

General Unified Threshold model of Survival (GUTS) under  
time variable chemical exposure:

Comparison of Bayesian implementation with integration  
of ODEs in R using JAGS or Stan.

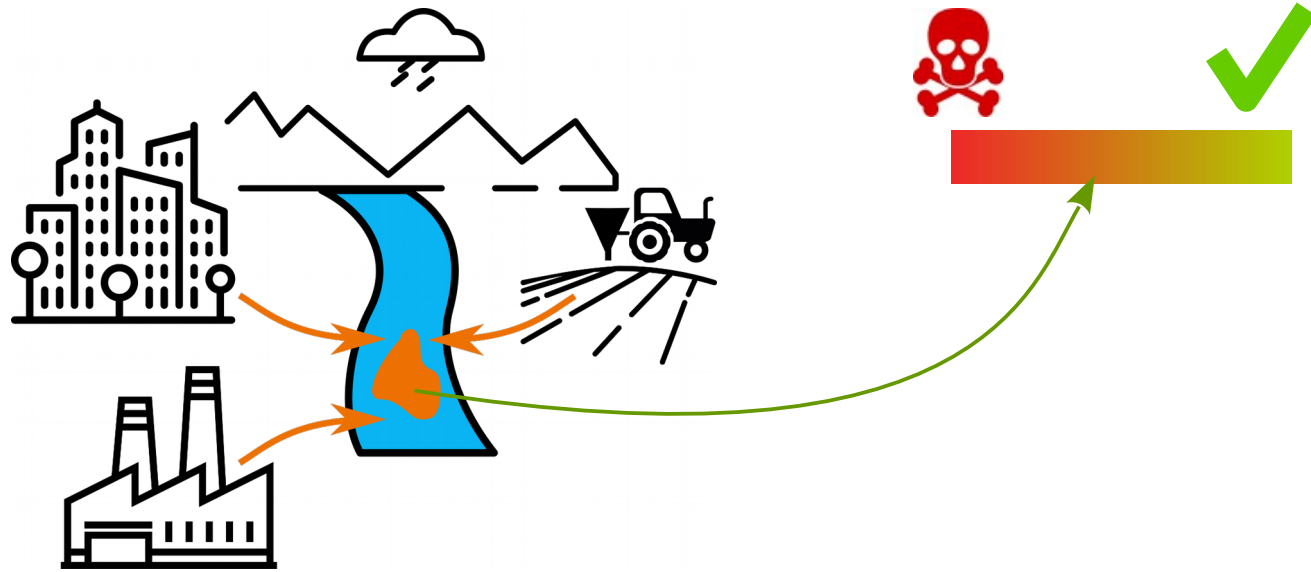
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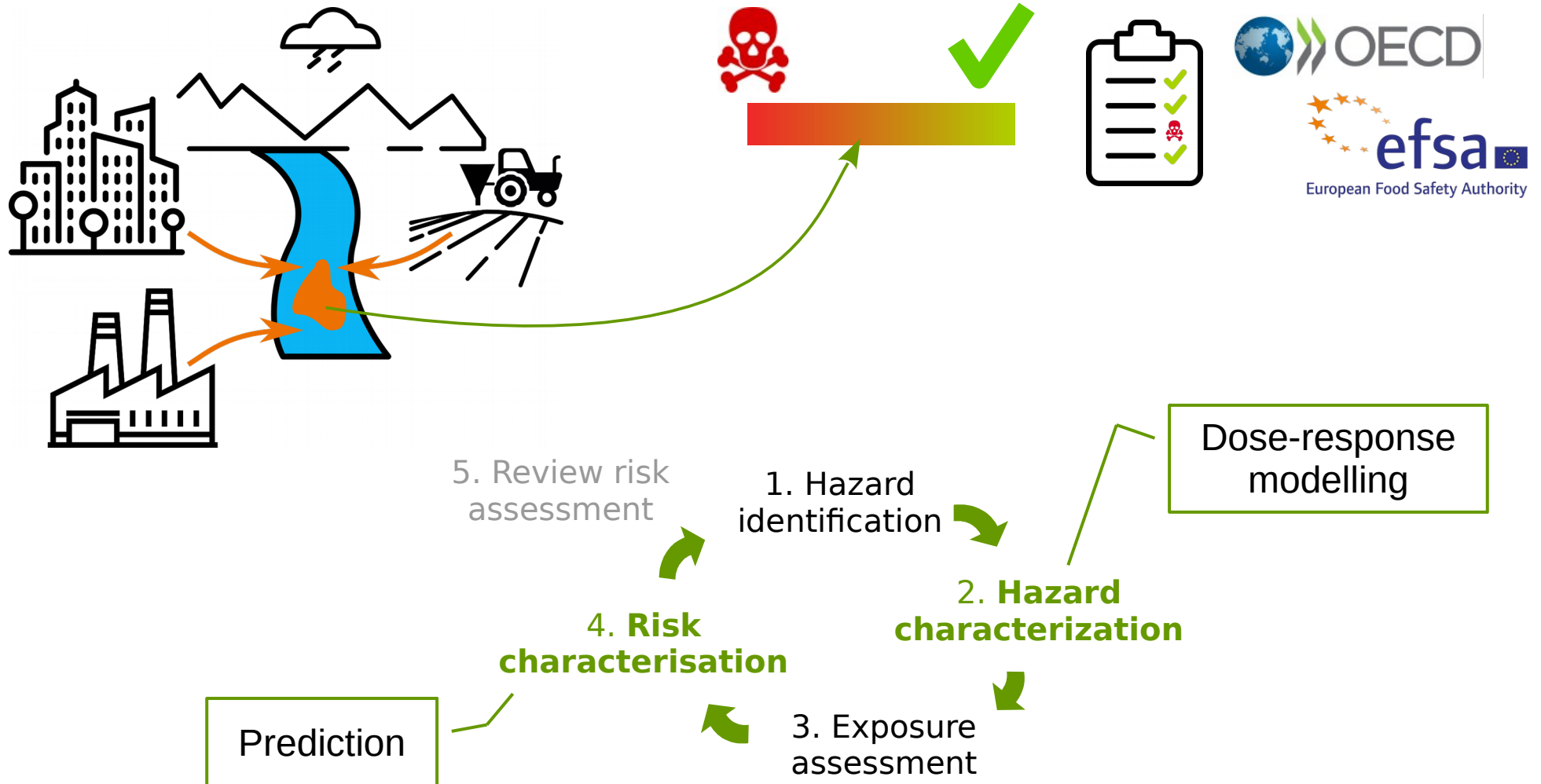
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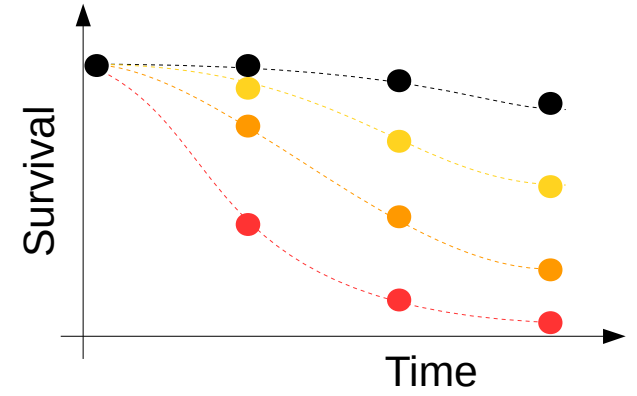
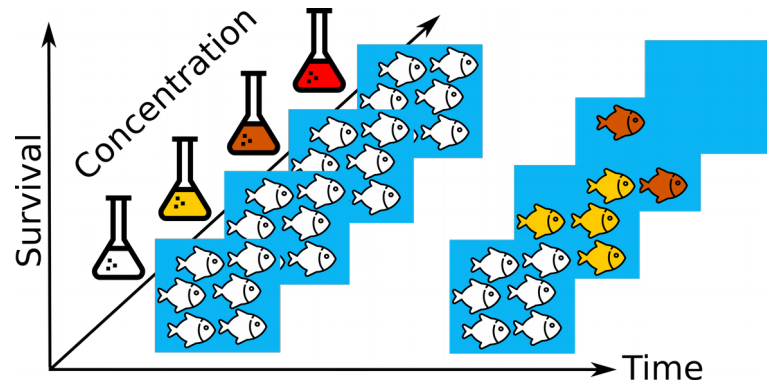
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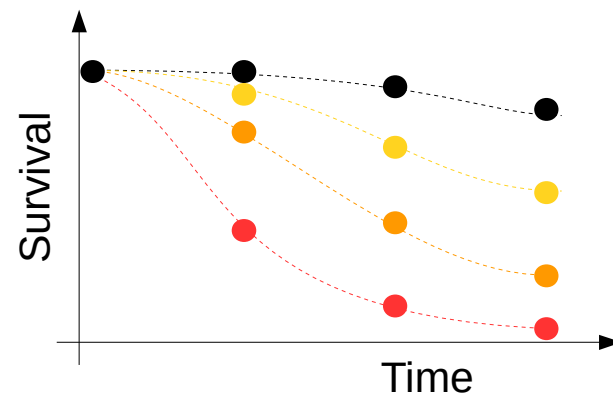
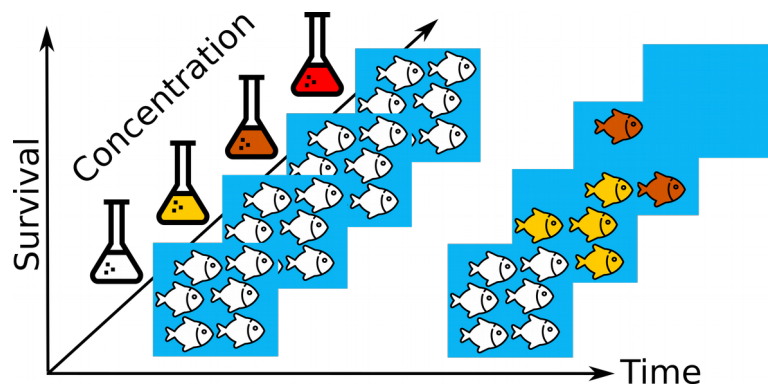


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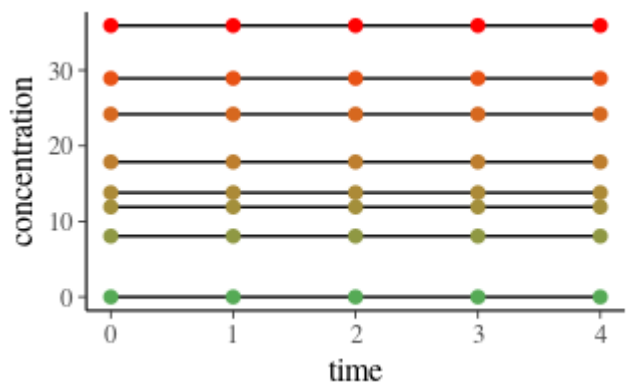


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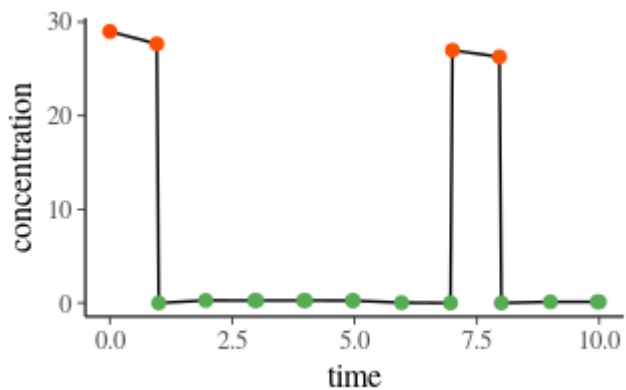


