

# Technical Workshop

## INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT

*Industrial wastewater treatment through  
combined processes*

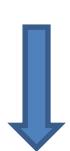
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# Industrial wastewater

Wastewater derived from any industrial or commercial activity, not directly related to sanitary uses (washbasins, toilets, showers).



**Herbicides  
Pesticides**



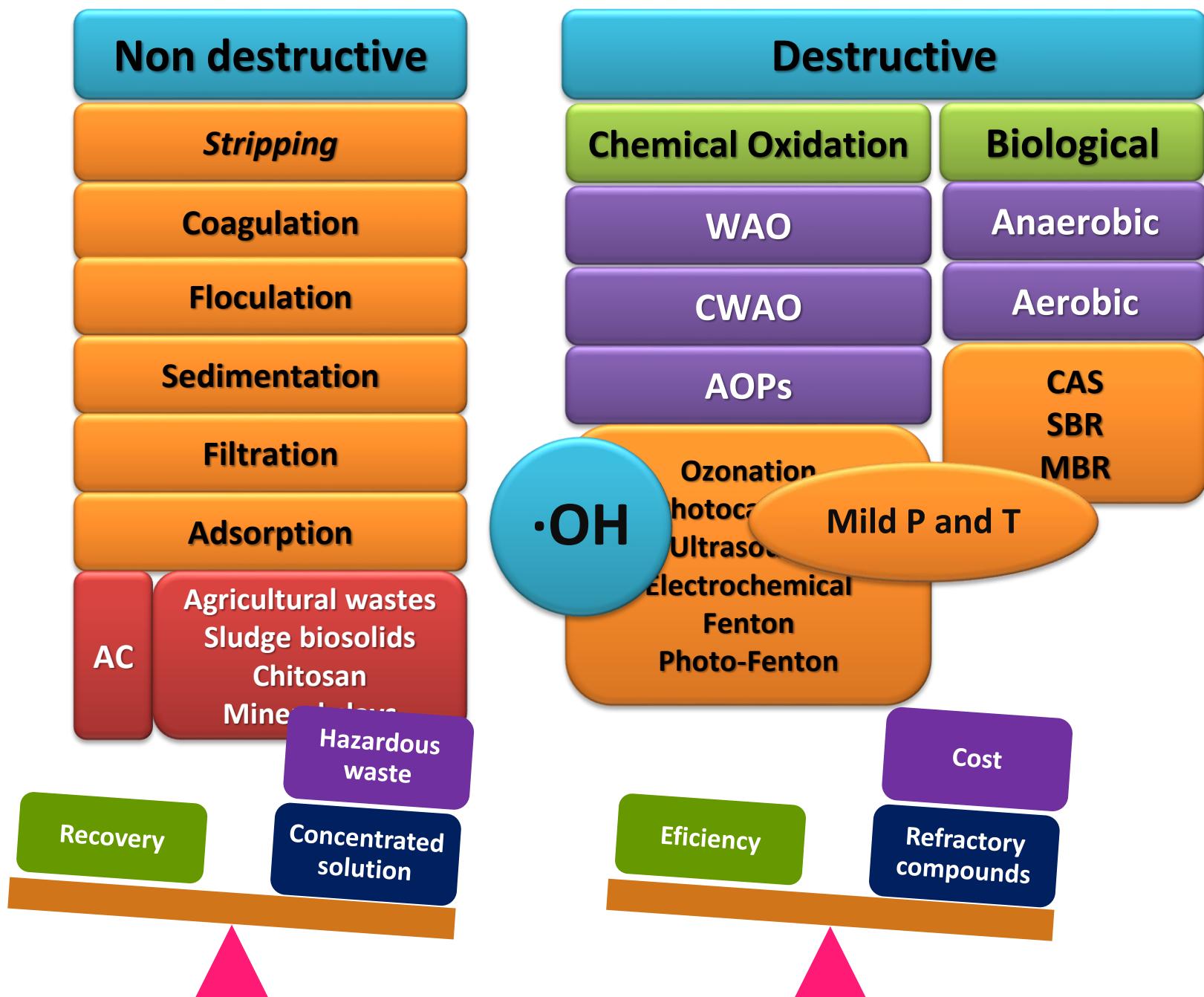
**Phenols  
Chlorophenols  
Metals  
Solvents**

