

Methodologies for prioritising hazardous chemical in European water: the state of play and the need for improvement

Novel effect-based tools

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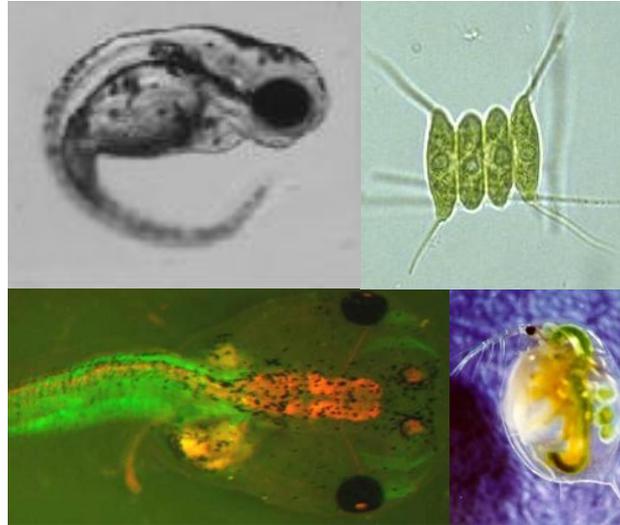
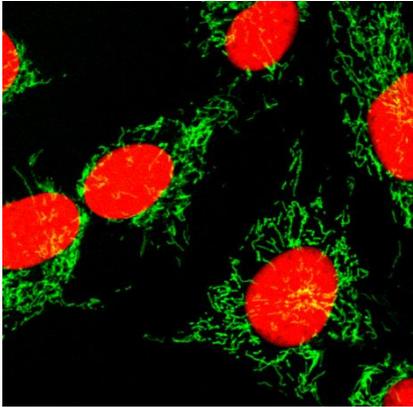


*Alice meets the Caterpillar
John Tenniel*

What are effect-based tools ?

In vitro

Receptor- and
cell-based assays



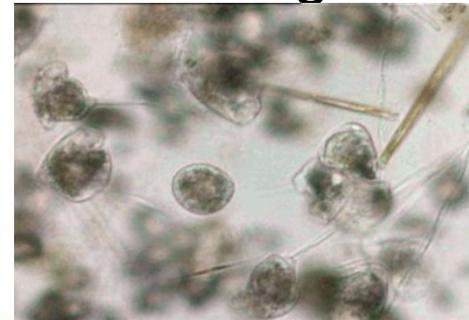
Organism-based
biotests

In vivo

In situ monitoring

Individuals,
Populations,
Communities

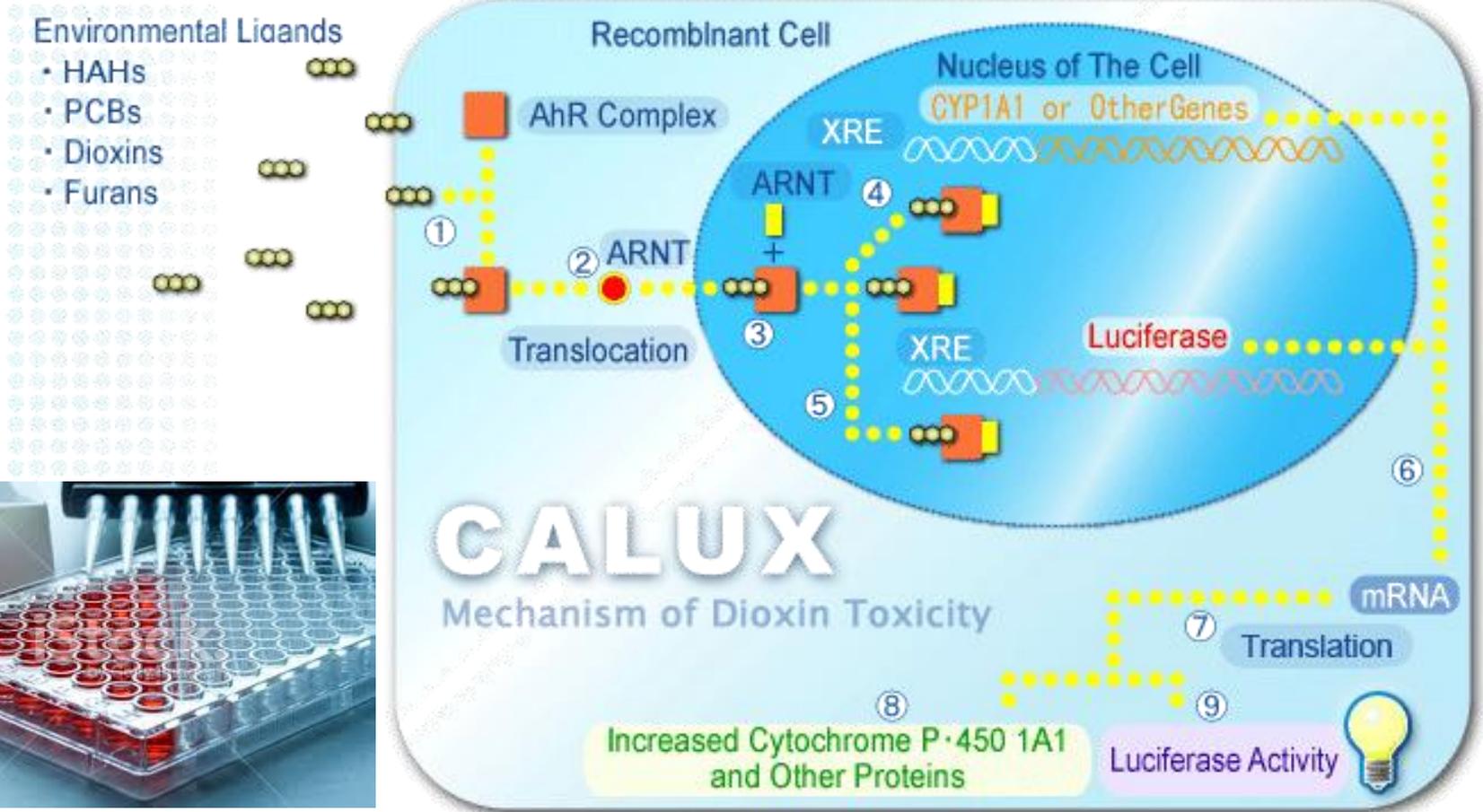
- Biomarkers;
- Pathology;
- Traits;
- Community functioning.



