

NAMS 101

New Approach Methodologies for Exposure

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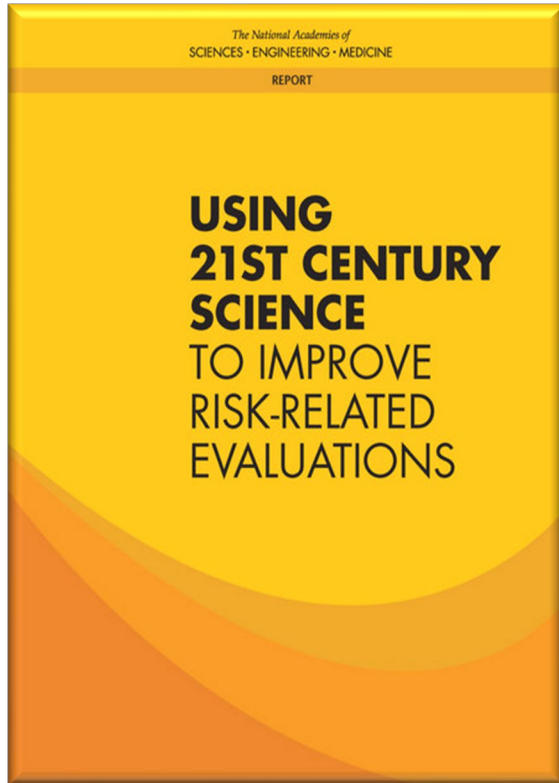
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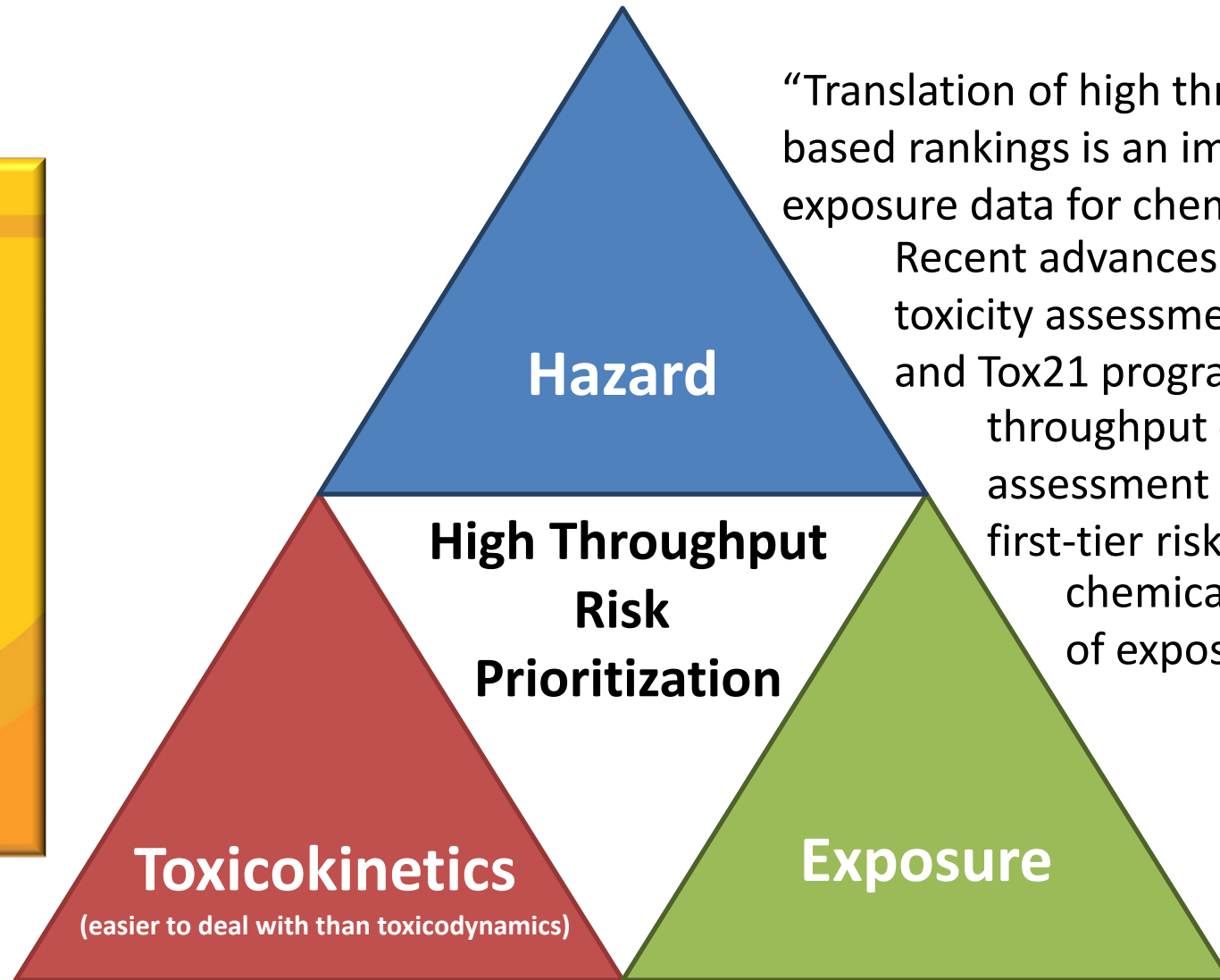
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Calculating Chemical Risk



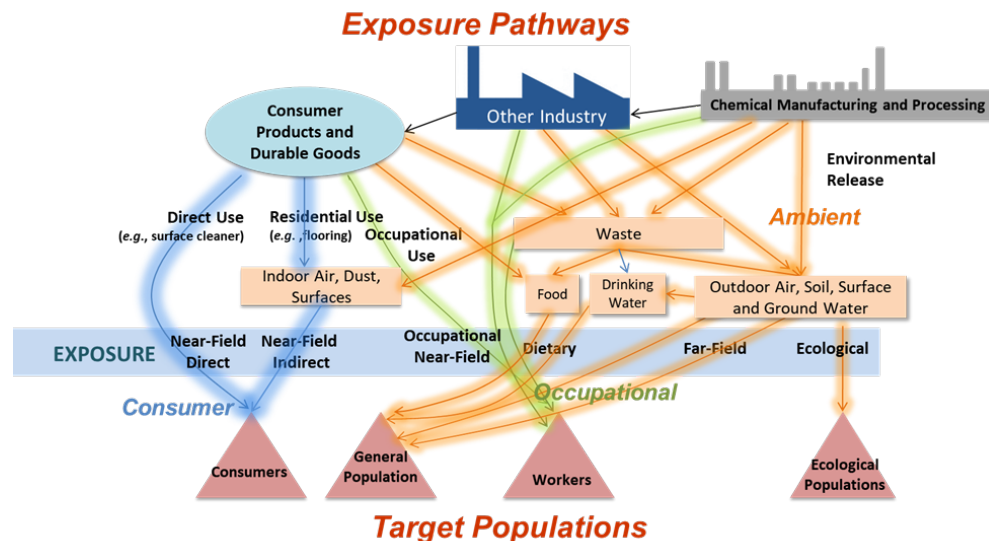
NASEM (2017)



“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)

In order to perform risk-based ranking we need data on hazard, toxicokinetics, and exposure...

- The tools to characterize both toxicity and exposure have evolved significantly in the past decade
- NAMs for exposure science are being developed to enable risk assessors to more rapidly address public health challenges and chemical regulation



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New approach methodologies for exposure science

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Abstract

Chemical risk assessment relies on knowledge of hazard, the dose–response relationship, and exposure to characterize potential risks to public health and the environment. A chemical with minimal toxicity might pose a risk if exposures are extensive, repeated, and/or occurring during critical windows across the human life span. Exposure assessment involves understanding human activity, and this activity is confounded by interindividual variability that is both biological and behavioral. Exposures further vary between the general population and susceptible or occupationally exposed populations. Recent computational exposure efforts have tackled these problems through the creation of new tools and predictive models. These tools include machine learning to draw inferences from existing data and computer-enhanced screening analyses to generate new data. Mathematical models provide frameworks describing

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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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Development of a consumer product ingredient database for chemical exposure screening and prioritization

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**MSDS
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*Occurrence and
quantitative
chemical composition*

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High-throughput screening of chemicals as functional substitutes using structure-based classification models†

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**Functional
Use Data**

*The roles that
chemicals serve in
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**Ingredient
Lists**

**Measured
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*Measurement of chemicals in
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Machine Learning NAMS

Chemical Functional Use Database (FUSE)

Positive Examples

Negative Examples



Random Forest
Classification Models
(Breiman, 2001)
with five-fold cross
validation

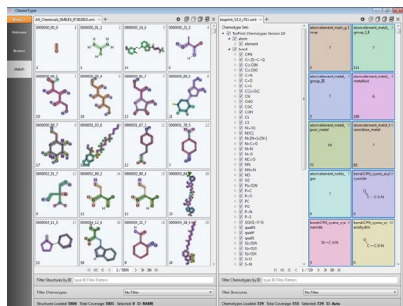
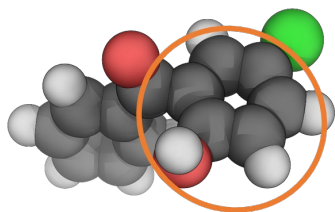
Successful
Model

Failed
Model

Probabilistic
Predictions of
Potential Chemical
Uses

Phillips *et al.* (2017)

Chemical Structure
and Property Descriptors



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Published and Ongoing NTA Studies in the ExpoCast Project

Source and Release

Pilot: 20 Consumer Product Categories



Phillips et al., *Env. Sci. Tech.* 2018

Recycled Consumer Materials



Lowe et al., *Submitted*

Consumer Product Emissions from Different Substrates



Fate and Transport

Residential Air



Residential Dust



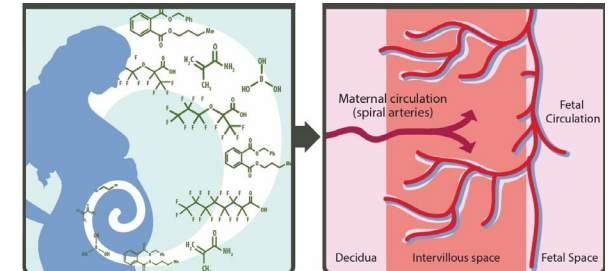
Rager et al., *Env. Int.*, 2016

Exposure

Pooled Human Blood



Human Placenta



Rager et al., *Repro. Tox.*, 2020

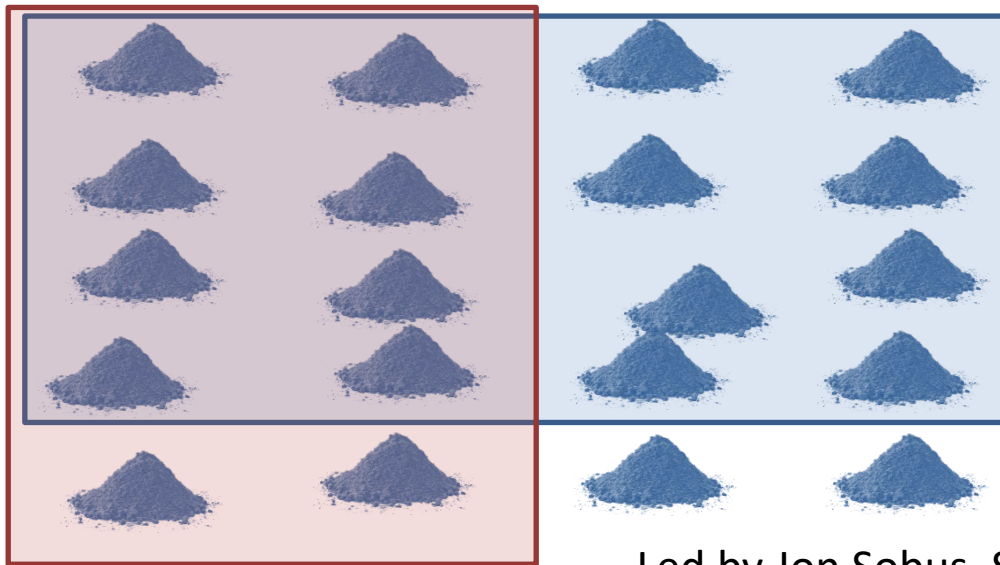
Emerging Science: How can we **quantify** concentrations of chemicals in media using NTA?

EPA's Non-Targeted Analysis Collaborative Trial (ENTACT)

- Suspect screening / Non-targeted analyses (SSA/NTA) present opportunities for new exposure data
- What NTA methods are available? What is the coverage of chemical universe and matrices? How do methods differ in their coverage?

