

# Review of Soil Remediation Technologies through Patent Analysis

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# Importance of IP in the knowledge-Based Society

**Rapid Change from an  
Industrial Society  
to a Knowledge-Based  
Society**

- Price per gram :
- Gold \$35,
- Interferon \$5,000

**The development and  
securing of new innovative are  
sources for creating national  
wealth, not just a means of  
acquiring wealth.**

- Transforming  
traditional  
industry to high  
value-added  
industry - a  
must

# IP in the knowledge-Based Society

Patent databases now available freely online & patent analysis developed as a very potent technique to gain invaluable insights

*for*

Planning for new technology development programmes

Patent search - must for technology licensing & commercialization

Strategic decisions

# Patent Search vs Patent Analysis

## Patent Search

- for a specific patent through its number, title or inventor

## Patent Analysis

- data mining through keyword search
- capturing patents in a given field and analyzing patenting trends – requires a dedicated software



## Patent Analysis & Visualization

Matheo Patent software designed to search, retrieve and analyse patent data from the [USPTO](#) and [Esp@cenet](#) .

can

automatically retrieves patents based on keywords

creates your local database

allows sorting on standard or user defined classification numbers

manages the patent families

statistically analyzes the patents collected

generates graphic displays

creates personal reports





# Who are the significant inventors in this field?

The software allows you to sort on 'Inventor'!

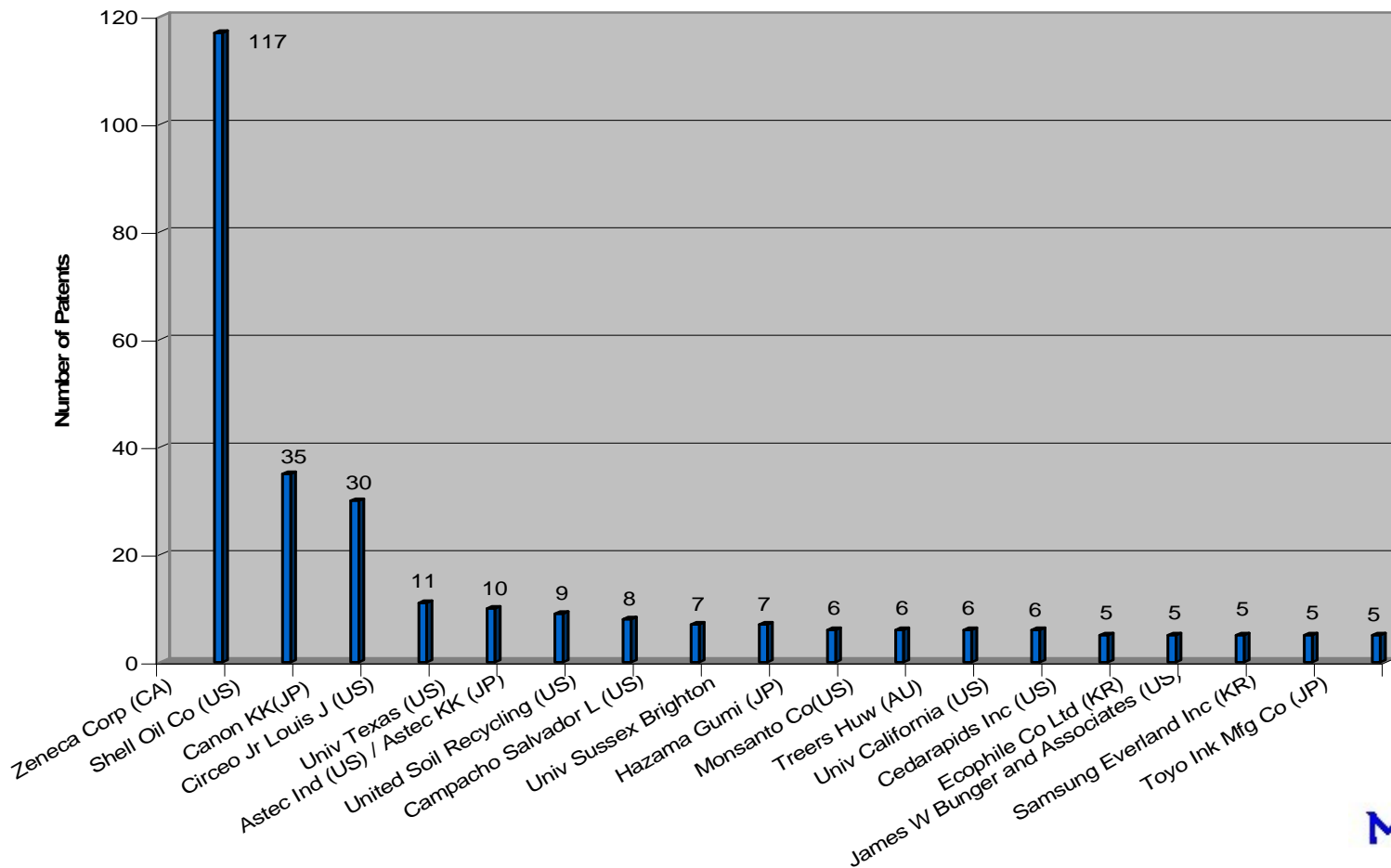
Identified most prolific inventors:

Vinegar Harold J (94)

Stegemeier George (co-inventor) (75)

Gray Neil CC (66)

# Major Patent Holders in Soil Remediation Technologies



# Technology Status

## Looking through IPC codes



No.	IPC Code	Technical Features of Patents	Family	Patent
1	B09C1/00	Reclamation of contaminated soil	236	815
2	B09C1/08	Reclamation of contaminated soil - chemically	118	433
3	B09C1/10	Reclamation of contaminated soil – microbiologically or by using enzymes	87	371
4	B09C1/06	Reclamation of contaminated soil - thermally	77	358
5	B09C1/02	Reclamation of contaminated soil – extraction using liquids, e.g. washing, leaching	72	265
6	B09B3/00	Destroying solid waste or transforming solid waste into something useful or harmless	62	230
7	A62D3/00	Processes for <u>harmful</u> chemical substances	55	209
8	E02D3/00	Improving or preserving soil or rock	20	123

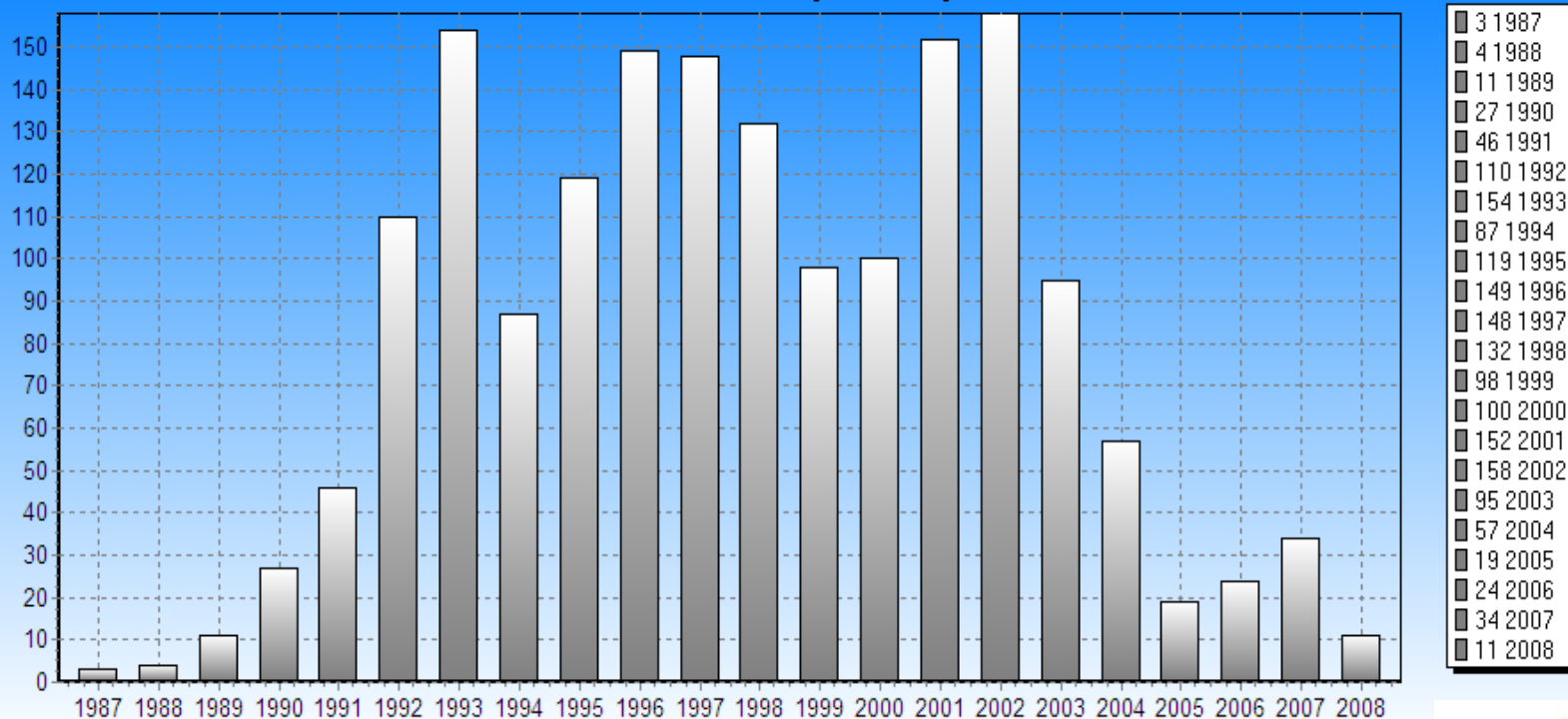
# Technology Status

## A Closer look on IPC Codes!

S.No	PATENT HOLDER / IPC (4-DIGIT)	IPC (4-DIGIT)				S.No. PATENT HOLDER / IPC					H06B	C12S	F26B	B03B	
		B09C	B09B	None	A62D	S.No.	PATENT HOLDER / IPC	B09C	B09B	None					A62D
