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Improving the Utilisation of Data for Environmental Risk Assessment

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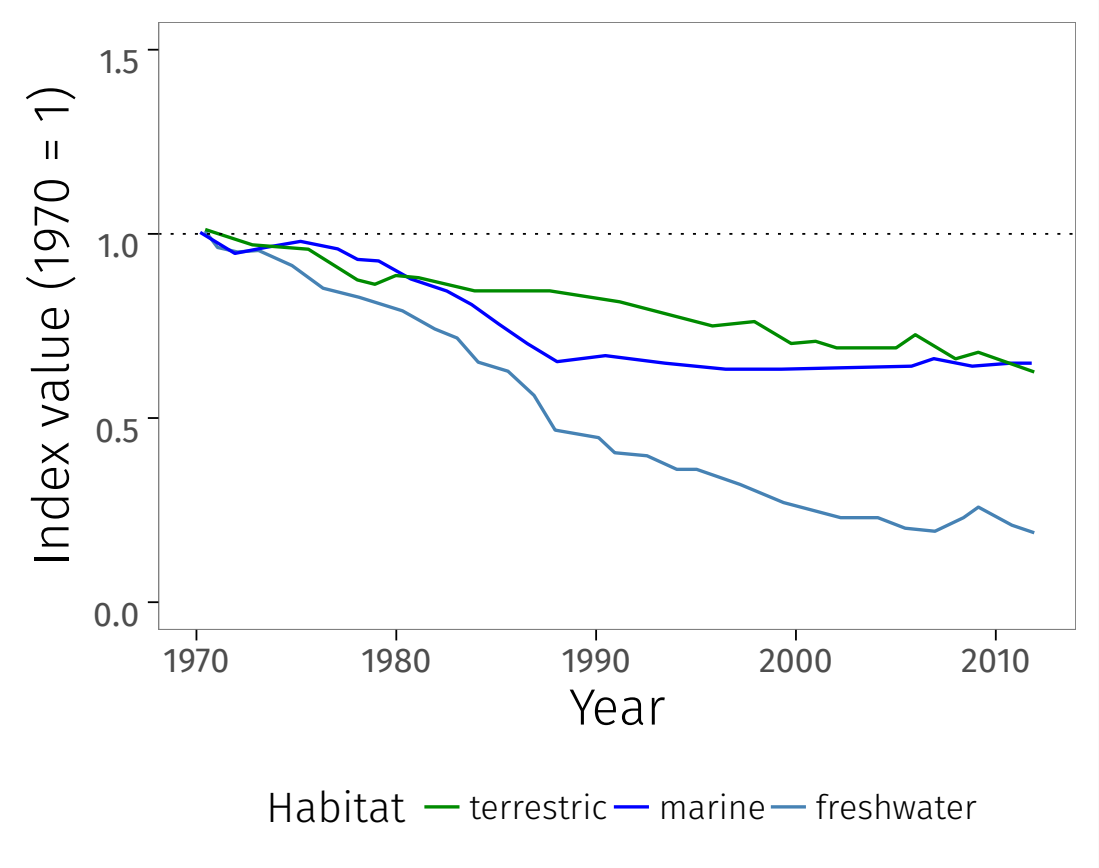

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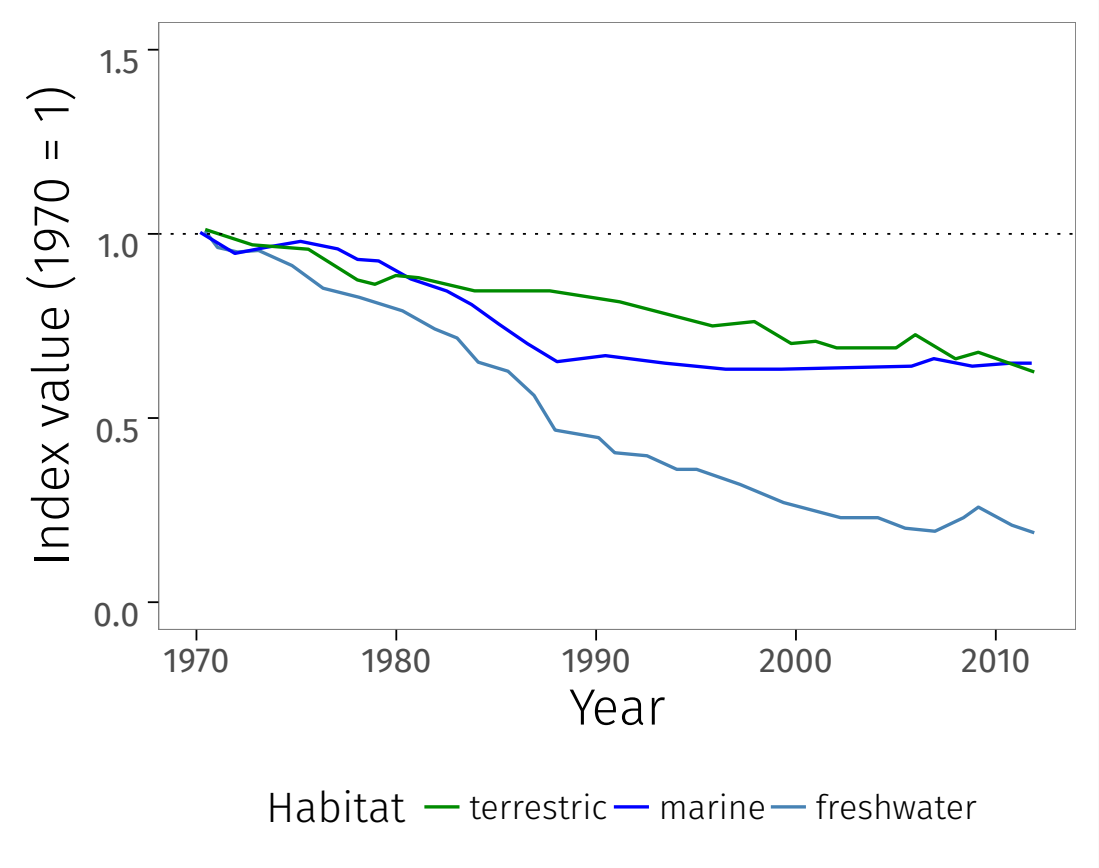

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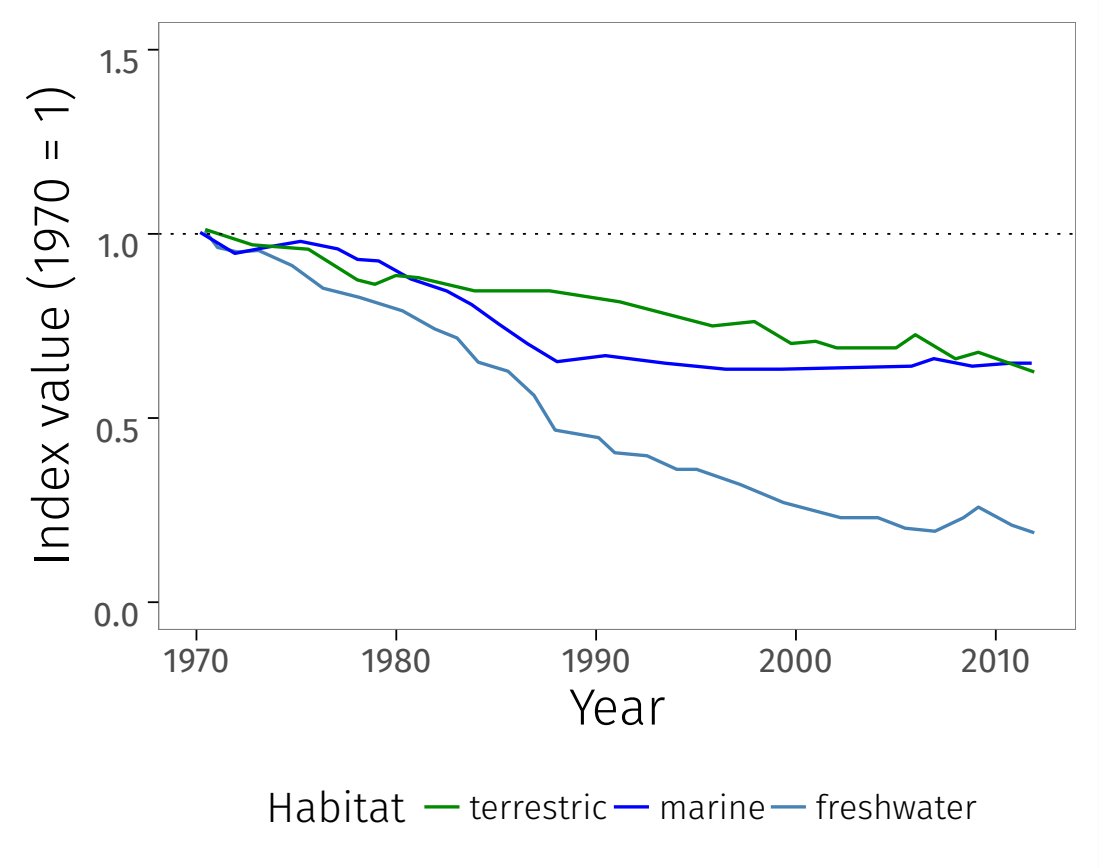

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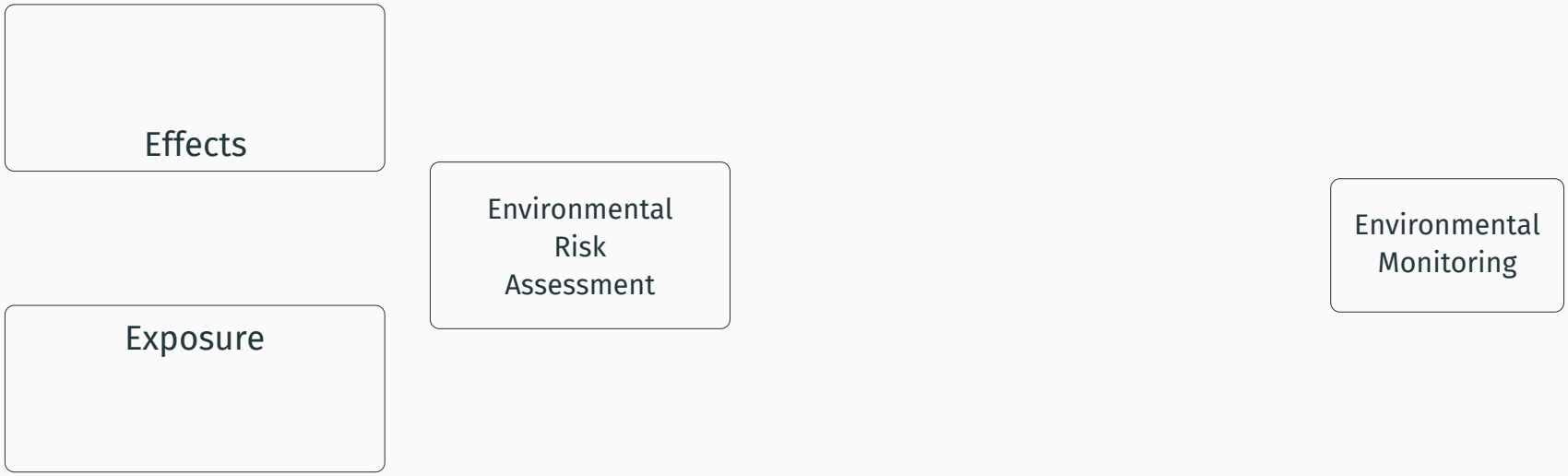

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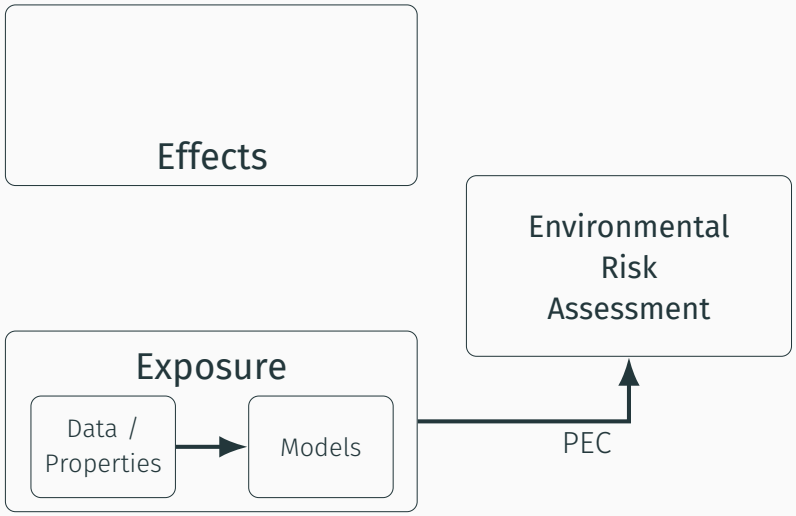

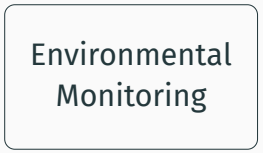

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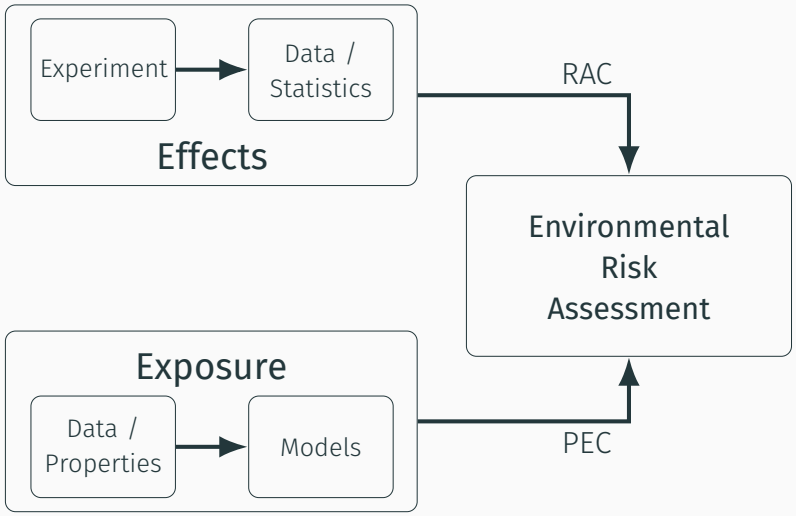

