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## **Aerobic biodegradation of phenol**

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### **Abstract**

Phenol [C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH] is a sweet-smelling compound generally present in effluents of numerous businesses. Phenol is far reaching toxin in the earth, amazingly perilous and determined in water speaking to genuine environmental issue and general wellbeing hazard. The destiny and conduct of phenol in nature is about the worry for the ecological toxicology and general wellbeing checking. Different microorganisms are engaged with the vigorous biodegradation process other than natural parameters that influence phenol debasement. Supplement prerequisite, bioavailability of phenol and other natural variables assume a significant job in understanding the procedure of phenol debasement. Be that as it may, the current the phenol in condition parts has been the real natural toxin present among the wide assortment of poisonous natural synthetic concoctions and biodegradation is an alternative that give the likelihood to crush different innocuous contaminant of phenol utilizing common organic activity.

**Keywords:** Phenol, Aerobic, Biodegradation

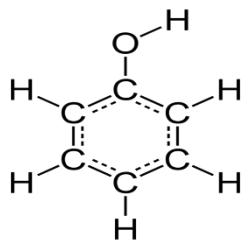
## **Introduction**

The earth is witnessing rise in pollutants, one of the main environmental worries is the incrementally in aromatics pollutants that are reached into the ecosystem. Because the weights of a regularly expanding populace and modern advancement have prompted the expansion of a variety of man-made synthetics, prompting enormous disintegration in natural quality, sully soil, air, water and sustenance [1]. Besides that a wide assortment of engineered synthetic substances has discovered their way into the biological system as an outcome of mechanical dumping of squanders, horticultural utilizations of compound pesticides and other household purposes. Whilst, the personal satisfaction on earth is connected inseparably to the general nature of the earth. Among the distinctive poisonous mixes, phenol is perceived as a toxin and phenol debased water is a potential danger to human wellbeing since it is hematotoxic and hepatotoxic, incite mutagenesis toward people and other living creatures [2]. Since phenol is exceedingly solvent in water, it shows up as the significant contamination in wastewaters emerging from both phenol producing units and from mechanical units that use phenol. Phenol speaks to a genuine biological issue because of it is wide spread use, poisonous quality and event all through nature; subsequently, it is important to create productive techniques for it is waste administration [3]. Bioremediation offers the likelihood to evacuate different contaminants utilizing characteristic natural action. All things considered, it utilizes moderately minimal effort and straightforward innovation strategies [4]. Biodegradation can be powerful just where ecological conditions grant microbial development and action, it is application frequently includes the control of natural parameters to enable microbial development and corruption to continue at a quicker rate. This methodology is developing as a most perfect innovation for expelling poisons from nature.

To meet these criteria and effectively execute a bioremediation innovation, a multidisciplinary approach and fundamental information in microbiology, natural chemistry, physiology, environment and hereditary qualities are required. In addition, data about the components controlling the development and digestion of microorganisms in contaminated conditions is important on the grounds that few of the above criteria are very observational instead of information based [5]. Phenol because of it is danger, diligence and basic event in the biosphere, is a standout amongst the most significant gatherings of eco-poisonous mixes. Along these lines, they need an unmistakable methodology that is connected for phenol treatment before discharging/dumping into the earth.

### **1. Phenol**

Phenol can be characterized as a sweet-smelling composite that contain hydroxyl bunch which connected to the benzene ring that have synthetic equation  $C_6H_5OH$  (Figure 1). This utilitarian gathering comprises of a phenyl which clung to a hydroxyl ( $OH^-$ ) gathering. Phenol has a low dissolving point. It tends to take shape dreary crystal or marginally sharp scent. In the liquid state, it is a reasonable, portable fluid. It is somewhat acidic, the phenol particle tends to lose  $H^+$  particle from hydroxyl gathering [6, 7,8 ].



**Figure 1** Chemical structure of phenol

Phenol with its subsidiaries considered as a portion of the principle dangerous mixes found in the mechanical wastewater that created from various modern activities. It is one of the essential mixes engraved into the rundown of need poisons referenced by the US Environmental Protection Agency [2].

Phenol considered a ground-breaking microbicidal substance, which gotten by the refining of coal tar between the temperature of 170°C and 270°C. Lister, which is the dad of sterile medical procedure, which previously presented them in medical procedure at (1865), from that time, a wide scope of phenolic mixes has been created and utilized as disinfectants [9].

Phenol cause smell and taste issues in water at convergence of 0.1-1 mg/L. Consequently, the consumable water quality principles as prescribed by the World Health Organization (WHO) were destitute from phenol [10]. Additionally, phenol responds amid chlorination of water to frame chlorophenols, that have very low taste and scent of edges beneath 1 µg/L and are suspected cancer-causing agents [11]. Phenol has been established in drinking water and when phenol-bearing water is chlorinated, poisonous polychlorinated phenols likewise be shaped [12]. In the European Community, the most extreme reasonable convergence of phenols existing in drinking water was set to 0.5 µg/L, barring those don't respond with chlorine to 0.1 µg/L for individual mixes [13].

