

CLiCC (Chemical Life Cycle Collaborative)

Network for Rapid Assessment of Chemical Life Cycle Impact

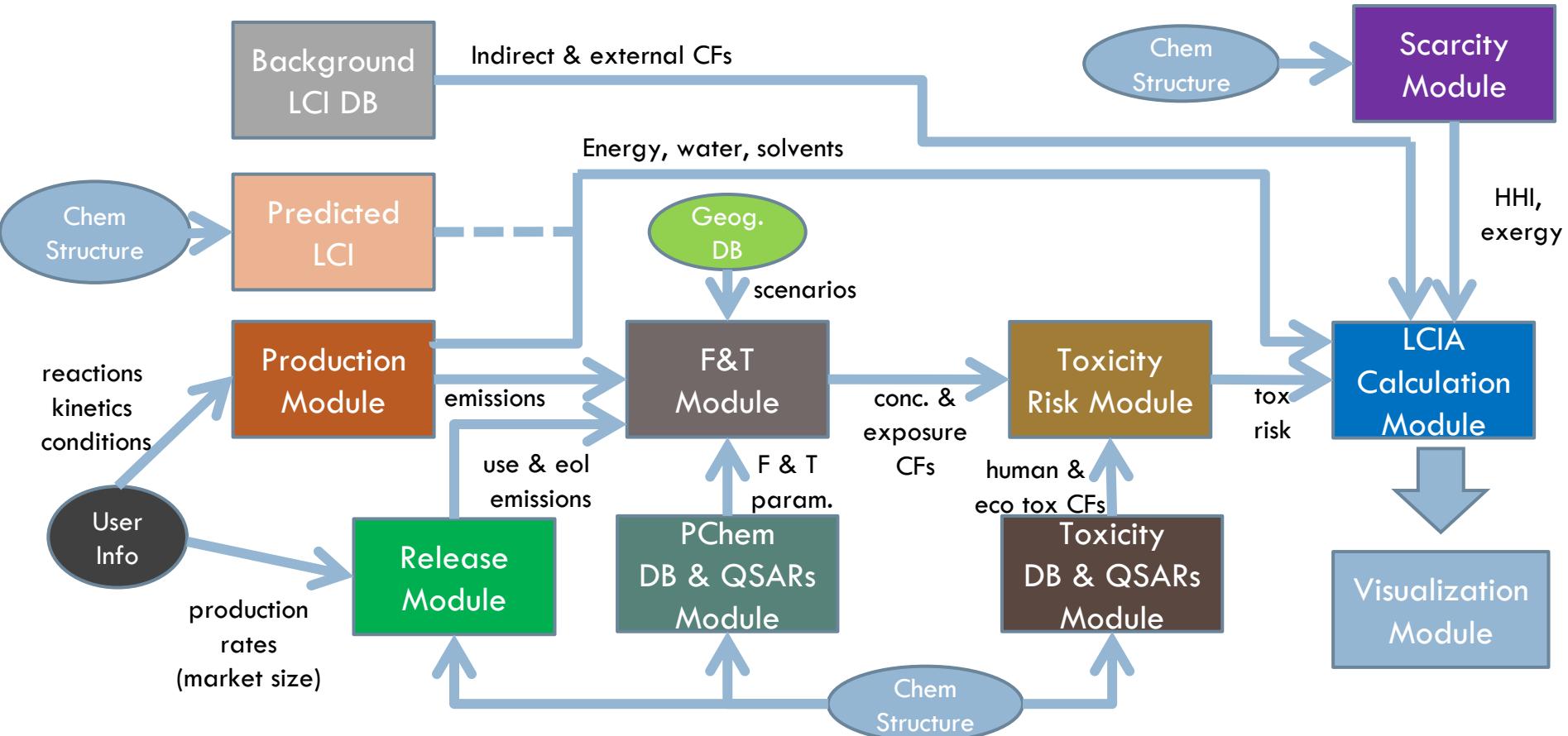


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Internal Tool Workflow

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CHEMICAL LIFE CYCLE COLLABORATIVE: CHEMICAL PROPERTIES MODULE

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Chemical Properties Module

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- Extending search of QSARs to more endpoints:
 - Carcinogenicity (more quantitative)
 - Developmental toxicity
 - Reproductive toxicity
 - Cardiovascular toxicity
 - Dermatotoxicity
 - Endocrine toxicity
 - Epigenetic toxicity
 - Genotoxicity
 - Hematotoxicity
 - Hepatotoxicity
 - Immunotoxicity
 - Musculoskeletal toxicity
 - Neurodevelopmental toxicity
 - Neurotoxicity
 - Ocular toxicity
 - Respiratory toxicity
 - Skin sensitization

Scarcity & Exergy

Evaluating proxies for natural resource and economic considerations

Jaye Harada

Scarcity module: abiotic depletion methods applied to new inorganics

- Current abiotic resource depletion methods do not evaluate all aspects of scarcity
 - supply risk
 - depletion rate
 - ore grade decrease
- Three goals for module:
 - Calculation of existing abiotic resource depletion characterization factors for new inorganic materials
 - **User can choose which method(s) to use** to evaluate a material's scarcity
 - Integration of future resource demand and production scenarios to calculate **future-oriented characterization factors**
 - These factors will be limited to reserve-based and production-based methods
 - **Evaluate uncertainty** in USGS production and reserves data
 - Consider year-to-year variance in USGS assessments

Potential exposure models at different levels

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Past work and ideas for the future

