

Mineralization of greywater organics by the ozone-UV advanced oxidation process: Kinetic modeling and efficiency

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15 Abstract

Ozone-UV advanced oxidation treatment can mineralize total organic carbon (TOC) in 16 water without the addition of chemicals, representing an alternative to phase-transfer processes 17 such as reverse osmosis for water reuse. However, efficiency is governed by competing principal 18 reaction pathways, and limited information has been available for optimizing treatment in such 19 applications. In this study a 1.2 m³/day (320 GPD) pilot ozone-UV greywater reuse system was 20 tested using simulated and real shower water, and resulting kinetic data were used to develop a 21 22 kinetic model of TOC mineralization. H₂O₂ is produced by photolysis with ozone, and subsequent reactions produce hydroxyl radical, which mineralizes TOC. TOC mineralization efficiency is 23 24 governed by TOC concentration (controlling transmissivity), pH throughout treatment, ozone-25 UV dose ratio, and the evolution of pH due to CO₂ production from TOC, which impacts oxidative efficiency dynamically. Modeled hydroxyl radical concentrations were $\sim 10^{-10}$ M, as 26 expected during water treatment and reuse, and the second order rate constant for reaction of 27 hydroxyl radical with TOC was [1.7-7.6]*107 M⁻¹s⁻¹, similar to others reported for mineralization 28 of wastewater organics. Minimum electrical energy for commercial UV and ozone equipment was 29 assessed at 3.73 kWh/m³/order of TOC mineralization, and modeling indicated a wide range of 30 optimal dosing ratios. Treatment efficiency was found to depend strongly on a reactor design that 31 ensures an influent TOC concentration low enough to allow effective transmission of UV 32 radiation. Further development of the kinetic model to account dynamically for pH evolution as 33 a function of TOC mineralization, reactor hydraulics, and mixing is recommended. 34

36 1. Introduction

Advanced wastewater treatment processes, particularly reverse osmosis (RO) and 37 advanced oxidation processes (AOPs), are being studied and used to develop portable and 38 stationary water reuse systems (1,2). RO transfers constituents to a concentrated phase, whereas 39 40 AOPs generate hydroxyl radicals (•OH) to rapidly and indiscriminately oxidize organic matter, 41 with capability to mineralize wastewater organics to carbon dioxide (3,4). Hence, limitations of 42 RO-based reuse systems in these applications include management of the concentrate, as well as blending of the water/remineralization to as required to reduce corrosivity, and chemical addition 43 44 as required for disinfection residual and membrane life extension (2,5-8). In contrast, AOP-based systems do not produce concentrate, and have been shown to avoid the formation of halogenated 45 disinfection byproducts above potable water standards by mineralizing organics to below 0.5 46 mg/L total organic carbon (TOC), at competitive cost and energy demand (3,9–11). While energy 47 usage can be low with an RO process, at ~ 0.5 kWh/m³ (9), pretreatment, chemical addition, and 48 49 concentrate disposal can significantly increase energy required, all of which depend on site and 50 system conditions.

AOPs that have been applied for water reuse include UV-hydrogen peroxide (UV-H₂O₂), hydrogen peroxide-ozone (peroxone), UV-chlorine, and UV-titanium dioxide (4,6,12–16). However, these processes require transport of chemicals to the treatment site, making them less applicable in portable water reuse systems such as might be deployed militarily at a remote health care unit (10). In contrast, the ozone-UV process, while employing chemical mechanisms common to both the UV-H₂O₂ and peroxone processes, does not require chemical transport to the treatment site.

In the ozone-UV process, photolysis of ozone generates hydrogen peroxide, which then 58 reacts with ozone as in the peroxone process, and with UV light as in the UV- H_2O_2 process (12). 59 Thus, competing reactions between ozone, UV, hydrogen peroxide, hydroxyl radical, organics, 60 61 and other radical scavengers, make process kinetics more complex than those of the peroxone 62 and UV-H₂O₂ processes. In particular, pH and TOC concentration have strong effects on how much H₂O₂ can be formed by photolysis of ozone, and whether peroxone or UV-H₂O₂ reactions 63 dominate (17,18). This is due to pH control of aqueous vs. ionized H₂O₂ in solution (influencing 64 peroxone vs. UV-H₂O₂ reactions), and TOC blocking UV light, which limits both ozone 65 66 photolysis and UV-H₂O₂ reactions.

Partly as a result of the competition just described, the ratio of ozone dose to UV fluence 67 required to maximize oxidative degradation depends strongly on the water matrix. Also, for a 68 particular UV reactor, increasing ozone dose will eventually yield diminishing returns in treatment 69 efficiency, as competition of organics with ozone and hydrogen peroxide for hydroxyl radical 70 becomes more important (18). However, little guidance was found regarding optimization of the 71 72 ozone-UV dose (12,13,17–22). Further, while decentralized nonpotable greywater reuse has been 73 well-reported (23-26), literature found on potable greywater reuse was limited to a study 74 documenting human health risk of organic micropollutants in greywater (27).

The objectives of this paper are to characterize the chemical kinetics of the ozone-UV process in greywater reuse applications, and provide a working model of the mineralization of bulk organics measured as total organic carbon. Hence, a pilot ozone-UV treatment system, part of a net-zero greywater (i.e., nearly closed-loop) reuse system, was designed, constructed, and tested for compliance with the California direct potable reuse (DPR) framework goal of 0.5 mg/L maximum total organic carbon in the product water (2). Other DPR framework goals are evaluated in a separate study (28). Synthetic and actual shower water was recycled at an 85%
recycle rate with 15% RO-treated municipal water makeup, and analyzed at various stages of
treatment for TOC, dissolved ozone, hydrogen peroxide, turbidity, alkalinity, electrical
conductivity (EC), and pH. The model developed provides predicted TOC, a critical parameter
for water reuse with human contact (2), along with concentrations of ozone, hydroxyl radical, and
hydrogen peroxide in the water during treatment.

