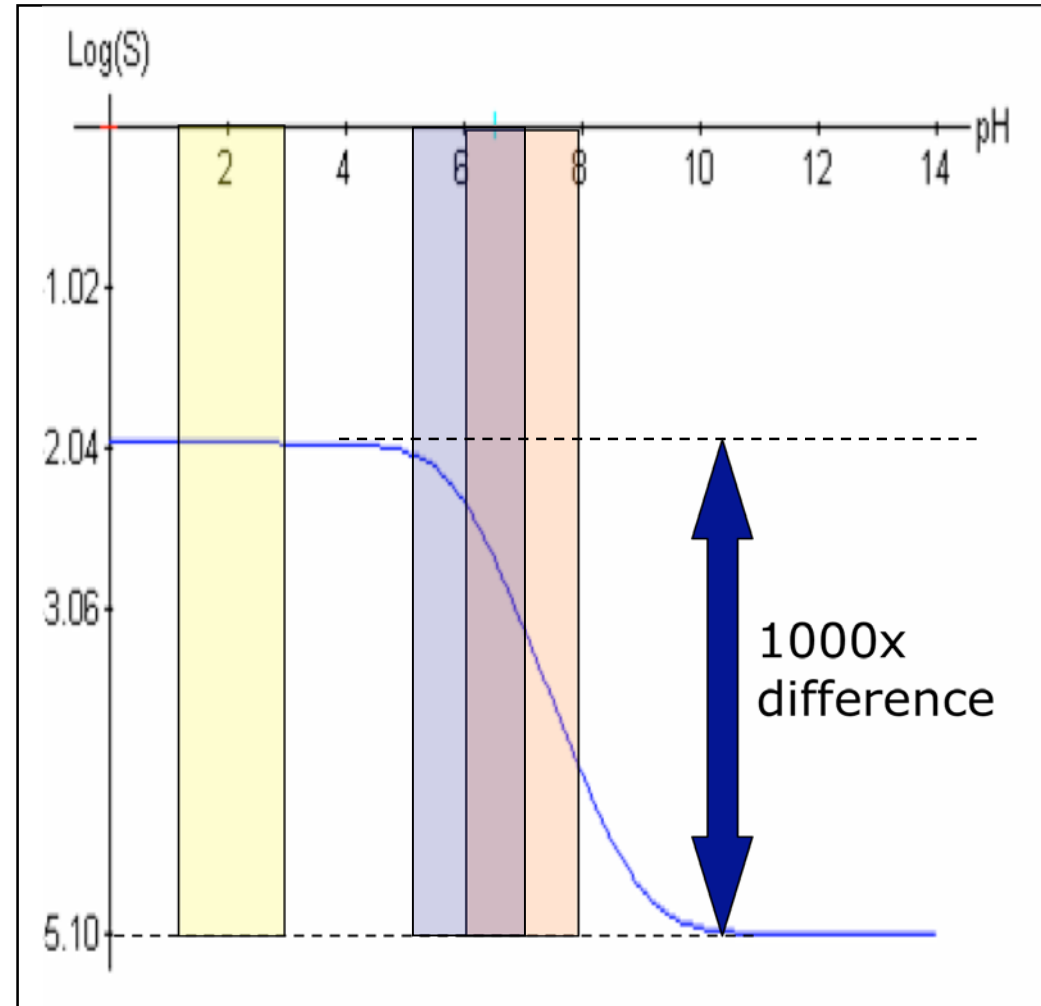
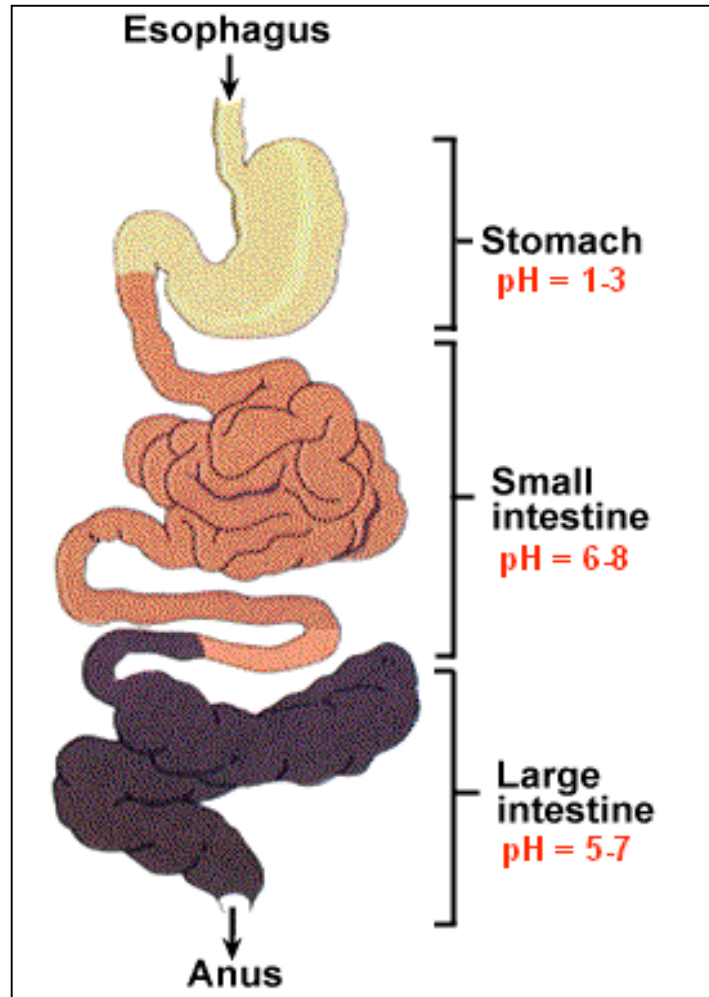


