



Meta-analysis of Insecticide Risks and their Drivers for Surface Waters in the United States

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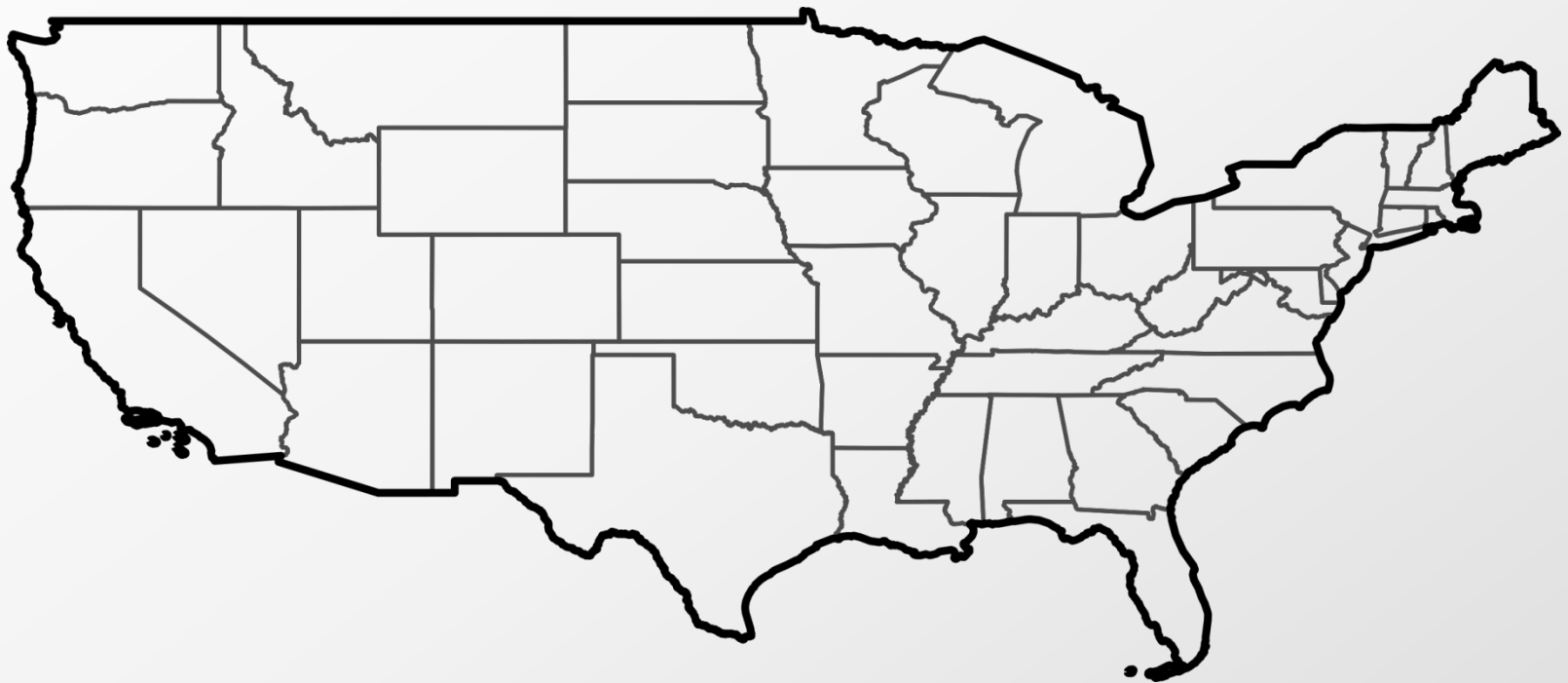
Insecticides

- (Aquatic) Ecological Risk Assessment (U.S. EPA)
- No unacceptable effects in valued ecosystems
- Identification of most sensitive endpoint
- Derivation of regulatory threshold levels (**RTL**¹)
- RTLs vs. measured insecticide concentrations (**MIC**)

MIC > RTL = Risk

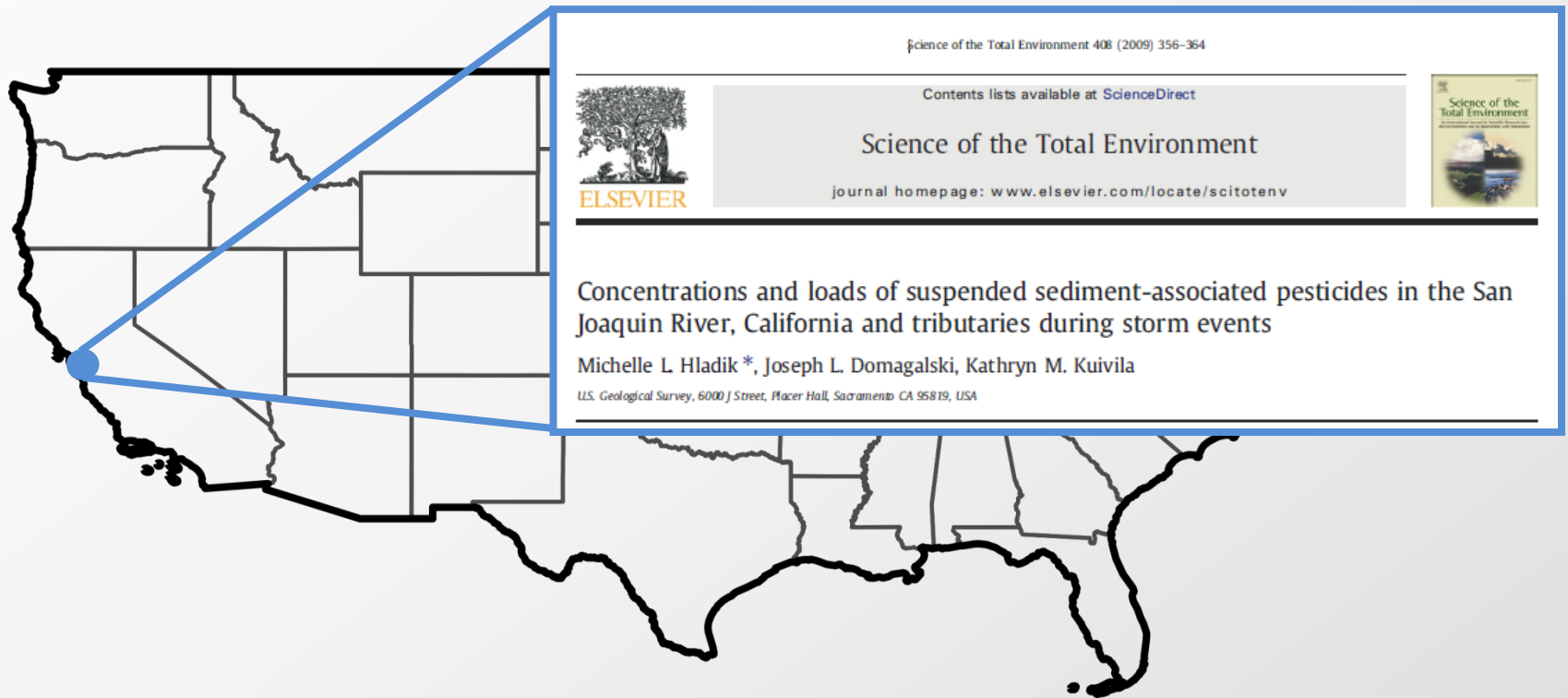
¹ Stehle and Schulz, **PNAS**, 2015.

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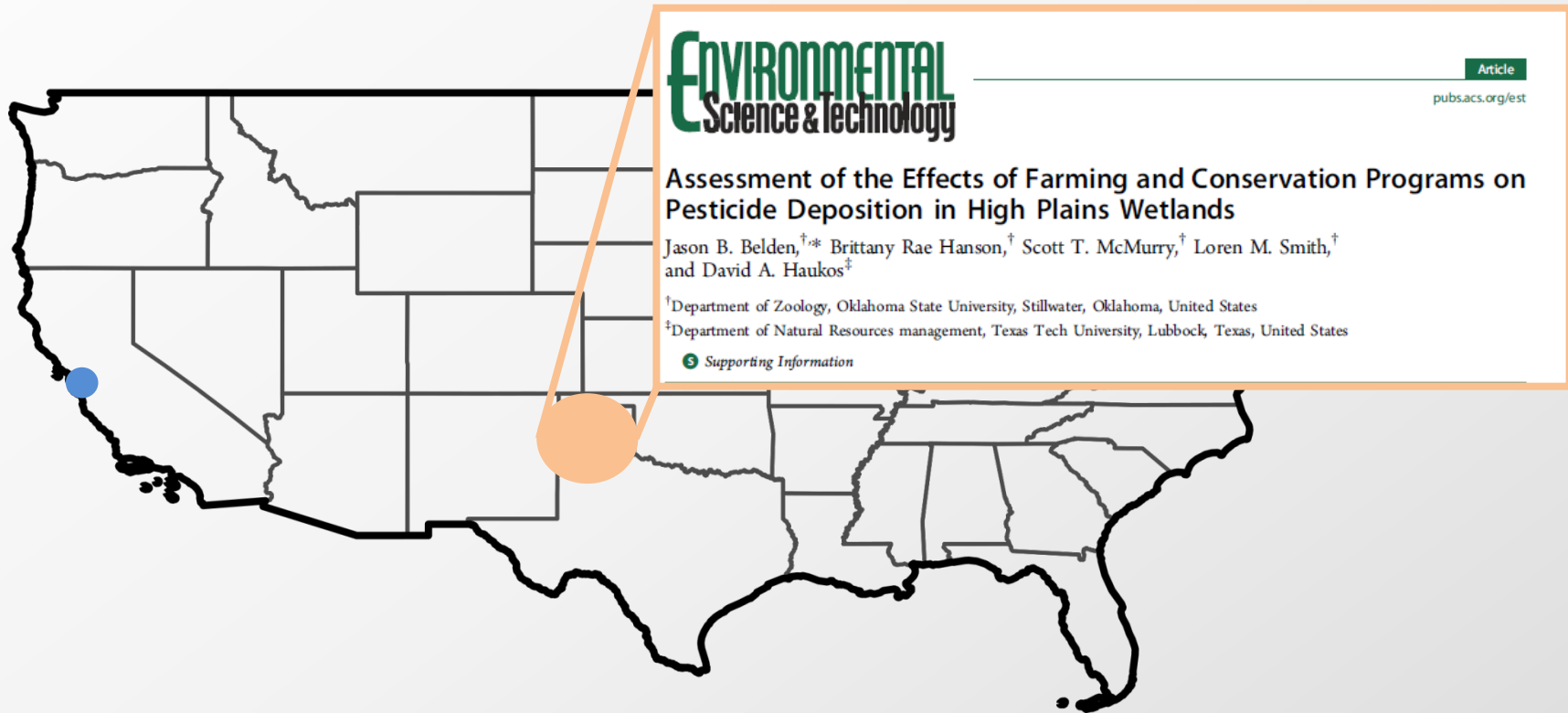
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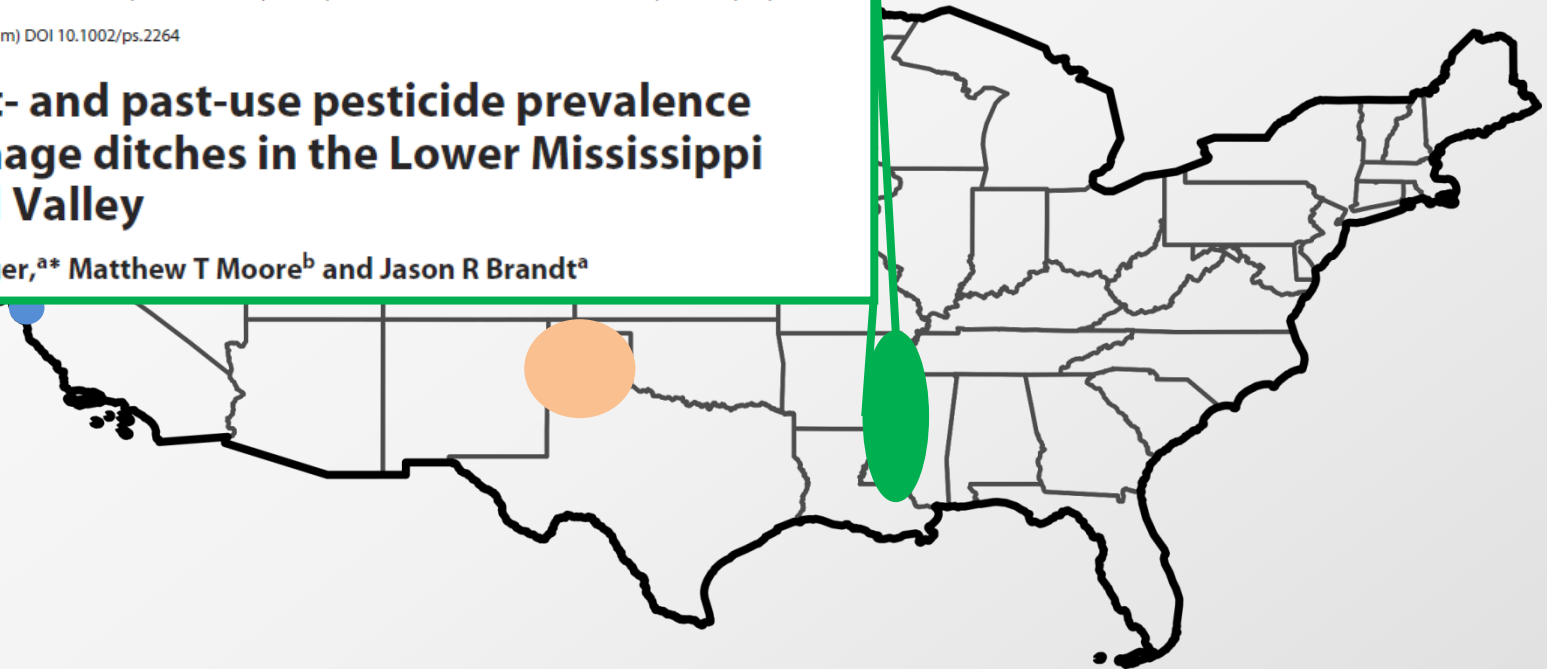
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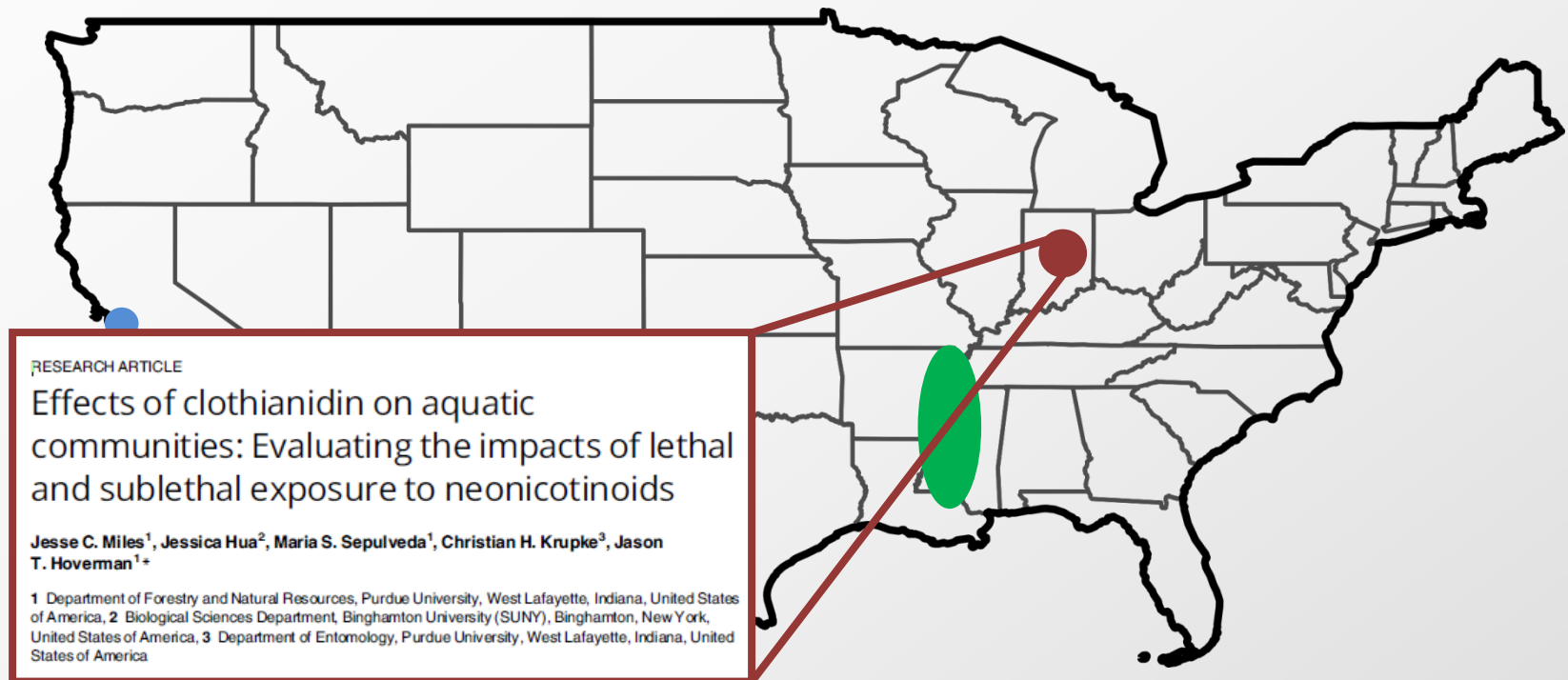
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Methods

