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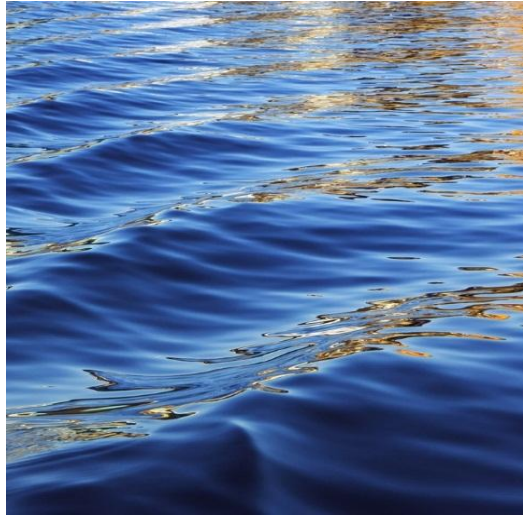
# **Innovative and Integrative Approaches for Advancing Public Health Protection through Water Infrastructure Sustainability**

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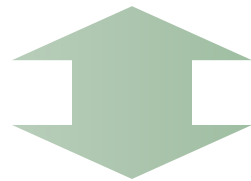


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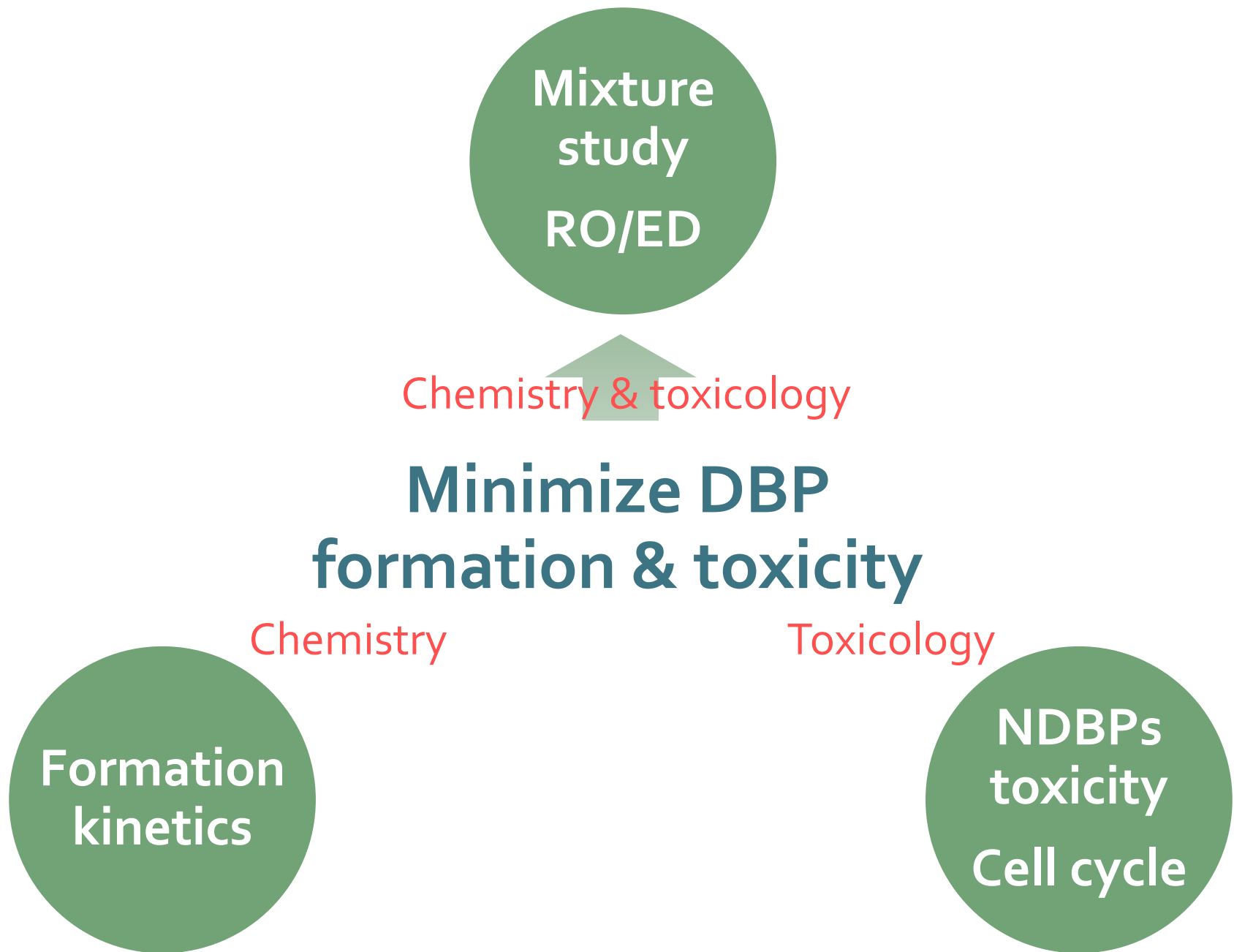
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# Rehabilitation for Distribution System

Advanced concepts for linking public health protection with water infrastructure sustainability



**Minimize DBP  
formation and toxicity**



# Understand DBP Chemistry and Toxicology

Mixture study using reverse osmosis/electrodialysis  
RO/ED:

Developed methods for concentrating representative DBPs from water samples.

Formation kinetics:

Understand the formation of haloacetonitriles and haloacetamides.

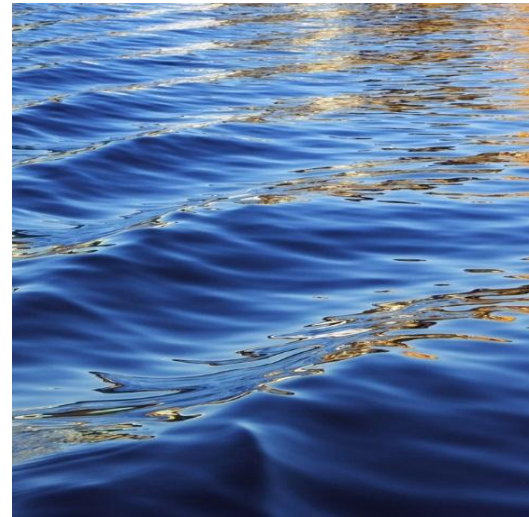
Toxicology:

Conduct quantitative comparative mammalian cell cytotoxicity and genotoxicity of NDBPs (haloacetonitriles, haloacetamides). Toxicity of precursor haloacetaldehydes. Develop and use inhibition of cell cycle progression by DBPs as a genomic toxicity metric.



# Water Processing for Mixture Study

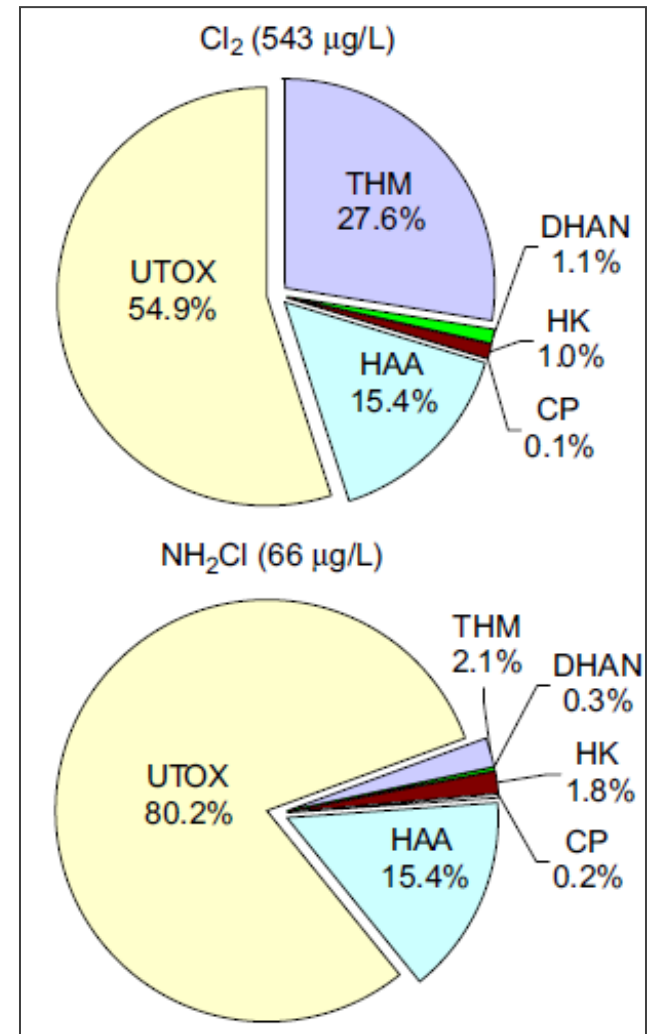
Reverse osmosis (RO)/Electrodialysis(ED)



# Unknown TOX

- Over 600 DBPs have been identified.
- Most of the total organic halide (TOX) in drinking water is unknown.
- The analyses of single chemicals cannot capture the nature of complex DBP mixtures.
- Whole-mixture studies can detect:
  - Toxic effect of the unidentified fraction of TOX.
  - Possible interaction between DBPs.

Simmons, J. E. et al. *Environ. Health Perspect.* **2002**, 110, (supplement 6), 1013-1024.

