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Dr. Mariñas is Ivan Racheff Endowed Professor of Environmental Engineering, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) where he served as Department Head from 2014-2020. He is also Director of the Safe Global Water Institute (2013-present) at UIUC and served as Director of the NSF Science and Technology Center of Advanced Materials for the Purification of Water with Systems - WaterCAMPWS (2012-14).

Dr. Mariñas' research explores mechanistic aspects of chemical and ultraviolet light disinfection processes, chemistry and toxicity of nitrogenous disinfection by-product (N-DBP), with emphasis on N-DBP formation and control. He also does research on membrane technologies for the control of water-borne pathogens and chemical contaminants, with emphasis on the development of novel membrane materials.

Dr. Mariñas holds a B.S. degree in civil engineering from the Universidad Politecnica de Madrid, Spain (1982); and M.S. (1985) and Ph.D. (1989) degrees in sanitary and environmental engineering from the University of California at Berkeley. Before joining the CEE faculty at UIUC in 1995, he was a faculty member (1989-1995) at the School of Civil Engineering of Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

Dr. Mariñas was the recipient of the Arthur and Virginia Nauman Faculty Scholar award (1998- 2005) at the Dept. of CEE of UIUC. He is a Fellow of the Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors (2020), Member of the Academy of Distinguished Alumni Academy, Dept of CEE, University of California at Berkeley (2019), won Harold Munson Outstanding Teacher Award (1992), and Ross Judson Buck '07 Outstanding Counselor Award (1992) from the School of Civil Engineering at Purdue University, and making the List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students multiple times at the UIUC.





# Advances in Kinetics, Mechanisms, and Detection of Viral Pathogens Toward Developing Smart Water Disinfection Systems

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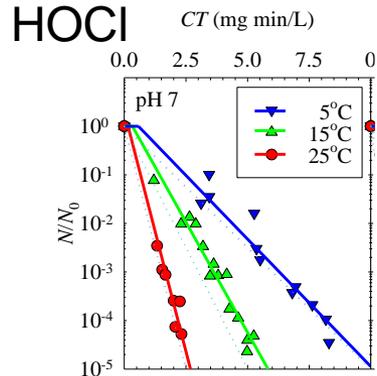
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# Inter/Transdisciplinary Research Approach

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Inactivation kinetics

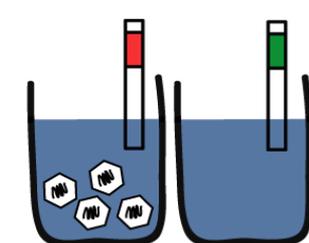
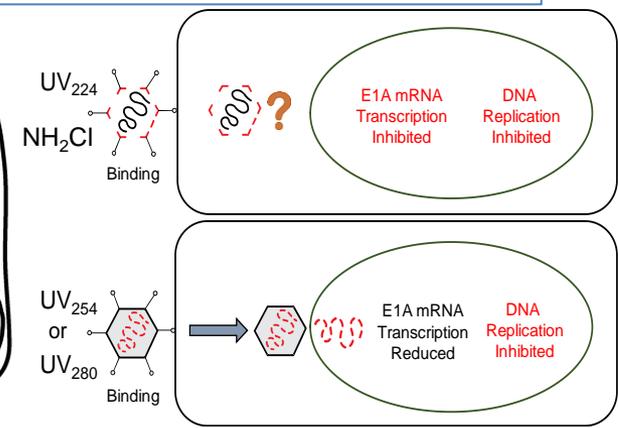
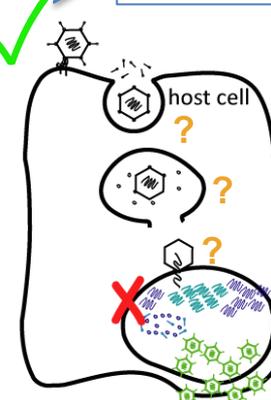
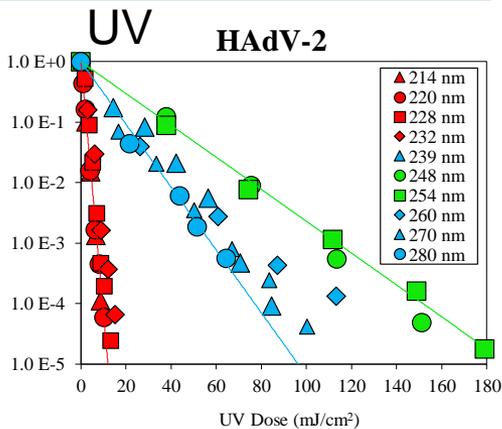


Protein/Genome transformation

Replication cycle disruption



Sensor development



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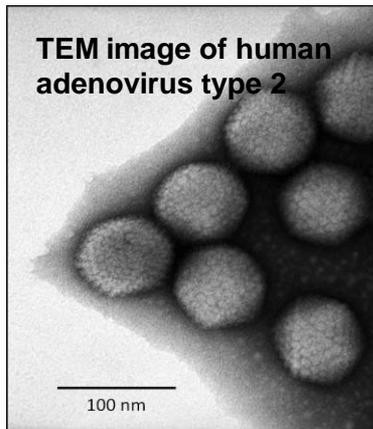
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# Viral Pathogens, Disinfectants & Objectives

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## Pathogens:

- Human Adenovirus 2 (non-enveloped capsid ~90 nm; dsDNA ~36 kbp)
- Coxsackievirus B5 (enterovirus; non-enveloped capsid ~30 nm; +ssRNA ~7.5 kb)



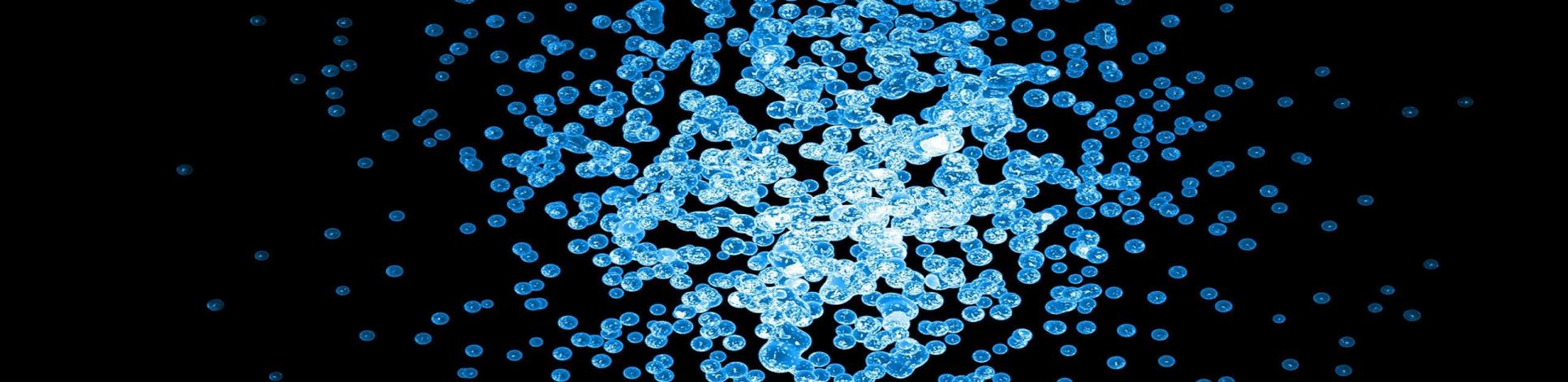
## Disinfectants:

- Free chlorine
- Monochloramine
  - Experiments performed with synthetic buffered solutions in batch reactors
  - Viability assessment by plaque assay using human lung A549 carcinoma cells (HAdV-2), or Buffalo Green Monkey Kidney (BGMK) cells (CoxV-B5)

## Broad Objective:

- Have better control of viruses in drinking water
  - Determination of inactivation kinetics
  - Inactivation mechanisms
  - Sensitive methods to detect infectious viruses (ultimately including those for which cell culture is not available, like human norovirus)



