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The Application of Green Technologies for Sustainable Water Purification and Reuse (GreenTech)

New Indigo ERA-NET NPP2

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RELEVANCE

Motivation

India suffers from a regional disproportion between natural sources and water demands

Cleaning of water from different sources and water re-use is of major importance to promote India as a self-sustained country and to alleviate poverty

Major contaminants in Indian ground-waters are arsenic and fluoride and a host of organic matter depending on location and source



RELEVANCE

Global objectives

1. To analyse existing alternatives for cleaning water polluted with arsenic and fluoride reporting their sustainability as well as forefront technologies that need further research.
2. To develop novel hybrid processes to treat mining/industrial wastewaters with removal of pollutants and simultaneous recovery of valuable compounds. For this target, membrane units and other efficient technologies such as, photocatalysis and/or adsorption are selected.
3. To Evaluate alternative processes for wastewater reclamation and reuse making use of sustainability criteria.

Project Partners

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University of Cantabria (Santander, Spain)

European Project Coordinator

PI: Prof. Inmaculada Ortiz



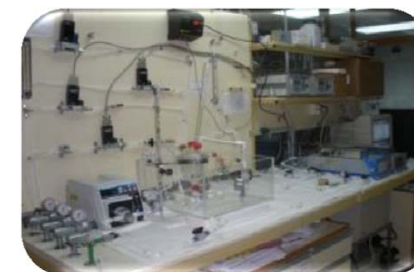
SOSPROCAN unit
Dept. Chemical Engineering
Unit for the Sustainability of the Production
and Consumption at a regional level:

<http://grupos.unican.es/pasep/>

<http://www.unican.es/Departamentos/ingquimica/Investigacion/20100208.htm>

Research conducted:

- 1) Environment and natural resources protection. Membrane Technologies and integration with advanced oxidation processes
- 2) Food and Agriculture
- 3) Process Industries: Process optimisation, intensification and integration
- 4) Metrics for sustainability assessment



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Project Partners

University of Oulu (Oulu, Finland)

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European Project Partner

PI: Prof. Riita Keiski

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Mass and Heat Transfer Process Laboratory.

Dept. Process and Environmental Engineering <http://www.oulu.fi/pyolam/>

Research conducted:

- 1) Physical-chemical and biochemical phenomena in multiphase and multicomponent systems: a) Process development and design b) Sustainable products and processes
- 2) Treatment and utilization of industrial by-products and wastes. Sustainable products and processes



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Institute of Chemical Technology (Mumbai, India)

Indian Project Coordinator

PI: Prof. Ganapati D. Yadav

Chemical Engineering Dept.



<http://www.ictmumbai.edu.in/DisplayPage.aspx?pageID=8&linkid=224>

Research conducted:

- 1) Biotechnology & biomedicine
- 2) Nanotechnology and materials science
- 3) Energy science and engineering
- 4) Process systems engineering
- 5) Green chemistry and engineering
- 6) Environmental protection and Hazardous waste management
- 7) Product Engineering



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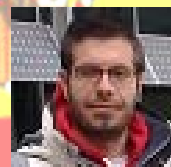
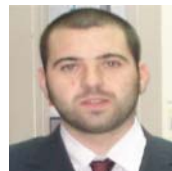
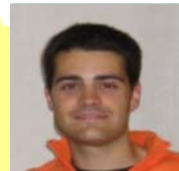
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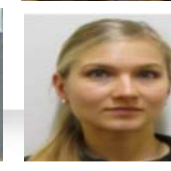
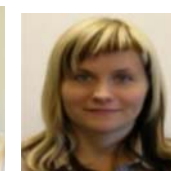
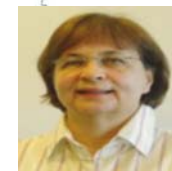
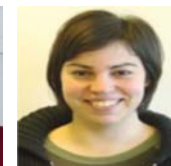
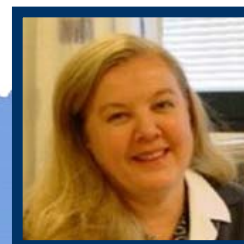
*Scientific excellence groups
and added value from the
cooperation*



