



# Augmenting Species Diversity in Water Quality Criteria Derivation using Interspecies Correlation Models

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# The Problem of Species Diversity

## Most Commonly Reported Aquatic Toxicity Test Records in ECOTOX

Taxa	Test Type	Number of Records <sup>a</sup>
Fish	Acute	10,566
	Chronic	4,184
	Bioconcentration	796
Arthropods	Acute	8,134
	Chronic	698
Mollusk	Acute	1,722
	Bioconcentration	239
Plant	Acute	933
Algae	Acute	468
	Chronic	571
Amphibian	Acute	393
	Chronic	323
Annelid	Acute	234
	Chronic	121
Rotifer	Acute	210
Echinoderm	Acute	74

Species	Common Name	Percentage of Records <sup>a</sup>
<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	Rainbow trout	7.7
<i>Daphnia magna</i>	Water flea	6.2
<i>Pimephales promelas</i>	Fathead minnow	5.3
<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	Bluegill	2.8
<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	Common carp	2.0
<i>Danio rerio</i>	Zebra danio	1.8
<i>Oryzias latipes</i>	Japanese medaka	1.4
<i>Ceriodaphnia dubia</i>	Water flea	1.3
<i>Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata</i>	Green algae	1.3
<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	Channel catfish	1.2

2012 Download: Fairbrother, Barron, Johnson 2015

# Web-ICE developed to address problem of species diversity

## ICE (Interspecies Correlation Estimation)

- log-linear models of the relationship between the acute toxicity (LC50) of chemicals tested in two species

## Web-ICE

- internet application containing suite of ICE models
- predict acute toxicity to species, genus or family level
- fish/invertebrate/amphibian; algae; wildlife
- modules for SSD generation, batch T&E taxa prediction
- peer reviewed technical basis (publications, SAP)



## Regression models built from standardized toxicity values

- chemical identity/purity; CAS/name curation
- water quality, test conditions, species/life stage

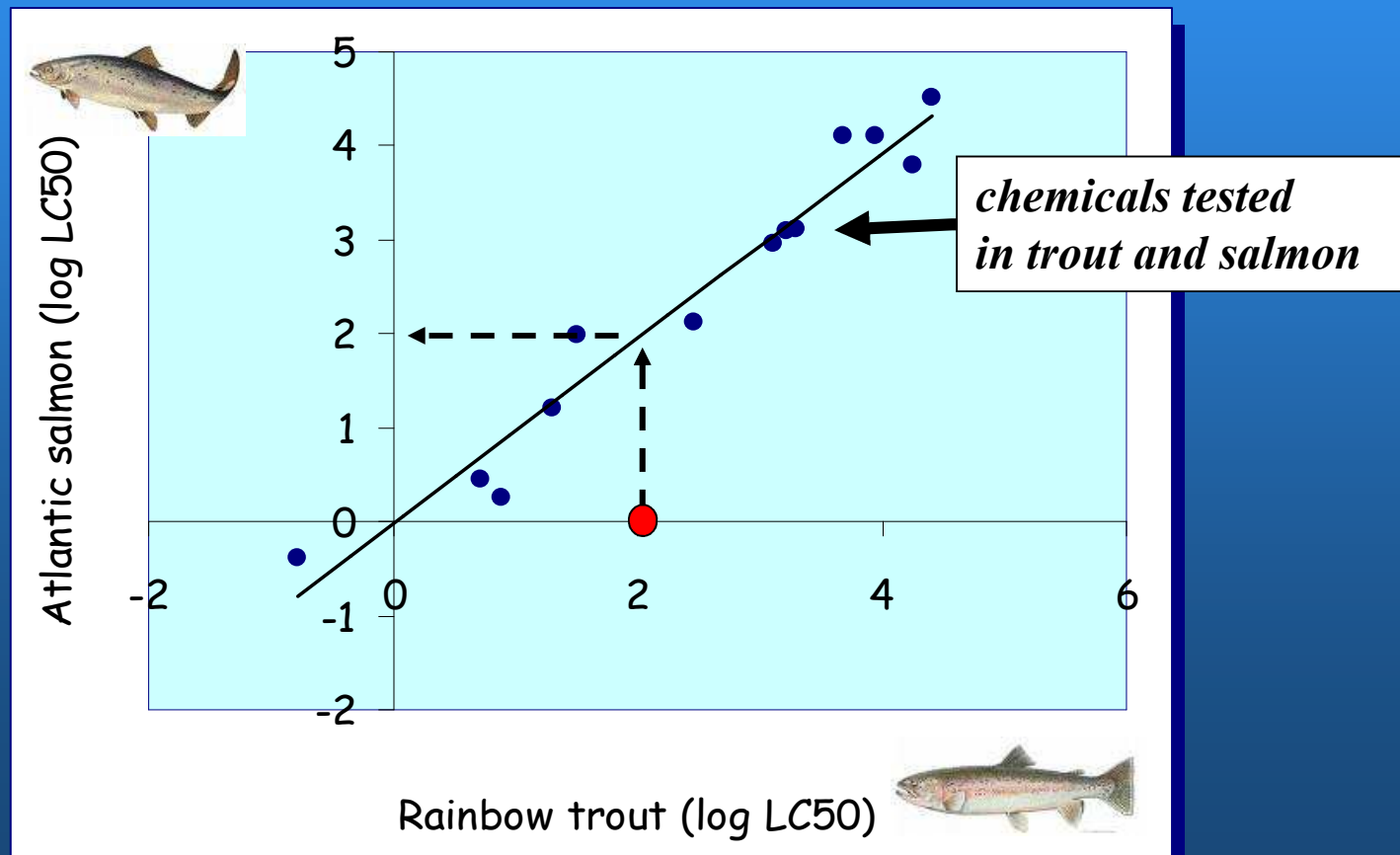
## 2015 Update

- increased taxa diversity
- change from geomean genus/family level models to minimum toxicity models
- ORD website migration (in progress)

