

EPA's Computational Toxicology Program: Innovation Powered by Chemistry



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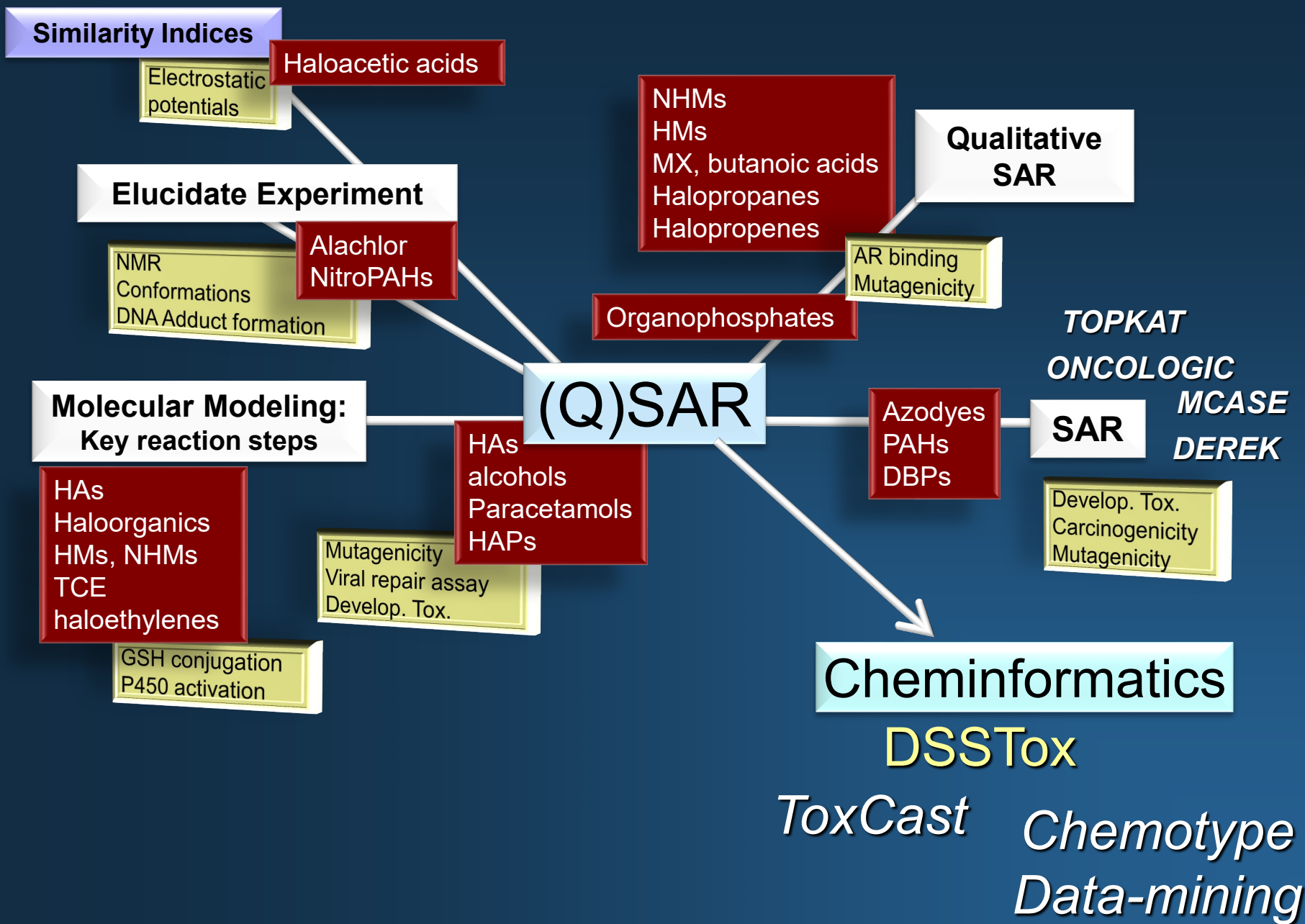
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Past & present research at EPA:



Lessons Learned

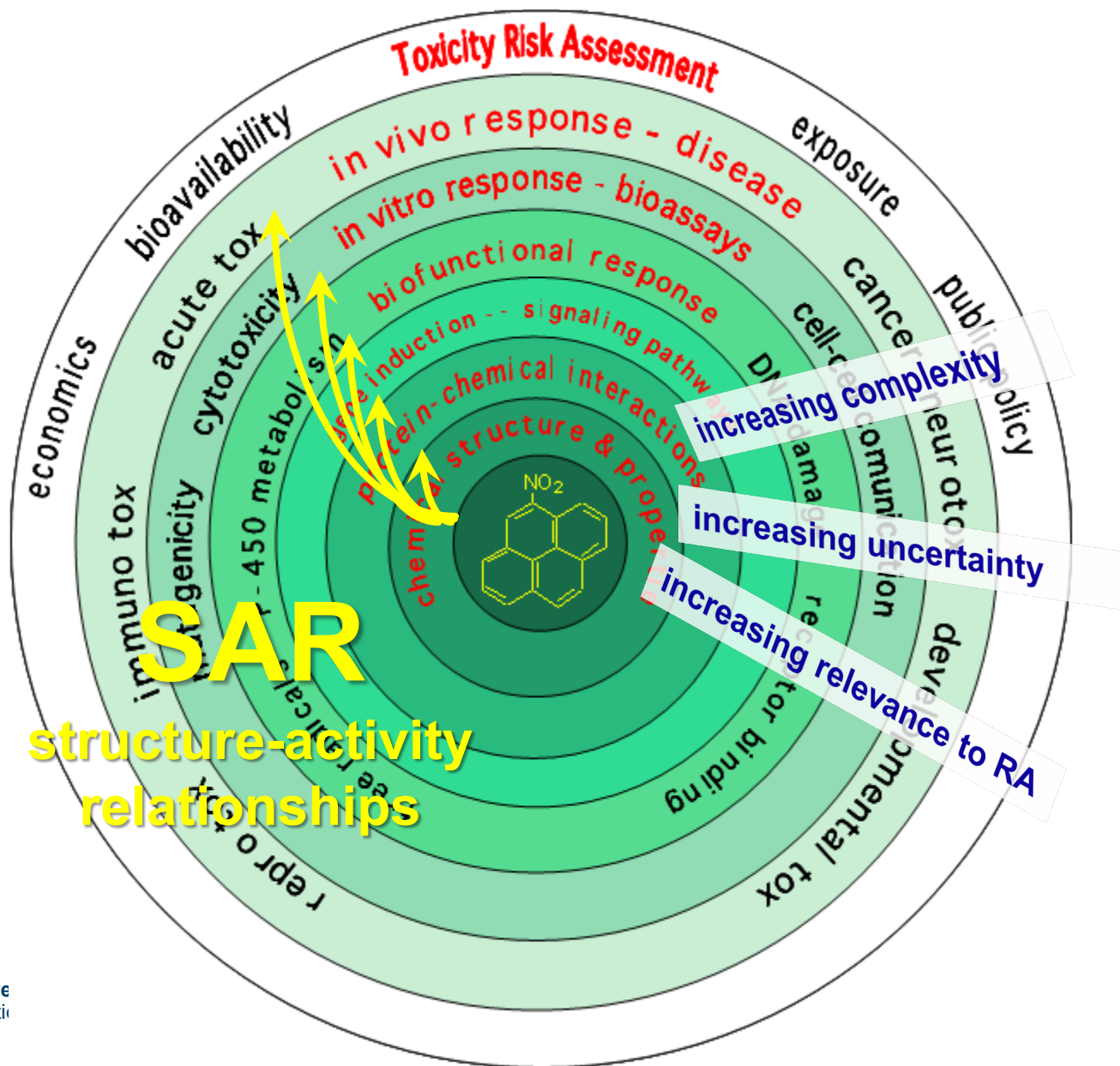
#1:



“Asking the right questions takes as much skill as giving the right answers.”

- Robert Half

Toxicity Prediction Problem

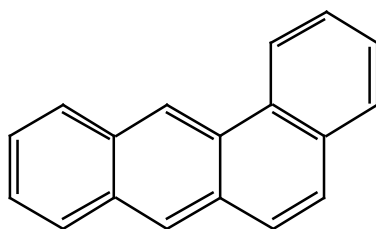


Structure-Activity Relationship (SAR) postulate:

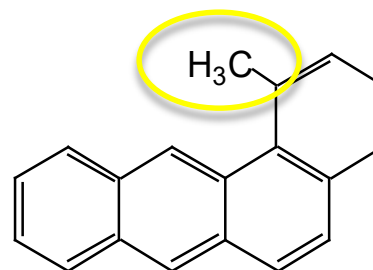
*similar molecules have similar activities
(except when they don't!)*

Structure-Activity Relationships (SAR)

$$\text{Activity} = f(\text{Structure})$$



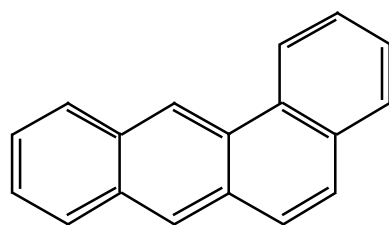
active



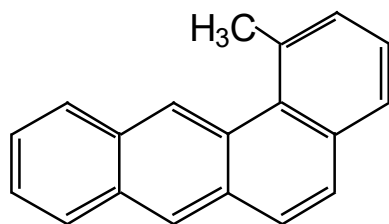
inactive

Methyl group leads to loss of carcinogenic activity

SAR Generalization



active



inactive

Statistical association
Mechanistic hypothesis



Class



PAHs

activating feature



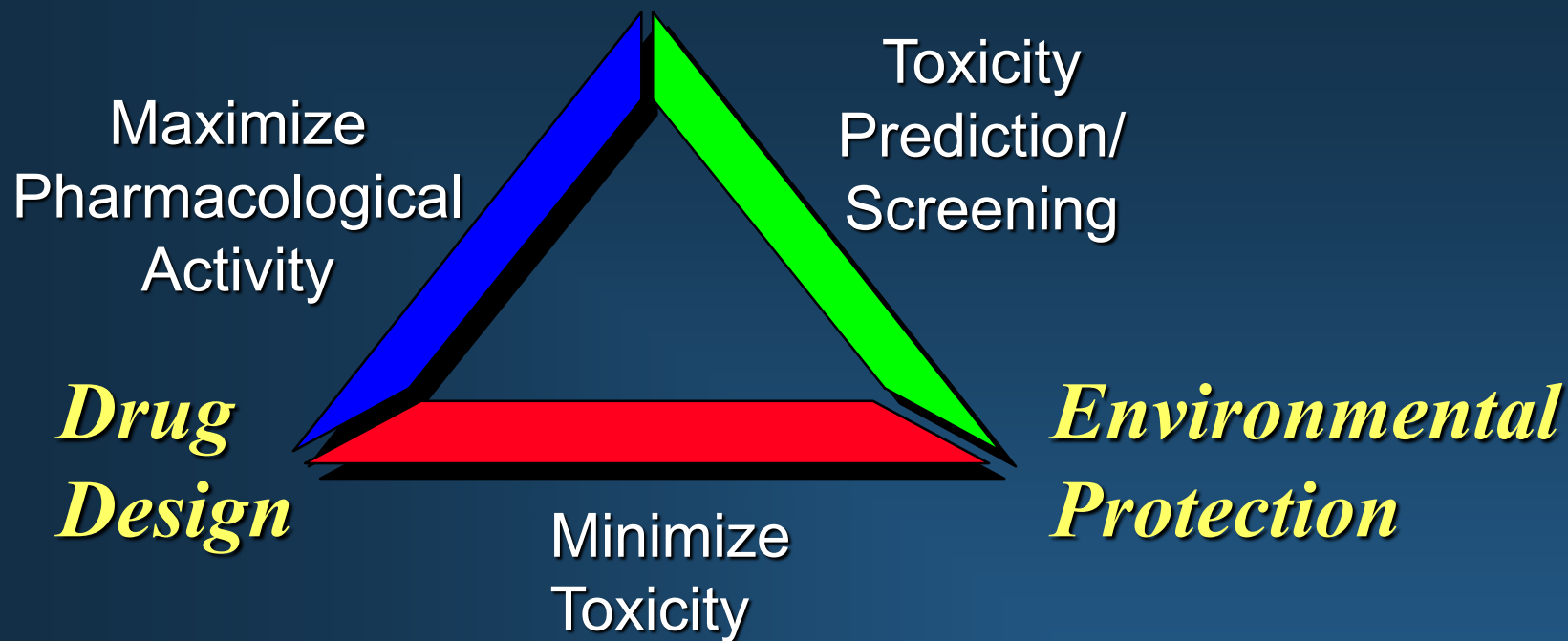
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modulating feature

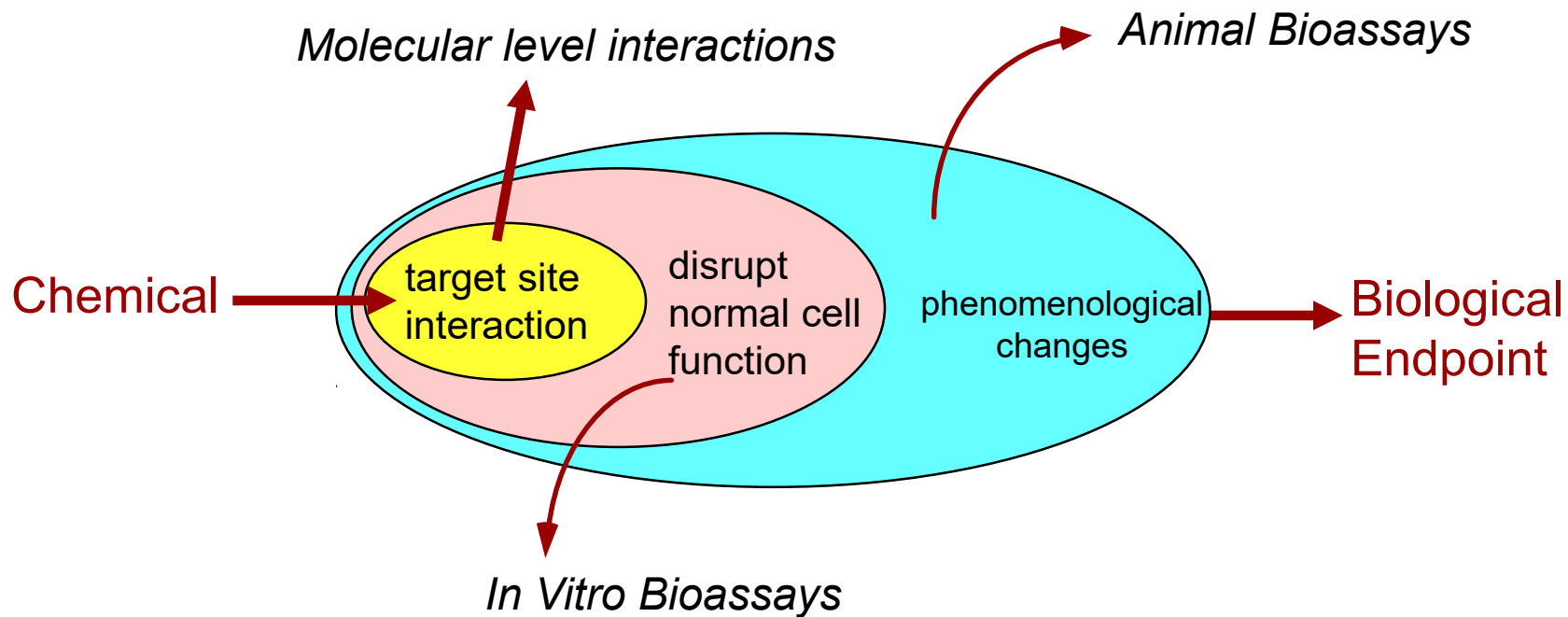


steric hindrance

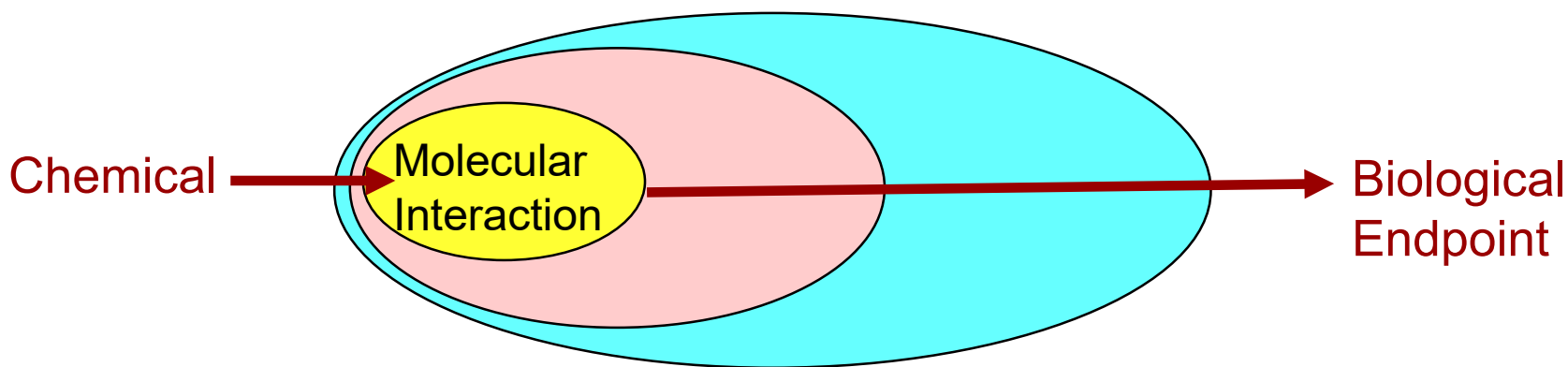
SAR Application



Mechanisms of Toxicity



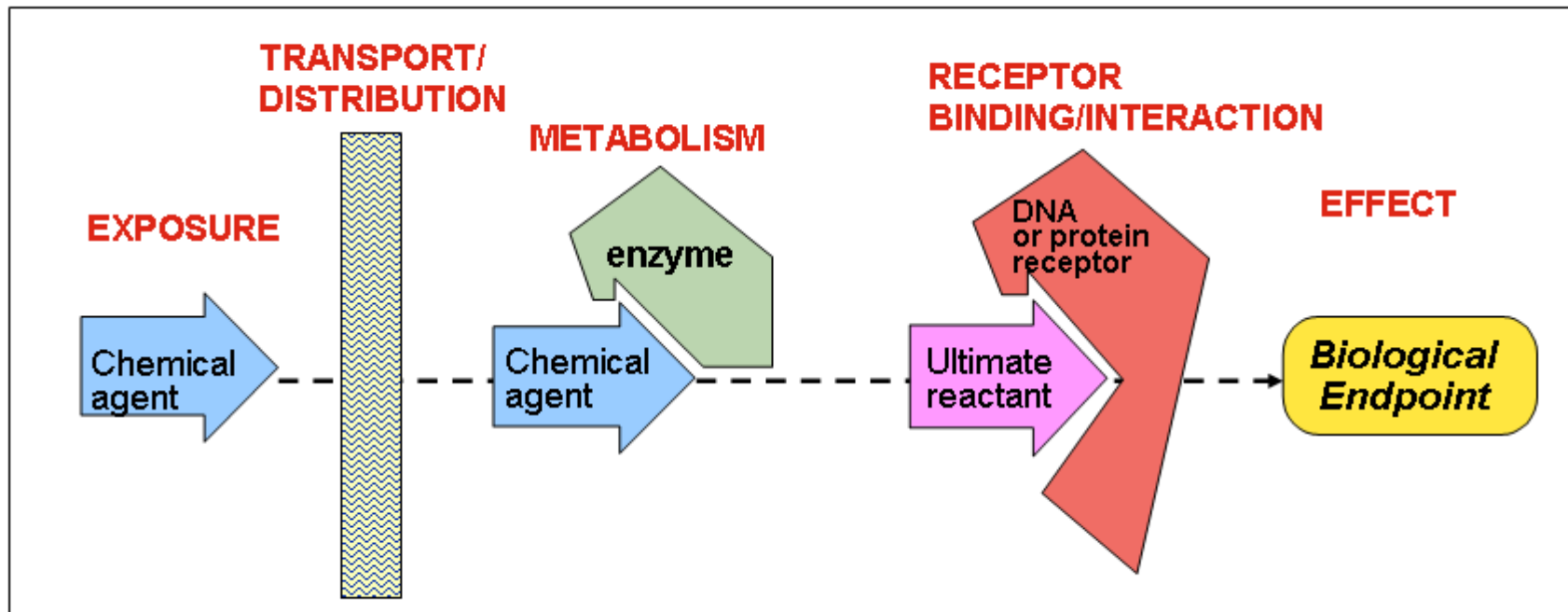
Structure-Activity Relationships



Similar chemicals
Relative properties
Common mechanism of action

Typical (Q)SAR Paradigm

$$\text{Activity} = \text{Constant} * \text{Prob}_{\text{site}} * \text{Prob}_{\text{rxn}}$$

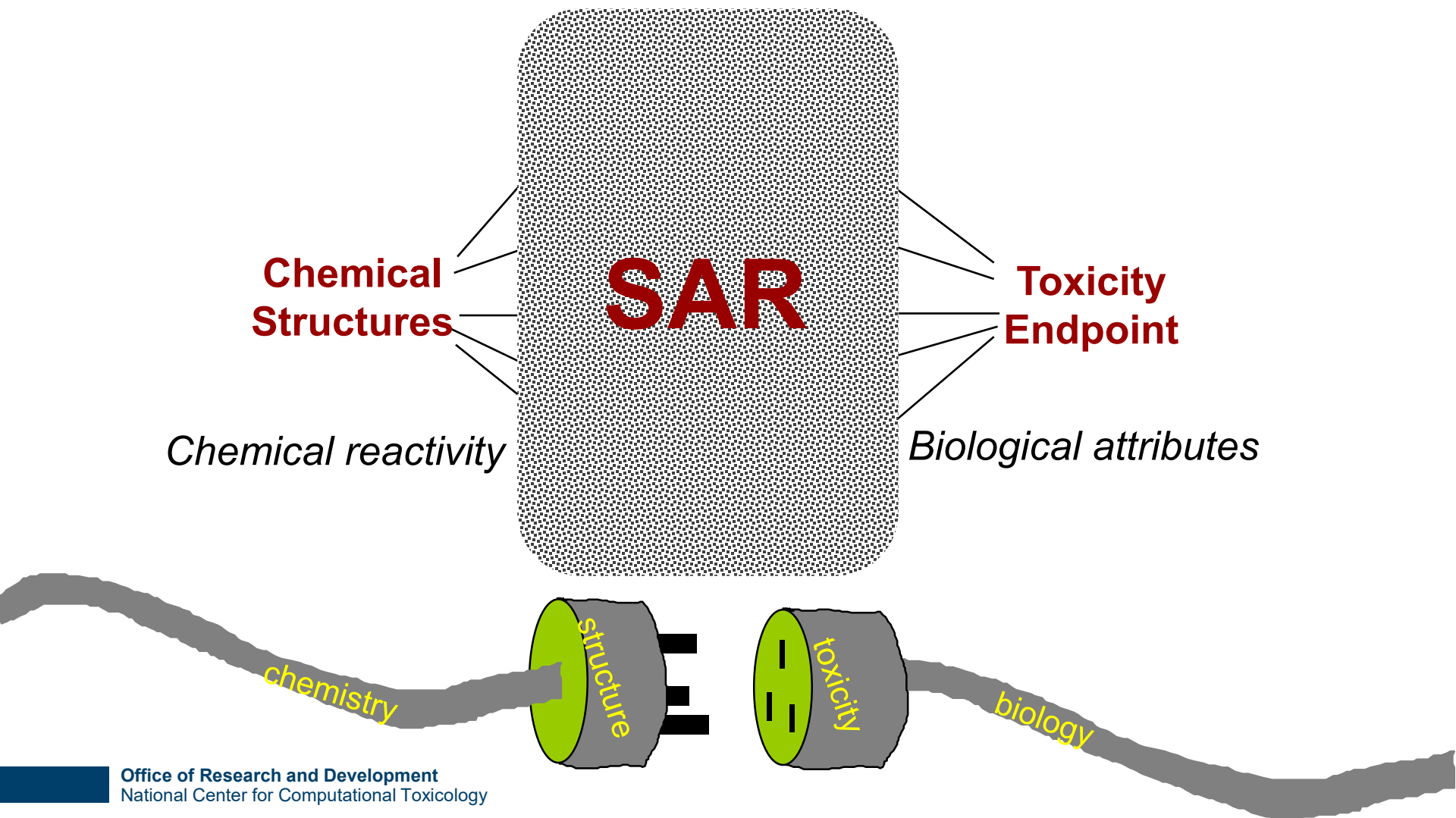


*vapor pressure
Solubility
Henry's const*

*log P(octanol/water)
acidity*

*electronic/ steric
3D properties
reactivity indicators
interaction energies*

Global vs. Local SAR models





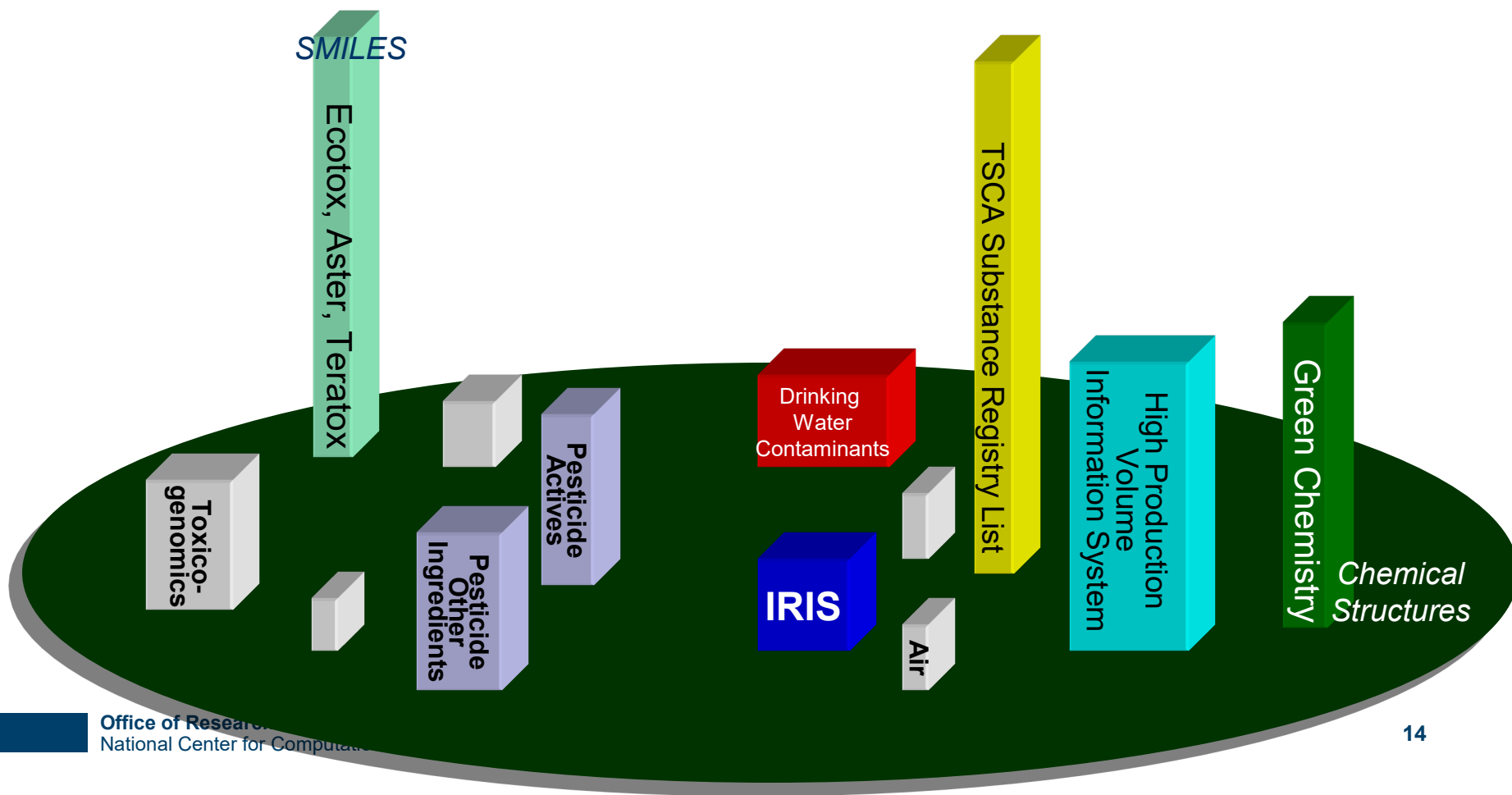
Lessons
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#2:

Biology is complicated and
predicting chemical toxicity is hard

EPA's data islands ... circa 2000

*Chemical Names
CAS Registry Nos.*



World Wide Web

Chemical
structures

Chemical
structures

Chemical Names
CAS Registry Nos.

