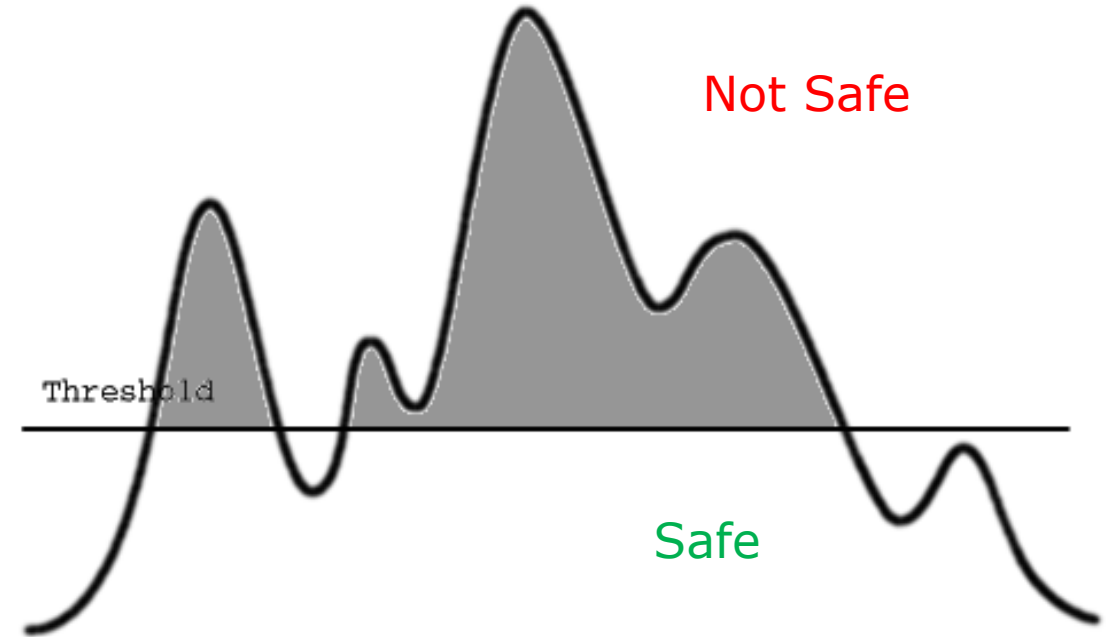


# Using the **Threshold of Toxicological Concern** as an exposure-based waiving approach

On utilizing the existing  
animal data



# Recalibrating the existing inhalation TTC datasets to develop refined strategies for inhalation safety evaluation

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# Presentation Agenda



General  
Introduction  
to TTC

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Inhalation  
TTC

Case Study  
For the  
Application of  
Inhalation TTC

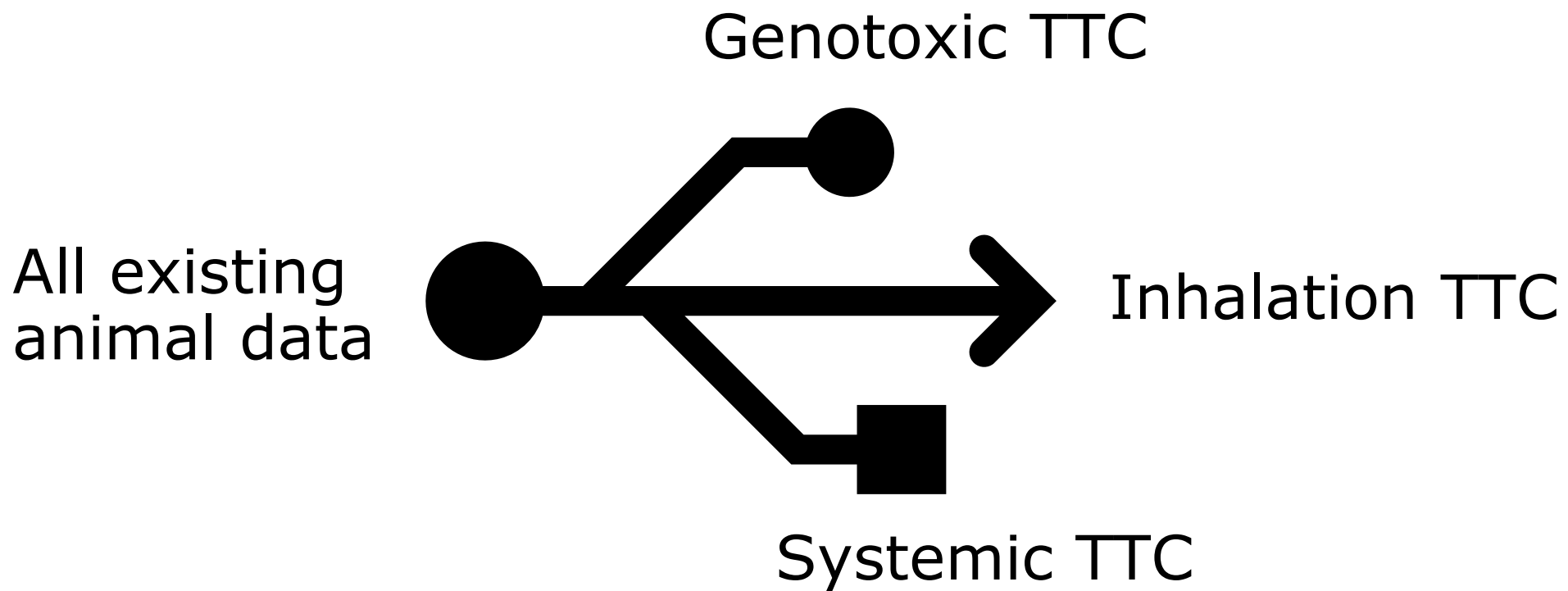


**Making the best use of existing  
animal data**

# Brief History of TTC

- **Two main tiers of TTC:** Genetox/Cancer tier and non-cancer tiers
- **Genetox/Cancer TTC** based on a predicted tumor risk of 1 in a million derived through an analysis of cancer potency data
- **For non-cancer tiers**, Munro et al (1996) evaluated a large database of ~600 chemicals distributed into 3 Cramer classes and revealed how structural class has an important bearing on toxicological potency.
- Kroes et al. (2004) presented a tiered TTC approach that established several human exposure thresholds over four orders of magnitude, ranging from 0.15 µg/d to 1800 µg/d.
- These thresholds were established for **lifetime exposures** by the **oral route**.

