



Prioritization of PMT/vPvM Substance Groups

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The Flow



Prioritizing PM substances for addressing "gaps"

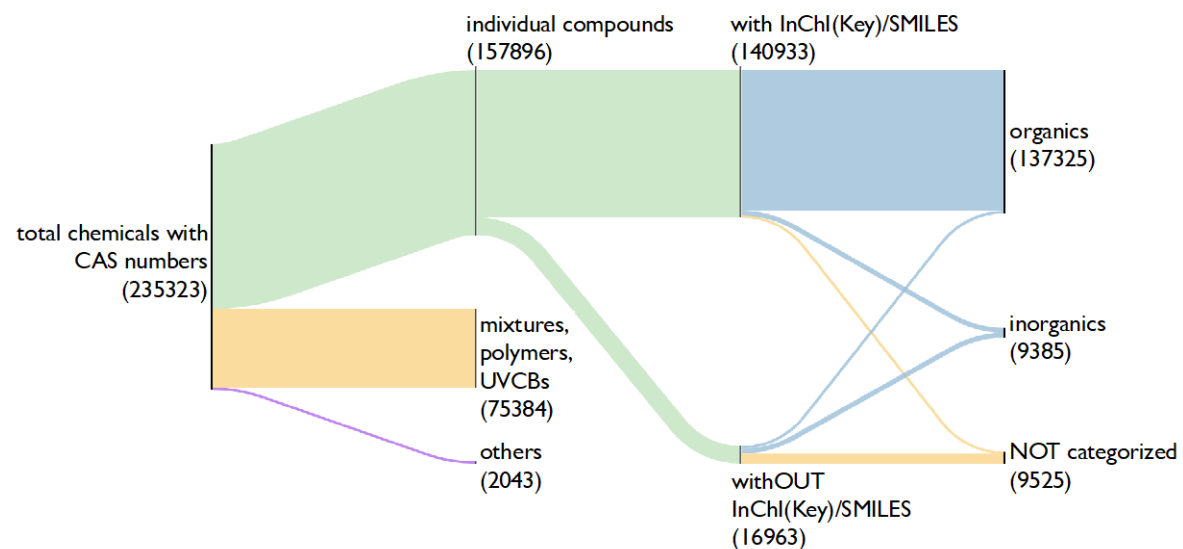


Prioritizing PM substance groups as co-creation





Prioritizing PM substances for addressing «gaps»



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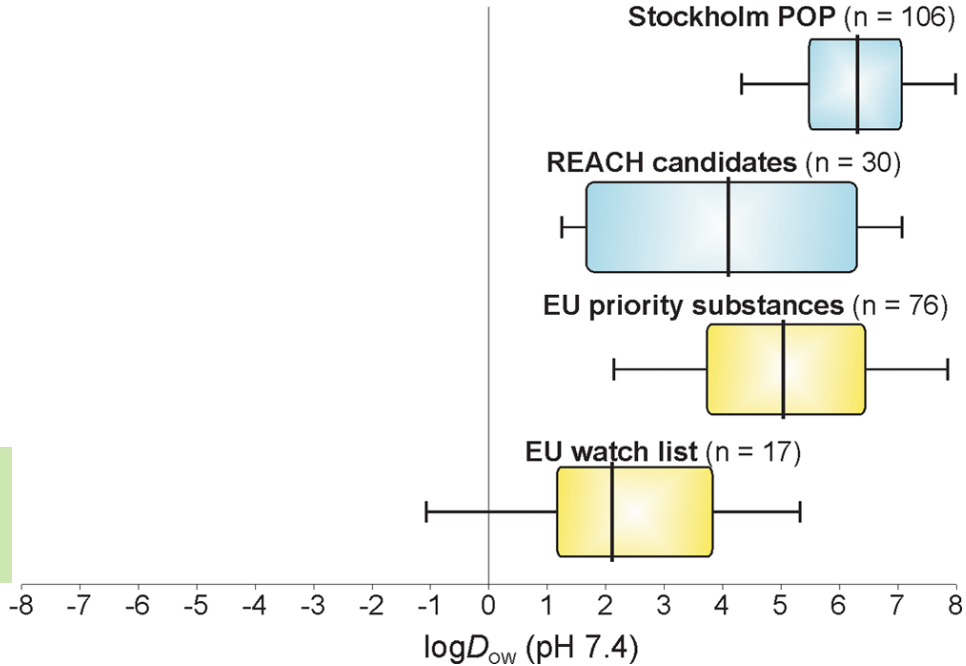
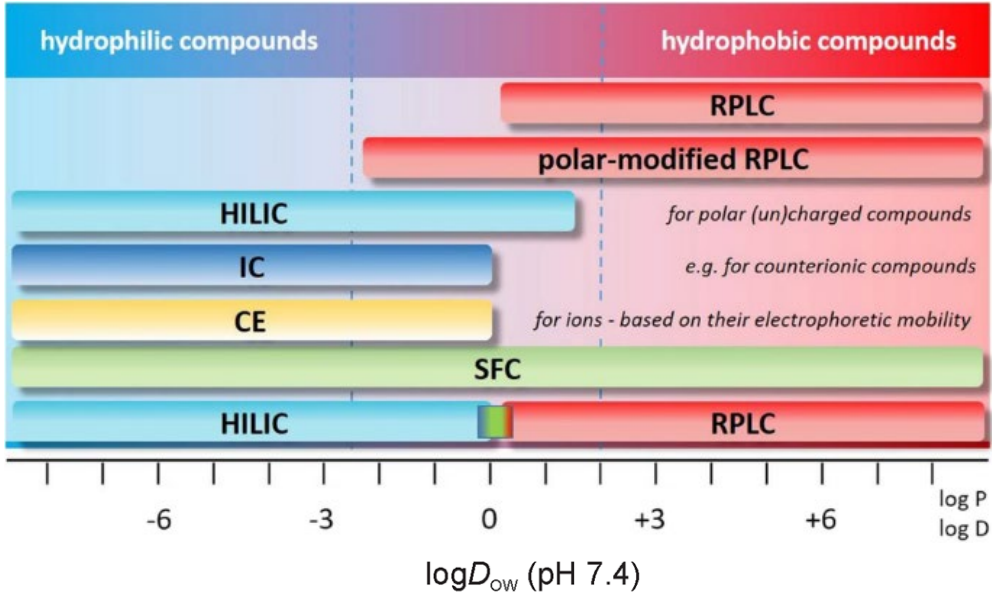
Analytical and regulatory gaps



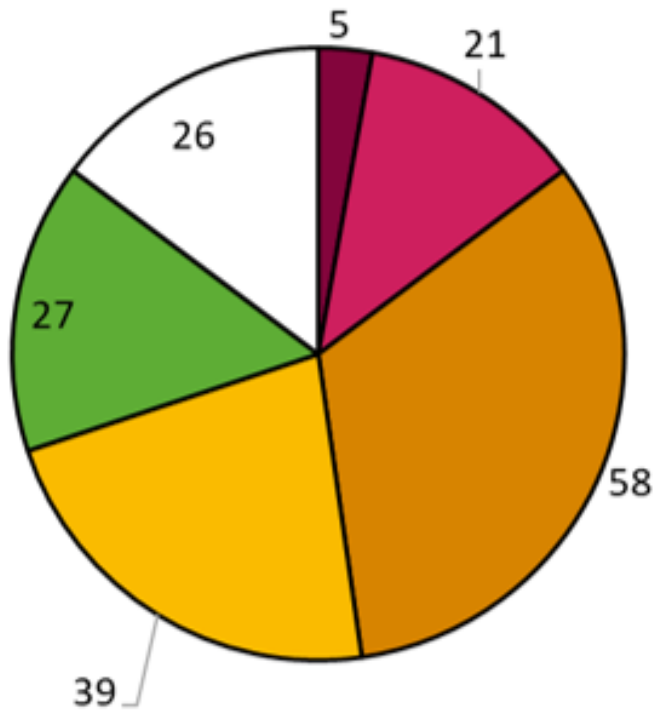
Reemtsma et al. *ES&T* 2016

- hydrophilic interaction liquid chromatography (HILIC)
- Ion chromatography (IC)
- Capillary electrophoresis (CE)
- Supercritical fluid chromatography (SFC)