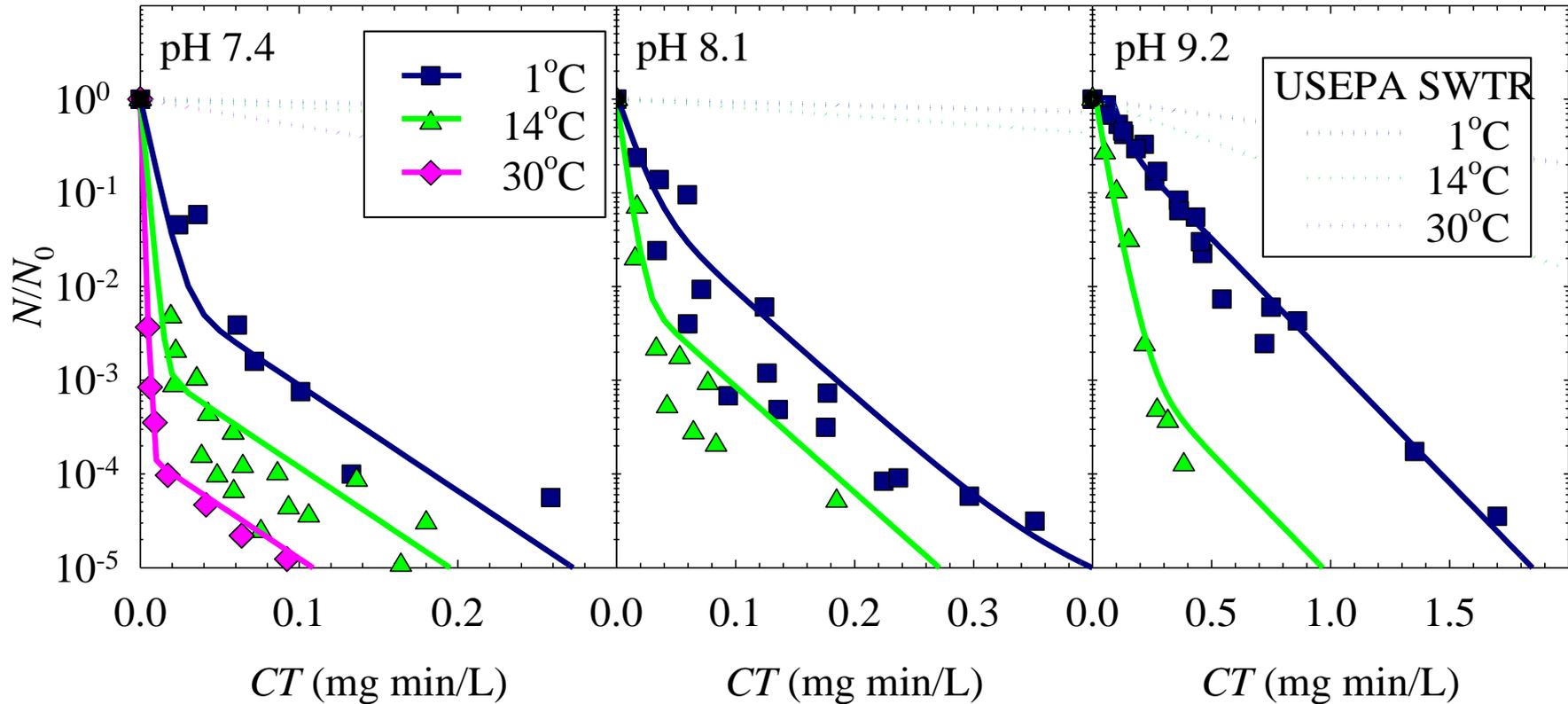


# INACTIVATION KINETICS



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# Inactivation of Human Adenovirus 2 with Free Chlorine