The Chemical Universe

Method 1



Method 2

Led by Jon Sobus, Seth
Newton and Elin Ulrich



- Phase 1:
 - Collaborators provided 10 mixtures of 100-400 ToxCast chemicals each
 - Mass spectrometry equipment vendors provided with individual chemical standards
- Phase 2: Fortified reference house dust, human serum, and silicone wristbands

Sobus et al. (2017)

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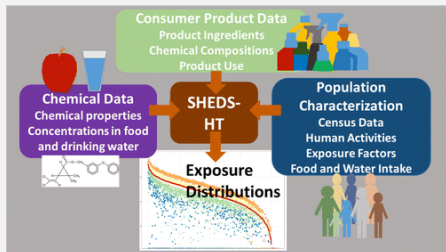
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High Throughput Models for Key Pathways

Consumer (Near-Field) Pathways

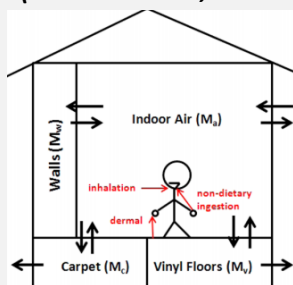
SHEDS-HT (Isaacs et al., 2014)



RAIDAR-ICE (Li et al., 2018)

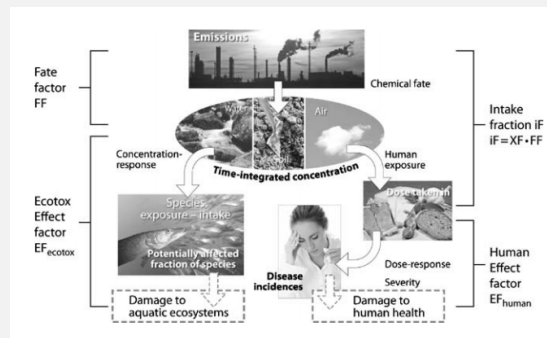


FINE (Shin et al., 2015)

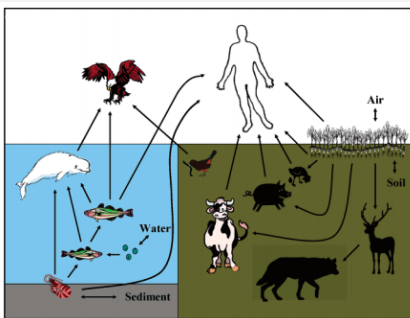


Ambient (Far-Field) Pathways

UseTox (Rosenbaum et al., 2008)



RAIDAR (Arnot et al., 2006, 2008)

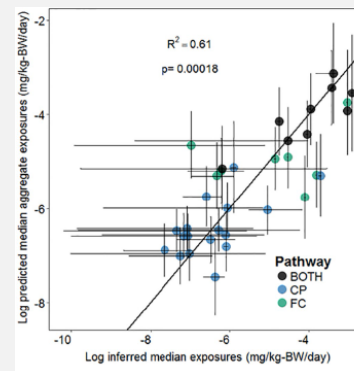


Dietary Pathways

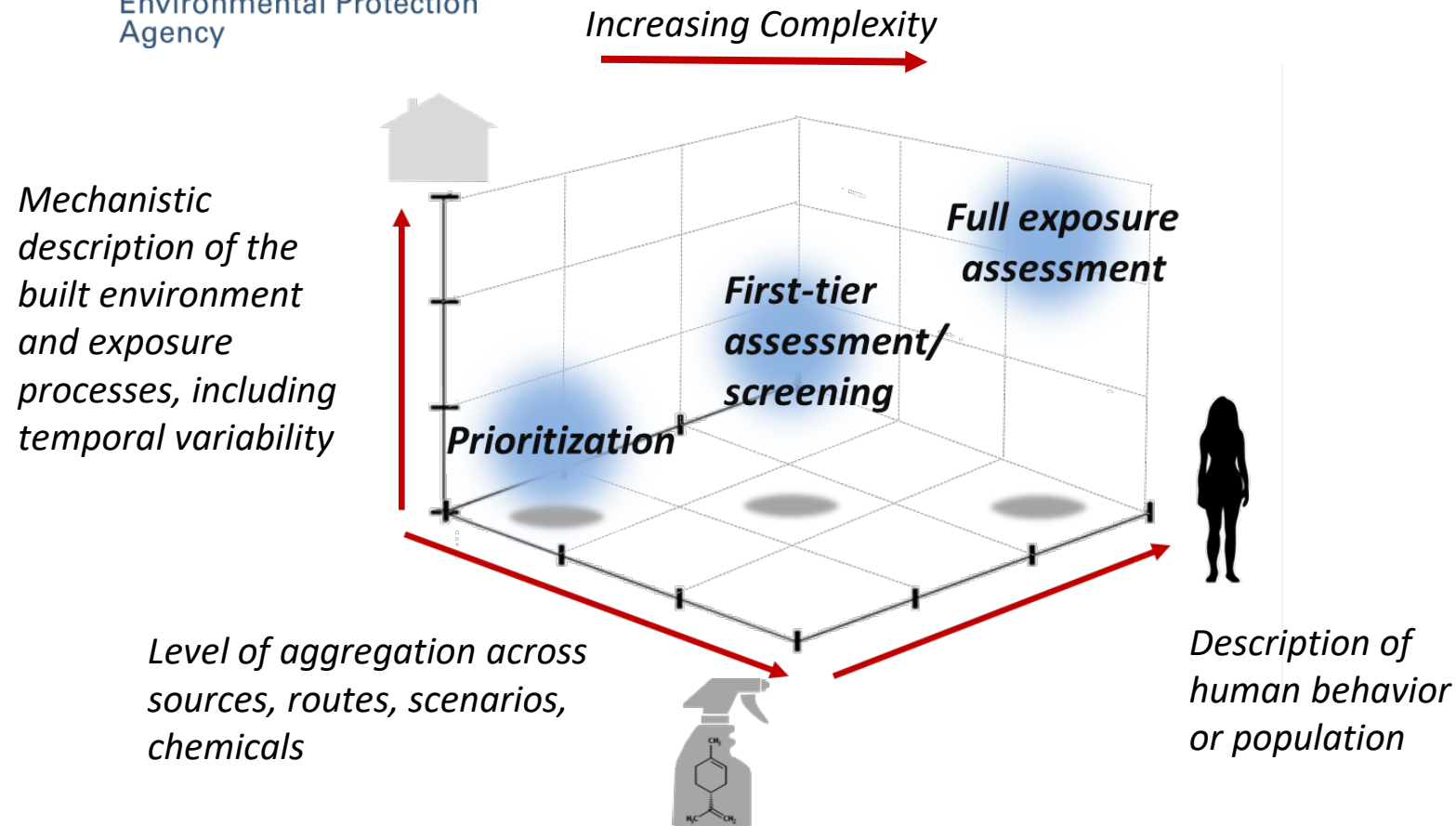
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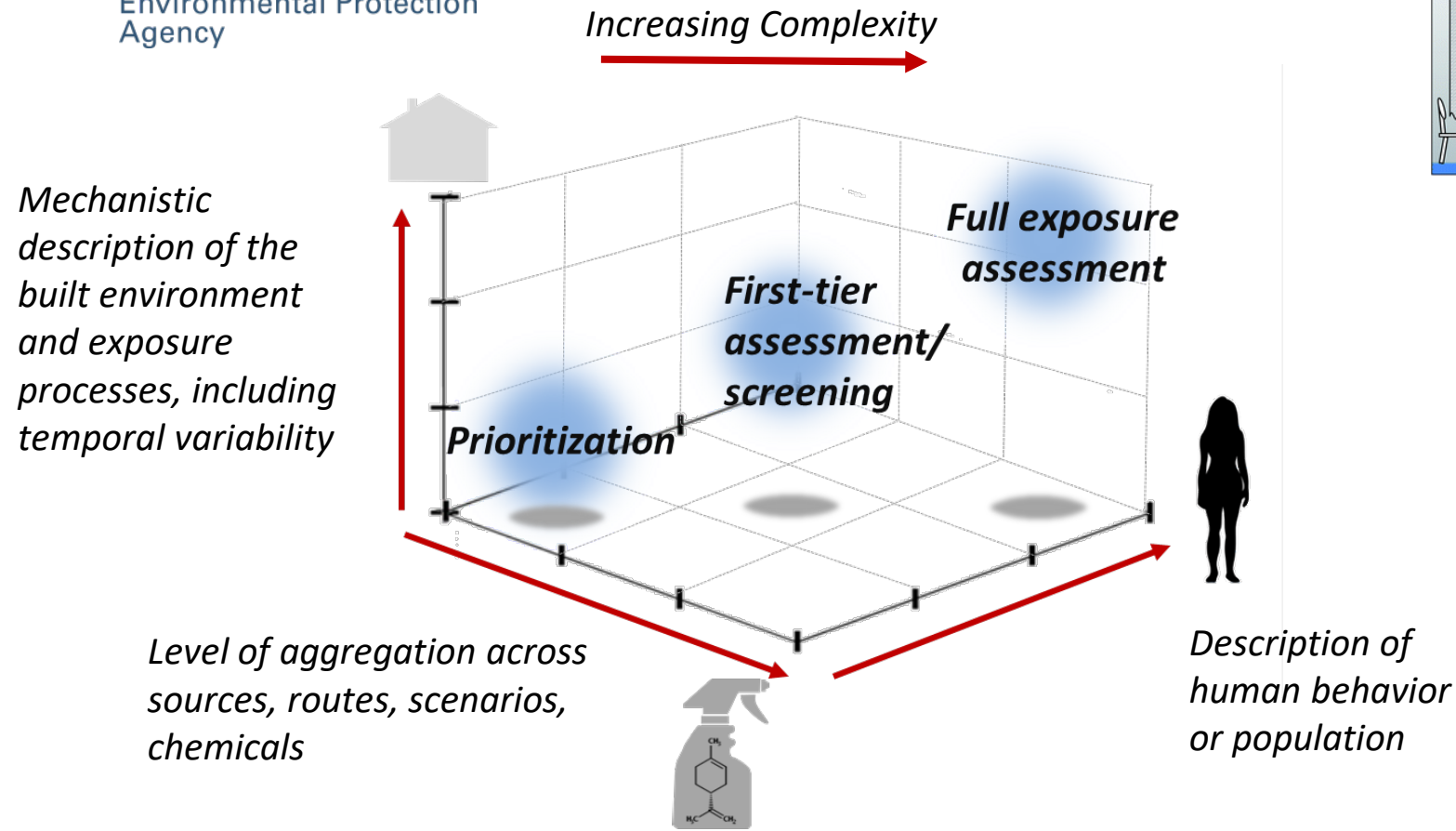
SHEDS-HT (Biryol et al., 2017)



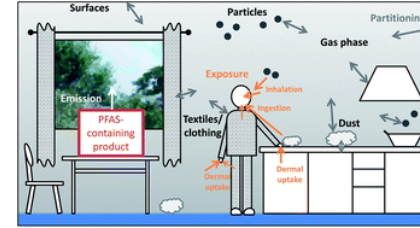
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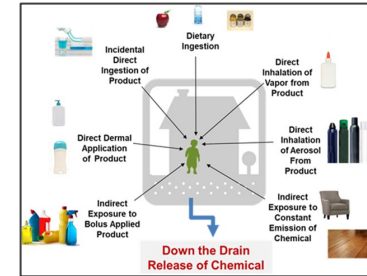
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- Models of different levels of complexity have **overlapping data needs**
- They also share some **universal challenges**



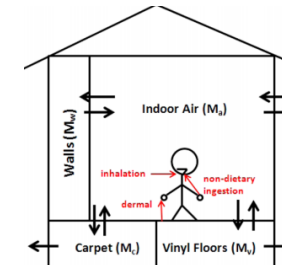
Eichler and Little, 2020



SHEDS-HT, Isaacs et al., 2014



Li et al., 2018



FINE, Shin et al., 2015



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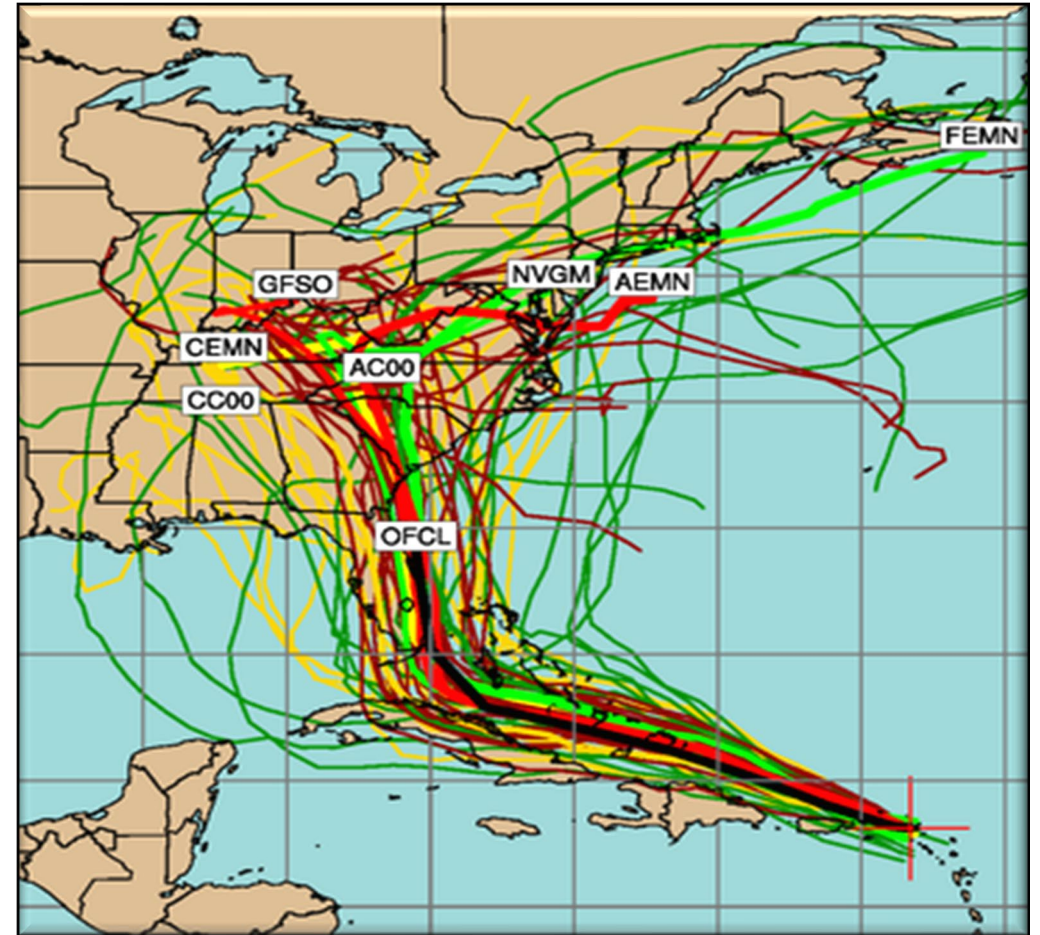
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Ensemble Predictions