# Prediction of pH-Dependent Solubility of Drugs and Drug Candidates

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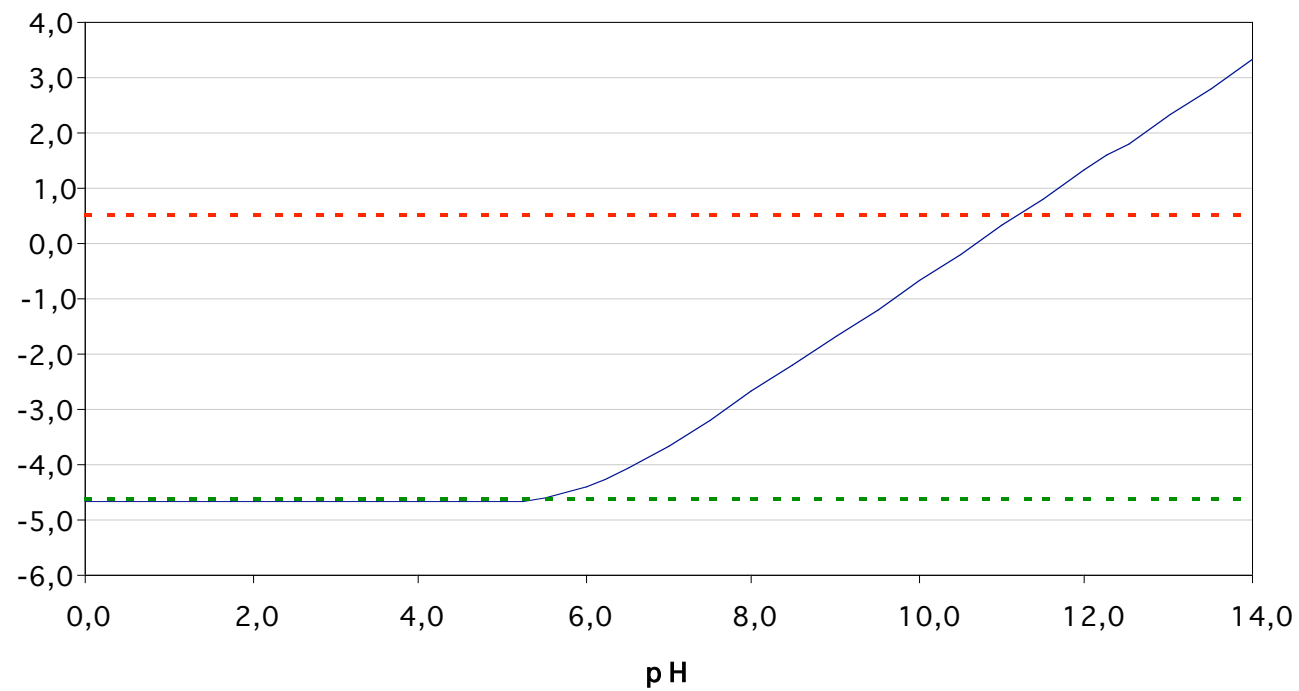
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# Why consider pH-dependency?