Introduction

□ Why do we need exposure models

Environmental
fate of
chemicals



Human
health
impact
assessment

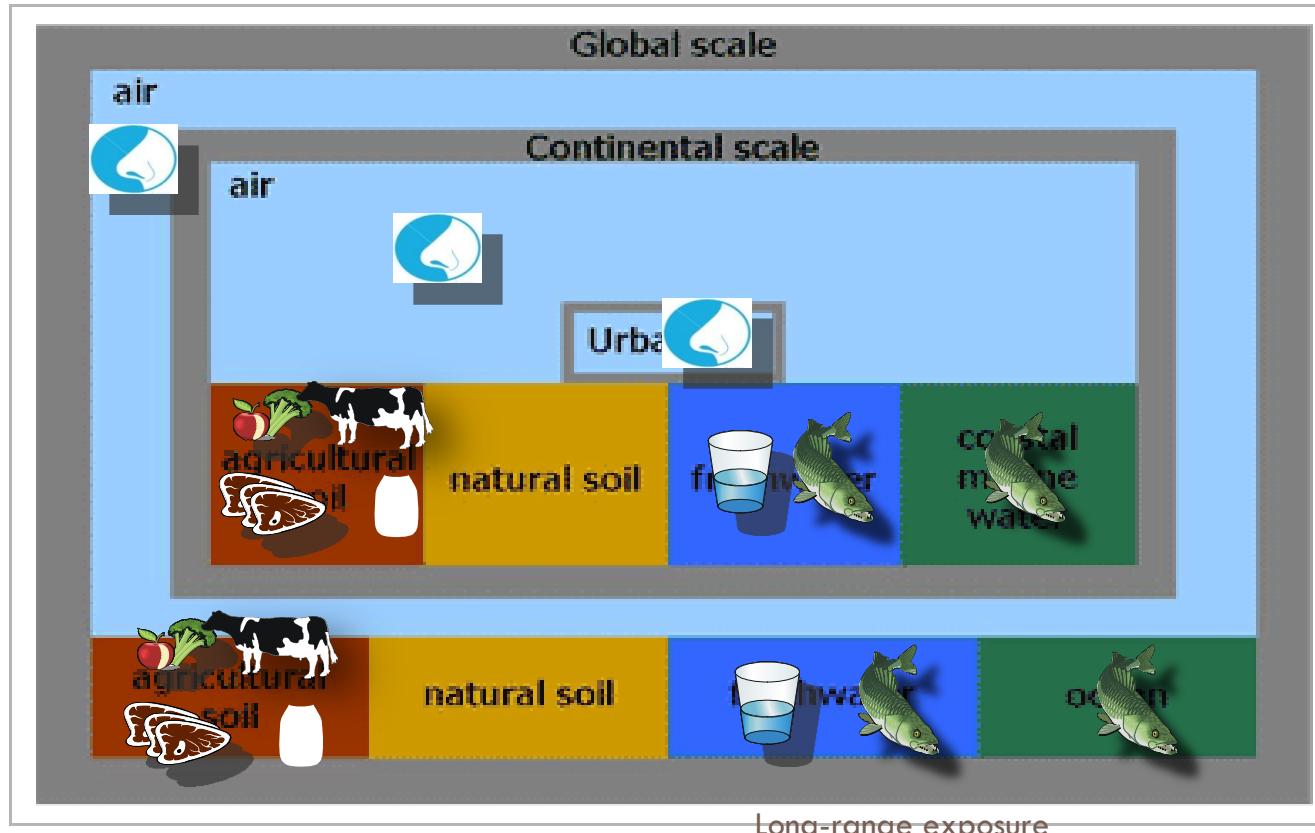
Models at different levels

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- **Long-range exposure models**
 - Traditionally employed in life cycle impact assessment (LCIA)
 - Can be improved for specific categories of chemicals
- **Close-range exposure models**
 - Indoor exposure
 - Personal care products
- **Internal organ specific exposure model**
 - Potential use of physiologically based toxicokinetic (PBTK) model
 - Linking target organs with toxic effects of chemicals
 - Much more complex than the other two

Long-range exposure

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Input parameters

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- **Inhalation:**
 - Concentration of chemical in the air (from Fate & Transport module)
 - Inhalation rate of the population (from EPA exposure handbook, can be adjusted for sensitive population)
 - Population size (pre-defined, scenarios)
- **Ingestion from water:**
 - Concentration of chemical in the water (from Fate & Transport module)
 - Ingestion rate of water (from EPA exposure handbook, can be adjusted for sensitive population)
 - Population size (pre-defined, scenarios)
- **Ingestion from food:**
 - Concentration of chemical in the water and agricultural soil (from Fate & Transport module)
 - Bioconcentration factors, biotransfer factors, etc. (from previous empirical models, need support from QSAR for calculations)
 - Ingestion rate of different produces (from established databases, can be differentiated to different age groups)
 - Population size (pre-defined, scenarios)

Output parameters

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□ Intake amount

- Expressed in mass (kg) or dose (mg/kg-day)
- Can be converted to intake fractions ($\text{kg}_{\text{intake}}/\text{kg}_{\text{emitted}}$)
- Used to estimate human toxicity impact
- Requires either epidemiology data or chronic *in vivo* animal toxicity data, which can be supported by QSAR module