Ecological Protection Agency has set a water decontamination standard of under 1 ppb of phenol in surface waters because of the dangerous idea of these mixes. In Italy, in plan with the tributes of the European Union, the point of confinement for phenols in drinkable and mineral waters is 0.5 µg/L (0.5 ppb), while the cutoff points for wastewater outflows must be 0.5 mg/L for surface waters and 1.0 mg/L for the sewerage framework (law no. 152/2006) [8]. Likewise, phenols are viewed as lethal for some oceanic life shapes in focuses up to 50 ppb and the assimilation of one gram of phenol can have deadly outcomes in people [14]. The low instability of phenol with its fondness for water make the oral utilization of polluted water an over the top hazard to people [15]. Phenol is a poisonous mechanical intensify whose event in the earth presents noteworthy dangers, the U.S. Ecological Protection Agency (USEPA) model to secure freshwater oceanic life is 0.6 mg/L as a 24 hours normal, not to surpass 3.4 mg/L, and the drinking water limit is 1.0 µg/L [16]. Though the most extreme dimension of phenol satisfactory to the Central Pollution Control Board, India, for release into water bodies is 1.0 mg/L [17].

## **2. Anthropogenic uses and sources of phenol**

Phenol is both an artificially and normally delivered sweet-smelling compound. Phenol is a mechanically significant compound which has a wide scope of utilizations. It is orchestrated on a modern scale by extraction from coal tar.

Phenol has been delivered since 1860s, toward the finish of the nineteenth century, modern researchers have discovered a ton of phenol applications like in the blend of colors, headache medicine, and used to make one of the principal high explosives,

picric corrosive. As right on time as in 1872, it was discovered that phenol could be dense with aldehydes to created resinous exacerbates, a procedure still being used today[11]. As of now, the biggest utilization of phenol is as a moderate in the generation of phenolic pitches. Phenol thought about poisonous to microscopic organisms and parasites; in this manner, it utilized as a disinfectant, due to it is sedative impacts, phenol likewise utilized in meds, for example, sore moisturizers, treatments, ear, showers, nose drops, cold, throat tablets and germicide creams [18]. It was grievous; that phenol was likewise utilized as a method for execution by the Nazis amid the Second World War.

Phenol is likewise utilized as synthetic moderate in the amalgamation of a wide scope of mechanical, pharmaceuticals and farming synthetic substances, for example, nylon, polycarbonate and phenol methanal (formaldehyde) pitches.

Diverse substituted phenols are incorporated among bug sprays herbicides, molluscicides, bactericides, algaecides, fungicides [19]. It has turned into a well-known family sterile, and an added substance in a supposed carbolic cleanser, regardless of itis advantages around then, this cleanser is presently prohibited[7]. At present, phenol has restricted use in pharmaceuticals and germ-killers due to it is poisonous quality.

About 70% of modernly phenol is utilized in the generation of pitches and utilized in the assembling of plastics, meds, materials, explosives, fragrances, inks, photographic materials and a few different items [20]. The interest in phenol is developing altogether a seemingly endless amount of time after year; the all-out generation of phenol in 2008 was around 8.7 million tons[21].

Wastewaters containing phenols are frequently consider an issue due to it is harmfulness and obstruction of phenol mixes, specifically at higher fixation, as referenced in Table 1. The grouping of phenol and it is subsidiaries in wastewaters found in coke industry is relies upon a wide range of components like the genuine procedure and the procedure conditions just as the coke source utilized, yet ordinarily extend from 0.1 to 7.0 g/dm<sup>3</sup>[22]. Ahamad and Kunhi[23] announced that phenol is created by numerous businesses, for example, oil pharmaceutical, refining, plastic, petrochemical, and gum fabricating, in the waste effluents and it is focus may change from 1.0 to 15000 mg/L. For the most part, wastewaters containing phenol in the scope of 5– 500 mg/L are viewed as reasonable for treatment by organic procedures[24].

**Table 1** Concentration of phenol in industrial wastewater

Source of wastewater	Phenol concentration (mg/L)	Reference
Oil refineries	1500–2000	[25]
Coke operations	28–3900	[8]
Coal processing	9–6800	[8]
Manufacture of petrochemicals	2.8–1220	[8]
Phenol formaldehyde resin manufacturing plants	800-2000	[25]
Textile	30-400	[26]
Pharmaceuticals	95-125	[27]
Plastics, wood products, paint, pulp and paper	0.1–1600	[8]

Being highly soluble in water, phenol is easily migrating within different aqueous environments and contamination of groundwater (Table 2). Thus, the biodegradation of phenol has become necessary.

