

# Multiphysics and multisensor monitoring of biofouling

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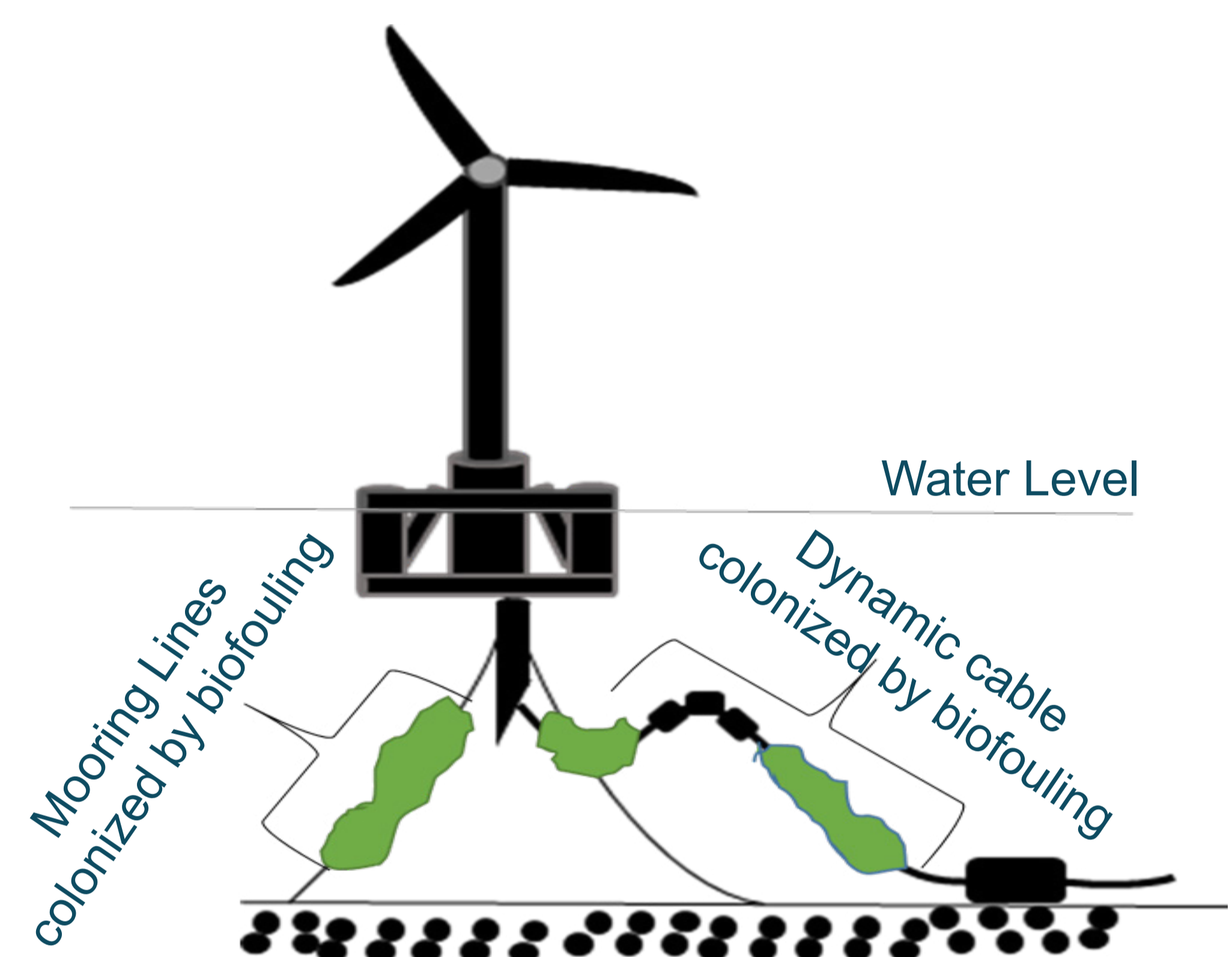
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## Context and Objectives

