

# The exposome and exposomics in inhalation toxicology

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# Outline

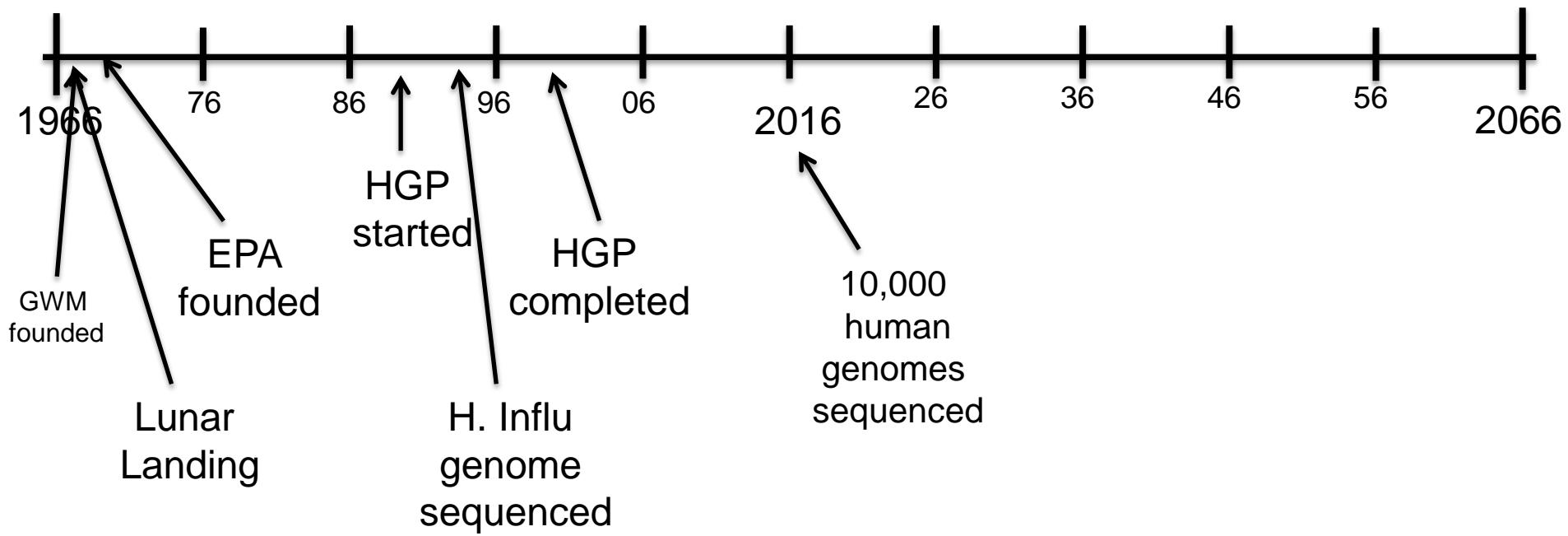
- The exposome concept
- Current approaches
- Applications to inhalation toxicology

$$G \times E = P$$

- Genes x environment = phenotype
- John Locke's (1690) view that we are born *tabula rasa*- a blank slate
- Without input from our environment we are feeble. Humanity requires the environment.



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# Nature vs. Nurture

- Truly a false dichotomy

(see “Nature vs. Nurture: Death of a Dogma” in *Neuron*, 2010 by Traynor and Singleton)

- Whether you call it nature vs. nurture or genes vs. environment, life occurs at the interface.
- For the sake of human health, we need a richer understanding of nurture

# The Exposome: a Wild idea

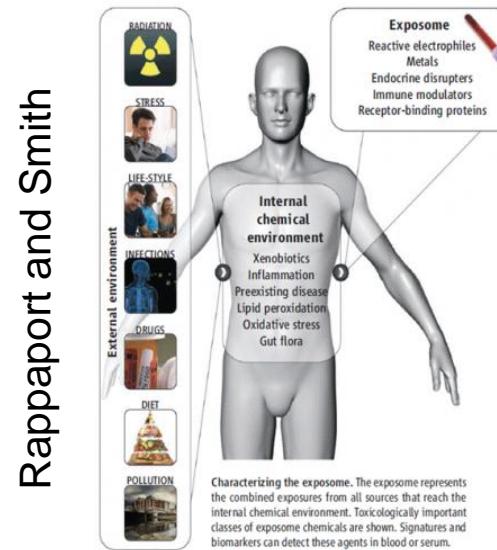
## Editorial

### Complementing the Genome with an “Exposome”: The Outstanding Challenge of Environmental Exposure Measurement in Molecular Epidemiology

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Defined the “*Exposome*” as all exposures from conception onwards, including those from lifestyle, diet and the environment.



Rappaport and Smith

Science, 2010

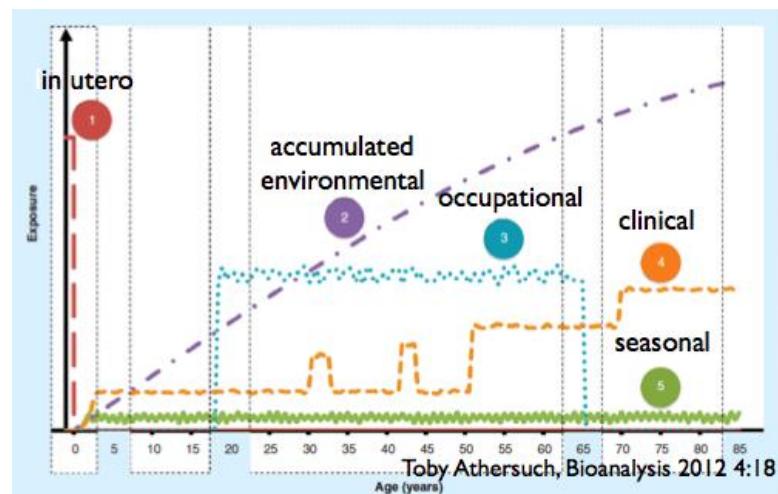


Table 3.1 Omics, Omics, Omics. The Major Omic Technologies and their Usage

-ome (Year Coined)	No. of Citations	Root Term	No. of Citations	Fold-Difference
Genome (1920)	857,443	Gene	1,787,215	21
Proteome (1994)	27,875	Protein	5,278,564	189
Transcriptome (1997)	14,826	Transcript	58,146	3.9
Epigenomics (1950s)	1,214	Epigenetics	6,723	5.5
Toxicogenomics <sup>a</sup> (1999)	1,117	Toxin	273,954	245.3
Exposome (2005)	54	Exposure <sup>b</sup>	583,775	10,811

A search of PubMed for the -ome term and its corresponding root word was conducted. The ratio between the -ome term and the root term gives a sense of the acceptance and use of the -ome term. Genome and proteome are well represented, while toxicogenomics and exposome are not. There is a strong denominator effect here in that there were only 54 citations of the work exposome as of July, 2013.

<sup>a</sup>Toxicogenomics, like pharmacogenomics, never used the -ome suffix, only the -omic suffix.

<sup>b</sup>Substituting environment (1,101,485) for exposure yields a 20,398-fold differential.

# The Nature of Nurture: Refining the Definition of the Exposome

Gary W. Miller<sup>1</sup> and Dean P. Jones

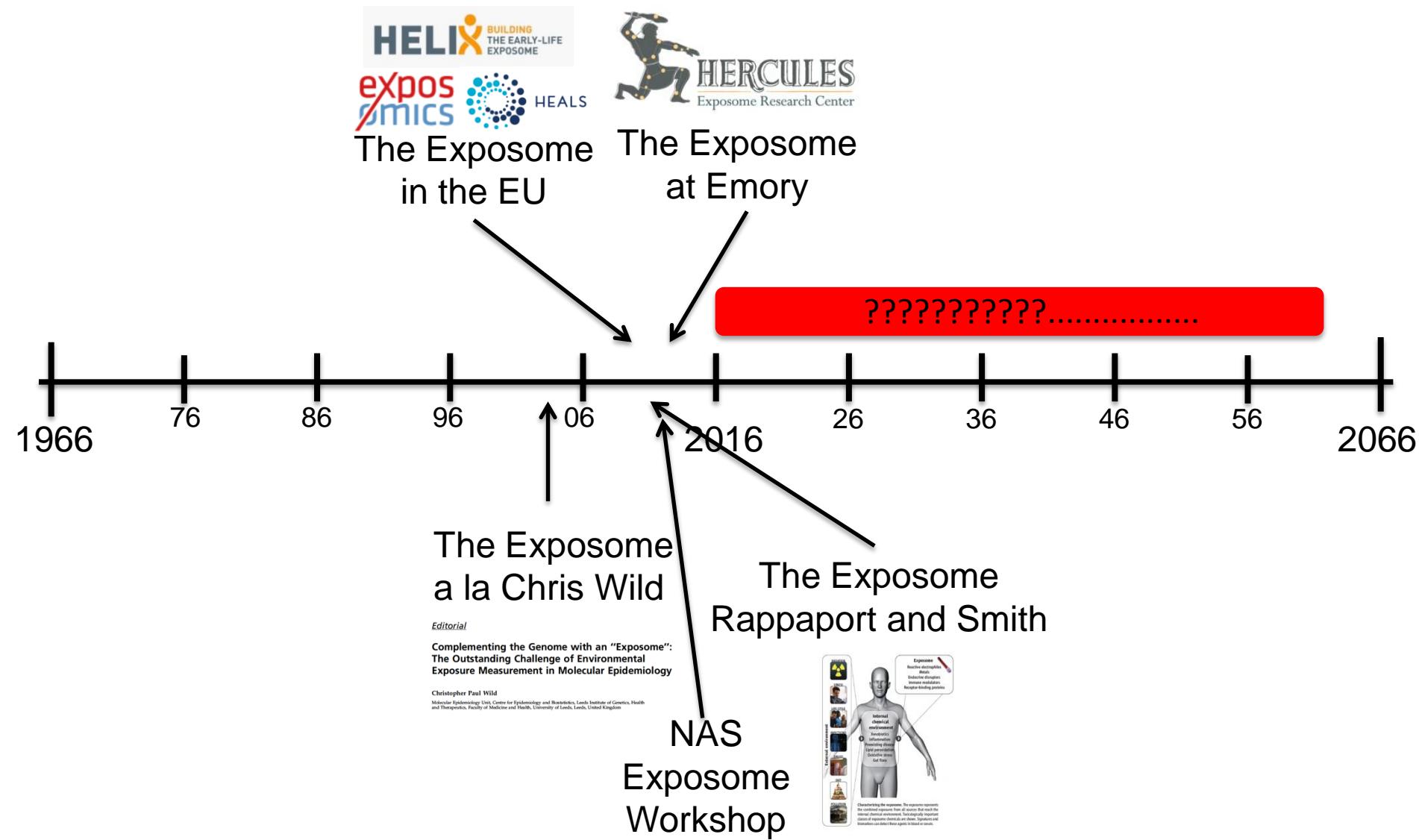
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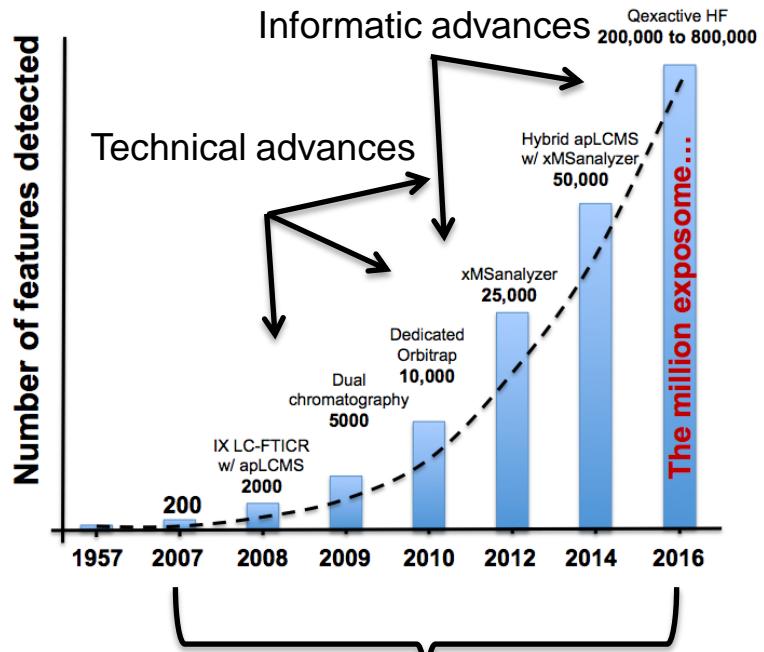
Exposome: The cumulative measure of environmental influences and associated biological responses throughout the lifespan, including exposures from the environment, diet, behavior, and endogenous processes

# The exposome as a foil to the genome

Oxford English Dictionary: Foil (noun):

