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# Advanced Oxidation Processes for the Destruction and Detoxification of Cyanotoxins

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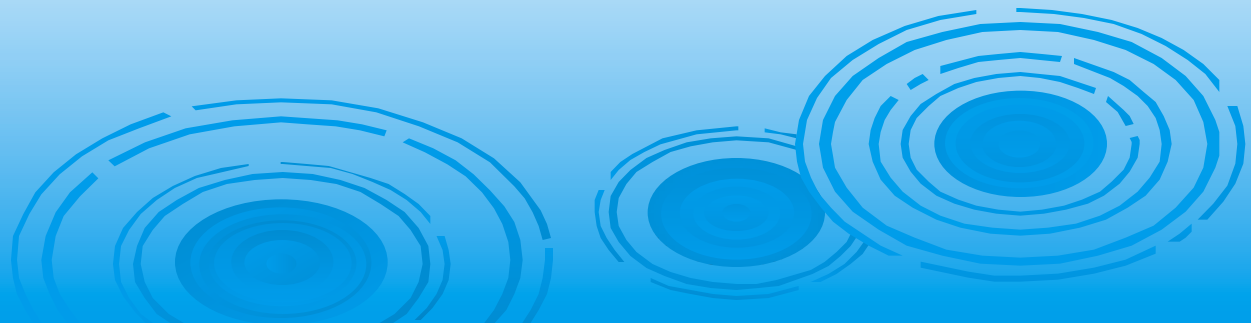


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# Outline

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- Background - Advanced Oxidation Processes (AOP)
- HABs - Harmful Algae Blooms & Cyanotoxins
- Ultrasonic Destruction of Microcystin-LR
- Titanium dioxide Photocatalysis of Cylindrospermopsin
- Conclusions



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# Advanced Oxidation Technologies