Exposure profiles:

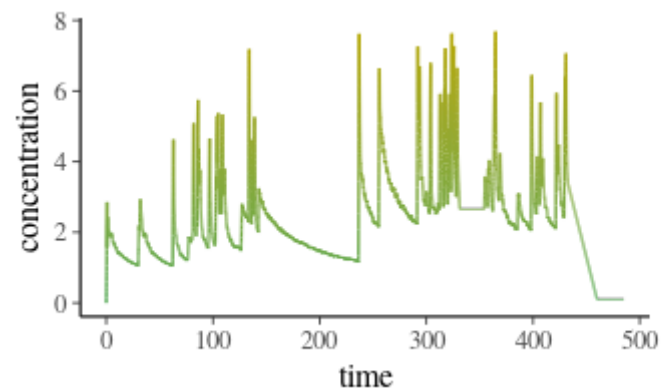
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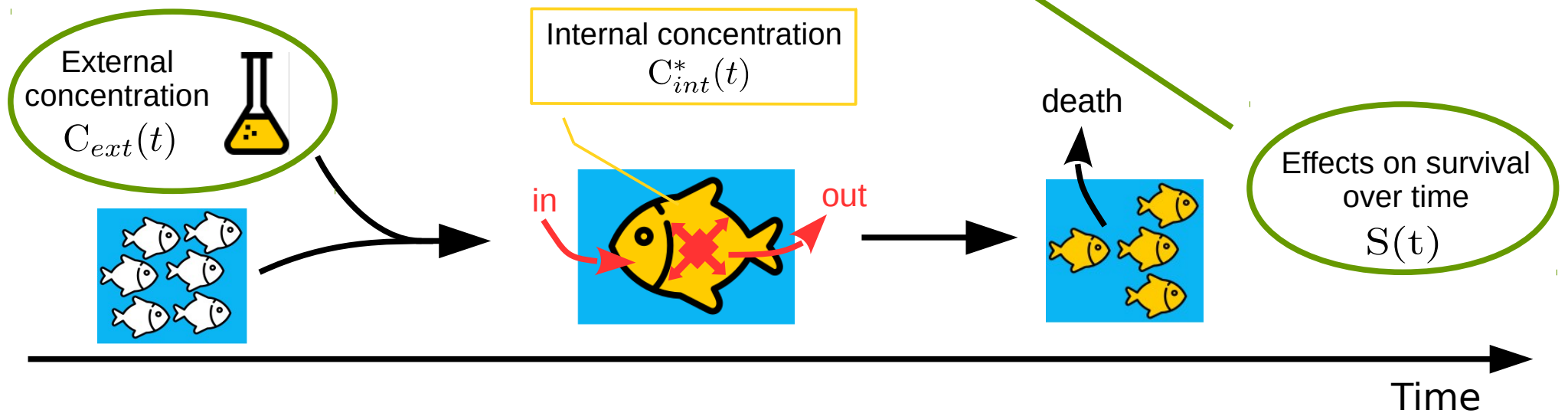
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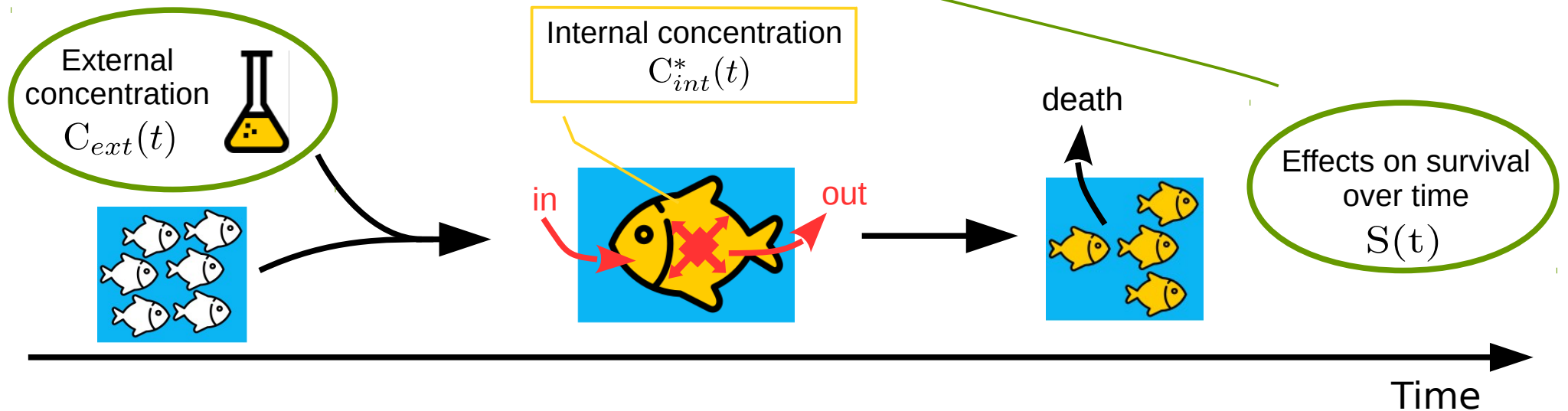
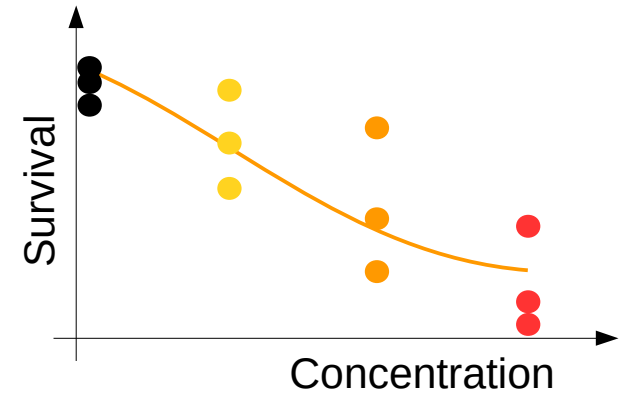
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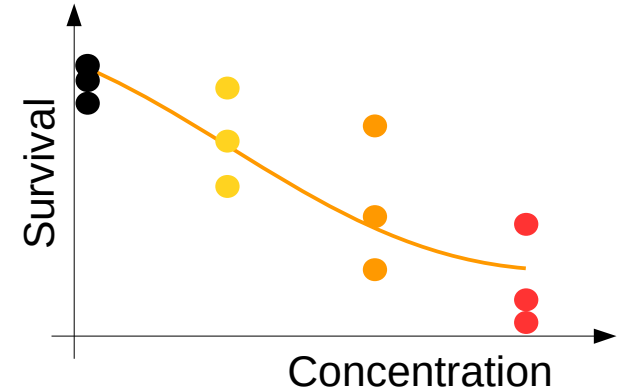
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Least-squares estimates



function `drm` from `drc` package (Ritz et al., 2015)

Bayesian inference



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**JAGS**

Just Another Gibbs Sampler



function `survFitTT` from `morse` package

(version 2.2.0 - Delignette-Muller et al., 2016 ;

(version 3.0.0 - Baudrot et al., 2017 )



web interface

<http://pbil.univ-lyon1.fr/software/mosaic/>



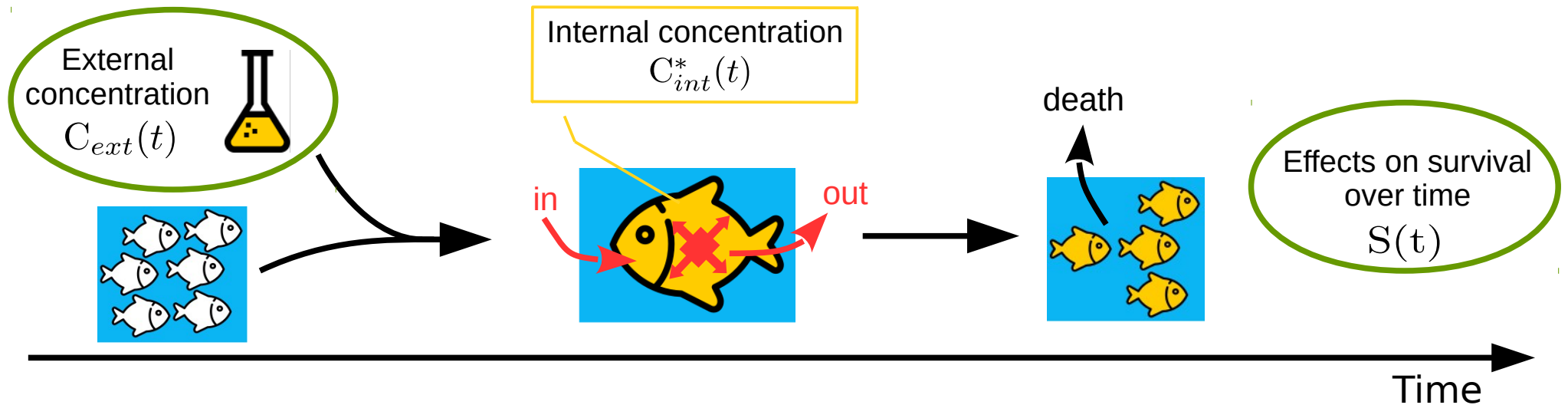
# Model: TKTD

- Bioaccumulation
- Diffusion
- Biotransformation
- Elimination

- Toxic mechanism
- Biochemical effects
- Physiological effects
- Mortal., Repro., Behav.

Toxicokinetics (TK)

Toxicodynamics (TD)



# Model: TKTD

## Theoretical & Applied ecotoxicology

- **mechanistic** rather than describe (e.g., Grimm et al., 2009 ; Forbes et al., 2009)
- **temporal aspects of exposure & toxicity** (non-constant profiles) (e.g., Ashauer et al., 2007)
- consider **all data-point** of the experiment (no time-specific)
- derive time-independent **toxicity parameters** (e.g., Jager et al., 2011)
- make **predictions** for untested situations (e.g., Ashauer et al., 2007)
- effects of **mixture** over-time (Jager et al., 2010)

## Policies

- TKTD model are **promoted by OECD** (Series on testing and assessment N°54, 2006)
- part of **ERA of PPPs** (Plant Protection Products) (EFSA PPR Panel, 2013)
- can be used for **REACH dossier**