Most suitable for

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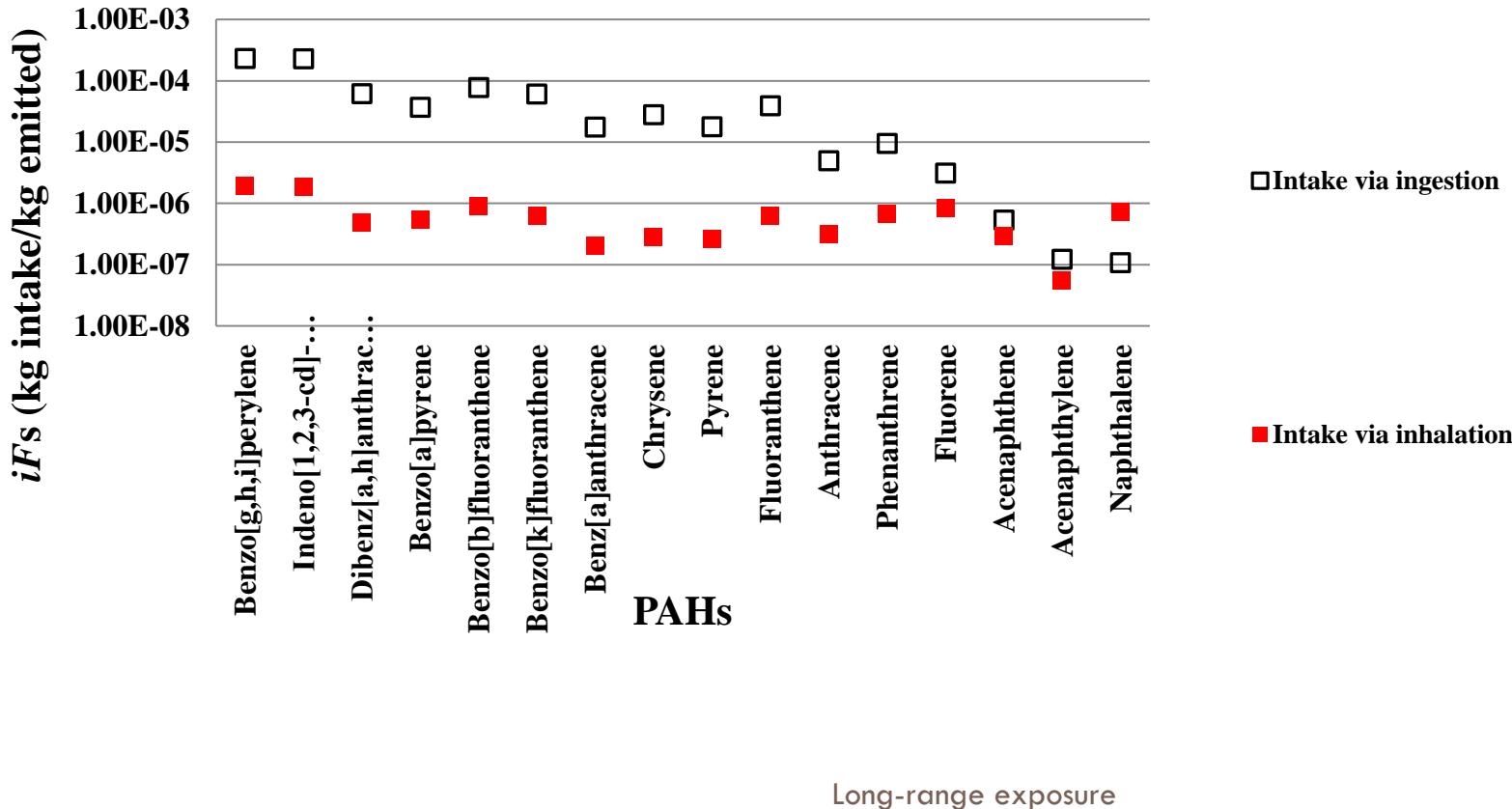
- **Chemicals emitted to the general environment**
 - Byproducts, pollutants, pesticides, etc.
 - No need to address indoor exposure/dermal exposure
- **For chemicals with relatively limited physico-chemical data**
 - Missing data can be generated from the QSAR module or Fate & Transport module



Long-range exposure



Example



Close-range exposure

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Close-range exposure

Input parameters

□ **Inhalation:**

- Removal and degradation rates (from indoor air model [Wenger et al., 2012])
- Inhalation rate of the population (from EPA exposure handbook, can be differentiated to different age groups)
- Indoor room descriptions: ventilation rate, volume, occupants, temperature, etc. (pre-defined, scenarios)

□ **Dermal exposure:**

- Contact duration (pre-defined, scenarios, data from industry)
- A series of permeability and transfer rates (QSAR, Berg 2009)

Output parameters

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□ Intake fractions

- Expressed in fractions ($\text{kg}_{\text{intake}}/\text{kg}_{\text{emitted}}$)
- Usually orders of magnitude higher than iF of the same chemicals released to the general environment
- Used to estimate human toxicity impact, with support of emitted/applied mass (user input)
- Requires either epidemiology data or chronic *in vivo* animal toxicity data, which can be supported by QSAR module

Most suitable for

□ **Chemicals emitted to the indoor environment**

- VOCs that are released from products used indoors
- Occupational setting

□ **Chemicals used in personal care products**

- Directly applied to skins such as shampoo, lipsticks, lotions, etc.
- Data about how the products are used is essential