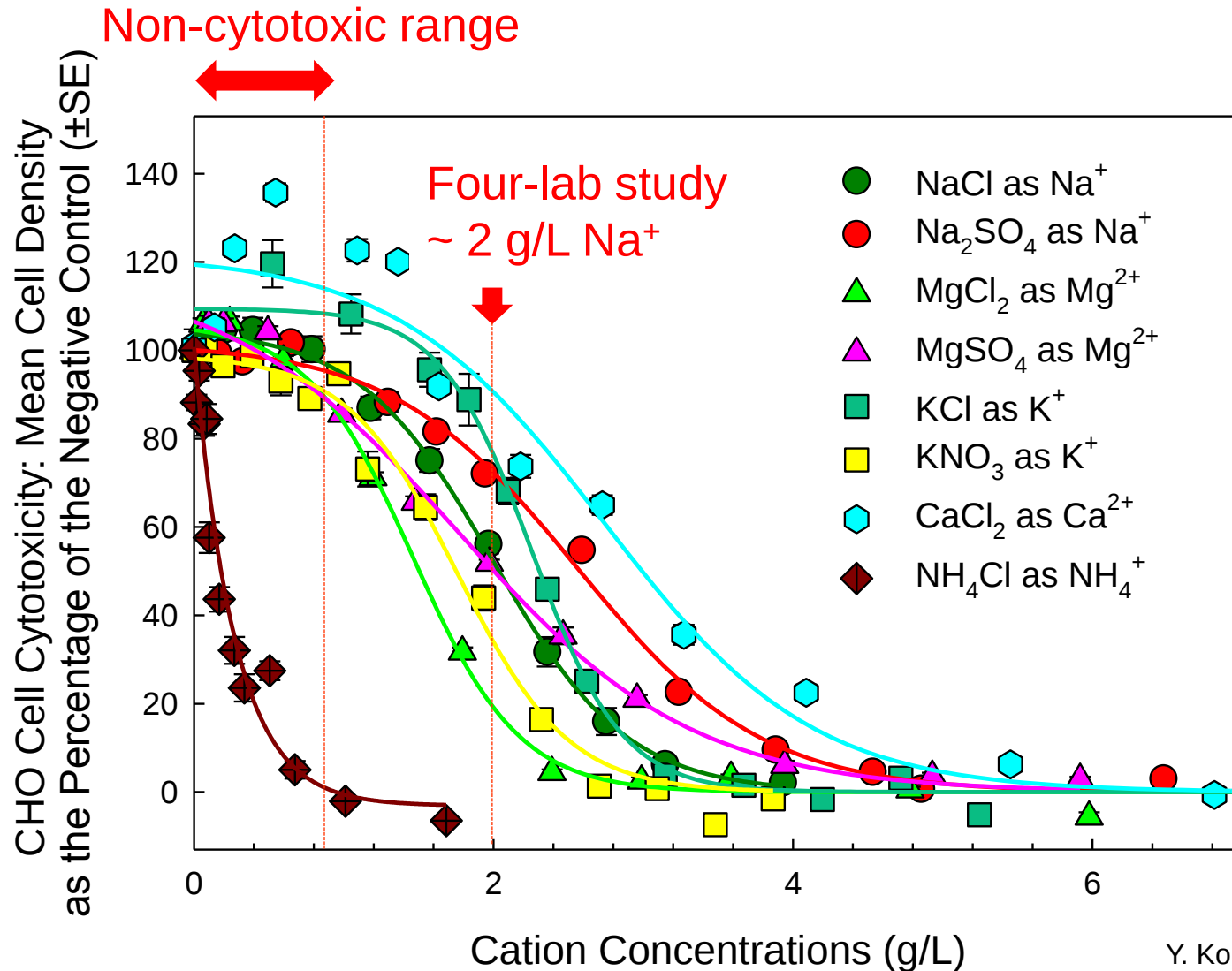


Hua & Reckhow, *Water Research*, **2007**, 41, 1667-1678

# Challenges for Mixture Studies

- Reverse osmosis (RO) membrane was used to concentrate DBP mixtures.
- Buildup of inorganics may impact toxicity analyses due to osmotic stress and other confounding factors.

# Cytotoxic Level of Inorganic Salts



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# Challenges to Generate Samples for Mixture Studies

- Inorganic buildup may lead to cytotoxic artifacts.
  - Salts need to be removed.

## Reverse Osmosis and Electrodialysis

- RO/ED is a promising method to concentrate organic matter with minimum losses.
- We are developing a process that will concentrate DBPs without corresponding high salt levels for toxicity analyses.

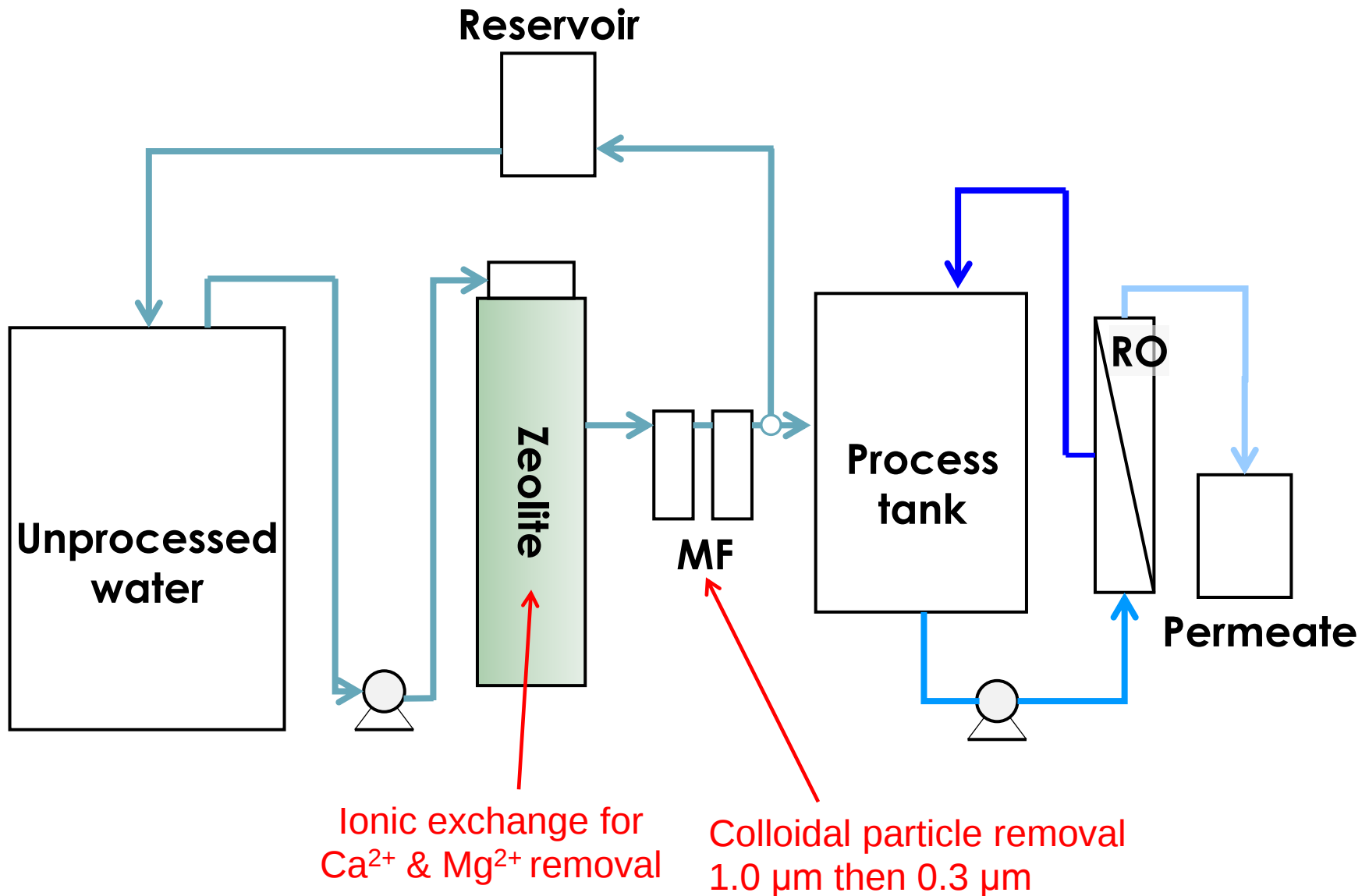
# RO/ED Process

- 1 RO phase: concentrate water sample
- 2 Simultaneous RO/ED phase: remove water from sample without generating excessive osmotic pressure
- 3 Final ED phase: remove salts from water sample



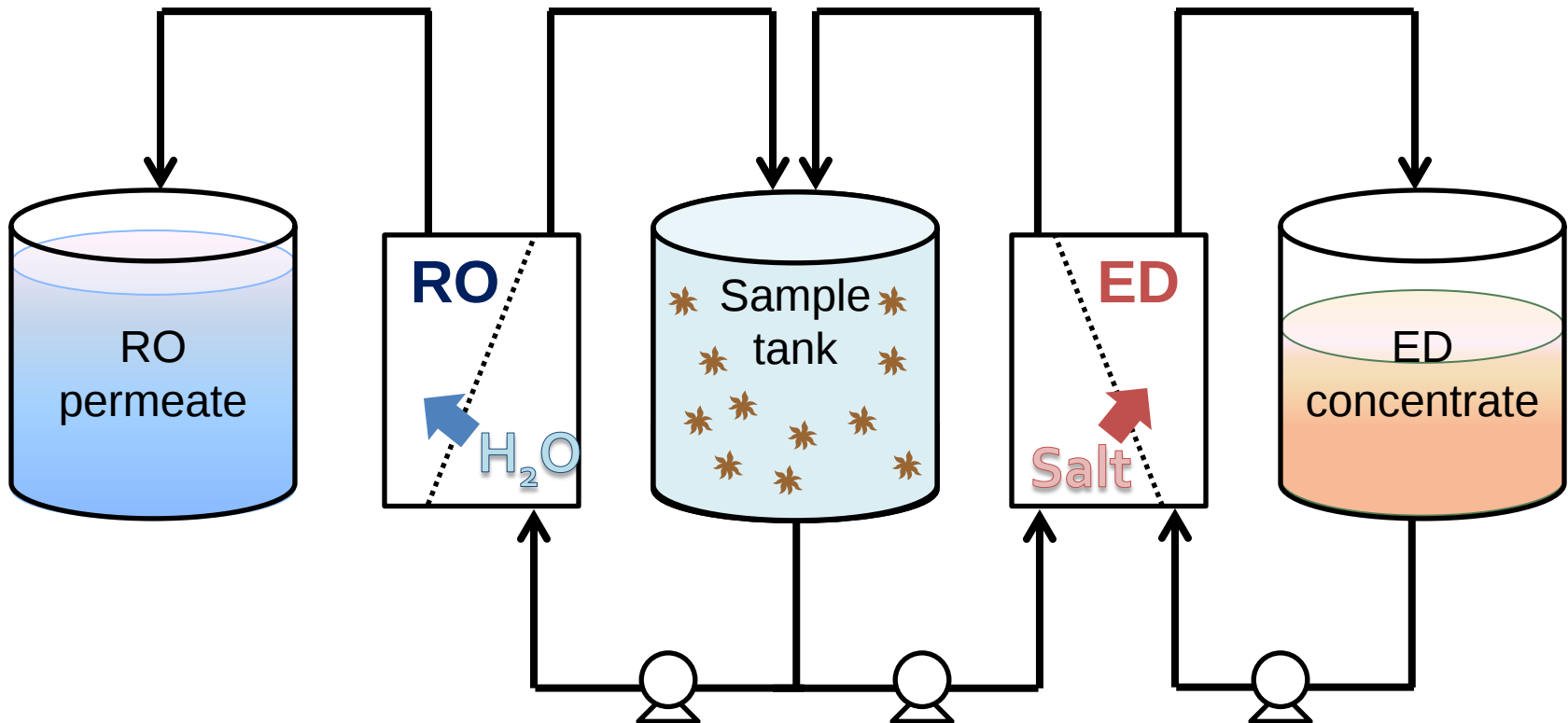
Large scale RO system is under development

