

*ENVR 500* Environmental Processes, Exposure, and Risk Assessment:

# New Approach Methodologies for Chemical Risk Assessment

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## US EPA Office of Research and Development

- The Office of Research and Development (ORD) is the scientific research arm of EPA
  - 562 peer-reviewed journal articles in 2018
- Research is conducted by ORD's four national centers, and three offices organized to address:
  - Public health and env. assessment; comp. tox. and exposure; env. measurement and modeling; and env. solutions and emergency response.
- 13 facilities across the United States
- Research conducted by a combination of Federal scientists (including uniformed members of the **Public Health Service**); contract researchers; and postdoctoral, graduate student, and post-baccalaureate trainees



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Research Triangle Park, NC

# Chemical Regulation in the United States

- Park *et al.* (2012): At least 3221 chemical signatures in pooled human blood samples, many appear to be exogenous
- A tapestry of laws covers the chemicals people are exposed to in the United States (Breyer, 2009)
- Different testing requirements exist for food additives, pharmaceuticals, and pesticide active ingredients (NRC, 2007)



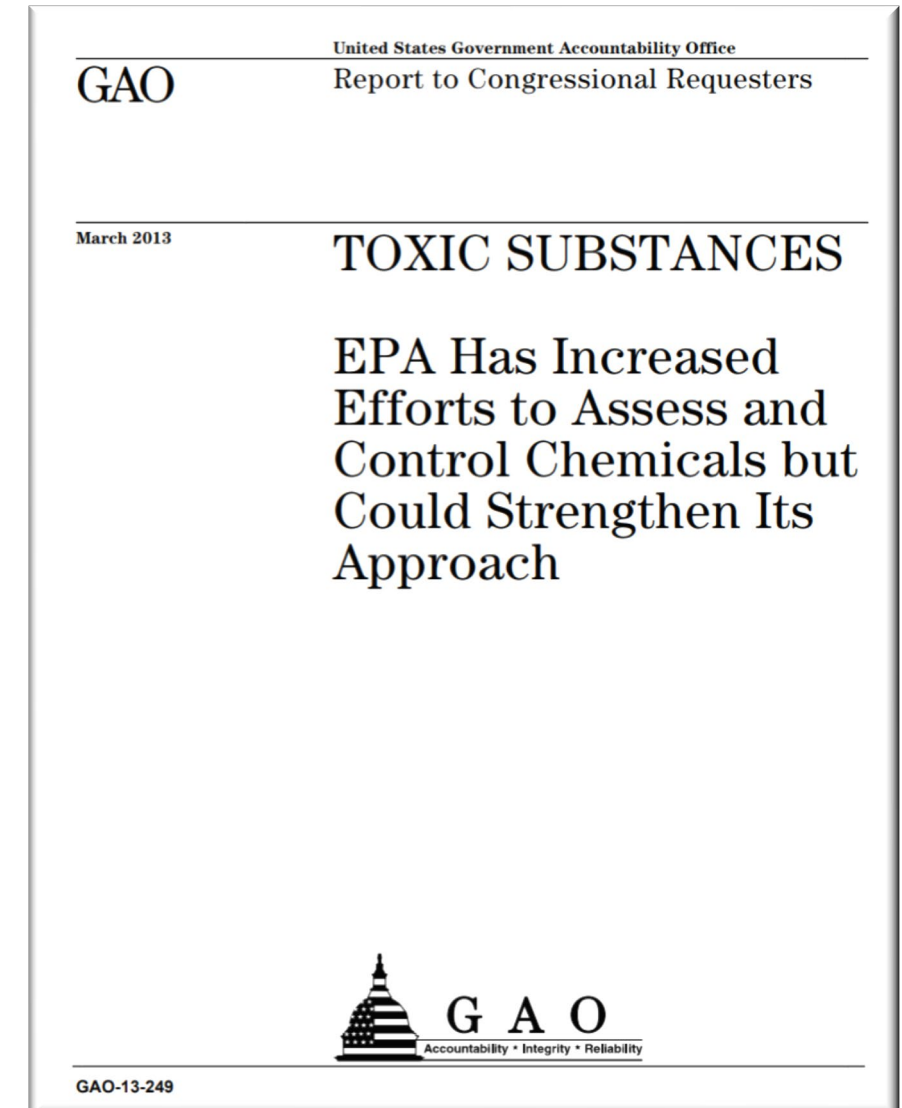


# Chemical Regulation in the United States

- Most other chemicals, ranging from industrial waste to dyes to packing materials, are covered by the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)
- Thousands of chemicals on the market were “grandfathered” in without assessment  
Judson et al. (2009), Egeghy et al. (2012), Wetmore et al. (2015)

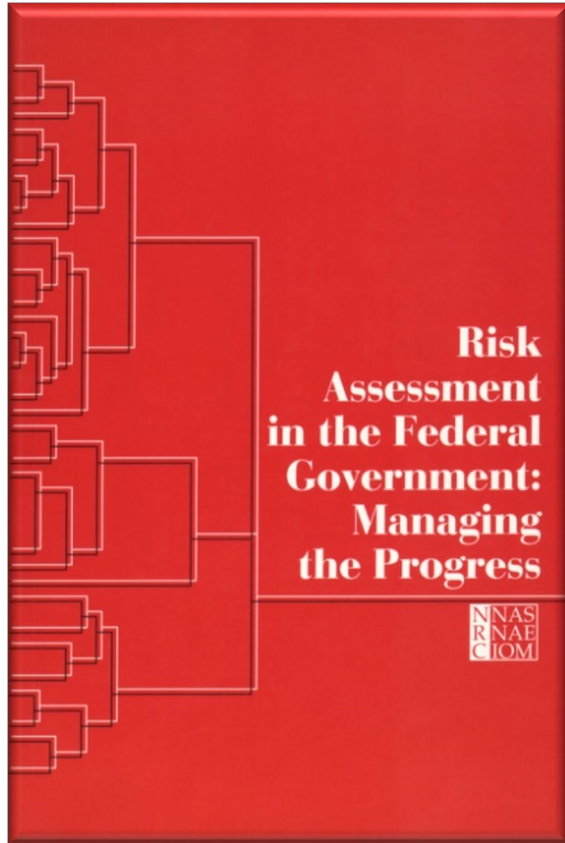
*“Tens of thousands of chemicals are listed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for commercial use in the United States, with an average of 600 new chemicals listed each year.”*

*U.S. Government Accountability Office*

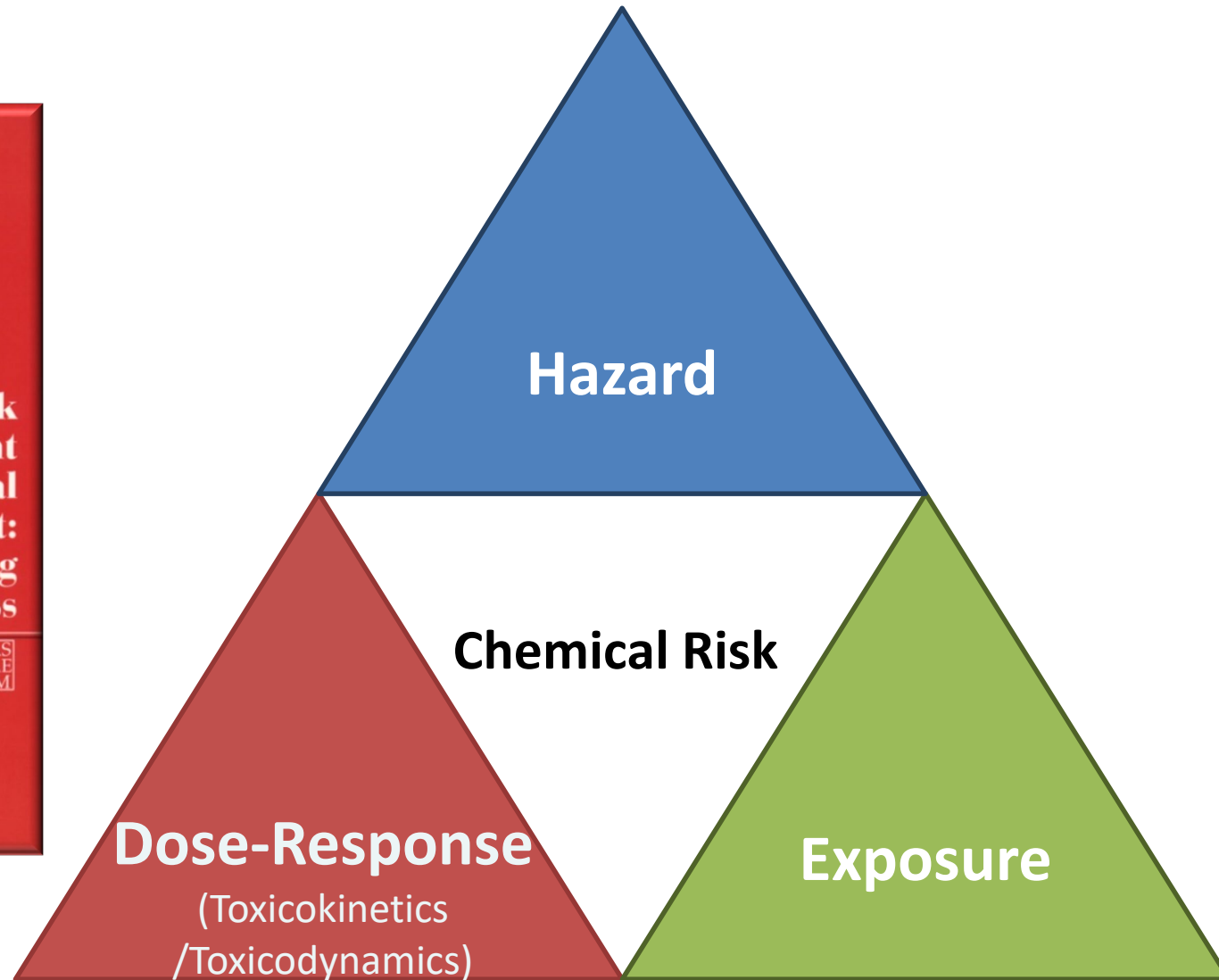


March, 2013

# Three Components for Chemical Risk



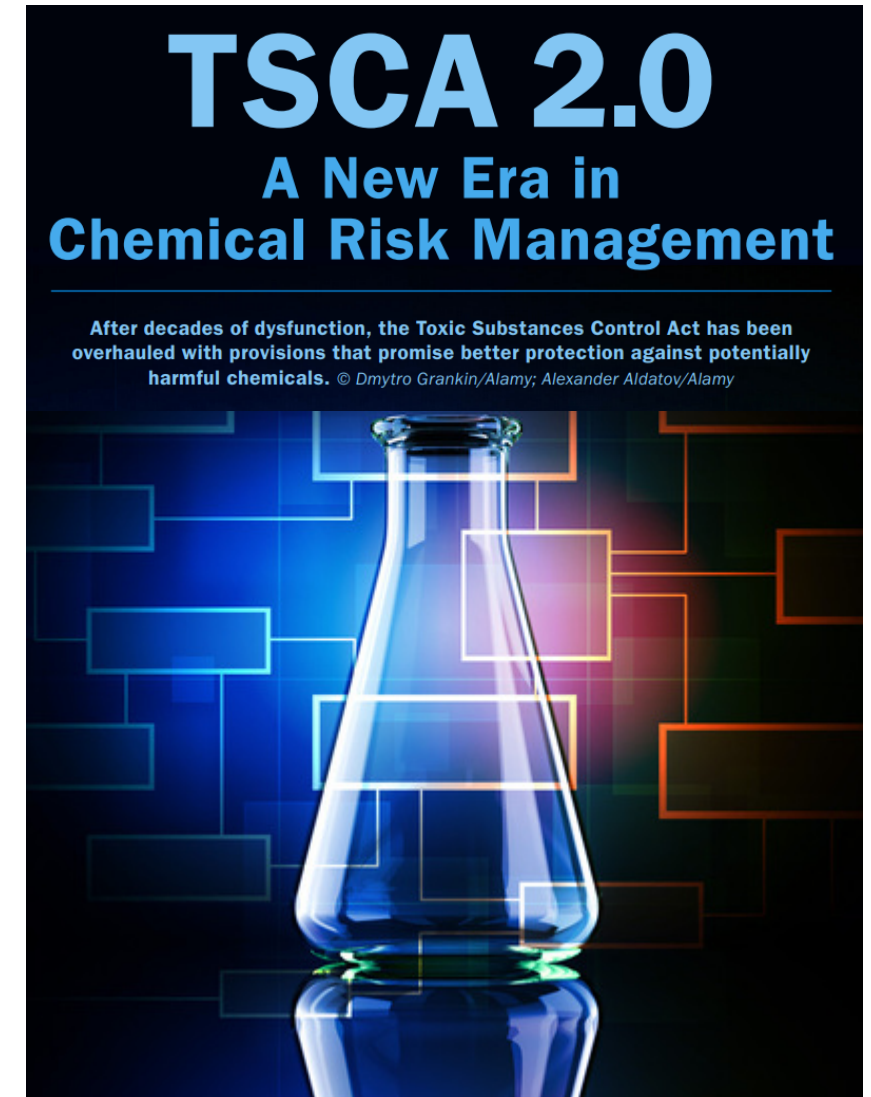
NRC (1983)



The National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (1983) outlined three components for determining chemical risk.

# Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)

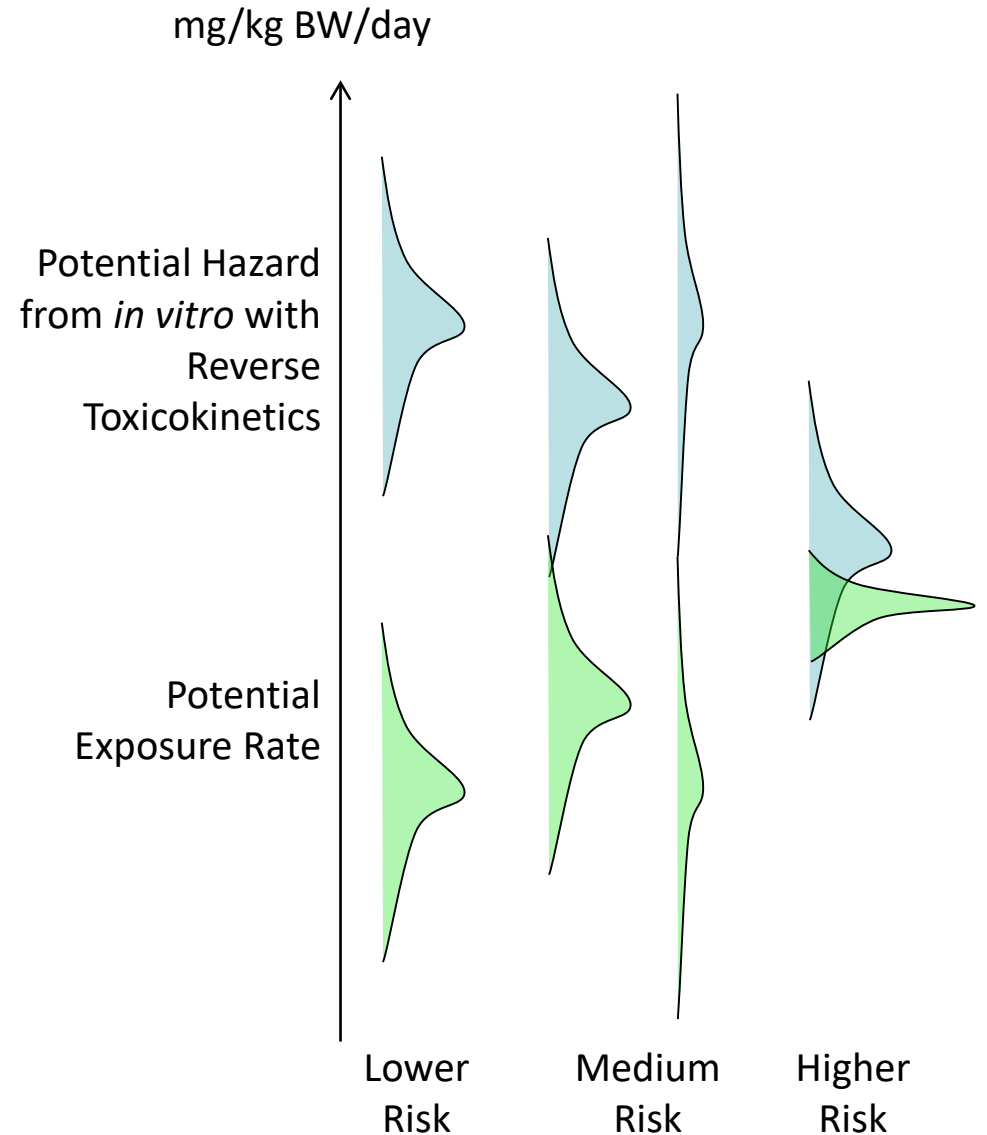
- TSCA was updated in June, 2016 to allow more rapid evaluation of chemicals (Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act)
- New approach methodologies (NAMs) are being considered to inform prioritization of chemicals for testing and evaluation (Kavlock et al., 2018)
- EPA has released a “A Working Approach for Identifying Potential Candidate Chemicals for Prioritization” (September, 2018)



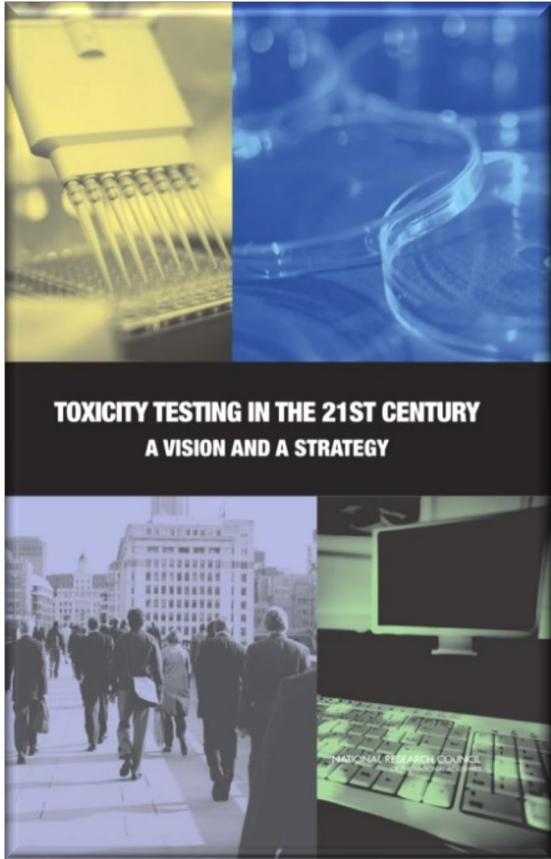
Schmidt, C. W. (2016). TSCA 2.0: A new era in chemical risk management”, Environmental Health Perspectives, A182-A186.

