE-H	yes		
	no	TBEc304	yes		
	yes	СусТВ025	yes		
	no	Dim-008 (CE01)	no		
	no	Est24c11	n.d.		
		Hyd8c31	no		
		1,4-D#003	no		
		Est24c4	yes		
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stain	number			
beef fat	6			
lipstick	5			
both	14			
in total	25			

- 25 enzymes with activity on beef fat, lipstick or on both stains
- Many of them are detergentstable
- Next step: purification and reevaluation



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Application: Detergents



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Beef fat Lipstick 1,4 absorption at 550 nm absorption at 550 nm 1,2 1,2 1 1 0,8 0,8 0,6 0,6 0,4 0,4 0,2 0,2 P3e5PEHY2505 Pos. Control liph LCCNCCG 1 mM oleicacid PocePEN PEHYZEOS POCEPENN Lecwere Pos. Control Liph PXINPEIH m Aleicacid CYCTBOLS PHINPEIH Dimo08 ptiase abo jipo 2baupt-H Estlaca CYCTB025 TBEC30A Dimoo8 TBEC30A Paesptin PETASE pbau.PE.H paespert buffer buffer Estlach A90 1190  $\mathcal{C}$ ■0h ■2h ■24h ■ 0h ■ 2h ■ 24h

- > 13 enzymes could be purified, 11 showed activity on beef fat and 10 on lipstick stains
- ➢ 6 of those enzymes offer elevated detergent stability

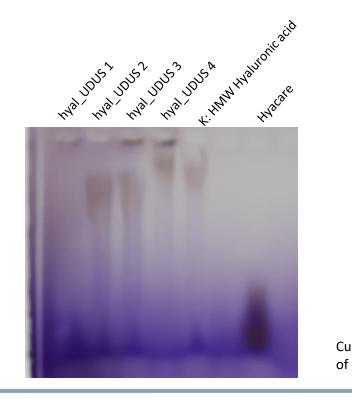
Application: Detergents



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Task 4.4 Enzyme characterization for selecting those with manufacturers' specifications
 Confirming hyaluronic acid degradation in culture supernatant of the isolates

Application: Cosmetics



Cultivation of the isolates with HMW-Hyaluronic acid (2MDa, Sigma-Aldrich) analysis of supernatants with 1% agarose gel, dying: Stains-All (0.005% in 50% EtOH)



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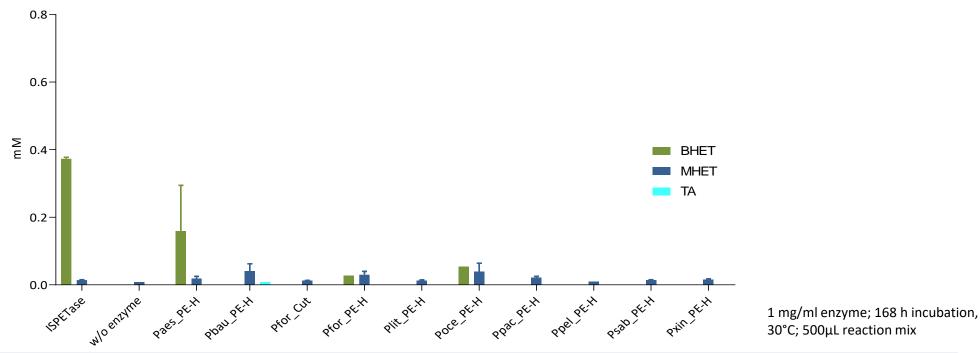


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✓ PET Monomer release from Schoeller sample textile

Substrate: sample textile 4-b 3X58 (VORB, 100% PES 100g/m<sup>2</sup>) pretreated by alkaline boiling



