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Wastewater treatment by advanced oxidation processes

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Abstract:

Agro-industries are an important part of European industrial tissue; particularly in Mediterranean countries. These industries produce large amounts of liquid effluents with a strong organic charge. These wastewaters encompass biorefractory and toxic substances. On the other hand, their composition and flow change during the year. These features make impossible the efficient application of the traditional biological treatment systems. Moreover, the environment and sustainability awareness is leading to an even more strict legislation regarding waste management. Therefore, seeking for suitable alternatives is a current affair.

Fenton's process is an interesting treatment alternative. However, iron sludge production constitutes an important drawback that must be overcome. This project aims to reach a sludge free Fenton's process by following two alternative pathways: the application of heterogeneous Fenton's process using iron rich wastes as solid catalysts and integrating homogeneous Fenton's process with ion-exchange to remove iron from solution and reuse it in further oxidation cycles.

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