

*Tratamiento de aguas conteniendo contaminantes orgánicos persistentes mediante combinación de procesos de oxidación avanzada y biológicos. Proyecto CADOX*

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## Key Action 1: Sustainable Management and Quality of Water

CADOX: A coupled Advanced Oxidation - Biological  
Process for Recycling of Industrial Wastewater  
containing persistent organic contaminants.



[http://www.psa.es/webeng/  
projects/cadox/index.html](http://www.psa.es/webeng/projects/cadox/index.html)

February 2003-July 2006.

# PARTNERS



- Research institution for energy and environment. **COORDINATOR**. Spain.

- Engineering. Turnkey treatment plants installation. Spain



- **Manufacturer of solar collectors**. Portugal

- Public university. Spain



- **Research Institution**. Portugal



- Manufacturer of ozone systems. France



- **Agrochemical and pharmaceutical products manufacturing company**. Belgium



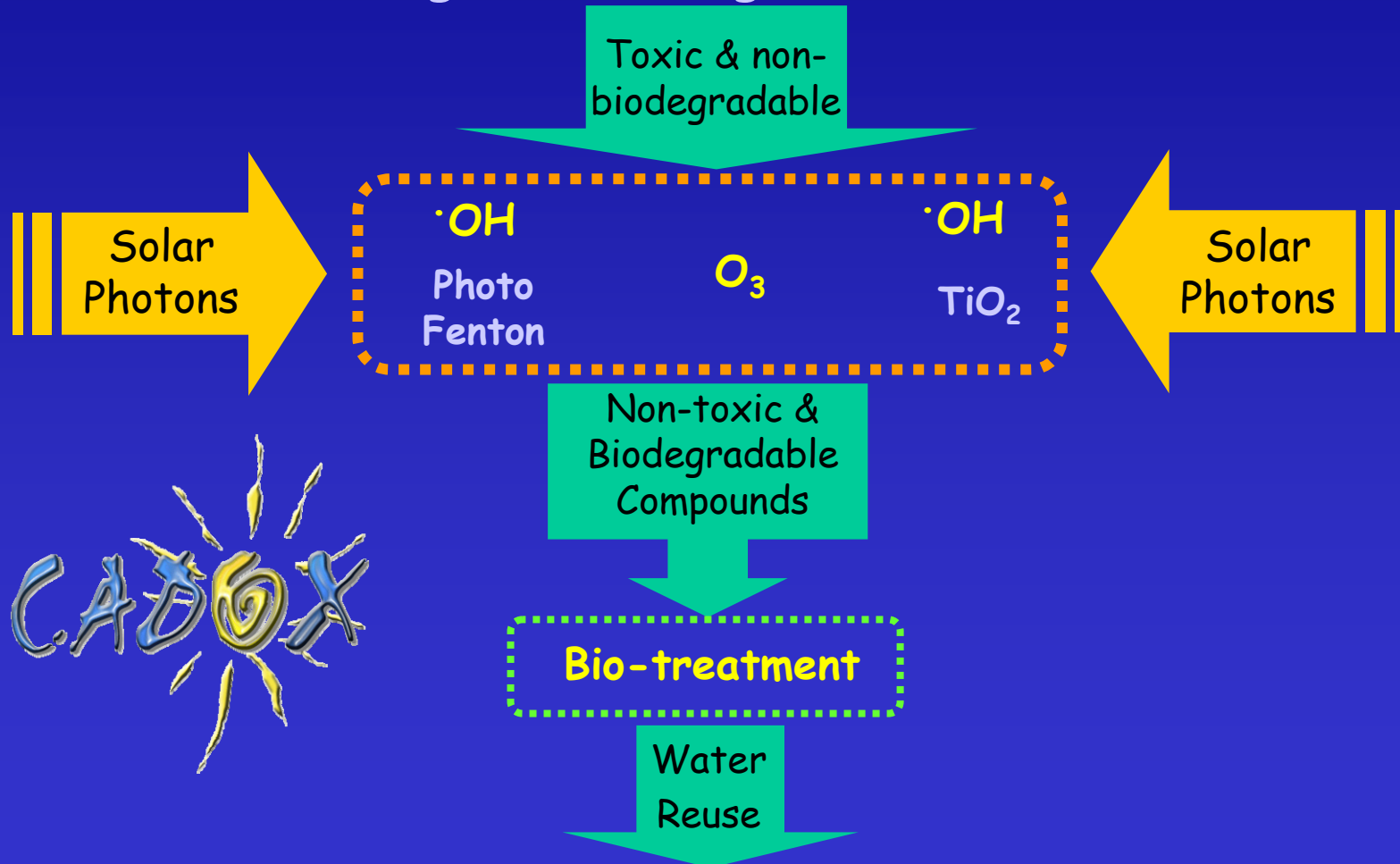
- Public university. Switzerland



- **Chemical industry with NBCS wastewaters**. Spain



Industrial Wastewater (IPPC directive)  
containing PS < 500 mg/L (WF directive)



- ✓ Demonstrating that the coupling of AOPs and biodegradation is a suitable procedure for decontaminating wastewaters containing 7 medium/high soluble pesticides and NBCS.
- ✓ Treating other compounds as function of the final users (JANSSEN and DERETIL) necessities.
- ✓ Definition of new solar collectors for carrying out  $\text{TiO}_2$  and Photo-Fenton photocatalysis.
- ✓ Construction of 2 small prototypes with the previous technologies including  $\text{O}_3$ . Coupling with aerobic biological treatment (fixed-bed activated sludge reactor).

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- Construction of a demonstration plant.
- Design and economic evaluation of a full size treatment plant.
- Detailed analysis of the applicability of this technology in Europe by determining sources of PS at low-medium concentration (<500 mg/L).

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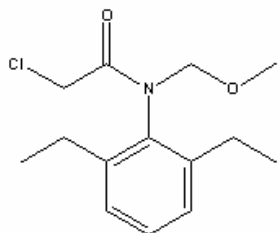
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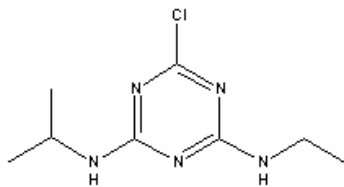
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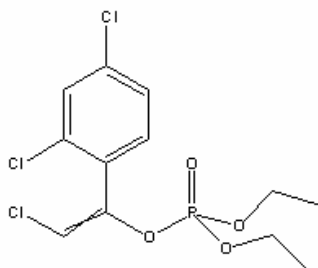
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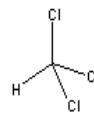
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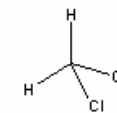
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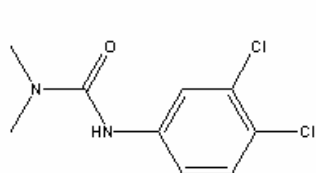
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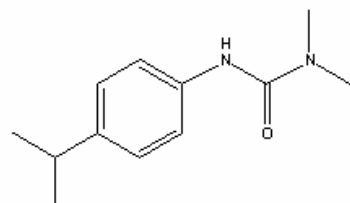
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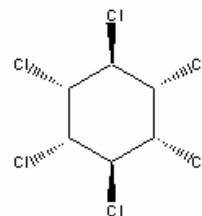
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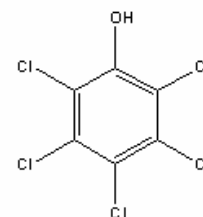
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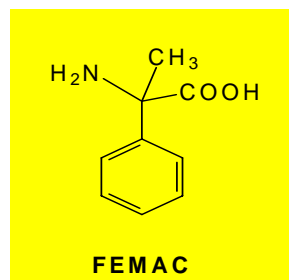
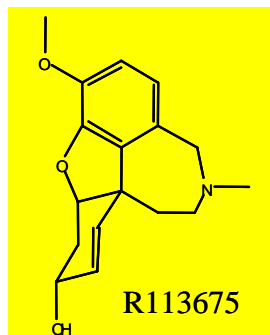
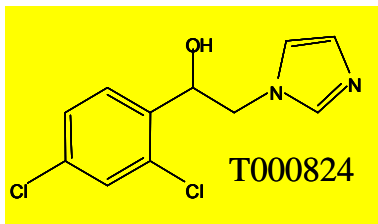


Lindane



Pentachlorophenol

**NBCS and "soluble" pesticides included in the list of priority substances in the field of water policy and amending Directive 2000/60/EC.**



**DECISION No 2455/2001/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 20 November 2001**

**Final users compounds**

The first Tasks of the *CADOX* project have been designed for determining the main parameters related with the degradation of the target compounds by each method:

TiO<sub>2</sub> (INETI)

Photo-Fenton (PSA) 

Ozone (UAB)

Biological Degradation (EPFL)

50 mg/L (except for those of lower water solubility). Only Femac at 500 mg/L. Main parameters:

- ✓ Target compounds, TOC, COD.
- ✓ Cl<sup>-</sup>, NH<sub>4</sub>-N, NO<sub>3</sub>-N, pH.
- ✓ Biodegradability, Toxicity.
- ✓ Fe(II), Fe(III), H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>.



1. The pesticides show the same kind of reactivity in both systems (Fenton/photo-Fenton and heterogeneous photocatalysis).
2. For atrazine and phenylurea pesticides some residual TOC hardly to remove remains in solution, due to the stability of trazine ring and urea formed during degradation process, respectively.
3. Heterogeneous photocatalysis need more accumulation of energy (more irradiation times) to achieve the same degree of mineralization than Fenton/photo-Fenton process.

4. Biodegradability is attained when practically total dechlorination is achieved.
5. Ozonation gives low yields of pesticide mineralization and total dechlorination is very slowly attained.
6. Mineralization of NBCS is readily achieved under photo-Fenton conditions, but hardly occurs with  $\text{TiO}_2$ . Coupling biological treatment with Fenton/photo-Fenton is not necessary.
7. The elevated irradiation times required by  $\text{TiO}_2$  to decrease TOC could produce severe NBCS losses by volatilization.

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M.I. Franch, J.A. Ayllón, J. Peral and X. Domènech. Fe(III)-photocatalysed degradation of low chain carboxylic acids. Implication of the iron salt. *Applied Catalysis B: Environmental*, **50**, 89-99, 2004.

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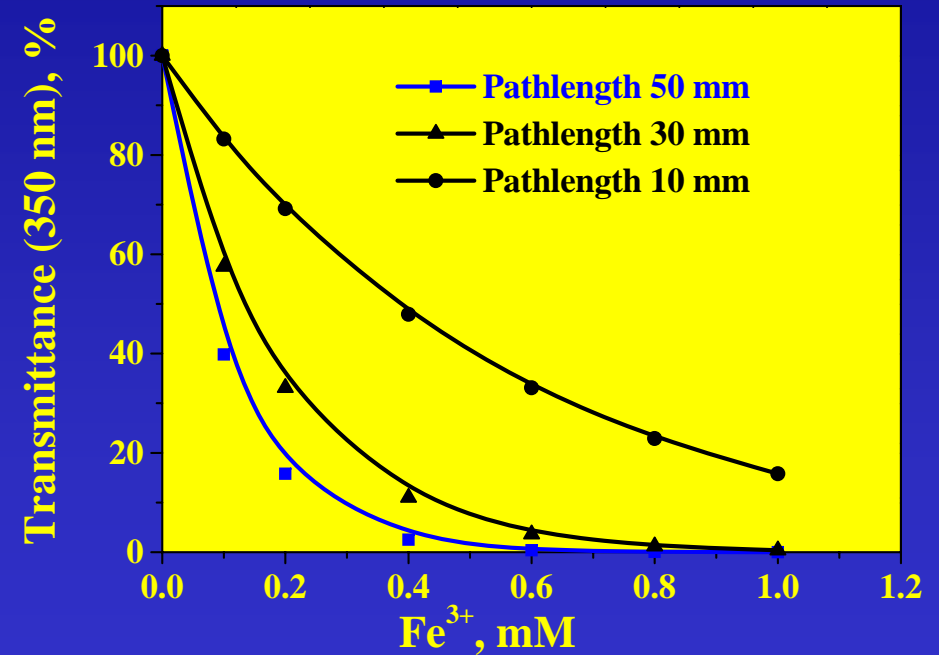
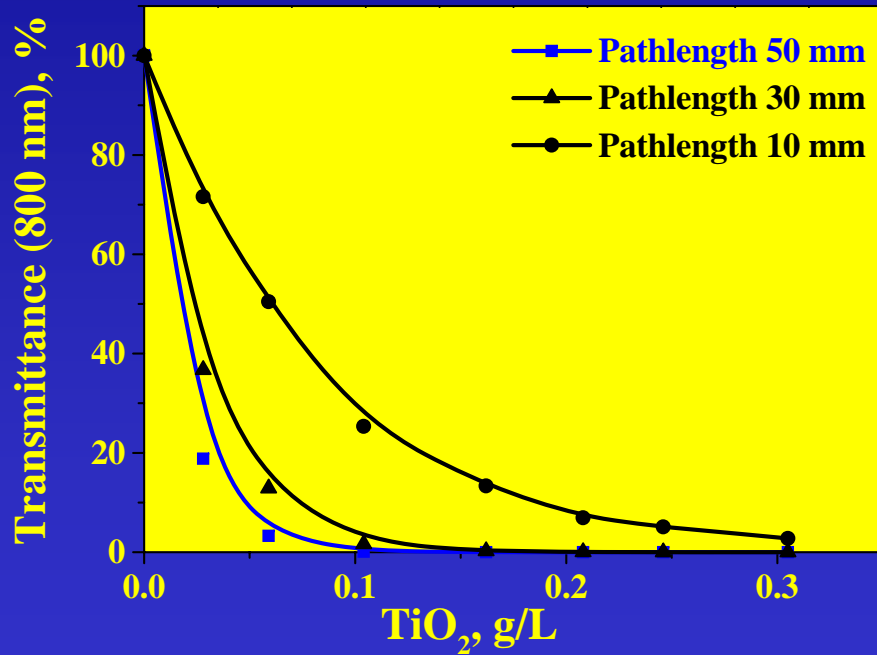


Definition of new solar  
collectors for carrying out  
 $\text{TiO}_2$  and Photo-Fenton  
photocatalysis.

