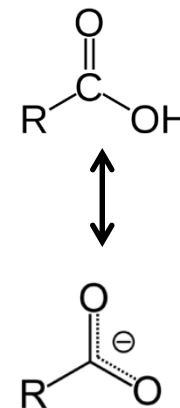


Mechanistic bioaccumulation model(s) for ionogenic organic substances in fish

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Partner 1



Partner 2



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Rationale

1. Bioaccumulation data required for **PBT & RISK** assessment
2. Scarce empirical **B** data for ionogenic organic compounds (IOCs)
3. Majority of **B** models trained/developed for neutral organic chemicals
4. Modeling **B** for IOCs needs **new input data** + include **pH dependency**

IOCs:

Cationic surfactants

**Pharmaceuticals &
veterinary drugs**

Anionic surfactants

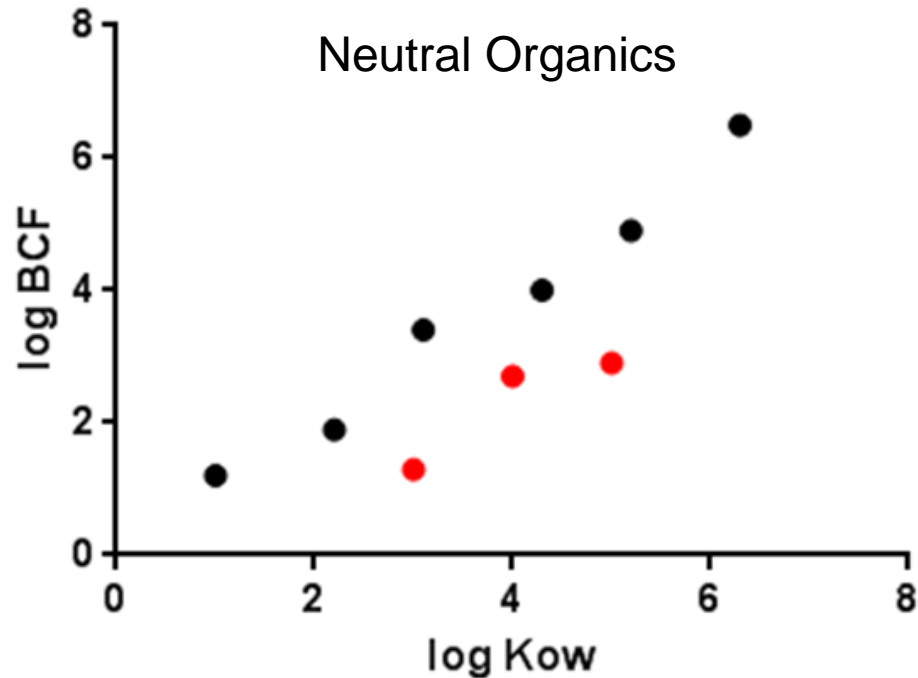
Resin acids

**Halogenated
phenolics**

Biocides

Naphthenic acids

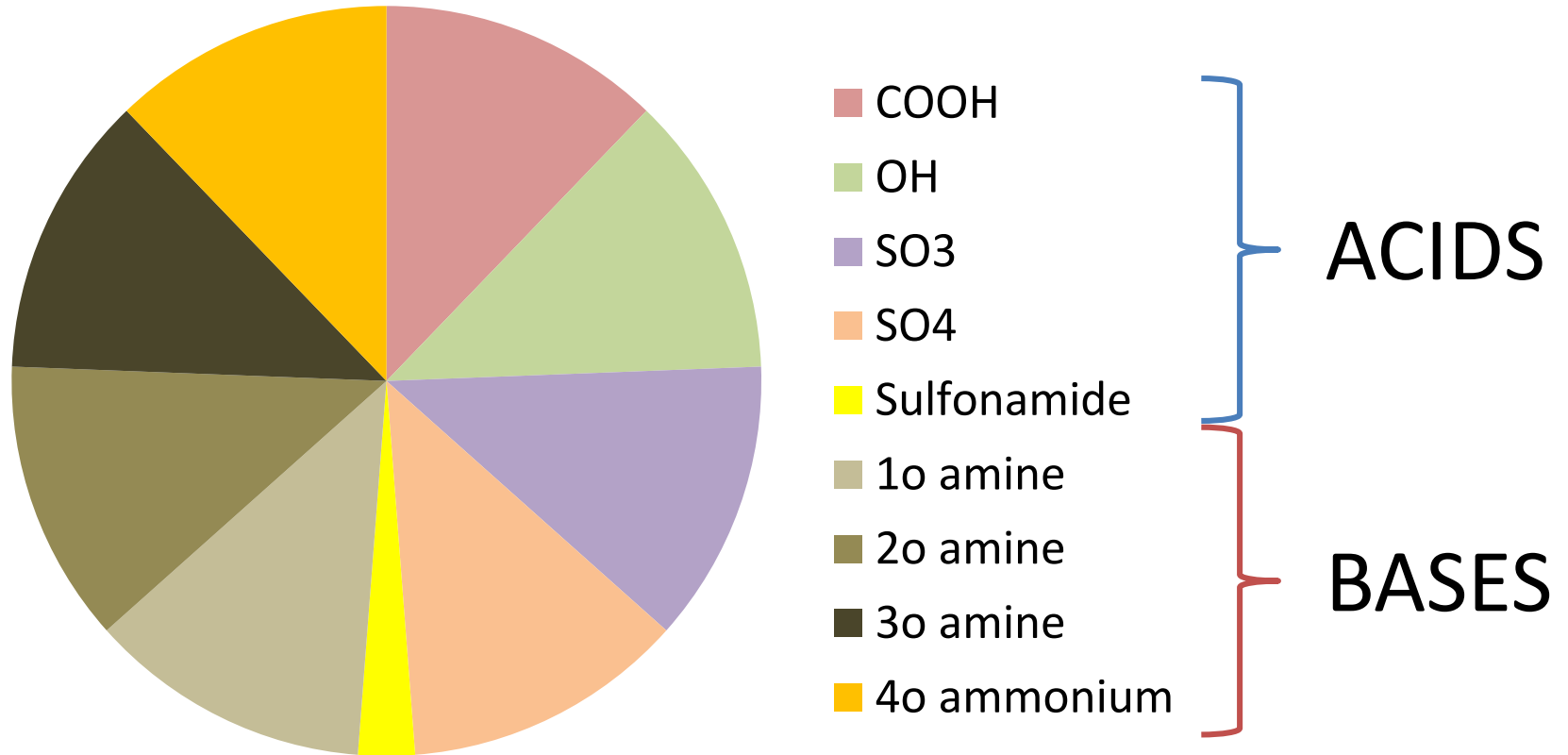
Influence of Hydrophobicity on Bioconcentration



