



Polyhydroxyalkanoate production from yeast industry wastewater using mixed microbial culture

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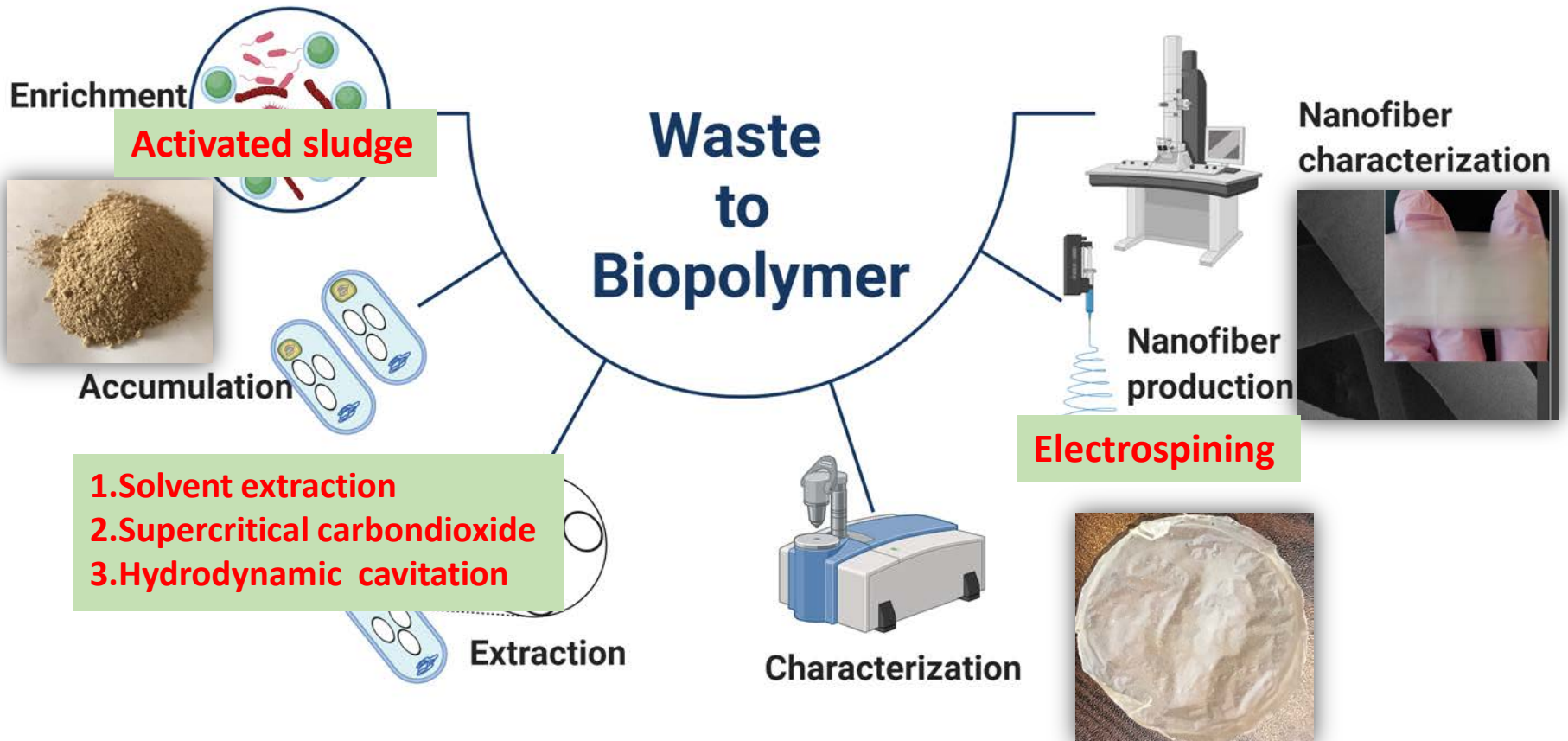
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PROJECT OVERVIEW

