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PREDICTIVE RISK APPROACHES FOR OPERATIONAL CHEMICAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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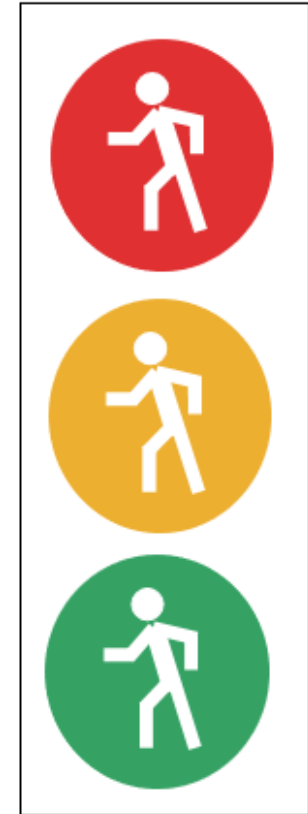
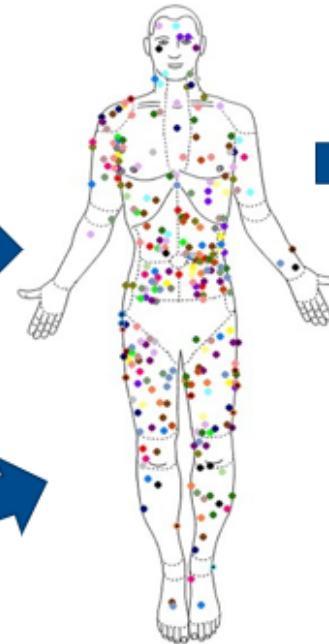
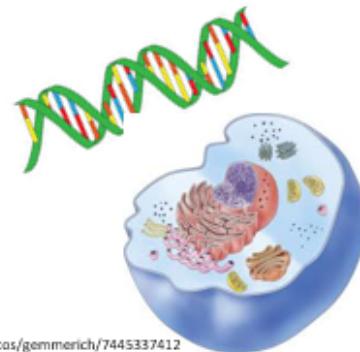
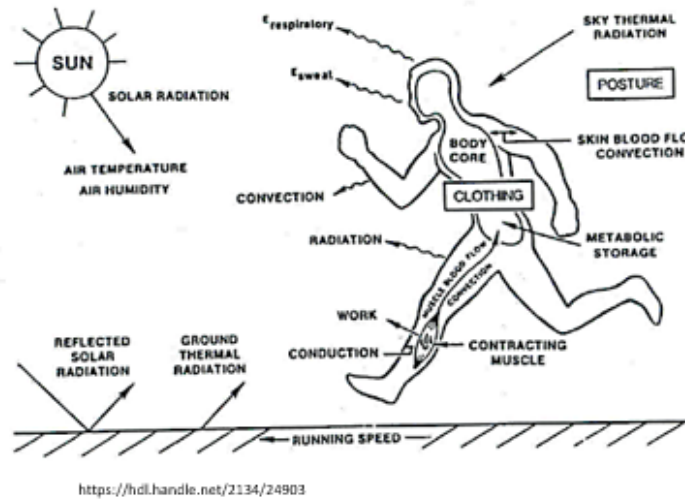
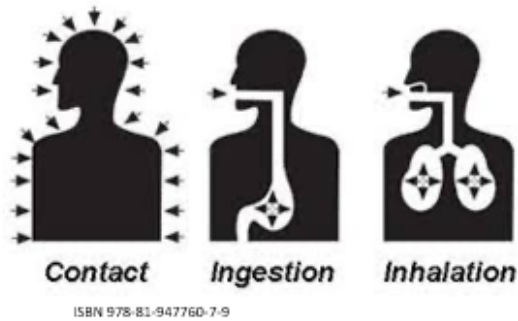


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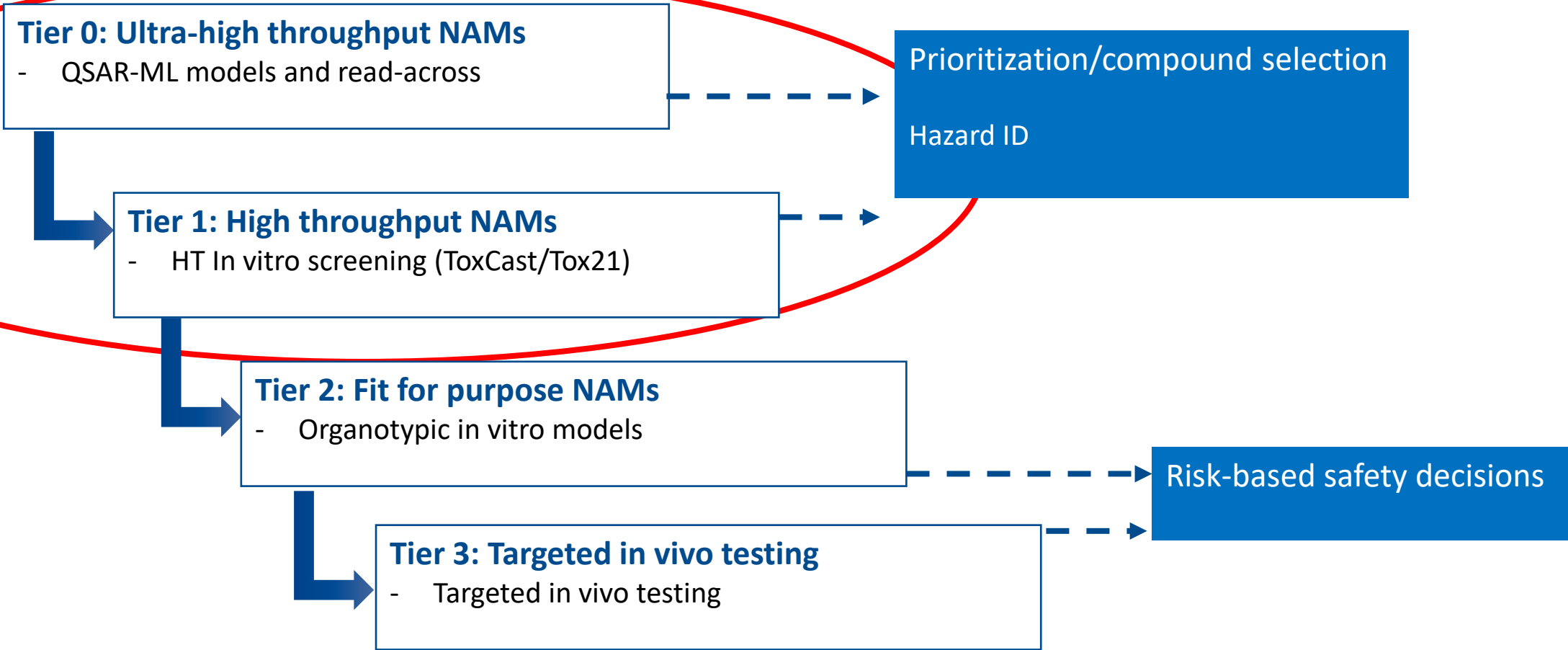