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Organic Toxin/Pollutant

AOTs

$\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{HX}$

Supercritical Water

Fenton

$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ,  $\text{O}_3$  and/or UV



$\text{HO}\cdot$

Gamma Rays



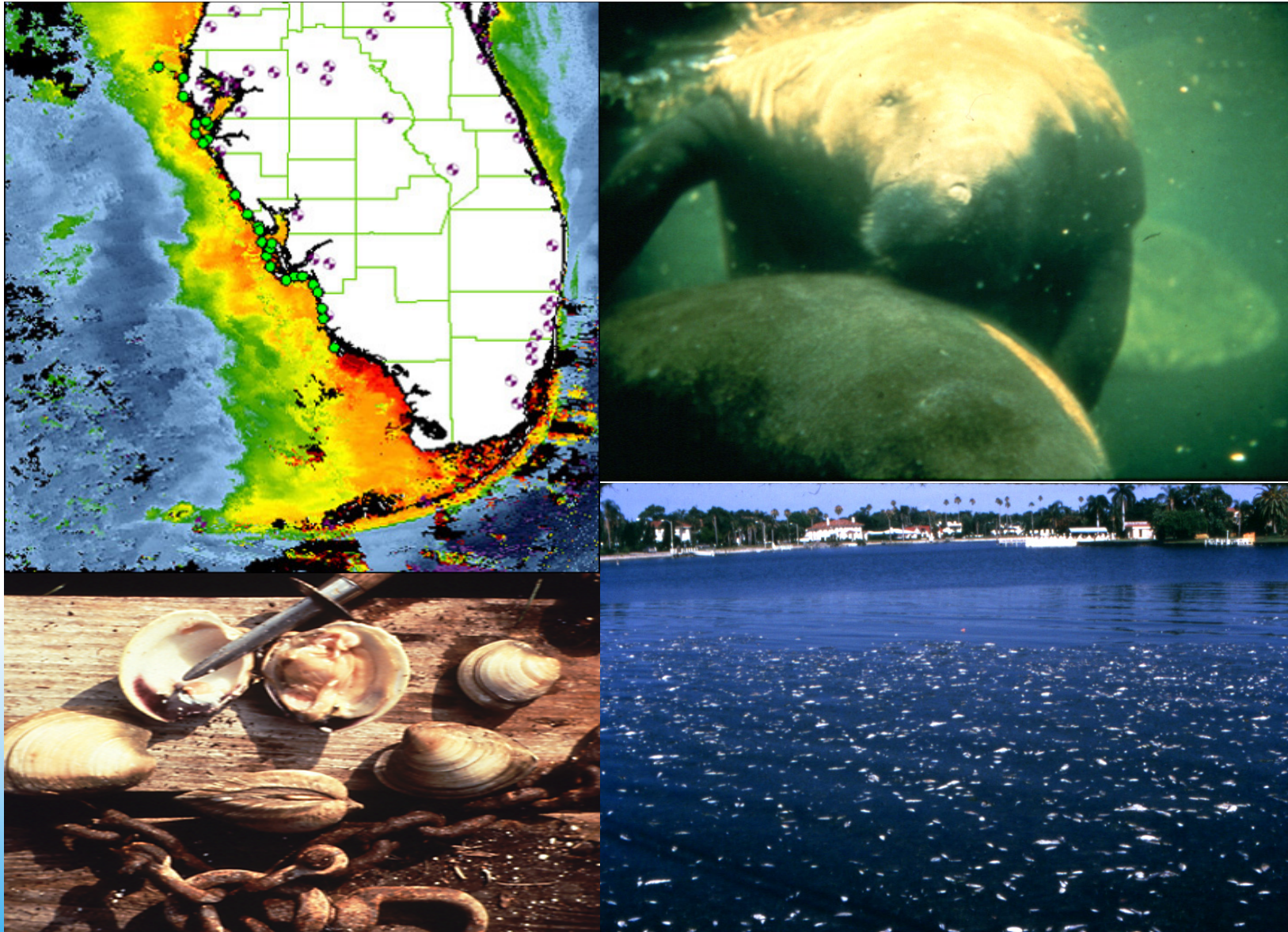
Photocatalysis

Cavitation and Sonolysis

Electron Beams



# CyanoHAB Environmental Impact



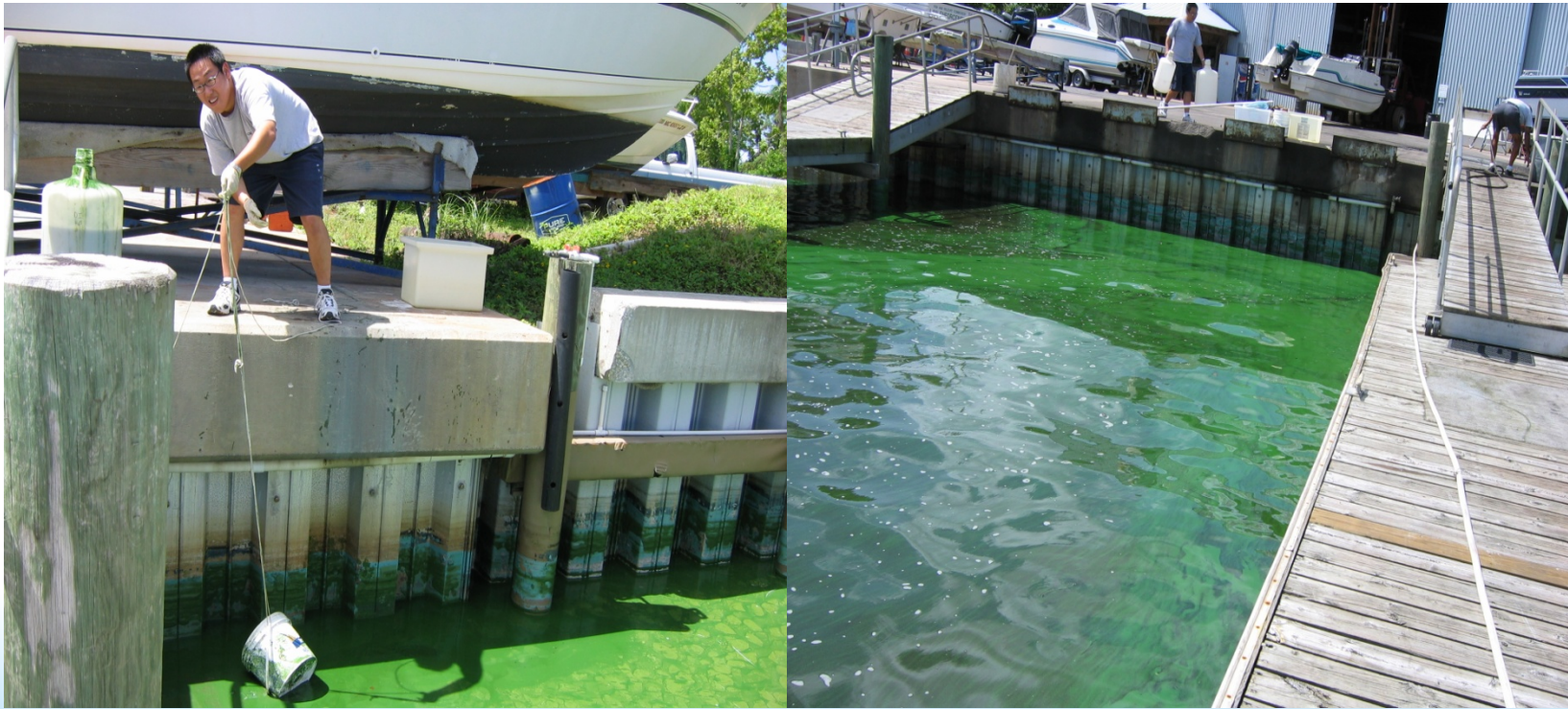
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# Harmful Algal Bloom

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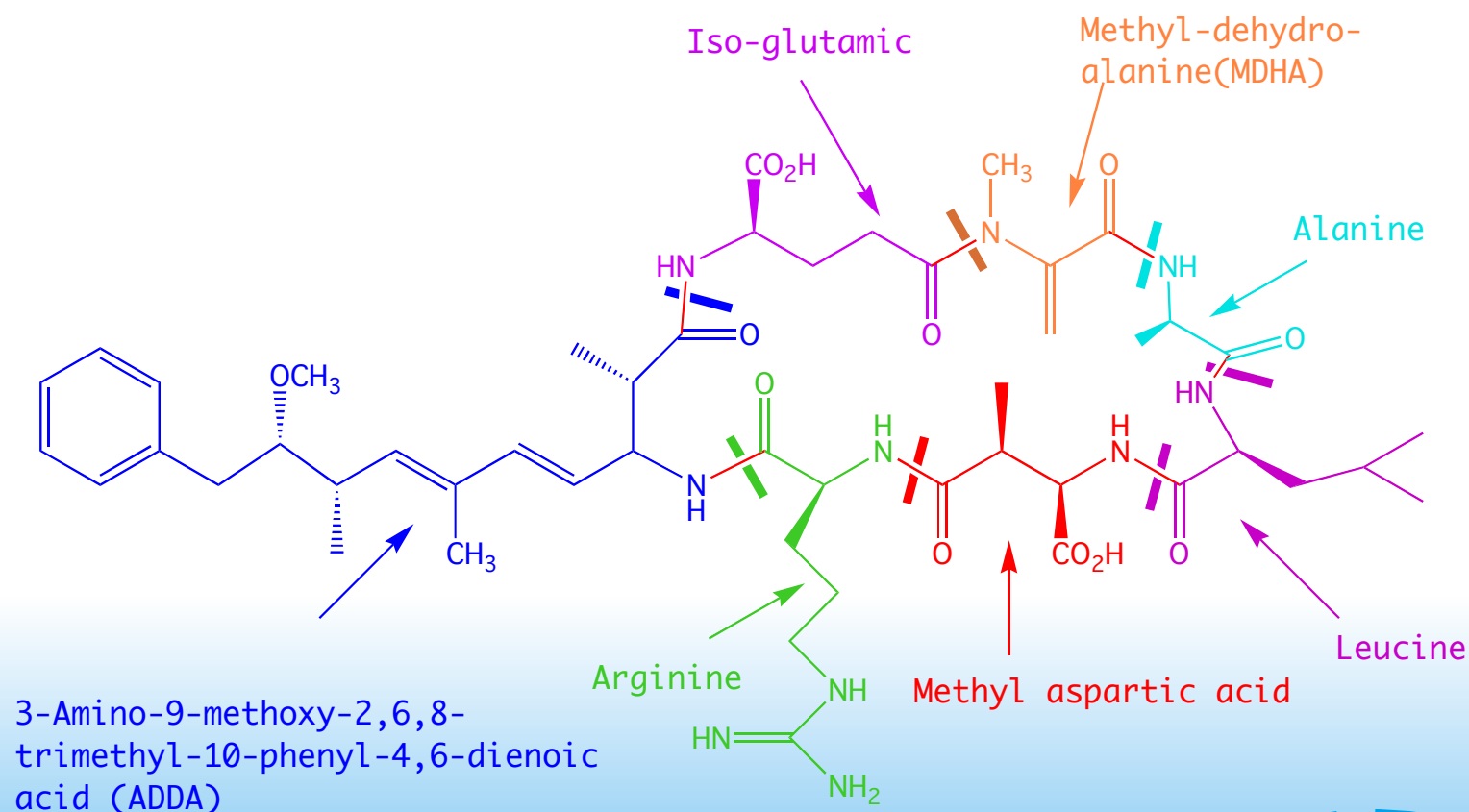


Marina in Port St Lucie, Florida following hurricane Katrina 2005

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# Microcystin-LR



WHO, *Guidelines for drinking-water Quality*. ed.; World Health Organization: Geneva, **1998**

0.001 mg/litre (for total microcystin-LR, free plus cell-bound)