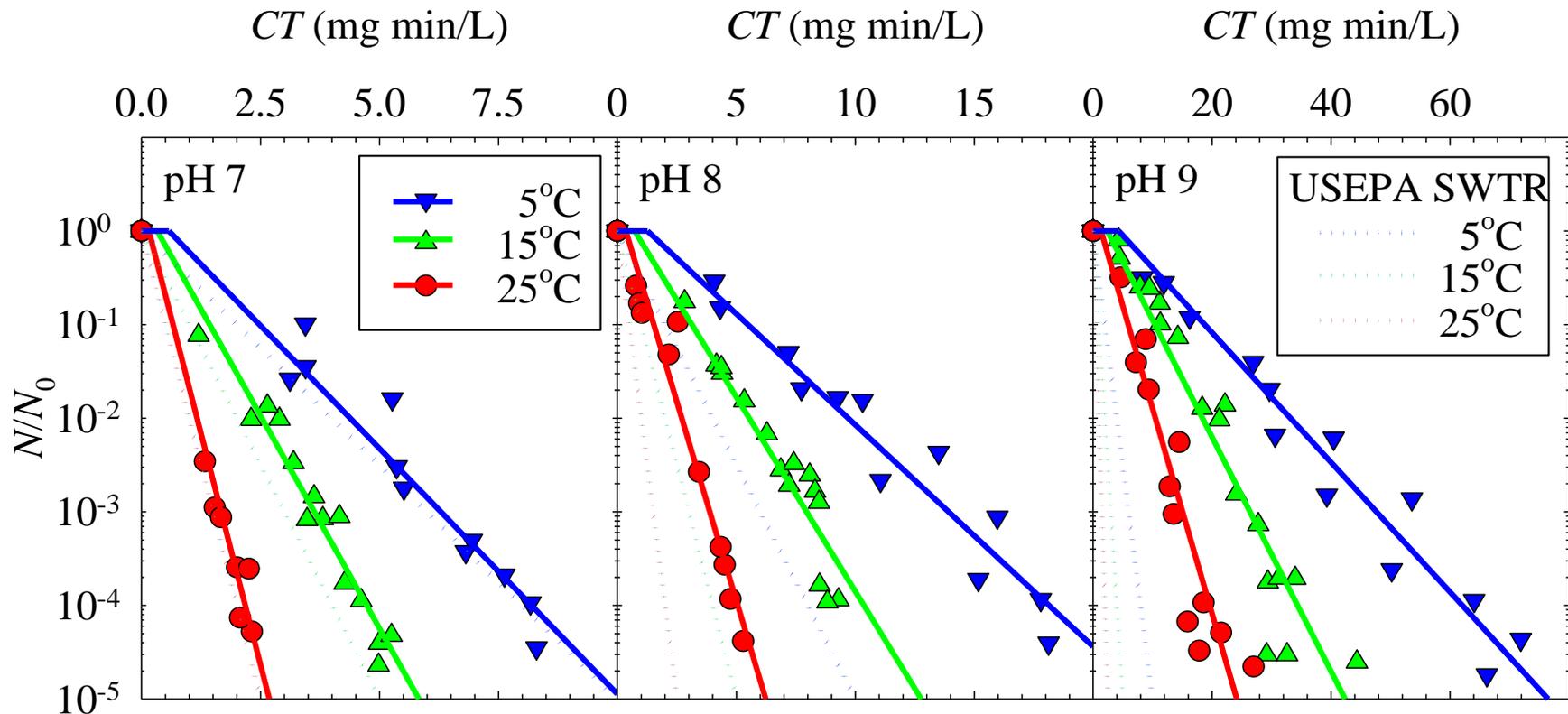


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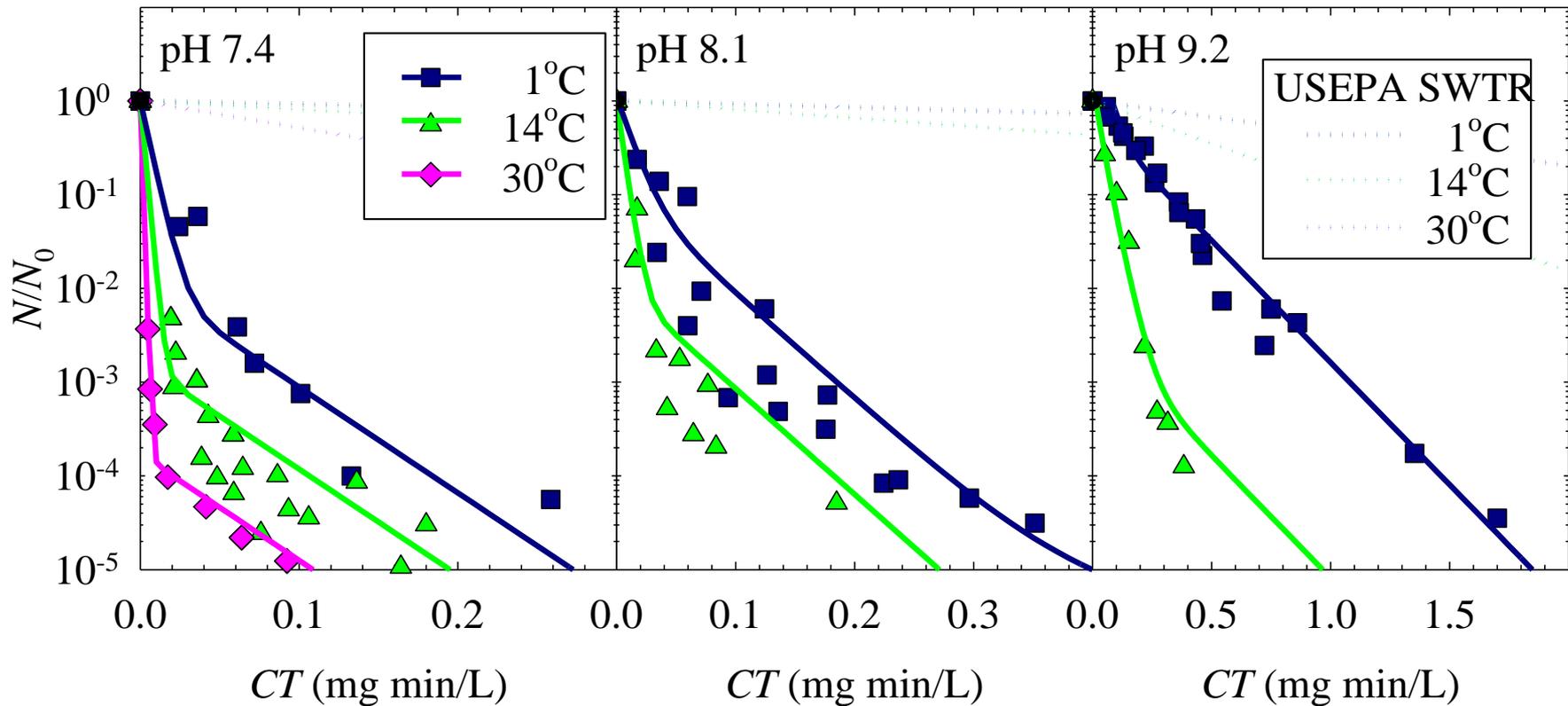


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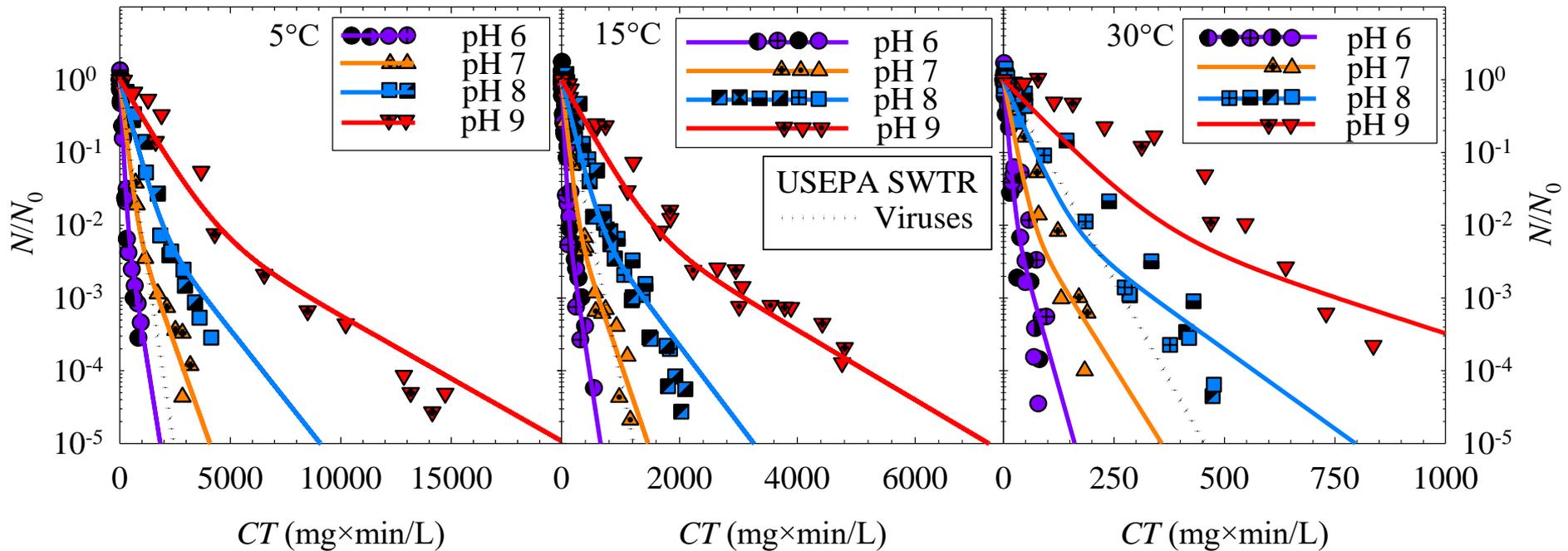


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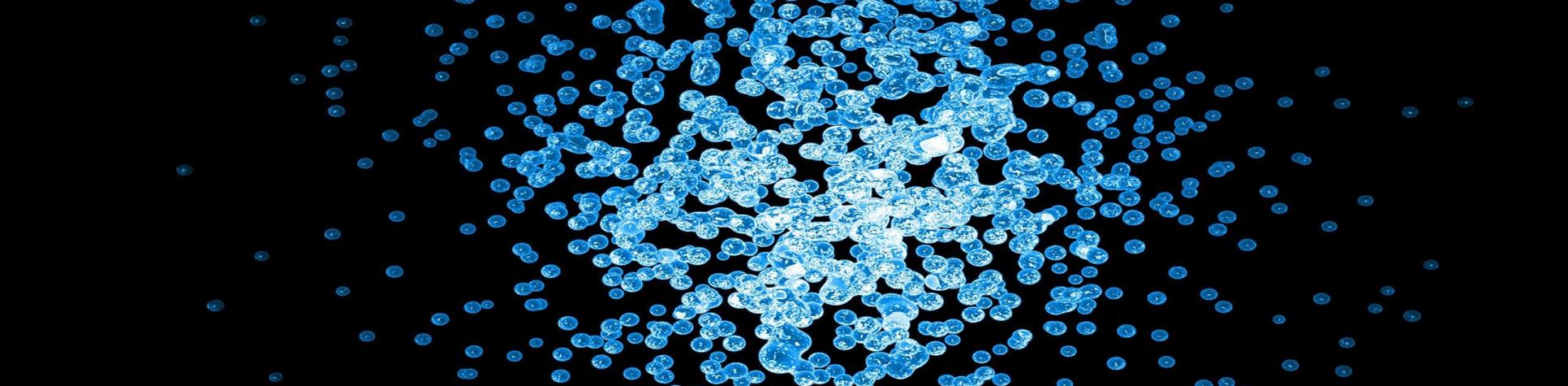
# Inactivation of Human Adenovirus 2 with Monochloramine



