

Linking Mass Spectrometry with Toxicology for Emerging Water Contaminants

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Will show some examples from my own work,
but also the work of others, to illustrate this

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Drinking Water DBPs

Concern over possible human health risk:

- Epidemiologic studies: **risk of bladder cancer**; some cause cancer in laboratory animals
- Recent concerns about possible **reproductive & developmental effects** (from epi studies)



Goal: Comprehensively identify DBPs formed from different disinfectants, test for toxicity, understand their formation, minimize or eliminate in drinking water

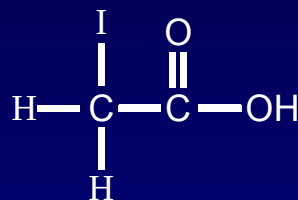
Only 11 DBPs Regulated in U.S.

DBP	MCL (µg/L)
Total THMs	80
5 Haloacetic acids	60
Bromate	10
Chlorite	1000

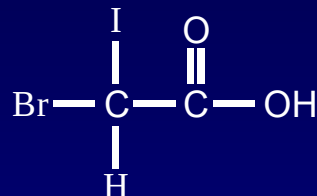
Little known about occurrence, toxicity of unregulated DBPs

Regulated DBPs do not cause bladder cancer in animals!

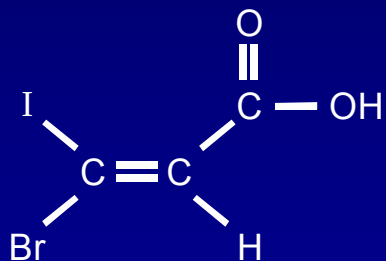
New Iodo-Acids Identified in Nationwide Occurrence Study