# Chemical Risk = Hazard x Exposure

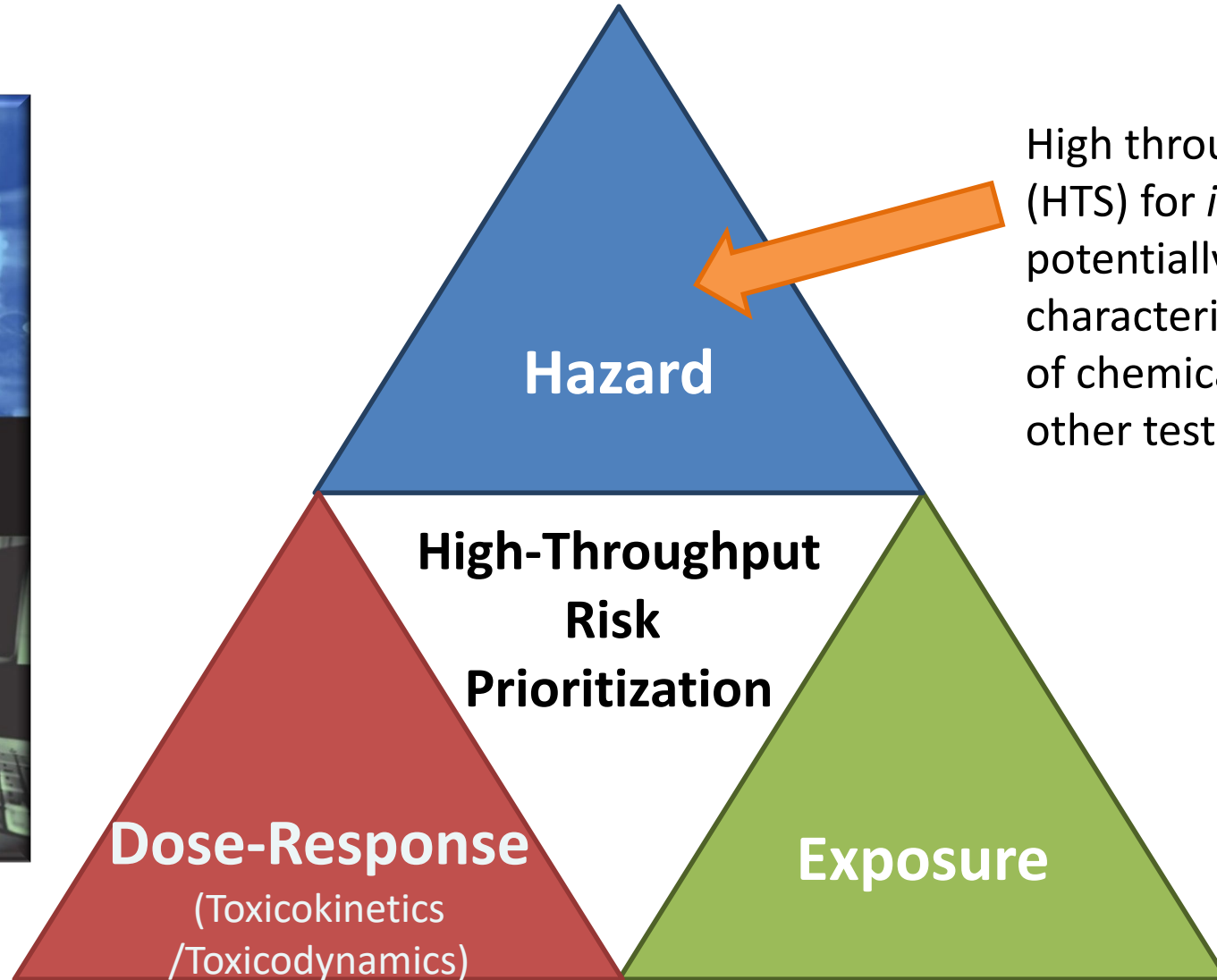
- The U.S. National Research Council (1983) identified chemical risk as a function of both inherent hazard and exposure
- To address thousands of chemicals, we need NAMs that can inform prioritization of chemicals most worthy of additional study
- High throughput risk prioritization needs:
  1. High throughput hazard characterization (Dix et al., 2007, Collins et al., 2008)
  2. High throughput exposure forecasts (Wambaugh et al., 2013, 2014)
  3. High throughput toxicokinetics (i.e., dose-response relationship) linking hazard and exposure (Wetmore et al., 2012, 2015)



# High-Throughput Risk Prioritization



NRC (2007)



High throughput screening (HTS) for *in vitro* bioactivity potentially allows characterization of thousands of chemicals for which no other testing has occurred

To perform high throughput risk prioritization, we need all three components

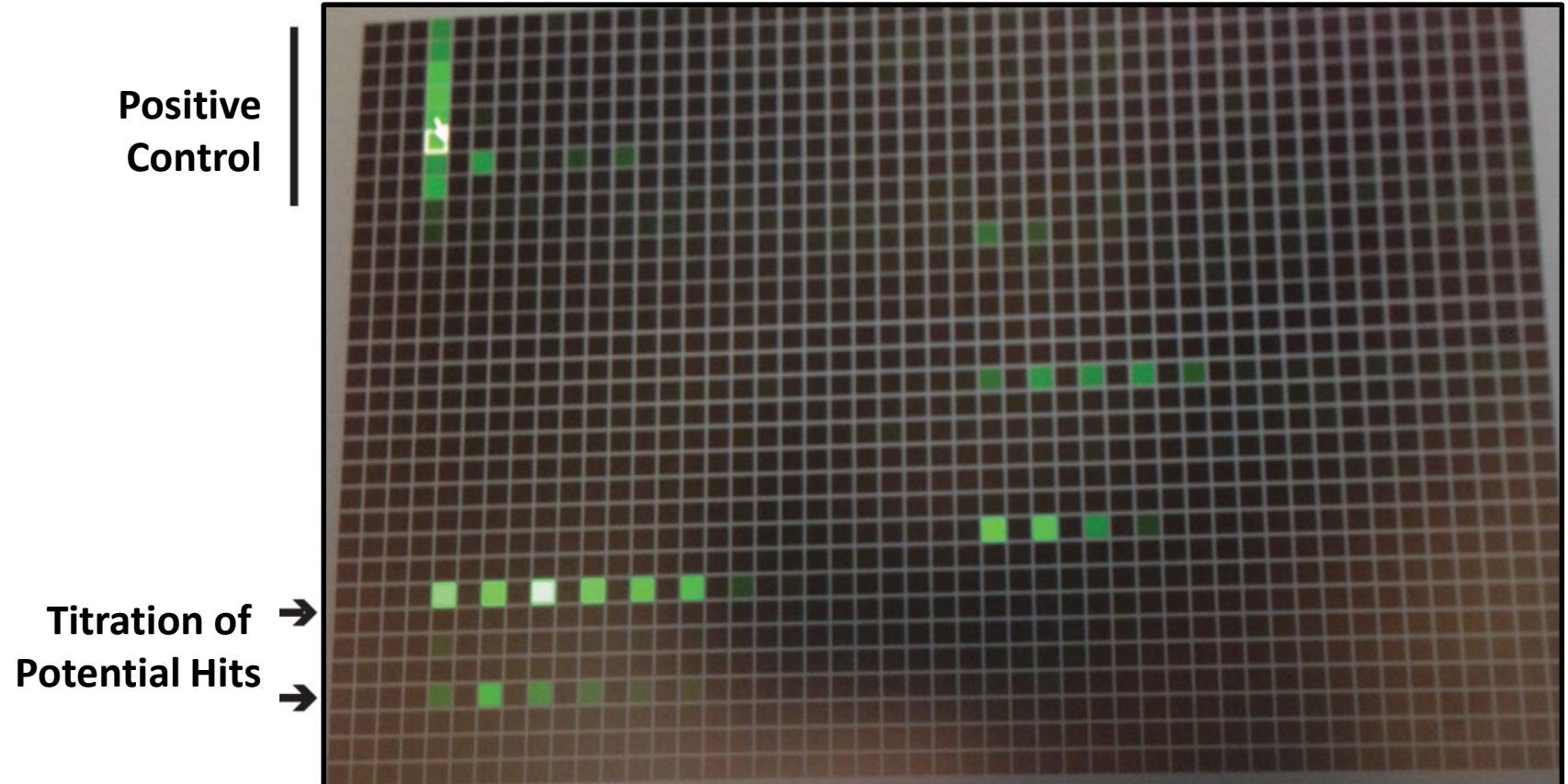


# High-throughput Screening

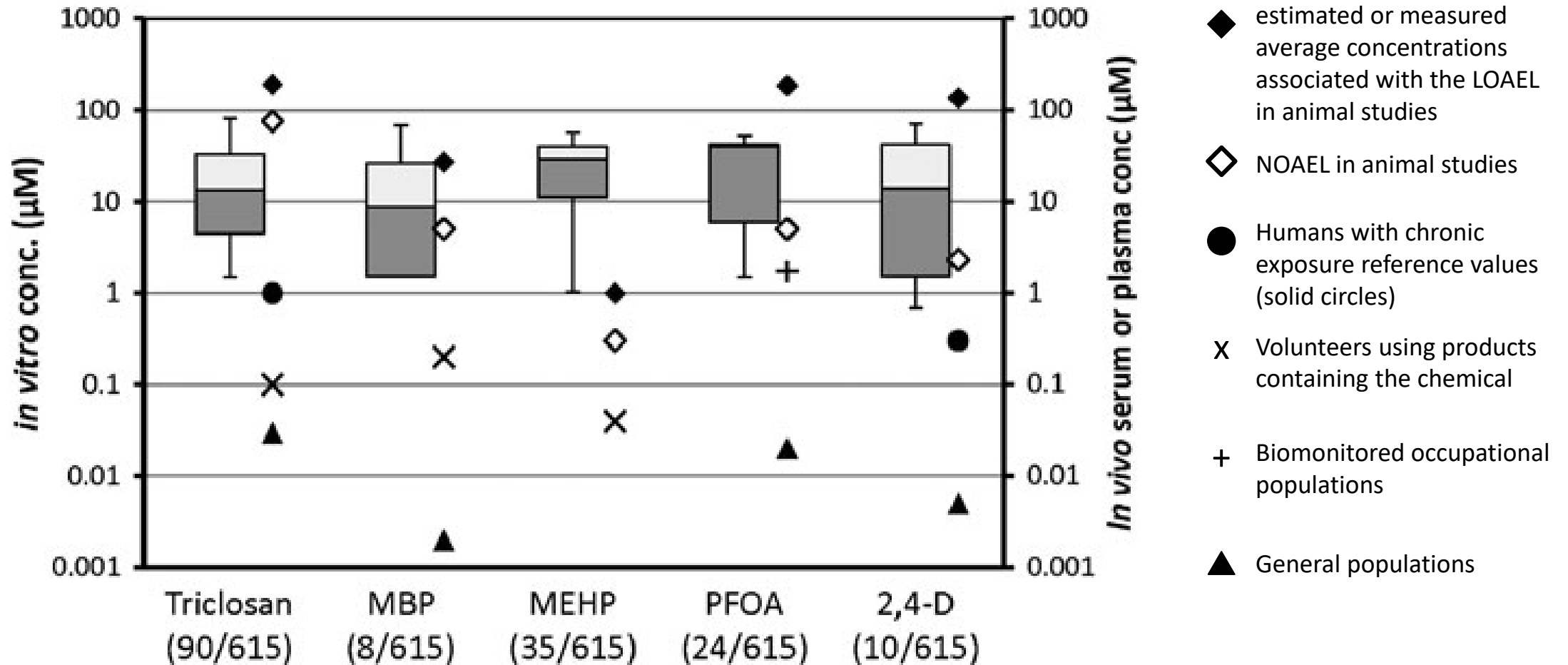
Hertzberg and Pope (2000):

- “New technologies in high-throughput screening have significantly increased throughput and reduced assay volumes...”
- “...new fluorescence methods, detection platforms and liquid-handling technologies.”
- Typically assess many chemicals with a signal readout (e.g., green fluorescent protein).

Kaewkhaw et al. (2016)



# The Margin Between Exposure and Hazard



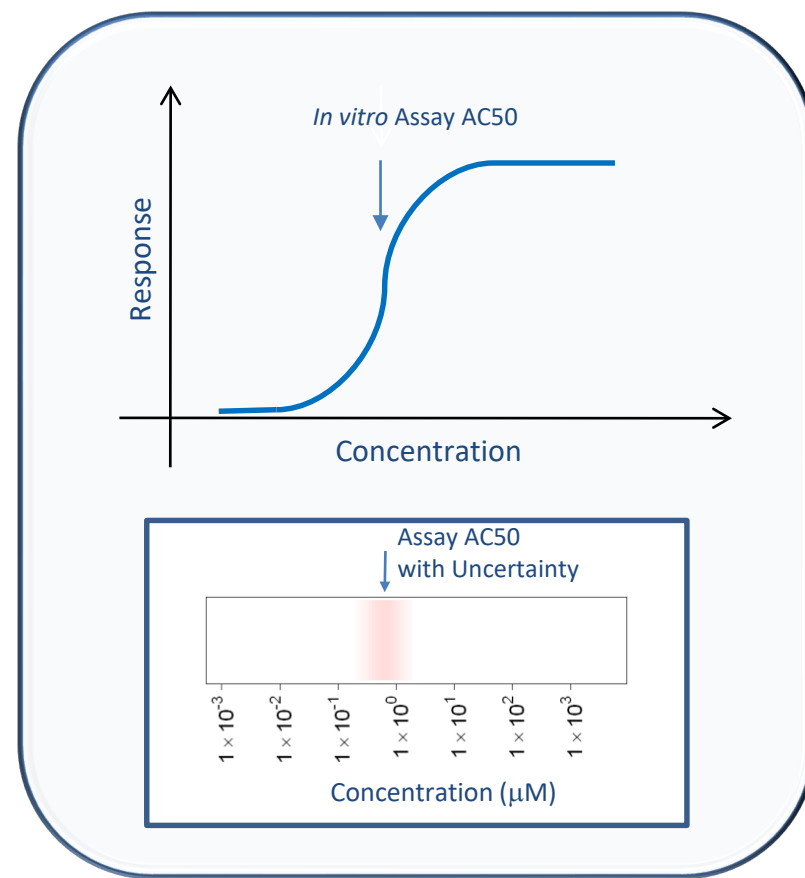
Aylward and Hays (2011)

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# High-Throughput Bioactivity Screening Projects

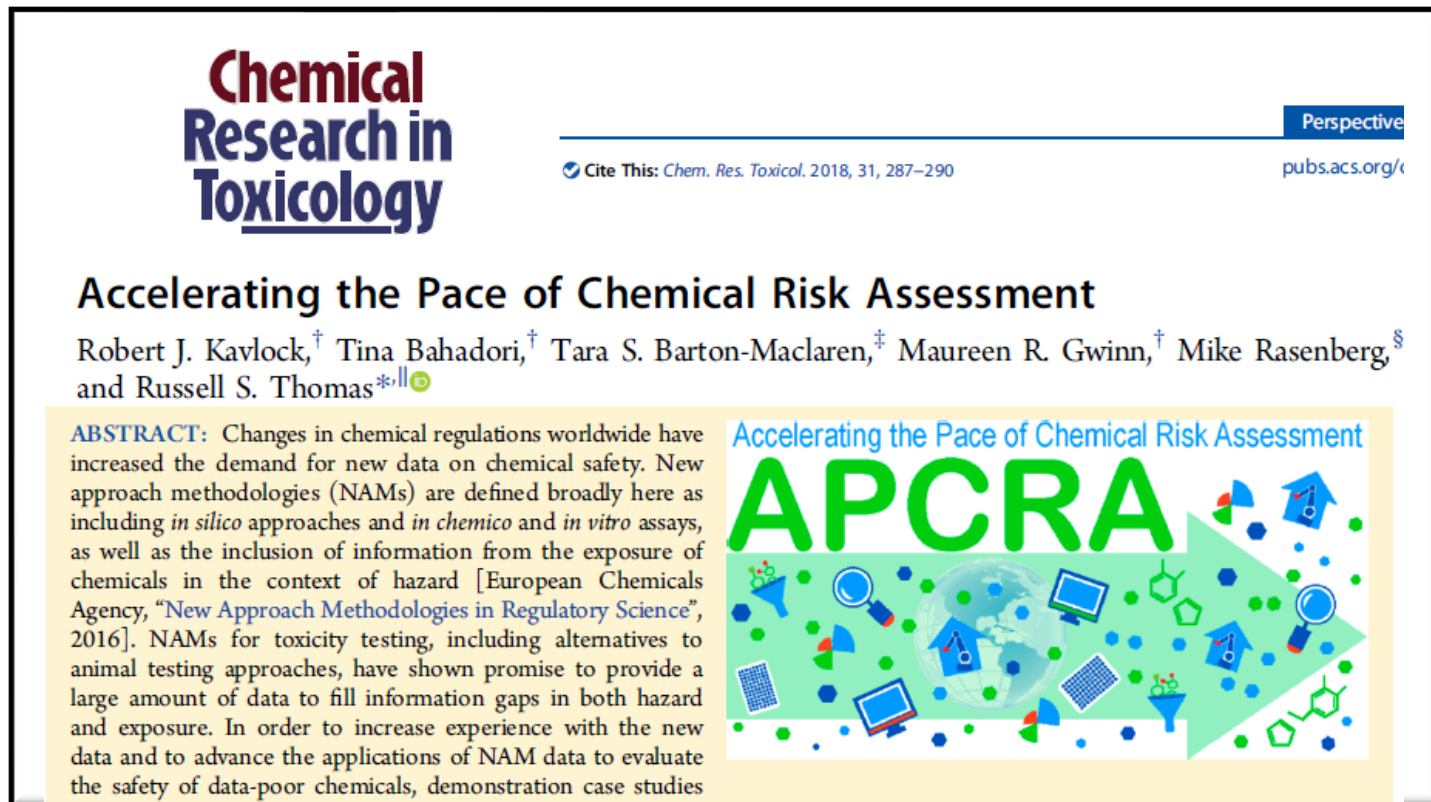


- We attempt to estimate points of departure *in vitro* using high throughput screening (HTS)
- **Tox21:** Examining >8,000 chemicals using ~50 assays intended to identify interactions with biological pathways (Schmidt, 2009)
- **ToxCast:** For a subset (>2000) of Tox21 chemicals ran >1100 additional assays (Kavlock *et al.*, 2012)
- Most assays conducted in dose-response format (identify 50% activity concentration –  $AC_{50}$  – and efficacy if data described by a Hill function, Filer *et al.*, 2016)
- All data are public: <http://comptox.epa.gov/dashboard/>



# New Approach Methodologies (NAMs)

- There are roughly 10,000 TSCA-relevant chemicals in commerce
- Considering the inclusion of new approach methodologies (NAMs). These NAMs include:
  - High throughput screening (ToxCast)
  - High throughput exposure estimates (ExpoCast)
  - High throughput toxicokinetics (HTTK)
- TSCA Proof of concept: Examine ~200 chemicals with ToxCast, ExpoCast and HTTK
  - HTTK was rate limiter on number of chemicals
  - *“A Proof-of-Concept Case Study Integrating Publicly Available Information to Screen Candidates for Chemical Prioritization under TSCA”*





