



JOHNS HOPKINS
BLOOMBERG SCHOOL
of PUBLIC HEALTH

The logo for the Johns Hopkins University Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing (AAT) is displayed. It features a blue stylized 'AAT' monogram with the text 'Johns Hopkins University Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing' below it. To the right, there is a small image of a book cover titled 'Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence'.

Thomas Hartung & team

ToxAlcology
- AI is the future of toxicology -

Slides available:



Thanking our sponsors



SENZA
GEN

ESTĒE
LAUDER



Agilent Technologies



Space for
You!



P&G
ExxonMobil
Johnson & Johnson



Recent
L'ORÉAL

Abbott
A Promise for Life



BDF
Beiersdorf



Philantropic

THE ESTHER A. & JOSEPH KLINGENSTEIN FUND, INC.



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES



DOERENKAMP-ZBINDEN
Foundation



...and individuals



EUROPEAN
COMMISSION





 **frontiers**
in Artificial Intelligence

 **frontiers**
in Big Data

Field Chief Editor

**Chief Editor Medicine
& Public Health**

AI



 **UL** Consultant

**Green Chemistry
Advisory Panel**

ToxTRACK

**Consultant, shareholder
In preparation: Insilica LLC**



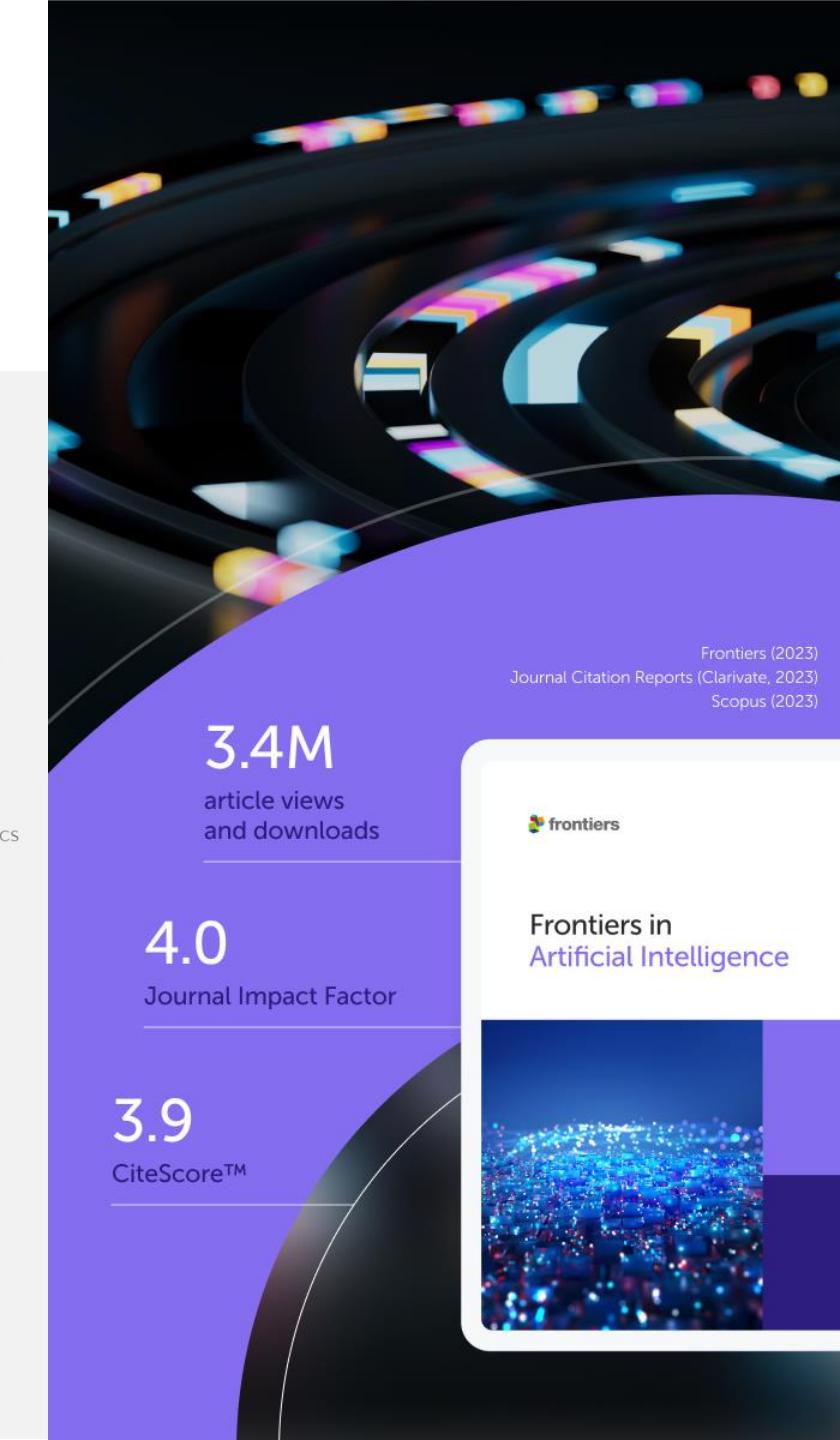
frontiers

We build the leading
journals of the future
Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence



Sections

AI for Human Learning and Behavior Change
AI in Business
AI in Food, Agriculture and Water
Artificial Intelligence in Finance
Big Data and AI in High Energy Physics
Fuzzy Systems
Language and Computation
Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence
Medicine and Public Health
Natural Language Processing
Organoid Intelligence NEW
Pattern Recognition
Technology and Law



Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence journal team

Publishing development			Review operations		
	Journal Manager Katherine Dowsett		Commissioning Manager Christopher Sidebottom		RevOp. Manager Cephas Small
	Journal Specialist Diana Nicutari		Commissioning Specialist Alexandra Powell		RevOp. Specialist Rajveer Kandola
	Journal Specialist Chloe Munden				
	Journal Specialist Maliaka Dotting				
Editor Outreach		Production Office		Research integrity	
	Editor Outreach Manager Valentina Capelli		Production Manager Heather Fisch		Res. Integrity Manager Anna Rabitti
	Editor Outreach Specialist Fernanda Prata		Production Specialist Zhan Marinov		Res. Integrity Specialist Roxanne Daruwalla

Journal Manager
katherine.dowsett@frontiersin.org

Publishing Development - Journal
ai@frontiersin.org

Publishing Development - Commissioning
ai.submissions@frontiersin.org

Review Operations | Research Integrity
ai.editorial.office@frontiersin.org

Editor Outreach
ai.editors@frontiersin.org

Production Office
ai.production.office@frontiersin.org

editorial board

18

chief editors

382

associate editors

639

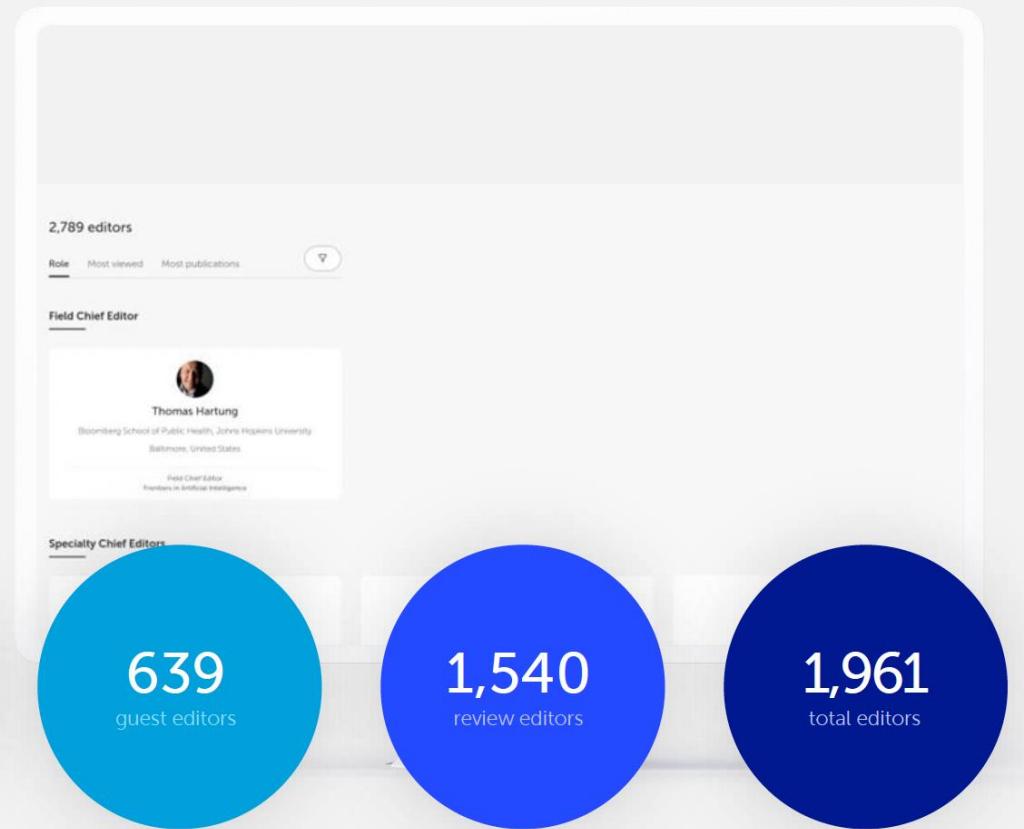
guest editors

1,540

review editors

1,961

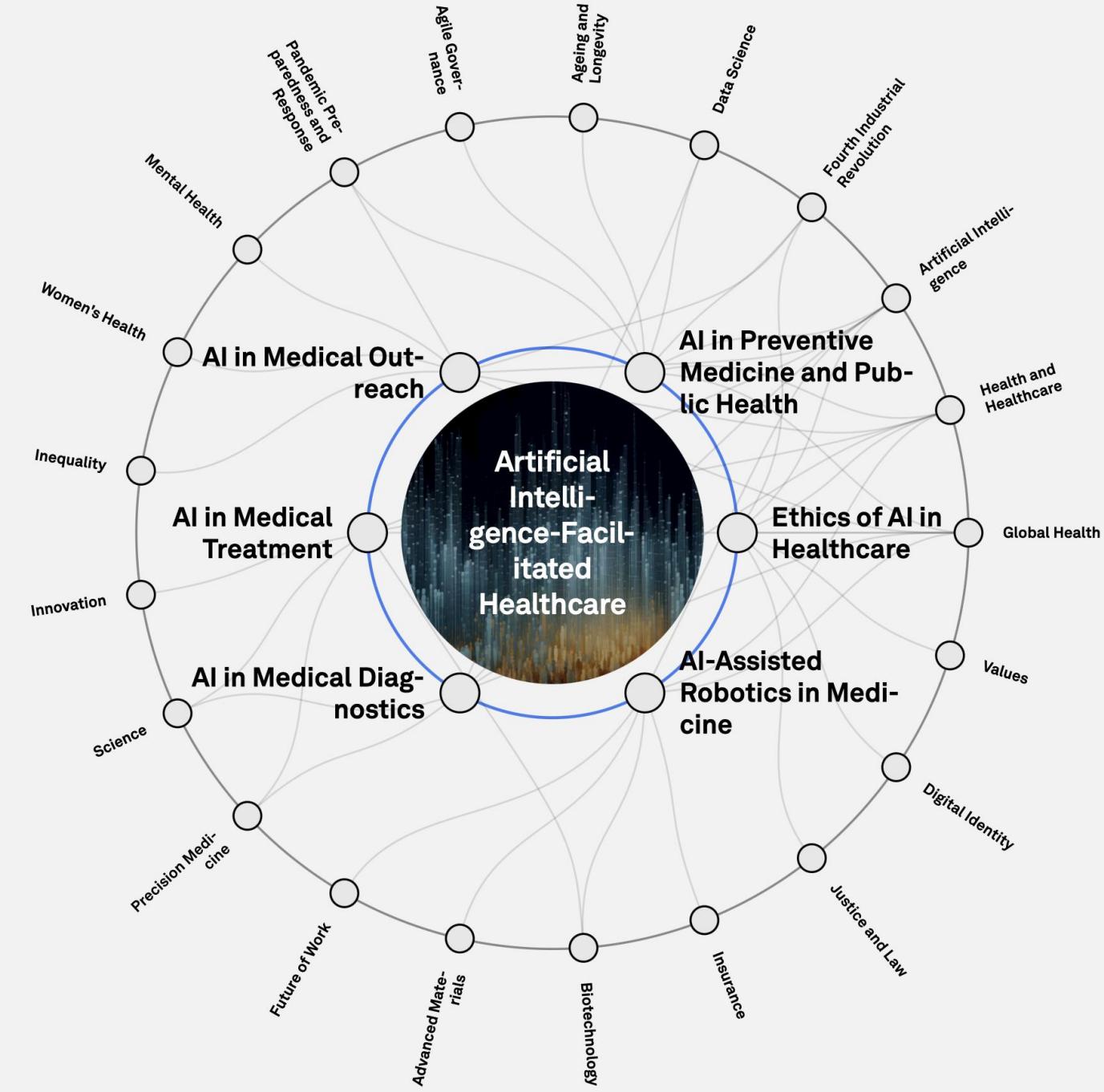
total editors



WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

Artificial Intelligence-Facilitated Healthcare

Curation: Frontiers Media



In Preparation

KEYSTONE SYMPOSIA
Accelerating Life Science Discovery

50
YEARS
1972-2022

AI in Healthcare

Planned 5-7 December 2023 (virtual)



Thomas Hartung

Bloomberg School of Public Health,
Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, United States

Specialty Chief Editor
Medicine and Public Health



Weida Tong

National Center for Toxicological
Research (FDA)
Jefferson, United States

Associate Editor
Medicine and Public Health



Yvonne Will

Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Titusville, United States

Associate Editor
Medicine and Public Health

Technological progress everywhere



↑
 LD_{50} test

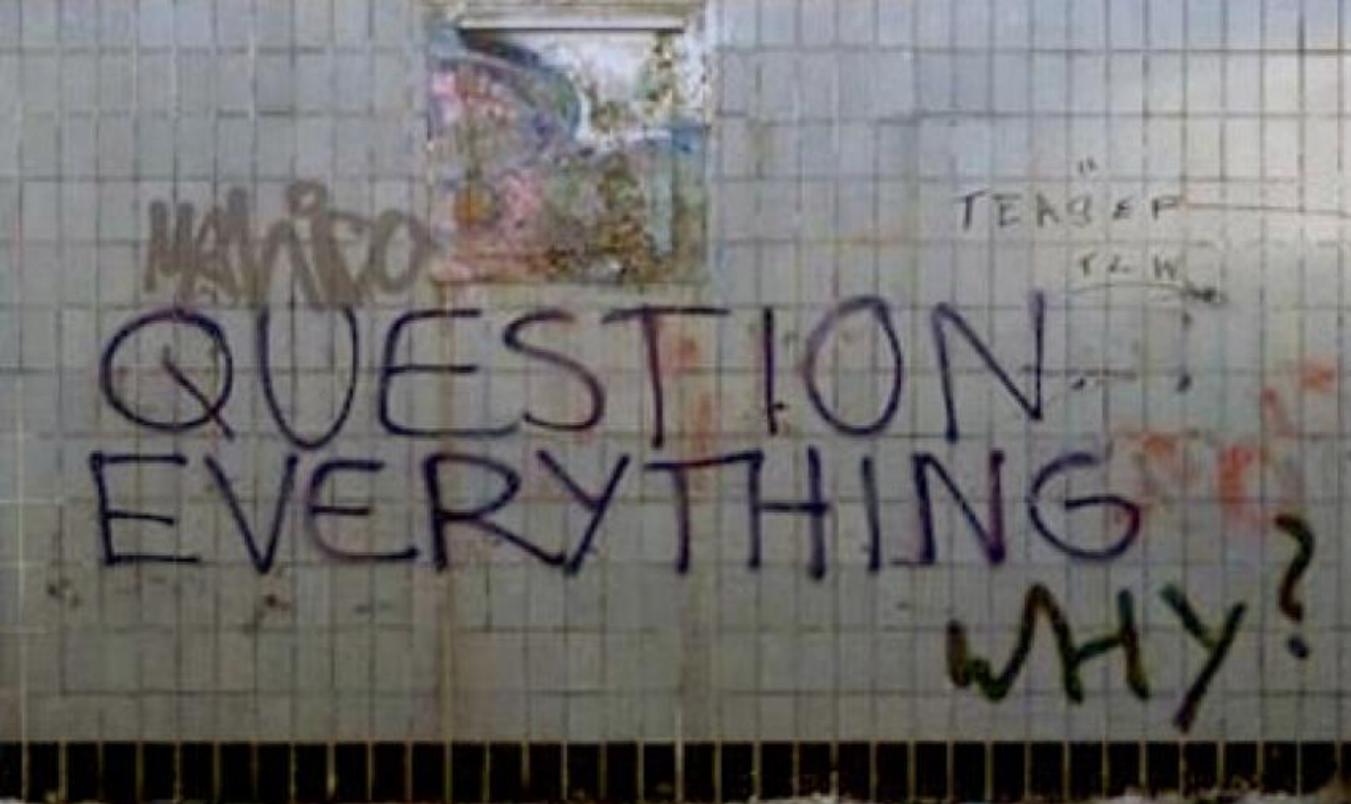
↑
28d study

↑
Eye & skin test

↑
Reprotox

↑
Cancer bioassay

...except regulatory toxicology!



