



# Aplicación del ozono para el tratamiento de aguas residuales urbanas

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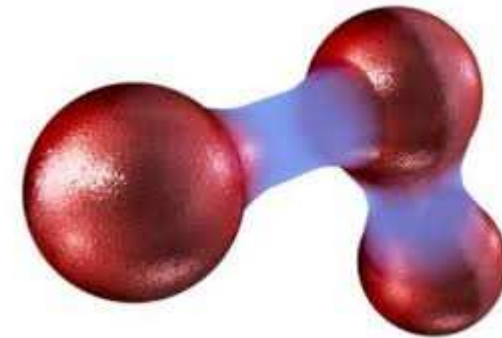
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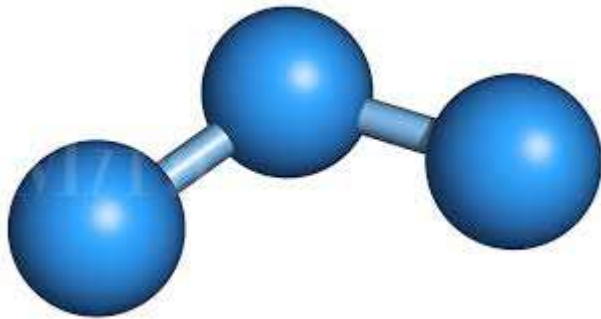


# OVERVIEW OF THE PRESENTATION

- **Ozone: Properties**
- **Ozone generation**
- **Ozone reactivity and AOP's**
  
- **Water Reuse and Emerging Contaminants**
- **Ozone to improve WWTP outlet effluents**
- **Some results of ozone experimentation at lab scale**
- **Conclusions**



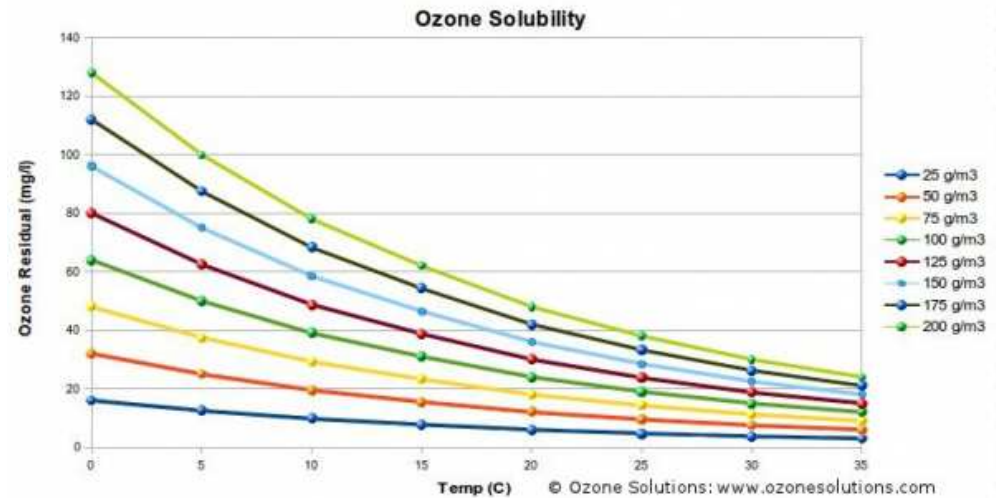
# PROPERTIES OF OZONE



Bluish, irritating, heavier than air, reactive and unstable gas, it must be generated "in-situ".

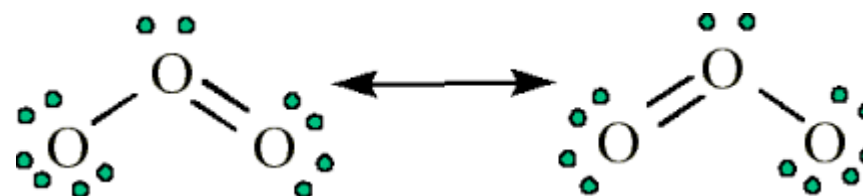


It is 14 times more soluble in water than oxygen. The solubility decreases with temperature and increases with pressure.



# PROPERTIES OF OZONE

Oxidant	$E^\circ$ (V)
Fluorine	3.03
Hydroxyl radical	2.80
Atomic oxygen	2.42*
Ozone	2.07
Hydrogen peroxide	1.77
Potassium permanganate	1.67
Hypobromous acid	1.59
Chlorine dioxide	1.50*
Hypochlorous acid	1.49
Chlorine	1.36
Oxygen	1.20*
Bromine	1.09

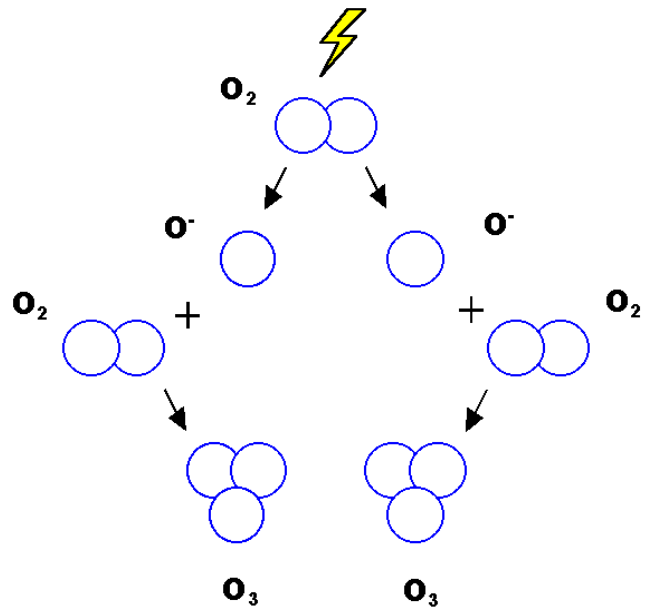


**POWERFUL OXIDANT**

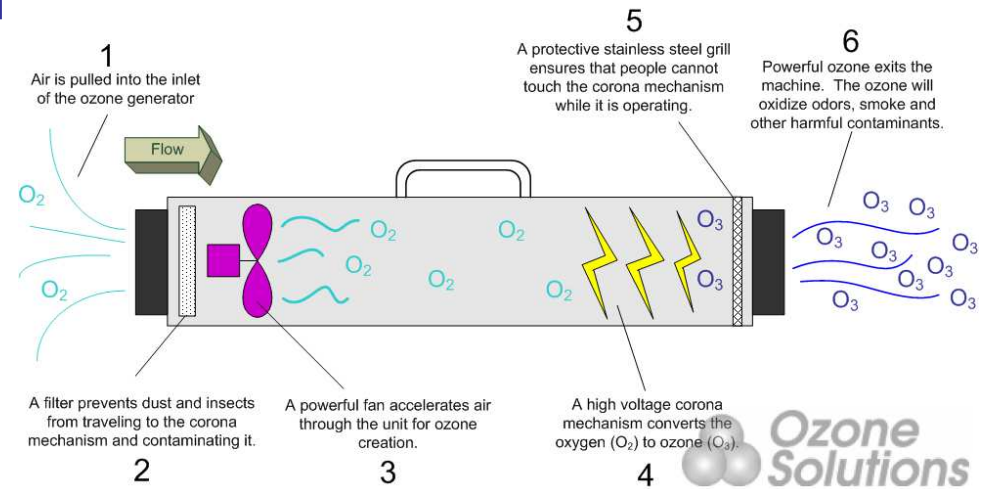
# OZONE GENERATION

## Electric discharge

The electrical discharge breaks the bond of oxygen and produces two oxygen atoms



What happens inside an Ozone Generator?

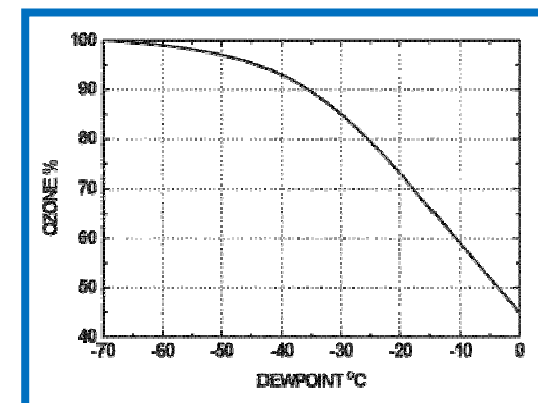
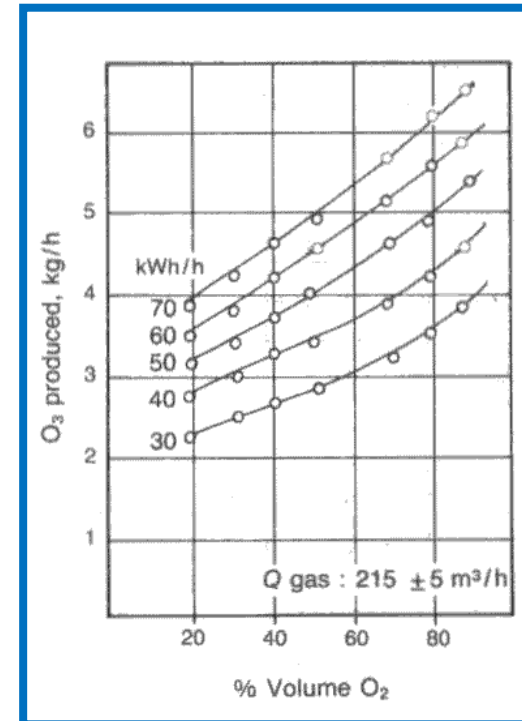


# OZONE GENERATION

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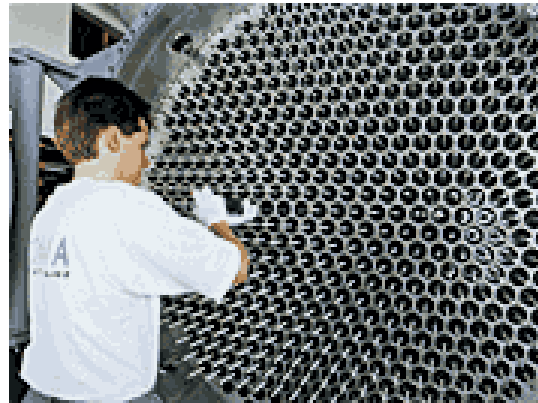
- Can be generated from air or oxygen.
- 2-3 times higher production of ozone from oxygen to air.
- Important: Gas pre-treatment.
  - Gas compression.
  - Filtration of gas (remove any impurities).
  - Removal of humidity, to decrease NOx (corrosion!).