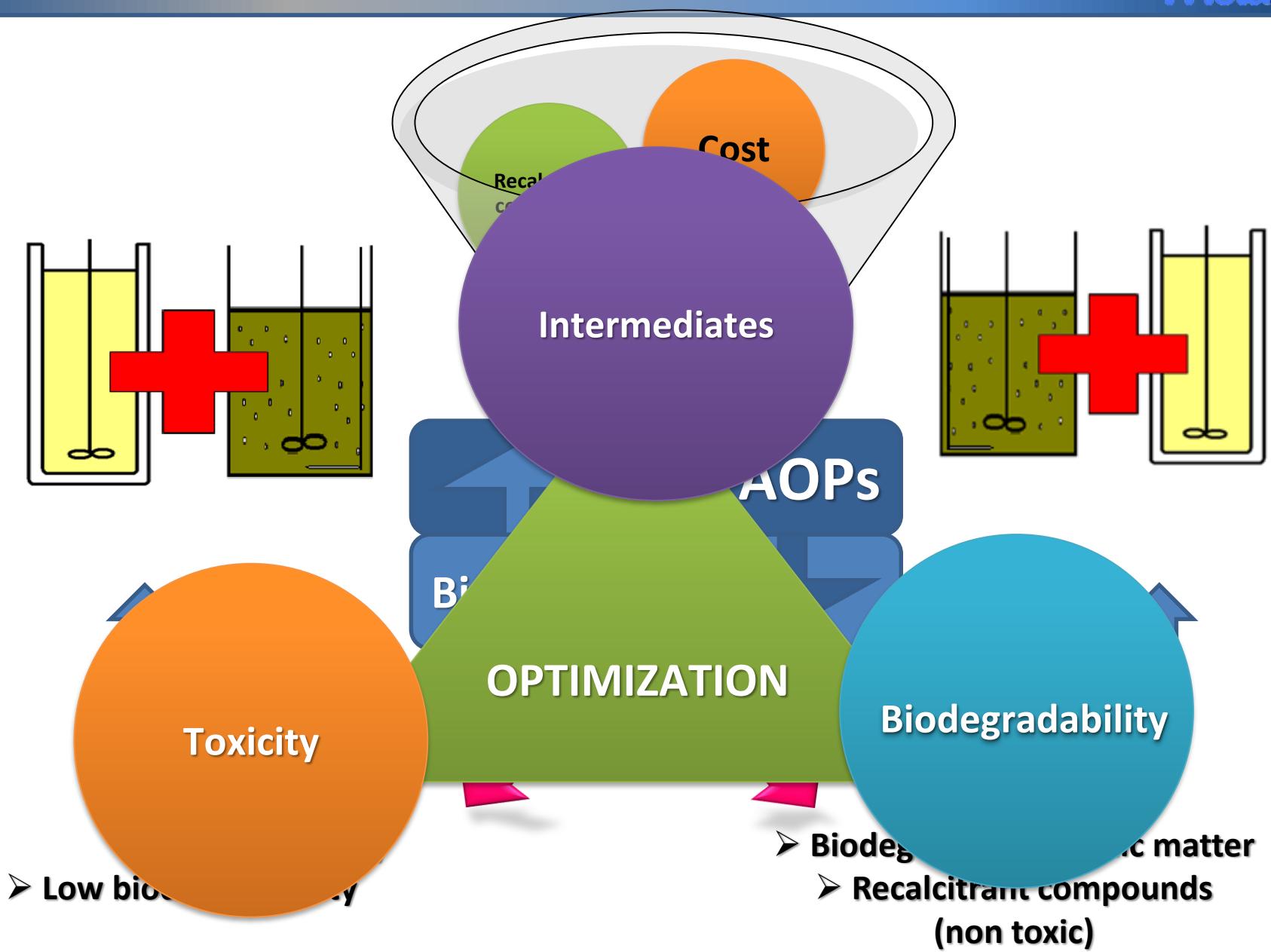


**Drugs  
Personal care  
products**

**Priority and Emerging Contaminants**

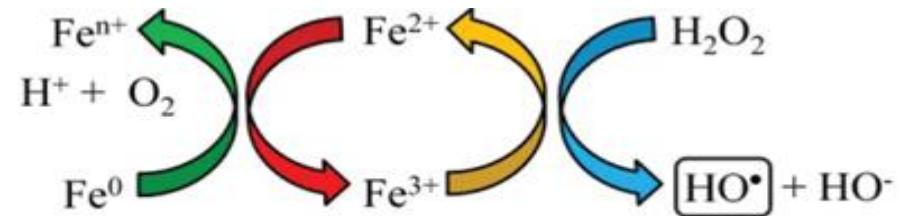




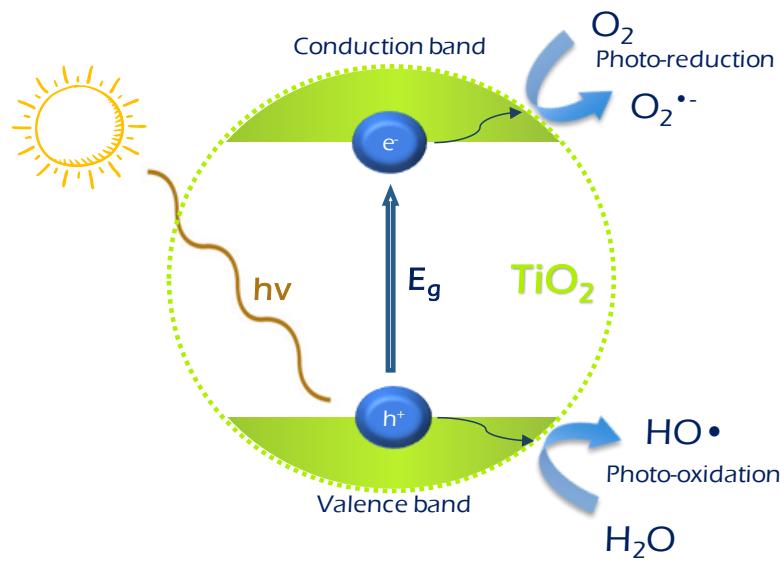


# Advanced Oxidation Processes (AOPs)

## Fenton oxidation



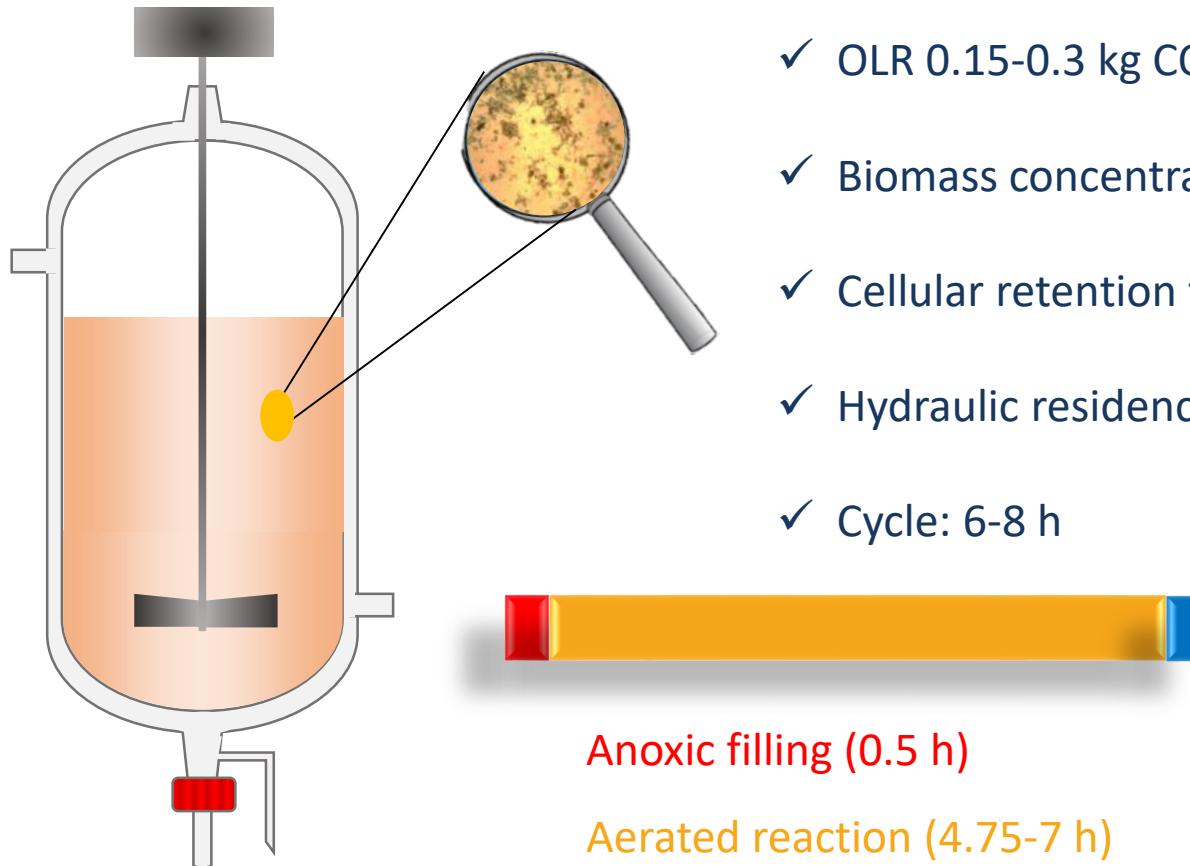
## Photocatalysis



High cost → AOPs as treatment to enhance biodegradability and reduce toxicity

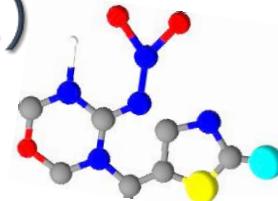


# Biological Oxidation (SBR)



# THIAMETHOXAM (TMX)

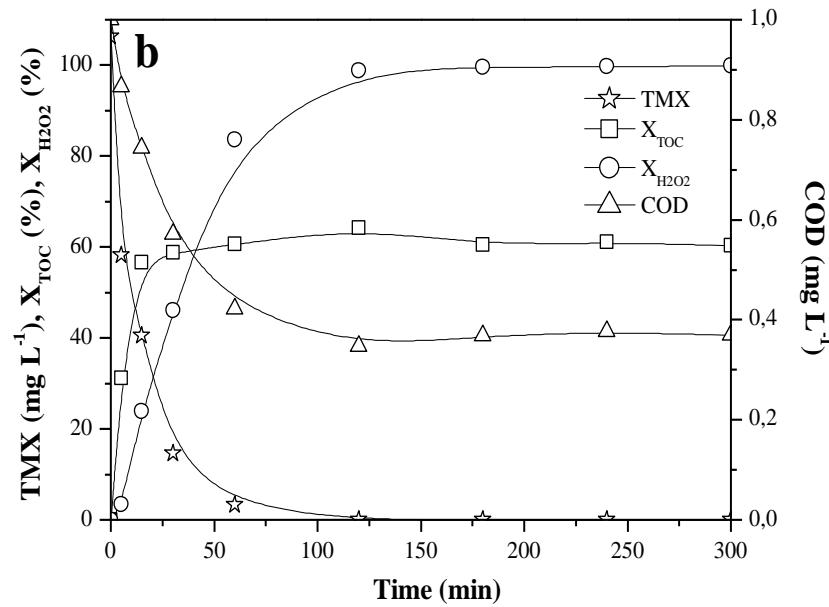
