

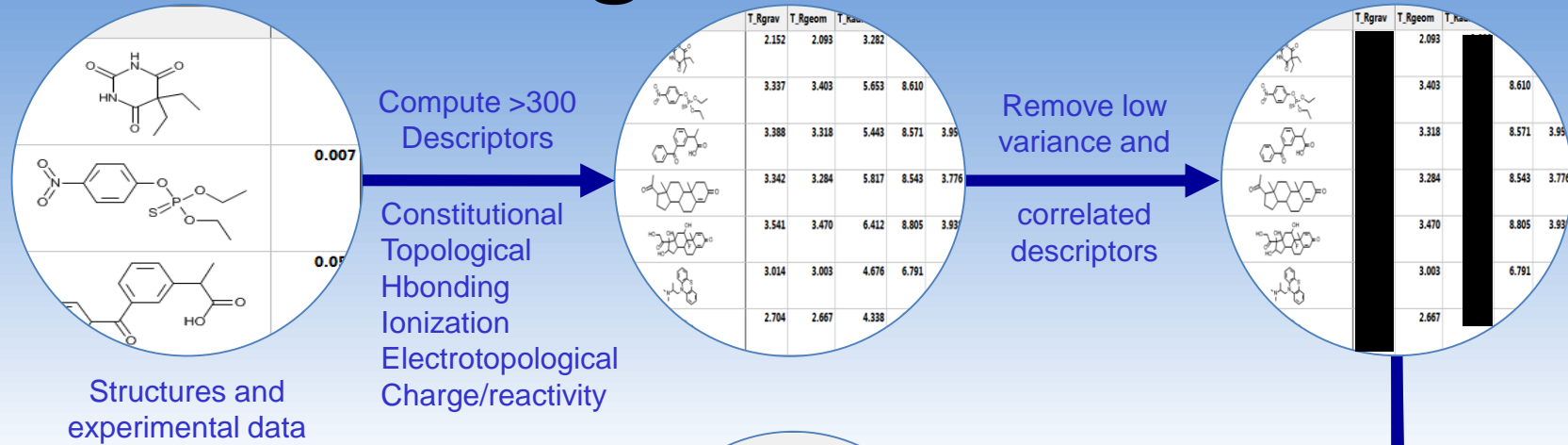
# Predicting Five Rat Acute Toxicity Endpoints with ANNE Models

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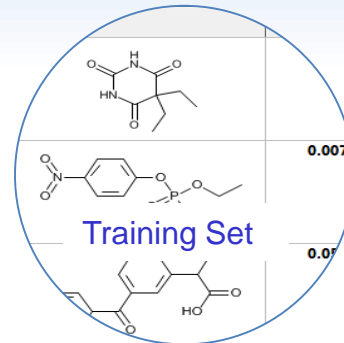
# Rat Acute Toxicity ANNE Models

- ANNE methodology
  - Regression, binary classification, and multiclass models
- Data set curation
- Results
- Summary

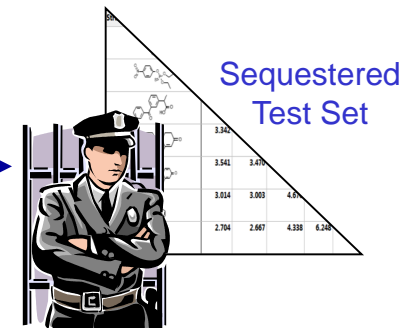
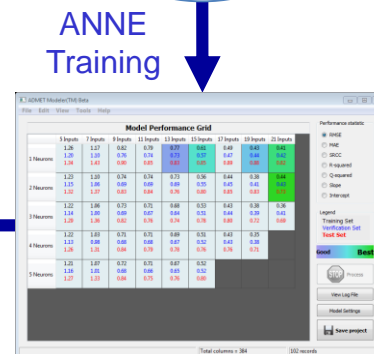
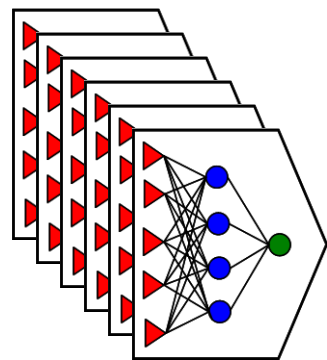
# Building ANNE Models



- No. of neurons and descriptors
  - Create models with different architectures
- Sensitivity analysis
  - Which descriptors create the best model?



- Test Set Selection
- Kohonen map
  - Stratified sampling
  - Random
  - K-means
  - Manual

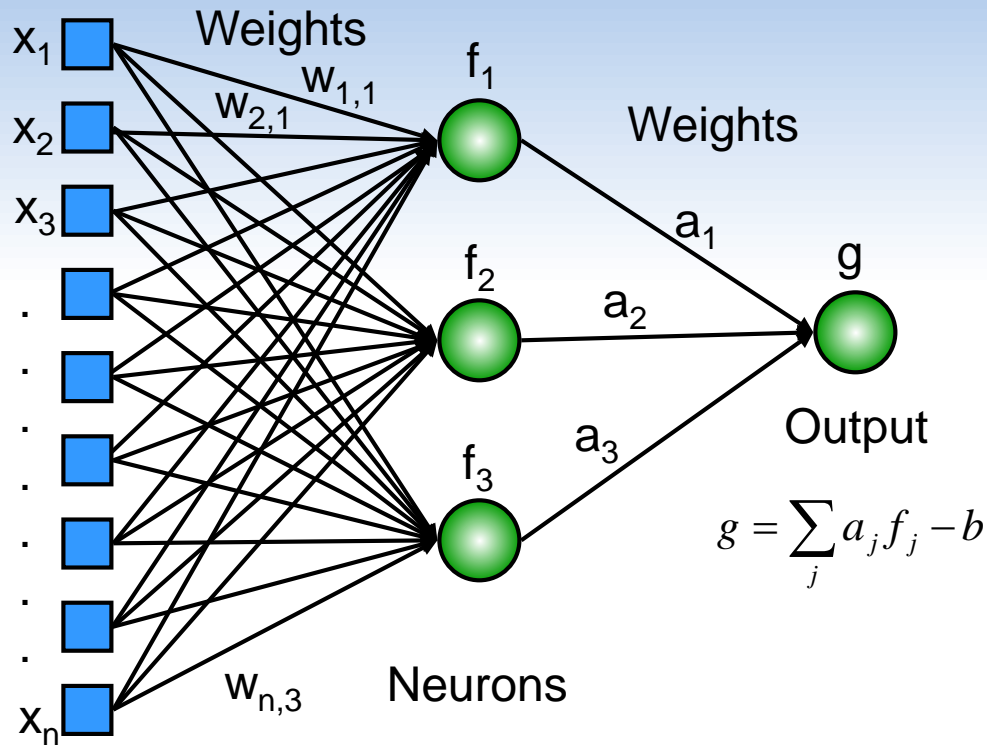


Select best model

Apply model to test set

Grid of ANNE Models  
(X descriptors by Y neurons)