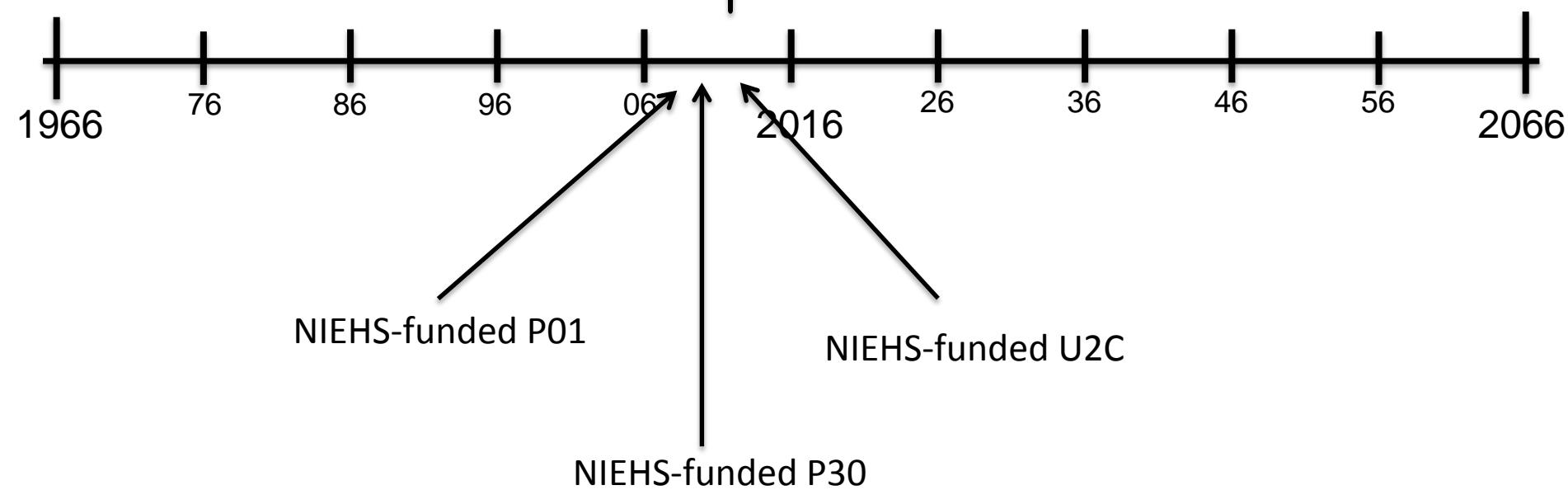
*A person or thing that contrasts with and so emphasizes and enhances the qualities of another.*





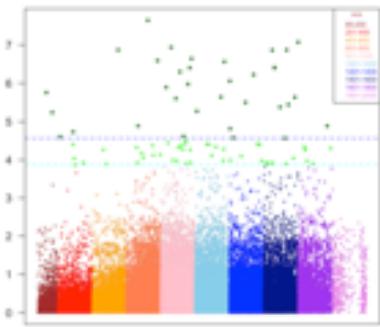
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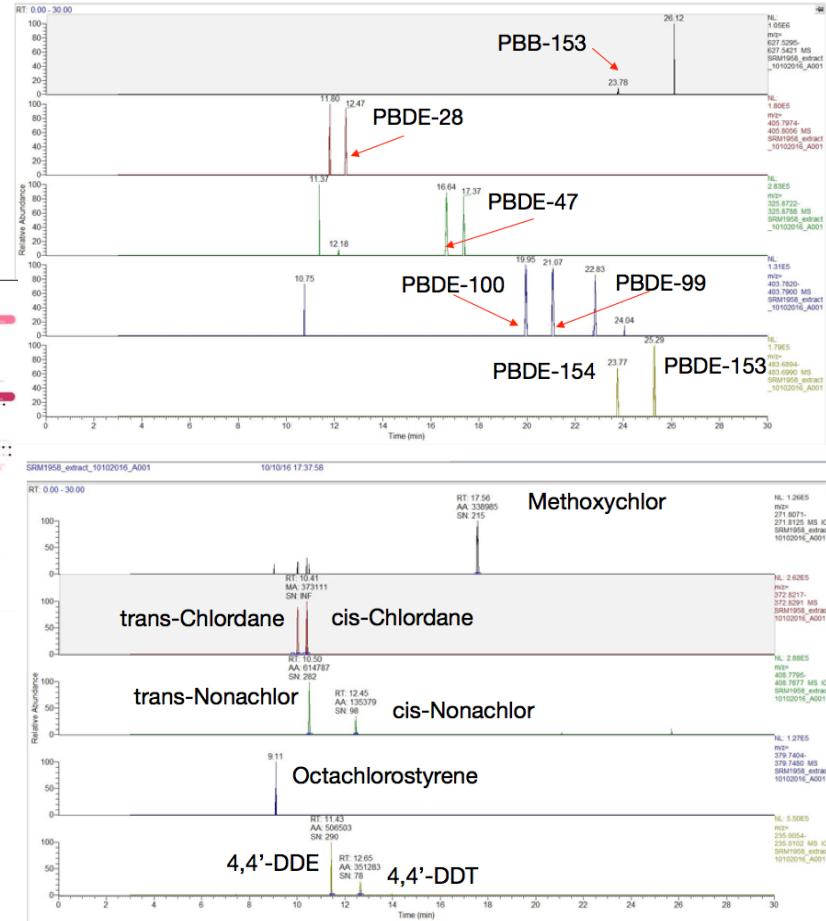


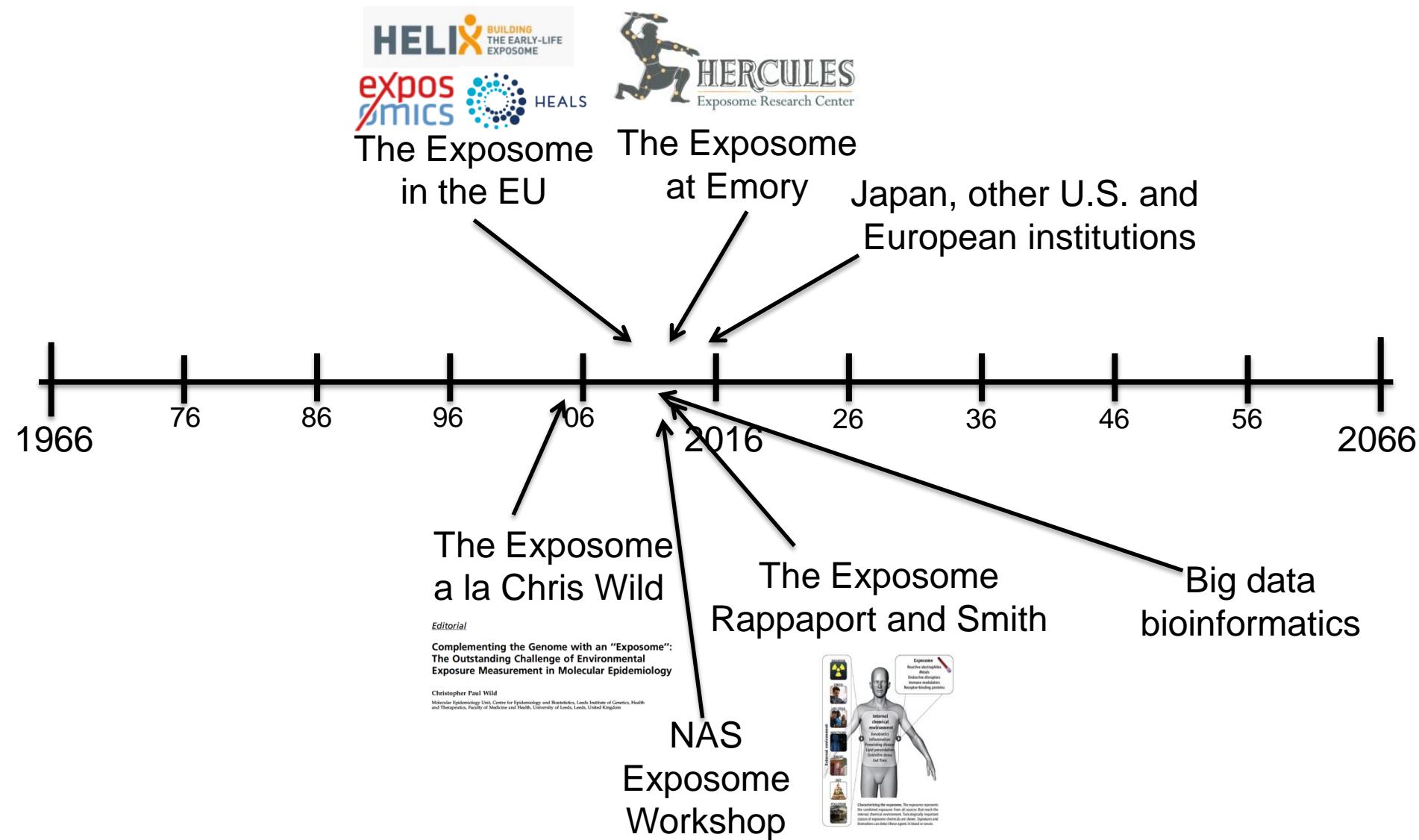
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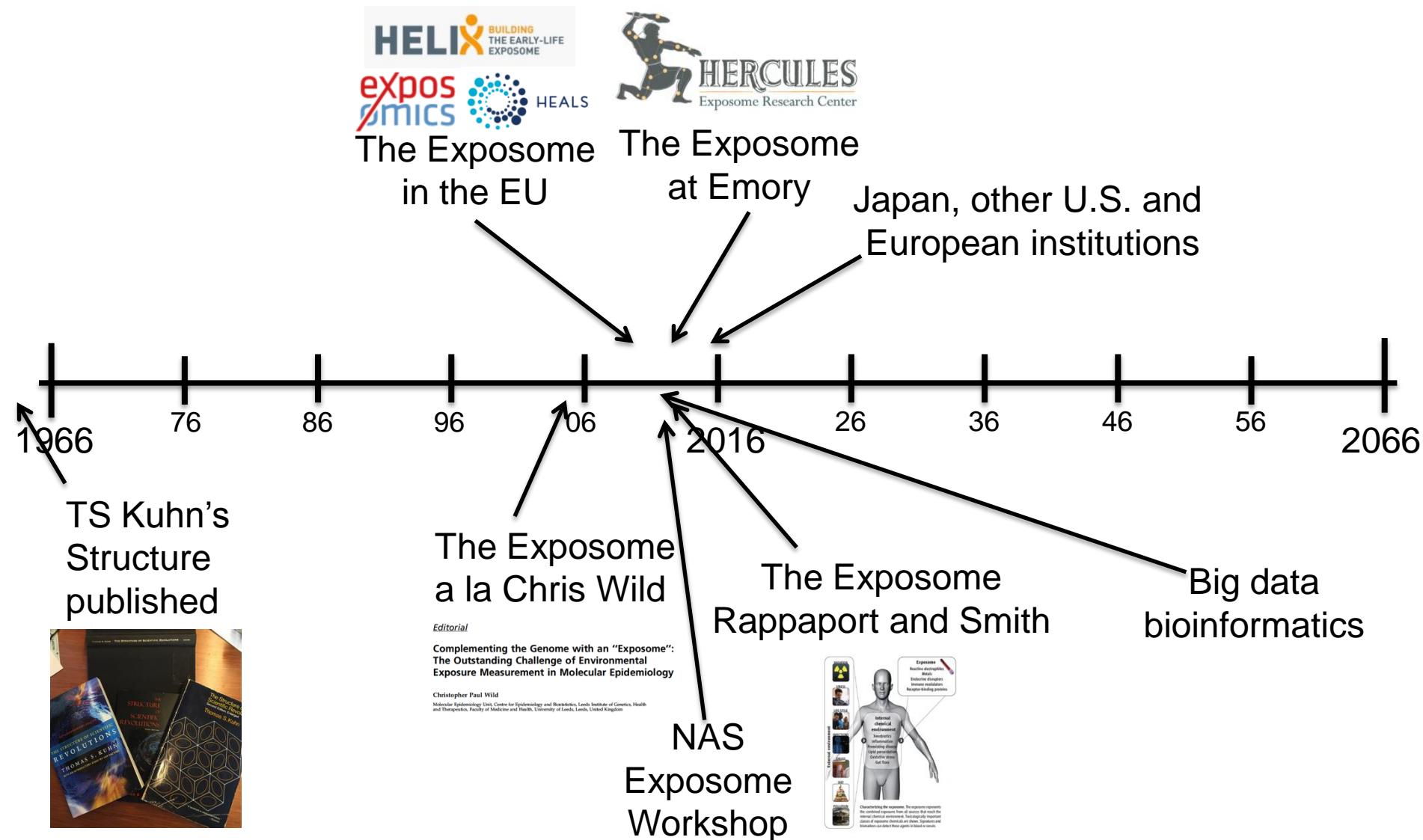


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# Are we entering the early phase of a paradigm shift?



# Postscript to 2<sup>nd</sup> edition-1969

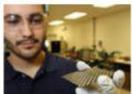
## Kuhn on the term “paradigm”

“...it stands for the entire constellation of beliefs, values, techniques, and so on shared by the members of a community.”

“...it denotes one sort of element in that constellation, the concrete puzzle-solutions which, employed as models or examples, can replace explicit rules as a *basis for the solution of the remaining puzzles* in normal science.”