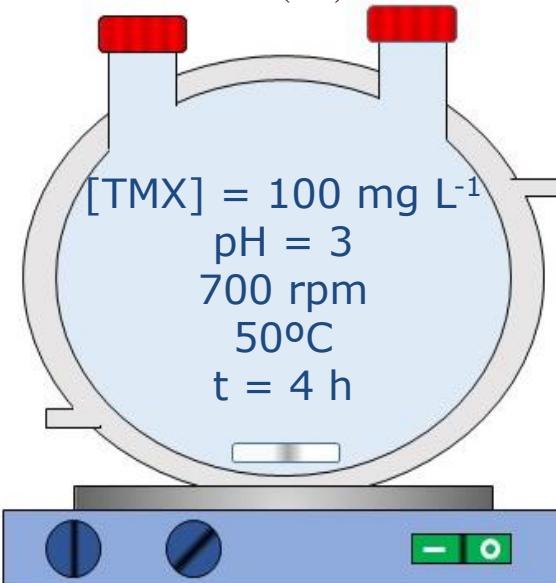
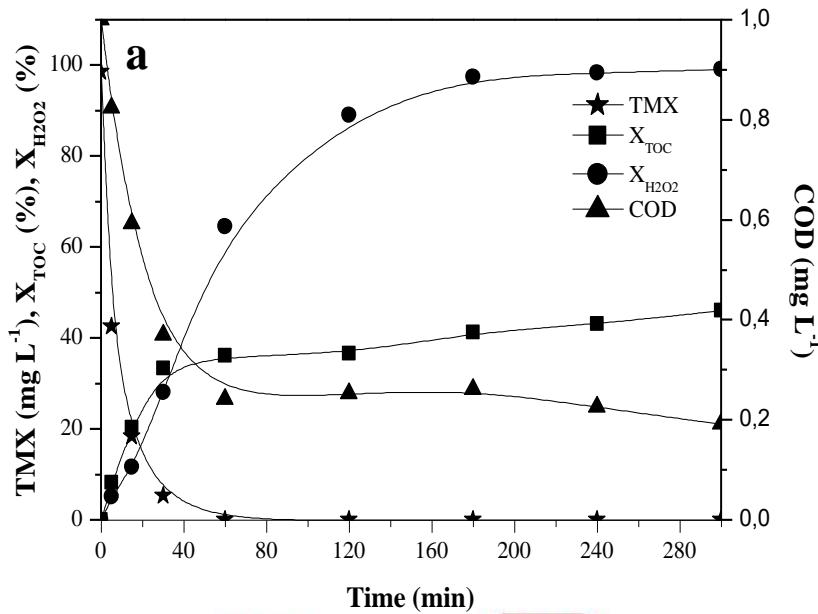
Second generation  
Neonicotinoids



European Union expands ban of three neonicotinoid pesticides (2018)  
*Imidacloprid, clothianidin and thiamethoxam*



# FENTON OXIDATION

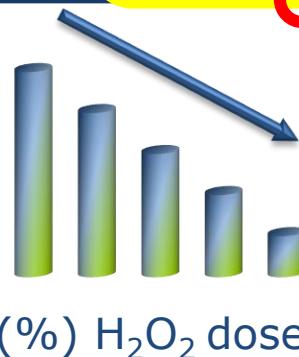


Time course of TMX concentration, COD removal,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and TOC conversion in the Fenton-like oxidation of pure TMX (a) and its commercial formulation (b) with a stoichiometric  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  dose.