*Technical report on aquatic
effect-based monitoring tools
EU, 2014*

What are effect-based tools ?

e.g. AhR/XRE Nuclear receptor reporter assay



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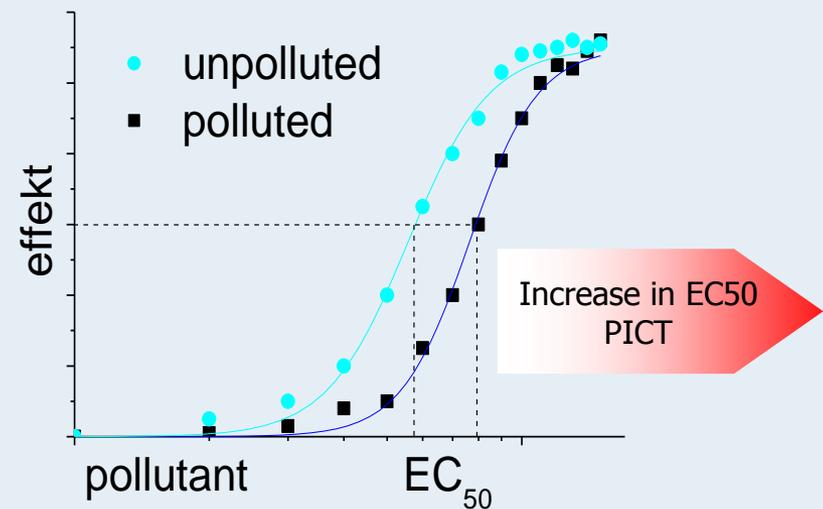
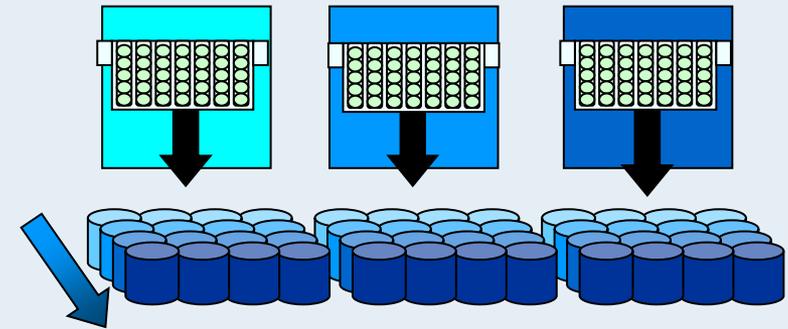
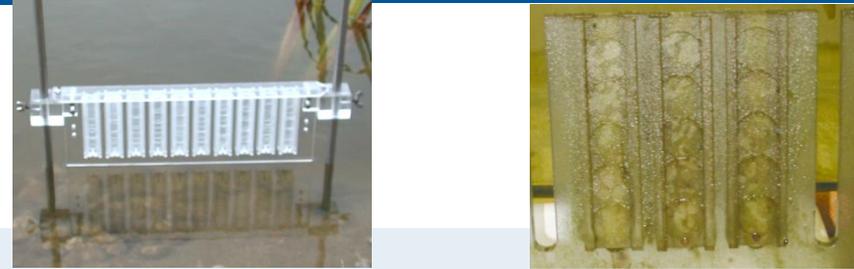
e.g. Community tolerance assay

(1) Long-term exposure (weeks) to concentration series of a toxicant or at a polluted site

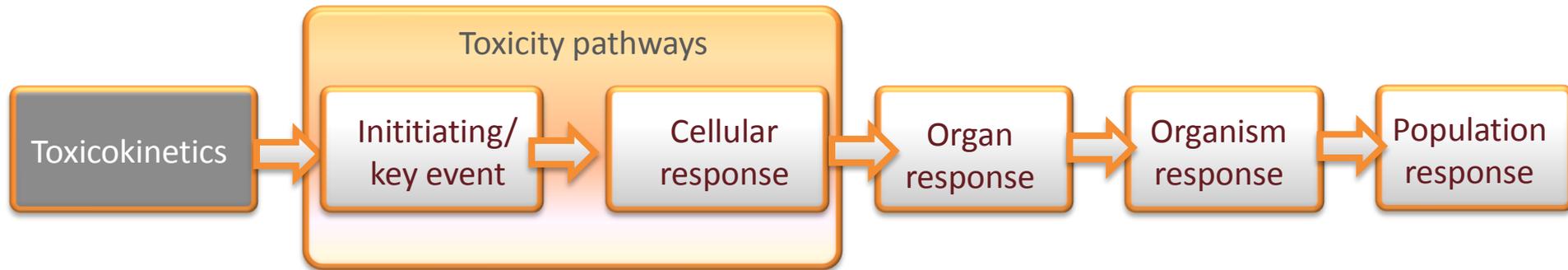
(2) Short-term testing (1h) to the addressed stressor