Problem: **costs.** Only **10%** (**BUT INCREASING!!!**) of the electrical energy applied to ozonizer is used in the production of ozone. The rest is lost as heat and light radiation. Dielectric tubes should be cooled with water



# OZONE GENERATION

Electric discharge

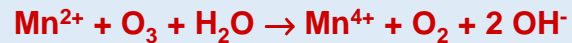
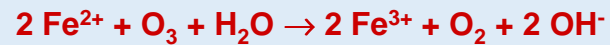


Lab scale

Industrial scale



# OZONE REACTIVITY: INORGANIC COMPOUNDS

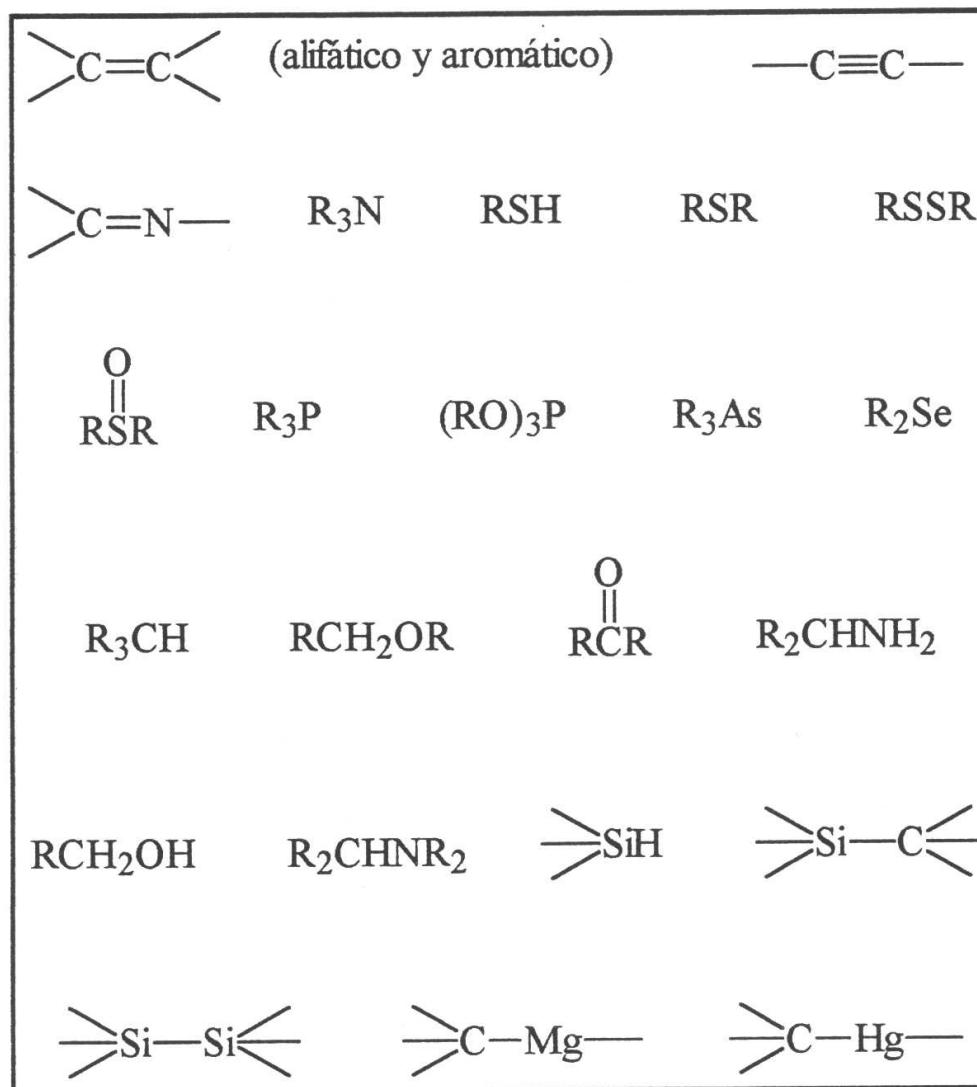


Compound	Products	Rate of oxidation	Remarks
$\text{Fe}^{2+}$	$\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3$	Fast	Filtration of solids required; application in the beverage industry
$\text{Mn}^{2+}$	$\text{MnO}(\text{OH})_2$	Fast	Filtration of solids required; application in the beverage industry
	$\text{MnO}_4^-$	Fast	At higher residual ozone conc., reduction and filtration required
$\text{NO}_2^-$	$\text{NO}_3^-$	Fast	Nitrite is a toxic compound
$\text{NH}_4^+ / \text{NH}_3$	$\text{NO}_3^-$	Slow at pH<9 Moderate at pH>9	Not relevant
$\text{CN}^-$	$\text{CO}_2, \text{NO}_3^-$	Fast	Application in waste water
$\text{H}_2\text{S} / \text{S}^{2-}$	$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$	Fast	Not relevant
As-III	As-V	Fast	Preoxidation for subsequent As- removal
$\text{Cl}^-$	$\text{HOCl}$	Near zero	Not relevant
$\text{Br}^-$	$\text{HOBr} / \text{OBr}^- , \text{BrO}_3^-$	Moderate	Bromination of organic compounds possible; bromate as toxic by-product
$\text{I}^-$	$\text{HOI} / \text{OI}^- , \text{IO}_3^-$	Fast	Not relevant
$\text{HOCl} / \text{OCl}^-$	$\text{ClO}_3^-$	Slow	Loss of free chlorine
Chloroamines, Bromamines		Moderate	Loss of combined chlorine
$\text{ClO}_2$	$\text{ClO}_3^-$	Fast	Loss of free chlorine dioxide
$\text{ClO}_2^-$	$\text{ClO}_3^-$	Fast	
$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$	$\text{OH}^-$	Moderate	Basis of $\text{O}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ – process (AOP)

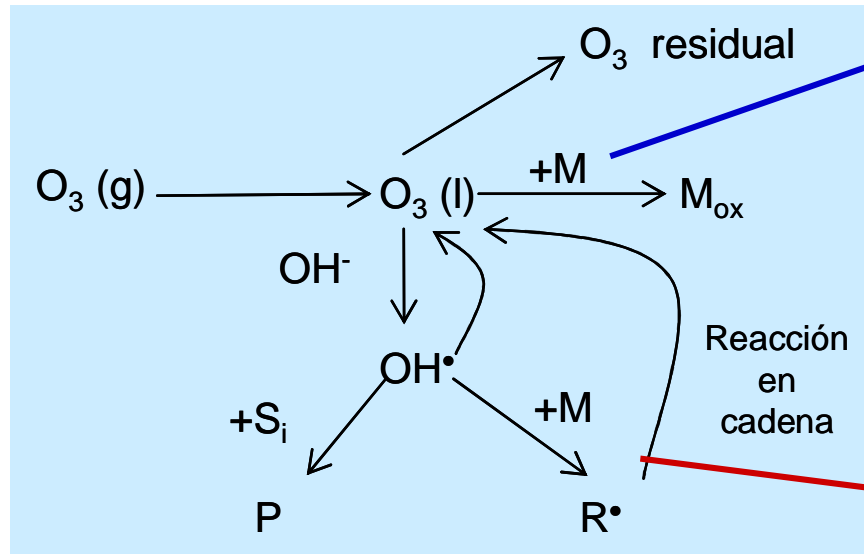


# OZONE REACTIVITY: ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

Typical kinetic constant:  
 $K_D = 1,0 \cdot 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$



# OZONE REACTIVITY: MECHANISM



**Direct reaction: pH < 4**

**Direct or indirect reaction?**  
 - Solution pH  
 - Type of compound

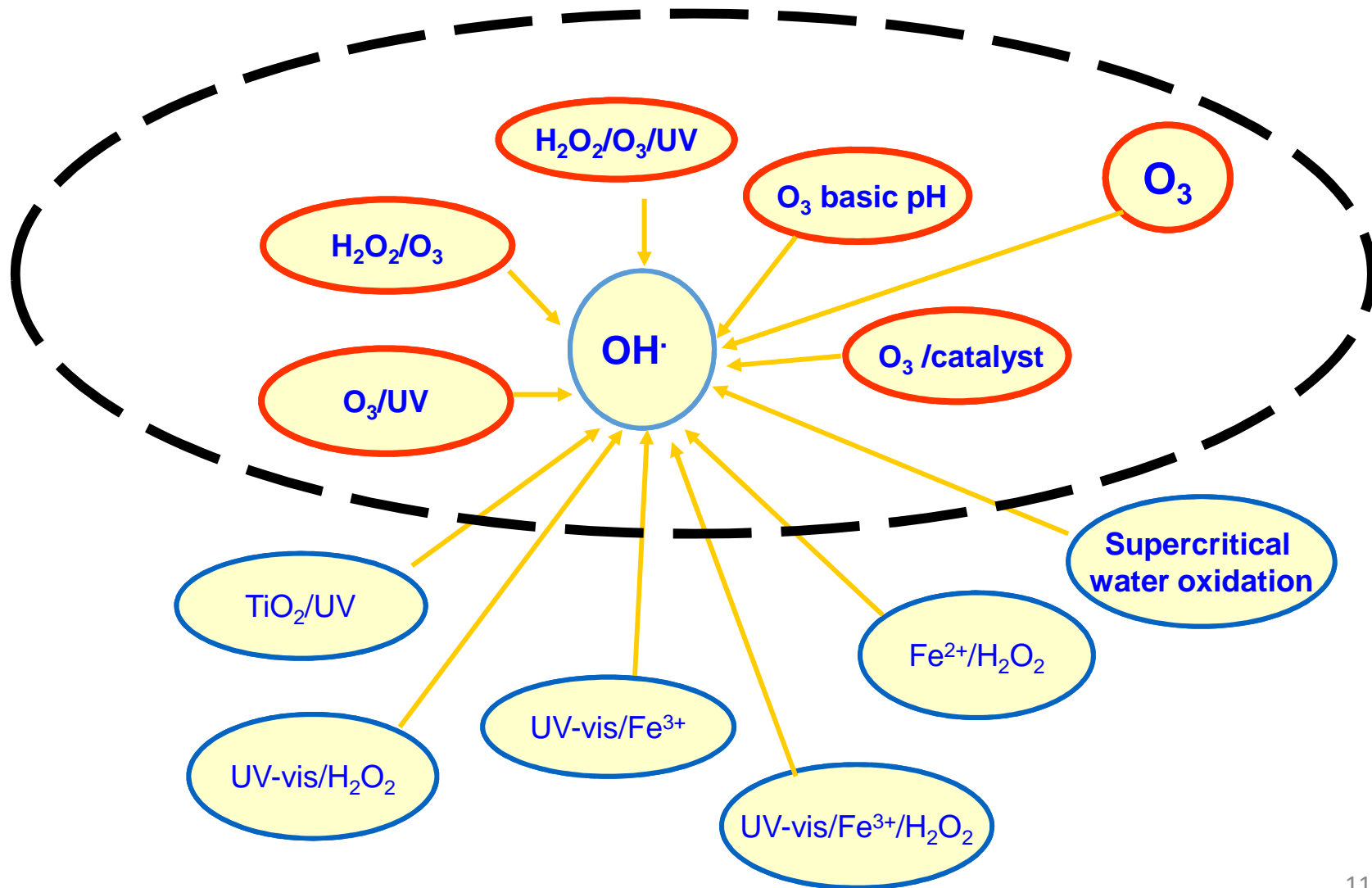
**Indirect reaction (radical). pH > 10**