# Fenton Oxidation

**TMX, TOC conversion and COD removal (%) upon Fenton oxidation at different  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  doses**

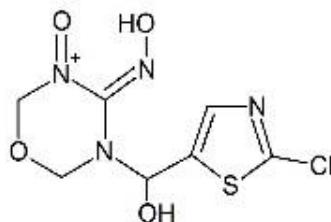
$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ (%)	TMX (commercial)				TMX (pure)			
	$X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}_2}$	$X_{\text{TMX}}$	$X_{\text{TOC}}$	$X_{\text{COD}}$	$X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}_2}$	$X_{\text{TMX}}$	$X_{\text{TOC}}$	$X_{\text{COD}}$
100	> 99	> 99	60.5	63.2	> 99	> 99	49.09	69.47
75	> 99	> 99	60.0	59.7	> 99	> 99	45.58	66.71
50	> 99	> 99	52.6	52.5	> 99	> 99	42.26	69.13
25	> 99	76.25	49.9	43.9				



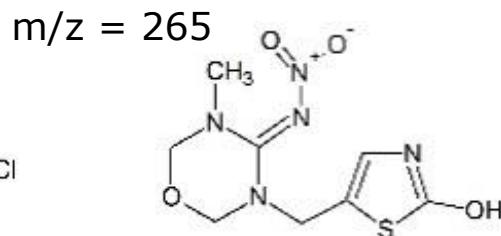
**50-100 %**  
≈ COD-TOC removal



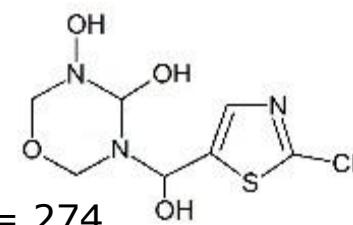
## Identified by-products for Thiamethoxam oxidation