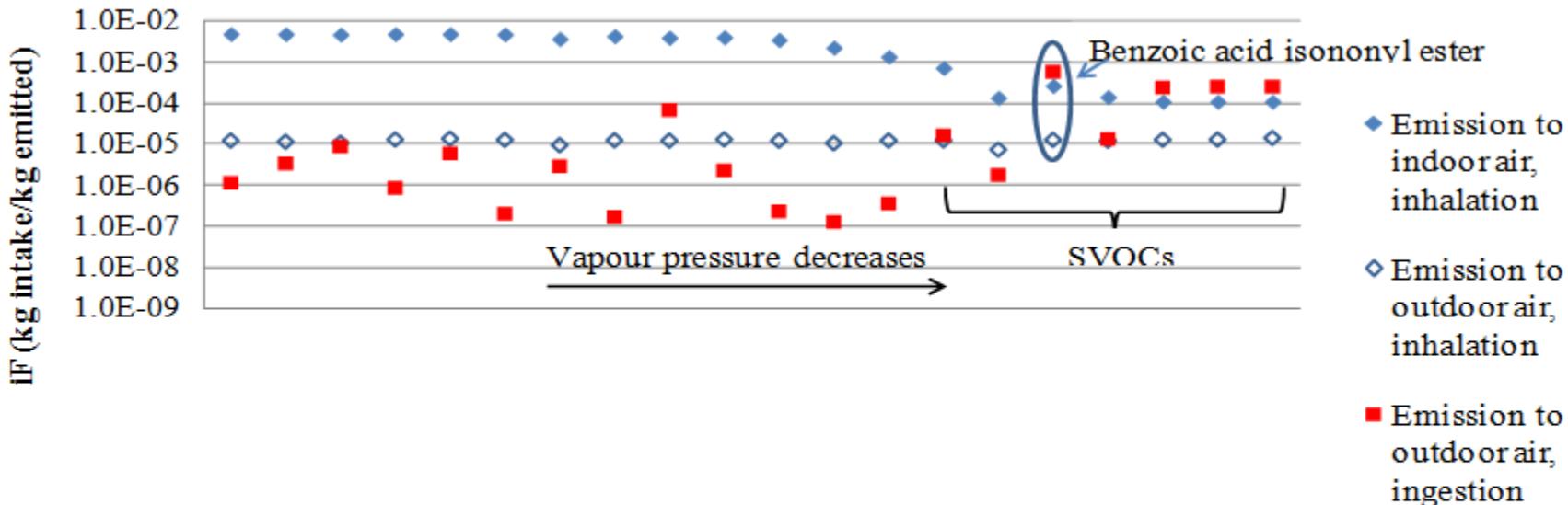


Close-range exposure



Example

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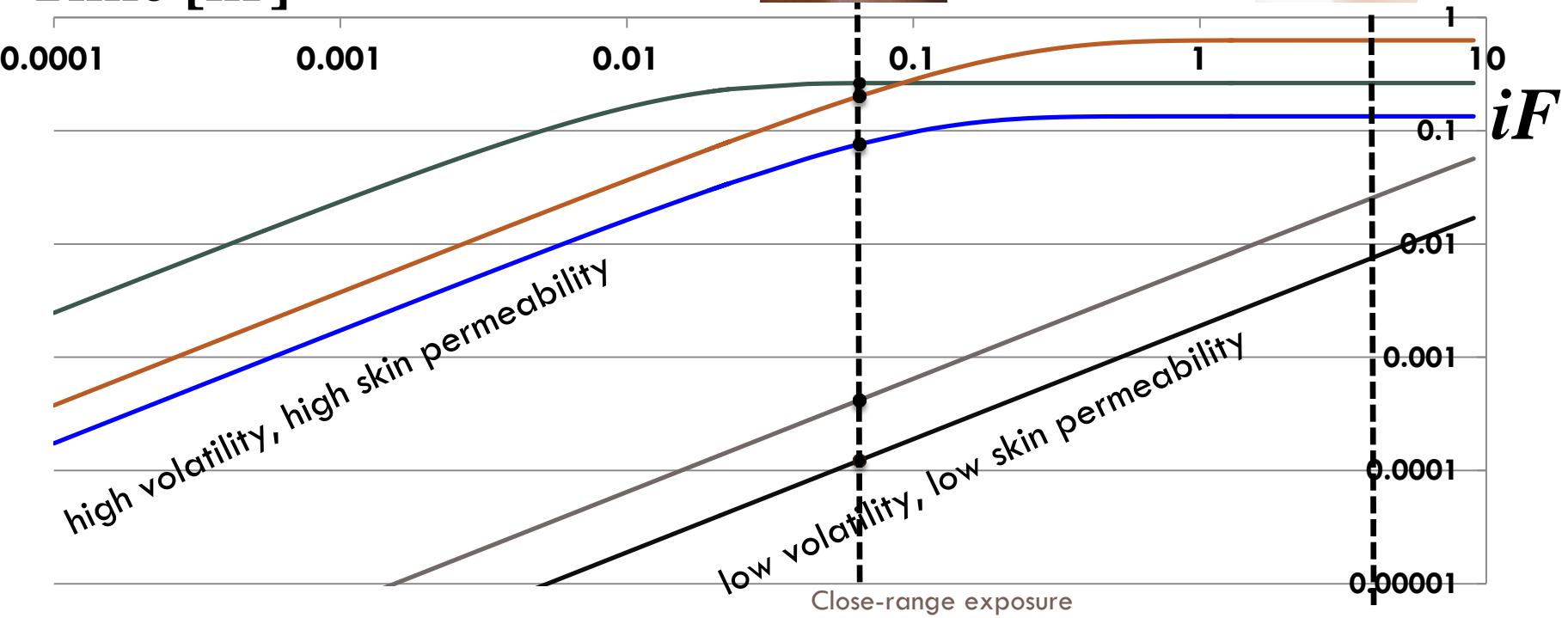


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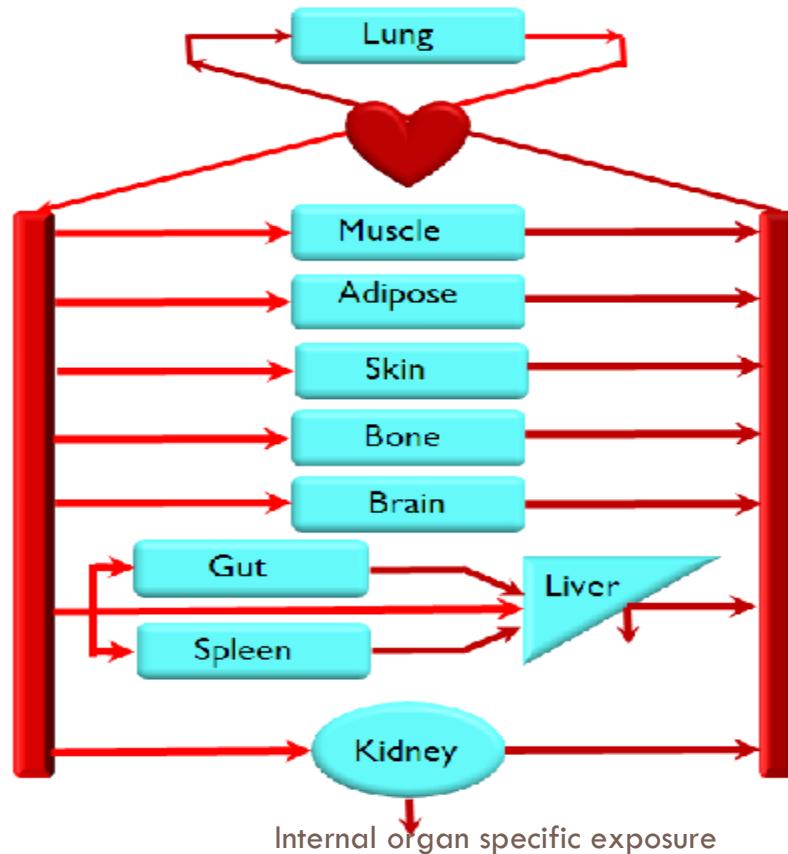


Time [hr]



Internal organ specific exposure

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Input parameters

- **Human physiology data:**
 - Body weight, organ weights, cardiac output, etc.
 - Existing literature, can be adjusted for sensitive population
- **Exposed amounts:**
 - Concentration of chemical in air/food (from Fate & Transport module)
 - Inhalation rate and ingestion rates (from USEtox refs, EPA exposure handbook)
- **Inside body kinetics (most challenging):**
 - Adsorption (from existing QSAR type models: Caco-2, PAMPA, etc.)
 - Distribution (from existing database, potential QSAR models)
 - Metabolism (from existing database)
 - Excretion (from existing models)

Output parameters

□ **Concentrations in blood and various organs**

- Can be converted to cumulative amounts in blood and various organs over time
- Compare with high throughput *in vitro* toxicity tests
- Can be independent on epidemiology/animal tests, opening up much wider toxicity dataset
- More accurate representation of internal dose – given the data and model are good (otherwise, garbage in garbage out)

