

In Silico Prediction of Toxicology - One Can't Embrace Unembraceable

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Introduction:

- Why accuracy of prediction is important?

Methods:

- What is a Distance to Model? How can we estimate it? What is a property-based space?

Case study 1: Prediction of environmental toxicity

Case study 2: Benchmarking of lipophilicity ($\log P$) predictions

Case study 3: AMES test prediction

Case study 4: CYP450 prediction

Case study 5: Prediction of *in vivo* acute rodent toxicity

Conclusions

Which common challenges do they face?



"One can not embrace the unembraceable."

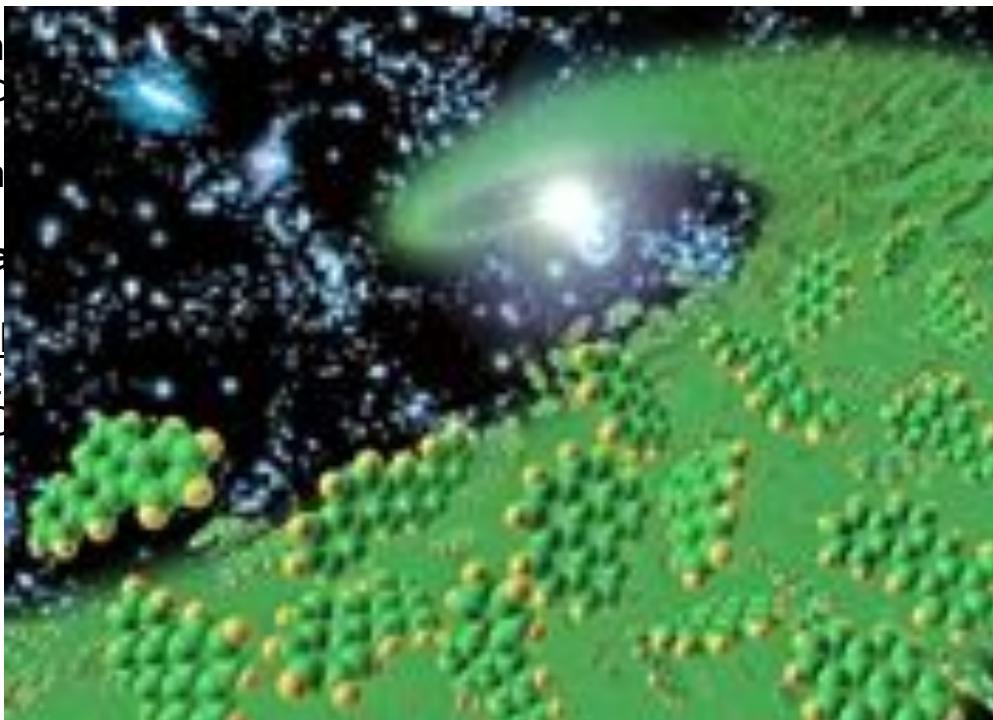
Possible: $10^{60} - 10^{100}$ molecules theoretically exist
($> 10^{80}$ atoms in the Universe)

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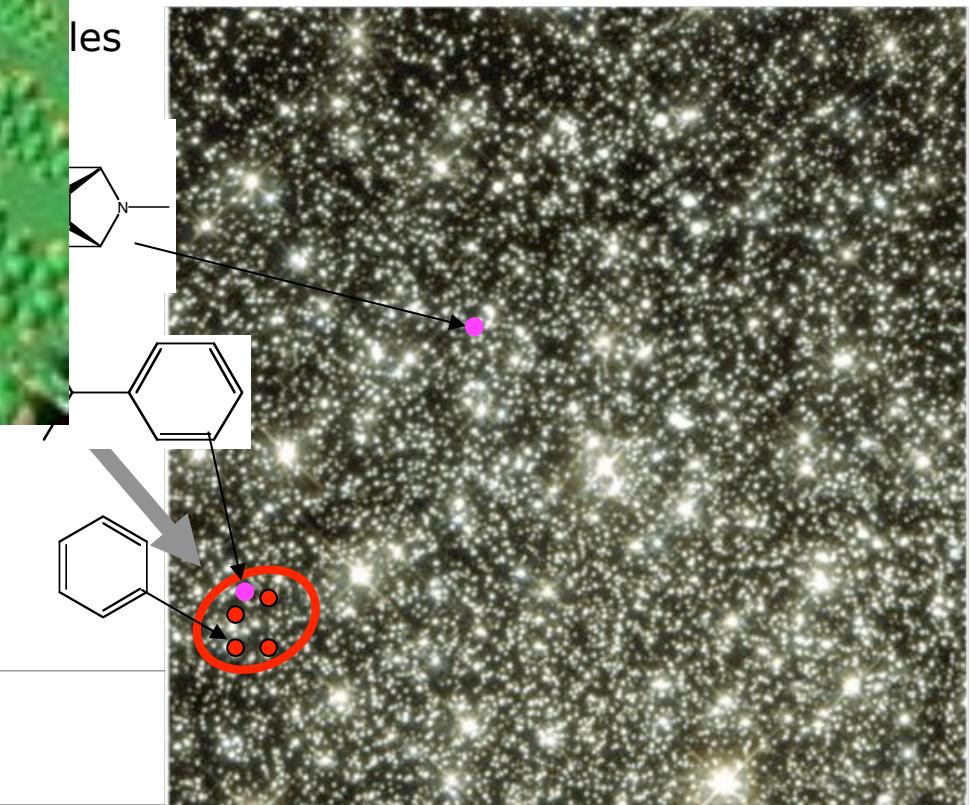
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**There is a need for methods
which can estimate
the accuracy of predictions!**



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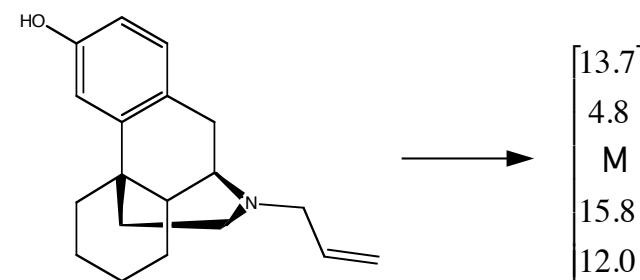
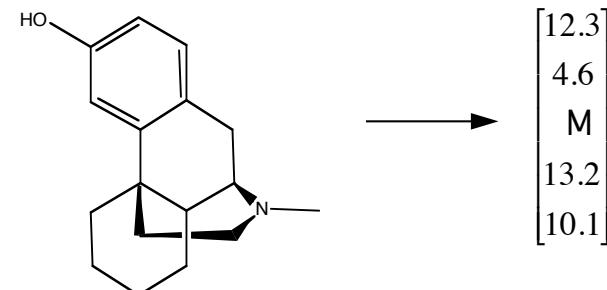
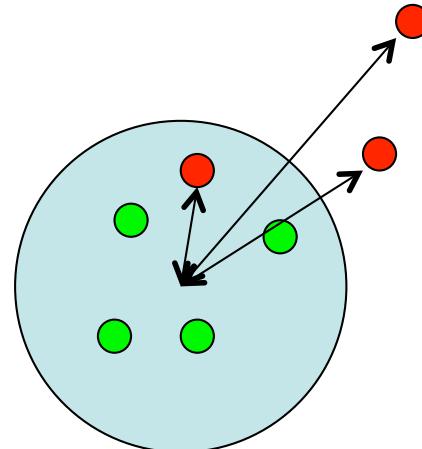
Representation of Molecules

Can be defined with calculated properties (logP, quantum-chemical parameters, etc.)

Can be defined with a set of structural descriptors (toxicophores, 2D, 3D, etc.).

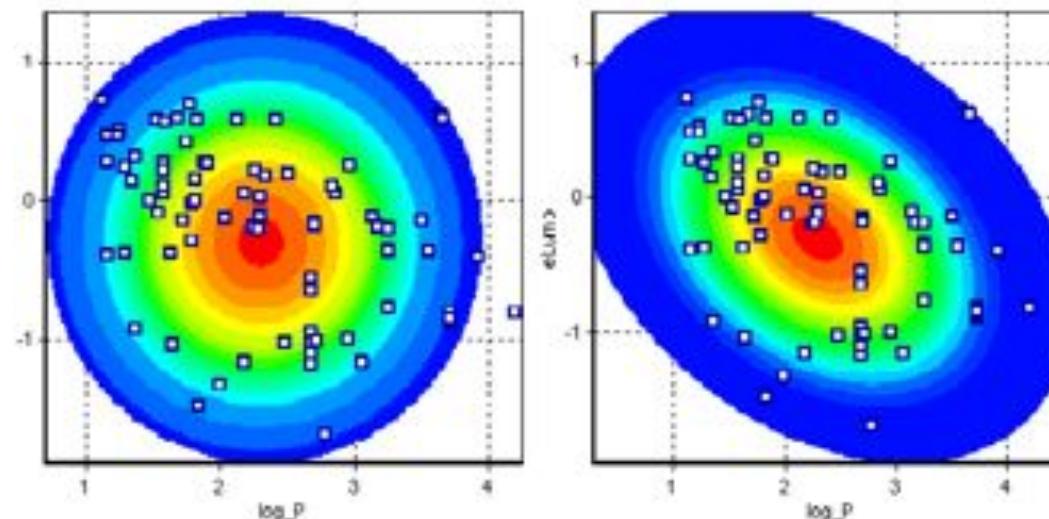
The descriptors are used to define the applicability domain.