# Replacing Animal Testing with NAMs

- “To aggressively pursue a reduction in animal testing, I am directing leadership and staff in the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention and the Office of Research and Development [ORD] to prioritize ... the reduction of animal testing while ensuring protection of human health and the environment.”
- “These new approach methods (NAMs), include any technologies, methodologies, approaches or combinations thereof that can be used to provide information on chemical hazard and potential human exposure that can avoid or significantly reduce the use of testing on animals”
  - NAMs for filling information gaps for decision-making
  - integrating data streams into chemical risk assessment
  - making the information publicly available



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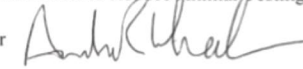
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THE ADMINISTRATOR

MEMORANDUM

**SUBJECT:** Directive to Prioritize Efforts to Reduce Animal Testing

**FROM:** Andrew R. Wheeler  
Administrator



**TO:** Associate Deputy Administrator  
General Counsel  
Assistant Administrators  
Inspector General  
Chief Financial Officer  
Chief of Staff  
Associate Administrators  
Regional Administrators

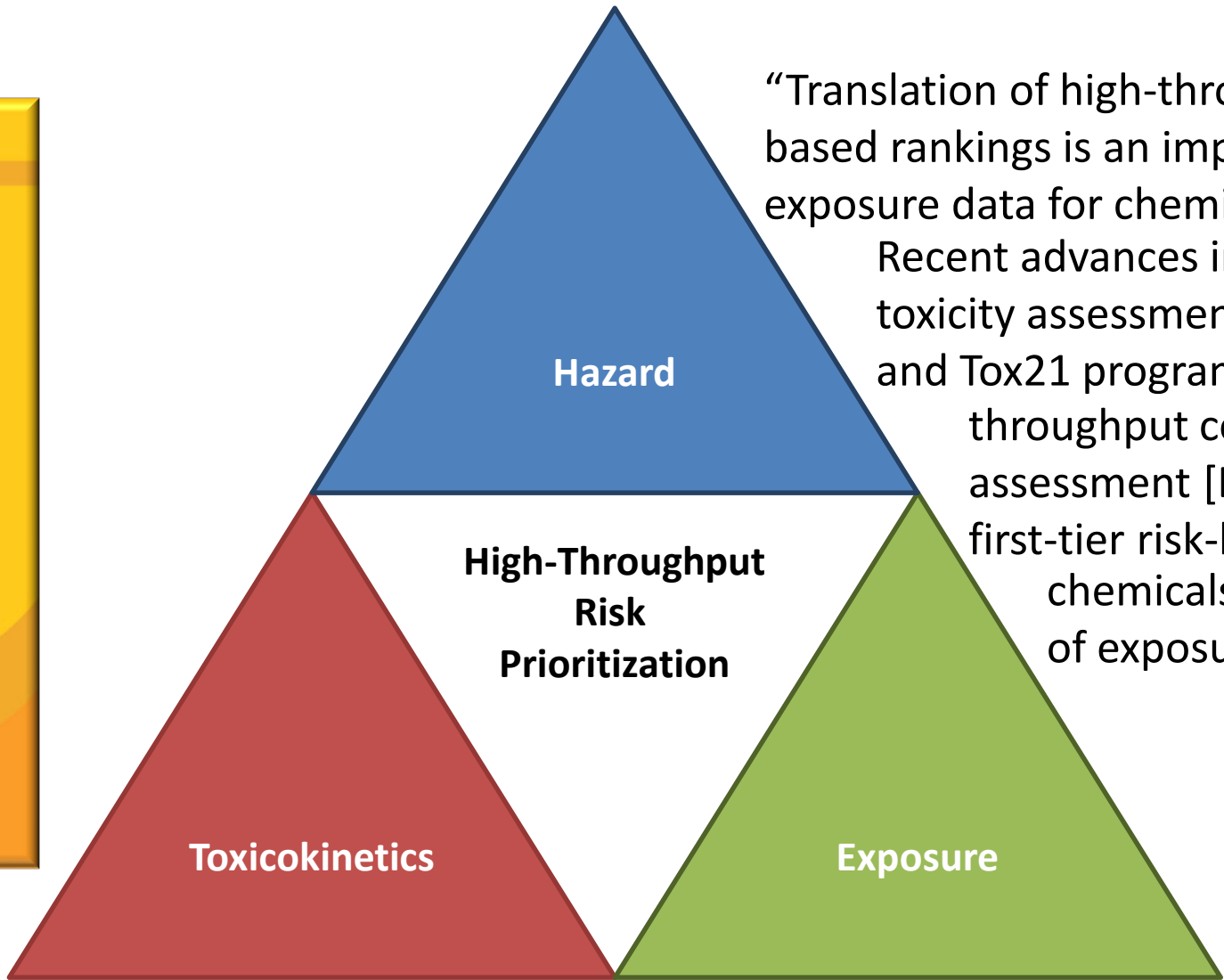
During my March 2019 all-hands address, I reiterated the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's commitment to move away from animal testing. We are already making significant efforts to reduce, replace and refine our animal testing requirements under both statutory and strategic directives. For example, the *Toxic Substances Control Act*, amended June 22, 2016, by the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act, requires the EPA to reduce reliance on animal testing. Also, Objective 3.3 of the *FY 2018-2022 U.S. EPA Strategic Plan* outlines a commitment to further reduce the reliance on animal testing within five years. More than 200,000 laboratory animals have been saved in recent years as a result of these collective efforts.

Scientific advancements exist today that allow us to better predict potential hazards for risk assessment purposes without the use of traditional methods that rely on animal testing. These new approach methods (NAMs), include any technologies, methodologies, approaches or combinations thereof that can be used to provide information on chemical hazard and potential human exposure that can avoid or significantly reduce the use of testing on animals. The benefits of NAMs are extensive, not only allowing us to decrease animals used while potentially evaluating more chemicals across a broader range of potential biological effects, but in a shorter timeframe with fewer resources while often achieving equal or greater biological predictivity than current animal models.

# We Still Need Toxicokinetics and Exposure



NASEM (2017)



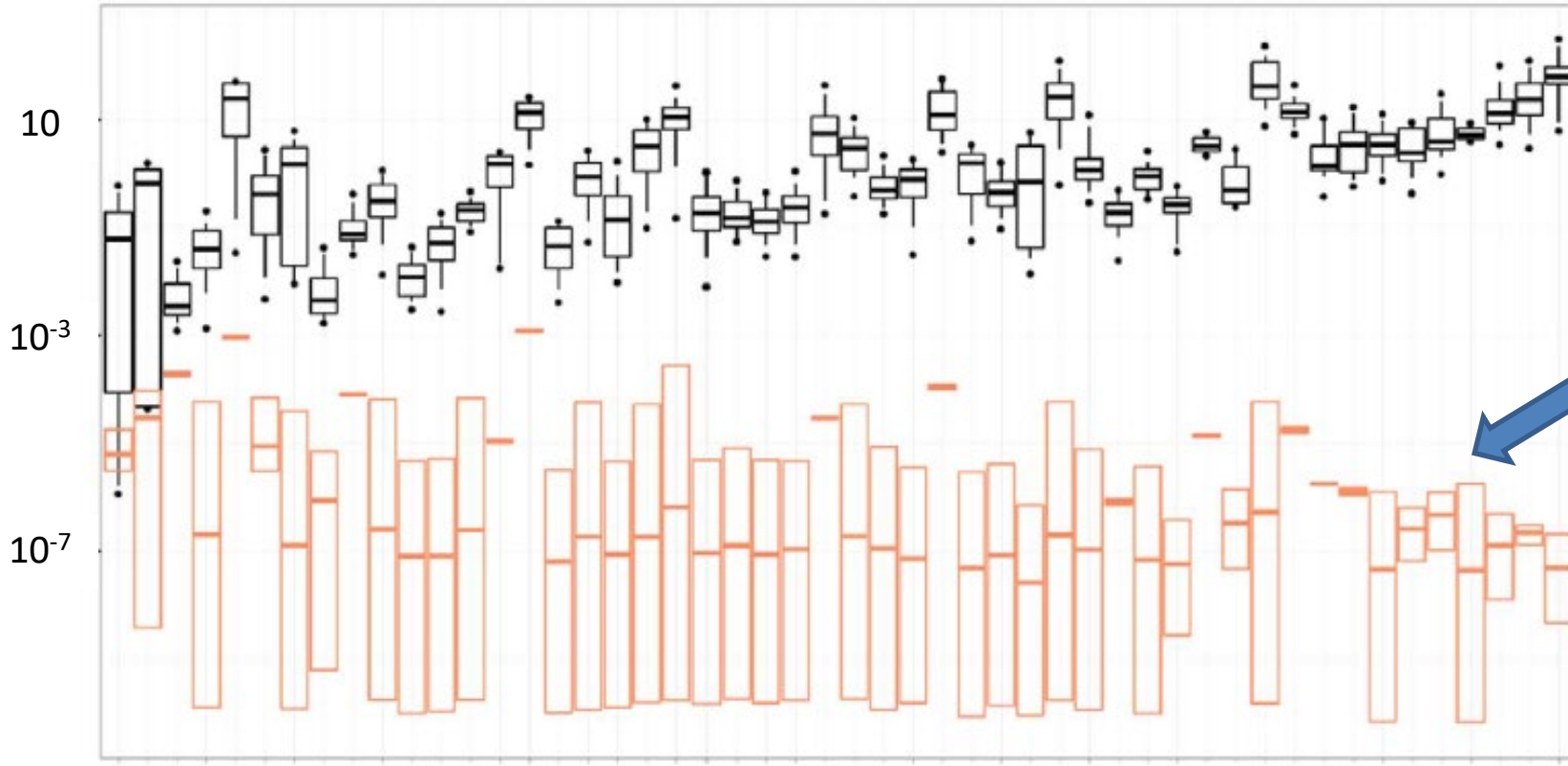
“Translation of high-throughput data into risk-based rankings is an important application of exposure data for chemical priority-setting. Recent advances in high-throughput toxicity assessment, notably the ToxCast and Tox21 programs... and in high-throughput computational exposure assessment [ExpoCast] have enabled first-tier risk-based rankings of chemicals on the basis of margins of exposure” - National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM)

# Chemical Prioritization NAMs

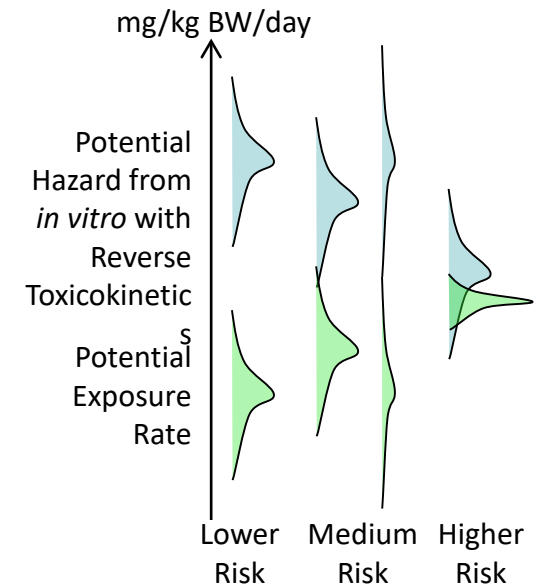
High throughput *in vitro* screening can estimate doses needed to cause bioactivity (e.g., Wetmore et al., 2015)

Exposure intake rates can be inferred from biomarkers (e.g., Ring et al., 2018)

Estimated Equivalent Dose or Predicted Exposure  
(mg/kg BW/day)



Chemicals Monitored by CDC NHANES

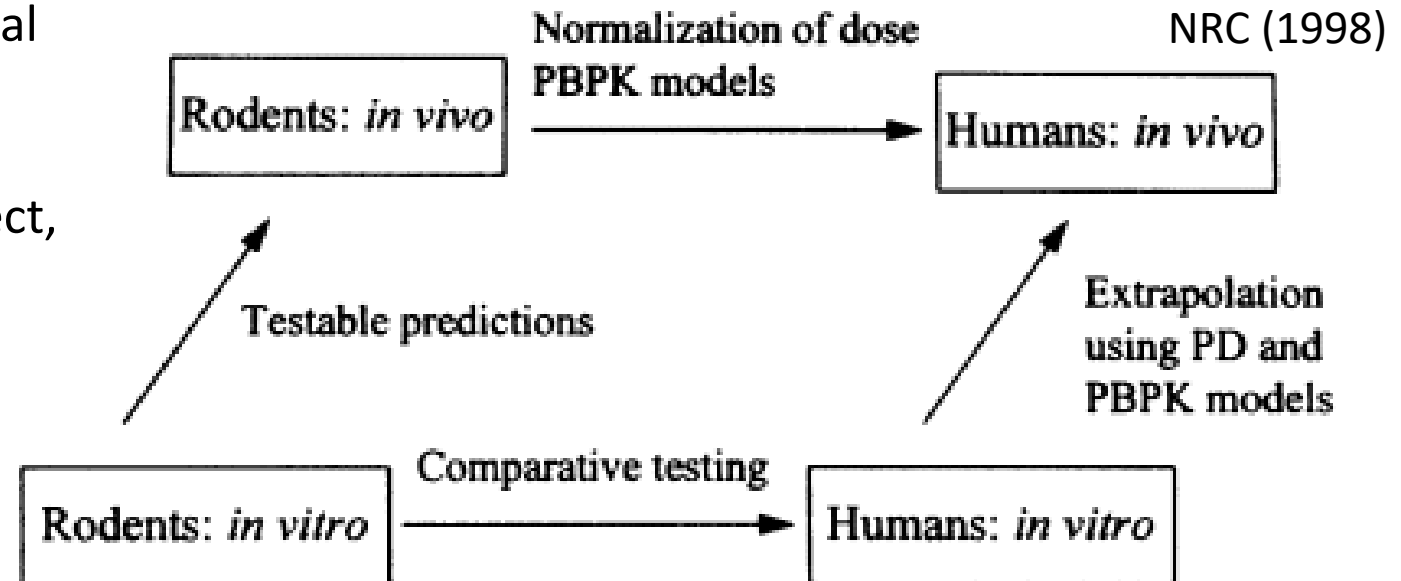


Ring et al. (2017)

# *In Vitro* - *In Vivo* Extrapolation (IVIVE)

IVIVE is the use of *in vitro* experimental data to predict phenomena *in vivo*

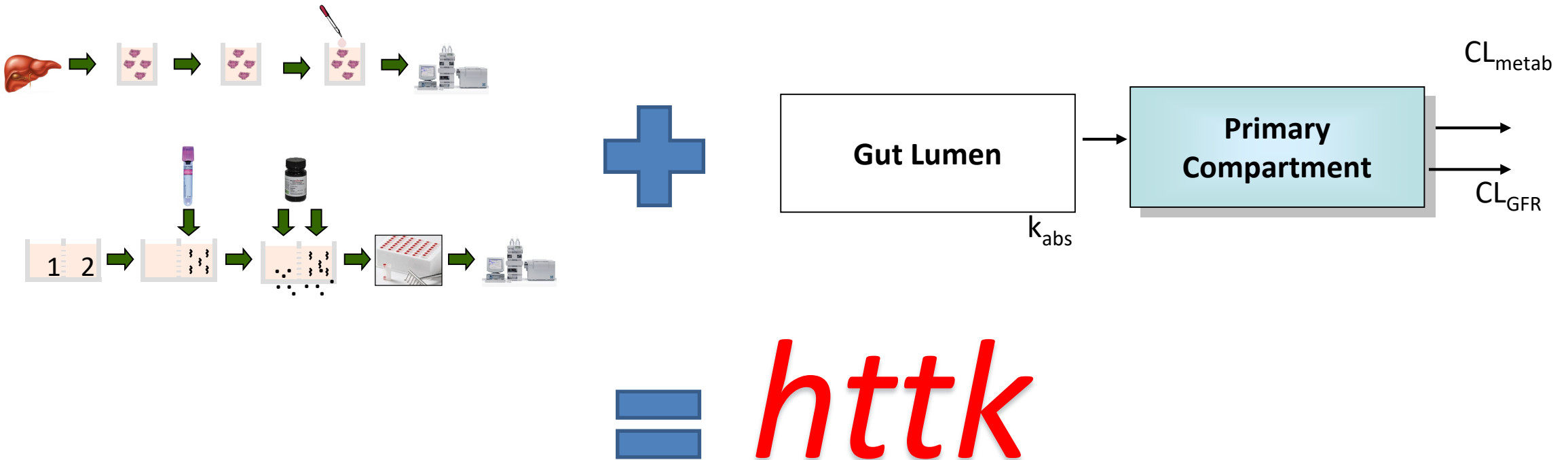
- IVIVE-PK/TK (**Pharmacokinetics/Toxicokinetics**):
  - Fate of molecules/chemicals in body
  - Considers absorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion (ADME)
  - Uses empirical PK and physiologically-based (PBPK) modeling
- IVIVE-PD/TD (**Pharmacodynamics/Toxicodynamics**):
  - Effect of molecules/chemicals at biological target *in vivo*
  - Assay design/selection important
  - Perturbation as adverse/therapeutic effect, reversible/ irreversible effects
- Both contribute to *in vivo* effect prediction





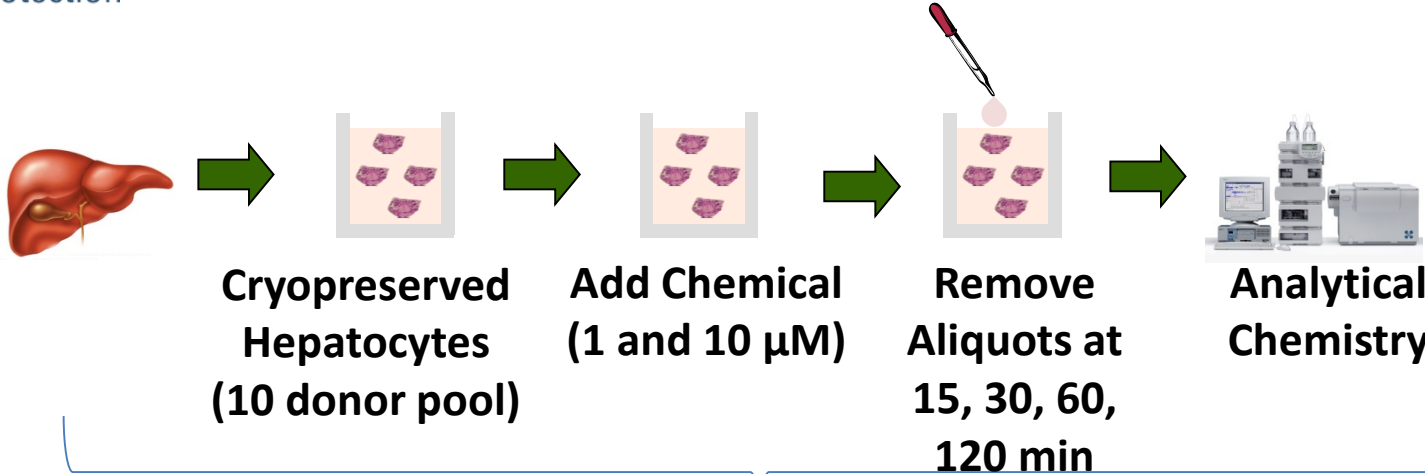
# High Throughput Toxicokinetics (HTTK)