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Materials and methods

88 2.1 System description

89 The pilot system includes two tanks, with shower water drawn from a treated water tank and drained to a greywater tank for subsequent treatment. The treated and greywater water tanks 90 have working volumes of 0-300 L and 230-530 L (0-80 gallons and 60-140 gallons), respectively, 91 both with ozone gas venting. Initial and makeup water were obtained by RO treatment of tap 92 water using a 2-stage 0.8 m³/day (200 GPD) domestic RO unit (StealthRO200, Hydrologic 93 94 Purification Systems, CA, USA). The greywater tank is continuously circulated through the ozone-95 UV treatment system at a flow rate of 110 liters per minute (30 GPM), which consists of a 16mesh strainer (McMaster-Carr, Elmhurst, IL), venturi ozone injection at a delivered rate of 25 96 97 g/hr (Maximum gas production capacity of 60 g/hr and transfer efficiency of 93% under experimental conditions), three parallel UV reactors with total output of 596 W and reflective 98 walls designed to ensure that all UV light is absorbed (SPARTOX 60, Spartan Environmental 99 Technologies, OH, USA; Neotech D338 and D438, Neotech Aqua Solutions, San Diego, CA, 100 USA), and final 5-micron filter (Graver Stratum, Graver Technologies, Glasgow, DE, USA). The 101 102 delivered 25 mg/L ozone dose corresponded to a concentration of 3.82 mg/L dissolved ozone in 103 the UV reactor. The system continues to treat until TOC is <0.5 mg/L, which also ensures that

- 104 the water is disinfected (28), after which the treated water from the greywater tank discharges to
- the treated tank for use. A system schematic is shown in Figure 1.





Figure 1. Schematic of the shower reuse system.

The system was designed to operate at 32 showers/day (1.2 m³/day, 320 GPD). The 108 109 average TOC and UV_{254} of the greywater prior to dilution into the system were 56.47 mg/L and 0.229 cm⁻¹, respectively. To prevent buildup of excess minerals in the product water, 15% of the 110 water was discharged daily (45 liters per day/12 GPD during experiment days of 8 showers/day). 111 Afterwards, makeup water was added daily from the RO unit equal to the evaporation (3-8% of 112 daily flow, depending on weather, or 9.1-24 liters/2.4-6.4 gal) plus the discharge (45 liters/12 gal), 113 to prevent water loss. Evaporation was measured using an in-tank level sensor and tank 114 115 dimensions. In this work RO-treated tap water was used for makeup, though collected rainwater might also be used. Full system details, including other water quality parameters, are reported in a 116 117 separate study (28). This project did not involve collecting data on human subjects, i.e. did not involve collecting data containing any of the 18 specific identifiers noted in the privacy Rule (USA, 118

45 CFR 46); nevertheless, informed consent was obtained from human subjects taking showersin the system.

121 2.2 Materials

The soap and shampoo used in the showers was 25% Campsuds (Sierra Dawn Products, 122 123 Graton, CA, USA) mixed with 0.635 M soda ash (simulated runs without conditioner) or 0.747 M 124 soda ash (all other runs), diluted with deionized water to maintain low TOC and circumneutral 125 pH in the greywater. This formulation was chosen to provide low COD and neutral pH, so as to 126 maximize the rate of mineralization of organic impurities by the advanced oxidation process. The 127 conditioner used was Garnier Fructis® Biodegradable Conditioner (L'Oréal S. A., Clichy, Hautsde-Seine), and soybean oil was used to simulate body organics. Selection of these products is 128 129 explained in detail elsewhere (28). All reagents were analytical grade and used as received.

130 2.3 Analytical Methods

TOC was measured by Hach method 10129 (Hach Company, Loveland, CO, USA) with 131 132 a Beckman Coulter DU720 UV-Vis Spectrophotometer (Beckman Coulter, Inc, Brea, CA, USA). 133 The detection limit for this test was assessed at 0.35 ± 0.03 mg/L. Hydrogen peroxide was measured by iodometric titration (29). pH and conductivity were measured using an Orion Star 134 135 A3295 probe unit (Thermo Scientific, MA, USA), and turbidity was measured by nephelometer (Monitek Nephelometer TA1, Galvanic Applied Sciences, Inc., Calgary, Canada). Dissolved ozone 136 was monitored with a sensor in the tank (ATI Q46H/64 Dissolved ozone monitor, ATI, Inc., PA, 137 USA). Alkalinity was measured using Standard Method 2320 (30). Modeling was performed in 138 Matlab Simulink 2017a (MathWorks, Inc., MA, USA). A linear calibration curve was established 139 for TOC and tested with standard solutions once per month for accuracy. 140

142 2.4 Experiments

Two types of kinetic experiments were conducted. First, batch treatment of simulated 143 shower water was tested in the greywater tank. For these runs, simulated shower water was added 144 directly to the greywater tank, operating at a volume of 380 L (100 gallons), and samples were 145 146 taken every 10 minutes to analyze for pH, TOC, and hydrogen peroxide concentration. The first experiment (Run 1) consisted of adding 52.5 g of the Campsuds solution, and 4.5 g of the soybean 147 148 oil, or approximately three showers worth of soap and body organics, not including conditioner (10). It was then decided that in-shower conditioner would be necessary for users, in spite of its 149 150 significant contribution to the turbidity, UV absorbance, and TDS of the water in laboratory tests (28). Hence, the second experiment (Run 2) involved addition of 35 g of the Campsuds solution, 151 152 3 g of soybean oil, and 7 g of conditioner, equivalent to approximately two showers. Each set was repeated in triplicate. 153