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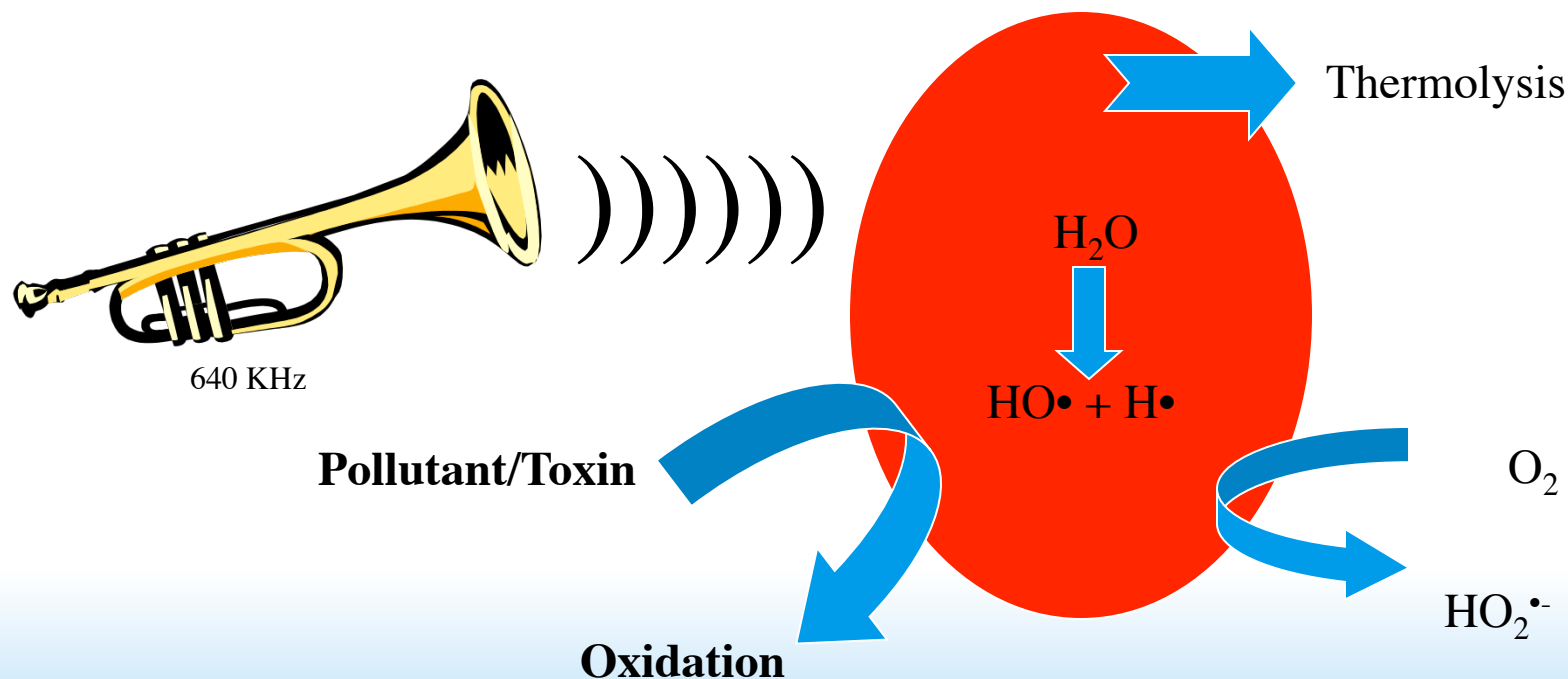
# Degradation and Detoxification of MC-LR by Ultrasonic Irradiation

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# Ultrasonic Irradiation



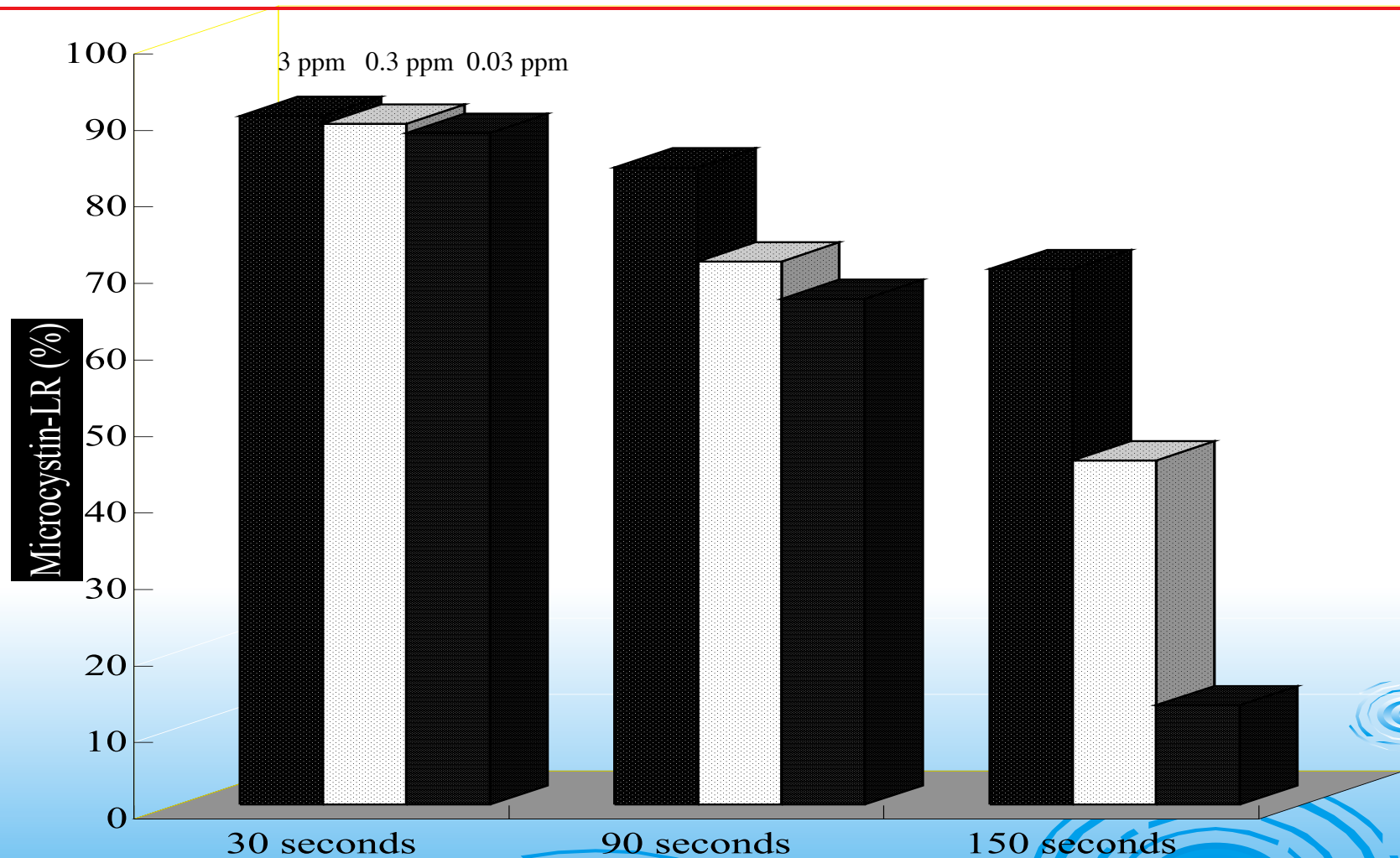
## Reaction Zones

- 1) Vapor Region - Extreme Conditions Pyrolysis of water vapor and volatiles
- 2) Interface - Supercritical, ( $\text{HO}\cdot + \text{H}\cdot$ ), Hydrophobic, LT Pyrolysis, hydrolysis
- 3) Bulk liquid - Limited to reactions of radicals diffusing from the interfacial region

