Development of membrane-based biological treatment process for textile dye wastewater

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Scale of the problem

•More than 100,000 commercially available

•Estimated annual production of over 7×10^5

•15% lost during the dyeing process

Background	Textile processing: steps and discharged chemicals
Desizing	Sizing agent (Starch, Polyvinyl alcohol etc.), detergent, oxidizing agent etc.
Scouring	Grease, wax, detergent, caustic soda, caustic ash etc.
Bleaching	Hypochlorite, peroxide, caustic soda, caustic ash etc.
Mercerizing	Concentrated caustic, detergent etc.
Wet reduction	Organic acid etc.
Dyeing and rinsin	19 Dye, dyeing auxiliaries such as electrolyte, dispersing agent, surfactants etc. polyacrylates, phosphonates, sequestering agents (e.g. EDTA), deflocculation agents (lignin or naphthalenesulfonates), antistatic agents, fixing agents,
Oning	Olive oii, minerai oii, non-ionic emuisifier etc.
Fulling	Detergent, caustic, sequestering agent etc.
Carbonizing	Concentrated acid etc.
Printing and rinsing Similar to dyeing and rinsing	
Finishing	Finishing auxiliaries like preservatives (substituted phenol), chemicals used for fire-, moth-, and water-proofing etc.

Background Dye wastewater: Environmental concerns

- Dye: a 'hard-to-treat' pollutant > striking visibility in recipients, influence photosynthetic activity of aquatic lives
- persistent, and recalcitrant to microbial degradation, [Hydrolyzed reactive blue 19, Half life=46 yrs. (pH=7, 25°C)]
- their accumulation in certain forms of aquatic life may lead to <u>toxic</u> products.
 [Basic violet 1, LC₂₀=0.05mg/l (single cell green algae)]



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