# RO Setup for NOM Concentration

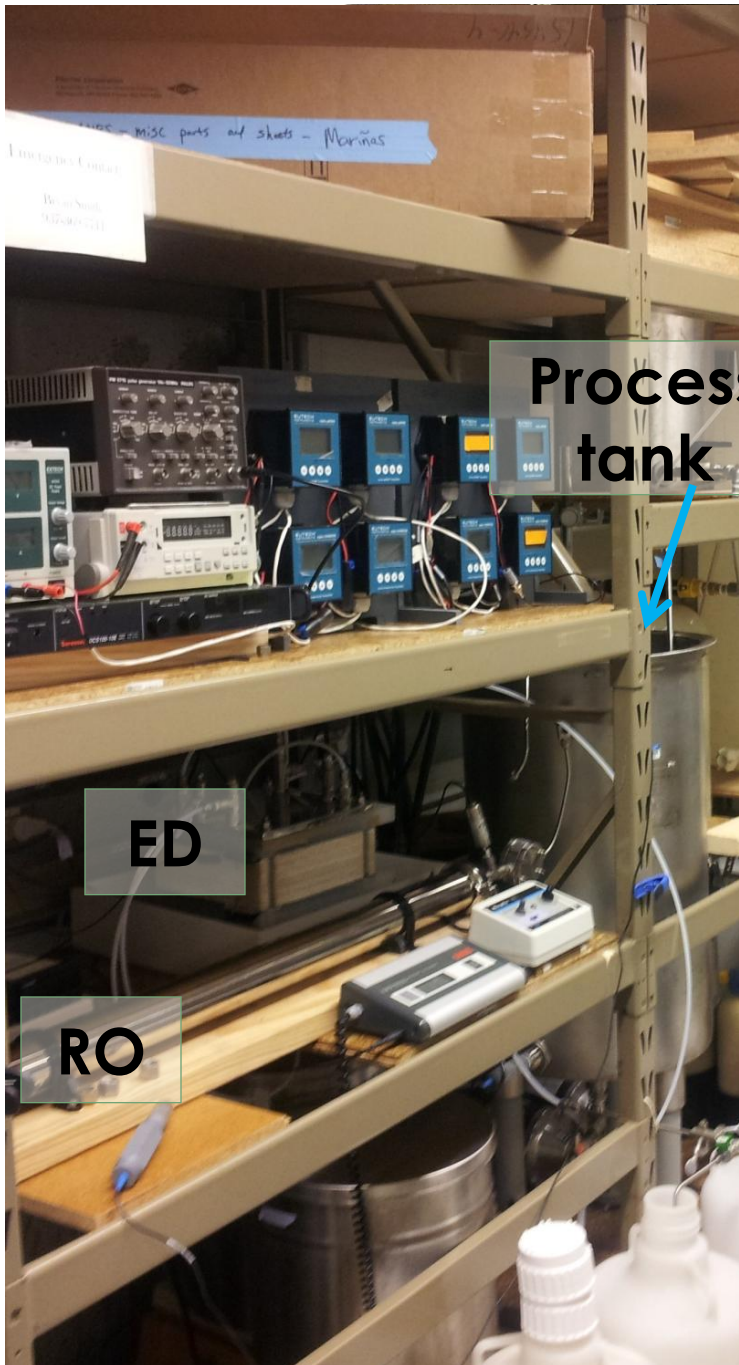


# Combined RO/ED System

RO concentrate/retentate = ED diluate



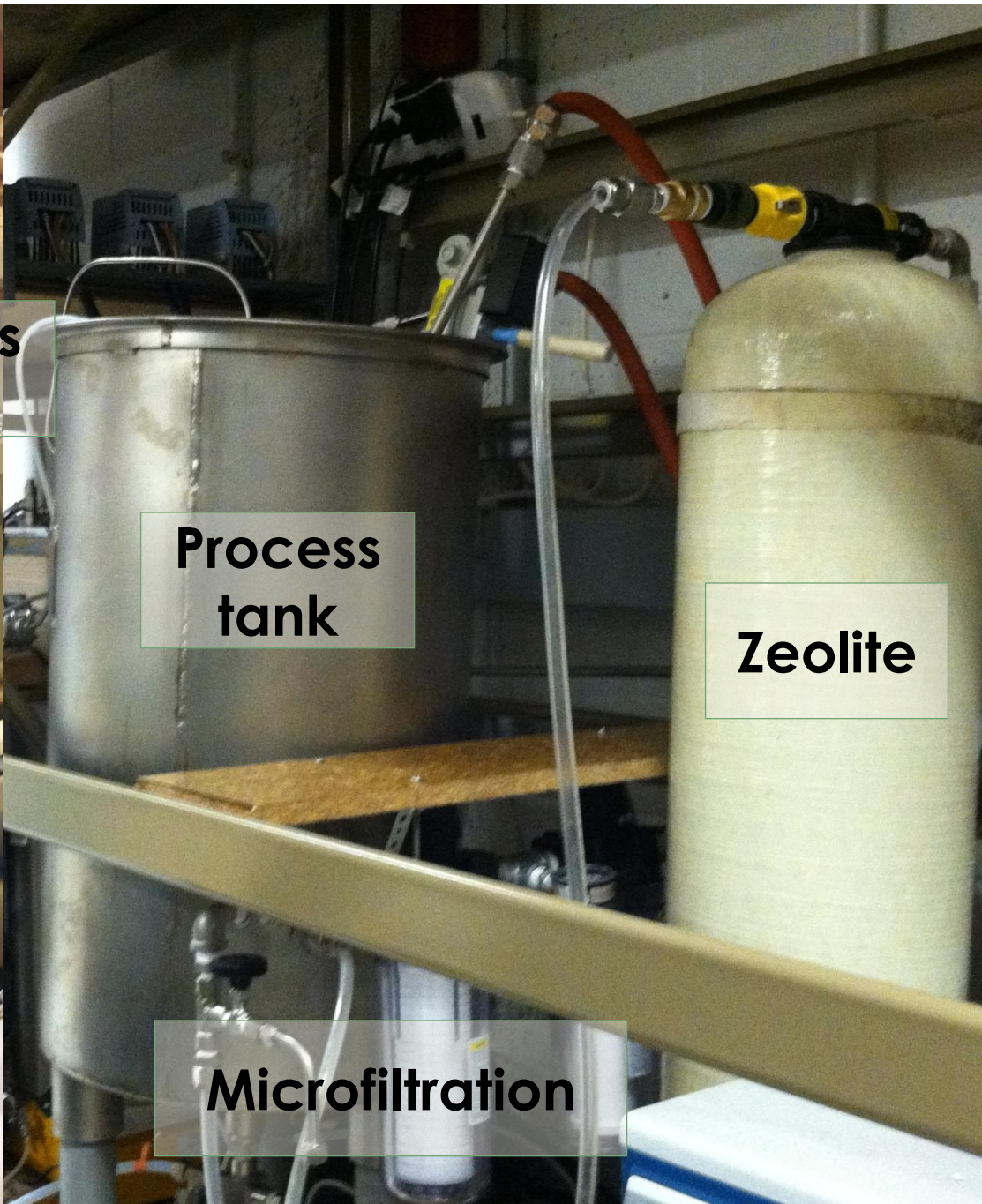
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Process  
tank

ED

RO



Process  
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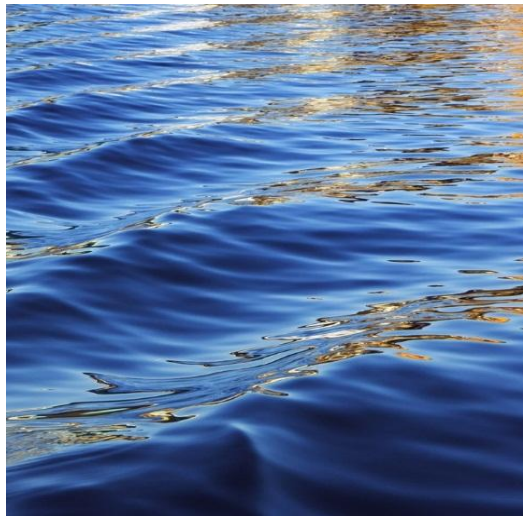
Microfiltration

