

# Using Alternative Approaches to Prioritize Testing for the Universe of Chemicals with Potential for Human Exposure

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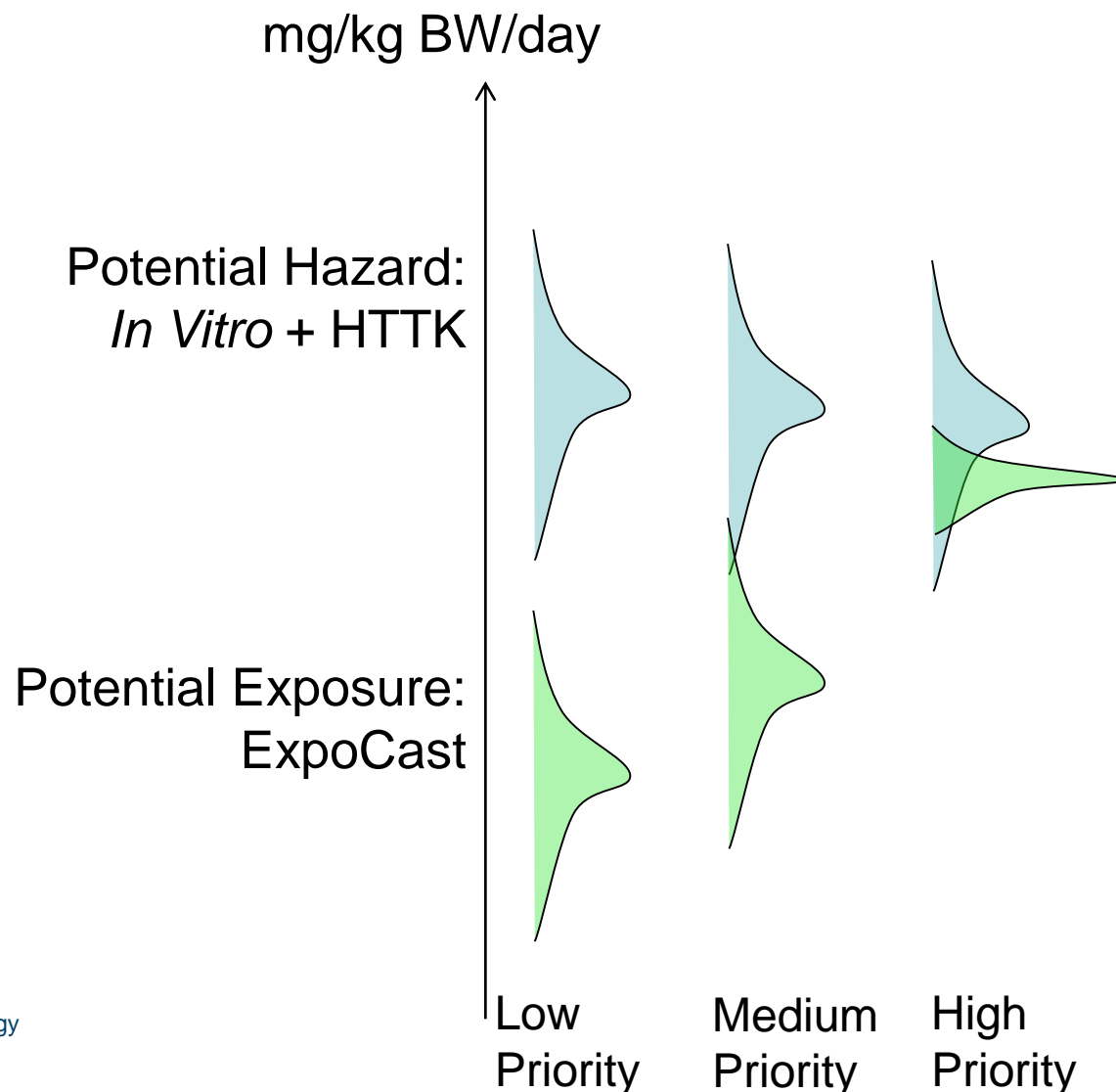
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# EDSP – Driver of Prioritization

- Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program
- Tier 1: Battery of 11 *in vitro* and *in vivo* assays
  - \$1,000,000 per chemical
  - 5000-10000 chemicals
  - 50-100 years to complete
  - This is just the start – Tier 1 positives go into Tier 2
- Use Risk-based Prioritization
  - Potential for Hazard (estrogen, androgen or thyroid)
  - Potential for Exposure