SMILES

Ecotox, Aster, Teratox

Toxico-
genomics

Pesticide
Other
Ingredients

Pesticide
Actives

DSSTox

Drinking
Water
Contaminants

IRIS

Air

TSCA Substance Registry List

High Production
Volume
Information System

Green Chemistry

Chemical
Structures



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Distributed Structure-Searchable Toxicity (DSSTox) Public Database Network

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DSSTox Community

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DSSTox
Distributed Structure-Searchable Toxicity (DSSTox) Database Network is a project of [EPA's Computational Toxicology Program](#), helping to build a public data foundation for improved structure-activity and predictive toxicology capabilities. The DSSTox website provides a public forum for publishing downloadable, standardized chemical structure files associated with toxicity data.
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Recent Additions: 08 June 2006

*****Revised Standard Chemical Fields for all DSSTox files:**

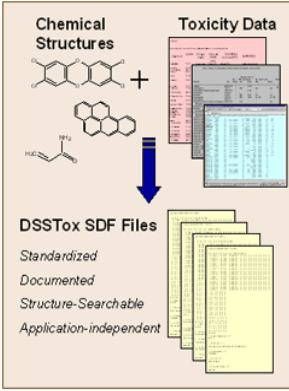
- Revised [DSSTox Standard Chemical Fields](#)
- [Chemical & Substance ID fields](#) to index all unique DSSTox structures and substances
- Updated IUPAC names and [InChI codes](#) (v. 1.0)
- Major [Chemical Information Quality Review](#) of all DSSTox structure data files

*****New DSSTox Structure Data Files:**

- New [Structure Data Files Index](#) and [SD File Types](#)
- [IRISSI](#): EPA Integrated Risk Information System Structure-Index Locator File
- [NTPBSI](#): National Toxicology Program Bioassay Structure-Index Locator File
- [HPVCSI](#): EPA High Production Volume Challenge Program Structure-Index File
- [NTPHTS](#): National Toxicology Program High-Throughput Screening Structure-Index File
- [DSSToxMaster](#): DSSTox Master Structure-Index File

*****Expanded Carcinogenic Potency Database - All Species (CPDBAS):**

- Added chemical records and revised data entries,
- Activity Category fields, URL links to chemically indexed data pages on CPDB Source website -- see [CPDBAS](#)



[DSSTox Graphic Flowchart](#)

[DSSTox Project Goals](#)

[DSSTox Publications](#)

Database Files: [More](#)

CPDBAS_v3b_1481	10Apr2006	**updated
DBPCAN_v3b_209	10Apr2006	**updated
EPAFHM_v3b_617	10Apr2006	**updated
FDAM00_v2b_1217	10Apr2006	**updated
NCTRER_v3b_232	10Apr2006	**updated

Structure-Index Locator Files: [More](#)

IRISSI_v1a_544	10Apr2006	**New
NTPBSI_v1a_2415	10Apr2006	**New

Structure-Index Files: [More](#)

HPVCSI_v1a_3548	10Apr2006	**New
NTPHTS_v1a_1408	10Apr2006	**New
DSSToxMaster_v1a_8804	10Apr2006	**New

Quick & Easy File Downloads:

- [FTP Download Instruction](#)

- Focus on environmental chemicals & EPA lists
- Toxicity datasets for building SAR models
- High quality, manually curated data-structure associations
- Downloadable structure files

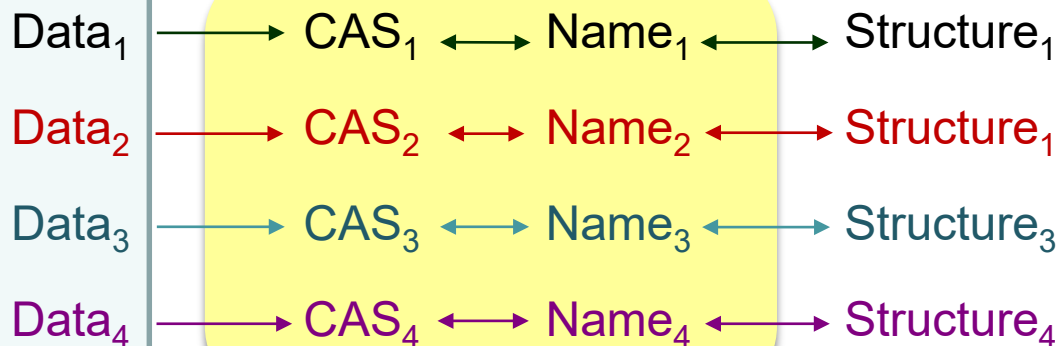
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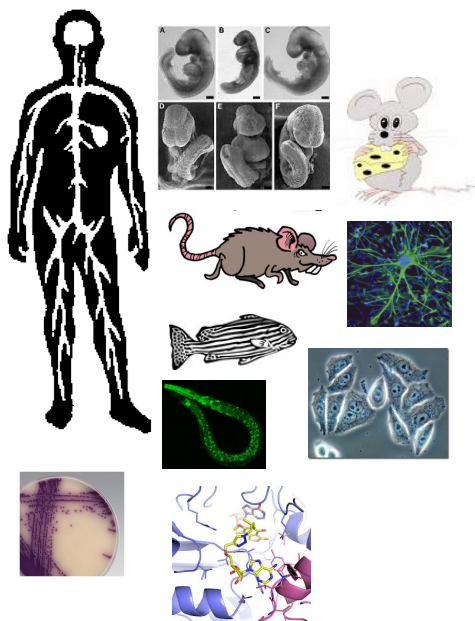
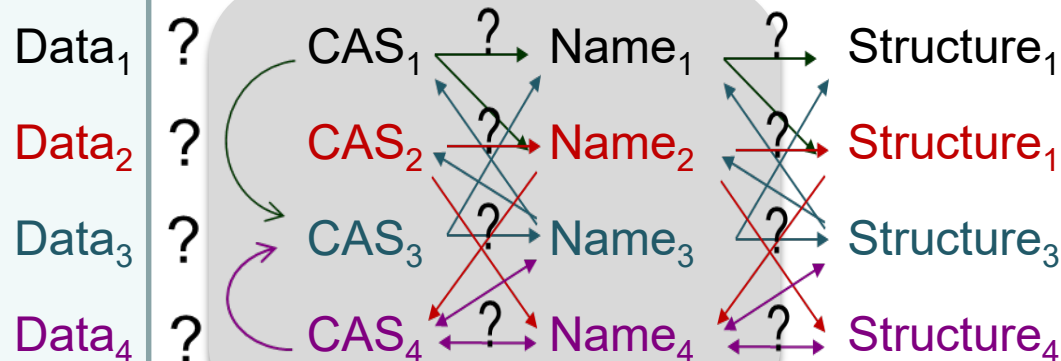
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Errors in Data-Structure Linkages

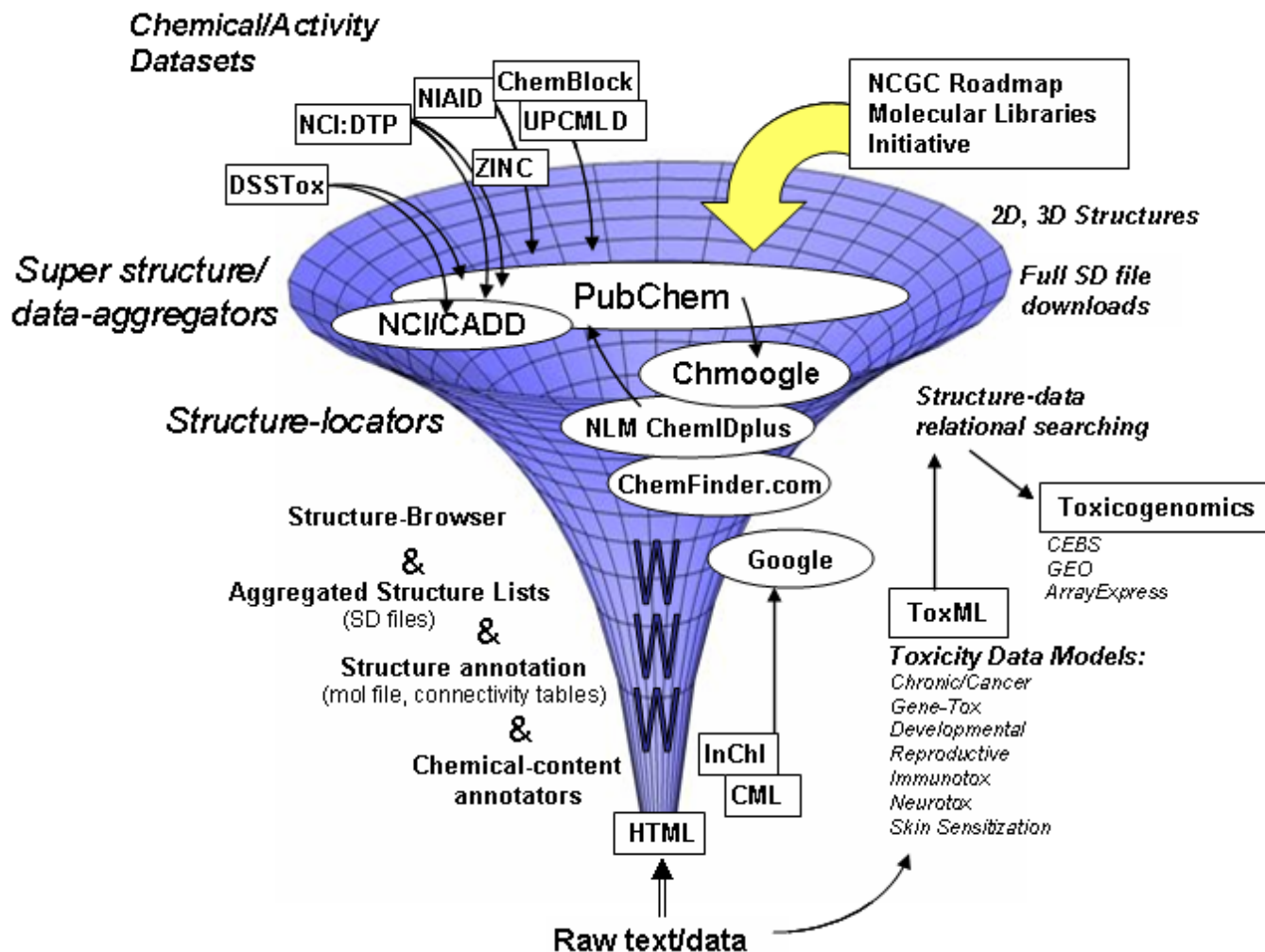
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Chemical Structure Searching of Biological Information on the Internet



Lessons
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#3: Importance of data quality



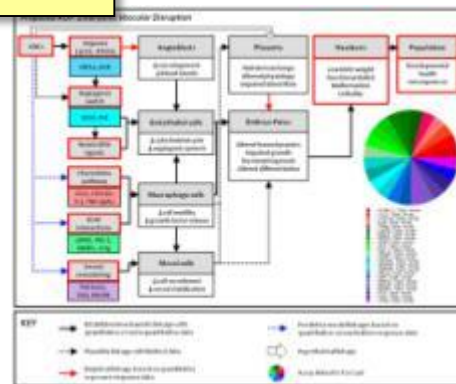
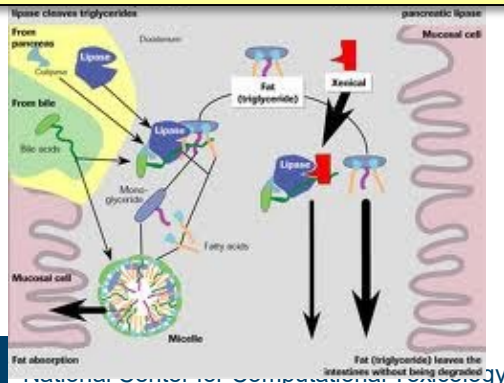
Big Problems in Toxicology

Too many chemicals to test with standard animal-based methods

– Cost, time, animal welfare

Need for better mechanistic data

- What is human relevance
- What is the Mode of Action (MOA)?
- What is the Adverse Outcome Pathway (AOP)?

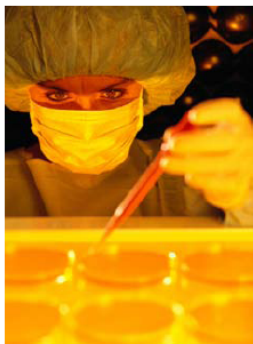


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Toxicity Testing in the 21st Century: A Vision and a Strategy

Advances in molecular biology, biotechnology, and other fields are paving the way for major improvements in how scientists evaluate the health risks posed by potentially toxic chemicals found at low levels in the environment. These advances would make toxicity testing quicker, less expensive, and more directly relevant to human exposures. They could also reduce the need for animal testing by substituting more laboratory tests based on human cells. This National Research Council report creates a far-reaching vision for the future of toxicity testing.

Toxicity tests on laboratory animals are conducted to evaluate chemicals—including medicines, food additives, and industrial, consumer, and agricultural chemicals—for their potential to cause cancer, birth defects, and other adverse health effects. Information from toxicity testing serves as an important part of the basis for public health and regulatory decisions concerning toxic chemicals. Current test methods were developed incrementally over the past 50 to 60 years and are conducted using laboratory animals, such as rats and mice. Using the results of animal tests to predict human health effects involves a number of assumptions and extrapolations that remain controversial. Test animals are often exposed to higher doses than would be expected for typical human exposures, requiring assumptions about



effects at lower doses or exposures. Test animals are typically observed for overt signs of adverse health effects, which provide little information about biological changes leading to such health effects. Often controversial uncertainty factors must be applied to account for differences between test animals and humans. Finally, use of animals in testing is expensive and time consuming, and it sometimes raises ethical issues.

Today, toxicological evaluation of chemicals is poised to take advantage of the on-going revolution in biology and biotechnology. This revolution is making it increasingly possible to study the effects of chemicals using cells, cellular components, and tissues—preferably of human origin—rather than whole animals. These powerful new approaches should help to address a number of challenges facing the

REPORT
IN BRIEF

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TOXICOLOGY

Transforming Environmental Health Protection

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In 2005, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), with support from the U.S. National Toxicology Program (NTP), funded a project at the National Research Council (NRC) to develop a long-range vision for toxicity testing and a strategic plan for implementing that vision. Both agencies wanted future toxicity testing and assessment paradigms to meet evolving regulatory needs. Challenges include the large numbers of substances that need to be tested and how to incorporate recent advances in molecular toxicology, computational sciences, and information technology; to rely increasingly on human as opposed to animal data; and to offer increased efficiency in design and costs (1–5). In response, the NRC Committee on Toxicity Testing and Assessment of Environmental Agents produced two reports that reviewed current toxicity testing, identified key issues, and developed a vision and implementation strategy to create a major shift in the assessment of chemical hazard and risk (6, 7). Although the NRC reports have laid out a solid theoretical rationale, comprehensive and rigorously gathered data (and comparisons with historical animal data) will determine whether the hypothesized improvements will be realized in practice. For this purpose, NTP, EPA, and the National Institutes of Health Chemical Genomics Center (NCGC) (organizations with expertise in experimental toxicology, computational toxicology, and high-throughput technologies, respectively) have established a collaborative research program.

EPA, NCGC, and NTP Joint Activities

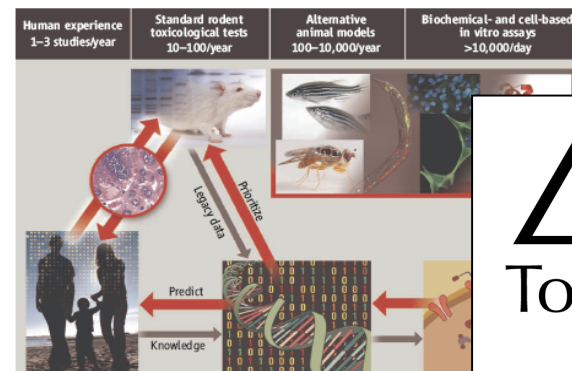
In 2004, the NTP released its vision and roadmap for the 21st century (1), which established initiatives to integrate high-

throughput screening (HTS) and other automated screening assays into its testing program. In 2005, the EPA established the National Center for Computational Toxicology (NCCT). Through these initiatives, NTP and EPA, with the NCGC, are promoting the evolution of toxicology from a predominantly observational science at the level of disease-specific models in vivo to a predominantly predictive science focused on broad inclusion of target-specific, mechanism-based, biological observations in vitro (1, 4) (see figure, below).

Toxicity pathways. In vitro and in vivo tools are being used to identify cellular responses after chemical exposure expected to result in adverse health effects (7). HTS methods are a primary means of discovery for drug development, and screening of >100,000 compounds per day is routine (8). However, drug-discovery HTS methods traditionally test compounds at one concentra-

We propose a shift from primarily in vivo animal studies to in vitro assays, in vivo assays with lower organisms, and computational modeling for toxicity assessments.

tion, usually between 2 and 10 μ M, and tolerate high false-negative rates. In contrast, in the EPA, NCGC, and NTP combined effort, all compounds are tested at as many as 15 concentrations, generally ranging from ~5 nM to ~100 μ M, to generate a concentration-response curve (9). This approach is highly reproducible, produces significantly lower false-positive and false-negative rates than the traditional HTS methods (9), and facilitates multiassay comparisons. Finally, an informatics platform has been built to compare results among HTS screens; this is being expanded to allow comparisons with historical toxicologic NTP and EPA data (<http://ncgc.nih.gov/pub/openhts>). HTS data collected by EPA and NTP, as well as by the NCGC and other Molecular Libraries Initiative centers (<http://mli.nih.gov/>), are being made publicly available through Web-based databases [e.g., PubChem (<http://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>)]. In addition,



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EPAs Contribution: The ToxCast Research Program

National Academies

National Center for Computational Toxicology

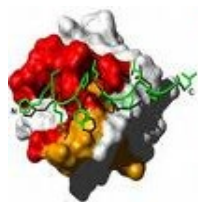
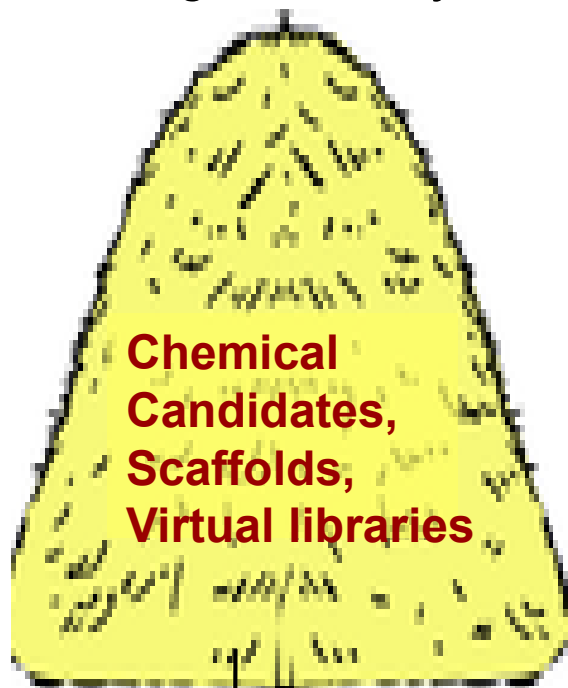
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Transforming toxicology, the studies we propose will test whether high-throughput and computational toxicology approaches can yield data predictive of results from animal toxicity studies, will allow prioritization of chemicals for further testing, and can assist in prediction of risk to humans.

Drug Discovery



Therapeutic Endpoint

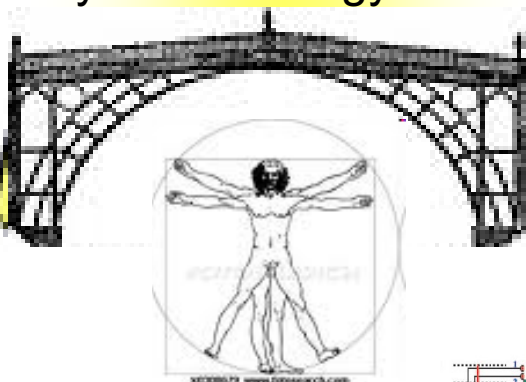
High specificity
High affinity

Polypharmacology

Low dose

Structure modification

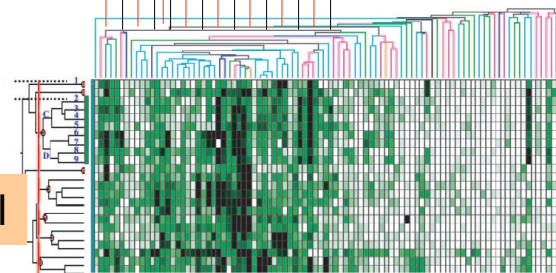
Chemical libraries
HTS screening
Bioprofiling
Chemical probes
Molecular profiling
Feature optimization
Cheminformatics
Chemogenomics
Systems biology



Toxicity Screening



Drugs, Industrial, & Environmental Chemicals



Chronic, Acute, Devel, Repro, Immuno, Neuro...tox

Low specificity
Low affinity

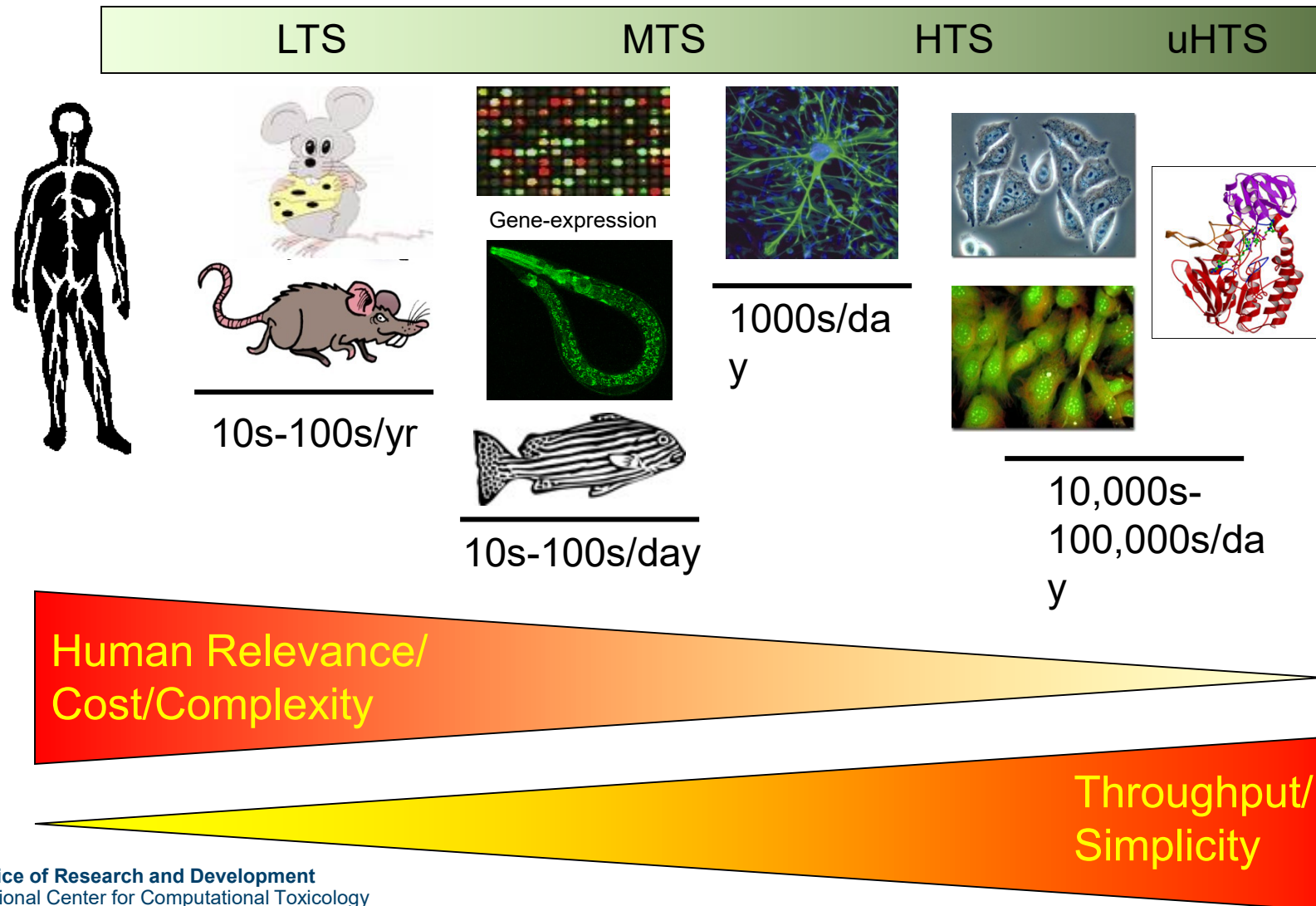
Polyfunctional

High dose

Green chemistry

High-Throughput Screening Assays

*batch testing of chemicals for pharmacological/toxicological endpoints
using automated liquid handling, detectors, and data acquisition*