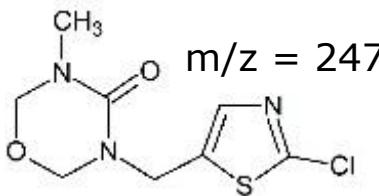
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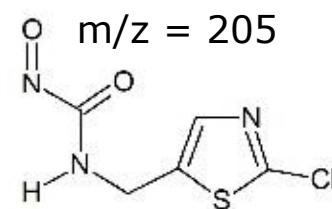
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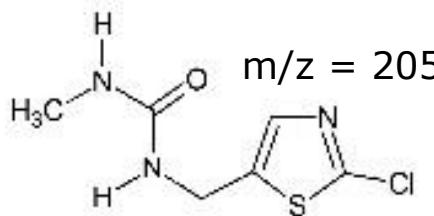
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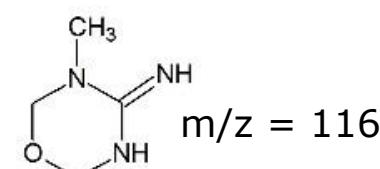
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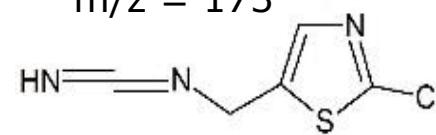
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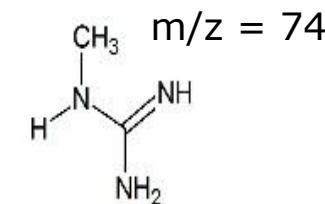
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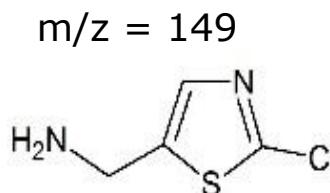
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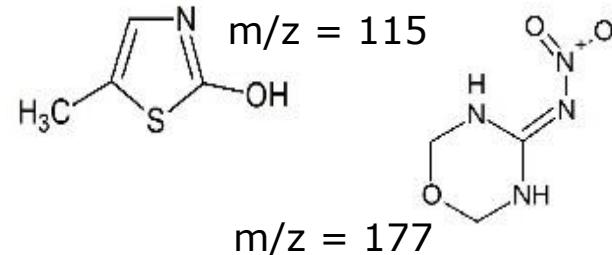
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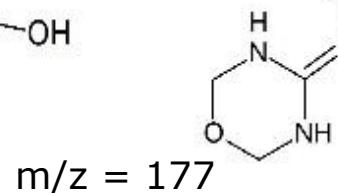
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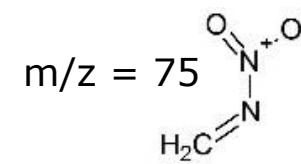
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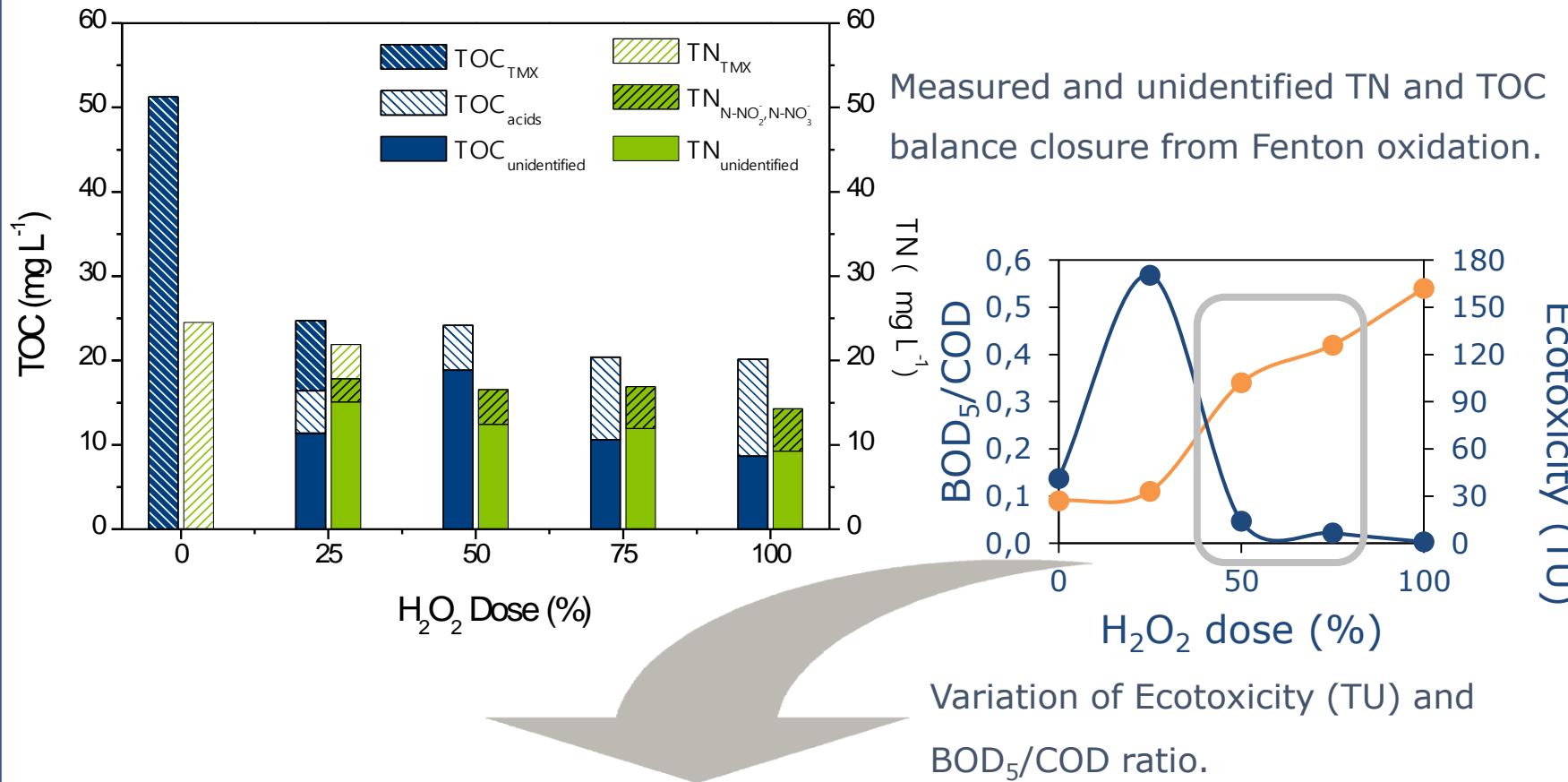
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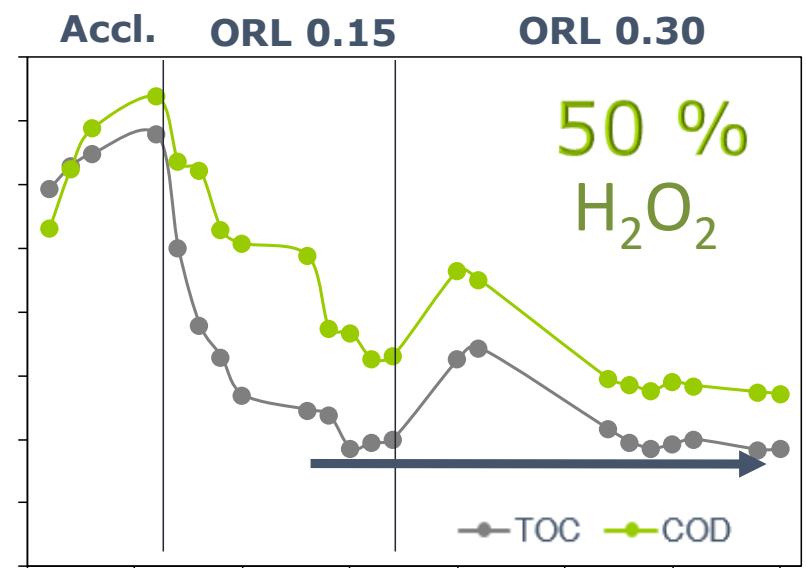
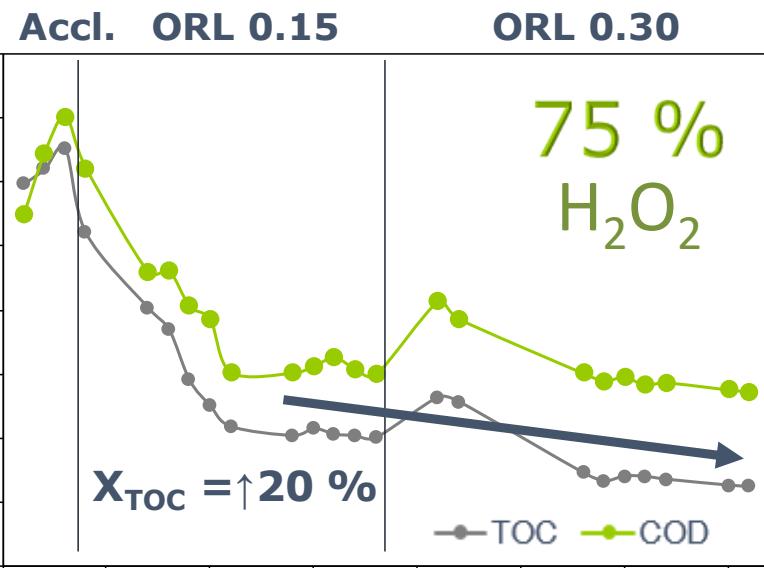
# Effluent characterization (commercial TMX)



Effluents from Fenton oxidation with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  doses of **50%** and **75%** from stoichiometric were selected for a subsequent biological treatment