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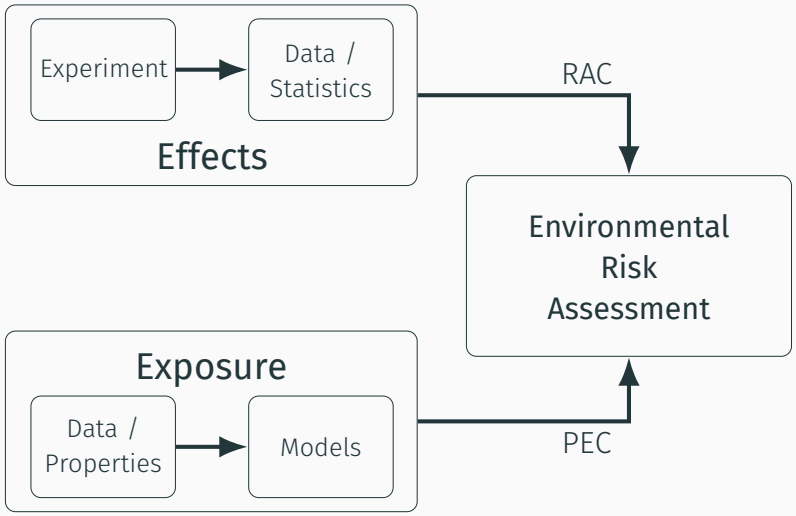

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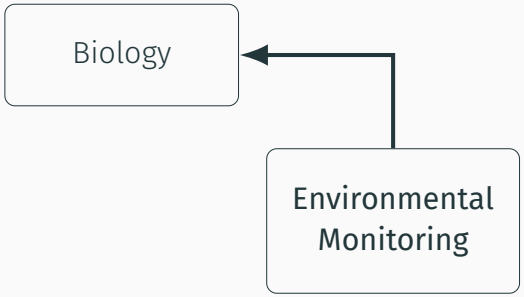

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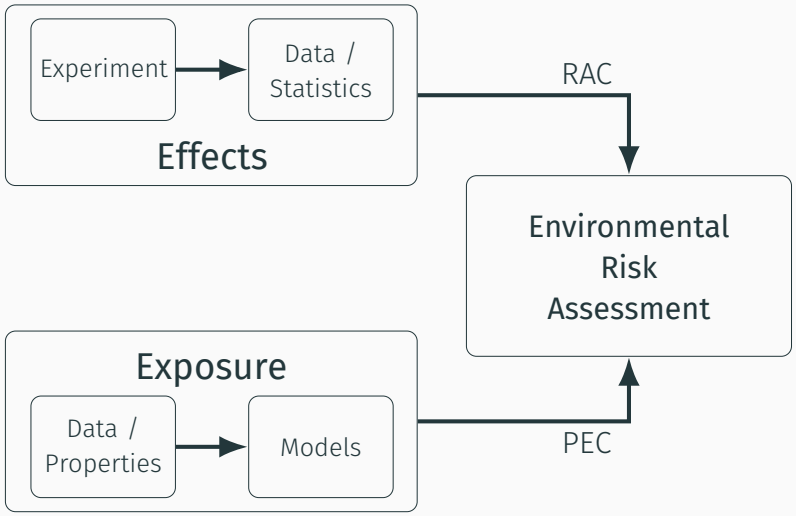

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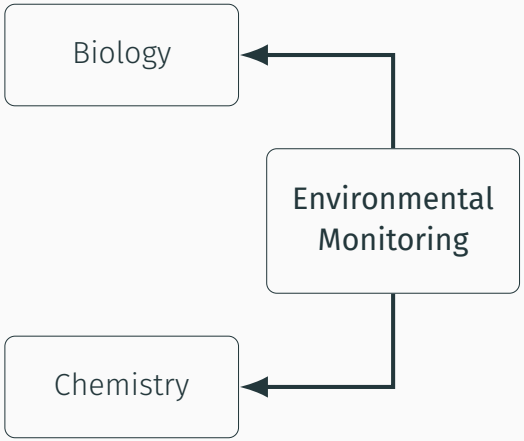

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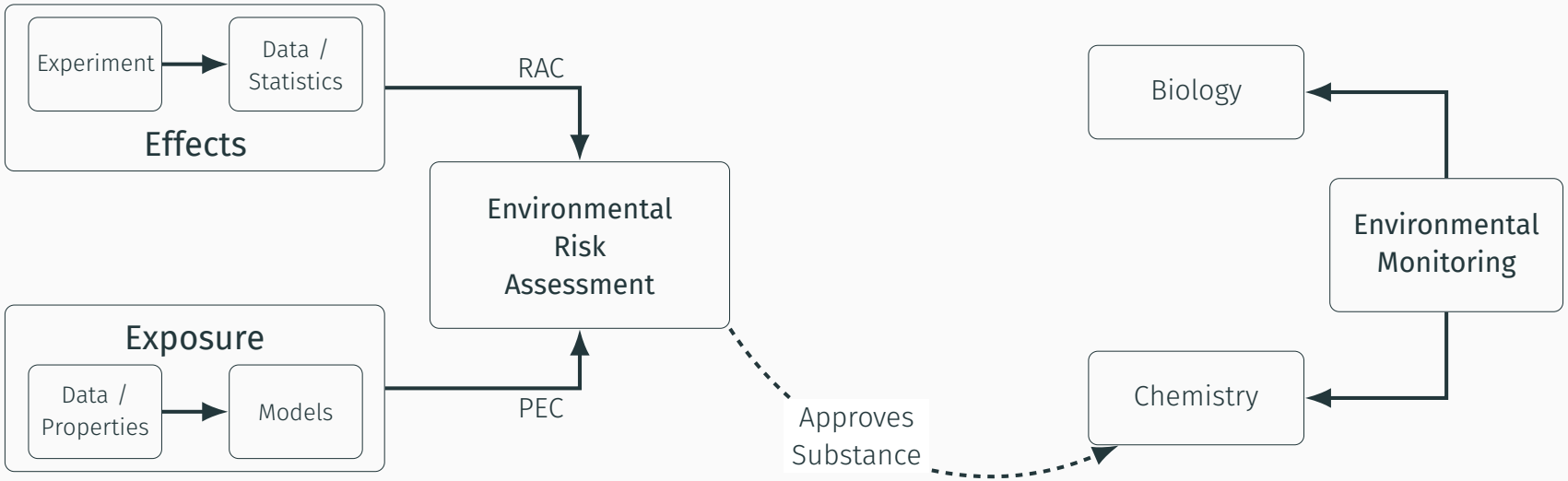

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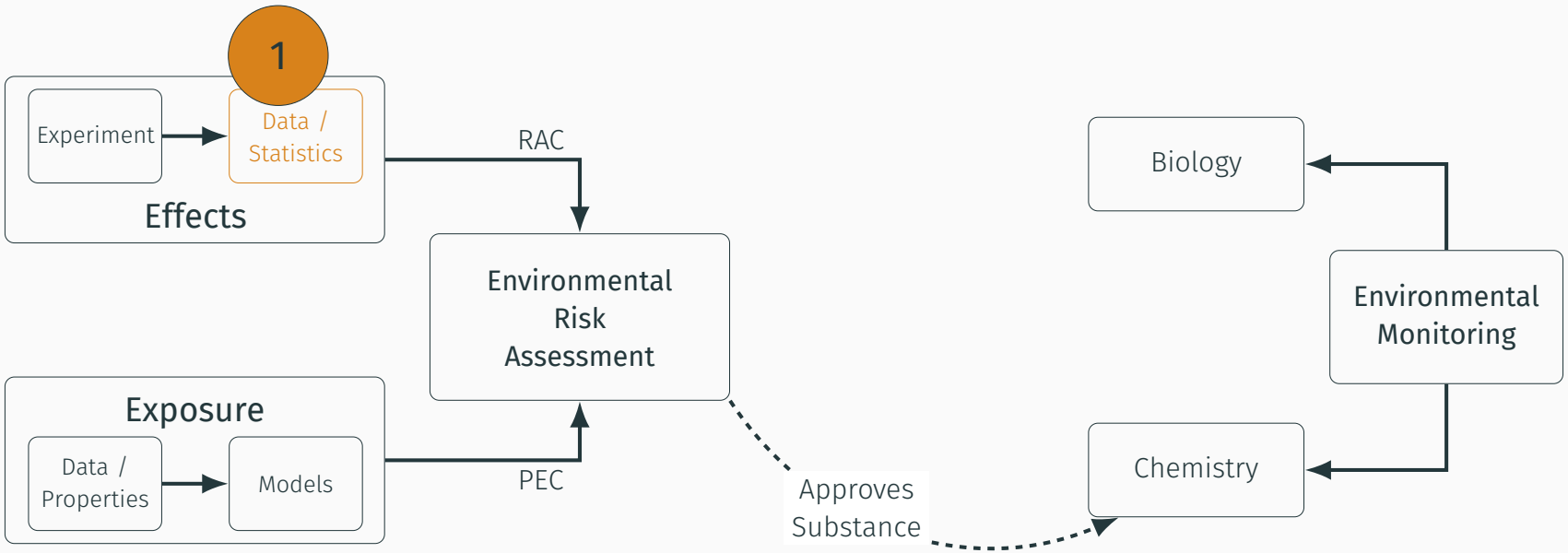

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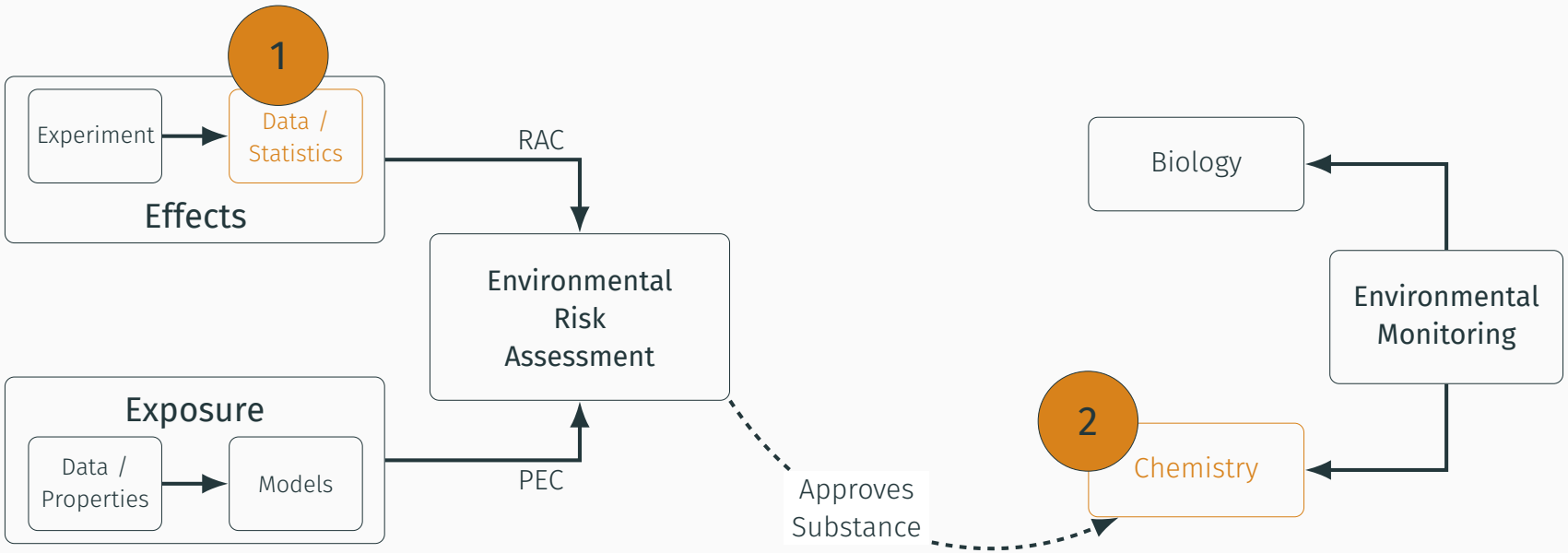

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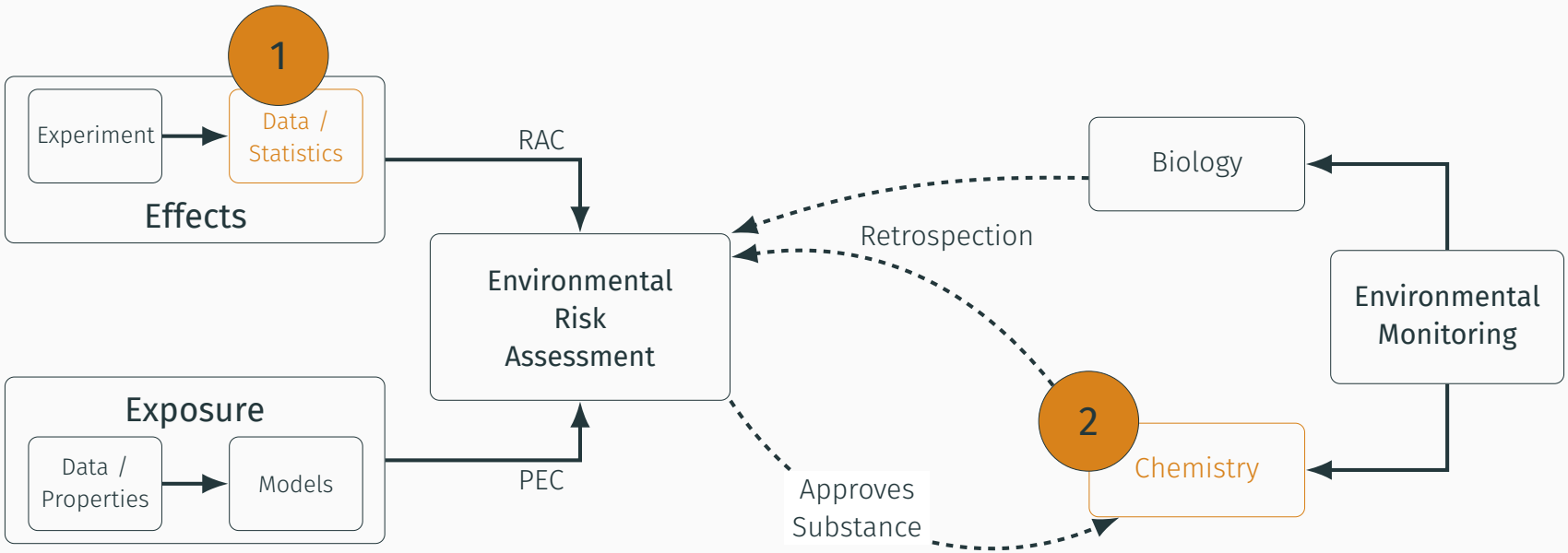