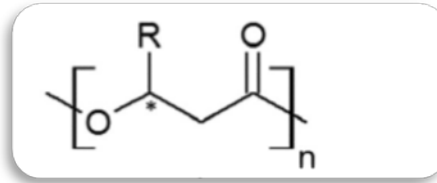
The Project steps are :

1. PHA production in activated sludge with using yeast industry wastewater (YWW) as a feeding stream,
2. PHA extraction with using different extraction methods,
3. Nanofiber production



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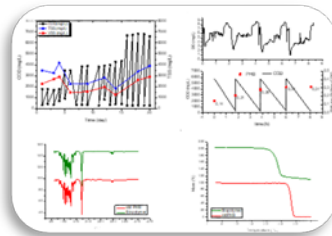
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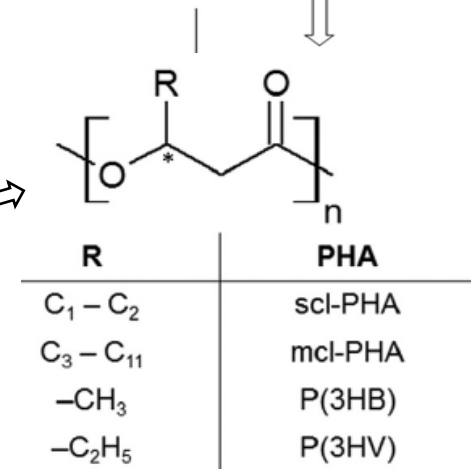
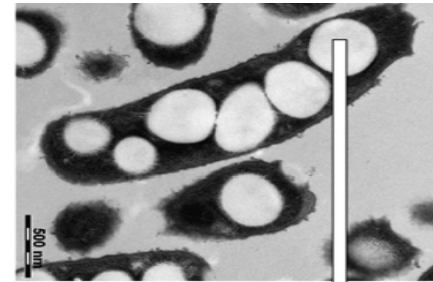
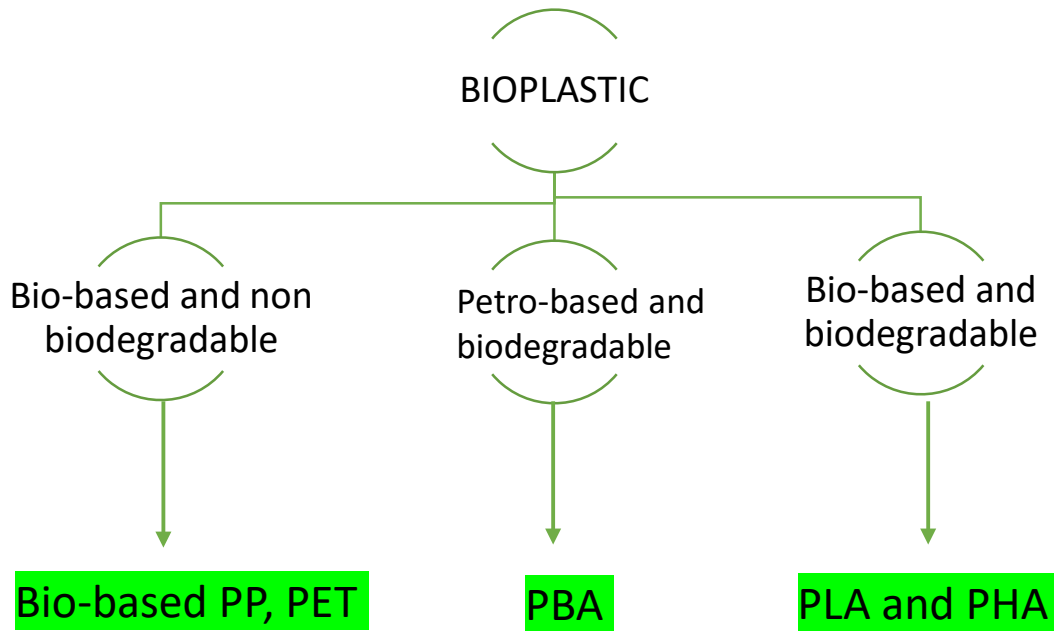
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I. Introduction to PHB



n=1, R=metil => poli-3-hidroksibütirat (PHB)

- PHB was the first PHA to be identified in 1926 by in the bacterium *Bacillus megaterium*.
- PHB is the most widely studied and best-characterized member of PHAs.