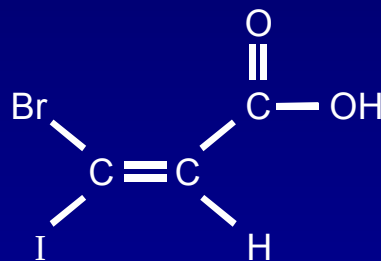
Iodoacetic acid



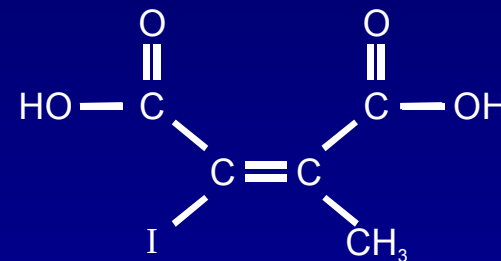
Bromiodoacetic acid



(Z)-3-Bromo-3-iodopropenoic acid



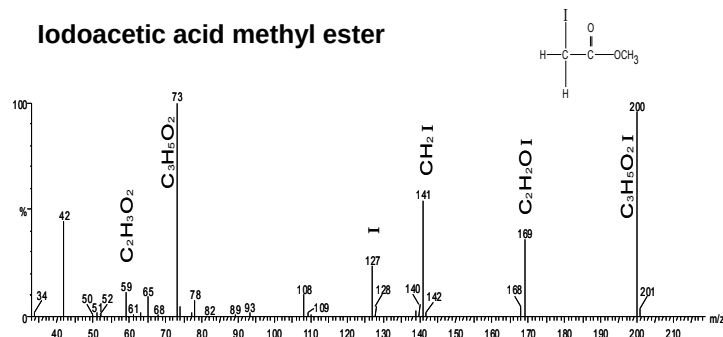
(E)-3-Bromo-3-iodopropenoic acid



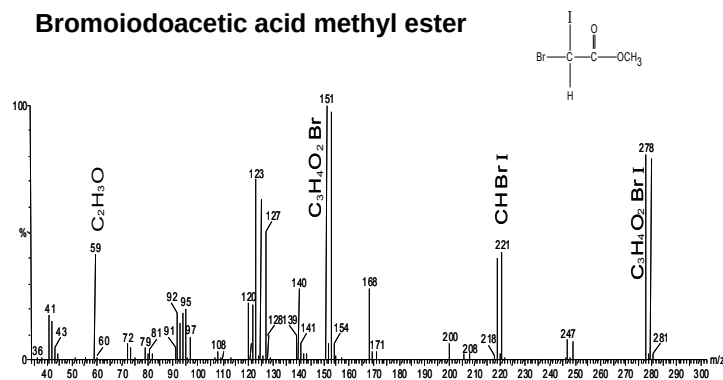
(E)-2-Iodo-3-methylbutenedioic acid

EI Mass Spectra of Iodo-Acids

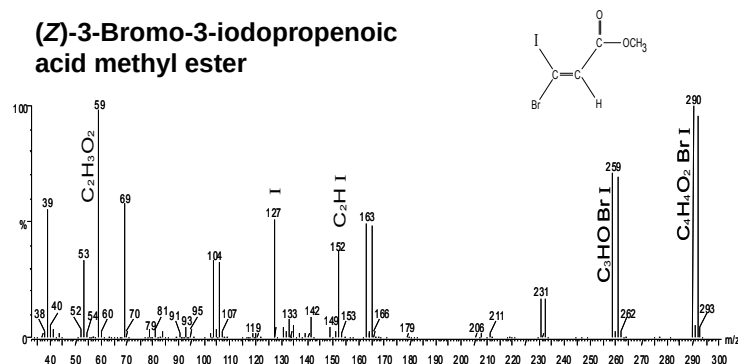
Iodoacetic acid methyl ester



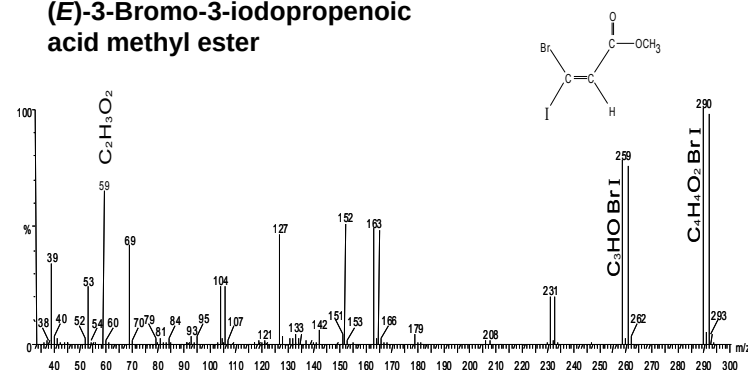
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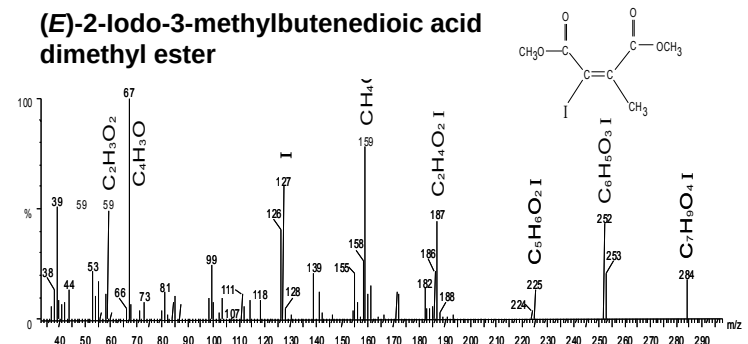
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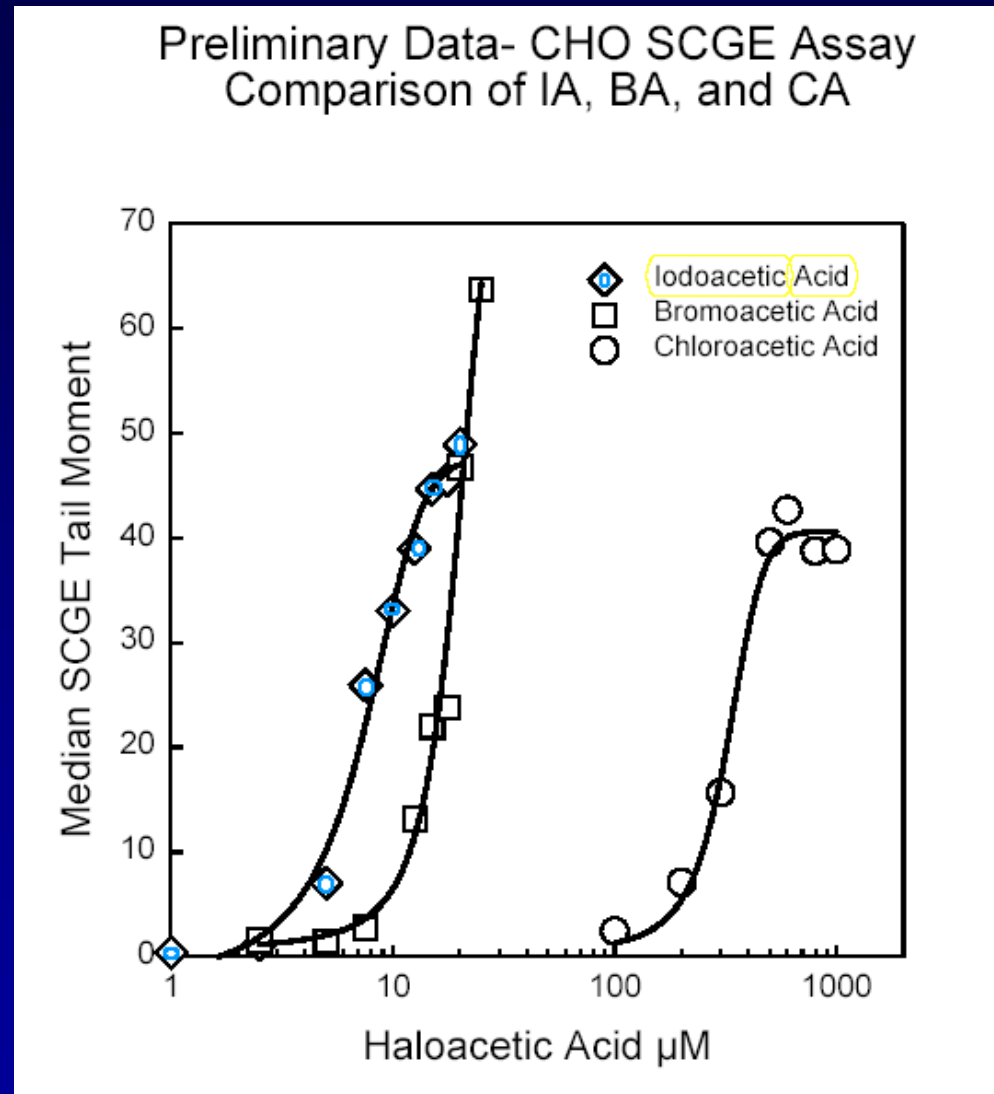
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Genotoxicity of Iodoacetic acid



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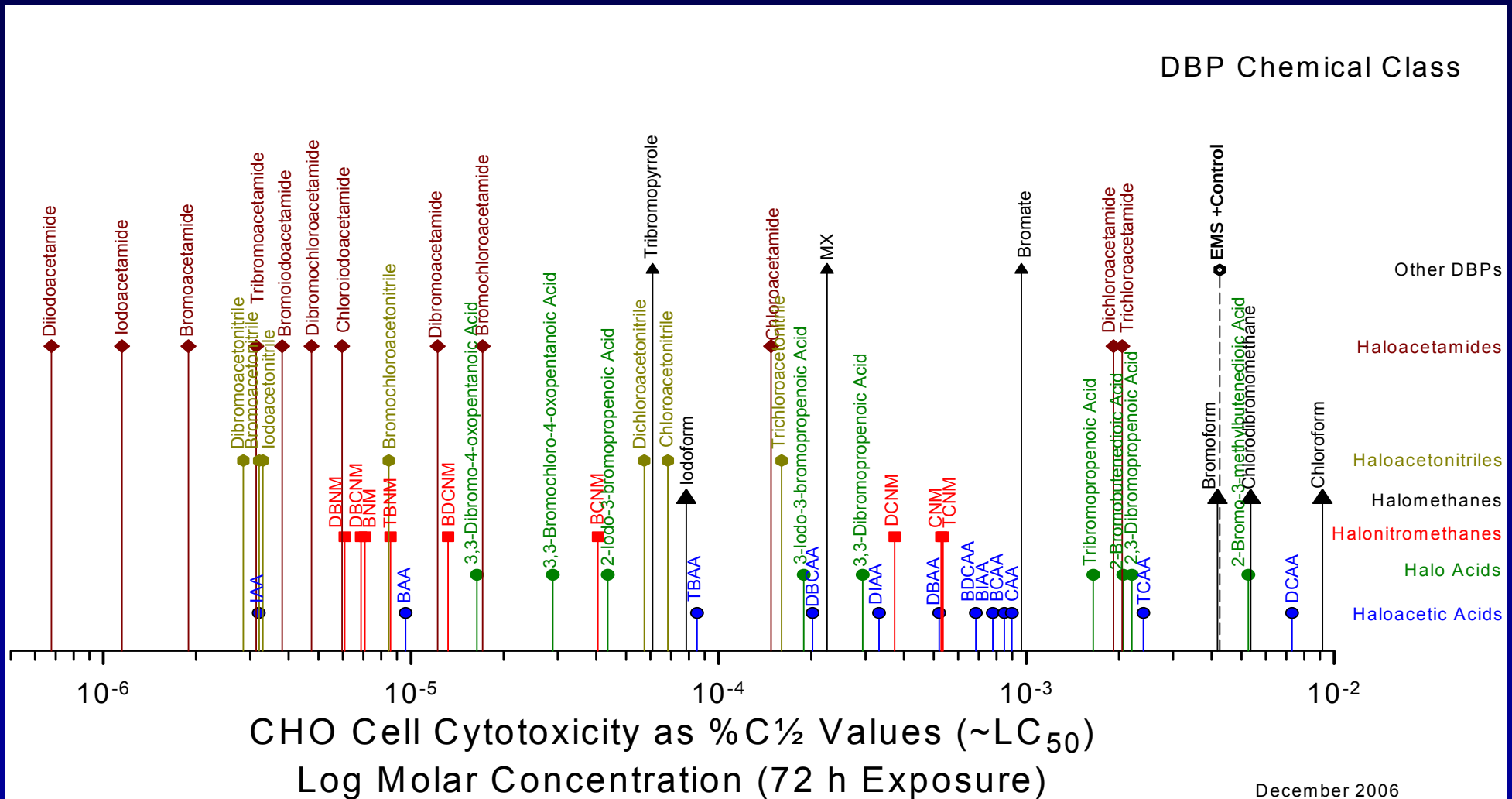
Plewa et al., *Environ. Sci. Technol.* 2004

IA also caused developmental effects in mouse embryos (Hunter et al., 1995)