Operational Chemical Risk Assessment



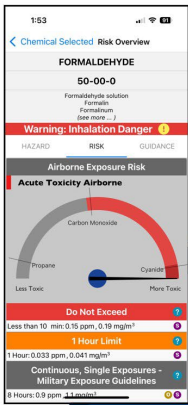


Modernized Tiered Risk Assessment





Predictive Risk Products



ToxAdvisor-lite (Mobile app)

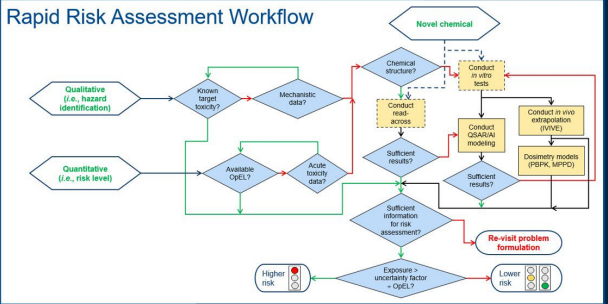
- Exposure guidelines
- Risk predictions
- Recommend next steps



CERA toolbox (Desktop application)

- Exposure guidelines
- Curated risk predictions and models
- Risk calculations, workflows

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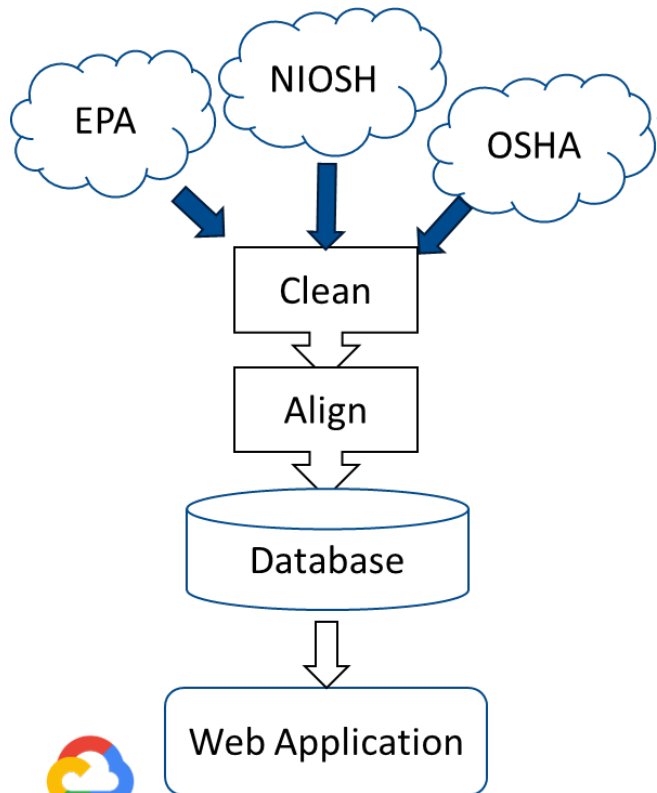
Predictive Risk Capability Build

- Databases
- Risk prediction models
- Dosimetry models
- Exposure models
- Risk assessment workflows



Chemical Exposure Risk Assessment (CERA) Database

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Batch Search Results (221)

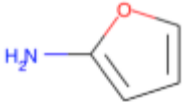
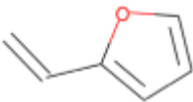
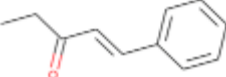
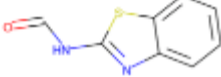
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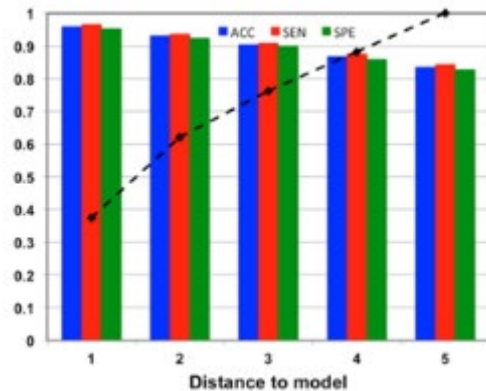
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Trans-Permethrin 61949-77-7	0	⚠ No matches found	
Formaldehyde	7	⚠ Ambiguous search term Select Chemical(s)	
Cyfluthrin 68359-37-5	1	Cyfluthrin	68359-37-5

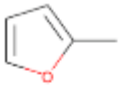


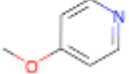
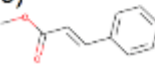
QSAR-ML Models for Acute Toxicity & Risk Mitigation

- Oxidative stress

Structural Alerts + Message Passing Neural Network Model (MPNN) → DrugBank repository

	
<chem>c1c(c(oc1N))</chem>	<chem>C=Cc1ccco1</chem>
57	1
50	0.94
	
<chem>CCC(=O)C=Cc1ccc(cc1)</chem>	<chem>C(=O)Nc1nc2ccccc2s1</chem>
28	1
26	1



1) 	Nitrofurantoin, Dantrolene, Mometasone furoate, Trioxsalen, Nitrofurazone, Benziodarone, Kinetin, Fluticasone furoate, Nifurtimox, Cefuroxime, Lapatinib, Diloxanide furoate
2) 	Alitretinoin, Tretinoin, Isotretinoin, Gestrinone, Acitretin, Medrogestone, Dydrogesterone, Colchicine, Norgestrel acetate, Cyproterone acetate, Cefbiprole, Cefbiprole medocartil
3) 	Tioconazole, Sitaxentan, Clotiazepam, Sertaconazole, Relugolix, Avatrombopag, Lornoxicam, Rivaroxaban, Lotilaner
4) 	Lansoprazole, Dexlansoprazole, Omeprazole, Esomeprazole, Rabeprazole, Simeprevir, Pantoprazole
5) 	Cinoxate, Octinoxate, Amiloxate, Rescinamine, Ethyl ferulate

