



Extensive analytical evaluation of advanced tertiary treatments for water reuse purposes

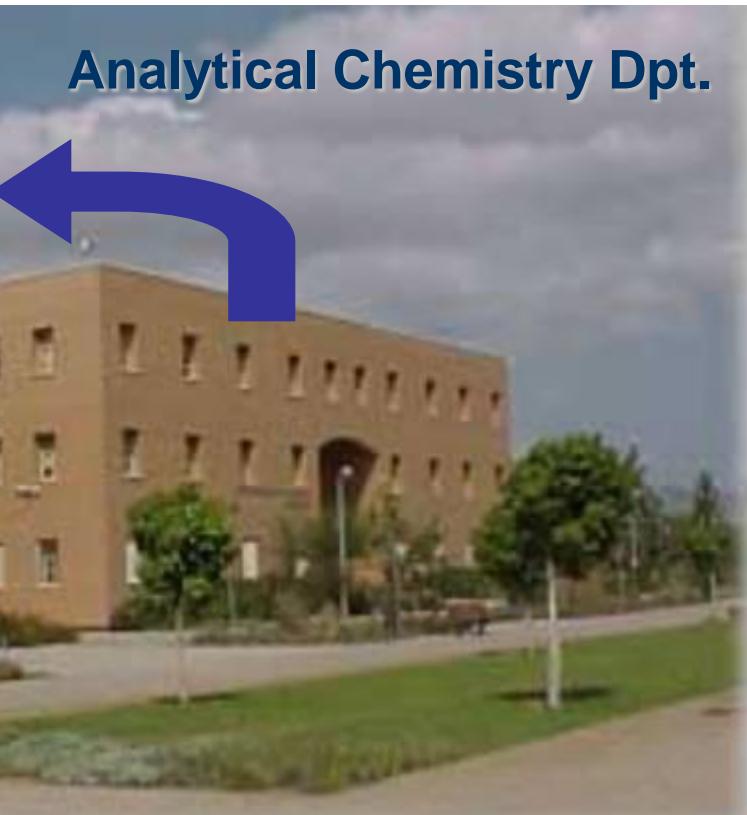
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WASTEWATER REUSE APPLICATIONS AND
CONTAMINANTS OF EMERGING CONCERN
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Analytical evaluation of water treatment processes (1999-2012)



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Photocatalytic degradation of pesticide pirimiphos-methyl
Determination of the reaction pathway and identification of intermediate
products by various analytical methods

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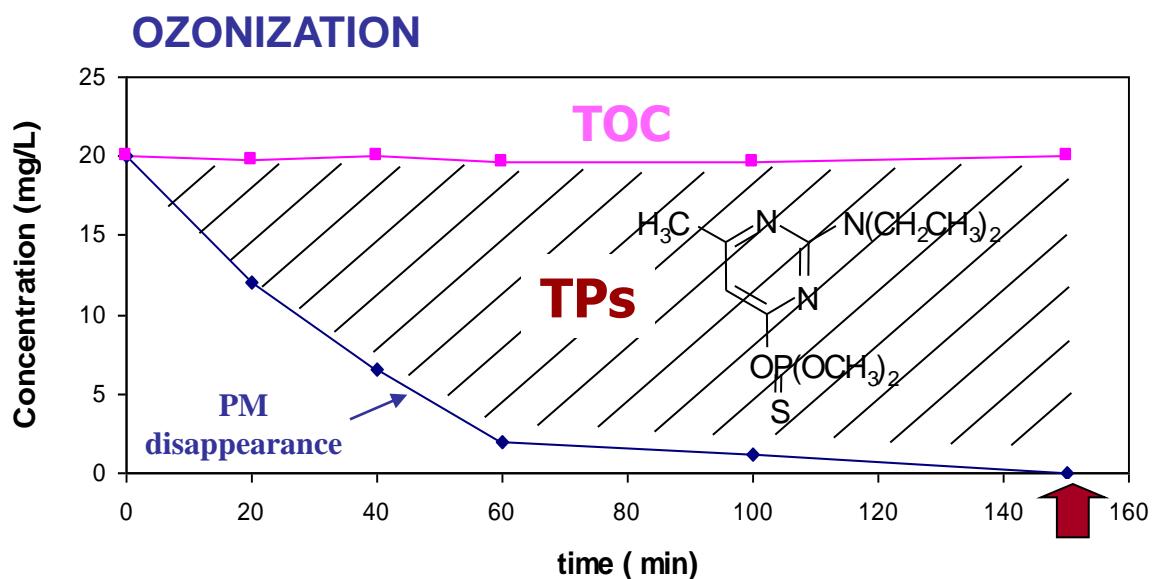


Pirimiphos-methyl

Mineralization

$CO_2 + H_2O + HX$

TPs



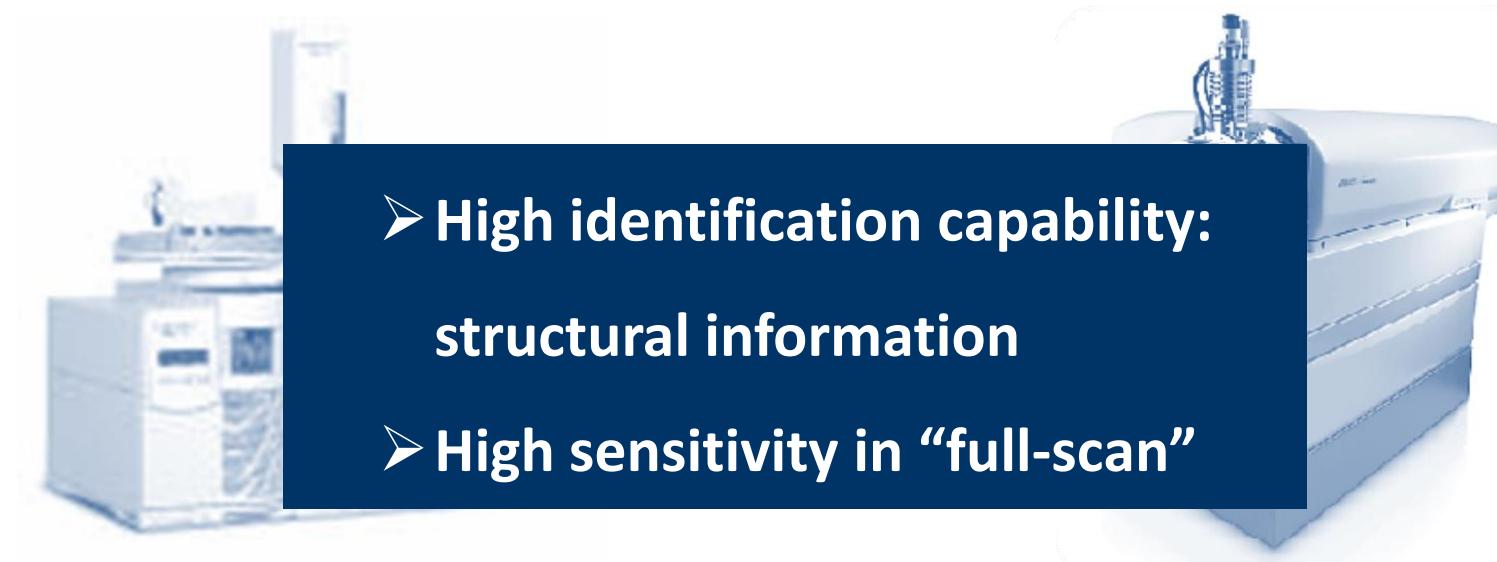
DIFFICULTIES:

- Large amount of unknown compounds
- Different physical-chemical properties
- Wide range of concentrations
- Absence of analytical standards for an accurate identification/quantification





IDENTIFICATION OF TPs: ANALYTICAL REQUIREMENTS

- 
- High identification capability:
structural information
 - High sensitivity in “full-scan”

GC-MS

- ✓ non polar compounds
- ✓ volatile compounds
- ✓ thermally stable

LC-MS

- ✓ polar compounds
- ✓ low volatility
- ✓ thermally unstable





IDENTIFICATION OF TPs: ANALYTICAL REQUIREMENTS

Accurate mass measurements

LC-TOF-MS



Elemental composition of parent and fragment ions

Very high sensitivity in “full-scan”

Low concentration intermediates

No limitations in the type and amount of compounds that can be simultaneously analyzed

LC-QTOF-MS/MS



Complex reaction mixtures

Increased structural information

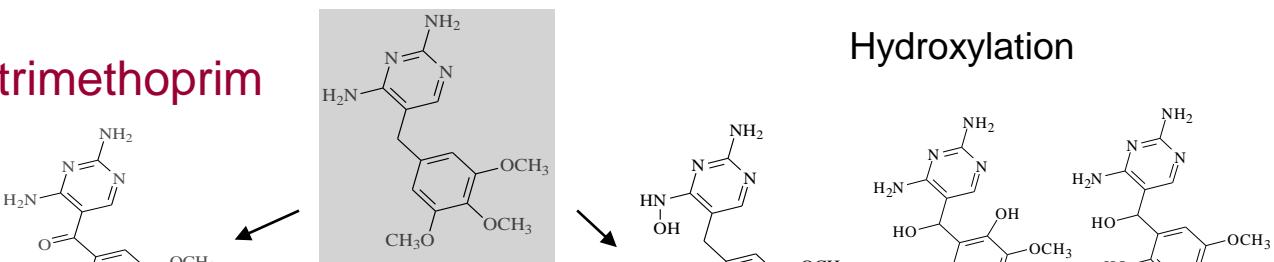


MS/MS spectra

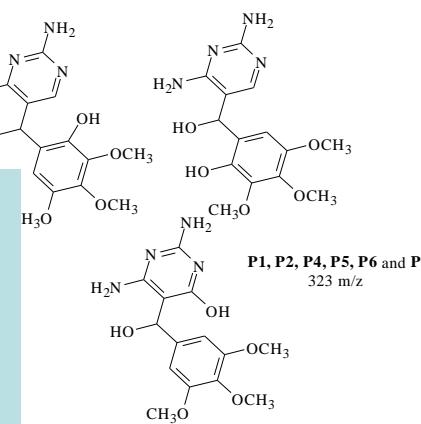


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Photodegradation of trimethoprim



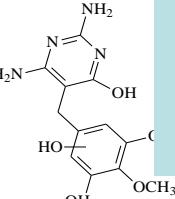
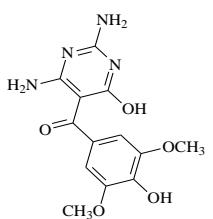
Hydroxylation



EXPERIMENTAL CONDITIONS:

Demethylation/H

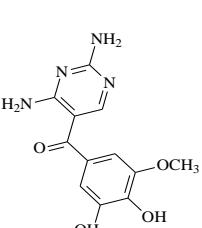
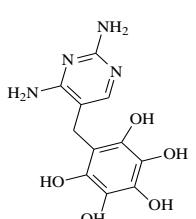
- Individual compounds
- Pure water
- High initial concentrations



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299 m/z

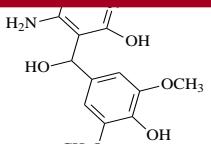
OCH_3

Hydrolysis

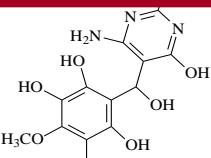


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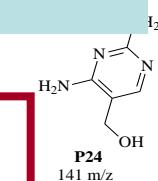
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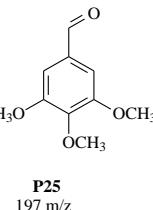
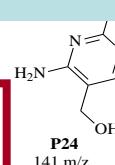
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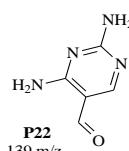
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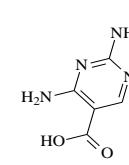
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P25
197 m/z



P22
139 m/z



P23
155 m/z

Not real conditions !!!