Iodo-DBP Occurrence Study

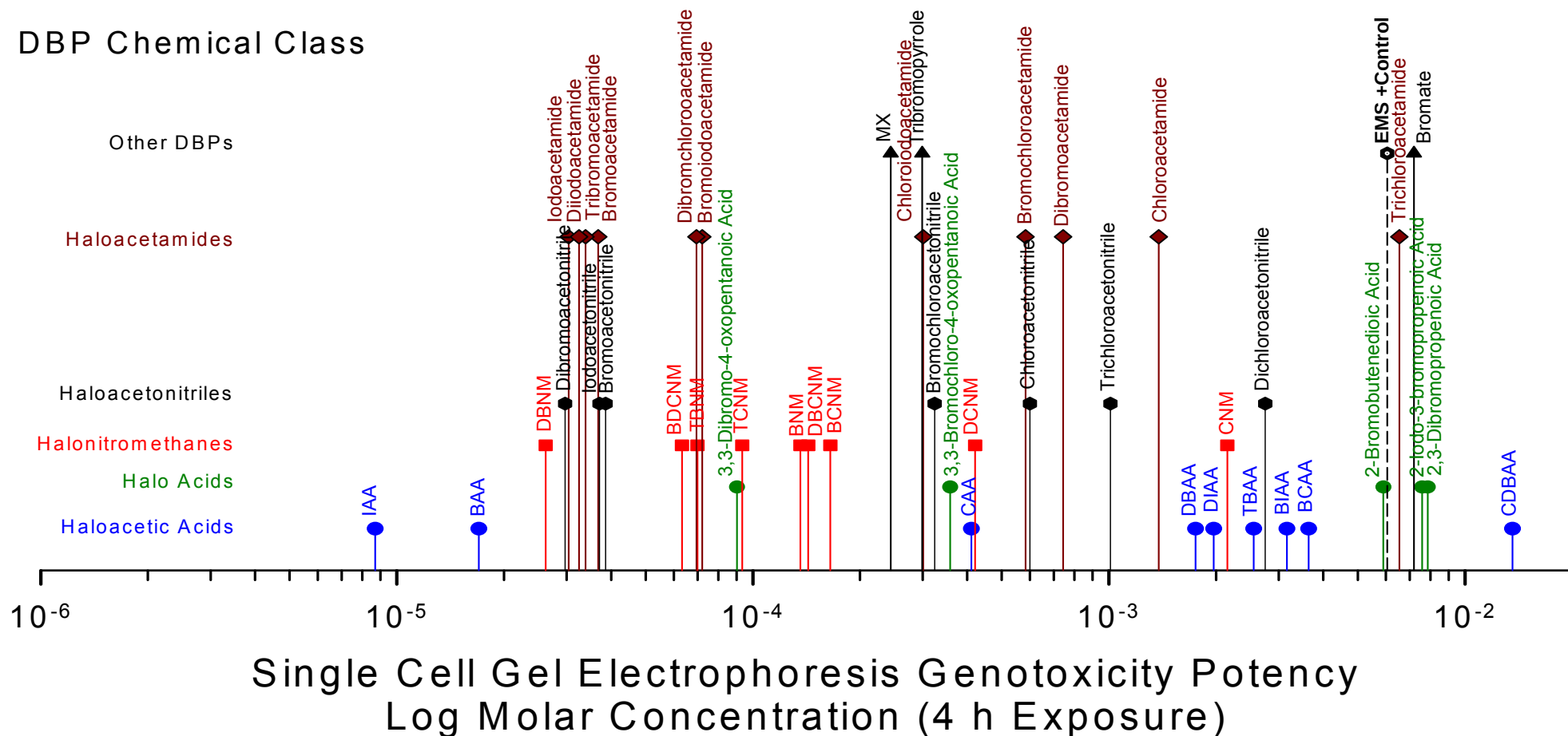
- 23 City occurrence study (U.S. and Canada)
- GC/NCI/MS and GC/high resolution EI-MS used for quantification
- Found up to 1.7 ppb iodo-acids; 10.2 ppb iodo-THMs (individually)
- Iodo-THMs measured for cytotoxicity/genotoxicity for the first time; also reported cytotoxicity/genotoxicity for other iodo-acids
- Study highlighted potential issues with chloraminated drinking water

Cytotoxicity of DBPs



Data courtesy of Michael Plewa, University of Illinois

Genotoxicity of DBPs



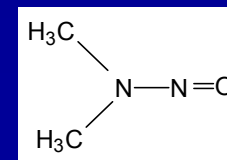
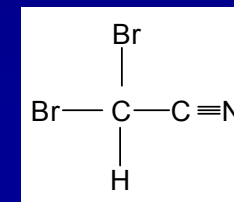
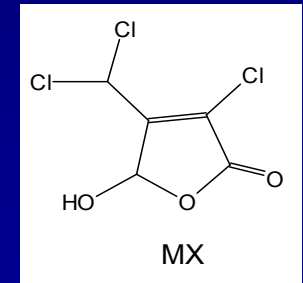
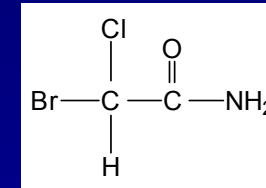
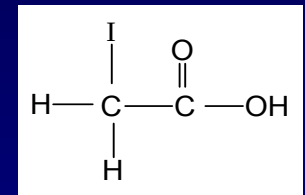
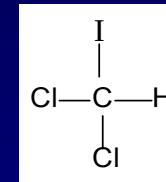
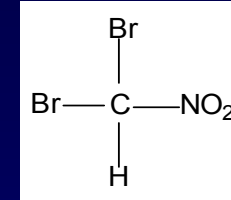
Not Genotoxic: DCAA, TCAA, BDCAA, Dichloroacetamide, Chloroform
Chlorodibromomethane, 3,3-Dibromopropenoic Acid,
3-Iodo-3-bromopropenoic Acid, 2,3,3-Tribromopropenoic Acid

December 2006

Data courtesy of Michael Plewa, University of Illinois

Emerging DBPs

- **Halonitromethanes** (up to 3 ppb; highly genotoxic); new *in vivo* effects; increased with **preozonation**
Krasner, Weinberg, Richardson, et al., *ES&T* 2006, 40, 7175-7185.
- **Iodo-THMs and Iodo-Acids** (iodo-THMs up to 15 ppb; iodo-acids up to 1.7 ppb; both classes highly cytotoxic or genotoxic); increased with **chloramination**
Richardson et al., *ES&T* 2008, 42, 8330.
- **Haloamides** (up to 14 ppb; highly genotoxic) may be increased with **chloramination**
- **Halofuranones** (up to 2.4 ppb for total MX analogues; genotoxic, carcinogenic); **chloramination** can also form
- **Haloacetonitriles** (up to 41 ppb; ~10% of THM4; genotoxic, cytotoxic); may be increased with **chloramination**
- **Nitrosamines** (up to 180 ppt; probable human carcinogens) increased with **chloramination**



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Four Lab Study: Linking DBPs measured to overall toxicity effects

In vitro:

- Reproductive/developmental
- Mutagenicity
- Carcinogenicity
- Neurotoxicity
- Metabolism



In vivo:

- Reproductive/developmental
- Mutagenicity/carcinogenicity
- Immunotoxicity
- Hepatic/renal toxicity
- Neurotoxicity/developmental neurotoxicity
- Kinetics/metabolism