An improved solution must permit:

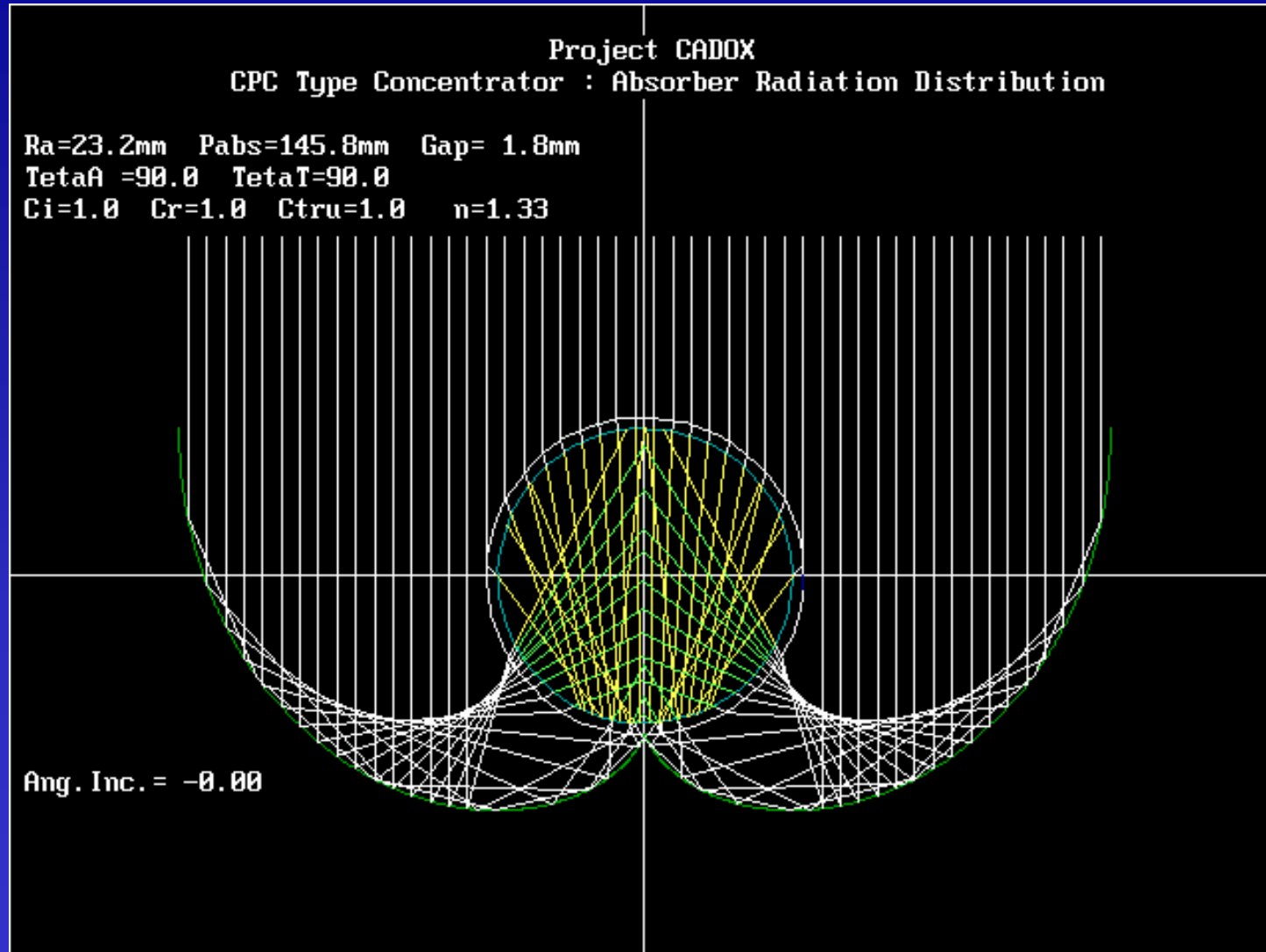
- ✓  $\text{TiO}_2$  and Photo-Fenton.
- ✓ Smaller number of tubes, connections, etc per collector surface than in the collectors available previously to CADOX.
- ✓ Higher illuminated volume per collector surface, with a lower "dead-volume" in the overall photocatalytic plant.
- ✓ Smaller amount of catalyst.

Objective: Minimum transmittance (Max. absorption of photons) at minimum concentration of photocatalyst



The study for the CPC profile shows that a 50mm O.D. reactor seems to be a better solution because:

- ✓ Former CPCs were not suitable for photo-Fenton at low iron concentration.
- ✓ It could permit less catalyst loading and/or enhance light absorption.
- ✓ Tubes will be in a smaller number, thereby reducing the probability of breakage and of leaks.
- ✓ The larger diameter will allow for a more precise fabrication of the curved mirrors and for a greater ease of automation of manufacture.





## Guiding the Al mirrors and fixing the tubes





# NEW CPCs



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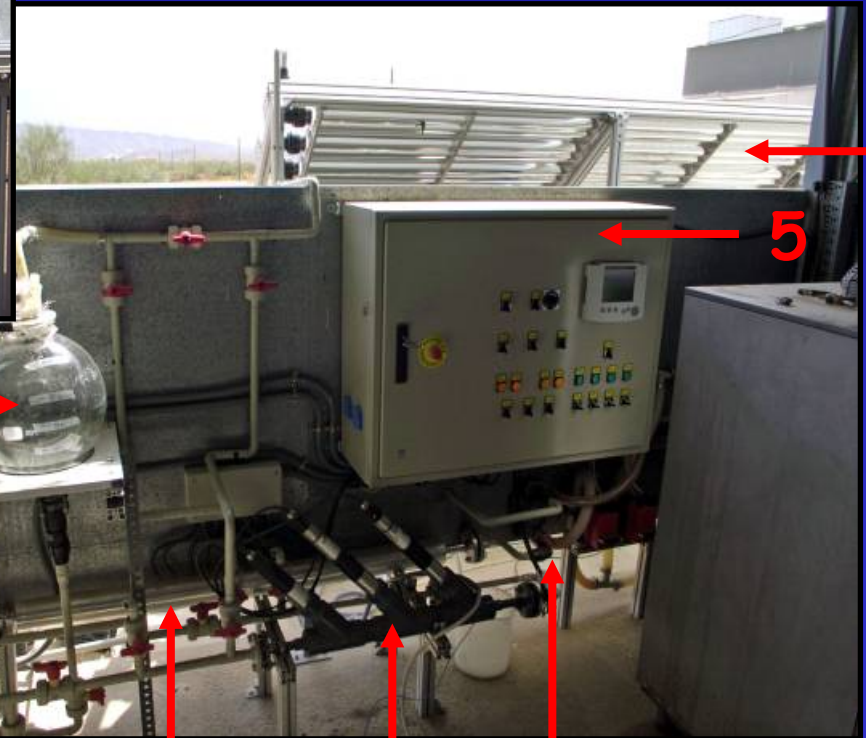
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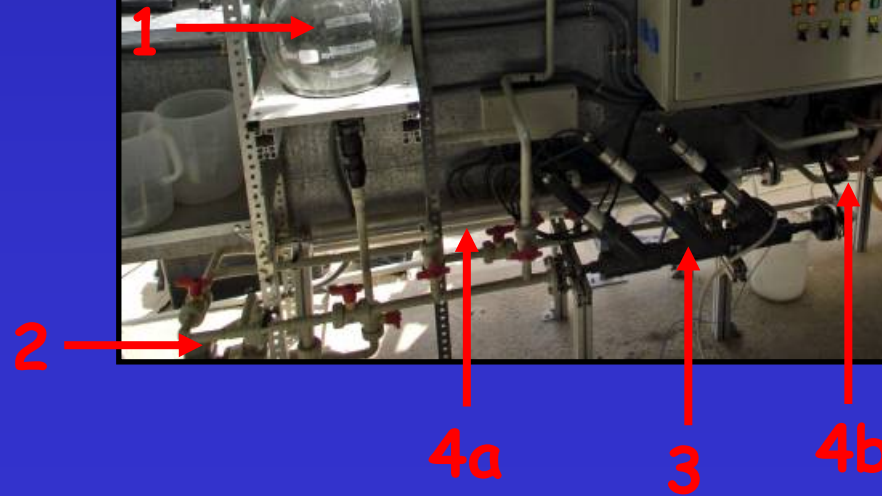