ToxCast Assays

Biochemical Assays

- Protein families
 - GPCR
 - NR
 - Kinase
 - Phosphatase
 - Protease
 - Other enzyme
 - Ion channel
 - Transporter
- Assay formats
 - Radioligand binding
 - Enzyme activity
 - Co-activator recruitment

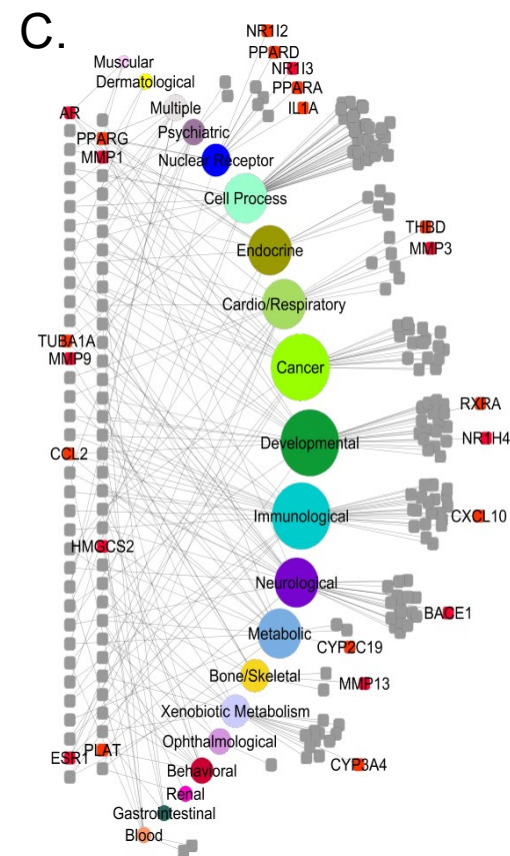
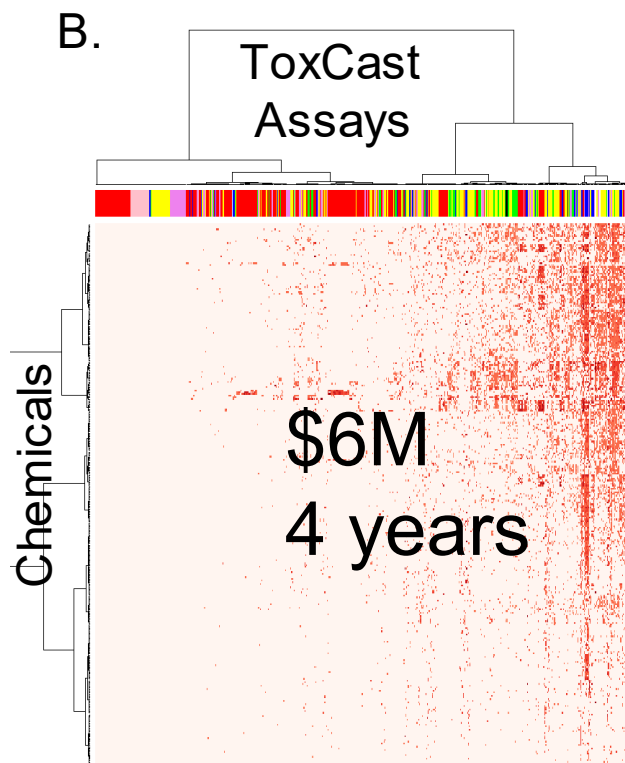
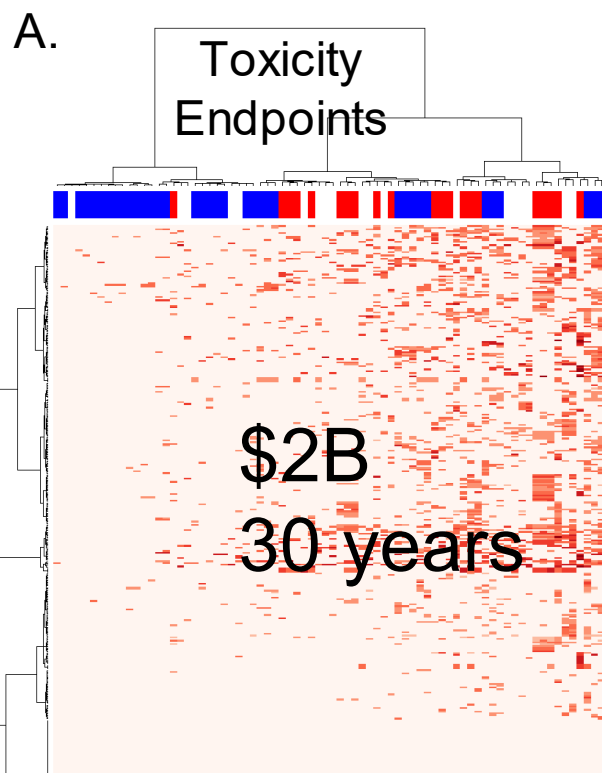
~1200 Total
Endpoints

Cellular Assays

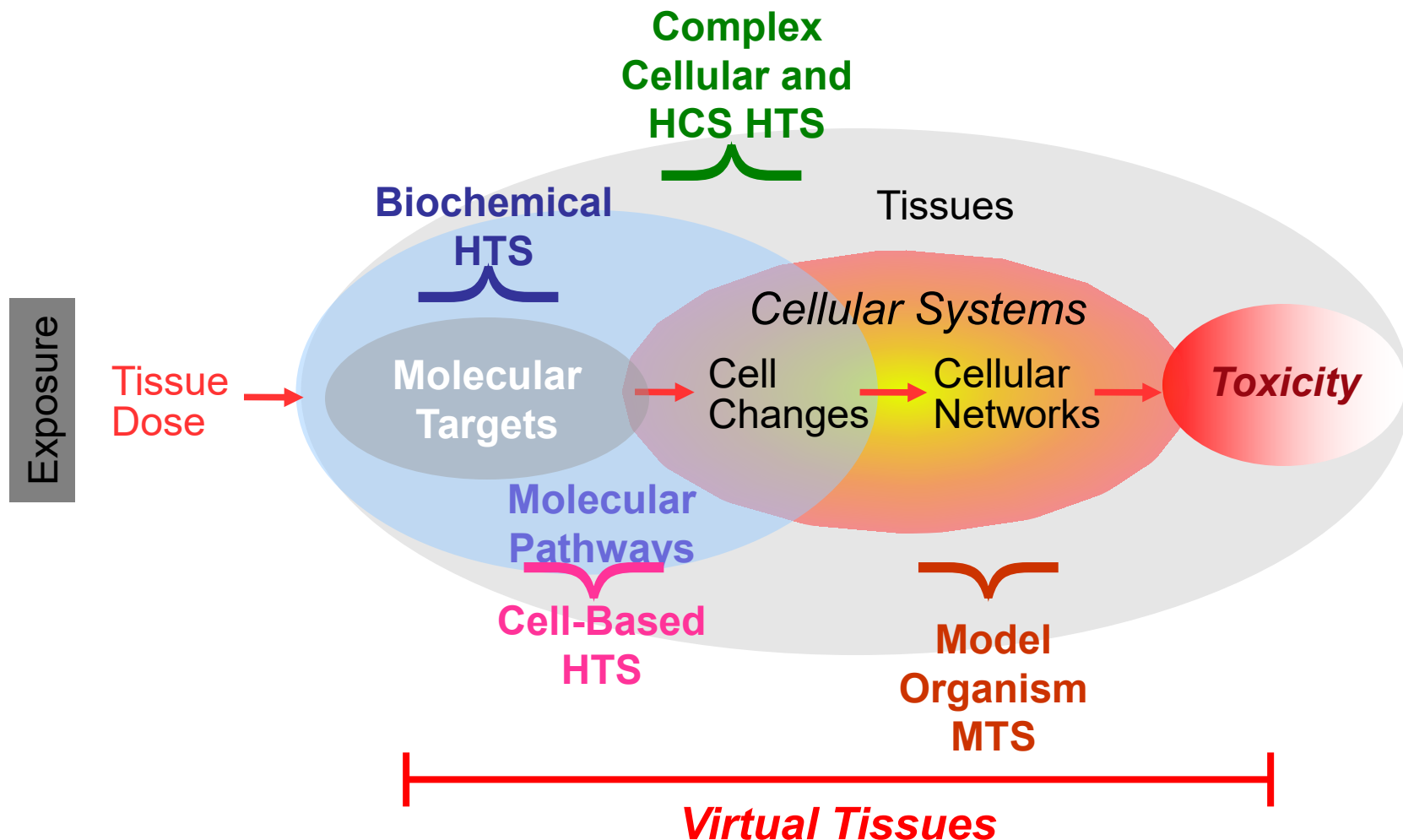
- Cell lines
 - HepG2 human hepatoblastoma
 - A549 human lung carcinoma
 - HEK 293 human embryonic kidney
- Primary cells
 - Human endothelial cells
 - Human monocytes
 - Human keratinocytes
 - Human fibroblasts
 - Human proximal tubule kidney cells
 - Human small airway epithelial cells
 - Rat hepatocytes
 - Mouse embryonic stem cells (Sid Hunter)
- Biotransformation competent cells
 - Primary rat hepatocytes
 - Primary human hepatocytes
- Assay formats
 - Cytotoxicity
 - Reporter gene
 - Gene expression
 - Biomarker production
 - High-content imaging for cellular phenotype

Primarily Human / Rodent
Exception: Zebrafish development (S. Padilla)

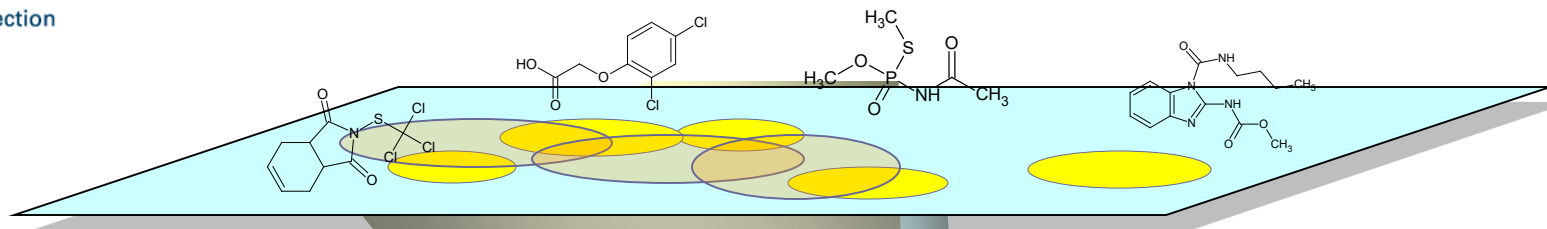
ToxRefDB ← ToxCast → Human Disease



Predicting Toxicity: Toxicologist perspective



Structure vs. Bioactivity Similarity

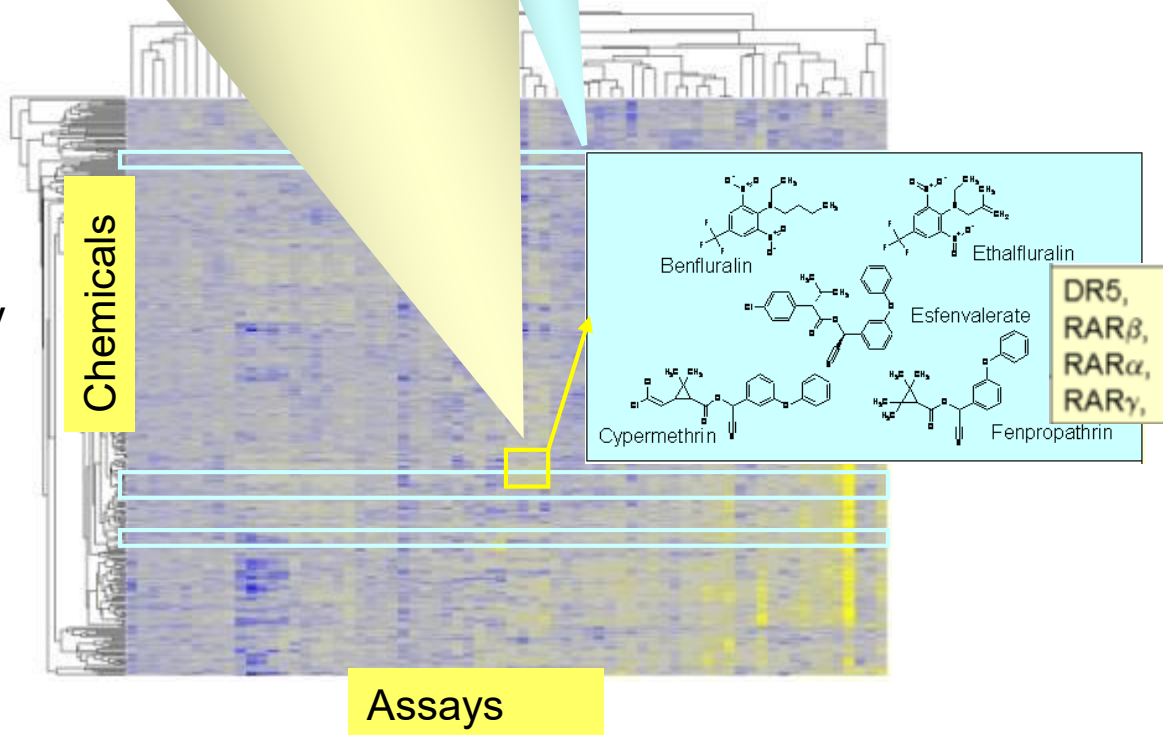


Structure similarity:

- implies biological similarity
- limited to local chemistry

HTS bioactivity similarity:

- implies mechanistic similarity
- can link diverse local chemistries to common biological activities



Toxicity Prediction Challenge

Biologically-based QSAR & Cheminformatics

Reactivity & toxicity-
informed
features & local
chemistry
domains

Structures

Curation, aggregation

Model mechanistically
well-defined
toxicity endpoint

In Vivo

Data-mining

Adverse Outcomes:

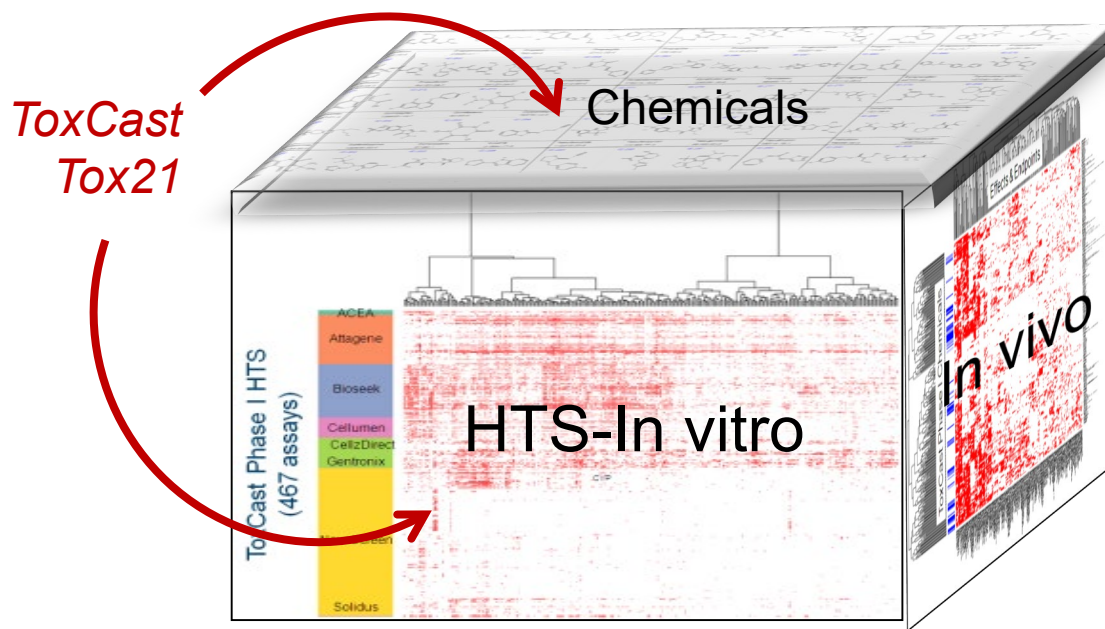
- > Pathways
- > Genes
- > Assays
- + Statistical associations

In Vitro/HTS

Existing knowledge

Chemical “probes” of biological activity

- Use existing knowledge & SAR to mine HTS data
- Use HTS data to inform & refine SAR models & approaches
- Use all of these data to improve ability to model toxicity



ToxCast: “Big Data” Informatics Challenges

Chemical Structures

*Standards
Ontologies
Databases
Informatics
User-interfaces
Public access*

HTS Data

Bioassay Data

ToxRef DB, NTP, IRIS, etc

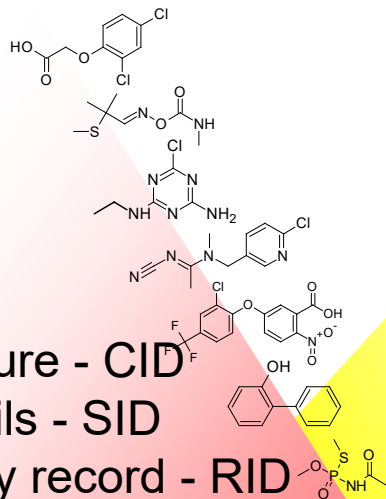
ToxCast/Tox21 Chemical Registry

DSSTox

Chemical structure - CID

Substance details - SID

Project inventory record - RID



ACToR/InVitroDB

DSSTox RID

Assay name

Assay details

Assay outcome

Solution ID

Plate ID

Plate Address ID

**Assay
Results**

Structures

Test Sample

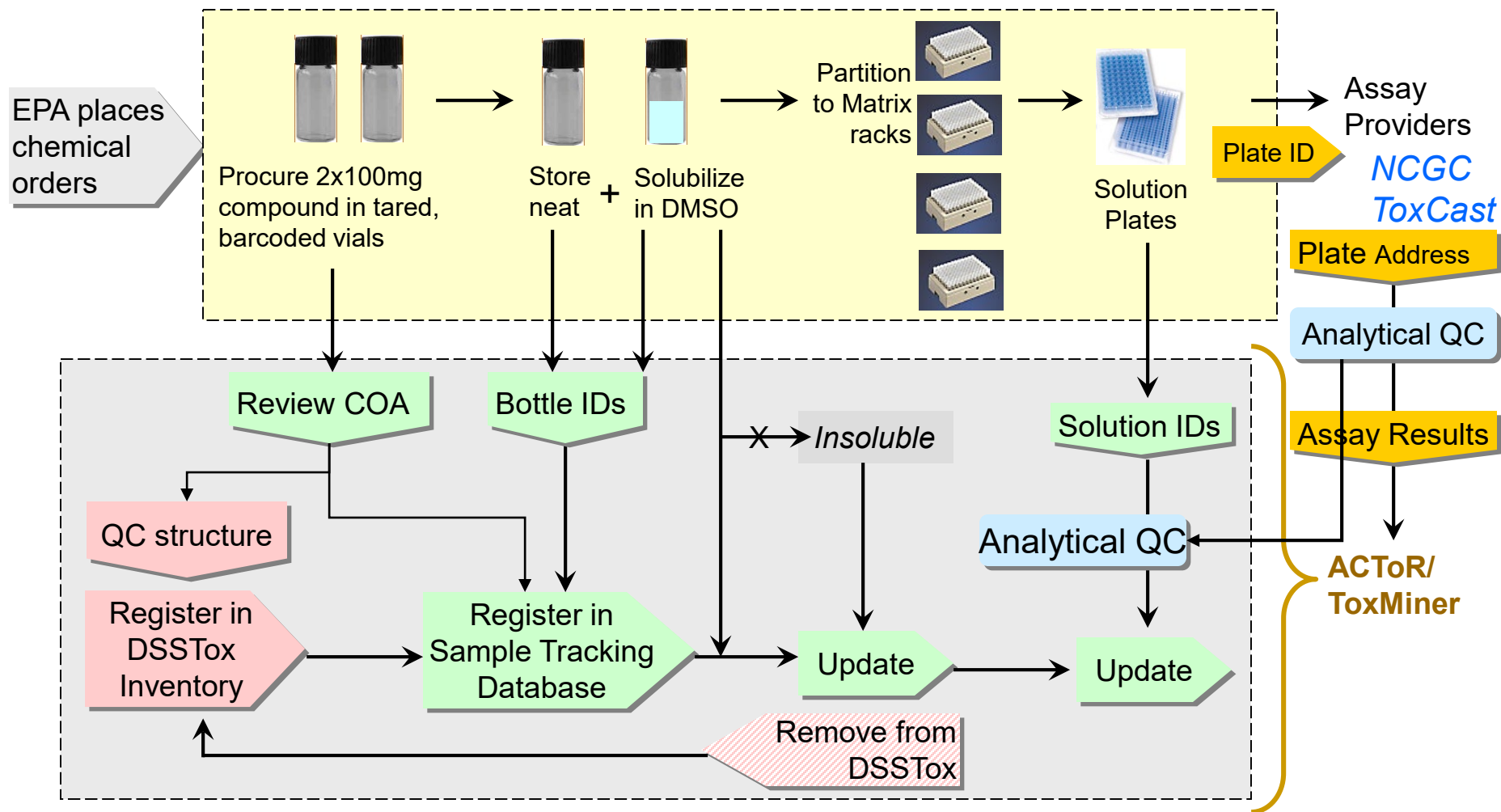
DSSTox RID

Bottle ID (→ COA ID)

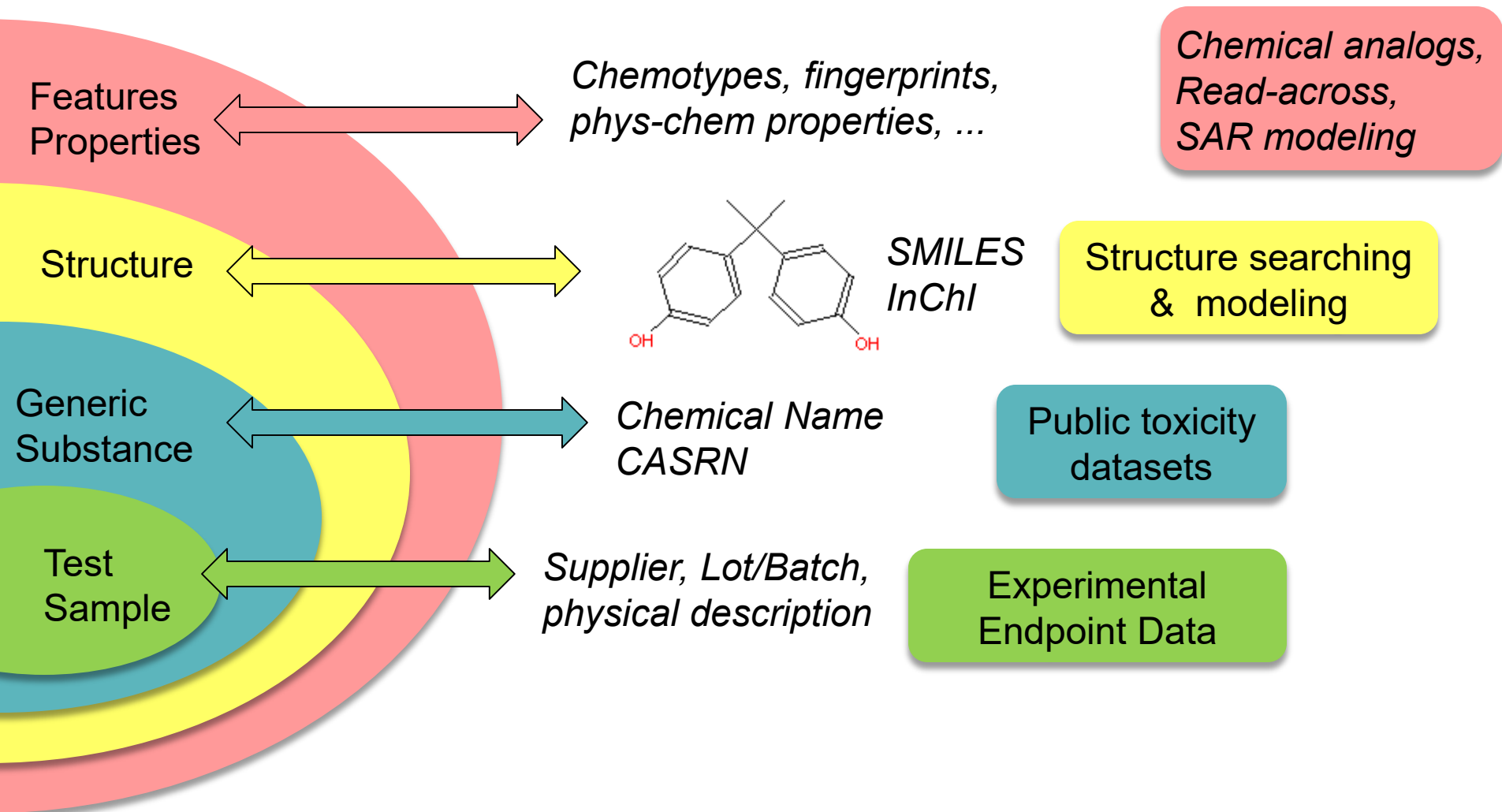
Solution ID (→ QC ID)