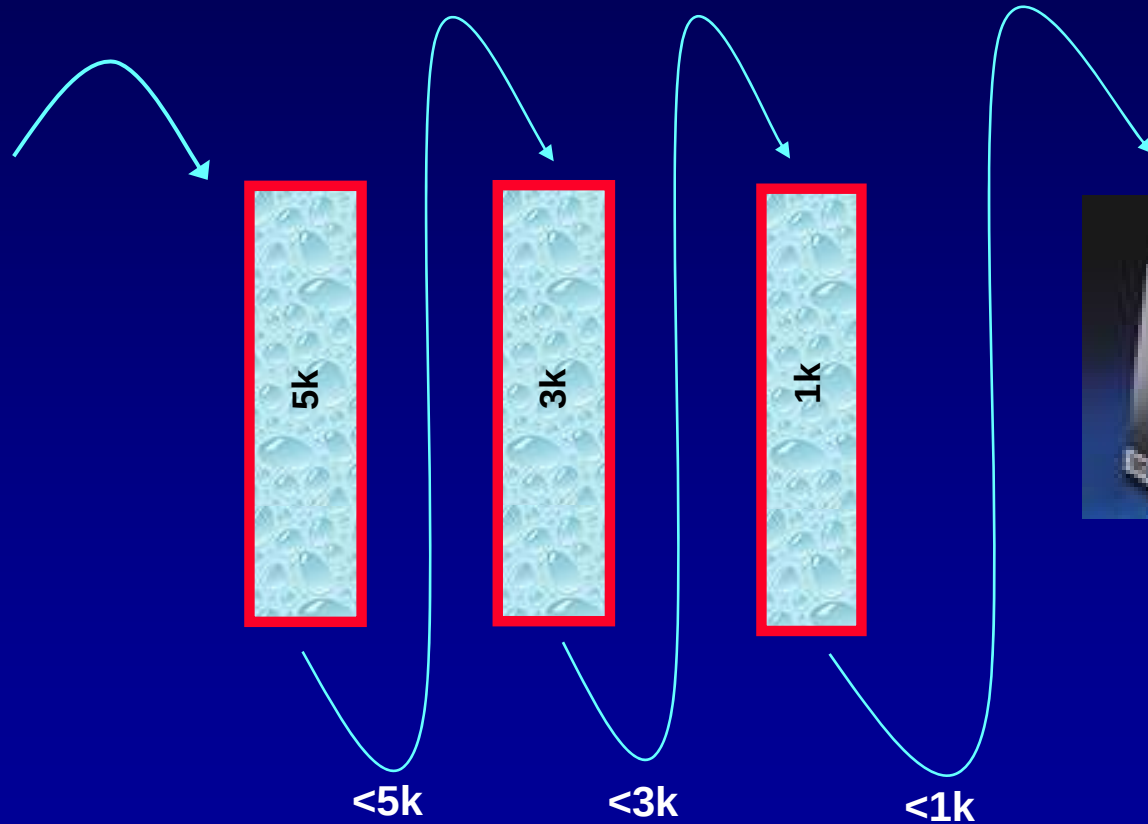
Purpose: To address concerns related to potential health effects from exposure to complex mixtures of DBPs



Jane Ellen Simmons

High Molecular Weight DBP Research

Ultrafiltration membrane device

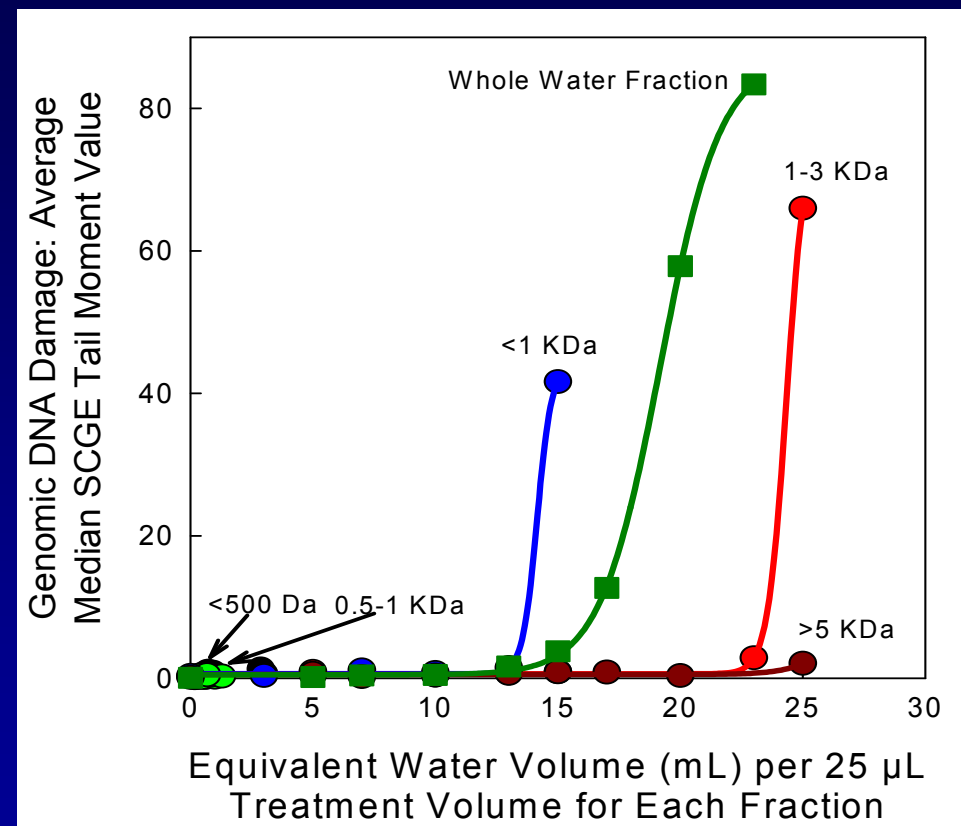
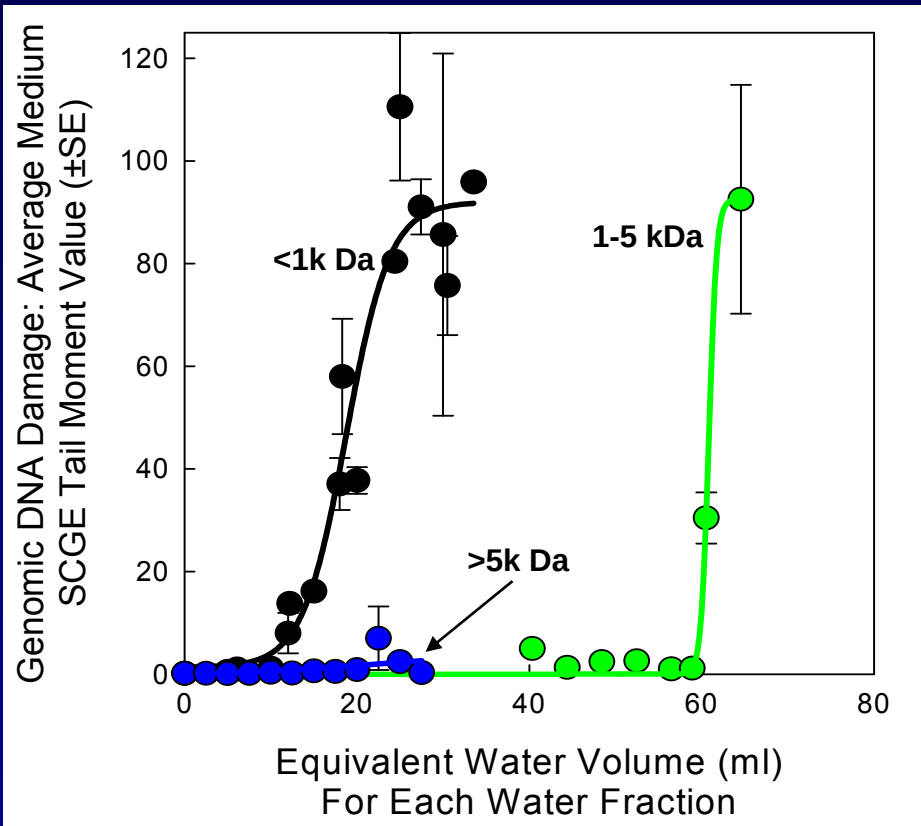