+ Novel enrichment techniques



Survey of 27 German Analytical Labs on ability to monitor 150 PMT/vPvM substances



Source: Original Figure

Major Analytical Gap: Not monitored because the substance can only be analysed by advanced / specialized methods (5 substances)

Minor Analytical Gap: Not monitored, but method development feasible (21 substances)

Major Monitoring Gap: The analytical gap is not substantial, the substance is not monitored but could be using current methods (58 substances)

Minor Monitoring Gap: if the substance is monitored regularly, but by less than 20% of water surveyed labs. (39 substances)

No Monitoring Gap: Monitored regularly, but more than 20% of water quality labs (27 substances)

White: Substance not included/assessed (26 substances)

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Final report

A prioritization framework for PMT/vPvM Substances under REACH for registrants, regulators, researchers and the water sector

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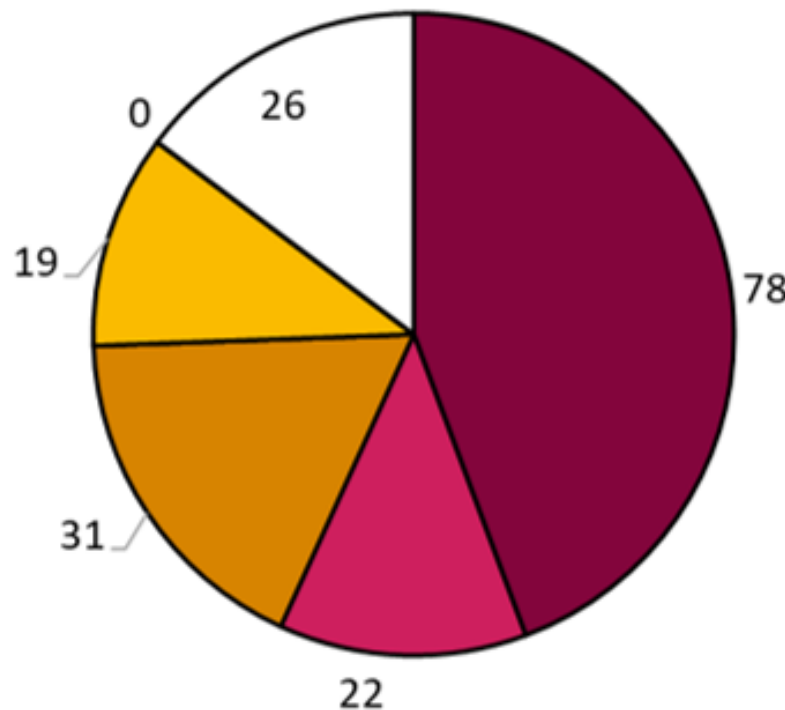
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Remediation Gaps

Expert analysis along with a survey of 13 German water treatment plants on feasibility of removing selected PMT/vPvM substances



No O3 and AC: Compounds that cannot be eliminated using AC or ozonation (78 substances)

O3 only: Compounds that can be removed using ozonation only (22 substances)

AC only: Compounds that can be removed using AC only (31 substances)

Both O3&AC: Compounds that can be removed by using both AC or ozonation (19 substances)

Conventional: Compounds that can be removed with conventional techniques (0 substances)

White: Not assessable (26 substances)



Substance most drinking water companies struggle with

TFA
1,4-dioxane
Sulfamic acid
EDTA
Melamine
1H-benzotriazole
Chlorothalonil M4
Dikegulac
N,N-dimethylsulfamide (DMS)

Prioritization based on hazard, emissions and analytical and monitoring gaps.



EC	CAS	Substance	PMT/vPvM hazard	Emission Index	Analytical & Monitoring Gap	Remediation Gap	Exposure level	Overall Prioritization Level
203-618-0	108-80-5	cyanuric acid	vPvM & PMT	very high	Minor monitoring gap	No O3&AC	Ubiquitous, high conc	Highest-priority
203-615-4	108-78-1	Melamine	vPvM & PMT	very high	Monitored frequently	No O3&AC	Ubiquitous, high conc	Highest-priority
249-616-3	29420-49-3	PFBS	vPvM & PMT	very high	Monitored frequently	No O3&AC	Ubiquitous, low conc	Highest-priority
204-661-8	123-91-1	1,4-dioxane	vPvM & PMT	very high	Monitored frequently	No O3&AC	Ubiquitous, high conc	Highest-priority
202-394-1	95-14-7	Benzotriazole	vPvM & PMT	very high	Monitored frequently	Both O3&AC	Ubiquitous, high conc	Highest-priority
244-479-6	21615-47-4	Ammonium undecafluorohexanoate (PFHxA)	vPvM & PMT	very high	Minor monitoring gap	No O3&AC	Ubiquitous, low conc	Highest-priority
200-929-3	76-05-1	Trifluoroacetic acid	vPvM	very high	Monitored frequently	No O3&AC	Ubiquitous, high conc	Highest-priority
200-300-3	56-93-9	Benzyltrimethylammonium chloride	vPvM	very high	Major monitoring gap	No O3&AC	Ubiquitous, low conc	Highest-priority
222-823-6	3622-84-2	N-butylbenzenesulphonamide	vPvM	very high	Major monitoring gap	No O3&AC	Ubiquitous, low conc	Highest-priority
204-445-3	121-03-9	4-nitrotoluene-2-sulphonic acid	vPvM	very high	Major monitoring gap	No O3&AC	Ubiquitous, low conc	Highest-priority
248-580-6	27619-97-2	3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluorooctanesulphonic acid	vPvM	very high	Monitored frequently	No O3&AC	Ubiquitous, low conc	Highest-priority
200-087-7	51-28-5	2,4-dinitrophenol	vPvM & PMT	very high	Minor monitoring gap	No O3&AC	Local, high conc	Highest-priority
200-915-7	75-91-2	tert-butyl hydroperoxide	vPvM & PMT	high	Major monitoring gap	No O3&AC	no detections known	Highest-priority
203-444-5	106-93-4	1,2-dibromoethane	vPvM & PMT	very high	Monitored frequently	No O3&AC	Local, high conc	Highest-priority
201-152-2	78-87-5	1,2-dichloropropane	vPvM & PMT	very high	Monitored frequently	No O3&AC	Local, high conc	Highest-priority
202-808-0	99-99-0	4-nitrotoluene	vPvM & PMT	high	Monitored frequently	No O3&AC	monitored commonly, not found	Highest-priority
203-639-5	109-01-3	1-methylpiperazine	vPvM & PMT	very high	Major monitoring gap	No O3&AC	no detections known	Highest-priority
200-864-0	75-35-4	1,1-dichloroethylene	vPvM & PMT	very high	Monitored frequently	No O3&AC	Local, high conc	Highest-priority
200-663-8	67-66-3	Chloroform	vPvM & PMT	very high	Monitored frequently	No O3&AC	Local, high conc	Highest-priority
200-927-2	76-03-9	Trichloroacetic acid	vPvM & PMT	high	Minor monitoring gap	No O3&AC	no detections known	Highest-priority
204-500-1	121-82-4	Perhydro-1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazine	vPvM	very high	Minor monitoring gap	No O3&AC	Local, high conc	Highest-priority
811-523-6	88992-45-4	2-hydroxy-N,N,N-trimethyl-3-[(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluorooctyl)thio]propan-1-aminium chloride	vPvM	high	Major monitoring gap	No O3&AC	no detections known	Highest-priority
200-893-9	75-71-8	Dichlorodifluoromethane	vPvM	very high	Minor monitoring gap	No O3&AC	Local, high conc	Highest-priority
201-114-5	78-40-0	Triethyl phosphate	vPvM	very high	Monitored frequently	No O3&AC	Local, low conc	Highest-priority
682-238-0	1190931-27-1	Ammonium difluoro[[2,2,4,5-tetrafluoro-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl]oxy]acetate	vPvM	high	Major monitoring gap	No O3&AC	no detections known	Highest-priority