# Application of TTC in chemical risk assessment



**Compared to the oral database,** the pool of available repeated dose inhalation exposure studies is scarce

All repeated (rep) dose animal studies

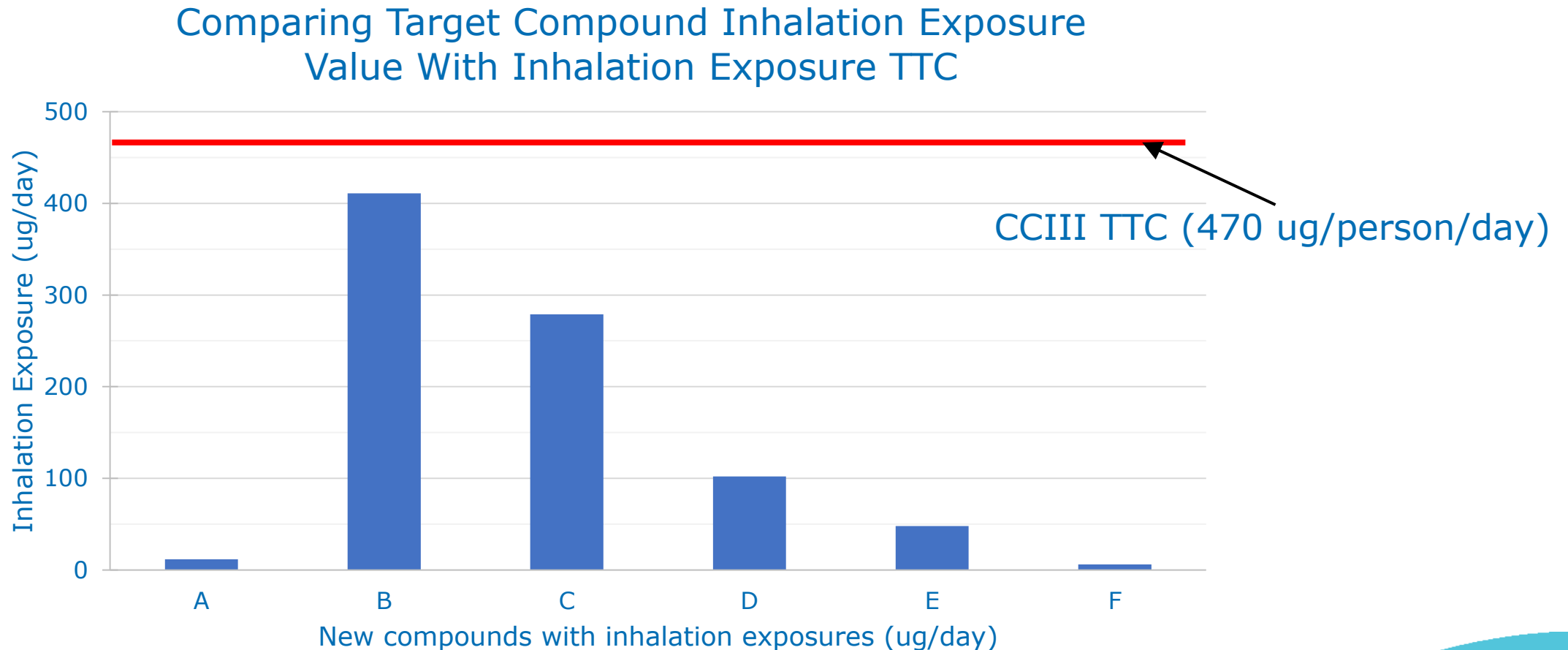
Rep dose animal inhalation studies

Rep dose rodent inhalation studies

Rep Dose rodent inhalation studies with  
**local respiratory effects  
observations**

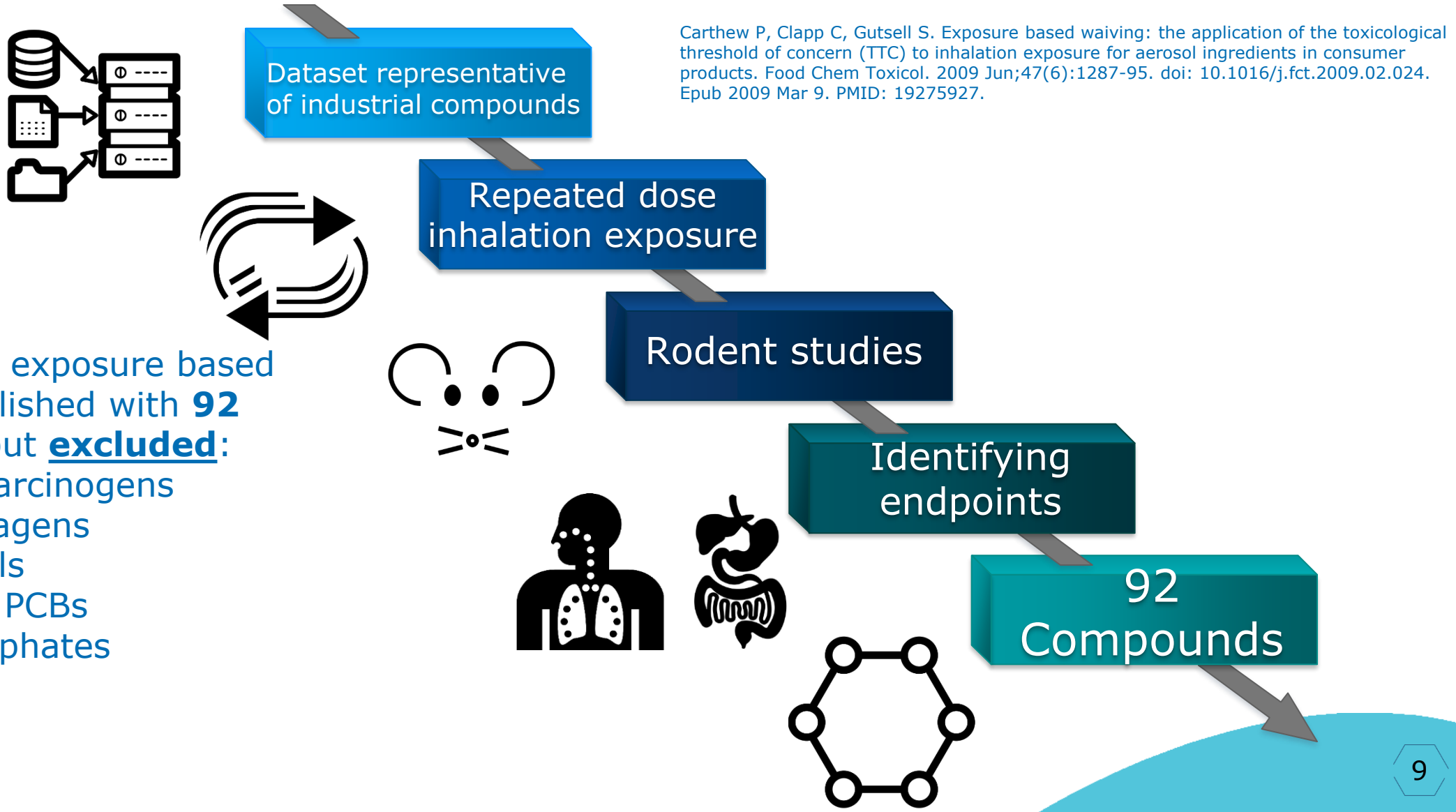
**Fewer**

# Use of TTC helps **overcome the challenge of local respiratory effects safety assessment** from inhalation exposures





# Carthew et al. 2009- Derivation of Inhalation TTC based on **systemic** & **portal of entry effects** from inhalation studies



This inhalation exposure based TTC was established with **92 compounds** but excluded:

- Genotoxic carcinogens
- In vivo mutagens
- Heavy metals
- Dioxins and PCBs
- Organophosphates
- Polymers