II. PHB produced microorganisms and substrates

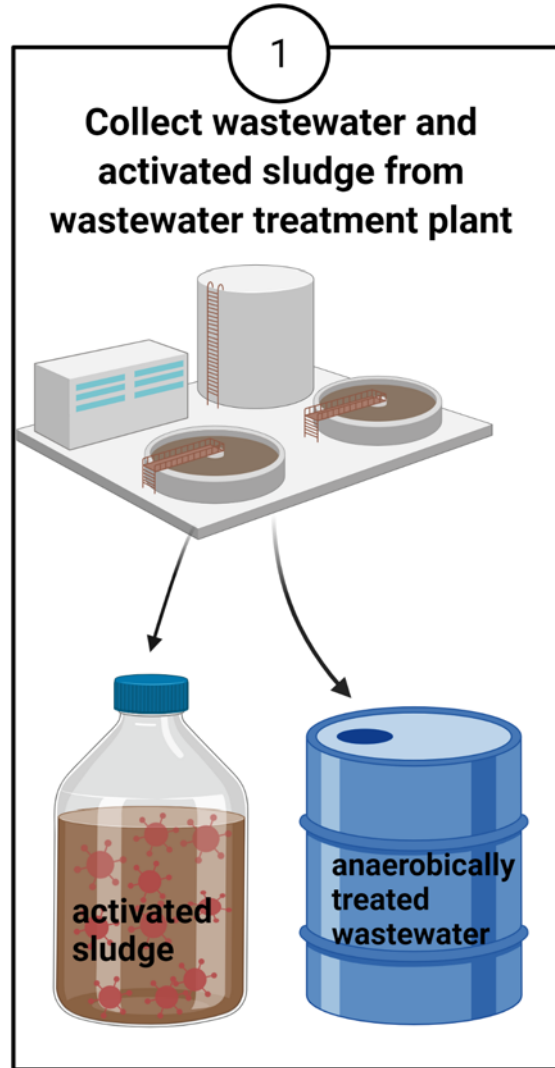
Food waste source	Microorganisms(s)	PHA polymer type	Cultivation	Dry cell weight (g l ⁻¹)	Maximum PHA production reported (g PHA g ⁻¹ dwt)	References
Spent coffee grounds	<i>Cupriavidus necator</i> DSM 428	PHB	Fermenter, fed-batch	16.7	78.40%	Cruz <i>et al.</i> (2014)
Starch	<i>Azotobacter chroococcum</i>	PHB	Fermenter, batch	54	46%	Kim (2000)
Sugarcane molasses	<i>Bacillus megaterium</i>	PHB	Fermenter, fed-batch	72.2	42%	Kulorecha <i>et al.</i> (2014)
Rice straw	<i>Bacillus firmus</i> NII	PHB	Fermenter, batch	1.9	89%	Sindhu <i>et al.</i> (2013)
Molasses	<i>Pseudomonas</i>	PHA	Flask, batch	10.54	20.63%	Chaudhry <i>et al.</i> (2014)

Table 3. Production of PHAs from anaerobically digested food waste.