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Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT)



University of Oulu (UO)

OUTLINE

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ACTIVITIES

WP1 (UC): Natural waters (As and F) and reclaimed municipal waste water (org and emerging pollutants)

TASK		ACTIVITIES	DELIVERABLES
T1	Characterization of natural waters and municipal waste waters (ICT)	A1 Comparison of regulations in EU and India (UC, UO, ICT): August 2012	D1 Report based on literature survey
		A2 Natural and treated water database (UC, UO, ICT): August 2013	D2 Model for the sustainability assessment D3 Reports (guidelines for innovative processes) and publications
T2	Sustainability of reference processes (UC, UO, ICT)	A3 Listing the references processes (UC, UO, ICT): August 2012	D4 Proposal for new research project
		A4 Evaluation of the sustainability of the reference processes (UC, UO, ICT): 1 st meeting, 2013	
T3	Sustainability of novel processes (UO, UC, ICT)	A5 Listing the novel processes (UC, UO, ICT): 1 st meeting 2013	
		A6 Evaluation of the sustainability of the novel processes (UC, UO, ICT): 2 nd meeting, 2013	
T4	Innovative technologies (UC, UO, ICT)		

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WP1 (UC): Natural waters (As and F) and reclaimed municipal waste water (org and emerging pollutants)

Arsenic

Groundwater **arsenic contamination (Arsenicosis)** were discovered as early as **1976**

70.4 million people affected by As polluted groundwater

Sources

Previously used in pesticides (orchards)
Improper waste disposal of product storage of glass or electronics, mining
Rocks

Diagnos tics

Weight loss, depression, lack of energy
Nervous system toxicity
Skin problems, kidney and lung cancer
Reproductive disorder

Arsenicosis



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A1. Comparison of regulations in EU and India (UC, UO, ICT)



Comparison of admissible limits for drinking water

	World Health Organization (WHO)	Europe Directive DWD 98/83	India IS 10500,2004	
			Desirable	Permissible
Arsenic ($\mu\text{g/l}$)	10	10	10	No relaxation
Fluorides ($\mu\text{g/l}$)	1500	1500	1000	1500