The second type of kinetic test involved treating actual shower water in the greywater tank, 154 with no inflow or outflow. To simulate an efficient pilot design in which treatment begins during 155 156 showering and continues thereafter in batch mode, treatment was started at the beginning of an initial two-hour period during which water from eight consecutive showers (taken every 15 157 158 minutes, 10 minutes per shower at (3.8 LPM [1.0 GPM] showerhead flow) drained directly to the greywater tank, which held an initial charge of 230 L (60 gal) of water that had been fully-treated 159 160 previously and which then filled to a 530 L (140 gal) volume. Beginning at the end of this twohour period, samples were taken every 15-30 minutes to analyze pH, TOC, and hydrogen 161 peroxide, as treatment continued. Men used 10 g Campsuds solution and 1.23 g of conditioner, 162 while women used 25 g of Campsuds solution and 4.93 g of conditioner, with equal number of 163 164 men and women for each of the shower runs. For comparison, these experiments were run both

with (Run 3) and without (Run 4) a point-of-use GAC filter installed on the showerhead as a polishing step to remove potential organic and inorganic contaminants including bromate and nitrate that can accumulate in AOP-based water reuse systems (31,32). Three replicates of each run type were completed. Results are shown with error bars representing one standard deviation to represent the large variation in TOC observed across runs, attributed to variation in the cleanliness of subjects prior to showers. Results with and without GAC were modeled separately. Experimental conditions are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. Summary of experiments conducted

Experiment	Greywater matrix	Relevant experimental conditions
Run 1	Simulated shower water (3 showers)	No conditioner
Run 2	Simulated shower water (2 showers)	With conditioner
Run 3	Actual shower water (8 showers, pretreated for two hours during shower period)	GAC filter prior to final sample
Run 4	Actual shower water (8 showers, pretreated for two hours during shower period)	No GAC filter prior to final sample

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174 2.5 Modeling

The basis of the ozone-UV process is photolysis of ozone, shown in equation 1, whichproduces hydrogen peroxide, with a quantum yield of 0.62 (33).

$$O_3 + H_2 O \xrightarrow{hv} O_2 + H_2 O_2 \tag{1}$$

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179 The production of hydrogen peroxide and the photolysis of ozone can be expressed by the

180 following equations (13,34):

$$\frac{d[O_3]}{dt} = -\Phi_{O_3} P_{UV} f_{O_3} (1 - \exp(-2.3A))$$

$$d[H_2 O_2]$$
(2)

$$\frac{[H_2 O_2]}{dt} = \Phi_{O_3} P_{UV} f_{O_3} (1 - \exp(-2.3A))$$
(3)

in which Φ_{0_3} is the quantum yield of ozone (0.64), P_{UV} is the intensity of the UV reactor per unit volume in einsteins/L-s (12), f_{0_3} is the fraction of UV light absorbed by ozone (35), and A is the total absorbance of the solution, given by Equation 6:

$$P_{UV} = \frac{P\eta}{N_{AV}Vh\nu} \tag{4}$$

$$f_{x} = \frac{[X_{1}e_{x}]}{[O_{3}]\varepsilon_{O_{3}} + [H_{2}O_{2}]\varepsilon_{H_{2}O_{2}} + [TOC]\varepsilon_{TOC}}$$
(5)
$$A = b(\varepsilon_{O_{3}}[O_{3}] + \varepsilon_{H_{2}O_{2}}[H_{2}O_{2}] + \varepsilon_{TOC}[TOC])$$
(6)

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where P is the total reactor power in W, η is the reactor efficiency, set at an average of 19% as 186 tested by intensity measurements in treated water at the reactor wall sensors (and as is within the 187 manufacturer's claimed efficiency), N_{AV} is the Avogadro constant (6.23*10²³), V is reactor volume 188 in L, *h* is Planck's constant (6.62*10⁻³⁴ J-s), and ν is the frequency of UV light, 1.18*10¹⁵ s⁻¹ at 254 189 nm. In equation 5, x indicates either ozone, hydrogen peroxide, or TOC, in mol/L, while ε values 190 are extinction coefficients for each compound, with $\varepsilon_{0_3} = 3300M^{-1}cm^{-1}$, $\varepsilon_{H_2O_2} = 17.9M^{-1}$ 191 cm^{-1} , and ε_{TOC} calculated during the model fitting process, based on measured TOC 192 concentration and UV₂₅₄ absorbance of water samples during treatment and using Equation 6 193 194 after subtracting absorbance due to measured hydrogen peroxide and TOC. Dissolved ozone was 195 modeled to have decayed to negligible levels in the context of UV₂₅₄ absorbance by the time the 196 samples from the treatment tank were analyzed for the other parameters. b is the effective light path of the reactor in cm considering reactor internal reflection and retention of radiation. 197

Once ozone, hydrogen peroxide, and UV light are present in the water, hydroxyl radical formation occurs through two primary pathways. One of these is the photolysis of hydrogen peroxide, given by chemical equation 7 and rate equation 8 (35):

$$H_2 O_2 \xrightarrow{hv} 2 \cdot OH \tag{7}$$

$$\frac{d[H_2O_2]}{dt} = -\Phi_{H_2O_2}P_{UV}f_{H_2O_2}(1 - \exp(-2.3A))$$
(8)

203 The second reaction pathway involves the peroxone process, comprising a series of chain204 reactions leading to the net reaction shown in equation 9 (18):

$$2O_3 + H_2 O_2 \xrightarrow{k_n} 2 \cdot OH + 3O_2$$
 (9)

