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**Launch of the European
Human Exposome Network**

*Understanding the health impacts of a
lifetime of environmental exposures*





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On the Origins of the Exposome

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On the Origins of the Exposome

- the prompt
- the past
- the promise
- the perspective

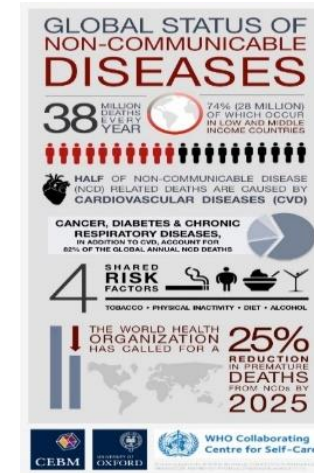
....the prompt

The global cancer burden: necessity is the mother of prevention

- Growing burden of cancer (and other NCDs) predominantly caused by environmental and behavioural risk factors
- No country can afford to treat its way out of the cancer problem
- Prevention must be central to an integrated approach including early detection, treatment and care, but is neglected
- Preventive interventions are impossible without knowledge of the causes and preferably the underlying mechanisms

Cancer is a disease of uncontrolled growth

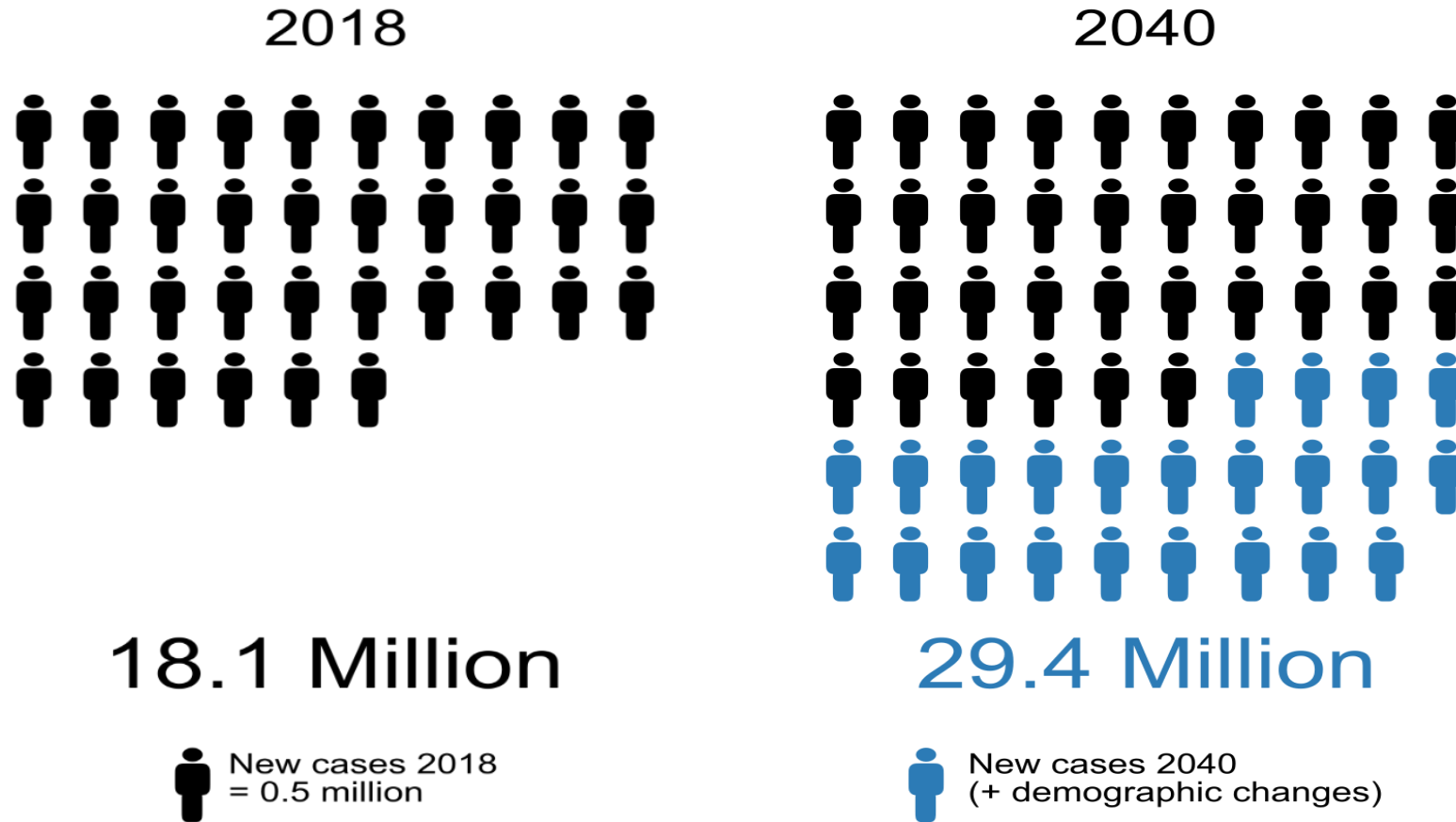
Magnitude: the increasing burden of cancer



Pattern: the changing pattern of cancer



Cancer is a disease of uncontrolled growth: no. of new cases 2018 and 2040 worldwide



Projections based on demographic change alone

The economic costs of cancer add to the suffering

- **Productivity loss** in 30 European countries in 2008 due to cancer-related mortality¹:
 - €75 billion in total;
 - average €219,000 per cancer death;
 - 0.58% of European GDP, up to 1.05% in central-Eastern Europe
- **Economic burden** in the 27 EU countries in 2009²:
 - €126 billion in total
 - Health care €51 billion; Productivity losses and lost working days €52 billion; Informal care €23 billion

¹Hanly P et al., (2015) Int. J. Cancer 136: E136-145

²Luengo-Fernandez R., et al., (2013) Lancet Oncol., 14: 1165-74

....the past

On the Origins of the Exposome

- **1982:** during my PhD studies - international meeting at Paterson Labs, Manchester, UK on immunoassays to measure DNA damage
- **1982-1985:** First examples of DNA adducts in human tissues to measure exposure
- **1980s:** molecular epidemiology focused on improvement of exposure assessment
- **1990s:** following PCR invention, major shift to candidate gene SNPs in case-control studies; less emphasis on exposure assessment

Carcinogenesis Vol.3 No.12 pp.1405-1410, 1982

A pilot project in molecular cancer epidemiology: determination of benzo[a]pyrene-DNA adducts in animal and human tissues by immunoassays

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(Received on 6 July 1982; accepted on 6 October 1982)

ological studies attempting to relate biologically-effective dose of carcinogen to human cancer risk.

Introduction

In the epidemiology of human carcinogenesis serious difficulties are apparent in estimating dose from existing exposure data and predicting the metabolic fate of a chemical carcinogen in exposed subjects. New methods of quantifying the biologically effective dose of a carcinogen are required. The amount of activated carcinogen directly interacting with critical cellular targets can be defined as the biologically effective dose and is presumed to be directly involved in the carcinogenic process (1,2). Quantitation of carcinogen-DNA adducts by immunoassay (3) may provide a useful indication

Int. J. Cancer: 36, 661-665 (1985)

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⁰6-METHYLDEOXYGUANOSINE IN OESOPHAGEAL DNA AMONG INDIVIDUALS AT HIGH RISK OF OESOPHAGEAL CANCER

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The Human Glutathione S-Transferase Supergene Family, Its Polymorphism, and Its Effects on Susceptibility to Lung Cancer

by Brian Ketterer,¹ Jonathan M. Harris,¹ Glen Talaska,² David J. Meyer,¹ Sally E. Pemble,¹ John B. Taylor,¹ Nicholas P. Lang,³ and Fred F. Kadlubar⁴

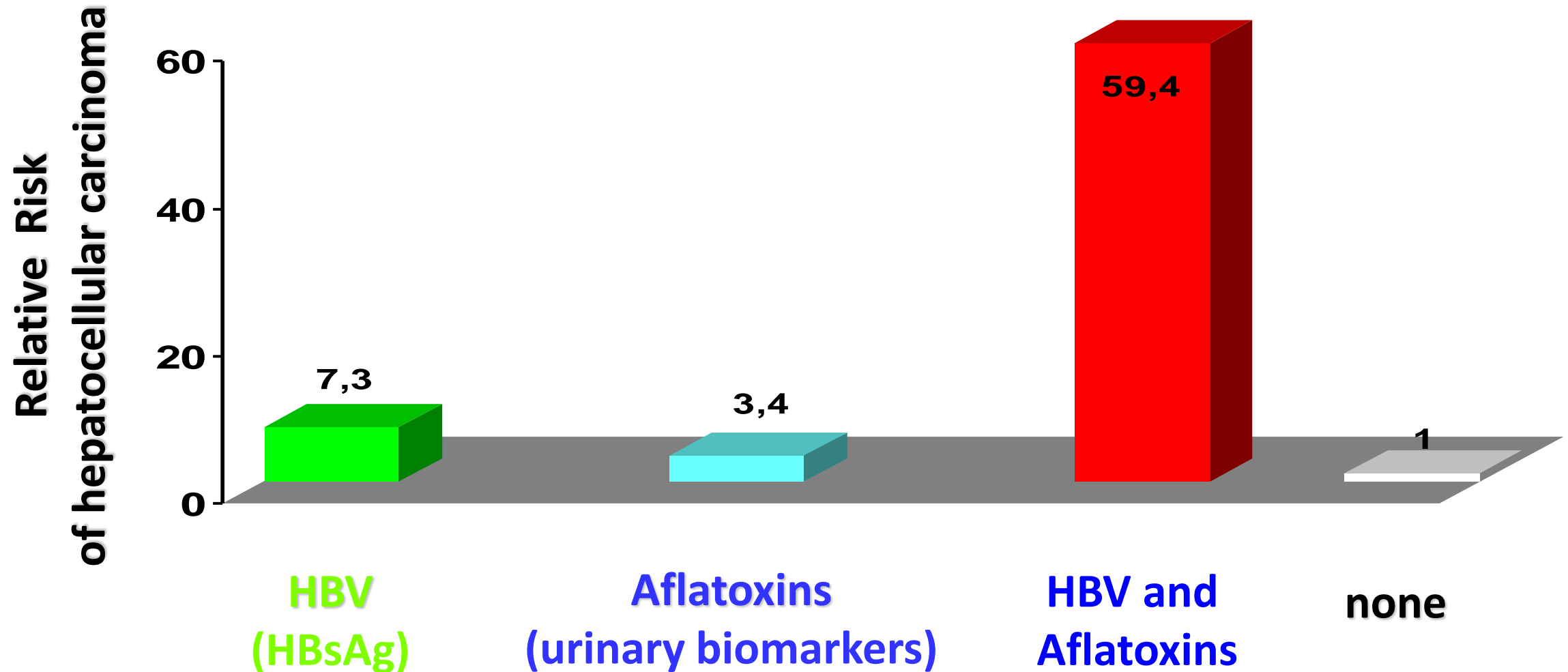
Environmental Health Perspectives
Vol. 98, pp. 87-94, 1992

Experiencing success: the case of aflatoxins

- Produced by *Aspergillus spp*; aflatoxins are **common contaminants of dietary staples** in sub-Saharan Africa and parts of Asia
- Potent **mutagens and liver carcinogens** in animals
- Epidemiological studies limited by **poor exposure measurement**
- **Biomarkers of aflatoxin-DNA and protein adducts** in blood and urine led to major research advances

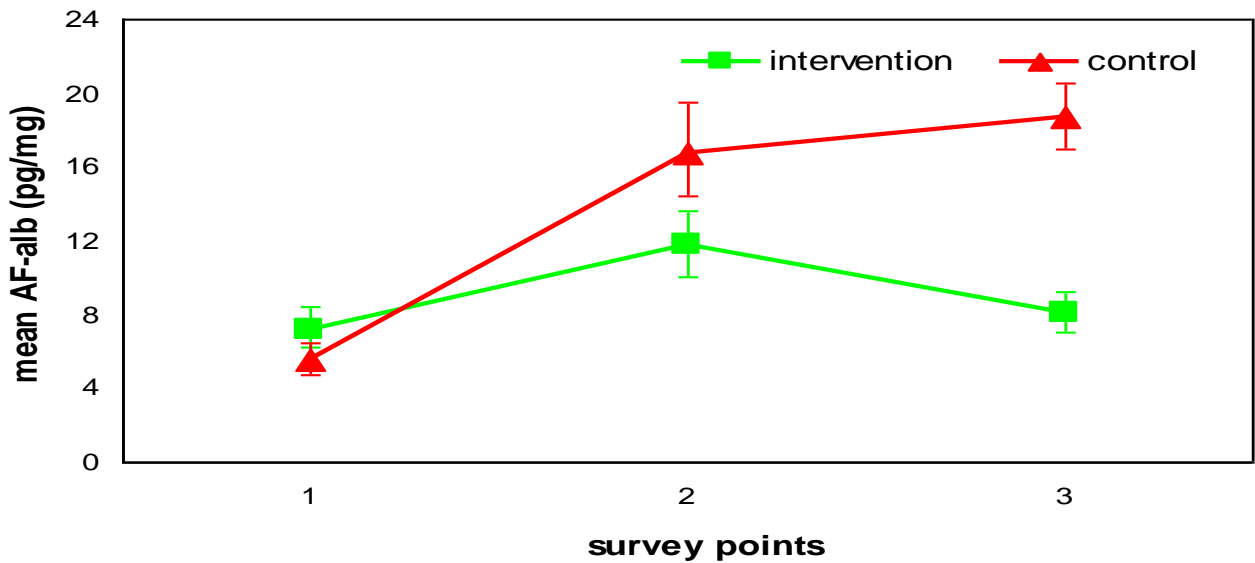


Aflatoxin biomarkers: interaction between HBV infection and aflatoxins in liver cancer in China



adapted from Qian et al, CEBP 1994, following Ross et al., Lancet 1992

Aflatoxin biomarkers: primary prevention in subsistence farmers Guinea



Turner et al., (2005) *The Lancet*, **365**, 1950-1956

Origins of the exposome: a difficult birth

The landscape

- **Diseases:** the causes of NCDs are mainly non-genetic
- **Genetics:** huge investment yielding exquisite measurement precision at the individual level
- **Environment:** relative paucity of investment and limited improvement in exposure assessment
- **Cohorts:** major investment in large prospective cohort studies with biobanks e.g. UK Biobank
- **Science and technology:** exciting advances in cancer biology with analytical tools applicable to human biospecimens

[Wild CP \(2005\) CEBP,14: 1847-1850](#)

[Wild CP \(2012\) Int. J. Epi, 41: 24-32](#)

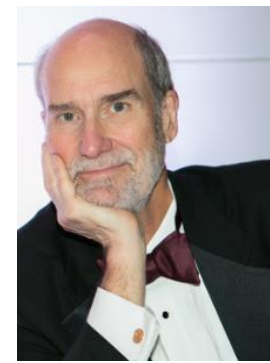
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Origins of the exposome: a struggle for life

- Paper turned down by a number of leading journals – not reviewed
- Submitted in my role as co-editor-in-chief of CEBP. Dr John Potter comment: *“this is out there”*
- An anonymous childhood – no citations or follow-up for 5 years
- Resuscitated by the US National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine with support of Dr Steve Rappaport



Editorial

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

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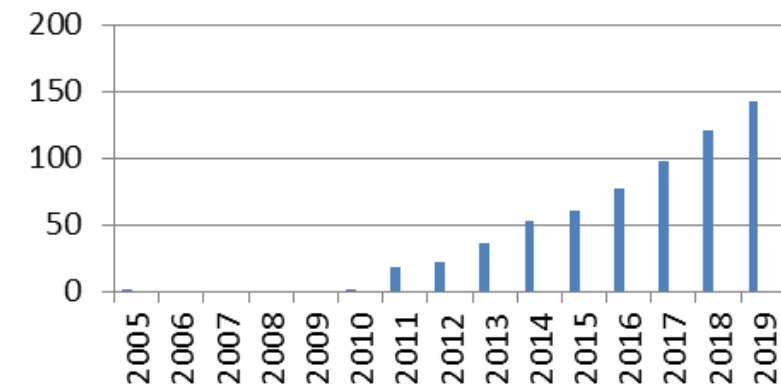
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AGENDA

The Exposome: A Powerful Approach for Evaluating Environmental Exposures and Their Influences on Human Disease

FEBRUARY 25-26, 2010 • WASHINGTON, DC

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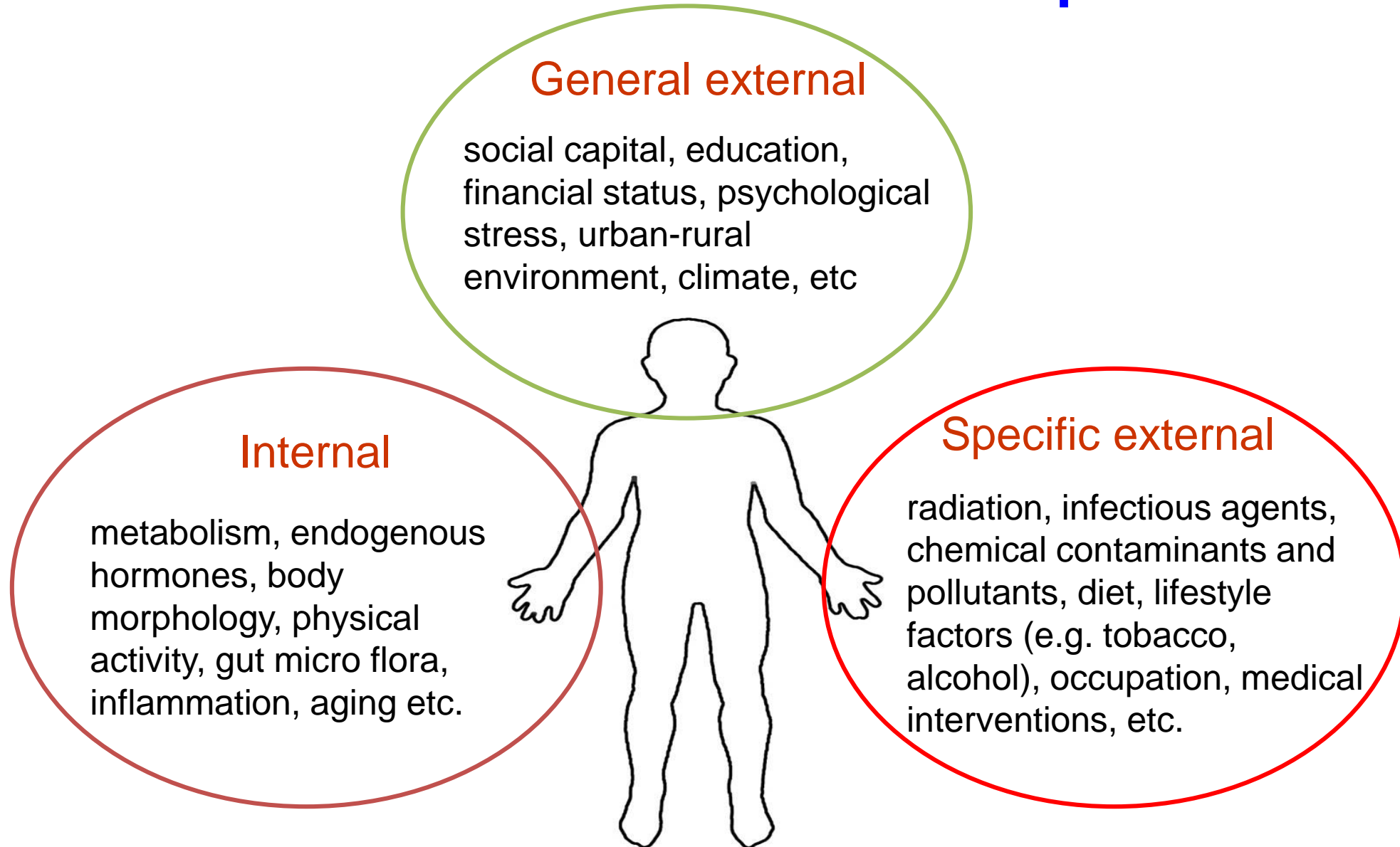


Exposome - the definition

- A potential measure of the effects of life course exposures on health. **It comprises the totality of exposures to which an individual is subjected from conception to death**, including those resulting from environmental agents, socioeconomic conditions, lifestyle, diet, and endogenous processes.
- Characterization of the exposome could permit **addressing possible associations with health outcomes and their significance**, if any, alone or in combination with genomic factors.

*Cited from the Dictionary of Epidemiology
MS Porta, 6th edition, OUP 2014*

Exposome: the breadth of exposures



Exposome: the timing of exposures



The challenges in characterising the exposome are inherent to the strengths

- **Scale and complexity:** characterization of many categories of quite different types of exposure *e.g. gut microbiome through to the built environment*
- **Dynamic:** the exposome changes markedly over time – possibility of critical windows of exposure *e.g. in early life; major lifestyle changes e.g. moving residence, changing jobs*
- **Technical and data analysis:** complex and evolving, requiring innovative informatics and statistical methods
- However, even **partial characterisation can bring major benefits**

The exposome complements, but does not mirror, the genome

- The exposome (*in its pure sense, in its entirety*) is unlikely to be characterized for a given individual; it will be partially characterized across many individuals
- While application of the genome to health may be at the individual level, individual level application is unlikely for the exposome; the application will be at a population, or sub-population level
- Therefore, the value of the exposome is likely to be found primarily in public health benefits rather than clinically

....the promise

The exposome: the challenges of growing-up

2005: newborn baby



2020: the teenage years



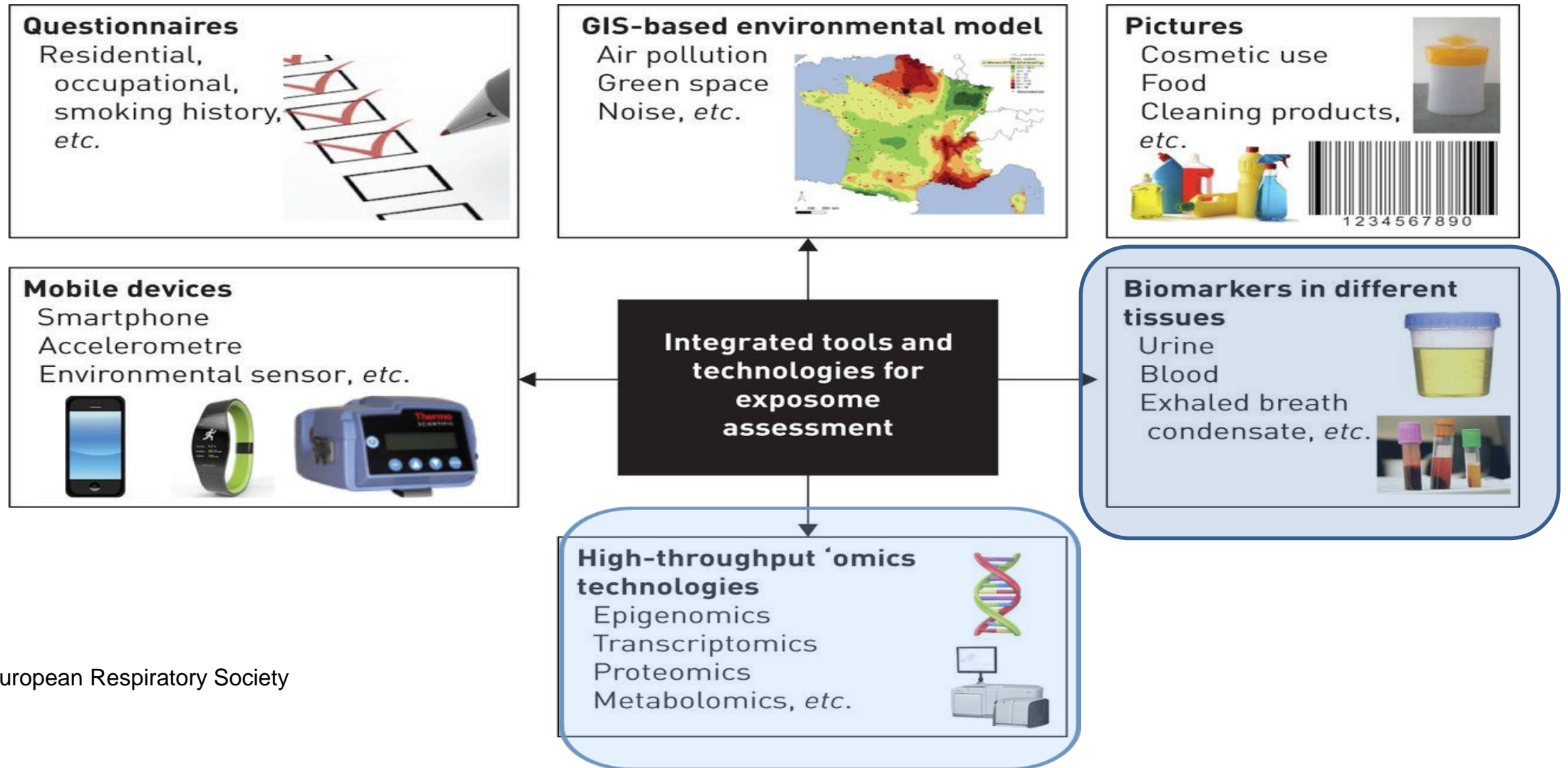
An opportunity for scientific innovation: in the questions framed

- A paradigm shift: to capture a far **greater breadth** of exposures for a given person
 - including **agnostic approaches** to generate new hypotheses e.g. environment-wide association studies
 - to permit **analysis of mixtures**: co-occurrences, interactions, synergies etc.
- To **explore the timing** of exposures and their differential effects over a life-course
- Exemplar for studying the causes and prevention of a **wide range of diseases** through an inter-disciplinary approach

An opportunity for scientific innovation: in the tools applied

- **Common soil of biology** – “two-way” translational research from basic science to both the clinic and the population (*see Wild CP et al., (2013) Env. Molec. Mutagen.54: 480-499; Wild CP et al., (2015) JNCI 107 (1); dju353*)
- **Common research platforms** - prospective cohort studies, biobanks, analytical platforms, databases
- **Common goals:** engenders multi-sectoral collaboration from the molecular to the socio-political ; “causes of the causes”; policy research

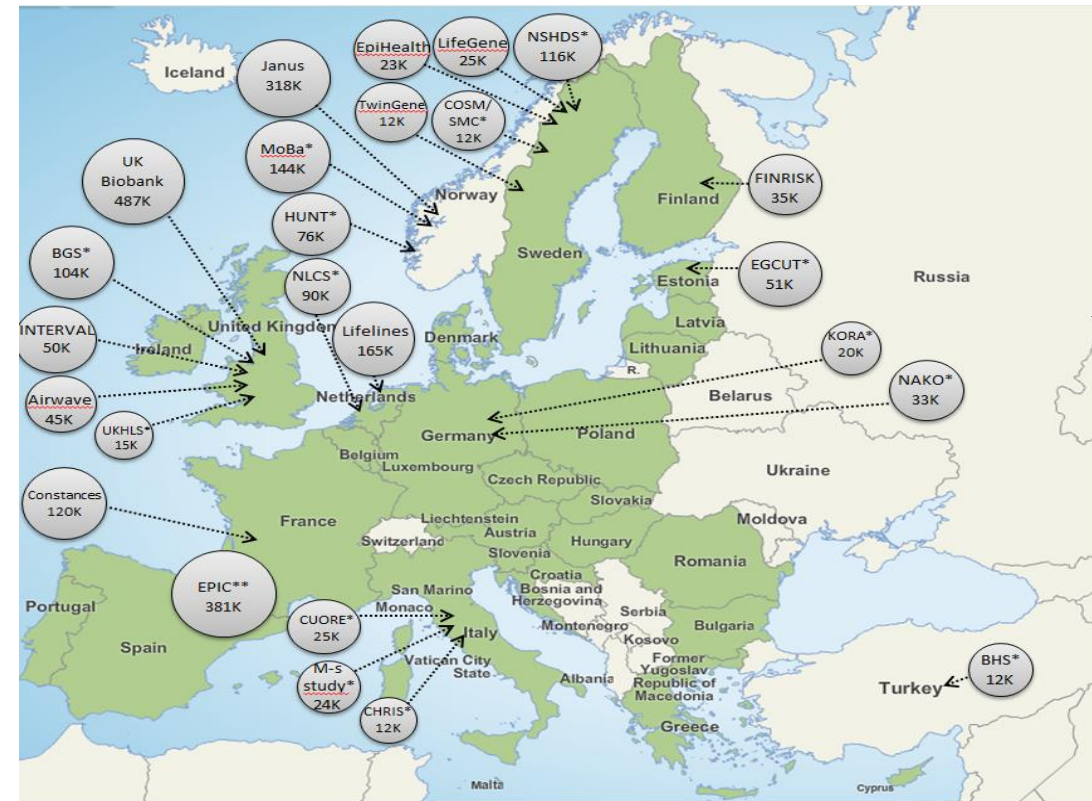
Exposome: the new array of tools



Exposome: potential to benefit from prior investment



- 25 prospective cohorts each with blood on >10,000 participants
- 2.4M participants with blood samples in biobanks
- Over 100 European collaborators supporting the project
- Potentially important infrastructure for cancer prevention research
- Currently inactive