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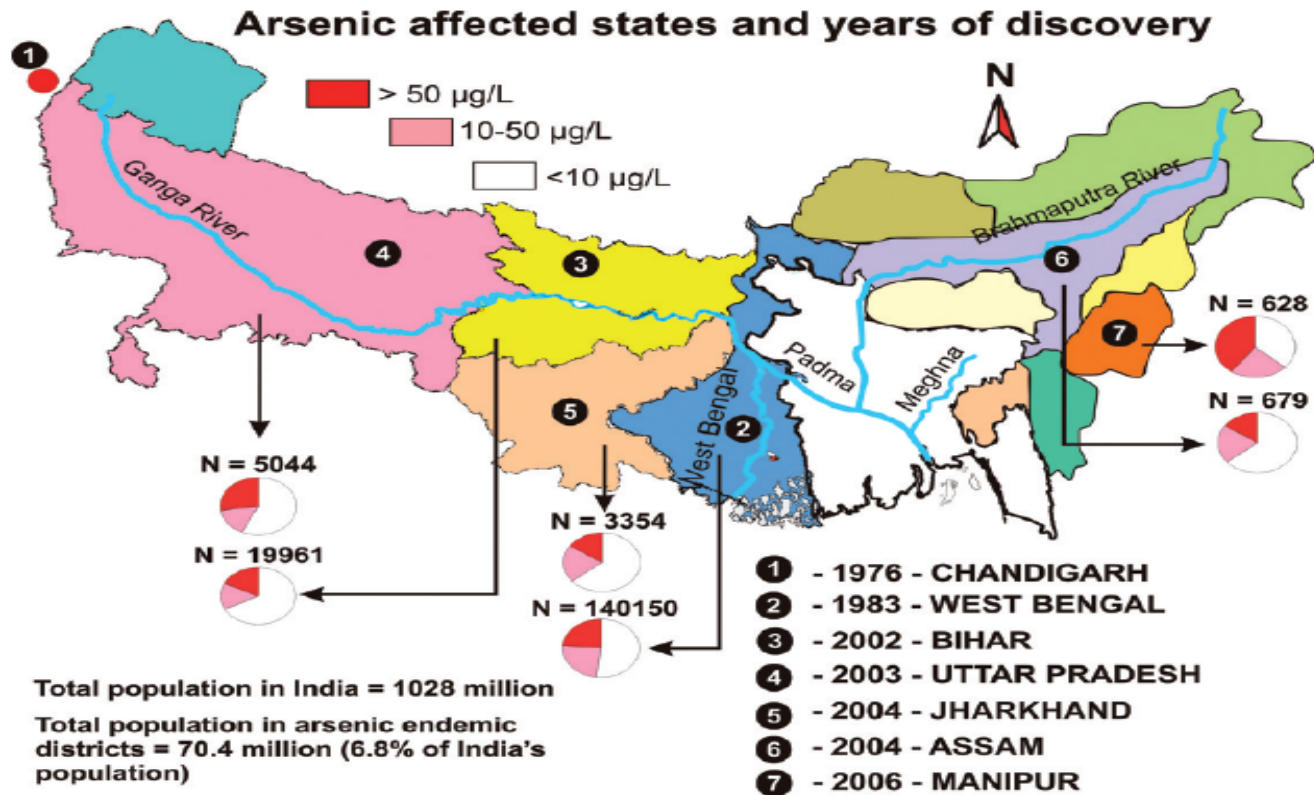


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Fluorides

Chemical contaminants in India's groundwater had been identified as early as **1937 (fluorosis)**

20 of 28 Indian states have some degree of groundwater fluoride contamination (above GOI permissible level of 1500 µg/l), impacting **85-97% of districts in some states**

