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ACTIVE ANTIMICROBIAL PACKAGING → How to create an optimised AP?

AC **mass transfer rate** « MO growth rate

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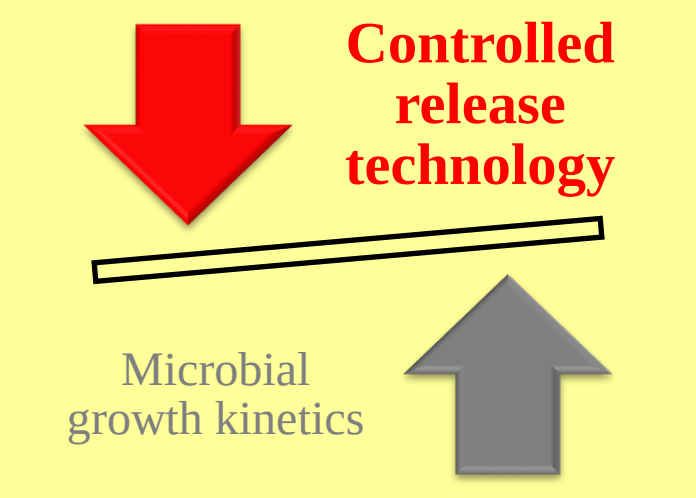
$C_{AC} < C_{critical}$

MO will grow instantly, before AC is released



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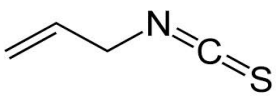
→ activity

Active NGP film design

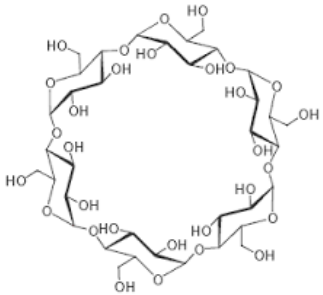
BioPE or PLA film + Active volatile compound

Allyl isothiocyanate



Why AITC?
strong AM activity in vapour state

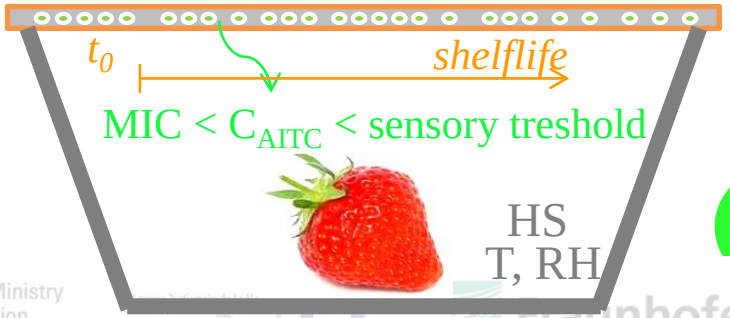
encapsulation



Why β cyclodextrine?
- Protection against thermal degradation
- To avoid premature release
- AC release → *f* (headspace RH)

