



# Environmental and fate ecotoxicity models

## CATALOGIC 301C (MITI) MODEL

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# Biodegradation CATALOGIC 301C model

## Modeled phenomenon

Microbial aerobic degradation of organic chemicals, i.e. their conversion to CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, and other non-organic molecules.

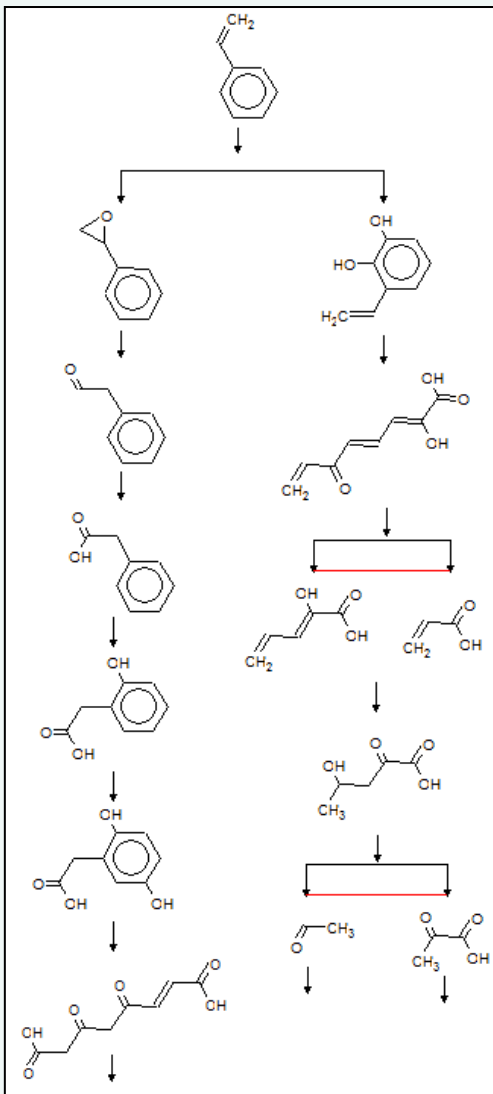
## Modeled endpoint

The percentage of theoretical biological oxygen demand on 28<sup>th</sup> day under MITI I (OECD 301C) test conditions :

$$BOD, \% = \frac{\text{Observed oxygen demand}}{\text{Theoretical oxygen demand}} 100$$

# Mechanistic background

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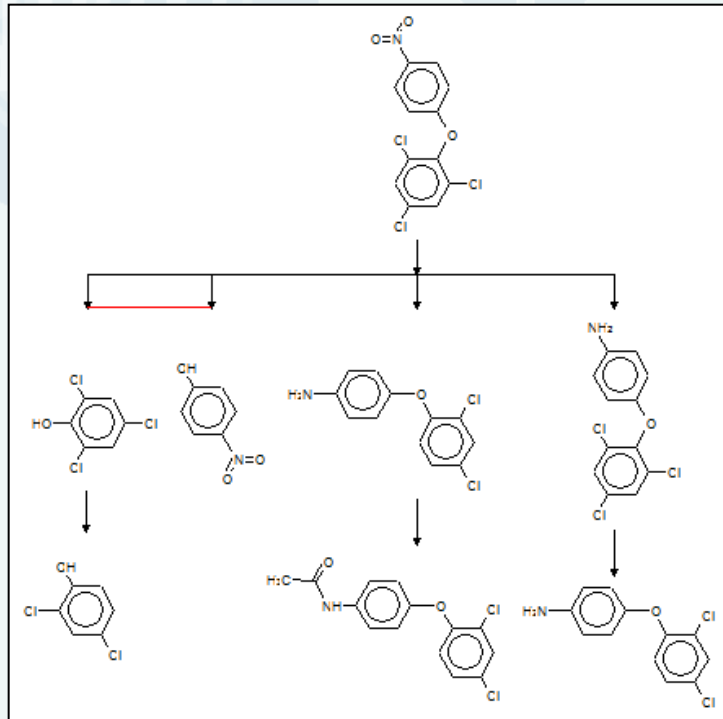
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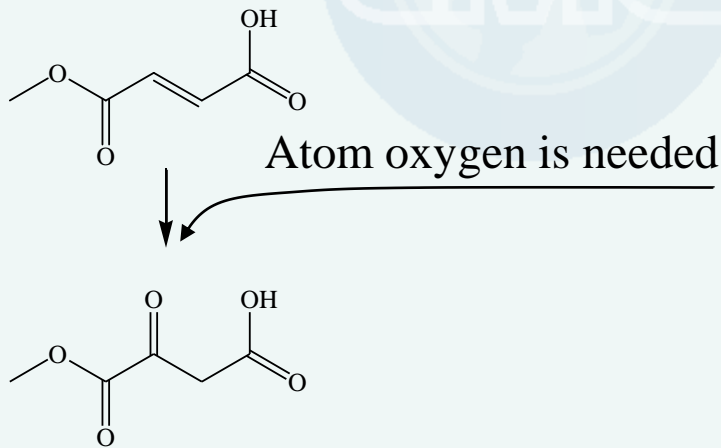
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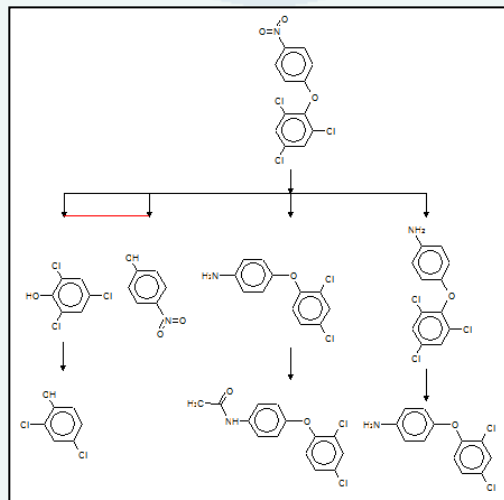
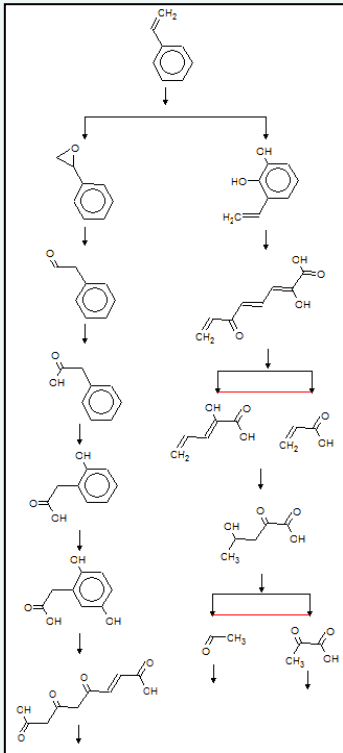