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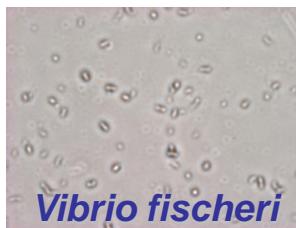
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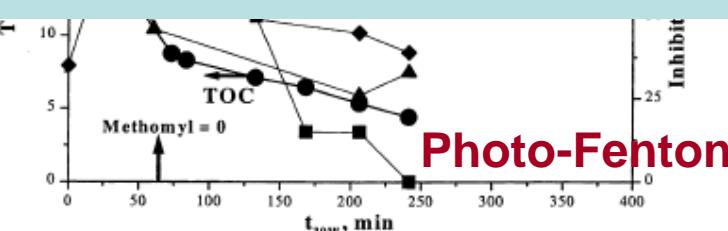
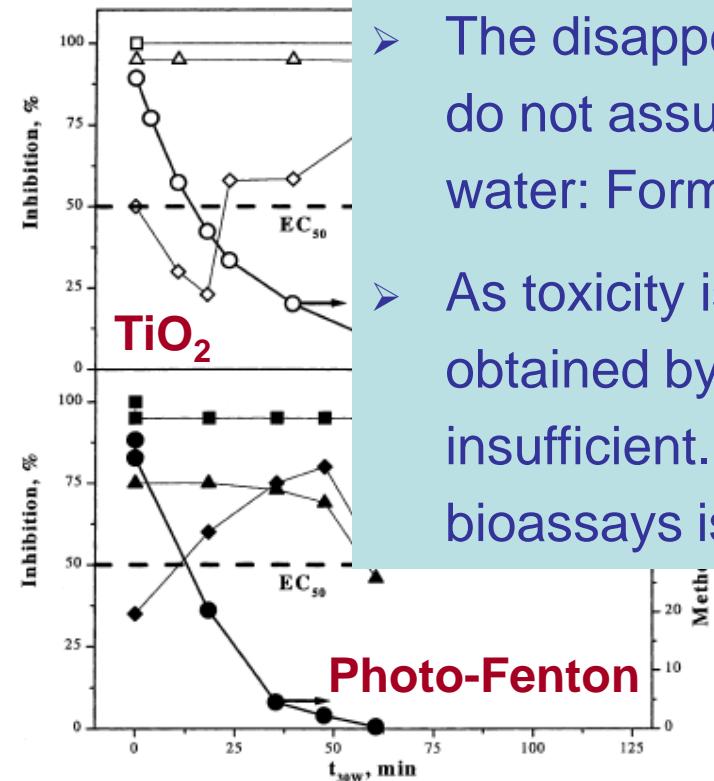
Toxicity assays: a way for evaluating AOPs efficiency

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CONCLUSIONS:

- The disappearance of the target compounds do not assure the detoxification of treated water: Formation of toxic TPs
- As toxicity is a biological response, the values obtained by a single toxicity assay can be insufficient. Consequently, a battery of bioassays is recommended.



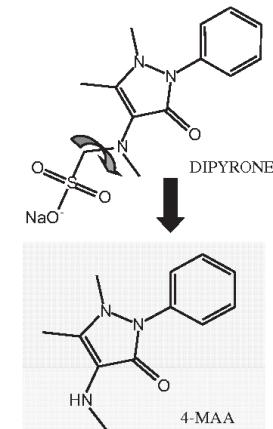
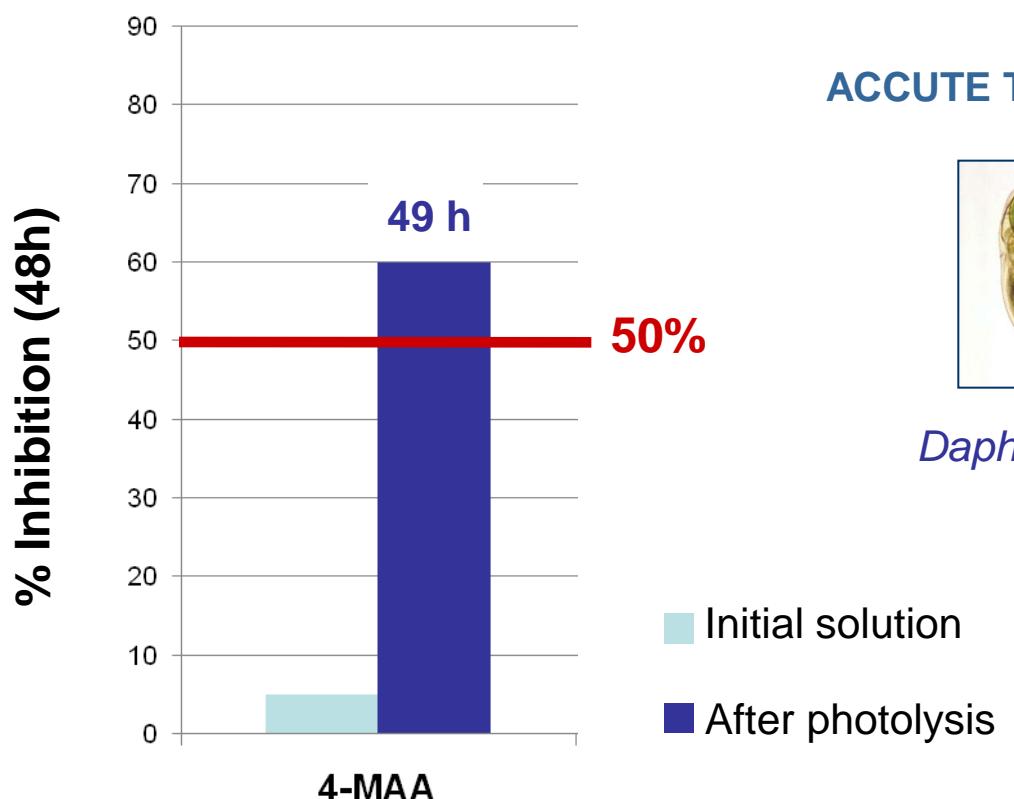
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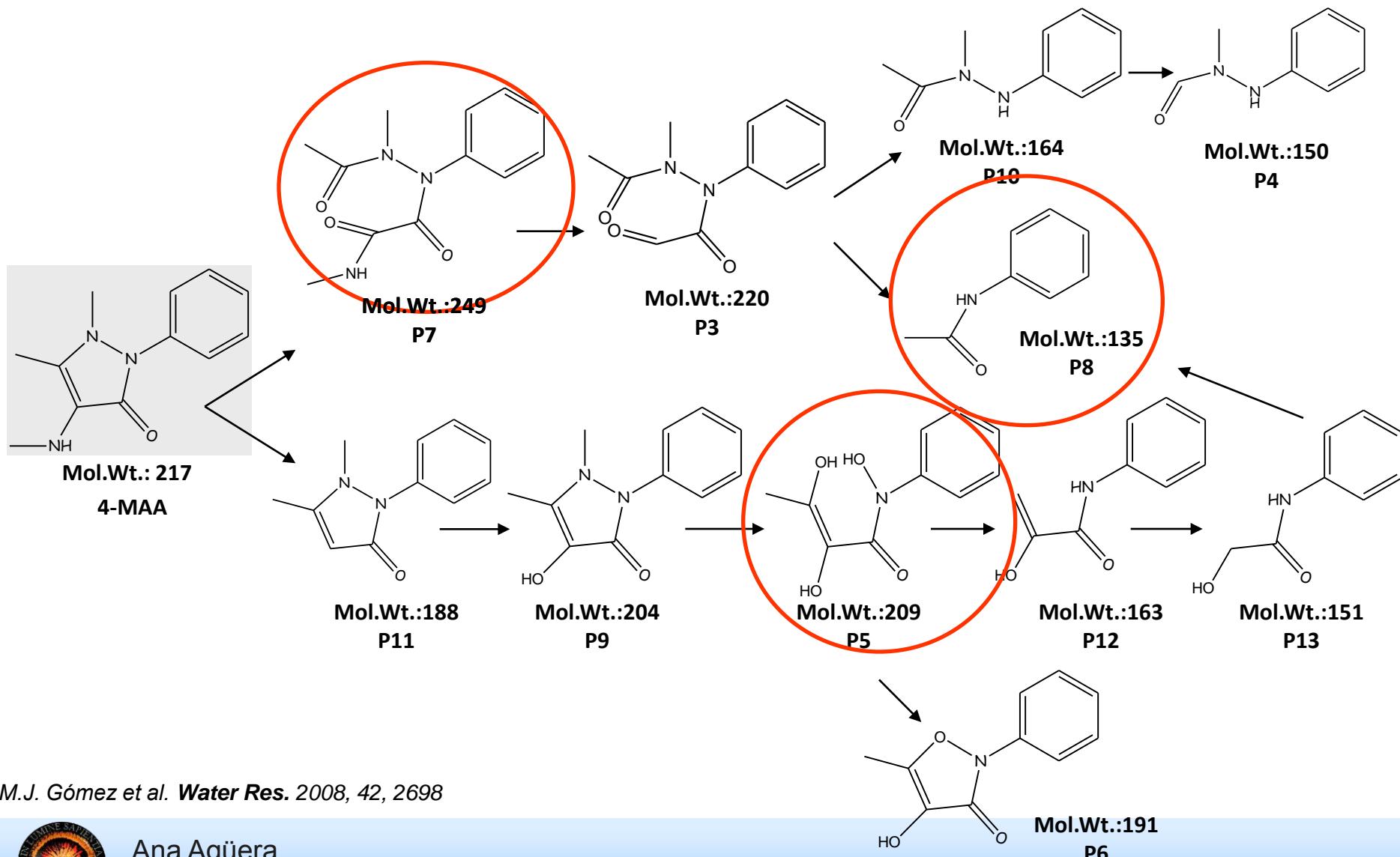
DETECTION OF UNDESIRABLE COMPOUNDS