Food scraps from cafeteria	<i>C. necator</i>	PHBV	Fermenter, batch	22.7	72.60%	Du and Yu (2002)
Kitchen waste	<i>C. necator</i>	PHB	Fermenter, batch	4.6	52.79%	Omar <i>et al.</i> (2011)
Fermented molasses	Mixed microbial culture	PHBV	Fermenter, pulse feed	56%		Albuquerque <i>et al.</i> (2011)
Olive oil mill pomace	Activated sludge consortia	PHBV	SBR	30%		Waller <i>et al.</i> (2012)
Restaurant waste	Recombinant <i>E. coli</i> pniDTM2	PHB	Fermenter, batch	2.9	45%	Fichtaya <i>et al.</i> (2013)
Restaurant waste	<i>C. necator</i> H16	PHB	Fermenter, continuous feeding	1.4	87%	Hafuka <i>et al.</i> (2011)

Nielsen, C., Rahman, A., Rehman, A. U., Walsh, M. K., & Miller, C. D. (2017). Food waste conversion to microbial polyhydroxyalkanoates. In *Microbial Biotechnology* (Vol. 10, Issue 6, pp. 1338–1352). John Wiley and Sons Ltd. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1751-7915.12776>

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Parameter	Value
pH	7.5-7.88
COD (mg/L)	2500-3430
Σ N (mg/L)	100-200
Σ P (mg/L)	6.7-21.9
Suspended solids (SS) (mg/L)	450-500
Total volatile fatty acids (VFA) (mg/L)	950-3000

Acetic acid: %90

Propionic acid: %3

Butyric acid: %3

Isobutyric acid: %2

i-valeric acid: %1

Valeric acid: %1

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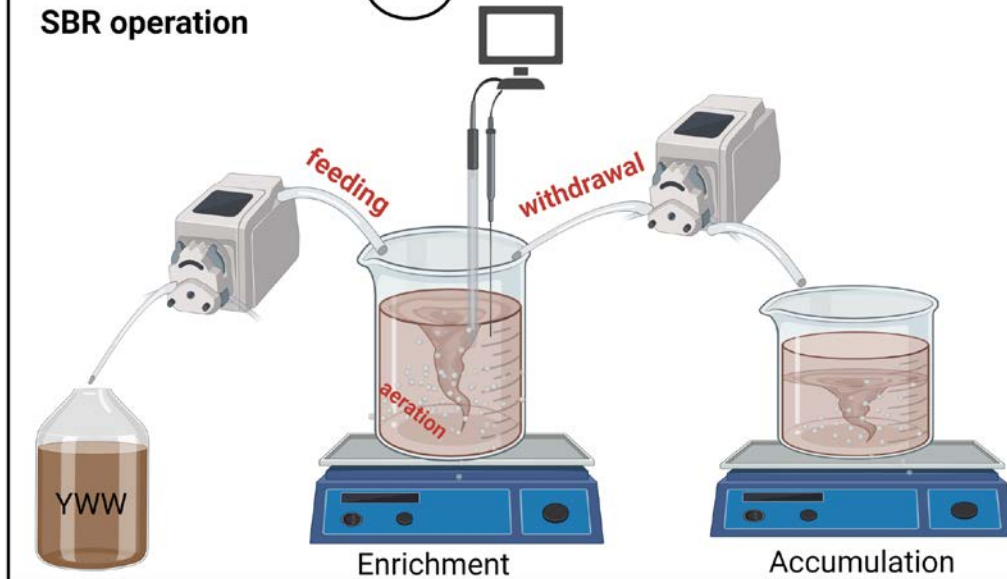
SRT and OLR optimization experiments



Operating conditions:
SBR's in different sludge retention times (SRT), feast/famine regime, one cycle/day well aerated and stirred