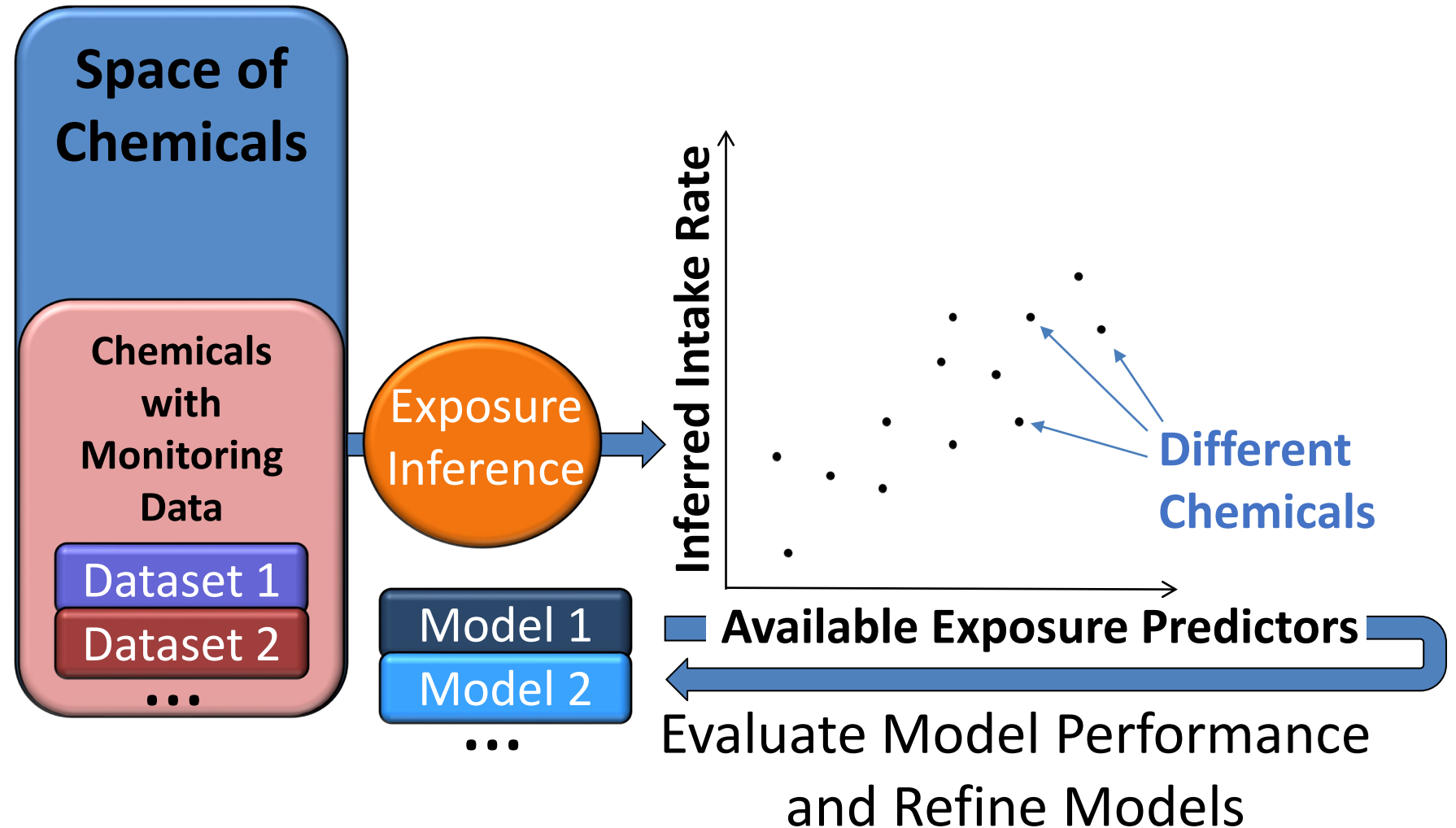
- We can use ensemble methods to make more stable models and characterize uncertainty
- “Ensemble methods are learning algorithms that construct a set of classifiers and then classify new data points by taking a (weighted) vote of their predictions.” Dietterich (2000)
- Ensemble systems have proven themselves to be very effective and extremely versatile in a broad spectrum of problem domains and real-world applications (Polikar, 2012)
- Ensemble learning techniques in the machine learning paradigm can be used to integrate predictions from multiple tools. (Pradeep, 2016)



Hurricane Path Prediction is an
Example of Integrating Multiple Models

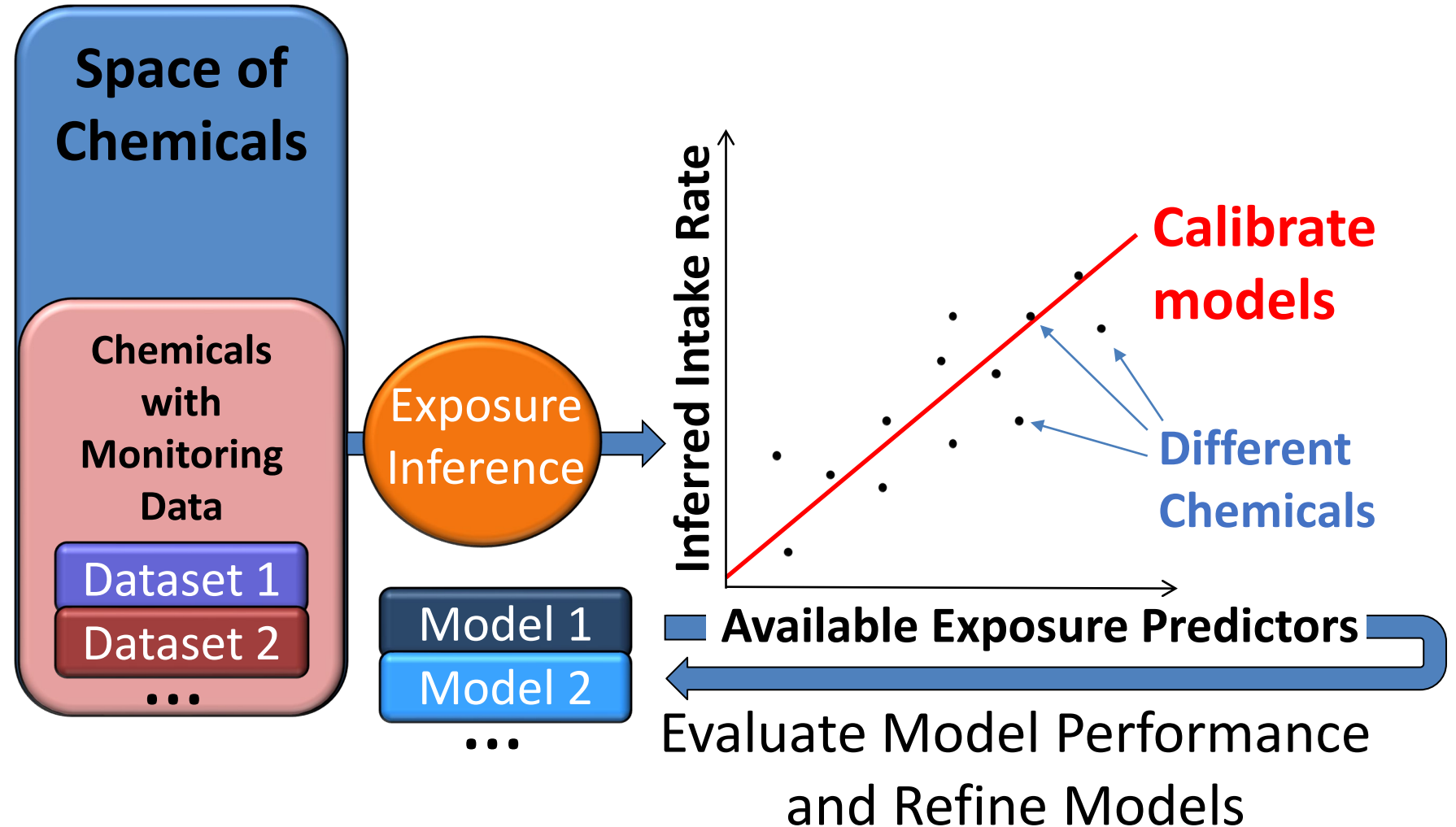
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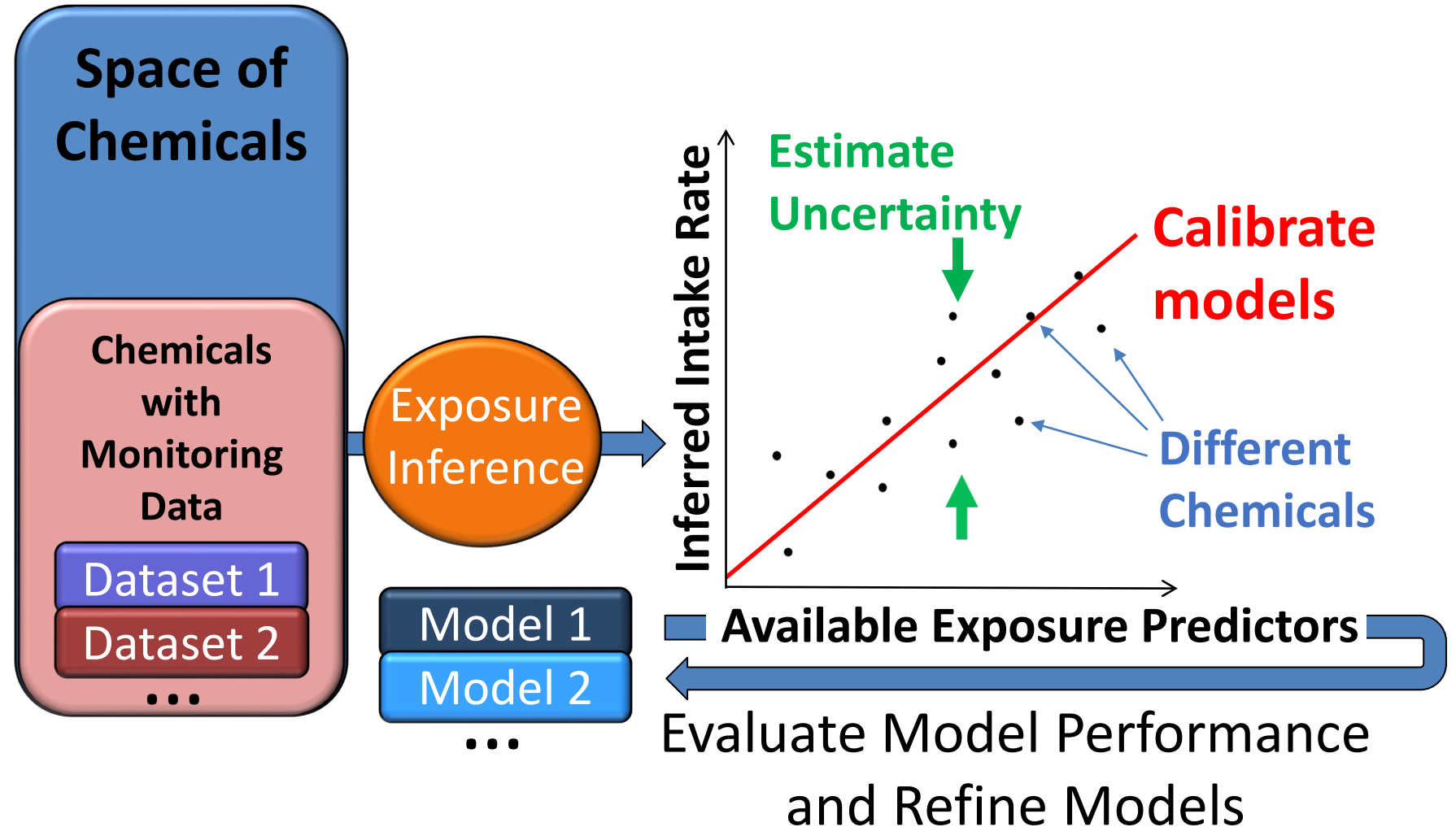
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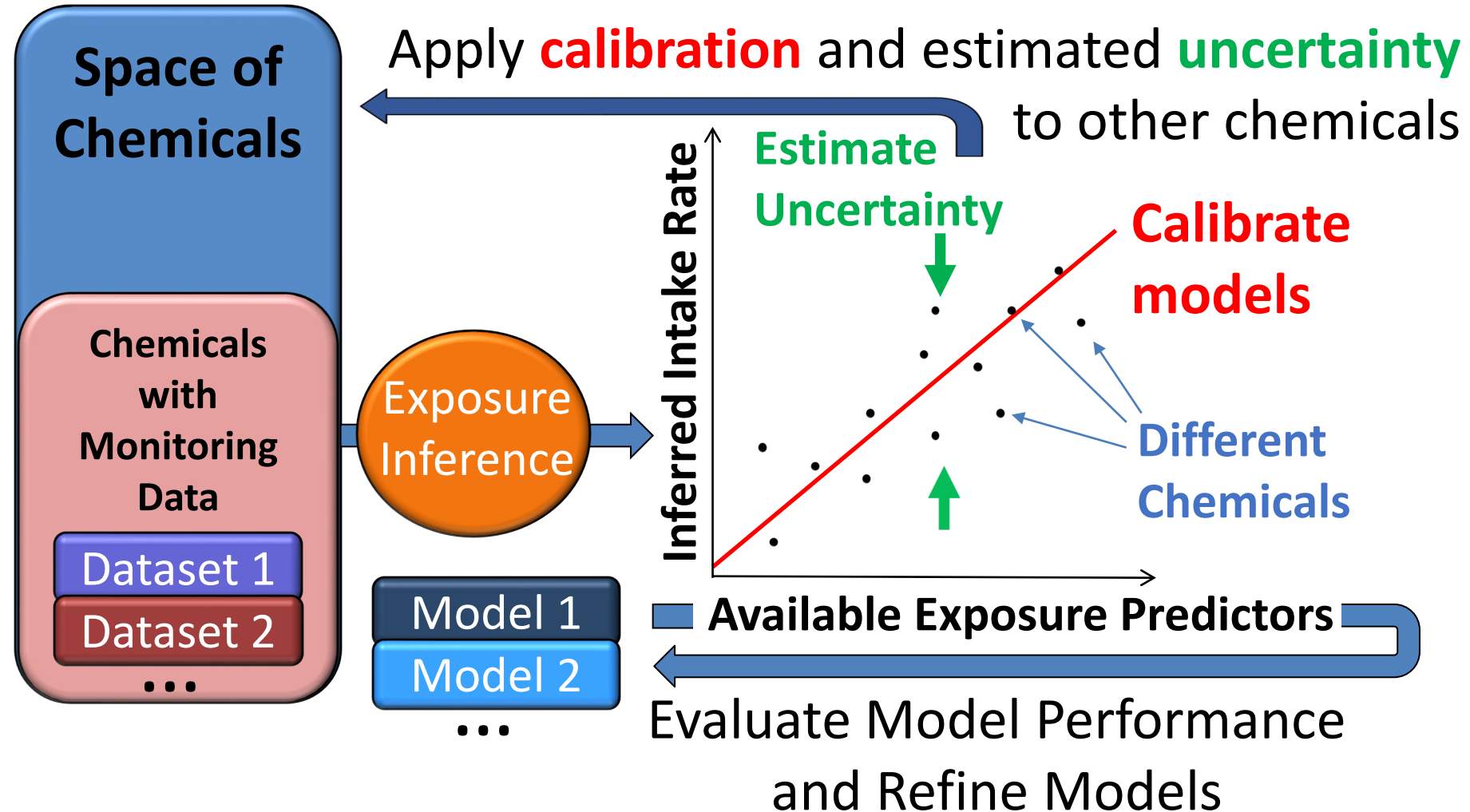
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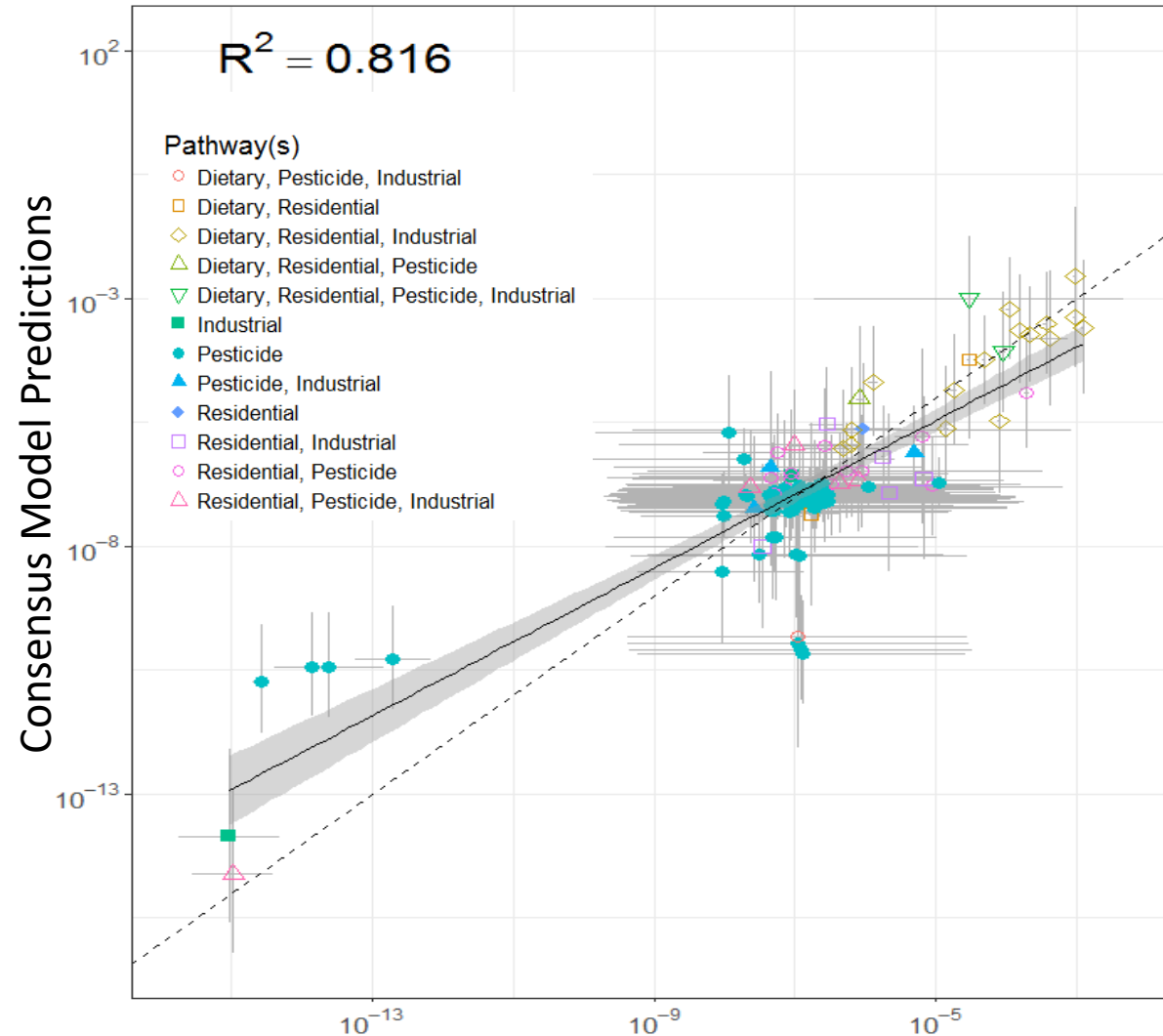
SEEM3 Collaboration