# Model: TKTD



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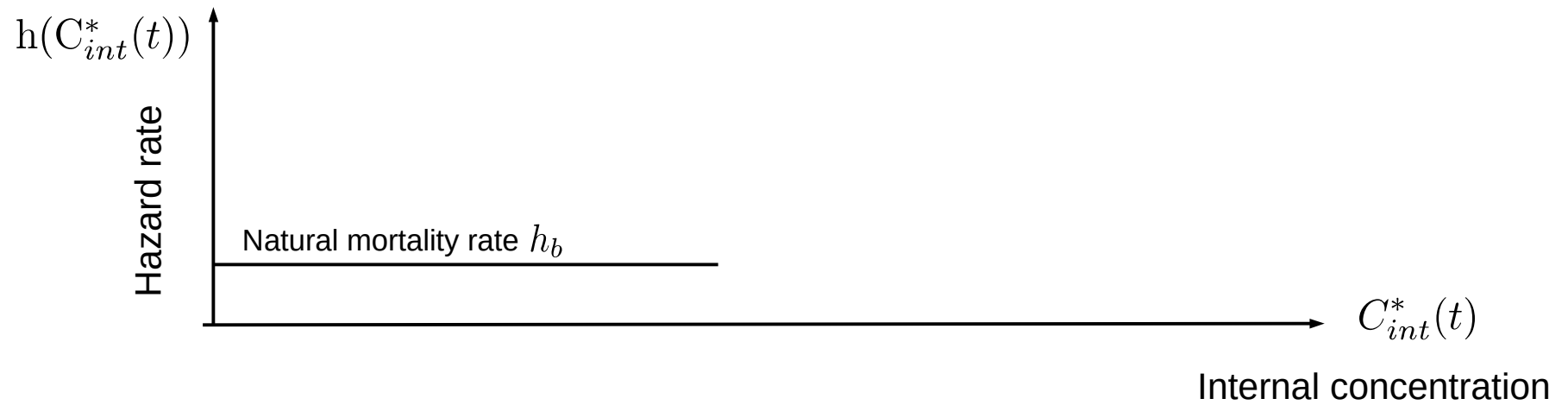
General Unified Threshold model of Survival (GUTS)  
(Jager *et al.*, 2011 ; Ashauer *et al.*, 2013)

Two complementary death mechanisms:

- 1. Stochastic Death (SD)**
- 2. Individual Tolerance (IT)**



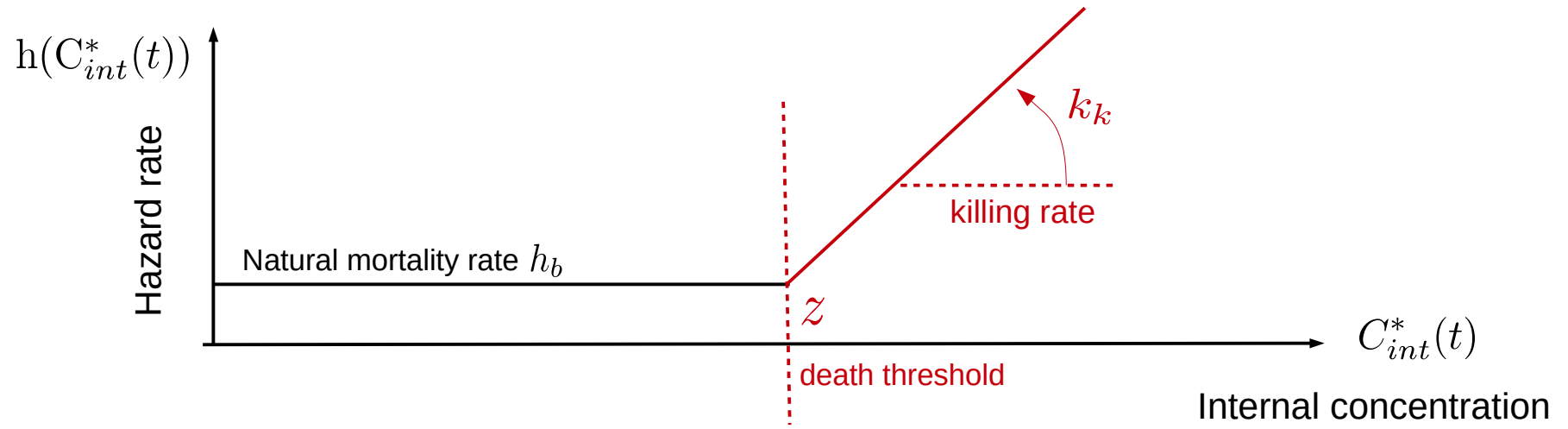
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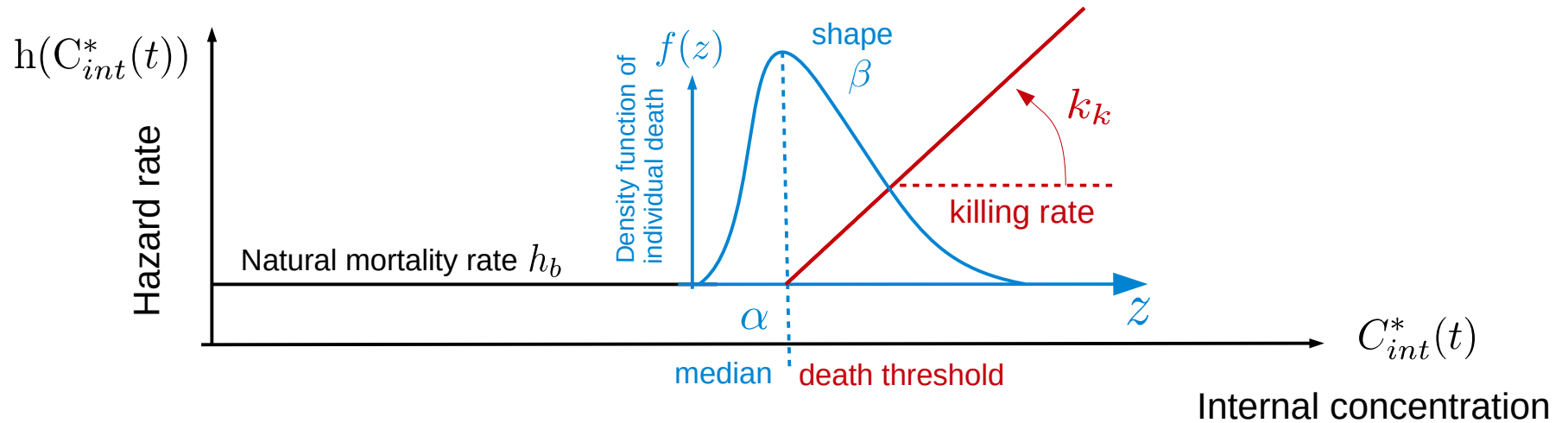
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Stochastic Death (SD)

Individual Tolerance (IT)

'proper'



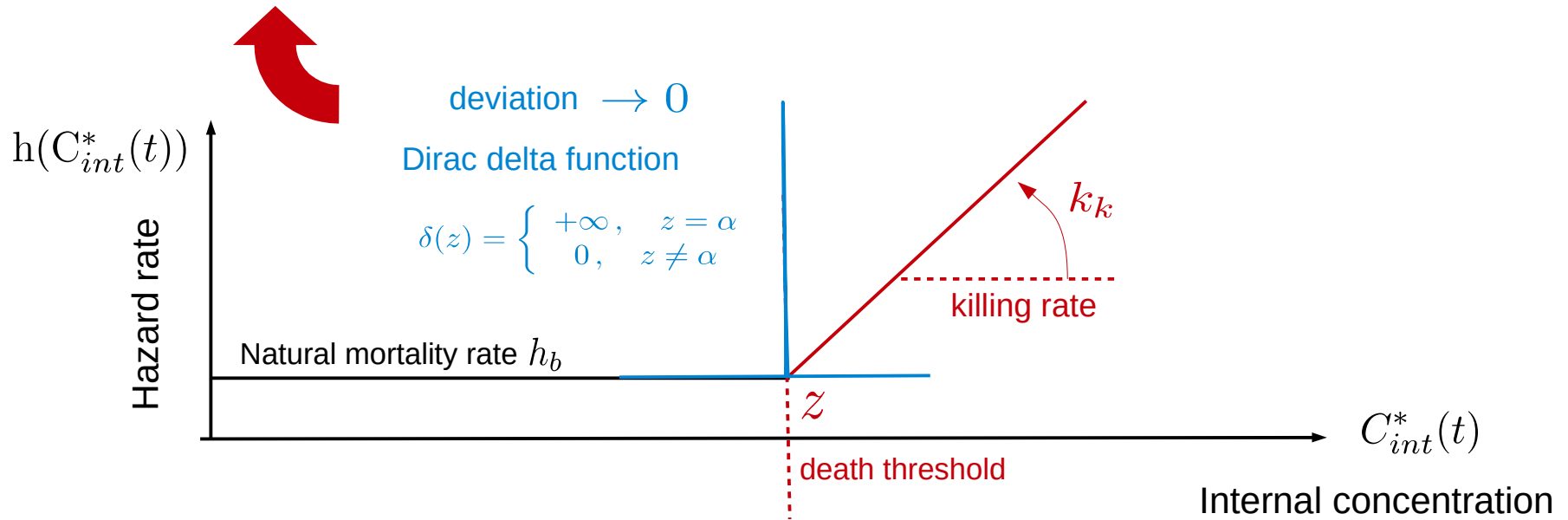
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## Stochastic Death (SD)

$$S_{SD}(t) = \exp \left( - \int_0^t \overbrace{k_k \max(C_{int}^*(\tau) - z, 0) + h_b}_{h(C_{int}^*(\tau))} d\tau \right)$$

- All individual are identical
- $C_{int}^*(t)$  increases death probability



(Jager *et al.*, 2011)

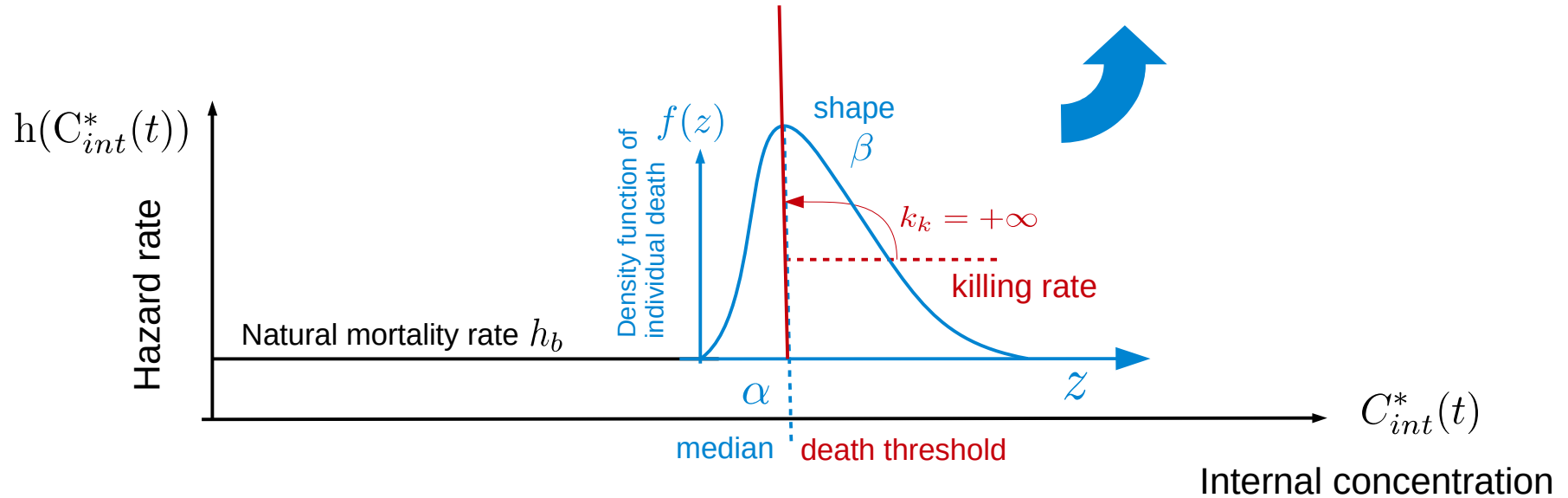
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- Death is immediate if  $C_{int}^* > z$
- Individuals differ in  $z$