# What are ICE models?

## Interspecies Correlation Estimation (ICE)

Log-linear models of the relationship between the acute toxicity (LC50) of chemicals tested in two species



### Interspecies Correlation Estimation

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Select taxonomic model for Aquatic or Wildlife

Species Sensitivity Distribution Modules

Endangered Species Modules

Species Sensitivity Distribution Module

ICE Aquatic

ICE Wildlife

Endangered Species Module

ICE Aquatic

ICE Wildlife

ICE application estimates risk assessment. Please refer to the Web-ICE.

# Web-ICE Aquatic Data Sources

## Acute toxicity: fish, amphibians, and aquatic invertebrates

- ECOTOX
- OPP: ecotox database
- OPPT: PMN, HPV
- OW: AWQC
- USGS (RM grant)
- P&G (CRADA)
- Open literature (T&E, molluscs)

## QA/QC:

- centralized data management system
- data transcription thoroughly reviewed
- CAS/chemical curation
- species name consistency
- reviewed each source for quality
- duplicate records removed

	EXPERIMENTAL	LOG	SPECIES	CHEMICAL	GLOCHIDIA LAB	JUVENILE LAB
Molluscs	>383, 272)	>2.6, 2.4)	Lampsis siliquidea	Lead	CERC	CERC
	>107, 99)	>2.0, 2.0)	Villosa iris	Mercury	VPI	VPI
	>247, 19)	>2.4, 1.3)	Lampsis siliquidea	Cadmium	CERC	CERC
	>330, 28)	>2.5, 1.4)	Lampsis cardium	Cadmium	CERC	SU
	(31, 23)	(1.5, 1.4)	Utterbackia imbecillis	Cadmium	JGA	JGA
	(19, 11)	(1.0, 1.1)	Lampsis abrupta	Copper	CERC	CERC
	(14, 7.0)	(1.1, 0.84)	Lampsis fasciola	Copper	BERC, Univ. of Guelph, VPI	CERC
	(12, 9.8)	(1.1, 0.98)	Lampsis rafinesquiana	Copper	CERC	CERC
	(14, 11)	(1.2, 1.0)	Lampsis siliquidea	Copper	NSU, CERC, Univ. of Guelph	BERC
	(87, 13)	(1.8, 1.1)	Megalania nervosa	Copper	ASU	CERC
	(23, 25)	(1.4, 1.4)	Utterbackia imbecillis	Copper	JGA	ASU, CERC, CU, UGA
	(11, 7.5)	(1.1, 0.88)	Villosa iris	Copper	BERC	BERC, CERC
	(411, 200)	(2.6, 2.3)	Actinonias pectorosa	Zinc	VPI	VPI
	(2779, 182)	(3.4, 2.3)	Lampsis siliquidea	Zinc	CERC	CERC
	(724, 250)	(2.9, 2.4)	Villosa iris	Zinc	VPI	VPI
(690, 630)	(3.3, 3.8)	Lampsis siliquidea	2-Propanol	NCSU	NCSU	
(390, 375)	(2.6, 2.6)	Utterbackia imbecillis	Nonylphenol	JGA	JGA	
(5900, 7200)	(3.8, 3.9)	Lampsis siliquidea	Glycolate isopropylamine salt	NCSU	NCSU	
(28750, 10210)	(4.3, 4.0)	Lampsis siliquidea	Propiconazole	NCSU	NCSU	
(680, 30)	(2.7, 1.5)	Lampsis siliquidea	Pyraclostrobin	NCSU	NCSU	
(72, >100)	(1.9, >2)	Lampsis siliquidea	Chlorine	CERC	CERC	
(103, 80)	(2.0, 1.9)	Epipolama capsaeformis	Chlorine	VPI	VPI	
(1333, 182)	(3.1, 3.0)	Utterbackia imbecillis	Chlorine	JGA	JGA	
(220, 88)	(2.3, 1.8)	Villosa iris	Chlorine	VPI	CERC	
(54425, 389000)	(5.7, 6.8)	Lampsis fasciola	Sodium chloride	NCSU, Univ. of Guelph	NCSU	
(143790, 376799)	(6.2, 6.6)	Lampsis siliquidea	Sodium chloride	BERC, NCSU, Univ. of Guelph	BERC, NCSU	
(276000, 450332)	(6.4, 6.7)	Villosa constricta	Sodium chloride	NCSU	CERC	
(331000, 523000)	(6.5, 6.7)	Villosa delumbis	Sodium chloride	NCSU	NCSU	
(13090, 11526)	(4.1, 4.1)	Lampsis fasciola	Ammonia	BERC	BERC, VPI	
(14793, 18323)	(4.2, 4.3)	Lampsis rafinesquiana	Ammonia	CERC	CERC	
(19416, 8750)	(4.3, 3.8)	Lampsis siliquidea	Ammonia	BERC	CERC, Purdue Univ.	
(8235, 8441)	(3.9, 3.8)	Utterbackia imbecillis	Ammonia	JGA	CERC, EPA, TVA, UGA	
(7518, 6296)	(3.9, 4.0)	Villosa iris	Ammonia	BERC, VPI	CERC, VPI	
(638514, 669666)	(5.8, 5.8)	Alasmidonta raveneliana	Sodium fluoride	EPA	EPA	
(775751, 517168)	(6.9, 5.7)	Utterbackia imbecillis	Sodium fluoride	EPA	EPA	
(164400, >500000)	(5.2, >5.7)	Lampsis siliquidea	Perfluorooctanoic acid	NCSU	NCSU	
(16100, >500000)	(4.2, >5.7)	Ligumia recta	Perfluorooctanoic acid	NCSU	NCSU	
(18500, 168100)	(4.2, 5.2)	Lampsis siliquidea	Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid	NCSU	NCSU	
(13600, 141700)	(4.1, 5.2)	Ligumia recta	Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid	NCSU	NCSU	
(625, 52)	(2.8, 1.8)	Lampsis siliquidea	Fluoxetine hydrochloride	NCSU	NCSU	
(293, 87)	(2.5, 2.0)	Ligumia recta	Fluoxetine hydrochloride	NCSU	NCSU	
(500, 250)	(2.7, 2.4)	Lampsis siliquidea	Chlorpyrifos	NCSU	NCSU	
(80, 280)	(2.0, 2.4)	Lampsis siliquidea	Chlorothalonil	NCSU	NCSU	