1	Zeneca Corp (CA)	7	7	7	7	1	Zeneca Corp (CA)	7	7	7	7		2		
2	Shell Oil Co. (US)	31	27	21	5	2	Shell Oil Co. (US)	31	27	21	5	5			
3	Cannon Kk (JP)	22	12	18	11	3	Cannon Kk (JP)	22	12	18	11		5		
4	Circeo Louis J Jr (US)	5	9	9	5	4	Circeo Louis J Jr (US)	5	9	9	5	2			
5	Univ Texas (US)	7	6	5	3	5	Univ Texas (US)		7	6	5	3			
6	Astec Co Ltd (JP)	5	4		1	6	Astec Co Ltd (JP)	5	4		1			2	
7	United Soil Recycling (US)	8				7	United Soil Recycling (US)	8							
8	Campacho Salvador L (US)	3	5	5	3	8	Campacho Salvador L (US)	3	5	5	3				
9	Univ Sussex Brighton (GB)	8	5		4	9	Univ Sussex Brighton (GB)	8	5		4			2	3
10	Hazama Gumil (JP)	4	3	1	2	13	Univ California (US)	3	1		2				
11	Monsanto (US)	5	2	3	3	14	Cedarapids Inc (US)	3	2						
12	Trears Huw (AU)	5				15	Ecophlle Co Ltd (KR)	5							
13	Univ California (US)	3	1		2	16	James W Bunger & Associates (US)	3				3			
14	Cedarapids Inc (US)	3	2			17	Samsung Everland Inc (KR)	3					2	1	
15	Ecophlle Co Ltd (KR)	5				18	Toyo Ink Manf Co (JP)	4	3		4				
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# Life of Patents on Remediation Technologies