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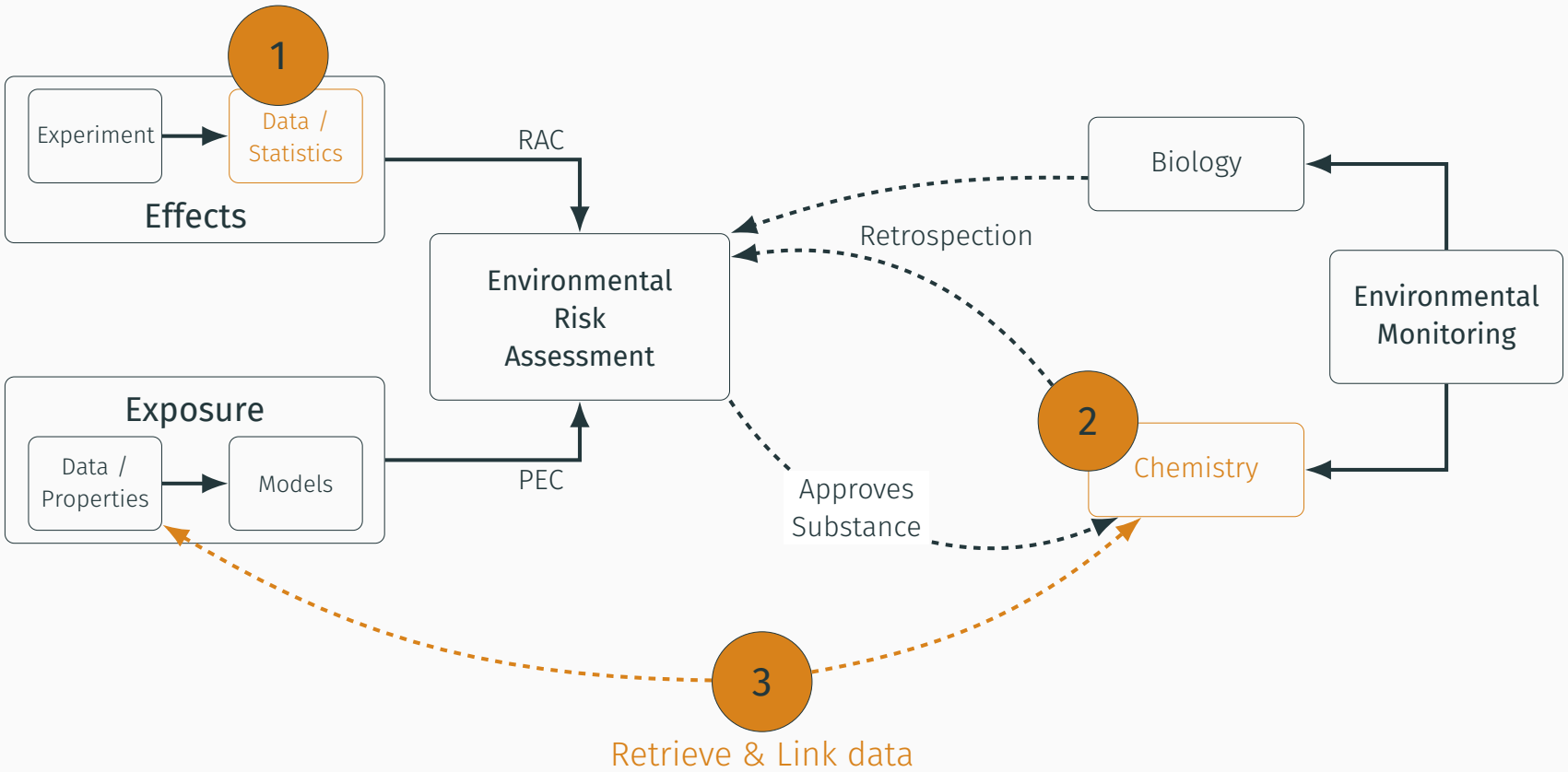

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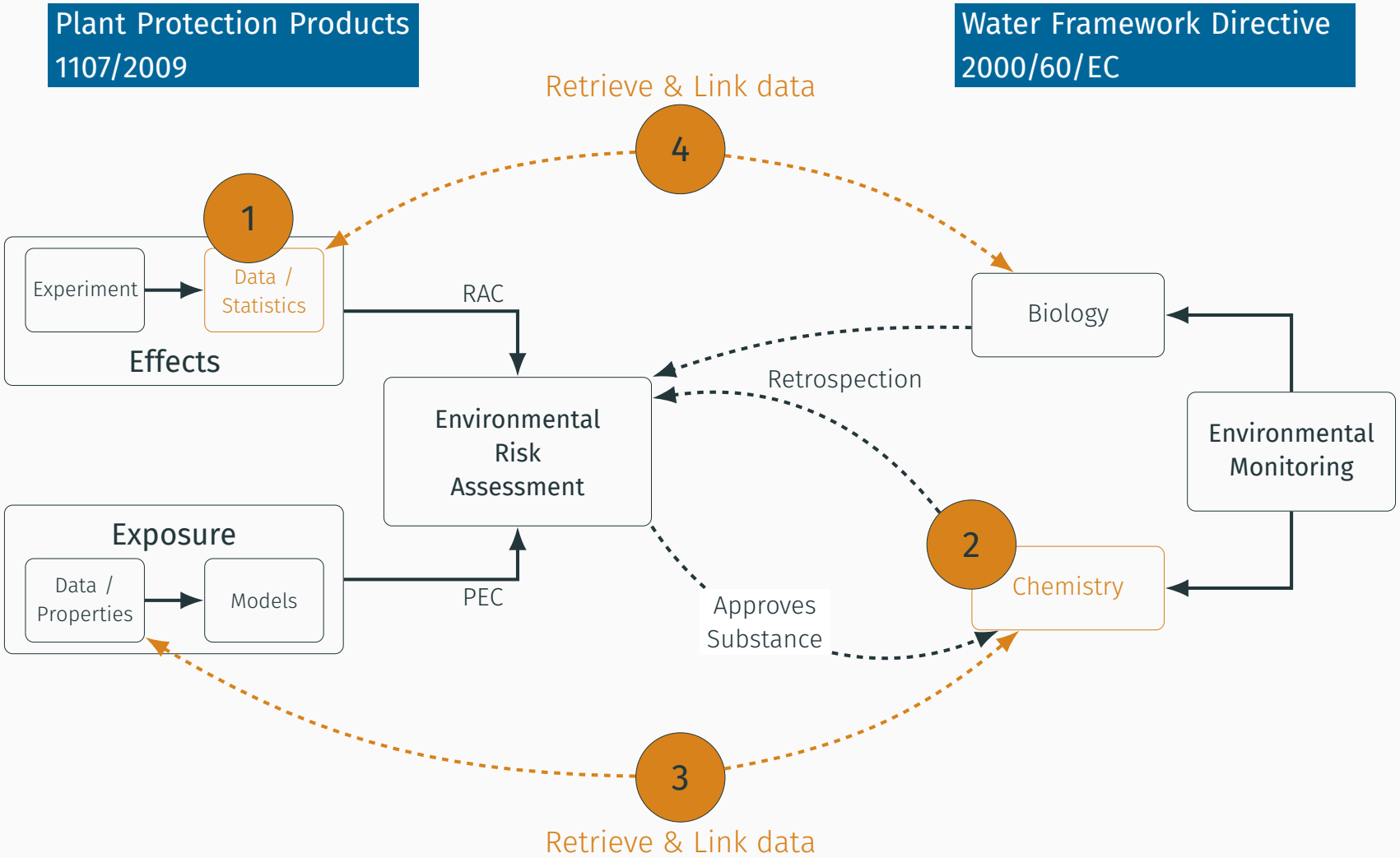

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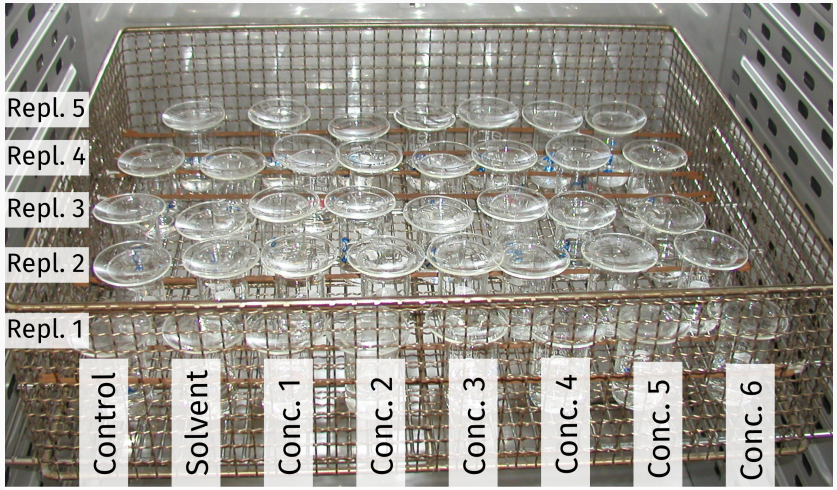

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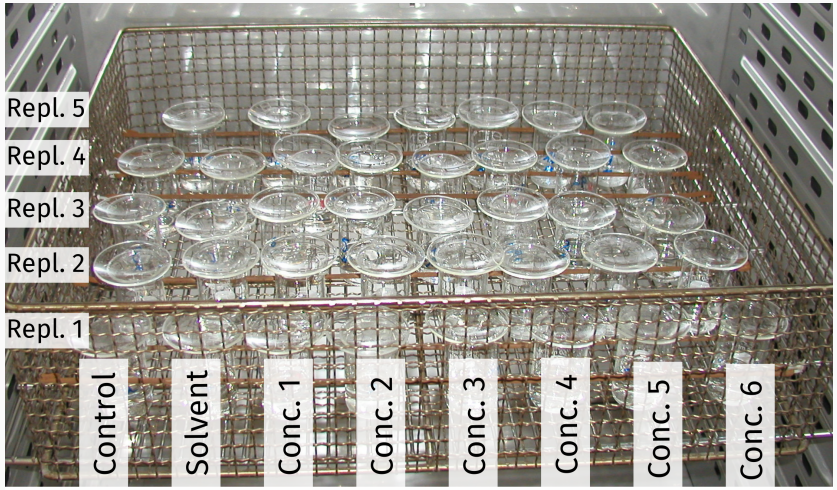

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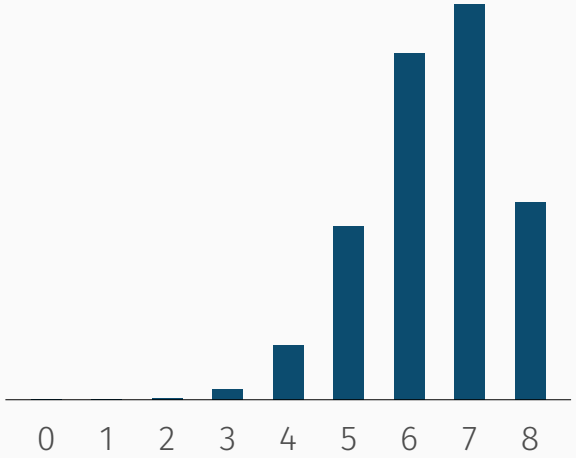

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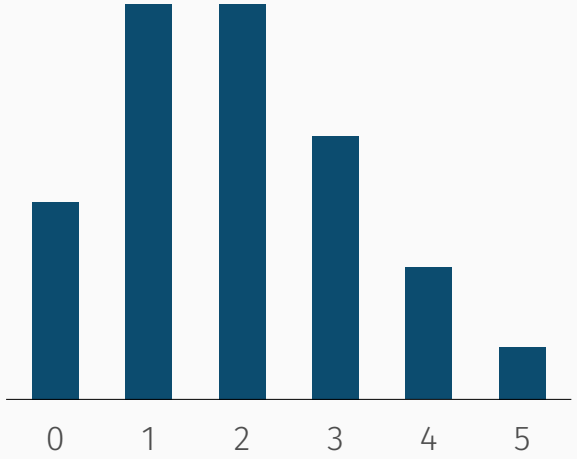

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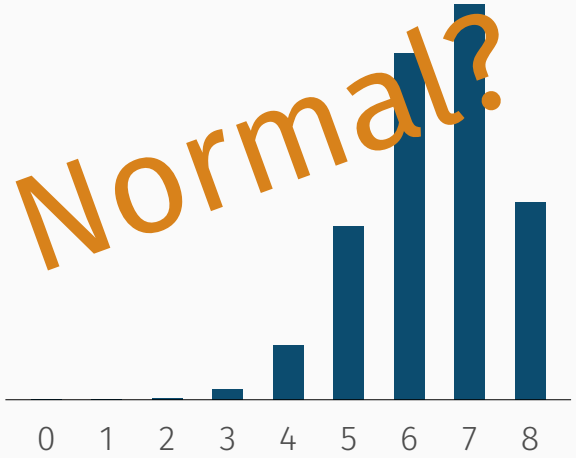

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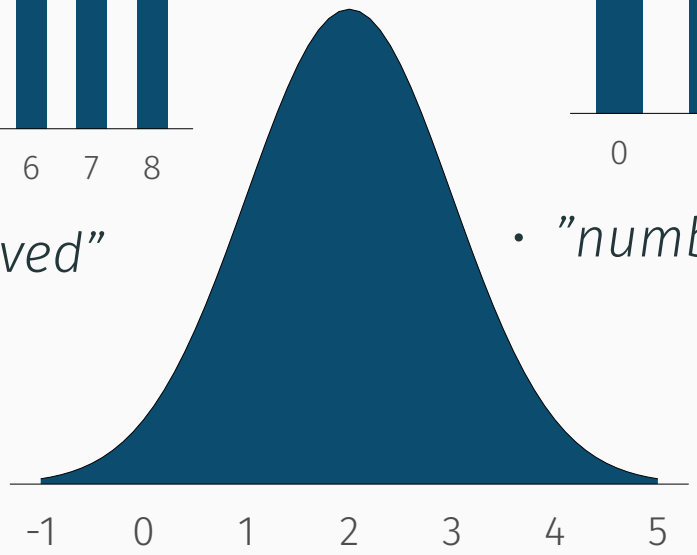