(3) Concentration-response-curve

(4) Comparison of effect parameter

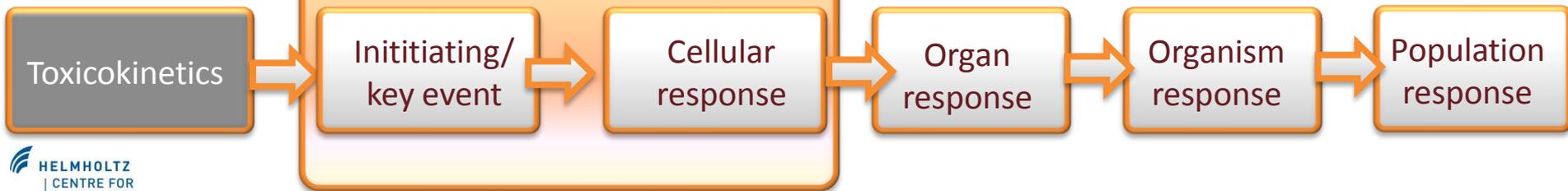
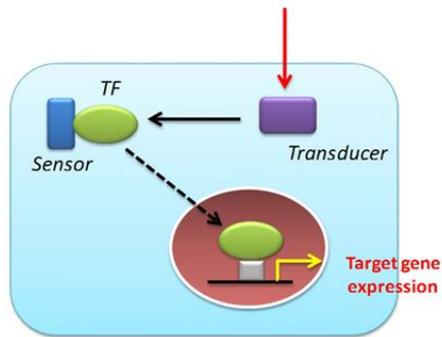
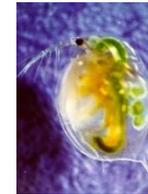
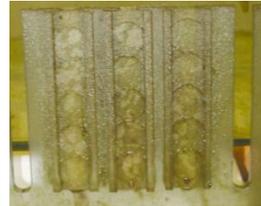
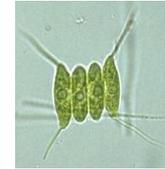
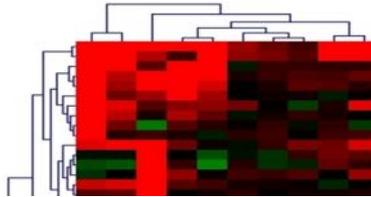
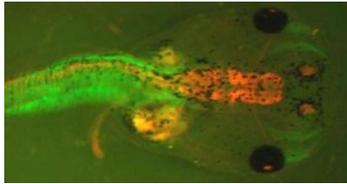
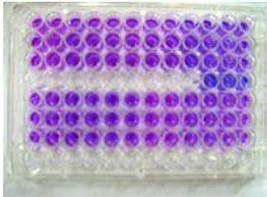


How could they help in chemical prioritisation ?



Adverse outcome pathways

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Biotransformation assays, e.g. EROD