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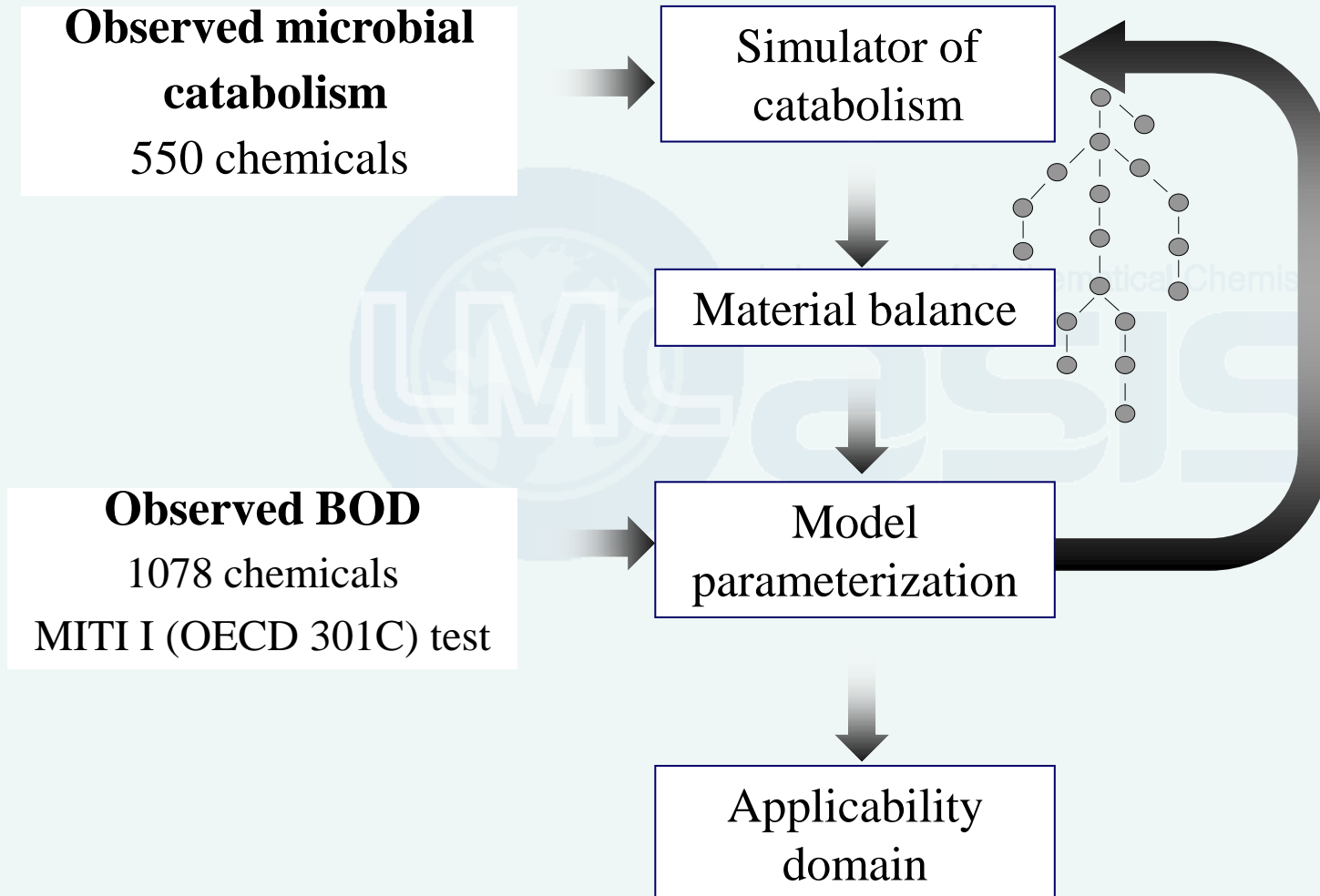
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4. The catabolic pathway determines the overall material balance.

**Different pathways - different material balances.**



# LMC modeling approach



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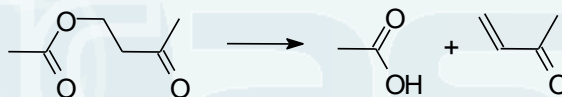
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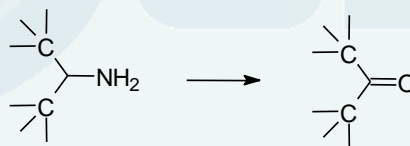
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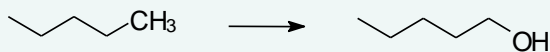
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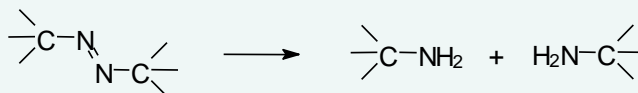
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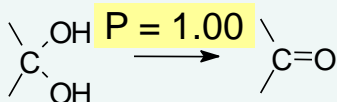
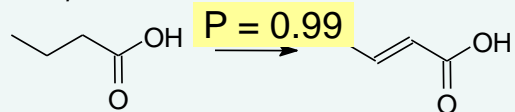


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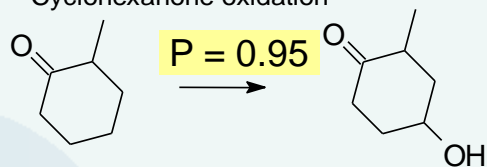