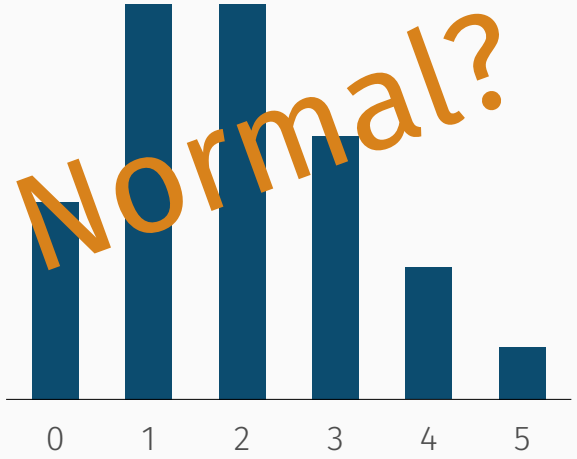

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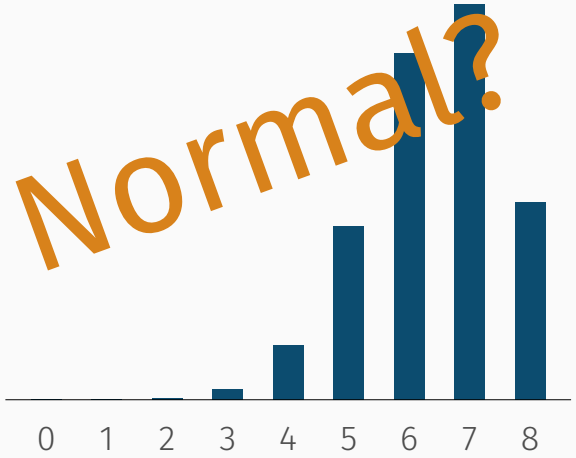

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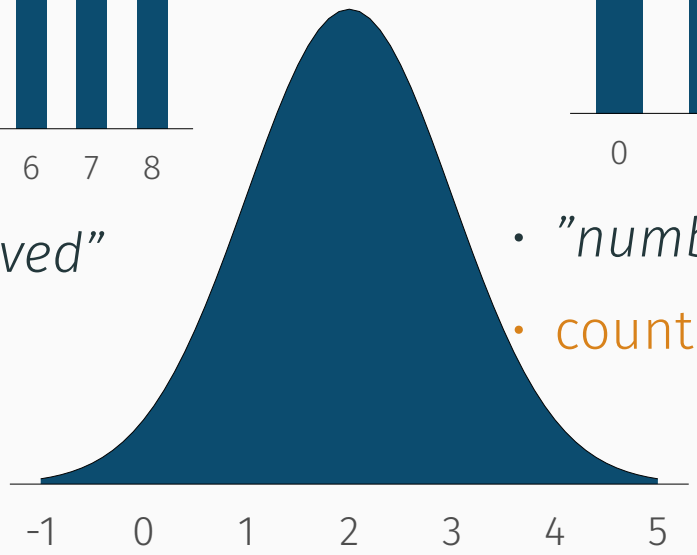

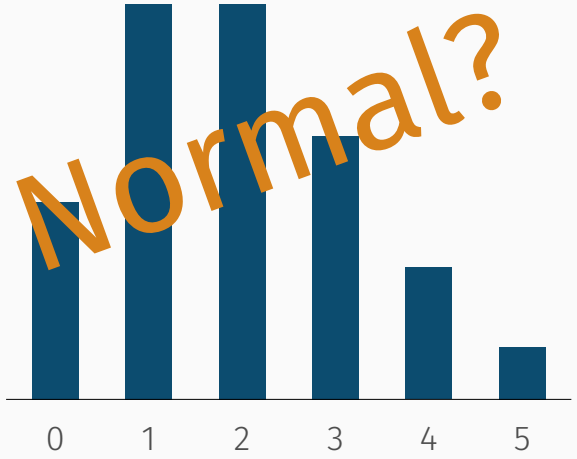

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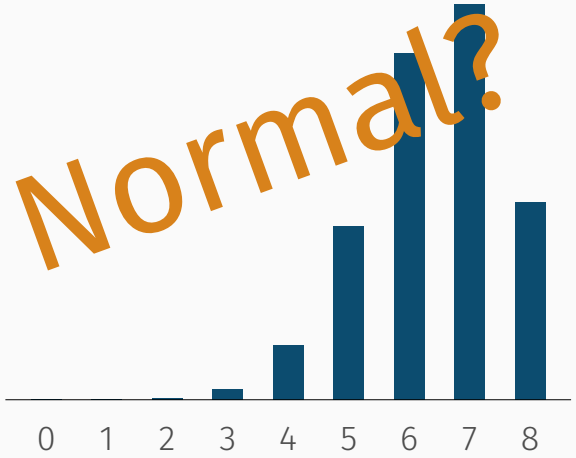

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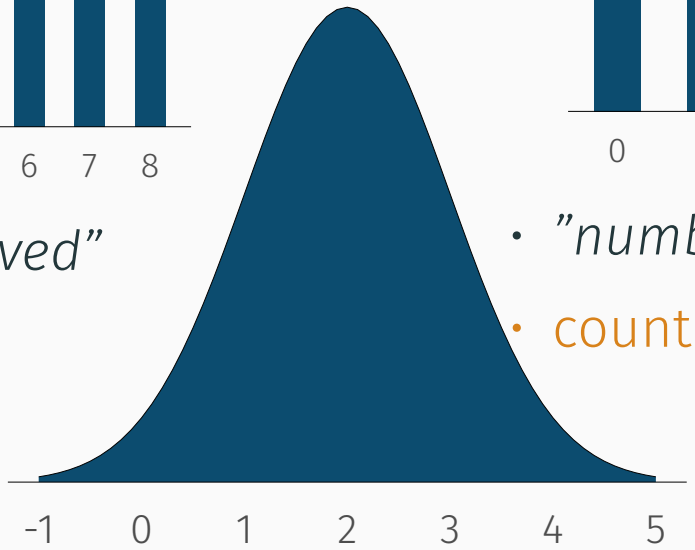

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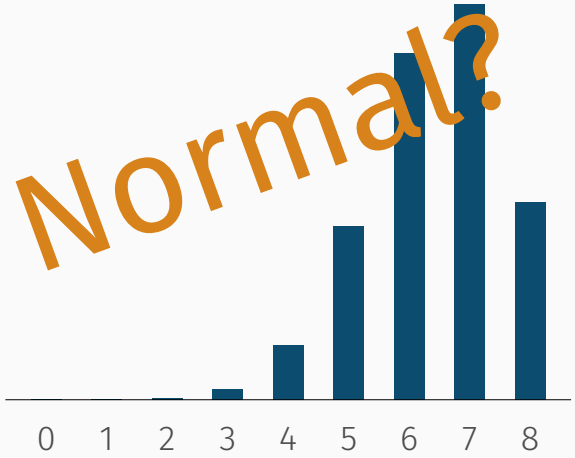

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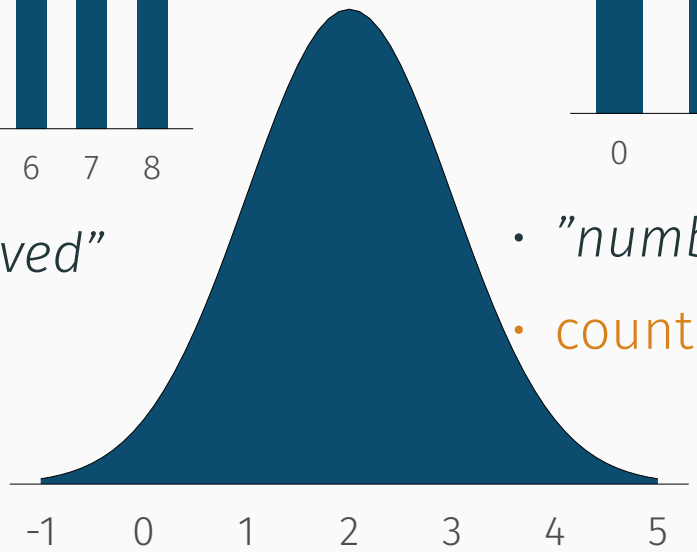

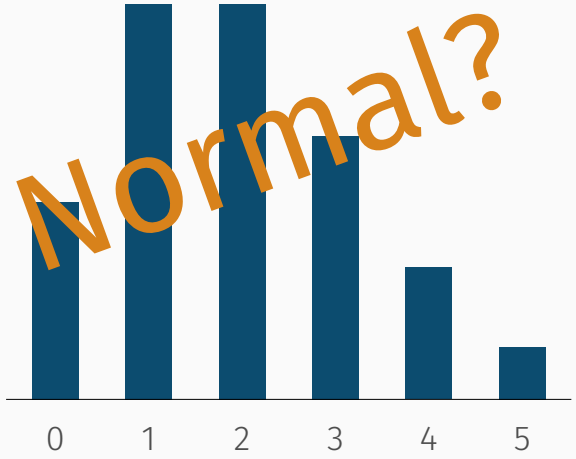

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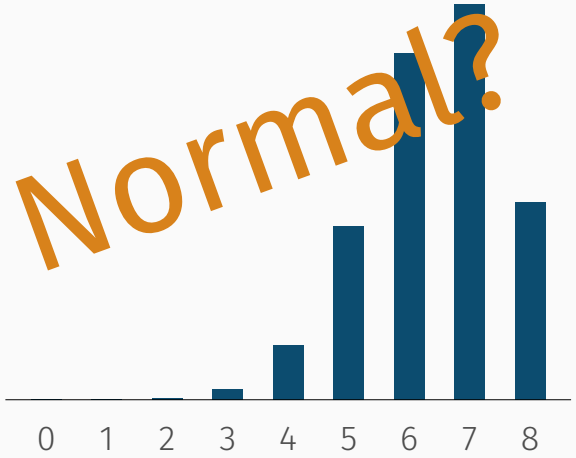

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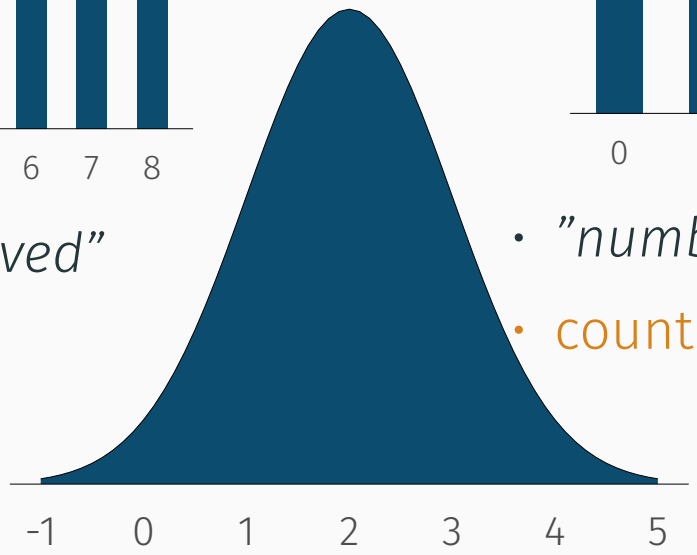

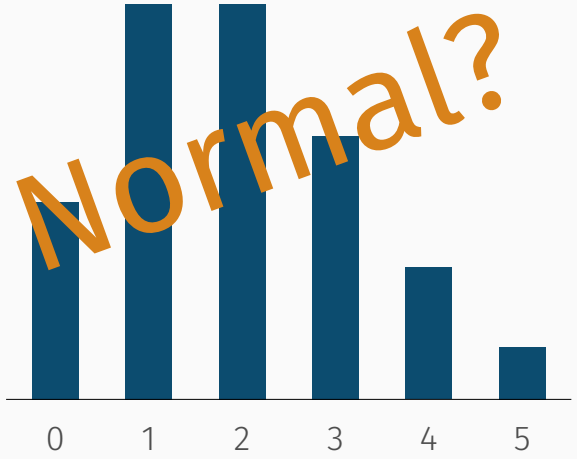

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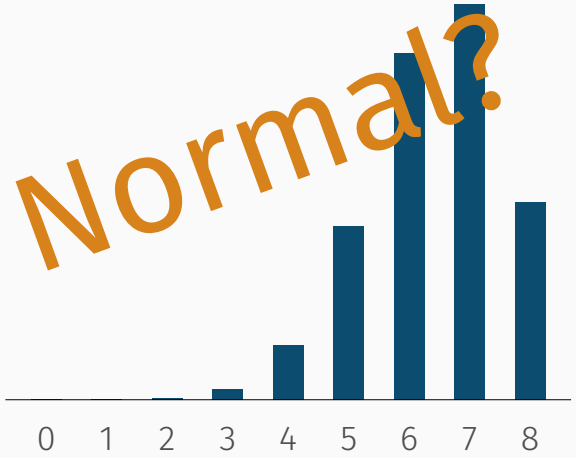

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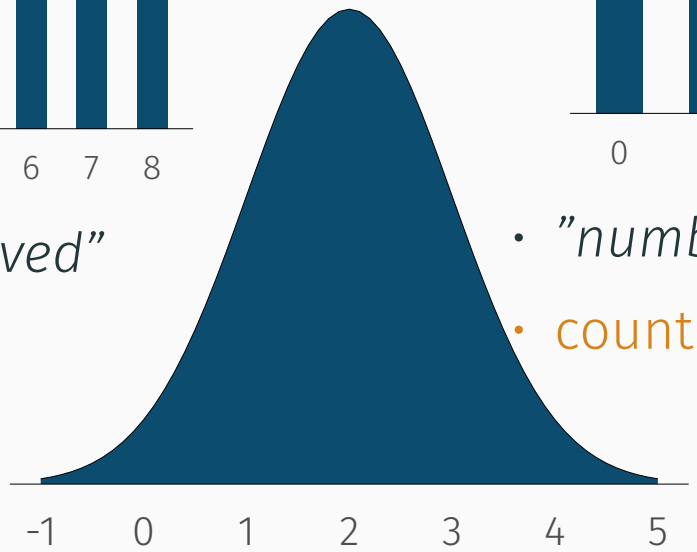