Bioconcentration factor (BCF) can be predicted from K_{OW}

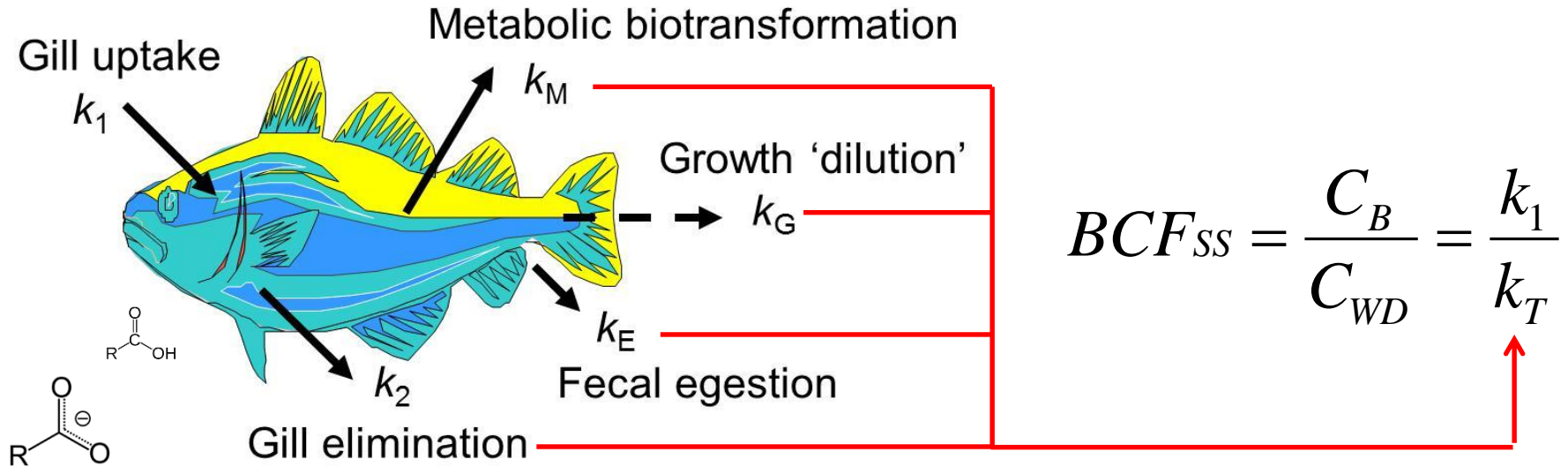
Rapid biotransformation reduces the BCF in comparison to K_{OW}

IONOGENIC compounds



- *NEED: hydrophobicity and metabolization rates*
- K_{OW} – BCF relation inadequate if IOC >95% ionized
- Susceptibility of IOCs to biotransformation?

BIONIC model (Armitage et al. 2013)

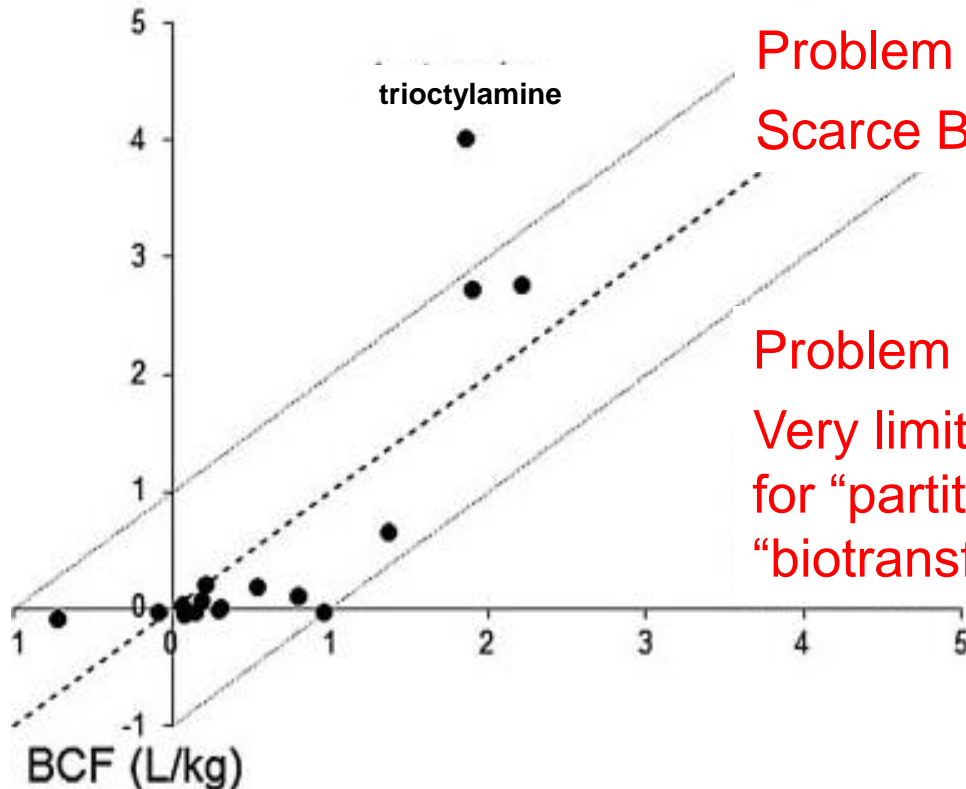


- Can address pH-dependence of BCFs
 - at gill: diffusive transport dominated by neutral form
 - in tissue: ions mainly sorb to membrane (*phospholipids*)
 - in liver: fish drug biotransformation rates \neq human

