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Treatment and Management of Organotin and Metal Contaminated Sediment

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Why this research?





Previous research

Acidic leaching and chemical precipitation for metal recovery

Waste ash, 3% Zn

- 70% Zn recovery
- Product with 50% Zn
- Full-scale plant under construction

Ash from contaminated bark, 2% Cu

- >80% Cu recovery
- Product with 40% Cu

Soil 0,2% Cu

- 50% Cu recovery
- Product with 10% Cu





Can similar approach be used on sediment?

- **Extra challenges**
- Organic compounds **and** metals
- Lower metal content
- **Potentials**
- Decreased landfilling
- Decreased transports
- Saves natural resources
- Metal recovery
- Circular economy



Aim and goal

- Environmental adaptable methods for sustainable treatment of OTs and metal contaminated sediments
- Less disposal and landfilling
- Higher utilization of resources (material and metals)



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Metal prices

Cobalt

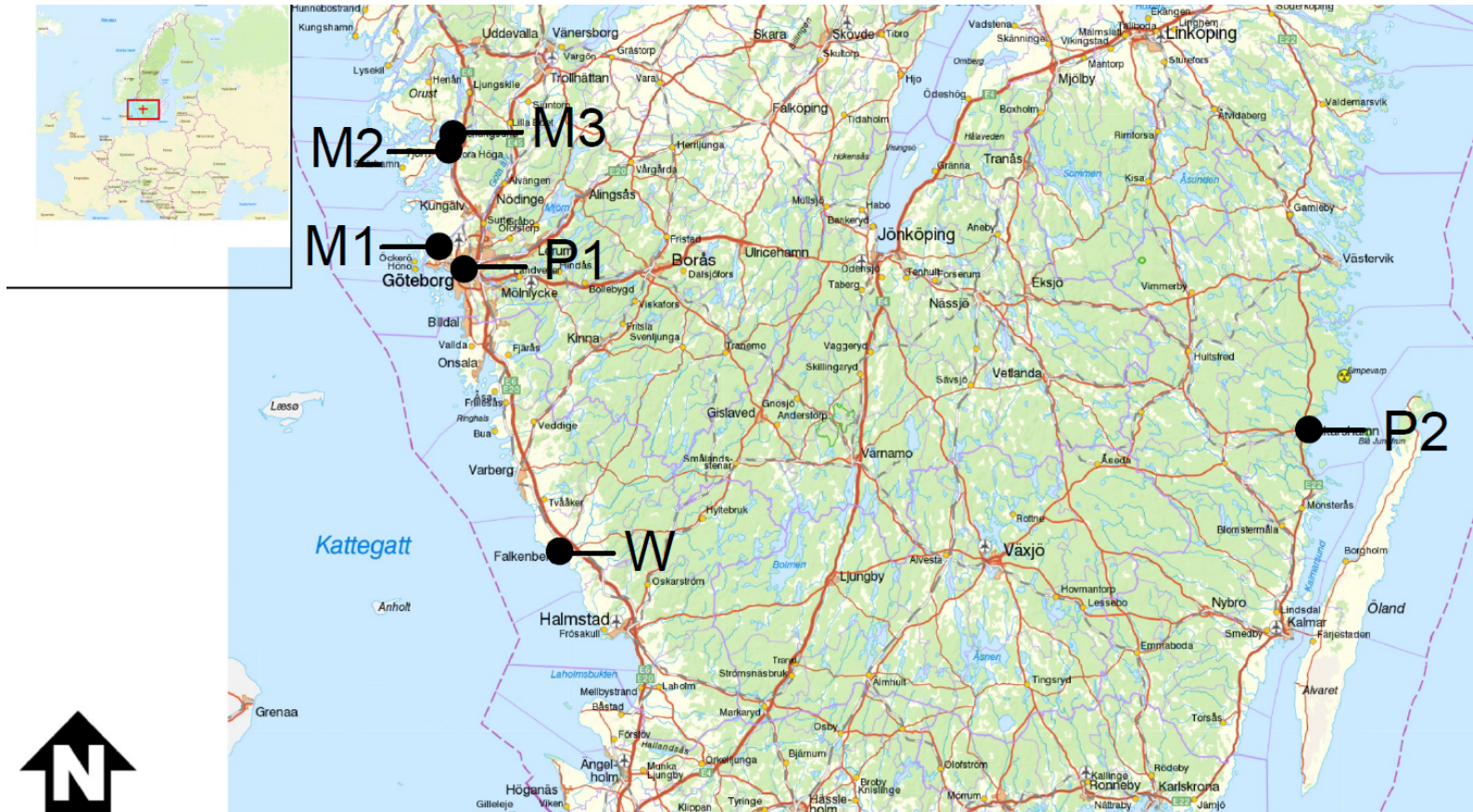
HISTORICAL PRICES GRAPH



Tin

LME TIN HISTORICAL PRICE GRAPH







Sediment characterization