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in which k_n is the semi-empirical net rate constant for generation of hydroxyl radical in the peroxone reactions. The peroxone reactions are initiated by the conjugate base of hydrogen peroxide, with a pK of 11.8 (22):

$$H_2 O_2 \stackrel{p_K}{\leftrightarrow} H O_2^- + H^+ \tag{10}$$

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210 Other key reactions in the ozone-UV process are given by equations 11-18 (13,18,22,35):

$$0_3 + 0H^{-\frac{k_{0_30H^-}}{2}}H0_2^- + 0_2 (high \, pH)$$
 (11)

$$3O_3 + OH \xrightarrow{\kappa_{n_1}} 2 \circ OH + 4O_2 \text{ (net reaction, high pH)}$$
(12)

$$O_3 + HO_2^{- \stackrel{\kappa_{O_3, H_2O_2}}{\longrightarrow}} O_3^{-} + {}^{\bullet}HO_2^{-}$$
(13)

$${}^{\bullet}HO_{2} \stackrel{pK_{2}}{\longleftrightarrow} O_{2}^{-} + H^{+}$$
(14)

$$0_3 + {}^{\bullet}O_2 \xrightarrow{\kappa_{0_3, \overline{0_2}}} 0_3^- + O_2$$
 (15)

$$O_3 + {}^{\bullet}OH \xrightarrow{k_{10}} HO_2 + O_2$$
 (16)

$$H_2 O_2 + {}^{\bullet} O H \xrightarrow{K_{H_2 O_2} \circ H} H O_2 + H_2 O$$
 (17)

$$HCO_3^- + {}^{\bullet}OH \xrightarrow{\kappa_{HCO_3^-}, \circ_H} H_2O + {}^{\bullet}CO_3^-$$
(18)

Oxidation of TOC by (a) direct UV photolysis and (b) direct oxidation by ozone (equations
19 and 20) was also evaluated to determine if these pathways were significant relative to hydroxyl
radical oxidation in the greywater organic matrix:

$$\frac{d[TOC]_{UV}}{dt} = -\Phi_{TOC}P_{UV}f_{TOC}(1 - \exp(-2.3A))$$
(19)

$$\frac{d[TOC]_{O_3}}{dt} = -k_{O_3, TOC}[O_3][TOC]$$
(20)

in which Φ_{TOC} is the quantum yield of TOC and $k_{O_3,TOC}$ is the rate constant for reaction of TOC 214 with ozone. Φ_{TOC} for natural organic matter as TOC using UV can vary significantly and is 215 dependent on experimental conditions including quantum yield (related to organic matrix) and 216 217 properties of the UV reactor system (12,13,21,36). The quantum yield of various organic compounds at 254 nm has been assessed in a literature review, with a range of $1.3*10^{-5}$ to 1.25218 219 mol/Einstein (37). On the other hand, ozone is able to rapidly oxidize some organic matter, particularly olefins and aromatic rings. Ozone reaction rates with olefins and aromatic rings can 220 reach up to 10⁶ - 10⁹ M⁻¹s⁻¹ for transformation of these compounds, while reaction rates between 221 the other organic compound and ozone ranges between $10^{-5} - 10^{1}$ M⁻¹s⁻¹ (12,38). Thus, ozone 222 223 exhibits an overall low total organic carbon removal in most scenarios (38). Also, formation of hydroxyl radical through the direct ozone pathway and ozone scavenging by TOC (12,39,40) were 224 225 considered negligible due to the expected low ozone concentration after immediate reaction with UV and hydrogen peroxide. 226

Modeling was conducted to solve for the rate constant $k_{0H^0,TOC}$, varying the values of the 227 228 other model parameters, and comparing the fitted values to values obtained from the literature. Modeling was performed using Matlab Simulink 2017a, by optimization of the selected variables 229 230 to achieve the lowest overall S-value (standard error of regression). The Combvec command was used to produce all possible variable combinations from variables either linearly or 231 logarithmically spaced in their selected range with the linspace or logspace commands. The 232 overall S-value minimized was the sum of the S-values from the hydrogen peroxide model fit 233 and the TOC model fit. 234

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236 **3.** Results

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While pseudo-first order models were able to be fitted to data on ozone-UV TOC 237 mineralization over a limited range, the value of the first-order rate constant obtained was found 238 239 to be quite sensitive to the initial concentration. This lack of applicability is due to competition 240 between organics and ozone for reaction with UV radiation in the first step of 'OH generation, 241 and to the competition between UV radiation and hydrogen peroxide for reaction with ozone in 242 the second step (the latter not existing in the peroxone and UV-hydrogen peroxide processes). To model the mineralization of TOC by the ozone-UV process, a set of somewhat simplified rate 243 244 equations governing the oxidation of TOC in the ozone-UV process were developed based on Equations 1 - 20, as follows: 245

$$\frac{d[O_3]}{dt} = [O_3]_{dose} - \Phi_{O_3} P_{UV} f_{O_3} \{1 - \exp(-2.3A)\} - k_{chain} [O_3] - k_{O_3,OH} \cdot [{}^{\bullet}OH] [O_3] (21) + 10^{pH - pK} [O_3] [H_2 O_2] \}$$

$$\frac{d[H_2O_2]}{dt} = \Phi_{O_3} P_{UV} f_{O_3} \{1 - \exp(-2.3A)\} - \Phi_{H_2O_2} I_0 f_{H_2O_2} \{1 - \exp(-2.3A)\} - k_{H_2O_2} (22) \\ 10^{pH - pK} [O_3] [H_2O_2]$$
)
$$- k_{H_2O_2,OH} \cdot [{}^{\bullet}OH] [H_2O_2]$$

$$\frac{d[\bullet OH]}{dt}$$

$$= 2\Phi_{H_2O_2}P_{UV}f_{H_2O_2}\{1 - \exp(-2.3A)\} + k_n 10^{pH - pK}[O_3][H_2O_2]^{0.5} - k_{H_2O_2,O} \)$$

$$[\bullet OH] - k_{O_3,OH\bullet}[O_3][\bullet OH] - k_{OH\bullet,TOC}[\bullet OH][TOC] - k_{11}[HCO_3^-][OH\bullet]$$

$$\frac{d[TOC]}{dt} = -k_{OH\bullet,TOC}[\bullet OH][TOC] - \Phi_{TOC}P_{UV}f_{TOC}(1 - \exp(-2.3A)) - k_{O_3,TOC}[O_3][TOC \)$$

in which $[O_3]_{dose}$ is the ozone concentration delivered to the water in the reactor per unit time (93% of the gaseous ozone under the experimental conditions, according to manufacturer graphical data), k_{chain} is the rate constant for ozone decay promoted by the ${}^{\bullet}O_2^{-}$ cyclic chain reaction (13), assuming that ${}^{\bullet}O_2^{-}$ concentration is nearly constant, and $k_{OH\bullet,TOC}$ is the rate constant of TOC with hydroxyl radical. High pH reactions were excluded in this model, as pH was between 5.5-7.5 during experiments.