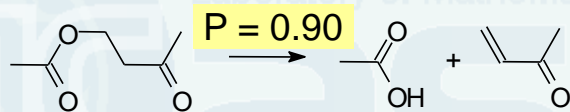
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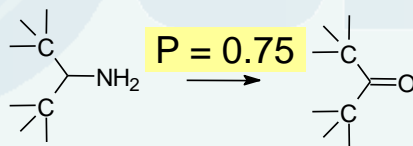
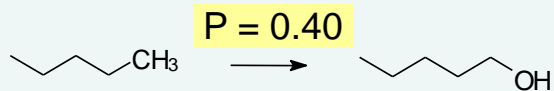
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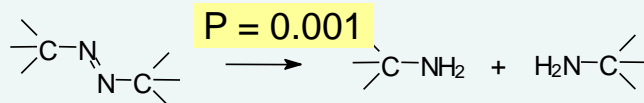
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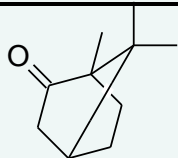


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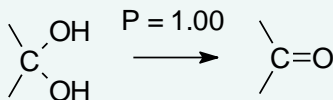
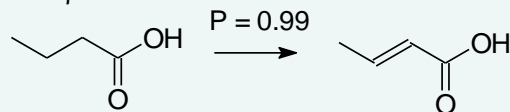
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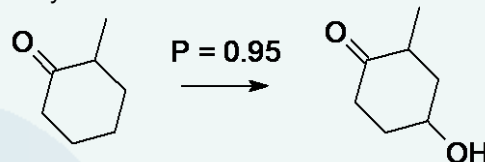


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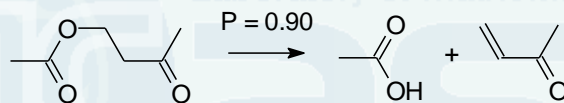
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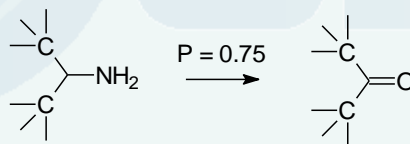
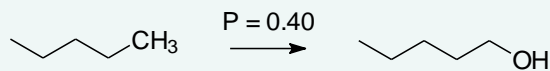
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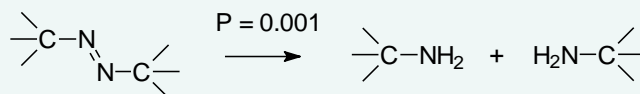
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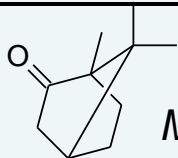


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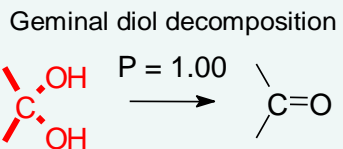
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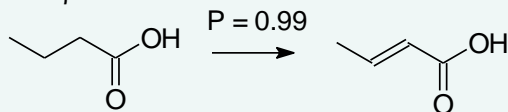




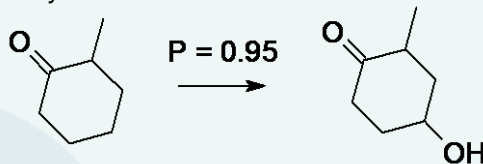
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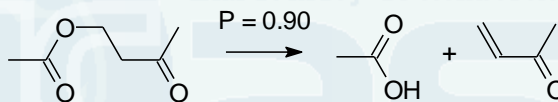
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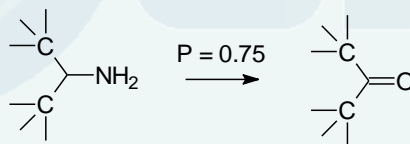
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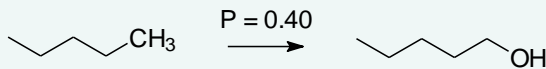
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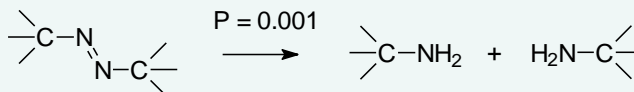
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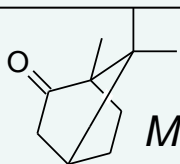
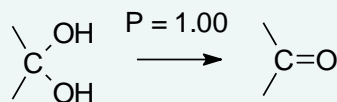
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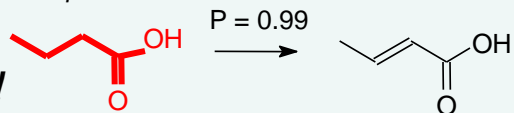
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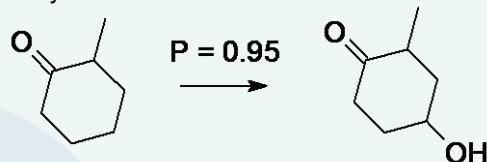
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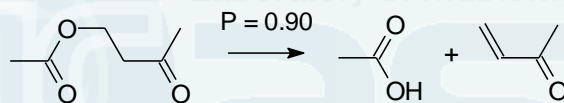
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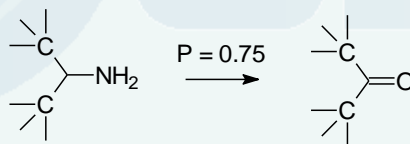
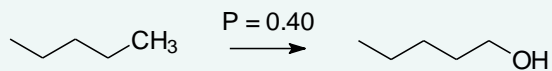
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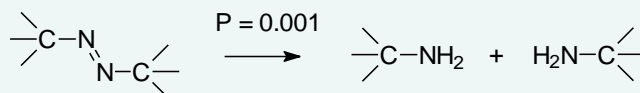
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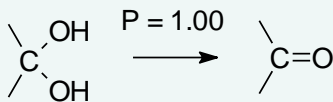
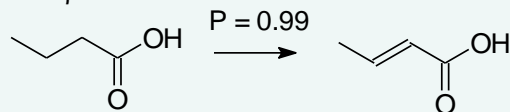
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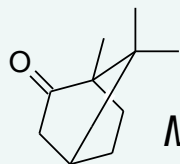
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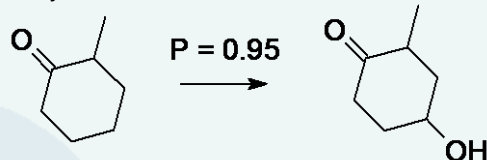
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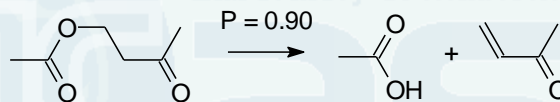
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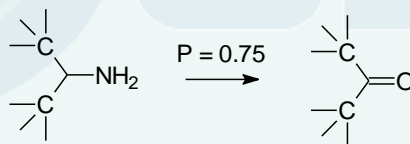
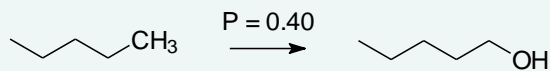
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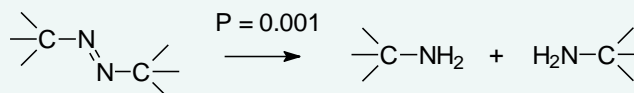
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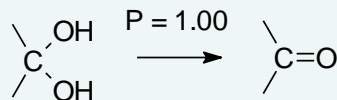
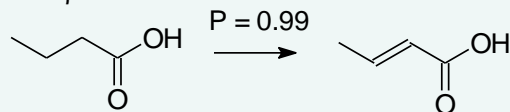
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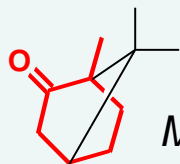


