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# Population Approach

Describing The Signal and the Noise

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# Pharmacometrics

Science

Pharmacology

Models

Pharmacokinetics      Pharmacodynamics

Experiment

Dose      Concentration      Effect

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# Analysis Approaches

## ANOVA “Doses”

- Mean/Linear Models
- Limited covariates
- Univariate dose-effect

## REGRESSION “Concs”

- Biology is non-linear
- Multiple unrestricted covariates
- Multivariate dose-conc-effect

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## Two Approaches

### Individual

- Self contained
- Obsi >>Parms
- Structural Mdl
- Residual Error Mdl

### Population

- Shared
- Obsi >=Parms
- Structural Mdl
- Residual Error Mdl
- Covariate Model
- Parameter Variability Mdl

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## Population Methods

- Naive Pooled Data
  - » Mean (biased)
- Standard Two Stage
  - » Mean + SD (biased)
- Full Population
  - » Mean + SD

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## Mixed Effect Model

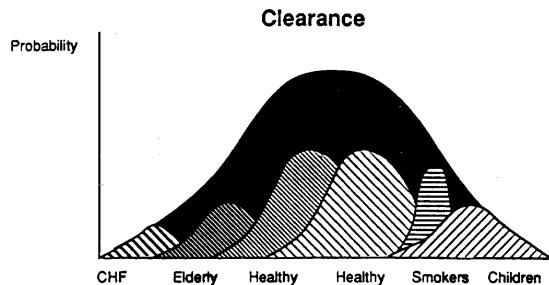
- Fixed Effects (predictable variability)
  - » Covariates and parameters
  - » e.g. renal function and clearance
- Random Effects (unpredictable variability)
  - » Parameter variability e.g. in clearance
  - » Residual error e.g. measurement error

**MIXED EFFECT = FIXED EFFECT + RANDOM EFFECT**

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## Parameter Variability



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## Structural Model

$$E = E_0 + E_{MAX} * \text{THEO} / (C50 + \text{THEO})$$

Parameters: E0, Emax, C50

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## Residual Error Model

RUV=Residual Unidentified Variability

Additive

$$Y = E + RUV\_SD$$

Proportional

$$Y = E + E * RUV\_CV$$

Mixed

$$Y = E + E * RUV\_CV + RUV\_SD$$

Parameters: RUV\_SD, RUV\_CV

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## Continuous Covariate Model

### Theoretical

$$FWT = (WT/70)^{3/4}$$

### Empirical

$$FAGE = 1 + SLOPE * (AGE - 60)$$

Parameters: 3/4 (theory), SLOPE

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## Categorical Covariate Model

```
IF (SEX.EQ.1) THEN
    FSEX=1      ; male
ELSE
    FSEX=FFEM ; female
ENDIF
```

Parameter: FFEM

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## Multiplicative Covariate Effects

$$GRP\_EMAX = FWT * FAGE * FSEX * POP\_EMAX$$

FIXED EFFECTS: FWT, FAGE, FSEX

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## Parameter Variability Model PPV=Population Parameter Variability

### Normal (additive)

$$EMAX = GRP\_EMAX + PPV\_SD$$

### Proportional

$$EMAX = GRP\_EMAX + GRP\_EMAX * PPV\_CV$$

### Log Normal

$$EMAX = GRP\_EMAX * \exp(PPV\_CV)$$

$$\exp(x) \approx 1+x \text{ (small } x\text{)}$$

Parameters: PPV\_SD, PPV\_CV

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## Methods

- Parametric Methods
  - » NONMEM (NONlinear Mixed Effects Model)
  - » R nlme, SAS NL MIXED, Certara Phoenix nlme, nlmixr
- Non-Parametric Methods
  - » NONMEM, NPML, NPEG
- Expectation Maximization Methods
  - » NONMEM, WinBUGS, MCPEM, S-Adapt, Monolix, nlmixr

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## Uses

- Covariate Influences
  - » Population Screen
- PKPD
  - » Dose/Conc Response
  - » Disease progress
- Limited Sampling
  - » Paediatrics
  - » Toxicology

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## NONMEM

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PROGRAM NONMEM
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```
$PROB THEOPHYLLINE PHARMACODYNAMICS STANDARD CONTROL STREAM
$DATA theopd.dat IGNORE #
$INPUT ID TIME THEO AGE WT SEX RACE DIAG DV
$ESTIM METHOD=COND INTER
$COV

$THETA
(0,150.,) ; POP_E0
(0,200.,) ; POP_EMAX
(.001,10,) ; POP_C50

$OMEGA
0.5 ; PPV_E0
0.5 ; PPV_EMAX
0.5 ; PPV_C50

$SIGMA
100 ; RUV_SD

$PRED
E0=THETA(1)*EXP(ETA(1))
EMAX=THETA(2)*EXP(ETA(2))
EC50=THETA(3)*EXP(ETA(3))

Y = E0 + EMAX*THEO/(C50 + THEO) + EPS(1)

$TABLE ID TIME THEO AGE WT SEX RACE DIAG E0 EMAX EC50 Y
NOPRINT ONEHEADER FILE=theopd.fit
```

## NONMEM

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## NONMEM

```
THETA:    POP_E0      POP_EMAX     POP_EC50
ETA:      PPV_E0      PPV_EMAX     PPV_EC50
ERR:      RUV_SD
theopd.lst  5801.321   FOCE      eval=295 sig=+4.2 sub=153 obs=574 NM7.5.0
THETA     = 139        191        8.8
ETASD     = 0.099      0.268      1.463
ETAPval   = 0.346      0.000      0.605
ETAshrSD% = 81.0       55.8       35.6
EEVshrsD% = 81.8       59.6       29.9
EEVshREL% = 0.6        5.6        8.6
EPSShrSD% = 9.3
EPSSD     = 81.055
THETA:se% = 6.9        9.4        14.9
ETASD:se% = 168.6      20.7       16.9
EPSSD:se% = 5.3
MINIMIZATION SUCCESSFUL
Ttot 0:4.82 Test 0:1.45 Tcov 0:0.57 Ttcl 0:2.78
```

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## Ernest Rutherford

*“Science is either  
stamp collecting or physics”*