**Table 2.** Theoretical distribution of phenol in the environment[28].

Compartment	Percentage
Air	0.8
Water	98.8
Soil	0.2
Sediment	0.2

### 3. Toxicity of phenol

Phenol discharged from different mechanical effluents has contaminated numerous territories of condition (water, soil and air) and made concern natural scientists. Phenol established in wastewater has been the real natural poison present among the wide assortment of dangerous natural synthetic substances, and it is currently perceived that phenol tainted water has a potential risk to human wellbeing or condition. Phenol is an essential contaminant because of it is poisonous quality to vertebrates [6]. The base revealed deadly oral portion in people was around 70 mg/kg body weight. Phenol is very disturbing to the eyes, skin, and mucous films. Fundamental impacts in people incorporate dermal corruption, gastrointestinal disturbance, and heart arrhythmias. Deadly centralizations of phenol produce indications of muscle shortcoming, trance like state, and seizures [29].

On the off chance that phenol infiltrates profound into the tissue, this prompted phenol gangrene through harm to veins. Conceivable consequences of inward breath of phenol vapor or fog are hacking, dyspnea, cyanosis and lung edema, phenol harming can harm internal organs, liver, kidneys, spleen, lungs and heart[7]. It is quickly assimilated through the skin and by inward breath through the lungs, in moderate sums. It is detoxified by conjugation with sulfuric and glucuronic acids and discharged in the pee. High exposures to phenol might be deadly to people; newborn children give off an impression of being hypersusceptible to phenol; notwithstanding, phenol is a tumor advertiser yet, it's anything but a cancer-causing agent[30]. The information with respect to the cancer-causing capability of phenol are deficient for an appraisal of human cancer-causing potential[18].

The best potential wellspring of presentation to phenol is in the mechanical setting, where phenol is utilized in assembling strategies. Individuals are additionally uncovered through purchaser items, for example, medications, creams, nutrients and tobacco smoke. Long period introduction to phenol demonstrates genuine impacts on the sensory system and liver (in people and creatures), and on hematopoietic and resistant framework, skin, and kidneys (creatures) [28]. The uncovered laborers detailed unending indications, for example, cerebral pain, sore throats, hack, consuming eyes, and weakness, yet dismalness amid the a half year presentation period [18].

Phenol applies a general bactericidal impact due to the compound's capacity to parcel into cell layers, that prompts loss of cytoplasmic film trustworthiness. Phenol lethality causes the interruption of microbial exercises related with layer hindrance capacities, vitality changes, and film protein works that reason inevitable cell passing. Notwithstanding, microorganisms known to create components to endure and oppose phenol at focuses that are typically inhibitory to microbial action [31]. In

this way, phenol and phenolic mixes are dynamic against vegetative microscopic organisms (Gram-positive and Gram-negative) however dormant against spores for all intents and purposes, they are fungicidal and murder some infections [32]. Phenol is one among the most pervasive types of substance contaminations, since it is dangerous even at low focuses [33]. Phenol lethality is constantly connected with the loss of cytoplasmic film trustworthiness which cause interruption of vitality transduction, unsettling influence of layer hindrance work, consequent cell demise, and restraint of layer protein work. After the expansion of bacteriostatic groupings of phenol, a portion subordinate efflux of metabolites, for example, ATP and K<sup>+</sup> ions was caused, given that the glucose was given as a vitality substrate, a reaccumulating of K<sup>+</sup> ions at low phenol focuses was watched [34]. Putrinš et al. [35] referenced that phenol can caused collection of cells with higher DNA content showing cell division capture. Single cell investigation information showed that the cell division venture of cell cycle is for the most part delicate to the poisonous impact of phenol and it is hindrance can be considered as a versatile reaction under states of phenol stress. While Khleifat[36] notice that phenol compels the development rate of bacterium *Ewingellaamericana* with a greatest grouping of 1100 mg/L, and more than this fixation no development has been happened.

Be that as it may, it displayed restraint of both substrate corruption rate and explicit development rate by blended microbial societies with the underlying phenol fixation is in excess of 300 mg/L[37]. Phenol found isn't effectively biodegradable and hard to use as a substrate for development this is on the grounds that phenol hinders the intrinsic movement for the greater part of the kinds of microorganisms at higher and lower fixations and there are numerous poisonous quality reports on microbial cells [38].

Phenol is released in expansive adds up to in the earth, and due to it is high ingenuity and danger, it very well may be a potential risk to human wellbeing additionally; along these lines, biodegradation observed to be perceived as a most ideal route for wiping out phenol from nature.

#### **4. Microbial degradation of phenol**

Microorganisms play the significant job in sparing our condition by corrupting substance squanders and xenobiotic mixes, which are lethal either in their local or by their adjusted structure. Microorganisms fit for corrupting phenol are normal and incorporate anaerobic and oxygen consuming catabolizing phenol as a sole wellspring of carbon and vitality. An across the board scope of hydrocarbons which taint nature, because of mechanical procedures or unintentional discharge, has been appeared to be biodegraded (mineralized or changed) in different extraordinary situations described by low or high temperatures, soluble pH or acidic, high saltiness or high weight, this stresses the metabolic limits of extremophilic microorganisms[39].