Application: **Textiles** 

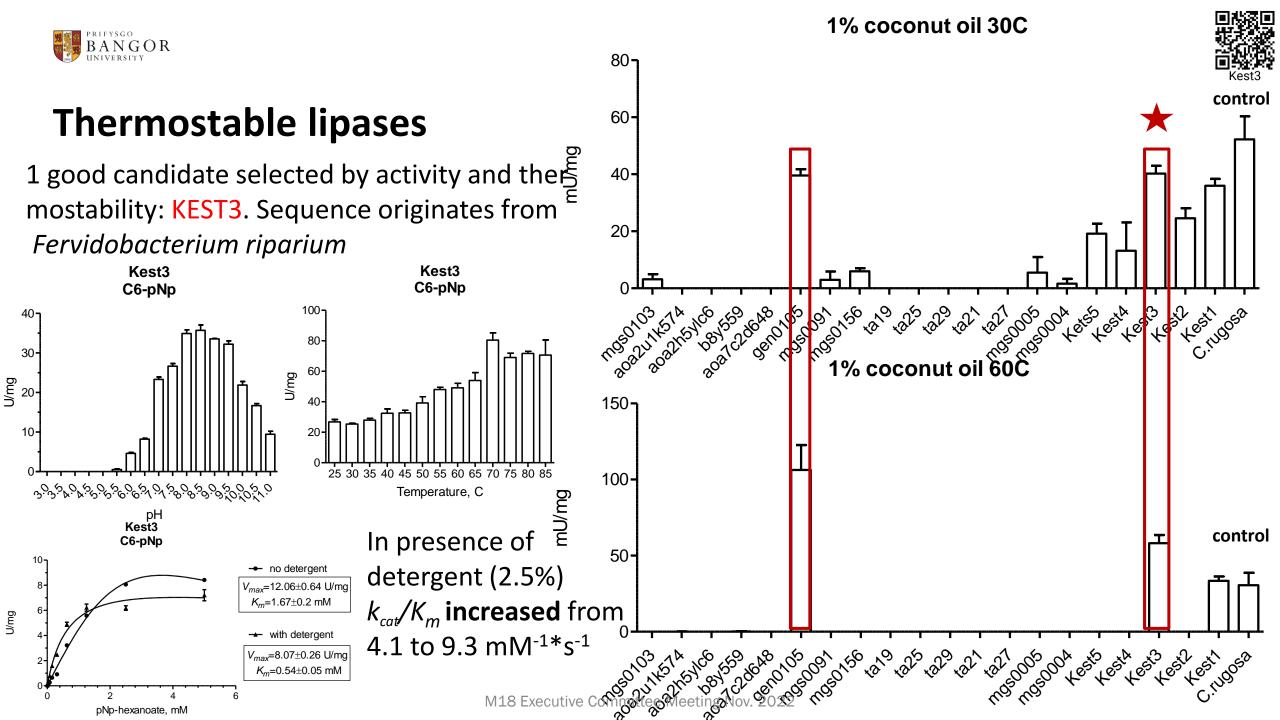


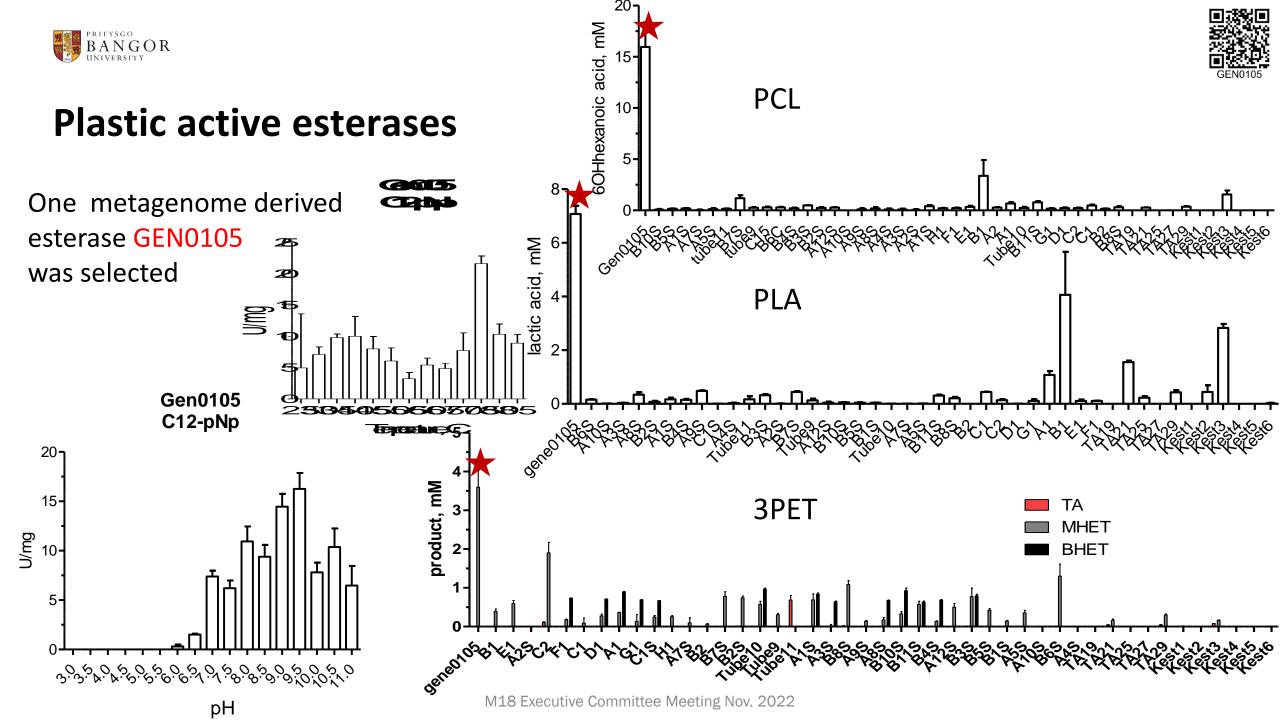




# ENZYMES FOR INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS: AMYLASES/LIPASES/PETases/CELLULASES/ HYALURONIDASES

- BU collection of 39 amylases were expressed.16 were purified soluble, screened with 20 natural substrates
- ★ BU collection of 56 esterases :47 enzymes purified soluble, 21 active with C18 esters were identified and selected for activity screen with olive, palm and coconut oils
- **\*** 47 soluble esterases were screened with 3PET, PCL and PLA plastic suspension
- ★ BU collection: 23 cellulases were expressed, 12 purified soluble and screened against 20 natural substrates
- 8 hyaluronidases from metagenomes were cloned, expressed. 6 were purified soluble and screened against hyaluronic acid different chain length

