

Application of Electron Beam Irradiation in Remediation of Wastewaters

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Removal of Organic Pollutants at Wastewater Treatment Plants

Table 3. Elimination at WWTPs (AST). Data complied from references [12,28,36,51,54–57]

Compound	Average elimination (%) ^a	Effluent concentrations (µg/l)	Main degradation products	Observation
Non-ionic surfactants				
Alkylphenol ethoxylates	90–99	<0.1–350	APEC, CAPEC, AP	Primary degradation fast; ultimate degradation less than 40%, with metabolites being potential endocrine disruptors
Pharmaceuticals				
Ibuprofen	65–90	0.37–0.60 (3.4) ^b		Rapid photodegradation Degradation product of lipid-regulating agents
Diclofenac	69–75	0.06–0.81 (2.1)		
Clofibric Acid	34–51	0.12–0.36 (1.6)		
Benzafibrate	83	1.1–2.2 (4.6)		
Naproxen	45–66	0.27–0.61 (2.6)		Low removal rate
Ketoprofen	69	0.02–0.38 (0.87)		
Gemfibrozil	46–69	0.31–0.40 (1.9)		
Carbamazepine	7	0.30–2.1 (6.3)		
Antiseptics				
Triclosan	44–92	0.070–0.650	Methyl triclosan	Possible photodegradation
Pesticides				
MCPP and MCPA	–	20–400	2-Methyl-4-Cl-phenol	Application period (mid-March until mid-May)
2,4-D	–	< 20	2,4-Dichlorophenol	
2,4,5-T	–	< 20	2,4-D; 2,4-dichlorophenol	

^aPrimary elimination of the parent compound.

^bRange of average values detected (in parentheses: maximum concentration detected).

Pharmaceuticals (and metabolites) detected in world wide tap water

Therapeutic use	Compound	Maximal concentration detected (ng/L)	Country	Refs.
Antibiotics	Triclosan	734	USA	Loraine and Pettigrove (2006)
Anticonvulsants	Carbamazepine	24	Canada	[f]
		140–258	USA	Stackelberg et al. (2004), Stackelberg et al. (2007)
		43.2	France	Togola and Budzinski (2008)
		60	Germany	Heberer et al. (2004)
		1.3	USA	Vanderford and Snyder (2006)
Antidepressants, anti-anxiety	Dilantin	40	Germany	Heberer et al. (2004)
	Primidone	1.4	France	Togola and Budzinski (2008)
	Amitryptilline	10	UK	[g]
	Diazepam	23.5	Italy	Zuccato et al. (2000)
	Meprobamate	5.9	USA	Vanderford and Snyder (2006)
Antineoplastics	Bleomycin	13	UK	[b]
Iodinated X-ray contrast media	Diatrizoate	1200	Germany	Pérez et Barceló (2007b)
	Iopromide	<50	Germany	Pérez et Barceló (2007b)
Lipid regulators	Bezafibrate	27	Germany	[a]
	Clofibric acid	50–270	Germany	[a], [c], [d], [e], Heberer et al. (2004)
		5.3	Italy	Zuccato et al. (2000)
NSAIDs and analgesics	Gemfibrozil	70	Canada	[f]
	Acetaminophen	210.1	France	Togola and Budzinski (2008)
	AMDOPH	900–1250	Germany	Heberer et al. (2004), Reddersen et al. (2002)
	Diclofenac	6–35	Germany	[a], Heberer et al. (2004)
		2.5	France	Togola and Budzinski (2008)
	DP	1.10	Germany	Zühlke et al. (2004b)
	Ibuprofen	3	Germany	[a]
		0.6	France	Togola and Budzinski (2008)
		8.5	Finland	Vieno et al. (2005)
		1350	USA	Loraine and Pettigrove (2006)
	Ketoprofen	8.0	Finland	Vieno et al., 2005
		3.0	France	Togola and Budzinski (2008)
		0.24	Germany	Zühlke et al. (2004b)
	Phenazone	250–400	Germany	Zühlke et al. (2004b), Reddersen et al. (2002)
	Propyphenazone	80–240	Germany	Zühlke et al. (2004b), Reddersen et al. (2002), Heberer et al. (2004)
Opioidanalgesics	Codein	30	USA	Stackelberg et al. (2007)
Psycho-stimulants	Caffeine	60–119	USA	Stackelberg et al. (2007), Stackelberg et al. (2004)
		22.9	France	Togola and Budzinski (2008)

Main Purposes of Radiolytic Degradation of Organic Pollutants

- Decomposition to inorganic non-toxic species**
- Degradation to less toxic species**
- Degradation to biodegradable species**

Early Works on γ -Irradiation of Pesticides

Pesticide	Matrix	Authors	
Alidrin	Organic solvents, corn oil, lard	Carp et al.,	1972
Aldrin, endrin, heptachlor epoxide	Potatoes	J.M.Solar et al.,	1971
Aldrin, dieldrin, heptachlor, lindane	Hexane	Ceurvels	1974
Atrazine	Water	Buchlotz et al.,	1977
Chlordane	Hexane	Vollner and Korte	1974
Disulfoton, phorate	Water, solvents	Grant et al.,	1969
Hexachlorocyclohexane	Propanol	Hamada et al.,	1981
Lindane	Hexane	Vollner, Korte	1974
	Water	Cappadona et al.,	1975
Malathion, parathion, tetradifon	Hexane	Lippold et al.,	1969
Malathion	Paper strips, wheat	Cogburn, Mahany	1969
Mirex	Duck eggs	Lane et al.,	1976
	Fish	Cin and Kroger	1982
DDT	Water, wastes	Cappadona et al.,	1975
	Solvents, fatty esters	Lepine et al.,	1991
	Onion	Bachman et al.,	1982
	Water	Shastri, Rao	1980
	Propanol	Sherman et al.,	1971
	Oyster homogenates	Hallab	1968

Taken from: F. L. Lepine, J. Agric. Food Chem., 39 (1991) 2112

Decomposition of Pharmaceuticals in Environmental Samples by Ionizing Radiation

Antibiotic Tetracycline

Cho, Chonbuk National University Korea,
Cooper et al., University of California, Irvine,

Bull. Environ. Contam. Toxicol. 2010
Chemosphere 2010

Ciprofloxacin

Cooper et al., University of California, Irvine,

Appl. Catal. B-Environ., 2010

β -Blockers

Cooper et al., University of California, Irvine,

Environ. Sci. Technol., 2008

Nitroimidazoles

Rivera-Utrilla et al., University of Granada,

Water Res., 2009

Cefaclor (antibiotic)

Chang et al., Kunsan National University, Korea,

Chemosphere 2008.

β -Lactam antibiotics

Cooper et al., University of California, Irvine,

J. Phys. Chem. A, 2008

Sulfa drugs

Cooper et al., University of California, Irvine,

J. Phys. Chem. A, 2007

β -Estradiol (steroid hormone)

Taguchi et al., Takasaki Res. Center, Gunma, Jap.,

Radiat. Phys. Chem., 2004.

Fibrate Pharmaceuticals

Cooper et al., University of California, Irvine,

J. Phys. Chem. A, 2009

Diclofenac

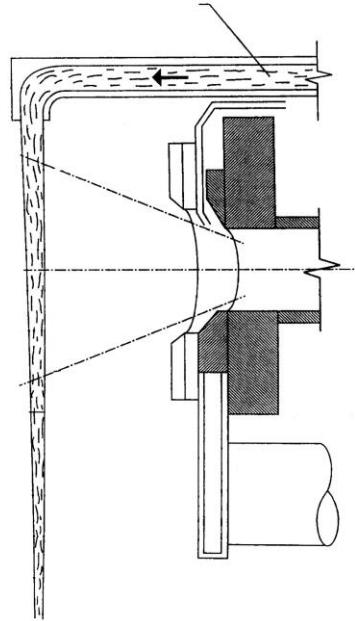
Jones, North Carolina University, Raleigh
Liu et al., Nanjing University, China,
Homlok et al., Institute of Isotops, Hungary
Kimura et al., Japan Atomic Energy Agency
Bojanowska-Czajka et al., INCT, Warsaw

Ph.D. Thesis., 2007
Environ. Sci. Poll. Res., 2011
Chemosphere, 2011
Radiat. Phys. Chem., 2012
Environ. Sci. Poll. Res., 2015

EB Irradiation Flow-through Installations

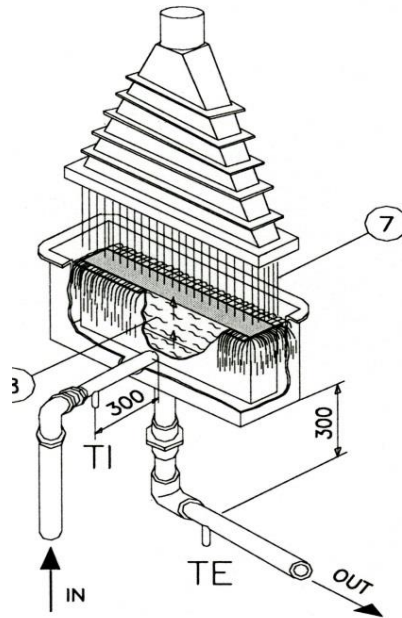
Cascade configuration for Miami EB research facility