500 MW

Fractions collected: >5kDa 3-5kDa 1-3kDa <1kDa 500-1kDa <500Da

MS and Toxicity Characterization of drinking water fractions

Genotoxicity of Ultrafiltration Fractions



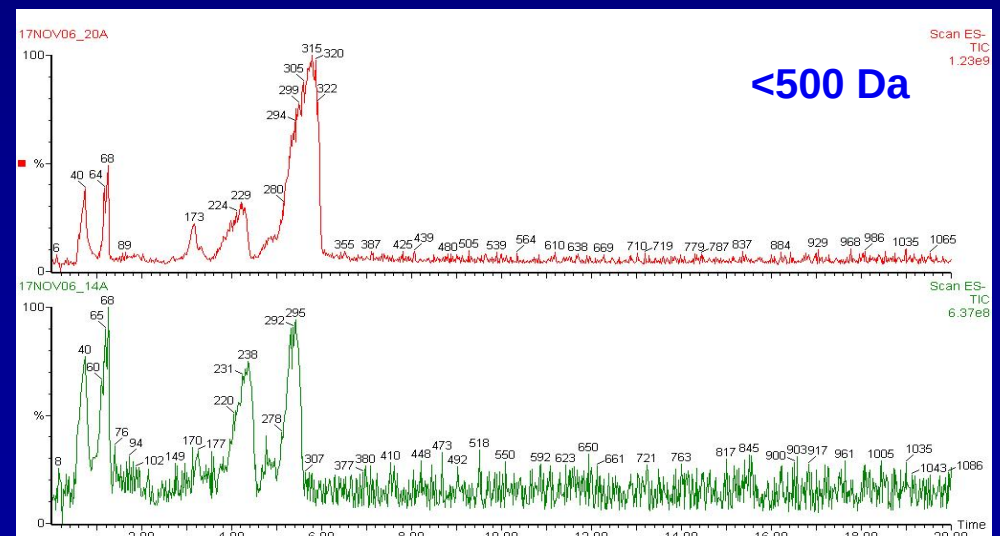
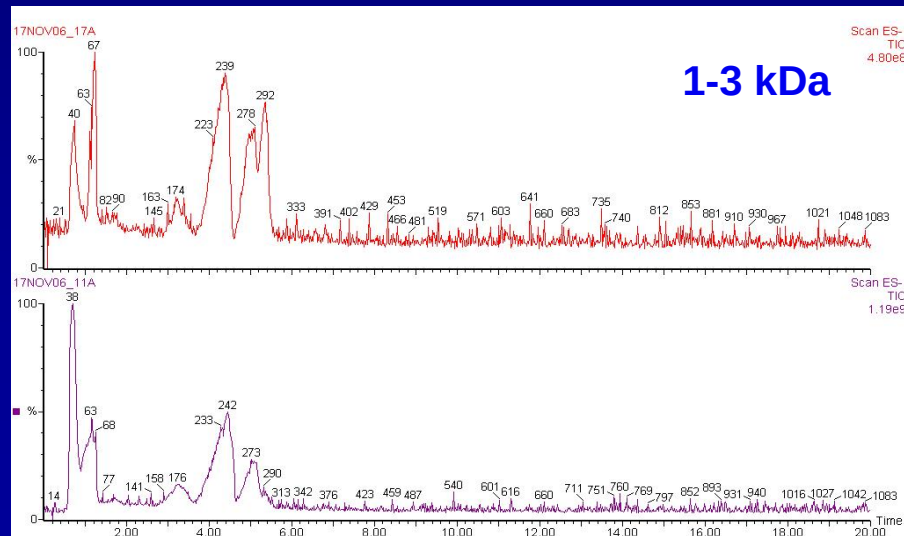
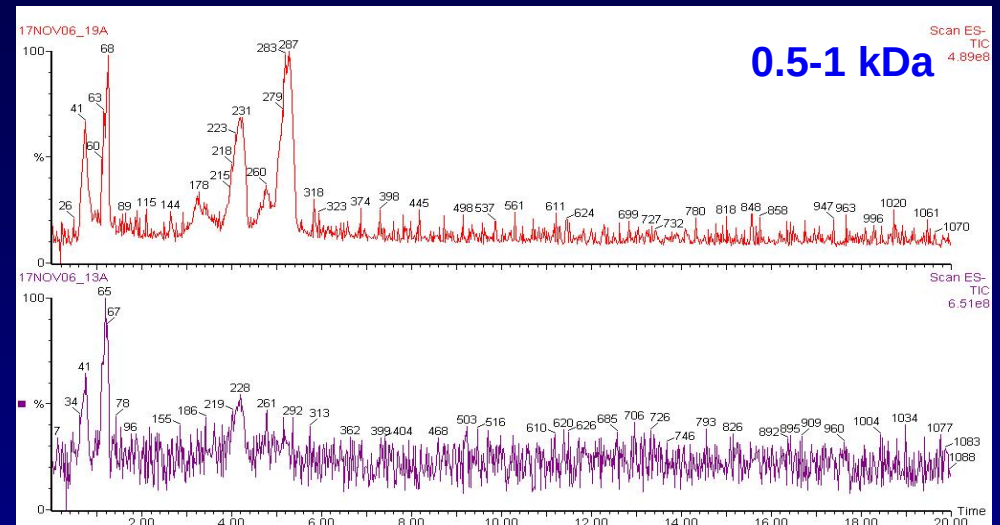
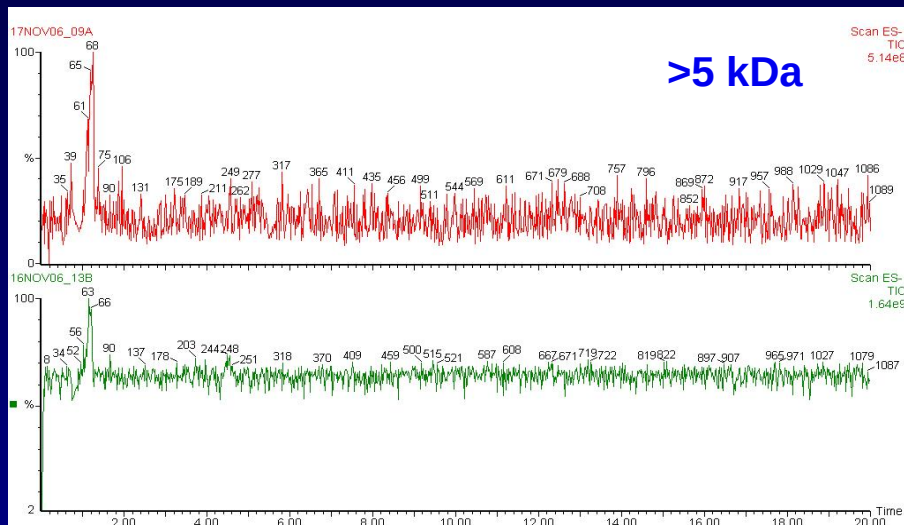
Plant 1 (Chloramination, high Br)

Plant 2 (Chlorination, low Br)