- + TBT is the main problem
- + Cu, Zn, As
- + Determines possible management alternatives



Summary

- + Useful approach for deciding management options, assessing environmental and economical aspects
- + Need for metal and organotin extraction technology
Treat specific particle size or metall (Cu, Zn...)
- + Other treatment methods then leaching



Photoelectrocatalytic degradation of TBT, organic pollutants, microplastics, and simultaneous metal recovery?

Hypothesis: If combining techniques for chemical oxidation, photocatalytic oxidation, and electrolysis it will be possible to degrade organic pollutants, microplastics and TBT; and simultaneously recover metals as for example tin, copper and zinc.

This method can also be useful for sustainable and innovative treatment of, for example, highly polluted street dust and sand, road runoff, urban stormwater sediment, contaminated soil.



Photoelectrocatalytic experiments for degradation TBT and recovery of tin:

Step 1. Fentons reagens (oxidation, degradation)

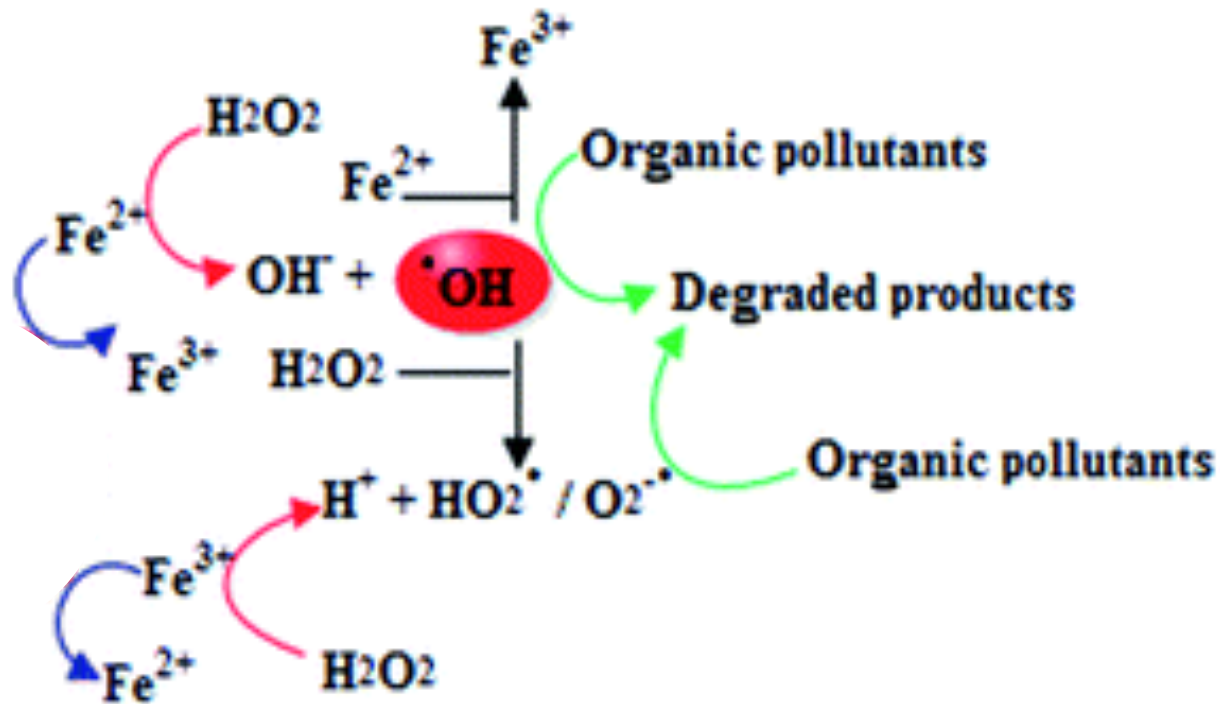
Step 2. Electrochemical oxidation with metal recovery (oxidation, degradation, metal recovery)

