



BIOSUV
Bioengineering & Sustainable Processes
Universidade de Vigo

Implementation of Electro-Fenton technology for environmental remediation: application for soil and water restoration

Marta Pazos and M. Ángeles Sanromán

2nd Summer School on Environmental Applications of AOPs
Porto
July 10-14, 2017



AOPs PhD School



BIOSUV
Bioengineering & Sustainable Processes
UniversidadeVigo

UniversidadeVigo

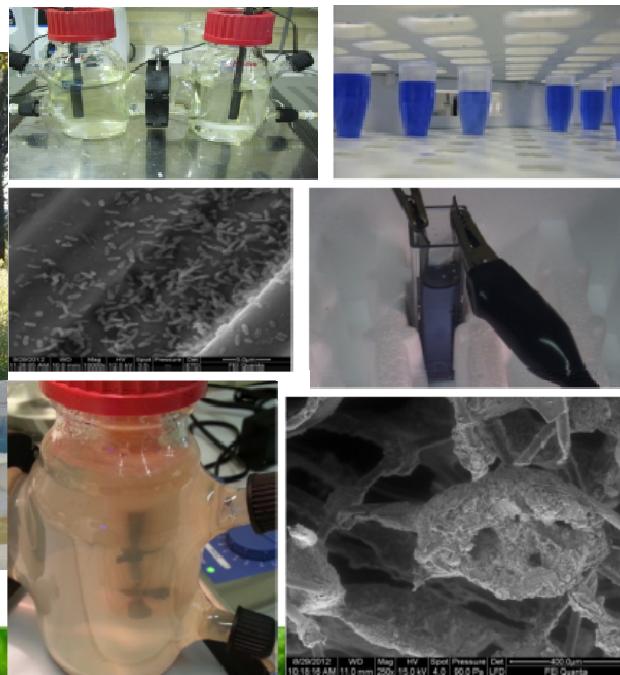




BIOSUV
Bioengineering & Sustainable Processes
Universidade Vigo

Research lines

- *Green Chemistry*
- *Applied Biotechnology*
- *Environmental Technology*



Implementation of Electro-Fenton technology for environmental remediation: application for soil and water restoration

1. Introduction

2. Electro-Fenton for effluent treatment

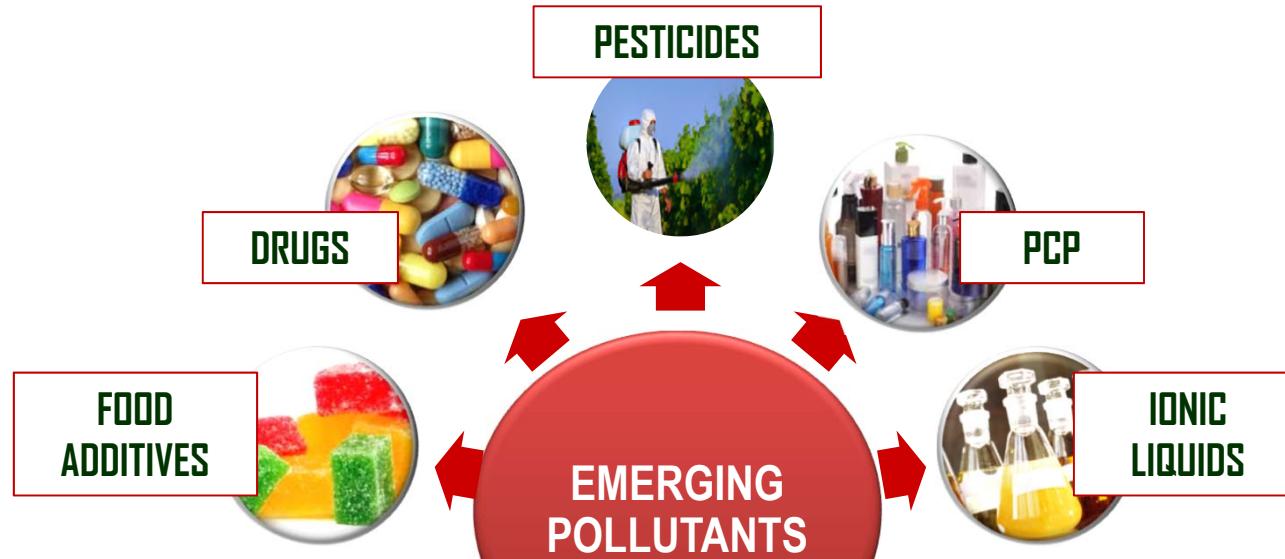
3. Electro-Fenton for soil remediation

4. Conclusions



AOPs PhD School

1. Introduction



New chemicals without regulatory status
and which impact on environment and
human health are poorly understood

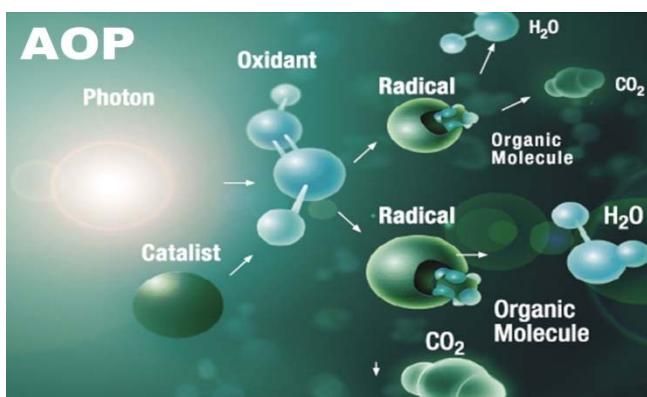


1. Introduction

Environmental problem



PROBLEM OF GREAT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



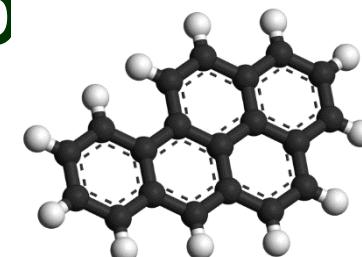
$\cdot\text{OH}$
Fenton based process



1. Introduction

(1894) Henry John Horstman Fenton

Fenton's Reaction



Organic compounds

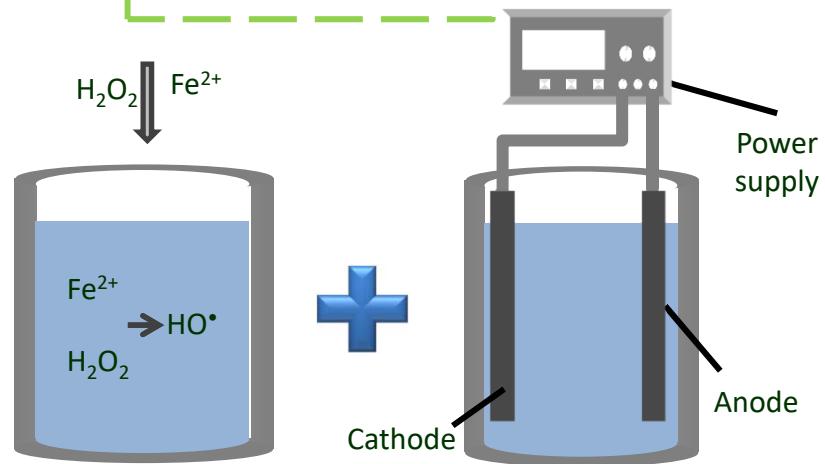
- Constant addition of Fe^{2+}
- Constant addition of H_2O_2 
- Generation of Fe-complexes
- Fe-sludge formation