Kurucz et al., 1995



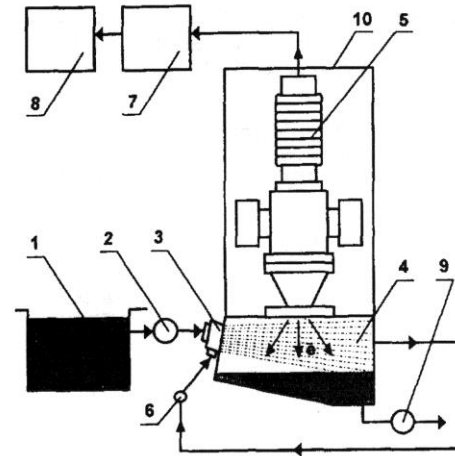
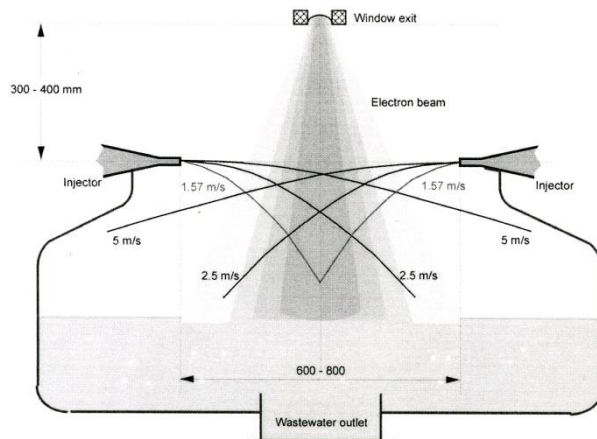
Overflow-type configuration from IPEN, Sao Paulo

Duarte et al., 2002



Two opposite nozzles configuration

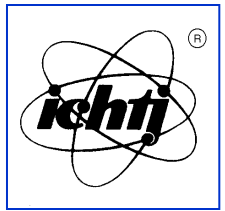
Pikaev et al., 2001



Combined EB/ozone installation with aerosol flow from Russia

Pikaev et al., 1997

Irradiation Facilities Currently Used in INCT



^{60}Co -sources



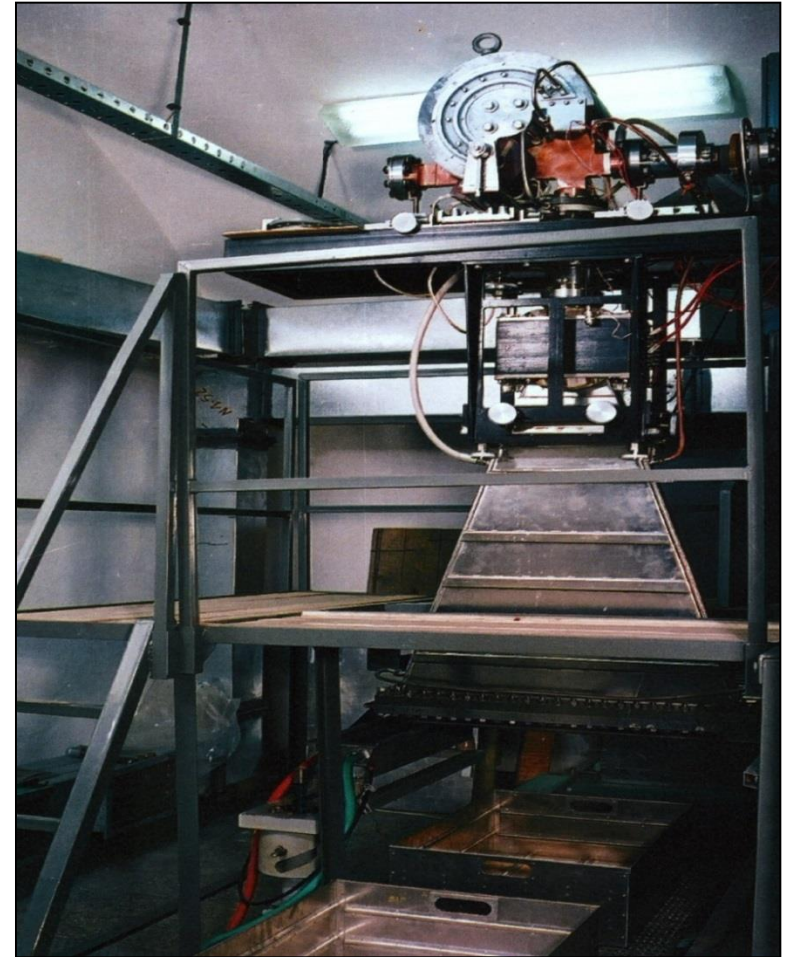
γ -Source „Issledovatel”

Samples are irradiated in 300 mL Winkler's bottles used for oxygen measured (tightly closed, with zero volume head space)

Dosimetry is performed with Fricke dosimeter based on Fe(II) oxidation



Gamma Chamber 5000, ~4 kGy/h



Electron beam accelerator Elektronika 10/15

(energy 10 MeV, beam power 15 kW;
conveyor speed 0.3 – 7 m/min)

Main Groups of Organic Pollutants Decomposed using Ionizing Radiation

- **Halogenated alkanes and alkenes**
- **Aromatic hydrocarbons**
- **Phenol and chlorinated phenols, nitrophenols**
- **Pesticides**
- **Polychlorinated biphenyls**
- **Detergents, perfluorinated surfactants**
- **Hormones, antibiotics and other pharmaceuticals**
- **Dyes**

Environmental Pollutants of Waters and Wastewaters Examined in INCT for Radiolytic Removal

Industrial pollutants	Pesticides	Pharmaceuticals	Mycotoxins
Chlorophenols	2,4-D	Diclofenac	Aflatoxin B ₁
Biphenol A	MCPA	Carbamazepine	
Perfluorinated surfactants	Dicamba		
	Carbendazim		
	Parathion		
	Chlorfenvinfos		

Experimental Factors Determining the Yield of Radiation-Induced Degradation of Organic Pollutants

- **Molecular structure of decomposed pollutant**
- **Kind and energy of radiation, absorbed dose and dose-rate**
- **Effect of presence of radical scavengers**
- **Initial concentration of target pollutant**
- **pH of irradiated solutions**
- **Content of dissolved oxygen in irradiated solutions**
- **Synergistic effect of radiation and the presence of ozone or H_2O_2**

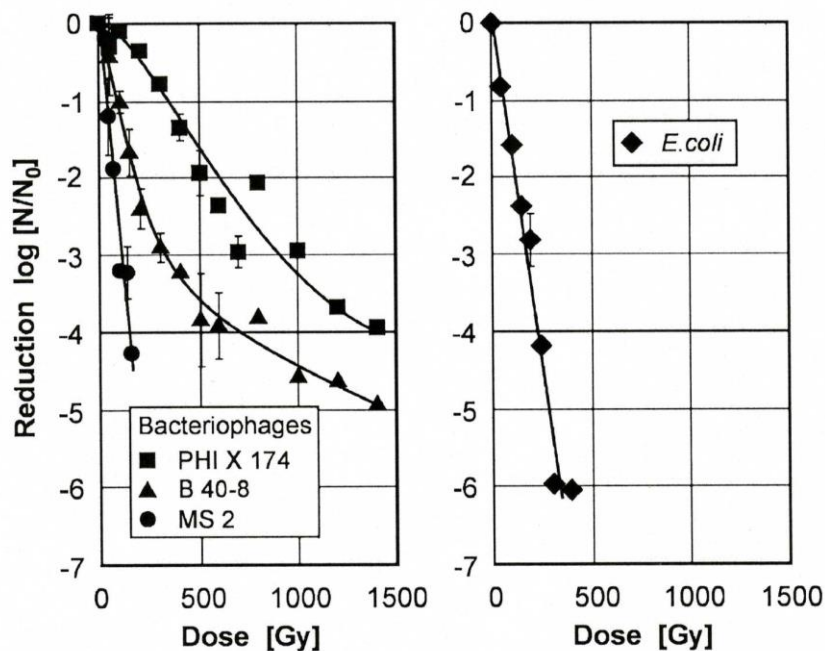
Radiolytic Removal of Organic Compounds Involving Different Reactive Products of Water Radiolysis

Compound	Bimolecular rate constants ($M^{-1} s^{-1} (\times 10^9)$)			Relative importance of species (%)		
	$\bullet OH$	$e^{-}aq$	$H\bullet$	$\bullet OH$	$e^{-}aq$	$H\bullet$
<i>Target organic compounds</i>						
MTBE	2	0.0175	0.0001	99	1	0
Trichloroethylene	2.9	1.9	NF	61	39	0
Tetrachloroethylene	2	1.3	5	46	29	25
Benzene	7.6	0.009	0.91	97	0.1	3
Toluene	5.1	0.011	2.6	90	0.1	10
Ethyl benzene	7.5	NF	NF	100	0	0
<i>o</i> -Xylene	6.7	NF	2	94	0	6
Chloroform	0.054	11	0.073	0.4	99	0.1
$CHBrCl_2$	NF	21	NF	0	10	0
$CHBr_2Cl$	NF	20	NF	0	10	0
Bromoform	0.11	26	1.9	0.5	97.5	2
Ethylenedibromide	0.26	14	NF	2	98	0
DBCP	0.73	NF	NF	100	0	0
NDMA	0.33	NF	NF	100	0	0
Atrazine	2.6	NF	NF	100	0	0
Simazine	2.8	NF	NF	100	0	0