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SBR operation



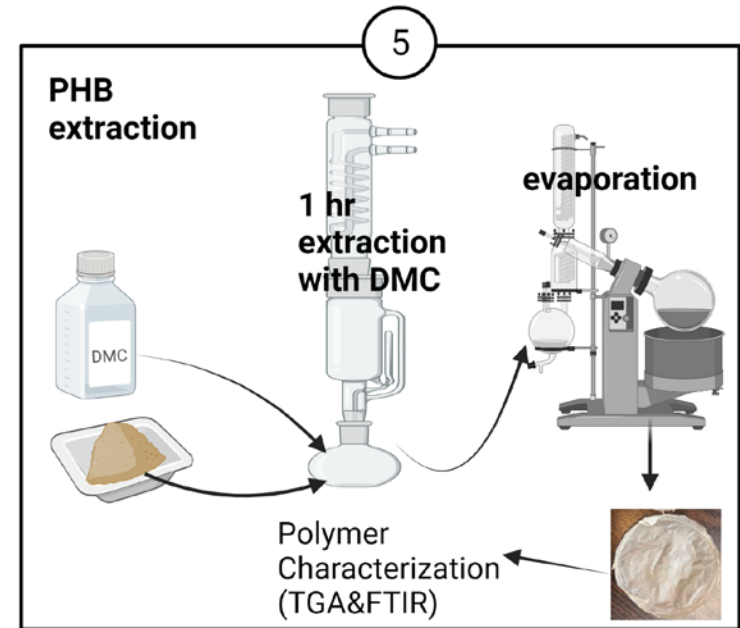
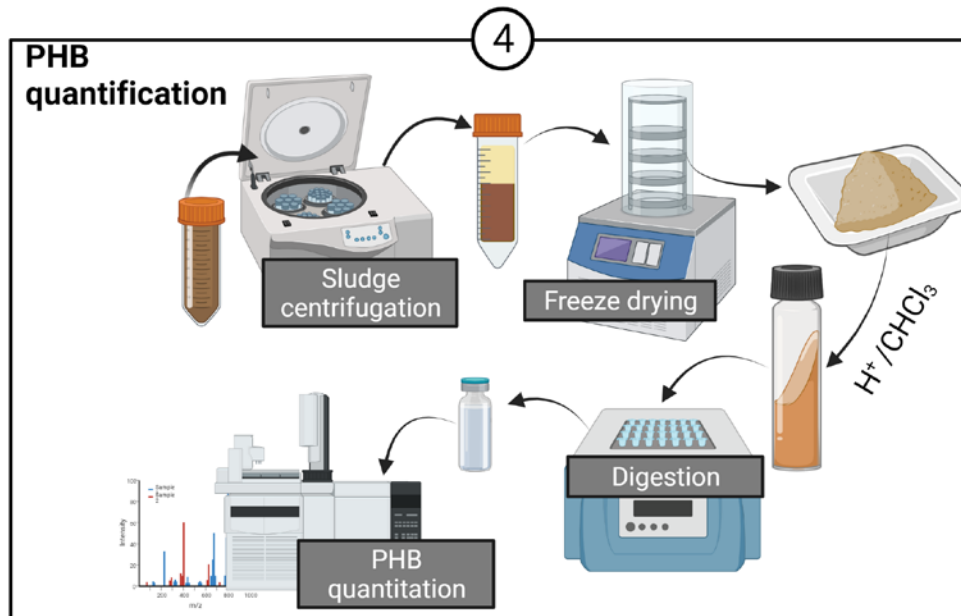
- **Inoculum:** activated sludge
- **Feeding stream:** anaerobically pre-treated yeast industry wastewater (YWW)
- two steps PHB production from yeast industry wastewater in activated sludge was investigated:

- 1) feeding of activated sludge with anaerobically pre-treated yeast industry wastewater (enrichment reactor)
- 2) PHB accumulation by pulse addition in the excess sludge of enrichment reactor.