- Literature synthesis
 - >100 search queries
 - >50,000 screened articles

259 peer-reviewed studies

$n = 5830$ MIC 1962 – 2015 ~644 water bodies

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Meta-Analysis of Insecticides in United States Surface Waters: Status and Future Implications

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Insecticide Risk in US Surface Waters: Drivers and Spatiotemporal Modeling

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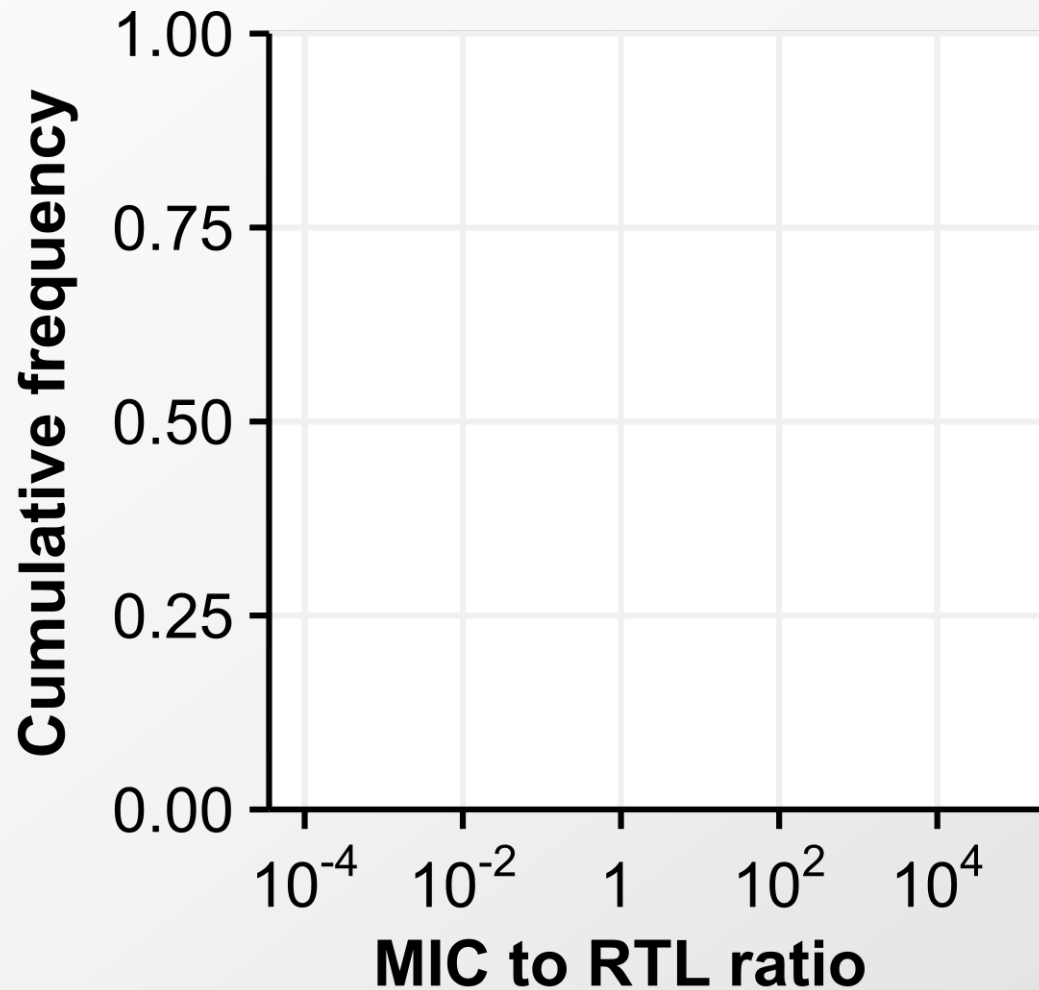
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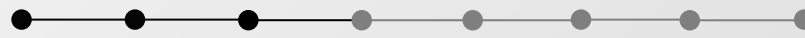
Risk in U.S. surface waters



Water phase

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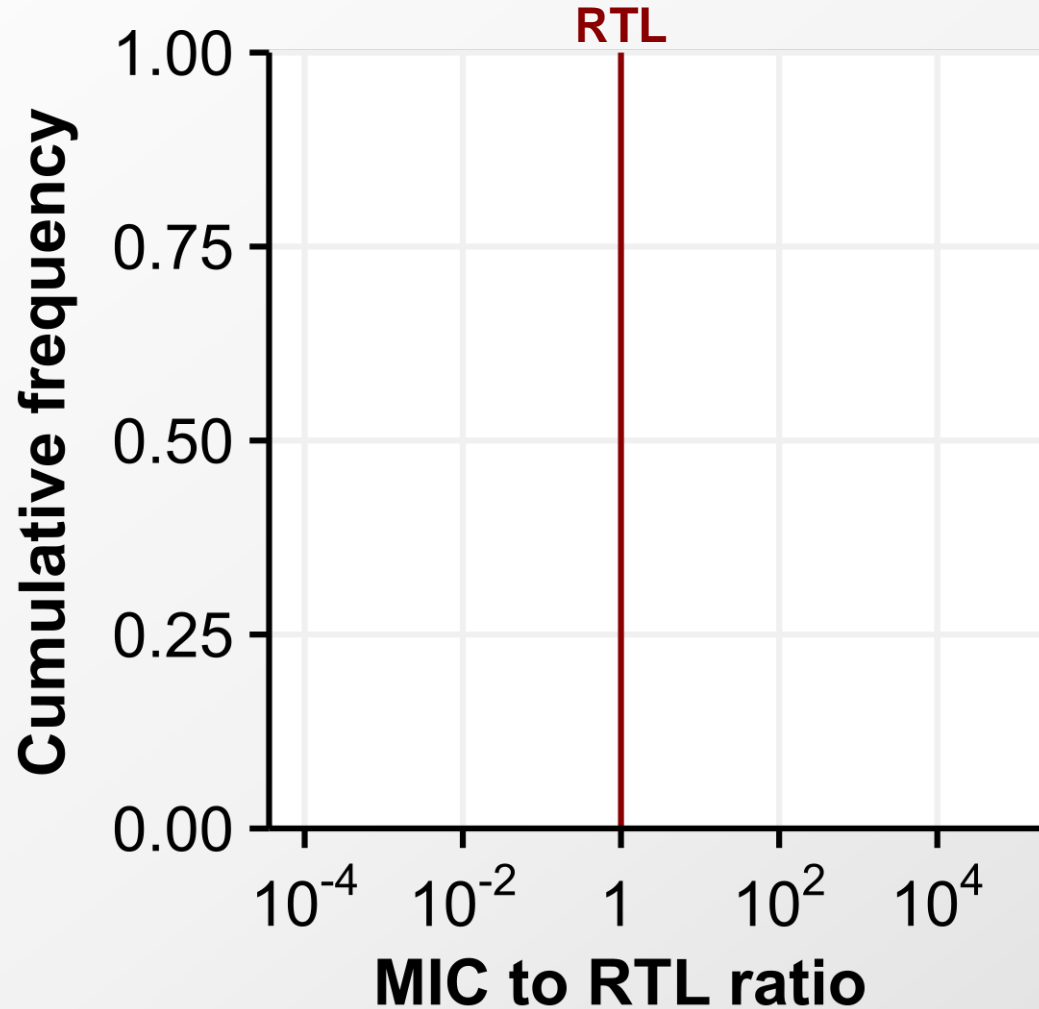
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Overall risk



Risk in U.S. surface waters



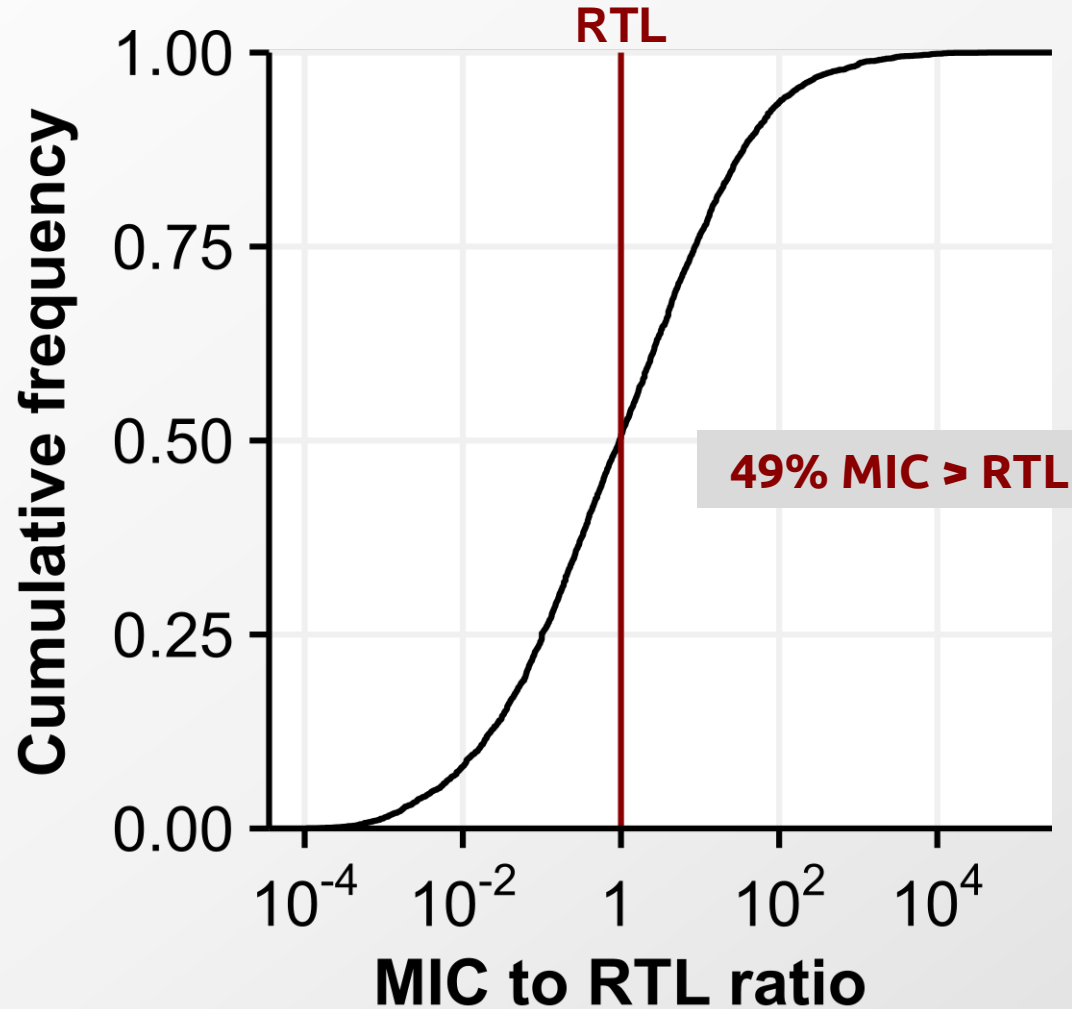
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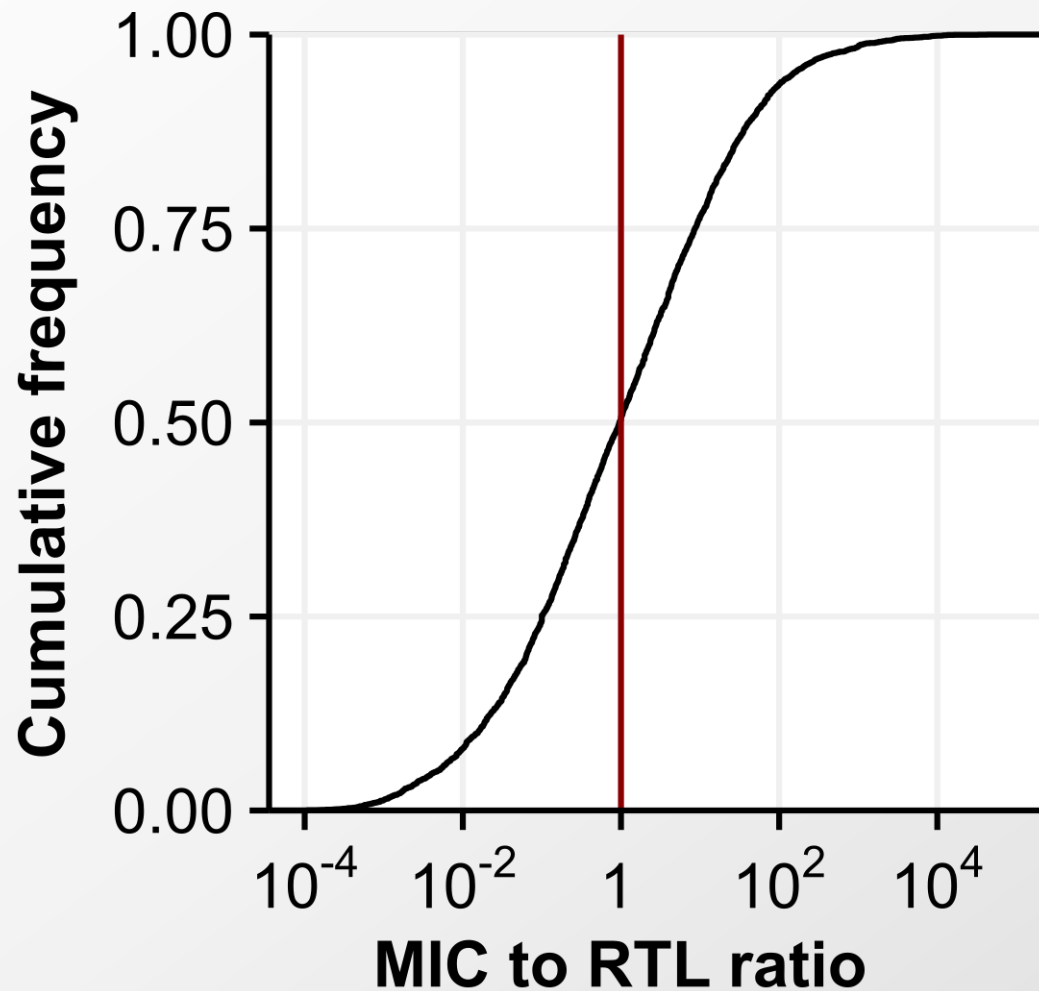
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49% MIC > RTL