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# Ultrasonic Induced Degradation of Microcystin-LR

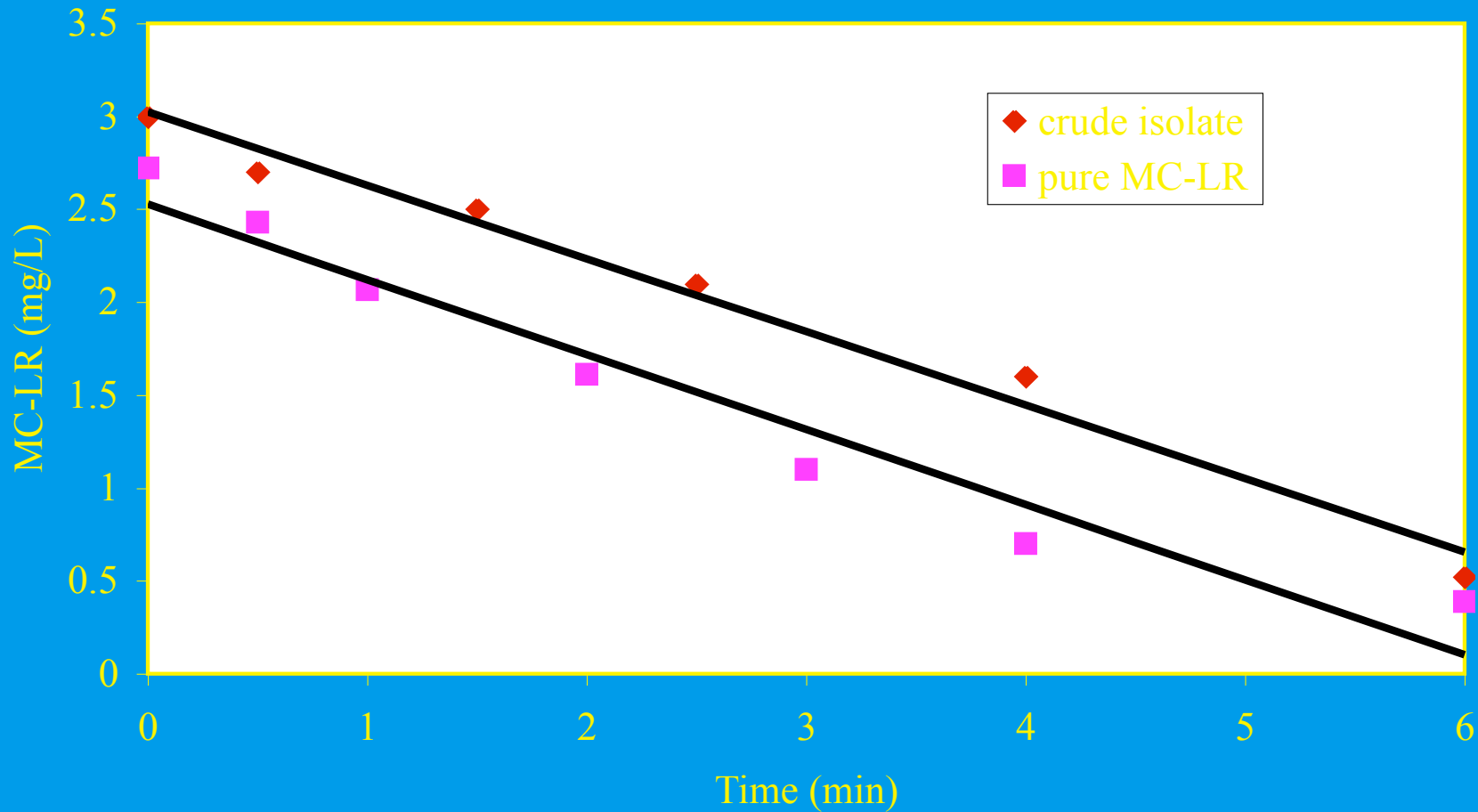


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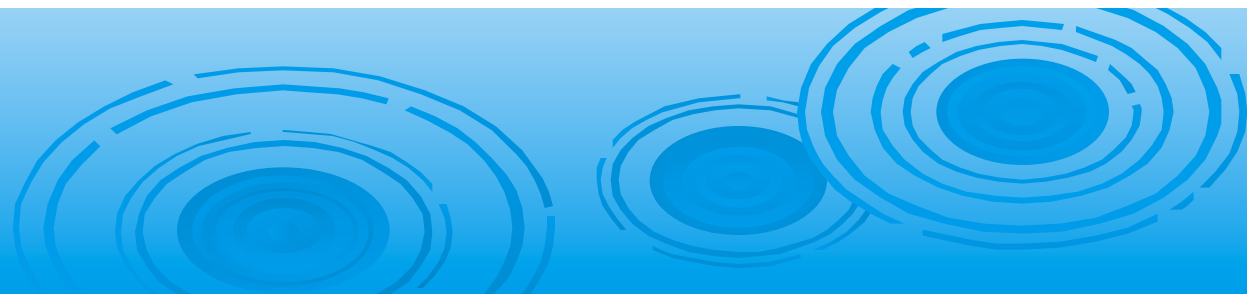
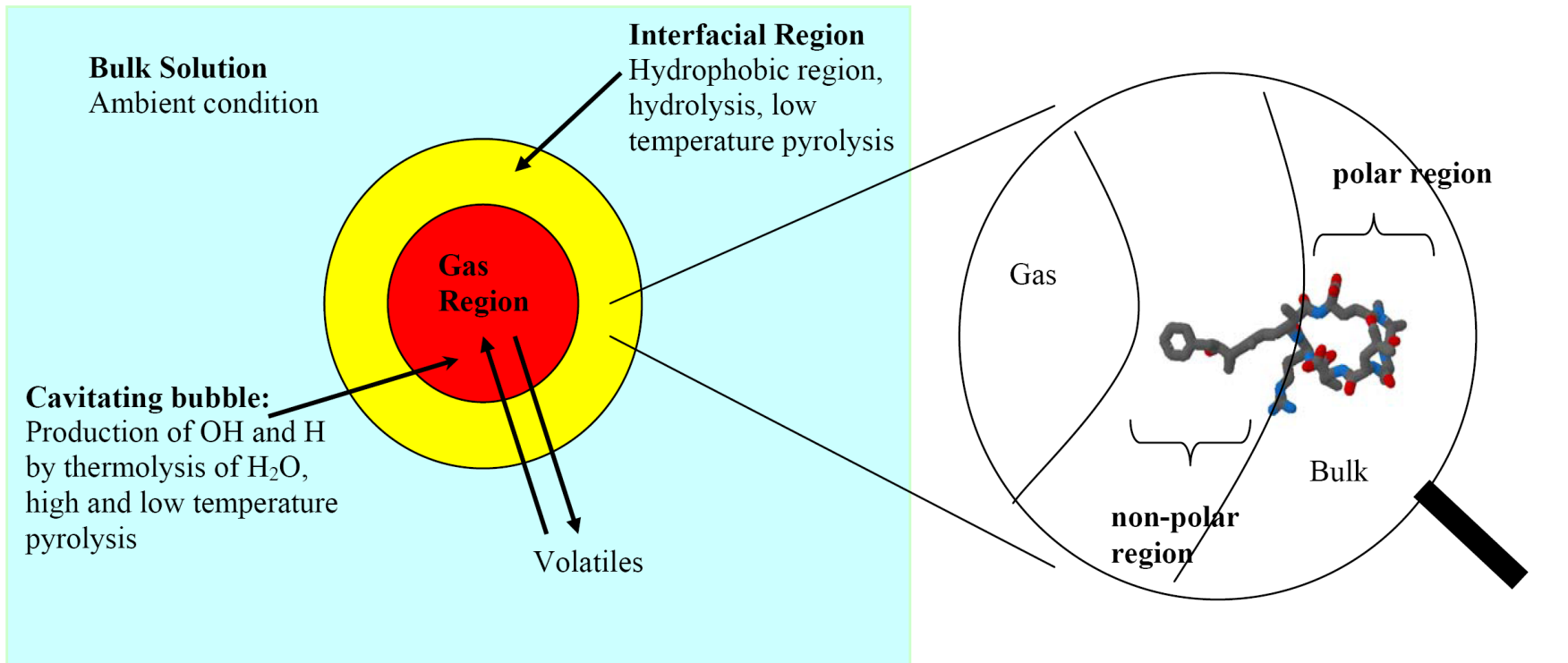
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# Degradation of Crude and pure MC-LR

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# Ultrasonic irradiation of MC-LR