ChemTrack Database

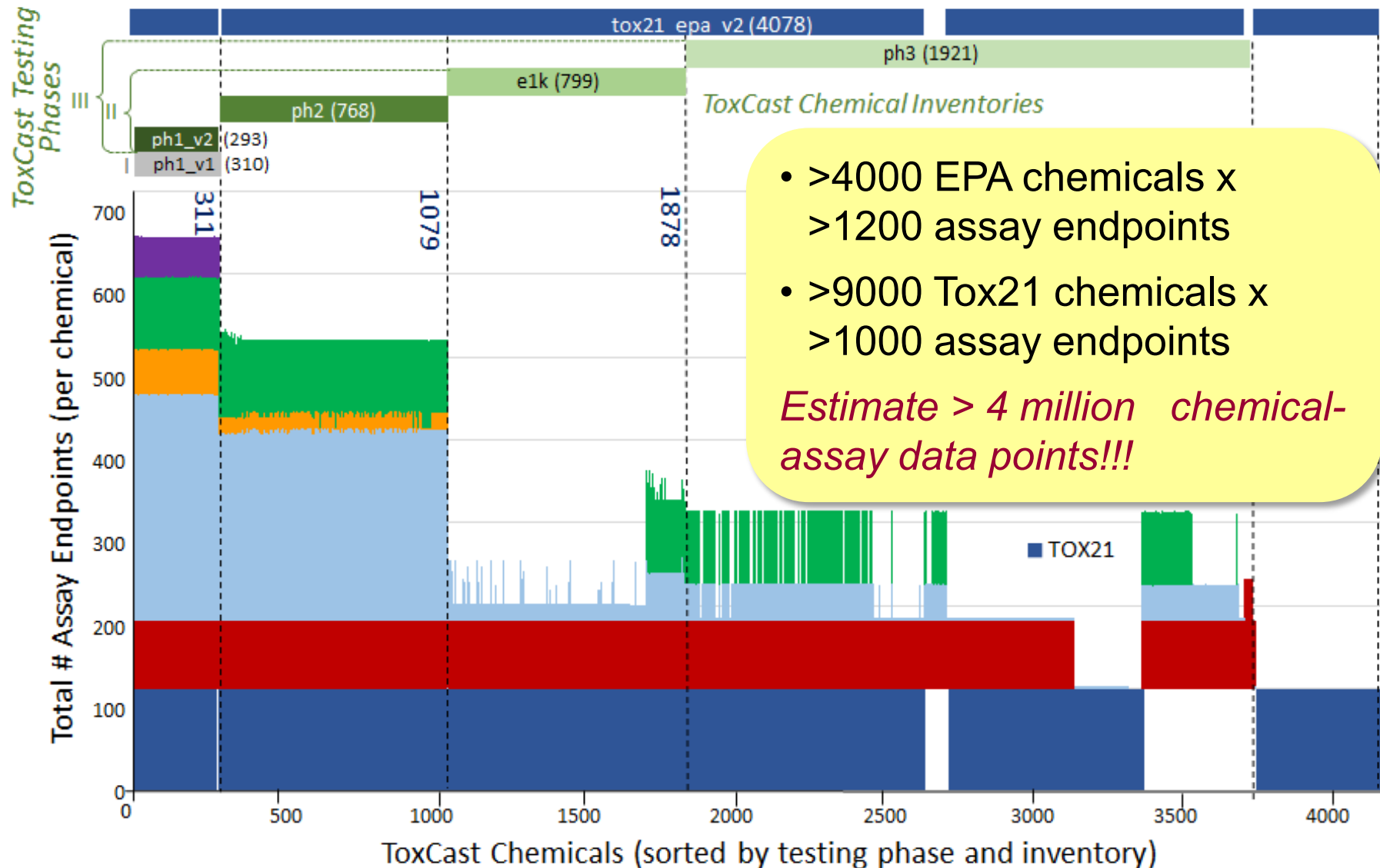
Chemical Sample Registration Workflow



Chemical Representations supporting Data Integration



ToxCast HTS data



The ToxCast library:
What's in it and is it fit for the
purpose it was designed?

ToxCast Chemical Landscape

**Chemical
Research in
Toxicology**

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Perspective

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ToxCast Chemical Landscape: Paving the Road to 21st Century Toxicology

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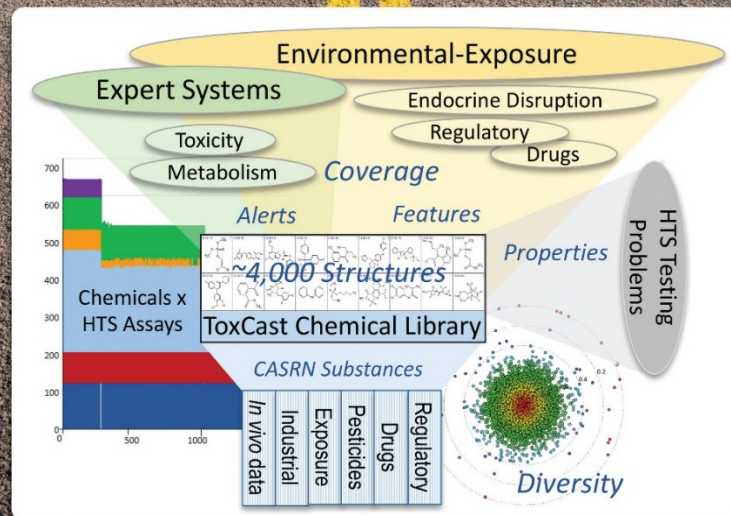
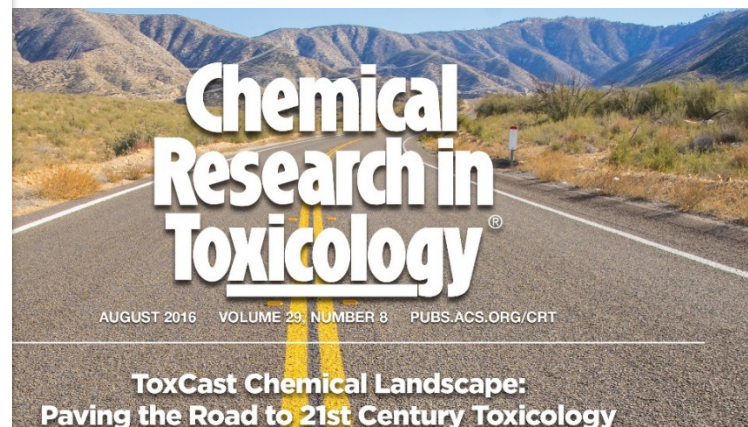
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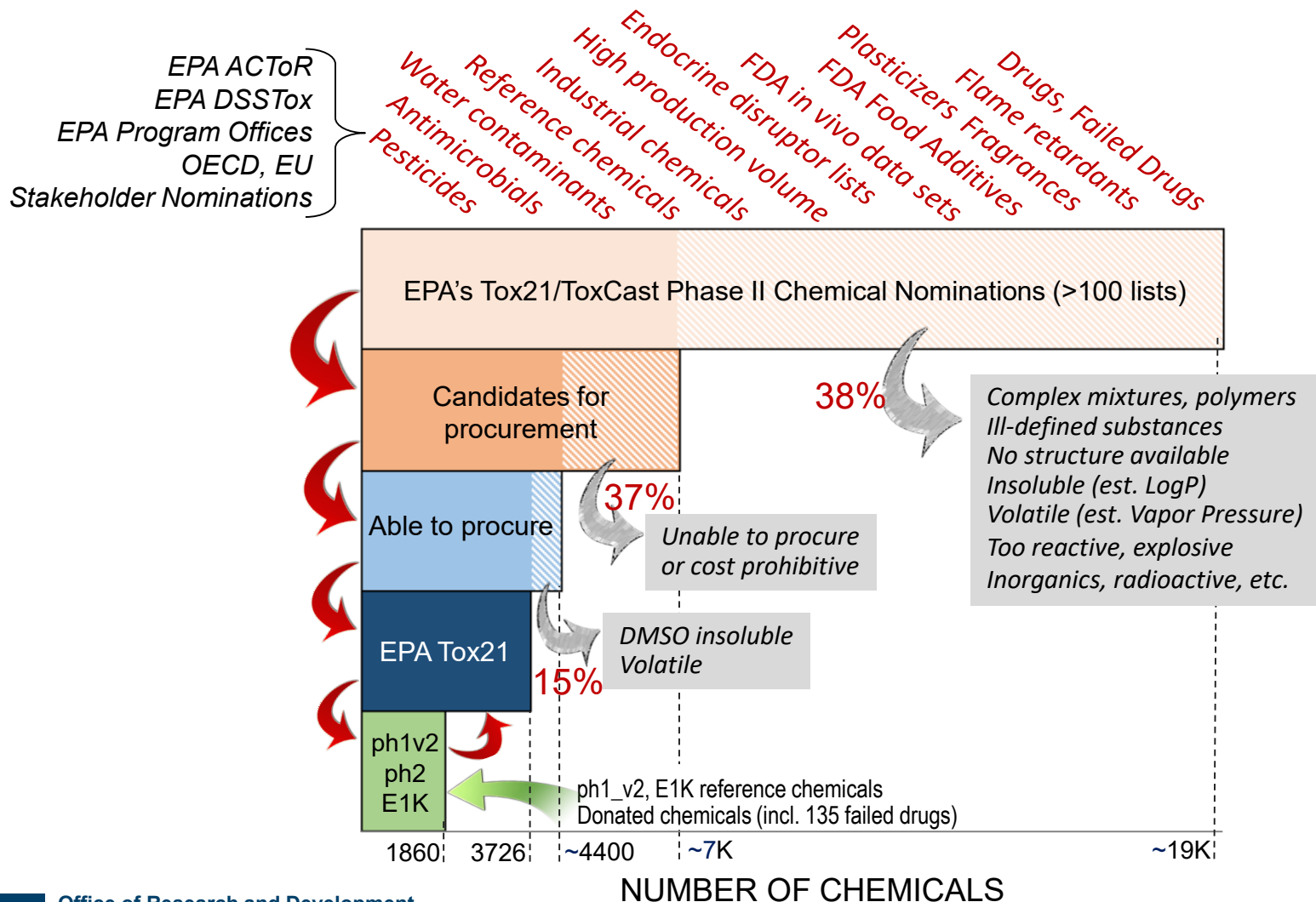


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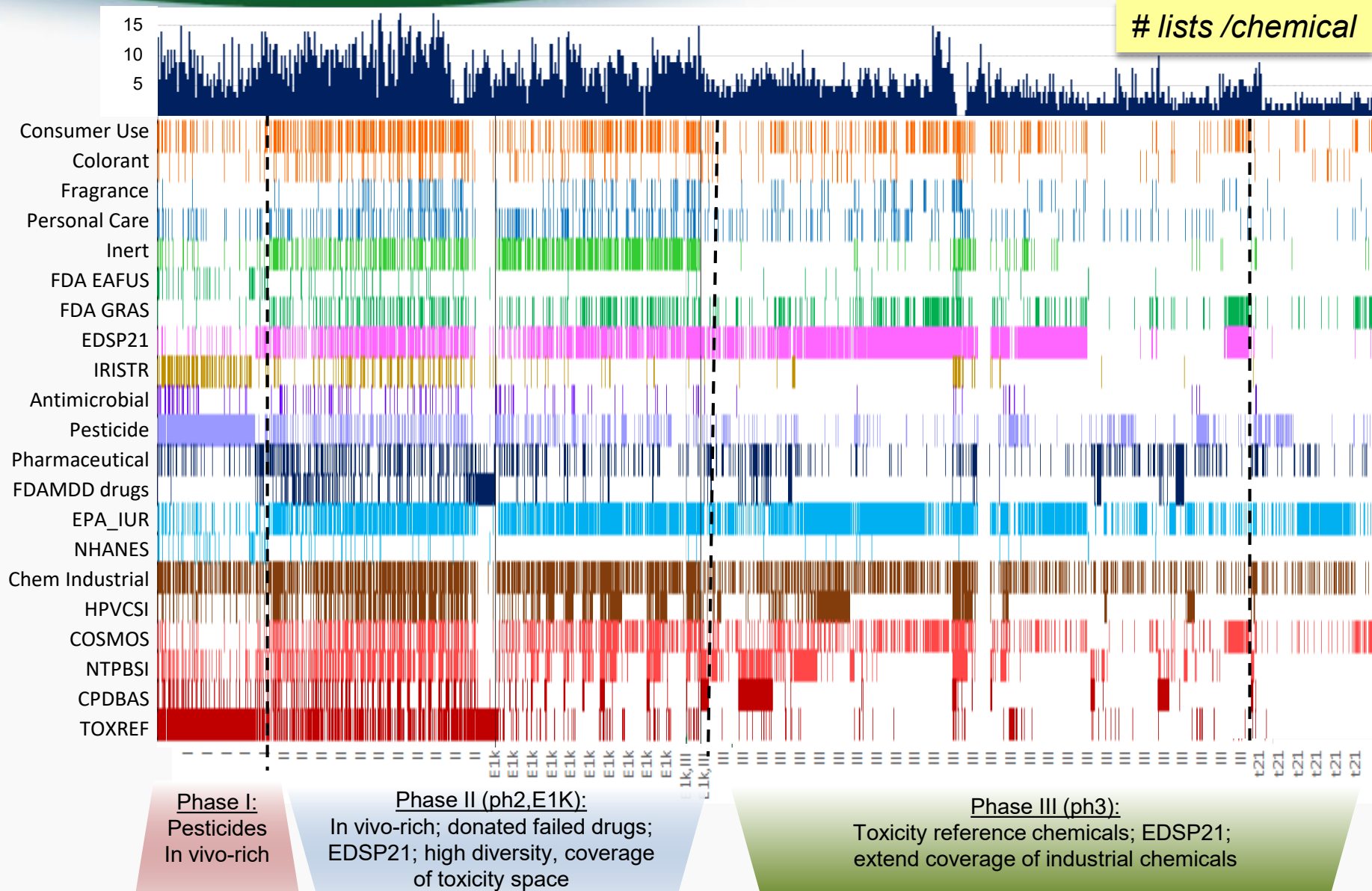
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Building EPA's ToxCast library

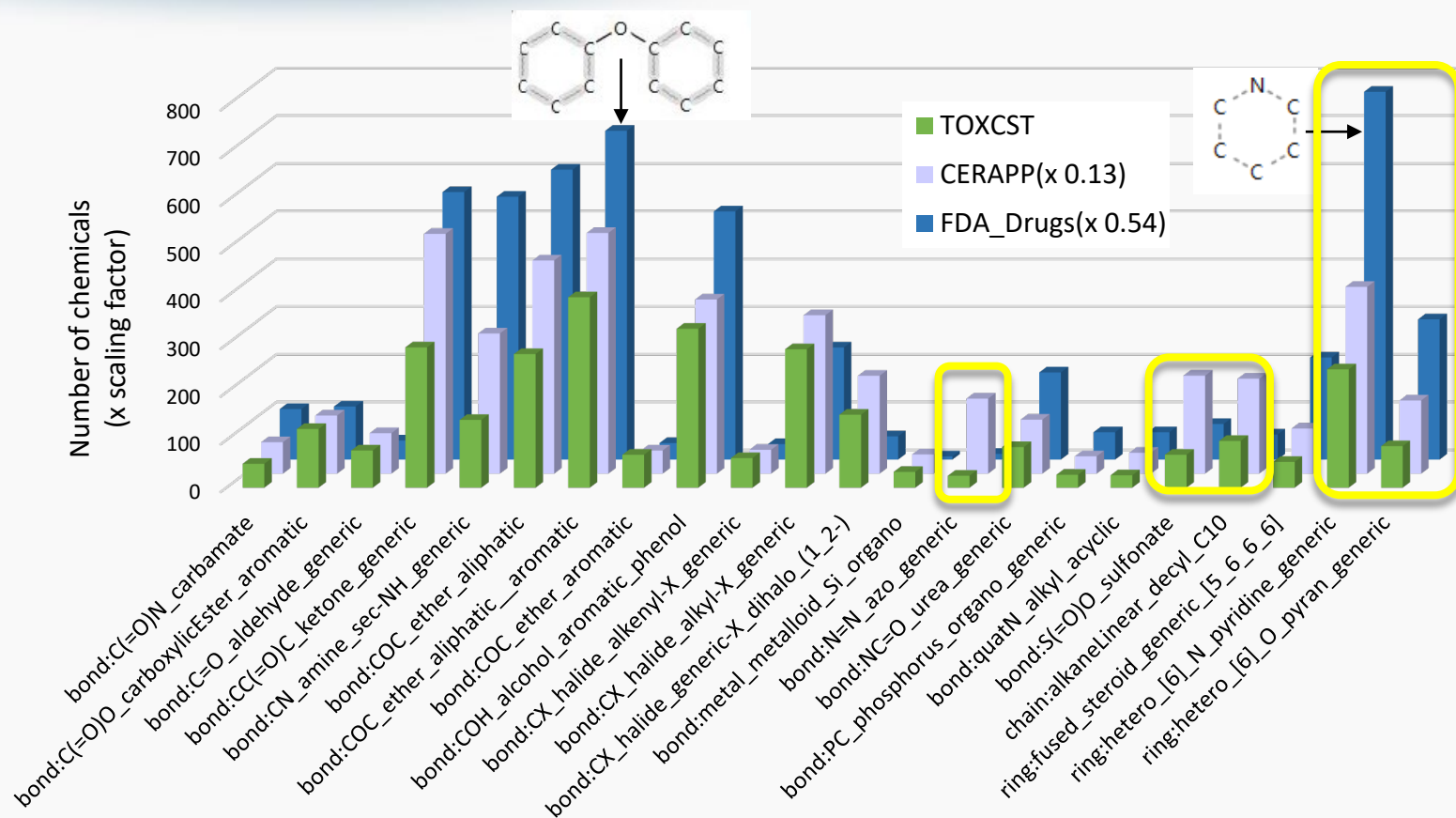


ToxCast Chemical Coverage: Use, Exposure, Toxicity



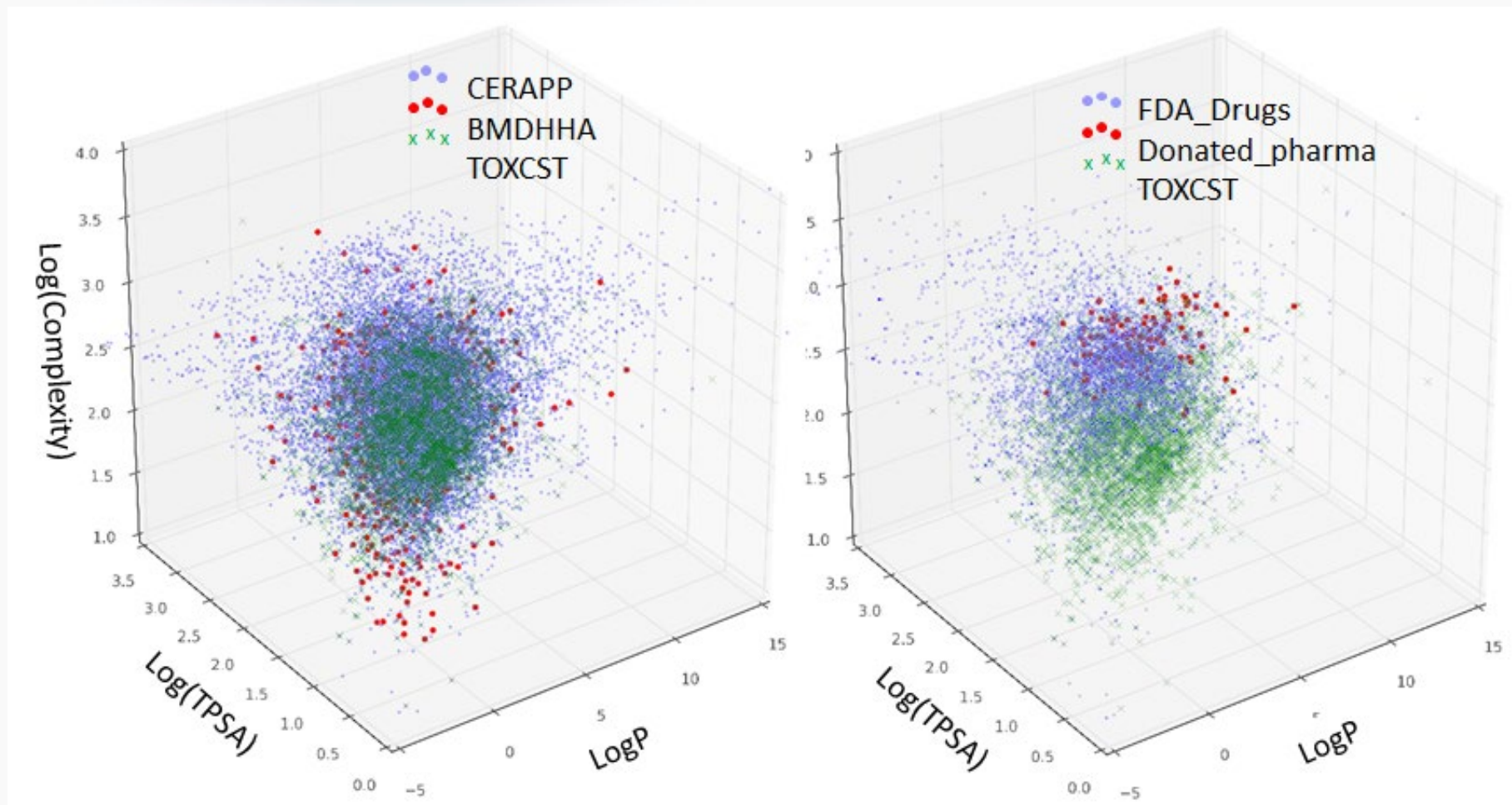
ToxPrint inventory profile comparisons (scaled)

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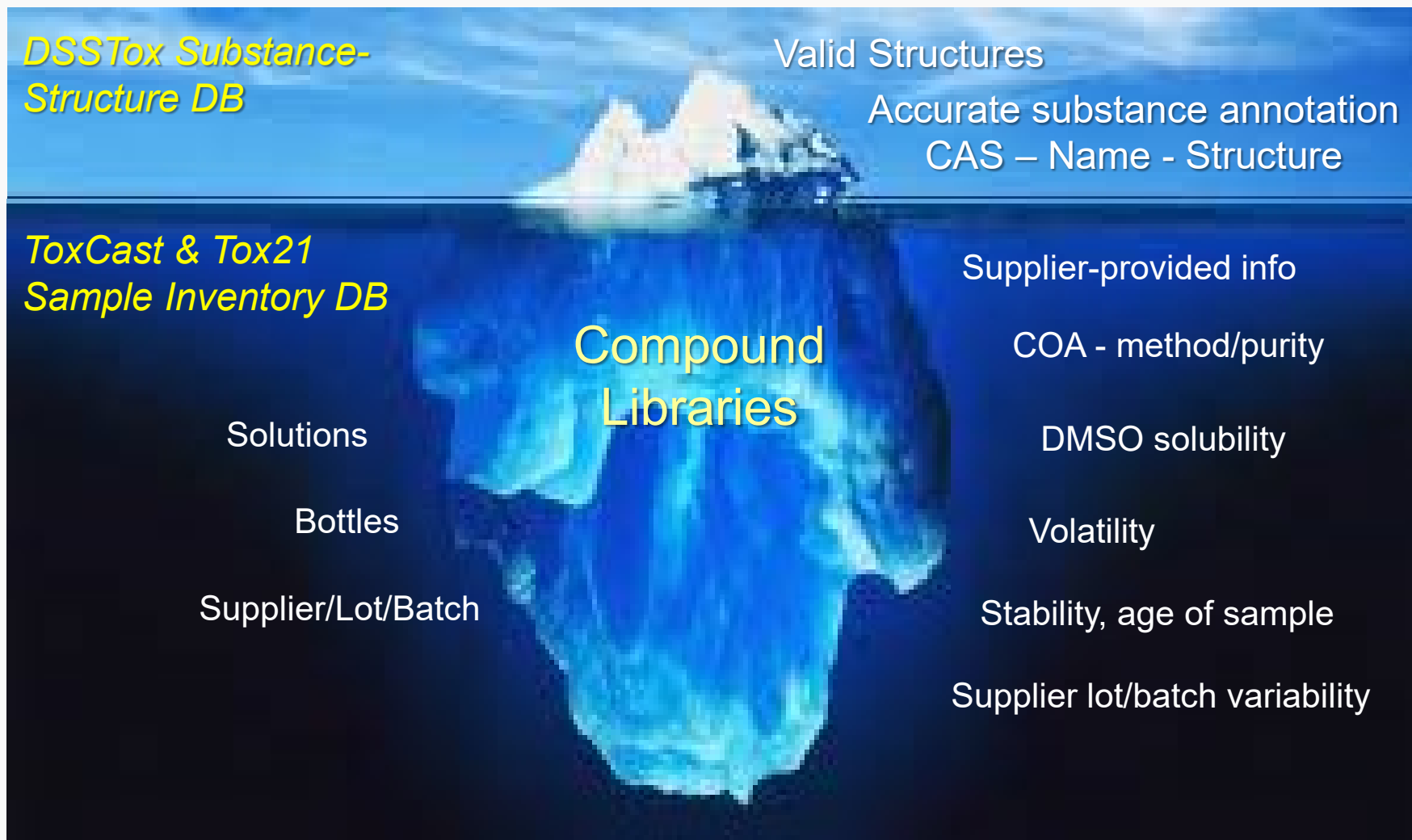