Corresponding raw waters not genotoxic

Chlorinated & Chloraminated Drinking Water

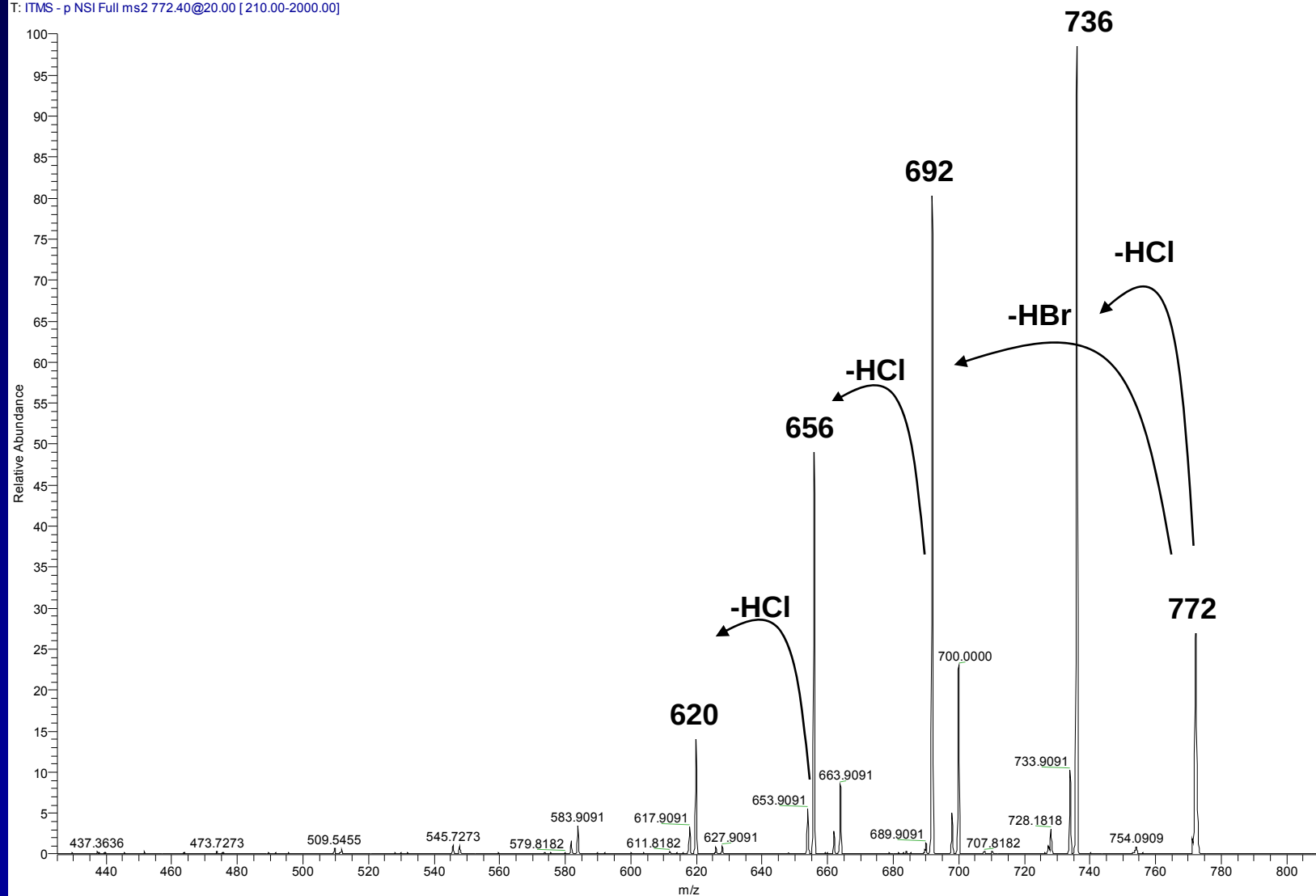
LC / full scan ESI-MS



Background subtracted, amino LC column, m/z 20-2000

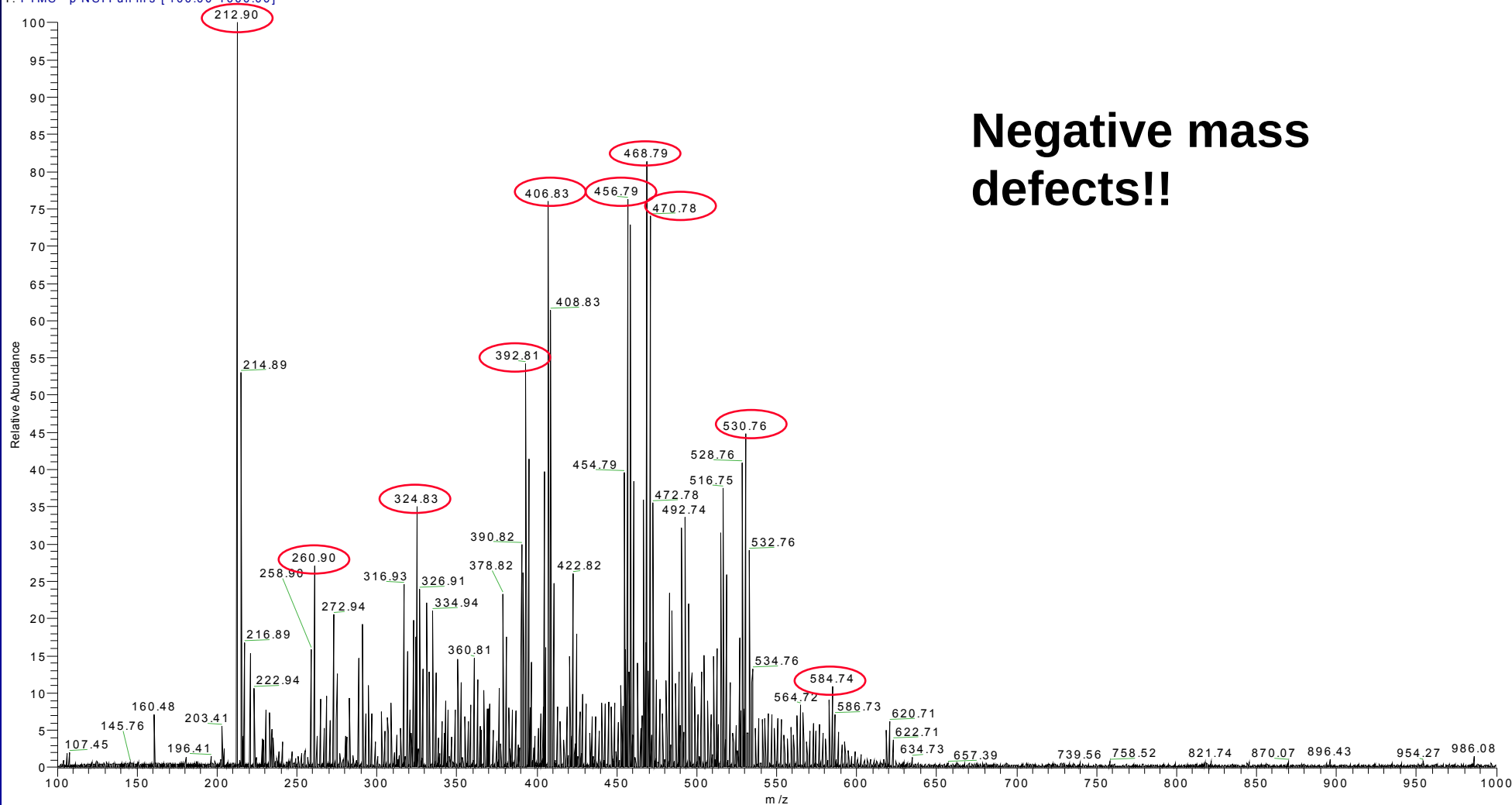
Daughters (LTQ) of m/z 772

DOM-chlorinated-over5k-_050516162712 #1-100 RT: 0.00-0.59 AV: 100 NL: 5.27E1
T: ITMS - p NSI Full ms2 772.40@20.00 [210.00-2000.00]



Neg. Ion ESI-MS (FT-MS) of Chlorinated Dissolved Organic Matter

DOM-chlorine-_050516140335 #1-20 RT: 0.03-1.80 AV: 20 NL: 1.25E3
T: FTMS - p NSI Full ms [100.00-1000.00]

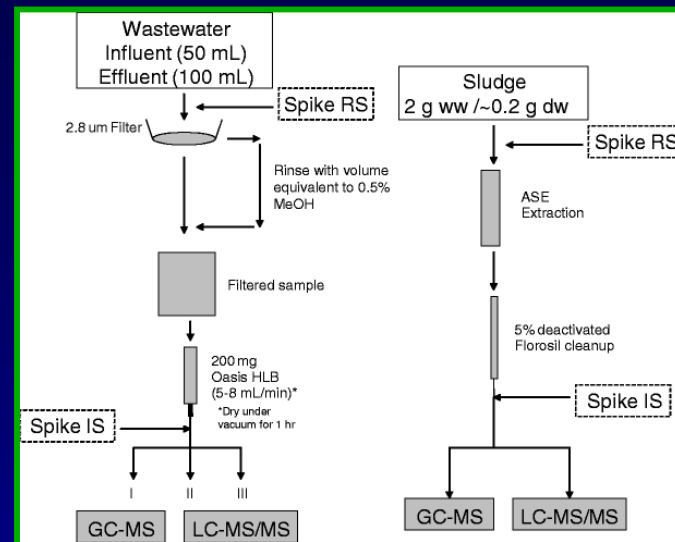


Negative mass defects!!