IOC - BCF model* performance

78 BCF values for **IONIZED** acids

16 BCF values for **IONIZED** bases



Problem 1:

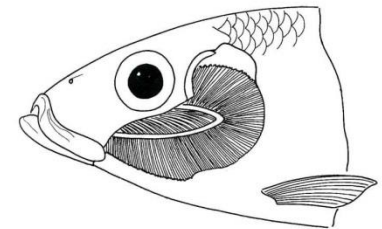
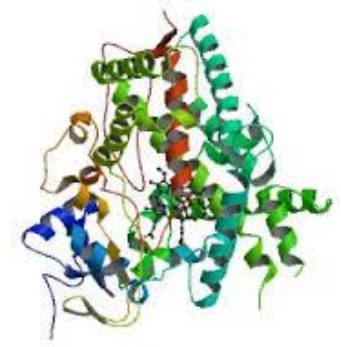
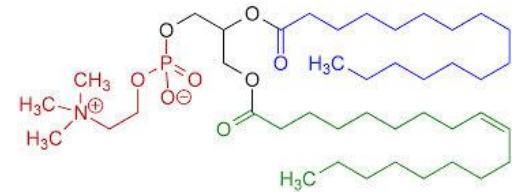
Scarce BCF data for >95% ionized IOCs

Problem 2:

Very limited applicability domain for QSARs for “partitioning” (membrane) and “biotransformation rate” due to few data

Objectives

1. Develop new experimental data:
 - Membrane-water partition coefficient (K_{MW})
 - Intrinsic fish hepatic clearance rate (*in vitro* S9 test)
2. Explore development of new QSARs to parameterize B models for IOCs;
 - Gill uptake rate: pH at gill surface
 - Improve/adapt QSAR for K_{MW} and k_M for IOCs
3. Facilitate adaptation into existing screening tools;
 - e.g., EPISuite - BCFBAF



Key IOCs tested

- ~50 IOCs >99% charged
 - 1° amines sulfates
 - 2° amines sulfonates
 - 3° amines carboxylic acids
 - 4° amines phenolic acids
- ~20 IOCs with BCF data available (ECO21 goal)
 - direct comparison of accuracy of BCF-model
 - BUT, non-ideal chemicals to improve QSARs
- ~30 model IOC structures (ECO21 extension)
 - understand influence of specific molecular features
 - active filling of knowledge gaps → systematic approach to expand applicability domains