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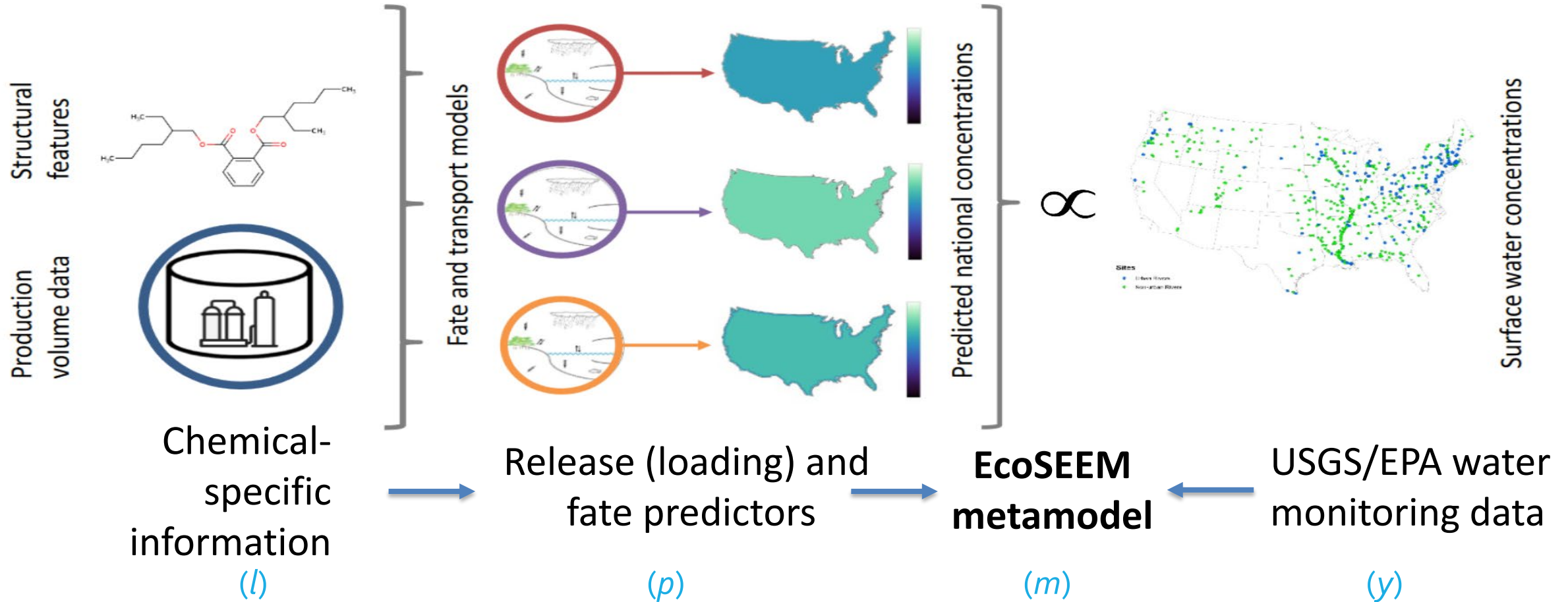
Predictor	Reference(s)	Chemicals Predicted	Pathway(s)
EPA Inventory Update Reporting and Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) (2015)	US EPA (2018)	7856	All
Stockholm Convention of Banned Persistent Organic Pollutants (2017)	Lallas (2001)	248	far field Industrial and Pesticide
EPA Pesticide Reregistration Eligibility Documents (REDs) Exposure Assessments (Through 2015)	Wetmore et al. (2012, 2015)	239	far field Pesticide
United Nations Environment Program and Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry toxicity model (USEtox) Industrial Scenario (2.0)	Rosenbaum et al. (2008)	8167	far field Industrial
USEtox Pesticide Scenario (2.0)	Fantke et al. (2011, 2012, 2016)	940	far field Pesticide
Risk Assessment IDentification And Ranking (RAIDAR) far field (2.02)	Arnot et al. (2008)	8167	far field Pesticide
EPA Stochastic Human Exposure Dose Simulator High Throughput (SHEDS-HT) near field Direct (2017)	Isaacs (2017)	7511	far field Industrial and Pesticide
SHEDS-HT near field Indirect (2017)	Isaacs (2017)	1119	Residential
Fugacity-based INdoor Exposure (FINE) (2017)	Bennett et al. (2004), Shin et al. (2012)	645	Residential
RAIDAR-ICE near field (0.803)	Arnot et al., (2014), Zhang et al. (2014)	1221	Residential
USEtox Residential Scenario (2.0)	Jolliet et al. (2015), Huang et al. (2016,2017)	615	Residential
USEtox Dietary Scenario (2.0)	Jolliet et al. (2015), Huang et al. (2016), Ernstoff et al. (2017)	8167	Dietary

SEEM3: Pathway-Based Consensus Modeling



- SEEM3 consensus model provides estimates of human median intake rate (mg/kg/day) for nearly 500,000 chemicals via the CompTox Chemicals Dashboard (<http://comptox.epa.gov/dashboard>)
- SEEM3 first predicts relevant exposure pathways from chemical structure – model predictions are then weighted according to the models' abilities to explain NHANES data
- We rely on pathway determinations from CPDat
- We rely on NHANES biomonitoring data
 - 2014 FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel identified need for broader sets of evaluation data

EcoSEEM Metamodel for Surface Water Chemical Concentrations



Sayre et al,
in preparation

$$\ln y_i = m_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{n_j} \sum_{k=1}^{n_{kj}} m_{jk} \ln(l_{ji} p_{ki})$$