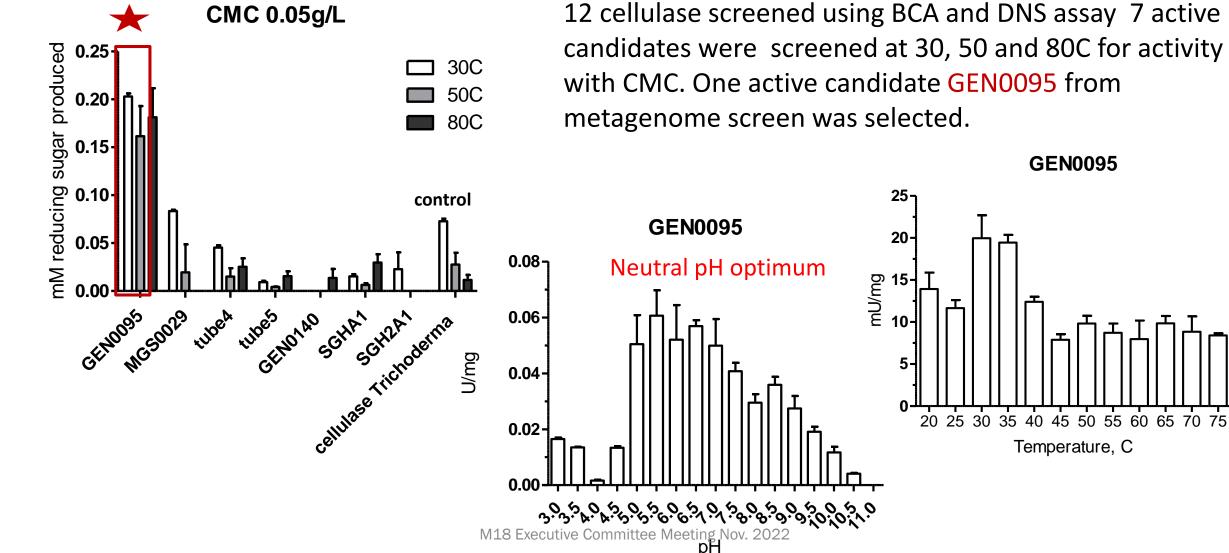








### **Thermostable cellulases**



**GEN0095** 



### Extensive characterization: two lipases selected for the detergents and textile applications

- Lip9
  - Produced in E. coli, pET-45b(+) vector
  - Sequence: MAHHHHHHVGTGSNDDDDKSPDPMAEHNPVVMVHGIGGASYNFFSIKSYLATQGWDRNQLYAIDFIDKTGNNRNNGPRLSRFVKDVLDKTGAKK VDIVAHSMGGANTLYYIKNLDGGDKIENVVTIGGANGLVSSRALPGTDPNQKILYTSVYSSADLIVVNSLSRLIGARNVLIHGVGHIGLLTSSQVKGYIKEG LNGGGQNTN
  - Origin: Marine Metagenomics Database (MarRef)
  - Properties: Td 41,7°C; Topt 30°C; pHopt 9.0; stable in washing liquor (days), production 1 mg per L

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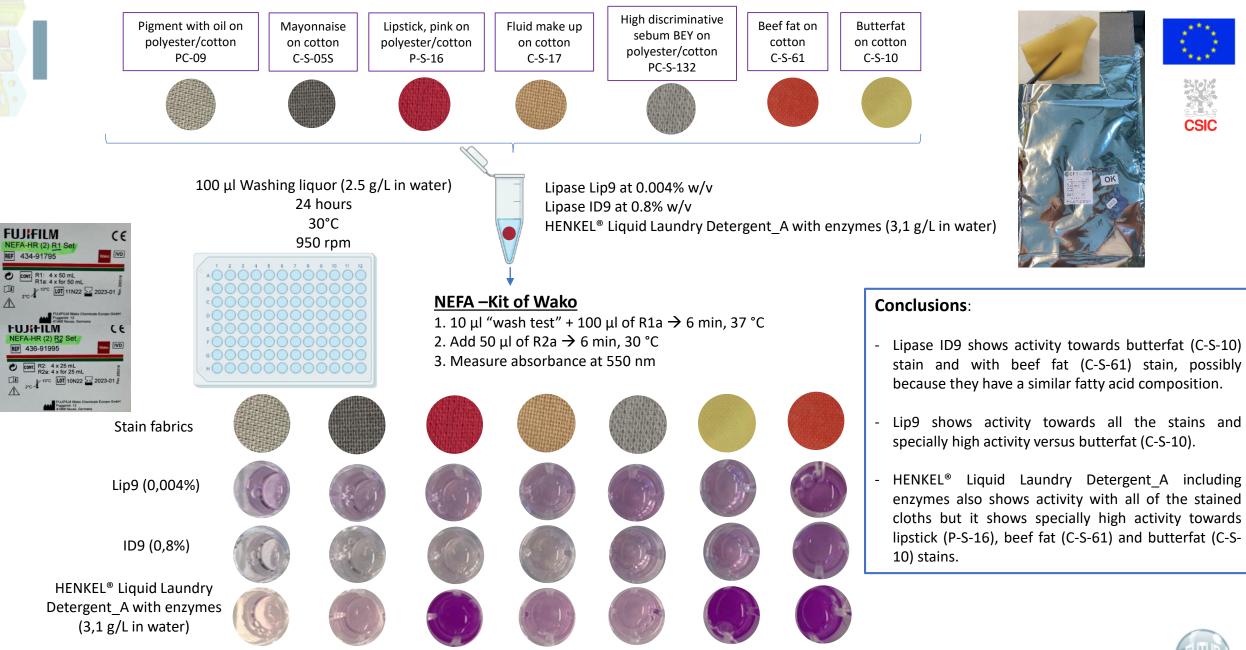
Produced in E. coli, pET-45b(+) vector