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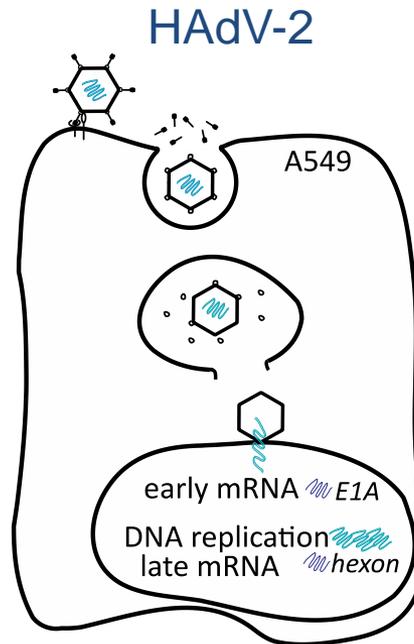
# **INACTIVATION MECHANISMS: LIFE CYCLE STEP INHIBITION**



# HAdV-2 and CoxV-B5 Replication Cycles

Selected HAdV-2 (90 nm, ~36,000 bp)  
Replication cycle events:

- ▣ **Attachment** (fiber to CAR, penton base to integrin?) – 0 h p.i.
- ▣ Internalization with endosome
- ▣ Virion uncoating and endosome rupture
- ▣ DNA release into nucleus
- ▣ **Early mRNA (E1A) synthesis** – 1-2 h p.i.
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- ▣ **Cell lysis** – 48 h p.i.

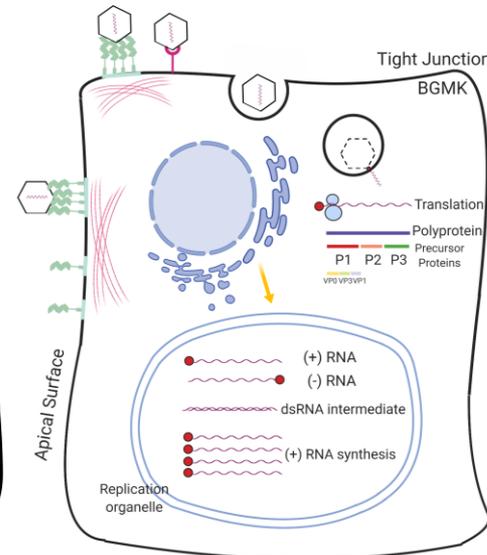


**DNA: Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction (qPCR)**  
**mRNA: Reverse Transcriptase qPCR (RT-qPCR)**

HAdV-2 genome showing selected amplicons



**CoxV-B5**



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- ▣ **Attachment** (VP2&3 to DAF VP1, VP3, VP4 to CAR?) – 0 h p.i.
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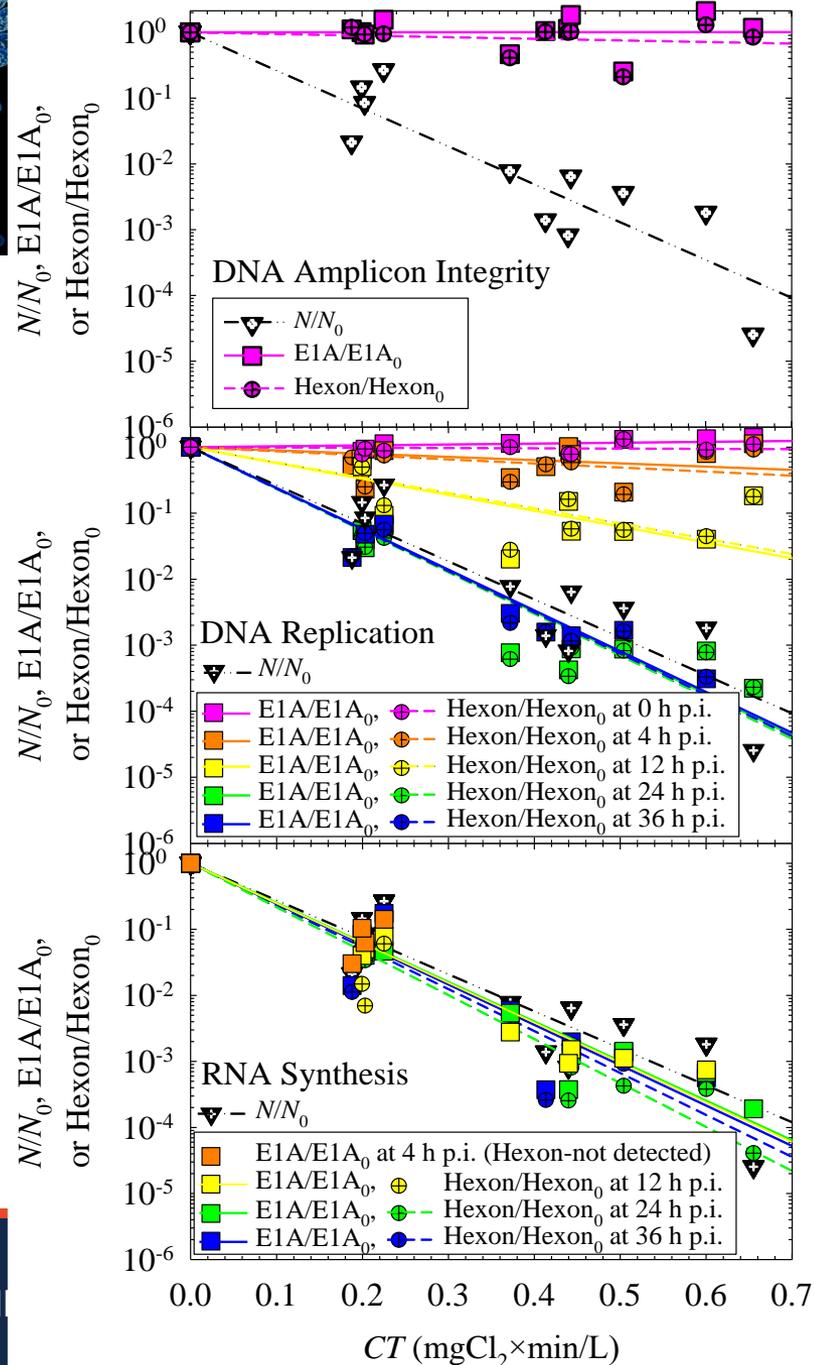
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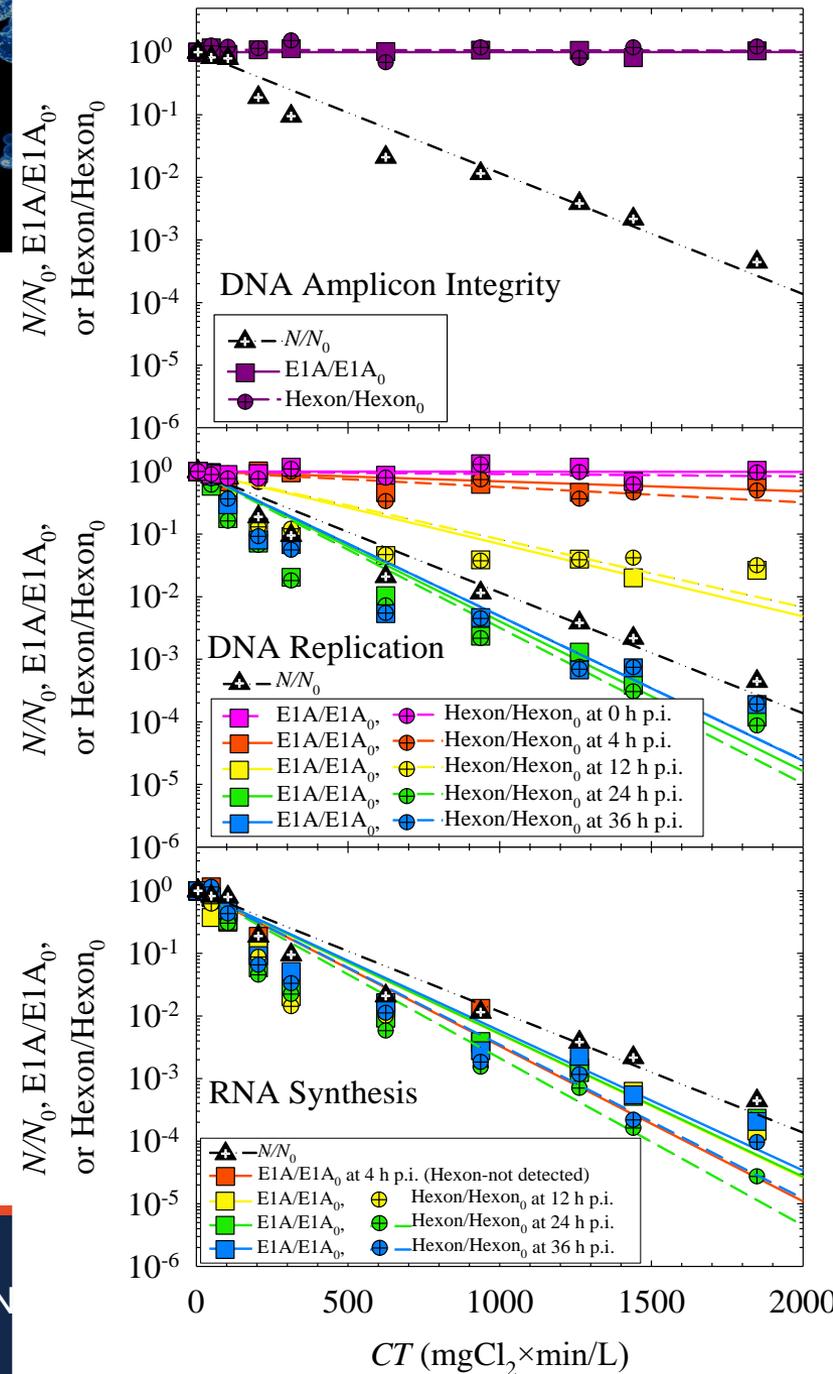
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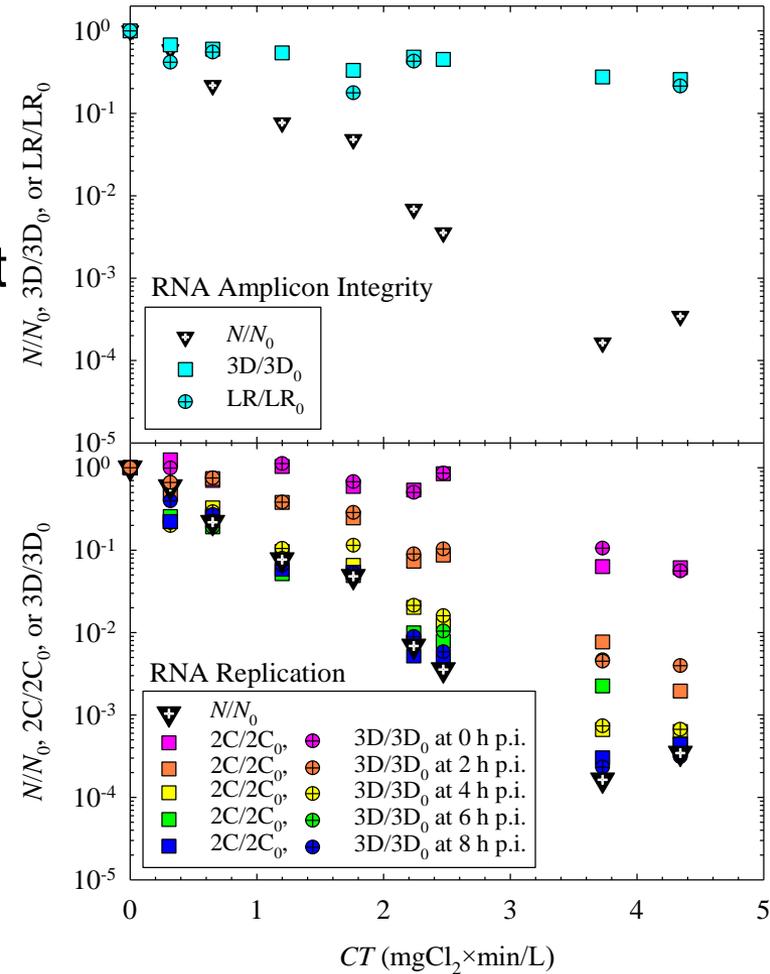
# Comparison of Free Chlorine Inactivation of Coxsackievirus B5 with relative quantity of RNA