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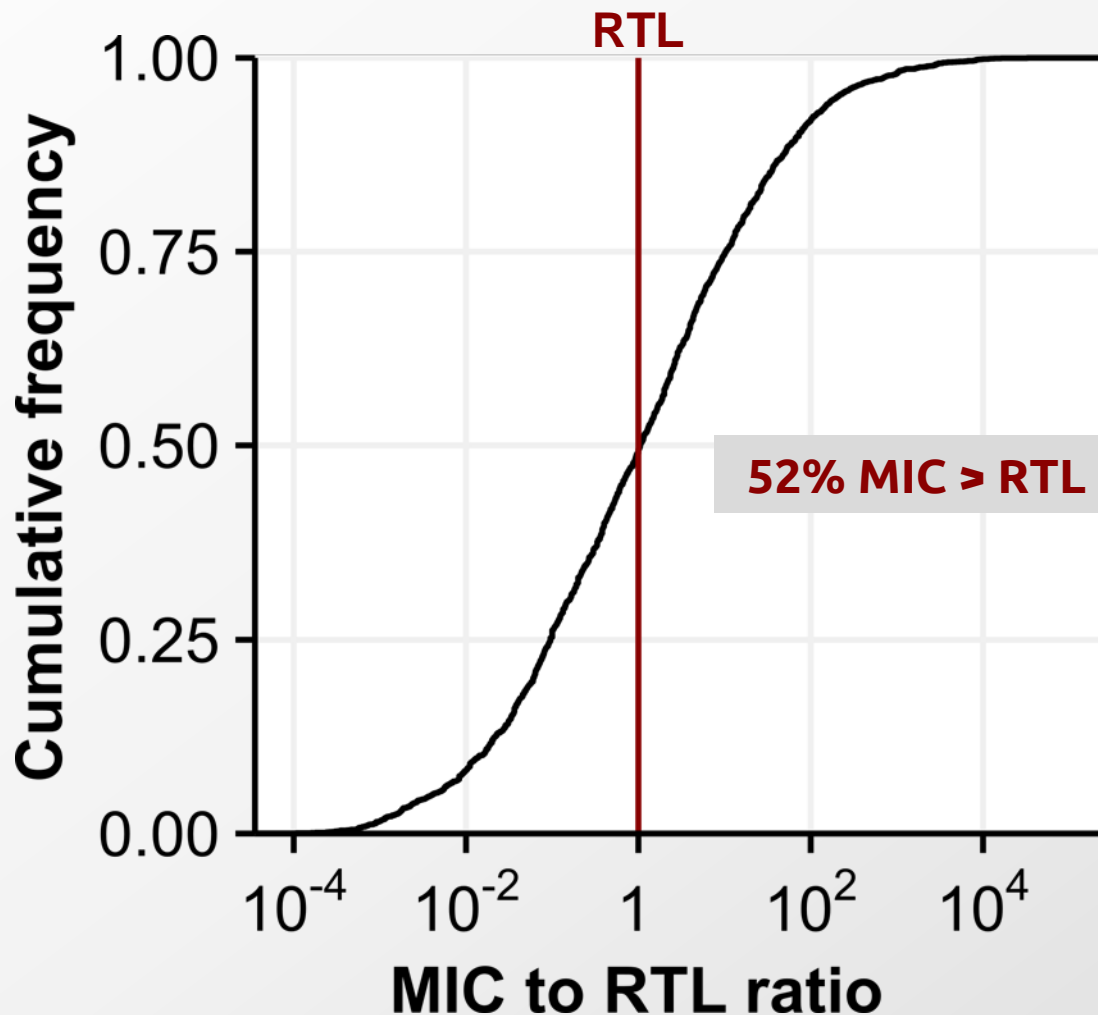
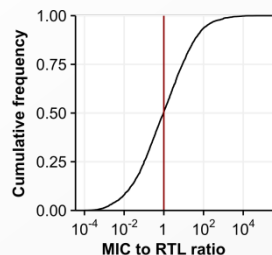
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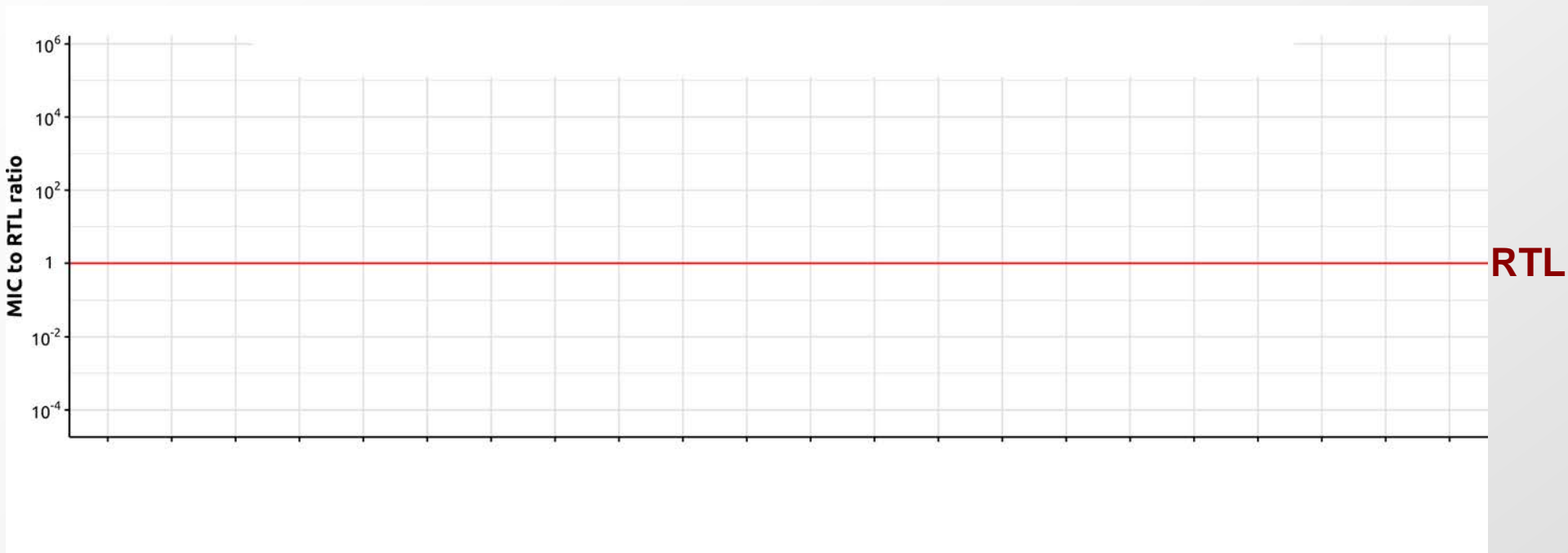
Sediment
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Risk per compound

Water phase

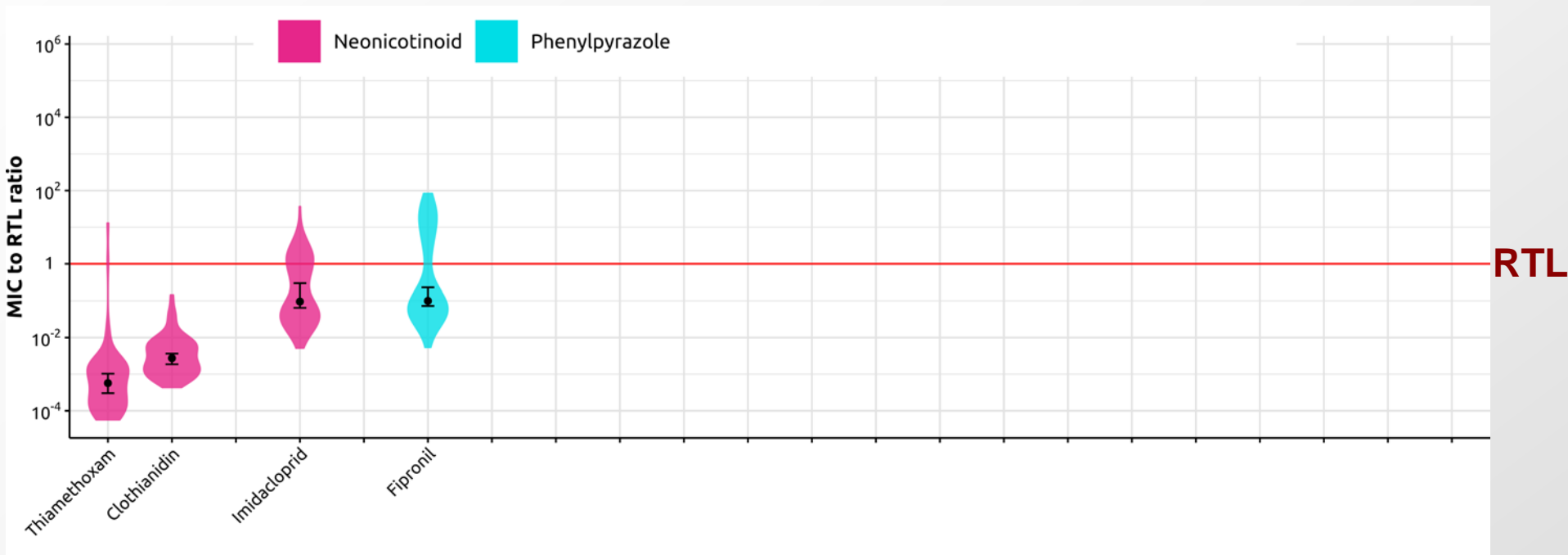


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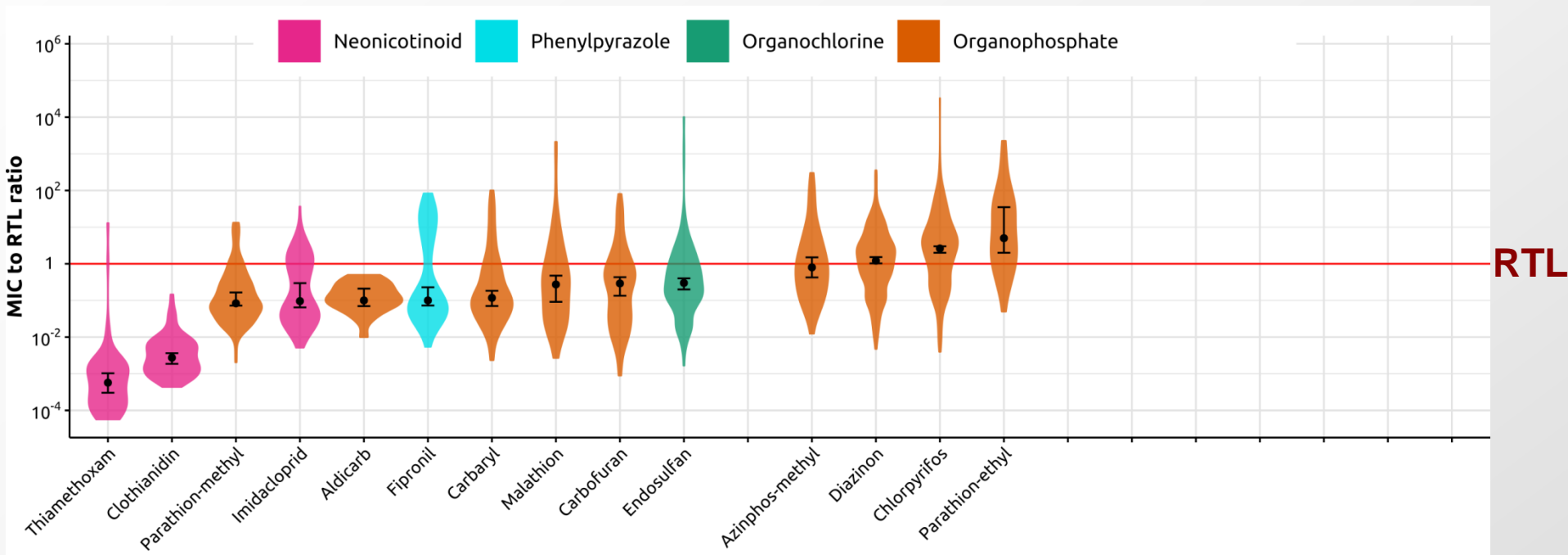


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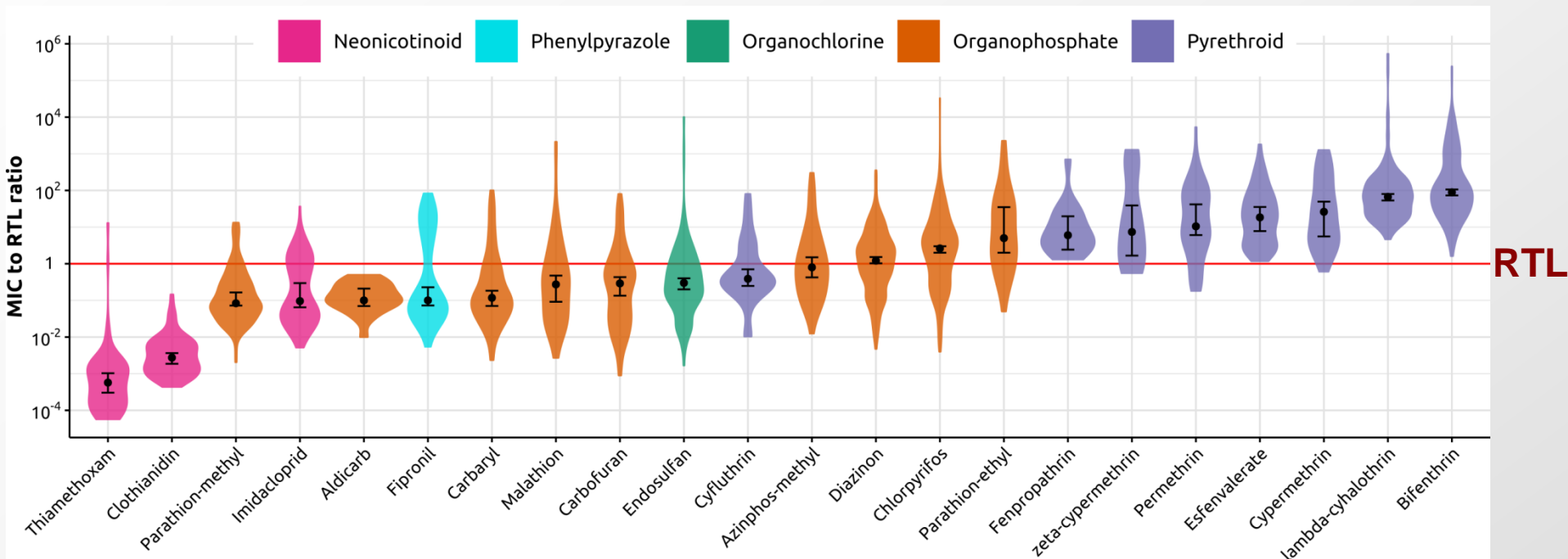


