



Risk Assessment of Disinfection By-Product Formation

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I. Context

Minimising Disinfection By-Products

- Strategy information and local specificities for partners and observers for “Organic Matter treatment” (Irene Caltran, Delft)
- DBP minimisation as one of the main reasons for improving DOC removal

Improving **Dissolved Organic Carbon removal** to **reduce Disinfection By-Product formation**

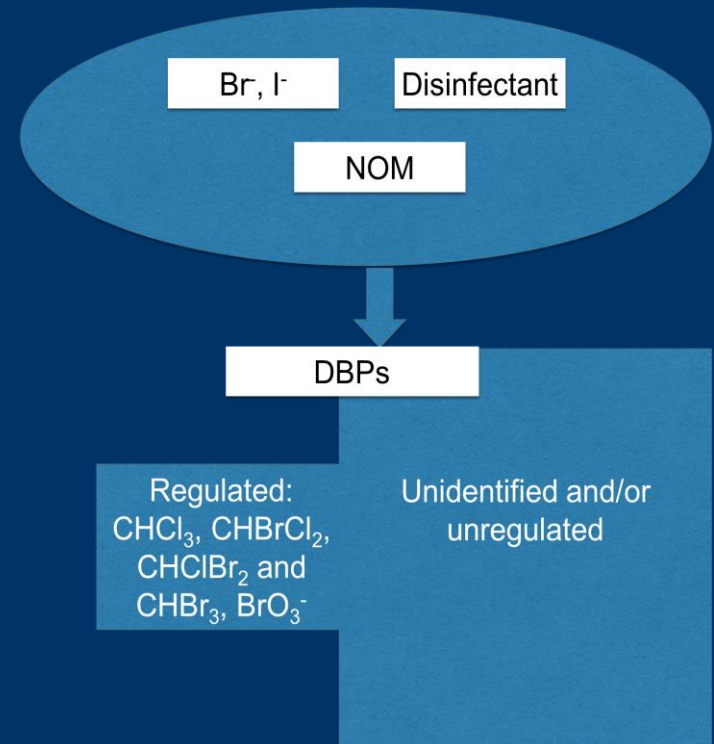


Developing a **risk assessment of DBP formation** in the 2 seas area, looking at the **benefits of DOC removal** on DBP formation and speciation

I. Context

Disinfection By-Product characterization

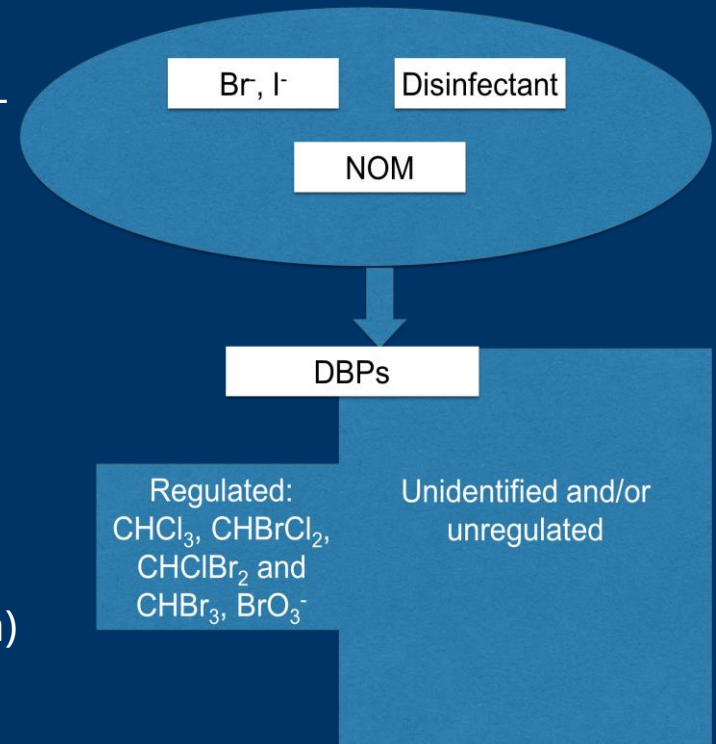
- Oxidation of Natural Organic Matter by a disinfectant
- $\text{HOCl}/\text{ClO}^- + \text{NOM} \rightarrow \text{Cl-DBPs}$
- $\text{HOCl}/\text{ClO}^- + \text{Br}^- \rightarrow \text{HOBr}/\text{BrO}^- + \text{Cl}^-$
- $\text{HOCl}/\text{ClO}^- + \text{I}^- \rightarrow \text{HOI}/\text{IO}^- + \text{Cl}^-$
- $\text{HOBr}/\text{BrO}^- + \text{NOM} \rightarrow \text{Br-DBPs}$
- $\text{HOI}/\text{IO}^- + \text{NOM} \rightarrow \text{I-DBPs}$