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- Similar to the observation for synthesis of DNA genes for adenovirus, synthesis of viral RNA genes for Coxsackievirus B5 were inhibited

2C - 106 b - translate into protein 2C which rearranges the cellular membranes for the purpose of viral replication.

3D -149 b - translate into protein 3D, which is an RNA-dependent RNA polymerase

LR (long range) - 1235 b located near the end of the genome



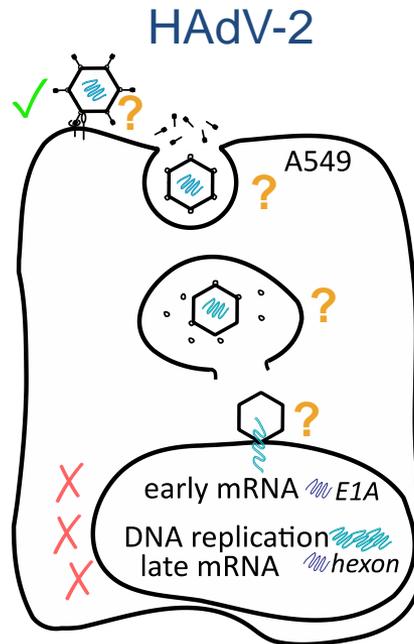
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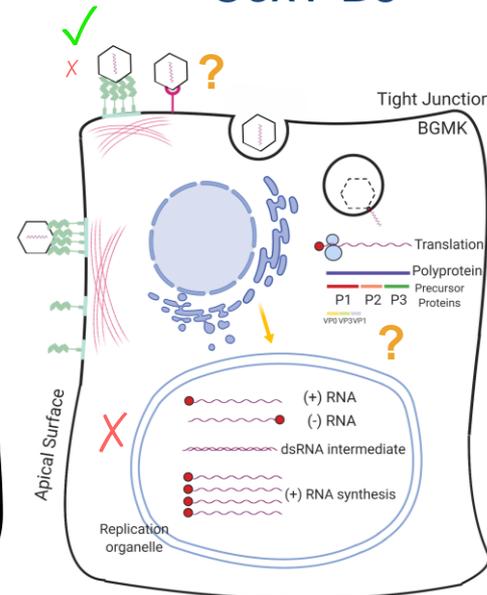