# TTC thresholds identified by Carthew et al. to **assess local and systemic effects from inhalation exposure**

| Effect Type         | Cramer Class | Number of compounds per Cramer Class | TTC (ug/person/day) |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Local (n=92)</b> | <b>1</b>     | <b>38</b>                            | <b>1400</b>         |
|                     | <b>2</b>     | <b>4</b>                             |                     |
|                     | <b>3</b>     | <b>50</b>                            | <b>470</b>          |
| Systemic (n=92)     | 1            | 38                                   | 980                 |
|                     | 2            | 4                                    |                     |
|                     | 3            | 50                                   | 170                 |

# Carthew et al. built a **conservative yet practical dataset**

- **Pentafluoroethane**

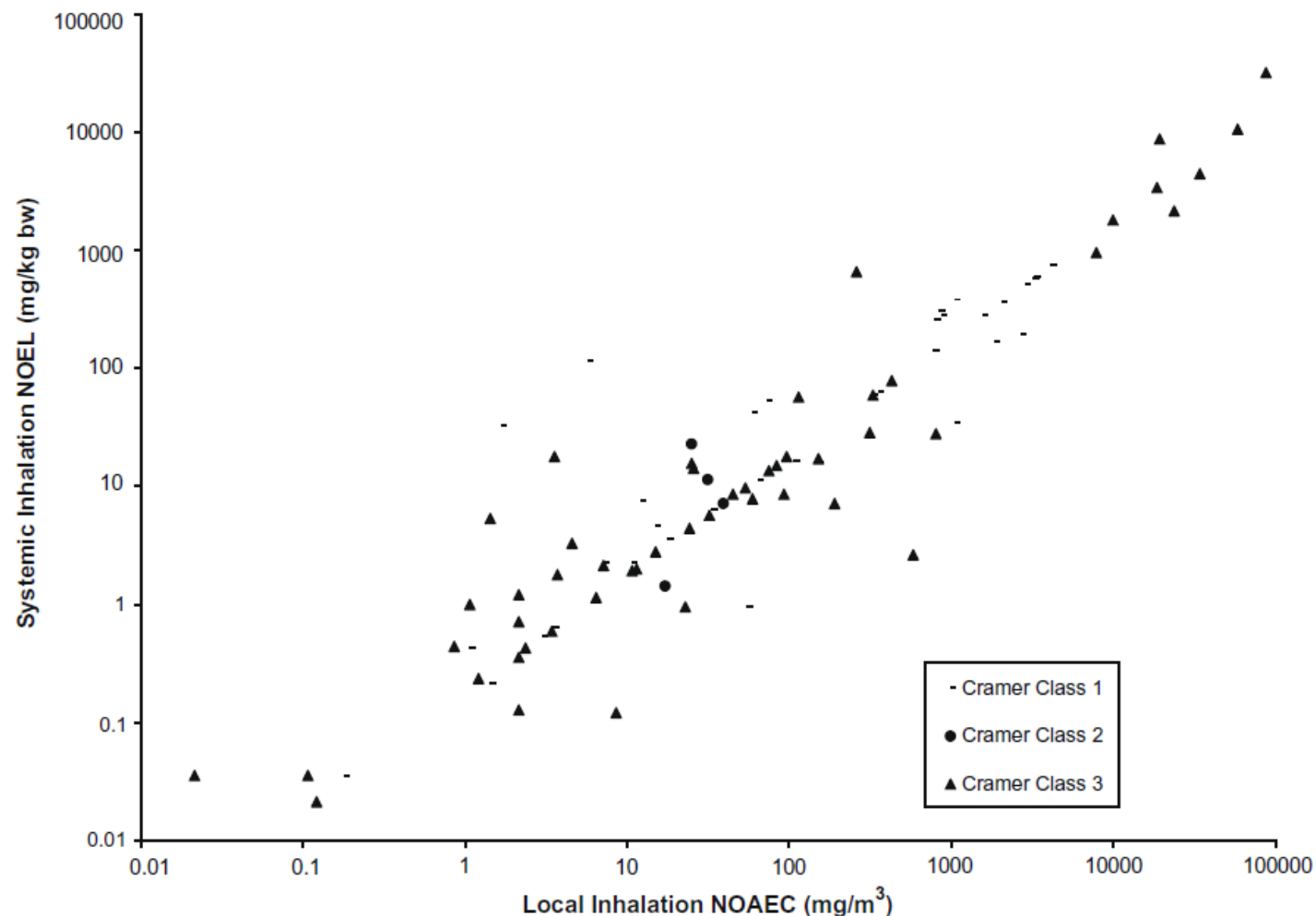
Local NOAEC – 87,500 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Systemic NOAEC – 31,800 mg/kg/day

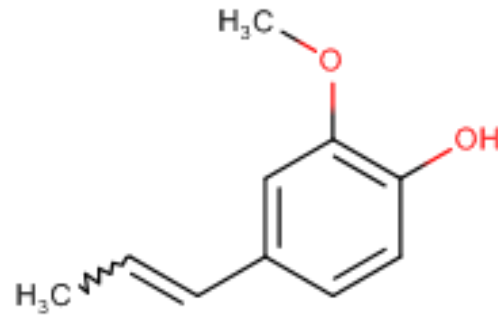
- **Hydrogen peroxide**

Local NOAEC – 0.9 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Systemic NOAEC – 0.4 mg/kg/day



# Case study example for exposure based waiving approach: **Isoeugenol**



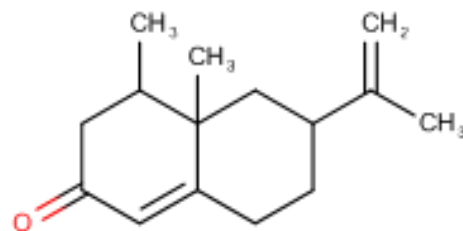
Chronic Aggregate Inhalation Exposure = 0.005 mg/person/day

Cramer Class = 1

Corresponding TTC limit = 1.4 mg/person/day

Margin of Safety = 280

# Case study example for exposure based waiving approach: **Nootkatone**



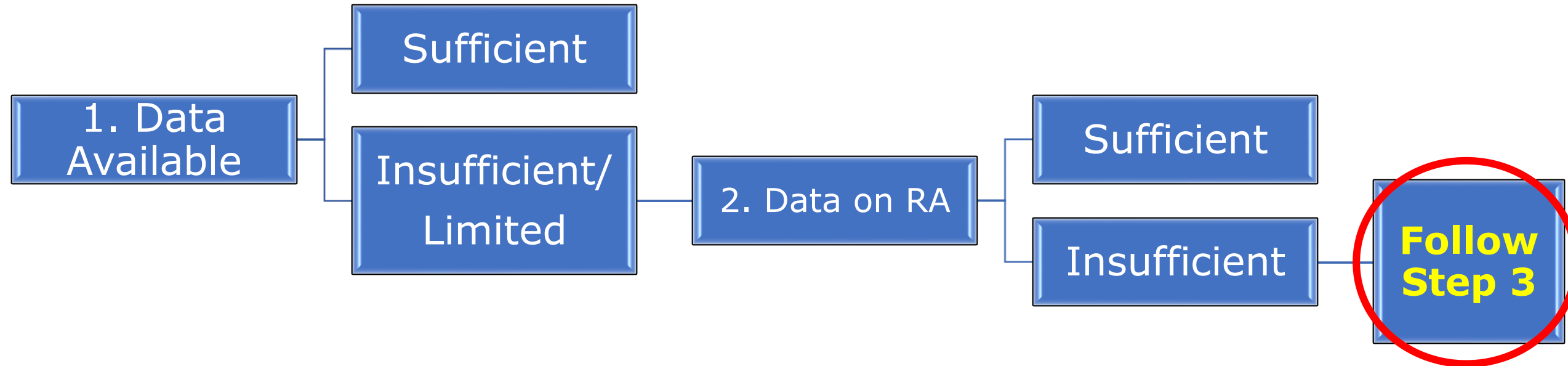
Chronic Aggregate Inhalation Exposure = 0.0003 mg/person/day