Eur J Epidemiol (2017) 32:741–749
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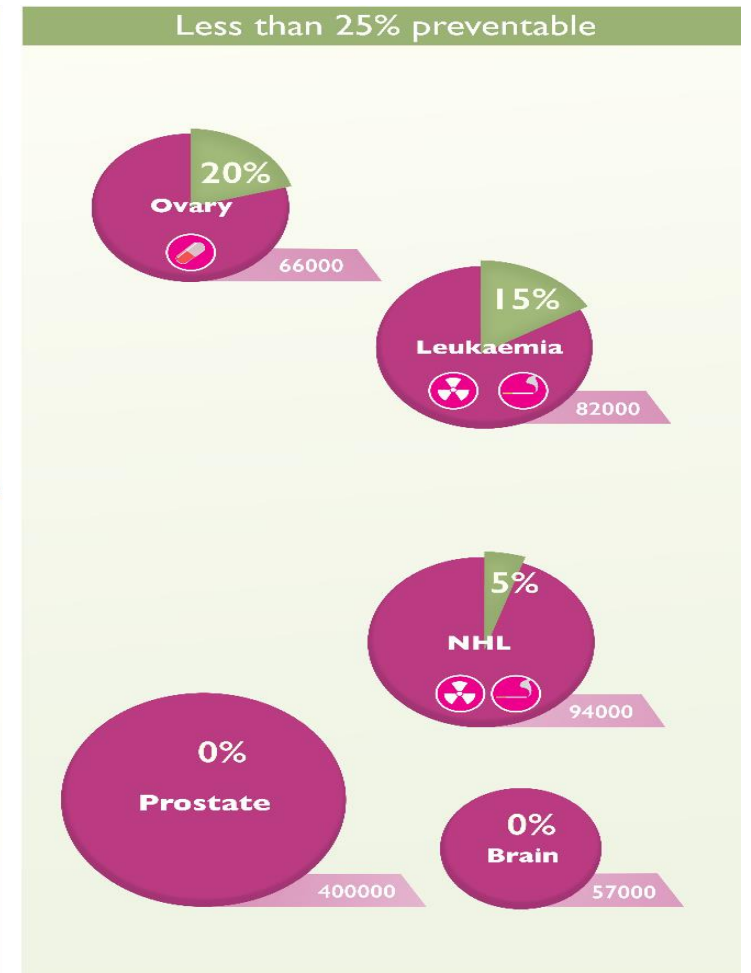
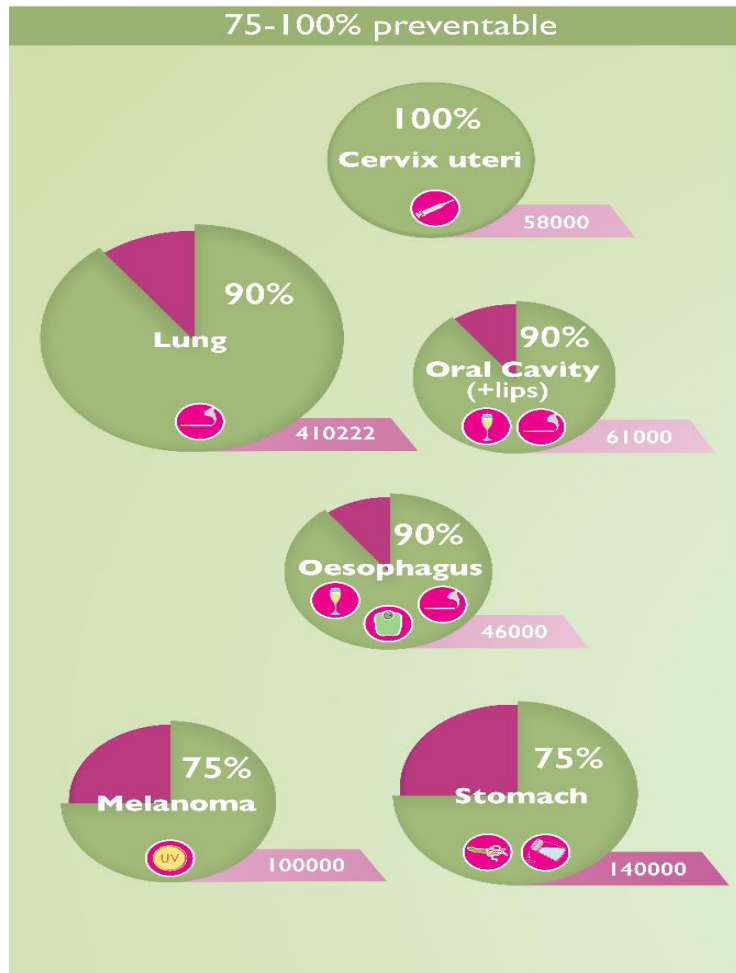
Chronic disease research in Europe and the need for integrated population cohorts

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On behalf of the European Cohort Consortium

An opportunity for scientific innovation: in moving from science to regulation and policy

- **Establishing causes (hazard and risk)**
 - Exposure assessment in epidemiological studies, including ability to capture co-exposures, assess confounders etc
 - Provision of dose-response data for subsequent risk assessment
 - Biological plausibility of exposure-disease associations (“meet-in-the-middle” studies); bridging experimental and human data
 - Alternative/intermediate disease endpoints; risk of tumour sub-types
- **Stratifying risk:** susceptible sub-groups; critical windows in time
- **Surveillance of exposure:** (bio)monitoring of prevalence and level of exposure
- **Evaluating interventions:** provision of short-term endpoints, mechanism-based markers

Cancer prevention: the potential for primary prevention in Europe



Cancer Type
 % Preventable*
 Prevention intervention / risk factors
Numbers of cancers in Europe

*Preventability estimates are for UK

2012 incidence estimates

...the perspective

Exposome research: some methodological challenges

- **Validating exposure measurements** – *ultimately need to link measures back to a modifiable exposure*
- **Data integration and analysis** – *big data is implicit in exposome research*
- **Defining what is exposure and what is effect** – *for example in interpreting omics data*

Exposome research: priorities

- **Focus on the question** - characterizing exposure:disease relationship in priority areas
 - *The exposome is a means to an end*
- **Sustained funding** - for method development (lab, informatics, statistics, databases); support to large-scale population studies (c.f. GWAS); encouragement of inter-disciplinary collaboration
- **“Taste and see”** – lessons from exposome studies should drive further methodological development

Exposome research: researchers need to engage in the regulatory and policy arenas



More scientists must be willing to cross the bridge, carrying something that can be used by those on the other side

Evidence-informed, rather than evidence-based, health policy acknowledges that policy-making is an inherently political process in which research evidence is only one, albeit the most important, factor that influences decision-making.

European Health Report 2018

Exposome research: researchers need greater awareness in relation to vested interests – education goal

Common tactics used by vested interests to undermine independent scientific evaluation

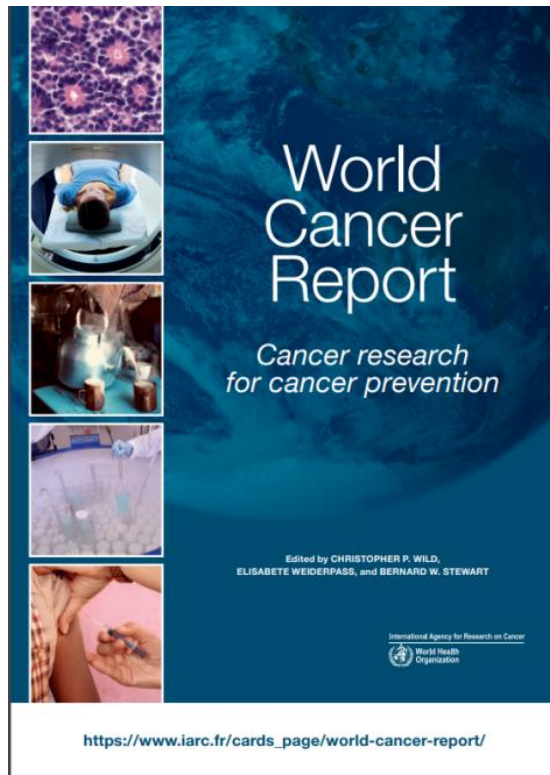
- Accuse scientists or evaluation processes of cherry-picking data
- Sponsor/commission and publish scientific articles contradicting expert evaluations
- Engage scientists to ghost-write industry authored papers
- Establish scientific workshops, working groups or public-private foundations populated by industry-funded scientists
- Ensure editorial boards of scientific journals have industry-employed scientists to facilitate publications
- Develop and finance media outlets to cast doubt upon and counter scientific evidence and evaluations
- Lobby for political support to oppose regulatory action
- Conduct legal challenges, lawsuits, FOIA requests to slow implementation of regulations, intimidate independent scientists etc.

Conclusions

- The recognized **need to prioritize research on NCD prevention** provides an opportunity for exposome research
- **The exposome concept has generated** greater emphasis, innovative science and significant investment in the area of environment, behaviour and health
- **Priority exposure-disease areas should be identified** to which the exposome approach can be applied
- Sustained **funding to support further development of exposome methodology** must be prioritised – a young science



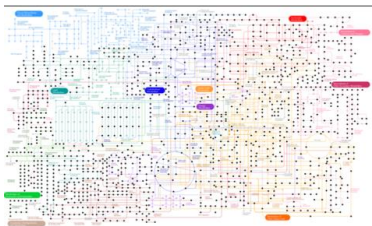
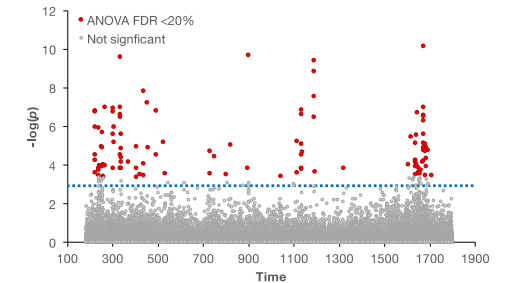
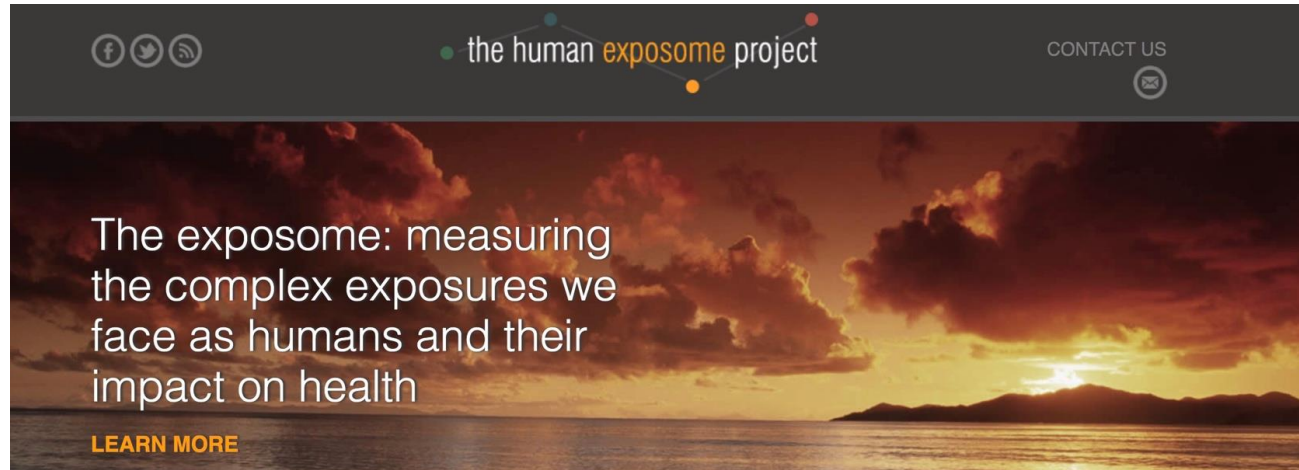
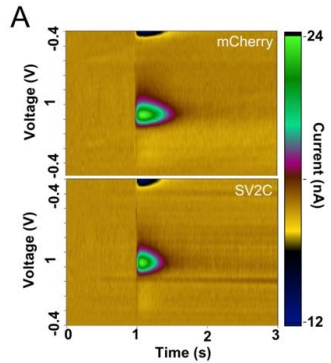
Thank you –
I wish I was starting
out now!





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The exposome: 21st century challenges



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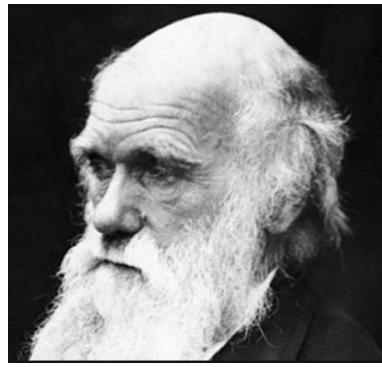


@exposome
@garywmiller3

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Disease causation/} \\ \text{exacerbation} \end{array} = \sum \text{Genetic} \\ \text{factors} + \sum \text{External} \\ \text{factors} \\ \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \\ \text{Health/disease} = \text{Genome} + \text{Exposome} \\ \text{phenotype}$$

Exposome – a systematic, unbiased, and omic-scale examination of external factors contributing to disease or health status

An imbalanced equation



$$G \times E = P$$

If our phenotype is a result of our genetics and environment, why then do we spend a disproportionate amount of time, money, and energy on genetics?

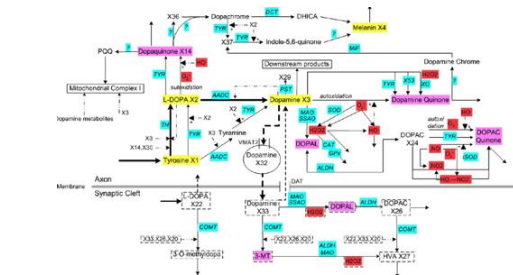
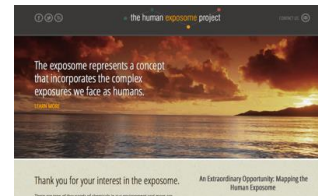
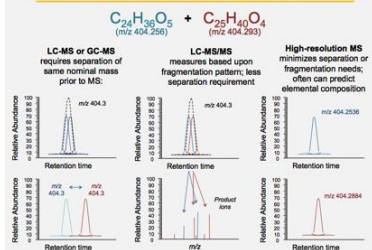
Exposome: the cumulative measure of the environmental influences and corresponding biological responses throughout the lifespan.

Miller GW, Jones DP. The Nature of Nurture: Refining the Definition of the Exposome. *Toxicological Sciences*, 137:1-2, January, 2014.

“Derived from the term exposure, the exposome is an omic-scale characterization of the nongenetic drivers of health and disease.”

MM Niedzwiecki, DI Walker, R Vermeulen, M Chadeau-Hyam, DP Jones, and GW Miller. The Exposome: Molecules to Populations. *Annual Reviews of Pharmacology and Toxicology*. 59:107-127, 2019

Comparison of Conventional and High Resolution MS



Awarded in 2013 (NIH P30-ES019776), Funded through 2022

administration (Miller 2013-2018; now Marsit)

analytical chemistry-targeted (Barr, Ryan)

metabolomics/exposomics-untargeted (Jones, Li)

pilot awards (Morgan) and patient studies (Ziegler, Marsit)

community engagement (Kegler/Pearson)

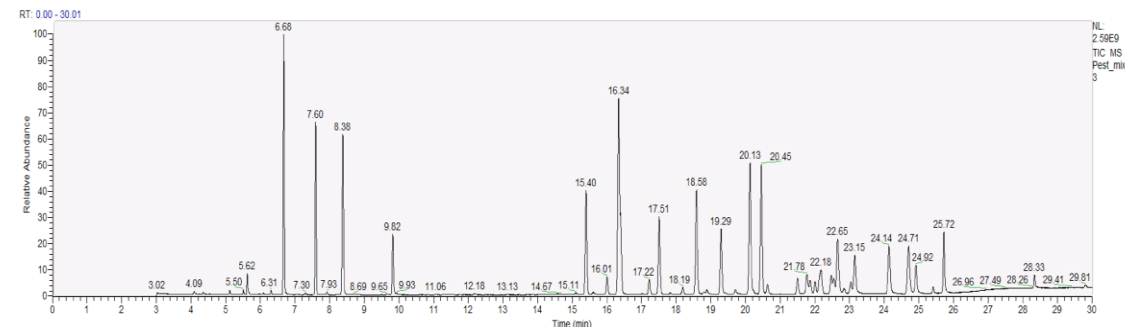
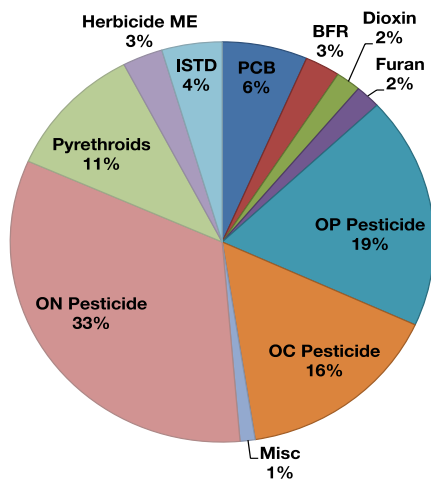
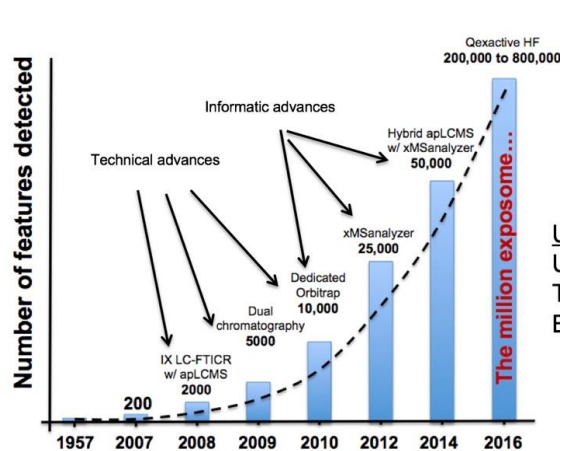
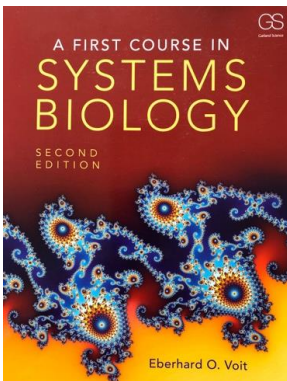
data science/systems biology (Waller, Voit, Clifford, Li, Qiang, Kemp)



The Exposome: A Primer
the ex-POZE-ohm: a primer for the environmental equivalent of the genome

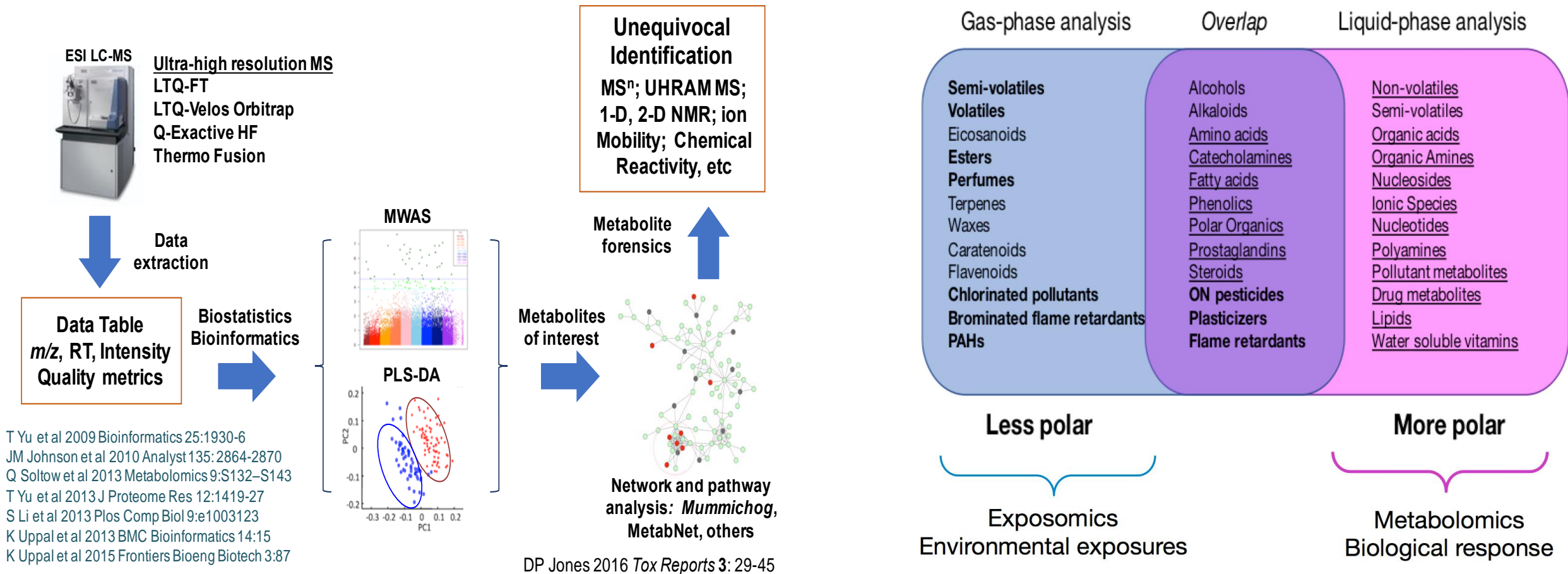


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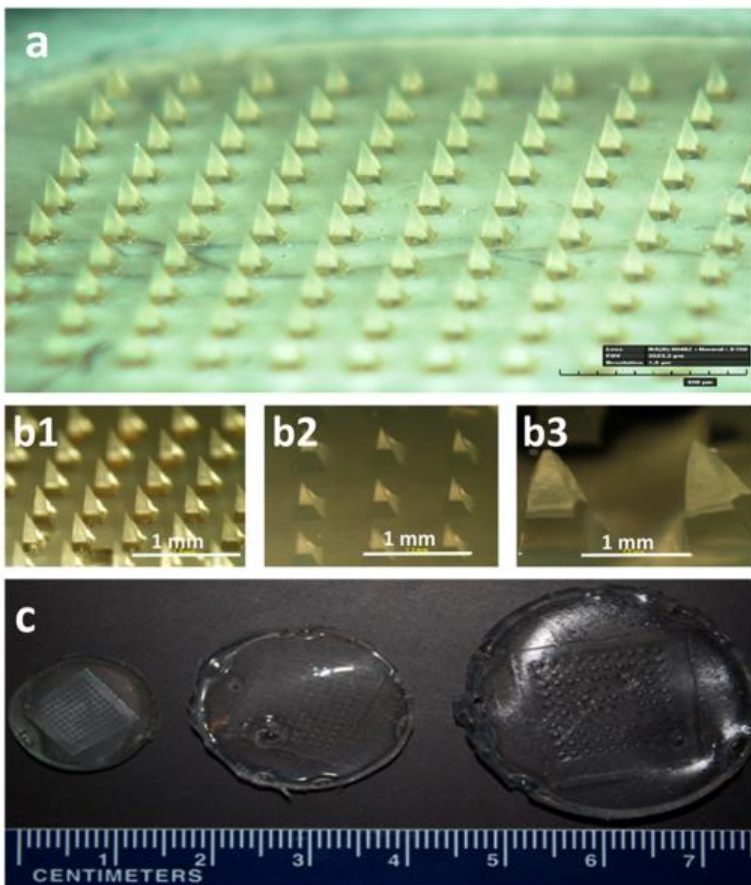
Replicating the high-resolution metabolomics LC or GC HRMS at Columbia as part of the Irving Institute CTSA

Capturing exogenous chemicals and endogenous metabolites



Collection of Analytes from Microneedle Patches

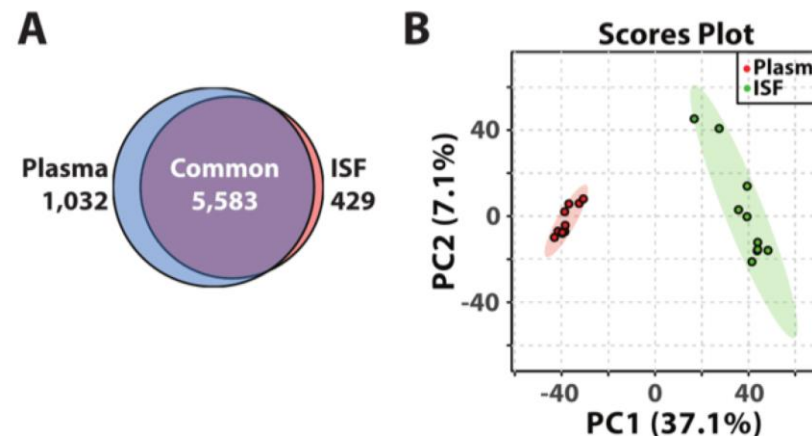
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Human Suction Blister Fluid Composition Determined Using High-Resolution Metabolomics

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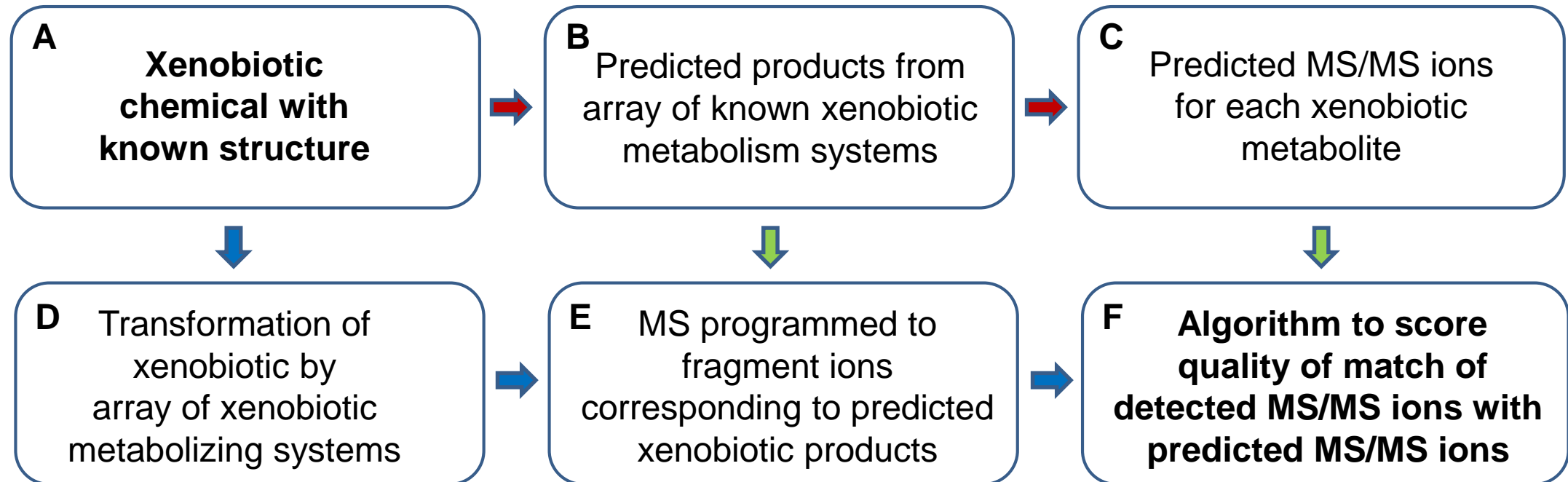
Figure 1. High-resolution untargeted metabolomic profiles of ISF and plasma.