***In vitro* toxicokinetic data + generic toxicokinetic model  
= high(er) throughput toxicokinetics**

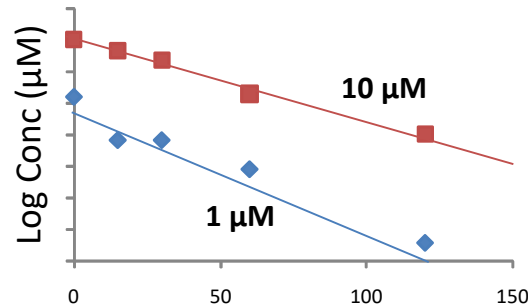


# *In Vitro* Data for H<sub>1</sub>TK

Cryopreserved  
hepatocyte  
suspension  
Shibata *et al.*  
(2002)



The rate of disappearance of parent compound (slope of line) is the **hepatic clearance** ( $\mu$ L/min/ $10^6$  hepatocytes)

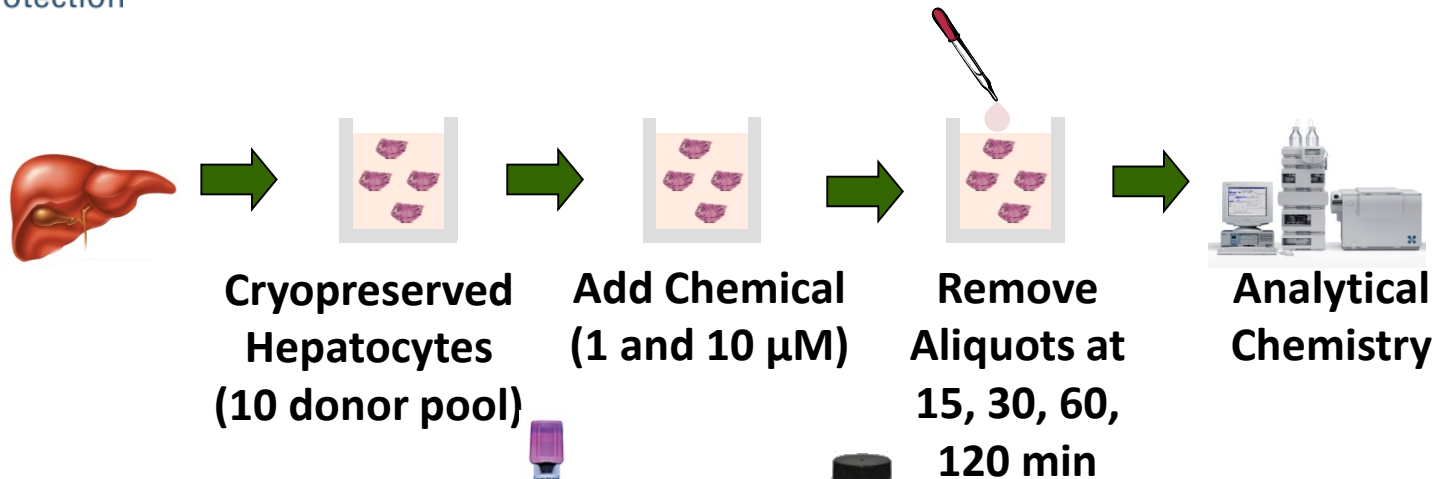


We perform the assay at 1 and 10  $\mu$ M to check for saturation of metabolizing enzymes.

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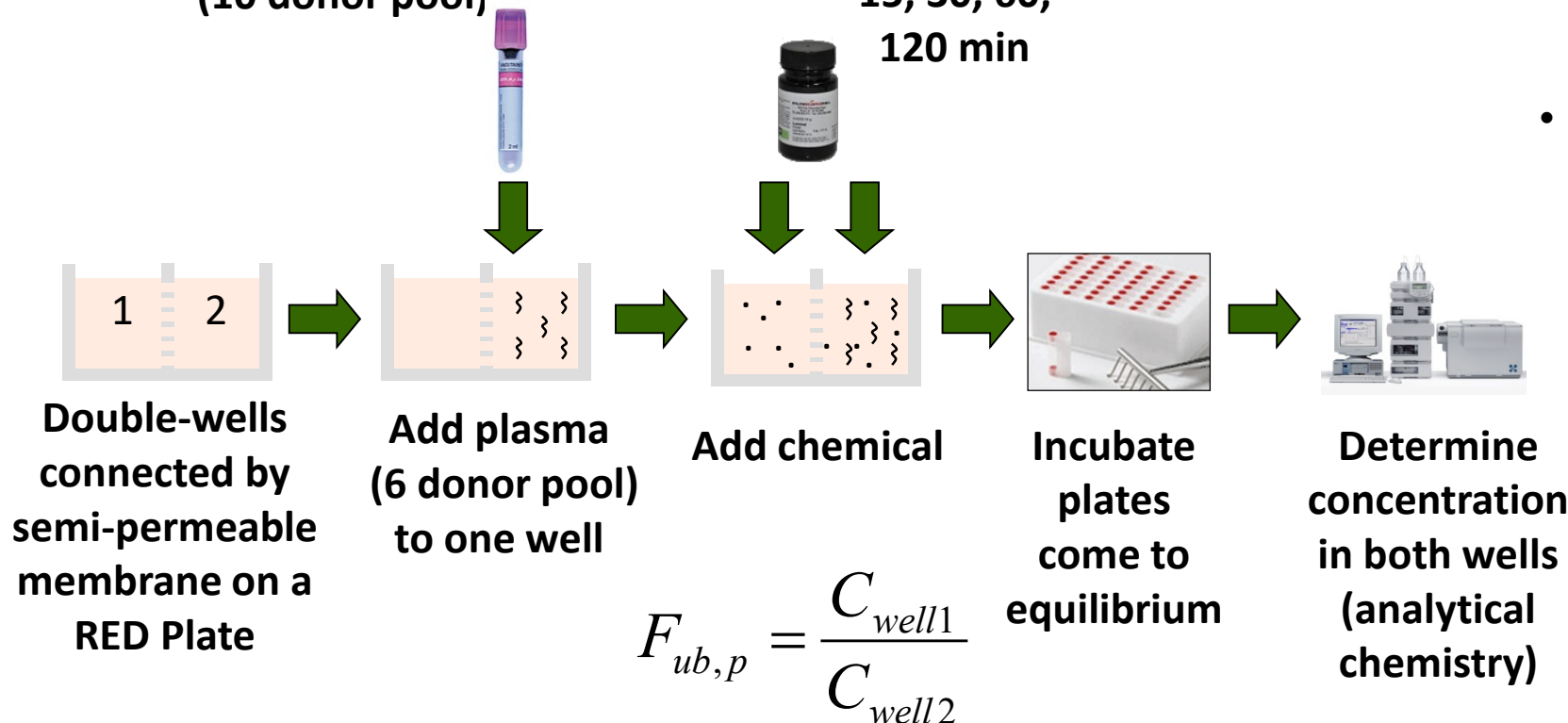
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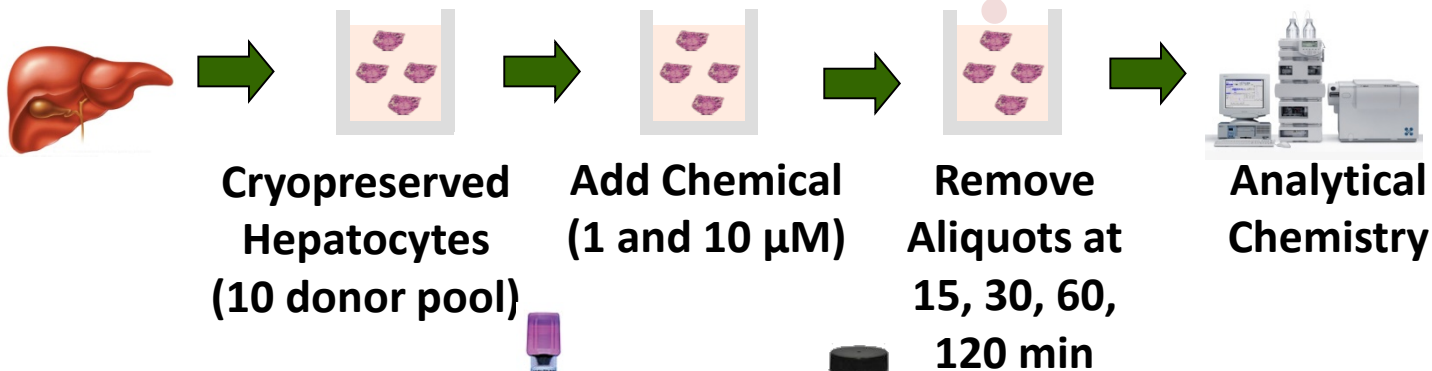
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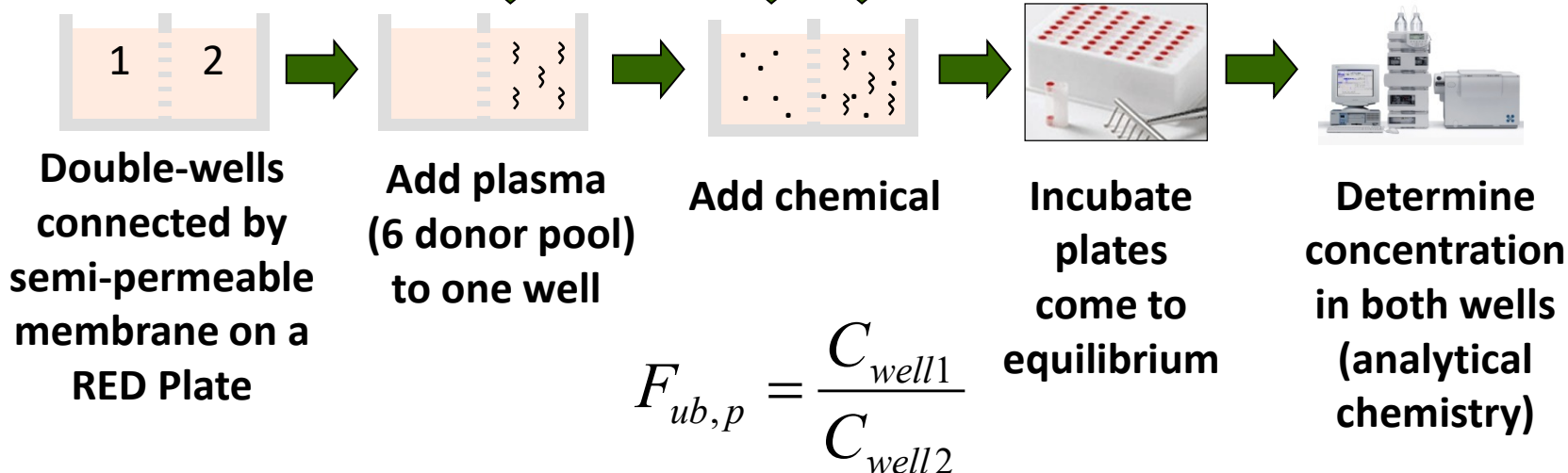
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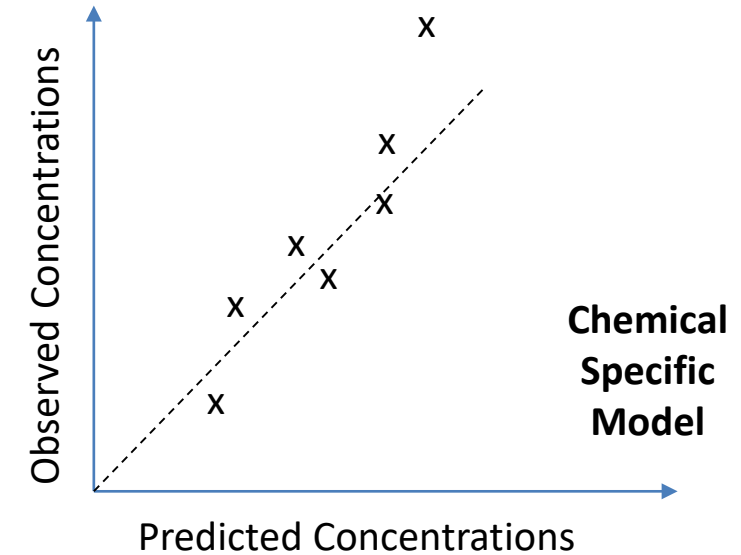


- Environmental chemicals:  
 Retroff *et al.* (2010) **35** chemicals  
 Wetmore *et al.* (2012) **+204** chemicals  
 Wetmore *et al.* (2015) **+163** chemicals  
 Wambaugh *et al.* (2019) **+389** chemicals