Reporter gene assays, e.g. AR, ER, DR

Cell-based assays, e.g. Stress response

Histopathology e.g. Somatic index

in vivo Biotests e.g. Growth, reproduction, vitality

Bioindicators e.g. Biomarkers Traits, PICT



Toxicokinetics

Initiating/
key event

Cellular
response

Organ
response

Organism
response

Population
response

Toxicity pathways

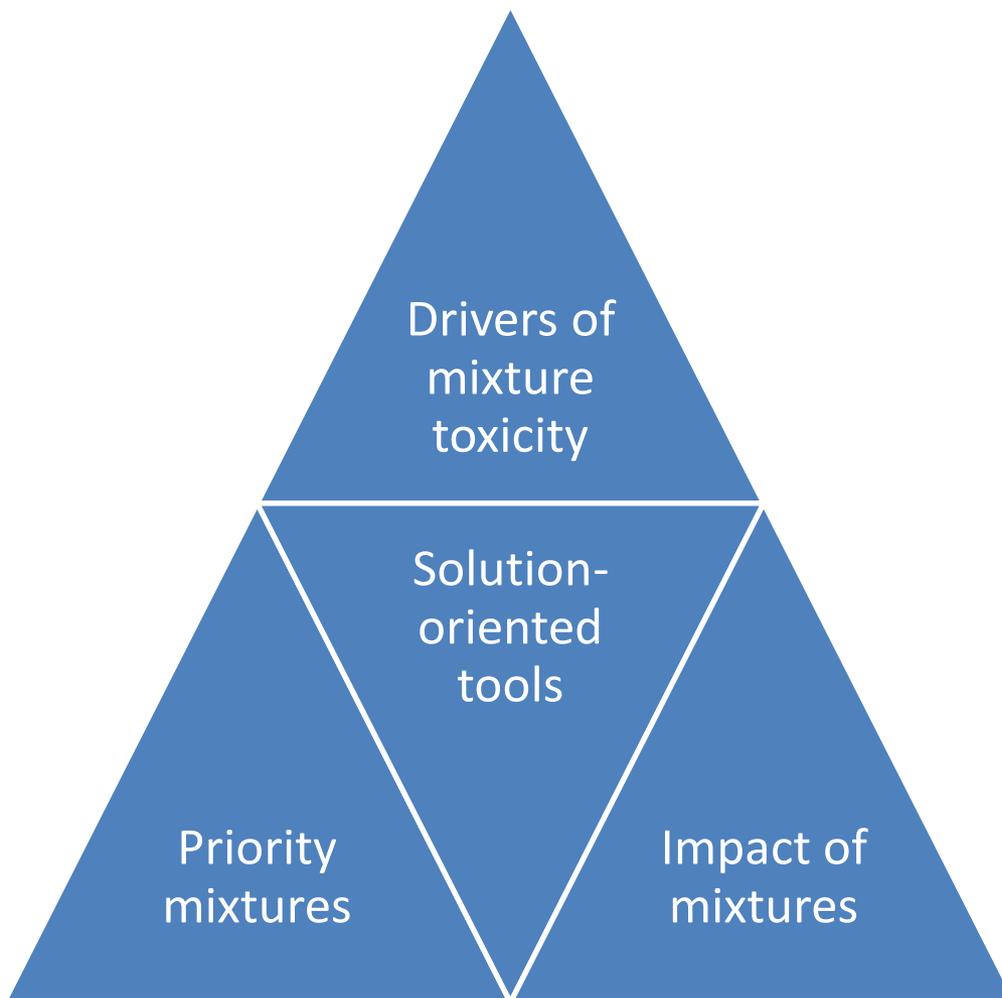
Identification of toxicant effect qualities

Early detection of adverse effects

Linking chemical contamination and effect

Assessment of ecological impact

How could they help in mixture prioritisation ?



EC COM 252.
2012 The
combination
effects of
chemicals –
Chemical
mixtures.