HYBRID
PROCESSES

$\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \dots$

1. Introduction

HYBRID PROCESSES

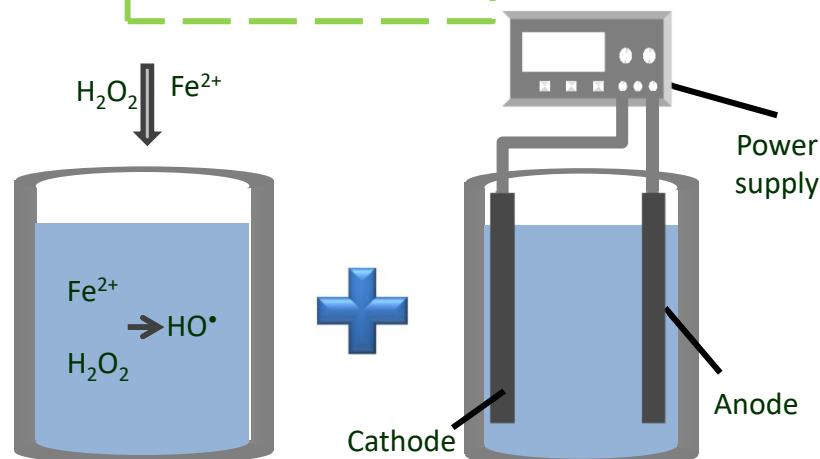


Fenton
Process

Electrochemical
Process

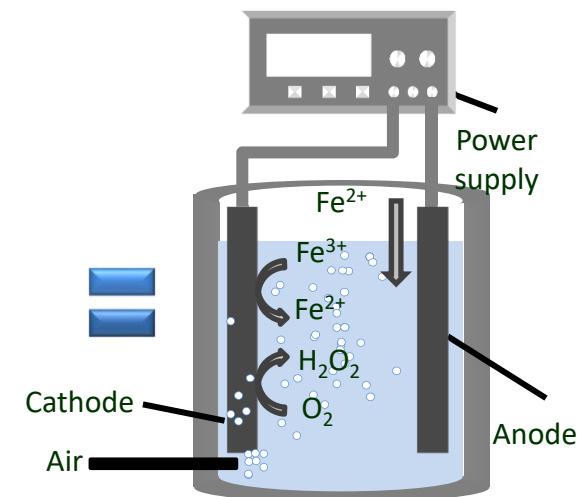
1. Introduction

HYBRID PROCESSES



Fenton
Process

Electrochemical
Process

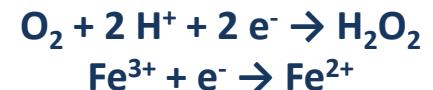


Electro-Fenton
Process

- *In situ* generation H_2O_2
- Fe^{2+} regeneration
- No Fe-sludge

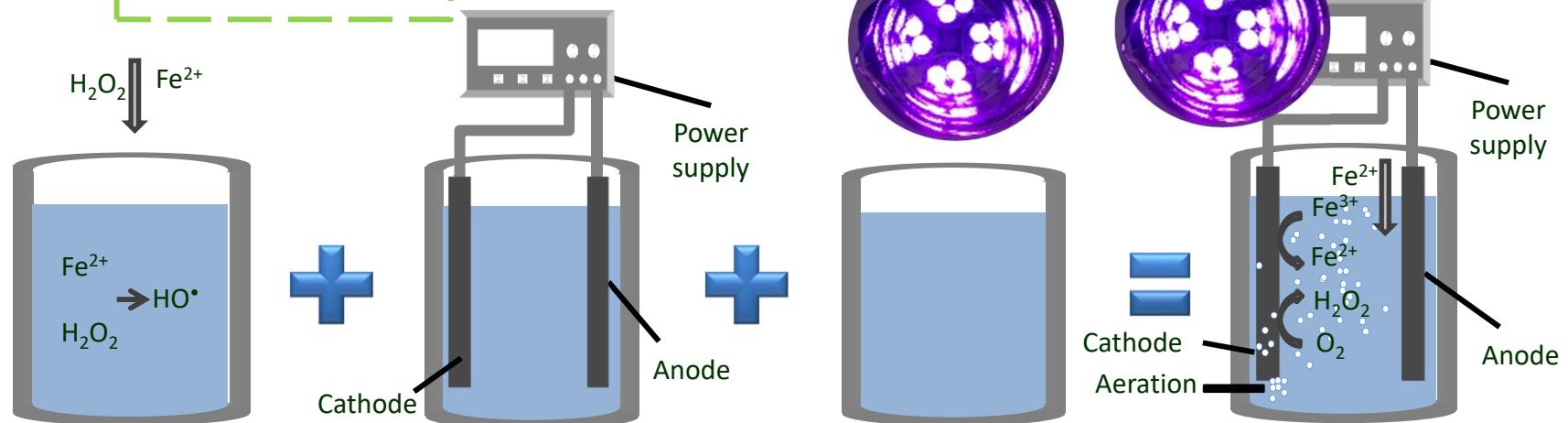


Fe-complexes



1. Introduction

HYBRID PROCESSES



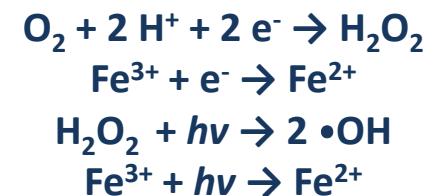
Fenton
Process

Electrochemical
Process

Photolysis

Photo-electro
Fenton

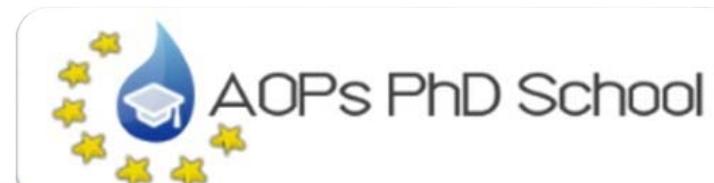
- *In situ* generation H_2O_2
- Fe^{2+} regeneration
- No Fe-sludge
- No Fe-complex



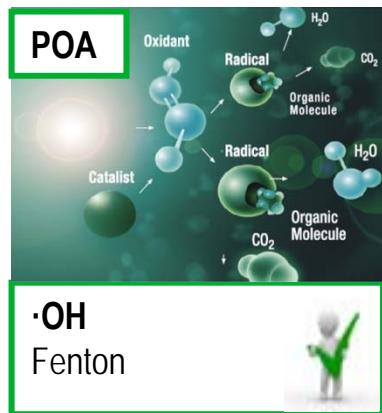
Implementation of Electro-Fenton technology for environmental remediation: application for soil and water restoration

1. Introduction

2. Electro-Fenton for effluent treatment



2. Electro-Fenton for effluent treatment



GOOD RESULTS
LAB SCALE

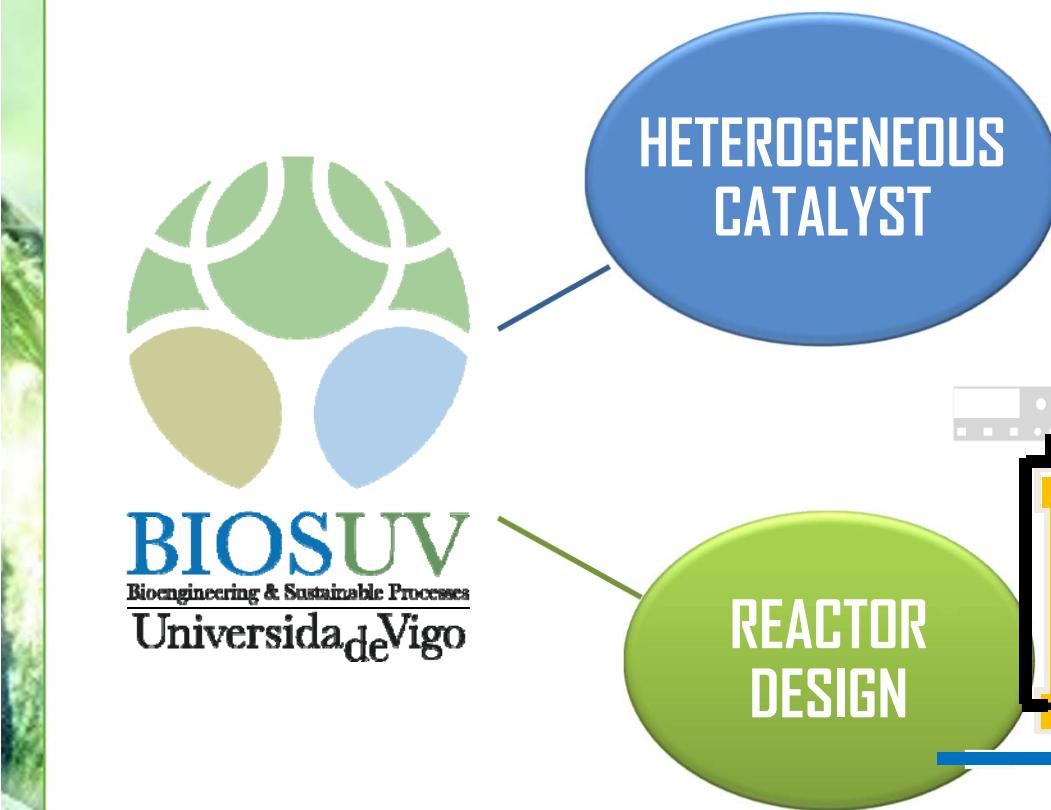
INDUSTRIAL
USE



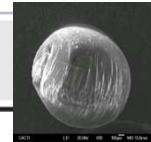
DRAWBACKS

- ✗ Scarce reactor designs suitable for industrial scale
- ✗ Continuous treatment of high volumes (Fe release)

2. Electro-Fenton for effluent treatment



Journal of Hazardous Materials 213–214 (2012) 369–377
Contents lists available at SciVerse ScienceDirect
Journal of Hazardous Materials
journal homepage: www.elsevier.com/locate/jhazmat



Decolourisation of dyes under electro-Fenton process using Fe alginate gel beads

Applied Catalysis B: Environmental 144 (2014) 416–424



Contents lists available at ScienceDirect
Applied Catalysis B: Environmental
journal homepage: www.elsevier.com/locate/apcatb



Electro-Fenton oxidation of imidacloprid by Fe alginate gel beads

Environ Sci Pollut Res (2013) 20:2172–2183

DOI 10.1007/s11356-012-0355-5

RESEARCH ARTICLE



Optimisation of decolourisation and degradation of Reactive Black 5 dye under electro-Fenton process using Fe alginate gel beads

O. Iglesias • M. A. Fernández de Dios • E. Rosales •
M. Pazos • M. A. Sanromán

Environ Sci Pollut Res (2012) 19:1738–1746

DOI 10.1007/s11356-011-0660-0

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Application of central composite face-centered design and response surface methodology for the optimization of electro-Fenton decolorization of Azure B dye

E. Rosales • M. A. Sanromán • M. Pazos

Environ Sci Pollut Res (2009) 19:1104–1110

DOI 10.1007/s11356-009-0459-z

© Springer 2009 (Print) 1523-6737 (Online)

Published online: 10 January 2009

Taylor & Francis Group

influence of operational parameters on electro-Fenton degradation of organic pollutants from soil

Chemical Engineering Journal 155 (2009) 62–67

Contents lists available at ScienceDirect

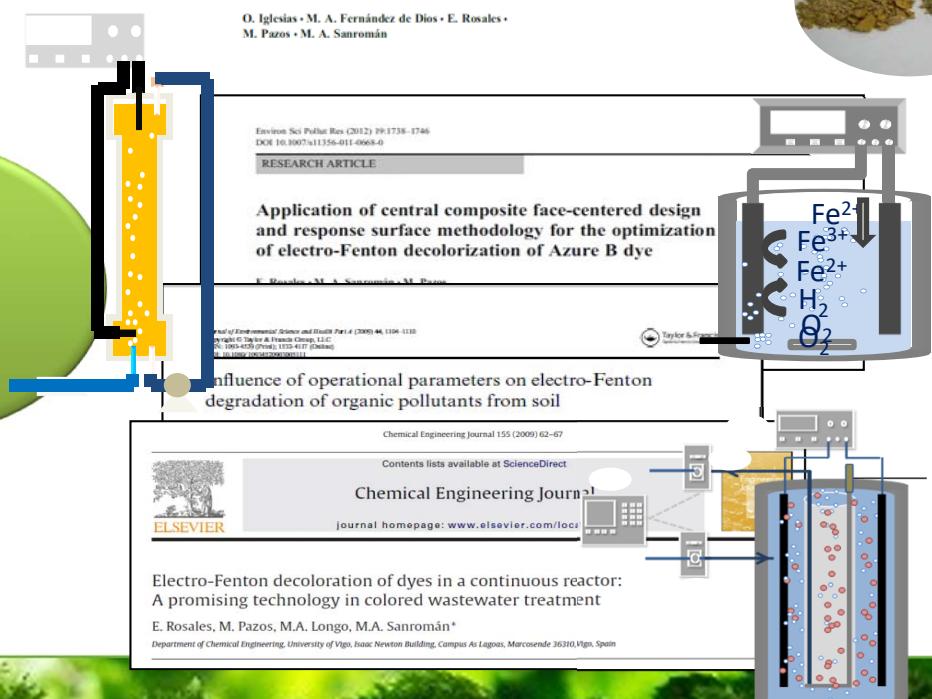
Chemical Engineering Journal

journal homepage: www.elsevier.com/locate/cej

Electro-Fenton decoloration of dyes in a continuous reactor:
A promising technology in colored wastewater treatment

E. Rosales, M. Pazos, M.A. Longo, M.A. Sanromán*

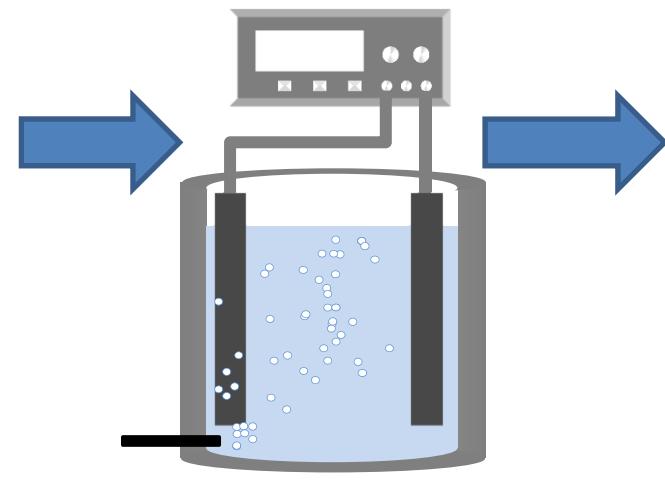
Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Vigo, Isaac Newton Building, Campus As Lagoas, 36310 Vigo, Spain



2. Electro-Fenton for effluent treatment

STIRRED TANK REACTOR

REACTOR
DESIGN



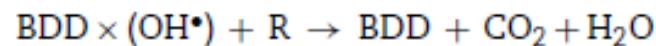
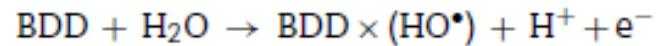
2. Electro-Fenton for effluent treatment

OPTIMIZATION

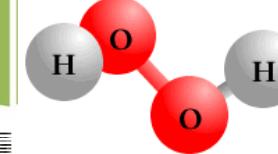
Operational conditions:
Voltage, air supply, Fe dosage ..