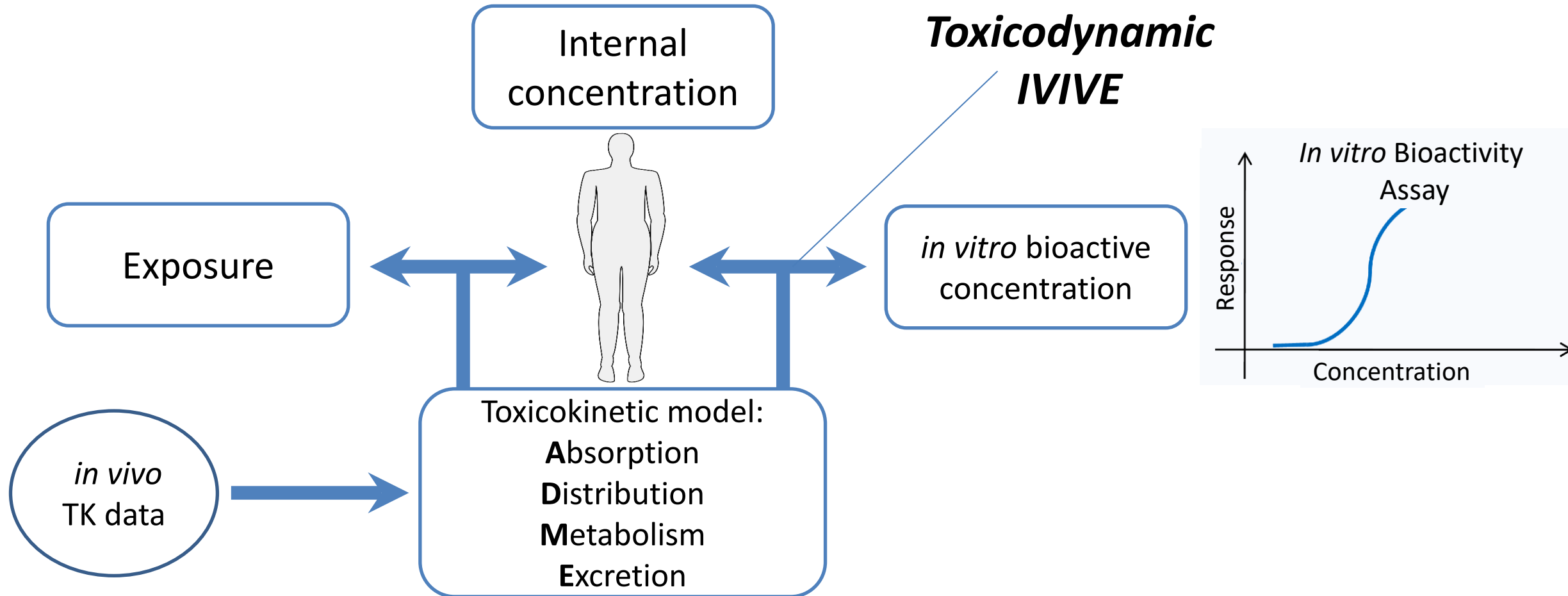
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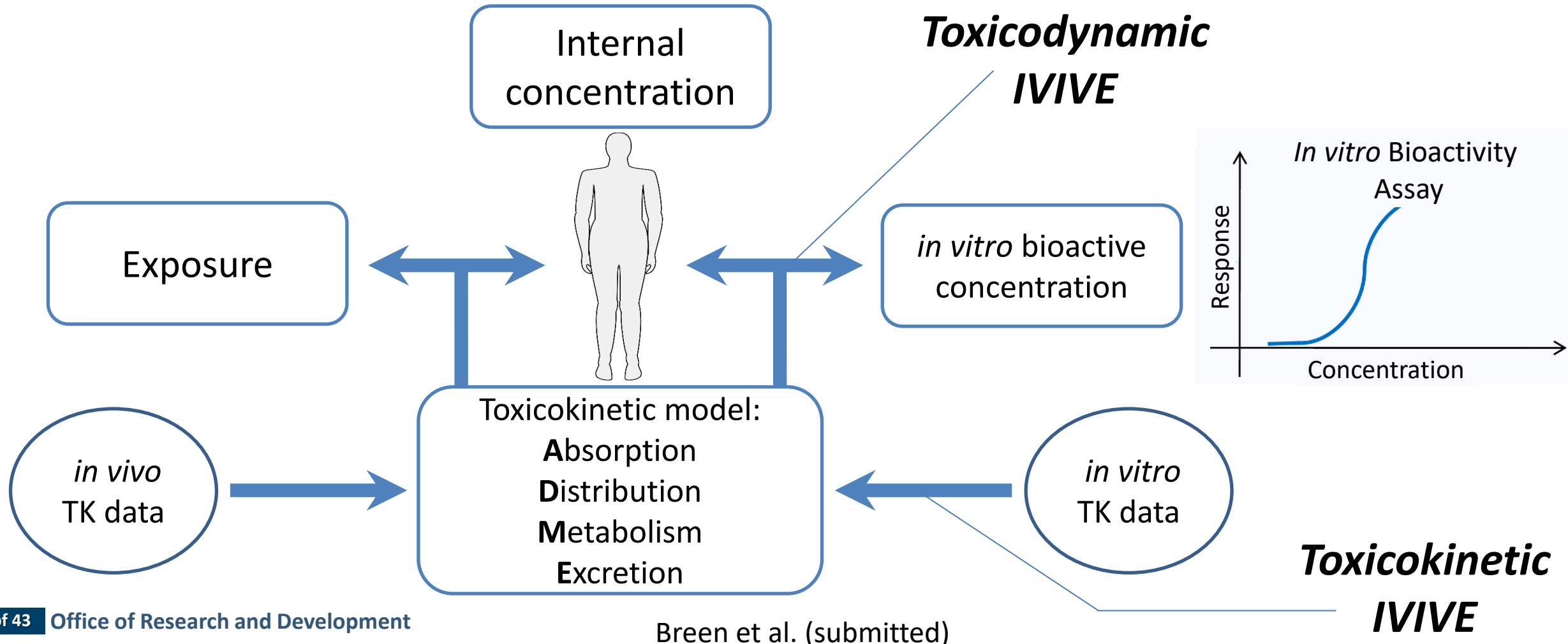
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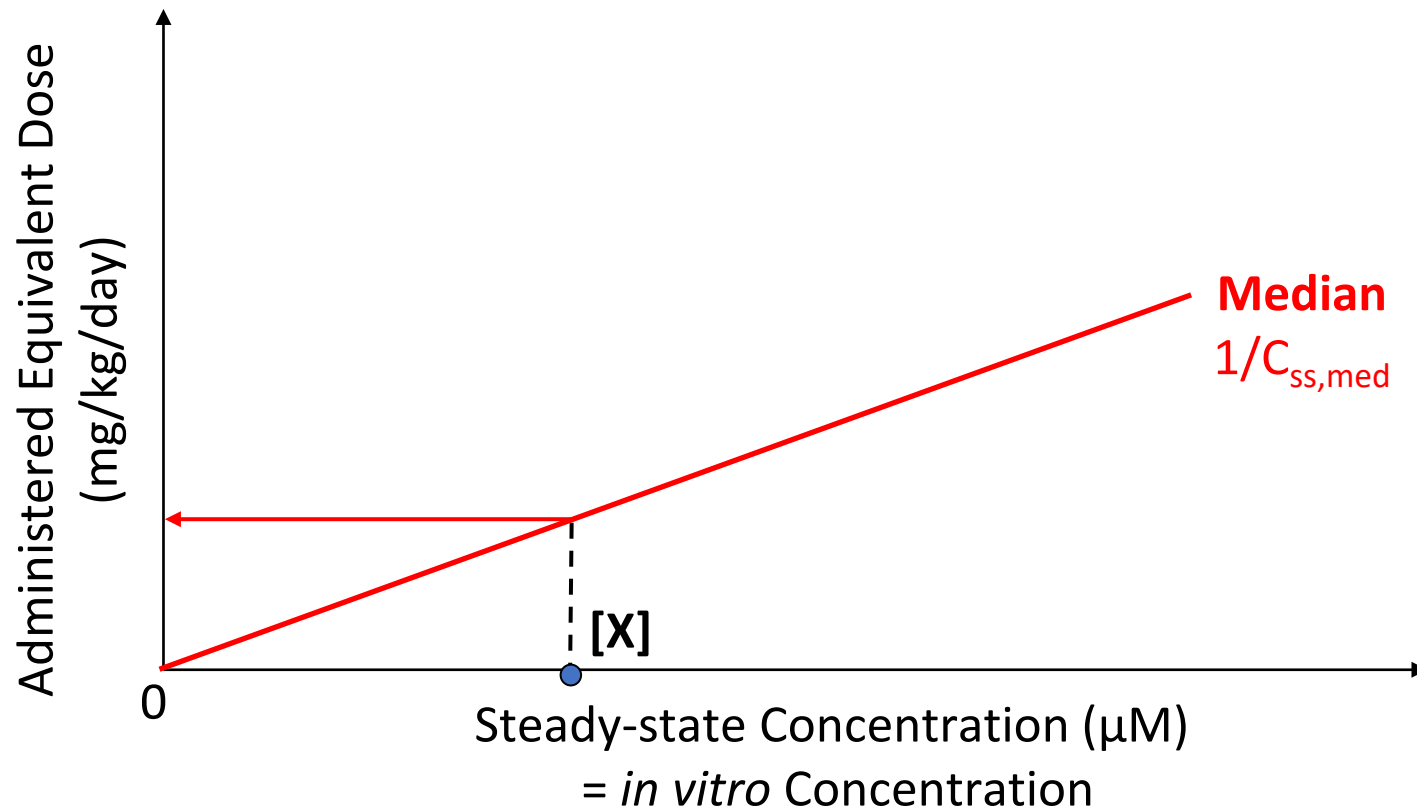
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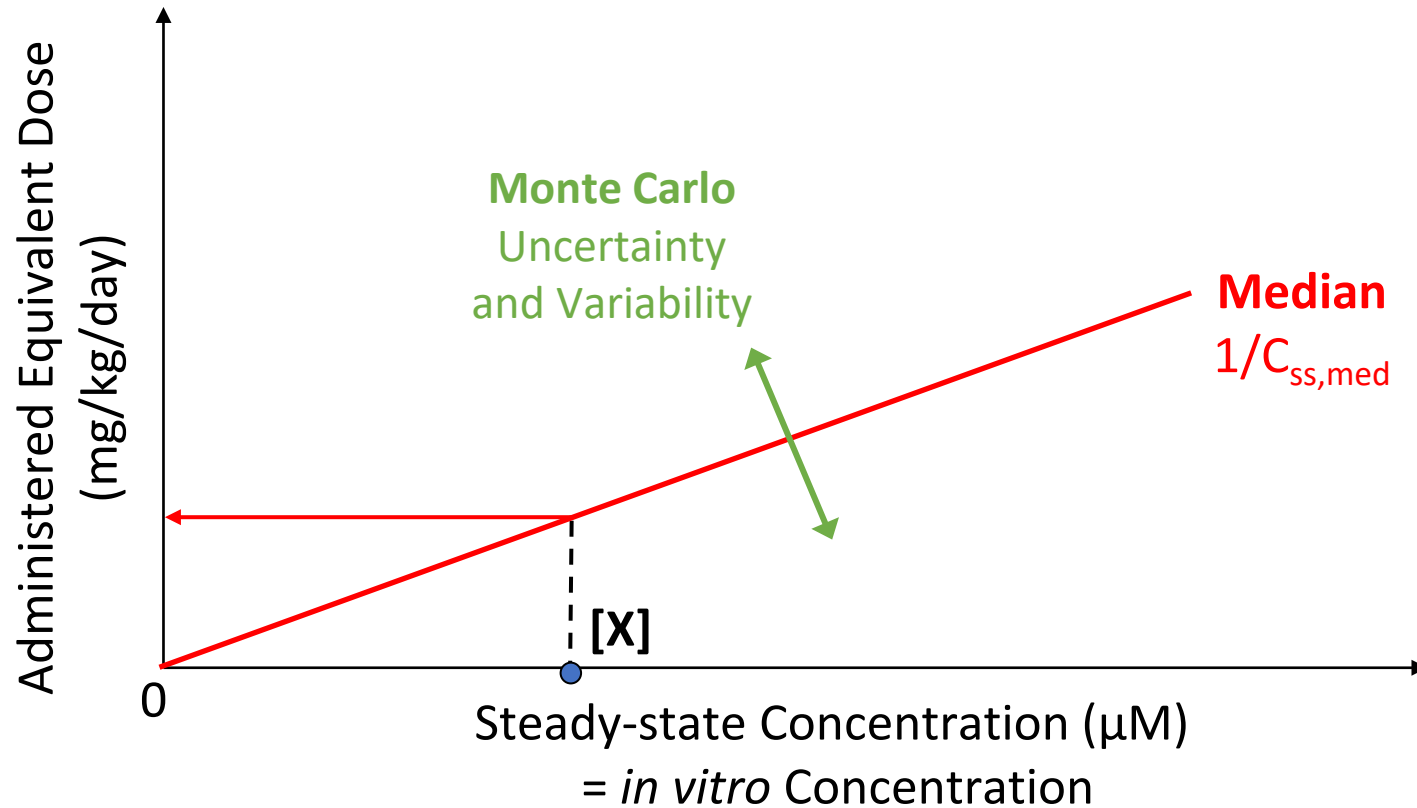
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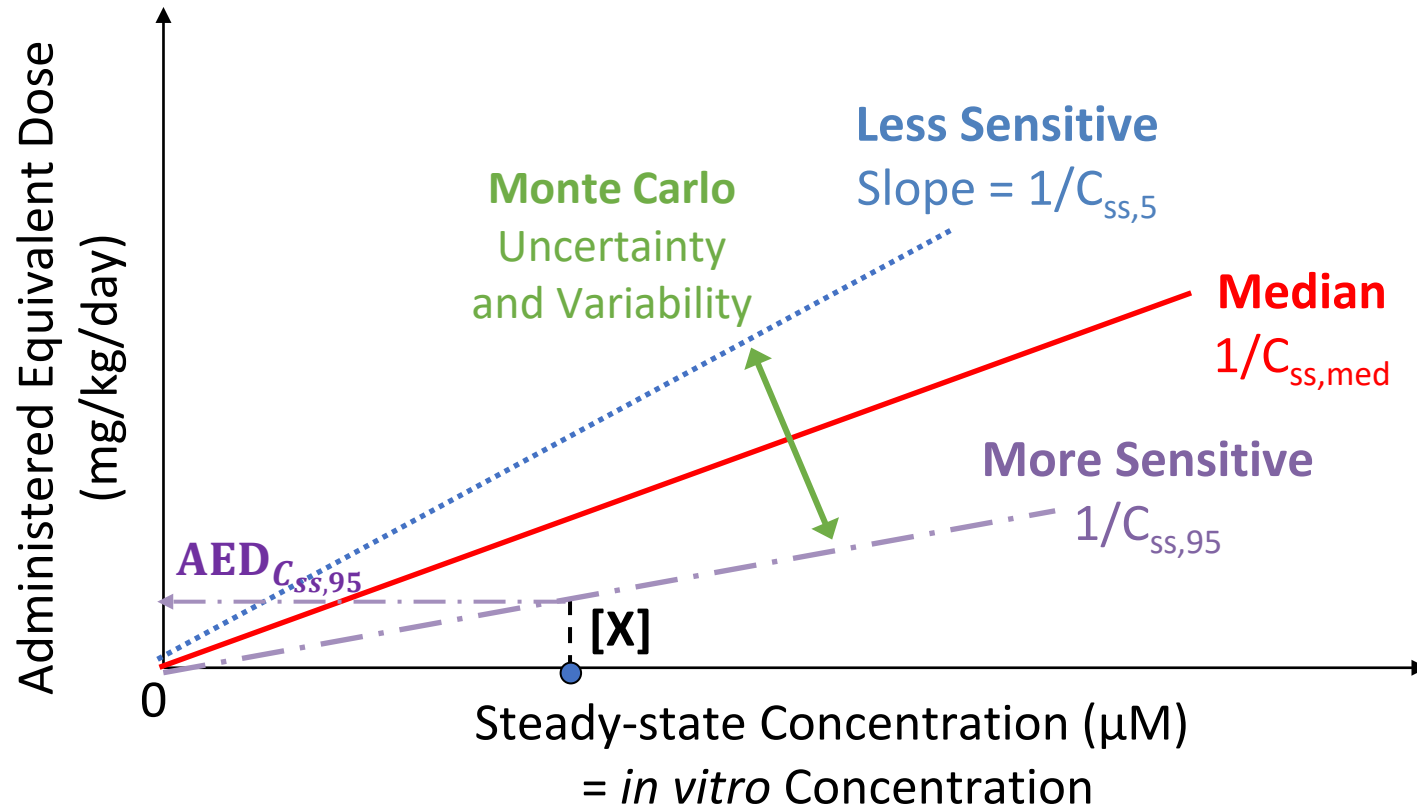
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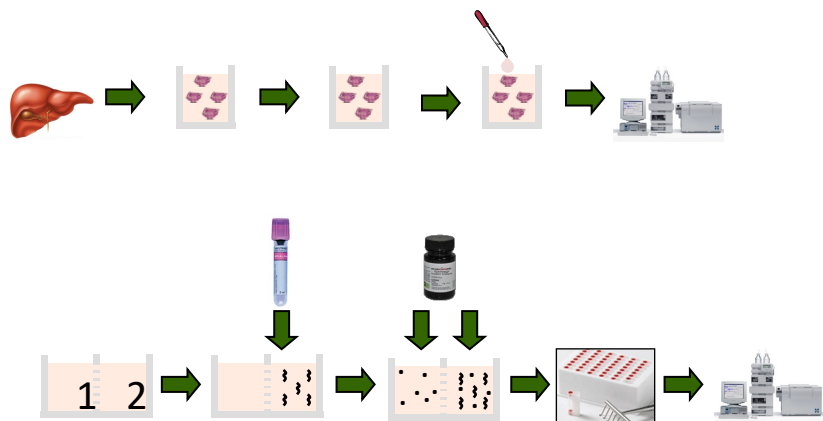