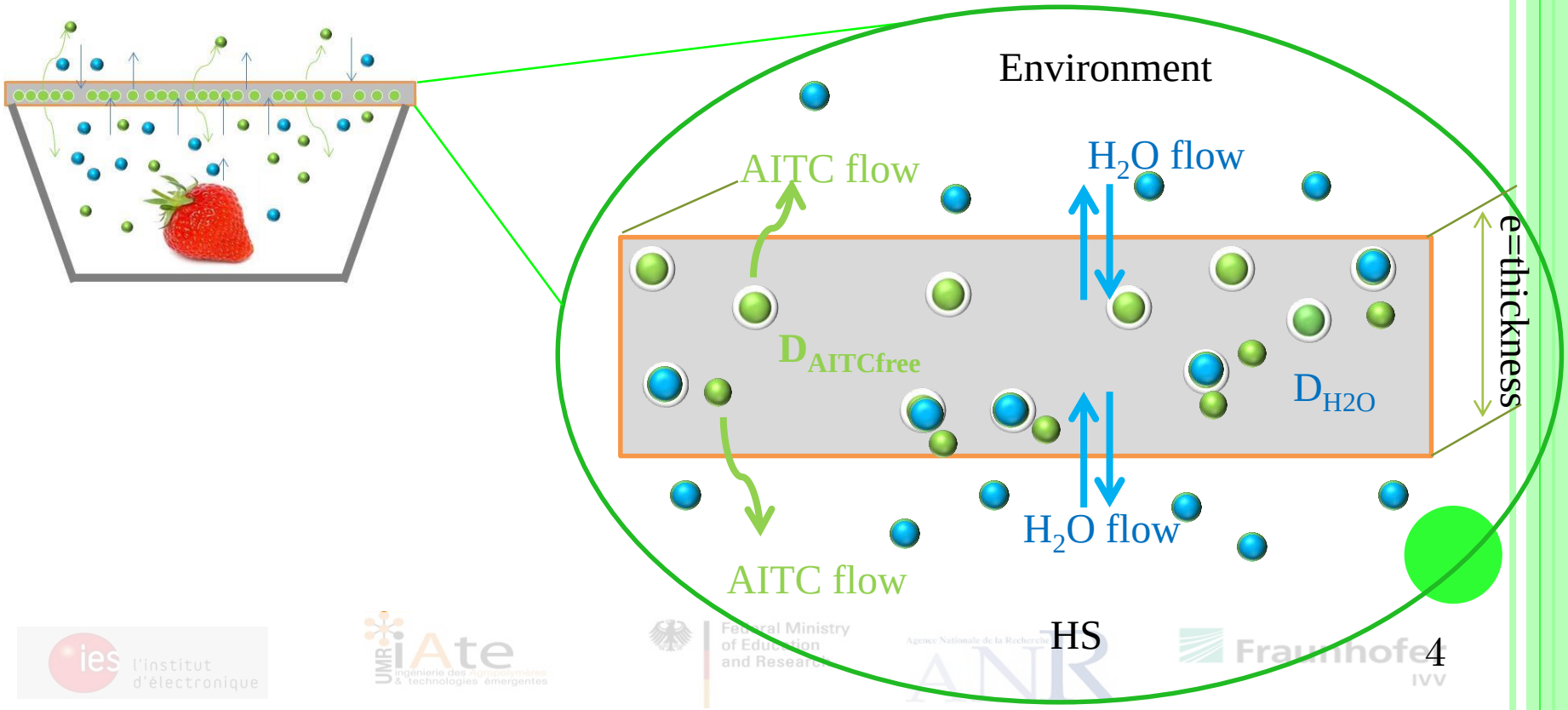
Environment T, RH

Active BioPE or PLA film



STEPS

- To model H_2O transfer into active film
- To model the release of AITC from β-CD as function of RH
- To model AITC transfer through active film
- To couple mass transfers & AITC release kinetic to predict AITC release into HS



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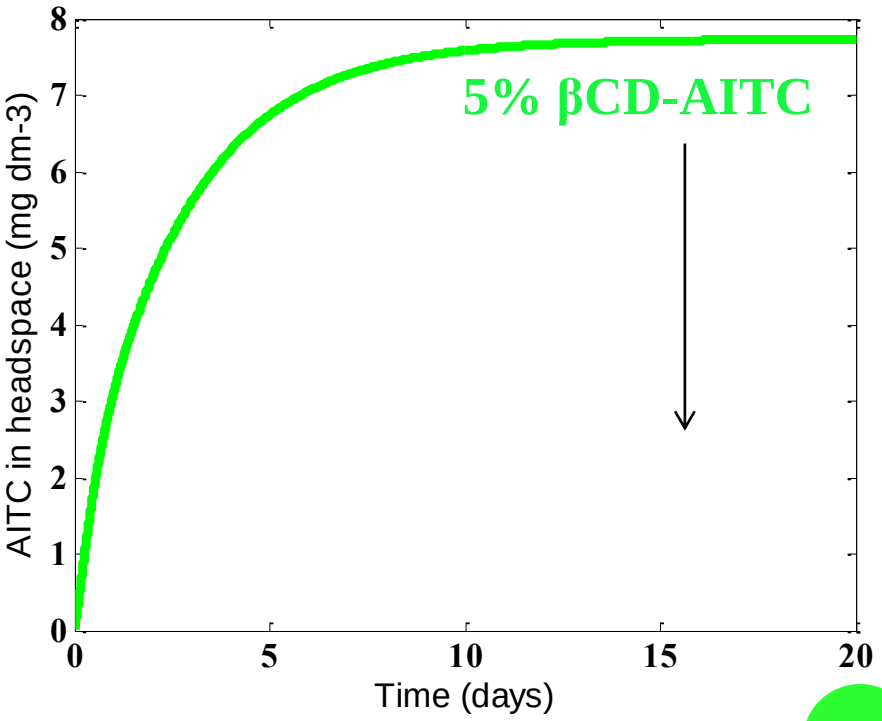
BioPE