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# Evaluation of toxicity by brine shrimp assay

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## Without Ultrasonic Treatment

Concentration (ppm)	Number Exposed	Mortalities
0	35	0
1.6	20	6
3.1	20	10
6.25	29	22
12.5	27	24
25	50	48
50	50	50

LC50 = 3.01 ug/mL (1.98, 4.56 )  
95% confidence

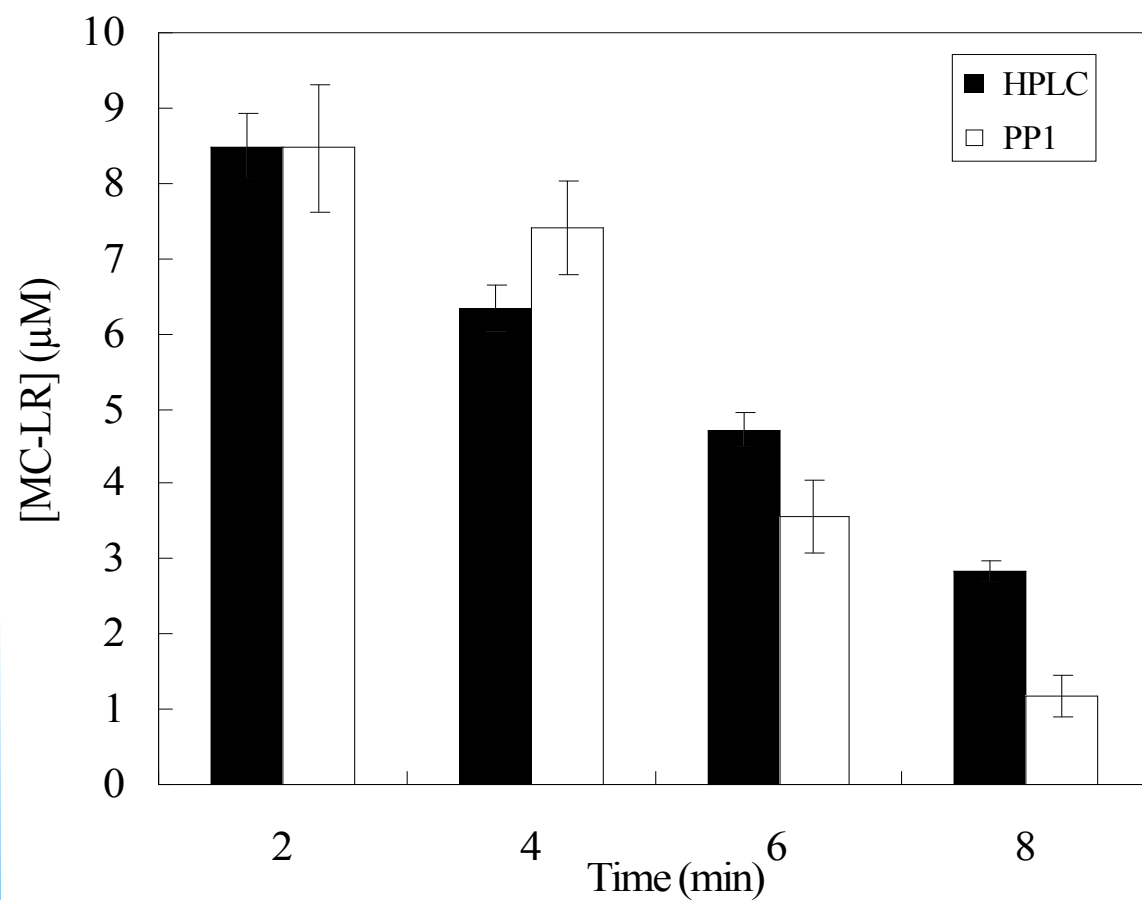
## Ultrasonic Treatment (20 min)

Concentration (ppm)	Number Exposed	Mortalities
0	35	0
1.6	20	0
3.1	37	0
6.25	29	0
12.5	45	3
25	34	2
50	35	3