Open-ended value  
Multiple Laboratories

# Data Standardization

## Chemical

- CAS/name curation
- single compound tested; a.i.  $\geq 90\%$
- chemical & element specific AWQC normalizations

## Species-Specific Test Conditions

- no sed, diet, mixture exposures or phototoxicity results
- ASTM/OCSP standards or equivalent
- temperature (6 °C range); D.O. (>40-60%); Salinity (FW:<1ppt; SW: $\geq 15$ ppt)

## Endpoint = mortality/immobilization

- 24-48 h EC50 – fairy shrimp
- 48h EC/LC50 - daphnids, midges and mosquitoes
- 96h EC/LC50 – fish, amphibians and other invertebrates

## Life stage

- fish, decapods: juvenile only
- mollusc: juvenile, spat
- amphibians, insects: immature
- all other species: all life stages except embryo/egg
- T&E listing ([ecos.fws.gov/ecos/home.action](https://ecos.fws.gov/ecos/home.action))



# Peer Reviewed ICE Research



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### Development of Species Sensitivity Distributions for Wildlife using Interspecies Toxicity Correlation Models

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species with known uncertainty (squares model). If regression is developed using LD50 values of two species tested chemicals. The model is then used to estimate the toxicity of one species to a chemical from the toxicity of another species (the surrogate). ICE estimates have been determined to be most accurate for birds to mammals (2). Confidence in ICE estimates are based on the linear model error and may be used to estimate model predictions. In aquatic species, acute toxicity values generated from ICE models have been used to populate SSDs and have been recommended for generating reasonable

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### Estimation of Wildlife Hazard Levels Using Interspecies Correlation Models and Standard Laboratory Rodent Toxicity Data

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### Hazard/Risk Assessment

#### AUGMENTING AQUATIC SPECIES SENSITIVITY DISTRIBUTIONS WITH INTERSPECIES TOXICITY ESTIMATION MODELS

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### Estimation of Chemical Toxicity to Wildlife Species Using Interspecies Correlation Models

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species sensitivity distributions populated datasets and devolve, whether a safety factor approach or the use of pooled variances estimates of pesticides (5). The number of species in species sensitivity distributions and regulatory applications. ICE models are log-linear least-squares that describe the relationship between

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### PROTECTIVENESS OF SPECIES SENSITIVITY DISTRIBUTION HAZARD CONCENTRATIONS FOR ACUTE TOXICITY USED IN ENDANGERED SPECIES RISK ASSESSMENT

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### Standardizing acute toxicity data for use in ecotoxicology models: influence of test type, life stage, and concentration reporting

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### Influence of Taxonomic Relatedness and Chemical Mode of Action in Acute Interspecies Estimation Models for Aquatic Species

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specific toxicity data for a number of species. When toxicity data are limited, additional populating SSDs and extrapolating relationships to ecological communities such as endangered species. Interspecies correlation estimation (ICE) models are log-linear least-squares regressions (1,2) of chemicals measured in two for a particular species-taxon pair. The toxicity of the predicted taxon to that chemical in the surrogate species of ICE models has demonstrated the

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### Development and Practical Application of Petroleum and Dispersant Interspecies Correlation Models for Aquatic Species

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### Comparison of Species Sensitivity Distributions Derived from Interspecies Correlation Models to Distributions used to Derive Water Quality Criteria

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Ecological risk assessments typically use the effects of multiple chemicals or receptors using toxicity data for one species. Regulatory activities such as Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals (EAC) (International Council of Chemical Producers (ICCP) Chemicals Challenge (3)) will also create new demands for the ICPP Chemicals challenge (3) and its member countries other ICPP challenge programs and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

### Predicting the Toxicities of Chemicals to Aquatic Animal Species

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### Evaluation of in silico development of aquatic toxicity species sensitivity distributions

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# Web-ICE 2015 Update (v. 3.3; October)