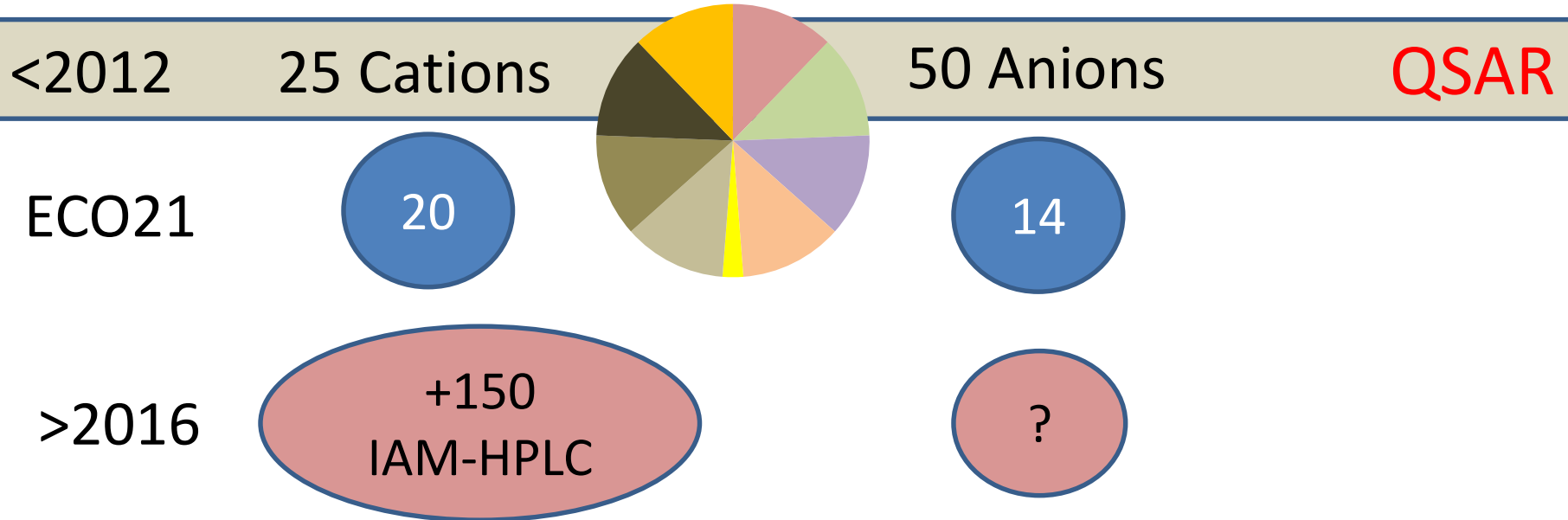
Membrane-water partitioning

K_{MW} for ion = ?

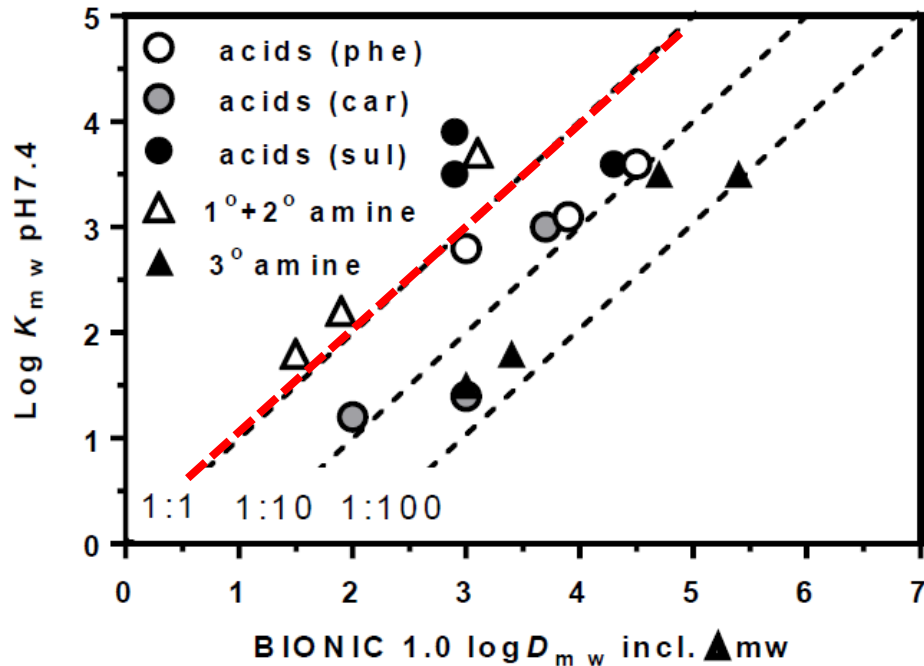
K_{OW} works for neutral compounds

K_{OW} is a poor predictor for IOCs

K_{MW} data



Membrane-water partitioning



With 2013 “ BIONIC v1 ” K_{MW} -QSAR/assumptions:

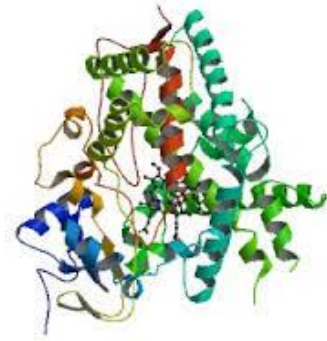
- 12 IOCs predicted within ± 10 x
- 5 IOCs over-predicted 10 - 100 x

New QSARs in development

Biotransformation (k_M)

- Current *in vivo* k_M QSARs includes 10 ionized IOCs
- may get more *in vivo* k_M IOC estimates with new BIONIC model

Rainbow trout liver homogenate (S9): *in vitro* clearance



- Phase I & Phase II enzymes active
- extrapolate to *in vivo* k_M
- intra- /inter- study consistency
- compare *in vitro* k_M with *in vivo* k_M

Biotransformation (k_M)

in vivo QSAR

IOCs >70% charged

empirical data

in vivo

3 Cations

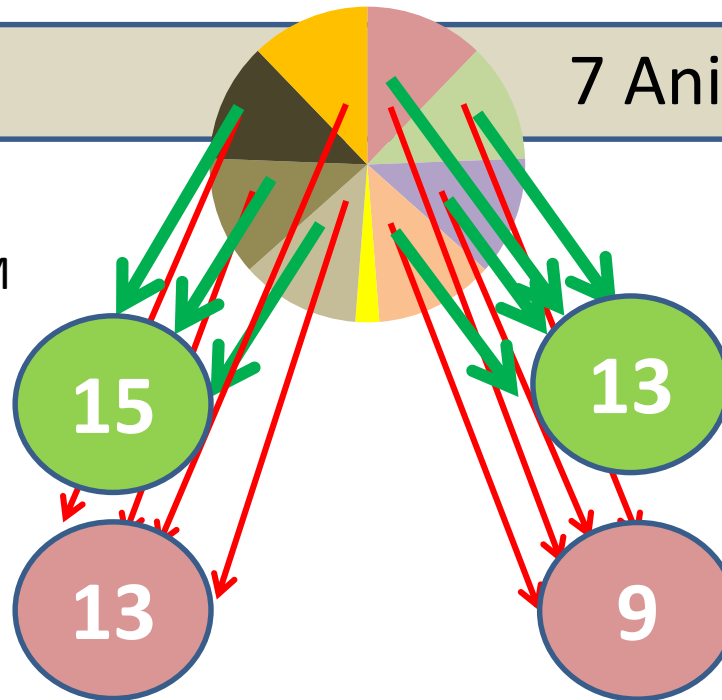
7 Anions

QSAR

ECO21 : 50 *in vitro* k_M

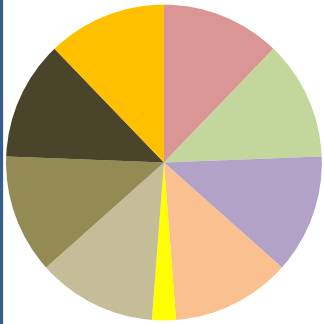
significant k_M

insignificant k_M



Intrinsic hepatic clearance ($CL_{intr, in vitro}$)

In vitro data



- $C_8-(NH_3^+)$
- $C_8-(NH_2^+C)$
- $C_8-(NH^+(C)C)$
- $C_8-(N^+(C)(C)C)$
- $C_8-SO_4^-$
- $C_8-SO_3^-$
- $C_8-CO_2^-$
- $C_{10}-(NH_3^+)$
- $C_{10}-(NH^+(C)C)$
- $C_{10}-CO_2^-$
- $C_{12}-(NH_3^+)$
- $C_{12}-(NH_2^+C)$
- $C_{12}-(NH^+(C)C)$
- $C_{12}-(N^+(C)(C)C)$
- $C_{12}-SO_4^-$
- $C_{12}-SO_3^-$
- $C_{12}-CO_2^-$

- does the ...ionic group influence k_M ?
- ...hydrophobicity ? (Only tested up to C_{12} ...)
- ...position of the ionic group ?
- ...branching (steric effects) ?
- ...additional functional groups ?