R = Free radicals  
 M = Substrate  
 S<sub>i</sub> = Scavengers  
 M<sub>ox</sub> = Oxidized substrate  
 P = Products

+ OH<sup>-</sup>  
 + H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  
 + UV  
 + Transition Metals

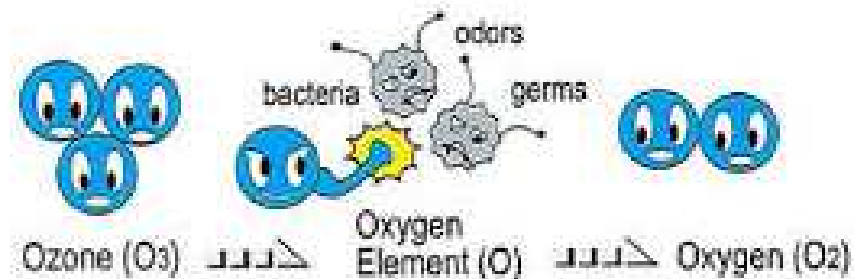
Reaction rate of OH·  
 10<sup>6</sup>-10<sup>9</sup> times faster  
 than O<sub>3</sub>

# AOP's BASED ON OZONE



# ADVANTAGES OF OZONE

- Ozone is **more effective than chlorine**, chloramines, and chlorine dioxide for inactivation of viruses, *Cryptosporidium*, and *Giardia*.
- Ozone **oxidizes iron, manganese, and sulfides**.
- Ozone can sometimes **enhance the clarification process and turbidity removal**.
- Ozone **controls color, taste, and odors**.
- In the absence of bromide, **halogen-substitutes DBPs are not formed**.
- Upon decomposition, the **only residual is dissolved oxygen**.
- Biocidal activity is **not influenced by pH**.



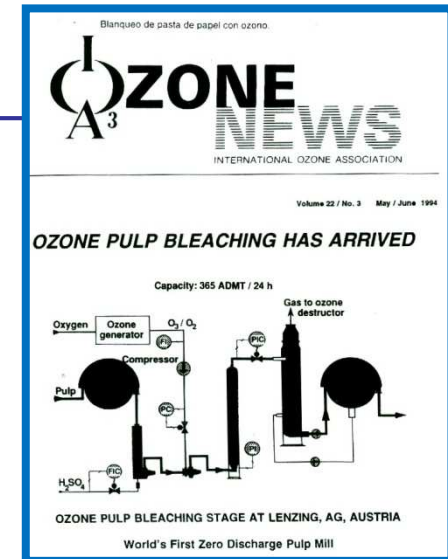
# DISADVANTAGES OF OZONE

- ✗ DBPs are formed, particularly by **bromate and bromine-substituted DBPs**, in the presence of bromide, aldehydes, ketones, etc.
- ✗ The initial **cost of ozonation equipment** is high.
- ✗ The generation of ozone requires **high energy** and should be generated **on-site**.
- ✗ Ozone requires **higher level of maintenance** and operator skill.
- ✗ Ozone is highly **corrosive and toxic**.
- ✗ Ozone provides **no residual**.



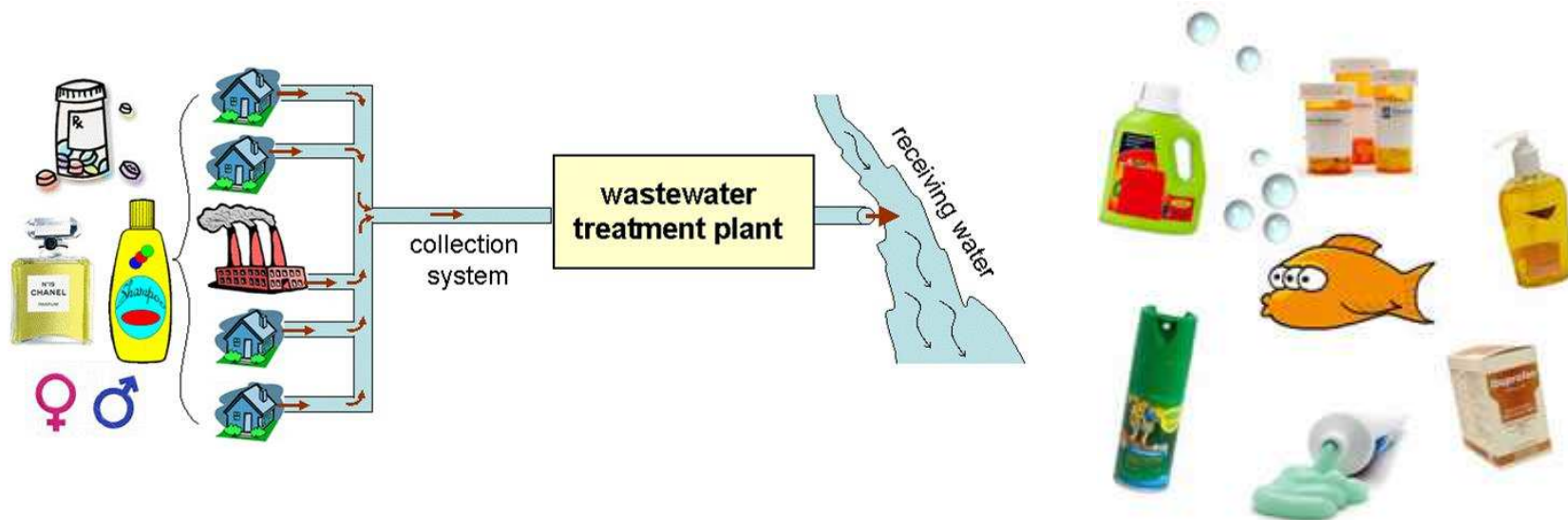
# OZONE: APPLICATIONS

- Water purification (Disinfection, odor removal, etc..).
- Production of high purity water.
- **Wastewater treatment** (pollutants and odors removal, etc.)
- Reusable water for pools, aquaculture, aquariums, etc.
- Gas treatment (removal of odors in gas streams, etc..).



# NEW APPLICATION: WATER REUSE

## RESOURCES RECOVERY: WATER



**New challenge:  
EMERGING CONTAMINANTS REMOVAL**

# EMERGING CONTAMINANTS



Metallic or organic substances present **in very low concentrations** in the environment and that may have a toxic action at small concentration.

## CHARACTERISTICS

- **Frequently used** products
  - **Released** to the environment
  - **Not** specifically **regulated**
  - **Recalcitrant** properties
  - Unknown **environmental impact**
  - **Include** PPCP, pesticides, **antibiotics...**
- ✓ **Approximately 63 000 chemicals are in common use worldwide.**
- ✓ **200 to 1.000 new synthetic chemicals enter the market each year.**