# Regression Neural Network



Descriptors:  $x_i$   
Normalized to  
range 0.0-1.0

Weights are adjusted iteratively to  
optimize model performance on the training set

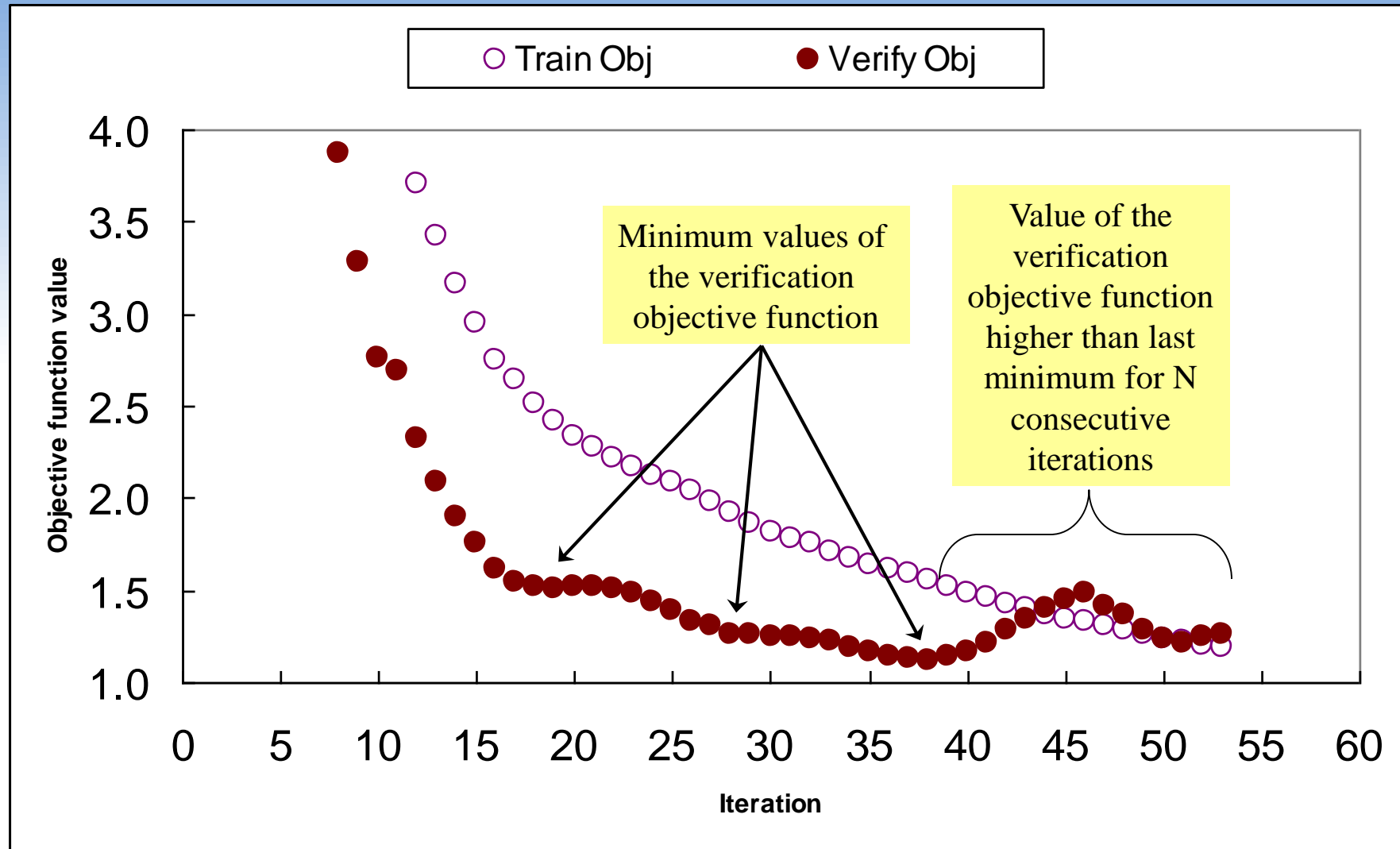
$$Obj = \sum_{k=1}^n (y_k - g(k))^2$$

where  $y_k$  is the observed value for observation k

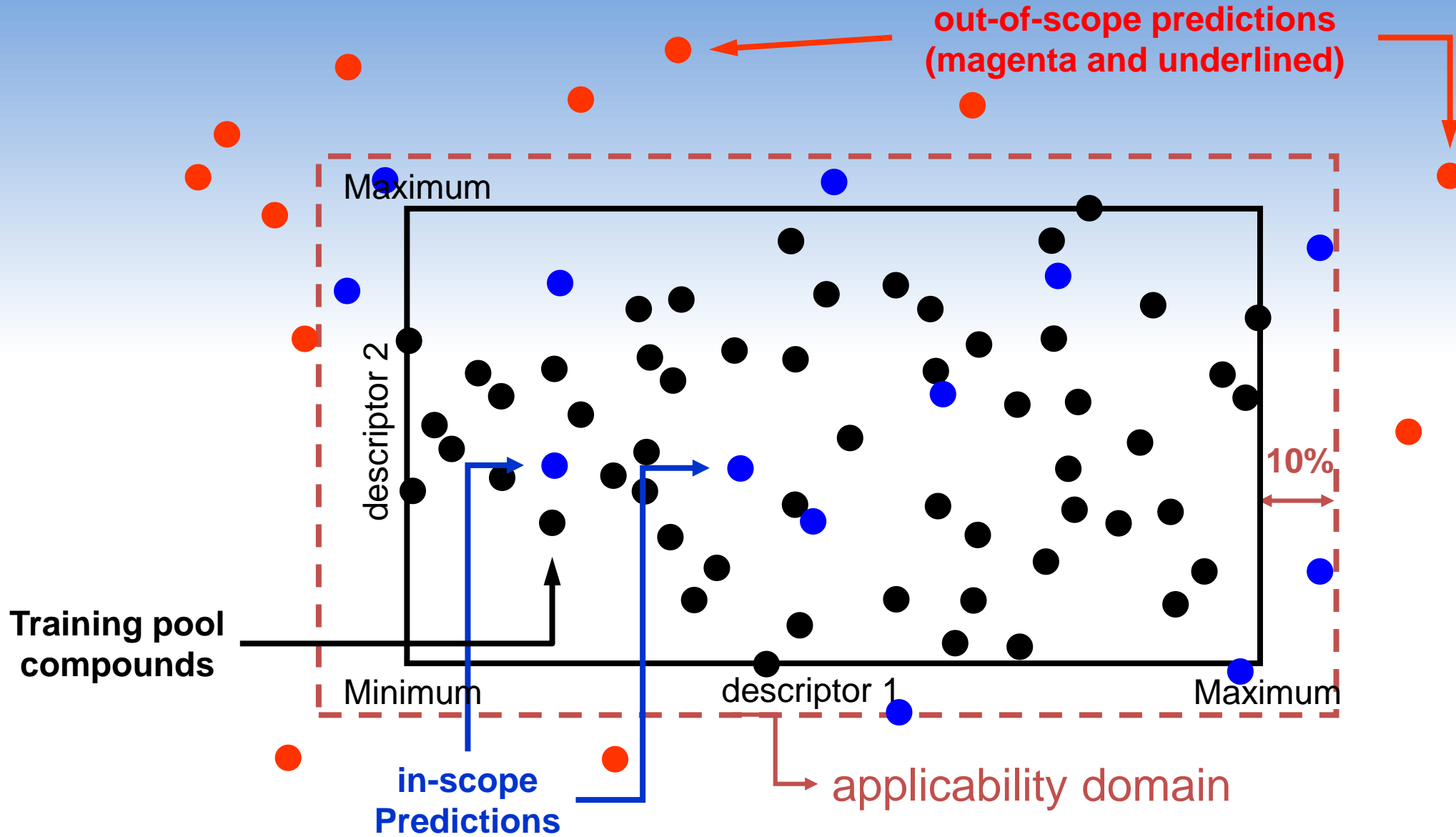
$$g = \sum_j a_j f_j - b$$

$$f_j = \tanh\left(\sum_i w_{ij} x_i - t_j\right)$$