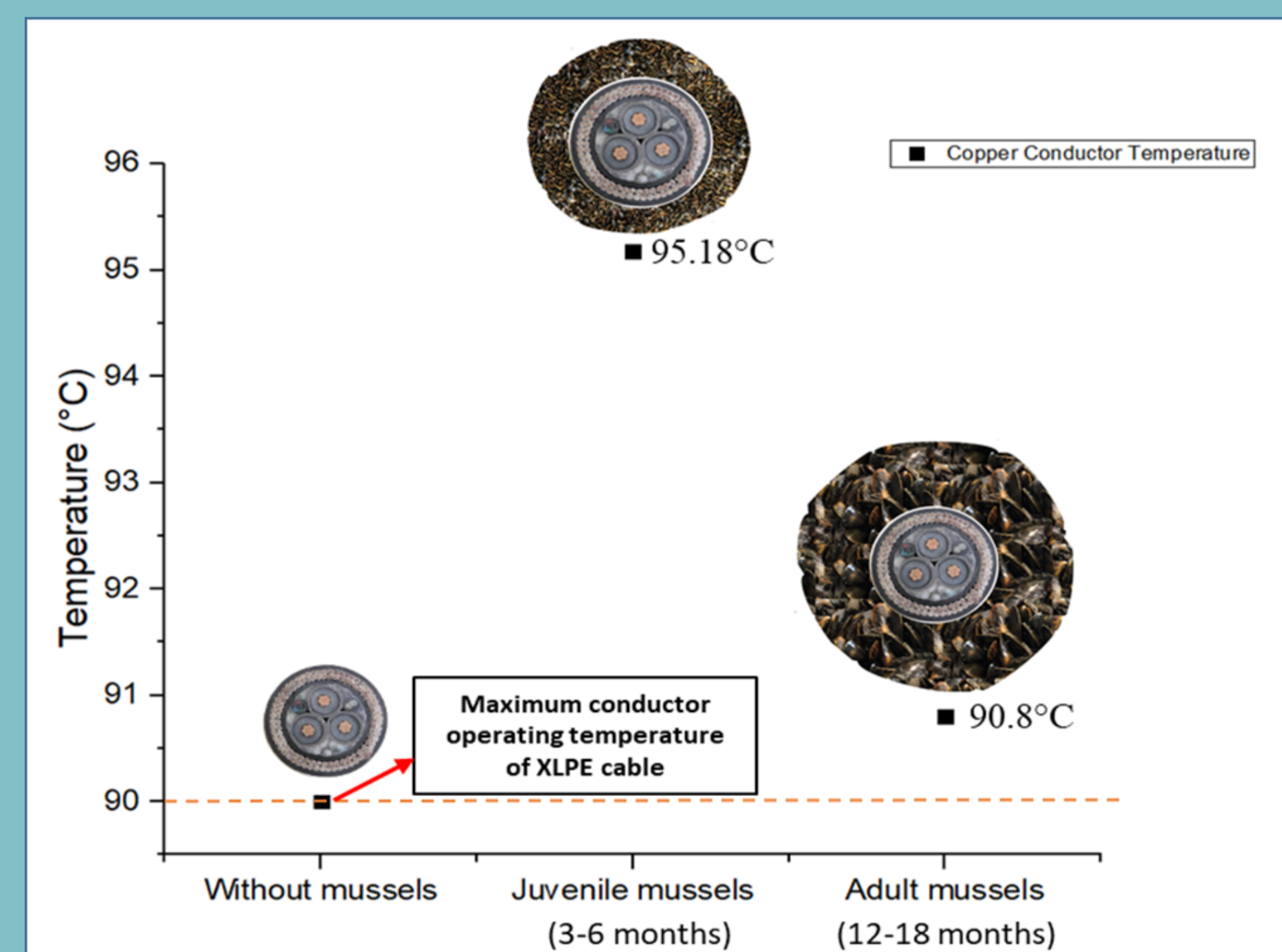
- The growth of biofouling affects **the mooring lines and dynamic cables mechanically**, and causes **thermal effects on the dynamic cables** of floating offshore wind turbines.
- Growth of biofouling, **particularly mussels can modify the heat transfer** around the dynamic cable.
- High voltage dynamic cables are dimensioned to **remain below 90°C into the conductor and XLPE** in normal operating conditions.
- **Perform a thermal characterization of live mussels** for different ages by estimating their effective thermal conductivity ( $k_{biof}$ ) and the heat transfer coefficient of the surrounding water ( $h_w$ ).
- **Modeling the thermal impact** of mussels of various ages on the dynamic cable.
- **Monitoring real-time biofouling** growth around dynamic cables and mooring lines.