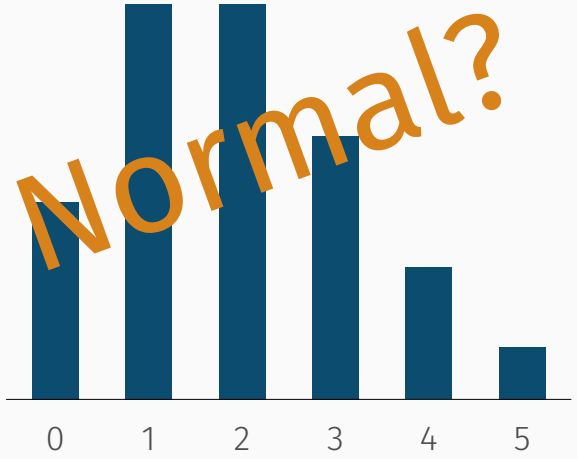

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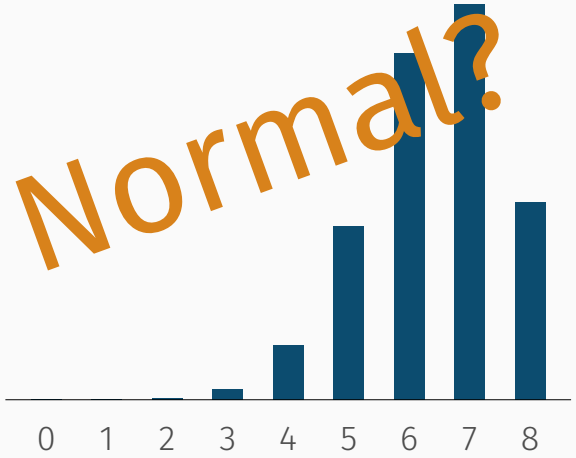

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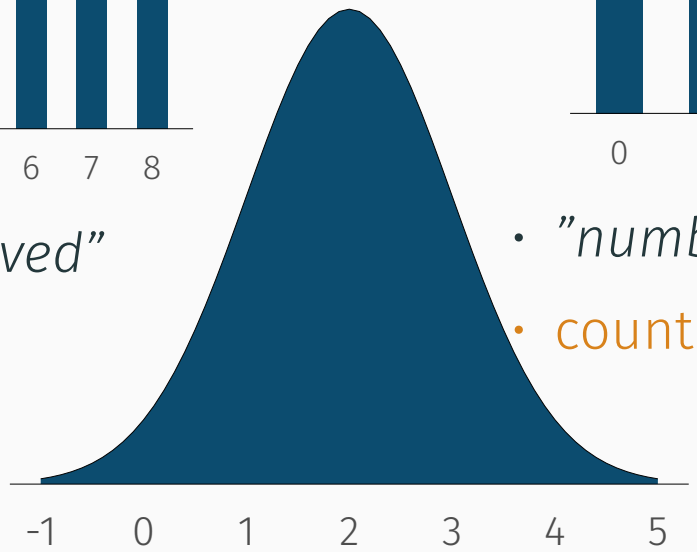

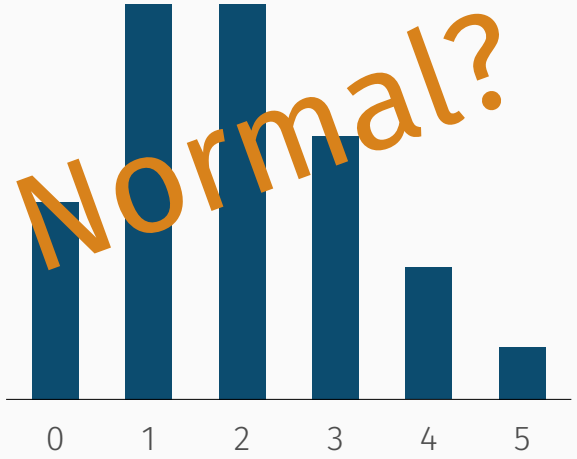

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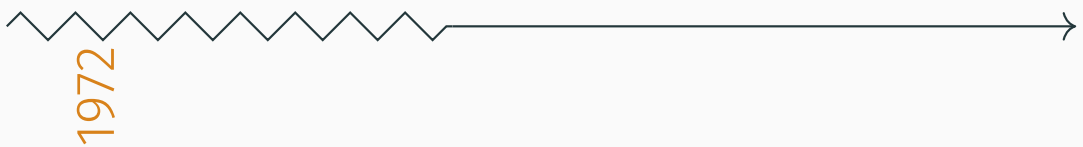

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Do not log-transform count data

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Ecotoxicology is not normal

A comparison of statistical approaches for analysis of count and proportion data in ecotoxicology

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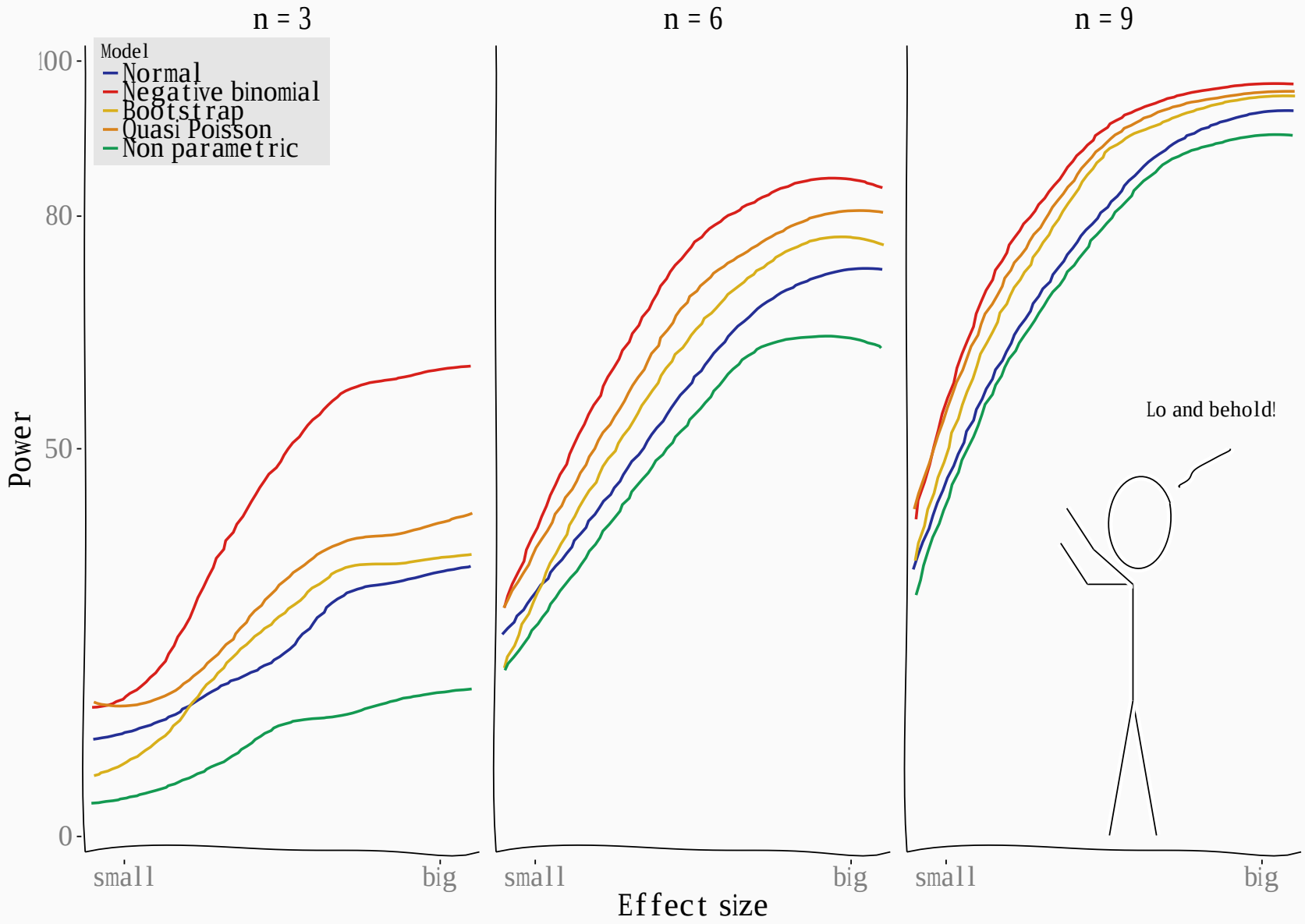
A simulation study

GLMs can fail

But GLMs can do also better



What we learned from this study

1. Negative-binomial GLM show increased Type I errors
2. Can be fixed via bootstrap
3. Power in ecotoxicological experiments generally low
4. NOECs are not reliable
5. GLMs can increase this power

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For testing the significance of regression coefficients, go ahead and log-transform count data

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FORUM

Three points to consider when choosing a LM or GLM test for count data

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Three points to consider ...

1. Choose your model based on data properties
2. Fix Type I errors by resampling
3. Models that better fit the data have better power properties

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Exploring Monitoring Data for ERA

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Overview on data compiled

Thresholds

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Amount of data

2993 taxa	489 pesticides (+ 590 other organics)

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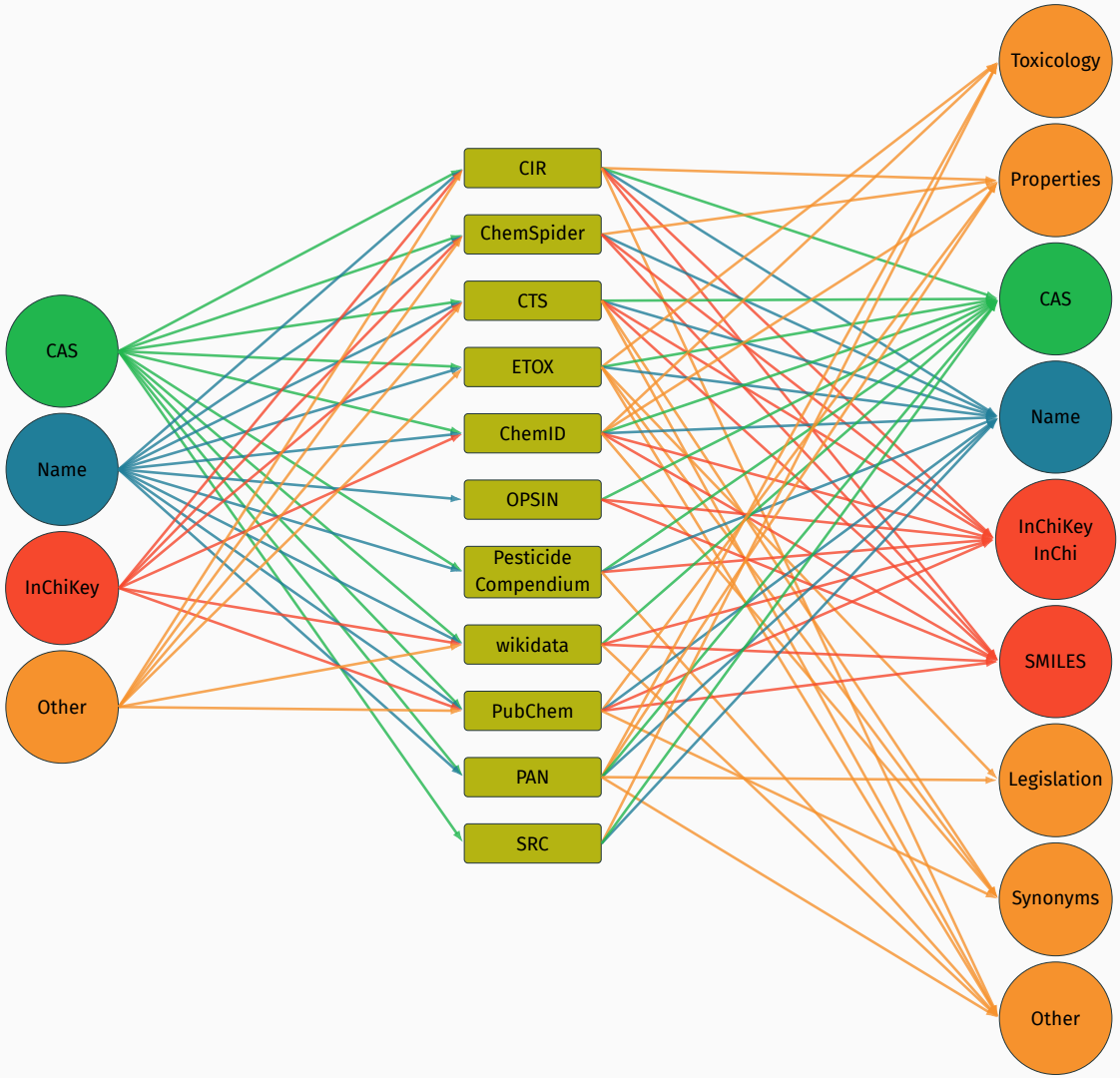

