

A benchmark dataset for machine learning in ecotoxicology

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

1 Glossary

Table 1. A glossary of all columns in the dataset. The prefix of the column name identifies the feature category or source file, *e.g.*, column names starting with "test" originate from the ECOTOX tests file. The dataset contains modeling features as well as additional information. Only the features labelled "suitable for modeling" should be used for modeling. The others *must not* be used. Effective concentrations are labelled as targets. Only one target should be used and the others *must not* be used as modeling feature. *We advise modelers to investigate these features, *e.g.*, with a correlation analysis, before adding them to the model.

Column name	Description	Suitable for modeling
<i>test_id</i>	Unique identifier for an experiment (links with ECOTOX)	no
<i>reference_number</i>	Unique identifier for the original source (links with ECOTOX)	no
<i>test_cas</i>	CAS number of the chemical compound	no
<i>test_location</i>	Test location	no
<i>test_exposure_type</i>	Exposure type	yes
<i>test_control_type</i>	Control type	no
<i>test_media_type</i>	Media type	yes
<i>test_application_freq_unit</i>	Application frequency unit	no
<i>test_organism_lifestage</i>	Organism life stage	no
<i>result_id</i>	Unique identifier for each data point (links with ECOTOX)	no
<i>result_effect</i>	Effect group	no
<i>result_endpoint</i>	Endpoint	no
<i>result_obs_duration_mean</i>	Observation duration	yes
<i>result_conc1_type</i>	Exposure concentration type	yes
<i>result_conc1_mean_op</i>	Effective concentration operator	no
<i>result_conc1_mean</i>	Effective concentration value (in <i>mg/L</i>)	target
<i>result_conc1_mean_mol</i>	Effective concentration value (in <i>mol/L</i>)	target
<i>media_ph_mean</i>	Measured medium pH	yes
<i>media_temperature_mean</i>	Measured medium temperature (in °C)	yes
<i>tax_all</i>	Combination of all taxonomic levels	no
<i>tax_name</i>	Common species name	no
<i>tax_class</i>	Taxonomic class	no
<i>tax_order</i>	Taxonomic order	no
<i>tax_family</i>	Taxonomic family	no
<i>tax_genus</i>	Taxonomic genus	no
<i>tax_species</i>	Taxonomic species	no
<i>tax_gs</i>	Taxonomic genus and species	no
<i>species_number</i>	Species identifier (links with ECOTOX)	no
<i>tax_group</i>	Taxonomic group	no
<i>tax_pdm_available</i>	Boolean whether phylogenetic distance is available	no
<i>tax_eco_climate</i>	Ecology, climate zone	yes
<i>tax_eco_ecozone</i>	Ecology, ecozone	yes
<i>tax_eco_food</i>	Ecology, food class	yes
<i>tax_eco_migrate5</i>	Ecology, migratory behavior (5-level encoding)	yes
<i>tax_eco_migrate2</i>	Ecology, migratory behavior (2-level encoding)	yes
<i>tax_lh_aml</i>	Life history, life span (in <i>d</i>)	yes
<i>tax_lh_lbcm</i>	Life history, body length at birth (in <i>cm</i>)	yes
<i>tax_lh_lpcm</i>	Life history, body length at puberty (in <i>cm</i>)	yes
<i>tax_lh_licm</i>	Life history, ultimate body length (in <i>cm</i>)	yes
<i>tax_lh_ri#/d</i>	Life history, reproductive rate (in <i>#/d</i>)	yes
<i>tax_ps_ampv</i>	Pseudo-data, energy conductance (in <i>cm/d</i>)	yes
<i>tax_ps_ampkap</i>	Pseudo-data, allocation fraction to soma	yes