I. Context

Disinfection By-Product regulations

- Sum of 4 Trihalomethanes: 100 $\mu\text{g/L}$ (EU), 80 $\mu\text{g/L}$ (US), 250 $\mu\text{g/L}$ (Australia)
- Sum of 5 Haloacetic Acids: 60 $\mu\text{g/L}$ (US)
- Several chlorophenols and chloroacetic acids (Australia)
- Bromate : 10 $\mu\text{g/L}$ (EU and US), 80 $\mu\text{g/L}$ (Australia)
- Chlorite: 1 mg/L (US), 800 $\mu\text{g/L}$ (Australia)



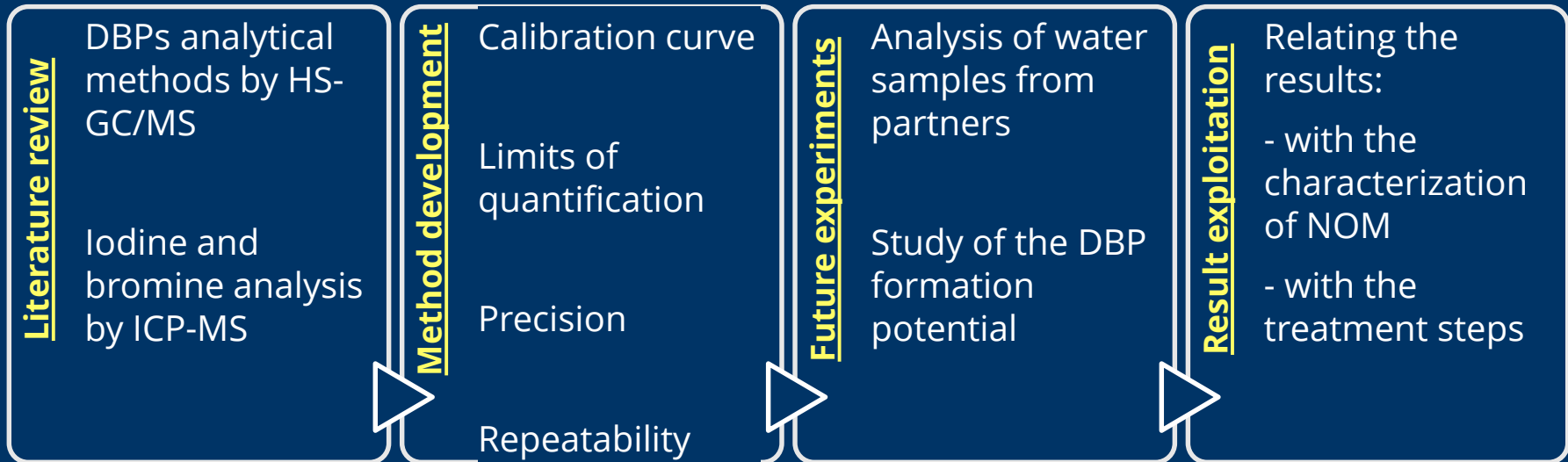
I. Context

Emerging Disinfection By-Products, a growing concern

- Over 800 compounds
 - Some of the emerging classes (haloacetonitriles, haloacetamides) are more toxic than regulated DBPs
 - Iodinated-DBPs > Brominated DBPs > Chlorinated-DBPs
 - Not regulated, nor widely measured
- Study of THMs as well as several other DBPs