# EMERGING CONTAMINANTS

Priority substances WFD 2000/60/CE

► **Priority Hazardous (13)**

► **Priority (20)**

**PentaBromodiphenylEthers**

DiEthylHexylPhtalates

**Pentachlorobenzene**

**Chloroalcanes C10-13**

**Nonylphenols**

Octylphenols

Fluoranthene

Alachlor

Chlorfenvinphos

Chlorpyrifos

Diuron

Isoproturon

**Tributyltin & cpds**

**PAHs**

**Anthracene**

**Endosulfan**

Naphthalene

Nickel and cpds

Lead and cpds

1,2-Dichloroethane

Trichloromethane

Trichlorobenzenes

**Hexachlorobenzene**

**Hexachlorobutadiene**

**Hexachlorocyclohexane**

Pentachlorophenol

**Cadmium and cpds**

**Mercury and cpds**

**Dichloromethane**

**Benzene**

**Atrazine**

**Simazine**

**Trifluralin**

List I Hazardous substances  
directive 76/464/CE

► **Hazardous (8)**

DDT, DDD, DDE

Aldrine

Dieldrine

Endrine

Isodrine

Carbon tetrachloride

Perchloroethylene

Trichloréthylène

Chlorobenzene

Chloroprène

3-chloroprene

1,2-Dichlorobenzene

1,2-Dichlorobenzene

1,4-Dichlorobenzene

1,1-Ddichloroethane

Ethylbenzene

Toluene

1.1.1-Trichloroethane

1.1.2-Trichlorethane

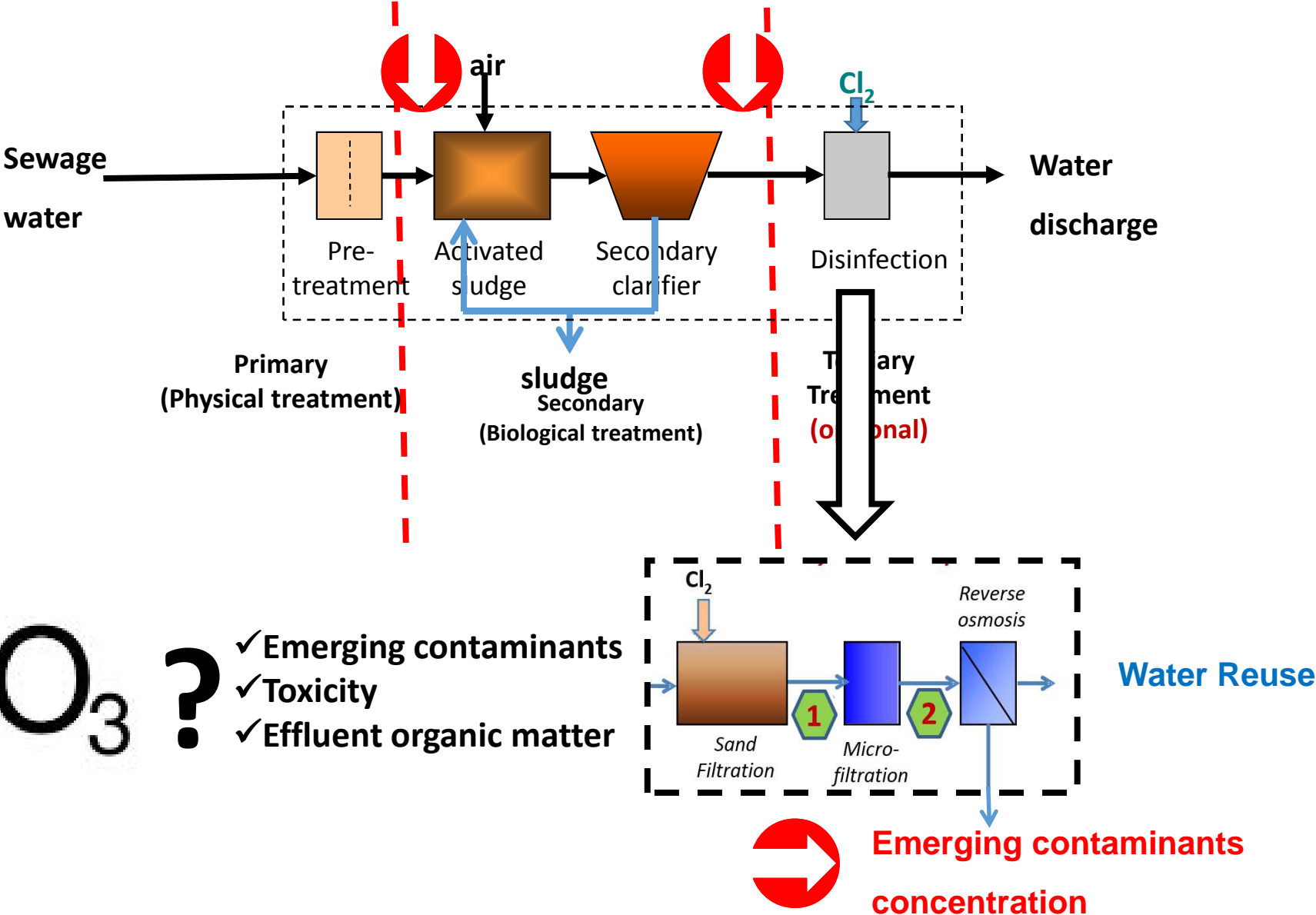
Vinyl Chloride

Xylenes

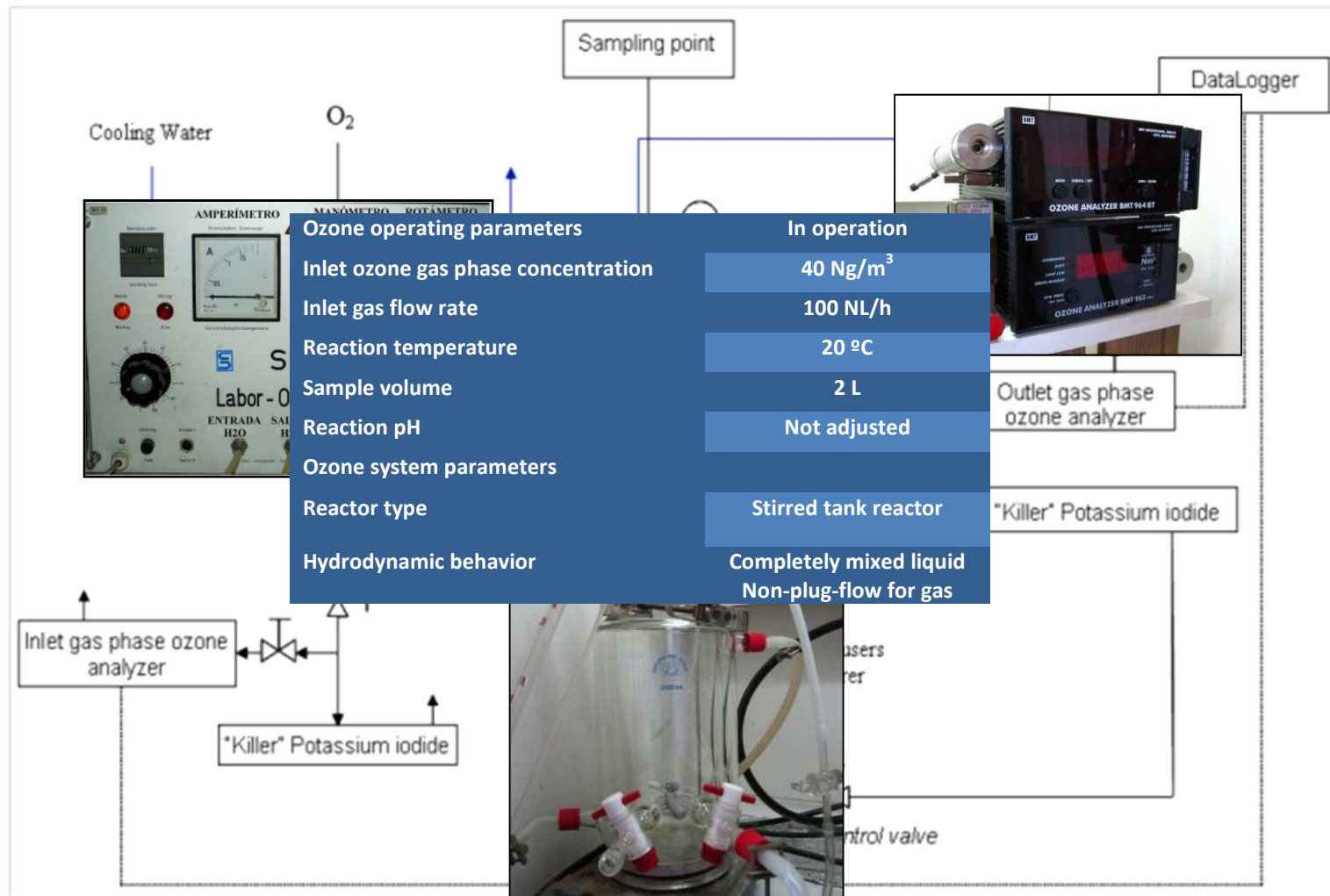
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List II Hazardous substances  
directive 76/464/CE (139)

# CLASSICAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP)



# OZONE LAB SCALE SEMI-BATCH REACTOR



# STUDIED EFFLUENTS: RO BRINE

➤ RO brine → WWTP El Prat de Llobregat (Barcelona)

➤ RO brine → WWTP Calafell (Tarragona)

Average physicochemical parameters:

	RO brine Barcelona	RO brine Tarragona	
	<i>Appendix III</i>	<i>Appendix IV</i>	<i>Appendix V</i>
<b>TOC</b> (mg C L <sup>-1</sup> )	27.6	24.4	23.9
<b>DOC</b> (mg C L <sup>-1</sup> )	27.3	24.2	23.7
<b>COD</b> (mgO <sub>2</sub> L <sup>-1</sup> )	77.0	76.9	61.5
<b>BOD<sub>5</sub></b> (mgO <sub>2</sub> L <sup>-1</sup> )	2.2	2.3	5.5
<b>pH</b>	8.3	7.4	6.9
<b>UV<sub>254</sub></b> (m <sup>-1</sup> )	59.5	46.4	40.5
<b>Turbidity</b> (NTU)	1.07	0.53	0.37
<b>Alkalinity</b> (mg CaCO <sub>3</sub> L <sup>-1</sup> )	914	583	308
<b>Cl<sup>-</sup></b> (mgCl <sup>-</sup> L <sup>-1</sup> )	1540	1511	1627

- Low biodegradability ( $BOD_5/COD = 0.03 - 0.09$ )

High recalcitrant organic matter content.

- High chloride concentration and significant alkalinity content

Important from a mechanistic point of view since CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> (alkalinity) and Cl<sup>-</sup> are HO· scavengers.

# STUDIED EFFLUENTS: RO BRINE

Pharmaceutical concentrations (ng L<sup>-1</sup>):

	<u>RO brine Barcelona</u>		<u>RO brine Tarragona</u>	
<b>Naproxen</b>	1080	<b>Naproxen</b>	169	254
Indometacin	895	Ketoprofen	259	628
<b>Diclofenac</b>	605	<b>Diclofenac</b>	935	283
Propyphenazone	258	Gemfibrozil	1275	3443
Paroxetine	508	Diazepam	102	135
Codeine	673	Lorazepam	45	195
<b>Carbamazepine</b>	1038	<b>Carbamazepine</b>	17	98
Sulfamethazine	635	Clarithromycin	77	46
<b>Sulfamethoxazole</b>	1638	<b>Sulfamethoxazole</b>	87	26
<b>Trimethoprim</b>	235	<b>Trimethoprim</b>	81	20
<b>Atenolol</b>	1028	<b>Atenolol</b>	28	361

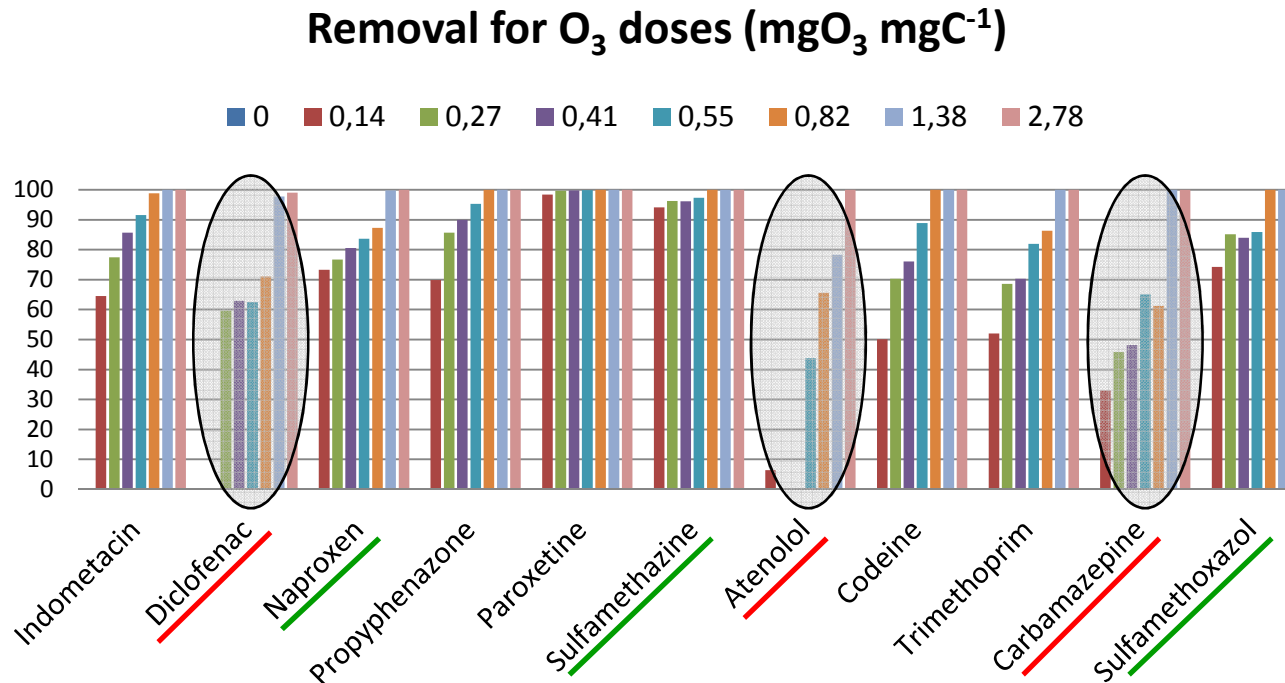
235 – 1638 ng L<sup>-1</sup>

17 – 1275 ng L<sup>-1</sup>

20 – 3443 ng L<sup>-1</sup>

As expected: **remarkable concentrations** of micropollutants were found.