Samant, Niedzwiecki, Raviele, Tran, Mena-Lapaix, Walker, Felner, Jones, Miller, Prausnitz. *Science Translational Medicine*-Under revision

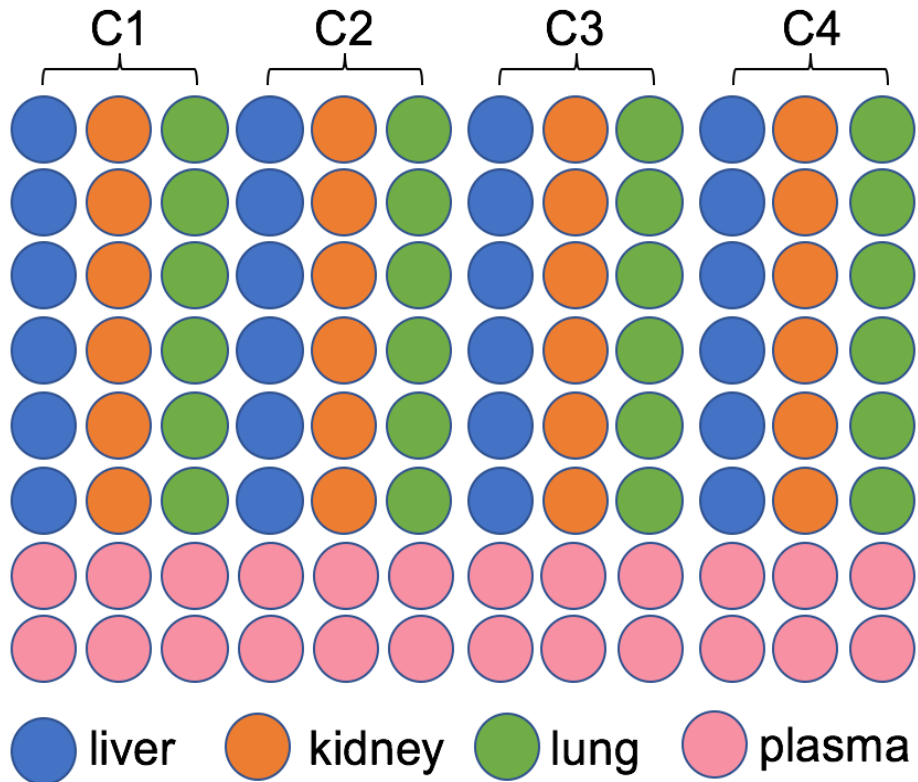


Mega-scale identification of xenobiotic metabolites. Compound ID Core. Jones, Morgan, Li, Miller (MPI)



First generation 96-well plate assay, 4 tissues:

4 chemicals, 6 concentrations or
8 chemicals, 3 concentrations



96-well plate with human plasma, liver, kidney and lung S9 fractions to study metabolites of four chemicals, C1-C4.

Commercial S9 fractions (microsomes + cytosol) pooled from 50 human liver, kidney, and lung, are supplemented with necessary cofactors for oxidation, reduction, glucuronidation, sulfation, methylation and acetylation

A recent example from a collaboration with the Mayo Clinic

- **Primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC)**
- US prevalence: 13.6/100,000 (0.014%)
- Average age of diagnosis: 41 years
- Transplant free survival: 12 years
- Only treatment: Liver transplant
- Outcomes: malignancy, liver failure
- Mayo sees 5% of all U.S. patients with disease
- ~70% of cases have inflammatory bowel disease

EWAS reveals altered levels of environmental pollutants

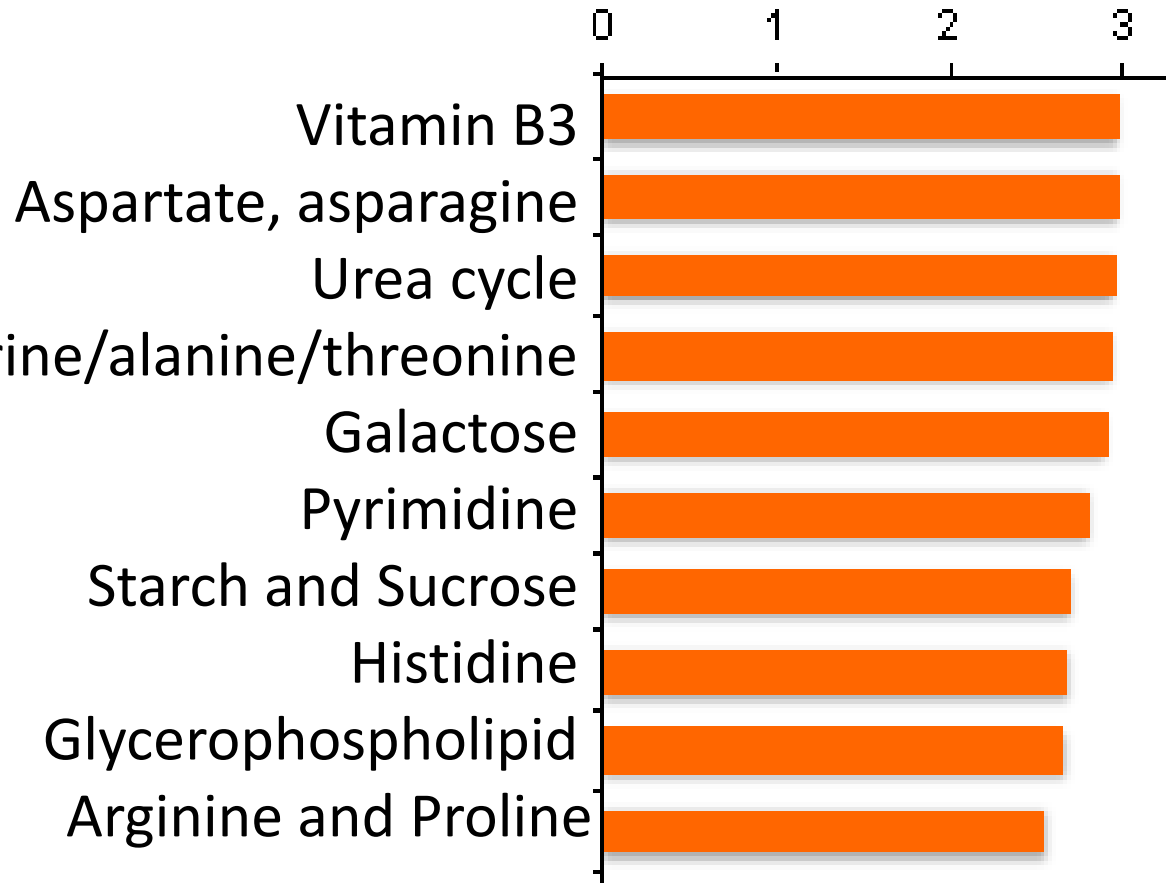
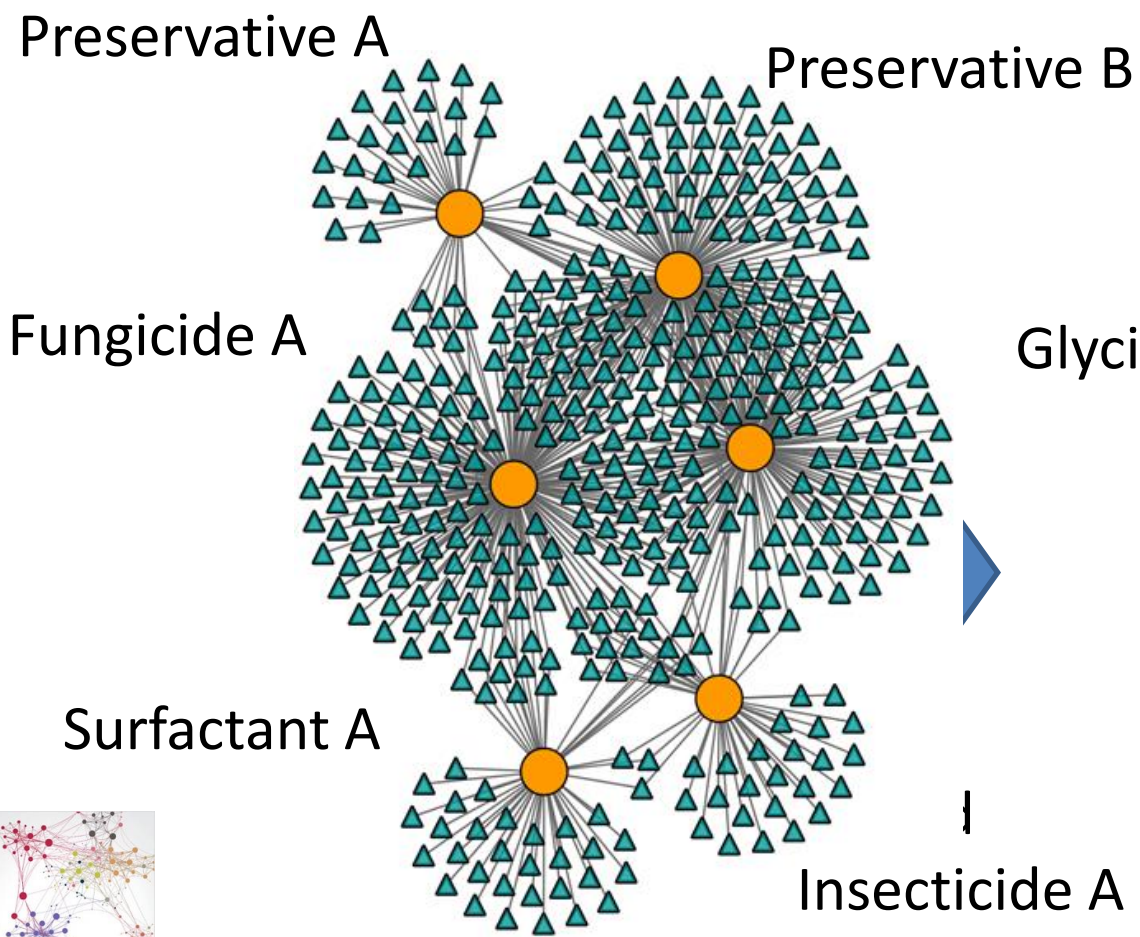
MWAS identified bile acid alterations

Chemical	<i>p-value</i>	Regression Coefficient	Odds ratio , IQR (95% Confidence interval)
Fenpropimorph	0.012	2.05	7.78 (2.47, 82.22)
Nonylphenol	0.002	1.04	2.84 (1.55, 5.89)
Protocatechuic acid	0.003	1.01	2.75 (1.53, 5.75)
Aldicarb sulfone/Acetamiprid	0.012	0.75	2.13 (1.28, 4.19)
Ethyl paraben	0.014	0.63	1.87 (1.22, 3.33)
Chlorthiophos	0.078	0.49	1.63 (0.97, 2.89)
Terbutylazine	0.056	0.48	1.62 (1.01, 2.75)
Fenvalerate	0.063	0.44	1.56 (1.00, 2.58)
Triclocarban	0.076	-0.24	0.79 (0.59, 1.02)
Anthraquinone	0.093	-0.37	0.69 (0.44, 1.05)
Perfluorooctanoic acid	0.084	-0.38	0.68 (0.44, 1.05)
Diphenamid	0.012	-0.40	0.67 (0.47, 0.9)
Diphenamid	0.052	-0.41	0.66 (0.43, 0.99)
Dimethachlor	0.049	-0.45	0.64 (0.40, 0.98)
Monocrotophos	0.030	-0.46	0.63 (0.41, 0.94)
Thiabendazole	0.062	-0.59	0.55 (0.29, 1.02)
Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid	0.007	-0.65	0.52 (0.31, 0.79)
Fenobucarb/Promecarb	0.019	-0.76	0.47 (0.24, 0.87)
Carbaryl	2.6E-05	-0.97	0.38 (0.23, 0.57)

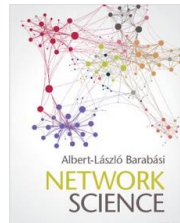
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	Taurine	2.8
PBC	Glycocholic acid	6
	Cholic acid	3
	Taurine	3.7

>205 environmental chemical biomarkers identified in PSC, PBC and control population. Each was tested for association with disease status using logistic regression.

Exposomics-Metabolomics Networks Reveal Top Pathways Associated with PSC



* Only top 10 pathways shown

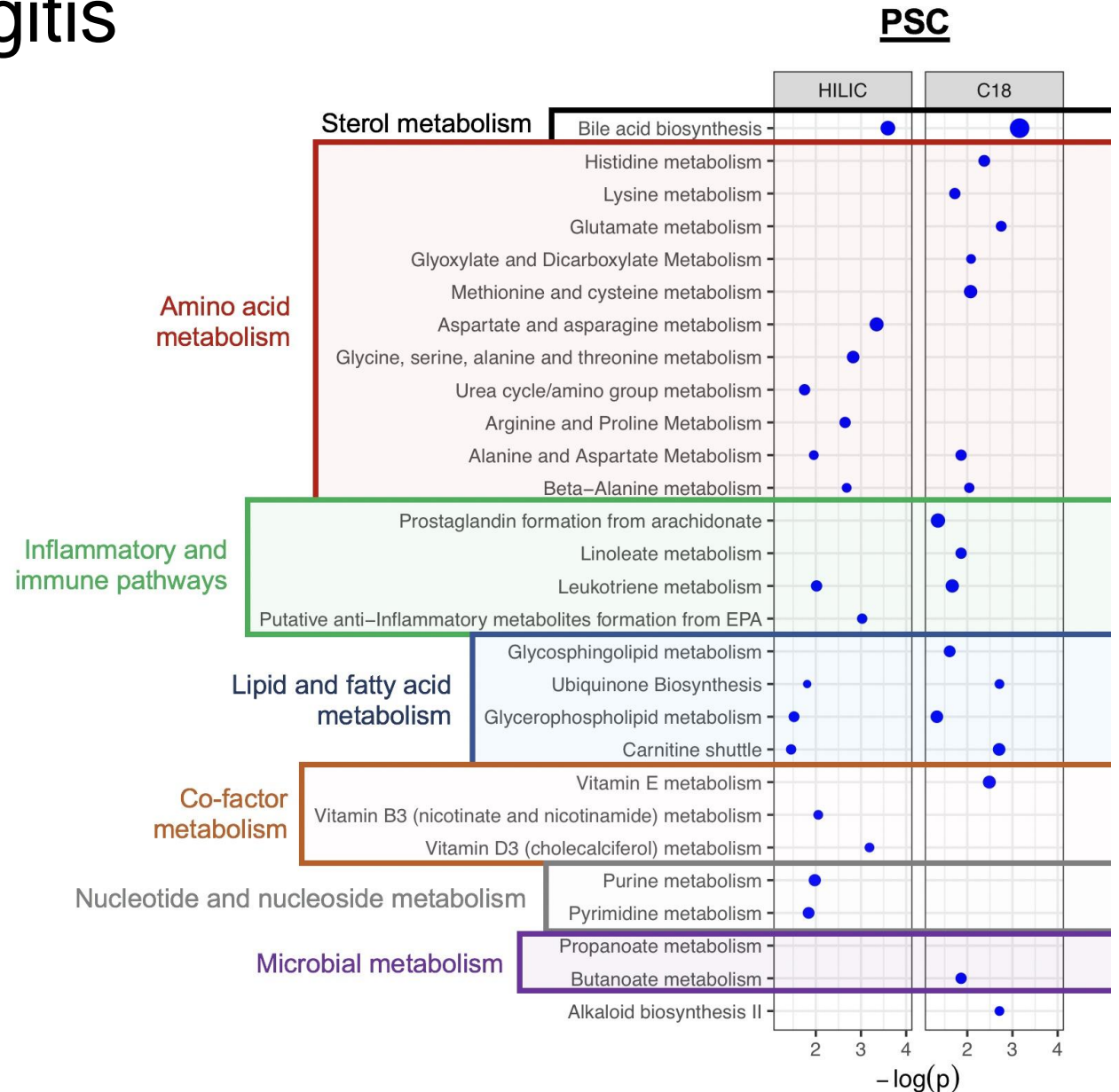


Primary sclerosing cholangitis

Dissecting the pathogenesis and outcomes of PSC using multi-omics by studying the exposome and genome.

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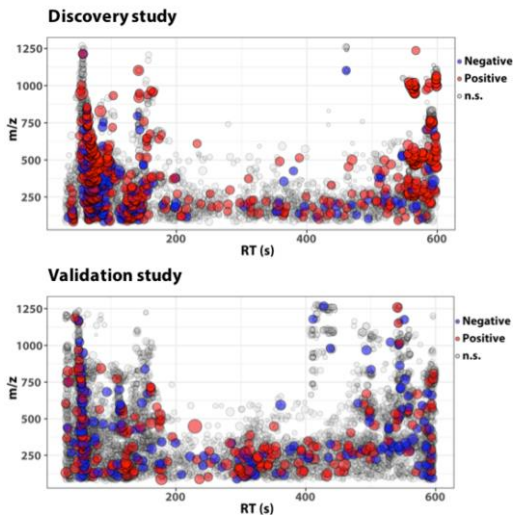


Alzheimer's disease (93), Mild cognitive impairment (50), controls (59) APOE genotype, CSF (AB42, pTau)

Table 4. Putative compound identification of plasma features from MWAS.

<i>m/z</i>	RT	Change in AD	Putative compound(s)	Predicted adduct	ID level ^a	Notes
129.0661	89	Higher	Glutamine (2 ppm)	-H ₂ O+H	1	--
231.1205	211	Higher	5S,6S-epoxy-15R-hydroxy-EETE (+Na, 0 ppm)	--	3	--
246.9550	127	Higher	Numerous database matches	-H ₂ O+H	--	Contains halogen (Cl and/or Br)
334.1410	86	Lower	Piperettine (1 Hydroxylated metabolite of DDE)	--	4	--
349.1515	80	Lower	Piperine (1 ppm)	+ACN+Na	4	--
386.8946	61	Higher	1,1-Dichloro-2-(dihydroxy-4'-chlorophenyl)-2-(4'-chlorophenyl)ethylene (9 ppm)	+K	2	Contains halogen (Cl and/or Br)
662.0933	158	Higher	GDP-D-mannuronate (+ACN+H [M+1], 0 ppm); Chaetocin (-2H ₂ O+H [M+1], 8 ppm); Blighinone (+H [M+1], 9 ppm)	[M+1] isotope	4	--
663.4524	36	Higher	Lipid A-disaccharide-1-P (+2H, 2 ppm); Aluminium dodecanoate (+K, 2 ppm)	--	4	--

^aID level indicates annotation confidence: 1, *m/z* and retention time confirmed with MS², 2: Multiple/isotopes present; 3: *m/z* matched single adduct mass within 10 ppm mass error, 4: *m/z* matched adduct mass of multiple isobaric species, probable identifications listed.



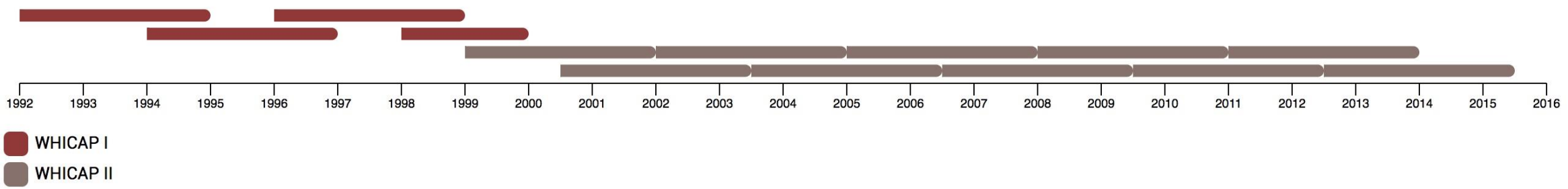
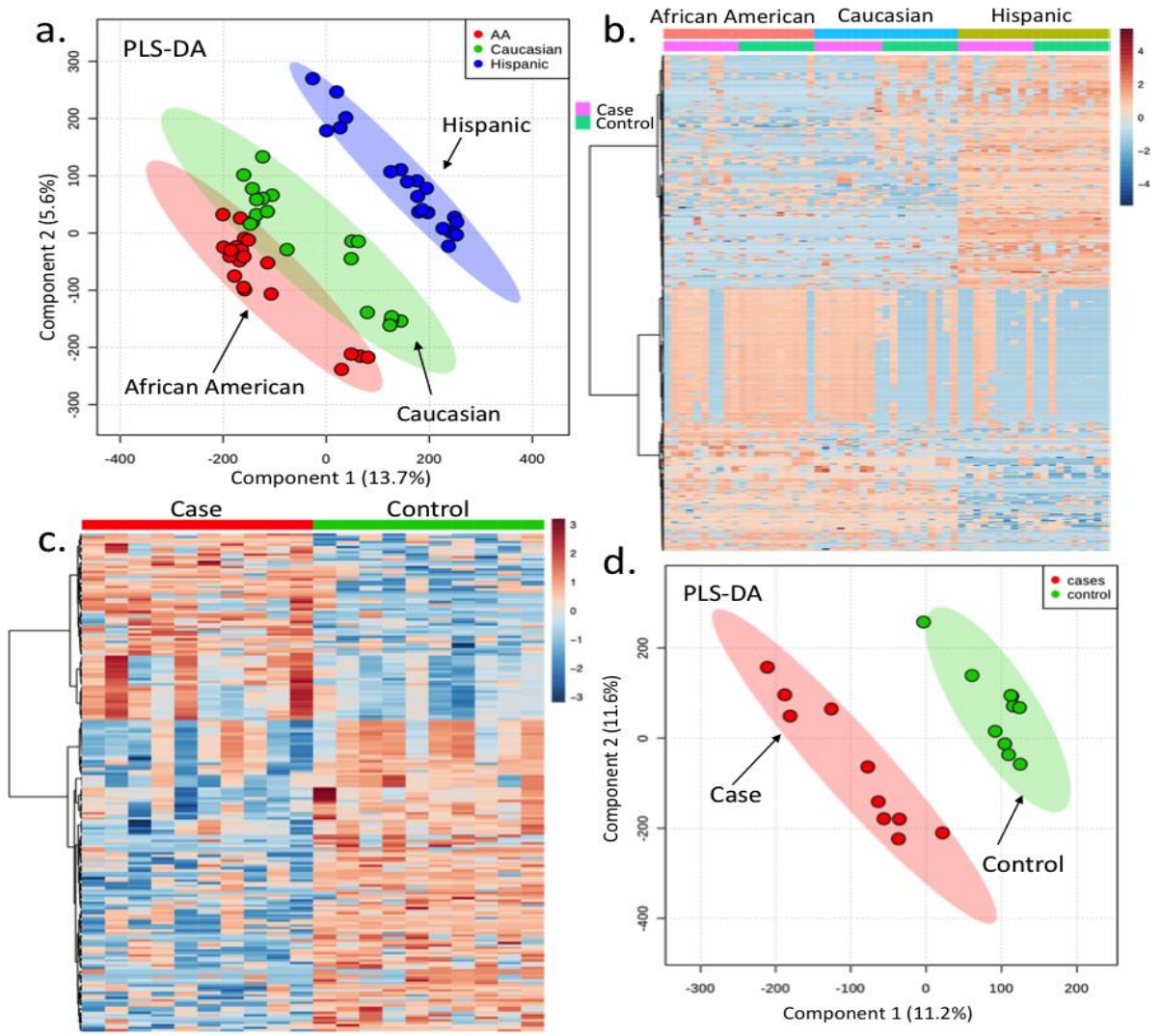
Metabolic, halogenated environmental chemical, dietary constituent, Alzheimer's medication

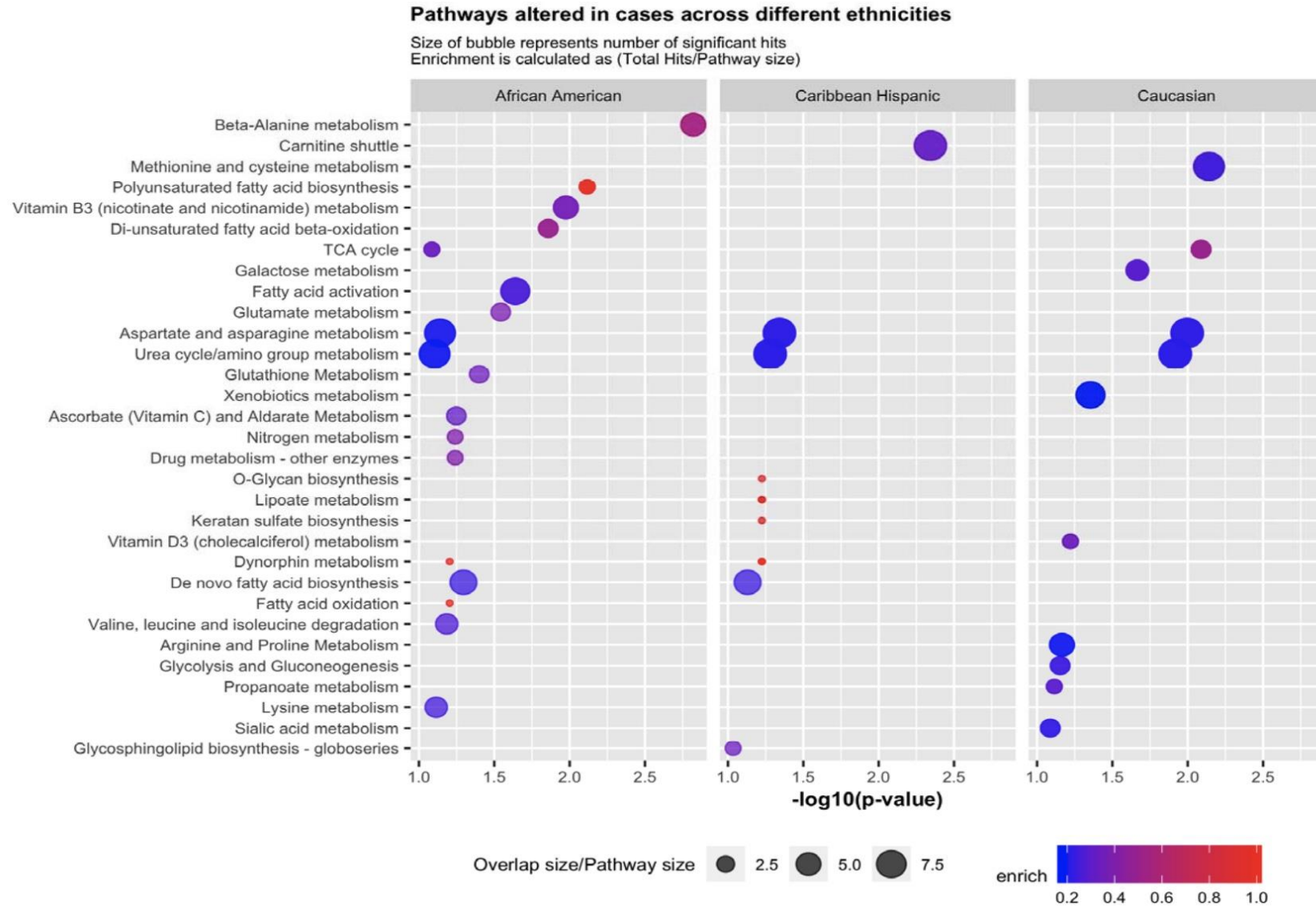
Table 2. Non-medication plasma metabolite features reproducibly associated with AD from MWAS

Feature			Study 1		Study 2		Meta-analysis		
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246.9550	127	Unknown	0.41 (0.17)	0.02	0.38 (0.21)	0.07	0.40 (0.14)	0.003	0.08
349.1515	80	Piperine	-0.59 (0.31)	0.06	-0.89 (0.49)	0.07	-0.68 (0.27)	0.01	0.18

*Adduct of rivastigmine strongest feature associated with AD

WHICAP study of Alzheimer's disease, Richard Mayeux, PI Columbia University





Vardarajan et al. Differences in plasma metabolites related to Alzheimer's disease, APOE-ε4 status and ethnicity. medRxiv (PrePrint) posted January 20, 2020

Study	Diagnostic groups	Replication cohort
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Ibáñez et al. 2012 ¹⁰	AD (n=25), MCI-AD (n=13), MCI-SNAP (n=24), Control (n=23)	None
Trushina et al. 2013 ⁷³	MCI (n=15), AD (n=15), Control (n=15)	None
Motsinger-Reif et al. 2013 ⁵⁵	AD (n=40), Control (n=38)	None
Cui et al. 2014 ⁴⁹	AD (n=46), Control (n=37)	AD (n=63), Control (n=67)
Graham et al. 2015 ⁷⁴	MCI (n=16), MCI-AD (n=19), Control (n=37)	None
Morris et al. 2018 ⁷⁵	AD (n=64), Control (n=62)	None
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Table 2. Number of blood samples	SA1		SA 2a	All Aims
	Controls	Incident AD	Prevalent AD	Metabolomes
2 +	724	247	375	3,692
3 (or more) ++	760	529	260	4,647
Totals	1484	776	635	8,339

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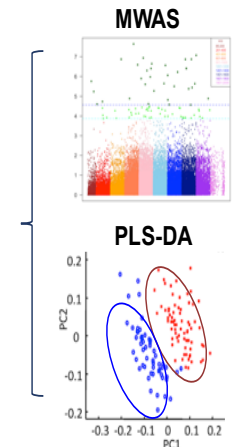
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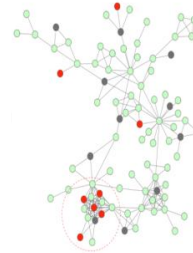
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Metabolites of interest