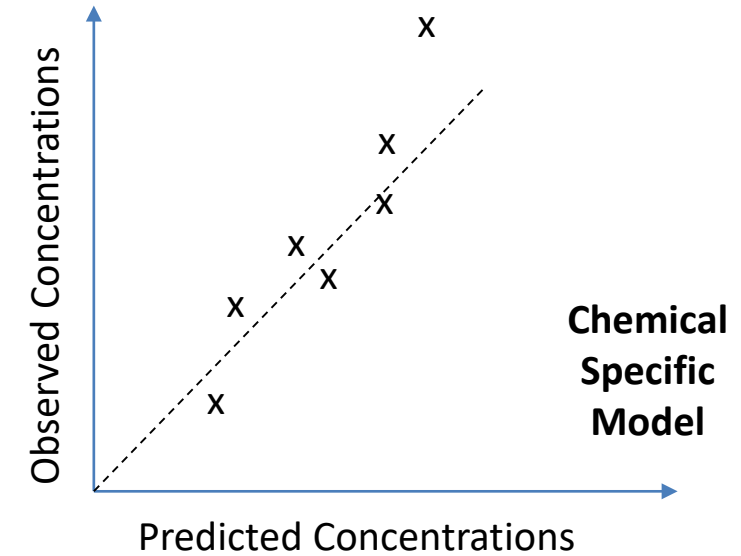
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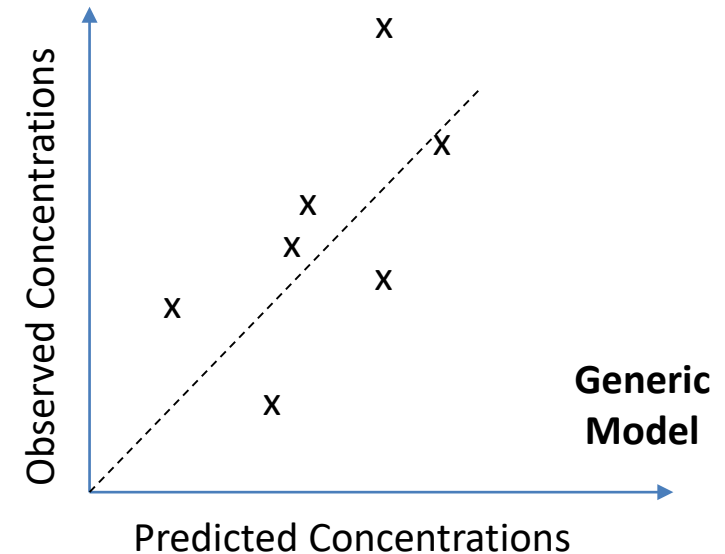
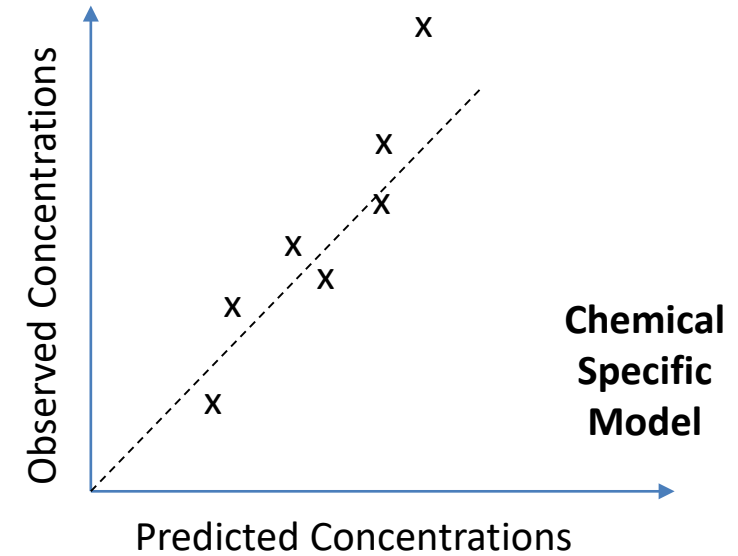
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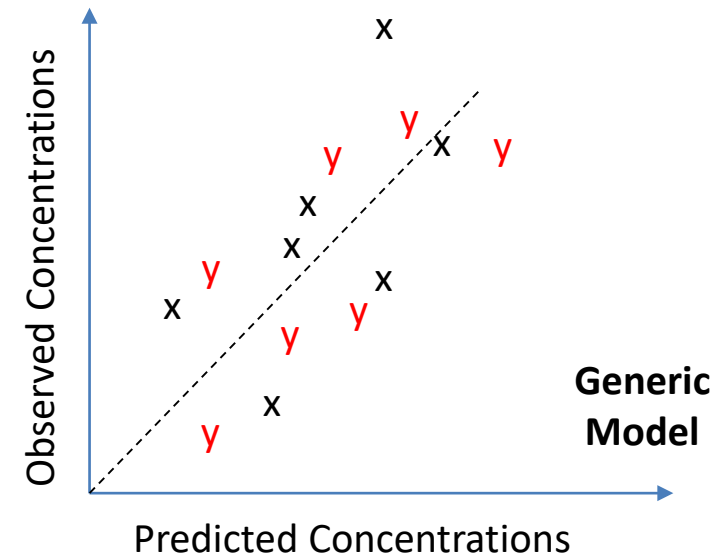
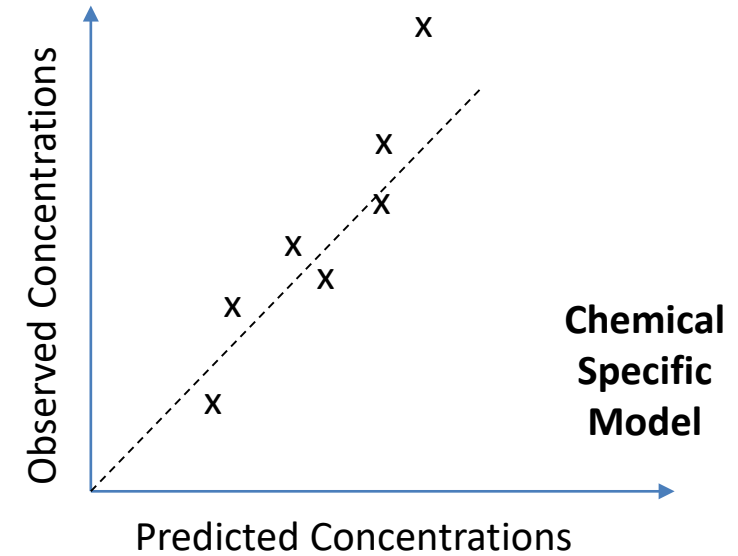
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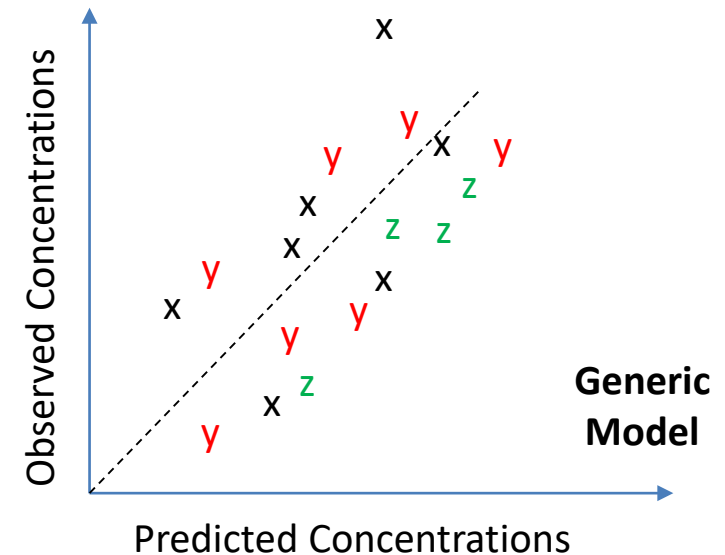
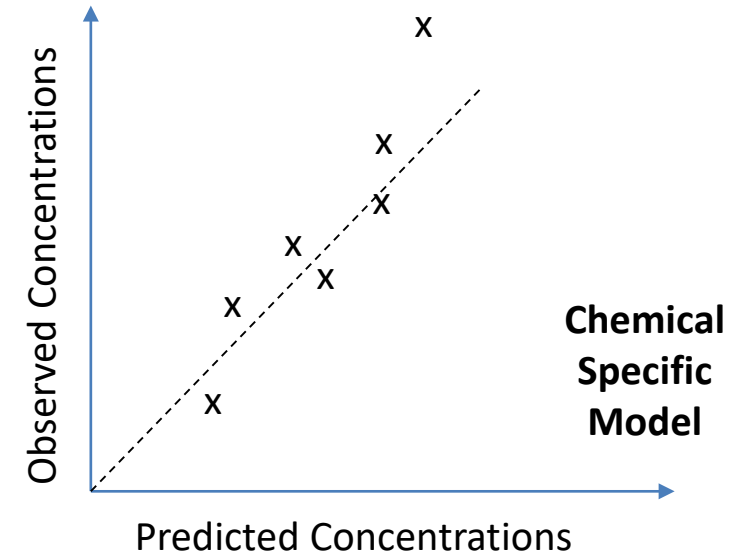
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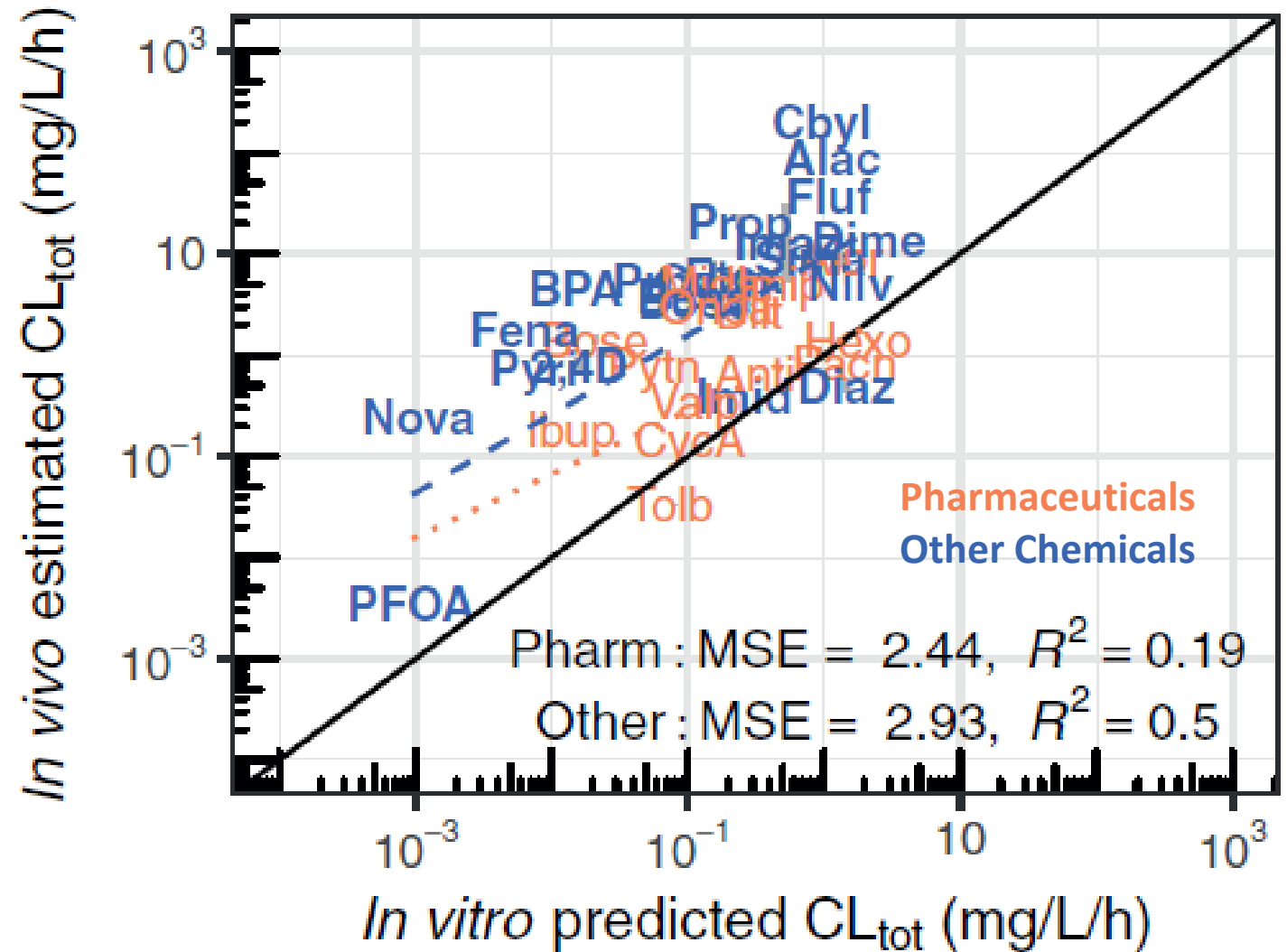
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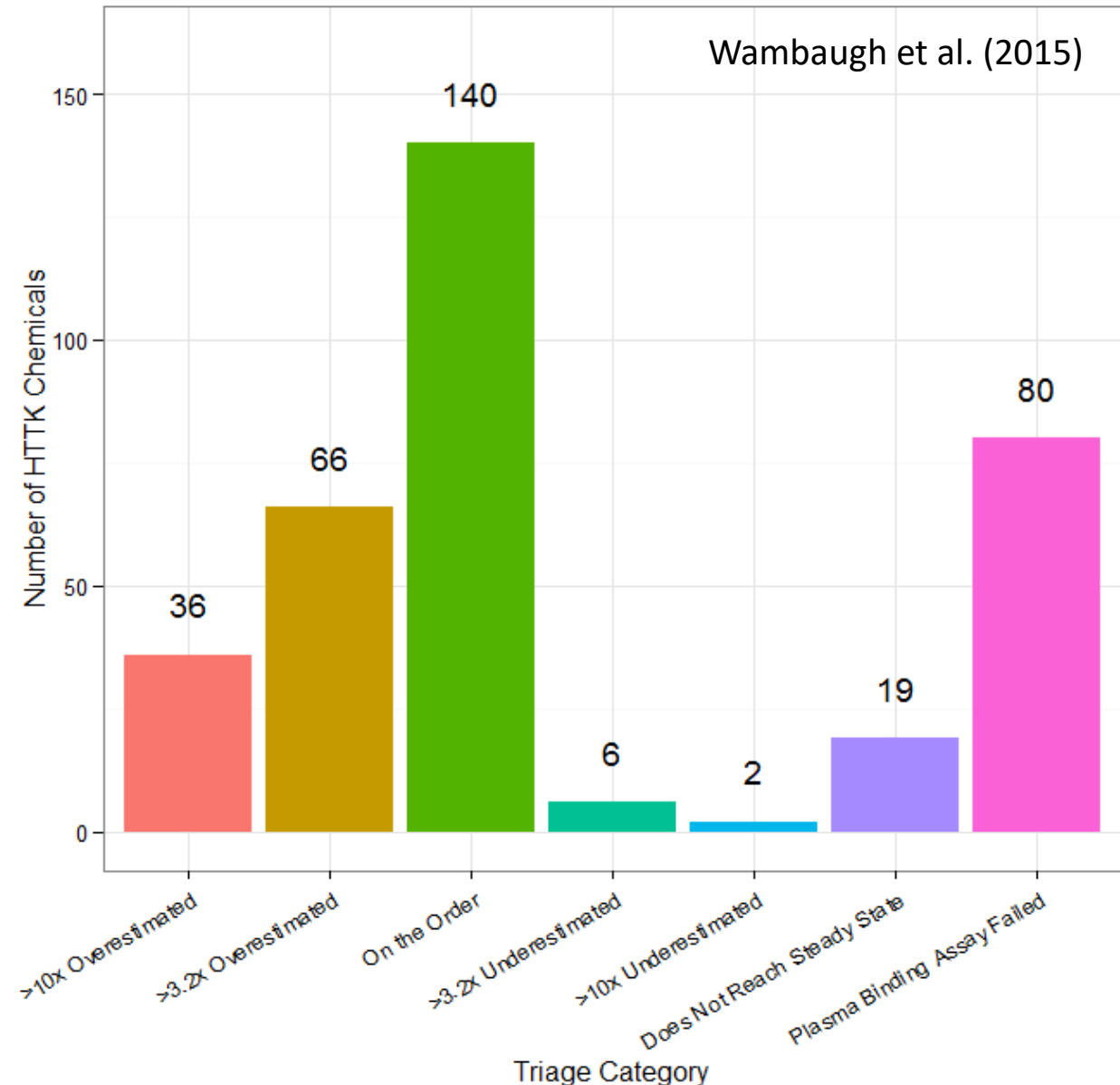
- We estimate clearance from two processes – hepatic metabolism (liver) and passive glomerular filtration (kidney)
- This appears to work better for pharmaceuticals than other chemicals:
  - ToxCast chemicals are overestimated
- Non-pharmaceuticals may be subject to extrahepatic metabolism and/or active transport

## Evaluation Example



# Toxicokinetic Triage: When Does TK IVIVE

- Through comparison to *in vivo* data, a cross-validated (random forest) predictor of success or failure of HTTK has been constructed
- All chemicals can be placed into one of seven confidence categories
  - Added categories for chemicals that do not reach steady-state or for which plasma binding assay fails
- Plurality of chemicals end up in the “on the order” bin (within a factor of 3.2x) which is consistent with Wang (2010)



# Uncertainty

Different crayons  
have different  
colors...

Until I open the  
box, I don't know  
what colors I  
have...

...especially if my  
six-year-old has  
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*Predict* physiological  
quantities

Tissue masses  
Tissue blood flows  
GFR (kidney function)  
Hepatocellularity

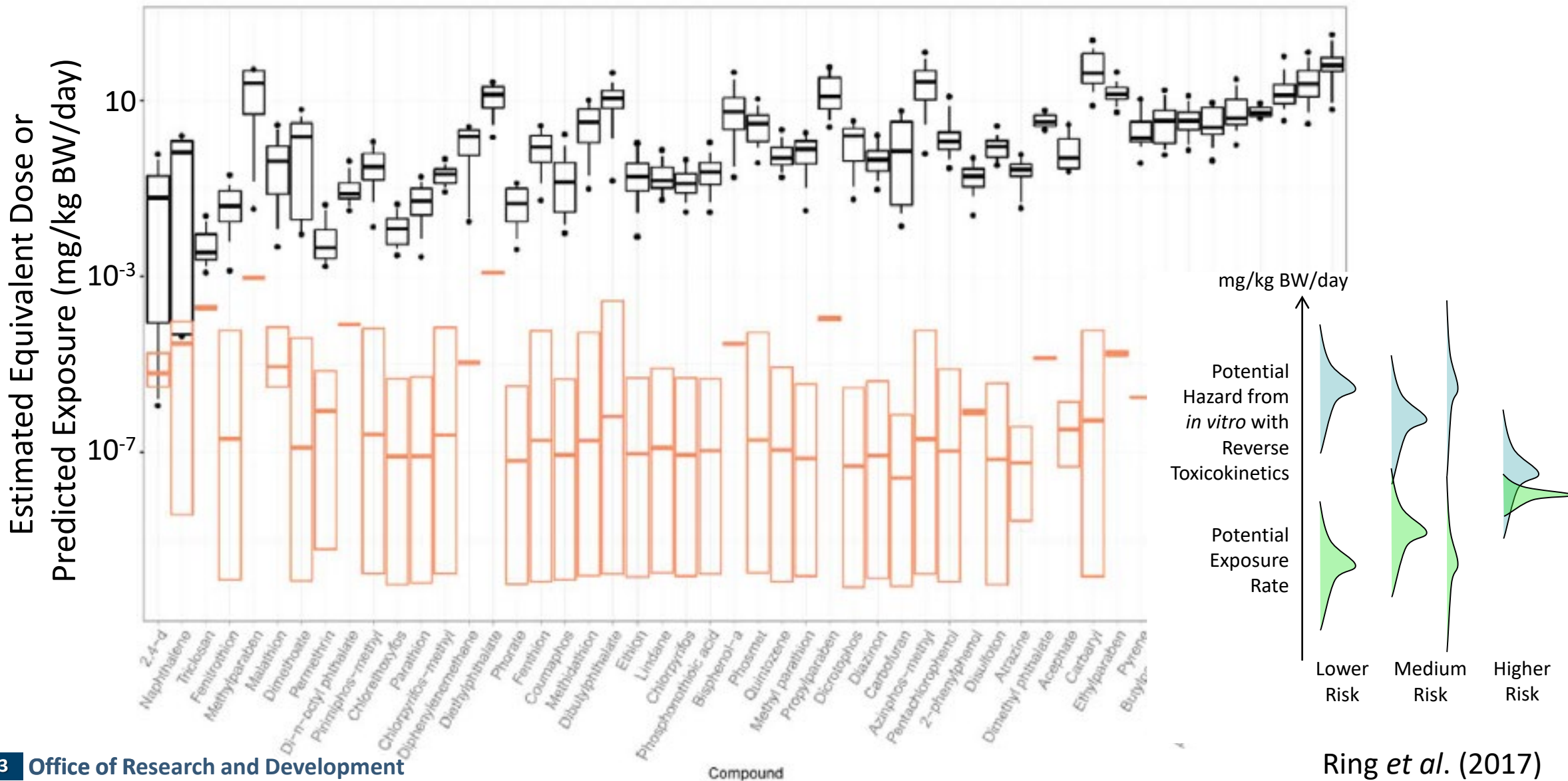
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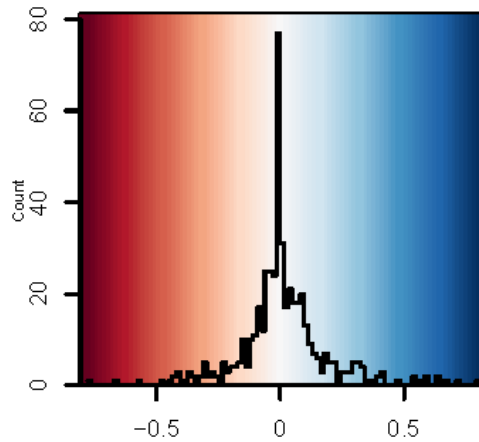
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# Risk-Based Ranking for Total NHANES Population

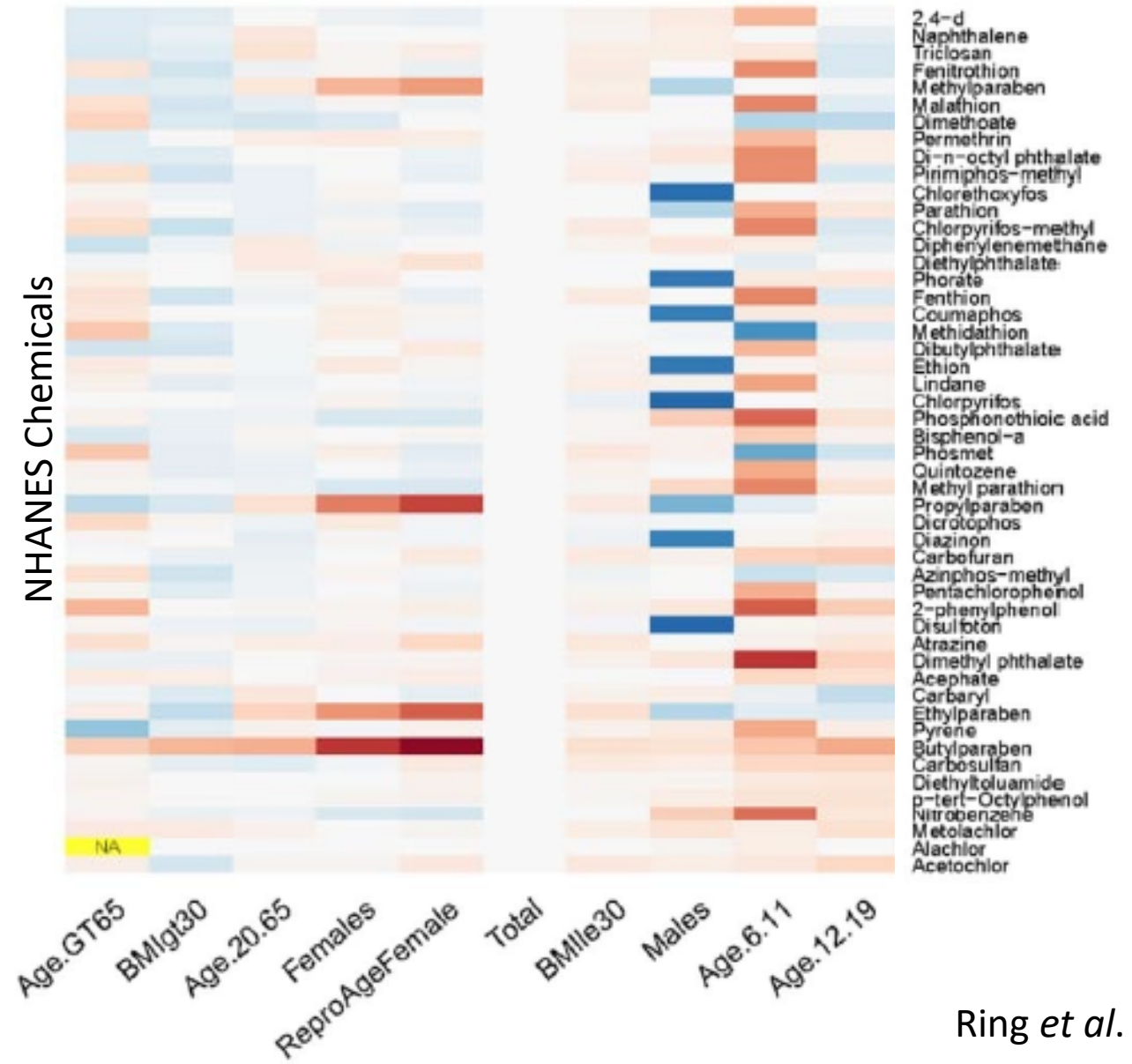


# Life-stage and Demographic Variation in Exposure

- Wambaugh *et al.* (2014) made steady-state inferences of exposure rate (mg/kg/day) from NHANES data for various demographic groups