Comparison to potential target inventories based on computed properties

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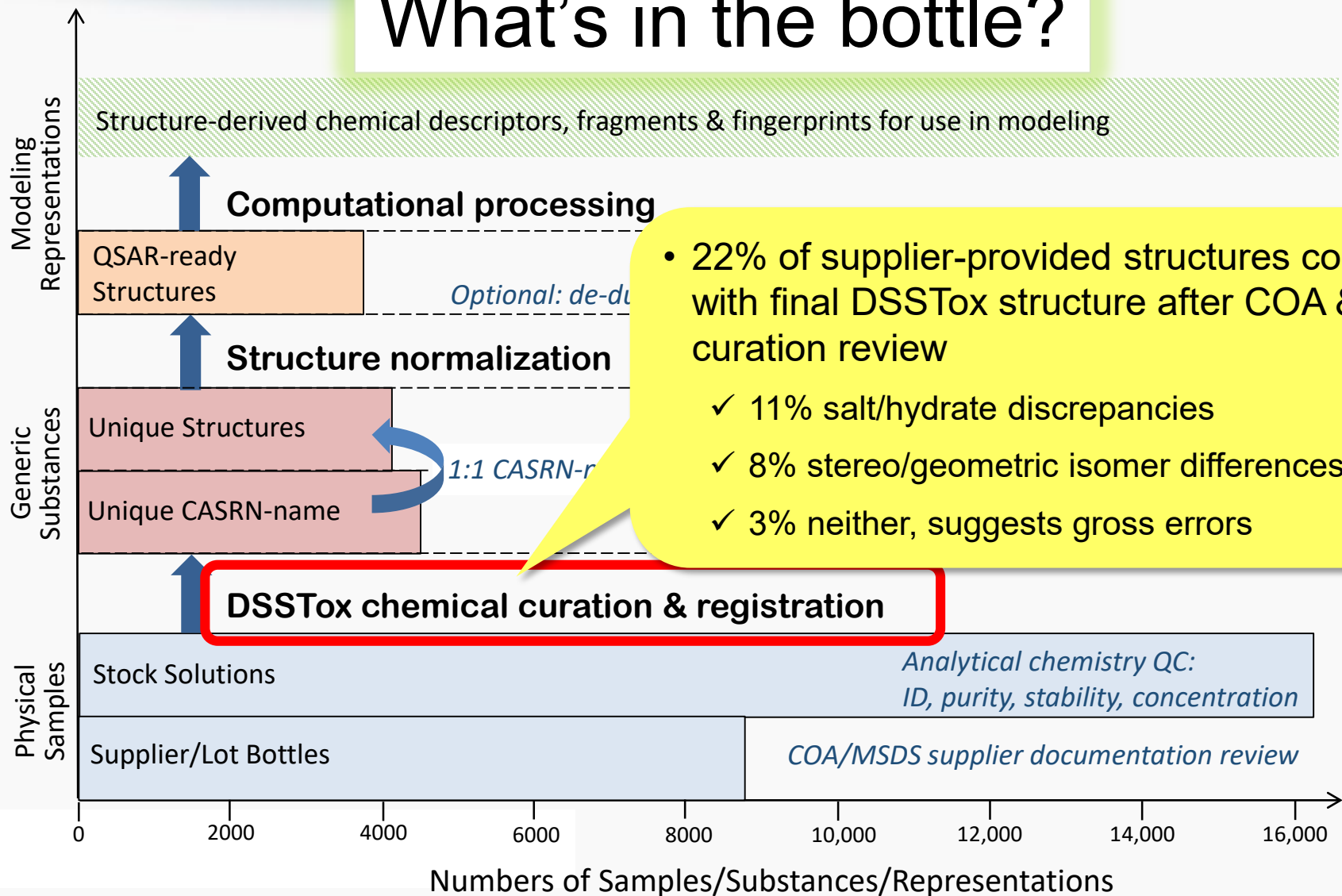


Chemical & Data Quality Issues



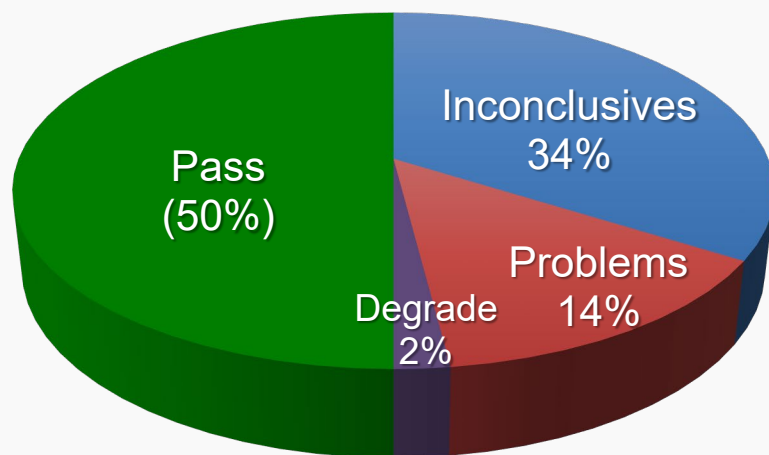
ToxCast Chemical Library: Quality Control Steps

What's in the bottle?



Tox21 and ToxCast Chemical Library Analytical QC Results (8/2015)

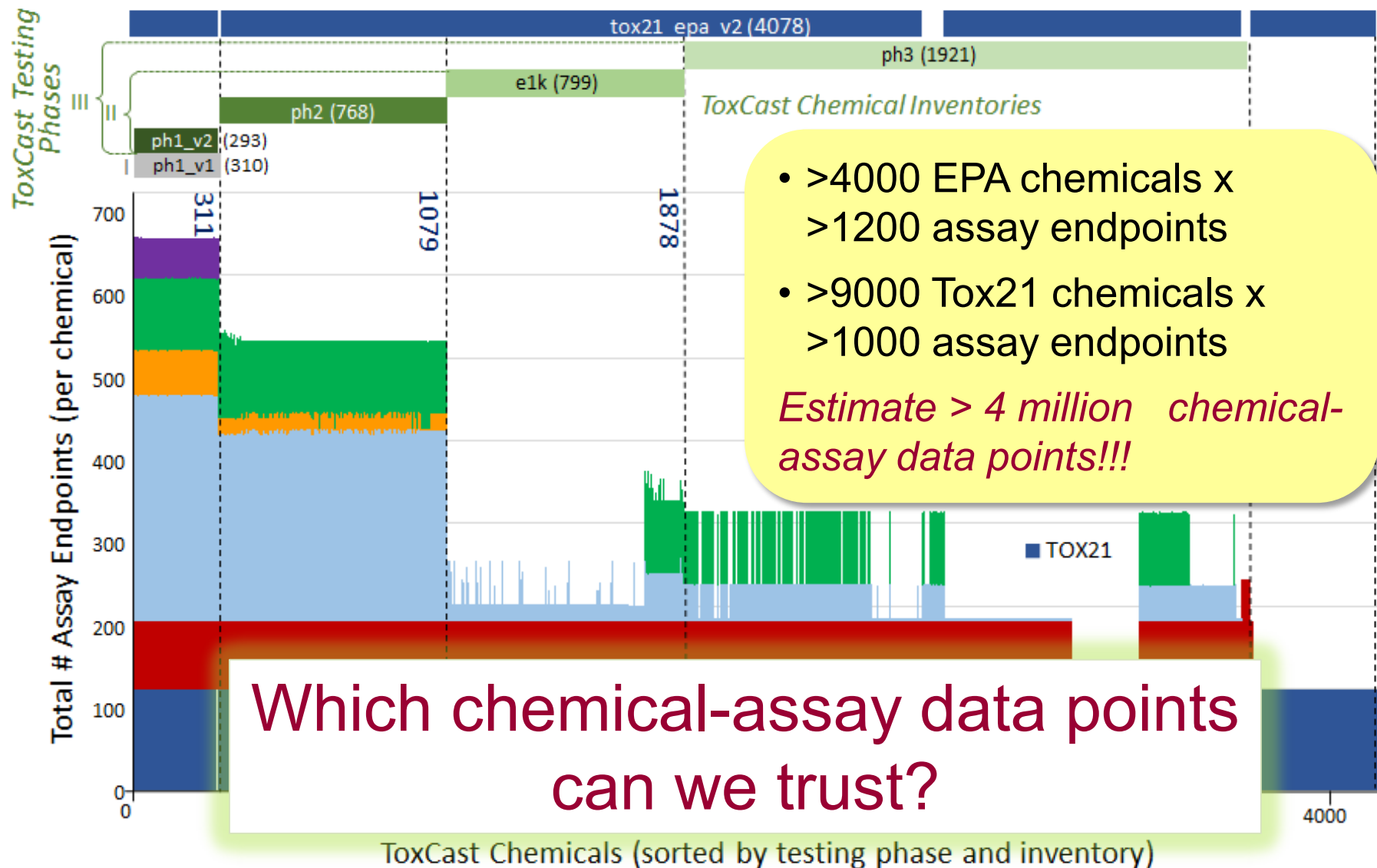
Tox21_QC_Sum-GSID (8593 total)



- 50% pass purity/ID/concentration checks
- A third(34%) of library pose analytical QC challenges (LCMS and GCMS only)
- 2% degrade after 4 months under testing conditions
- 14% problems - purity (<75%), ID and/or low concentration (<30% of expected [C])

- *Which chemicals have QC issues? (e.g., SVOCs?)*
- *Which chemicals were not analyzed? (e.g., mixtures, inorganics, etc.)*
- *How are HTS activity profiles linked to QC?*

ToxCast HTS data



Lessons
Learned

#4: Importance of data quality



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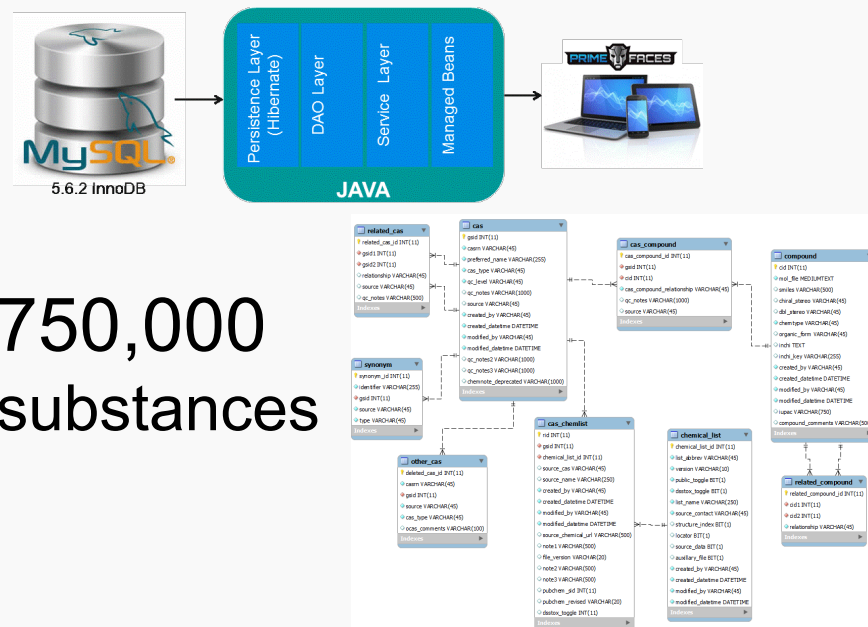


- Convert DSSTox tables to MySQL
- Develop curation interface & cheminformatics workflow
- Expand chemical content
- Web-services & Dashboard access

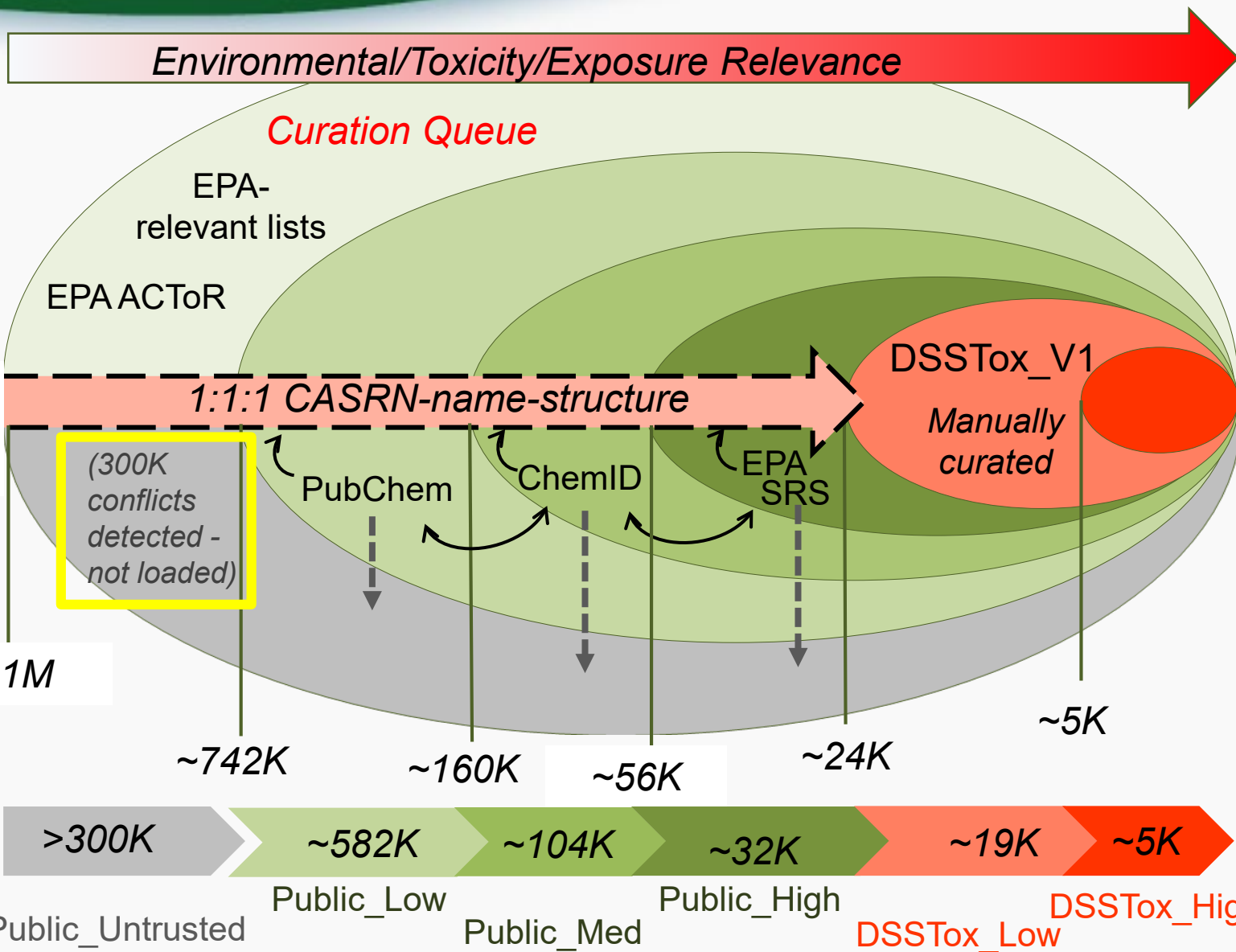
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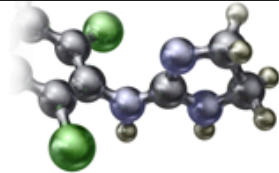
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Building DSSTox_v2



e.g., structure mapping collision

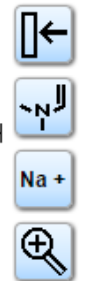
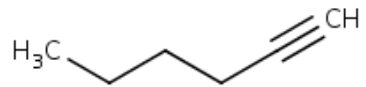


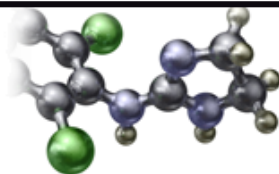
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A TOXNET DATABASE

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Molecular Formula
[i](#) C₆-H₁₀
Molecular Weight
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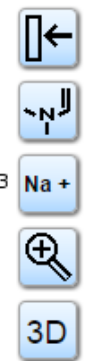
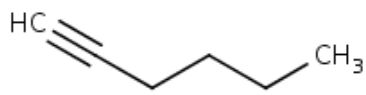


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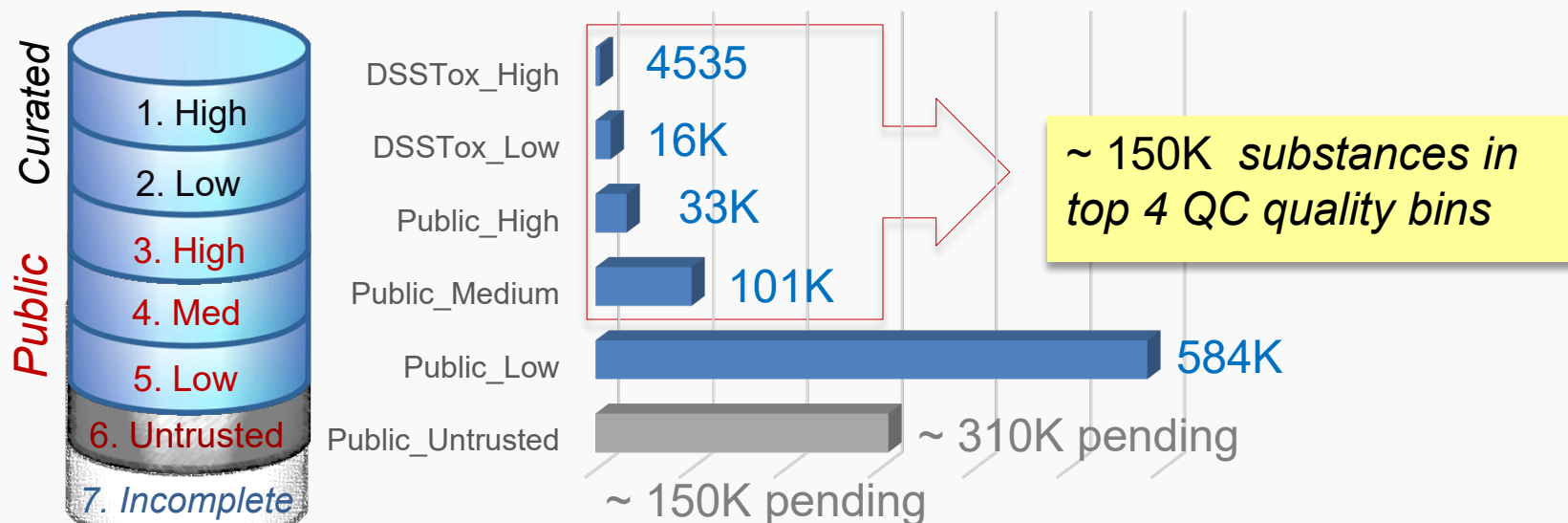
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DSSTox_v2 Totals

QC Level Totals (12Jun2015)



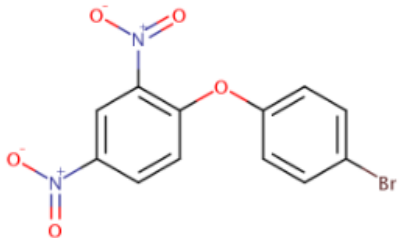
QC Levels

DSSTox_High:	Hand curated - highest confidence
DSSTox_Low:	Hand curated and confirmed using multiple public sources
Public_High:	Extracted from EPA SRS and confirmed to have no conflicts in ChemID and PubChem
Public_Medium:	Extracted from ChemID and confirmed to have no conflicts in PubChem
Public_Low:	Extracted from ACToR or PubChem (single source)
Public_Untrusted:	Postulated, but found to have conflicts in public sources

ChemReg Curation Interface

[View/Edit a Single Record](#) [Structure Search](#) [Browse/Curate Records](#) [Export DSSTox](#) [Chemotypes](#) [Login](#)

CAS-RN matched
null
You are viewing the
record associated with
DTXSID0022270
CASRN: 17589-66-1



Systematic Name: 1-(4-Bromophenoxy)-2,4-dinitrobenzene
MolFormula: C12H7BrN2O5
InChI Key: BJGBENCKKXEUGB-UHFFFAOYSA-N
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PubChem ID: [221811](#)
Chemspider ID: [192492](#)

Substance ID: DTXSID0022270
CAS: 17589-66-1
Name: 4-Bromo-2',4'-dinitrodiphenyl ether
Substance Type: Single Compound
QC Level: [?](#) DSSTox_Low
Data Source: Public

QC Notes:

Compound ID: DTXCID702270
Chemical Shown: Tested Chemical

Internal QC Notes:

Source of CAS-Compound: Public
Double Stereo:
Chiral Stereo:
Chemical Form: Organic
[Organic Form:Parent](#)

▶ Associated Lists (10)

▶ Synonyms (0)

▶ Other Cas (0)

▶ Successor Substances (0)

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List Curation Interface

View/Edit a
Single Record

Structure
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Manage
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Property Data

Add Deleted
Casrns

Welcome aricha02

Welcome Ann

Logout

Editing Listname: ECP_ADT

Duplicates: ☒

External Check Results

Description	Records
Valid Synonym matched; CAS-RN matched	121
Preferred Name matched; Other CAS-RN matched	1
Unique Synonym matched; CAS-RN matched	9
Structure connectivity matched; CAS-RN matched	3
Structure matched	4
Valid Synonym matched; CAS-RN matched; Unique Synonym matched other record	1
Mapped Identifier matched; CAS-RN matched	273
Preferred Name matched; CAS-RN matched; Valid Synonym matched other record	4
Preferred Name matched	3

Substance Mapping

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	Source Casrn	Source Name	Hit Substance_ID	Hit Casrn	Hit Name	
☐	7786-30-3	Magnesium Chloride	DTXSID5034690	7786-30-3	Magnesium chloride	Other Hits
☐	1406-66-2	Tocopherols	DTXSID8021357	1406-66-2	Tocopherols	Other Hits
☐	108-95-2	phenol	DTXSID5021124	108-95-2	Phenol	Other Hits
☐	7733-02-0	zinc sulfate	DTXSID2040315	7733-02-0	Zinc sulfate	Other Hits

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Validate Selected List

Export Selected List

Hits

	ssCAS-RN	ssName	Hit Desc	Hit Substance_ID	Hit Casrn	Hit Name
☐	1406-66-2	Tocopherols	Preferred Name matched null	DTXSID8021357	1406-66-2	Tocopherols
☐	1406-66-2	Tocopherols	Unique Synonym matched null	DTXSID9949031	54-28-4	(+)-gamma-Tocopherol

Map hit

Cancel

Hits

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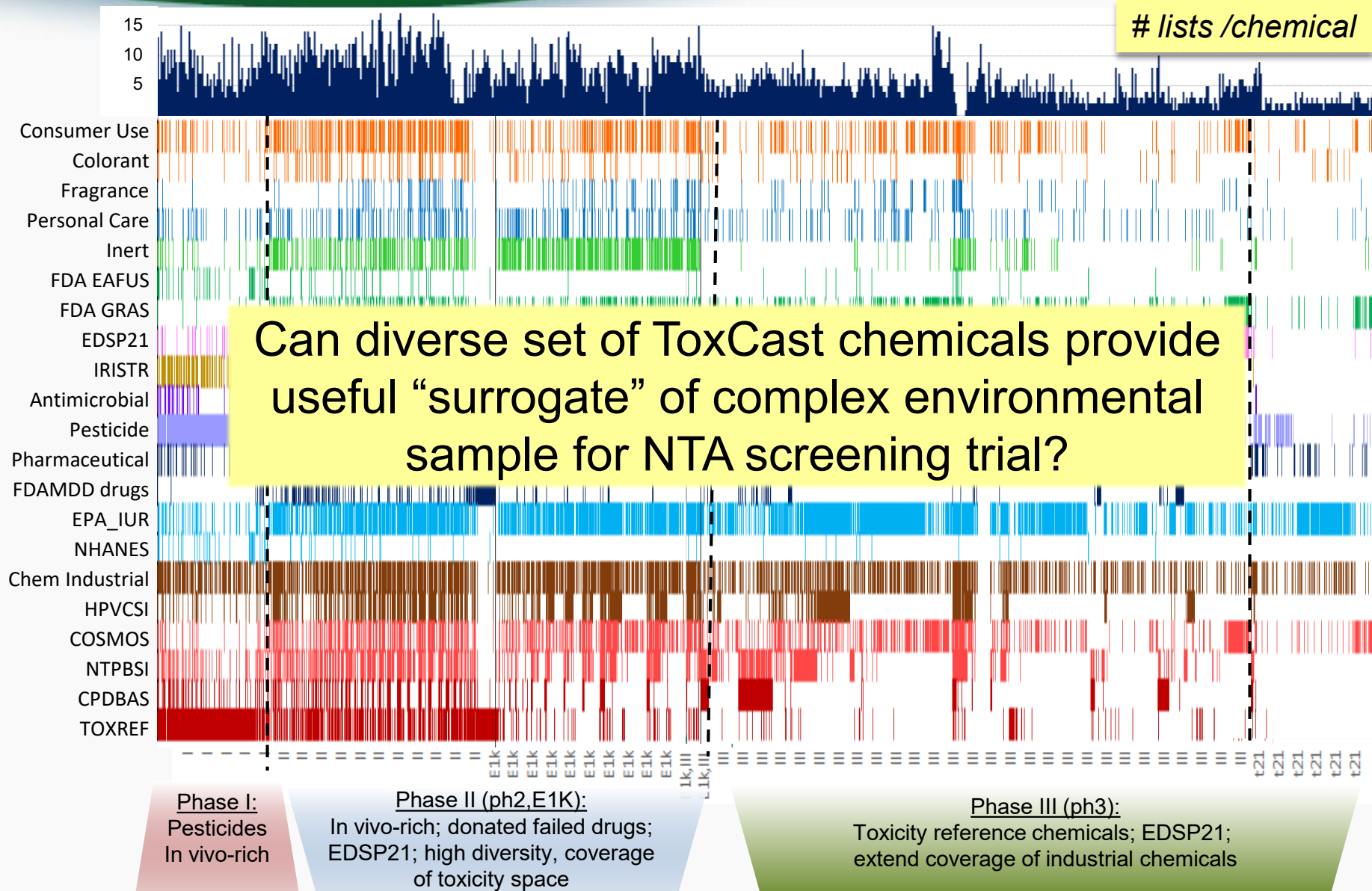
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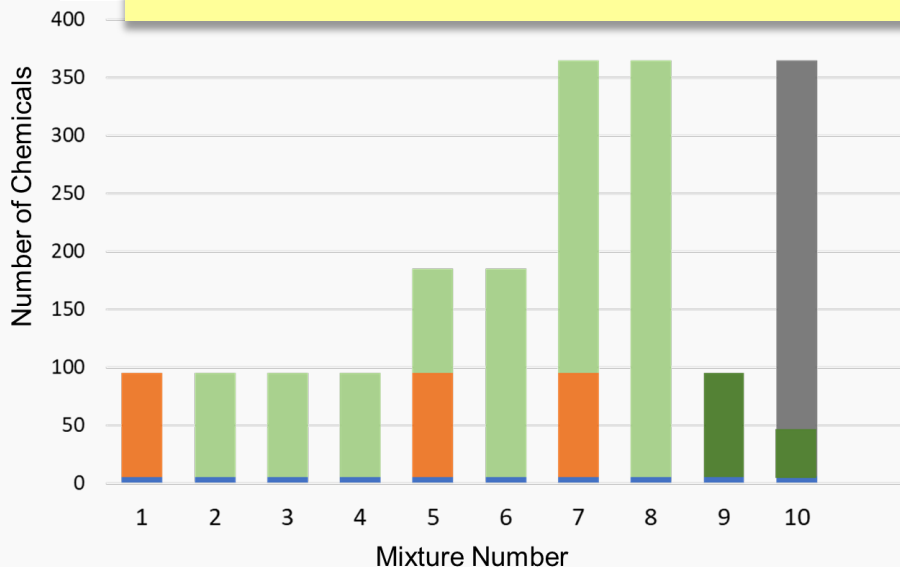
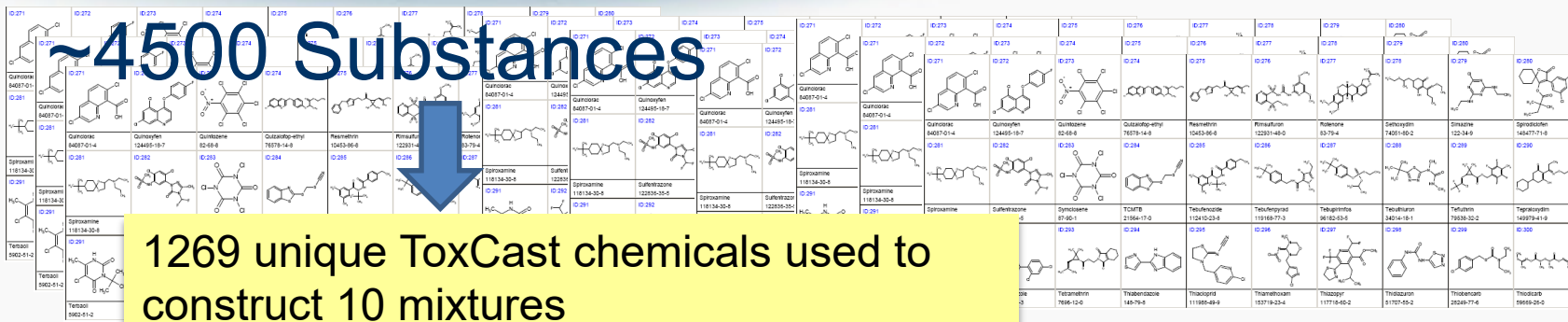


Now that we've spent 10 years building the ToxCast sample library, how else can we use it?