Electrode material

ANODIC MATERIAL



Boron-Doped Diamond (BDD)



Activated Carbon

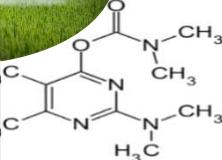
Nickel

Graphite PTFE

CATHODIC MATERIAL

2. Electro-Fenton for effluent treatment

PESTICIDES



BDD

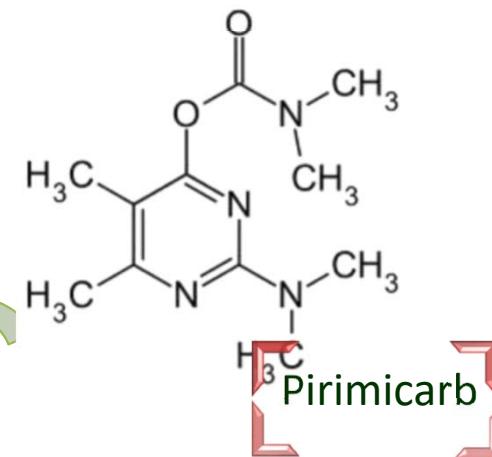
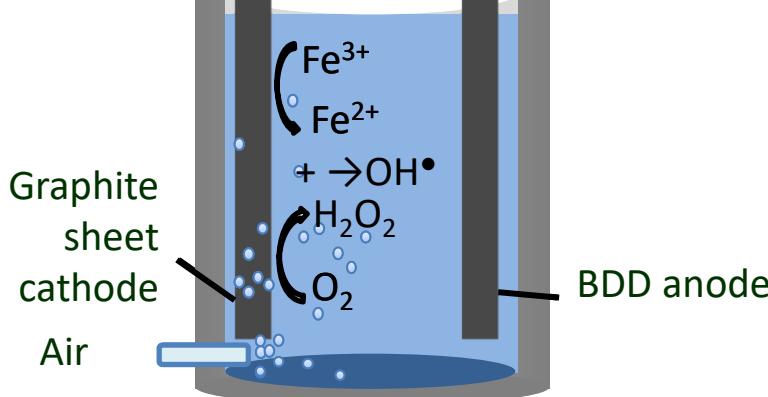
Graphite

Power supply

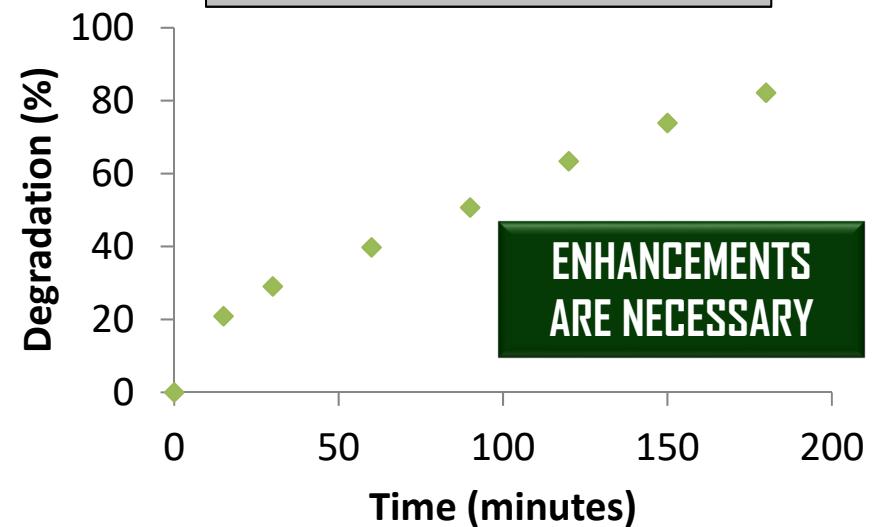


Graphite
sheet
cathode
Air

BDD anode

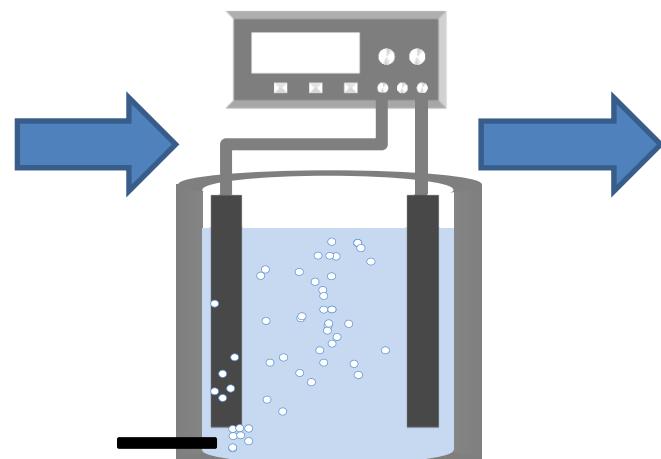


100 mg/L Pirimicarb
82% removal 3h



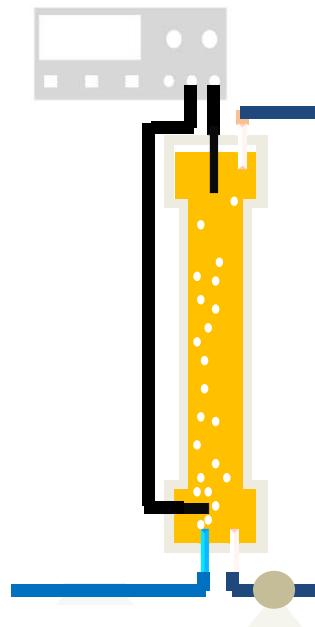
2. Electro-Fenton for effluent treatment