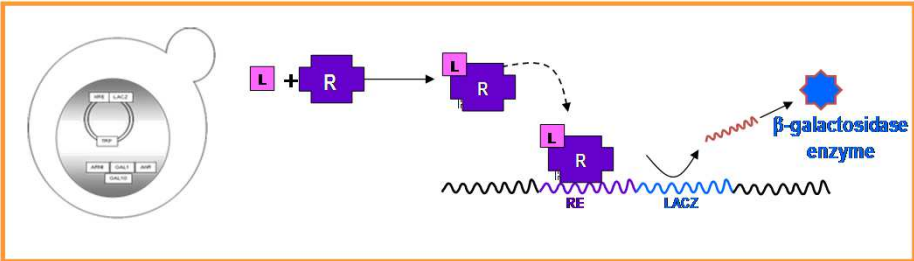
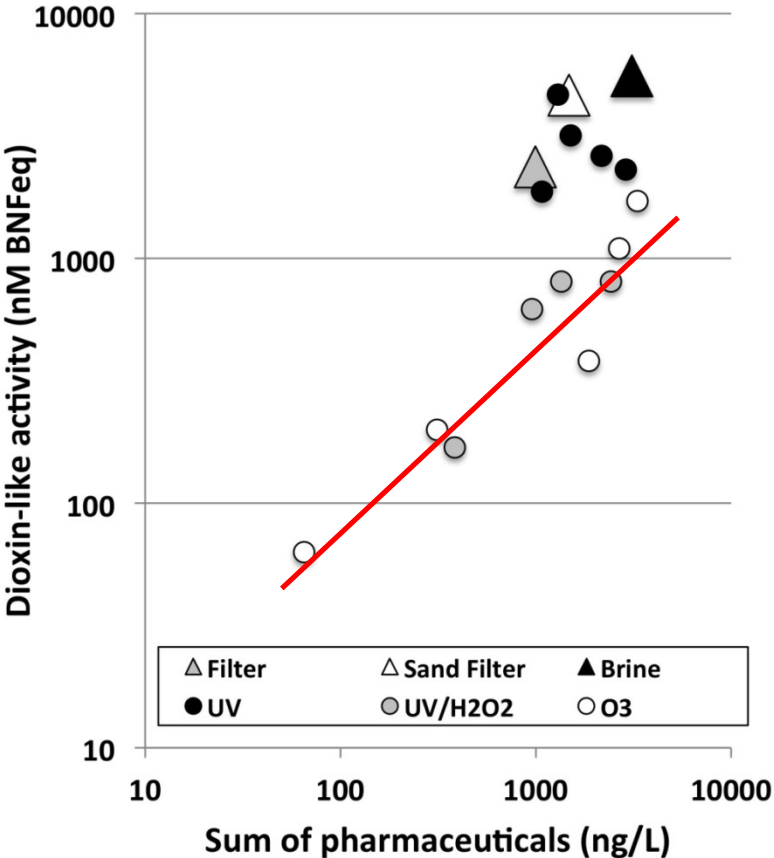
# O<sub>3</sub>: Pharmaceuticals removal in RO brines



- Dominant mechanism: **direct ozone attack** (high alkalinity and Cl<sup>-</sup>).
- **Sulfamethoxazole, Sulfamethazine and Naproxen**, among others, showed high  $k_{obs}$  values and **good percentage removals** even at low ozone doses because these pharmaceuticals have electron-rich functional groups.
- **Atenolol, Carbamazepine and Diclofenac** showed the **worst eliminations** and, Atenolol and Carbamazepine showed the lowest initial  $k_{obs}$  values. 22

# O<sub>3</sub>: removal of DIOXIN-LIKE ACTIVITY

## Recombinant Yeast Assays (RYA)



Direct correlation between **dioxin-like activity** and **pharmaceuticals** removal

69% **dioxin-like activity** removal after 20s of treatment

# O<sub>3</sub>: Flame Retardants removal in SE

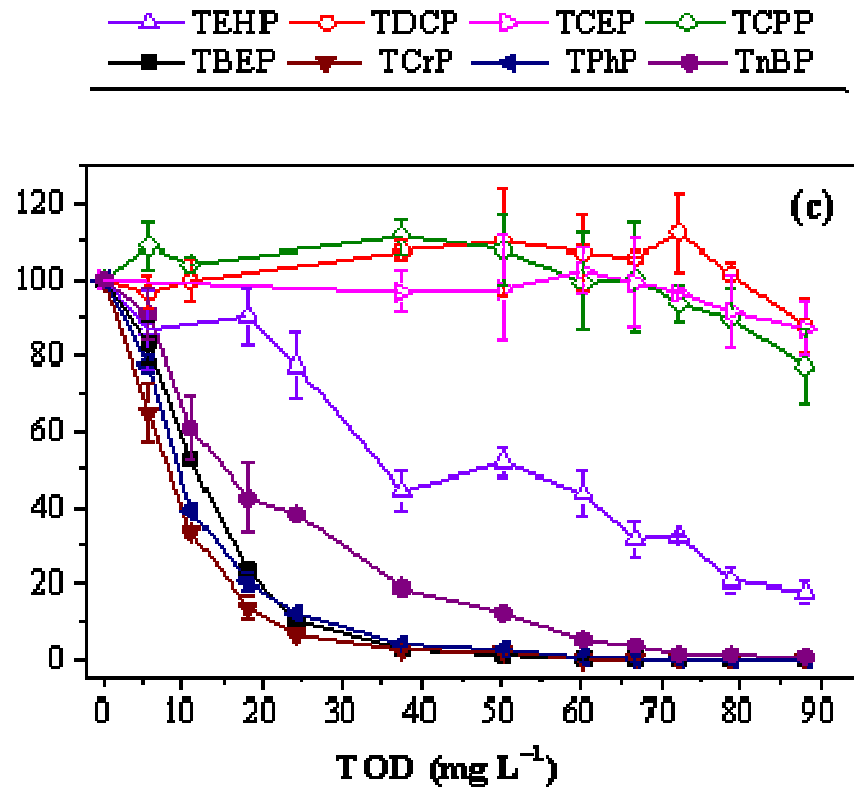


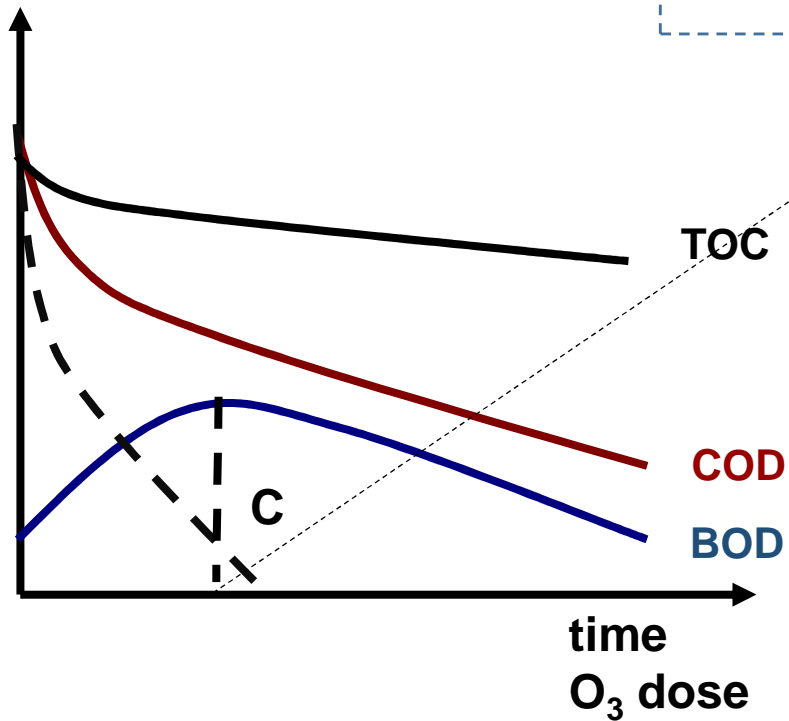
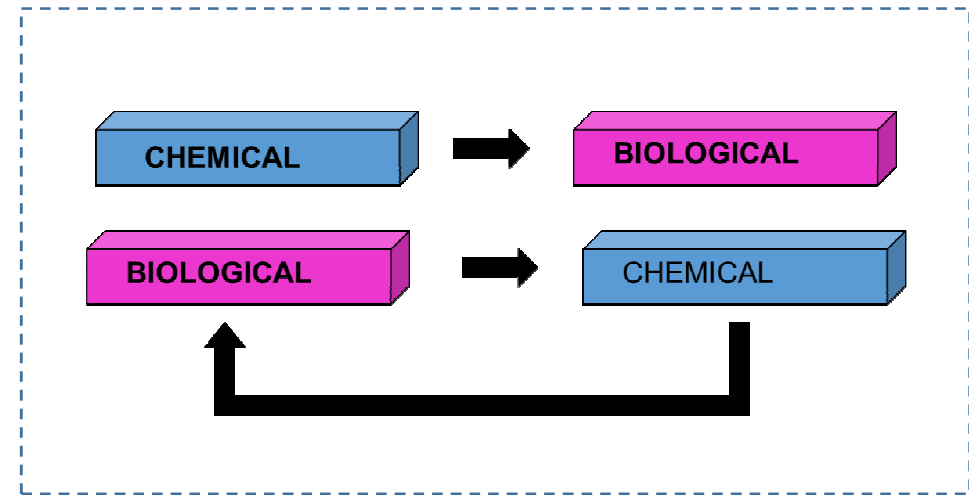
Table 1 – Chemical structure of the target OPFRs.