Prioritizing substance groups as co-creation

Multilevel framework



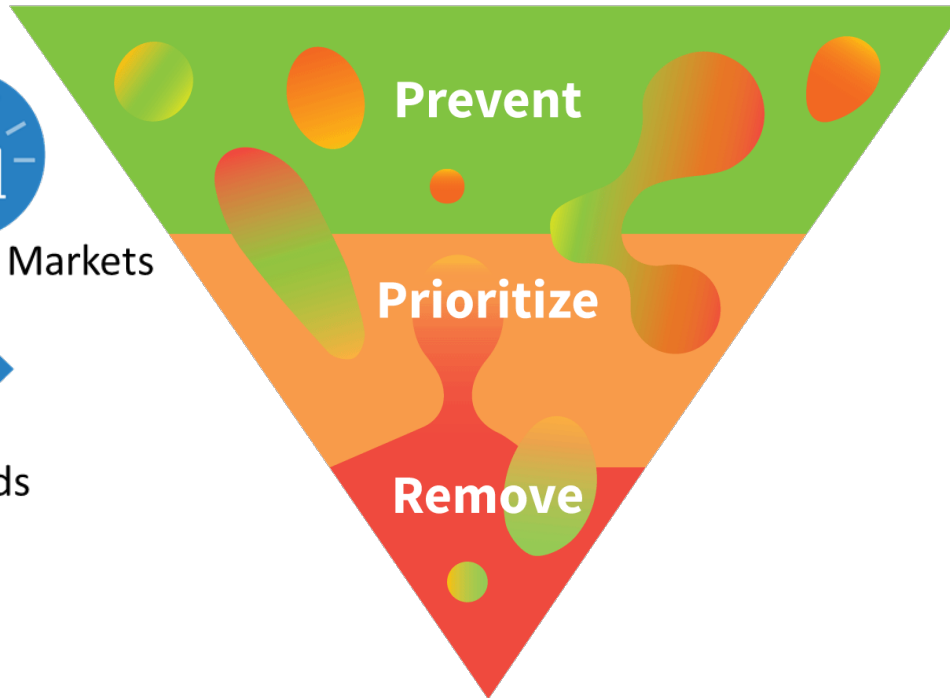
Chemical Technology, Policy and Markets



Water Exposure and Hazards



Remediation and Impacts



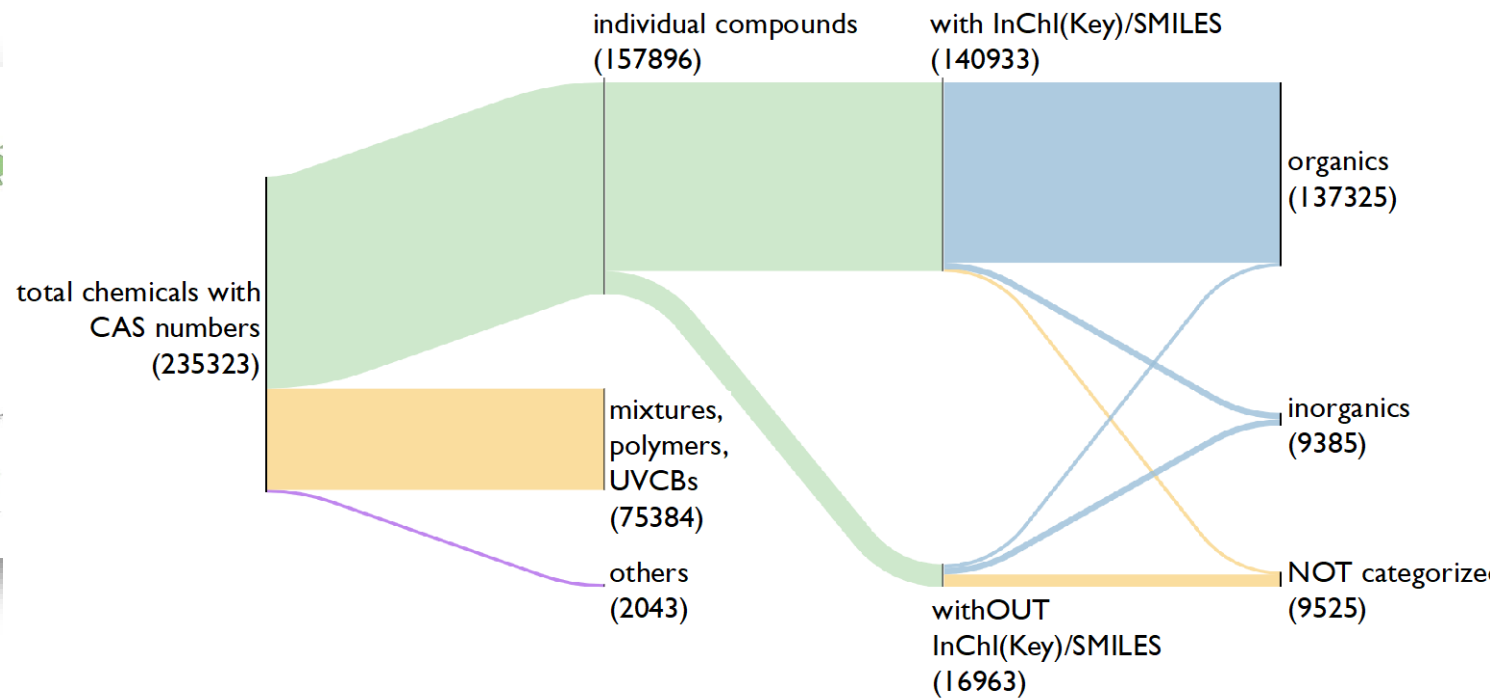
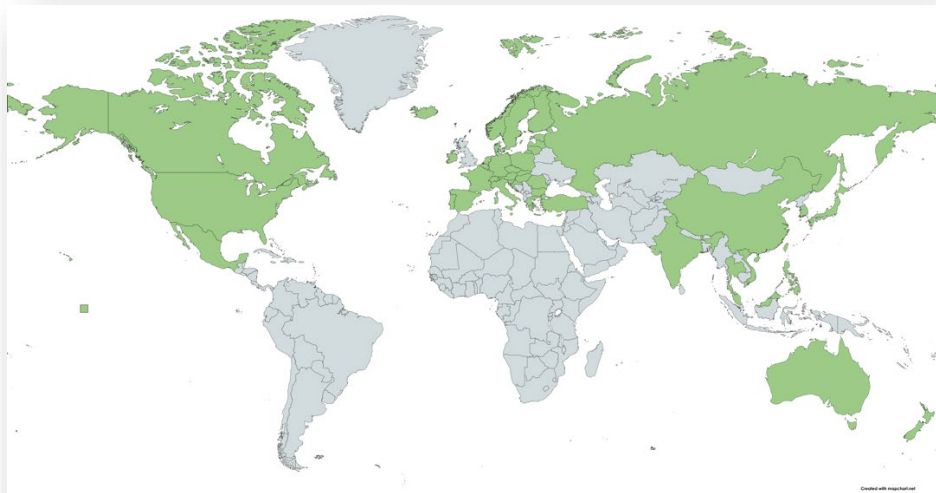
Interlinked Strategy

Preventing regrettable substitution for **prioritized** PM substances, by assessing hazards, sustainability, exposure and **removal**.