Toxicity Identification Fractionation (TIF)

estrogenic compounds in wastewaters and sludge

- Fractionated with C18 SPE cartridge
- Fraction I: nonylphenol (NP), its mono (NPEO1) and diethoxylate (NPEO2)
- Fraction II: bisphenol A (BPA) and synthetic and natural hormones
- Fraction III: hormone conjugates
- Three fractions analyzed in parallel using GC/MS and LC/MS/MS and recombinant yeast assay (RYA)
- Investigated removal in wastewater treatment and accumulation in sludge



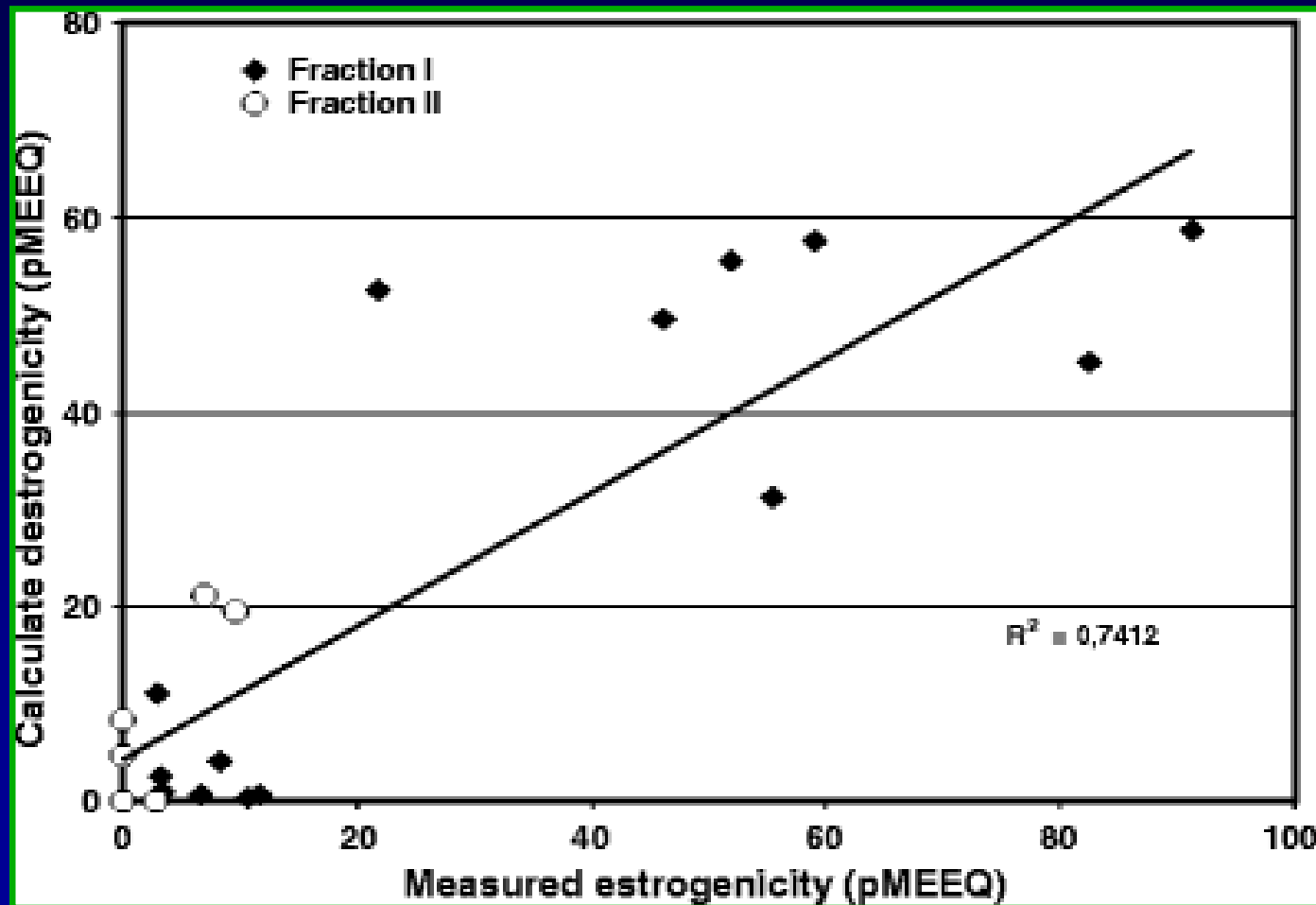
Silvia Lacorte

Fernandez, M. P.; Noguerol, T. N.; Lacorte, S.; Buchanan, I.; Pina, B. *Anal. Bioanal. Chem.* 2009, 393, 957-968.

University of Alberta (Canada), IBMB-CSIC & IIQAB-CSIC (Barcelona, Spain)

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Correlation between measured and calculated estrogenic activity for Fraction I and Fraction II

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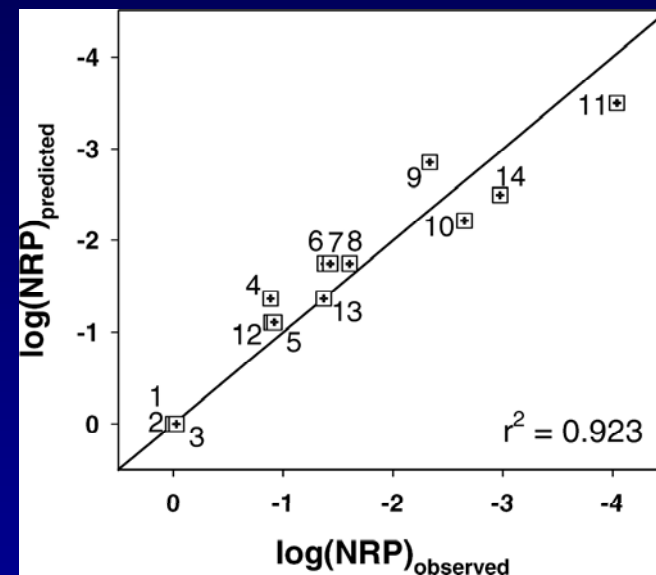
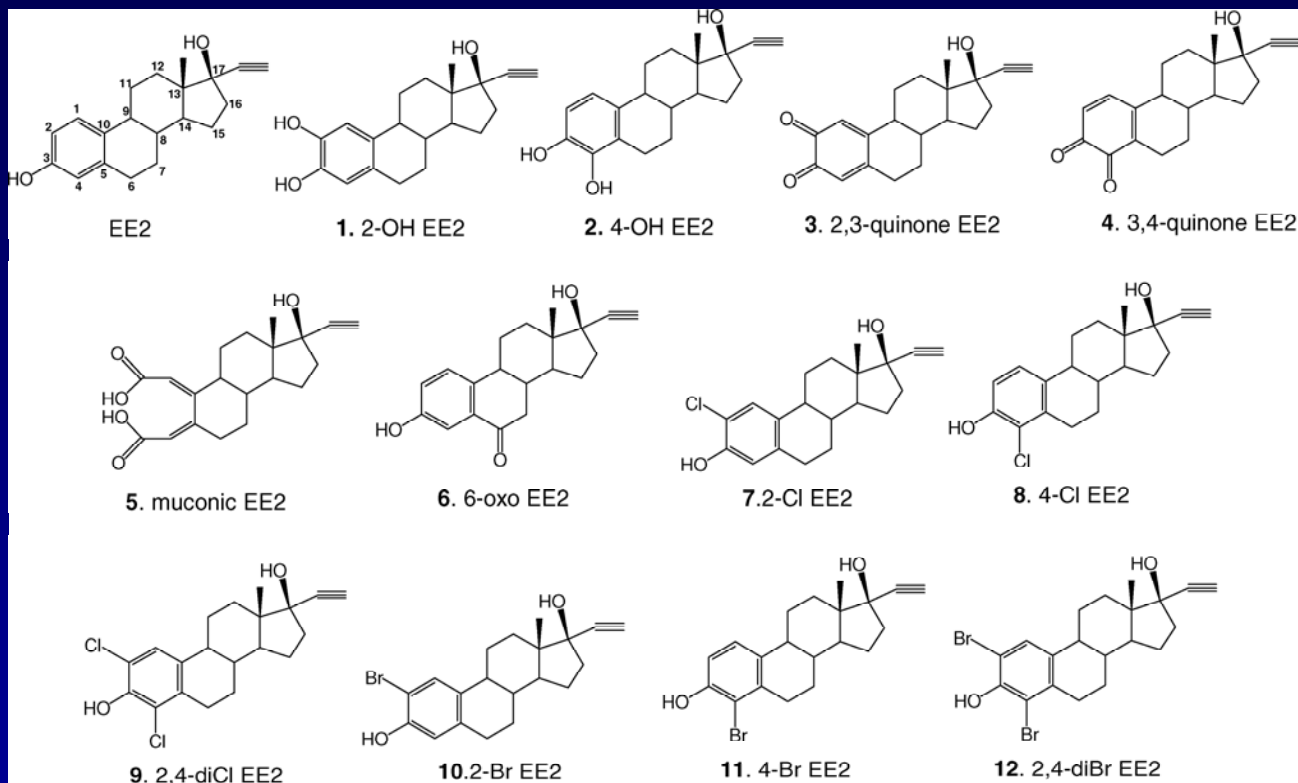
Treatment of Pharmaceuticals in Wastewater