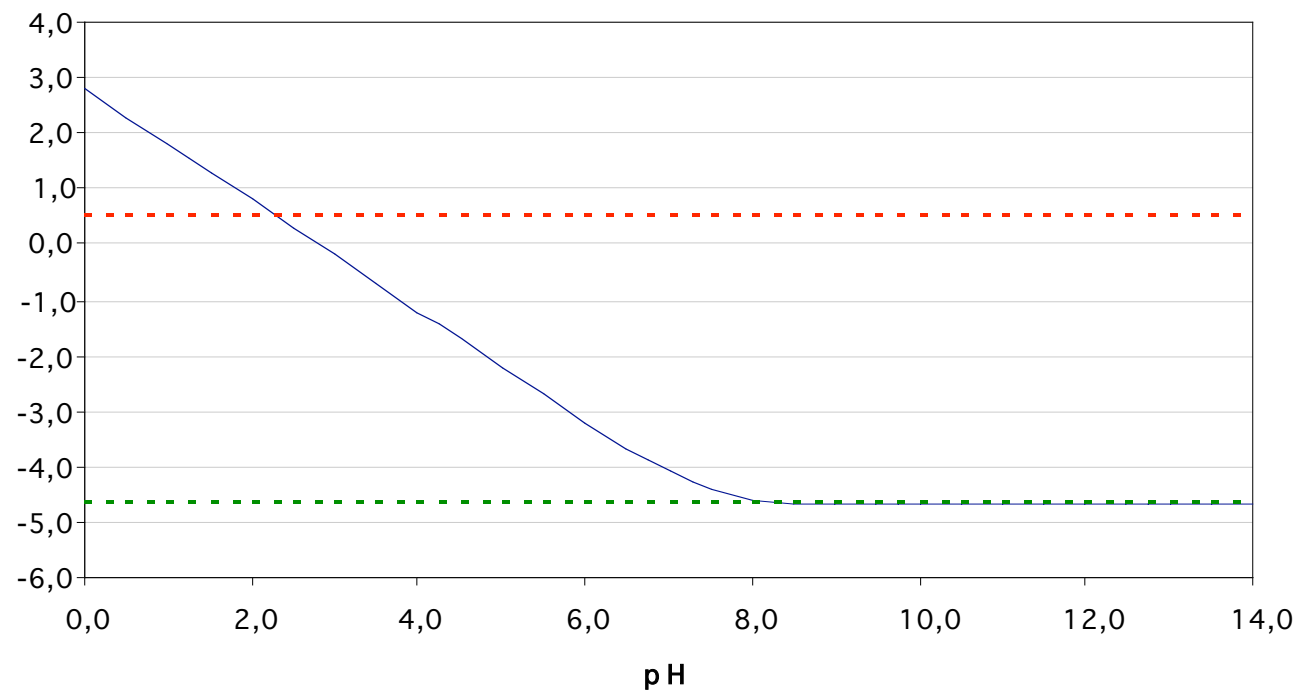
# In Theory: Henderson-Hasselbalch

**Acids:**  $LogS = LogS_0 + Log(1 + 10^{pH - pK_a})$



# In Theory: Henderson-Hasselbalch

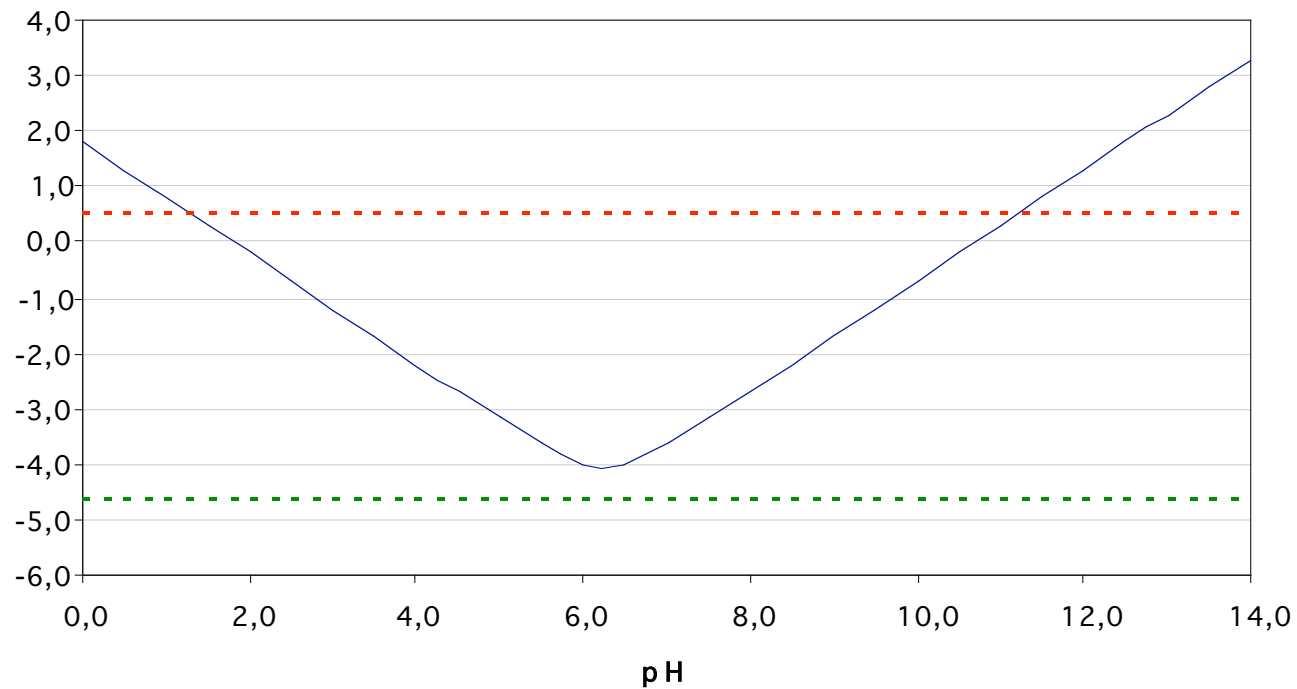
**Bases:** 
$$\text{Log}S = \text{Log}S_0 + \text{Log} \left( 1 + 10^{pK_b - pH} \right)$$