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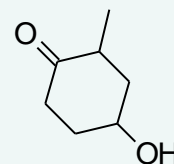
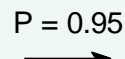
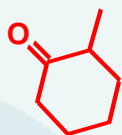
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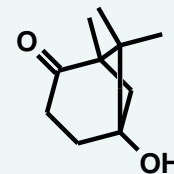
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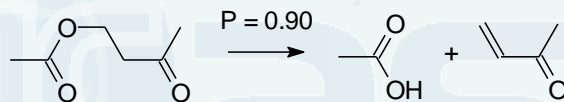
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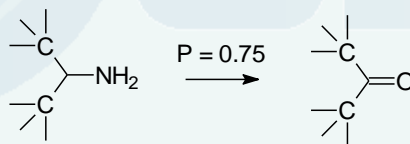
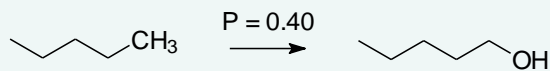
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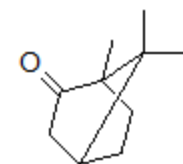
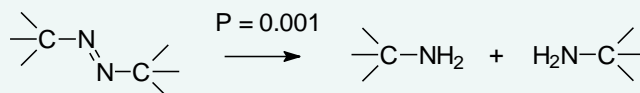
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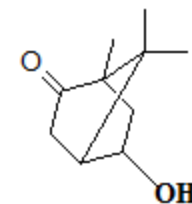
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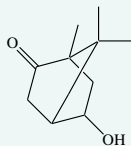
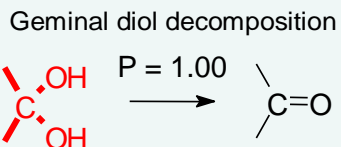
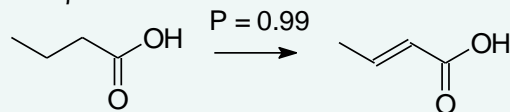
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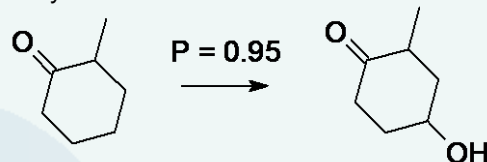


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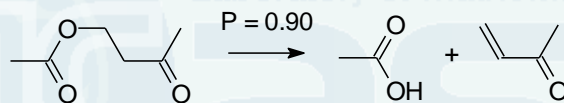