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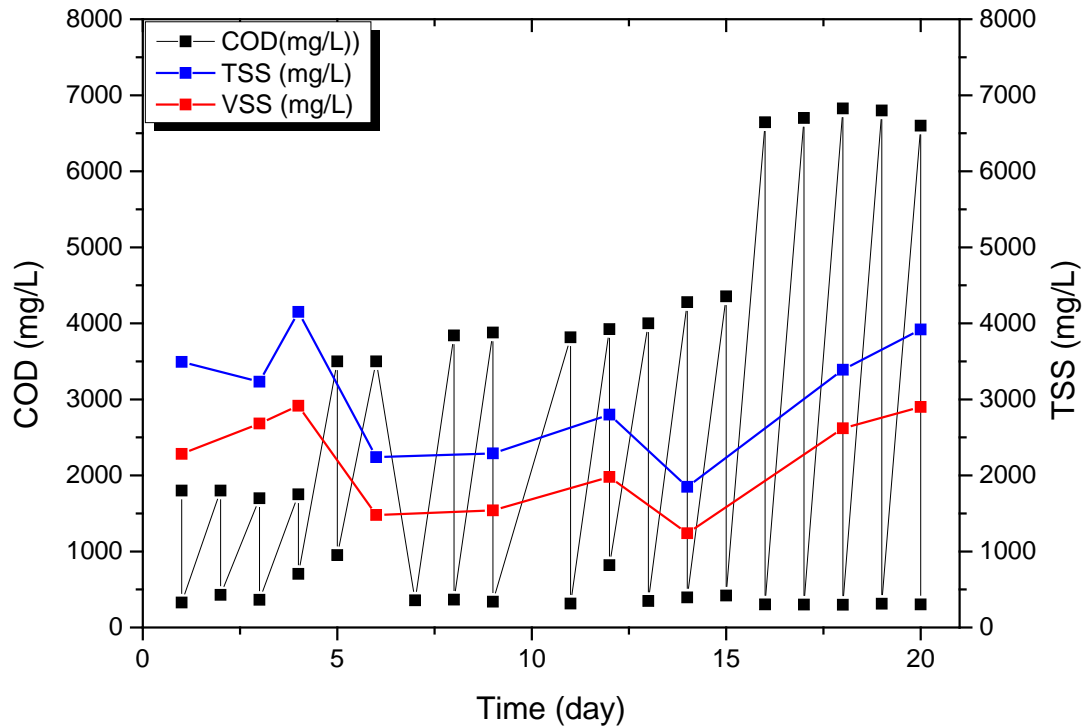
Analytical methods:

- Chemical oxygen demand (COD),
- Total suspended solids (TSS),
- Volatile suspended solids (VSS),
- PHB content (%cell dry weight (CDW))
- Dissolved oxygen (DO),
- PHB extraction



IV. RESULTS

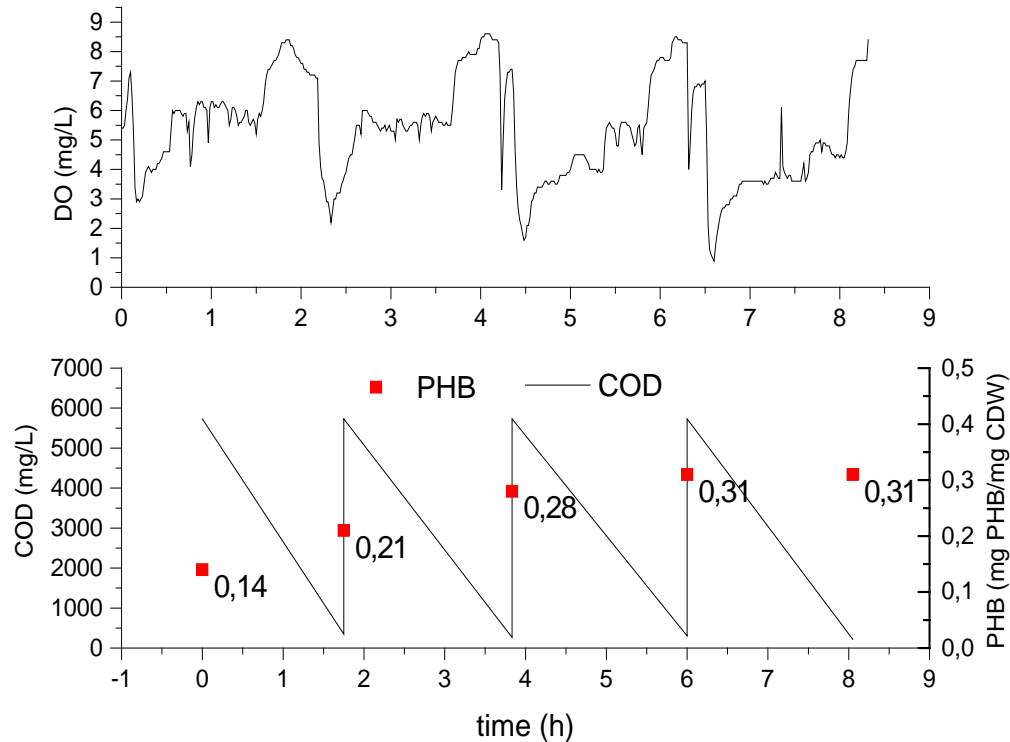
Concentration profiles of COD, TSS and VSS



