

1. BIOPREPARATION and BIOFINISHING

BIO-PREPARATION

Substrates: cotton, flax

Enzymes: pectinase, cutinase, xylanase, laccase

Advantages: process integration, energy saving, less polluting wastewaters

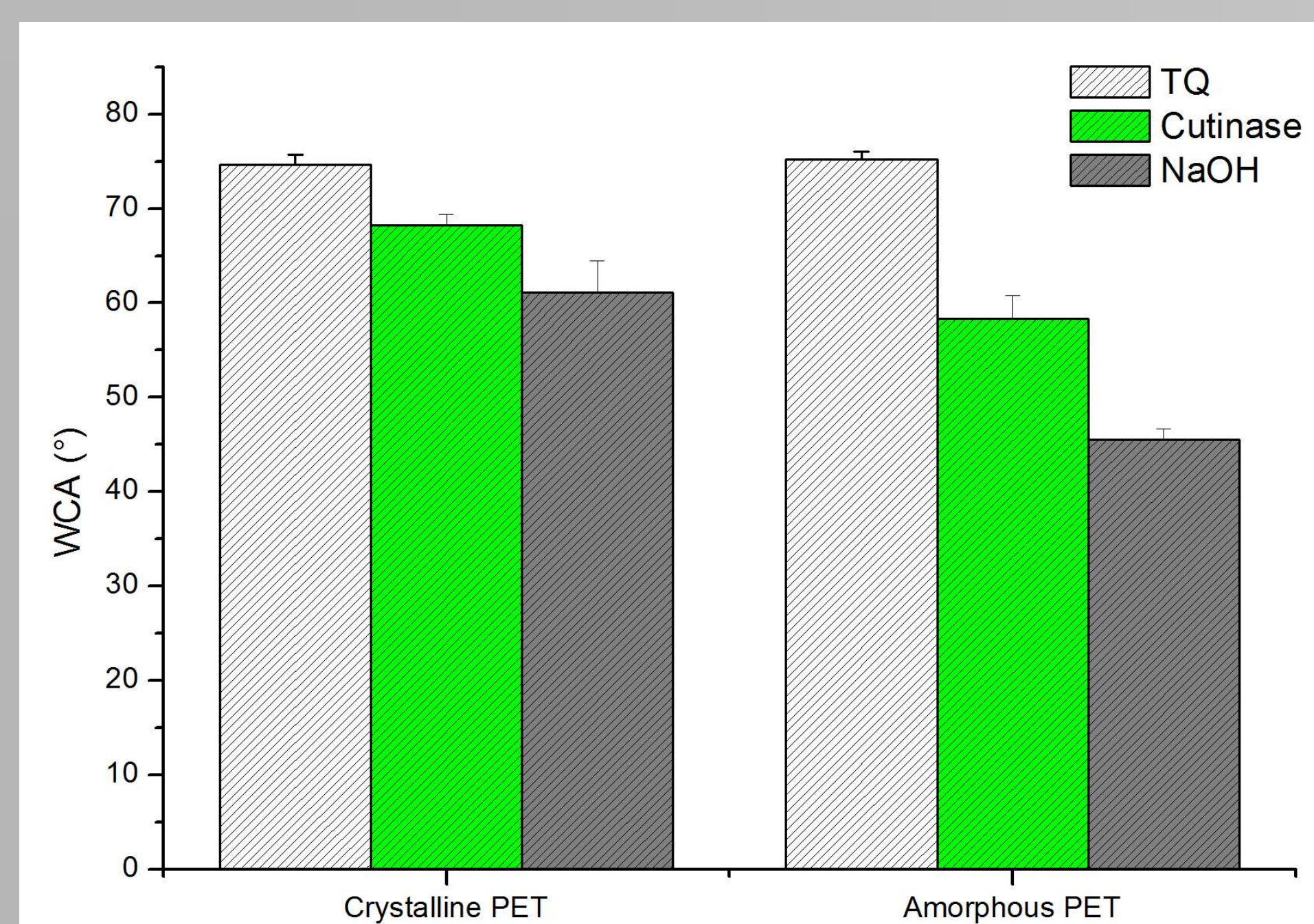


BIO-FINISHING

Substrates: wool, cotton, polyester, polyamide, blends

Enzymes: protease, cellulase, cutinase, laccase

Effects: softness, anti-pilling, hydrophilicity, dyeing capability, antimicrobial functionalization



Cutinase

Enzyme used to increase superficial hydrophilicity of polyester based materials substituting of conventional alkaline treatment.

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2. BIOACTIVE TEXTILES

Different applications were studied and developed:

- Textiles with antifouling activity
- Bioprotective textiles
- Bio-filtering devices
- New biotechnology approaches to bio-traceability

Enzyme stability is one of the most important functional parameter. It depends on the textile substrates, on the immobilizing agents, on the treatments conditions (time, temperature).



