

**Study of Organic Photocatalytic Degradation Mechanism
in Textile WWTP Effluent Treatment by Using
Immobilized TiO₂ Nanofibers Composite Catalyst**

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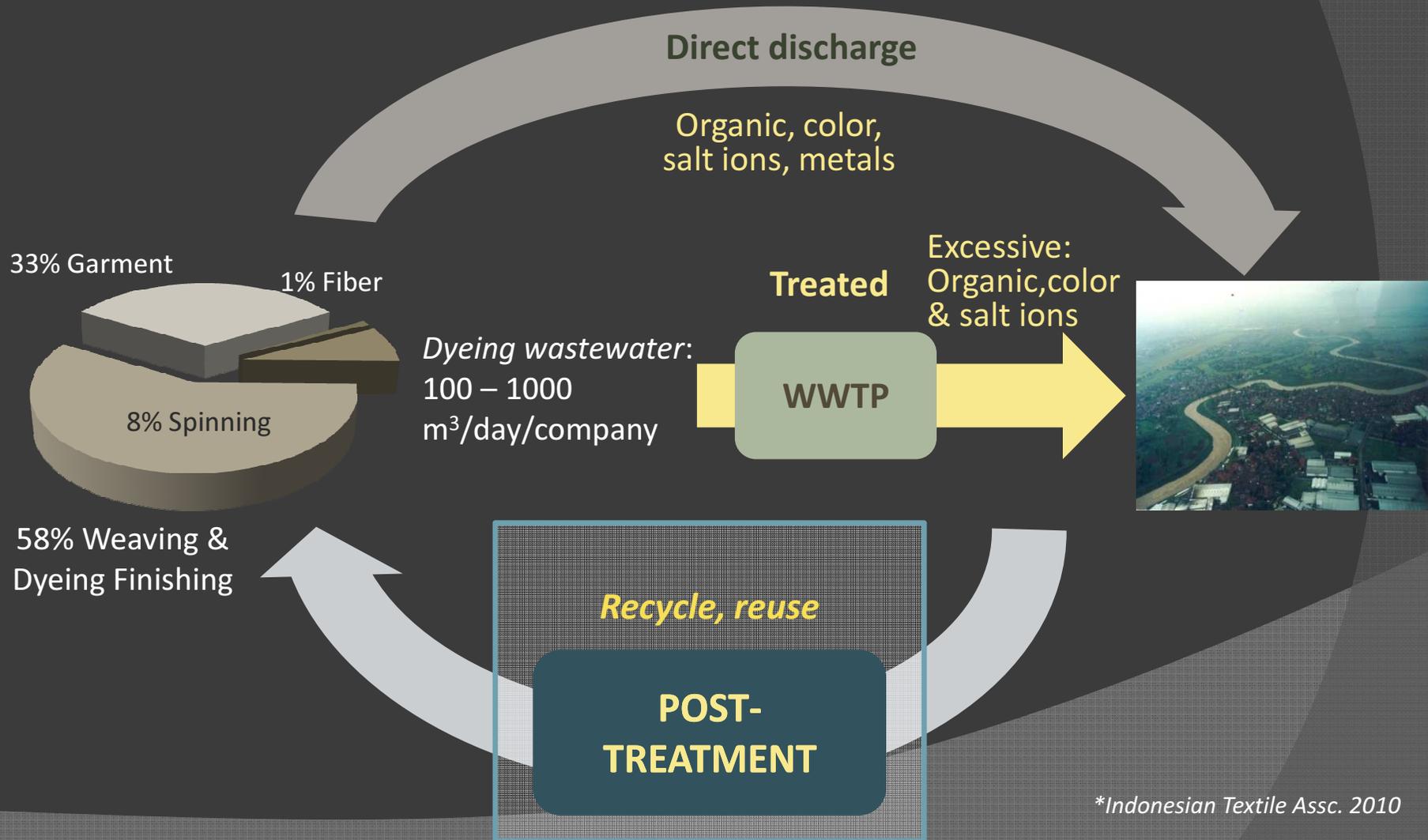
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Background

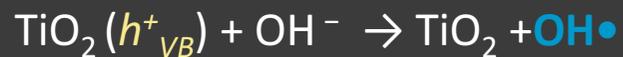
Textile Industry in West Java

(Indonesia : 2699; West Java : 1500)*



Background

Photocatalytic Treatment UV/TiO₂



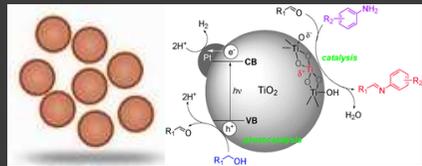
Potential for Treatment of Textile WWTP Effluent:

- Effective degradation of organic & color
- No excess sludge
- Rapid treatment process
- Reusable
- Low process cost

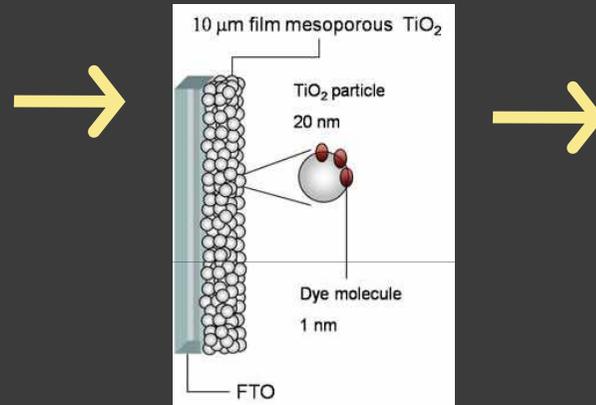
Background

Development of Immobilization Technique for Photocatalytic Treatment of Wastewater

Suspended particles Immobilized particles



Catalyst separation problem



- Practical for application
- Lesser contact area
- Attachment strength problem

Improvement of immobilized particles in this research:

Composite (fiber-based)
Catalyst size (nano-sized particle)

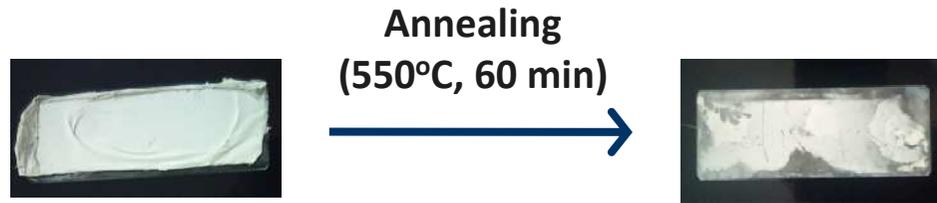
Mechanism of Organic Degradation??..