## Increased taxa diversity and expanded T&E:

- new data developed for mussel and fairy shrimp (USGS/FWS collaboration (ms accepted, in prep))
- overall: 1.5x records, 1.8x species, 2x models
- T&E: 1.3x records; 1.5x species, 2x models



## Genus and family level changed to minimum toxicity models:

- fit to minimum genus or family value (no longer geomean)

## Other updates:

- 2015 User Guidance, Database Documentation, Bibliography
- new MOA specific models (based on MOAtox v. 1.0)

## Updated rules of thumb:

- $MSE \leq 0.95$
- $R^2 > 0.6$
- slope  $\geq 0.6$
- predicted value CI within 10x

Web-based Interspecies Correlation Estimation

(Web-ICE) for Acute Toxicity: User Manual

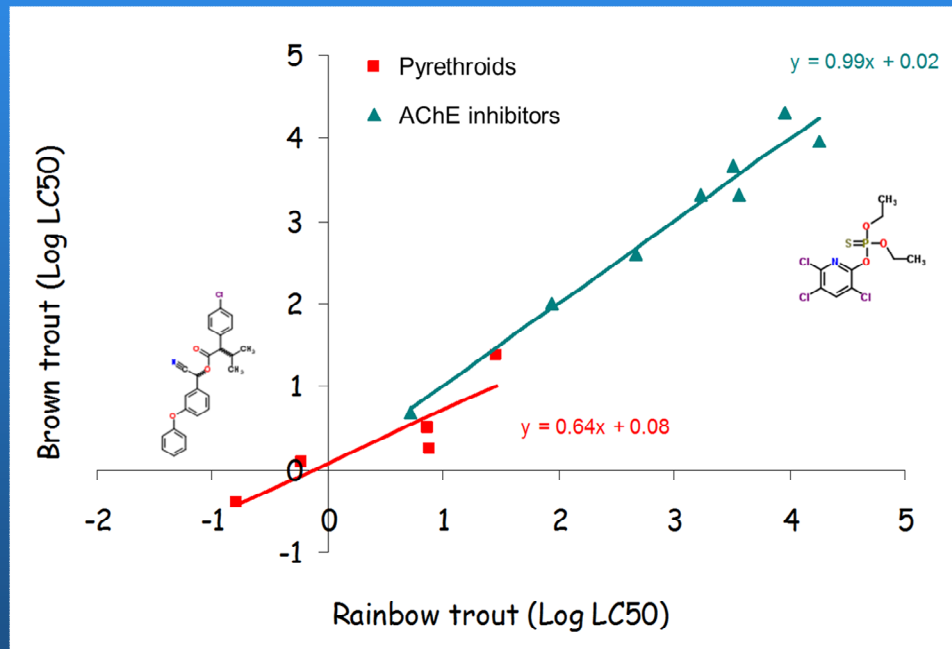
Version 3.3



<http://www.epa.gov/ceampub/fchain/webice/>

# Web-ICE v3.3: Updated MOA-specific models

- standard ICE models have chemicals of mixed mode of action (MOA)
- MOA-specific models developed using MOAtox (Barron et al. 2015)
- improved prediction accuracy for high taxa distance species pairs
- MOA-specific models downloadable via Web-ICE



## MOAtox v. 1.0 database

- **AChE inhibition** (285)
  - Carbamate (74)
  - Organophosphate (211)
- **Electron transport inhibition** (91)
  - Arsenical respiratory inhibition (22)
  - Oxidative phosphorylation inhibition (14)
  - Uncoupling oxidative phosphorylation (55)
- **Iono/Osmoregulatory/Circulatory impairment** (51)
  - Anticoagulation (25)
  - Metallic iono/osmoregulatory impairment (14)
  - Methemoglobinemia (6)
  - Other osmoregulatory (6)
- **Narcosis** (465)
  - Ester (48)
  - Unknown (9)
  - Nonpolar (347)
  - Polar (61)
- **Neurotoxicity** (201)
  - Alicyclic GABA antagonism (42)
  - Diphenyl sodium channel modulation (11)
  - GABA agonism (16)
  - nAChR agonism (8)
  - Other (9)
  - Pyrazole GABA antagonism (6)
  - Pyrethroid sodium channel modulation (102)
  - Sodium channel blocking (3)
  - Strychnine (4)
- **Reactivity** (111)
  - Acrylate (8)
  - Alkylation (38)
  - Carbonyl (13)
  - Chromate (3)
  - Cyanate/nitrile (9)
  - Di/trinitroaromatic (14)
  - Hydrazine (4)
  - Other (19)
  - Phosphide (3)



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MOAtox: A comprehensive mode of action and acute aquatic toxicity database for predictive model development

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# Web-ICE October 2015 Update: increased T&E and taxa diversity

All Species						
Web-ICE Database	Database Attributes			Number of models		
	Records	Species	Chemicals	Species	Genus	Family
v. 3.3 (2015)	8203	314	1501	1544	854	887
v. 3.2 (2013)	5501	180	1266	780	289	374

U.S. Threatened and Endangered Species						
Web-ICE Database	Database Attributes			Number of models		
	Records	Species	Chemicals	Species	Genus	Family
v. 3.3 (2015)	1591	32	492	379	428	547
v. 3.2 (2013)	1272	21	449	230	168	267