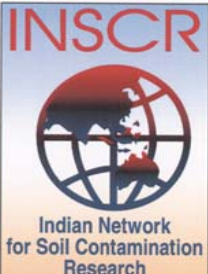
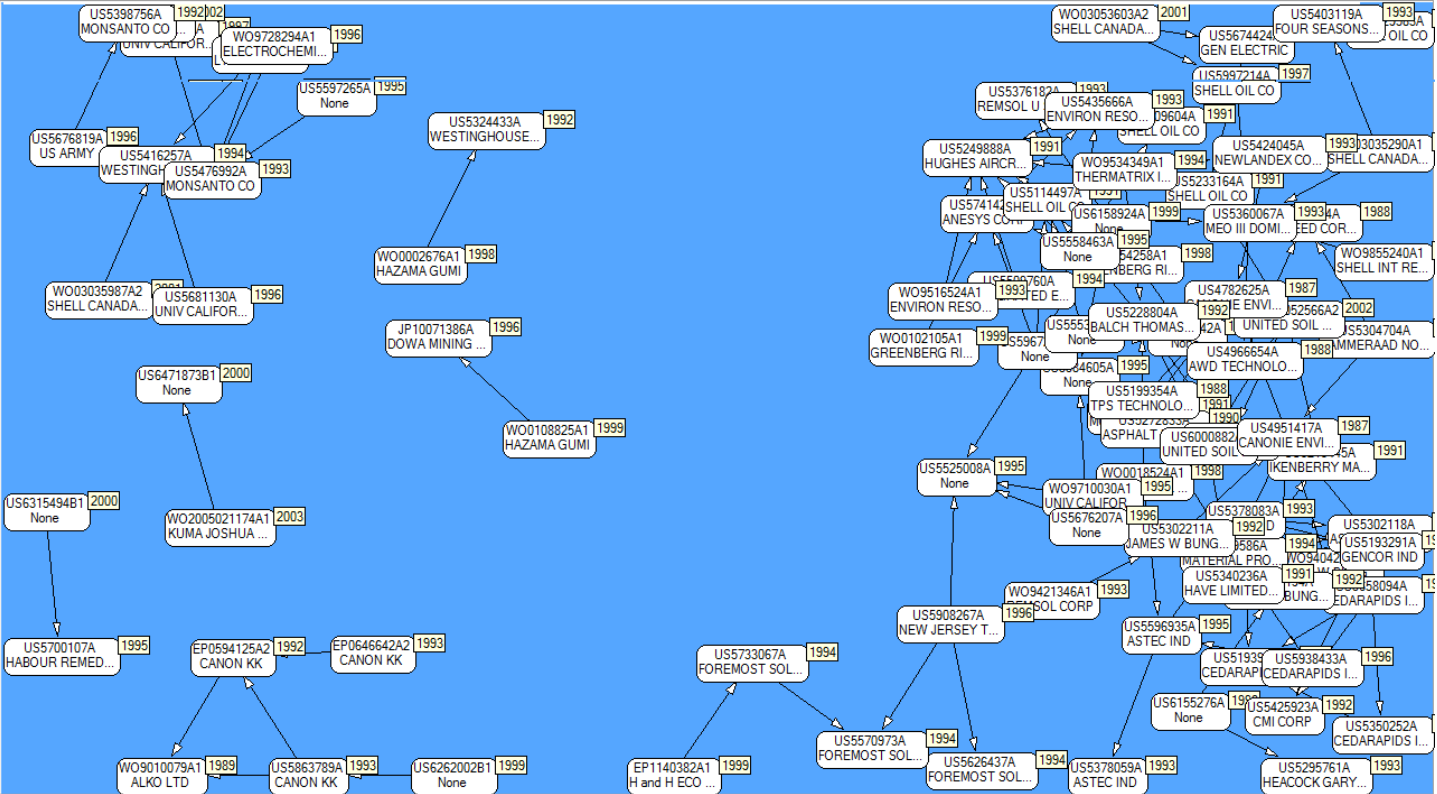
Soil Remediation Patents by Priority Year



# Citation Analysis



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# Conclusion

Patent literature - a potent source of assessing technology status in any field.

In soil remediation field, important technologies have been developed and patented between 1990 and 2004.

The current rate of technology development is in the consolidation phase with various approaches having been fully explored.

About equal research efforts seem to have gone for developing decontamination technologies employing

- **i) chemical treatment**
- **ii) heat treatment,**
- **iii) biological methods and**
- **iv) extraction through washing and leaching.**