Metabolite forensics

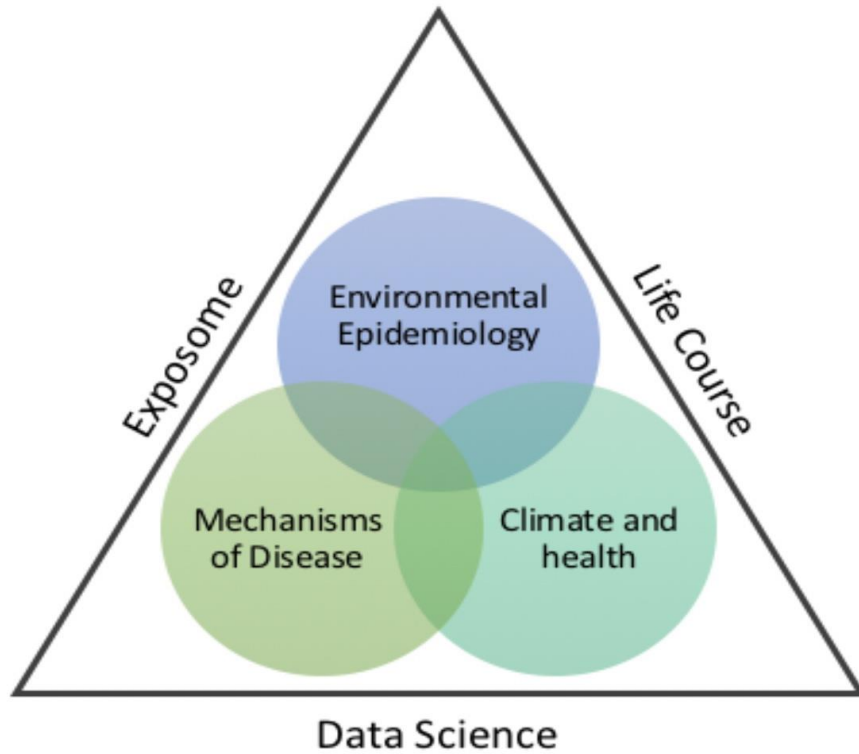


Network and pathway analysis: Mummichog, MetabNet, others

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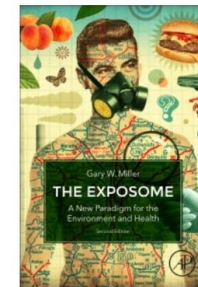
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Exposome Training Efforts



These fellows will enhance their leadership skills by facilitating our workshops, bootcamps, and mini-courses (**machine learning, data visualization, network science**) for the predoctoral trainees

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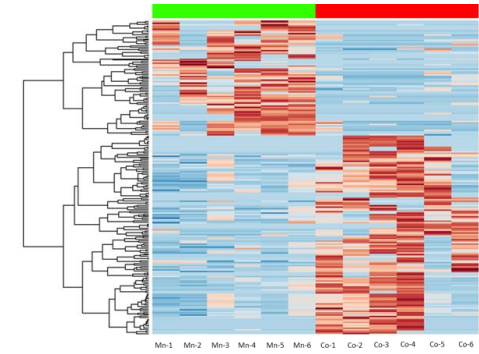
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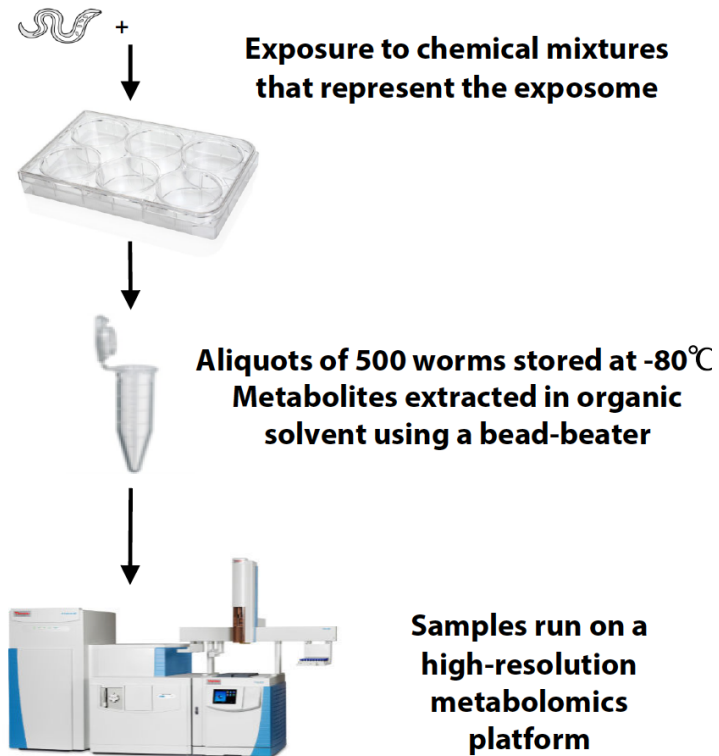
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The metabolomic/exposomic analysis works in as few as 500 worms



Metabolomics sample preparation



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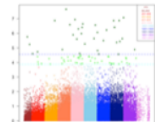
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Database of *m/z*, time, and intensity

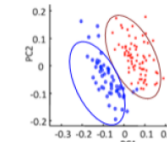
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Mn-3	Metabolite 3	300	3.8	200	Low
Mn-4	Metabolite 4	400	5.1	100	Low
Mn-5	Metabolite 5	500	6.4	50	Low
Mn-6	Metabolite 6	600	7.7	25	Low
Co-1	Metabolite 7	700	9.0	150	Low
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MWAS

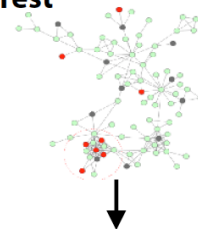


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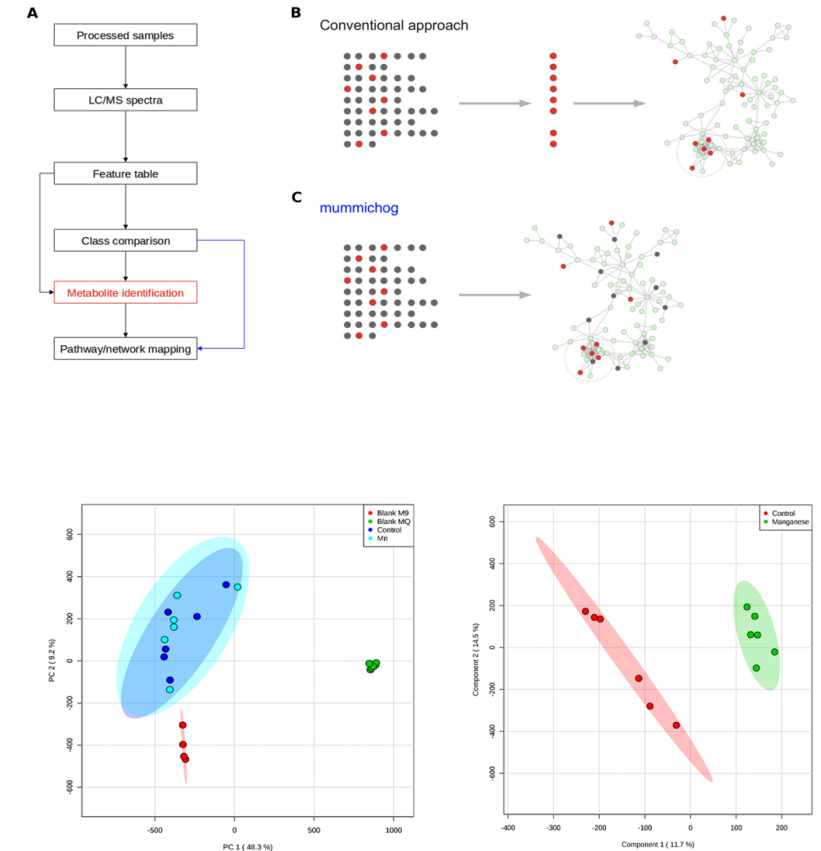


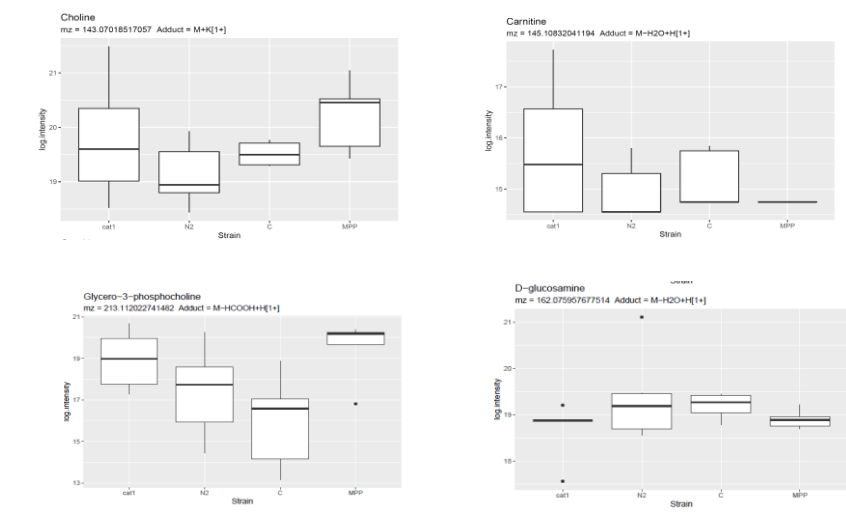
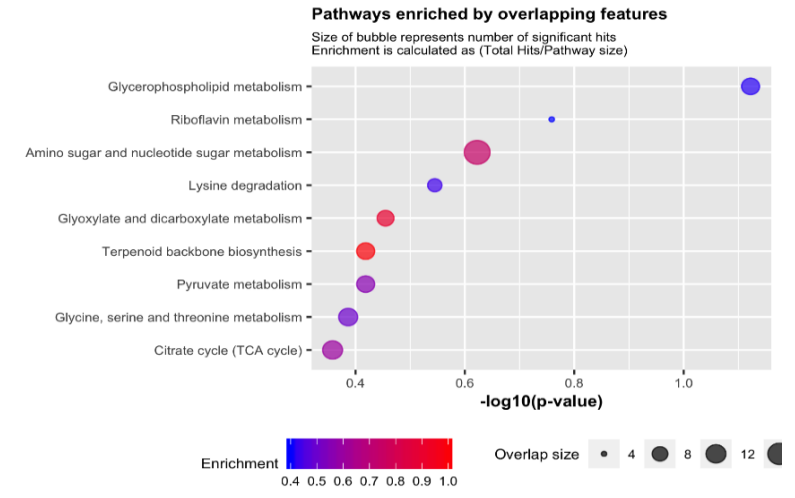
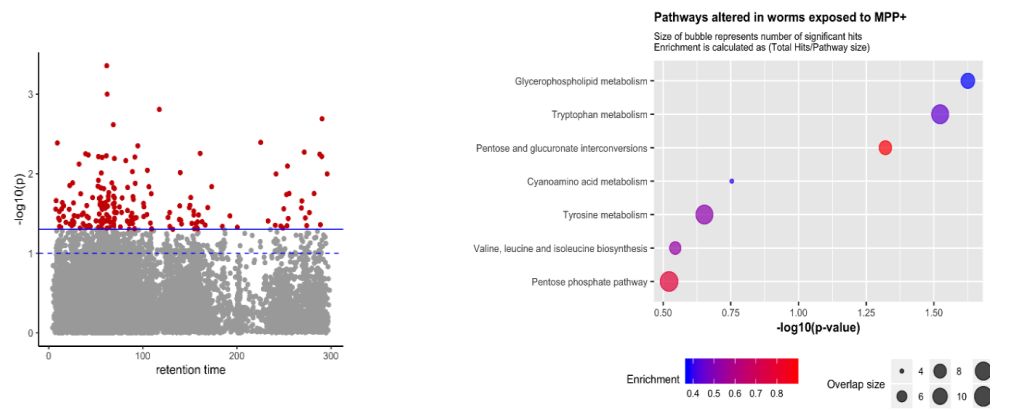
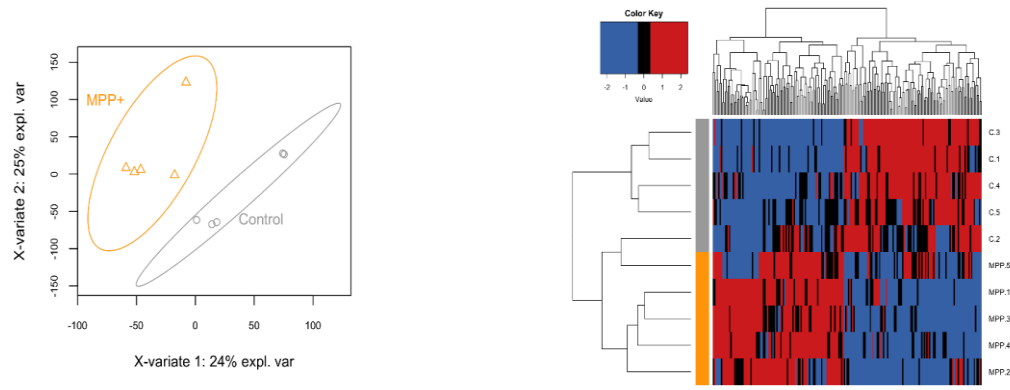
Network and pathway analysis



Metabolite forensics:

Spectral databases, Isotope matching, Mass defect searching, Fragments/sub-structures





A) PLS-DA analysis comparing N2 worms with N2 worms treated with 1mM MPP+ **B)** Manhattan plot shows features higher (red) and lower (gray) in 1mM MPP+ treated N2's compared to untreated N2 worms **C)** Hierarchical clustering of features detected **D)** Top pathways altered in 1mM MPP+ treated N2 worms, using Mummicog

A) Mummicog analysis of overlapping patterns of pathway enrichment between *cat-1* (*ok411*) worms and N2 worms treated with MPP+

Global Exposome Harmonization Project



Validation inter/intra laboratory

Harmonization of exposome measures

Standardization of operating procedures

Radical transparency

Shared pooled standards

Shared bioinformatic platforms

Columbia, Mt. Sinai, Emory, Mayo Clinic, Yale, Brown
(open to other participants)

Inserm (France), Masaryk Univ (Czech Repub),
Utrecht (Netherlands), Antwerp (Belgium), Helmholtz
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EXPANSE: Exposome powered tools for healthy living in urban settings - Prof Roel Vermeulen, Institute for Risk Assessment Sciences, Utrecht University, The Netherlands

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$$\sum \text{Human Exposome Network and other European partners} + \sum \text{Other global partners in the Americas, Japan, China, and India} = \text{Human Exposome Project...}$$

....that rivals the Human Genome Project

Σ Human Genome + Σ Human Exposome = True nature of health and disease

Possible steps and principles

Commitment of collaboration to advance the field

Shared pooled reference material

Shared data and bioinformatic platforms

Standardized confidence levels for identification

Validation among laboratories (instrument-specific)

Investigator exchange program

Standardized operating procedures for harmonized projects

Establishment of a steering/leadership committee

Conclusions

High-resolution mass spectrometry has become the *de facto* machinery for the **exposome (in biological and environmental matrices: plasma, urine, water, dust, air, passive samplers)**

Current technologies, computational workflows, throughput, and costs/sample are insufficient for the needs of the biomedical, clinical, and environmental research communities

As such, a concerted effort to create fit-for-purpose, instrumentation, automation (technical and informatic), and computational systems is essential to balance $G \times E = P$



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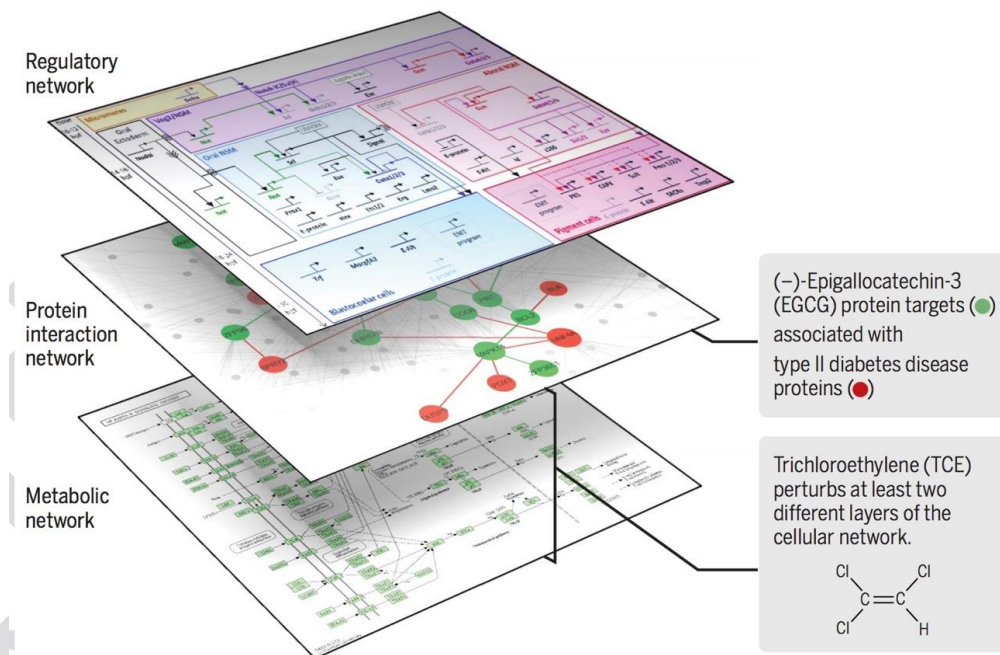
REVIEW

The exposome and health: Where chemistry meets biology

Roel Vermeulen^{1,2*}, Emma L. Schymanski³, Albert-Laszlo Barabási^{4,5,6}, Gary W. Miller^{7*}

Despite extensive evidence showing that exposure to specific chemicals can lead to disease, current research approaches and regulatory policies fail to address the chemical complexity of our world. To safeguard current and future generations from the increasing number of chemicals polluting our environment, a systematic and agnostic approach is needed. The “exposome” concept strives to capture the diversity and range of exposures to synthetic chemicals, dietary constituents, psychosocial stressors, and physical factors, as well as their corresponding biological responses. Technological advances such as high-resolution mass spectrometry and network science have allowed us to take the first steps toward a comprehensive assessment of the exposome. Given the increased recognition of the dominant role that nongenetic factors play in disease, an effort to characterize the exposome at a scale comparable to that of the human genome is warranted.

The cell as a multilayer network



Ecosystems

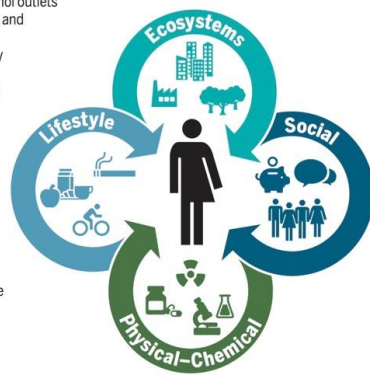
Food outlets, alcohol outlets
Built environment and urban land uses
Population density
Walkability
Green/blue space

Lifestyle

Physical activity
Sleep behavior
Diet
Drug use
Smoking
Alcohol use

Social

Household income
Inequality
Social capital
Social networks
Cultural norms
Cultural capital
Psychological and mental stress



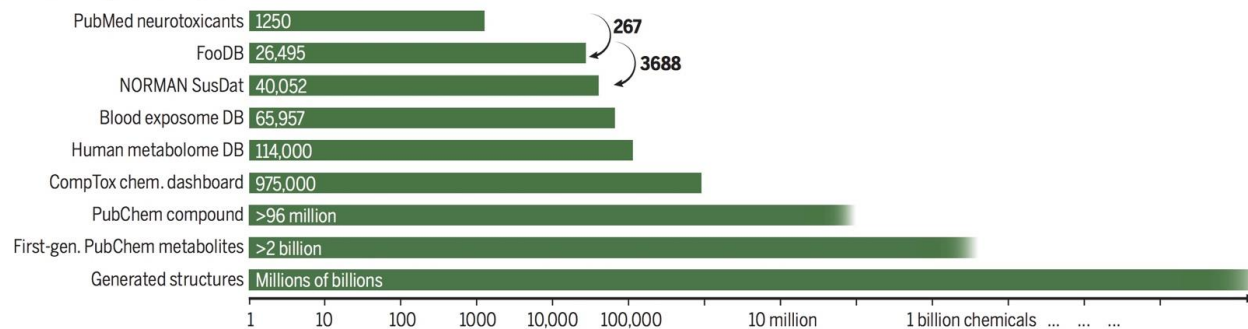
Physical-Chemical

Temperature/humidity
Electromagnetic fields
Ambient light
Odor and noise
Point, line sources, e.g. factories, ports
Outdoor and indoor air pollution
Agricultural activities, livestock
Pollen/mold/fungus
Pesticides
Fragrance products
Flame retardants (PBDEs)
Persistent organic pollutants
Plastic and plasticizers
Food contaminants
Soil contaminants
Drinking water contamination
Groundwater contamination
Surface water contamination
Occupational exposures

Typical HRMS sample



Selected exposomics, chemical data sources



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Fig. 2. Chemical complexity of HRMS and the exposome. Top: Known versus unknown features in a typical HRMS measurement [data from (7)]. Bottom: Selected data sources relevant to the chemical exposome (10–14, 19). Arrows show the overlap of potential neurotoxins in FooDB (<http://foodb.ca/>) and FooDB components in NORMAN SusDat (www.norman-network.com/nds/susdat/) (prioritized chemicals of environmental interest).



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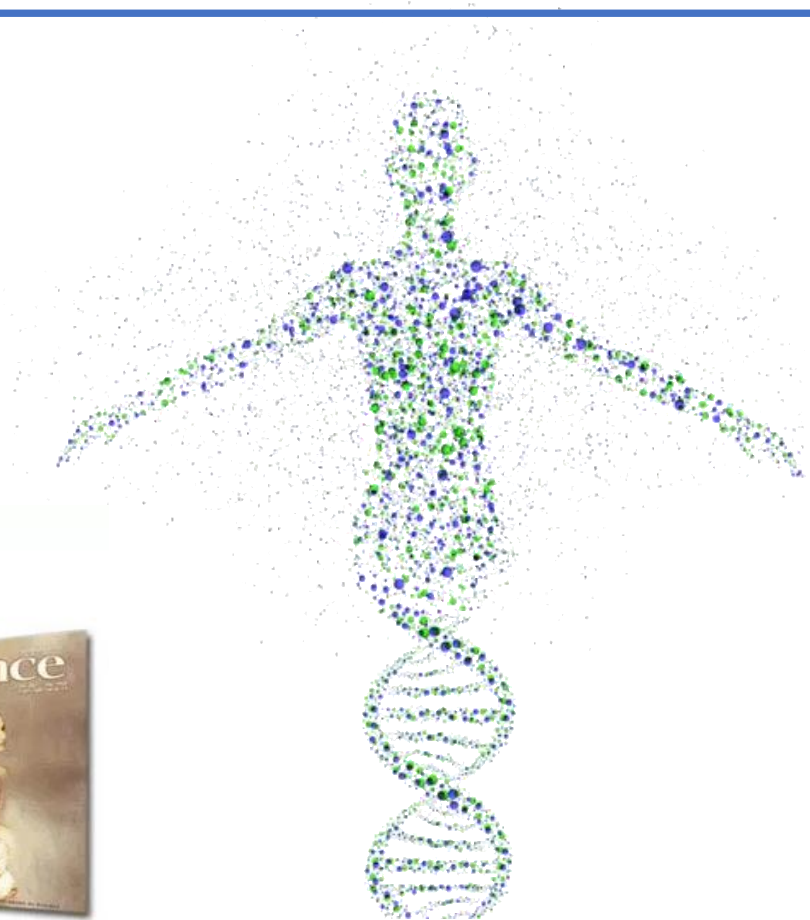
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Human genome project: new level of understanding in the cause of diseases

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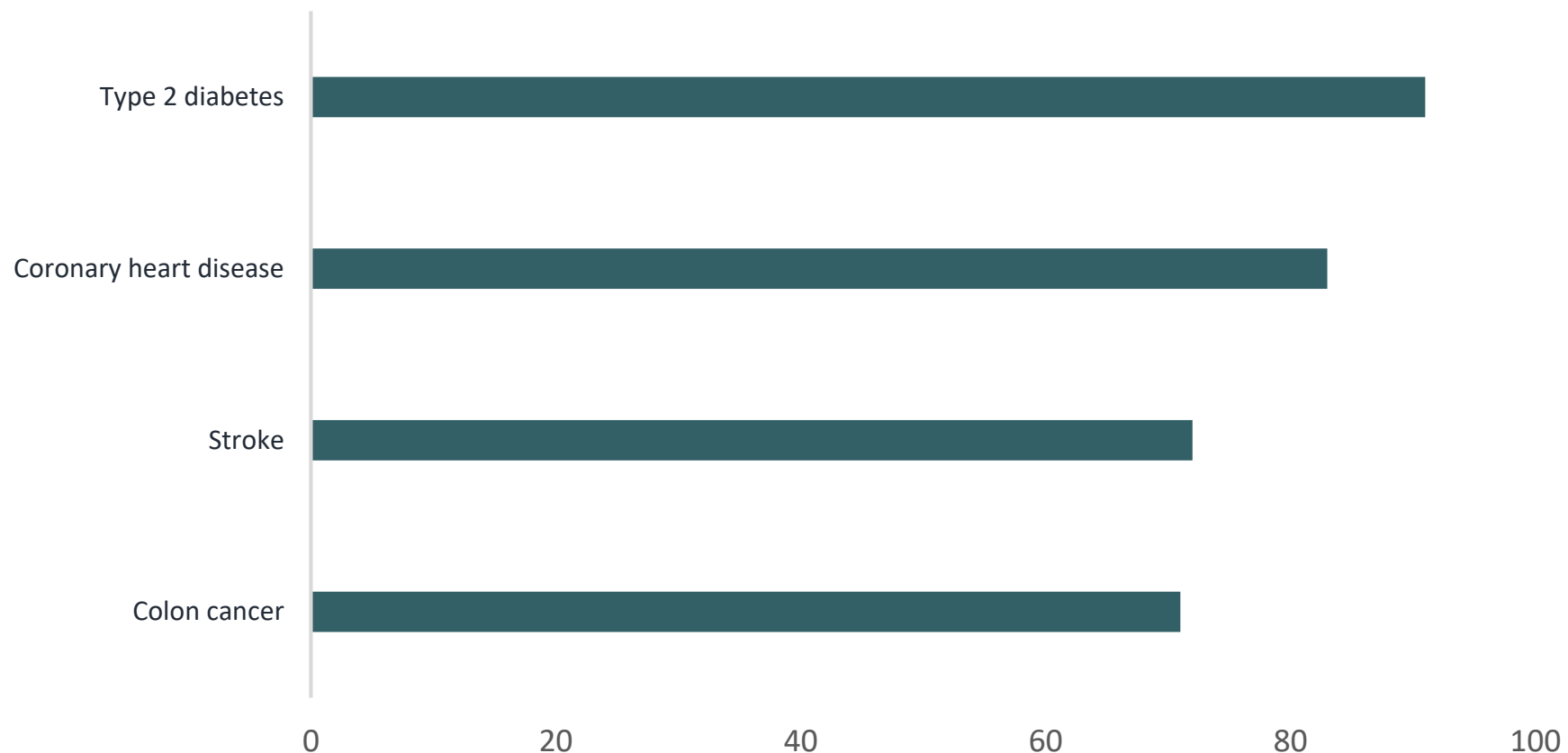
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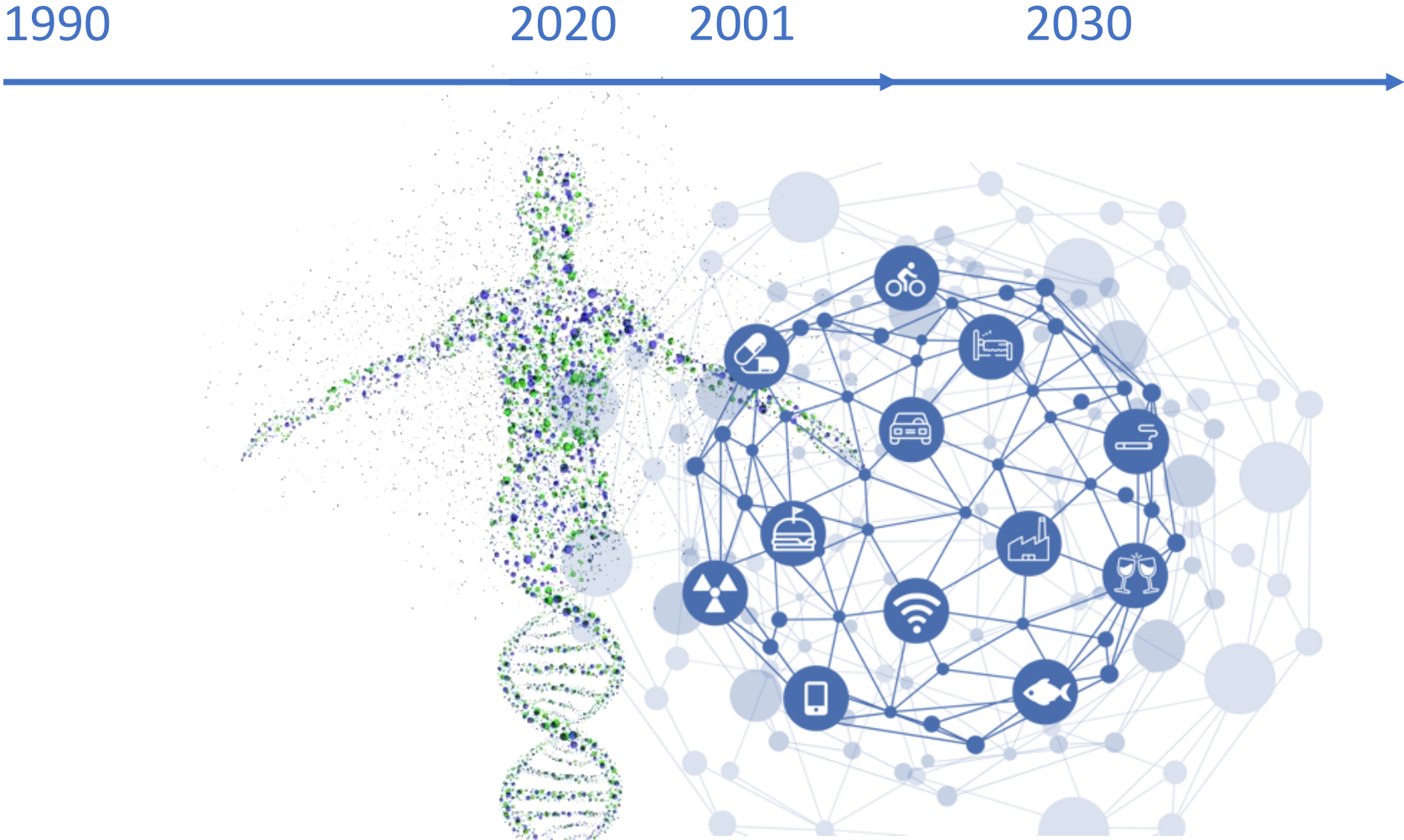
But genes do not kill (on their own)



Percent driven by ENVIRONMENTAL factors



Human EXPOSOME project: A paradigm shift to a new systematic understanding of the cause of diseases





For the health of our citizens, our children and grandchildren, Europe needs to move towards a zero-pollution ambition. I will put forward a cross-cutting strategy to protect citizens' health from environmental degradation and pollution, addressing air and water quality, hazardous chemicals, industrial emissions, pesticides and endocrine disruptors

EXPOSOME

The human exposome encompasses exposures to environmental factors **throughout life**, starting from conception and pregnancy.