Models in development for:
Lung
Kidney
Neurotoxicity

At distance 0.3, 76% ACC = 0.90, SEN = 0.91 and SPE = 0.90, for 76% of chemicals

Chushak and Clewell 2024

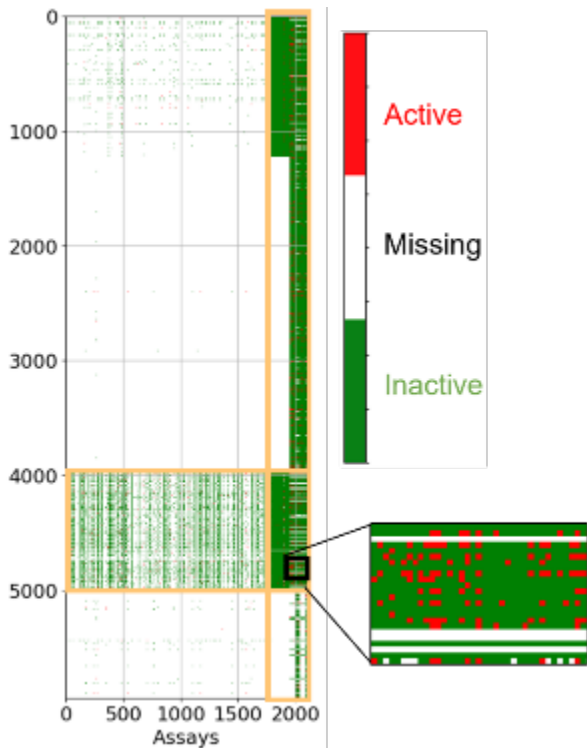
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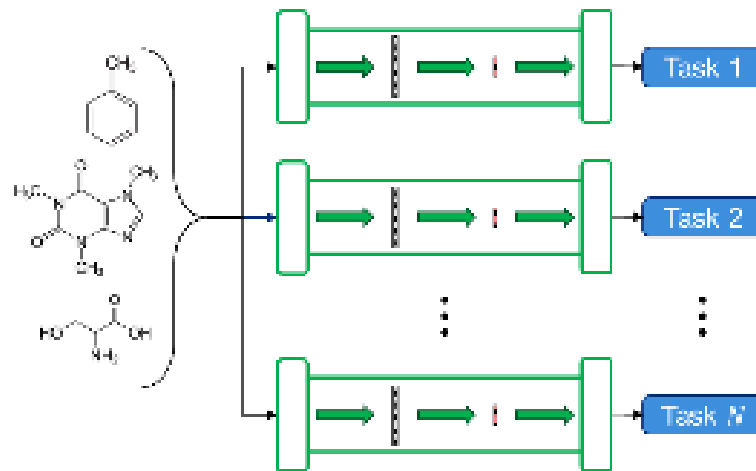
Multi-tasking ML Models for Data Poor Endpoints

(with JHU APL)

Available data

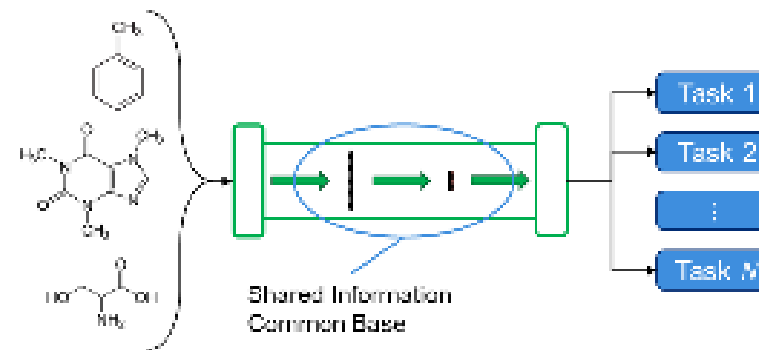


Single-Task (ST)



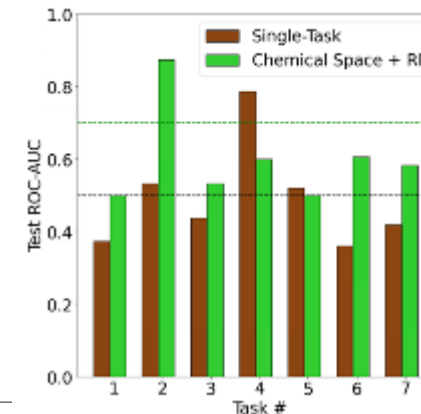
One Model per Task

Multi-Task (MT)



One Model for Multiple Tasks

ST vs. MT – low density data



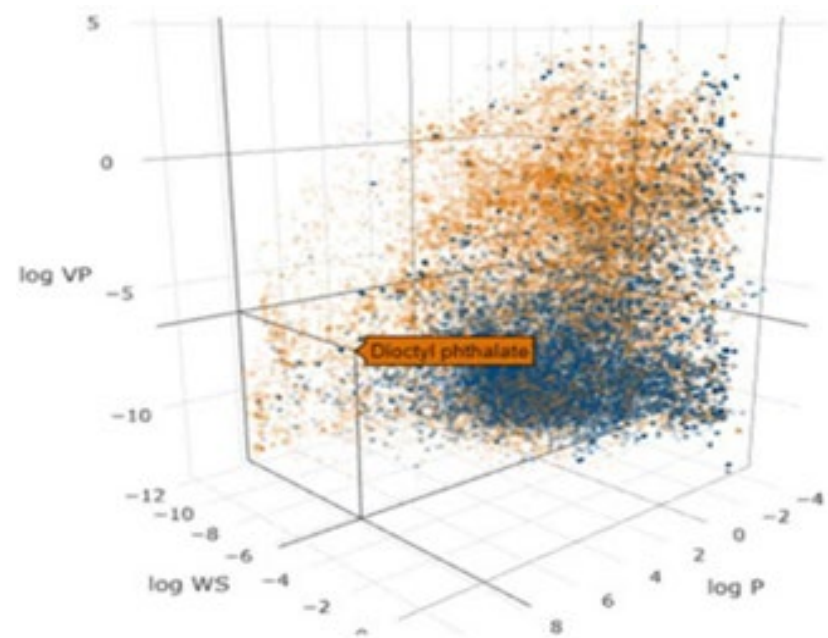
Main Goal: Generalizable prediction models



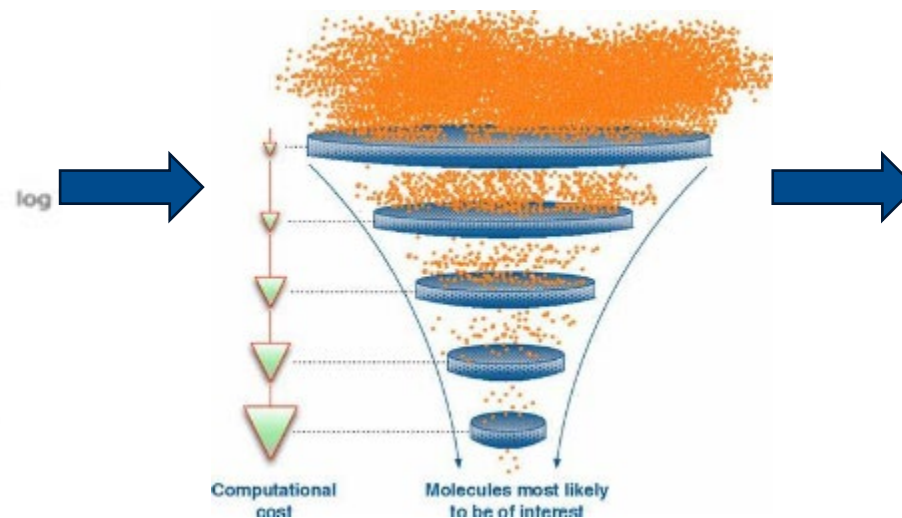
ML Models to Identify Minimum Tests for Novel Chemicals

(with RTI International)