Cramer Class = 2

Corresponding TTC limit = 0.47 mg/person/day (Cramer 3 Threshold)

Margin of Safety = 1567

# Exposure based waiving approach is Step 3 of the RIFM safety assessment process



# RIFM is working on **advancing the science for inhalation TTC** similar to the efforts in the area of oral TTC



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## Thresholds of Toxicological Concern for cosmetics-related substances: New database, thresholds, and enrichment of chemical space

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Bolstering the existing database supporting the non-cancer Threshold of Toxicological Concern values with toxicity data on fragrance-related materials

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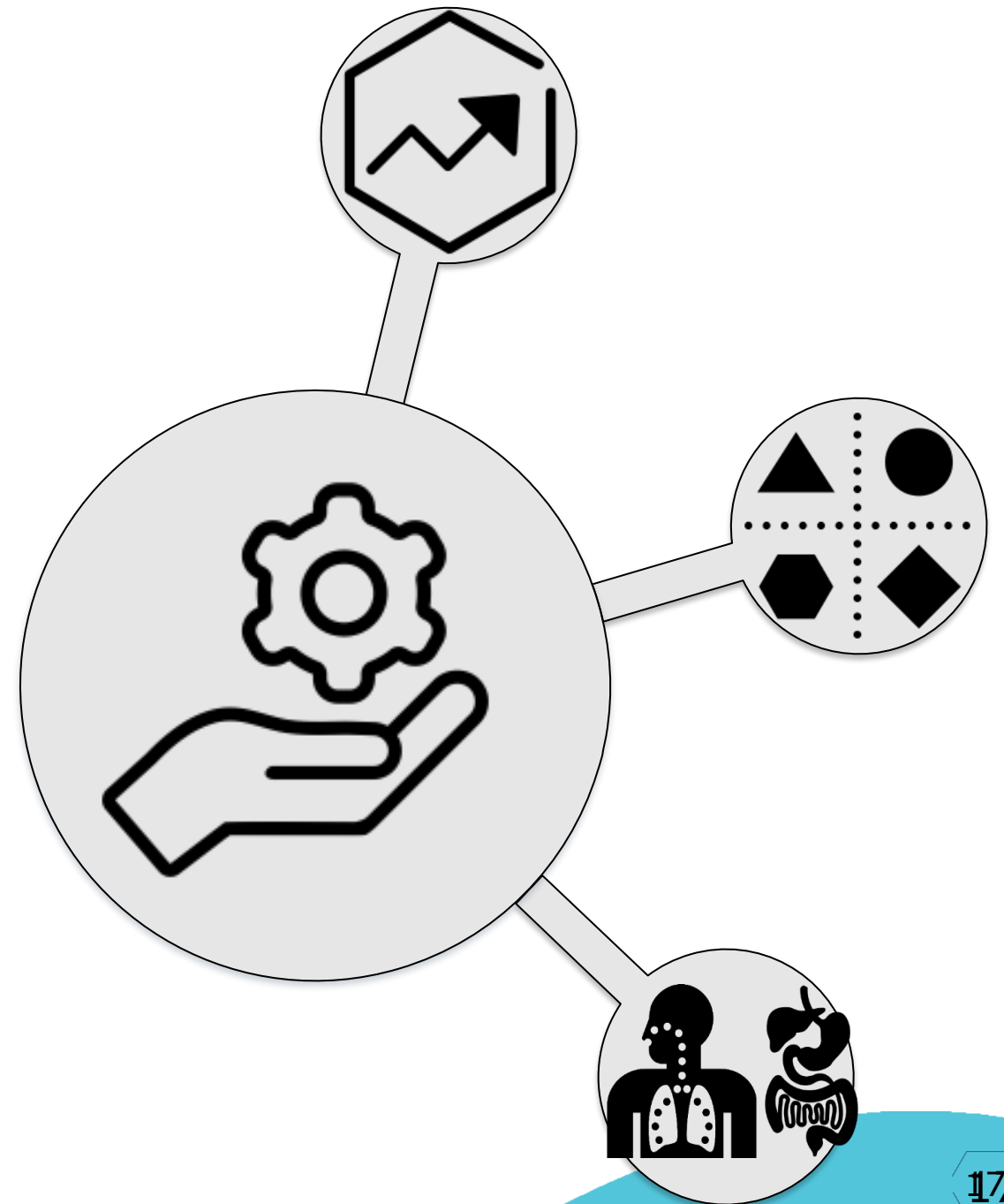
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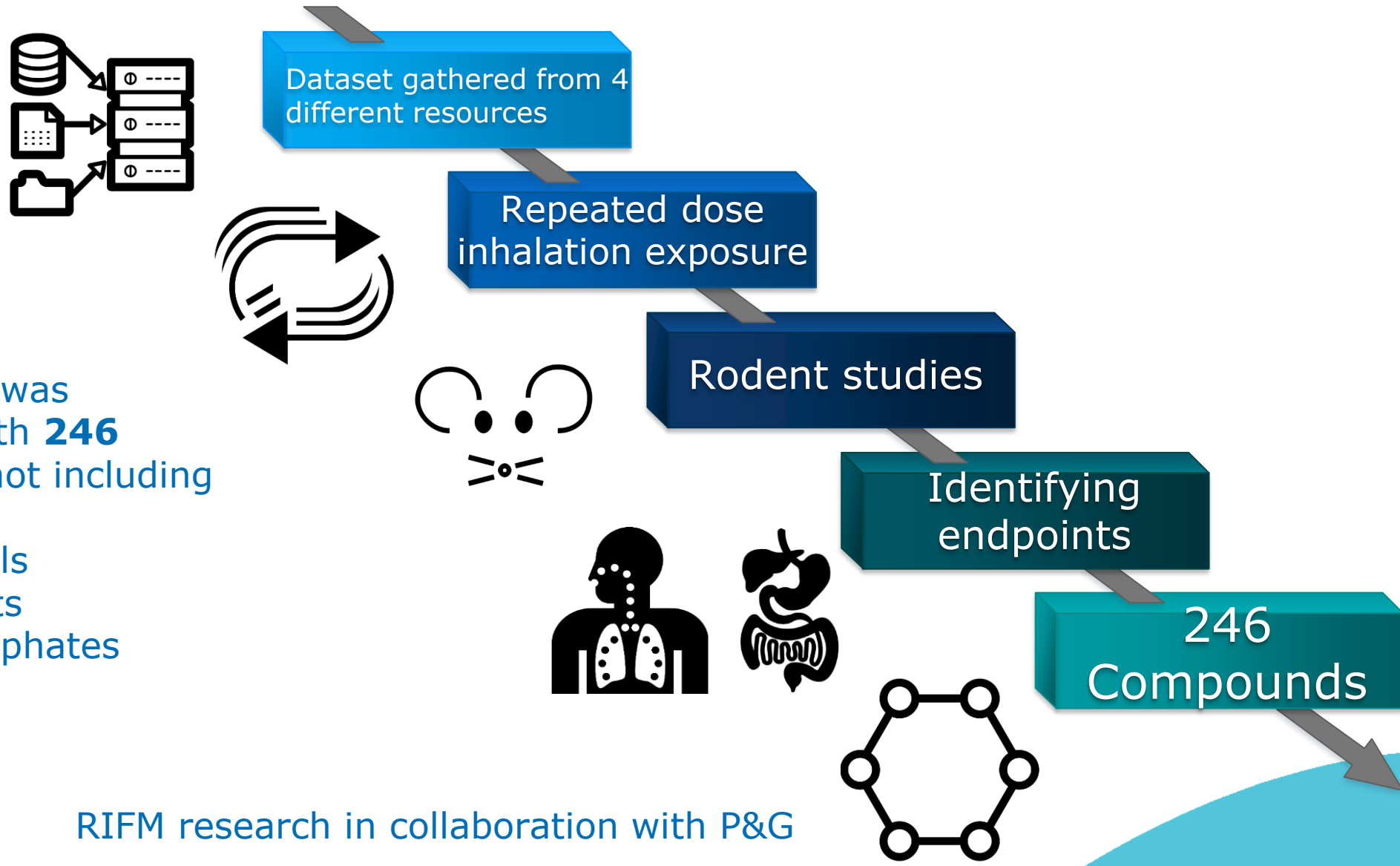
The project was planned to bolster the Carthew et al. 2009 approach for inhalation TTC



