

# Advanced Oxidation Processes for the Removal of Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals and Enhanced Water Treatment

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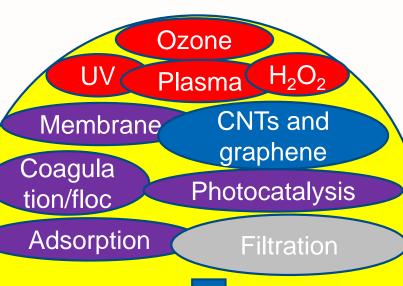
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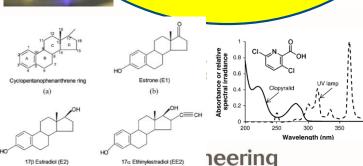
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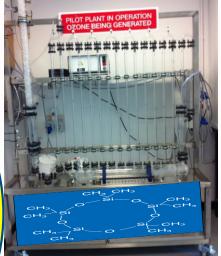


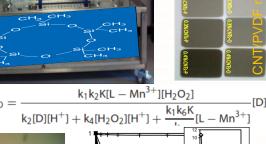
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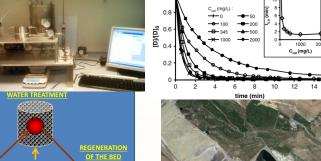


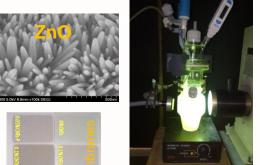




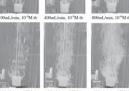


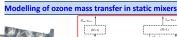


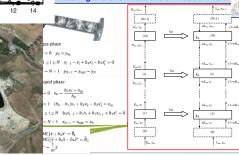












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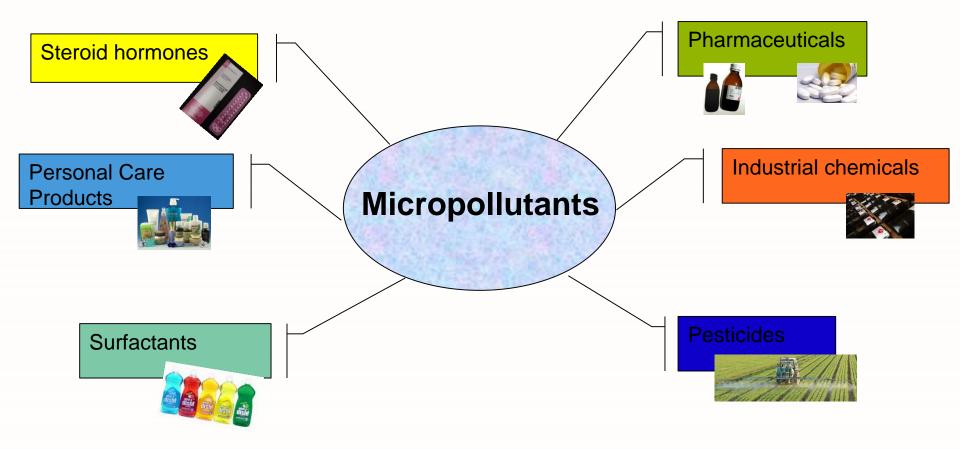


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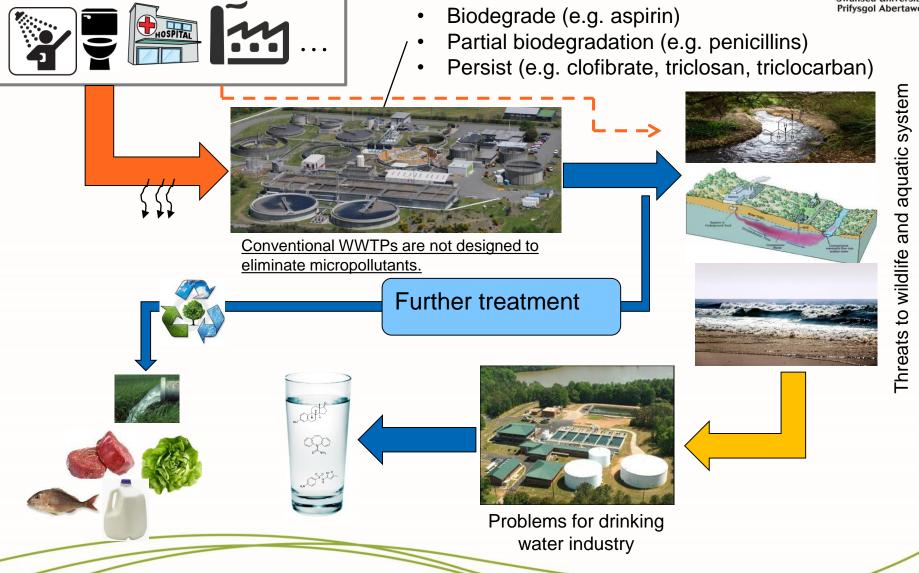
# Micropollutants (MPs) /Trace Organic compounds (TOrCs)