253 Results of the calculated ε_{TOC} and measured pH input into the model are shown in Figure 254 2. The extinction coefficient for TOC appeared to increase with treatment time in each experiment, which seems to be consistent with the literature, where recalcitrant compounds also 255 256 tend to absorb more UV light at 254 nm (37). TOC mineralization and H₂O₂ results during Runs 1 and 2 are shown in Figure 3, with Runs 3 and 4 in Figure 4. In all plotted results, H₂O₂ is 257 258 modeled using the shifting pH data from the experiments, as opposed to the common assumption 259 of a constant pH in AOP models. However, because the pH sensor malfunctioned during one 260 experiment, the pH in figure 3(a) was calculated by the model so as to produce best-fit H_2O_2 and TOC projections. As shown, the result followed the same pH trend as the runs of Figure 3(b). 261 262 Noting that actual shower runs were recorded starting at the end of a two-hour shower and 263 treatment period, such that the final pH was recorded after six hours, whereas the final pH in the 264 simulated runs was recorded after two hours, the overall decreasing/increasing trend observed is similar for simulated and actual shower runs. This trend is explained by CO₂ production and 265 dissolution early, when TOC is mineralized most rapidly, followed by continual CO₂ stripping by 266 O₂ injected at the venturi. However, initial pH was somewhat lower in actual shower runs (~7.3 267 268 versus ~6.9), perhaps due to the acidity of human skin surface pH, indicating that soybean oil alone may not be the best simulation of body organics washed off during showers (41). 269



Figure 2. Calculated ε_{TOC} (a) and measured pH (b) for all experimental Runs.



Figure 3. TOC and hydrogen peroxide model results and data points for batch runs of simulated shower mixtures (showerhead was not used) (a) Run 1, and (b) Run 2. [Conditions: (a) Electrical conductivity = 115μ S/cm, alkalinity = 10 mg/L, initial turbidity = 0.53 NTU, final turbidity = 0.12 NTU; (b) Electrical conductivity = 197μ S/cm, alkalinity = 25 mg/L, initial turbidity = 2.1 NTU, final turbidity = 0.14 NTU]





Figure 4. TOC and hydrogen peroxide model results and data points for actual shower runs with soap and conditioner (a) Run 3, (final data point indicates passing through GAC, not included in the S-value fit, and (b) Run 4. [Conditions: (a) Electrical conductivity = $197 \,\mu$ S/cm, alkalinity = $30 \,\text{mg/L}$, initial turbidity = 0.61 NTU, final turbidity = 0.18 NTU; (b) Electrical conductivity = $214 \,\mu$ S/cm, alkalinity = $29 \,\text{mg/L}$, initial turbidity = 1.64 NTU, final turbidity = 0.13 NTU]

In this study, pH evolved significantly during treatment due to ongoing mineralization of 287 organics to CO₂. In particular, it was theorized that produced CO₂ gas would dissolve in, and 288 289 acidify, the water, and then be stripped towards equilibrium with the incoming gas mixture 290 comprising oxygen, nitrogen, and ozone resulting from the ozone injection process. This process of equilibration would be relatively slow due to the coarse and localized nature of the bubbles 291 292 entering the tank and would evolve in response to changes in the production of CO₂ from TOC in the water. Because water was circulating in the tank, a minor additional effect was theorized 293 due to the shifting concentration of CO_2 gas above the water in the tank, which in turn would 294 evolve in response to gases leaving through the ozone vent and gas entering due to both ozone 295

296 generation and TOC mineralization. Some time after treatment was concluded, the equilibrium 297 was expected to be reached with the CO_2 in the ozone production gas still being injected, likely 298 lower than atmospheric CO_2 concentration due to the oxygen concentrator component of the 299 ozonation system and based on correspondence with the manufacturer.

The evolution of process pH was not successfully modeled using carbonate equilibrium and kinetic relationships, due to uncertainties in reactor-specific liquid and gas-phase hydraulics and liquid-gas mass transfer. Therefore, pH was monitored experimentally and entered as input to the model, whereas pH has previously been constant, held constant, or assumed constant during experiments (13,21,42–44). In addition, many models do not assess the impact of changing organic concentration on UV absorbance, which can be substantial at high organic loading (13,17,18).

Results of modeling shown in Figures 3 and 4 indicate that the oxidation efficiency of the 307 ozone-UV system is governed principally by TOC loading and pH, with TOC loading controlling 308 309 UV transmissivity of the water, and high pH increasing hydrogen peroxide ionization necessary 310 for the generation of hydroxyl radical in the peroxone reactions. The latter effect was apparently so strong that experimental results could not be adequately predicted without accounting for the 311 312 evolution in pH over the course of treatment. That is, assuming pH to remain constant at the value measured before showers occurred resulted in significant over-prediction of TOC 313 mineralization in all cases. 314

At most rates of ozone oxidation and UV photolysis tested, model results indicated that these mechanisms were not significant compared with hydroxyl radical degradation of organics. In particular, the best fits obtained had nearly the same S-value in all cases, with no change in fitted parameter values other than the rate constants for oxidation by ozone and UV photolysis. This result indicates that those mechanisms had little impact on TOC mineralization, likely because dissolved ozone concentration was too low, and while organic compounds absorbed a high percentage of UV light, UV photolysis was not important. This result is in agreement with previous studies, in which UV provided little to no degradation of natural organic matter, ozone alone was generally slower than hydroxyl radical degradation, and little dissolved ozone residual was present during ozone-UV advanced oxidation (12,13,36,45–47).