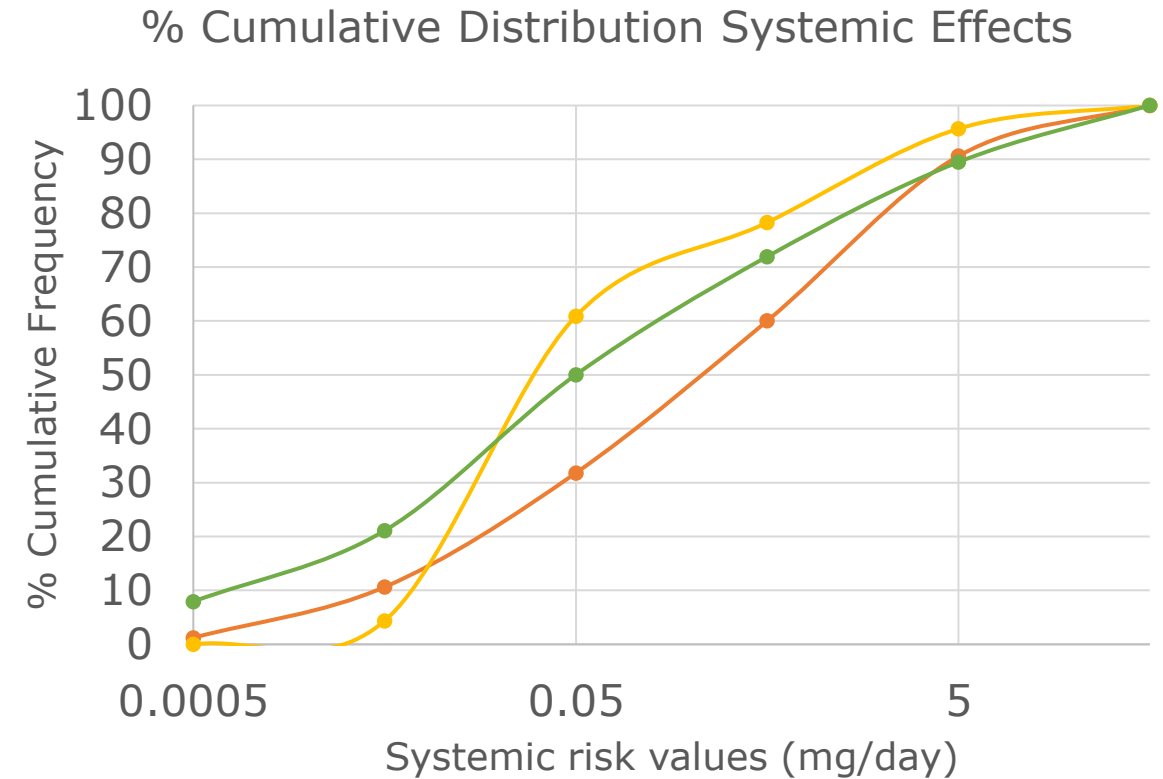
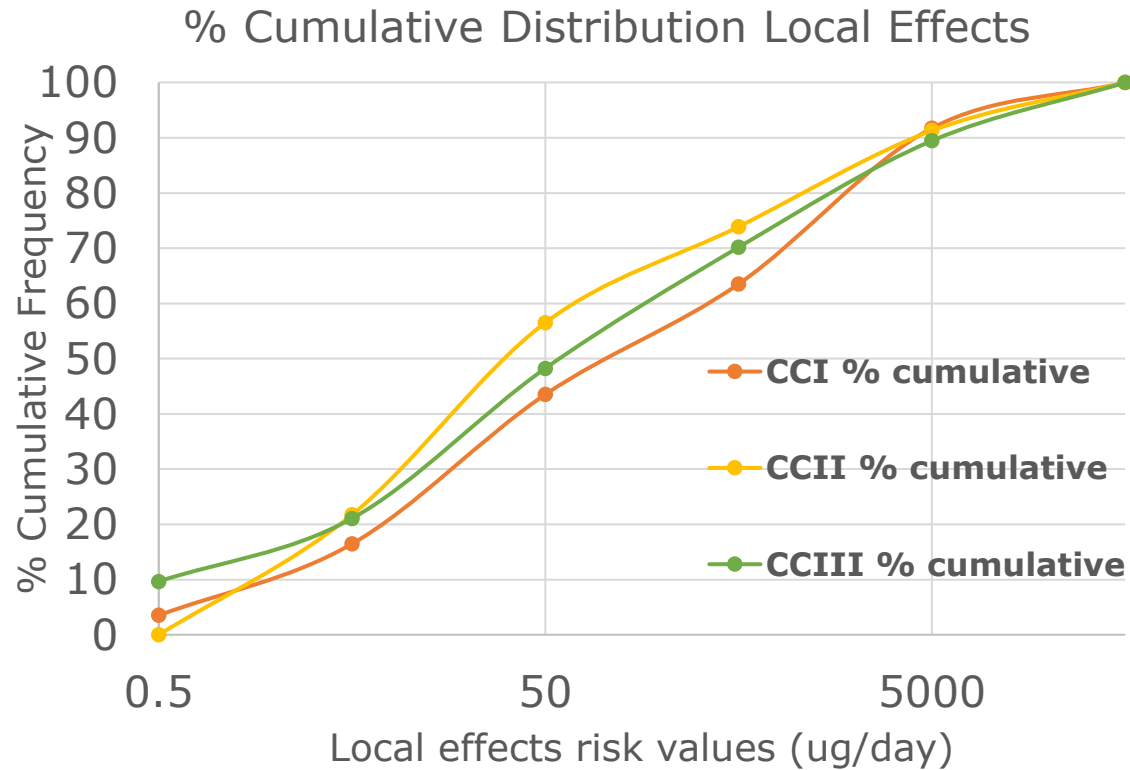
# Broad Goal project for Inhalation TTC has **increased the dataset 2+ times** that of Carthew's