# Micropollutants in the environment





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#### **REVIEW**

#### The fate of pharmaceutical chemicals in the environment

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Increased demands for potable water, especially where supplies are drawn from rivers has necessitated a greater degree of water re-use. As water undertakings h to maintain the wholesome quality of potable water supplies, increasing concer expressed over the presence of organic micro-contaminants (contaminants ug litre-1 concentrations). This study outlines some of the problems encou assessing the risk from pharmaceutical chemicals which might enter the water domestic and industrial sources. Analytical chemistry was of value for only a few compounds studied. However, much useful information was derived from t metabolic routes of the drugs and is collated in Appendix I. Biodegradation si other ecotoxicity/environmental toxicology data may be required to a greater ex future. Particular consideration is given to vulnerable sections of the population Fisher et al. 1952. "Estrogenic action of some DDT analogues", Proc. Soc. Exptl. Biol. Med. 81(2): 439-441 Swansea University

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#### ESTROGENIC ACTIVITY IN FIVE MEASUREMENT OF VITEI

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Abstract-It was recently demonstrated that most, if r effluent enters might also be estrogenic. To assess this p at various distances downstream of the effluent entry into five rivers in England were studied. In four cases very marked and rapid increases in their plasma vitello of these four cases, none of the downstream sites were e did respond by synthesizing appreciable amounts of situation in the fourth river was quite different; not or in the mg/ml range was attained), but so were all the where the effluent entered. This particular river recei concentrations of alkylphenolic chemicals than any of account for the estrogenic activity of this river. The fir This discharge comes from a very small STW, which why the effluent (and hence the river) was not estroger

Keywords-Estrogen Sewage Oncorhynchus

#### **Widespread Sexual Disruption in** Wild Fish

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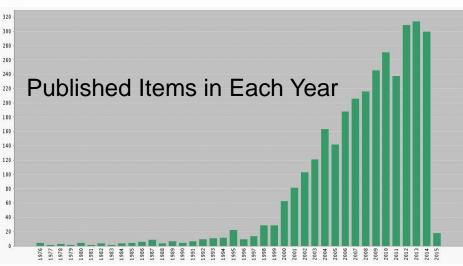
A number of chemicals present in the environment have been shown to mimic or antagonize the actions of steroid hormones, an issue often described as "endocrine disruption/modulation". There is very little evidence, however, to support the hypothesis that exposure to endocrine-disrupting chemicals is a global environmental health problem. In this paper, we demonstrate a high incidence of intersexuality in wild populations of riverine

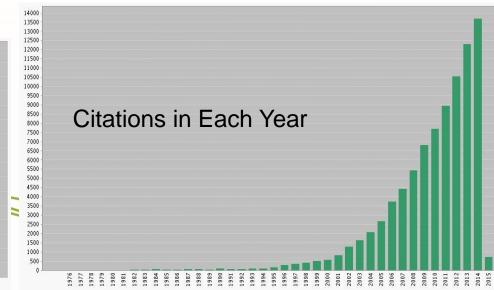
mented, but geographically limited, p (8-14). Most of the chemicals that many orders of magnitude less potent counterparts, and it therefore seems exposure will cause significant healt standing this, it is entirely possible that of endocrine-modulating substances present in the environment, may car even synergistic effects. Furtherm unknown chemicals that may be m known to date or whose actions d toxicological dose-response curve ( The critical issue is whether suffi endocrine-modulating substances e vironment to exert adverse reproduc and/or humans. It is primarily this qu the basis of the international conce environmental impact of endocrine-r While this debate has been the subjec meetings and has received much pul support the hypothesis that endoc stances are a significant human and problem is lacking (for a recent review this conclusion seems to be due to t studies on this subject and not to support of the converse hypothesis.

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#### **Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals/Compounds**





## **Effects of MPs and EDCs**



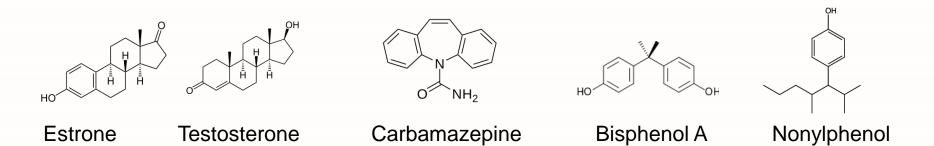
- Feminisation of male fish via exposure to hormones (e.g. E1, E2, EE2).
- Effect on many other species (e.g. diclofenac on vultures).
- EDCs → learning disabilities, severe attention deficit disorder, breast cancer, prostate cancer, thyroid and other cancers.
- Feminising of males or masculinising effects on females.
- Damage to a developing fetus.
- Link between phthalate concentration and genital abnormalities in newborn males.
- Reproductive organ malformations in birds, mammals and alligators (Florida, USA).
- Bacterial resistance caused by exposure of bacteria to pharmaceuticals
- Antimicrobial resistance -> antibiotics fail to treat a number of infections

# **Examples of EDCs**



Several thousand natural and synthetic chemicals have been identified as EDCs including (the list continues to grow):

- Natural and synthetic estrogens, androgens (estrone, ethinyl estradiol, testosterone)
- Certain pharmaceuticals (β-blockers, carbamazepine etc.)
- Surfactants (e.g. nonylphenol and its ethoxylates)
- Pesticides, herbicides and fungicides (e.g. DDT, Dieldrin)
- Polyaromatic compounds (e.g. PAHs, PCBs, brominated flame retardants)
- Organic oxygen compounds (e.g. phthalates, bisphenol A)
- · Many other industrial chemicals



# **Removal Techniques**



- •Data for UK rivers and streams has shown that median concentrations of pharmaceuticals are almost always ≤100 ng/L
- •Only a few are oxidised by chlorine or chlorine dioxide
- •Most non-polar organic compounds are removed by activated carbon
- Ozone/GAC effective for almost all pharmaceuticals
- Ozonation and advanced oxidation processes effective
- •Photolysis reactions and photocatalytic processes.

