

Ozonization- Removal of Sulfonamides (synthetic antimicrobials)

SMZ is the most widely prescribed antibiotics in the US and hence, frequently detected in the environment

Sulfonamides can be excreted by the body at high rates, as high as 30% for SDZ and 80% for SFZ of the administered dose

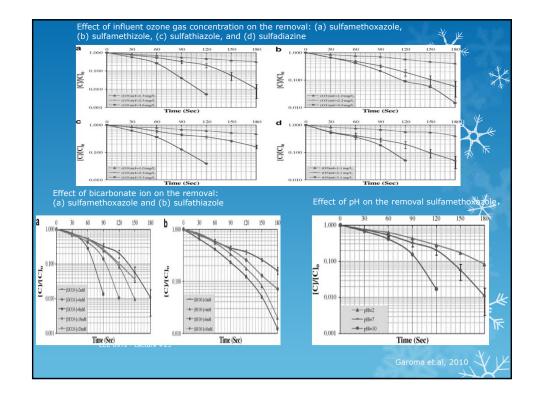
all the sulfonamides were detected in the environment, including drinking water, surface water, and wastewater treatment plant effluent

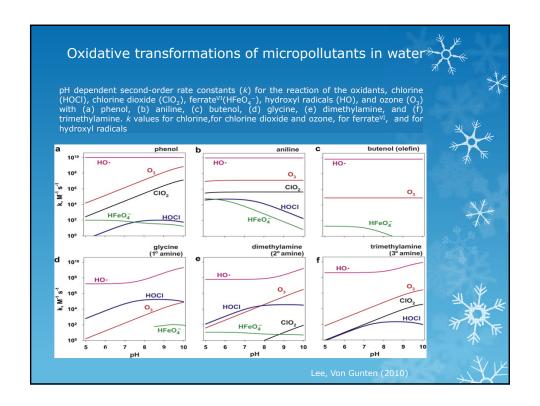
Degradation of sulfonamides under different experimental conditions was tested:

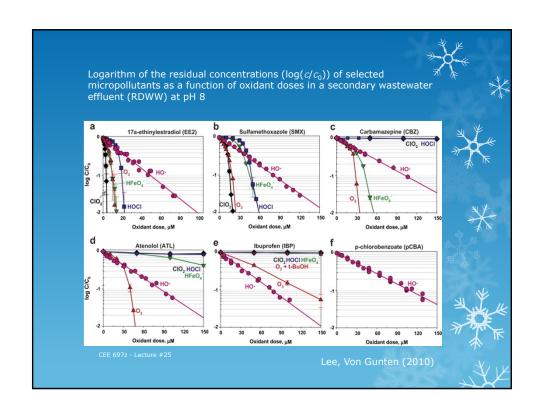
pH range: 2-10

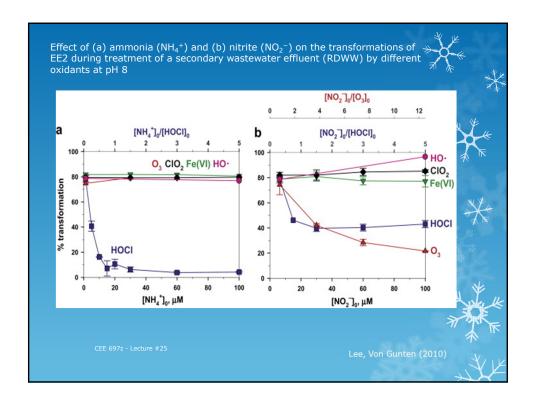
Ozone gas concentration: 2-20 mM

Bicarbonate ion concentration: 1-3.2 mg/l











Conclusions from the study

- The selective oxidants react only with some electron-rich organic moieties (ERMs), such as phenols, anilines, olefins, and amines, with the exception of the following reactions: chlorine and chlorine dioxide with olefins, chlorine dioxide with 1° and 2° amines, and ferrate^{VI} with 3° amines show a negligible reactivity. In contrast, hydroxyl radicals show a very high reactivity with almost all organic moieties, even including C-H bonds. Therefore, hydroxyl radicals can transform any type of micropollutant with a similar
- Effluent organic matter (EfOM) as a major wastewater matrix component contains ERMs and thus consumes the oxidants. Therefore, competition for oxidants between target micropollutants and EfOM determines the transformation efficiency. The competition depends on the relative reaction rate of a given oxidant with ERMs present in a target micropollutant and the EfOM. Accordingly, a higher rate constant of an oxidant with a target micropollutant does not necessarily translate into more efficient transformation.
- For the selective oxidants, the competition disappears rapidly after the ERMs present in EfOM are consumed. In contrast, for hydroxyl radicals, the competition remains practically the same during the entire oxidation process. Therefore, the efficiency of hydroxyl radicals is much lower than that of the selective oxidants for transforming micropollutants containing ERMs. In addition, the difference in transformation efficiency becomes larger if higher extents of transformations of micropollutants should be
- Ammonia and nitrite can significantly decrease transformation efficiency of micropollutants (i.e. phenolic- and aniline containing) during chlorination. Nitrite can also decrease transformation efficiency during ozonation. Therefore, in poorly nitrified or denitrified wastewaters, transformation of micropollutants can be low during a treatment with chlorine or ozone. In contrast, bromide can significantly increase transformation efficiency of phenolic-micropollutants by forming bromine during chlorination. In addition, an enhanced transformation of 1° amine-containing micropollutants is expected during ozonation of hromide-containing waters.

Lee, Von Gunten (2010)

Ozonation products of antibiotics- Roxithromycin and Trimethoprim

- Mechanisms of product formation of two frequently encountered antibiotics, trimethoprim (TMP) and a macrolide antibiotic roxithromycin (ROX) were investigate
- TMP was found to produce a toxic response in rainbow trout, while for both TMP and ROX ecotoxicological effects on the algal growth were reported
- The formation of persistent and structurally similar ozonation products of these antibiotics could reflect in their increased hazardousness. To elucidate the structures of ozonation products, analysis were performed by UPLC coupled to a (QqToF-MS)
- The lab-scale ozonation experiments were performed with distilled water (DW) and sewage effluent (SE), and evolution of products and removal efficiencies were compared