STIRRED TANK REACTOR

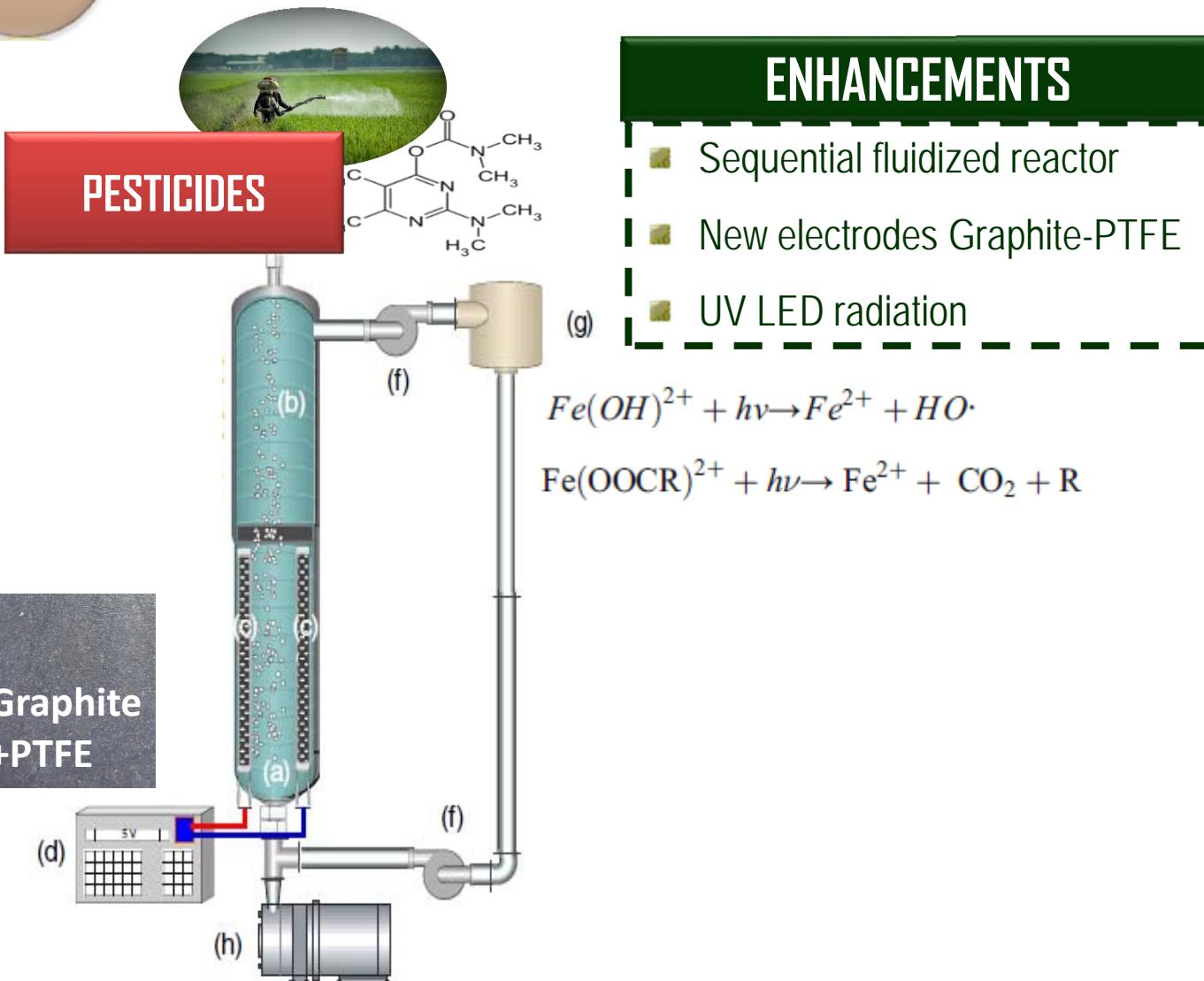


REACTOR
DESIGN

FLUIDIZED REACTOR



2. Electro-Fenton for effluent treatment



Diez, Sanromán, Pazos (2017) Environ Sci Pollut Res (2017) 24:1137–1151

2. Electro-Fenton for effluent treatment

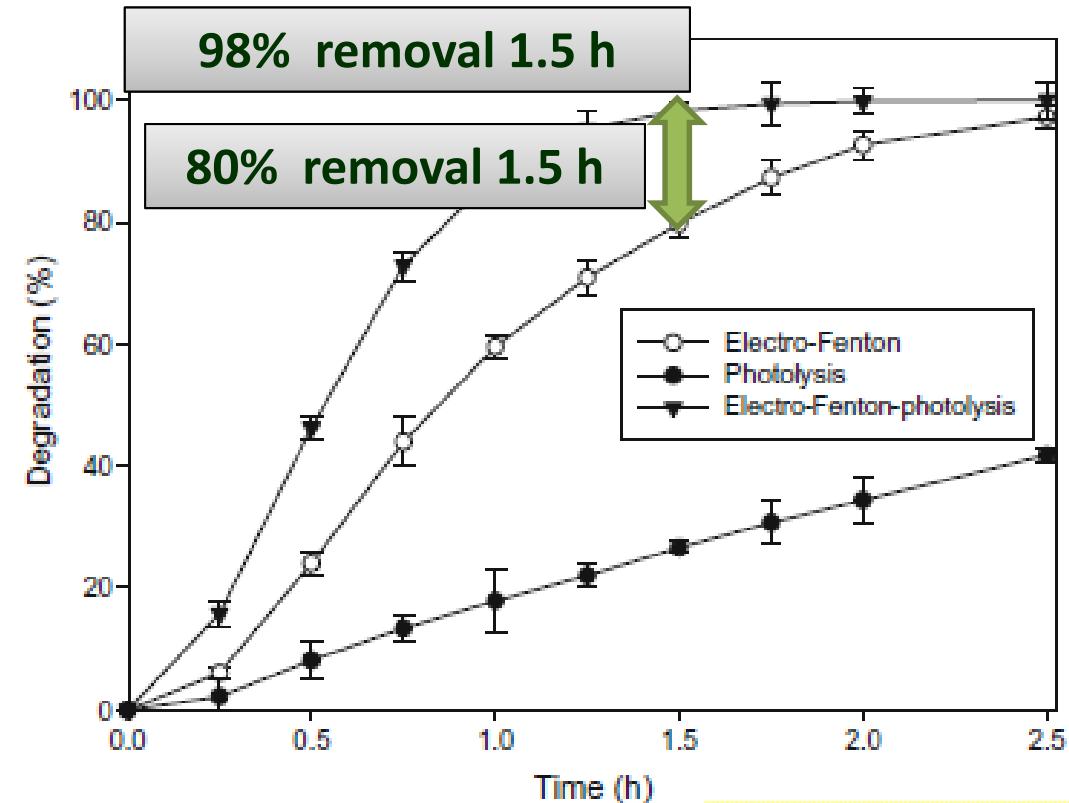
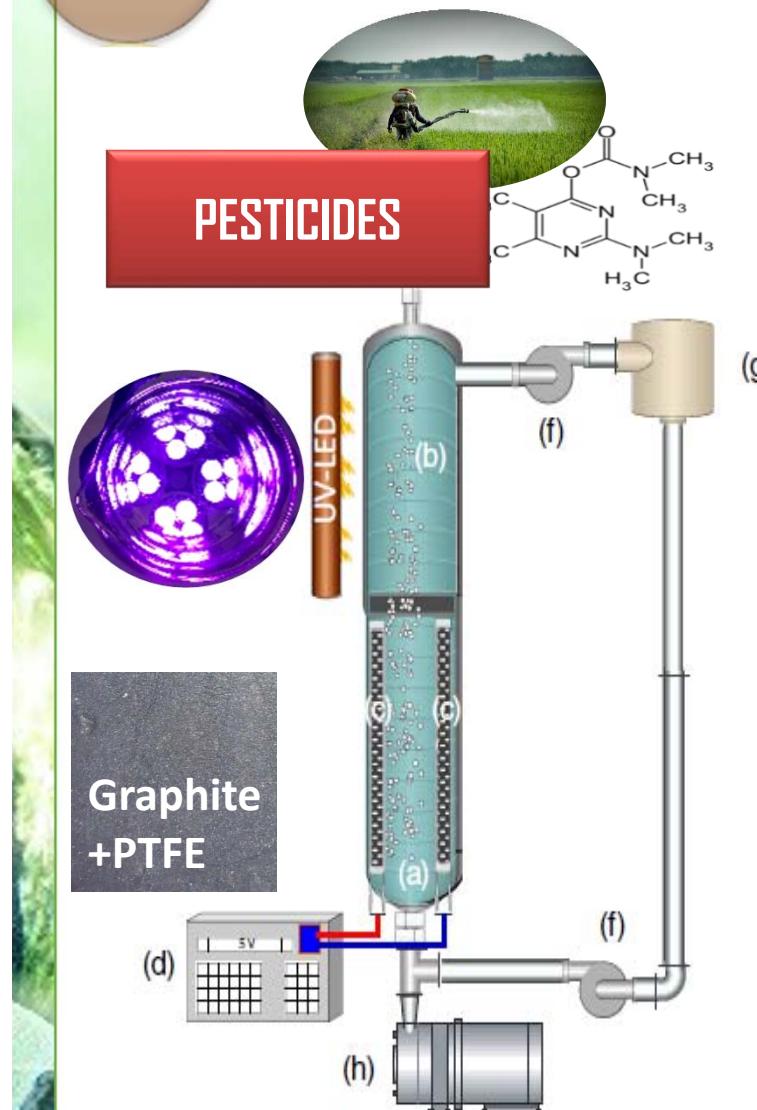
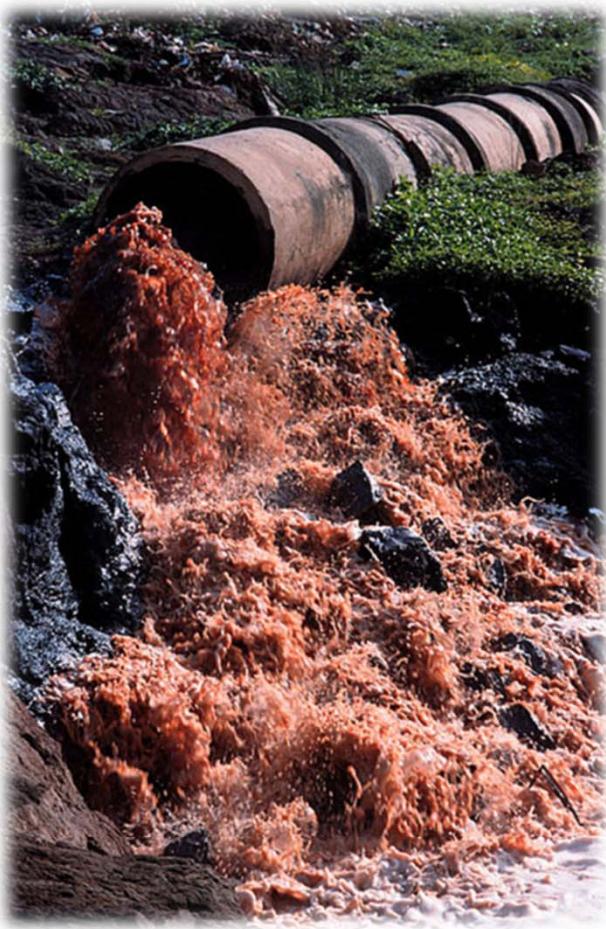


Fig. 2 Degradation by using different AOPs of 100 mg L^{-1} of pirimicarb solution with $0.01 \text{ M Na}_2\text{SO}_4$, pH 2, and by adding 75 mg L^{-1} of Fe^{2+} in the Fenton processes, the electrochemical field was 5 V when needed

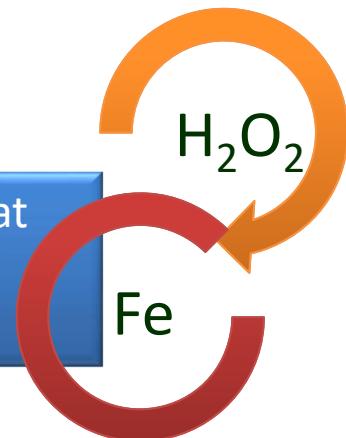
2. Electro-Fenton for effluent treatment