# Web-ICE October 2015 Update: prediction accuracy; all species models

Cross-validation results; n>3		Percentage within prediction category				
	Taxonomic Distance	Significant Models (N)	5-fold	10-fold	50-fold	>50-fold
genus	1	444	95	4	1	0
family	2	1144	92	6	2	0
order	3	430	87	11	3	0
class	4	5734	77	10	10	3
phylum	5	1658	62	14	16	8
kingdom	6	8006	55	15	19	11

# Genus and Family Level Minimum Models

## Web-ICE v3.3

### Genus and Family Level Models:

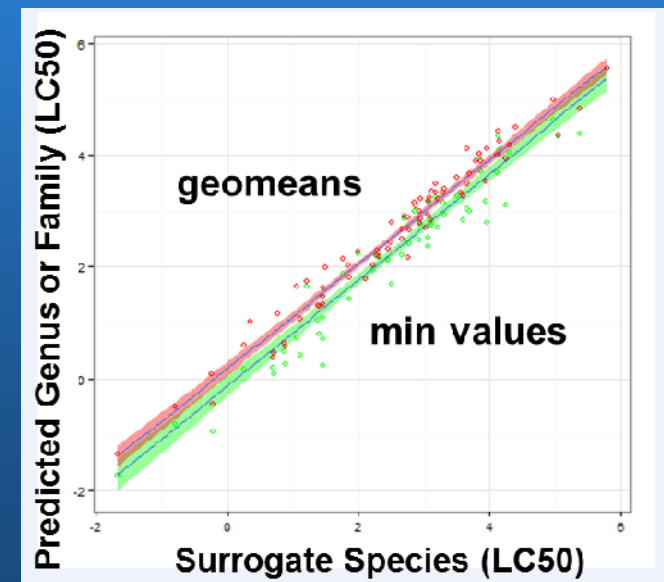
- used when species-specific ICE models not available
- need to be protective of T&E species within the Genus or Family
- previous ICE models (v. 3.2) based on geomean had limited conservatism
- min models in Web-ICE (v. 3.3)

### What are minimum toxicity models:

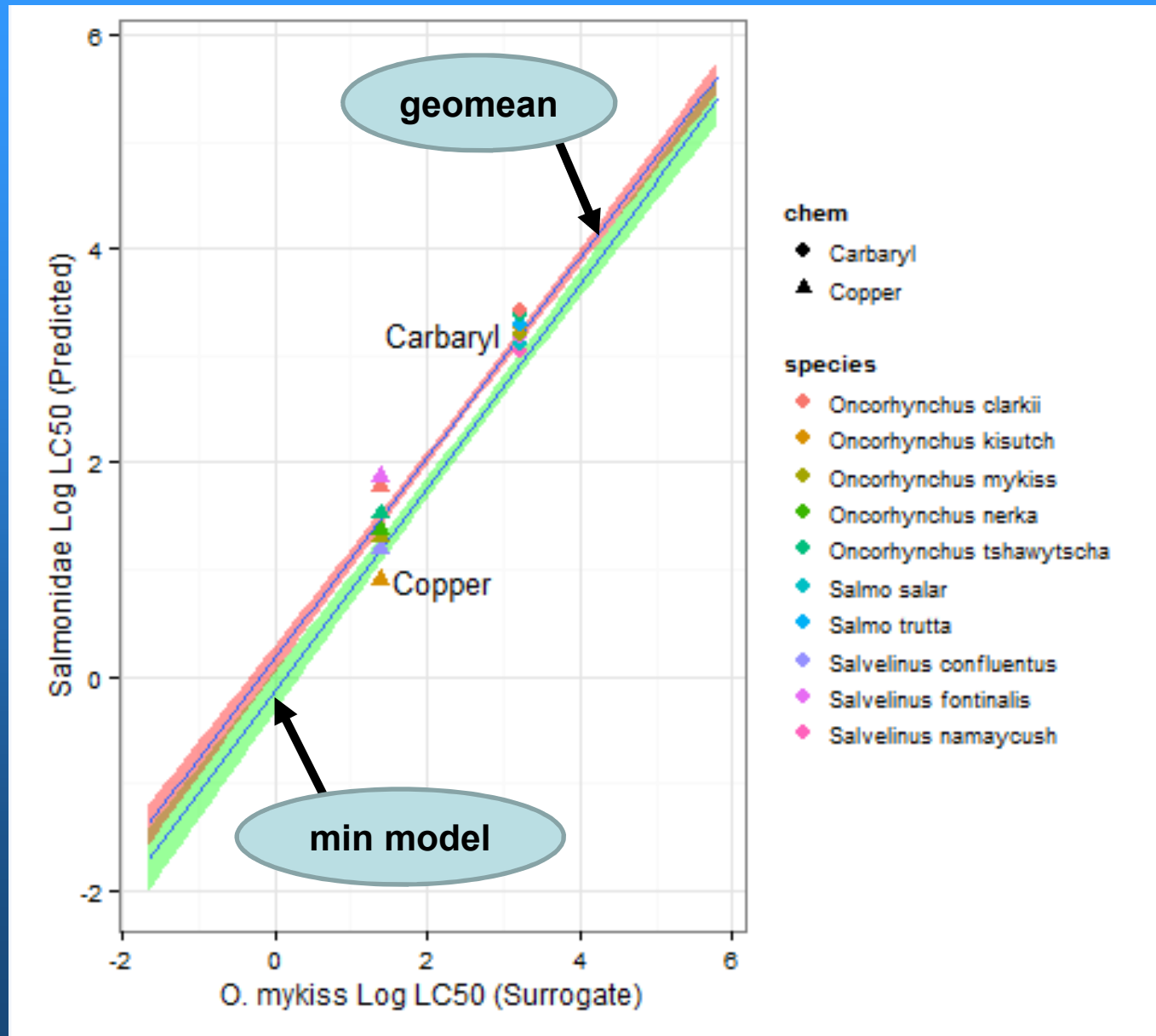
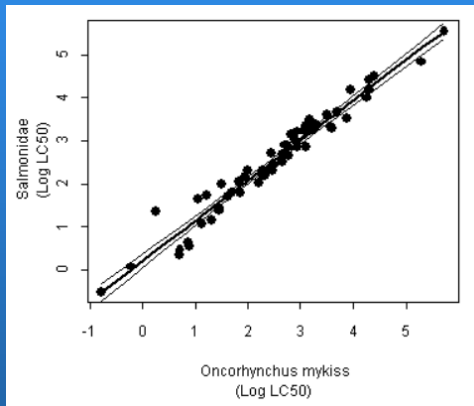
- use lowest observed LC50 for the predicted taxa (rather than geomean)
- objective is to provide more conservative estimate of toxicity to taxa containing listed species