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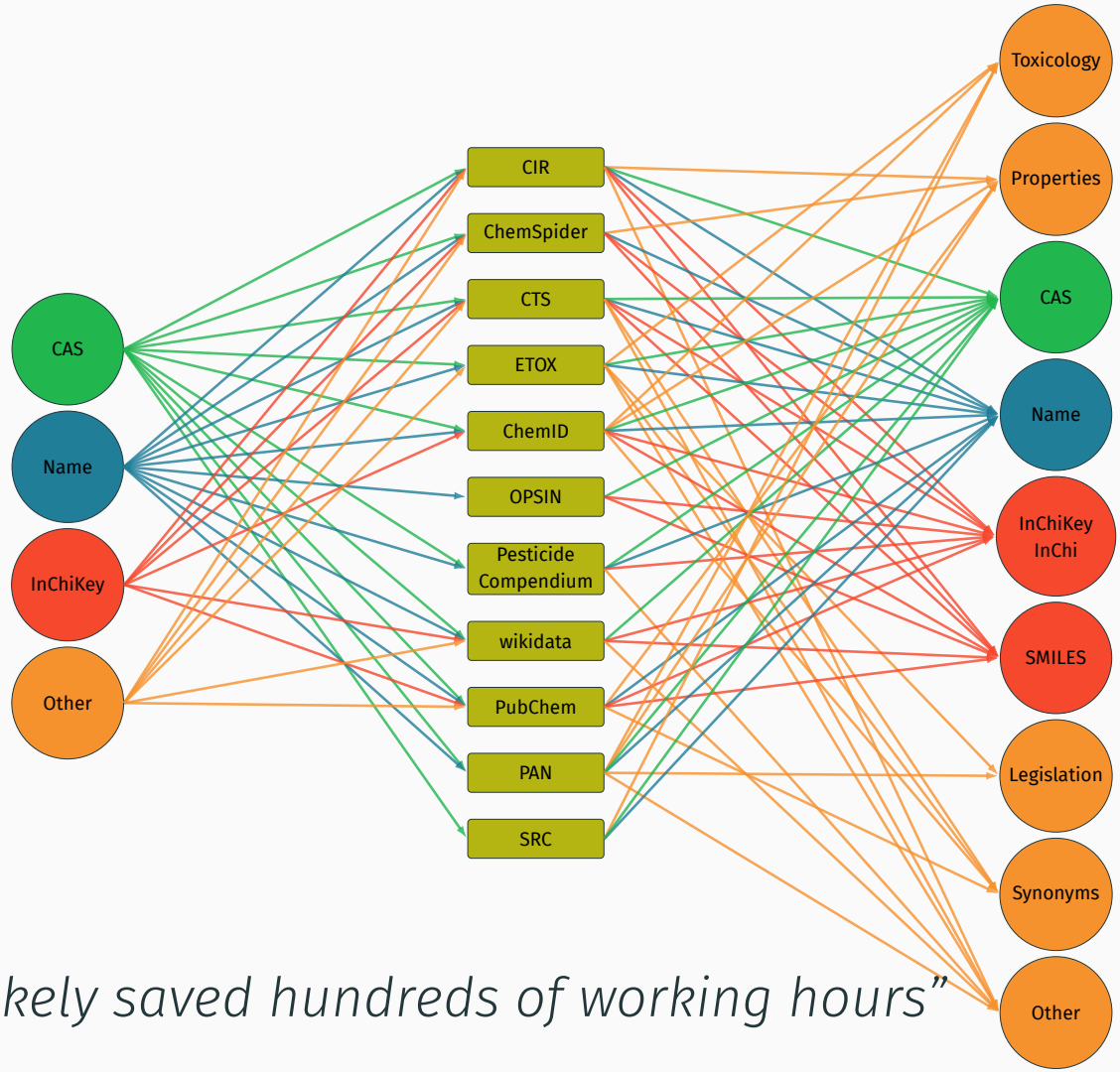

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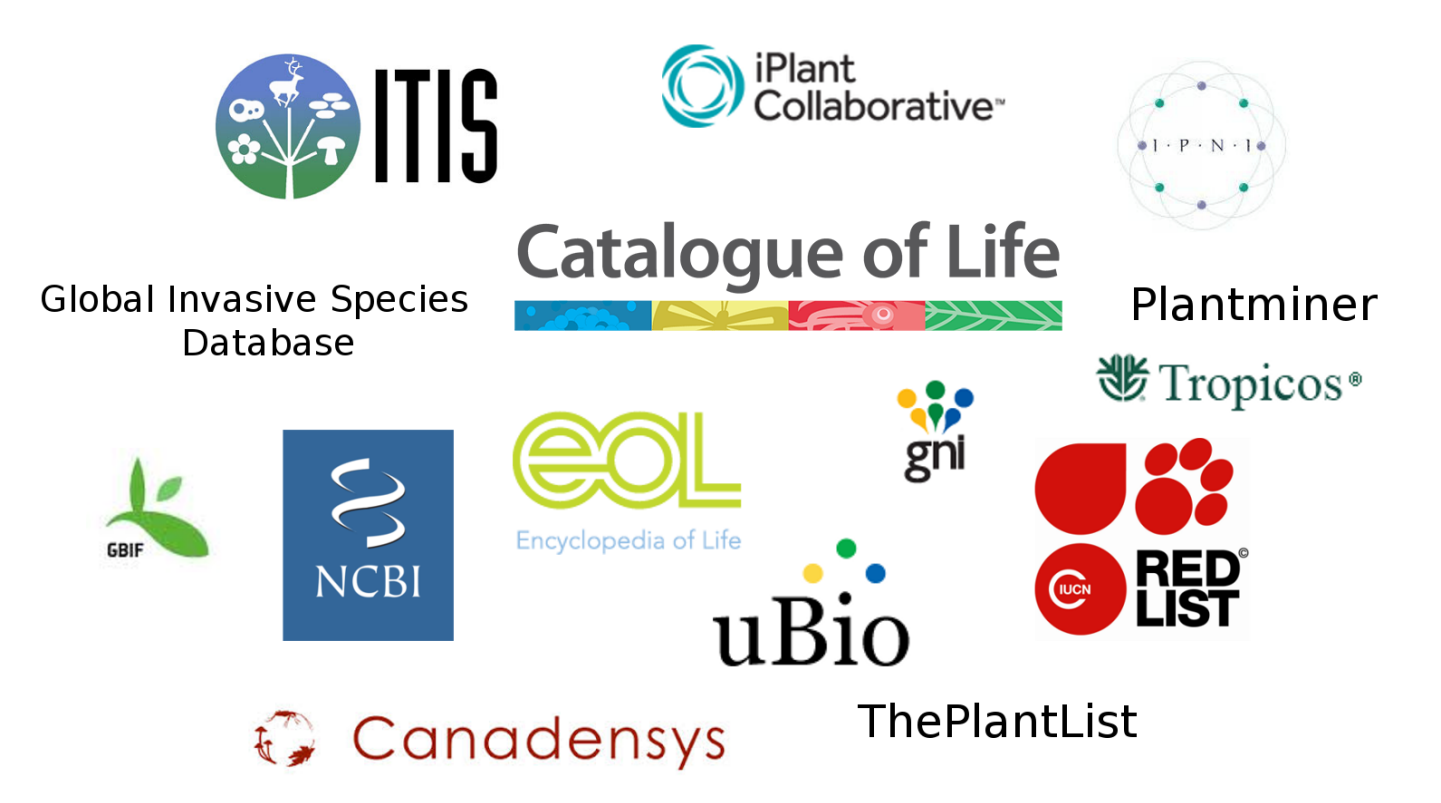

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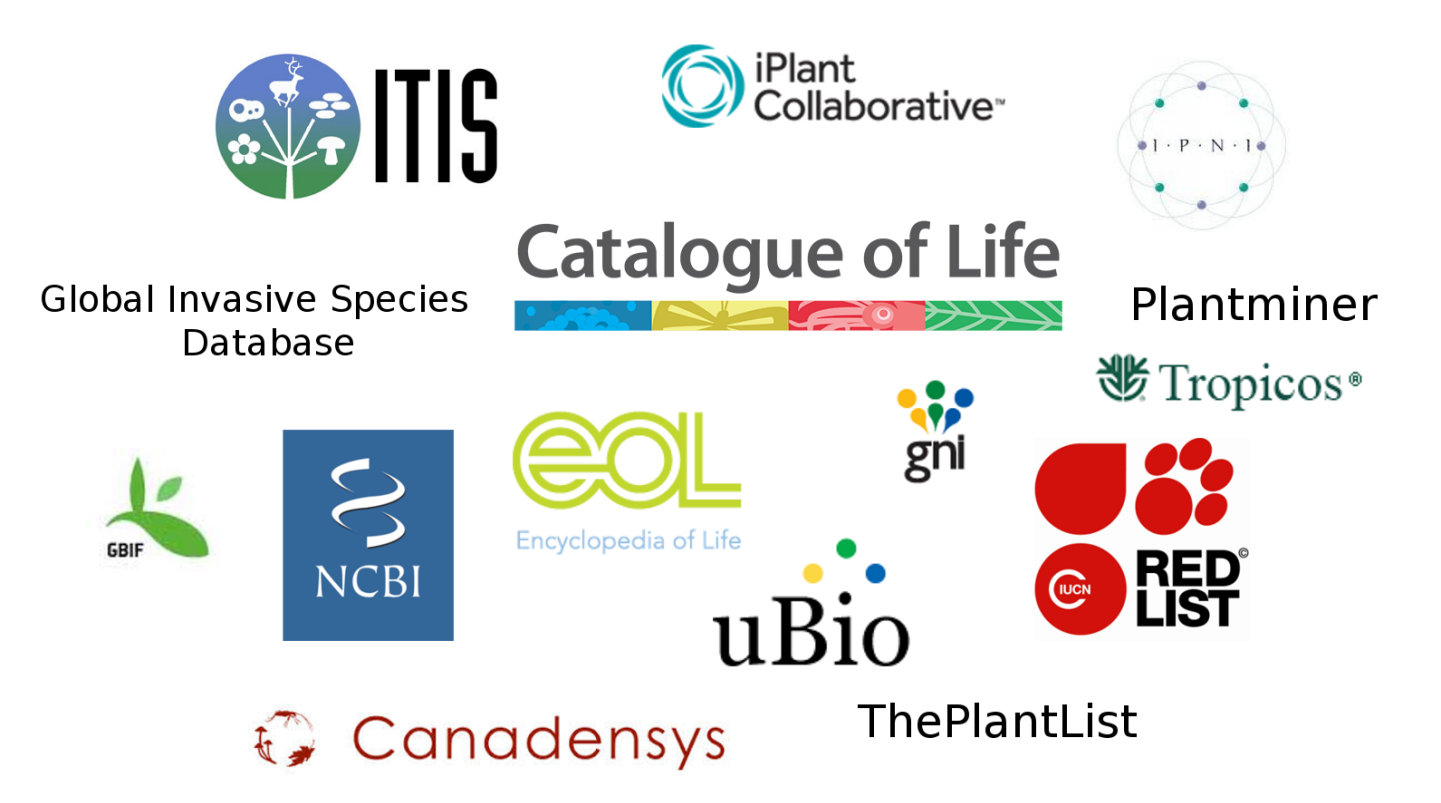

"Days of searching done during my morning coffee. Amazing. taxize."

Dr. Susan E. Johnston, University of Edinburgh. On twitter.

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- Handling big eco(toxico-)logical data not easy
- Now easier

Statistical Ecotoxicology

Improving the Utilisation of Data for Environmental Risk Assessment

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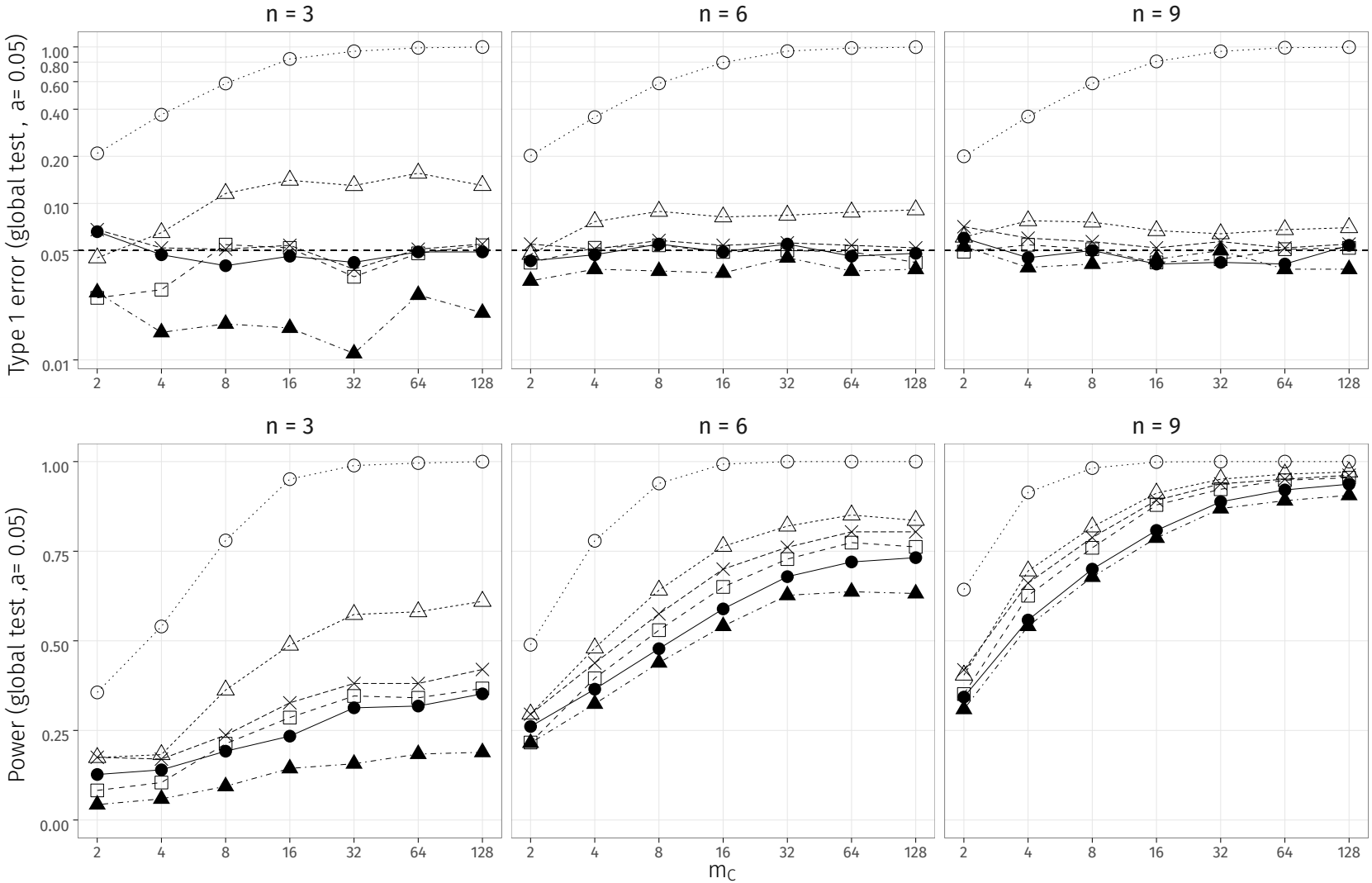
https://github.com/edild/phd_thesis