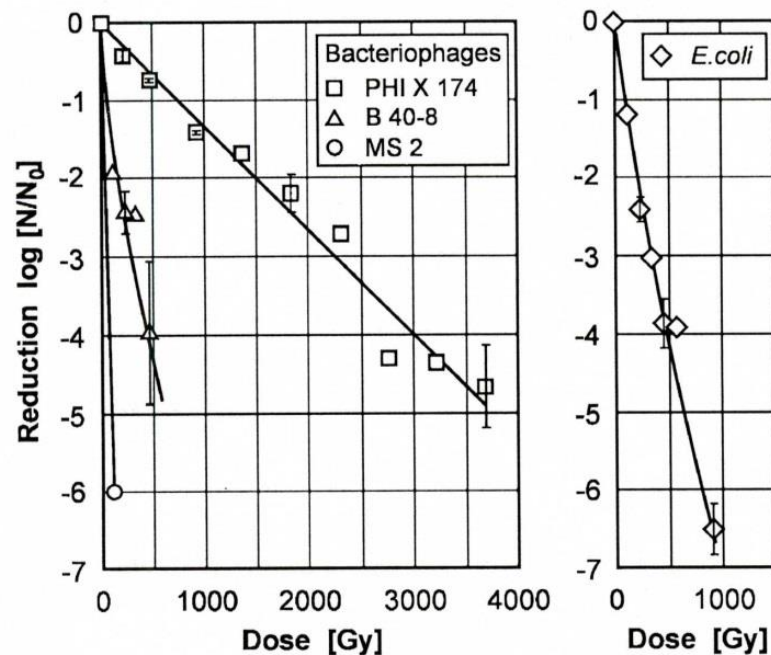
Water Disinfection by Radiation Processing – Dose-rate Effects

Selected bacteriophages and *E.coli* suspended in tap water (1×10^6 microorganisms/mL) were irradiated and different inactivation sensitivity was observed

Gamma irradiation



EB irradiation



Evident dose-rate effect was observed for PHI X 174 phage, and also *E. coli*

Dose Rate Effect for Decomposition of Perchloroethylene (PCE) in Water

No alternative for **ozone** to
eliminate the disadvantage
caused by dose rate effect

Table 1

Conversion of solvated electrons into OH free radicals

Reaction	Bimolecular reaction rate constant
$\text{O}_3 + e_{\text{aqu}}^- \rightarrow \text{O}_3^- \xrightarrow{+\text{H}^+} \text{OH} + \text{O}_2$	$k = 3.8 \times 10^{10} \text{ l/mol s}$
$\text{O}_3 + \text{OH} \rightarrow \text{HO}_2 + \text{O}_2$	$k = 1.1 \times 10^8 \text{ l/mol s}$
$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + e_{\text{aqu}}^- \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{OH}^-$	$k = 1.2 \times 10^{10} \text{ l/mol s}$
$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{OH} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{HO}_2$	$k = 2.7 \times 10^7 \text{ l/mol s}$
$\text{N}_2\text{O} + e_{\text{aqu}}^- \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{N}_2 + \text{OH}^-$	$k = 9.1 \times 10^9 \text{ l/mol s}$
almost inert against OH attack	

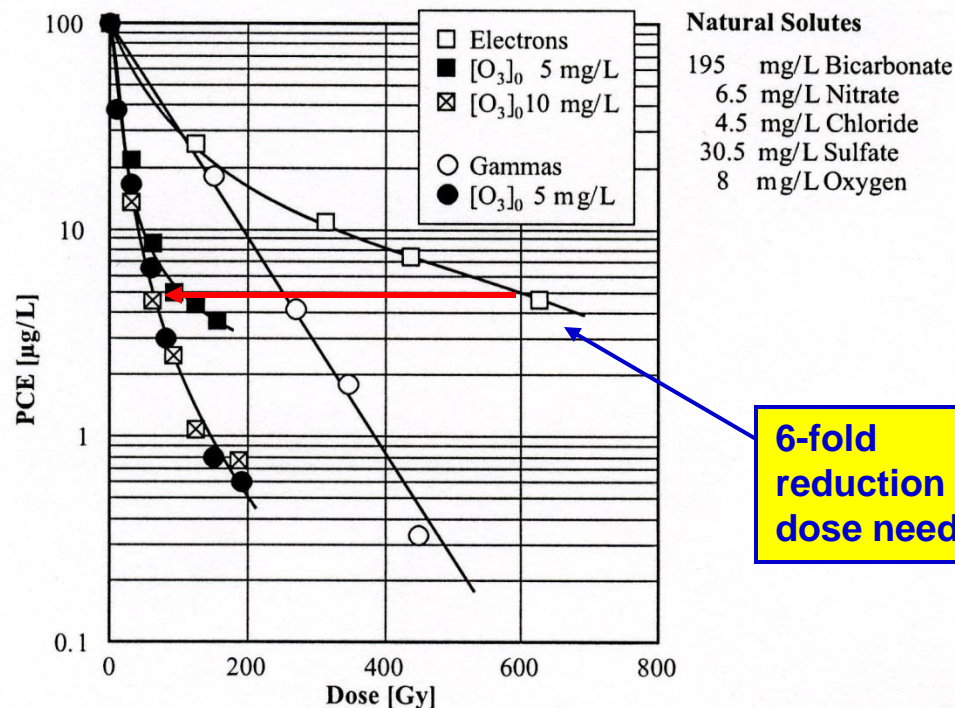


Fig. 6. Effect of ozone addition on the radiation-induced PCE decomposition in tap water.

Scavengers - Rate-Constants ($M^{-1}s^{-1}$)

for reactions of main products of water radiolysis with common radical scavengers in waters and wastewaters

Compound	$\cdot OH$	e_{aq}^-	$\cdot H$
O_2	NR	1.9×10^{10}	$< 1.0 \times 10^6$
HCO_3^-	8.5×10^6	$< 1.0 \times 10^6$	$< 1.0 \times 10^6$
CO_3^{2-}	3.9×10^8	3.9×10^5	NR
Cl^-	3.0×10^9	$< 1.0 \times 10^6$	$< 1.0 \times 10^5$
NO_2^-	1.1×10^{10}	3.5×10^6	7.1×10^8
NO_3^-	NR	9.7×10^9	1.4×10^6
DOC	2.0×10^8	NR	NR

DOC- dissolved organic carbon, NR- non-reacting

*Buxton et al., G.V.,
Critical review of rate constants for reaction of hydrated electrons, hydrogen
atoms and hydroxyl radical ($\cdot OH/H\cdot$) in aqueous solution.
J. Phys. Chem. Ref. Data 17 (1987) 512*

Kinetic modeling of Radiolytic Degradation of Pollutants

CCl₄ decomposition by EB irradiation at different initial concentrations

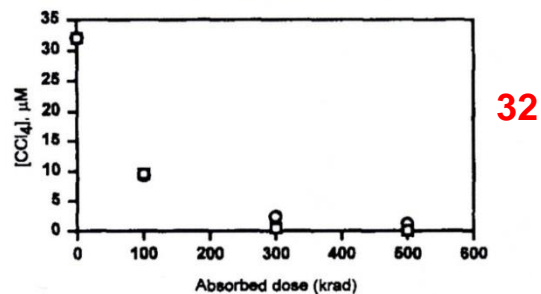
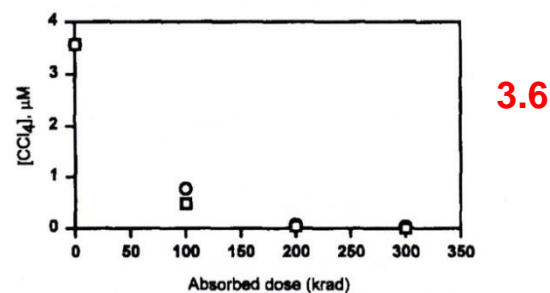
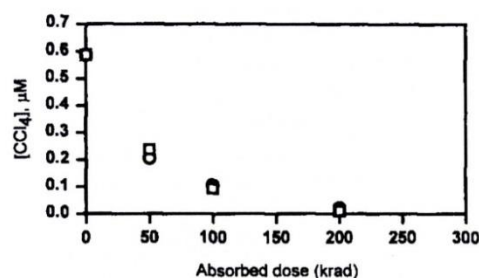
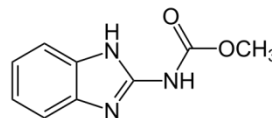


Fig. 1. Carbon tetrachloride removal from aqueous solution (pH 9) as a function of absorbed dose at three influent concentrations (○—experimental, □—model). Rate constant for $\text{CCl}_4 + e_{\text{aq}}^-$ is ($k = 1.3 \times 10^{10}$) obtained from literature.