## Thermal Characterization and Assessment of Thermal Effects

Mussel's patch	Juvenile (3-6 months)	Mix (6-12 months)	Adult (12-18 months)
Thermal Conductivity ( $W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ )	4.4	8	12.8
Heat Transfer coefficient ( $W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-1}$ )	3395	873	2682
Thermal Resistance ( $K \cdot W^{-1}$ )	0.05	0.03	0.02

Thermal Simulation

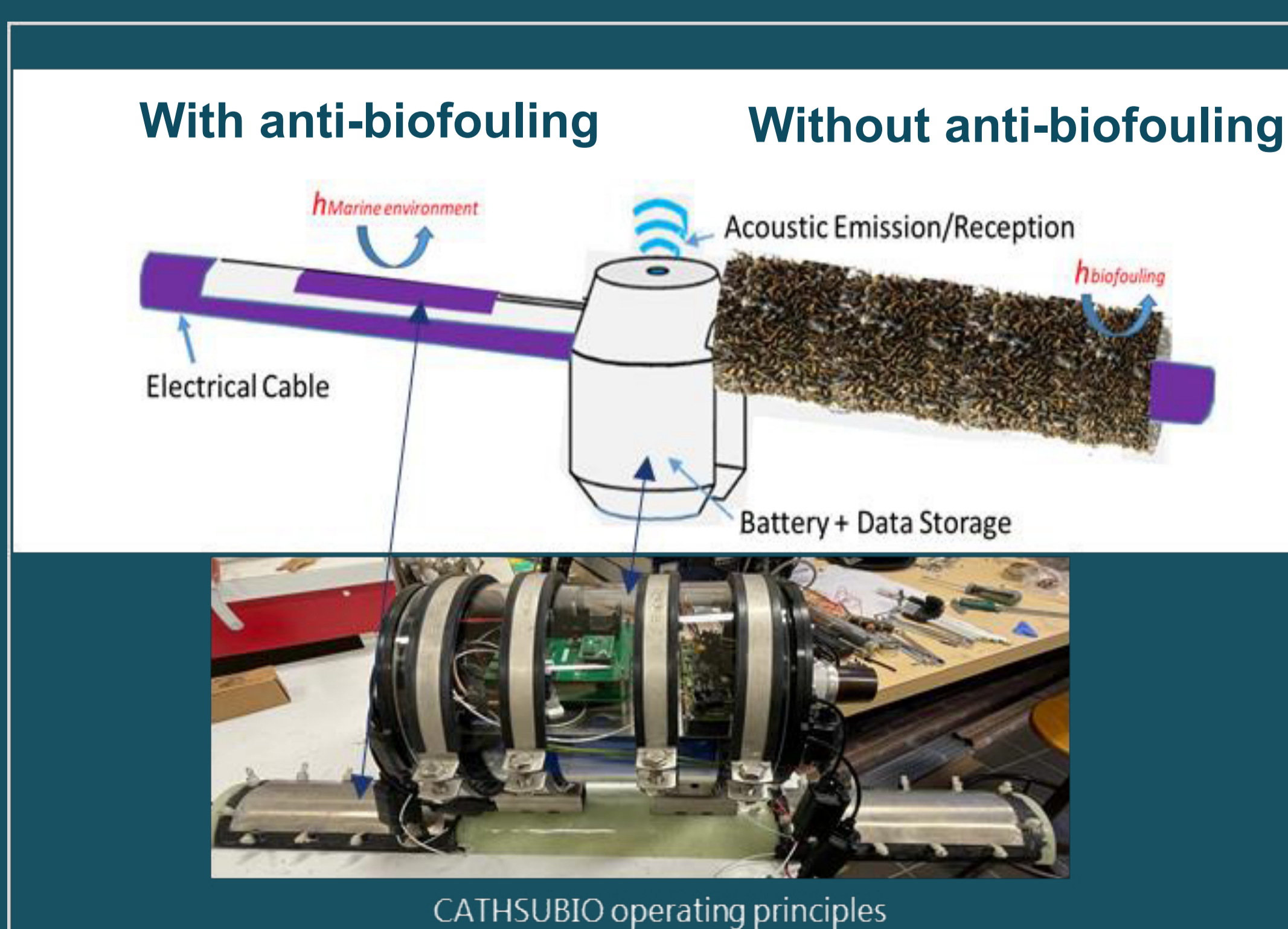


$Thermal\ Resistance_{Juvenile} < Thermal\ Resistance_{Mix} < Thermal\ Resistance_{Adult}$