Power en detail



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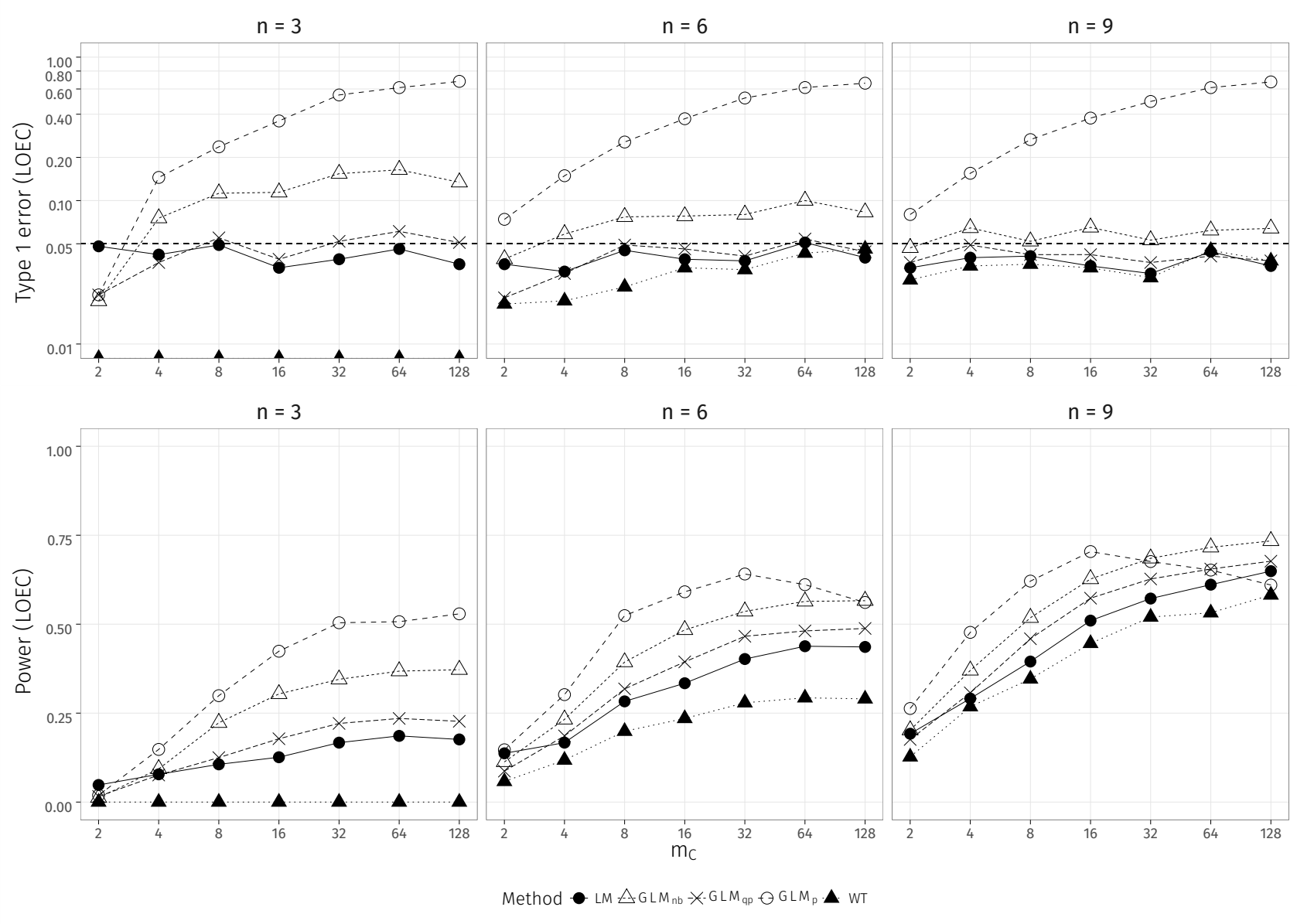

Comparison with Ives...

Szöcs (2015)

- factorial design
- one predictor
- low replicated
- LM, GLM, bootstrap
- High T1 error of NB
- Quasi-Poisson worked well
- Bootstrap fixes the problems

Ives (2015)

- continuous design
- two predictors
- well replicated
- LM, GLM
- High T1 error of NB
- Quasi-Poisson has problems with multiple predictors
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ZAGA what...?

shiny app: `http://uni-ko-ld.de/g4`

Comparison with recent studies (TODO!)

Szöcs (2016)

- Germany
- Monitoring
- Grab sampling
- % LOQ:

Stehle (xxx)

- Europe / Global
- Scientific Publications
- Grab & Event driven sampling
- % LOQ:

Knauer (xxx)

- Switzerland
- Monitoring
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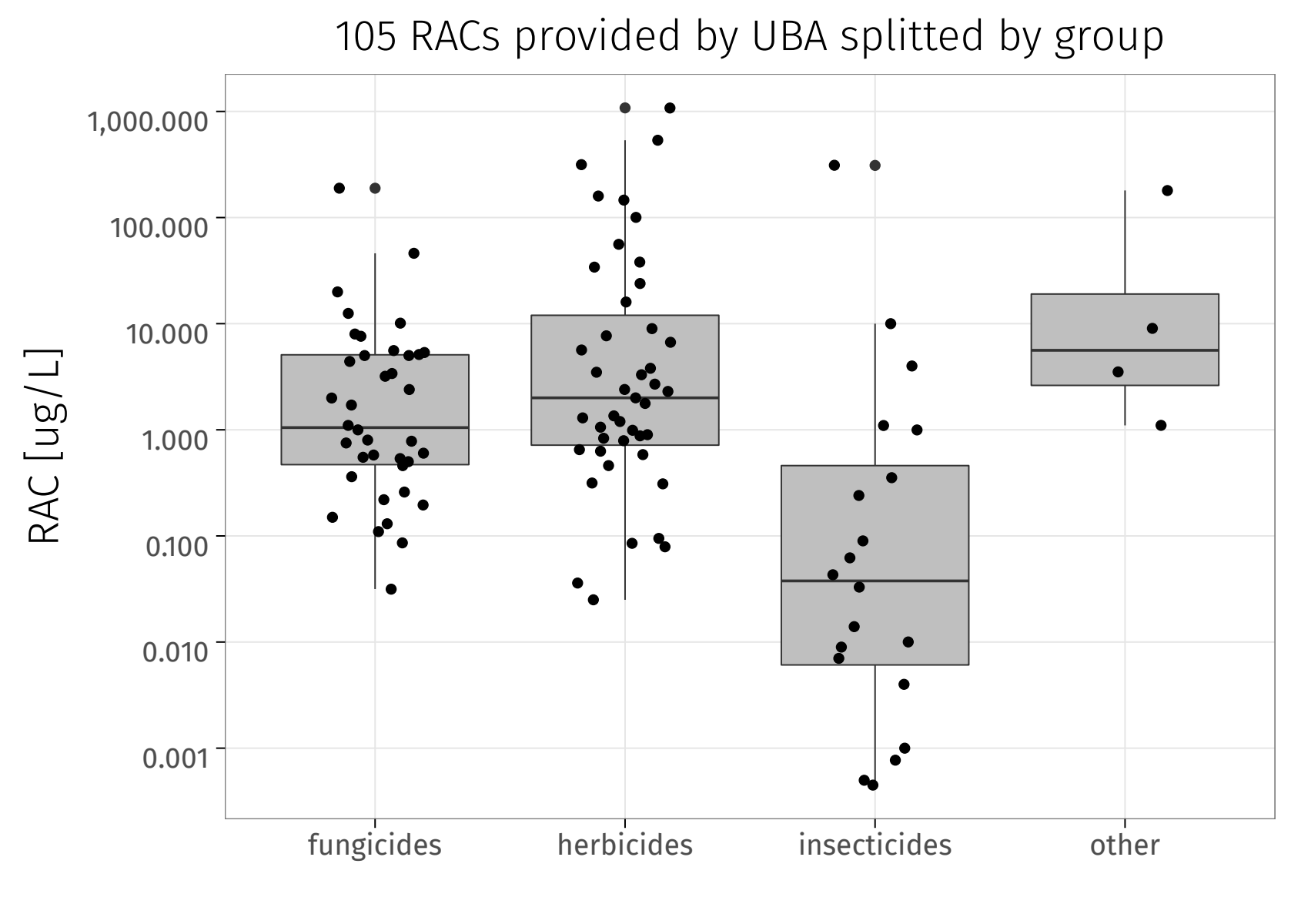
RACs by Type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RAC [ug/L]
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100.000
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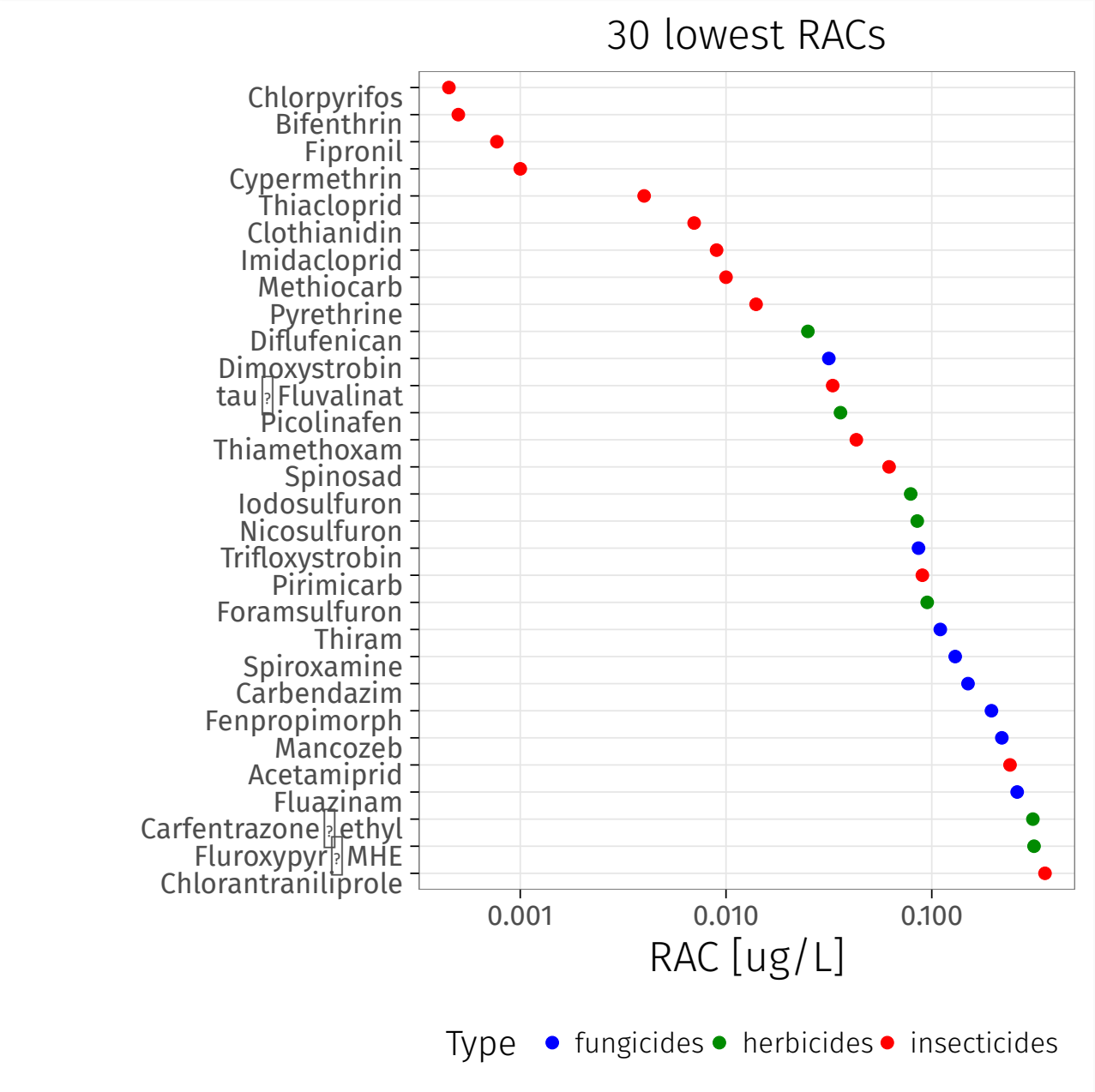
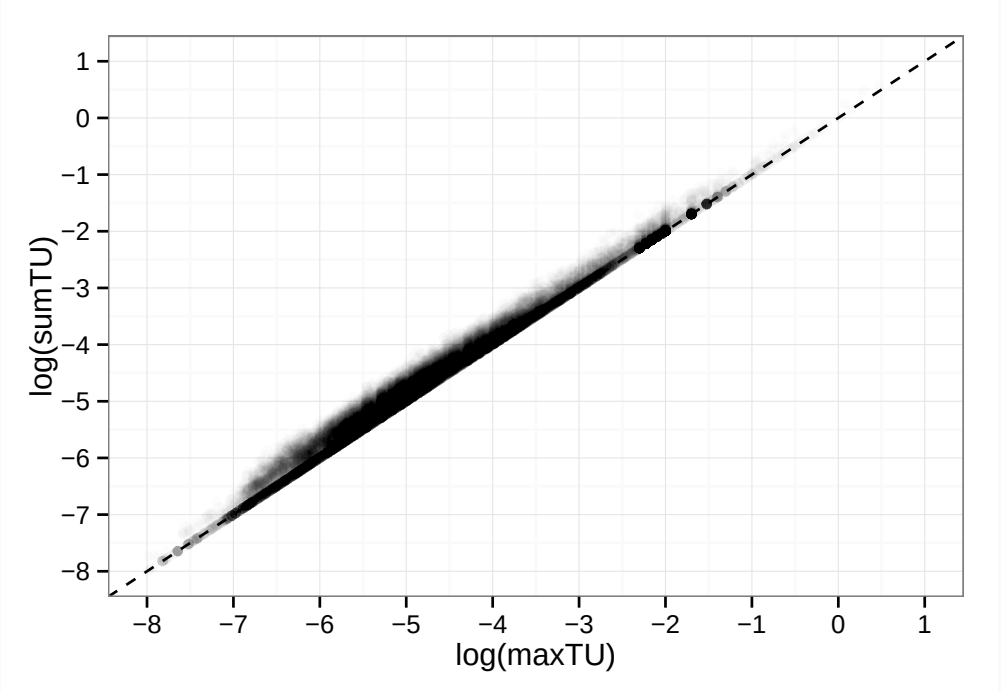
RACs by Compound (Add Stehle to plot...)