The nearness or nonappearance of the atomic oxygen is the in charge of deciding the destiny and biodegradation components of fragrant mixes. Phenol can be debased without oxygen, this procedure is less progressing in class than the high-impact process, and just a couple of anaerobic phenol-corrupting microscopic organisms have been segregated till now. Persuading proof from both unadulterated culture thinks about was accounted for with the denitrifying life form, *Thaueraaromatica* K172 and two *Clostridium* species[16].

In spite of phenol is named a need poison inferable from it is high poisonous quality to creatures, there are a few microorganisms from various genera and species processing this phenol, for example, microscopic organisms(bacteria, yeast

and fungi) recorded in Table 3. Larger part gathering of life forms equipped for corrupting phenol have a place with microscopic organisms.

A few examinations with prokaryotic microorganisms have been done to improve the mechanical procedures of biodegradation and various investigations allude to phenol corrupting *Pseudomonas*. The class *Pseudomonas* covers a significant gathering of microscopic organisms with natural application. Shourian et al. [40] saw that *Pseudomonas* sp. SA01 corrupts phenol at 0.7 g/L after an underlying short slack stage, at that point quickly finished inside 30 hours. *Pseudomonas* sp. SA01 was capable likewise to debase phenol in fixations up to 1.0 g/L and higher phenol focuses (>1.0 g/L) had a critical inhibitory impact on bacterial development. For time of a quarter of a year, the bacterial strain *P. putida* MTCC 1194 could be acclimatized to the groupings of 1000 and 500 mg/L for phenol and catechol, individually. Both the phenol and catechol were seen to be the inhibitory mixes [41].

Much research work has been done to investigate the decent variety of microorganisms utilized for biodegradation. The phenol debasement was corresponded with contrasts of microbial development organize, for example, slack period of microorganism amid development on media containing phenol considered as a period for adjustment. The strain *Corynebacterium* sp. DJ1 granules had a slack stage for 12 hours at phenol centralization of 2000 mg/L and the debasement rate was 38.3, 36.4 and 34.7 mg/L every hour at focus 1.0, 1.5 and 2.0 g/L separately; be that as it may, phenol at 2500 mg/L restrained microbial development and corruption [42]. At higher phenol fixation, the restraint of microbial development was more and along these lines the slack stage turned out to be longer for *Alcaligenes faecalis* to corrupt at 400, 700 and 1000 mg/L takes 6, 12 and 26 hours separately [43].

At the point when an inoculum of microscopic organisms is first brought into medium, it will require a timeframe to adjust to it is new encompassing condition. Independent of distinction of microbial strain and conditions, the expanded phenol fixation prompts the expansion in term of the slack stage. Because of reduction in the rate of debasement by *Acinetobacter baumannii*; on increment in the underlying phenol fixation from 125 mg/L to 1000 mg/L, an expanding in the slack stage from 0 to 48 hours was watched and correspondingly broadened the corruption procedure from 84 hours to 354 hours [44].

*Rhodococcus coprophilus* has viably utilized phenol as single wellspring of carbon. The *Rhodococcus* strain was developed at various convergences of phenol going from 600 mg to 1000 mg/L [45]. Development parameters (temperature, pH, type and grouping of nitrogen source and salt focus) impact on development of *Rhodococcus* UKM-P and phenol debasement were considered, the most noteworthy cell development and the measure of phenol corrupted (0.5 g/L) were seen in improved development conditions (30°C and starting pH 7.5) following 21 hours [46]. *Rhodococcus* on flying plant leaves may add to the corruption of natural air poisons, for example, phenol [47]. Likewise, Zaitsev et al. [48] detailed that the disengage microscopic organisms *Rhodococcus opacus* GM-14 developed on 48 out of 117 distinctive sweet-smelling and haloaromatic mixes and it used phenol at fixations up to 1.2 g/L.

There are numerous reports on normally happening organisms that have better contamination corrupting capacity. In perspective on the significance, microscopic organisms may quickly duplicate within the sight of phenol and show unprecedented capacity in phenol end. Visser et al. [49] detailed that thirty-three strains of phenol-using microscopic organisms were separated of which 31 were recognized. A large portion of the strains had a place with the genera of *Achromobacter*, *Pseudomonas*, *Bacillus*, *Flavobacterium*, *Brevibacterium*, *Clostridium*, *Azotobacter*, *Micrococcus*, and *Sarcina*. After adjustment, a significant number of these life forms could endure phenol fixations as high as 2400 mg/L.