Priority mixtures -> prioritising samples

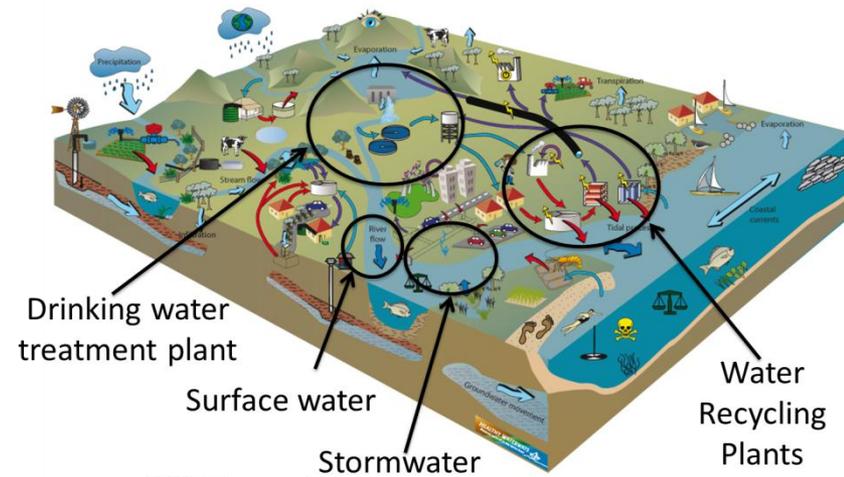
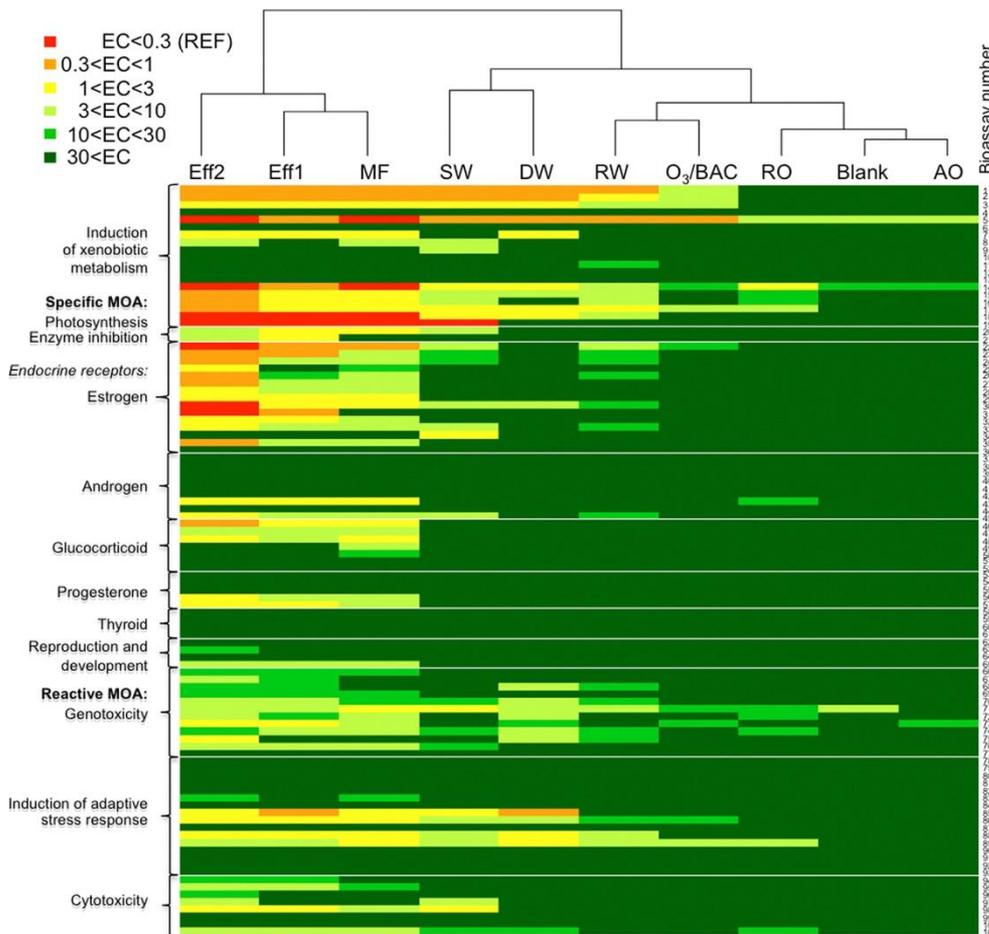
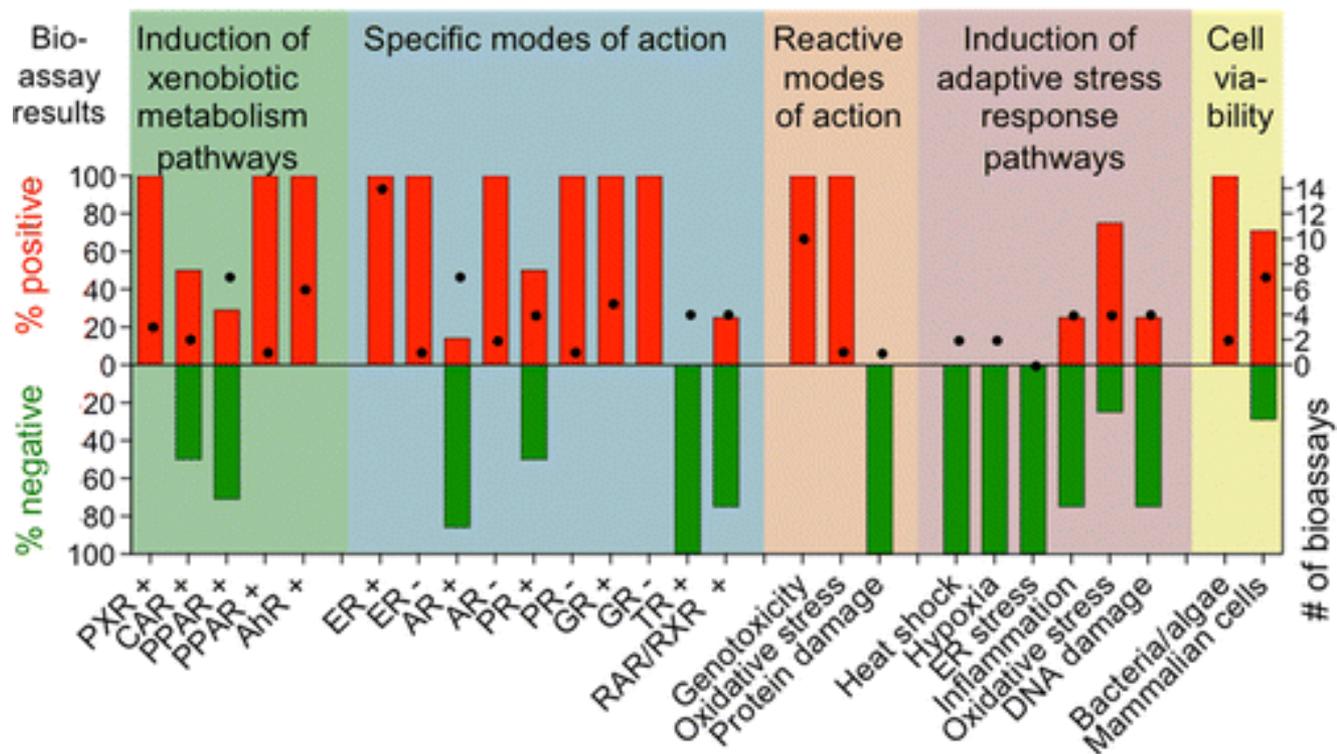