Toxicity evolution of a 4-MAA solution during photolysis





4-MAA PHOTODEGRADATION PATHWAY



M.J. Gómez et al. *Water Res.* 2008, 42, 2698

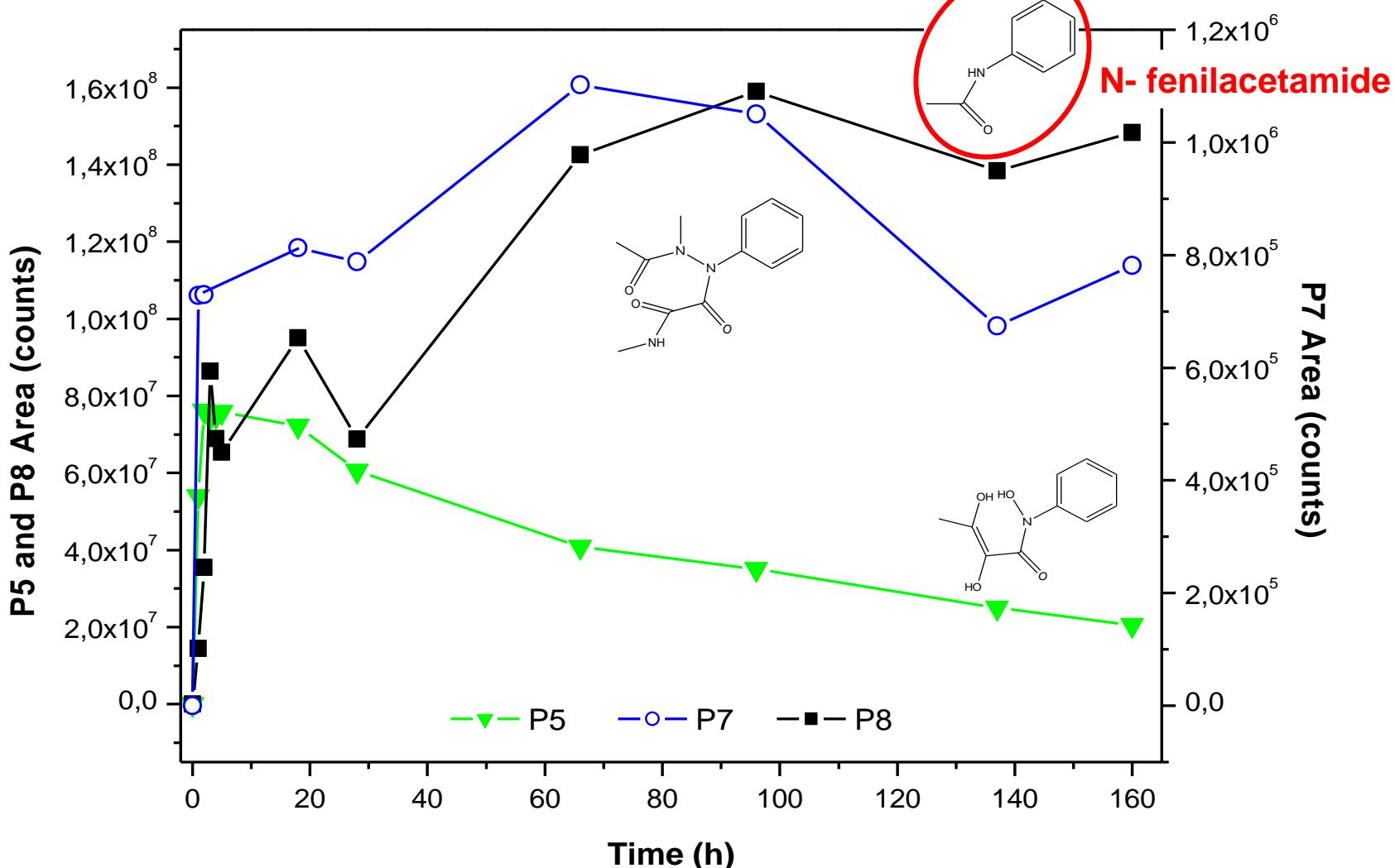


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TIME EVOLUTION OF THE MAIN TP_s OF 4-MAA UNDER UV-TREATMENT





N-fenilacetamide or Acetanilide

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Acetanilide

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Acetanilide^[5] is an odourless solid chemical of leaf or flake-like appearance. It is also known as N-phenylacetamide, acetanil, or acetanilid, and was formerly known by the trade name Antifebrin.

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Preparation and properties

Acetanilide can be produced by reacting acetic anhydride with aniline:

$$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2 + (\text{CH}_3\text{CO})_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NHCOCH}_3 + \text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$$

The preparation used to be a traditional experiment in introductory organic chemistry lab classes,^[6] but it has now been widely replaced by the preparation of either paracetamol or aspirin, both of which teach the same practical techniques (especially recrystallization of the product) but which avoid the use of aniline, a suspected carcinogen.

Acetanilide is slightly soluble in water, and stable under most conditions.^[4] Pure crystals are plate shaped and colorless to white.

Applications

Acetanilide

IUPAC name
N-phenylacetamide
N-phenylethanamide

Identifiers

Pharmaceutical use

Acetanilide was the first aniline derivative serendipitously found to possess analgesic as well as antipyretic properties, and was quickly introduced into medical practice by F. Hepp in 1886.^[8] But its (apparent) unacceptable toxic effects, the most alarming being cyanosis due to methemoglobinemia, prompted the search for superior drugs such as phenacetin.^[9] After several conflicting results over the ensuing fifty years, it was established in 1948 that acetanilide was mostly metabolized to paracetamol (USP) and that it was the paracetamol that was responsible for the analgesic and antipyretic properties.^{[10][11][12][13]} The observed methemoglobinemia after acetanilide administration was due to the hydrolysis of acetanilide that is hydrolyzed to aniline in the body.^[note 1] Acetanilide is no longer used as a drug in its own right, although the success of its metabolite – paracetamol – has led to its widespread use.





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Real conditions !!!





CHARACTERIZATION OF URBAN WASTEWATER EFFLUENTS



Rapid
Sensitive
Selective
Broad range of compounds
Accurate confirmation





CHARACTERIZATION OF WASTEWATER EFFLUENTS: MULTIRESIDUE METHODS

Antibiotics

1. Metronidazole
2. Sulfamethoxazole
3. Trimethoprim
4. Ciprofloxacin
5. Cefotaxime
6. Ofloxacin
7. Erythromycin
8. Tetracycline
9. Norfloxacin
10. Clarithromycin
11. Lincomycin
12. Sulfamethazine
13. Sulfapyridine
14. Sulfadiazine
15. Sulfathiazole
16. Azithromycin
17. Simvastatin

Analgesic/ Anti-Inflammatory

18. Acetaminophen
19. Indomethacine
20. Fenoprofen
21. Codeine
22. Mefenamic Ac.
23. Ibuprofen
24. Ketonolac
25. Naproxen
26. Diclofenac
27. Ketoprofen
28. Propyphenazone
29. Urbason

Contrast media

30. Iopromide
31. Iopamidol

Beta Blockers

32. Atenolol
33. Propranolol
34. Sotalol
35. Metoprolol
36. Nadolol

Antihistamines

37. Famotidine
38. Lansoprazole
39. Ranitidine
40. Omeprazole
41. Loratadine

Diuretics

42. Furosemide
43. Hydrochlorothiazide

Antidepressants

44. Fluoxetine
45. Paroxetine
46. Venlafaxine
47. Citalopram
48. Amitriptyline
49. Clomipramine

Lipid regulators

50. Fenofibrate
51. Bezafibrate
52. Gemfibrozil
53. Pravastatin
54. Mevastatin
55. Simvastatin

Sympathomimetics

56. Salbutamol
57. Terbutaline

Antiepileptic Psychiatric drug

58. Carbamazepine
59. Diazepam
60. Primidone

Antineoplastics

61. Ifosfamide
62. Cyclophosphamide
63. Tamoxifen

Anesthetics

64. Mepivacaine

Corticosteroids

65. Methylprednisolone

Anti-Infective

66. Clotrimazole

UV Filters

67. Benzophenone-3
68. Camphor
69. Cinnamate
70. Octocrylene

Flame retardant

71. TCPP oekanal

Metabolites

72. 4-Acetoaminoantipyrine
73. 4-Formylaminoantipyrine
74. 4-Methylaminoantipyrine
75. 4-Dimethylaminoantipyrine
76. 4-Aminoantipyrine
77. Paraxanthine
78. Carbamaz.10,11-epoxide
79. Antipyrine
80. Fenofibric Acid
81. Clofibric acid
82. Cotinine
83. Salicilic acid

Post-emulsifiers

84. Alkylbenzene sulfonate
85. Nonylphenol ethoxylate
86. Nonylphenol
87. Phenol sulfonate

Disinfectants

88. Benzalkonium chloride
89. Benzethonium chloride
90. Benzyl alcohol
91. Chlorhexidine

Fragrances

92. Celestolide
93. Phantolide
94. Traseolide
95. Galaxolide
96. Ketone
97. Tonalide
98. Musk xylene
99. Musk ketone

PAHs

100. Acenaphthene
101. Acenaphthylene
102. Anthracene
103. Benzo[a]anthracene
104. Benzo[a]fluoranthene
105. Benzo[k]fluoranthene
106. Benzo[a]pyrene
107. Crysen
108. Fluoranthene
109. Fluorene
110. Naphtalene
111. Phenanthrene
112. Pyrene

