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# Screening and processing techniques for macroalgae in food applications

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### Introduction

- Trends "to-go", "ready-to-eat" or "convenience" increased over the last years
- Mostly single-used packaging materials (non-biodegradable, petroleum-based polymers)
  - $\rightarrow$  In conflict with the consumer expectations  $\rightarrow$  healthy and environmental-friendly food products
  - New, innovative and sustainable packaging concepts need to be established!



















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#### **Brown algae**

(Hertokontophyta)

- Hydrocolloids: alginic acid/ algins
- Specific polysaccharides: Mannitol, Laminarin, Sargassan & Fucoidan
- <u>Bioactives</u>: Fucoxanthin (Carotinoid),
  Polyphenols (Phloroglucin units) &
  Phlorotannins
- <u>lodine content</u>: high
  (150 1200 mg/100 g DW)



#### Red alage

(Rhodophyta)

- <u>Hydrocolloids</u>: Agar (e.g. *Gracilaria sp.*), Carrageenan (e.g. *vChondrus sp.*)
- Specific polysaccharides: Porphyran, Floridoside
- High protein content (up to 44 %, e.g. Porphyra sp.)
- <u>lodine content</u>: middle
  (10 300 mg/100 g DW)



#### Green alage

(Chlorophyta)

- Fibers: Lignin, Cellulose
- Specific polysaccharides:
  Ulvan, sulphated polysaccharides &
  Galactans, Xylans
- High protein content (up to 44 %)
- <u>lodine content</u>: low
  (2 25 mg/100 g DW)







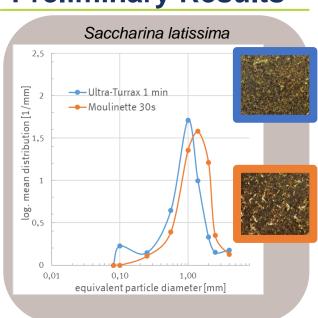




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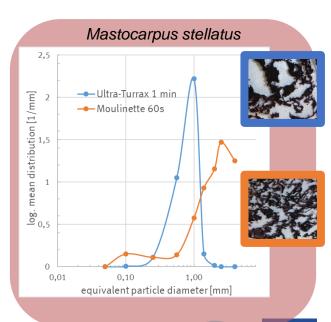
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### **Preliminary Results**



Film forming ability of Saccharina latissima (left) and Mastocarpus stellatus (right) after grinding with Ultra-Turrax (blue, 60s) or Moulinette (orange, 30 s or 60s) with its particle size distribution after sieve analysis (wet, Retsch).

Pre-Results: Saccharina latissima suitable macroalgae for innovative packaging system











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