Prioritizing PM substances and groups based on intrinsic properties, exposure, and hazard to select those substances to **prevent** and **remove** most urgently

Removing **prioritized** PM substances via effective, sustainable and safe remediation methods, that **prevent** unfocused remediation effort

Finding PM Substance Groups on the GCI



More on the global chemical inventory at:

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<https://database.zeropm.eu>

Grouping to tackle large number of substances and avoid regrettable "drop in" substitution

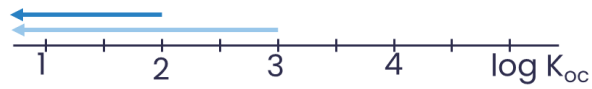


REACH Regulation EC No 1907/2006, Annex XI, Section 1

- 1) a common functional group;
- 2) the common precursors and/or the likelihood of common breakdown products via physical and biological processes, which result in structurally similar chemicals;
- 3) a constant pattern in the changing of the potency of the properties across the category.

Grouping method (1) a common functional group

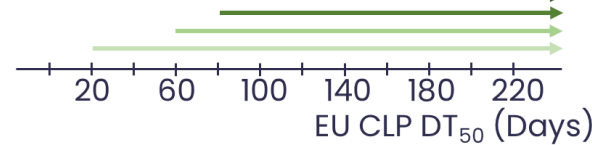
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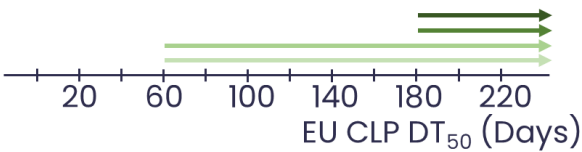
● Mobile ● Very Mobile