Though Rigo and Alegre[50] found that among 22 types of microorganisms segregated from phenol-containing wastewaters, it was discovered that *Candida parapsilopsis* fit for development on a medium with 1.0 g/L phenol. The corruption capacity of *Streptococcus epidermidis* OCS-B was checked upto 200 mg/L fixation inside 84 hours and can be utilized for bioremediation of phenol sullied destinations[51].

The effectiveness of evacuation of phenol by microorganism is affected by numerous parameters, for example, disturbance, temperature and pH. The ideal phenol corruption conditions for *P. fluorescens* seclude were at pH 7 and 30°C and the most noteworthy explicit corruption rate was seen at 480 mg/L fixation [52]. Beshay et al.[53] detailed that expanded cell mass of the inoculum prompts expanded rate of phenol corruption and complete phenol debasement (500 mg/L) occurred inside 120 hours with introductory cell thickness of 0.2 g/L.

The phenol resistance the influences development of microorganisms, which demonstrates that they partake in the guideline of procedures which are dynamic amid the development as well as cell division. Single cell investigation data was led and demonstrated that the cell division venture of cell cycle is generally touchy to the poisonous impact of phenol and it is hindrance can be considered as a versatile reaction under the states of phenol stress [35]. Thirty soil bacterial disconnects were distinguished and screened for phenol opposition. Four of these strains (having a place with genera *Corynebacterium*, *Staphylococcus*, *Bacillus* and *Proteus*) were discovered impervious to 15 mM phenol [54].

The attention on the microbial corruption of phenol has brought about the seclusion, development, adjustment and upgrade of various microorganisms that can utilize phenol as sole carbon and vitality source. Patel and Rajkumar[55] revealed that the separate *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* was tolerant to phenol upto 800 mg/L and the phenol debased was 8.57% at grouping of phenol at 800 mg/L.

Mailin and Firdausi [56] detailed that the debasement execution can be analyzed in an arrangement of various phenol fixations to expand the dimension of phenol focus that can be utilized to decide the activatability of specific isolates. On account of unadulterated societies developing on fragrant synthetic blends, neither a no-communication nor a focused restraint model exactly anticipated the blend energy[57]. Jame et al. [58] endeavored to improve the phenol corruption by utilizing blended culture of *Pseudomonas* species, the defilement was in the extent of 0.6-0.8 g/L using unadulterated culture anyway in mixed culture, the advancement of minuscule life forms and degradation rate was extended.

Different high-sway phenol tainting infinitesimal living beings have been considered. The phenol is handled by microorganisms from a wide scope of genera of organisms. By and by it is critical to abuse these microorganisms to empty the phenol to shield the earth from sully. The ability to screen arranged assortment sorting out, unfaltering quality and whole deal adaptability in the midst of method the administrators are the key essentials in anticipating and checking biodegradation capability. Normal treatment of waste materials and biodegradation of dirtied conditions relies upon the point of confinement of microorganisms to change toxins to non-destructive things. The unprecedented versatility of microorganisms offers an affordable, increasingly clear and even more earth pleasant framework to reduce the normal defilement than the non-natural decisions [59]. couple of examinations on oxygen expending phenol adulterating microorganisms have been done and a wide scope of genera with ability to utilize phenol were perceived (Table 3).

Much need still exists for the headway of the system conditions for dynamically capable use of natural degradation [60], in light of the fact that microorganisms which is used to remediate defilements possibly experience regular stress as a result of high centralizations of the noxious contaminants, unprecedented pH, temperature and hazardous solvents. The control of biodegradation frames is a complex structure with various components. These components include: the proximity of a



microbial masses which can degrade the toxic substances; the openness of contaminants of the microbial people and the earth factors, for instance, kind of temperature soil, pH, the closeness of oxygen or other electron acceptors, and enhancements [4]. Much thought is paid on microorganisms that can thoroughly spoil phenol, and there are a collection of phenol ruining social orders. *Xanthobacterflavus* MTCC 9130 can suffer phenol upto 1100 mg/L obsession, the slack stage extended with the extension in phenol center and the perfect advancement temperature was 37°C[61].

Among various procedures open for ejection of phenols, biodegradation is an eco-obliging and sagacious system. The probability of phenol debasement by microorganisms is a direct result of age of impetuses fit to change phenolic xenobiotics and use them as the wellspring of enhancement and imperativeness[62].