Objectives

To Investigate..

The mechanism of organic degradation during photocatalytic process of textile WWTP effluent treatment by using immobilized TiO_2 nanofibers composite catalyst

TiO₂ Nanofiber-Nanoparticles Composite



TiO₂ Nanofibers
Immobilized on Glass Plates



As-spun Nanofiber
(Electrospinning)



Nanofiber+Nanoparticles
(Sol-gel, Dip-coating)



TiO₂ Nanofibers-Nanoparticles
Immobilized on Glass Plates

Annealing
(550°C, 60 min)

SEM images

Nanofibers

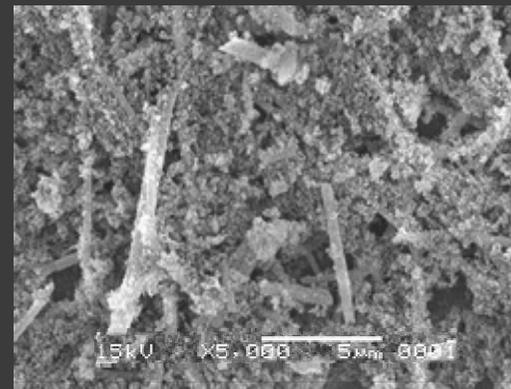


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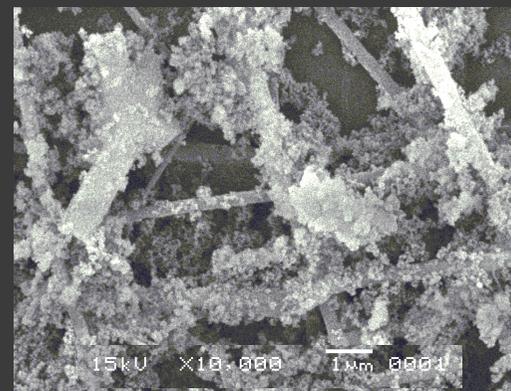


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Composite



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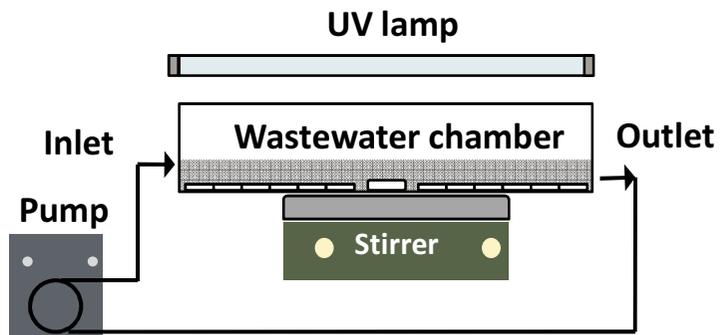


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Catalyst distribution: 4.26 mg-TiO₂/cm²

Methods

Photoreactor



UV Lamps:

UV-C, 3 x 15 W, λ 254 nm



Catalyst:

Glass plates in chamber (500 mL)



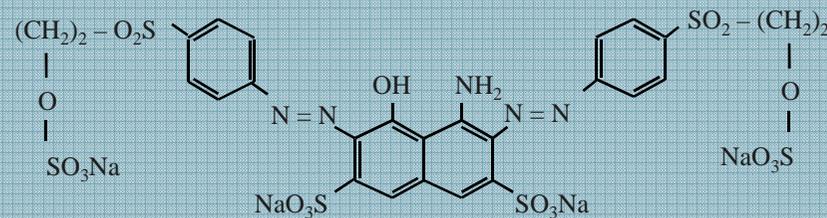
TARGET WASTEWATER

Simulated Wastewater Containing Reactive Black 5 (azo dyes)



Reactive Black 5 (RB5)

- $(C_{26}H_{21}N_5Na_4O_{19}S_6)$
- Molecular weight: 991.8
- Dye concentration: 10 mg/L
- Molecular structure:



Real Textile WWTP Effluent

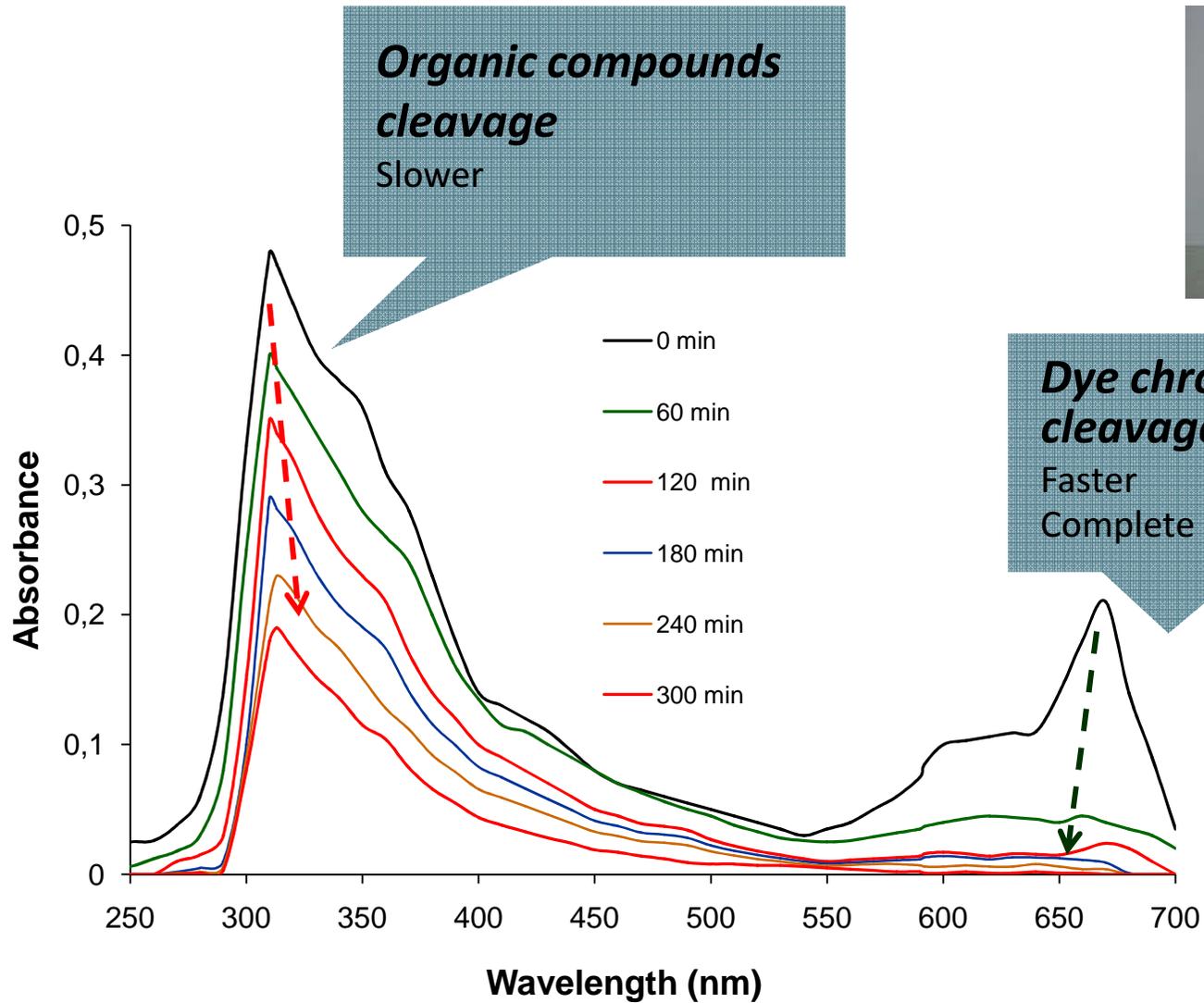


Characteristics:

- Company : Rancaekek, Bandung
- Process : Cotton Dyeing Finishing
- Wastewater discharge : 345 m³/d
- WWTP Process:
 - Coagulation-Flocculation
 - Activated sludge

Results & Discussion

UV-vis absorbance spectra (WWTP effluent)