- 17 α -Ethinylestradiol (EE2) treated with chlorine, bromine, ozone, hydroxyl radical, chlorine dioxide, and ferrate to test removal/transformation in wastewater treatment
- Initial transformation products show substantially lower in vitro estrogenic activity (<13% of EE2)
- QSAR shows substituents changed on phenolic moiety affect relative in vitro estrogenic activity
- Initial products that still exhibit residual estrogenic activity are quickly further transformed by most of the tested oxidants
- Therefore, oxidative wastewater treatment may be a powerful tool to remove estrogenic activity induced by steroid estrogens



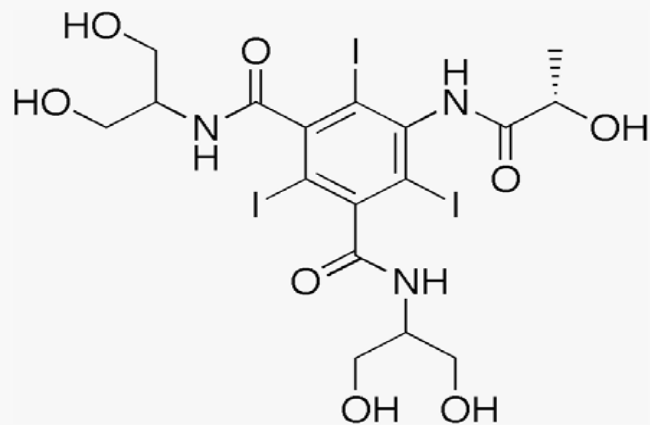
Urs von Gunten

Initial Transformation Products



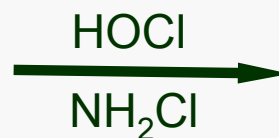
Predicted vs. observed normalized relative potency

Formation of iodo-DBPs from X-ray contrast media



Iopamidol

+ NOM

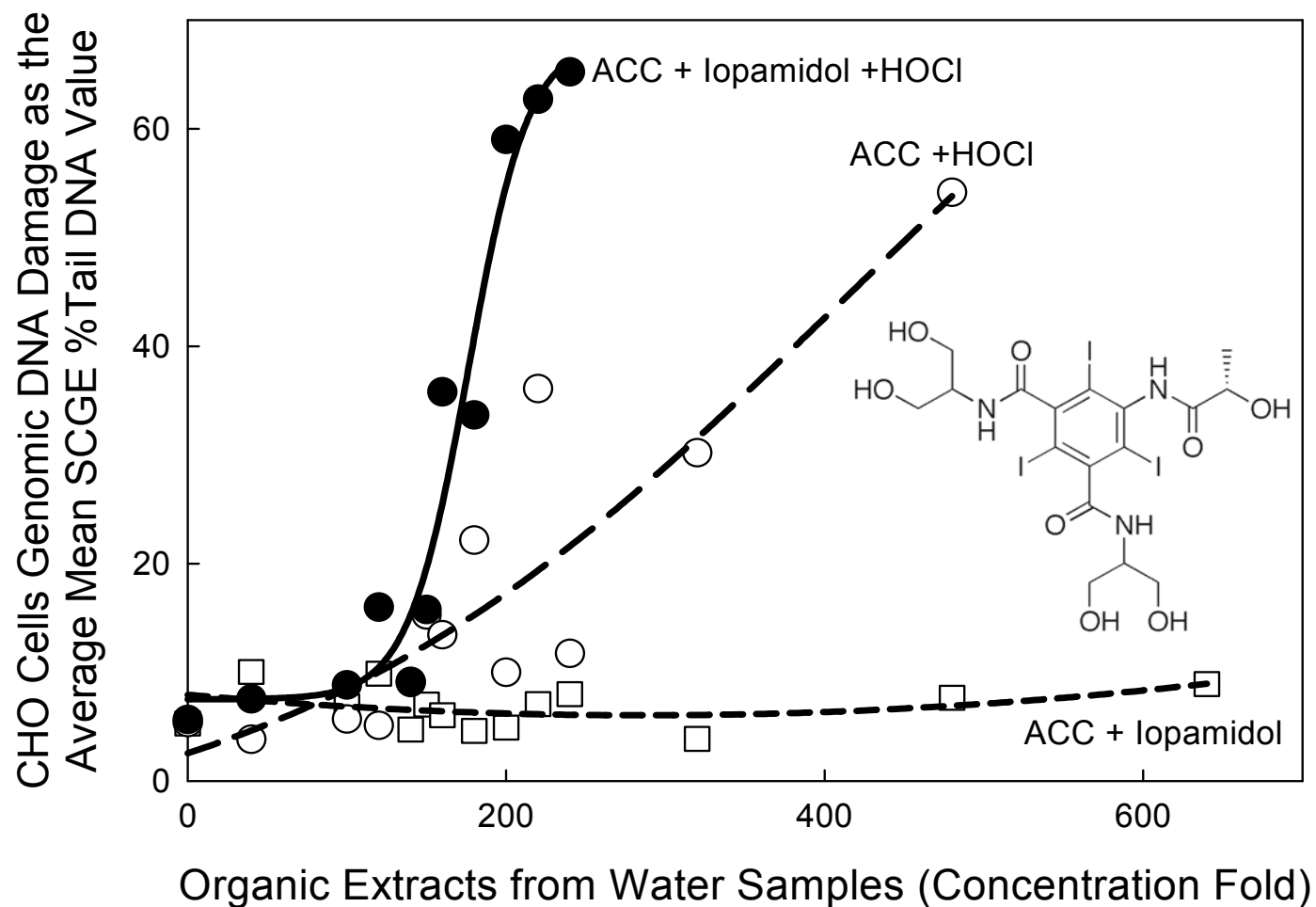


Iodo-DBPs



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Genotoxicity of Chlorinated Waters Containing Iopamidol



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ICM in U.S. Drinking Water Sources (ng/L)

	Iopamidol	Iomeprol	Iopromide	Iohexol	Diatrizoate
Plant 1	11	ND	ND	ND	ND
Plant 2	510	ND	24	120	93
Plant 4	110	ND	6	49	ND
Plant 10	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Plant 11	100	ND	ND	85	ND
Plant 12	280	ND	ND	120	ND
Plant 13	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Plant 15	2700	ND	25	ND	ND
Plant 17	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Plant 19	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND

Courtesy of Thomas Ternes, Federal Institute of Hydrology, Germany

ICM measured using LC/ESI-MS/MS; DLs = 5-20 ng/L

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