**Table 3.** Microorganisms capable of degrading phenol

Microorganism	Phenol degradation		Referen ce
	Concentration (mg/L)	Time (Hours)	
Mixed microbial culture	800	69	[63]
Mixed culture of microorganisms	600 (by internal loop airlift reactor)	26	[64]
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> MTCC 4996	1300	156	[65]
<i>Corynebacterium</i> sp. DJ1	1500 (aerobic granules) 2000 (aerobic granules)	60 120	[42]
<i>Acinetobacter</i> sp. XA05	800	45	[66]
<i>Sphingomonassp.</i> FG03	800	50	[67]
<i>Pseudomonas</i> sp.	1500 (immobilized in bioceramic)	48	[68]
<i>Pseudomonas</i> sp.	1000	24	[69]
<i>Acinetobacter</i> sp. W-17	500 (immobilized in Ca-alginate)	15	[70]
<i>Acinetobacter</i> sp. W-17	500 (immobilized in porous sintered glass Siran-beads)	40	[53]
<i>Acinetobacter</i> sp. W-17	500	120	[53]
<i>Pseudomonas putida</i> ATCC 49451	800	37	[71]
<i>Streptococcus epidermidis</i> OCS-B	200	~84	[51]
<i>Alcaligenesfaecalis</i>	400	22	[43]

	1000	100	
<i>Paecilomycesvariotii</i> JH6	1800	150	[72]
<i>Pseudomonas putida</i> A(a)	1000	72	[73]
<i>Pseudomonas putida</i> CP1	800	72	
<i>Pseudomonas putida</i>	150 (immobilized in polyvinyl alcohol gel)	5	[74]
<i>Rhizobium</i> sp. CCNWTB 701	900	62	[75]
<i>Xanthobacterflavus</i> MTCC 9130	600	120	[61]
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	70	140	[76]
<i>Pseudomonas</i> sp. SA01	2000 (immobilized in alginate-chitosan-alginate)	110	[77]
<i>Pseudomonas</i> sp. SA01	2000 (immobilized in polyvinyl alcohol-alginate)	100	[77]
<i>Arthrobactercitreus</i>	470.5	24	[78]
<i>Arthrobactercitreus</i>	2070.2 (immobilized in Ca-alginate and agar)	192	[78]
<i>Rhodococcusopacus</i> 1G	1500	48	[79]
<i>Pseudomonas putida</i> MTCC 1194	1000	162	[41]
<i>Acinetobacter</i> sp.	200	48	[80]
<i>Pseudomonas</i> sp.	400	10	[81]
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	100	48	[82]
<i>Pseudomonas fluorescense</i>	500	354	[83]
<i>Pseudomonas</i> sp. CP4	1000	108	[23]
<i>Pseudomonas</i> sp. CP4	1500 (immobilized in Ca-alginate)	216	[23]
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> ATTC27853	400	350	[84]
<i>Pseudomonas putida</i>	500 – 600	48	[85]
<i>Acinetobacterbaumannii</i>	1000	48	[44]
<i>Rhodococcus</i> UKM-P	500	21	[46]
<i>Graphium</i> sp. FIB4	1882 (~60%)	144	[86]
<i>Nocardioide</i> ssp. NSP41	1400	290	[87]
<i>Fusarium</i> sp. FIB4	941 (75% )	168	[88]

<i>Aspergillus</i> sp. LEBM2	500 (immobilized in Ca-alginate)	96	[89]
<i>Aspergillus</i> sp. LEBM2	500	144	[89]
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	200	77	[55]
<i>Candida tropicalis</i>	2000	66	[90]
<i>Candida tropicalis</i> NCIM 3556	2000 (immobilized in Ca-alginate in bioreactor)	1008	[91]

### 5. Effect of the environmental factors on phenol biodegradation

Productive bioremediation of xenobiotic toxins by microbial networks remains a fundamental test to microbial scientists and technique builds alike since the biodegradation arrangements depend on the coupling of mechanical designing with natural decent variety and usefulness. Biodegradation of phenol might be influenced by an assortment of synthetic and physical factors just as certain mixes present alongside phenol, either as co-substrate or as salt. Talley and Sleeper[92] revealed that few elements impact biodegradation are supplements, oxygen supply, metal, pH, temperature, dangerous mixes and bioavailability. Chakraborty et al. [93] announced that the rate of phenol biodegradation was essentially influenced by pH, temperature and glucose fixation, reasoning that some local bacterial strains can be great phenol degraders at ideal pH 7, temperature 30°C and glucose expansion up to a particular low focus, and these could improve the debasement rate. Advancement of three procedure parameters for phenol biodegradation considered by reaction surface approach with *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, demonstrated the ideal procedure conditions for greatest phenol debasement were at temperature 30.1°C, air circulation 3 vvm and tumult 301 rpm[82]. Okoh[60]revealed that the temperature assumes an extremely noteworthy job in biodegradation of the oil hydrocarbons, either by it is immediate impact on the science of the toxins, or by the impact on the physiology and assorted variety of the microbial condition. The impact of temperature changes on phenol debasement was examined in cluster societies at various temperatures extending from 10 to 40°C and distinctive beginning phenol fixations (up to 500 mg/L). Over 300 mg/L of starting phenol fixation no extensive consumption was recorded at both 10 and 40°C. Greatest corruption rates for phenol were recorded at 30°C [81]. Glucose and peptone at lower focuses improved phenol debasement. The rate of phenol corruption was touchy by including Hg. Low convergences of Fe, Cu, Pb, Zn, and Mn invigorated and improved the rate of debasement [65]. Beshay et al. [53] examined the impact of inoculum measure on phenol biodegradation utilizing *Acinetobacter* sp.W-17, the creators reasoned that expanding the inoculum expanded the rate of phenol biodegradation.