## Individual Tolerance (IT)

$$S_{IT}(t) = e^{-h_b t} \int_{\max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} C_{int}^*(\tau)}^{+\infty} f(z) dz$$

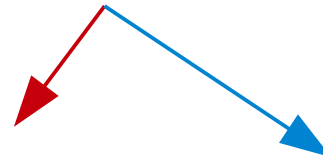
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# Model: TKTD

Toxicokinetics  
(TK)

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Toxicodynamics  
(TD) - GUTS

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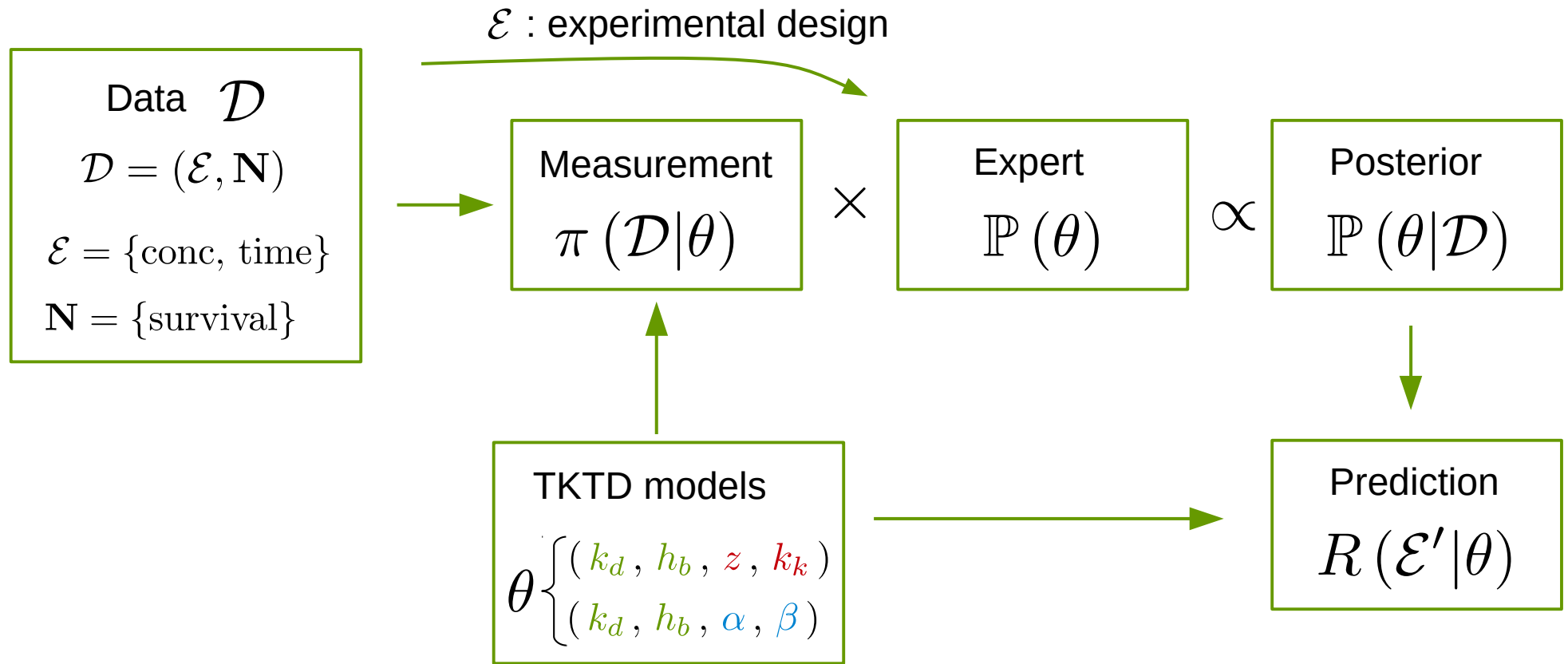
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$\theta :$   $(k_d, h_b, z, k_k)$

$(k_d, h_b, \alpha, \beta)$

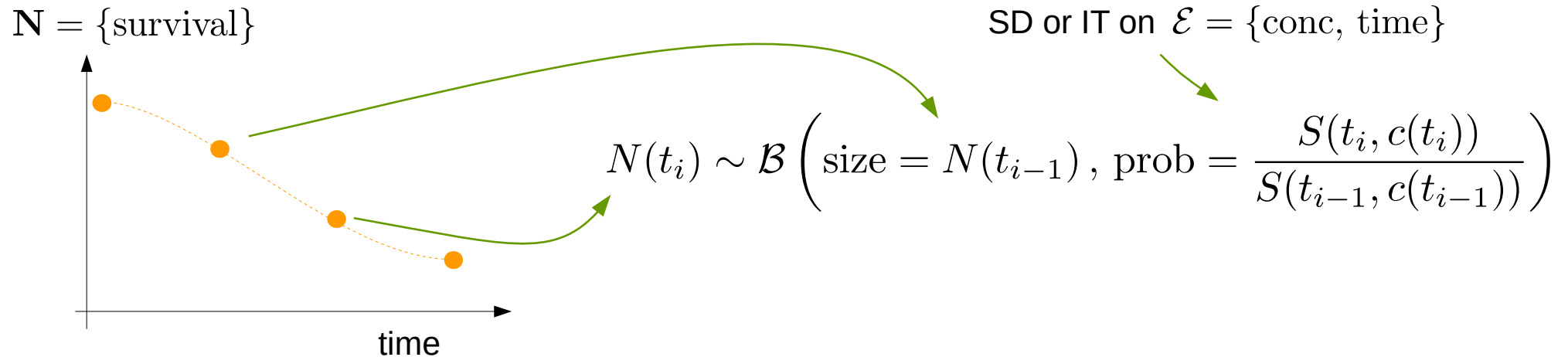


# Linking data & model: Bayesian workflow



# Likelihood – Multinomial (= conditional binomial)

(Jager et al., 2011 ; Kon Kam King et al., 2015)



➔ 
$$\pi(\mathbf{N}|\theta) = N_0! \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \frac{(S(t_{i-1}) - S(t_i))^{N_{i-1} - N_i}}{(N_{i-1} - N_i)!}$$



# Priors : from the experimental design

(Delignette-Muller *et al.*, 2017)

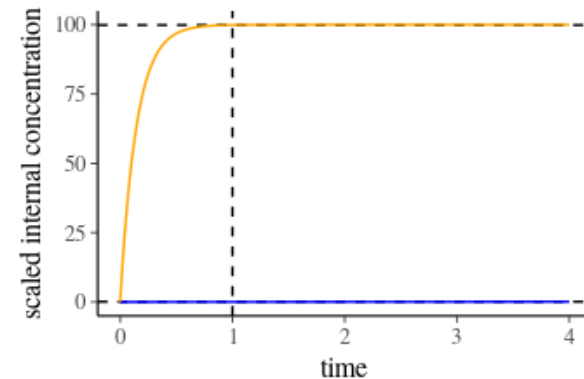
$$\log_{10}(\theta) \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{\log_{10}(\theta_{min}) + \log_{10}(\theta_{max})}{2}, \frac{\log_{10}(\theta_{max}) - \log_{10}(\theta_{min})}{4}\right) \Rightarrow [\theta_{min}, \theta_{max}] = [Q2.5, Q97.5]$$

## Toxicokinetics (TK)

$$\frac{dC_{int}^*(t)}{dt} = k_d(C_{ext}(t) - C_{int}^*(t))$$

Dominant exposure/excretion rate

$$\forall t, C_{ext}(t) = C_{ext} \Rightarrow C_{int}^*(t) = C_{ext} (1 - e^{-k_d t})$$



$$k_d : [C_{int}^* \text{ is } 99.9\% C_{ext} \text{ at } t_{min}, C_{int}^* \text{ is } 0.1\% C_{ext} \text{ at } t_{max}] = \left[ \frac{-\ln(0,999)}{t_{max}}, \frac{-\ln(0,001)}{t_{min}} \right]$$

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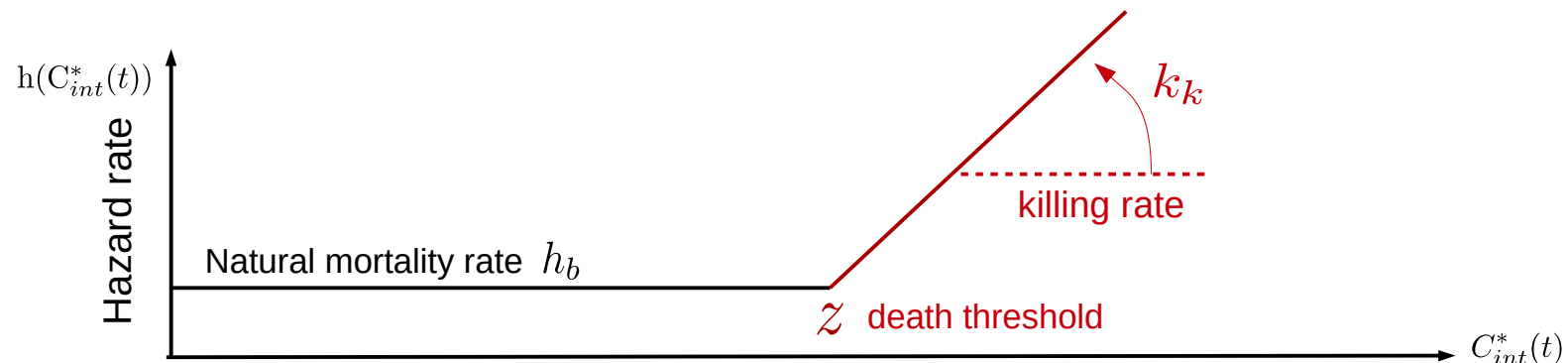
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## Toxicodynamics (TD) - SD

$$h_b : \left[ \text{lifetime} \stackrel{\text{avg}}{=} 1000 \times t_{max}, 50\% \text{ death } t_{min} \right] = \left[ \frac{-\ln(0,999)}{t_{max}}, \frac{-\ln(0,5)}{t_{min}} \right]$$

$$z : [C_{min}, C_{max}]$$

$$k_k : \left[ 99.9\% \text{ survive at } (C_{max}, t_{max}, z \approx C_{min}), 99.9\% \text{ death } \Delta_{min}^C \right] = \left[ \frac{-\ln(0,999)}{t_{max}(C_{max} - C_{min})}, \frac{-\ln(0,001)}{t_{min}\Delta_{min}^C} \right]$$