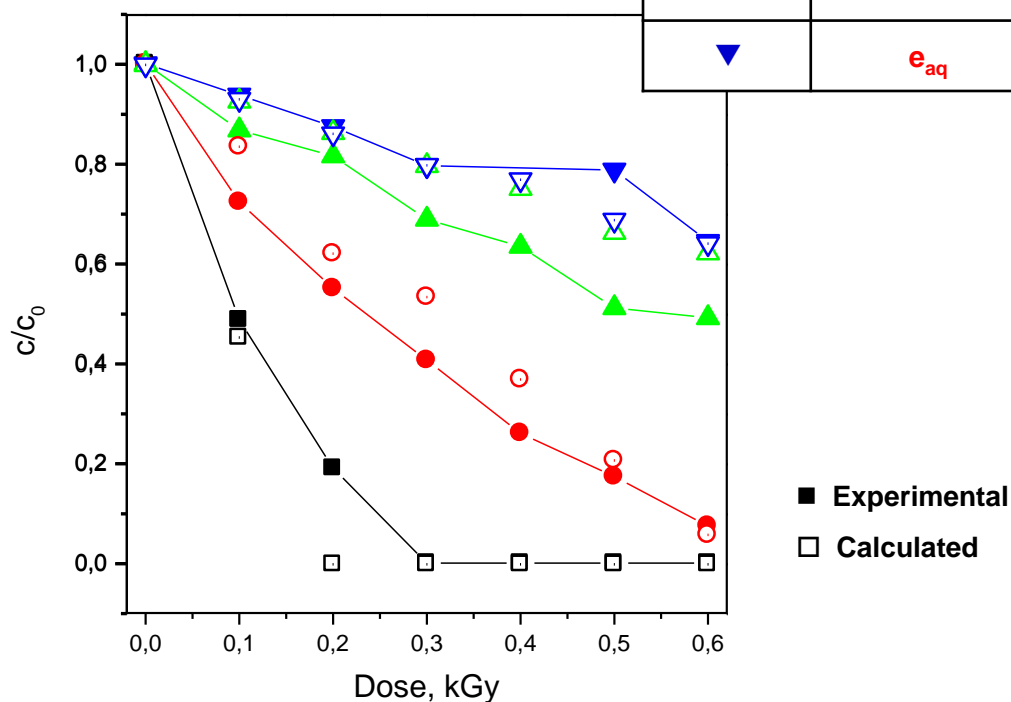
Modelling of Irradiation of Pesticide Carbendazim in Different Radical Scavenging Conditions



Methyl 1H-benzimidazol-2-yl-carbamate (**Carbendazim**)

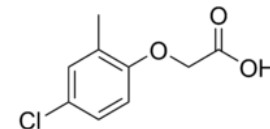
Irradiation conditions

Symbol	Predominated radicals
■	$\cdot\text{OH}$
●	$\cdot\text{OH}, \text{HO}_2\cdot, \text{O}_2\cdot^-$
▲	$\cdot\text{H}$
▼	e_{aq}^-



γ – Irradiation of 100 μM aqueous solution of carbendazim

γ -Radiolytic Decomposition of Pesticide MCPA

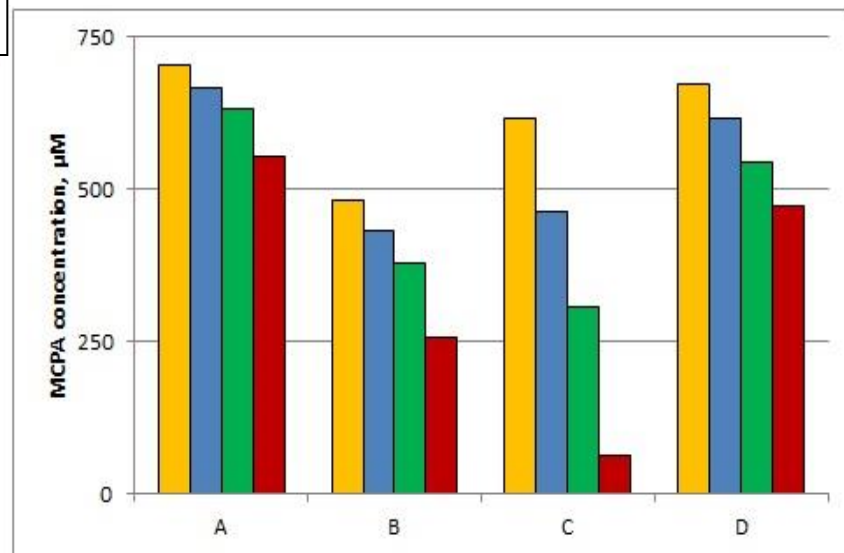
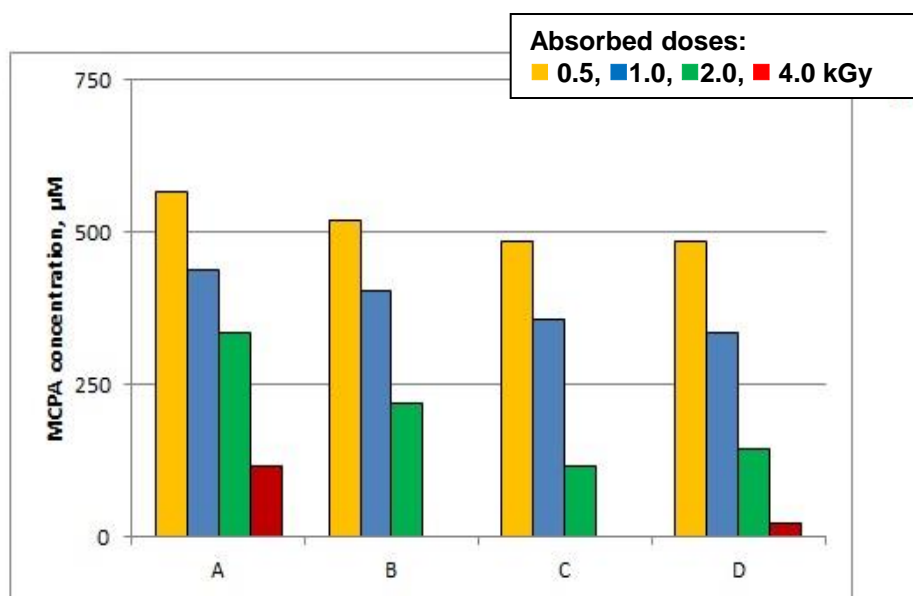


(4-Chloro-2-methylphenoxy) acetic acid **MCPA**

Changes of MCPA concentration in irradiated samples determined by HPLC after γ -irradiation with different doses and in different chemical conditions

Synthetic aqueous solutions 750 μ M MCPA containing 90 g/L **chloride**

Industrial wastewater from production of MCPA containing 750 μ M MCPA



- A – pH 7, aerated ($\cdot\text{OH}$, $\text{O}_2^{\cdot-}$, HO_2^{\cdot})
 B – pH 0.5, aerated (*like in non-treated wastewater*)
 C – pH 0.5, aerated, containing 4.8 mM H_2O_2
 D – pH 7, aerated, containing 4.8 mM H_2O_2

The most effective conditions

Figures of Merit of γ -Radiolytic Decomposition of Selected Organic Pollutants

Compound	Examined concentration, mg/L	Reaction rate constant, $M^{-1} s^{-1}$ (with $\bullet OH$ radicals)	Radiation yield G_o , $\mu M J^{-1}$ (at dose, kGy)	Dose constant, kGy^{-1}	$D_{0.9}$, kGy (dose required for 90% decomposition)
Parathion	15	$4.2 - 9.7 \times 10^9$	0.136 (0.2)	1.76	1.31
Bisphenol A	6.9	6.9×10^9	0.141 (0.1)	7.19	0.32
Aflatoxin B1	10	not found	0.506 (0.02)	9.33	0.25
Diclofenac	10	12×10^9	0.147(0.2)	6.02	0.38
Ibuprofen	10	$6.7 - 10 \times 10^9$	0.163 (0.2)	7.02	0.33
Carbamazepine	10	$2.0 - 9.7 \times 10^9$	0.109 (0.2)	4.37	0.53

Chemo-radiation yield, $\mu M J^{-1}$ $G = [(C_0 - C_D) 6.02 \times 10^{23}] / [D \times 6.46 \times 10^{16}]$

C – concentration, M

D – absorbed dose, Gy

Dose constant , K_{obs} , kGy^{-1} Slope of plot – $\ln (C_D/C_0)$ vs. D

Radiation dose required for 90% decomposition, $D_{0.9}$, kGy

$$D_{0.9} = \ln 10 / K_{obs}$$

γ -Radiolytic Decomposition of Pesticide MCPA

Figures of merit calculated for processes of decomposition of MCPA by gamma radiation in synthetic aqueous solutions and **industrial wastewater** from MCPA production, which were carried out in different conditions of irradiation.

G_0 – chemo-radiation yield ($\mu\text{M J}^{-1}$) ;

$D_{0.9}$ – dose required for 90% decomposition of target species (kGy)

Irradiated solution	Aerated solution of pH 7.0		Aerated solution of pH 0.5		Aerated solution, pH 7.0, with 4.8 mM H_2O_2	
	G_0	$D_{0.9}$	G_0	$D_{0.9}$	G_0	$D_{0.9}$
500 μM MCPA aqueous solution	0.262	3.13	0.278	2.69	0.446	1.77
750 μM MCPA aqueous solution with 90 g/L chloride	0.237	5.06	0.296	3.81	0.339	2.66
Industrial wastewater containing 750 μM MCPA	0.059	32.0	0.342	10.0	0.099 (0.171)*	20.9 (3.70)*

*) Data for irradiation in aerated waste sample of pH 0.5 with added 4.8 mM H_2O_2