Alkyl phosphates	tris(butyl) phosphate (TNBP) 	tris(2-butoxyethyl) phosphate (TBOEP) 	tris(2-ethylhexyl) phosphate (TEHP) 
Chloroalkyl phosphates	tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate (TCEP) 	tris(2-chloroisopropyl) phosphate (TCIPP) 	tris(2,3-dichloropropyl) phosphate (TDCPP) 
Aryl phosphates		tris(phenyl) phosphate (TPhP) 	tris(methylphenyl) phosphate (TMPP) 



# O<sub>3</sub> and AOPs: WASTEWATER CHANGES

- Contaminant removal
- COD removal
- TOC removal
- BOD changes

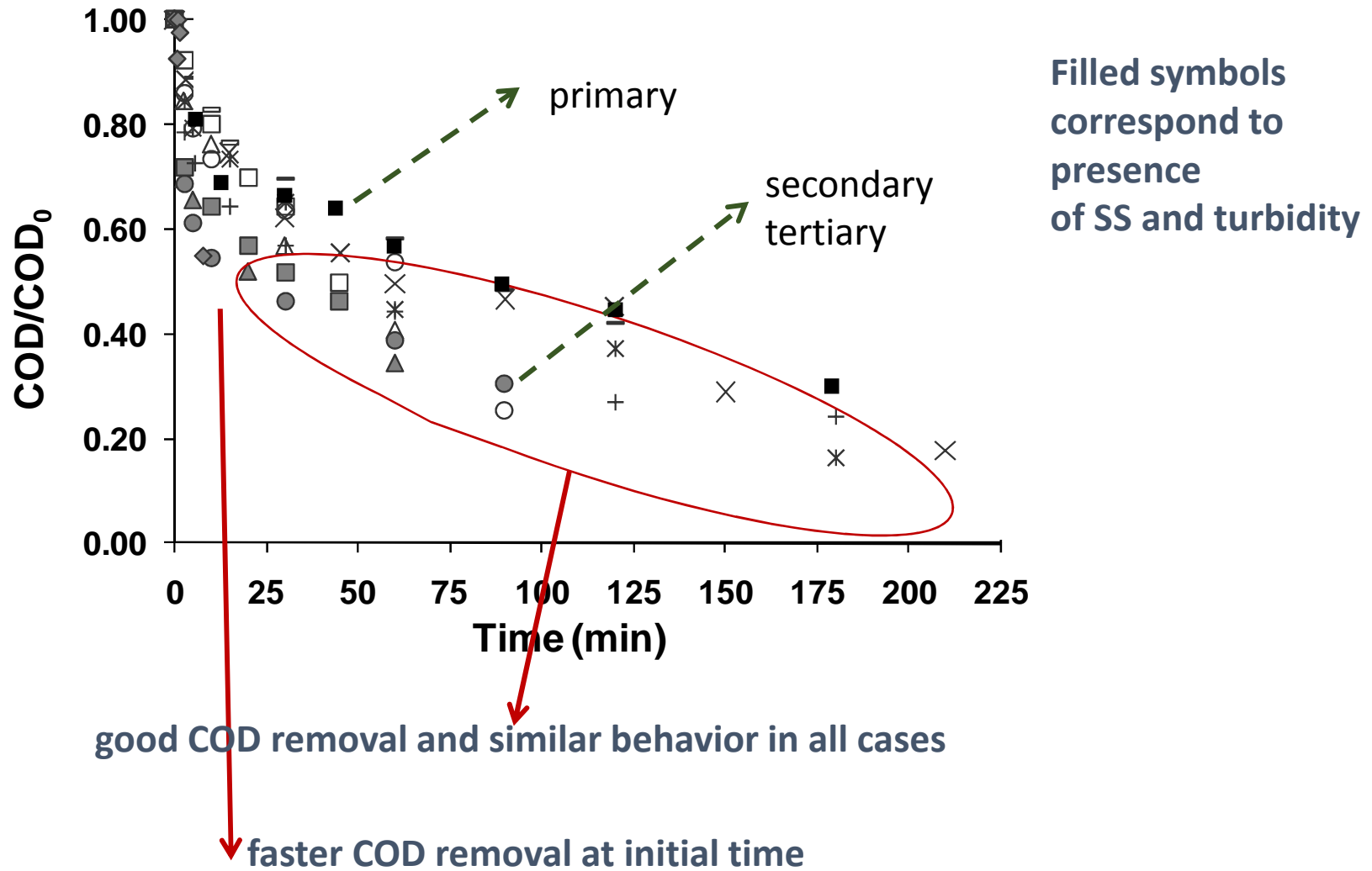


**Stoichiometry**  
g (C, TOC, COD, UVA)  
removed/g O<sub>3</sub>

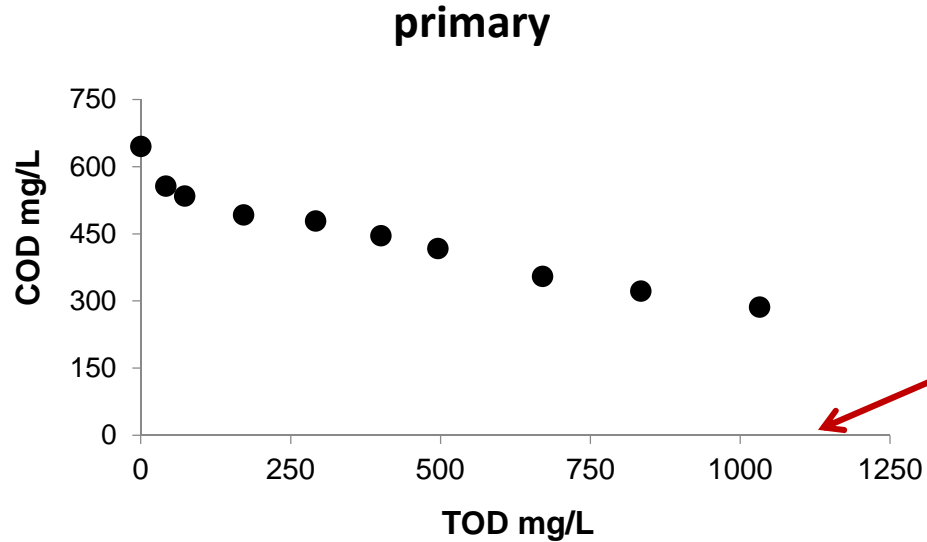
**Kinetics** (C, TOC, COD, UVA)  
1st fast reaction  
2nd slow reaction

**Maximum of BOD**

# O<sub>3</sub>: Effect on the EfOM of WWTP's



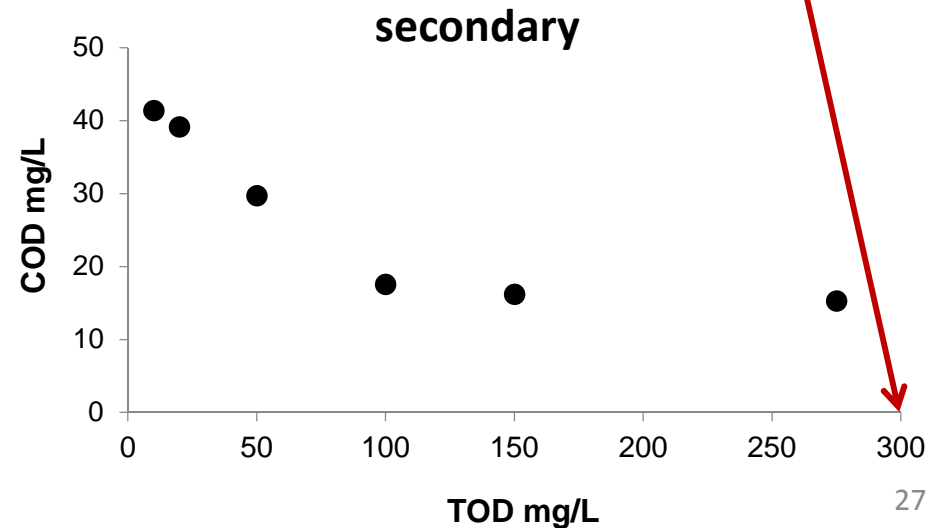
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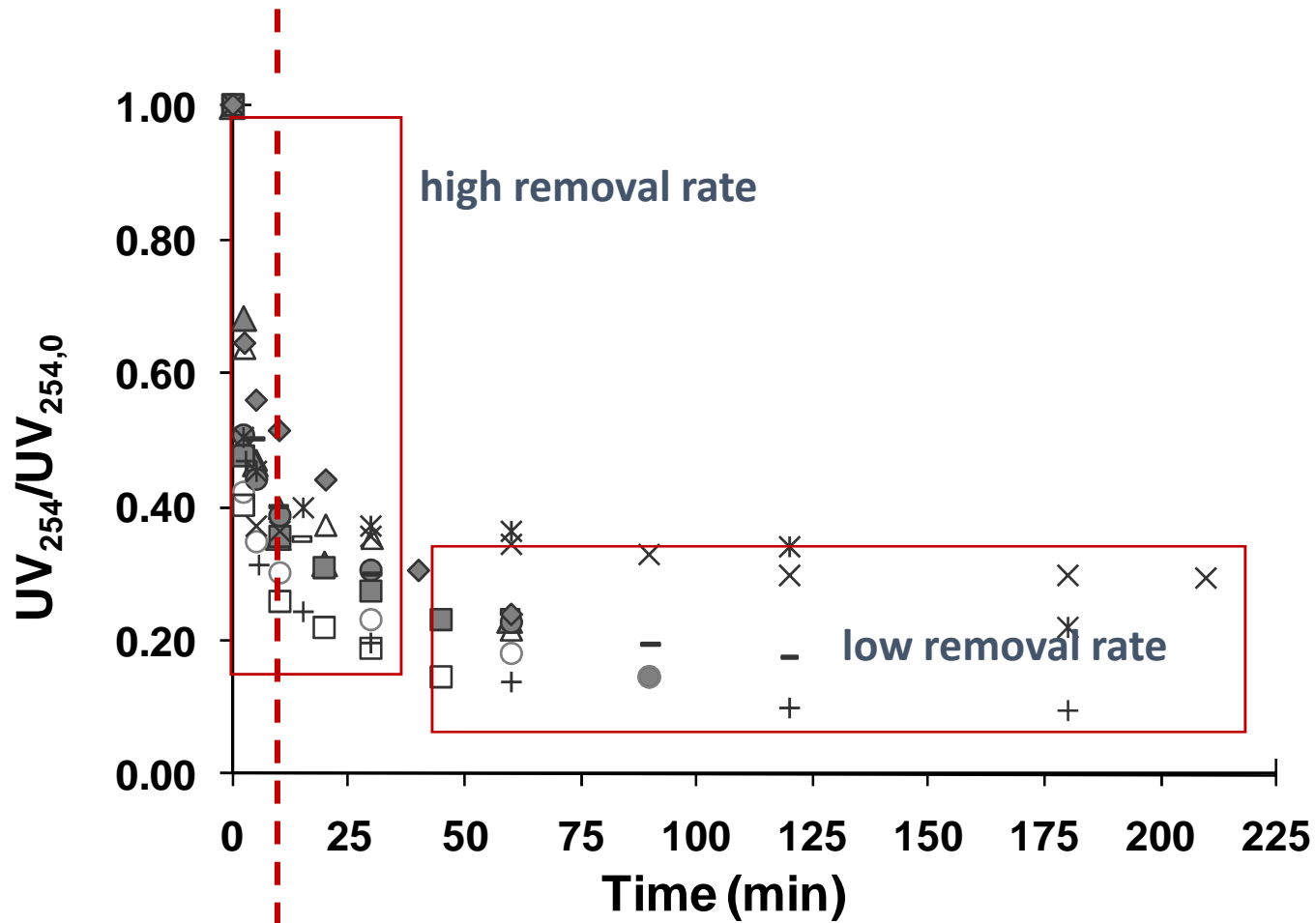
similar behavior  
but HIGHER  
values of TOD for  
primary effluents

**Transferred Ozone Dose (TOD)**  
accumulated ozone transferred to  
the water per unit of sample volume

$$\text{TOD} = \int_0^t \frac{Q_{\text{Gas}}}{V_{\text{Liq}}} \times ([\text{O}_3]_{\text{gas in}} - [\text{O}_3]_{\text{gas out}}) \times dt_r$$



## O<sub>3</sub>: Effect on the EfOM of WWTP's



Aromatic compounds readily eliminated during the first minutes of the reaction, from 50 to 80 %.