Environmental factor exposures are diverse



POLLUTION



DIET



URBAN

And have an **impact on our health**

The European Human Exposome Network



126

Research groups



24

Countries



9

Large-scale
projects



106

Million euros
from the
European
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One Common Goal

Understanding the health impacts of a lifetime of environmental exposures

Nine large consortia in a formalized collaboration

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Goals of today

Actually measuring the environmental exposures.....

- How could this affect the health and welfare of all of us in EU?
- What are the biological effects of the different exposures?
- How could the data on exposures help us to promote a healthy environment?
- What could be done to promote *data-driven* interventions towards a healthier environment?

COFFEE BREAK 11:00-11:30



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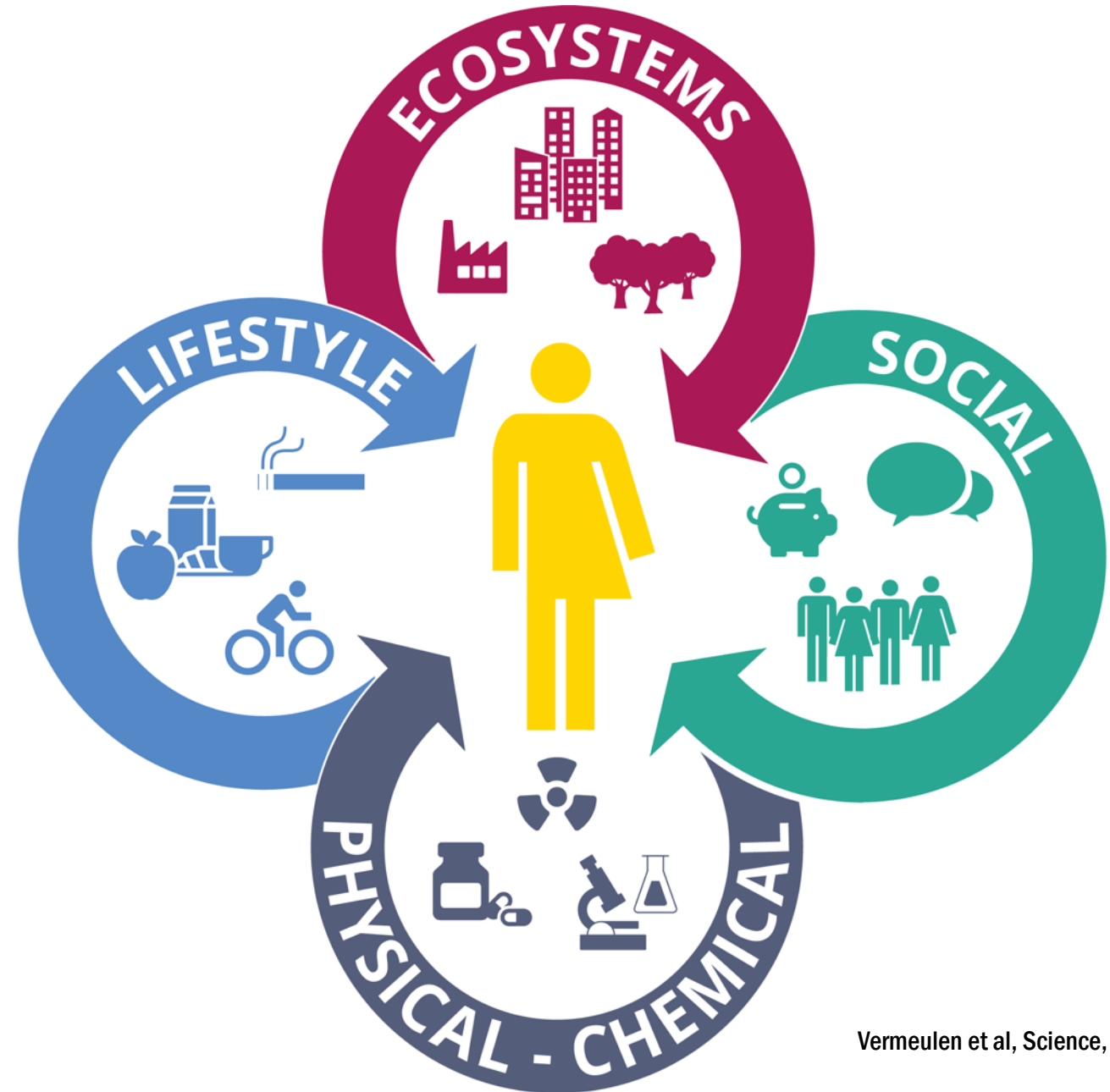


Why focus on urban?

EXPANSE will address one of the most pertinent questions for urban planners, policy makers, and inhabitants in Europe:

“How to maximize one’s health in a modern urban environment?”

EXPANSE defines the Urban Exposome as the complex mixture of social and environmental factors in the urban environment that collectively have an impact on health

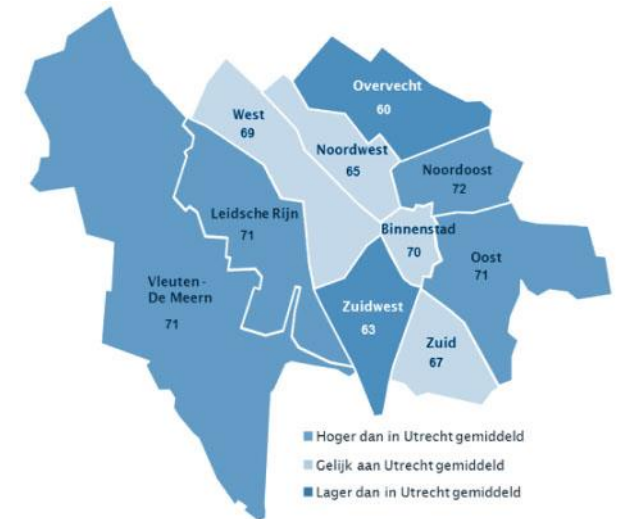


Why is this important?



Reduced burden of NCDs

Utrecht, The Netherlands



How will EXPANSE reach that goal?

Personalised urban exposome and health assessment over the life course for 55 million European inhabitants across 12 countries

>25,000 DNA methylation, transcriptomic, proteomic and microbiomics profiles

10,000 de novo ultra high resolution mass spectrometry profiles using a novel approach detecting thousands of exogenous and ten-thousands of endogenous compounds

Novel big data approaches to identify the life course impact of the urban exposome on population clustering, their biological consequences, and cardio-metabolic-pulmonary health

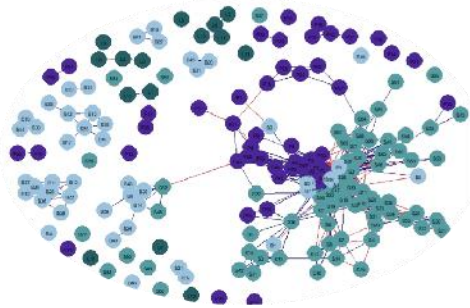
Large scale tracking and natural experiments in the urban labs



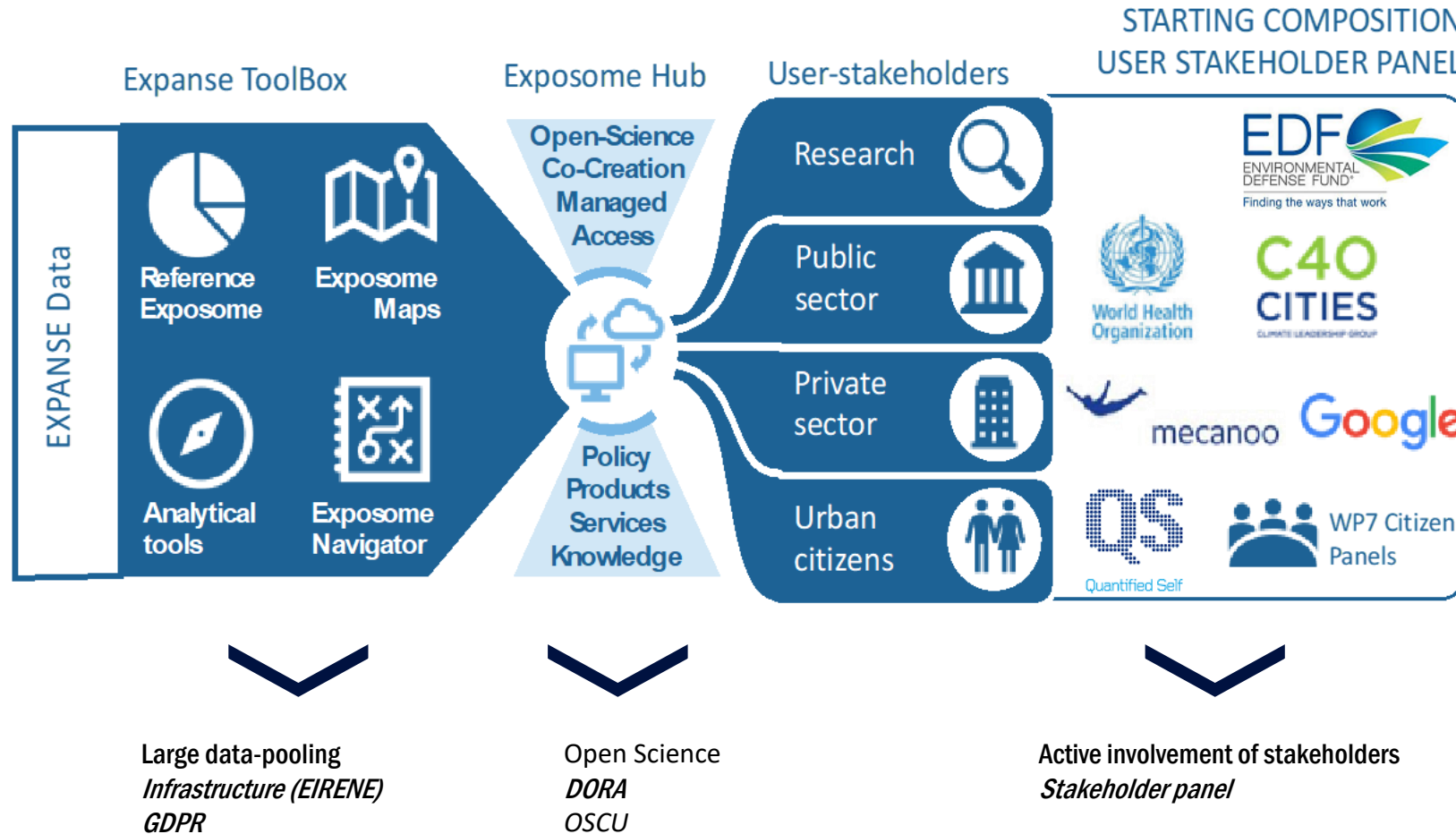
What will EXPANSE deliver in 5 years.....



Reference
Exposome



What are the critical needs for success?



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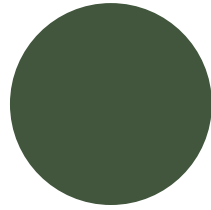
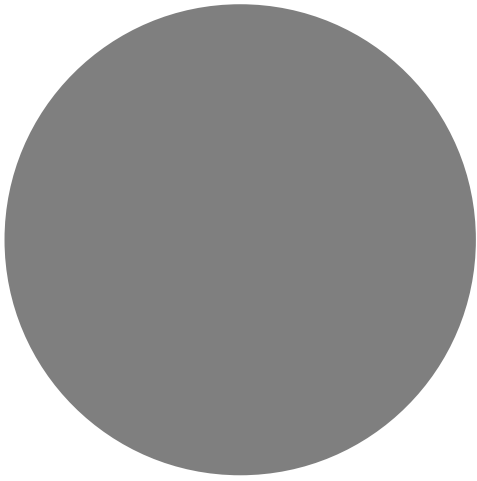
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EQUAL-LIFE



EU-Humane Exposome Project

Early Environmental quality and
Life-course mental health effects
(Equal-Life)

Irene van Kamp

This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 874724

What is Equal-Life about?

- **Objective #1:** Enhance cognitive development and mental health at early life stages by improving the physical and social environments;
- **Objective #2:** Define and map the (environmental) health enhancing mental health and cognitive development;
- **Objective #3:** Compose and explore a set of interventions for different life-stages with the purpose to enhance the quality of locations and spaces relevant for children's activities;
- **Objective #4:** Develop a “living” Equal-Life digital Toolkit and Guidance document anticipating scenarios of changes in environments relevant for different developmental phases.

Why is this important?

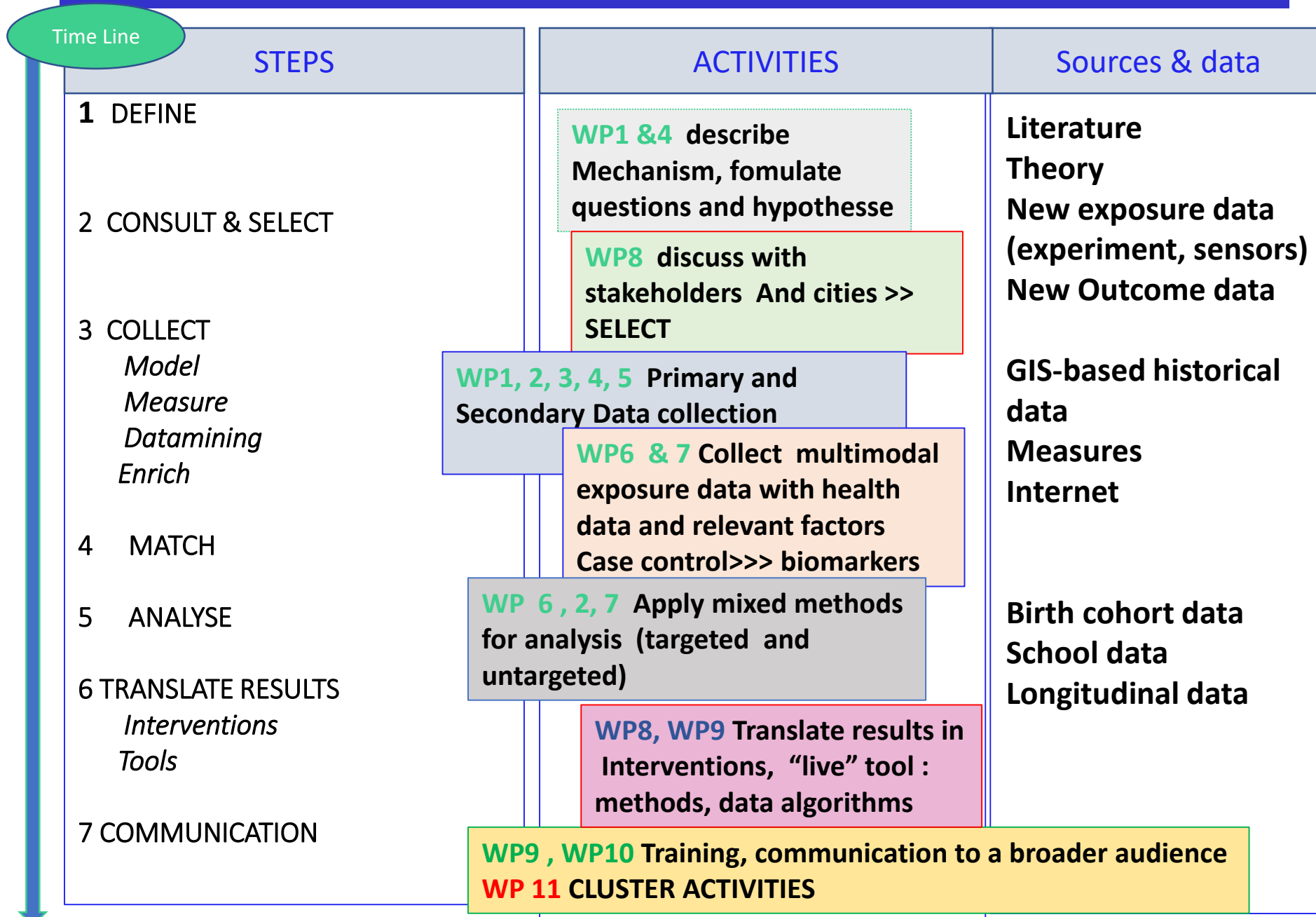
Specific challenge in the call

- Improve Health
- Provide new and improved knowledge of health risks
- Building blocks for a set of future interventions
- More complete and accurate exposure data
- Toolkit and guidance document

And how we will achieve them

- Mental health enhancing environments will be defined for different life stages in of children and adolescents, developing the exposome in a sensible manner.
- Link exposure and micro data are linked to longitudinal data on child development and early indicators of mental health.
- Analysis of the complex pathways for different age groups in different settings.
- Combine data at different levels with social data and data gathered with new devices such as sensors, devices and heads.
- Describing a set of interventions co designed with different stakeholders in several cities

Design, Steps Activities and Data Sources,



What will Equal-Life deliver in 5 years?

- ✓ Equal-Life will provide instructions for risk assessment of physical and social exposures associated with (mental) health and cognitive development of children;
- ✓ Deliver publicly available toolkits for policymakers, health practitioners and others;
- ✓ Provide access to information about implementation and good practice examples for interventions.
- ✓ The contribution to the Exposome Toolbox will be a set of algorithms that can be applied in different settings and guidance to stakeholder involvement and a living handbook

How will Equal-Life improve urban life ?

By the end product of our project:

- a living tool and guidance document including cues for indicators, interventions, approaches, integrated exposure data, and pooled mental health data, methods and sources, algorithms and good practices.
- new insight into the relationship between the social and physical environments and cognitive and mental health.

Together this will enhance the living conditions of children especially, but not exclusively in urbanized areas.

What are the critical needs for success?

- ✓ Our Slogan is: **Know each other, work together and create synergy on the impact.**
- ✓ Equal-Life will include representatives from most relevant stakeholders at an early stage. They will participate in Working Groups and their views will be solicited at the workshops and the project web site;
- ✓ Equal- Life will organize joint meetings with other initiatives and projects to reduce costs according to the EU wishes for projects under the same call.

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LONGITOLS

European Human Exposome Project

longITools

Sylvain Sebert

University of Oulu - FI



What is **longITools** about?

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT DYNAMICS



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Longitudinal

Understanding changes
Borrowing power from repeated measures

IT

Data servers
FAIR data
Computation and statistics

Tools

Apps
Policies
Innovation platform

Why is this important?

- Society is ageing
- Cardio-metabolic and cardio-vascular diseases leading cause of morbidity and mortality
- Large proportion of the attributed **risks** are **man-made**
- Entrenched in the **social and geographical context**
- Sustainable intervention acts via causal pathways

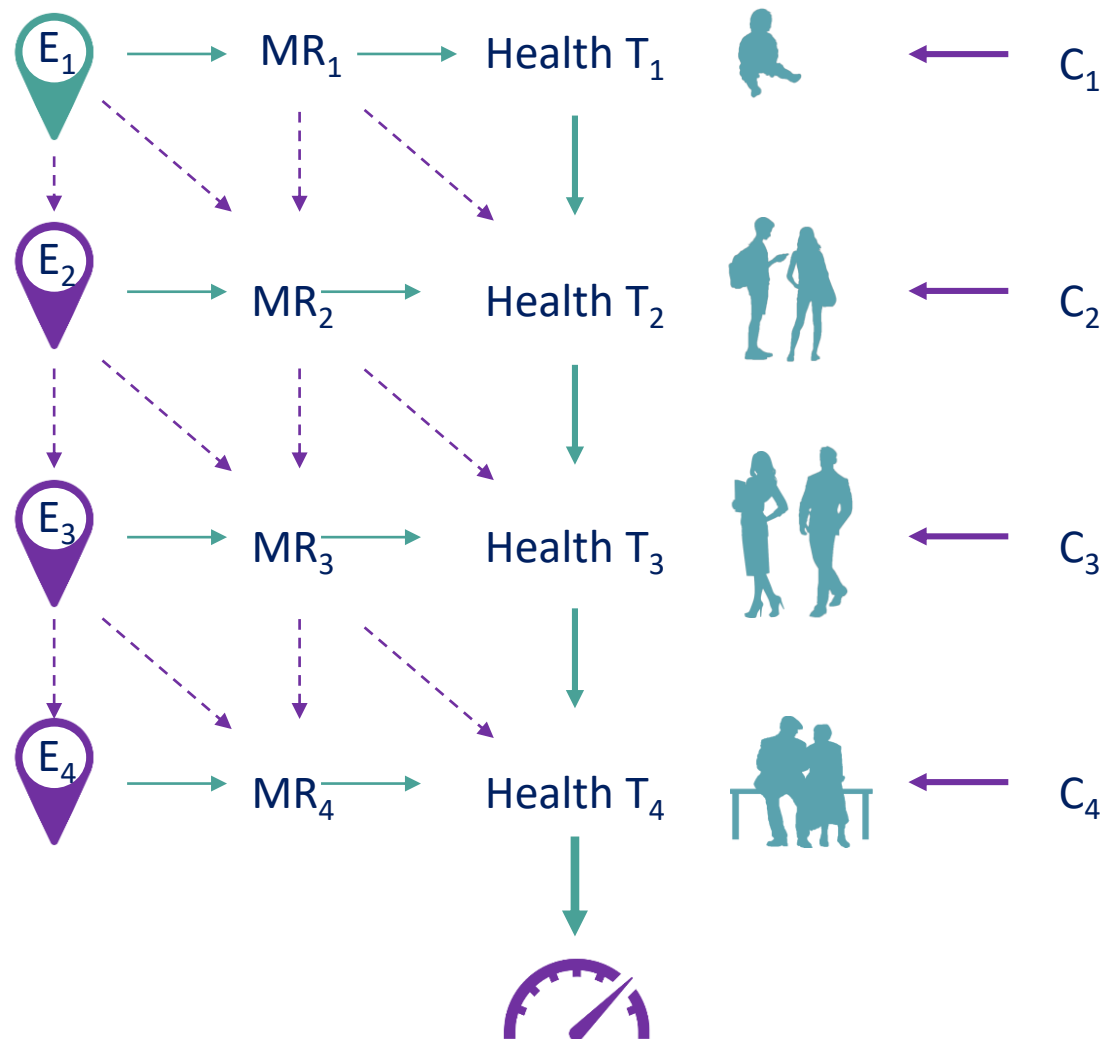


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Research to build on data from 11 million European citizens

Consortium's research will build on life-course data to study cardio-metabolic health trajectories from birth to old age.

Life-course **exposome** of cardio-metabolic health



CVD **health** and **economic** burden

Capacities and opportunity for changes

Models and simulation

What will **longITools** deliver in 5 years?

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT DYNAMICS

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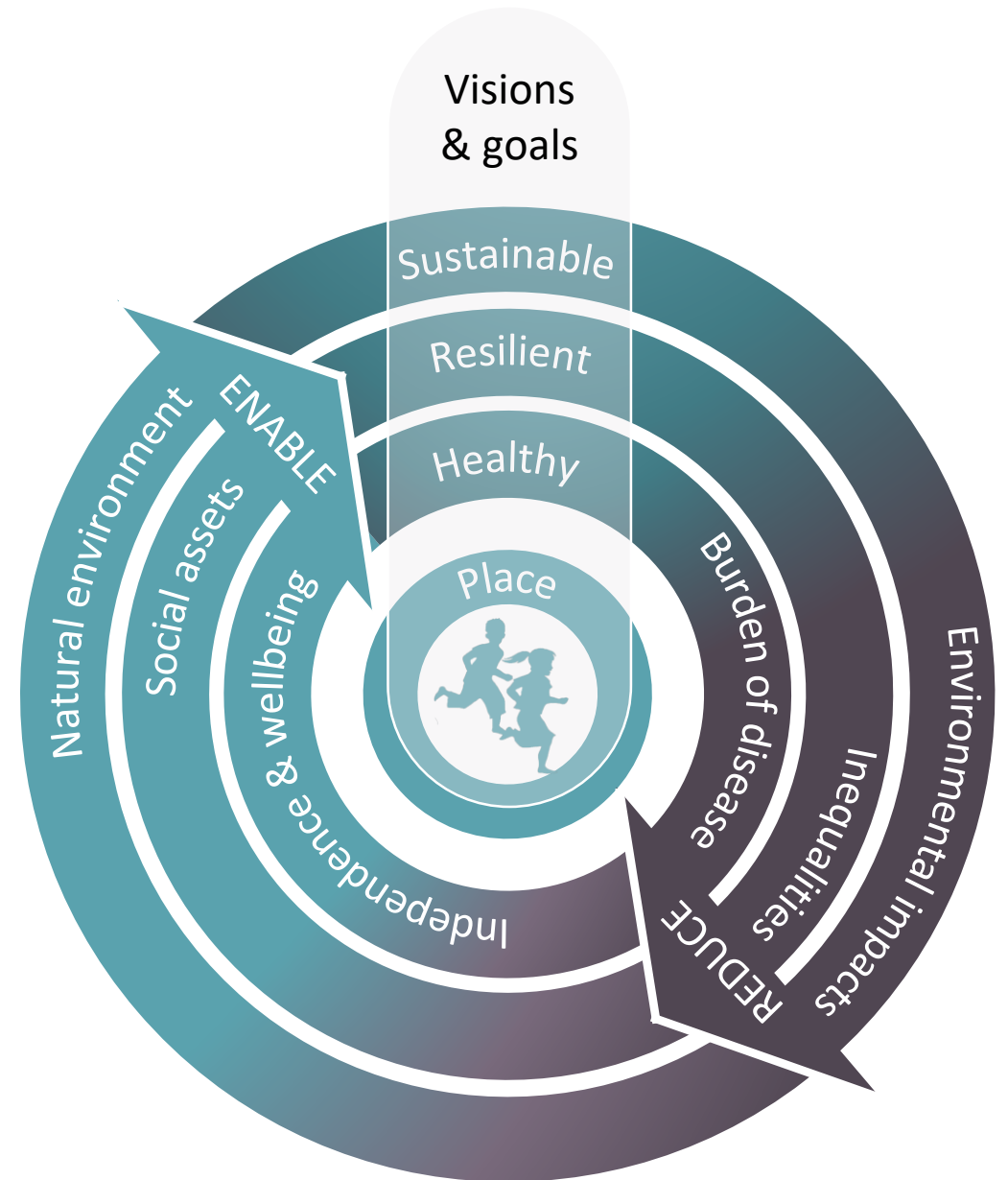
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Co-create a one health approach to improve urban life



What are the critical needs for success?