Distance to model:

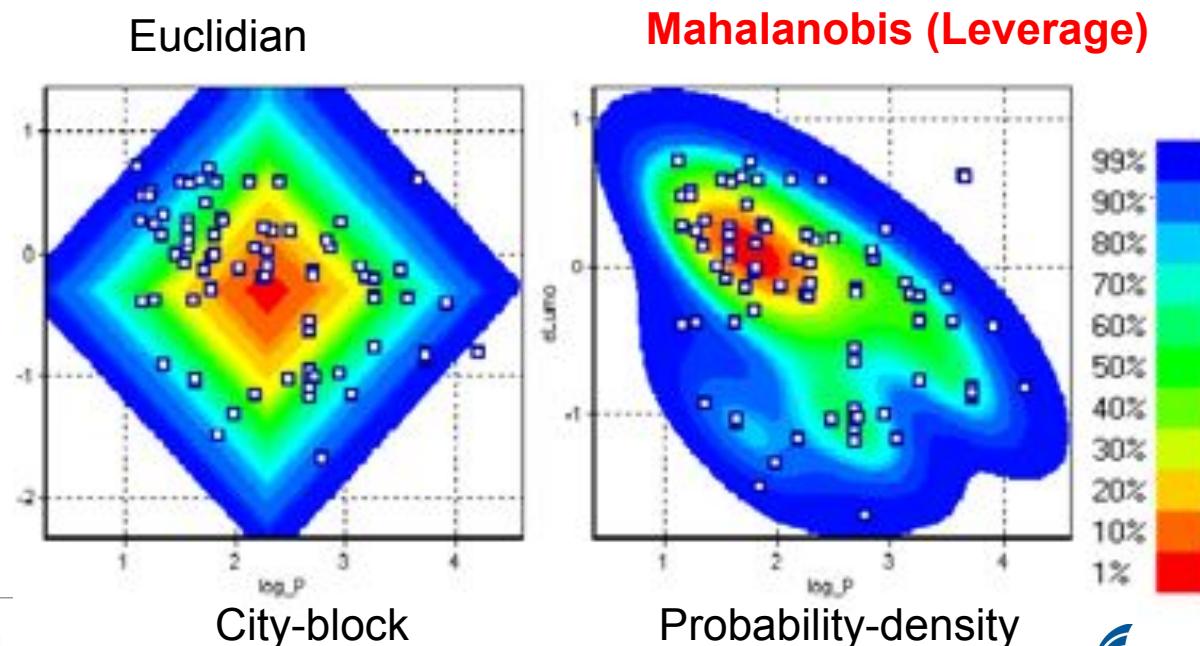


Examples of distances to models (DM) in descriptor space

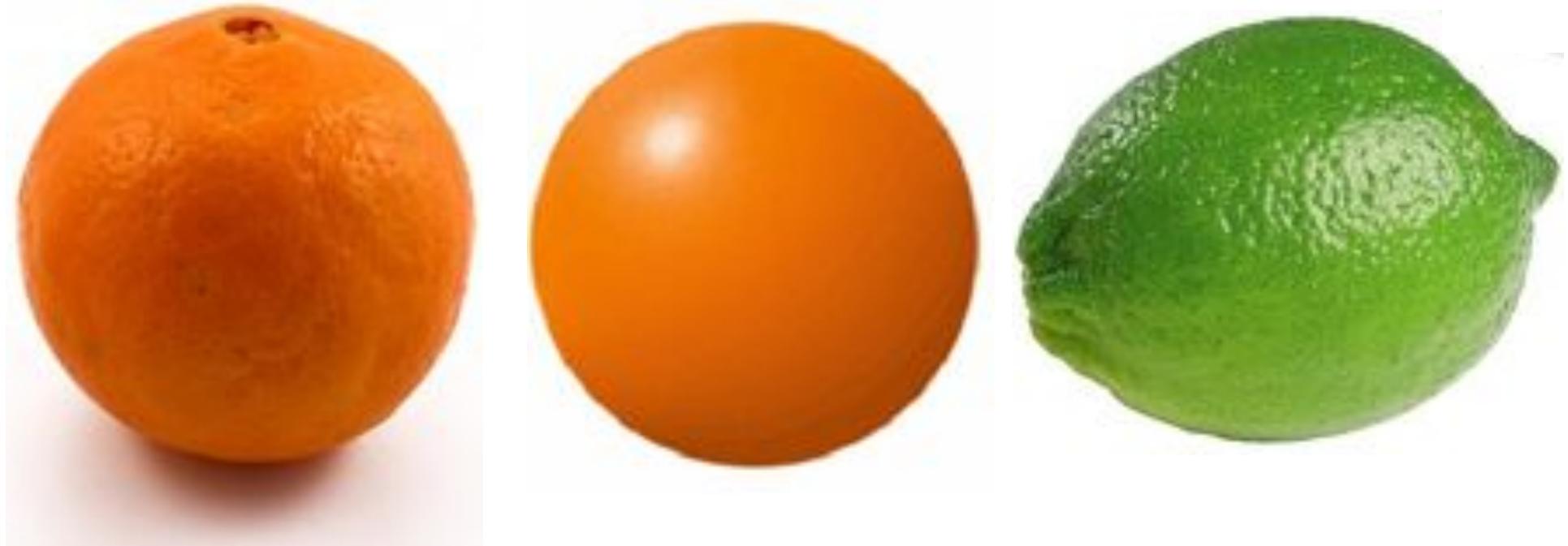
- 1) Only two descriptors are used.
- 2) Colors refer to the same values.
- 3) More complex DMs (property-based DMs) also include the target property.²



Jaworska et al, *ATLA*,
2005, 33, 445-459.
Tetko et al, *DDT*,
2006, 11, 700-7.

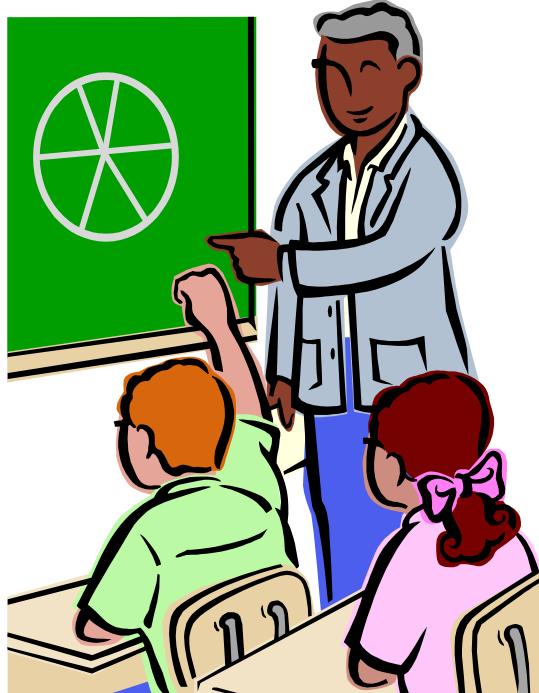


The descriptor space challenge



We need to know the target property and select correct descriptors!

