By regulating the frequency of adding biocides, and using non-invasive DspB, we plan to decrease the overall use of chemical biocides.

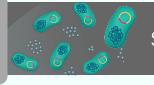


If a ideal osmolarity for SRB growth is measured, Dispersin B (DspB) gene which codes for a protein that digests the biofilms, is used for treatment



Our approach:

Determine exact concentrations required for optimal growth of the SRB



SRB colonization



Establish a link between osmolarity and SRB population by constructing a salt biosensor using the osmo-responsive promoter of the ProU operon to drive a Red Fluorescent Protein (RFP) expression

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Biocides are pumped as a preventive measure to combat bio-corrosion, these have negative impacts on marine life



SRB can colonize in the pipelines by forming bacterial biofilms which are involved in Microbial Induced Corrosion (MIC),

Well-to-separator-tank pipes



Remaining oil is collected using a process called 'oil sweeping' which involved pumping sea water into the well. Sea water is an ideal environment for Sulfate Reducing Bacteria (SRB) which thrives in high-salt concentration

Oil well

Oil is extracted from subsea wells