ToxCast Chemical Coverage: Use, Exposure, Toxicity



ENTACT Mixture Trial

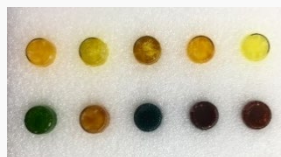


Chemicals in Mix 1-8 (amenable):

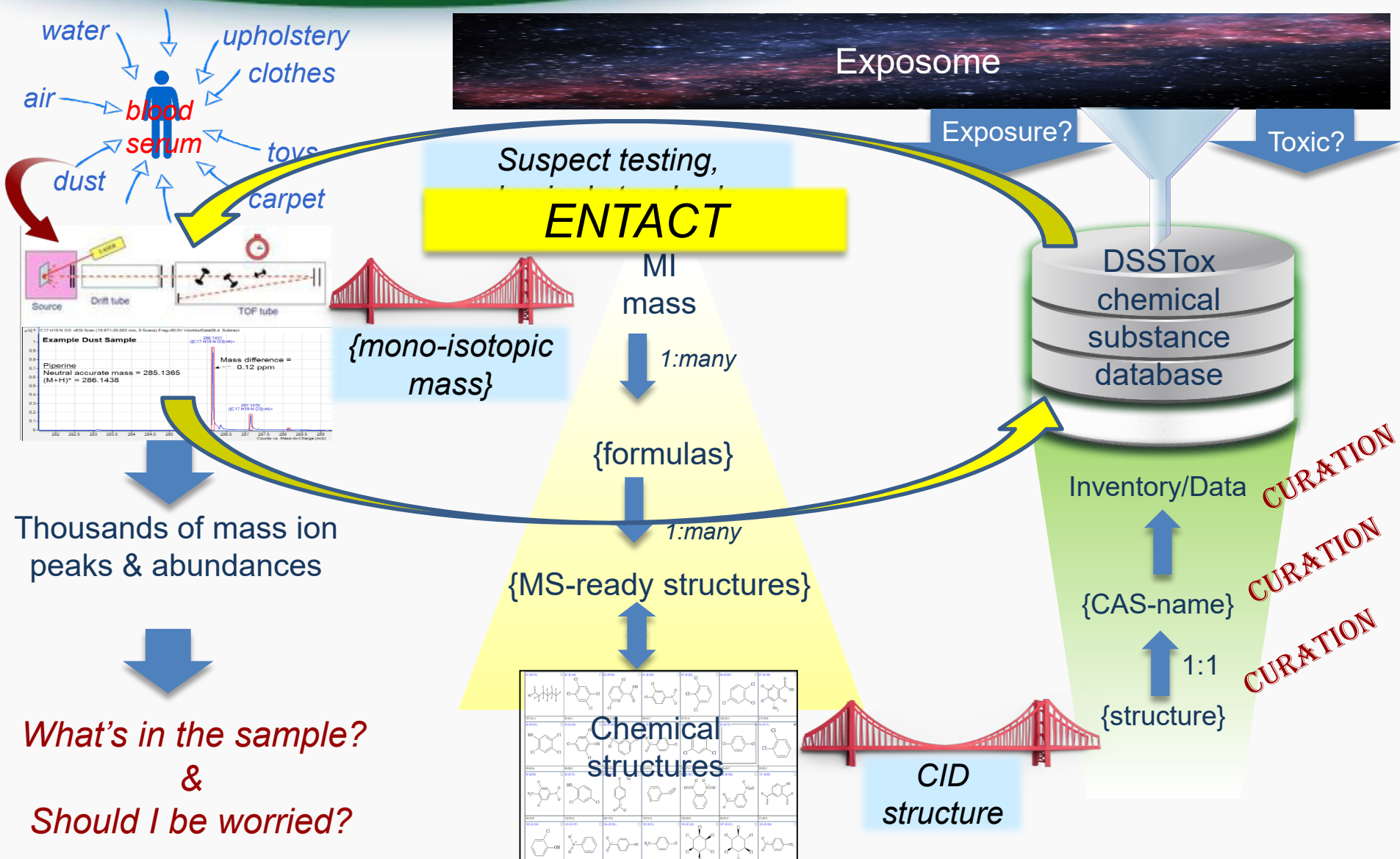
- “Grade A” analytical QC results (LC/GC only)
- single DSSTox structure

Chemicals in Mix 9,10 (challenging):

- contain isomeric & isobaric cmpds
- contain cmpds graded as <80% purity



Cheminformatics view of non-targeted testing problem





Lessons
Learned

#6:

Controlling a sample library and
data foundation grants



Returning to the challenge of mining
our data and predicting toxicity...

Toxicity Prediction Challenge

Toxicity prediction is still hard!

Extremely diverse
"environmental-
exposure"
landscape,
metals,
mixtures

Limited data, large
knowledge gaps,
experimental
uncertainty

Lack of metabolic
capability,
sample QC,
Noisy data!

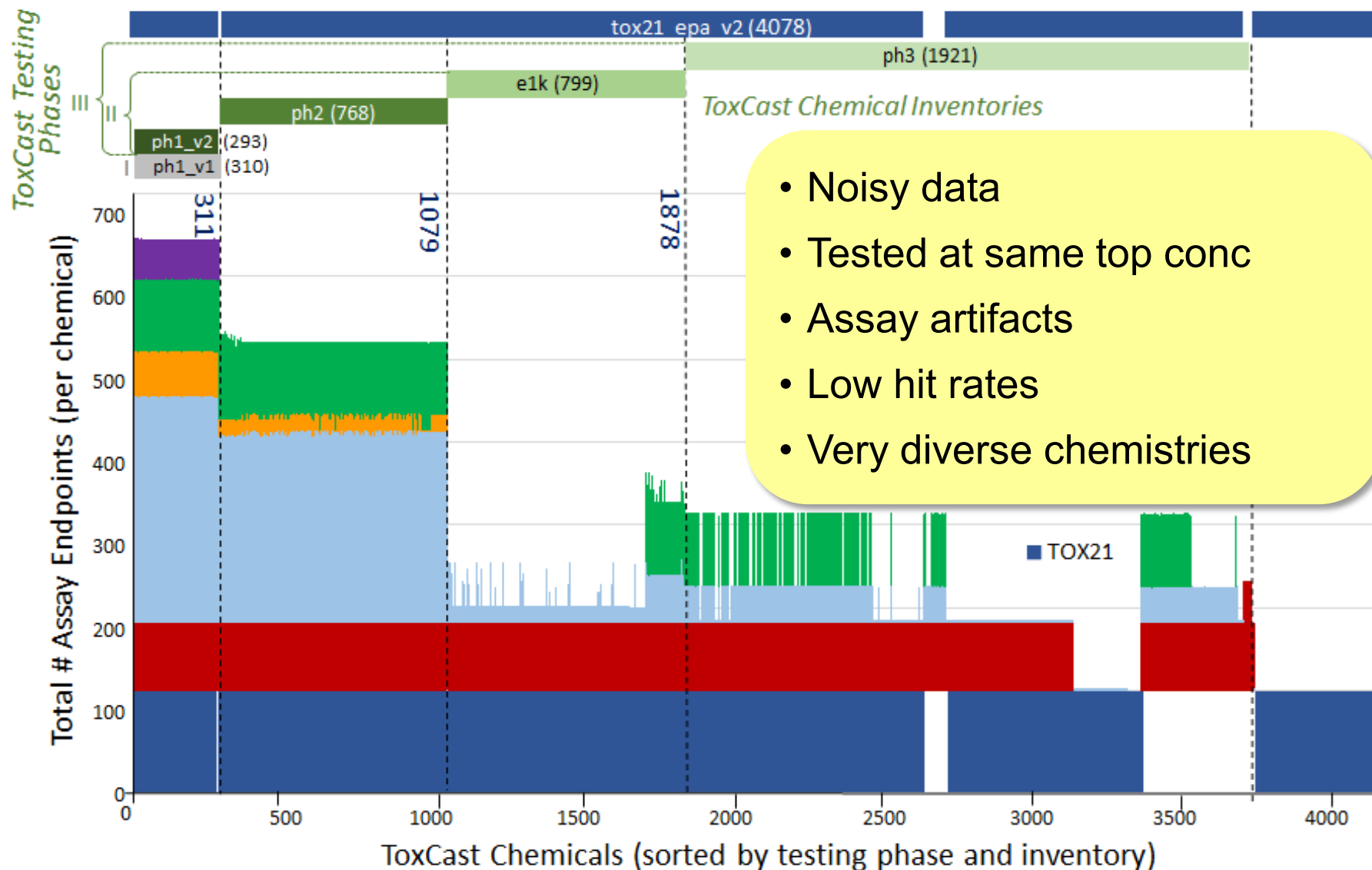
Structures

In Vitro/HTS

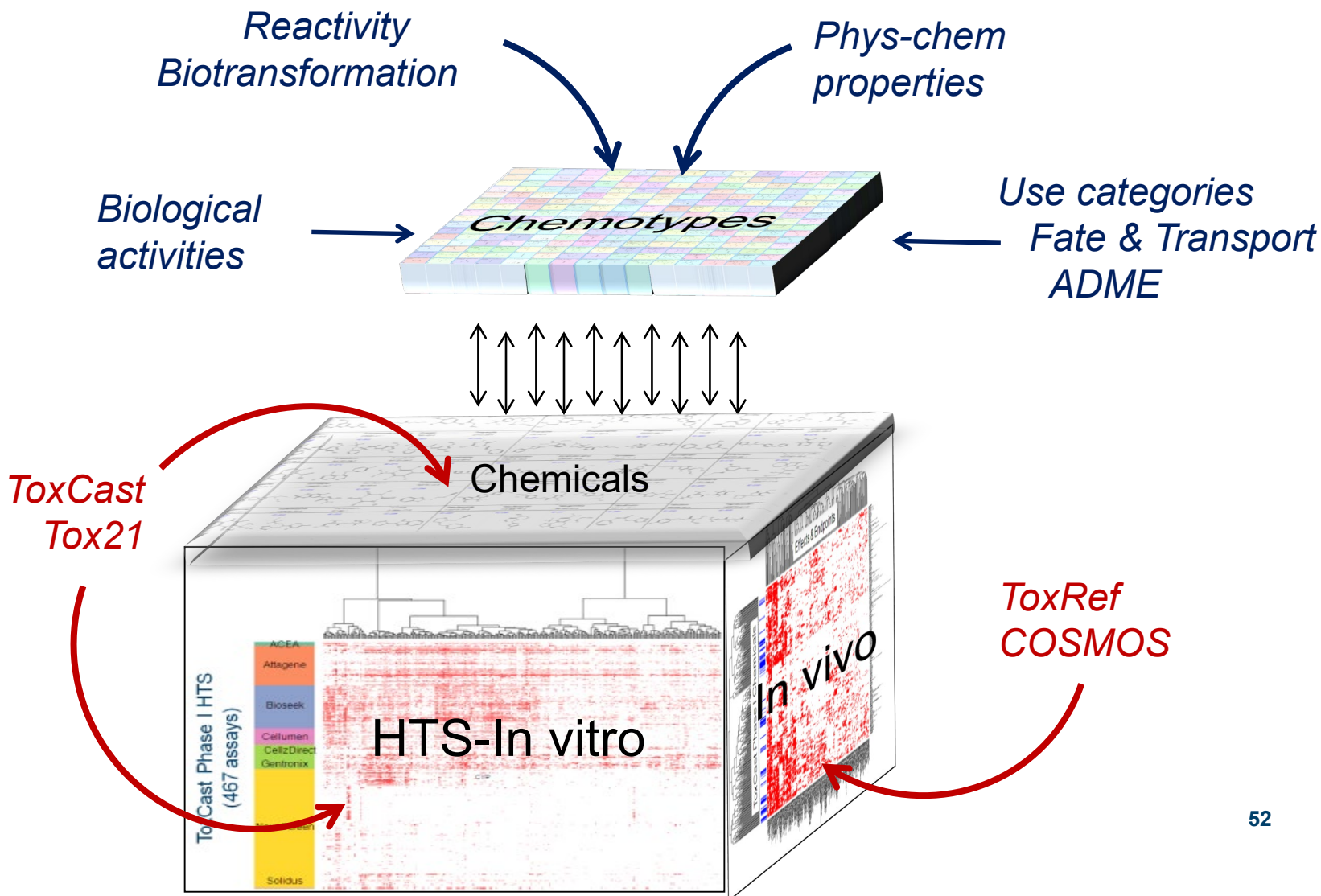
In Vivo

Existing knowledge

ToxCast HTS data



Building a public chemotype “knowledge- base”



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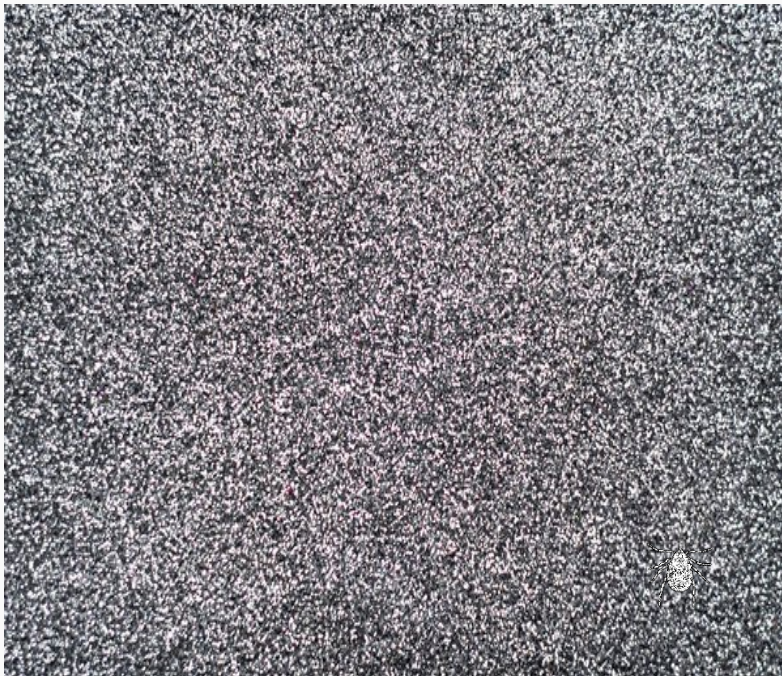
ToxPrints: <http://www.toxprint.org>

The diagram illustrates a hierarchical classification of chemical structures into four main categories:

- Groups & Scaffolds:** This category includes various chemical groups and scaffolds, such as:
 - group:nucleobase_guan_581 (line_7-methyl)
 - group:nucleobase_thym_582 (line)
 - group:nucleobase_uracil_583
 - group:nucleobase_hypo_584 (xanthine)
 - ring:fused_15_61_indene_590
 - ring:fused_15_71_azulene_591
 - ring:fused_16_61_naphthalene_592
 - ring:fused_PAH_acenaphtylene_594
 - ring:fused_PAH_anthracene_595
 - ring:fused_PAH_anthracene_596
- Bonding Patterns:** This category includes various bonding patterns, such as:
 - bond:CX_halide_alkyl-X_157 (bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane)
 - bond:CX_halide_alkyl-X_158 (bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane)
 - bond:CX_halide_alkyl-X_159 (dihalo_1,1-)
 - bond:CX_halide_alkyl-X_160 (bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane)
 - bond:CX_halide_alkyl-X_161 (ethyl)
 - bond:CX_halide_alkyl-X_162 (ethyl)
 - bond:CX_halide_alkyl-X_163 (ethyl)
 - bond:CX_halide_alkyl-X_164 (ethyl)
 - bond:CX_halide_alkyl-X_165 (ethyl)
 - bond:CX_halide_alkyl-X_166 (ethyl)
 - bond:CX_halide_alkyl-X_167 (ethyl)
 - bond:CX_halide_alkyl-X_168 (ethyl)
 - bond:CX_halide_alkyl-X_169 (ethyl)
 - bond:CX_halide_alkyl-X_170 (ethyl)
- Chains:** This category includes various chains, such as:
 - chain:alkaneLinear_octyl_442 (C8)
 - chain:alkaneLinear_decyl_443 (C10)
 - chain:alkaneLinear_hexa_446 (C6)
 - chain:alkaneLinear_stea_447 (C18)
- Atom types:** This category includes various atom types, such as:
 - bond:CX_halide_alkyl-F_149 (perfluoro_hexyl)
 - bond:CX_halide_alkyl-F_150 (perfluoro_octyl)

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Concept of Enrichment: *Focus & Amplify to See*



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Chemotype Enrichment, e.g. *Flame Retardant (FR) Use Category*

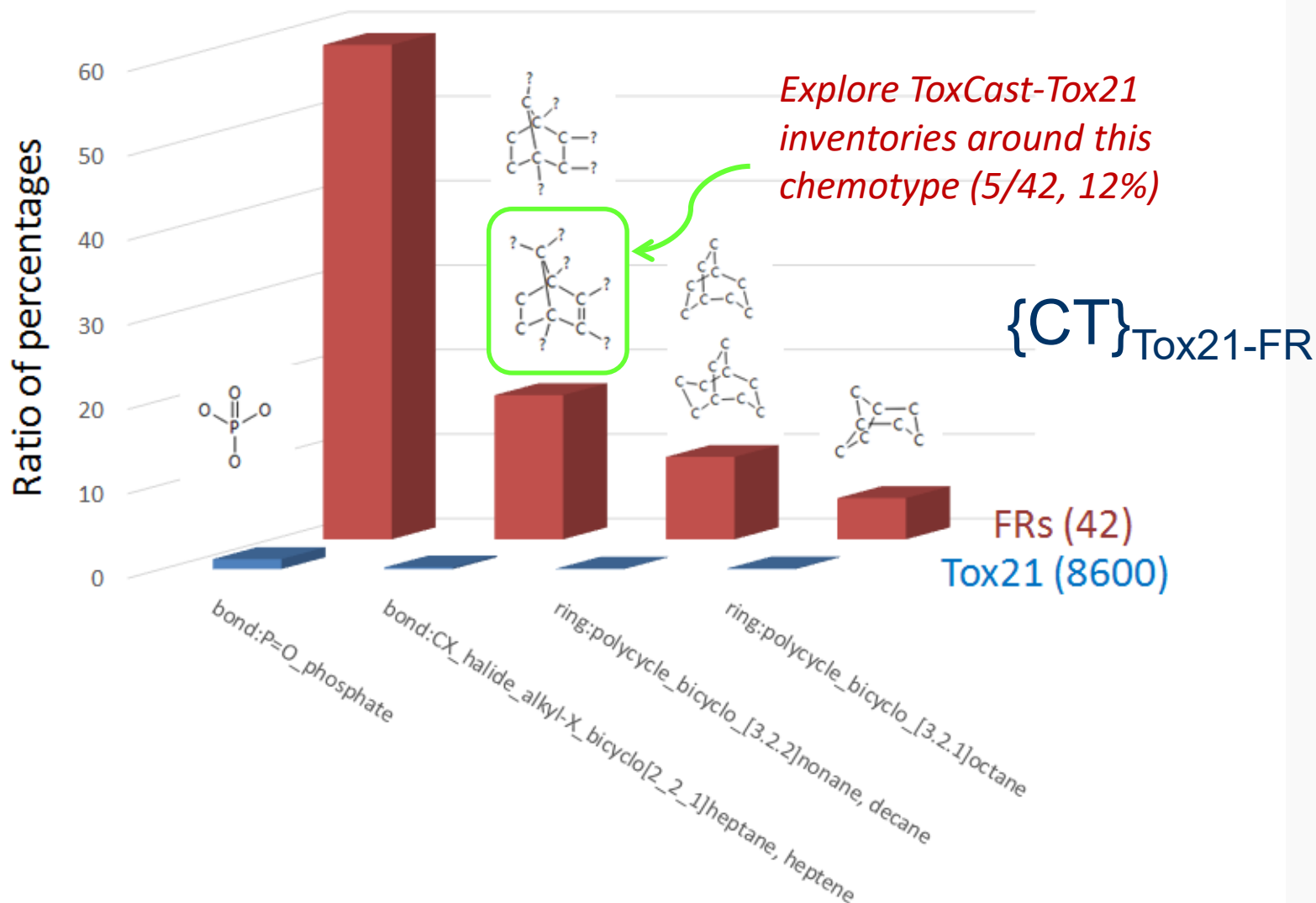
- 42 FRs amenable to HTS included in ToxCast Ph3 & Tox21

{CT}_{FR}

3296-90-0	2,2-Bis(bromomethyl)-1,3-propanediol		
115-28-6	Chlorendic acid		
2921-88-2	Chlorpyrifos	126-72-7	Tris(2,3-dibromopropyl) phosphate
2385-85-5	Mirex	78-51-3	Tris(2-butoxyethyl) phosphate
115-96-8	Tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate	79-95-8	2,2',6,6'-Tetrachlorobisphenol A
78-42-2	Tris(2-ethylhexyl) phosphate	118-79-6	2,4,6-Tribromophenol
115-86-6	Triphenyl phosphate	56803-37-3	tert-Butylphenyl diphenyl phosphate
126-73-8	Tributyl phosphate		
79-94-7	3,3',5,5'-Tetrabromodiphenyl ether		
13674-87-8	Tris(1,3-dichloro-2-propyl) phosphite		
1163-19-5	Decabromodiphenyl ether		
19660-16-3	2,3-Dibromopropyl phosphite		
563-04-2	Tri-m-cresyl phosphate		
20120-33-6	Phosphonic acid dimethyl ester		
868-85-9	Dimethyl hydrogen phosphite	13674-84-5	Tris(2-chloroisopropyl)phosphate
756-79-6	Dimethyl methylphosphonate	25155-23-1	TXP
124-64-1	Tetrakis(hydroxymethyl)phosphonium chloride	598-72-1	2-Bromopropionic acid
55566-30-8	Tetrakis(hydroxymethyl)phosphonium sulfate	3194-55-6	1,2,5,6,9,10-Hexabromocyclododecane
1330-78-5	Tricresyl phosphate	6145-73-9	Tris(2-chloropropyl) phosphate
512-56-1	Trimethyl phosphate	26040-51-7	Bis(2-ethylhexyl) tetrabromophthalate
		68937-41-7	Phenol, isopropylated, phosphate (3:1)
		2781-11-5	Phosphonic acid, [[bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]methyl]-, diethyl ester
		78-30-8	Tri-o-cresyl phosphate
		4162-45-2	Ethanol, 2,2'-((1-methylethylidene)bis((2,6-dibromo-4,1-phenylene)oxy))bis-

Are there enriched chemotypes within this Flame Retardant subset relative to ToxCast & Tox21?