# O<sub>3</sub>: Effect on the Molecular Size Distribution

## Liquid Chromatography - Organic Carbon Detector (LC-OCD)

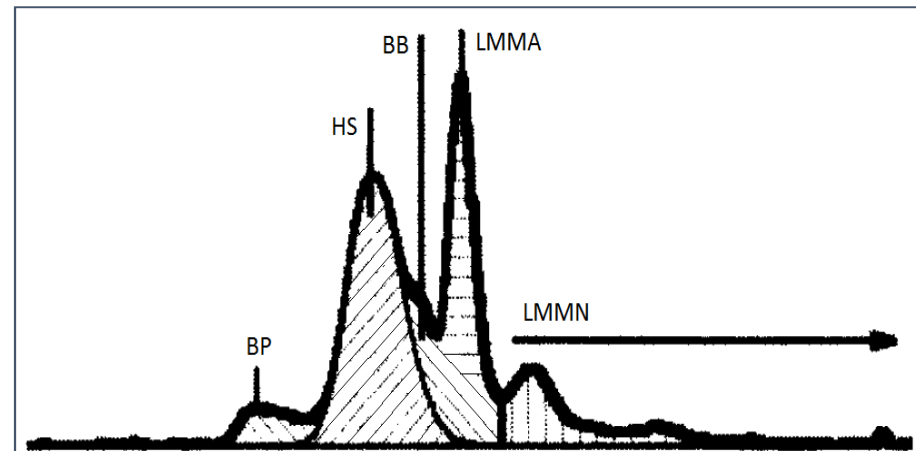


- Organic Carbon Detector
- Size Exclusion Chromatography
- UV detection



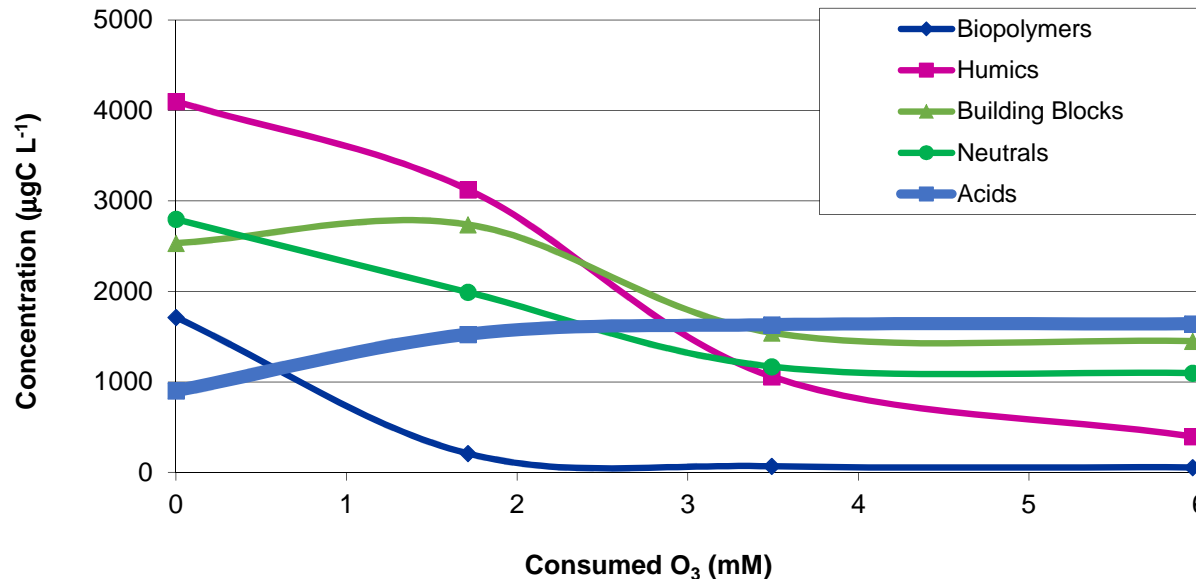
### DOM fractions:

- Biopolymers (BP)
- Humic Substances (HS)
- Building Blocks (BB)
- LMM organic Acids (LMMA)
- LMM Neutrals (LMMN)



*Typical Chromatogram of surface water*

# O<sub>3</sub>: Effect on the Molecular Size Distribution



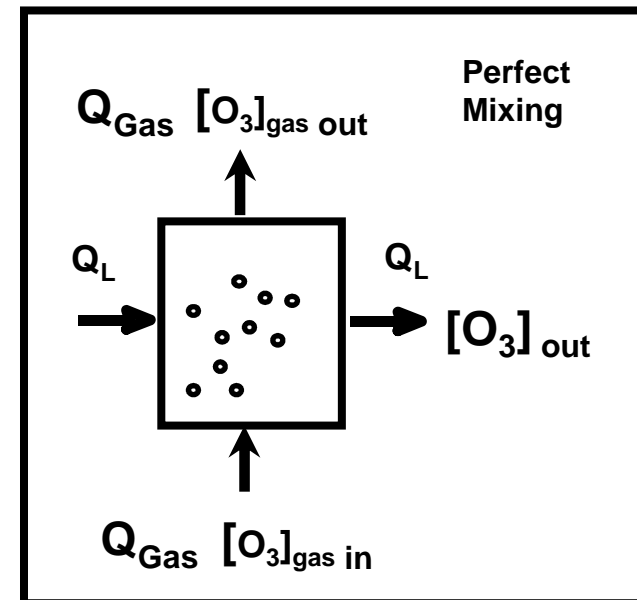
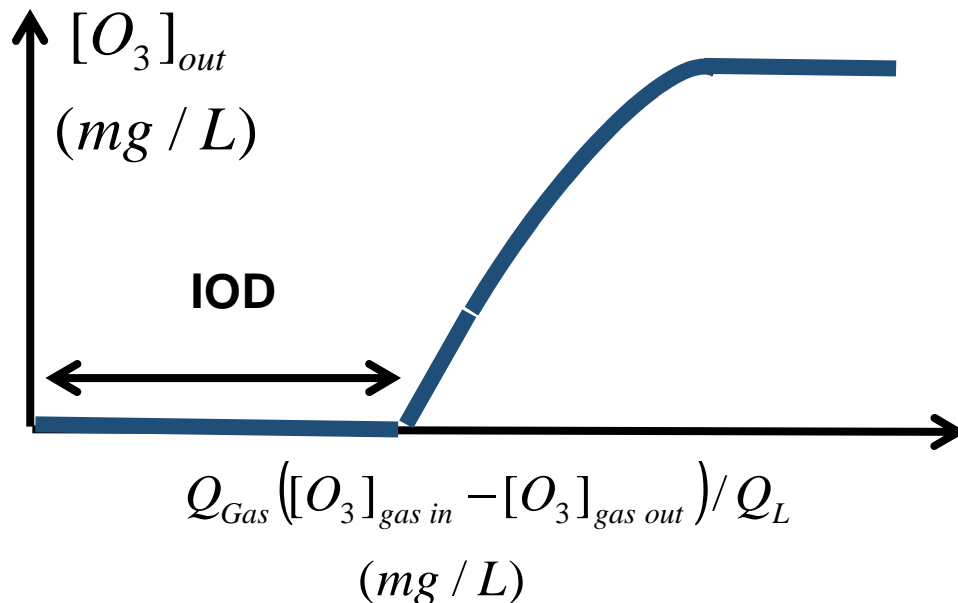
Increase of biodegradability of effluents treated by ozone

- Indirect **ozone** attack minimized due to scavenging effects (high alkalinity and high Cl<sup>-</sup> concentration).
- Removal of BP but also **HS** and **LMMN** occurred from the first oxidation steps.
- **Low Molecular Mass Acids** accumulation from the beginning.

# MODELLING O<sub>3</sub> MASS TRANSFER: IOD, K<sub>L</sub>a, k<sub>d</sub>

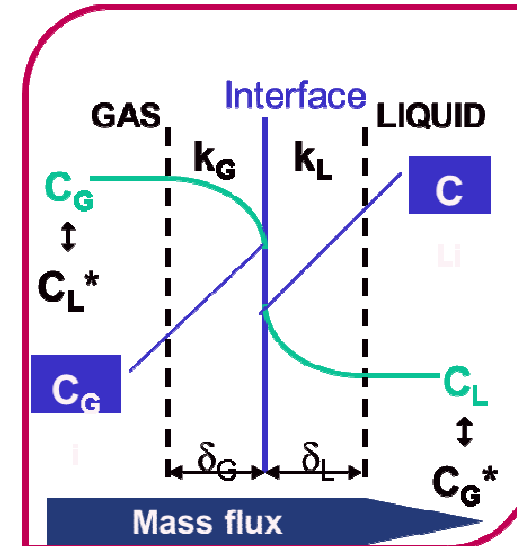
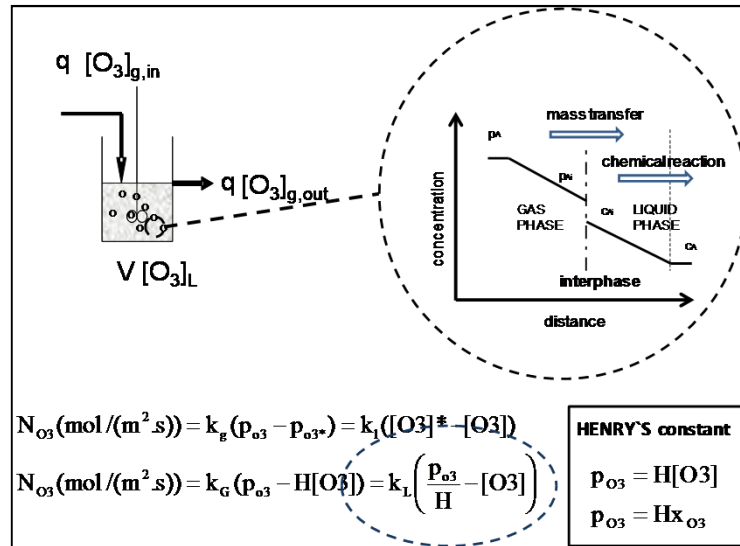
## IMMEDIATE OZONE DEMAND (IOD) :

minimum amount of ozone dose (mg/L) to be transferred to have dissolved ozone in water (continuous flow)