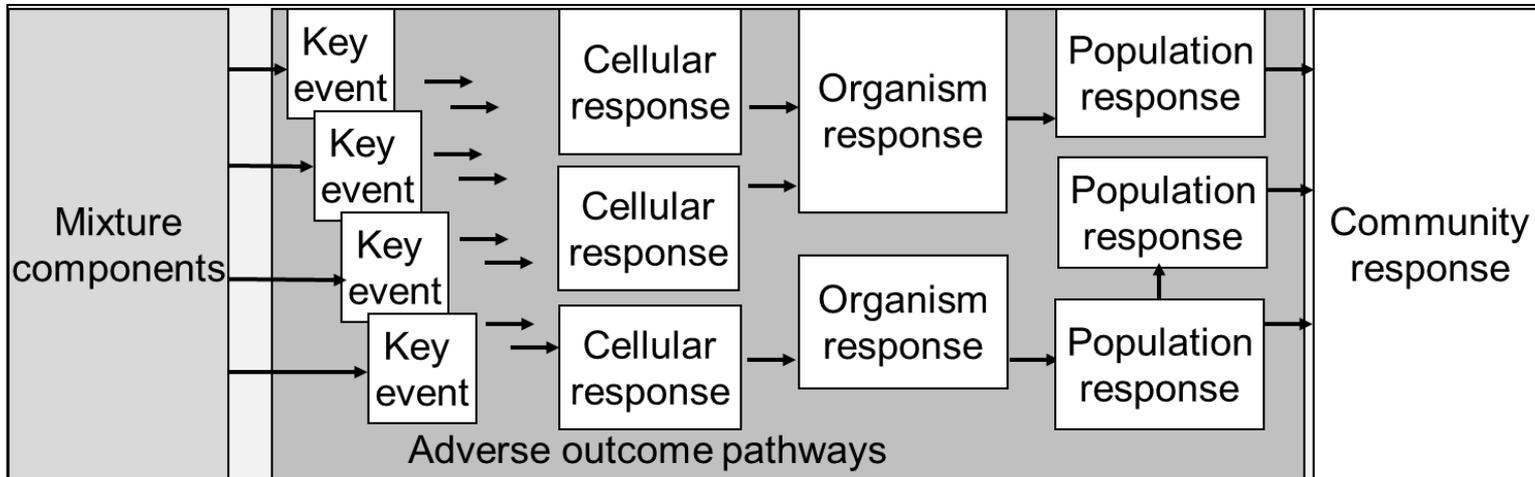
Figure source UWSRA framework
<http://www.urbanwateralliance.org.au/>