The inventory was established with **246 compounds** not including

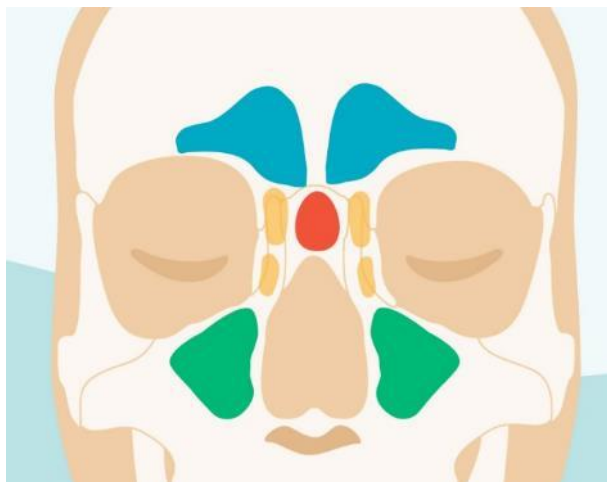
- Genotoxic
- Heavy metals
- Nerve agents
- Organophosphates



# There is a clear distinction between CCI and CCIII material local and systemic effect values



# Materials were also categorized based on **site-specific effects**

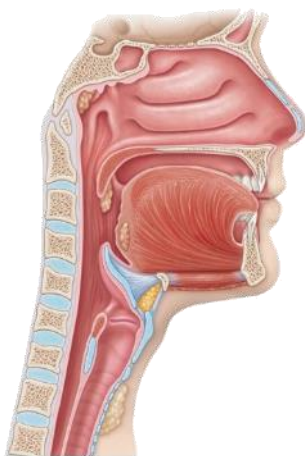


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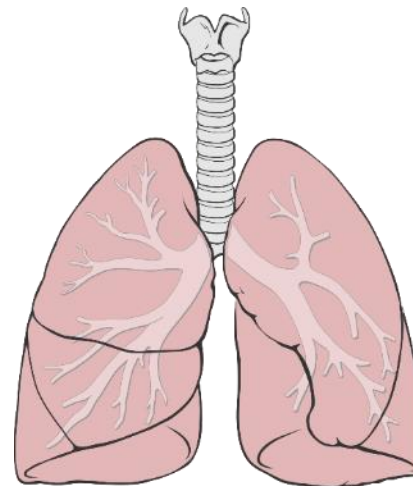
Nose and eye irritation observations only

B: Upper Respiratory Effects

Observations in nose, larynx and pharynx only



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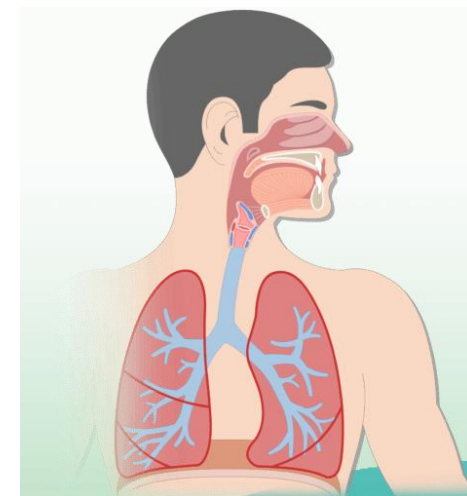


C: Lower Respiratory Effects

Observations in trachea and lungs only

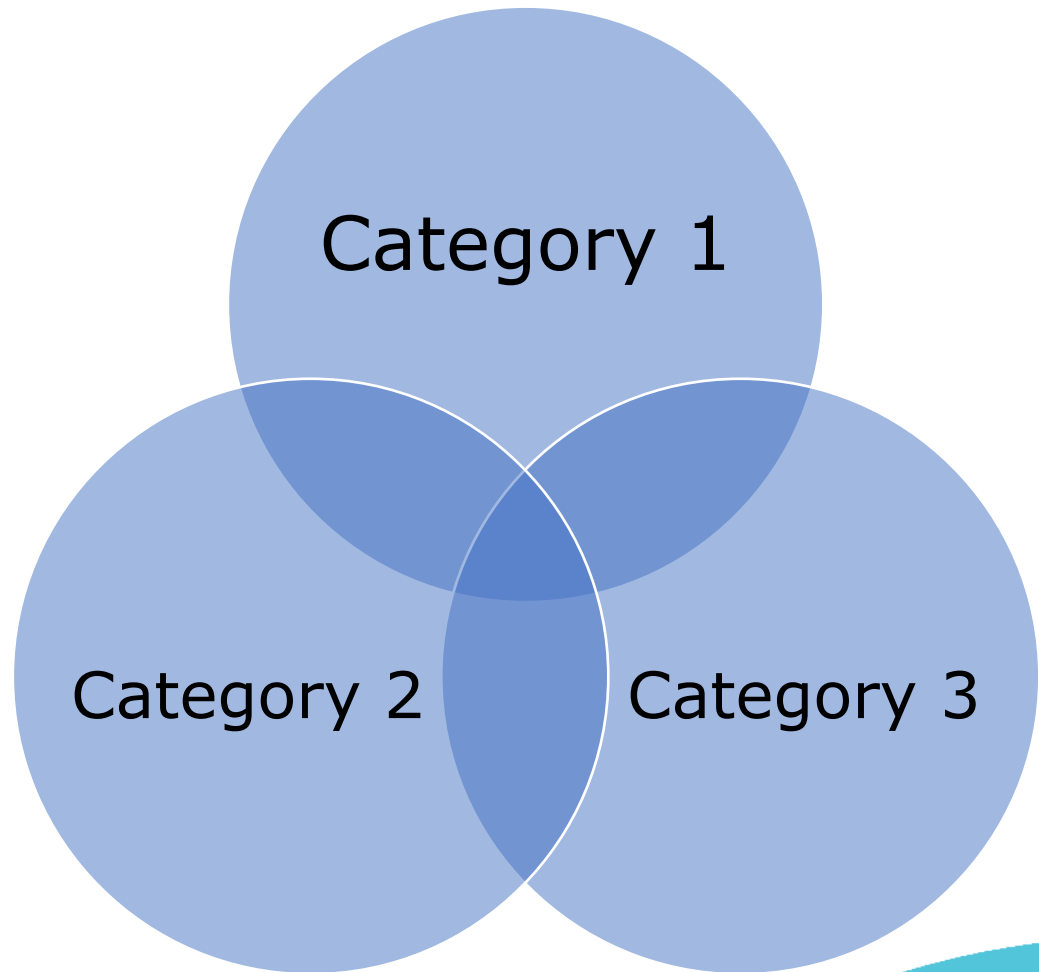
D and E: Entire Respiratory Tract Effects