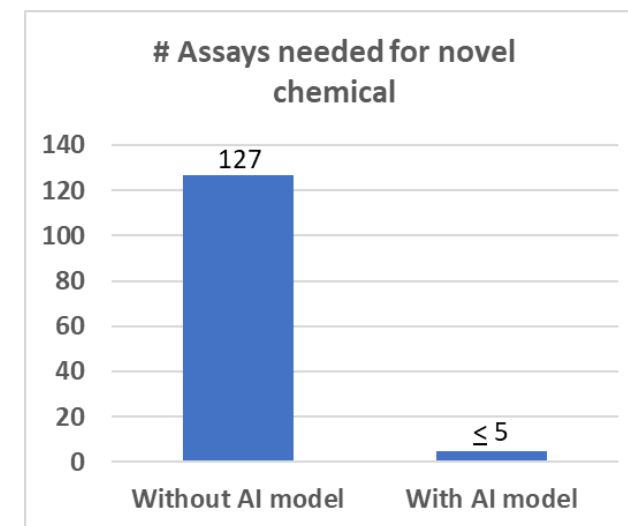
Main Goal: Strategy to maximize efficiency of testing for chemical risk



<https://doi.org/10.3389/ftox.2022.894569>



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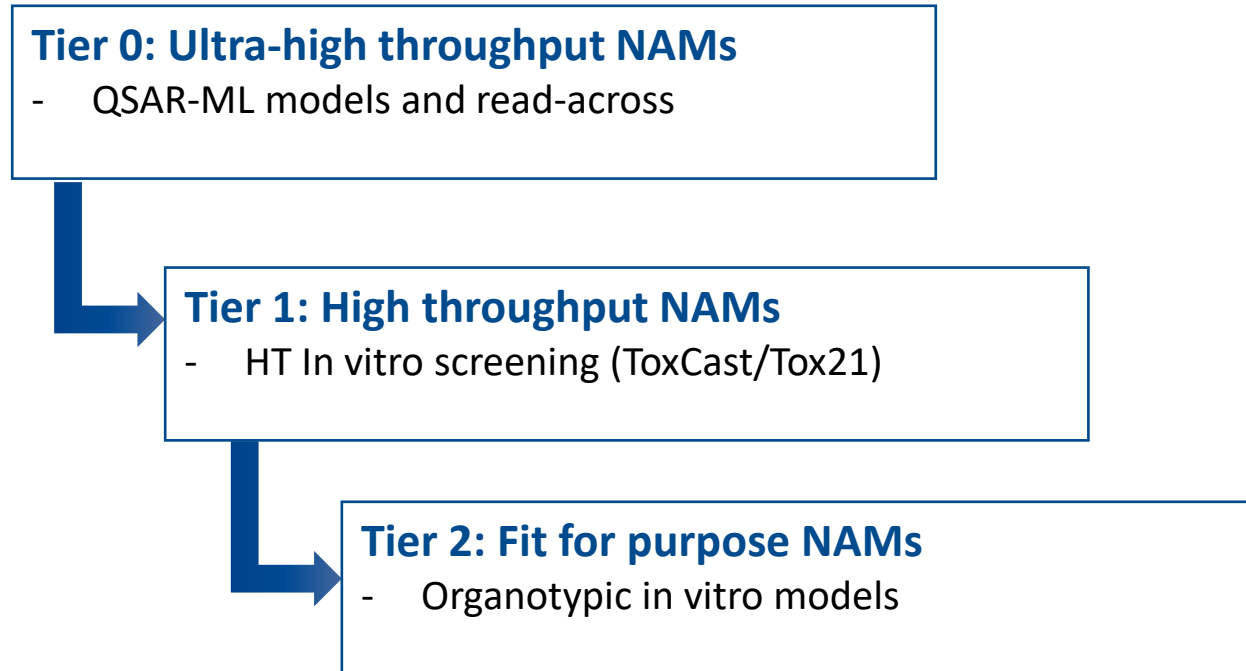
Edwards et al., 2022, PMID: 35295211



Case Study - Tiered Screening for Rapid Assessment of Novel Chemicals

(With JHU APL)

Main Goal: Validate utility of tiered assessment developed by the PRCB



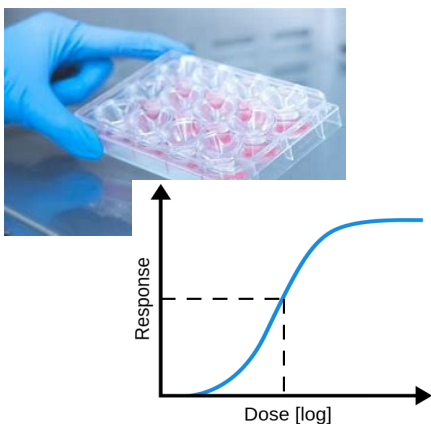


Rapid Dosimetry Models for In Vitro Tests

(Collaboration with USEPA)

Main Goal: Enable rapid estimate of exposure limits for chemicals with in vitro data – in population of interest

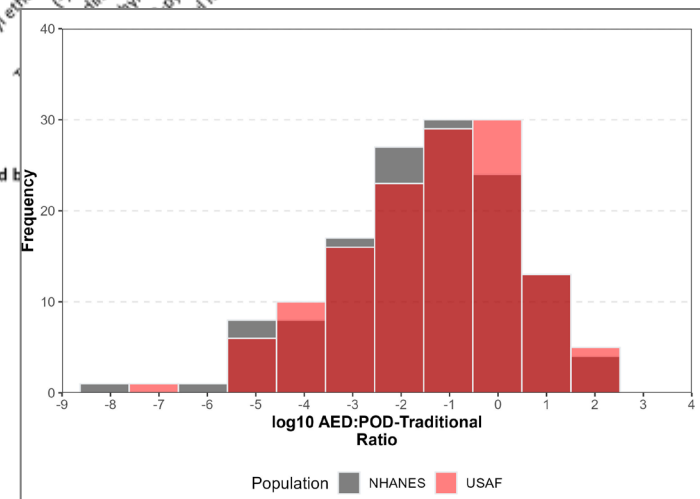
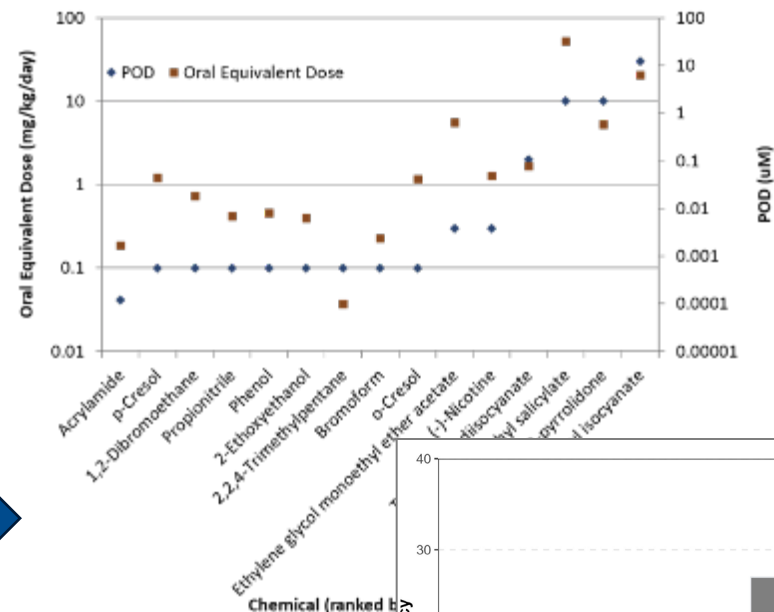
- AF population
- Space flight