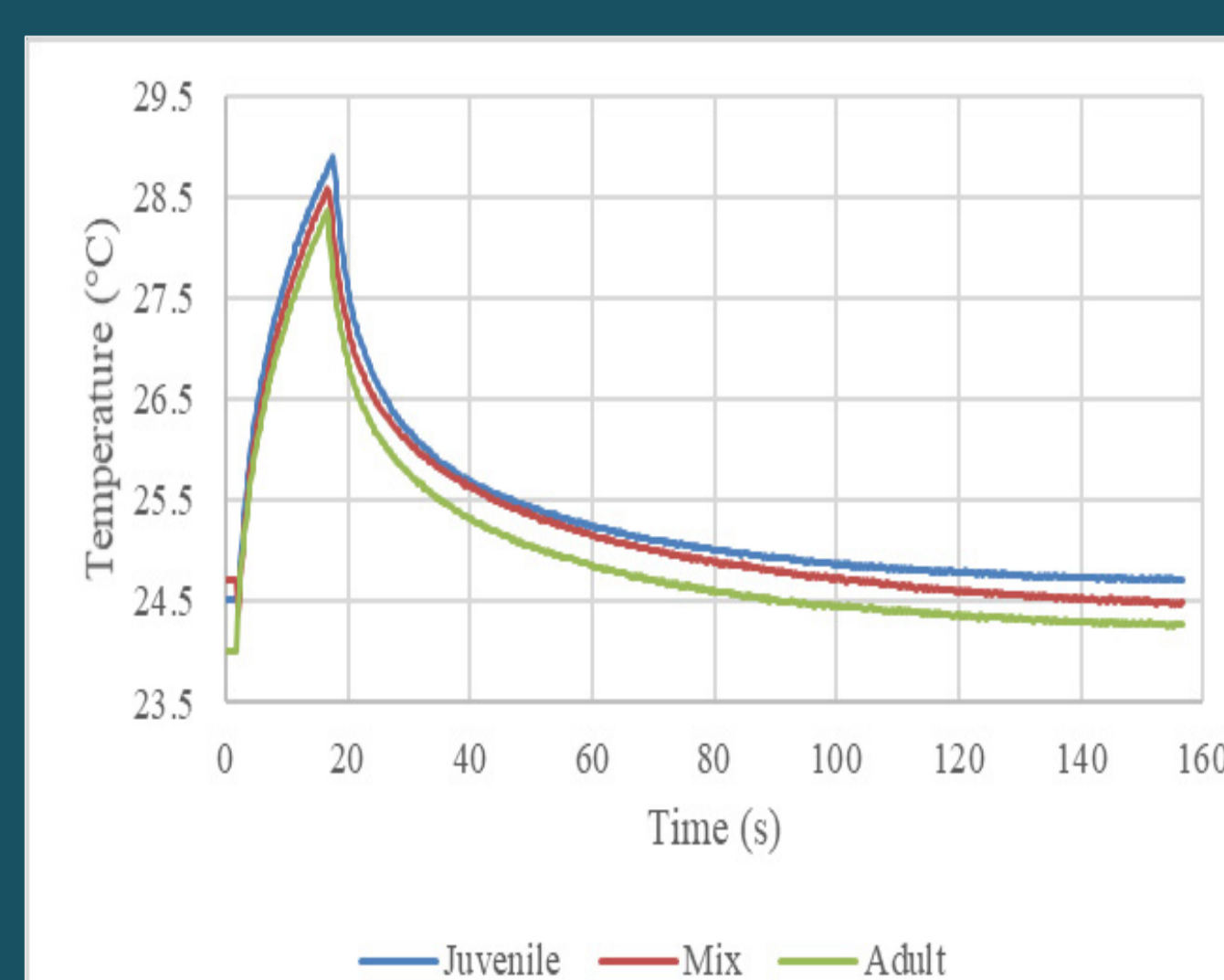
## Monitoring of Biofouling in real time

CATHSUBIO – Innovative Thermal Sensor For Monitoring Marine Growth In Real Time

★ Patent Oust Valorisation – FR2204752, Date of acceptance: May 2022



How it works ?



Equivalent heat transfer coefficient for various ages of mussels