### Sequence:

MAHHHHHHVGTGSNDDDDKSPDPMTNLSKPIPNPREYPILPPDMNYIYFENAHLFPFEPEKRDYSPVNAWWLSECAFLVYCHPGFARMAMALVGF DHFHFFQGKGTECMVSWNKDSIIVAFRGTEMKSLSAFHELRTDLNTAPVDFDKGSKVHKGFLKGLQEIWEGEEGLKLFLETLSAEAPSRSMWICGHSL GGALAALCFARLEKASGLYIYGAPRIGDGEFVRICDNRPVWRVEHGRDPIPLVPPDVPALNFNFKDMGKLIYIDYRGEILFERPLVTVEEEKSKVLLNISQQ RKRRESLSVEGFKGVLDKDRAKTLINGINEHIMQSRVEWKEYFDSLDKGIGLKIKDHMPIYYCAKLWNILIEGL

- Origin: Metagenome from marine bone-degrading microbiome
- Properties: Td 45.5°C; Topt 40°C; pHopt 9.5; stable in washing liquor (> weeks), production 63 mg per L



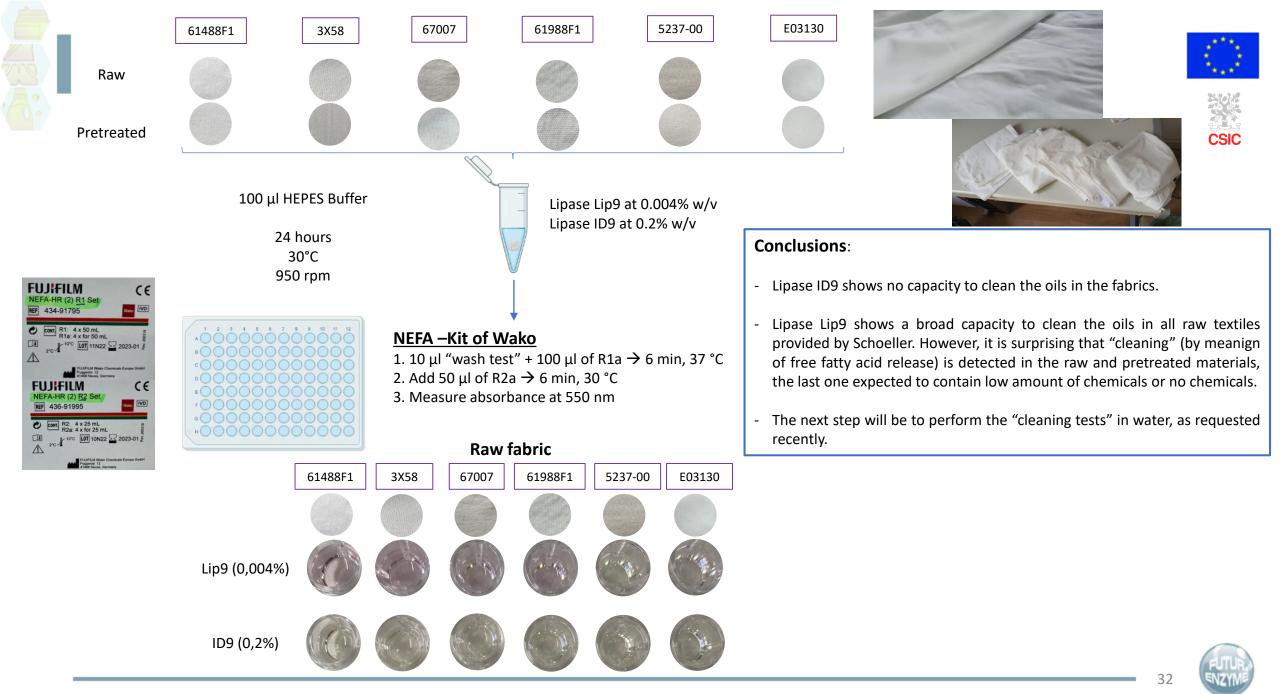






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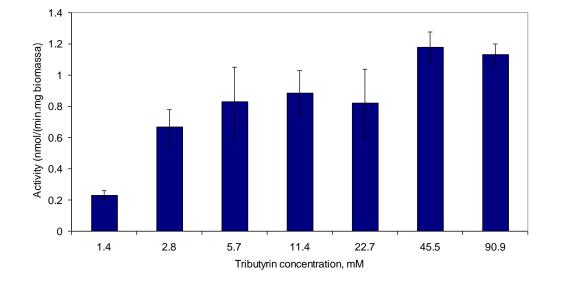


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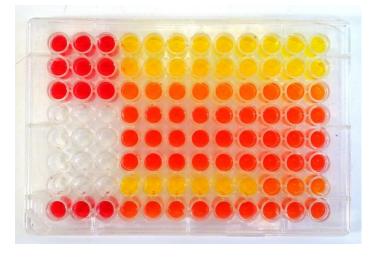
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### Lipases/Esterases

Effect of substrate concentration



Serratia quinivorans



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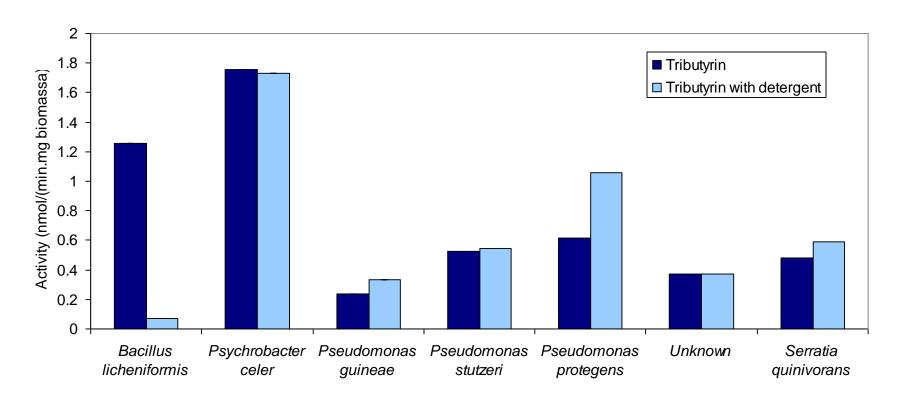