“Playing safe...”

180 million chemicals synthesized

350 thousand registered in 19 countries

>10 thousand substances in 1 biological

Metabolites and breakdown products?

Some chemicals in 50,000+ products

~3 thousand well tested substances

“Fun” facts

- **10,000+ articles BPA => ???**
- **5,000+ articles glyphosate => ???**
- **~45% of drug side effects predicted by rodents**
- **20-80% false positive results**



Animal test Cancer

18-24 months

\$1 million

4-600 animals

53% positive

~57% reproducible

(rat to rat, rat to mouse)



29 trichloroethylene
carcinogen risk
assessments

4x “carcinogen”
19x “equivocal”
6x “non-carcinogen”

AI retrieves information

- average reference coverage 18%
- average citation coverage of most relevant studies 80%
- interpretation differences of most relevant studies in 27%
- study/data quality: assessment not documented in 65%

Rudén C. *Regul. Toxicol Pharmacol* 2001; 34: 3-16.

The different way of evidence retrieval and integration ?



Deus ex machina



WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia

Article Talk

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

For other uses, see *Deus ex machina* (disambiguation).

Deus ex machina (/dərəs əks 'mækɪnə, 'mæk-/ DAY-əs ex-MA(H)K-in-ə^[1] Latin: [d̪e.ʊs əks 'mækɪnə]; plural: *dei ex machina*; English "god from the machine")^{[2][3]} is a **plot device** whereby a seemingly unsolvable problem in a story is suddenly or abruptly resolved by an unexpected and unlikely occurrence.^{[4][5]} Its function is generally to resolve an otherwise irresolvable plot situation, to surprise the audience, to bring the tale to a **happy ending** or act as a comedic device.^[6]



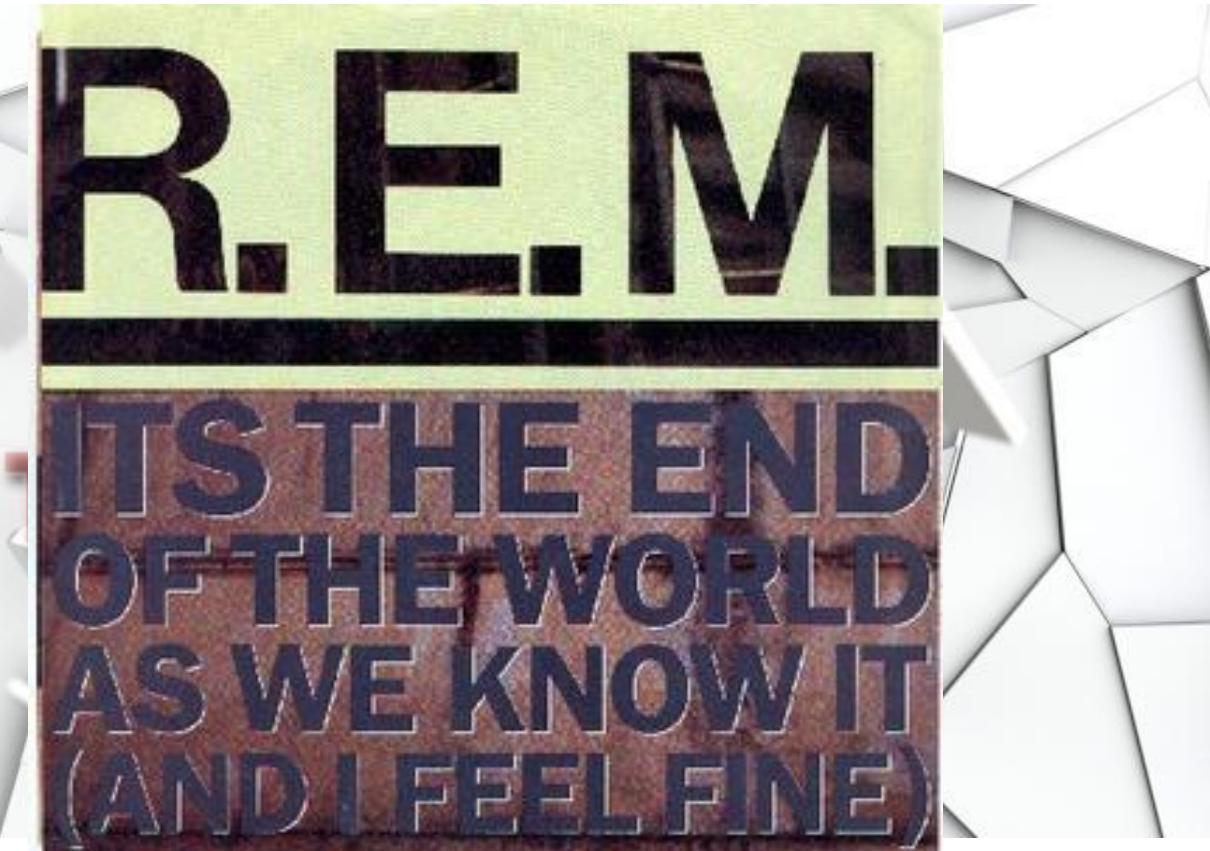
<https://duiliogf.medium.com/how-to-correctly-use-a-deus-ex-machina-and-not-die-trying-85dd73166784>

dAlus ex machina
for toxicology



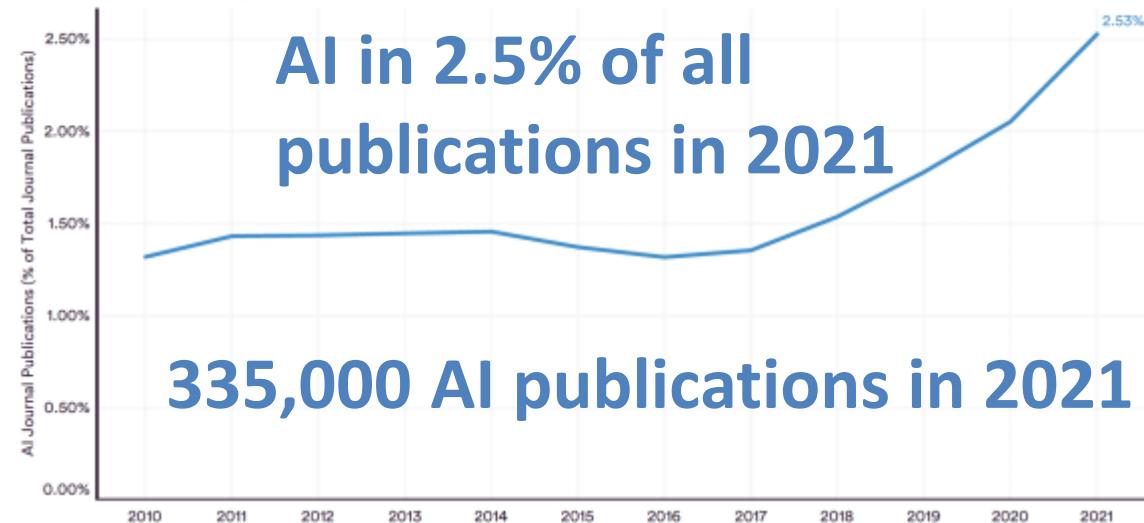
Together increase
>1 billion-fold
over last 60 years

Data: +60% per year
= 90% in last three years
Computer: +40% per year
(Moore's law)
AI: +700% per year since 2010

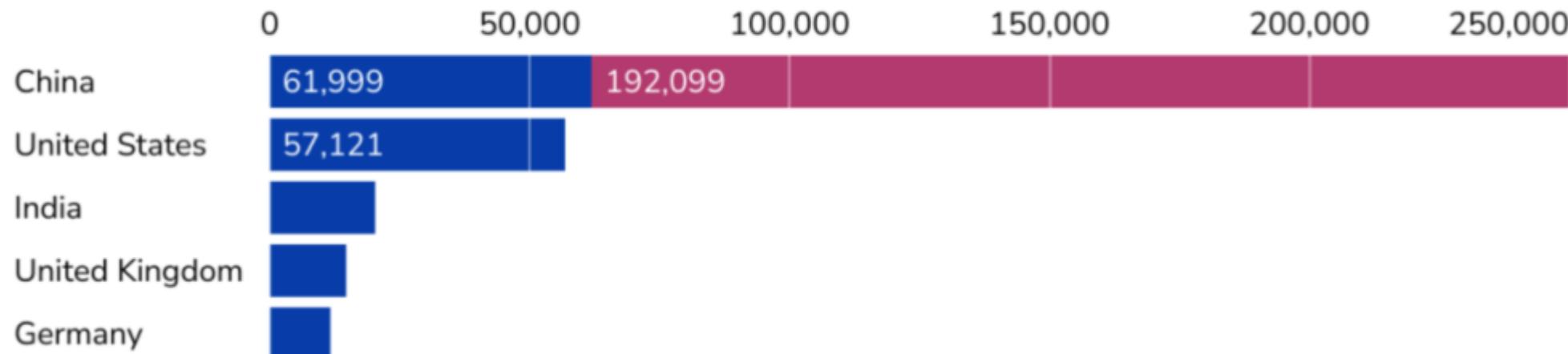


AI JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS (% of TOTAL JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS), 2010–21

Source: Center for Security and Emerging Technology, 2021 | Chart: 2022 AI Index Report



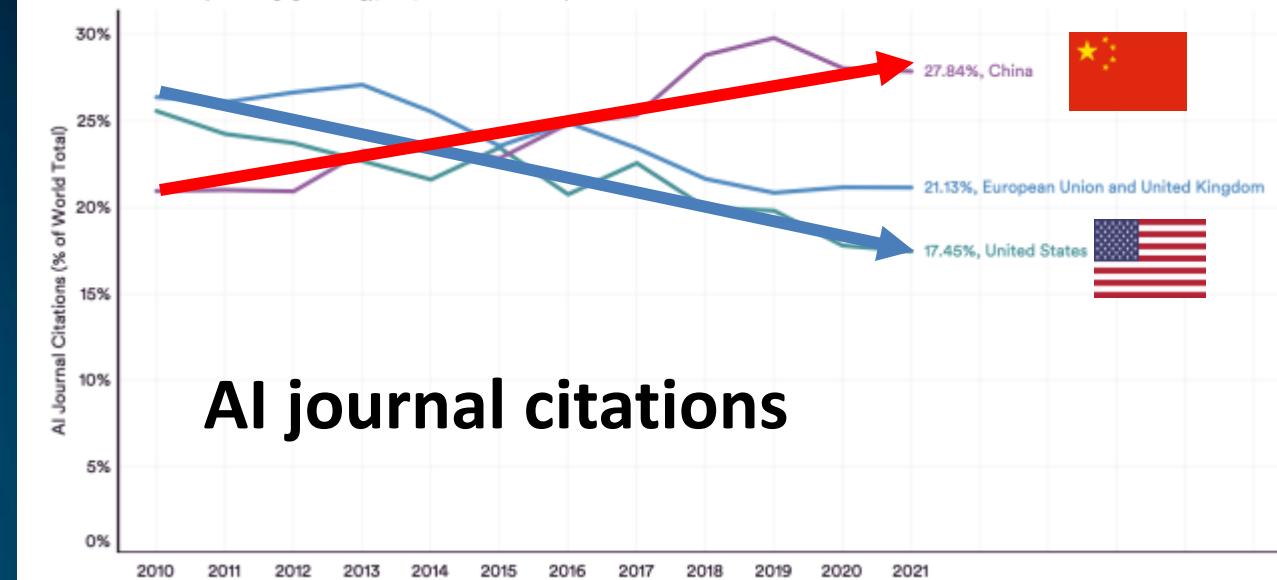
■ AI publications in merged corpus (without CNKI) ■ AI publications in CNKI





AI JOURNAL CITATIONS (% of WORLD TOTAL) by GEOGRAPHIC AREA, 2010–21

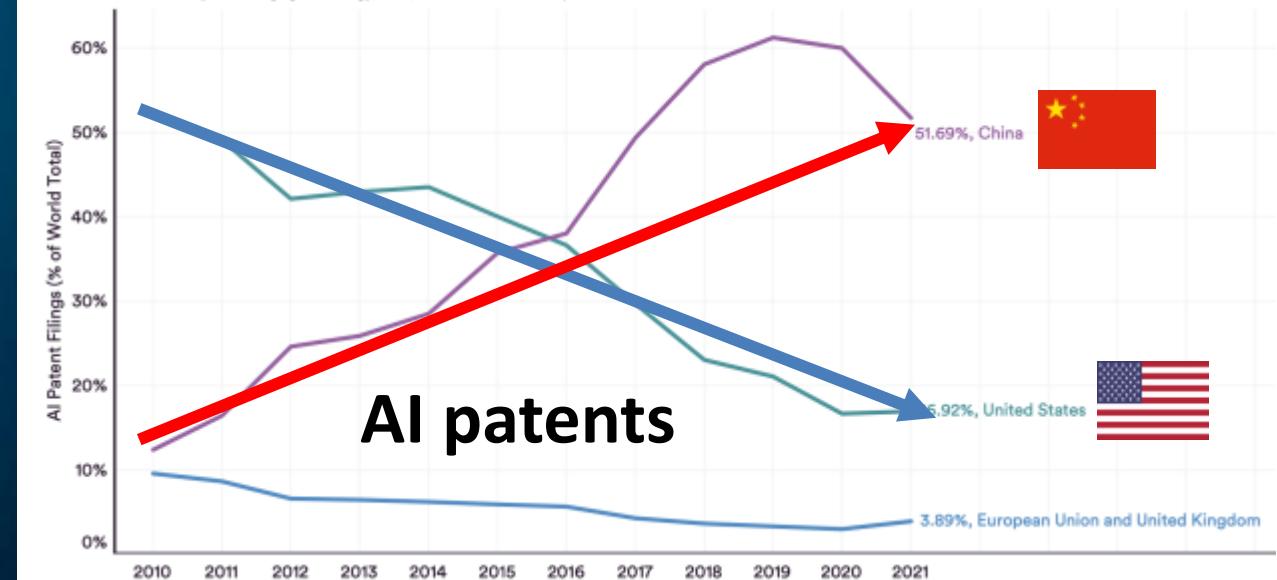
Source: Center for Security and Emerging Technology, 2021 | Chart: 2022 AI Index Report



AI journal citations

AI PATENT FILINGS (% of WORLD TOTAL) by GEOGRAPHIC AREA, 2010–21

Source: Center for Security and Emerging Technology, 2021 | Chart: 2022 AI Index Report



AI patents



GPT-4 performed at the 90th percentile on a simulated bar exam, the 93rd percentile on an SAT reading exam, and the 89th percentile on the SAT Math exam, OpenAI claimed.