# Progress Status of Mixture Study

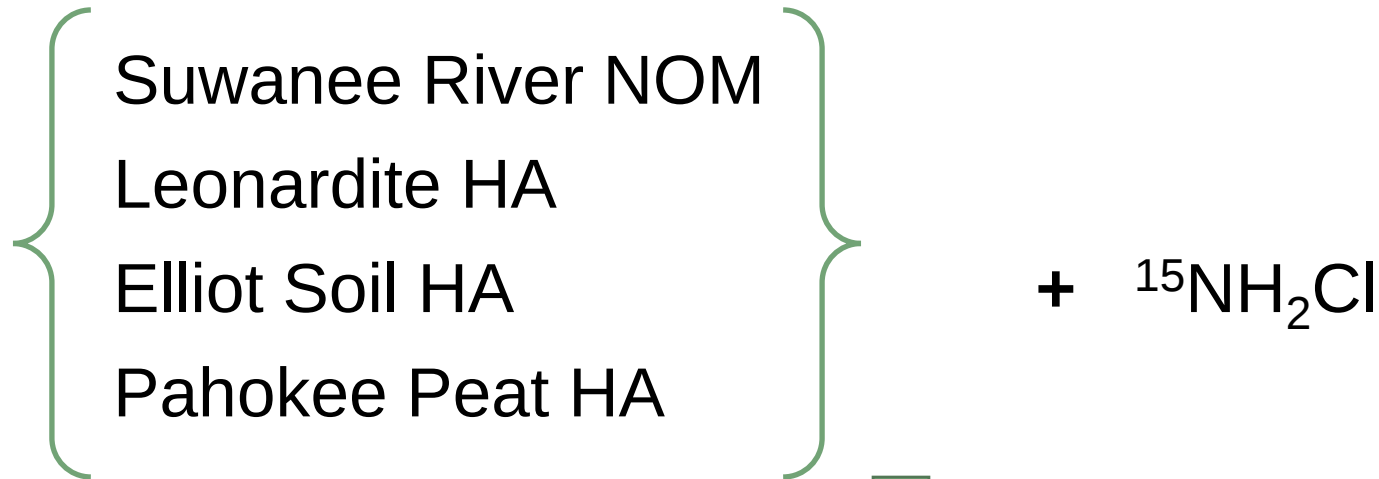
- This new RO/ED system will concentrate effluent from a surface water treatment plant.
- The RO/ED system will be compared to XAD extraction.
- High bromide and iodide water (0.5 mg/L Br<sup>-</sup>+0.1 mg/L I<sup>-</sup>) will be compared with low bromide and iodide water.
- TOCl, TOBr and TOI levels will be correlated with toxicity analyses.
- Analytical chemistry of DBP profiles will be correlated with mammalian cell cytotoxicity and genotoxicity data.



# Haloacetonitrile and Haloacetamide Formation Kinetics



# Origin of the Nitrogen in Haloacetamides and Haloacetonitriles: Organic Matter or $\text{NH}_2\text{Cl}$ ?

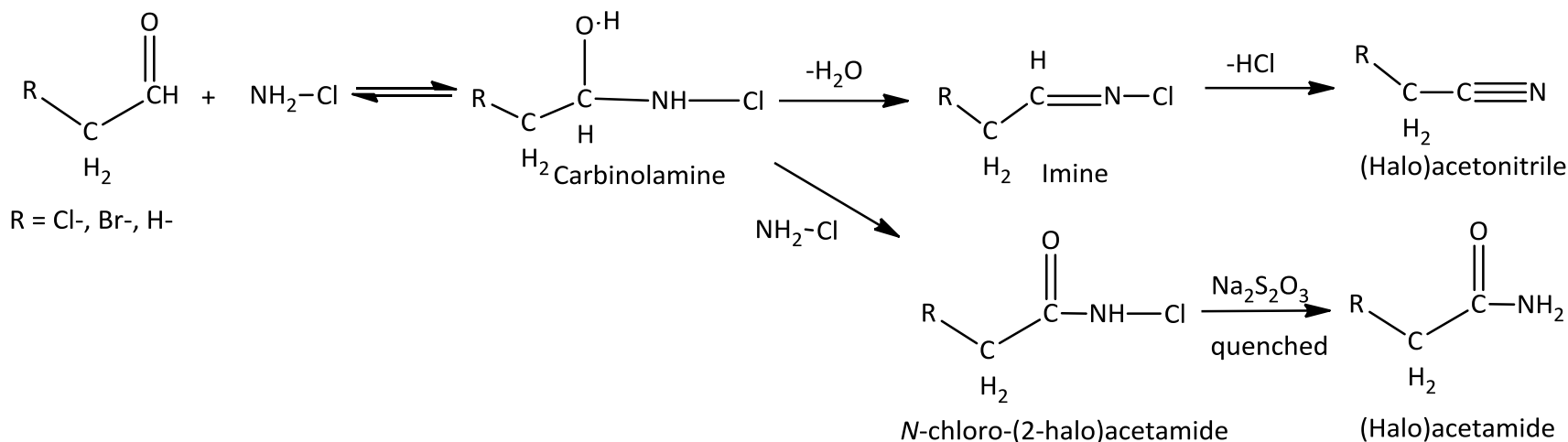


>70% of Haloacetamides and Haloacetonitriles  
Incorporated  $^{15}\text{N}$

Huang, et al. *ES&T*, 2012, 46, (19), 10624-10631  
Yang, et al. *Water Research*, 2010, 44, (9), 2691-2702

# New Results on the Chemistry of NDBP Formation

- Formation pathway of chloroacetonitrile and *N*,2-dichloroacetamide from chloramination of chloroacetaldehyde



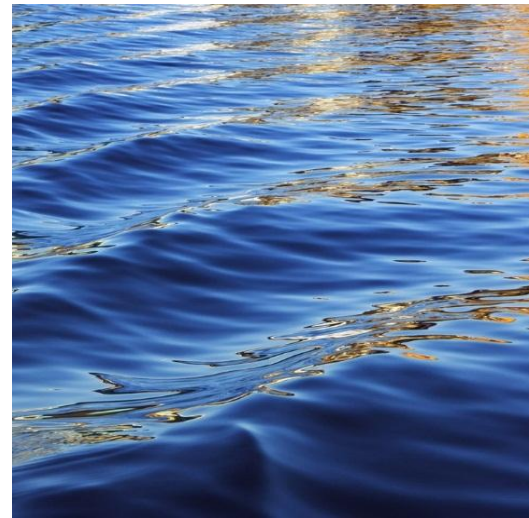
Formation of newly identified NDBP

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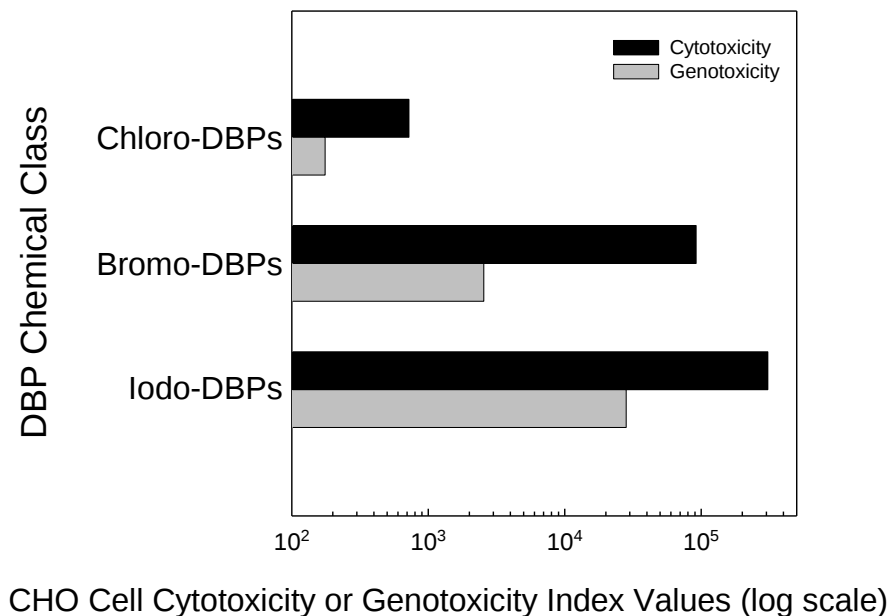
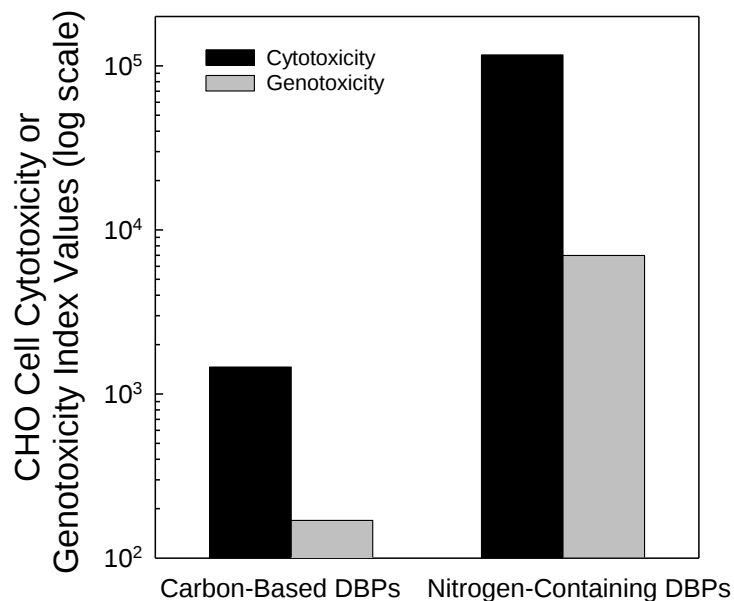


