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# Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD): Modeling the Respiratory System for Comparative Dosimetry

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# (R)Evolution (in)of Toxicology



Metabolites  $\rightarrow$  Urine

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Early 2000's (to Present)



Factors

2007

2012

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### (R)Evolution (in)of Toxicology Shift in Focus for Computational Approaches to Extrapolation

Animal In Vivo



**Scaling + Extrapolation** 



Human In Vivo

Current State of Art

**Predictive modeling still** requires both in vitro and in vivo approaches and understanding of "target tissue dose" - response



Scalling





**Aspirational State of Art** 

#### Human in vitro

This is an exciting period of transition as new in vitro and computational tools are developed

# Syngenta's Source-to-Outcome Approach for Pesticide Re-Registration

(see Webinar by Dr. Paul M. Hinderliter)

Replace requirement for 90-day rat inhalation toxicity study with *in vitro* studies in human cells coupled to enhanced characterization of exposure and target dose relevant to risk characterization (consistent with vision of NAS 2007 and 2012)



In vitro Testing Based Point of Departure using MucilAir™ from Epithelix



### What is CFD? In a nutshell...

Numerical method for describing fluid flows

Navier-Stokes Equations that describe the flow of a viscous fluid

The solution is a flow velocity field over space and time

- Solved using a 3D computational mesh with appropriate boundary conditions (e.g. shape, mechanical properties, fluid characteristics, pressure, etc.)
- Methods widely used in aerospace, automotive, energy, building HVAC, etc. industries to improve design, trouble-shooting, and decrease costs in product development (Fluent News, 2005)



# What is CFD?

Biological applications are a comparatively recent development
Heart function, blood flow, fluid-structure interactions







- Why so few biological applications?
  - Can be significantly more difficult to obtain 3D (and 4D) structures and boundary conditions than the physical sciences
  - Math phobes still exist in biology
    - Generally requires inter-disciplinary teams
- Respiratory and Cardiovascular CFD are a rapidly growing area with the advent of new imaging, image analysis, and computational capabilities 17

### **Imaging-Based Anatomy**



Rat







Human

# Imaging Based CFD Model Development is Now Routine



# Suite of Imaging-Based CFD Models & Data Sets for Model Performance Evaluation



#### Syngenta Rat vs. Human 2.7 µm MMAD, 4.03 mg/L Aerosol in Rat 2-Week Inhalation Study



# What is the Relevant Aerosol Droplet Size Distribution For Typical Agricultural Exposure?

See webinar by Dr. Paul Hinderliter for CFD-based HEC's for each aerosol size based upon human *in vitro* studies



### CFD/PBPK Examples for Reactive Aldehydes (using existing models and data)



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### **CFD/PBPK Examples for Reactive Aldehydes** CFD Simulations and Tissue Dose



Dry uamous Wet Squamous Respiratory

Simulation results shown for final breath once tissue dose reached periodicity (pseudo-steady-state)

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### **CFD/PBPK Examples for Reactive Aldehydes** Simulation of Cigarette Puff (Oral Breathing)



- Measured human puff profile (St. Charles et al. *Inhal. Toxicol.* 21(2009)712-718)
- Measured smoke compositions (Counts et al. *Reg. Toxicol. Pharmacol.* 41(2005)185-227) for representative puff concentrations
  - Acetaldehyde 1028 ppm (857 μg/cig)
  - Acrolein 94 ppm (100 µg/cig)
  - Formaldehyde 108 ppm (61 μg/cig)



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### CFD Modeling of Vitrocell® Aerosol Exposure System (https://www.vitrocell.com)

Understanding "Delivered Dose" is just as critical for *in vitro* exposures as it is for *in vivo* 



Behrsing et al. (2017) ATLA 45, 117-158 Lucci et al. (2018) J. Aerosol. Sci. 123, 141-160

# NHLBI LungMAP Consortium www.lungmap.net



- Create an open-access reference resource and comprehensive molecular atlas of the late-stage developing lung
  - Utilize state-of-the-art molecular and imaging technologies to map and annotate the cell types of the developing mouse and human lung
- Fill the knowledge gap in molecular/cellular events that drive lung development (alveologenesis) and cell function
- Provide tissues, reagents and data to the medical research community





## **Summary of Key Concepts**

- Time to develop 3D CFD models greatly reduced
  - Imaging and new high-resolution 'omics are key enabling technologies
  - Software and hardware infrastructure vastly improved over past decade
- Models based upon realistic anatomy, physiology, physics of airflow, and material transport
  - Minimizes assumptions and extrapolations
  - Significantly improves resolution in exposure-dose-response assessments
- Animal use can be significantly reduced
  - A variety of exposure conditions can be simulated across species
    - Exposures can be tested in silico before conducting experiments
    - Experimental design can be significantly improved
- Human equivalent concentrations (HEC) can be determined for points of departure (POD) in both *in vivo* and *in vitro* studies
- All models are available
  - Existing templates enhance new model applications



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