- *In Vitro* assays: Bioactivity Concentration
- Need Bioactivity Dose to compare with exposure
- Convert using High Throughput Toxicokinetics (HTTK)

Semi-quantitative  
*In Vitro* to *In Vivo*  
Approach

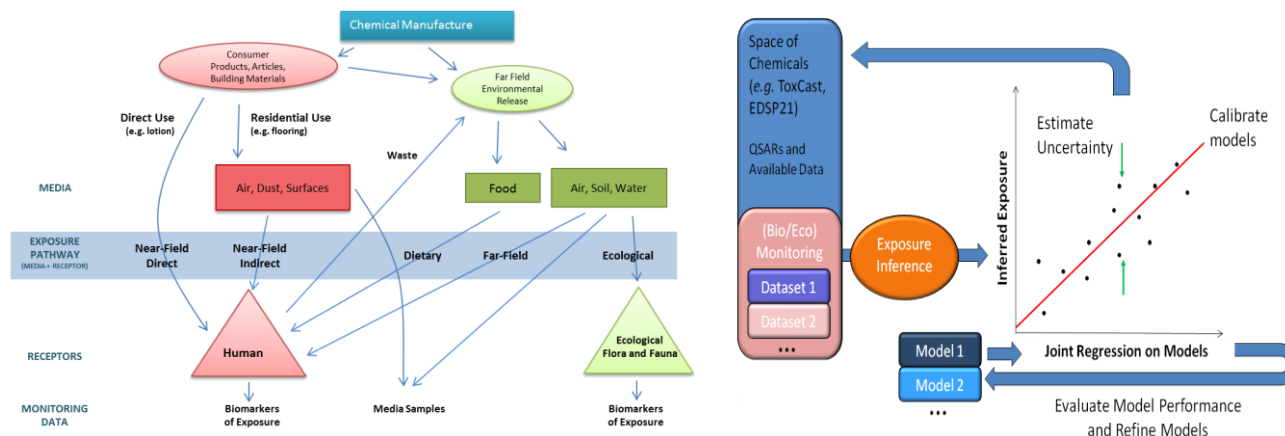
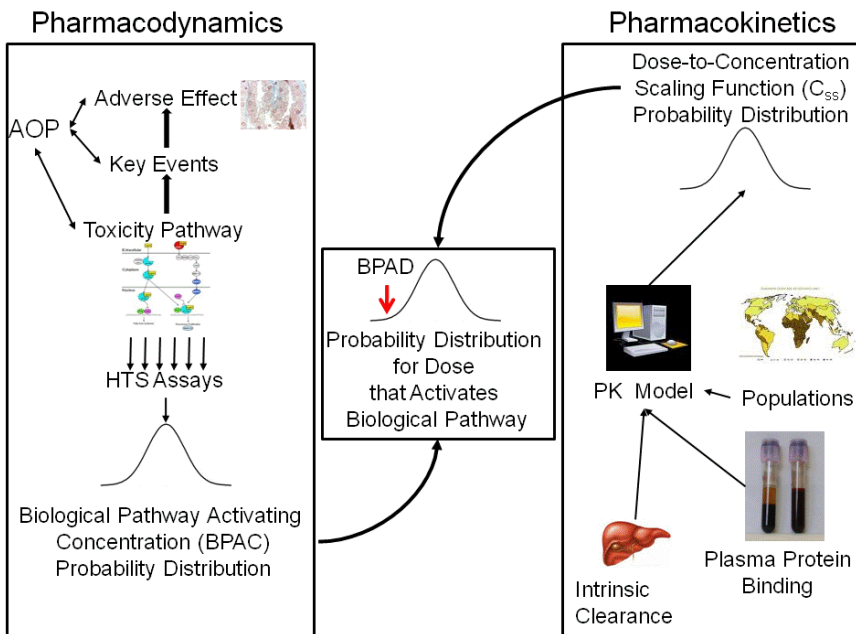