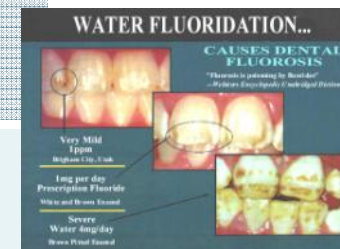
Flouridation

Sources

Industrial waste
Geological

Effects

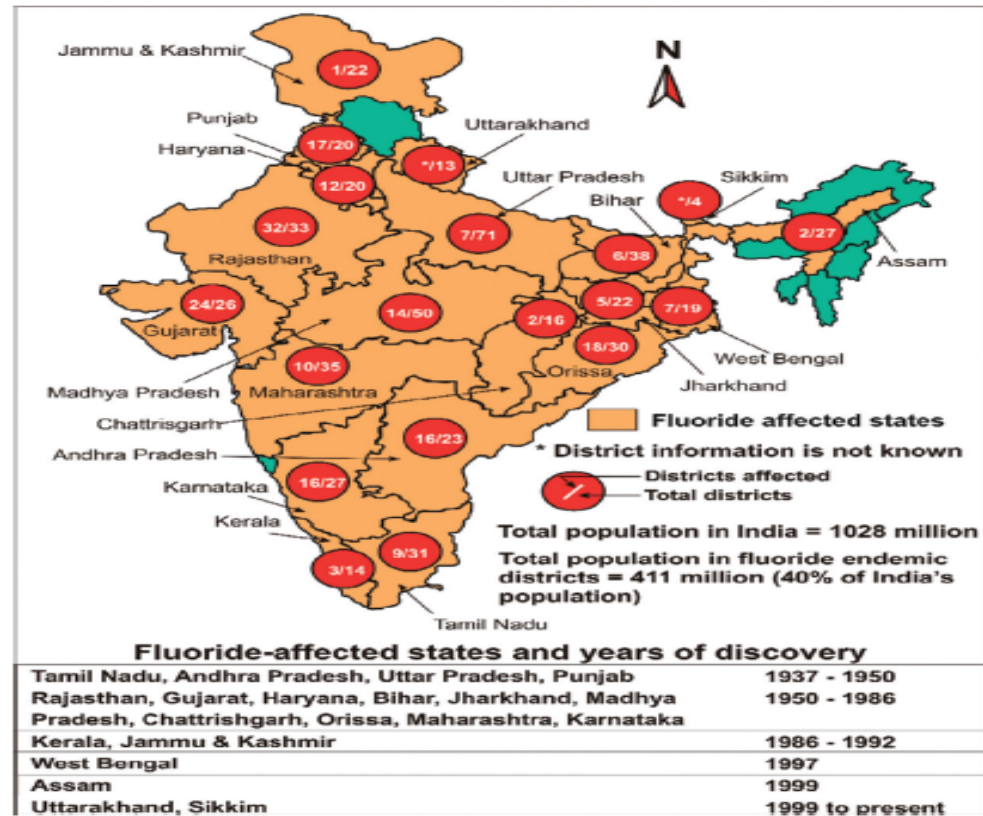
Brownish discoloration of teeth
Bone damage



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A2. Listing the reference processes (UC, UO, ICT)

I) PRECIPITATION: a) As(V) by addition of calcium, magnesium, manganese (II) or iron (III) and b) precipitation of As(III) as As(III) sulfide

II) COAGULATION AND FILTRATION: coagulants FeCl_3 , FeSO_4 , $\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$ and lime; Filtration: 0.1 -1 μm filters.

III) ADSORPTION: Granular activated alumina, granular iron hydroxide, granular iron oxide, commercial titanium dioxide, cerium oxide and manganese oxide.

IV) MEMBRANE PROCESSES: Nanofiltration, reverse osmosis and electrodyalisis.

V) ION EXCHANGE: Synthetic ionic exchange resins, generally of polymeric matrix (polystyrene cross-linked with divinylbenzene), linked to charged functional groups.

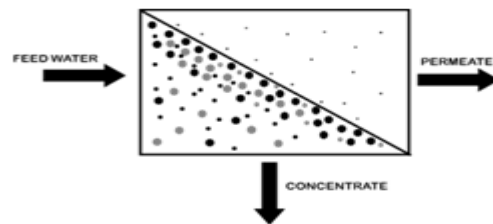
Litter et al. 2010

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SEPARATION BY MEMBRANE TECHNOLOGIES

Basic reverse osmosis

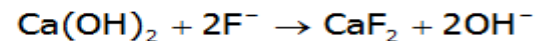


Limitation: Disposal of the concentrated retentate
Low flux and high energy consumption.

Alternative: Functionalized Membranes

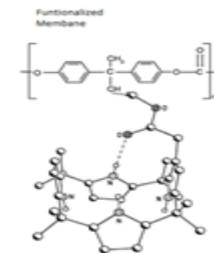
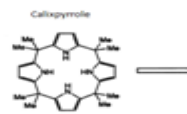
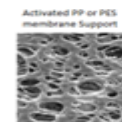
Tunable flux and Selectivity in removal F⁻ and As (III)/As (V)

- Addition of lime leads to precipitation of fluoride as insoluble calcium fluoride:



- Coagulant addition assists settling faster

Industrial system



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A2. Listing the novel processes (UC, UO, ICT)