15 March 2023
Launch of GPT-4
Instantly open

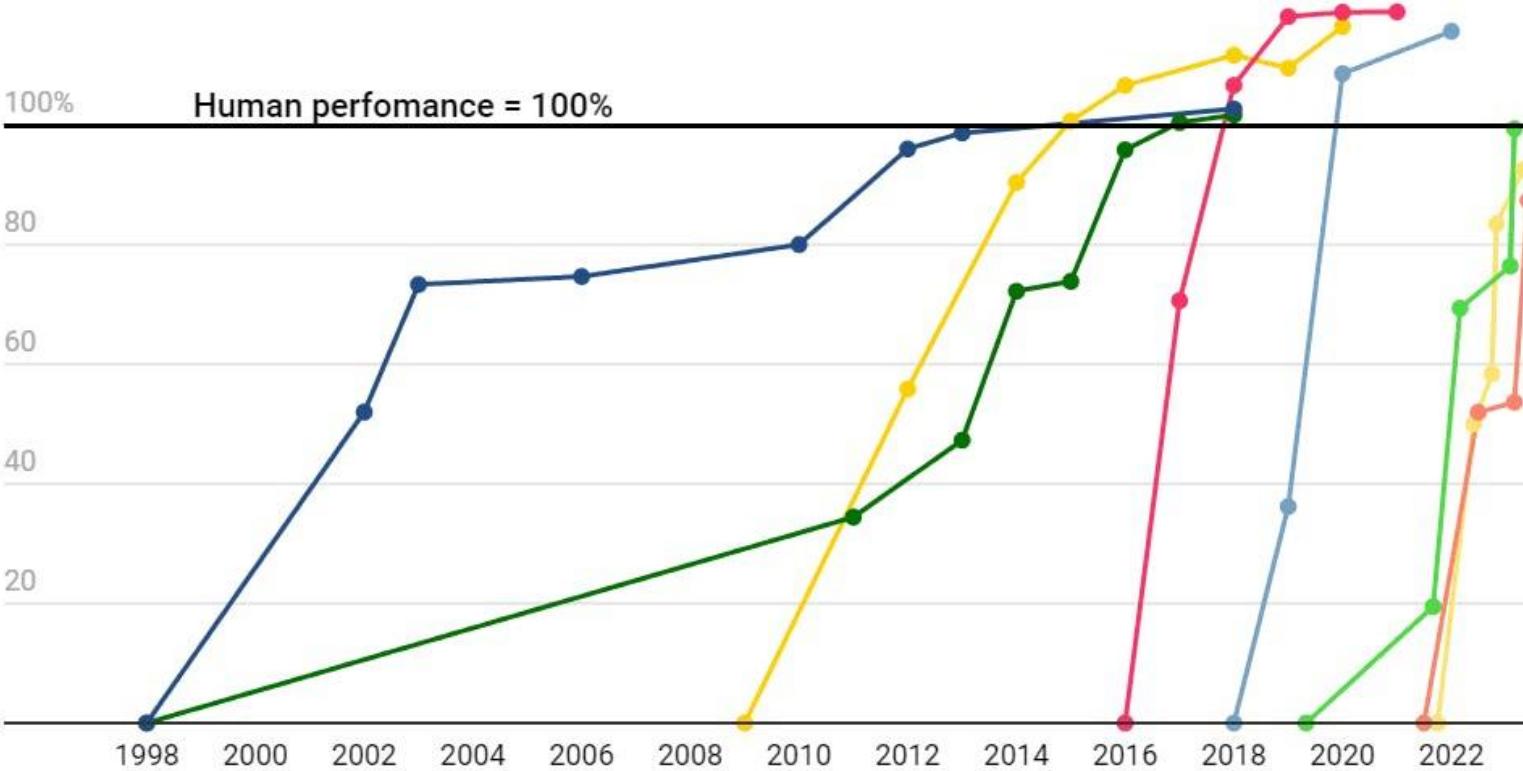


Variables trained on

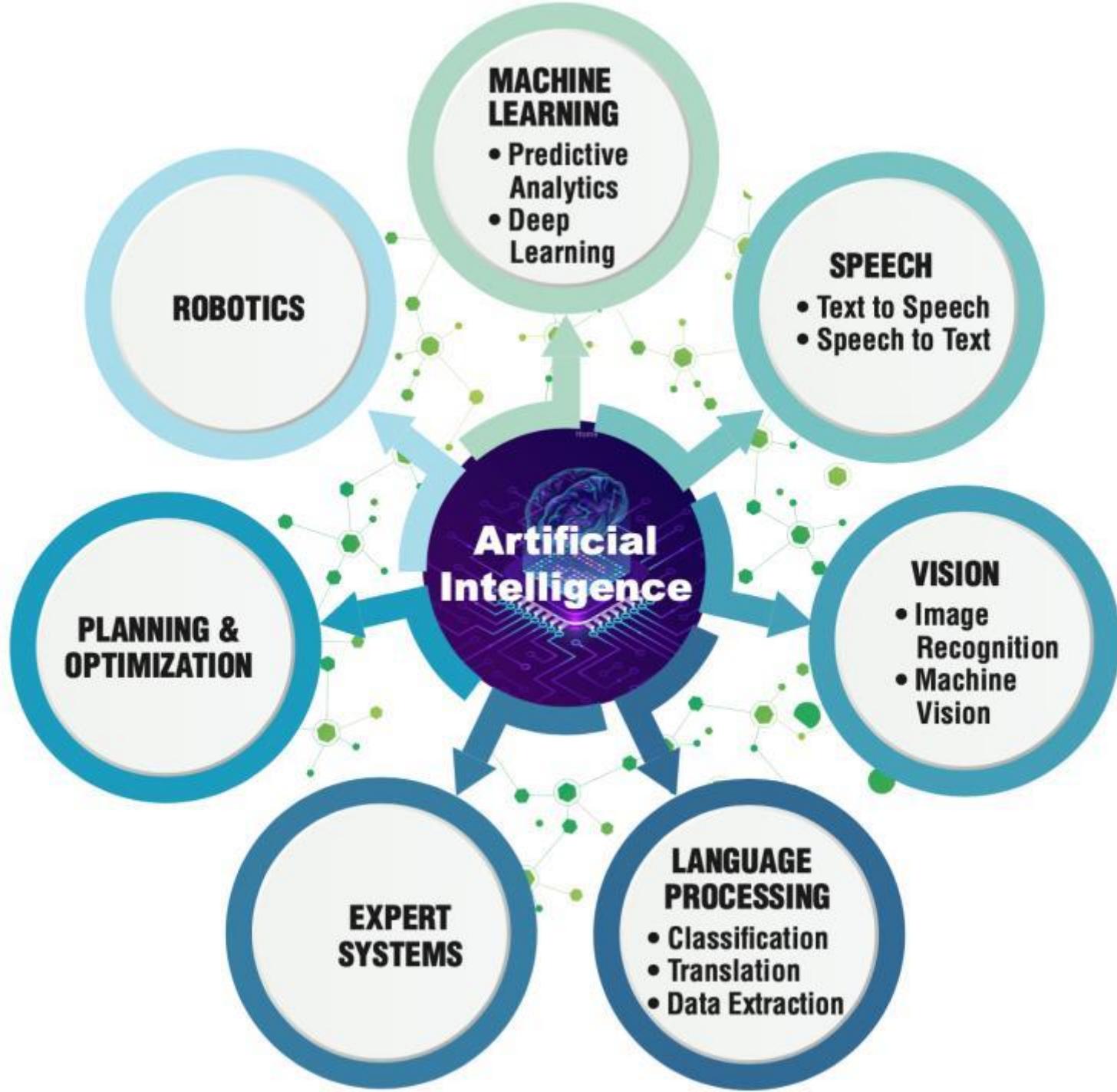
AI has surpassed humans at a number of tasks and the rate at which humans are being surpassed at new tasks is increasing

State-of-the-art AI performance on benchmarks, relative to human performance

- Handwriting recognition
- Speech recognition
- Image recognition
- Reading comprehension
- Language understanding
- Common sense completion
- Grade school math
- Code generation



For each benchmark, the maximally performing baseline reported in the benchmark paper is taken as the "starting point", which is set at 0%. Human performance number is set at 100%. Handwriting recognition = MNIST, Language understanding = GLUE, Image recognition = ImageNet, Reading comprehension = SQuAD 1.1, Reading comprehension = SQuAD 2.0, Speech recognition = Switchboard, Grade school math = GSK8k, Common sense completion = HellaSwag, Code generation = HumanEval.



A.I. use cases



**WHY, SOMETIMES
I'VE BELIEVED
AS MANY AS
SIX IMPOSSIBLE
THINGS BEFORE
BREAKFAST.**

Lewis Carroll

Through the Looking-Glass

1. **There is a better way to play chess**
2022 DeepMind: AlphaZero
2. **The structure of all proteins can be predicted from gene sequence**
2022 DeepMind: AlphaFold
3. **A computer is better than (most) lawyers**
2023 OpenAI: GPT-4
4. **A computer exceeds computational capacity of a human brain**
2022 Frontier Computer exceeds 1 exaflop
5. **AI can design drugs**
2022 – 18 AI-first drugs in clinical trials
6. **AI wins art contests**
2022 Midjourney



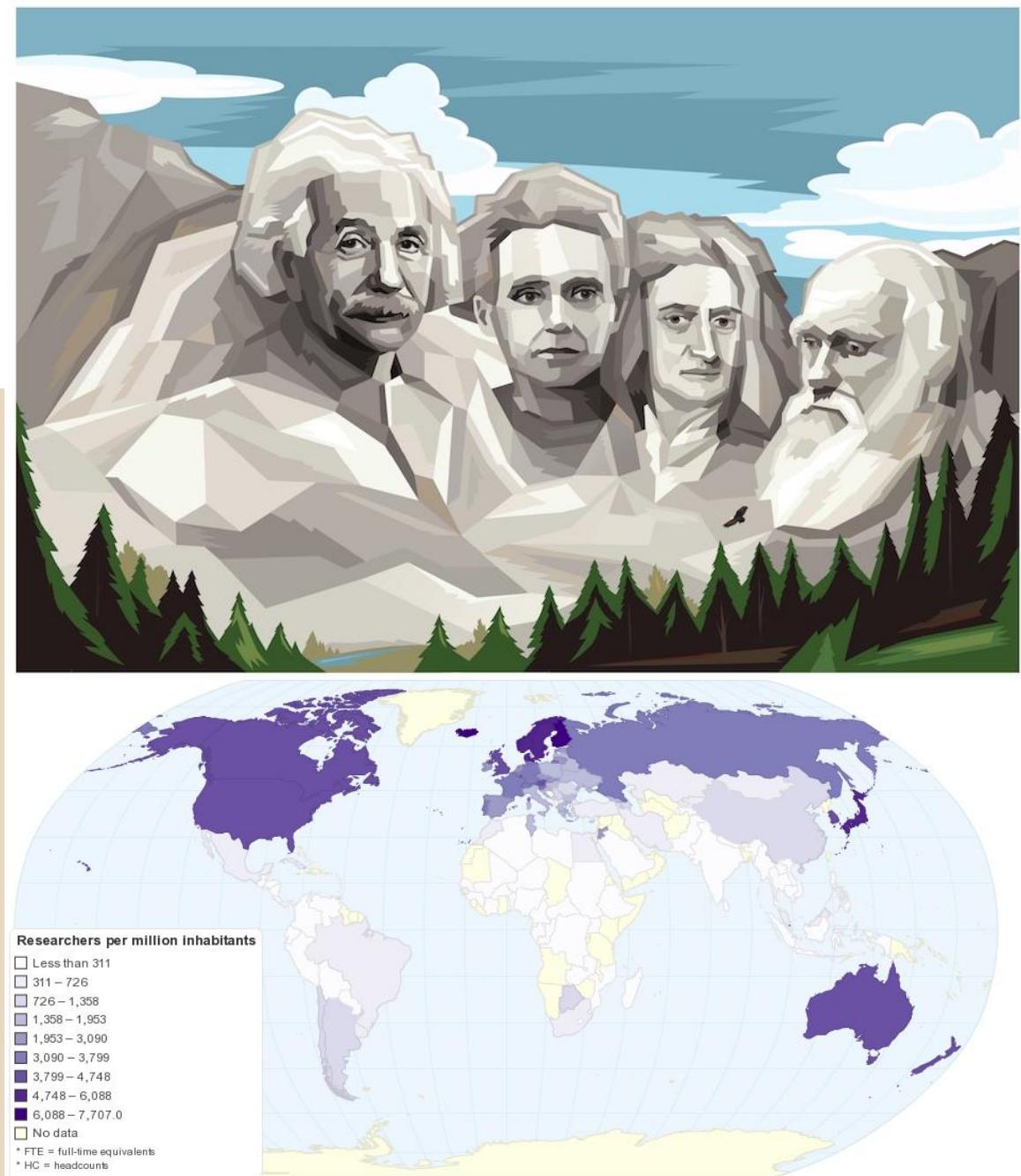
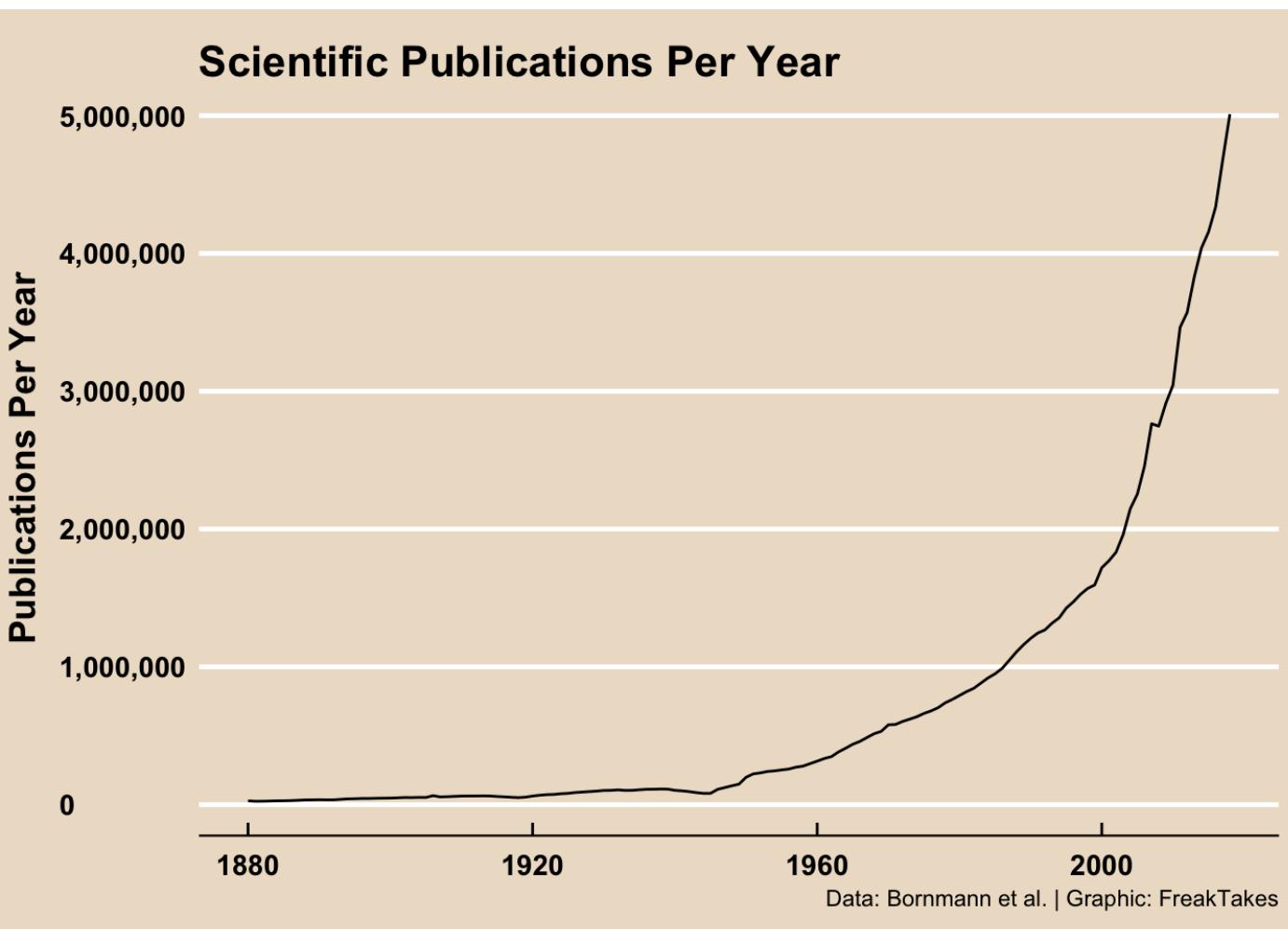


