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Biodegradation of the Crude Oil of Hassi Messaoud and the Arabian Oil by Microorganisms Isolated from Fishing Port of Mostaganem Algeria

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Abstract

Mediterranean pollution by industrial discharges from petroleum and marine aquatic resources. Among many petroleum factories are located along the coast of Algeria, the marine port line of mostaganem in the northwest of Algeria is the subject of our study. Since always the sea was the universal receptacle of pollution by hydrocarbons negatively modified the natural balance of the aquatic environment and can give many problems for the environment. Our study aimed on the biodegradation as a natural elimination of these pollutants and used as control of this pollution The aim of this work is the study of marine pollution by physical; chemical and biological methods. The species of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*: *Candida petrolum* and *Aspergillus terreus* isolated from the sea water of three stations port from fishing port and Mostaganem showed their capacity of adaptation and assimilation of strong concentration of the hydrocarbons oil Arabian light and crude oil of Hassi Messoud 10% in a natural environment and 3% in a synthetic medium, their roles of transformation and degradation of the crude oil of Hassi Messoud and the petrol of the Arabian light.

1. Introduction

The discharge of oil in the environment is one of pollution phenomena of most concern in the sense that these hydrocarbons are toxic to humans, fauna and flora (Belhaj et al., 2000). The discharge of petroleum products in marine or terrestrial causes a proliferation of microorganisms able to grow on hydrocarbons and their degradation products. Their number is much higher in polluted areas; after an injection of oil into sites without contamination (Soltan, 2010). The elimination of the oil in marine environment requires the intervention of the various biotic and abiotic factors. Among these factors; the biological breakdown by the micro-organisms and in particular the bacteria is the natural process most important in depollution of maritime environment. Consequently, mechanisms of the biological breakdown of the substances tankers (linear alkanes, phénylalcane, cycloalcanes, hydrocarbons polycyclic and polyaromatic) by the marine bacteria (Soltani, 2010).

Metabolic reactions of the bacteria and other micro-organisms which are naturally present in the seamen circles are usually called mechanisms of biological breakdown. A wide variety of bacteria can use hydrocarbons as sole source of carbone. Ce process is of great interest in preserving the natural environment by reducing the amount of oil-related

contaminants (Pijanowski et al., 2007). Some bacterial strains can produce their own surfactant, which contributes to the effective assimilation and absorption of hydrocarbon (Phale and Prabhu, 2003).

According to several authors, metabolic ways of degradation by stocks of *Pseudomonas* sp. were the first studied ways and are very known (Sutherl and et al., 1995).

The objective of this study is the determination the microorganisms able to live at oil pollution environment as well as can have the ability to eliminate the oil substances a fishing area in the port of Mostaganem Algeria.

2. Material and Methods

Bioderability test 1:

To appreciate the phenomenon of the biodegradation of hydrocarbons in sea water we prepared a culture medium by natural sea water for that a source of carbon was selected as well as a microbial population.

2.1. Sampling Sources

The sea water was taken from non polluted zone. A quantity of one litre is filtered on Whatman paper; then 2 g/l ammonium chloride was added as source of nitrogen and 0.1 g/l of sodium phosphate as source of phosphorus. This medium was agitated magnetically and preserved at 4°C in a dark for one month. The pH was adjusted to 8 (Boutefnoucht and al., 2009).

According to Boutefnoucht and al. (2009) the source of carbon added in the middle of culture was a derivative of the crude oil (Arabian light) of Arzew "Oran".

2.2. Determination the Microbial Biodegradable

The source of carbon is a light fraction oil, a bacterial; yeast and fungi species would be able with it to only degrade this source of carbon in the Oil "Arabian Light", it is what directed us with the insulation and the purification of various stocks starting from our studies microbiological of the 3 stations and to test them on the oil crude.

The bacteria; yeast and fungi used for the inoculation of our test come from our insulation and identification with tests bacteriological first part of our experimental of 3 stations.