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Column name	Description	Suitable for modeling
<i>tax_ps_amppm</i>	Pseudo-data, volume-specific somatic maintenance cost (in $J/d \cdot cm^3$)	yes
<i>result_conc1_mean_binary</i>	Effective concentration category (more toxic/less toxic)	target
<i>result_conc1_mean_log</i>	Effective mass concentration value after a log10 transformation	target
<i>result_conc1_mean_mol_log</i>	Effective molar concentration value after a log10 transformation	target
<i>chem_dtxsid</i>	DSSTOX substance ID	no
<i>chem_name</i>	Name of chemical compound	no
<i>test_cas_name</i>	Concatenation of CAS number and name of chemical compound	no
<i>chem_sf</i>	Molecular formula	no
<i>chem_mw</i>	Molecular weight (in g/mol)	yes
<i>chem_mp</i>	Melting point (in $^{\circ}C$)	yes
<i>chem_ws</i>	Water solubility (in mg/L)	yes
<i>chem_ws_binary</i>	Boolean whether water solubility is available	no
<i>chem_dtxcid</i>	DSSTOX compound ID	no
<i>chem_inchi</i>	InChI from DSSTox	no
<i>chem_inchikey</i>	InChIkey from DSSTox	no
<i>chem_pcp_cid</i>	PubChem compound ID	no
<i>chem_pcp_inchi</i>	InChI from PubChem	no
<i>chem_pcp_inchikey</i>	InChIkey from PubChem	no
<i>chem_pcp_iupac_name</i>	IUPAC name	no
<i>chem_pcp_can_smiles</i>	Canonical SMILES from PubChem	no
<i>chem_pcp_fp</i>	Collapsed PubChem fingerprint	yes
<i>chem_pcp_heavy_atom_count</i>	Number of heavy atoms, <i>i.e.</i> , not hydrogen	yes
<i>chem_rdkit_clogp</i>	Octanol-water partition coefficient	yes
<i>chem_rdkit_can_smiles</i>	Canonical SMILES from RDKit	no
<i>chem_pcp_bonds_count</i>	Number of bonds	yes
<i>chem_pcp_doublebonds_count</i>	Number of double bonds	yes
<i>chem_pcp_triplebonds_count</i>	Number of triple bonds	yes
<i>chem_rings_count</i>	Number of rings	yes
<i>chem_OH_count</i>	Number of OH groups	yes
<i>chem_mol2vec_allowed</i>	Boolean: compatible with mol2vec	no
<i>chem_pka_median</i>	Acid dissociation constant	yes
<i>chem_MACCS_fp</i>	Collapsed MACCS fingerprint	yes
<i>chem_Morgan_fp</i>	Collapsed Morgan fingerprint	yes
<i>chem_ToxPrint_fp</i>	Collapsed ToxPrint fingerprint	yes
<i>chem_mol2vec[000-299]</i>	300-dimensional mol2vec embedding	yes
<i>chem_mordred_x</i>	Mordred features	yes*
<i>split_totallyrandom</i>	Split data points totally at random (incl. cross-validation folds)	no
<i>split_random</i>	Split chemicals at random (incl. cross-validation folds)	no
<i>split_occurrence</i>	Split chemicals by occurrence (incl. cross-validation folds)	no
<i>split_scaffold-murcko</i>	Split chemicals by Murcko scaffold (incl. cross-validation folds)	no
<i>split_scaffold-murcko-loo-0</i>	Split chemicals by Murcko scaffold (only training and test set)	no
<i>split_scaffold-murcko-loo-1</i>	Split chemicals by Murcko scaffold (only training and test set)	no
<i>split_scaffold-murcko-llo</i>	Split chemicals by Murcko scaffold (only training and test set)	no
<i>split_scaffold-generic</i>	Split chemicals by generic scaffold (incl. cross-validation folds)	no
<i>split_scaffold-generic-loo-0</i>	Split chemicals by generic scaffold (only training and test set)	no
<i>split_scaffold-generic-loo-1</i>	Split chemicals by generic scaffold (only training and test set)	no
<i>split_scaffold-generic-llo</i>	Split chemicals by generic scaffold (only training and test set)	no

2 ECOTOX data

Definitions for ECOTOX effect groups as given in the [ECOTOX term appendix](#):

- **Mortality (MOR):** Measurements and endpoints where the cause of death is by direct action of the chemical.
- **Physiology (PHY)/Intoxication (ITX):** Measurements and endpoints regarding basic activity in cells and tissues of plants or animals; includes four effect groups - injury, immunity, intoxication and general physiological response.
- **Growth (GRO):** Category encompasses measures of weight and length, and includes effects on development, growth and morphology.
- **Population (POP):** Measurements and endpoints relating to a group of organisms or plants of the same species occupying the same area at a given time.

2.1 Toxicity categories

The toxicity intervals given in Table 2 and shown for the chemicals in our dataset in Figure 3 are in accordance with EPA.

Table 2. EC50 intervals for the binary and multi-class toxicity classification used in Figure 3.

EC50 interval (mg/L)	Binary classification	Multi-class classification
$(-\infty, 10^{-1}]$	more toxic	very highly toxic
$(10^{-1}, 10^0]$	more toxic	highly toxic
$(10^0, 10^1]$	less toxic	moderately toxic
$(10^1, 10^2]$	less toxic	slightly toxic
$(10^2, +\infty)$	less toxic	non-toxic