**Volume
Variety
(multi-modal)
Velocity**

<https://www.e-marketing.fr/Thematique/data-1091/big-data-2223/Breves/Tout-faut-savoir-big-data-363012.htm>

AI is making Big Sense of Big Data

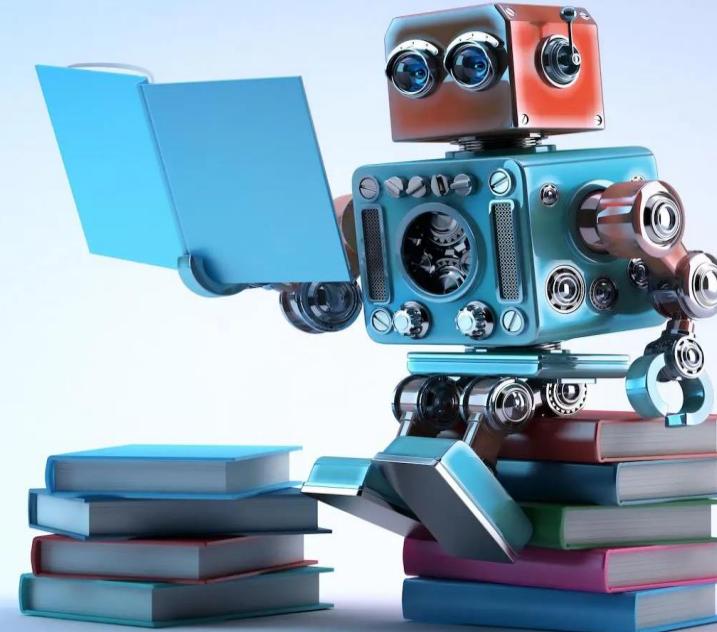
8.8 million researchers world-wide



Researchers per million inhabitants



Data extraction from literature, reports & databases



Multi-modal

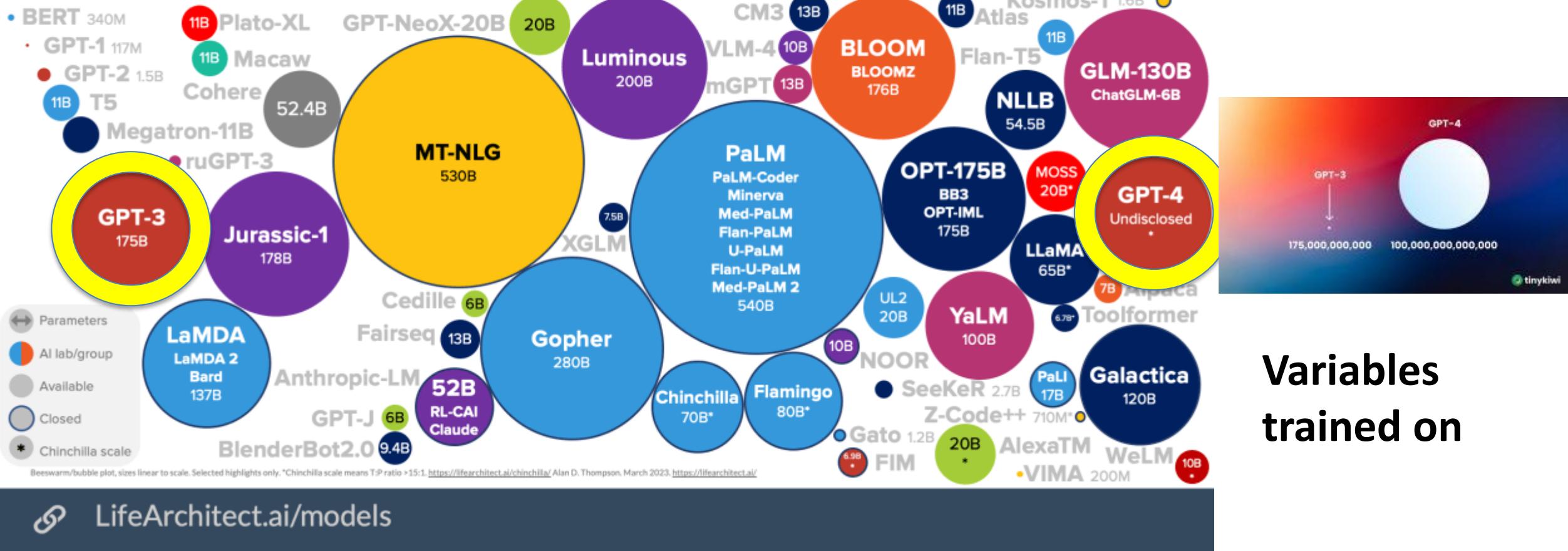
Science & Health 9%

Includes: Medical Resources, Science, Health Care Services, Nutrition & Dieting

TOP SITES

1. journals.plos.org
2. frontiersin.org
3. link.springer.com
4. ncbi.nlm.nih.gov
5. nature.com

LANGUAGE MODEL SIZES TO MAR/2023



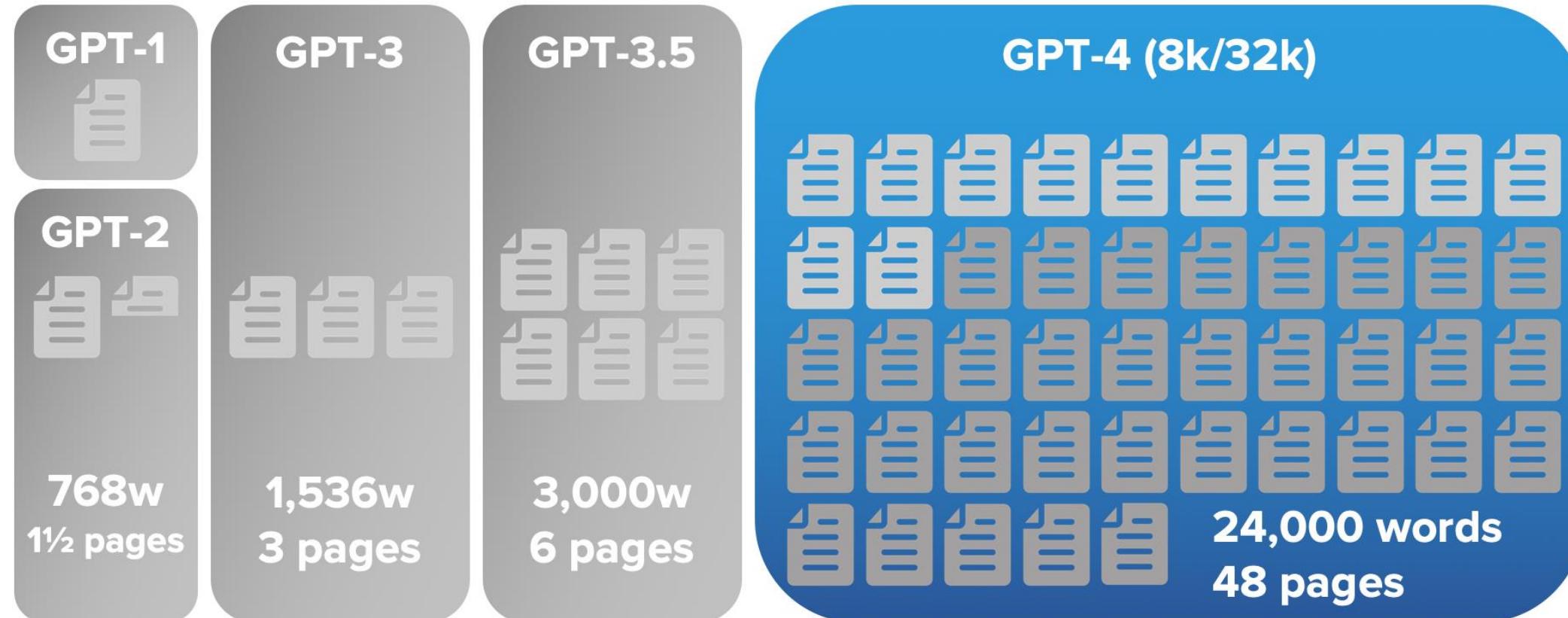
Variables
 trained on

LifeArchitect.ai/models

14 March 2023 Launch of GPT-4

<https://lifearchitect.ai/gpt-4/>

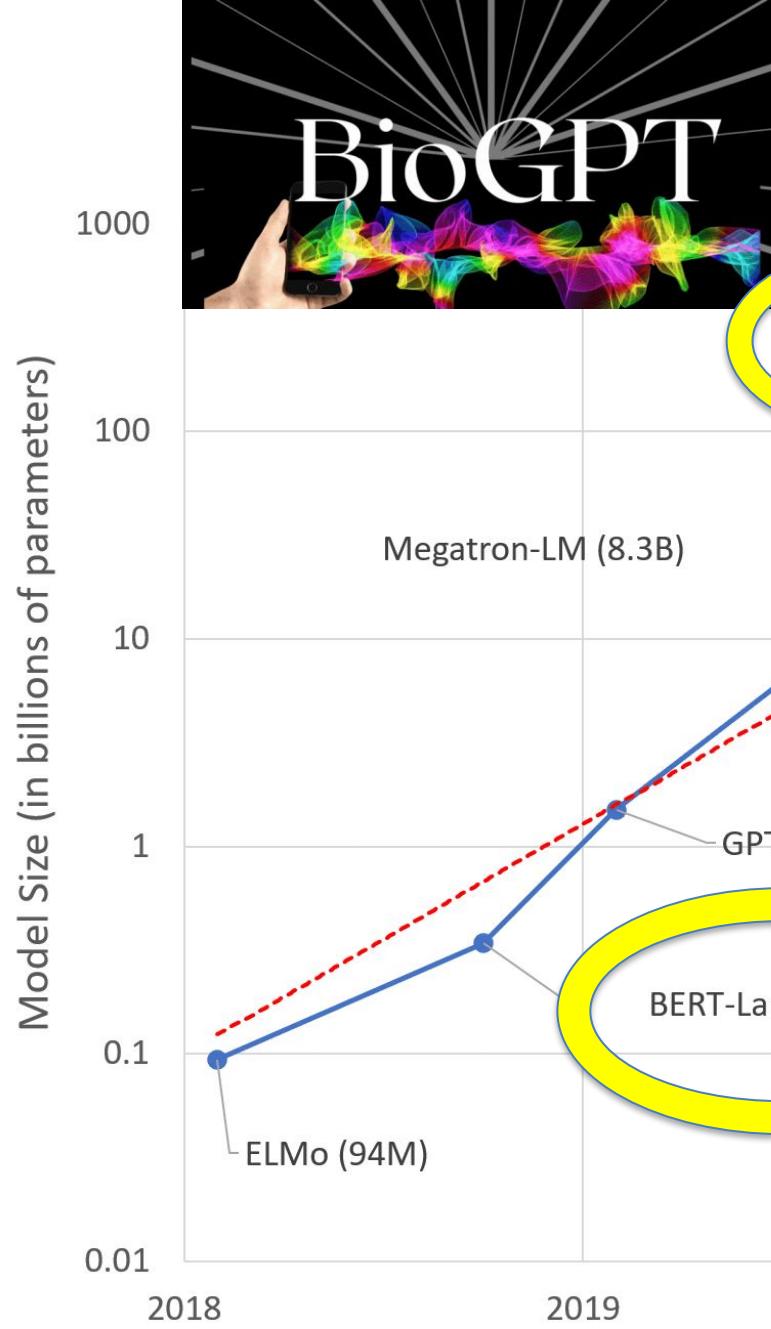
GPT-4 CONTEXT WINDOW (MAX IN/OUT LENGTH)



Not to scale. Using rounded figures of 1 token = 0.75 words (e.g. 32,000 tokens = 24,000 words), 500 words = 1 page. Paper icons created by Anggara - Flaticon. Alan D. Thompson. March 2023. <https://lifearchitect.ai/gpt-4/>



LifeArchitect.ai/gpt-4



BioGPT and human annotator have comparable performance in biomedical research test