### How min models derived:

- fit to minimum measured species toxicity value within the predicted taxa (genus or family)
- no longer geomean



# Trout-Salmonidae Family Level Models





# Web-ICE Prediction to Listed Taxa using Min Models

## Case Study based on San Francisco Delta (Hoogeweg et al. 2012\*):

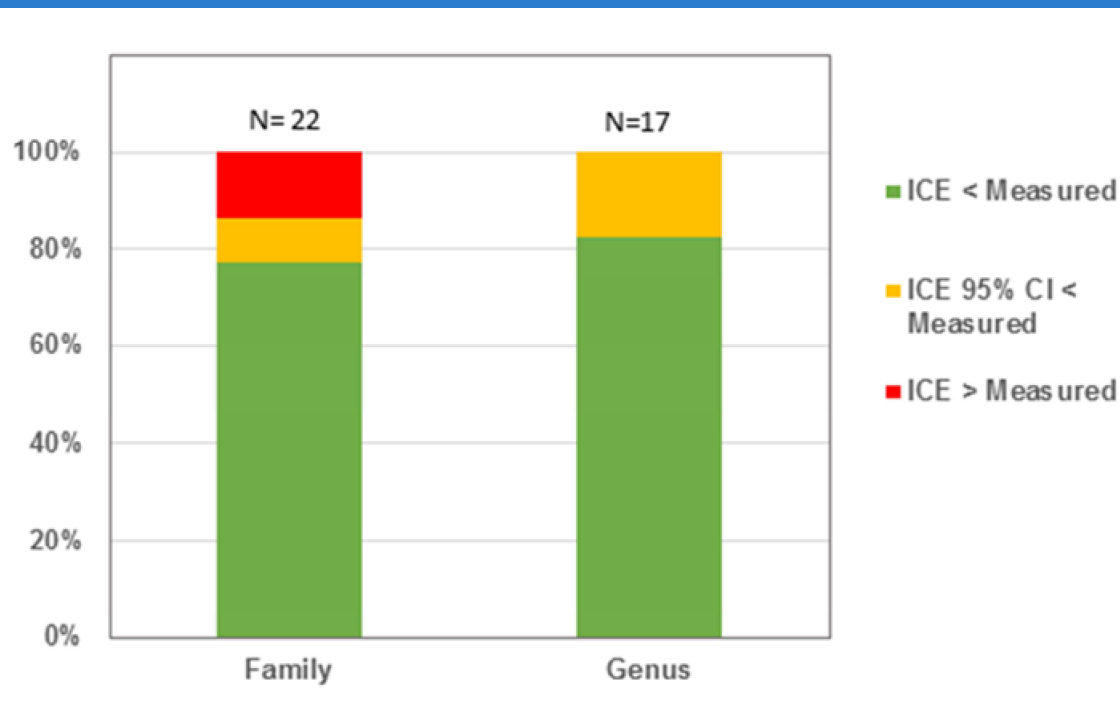
- 13 priority chemicals
- 5 Families containing listed species
- toxicity predicted to Genus and Family level using Web-ICE (v. 3.3) min models
- selected best model for each species:chemical pair using new rules of thumb
- determined percentage of ICE predicted value protective of listed species

### Case Study Chems

ATRAZINE  
 Carbaryl  
 Chlorpyrifos  
 COPPER  
 Cypermethrin  
 Diazinon  
 Fipronil  
 GLYPHOSATE  
 Imidacloprid  
 Malathion  
 Methomyl  
 Permethrin  
 Thiobencarb

### Case Study Taxa

Acipenseridae  
 Branchinectidae  
 Ranidae  
 Salmonidae  
 Unionidae



# Augmenting species diversity

## Comparison of Web-ICE v. 3.3 (2015) and 3.2 (2013)

- selected 10 representative surrogates (e.g., standard test species)
- determined number of models predicting to specific taxa groups

Surrogate
Americamysis bahia
Ceriodaphnia dubia
Cyprinodon variegatus
Daphnia magna
Hyalella azteca
Ictalurus punctatus
Lampsilis siliquoidea
Lepomis macrochirus
Oncorhynchus mykiss
Pimephales promelas