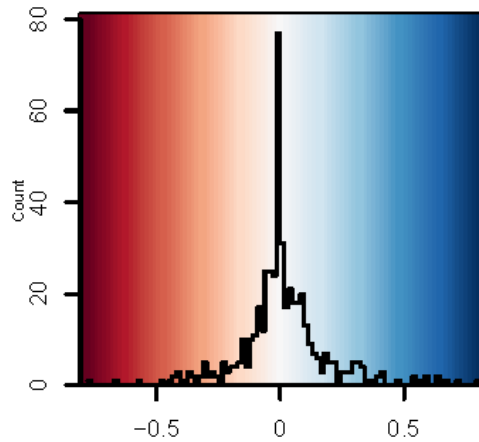
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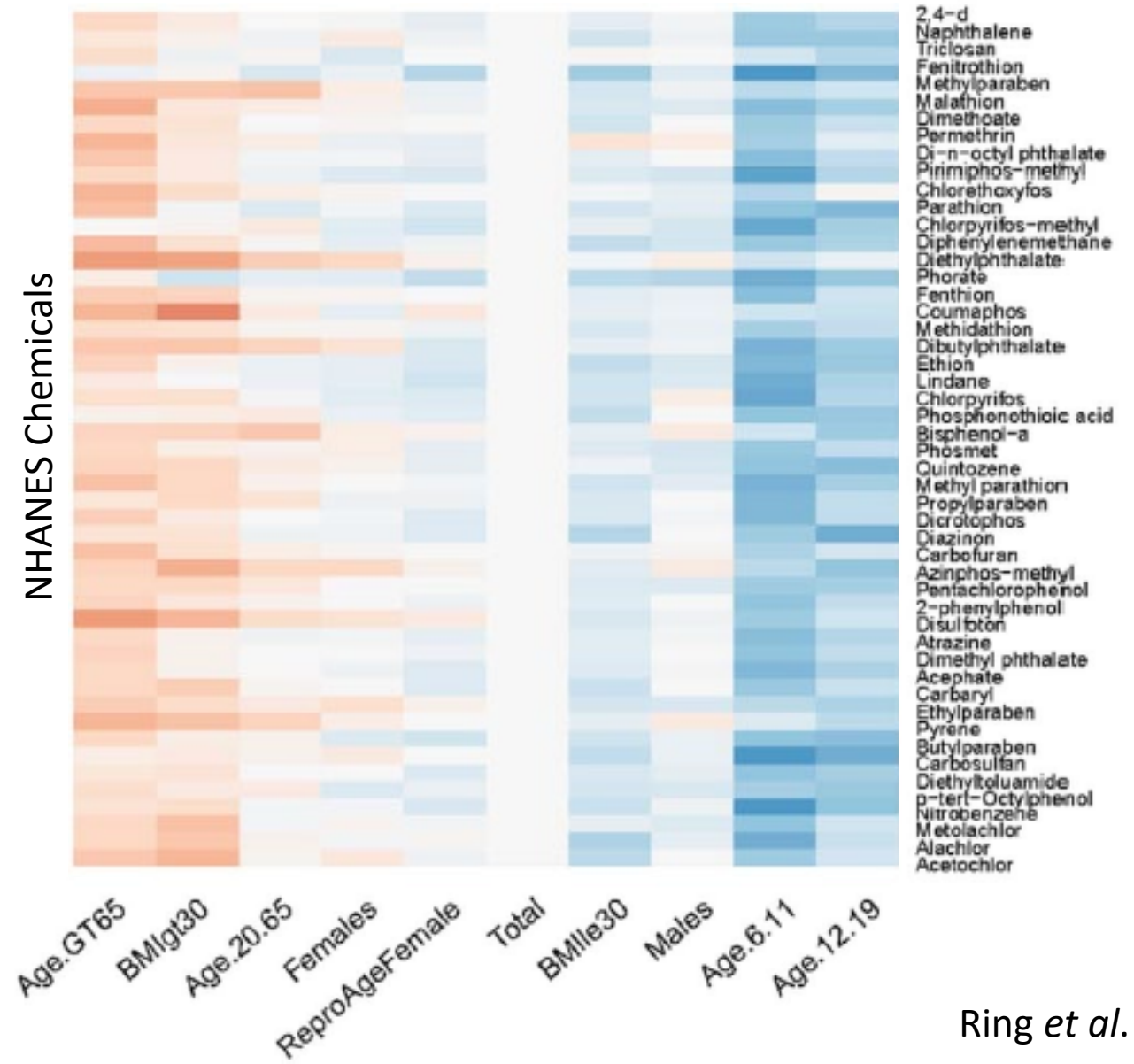


# Life-stage and Demographic Variation in TK

- Ring *et al.* (2017) made demographic-specific predictions of change in plasma concentrations for a 1 mg/kg bw/day exposure

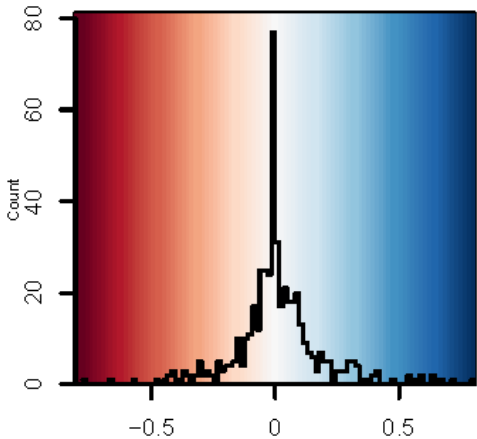


Change in Toxicokinetics  
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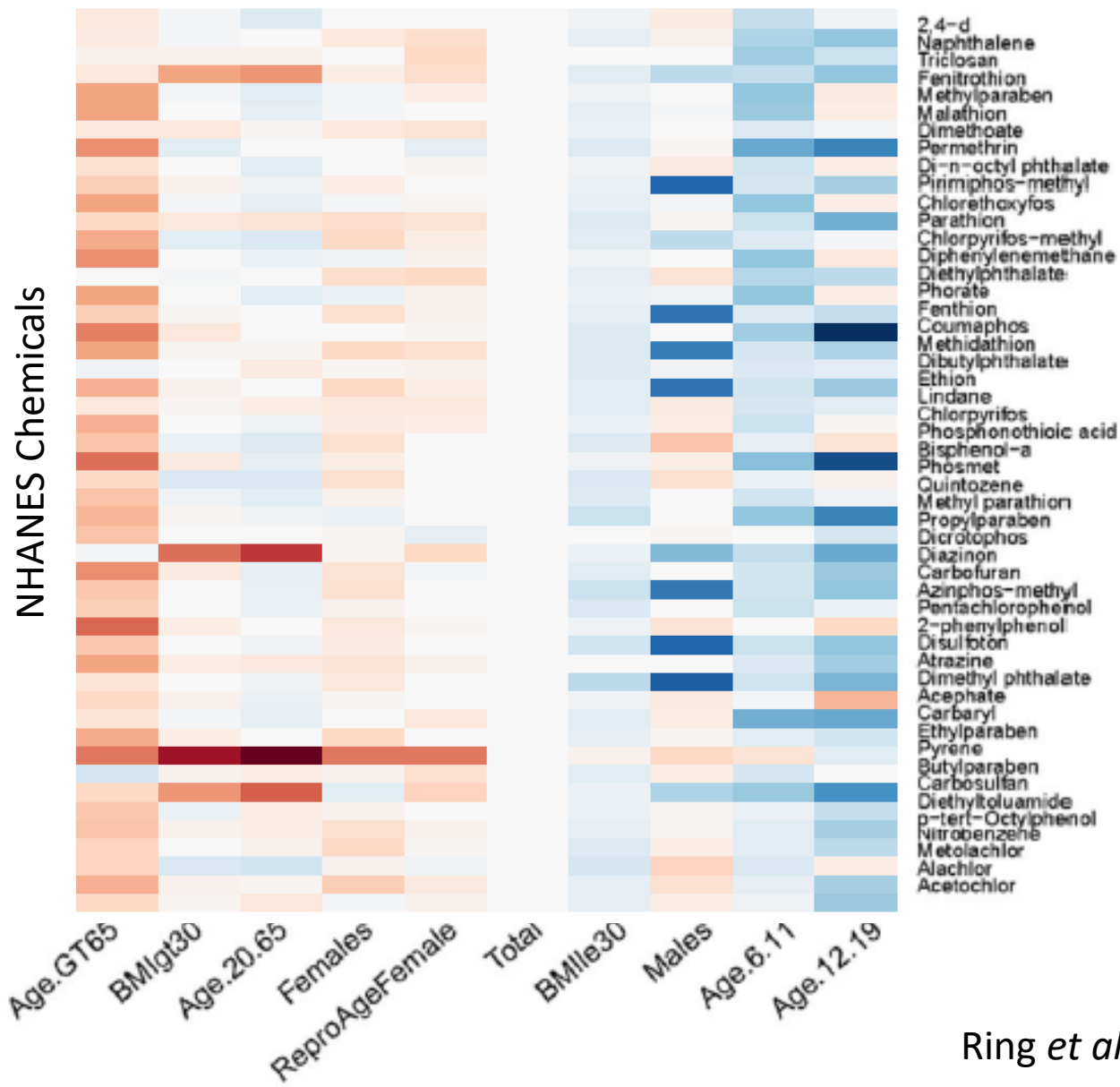
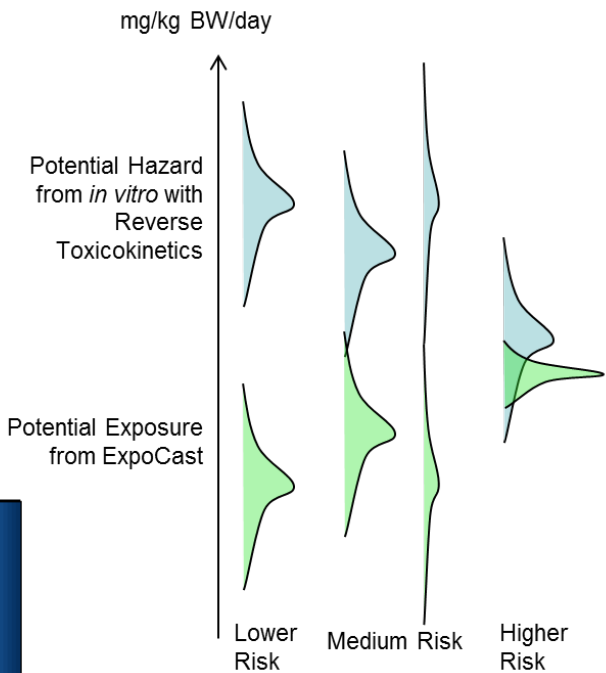


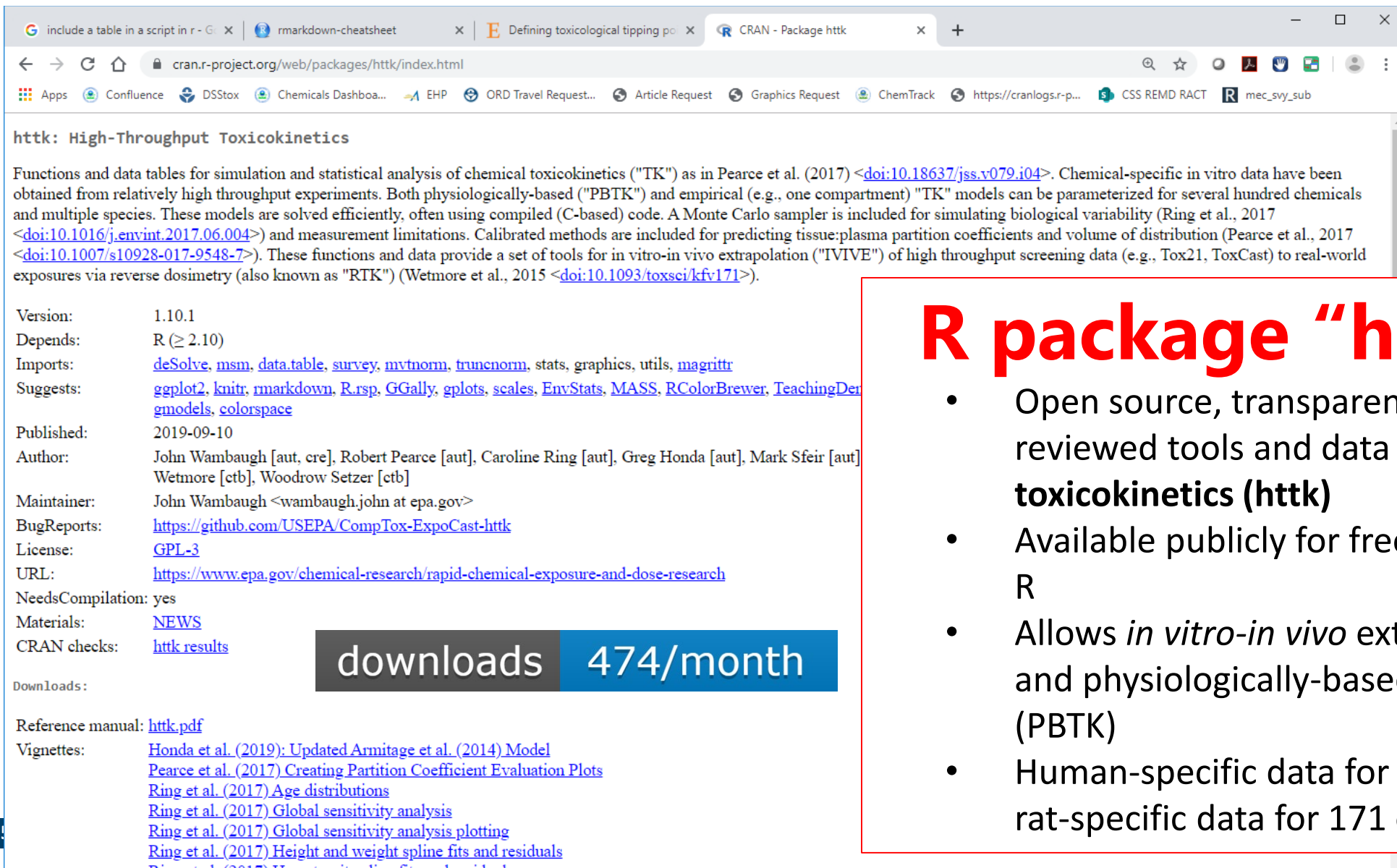
# Life-stage and Demographic Variation in Risk Priority

- Can calculate margin between bioactivity and exposure for specific populations



Change in Risk Relative to  
Total Population





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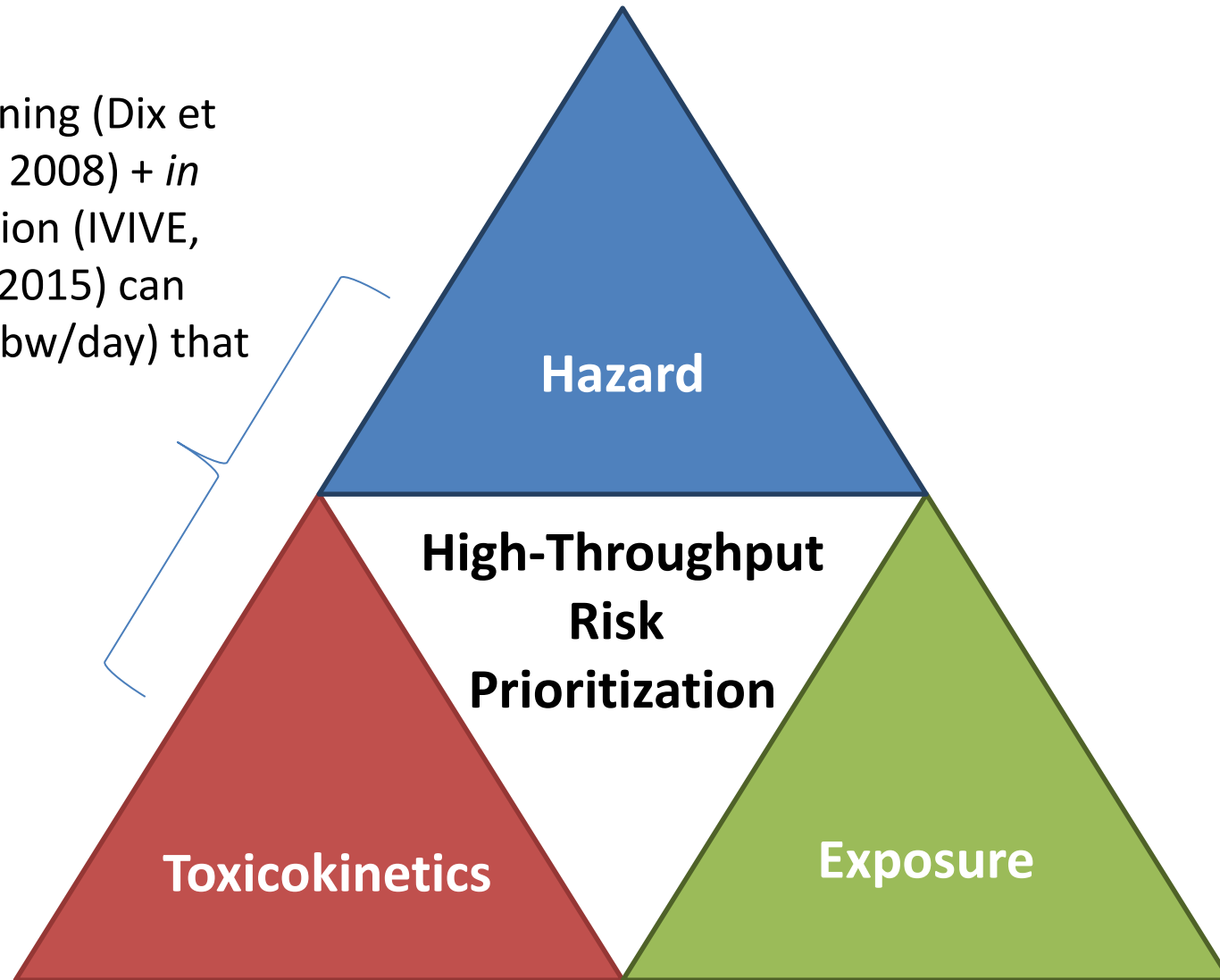
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## R package "httk"

- Open source, transparent, and peer-reviewed tools and data for **high throughput toxicokinetics (httk)**
- Available publicly for free statistical software R
- Allows *in vitro-in vivo* extrapolation (IVIVE) and physiologically-based toxicokinetics (PBTK)
- Human-specific data for 944 chemicals and rat-specific data for 171 chemicals