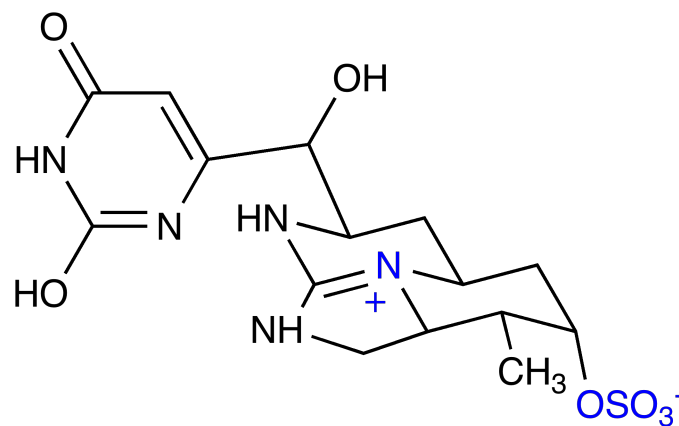
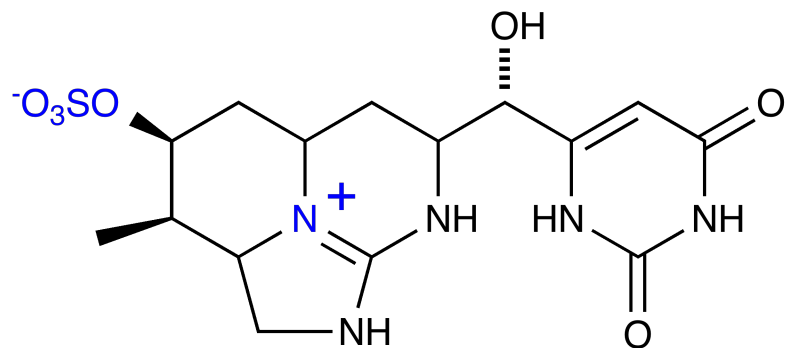
LC50 >> 50 ug/mL



# Detoxification of Microcystin-LR upon ultrasonic irradiation



# Cylindrospermopsin [143545-90-8]



([C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>7</sub>S]; mol. wt. = 415.43) Chemical name = 2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-Pyrimidinedione, 6-[(*R*)-hydroxy[2*aR*,3*S*,4*R*,5*aR*,7*S*)-2,2*a*,3,4,5,5*a*,6,7- octahydro-3-methyl-4-(sulfoxy)-1*H*-1,8,8*b*-triazaacenaphthylen-7-yl]methyl]-, rel(-)-

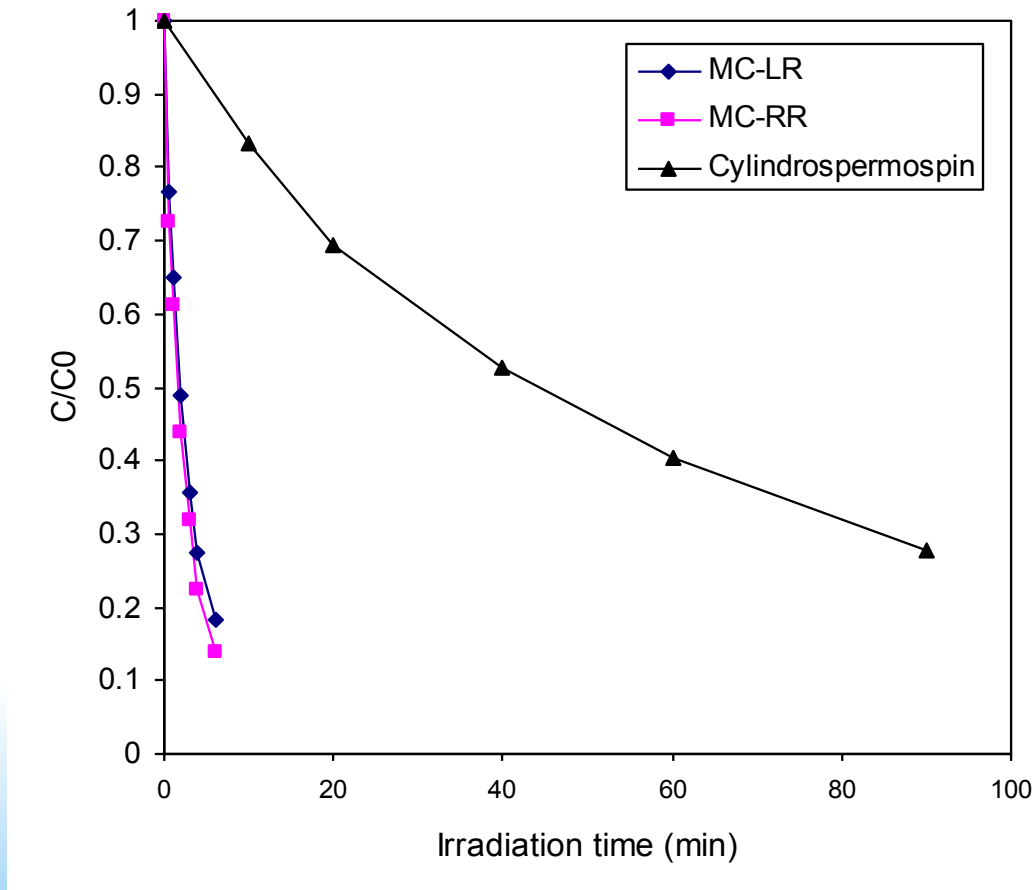
Cylindrospermopsin is relatively stable at extreme temperatures (no degradation at 100 °C for 15 minutes) and pH (~25% degraded at pH of 4, 7, and 10 for 8 weeks).

Toxic to liver and kidney, genotoxic and exhibits carcinogenic effects – Palm Island Mystery disease, Byth, S. 1980, *Med. J. Aust.*, 2, 40-42.

Not effectively treated by traditional waste water treatments

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# Ultrasonic Induced Degradation of CYN and MCs



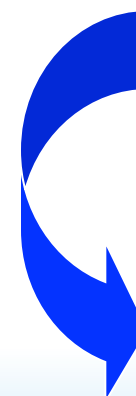
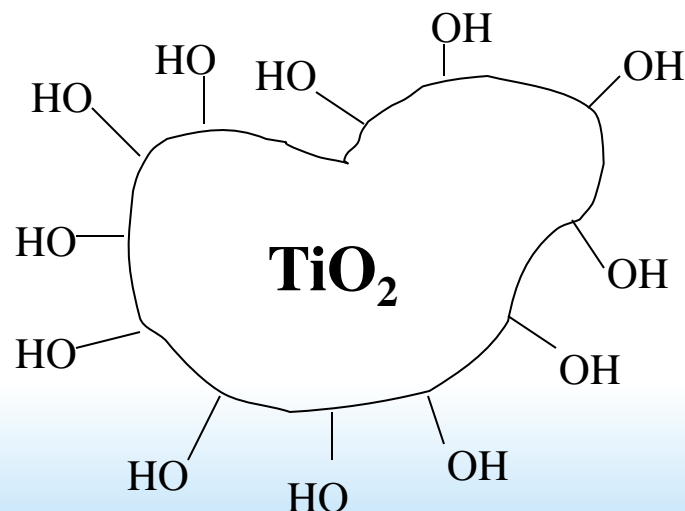
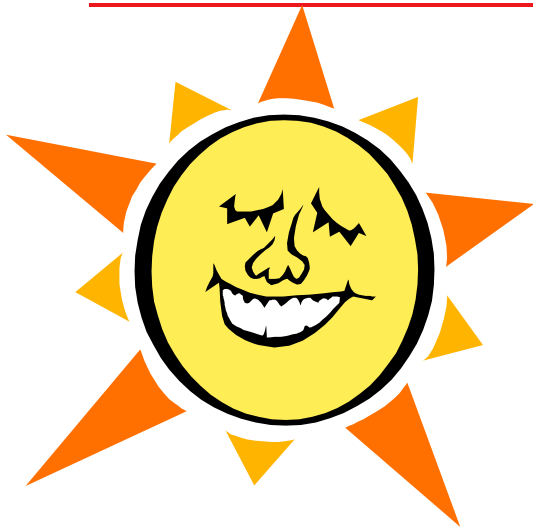
Degradation of CYN and MCs by ultrasound; 640 KHz, air saturated, initial concentrations 4-5 ppm