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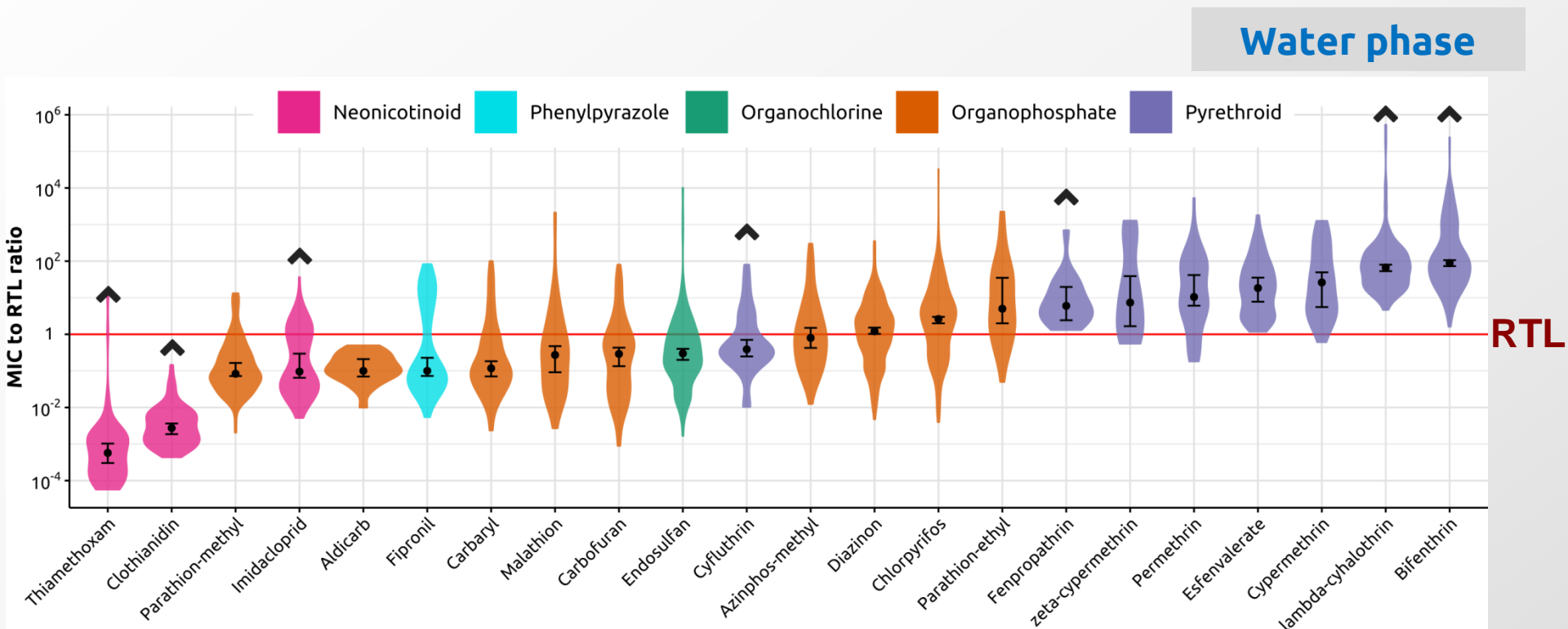
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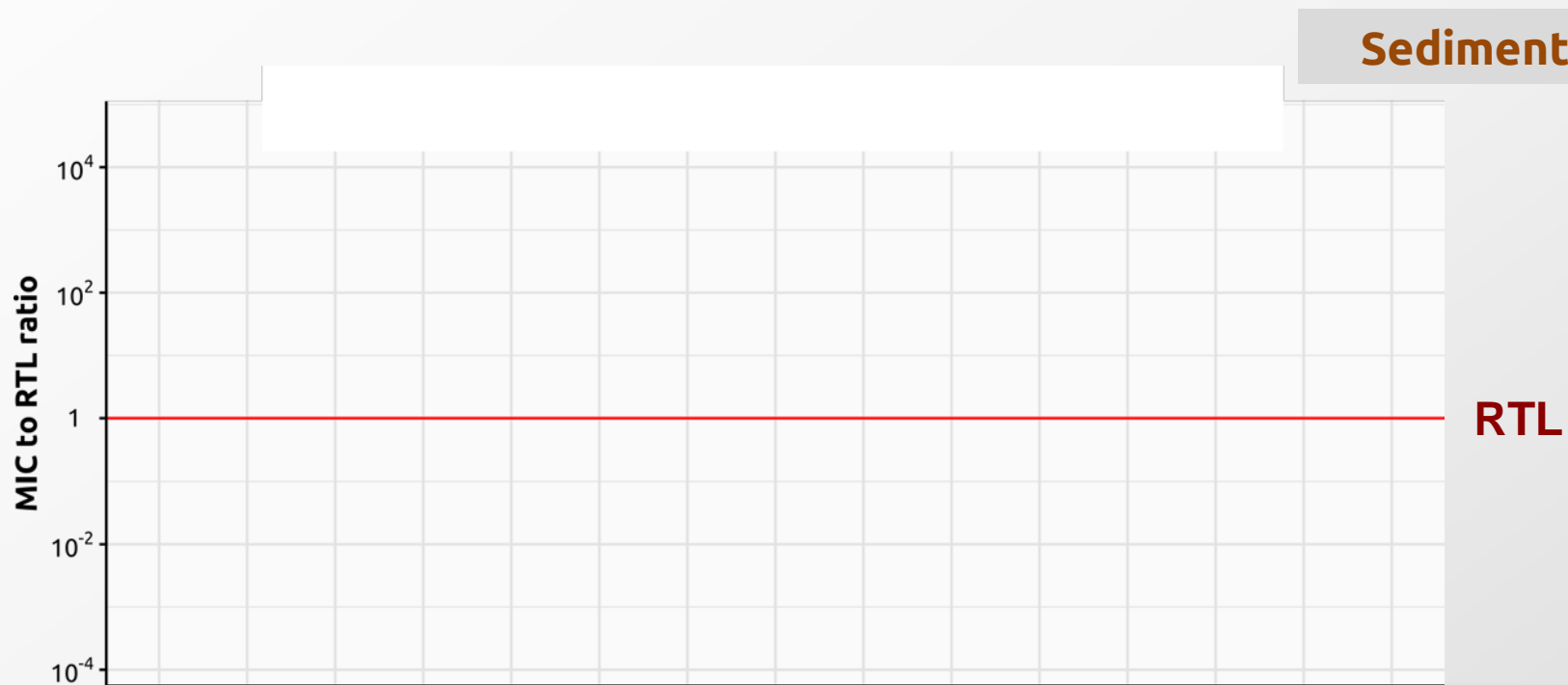
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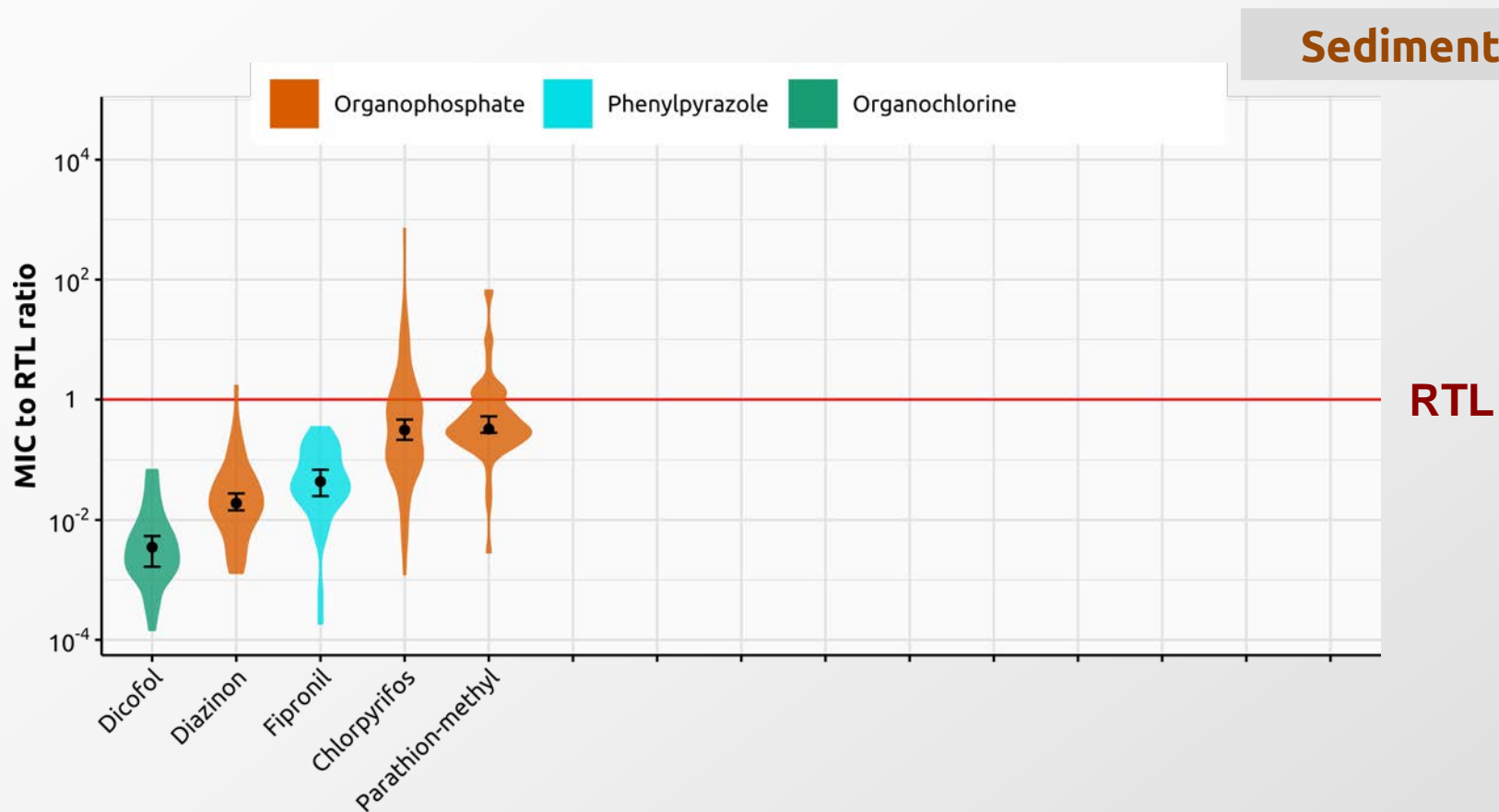
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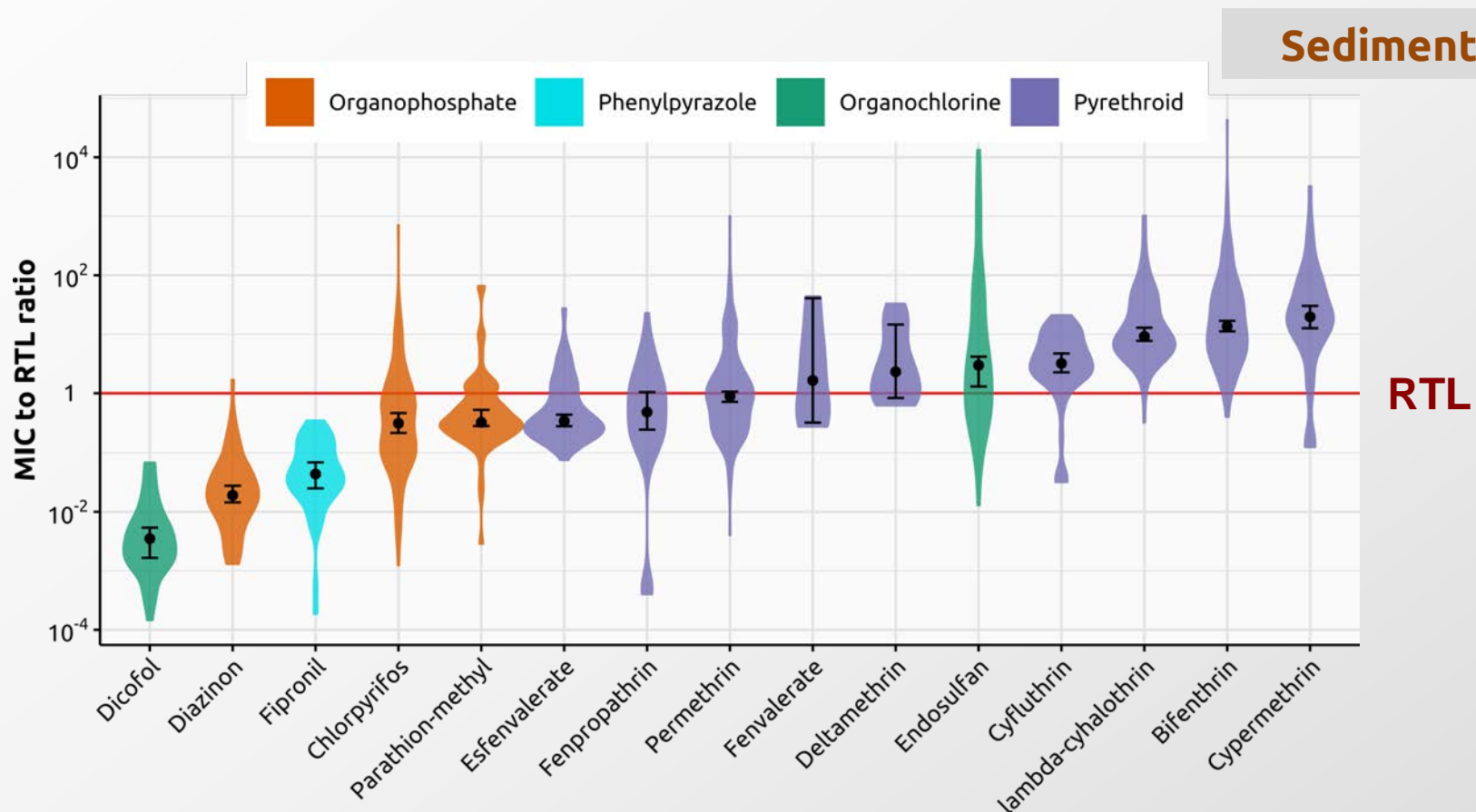
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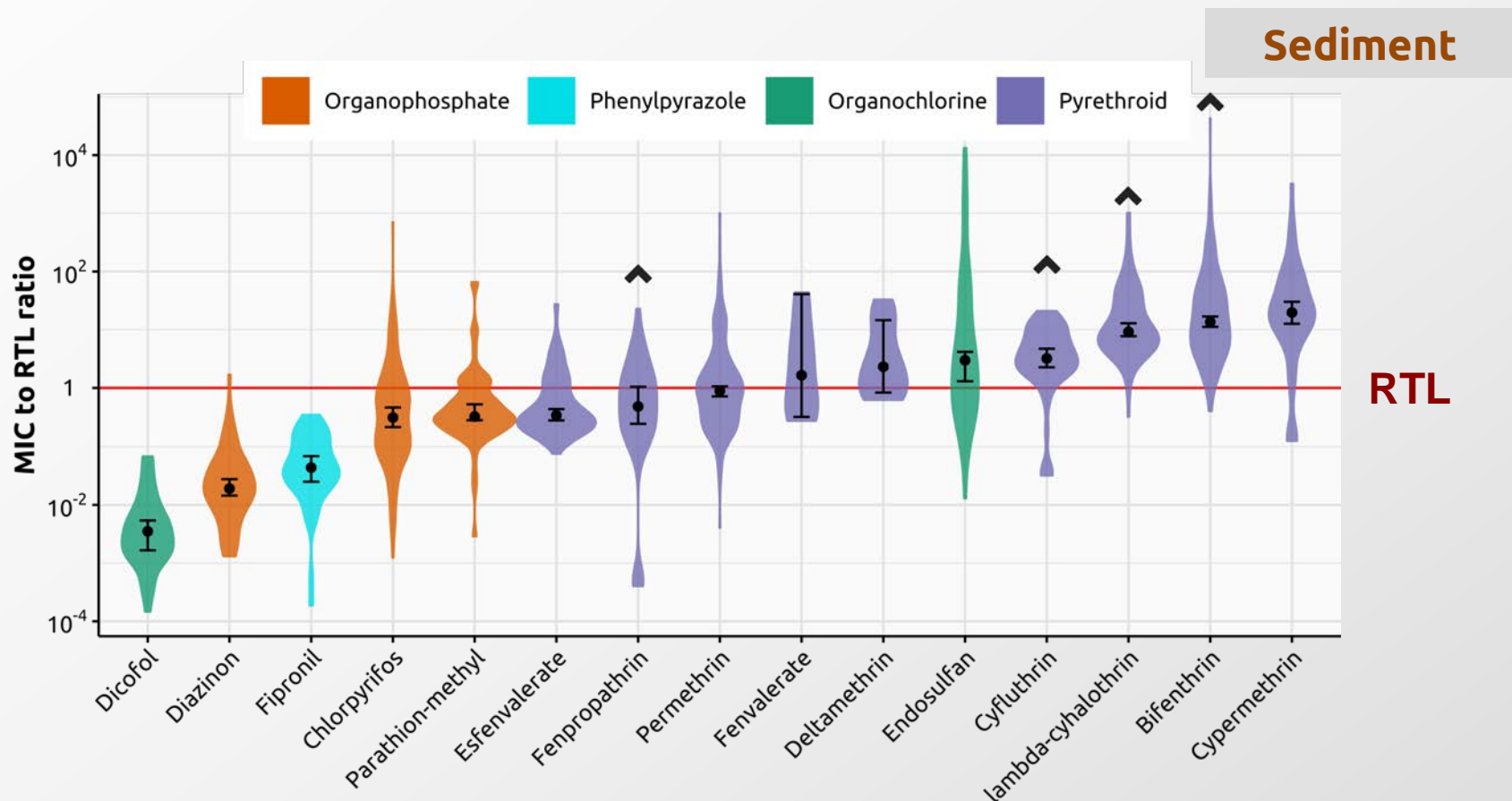
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Risk Drivers