# NEW PILOT PLANT



1. Tank
2. Recirculation pump
3. Sensors
4. Heat exchangers (a:heating,b:cooling)
5. Instrument panel
6. Solar collector



# NEW PILOT PLANT



1. Ozone generator
2. Contact column
3. Pump
4. Oxygen bottle
5. Ozone analyser
6. Rotameter
7. Ozone destructor



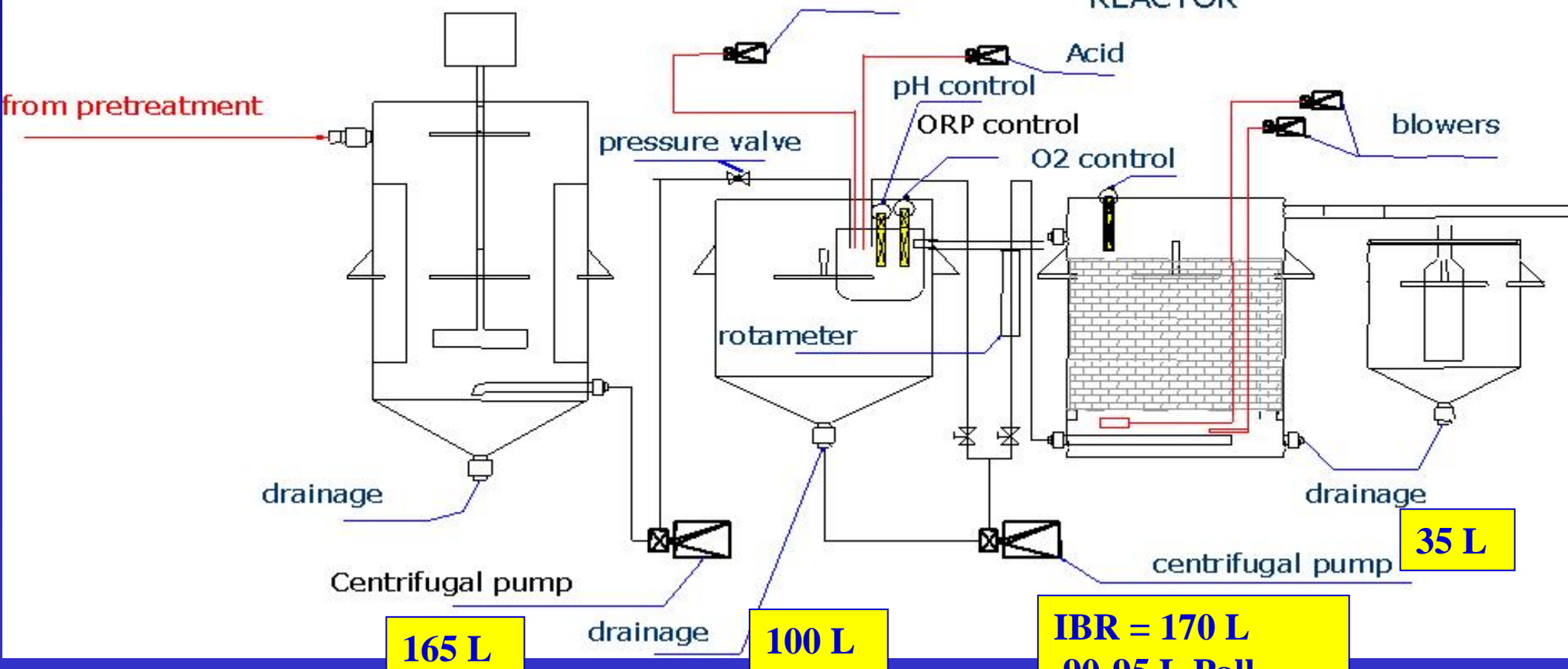
# NEW PILOT PLANT

NEUTRALISATION

CONDITIONER

IMMOBILISED BED REACTOR

DECANTER



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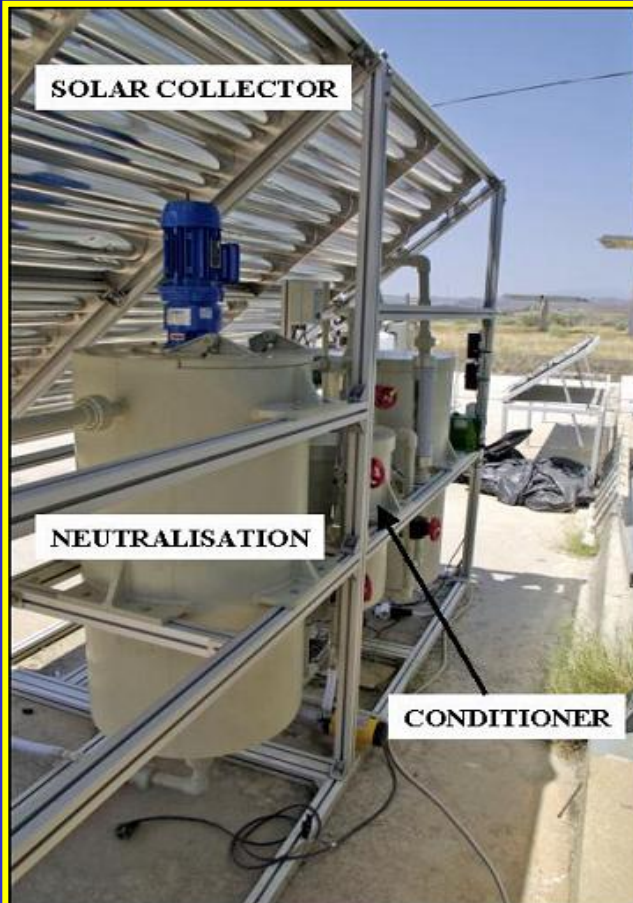
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IBR = 170 L  
90-95 L Pall Rings supports

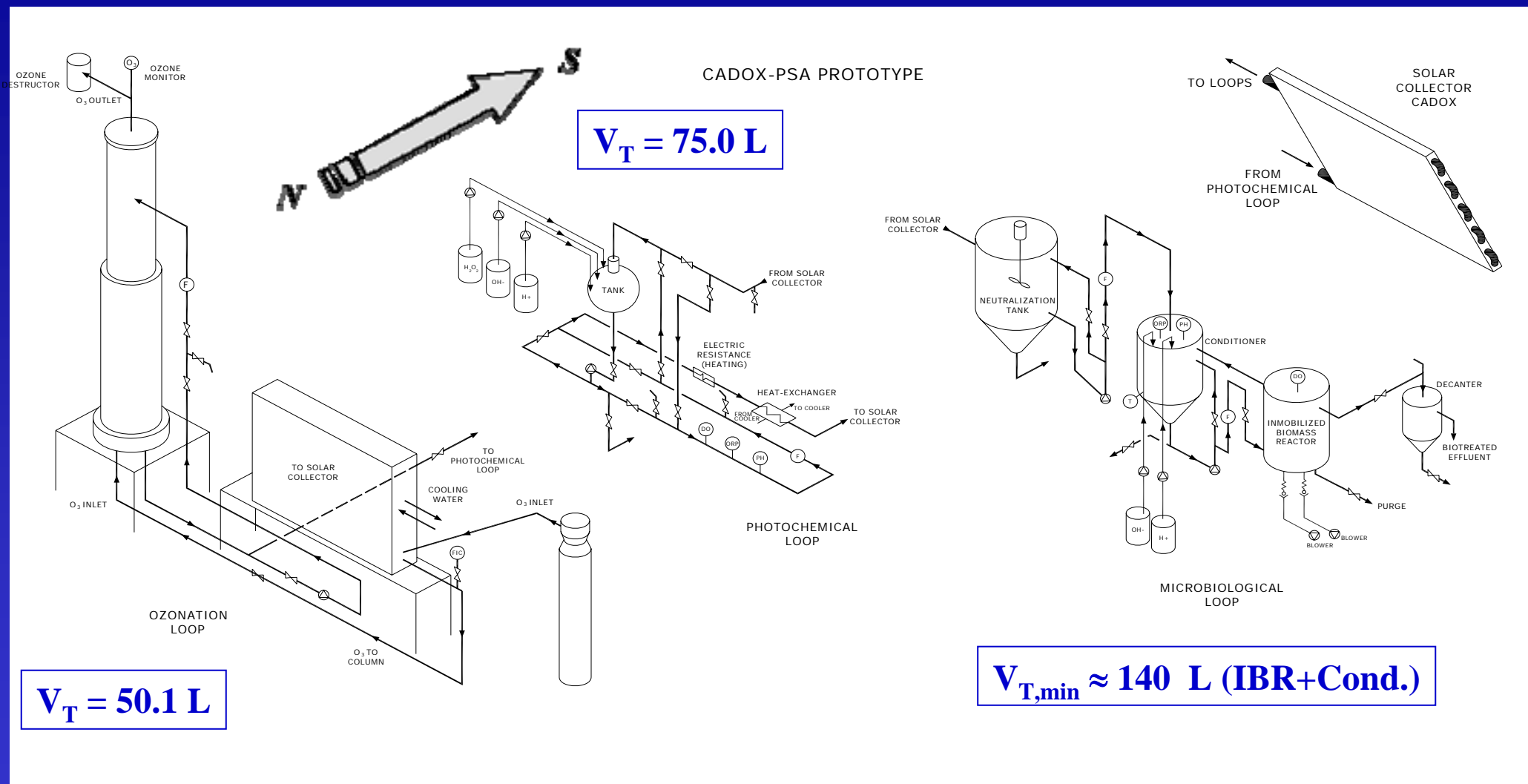
35 L



# NEW PILOT PLANT



# NEW PILOT PLANT



$V_T = 50.1 \text{ L}$

$V_{T,\text{min}} \approx 140 \text{ L (IBR+Cond.)}$

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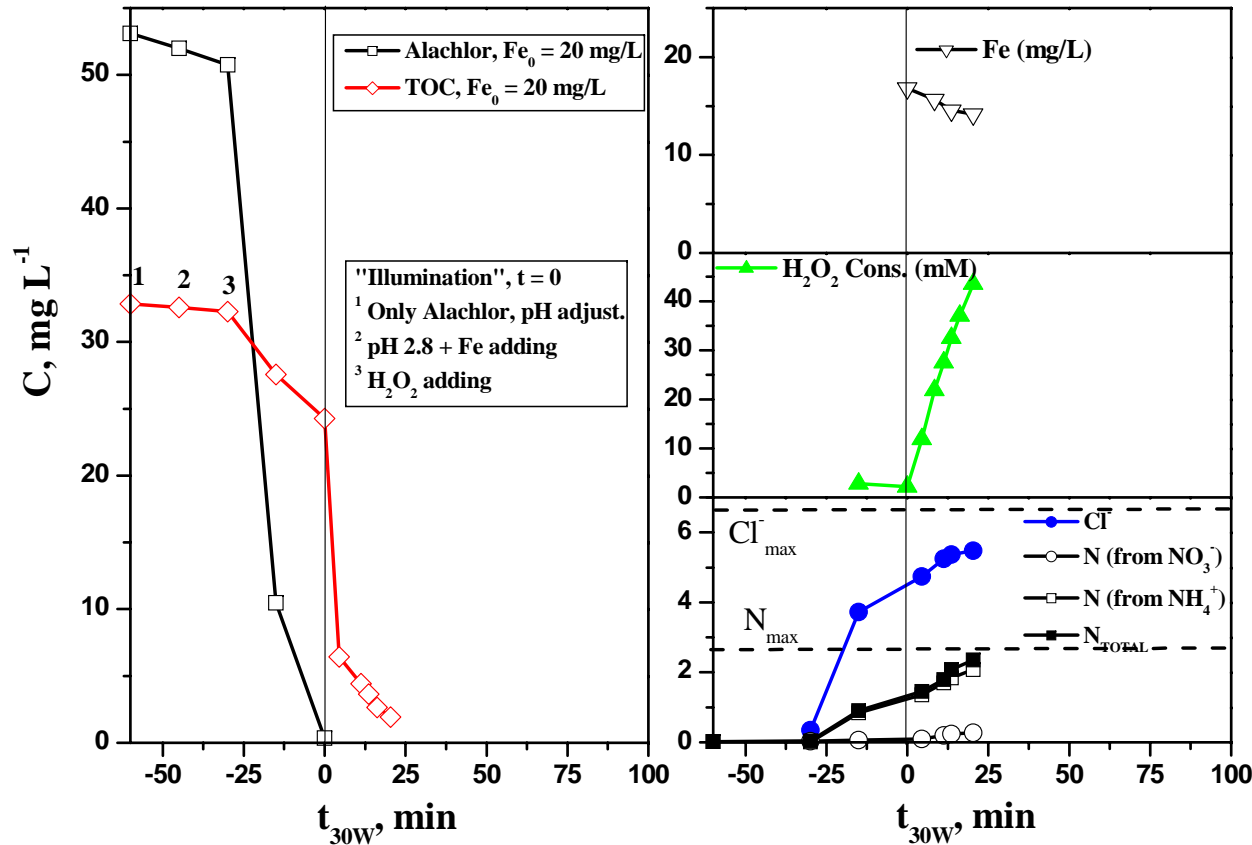
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# Testing the new pilot plant

# PHOTO - FENTON (I)



Alachlor, Atrazine,  
Chlorfenvinphos,  
Isoproturon, Diuron,  
Pentachlorophenol, Lindane

- Total degradation.
- Total mineralisation.
- Total dechlorination.

NBCS non tested in photo-Fenton prototype:

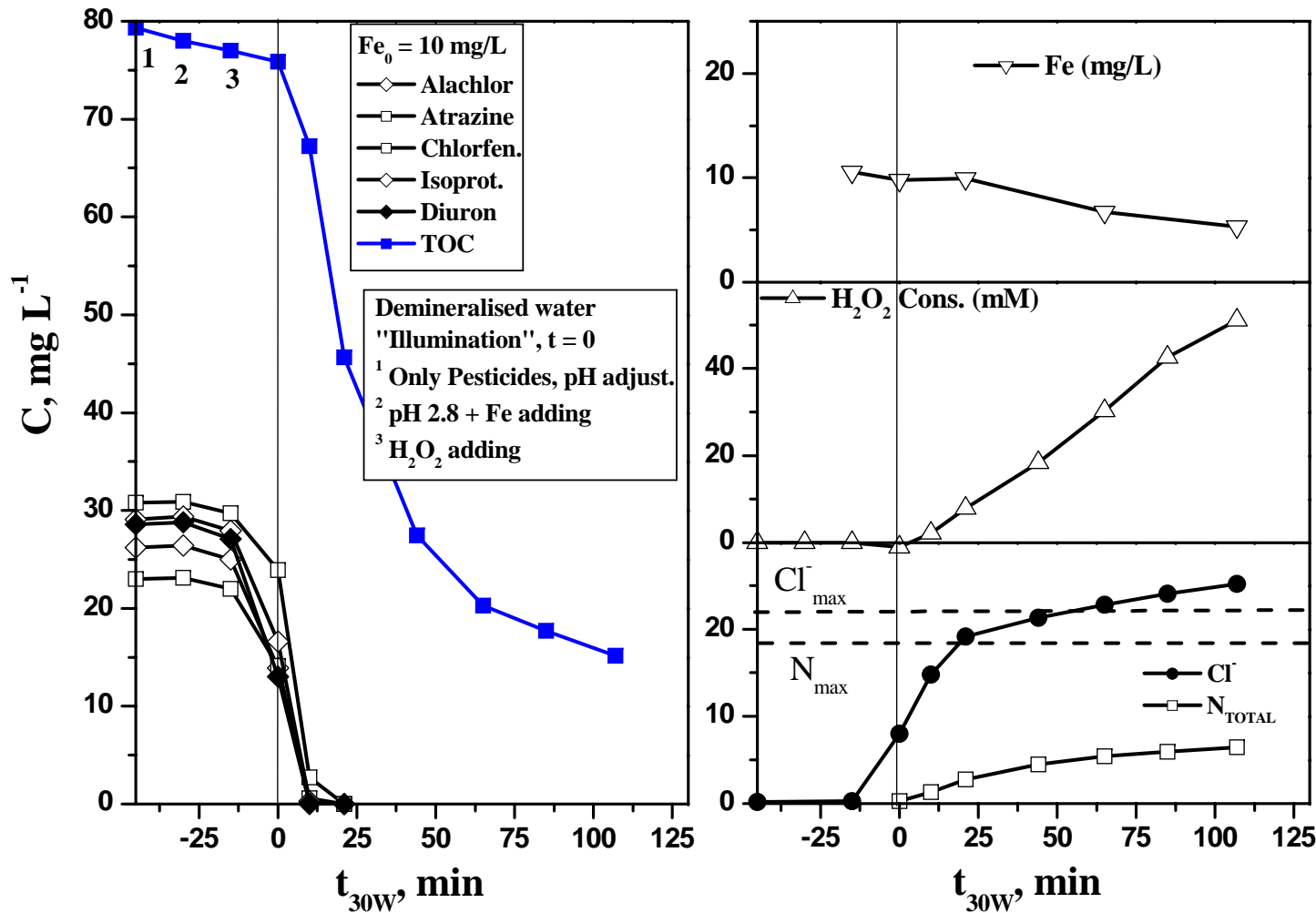
- Completely mineralised.
- No stable intermediates.
- No necessity of Coupling with biological.