Estrogen	Oxidant	K (M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )
E1	O <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> O <sub>9</sub> OOH	6.2×10 <sup>3</sup> (pH 4) 9.4×10 <sup>5</sup> (pH 7) 2.1×10 <sup>7</sup> (pH 8.5) 5×10 <sup>9</sup> (pH 10.5) 2.6×10 <sup>10</sup>
E2	°OH	1.41×10 <sup>10</sup> (pH 6.8)
EE2	O <sub>3</sub> °OH	7×10 <sup>9</sup> (pH 6) 1.08×10 <sup>10</sup> (pH 6.8)

Second-order rate constants for the ozonation of estrogens

#### Ozone and AOPs



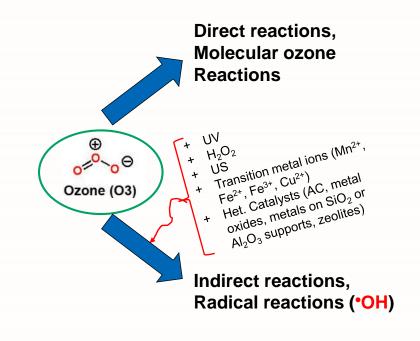
$$3O_2 \rightarrow 2O_3$$

 $\Delta H_f^0$  at 1atm = +284.5 kJ.mol<sup>-1</sup>

Theor: 1.65 kWh/kg, Prac. ~10kWh/kg O<sub>3</sub>

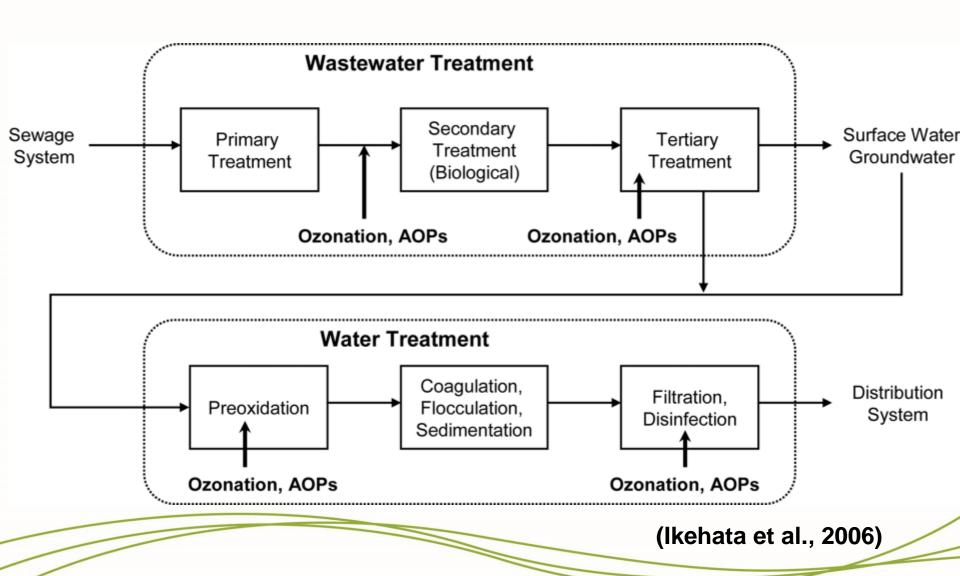
• Ozone is a Powerful Oxidising agent  $O_3 + 2H_3O^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow O_2 + 3H_2O$   $E^0 = 2.07 \text{ V}$ 

Species	Oxidation	
	Potential eV	
Hydroxyl radical, •OH	2.80	
Ozone, O <sub>3</sub>	2.07	
Hydrogen peroxide, H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	1.77	
Perhydroxyl radical, •OOH	1.70	
Chlorine dioxide, CIO <sub>2</sub>	1.50	
Hypochlorous acid, HOCl	1.49	
Chlorine, Cl <sub>2</sub>	1.36	
Oxygen, O <sub>2</sub>	0.40	



# Possible points to apply ozonation and AOPs



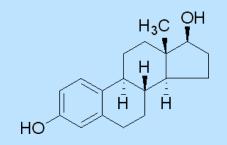




# Removal of E1, E2, and EE2 using the Liquid/Liquid-Ozone system



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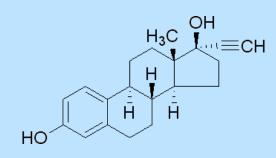