USE OF NANOTECHNOLOGIES FOR As REMOVAL

Synthesis of magnetic nanoadsorbents

Fe_3O_4 + SiO_2 → Core-shell structure

Functionalization

Amine groups
 AsO_4^-

Adsorption/ Regeneration process

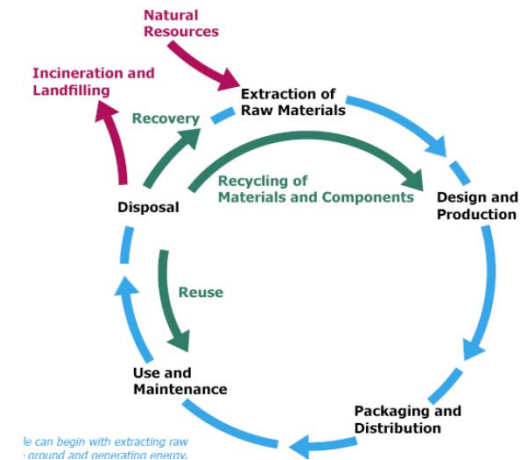
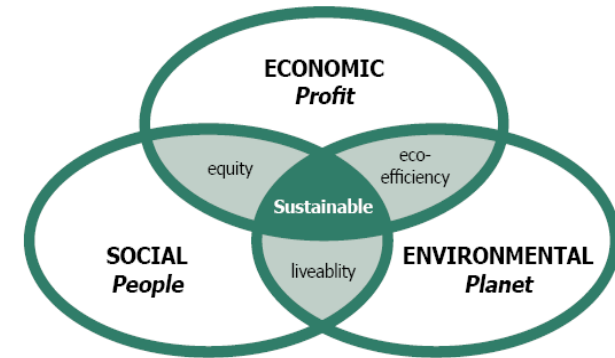
Arsenic removal efficiency

Material	[As(V)] (mg/L)
As synthesized	~20
Material-NH2	~18
Material-NH2+	~10
Material-NH2+-Fe	~22

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WP1 (UC): Natural waters (As and F) and reclaimed municipal waste water (org and emerging pollutants)

A4. Evaluation of the sustainability of the reference processes (UC, UO, ICT)



Irabien A., 2010

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A2. Guidelines for the reuse of treated waters

Requirements for reuse of treated waters and creation of a database

<p>INTENDED USE OF WATER</p> <p>1. URBAN USE</p> <p>QUALITY 1.1 RESIDENTIAL</p> <p>a) Irrigation of private areas b) Supply to sanitary</p> <p>QUALITY 1.2 SERVICES</p> <p>a) Landscape irrigation areas b) Street cleaning c) Fire hydrants d) Industrial washing</p>	<p>EMERGING POLLUTANTS</p> <p>NO REGULATIONS</p> <p>GUIDELINES WHO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Guidelines for drinking water •Guidelines for drinking water <p>Guidelines Info:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General Description <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identity 2. Physico-chemical properties 3. Organoleptic properties (for organoleptic) 4. Major uses 5. Environmental Fate 4. Kinetics and metabolism in laboratory animals and humans 5. Effects of experimental animals and in vitro test system <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acute exposure 2. Short-term exposure 3. Long-term exposure 4. Reproductive and developmental toxicity 5. Neuro-toxicity studies 6. Mutagenicity and related endpoints 7. Carcinogenicity <p style="text-align: right;">http://www</p>
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SPANISH DATA BASE

TRAGUA DATA BASE:

<http://www.consolider-tragua.com/guias.htm>

PUBLICACIONES:

- ❖ **Base de datos de EDARs en España (Versión para Windows)**
Access to a Data Base where is compiled the information about WWTP in Spain.



- ❖ **Servidor WEB de base de datos de EDARs en España:**
A map of Spain with red points indicating the location of the WWTP. Clicking on them appear a table with info about the WWTP (the same info that in the Windows version).