By changing:

Film composition



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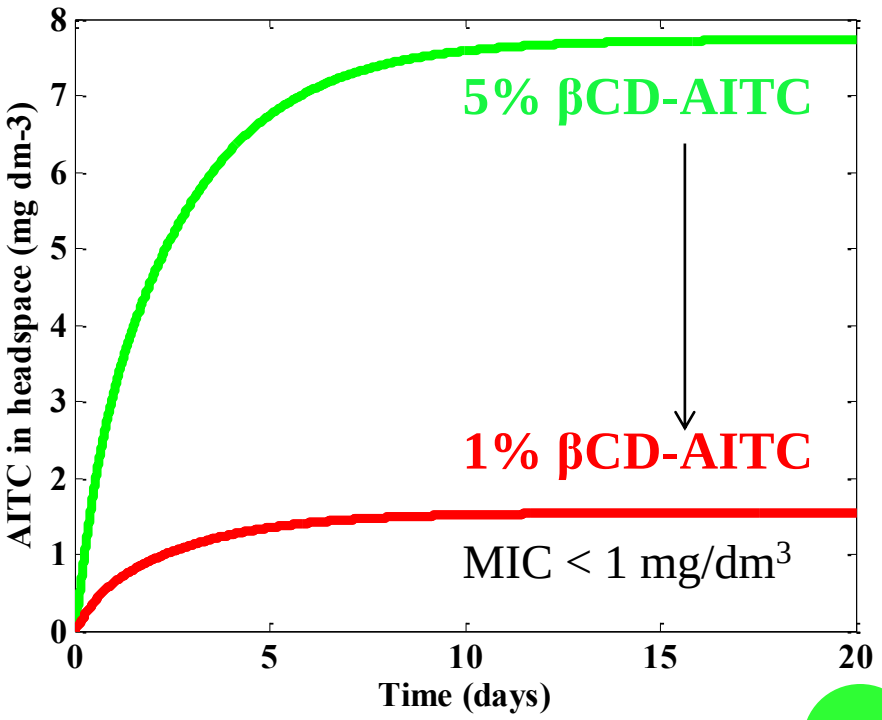

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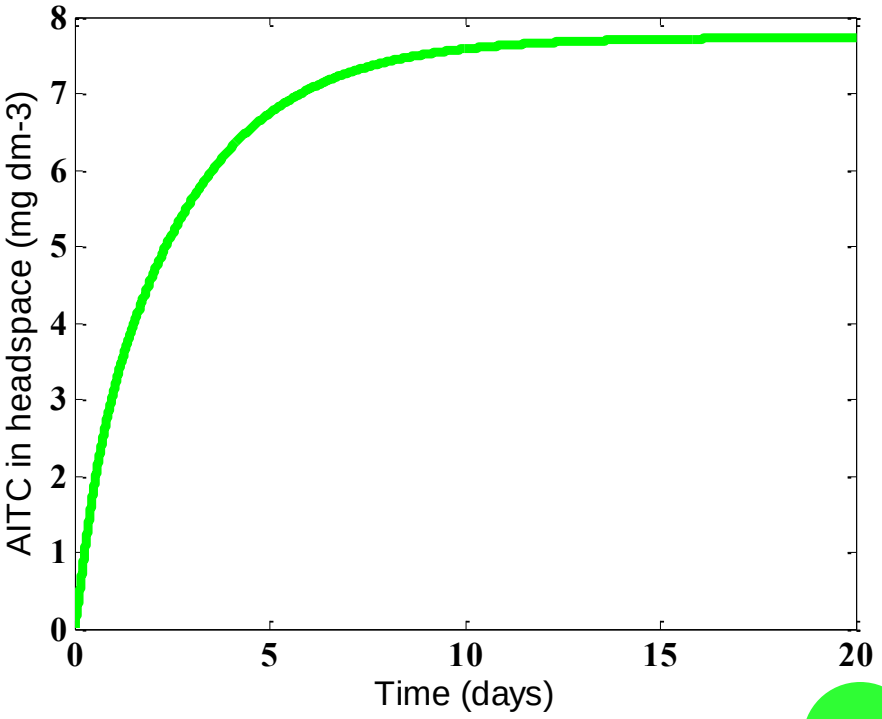