# How do we assess our surroundings?

- Global
- National
- Regional
- State
- County
- City
- Neighborhood
- Home
- Personal space

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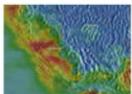
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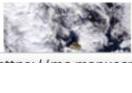
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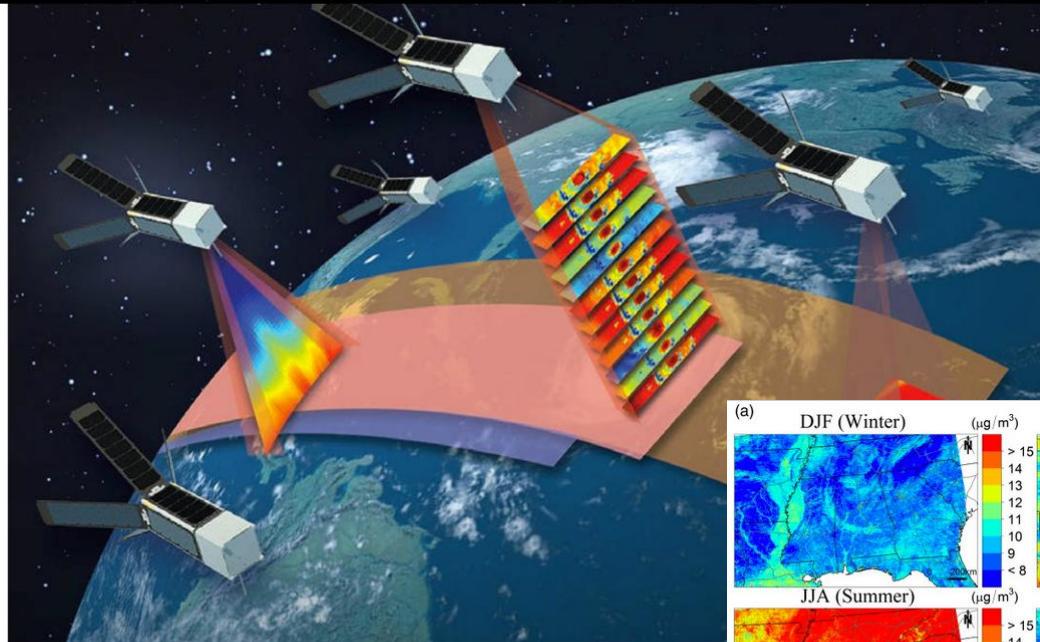


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The Time-Resolved Observations of Precipitation structure and storm Intensity with a Constellation of Smallsats (TRI) will study the development of tropical cyclones by taking measurements of temperature, precipitation and cloud properties.

Credits: MIT Lincoln Laboratory

NASA has selected two proposals for new Earth science investigations that will put new instruments on orbit to monitor particulate air pollutants and study the development of tropical cyclones.

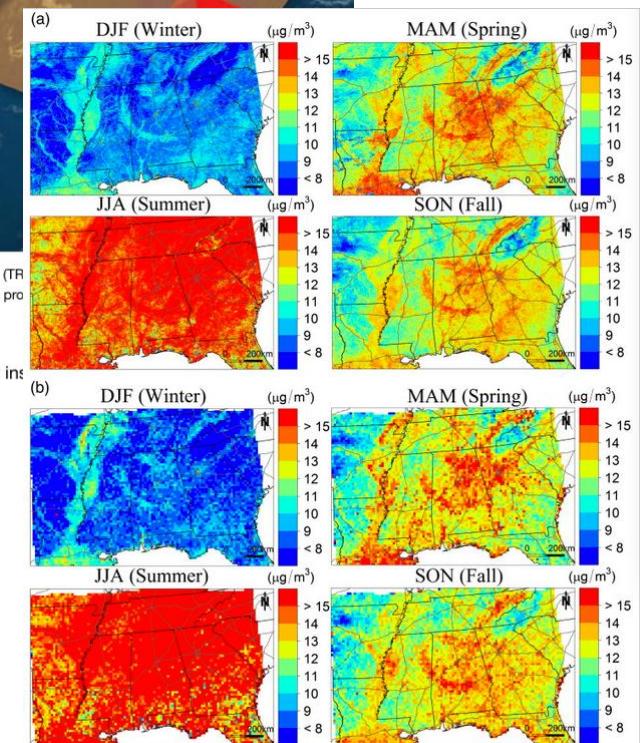
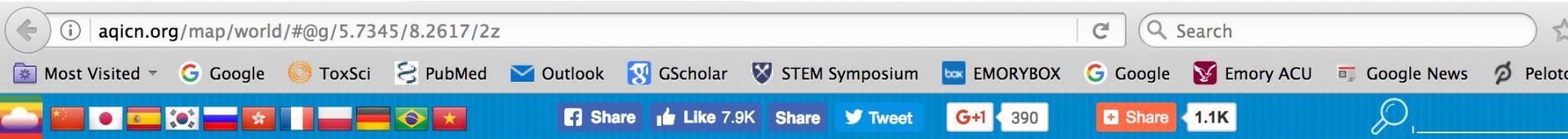


Fig. 8.  
Seasonal mean  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  estimated using MAIAC (a) and MODIS (b).

Images from NASA and Dr. Yang Liu laboratory



# Air Pollution in World: Real-time Air Quality Index Visual

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Europe

North America

South America

Africa

Australia

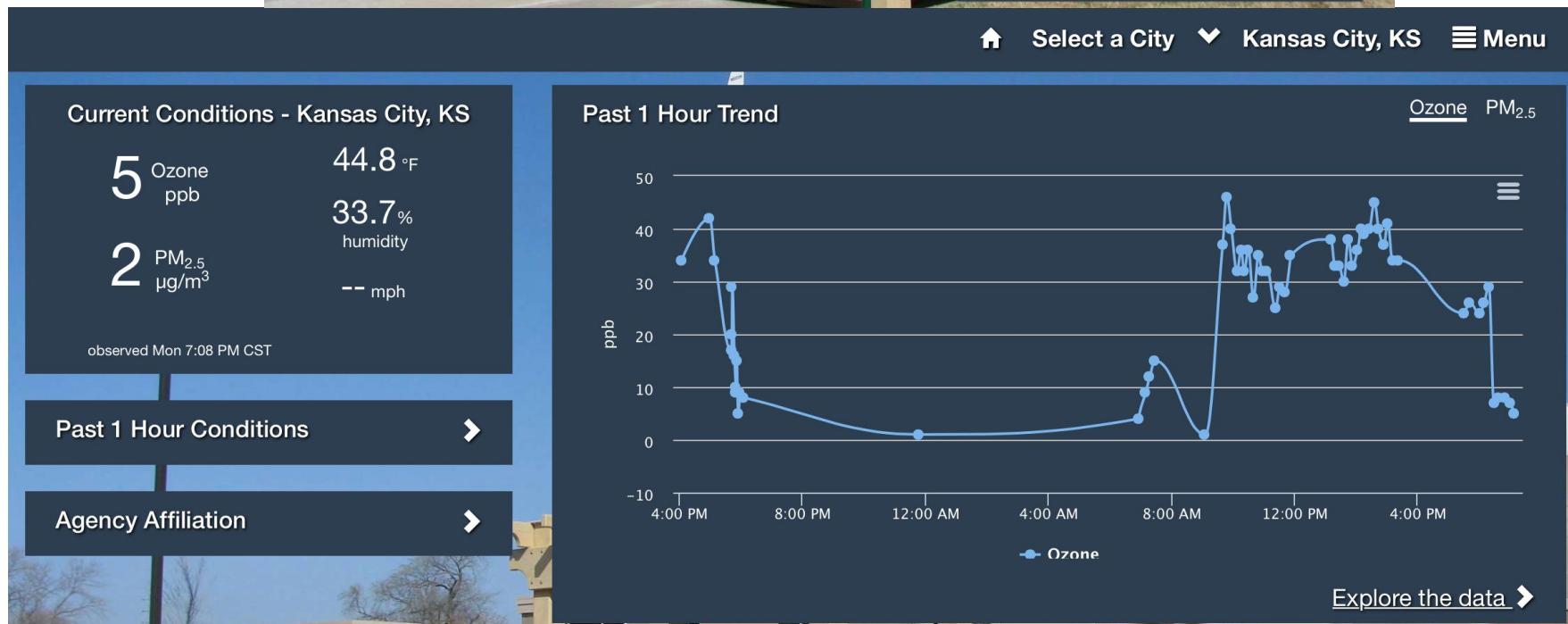
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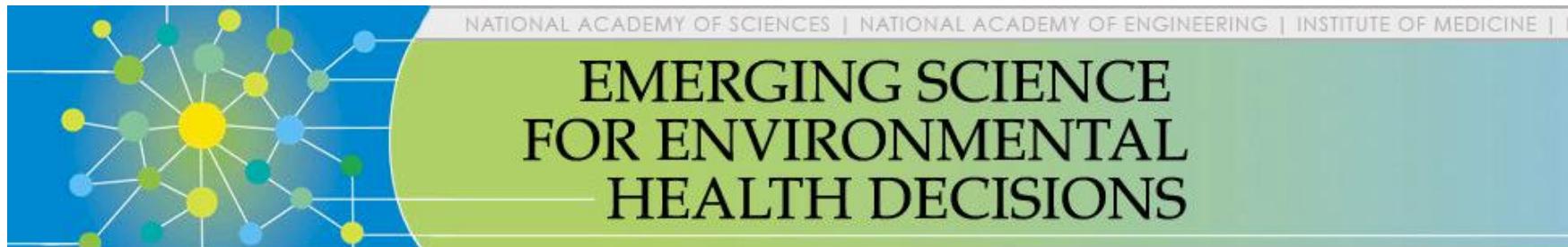
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Similar transformative technologies, such as remote sensing and wearables, are expanding our definition of exposure science.



## **Personal Environmental Exposure Measurements: Making Sense and Making Use of Emerging Capabilities**

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National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine  
Keck Center, Room 100  
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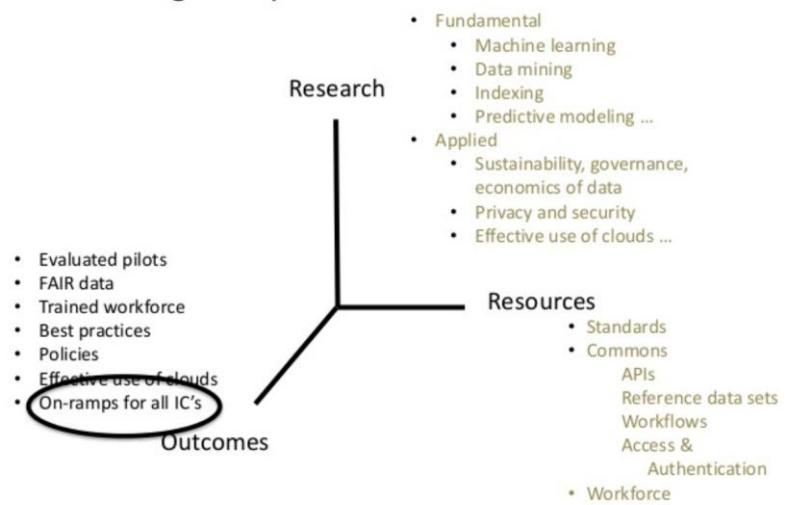




## BD2K @ NIH – A Vision Through 2020

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### A Strategic Response



There is intense competition for data scientists. Toxicology/Environmental Health must invest in data science infrastructure and aggressively recruit, train, and retain those individuals who will be solving our problems in the next 50 years.

# Exposome-outside in

- The exposome includes our complex surroundings. The source, timing, duration, and physiochemical properties of these exposures are critical.
- At Emory, we have been focusing most of our efforts on the components of the exposome that can be measured inside the body.



Funded in 2013 (ES P30-019776, renewal pending)

Core facilities for:

data sciences (Waller, Voit, and Kemp)

targeted exposures (Barr)

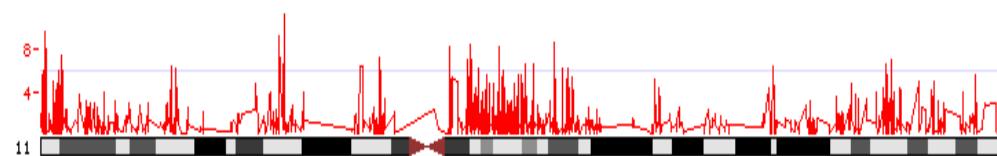
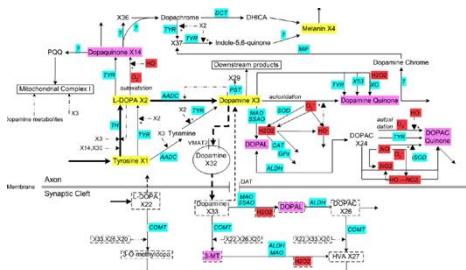
untargeted exposures (Jones)

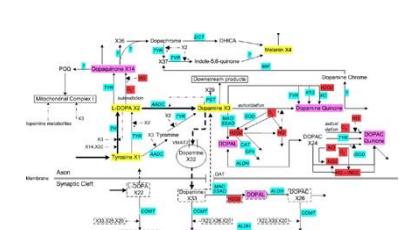
patient studies (Ziegler)

pilot awards (Morgan)

career development (Tolbert)

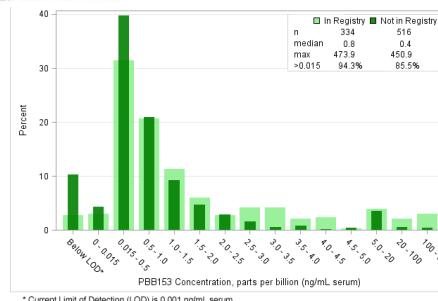
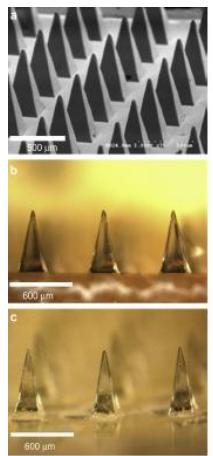
community engagement (Kegler/Pearson)