Organic compounds cleavage
Slower

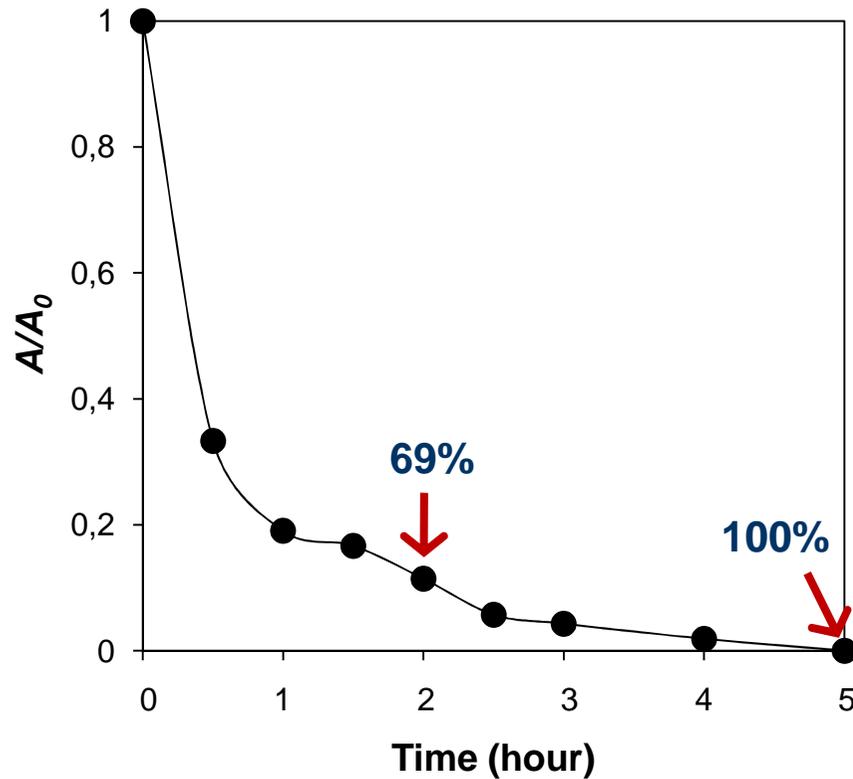


Dye chromophore cleavage
Faster
Complete decolorization: 5 hrs

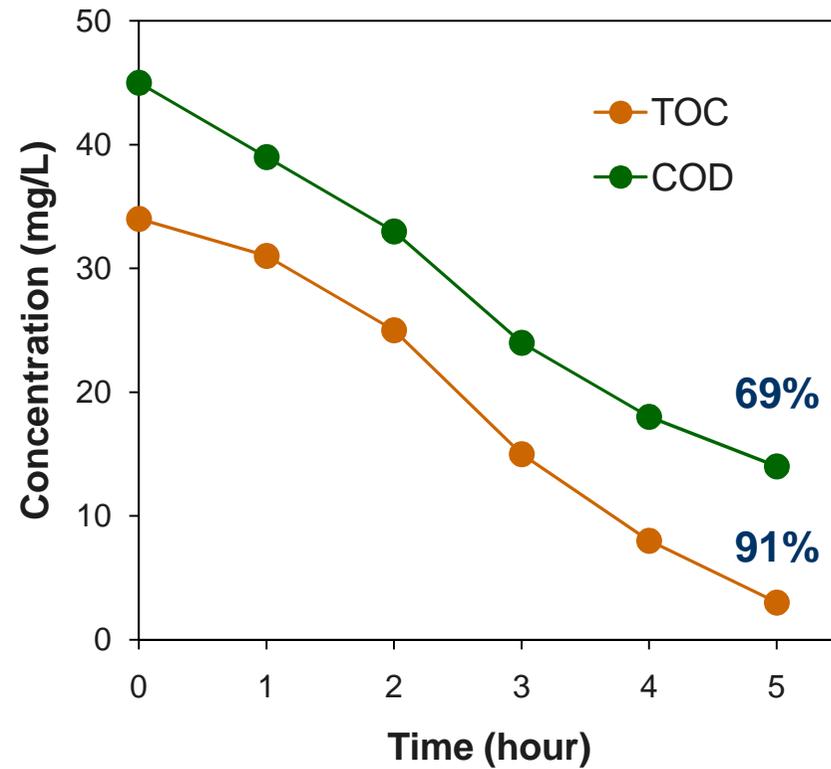
Results & Discussion

Decolorization – Mineralization (WWTP effluent)

Decolorization (λ_{\max} 664 nm)