Selected performances on PubMedQA, which tests biomedical language processing

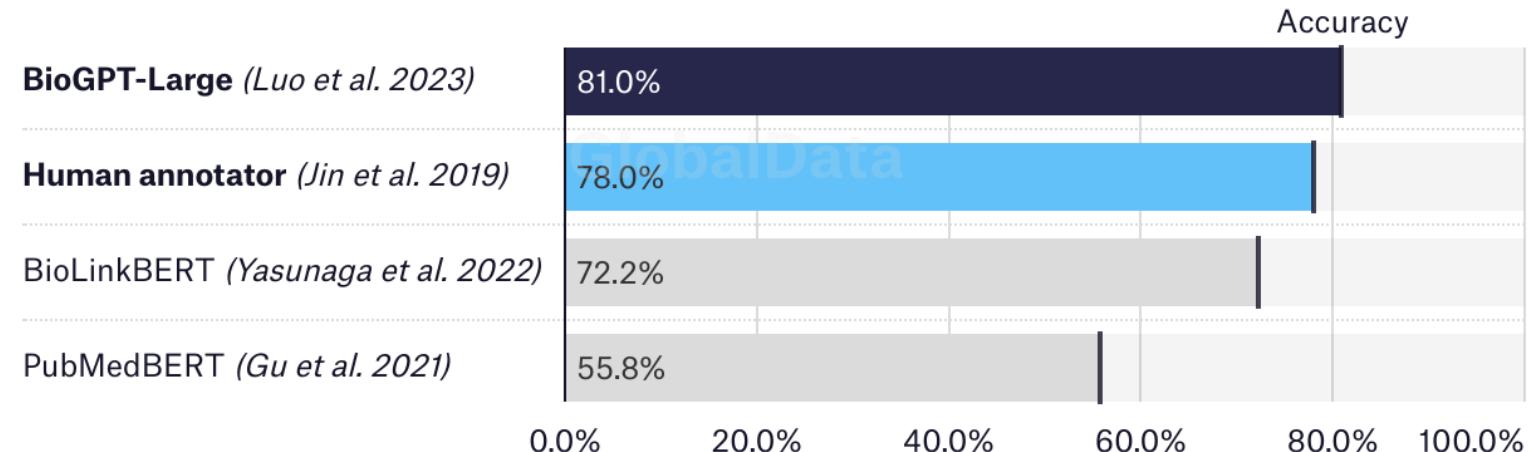
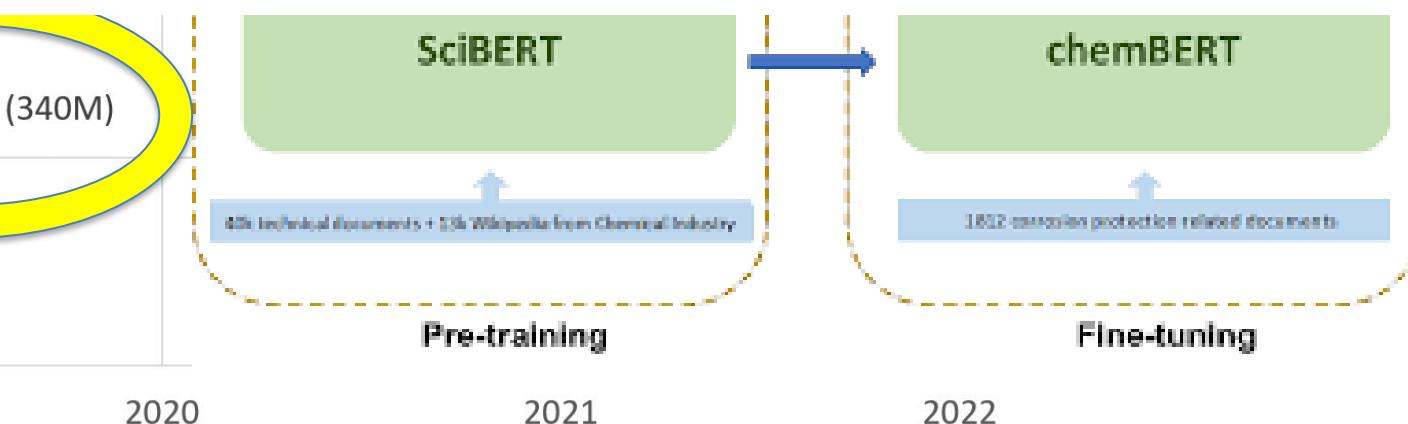


Chart: GlobalData • Source: PubMedQA



	PRE - 2020	2020	2022	2023?	2025?	2030?
TEXT	Spam detection Translation Basic Q&A	Basic copy writing First drafts	Longer form Second drafts	Vertical fine tuning gets good (scientific papers, etc)	Final drafts better than the human average	Final drafts better than professional writers
CODE	1-line auto-complete	Multi-line generation	Longer form Better accuracy	More languages More verticals	Text to product (draft)	Text to product (final), better than full-time developers
IMAGES			Art Logos	Mock-ups (product design, architecture, etc.)	Final drafts (product design, architecture, etc.)	Final drafts better than professional artists, designers, photographers
A personal take on science and society						Nature 20 Apr 2023
<h1>World view</h1> <h2>Open generative AI models are a way forward for science</h2>						
 <p>By Arthur Spirling</p>						
<p>AI Roblox Video games and movies are personalized dreams</p>						
<p>Second drafts</p>						
<p>Almost there</p>						Ready for prime time

Researchers should stop using proprietary large language models and develop transparent ones to ensure reproducibility.



be the same, or even whether the technology will still be supported? GPT-3, released last November by OpenAI in San Francisco, California, has already been supplanted by GPT-4, and presumably supporting the older LLM will soon

“Can you take AI out of the wild
and should you?”



Thomas Hartung

Johns Hopkins University

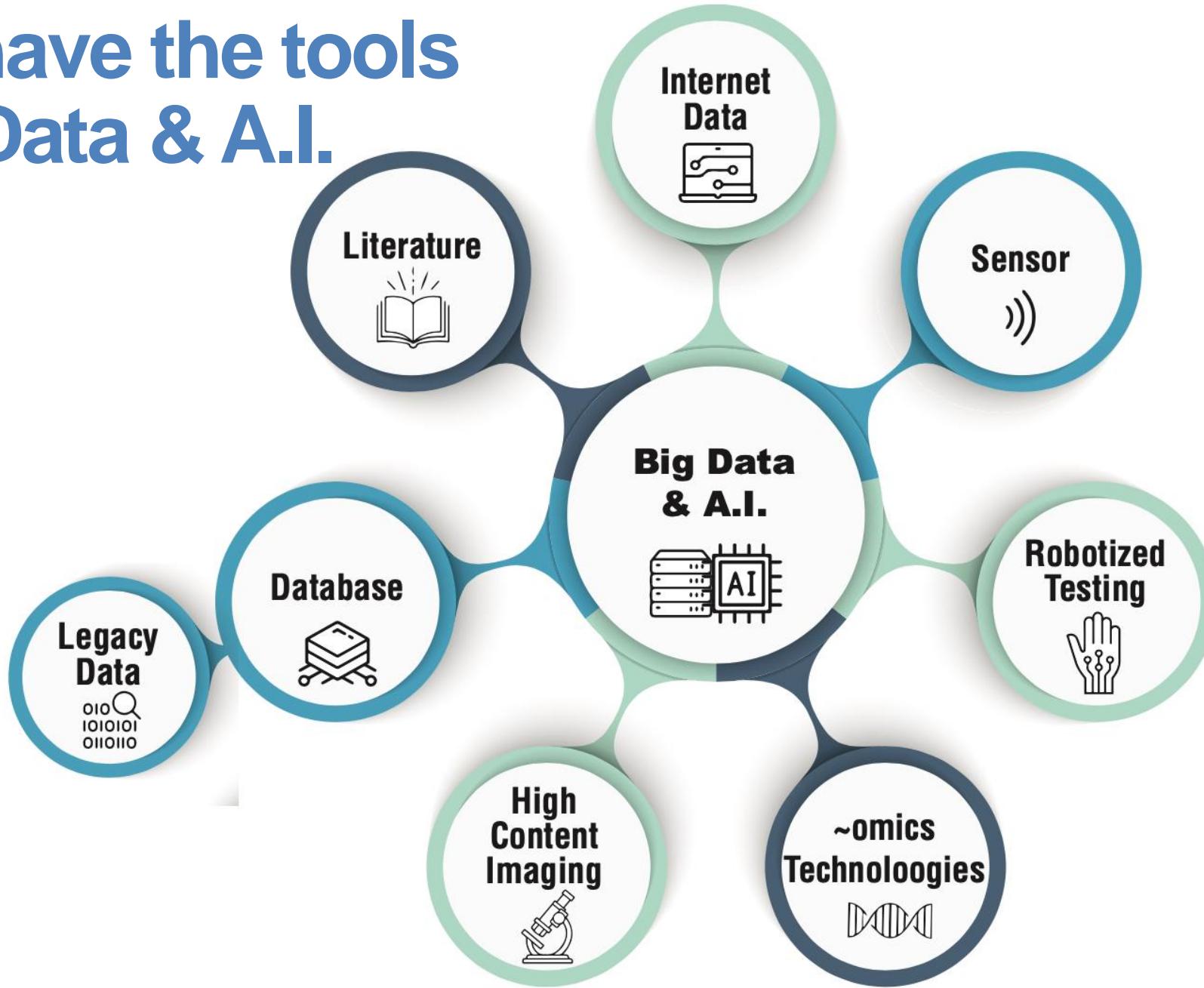
Field Chief Editor *Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence*

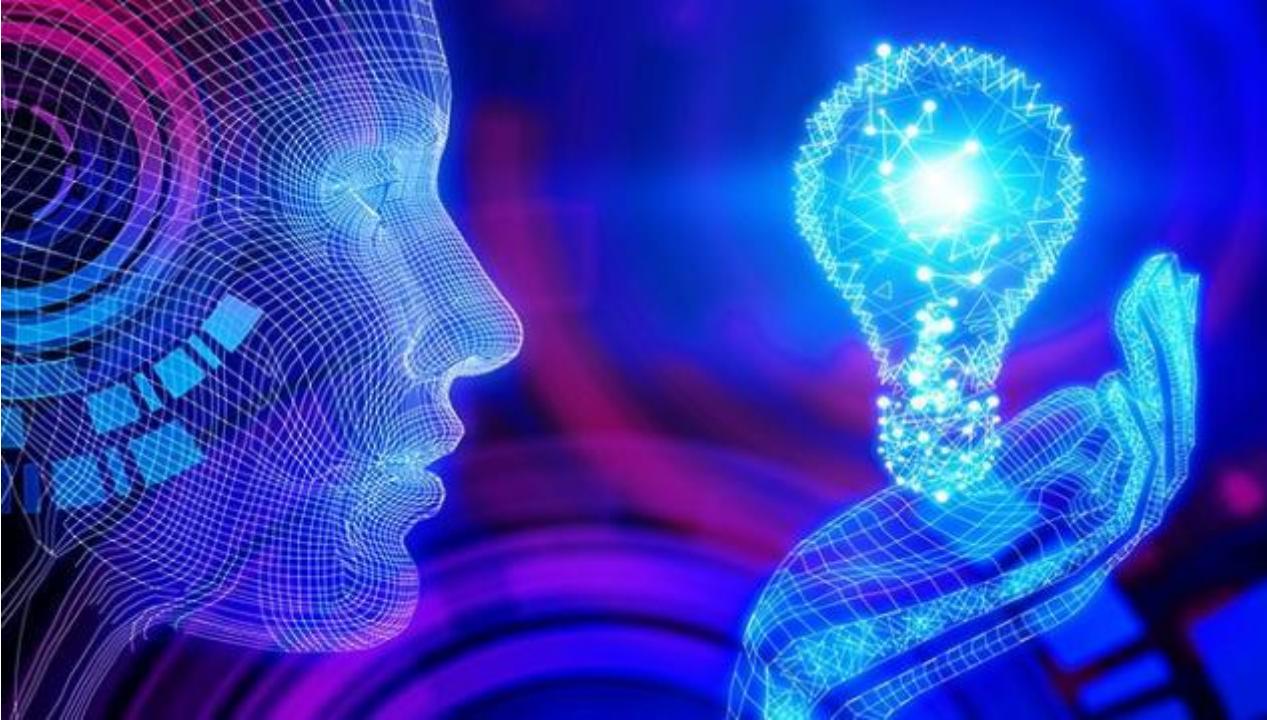


**Test case: GPT-4 written response (included as supplement)
“summarize, praise, criticize” – very solid result
Trend “to the middle”, the most probable!**

**Forces us to focus on ideas, inspiration, experience, opinion...
“Food for thought”**

We have the tools Big Data & A.I.





**9 most common toxicity tests
190,000 chemical's hazard
cross-validation:
87% correct**

<https://sfmagazine.com/technotes/february-2019-wipo-u-s-and-china-lead-the-world-in-ai-innovation/>

ACCEPTED MANUSCRIPT

Machine learning of toxicological big data enables read-across structure activity relationships (RASAR) outperforming animal test reproducibility



Thomas Luechtefeld, Dan Marsh, Craig Rowlands, Thomas Hartung

Toxicological Sciences, kfy152, <https://doi.org/10.1093/toxsci/kfy152>

Published: 11 July 2018



TOXICOLOGY

Science, 12 Feb 2016

A crystal ball for chemical safety

By comparing new chemicals to known compounds, toxicologists seek early hazard warnings

nature International weekly journal of science

Home News & Comment Research Careers & Jobs Current Issue Archive Audio & Video The Lab

News & Comment News 2016 February Article

INSTITUTE | AUTHOR

Legal tussle delays launch of huge toxicity database

Health risks of nearly 10,000 chemicals charted to help predict toxicity of untested substances.

nature Gitter

nature International weekly journal of science

Home News & Comment Research News 11 JUNE 2016

Software beats animal tests at predicting toxicity of chemicals

Machine learning on mountain of safety data improves automated assessments.

Science Home News Journals Topics Careers Advertisement

Login | My account | Search in

40

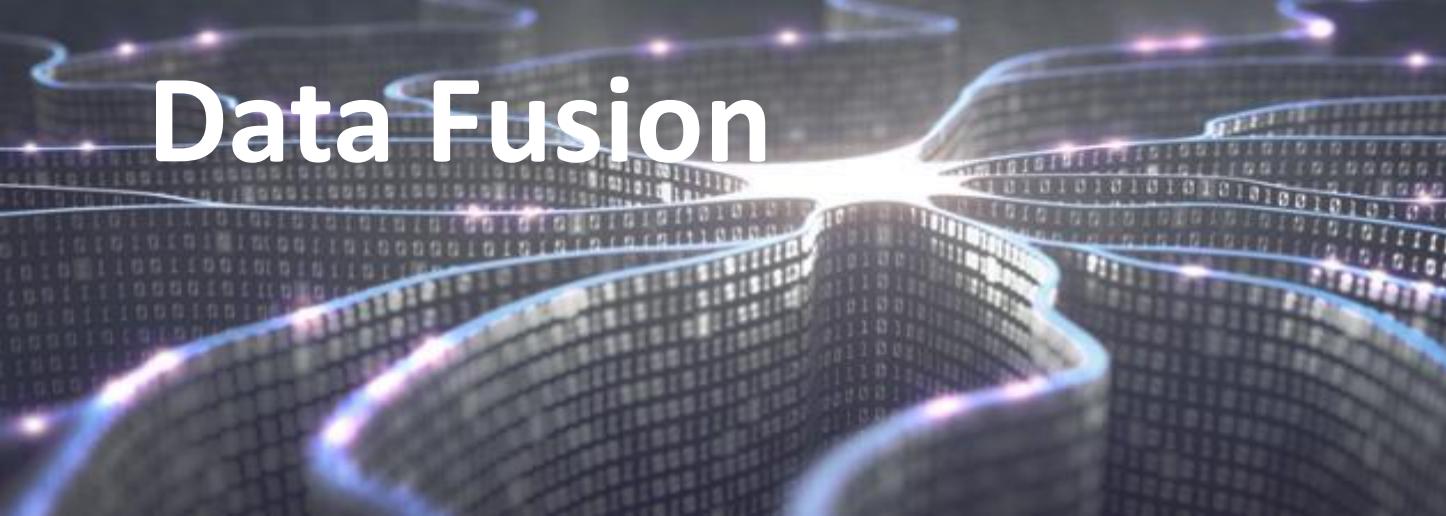
Facebook Twitter LinkedIn YouTube

An estimated 3 million to 4 million rabbits, rats, and other animals are used annually around the world for chemical safety tests. GARNET DOWN/ALAMY STOCK PHOTO

New digital chemical screening tool could help eliminate animal testing

By Vanessa Zajetnik | Jul. 11, 2018, 11:00 AM

Data Fusion

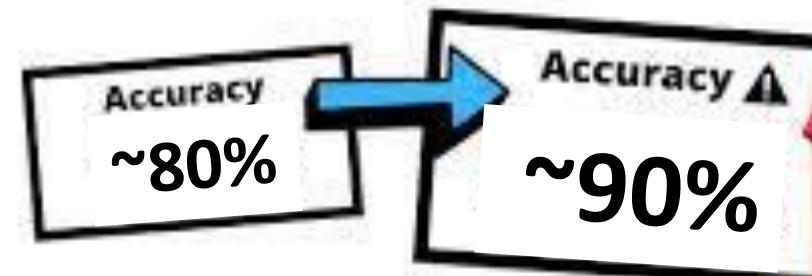


The power of transfer learning

When looking for eye irritants,
look also for neighbors' information on skin
irritation, chemical reactivity etc.