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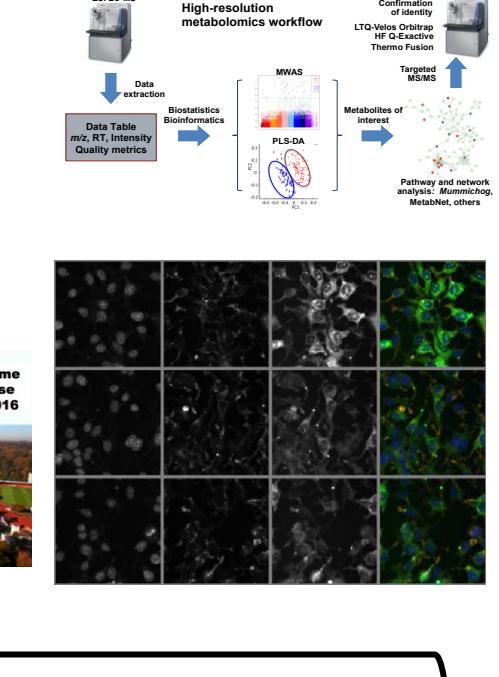
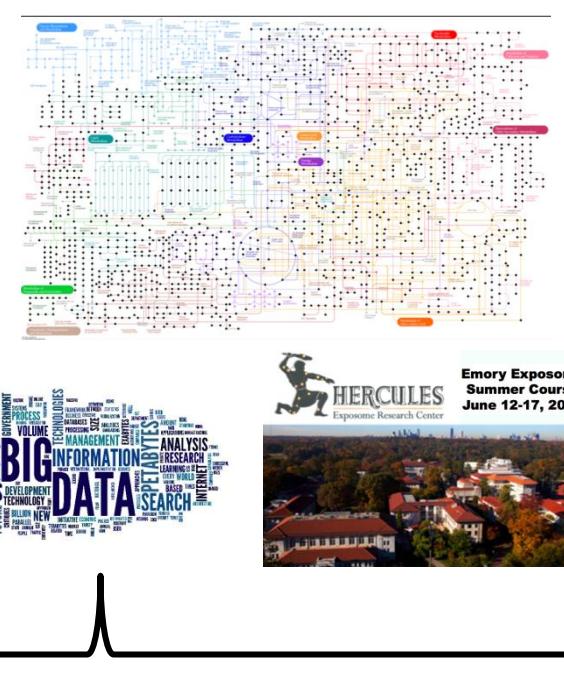
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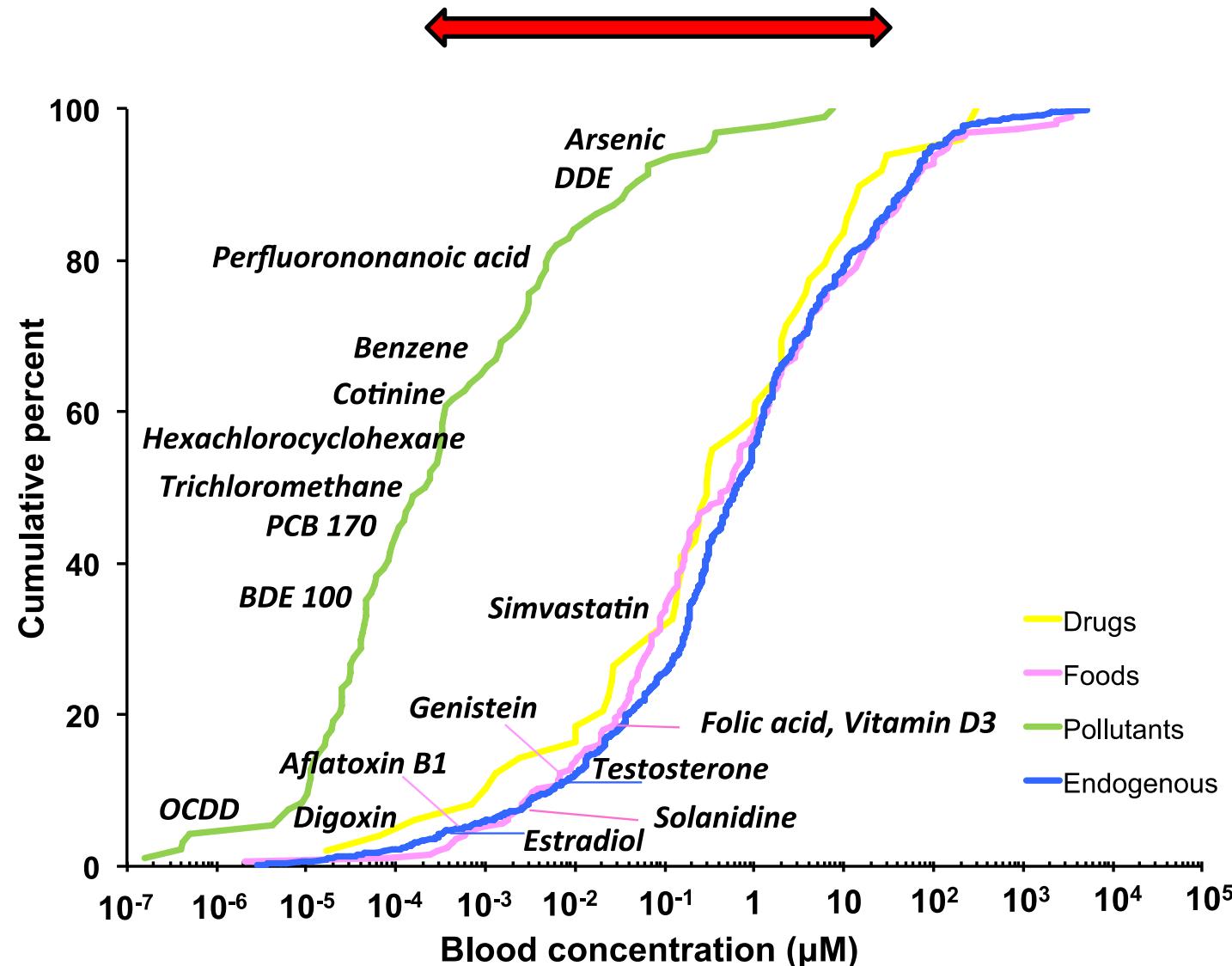
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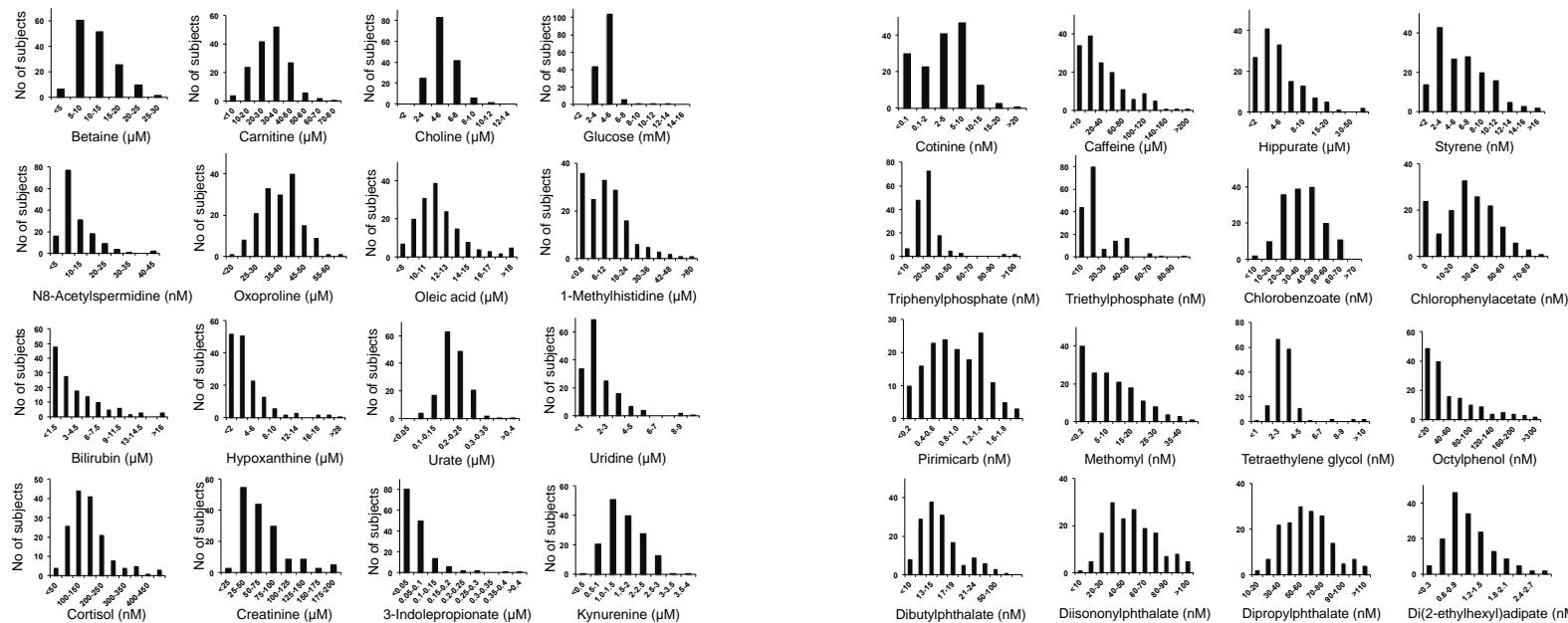


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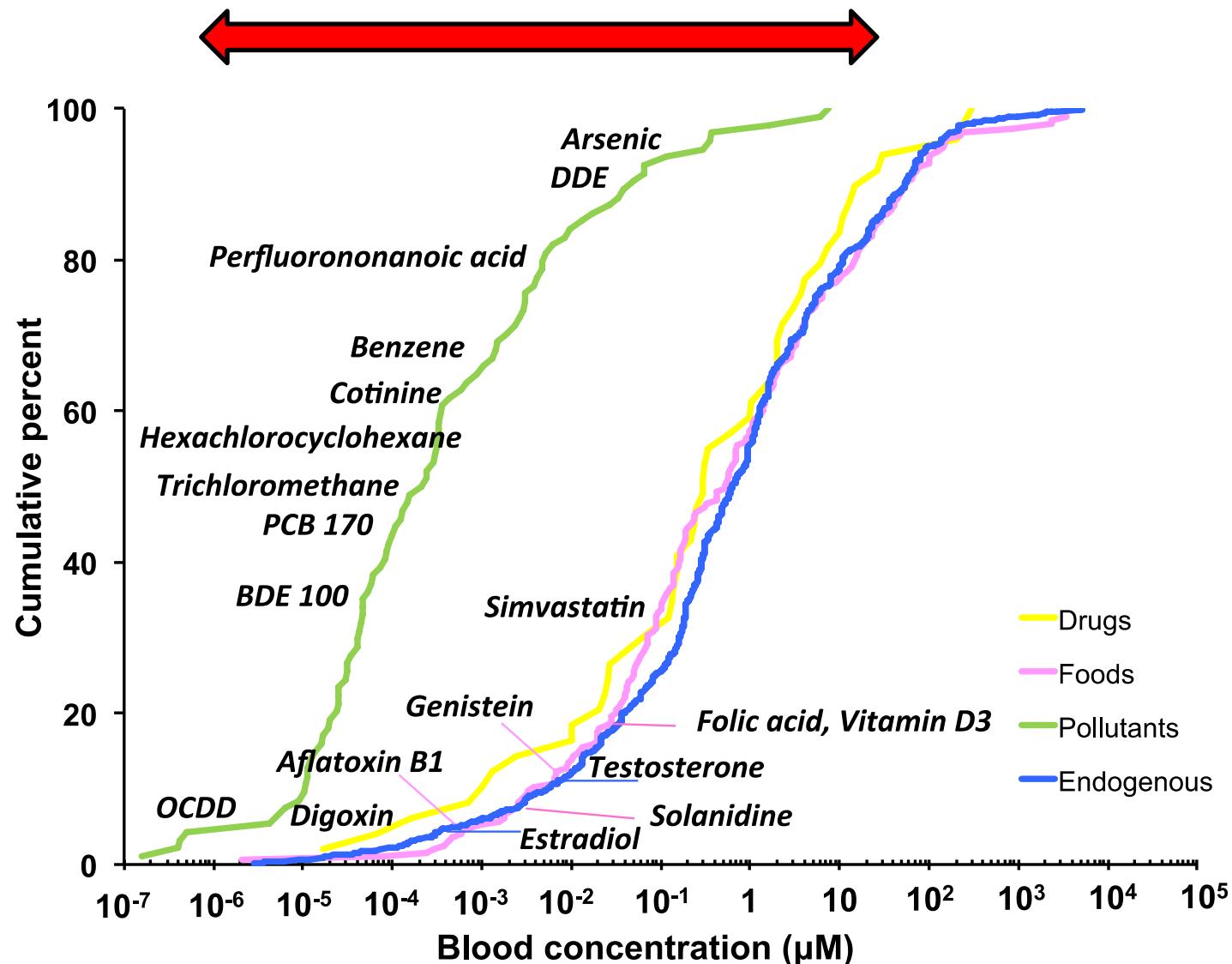
High resolution metabolomic methods provide reliable metabolite measurements in human plasma in millimolar and micromolar range...

and reliable environmental and dietary chemical measurements in *nanomolar* and *subnanomolar* range



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*HRM measures metabolites over >7 orders of magnitude* Go et al Tox Sci 2015