All tissues in the respiratory system observed

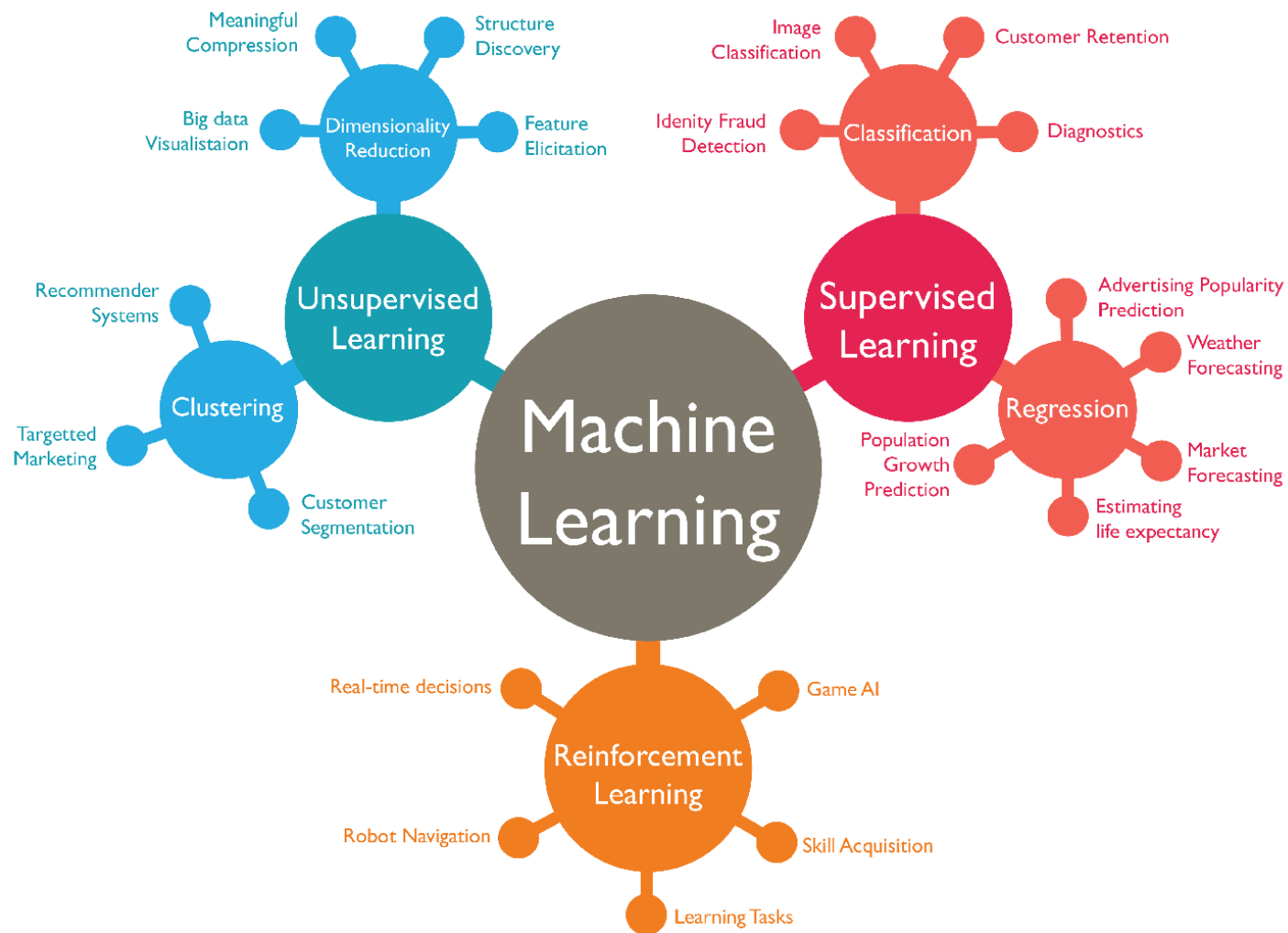


**Machine Learning:** Moving forward from previous attempts at categorizing the dataset

Earlier attempts at categorizing the inventory saw no clear separation of the dataset

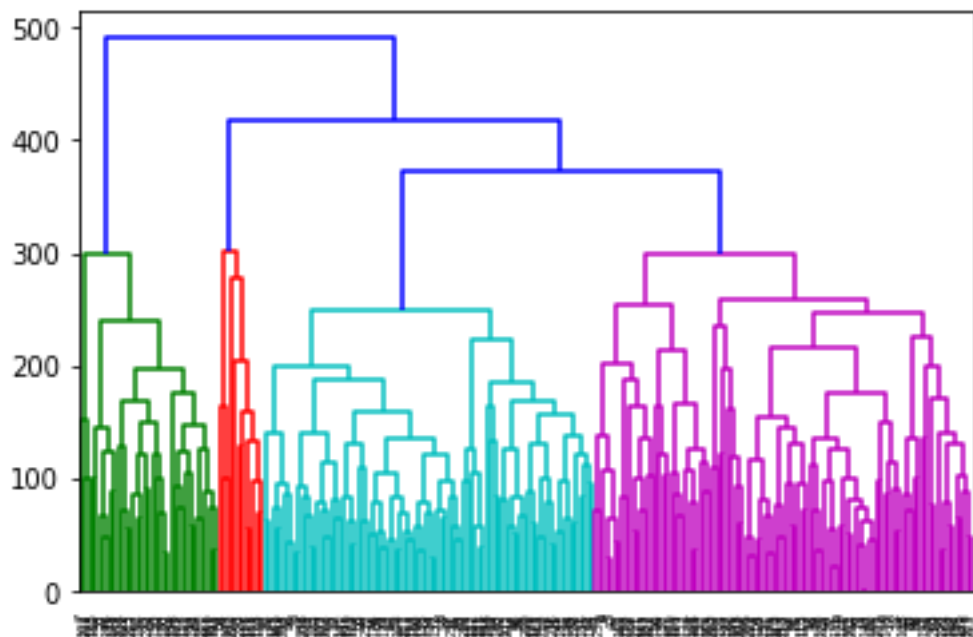


**Ability to  
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explicit  
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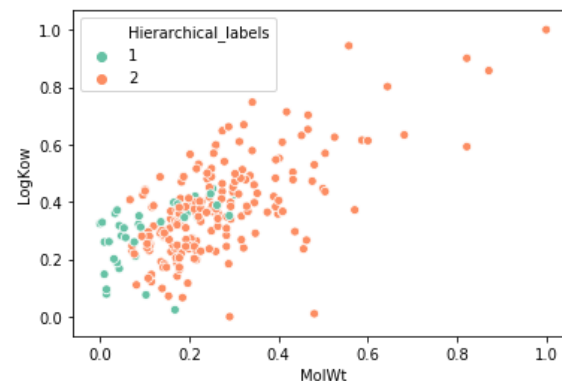