2.3. Warburg Method

Technique used in our experimental and based known the manometer technique of the apparatus of Warburg. For each culture to be tested one needs 14 bottle of Warburg for pipe side, clean and dry: for each of the 12 substrates, like endogenous witness and the last like barometric witness thermo. Each bottle of Warburg with pipe has three compartments: the principal compartment, a compartment with pipe and a central tank.

To measure the reagents and to introduce them into the compartments of each bottle, as follows:

Table 1. The measurement of the reagents used in Warburg method.

	Principal compartment	Central flask
Bottles of test	1.4 ml of oil where oil and 1.4 ml of calibrated cellular suspension (microorganisms)	0.1 ml of solution of KOH with 20%α
Endogenous pilot bottle	1.9 ml of oil plug where oil and 1.0 ml of calibrated cellular suspension (bacteria)	0.1 ml of solution of KOH with 20%α
Pilot bottle thermo barometric	3.0 ml of plug of oil where oil	20%α (p/v) of potassium hydroxide in distilled water -

2.4. Potential of Degradation

The potential of degradation is given thanks to the analyzes the rate of CO₂ release in the medium by the relationship between the quantity of substrate consumed in the tests and that presents in the abiotic witnesses in each 4 days of the incubation period 20 days.

2.5. Determination the Rate of Mineralization (CO₂)

The output of mineralization is the relationship between the numbers of moles of carbons released in the form of CO₂.

Measurement was taken each 4 days for one 20 days period, and this technique based on the method of Warburg and calculates the carbonization gas rate of them according to Waes (1971) the formula was used for calculations.

Table 2. The carbonization gas rate.

X	Representing the quantity of gas in μl (0°C, 760 m Hg)
H	Representing the modification in mm of the open arms of the pressure gauge
KCO_2	Representing the constant of the bottle
V_f	Representing the quantity in μl, of liquid in the bottle
V_g	Representing the difference, in μl, between the total volume of the pressure gauge and the bottle and the number of μl of liquid of the bottle
T	Representing 273 + the temperature of operation (27°C)
A	Representing the solubility of CO ₂ in the solutions, in ul CO ₂ /ul solution
P_0	Representing the standard pressure expressed according to the manometer solution

The value used was the value of CO₂ in the water, which is of 0.759 with 25°C; the manometer solution was the known solution of Brodie with density 1.033, so that P_0 :

$$P_0 = 760 \times \frac{13,6}{1,033} = 10000$$

3. Results

The produced CO₂ rate is deferred in the Graph. On notices after the incubation period, that the production of

CO₂ is increasing according to time for each pure population of the microorganisms, the results showed an increase in the

CO₂ rate which is in direct contribution with the reduction in the rate of the oil crude and light arab oil.