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# Solar Powered Decontamination



Pollutants

$\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} +$   
Mineral acids

D.F. Ollis, E. Pelizzetti, and N. Serpone, *Environ. Sci. Technol.* **1991**, 25, 1523

M.A. Fox and M.T Dulay, *Chem. Rev.* **1993**, 93, 341; P.V. Kamat, *Chem. Rev.* **1993**, 93, 267.

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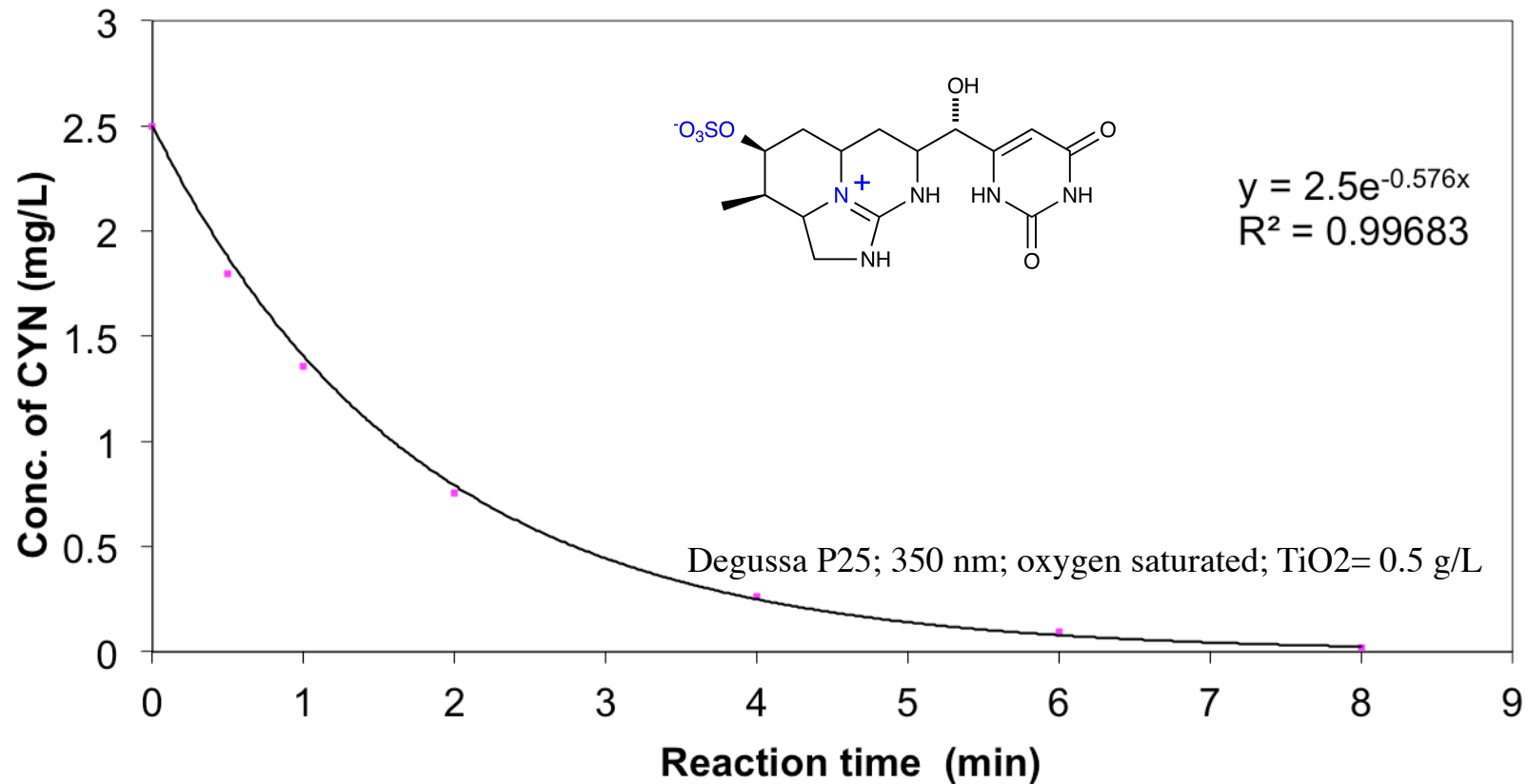
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UV and solar TiO<sub>2</sub> photocatalysis of brevetoxins (PbTx<sub>s</sub>), *Toxicon* 2010, 1008-1016.

Synthesis, structural characterization of sol-gel based NF-TiO<sub>2</sub> films with VLA for removal of MC-LR M. Pelaez, P. Falaras, V. Likodimos, A. Kontos, A. Cruz, Kevin O'Shea, D. Dionysiou *Applied Catal B: Environ* 2010, 99, 378.