The bacterial consortium (*Bacillus cereus*, *Arthrobacter* sp., *Bacillus licheniformis*, *Halomonassalina*, *Bacillus subtilis* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*) were separated from phenol polluted destinations and saline condition, it had the capacity to develop at an ideal convergence of 50 g/L of NaCl[94]. Alteration of microorganisms to phenol has improved organism's survival rate just as proclivity to the substrate. Phenol focuses more than 500 ppm may oblige the way of life and in result and in lower rate of phenol decrease, this reality is valid for both group and ceaseless modes[95].

The resilience of life form to phenol danger diminished with expanding fixations. Phenol biodegradation think about was led and concentrated in clump tests at different beginning phenol fixations. Fast phenol consumption and furthermore the microbial development was seen in the underlying phenol fixations as high as 1.3 g/L, for phenol focuses more noteworthy than 1.3 g/L, no corruption was watched even following a little while of hatching [96].

Biodegradation of risky synthetic, for example, phenol in the earth must exemplify huge planned strategies that empower to decay the phenol into more straightforward substances by the activity of microorganisms. In any case, utilize the exploratory plan technique for advancement factors that effect on the task of phenol debasement.

## 6. Nutrition for phenol biodegradation

Supplement prerequisite, bioavailability of phenol and other natural components assume a significant job in understanding the procedure of phenol corruption (Figure 2). Moreover, the expansion of interchange carbon sources, for example, amino acids or glucose, repressed the procedure of mineralization of the xenobiotic substrates. This hindrance procedure has all the earmarks of being the aftereffect of the particular usage of the more effectively degradable carbon changes [97].

The debasement rate by microbial culture differed to a great extent dependent on the idea of xenobiotic substrates. Saravanan et al. [64] demonstrated that the blended microbial strain (transcendently *Pseudomonas* sp.) could corrupt phenol and m-cresol totally at a greatest grouping of 600 mg/L and 400 mg/L separately and uncovered that phenol has been specially debased by the microbial culture instead of m-cresol. The factual investigation utilizing Plackett-Burman structure and reaction surface system on phenol corruption by *Candida tropicalis* Z-04, showed that communications between yeast concentrate and temperature, inoculum size and temperature, phenol and temperature influenced the reaction variable altogether and anticipated the evacuation with most extreme effectiveness of phenol (99.10%) that could be acquired under the ideal states of yeast separate 0.41 g/L, phenol 1.03 g/L, inoculum measure 1.43% (v/v) and temperature 30.04°C[98].

Also, the level of debasement of phenol altogether increments within the sight of different supplements. Huang et al. [99] considered three-factor focal composite plan to streamline the nourishment provided to fake seawater on *Rhodococcuserythropolis* that debased diesel oil at 15°C, the outcomes showed that an enhancement of 2.53 g/L (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 2.75 g/L Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> and 0.01 g/L yeast concentrate to counterfeit seawater builds the corruption rate from 12.61% to 75% inside multi day. Pacheco et al. [100] demonstrated that the bacterial consortium had the capacity to use phenol (100 mg/L) at ideal pH of 7 with 99% evacuation effectiveness, and when yeast remove was supplanted with tryptone and urea the corruption proficiency diminished notably. This demonstrated nearness of yeast remove turned out to be a superior nitrogen hotspot for the debasement of phenol[94]. While the ammonium chloride and diammonium hydrogen phosphate were observed to be the best nitrogen and phosphorous sources individually for phenol debasement by *Bacillus subtilis*-EPRIS12 and *Bacillus laterosporus*-EPRIS41[101].

The expansion of development components and nutrients is fitting for getting the most extreme metabolic action and increasingly viable on phenol biodegradation, the corruption improvement by means of nutrient expansion can possibly be effectively utilized in an assortment of natural treatment forms[102]. The development of *Hormodendrumbergeri*, *Fusariumoxysporum* and *Aspergillusflavus*var. *coulmnaris* was ideal on the medium that contained 0.1 g/100 mL phenol

following 6 days, the expansion of a blend of nutrients (B<sub>1</sub>+ B<sub>6</sub>+ B<sub>12</sub>) at 0.1% (w/v) to Czapek's medium improved the development within the sight of phenol[103].

A few variables influence the rate and degree of biodegradation: number of corrupting life forms, satisfactory supply of supplements. The pH of 7, the brooding temperature of 35°C to 37°C, and the fomentation rate of 150 rpm are the ideal conditions for accomplishing the higher level of phenol corruption by *Actinobacillus* sp., and the succinic corrosive and glycine as carbon and nitrogen source, separately, were the most proficient of the cosubstrates for expulsion of phenol on mg/L premise[104]. By applied Augmentation technique, the *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* was complete degradation many compounds of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons from soil within two months[105].