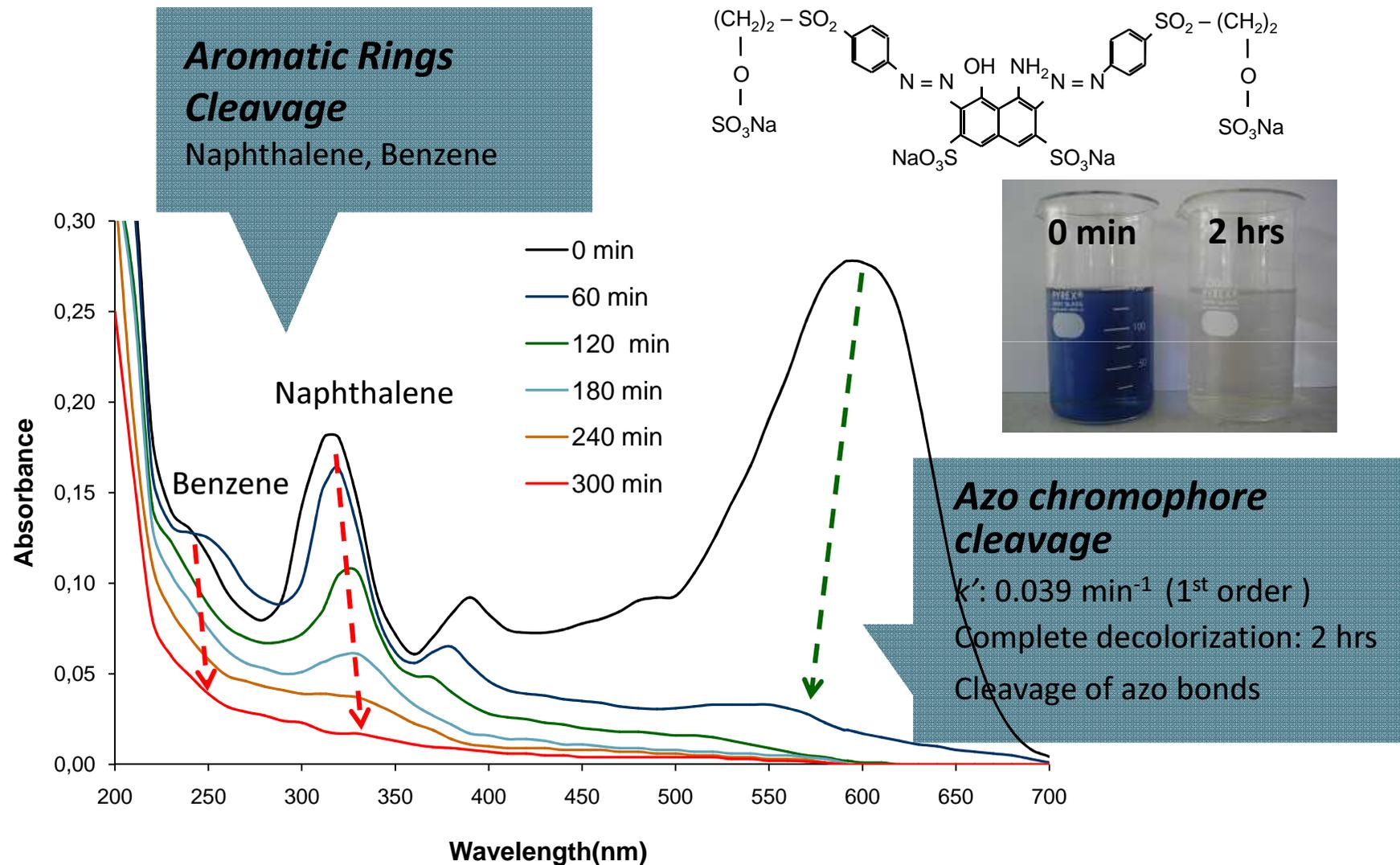


Mineralization



Results & Discussion

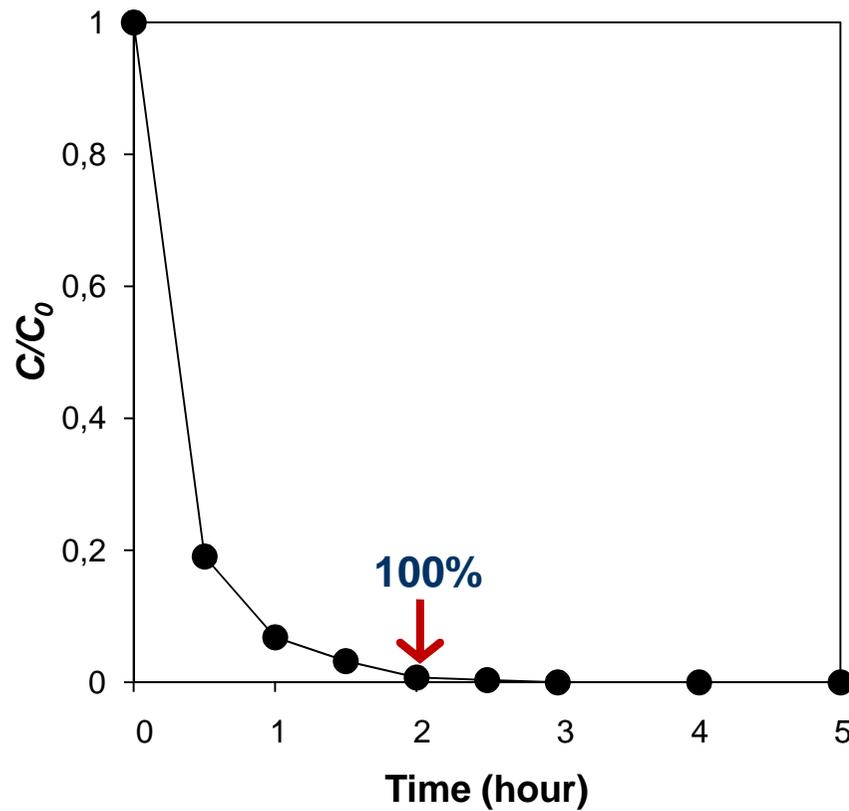
UV-vis absorbance spectra (RB5)



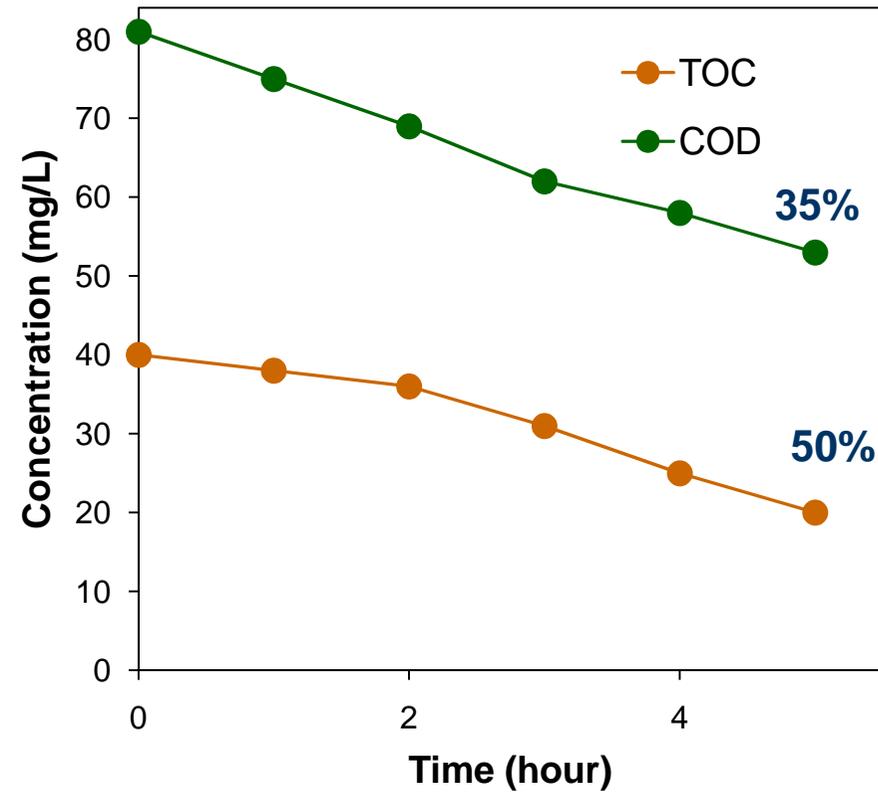
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Decolorization – Mineralization (RB5)

Decolorization (λ_{\max} 592 nm)