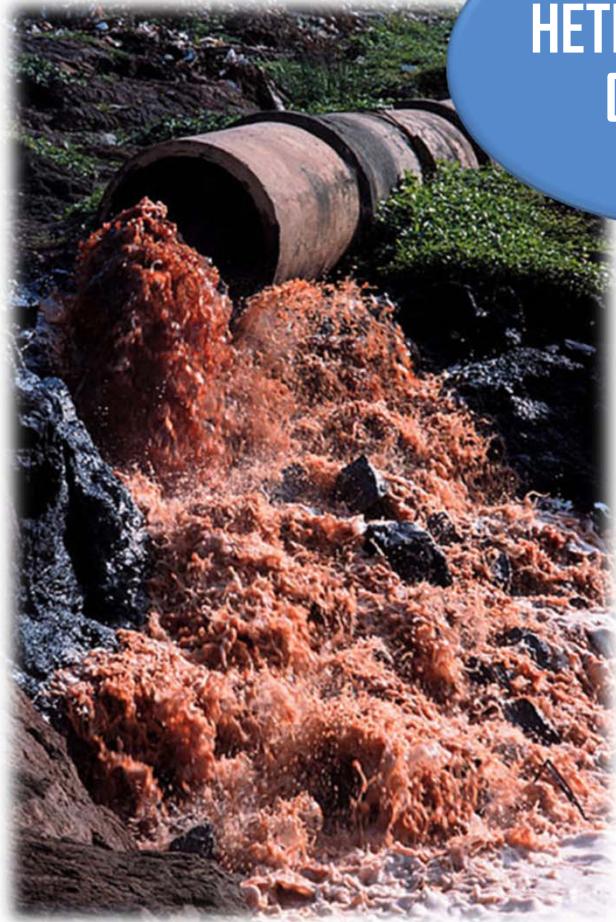
HETEROGENEOUS
CATALYST

Huge amount of
effluents is generated

Request to design processes that
permit their remediation in
continuous mode



2. Electro-Fenton for effluent treatment



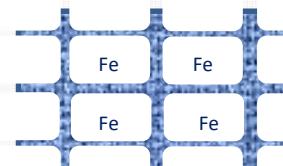
HETEROGENEOUS
CATALYST

Fe

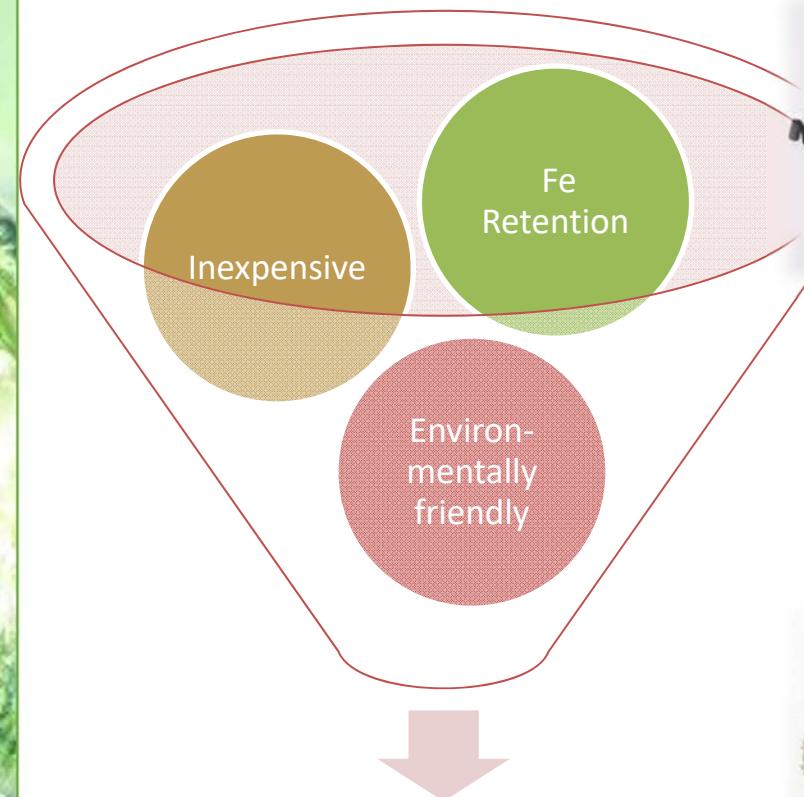
How to avoid Fe release due to the flow system?



Immobilisation on different supports



2. Electro-Fenton for effluent treatment

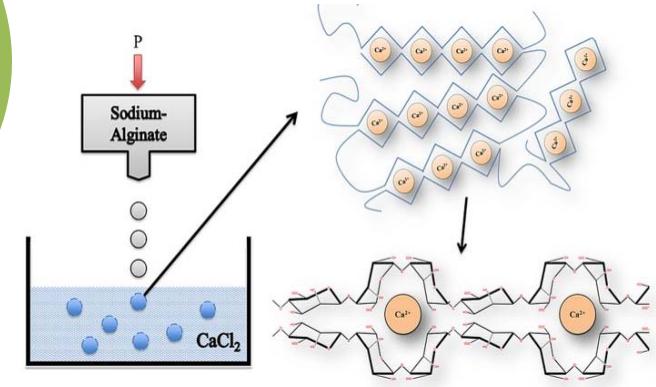


2. Electro-Fenton for effluent treatment



Fe-Alginate

Fe entrapment



Fe adsorption

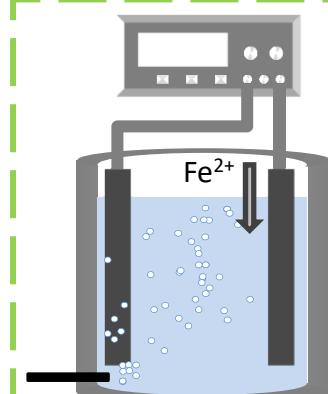
Fe-Sepiolite



Iglesias, Rosales, Pazos, Sanromán Environ Sci Pollut Res (2013) 20:2252–2261

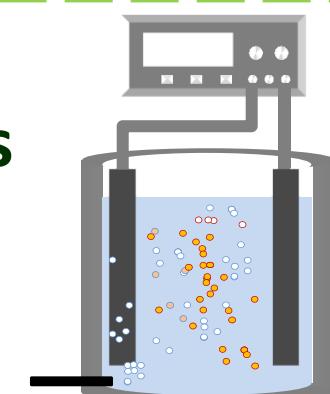
Iglesias, Fernández de Dios, Pazos, Sanromán Environ Sci Pollut Res Int (2013) 20:5983–93

2. Electro-Fenton for effluent treatment

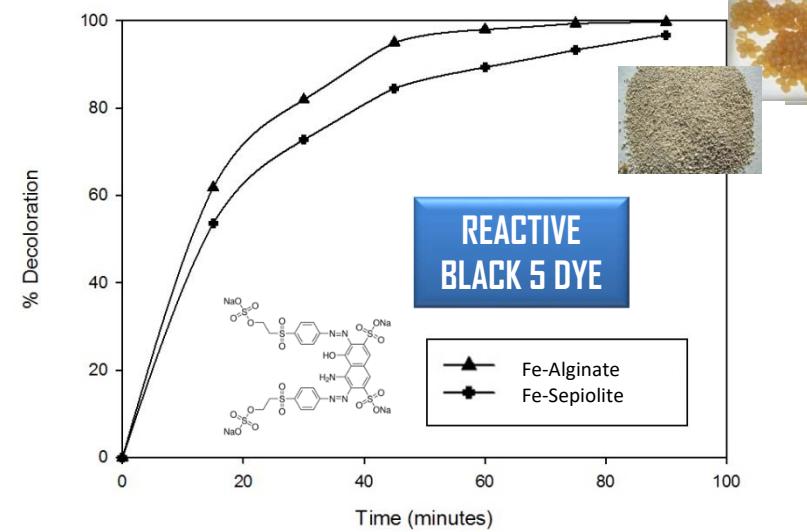
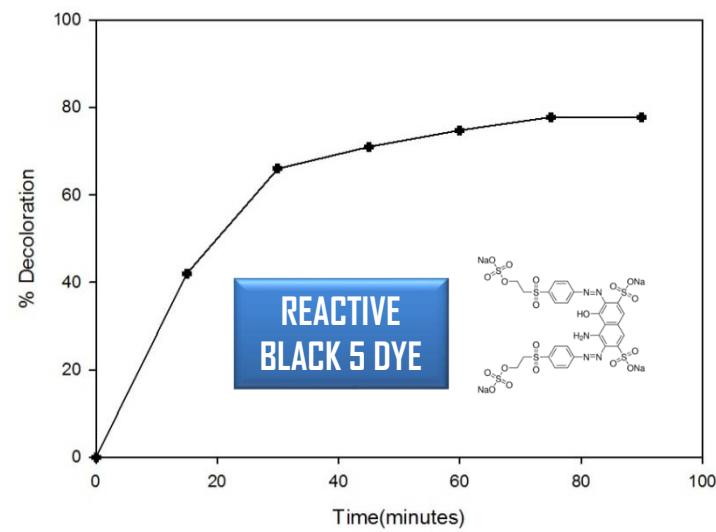


Homogenous Electro-Fenton

- Fast removal in heterogeneous
- Two stage process ads-degradation



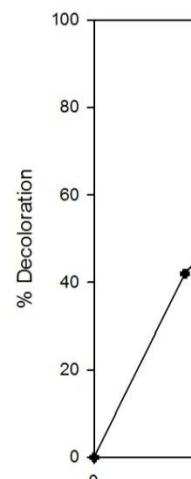
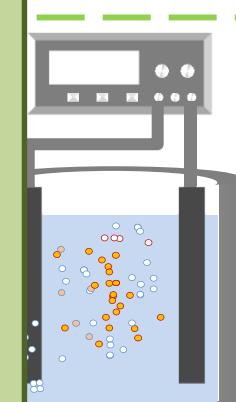
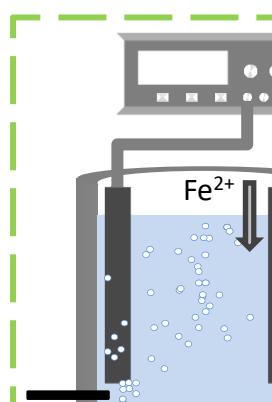
Heterogeneous Electro-Fenton



Iglesias, Rosales, Pazos, Sanromán Environ Sci Pollut Res (2013) 20:2252–2261

Iglesias, Fernández de Dios, Pazos, Sanromán Environ Sci Pollut Res Int (2013) 20:5983–93

2. Electro-Fenton for effluent treatment



No adsorption after the process



Iglesias, Rosales, Pazos, Sanromán Environ Sci Pollut Res (2013) 20:2252–2261

Iglesias, Fernández de Dios, Pazos, Sanromán Environ Sci Pollut Res Int (2013) 20:5983-93

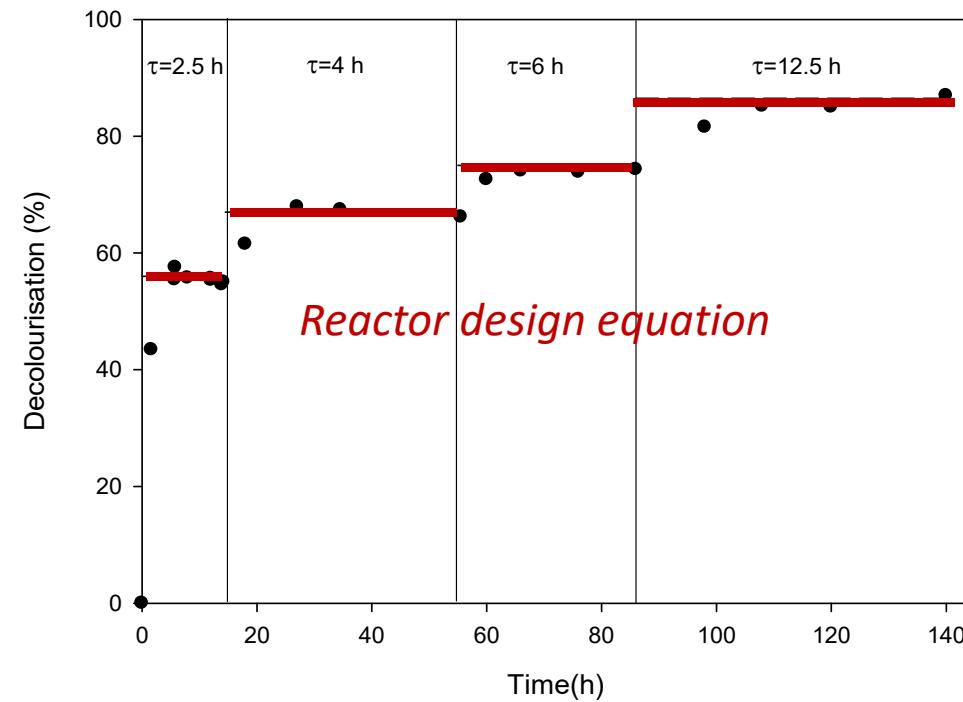
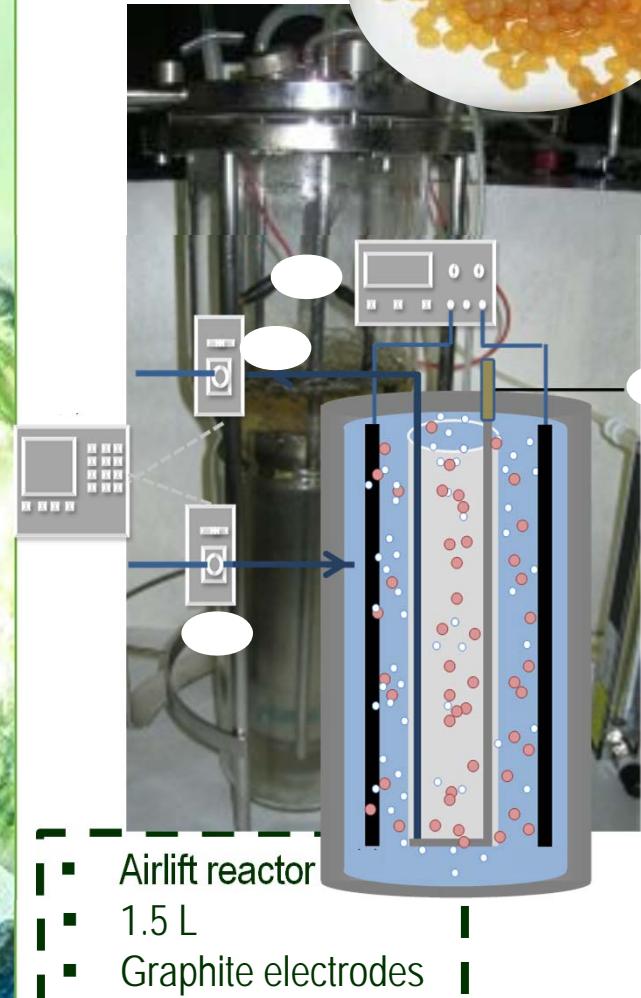
2. Electro-Fenton for effluent treatment



