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## SMARCOAT

# Entwicklung smarter nano- und mikro-gekapselter Sensoren für Beschichtungen zur Verbesserung der Lebensdauer von Materialien

(Development of Smart Nano and Microcapsulated Sensing Coatings for improving of Material Durability/Performance (ref. 645662)-MSCA-RISE-2014: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE))

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#### Specific technical objectives are:

- **Synthesis and characterization of micro and nanocapsules** for controlled release of active species upon stimuli by different triggers: pH, presence of aggressive species, UV radiation, pressure.
- *Incorporation of capsules in different coating formulations* and characterization of sensing functionalities.
- **Correlation between sensing and level of degradation**; optimization of coating components (capsules, coating formulations) to fine tune the desired level of detection.
- **Study of coating properties** considering different aspects: compatibility between components, shelf-life, pot-life, viscoeleastic/flow properties of liquid formulations.
- **Scale up of production** of most promising capsules and, whenever necessary scale up of coating formulation technologies (available commercially or developed in house).
- Industrial validation and standard testing.



**Partners** 

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<u>Beneficiaries</u>	
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Helmholtz Zentrum Geesthacht Centre for Materials and Coastal Research GmbH	DE
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#### **Partners**



Map highlighting the complementary between the partners,

planned work and tasks



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#### Workpackages





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#### Sensing corrosion: why?

- Sensing vs. Protection
- Early detection = lower maintenance/repairing costs
- Continuous monitoring (infrastructures with long-term service life)
- Mechanistic understanding of corrosion processes

#### pH indicator molecules

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- Signal accessible to human eye: color!
- Simple detection, no need for extra equipment
- Applied in temporary coatings
- Can be used for studying corrosion mechanisms

#### **pH Indicators**



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pH Indicators

#### Challenges

- correlation between color and degree of degradation (quantitative information)
- modification of the rheological properties of coating formulations
- early revelation

Bromothymol Blue

Thymol Blue

#### Immobilization

- limit interaction between species and coating formulations
- limit photodegradation (increase stability)
- release dyes when conditions suitable with corrosion are observed (pH, presence of chlorides)









#### **pH** Indicators



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**pH Indicators – Hosting Structures** 



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#### **Case 1 – Silica Nanocapsules**



#### **pH Indicators – Hosting Structures**



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## **Case 2 – Layered Double Hydroxides**





<sup>1</sup> T. Galvão et al., J. Colloid Interface Sci. 2016, 468, 86–94.



## pH Indicators – Tests in Solutions



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#### Al-Cu (LDH-PhPh)



## pH Indicators – Tests in Solutions



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#### AZ31 (Chitosan-TB)









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#### **Coating formulations:**

- Water-based epoxy (CHS-EPOXY 200 V 55) water dispersion of an epoxy resin; used for high performance floor coating of concrete, wood, metal and other stable substrates.
- High solid content epoxy (CHS-EPOXY 573) low molecular weight liquid epoxy resin based on bisphenol A and bisphenol F; used for casting applications and production of insulating materials.

#### Hosting structures:

• LDH (20 wt% water slurry) – LDH particles without sensing molecules.

## **pH Indicators – Mechanics**



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#### **Properties of coating films**

	Water based epoxy	1 % LDH	High solid content epoxy	1 % LDH
Pendulum hardness	Reference	+13 %	Reference	-1 %
	Reference	+3 %	Reference	+2 %
Impact resistance	Reference	~	Reference	~
Bend test	Reference	~	Reference	~
τ <sub>g</sub> ∕ °C	68		99.8	102.4
Tensile strength (free films)	Reference	−21 % <sup>a</sup>	Reference	*

<sup>a</sup> this value needs other tests and further confirmation

## pH Indicators – Coating performance



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## (SiNC\_PhPh)





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### Conclusions

- Immobilization of pH indicators in hosting structures can limit/control the release of dyes.
- Color changes were correlated with corrosion activity in Al-Cu and Mg alloy AZ31.
- Promising results in terms of corrosion detection for coatings with inorganic and polymeric systems for AA2024 and AZ31.



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## Thank you for your Attention ③



SEM micrograph of a Mg alloy after Ar-etching

Only understanding the past offers perspectives for the future

(Konfuzius)