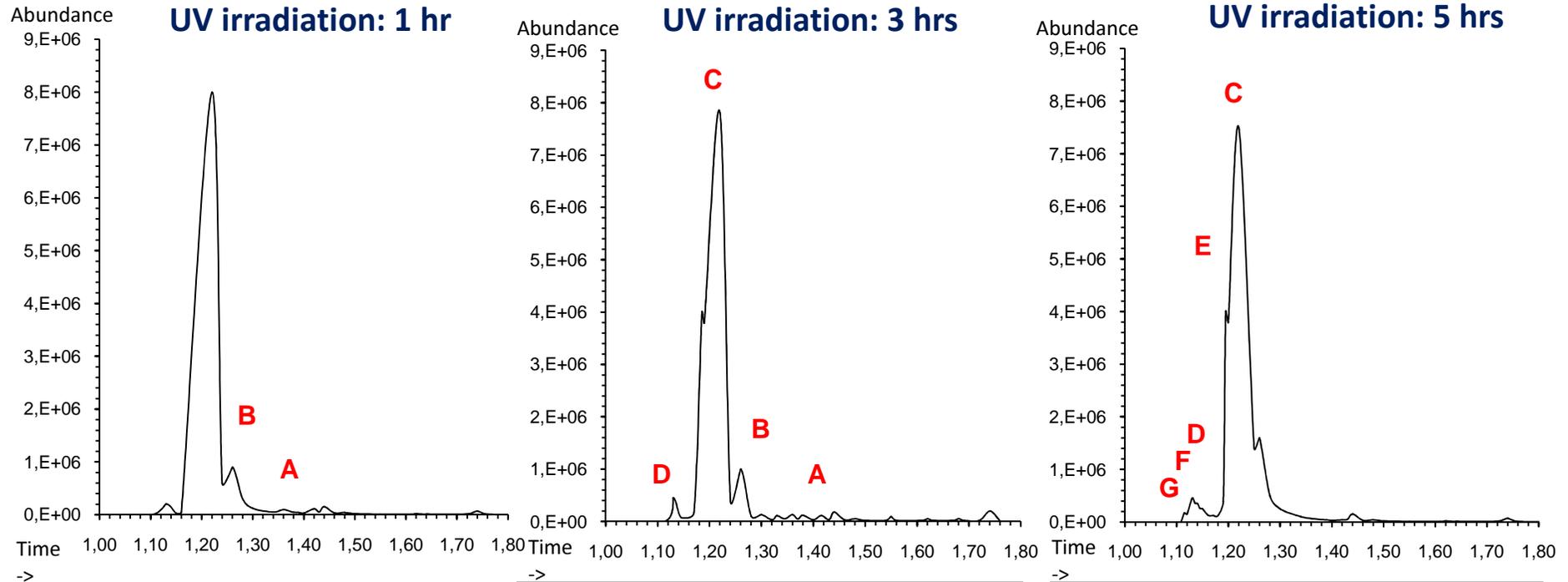


Mineralization



Results & Discussion

GC/MS Results for Degradation of RB5



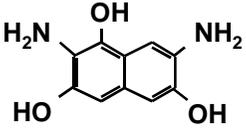
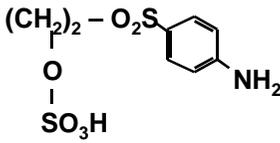
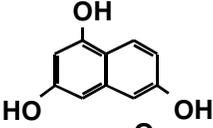
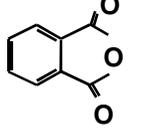
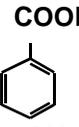
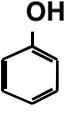
| Compound /Ret. time (min) | Main fragments (m/z) |
|---------------------------|---|
| A (1.41) | 45,59,73,89,96,105, 207 |
| B (1.26) | 45,55,73,87,103,116, 178,191, 281 |

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| E (1.19) | 45,57,73,87,94,105,116, 122 |
| F(1.13) | 45,47,65, 94 |
| G (1.11) | 45,57,62,73, 90 |

Results & Discussion

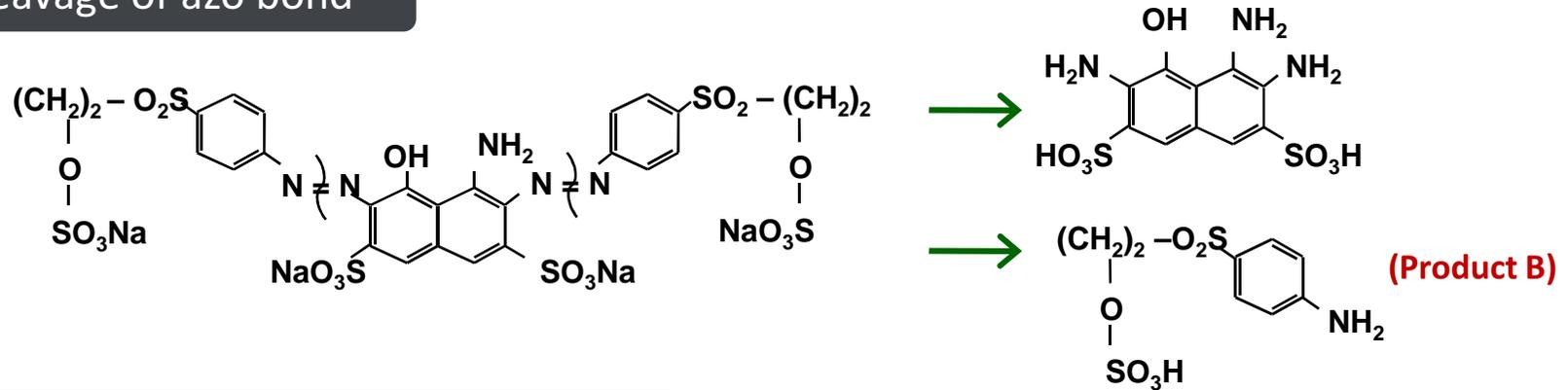
Identification of degradation products (RB5)

| Symbol | Compound | Molecular structure | Molecular weight | Irradiation time (hour) | | |
|--------|---|---|------------------|-------------------------|---|----|
| | | | | 1 | 3 | 35 |
| A | 2,7-diamino,3,6,8-trihidroxy naphthalene |  | 207 | √ | √ | |
| B | 1-sulfonat,2-(4-aminobenzenesulfonyl) ethanol |  | 281 | √ | √ | |
| C | 3,6,8-trihidroxy naphthalene |  | 178 | | √ | √ |
| D | Phthalic anhydride |  | 148 | | √ | √ |
| E | Benzoic acid |  | 122 | | | √ |
| F | Phenol |  | 94 | | | √ |
| G | Oxalyc acid | $(\text{COOH})_2$ | 90 | | | √ |