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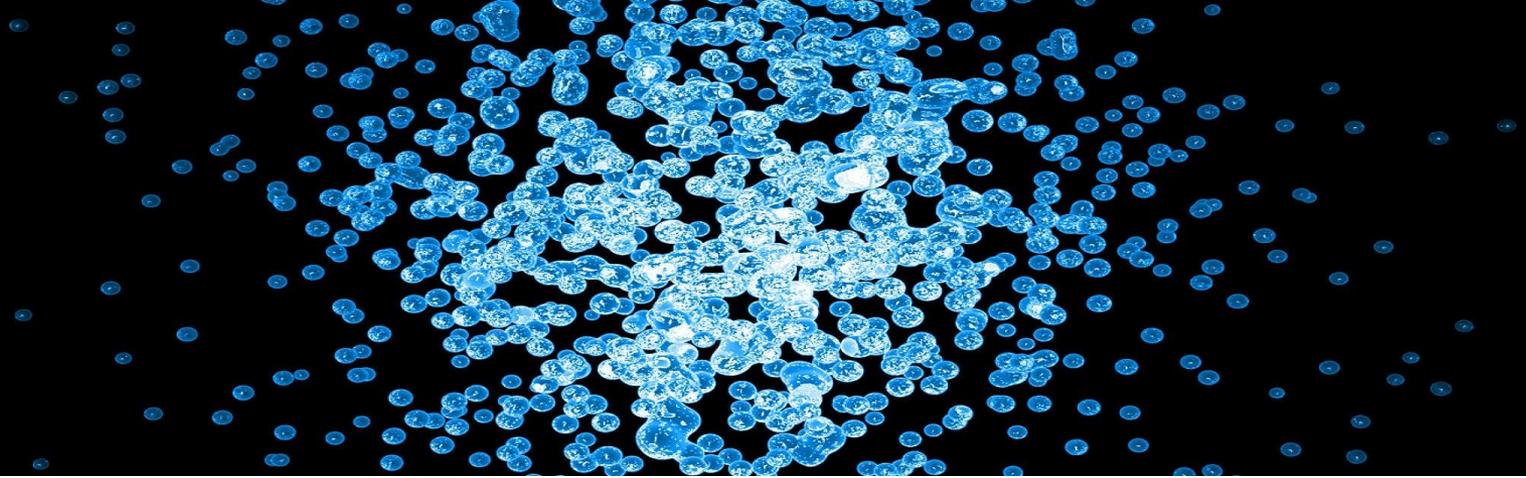


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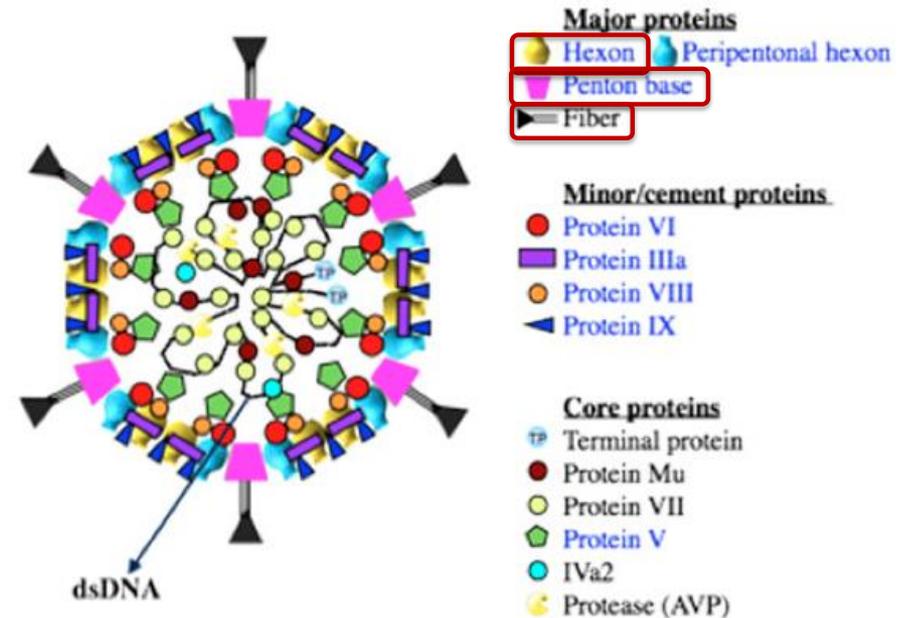


# INACTIVATION MECHANISMS: CAPSID PROTEIN TRANSFORMATION



# Modifications of Human Adenovirus 2 Capsid Proteins with Free Chlorine

- Proteins targeted were: fiber, penton base, hexon
- The genes of the adenovirus fiber, penton base, and hexon were expressed in gene-modified *E. coli*
- 1 uM of each protein monomer (with 571, 582, 967 residues) was reacted with 10, 100, 1,000 uM free chlorine for 5 min (assuming no chlorine decay  $CT=3.6, 36, 360$  mg min/L) before quenching with excess sodium thiosulfate
- Proteins digested (Trypsin) and residues analyzed by LC-MS/MS



(Reddy and Nemerow, 2014)



# Graphical depictions of the HAdV-2 fiber, penton based, and hexon (bottom) fiber (expressed in *E. coli*) modifications by free chlorine exposure

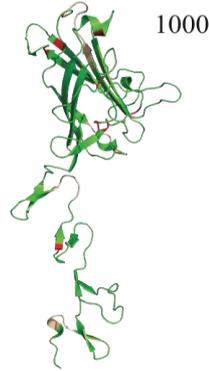
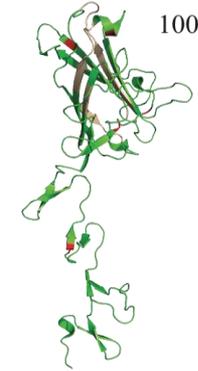
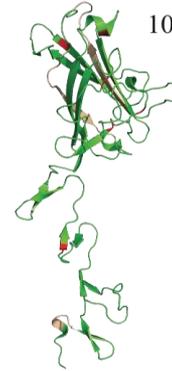
Met≈Cys>Trp

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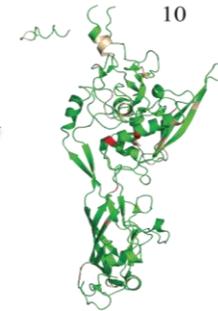
🔴 Ribbon diagrams showing modified residues (0.5-5%) in red (unmodified residues shown in green; peptides not detected shown in tan; 2-12%) with chlorine exposure:

- 🔵 Top: fiber tail, shaft, and head domains: **CAR D1 binding & flexible shaft regions** at mid and high CT;
- 🔵 Middle: penton base regions involved in pentamer formation, **RGD loop, RGD integrin binding regions** at lowest CT;
- 🔵 Bottom: hexon N terminus, viral jellyrolls, extended loops, and the viral jellyroll connector at all CTs.