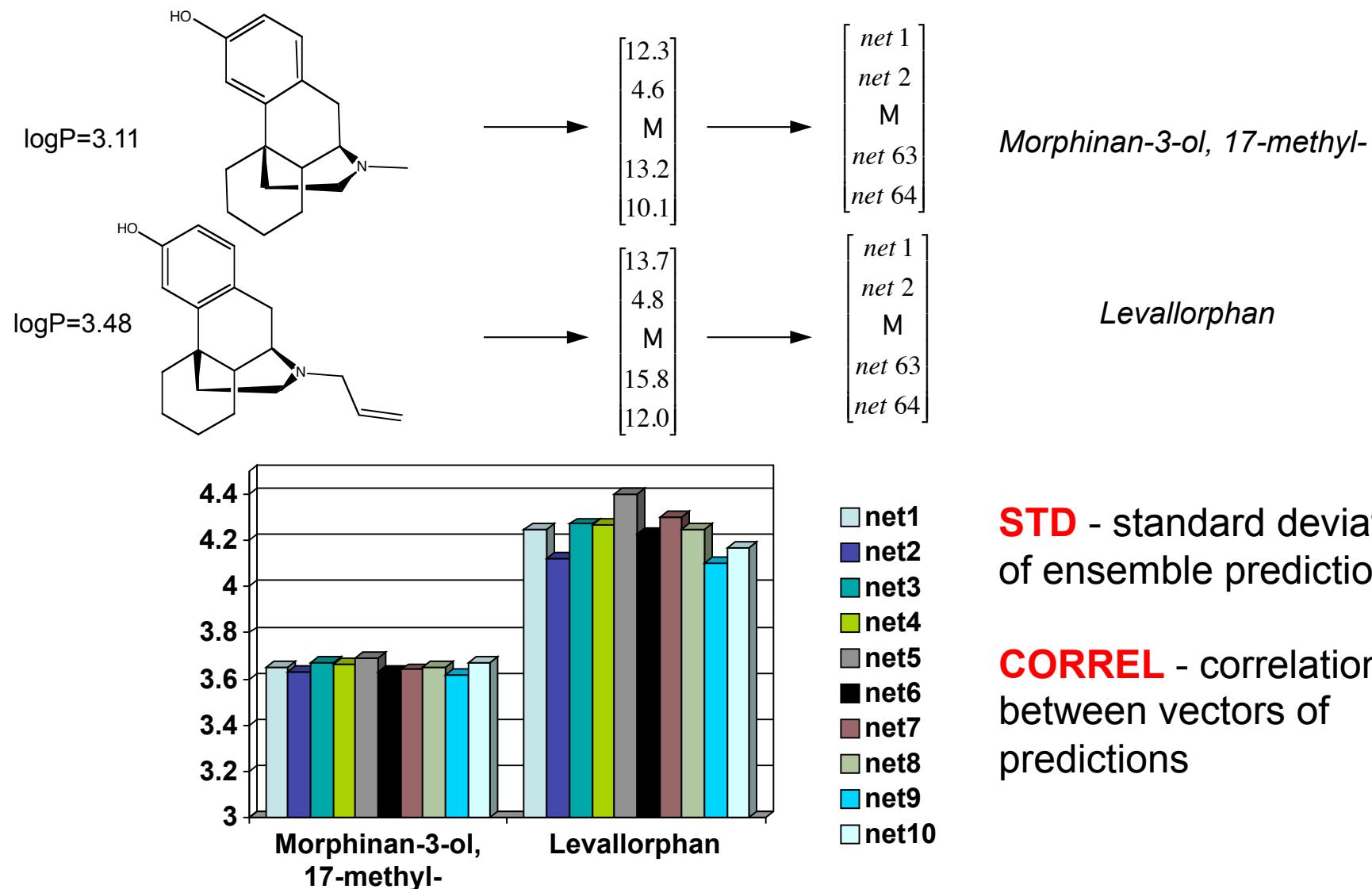
Property-based space illustration



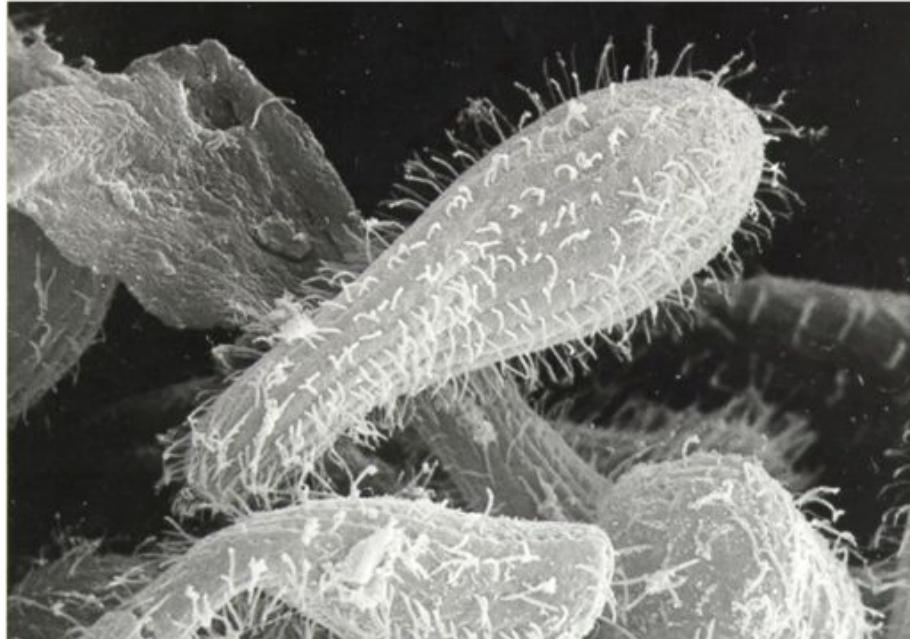
*Do they agree in their votes (**STD**)?*

*Do they have the same pattern of votes (**CORREL**)?*

Associative Neural Network Property-Based DMs



1: Estimation of toxicity against *T. pyriformis*



T. pyriformis



Prof. T.W. Schultz

The overall goal is to predict and to assess the reliability of predictions toxicity against *T. pyriformis* for chemicals directly from their structure.

Dataset: 1093 molecules

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About CADASTER

Implementation of REACH requires demonstration of the safe manufacture and use of chemicals. REACH aims to achieve a proper balance between societal, economic and environmental objectives, and attempts to efficiently use the scarce and scattered information available on the majority of substances. Thereupon REACH aims to reduce animal testing by optimized use of in silico and in vitro information on related compounds.

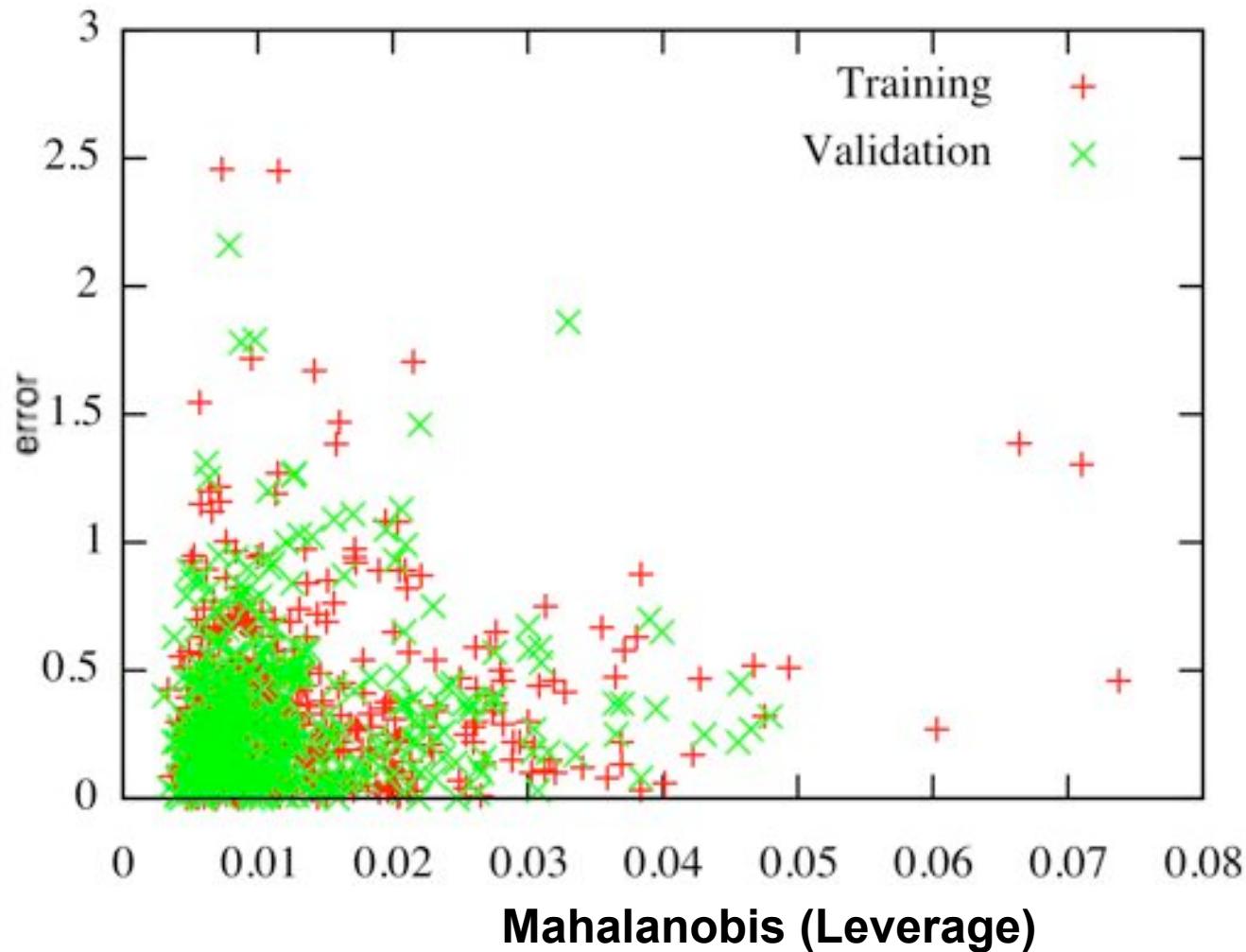
The REACH regulation advocates the use of non-animal testing methods, but guidance is needed on how these methods should be used. The procedures include alternative methods such as chemical and biological read-across, in vitro results, in vivo information on analogues, (Q)SARs, and exposure-based waiving. The concept of Intelligent Testing Strategies for regulatory endpoints has been outlined to facilitate the assessments. Intensive efforts are needed to translate the concept into a workable, consensually acceptable, and scientifically sound strategy.

CADASTER aims at providing the practical guidance to integrated risk assessment by carrying out a full hazard and risk assessment for chemicals belonging to four compound classes. A Decision Support System (DSS) will be developed that will be updated on a regular basis in order to accommodate and integrate the alternative methods mentioned above.