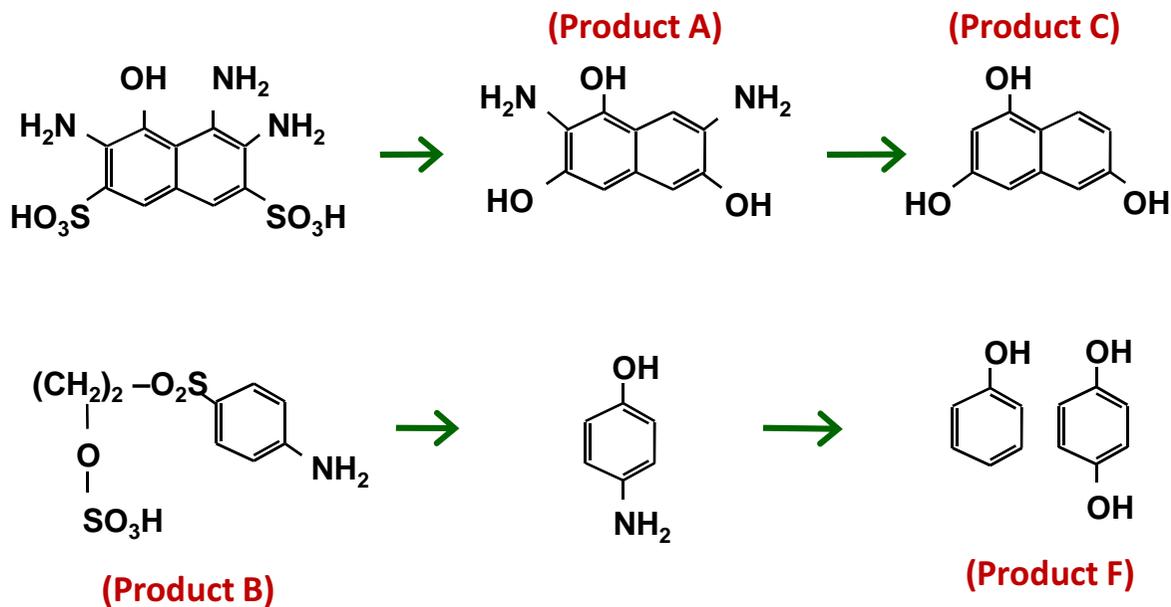
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Mechanism of degradation (*pathway*) – RB5

1. Cleavage of azo bond



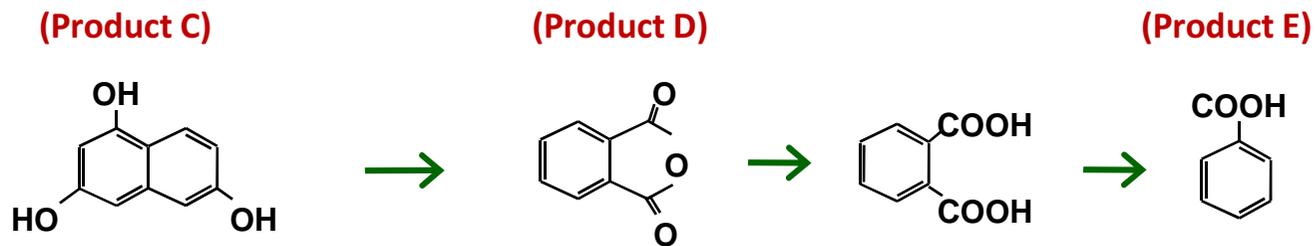
2. Cleavage of C–C, C–N and C–S bonds



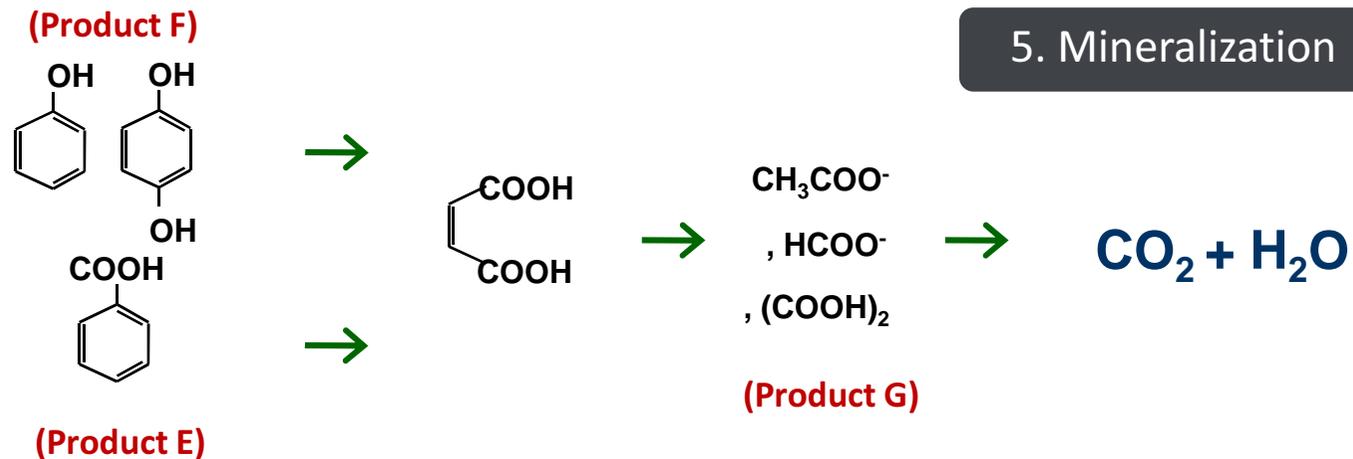
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Mechanism of degradation (*pathway*) – RB5