325 Direct oxidation by UV began to have a modeled effect at a quantum yield of 0.1 mol/Einstein. This is on the high end of the range reported previously for specific organic 326 327 components. In addition, equation 19 assumes that the total quantity of the organics may be oxidized directly by UV, which is unlikely. Therefore, it is assumed that direct UV degradation of 328 the organic matter is negligible, though future studies should assess this in more detail. Direct 329 oxidation by ozonation began to have a modeled effect at a second order rate constant of 1*10³ 330 M⁻¹s⁻¹. This rate constant seems to be significantly higher than literature rate constants for ozone 331 332 mineralization of TOC, but is lower than the transformation rate constants. Equation 20 also 333 assumes that the full quantity of organics may be mineralized by ozone. Based on this assessment, it is unlikely that direct ozone mineralization has a significant effect on TOC mineralization under 334 335 these conditions, though further study should confirm that. The only other tested variable not affecting model fit was $k_{H_2O_2,O_3}$, evaluated by the same method as UV photolysis and ozone 336 oxidation. Therefore, $k_{H_2O_2,O_3}$ was set to equal 2.2*10⁶ M⁻¹s⁻¹ (Table 2), and UV photolysis and 337 ozone oxidation were assumed negligible, to obtain final results listed in Table 2. 338

Table 2. Model Results and Comparison with Literature Values for Variables						
Variable	Literature value	Simulated run no conditioner model value	Simulated run with conditioner model value	Shower run with GAC model value	Shower run without GAC model value	Reference for literature value
b	-	16 cm	10 cm	9.65 cm	9.65cm	-
k _{chain}	0.5 s ⁻¹	1.5 s ⁻¹	2.8 s ⁻¹	2.8 s ⁻¹	1.5 s ⁻¹	(13)
k _{03,0H} •	$3.0*10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	2.5*10 ⁹ M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	$3.0*10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	3.0*10 ⁹ M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	3.0*10 ⁹ M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	(22)
$k_{H_2O_2,O_3}$	$2.2*10^{6} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{s}^{-1}$	2.2*10 ⁶ M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	$2.2*10^{6} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{s}^{-1}$	2.2*10 ⁶ M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	2.2*10 ⁶ M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	(18)
$k_{H_2O_2,OH\bullet}$	$2.7*10^7 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	2.0*10 ⁷ M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	$3.5*10^7 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	2.0*10 ⁷ M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	3.5*10 ⁷ M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	(35)
k_n	$4.0*10^6 \mathrm{M}^{-0.5} \mathrm{s}^{-1}$	4.0*10 ⁷ M ^{-0.5} s ⁻¹	$4.0*10^7 \mathrm{M}^{-0.5} \mathrm{s}^{-1}$	7.6*10 ⁷ M ^{-0.5} s ⁻¹	7.6*10 ⁷ M ^{-0.5} s ⁻¹	(13)
$k_{OH\bullet,TOC}^{a}$	1*10 ⁴ - 1*10 ¹¹ M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	$7.6^{*}10^{7} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{s}^{-1}$	6.4*10 ⁷ M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	2.2*10 ⁷ M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	$1.7*10^7 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	(4,6,12)
S-value	-	0.553 mg/L	0.997 mg/L	0.638 mg/L	0.549 mg/L	-

^aRange includes single organic compounds in pure water, organic mixtures in surface waters or pure waters, and mixed organics in

341 secondary effluent

For the all runs, model-predicted concentrations of dissolved ozone and hydroxyl radical (not measured experimentally) are shown in Figures 5-6, while the modeled fractions of UV light absorbed by the three UV absorbing constituents, ozone, hydrogen peroxide, and TOC, are shown in Figure 7-8. The hydroxyl radical concentration predicted by the model is similar to hydroxyl radical concentrations expected in water treatment using advanced oxidation processes (12,13).



348 Figure 5. Modeled dissolved ozone and hydroxyl radical concentrations for Runs 1 (a) and 2 (b).







Figure 7. Modeled fractions of UV light absorbed by ozone, hydrogen peroxide, and TOC, during Runs 1 (a) and 2 (b).



Figure 8. Modeled fractions of UV light absorbed by ozone, hydrogen peroxide, and TOC, during Runs 3 (a) and 4 (b).

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358 Differences in the trends shown in H_2O_2 and •OH in Figures 5 – 8 can be explained by 359 the trends in pH shown in Figures 3 and 4. That is, in Runs 1 and 2, both pH and TOC were decreasing with treatment time, resulting in a relatively steady aqueous hydrogen peroxide 360 361 concentration and hydroxyl radical concentration throughout the treatment period, and a lowered 362 oxidation capacity compared to the Figure 4 runs. In contrast, during Runs 3 and 4, pH was 363 increasing as TOC was decreasing, leading to a rapidly increasing hydroxyl radical concentration and decreasing aqueous hydrogen peroxide concentration through the treatment period, resulting 364 365 in increased oxidation towards the end of the treatment period relative to Runs 1 and 2.

To illustrate the importance of the differences between the three run types due to pH and light path effects, the modeled ratio of hydroxyl radical production in the peroxone reactions to the hydroxyl radical production in the UV-H₂O₂ reactions is presented in Figure 9. In Runs 1 and 2, this ratio is initially decreasing, because pH is decreasing during treatment, reducing the availability of ionized H₂O₂, thus increasing the importance of the UV-H₂O₂ reactions, which utilize aqueous H₂O₂. In Runs 3 and 4, pH was increasing during the entire treatment period after showers, increasing the hydroxyl radical production due to peroxone reactions, because more ionized H₂O₂ was available.