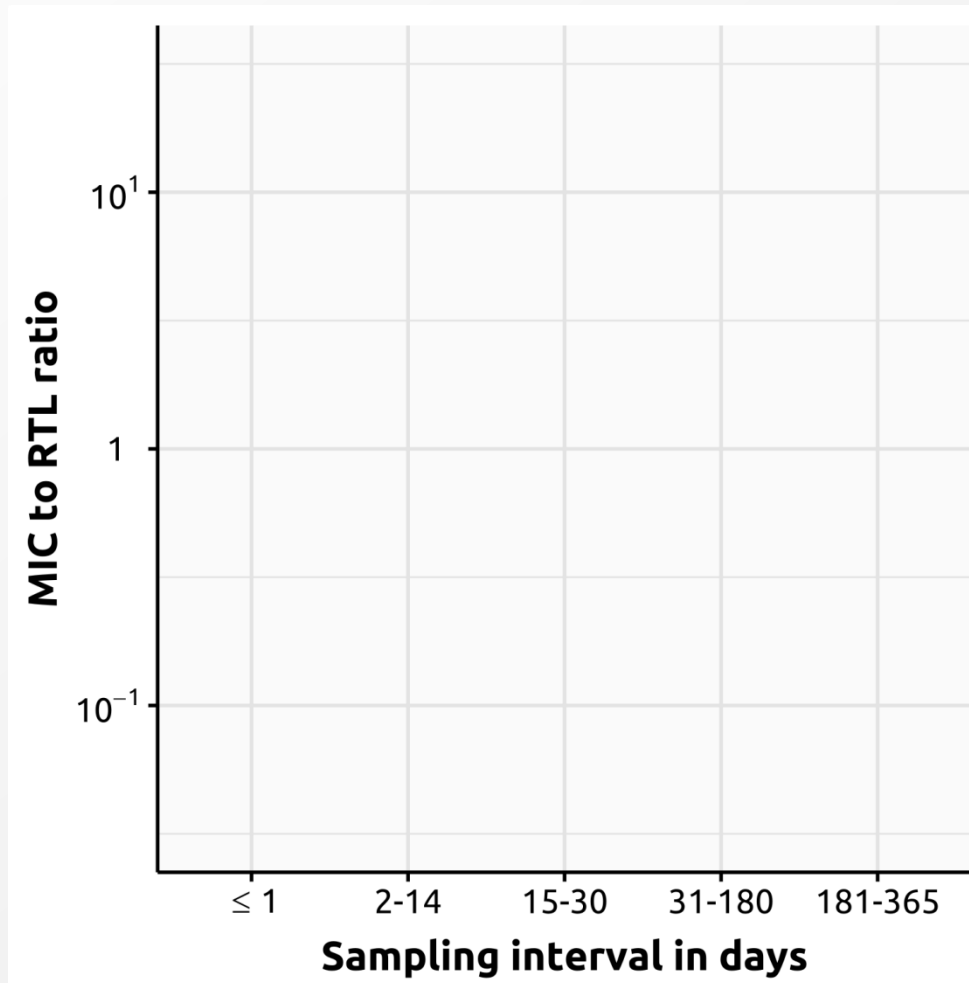
Predictor variable	Estimate	Std. error	t-value	p-value	Std. beta	SBR	VIF
Intercept	-1.927	0.275	-6.996	<0.001			
<u>Catchment size [km²]</u>	-0.150	0.020	-7.387	<0.001	-0.146	4	1.897
<u>Sampling interval [d]</u>	-0.198	0.017	-11.496	<0.001	-0.189	3	1.311
Time [y]	-0.057	0.004	-13.200	<0.001	-0.287	2	2.283
Toxicity-normalized use [kg × RTL ⁻¹]	0.386	0.020	18.815	<0.001	0.381	1	1.987
Burst factor	0.015	0.002	5.990	<0.001	0.131	5	2.310
Irrigated agricultural land-use [%]	0.426	0.073	5.832	<0.001	0.101	6	1.448
Organophosphates [factor]	0.240	0.227	1.055	0.292			1.653
Pyrethroids [factor]	1.228	0.231	5.315	<0.001			1.653
Neonicotinoids [factor]	0.431	0.237	1.818	0.069			1.653
Phenylpyrazole [factor]	1.234	0.254	4.855	<0.001			1.653

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Risk Drivers: sampling

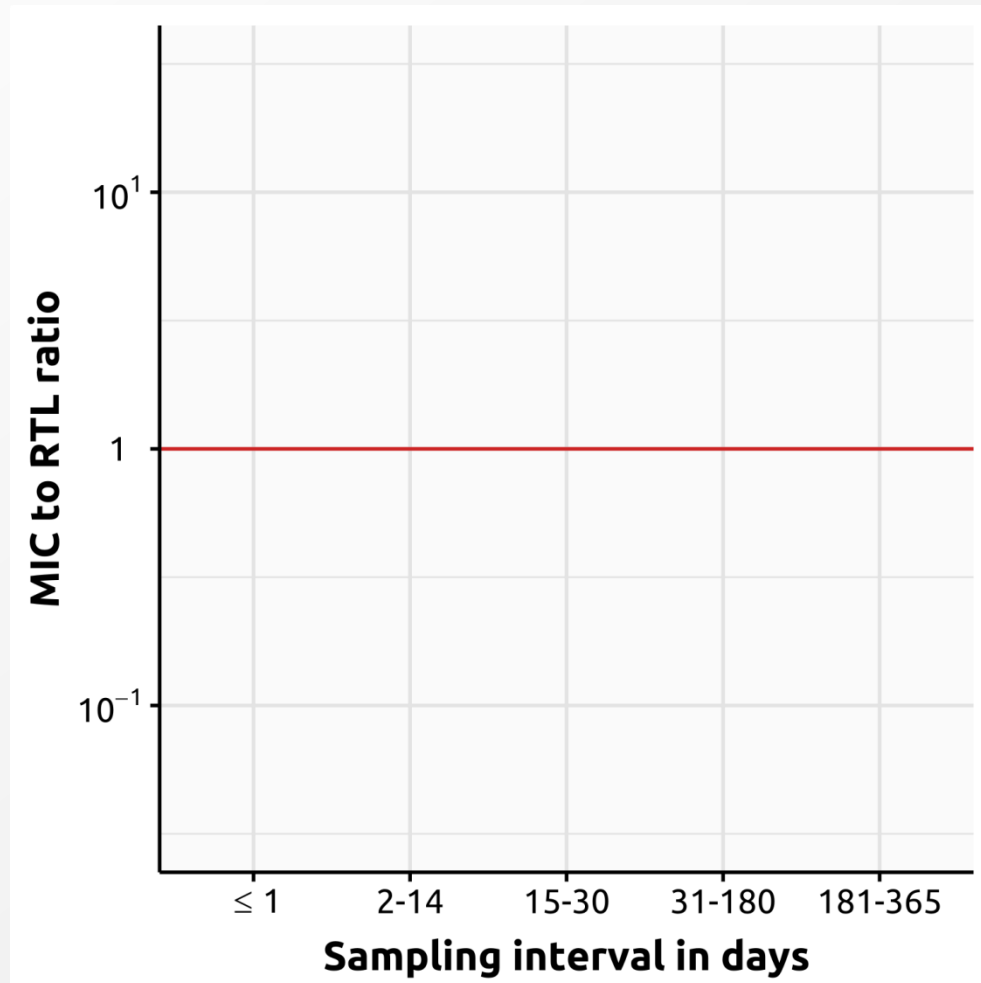
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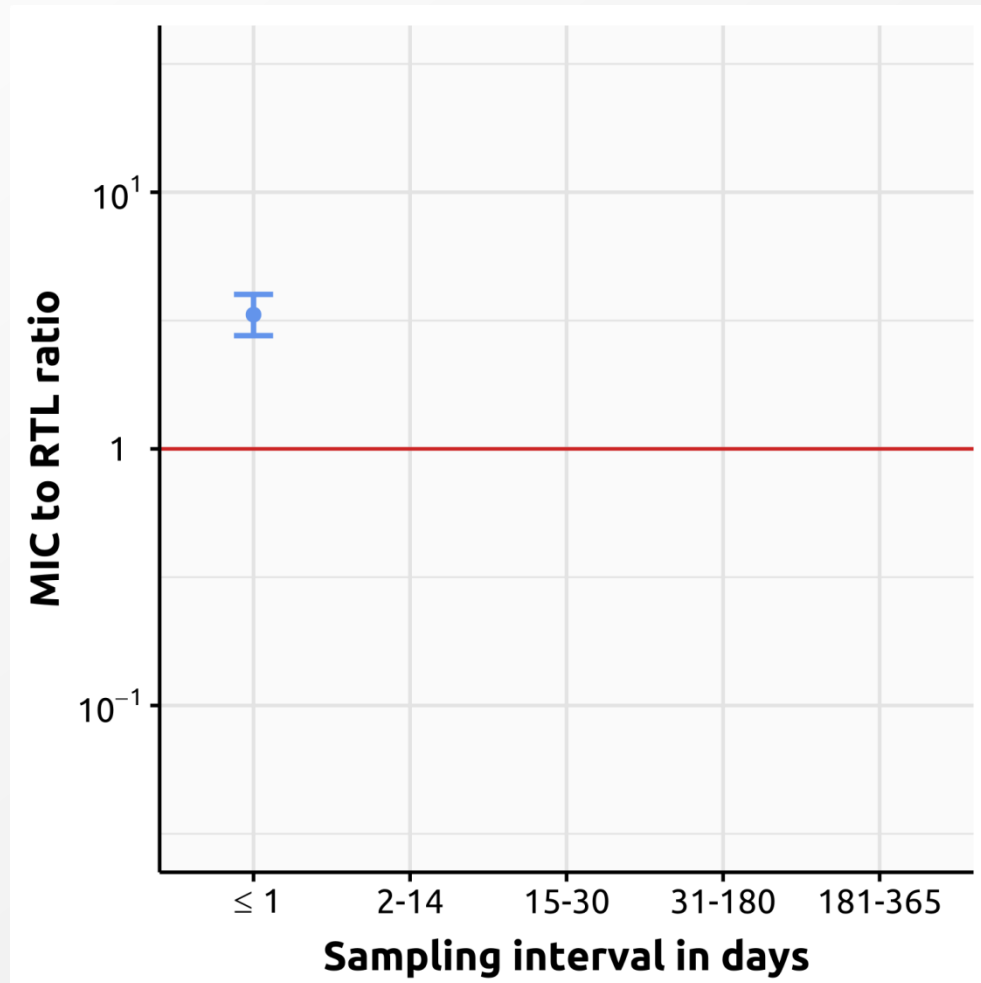
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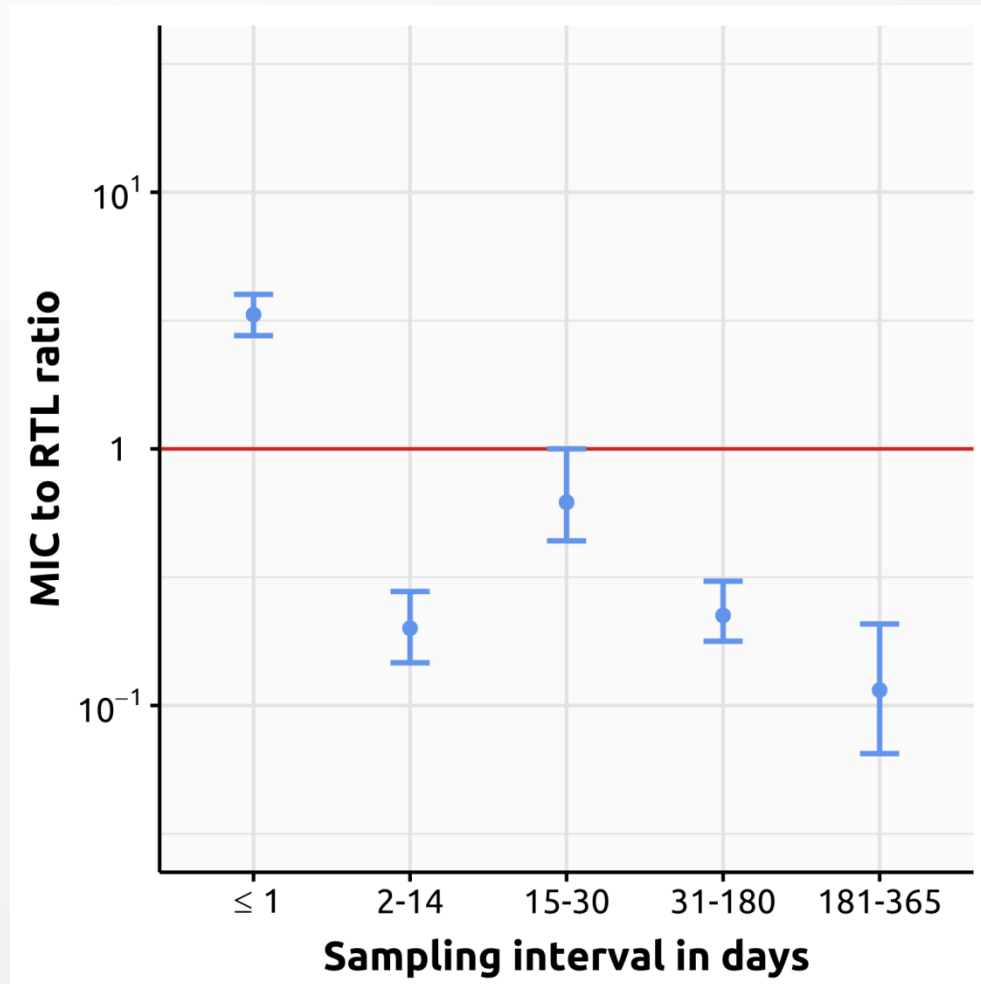
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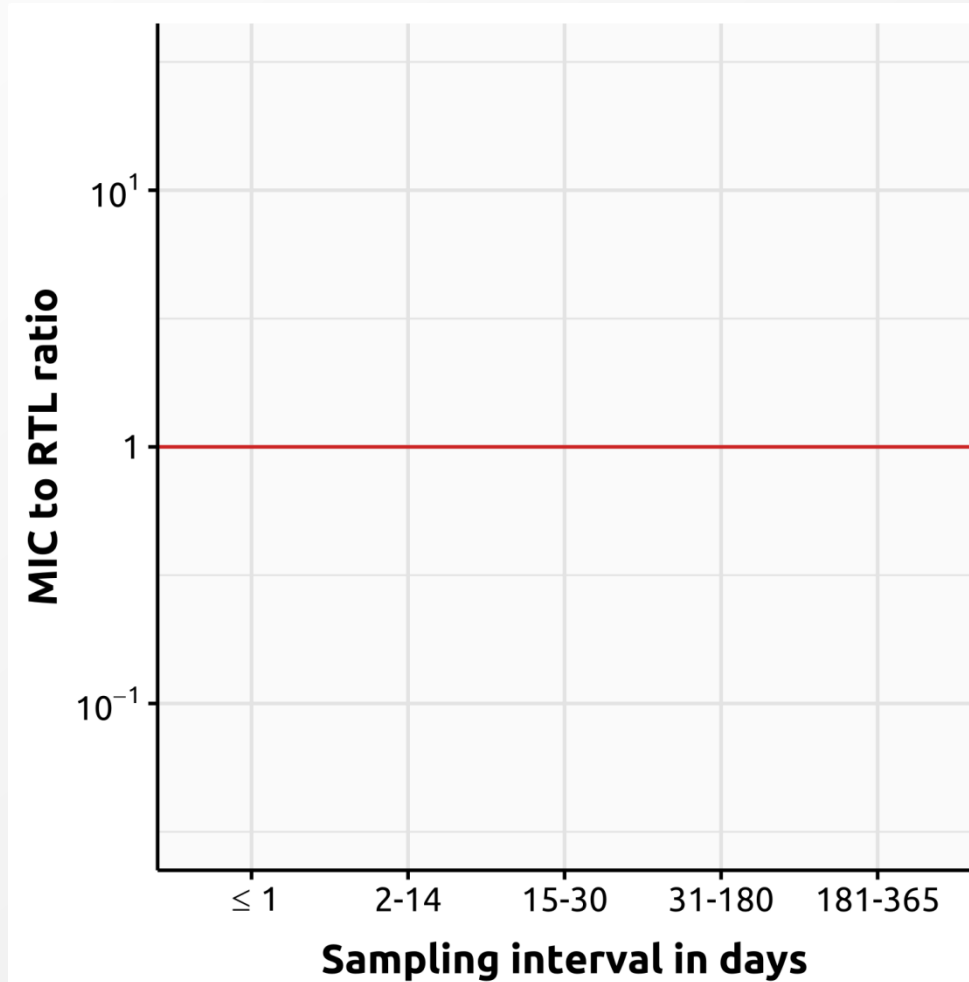
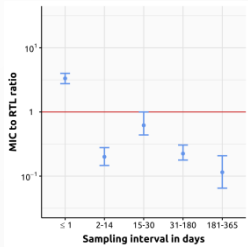
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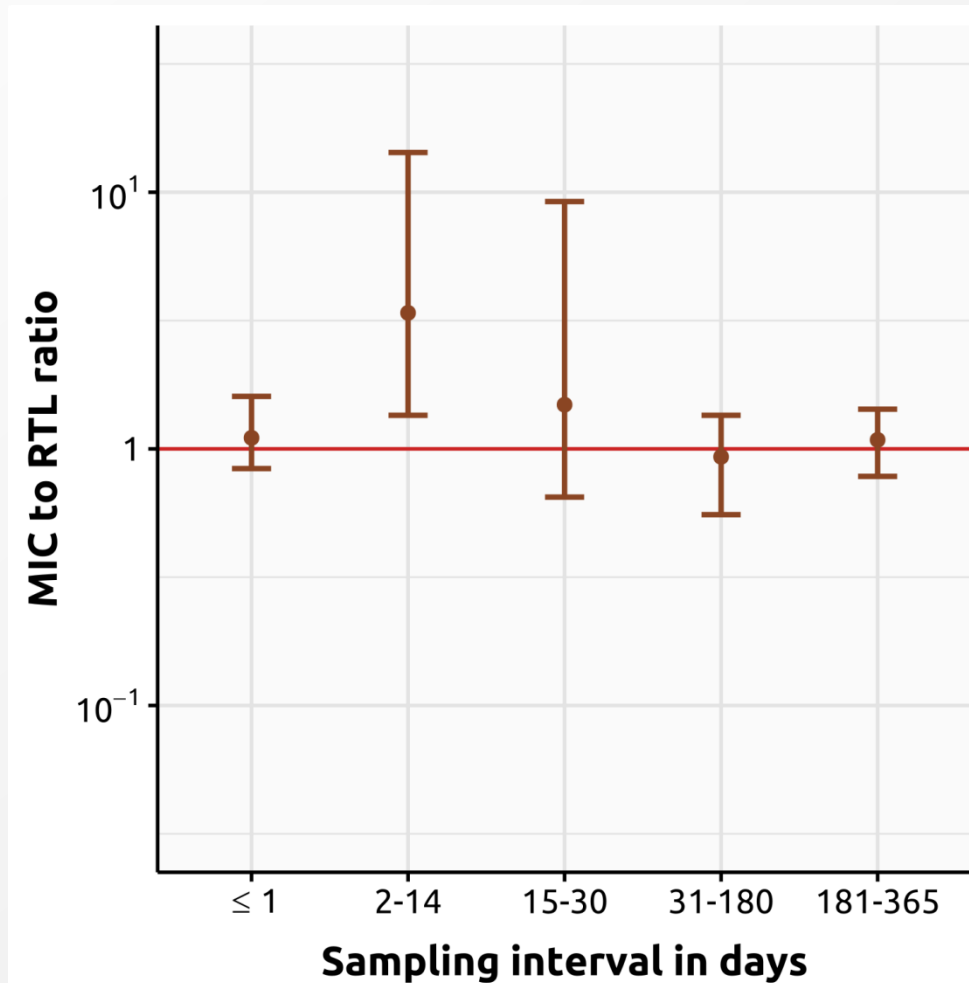
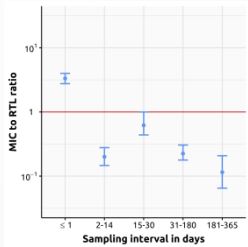
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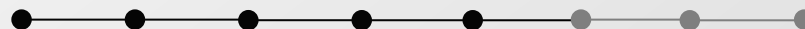