OUTCOMES

WP2 (UO): Metals and nutrients in industrial waste waters

A1. Evaluation of waste waters in mining and metallurgical industry in Finland (UO)

A2. List of technologies (UO)

Wastewater composition of mining industry

Metals

Cr, Cu, Pb, Mo, Ni, Zn, V, U, Fe, Al

Metalloids

As, Sb

Anions

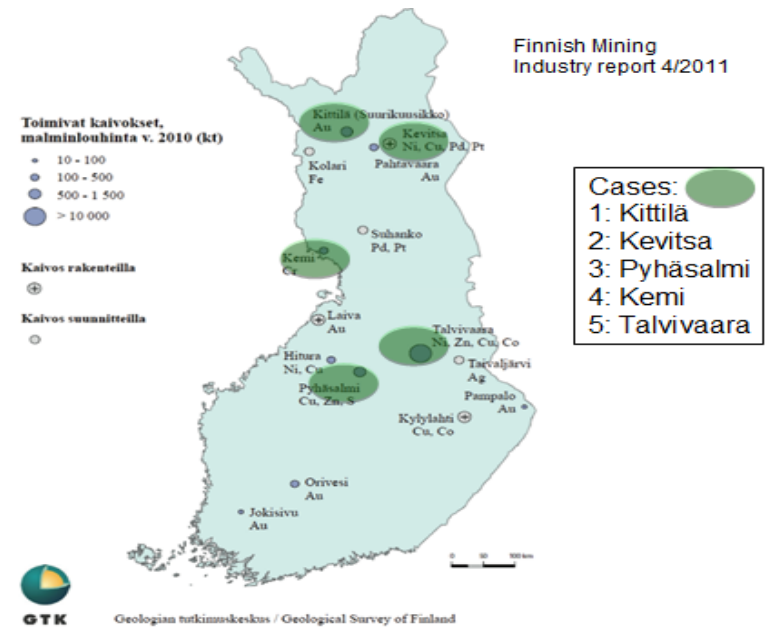
Sulphate, chloride, cyanides

Nutrients

Nitrates

Organic compounds

Mineral oils



OUTCOMES

WP2 (UO): Metals and nutrients in industrial waste waters pollutants

Wastewater composition, discharge limits and problematic points in the studied cases

	Case1	Case2	Case3	Case4	Case5
	Agnico-Eagle Finland Oy (Kittilä)	FQM Kevitsa Mining Oy (Sodankylä)	Pyhäsalmi Mine Oy (Pyhäjärvi)	Outokumpu Chrome Oy (Keminmaa)	Talvivaara Sotkamo Oy (Sotkamo)
	Limits (EP)	Limits (EP)	Limits (EP)	Limits (EP))	Limits (EP)
Aluminium (Al)	x				
Cadmium (Cd)			x		
Chromium (Cr)				x	
Copper (Cu)		0,3 mg/l	0,2 mg/l		0,5 mg/l
Iron (Fe)	x		x	x	
Gold (Au)					
Lead (Pb)			x		
Mercury (Hg)					0,5 mg/l
Manganese (Mn)	x		x		X
Nickel (Ni)	0,5 mg/l	0,5 mg/l			X
Platinum (Pt)					
Silver (Ag)					
Uranium (U)					
Zinc (Zn)			1,0 mg/l		1,5 mg/l
Arsenic (As)	1,0 mg/l				
Antimony (Sb)	0,5 mg/l				
Sulphate (SO₄)	x	x	x		X
Cyanide (total CN)	0,4 mg/l				
Calcium (Ca)			x	x	
Solid	20 mg/l	10 mg/l	10 mg/l	10 mg/l	10 mg/l
Nitrogen (N)	x	x	x	x	
Phosphorus (P)				x	
pH	6-10	6-9,5	5,5-9,5		6-9,5

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WP2 (UO): Metals and nutrients in industrial waste waters pollutants