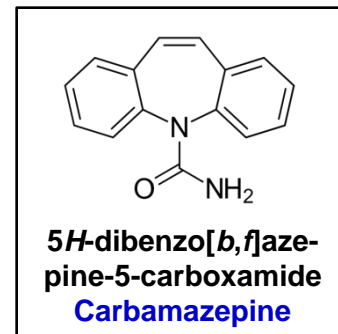
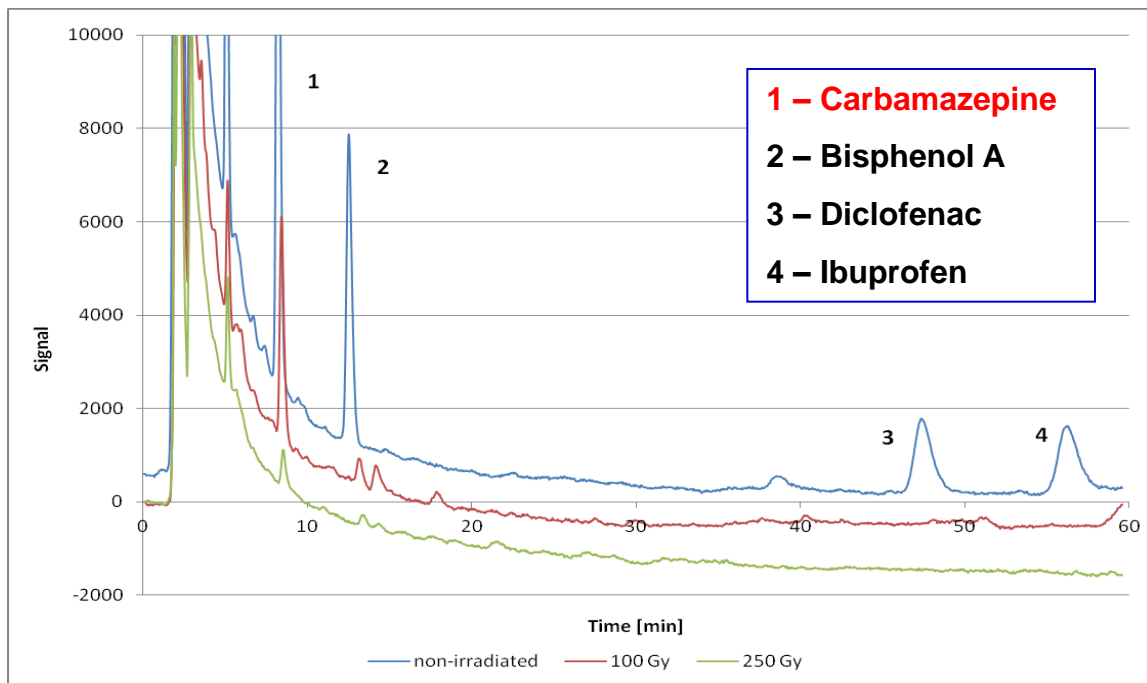
Essential effects of:

- pH of irradiated solution
- Presence of chloride
- Addition of H_2O_2

γ -Irradiation of River Water Sample Spiked with Pharmaceuticals

Water sample from river Vistula in Warsaw, spiked with 10 ppb of each analyte

500 mL spiked sample preconcentrated on Oasis HBL (Waters), eluted with 2 mL methanol – prior to and after γ -irradiation at different doses



Non-irradiated

Irradiated with 100 Gy

Irradiated with 250 Gy

RP-HPLC with UV detection at 220 nm, column KROMASIL-100 C18, 25 cm, 5 μ m, 4 mm

Isocratic elution with 50% 0.6 mM KH_2PO_4 , 30% acetonitrile, 20% methanol, pH 4

Radiolytic Decomposition of Pharmaceutical Carbamazepine

Figures of merit for processes of decomposition of carbamazepine (CBZ) by ionizing radiation in synthetic aqueous solutions and spiked natural waters and wastewaters of different origin

G_0 - chemo-radiation yield ($\mu\text{M J}^{-1}$);

$D_{0.9}$ – dose required for 90% decomposition of target species (kGy)

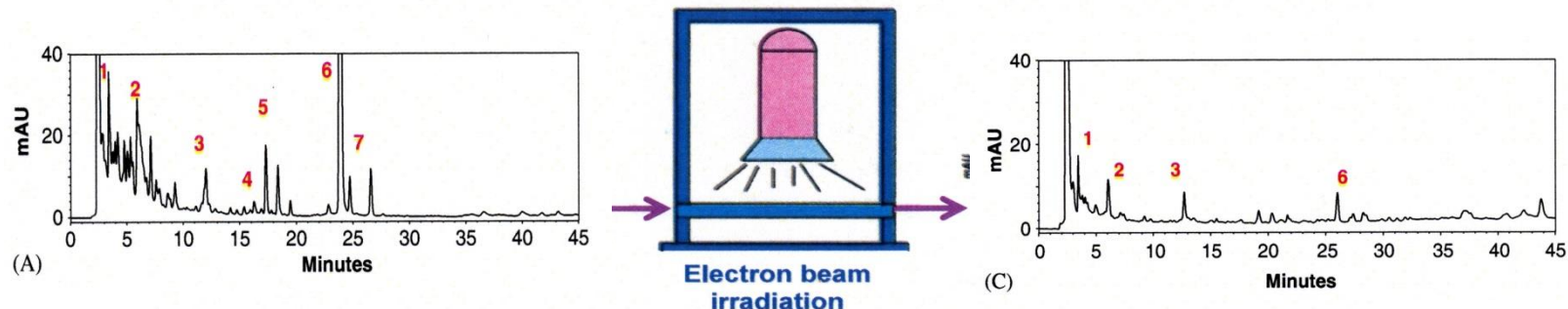
Initial CBZ concentration	Irradiated solution	Conditions of irradiation (type of radiation)	G_0 , $\mu\text{M J}^{-1}$	$D_{0.9}$, kGy	Reference
42.3 nM (10 ppb)	Aqueous CBZ solution	Aerated solutions (γ)	0.390	0.071	Bojanowska-Czajka et al., 2015
	River water spiked with CBZ		0.302	0.192	
	Hospital waste spiked with CBZ		0.132	0.650	
5.0 mM (1.18 ppm)	Wastewater after treatment with activated sludge	pH 7.45; aerated (γ)	0.020	0.294	Kimura et al., 2012
212 mM (50 ppm)	Aqueous CBZ solution	N_2 saturated solutions (EB)	0.261	1.03	Zeng et al., 2014
	Surface water spiked with CBZ		0.196	1.66	

Bojanowska-Czajka et al., Environ. Sci. Pollut. Res., 22 (2015) 20255

Kimura et al., Radiat. Phys. Chem., 81 (2012) 1508

Zheng et al., J. Radioanal. Nucl. Chem., 302 (2014) 139

CONCLUSIONS



Results obtained in several pilot plants and also in this study indicate, that radiolytic degradation may serve as **attractive and cost-effective AOP** for the degradation of organic pollutants

The cost-effectiveness of radiolytic degradation of pollutants depends mostly on **type of organic pollutants**, **matrix** of irradiated samples and also on their initial concentration and presence of scavengers of radicals

In cost-effective conditions the **complete mineralization** of organic pollutants is practically not observed, but rather degradation to easier biodegradable, less-toxic species

Due to extremaly high dose-rate the EB-based radiolytic processes are **much faster** than any other AOPs

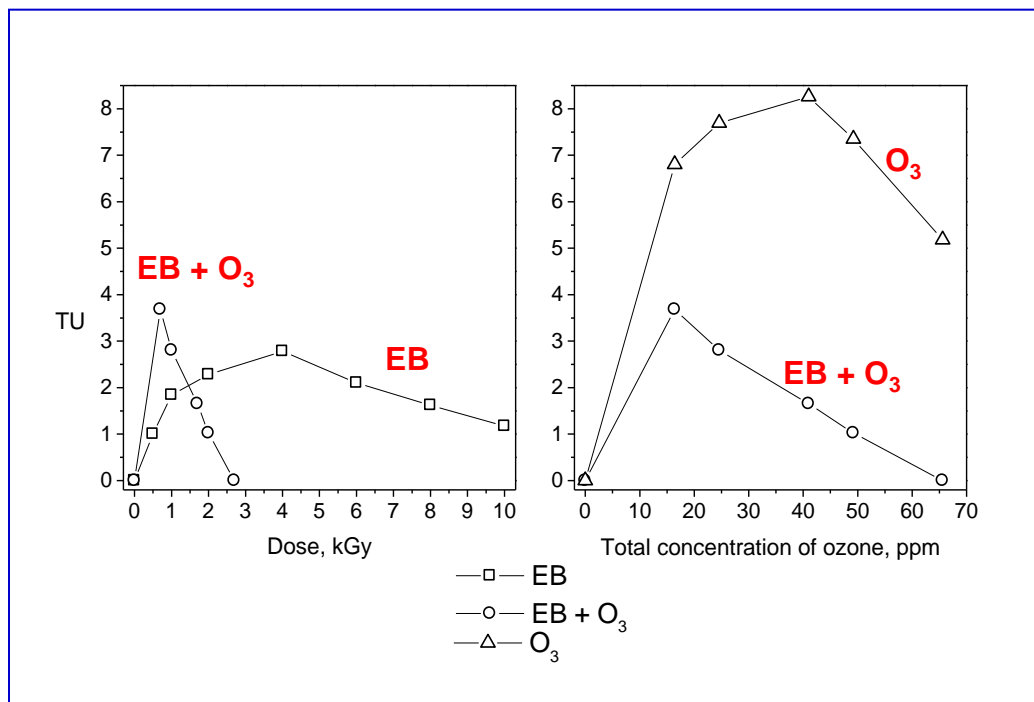
The cost-effectiveness of the radiolytic degradation may be improved by carrying them in the presence of **ozone or hydrogen peroxide**

But.....