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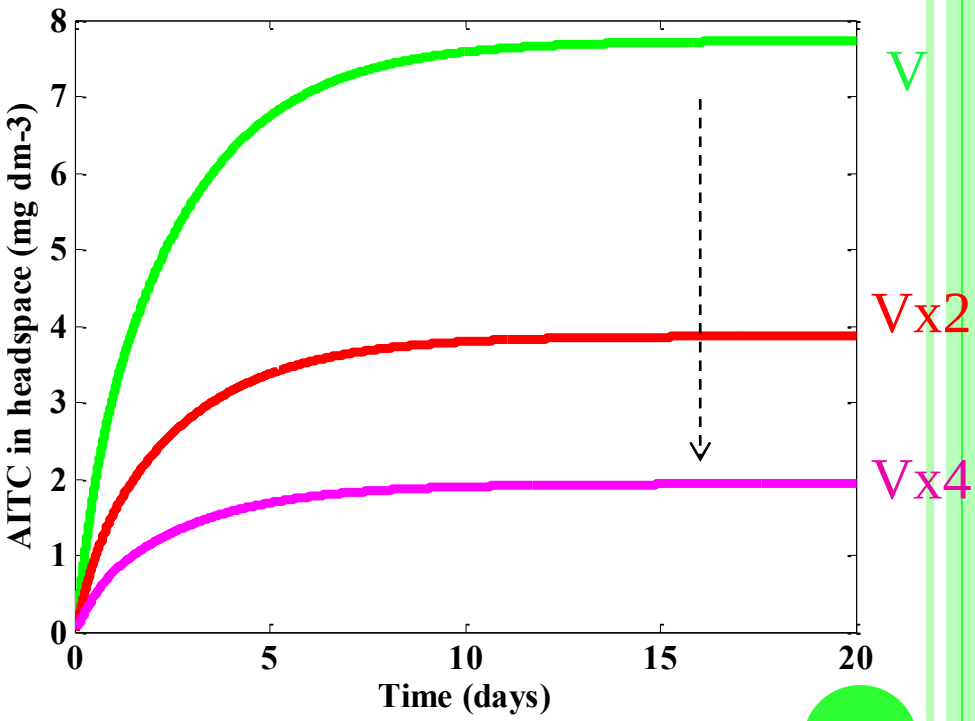

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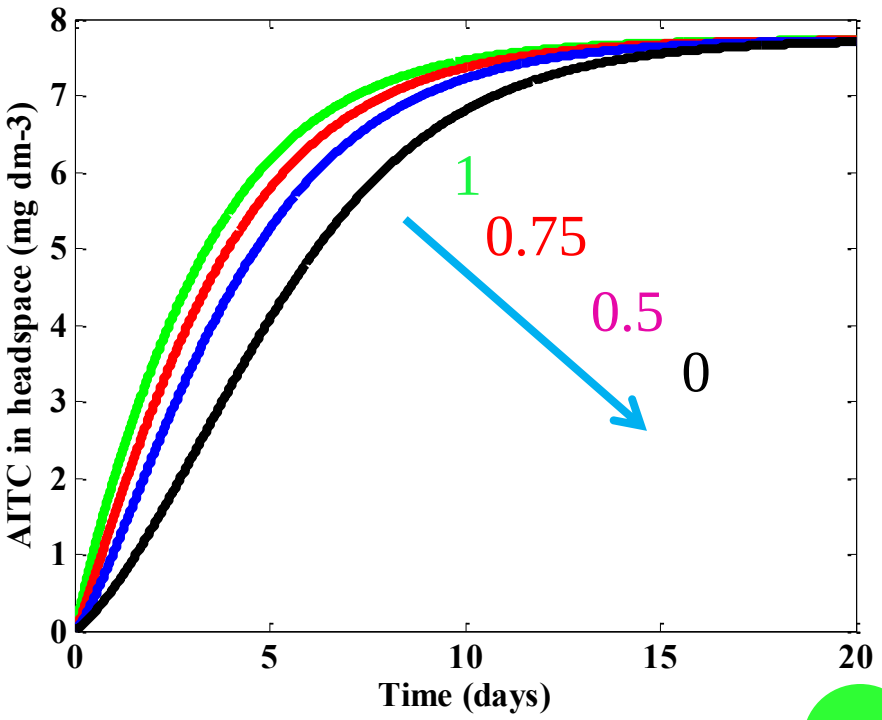

CONCLUSIONS

1) Developed mathematical model succesfully describes controlled release of AC in the HS in order to reach MIC
2) The rate of release depends on the moisture content of the system
3) H_2O and AC distribution profiles can help in understanding the release kinetics
4) The model can be used to optimise design of active packaging

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