TRANSFER LEARNING



AI Animal Replacement

2018: Nine most used animal tests

AI predicted 190,000 chemicals 87% correctly

Animal reproducibility 81%

2020: Human Skin Sensitization

AI predicted 506 chemicals 80% correctly

Animal 74% correct

2022: Nine most used animal tests predicted by AI

AI predicted 4700+ food chemicals 83% correctly in 1h

= 38,000 animal studies at \$250+ million

2023: Systemic toxicities

AI predicted 75% cancer risk of 950 chemicals and 82% reproductive tox of 1152 chemicals correctly

Read-Across-based Structure-Activity Relationship Predictions for Reproductive Toxicity and Carcinogenicity with Deep Learning and Domain of Applicability Definition



#3704
Tue CompTox II

Thomas Luechtefeld, Craig Rowlands and Thomas Hartung

Frontiers in AI, Research Topic “Leveraging Artificial Intelligence and Open Science for Toxicological Risk Assessment”

Poster Board Number P189
Read-Across-Based Structure-Activity Relationship Predictions for Reproductive Toxicity and Carcinogenicity with Deep Learning and Domain of Applicability Definition. C. Rowlands. UL Solutions, Northbrook, IL.

In preparation

Source	Descriptive Name	Sensitivity %	Specificity %	BAC %	ACC %	Coverage %
ECHA	Reproductive Toxicity 1152	82	82	82	82	81
ECHA	Carcinogenicity 950	75	80	77	78	76
OPERA	Androgen Receptor Binding 8606	100	98	99	98	99
OPERA	Androgen Receptor Agonist 8492	98	98	98	98	95
OPERA	Androgen Receptor Antagonist 8771	97	97	97	97	99

Astonishingly good prediction of complex systemic hazards

Excellent prediction of Tox21c assays

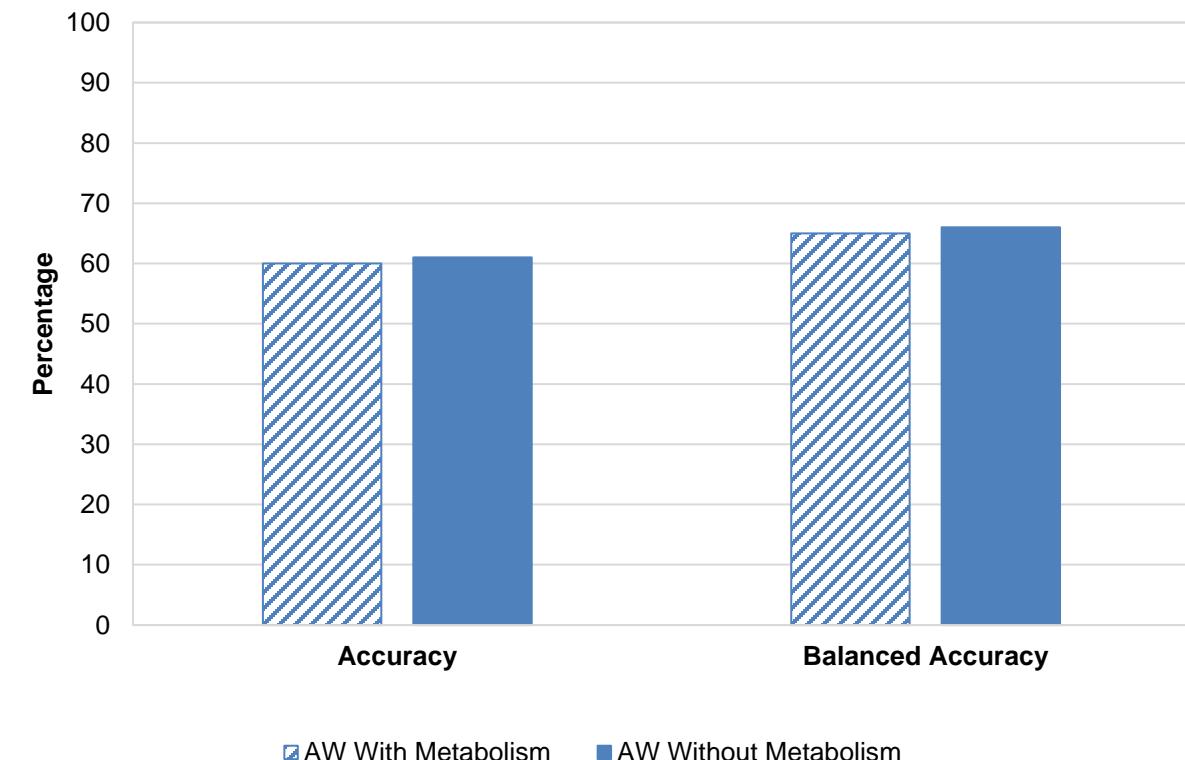


The Good, The Bad, and The Perplexing: Structural Alerts and Read-Across for Predicting Skin Sensitization Using Human Data

Emily Golden, Daniel C. Ukaegbu, Peter Ranslow, Robert H. Brown, Thomas Hartung, and Alexandra Maertens*

- The metabolism feature for OECD QSAR Toolbox offered no improvement in accuracy for this data set
- Suggests there are specific areas of chemical space where metabolism is more useful than others

Metabolism Did Not Improve Model Accuracy



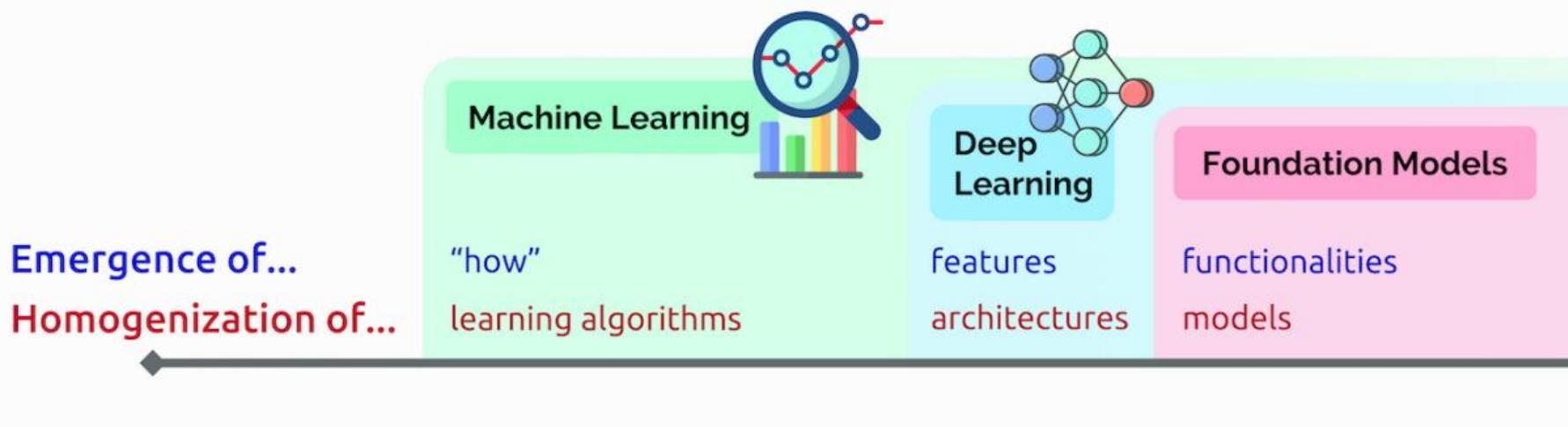
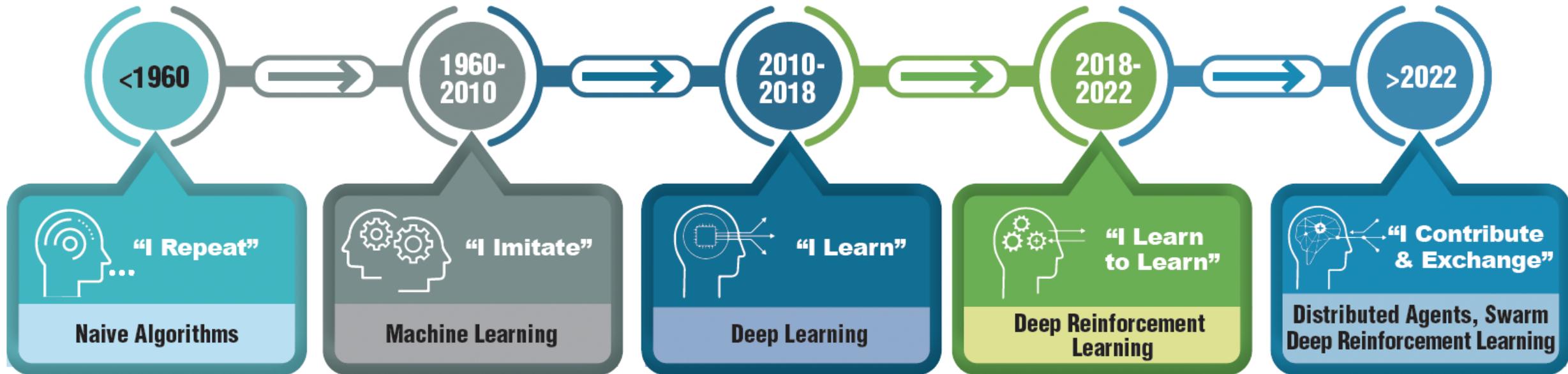
The vast majority of flame retardants (95%) and their metabolites (99%) are not present in spectral databases.

When exposures are more than the sum of their parts: using *in silico* tools to predict flame retardant metabolites for more informative exposomics-based approaches

Breanne Kincaid¹, Przemyslaw Piechota¹, Emily Golden¹, Mikhail Maertens¹, Thomas Hartung^{1, 2}, Alexandra Maertens^{1*}

In silico tools such as metabolite prediction software, QSAR- ready structural conversion workflows, and molecular standards databases can aid in identifying novel compounds in untargeted mass spectral investigations, permitting the assessment of a more expansive pool of compounds for human health hazard.

History of Machine Learning / A.I.



- Unsupervised or self-supervised learning
- Large (deep) neural networks
- Not intended for any particular end-goal
- Intended to serve as "foundation", then fine-tune
- Trained on multimodal data

Watershed moment

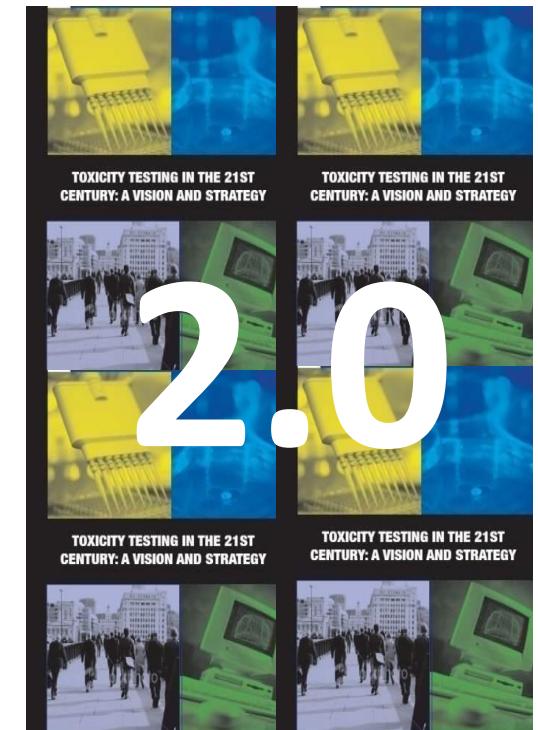
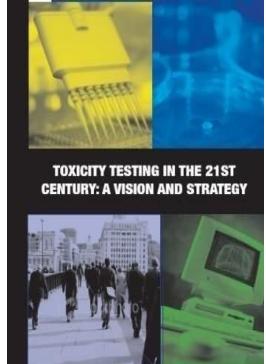
2007 NRC report



Toxicity testing in the 21st century: progress in the past decade
and future perspectives

Arch Toxicol 2019

D. Krewski^{1,2,4} · M. E. Andersen³ · M. G. Tyshenko^{2,4} · K. Krishnan^{2,5} · T. Hartung^{6,13} · K. Boekelheide⁷ ·
J. F. Wambaugh⁸ · D. Jones⁹ · M. Whelan¹⁰ · R. Thomas⁸ · C. Yauk¹¹ · T. Barton-Maclaren¹¹ · I. Cote¹²





Future Directions
Workshop: Advancing
the Next Scientific
Revolution in
Toxicology

April 28-29, 2022

Thomas Hartung, Johns Hopkins University, University of Konstanz,
and Georgetown University

Ana Navas-Acien, Columbia University

Weisueh Chiu, Texas A&M University

Prepared by
Kari Klein, Virginia Tech Applied Research Corporation
Matthew Peters, Virginia Tech Applied Research Corporation
Shanni Silberberg, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense
(Research & Engineering), Basic Research Office

Future Directions Workshop series
Workshop sponsored by the Basic Research Office, Office of
the Under Secretary of Defense for Research & Engineering



Released to the US Government Only and its Contractors | Unclassified

Call for a Human Exposome Project



1. **Exposure-driven**
2. **Technology-enabled**
3. **Evidence-integrated**

Future Directions Workshop: Advancing the Next Scientific Revolution in Toxicology

Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering OUSD(R&E)

April 28–29, 2022

Arlington, VA

Food for Thought ...

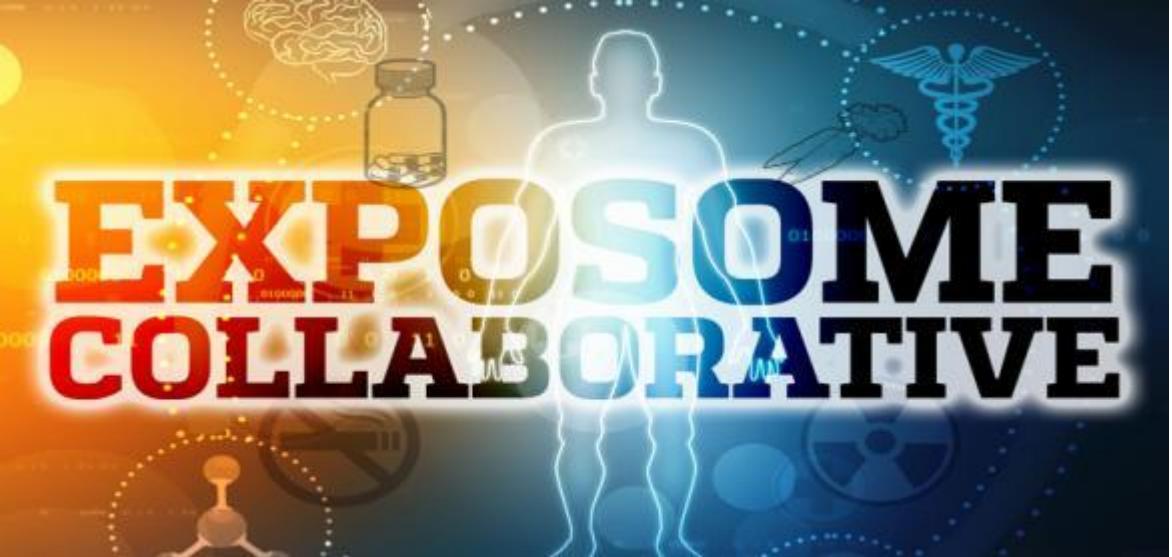
ALTEX 2023

A Call for a Human Exposome Project

Thomas Hartung^{1,2}

www.alternatives2toxicology.org





Fenna Sillé

AI & exposure



Johns Hopkins
Discovery
Awards

ALTEX 2020, 37, 3-23

“Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.”
George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

“If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.”
Wayne Dyer (1940-2015)

Food for Thought ...