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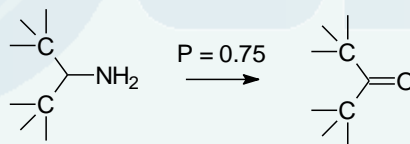
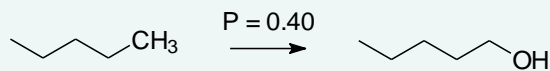
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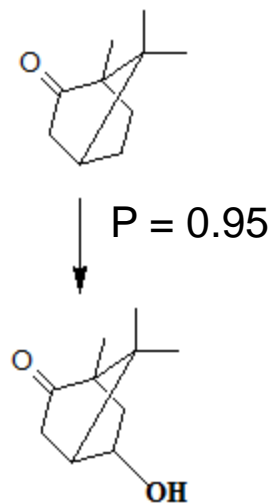
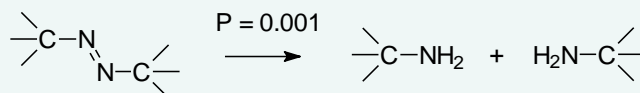
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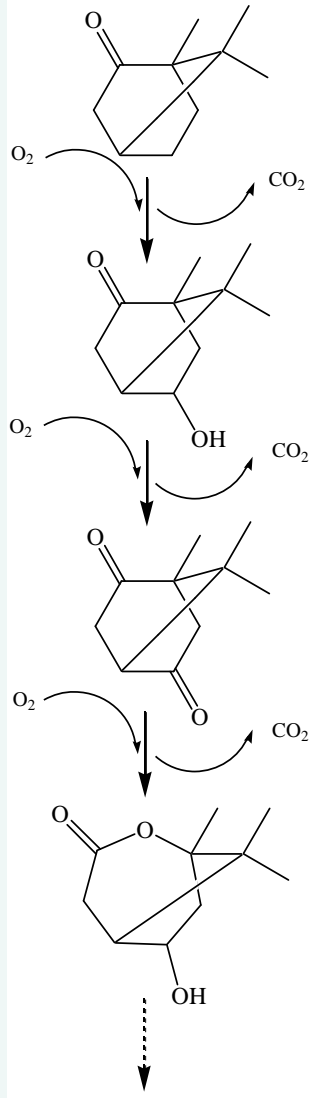
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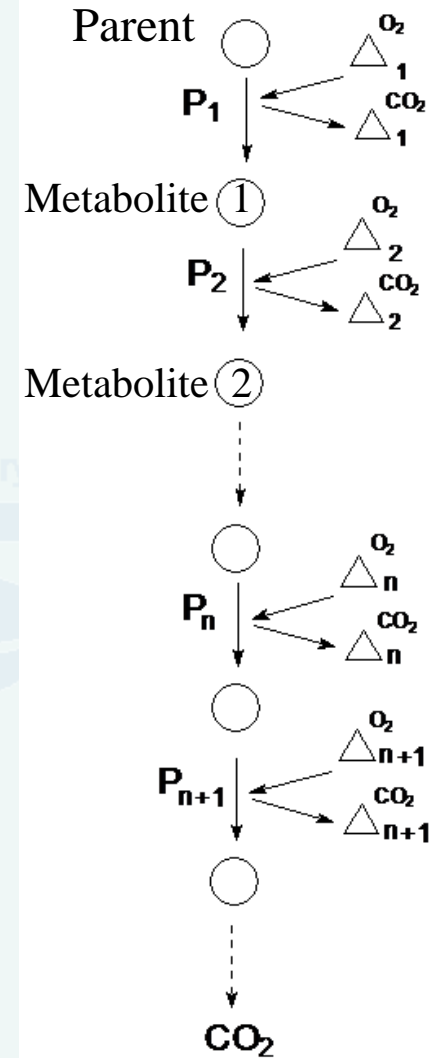
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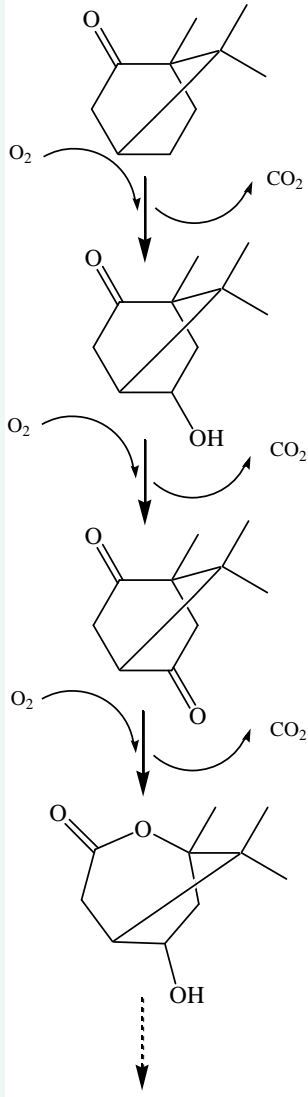
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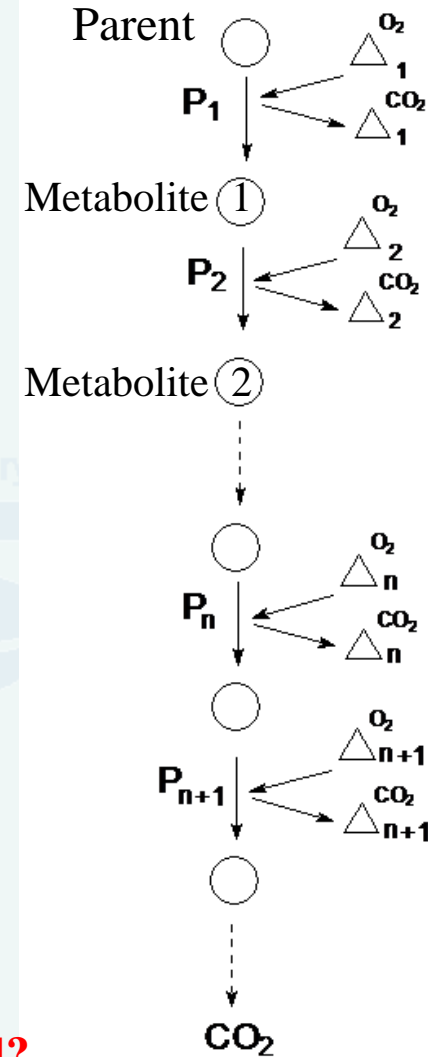