Chemotype Enrichment, e.g. Flame Retardant (FR) Use Category



ChemoTyper

Menu

Welcome

Browse

Match

TOXCAST_v4b_1892_24Oct2012.sdf

Endosulfan 130

Aldrin 663

Chlorendic acid 676

Dieldrin 898

Chlordane 946

Heptachlor 959

Heptachlor epoxide 961

Endrin 990

Endosulfan I 1439

Endosulfan sulfate 1527

5/10 are FR chemicals

Chlorendic Acid – used as an intermediate in FR production

bond:C(=O)O_carboxylicAcid_alkyl 42

bond:C(=O)O_carboxylicAcid_generic 44

bond:C=O_carbonyl_ 71

bond:CX_halide_alkenyl-X_dihalo_(1_2-) 141

bond:CX_halide_alkenyl-X_bicyclo[2_2_1]heptene 158

bond:CX_halide_alkenyl-X_dihalo_(1_1-) 159

bond:CX_halide_alkenyl-X_dihalo_(1_2-) 160

bond:CX_halide_alkenyl-X_dihalo_(1_3) 161

bond:CX_halide_alkenyl-X_generic 164

bond:CX_halide_alkenyl-X_tertiary 167

bond:CX_halide_alkenyl-X_trihalo_(1_2_3-) 171

bond:CX_halide_generic-X_dihalo_(1_2-) 192

chain:alkaneCyclic_pentyl_C5 435

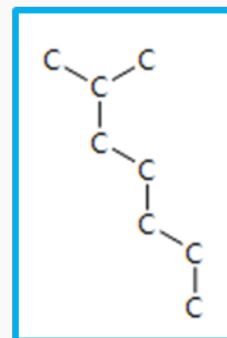
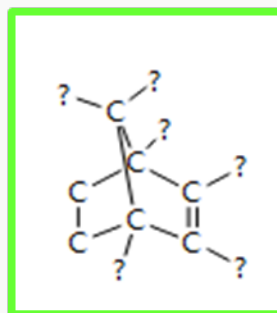
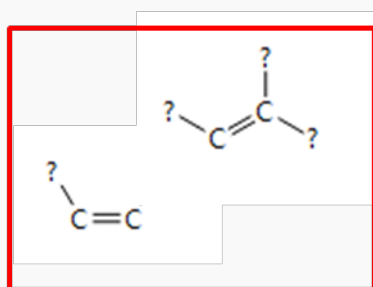
chain:alkeneCyclic_diene_cyclohexene 454

bond:CX_halide_alkenyl-X_bicyclo[2_2_1]heptene 158

Chemotype present in 9 Chlorendic Acid analogs in ToxCast (9/1892, 0.4%)

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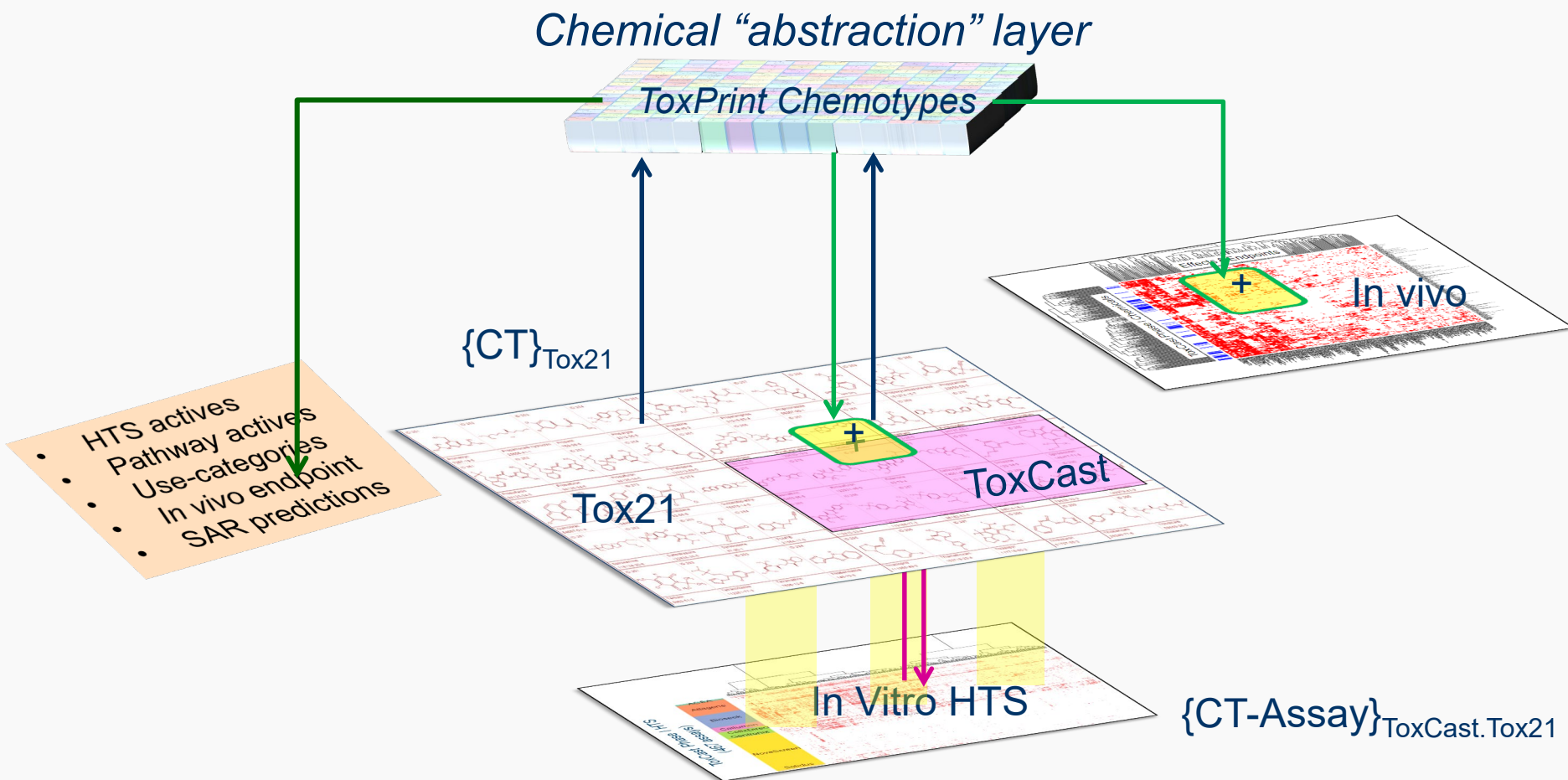
Assay	FR Chemotype (CT)	Odds Ratio	# CT TP	# CT total	# assay positive	Total cmpds
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ATG_RARa_TRANS	<chem>bond:CX_halide_alkyl-X_dihalo_(1_2-)</chem>	5	8	46	77	1857
ATG_RARg_TRANS	<chem>bond:CX_halide_alkyl-X_dihalo_(1_3)</chem>	8	9	40	71	1857
ATG_RARg_TRANS	<chem>bond:CX_halide_alkyl-X_trihalo_(1_2_3-)</chem>	9	8	34	71	1857
ATG_RARa_TRANS	<chem>bond:CX_halide_alkyl-X_trihalo_(1_2_3-)</chem>	5	6	34	77	1857
ATG_RXRb_TRANS	<chem>chain:alkaneBranch_isooctyl_hexyl_2-methyl</chem>	6	8	17	261	1857
Tox21_TR_LUC_GH3_Antagonist	<chem>bond:CX_halide_alkyl-X_bicyclo[2_2_1]heptene</chem>	18	6	10	151	1858
Tox21_MitochondrialToxicity_ratio	<chem>bond:CX_halide_alkenyl-X_dihalo_(1_2-)</chem>	10	12	17	385	1858
Tox21_MitochondrialToxicity_ratio	<chem>bond:CX_halide_alkyl-X_bicyclo[2_2_1]heptene</chem>	35	9	10	385	1858
Tox21_MitochondrialToxicity_ratio	<chem>bond:CX_halide_alkyl-X_tertiary</chem>	8	10	15	385	1858



*Significant {CT-Assay}_{ToxCast-FR} associations
potentially related to developmental outcomes*

Chemotype-Activity Enrichments

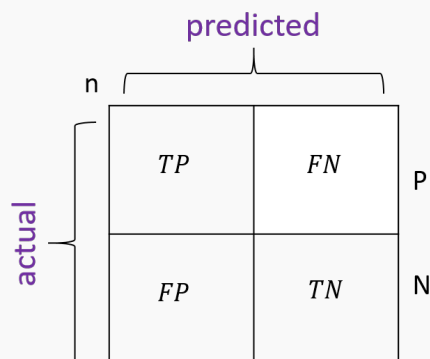
- ✓ Create {CT-Activity} enrichment profiles for any “active” subspace of a test set
- ✓ Focus studies in local CT domains & compare enrichments across data domains



Computing CT-Assay “Enrichments”

Set statistical thresholds & filters for significance to support data-mining objectives:

TP_ID	ToxPrint_CT_name ²	CT _{Tot}	T _{pos}	F _{pos}	F _{neg}	T _{neg}	Odd's Ratio	Fischer's pval
423	chain:alkaneBranch_t-butyl_C4	41	24	17	294	693	3.3	2.0E-04
479	chain:aromaticAlkane_Ph-C1-Ph	39	27	12	291	698	5.4	6.5E-07
303	bond:X[any_!C]_halide_inorganic	28	17	11	301	699	3.6	9.0E-04



Confusion matrix

TestSet = # Pos + # Neg = # chems tested

CT_{Tot} = total # chems in TestSet w/ CT (Pos or Neg)
 TP (T_{pos}) = # Pos in TestSet w/ CT
 FP (F_{pos}) = # Neg in TestSet w/ CT
 FN (F_{neg}) = # Pos in TestSet w/o CT
 TN (T_{neg}) = # Neg in TestSet w/o CT

- Odds Ratio ≥ 3 , *conveys simple fractional enrichment*
- Fischer's exact p value ≤ 0.05 , *takes into account size of dataset*
- T_{pos} (TP) ≥ 3 , *require at least 3 chemicals with CT in Positives*

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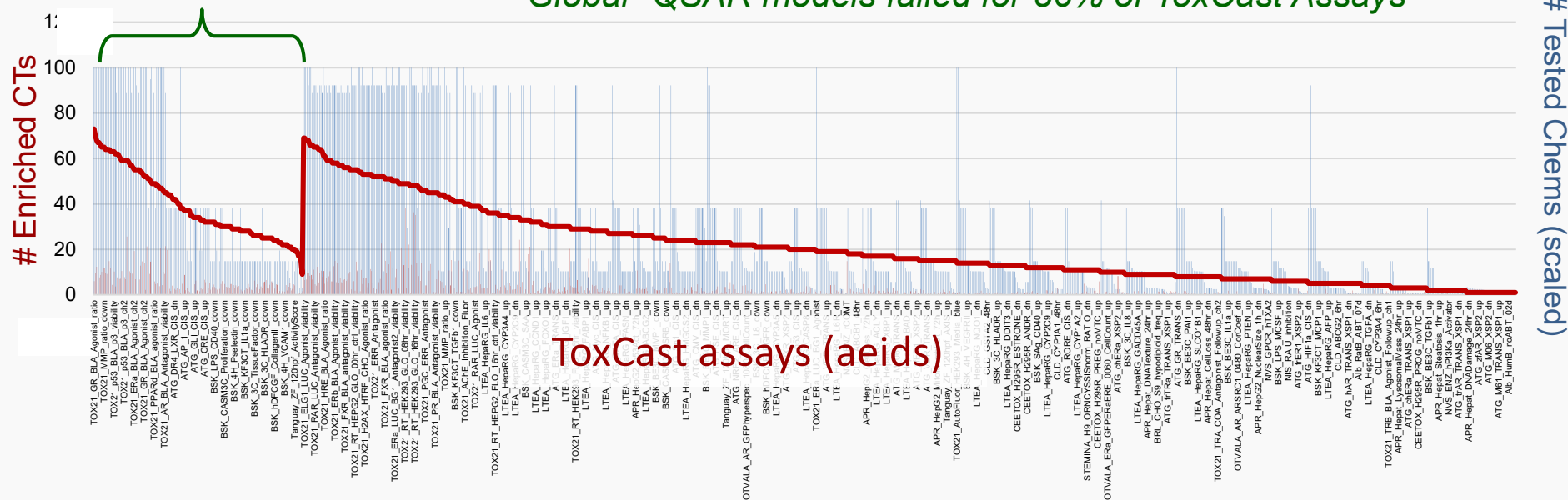
Assays x Enriched CT count

Enriched CT-counts across 1032 assays

“Global” QSAR models*
for 167 ToxCast Assays
Avg % Median BA = 0.67

*Random Forest models based on ToxPrint CT descriptors, validated using independent Test Set & Y-randomization, with Training (100A,100I) & Test (25A,25I) Set minimums (J. Fitzpatrick)

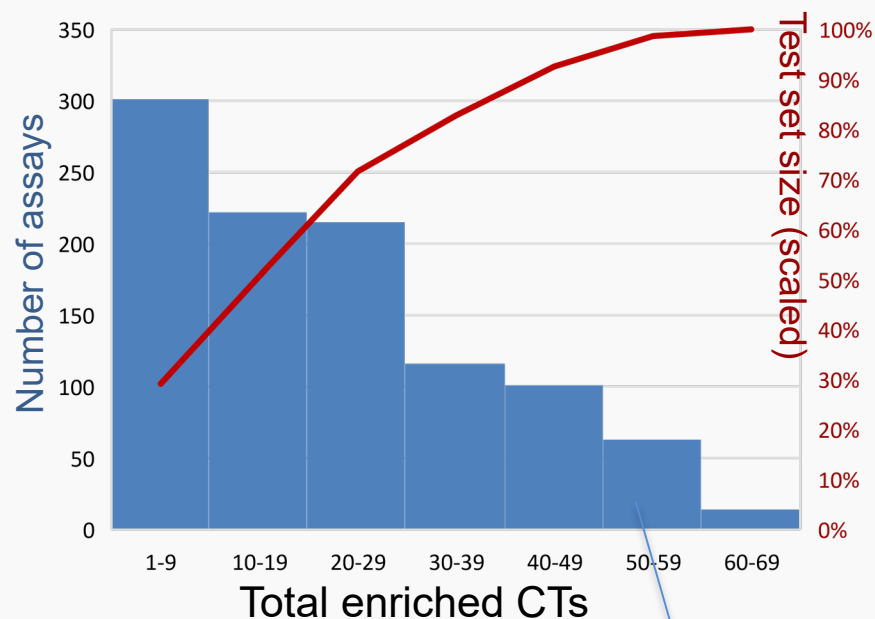
“Global” QSAR models failed for 86% of ToxCast Assays



Significant CT-enrichments across ToxCast assay space considered
“unmodelable” by traditional “global” QSAR methods

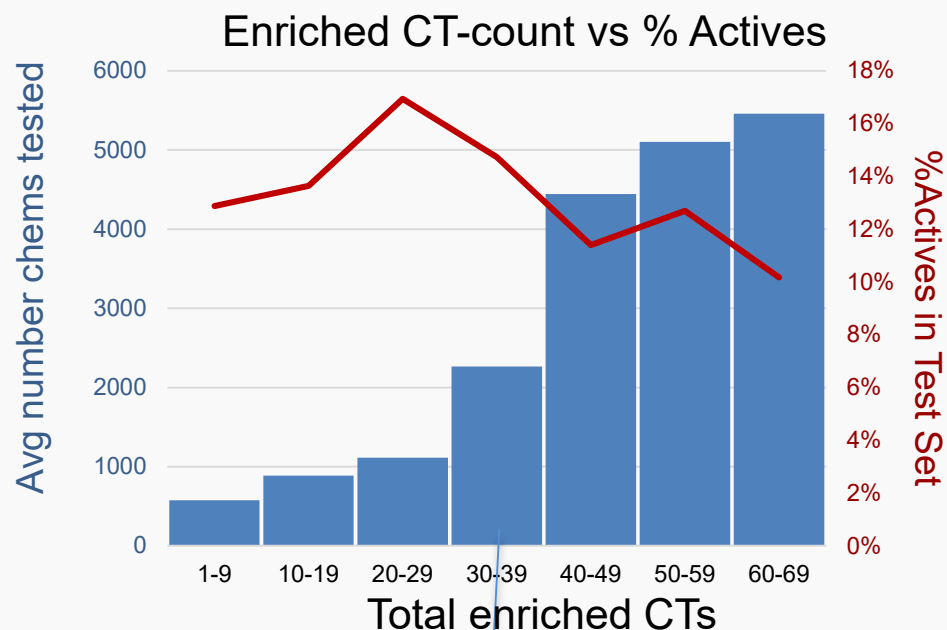
Enriched CT-count per assay trends (1032 assays)

*Does # enriched CTs depend on test set size? **YES!***



63 assays
enriched with
50-59 CTs

*Does # enriched CTs depend on %Actives? **Not so much.***



30-39 CTs enriched in
assays with avg Test
Set size 2264 chems

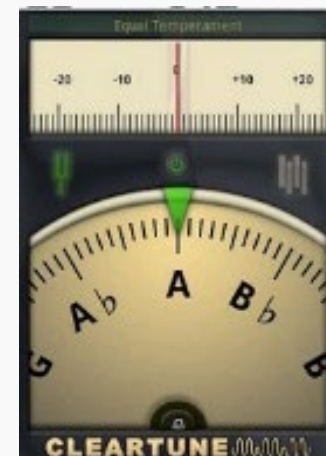
Tuning biology to pick up chemical “signal”

CT Enrichments of Time-series* “Assays”

aenm_870unique	TP_Count	%actives	tested.chnm
APR_Hepat_Apoptosis_1hr_up	1	3.2	310
APR_Hepat_Apoptosis_24hr_up	15	14.8	310
APR_Hepat_Apoptosis_48hr_up	6	16.8	310
APR_Hepat_DNADamage_1hr_up	8	3.9	310
APR_Hepat_DNADamage_24hr_up	7	18.4	310
APR_Hepat_DNADamage_48hr_up	14	20.0	310

* 95 Assays out of 1032 total are within time-series groups

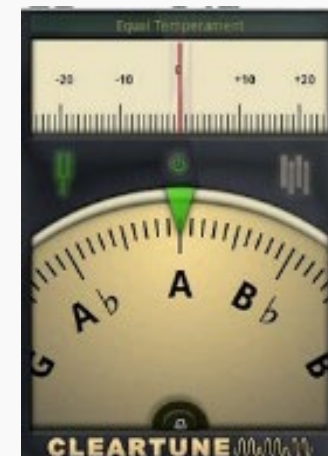
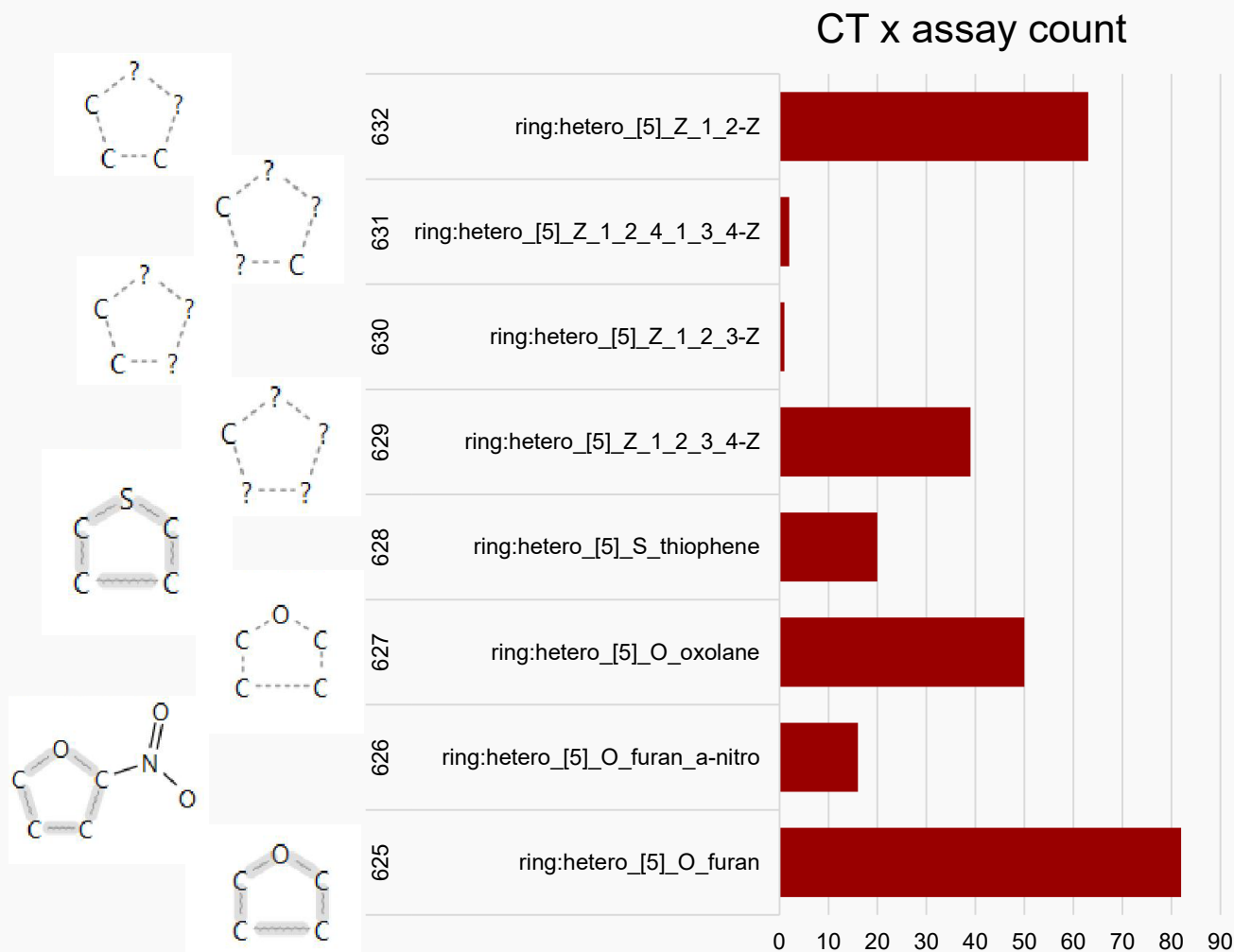
- How are {CT-assay} enrichments affected by cell toxicity (“burst”) filters?
- How are {CT-assay} enrichments affected by activity threshold assumptions?



“Tuning” biology to increase CT enrichments → increases biological-chemical “signal”

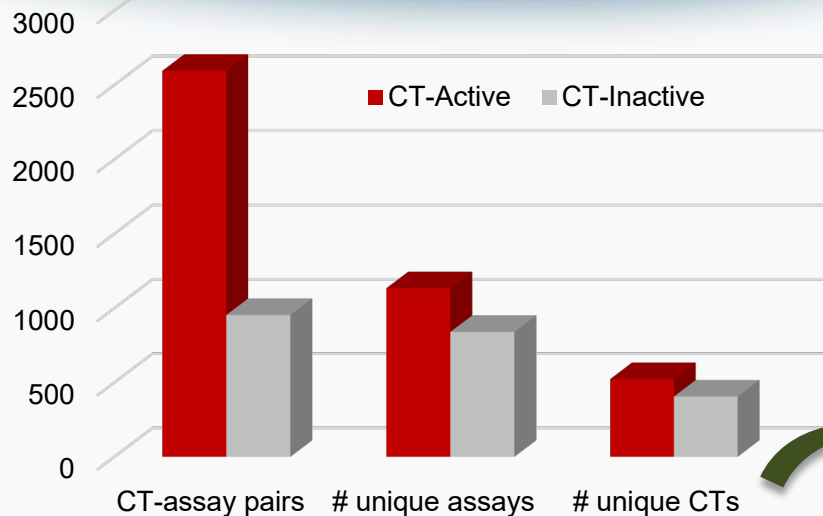
Tuning chemistry to pick up biological “signal”

Assay Enrichments of chemistry-series groups



*“Tuning” chemistry
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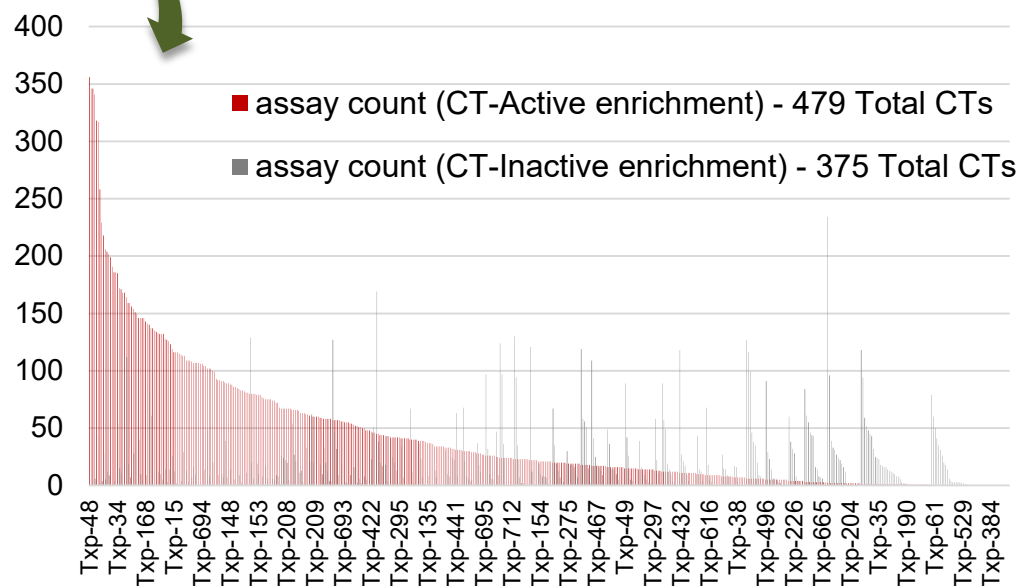
What about the “Inactives”?