M. I. Maldonado, W. Gernjak, I. Oller, J. Blanco, P. Fernández-Ibáñez and S. Malato. Photo-Fenton degradation of Alachlor, Atrazine, Chlorfenvinphos, Diuron, Isoproturon and Pentachlorophenol at Solar Pilot Plant. *Journal of Environmental Pollution*. in press.

S. Malato Rodríguez, J. Blanco Gálvez, Manuel I. Maldonado Rubio, P. Fernández Ibáñez, W. Gernjak, I. Oller Alberola. Treatment of Chlorinated Solvents by  $TiO_2$  Photocatalysis and Photo-Fenton: Influence of Operating Conditions in a Solar Pilot Plant. *Chemosphere*, **58**, 391-398, 2005.



# PHOTO - FENTON (II)

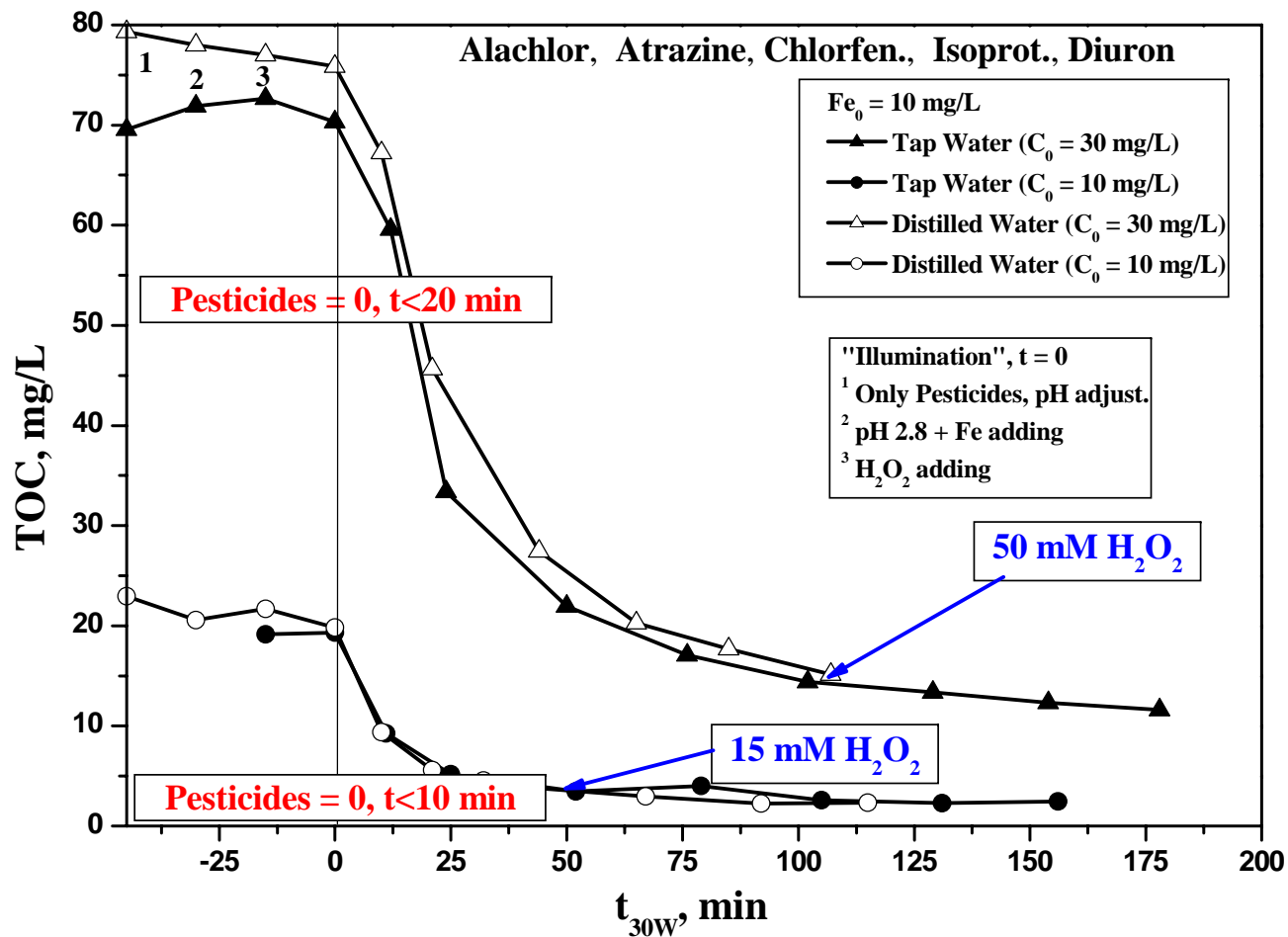


**Tested mixtures**  
 10 mg/L each  
 30 mg/L each  
 Distilled water  
 Tap water  
 A = 4 m<sup>2</sup>, V<sub>TOT</sub> = 75 L

M. Hincapié, M.I. Maldonado, I. Oller, W. Gernjak, J. A. Sánchez-Pérez, M. M. Ballesteros, and S. Malato. Solar photocatalytic degradation and detoxification of EU priority substances. *Catalysis Today*, 101, 203-210, 2005.

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# PHOTO - FENTON (III)



Pesticide mixture,  
10 mg/L and 30  
mg/L each one

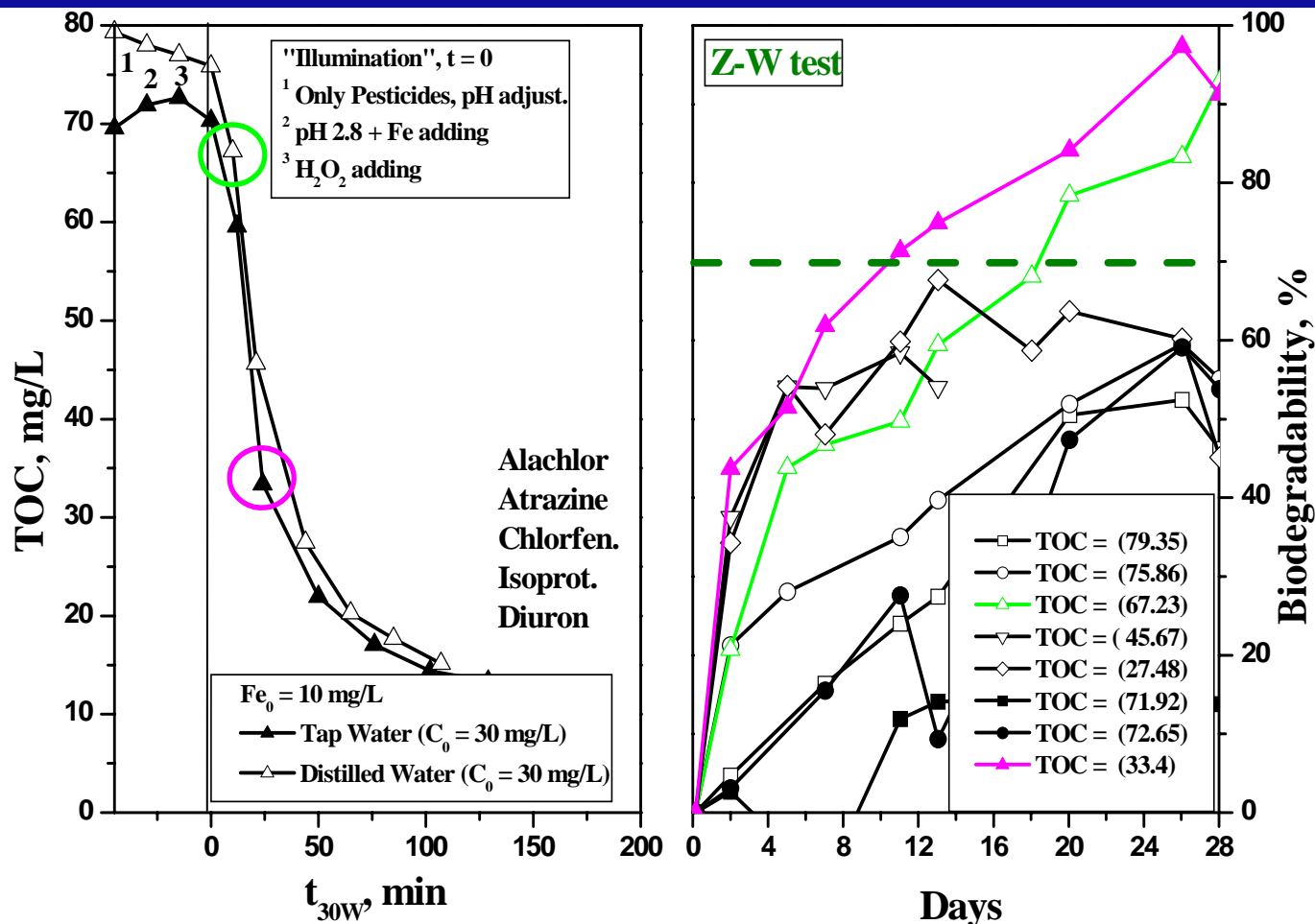
- Total degradation.
- 80 % mineralisation.
- Total dechlorination.

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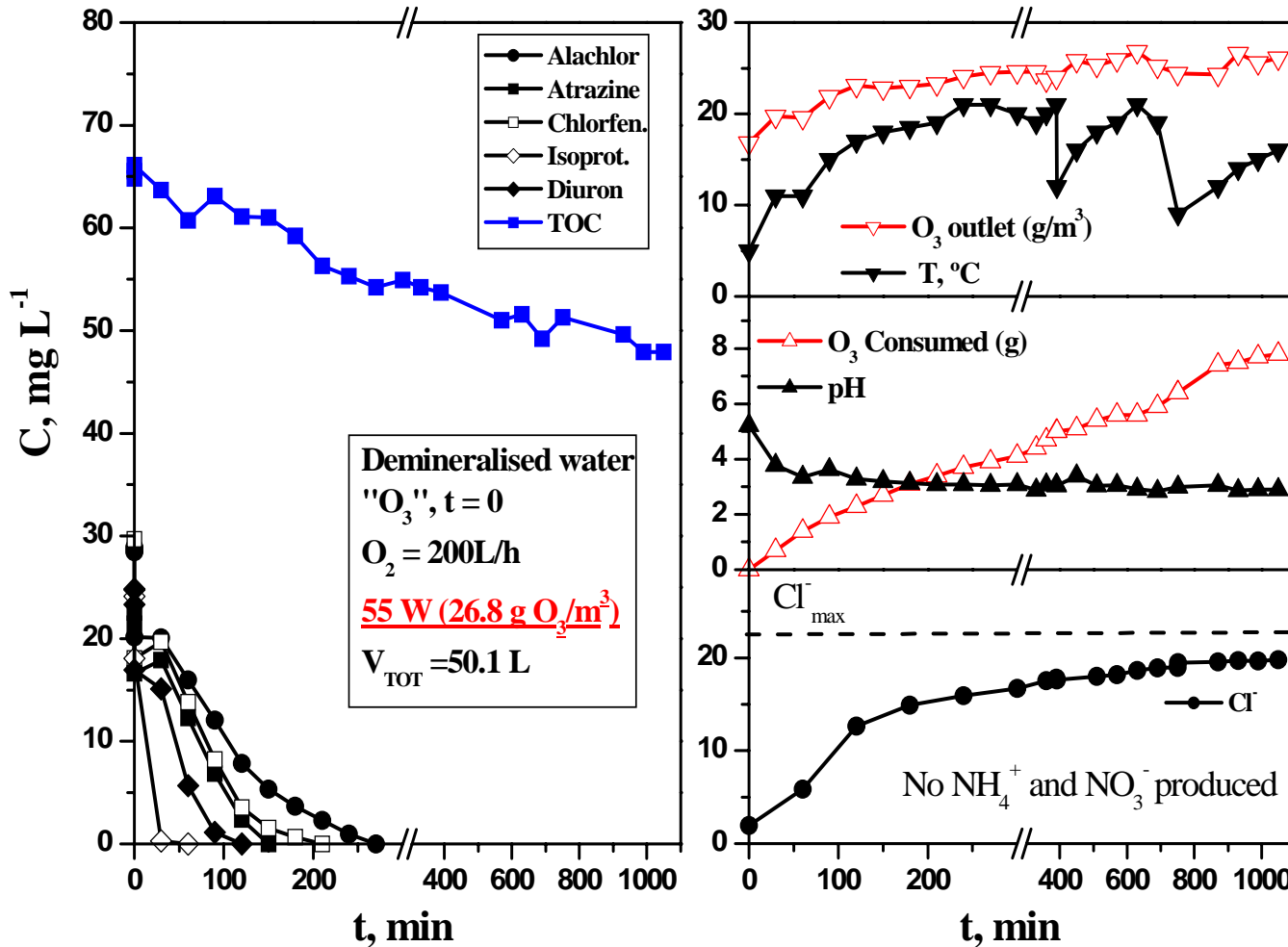
# PHOTO-FENTON / BIODEGRADABILITY



Zahn-Wellens test:  
EC protocol (Directive  
88/302/EEC)

- Biodegradability enhanced.
- Biodegradable after total dechlorination.
- TOC = 67,23 mg/L, 70% biodegradability after 18 days. Best coupling point.