Gill uptake rate constant (k_1)

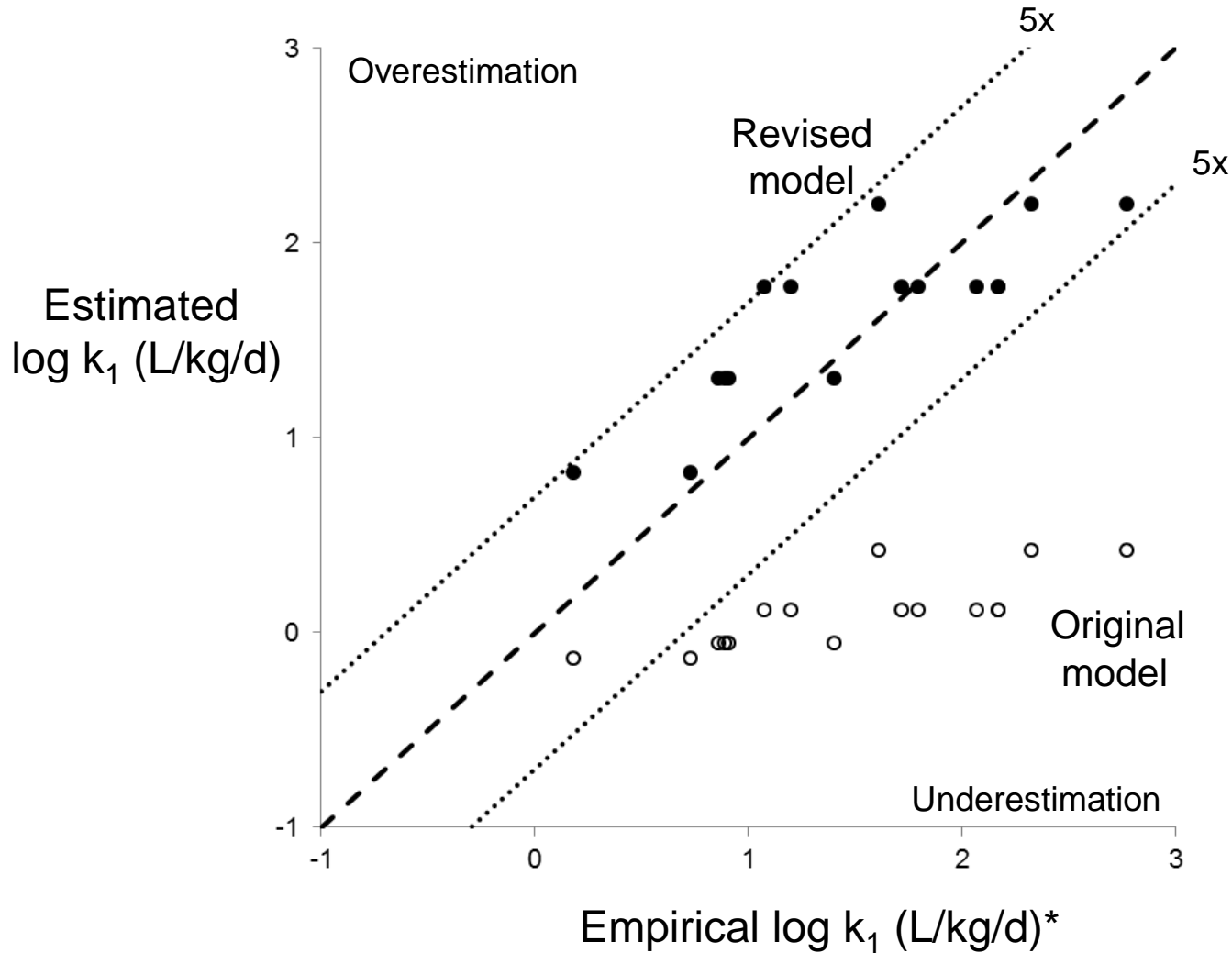
$$k_1 = \frac{E_W G_V}{W} \longrightarrow \begin{aligned} E_W &= f(pK_a, K_{OW,N}) \\ G_V &= f(\text{size}, O_2, T) \end{aligned}$$