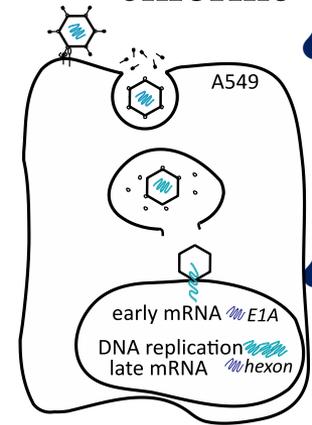
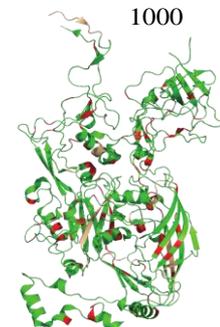
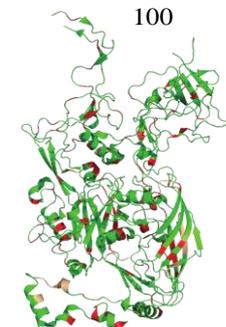
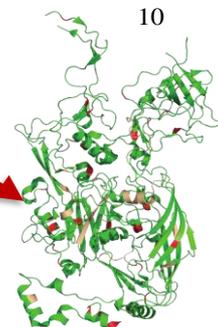
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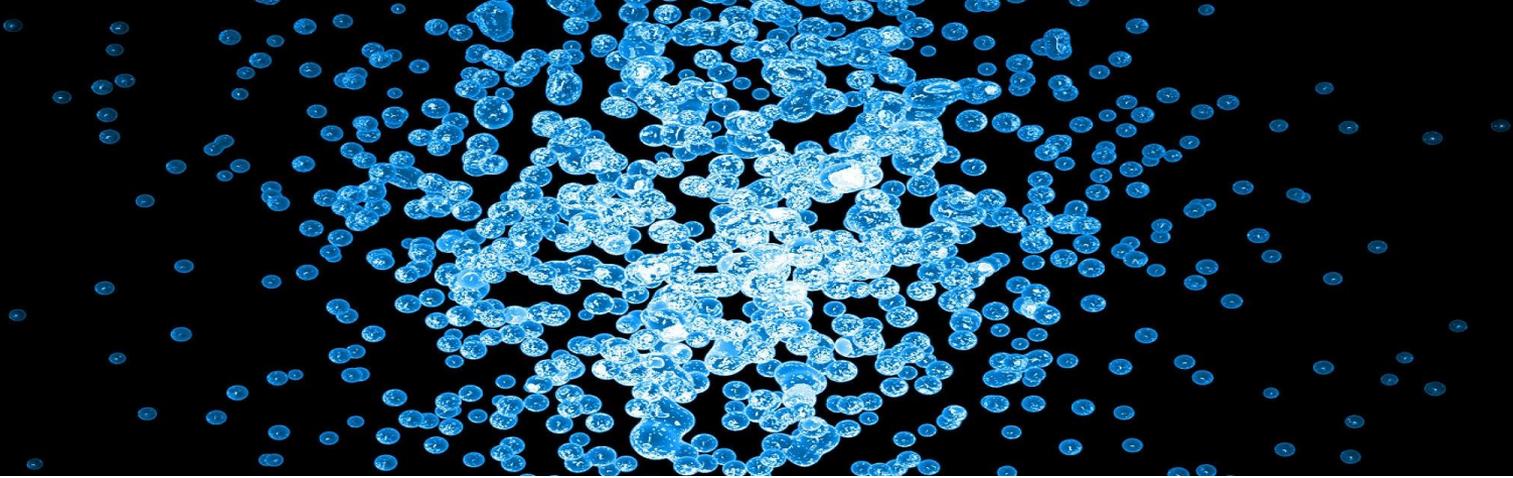


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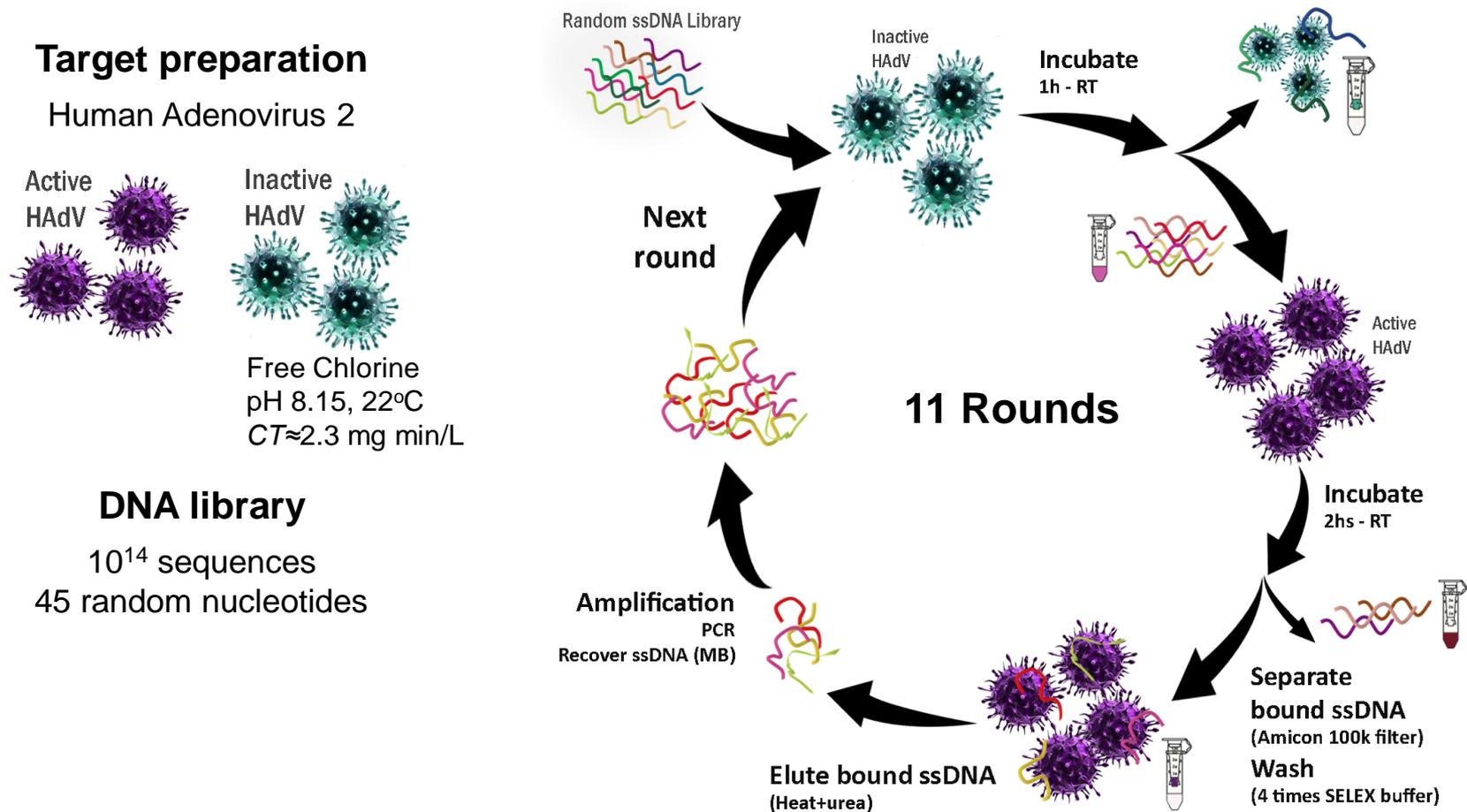


# **INFECTIOUS VIRUS DETECTION: APTAMER-BASED SOLID STATE NANOPORE SENSOR DEVELOPMENT**



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# In vitro selection of an aptamer toward infectious HAdV-2