# OZONATION PROCESS



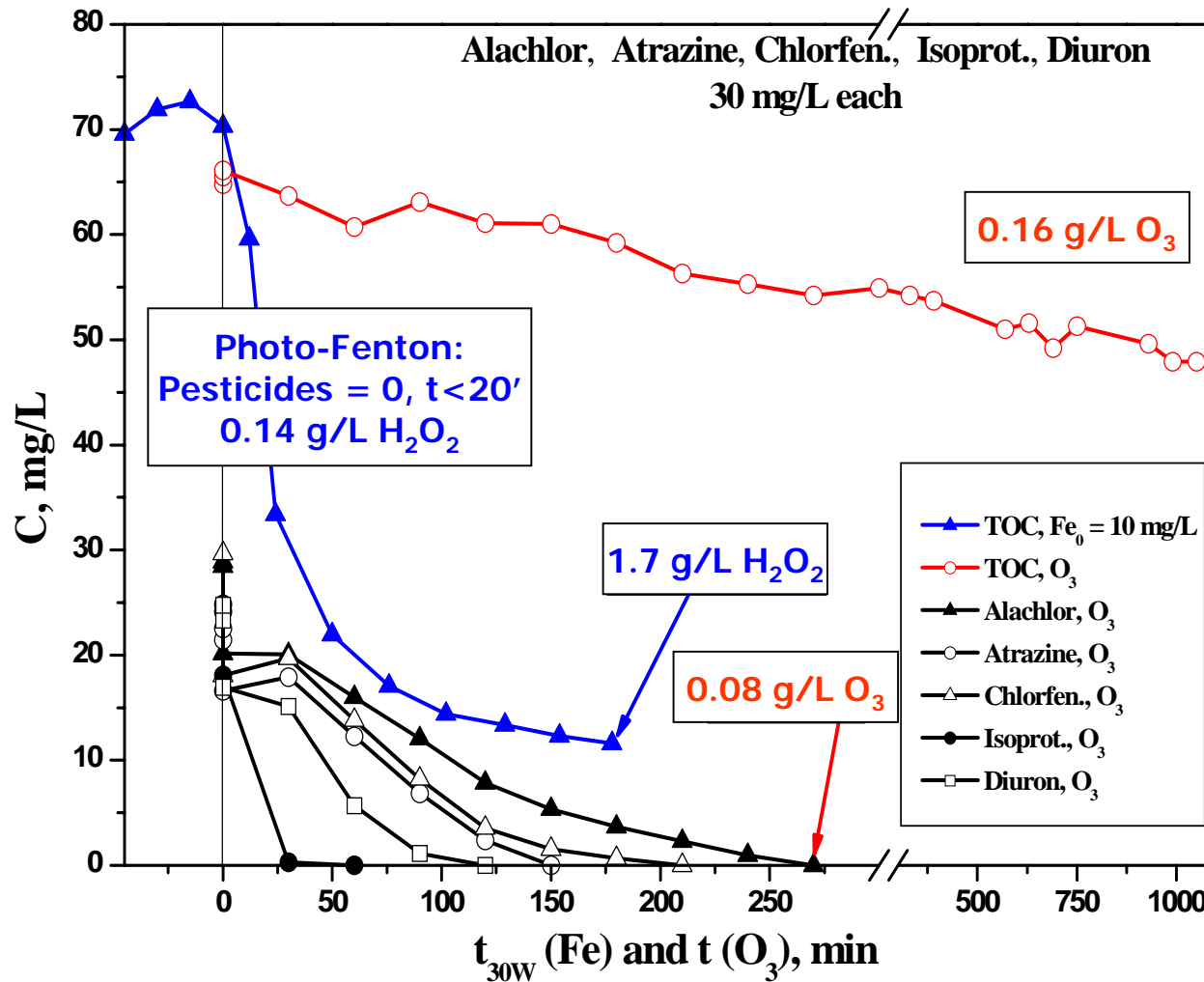
Pesticide mixture, 30 mg/L each one

- Total degradation.
- 25 % mineralisation.
- Total dechlorination.

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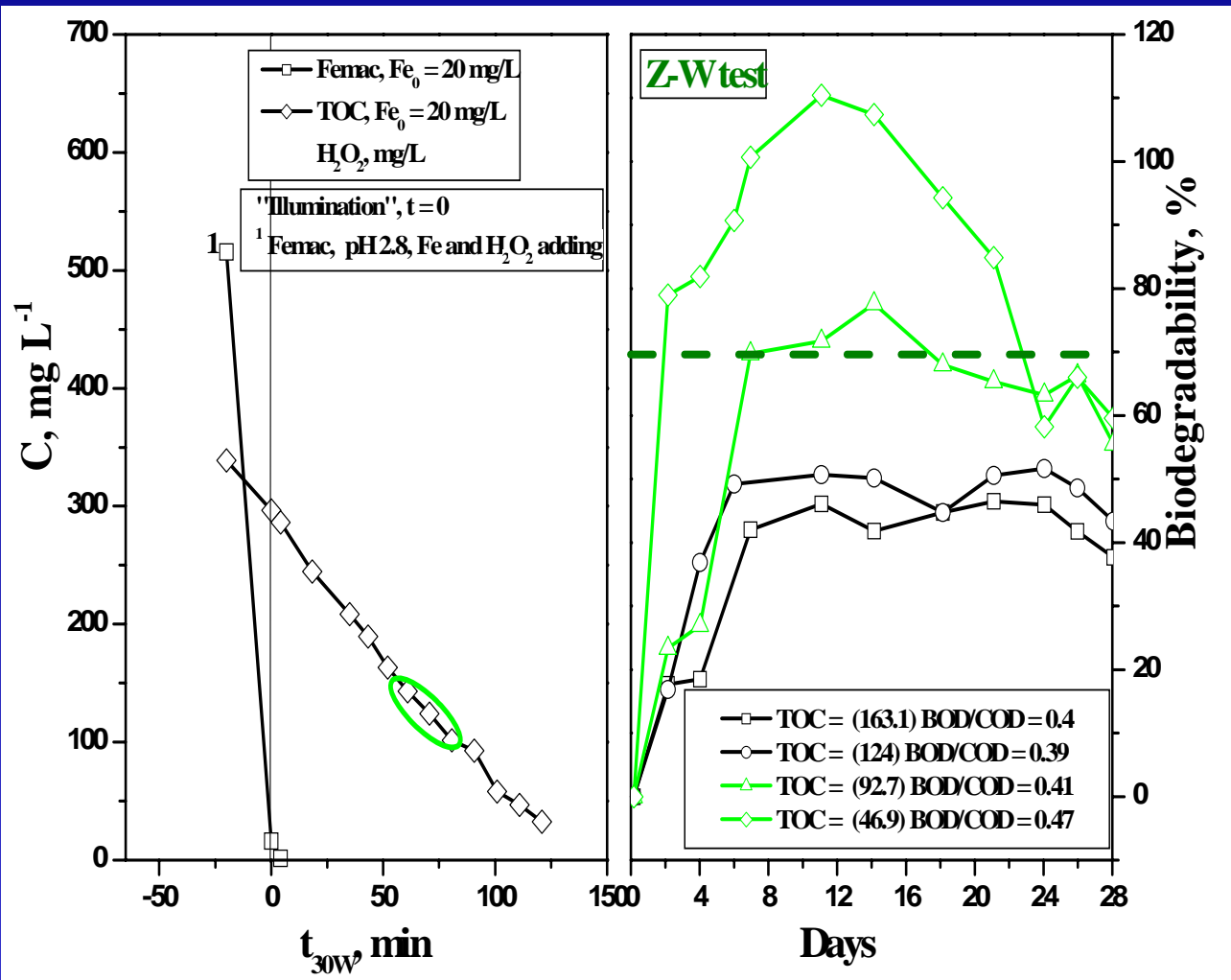
# PHOTO-FENTON vs. OZONATION



## Comparison Photo-Fenton & O<sub>3</sub> Pesticide mixture, 30 mg/L each one

- Photo-Fenton faster.
- Photo-Fenton much more mineralisation.
- O<sub>3</sub> low consumption.
- O<sub>3</sub> mineralisation and dechlorination very slow.

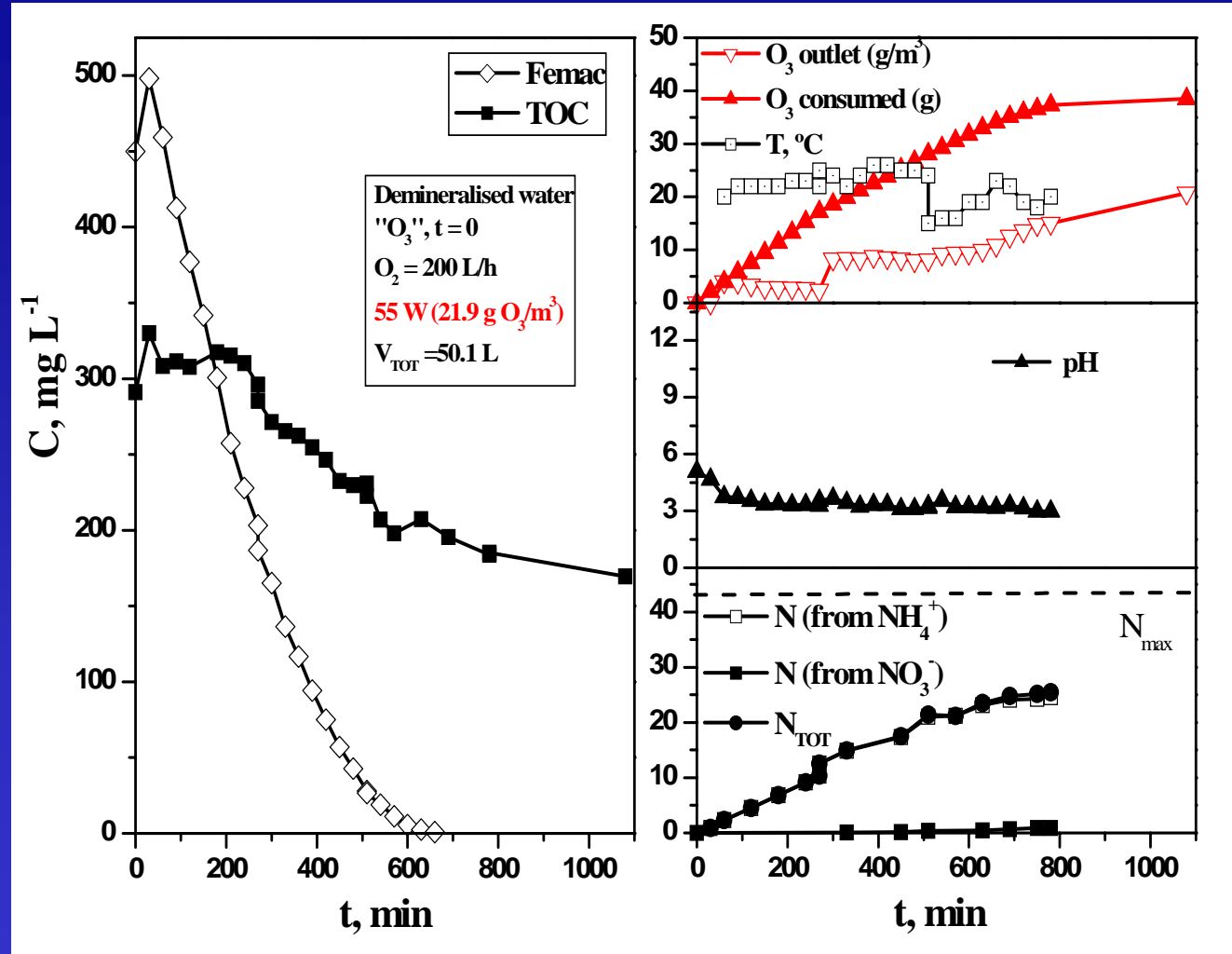
# PHOTO-FENTON (FEMAC) / BIODEGRADABILITY TESTS



Zahn-Wellens test:  
 EC protocol (Directive 88/302/EEC)

- Biodegradability enhanced.
- Biodegradable after 50-70% of TOC mineralised.
- TOC = 92.7 mg/L, 70% biodegradability after 7 days. Best coupling point.