# Mammalian Cell Cytotoxicity and Genotoxicity

Integration with HAN and HAcAm Toxicity



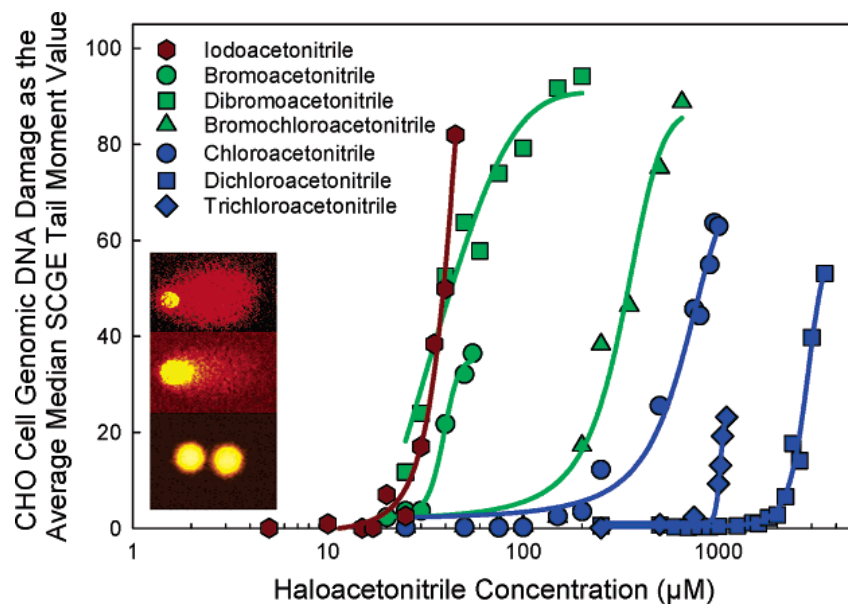
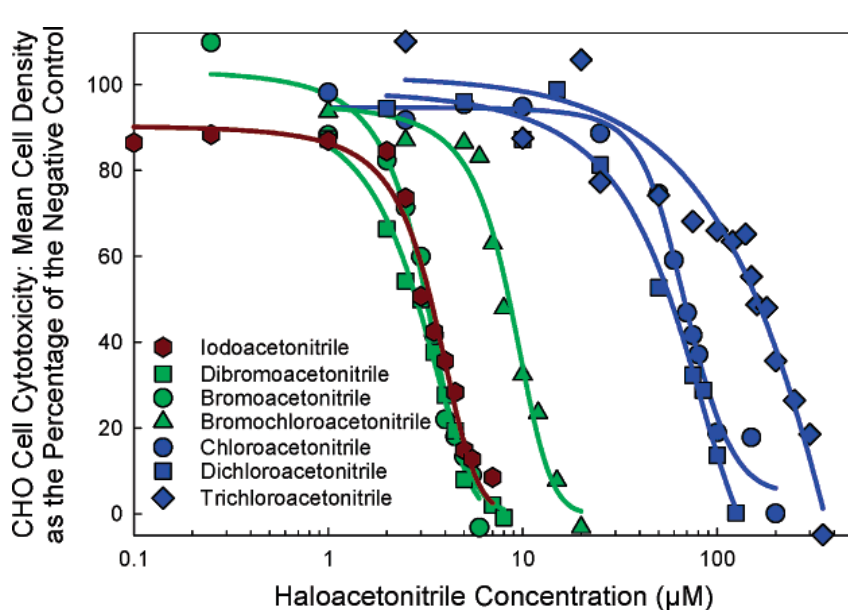
# Comparative Cytotoxicity and Genotoxicity of NDBPs and IDBPs



NDBPs are more toxic than CDBPs; Iodo-DBPs are more toxic than their  $\text{Br}^-$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$  analogues

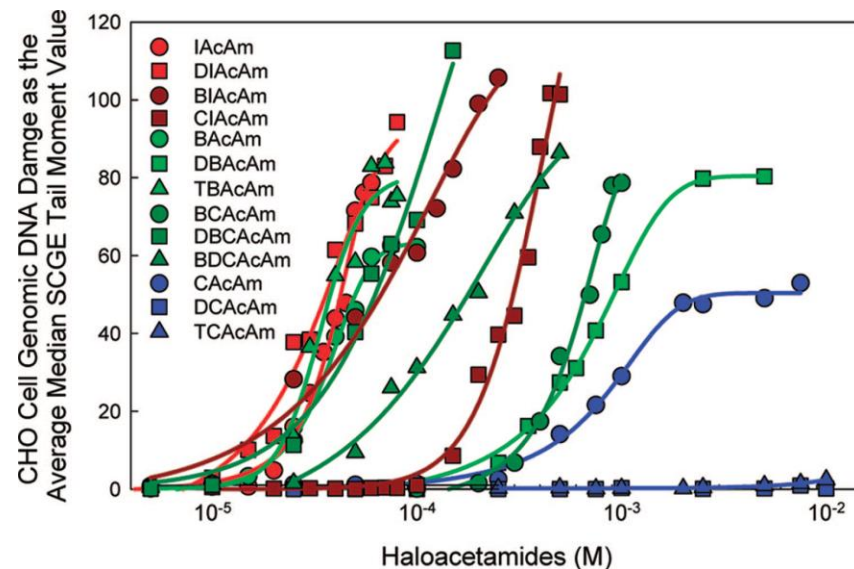
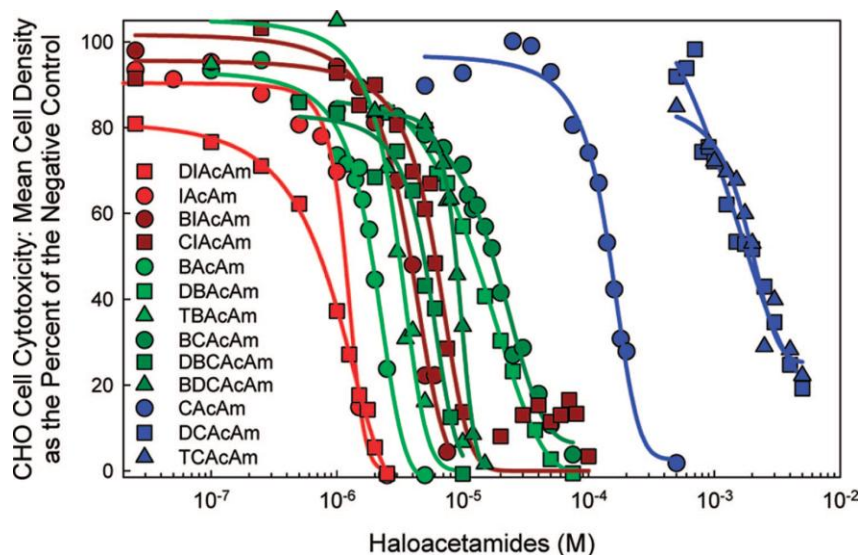
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# Mammalian Cell Cytotoxicity and Genotoxicity of Haloacetonitrile DBPs



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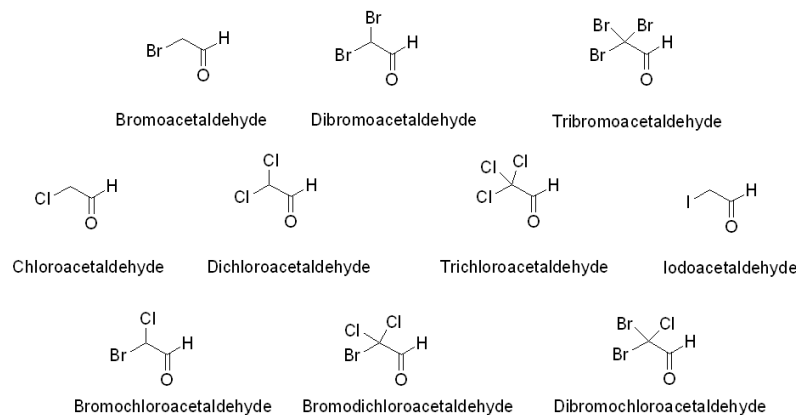
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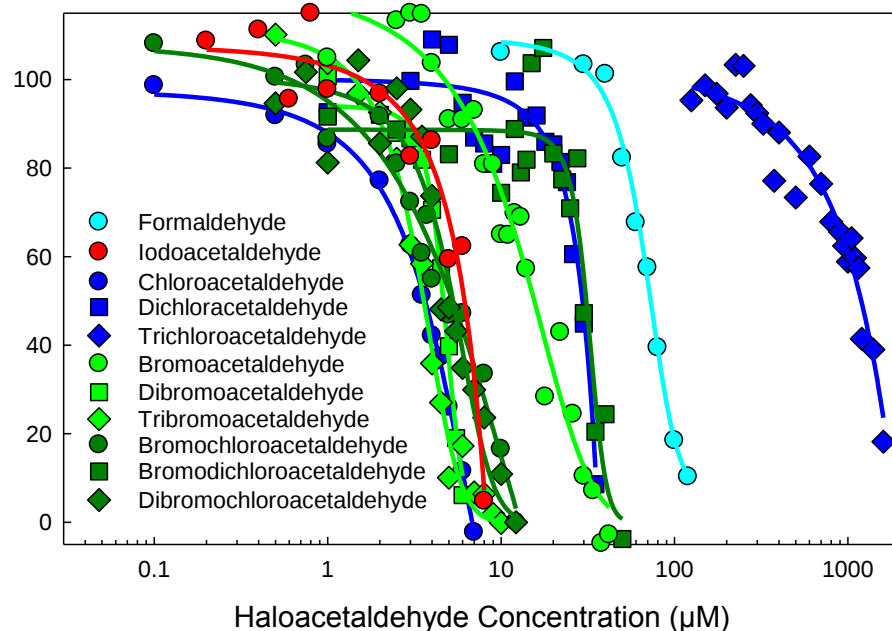
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# Haloacetaldehydes (HALs)

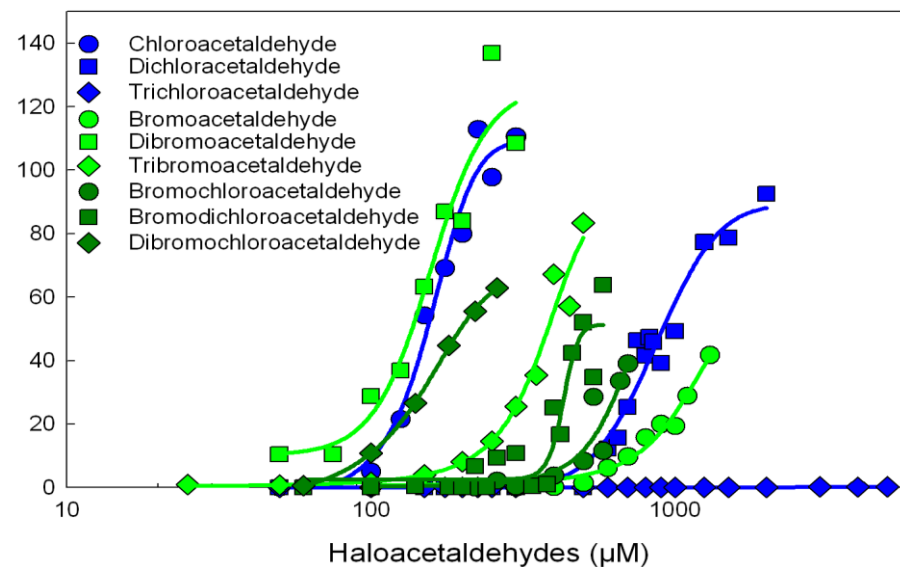
- HALs are cytotoxic in mammalian cells and induce genotoxic damage including DNA-DNA crosslinks, or DNA-protein crosslinks.