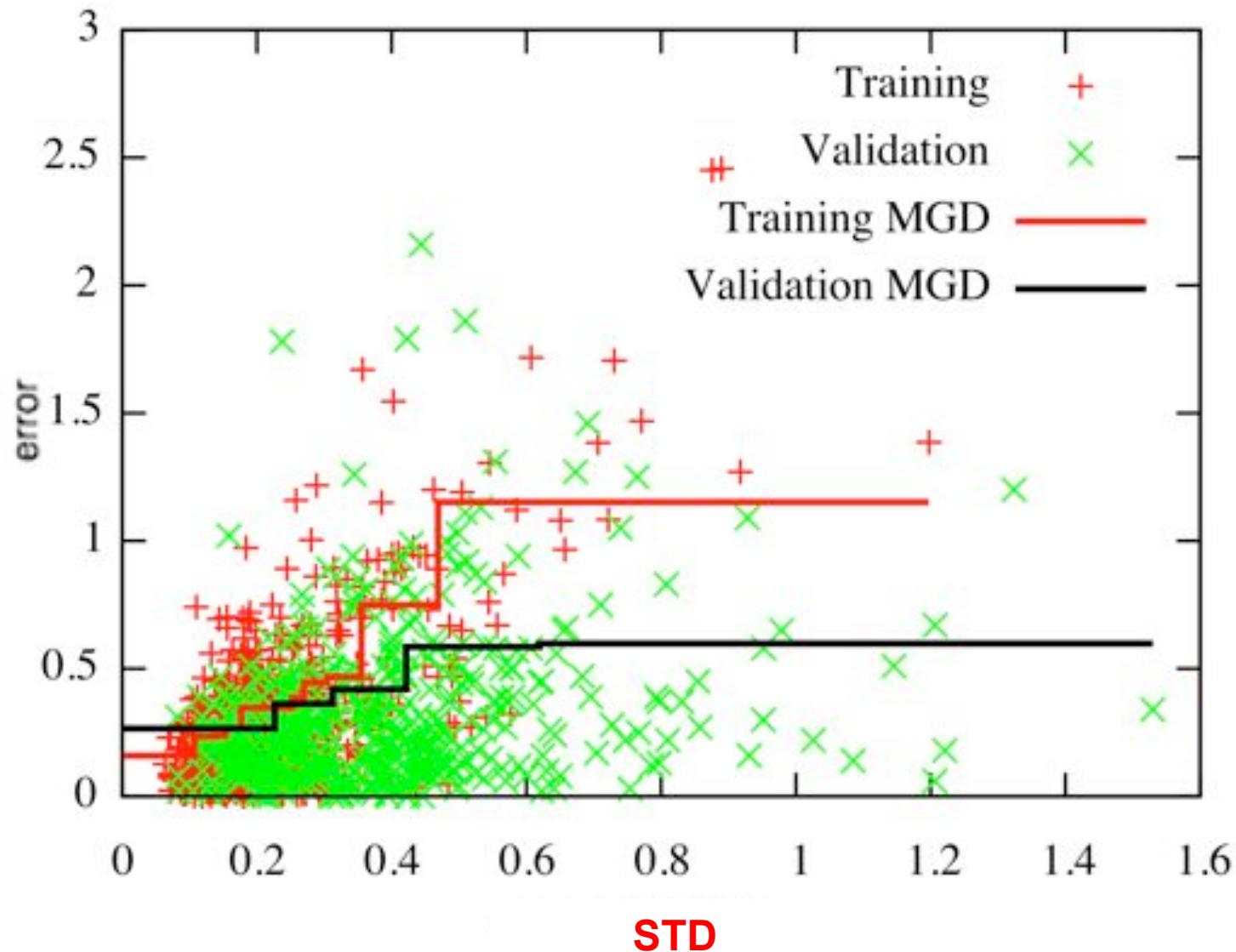
Analyzed QSARs (Quantitative Structure Activity Relationship) and distances to models (DM)

country	modeling techniques	descriptors	abbreviation	distances to models (in space)	
				descriptors	property-based
	ensemble of 192 kNN models	MolconnZ	kNN-MZ	EUCLID	STD
	ensemble of 542 kNN models	Dragon	kNN-DR	EUCLID	STD
	SVM	MolconnZ	SVM-MZ		
	SVM	Dragon	SVM-DR		
	SVM	Fragments	SVM-FR		
	kNN	Fragments	kNN-FR	EUCLID,	
	MLR	Fragments	MLR-FR	TANIMOTO	
	MLR	Molec. properties (CODESSA-Pro)	MLR-COD		
	OLS	Dragon	OLS-DR	LEVERAGE	
	PLS	Dragon	PLS-DR	LEVERAGE	PLSEU
	ensemble of 100 neural networks	E-state indices	ASNN-ESTATE		CORREL, STD
All	consensus model	-	CONS		STD

Descriptor space: DM does not work



Property-based space: DM does work!



Ranking of Distance to Models (DM)

DM	average rank			highest rank ¹		
	LOO	5-CV	Valid.*	LOO	5-CV	Valid.
STD-CONS	1	1.8	1.1	12	2	11
STD-ASNN	2	1.2	2.5		10	1
STD-kNN-DR	6.6	4.3	4.1			
STD-kNN-MZ	9.2	8.3	5.3			
EUCLID-kNN-DR	7.1	4.9	5.4			
LEVERAGE-PLS	8.4	5	6.3			
EUCLID-kNN-MZ	7.5	7.1	6.4			
TANIMOTO-kNN-FR	7	6.1	6.8			
TANIMOTO-MLR-FR	8.3	8.3	9			
CORREL-ASNN	10.7	10.8	9.4			
LEVERAGE-OLS-DR	12.3	12.6	11.1			
EUCLID-MLR-FR	7	9.3	11.5			
PLSEU-PLS	11.1	11.8	11.5			
EUCLID-kNN-FR	12.1	13.3	12.1			

*Ordered by performance of the DMs on the validation dataset

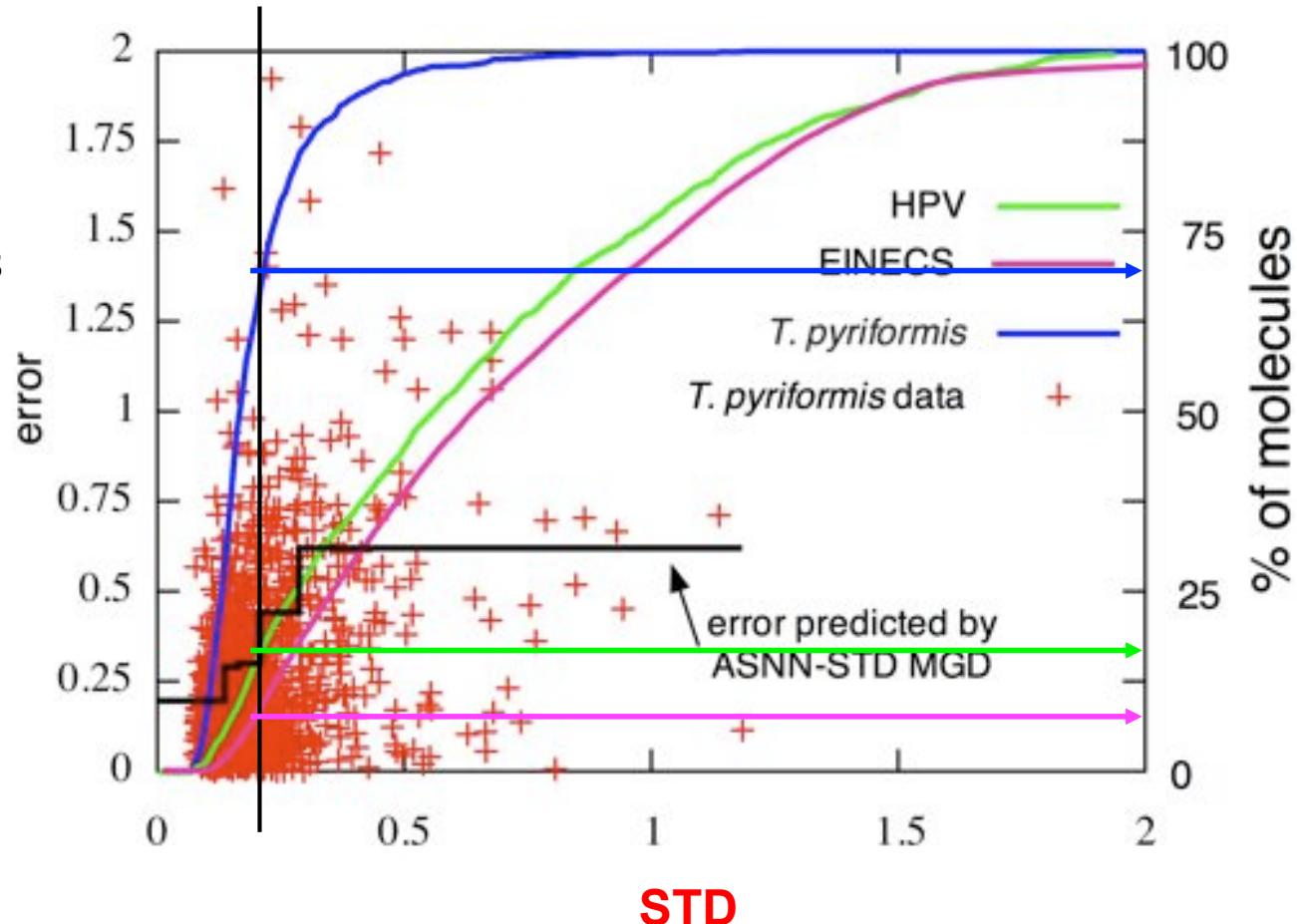
Accuracy of toxicity prediction against *T. pyriformis* for training and two industrial sets

Left side: error of ASNN estimation, individual points

Right side: % of molecules predicted with the error estimated by the black line

High Production Volume -
HPV (USA-EPA): 3182

EINECS (REACH): 48774



Warning: using the available data one can reliably predict only few % molecules from the industry related datasets!