# UV TiO<sub>2</sub> photocatalysis of CYN

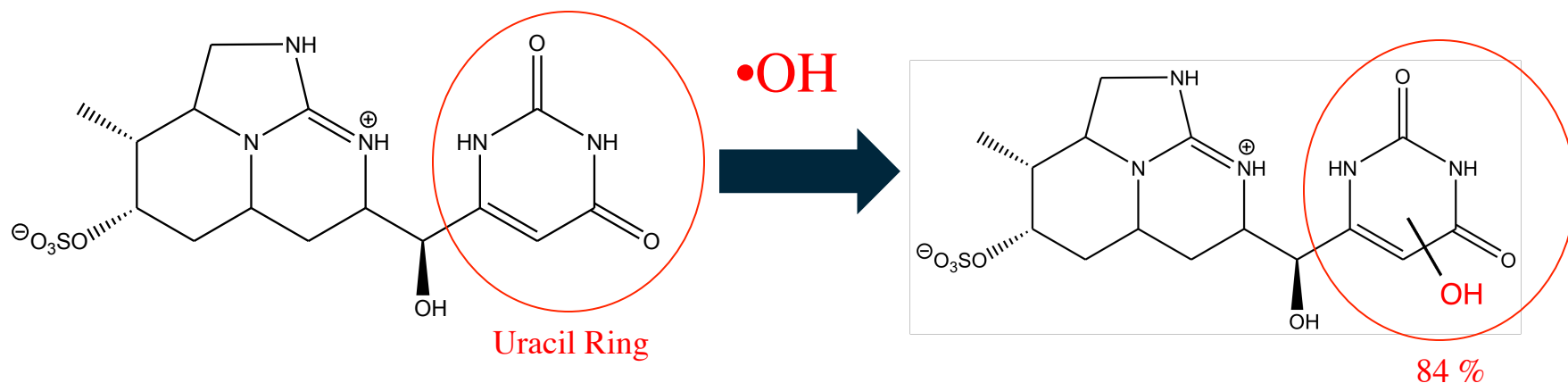
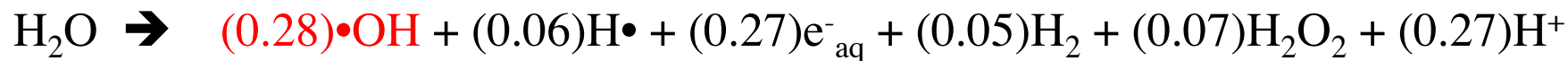


## Previous Reports on UV TiO<sub>2</sub> Photocatalysis

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# Summary of Reactivity of CYN with HO•



$k_{\text{OH}}$  ( $\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ )

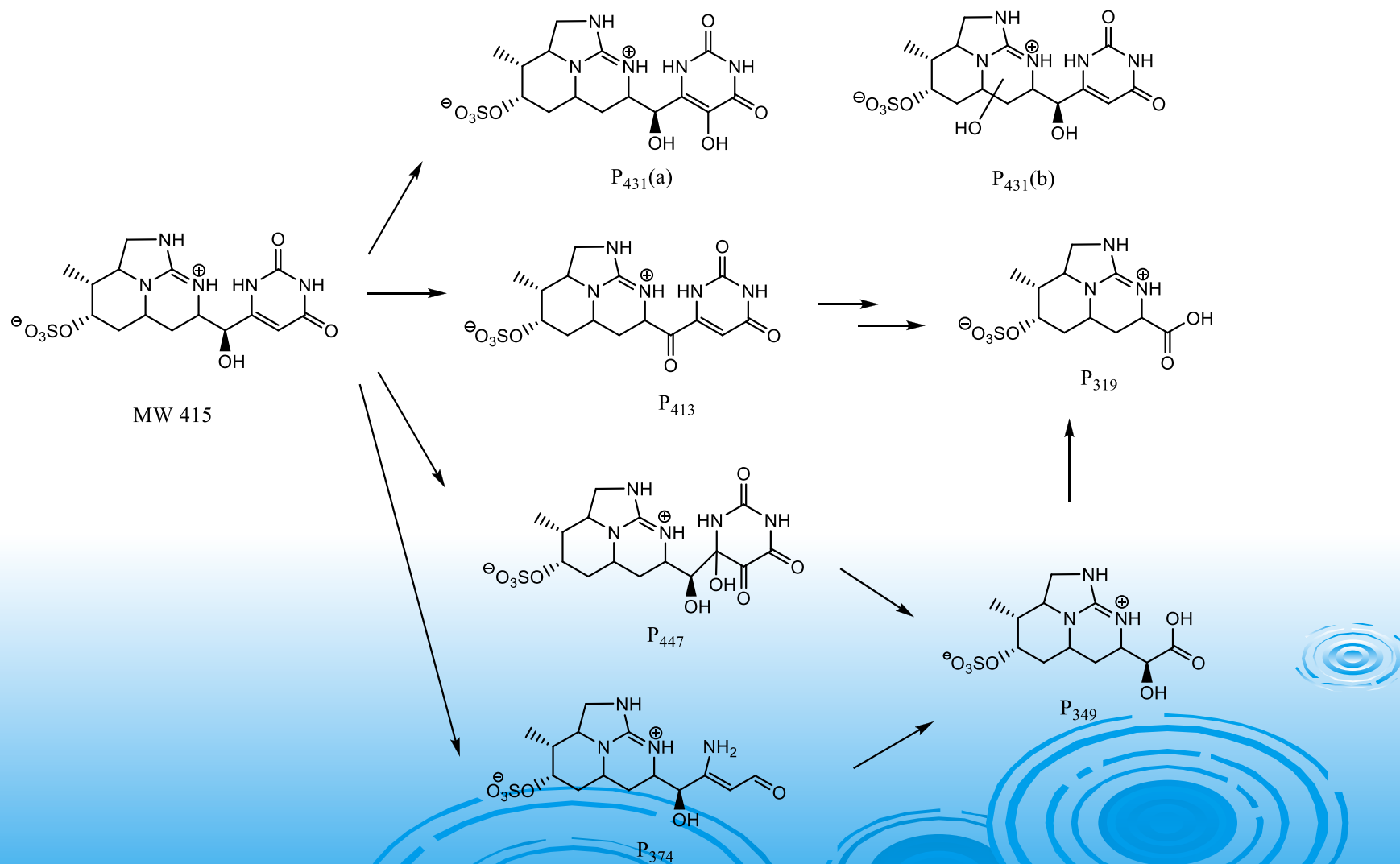
Uracil  
CYN

( $5.7 \times 10^9$ ) average of 7 literature values  
( $5.08 \pm 0.16$ )  $\times 10^9$  (overall)

Growth transient

( $4.75 \pm 0.02$ )  $\times 10^9$  ( $4.75/5.08$ )  $\Rightarrow$  84 %

# Degradation products and proposed reaction pathways for $\bullet\text{OH}$ + CYN



Hydroxyl Radical Oxidation of CYN and its role in the Photochemical Transformation, Weihua Song, Shuwne Yan, William J. Cooper, Dionysios Dionysiou, Kevin O'Shea, Environ. Sci. Tech, 2012, 46, 12608-12615.

# Conclusions

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- Ultrasonic treatment of microcystin-LR (MCLR) results in the predominant and selective oxidation of the ADDA diene and aromatic ring leading to detoxification even in the presence of dissolved organic material. Taste and odor compounds associated with HABs are also readily degraded.
- PP1 and Brine shrimp assays indicate the oxidation products produced from advanced oxidation of MCs are not toxic.
- AOPs should be effective for all ADDA chain containing MC variants (> 80) and nodularins.
- Cylindrospermopsin, a charged species, is more effectively degraded by titanium dioxide photocatalysis than ultrasonic irradiation. Ultrasonic induced destruction may be particularly attractive for treatment of hydrophobic toxins, while photocatalysis may be more effective for polar and charged species.
- The initial water quality and treatment objectives are critical in determining the feasibility of real applications of different AOPs. Treatment trains, for example careful separation of algal cells, subsequent treatment with an AOP and bioremediation, also need to be considered among treatment options.



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