# IOD, $K_L a$ , $k_d$ estimation at lab scale

## MODELLING



### Ozone balance in liquid phase

TOD < IOD  $[O_3] = 0$

TOD > IOD  $\frac{d[O_3]}{dt} = K_L a \times ([O_3]^* - [O_3]) - k_d \times [O_3]$

$p_{O_3} = Hx_{O_3}^*$  Henry's law

$H = 3.810^7 [HO^-]^{0.035} \exp(-2428/T)$

$276.5K < T < 333K \quad 0.65 < pH < 10.2$

Roth and Sullivan equation

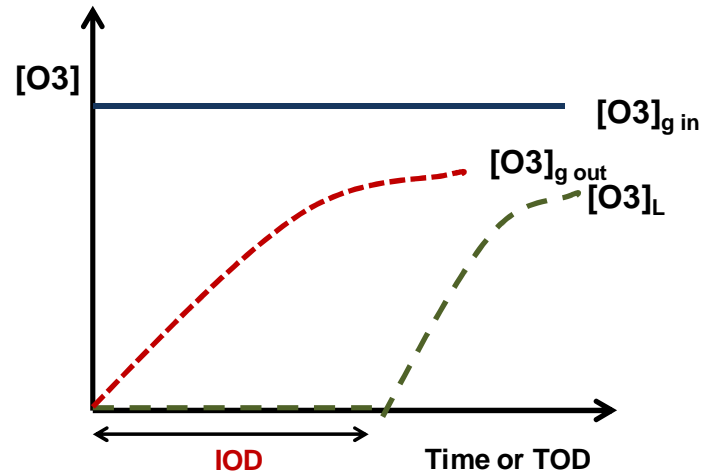
### Ozone balance in gas phase

$$Q_{Gas} ([O_3]_{gas\ in} - [O_3]_{gas\ out}) = K_L a ([O_3]^* - [O_3]) V_{Liq} = k_d [O_3] V_{Liq} + \frac{d[O_3]}{dt} V_{Liq}$$

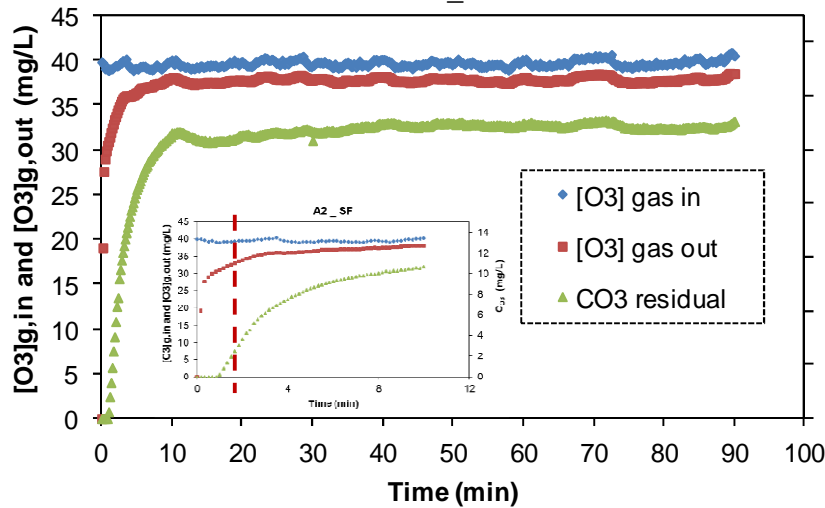


# IOD, $K_La$ , $k_d$ estimation at lab scale

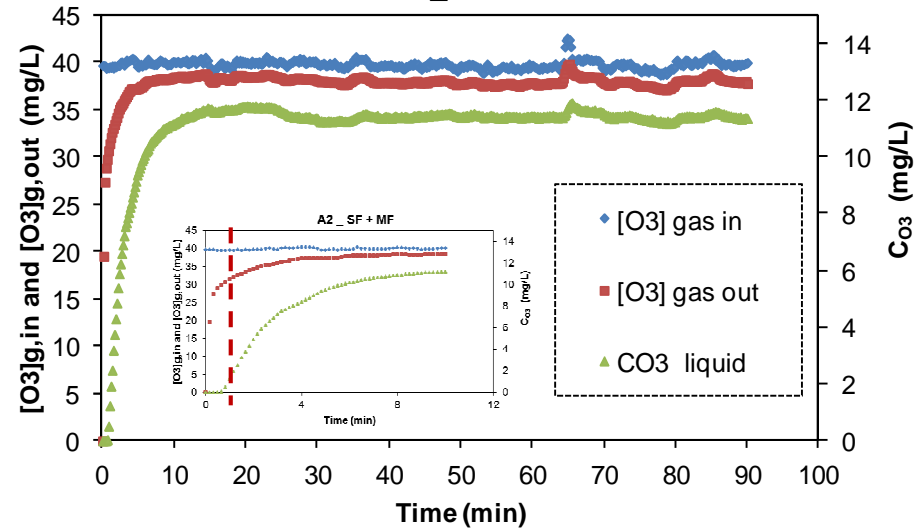
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( $K_La$  and  $k_d$  constant)



secondary  
A2\_SF



tertiary  
A2\_SF + MF



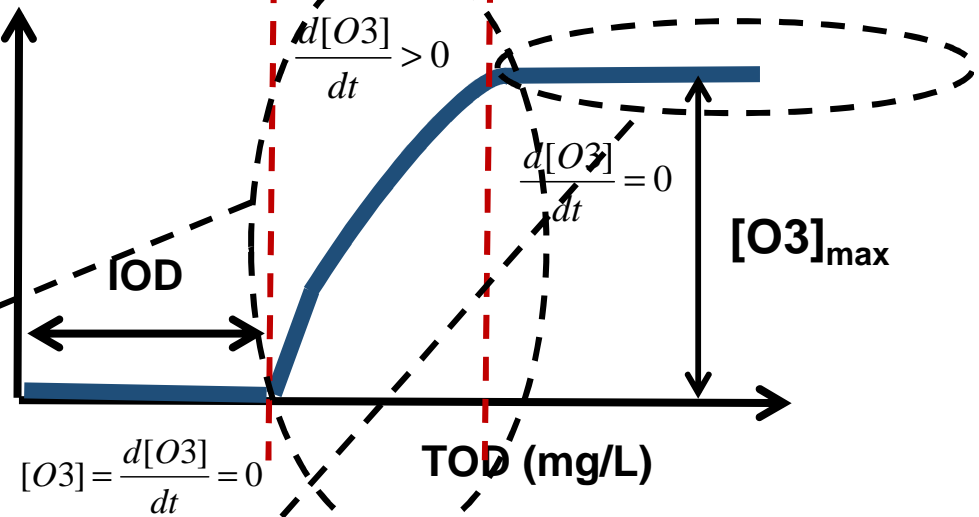
**IOD = 5 - 8 mg/L, contact time = 1 min**

From these data it is possible to estimate  $K_La$  and  $k_d$

# IOD, $K_L a$ , $k_d$ estimation at lab scale

Behavior ozone in water

$[O_3]$   
(mg/L)



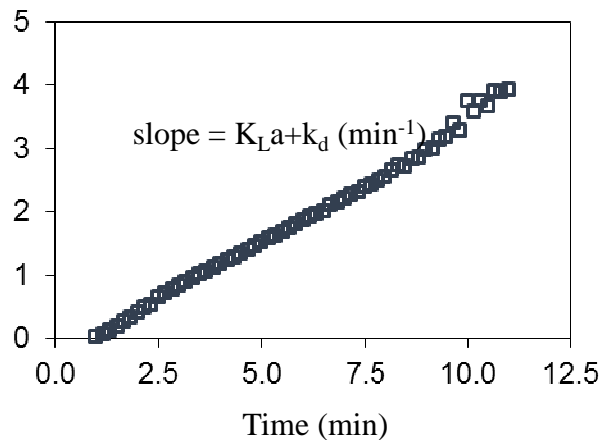
$$\frac{d[O_3]}{dt} > 0$$

$$\ln \frac{[O_3]_{\max} - [O_3]}{[O_3]_{\max}} = -(K_L a + k_d)t$$

$$\frac{d[O_3]}{dt} = 0$$

$$k_d = \frac{Q_{Gas} ([O_3]_{gas\ in} - [O_3]_{gas\ out})}{[O_3] V_{Liq}}$$

$$-\ln \frac{[O_3]_{\max} - [O_3]}{[O_3]_{\max}}$$



$$\frac{[O_3]^*}{[O_3]_{\max}} = \frac{K_L a + k_d}{K_L a}$$

$$P_{O_3} = Hx_{O_3^*} \quad \text{Roth and Sullivan}$$

$$H = 3.810^7 [HO^-]^{0.035} \exp(-2428/T)$$

$$276.5K < T < 333K \quad 0.65 < pH < 10.2$$

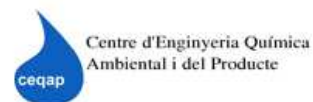
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$K_L a$ ,  $k_d$  and IOD values primary, secondary and tertiary samples

Sample	$K_L a$ (min <sup>-1</sup> )	$k_d$ (min <sup>-1</sup> )	IOD (mg/L)
P1	0.83	0.80	83
P2	0.76	0.19	64
P3	0.50	0.66	348
P4	0.79	0.30	249
S2	0.29	0.09	8.0
T1	1.90	0.08	5.0
T2	0.67	0.10	5.0

# CONCLUSIONS

- **Ozonation of wastewater effluents** is able to reduce **COD, DOC, UVA, Turbidity** at the same time than **emerging contaminants concentration**.
- **At low ozonation doses** there is an increase of the biodegradability, **BOD/COD**, of the effluent.
- **During ozonation** there are important changes in the **Size Molecular Distribution of the Organic Matter**.
- Examination of the ozone mass balance provides three fundamental parameters: **the instantaneous ozone demand, ozone mass transfer coefficient and the ozone decay kinetic constant**.
- **Their knowledge is of primary importance for the design of ozone contactors and for the determination of the appropriate operating conditions**.



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