II. Research interest

Study plan



II. Research interest

List of compounds

Trihalomethanes

- **Regulated**
 - Chloroform
 - Bromoform
 - Bromodichloromethane
 - Dibromochloromethane
- **Iodinated**
 - Iodoform
 - Dichloriodomethane
 - Bromodiodomethane
 - Dibromiodomethane
 - Chlorodiodomethane

Haloacetic Acids

- **HAA5**
 - Monochloroacetic acid
 - Dichloroacetic acid
 - Trichloroacetic acid
 - Monobromoacetic acid
 - Dibromoacetic acid
- Iodoacetic acid

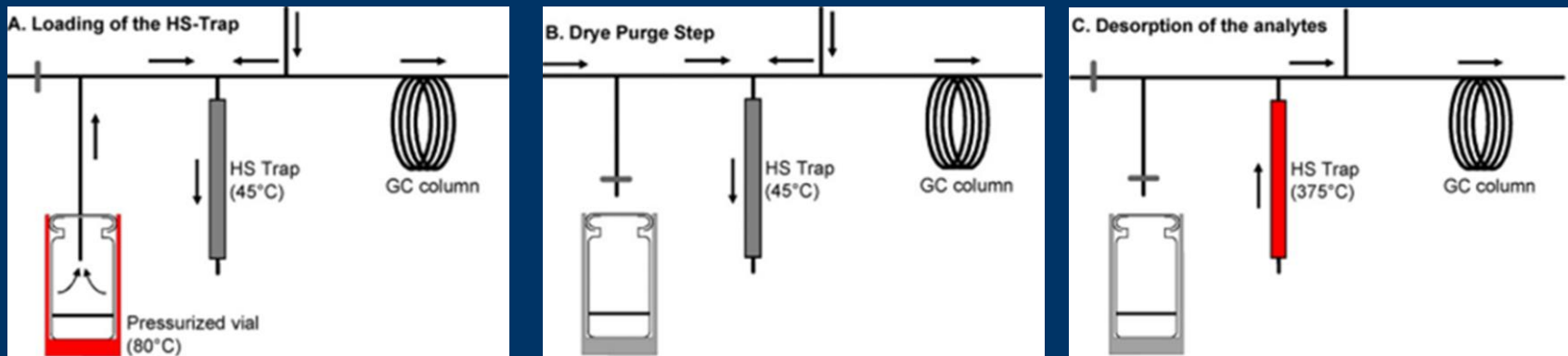
Other compounds

- **Haloacetonitriles**
 - Iodoacetonitrile
 - Bromoacetonitrile
 - Chloroacetonitrile
- **Haloacetamides**
 - 2-chloroacetamide
 - 2-bromoacetamide
 - 2,2-dichloroacetamide
 - 2,2,2-trichloroacetamide

II. Research interest

Disinfection By-Product analysis by Headspace-Trap GC/MS

- Less toxic solvents and lower limits of detection



Principle of sample preparation
with headspace trap (Schulz K. et al. 2007)

III. Literature review

Important parameters to consider for HS-Trap GC/MS methods

Important parameters		Optimum conditions			
		THMs	HAAs	HANs	HAcAMs
Sample preparation	pH	2-9	5.2-7.1	2.6-5.6	4-7
	Organic modifier	none	n-pentane	MTBE/none	MTBE
	Derivatisation reagent	0	DMS + TBA-HSO ₄	0	0
HS-trap settings	Equilibration time (min)	10-30	20	20	NR
	Equilibration temp (°C)	60	60	80	NR
	Trap Desorb temp (°C)	200-250]180-230[for SPME	NR	NR