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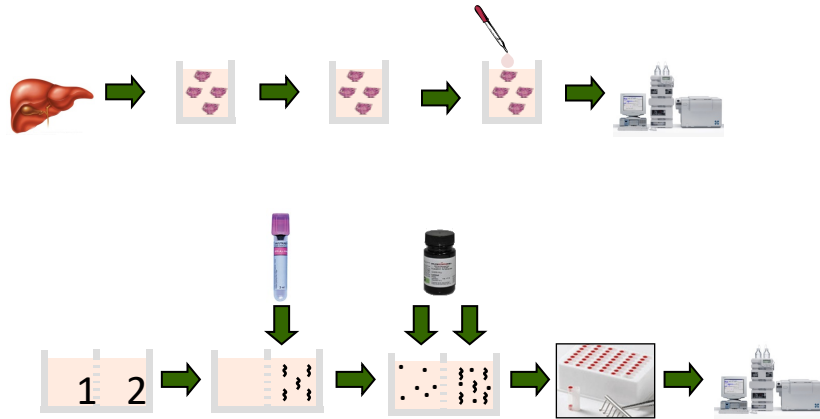
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In vitro toxicokinetic data



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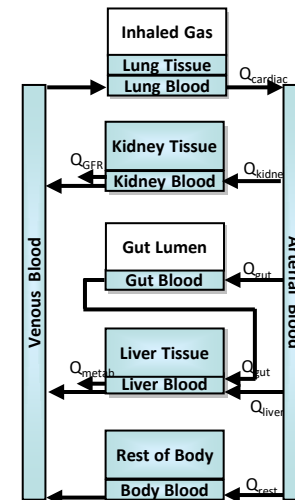
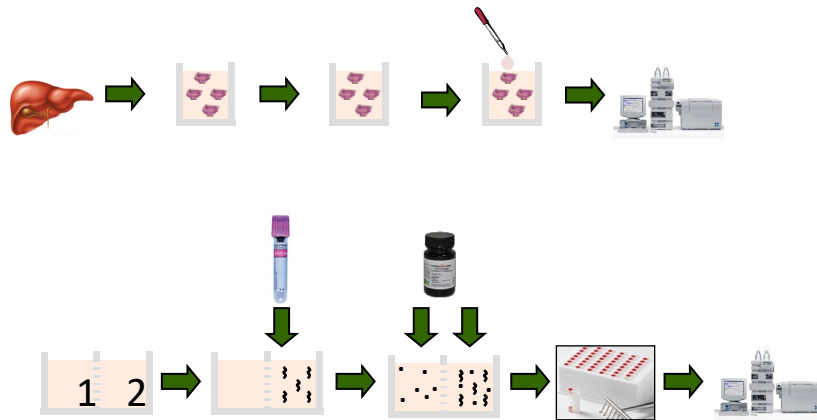
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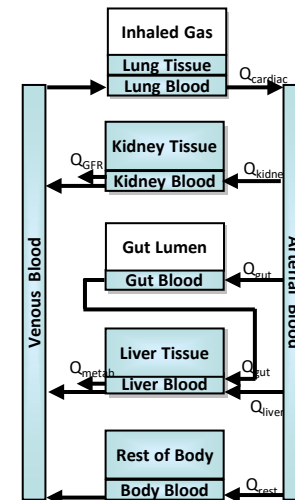
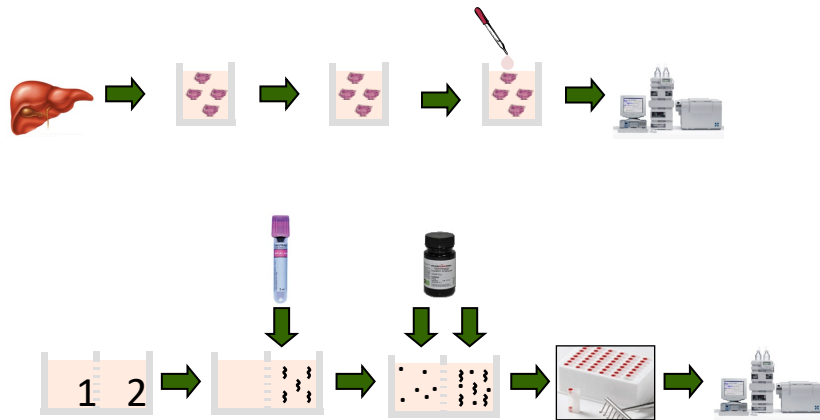
In vitro toxicokinetic data + generic toxicokinetic model



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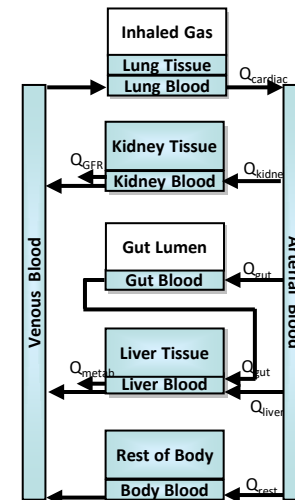
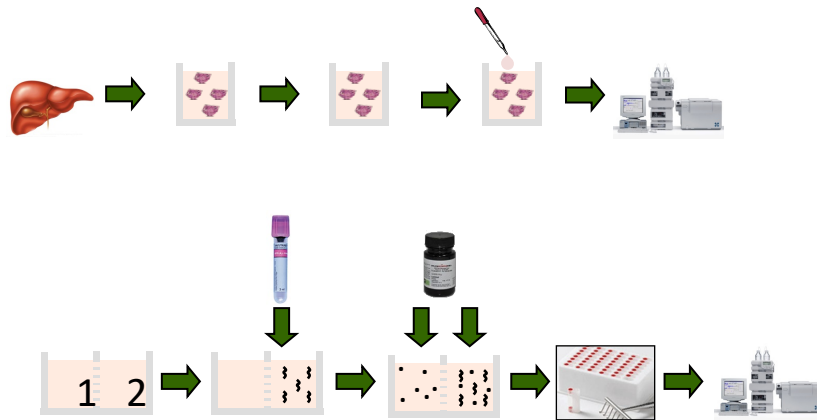


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High Throughput Toxicokinetics (HTTK)

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



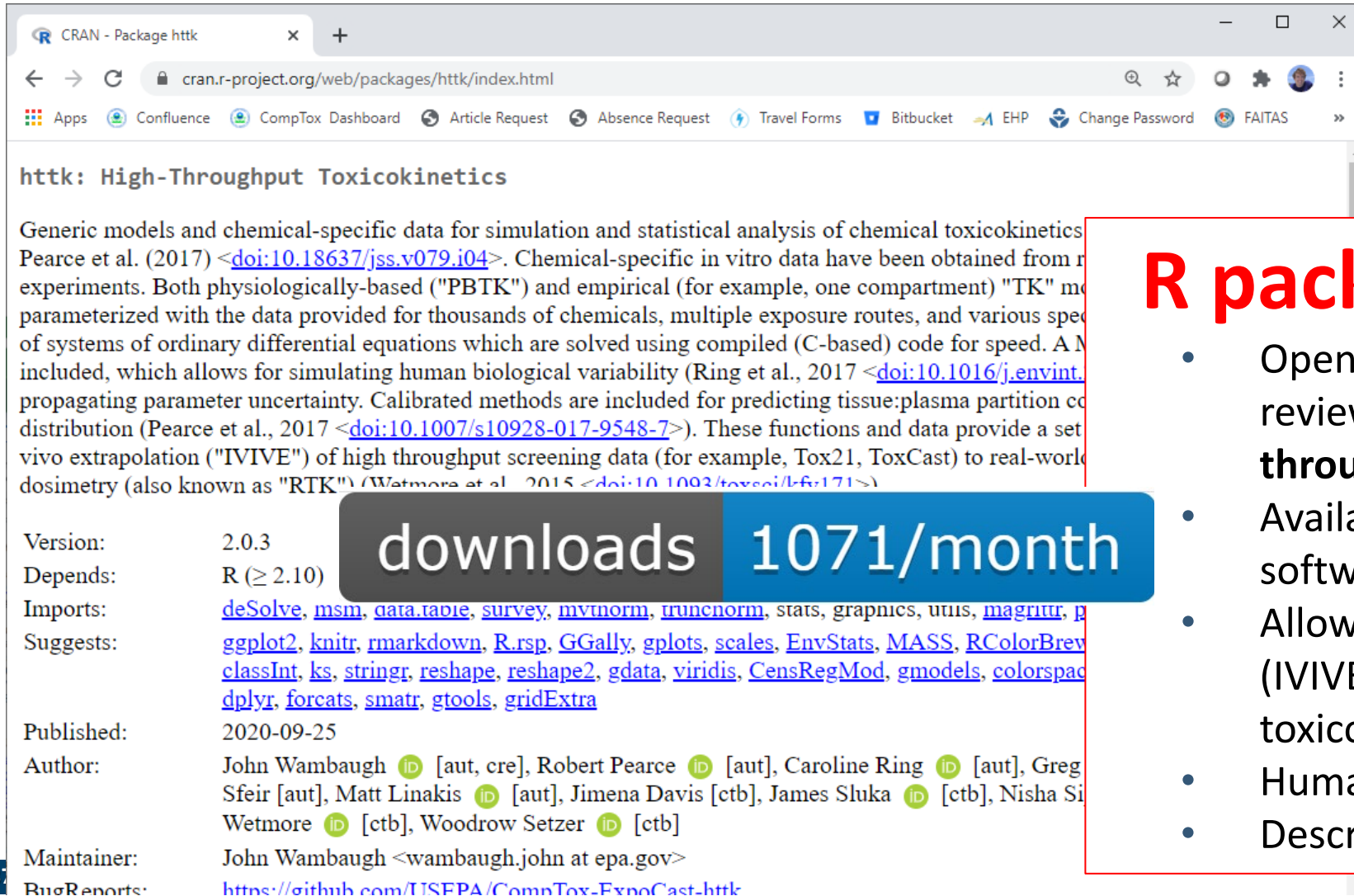
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Open-Source Tools and Data for HTTK

<https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=httk>










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httk: High-Throughput Toxicokinetics

Generic models and chemical-specific data for simulation and statistical analysis of chemical toxicokinetics (Pearce et al. (2017) <[doi:10.18637/jss.v079.i04](https://doi.org/10.18637/jss.v079.i04)>). Chemical-specific in vitro data have been obtained from experiments. Both physiologically-based ("PBTK") and empirical (for example, one compartment) "TK" models are parameterized with the data provided for thousands of chemicals, multiple exposure routes, and various species of systems of ordinary differential equations which are solved using compiled (C-based) code for speed. A Monte Carlo approach is included, which allows for simulating human biological variability (Ring et al., 2017 <[doi:10.1016/j.envint.2017.05.011](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envint.2017.05.011)>), propagating parameter uncertainty. Calibrated methods are included for predicting tissue:plasma partition coefficients and distribution (Pearce et al., 2017 <[doi:10.1007/s10928-017-9548-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10928-017-9548-7)>). These functions and data provide a set of tools for *in vivo* extrapolation ("IVIVE") of high throughput screening data (for example, Tox21, ToxCast) to real-world dosimetry (also known as "RTK") (Wetmore et al., 2015 <[doi:10.1093/toxsci/bfv171](https://doi.org/10.1093/toxsci/bfv171)>).