<https://www.iecfrance.com/en/in-vitro-testing/>



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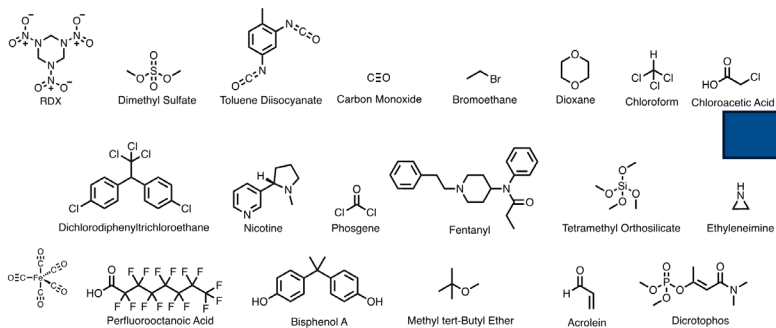




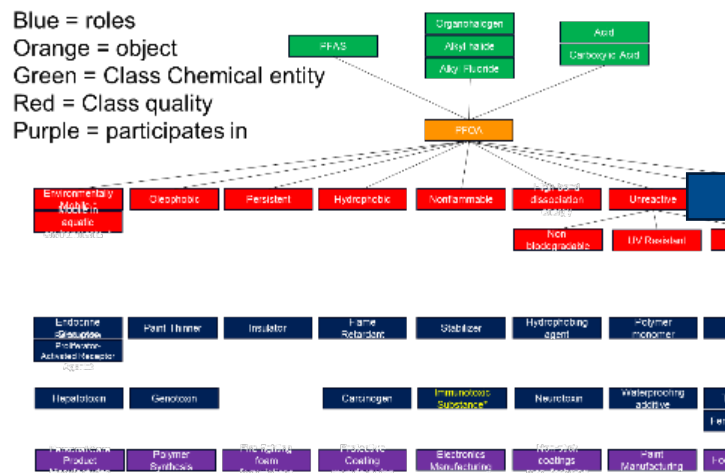
Forecasting Emerging Threats – AI- NLP Search and Analysis (With JHU APL)

Main Goal: Proactively identify threats to Force health before they are widely incorporated into military materiel and processes

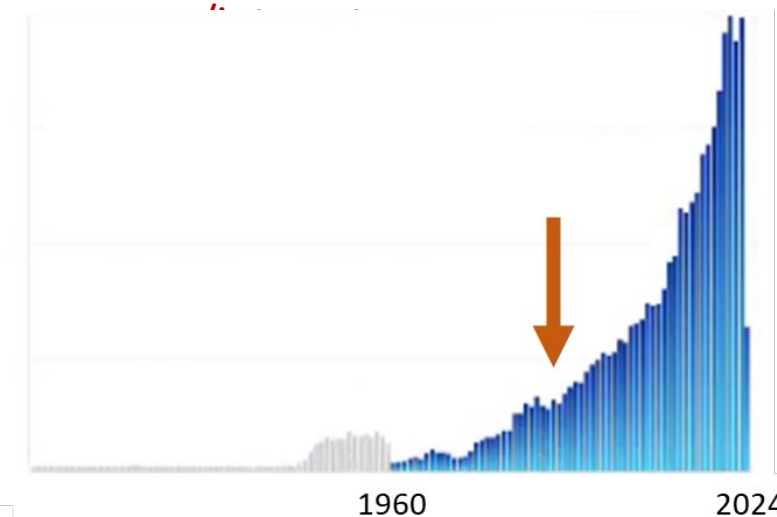
1) Identify classes of chemicals useful to AF



2) Build ontologies



3) Citation burst indicates increased



4) Evaluate emerging chemicals in predictive risk models



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Chemical Risk Assessment – past, present, and future

Pre-1970



<http://resource.nlm.nih.gov/101447556>

- 1901 – FDA “poison squad”
- 1906 – Pure Food and Drug Act -> FDA
- 1970 – Formation of EPA

1970-2000s

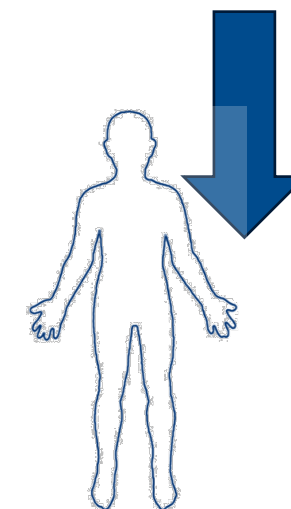
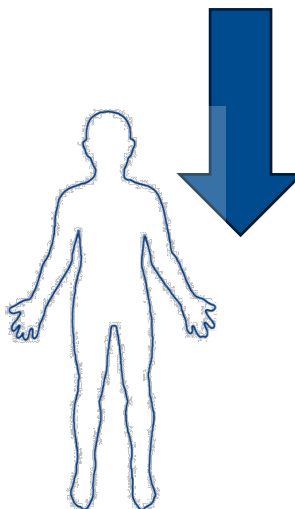