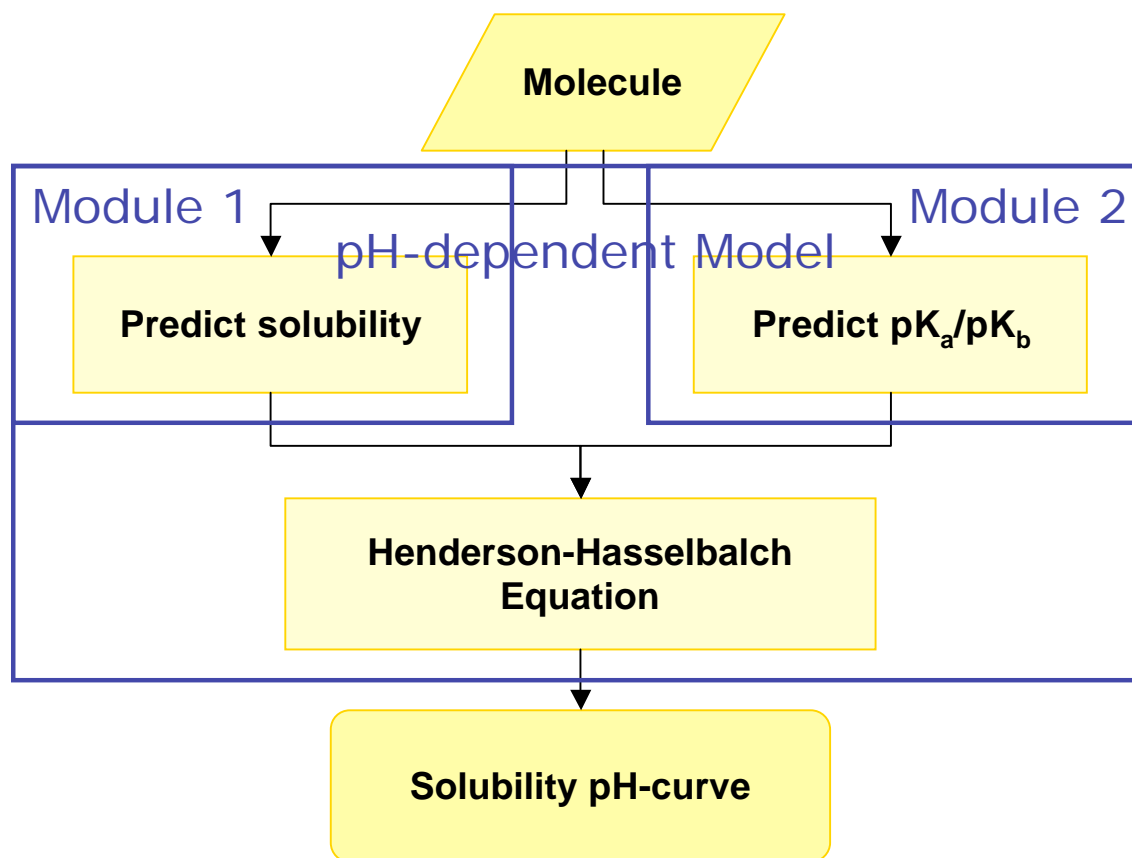
# In Theory: Henderson-Hasselbalch

## Ampholytes:

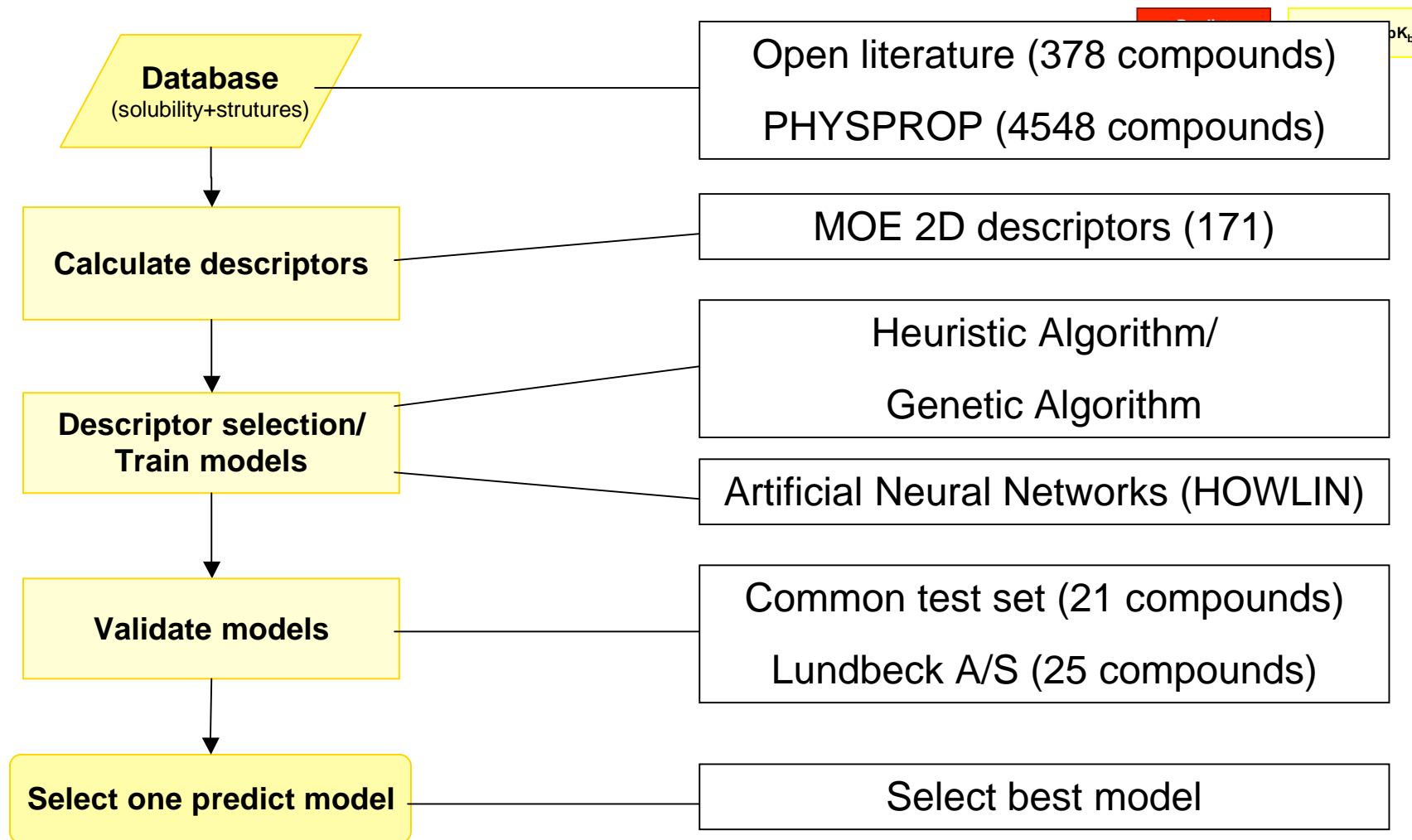
$$\text{Log}S = \text{Log}S_0 + \text{Log} \left( 1 + 10^{pH - pK_a} + 10^{pK_b - pH} \right)$$