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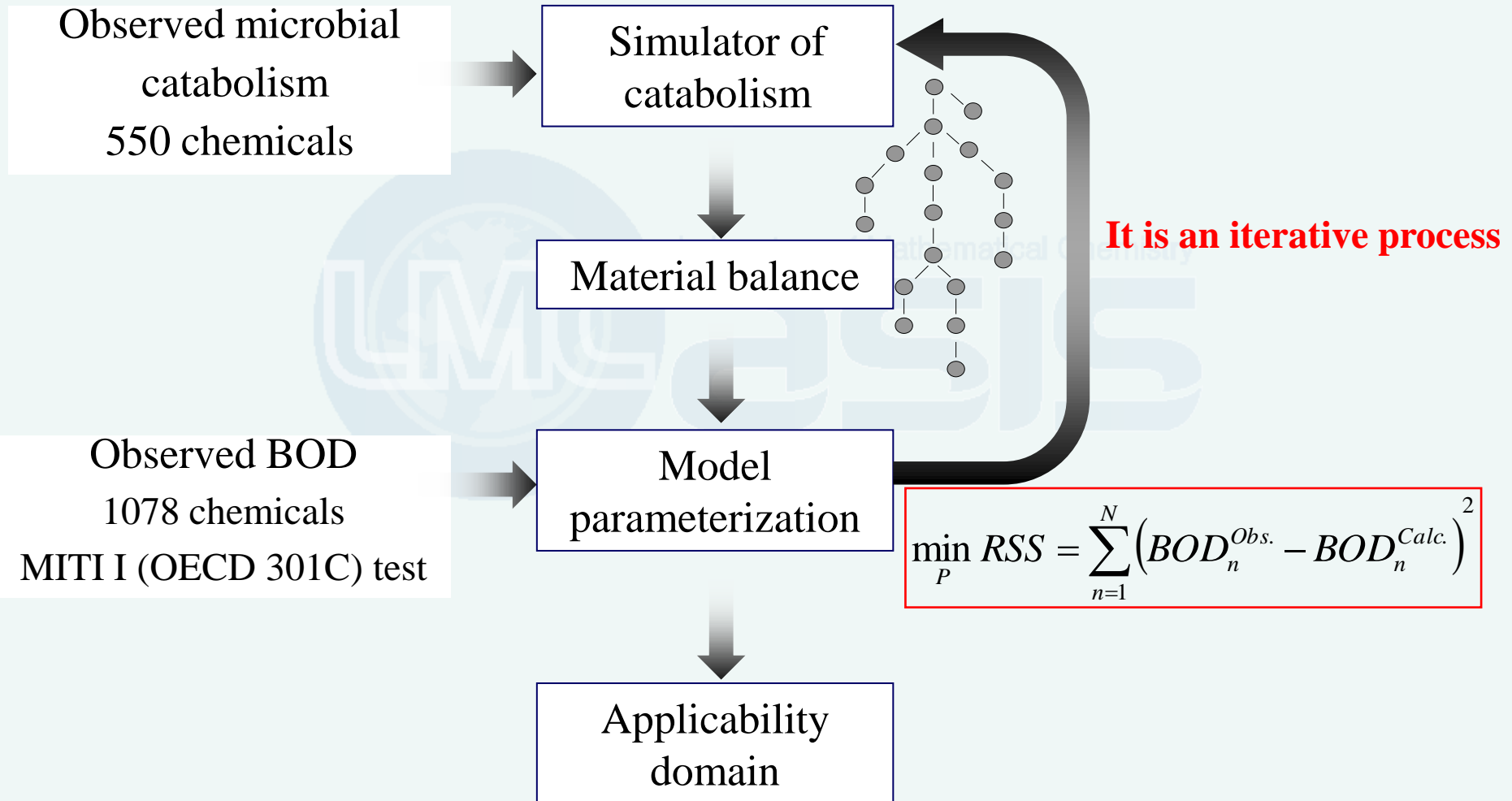
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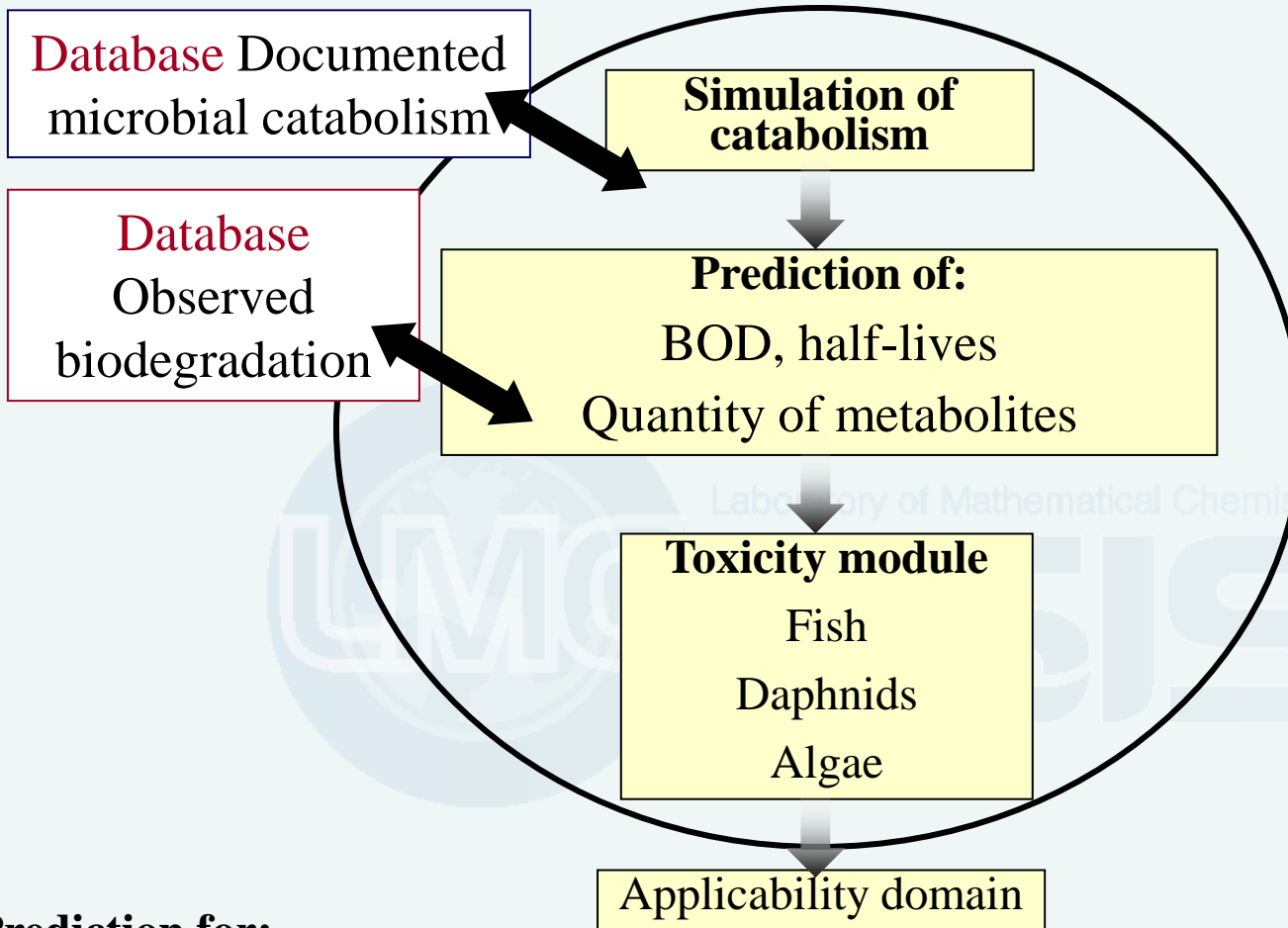


**How the transformation probabilities are assessed?**

# Estimation of transformation probability



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### Prediction for:

**Overall biodegradation** - BOD,  $t_{1/2}$

**Metabolites** - Quantities, Probabilities to be formed, to be stable, or to be metabolized

**Toxicity** - Parent chemical and selected metabolites

**Search for analogues** chemicals

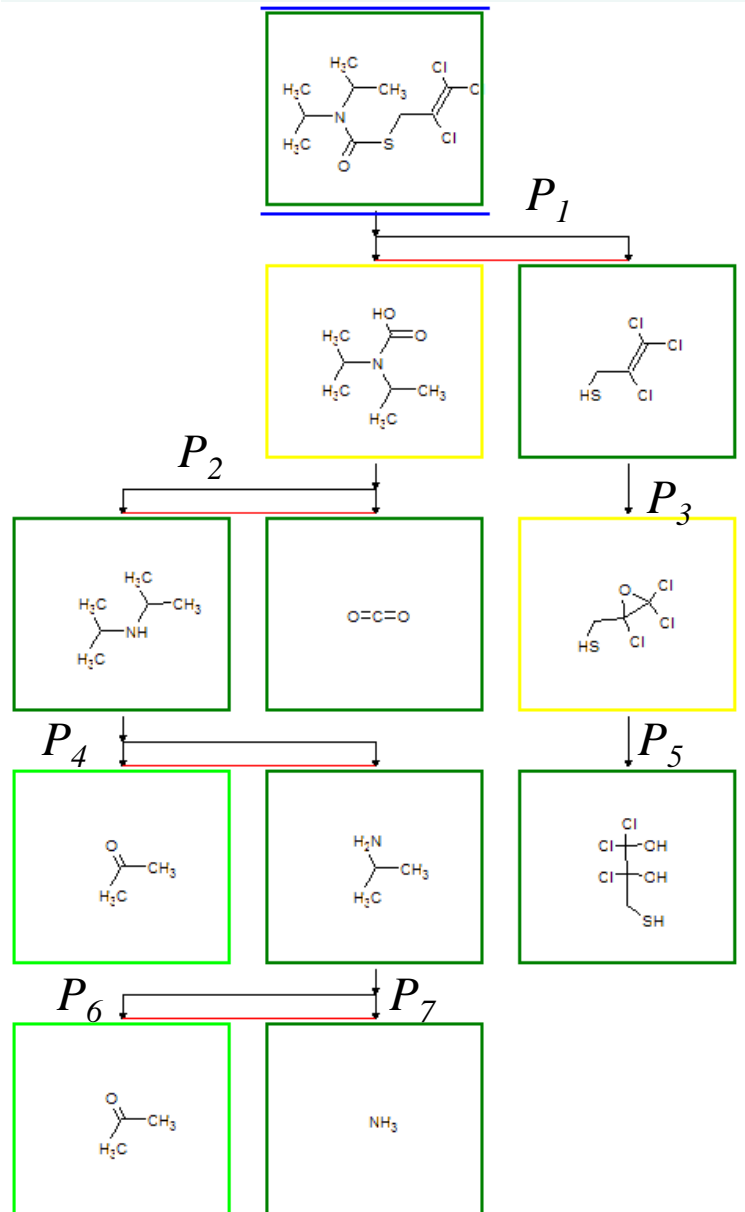
Simulated catabolism

$$P_m = 1.00 :$$

$$\text{Theoretical oxygen demand} = \sum_n \Delta_n^{\text{O}_2}$$

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$$BOD^{Calc} = \frac{\sum_n \Delta_n^{\text{O}_2} \prod_{m=1}^n P_m}{\sum_n \Delta_n^{\text{O}_2}} 100$$