2.2 Reference chronology

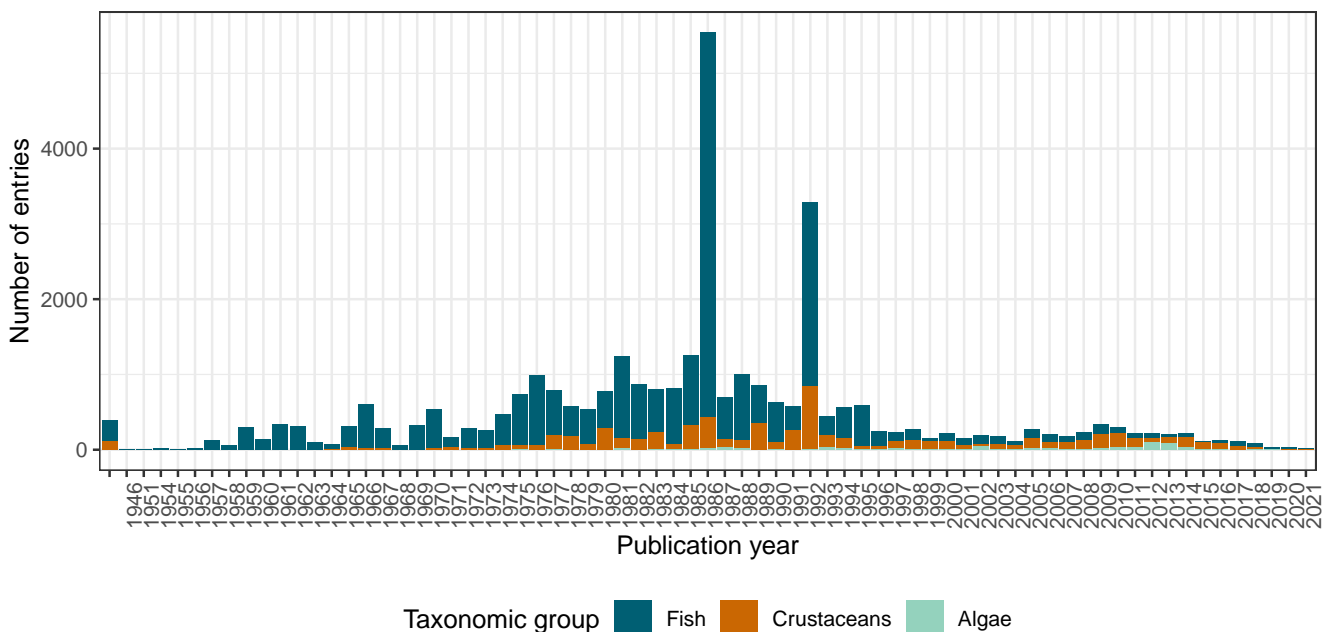


Figure 1. Chronology of the references related to the different taxonomic groups added to ECOTOX over time. The publication year refers to the year the original study was published. It is noteworthy that some references are not singular scientific studies, but entail whole databases, such as the US EPA "Pesticide Ecotoxicity Database (Formerly: Environmental Effects Database (EEDB))", added in 1992.

2.3 Experimental properties

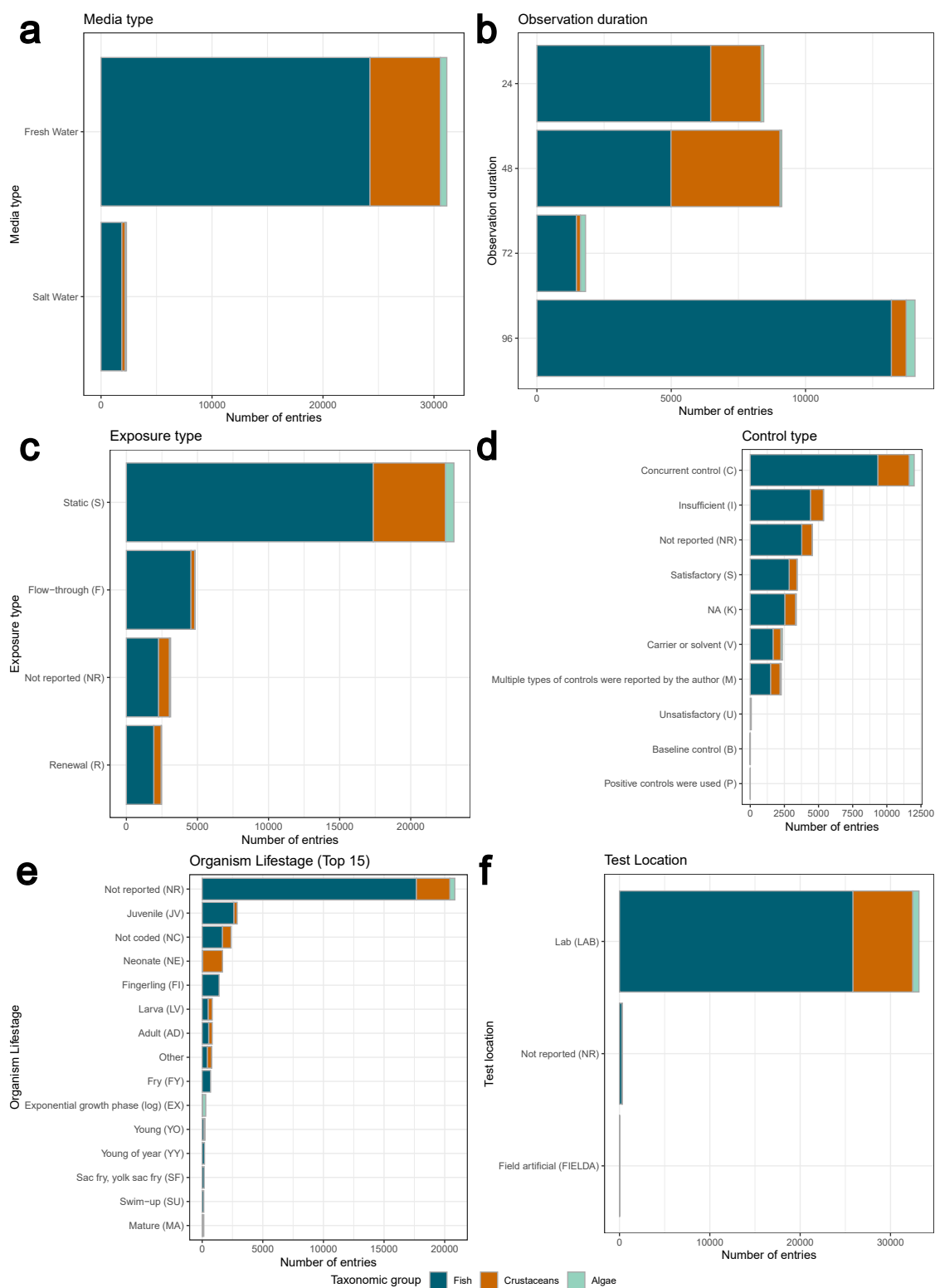


Figure 2. Overview of the most common values for experimental properties parameters. a: Media type; b: Observation duration; c: Exposure type; d: Control type; e: Organism life stage (only the top 15 of 48 total, less-abundant life stages are combined into "other"); f: Test location.