Priority mixtures -> prioritising effects



Escher et al. 2014
ES&T 48:1940-56

Impact of mixtures

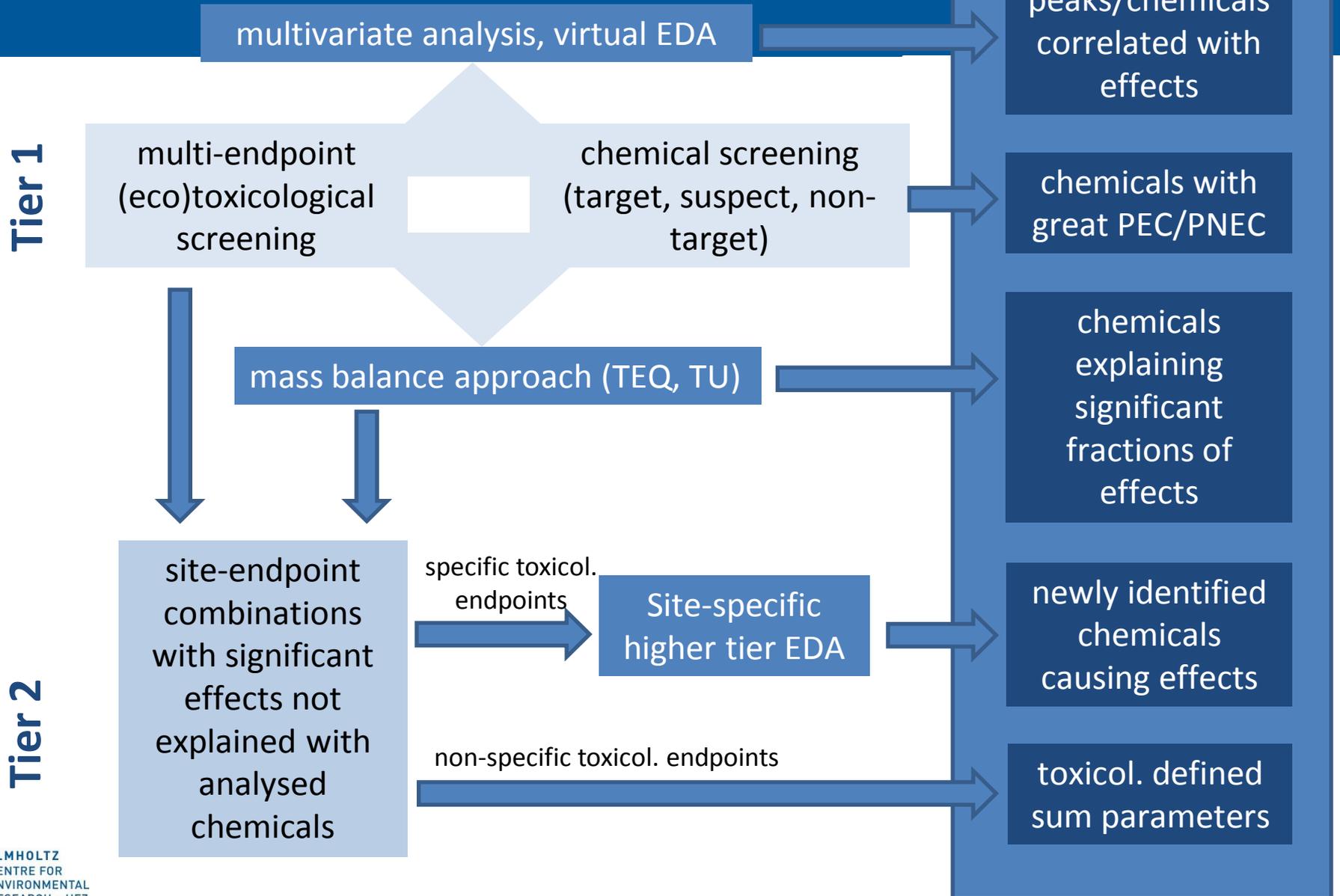


Key event detectors:
arylhydrocarbon receptor,
anti-estrogen,
anti-androgen,
anti-glucocorticoid,
anti-thyroid,
acetylcholinesterase,
mutagenicity,
stress-response nuclear
receptors,
functional adaptive stress
responses

Organism bioassays:
Algae,
Daphnids;
Fish;
Frog

Biological quality element observations:
Fish - biomarkers
Invertebrates – traits
Algae – community
tolerance

Drivers of mixture toxicity



Science Fiction

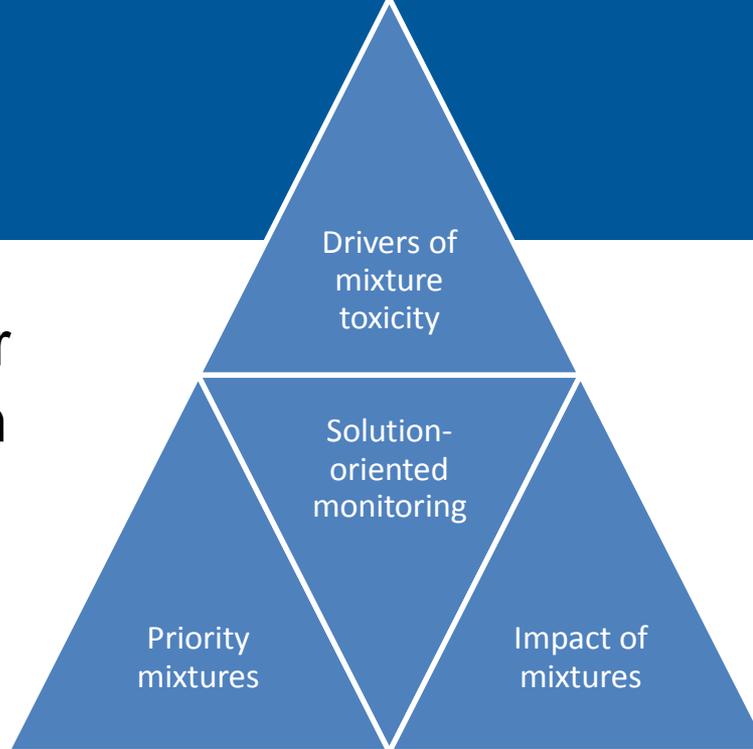
We target

- Characterisation of priority mixtures;
- Assessment of mixture impact;
- Identification of drivers of mixture toxicity;
- Solution-oriented monitoring using effect-based tools.



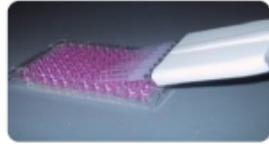
*Stairway to heaven
Bath cathedral*

Thank you for
your attention



Comments ?