Microtox Toxicity Changes Observed for Radiolytic Decomposition of 2,4-D Pesticide in Aerated Solutions

Ground water spiked with 500 μM 2,4-D

EB irradiation without and with **ozone**



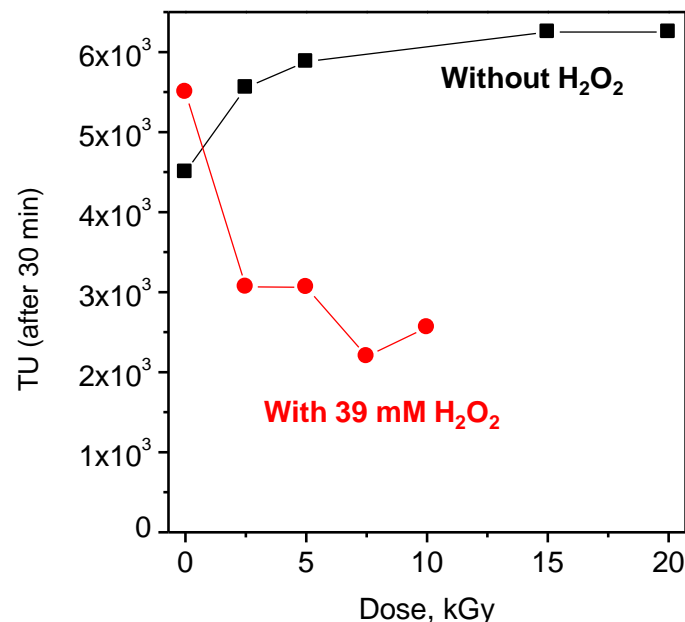
TU = 100 / EC₅₀ (15 min)

The combined process EB/O₃ gives better reduction of total toxicity than separate EB or O₃ treatment.

The positive effect of addition of H₂O₂ is evident only in doses up to 2 kGy

Industrial wastes from 2,4-D production

Irradiation with and without H₂O₂

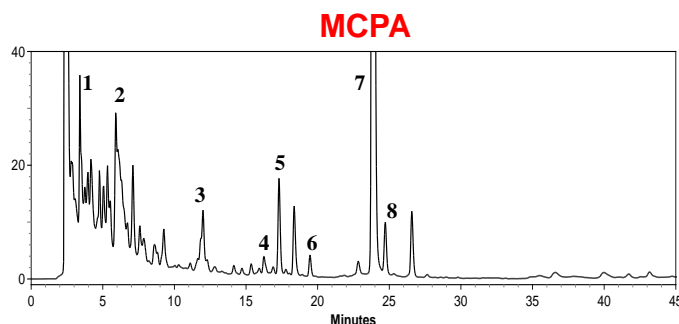


TU = 100 / EC₅₀ (30 min)

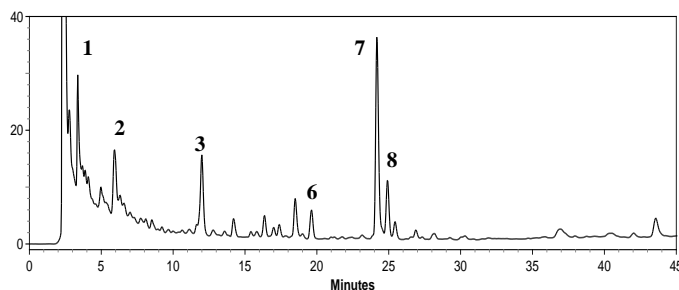
Addition of 39 mM H₂O₂ reduces toxicity during γ -irradiation of industrial waste from 2,4-D production

γ -Radiolytic Degradation of MCPA in Industrial Waste

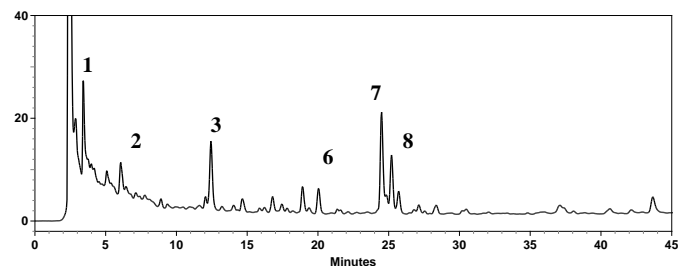
Wastewater
prior to the
irradiation



5 kGy



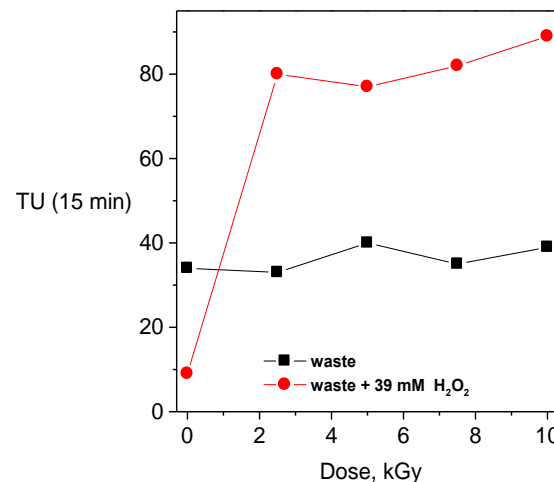
10 kGy



In contrary to irradiation of pure MCPA solutions, the addition of H_2O_2 affects positively the yield of pesticide decomposition

The reason of the toxicity increased in the presence of hydrogen peroxide is **formation of more toxic semi-products**

Changes of toxicity

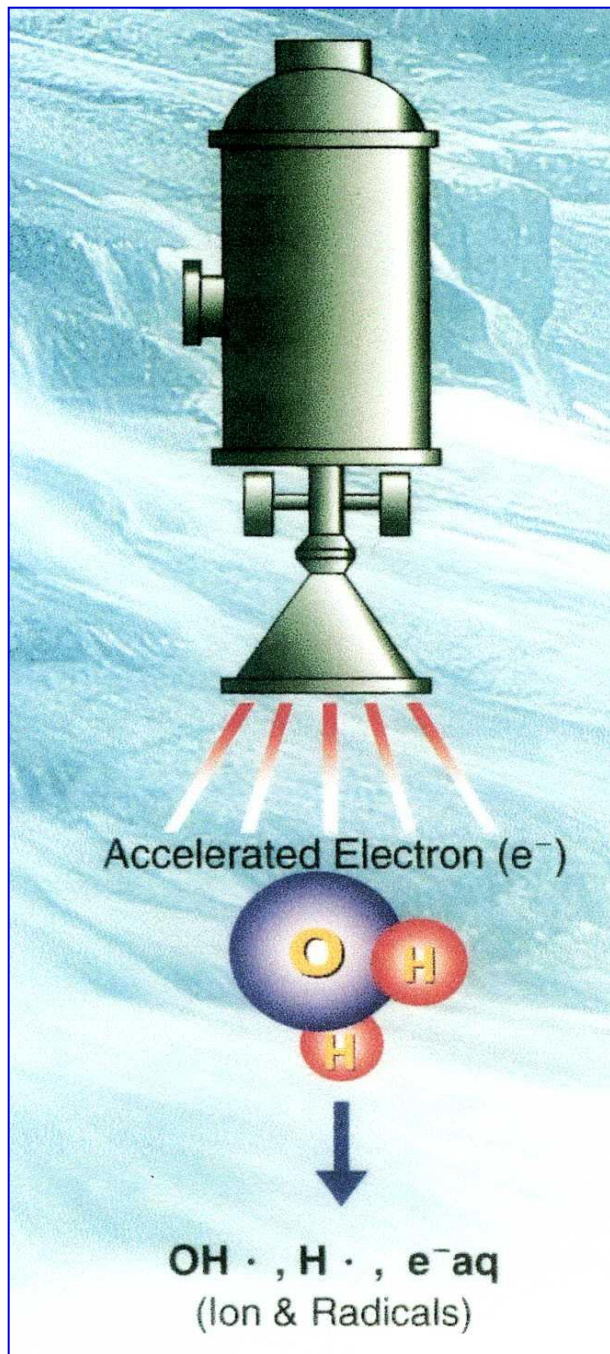


Initial concentration of MCPA 0.5 g/l, pH 1.5

Excess of H_2O_2 removed by sodium thiosulphate

Microtox® toxicity EC_{50} of selected phenolic compounds (ppm)

MCPA (4-chloro-2-methylphenoxyacetic acid)	75.6
MPA (methylphenoxyacetic acid)	300
o-Cresol	38.4
2-chloro-6-methylphenol	63.2
4-chloro-2-methylphenol	1.5
Methylhydroquinone	0.3



**Can Radiation Chemistry Supply a
Highly Efficient, Economical Process
Alternative for Organics Removal from
Wastewater?**

Advanced Oxidation/Reduction Processes and Reactive Species Involved in Destruction of Organic Pollutants

System	$\bullet\text{OH}$	e^-_{aq}	$\bullet\text{H}$
O_3/UV or $\text{O}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$	X		
$\text{TiO}_2/\text{h}\nu$	X	Conduction band electron	
$\text{ZnO}/\text{h}\nu$	X	Conduction band electron	
Sonolysis	X		X
$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2/\text{UV}$	X		
Pulsed UV	X		
Fentons (or Photo-Fentons)	X		
Electro-hydraulic Cavitation	X		X
Supercritical water	X		X
Electron-beam irradiation	X	X	X