2: Benchmarking of logP calculators

Existing Dogma:

- Prediction of physico-chemical properties, in particular **log P**, is simple
- There is no need to measure them
- We have enough number of good computational methods

Is this true?

Data & background models

18 methods (major commercial providers and public software)

in house data:

95809 molecules from Prizer

889 molecules from Nycomed

Arithmetic Average Model (AAM):

mean $\log P$ was used as a prediction (one value for all molecules)

Rank III: models with errors ($RMSE \geq AAM$), i.e. non-predictive

Rank I: models with $RMSE$ identical or close to the best method

Rank II: remaining models

Benchmarking of logP methods for in-house data of Pfizer & Nycomed

Method	Pfizer set (N = 95 809)						Nycomed set (N = 882)					
	RMSE	rank	% in error range			RMSE, zwitterions excluded ²	RMSE	rank	% in error range			
			<0.5	0.5-	>1	1			<0.5	0.5-	>1	1
Consensus logP	0.95	I	48	29	24	0.94	0.58	I	61	32	7	
ALOGPS	1.02	I	41	30	29	1.01	0.68	I	51	34	15	
S+logP	1.02	I	44	29	27	1.00	0.69	I	58	27	15	
NC+NHET	1.04	II	38	30	32	1.04	0.88	III	42	32	26	
MLOGP(S+)	1.05	II	40	29	31	1.05	1.17	III	32	26	41	
XLOGP3	1.07	II	43	28	29	1.06	0.65	I	55	34	12	
MiLogP	1.10	II	41	28	30	1.09	0.67	I	60	26	14	
AB/LogP	1.12	II	39	29	33	1.11	0.88	III	45	28	27	
ALOGP	1.12	II	39	29	32	1.12	0.72	II	52	33	15	
ALOGP98	1.12	II	40	28	32	1.10	0.73	II	52	31	17	
OsirisP	1.13	II	39	28	33	1.12	0.85	II	43	33	24	
AAM	1.16	III	33	29	38	1.16	0.94	III	42	31	27	
CLOGP	1.23	III	37	28	35	1.21	1.01	III	46	28	22	
ACD/logP	1.28	III	35	27	38	1.28	0.87	III	46	34	21	
CSlogP	1.29	III	37	27	36	1.28	1.06	III	38	29	33	
COSMOFrag	1.30	III	32	27	40	1.30	1.06	III	29	31	40	
QikProp	1.32	III	31	26	43	1.32	1.17	III	27	24	49	
KowWIN	1.32	III	33	26	41	1.31	1.20	III	29	27	44	
QLogP	1.33	III	34	27	39	1.32	0.80	II	50	33	17	
XLOGP2	1.80	III	15	17	68	1.80	0.94	III	39	31	29	
MLOGP(Dragon)	2.03	III	34	24	42	2.03	0.90	III	45	30	25	

Large number of methods could not perform better than the **AAM** model !

Catastrophe !?

ALOGPS 2.1

- LogP: 75 variables,
12908 molecules,
RMSE=0.35,
MAE=0.26

- LogS: 33 variables,
1291 molecules,
RMSE=0.49,
MAE=0.35

Tetko et al, *J. Comput. Aided Mol. Des.* **2005**, 19, 453-63.

Tetko & Tanchuk, *J. Chem. Info. Comput. Sci.*, **2002**, 42, 1136-45.

Welcome to the ALOGPS 2.1

Provide CAS RN or SMILES of a molecule and press the "submit" button

C1(C(=O)O)=C(N)C=CC=C1

Upload a file with molecule(s) in 48 formats

C1(C(=O)O)=C(N)C=CC=C1

CAS RN	118-92-3	formula	C7H7NO2
SMILES	<chem>C1(C(=O)O)=C(N)C=CC=C1</chem>		
logP(exp)	1.21	logS(exp)	
ALOGPs	0.78 <-0.43>	ALOGpS	-1.30 (-6.81 g/l)
AC_logP	0.78 <-0.43>	AC_logS	-1.71 (2.71 g/l)
AB/LogP	1.36 <+0.15>	AB/LogS	-1.63 (3.22 g/l)
COSMO(log)	0.94 <-0.27>	Average logS	-1.55 (+-0.21)
mllogP	1.46 <+0.25>		
ALOGP	0.69 <-0.52>		
MLOGP	1.64 <+0.43>		
KOWWIN	1.36 <+0.15>	AB/pKa (Base)	2.40
XLOGP2	1.46 <+0.25>	AB/pKa (Acid)	5.00
XLOGP3	1.21 <0.00>	PkaProp.ref	Sangster's.ref
Average logP	1.17(+0.34) <-0.04>		

User's LogP LIBRARY upload library User's LogS LIBRARY upload library

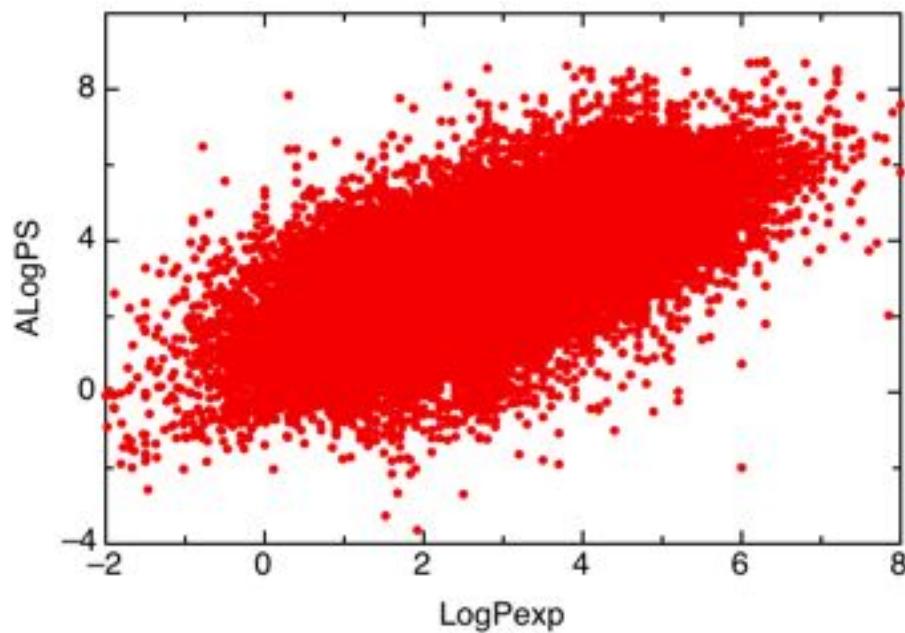
The calculated results are available.

A chemical structure diagram showing a benzene ring with an amino group (NH2) at position 2 and a carboxylic acid group (-COOH) at position 1. A single bond connects the ring to a methylene group (-CH2-), which is further bonded to the carboxylic acid group.

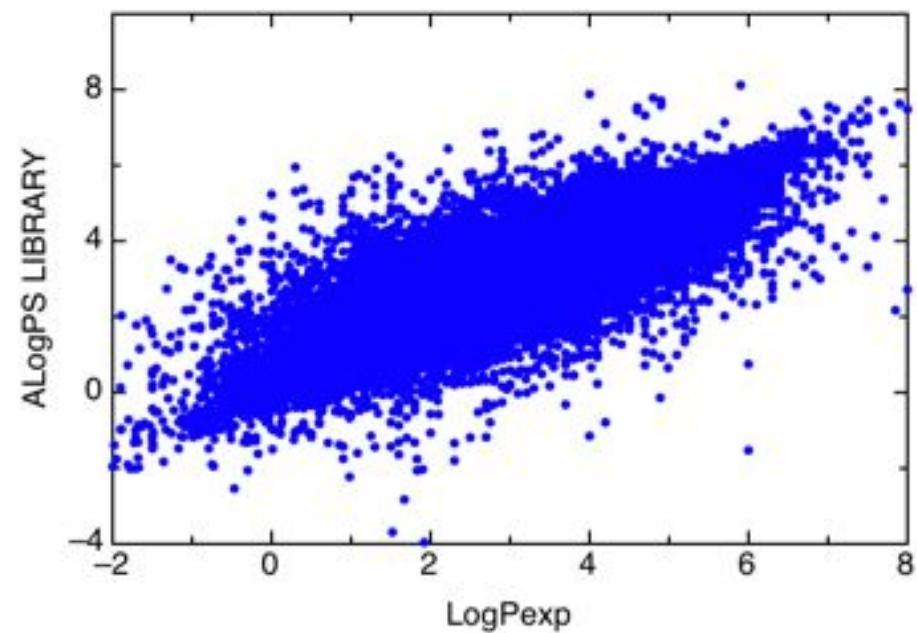
ALOGPS self-learns new data to cover new scaffolds