—Run 1	Run 2	Run 3

Figure 9. Predicted ratio of peroxone to UV-H₂O₂ hydroxyl radical production. Result for Run 4 was essentially identical to Run 3 and is not plotted.
The model developed and calibrated with pilot data was used to evaluate the EEO, or
electrical energy per order of magnitude organics mineralization (kWh/m³/order), of the ozoneUV process for mineralization of TOC, as a function of ozone and UV dose, for the experimental
conditions of this work and the published electrical requirements of commercial ozone-UV

equipment. Results are presented in Figure 10 for dose combinations within one order of magnitude of the experimental dose, assuming UV power was equal to UV lamp power + 100 W for the controller, and ozone power at 12 kWh/kg ozone generated (48,49), with 93% transfer efficiency. Of note, the ozone energy assumption used is for larger scale ozone equipment (>~750 g/hr generation; (49)). For a single shower system at 32 showers/day, the ozone generation energy would be 2.5 times higher due to constant oxygen concentrator energy. In Figure 10, the bottom shading indicates values that were below 5 kWh/m³/order.

389 Based on the results shown in Figure 10, increasing or decreasing either ozone or UV dose 390 while holding the other constant past a certain point will result in greatly increased EEO. The dose used in this study, 25 g/hr ozone and 600 W UV, was within 20% of the predicted minimum 391 392 EEO (4.42 kWh/m³/order predicted experimental EEO, versus 3.73 kWh/m³/order predicted minimum EEO), at the experimental ozone:UV dose ratio of 0.18 (8.82*10⁻⁶ mol/L/s:5.06*10⁻⁵ 393 einstein/L/s). Results suggest that, given the UV lamp power available for this work, ozone dose 394 395 could have been increased further to provide reduced treatment time at only a minor increase in 396 EEO. For comparison, other studies have documented dose ratios in the range of 0.1-2 ozone:UV 397 (mol/L/s:einstein/L/s), for removal of NOM or specific organic compounds in varying water 398 matrices (12,13,18–22,42).



4. Discussion 403

404 While results agreed well with pilot data and literature reports, the model-predicted value 405 of k_n , the net rate constant for peroxone production of hydroxyl radical, was significantly higher than that obtained in Soo Oh et al. (2005). This result may be due to the difference in water matrix, 406 as k_n was determined by the authors in pure water. Perhaps more important, the difference could 407 be due to reactor design and dosing. That is, Soo Oh et al. (2005) experiments were at bench scale, 408 using an inline ozone mixer and UV lamp in a continuously stirred reactor, while the experiments 409 detailed in this study were conducted in a recirculating reactor with venturi ozone injection and 410

411 UV reactors with highly reflective reaction chambers designed to ensure that all UV light is 412 absorbed. These factors may have increased hydroxyl radical generation and reaction efficiency. 413 Also, the authors appeared not to account for total solution absorbance in the terms 1-exp(-2.3A) 414 (Equations 18 – 20), and calibrated and demonstrated the model only for H_2O_2 and ozone without 415 quantitative consideration of natural organic matter in the water.

416 Lack of direct oxidation by photolysis and ozone may have been expected, because direct 417 ozone decomposition of natural organic matter is typically 3-5 times slower than degradation of NOM in the ozone-UV process, and not all organics will be degraded without an unreasonably 418 419 long treatment time (12,13,21). In addition, dissolved ozone concentration during the ozone-UV process is typically low due to the cyclic decay reactions and reactions with UV, H₂O₂, and 420 421 hydroxyl radical. Finally, UV at 254 nm provides little to no degradation of natural organic matter on its own, and less lamp power is available for photolysis of organics in ozone-UV compared to 422 UV alone due to additional absorption by ozone and H_2O_2 (13,36). 423

424 Significant difference in model parameters between different scenarios occurred only for 425 the mineralization rate constant of hydroxyl radical reacting with TOC. Second order rate constants fitted to the data obtained with model Equation 24 ranged from 1.7–7.6*10⁷ M⁻¹s⁻¹. The 426 427 result from the simulated runs is similar to those reported for mineralization of wastewater using hydroxyl radical generating processes, and approximately three times lower than that reported for 428 429 natural organic matter (4,12,50,51). The results from the actual shower runs are similar to reported rate constants for the advanced oxidation of biologically-treated municipal wastewater, and an 430 order of magnitude lower than reported for natural organic matter (4,12,50). The relatively low 431 432 value obtained in the latter case may be attributed to the composition of the conditioner or soap 433 or both, though no published rate constants for reaction of hydroxyl radical with the principal 434 specific organic components of conditioner were found, and Campsuds ingredients are not435 publicly available.

A t-test indicated that the values of $k_{OH\bullet,TOC}$ in the simulated shower runs ([7.6 \pm 436 0.77]*10⁷ M⁻¹s⁻¹ without conditioner, 6.4 ± 0.47]*10⁷ M⁻¹s⁻¹ with conditioner) compared to the 437 actual shower runs ($[2.0 \pm 0.35] \times 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$) were significantly different (p < 0.001). This result 438 suggests that the 2-hour period of treatment while showers were occurring significantly affected 439 the overall rate of organic reaction with hydroxyl radical. Some organics present in the greywater 440 mixture likely oxidized quickly during the initial two-hour period while showers were occurring, 441 and the more recalcitrant organics were treated in the remaining four-hour treatment period that 442 followed the two hours of showers. 443

Initial pH and pH changes during treatment are predicted to have a strong impact on the 444 mineralization efficiency of the ozone-UV process. The ozone-UV process has proven effective 445 for pH varying from $\sim 4 - 9$, though optimal dosing ratios of ozone:UV may vary with pH. For 446 example, in Soo Oh et al. (2005), at pH 4, the range of optimal dosing ratios for the goal of UV₂₅₄ 447 reduction is much narrower than at pH 7, though it is still possible to achieve approximately the 448 same rate of UV_{254} reduction at both pH values, provided dosing ratio is optimized (13). Because 449 450 the dominant hydroxyl radical production mechanism at pH 4 would be UV-H₂O₂, it is reasonable 451 that a higher ozone dose at pH 4 would decrease efficiency, as ozone would block UV light from 452 interacting with H₂O₂, while hydroxyl radicals that do form would be split in reactions with 453 organics and high H_2O_2/O_3 concentrations. Therefore, higher ozone:UV dosing ratios would not be efficient at low pH, compared to the same ratio at neutral pH. Another study reports an increase 454 in oxidation of fluorene from pH 2-7 and decrease from 7-12 (43). While not important to the 455 present process or included in this model, high pH reactions should be considered starting around 456

457 pH 9. These include competitive reaction of O_3 with OH⁻ either to a decay reaction or to form 458 hydroxyl radical, both resulting in reduced O_3 availability for peroxone reactions, and the 459 dissociation of hydroxyl radical to oxygen anion radical (21,43,44,52). These reactions, when 460 combined, appear to cause an overall decrease in hydroxyl radical production at high pH values 461 (21,43,44,52).