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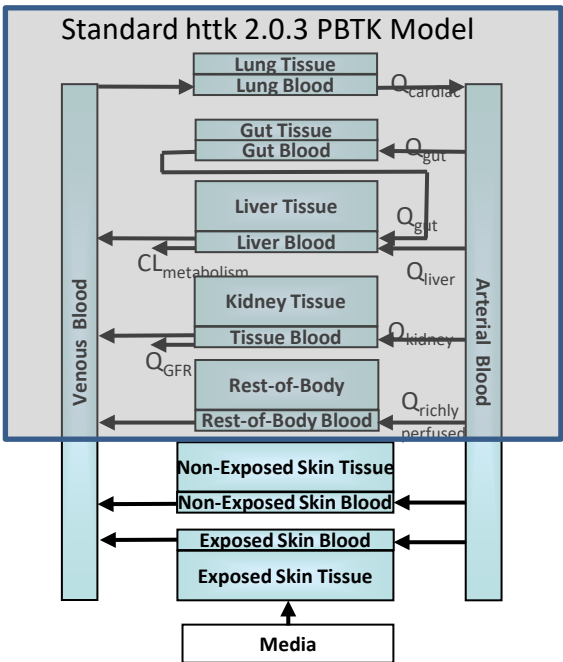
R package "httk"

- 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 987 chemicals
- Described in Pearce et al. (2017)

Toxicokinetics NAMs: *In Vitro* Measurements and Generic PBTK Models

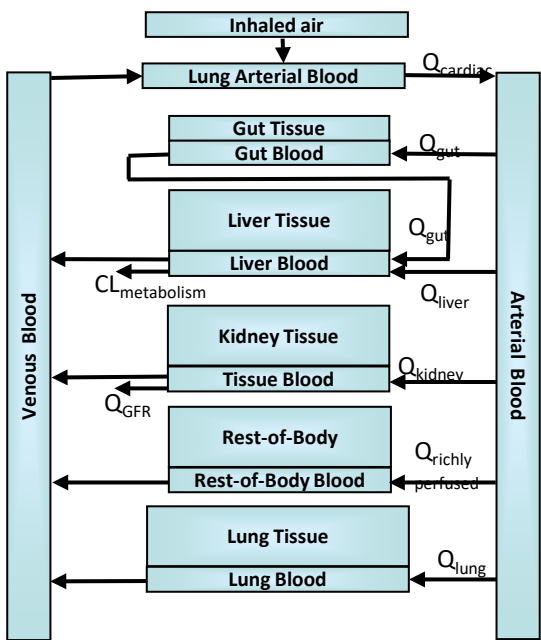
Gas and Aerosol Inhalation Exposure Route

EPA, USAF, Linakis et al. (2020)

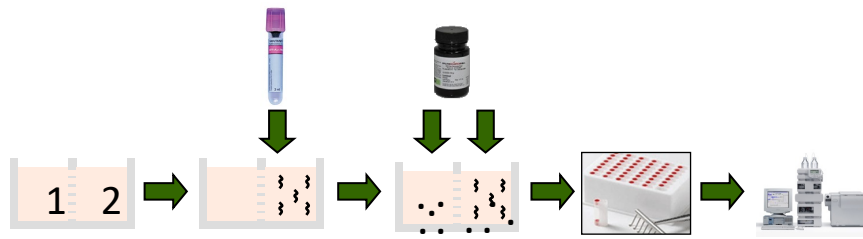


Dermal Exposure Route

EPA, Unilever, INERIS

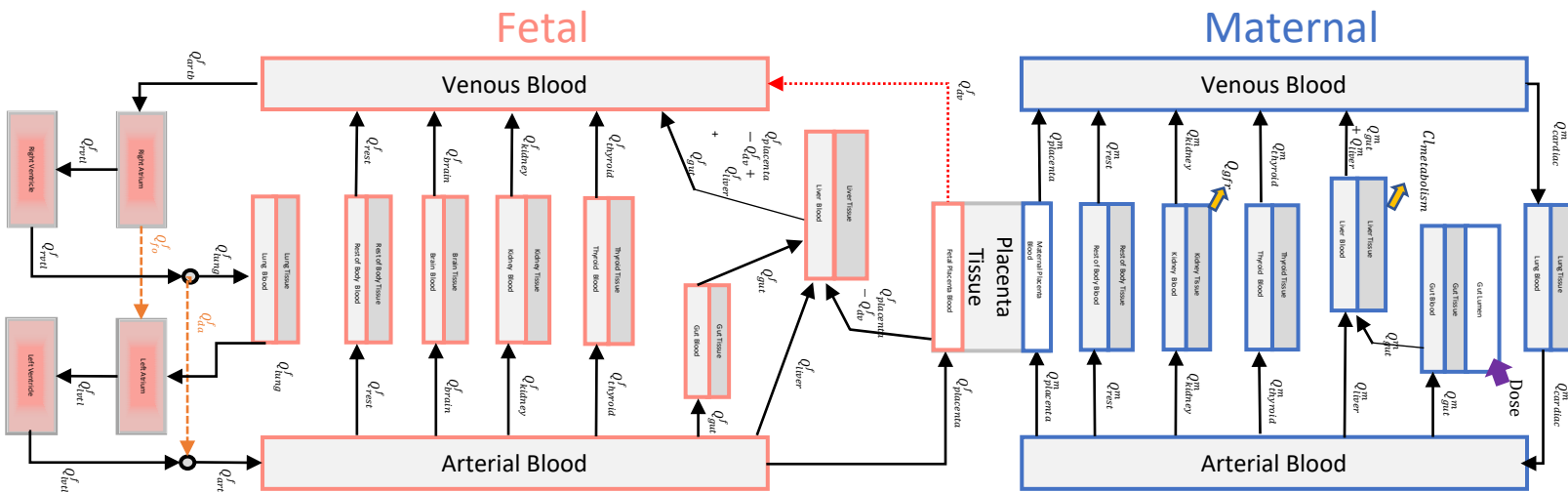


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Human Gestational Model

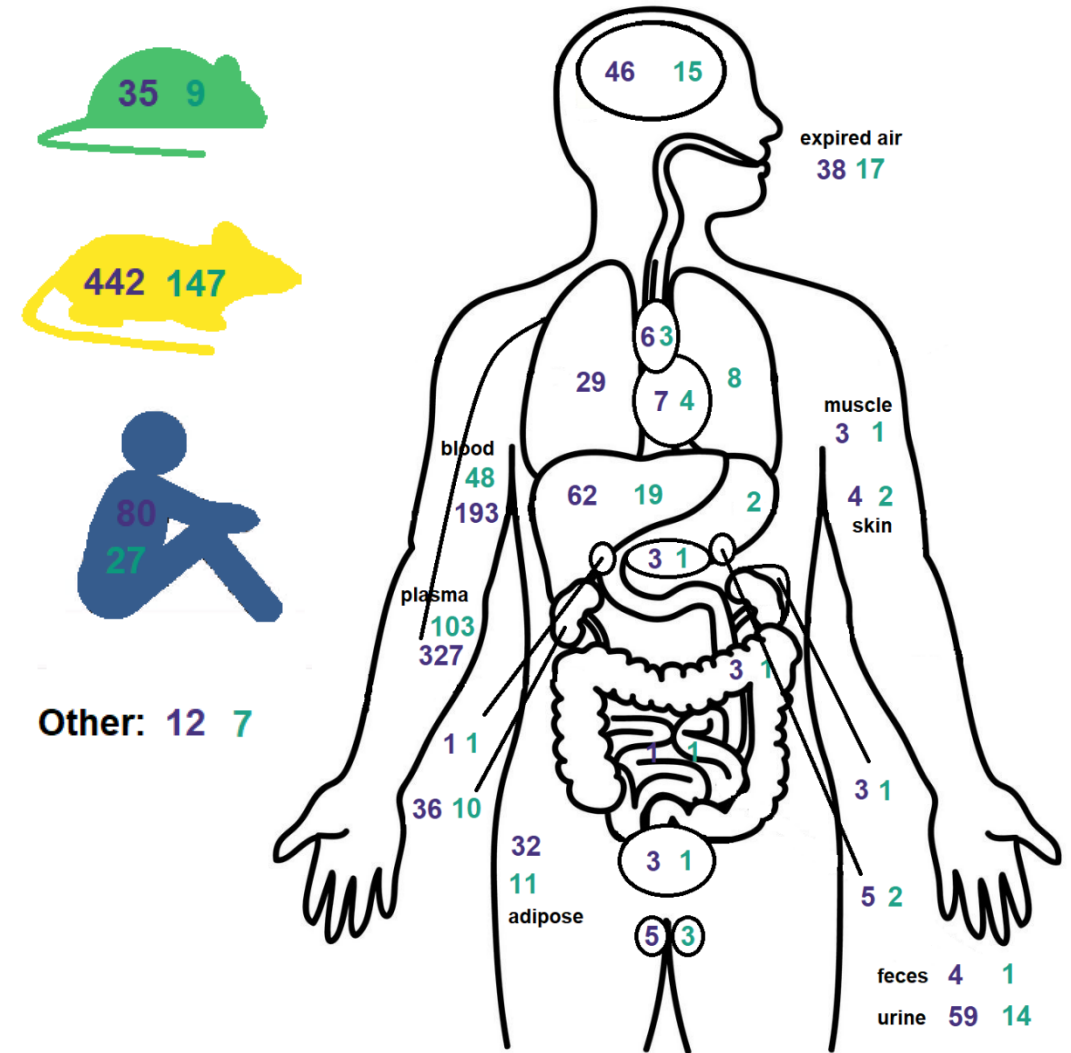
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In Vivo TK Database

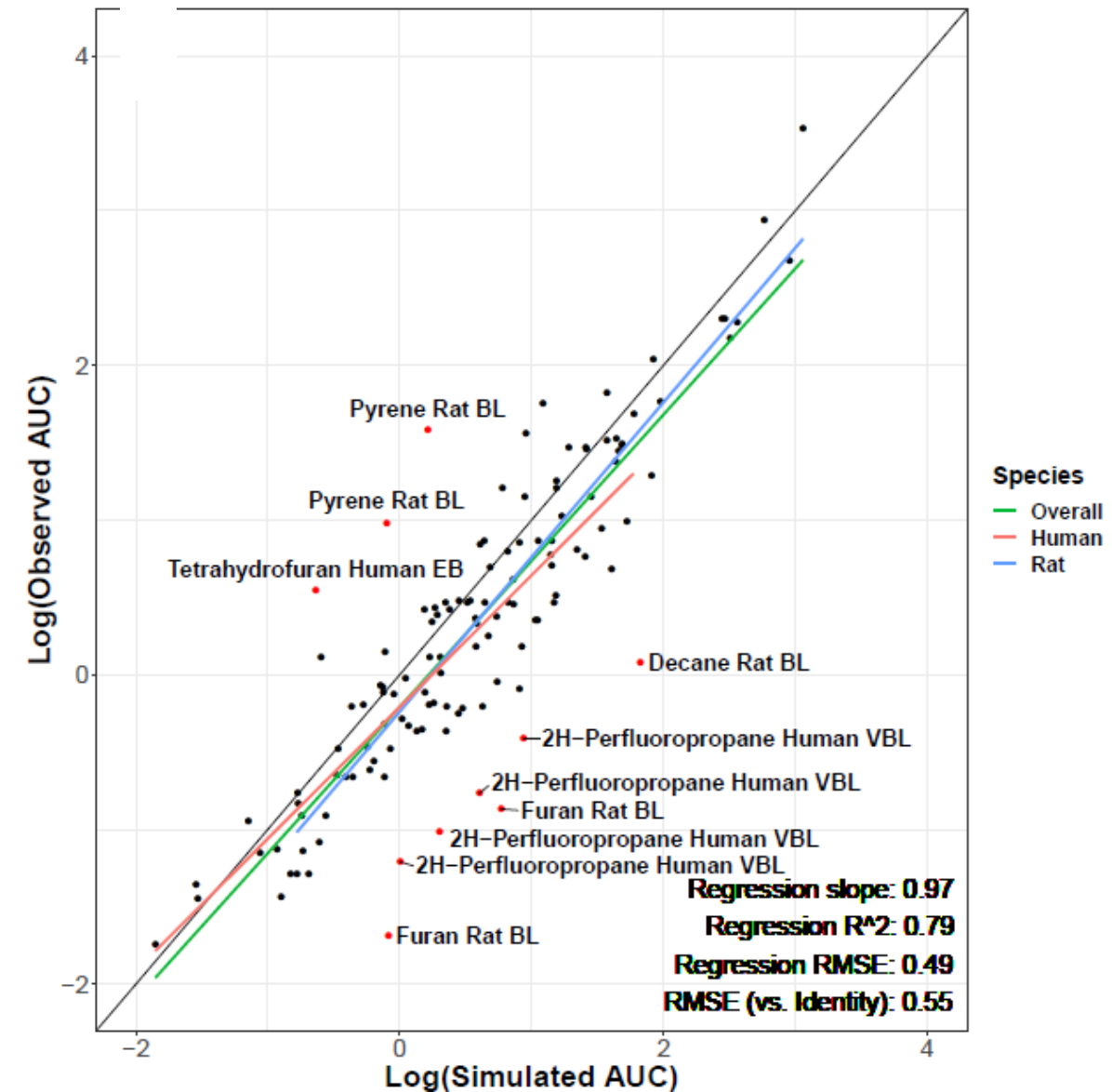
<https://github.com/USEPA/CompTox-PK-CvTdb>

- EPA has developed a **public database** of **concentration vs. time data** for building, calibrating, and evaluating TK models
- Curation and development ongoing, but to date includes:
 - 198 analytes (EPA, National Toxicology Program, literature)
 - Routes: Intravenous, dermal, oral, sub-cutaneous, and inhalation exposure
- Standardized, open source curve fitting software **invivoPKfit** used to calibrate models to all data:
<https://github.com/USEPA/CompTox-ExpoCast-invivoPKfit>



Developing Models with the CvT Database

- USAF and EPA developed generic gas inhalation physiologically-based toxicokinetic (PBTK) model
- Evaluated HTTK with CvTdb: 142 exposure scenarios across 41 volatile organic chemicals were modeled and compared to published *in vivo* data for humans and rat
- R^2 was 0.69 for predicting peak concentration
- R^2 was 0.79 for predicting time integrated plasma concentration (Area Under the Curve, AUC)