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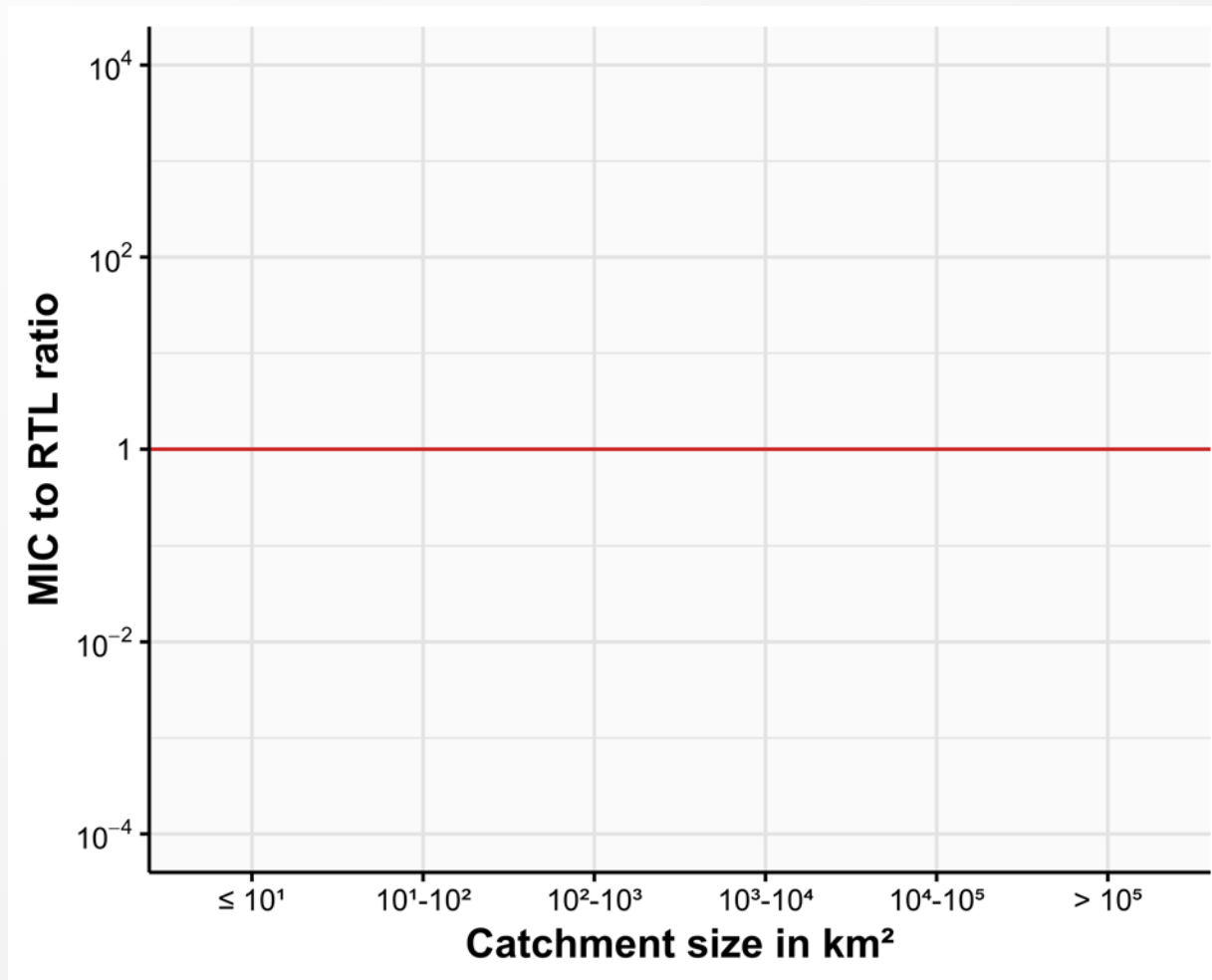
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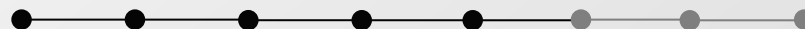
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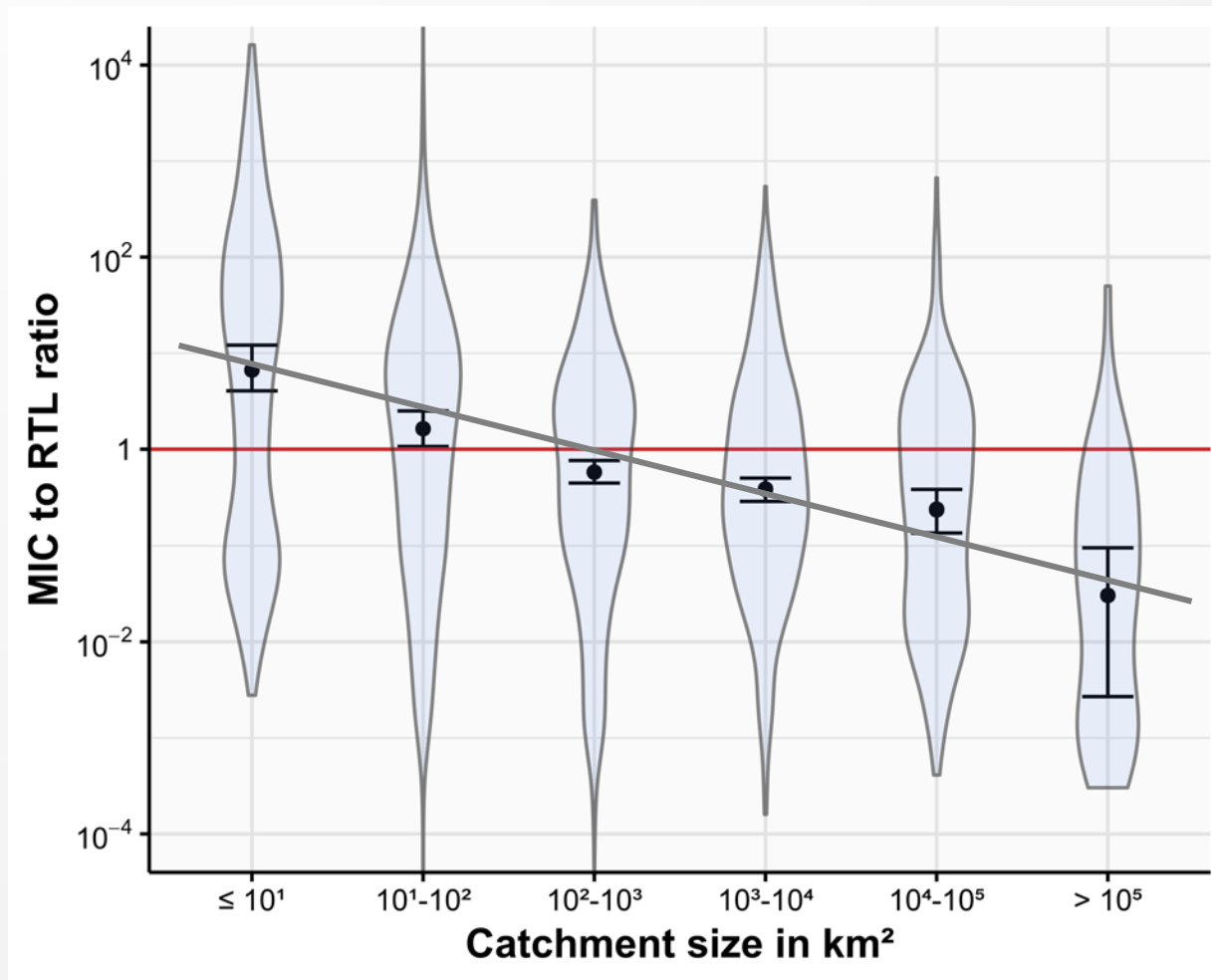
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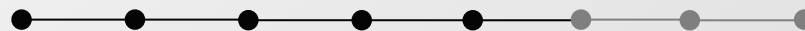
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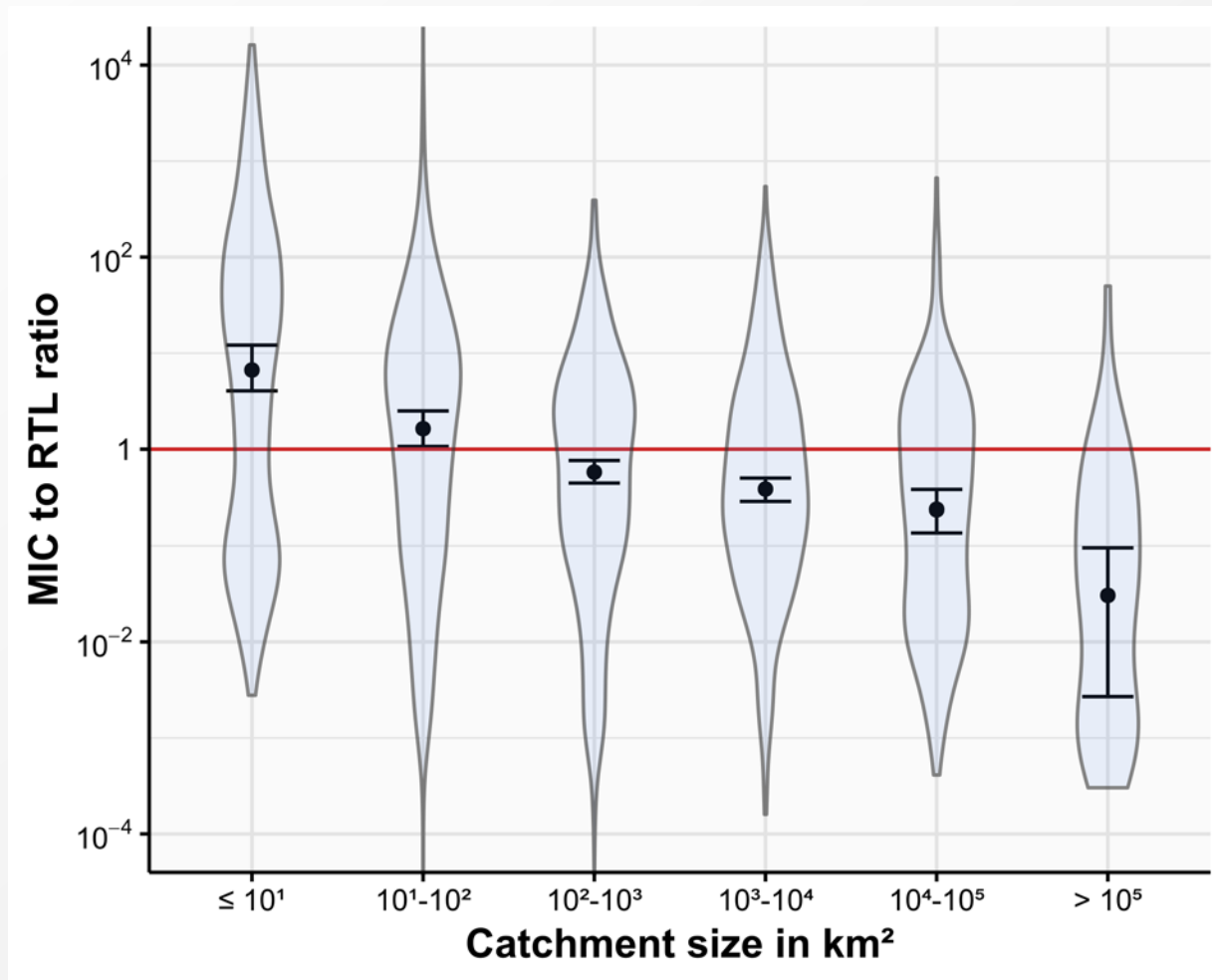