- COD value of wastewater was increased step by step to increase the TSS.
- End of the 20 days operation while SBR still continues for the enrichment stage, excess sludge was used for the accumulation stage.

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Concentrations of COD and PHB in the accumulation reactor with pulse addition of the substrate

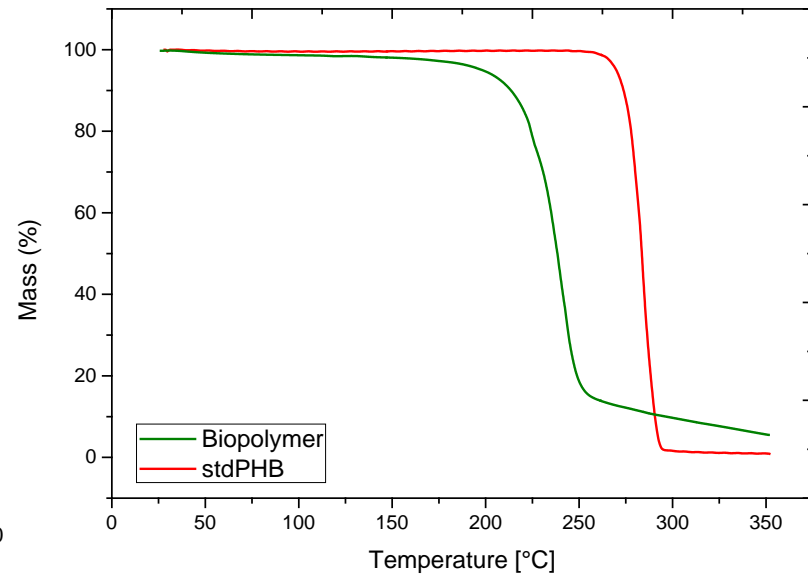
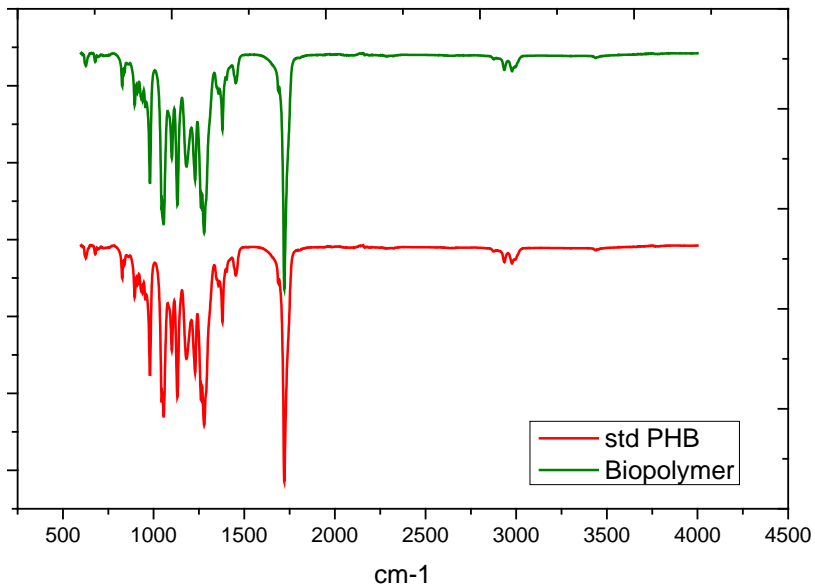


- The wastewater was fed by pulse addition (4 pulses) controlled by the DO concentration.
- PHB storage was increased to 0.31 mg PHB/mg CDW at the end of 4 pulses which was 0.14 mg PHB/mg CDW at beginning of the accumulation.