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2000s & going forward

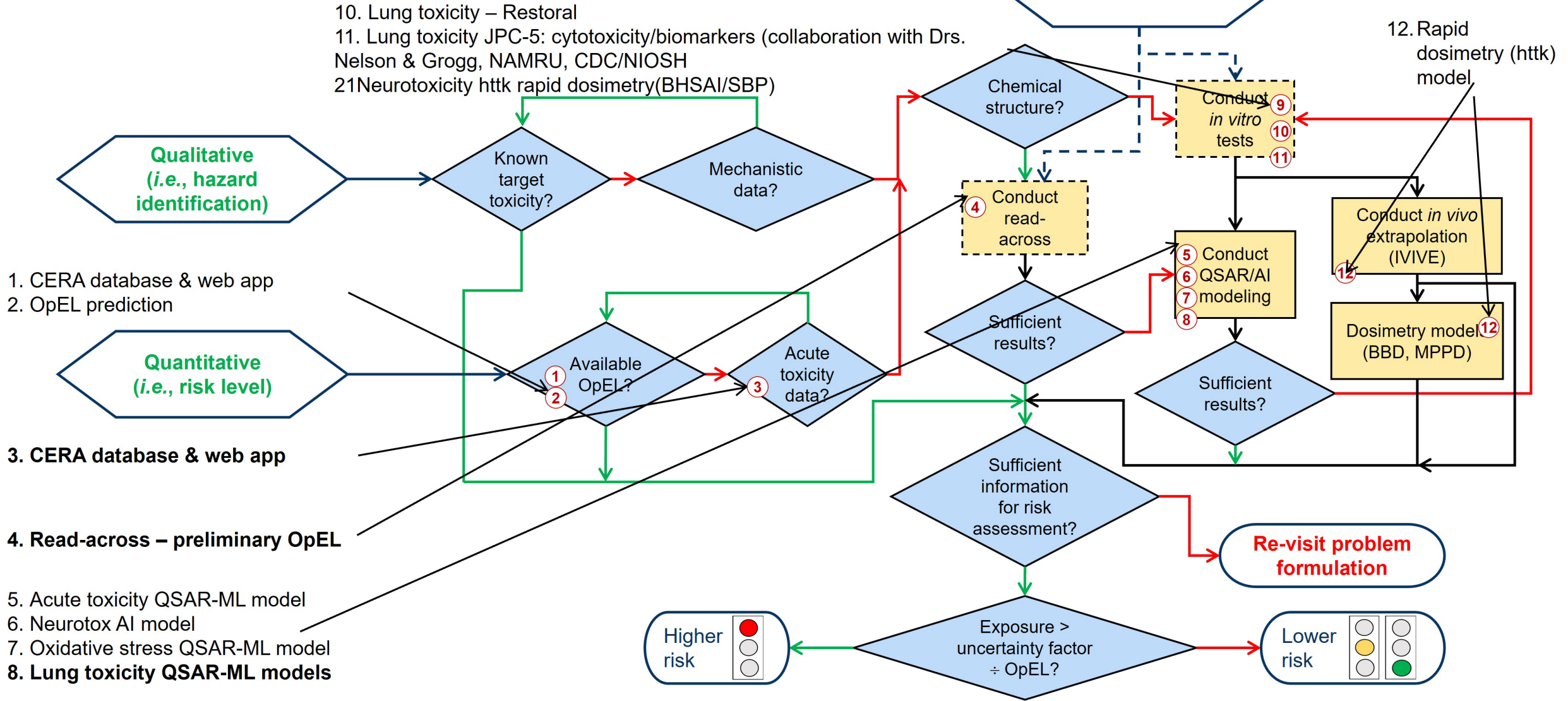


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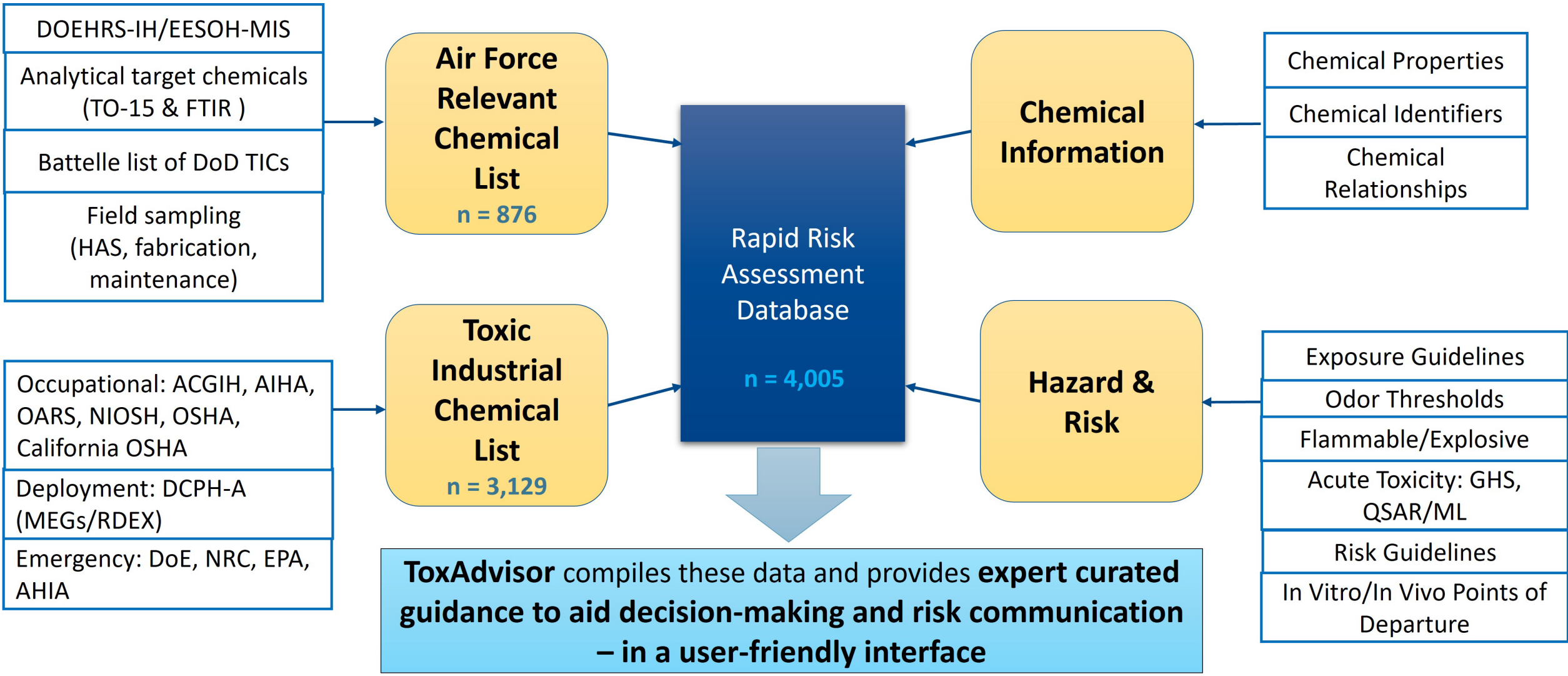