# OZONATION (FEMAC)



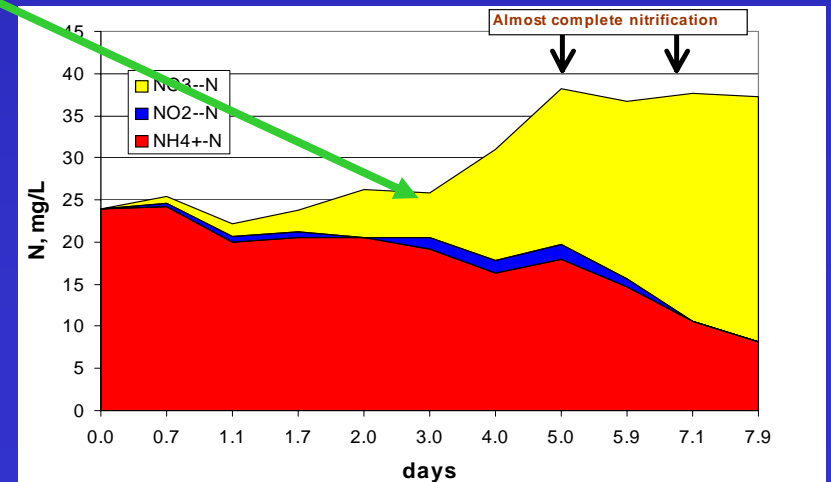
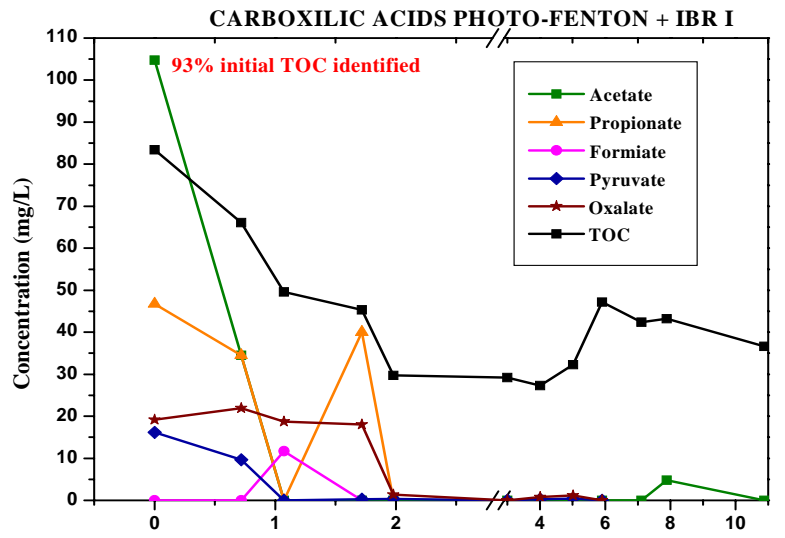
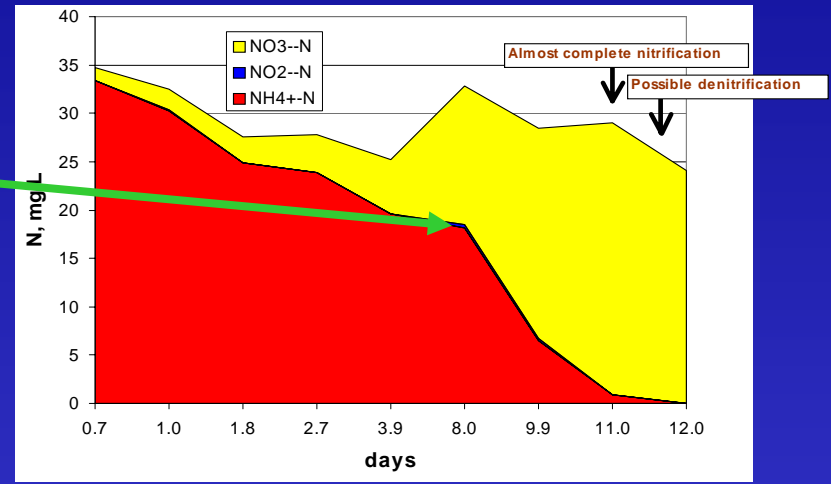
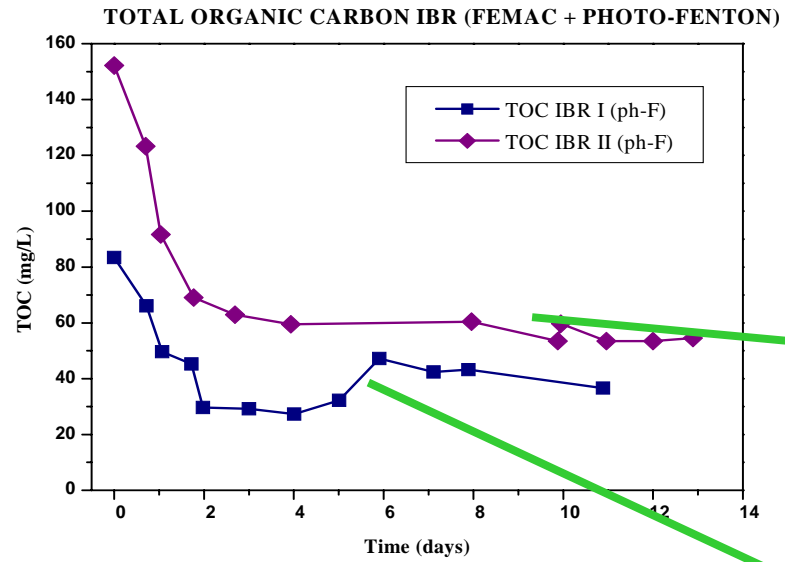
Femac concentration 500 mg/L

- Almost no mineralisation. near 30 mg/L of TOC (6.5 hours).
- Incomplete nitrogen mineralisation to ammonium.
- O<sub>3</sub> outlet concentration rises, specially after Femac conversion.



# BIOTREATMENT (FEMAC I)

$V_T = 138 \text{ L}$  (from 3 photo-Fenton tests)  
**Complete nitrification. No mineral medium.**  
**SIMILAR RESULTS WITH  $O_3$**



## PESTICIDES

- ✓ Fe = 10 mg/L is enough for reaching complete mineralisation.
- ✓ Longer treatment time with O<sub>3</sub> than photo-Fenton for achieving pesticides degradation. Almost no TOC degradation with O<sub>3</sub> .
- ✓ Zahn-Wellens tests useful for determining optimal TOC range at which wastewater become biodegradable.
- ✓ Biodegradability increase very significant after short photo-Fenton treatment times.

## FEMAC

- ✓ **Photo-Fenton and ozonation processes are suitable for degrading Femac. Mineralisation higher with photo-Fenton than with ozone.**
- ✓ **Z-W test predicts the correct value for coupling AOP/ Biotreatment in a TOC range between 150-90 mg/L (Femac completely disappeared).**
- ✓ **Complete nitrification clearly detected both after Photo-Fenton and O<sub>3</sub> treatments.**
- ✓ **TOC decreased from around 150 mg/L to <30 mg/L in IBR.**



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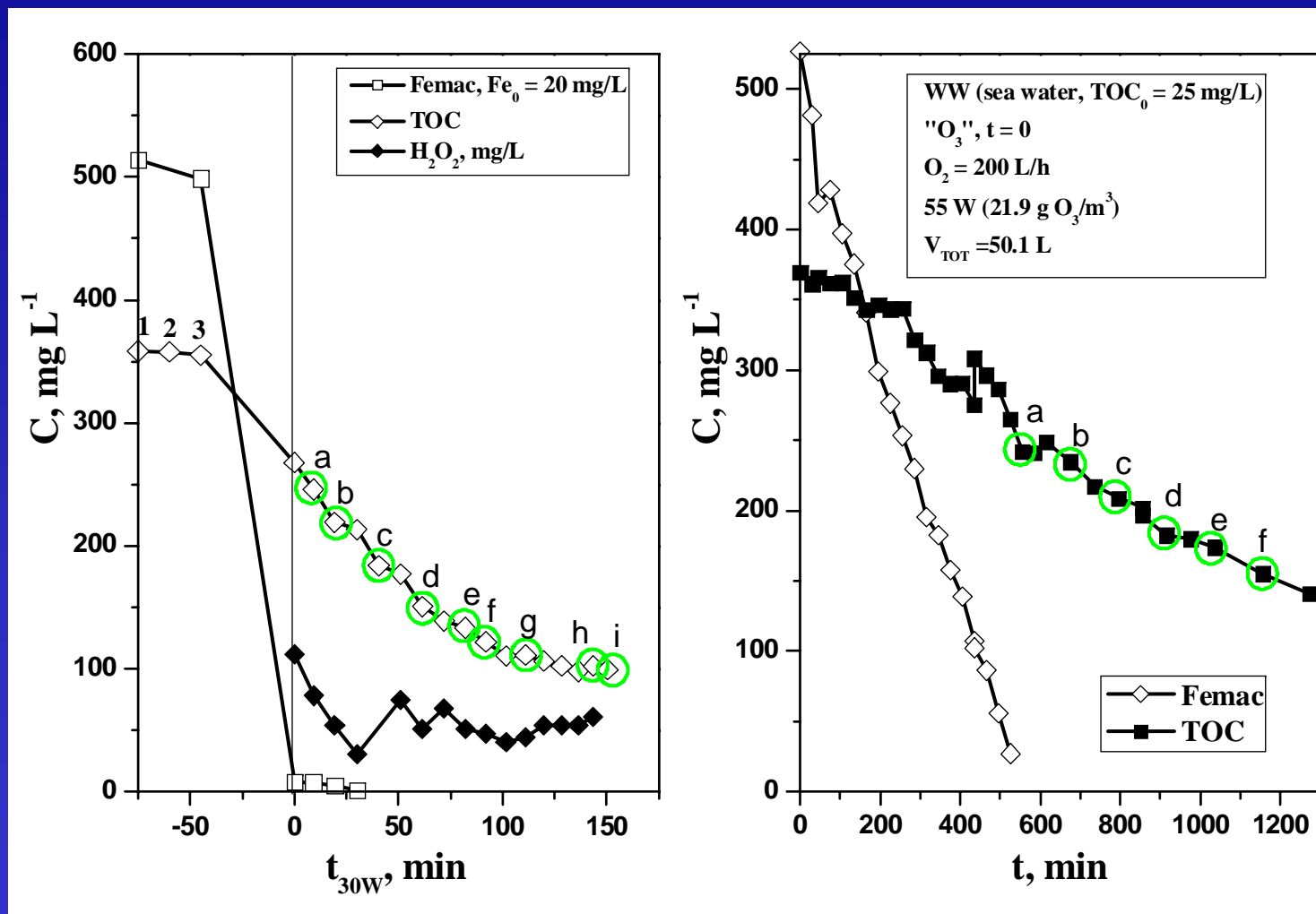
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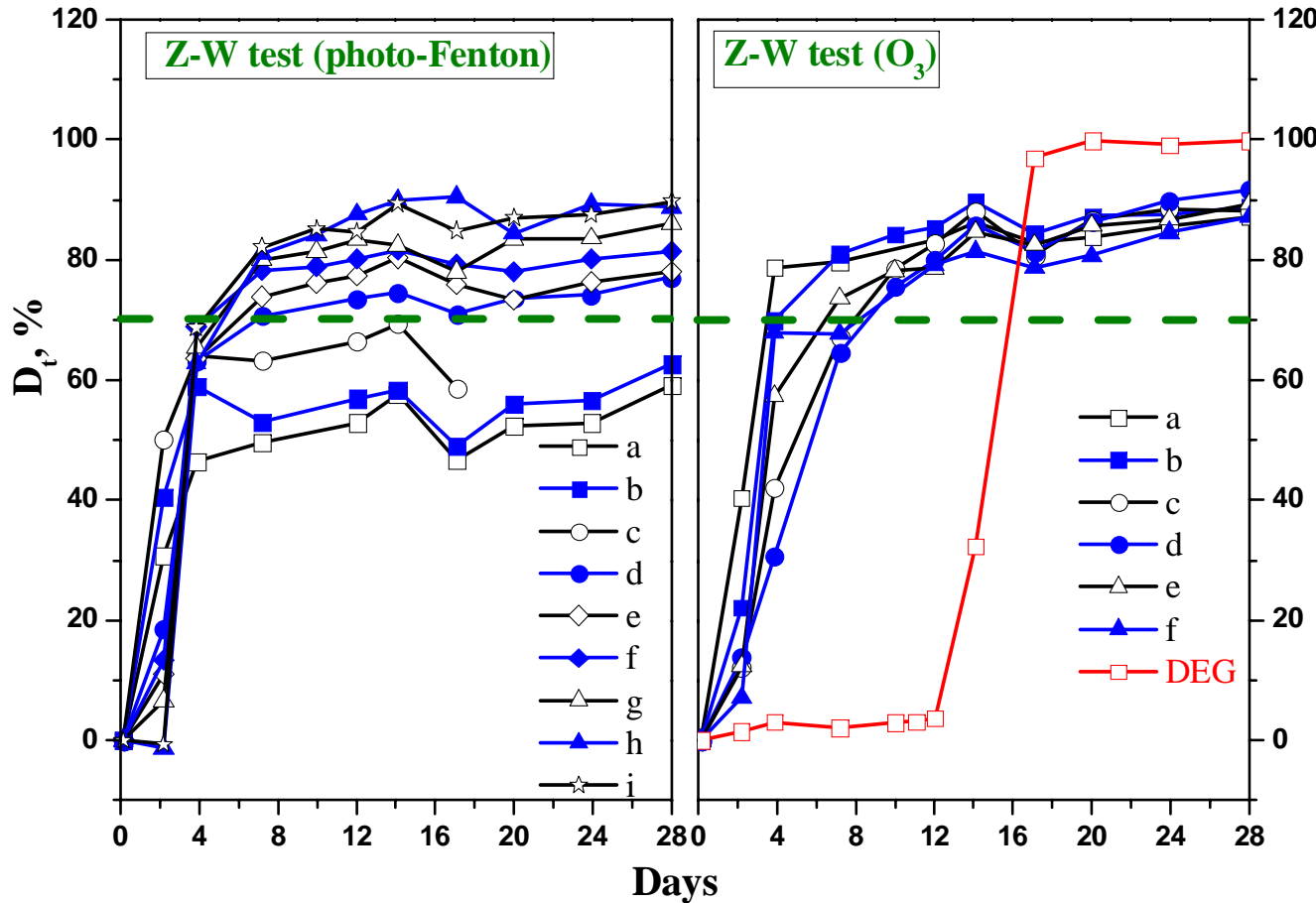
# TESTING REAL WASTEWATERS

- Treatment of real saline wastewater containing Femac, from a final user (DERETIL, CADOX project partner). Sea water employed in the industry process lines.
- Main characteristics of the industrial wastewater:  
COD=200-400 mg/L, TOC=100-200 mg/L,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ =0-40 mg/L,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ =200-600 mg/L in seawater and Femac=500 mg/L.
- Inoculation of the Immobilised Biomass Reactor with activated sludge coming from WWTP of DERETIL. Fixed bacteria adapted to sea water.