# Analyte collection using microneedle patch

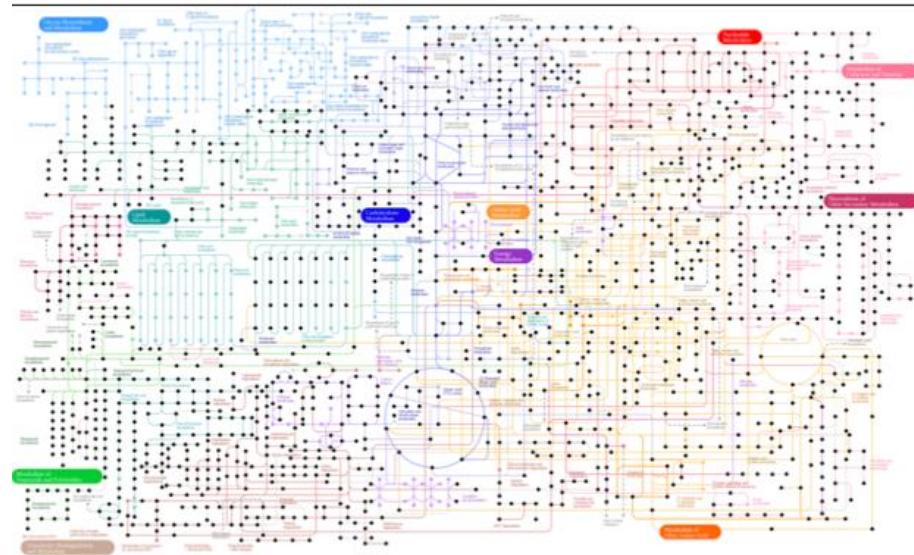
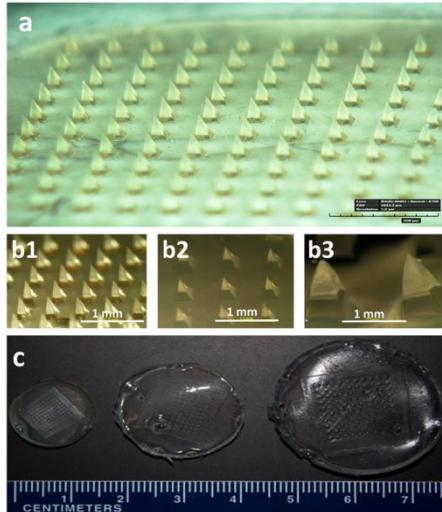
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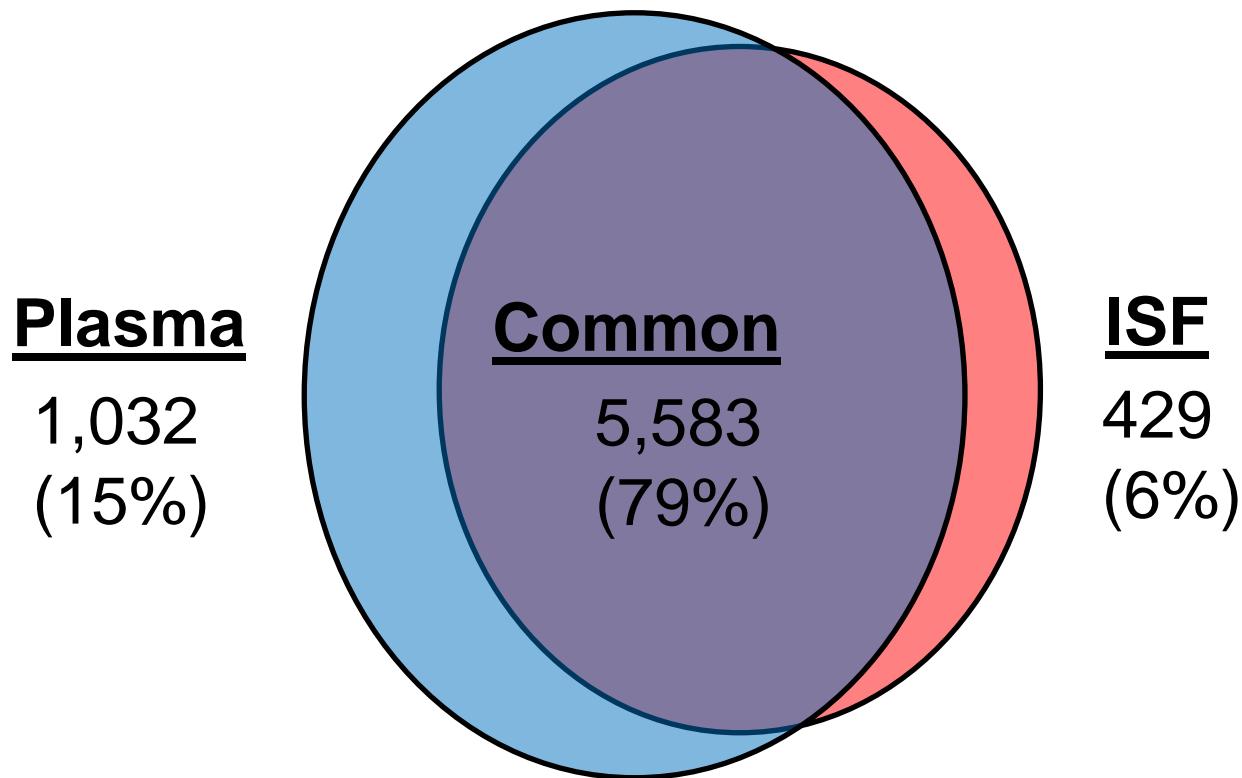
## Collection of Analytes from Microneedle Patches

Andrey V. Romanyuk,<sup>†</sup> Vasiliy N. Zvezdin,<sup>‡</sup> Pradnya Samant,<sup>†</sup> Mark I. Grenader,<sup>†</sup> Marina Zemlyanova,<sup>§</sup> and Mark R. Prausnitz\*,<sup>†</sup>



Detected 7,044 total peaks

6,615 in plasma; 6,012 in ISF (peak present in  $\geq 1$  sample in matrix)

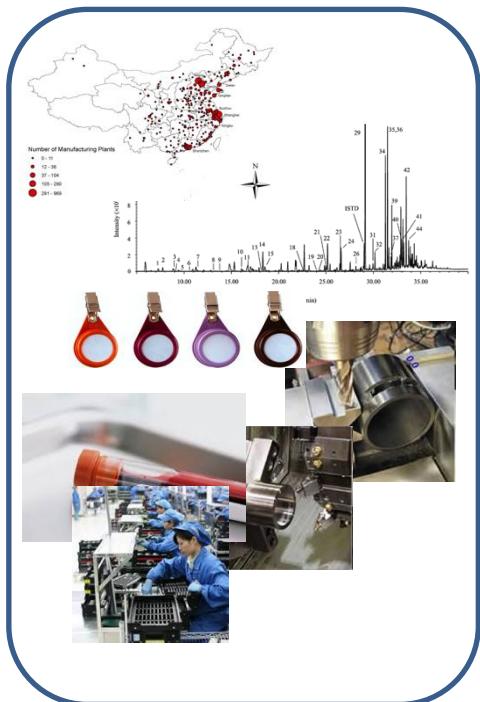


# Strongly-correlated features between plasma and ISF (peak present in $\geq 4$ samples in both plasma and ISF)

<b>m/z</b>	<b>Retention time</b>	<b>Spearman r</b>	<b>Compound</b>	<b>Adduct</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>No. positive in plasma</b>	<b>No. positive in ISF</b>
136.0425	87.441	0.98	Homocysteine	M+H	xMSannotator	10	10
141.0715	118.369	0.96	Dipropyl sulfide	M+Na	HMDB	10	10
269.1255	88.818	0.94	Lenticin	M+Na	HMDB	9	7
248.1474	86.775	0.92	Hydroxybutyrylcarnitine	M+H	xMSannotator	5	5
129.0659	87.709	0.92	Glutamine	M+H-H <sub>2</sub> O	known	10	10
104.0710	88.573	0.90	Dimethylglycine	M+H	HMDB	10	10
119.0162	88.079	0.90	Dihydro-4-mercaptop-3(2H)-furanone	M+H	HMDB	10	10
195.0874	68.647	0.89	Caffeine	M+H	HMDB	6	4
522.2577	559.475	0.89	LysOPE(0:0/20:5(5Z,8Z,11Z,14Z,17Z))	M+Na	HMDB	10	8
182.0811	84.235	0.88	L-Tyrosine	M+H	HMDB	10	10
478.2920	560.465	0.88	LysOPE(0:0/18:2(9Z,12Z))	M+H	HMDB	10	10
138.0549	120.073	0.87	m-Aminobenzoic acid	M+H	HMDB	7	9
116.0709	112.113	0.85	L-Proline	M+H	HMDB	10	10
157.0834	65.384	0.85	Diethylene glycol monoethyl ether	M+Na	HMDB	10	10
110.0273	128.640	0.85	Hypotaurine	M+H	HMDB	4	10
204.1229	65.499	0.84	L-Acetylcarnitine	M+H	HMDB	10	10
310.2010	72.742	0.84	L-Octanoylcarnitine	M+Na	HMDB	10	10
136.0756	84.022	0.83	5-Acetyl-2-methylpyridine	M+H	HMDB	10	10
144.1018	125.060	0.83	Proline betaine	M+H	xMSannotator	10	10
342.2635	86.528	0.83	trans-2-Dodecenoylcarnitine	M+H	xMSannotator	10	6
205.1263	66.469	0.82	L-Acetylcarnitine	M+H(C13)	xMSannotator	9	10
317.2510	85.138	0.81	Decanoylcarnitine	M+H(C13)	xMSannotator	10	4
120.0656	121.825	0.81	L-Threonine	M+H	xMSannotator	10	10

High resolution metabolomics provides a **central reference platform** to link exposure data, internal burden and biological response to exposure

### Exposure assessment



**ORIGINAL ARTICLE**

# A genetic basis for the variable effect of smoking/nicotine on Parkinson's disease

EM Hill-Burns<sup>1</sup>, N Singh<sup>1</sup>, P Ganguly<sup>1</sup>, TH Hamza<sup>1</sup>, J Montimurro<sup>1</sup>, DM Kay<sup>1</sup>, D Yearout<sup>2</sup>, P Sheehan<sup>1</sup>, K Frodey<sup>1</sup>, JA Mclear<sup>1</sup>, MB Feany<sup>3</sup>, SD Hanes<sup>1,4,5,6</sup>, WJ Wolfgang<sup>4,5</sup>, CP Zabetian<sup>2</sup>, SA Factor<sup>7</sup> and H Payami<sup>1,5</sup>

SV2C Genotype	Frequency	Relative PD risk in smokers
Homozygous, major alleles	23%	(0.4) ↓↓↓
Heterozygous	75%	(.8-1.9) ↑ or ↓
Homozygous, minor alleles	2%	(3.3) ↑↑↑

GWAS for protective effect of nicotine in human PD and fly PD model both identified SV2C/ortholog

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## The Synaptic Vesicle Protein SV2 Is a Novel Type of Transmembrane Transporter

Mei B. Feany,\* Sandra Lee,† Robert H. Edwards,† and Kathleen M. Buckley\*

SV2C IS A SYNAPTIC VESICLE PROTEIN WITH AN UNUSUALLY RESTRICTED LOCALIZATION: ANATOMY OF A SYNAPTIC VESICLE PROTEIN FAMILY

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Identification, characterization, and molecular cloning of a novel transporter-like protein localized to the central nervous system

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## SV2, a Brain Synaptic Vesicle Protein Homologous to Bacterial Transporters

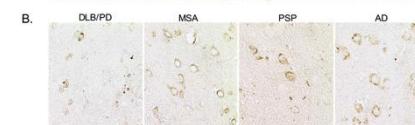
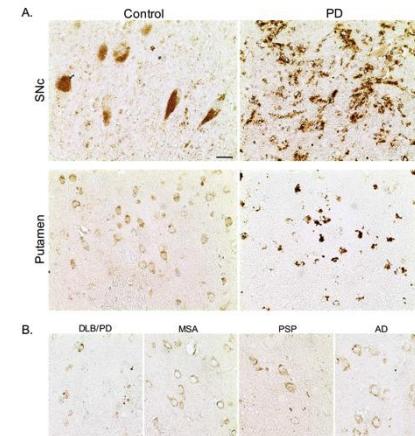
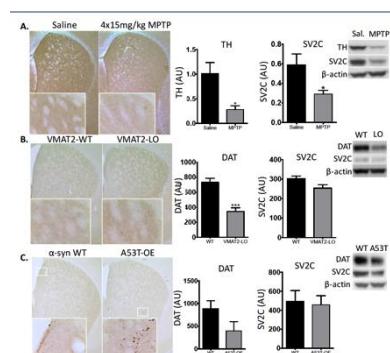
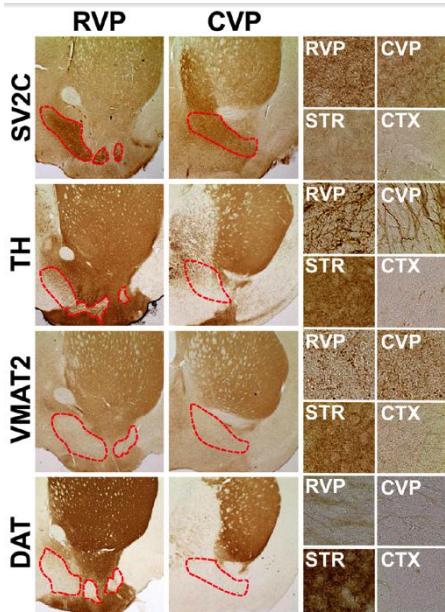
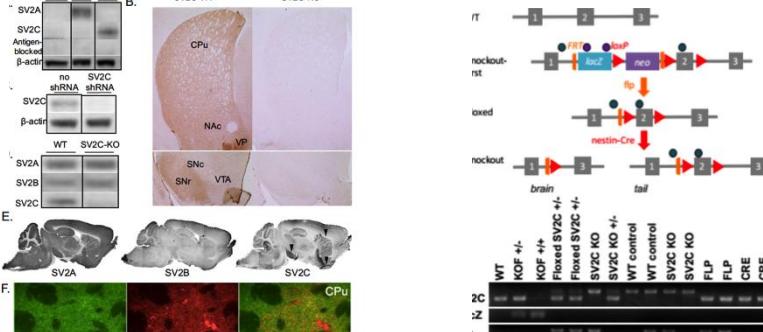
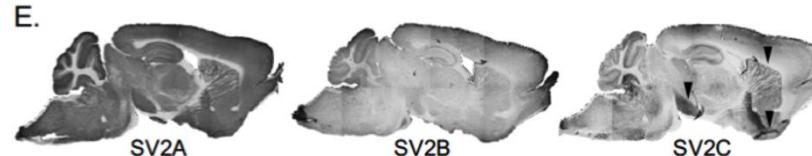
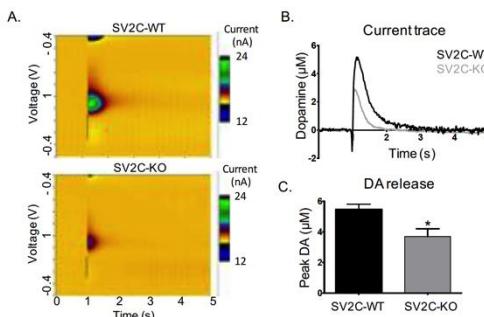
Sandra M. Bajjalieh, Karen Peterson, Rajesh Shinghal, Richard H. Scheller\*