The Exposome – a New Approach for Risk Assessment

Fenna Sillé¹, Spyros Karakitsios², Andre Kleensang¹, Kirsten Koehler¹, Alexandra Maertens¹, Gary W. Miller³, Carsten Prasse¹, Lesliam Quiros-Alcalá¹, Gurumurthy Ramachandran¹, Stephen M. Rappaport⁴, Ana M. Rule¹, Denis Sarigiannis^{2,5}, Lena Smirnova¹ and Thomas Hartung^{1,6}

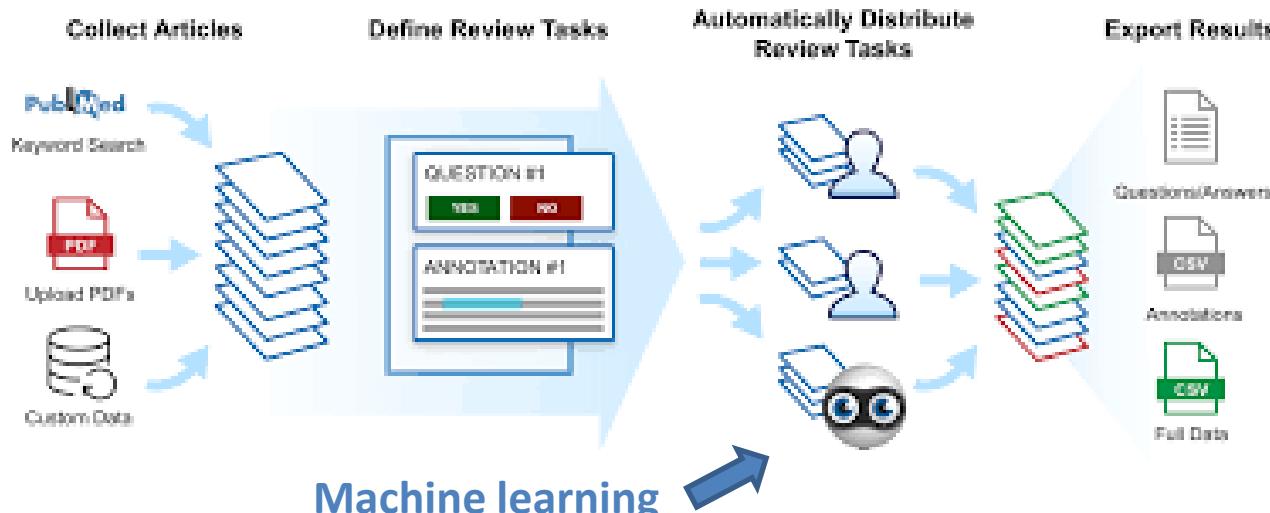


Exposome
& AI
= EI
(Exposome
Intelligence)



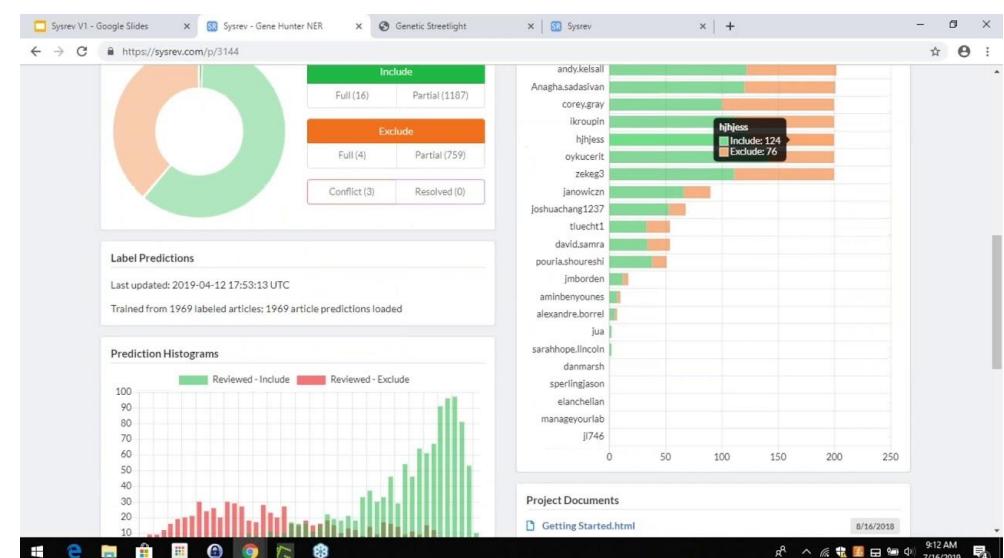
EU ONTOX project (\$20 million, 2021-2026) to address liver, kidney and developing brain

ToxTRACK



Semi-automated systematic review:

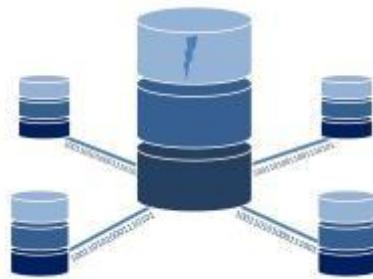
- Auto-extract /annotate papers
- Auto-analyze clustering of papers
- Learn from manual inclusion / exclusion
- Automated inclusion / exclusion suggestions
- Natural Entity Recognition & Causal Relationship Extraction
- Feed into ontologies and AI
- chatGPT -> bioGPT -> toxGPT (?)



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoUbMAvxBSZpOlqKjOkxNzQ/videos>



Literature



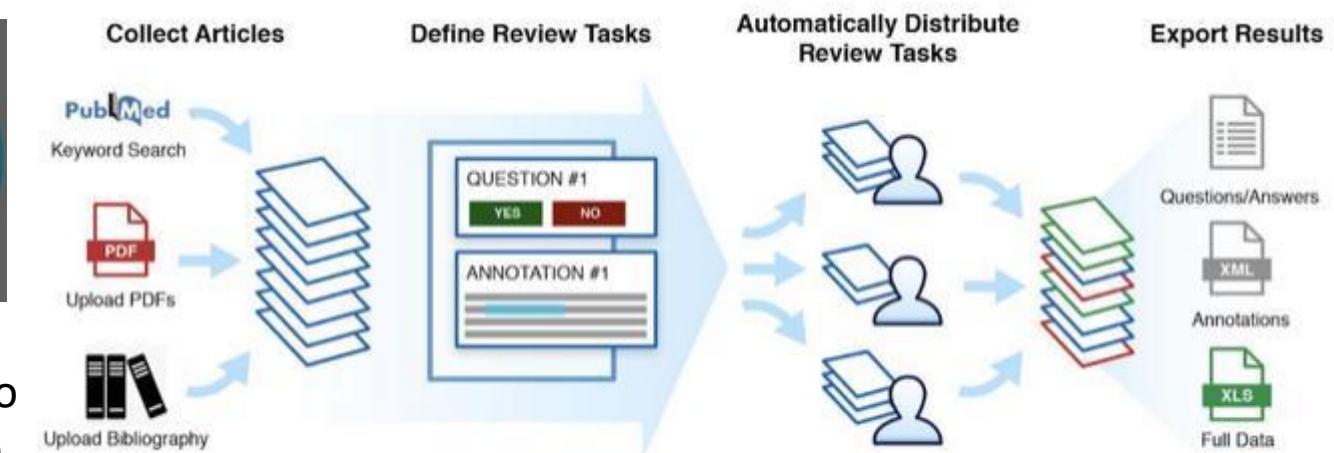
Databases



Internet



<https://www.youtube.com/c/SysRev?app=desktop>



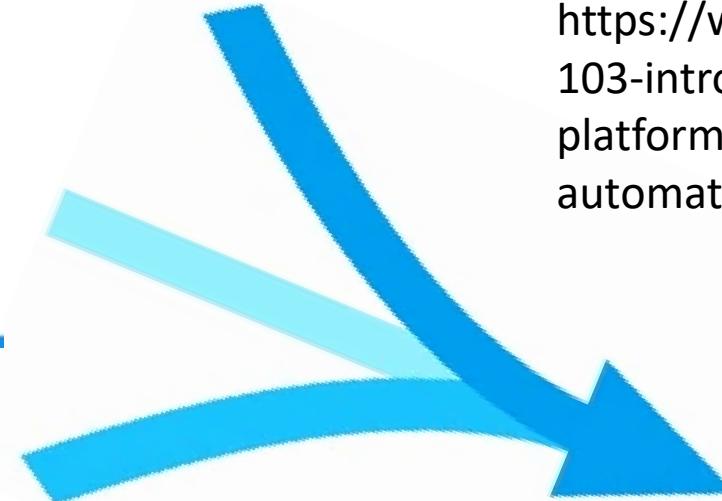
Graphic showing the document review workflow on Sysrev.com

<https://www.biopharmatrend.com/post/103-introducing-sysrev-the-intelligent-platform-for-document-review-and-automated-data-extraction/>

biobricks-ai/
bricktools

a set of tools for auditing bricks

4 3 Contributors 1 Issue 1 Star 0 Forks



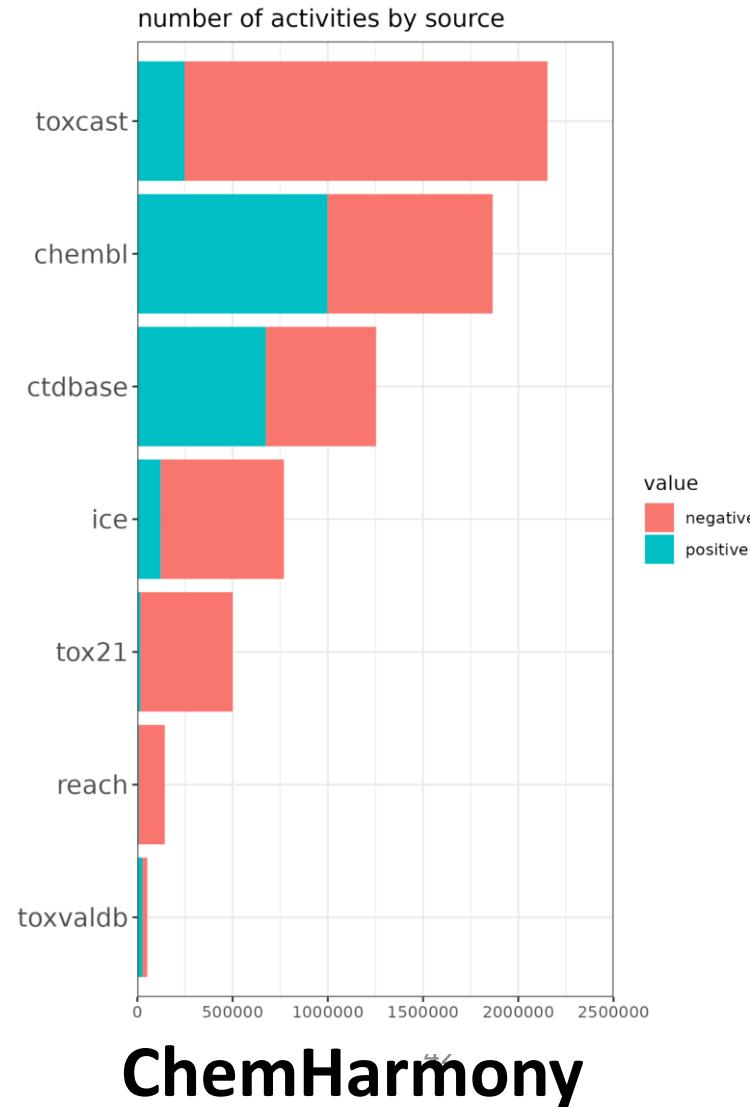
DATA

Chemchart

<http://chemchart.com>

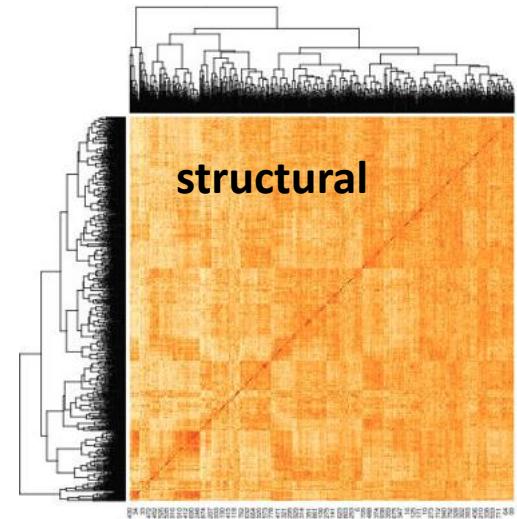
Establishment of a big data platform and data gap filling for integration of collected data

- **Biobricks toolset for hosting, querying, and distributing big data for predictive tox**
- **~50 BioBricks constructed to date**
- **ChemHarmony:**
integrates chembl, pubchem, ctdbase etc.:
200 million triplets of substance/property/result
- **Building querying functionality**
- **Public release of toxicology BioBricks upcoming**

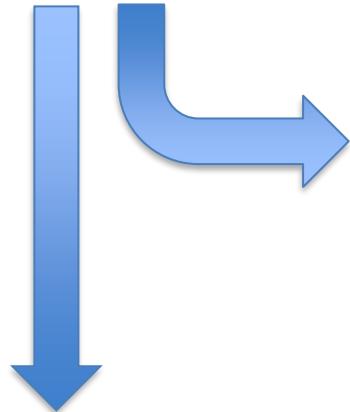


Set-up and application of machine learning/deep learning approaches to predict probability of chemical hazard and potency

We can do 1 trillion comparisons per hour on a “normal” computer!