3 Taxonomic data

3.1 Overview

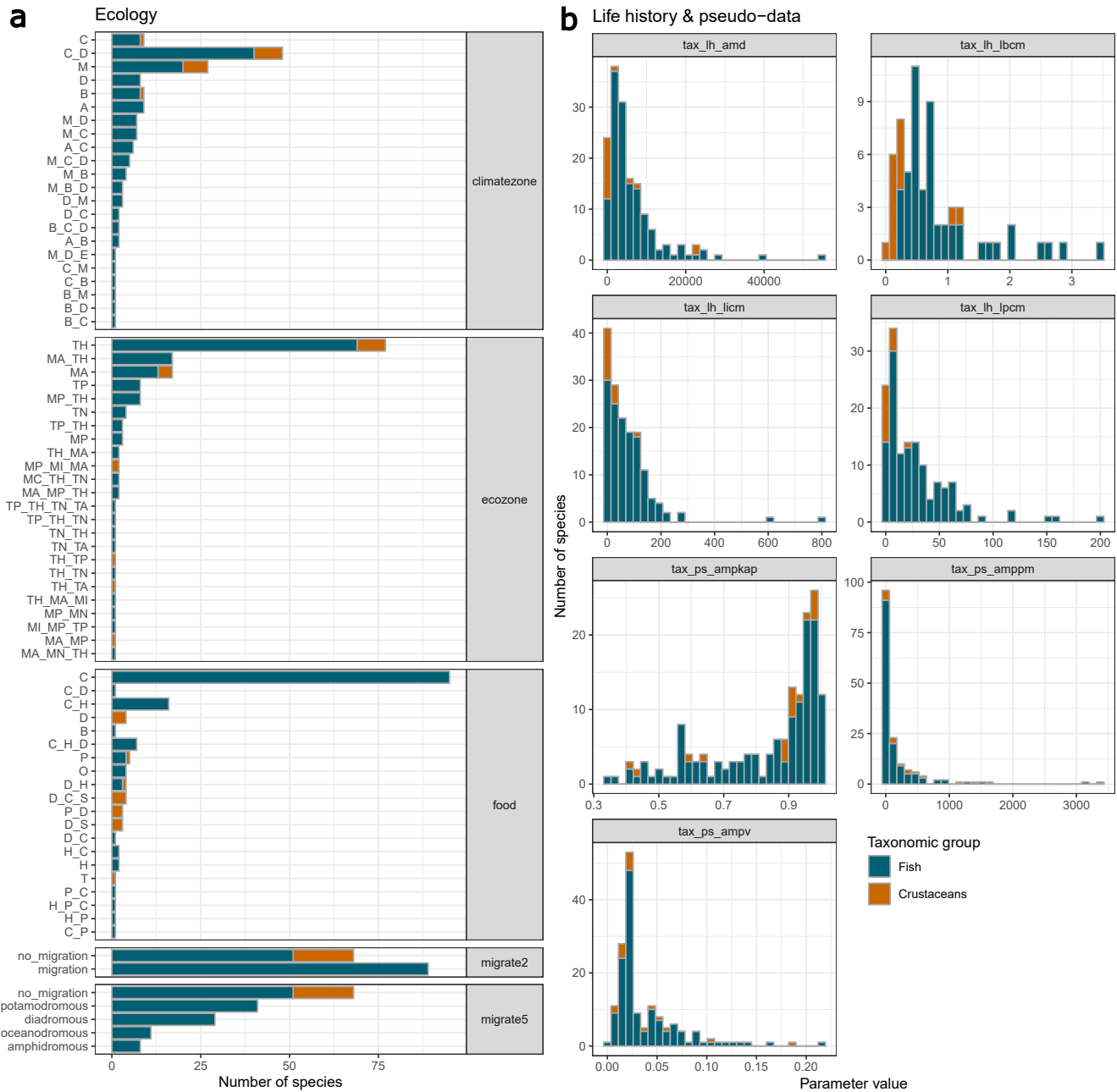


Figure 3. a: Overview of the taxonomic properties for ecology. b: Overview for life history and pseudo-data parameter values. The encodings for the different levels are given in Supplementary Tables 3-6.

3.2 Ecological data encoding

Here, we provide the encodings for the ecological data. For some parameters, we had to reduce the complexity of the encodings. More detailed descriptions of the parameters and the original encoding can be found in the [Add my Pet collection](#)

3.2.1 Climate zone

Table 3. Climate zone definitions and encodings.

Encoding	Definition
A	Tropical (megathermal) climates: every month of the year with an average temperature of 18 °C or higher, with significant precipitation
B	Dry (arid and semi-arid) climates: little precipitation
C	Temperate (mesothermal) climates: the coldest month averaging between 0 and 18 °C and at least one month averaging above 10 °C
D	Continental (microthermal) climates: at least one month averaging below -3 °C and at least one month averaging above 10 °C
E	Polar and alpine (montane) climates: every month of the year with an average temperature below 10 °C
M	Marine climates

3.2.2 Ecozone

Table 4. Ecozone definitions and encodings.

Encoding	Definition
MA	Atlantic ocean
MC	Circumglobal oceans
MI	Indian ocean
MN	Arctic ocean
MP	Pacific ocean
MS	Southern ocean
TA	Australasia (including New Guinea, New Zealand)
TH	Holarctic
TN	Neotropic (including Central America, and the Caribbean)
TP	Paleotropic

3.2.3 Migratory behavior

Table 5. Migratory definitions and encodings for 2 and 5 levels.