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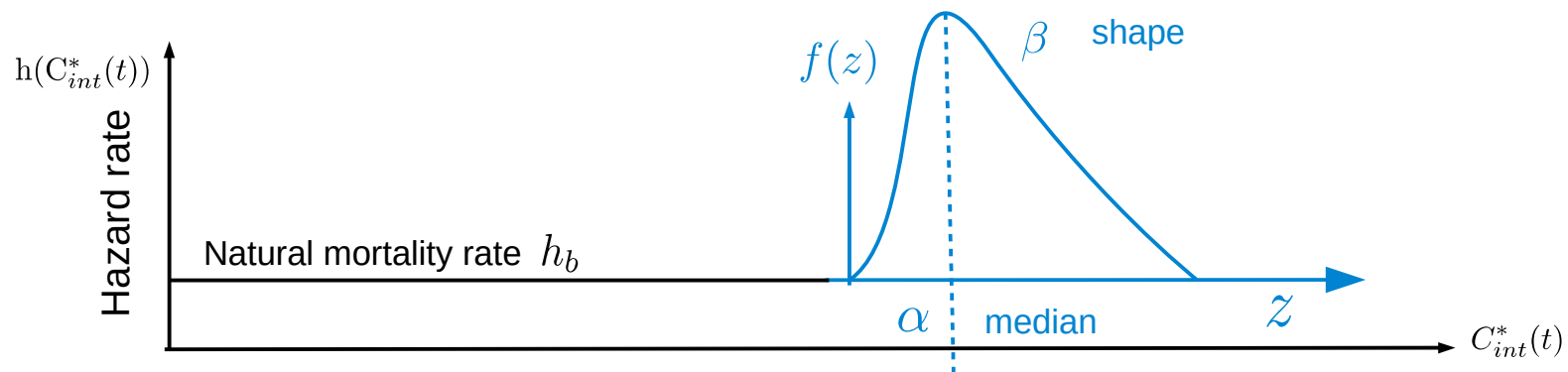
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$$\alpha : [C_{min}, C_{max}]$$

$$\beta = \ln(39) / \ln(F_s) \Rightarrow 95\% \text{ interval} = [\alpha / F_s, \alpha \times F_s]$$

$$\beta : \log_{10}(\beta) \sim \mathcal{U}[-2, 2] \quad \text{or}$$

$$\ln(F_s) \sim \mathcal{U}[0; C_{max}]$$



# Application: Environmental Risk Assessment

1. **Easy** to use
2. **Minimize user influence** on calibration of parameters
3. Allow **prediction with uncertainty**

replicate	time	conc	survival
A	$t_{A,1}$	$C_{A,1}$	$N_{A,1}$
A	$t_{A,2}$	$C_{A,2}$	$N_{A,2}$
...	...	...	...
B	$t_{B,1}$	$C_{B,1}$	$N_{B,1}$
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C	$t_{C,1}$	$C_{C,1}$	$N_{C,1}$
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R + Stan  
'rstanTKTD'

R + JAGS  
'morse'

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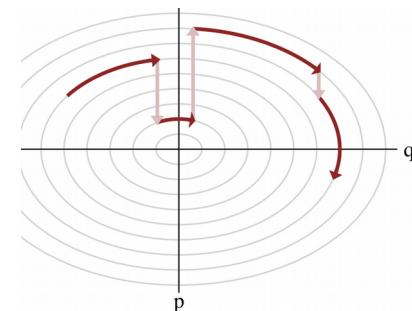
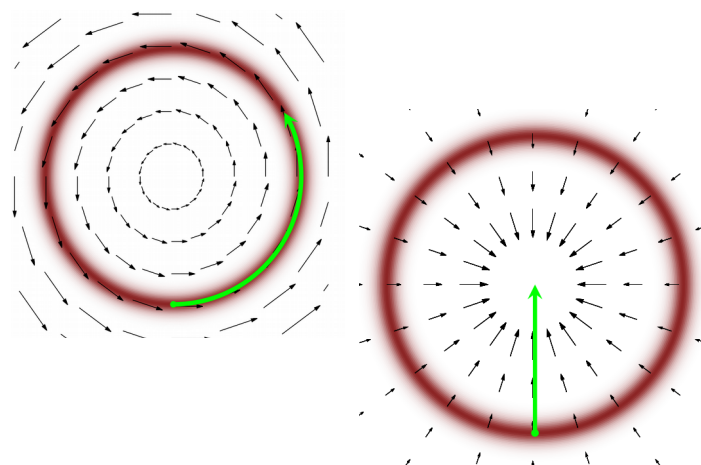
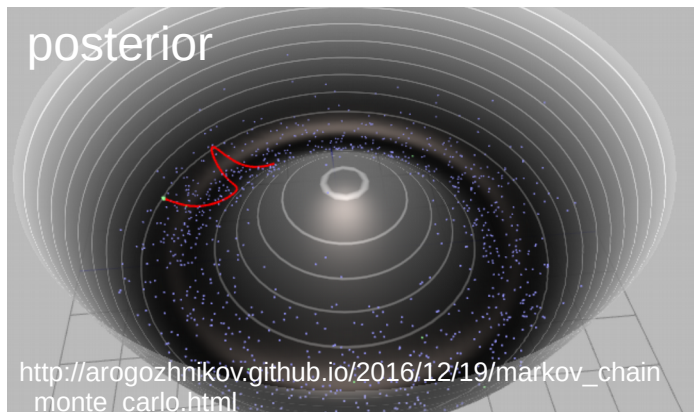
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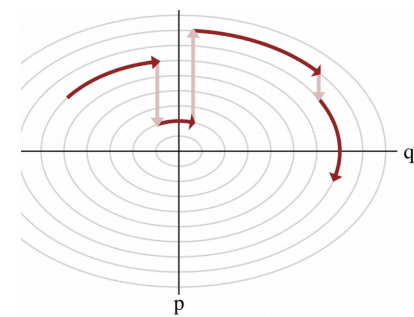
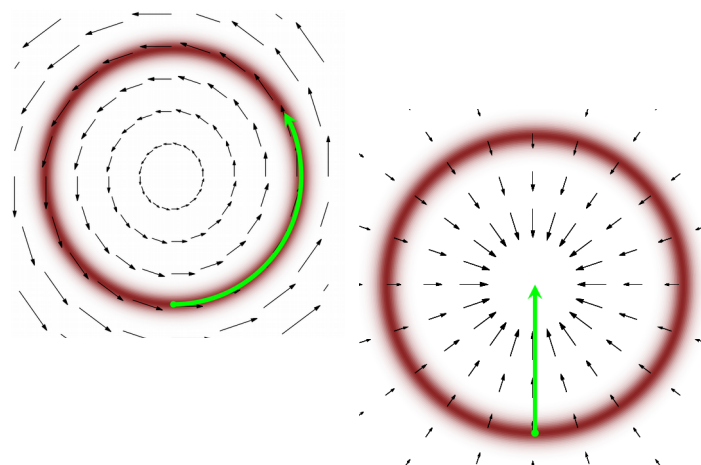
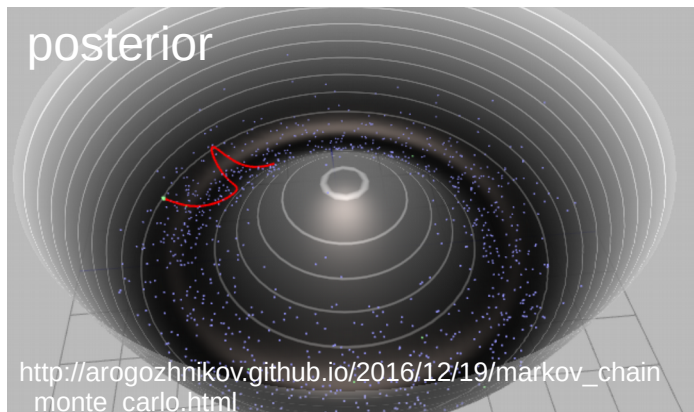
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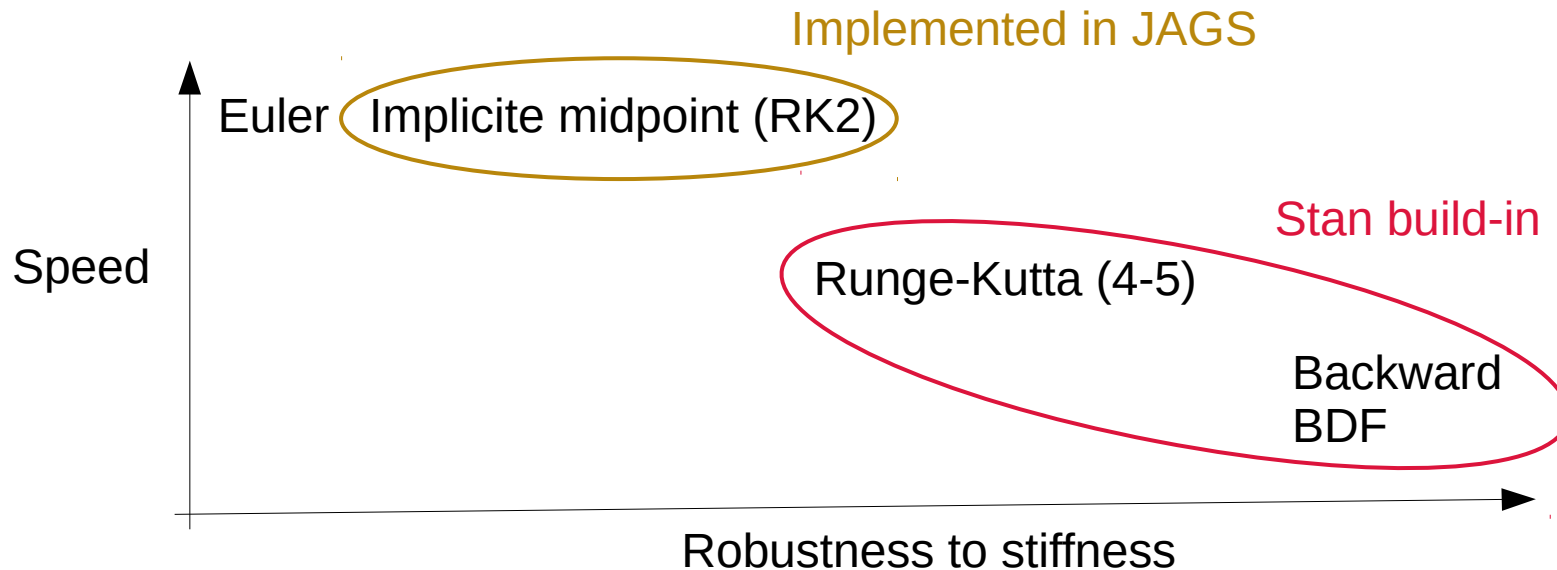
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- JAGS: Some difficulties when variables in hierarchical models are highly correlated (M. Plummer blog post)
- Stan: Iterations have a higher cost BUT significantly less iterations
- Stan is delicate to tune (Betancourt *et al.*, 2017)

# ODEs integrators for variable concentrations

Potential **stiff problems** with integration of 2 time-scales:

- TK: time-scale of physiological mechanisms
- TD: time-scale of individual effect dynamics



# Implementation

## JAGS

Just Another Gibbs Sampler

```
"model {  
  
#--- priors  
kd_log10 ~ dnorm(kd_meanlog10, kd_tau_log10)  
...  
  
#--- parameter  
kd <- 10**kd_log10  
...  
  
#--- ODEs Integration  
for( i in 1:n_data){  
  ##--- Implicit midpoint method  
  H_int[replicate_ID_long[i], time_ID_long[i]]  
  ...  
  ...  
}  
  
for( i in 1:n_data_red){  
  ##--- Survival rate  
  H[replicate_ID[i], time_ID_red[i]] <- H_int[...]  
  psurv[i] = exp( - H[replicate_ID[i], time_ID_red[i]])  
  
  ##--- Likelihood  
  Nsurv[i] ~ dbin(psurv[i]/psurv[i_prec[i]] , Nprec[i])  
  
}"
```