B) Persistence

Persistent

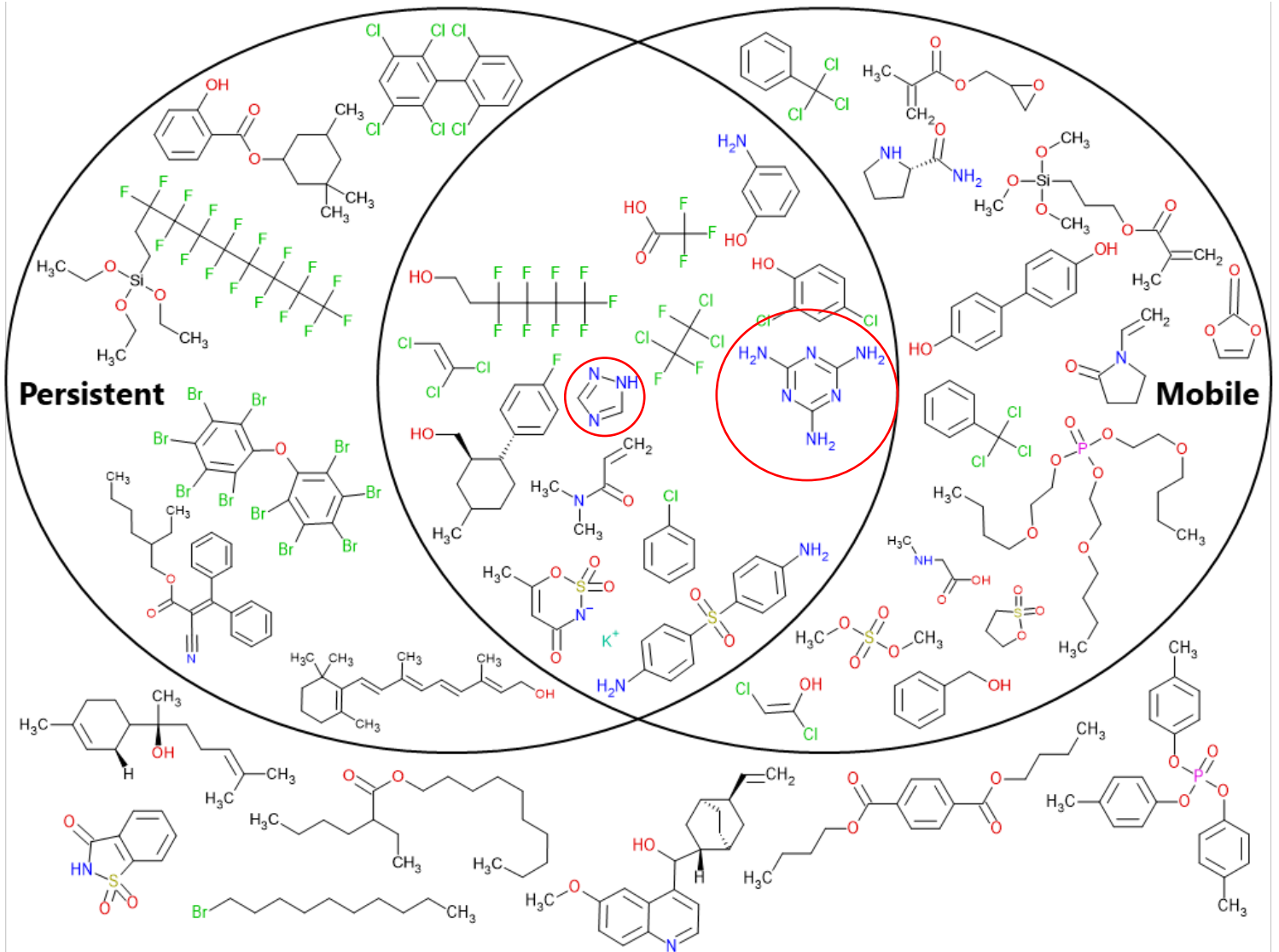


Very Persistent

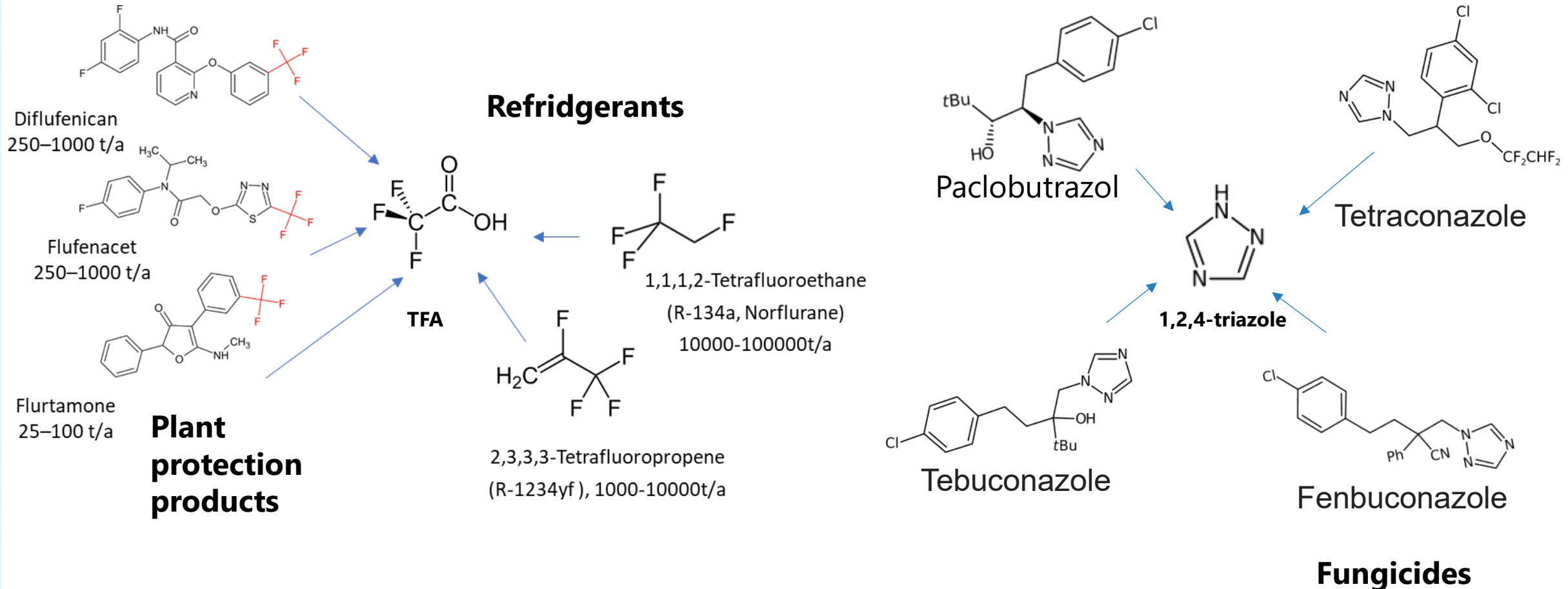


● Marine sediment ● Fresh or estuarine water sediment and soil
● Marine water ● Fresh or estuarine water

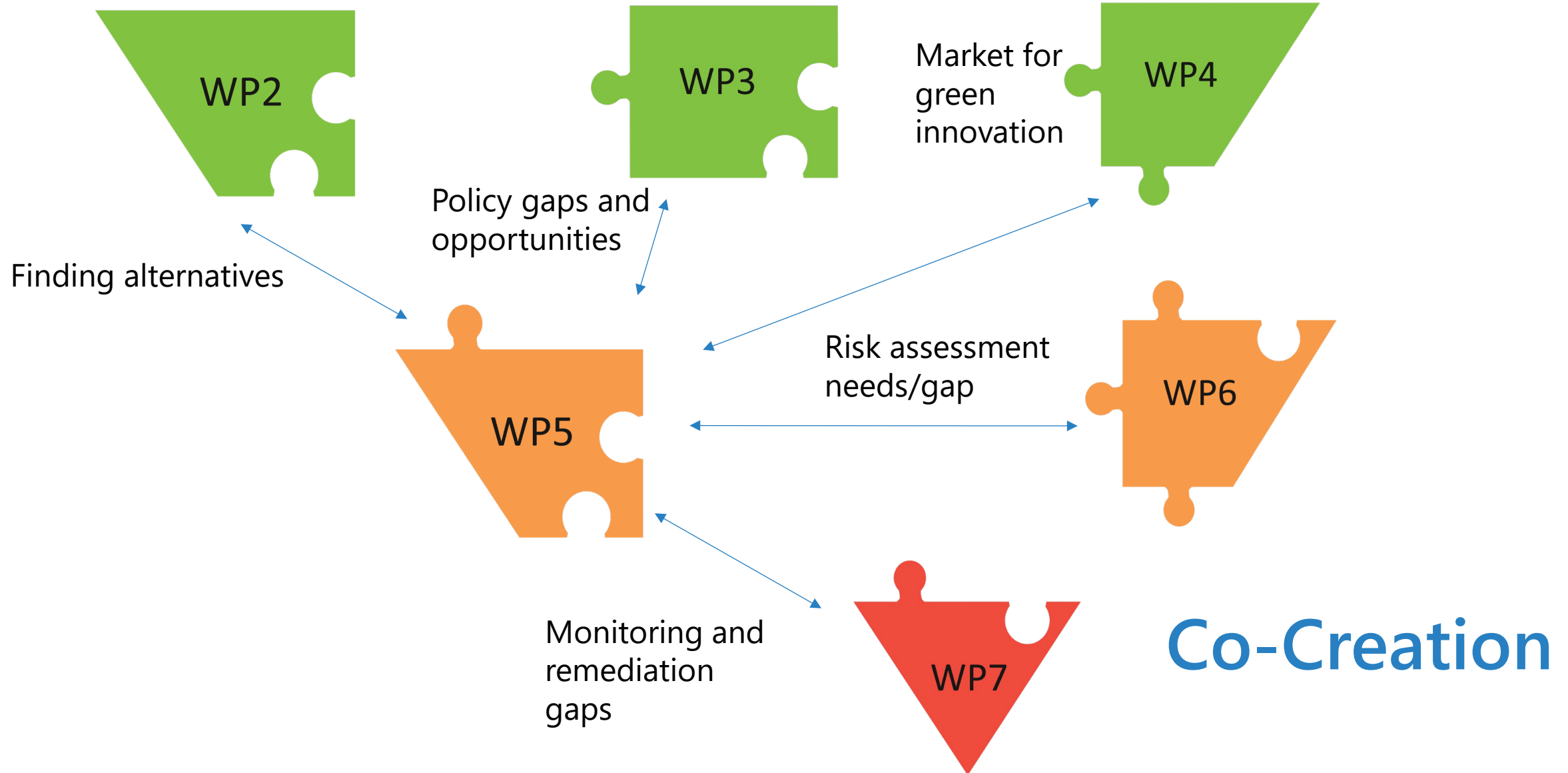
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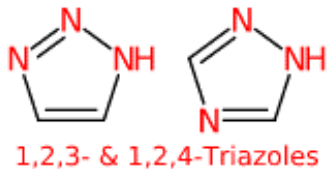
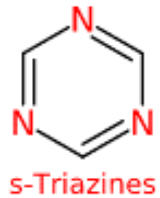
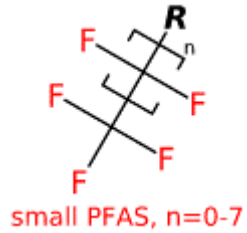
Grouping Method (2): Many PMT/vPvM substances are stable dead-end transformation products of from various precursors



Prioritization of PM substance groups for...