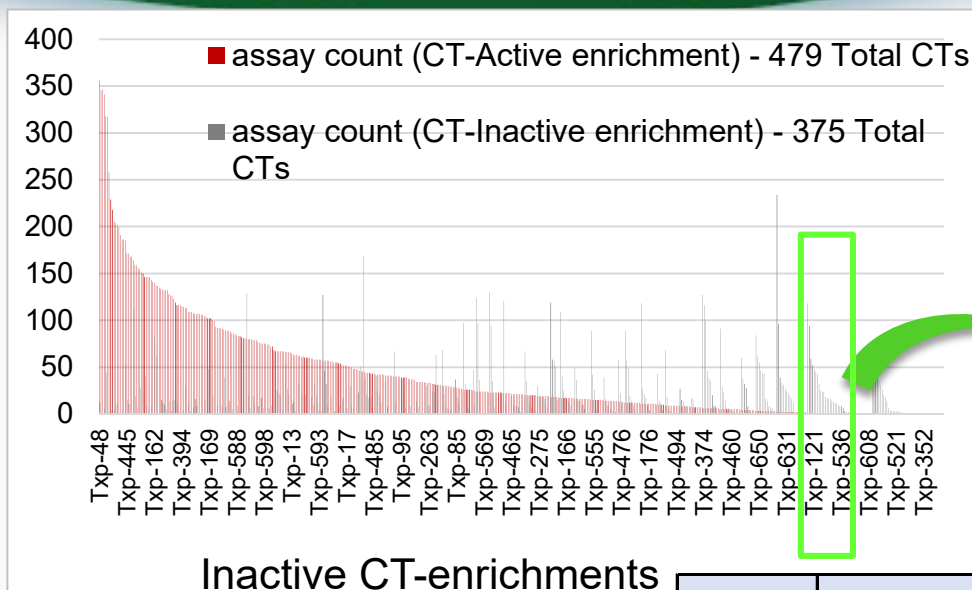
*More “CT-signal” in Actives, but
significant amount of signal in Inactives*

Inactive CT-enrichments

- Span ToxCast assay space
- More frequently occur in assays with fewer Active CT-enrichments
- May be due to several factors:
 - *True inactivity*
 - *Assay artifacts*
 - *QC failure*



Top 10 enriched CT-Inactives (skewed from actives)



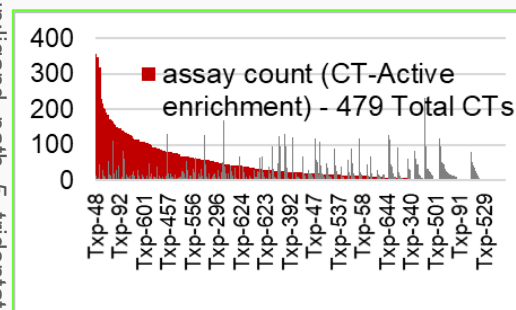
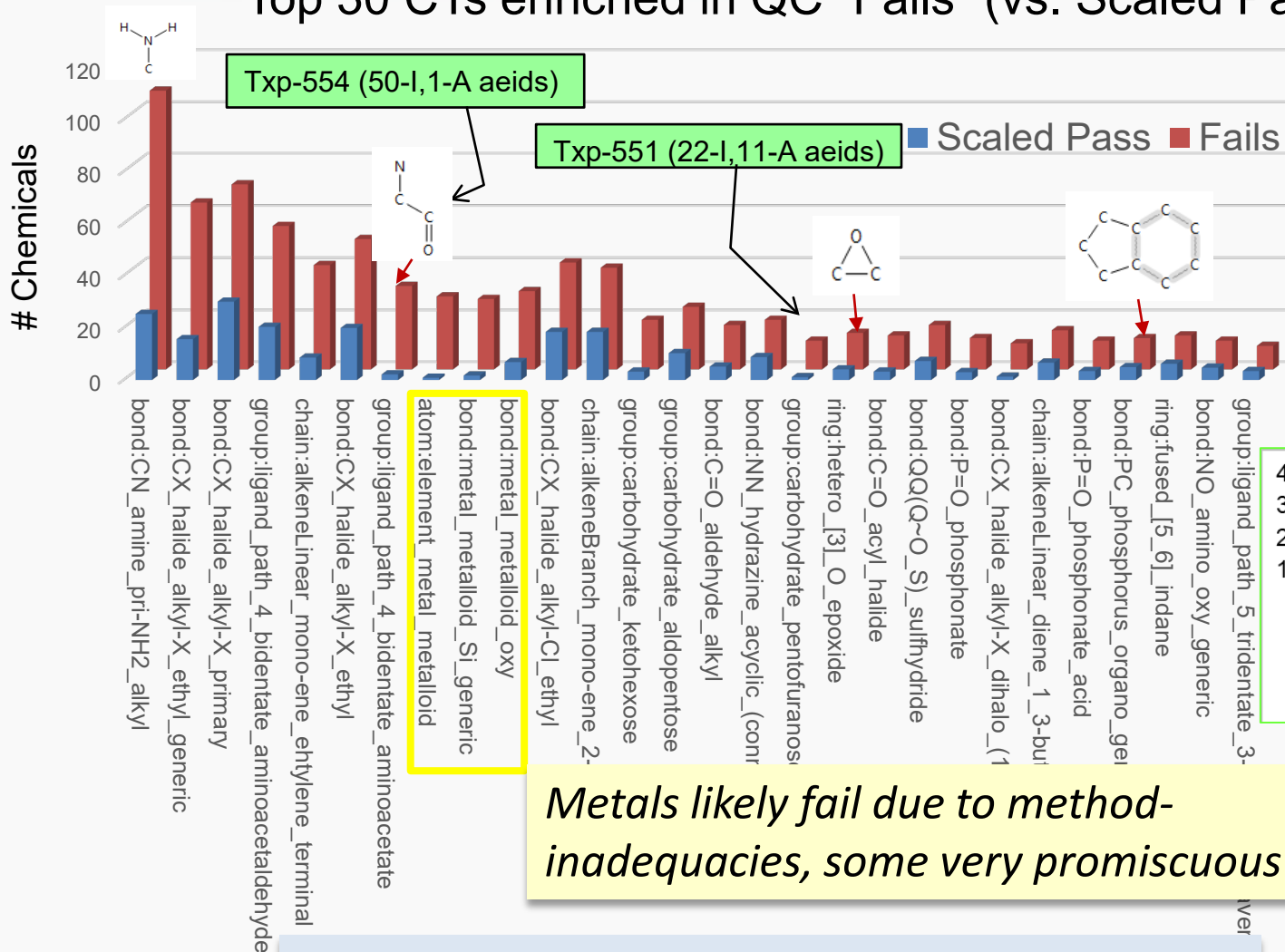
*CT-Inactive >75 assays,
CT-active <10 assays*

- *True inactivity?*
- *Assay artifacts?*
- ***QC failure?***

Txp	CT Name	assay count (CT-Active enrichment)	assay count (CT-Inactive enrichment)
Txp-101	bond:CN_amine_pri-NH2_aromatic	3	84
Txp-145	bond:CX_halide_alkyl-Cl_ethyl	0	79
Txp-260	bond:P~S_generic	1	94
Txp-362	bond:metal_metalloid_oxy	2	96
Txp-372	bond:metal_metalloid_Si_organo	6	99
Txp-374	bond:metal_metalloid_Si_oxy	6	116
Txp-496	chain:oxy-alkaneLinear_ethyleneOxide_EO1(O)	5	91
Txp-497	chain:oxy-alkaneLinear_ethyleneOxide_EO2	6	127
Txp-607	ring:hetero_[4]_N_beta_lactam	1	118
Txp-663	ring:hetero_[6]_N_triazine_(1_3_5-)	2	234

ToxPrints enriched in Fails

Top 30 CTs enriched in QC "Fails" (vs. Scaled Pass)



Top 30 CTs represented in 454/1130 (40%) QC "Fails"

Detection Technology Type: Fluorescence

Fluorescence: Detection techniques that use the principles of fluorescence, whereby incident light excites a fluorophore which then emits light at lower energy (higher wavelength). The emitted light is typically from the visible portion of the UV-Visible spectrum.

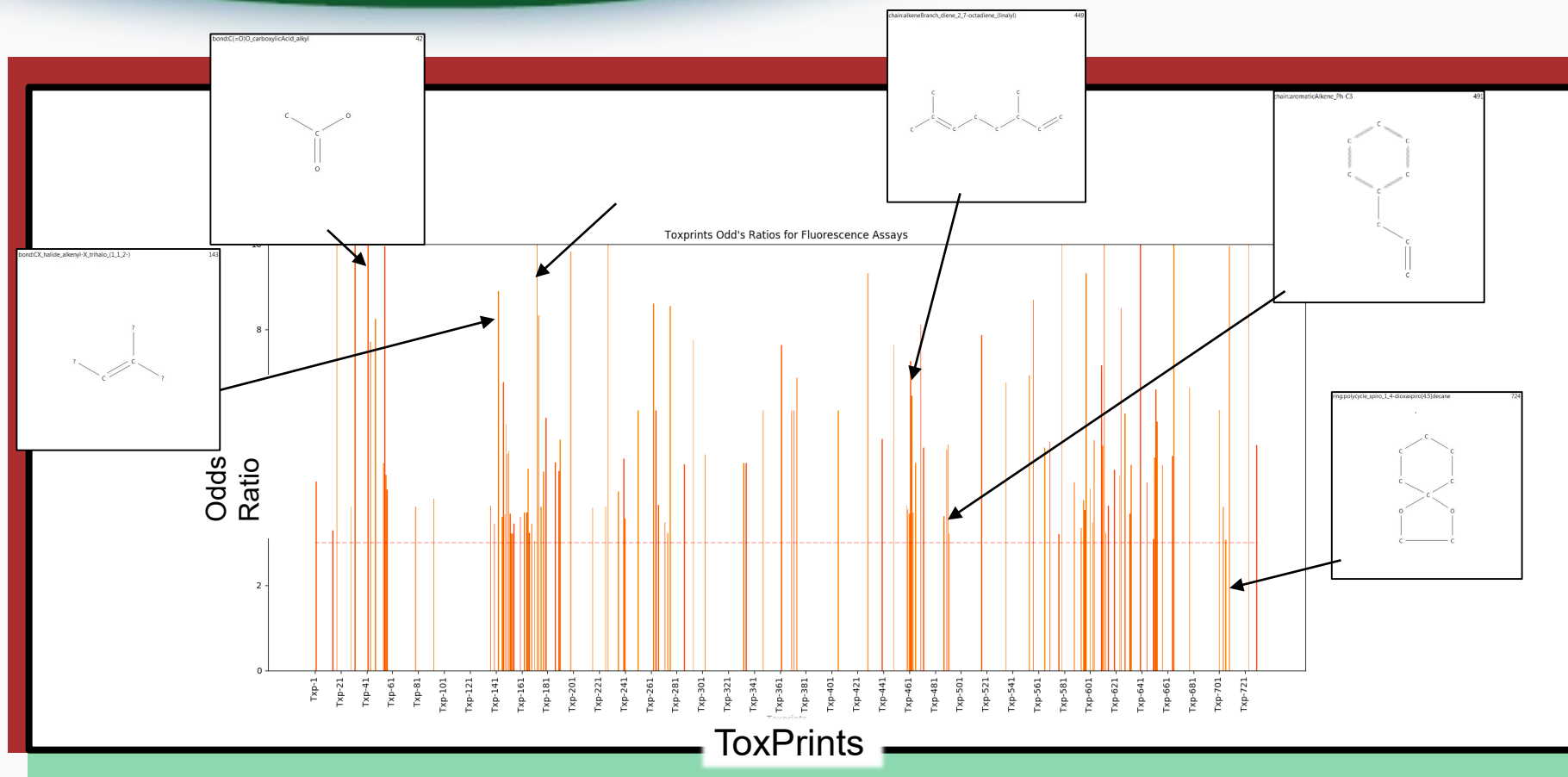
Table 5: ToxCast detection technology types.

Values are counts of assay endpoints

Detection technology type subtype		Totals
Fluorescence	Fluorescence intensity	601
	FRET: TR-FRET	8
	Fluorescence polarization	1
Radiometry	Scintillation counting	136
Spectrophotometry	Absorbance	40
Luminescence	Bioluminescence	28
	Chemiluminescence	1
Microscopy	Optical microscopy: Fluorescence microscopy	4
Label-Free Technology	Electrical Sensor: Impedance	2



CT Enrichments in Fluorescence Assays



CT's enriched (much more likely to be active) in "Fluorescence Assays" than in remaining assays



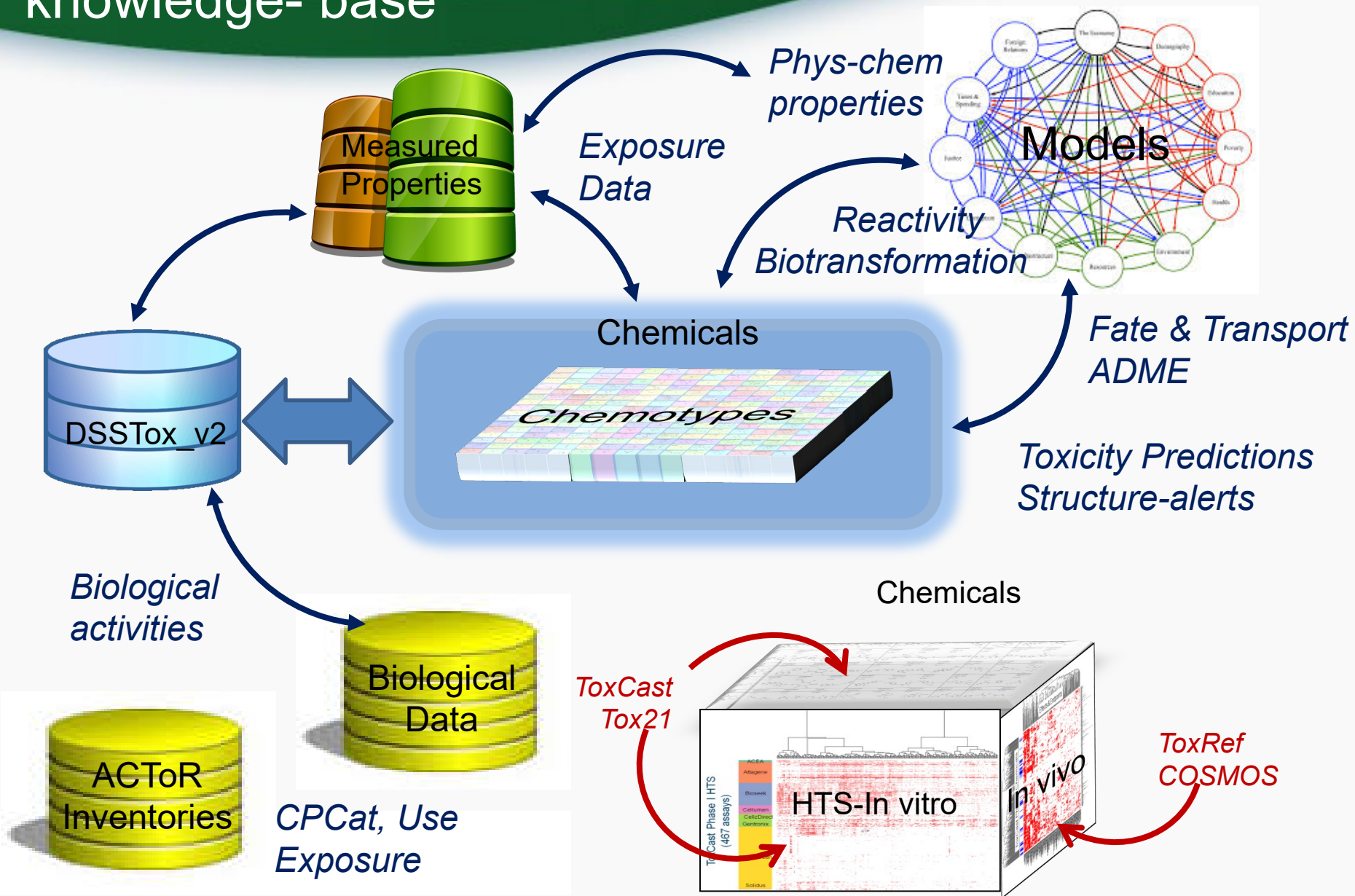
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#7:

Until we understand the limits of our data, we can't make best use of it.



Building a public chemotype “knowledge- base”



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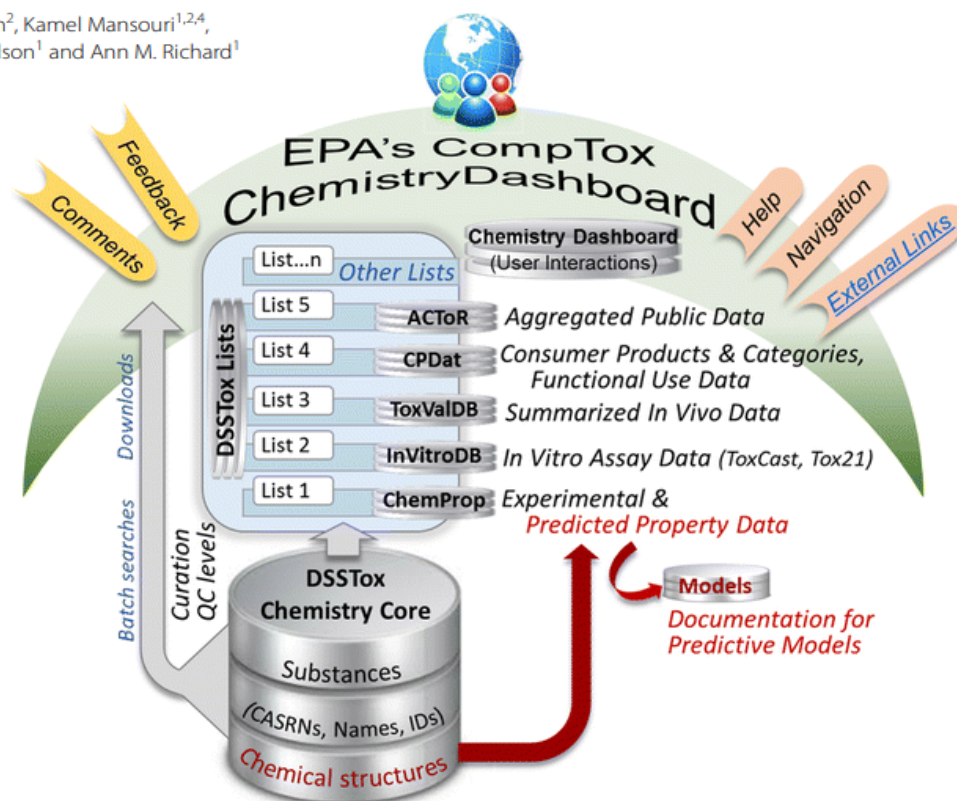


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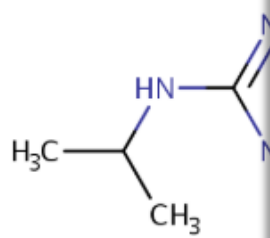
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Presence in Lists

Federal

- ATSDR Minimal Risk Levels (MRLs) for Hazardous Substances
- Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program (EDSP) Universe of Chemicals
- TSCA Inventory, active non-confidential portion
- EDSP21 Tier 1 Screening Chemicals: List 1
- ECOTOXicology knowledgebase (ECOTOX)
- TOXCAST - EPA ToxCast Screening Library
- CHEMINV; ToxCast/Tox21 Chemical inventory available as DMSO solutions (20181123)
- ATSDR Toxic Substances Portal Chemical List
- Superfund Chemical Data Matrix
- NIOSH International Chemical Safety Cards
- EPA Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)
- Toxics Release Inventory
- NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards
- TOXCAST_PhaseI - EPA ToxCast Screening Library (Phase I subset)
- TOXCAST_PhaseII - EPA ToxCast Screening Library (Phase II Subset)
- TOXCAST_PhaseIII - EPA ToxCast Screening Library (Phase II Subset)
- TOXCAST_ph1v2 - EPA ToxCast Screening Library (ph1v2 Subset)
- EPA Pesticide Chemical Search Database

US State

- California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

International

- SUSDAT: The NORMAN Network

Other

- Androgen Receptor Chemicals
- Wiley Registry of Tandem Mass Spectral Data, MSforID
- Thermo's mzCloud Database
- CERAPP: Collaborative Estrogen Receptor Activity Prediction Project
- Integrated Biological Pathway model for the Estrogen Receptor
- CPDAT, the EPA Chemical and Products Database
- Hydrogen Deuterium Exchange Standard Set - No Exchange
- TOX21SL: Tox21 Screening Library
- NormaNEWS: Norman Early Warning System
- University Jaume I Target Substances
- MassBank Reference Spectra Collection
- NORMAN Collaborative Trial 2015 Targets and Suspects
- STOFF-IDENT Database of Water-Relevant Substances
- MassBank EU Collection: Special Cases
- National Environmental Methods Index
- University of Athens Target List
- EPA's Drinking Water Standard and Health Advisories Table

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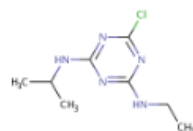
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2 related chemical structures with this substance

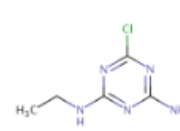
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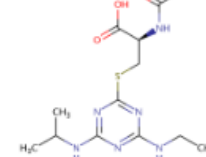
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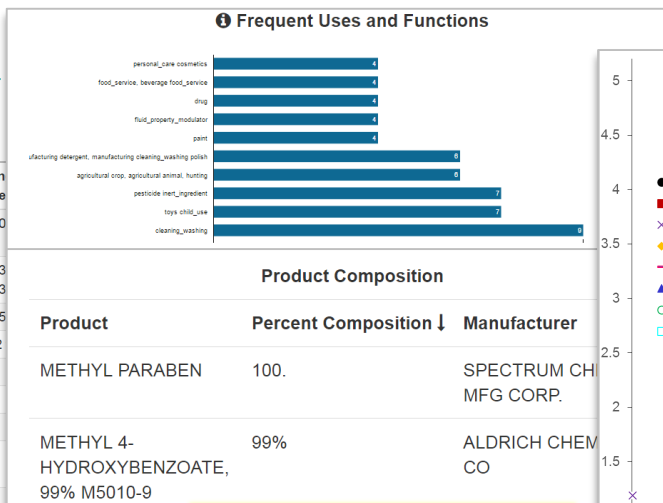
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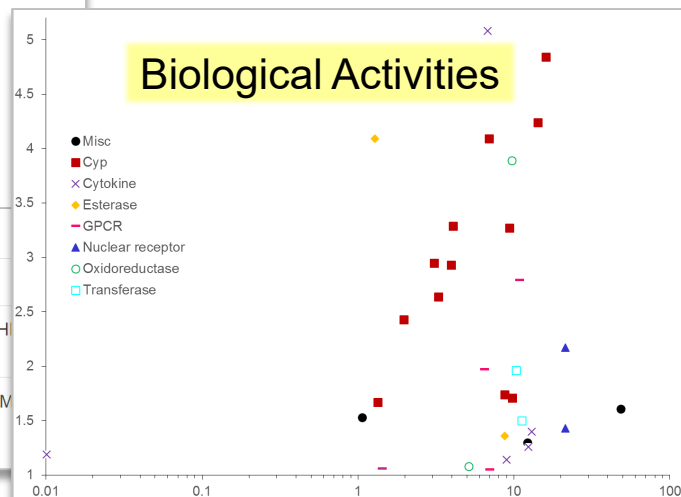
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Property	Average (Exp.)	Median (Exp.)	Range (Exp.)	Average (Pred.)	Median (Pred.)	Range (Pred.)
Octanol-Water Partition Coefficient (LogP)	1.91 (2)	1.87	1.87	2.03 (2)	2.03	2.00
Water Solubility	1.64e-02 (1)	1.64e-02	1.64e-02	6.83e-01 (2)	6.83e-01	3.93
Melting Point	128 (9)	127	125 to 131	75.1 (2)	75.1	51.5
Boiling Point	278 (3)	280	275 to 280	259 (2)	259	252
Vapor Pressure	-	-	-	1.12e-03 (1)	1.12e-03	-
Soil Adsorption Coefficient	-	-	-	1.49 (1)	1.49	-
Octanol-Air Partition Coefficient	8.57 (1)	8.57	-	7.06 (1)	7.06	-
Atmospheric Hydroxylation Rate	-	-	-	-10.5 (1)	-10.5	-
Biodegradation Half Life	-	-	-	2.55 (1)	2.55	-
Biocombustion	-	-	-	-	-	-

Experimental & predicted phys-chem properties



Functional Use & Composition



Chemical Properties	External Links	Synonyms	Product Composition	ToxCast in Vitro Data	Exposure	PubChem	Comments
General	Toxicology	Publications	Analytical				
EPA Substance Registry Service	ACToR	Toxline	National Environmental Meth				
NIST Chemistry Webbook	DrugPortal	Environmental Health Perspectives	RSC Analytical Abstracts				
Household Products Database	CCRIS	NIEHS	MONA: MassBank North Am				
PubChem	ChemView	National Toxicology Program					
ChemSpider	CTD	Google Books					
CPCat	eChemPortal	Google Scholar					
HMDB	EDSP Dashboard	Google Patents					
Wikipedia	Gene-Tox	PubMed					
MSDS Lookup	HSDB	BioCaddie DataMed					
ToxPlanet	ToxCast Dashboard 2						
ChemHat: Hazards and Alternatives T...	Lacti						
Consumer Product Information Databa...	Intern						
	ACToR PDF Report						

Integration with Public Data

National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) Inferences (mg/kg-bw/day)							
	Ages 6-11	Ages 65+	BMI > 30	BMI < 30	Females	Males	Total
Min	6.82e-04	5.12e-04	6.57e-04	9.81e-04	1.51e-03	4.64e-04	8.95e-04
Max	1.01e-03	7.95e-04	8.41e-04	1.14e-03	1.89e-03	5.89e-04	1.01e-03
Mean	8.28e-04	6.36e-04	7.44e-04	1.06e-03	1.68e-03	5.25e-04	9.53e-04
Exposure Predictions (mg/kg-bw/day)							
Med.	1.88e-05	1.35e-05	1.46e-05	2.05e-05	2.37e-05	1.55e-05	1.98e-05
95th %ile	2.00e-03	1.25e-03	1.30e-03	1.63e-03	1.44e-03	1.14e-03	1.09e-03

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#8:

Making quality data, structures, and capabilities freely available is the best way to win friends and influence people.



Lessons
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#9:

What a difference the right people
at the right time can make.

The Past ...

Jamie Burch
DSSTox website



ClarLynda Williams
DSSTox_v0



Dr. Marty Wolf
(1947-2012)
DSSTox_v1
ToxCasts, Tox21



*“Ain’t going in the
database unless
it’s done right”*

The Present ...

Chris Grulke
**Cheminformatics
Genius**

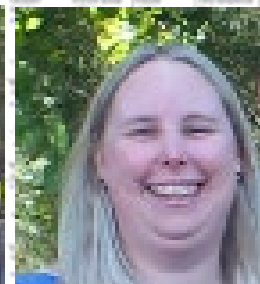
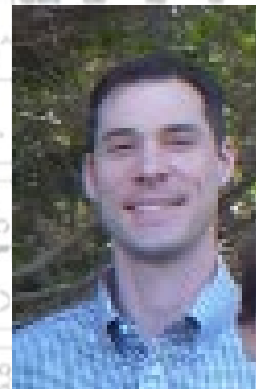


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