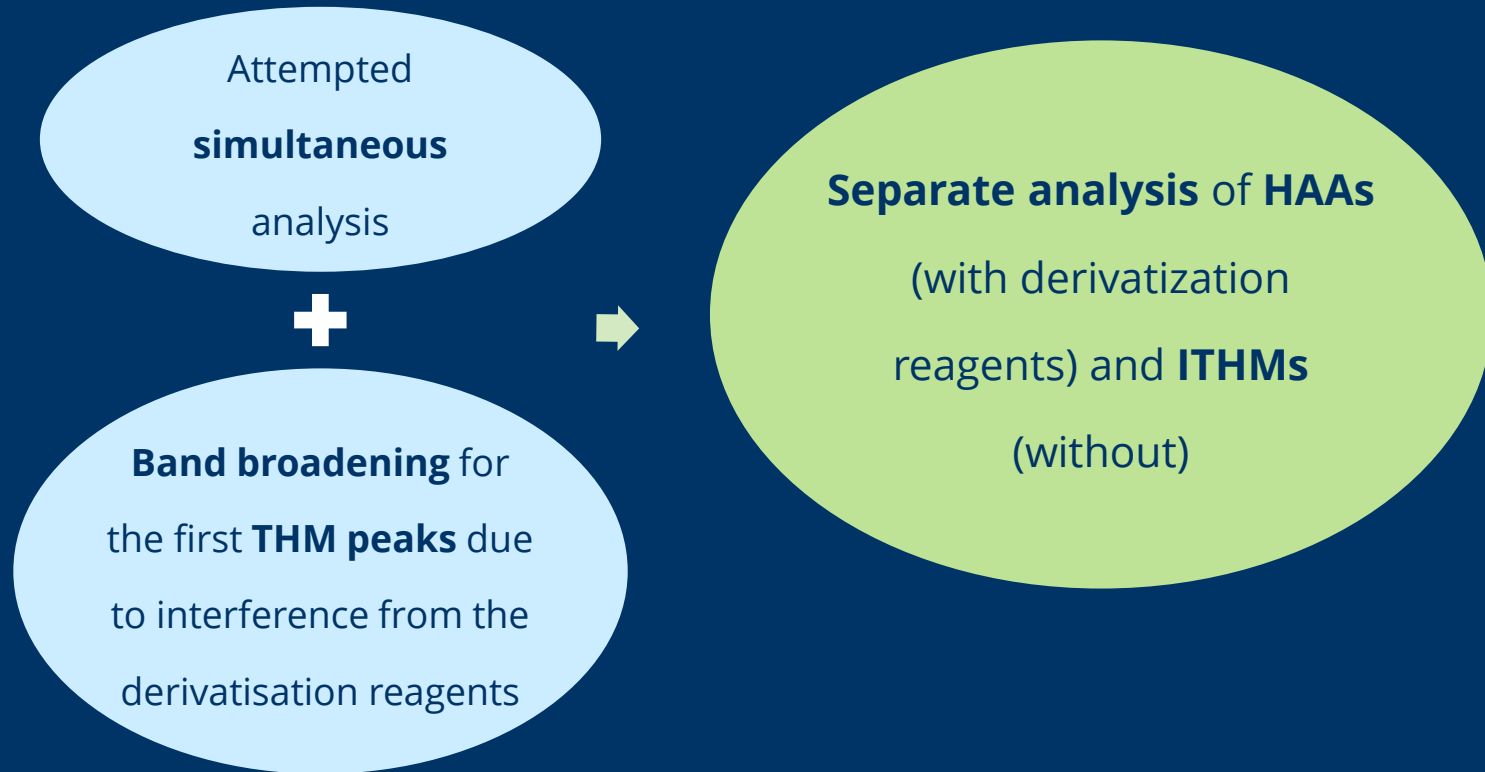
III. Literature review

Existing Headspace methods for simultaneous analysis

- Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic acids
 - Headspace method (*Cardador et al. 2015*)
- Haloacetonitriles and Trihalomethanes
 - Headspace methods (*Antonίου et al. 2006; Montesinos and Gallego 2013; Luo et al. 2014*)
- Haloacetonitriles and Haloacetamides
 - Liquid/Liquid extraction (*Bond et al. 2015*)