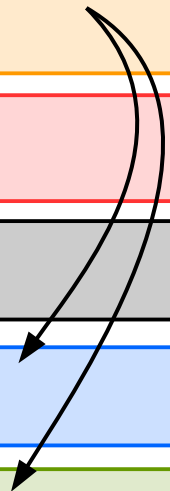
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functions {  
  int find_interval_elem(...) {  
    ...  
  }  
  real linearInterp(...) {  
    ...  
  }  
  real[] TKTD_varSD(...) {  
    ...  
    //--- Model :  
    dy_dt[1] = kd * ( conc_linInterp - y[1]);  
    dy_dt[2] = kk * max(0, y[1] - z) + hb;  
  }  
  matrix solve_TKTD_varSD(...) {  
    integrate_ode_rk45(TKTD_varSD, y0, t0, ts, theta, ...);  
    ...  
  }  
}
```

```
data {  
  ...  
}
```

```
parameters {  
  ...  
}
```

```
transformed parameters {  
  ...  
}
```

```
model {  
  Nsurv[...] ~ binomial( Nprec[...], Conditional_psurv[...]);  
}
```





# Examples

(Ashauer *et al.*, 2016 ; Nyman *et al.*, 2012)



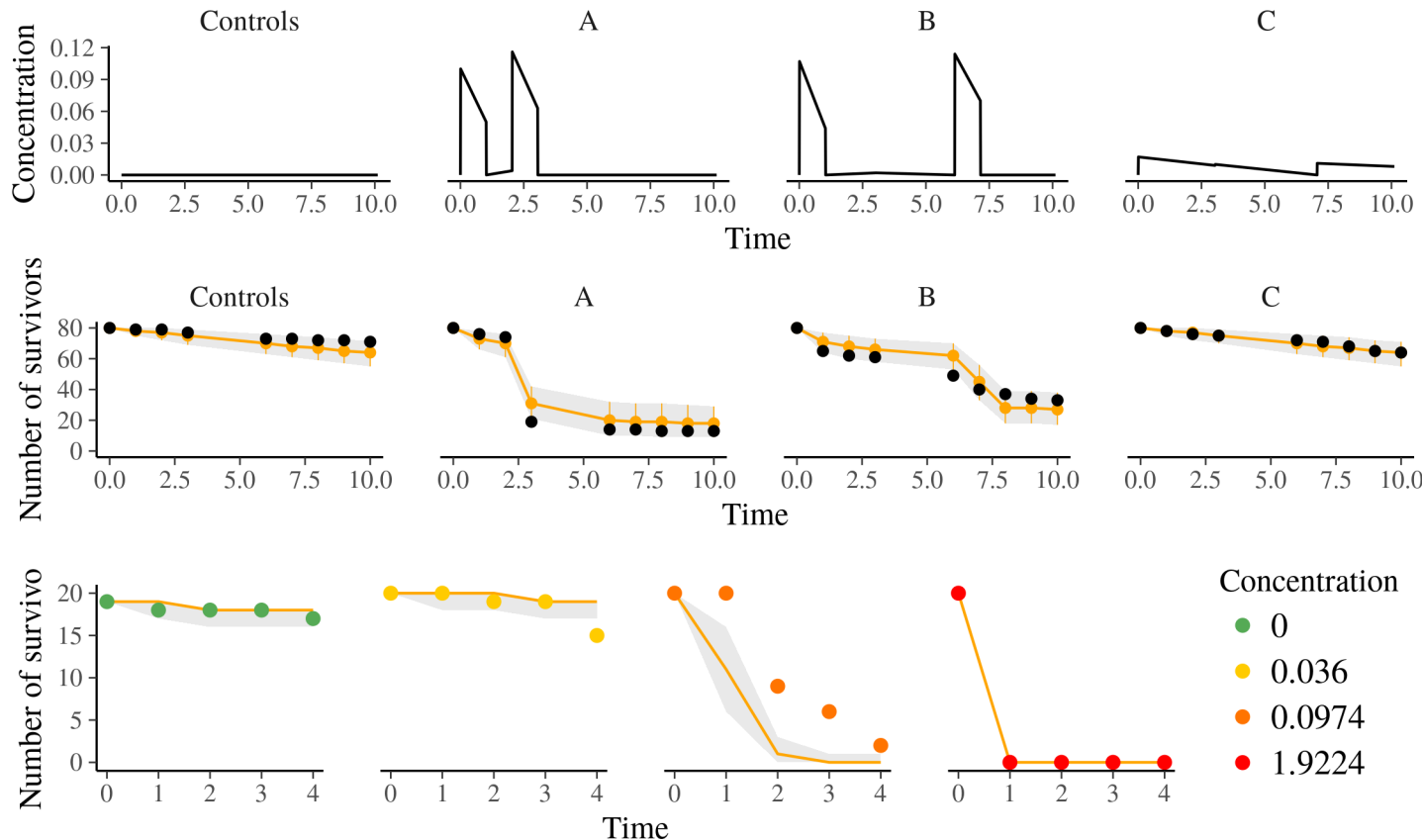
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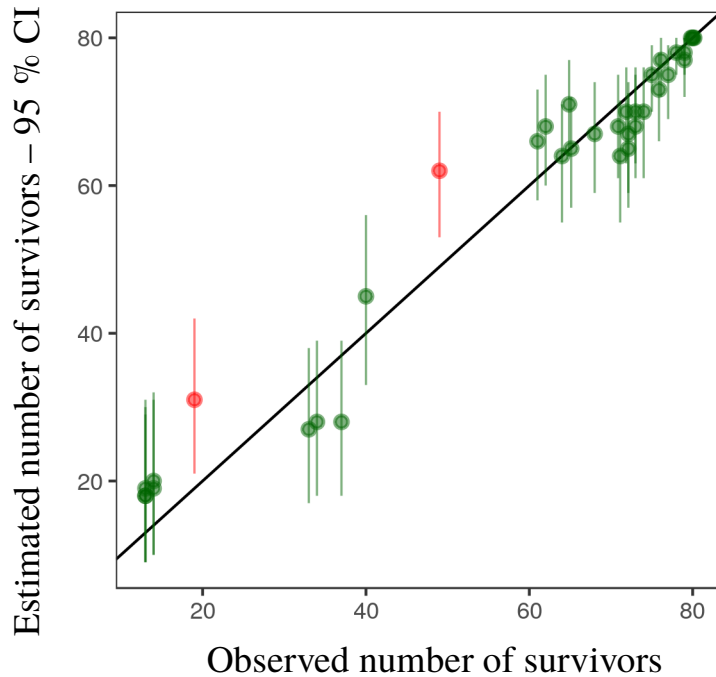
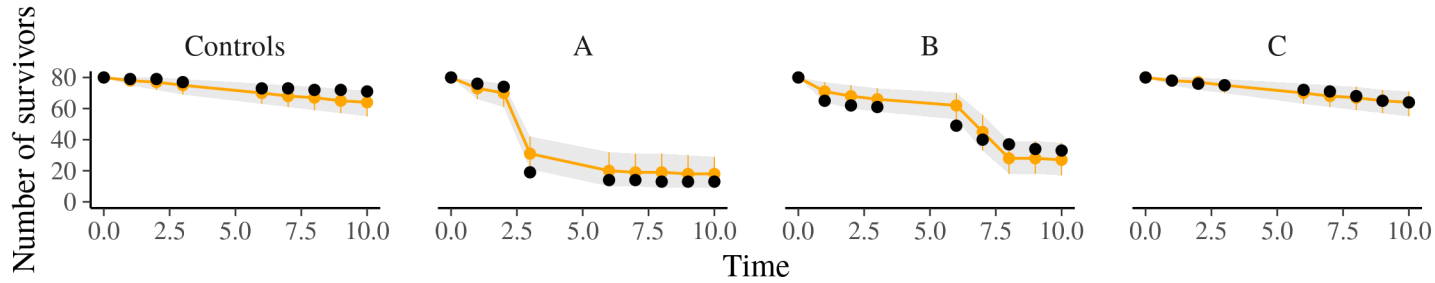
estimation

$\mathbb{P}(\theta | \mathcal{D})$

prediction

$R(\mathcal{E}' | \theta)$

# Posterior Predictive Check



➔ 94.4% of observations in 95 % Credible Intervals

overlap

- in
- out

# WAIC & LOO

(Watanabe, 2010 ; Vehtari *et al.*, 2016)

- Log pointwise predictive density:  $lpd = \log \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{P}_{post}(y_i) \Rightarrow \widehat{lpd} = \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left( \frac{1}{S} \sum_{s=1}^S \mathbb{P}(y_i | \theta^s) \right)$