# Visualizing Hierarchical Clusters

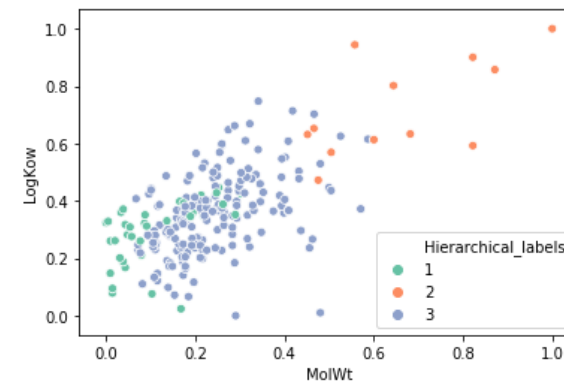
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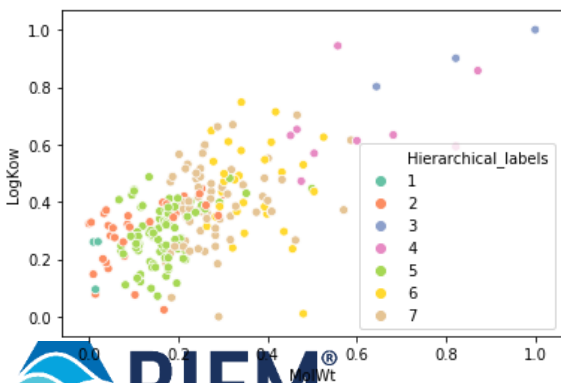
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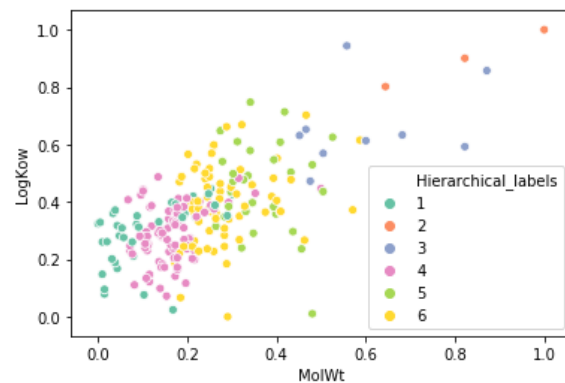
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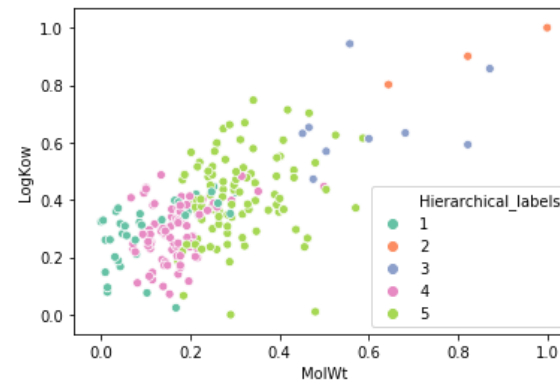
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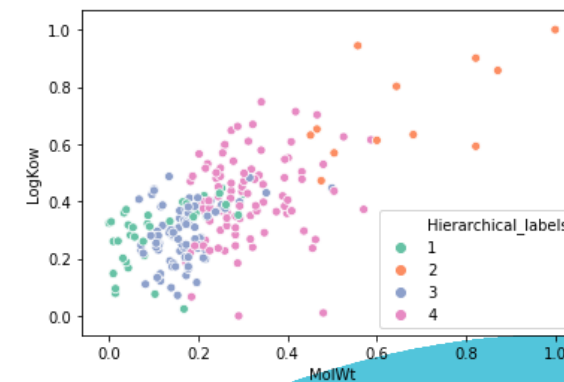
6-membered



5-membered



4-membered



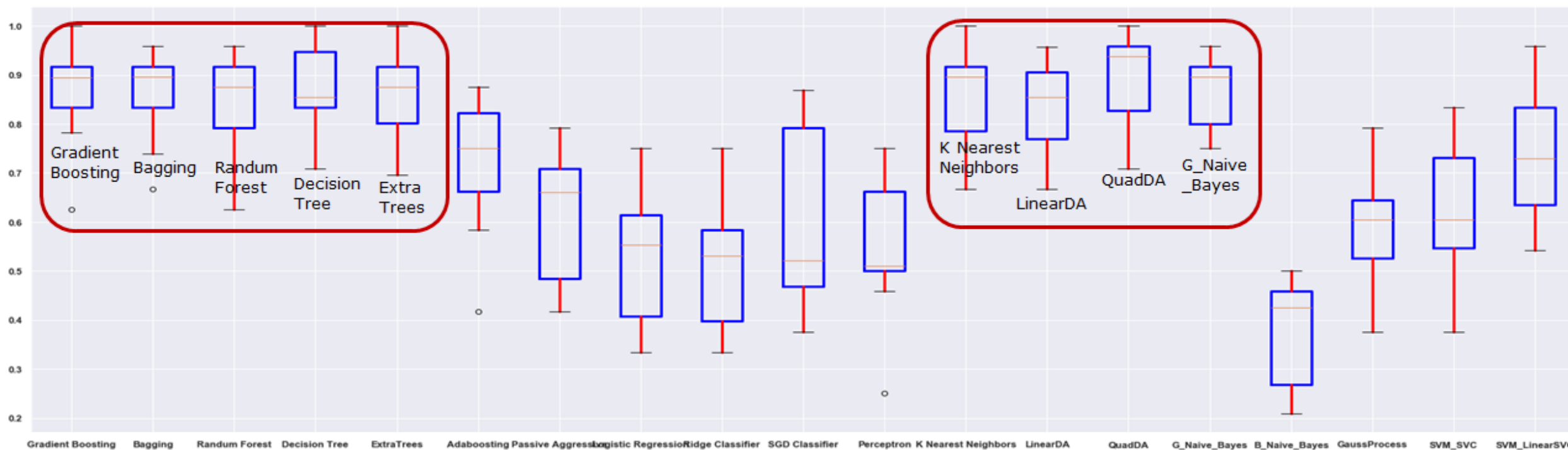
# Hierarchical 5 Clusters: Classification Analysis using 4 Features

**nAtom** = No. of Atoms

**Sv** = Sum of constitutional weighted by van der Waals volume

**ECIndex** = Eccentric connectivity index

**Radius** = Radius of a molecule





# Conclusions

**FIVE clusters using Artificial Intelligence-based Hierarchical Clustering have been identified to classify inhalation TTC materials**

**Classification of inhalation TTC materials is decided by four features:**

**Number of atoms  
van der Waals Volume  
Shape and size of a molecule**

**Any of following machine learning methods is recommended for studying inhalation TTC materials:**

**Bagging  
QuadDA  
Random Forest  
G\_Naive\_Bayes**

**K-Nearest Neighbor  
Gradient Boosting  
ExtraTrees**

# Cosmetics Europe Workshop for Inhalation TTC was held in November 2020

- Several groups participated and provided their research insights both in the area of TTC and in inhalation toxicity
- Knowledge gaps in inhalation TTC were identified
- Fostered new partnerships to be established to work together to address these knowledge gaps





**The next steps are all about growth  
and expansion**