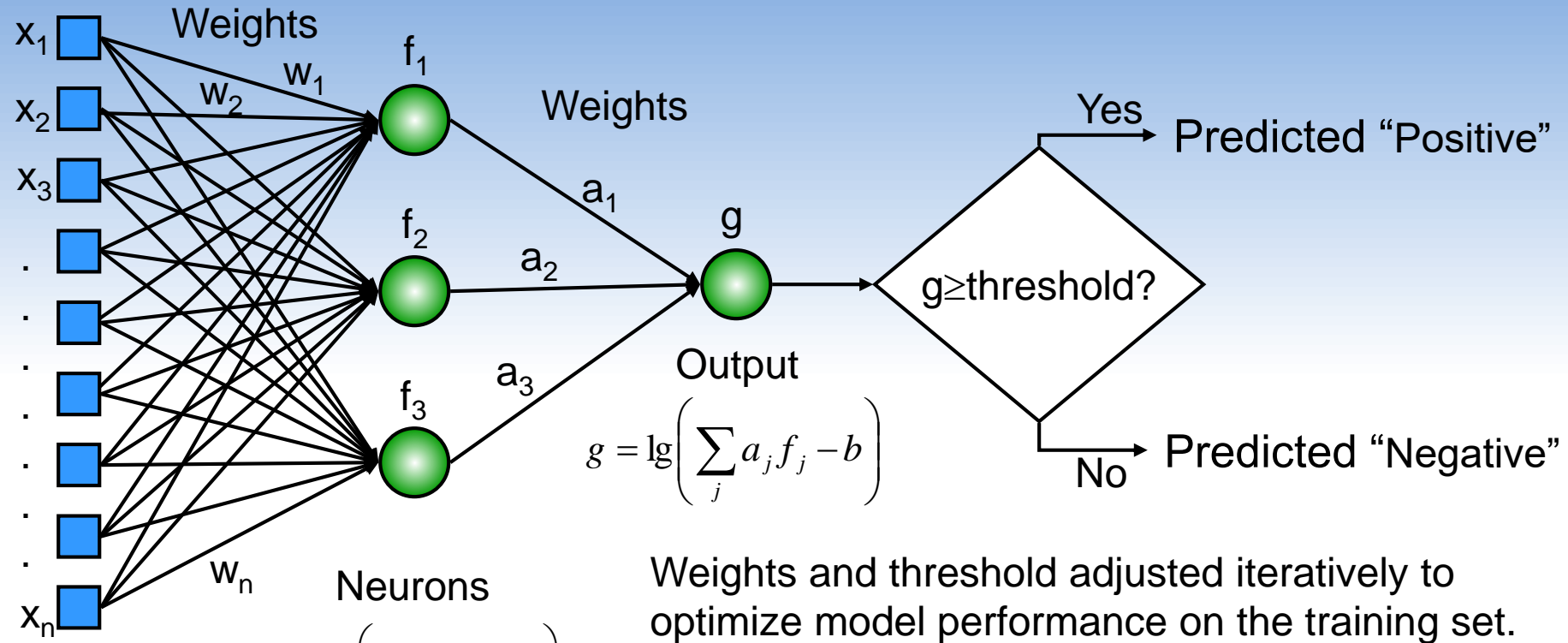
# Early Stopping Prevents Overtraining



# Applicability Domains



# Binary Classification Neural Network



Descriptors:  $X_i$   
Normalized to range 0.0-1.0

$$f_j = \tanh\left(\sum_i w_{ij}x_i - t_j\right)$$

$$g = \lg\left(\sum_j a_j f_j - b\right)$$

Weights and threshold adjusted iteratively to optimize model performance on the training set.