# HTRA – High-Throughput Risk Assessment

High-throughput  
Hazard and  
Kinetics

+

High-throughput  
Exposure



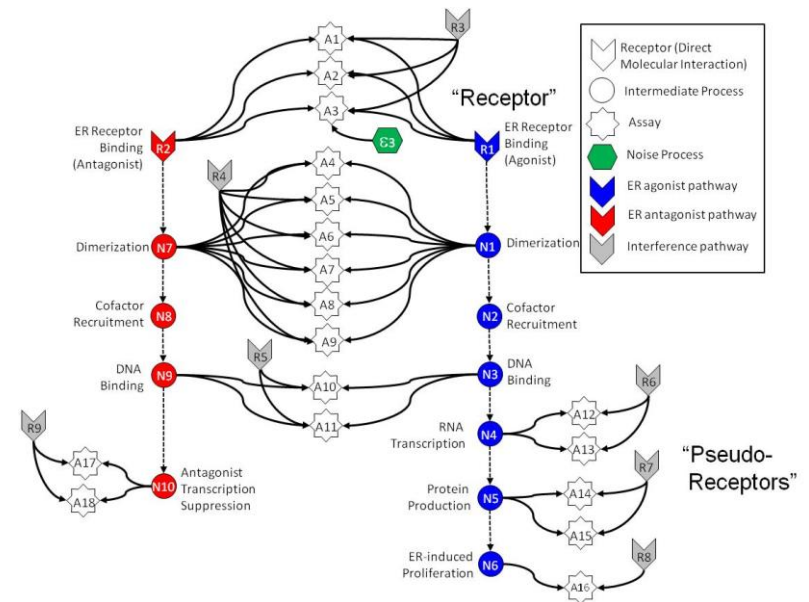
# Chemicals for Prediction: The Human Exposure Universe

- Estimate universe of man-made chemicals with potential for exposure
  - EDSP Universe (10K)
  - Chemicals with known use (40K)
    - From Chemical and Product Category DB (CPCat)
    - <http://actor.epa.gov/cpcat>
  - Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL) (23K)
  - EPA DSSTox – structures of EPA/FDA interest (15K)
  - ToxCast and Tox21 (In vitro ER data) (8K)
- Unique set of structures: ~32K

# *In Vitro* hazard: ER as Example

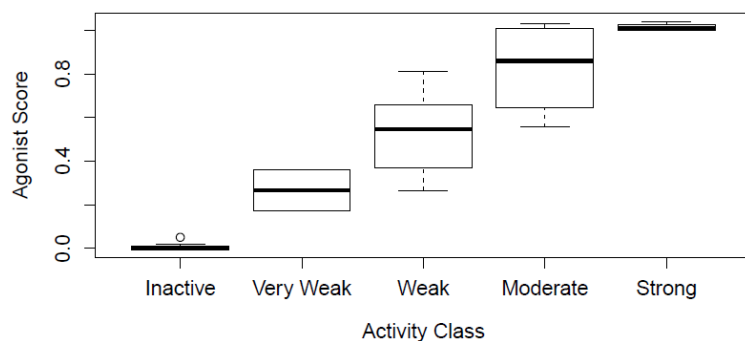
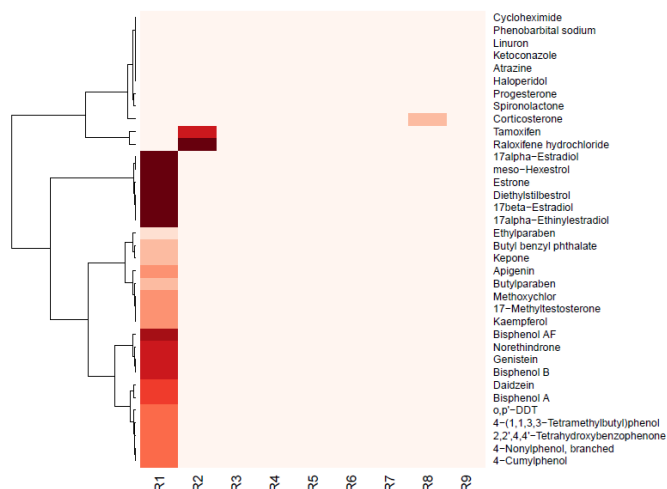
## Combines results from multiple in vitro assays

- Use multiple assays per pathway
  - Different technologies
  - Different points in pathway
- No assay is perfect
  - Assay Interference
  - Noise
- Use model to integrate assays
- Evaluate model against reference chemicals



# ER Model Results

## Appropriate Results for Reference Chemicals



## Results For EDSP Universe Chemicals

1431 EDSP chemicals run *in vitro*  
71 (5%) have a significant ER score

Mostly known chemical classes:

- Phenols
- Steroids
- Parabens
- Phthalates
- Organo-chlorides

Uses:

- Pesticides
- Pharmaceuticals
- Plastics
- Dyes
- Industrial Intermediates

# What chemicals to run *in vitro* next?

## Use QSAR to select

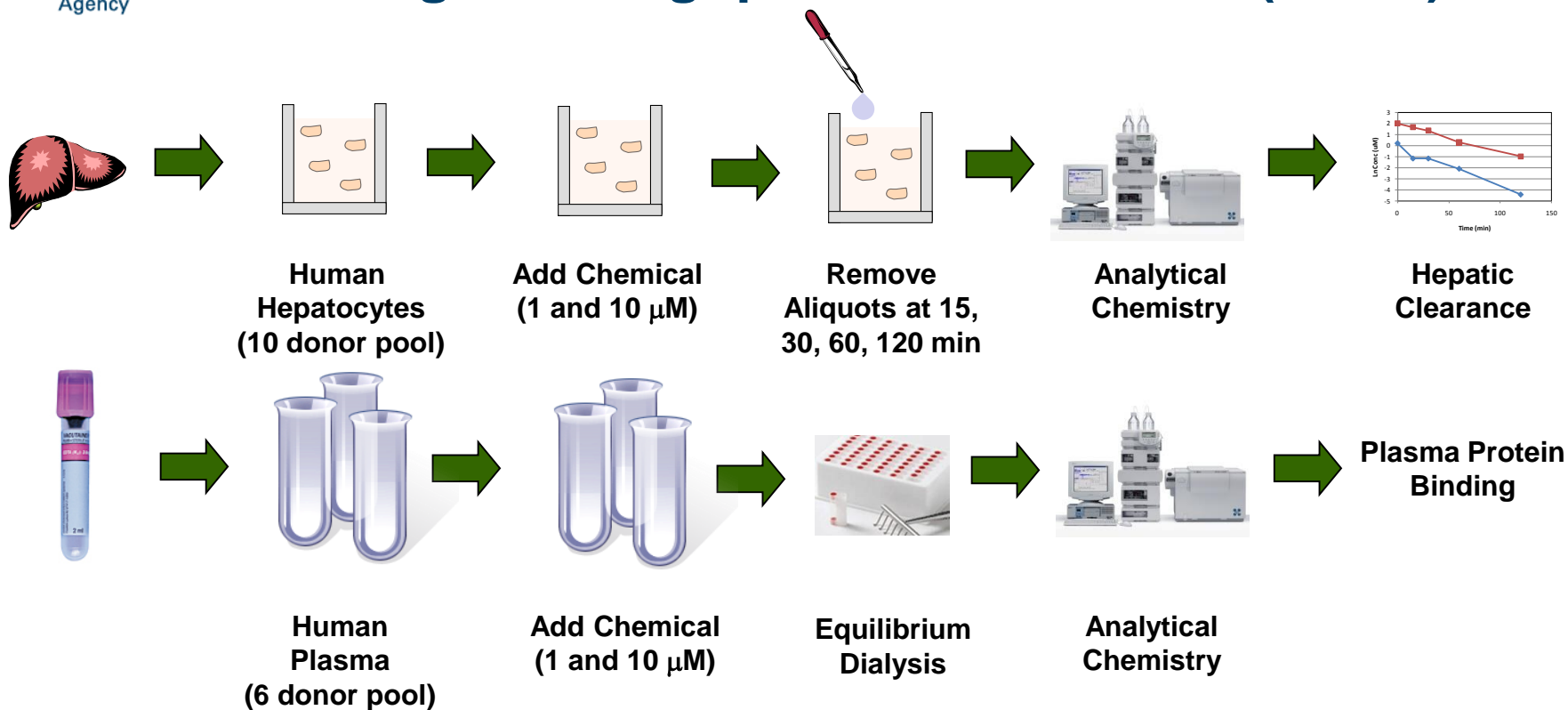
10-15% Predicted ER Positive

- CERAPP: Collaborative Estrogen Receptor Activity Prediction Project
  - Crowd-sourced Science: 17 groups in U.S. and Europe
  - Each uses the ER model results to train QSAR models
  - Predict the Human Exposure Universe (includes EDSP Universe)
  - Evaluate with independent data set from the literature
  - Run positive *in vitro* to confirm