Mixtures are common, but one compound dominates the risk

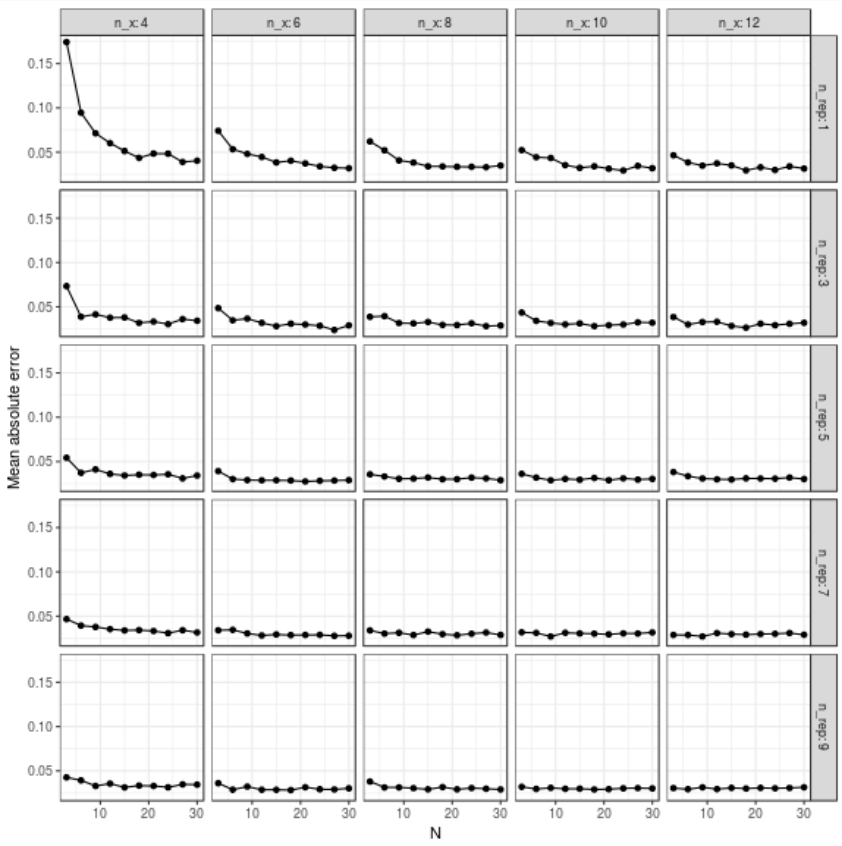


- up to 50 compounds in one sample
- high correlation
- $\sim$ 0.5 TU increase
- mainly one compound responsible for risk

Simulations are worth their work, use them *a priori*!

Experimental design for dose-response experiments - a simulation

`http://edild.github.io/lc50_bias_sim/`



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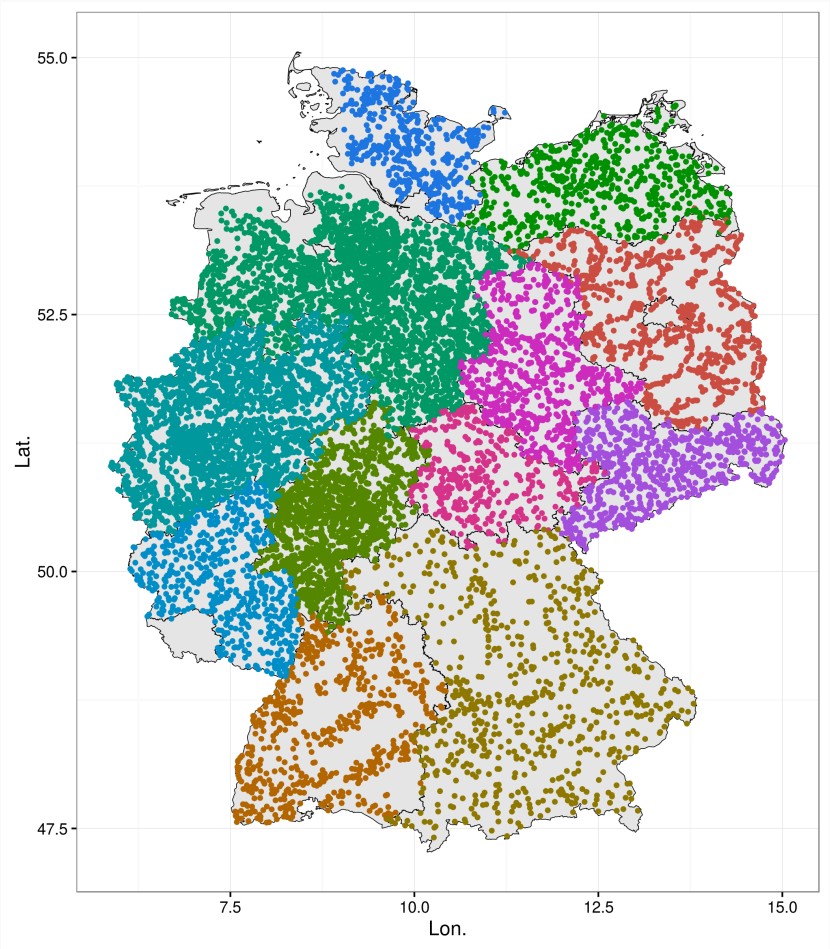
Reasons for observed RAC exceedances

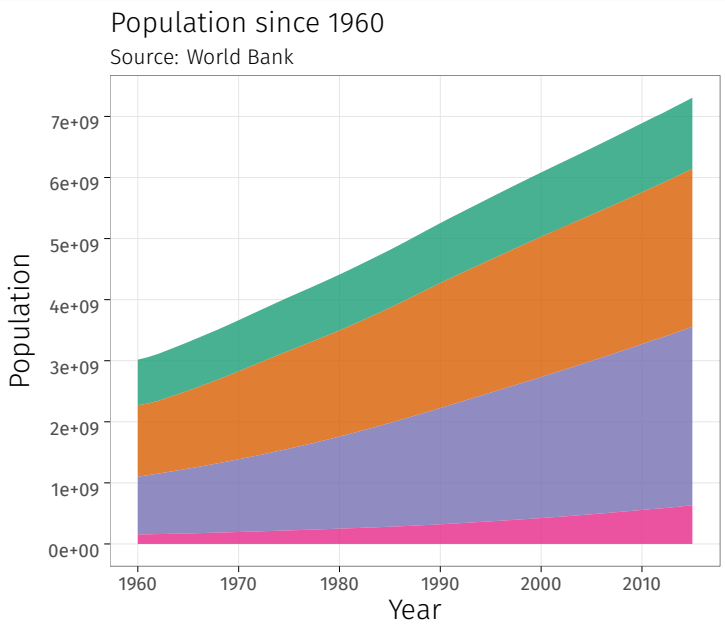
see notes on lecture on 16.12.2016

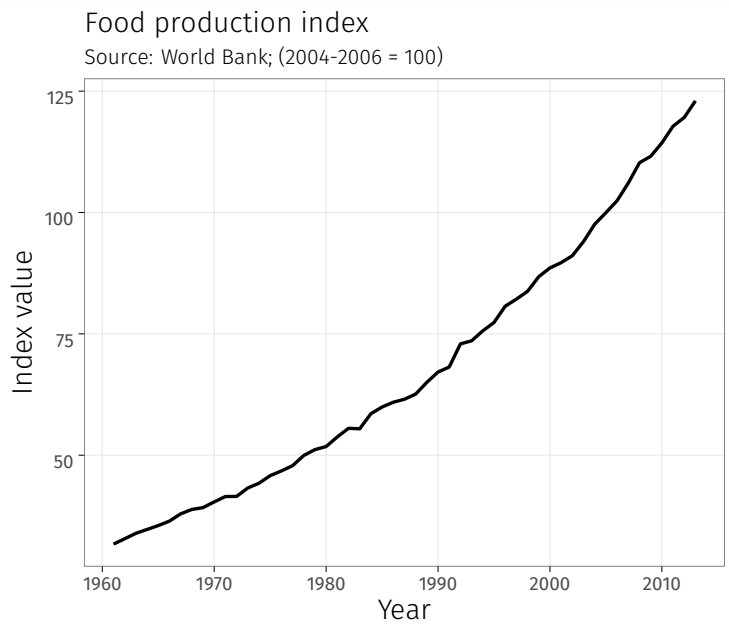
Biotic field effects

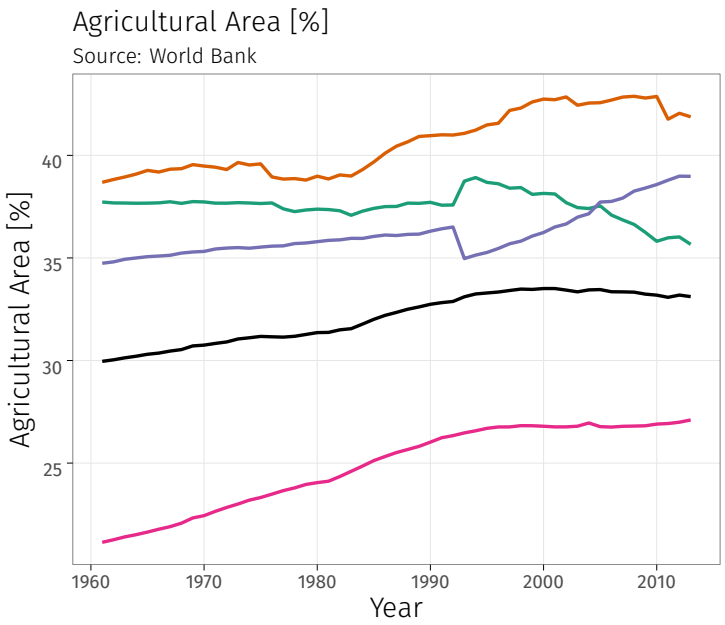


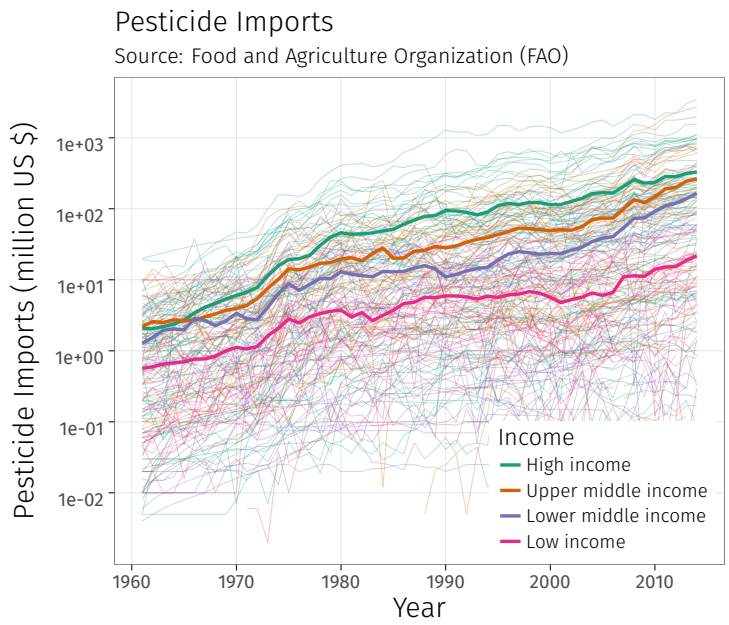
- biological data with good spatial coverage
- 60% of spatial congruence
- Large scale effects largely unknown.
- Some work left...
- Future....

A global perspective









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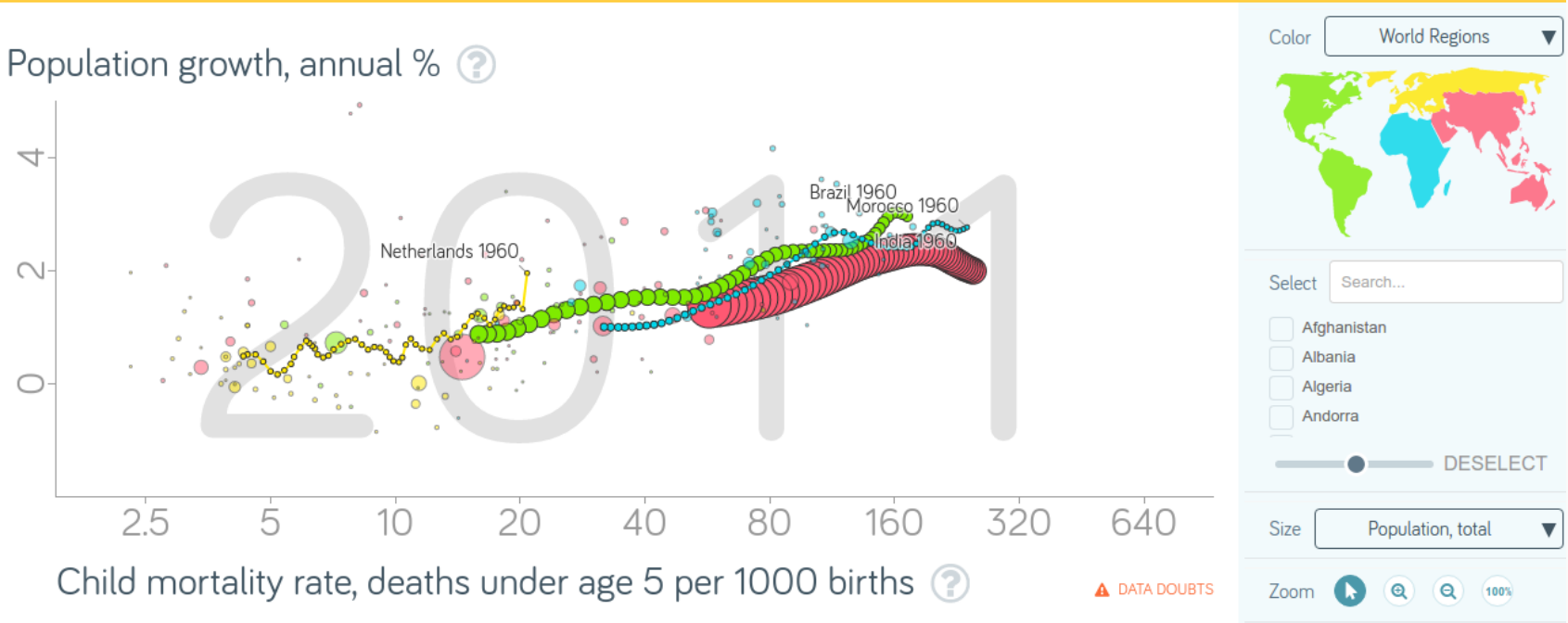

https://www.gapminder.org/tools

Software

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webchem https://github.com/ropensci/webchem
taxize https://github.com/ropensci/webchem
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Stable versions also on CRAN...