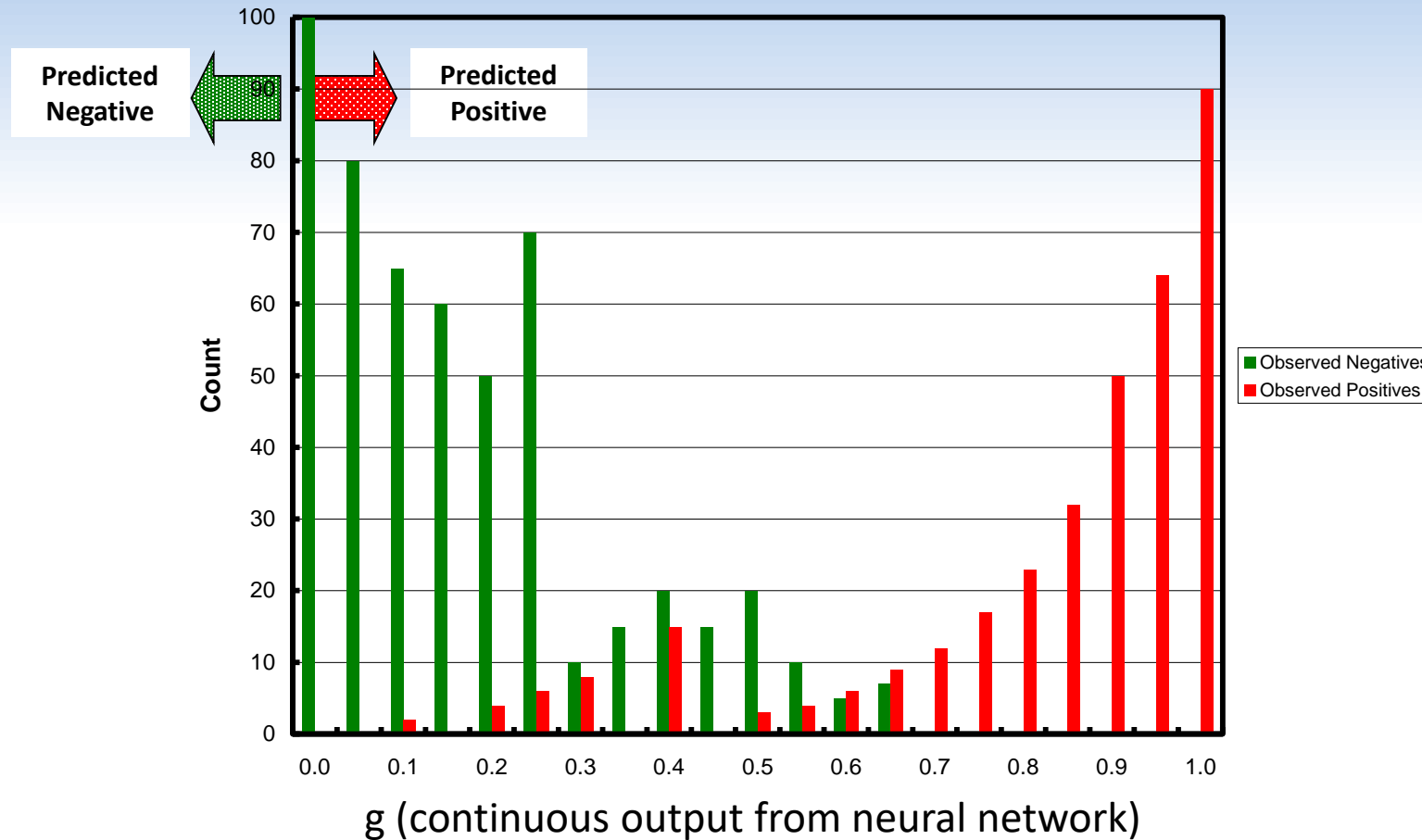
$$Obj = \sum_{k=1}^n w_0(1 - c(k))(g(k))^2 + w_1c(k)(1 - g(k))^2$$

where  $c(k)$  is 0 if observation  $k$  is in the negative class and 1 if observation  $k$  is in the positive class.

# Threshold Adjustment


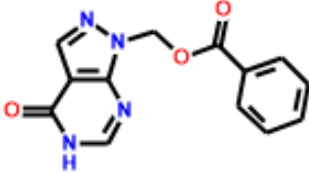
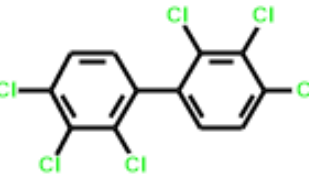
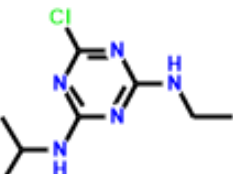
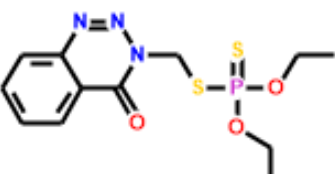
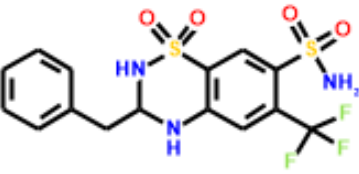
The neural network outputs a continuous value ( $g$ ) between 0 and 1 for each compound. The graph below illustrates a possible distribution plot of the observed negatives (green bars) and positives (red bars) of these values.