Most suitable for

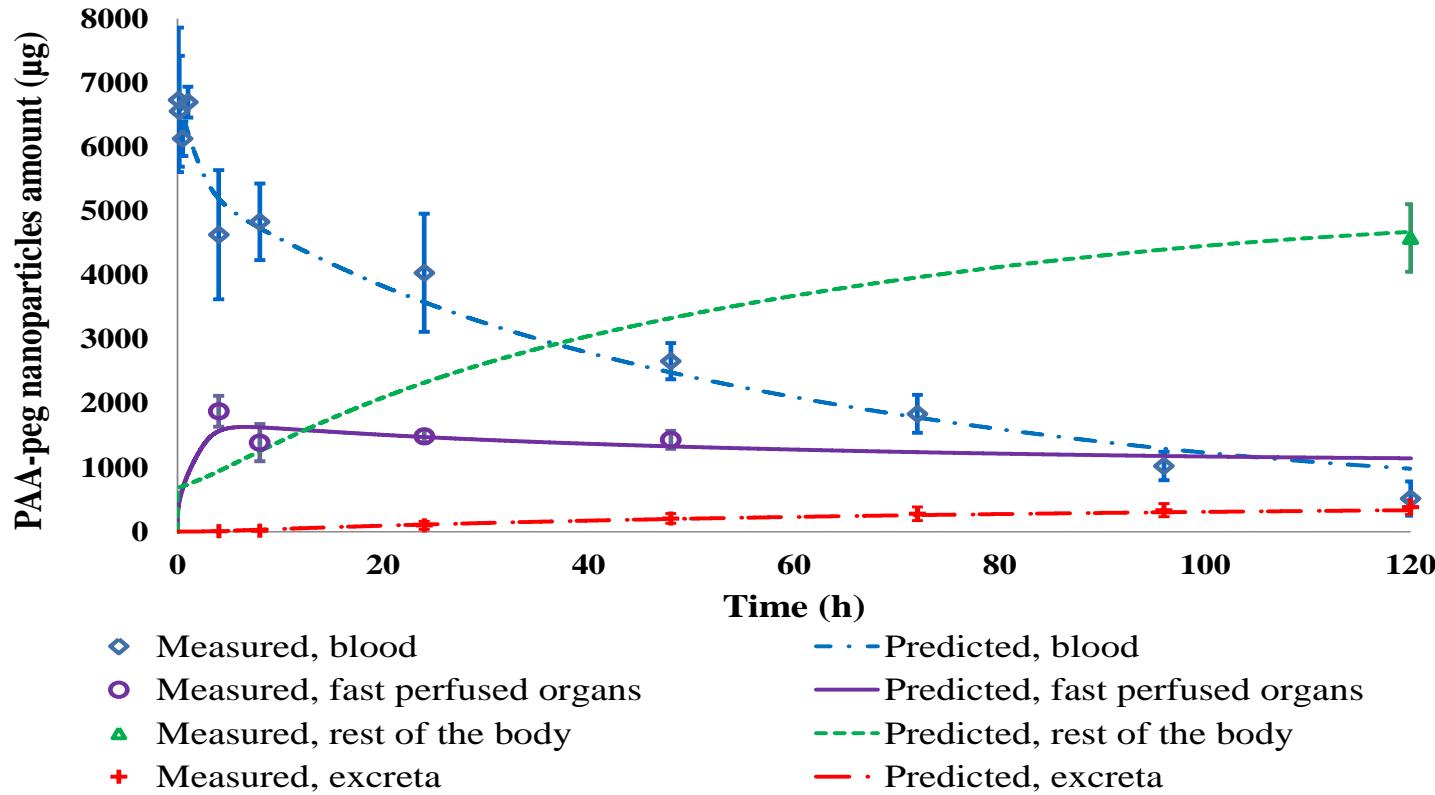
- **Chemicals that require higher accuracy or dynamic of exposure**
 - Can predict doses in sensitive organs at different ages
- **Chemicals without epidemiology/animal toxicity data**
 - Can use other data sources for human health impact assessment
- **Chemicals with richer physiological kinetic data**
 - Linked with QSAR models, the data gap in the ADME parameters may be closed

Internal organ specific exposure



Example

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Internal organ specific exposure

More of a field of research

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- **No “generic” PBTK model exist yet**
 - The community in toxicology is still working on this topic
 - Mostly due to the complexity of different chemicals kinetics inside the body
- **No attempt to link PBTK with LCIA has been made**
 - Cross disciplinary may LCIA be, PBTK is still untouched by LCIA researchers
- **More complex model, more computation time**
 - Even the most basic PBTK model is much more complex than the other exposure models
 - Complexity similar to multimedia environmental fate models
 - Therefore takes more computation power
 - More complexity usually leads to more uncertainty, too
 - Internal organ specific exposure

Summary

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- Three models addressing different scales of exposure/output are being considered for further development and integration into CLiCC framework
- User would have the option to determine which one to use based on their need
- Ranking of readiness:
 - Long-range exposure models (easy after F&T model fully developed)
 - Close-range exposure models (relatively easy after F&T model fully developed)
 - Internal organ specific models (requires more complex PBTK modeling & QSARs for internal body parameters)