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### Lipases/Esterases

### Effect of detergent

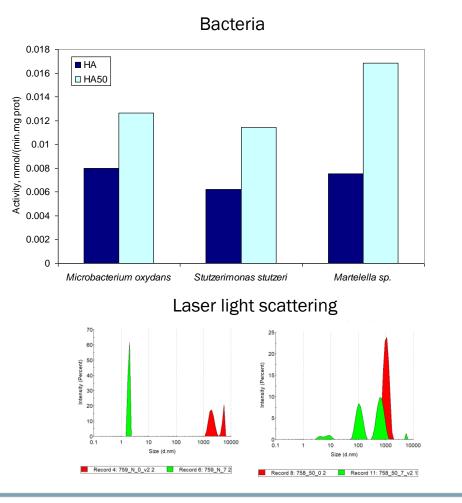


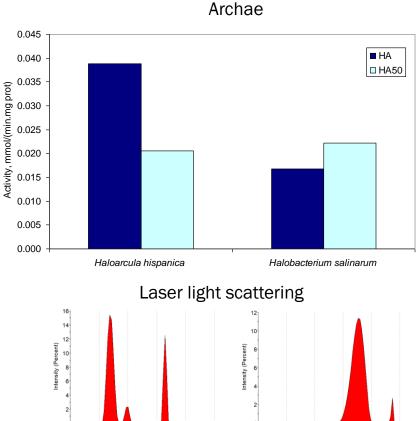




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### Hyaluronidases





10000

0.1

100

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Size (d.nm)

Record 9: HA\_50\_10 5

1000

1000

Record 12: HA\_N\_5 2

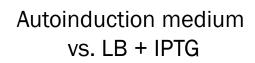
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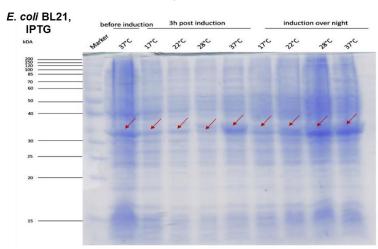
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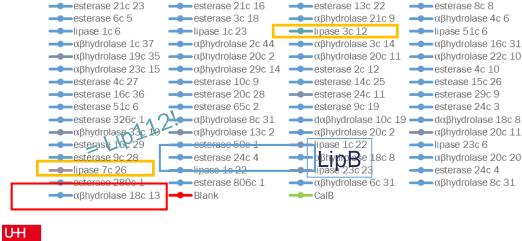


Transformation — Optimization of expression conditions









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——αβhydrolase 33c 4

Washliquor

lipase 7c26

lipase 7c26

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esterase 13 c 9

——αβhydrolase 43c 3

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esterase 30c 5

esterase 26c 4

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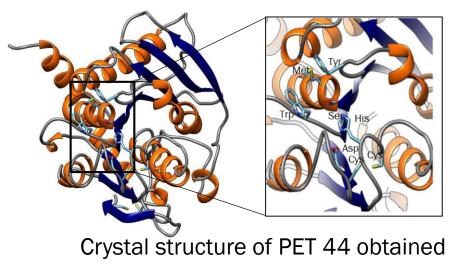
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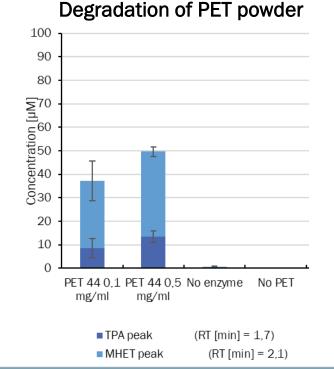
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## PET44

- Dienelactone hydrolase of species Alkalilimnicola ehrlichii
- PET44
  - 305 amino acids
  - 33 kDa
  - Temp. optimum 20-30°C
- Degrades PCL, TBT, BHET, Impranil DLN and PET
- → Appr. 40 50  $\mu$ M of products after 4 days at 20 °C on PET powder
- Lactonase (δ-Dodecalactone)







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# Task 4.5: Decision-making strategy for selecting lead enzyme candidates M6-M36



- Task Lead Partner UDUS
- Participants: BANGOR, CSIC, UHAM, FHNW, IST-ID, EUC





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### WP4 conclusions



- We conclude that CSIC has selected two best candidates for engineering and validations:
  - Lipase Lip9, of use for detergents and textiles
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- We conclude that CNR has a *Vibrio alginoliticus* isolate producing hyaluronidase (best candidate)
  - Either we plan fermentation at large
  - Or we wait for the results of gene synthesis of the two potential hyaluronidase genes, which is under progress
- We conclude that BSC and CSIC has the available PluriZyme and Biomimetic platform to produce proteases and oxidases.







- Clarify the candidates that have been / will be selected for scale up production and preindustrial validations
- Each partner should select and discuss best candidates
- Please UHAM as WP leader