# Biological oxidation

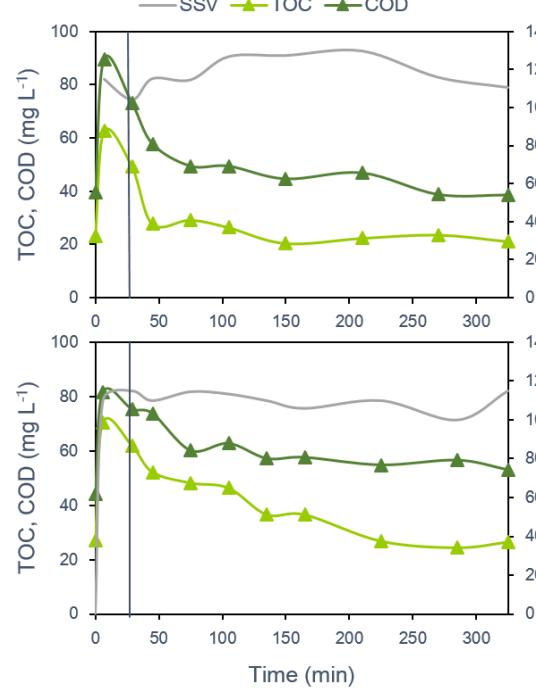


**OLR:**  $0.15-0.3 \text{ kg}_{\text{COD}} \text{ kg}^{-1}_{\text{VSS}} \text{ d}^{-1}$

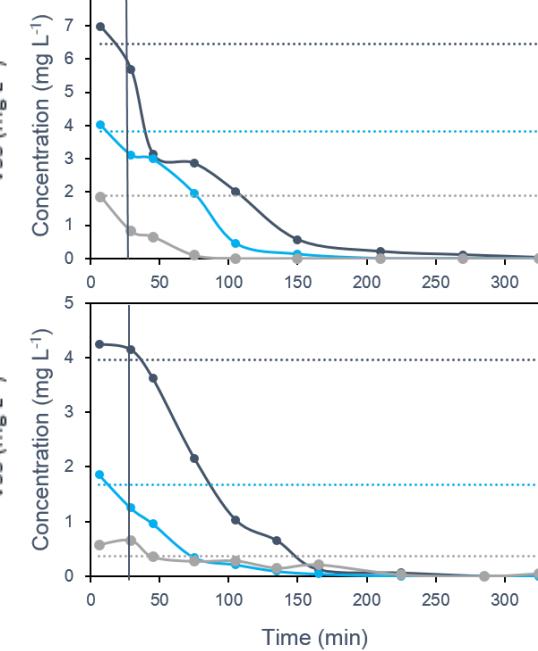


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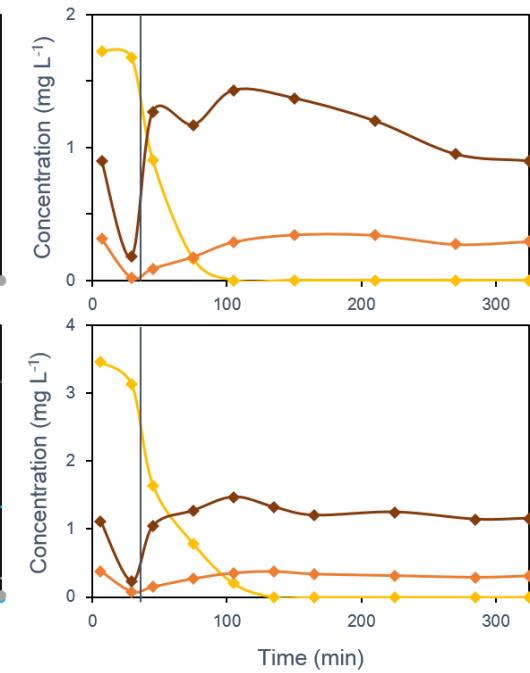
75 % H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>



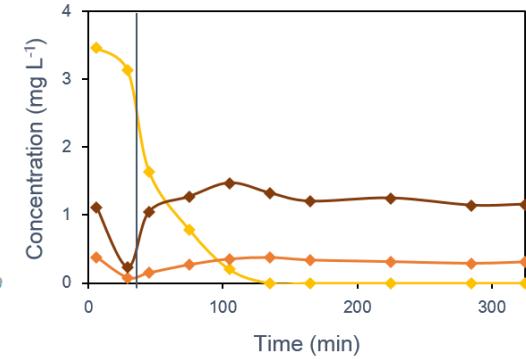
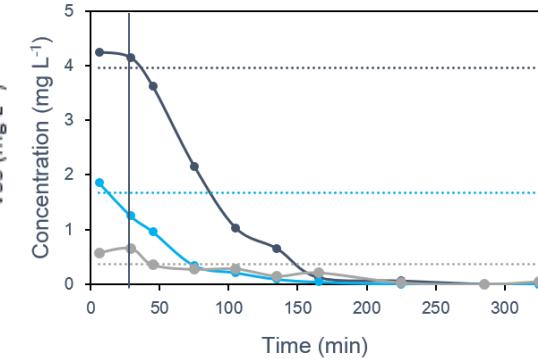
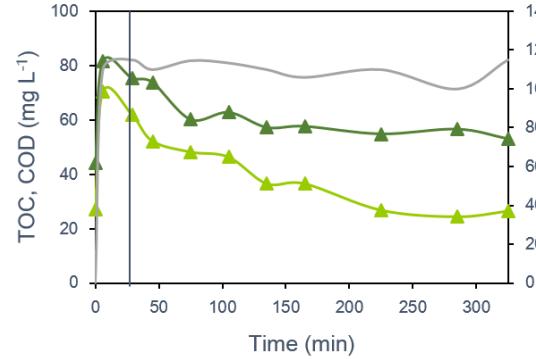
Acetic Formic Oxalic



N-NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> N-NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> N-NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>



50 % H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>



Time-course over a 6-h SBR cycle.

Coupling Fenton and biological oxidation is an adequate alternative for TMX removal, according to the TOC conversion and COD removal above 80% for the combined treatment.