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- Log pointwise predictive density on sub-sample:  $\widehat{lpd}_{-i} = \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left( \frac{1}{S} \sum_{s=1}^S \mathbb{P}(y_i | y_{-i}; \theta^{is}) \right)$

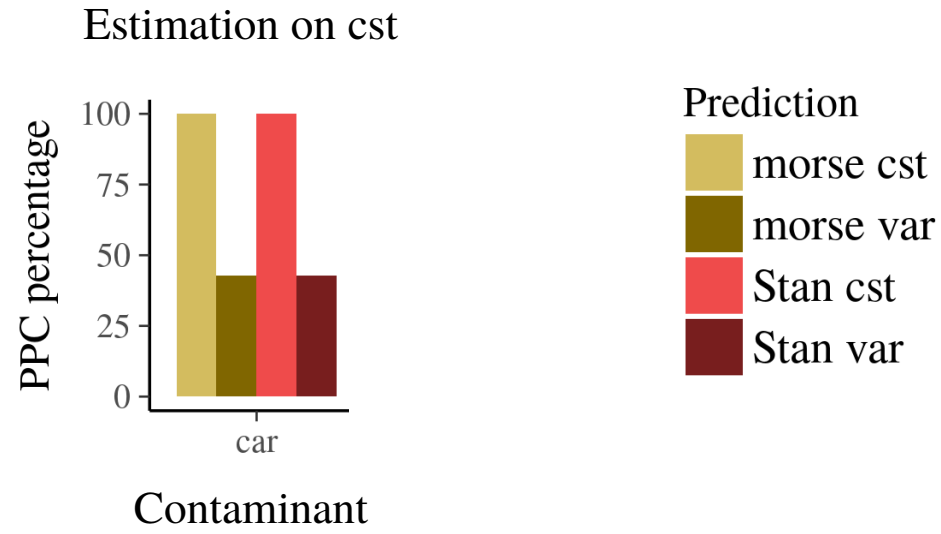
- First order bias correction:  $\overline{lpd}_{-i} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \log \left( \frac{1}{S} \sum_{s=1}^S \mathbb{P}(y_j | y_{-i}; \theta^{is}) \right)$

 LOO (Leave-one-out cross-validation):  $LOO = -2(\widehat{lpd}_{-i} + \widehat{lpd} - \overline{lpd}_{-i})$

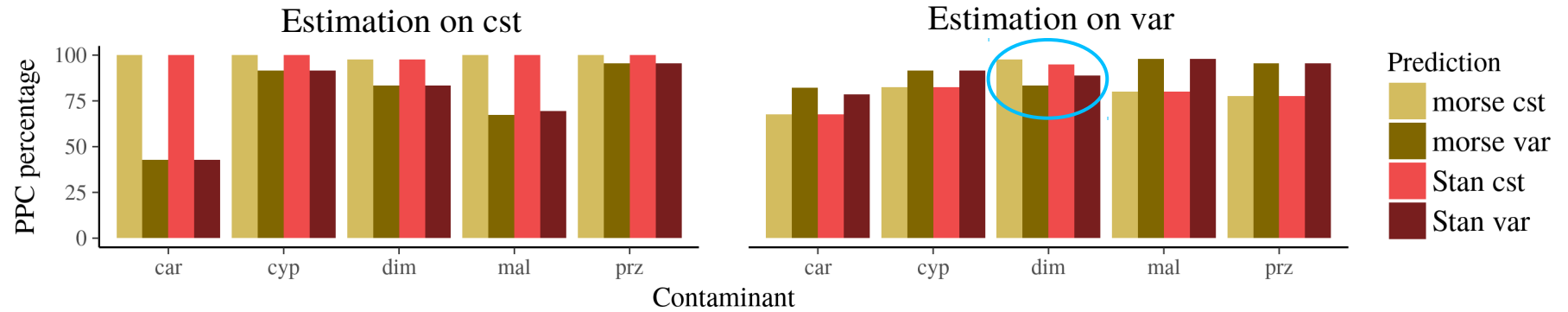
# Results – Feedback on:

- JAGS vs. Stan
  - IT vs. SD
  - Constant vs. Variable
- X
- Estimation
  - Prediction
- X
- Goodness-of-fit
  - Time to compute

# Results – SD

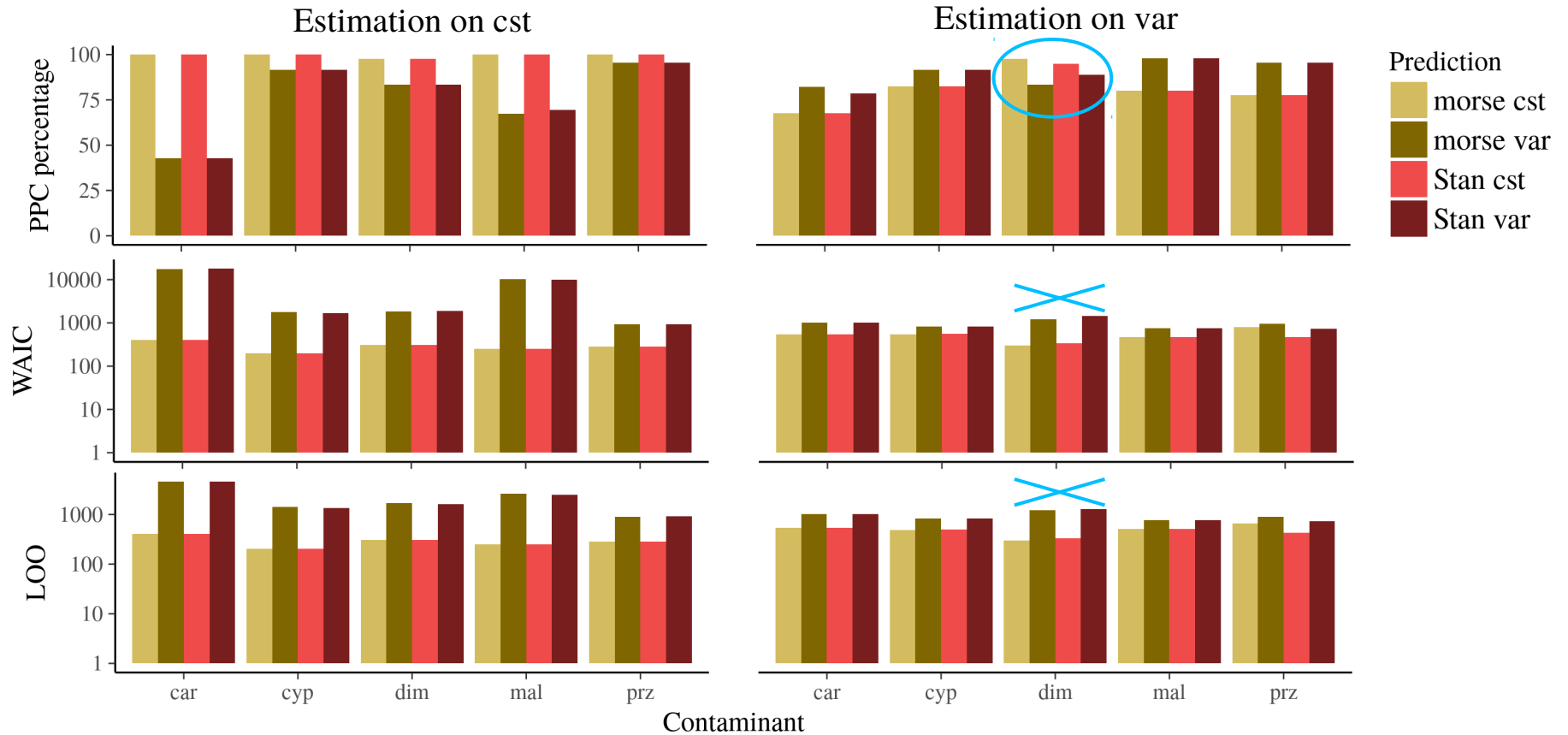


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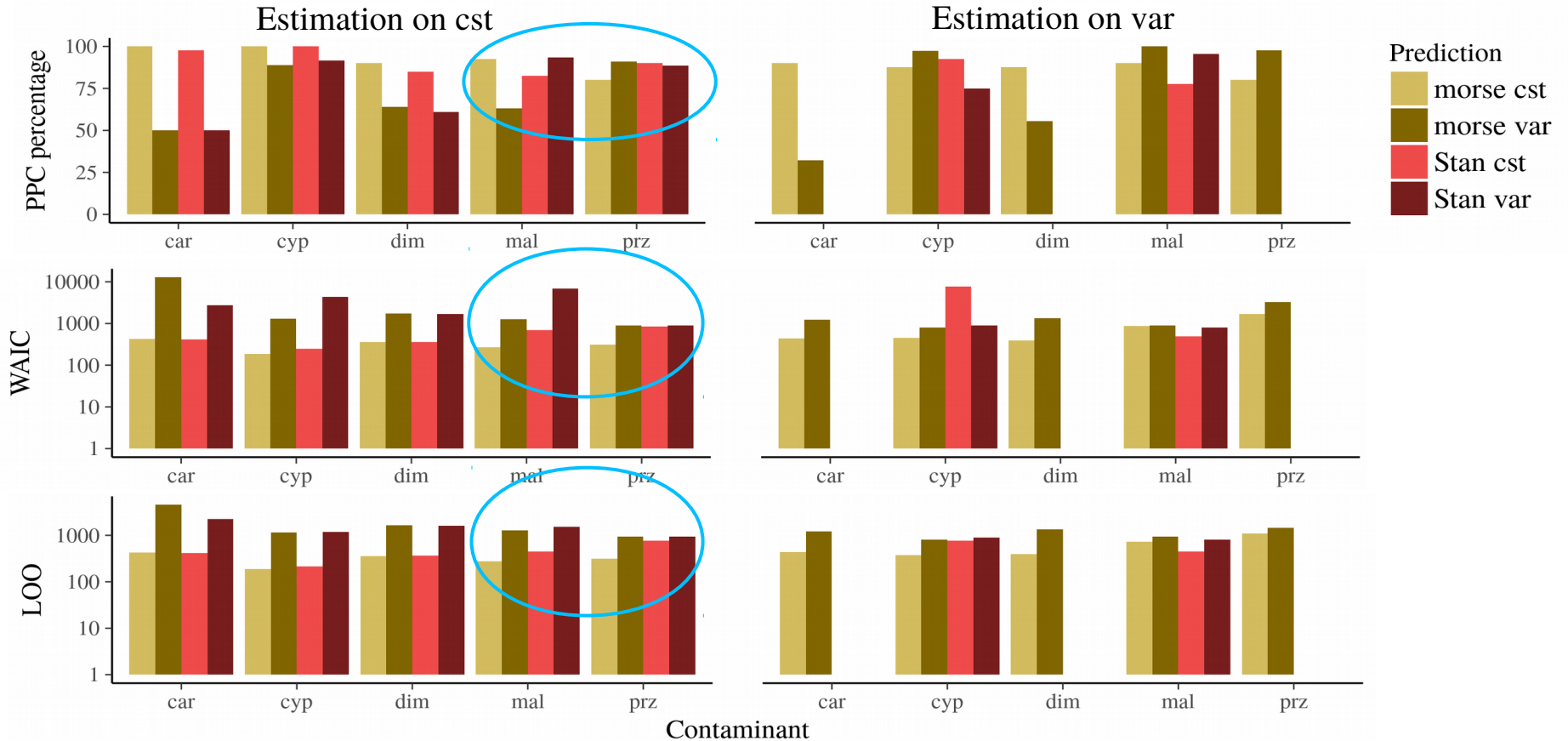
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- Stan & JAGS: Same estimates
- Same message from WAIC & LOO
- PPC  $\neq$  WAIC & LOO for ‘variable dimethoate’: #data + estimation variability

# Results – IT

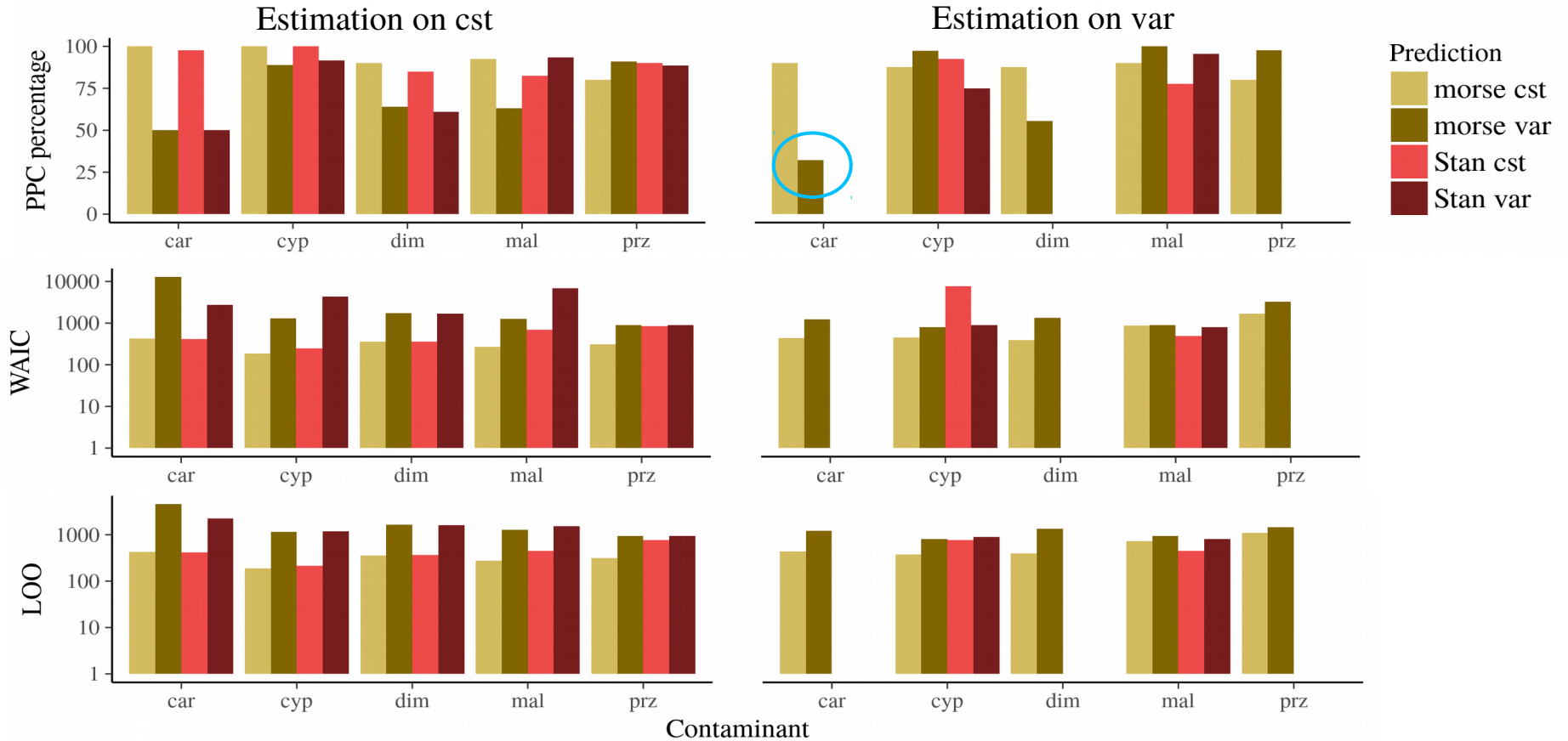
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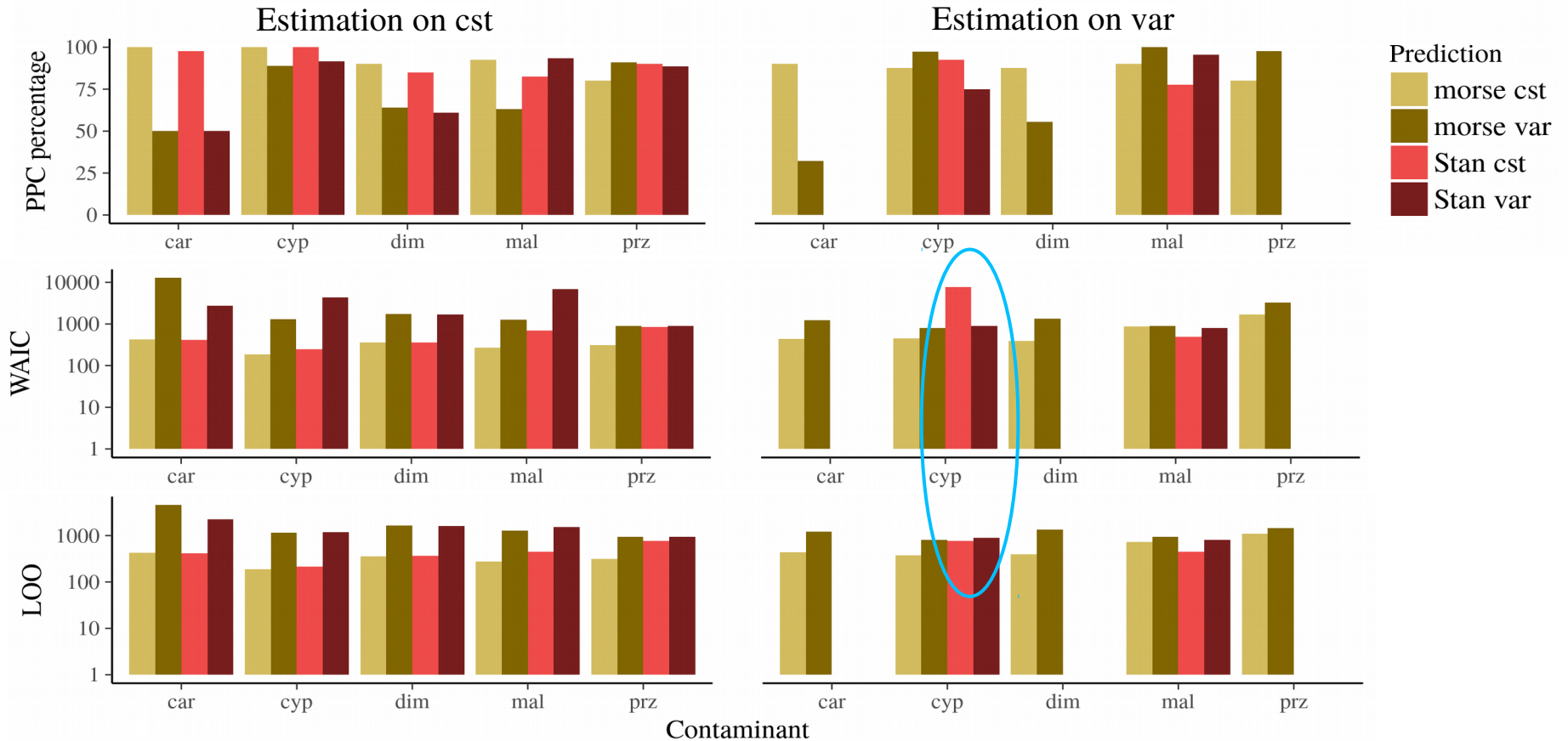
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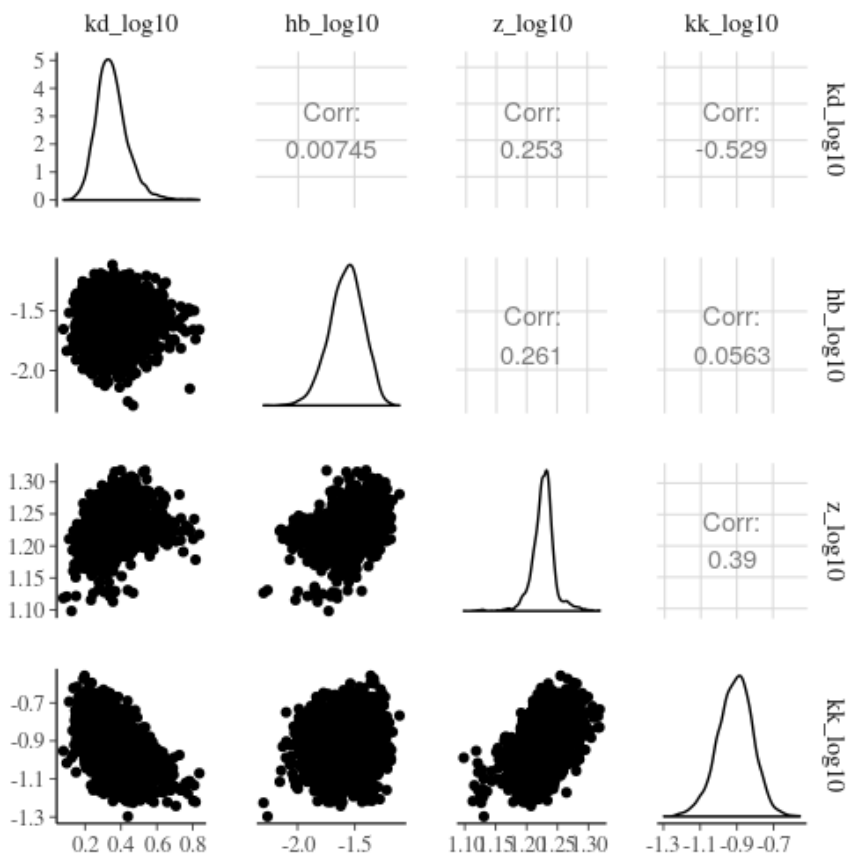
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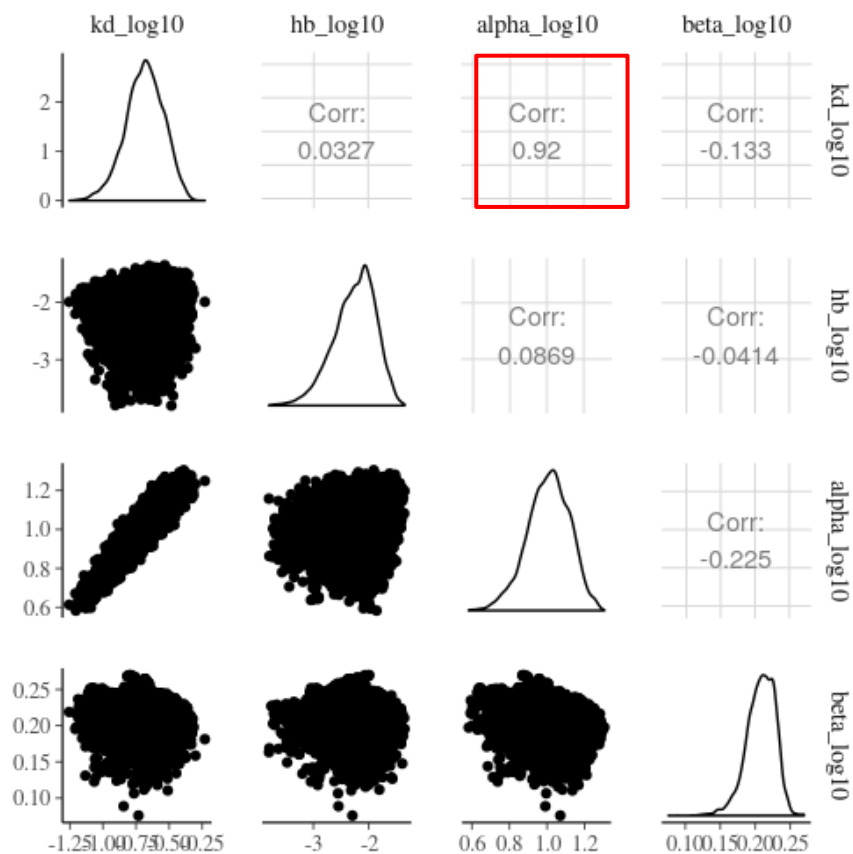
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# Results – SD vs IT