Applicability of these catalysts to
operate in continuous mode

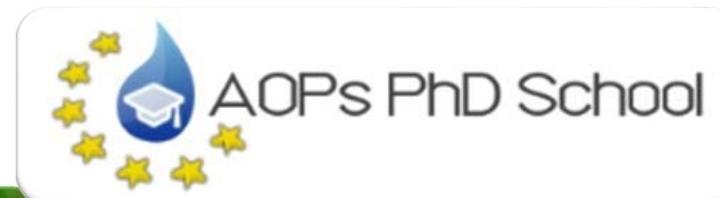


Kinetic model: First order
Hydrodynamic model: Stirred flow reactor



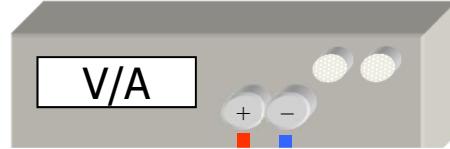
Implementation of Electro-Fenton technology for environmental remediation: application for soil and water restoration

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Electro-Fenton for effluent treatment**
- 3. Electro-Fenton for soil remediation**

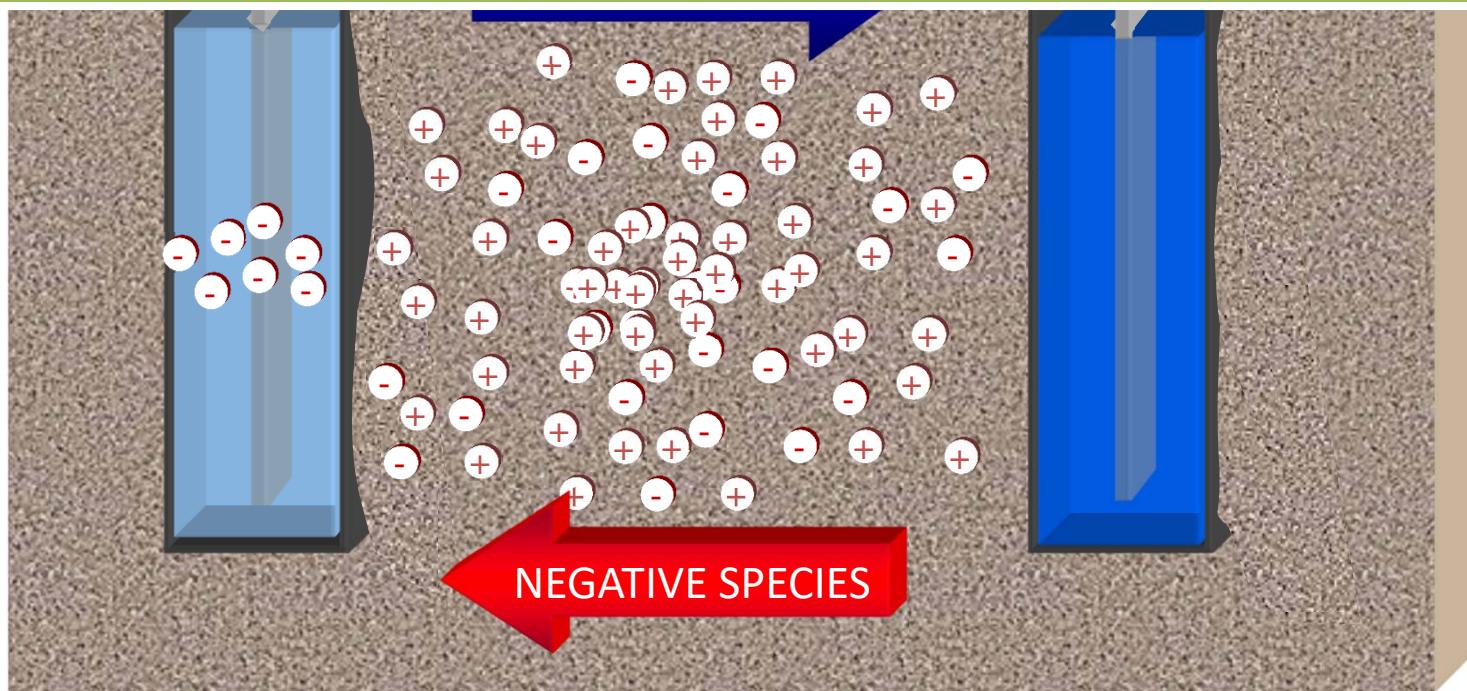


3. Electro-Fenton for soil remediation

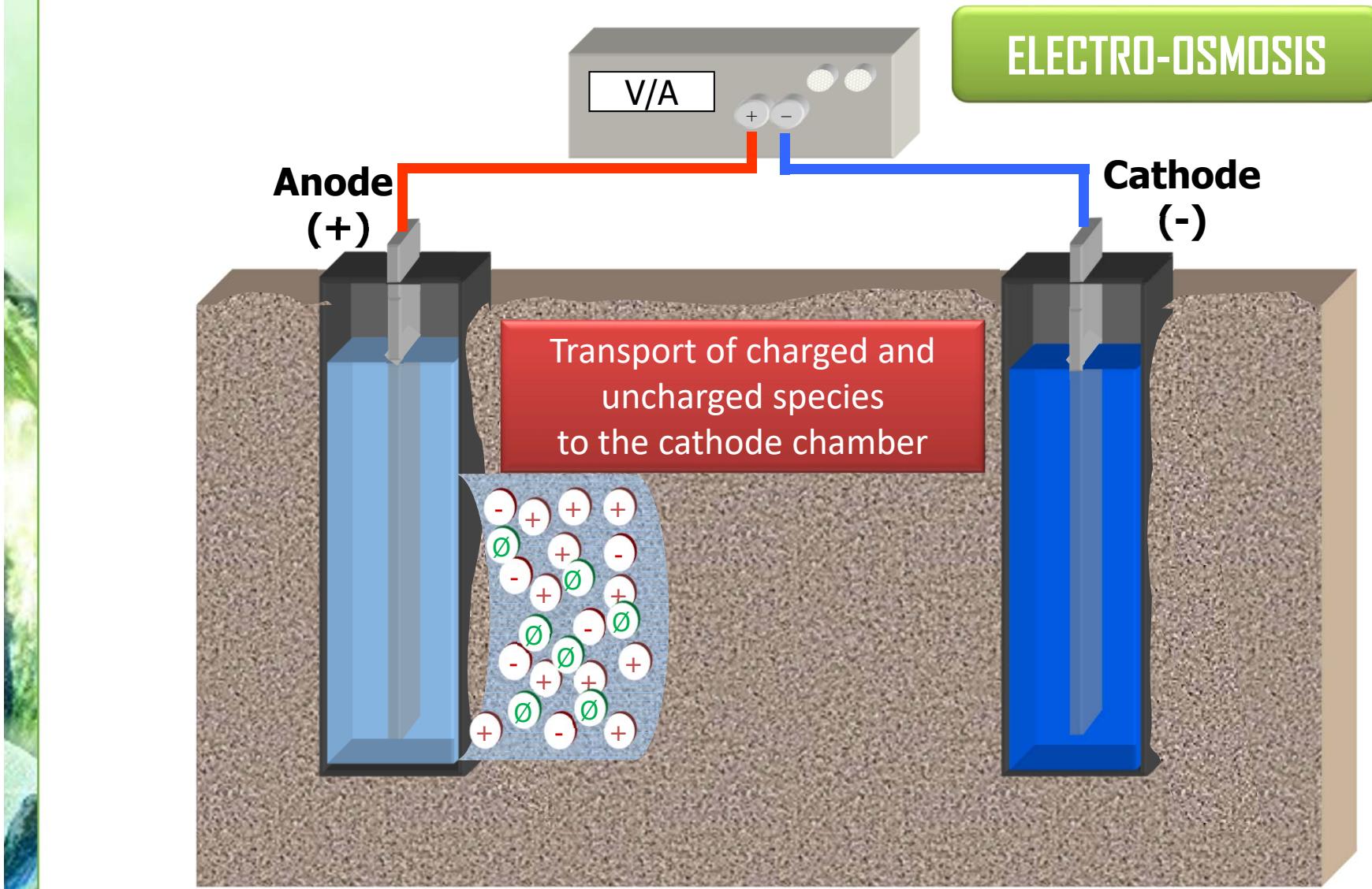
ELECTROMIGRATION



The principle of Electro-Remediation relies upon the application of a low-intensity direct current through the soil between a couple of inert electrodes



3. Electro-Fenton for soil remediation

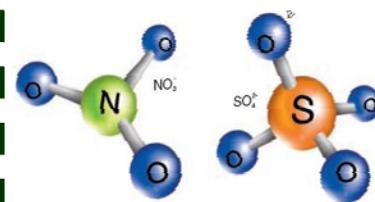


3. Electro-Fenton for soil remediation

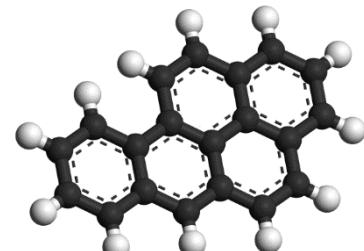
Electrokinetic remediation

VALIDATED

- Inorganic cations: heavy metals
- Inorganic anions: sulphate, nitrates...