CHO Cell Cytotoxicity: Mean Cell Density as the Percent of the Negative Control

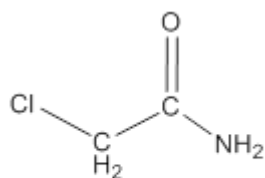
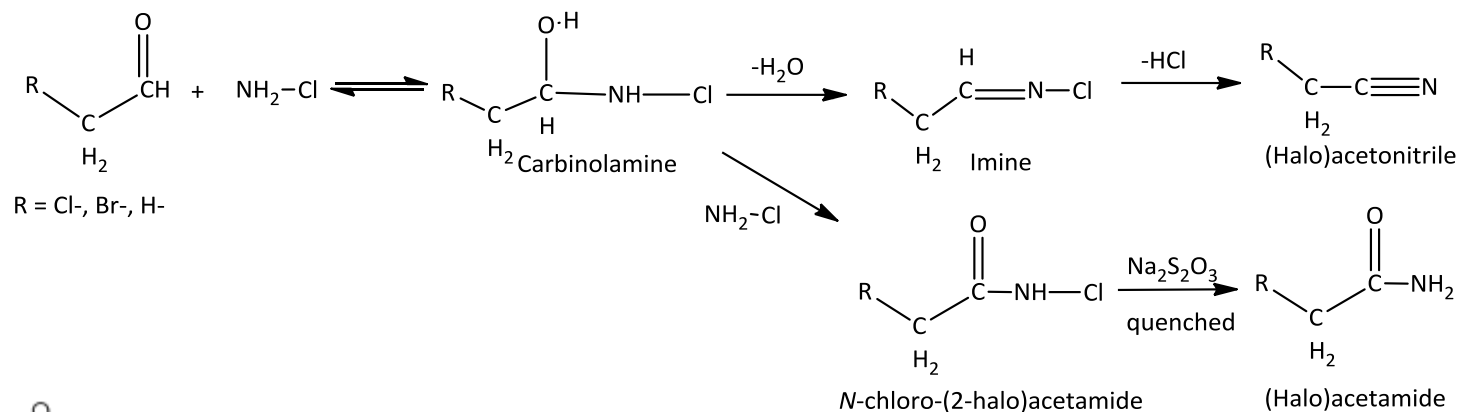


CHO Cell Genomic DNA Damage as the Average Median SCGE Tail Moment Value



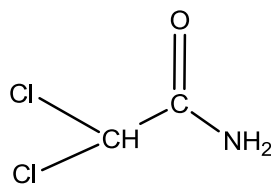
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# N-2-Dichloroacetamide is a New Toxic NDBP



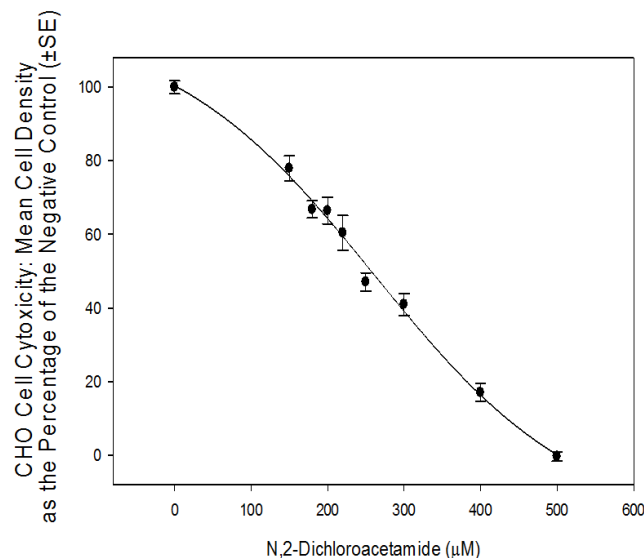
Chloroacetamide

LC<sub>50</sub> = 148 μM



Dichloroacetamide

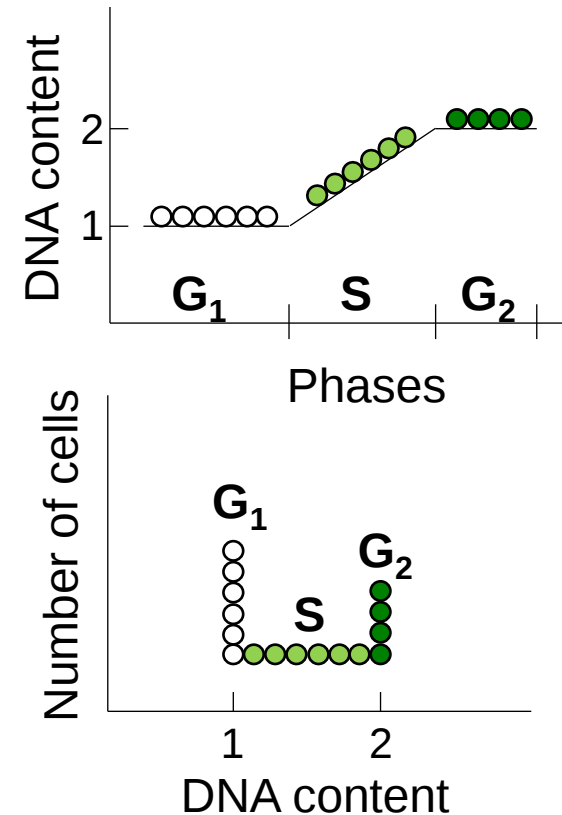
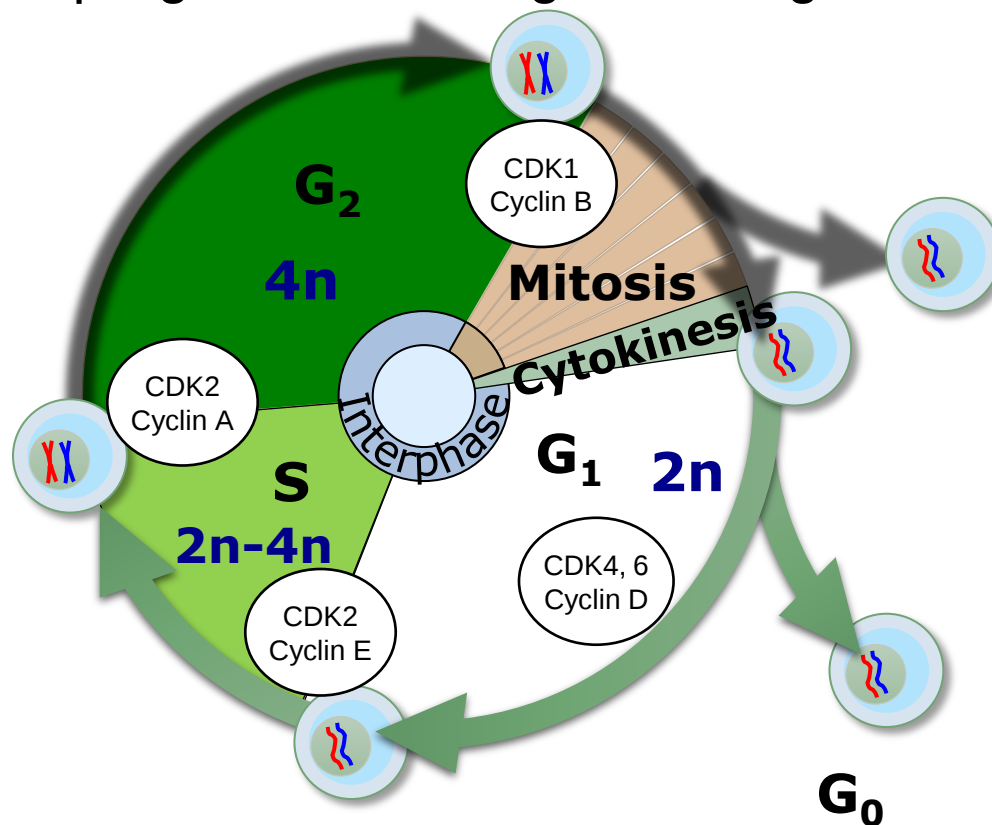
LC<sub>50</sub> = 1.9 mM



LC<sub>50</sub> = 256 μM

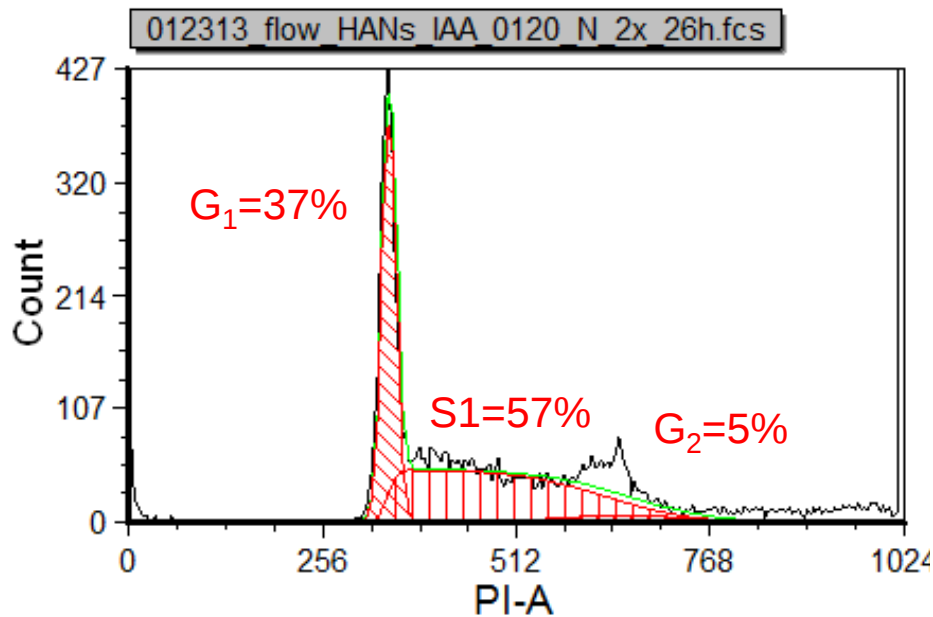
# Throughout the Cell Cycle the Genome is Monitored for Damage

- Since each chromosome is duplicated during the S phase, cells in  $G_2$  phase have double the amount of DNA than cells in  $G_1$ .
- Cyclin-dependent kinases (CDKs) and the cyclin proteins regulate progression through the stages of the cell cycle.