Plastic additives

113. Bisphenol-A

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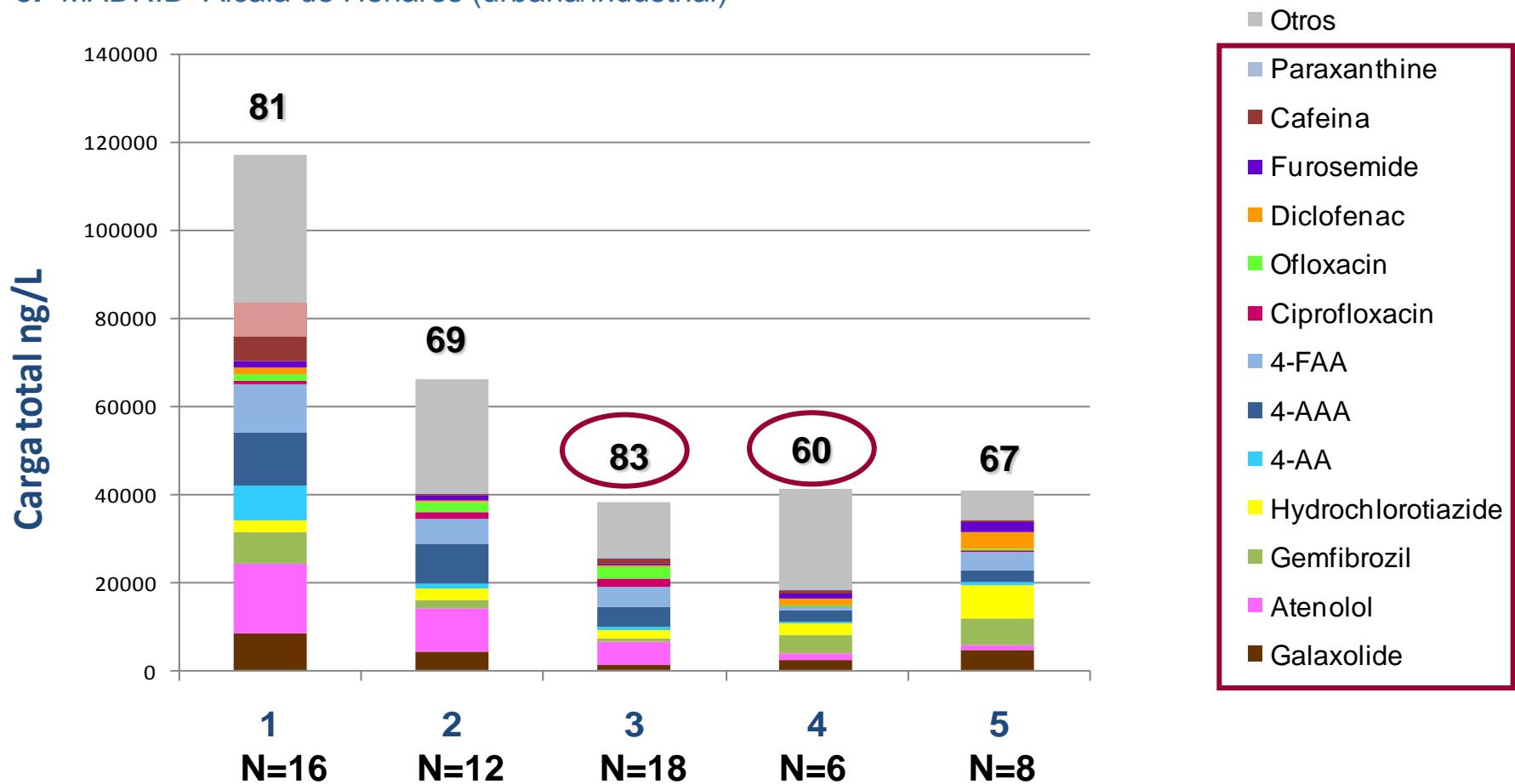




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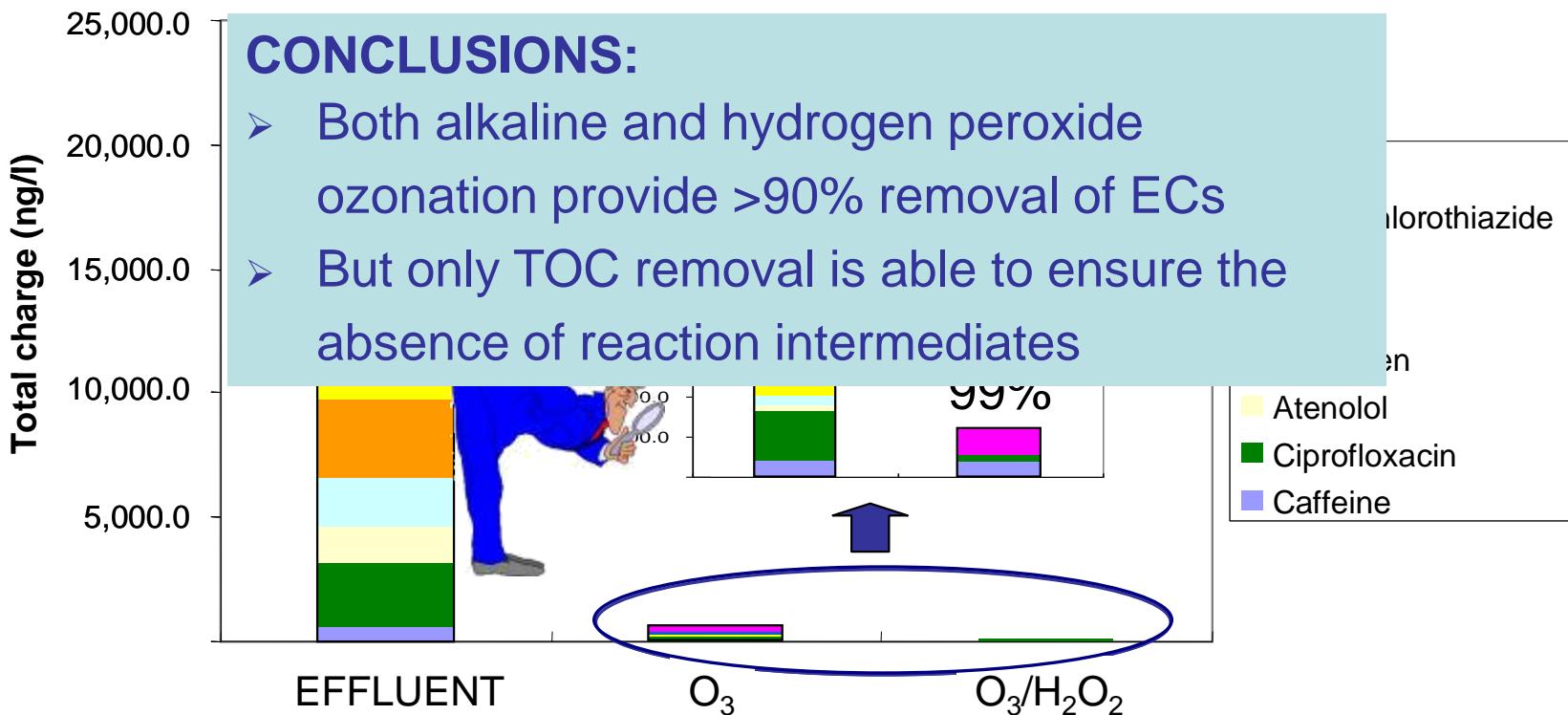
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COMPARISON OF TREATMENTS EFFICIENCY IN REMOVING ECs APPLICABILITY AS TERTIARY TREATMENTS



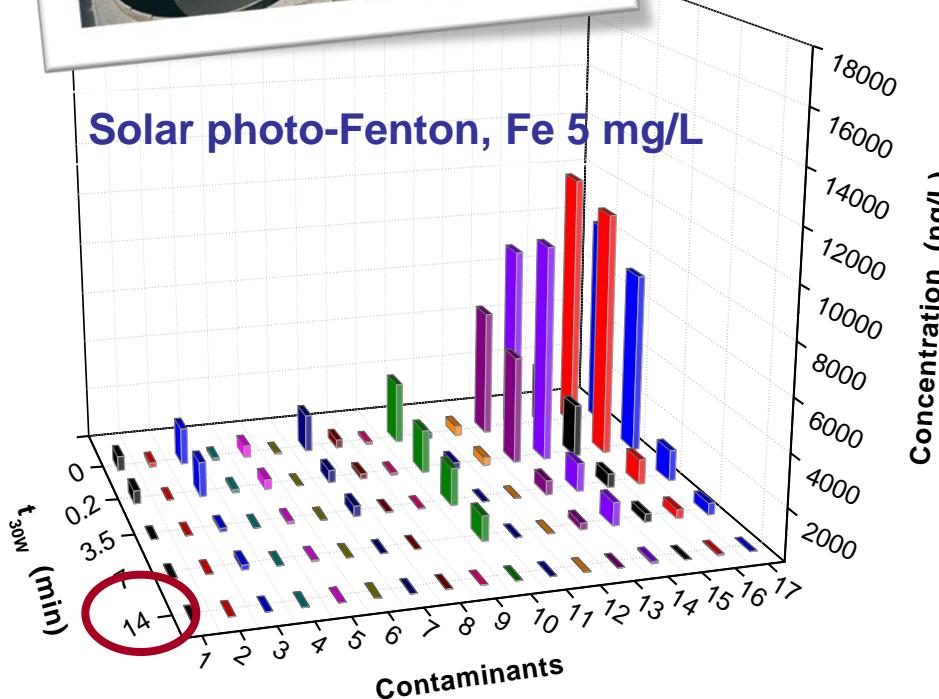


COMPARISON OF TREATMENTS EFFICIENCY IN REAL CONDITIONS

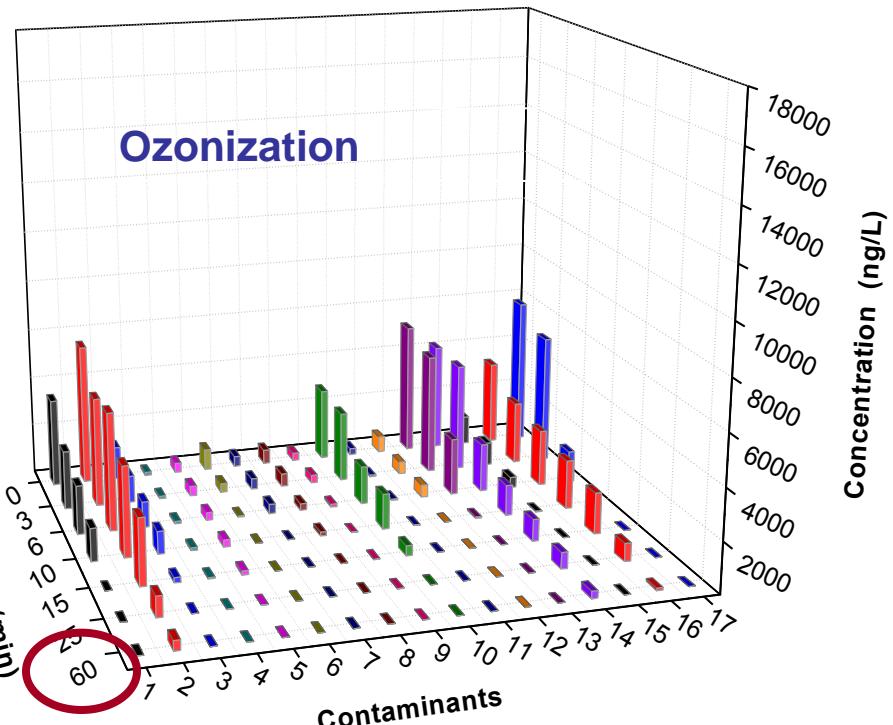
> 90% removal of micropollutants



Solar photo-Fenton, Fe 5 mg/L



1-Bisphenol A; 2-Ibuprofen; 3-Hidroclorotiazide; 4-Diuron; 5-Atenolol; 6-4-AA; 7-Diclofenac; 8-Ofloxacin; 9-Trimethoprim; 10-Gemfibrozil; 11-4-MAA; 12-Naproxen; 13-4-FAA; 14-ΣC; 15-4-FAA; 16-Caffeine; 17-Paraxanthine).