A threshold value is adjusted to give the best classification statistics





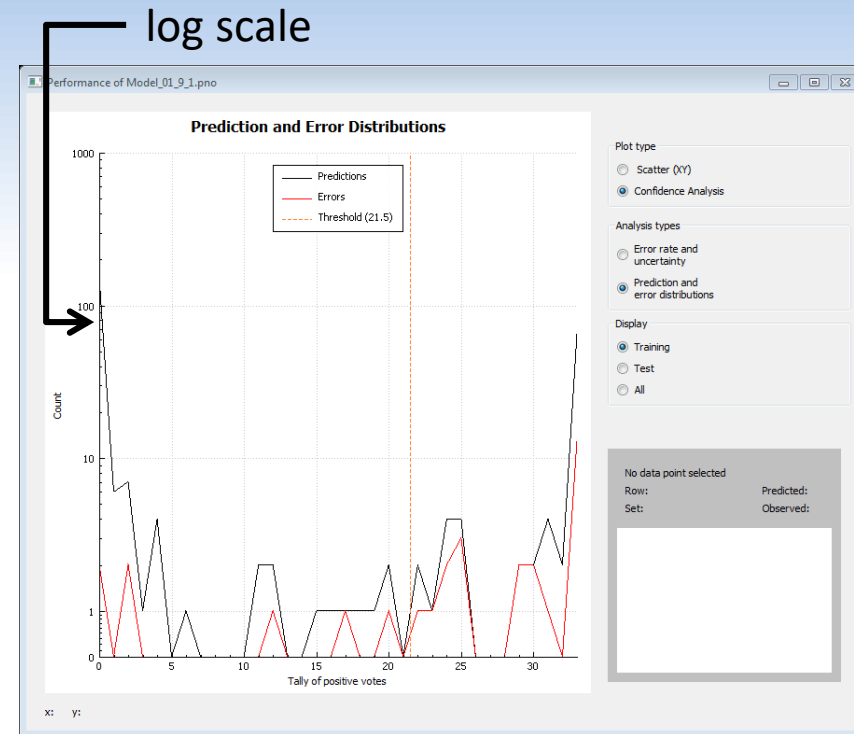
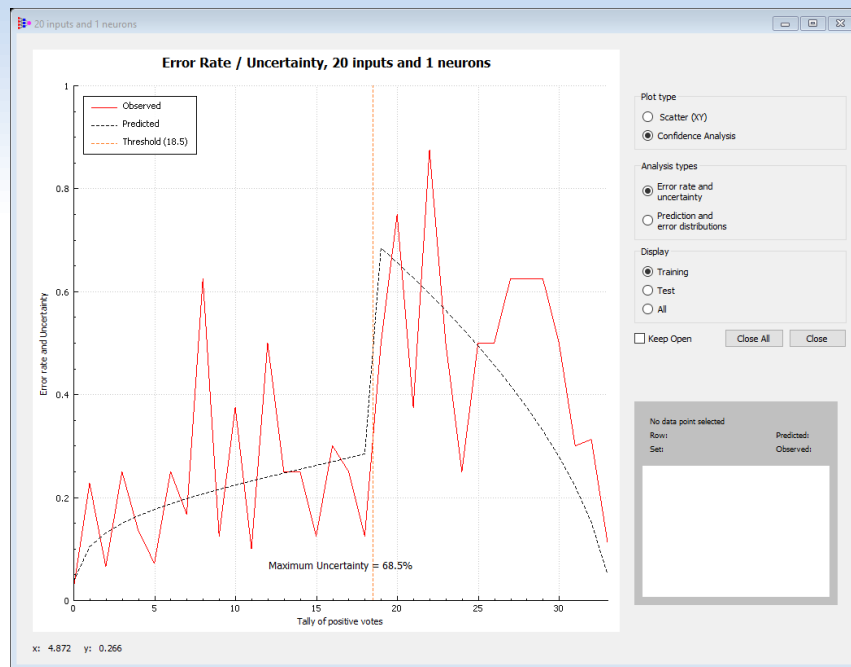
# Confidence Estimates

	Structure	Identifier 	VeryTox Model2	VeryTox Model6
21		Allopurinol, 1-[benzoyloxymethyl]-	FALSE (99%)	FALSE (99%)
22		Aroclor 1260	FALSE (99%)	FALSE (97%)
23		Atrazine	FALSE (99%)	FALSE (99%)
24		Azinphos ethyl	TRUE (57%)	TRUE (62%)
25		Bendroflumethiazide	FALSE (89%)	FALSE (90%)

Confidence estimates are computed for binary classification predictions. These are displayed in parenthesis next to the binary prediction.

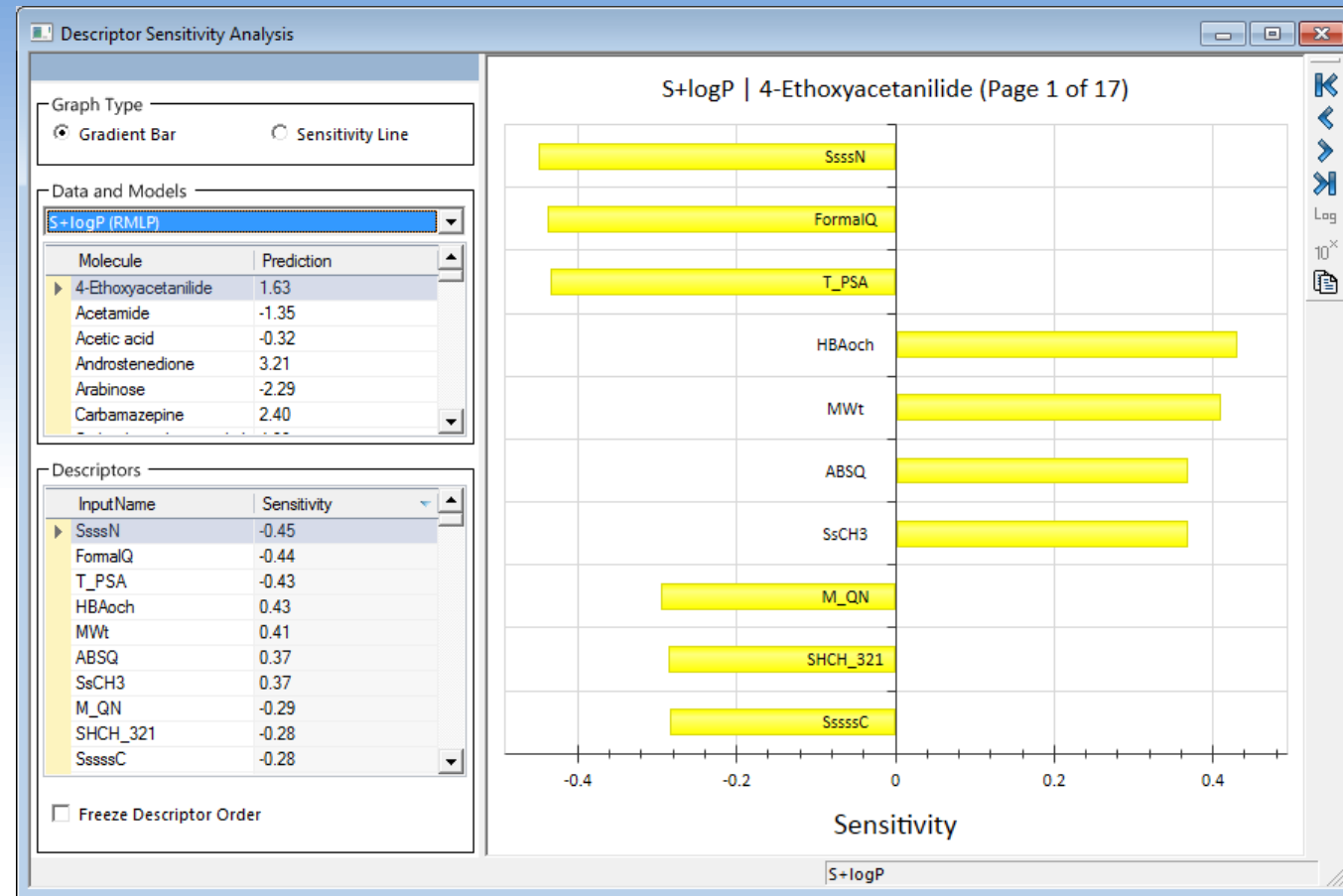
# Confidence Analysis

Prediction uncertainty is based on the degree of concordance among individual neural networks in an ensemble.