Models	Training set	All predicted	opt_score
DTU_1	873	16063	0.80
DTU_2	737	13442	0.75
EPA_NCCT	1529	32463	0.78
FDA_NCTR_DBB	1529	32464	0.84
Helmholtz_ISB	1512	31629	0.80
ILS_EPA	1506	31318	0.79
IRCCS_CART	1529	32442	0.77
IRCCS_Ruleset	1383	28958	0.77
JRC_Ispra	1465	30801	0.74
LockheedMartin_EPA_1	1529	32464	0.75
LockheedMartin_EPA_2	1529	32464	0.70
NIH_NCATS	1528	32184	0.67
NIH_NCI_GUASAR	1529	32455	0.84
NIH_NCI_PASS	1465	30800	0.76
RIFM	1529	32463	0.69
UMEA	1529	32430	0.76
UNC_MML_1	1529	32464	0.73
UNIBA	750	15178	0.80
UNIMIB_Michem_1	1529	32464	0.68
UNIMIB_Michem_2	531	11832	0.85
UNISTRA_InfoChim	1529	32464	0.73



# Adding Pharmacokinetics: High-Throughput Toxicokinetics (HTTK)

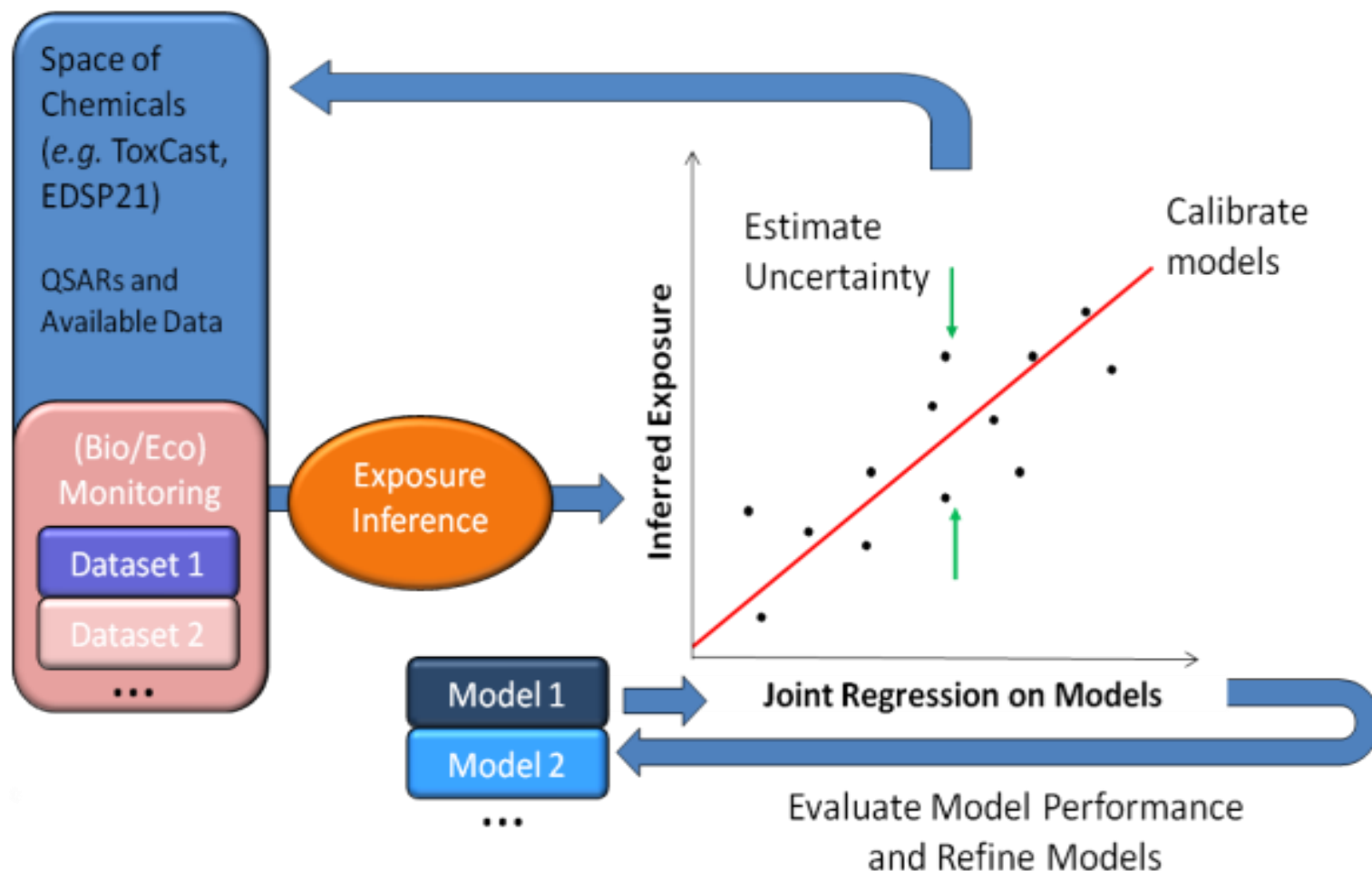


Combine experimental data w/ PK Model to estimate dose / concentration scaling

$$\text{Bioactivity Dose} = \text{Bioactivity Concentration} / C_{ss}$$

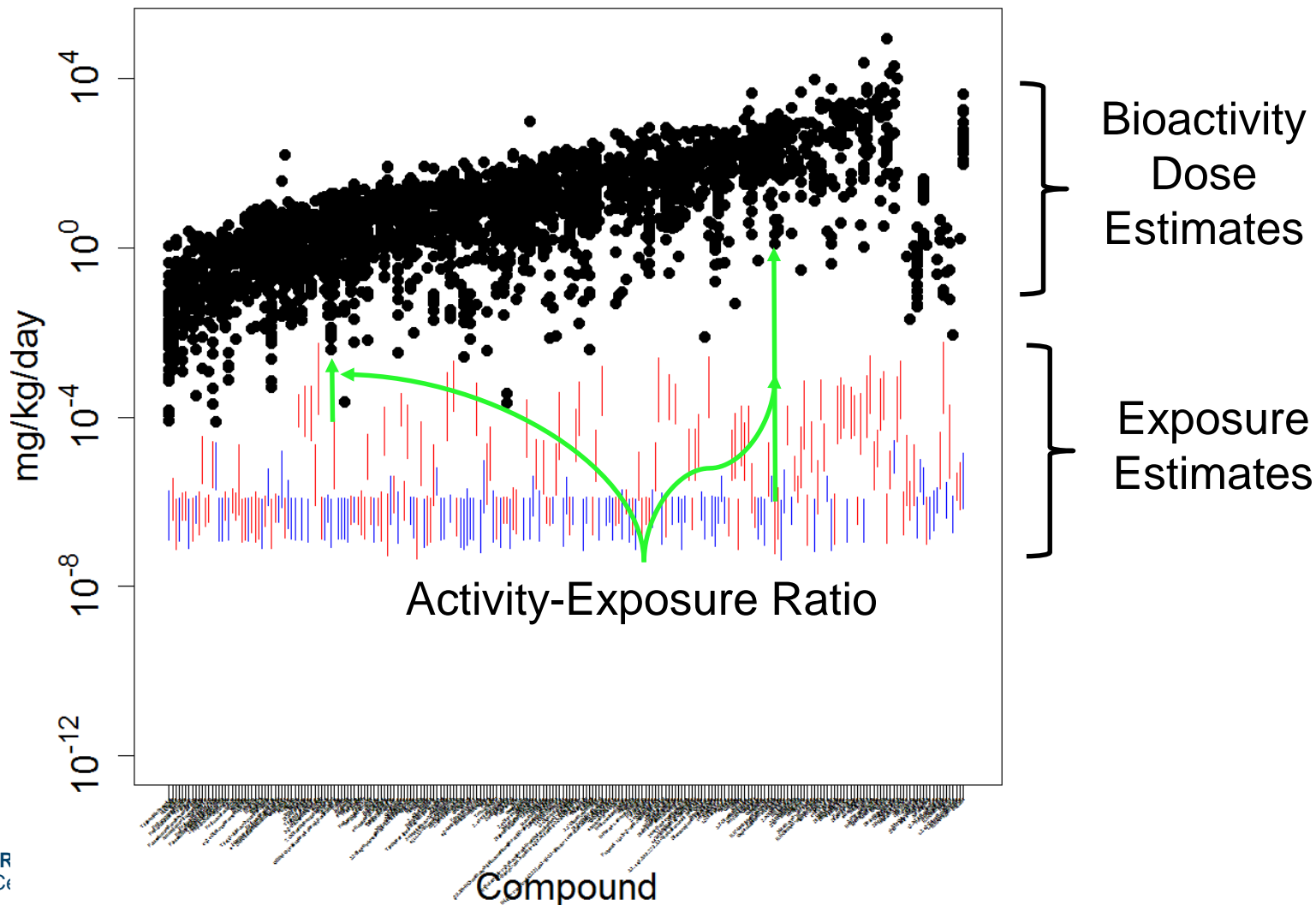
# ExpoCast Exposure Modeling

Output: Estimate of exposure (w/ confidence interval)