#### 17β-estradiol (E2)

 $C_{18}H_{24}O_2$ 

M=272.39 g/mol

- Produced by all mammals
- Binds easily with human receptor

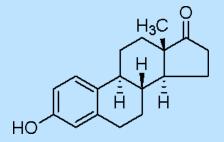


#### 17α-ethinylestradiol (EE2)

 $C_{20}H_{24}O_2$ 

M=296.403 g/mol

- Synthetic
- Main ingredient of contraceptive pills



#### Estrone (E1)

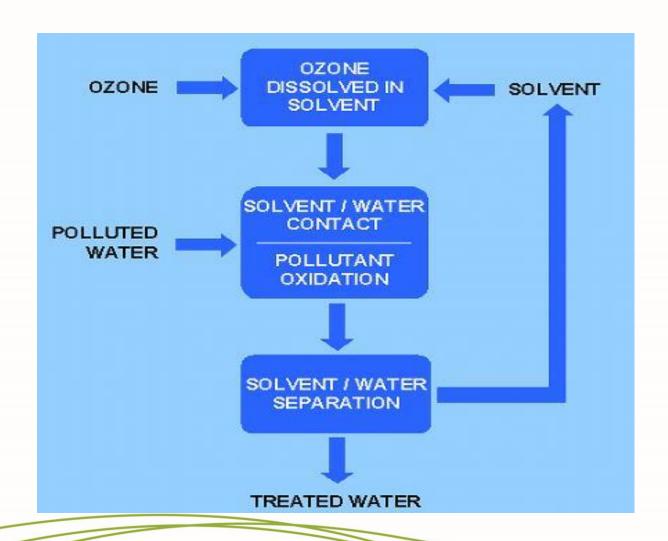
 $C_{18}H_{22}O_2$ 

M=270.366 g/mol

- Secreted by the ovary
- Product resulting from oxidation of E2

# The Process









Sampling point

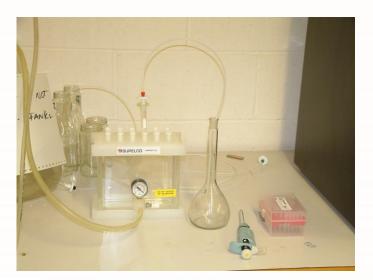
FSample preservation (15 mL of a solution containing hydrochloric acid (30%) and copper nitrate (0.25 g/L) added to 5L sample).

# **EDCs Analysis**

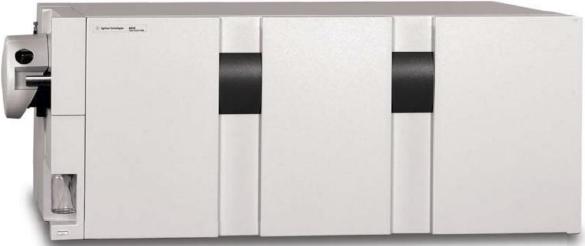


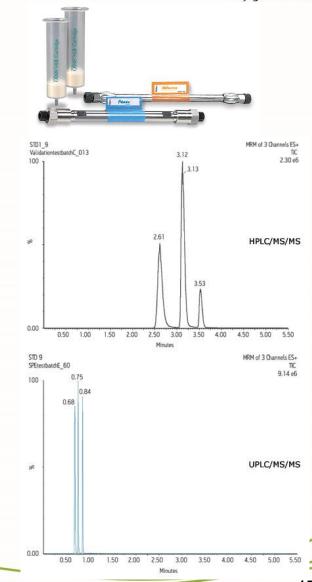
is a challenge!

Sample Collection → SPE → HPLC-MS-MS analysis









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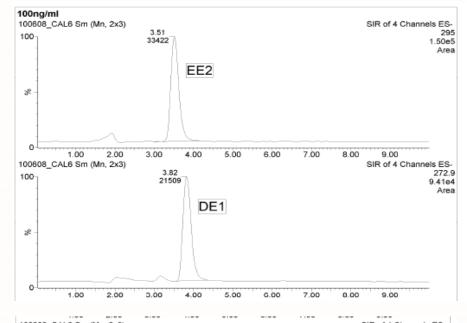
# The analytical method