- Continuity correction for natural error rate
- Observed distributions of experimental positives and negatives are fitted to separate beta binomial distributions

# Removing “Black-Box” Stigma with ANN

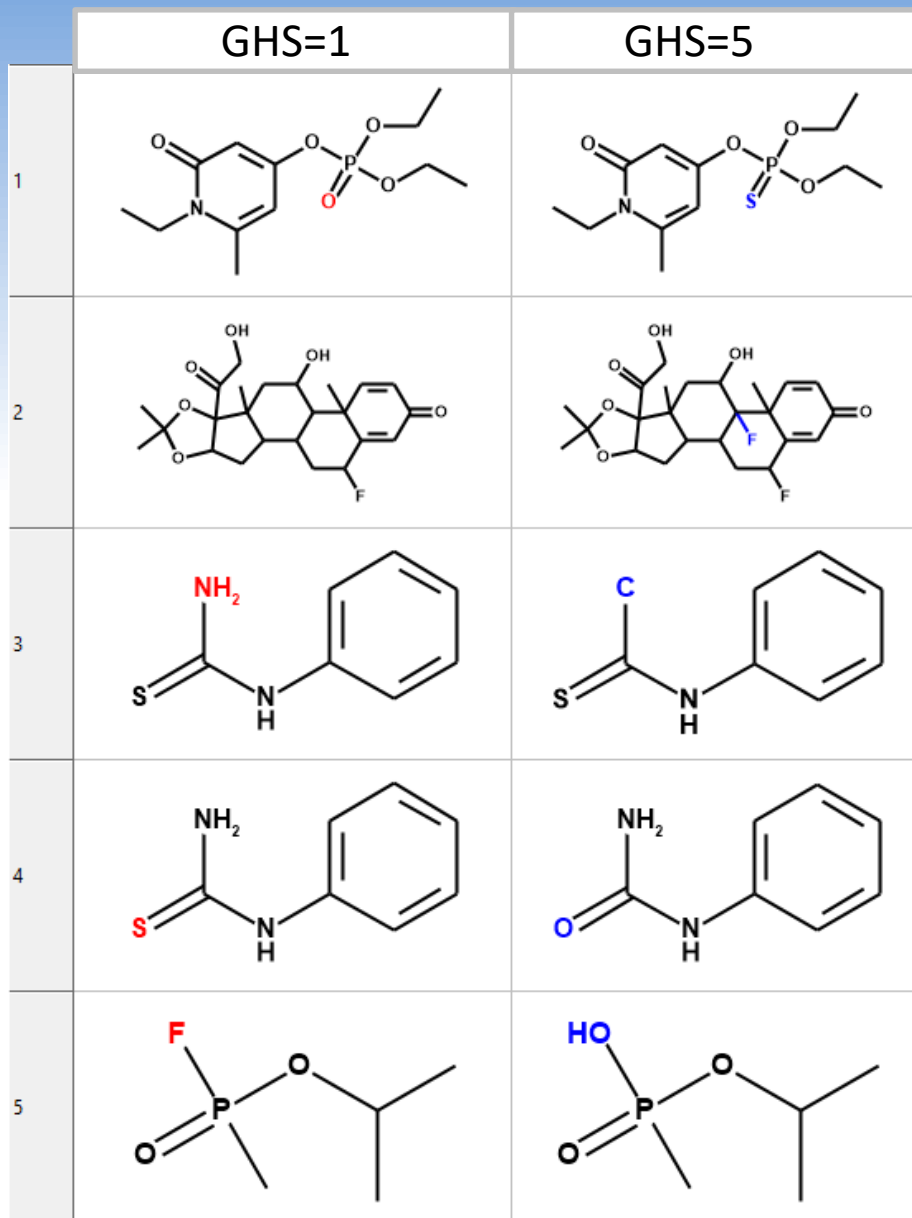


- Descriptor Sensitivity Analysis (DSA) shows the predicted effect of changing each model descriptor on the corresponding property **for the selected molecule**.
  - This provides guidance to the medicinal chemists as to how they may improve a property by changing some structural feature(s) of the molecule