Rapid Risk Assessment Workflow



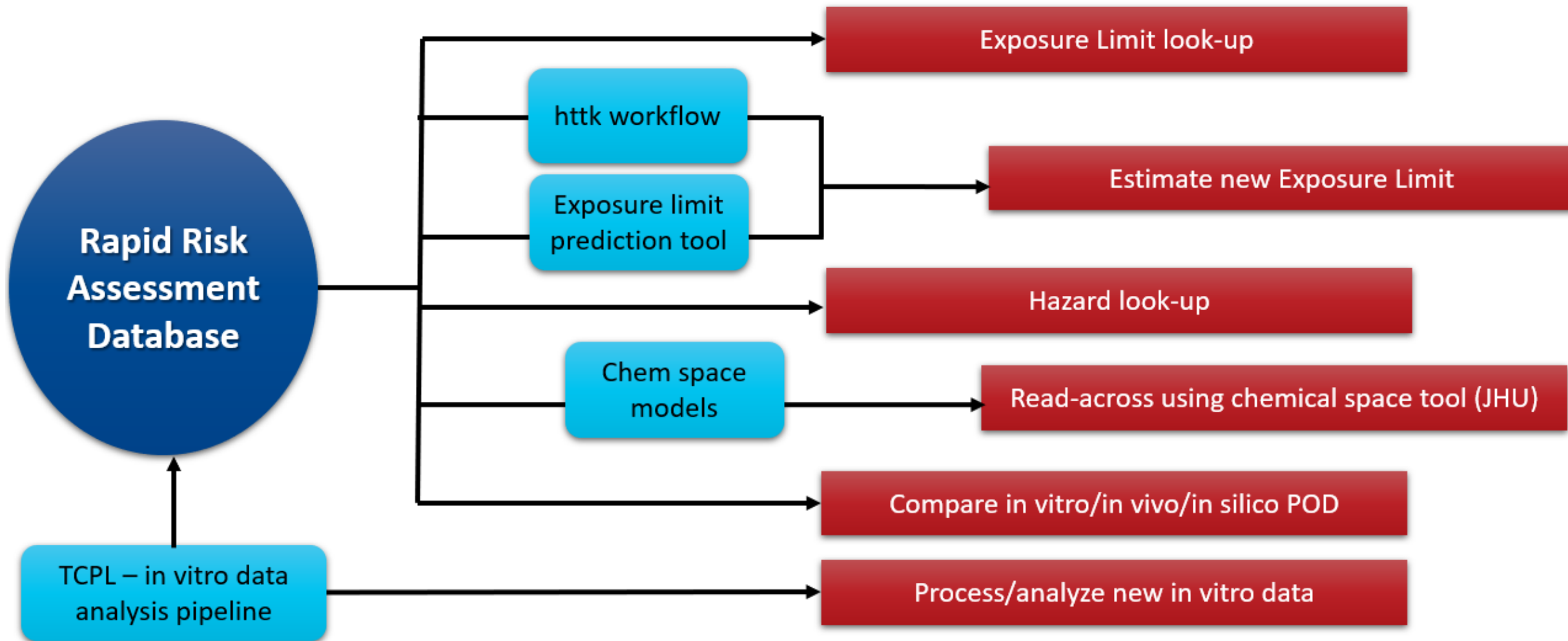


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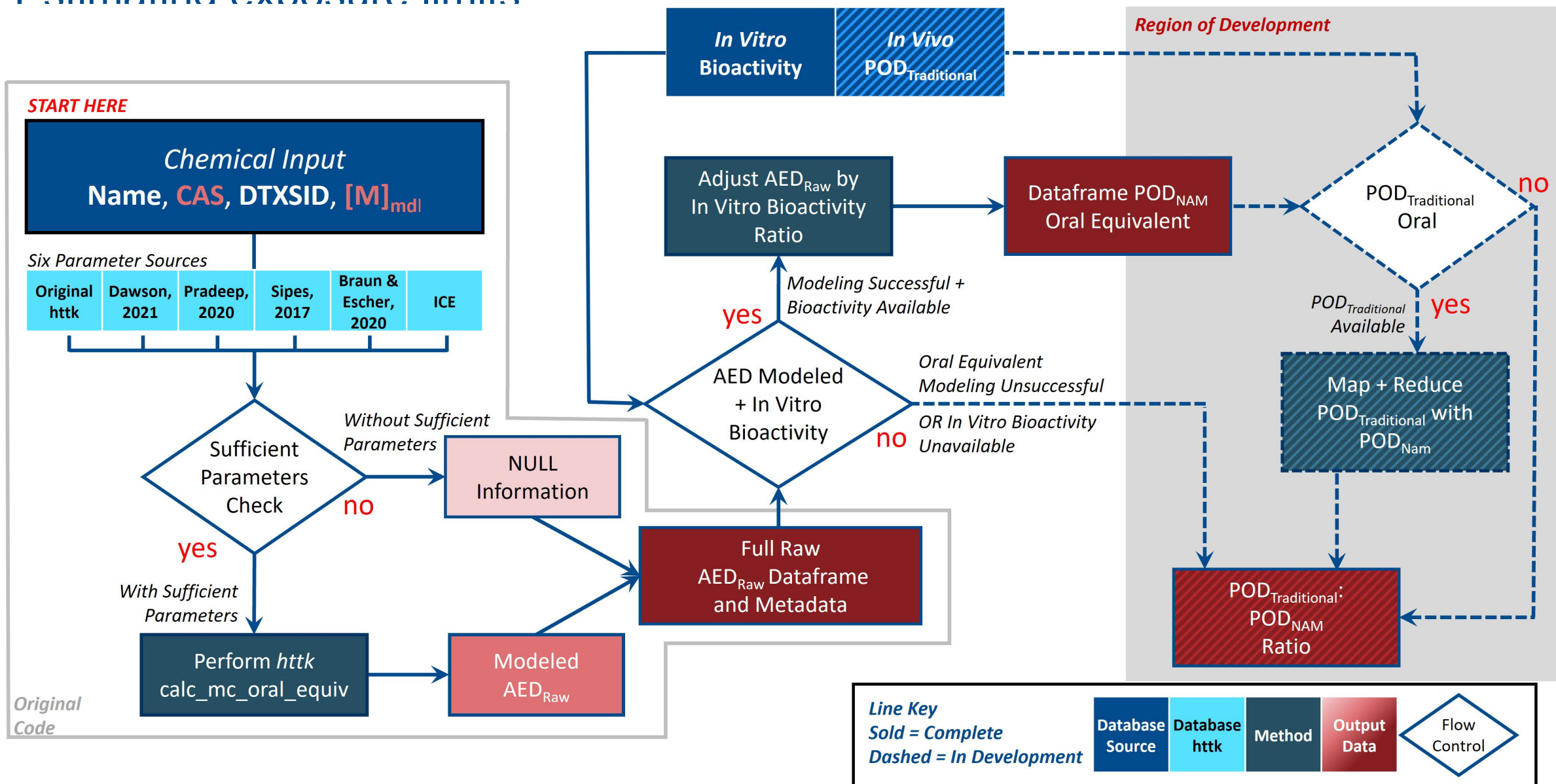


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Estimating exposure limits

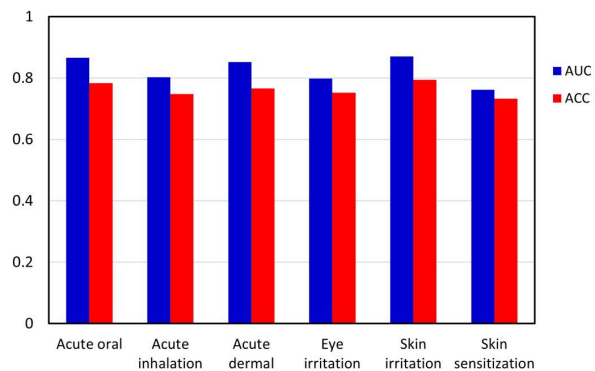
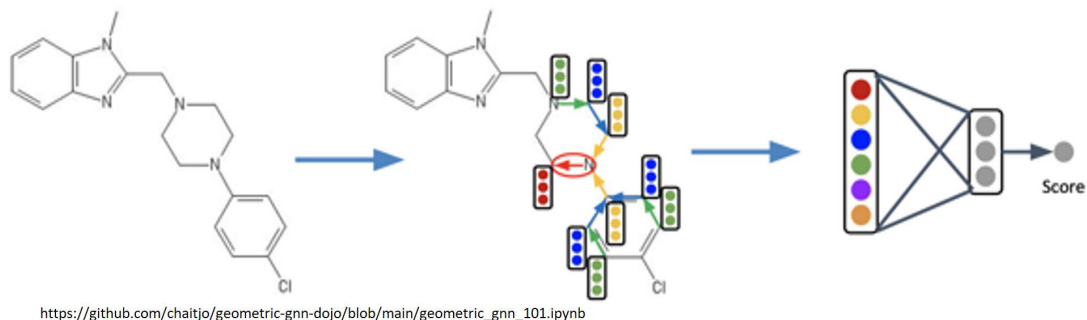