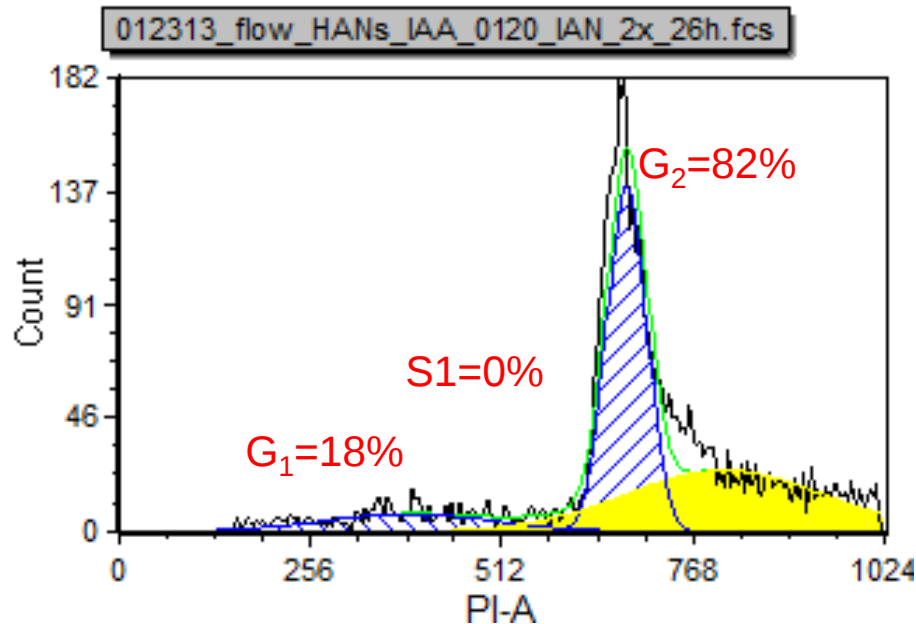


# Haloacetonitriles Block the Cell Cycle

Negative control



Iodoacetoneitrile 6  $\mu$ M



Mode of action of NDBPs

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# Summary of Toxicology

- Mammalian cell cytotoxicity and genotoxicity analyses of 10 haloacetaldehydes were completed and added to the comparative quantitative toxicity database.
- Molecular mechanisms of HAA toxicity were resolved.

(Pals, J.; Ang, J.; Wagner, E. D.; Plewa, M. J., Biological mechanism for the toxicity of haloacetic acid drinking water disinfection byproducts. *Environ. Sci. Technol.* **2011**, 45, 5791–5797.)

- Chloroacetonitrile, bromoacetonitrile, and iodoacetonitrile block the cell cycle at G<sub>2</sub>. HAAs do not block the cell cycle.
- These results contribute to the understanding of the toxic mode of action of HAN DBPs.
- *N*-2-Dichloroacetamide is a new toxic NDBP.

# Project Summary

## Mixture study using RO/ED:

Large scale RO/ED system is under development.

## Formation kinetics:

Formation pathway of chloroacetonitrile and chloroacetamide was identified.

## Toxicology:

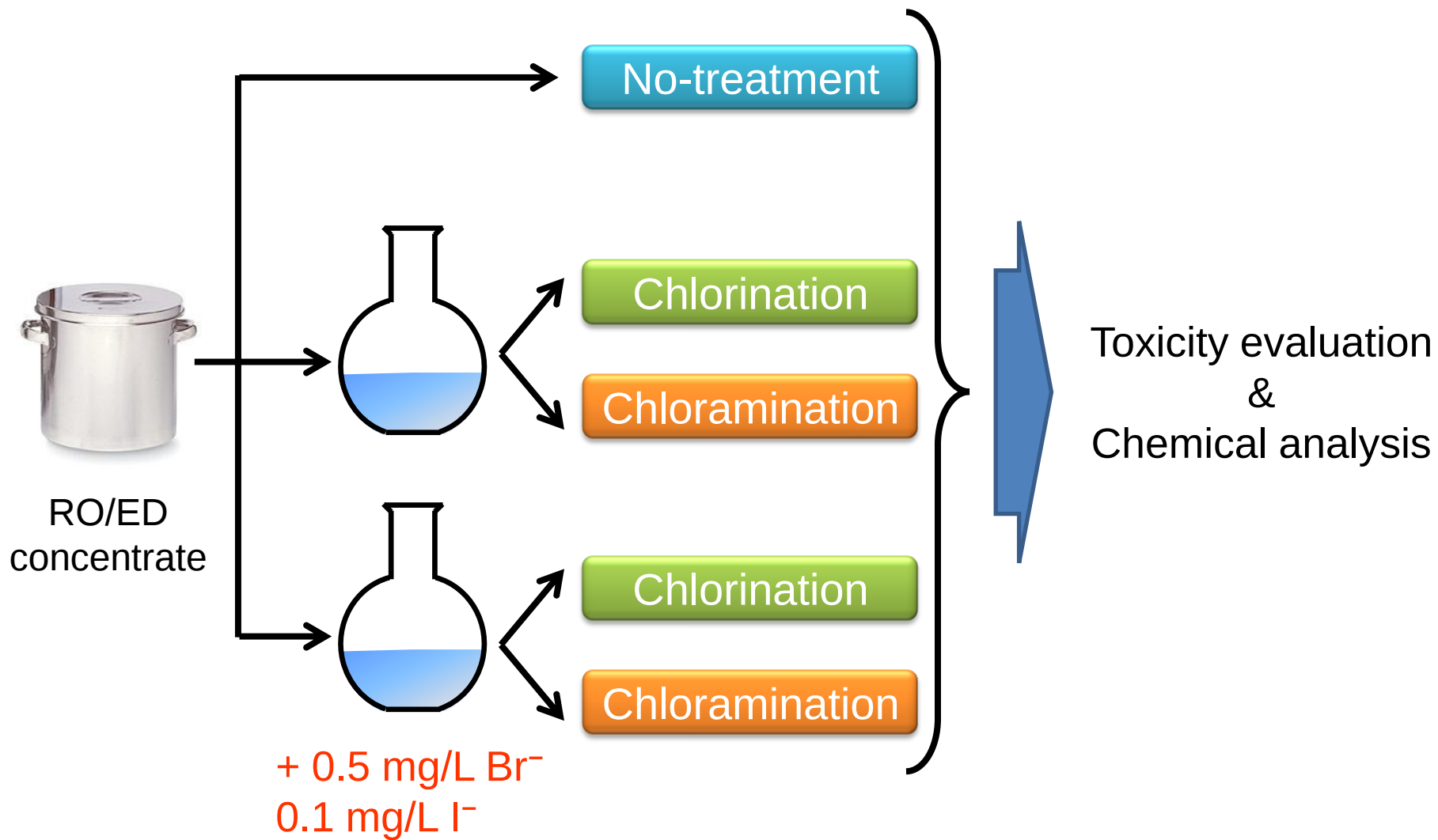
Completed haloacetaldehyde analyses. Analysis of intermediate and new DBPs. Inclusion of mammalian cell cycle blockage with cytotoxicity and genotoxicity studies.

# Current and Future Work

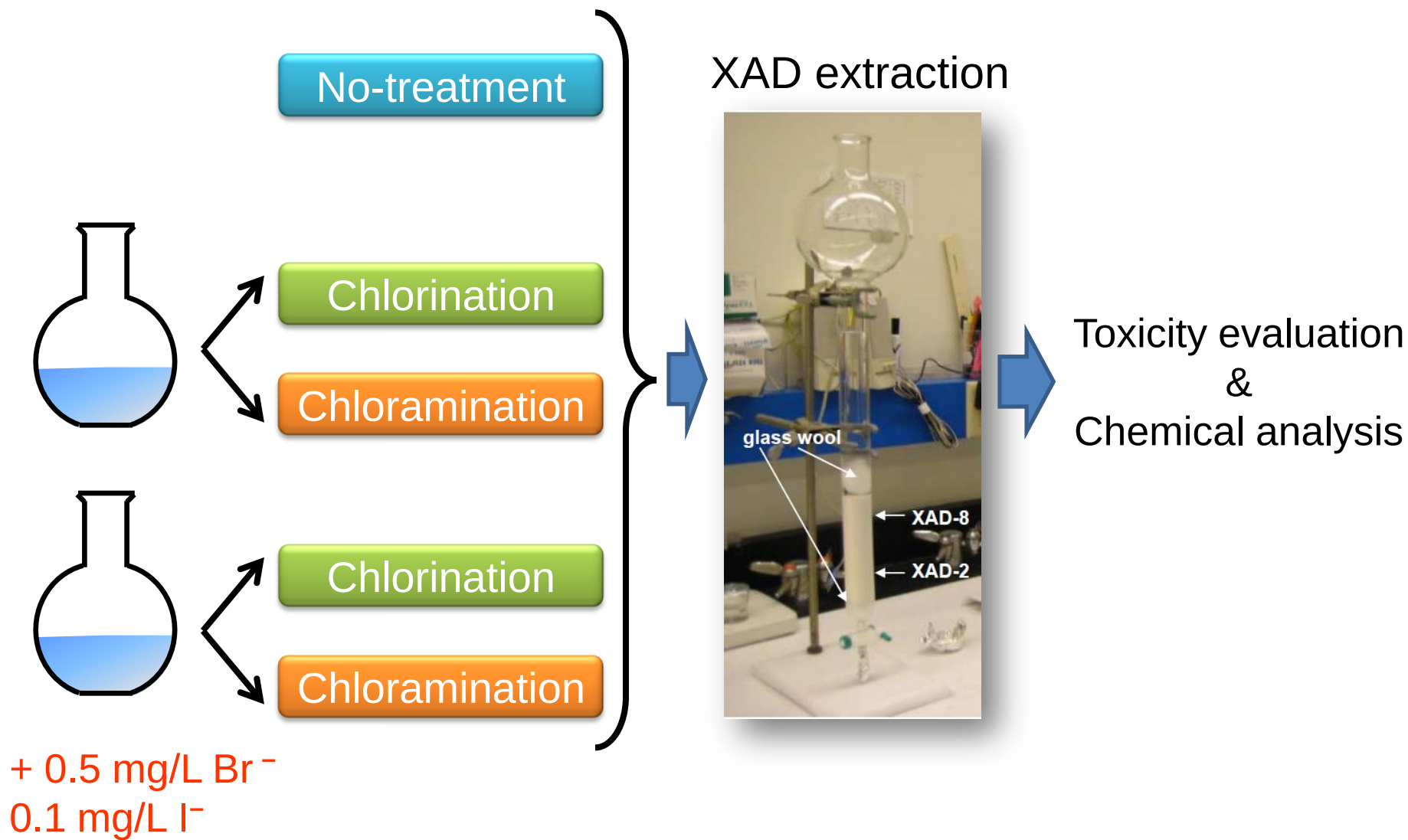
- Comparison of RO/ED with XAD will demonstrate the utility of this new extraction technology against an EPA standard (RO or XAD).
- Comparison of chloramination and chlorination will determine which disinfection procedure generates the least toxic water under specific conditions (low versus high halide).
- Integrating quantitative *in vitro* mammalian cell toxicity metrics with analytical chemistry measurements will provide a physical basis for differences in the induction of adverse biological outcomes.
- DNA repair analyses will provide an insight into the distribution of DNA lesions throughout the genome induced by the different disinfection and/or concentration methods.