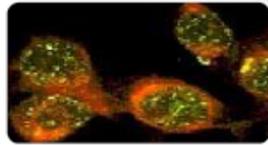


Cell-free bioassays

- Acetylcholinesterase (AChE) inhibition

Cellular bioassays

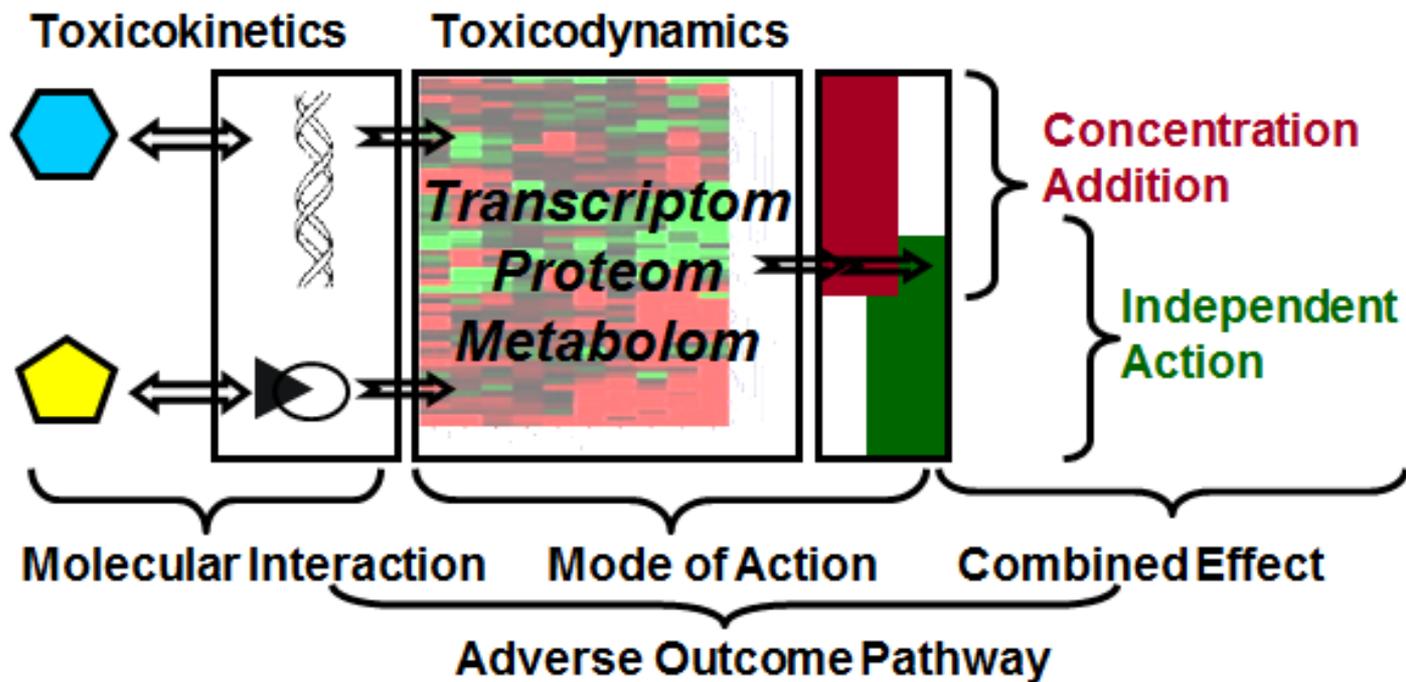
- Ecoli stress Res assay
- Yeast mutant screen
- Ames/Ames fluctuation assay
- Mutatox
- GR CALUX, AhR CALUX (CAFLUX)
- CellSensor p53RE-bla HCT-116
- AREc32 gene reporter assay
- CellSensor nfkappaB-bla THP1
- GH3-TRE (T-Screen)
- ER/AR MELN cell line
- ZFL-zfER α / β 2 cell line
- MDA-kB2 (AR) cell line
- AR/ER α /GR/PR/TR β cell lines
- PPAR α /PR/RAR α /RXR α cell lines
- ARE/HRE/NF κ B/p53RE cell lines



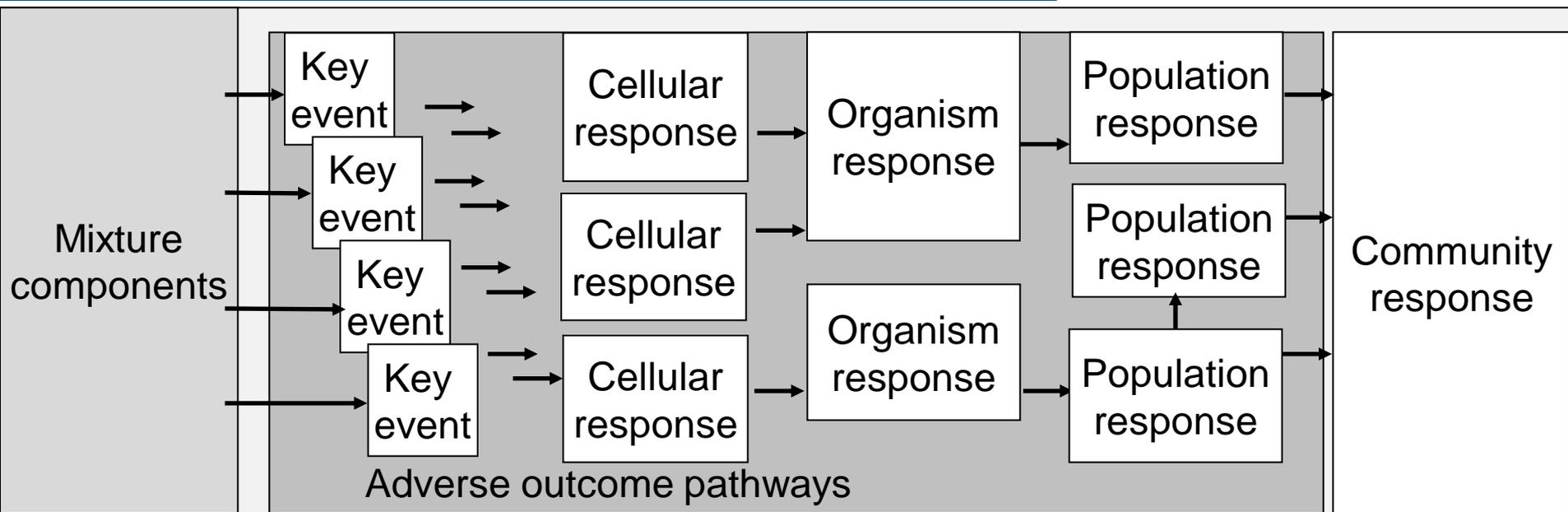
Whole organism bioassays

- *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*
- *Daphnia magna*
- Zebrafish embryos
- cyp19a1b-GFP transgenic zebrafish embryo assay
- THbZIP-GFP amphibian thyroid assay





Impact of mixtures



**Bioanalytical tools
in mixture impact
assessment**

Effect-based tools

Ecological tools



Similar action



*Traits for correlated
reponses*



Interaction indicators



*Dissimilar
action*



*Functional
tolerance
indications*