ML models for target acute toxicity

Models in development for Lung & Kidney

Acute Toxicity

Message passing neural network (MPNN) model

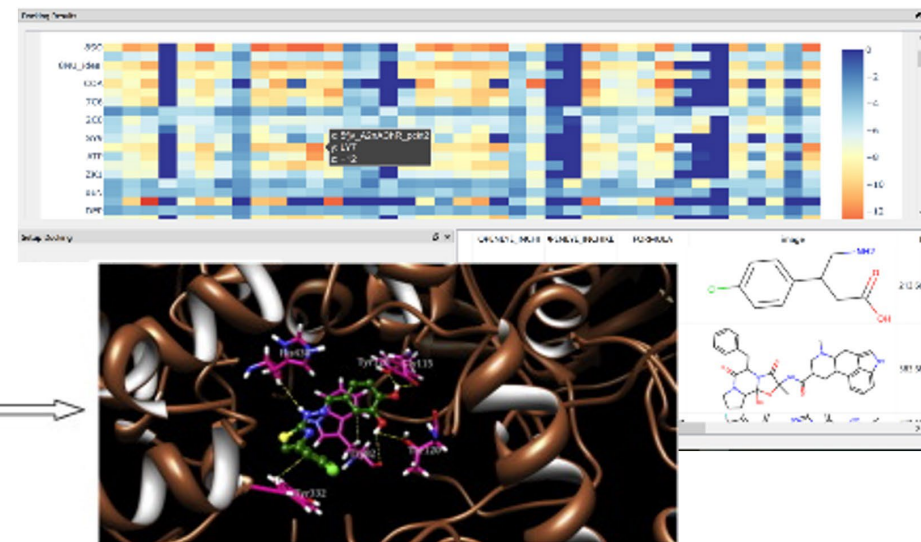


$ACC = (TP+TN)/N_{chem} - accuracy$
 $AUC = \text{area under ROC curve}$

Chushak et al. 2023

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.comtox.2023.100280>

Neurotoxicity



Neuro targets

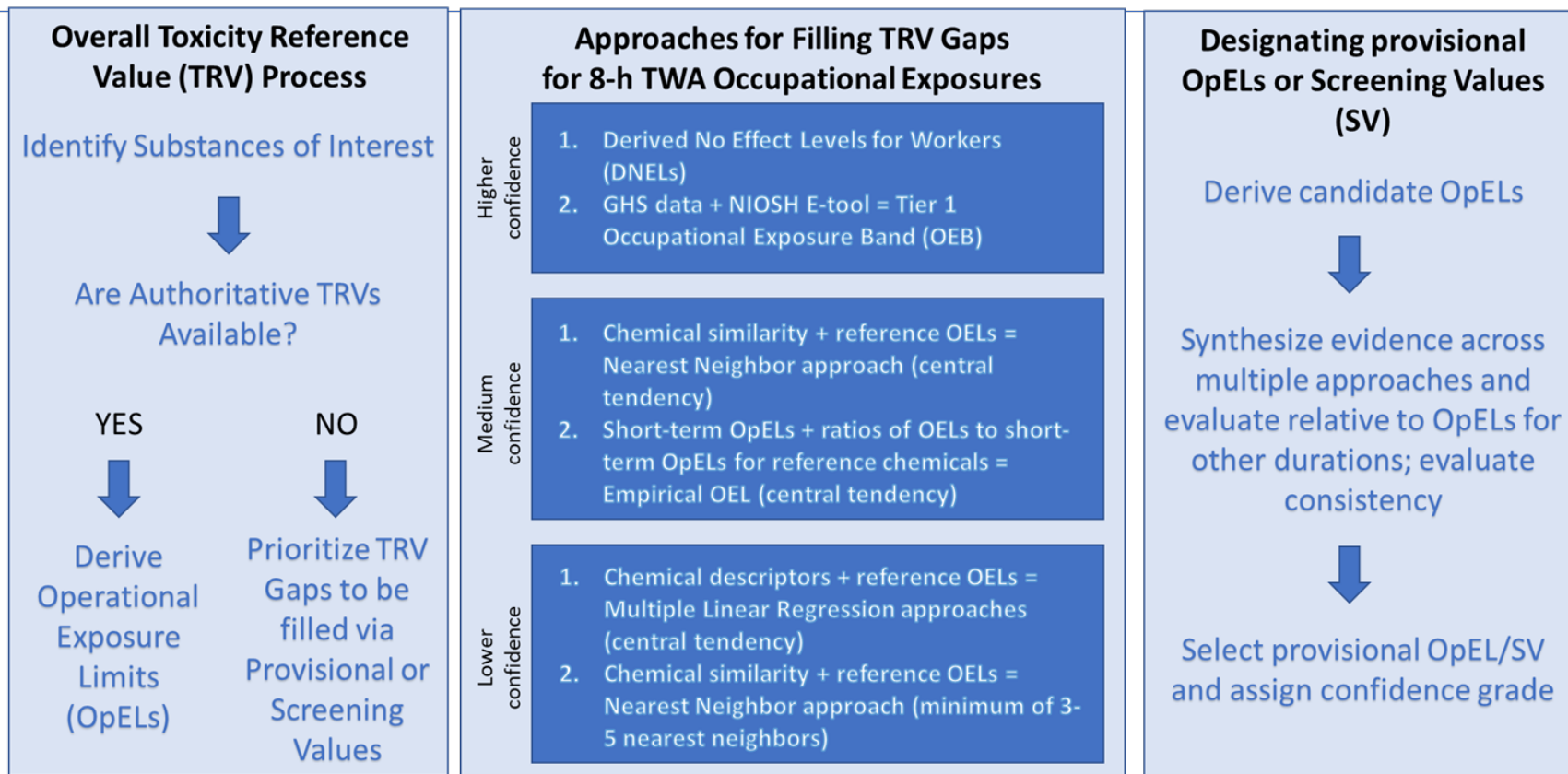
- Acetylcholine
- AChE
- AMPA
- CHAT
- GABA

McCarthy et al. 2022

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.comtox.2022.100238>



Exposure Limit Prediction



Conclusion: DNELs tended to be supported by other approaches. In the absence of DNELs, Nearest Neighbor approaches and Empirical Adjustment of Short Term OpELs were found to allow TRV estimation with reasonable confidence for nearly all substances in the test set.

Sweeney and Sterner. 2024. Toxicity Reference Values for Force Health Protection: Provisional Occupational Exposure Guidelines. Regul. Toxicol. Pharmacol.(submitted)