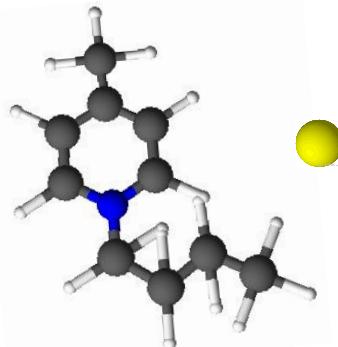
## IONIC LIQUIDS (ILs)



- Negligible vapor pressure
- High solvent capacity
- Non – flammability
- Thermal stability



“Design” products



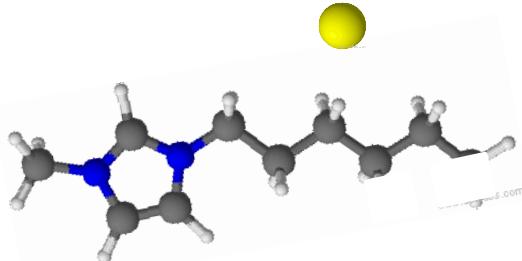
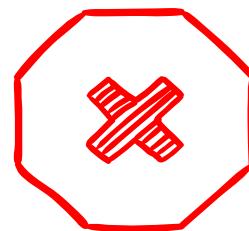
1-butyl-4-methylpyridinium