3. Cleavage of naphthalene rings



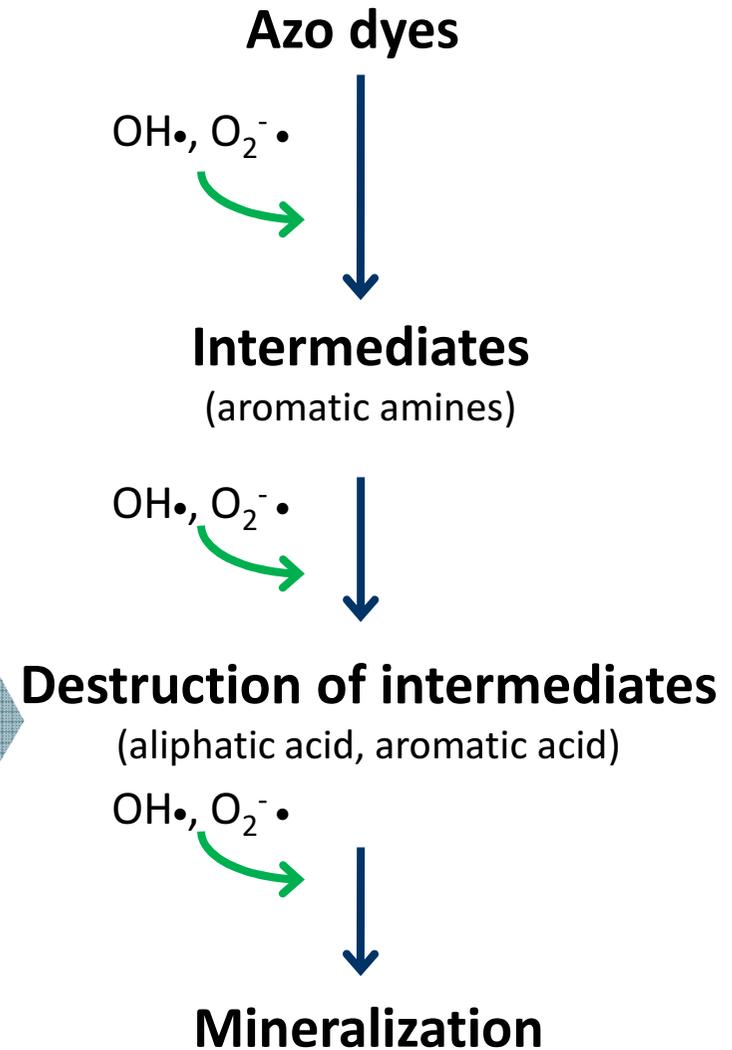
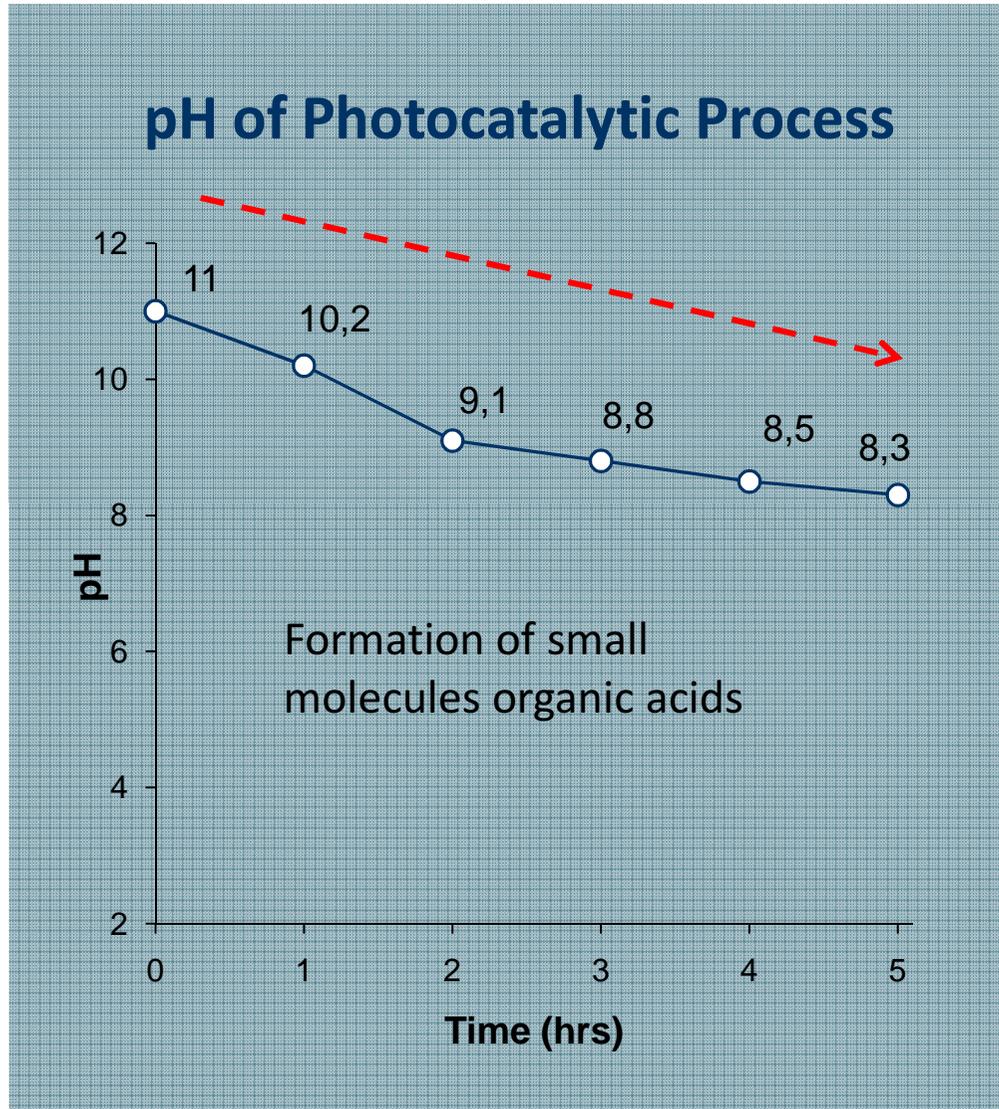
4. Cleavage of benzene rings



5. Mineralization

Results & Discussion

Degradation Pathway



Conclusion

- Photocatalytic treatment by using TiO_2 composite catalyst for textile wastewater contain azo dyes was accomplished through 2 steps:
 - Cleavage of azo chromophore
 - Destruction of organic intermediates
- Photocatalytic treatment could degrade intermediates (aromatic amines) to be smaller molecule organic acids.
- Photocatalytic degradation treatment by using immobilized composite catalyst was effective for mineralization of textile WWTP effluent contain azo dyes.

Thank you for your attention