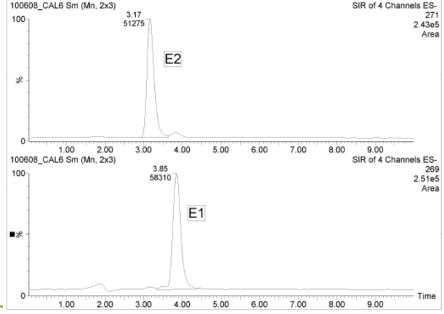
### Solid phase extraction recoveries

EDC	E1	E2	EE2
Recovery (%)	79.1	81.2	77.6

#### LC/MS/MS

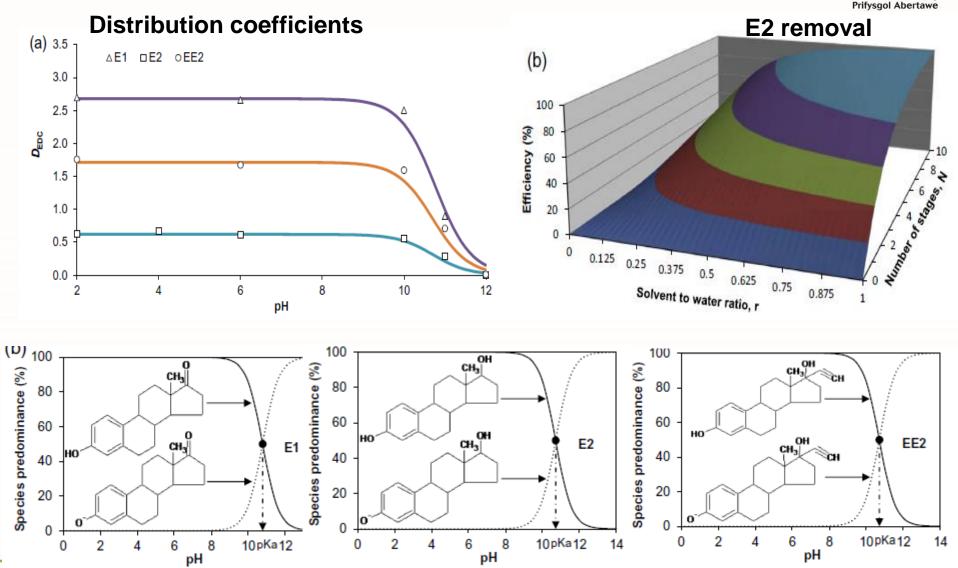
Estrogen	lons (m/z)	Retention time (min)
E2	271 / 143	3.17
EE2	295 / 143	3.51
DE1	273 / 147	3.82
E1	269 / 143	3.85





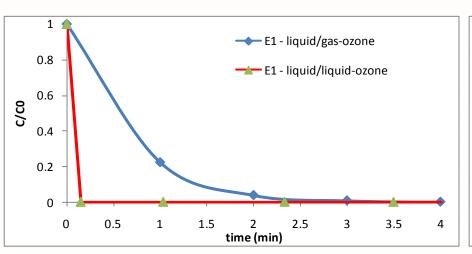
#### **Extraction of EDCs to the solvent**

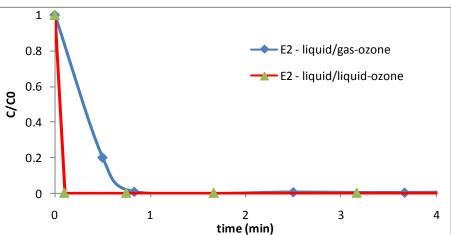


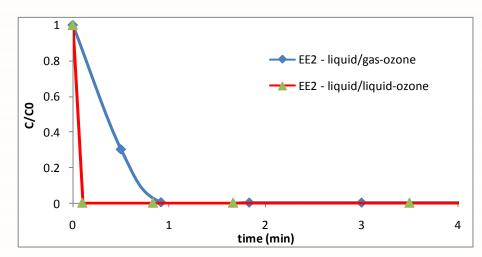


# Rates: LLO vs LGO





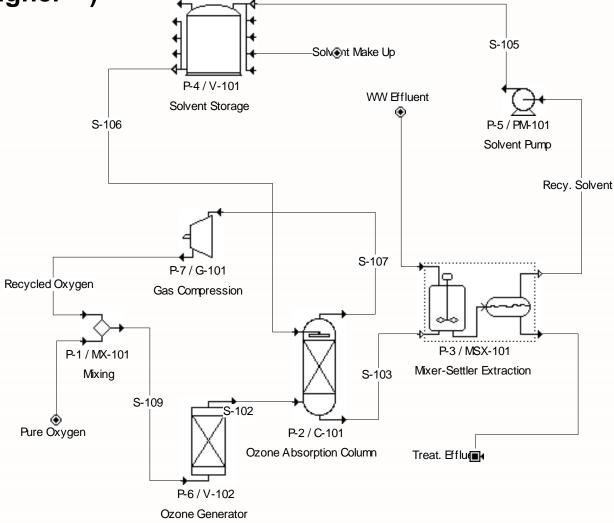




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#### PROCESS CALCULATION AND ESTIMATION OF BASIC OPERATIONAL COSTS



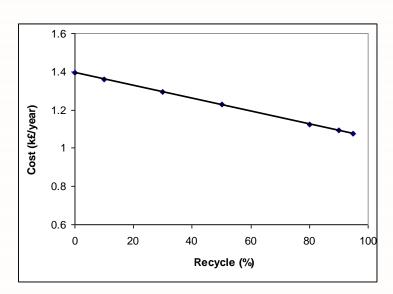
#### Input

Parameter	Value
Effluent flow rate (L/s) (highest at Marley)	400
Effluent flow rate (MLD)	34.6
E1 (ng/L)	100
E2 (ng/L)	100
EE2 (ng/L)	100
Ozone gas concentration (g/m3) NTP	100
Solvent ozone transfer efficiency (%)	95
Ozone transfer efficiency to water (%)	90
Ozone dose (mg/L)	1
Percentage solvent/water (%)	1
Solvent+ozone/water contact time (min)	1
Ozone production specific energy consumption (kWh/kg)	10
Cost unit power (£/kg)	0.1
Cost unit oxygen (£/kg)	0.1
Cost unit solvent (£/L)	7
Solvent replacement frequency/year	0.5
Contingency solvent volume ratio	0.2

#### Output

Parameter	Value	Value
Oxygen recycle (%) (var)	0	80
Volume of LLO contactor (m³)	24.2	24.2
Total cost (£/ML)	0.111	0.089

#### (NDP (O<sub>3</sub> only) $\rightarrow$ cost of ~£4/ML





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Removal of estrone (E1),  $17\beta$ -estradiol (E2), and  $17\alpha$ -ethinylestradiol (EE2) from wastewater by liquid-liquid extraction



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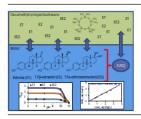
#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Huge concerns about occurrence of endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) in water.
- EDCs have tendency to distribute to organic solvents.
- Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane was
- effective to extract E1, E2 and EE2.