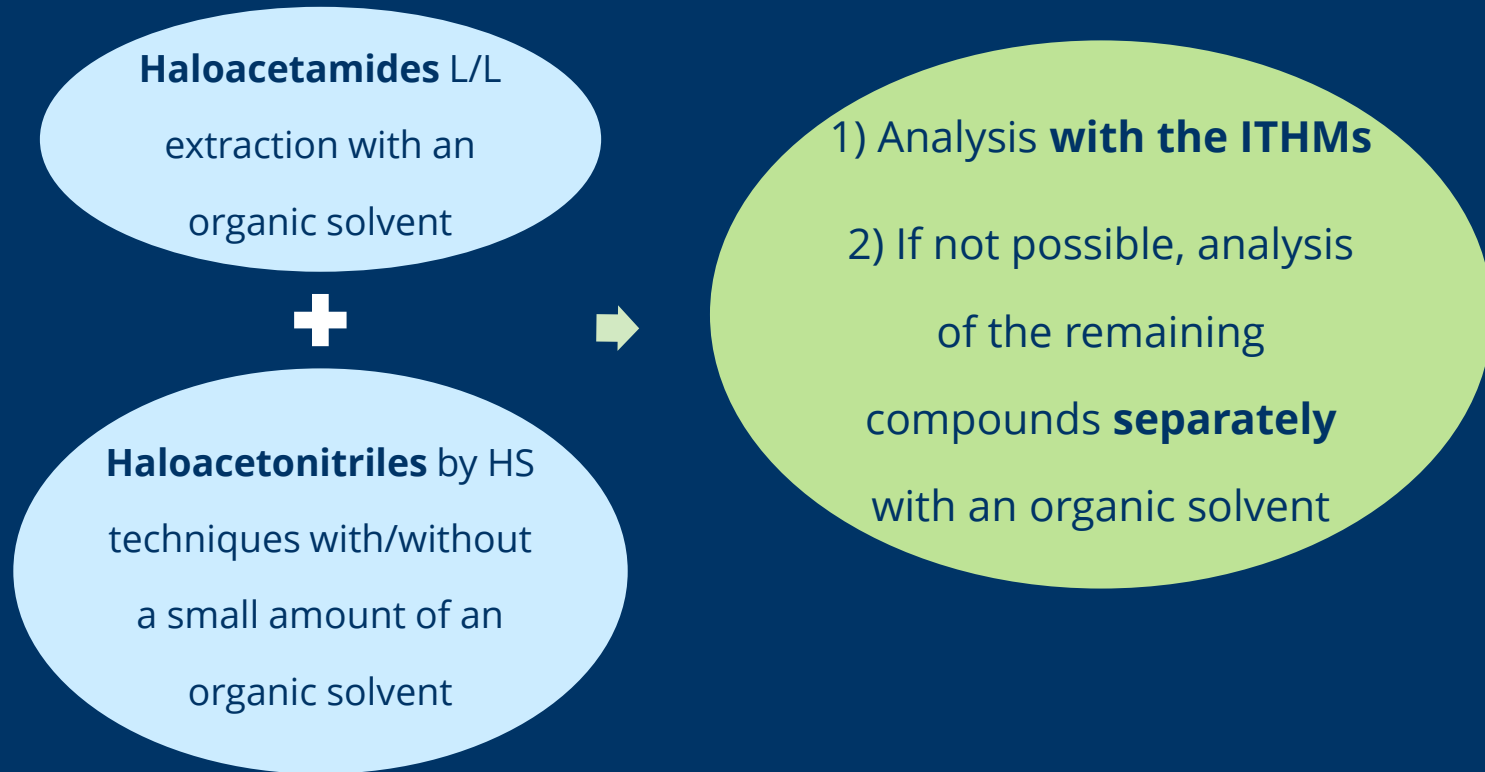
IV. Development of analytical methods

1. Analysis of HAAs and ITHMs separately



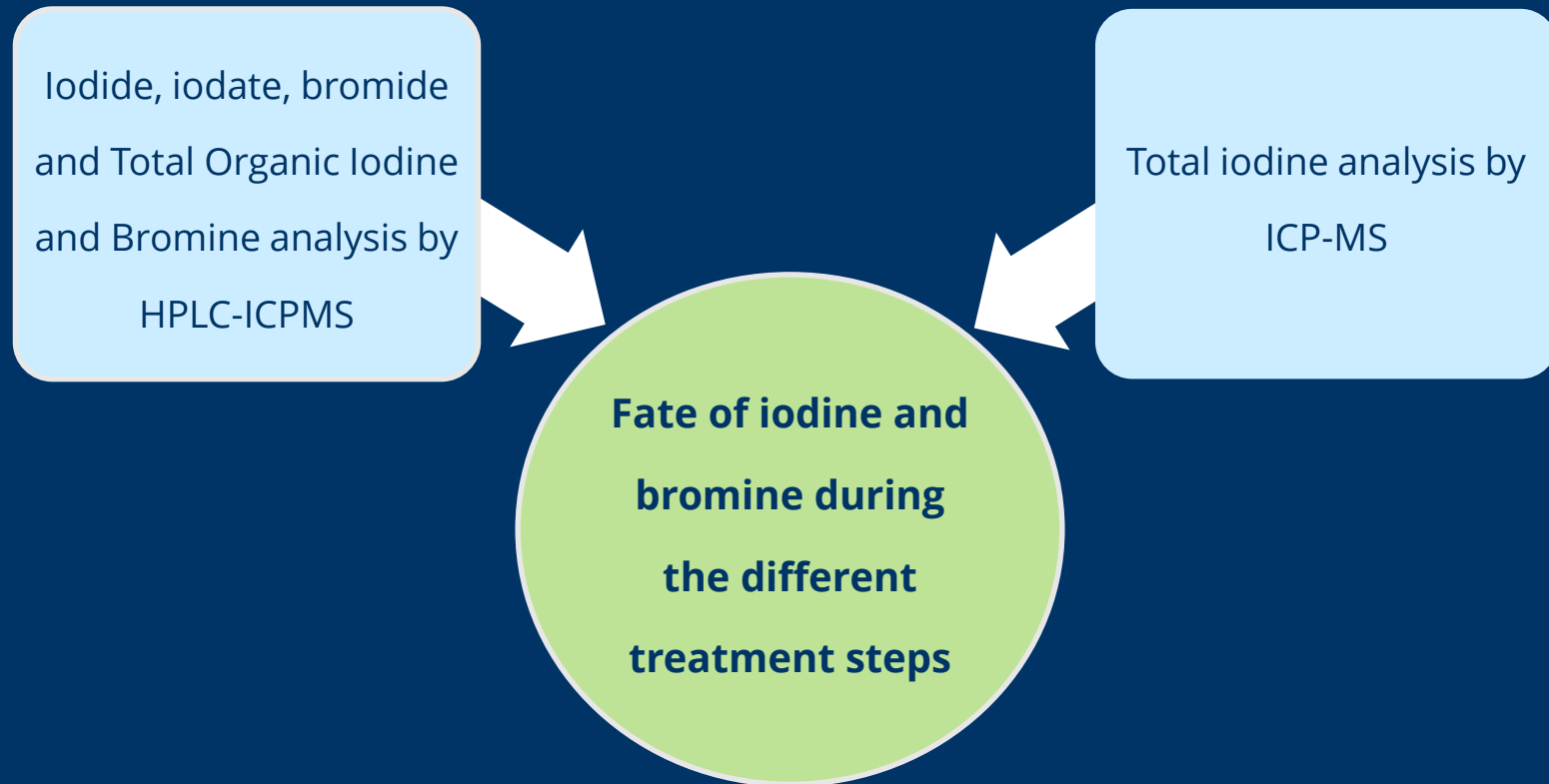
IV. Development of analytical methods

2. Analysis of Haloacetonitriles and Haloacetamides



IV. Development of analytical methods

3. Other analytical methods



V. First results

1. Initial Headspace instrument problems

Compatibility issue

leading to difficulties
controlling the
pressure

- Direct connection