Step 3. Photocatalytic degradation (photooxidation, photodegradation)

Step 4. Combine 2 – 3 and 1 – 3

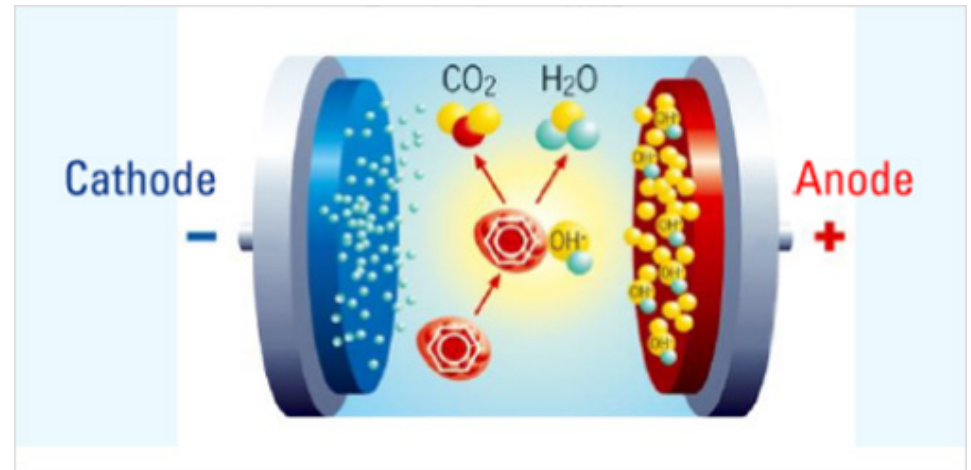
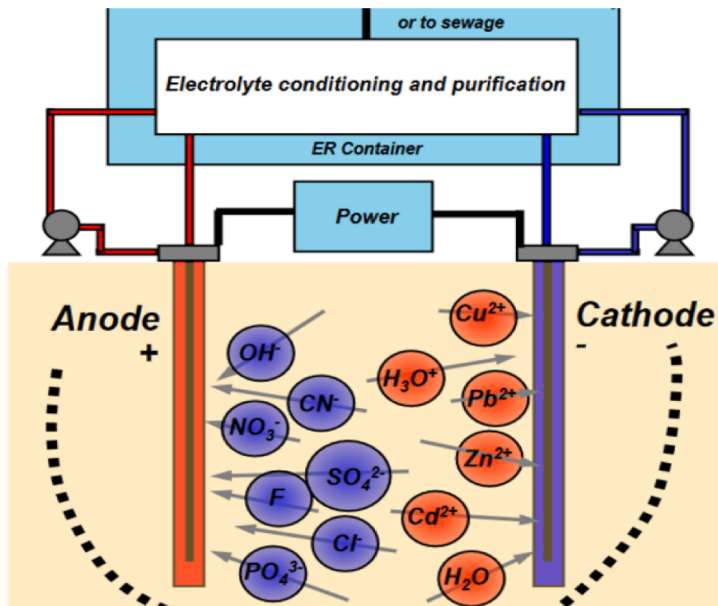