APPLICATION OF THE CLiCC TOOL

USES FOR DECISION MAKERS

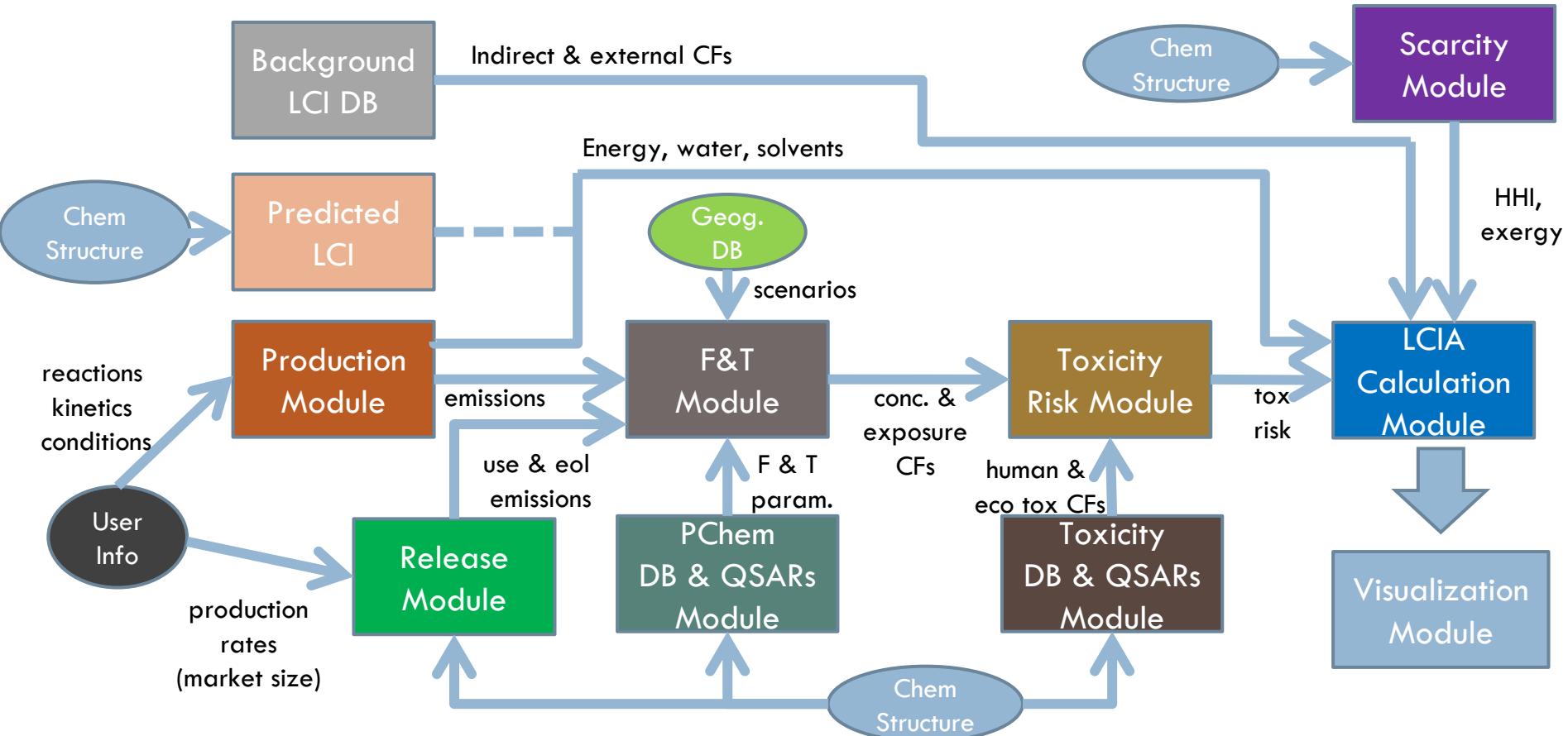
Industry Partner Guidance

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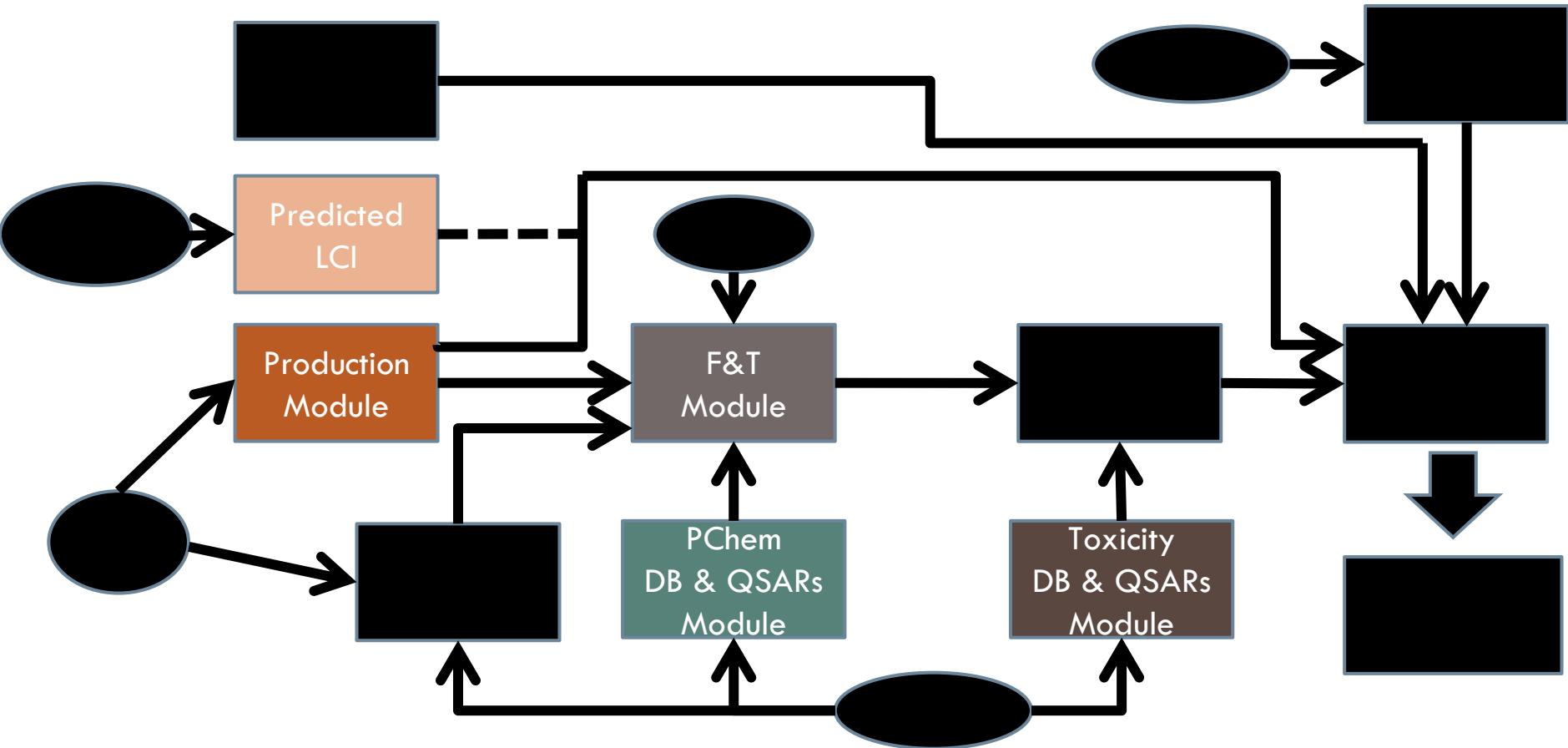
- Characterization of uncertainty is very important
 - Identification of uncertainty “hotspots”
 - Stochastic representation (probability distributions)
- Outputs provided for individual modules (not just entire CLiCC Tool results)
 - First round of case studies: individual modules to determine feasibility and guide output visualization
- Most users will be relatively technical and LCA literate
- Need to be transparent about data sources
 - Will provide output identifying the data sources used in each module for a given chemical run through the CLiCC tool