POOR RESULTS ORGANICS



- Low solubility
- Strongly attached to soil



SOLUTION

- IN SITU* degradation by Fenton reagent



3. Electro-Fenton for soil remediation

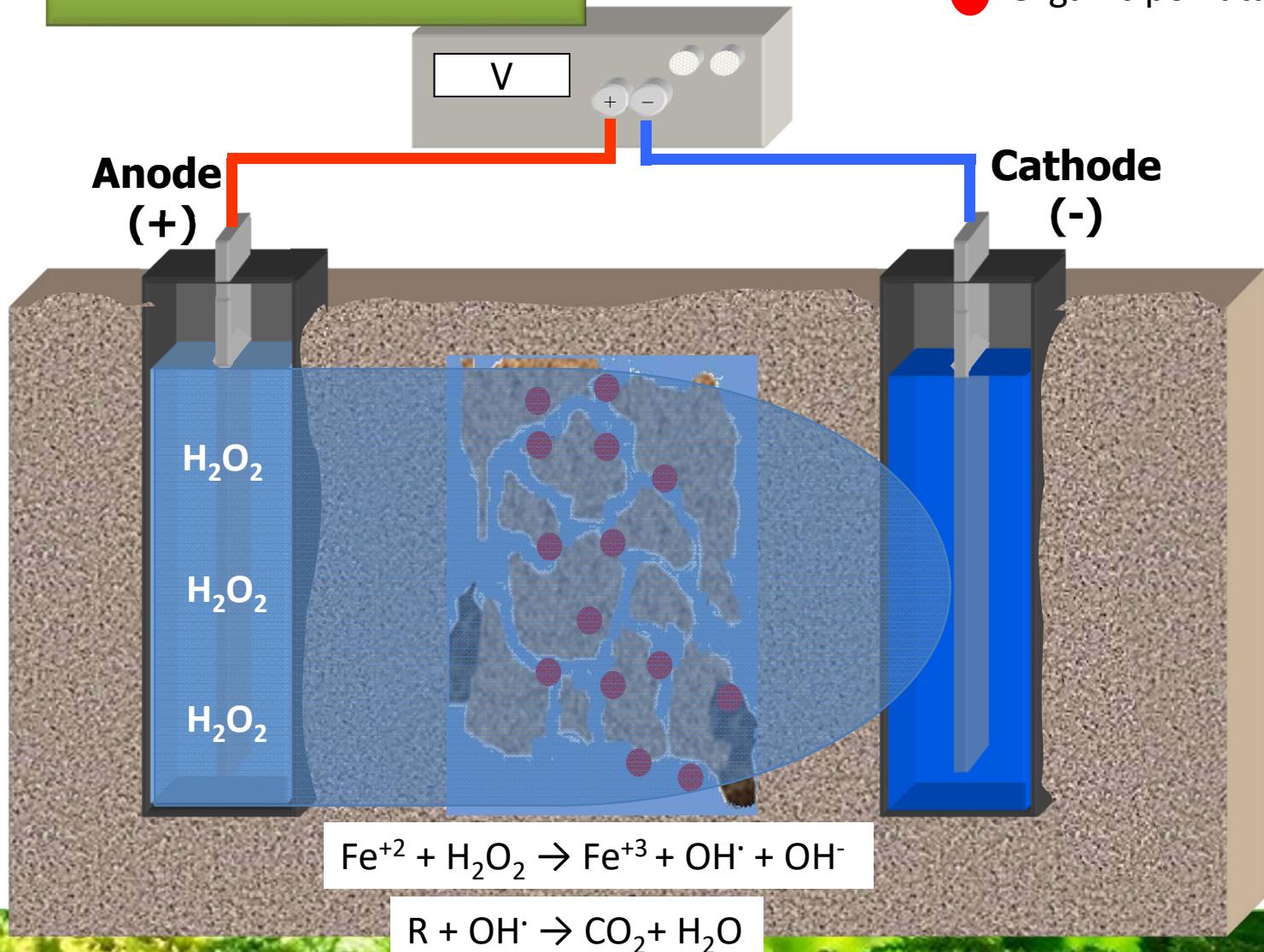
Electrokinetic-Fenton

Organic pollutant

Anode
(+)

Cathode
(-)

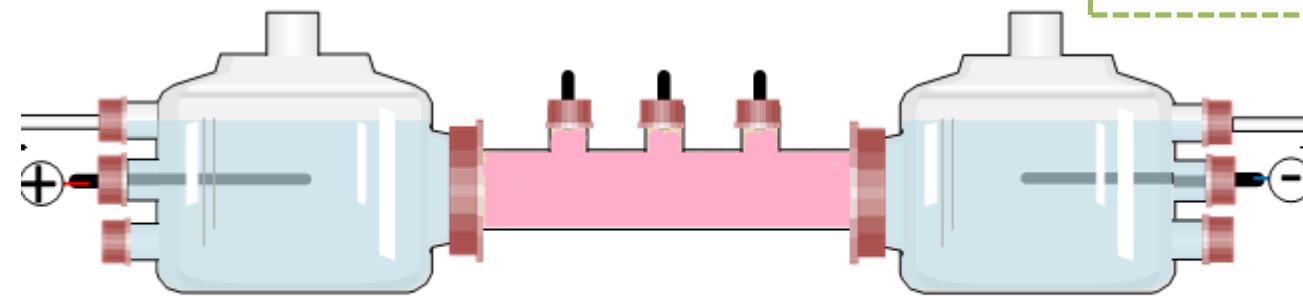
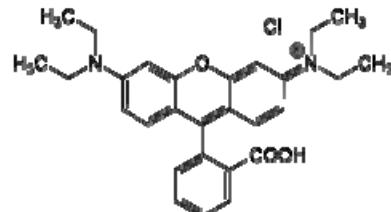
V



3. Electro-Fenton for soil remediation

Electrokinetic-Fenton

RHODAMINE B DYE



Experimental conditions

Electrodes	Graphite bars
Electrochemical Field	30 V
Time	3 days
Fe contaminated clay	3000 ppm

FLUXING SOLUTION

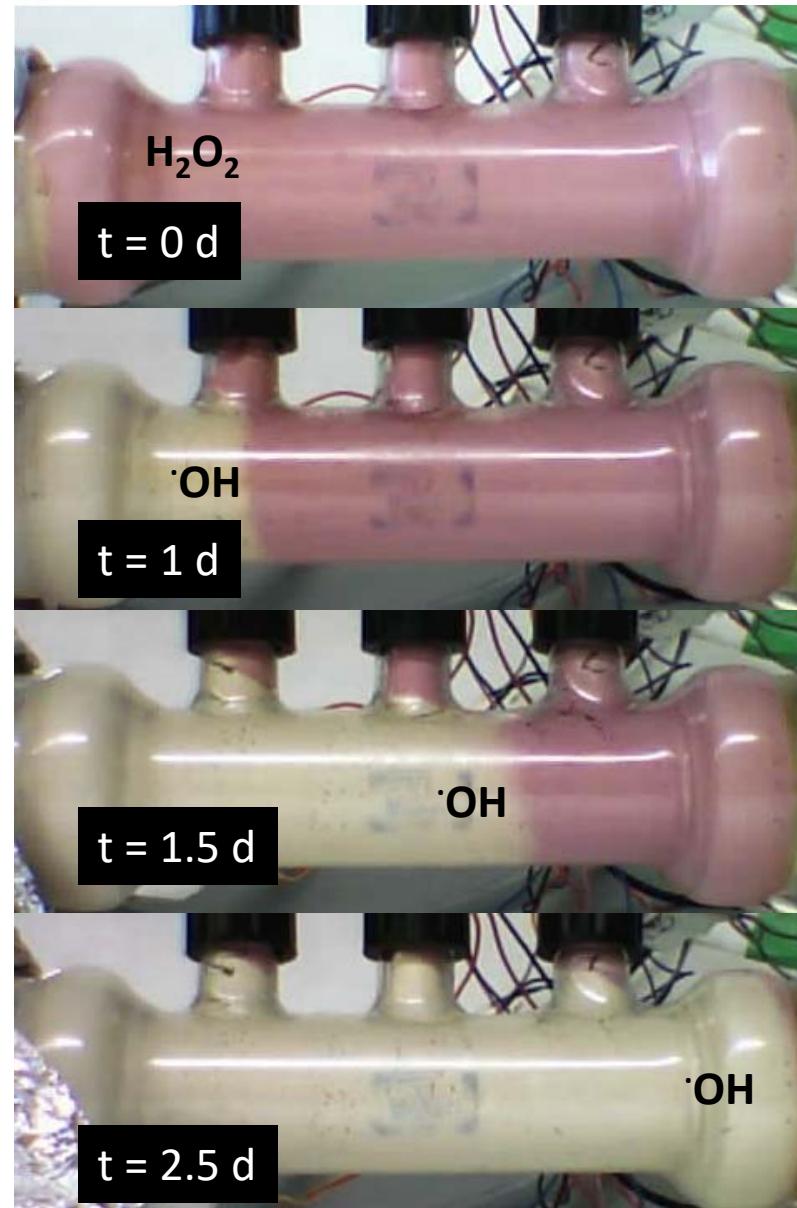
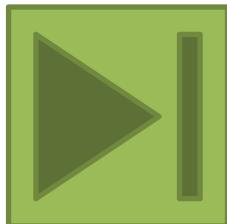
- 0.1 M Na_2SO_4
- pH 3
- 10 % H_2O_2

3. Electro-Fenton for soil remediation

Electrokinetic-Fenton

Electro Kinetic cells (EK)

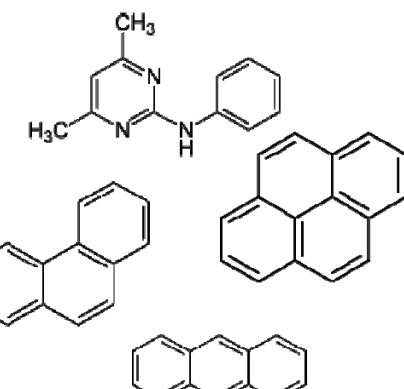
- Transportation of the H_2O_2 through the soil
- *In situ* degradation of pollutant



3. Electro-Fenton for soil remediation

Electrokinetic-Fenton

- Pyrimetanil
- Phenanthrene
- Anthracene
- Fluoranthene
- Benzo[a] anthracene
- Pyrene

