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Biodegradation of polyvinyl alcohol by *phanerochaete chrysosporium* after treatment with Fenton reagent

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**Introduction**
Natural and synthetic polymeric materials including polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) have been widely used as warp sizes for synthetic and cotton-synthetic blends in the textile industry. In consequence, the waste load from textile finishing mills contains significant amount of the sizing agents. Dental et al. reported that PVA is a highly structured organic compound that is very difficult to break down biologically. Hence, it is difficult to achieve a satisfactory treatment of textile wastewater by the traditional activated sludge process. Together with a rapid escalation of the costs involved in textile wastewater treatment and more stringent wastewater discharge standards, this has prompted recent research efforts to identify other more efficient and economic treatment methods. For the treatment of textile wastewater, a number of chemical processes have been investigated, including adsorption by activated carbon, electrochemical treatment, ozonation, and oxidation by Fenton’s reagent (FR).

In this study, FR treatment is combined with P. chrysosporium treatment, and the rates and the extent of biodegradation of PVA are evaluated by the KI-I2 test, total organic carbon (TOC) analysis, chemical oxygen demand (COD) analysis, and gel permeation chromatography (GPC).

**Materials and methods**

**Samples preparation and pH adjustment**

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Solutions containing 5% PVA powder were prepared with distilled water and autoclaved at 90°C for 30 min. The pH of each PVA solution was then adjusted to 4.2 with 0.1N HCl.
Initial experiment and oxidation procedure

To Erlenmeyer flasks (500 mL) containing 200 mL of a sterile PVA solution (5.0%, wt v⁻¹), equal volumes (50 mL each) of H₂O₂ (2.8 M) and FeSO₄ (0.10 M) were added simultaneously.²⁷

PVA degradation studies

The production medium was incubated at 37°C with shaking for 3 days, and then 15 mL of FR-treated PVA solution was added. Incubation and PVA degradation were continued for an additional 7 days at 37°C with shaking. All degradation experiments were conducted in duplicate. Five mL of sub-sample was taken aseptically at intervals for KI-I₂ testing, COD analysis, TOC analysis, gel permeation chromatography, and enzyme assays.

Analytical methods

PVA concentration was determined by using a modified version of the colorimetric technique
described by Bugada and Rudin. Subsamples (100 mL) were diluted to a volume of 1.0 mL, and then 0.5 mL of 4% boric acid and 0.2 mL of I₂-KI (1.27 g of I₂ and 25 g of KI in 1 liter of deionized water) were added.

**Results and discussion**

*Pre-oxidation of PVA with FR*

Table 1 shows that after FR treatment, PVA concentration in the BP05 solution fell by 25.2% and 24.1% as determined by COD and TOC analysis, respectively. In the BF17 solution, PVA concentration fell by 11.6% (COD) and 13.1% (TOC) according to Equation 1.

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Degradation of the BP05 and BF17 solutions was also confirmed by the changes in molecular weight distributions as determined by GPC (Figs. 1 and 2). In addition to the original peak (retention time 10.3 min.), a peak of greater retention time (retention time 11.2 min.) was observed as shown in Figure 1 on GPC chromatograms of BP05 after FR treatment.

*Biodegradation by P. Chrysosporium*

Results of the time course study of the biodegradation of BP05 by *P. chrysosporium* are shown
in Figure 3. After 7 days incubation, initial concentrations of preoxidized PVA had fallen by 58.0%, 65.7% and 52.1% as determined by KI/I$_2$, COD and TOC analysis, respectively (Table 2). Similar degradation rates (58.0%, 69.2%, 51.3%, respectively) were also observed for BF17 (Fig.4). After treatment with both FR and the fungus, the overall degradations of BP05 and BF17 were 74.4% and 72.8%, respectively (Table 1).

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**Conclusion**

Our study has conclusively indicated that PVA of higher molecular weights are degraded to lower molecular weights by Fenton’s reagent and fungal treatments. This study has also shown and identified for the first time more efficient and economic treatment methods.

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Figure 1. Effect of airflow rate on photocatalytic oxidation of α-pinene by honeycomb monolith
Fig. 1

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**Table 1.** Total and dissolved metal concentrations for the secondary and anaerobic sludge

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Nickel 15 0.01 (2.8 %) 34 0.01 (1.4 %)  
Zinc 533 0.06 (0.5 %) 843 0.34 (1.9 %)

* Values in parenthesis are the dissolved metal concentration expressed as the mass percentage of total metal concentration.

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**Figure 1S.** Schematic illustration of sampling and calculating points (St. 1-St.10) in Tokyo Bay, Japan.

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