# Synaptic vesicle glycoprotein 2C (SV2C) modulates dopamine release and is disrupted in Parkinson disease

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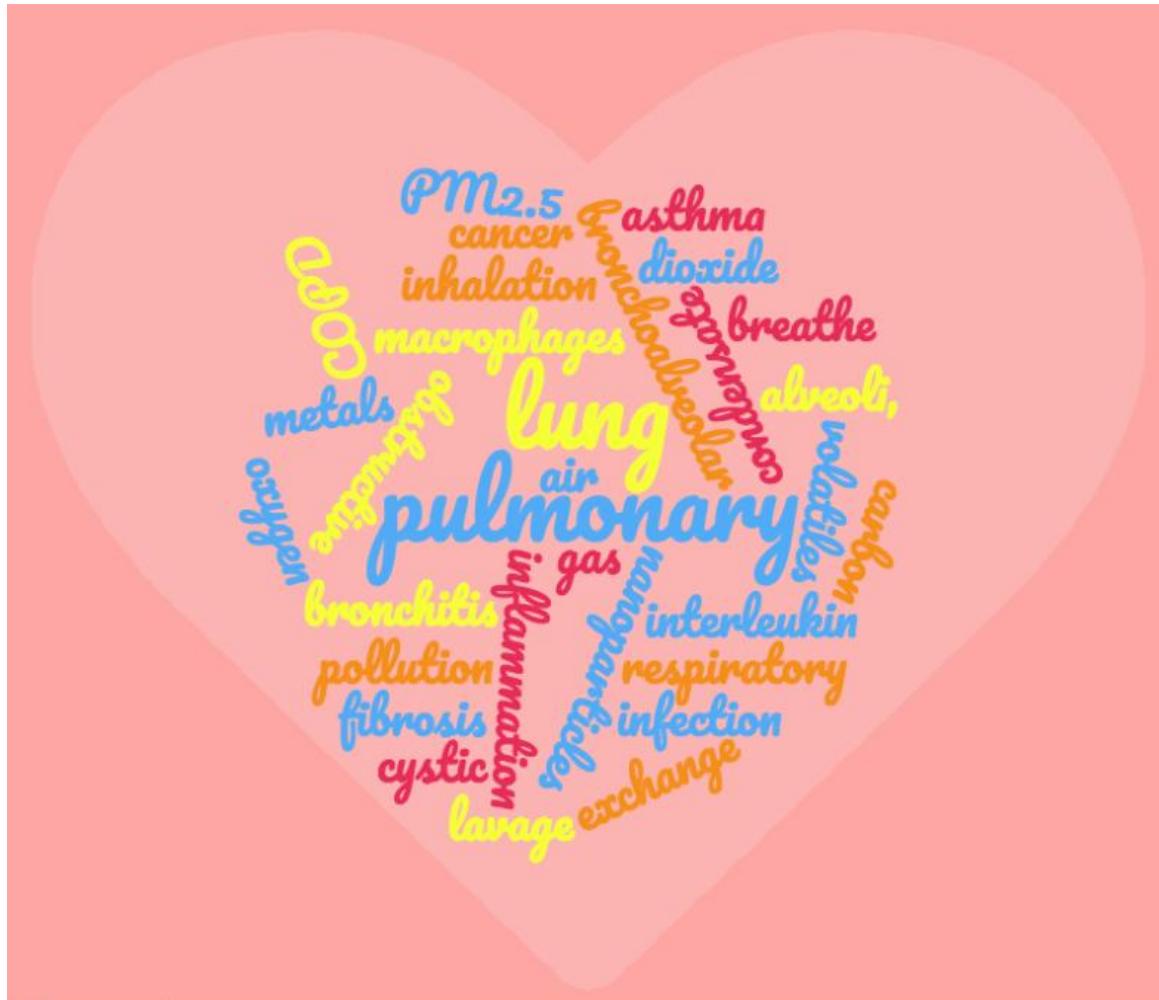
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A new avenue of research because a single geneticist decided to include a couple of “environmental” factors into the analysis

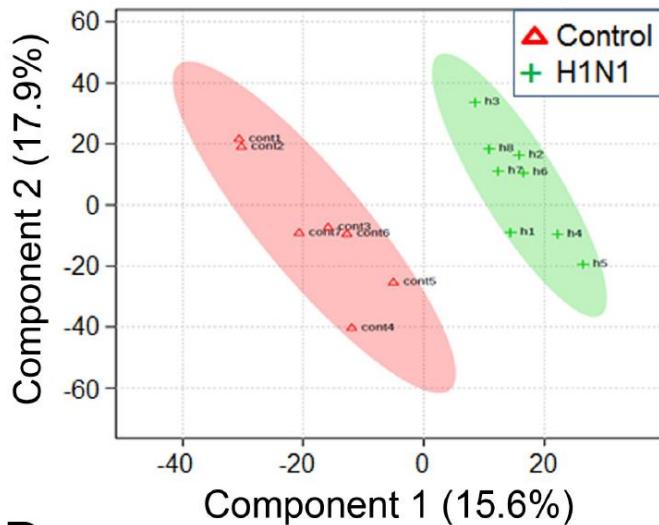
When it comes to the exposome we do not need to measure everything. We need to provide a valid set of parameters for “E” that can be used in conjunction with existing studies that employ genomics, epigenomics, proteomics, etc. to study diseases and health outcomes.

# Examples of exposomics for inhalation toxicology

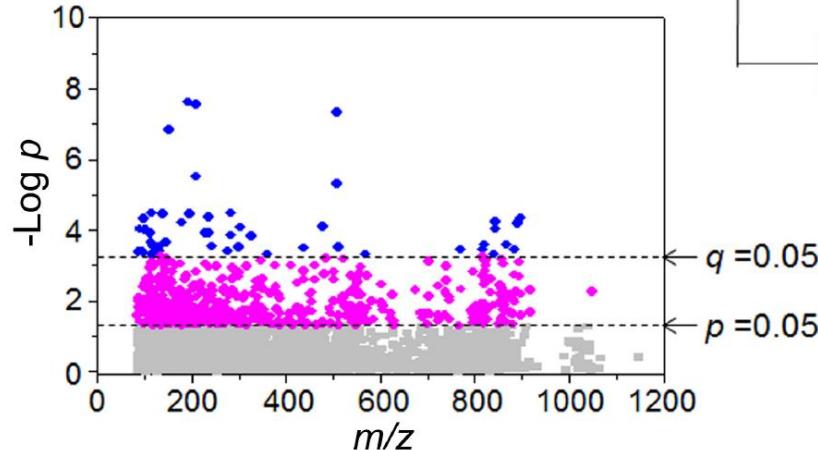


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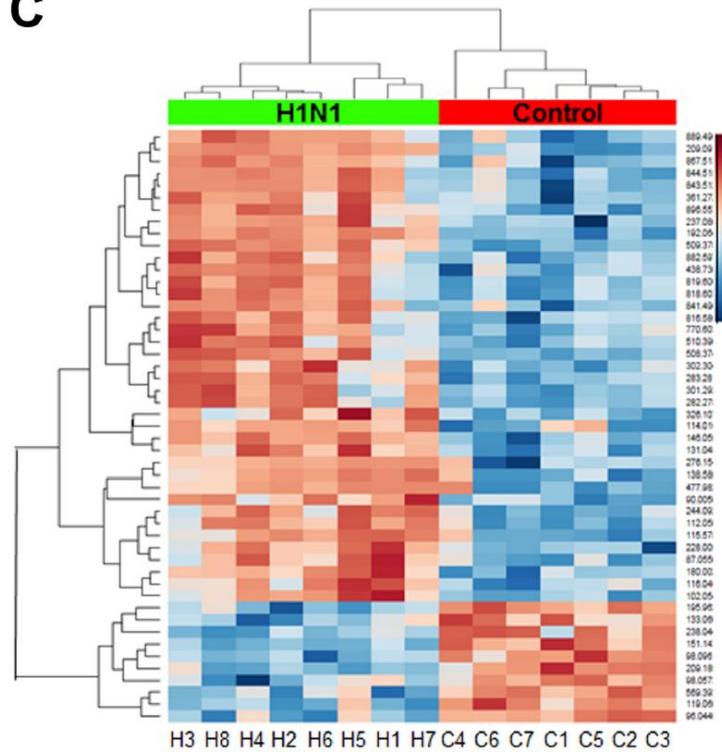
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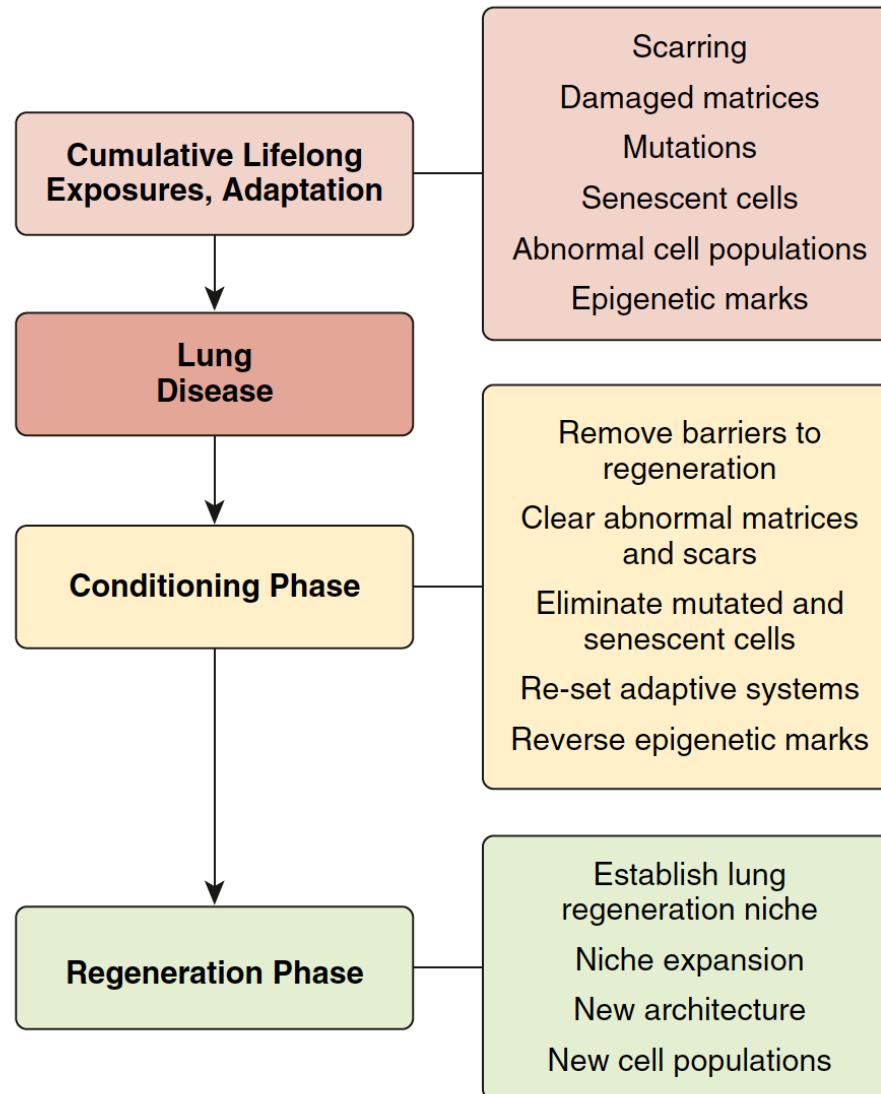