## Propiconazole - GUST-SD



## Propiconazole - GUST-IT



# Results & Perspectives

## Time to compute:

- **IT models faster than SD.** For 'variable' 2 ODEs in SD, 1 ODE in IT
- 'variable': Stan (~5-10min) faster than JAGS (~ 15-20min)

## SD or IT:

- **SD robust compared to IT:** SD always converge + Same results JAGS & Stan
- Hard to fit IT model with Stan ; especially 'variable'
  
- **JAGS always converge** with default parameters
- Stan is hard to tune (adapt\_delta, tolerance + length ODEs)

## 'Constant' or 'Variable' exposure profile:

- Experimentation: easier for 'constant exposure profile'
- In tested dataset: more replicates and/or profiles in constant scenarios
- Higher credible interval for 'variable exposure profiles'
- 'Variable' profile are longer to fit: But 30min fit compared to 10 days of experiment

## Goodness-of-fit:

- PCC, WAIC & LOO similiares for estimations
- WAIC and LOO provides very similar results. WAIC faster to compute (in seconds)

# Ongoing questions

## **Is there another way to choose between SD and IT?**

- Biological system: chemical compound, species
- Structure of data: number, range of concentration, time-points, ...
- Purpose: estimation, prediction
- What about the general model 'SD+IT' ?

## **R packages 'morse' and 'rstanTKTD'**

### **→ How the user can tune the analysis?**

- MCMC: Number chains, Iteration, level accept/reject, ...
- ODEs integrator (type, step, tolerance)
- IT distribution: log-logistic, log-normal, ...

# Thank you for your attention

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Goodness of fitting interesting question