PMT/vPvM Substance Groups



Prioritization

Exposure data and gaps

- Production volumes and emissions
- Uses and Exposure routes
- Monitoring
- Transformation reactions

Hazard data and gaps

- Human Toxicological (**PMT/vPvM**)
- Ecotoxicological (**PMT/vPvM**)
- Geophysical/Aesthetic (**vPvM**)
 - Odourant
 - Taste
 - UV/Vis light filter
 - Complexing agent
 - Ozone depletion
 - Surfactant
 - Water properties
 - Climate impacts

For Prevention

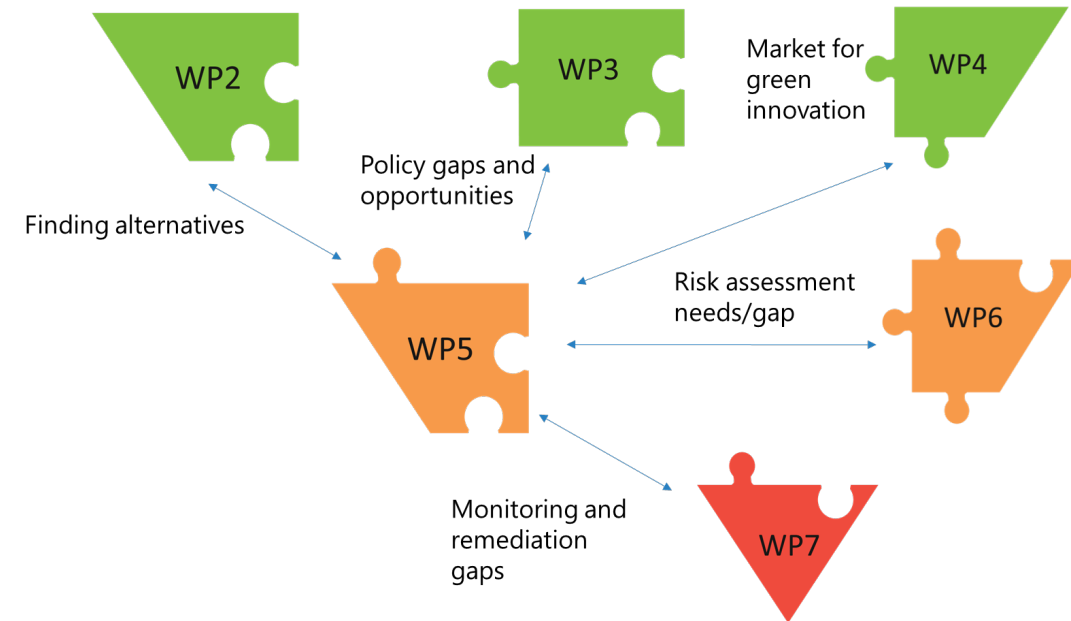
- Alternative assessments towards safer and sustainable by design
- Essential Use evaluation
- Effective Regulation
- Green Innovation/Market Transition
- *Avoiding regrettable substitution*

for Removal

- Water treatment costs
- Environmental remediation costs
- Innovation/production lock-in
- Closing the Monitoring Gap
- Closing the Remediation Gap
- *Avoiding regrettable remediation*

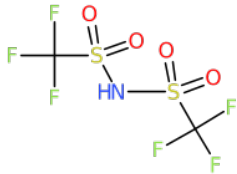
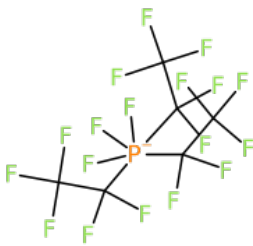
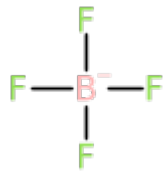
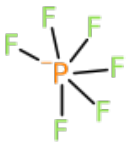
Phase 2 PM substance groups and Use Categories

- Coupling «PM moieties» with «Use Categories»
 - Clearer links to:
 - Finding alternatives
 - Finding relevant policy
 - Market potential for alternatives
 - Emission and exposure pathways
 - Suspect screening/monitoring campaigns



(ultra-)short chain PFAS and fluorinated substances used in Li-ion batteries



CAS	Name	
82113-65-3	Bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide	
429679-87-8	Tris(pentafluoroethyl) trifluorophosphate	
14874-70-5	Tetraborofluorate	
16919-18-9	hexafluorophosphate	

Exposure Hazards

high drinking water exposure (monitoring data)	vPvM (other hazards currently unknown)
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Prevention Removal

Known alternatives for/to Li-batteries available	requires reverse osmosis
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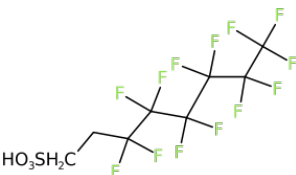
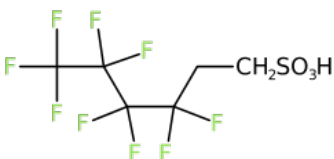
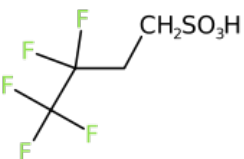
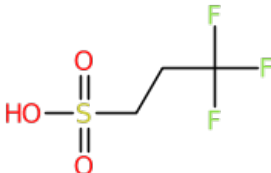
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Dragonfly Energy Announces Breakthrough in Lithium Battery Production: Eliminating Harmful "Forever Chemicals"

INNOVATION
US develops world's 1st forever-chemical-free battery with 20% more power
 The process is free from PFAs or forever chemicals and the company claims that it will have competitive pricing with other cobalt-based electrodes.
 Updated: Jul 10, 2024 06:08 AM EST

fluorotelomer sulfonates typically used in AFFFs as alternatives to legacy PFAS



CAS	Name
80010-37-3	1:2 FTS
149246-63-9	2:2 FTS
757124-72-4	4:2 FTS
27619-97-2	6:2 FTS



Exposure	Hazards
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high drinking water exposure for 6:2 & 4:2 FTS. Effect Directed Analysis in WP6

vPvM (other hazards currently unknown)

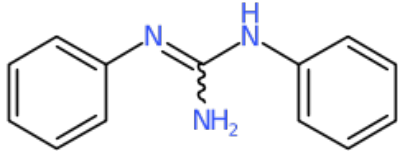
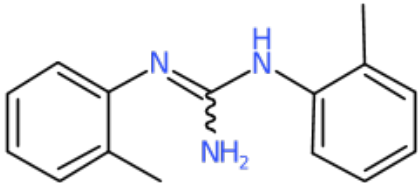
Prevention	Removal
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PFAS free alternatives to AFFFs known

Smaller the FTS, less effective advanced treatment methods

guanidines used in tire galvanization



CAS	Name	
102-06-7	1,3-diphenylguanidine	
97-39-2	1,3-di-o-tolylguanidine	

Exposure

high drinking water exposure, extreme concentrations in urban runoff

Hazards

DPG suspected toxic to reproduction

Prevention

Alternatives currently unknown

Removal

Ozonolysis works

chlorinated organophosphate flame retardants



Exposure

high drinking
water exposure

Hazards

Carcinogenic, toxic
to reproduction

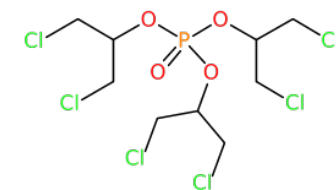
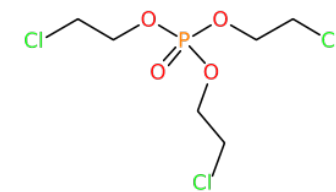
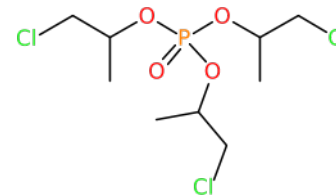
Prevention