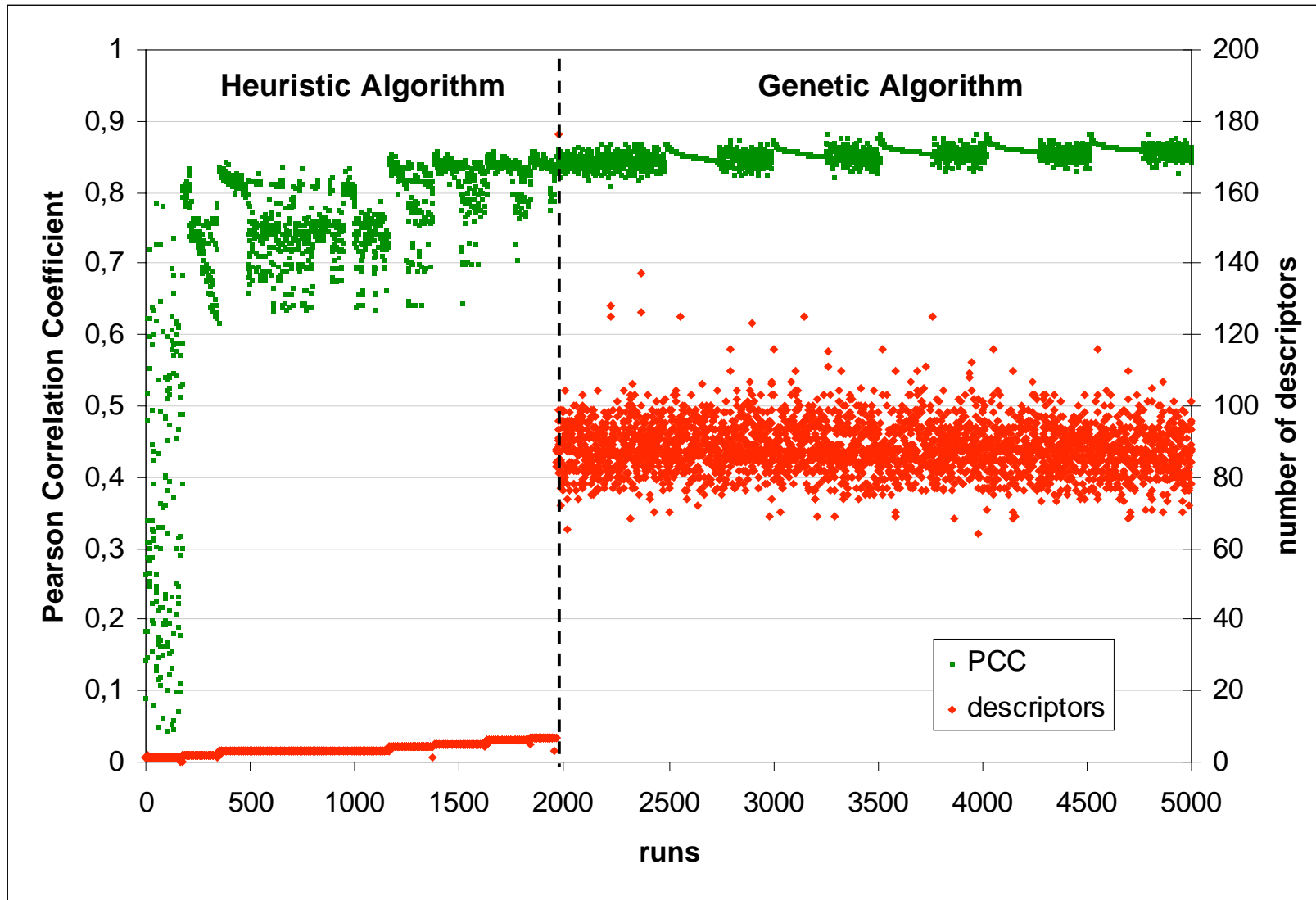
# Modular pH-dependent model



# Intrinsic Solubility Module

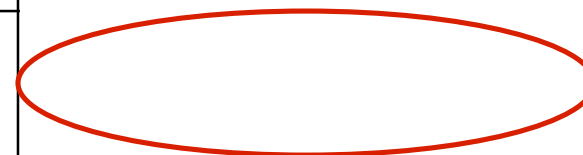


# Descriptor selection



# Results

	No. Desc.	Training (3-part validation)	
		R <sup>2</sup>	RMSE
378/Heu	5	0.86	0.97
378/GA	>50	0.90	0.87
4548/Heu	9	0.94	0.64
4548/GA	>50	0.94	0.64



# External validation: Others

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	Huusk.	Klopman	Kuhne <sup>*</sup>	This work
Train/ Test set	1297	482	694	4548
# desc.	30	46	50	9
R <sup>2</sup>	0.91	0.70	0.75	0.85
RMSE	0.63	1.24	1.06	0.97

\* Based on 19 of the 21 molecules

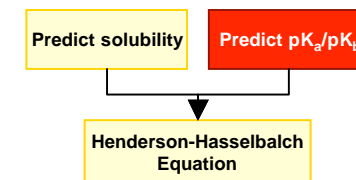
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# pK<sub>a</sub> Prediction Module

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Two models were validated:

- ACD/Labs pK<sub>a</sub> module
- Marvin pK<sub>a</sub> plug-in



Validation set (PhysProp) with filter:

- Experimental pK<sub>a</sub> values
- Temperature range 25±5°C
- pKa range 0-13

Result: 467 experimental pK<sub>a</sub> values

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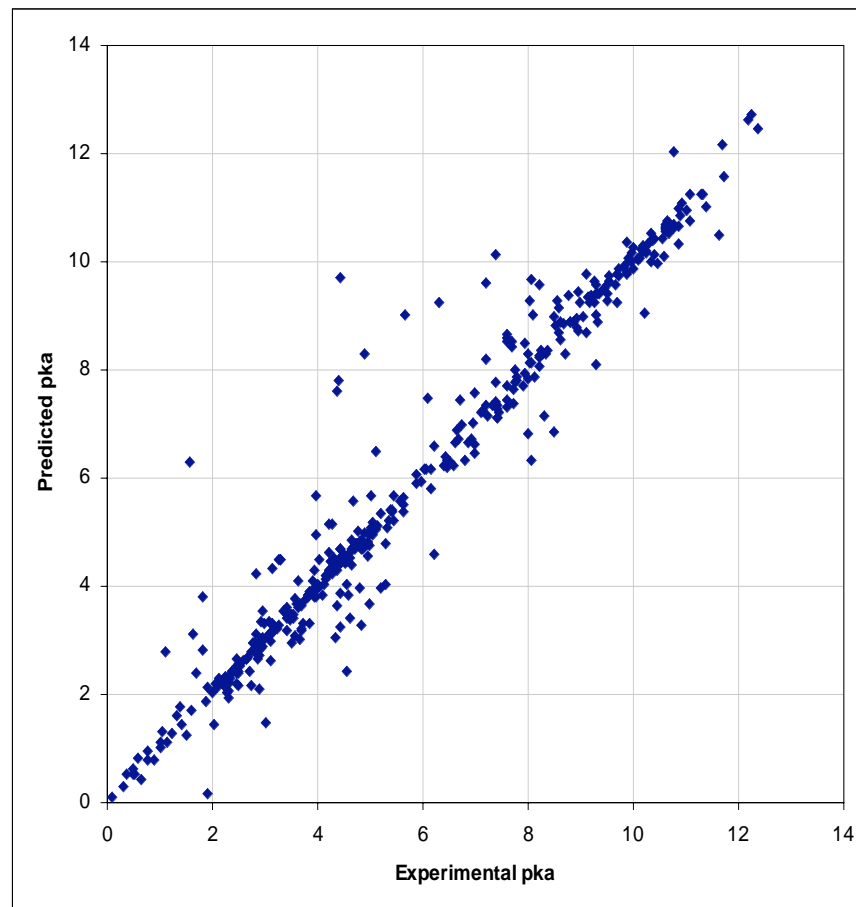
# Validation: ACD/Labs