Enzymatic activity stabilization:
OPERATIVE CONDITIONS

⇒ Washing resistance
to be improved



Enzymatic activity stabilization:
SHELF LIFE

⇒ Optimum up to 12 months



PROCESSES/MATERIALS UNDER PATENTING

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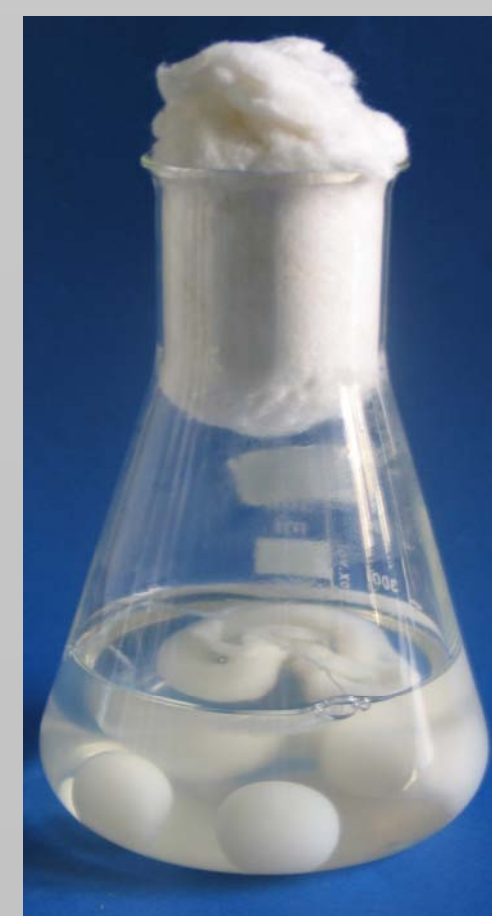


3. BIOSORPTION

A selected fungal strain of *C. elegans* was used for treating both spent dye baths and textile wastewaters. The biomass was cultured in a medium containing starch, harvested, washed and inactivated by heating.



Cunninghamella elegans

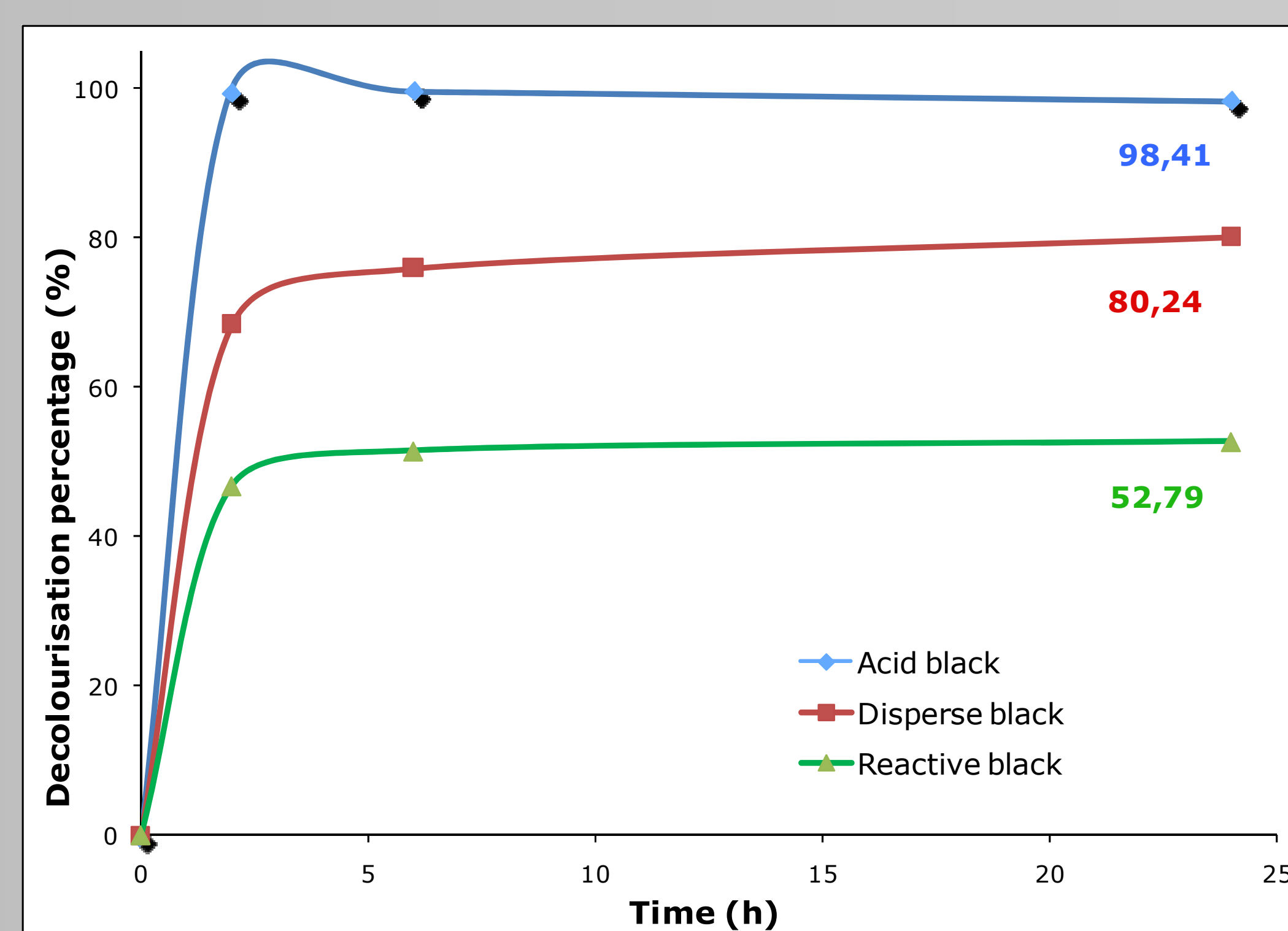


READY TO USE BIOMASS

- *C. elegans* is effective in removing dyes, surfactants and salts, irrespective of effluents composition.
- After 2h up to 98% of pollutants is absorbed by the biomass.
- Adsorption capacity of the fungal biomass is higher than traditional absorbents (eg. activated carbon).
- The biosorption treatment turns in an effective detoxification of the effluents.



Acid bath for polyamide



PATENT: *Fungal biomass preparation for the treatment of industrial wastewaters containing pollutants* - Appl. n° 10153195.2-1213, PAN-ECO S.A.

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