**Significant
Advantage
of Radiation
Technologies**

Economic Comparison – Effect of Ozonation

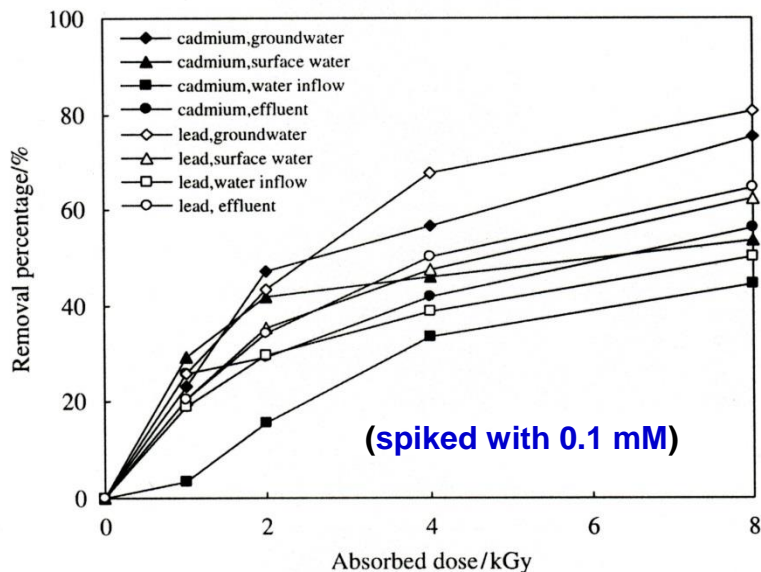
for the reduction of **120 ppb trichloroethylene** to 5 ppb in groundwater by EB irradiation with and without ozone

	EB	EB + O₃
Cost	Electron beam irradiad. 370 Gy \equiv 146 m ³ /h	Ozone-Electron beam irradiad. (3 ppm O ₃ + 45 Gy) \equiv 1200 m ³ /h
Capital requirement (in 1000 US \$ units)		
• 25 kW electron beam accelerator (incl. auxiliary equipment, transport, installation, building and vault)	1200	1200
• Ozone generator	-	270
• Water handling equipment	100	250
Total	1300	1720
Capital cost (in US \$/hour) (9.5 % over 10 years; 8000 hours/year)	26	34
Operating cost (in US \$/hour)		
• Electric power (\$ 0.14/kWh)		
Accelerator	7	7
Ozone generator	-	4.5
Pumps	1.5	32.5
• Oxygen (\$ 0.23/m ³) + storage	-	9
• Maintenance	1.5	3
TOTAL	36 \$/h	90 \$/h
(Capital + Operating)	0.25 \$/m³	0.075 \$/m³

Removal of selected metals from industrial effluents using EB treatment

Removed element	Initial concentration ,g/L	Removal at given absorbed dose, %		
		20 kGy	100 kGy	500 kGy
Al	11	63.6	97.8	97.8
Cr	2	97.3	99.6	99.6
Fe	21	96.2	99.9	99.9
Zn	2	99.95	99.95	99.5
Co	0.42	96.2	96.2	99.8

Ribeiro et al.,
Radiat. Phys. Chem. 71 (2004) 423



γ -Radiolytic removal of Cd and Pb from waters and wastes (~ 60% at 8 kGy)

Pb in effluent

Cd in effluent

Gamma irradiation-induced removal of Cd^{2+} and Pb^{2+} by reducing species under different conditions followed pseudo-first-order kinetic model.

Cd^{2+} and Pb^{2+} removal was facilitated in low solution pH, low dissolved oxygen concentration and the presence of sodium carbonate, while inhibited by adding EDTA to solution.

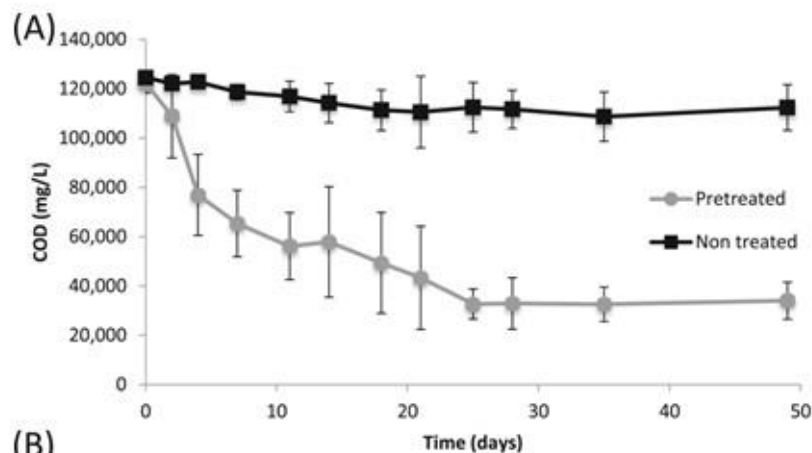
Guo et al., Radiat. Phys. Chem., 77 (2008) 1021

Hybrid - Biological, EB and Nano Fe(0) Treatment of Recalcitrant Metalworking Fluids

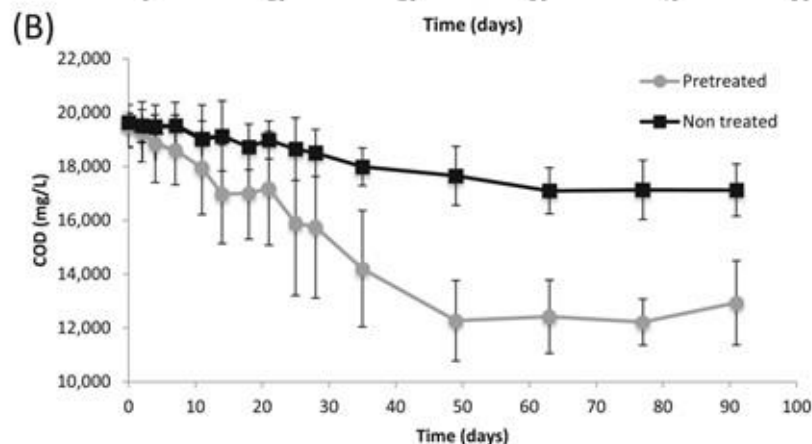
They are chemically complex yet defined and consist of **base mineral oils, emulsifiers and surfactants, corrosion inhibitors, extreme pressure agents, friction reducing agents, foam inhibitors and biocides**, making subsequent treatment challenging.

Effect of electron beam pre-irradiation of toxic recalcitrant **industrial wastewater** (metalworking fluids) on COD removal