The range of predicted EEO values falling within 20% of the minimum occurred at 462 463 ozone:UV ratios varying from 0.14-1.05 (mol/L/s:einstein/L/s), using dose combinations of ozone and UV ranging from 20% to 750% of the experimental dose. Hence, at least for the system 464 465 described, treatment can be accelerated or slowed by increasing or decreasing dose, without affecting energy efficiency, by maintaining the appropriate dose ratio within this range. Thus, 466 capital cost can be minimized subject to footprint, operating requirements, and other constraints. 467 The predicted EEO for the ozone-UV process can be compared with the peroxone 468 process, at 2 kWh/m³/order (3), UV-H₂O₂ at 7.0 kWh/m³/order (4), and UV-TiO₂ at 6.5 469 470 kWh/m³/order (53). Thus, at an EEO of ~4.42 kWh/m³/order, ozone-UV consumes less energy 471 than other UV-based AOPs, but more than the peroxone process, because generation of hydrogen peroxide through the anthraquinone process is more energy efficient than UV generation of 472 473 hydrogen peroxide (12), whereas inclusion of the peroxone reactions increases efficiency relative to other UV-based processes. 474

The ability to alter the dose ratio within a range while maintaining a constant energy consumption has interesting implications for treatment. First, aqueous H_2O_2 formation and discharge may be controlled by adjusting the dose ratio, potentially alleviating the need to quench H_2O_2 prior to downstream disinfection, to prevent consumption of chlorine (10). Additionally, a reduction in ozone and increased UV dose may aid in mitigation of bromate, a carcinogenic 480 product of ozonation. Dose ratio might also be adjusted to optimize the intrinsic overall, or481 organism-specific, disinfection capacity of the ozone-UV process itself.

482 5. Conclusions

The ozone-UV kinetic model presented was demonstrated to predict hydrogen peroxide 483 484 and TOC concentrations in greywater reuse treatment, while providing information on expected 485 ozone and hydroxyl radical concentrations in the water. The model accounts for competition 486 between organics and ozone for reaction with UV radiation in the first step of •OH generation, and competition between UV radiation and hydrogen peroxide for reaction with ozone in the 487 488 second step. Besides their importance in predicting treatment efficiency, an understanding of these interactions is also important because they limit the UV and ozone available for disinfection, and 489 490 affect the extent of reaction of ozone to produce unwanted byproducts such as bromate, and impact residual H₂O₂ in the effluent which may quench added chlorine disinfectant. Additionally, 491 if •OH scavengers are present (H_2O_2 , O_3 , and alkalinity in the conditions tested), then ozone-UV 492 493 dosing ratio can have a significant impact on bromate formation potential (54). The model was 494 also useful in predicting energy efficiency as a function of UV and ozone dose, based on published energy requirement for commercial ozone and UV reactors. 495

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Conclusions based on this study include:

Direct photolysis, direct ozone oxidation, and ozone formation of hydroxyl radical were
 not considered as important contributors to TOC mineralization in greywater by the
 ozone-UV process in this model;

The second-order rate constant for hydroxyl radical mineralization of greywater TOC was assessed as [7.6 ± 0.77]*10⁷ M⁻¹s⁻¹ without conditioner, 6.4 ± 0.47]*10⁷ M⁻¹s⁻¹ with conditioner during simulated shower batch runs and [2.0 ± 0.35]*10⁷ M⁻¹s⁻¹ during actual

- shower fed batch runs, with the two-hour treatment period while showers were occurring
 in the actual shower runs having a significant impact on the rate constant for the fourhour treatment period after showers ended;
- The efficiency of TOC mineralization by the ozone-UV process is governed by TOC concentration (controlling transmissivity) and pH throughout treatment, and ozone-UV dose ratio. In particular, process pH evolves during treatment as a function of TOC mineralization/reactor hydraulics, while the molar absorptivity of TOC tended to increase with treatment time, indicating compounds recalcitrant to advanced oxidation absorbed more UV light;
- While existing models have assumed constant pH, mineralization of greywater TOC
 produces sufficient CO₂ to depress pH and treatment efficiency. Hence, if constant pH
 is assumed, a lower projected average pH value should be used. In the current work,
 experimental data on pH over the course of treatment was required as input, accounting
 for the relatively strong effect of pH while maintaining the generality of the model to
 different reactor designs and conditions; and
- The minimum EEO assessed at dose combinations within one order of magnitude of the experimental dose, for greywater TOC mineralization by the ozone-UV system described in this paper is 3.73 kWh/m³/order, and the ozone:UV dose ratio and the magnitude of the doses could be altered within a range (120- 3000 W UV and 7.5-188 g/hr ozone, with ozone:UV ratios ranging from 0.14-1.05 in this study) without significantly changing EEO.
- The addition of carbonate equilibrium calculations to account for changes in pH
- 524 dynamically in the model would be useful as a basis for the design of TOC
- 525 mineralization processes, if alkalinity contained in the influent greywater is accounted for;

526	• Additional detailed assessment of reactions including direct TOC mineralization by UV
527	and ozone, ozone hydroxyl radical formation, and scavenging of TOC by ozone is
528	recommended to improve model capabilities;
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