## ACD/Labs model:

- Expensive
- Limited rights

## Statistics:

- $N = 454$  (13 err.)
- $MAE = 0.34$
- $RMSE = 0.70$



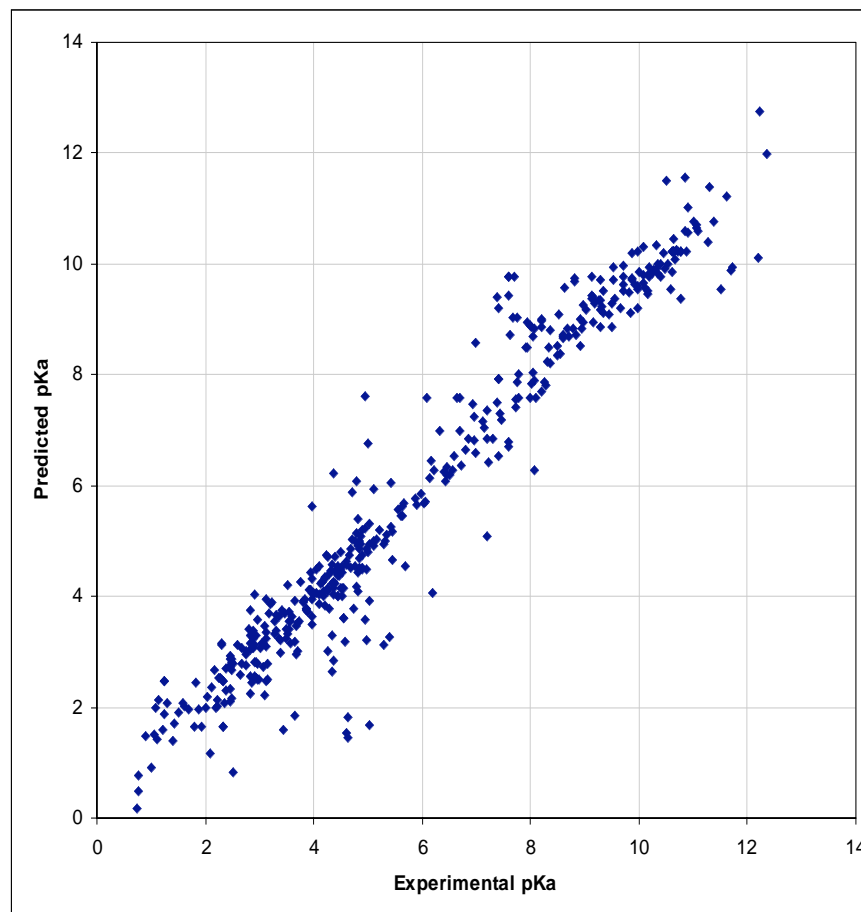
# Validation: Marvin

## Marvin model:

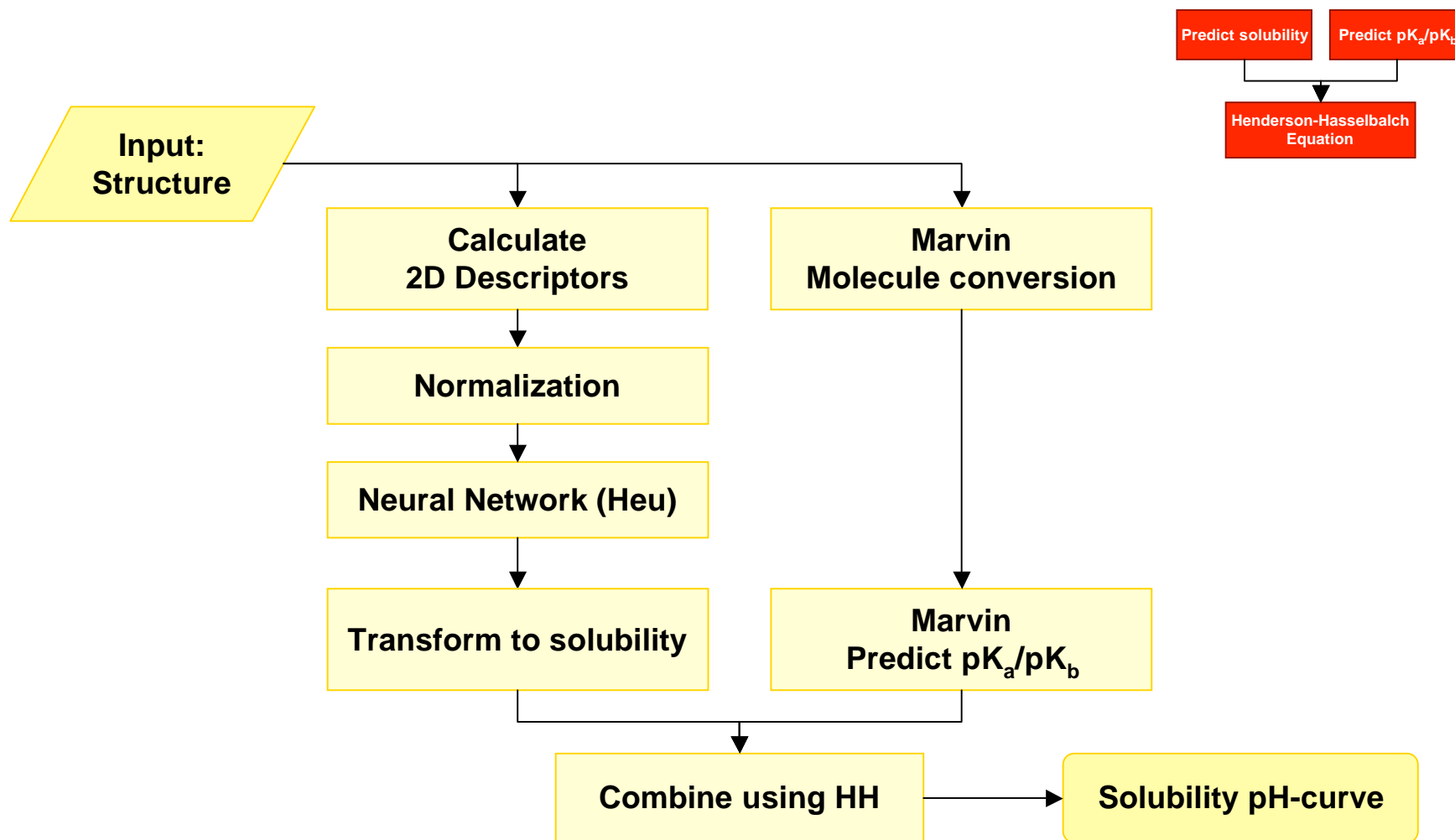
- Free for academia
- Accessible Java-classes

## Statistics:

- N = 458 (9 err.)
- MAE = 0.48
- RMSE = 0.71



# Combined model



# Experimental Solubility Curves

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Source: literature (~70 drugs)

Filter:

- Exact solubility values
- Experimental  $pK_a$  and  $S_0$
- No co-solvents

Result:

- 27 experimental solubility curves
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# Validation of Theory and Prediction

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Henderson-Hasselbalch relationship:

$$\text{Log}S = \text{Log}S_0 + \text{Log} \left( 1 + 10^{pH - pK_a} \right)$$

- Validation of **Theoretical model**:  
with **experimental parameters**
  - Validation of **Prediction model**:  
with **predicted parameters**
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# Validation with Ibuprofen