$N=95809$ (*in house Pfizer data*)

ALOGPS Blind prediction



ALOGPS LIBRARY



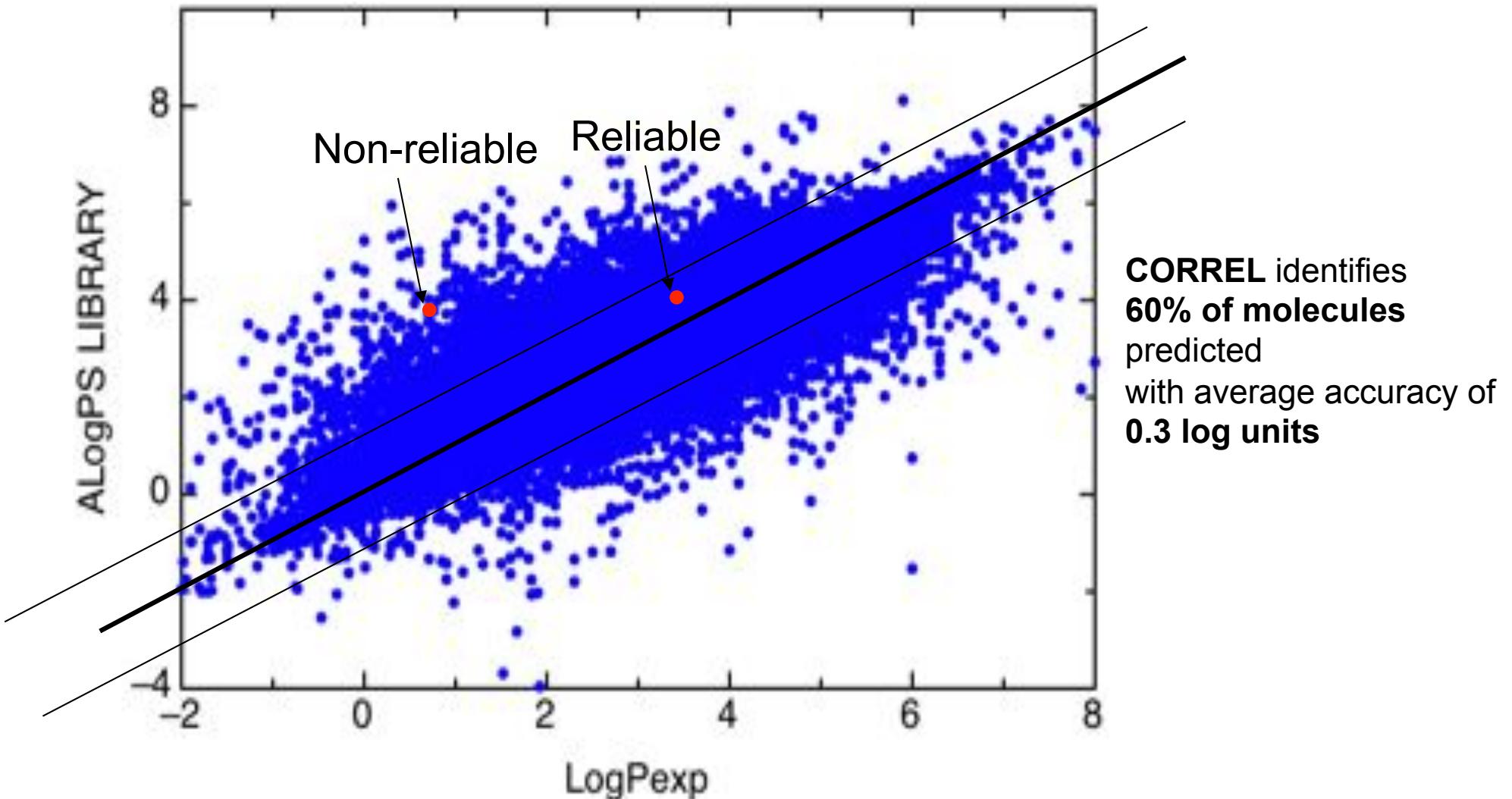
RMSE=1.02



RMSE=0.59

ca 30 minutes of calculations on a notebook!

ALOGPS distinguishes reliable vs. non-reliable predictions in property-based space (CORREL)



ALOGPS dramatically improves accuracy



Only reliable predictions (and we can distinguish them!) have much higher accuracy.

3: Prediction of Ames Mutagenicity set

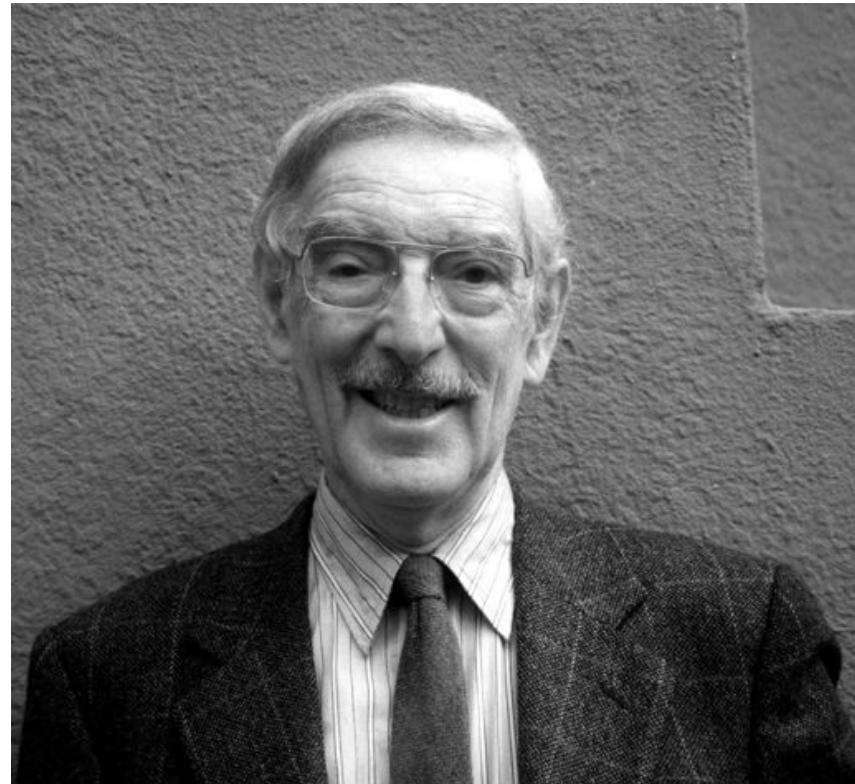
<http://ml.cs.tu-berlin.de/toxbenchmark>

Toxicity against *Salmonella typhimurium*

Data set: 4361 molecules

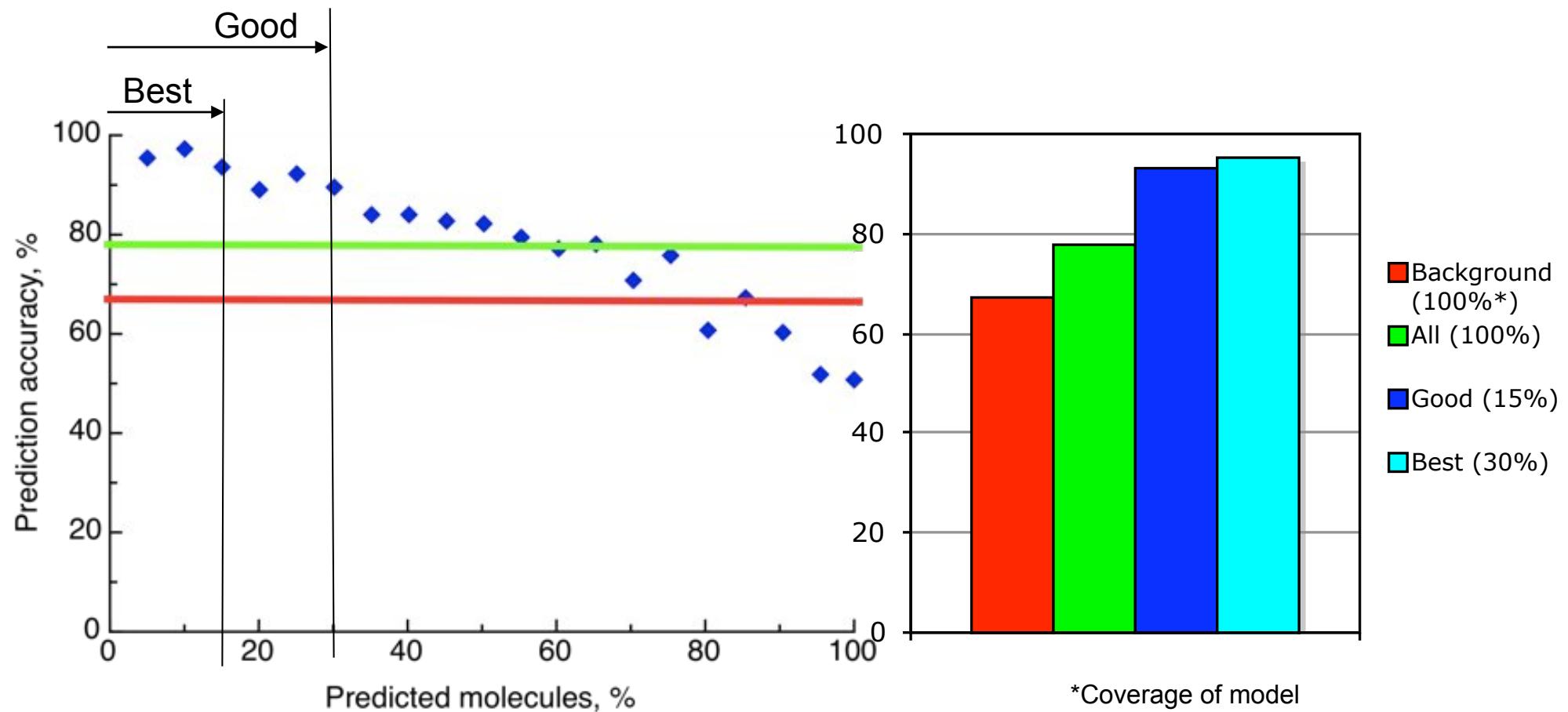
67% with mutagenic effect (**background model**)