BmpyrCl

“GREEN” compounds



Alternative  
to VOCs

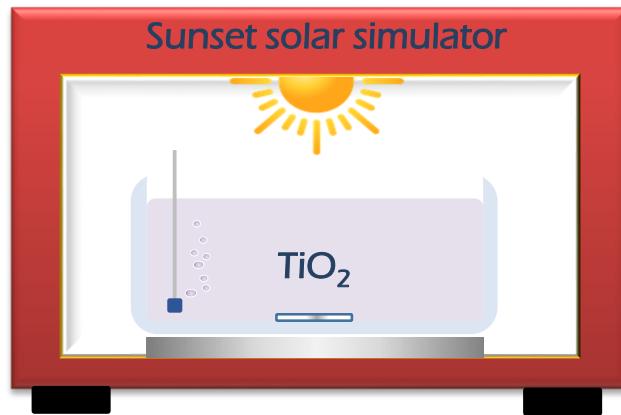


1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium

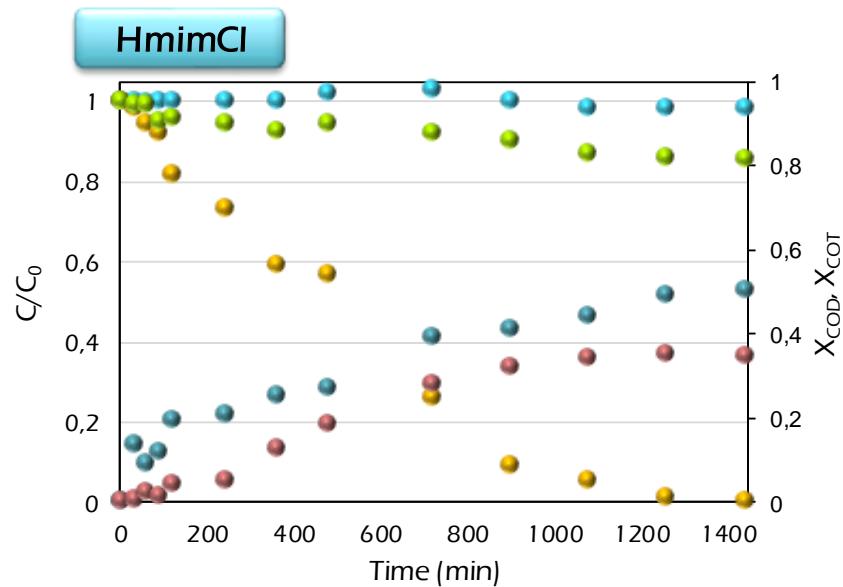
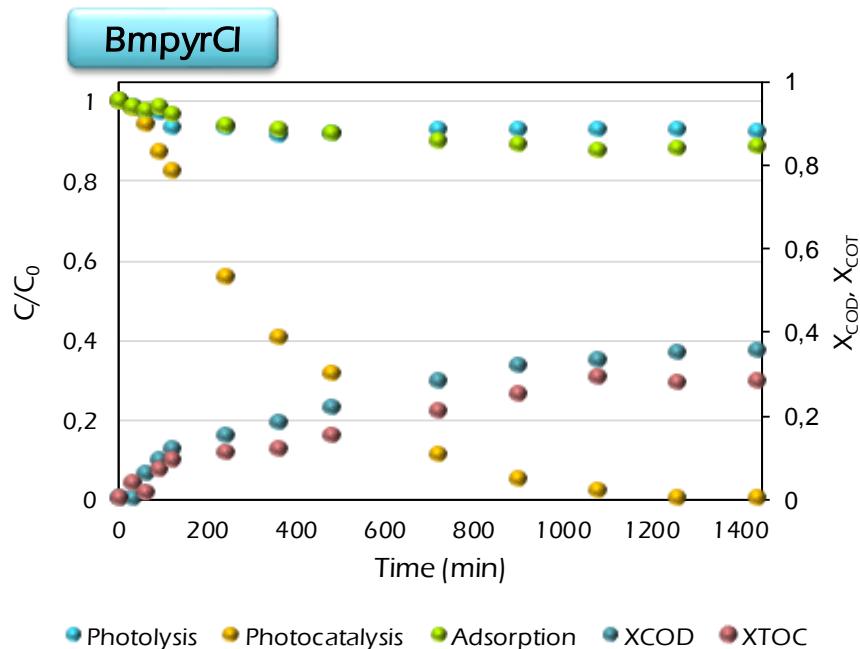
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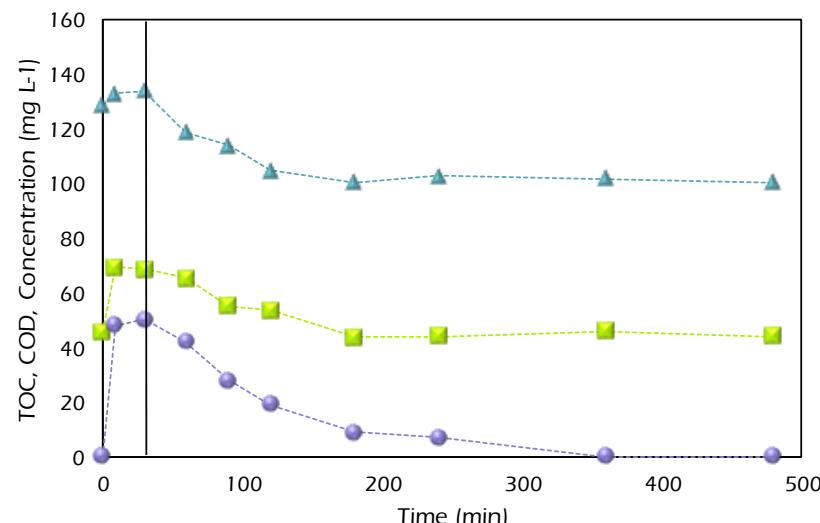
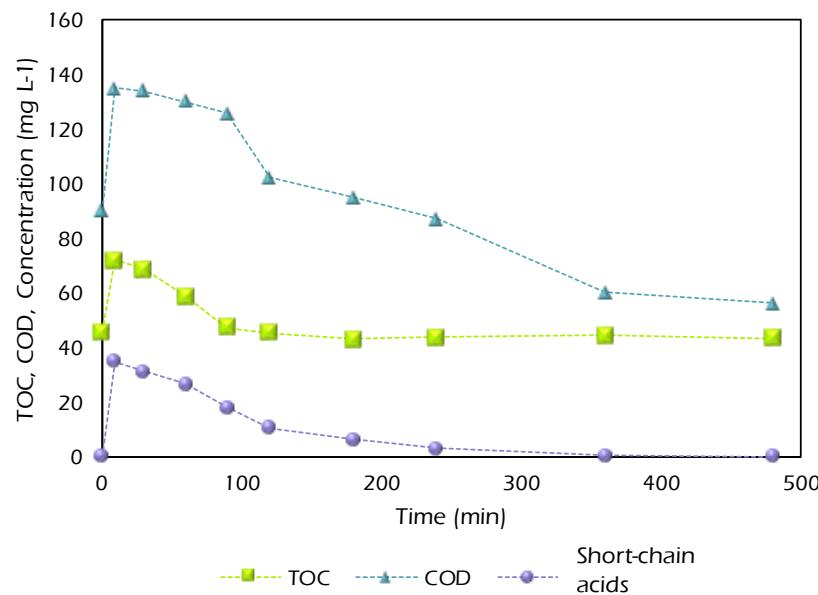
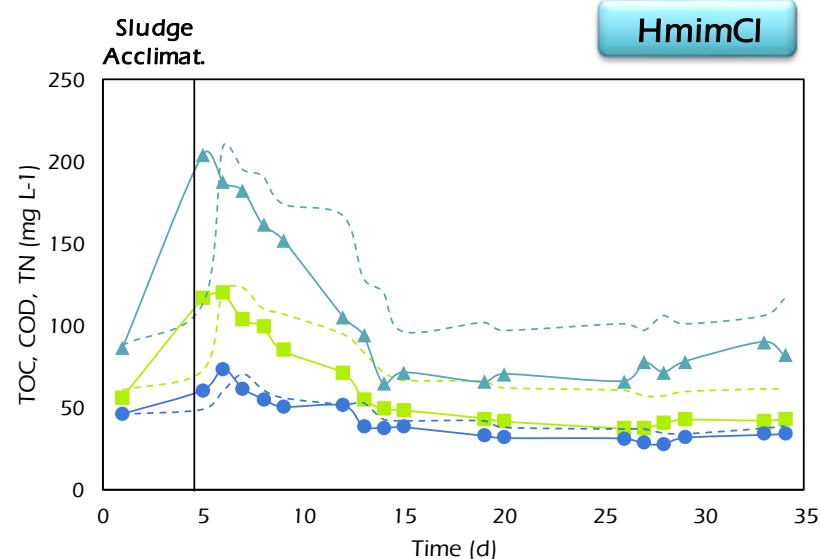
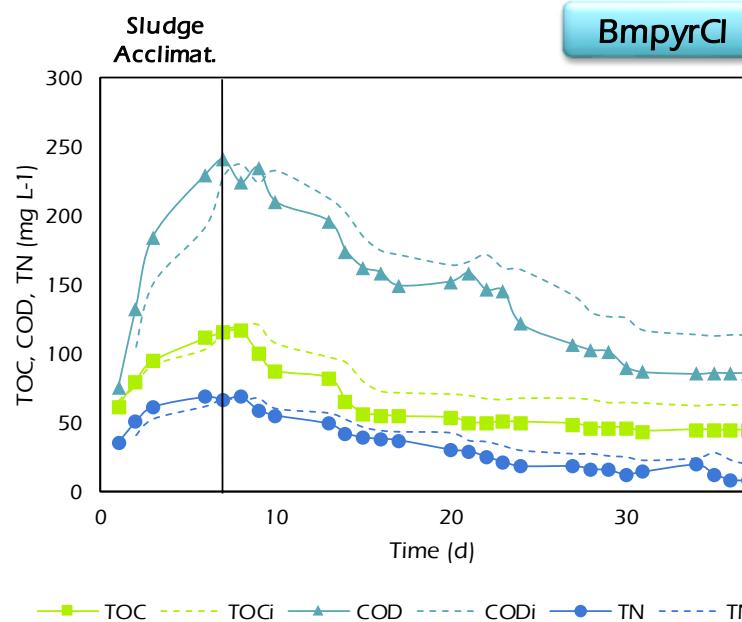
# Solar photocatalysis



$[IL] = 0.35 \text{ g L}^{-1}$   
 $[\text{TiO}_2] = 0.25 \text{ g L}^{-1}$   
 24 h  
 Xe lamp =  $600 \text{ W m}^{-2}$   
 35 °C



# Biological oxidation



## Conclusions

- Fenton oxidation and solar photocatalysis generated effluents with low ecotoxicity values and high biodegradability index.
- Working at 75 and 50% of the stoichiometric dose of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  in Fenton oxidation gave rise to suitable effluents for the combined treatment.
- Coupling Fenton/solar photocatalysis and biological oxidation is an adequate alternative for TMX or ILs removal, according to TOC conversion and COD removal values, higher than 80% for the combined treatment.



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