Total Freshwater Web-ICE Species Models	1985 Freshwater Taxa Requirements (# models predicting to:)							
	salmonid species	any non-salmonid fish species	amphibian species	planktonic crustaceans (cladocern, copepods)	benthic crustaceans (ostracod, isopod, amphipod, crayfish, decapods)	insects	non-arthropoda or chordata (rotifer, annelid)	molluscs
v3.3	49	115	17	29	53	34	8	58
v3.2	34	79	3	15	21	21	1	0

Total Salt Water Web-ICE Species Models	Salt Water Taxa (# models predicting to:)				
	fish	arthropods	echinoderms	molluscs	polychaetes, oligochaetes
v3.3	25	24	0	8	2
v3.2	16	12	1	6	0

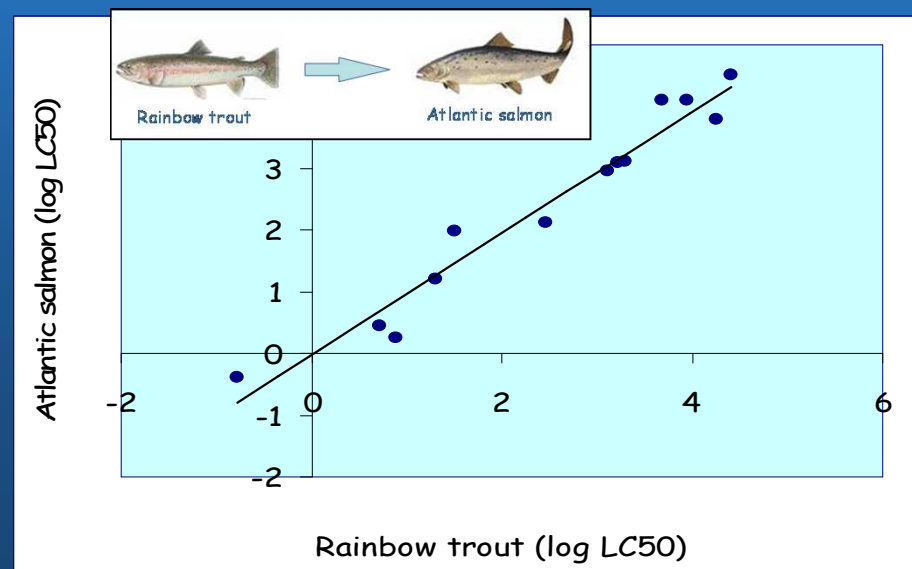
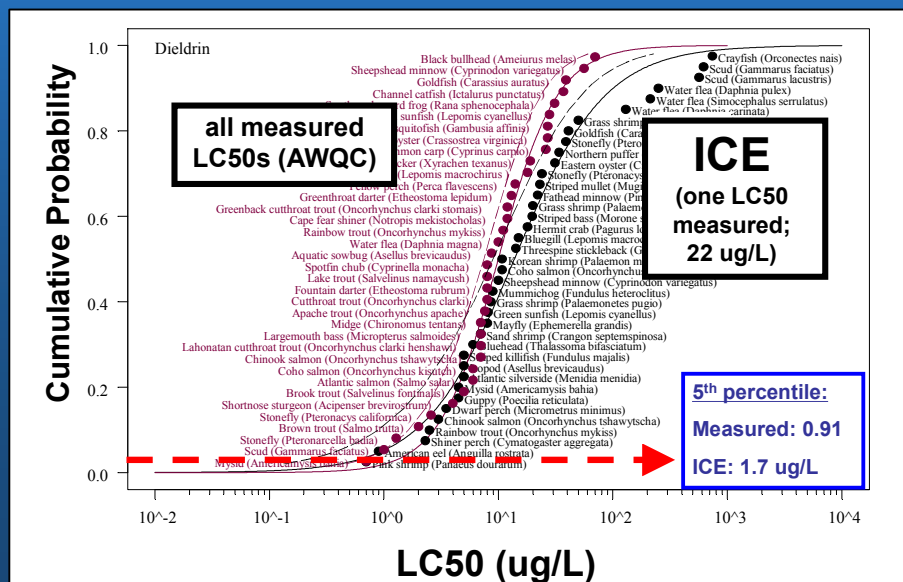
# Estimating Taxa Toxicity using Web-ICE

## Direct toxicity estimation:

- estimation at species, genus, or family level
- model statistics/uncertainty
- cross validation, taxonomic distance
- single surrogate or multiple surrogates (best estimate)

## SSD approach:

- Hazard Concentration (HC1, HC5)
- single surrogate or multiple surrogates (augmentation)



# SSD Approach

## Rare species similar sensitivity as non-listed species

- species composition affects HC5 more than geography/habitat of assemblage

## Raimondo et al. 2008

- HC5s and HC1s lower than 97 and 99.5% of listed species LC50s
- HC5s less than levels derived from 10x safety factors for rainbow trout
- SSD generally protective of listed species