(i) Stakeholder interaction



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Co-creative workshops

Proof-of-concept applications

Synthetic data for simulation

Expertise

(ii) EU – Human Exposome network – Interaction



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Research to build on data from 11 million European citizens

Reusable and interoperable data

Publicly available methods with online training

Identification of gaps and overlaps

Environmentally-friendly and stress-free meetings



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Panel: Exposome and urban life

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- **Laura Hetel**, Policy Officer, Future Urban and Mobility Systems, DG Research and Innovation
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- **Irene van Kamp**, Senior Researcher, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), NL
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ATHLETE

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Advancing Tools for Human
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Research and Translation

Prof Martine Vrijheid



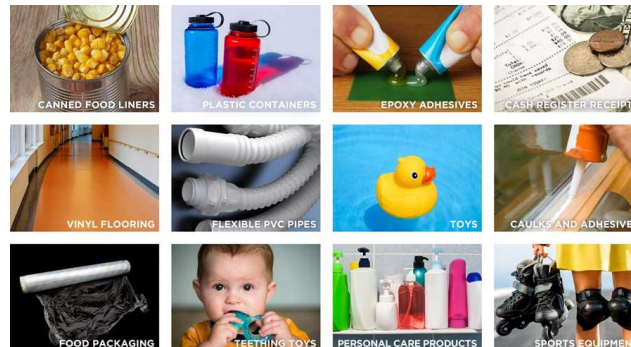
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What is **ATHLETE** about?

“Better understanding and preventing health damage from **multiple** environmental agents and their mixtures, from the **earliest parts of the life course** onward”

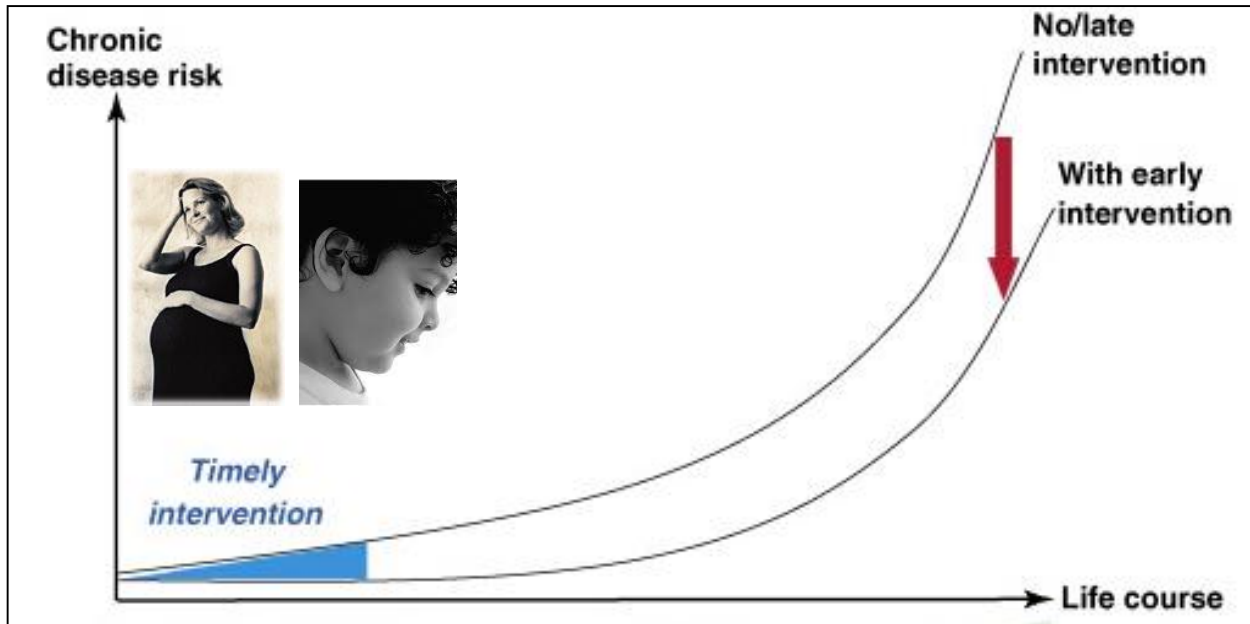
- ✓ Developing exposome **tools, data** and a **prospective exposome cohort**
- ✓ Providing new longitudinal **evidence** linking the exposome to health and biological pathways during the first 2 decades of life
- ✓ Implementing **interventions**
- ✓ **Translating** knowledge



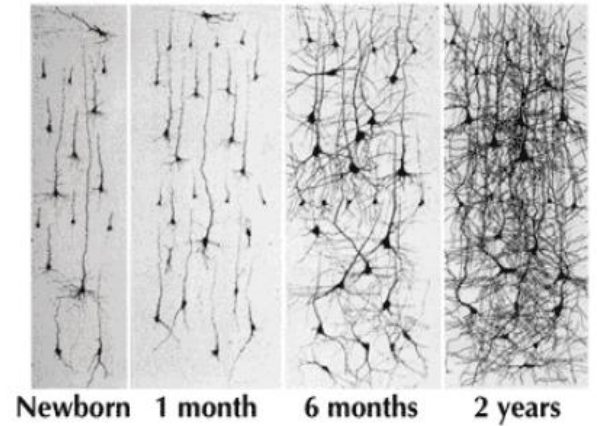
Why is this important?

EARLY LIFE as a key target period for solid, cost-effective preventive actions and policies related to multiple adverse environmental exposures

- ✓ Vulnerable periods of rapid organ development
- ✓ Chronic diseases have part of their origin in early life
- ✓ Lifetime influence
- ✓ Effective prevention

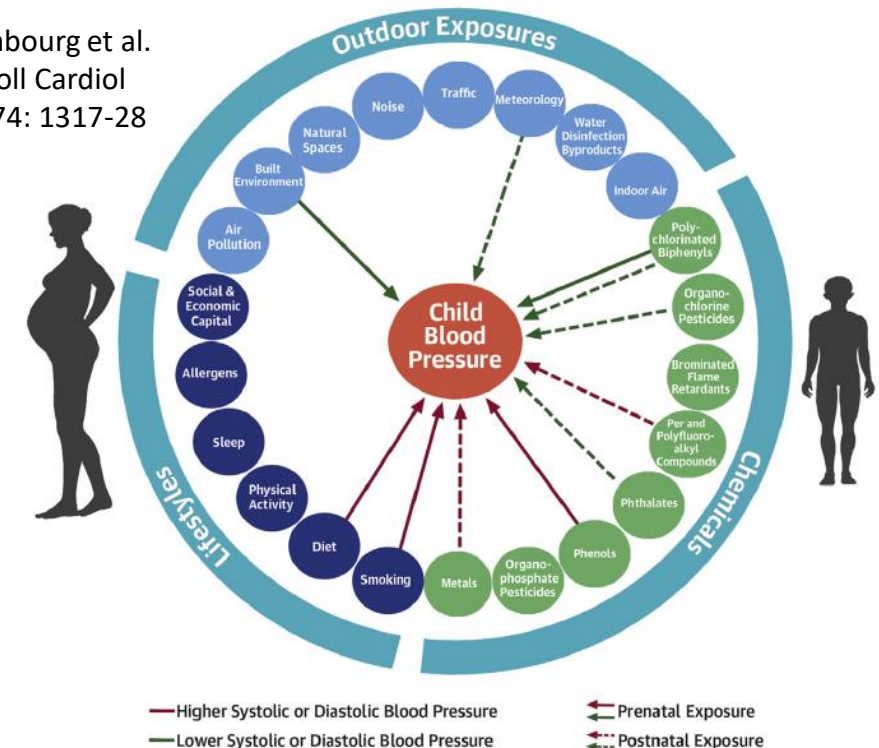


Brain Development Over Time

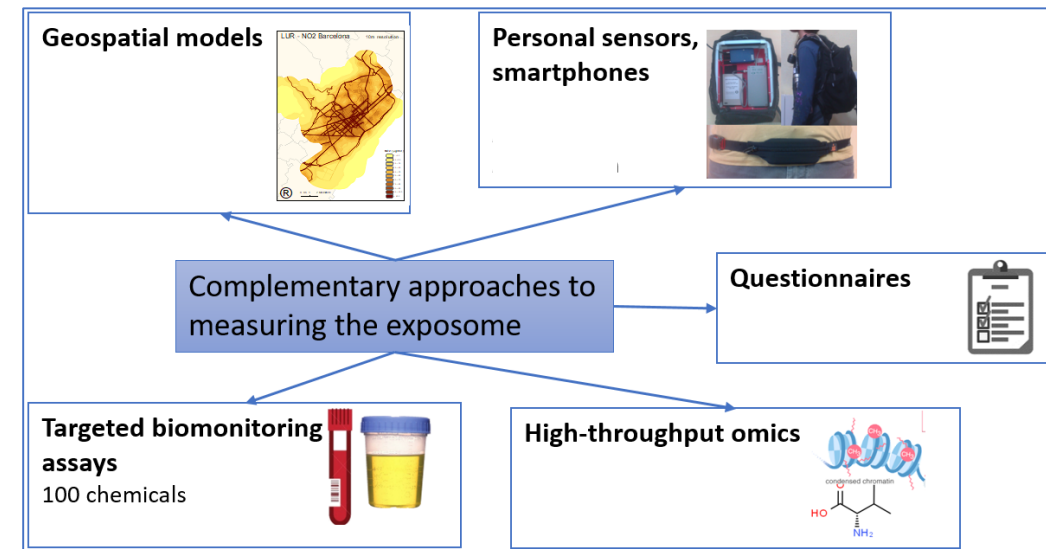
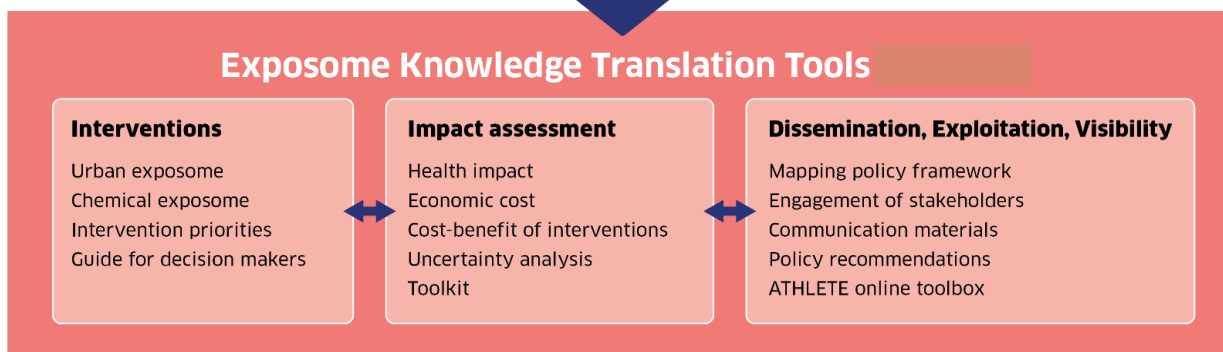
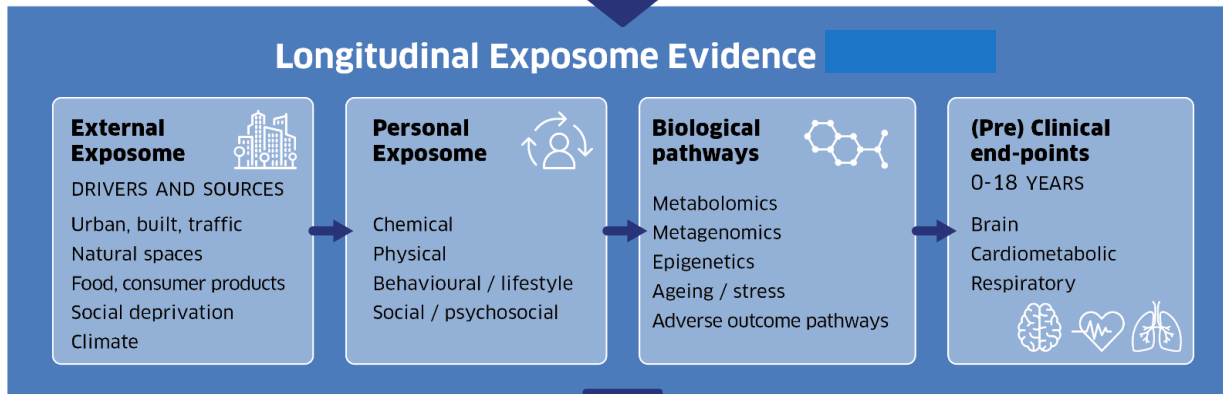
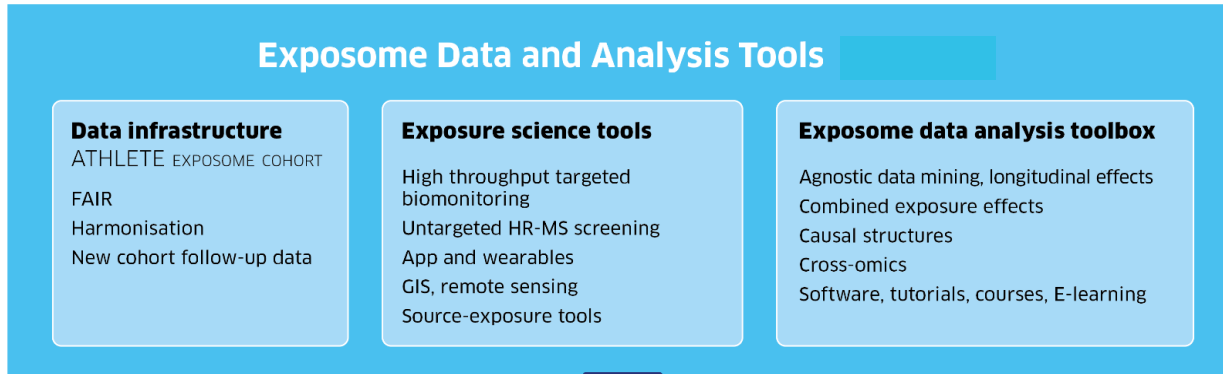
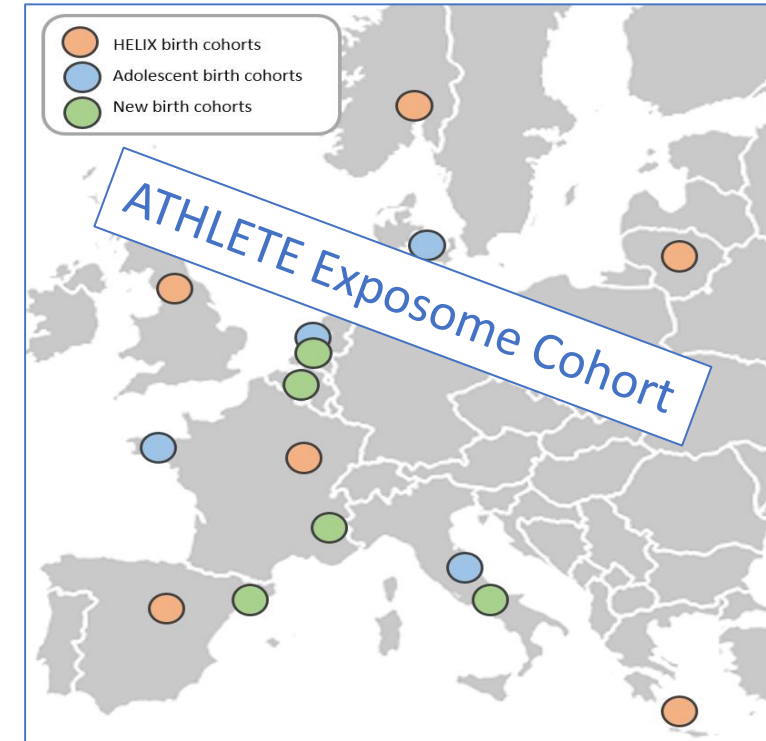


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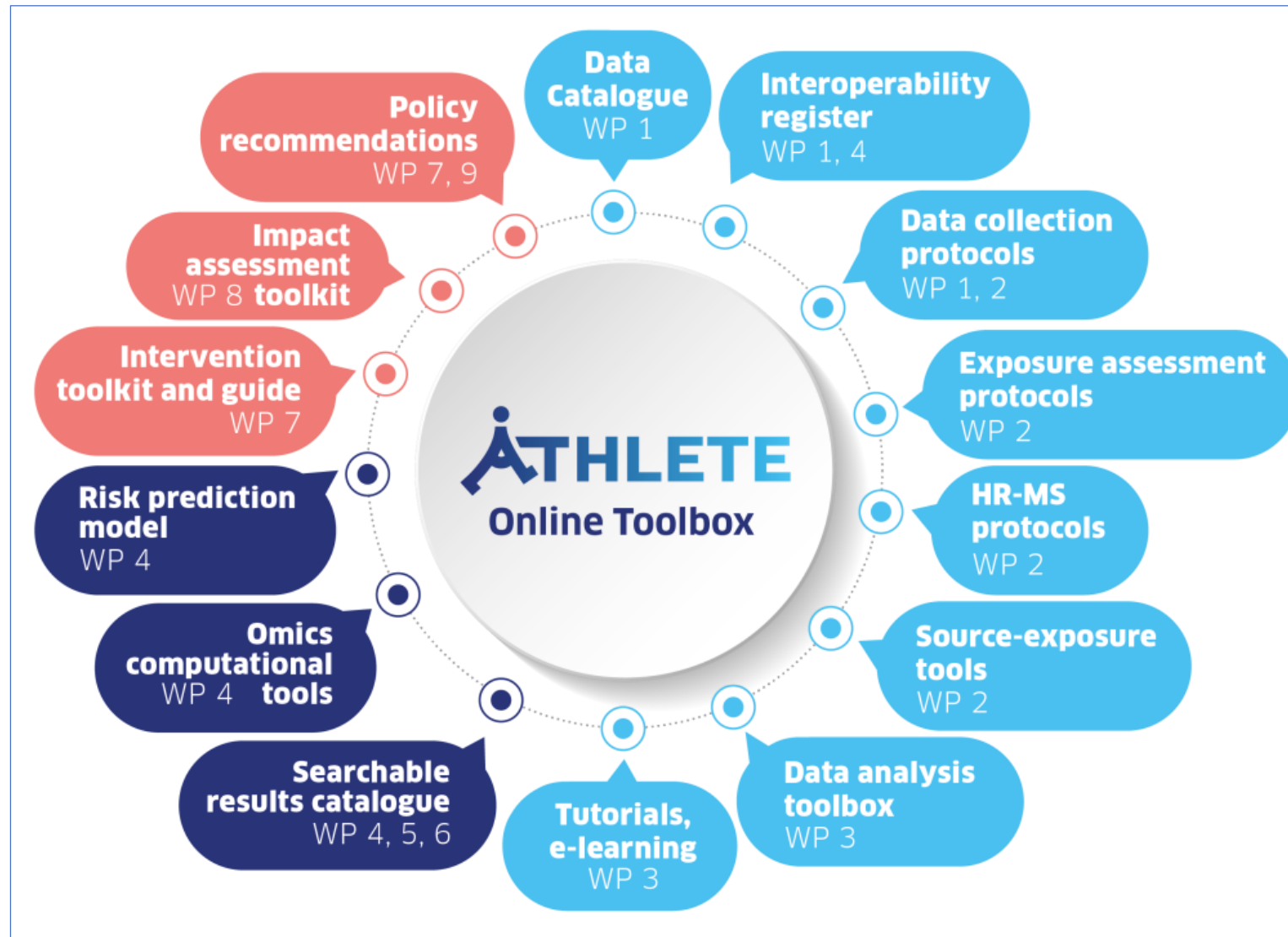
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How will ATHLETE reach that goal?



What will **ATHLETE** deliver in 5 years?

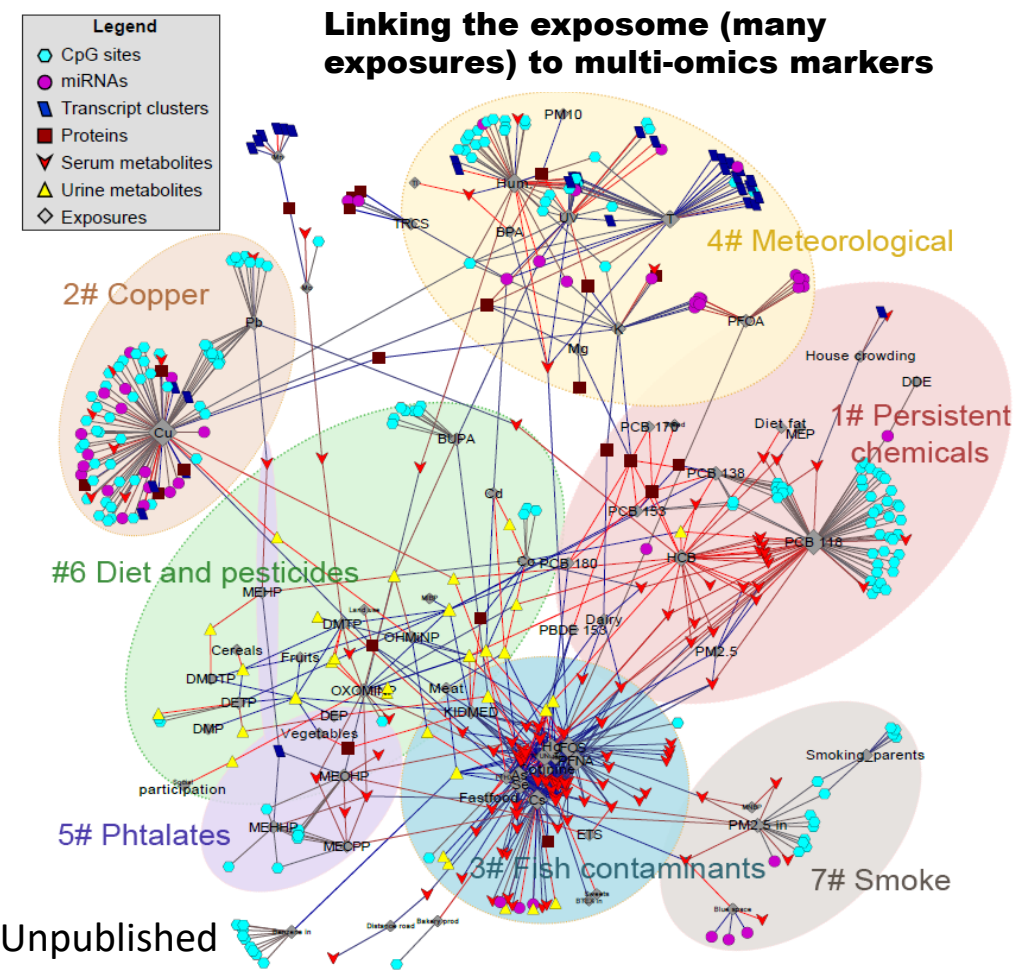


How will **ATHLETE** elucidate the biological effects of the exposome?

“Integrating knowledge on biological responses and pathways related to the exposome will help to better understand the **early molecular events leading to later adverse health**, and the early part of the life course is crucial to this.”

Building on first results:

- ✓ Replication, tissue specificity, dynamics
- ✓ Microbiome-metabolome
- ✓ Composite scores/pathways (e.g. stress axis)
- ✓ Poly-environmental/omics prediction scores
- ✓ Adverse outcome pathways



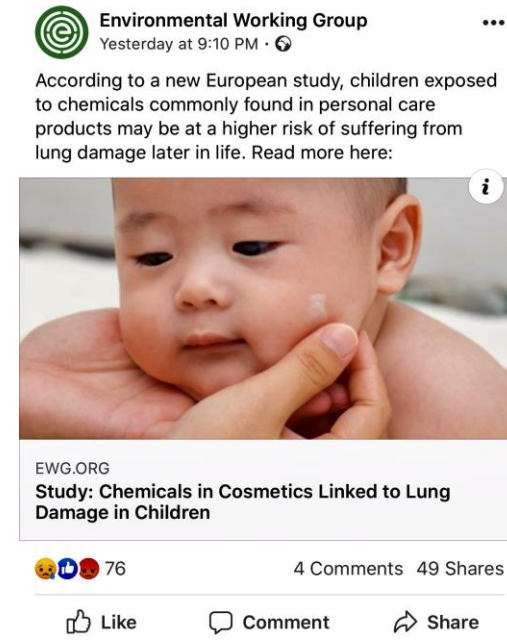
What are the critical needs for success?

➤ What interaction with stakeholders do you need to make your project a success?

Who?	Example
Study participants and communities/citizens	Co-production of interventions Engaging cohort participants (adolescents)
Local policy and decision makers	Identifying barriers and enablers to intervention adoption ➔ practical guides to modifying personal exposomes
European policy and decision-makers, international forums	Targeted events
Industry	Metabolomic profiling and smartphone APP development
Wider society	Engagement activities, social media, etc

What interaction with other projects is needed to make the network a success?

- **Share expertise** ➔ working groups
- **Make tools easily accessible** ➔ one common toolbox
- **Common strategy for dissemination & stakeholder engagement**



22 partners
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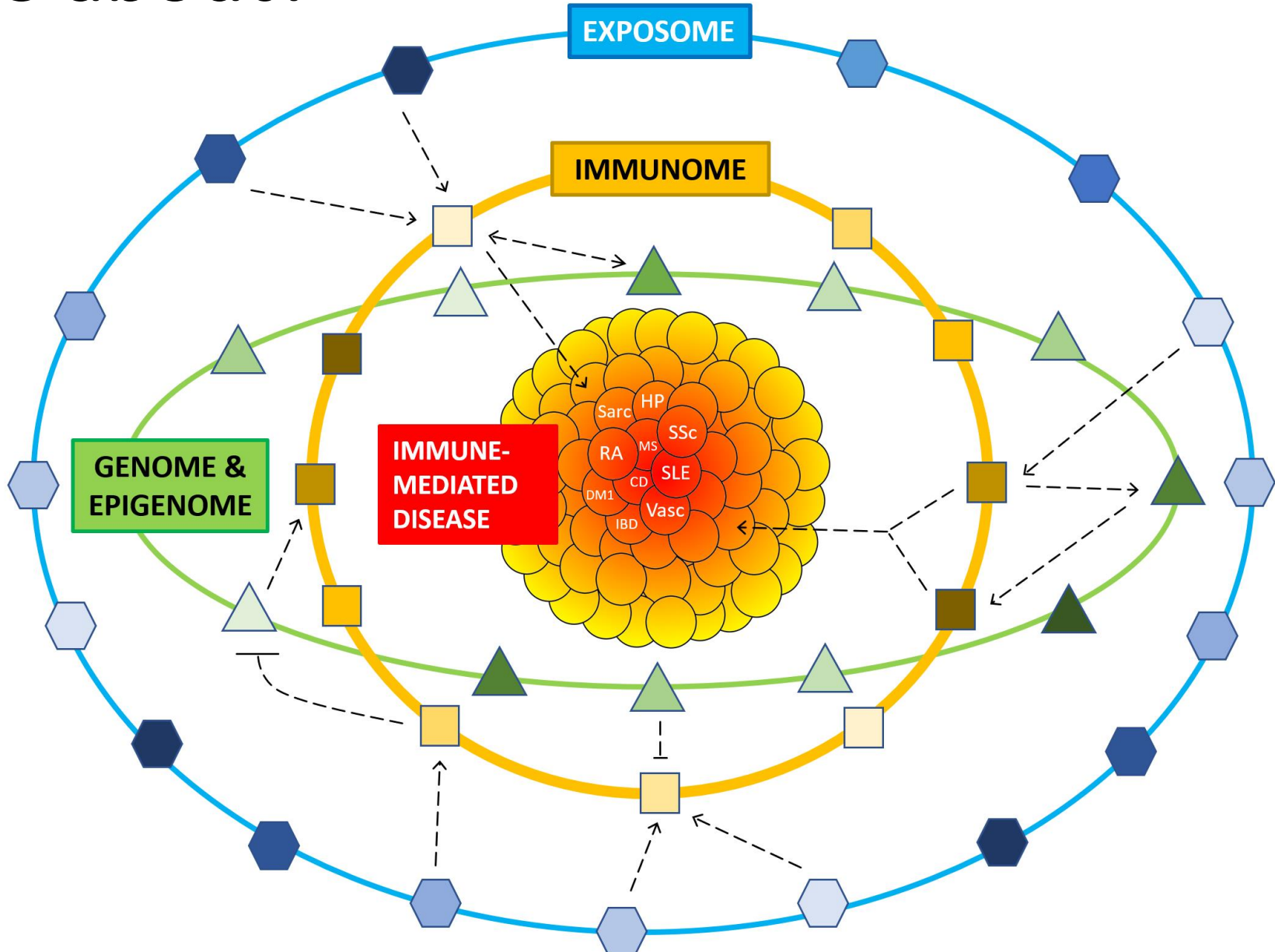
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EXIMIUS
Mapping Exposure-Induced Immune Effects

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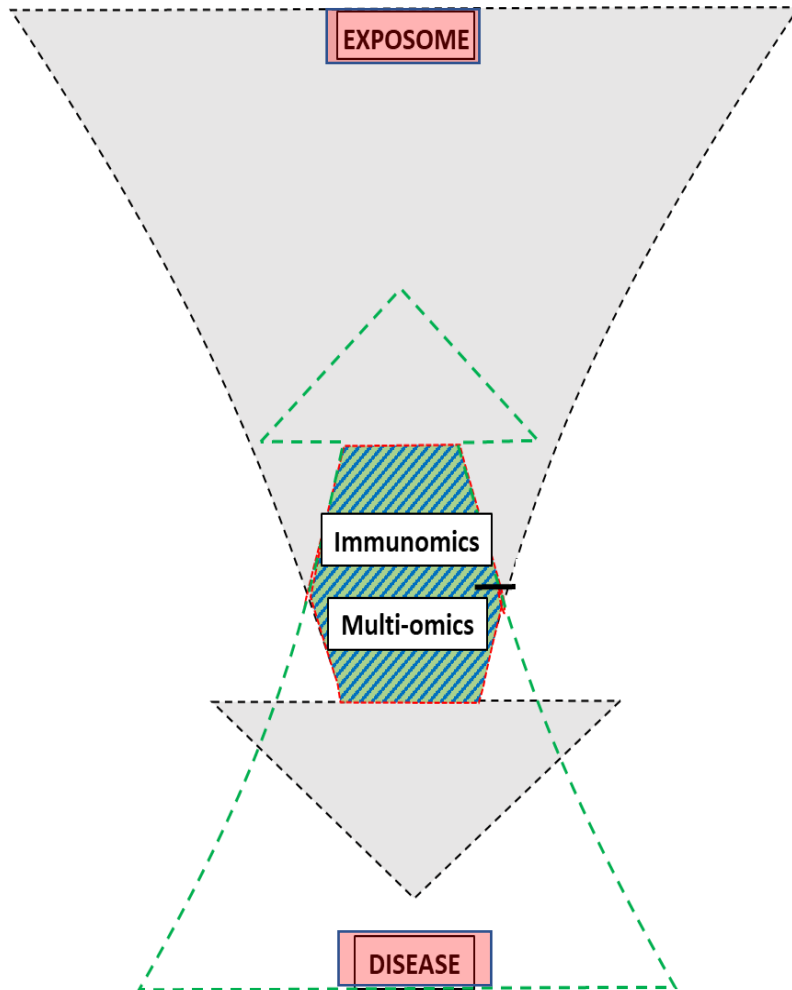
What is EXIMIOUS about?