NAMs for Exposure Science

Exposure NAM Class	Description	Traditional Approach	NAM Makes Use of					
			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 <i>in vitro</i> data to generate chemical-specific models	Analyses based on <i>in vivo</i> 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	●	●	●	●	●	●

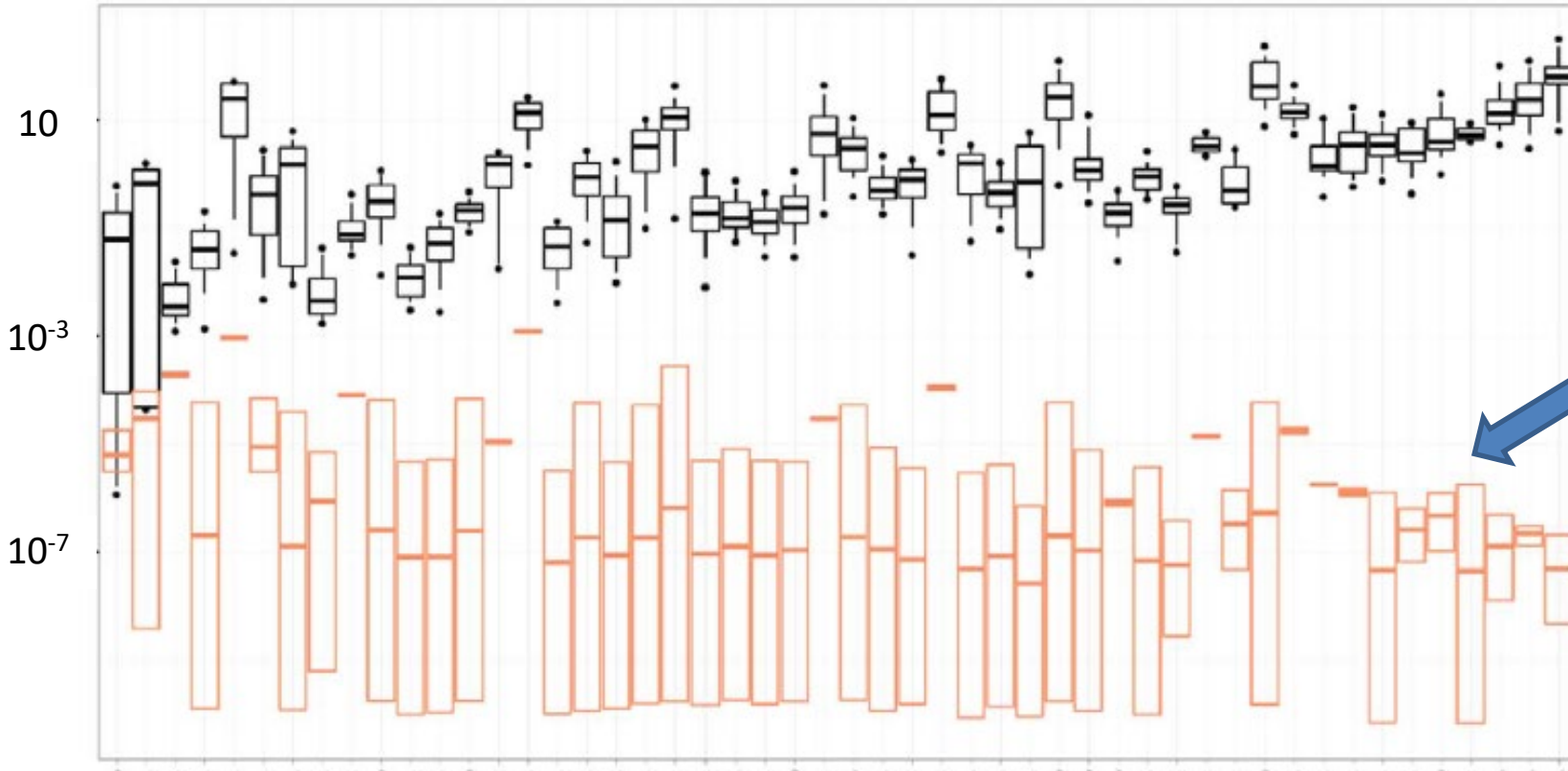
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Chemical Prioritization NAMs

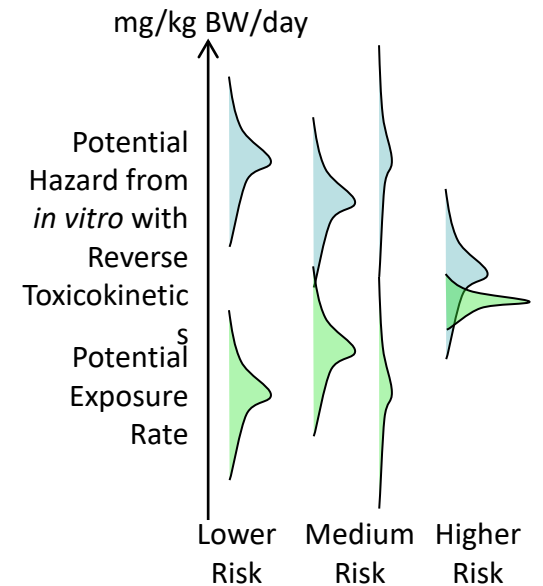
High throughput *in vitro* screening can estimate doses needed to cause bioactivity (for example, Wetmore et al., 2015)

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

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



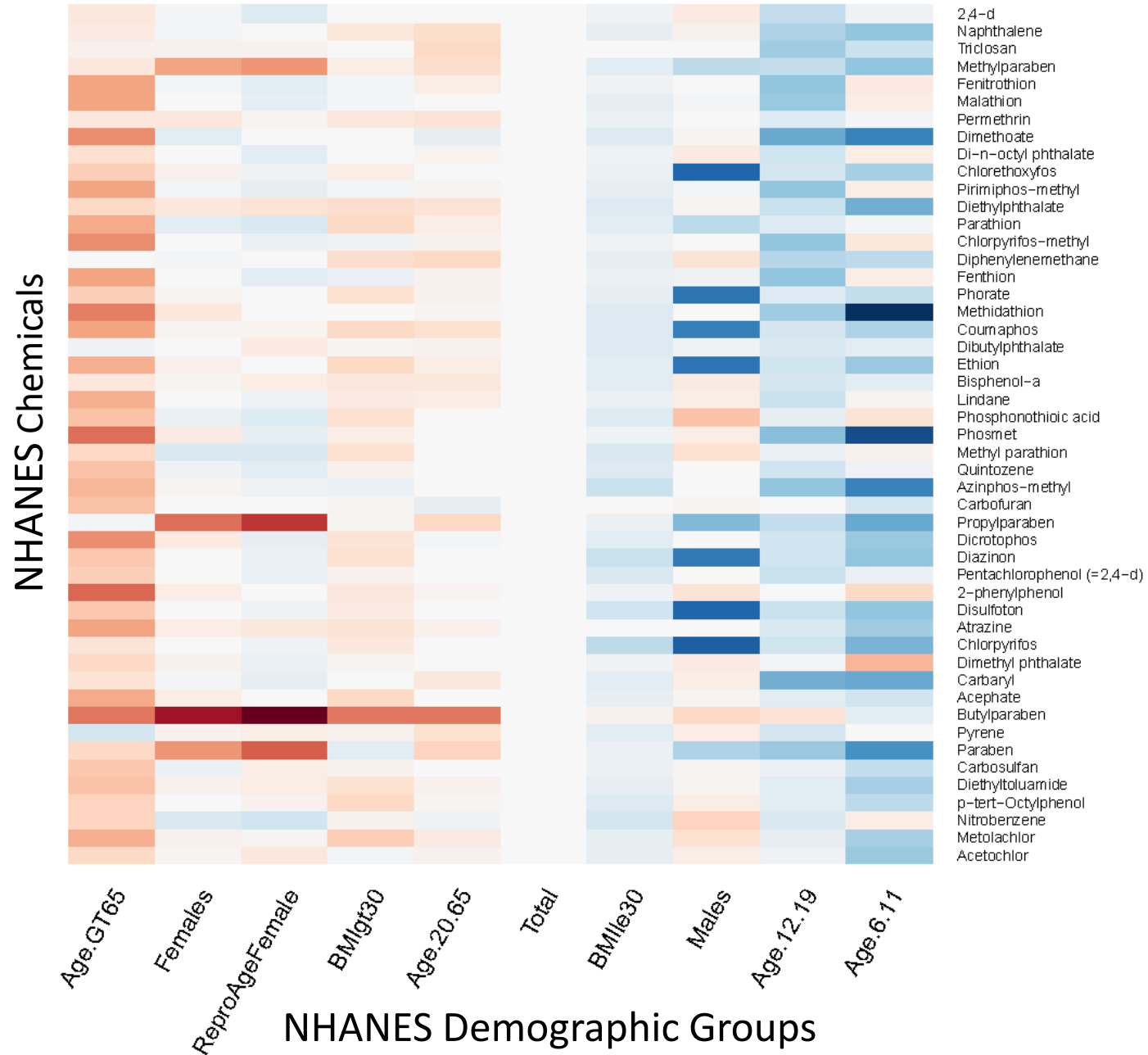
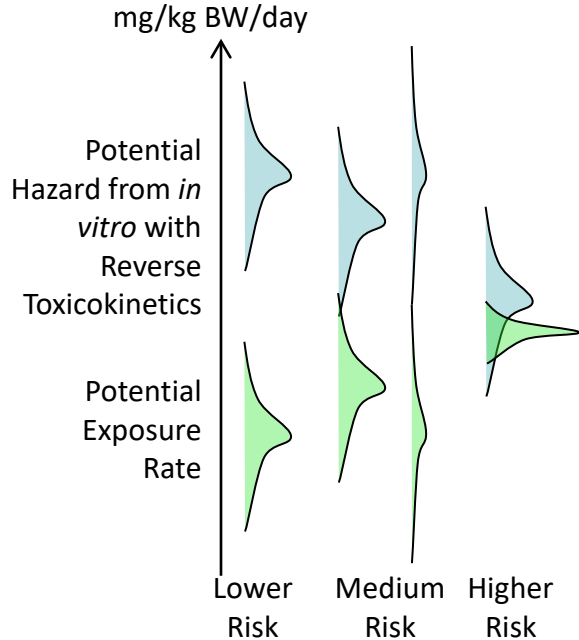
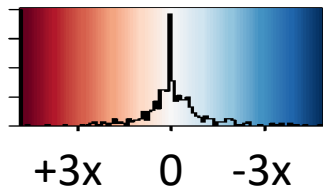
Chemicals Monitored by CDC NHANES



Ring et al. (2017)

Life-stage and Demographic Specific Predictions

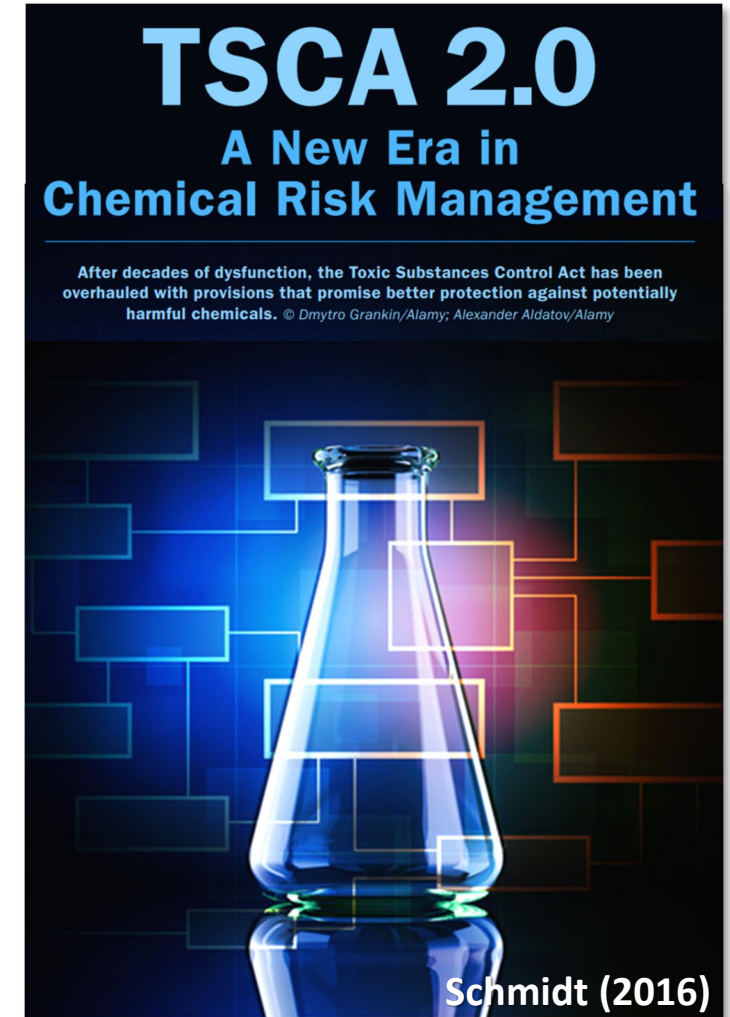
**Change in
Bioactivity : Exposure
Ratio (Risk)**



- We can calculate margin between bioactivity and exposure for specific populations
- Based on variation in toxicokinetics and exposure

Outlook

- In ExpoCast we develop models and perform experiments for both exposure and dosimetry (toxicokinetics)
- HHTK (high throughput toxicokinetics) includes a suite of peer-reviewed models for toxicokinetics that can be parameterized for nearly one thousand chemicals
 - Currently adding new models (aerosol, dermal, human gestational)
 - Adding new structure-based predictors for data that are currently measured *in vitro*
- SEEM (systematic empirical evaluation of models) is a consensus meta-modeling framework for exposure
 - Trained to monitoring data (developing more)
 - Trained to chemical use data (developing more)
 - Human developed, ecological and occupational in progress





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