2-level encoding	5-level encoding	Definition
no_migration	no_migration	Do not migrate
migration	amphidromous	Migrate from fresh water to the sea, or vice versa, but not for breeding
migration	diadromous	Migrate between the sea and fresh water
migration	oceanodromous	Live and migrate wholly in the sea
migration	potamodromous	Live and migrate wholly within fresh water

3.2.4 Food

Table 6. Food definitions and encodings.

Encoding	Definition
B	Bacterivore (including micro-organisms)
C	Carnivore (living animals)
D	Detrivore (bacteria, small fungi, organic matter)
H	Herbivore (plants)
O	Omnivore (plants/animals/fungi)
P	Planktivore (small aquatic organisms, macro-movement controlled by flow, not by swimming)
S	Scavenger (dead animals)
T	Parasitic (animal tissue)

4 Chemical data

4.1 Tanimoto similarity

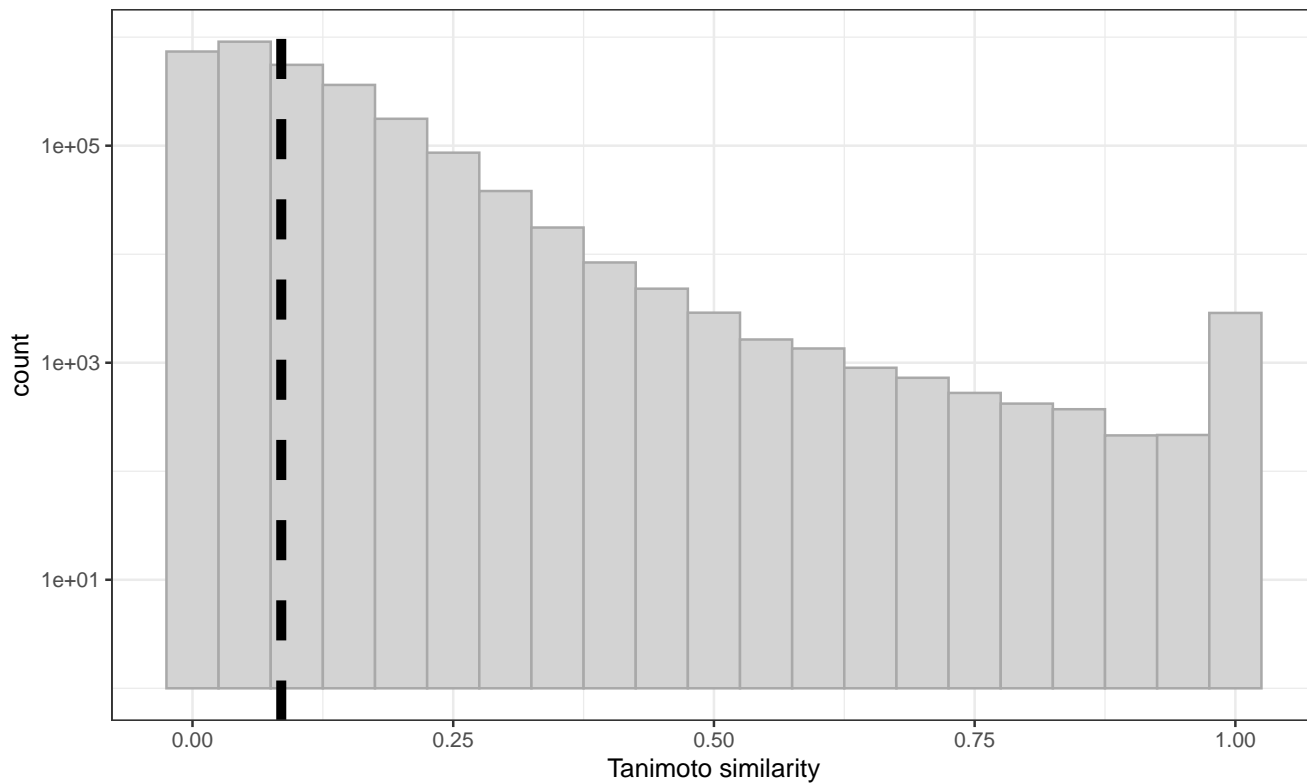


Figure 4. Histogram of the Tanimoto similarities for the chemicals in our dataset, ranging from 0 (dissimilar) to 1 (equal). The dashed vertical line indicates the mean similarity of 0.085.