Why is this important?

- Immune-mediated disorders such as autoimmune diseases (AD) are **non-communicable chronic** diseases → pivotal role of **immune system**.
 - Affecting **7.6–9.4% of the EU** population .
 - Autoimmune diseases are a leading **causes of death** in **women** under the age of 65.
 - **Socio-economic factor** → poorer people being at much greater risk.
 - Financial costs (USA) annual **expenditure associated with AD ~ \$100 billion**
- World Health Organisation (WHO) recognised **the involvement of environmental exposure** BUT underlying **causes, mechanisms** and **prevention** remains **underexplored**
- Immune-mediated disorders **represent in the hundreds of diseases or syndromes**
→ generic vs disease per disease approach

How will EXIMIOUS reach these goals?



FIRST APPROACH: STARTING FROM THE EXPOSOME

Cohorts that cover the **entire lifespan**: general and birth cohorts (LifeLines, DOC*X and DOC*X Generation, ENVIRONAGE) and

Occupational cohorts (park workers, paint factory workers, miners, metallurgy workers, waste handlers and administrative workers).

SECOND APPROACH: STARTING FROM THE DISEASE

Cohorts with potentially **exposure-related, immune-mediated diseases**

e.g. systemic sclerosis (SSc), systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), rheumatoid arthritis (RA), sarcoidosis and hypersensitivity pneumonitis (HP).

What will EXIMIOUS deliver in 5 years

Overlapping markers → 'Immune Fingerprint'

- **Exposure**

→ Reflecting person's lifetime exposome (~ biomarker)

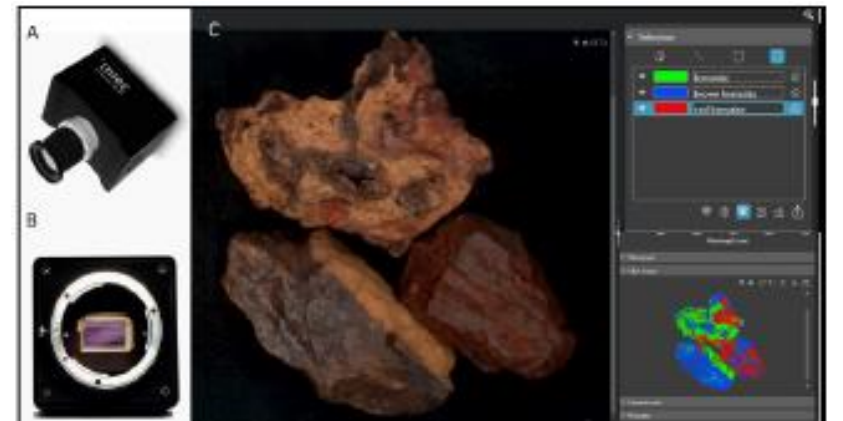
- **Disease**

→ Reflecting person's health

Predictors of disease at the **individual** level

Hyperspectral imaging (HSI) sensors:

- Rapid determination of environmental samples



How will EXIMIOUS elucidate the biological effects of the exposome

- Specific **exposures** & **genetic** predisposition & **immune** interactions
- Better **prediction of disease risk** by acquiring new knowledge on the influence of external **exposures** on **biological pathways** at different **life-stages** and identification of **early signs of health damage** caused by environmental factors.
- Common elements in genesis of immune-mediated disorders.

What are the critical needs for success

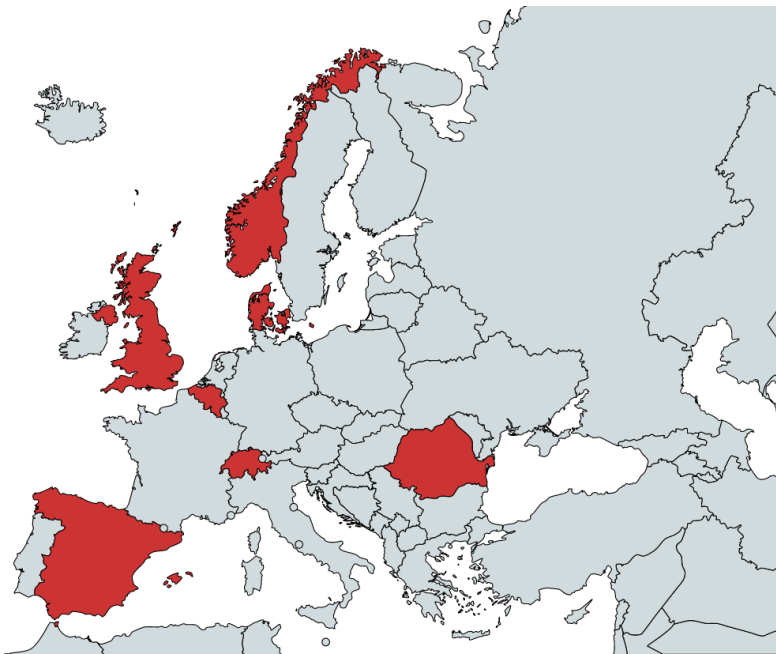
Stakeholder involvement

- Diseased cohorts & past exposure
- Database based analysis – capturing existing data

Exposome network

- Exposure at work → JEM's
- Environmental exposure close to polluting sites → models

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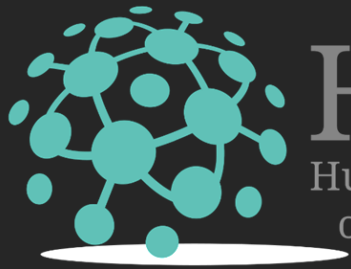
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EXIMIUS
Mapping Exposure-Induced Immune Effects



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Human Exposomic Determinants
of Immune Mediated Diseases

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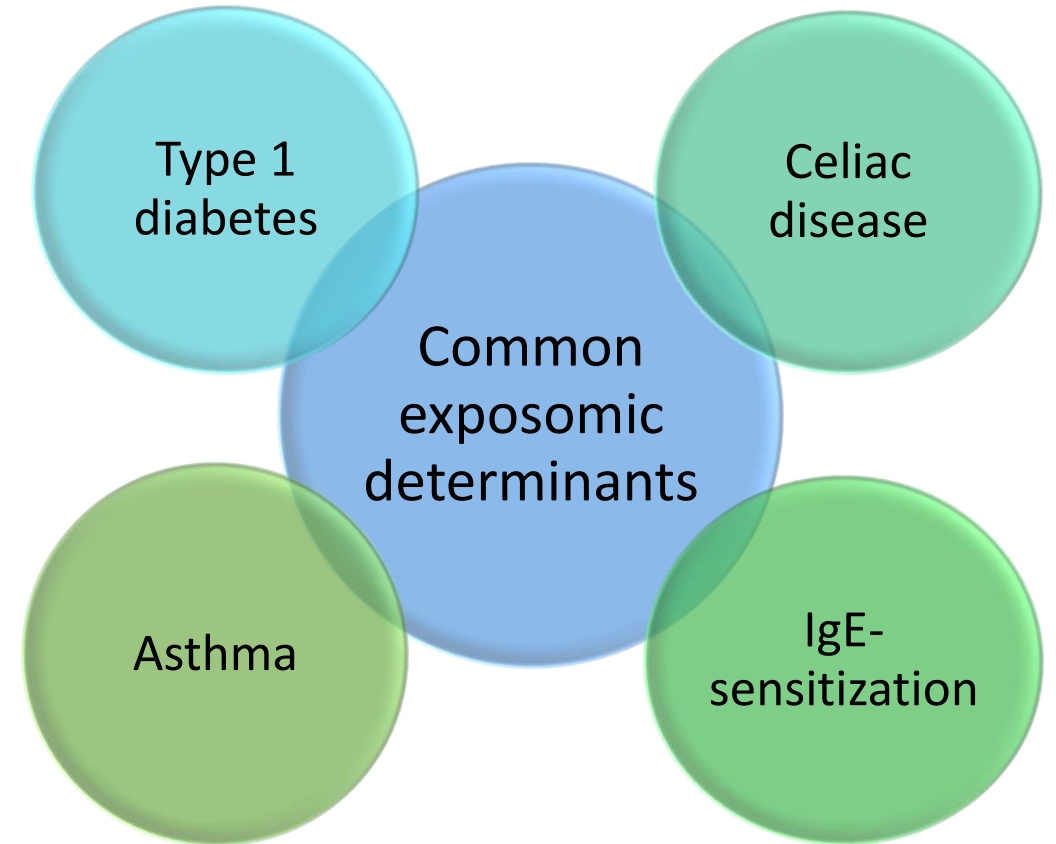
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What is **HEDIMED** about?

- Identification and modelling of exposomic factors relevant for immune-mediated diseases (IMDs)
- Key exposomic factors under study
 - Microbes
 - Environmental biodiversity
 - Toxins
 - Diet
 - Physiological factors
 - Physical activity
 - Host response to exposomic factors



Why is this important?

HEDIMED

- explores the role of exposome in **several IMDs** to identify disease-specific and common exposomic determinants.
- utilizes samples and data from **unique clinical cohorts and trials** providing huge number of study end-points (diseases) in different populations.
- is based on **multidisciplinary research** allowing identification of novel exposomic determinants, their interactions and mechanisms of actions.
- includes development of **new technologies** for the identification of exposomic determinants of diseases.
- will make data, research tools and latest discoveries **available for various stakeholders (toolbox)**

How will HEDIMED reach that goal?

Clinical cohorts

Natural history cohorts

- 10 different birth and maternal cohorts from European countries

Cross-sectional cohorts

- VirDiab cohort
- FinKarelia cohort

Intervention study cohorts

- CiPP
- PreCiSe
- PREVALL

Disease endpoints

- T1D
- Asthma
- Allergy
- Celiac disease

Other phenotypic determinants

- Systemic and intestinal inflammation
- Obesity

Identification of new endpoints

- Registry linkage
- Biomarkers

Existing data

Generation of New data

Internal exposome and omics

- Host response
- Omics

External exposome

- Microbial diversity
- Infectious agents
- Toxins
- Diet
- Psychosocial factors
- Physical activity
- Land cover

Intelligent sensors

- High throughput Immunosignature tool
- Portable multiarray system for immunosignature testing
- Microbial subtyping tool
- Portable tool for continuous monitoring of VOC exposure

Exposome toolbox

Models:

- Exposome-disease associations
- Prediction of immune mediated diseases
- Estimation of population etiologic fraction of exposomic disease determinants
- Estimation of socioeconomic impact of exposomic disease determinants
- Societal effects of prevention of diseases by interventions targeting exposomic disease determinants
- Identification and intelligent monitoring of exposomic determinants

Societal impact

Interactions with stakeholders

- Patient organizations
- WHO
- Policy makers
- Academic collaborators
- Industry

samples

What will **HEDIMED** deliver in 5 years

- Concrete points of to be delivered
 - identification of exposomic determinants of IMDs
- What will HEDIMED contribute to the Exposome Toolbox
 - tools for identification of exposomic determinants of IMDs
 - tools for prediction of disease risk
 - novel exposure strategies to reduce the risk of IMDs
 - information of latest discoveries
 - tools for decision-makers, stakeholders and public to reduce the risk of IMDs

IMD = immune-mediated disease (such as type 1 diabetes, celiac disease, allergies and asthma)

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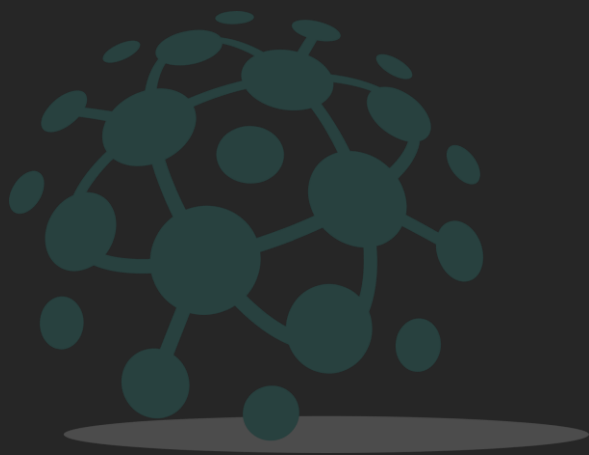
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What are the critical needs for success

- What interaction with stakeholders do you need to make your project a success?
 - exploitation and dissemination of the findings
 - Identification of associations between exposomic factors and the risk of IMDs
 - development of novel exposure approaches to reduce the likelihood of IMDs
 - funding opportunities for new research initiatives
 - feedback from the end-users of toolbox
- What interaction with other projects is needed to make the network a success?
 - exchange of expertise, methods, samples and knowledge
 - common procedures for exploitation and interactions with stakeholders
 - creation of common metadatabase and website

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Panel: Exposome and biological effects

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- **Heikki Hyöty**, Professor of Virology, University of Tampere, FI

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The Human Exposome Assessment
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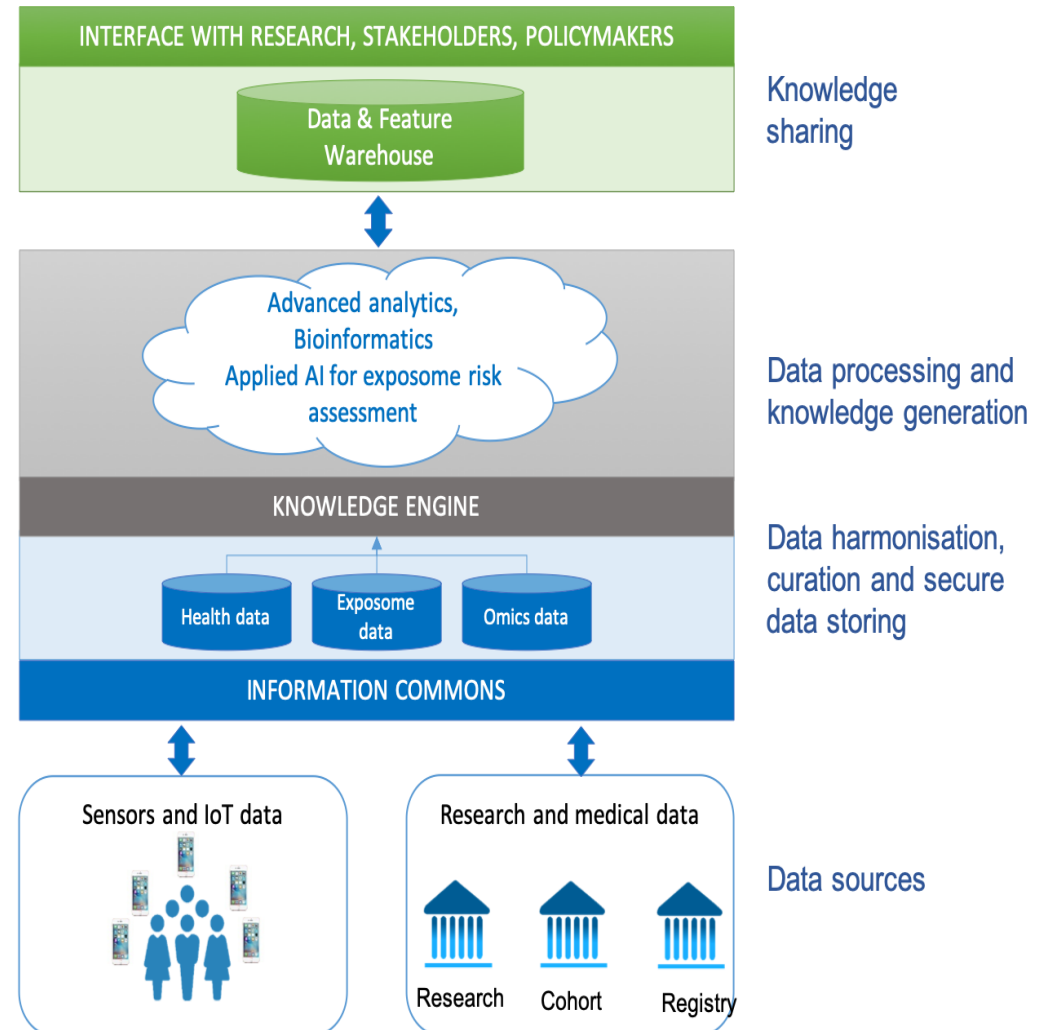
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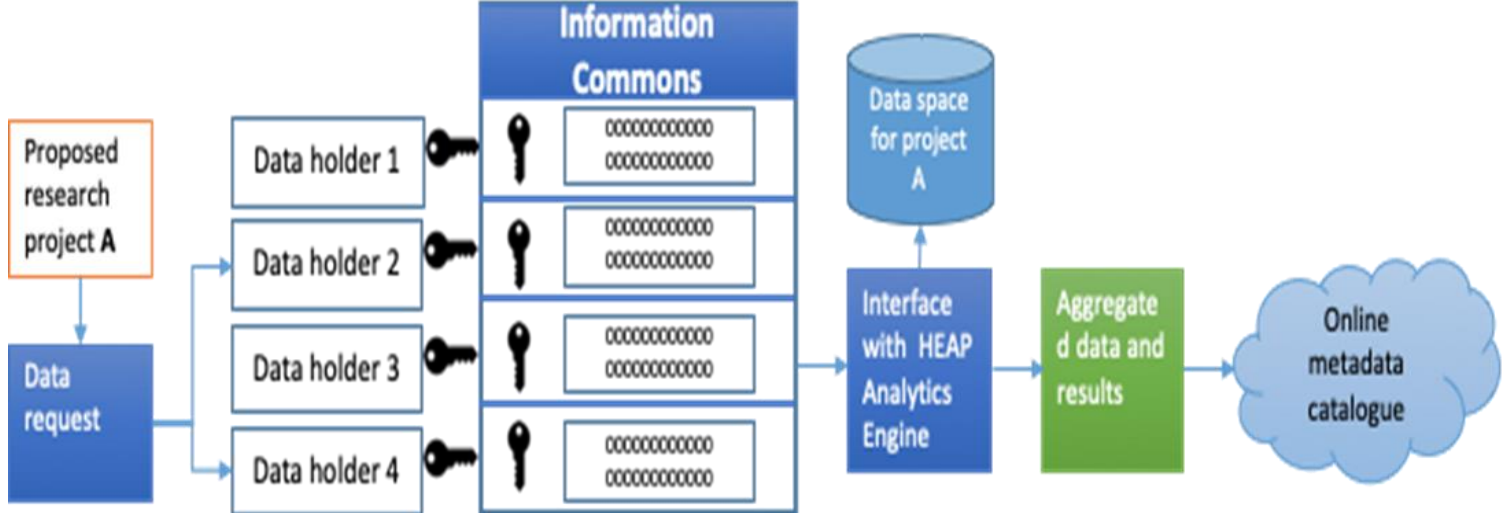
The Human Exposome Assessment Platform

- 1) Launch an integrated and reproducible informatics platform that can be deployed in computer clusters and computing centres worldwide.
- 2) Populate the platform with data from exposome assessment



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Innovative data management, Open Science and Integrity Protection: Clear ethico-legal governance system. Efficient and secure sharing of data access with others



Populate the platform with data from exposome assessment

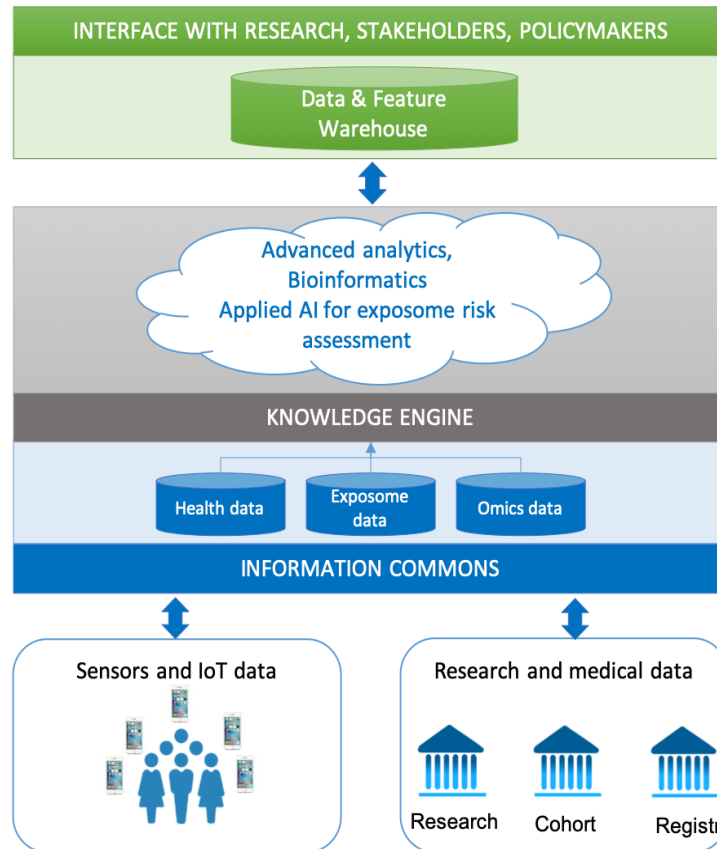
Exposome assessment using Sensors



Chemicals= Mass spectrometry



Biologics= Sequencing



-Population-based sample cohorts with advanced analyses (e.g. Metagenomics, epigenomics)

Exposome assessment using Consumer Receipts



Strategic importance of HEAP

1. Moving away from “One project on One exposure and One Disease”

Open Science: Multiple projects (also by others) on Multiple Exposures and Multiple Diseases.

Improved Integrity protection: Clear rules and security standards for data access

2. **Furthering Advances** being made in different countries using international collaboration. E.g. on:

-Improved **environmental safety:** Continuous exposure measurements using sensors

-Improved **consumer protection:** Continuous measuring if specific purchases affect health

-Improved **understanding of environmental determinants of disease:** Towards new strategies for healthy childbearing and cancer prevention

After 5 years we will have delivered

- **A flexible technical platform** (both software and hardware) proven to be efficient & safe for **data acquisition** (from e.g. **wearable sensors, purchases** and “**omics**”, for **data management, AI and knowledge discovery, visualization** and **education**).
- **Exposome data and analysis results** from four large-scale population **cohorts** and from a pilot adding wearable **sensors** for personal exposome profiling.

At least 1 case where exposome knowledge has translated to action for improving health of EU citizens: either on

Improved **environmental safety**;

Improved **consumer protection** or

Improved **understanding of environmental determinants of disease**

The EU Green Deal and the Exposome

- **New technologies, sustainable solutions and disruptive innovation are critical to achieve the objectives of the European Green Deal.**
- **Accessible and interoperable data are at the heart of data-driven innovation**
 - Digital infrastructure and artificial intelligence solutions will facilitate evidence-based decisions and expand the capacity to understand and tackle environmental challenges.
- **European food: safe, nutritious and of high quality.**
 - Low quality diets contribute to obesity and diseases such as cancer.
- **HEAP will provide a sustainable infrastructure and an improved evidence base towards these goals**

Critical needs for success

- Widespread recognition of and support for
 - i) the specific work of the Human Exposome Assessment Platform
 - ii) the concept that high quality, interoperable exposome measurements will be necessary for health & welfare of the citizens of the European Union.
- Exploit overlaps with other European Human Exposome Network projects – increased critical mass & expertise will propagate progress

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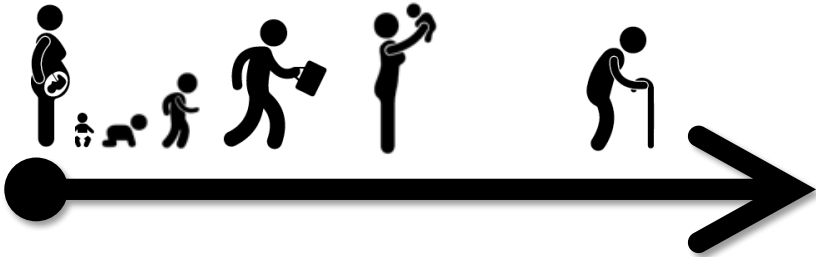
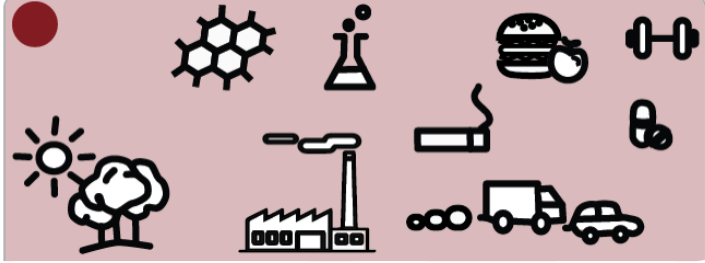
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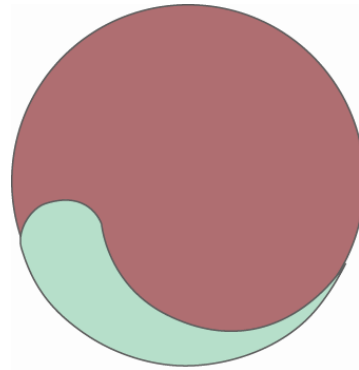
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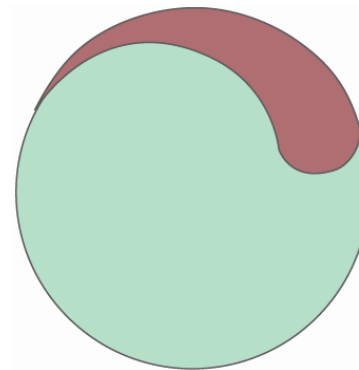
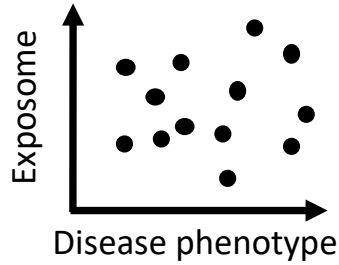
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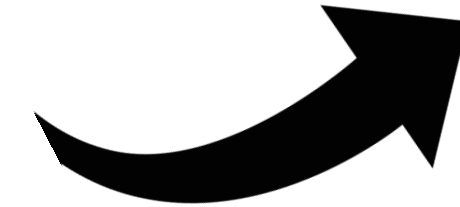
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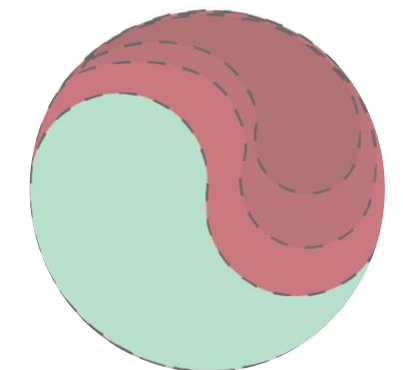
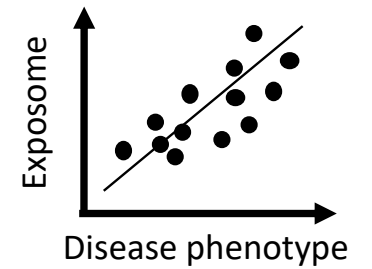
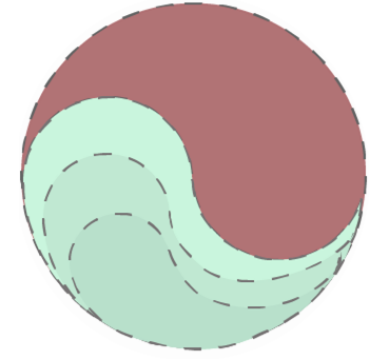
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Pulmonary Disease
(COPD)