  The distribution coefficients were not
- affected by pH up to pH 9.5.

  Liquid-liquid extraction was effective to remove estrogenic potency from

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# A Modified Indigo Method for the Determination of Ozone in Nonaqueous Solvents

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The indigo method for the analysis of aqueous ozone was modified to allow analysis of dissolved ozone in nonaqueous liquid phases. The method was tested using the solvent decompliant analysis of the solvent of the so hurdles which must be overcome if the use of ozone in water treatment is going to continue to grow (Gottschalk et al. 2010). Traditionally, it has been difficult to expose contaminants of

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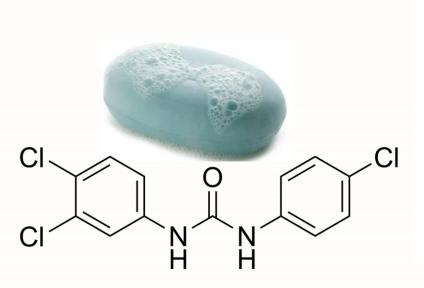
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# Removal of the antimicrobial triclocarban



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# Triclocarban Enhances Testosterone Action: A New Type of Endocrine Disruptor?

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#### Persistence Of Triclocarban Surprises

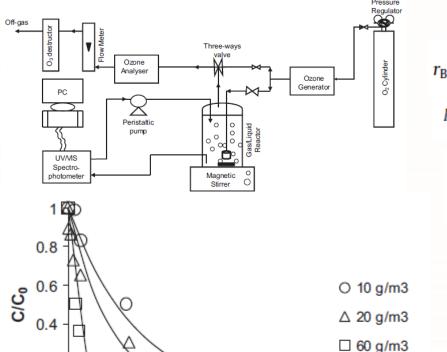
Johns Hopkins researchers have been measuring levels of the antibacterial hand soap ingredient, triclocarban, as it passed through water treatment facilities and found that 75 percent of the ingredient washed down household drains persists during wastewater treatment. Worse still, the chemical accumulates in municipal sludge, which is later used as a fertilizer and soil conditioner for crops.

"The observed persistence of triclocarban is remarkable," said researcher Jochen Heidler. "In the [treatment] plant, the chemical contained in sludge underwent biological



#### Removal of the antimicrobial triclocarban with ozone





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Degradation of the antimicrobial triclocarban (TCC) with ozone

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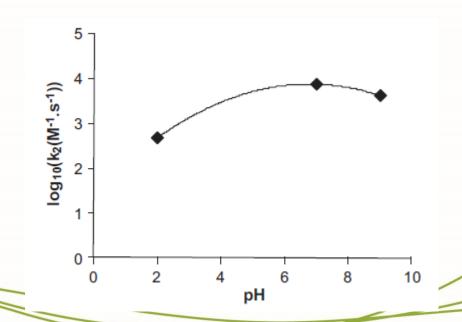
$$O_3 + bTCC \rightarrow products b=1$$

$$r_{\rm B} = -\frac{1}{b} \frac{dC_{\rm B}}{dt} = N_{\rm O_3} = aC_{\rm O_3}^* \sqrt{D_{\rm O_3} k_2 C_{\rm B}} \text{ for } 5H_{\rm a} < E_{\rm i}$$

$$N_{O_3} = k_L a C_{O_3}^* H_a$$
 for  $5H_a < E_i$ 

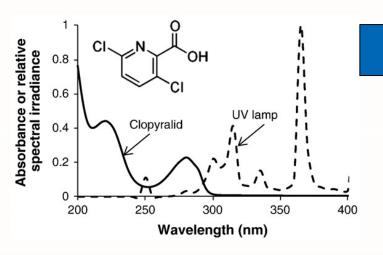
$$H_{\rm a} = \frac{\sqrt{D_{{\rm O}_3} k_2 C_{\rm B}}}{k_{\rm L}}$$
  $E_i = 1 + \frac{C_{\rm B} D_{\rm B}}{b C_{{\rm O}_3}^* D_{{\rm O}_3}}$ 

$$C_{B_0}^{0.5} - C_B^{0.5} = baC_{O_3}^* \frac{\sqrt{k_2 D_{O_3}}}{2} t$$





# Removal of the herbicide clopyralid

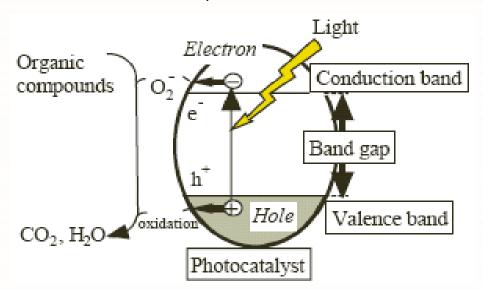






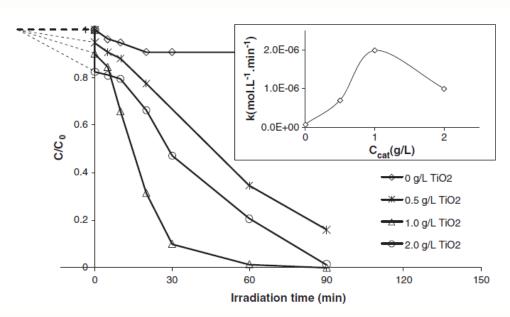


$$TiO_2 + hv \rightarrow h^+ + e^ h^+ + H_2O_{ads} \rightarrow OH + H^+$$
 $h^+ + OH^-_{ads} \rightarrow OH$ 
 $e^- + O_{2(ads)} \rightarrow O^-_{2}$ 