Step 1. Fenton's reagent



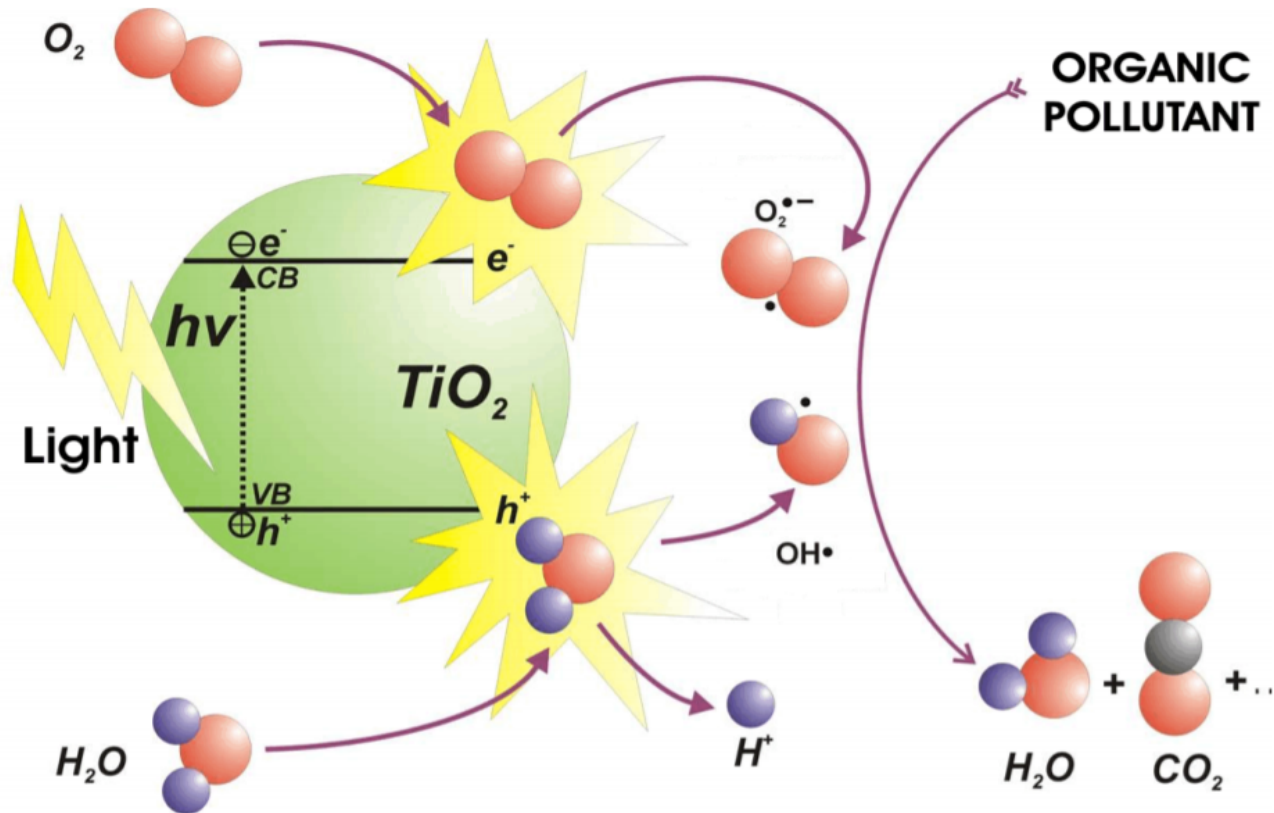


Step 2. Electrochemical oxidation with metal recovery





Step 3. Photocatalytic degradation





Phytoremediation

- **Hypothesis**
- **OTs are degraded and/or enriched in the plant.**
- **Metals are enriched in the plant.**
- **Incineration of the plant enhances recovery of the metals.**
- **Challenge...**
- **Salt water sediments**



Growth



Just planted...



After 1 month...