COMPARISON OF TREATMENTS EFFICIENCY IN REAL CONDITIONS ECONOMICAL STUDY

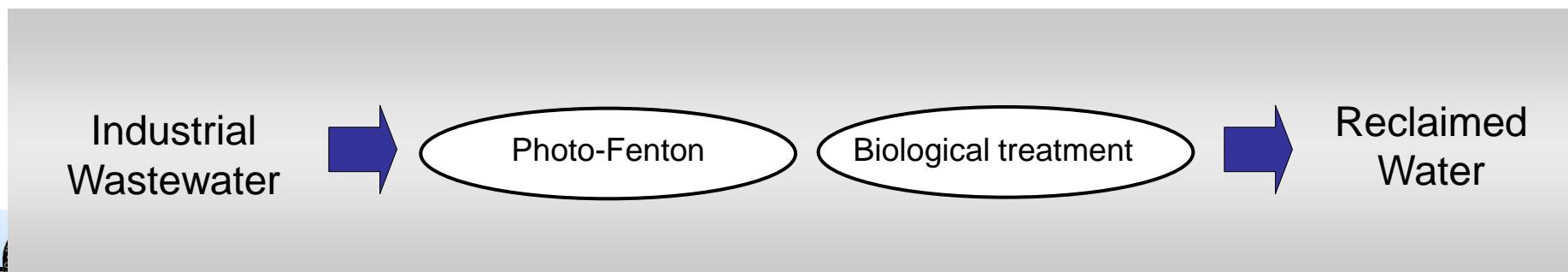
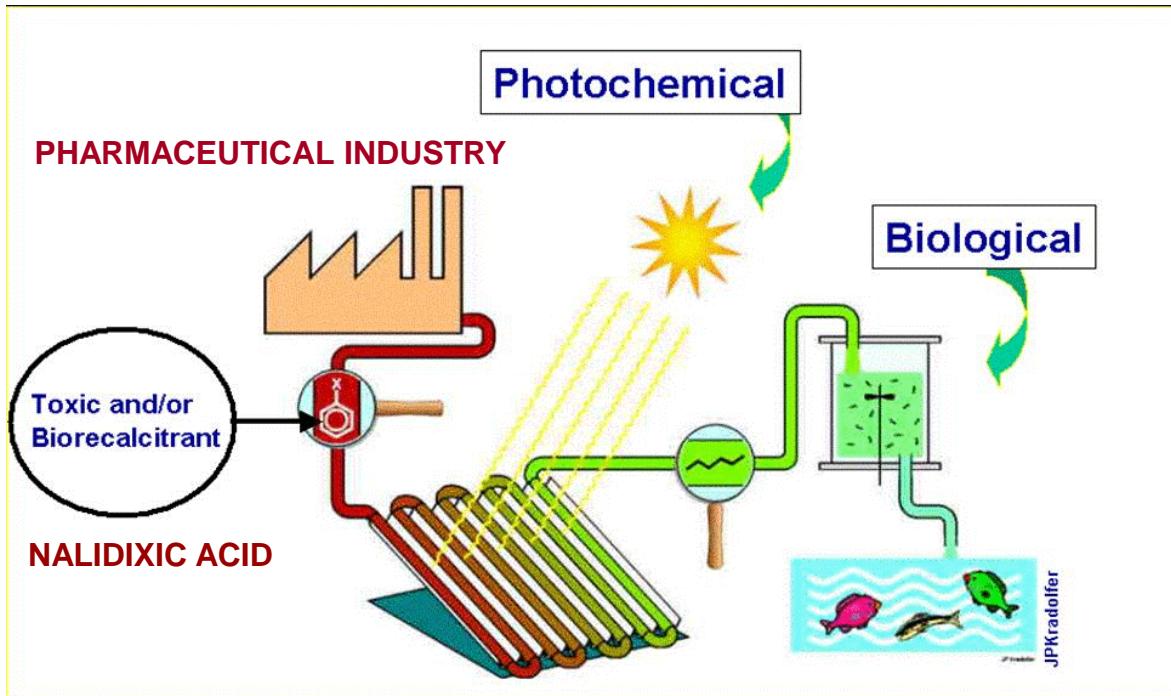
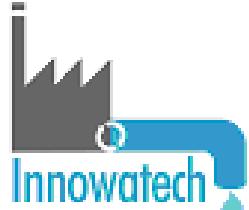
Costs of solar photo-Fenton and ozonation tertiary treatments for 90% and 98% elimination of micropollutants

	Solar Photo-Fenton		Ozonation	
	€/m ³		€/m ³	
Reagent	90%	98%	90%	98%
	0.04	0.074	0.16	0.22
Labour	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.05
Electricity	0.004	0.01	0.035	0.042
Investment	0.09	0.15	0.78	0.90
Total	0.164	0.284	1.025	1.212



DESIGN AND OPTIMIZATION OF PROCESSES

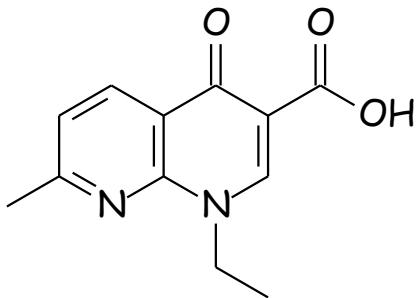
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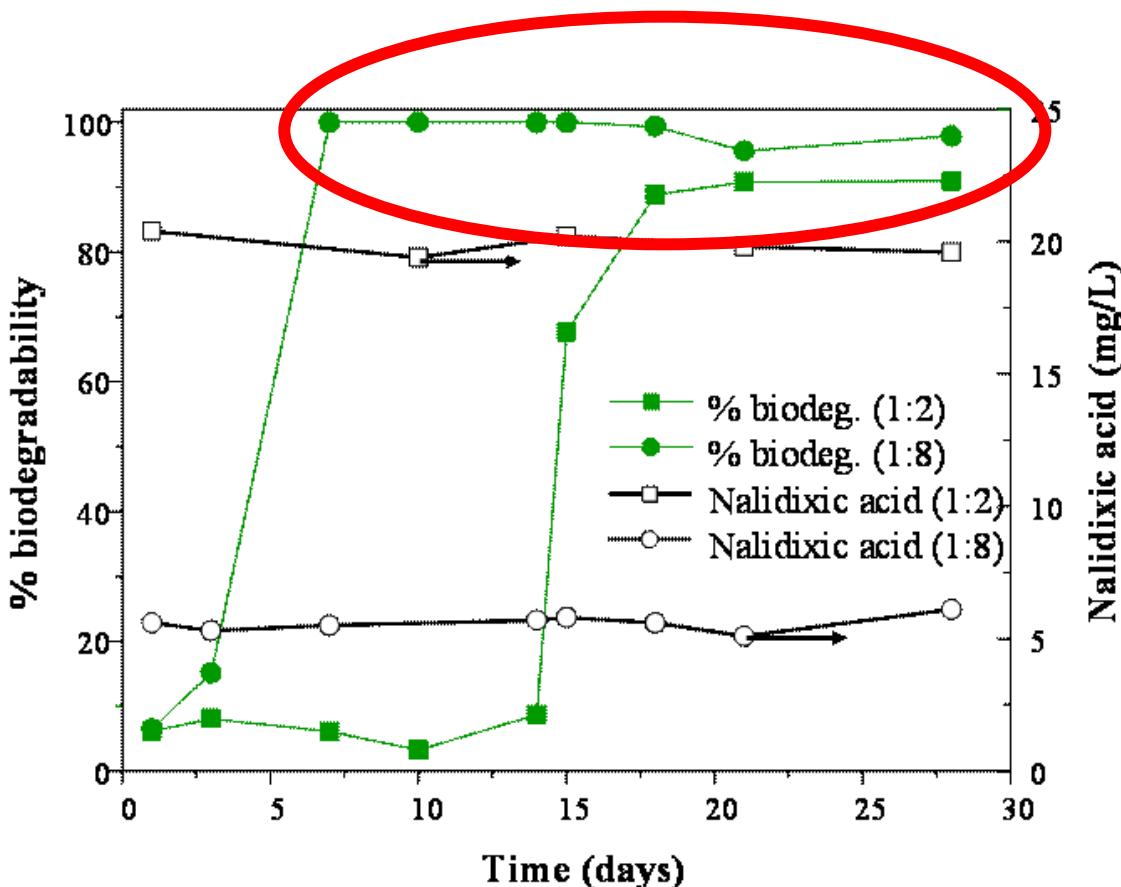


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INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER CHARACTERIZATION