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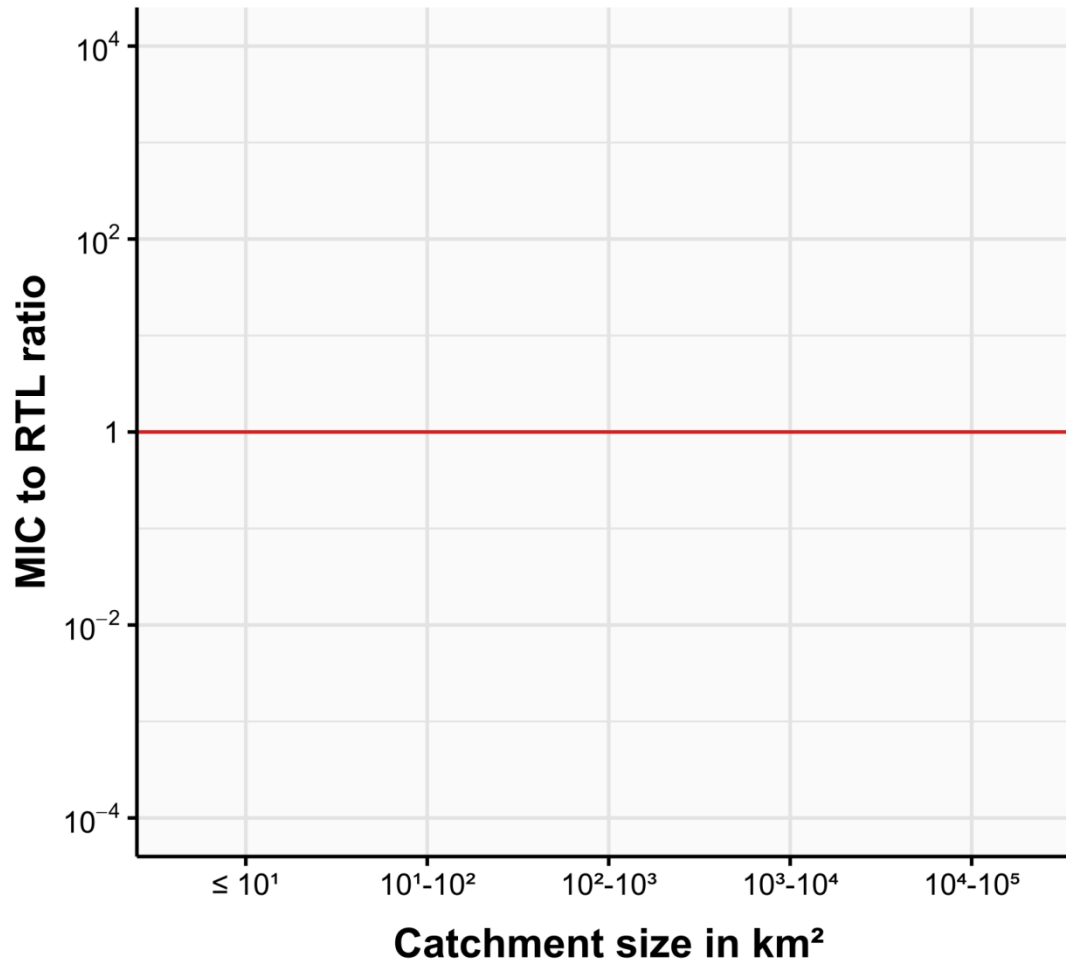
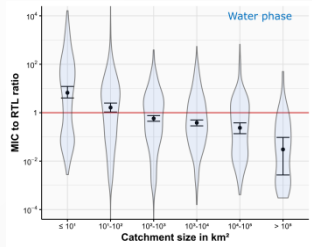