Non-chlorinated
alternatives less
persistent

Removal

AC required

CAS	Name
13674-87-8	Tris[2-chloro-1-(chloromethyl)ethyl] phosphate
115-96-8	Tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate
13674-84-5	Tris(2-chloro-1-methylethyl) phosphate



benzophenones used as UV-blockers



CAS	Name	
131-56-6	Benzophenone-1	<chem>Oc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)c2ccccc2O</chem>
131-55-5	Benzophenone-2	<chem>Oc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)c2cc(O)cc(O)c2</chem>
131-57-7	Benzophenone-3	<chem>COC1=CC=C(C=C1)C(=O)c2ccccc2O</chem>
4065-45-6	Benzophenone-4 (Sulisobenzone)	<chem>COC1=CC=C(C=C1)C(=O)c2ccccc2S(=O)(=O)O</chem>
131-53-3	Benzophenone-8	<chem>COC1=CC=C(C=C1)C(=O)c2cc(O)cc(O)c2</chem>
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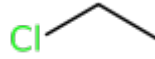
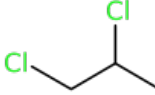
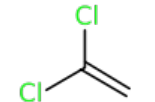
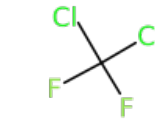
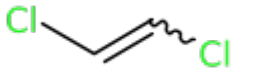
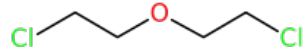
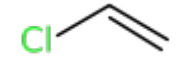
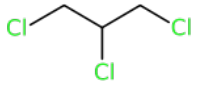
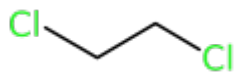
Exposure Hazards

high drinking water exposure, extreme concentrations in urban runoff

Prevention Removal

Chlorinated solvents



CAS	Name	
75-00-3	Chloroethane	
78-87-5	1,2-dichloropropane	
75-35-4	1,1-dichloroethylene	
75-71-8	Dichlorodifluoromethane	
156-60-5	trans-dichloroethylene	
111-44-4	Bis(2-chloroethyl) ether	
75-01-4	Chloroethylene (vinyl chloride)	
96-18-4	1,2,3-trichloropropane	
107-06-2	1,2-dichloroethane	

Exposure

elevated
groundwater and
drinkingwater
concentrations
monitored

Hazards

PMT/vPvM
Some chlorinated
solvents SVHC

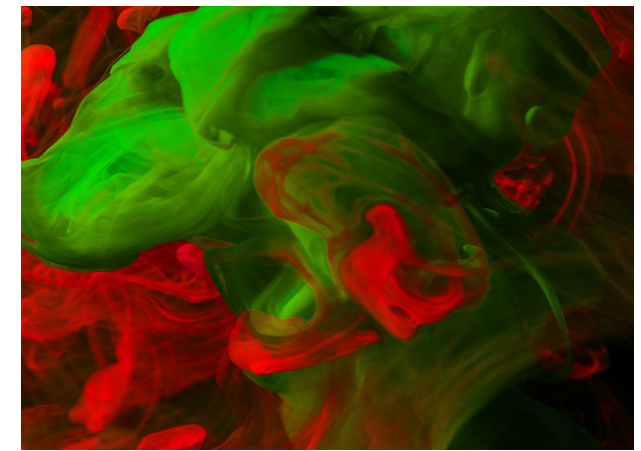
Prevention

Alternative
solvents

Removal

Alternatives to
granular activated
carbon?

Dye associated aminobenzenes and diamines



CAS	Name	Chemical Structure
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121-47-1	3-aminobenzenesulphonic acid	<chem>Nc1cccc(S(=O)(=O)O)c1</chem>
7474-78-4	3,4-diaminobenzenesulphonic acid	<chem>Nc1cc(N)ccc(S(=O)(=O)O)c1</chem>
95-54-5	o-phenylenediamine	<chem>Nc1cccc(N)c1</chem>
88-45-9	2,5-diaminobenzenesulphonic acid	<chem>Nc1cc(N)ccc(S(=O)(=O)O)c1</chem>
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60-09-3	Aminoazobenzene	<chem>Nc1ccc(cc1)/N=N/c2ccccc2</chem>
108-45-2	m-phenylenediamine	<chem>Nc1cccc(N)c1</chem>
170153-38-5	Diethylmethylbenzenediamine	<chem>Nc1c(N)cc(C)cc1CC</chem>

Exposure	Hazards
high drinking water exposure, extreme concentrations in urban runoff	PMT/vPvM hazards (UBA, 2023), aminoazobenzen found in EDA study (with TTR binding)
Prevention	Removal



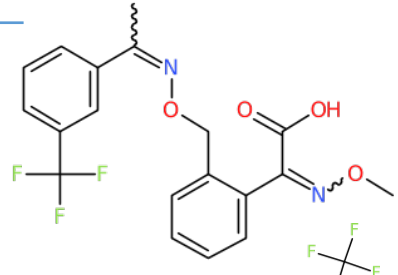
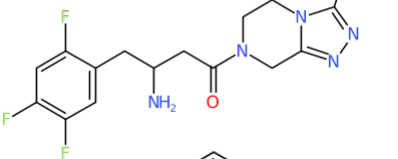
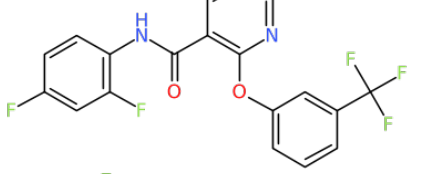
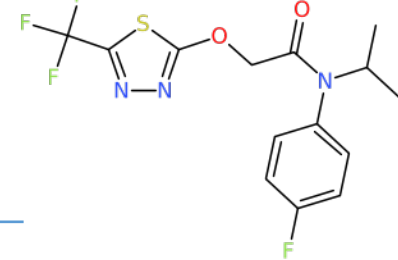
Mass produced TFA-precursors used in agriculture/ pharmaceuticals

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CAS	Name	Chemical Structure
252913-85-2	Trifloxystrobin acid	
486460-32-6	Sitagliptin	
83164-33-4	Diflufenican	
142459-58-3	Flufanacet	