Large international collaboration effort of 13 labs from USA, Canada, EU, Russia, Ukraine & China



Prof. Bruce N. Ames
Inventor of the test (1975)

Associative Neural Network analysis of Ames set



Only reliable predictions (15% of all data points) are 22%/5% = **4 times** more accurate!

4: Prediction of CYP450 1A2 inhibitors

<http://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/assay/assay.cgi?aid=410>

Bioassay AID 410

One of the test performed within NIH Roadmap

4177 active molecules

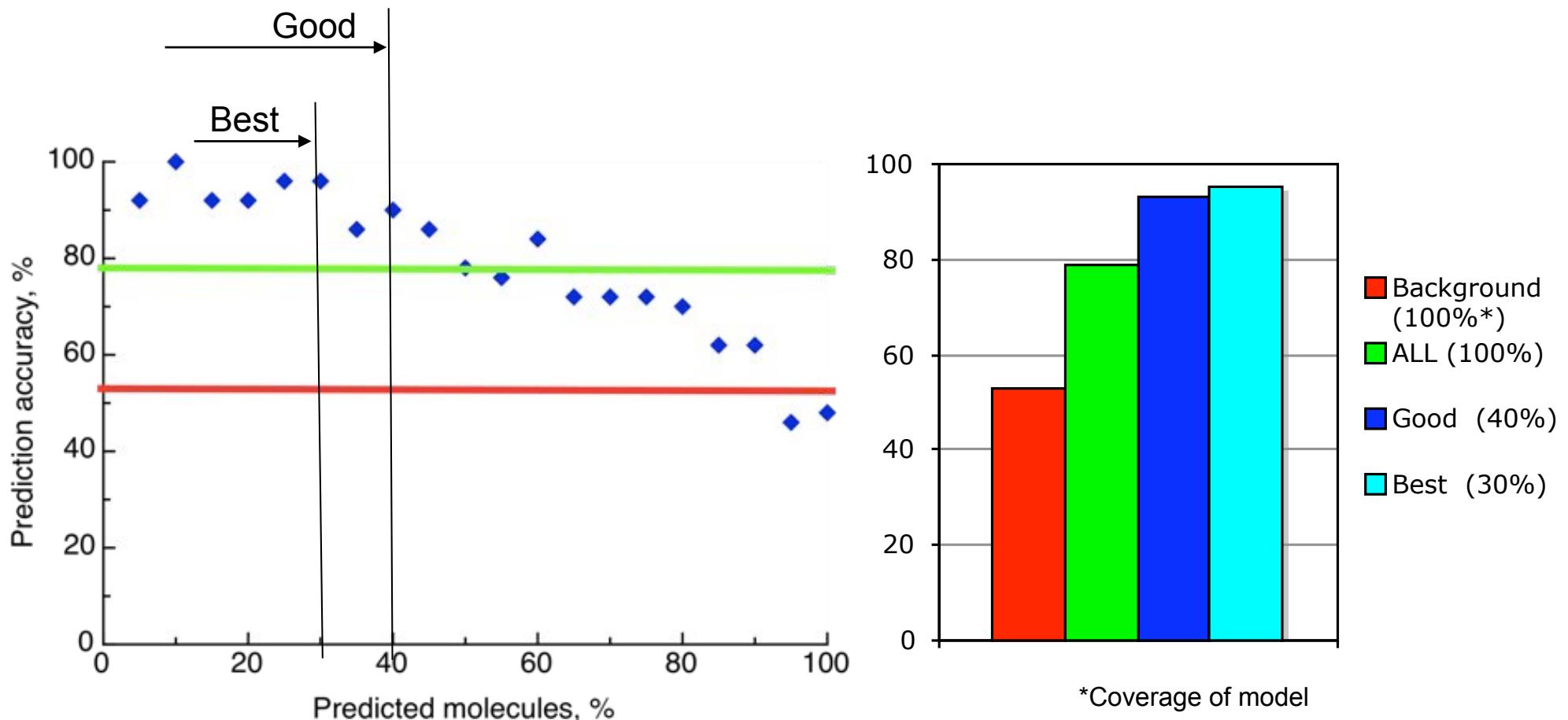
3680 inactive molecules

53% were inhibitors of CYP
(background accuracy)



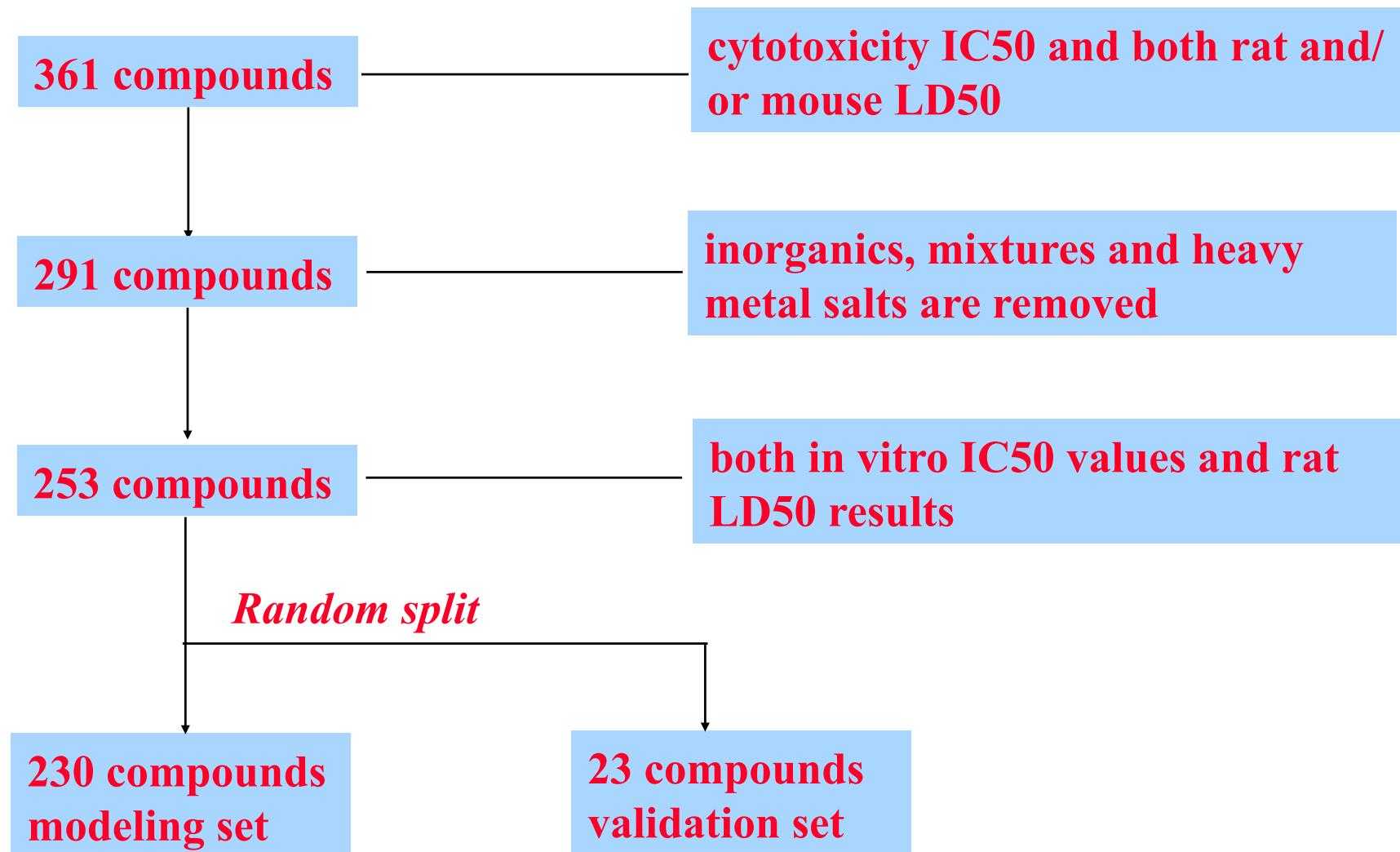
Dr. Elias Zerhouni
Former NIH director (2002-2008)

Associative Neural Network analysis of CYP450 set



The most reliable predictions (30% of all molecules) are 21%/5% = **4 times** more accurate!