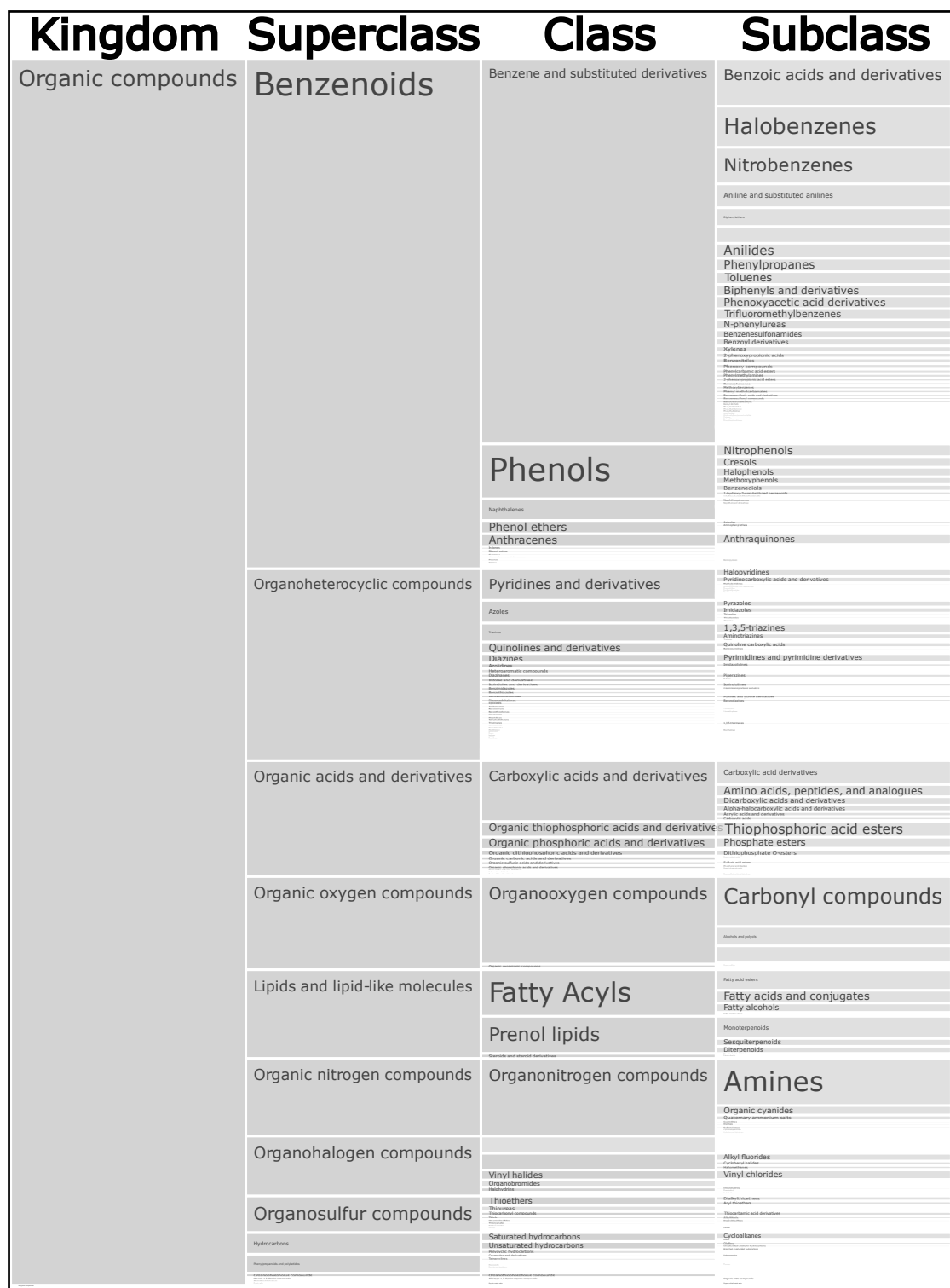


Figure 5. Icicle chart representing the chemical ontology for 2,250 of the 2,408 chemicals in our dataset, with the hierarchical levels kingdom, superclass, class, and subclass.