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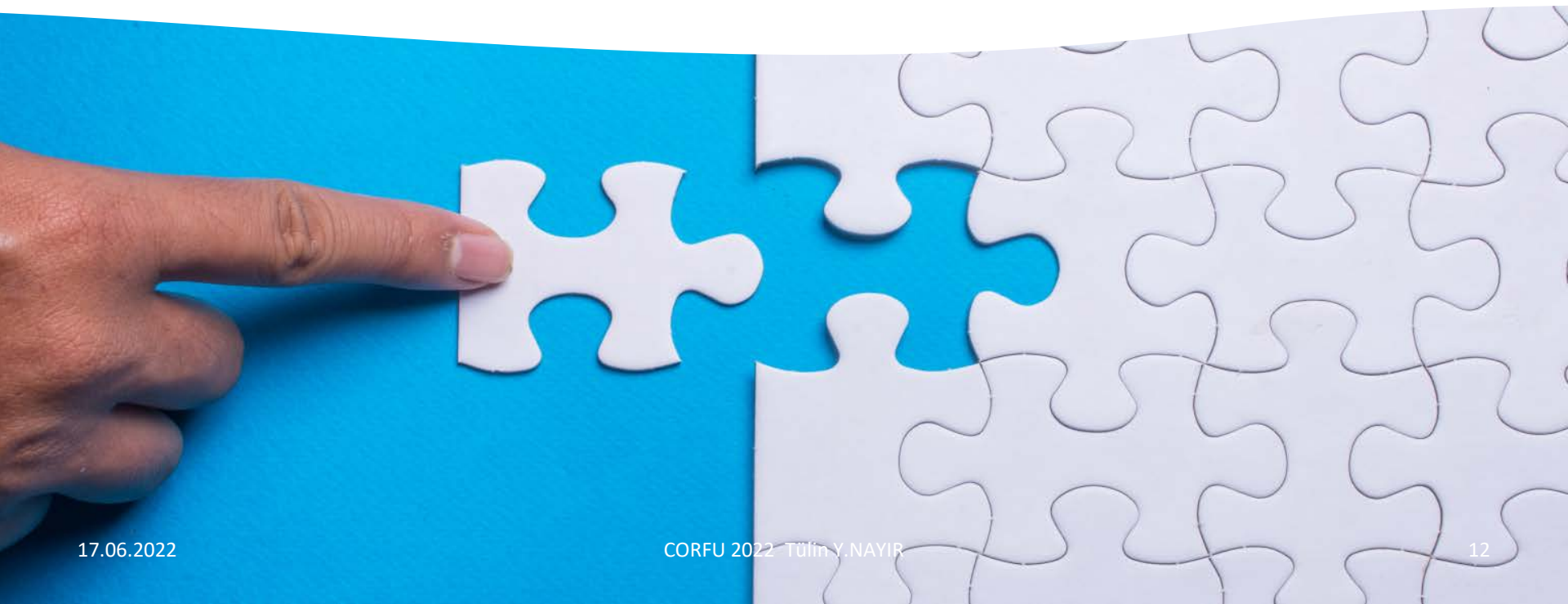


FTIR and TGA analysis of biopolymer comparison with commercial PHB sample



VI. CONCLUSION and FUTURE WORK

- *There are few study which are feeded to enrichment reactor with wastewater stream instead of synthetic acetate and mineral solution. In this study, the culture was able to accumulate 30% PHB (for CDW).*
- Study is still going on with the accumulation experiments to increase the PHB content in the (MMC).
- Extraction experiments continue in parallel with the accumulation.
- Extracted polymers are going to be used for the nanofiber production
- End of this project, we will have developed new methods for the production of biopolymer by evaluating waste and extracting this polymer using environmentally friendly methods.



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