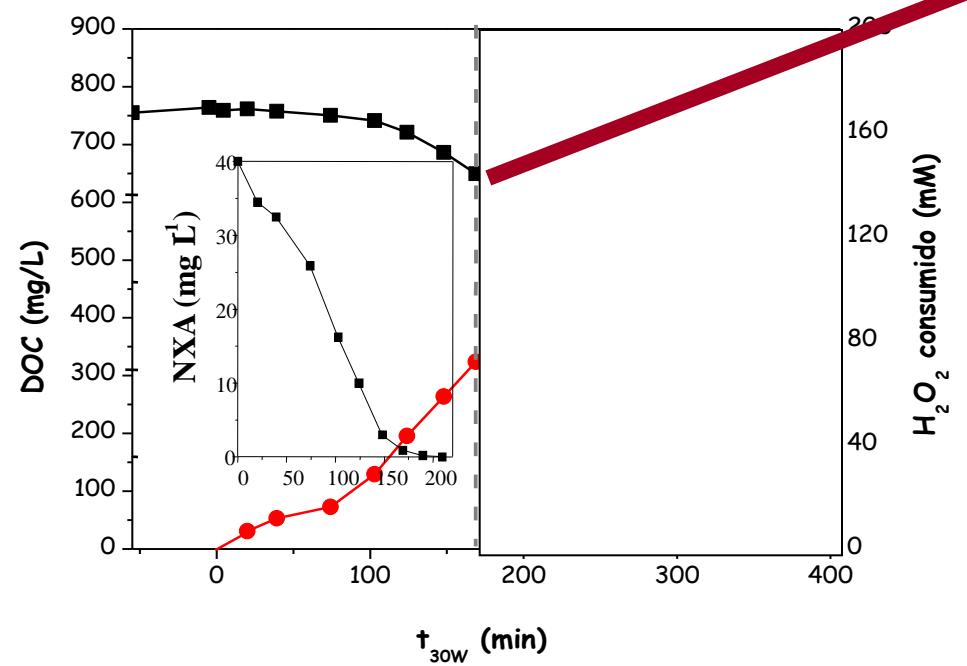
Nalidixic acid



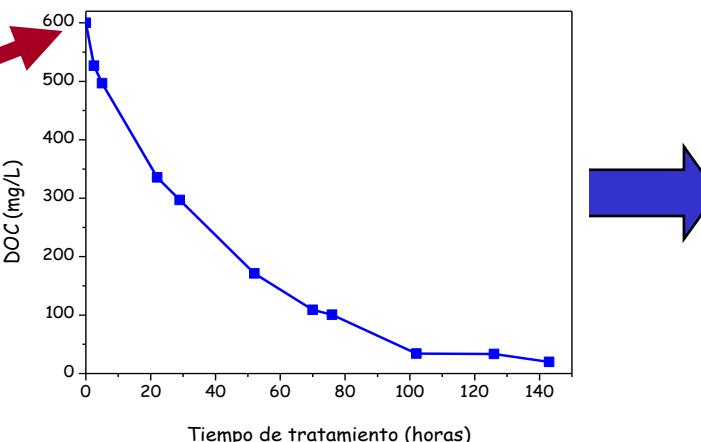


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Photo-Fenton Treatment



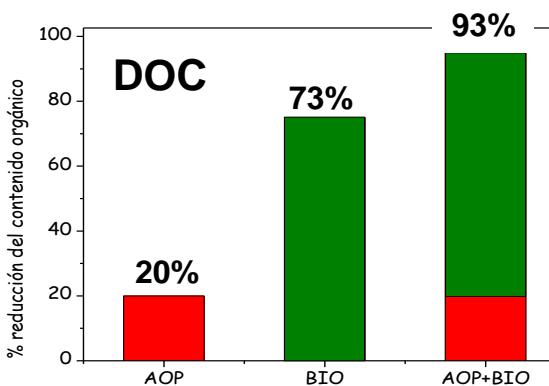
Biological Treatment



Initial sample



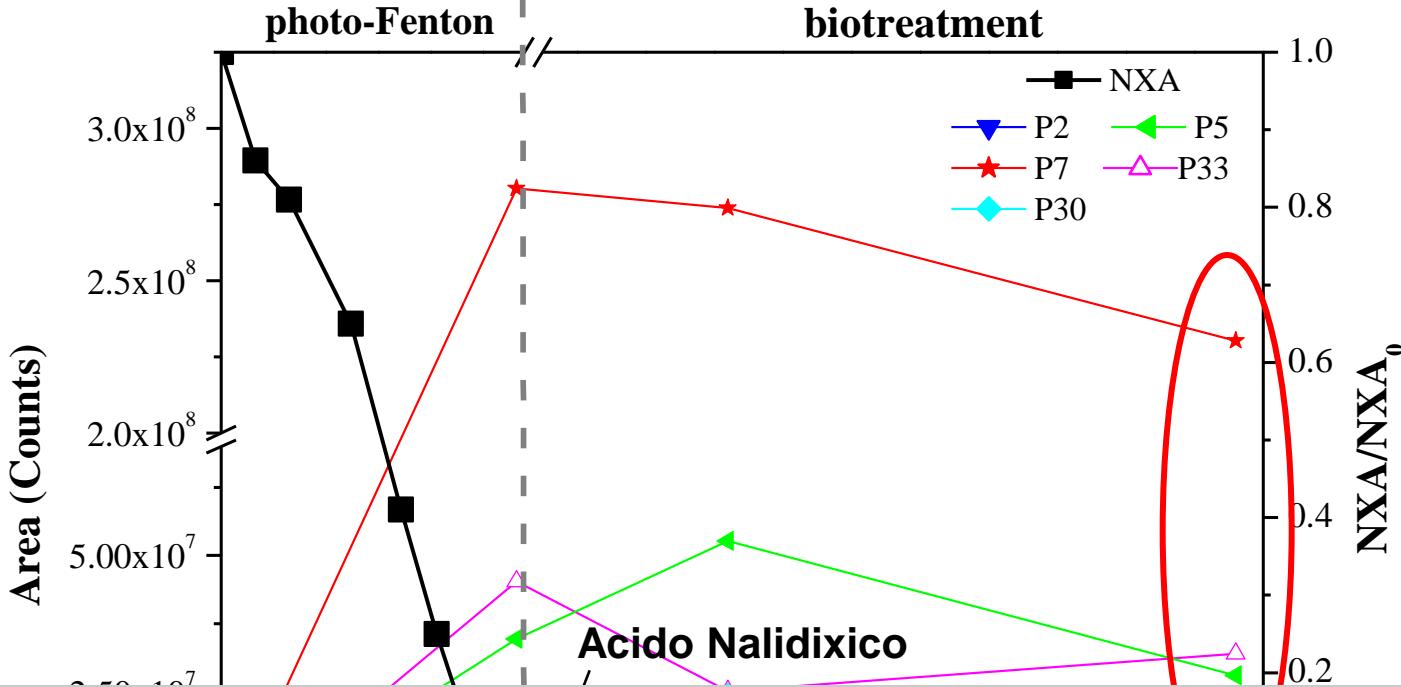
Final sample





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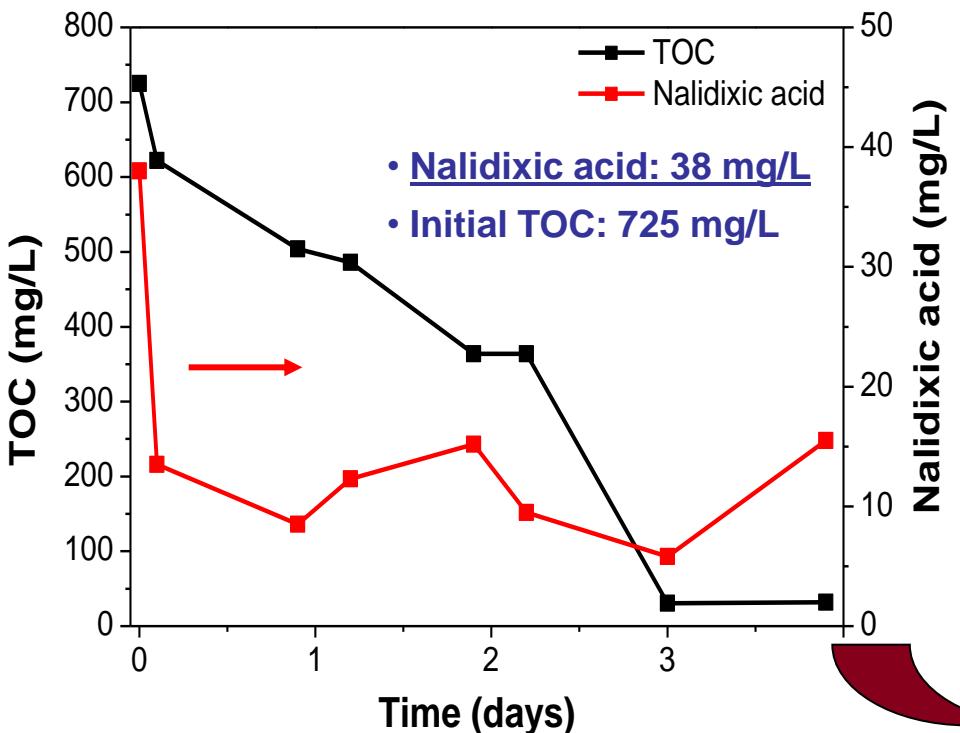
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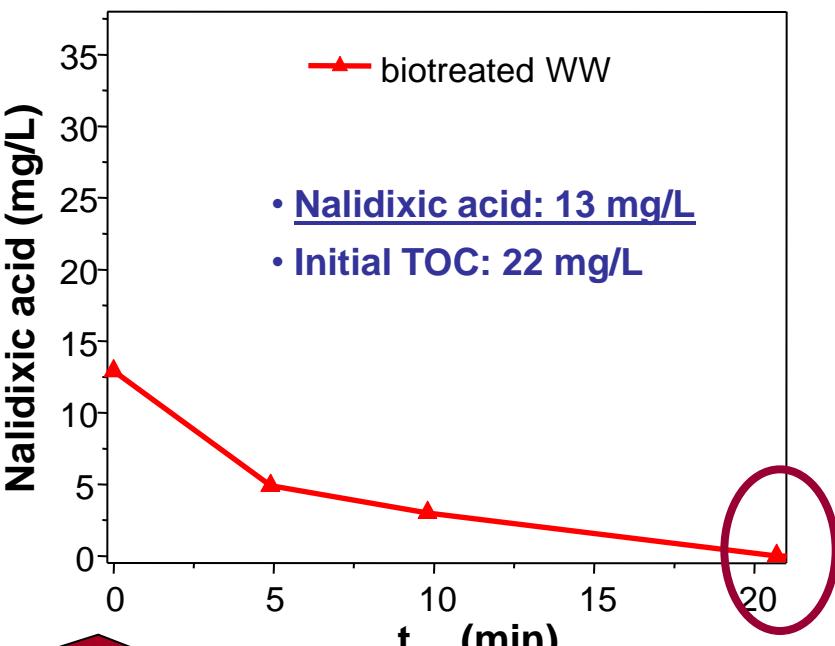
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Biological Treatment



- 96% TOC removal
- Nalidixic acid persists (~15 mg/L)