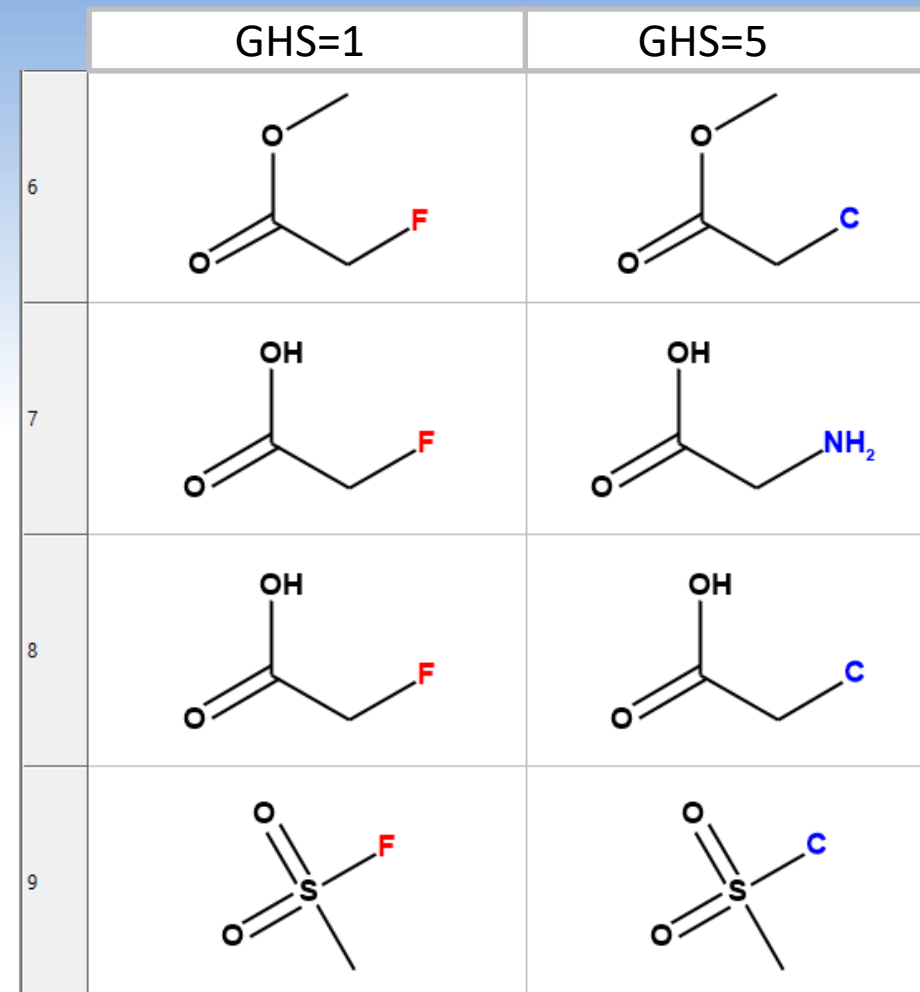
# Data Set Curation

- Standardize functional groups and tautomers
- Exclude molecules that contain atoms other than H, C, N, O, P, S, F, Cl, Br, or I
- Find and analyze duplicate structures and neighbors
  - Remove compounds with widely varying endpoint values

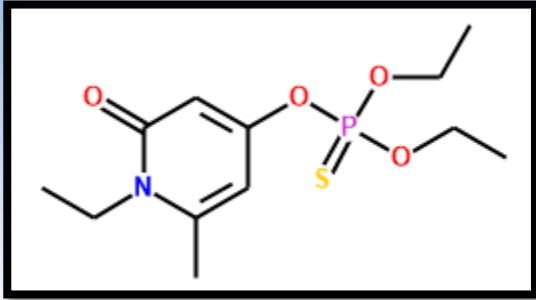
# Matched Molecular Pair Analysis



9 pairs of compounds have a single heavy atom modification that converts the compound from GHS=1 to GHS=5. These pairs represent “activity cliffs”. A small structural change results in a large change in biological activity.

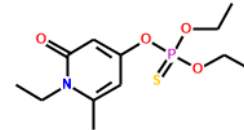
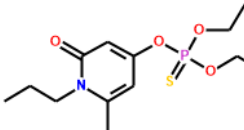
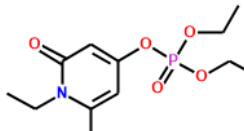
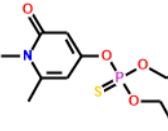
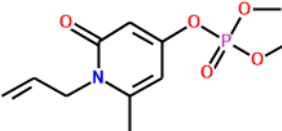
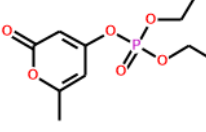
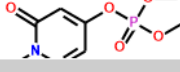


# Widely Varying LD<sub>50</sub> of Similar Compounds

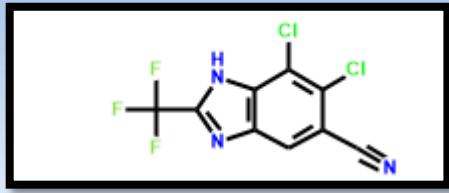


22787-58-2

All the close analogs have single digit LD50 values while this compound has a very high LD50.

	Structure	Identifier	LD50_mgkg
1		22787-58-2	7070
2		21327-31-1	9.75
3		22787-59-3	1.62
4		21409-78-9	5.97
5		22620-72-0	2.46
6		26662-09-9	3.34
7		22787-53-7	2.91

# Widely Varying LD<sub>50</sub> of Similar Compounds



89427-25-8

LD<sub>50</sub> = 3,955 mg/kg

- 31 most similar structures
  - Tanimoto > 0.8
  - LD<sub>50</sub> range is 0.245 to 77 mg/kg

Structure 1	Structure 2	Identifier 1	Identifier 2	Mismatches	Sim. Score	Change(LD50_mgkg)
		89427-25-8	4228-99-3	4	0.892	-3936.714
		89427-25-8	2338-27-4	4	0.889	-3953.481
		89427-25-8	14863-40-2	4	0.886	-3900.000
		89427-25-8	3671-61-2	4	0.886	-3950.589
		89427-25-8	18225-94-0	6	0.842	-3952.614
		89427-25-8	2338-29-6	6	0.842	-3954.755
		89427-25-8	4228-93-7	6	0.842	-3950.878
		89427-25-8	89427-26-9	6	0.842	-3954.153
		89427-25-8	89427-36-1	6	0.842	-3948.512

# Submitted Models

Endpoint	Type	Training set size	Test set size
EPA class (1-4)	Multiclass	6,531	1,633
GHS class (1-5)	Multiclass	6,951	1,648
LD <sub>50</sub>	Regression	5,037	1,209
LD50 > 2,000 mg/kg	Binary	7,059	1,246
LD50 ≤ 50 mg/kg	Binary	6,699	1,675

LD<sub>50</sub> data set is smaller than the others because qualitative values, e.g., >2,000 mg/kg were not included.