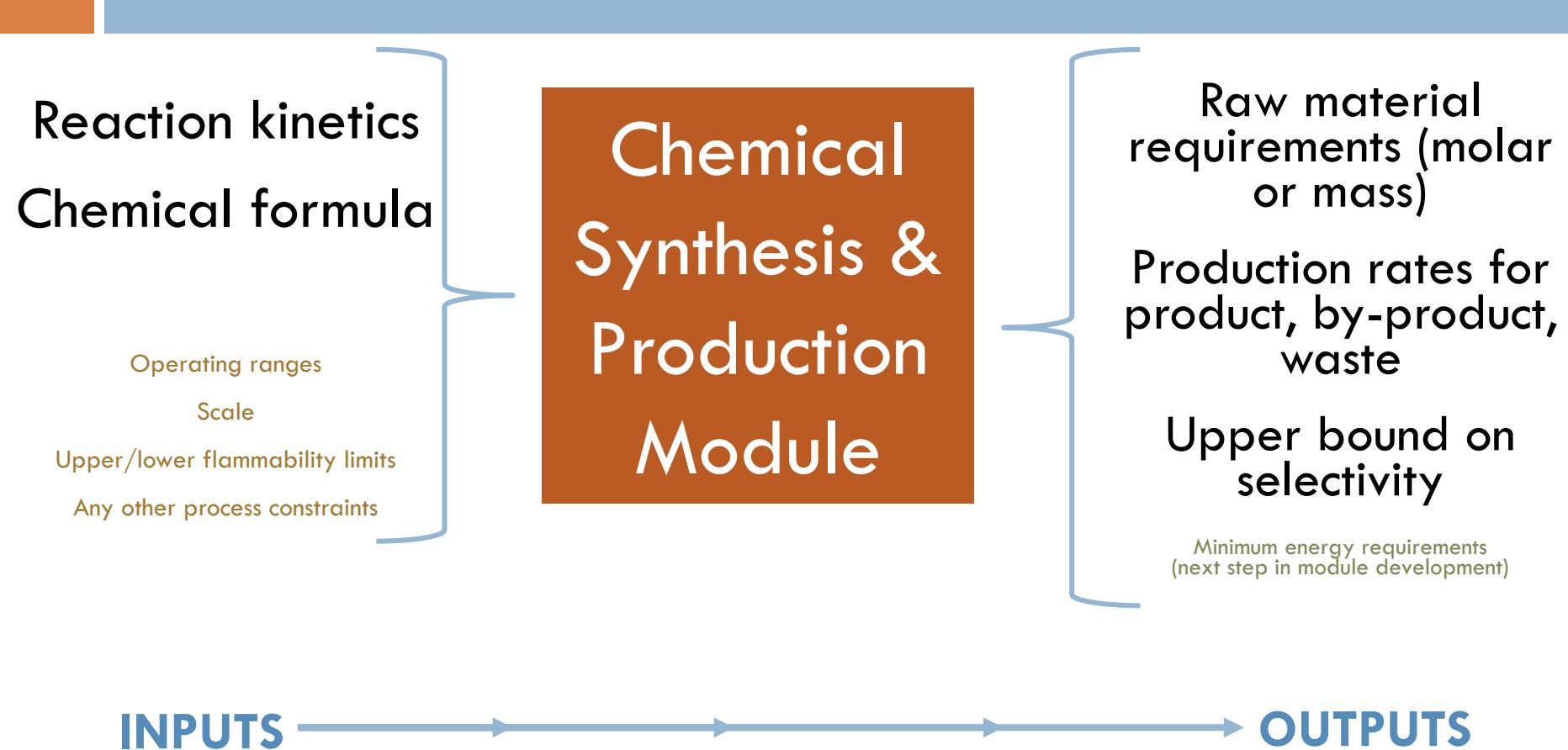
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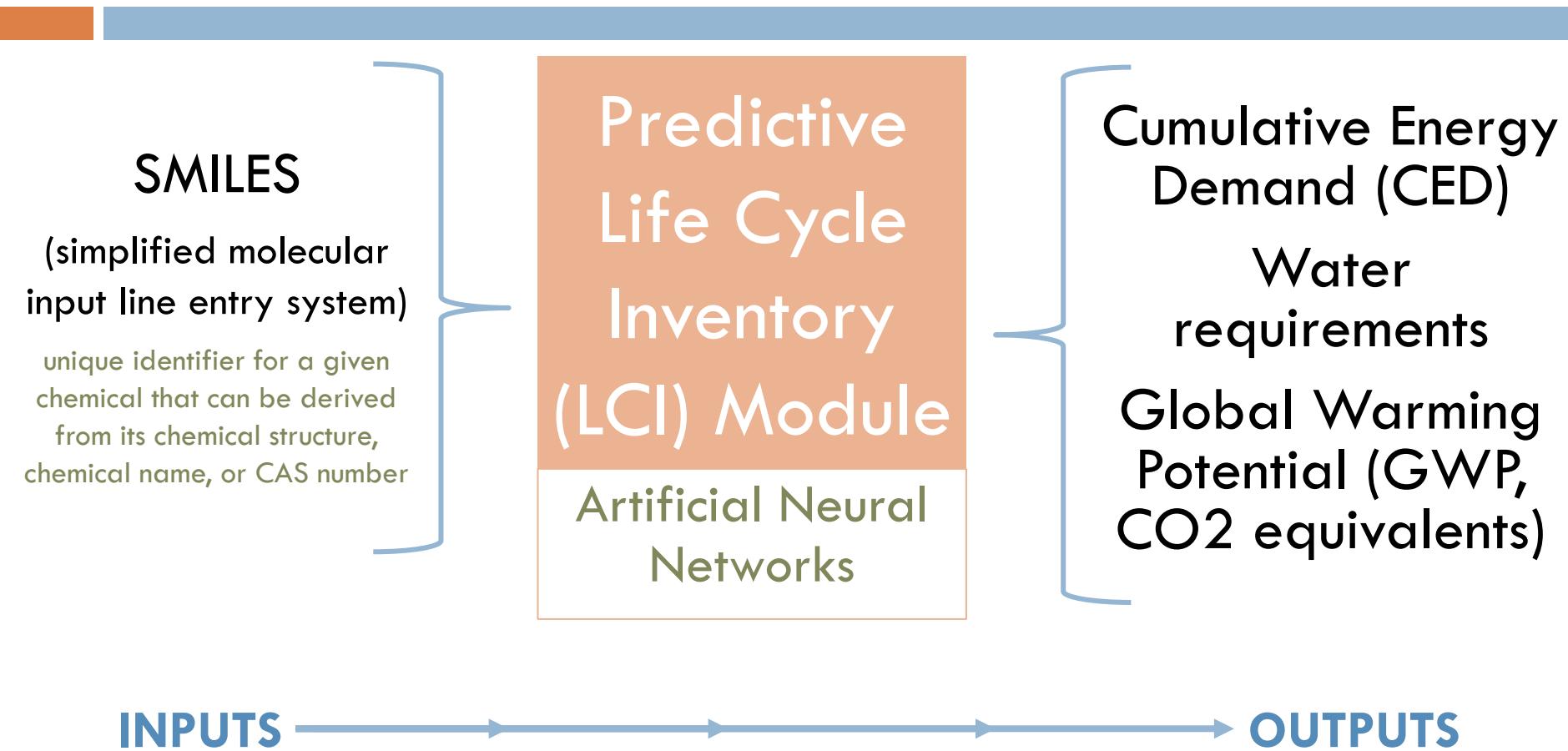
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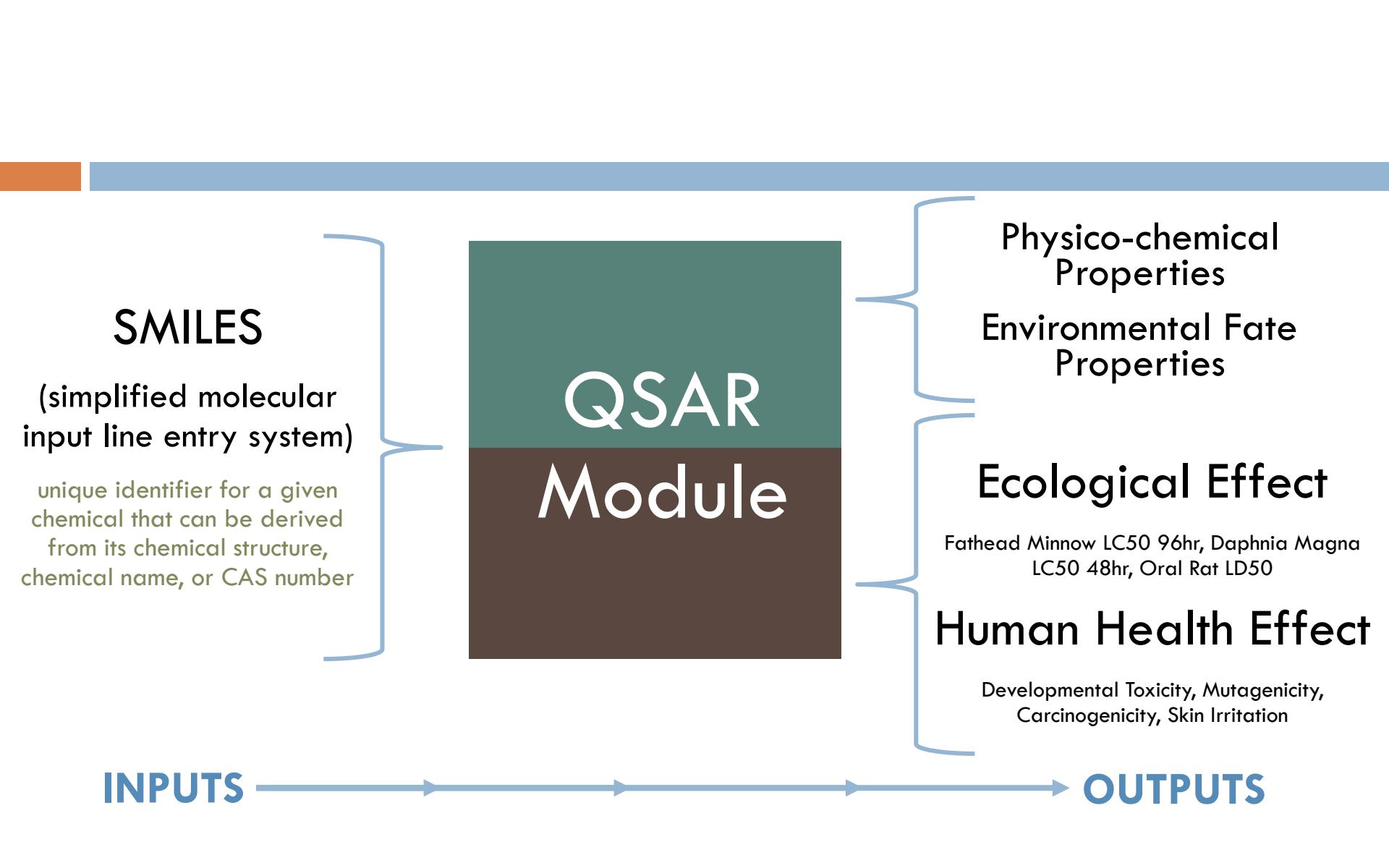


Modules for Case Studies









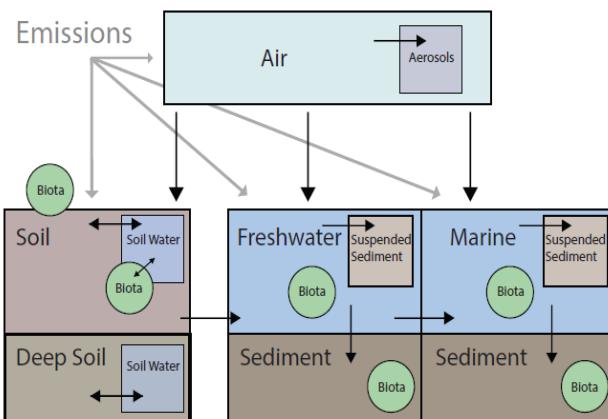
Chemical name/identifier
physico-chemical properties and environmental fate properties from QSAR module

Geographical Information

Emissions
(rate of release over time)

Fate & Transport Module

Fate Factors
(FF, concentration and mass by compartment over time)



INPUTS → → → → **OUTPUTS**

Thank you!