Concentrated fresh fluids

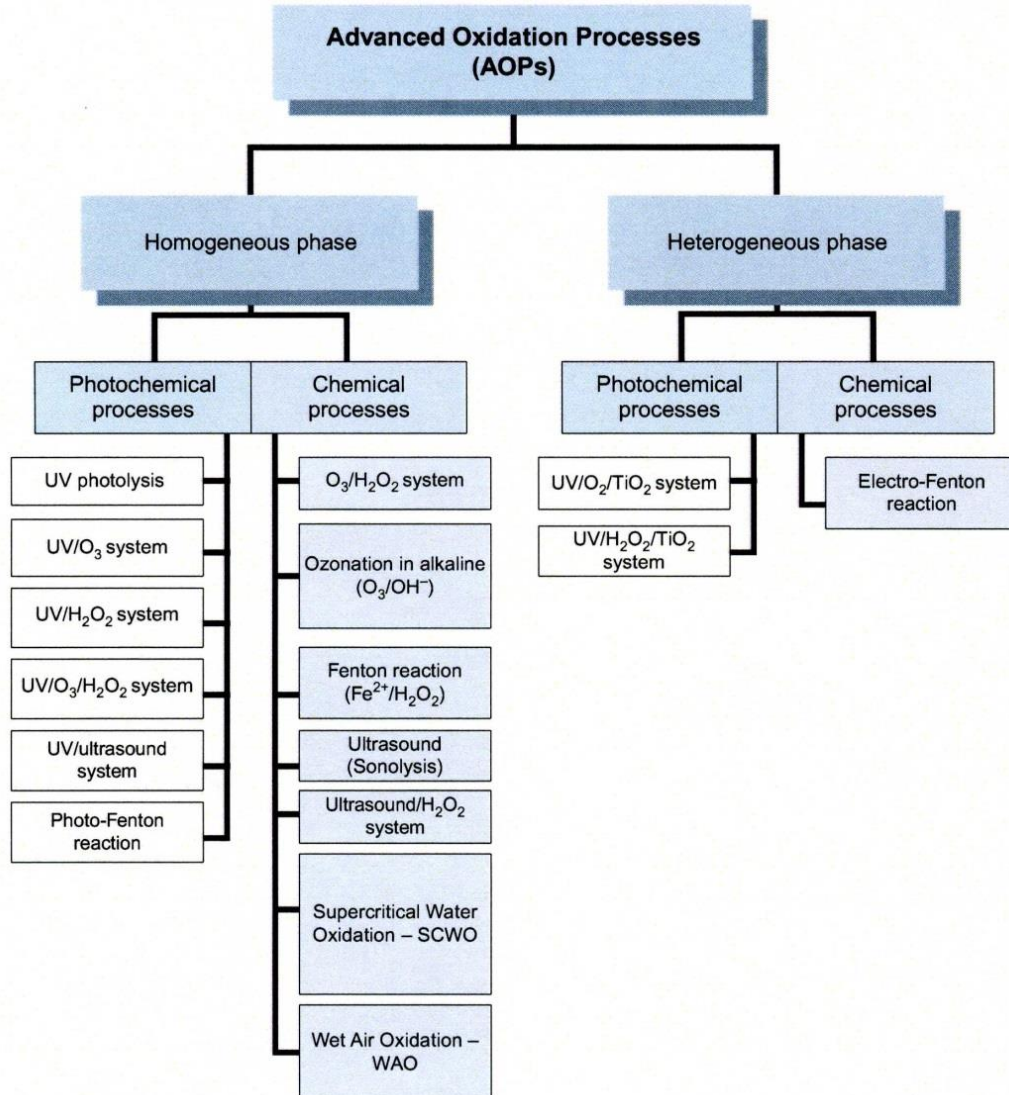


Exhausted metalworking fluids



Advanced Oxidation Processes

Chemical degradation via oxidative radical (e.g. $\cdot\text{OH}$) generation



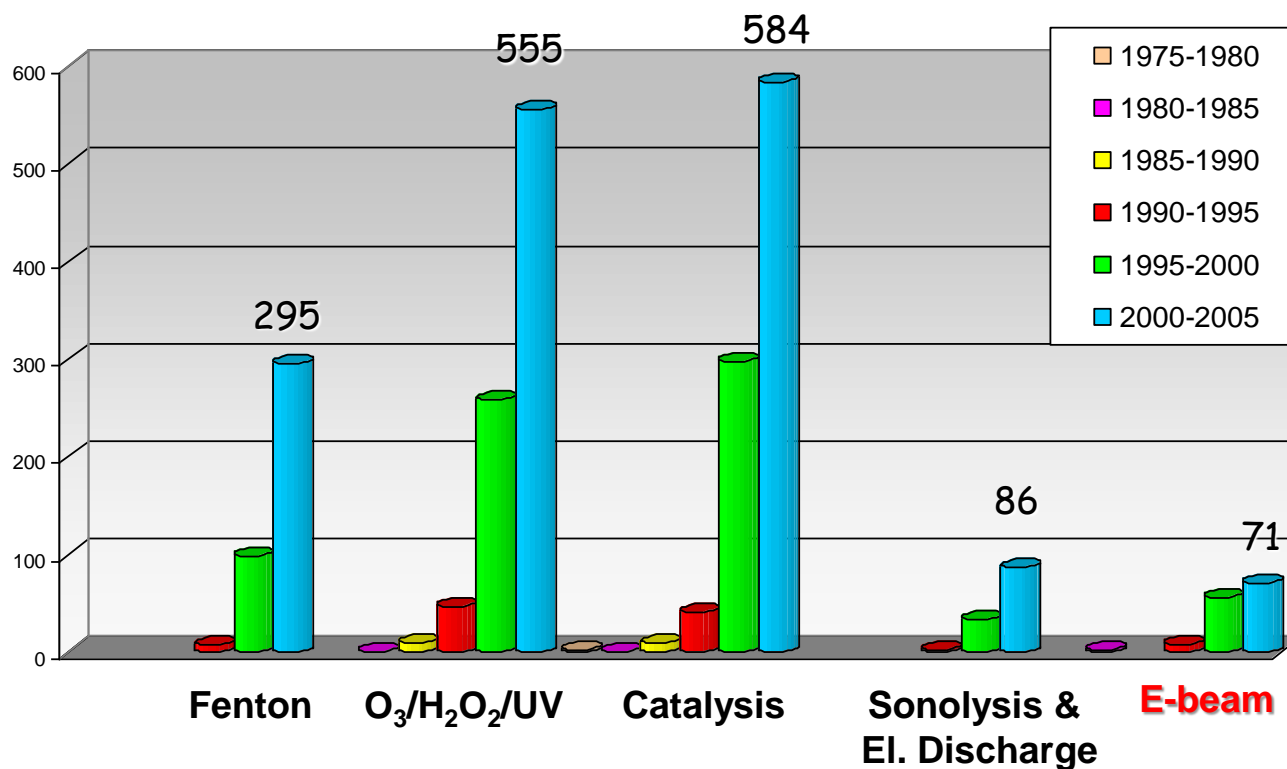
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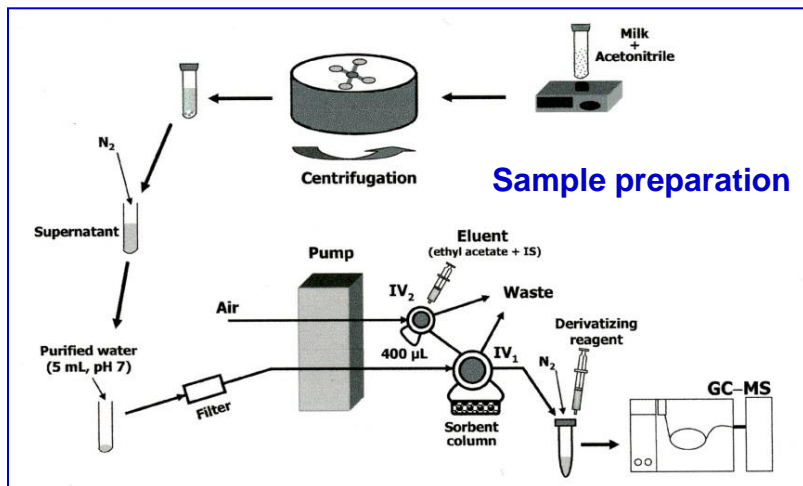


AOP	1975-1980	1980-1985	1985-1990	1990-1995	1995-2000	2000-2005
Fenton				7	98	295
O ₃ /H ₂ O ₂ /UV		1	9	47	258	555
Catalysis	2	1	9	40	298	584
Sonolysis & El. Discharge				2	33	86
E-beam		2		8	56	71

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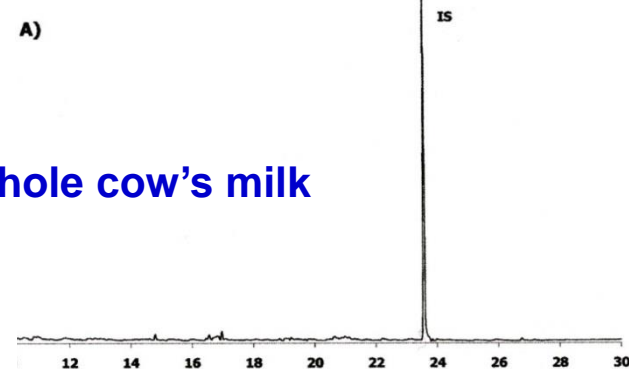
GS/MS of Pharmaceuticals in Milk Samples



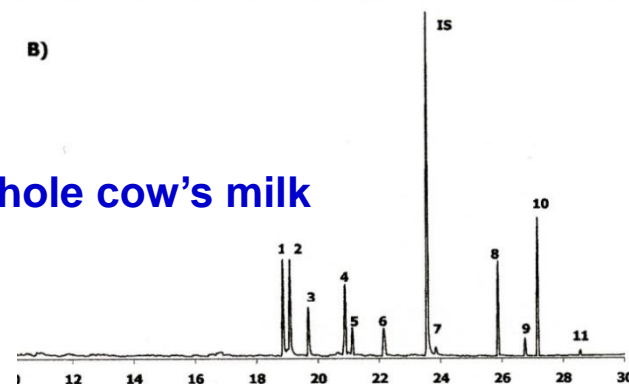
Determined pharmaceuticals

milk sample	pharmacologically active substance	concentration found ($\mu\text{g/kg}$)
human breast 1	triclosan	0.16 ± 0.01
	17 α -ethinylestradiol	0.035 ± 0.002
human breast 2	ibuprofen	0.37 ± 0.02
	triclosan	0.25 ± 0.02
	estrone	0.055 ± 0.004
	17 β -estradiol	0.54 ± 0.03
	17 α -ethinylestradiol	0.045 ± 0.003
human breast 3	naproxen	1.9 ± 0.1
	estrone	0.17 ± 0.01
	17 β -estradiol	0.49 ± 0.03
goat (whole)	none	
goat (half-skim)	niflumic acid	0.085 ± 0.005
	flunixin	0.095 ± 0.006
powdered 1–2	none	

Whole cow's milk



Whole cow's milk



Human breast milk

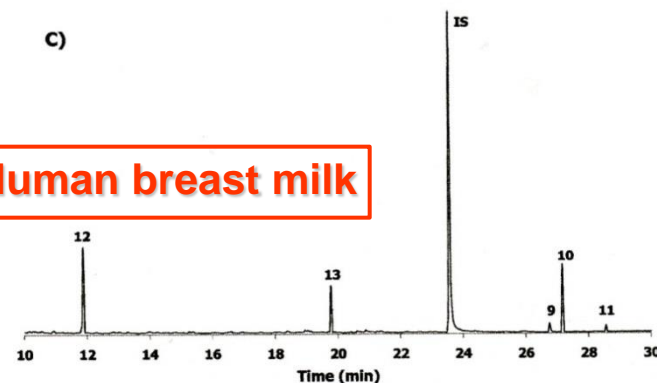


Figure 2. GC-MS chromatograms in the SIM mode for whole cow's milk samples 1 (A) and 3 (B) and human breast milk sample 2 (C) (see Tables 4 and 5). Peaks: (1) niflumic acid; (2) naproxen; (3) flunixin; (4) ketoprofen; (5) pyrimethamine; (6) diclofenac; (7) phenylbutazone; (8) florfenicol; (9) estrone; (10) 17 β -estradiol; (11) 17 α -ethinylestradiol; (12) ibuprofen; (13) triclosan; (IS) internal standard.

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