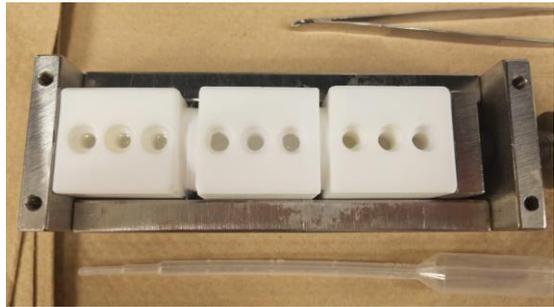
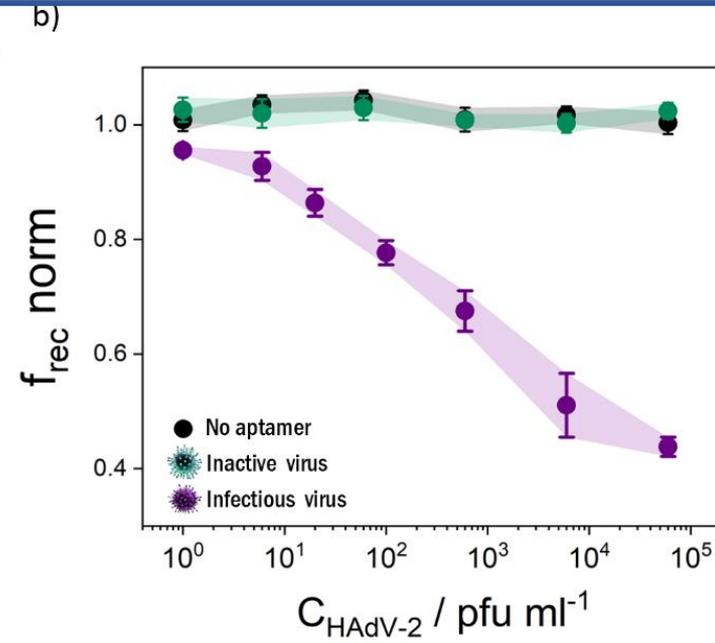
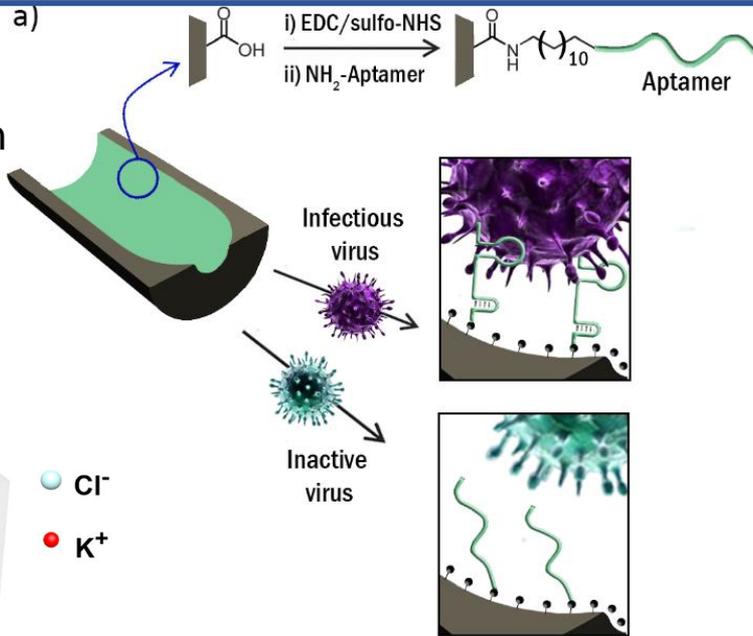
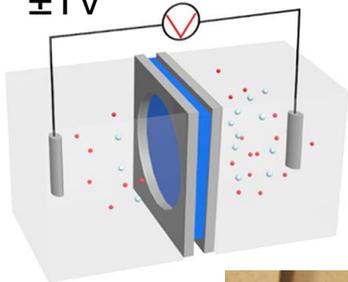




# Solid State Nanopore Sensor

- 2 hr equilibration with viruses

- electrochemical cell: 0.1 M KCl,  $\pm 1V$



- The aptamer showed great selectivity for the infectious (active) HAAdV
- The nanopore ( $900 \pm 100 \text{ nm} \rightarrow 55 \pm 5 \text{ nm}$ ) amplified the signal several orders of magnitude

G. Perez-Mitta, A.S. Peinetti, M.L. Cortez, M.E. Toimil-Molares, C. Trautmann, Omar Azzaroni, *NanoLett.* 2018, 18, 3303-3310

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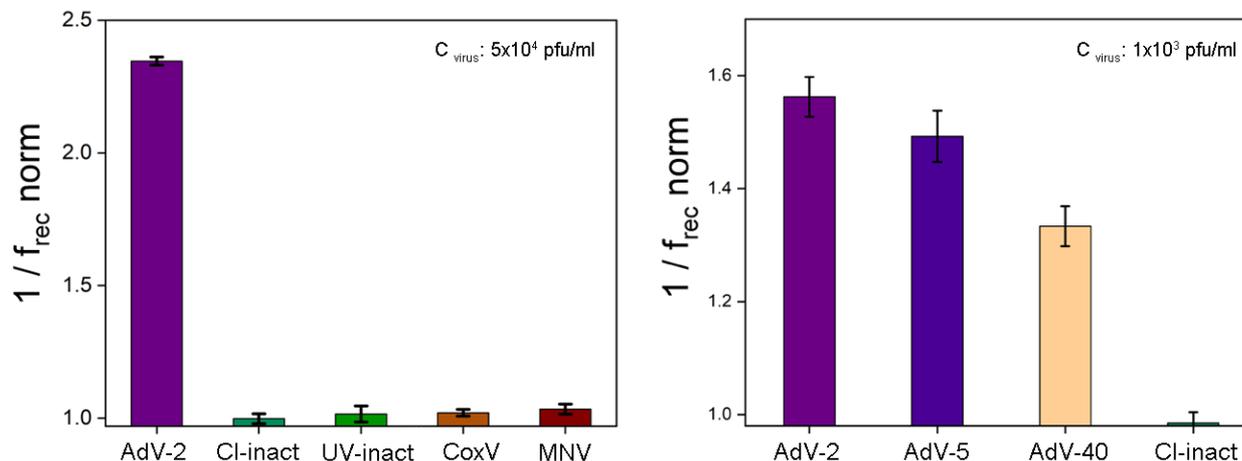
# Solid State Nanopore Sensor

- Comparison to inactivation data by plaque assay

Method; concentration  
(mean  $\pm$  SD, n=3, pfu/ml)

Sample #	% inactivation	Method; concentration (mean $\pm$ SD, n=3, pfu/ml)	
		Nanopore system	Plaque-assay
1	90	528 $\pm$	613 $\pm$
2	99	101 $\pm$ 26	94 $\pm$
3	99.9	12 $\pm$ 2	9.2 $\pm$

- Preliminary Selectivity Tests



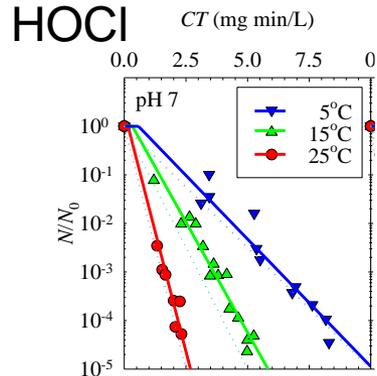
- No background interference (same results with buffer, tap water, WW effluent)



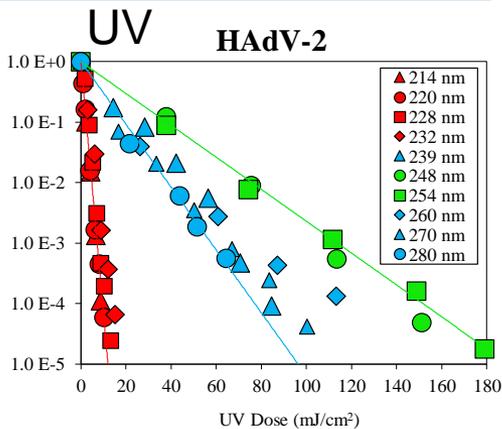
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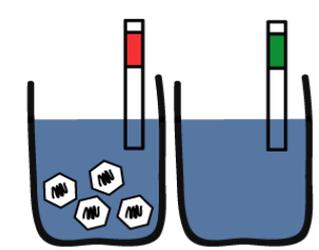
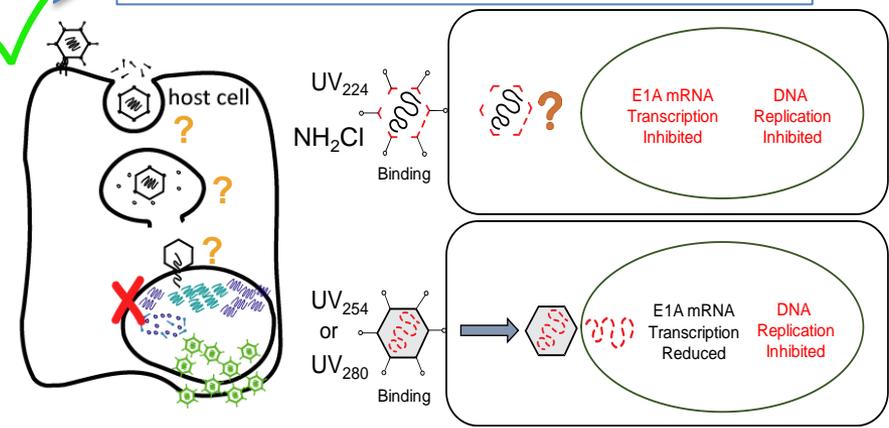
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