DATA



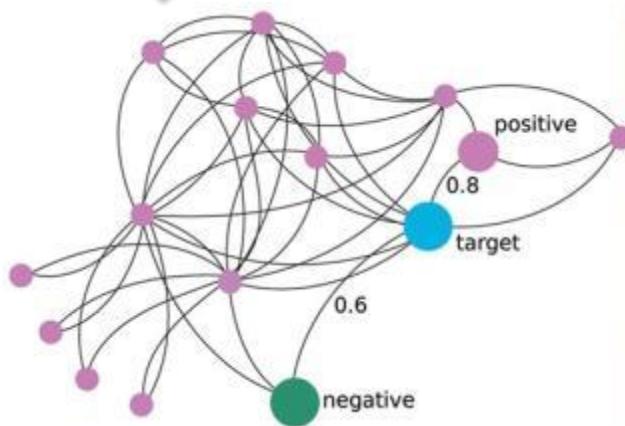
SBML

Systems Biology
Markup Language
CellDesigner™

PMDEP App

<https://youtu.be/YG0gjm&GD5K>

SBtab



RASAR
+ QSAR

Probability of hazard

From perturbation of physiology



From chemical structure and properties

The problem

toxic

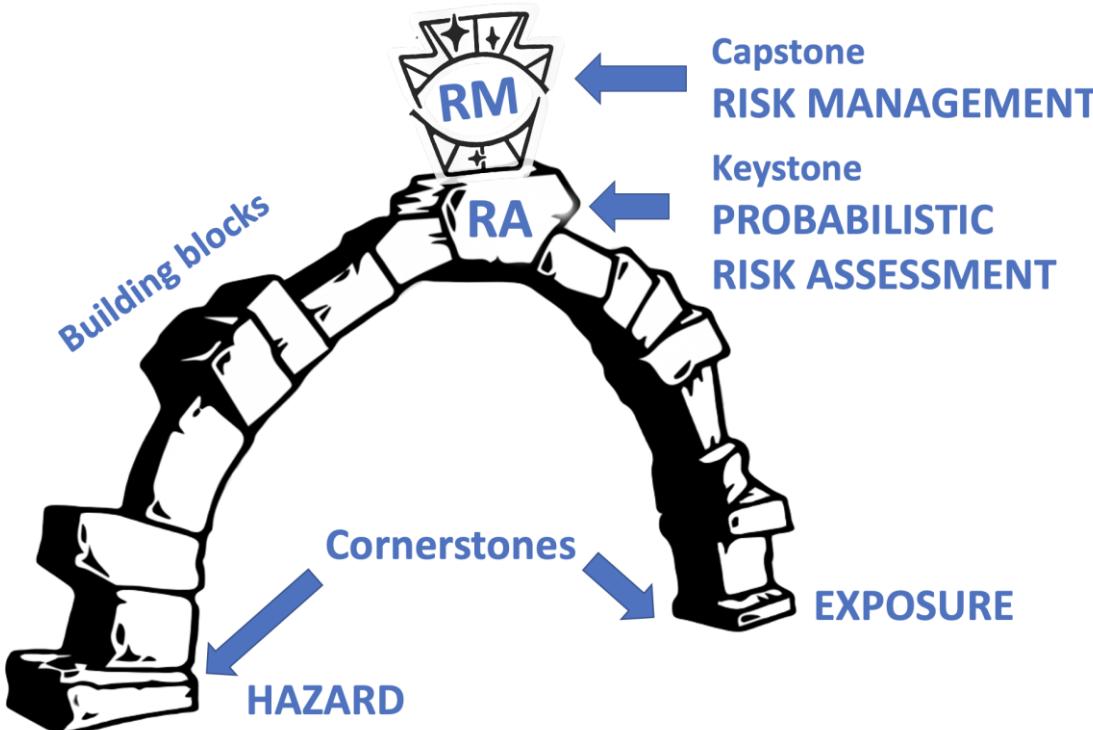
non-toxic

reality
= uncertainty

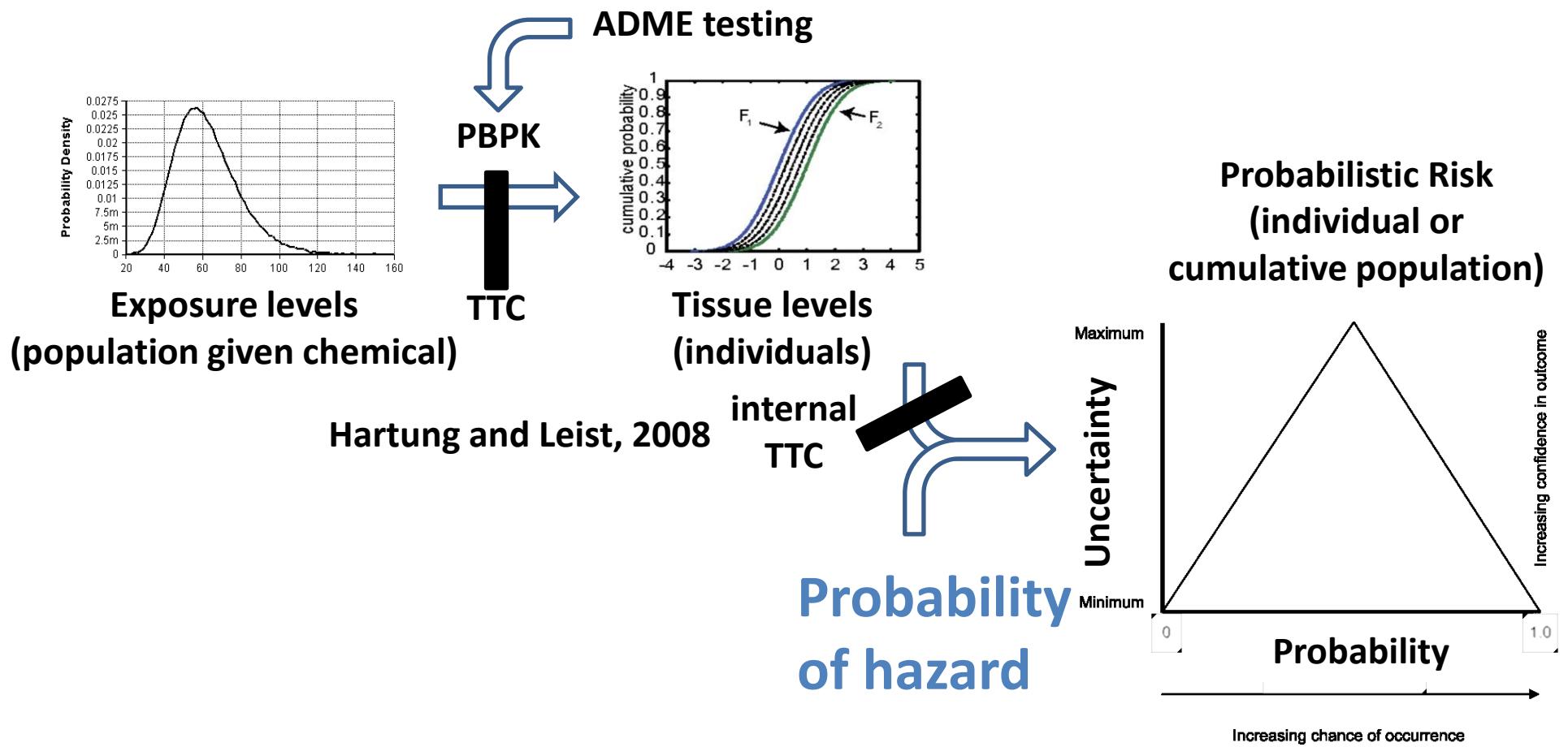
Food for Thought ...

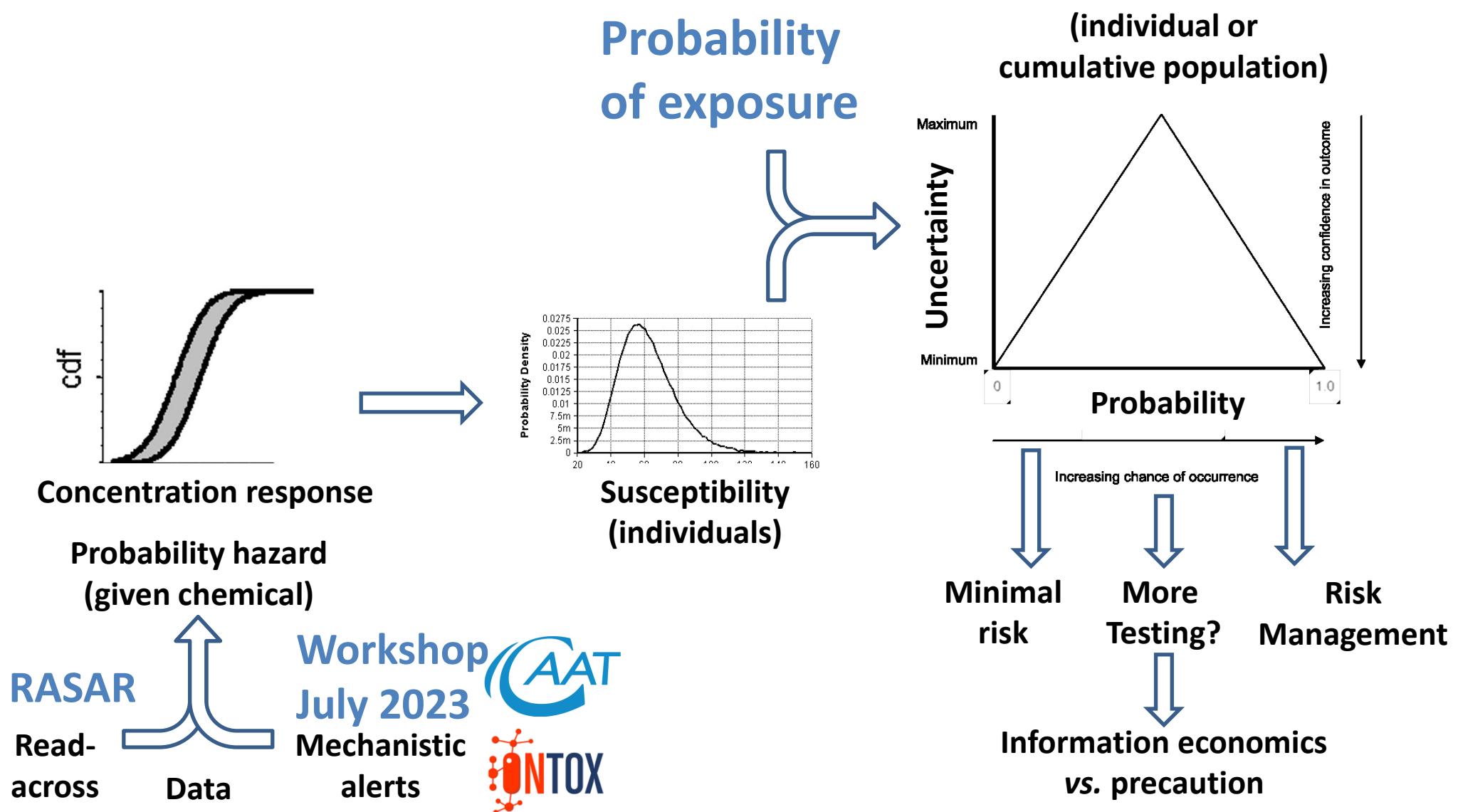
Probabilistic Risk Assessment – the Keystone for the Future of Toxicology

Alexandra Maertens¹, Emily Golden¹, Thomas H. Luechtfeld^{1,2}, Sebastian Hoffmann^{1,3},
Katya Tsaioun¹ and Thomas Hartung^{1,4}



2nd Workshop 4-6 July 2023
Ranco, Italy







Paul Anastas and John Warner, the Fathers of Green Chemistry



Includes
toxicology

Principles of Green Chemistry.
Nick Anastas, EPA, (2012): "Green Toxicology"

Concept from Pharma: Frontloading toxicology “fail early, fail cheap”

**FAIL FAST.
SUCCEED
FASTER.**

What Pharma and Biotech Companies
Stand to Gain from Early Drug
Development Failures.



Food for Thought ... Green Toxicology

ALTEX 2014, 31:243-249.

Alexandra Maertens¹, Nicholas Anastas³, Pamela J. Spencer⁴, Martin Stephens¹,
Alan Goldberg¹ and Thomas Hartung^{1,2}

¹Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health, CAAT, Baltimore, MD, USA; ²CAAT-Europe, University of Konstanz, Germany; ³EPA Region 1, Boston, MA, USA; ⁴The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, MI, USA

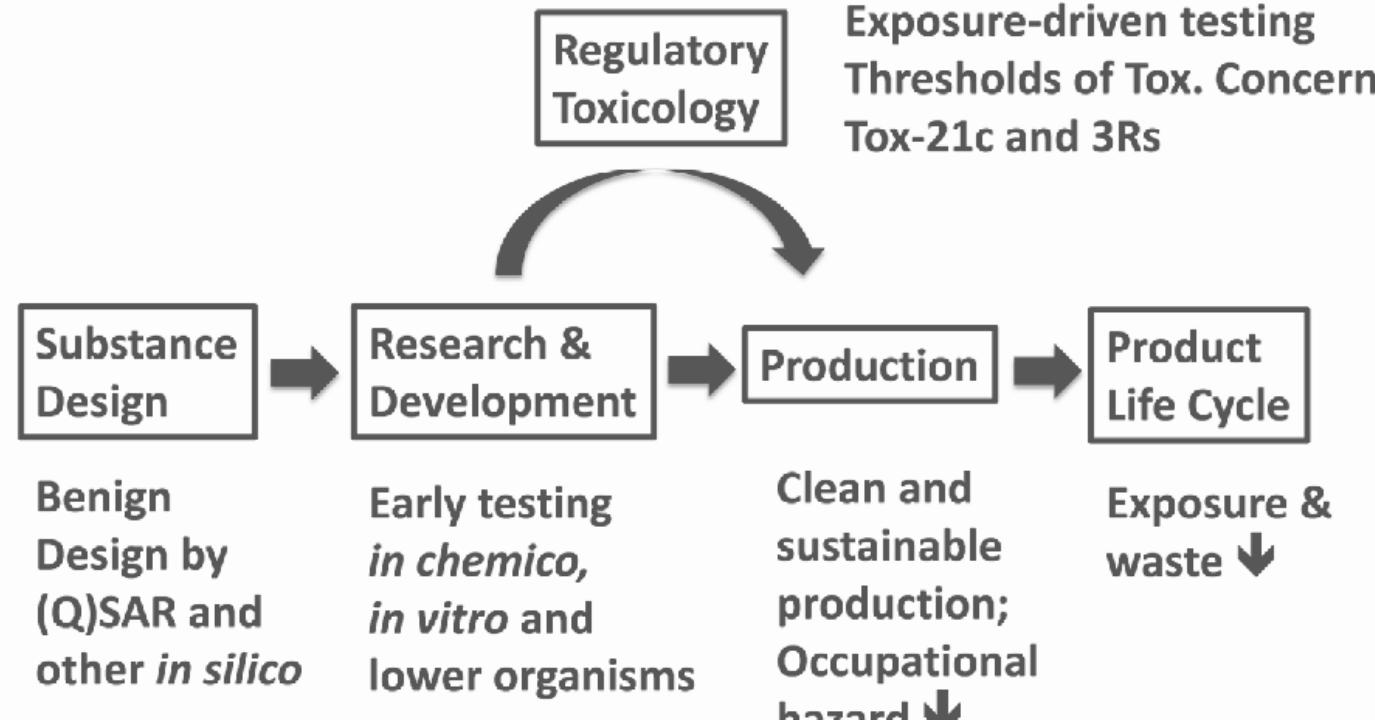
GREENTOXICOLOGY

Giving screening the green light

By working with toxicologists while they're designing new compounds, chemists can avoid problems further down the chain, as Emma Davies reports



Green Toxicology



Green toxicology

– the toxicology aspects of green chemistry



Alex Maertens

Another use of alternatives methods

TOXICOLOGICAL SCIENCES, 161(2), 2018, 285–289

doi: 10.1093/toxsci/kfx243
Advance Access Publication Date: December 18, 2017
Editorial

Green Chemistry Series

Green Toxicology

Making Chemicals Benign by Design

Alexandra Maertens

ly About and Avoid Toxic

ng*,†,1



- Integrating Scientific Knowledge
- Accelerating Drug Development
- Optimizing Prevention
- Democratizing Healthcare Access

The Smart Path Forward

- Open access, machine readable
- Identify bias in data
- Explainable AI

***The difficulty lies not in the new ideas,
but in escaping from the old ones.***

John Maynard Keynes
(1883 - 1946)



Slides available:



[Home](#) [About Us](#) [Programs/Activities](#) [Publications](#) [Resources](#) [Media Center](#) [Contact Us](#) [Make a Gift](#) [Search Site](#)

CAATwalk Newsletter