Drainage treatment technologies used in the studied cases

	Case1	Case2	Case3	Case4	Case5
Drainage Treatment Technology Categories	Agnico-Eagle Finland Oy (Kittilä)	FQM Kevitsa Mining Oy (Sodankylä)	Pyhäsalmi Mine Oy (Pyhäjärvi)	Outokumpu Chrome Oy (Keminmaa)	Talvivaara Sotkamo Oy (Sotkamo)
Neutralization					
Lime/Limestone Process	X (CaO)	X (Ca(OH) ₂)	X (CaO)		X
Metal removal					
Precipitation/Hydroxide	X	X	X		X
Other Technologies	X				
Specific target pollutant treatment					
Cyanide removal -chemical oxidation -biological oxidation -complexation	x (chemical oxidation)				
Arsenic removal -oxidation/reduction -precipitation -adsorption	x (precipitation)				
Removal of suspended solids					
Clarification by adding flocculants	X	X		X	X
Wetland	X	X			

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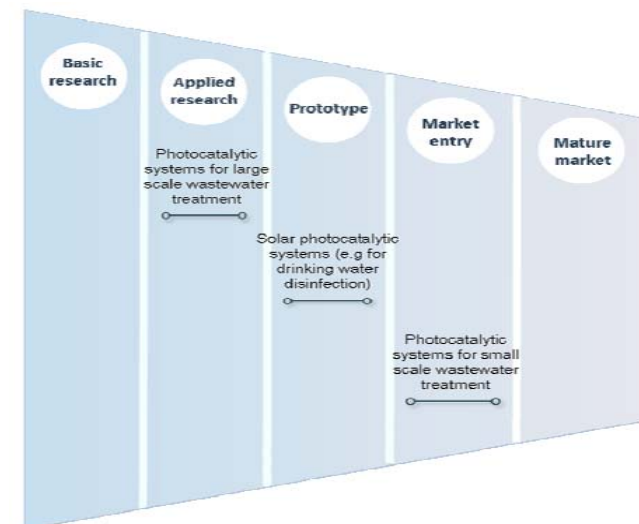
Use of membrane technology, photocatalysis and adsorption in Finnish mining industry

Adsorption

Activated carbon is mostly used as the adsorbent material
Used in the Kittila mine
Other adsorption materials such as zeolites are also under research

Photocatalysis

It is studied in research projects but it is not yet used in the mining industry



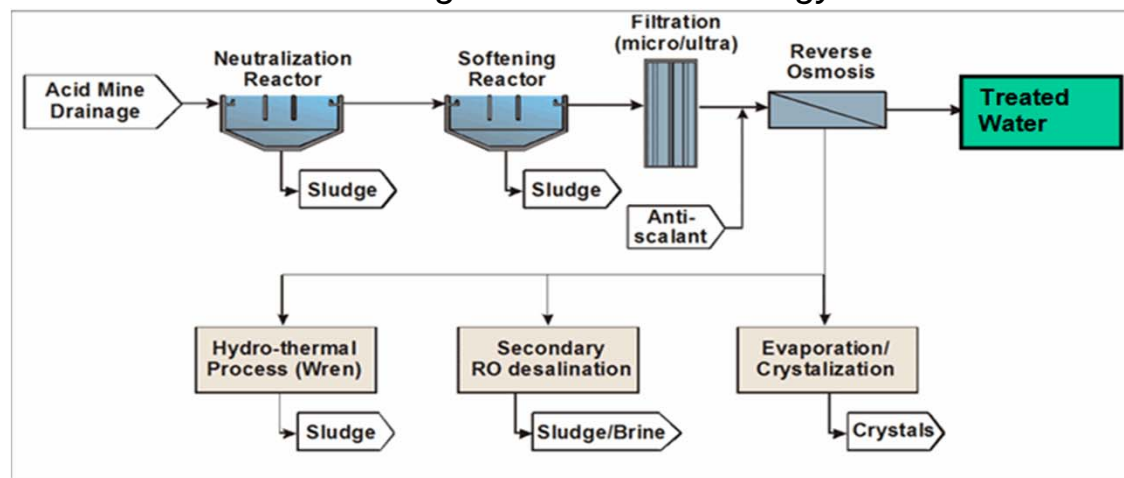
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Membrane technology

