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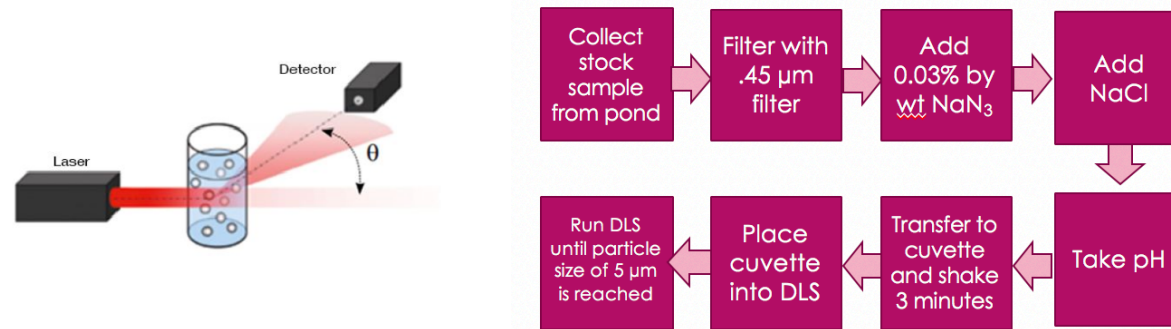
Introduction/Background

- Humic substances comprise the major fraction of natural organic matter in most natural waters
- The aggregation of humic substances has implications for our understanding of the facilitated transport of contaminants and organic matter through the microbial loop
- Little is known about the aggregation process, but the understanding of this process could lead to a wide range of colloid-assisted phenomena found in filtration media

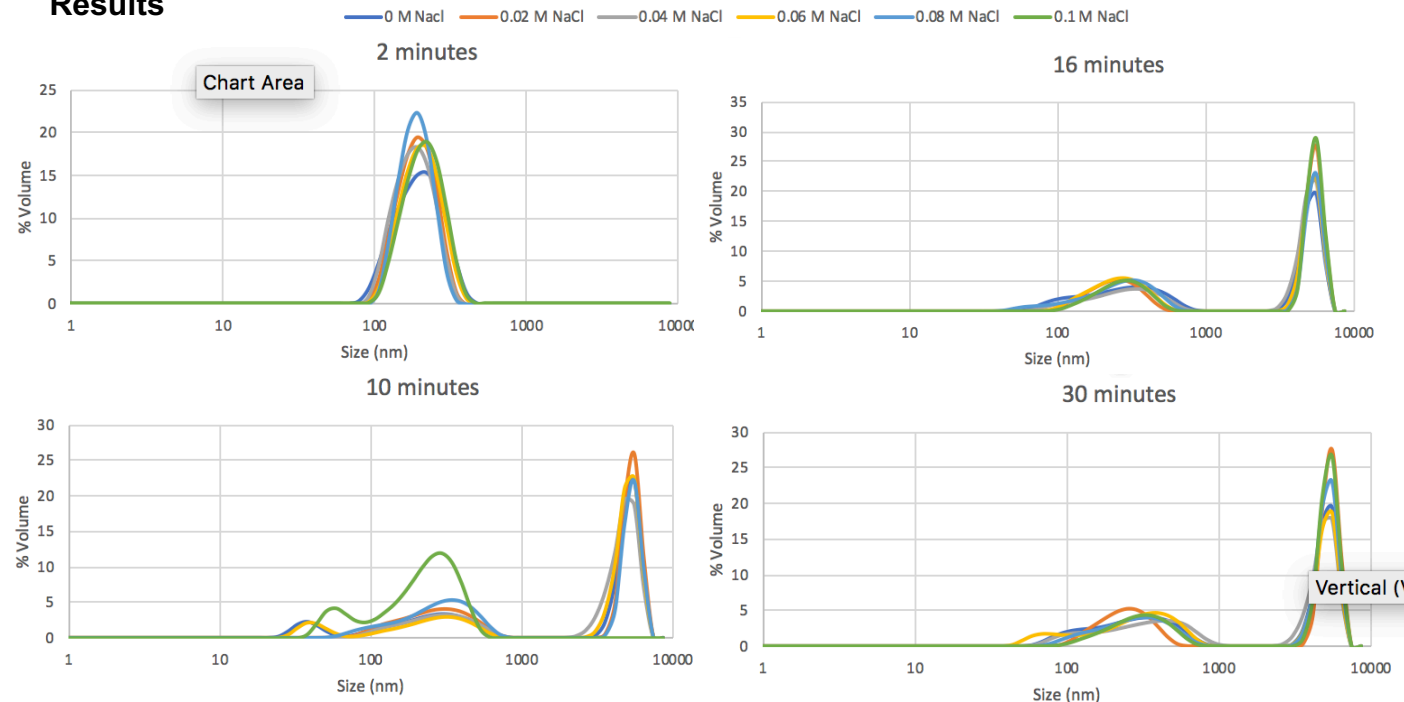
Research Questions

How does varying the ionic concentration of a sample affect humic acid aggregation?

Experimental Design- DLS Analysis



Results



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Conclusions

- The sample with a higher concentration of NaCl took more time to aggregate than the sample with no NaCl

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