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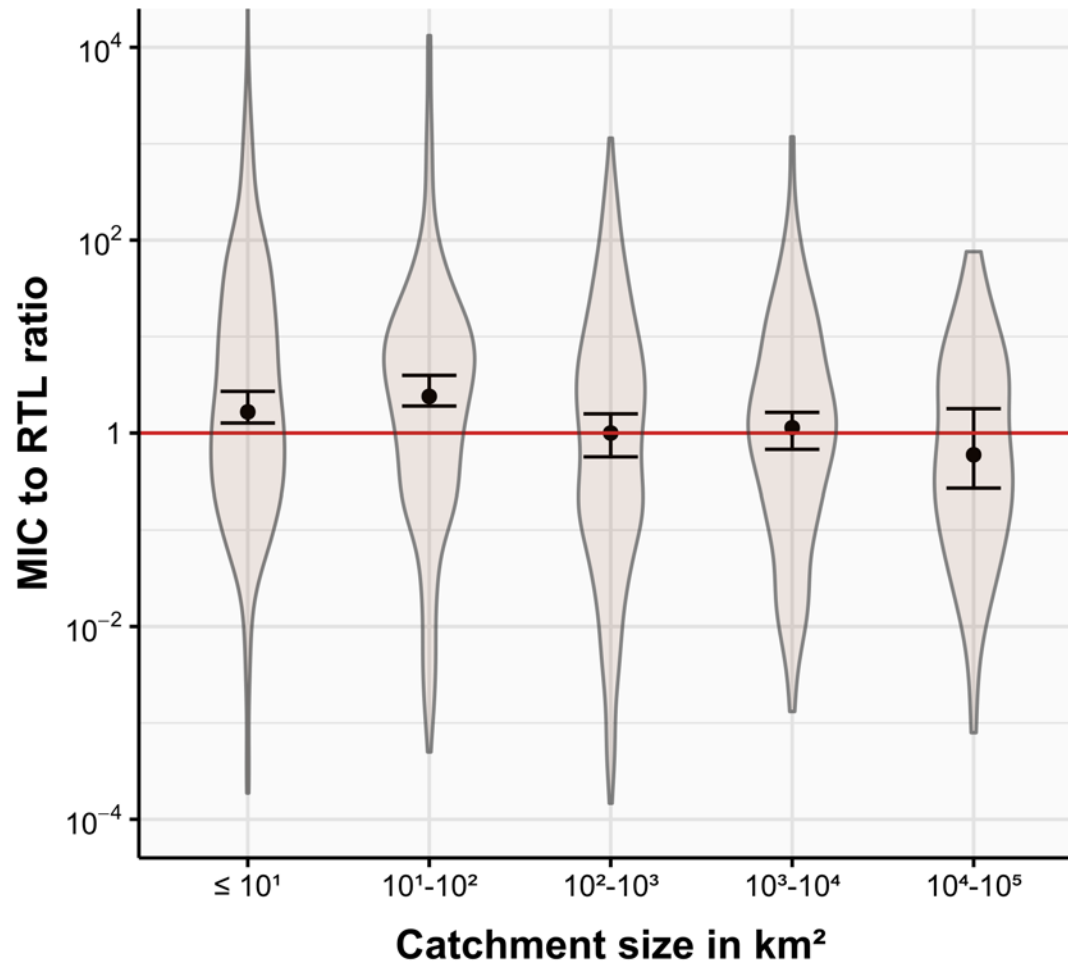
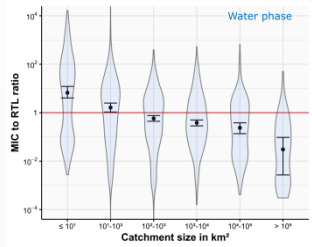
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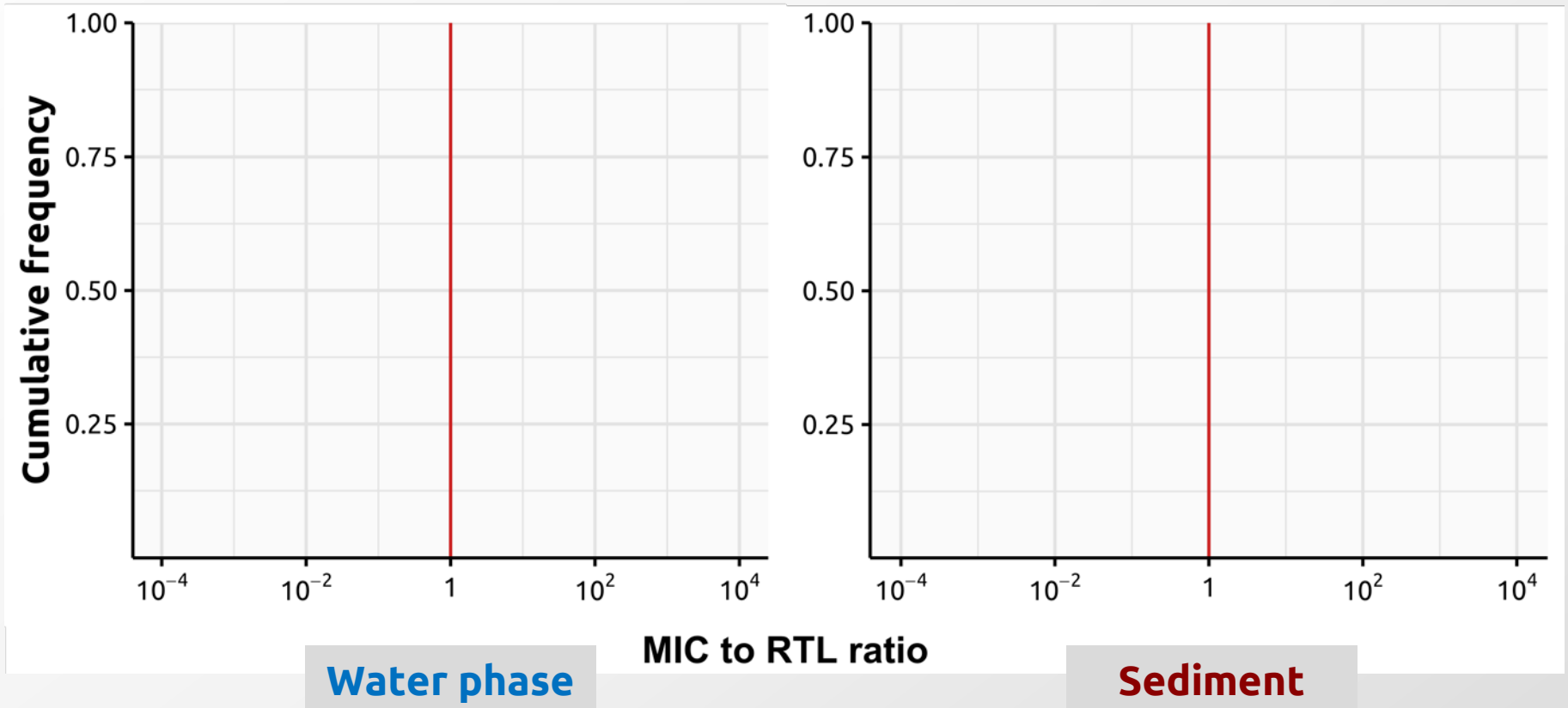
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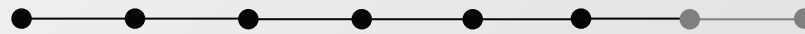
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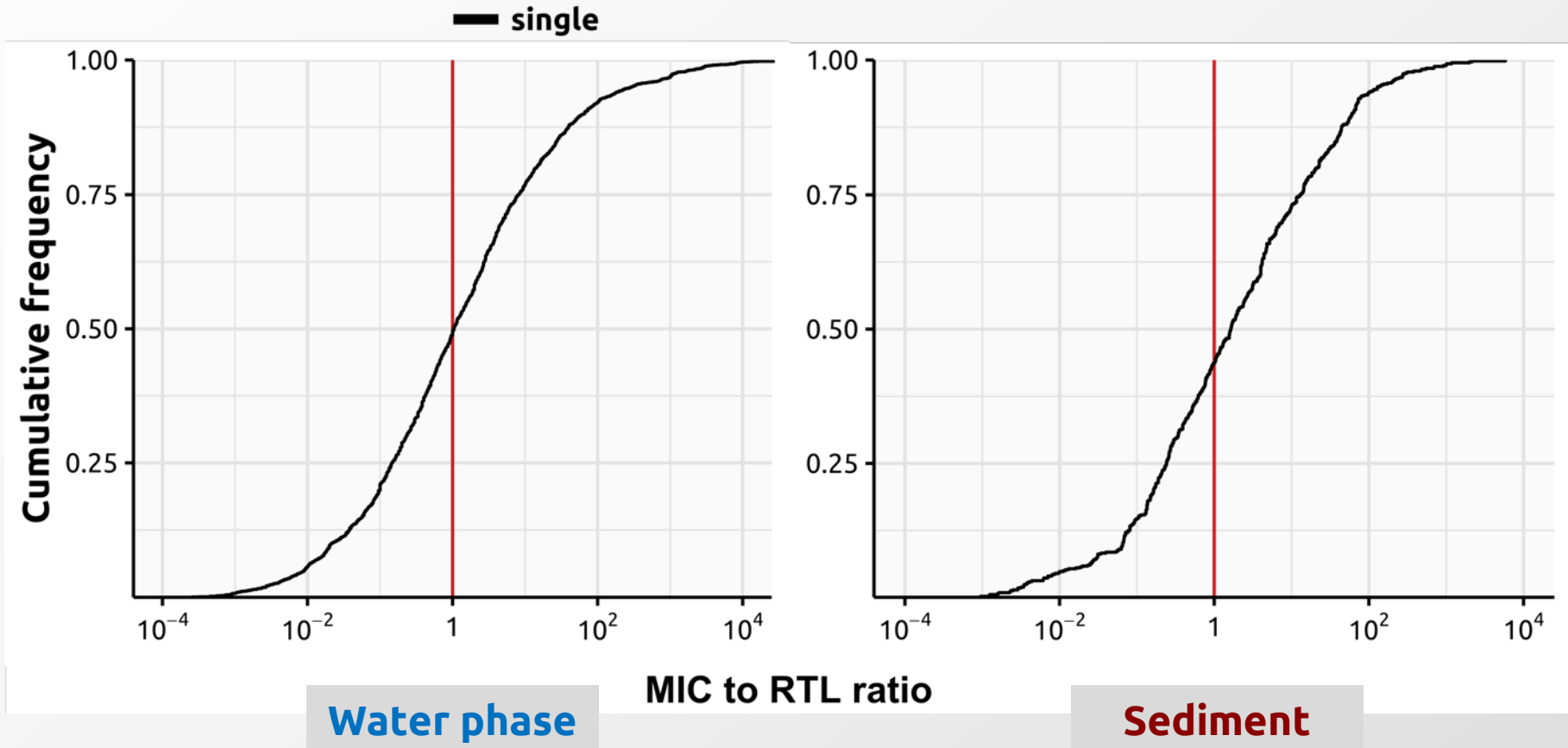
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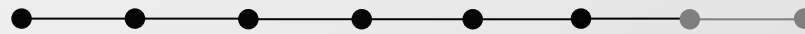
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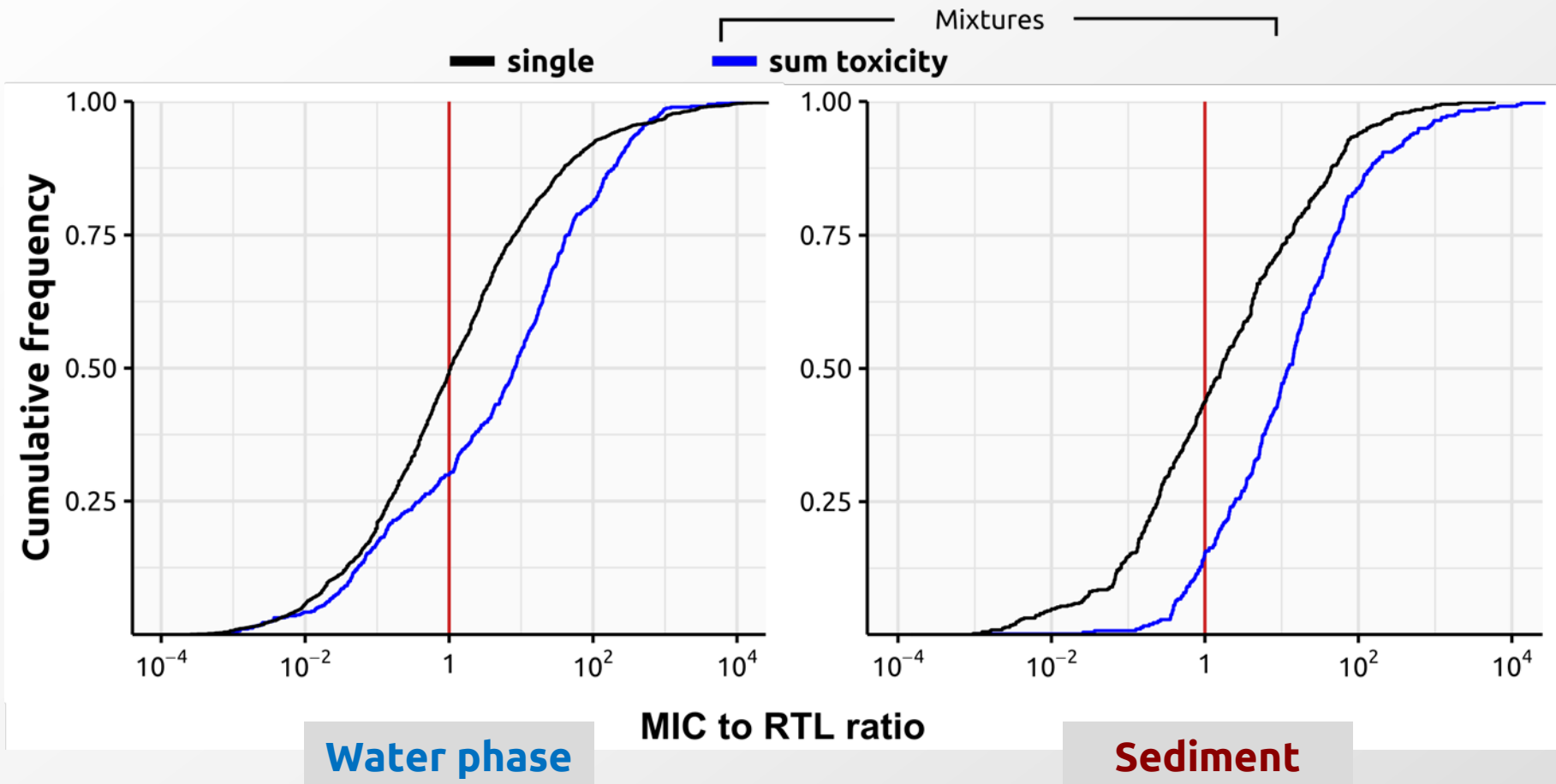
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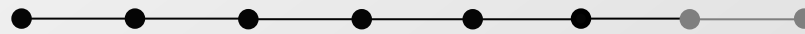
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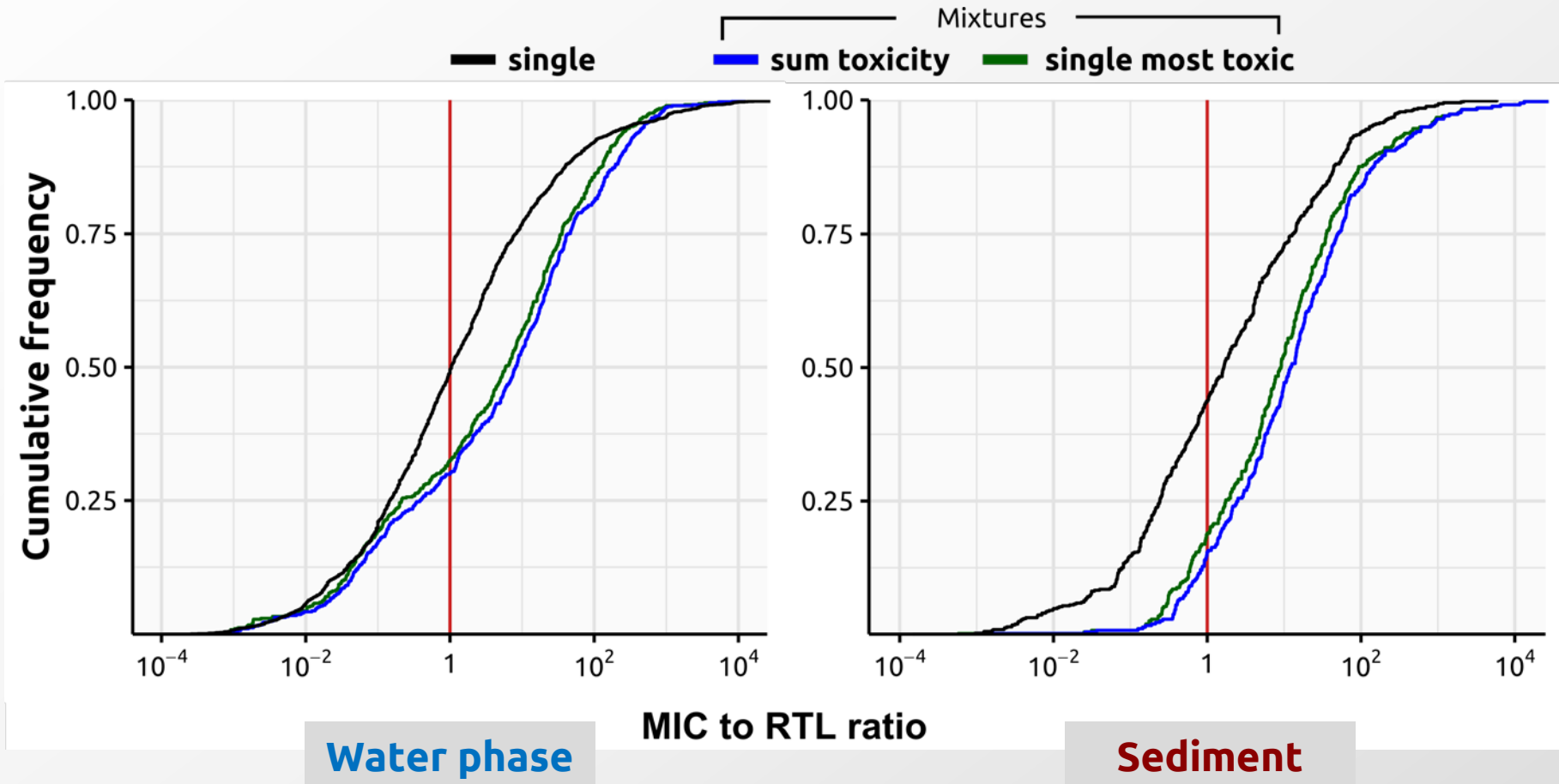
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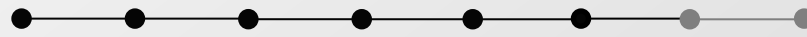
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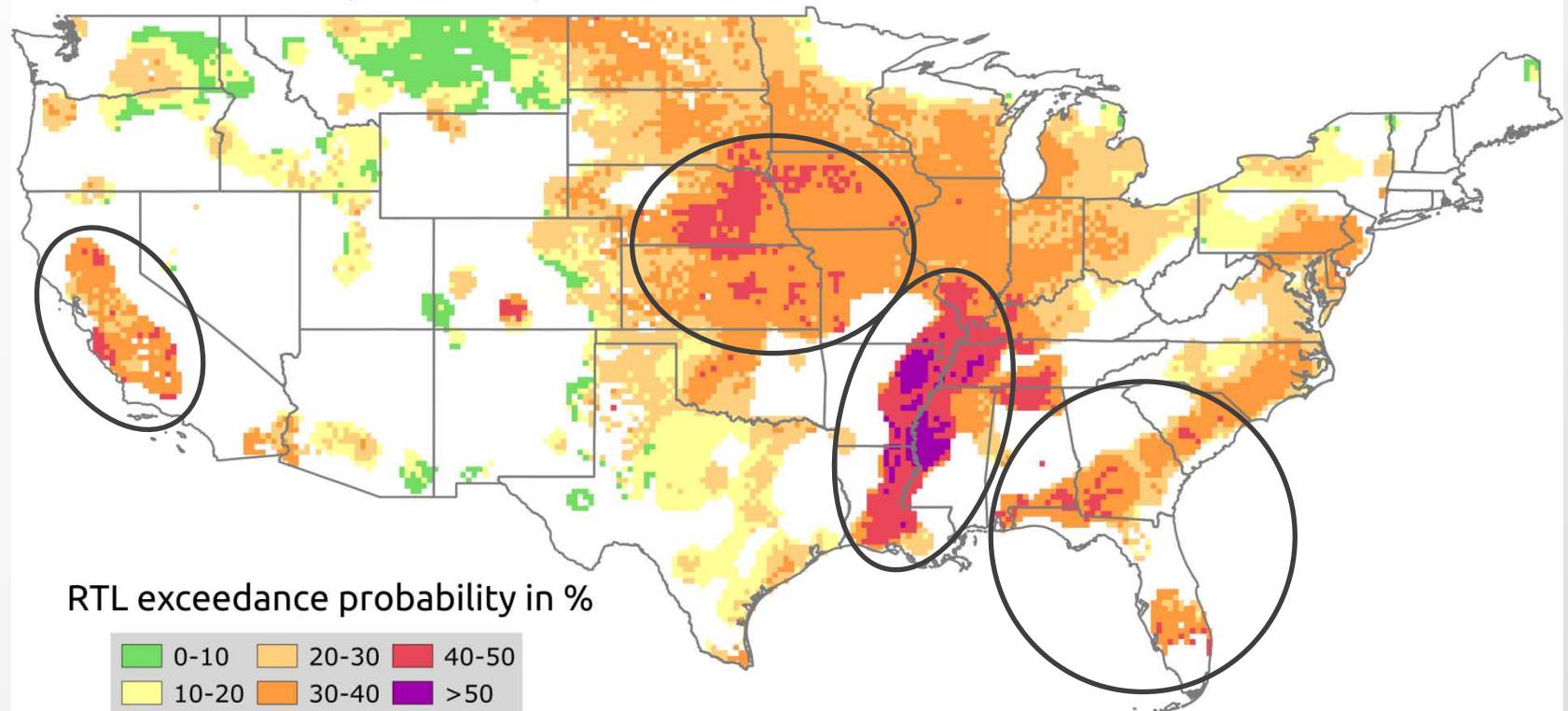
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Risk Mapping

National insecticide risk model for 2017

Small watersheds ($\leq 100 \text{ km}^2$)



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Conclusion

- Substantial insecticide risks in the U.S.
- Water phase: highest risks in small catchments
- More uniform contamination in sediments
- Mapping insecticide risk across the U.S.



Thank you for your time

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