k_1 database for IOCs

- Paucity of empirical data ($n \sim 100$)
- Modeled k_1 typically within a factor of 3-5 for most IOCs (3 case studies)
- Poor performance for highly dissociated IOCs (e.g., LAS, $pK_a < 1$) using *original (2013) model*
- Uptake of “charged form” explicitly considered (*implemented in BIONIC V2.0*)

LAS: Revised vs. original k_1 model



LAS
 C10-2
 C11-2
 C11-5
 C12-2
 C12-3
 C12-5
 C13-2
 C13-5

Planned activity for Final Report:

Improved k_1 + empirical ($k_M + K_{MW}$) \rightarrow BCFs

Original Model (Armitage et al. 2013)



Estimated model input parameters
(K_{OW} -based K_{MW} , k_M -QSAR)

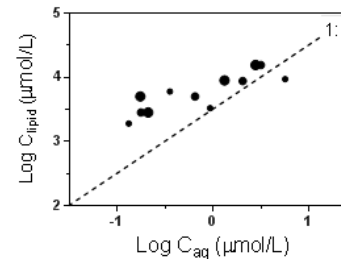


Predicted BCFs (L/kg)

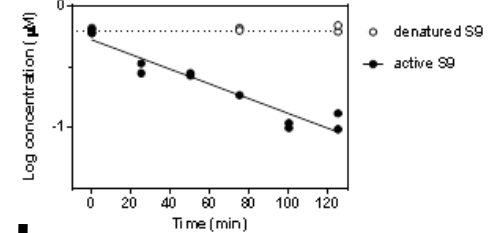
BIONIC v2



Empirical model input parameters



K_{MW}



S9-based k_M



Predicted BCFs (L/kg)



ECO21 'continuation'

Can *in vitro* measurements improve BCF predictions ?

- *in progress*

Additional data gaps

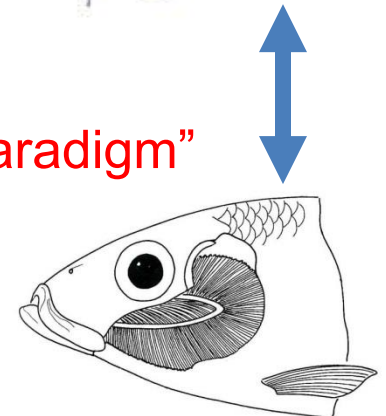
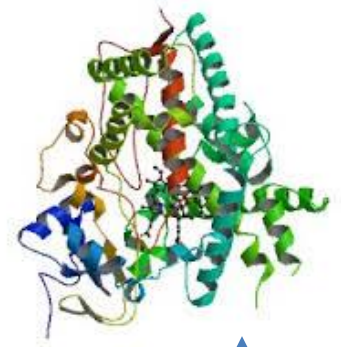
- Full tissue data (phospholipids, plasma & structural proteins)
- specific factors (hydrophobicity) on IOC biotransformation rates

High tier needs:

- measured K_{PLIPW} , " K_{plasma} " & *in vivo* k_{M} (+ metabolites)

Lower tier needs: improved QSARs + IVIVE

- expand the chemical domain for **S9 – QSAR:**
intrinsic clearance of IOCs, "part of k_{M} screening paradigm"
shortcutting uptake uncertainties
- expand chemical domain for **$K_{\text{MW,ion}}$ -QSAR:**
move away from K_{OW} dependent extrapolation



Thanks

Questions?