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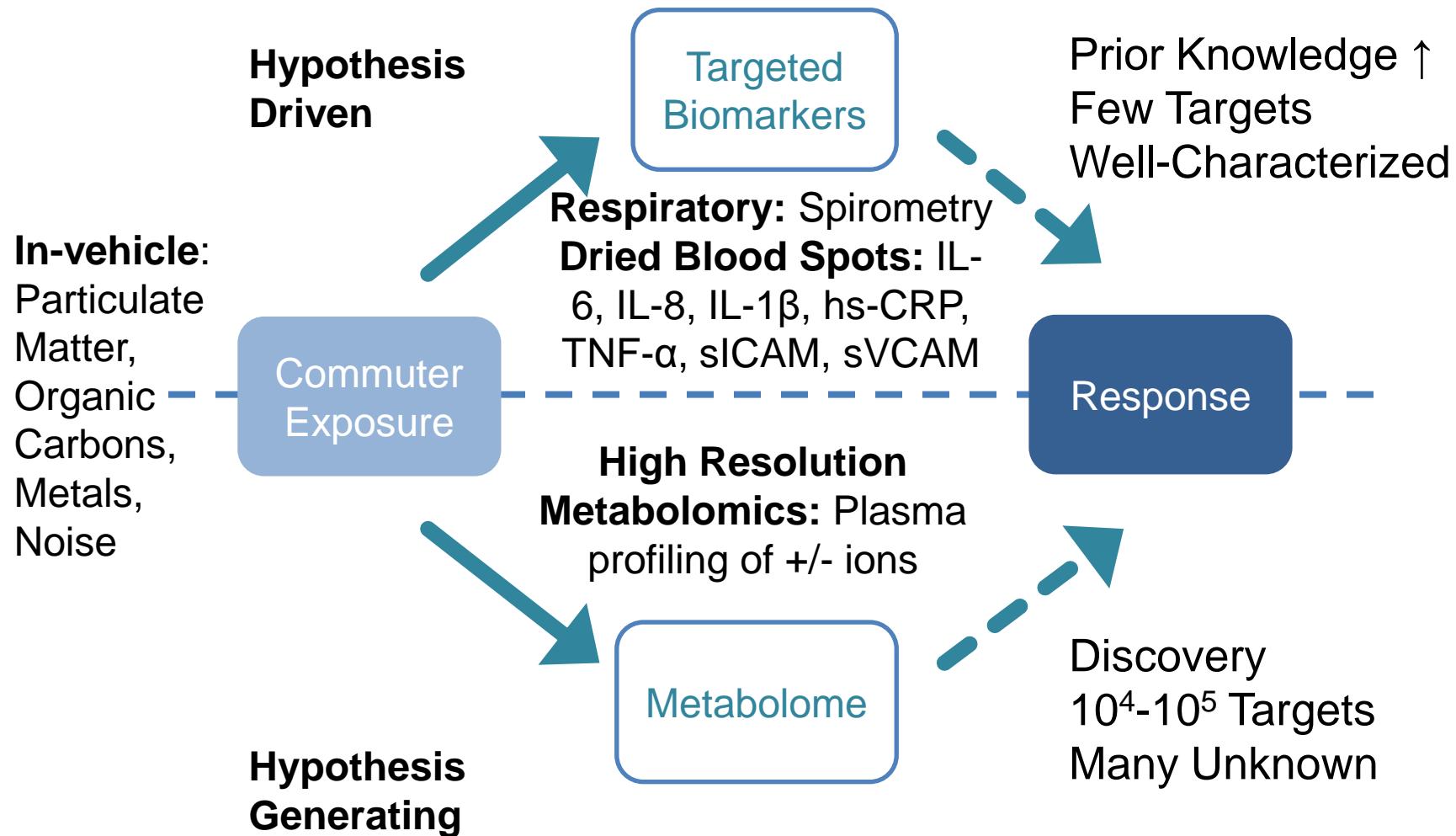




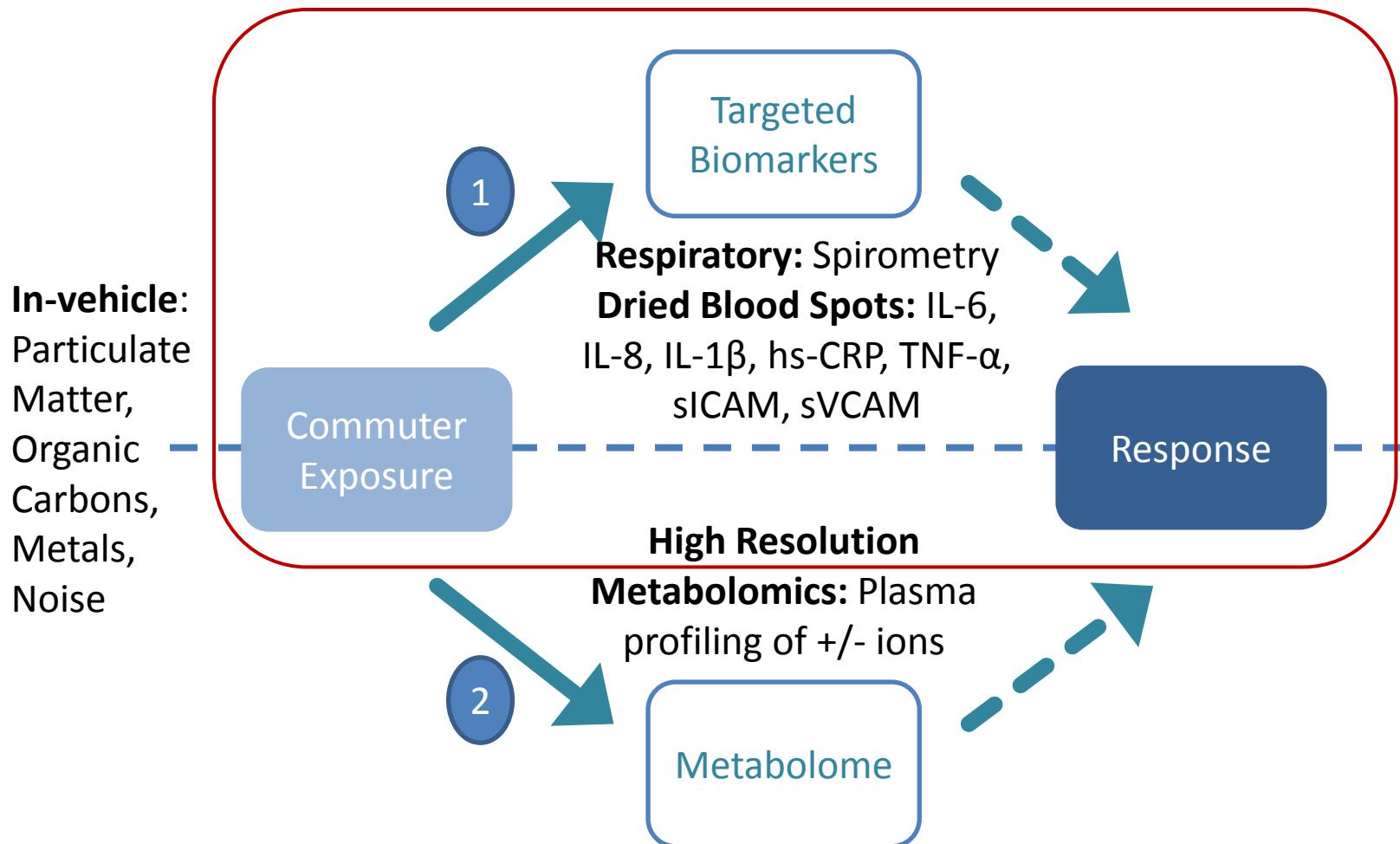
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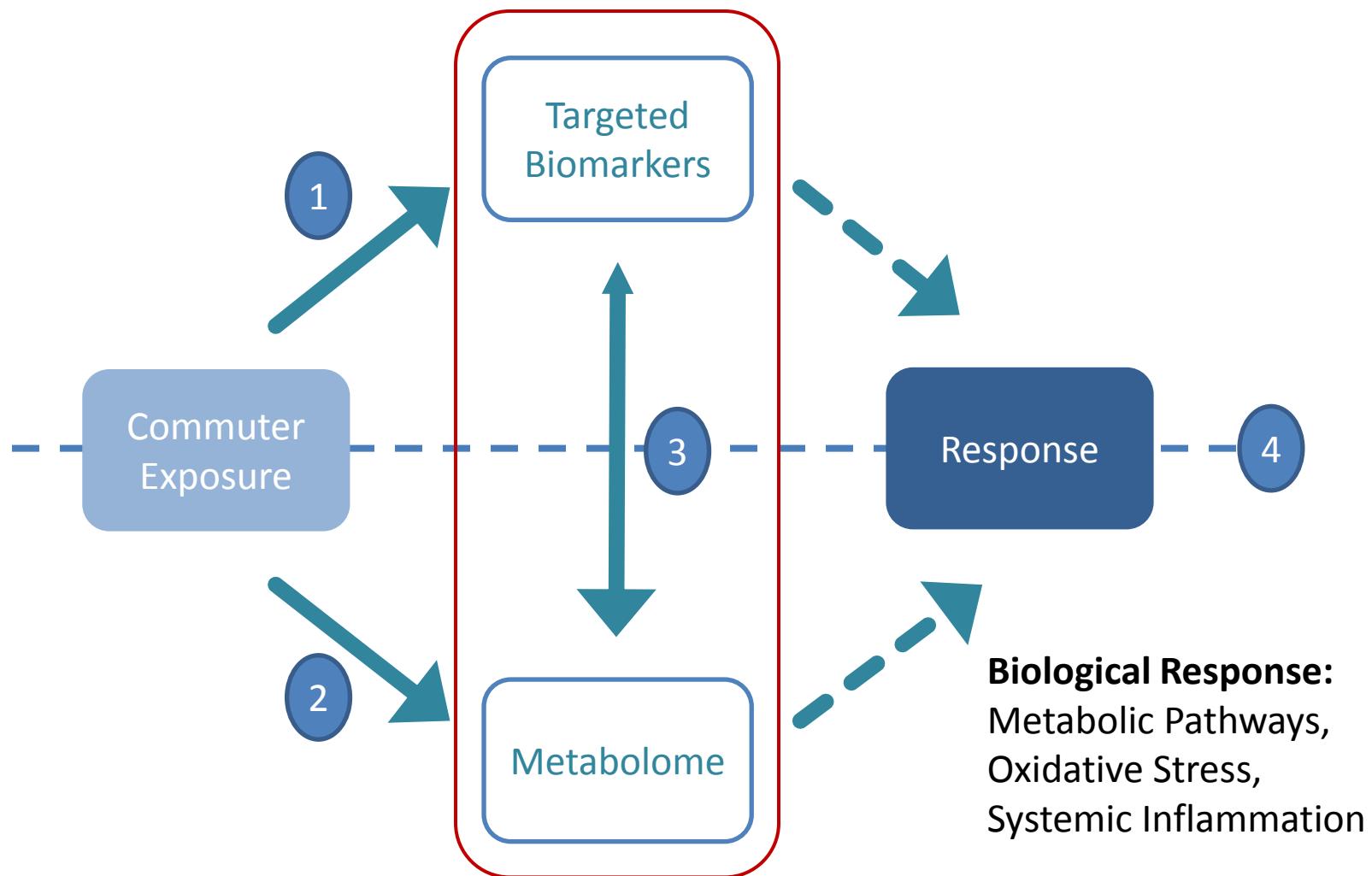
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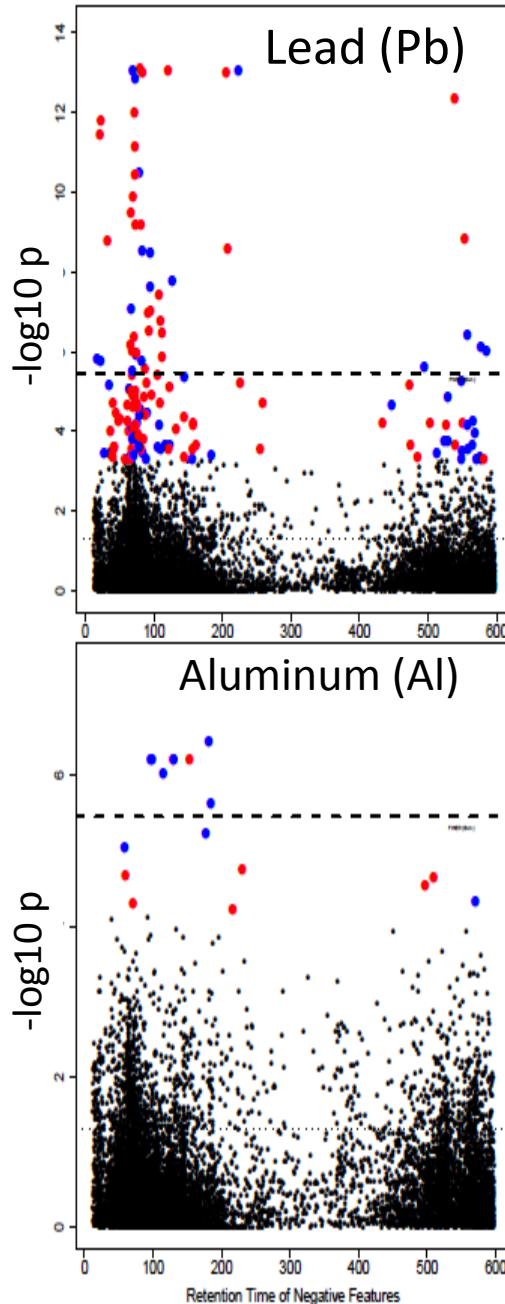
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# Particulate Metals Perturb Metabolome