When all is said in done, the expansion of various inorganic supplements brought about a more prominent improvement of corruption than did the expansion of single substances. Hamitouche et al. [106] revealed that the ideal mineral medium fixations (g/L) for phenol corruption by microbial consortium were 1, 4, 3 and 0.1 for KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> and MgSO<sub>4</sub> respectively. Therefore, they are need incessantly pay consideration to contaminants of phenol degradation and progress more methods for industrial uses[107].

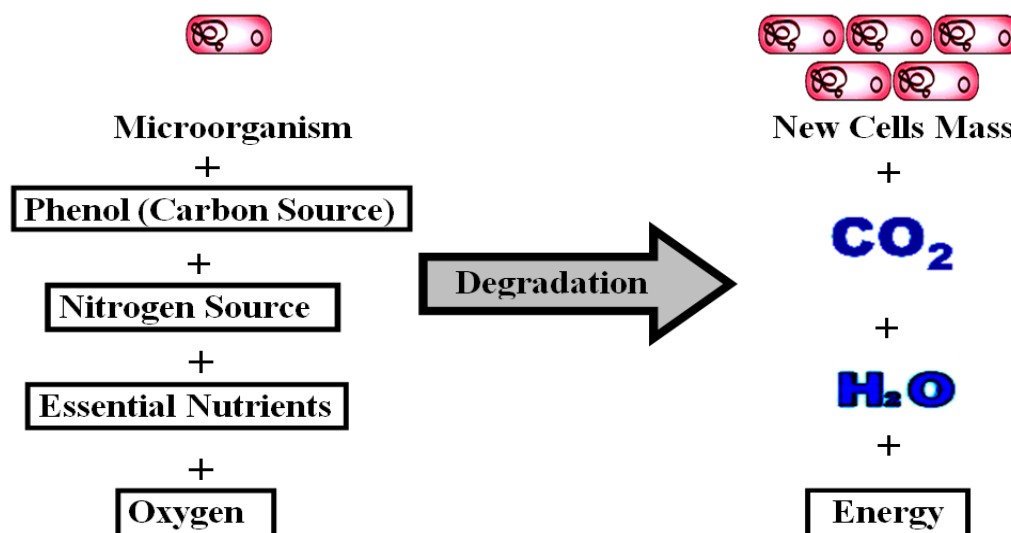


Figure 2. Aerobic biodegradation of phenol

Diverse healthful and ecological parameters impact the biodegradation. Nor Suhaila et al. [46] announced that the ideal conditions for development and phenol corruption by *Rhodococcus* UKM-P were 30°C, pH 7.5, 0.4 g/L ammonium sulfate and 0.1 g/L sodium chloride. The most astounding development of *Rhodococcus* UKM-P and phenol corruption (0.394 g/L) was seen at 30°C, where 0.5 g/L phenol was debased following 21 hours of cultivation.

## 7. Conclusion and Recommendation

Gainful highlights of this investigation may help in acknowledging phenol biodegradation. It is endeavored to clarify the procedure of oxygen consuming biodegradation of phenol and are recommended as pursues:

1-Among various poisonous exacerbates, the phenol is perceived as a toxin and phenol sullied water is a potential danger to human wellbeing and other living life forms. It speaks to a genuine biological issue because of its wide spread use, harmfulness and event all through the earth.

2-Phenol is frequently risky in view of the danger and obstinacy of phenol mixes. Subsequently, a legitimate treatment of phenol is required before it enters nature. In any case, they essential completed separate, distinguish and portray microorganisms with streamlining the conditions for phenol biodegradation

3-Many vigorous microorganisms (microscopic organisms, parasites, yeast and green growth) in unadulterated or blend culture have phenol digestion as wellspring of vitality and development. Assorted microorganisms of various genera were utilized frequently for phenol corrupting however the greater part of the examinations on phenol debasement have been done essentially with *Pseudomonas* spp.

4-Though unconstrained corruption of phenol happens by different microorganisms in condition it isn't sufficient for complete expulsion; in addition, this compound has harmful impact with obstruction for debasement; subsequently, it is important to create proficient methodologies for its waste administration.

5-Several components can confine the rate of biodegradation of phenol; these variables incorporate physical and concoction that impacts the increasing speed of biodegradation by impact microorganism's capacity to utilize phenol as substrates.

6-Selecting of suitable supplements and their dimensions expected to invigorate biodegradation of phenol by microorganisms.

Today biodegradation is considered as a new tool to eliminate environmental pollution using naturally occurring microorganisms to degrade hazardous phenol into less toxic or nontoxic compounds with relatively low cost, simple technology, which generally have a high public acceptance and can often be carried out.

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