Komaki, Y.; Pals, J.; Wagner, E. D.; Marinas, B. J.; Plewa, M. J., Mammalian cell DNA damage and repair kinetics of monohaloacetic acid drinking water disinfection by-products. *Environ. Sci. Technol.* **2009**, 43, (21), 8437–8442.

# Experimental Plan with RO/ED Concentrate



# Experimental Plan with XAD Extraction



# Expected Outcomes

- Different disinfection methods may generate different toxicological responses.

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- High levels of Br<sup>-</sup> and I<sup>-</sup> may generate disinfected water with higher levels of toxicity. This will provide additional information for utilities considering changing from chlorine to alternative disinfection practices.
- The toxicity from RO/ED concentrated water samples versus XAD-extracted water samples will be determined.
- Analytical chemistry of DBPs will be conducted with the RO/ED and XAD samples from each treatment group (U.S. EPA collaborators).
- The toxicology of the complex mixtures from the water samples will be compared with their DBP profiles.

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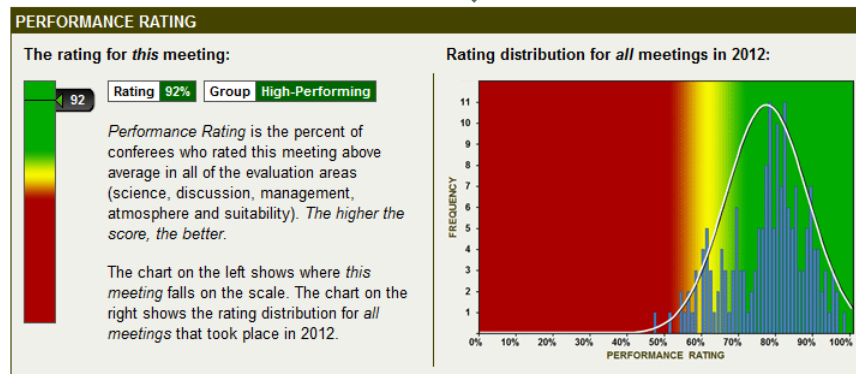
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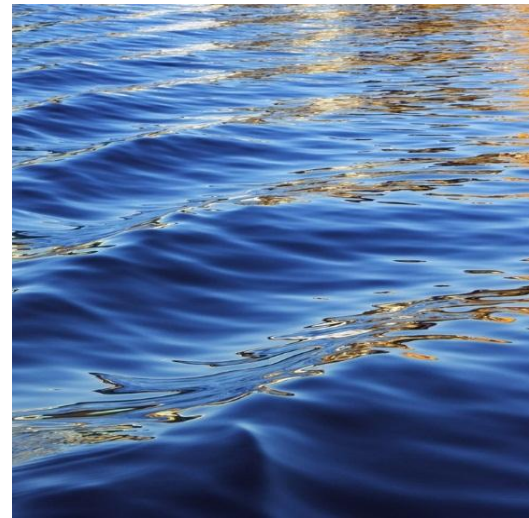


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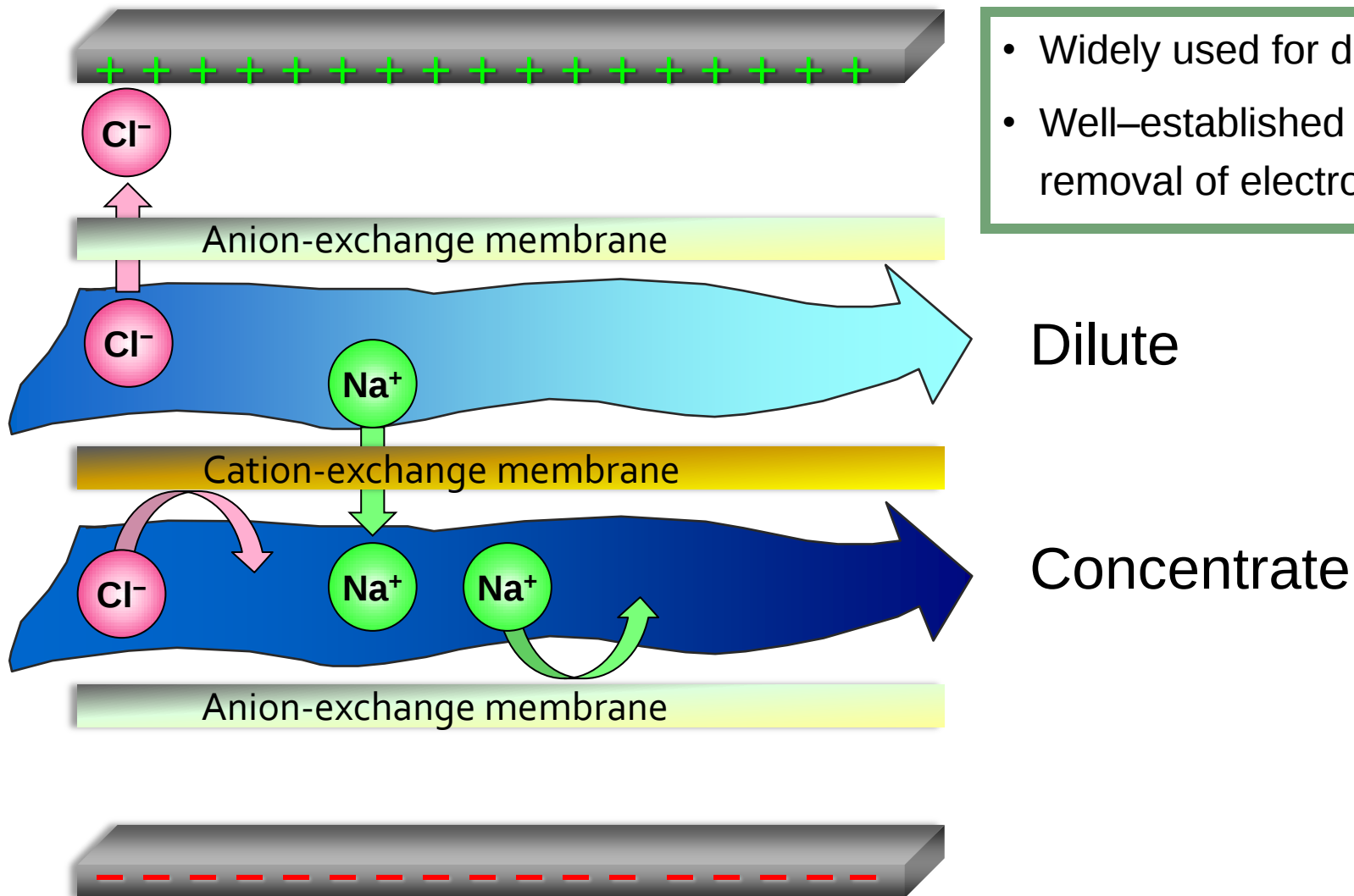
Performance rating of 92% for the 2012 DBP GRC



# Appendix



# Electrodialysis (ED) process



- Widely used for desalination
- Well-established method for removal of electrolytes

Dilute

Concentrate

# Experimental Matrix

|                                 | Halide addition                    | Disinfection   | Work flow                                                                            |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| RO/ED control                   | –                                  | –              | RO/ED → toxicity test<br>(RO/ED → XAD → toxicity test)                               |
| RO/ED no halide, chlorination   | –                                  | Chlorination   | RO/ED → disinfection → toxicity test<br>(RO/ED → disinfection → XAD → toxicity test) |
| RO/ED no halide, chloramination | –                                  | Chloramination | RO/ED → disinfection → toxicity test<br>(RO/ED → disinfection → XAD → toxicity test) |
| RO/ED + halide, chlorination    | + Br <sup>–</sup> , I <sup>–</sup> | Chlorination   | RO/ED → disinfection → toxicity test<br>(RO/ED → disinfection → XAD → toxicity test) |
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| XAD control                     | –                                  | –              | XAD → toxicity test                                                                  |
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| XAD no halide, chloramination   | –                                  | Chloramination | Disinfection → XAD → toxicity test                                                   |
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