Exposure Hazards

TFA increasing exponentially in the hydrosphere

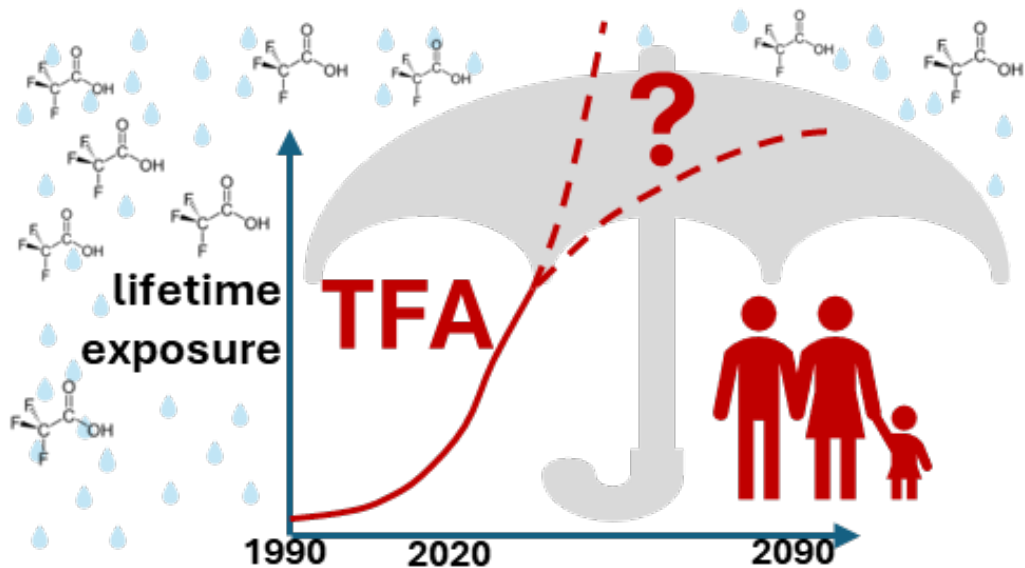
Rep 1b (TFA), planetary boundary threat

Prevention Removal

Essential use

GAC often ok for precursors, TFA only treatable with reverse osmosis

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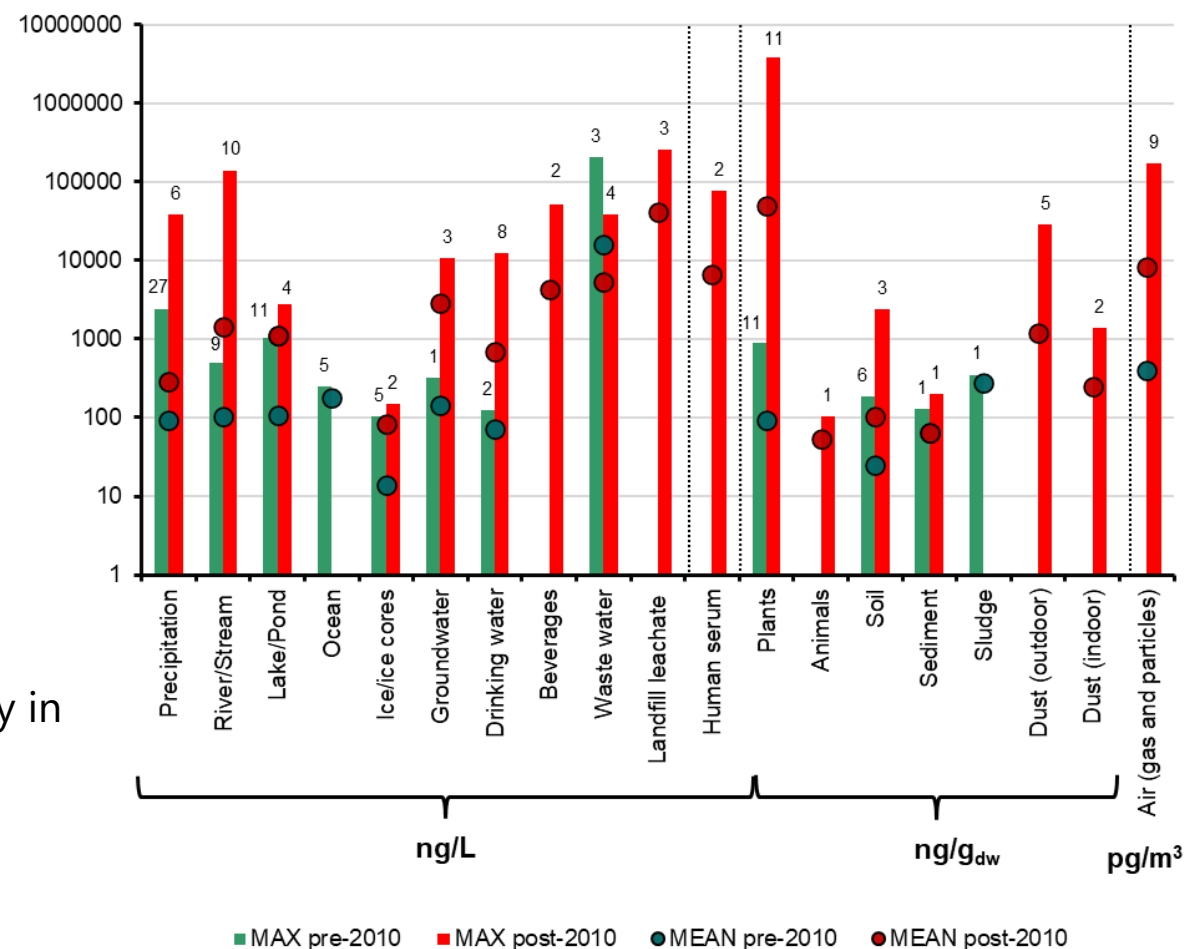
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Exceeding thresholds:

- Lowest PNEC aquatic environments 120 ng/L
- Lowest NOEC terrestrial environments 830 ng/g
- Lowest drinking water limit 2100 ng/L (Denmark)
- Indications of liver and embryo-fetal developmental toxicity in rabbits (Rep 1B classification)



Conclusions

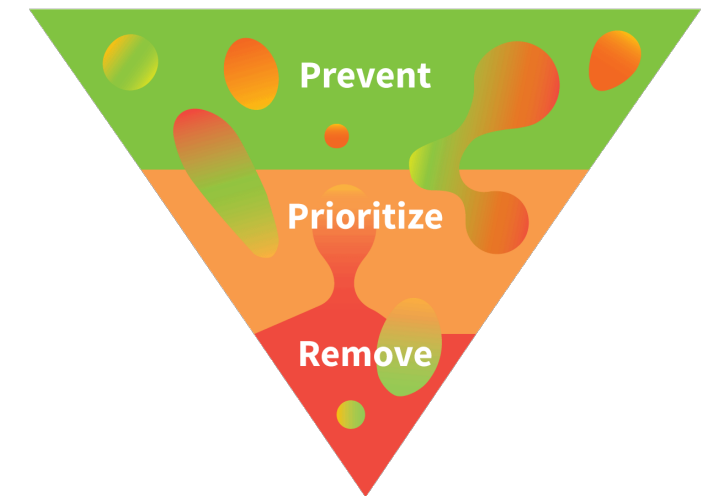
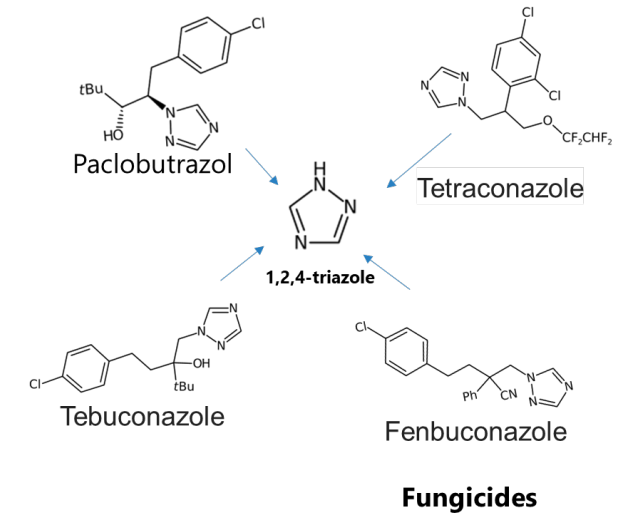
Grouping PM substances based on specific molecular substructures will support PMT/vPvM substance prioritization and directed risk assessment procedures

Grouping can be done by

- Common moieties amongst PMT/vPvM substances
- Dead-end transformation substances

Prioritization

- Use categories
- Co-creation amongst scientists and stakeholders to find those to prevent or remove most urgently
 - >> Such as by Risk Assessment



Thank you!!



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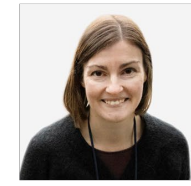
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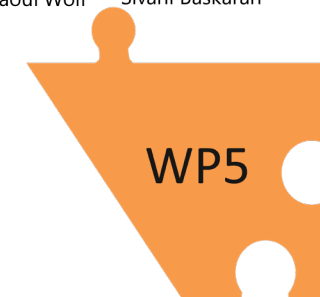
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