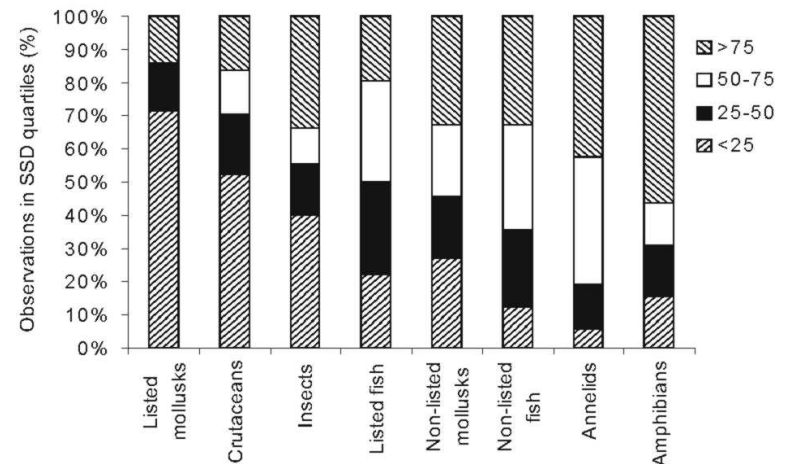
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# Web-ICE SSDs vs measured



## Single surrogate ICE generated SSDs

- 55 AWQC chemicals (Dyer et al. 2008)
- HC5s within 10x of measured
- within taxa surrogates (fish to fish; invert to invert)

## Multiple surrogates

- augment species diversity
- > 90% within 5 fold (Awkerman et al. 2014)
- accuracy affected by species composition, MOA

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### Comparison of Species Sensitivity Distributions Derived from Interspecies Correlation Models to Distributions used to Derive Water Quality Criteria

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#### Introduction

Ecological risk assessments typically require characterizing the effects of multiple chemicals on a diversity of ecological receptors using toxicity data for only a limited number of species. Regulatory activities such as REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals (1, 2); <http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/chemicals/reach.htm>), ICCA (International Council of Chemical Associations) High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals Challenge (<http://www.icca-chem.org/>), and Canada's Domestic Substance List (3) will also create new demands for toxicity data. Note that the ICCA HPV Chemicals challenge is in cooperation with OECD and its member countries which then also include other HPV challenge programs such as those of the United

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### Hazard/Risk Assessment

### AUGMENTING AQUATIC SPECIES SENSITIVITY DISTRIBUTIONS WITH INTERSPECIES TOXICITY ESTIMATION MODELS

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# Web-ICE v3.3 SSD Generator



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## Interspecies Correlation Estimation

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### Species Sensitivity

Calculates hazard level confidence interval

Surrogate Species: Fathead minnow (Lepomis macrochirus), Amphipod (Daphnia magna), Sheepshead minnow (Cyprinodon variegatus)  
 Input Toxicity: 150, 125, 75, 100 µg/L  
 HCS 8.54 µg/L 95% Confidence Interval: 1.49 – 21.20

Data Filters (Upper and Lower Limits)						Filter
	Lower	Upper		Lower	Upper	
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R2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Taxonomic Distance	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
p-value	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Slope	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Mean Square Error (MSE)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Intercept	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

Provide Copy-friendly Output for Selected Data Provide Copy-friendly Output for All Data

Common Name	Scientific Sort	Estimated Toxicity Sort	95% Confidence Intervals Sort	Surrogate Sort	Degrees of Freedom (N-2) Sort	R2 Sort	p-value Sort	Mean Square Error (MSE) Sort	Cross-validation Success (%) Sort	Taxonomic Distance Sort	Slope Sort	Intercept Sort
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amphipod	Gammarus pseudolimnaeus											
<input type="checkbox"/> Amphipod	Gammarus	54.62	14.45 – 206.39	Daphnid (Daphnia magna)	11	0.77	0.0000	0.87	53.84	5	1.01	-0.16
<input type="checkbox"/> Amphipod			6.29 – 53.71	Bluegill (Lepomis macrochirus)	15	0.82	0.0000	0.75	64.70	6	1.07	-0.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Amphipod			1.27 – 10.87	Fathead minnow (Pimephales promelas)	7	0.93	0.0000	0.28	77.77	6	1.26	-2.17
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Apache trout	Oncorhynchus gilchristi	40.06	13.50 – 118.84	Fathead minnow (Pimephales promelas)	3	0.92	0.0083	0.10	80.00	4	1.00	-0.57
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Atlantic salmon	Salmo salar											
<input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic salmon	Salmo salar	51.05	28.99 – 81.11						100.00	4	1.12	-0.64
<input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic salmon	Salmo salar	39.18	5.00 – 24.36						66.66	4	1.15	-0.91
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black bullhead	Ameiurus melas											
<input type="checkbox"/> Black bullhead	Ameiurus melas	456.09	94.09 – 2231.09	Bluegill (Lepomis macrochirus)	9	0.65	0.0024	0.98	63.63	4	0.88	0.81

Unclick boxes to exclude species

Simultaneously calculates toxicity & confidence intervals from all available models



# Summary



- NRC (2013) recommended ICE models as alternative to generic safety factors
- Web-ICE platform: data, models, modules for SSDs and T&E extrapolation
  - models for 250 U.S. federally listed T&E; 120 surrogate species
  - most models predict to genus and family
  - mollusc models expand family level predictions to 87 unionids
  - SSD generation additional approach for T&E protective levels
- peer reviewed technical basis (journal articles; FIFRA Science Advisory Panel)
- Web-ICE toxicity estimates and ICE-SSD HCs demonstrated high accuracy for closely related taxa (within same order)
- Web-ICE toxicity extrapolation: increase taxa diversity in SSDs for development of AWQC with reasonable uncertainty

# QUESTIONS?



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