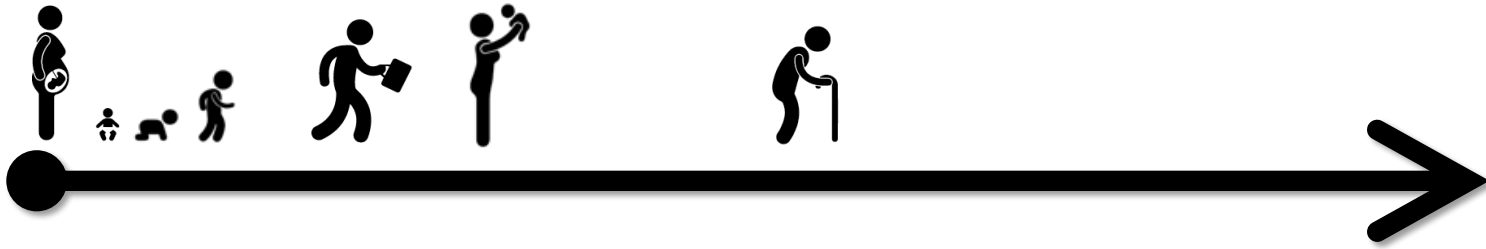
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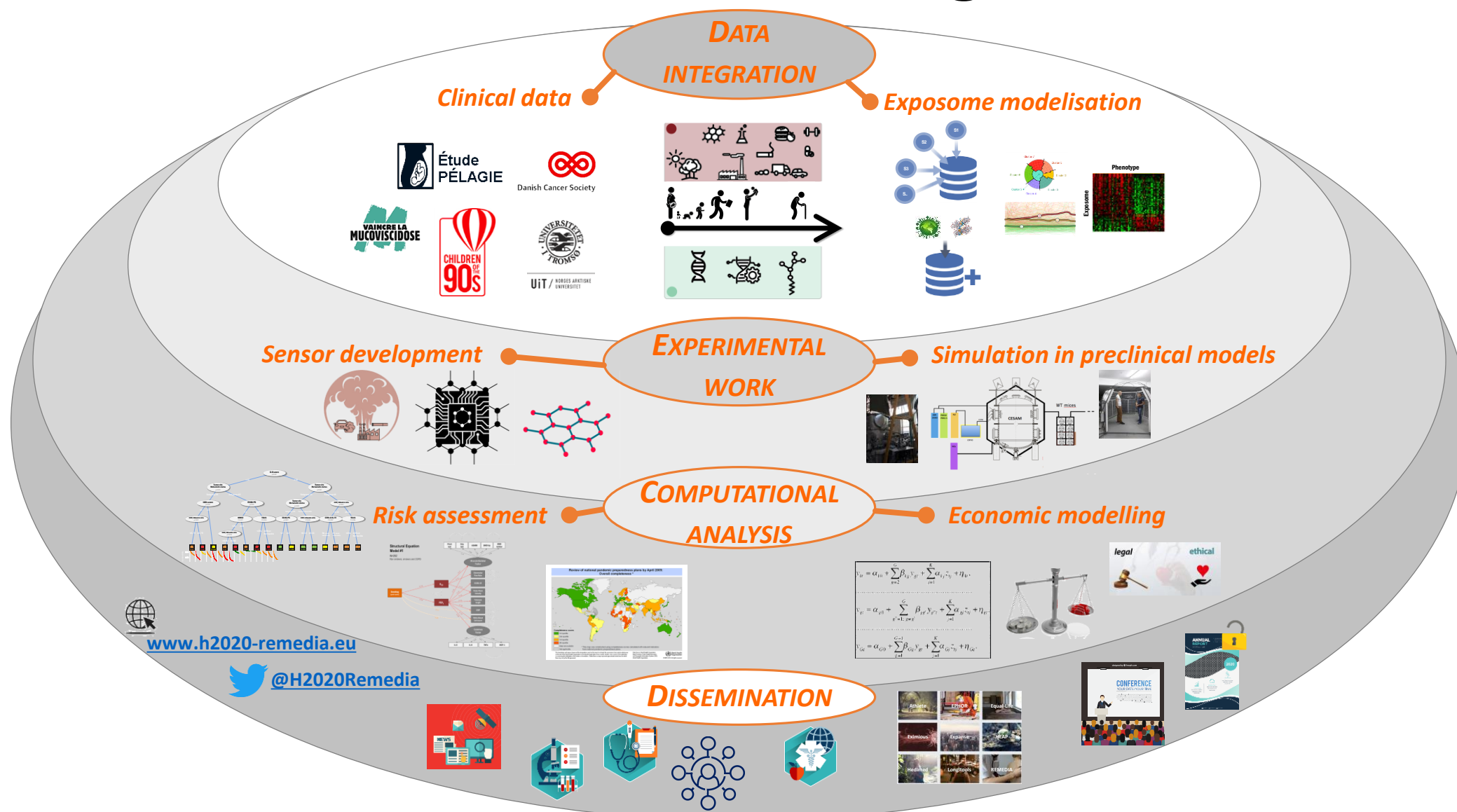


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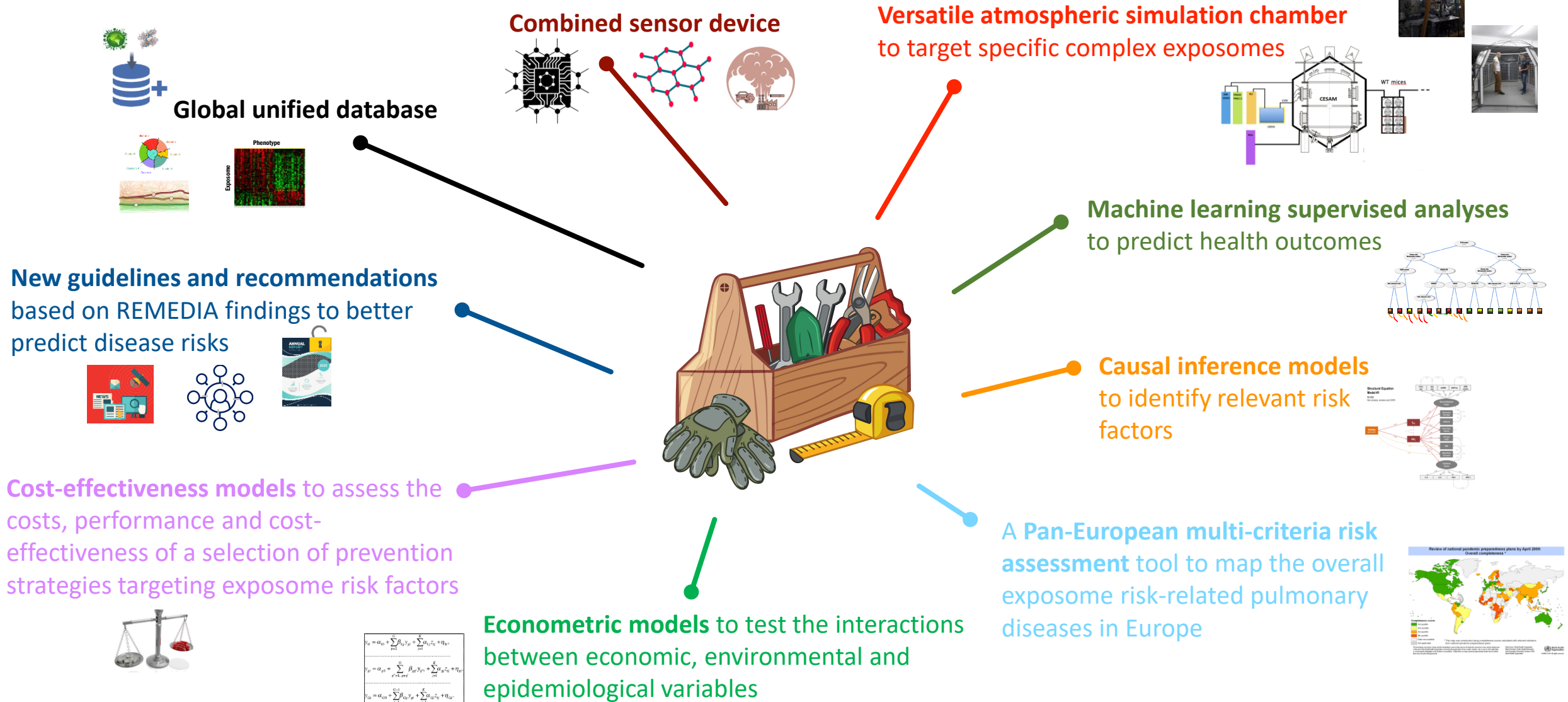


- High burden:
 - COPD: 3rd cause of death
 - CF: most common inherited genetic disorder
- **Invalidating diseases** - progressive decline of lung function
- **Fatal diseases** - no curative treatment
- **High phenotypic variability** of unknown origin - no good therapeutic efficacy

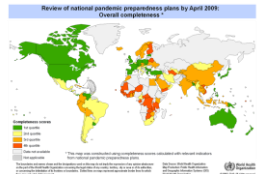
How will REMEDIA reach that goal?



What will REMEDIA deliver in 5 years



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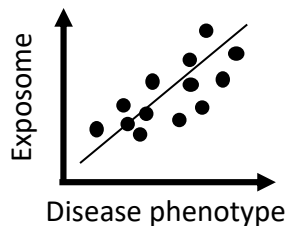
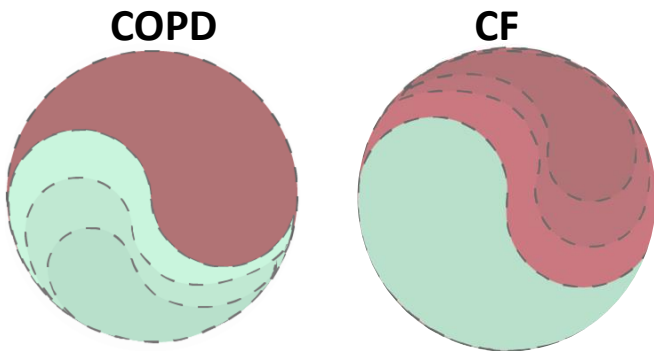


How will REMEDIA contribute to reaching the goals of the Green Deal



Protect the health and well-being of citizens from environmental-related risks

- REMEDIA outputs:



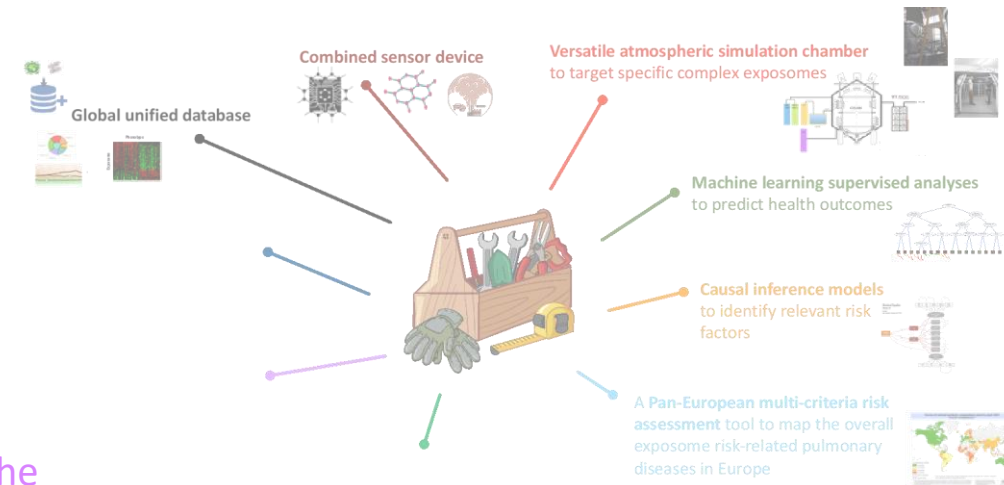
New guidelines and recommendations based on REMEDIA findings to better predict disease risks



Cost-effectiveness models to assess the costs, performance and cost-effectiveness of a selection of prevention strategies targeting exposome risk factors



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Econometric models to test the interactions between economic, environmental and epidemiological variables

What are the critical needs for success



Identify decision makers, regulators, stakeholders from civil society to establish direct interaction with them throughout the project

Feed-back from policy making, NGOs, international organizations and patient associations to

- discuss their needs and adapt our guidelines / toolbox to their needs
- contribute to optimize / promote the dissemination of results



Sharing data on key component(s) to be considered in other Exposome Network projects with respiratory diseases as endpoints

Take advantage of the different approaches developed (exposome components, clinical endpoints, analytical methodologies, ...) to achieve larger picture

Address the robustness of each project individual Toolbox (i.e. simulation chamber, multi-risk assessment map for REMEDIA) in all Exposome Network projects

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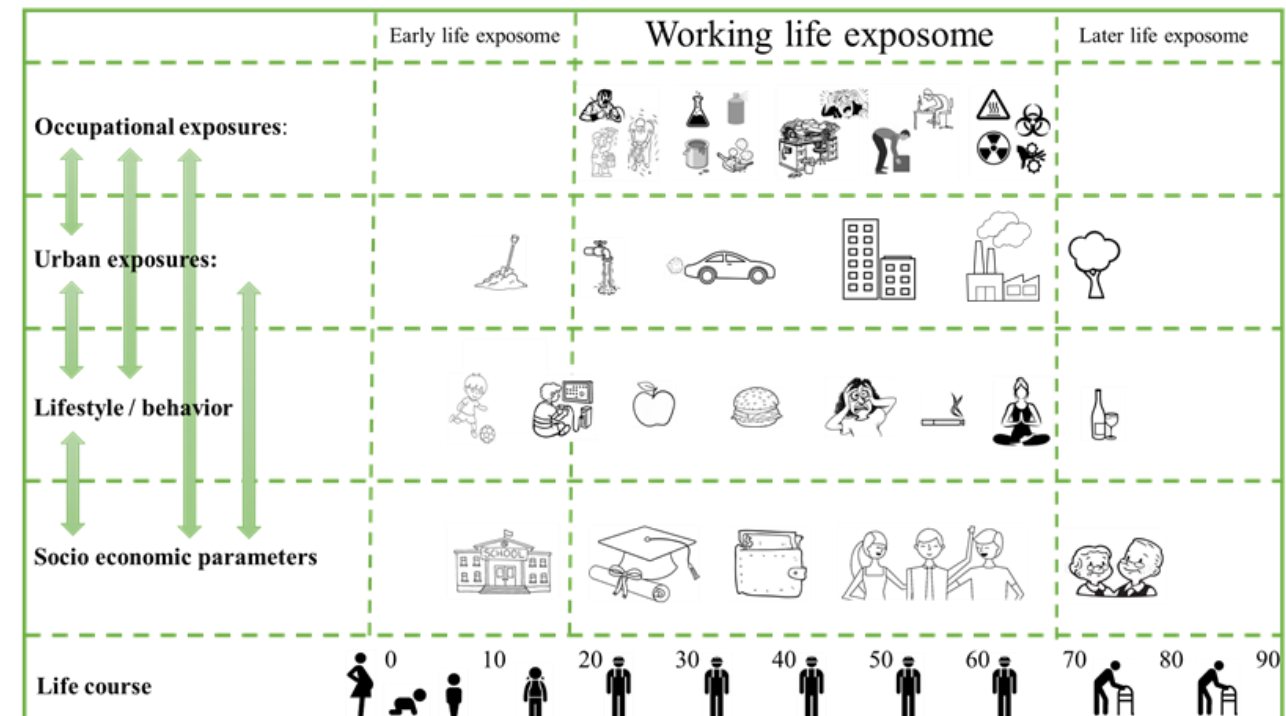
EXPOSOME PROJECT FOR HEALTH AND OCCUPATIONAL RESEARCH (EPHOR)

Anjoeka Pronk, Rob Stierum (TNO, The Netherlands)

What is EPHOR about?

The working life exposome: 'All occupational and related non-occupational (i.e. general environment, lifestyle, behavioural and socio-economic) exposure factors'

- Applying the exposome concept to working life health
- Providing better insights into the relationships between exposures during the working life and health at different life stages
- Laying the groundwork for evidence based and cost effective preventive actions

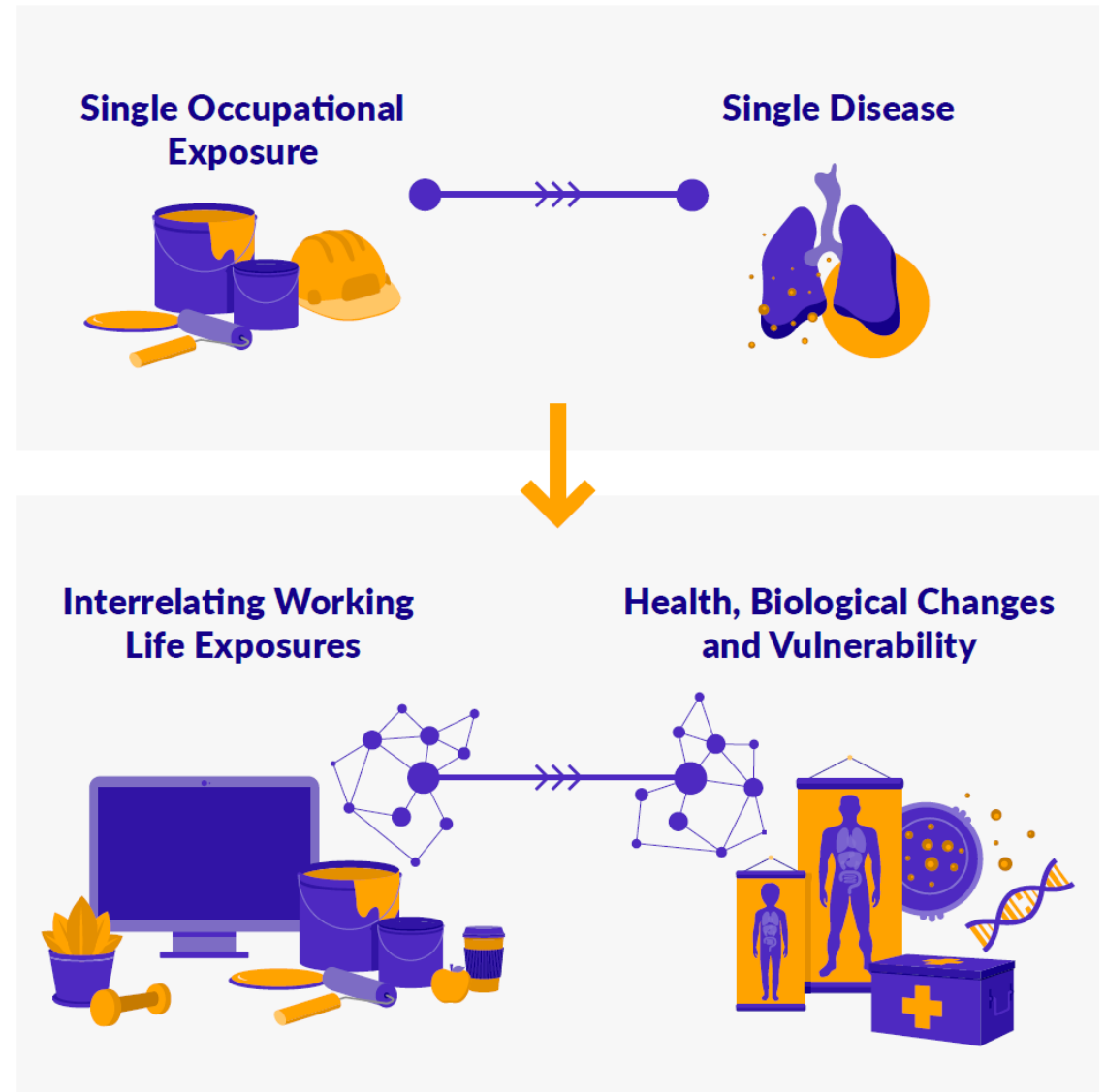


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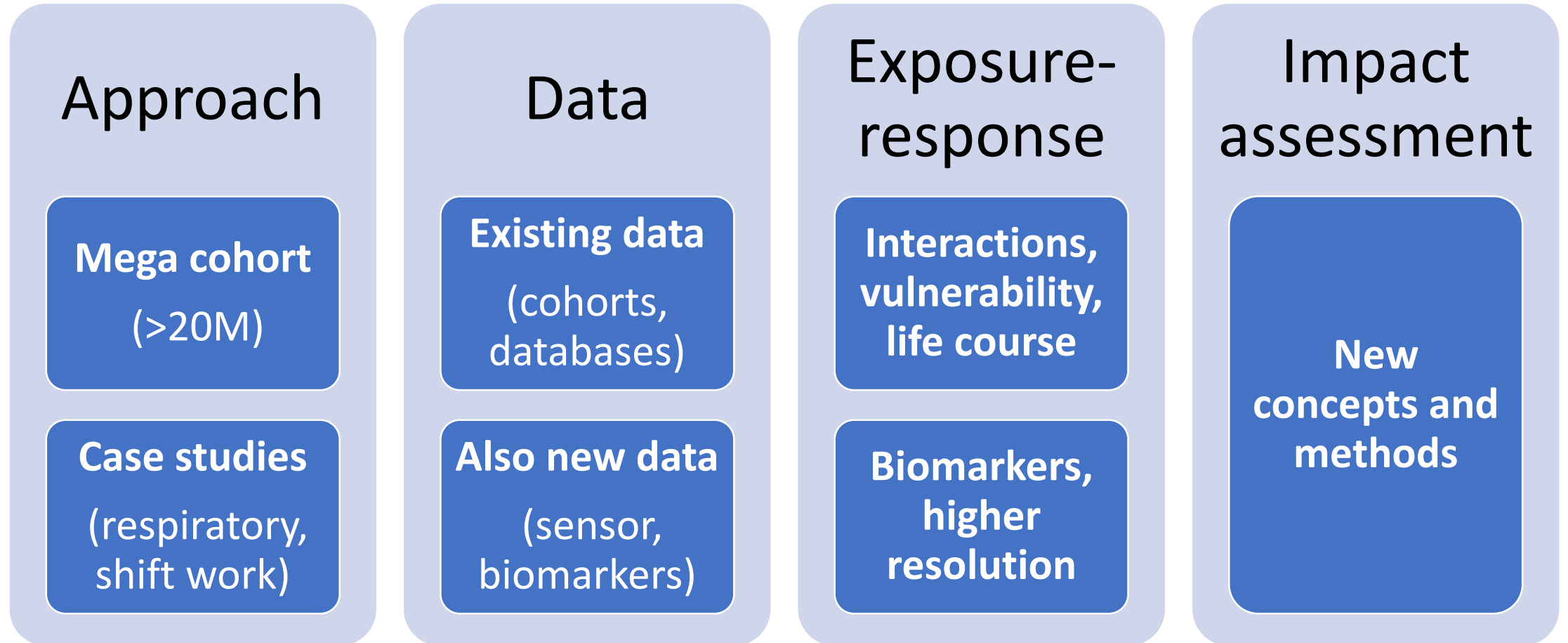
- Occupational disease in EU countries:
 - 5-7% mortality, 2-6% GDP
- Challenges:
 - Single occupational exposure-single disease
 - Vulnerability unknown
 - Biological mechanisms unknown
 - Upcoming challenges:
 - Demographic changes: Ageing workforce, female participation
 - Changing nature of work
- Working life largely neglected in exposome studies

Working Life Exposome

A Fundamental Shift



How will EPHOR reach that goal?



What will EPHOR deliver in 5 years



Better and more complete knowledge

- multiple exposures within the working-life exposome → NCDs
- complex interactions of exposures, internal markers, vulnerability



Innovative methods for working life exposome

- Collection, storage and interpretation
- Impact assessment



Scientists



Policy makers



Occ. health practitioners

What are the critical needs for success

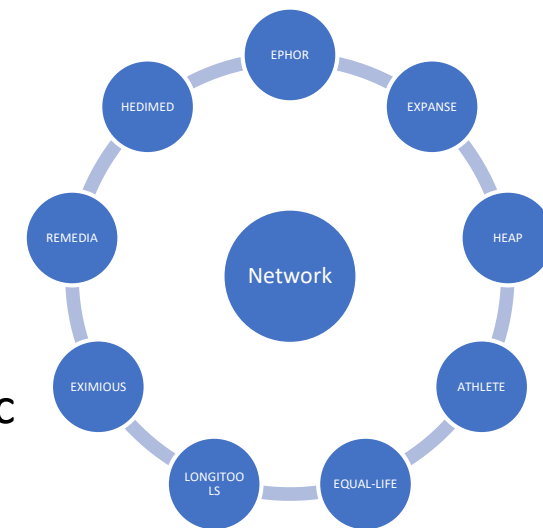
- Stakeholder interactions on their needs



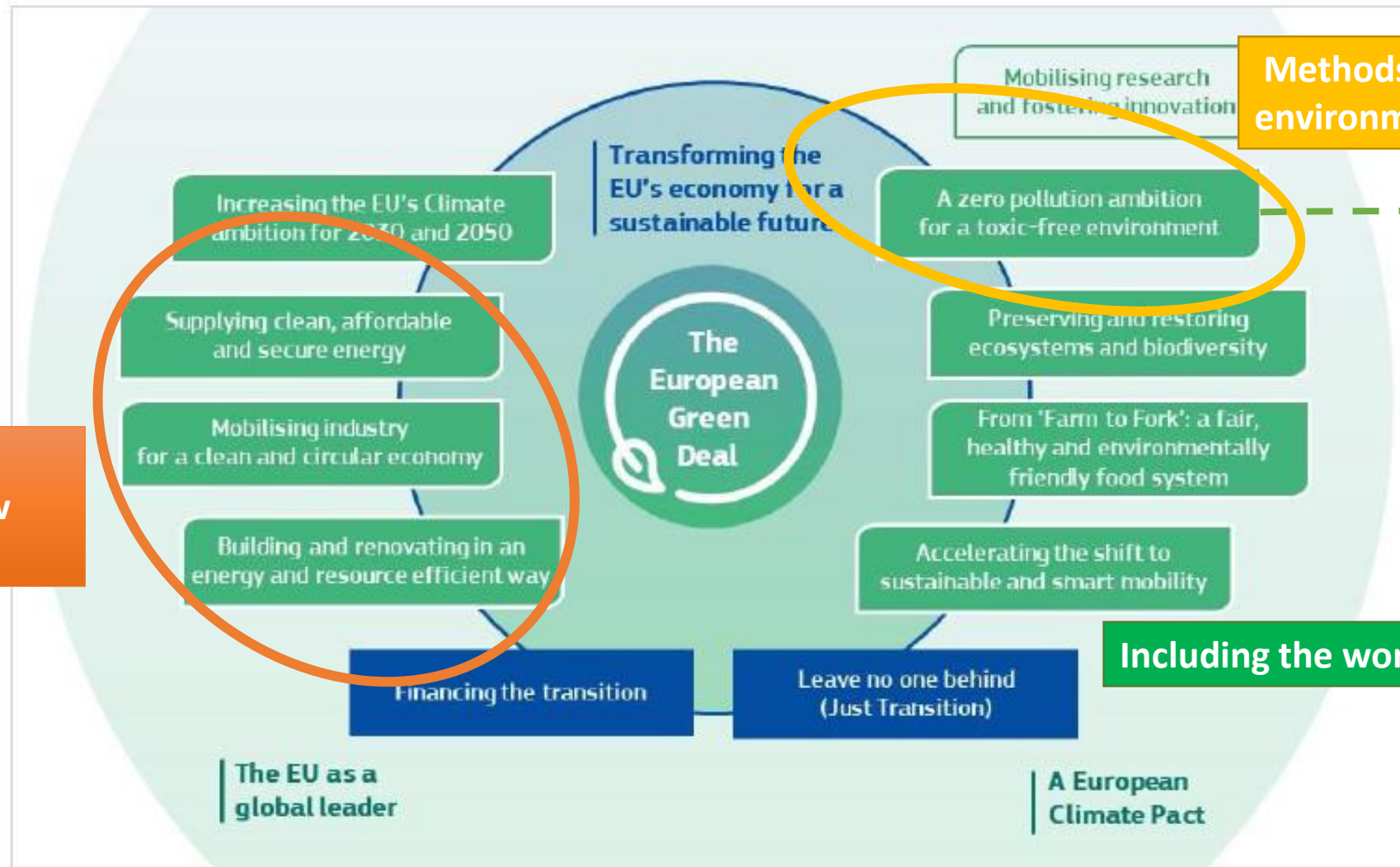
- Stakeholder advisory board:
 - ETUI, ICOH, NIOSH, EU EOSHA, ECETOC
- 4 Stakeholder consultations

- European Human exposome Project interactions

- Joint communication and dissemination strategy
- Exchange of knowledge:
 - Technical, e.g. data storage and analyses, sensors, internal exposome
 - Other: ethical aspects, making available and implementation of tools etc



How will EPHOR contribute to reaching the goals of the Green Deal



Methods for monitoring of environmental levels

Dealing with emerging risks (e.g. recycling, new energy sources)

Including the work environment

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