4.3 Chemical properties

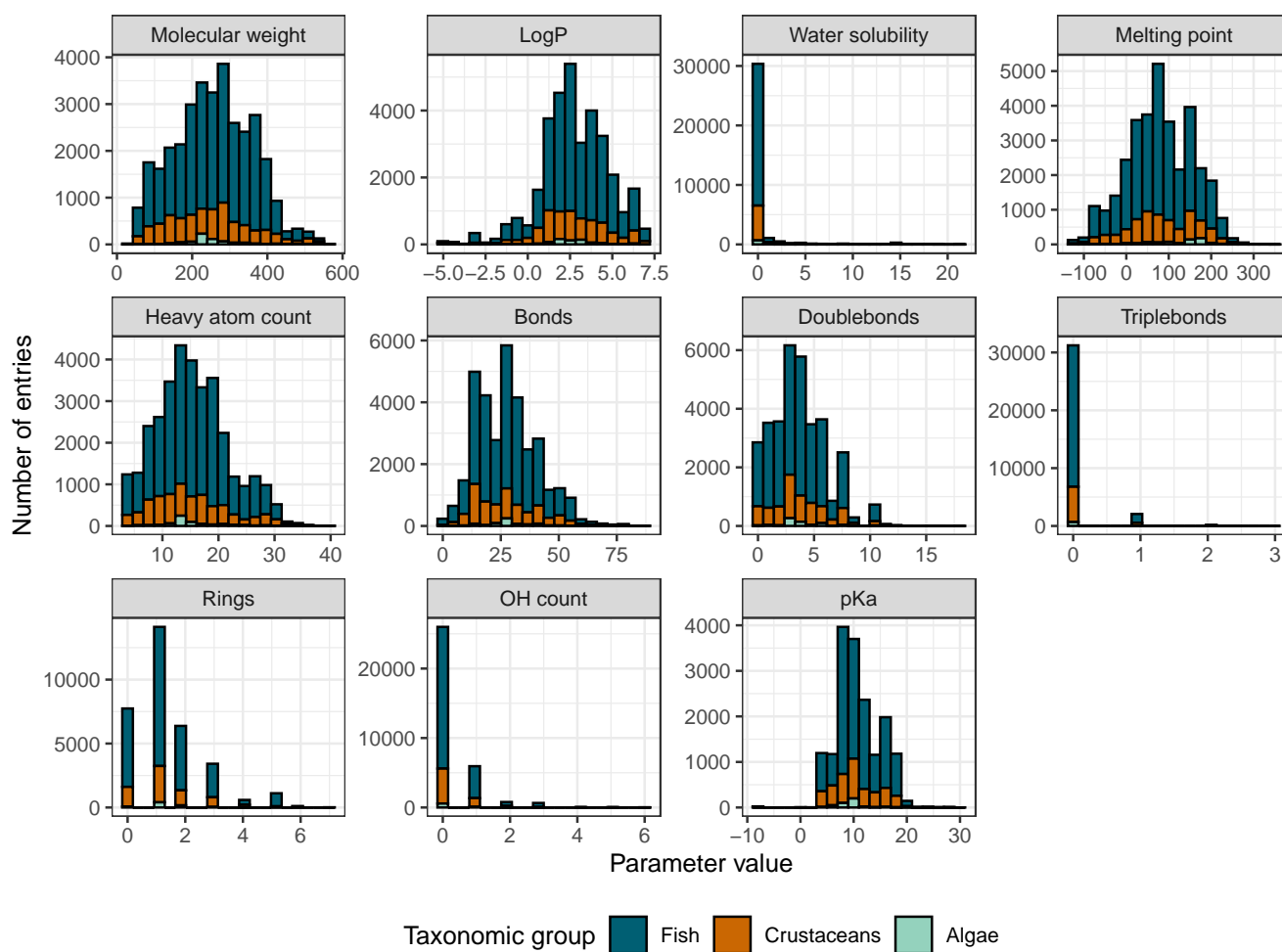


Figure 6. Overview of the distributions of the chemical properties represented in our dataset. See Table 5 in the main manuscript for more details.

4.4 Functional use categories

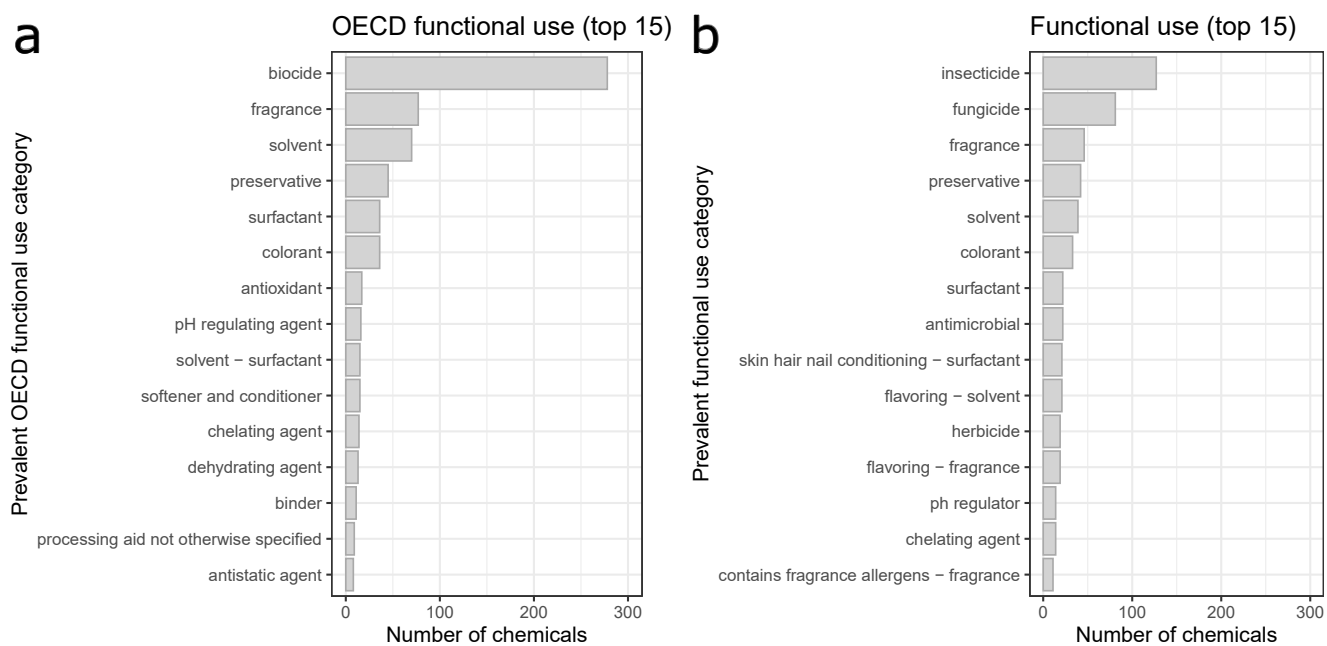


Figure 7. Prevalent functional use categories for 570 of the 2,408 chemicals in our dataset. Most chemicals have several reported uses of which we select the prevalent ones, *i.e.*, those reported in at least 20% of the cases for each chemical. a: Internationally harmonized OECD functional uses, b: non-harmonized functional uses distinguish between the different biocides.