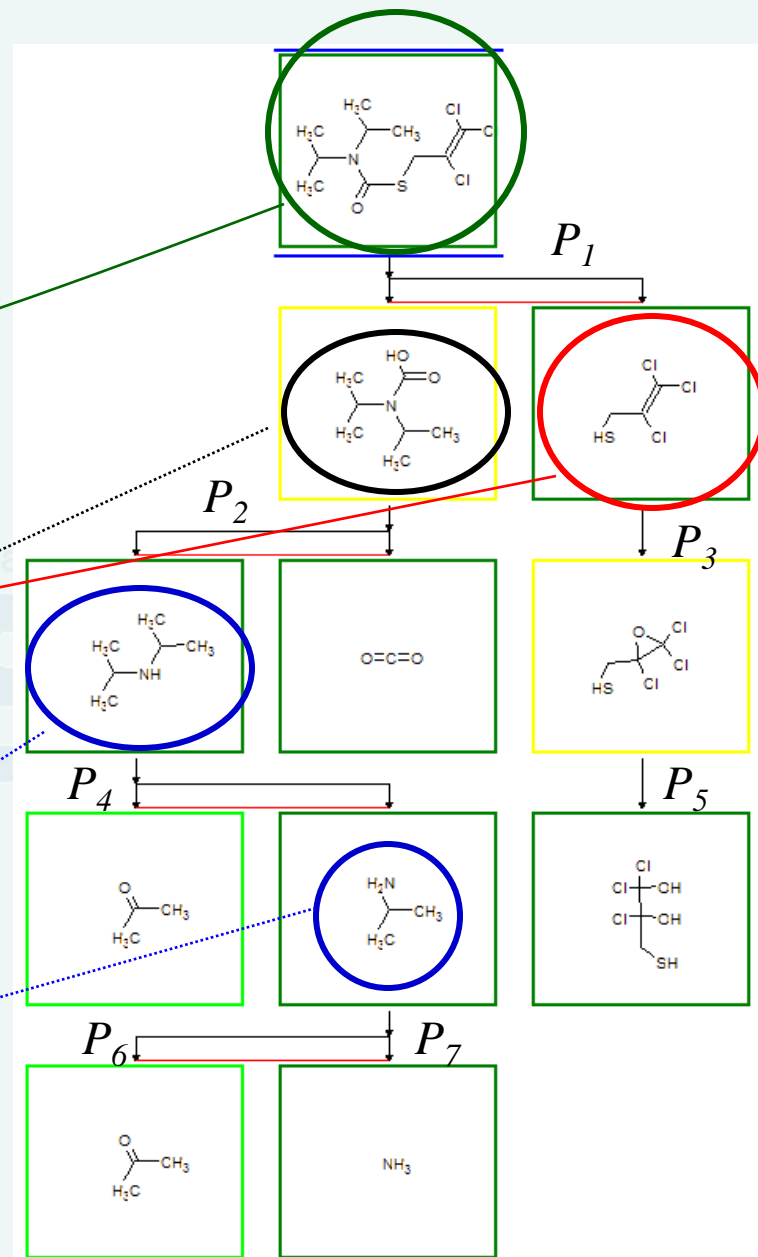
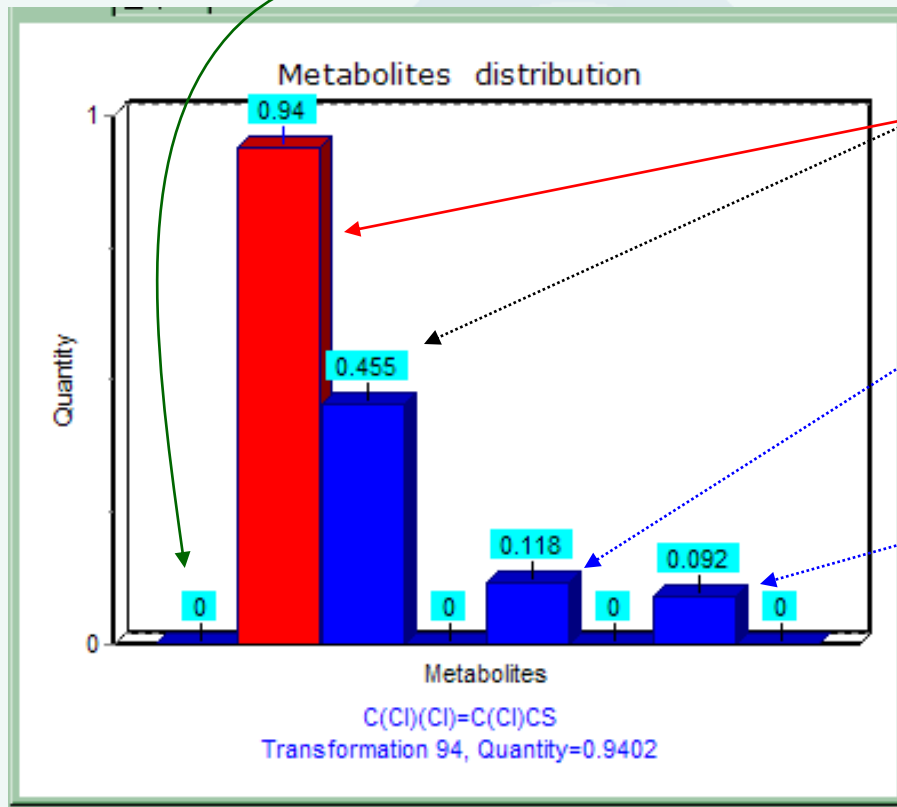


# Quantities of metabolites

$$Q_n^{Calc} = Q_0^{Parent} (1 - P_{n+1}) \prod_{m=1 \rightarrow n} P_m, \text{ mol}$$

for  $Q_0^{Parent} = 1 \text{ mol}$

$$Q_n^{Calc} = (1 - P_{n+1}) \prod_{m=1 \rightarrow n} P_m, \text{ mol/mol parent}$$



**Ultimate half-life: BOD = 50 %**

**Assumption:** First order kinetics

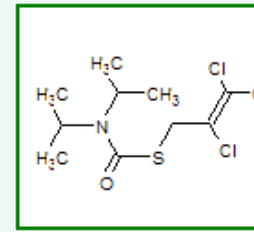
$$BOD = 100(1 - \exp(-kt))$$

$$k = -\ln(1 - BOD_{28-d}^{Calc} / 100) / 28$$

$$t_{1/2}^{Ultimate} = \ln(2) / k$$

Predicted ultimate half-life

$$t_{1/2}^{Ultimate} = \frac{\ln(2)}{-\ln(1 - BOD_{28-d}^{Calc} / 100) / 28}$$



$$BOD^{Calc} = 31\%$$

$$k = 0.013 \text{ day}^{-1}$$

$$t_{1/2}^{Ultimate} = 52 \text{ days}$$

**Ultimate half-life:  $BOD = 50 \%$**

**Assumption:** First order kinetics

$$BOD = 100(1 - \exp(-kt))$$

$$k = -\ln(1 - BOD_{28-d}^{Calc} / 100) / 28$$

$$t_{1/2}^{Ultimate} = \ln(2) / k$$

**Primary half-life:  $Q^{Parent} = 50 \%$**

**Assumption:** First order kinetics

$$Q^{Parent} = 100(1 - \exp(-kt))$$

$$k = -\ln(1 - Q_{28-d}^{Parent,Calc} / 100) / 28$$

$$t_{1/2}^{Primary} = \ln(2) / k$$



## Reliability of generated metabolic pathway

$N_{i,succ}^{TR}$  - the numbers of successful applications of the transformation

$N_{i,fail}^{TR}$  - the numbers of unsuccessful applications of the transformation

Reliability of  $i$ -th transformation

$$R_i^{TR} = \frac{N_{i,succ}^{TR}}{N_{i,succ}^{TR} + N_{i,fail}^{TR}}$$

Reliability of predicted  $l$ -th metabolite

$$R_l^M = \prod_{j=1}^J R_j^{TR}$$

Reliability of  $k$ -th map

$$R_k^{Map} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^K R_k^M}{K}$$



# Applicability domain

**Consists of the following sub-domain levels:**

- **General parametric requirements** - includes ranges of variation of  $\log K_{OW}$  and  $MW$ ,
- **Structural domain** - based on fragmentation of correctly predicted chemicals into fragments (atom-centered fragments ACFs),
- **Domain of simulator of metabolism** – simulation of catabolism is interrupted due to the lack of suitable transformation.

# Conclusions

**CATALOGIC 301 C model has**

1. Strong mechanistic background ,
2. Clear algorithm and transparent predictions,
3. Defined applicability domain,
4. Appropriate measures of goodness-of-fit, robustness and predictivity.

**Practically, these are OECD principles for use (Q)SARs for regulatory purposes**