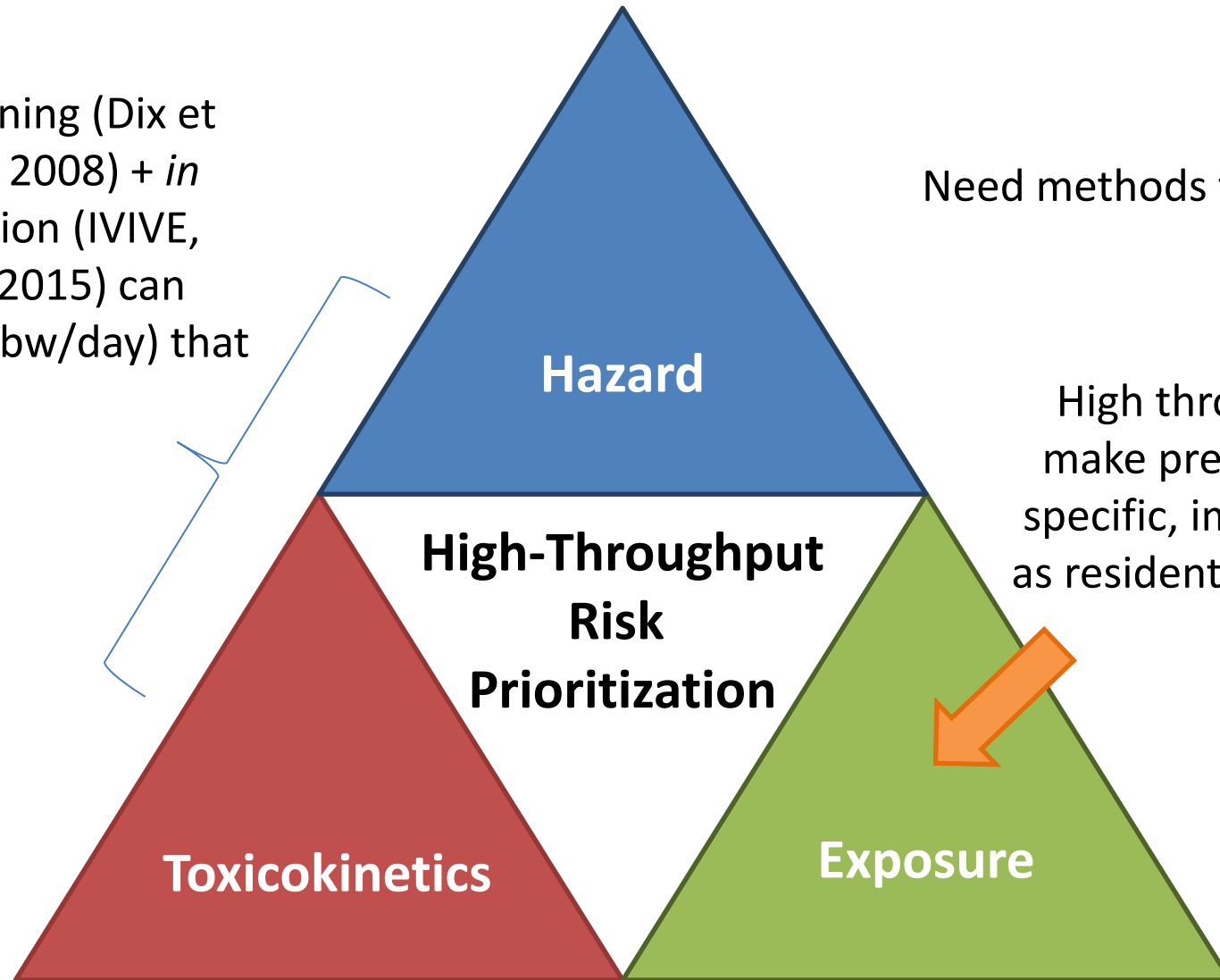
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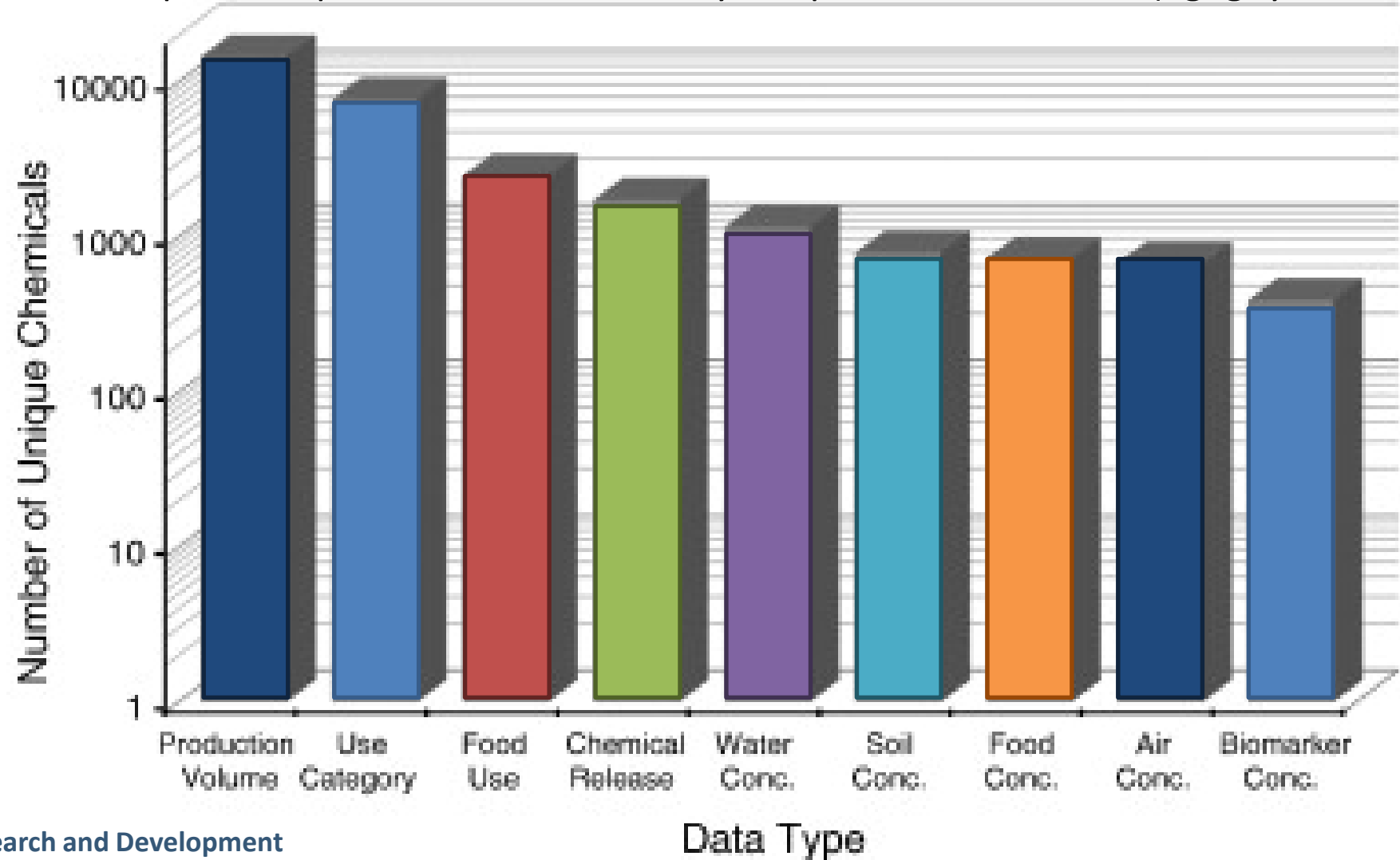
Need methods to forecast exposure for thousands of chemicals (Wetmore et al., 2015)

High throughput models exist to make predictions of exposure via specific, important pathways such as residential product use and diet

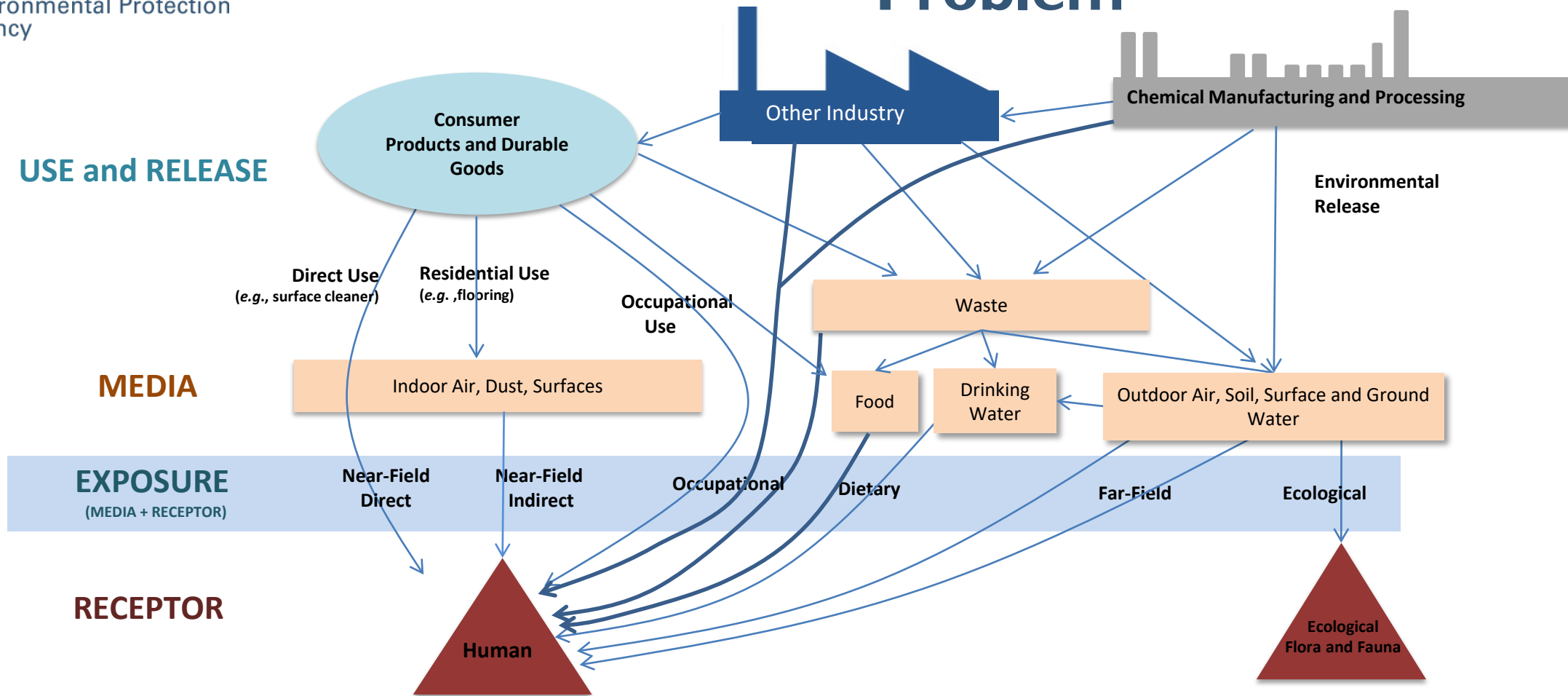


# Limited Available Data for Exposure Estimation

Most chemicals lack public exposure-related data beyond production volume (Egeghy et al., 2012)



# Understanding Exposure is a Systems Problem



- **Exposure event unobservable:** Can try to predict exposure by characterizing pathway
- Some pathways have much higher average exposures: In home “Near field” sources significant (Wallace, *et al.*, 1987)



# New Approach Methodologies for Exposure Science

			Makes Use of					
Exposure NAM Class	Description	Traditional Approach	Measurement	Toxicokinetics	Models	Descriptors	Evaluation	Machine Learning
Measurements	New techniques including screening analyses capable of detecting hundreds of chemicals present in a sample	Targeted (chemical-specific) analyses	-	●	●	●		●
Toxicokinetics	High throughput methods using in vitro data to generate chemical-specific models	Analyses based on in vivo animal studies	●	-		●		●
HTE Models	Models capable of making predictions for thousands of chemicals	Models requiring detailed, chemical- and scenario-specific information	●	●	-	●		
Chemical Descriptors	Informatic approaches for organizing chemical information in a machine-readable format	Tools targeted at single chemical analyses by humans				-		●
Evaluation	Statistical approaches that use the data from many chemicals to estimate the uncertainty in a prediction for a new chemical	Comparison of model predictions to data on a per chemical basis	●	●	●	●	-	●
Machine Learning	Computer algorithms to identify patterns	Manual Inspection of the Data	●	●		●		-
Prioritization	Integration of exposure and other NAMs to identify chemicals for follow-up study	Expert decision making	●	●	●	●	●	●

# What Do We Know About Exposure?

## Biomonitoring Data

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) provides an important tool for monitoring public health
- Large, ongoing CDC survey of US population: demographic, body measures, medical exam, biomonitoring (health and exposure), ...
- Designed to be representative of US population according to census data
- Data sets publicly available (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes.htm>)
- Includes measurements of:
  - Body weight
  - Height
  - **Chemical analysis of blood and urine**



National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

# What Do We Know About Exposure?

## Exposure Models

- Human chemical exposures can be coarsely grouped into “**near field**” sources that are close to the exposed individual (consumer or occupational exposures) ‘**far-field**’ scenarios wherein individuals are exposed to chemicals that were released or used far away (ambient exposure) (Arnot *et al.*, 2006).
- A model captures knowledge and a hypothesis of how the world works (MacLeod *et al.*, 2010)
- EPA’s EXPOsure toolBOX (EPA ExpoBox) is a toolbox created to assist individuals from within government, industry, academia, and the general public with assessing exposure
  - Includes many, many models

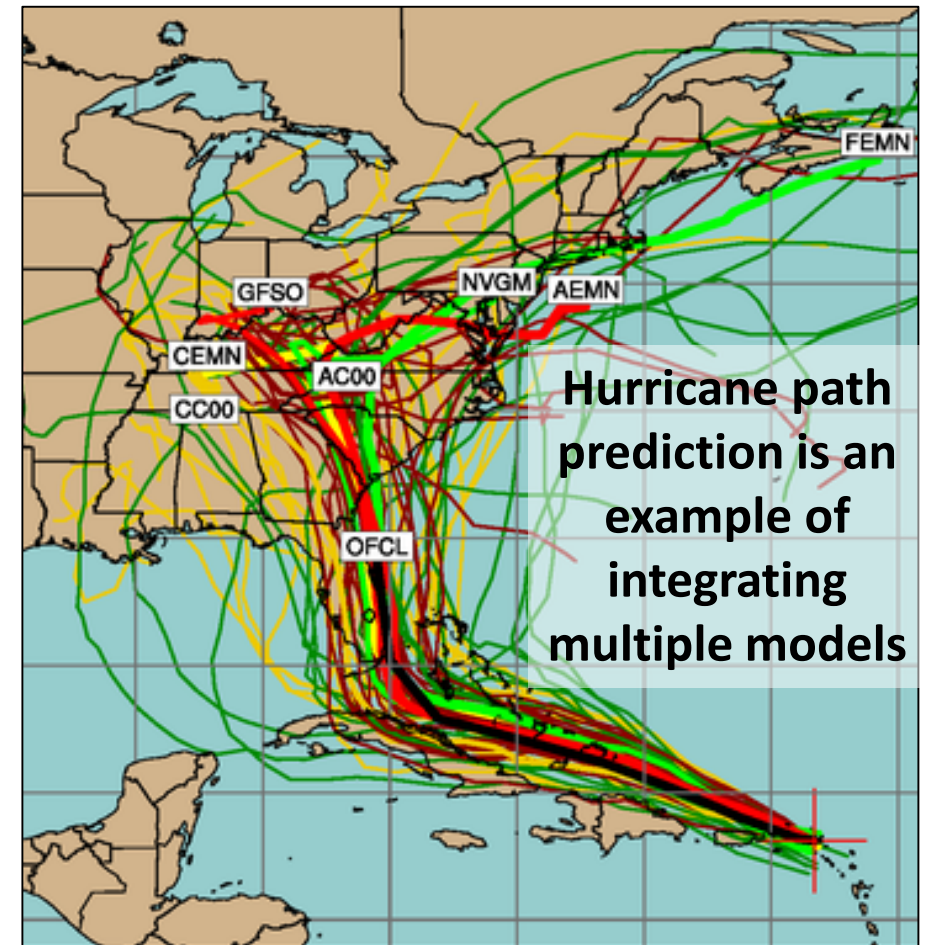
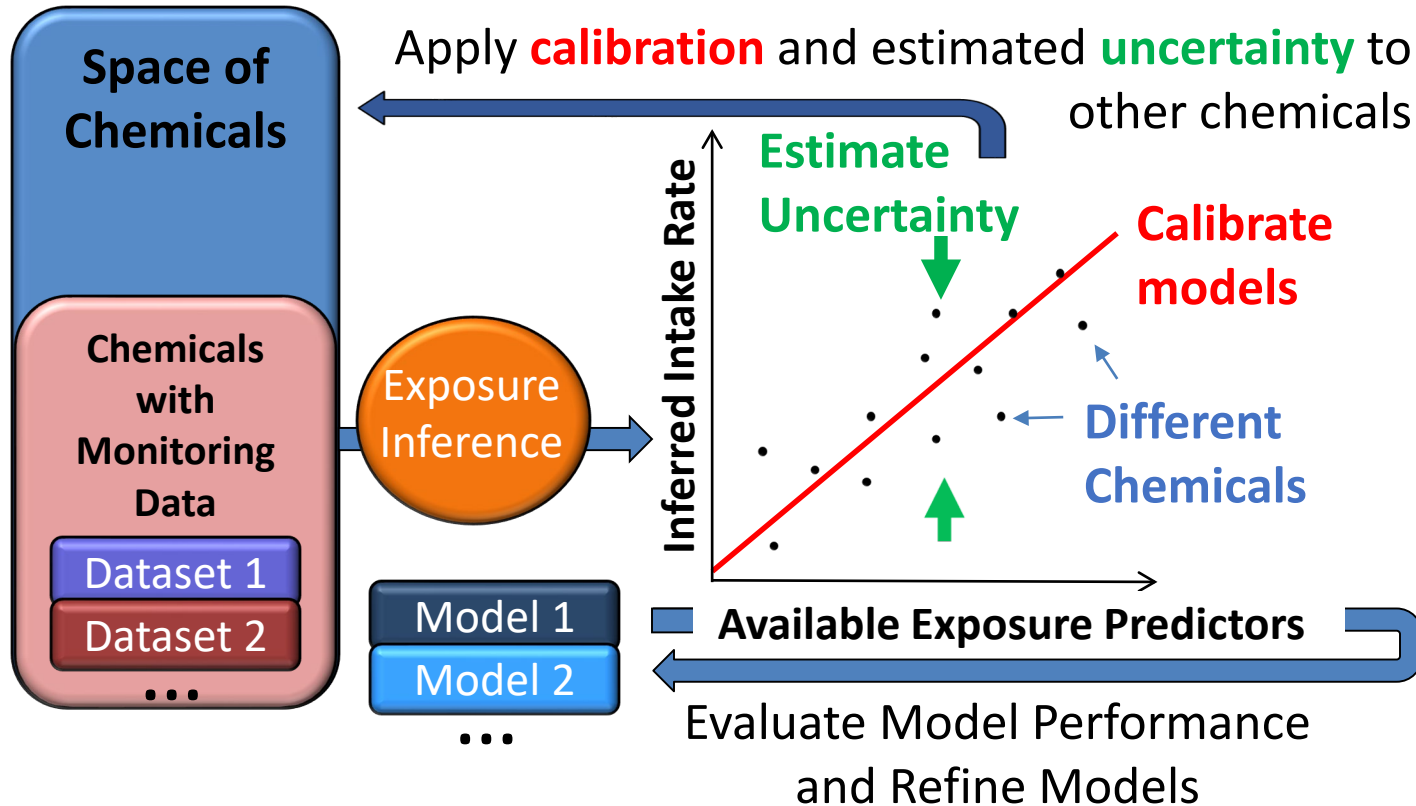
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“Now it would be very remarkable if any system existing in the real world could be exactly represented by any simple model. However, cunningly chosen parsimonious models often do provide remarkably useful approximations... The only question of interest is ‘Is the model illuminating and useful?’” George Box