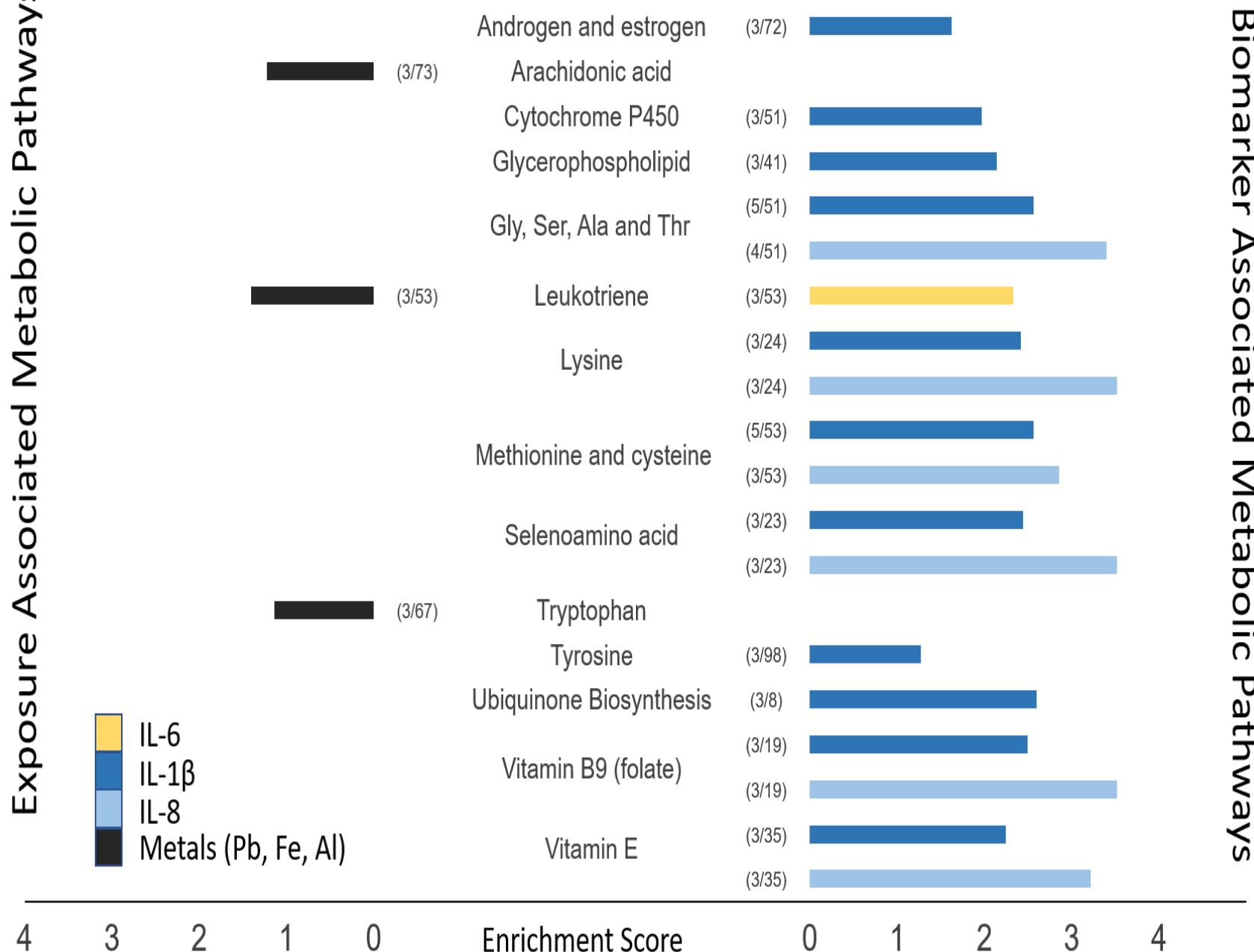


- Null associations for many pollutant models
- Particulate **Pb, Al, Fe** associated with metabolic changes
  - Pb: 150 features differed
  - Components indicative of road dust
- First evidence of pollutant-mediated metabolic response in ACE panel

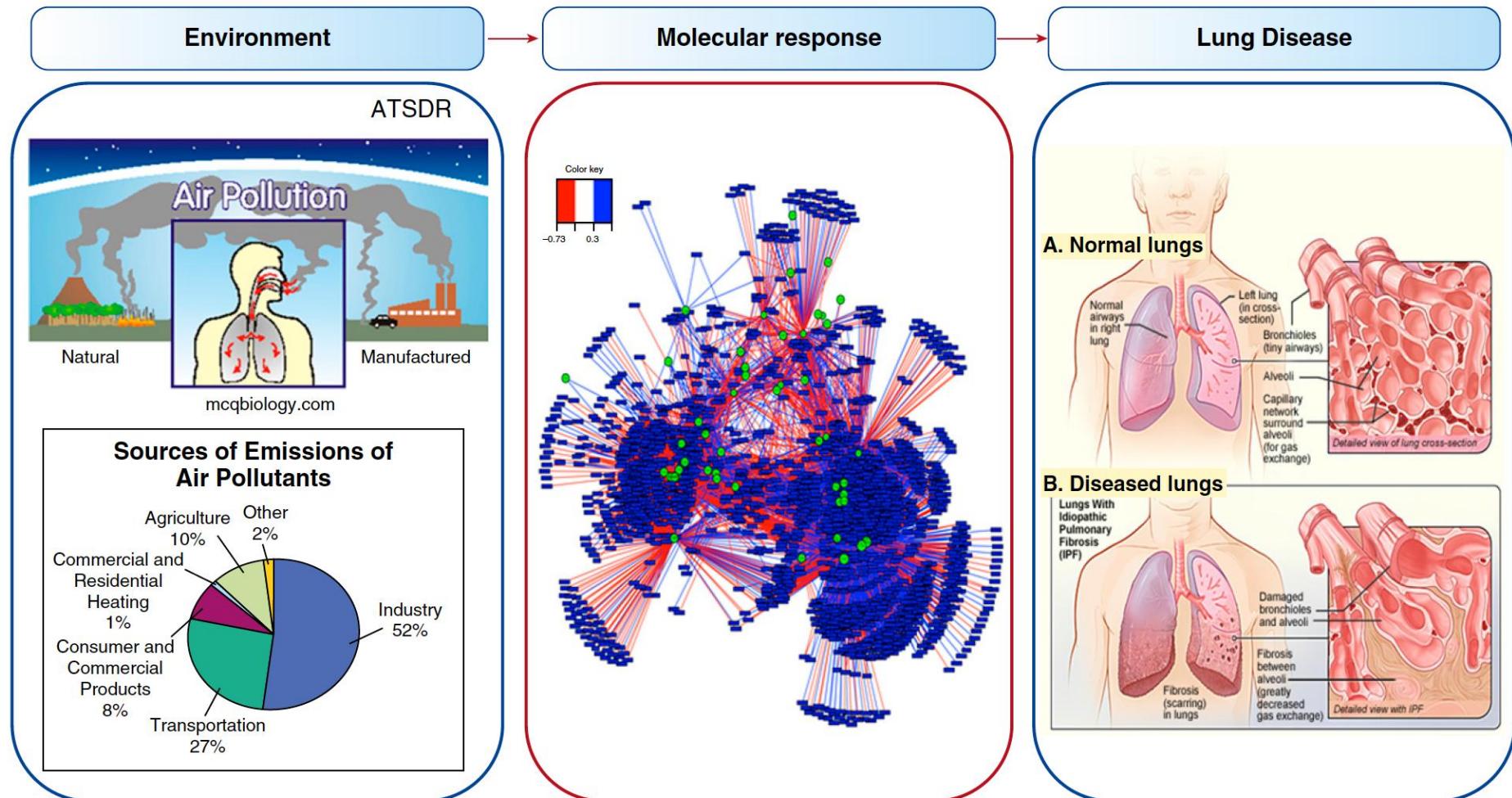
- Y-axis: Significance of pre-post metabolite intensities
  - $(-\log_{10}(p))$
- X-axis: Retention time of individual ions ( $N = 14,000$ )
- Thick Dashed line: Bonferroni ( $\alpha < 0.05$ )
- Colored Points: FDR  $< 0.05$ 
  - Direction of average pre-post changes in metabolite intensities indicated by **red** (decrease) and **blue** (increase)

## Exposure Associated Metabolic Pathways

# Human Metabolic Pathway Enrichment

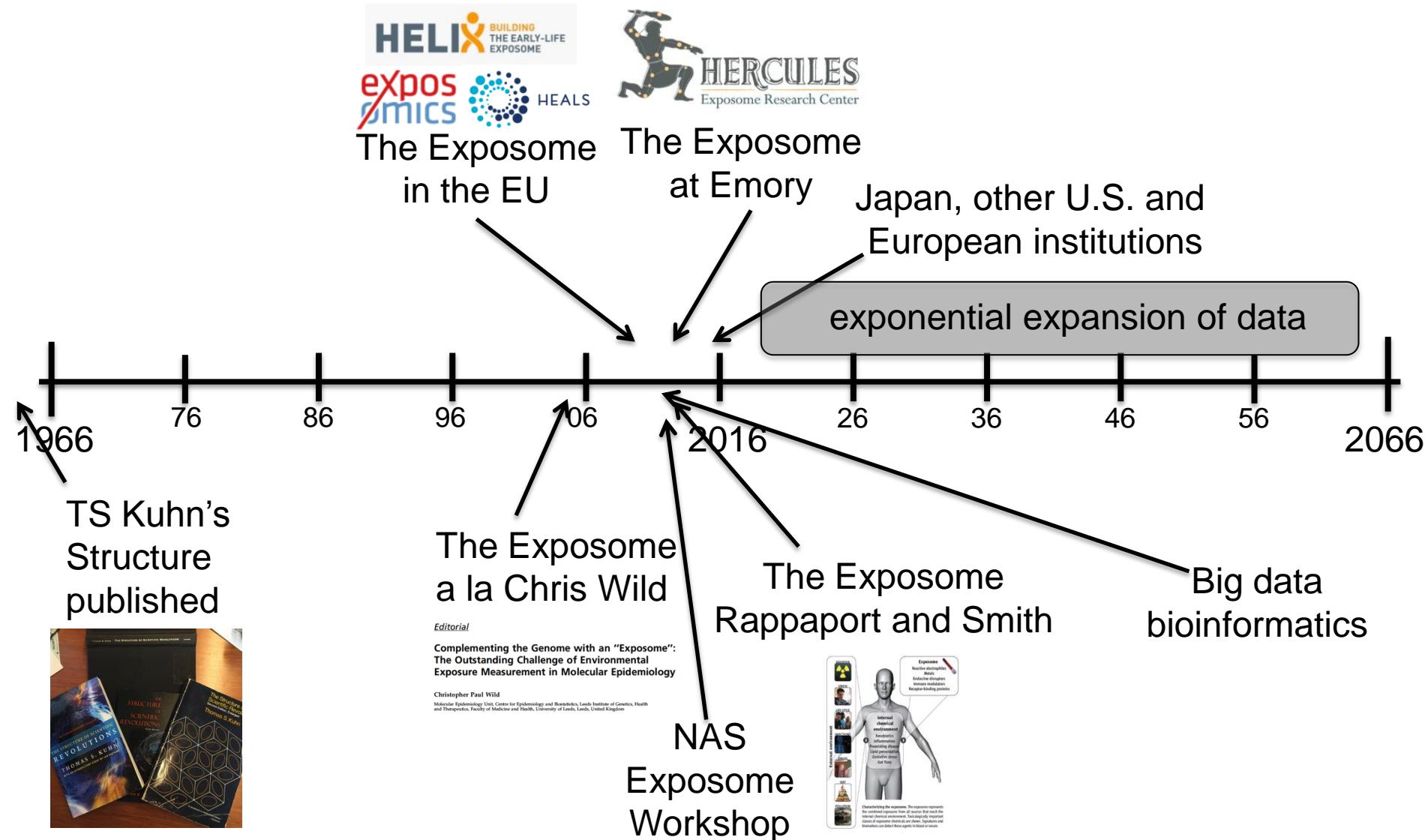


## Biomarker Associated Metabolic Pathways



**Figure 4.** The cumulative lifelong perturbations in metabolic and cellular functions contribute to lung disease. The lungs are exposed to airborne particulates, environmental chemicals, and infectious agents. Within the lungs, the body burden of these environmental agents causes many types of molecular responses. *Central panel* reprinted by permission from Reference 85; *right panel* is from [wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Idiopathic_pulmonary_fibrosis) for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Idiopathic\\_pulmonary\\_fibrosis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Idiopathic_pulmonary_fibrosis)). ATSDR = Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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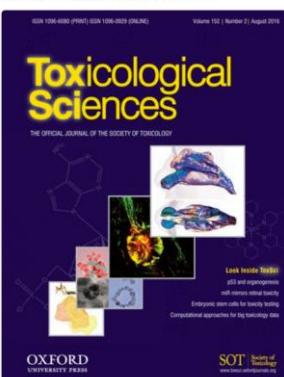
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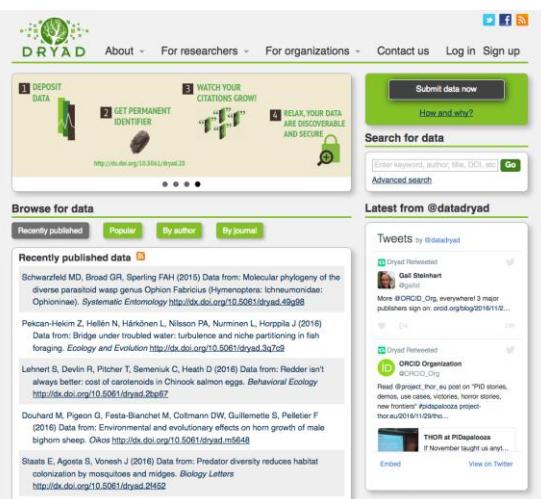
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