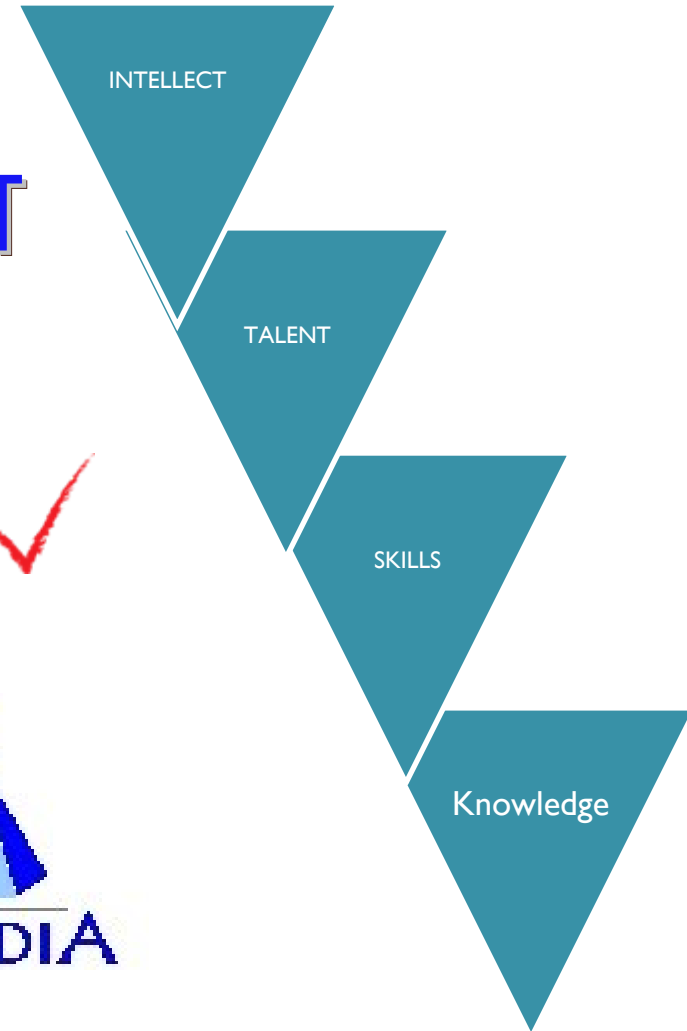
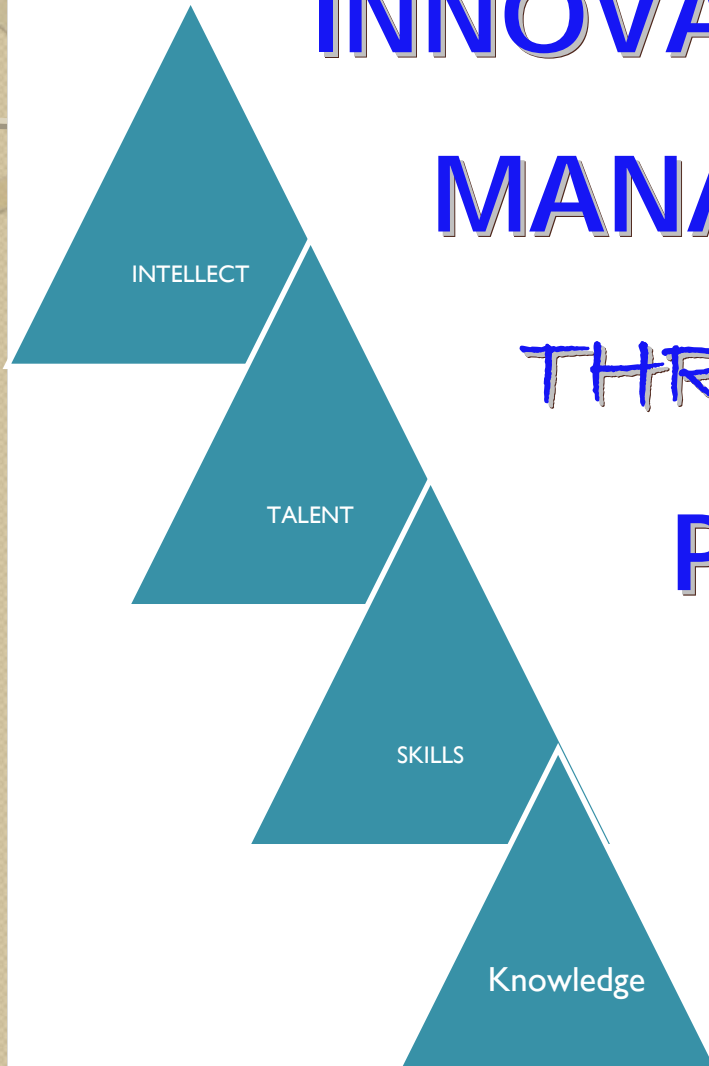
- In addition, electro-chemical processes have also been tried vigorously at many place

**INNOVATION**

**MANAGEMENT**

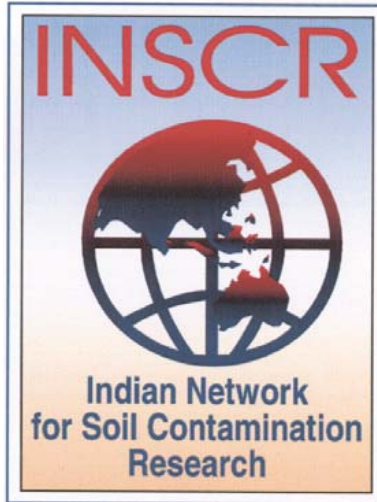
**THROUGH**

**PATENTS** ✓



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