4.5 Molecular scaffolds

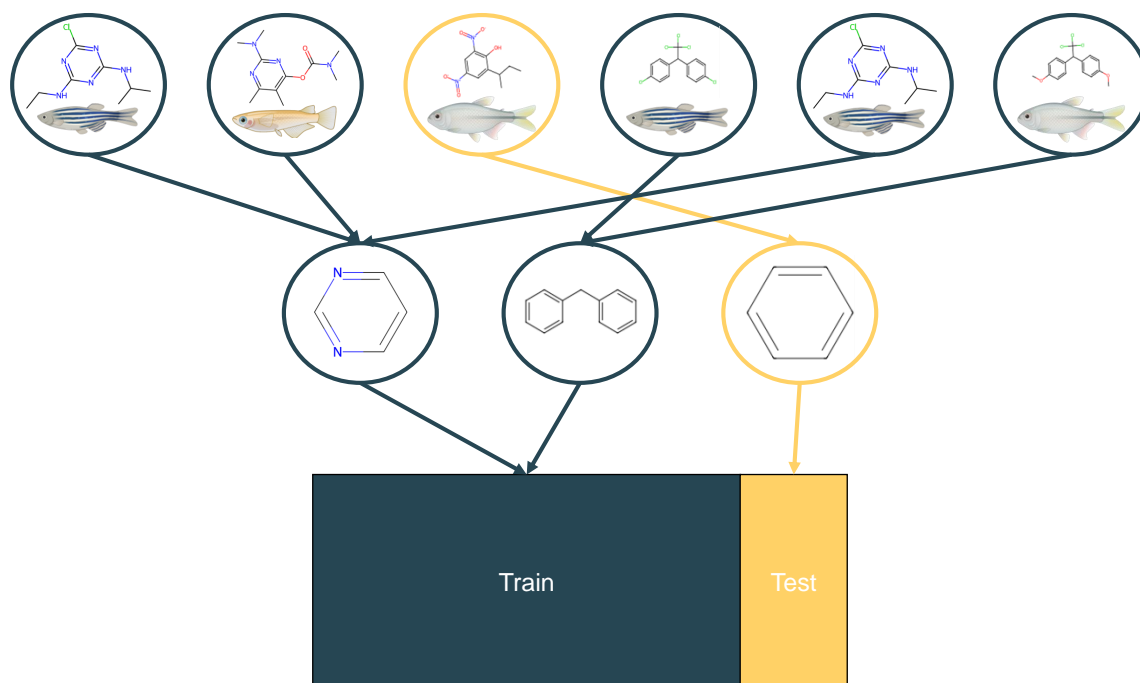


Figure 8. Schematic visualization of stratified data splitting according to the molecular scaffold. In the first step, all molecules that share a molecular scaffold are grouped together. Then, these groups are distributed into a training and a test set. This procedure reduces data leakage by ensuring that similar chemicals - defined by a common molecular scaffold - do not occur both in the train and test set.

Table 7. Canonical SMILES and chemical structures of the most common Murcko scaffolds. We do not include "no scaffold" here.

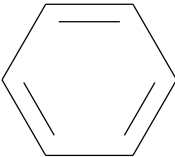
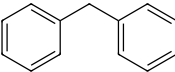
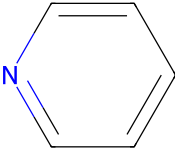
Canonical SMILES	Structure
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<chem>c1ccncc1</chem>	

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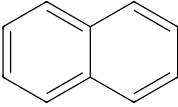
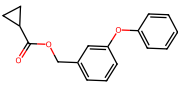
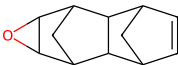
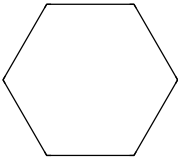
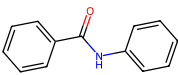
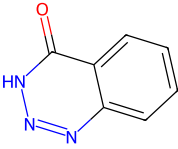
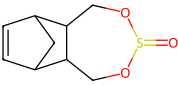
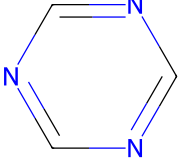
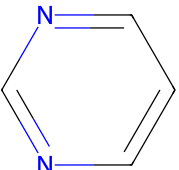
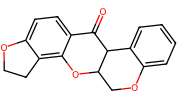
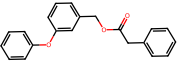
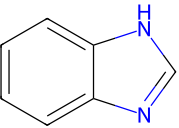
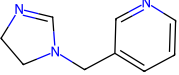
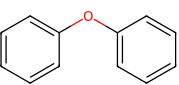
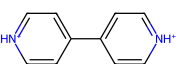
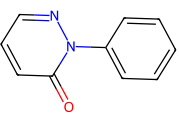
Canonical SMILES	Structure
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<chem>C1=CC2CC1C1C3CC(C4OC34)C21</chem>	
<chem>C1CCCCC1</chem>	
<chem>O=C(Nc1ccccc1)c1ccccc1</chem>	
<chem>O=c1[nH]nnc2ccccc12</chem>	
<chem>O=S1OCC2C3C=CC(C3)C2CO1</chem>	
<chem>c1ncncn1</chem>	

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Canonical SMILES	Structure
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<chem>O=C1c2ccc3c(c2OC2COc4ccccc4C12)CCO3</chem>	
<chem>O=C(Cc1ccccc1)OCc1cccc(Oc2ccccc2)c1</chem>	
<chem>c1ccc2[nH]cnc2c1</chem>	
<chem>C1=NCCN1Cc1ccnc1</chem>	
<chem>c1ccc(Oc2ccccc2)cc1</chem>	
<chem>c1cc(-c2cc[nH+]cc2)cc[nH+]1</chem>	
<chem>O=c1cccn1-c1ccccc1</chem>	

Canonical SMILES	Structure
<chem>c1ncnc(NC2CC2)n1</chem>	
<chem>C(=Cc1ccccc1)C(C=Cc1ccccc1)=NNC1=NCCCN1</chem>	
<chem>O=C(Nc1ncnnc1)NS(=O)(=O)c1ccccc1</chem>	
<chem>c1ccc(C2OC2(Cn2cnnc2)c2ccccc2)cc1</chem>	
<chem>c1cc[n+]2c(c1)-c1cccc[n+]1CC2</chem>	
<chem>c1ccc(C2(Cn3cnnc3)OCCO2)cc1</chem>	