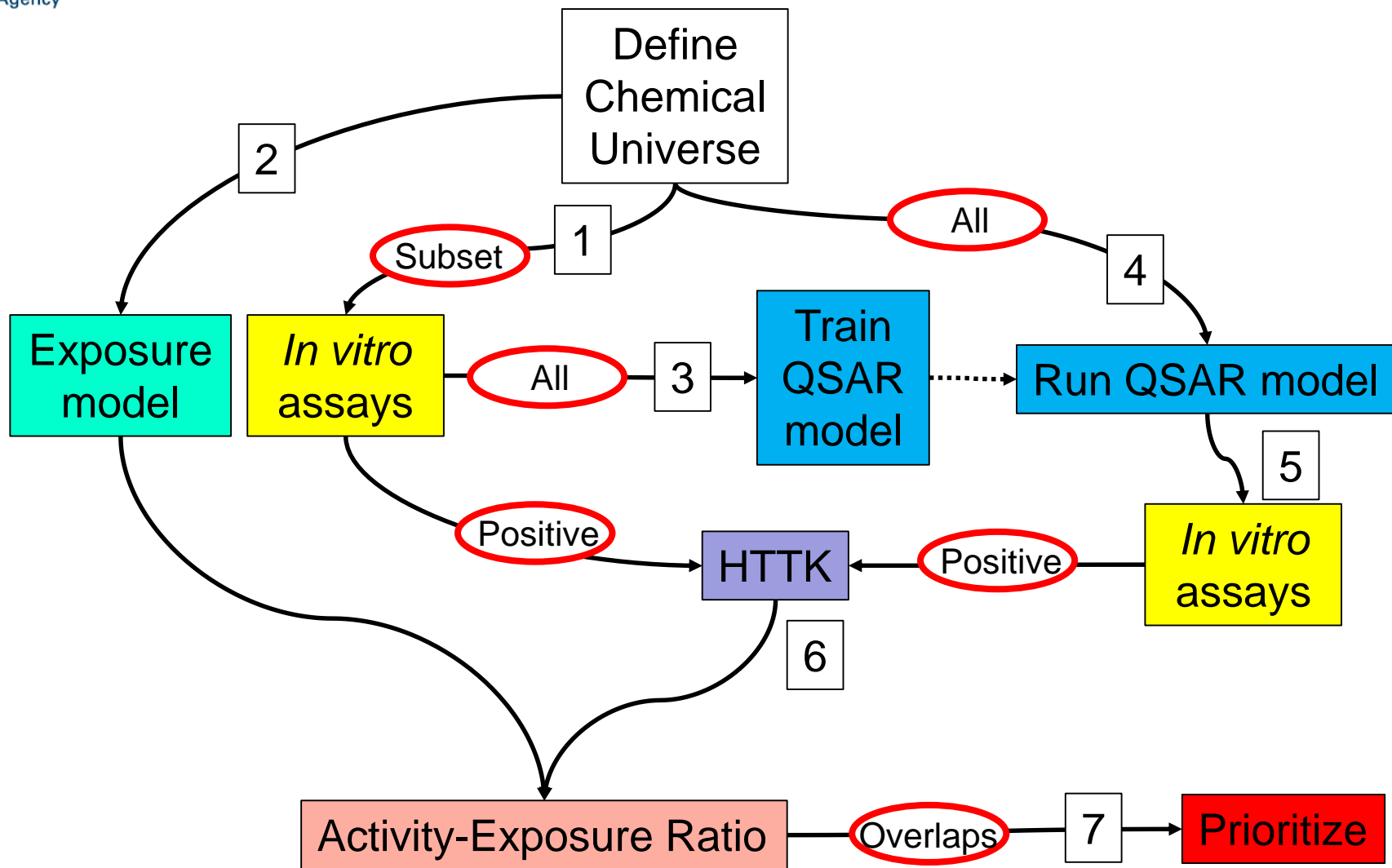


# Combine Hazard, HHTK Dose, Exposure Output: "Activity Exposure Ratio (AER)"

Oral Equivalent Dose or Exposure



# Summary: Overall Prioritization Scheme



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