# PHOTO-FENTON vs. OZONATION

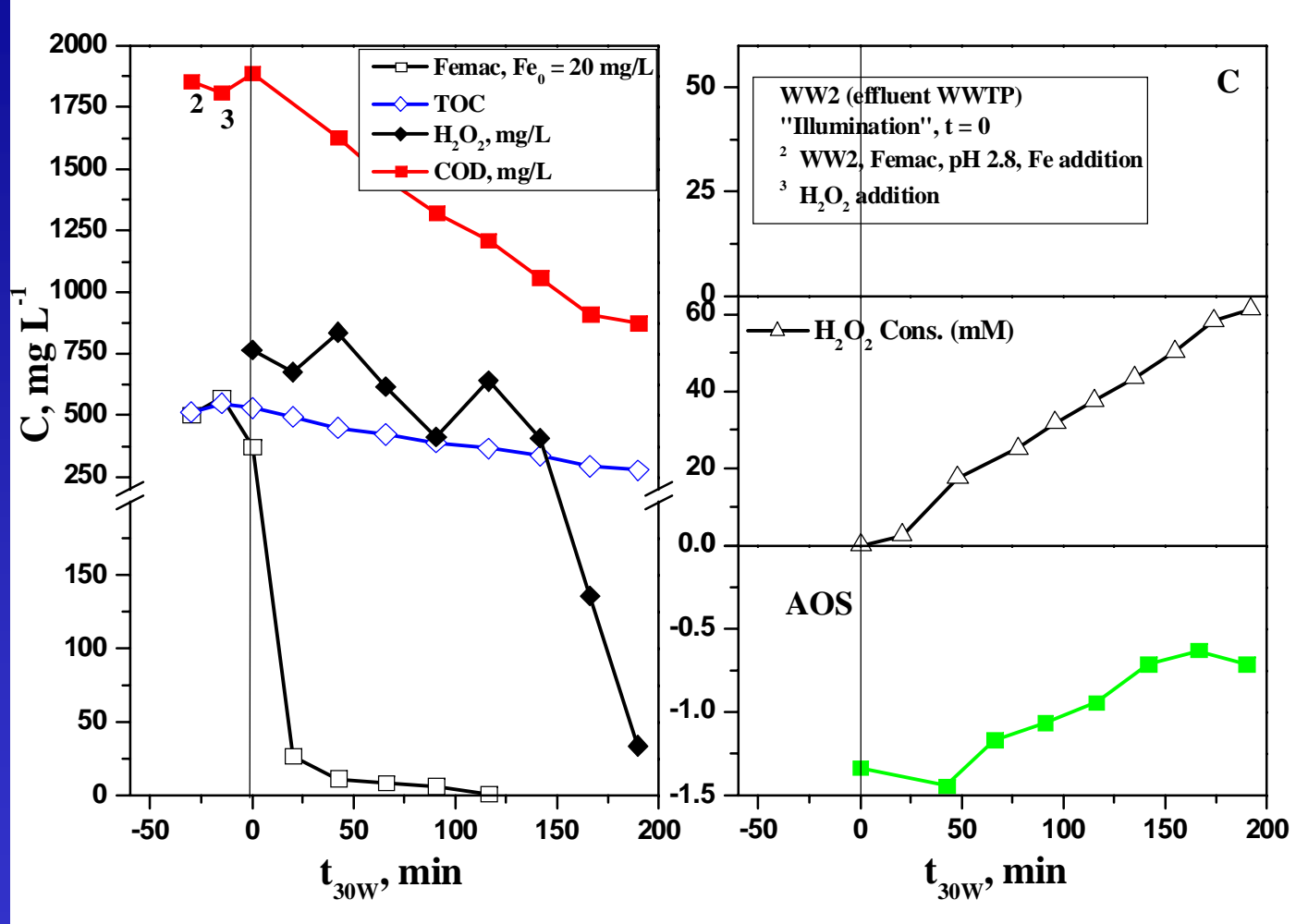


# PHOTO-FENTON vs. OZONATION



- Biodegradability enhanced in both treatments.
- Biodegradable after Femac completely disappearance.
- 70% biodegradability in 4 days.
- Higher biodegradability as more pronounced photo-Fenton is. No difference in ozone samples.

# PHOTO-FENTON (AOS)



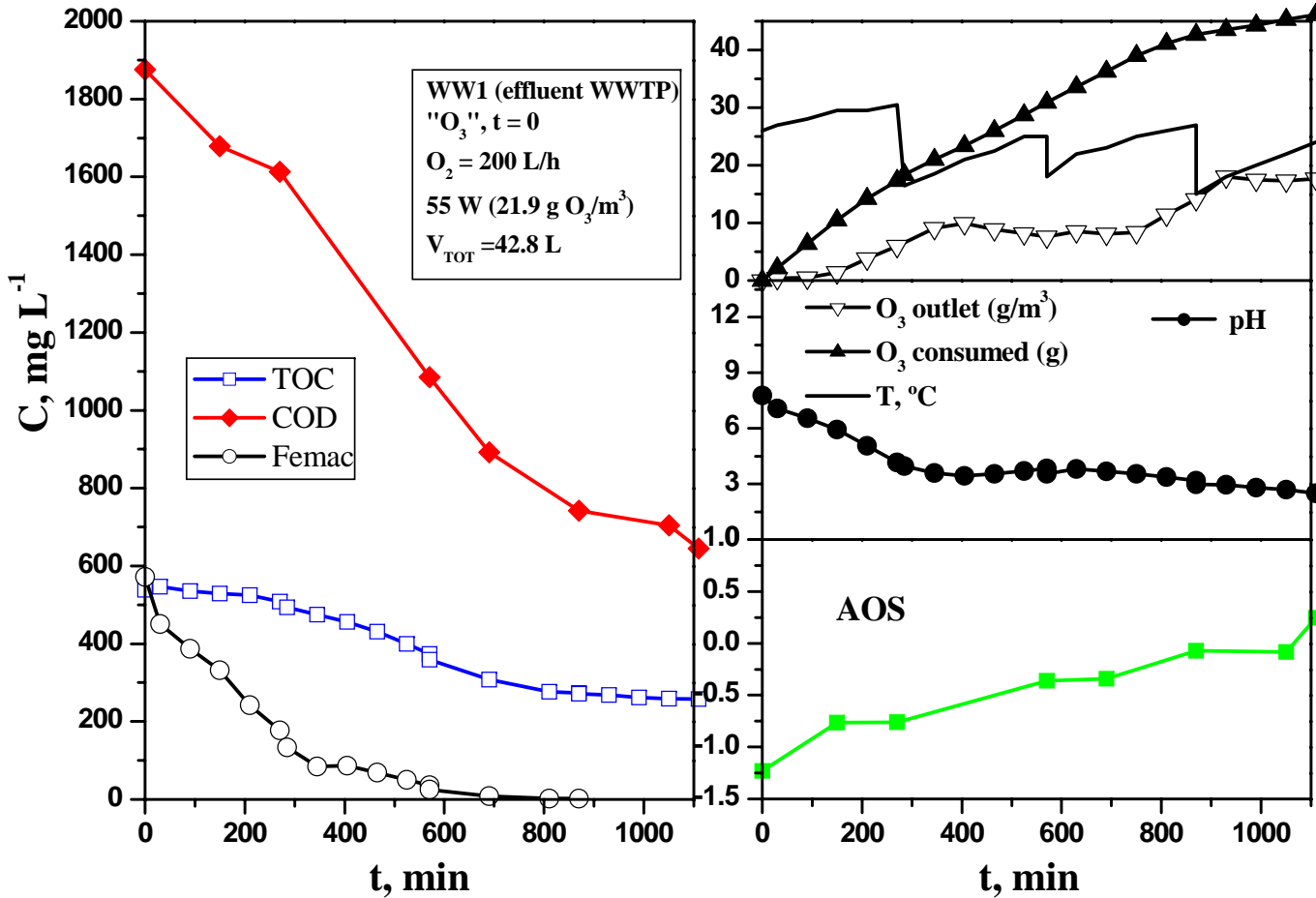
## Advanced Oxidation State (AOS):

$$AOS = \frac{4(TOC - COD)}{TOC}$$

- Total degradation (100 min).
- Final TOC=330 mg/L.  $H_2O_2$  consumed=1.5 g/L.
- AOS constant at 150 min. Biodegradable intermediates.
- Consistent with ZW results.
- Coupling with biotreatment 50 min after Femac=0 mg/L.

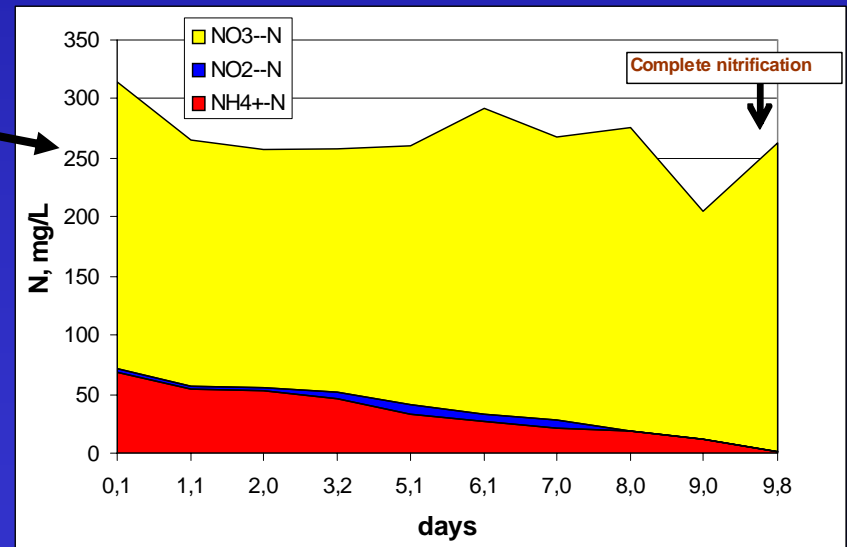
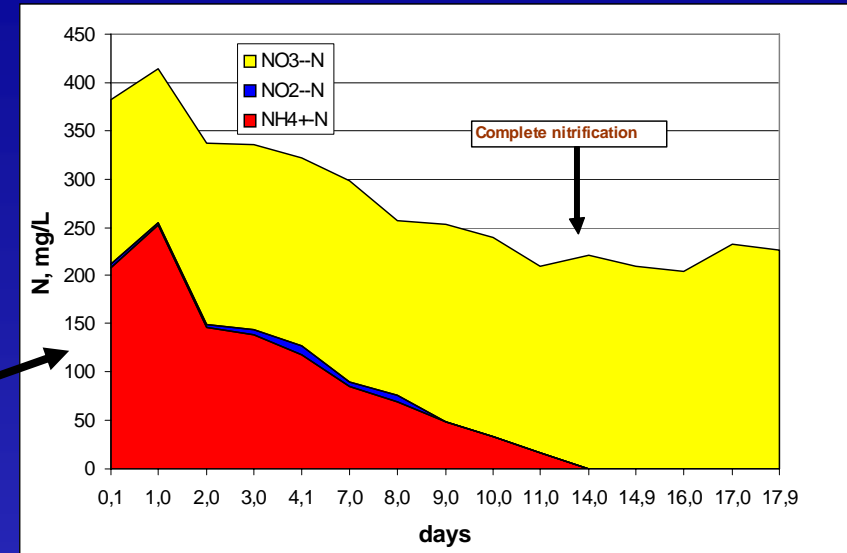
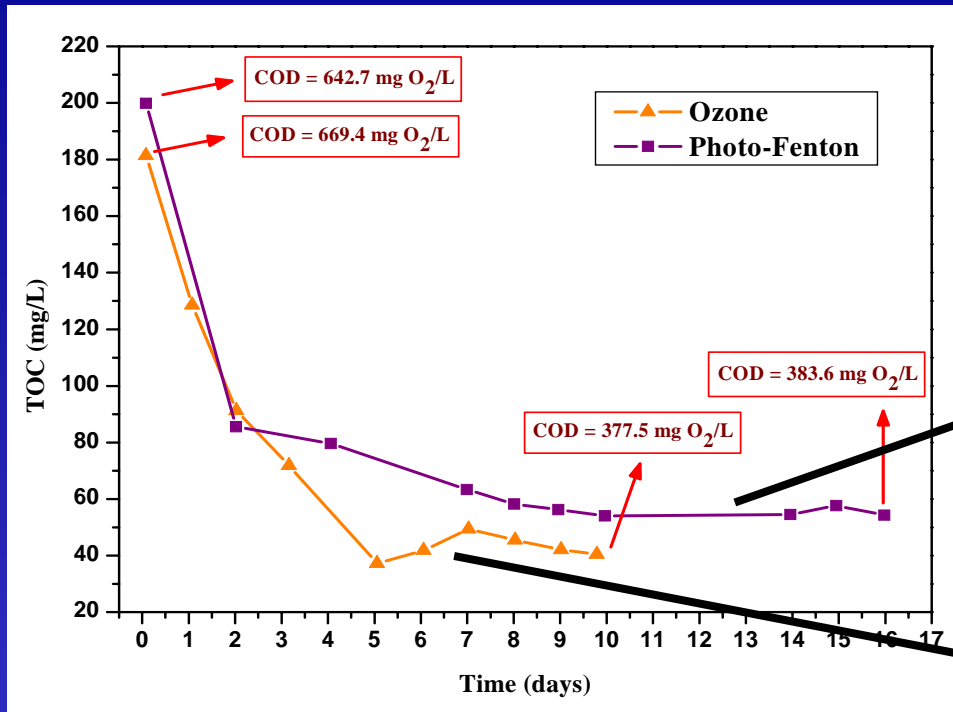