Submitted 2 models from each endpoint



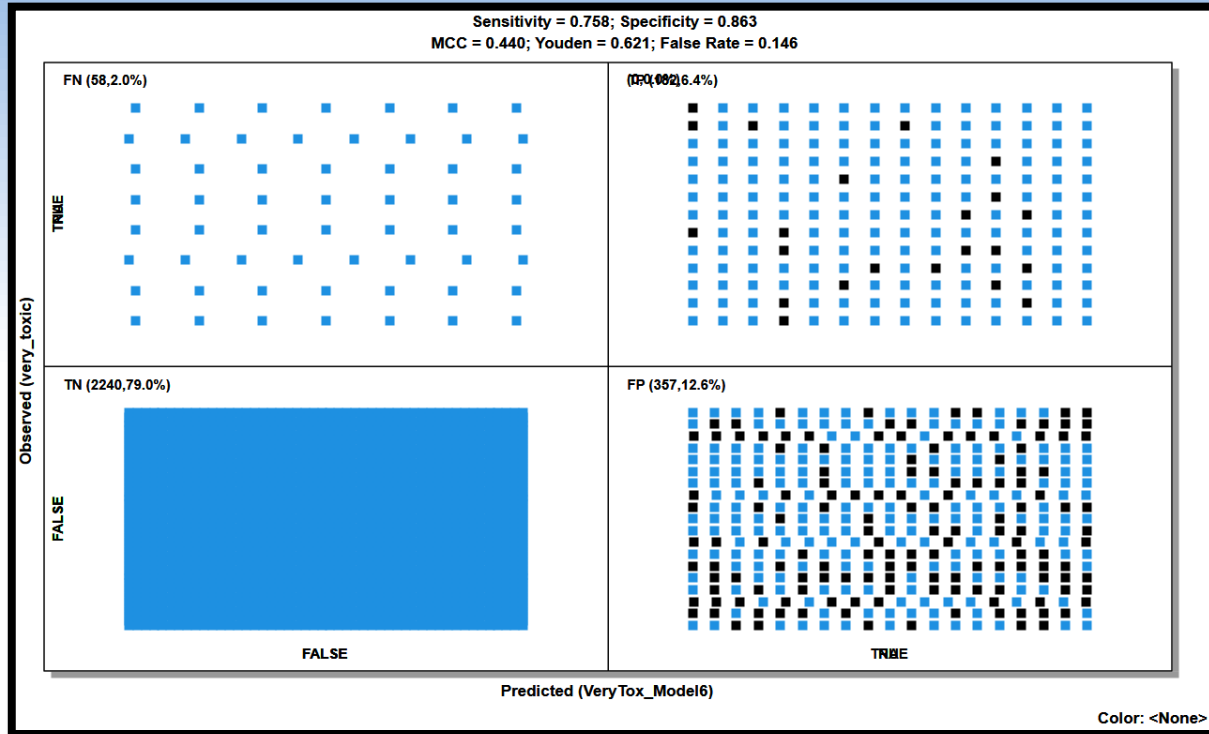
# External Validation (Test) Set Predictions

Model	Endpoint	Data Size	Outside AD (%)	Performance stat <sup>1</sup>
EPACat_1	EPA class (1-4)	2812	50 (1.8%)	0.696
EPACat_2	EPA class (1-4)	2812	51 (1.8%)	0.691
GHSCat_1	GHS class (1-5)	2882	51 (1.8%)	0.666
GHSCat_2	GHS class (1-5)	2882	51 (1.8%)	0.671
LD50_1	LD <sub>50</sub>	2172	41 (1.8%)	0.638
LD50_2	LD <sub>50</sub>	2172	41 (1.8%)	0.605
NonTox_1	LD50 > 2,000 mg/kg	2887	54 (1.9%)	0.750
NonTox_2	LD50 > 2,000 mg/kg	2887	55 (1.9%)	0.748
VeryTox_1	LD50 ≤ 50 mg/kg	2891	52+166 with low confidence (7.5%)	0.873
VeryTox_2	LD50 ≤ 50 mg/kg	2891	53+185 with low confidence (8.2%)	0.825

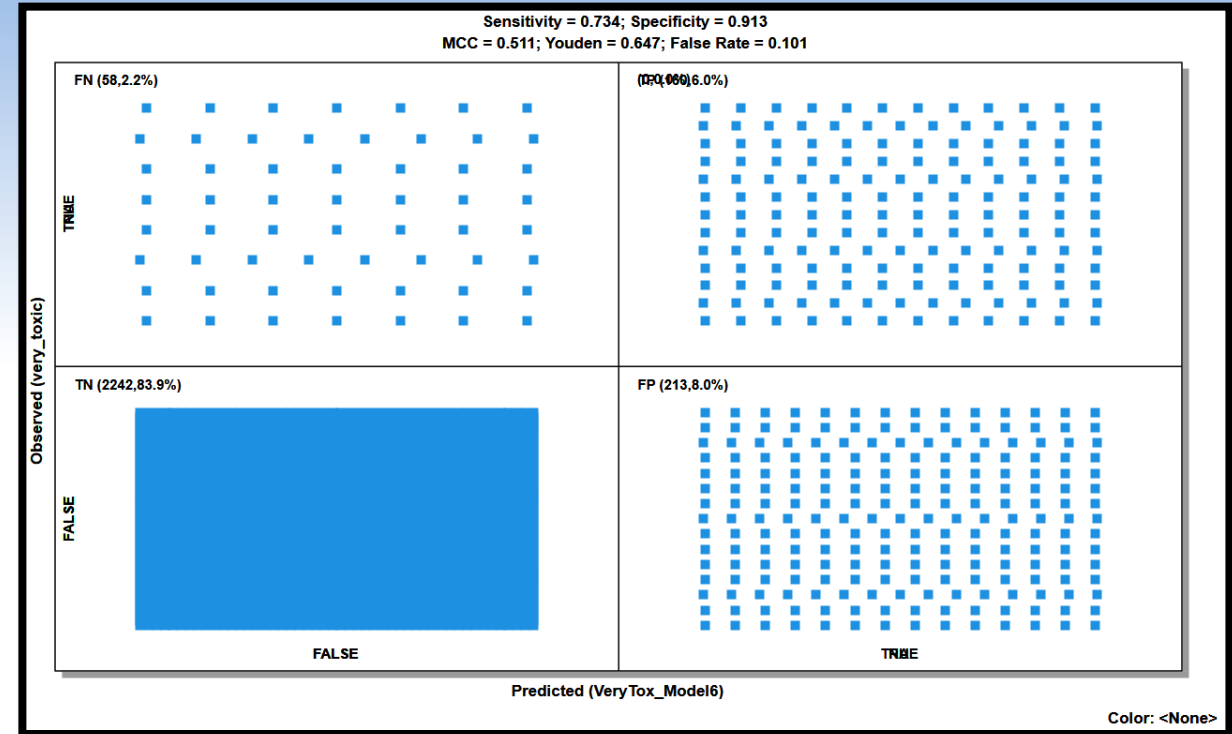
<sup>1</sup>TST\_BA (test set balanced accuracy) for EPA, GHS, NT, and VT. TST\_RMSE for LD<sub>50</sub>

# Using Confidence Estimates for VeryTox Model

External Prediction (Test) Set



Sn = 0.76; Sp = 0.86



Sn = 0.73; Sp = 0.91

Black points have low confidence (<28%)

Eliminating them decreases sensitivity (Sn) and increases specificity (Sp)

# Summary

- Used ANNE technology to develop regression and classification models
- Curation identified activity cliffs and questionable LD<sub>50</sub> values
- Model applicability domain is defined by the minimum and maximum descriptor values in the training set
- Confidence estimates are included in binary classification models
- Submitted two models for each of the five endpoints