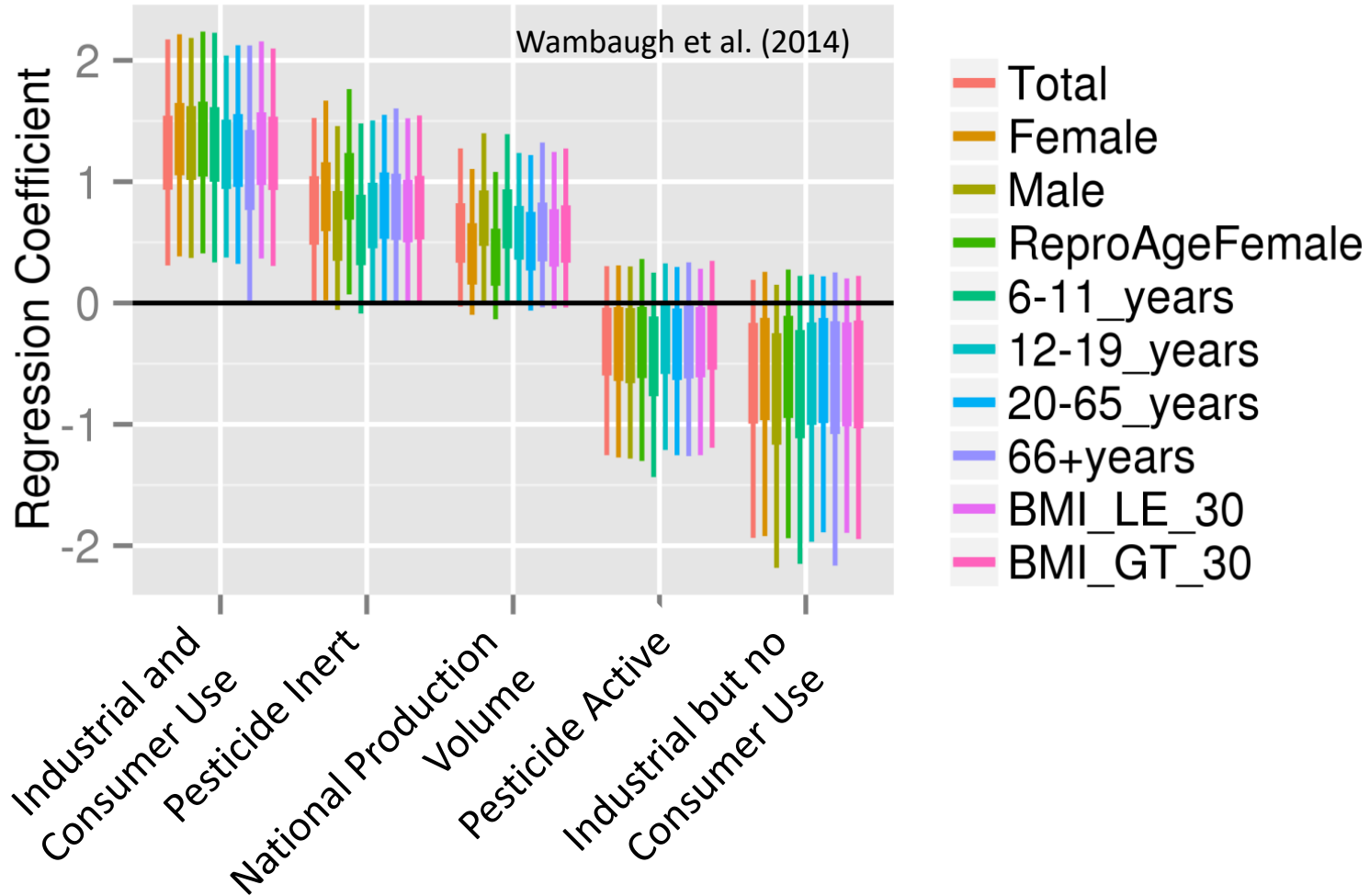


# Evaluation NAMs: The SEEM Framework

- We use Bayesian methods to incorporate multiple models into consensus predictions for 1000s of chemicals within the **Systematic Empirical Evaluation of Models (SEEM)** (Wambaugh et al., 2013, 2014; Ring et al., 2018)



# Heuristics of Exposure



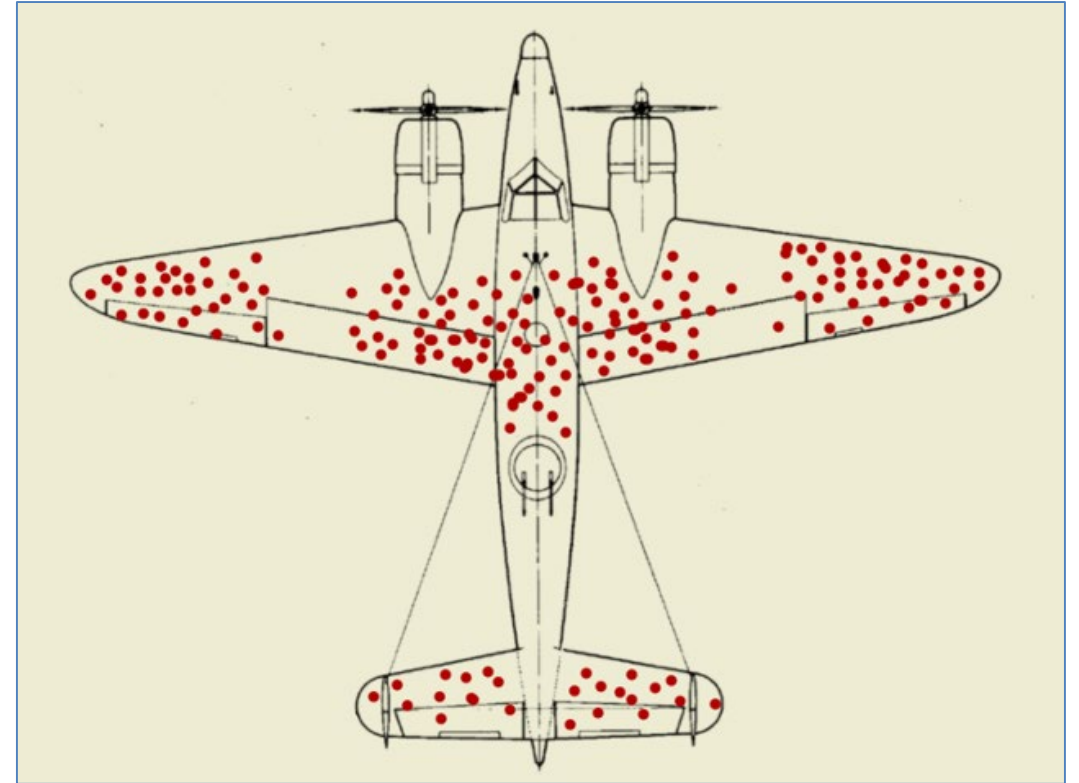
$R^2 \approx 0.5$  indicates that we can predict 50% of the chemical to chemical variability in median NHANES exposure rates

Same five predictors work for all NHANES demographic groups analyzed – stratified by age, sex, and body-mass index:

- Industrial and Consumer use
- Pesticide Inert
- Pesticide Active
- Industrial but no Consumer use
- Production Volume

# Correlation is Not Causation


- Wambaugh et al. (2014) found that “pesticide inerts” had higher than average levels in biomonitoring data, while “pesticide actives” had lower than average
- In World War II, the Royal Air Force (UK) wanted to armor planes against anti-aircraft fire
  - Initial proposal was to place armor wherever bullet holes were most common
  - Mathematician Abraham Wald pointed out that they were looking at the planes that had returned
  - See Drum, Kevin (2010) *“The Counterintuitive World”*
- Pesticide inerts have many other uses, but there are more stringent reporting requirements for pesticides
  - **Exposure is occurring by other pathways**



# Knowledge of Exposure Pathways Limits High Throughput Exposure Models


“In particular, the assumption that 100% of [quantity emitted, applied, or ingested] is being applied to each individual use scenario is a very conservative assumption for many compound / use scenario pairs.”

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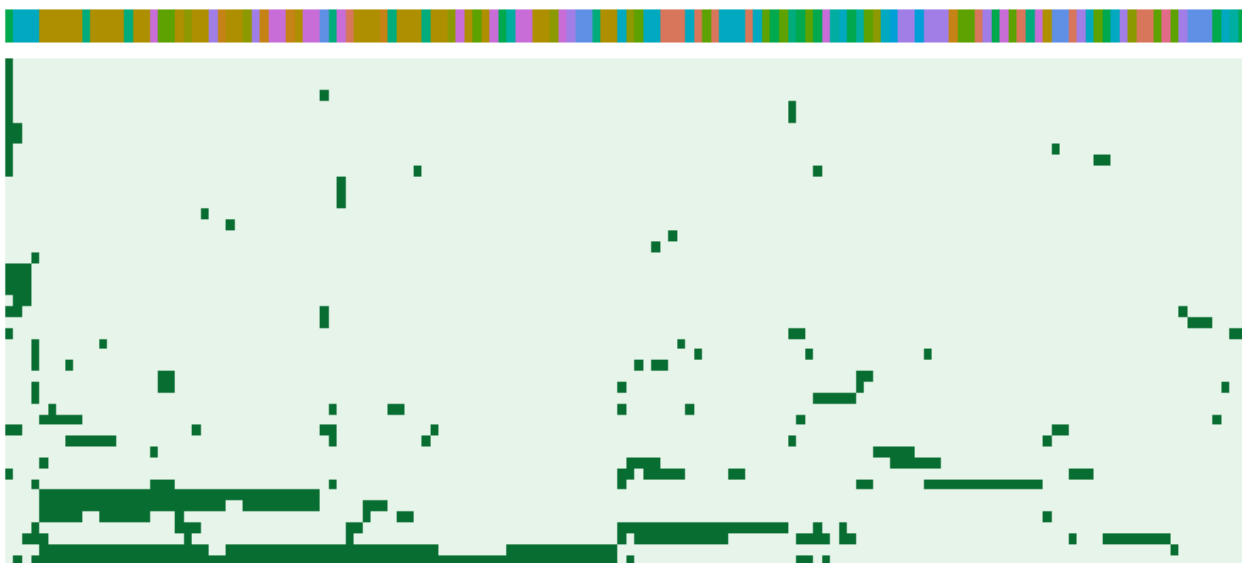
## Risk-Based High-Throughput Chemical Screening and Prioritization using Exposure Models and in Vitro Bioactivity Assays

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# Chemical Use Identifies Relevant Pathways

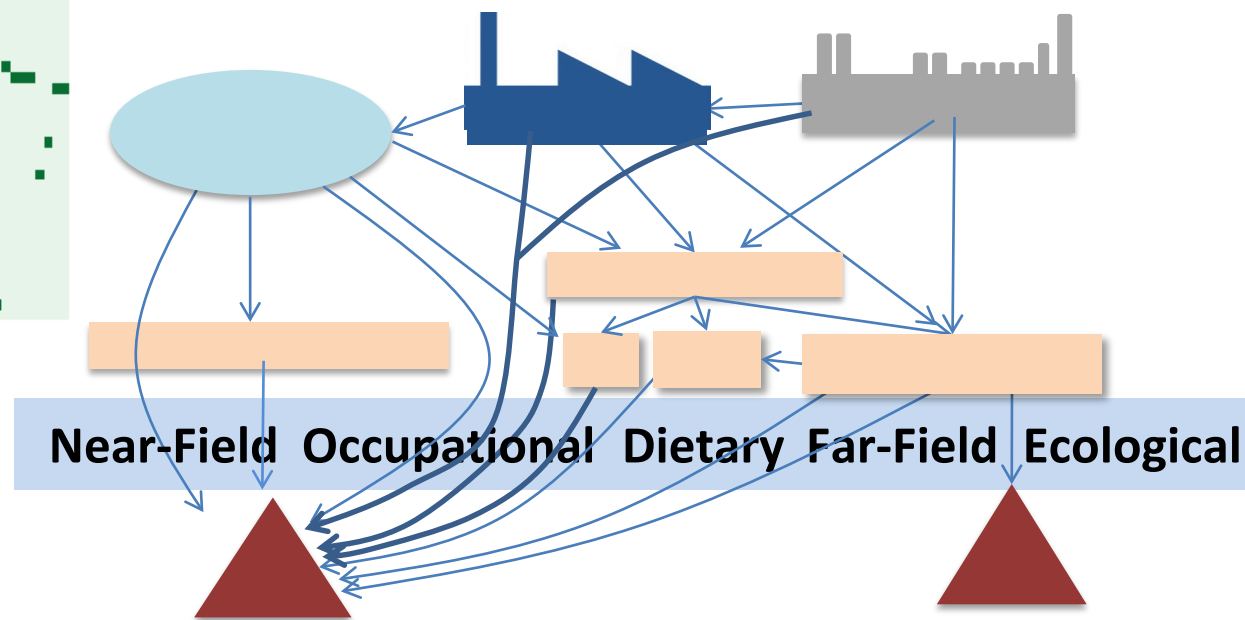
>2000 chemicals with Material Safety Data Sheets  
(MSDS) in CPCPdb (Goldsmith *et al.*, 2014)

106 NHANES Chemicals



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|-----------------|---------------------|
| Apparel         | Health              |
| Auto and Tires  | Home                |
| Baby            | Home Improvement    |
| Beauty          | Patio and Garden    |
| Craft and Party | Pets                |
| Electronics     | Sports and Outdoors |
| Grocery         | Toys                |

Some pathways have  
much higher average  
exposures!



Near field sources have been known to be important at least since 1987 –  
see Wallace, *et al.*



# Chemical Property NAMs

SCIENTIFIC DATA

OPEN Data Descriptor: The Chemical and Products Database, a resource for exposure-relevant data on chemicals in consumer products

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# What is “High Throughput”?

- Tox21: Testing one assay across 10,000 chemicals takes 1-2 days, but only 50 assays have been developed so far that can run that fast
- ToxCast: ~1100 off-the-shelf (pharma) assay-endpoints tested for up to 4,000 chemicals over the past decade, now developing new assays as well

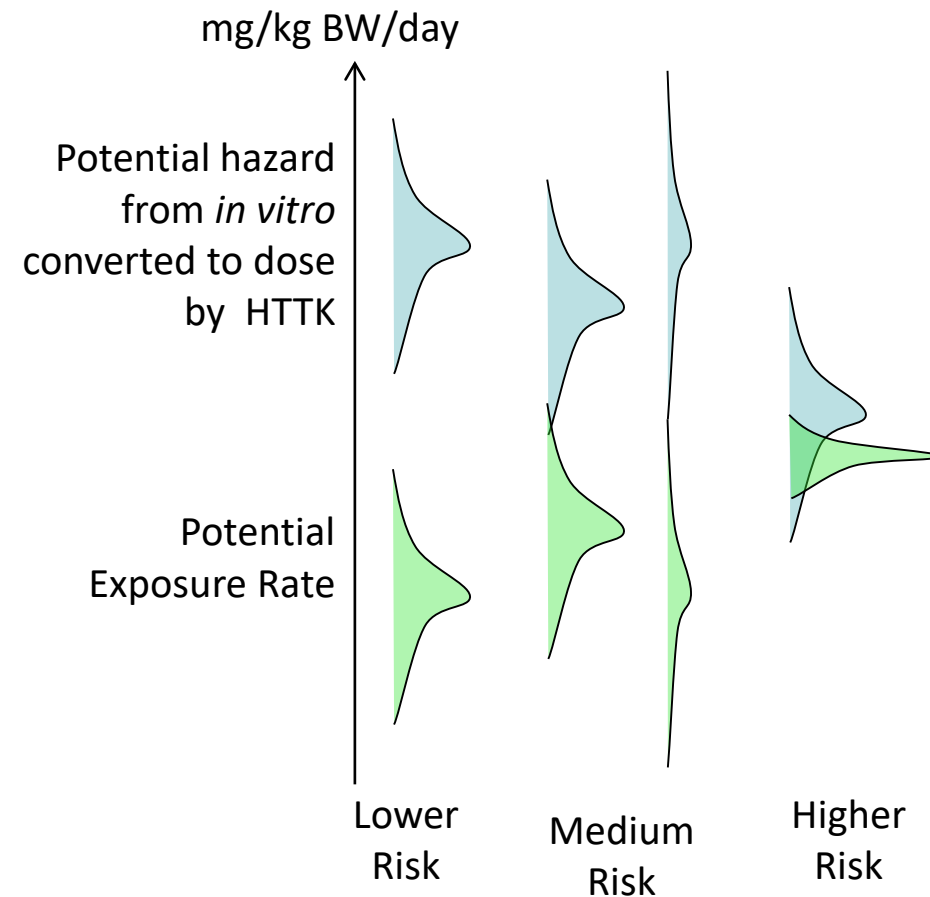
*HTS tox assays often use single readout, such as fluorescence, across many chemicals, measuring concentration for toxicokinetics or exposure requires chemical-specific methods...*

- ExpoCast: Ring et al. made *in silico* predictions for ~480,000 chemicals from structure, but based on NHANES monitoring for ~120 chemicals
  - Quantitative non-targeted analysis (NTA) may eventually provide greater evaluation data to reduce uncertainty
- HTTK: *In vitro* data on 944 chemicals collected for humans, starting with Rotroff et al. (2010)
  - Work continues to develop *in silico* tools, e.g. Sipes et al. (2016)

**Our work is not done...**

# Summary

- A tapestry of laws covers the chemicals people are exposed to in the United States (Breyer, 2009)
- Most other chemicals, ranging from industrial waste to dyes to packing materials, are covered by the recently updated Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and administered by the EPA
- New approach methodologies (NAMs) are being developed to prioritize these existing and new chemicals for testing
- All data are being made public:
  - The CompTox Chemicals Dashboard (A search engine for chemicals) <http://comptox.epa.gov/>
  - R package “httk”: <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=httk>



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