# OZONATION (AOS)



- Total degradation (700 min).
- Final TOC=270 mg/L.
- O<sub>3</sub> consumed=1.0 g/L.
- AOS constant at 600-800 min. Biodegradable intermediates.
- Consistent with ZW results.
- Coupling with biotreatment just when Femac=0 mg/L.

# AOP / BIOLOGICAL PROCESS (SEA WATER)



$V_T \approx 138$  L from 2 photo-Fenton tests and 3 ozone tests respectively

➤ Complete nitrification but slower than TOC decrease.



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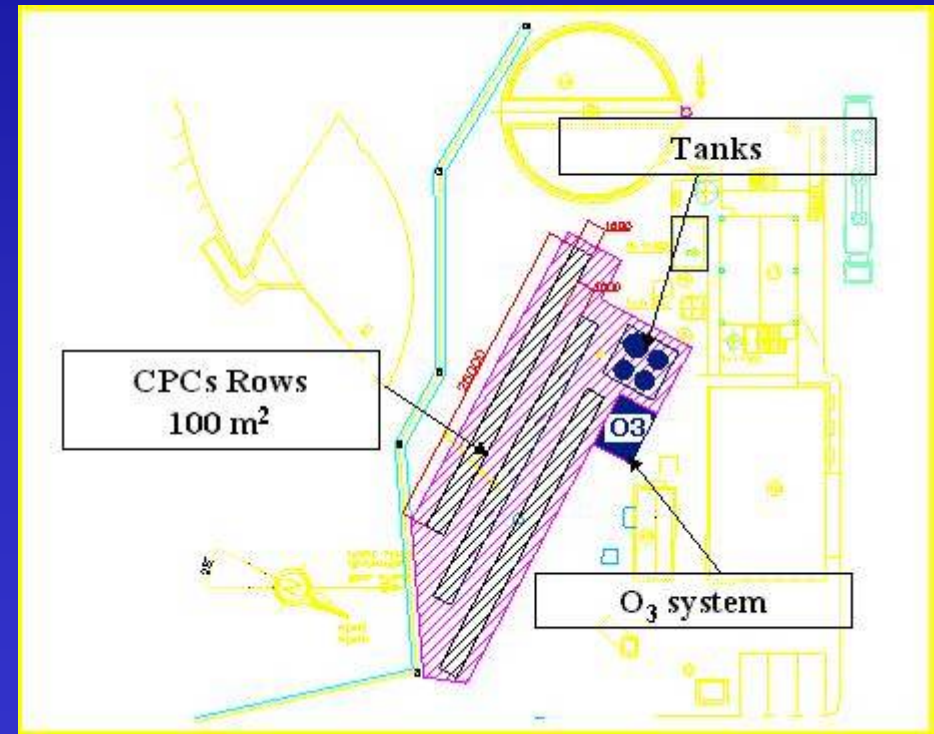
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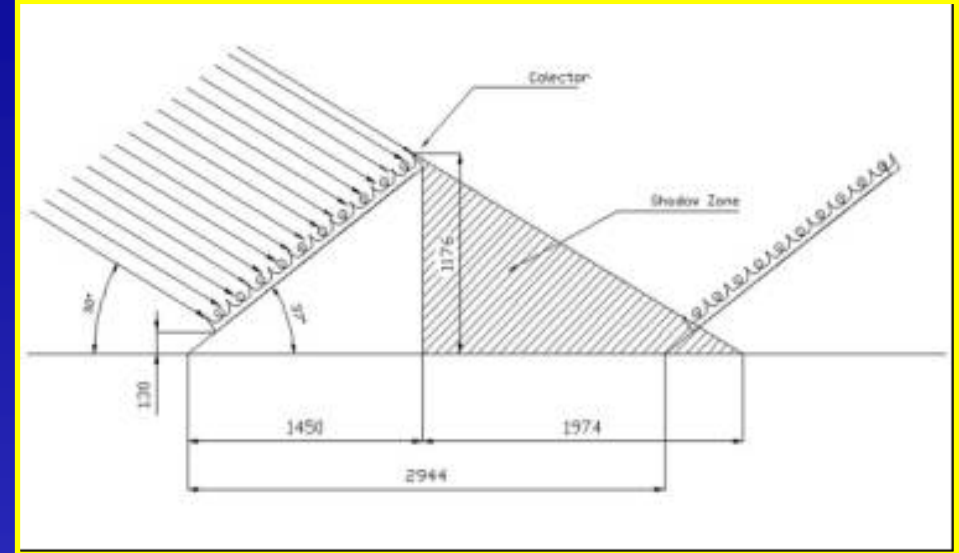
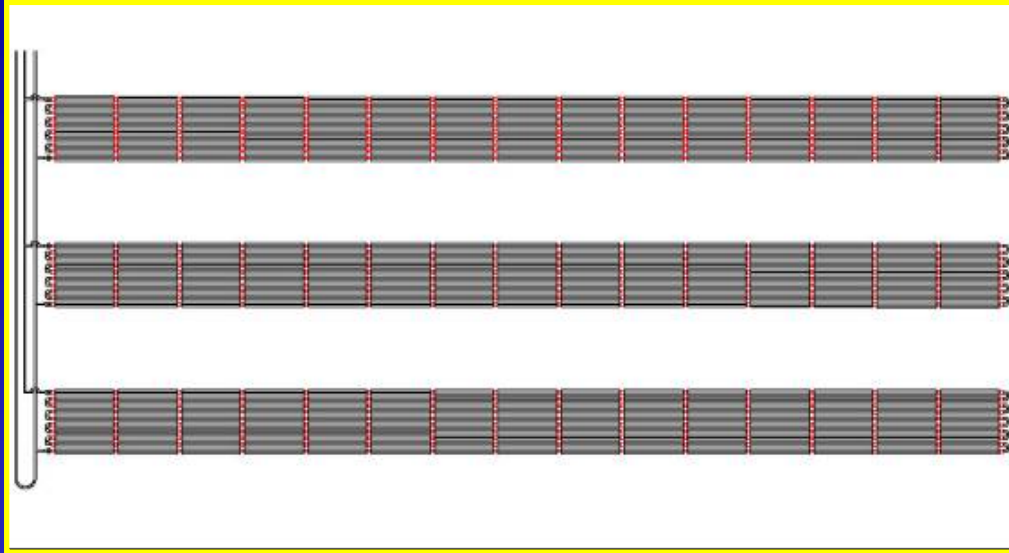


CADOX demonstration plant location at DERETIL instalations. Aerial picture.

Distribution of the equipment in-site.



# DEMONSTRATION PLANT DESIGN (II)



Collector field:

- 3 parallel rows of collectors.
- Each row with 15 modules, 25.5 m length.
- 101.5 m<sup>2</sup> of total aperture area.

Distance of each row to prevent the shadow in the collectors.

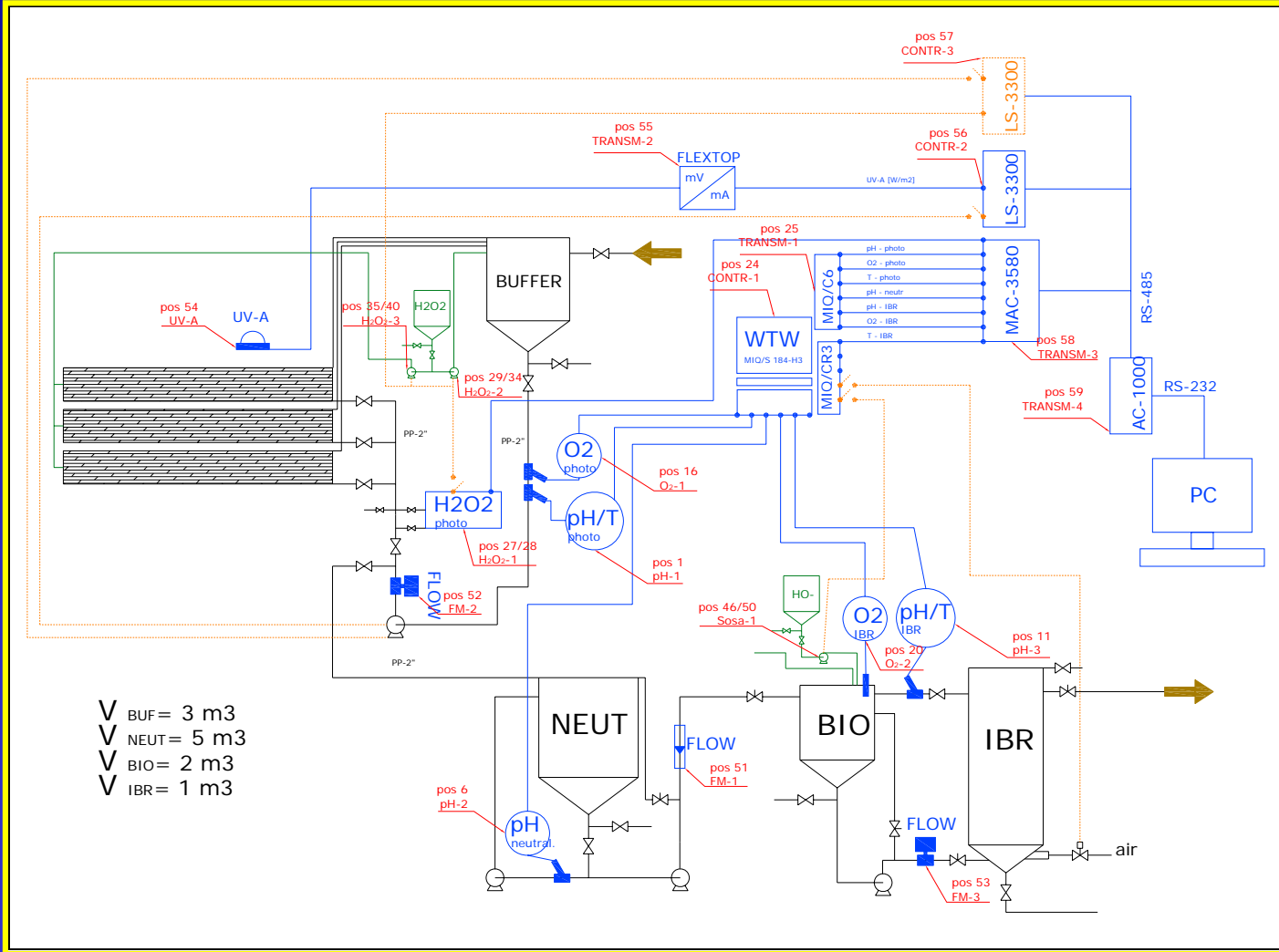
# DEMONSTRATION PLANT DESIGN (III)



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Control flow-sheet of solar photo-Fenton pre-treatment and subsequent biotreatment.





- First prototype on a rectangular aluminium profile.
- Tubes from each module connected with PVC unions and propylene elbows on the corners.

Ozonation system constructed by TRAILIGAZ

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