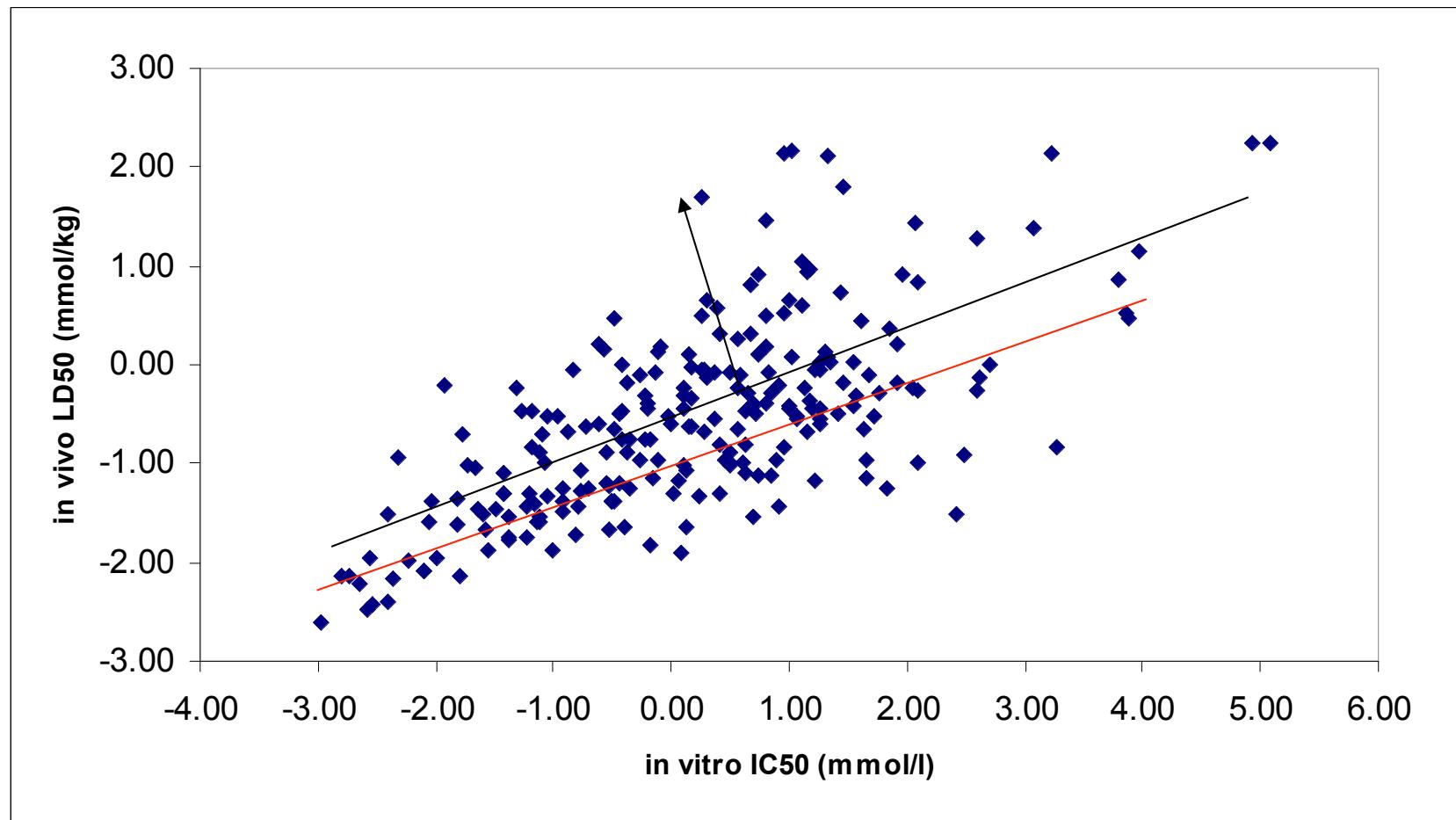
5: *In vivo* rodent toxicity (ZEBET database¹)



ZEBET - The national center for documentation and evaluation of alternative methods to animal experiments

¹Zhu et al, *Environ. Health Perspect.*, 2009, 117 1257-64.

Poor in vitro-in vivo Correlation Between IC₅₀ and Rat LD₅₀ Values



Two steps model: first classify and then predict!

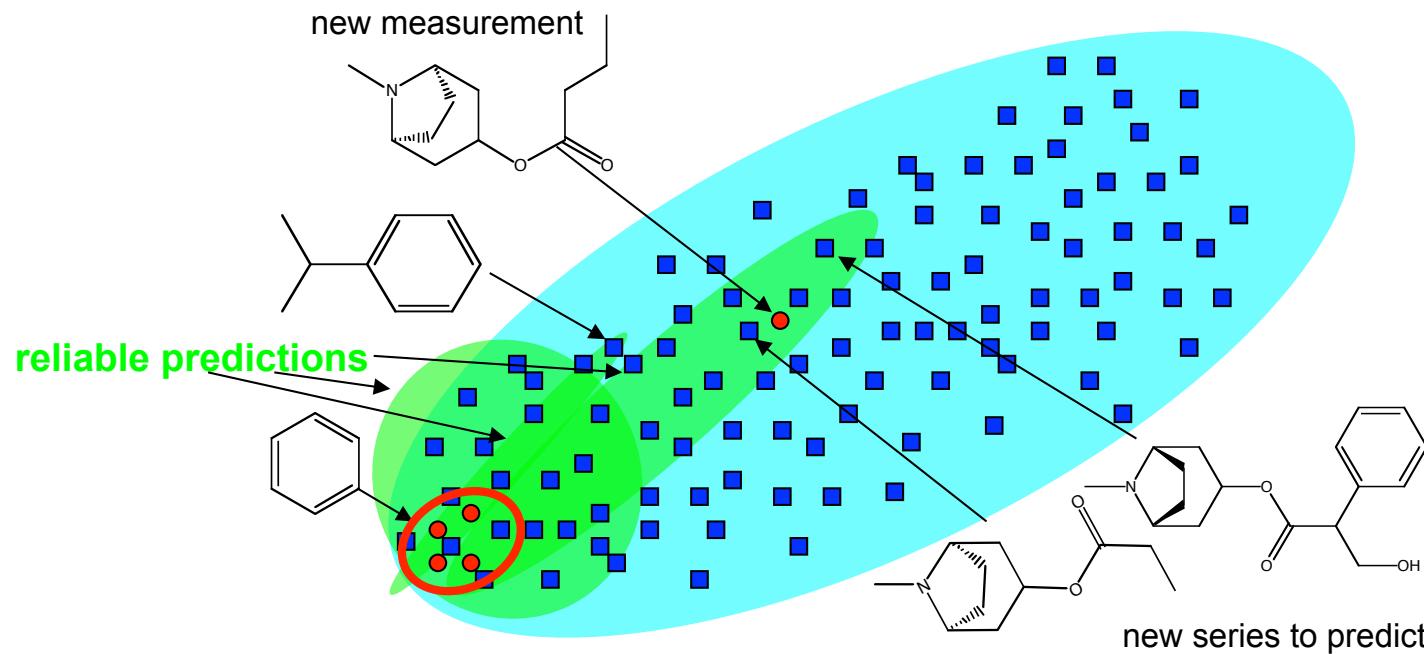
Use of applicability domain increased accuracy of prediction for the new compounds

Table 3. Comparison between TOPKAT and the two-step model prediction of the external compounds.

Measure	Two-step model		TOPKAT	
	No applicability domain	With applicability domain	No applicability domain	With applicability domain
Prediction of 27 new ZEBET compounds				
R ²	0.64	0.85	0.16	0.60
MAE	0.38	0.29	0.78	0.50
Coverage (%)	100	67	100	67
Prediction of 1,562 RTECS compounds with 70% confidence level				
R ²	0.26	0.33	0.19	0.22
MAE	0.65	0.54	0.76	0.65
Coverage (%)	100	62	100	62
Prediction of 1,562 RTECS compounds with 90% confidence level				
R ²	0.42	0.62	0.19	0.26
MAE	0.60	0.42	0.84	0.66
Coverage (%)	12	6	12	6

Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Compounds (RTECS)

ADMETox and *in silico* challenges



Developed methodology allows navigation in space of molecules with a confidence and:

- ✓ to develop targeted (local) models to cover specific series.
- ✓ to reliably estimate which compounds can/can't be reliably predicted.
- ✓ to provide experimental design and to minimize costs of new measurements.
- This is our expertise and “know-how” that we are applying to new data.**

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