- Splitless injection

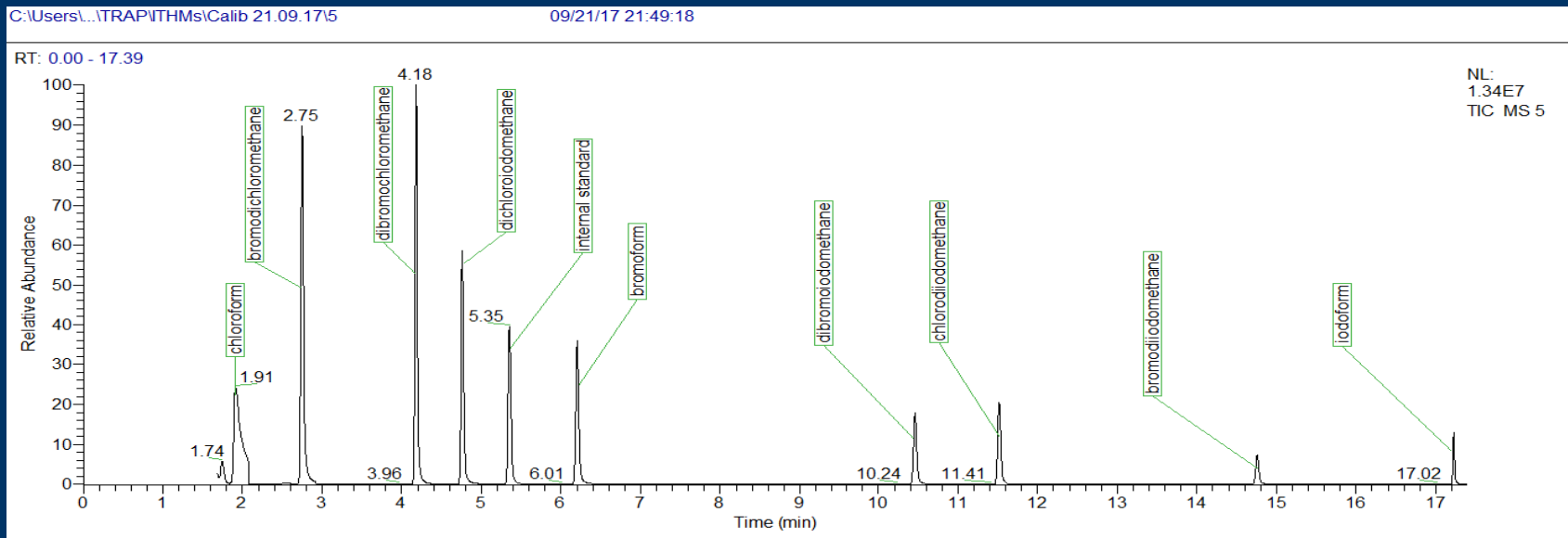
Leaking headspace

leading to pre-injection
and double peaks

- Repairs by Perkin Elmer

V. First results

2. Separate analysis of ITHMs



- Good peaks except for chloroform
- Matrix issue for chloroform
- RSD < 10% for 5 standards at 5 µg/L
- LOQ < 50 ng/L

VI. Upcoming work

Other analytical methods

- Analysis of Haloacetic Acids, Haloacetonitriles and Haloacetamides
- Analysis of iodide, iodate, bromide and Total Organic Iodine and Bromine
- Analysis of real water samples to study the DBP formation potential (by testing disinfection scenarios)

VI. Upcoming work

Analysis of real samples

- 2 samples:
 - Raw water
 - Non-chlorinated treated water samples
- 1 L bottles filled to the rim
- Start: November 2017



➤ *To determine the best treatment to reduce DBP formation potential*

Thank you for your attention

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