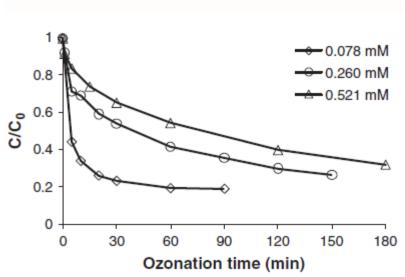


# Removal of clopyralid with O<sub>3</sub> and UV/TiO<sub>2</sub>





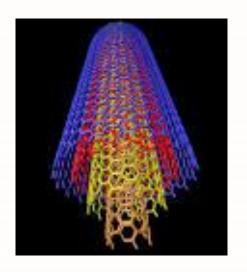
Removal of clopyralid with  $UV/TiO_2$  ( $C_0$ =0.078 mM, Power=160 W, pH=5). Inset: changes of the pseudozero-order rate constant vs. catalyst concentration

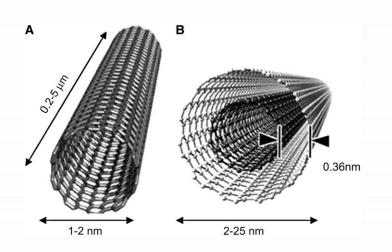


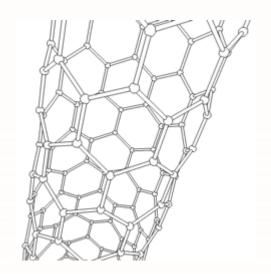
Removal of clopyralid with ozone (gas flow rate=200 mL/min, ozone gas concentration=60 g/m<sup>3</sup> NTP, pH=5.6, different initial clopyralid concentrations).

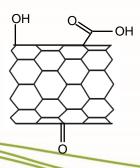


# **Heterogeneous Nanocatalytic Ozonation**

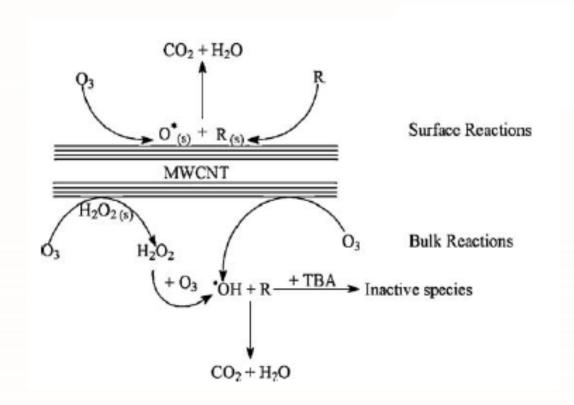












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## **Kinetics Model**



# **Homogeneous reactions:**

$$R + O_{3} \xrightarrow{k_{O3}-\text{homo}} products \qquad -\frac{d[R]}{dt} = k_{O3-\text{homo}}[O_{3}][R]$$

$$R + OH \xrightarrow{k_{OH}-\text{homo}} products \qquad -\frac{d[R]}{dt} = k_{OH-\text{homo}}[O_{3}][R]$$

Heterogeneous catalytic ozonation of diethyl phthalate

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# Heterogeneous reactions

$$S - R + O_3 \xrightarrow{k_{O3-het}} products \qquad -\frac{d\{S - R\}}{dt} = k_{O3-het}\{S - R\}\{O_3\}$$

$$S - R + OH \xrightarrow{k_{OH-het}} products \qquad -\frac{d\{S - R\}}{dt} = k_{OH-het}\{S - R\}\{OH\}$$

$$\frac{d[R]_{overall}}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} -k_{\text{O3-homo}}[O_3] - k_{\text{OH-homo}}[^{\bullet}OH] - \\ k_{\text{Ads}}\{S - act\} \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{k_{Des}\{H^+\}}{k_{Des}\{H^+\} + (k_{\text{O3-het}}\alpha_{O3} + k_{\text{OH-het}}\alpha_{OH})[O_3]} \end{pmatrix} R$$

$$\frac{d[DEP]_{overall}}{dt} = -k_{overall}[DEP]$$

Mansouri, L., H. Mohammed, C. Tizaoui, and L. Bousselmi. 2013. "Heterogeneous catalytic ozonation of diethyl phthalate", Desalination and Water Treatment 51 pp:6698-6710