Reverse osmosis/nanofiltration for the removal of sulphates
 Finnish mining company Talvivaara will start in November 2012 using membrane technology

A possible wastewater treatment process for the removal of sulphates using membrane technology

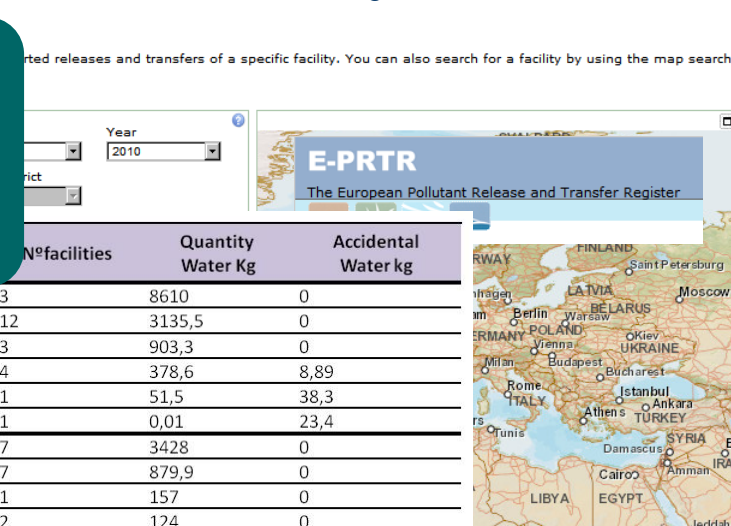


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WP3 (ICT): Pharmaceutical industry related waste waters

T1. Evaluation of waste waters from pharmaceutical industry

Development of an inventory of emissions to water / main pollutants of wastewater from the pharmaceutical industry in Europe



		N°facilities	Quantity Water Kg	Accidental Water kg
CHLORINATED ORGANIC SUBSTANCES	Halogenated organic compounds (as AOX)	3	8610	0
	Dichloromethane (DCM)	12	3135,5	0
	Trichloromethane	3	903,3	0
	1,2-dichloroethane (DCE)	4	378,6	8,89
	Tetrachloroethylene (PER)	1	51,5	38,3
HEAVY METALS	PCDD + PCDF (dioxins + furans) (as Teq)	1	0,01	23,4
	Zinc and compounds (as Zn)	7	3428	0
	Nickel and compounds (as Ni)	7	879,9	0
	Chromium and compounds (as Cr)	1	157	0
	Copper and compounds (as Cu)	2	124	0
	Lead and compounds (as Pb)	2	117,5	0
	Arsenic and compounds (as As)	4	79	0
	Cadmium and compounds (as Cd)	1	5,8	0
	Mercury and compounds (as Hg)	3	5,77	0
INORGANIC SUBSTANCES	Chlorides (as total Cl)	7	29097650	0
	Total phosphorus	9	9409440	0
	Total nitrogen	7	1680800	0
	Fluorides (as total F)	4	46130	0
OTHER ORGANIC SUBSTANCES	Cyanides (as total CN)	2	73,99	0
	Total organic carbon (TOC) (as total C or COD/3)	18	2583700	0
	Phenols (as total C)	8	1541,8	0

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WP4: Dissemination and training

T1. Research visits; T2. Meetings; T3. Conducting lectures and training



Prof. Yadav's presentation on Advanced separation processes course.



Lectures and meetings



Visiting the laboratories

**Meeting in UO, Oulu
3-5 April, 2012**

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Meetings



Visiting the laboratories

**Meeting in ICT, Mumbai
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Visit of three research scholars from ICT Mumbai to University of Cantabria and University of Oulu for two months



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