Photo-Fenton Treatment

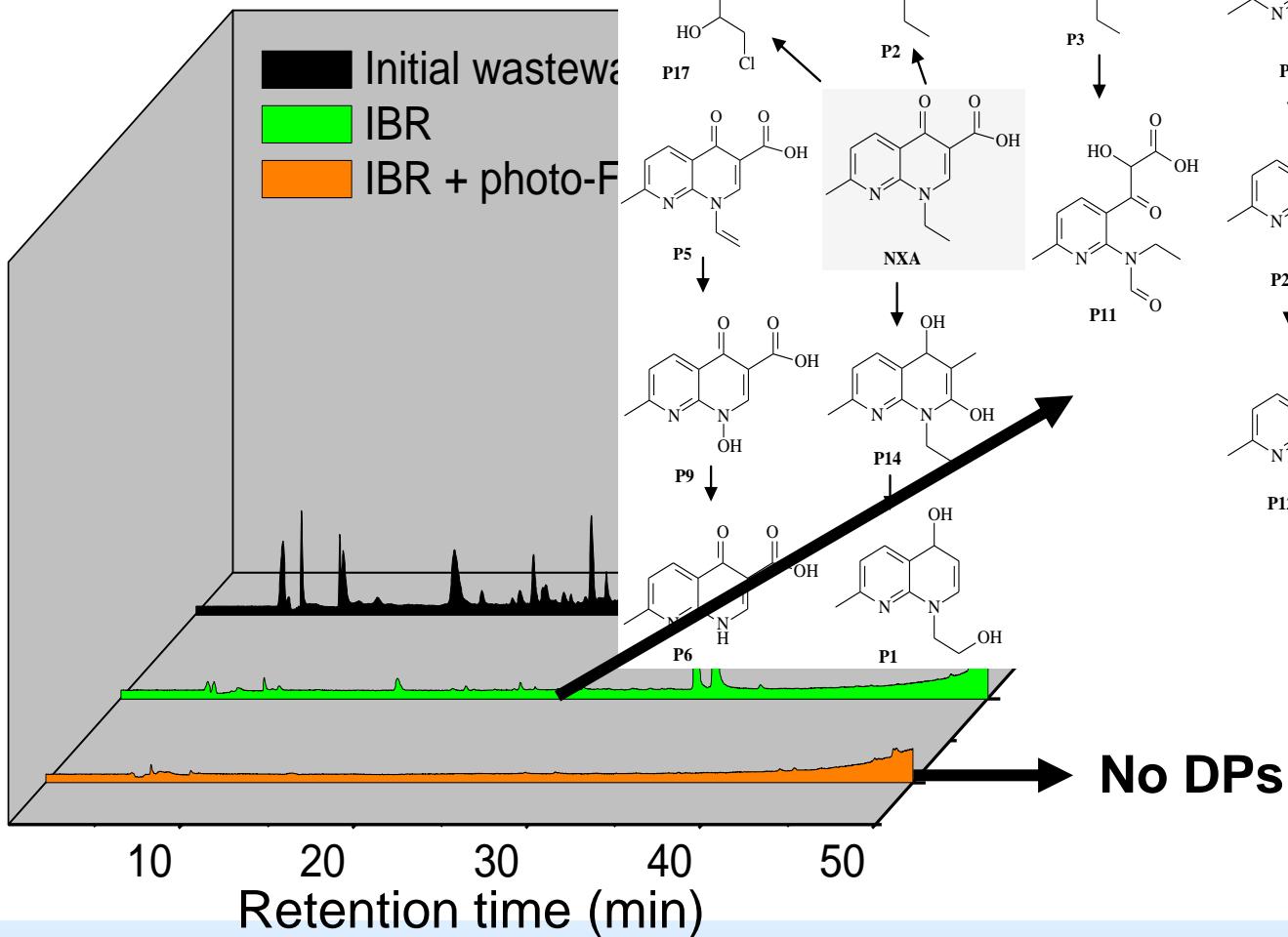


- Total removal of Nalidixic acid and TPs





LC-TOF-MS ANALYSIS





ANALYTICAL EVALUATION FOR REUSE PURPOSES

BIOLOGICAL TREATMENTS



PURIFIED WATER

TERTIARY TREATMENTS



REUSE



RECLAIMED WATER





Reuse of treated urban wastewater (secondary treatment) in industrial crops (tobacco) to obtain products of interest in industry

GREENHOUSE



TOBACCO CULTURE



CONCLUSIONS:

- From productive point of view, the use of urban wastewater (secondary treatment) is feasible for industrial crop irrigation
- The content of N and P in WW is higher: lower dose of fertilizers



Compounds of market value

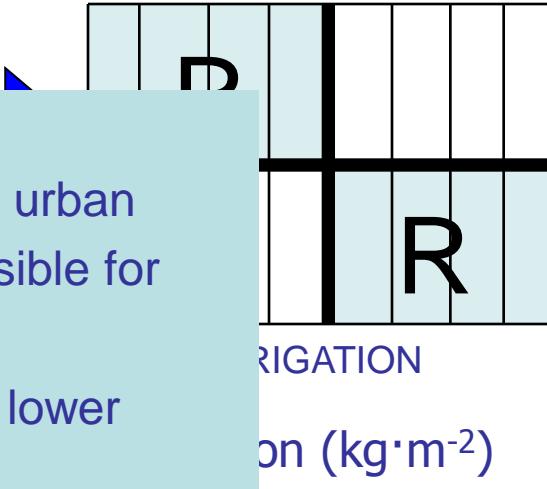
% Hydrosoluble proteins

% Sugars

% Starch

% Nicotine

% Solanesol





Accumulation of contaminants in the soil

11 Compounds

Compounds

Concentration (mg/kg)

Uncultivated

Cultivated soil

3.1450

0.0600

0.0033

0.0019

0.0003

0.0010

0.0001

0.0007

1.0938

0.0017

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Salicilic Acid
Hydrochlorothiazide
Clarithromycin
Cotinine
Carbamazepine
Caffeine
Cd
Pireno

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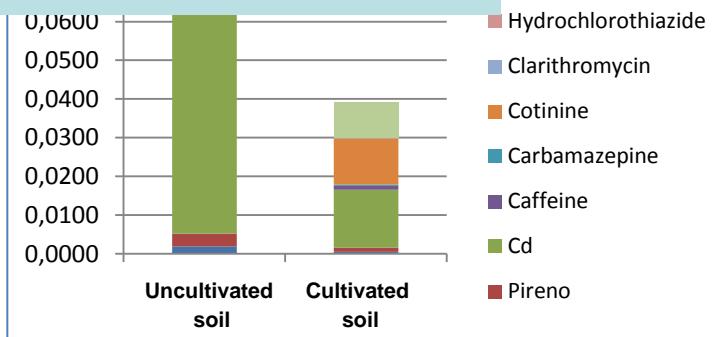
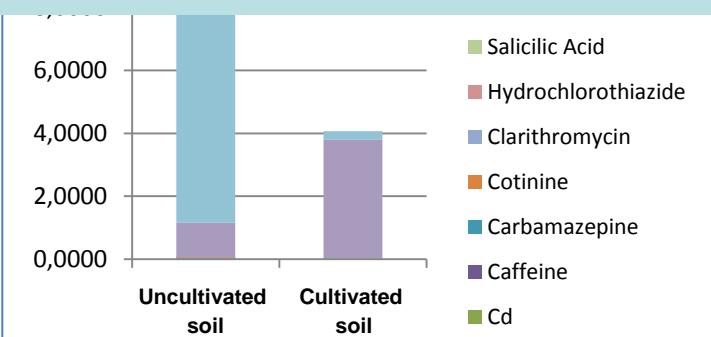
- Organic pollutants and heavy metals were detected in the soil, so control is necessary to prevent their accumulation in soil and groundwater contamination.
- The cultivation extracted contaminants of the soil. Industrial crops reduce the risk of accumulation of contaminants in soil, leaching and groundwater contamination and pose no risk to the consumer
- E. coli and suspended solids levels can exceed maximum allowable values (RD 1620/2007)

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Maximum tolerable concentration in soil

Cadmium: $4 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$

Lead: $84 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$





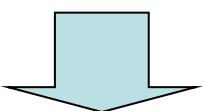
Additionals technical difficulties



Shutter of the irrigation system

Limited storage capacity

Frequent maintenance
of the filters



Need for additional treatment !



Reuse of reclaimed urban wastewater by solar photo-Fenton in horticultural crops: zucchini

Irrigation water:

- T1: Purified water by secondary treatment
- T2: Reclaimed water by solar photo-Fenton



PILOT PLANT



Reuse of reclaimed urban wastewater by solar photo-Fenton in horticultural crops: zucchini

Solar photo-Fenton pH=3 → pH ↑

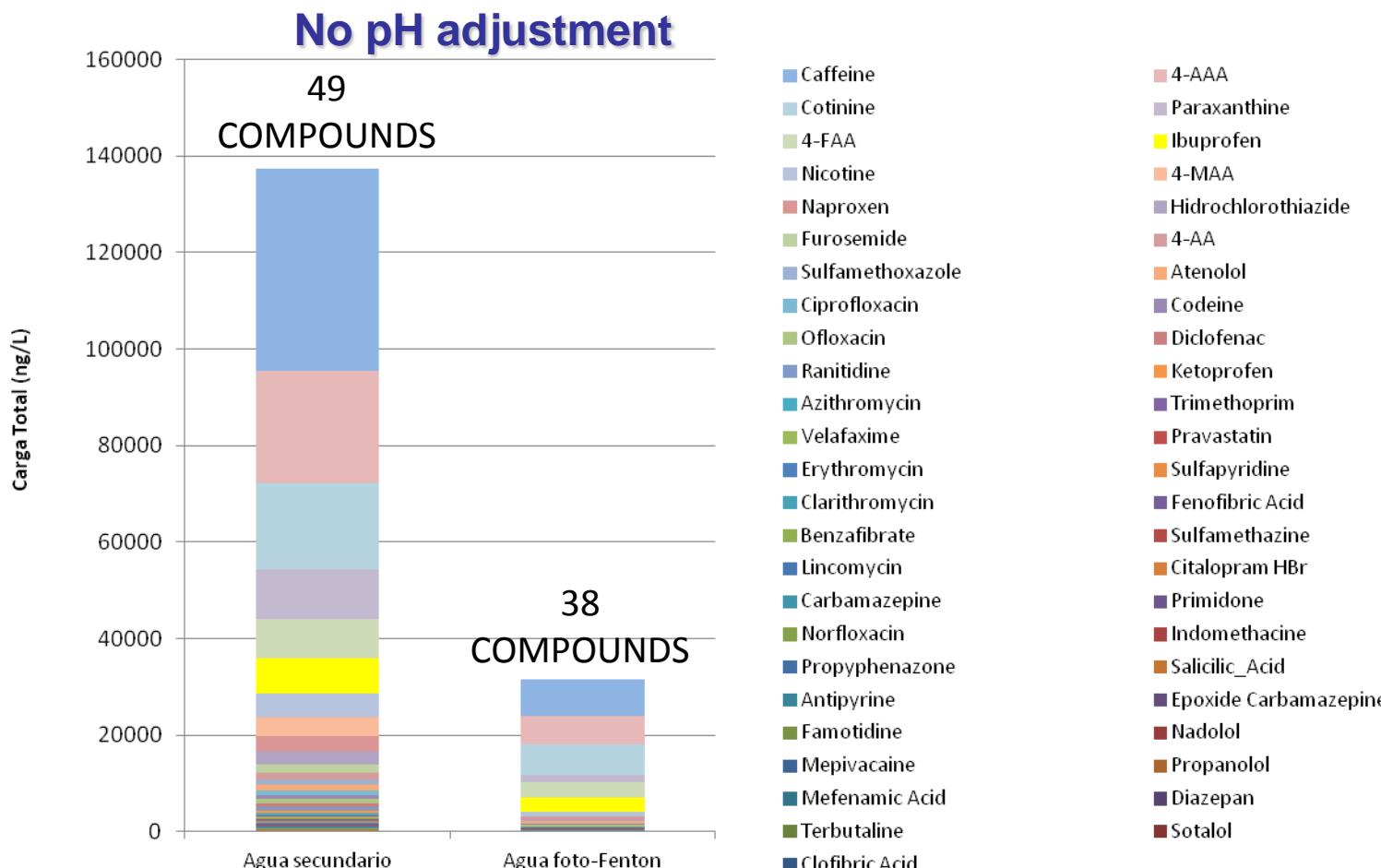
1. The treatment was effective in the removal of contaminants
2. An early damage was observed in the crop