# Comparison between CNT and activated carbon

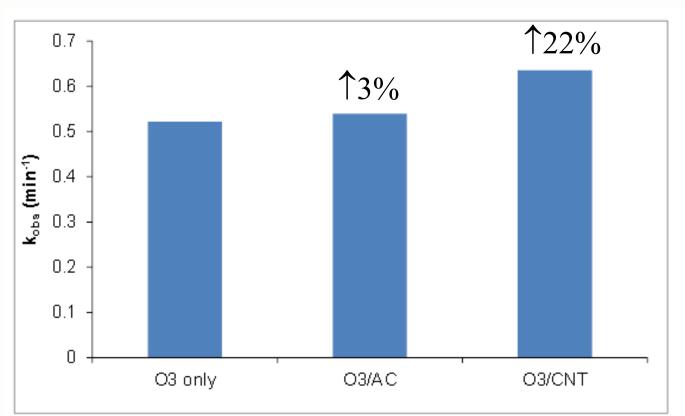


Figure 10: Comparison between CNT and AC as catalysts in heterogeneous catalytic ozonation (ozone concentration= 2 g/m³,  $C_0$ = 20 mg/L, pH=3, CNT dose = 10 mg/L, AC dose = 10 mg/L)



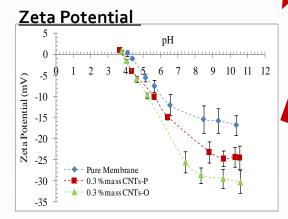
# **Hybrid ozone/membrane**

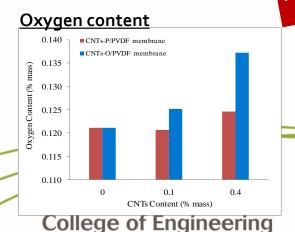
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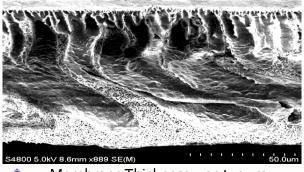
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CNTs-P

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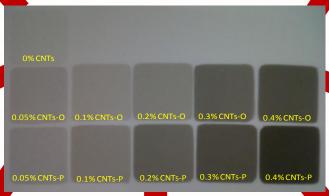
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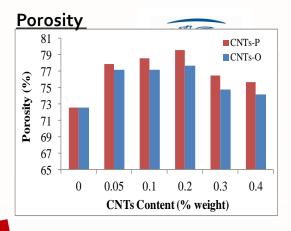


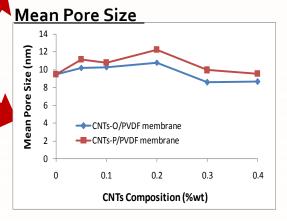


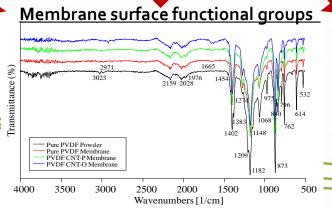


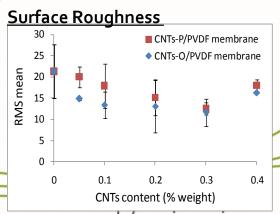
- Membrane Thickness: 100±10μm
- Active skin layer have
  - 10 50 nm pore diameter
  - Thickness about 1.3 1.7μm









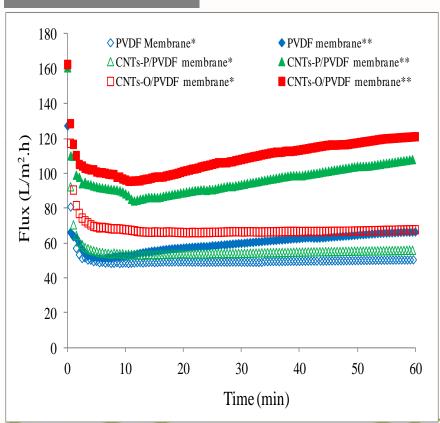


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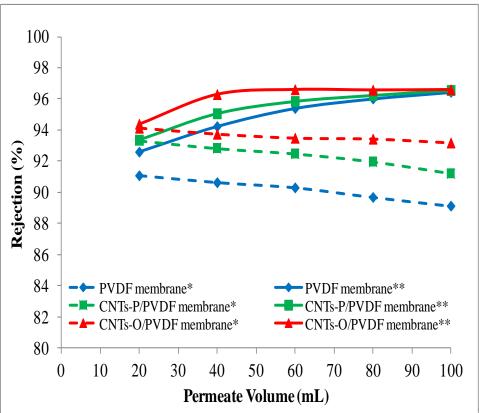


# **Hybrid Ozone/Membrane Performance**

## Membrane flux



# Membrane rejection



\*: no ozone; \*\*: with ozone



# **Ozone in food security**



A, B, C, D: 0, 2, 7, 21 g/m<sup>3</sup>

# **Conclusions**



- PPCPs, EDCs have serious effects on human health and the environment but still largely unnoticed
- Regulation is still lacking in this area though in recent years some regs started to emerge (e.g. Switzerland and EU "watch list")
- Ozone-based AOPs have been found very effective to remove PPCPs, EDCs
- LLE/O<sub>3</sub> system was effective to extract/destroy EDCs
- •The LLO system outperformed the conventional ozone gas system
- •UV/TiO<sub>2</sub> is effective but there are issues with high UV cost and catalyst recovery/reuse
- Research in this area is needed:
  - Develop cost-effective treatment technologies
  - Potency of by-products
  - Understand the distribution, fate, effects of EDCs throughout the water cycle
  - Understand the health/env. effects of EDCs during water reuse (e.g. irrigation)





# Energy/Water/Food nexus (quantity but also quality is important)

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# **OZONE PLANTS**