## Experimental:

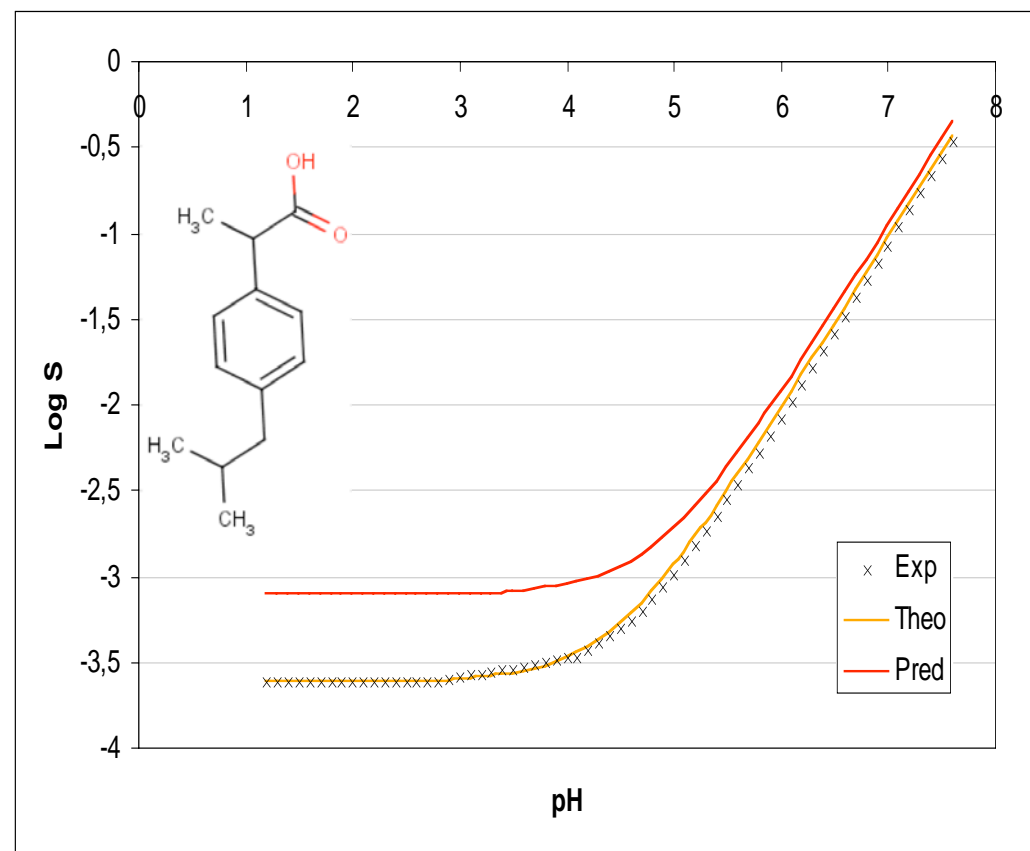
- $pK_a = 4.42$
- $\text{Log } S_0 = -3.62$

## Predicted:

- $pK_a = 4.85$
- $\text{Log } S_0 = -3.11$

## Statistics

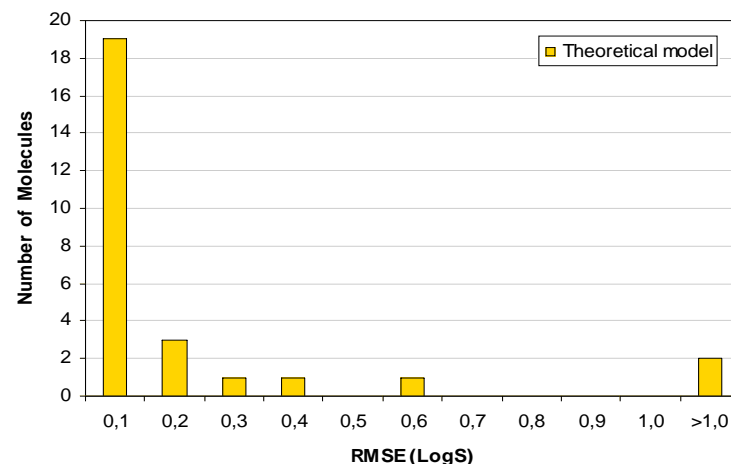
- $\text{RMSE}_{\text{theo}} = 0.03$
- $\text{RMSE}_{\text{pred}} = 0.37$



# Validation of combined model

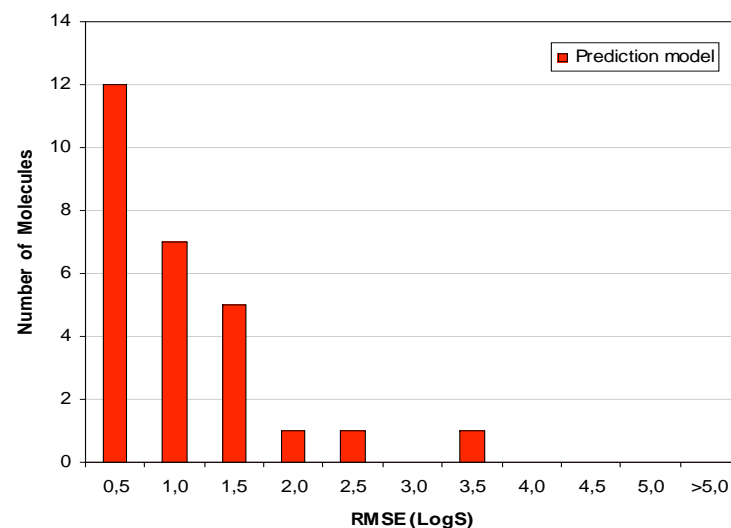
## Theory vs. Exp.:

- RMSE = 0.25 (27 drugs)
- RMSE = 0.09 (25 drugs)



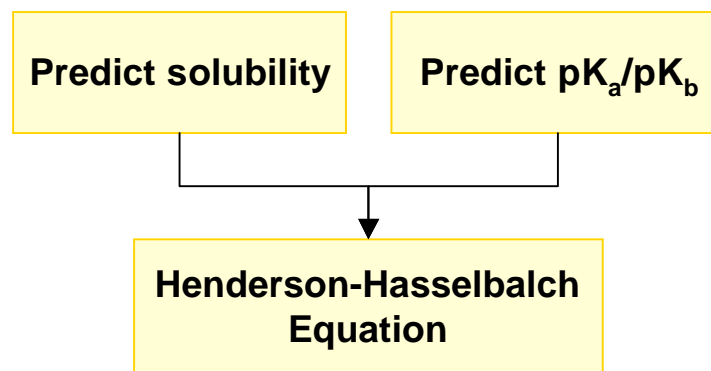
## Prediction vs. Exp.:

- RMSE = 0.88 (27 drugs)
- RMSE = 0.80 (26 drugs)



# Summary

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This model seems adequate for prediction of pH-dependent solubility

Good  $pK_a/pK_b$  predictions enable us to predict pH-dependent solubilities without increasing the error significantly

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Thanks... Questions?!

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