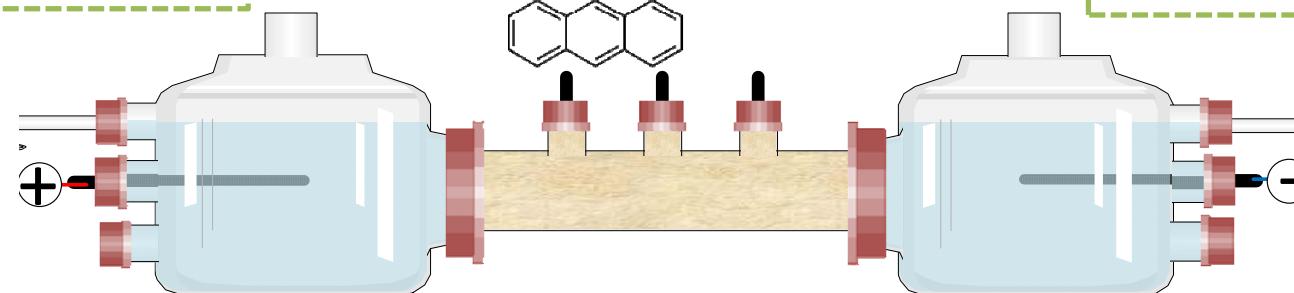


Experimental conditions

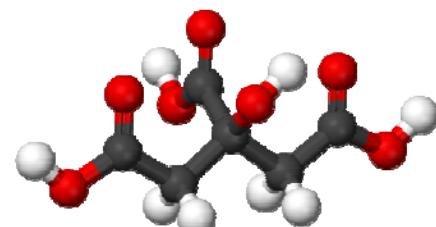
Electrodes	Graphite bars
Electrochemical Field	30 V
Time	27 days
Fe naturally	33594 ppm

FLUXING SOLUTION

- 0.1 M Na₂SO₄
- pH 3
- 10 % H₂O₂



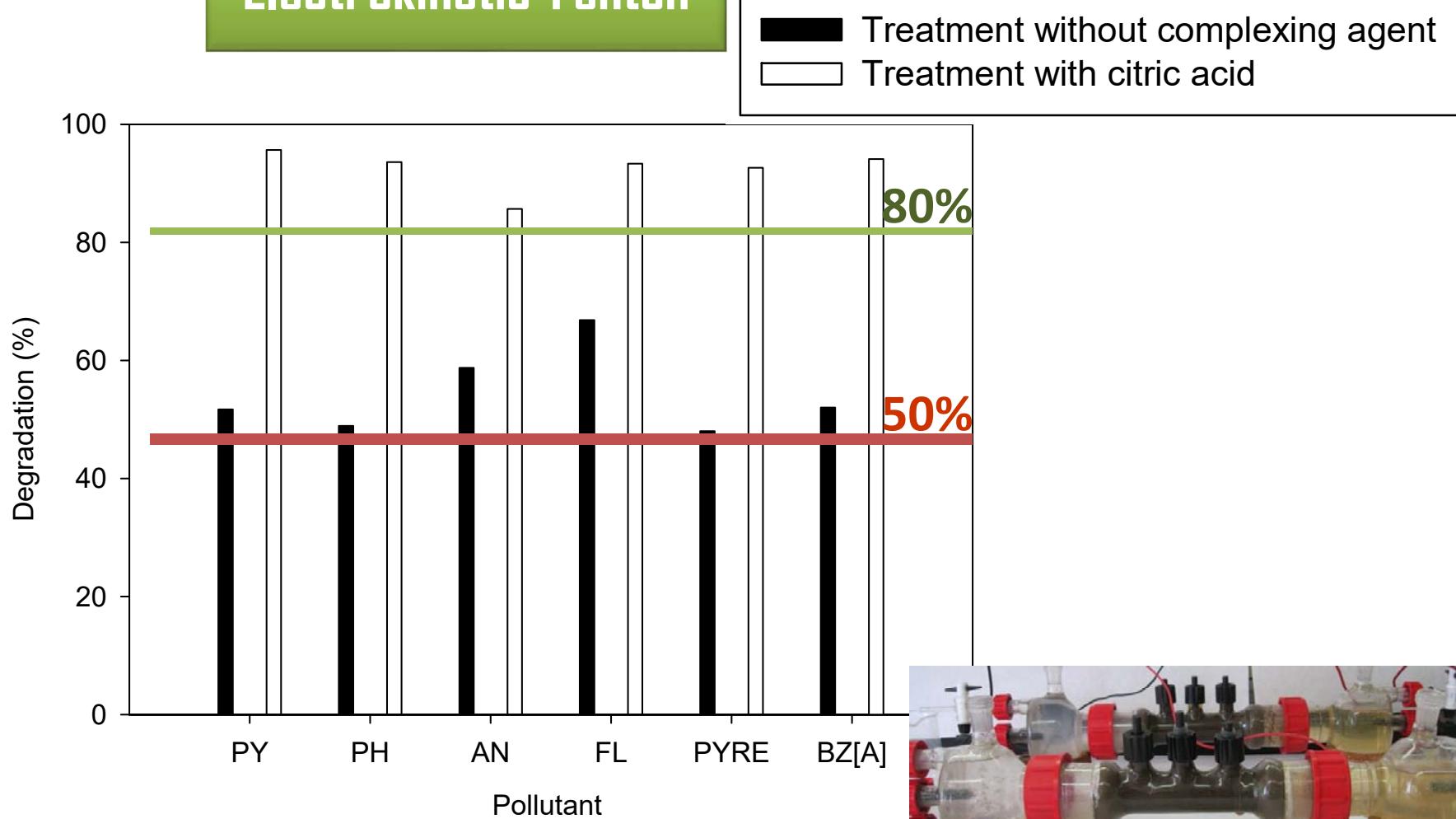
¿ citric acid ?



Bocos, Fernández, Pazos, Sanromán Chemosphere (2015) 125:168-174

3. Electro-Fenton for soil remediation

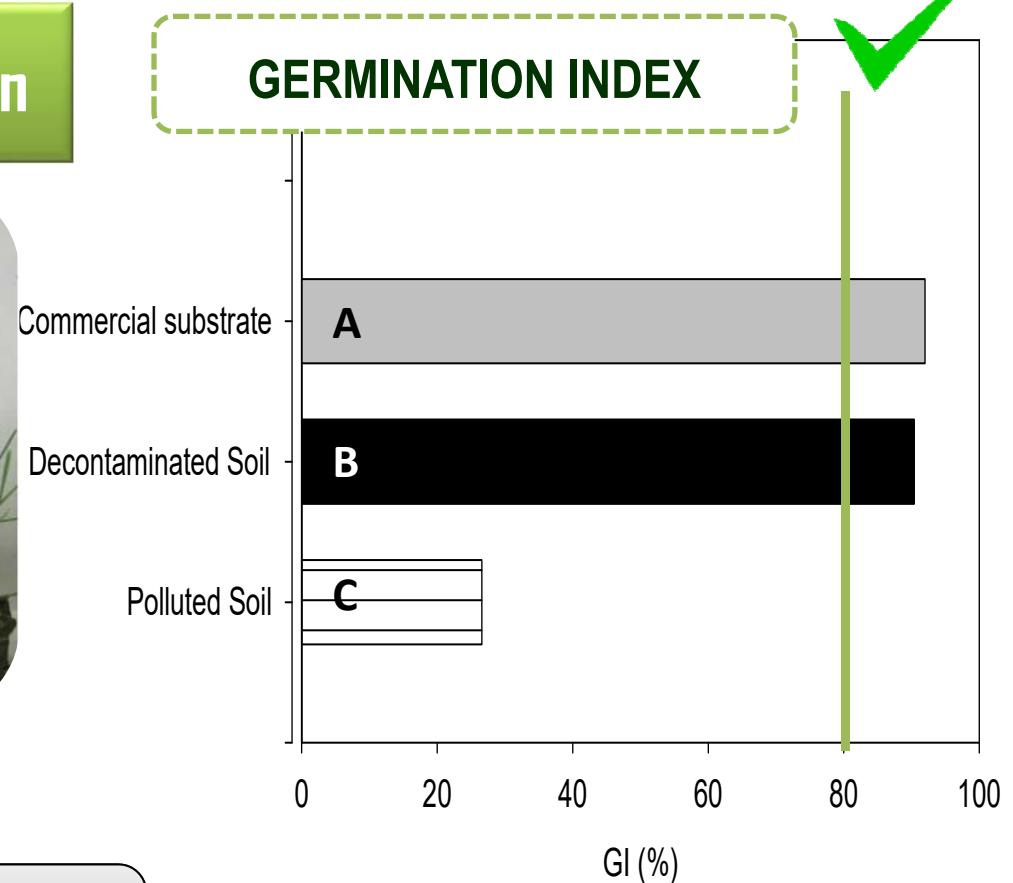
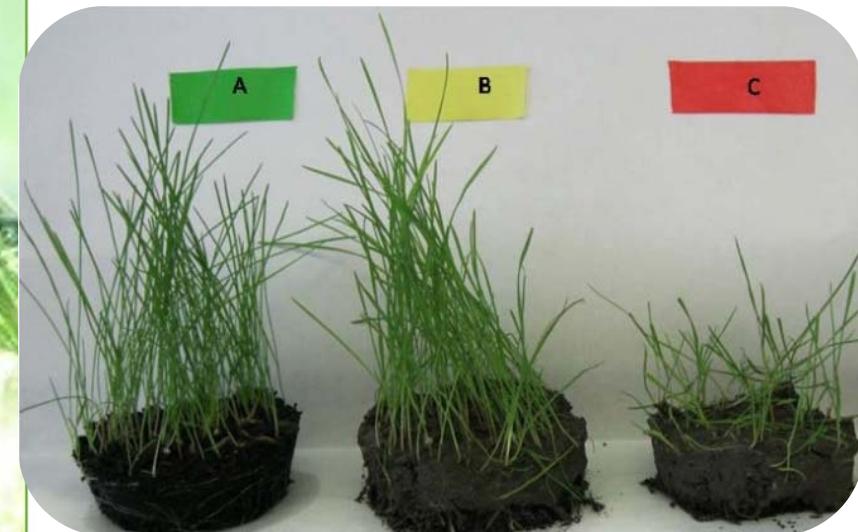
Electrokinetic-Fenton



Bocos, Fernández, Pazos, Sanromán Chemosphere (2015) 125:168-174

3. Electro-Fenton for soil remediation

Electrokinetic-Fenton



- Phytotoxicity assays with *Lolium perenne*

Bocos, Fernández, Pazos, Sanromán Chemosphere (2015) 125:168-174

4. Conclusions



Electro-Fenton in aquatic environment

- The optimization of operational conditions and reactor design are necessary
- Heterogeneous catalyst useful for the treatment of continuous flow



Electro-Fenton in soils

- The electrokinetic phenomenon can be used to produce *in situ* Fenton reaction
- The presence of complexing agents enhances the treatment



BIOSUV
Biengineering & Sustainable Processes
Universidade de Vigo



спасибо
 dzięki
 obrigado
 danke
 謝謝
 teşekkür ederim
 dank je
 thank you
 dank je
 gracias
 mochchakkeram
 go raibh maith agat
 grazie
 arigatō
 dakujem
 мерси
 merci

Thank to
PhD student Aida Díez
PhD student Marius Popespu

Thank to my former students
PhD Bocos
PhD Iglesias
PhD Rosales