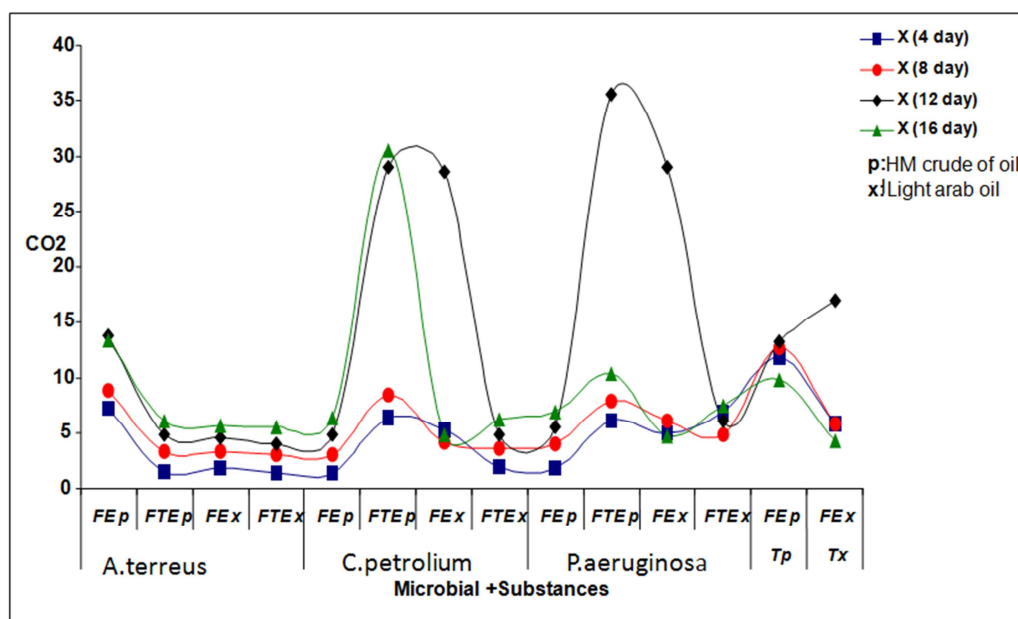


Figure 1. The concentration of CO₂ (µl) released by *P. aeruginosa*; *C. petrolium* and *A. terreus*.

Biodegradability test 2:

The biodegradability test of DCPIP indicator

The biodegradability of the microorganisms was verified using the technique based on the rodox indicator 2,6-dichlorophenol indophenol (DCPIP) (Hanson et al 1993).

The principal of this technique is that during the microbial oxidation of the carbon source, electrons are transferred to electron acceptors by incorporating an electron acceptor such DCPIP to the culture medium; the ability of the microorganisms to utilize the substrate by observing the color change of DCPIP from blue (oxidized) to colorless (reduced). This technique was used by pirollo et al 2008. The time to decolorization of the DCPIP indicator was registered of each microorganism. *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* was 8 hours. *Candida petrolium* 12 hours and *Aspergillus terreus* in 17 hours. we have noticed during the experiment no decolorization of the substrate controls (Without inoculums) or of the inoculums controls (without oils) was observed, similar results were found by junior et al 2009.

4. Discussion and Conclusion

From the graph we noticed a difference in rate of mineralization both have substance by the rate of CO₂ to release by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. *Candida petrolium* and *Aspergillus terreus*, it reaches 35.62 µl for *Aspergillus terreus*. after 12 days of incubation; according to Cerniglia (1992) that the metabolic way of degradation of Naphthalene by *Aspergillus terreus* and utilizes a dioxygenase which oxidizes one of the benzene cycles to form a cis-dihydrodiol.

Clear mineralization is regular positive in the suspensions after one 12 days and 16 days period; the metabolic ways of degradation by stocks of *Aspergillus terreus*. Were the first

studied ways and are much known. The contribution of oil biological breakdown causes significant increase in the rate of mineralization of carbon by report the, which rises with (28.99 µl crude oil; 28.6 µl for Arabian light oil /12 days) for *Candida petrolium*, and (35.62 µl Oil; 28.99 µl Arabian light oil /12 days) for, and weak for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* with (13.78 µl crude oil; 5.72 µl arabiant light/12 days) and this quantity CO₂ to release decreases with time before 12 days for *Aspergillus terreus*. The oil carbon very quickly mineralizes by report Arabian light according to our results for the different microorganisms. In the 16 days have observed one followed by increase in the rate of CO₂ release by to 30.55 µl for (*Pseudomonas aeurogenosa*), and an absence of the release of CO₂ for (*Aspergillus terreus* and *Candida petrolium*). The same results has been found by (Ahmed ould boudia in 2013) using the *Enterobacter cloacae*; *Pseudomonas* spp and *Escherichia coli*.

More research work is going to be done by using other microorganisms isolated from the same environment to find the suitable microbes to have the the highest level of biodegradation and this would help us to solve some of problems contaminations coming from oil spills in coastal waters around fishing ports or from small ship collisions to fuel transfer mishaps at western coast line in Algeria.

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