	T1	T2
C.E.(25 °C) mmhos/cm	1,55	3,66
Sales Totales g/l	1571	3727
Sulfatos mg/l	203	1141
Cloruros mg/l	543	1068
Sodio mg/l	265	675
E. Coli UFC/g	<10	10





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ANALYSIS OF SUBSTRATE

Sustrato ($\mu\text{g/kg}$)*		
Compuestos	T0	T1
4-AAA	32,55	24,09
4-FAA	9,21	1,54
Atenolol	5,48	0,04
Cafeína	1,36	1,29
Carbamazepina	0,91	0,74
Mepivacaina	0,11	0
Nicotina	4,13	0
Trimetoprim	2,67	1,07
Velafaxime	1,56	0,54



T0 → SECONDARY TREATMENT
T1 → MILD PHOTO-FENTON



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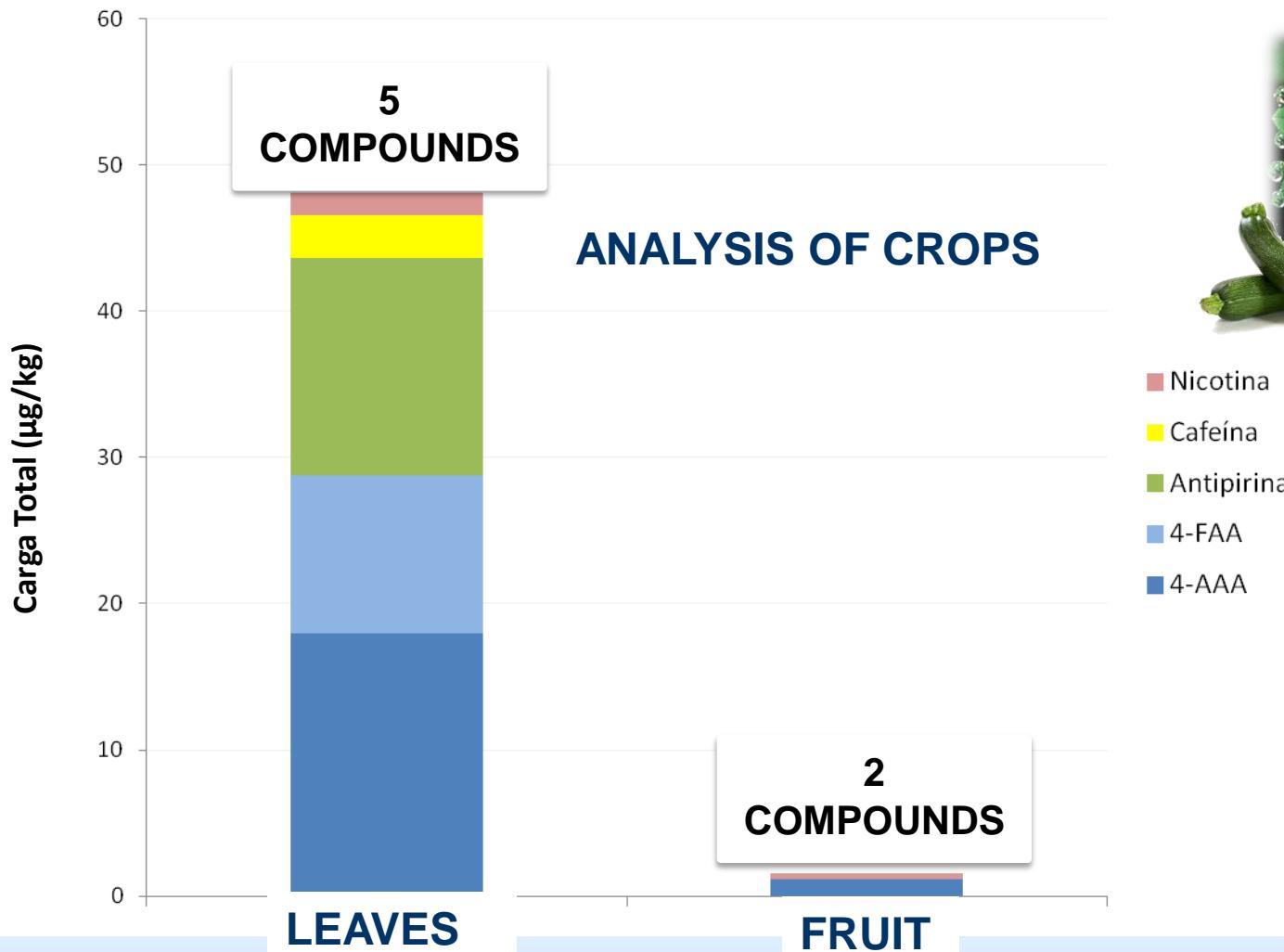
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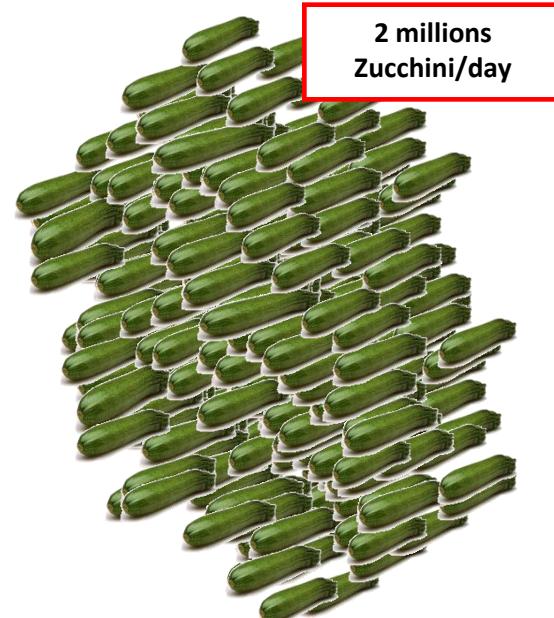




Maximum concentrations in zucchini

Compound	Concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$)
4-AAA	1,17
Nicotine	0,38

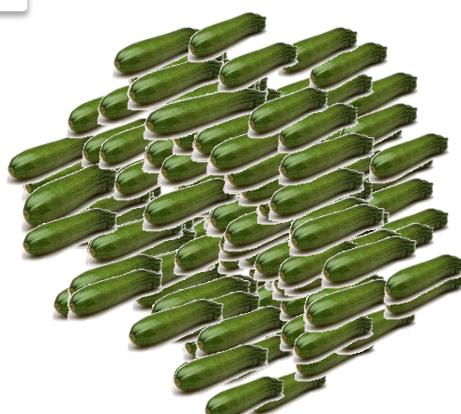
Dosis max. Dipirona: 6 g/día



Cigarrillo: 0.5 mg



6500 zucchini





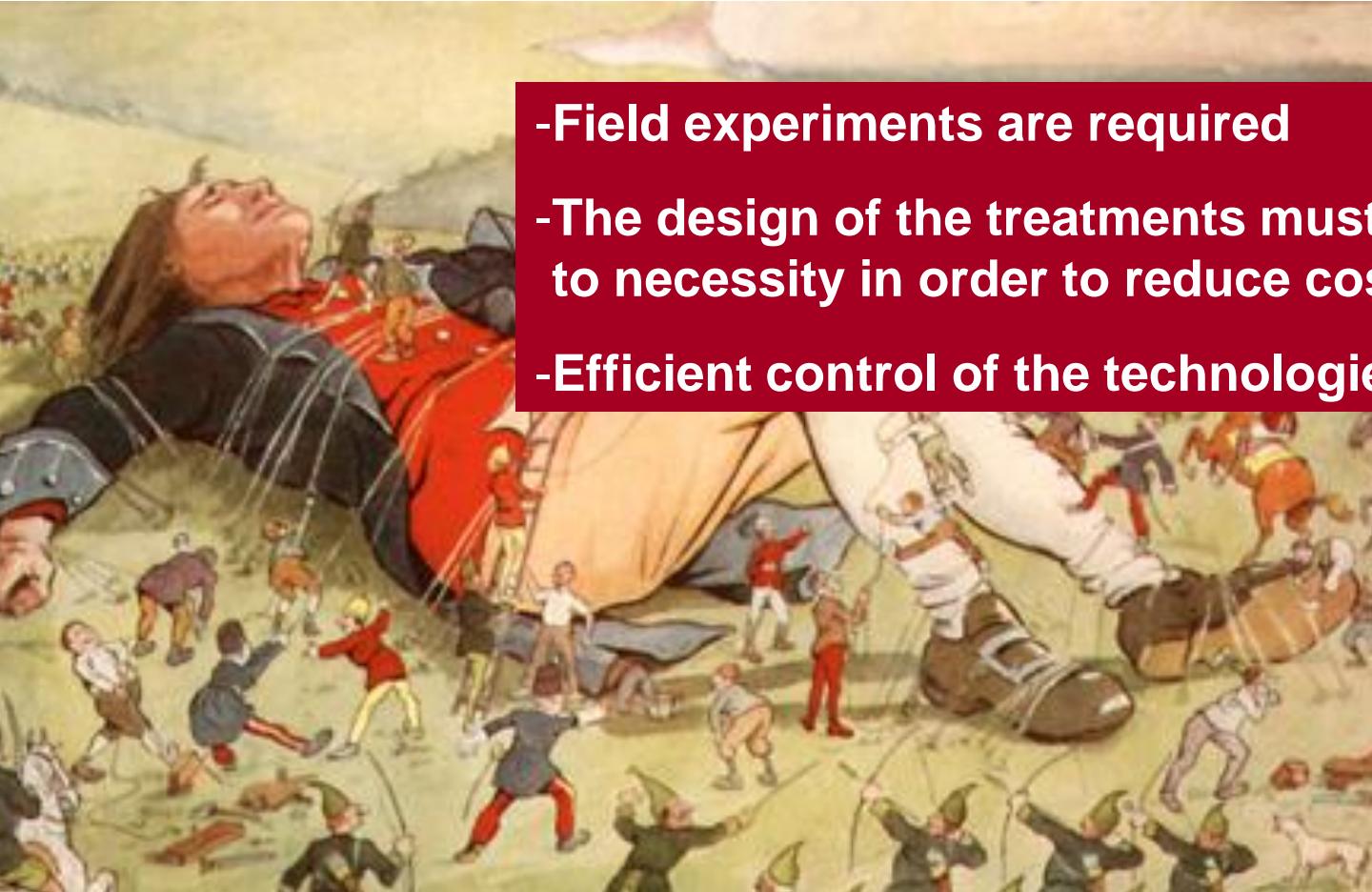
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THANK YOU !

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- Field experiments are required
 - The design of the treatments must be adjusted to necessity in order to reduce cost
 - Efficient control of the technologies applied