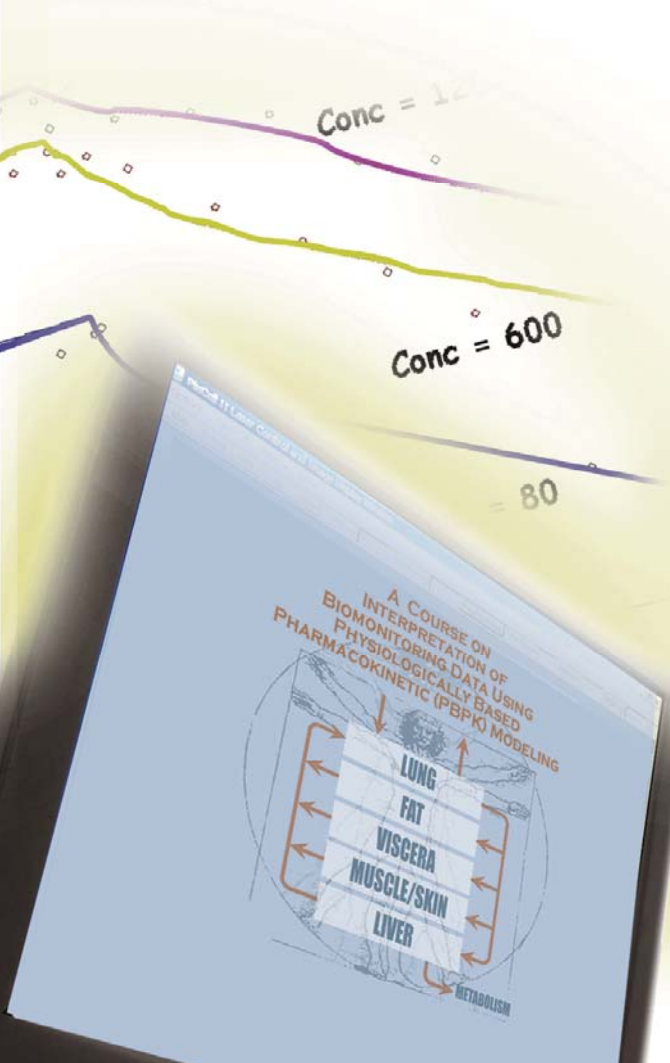
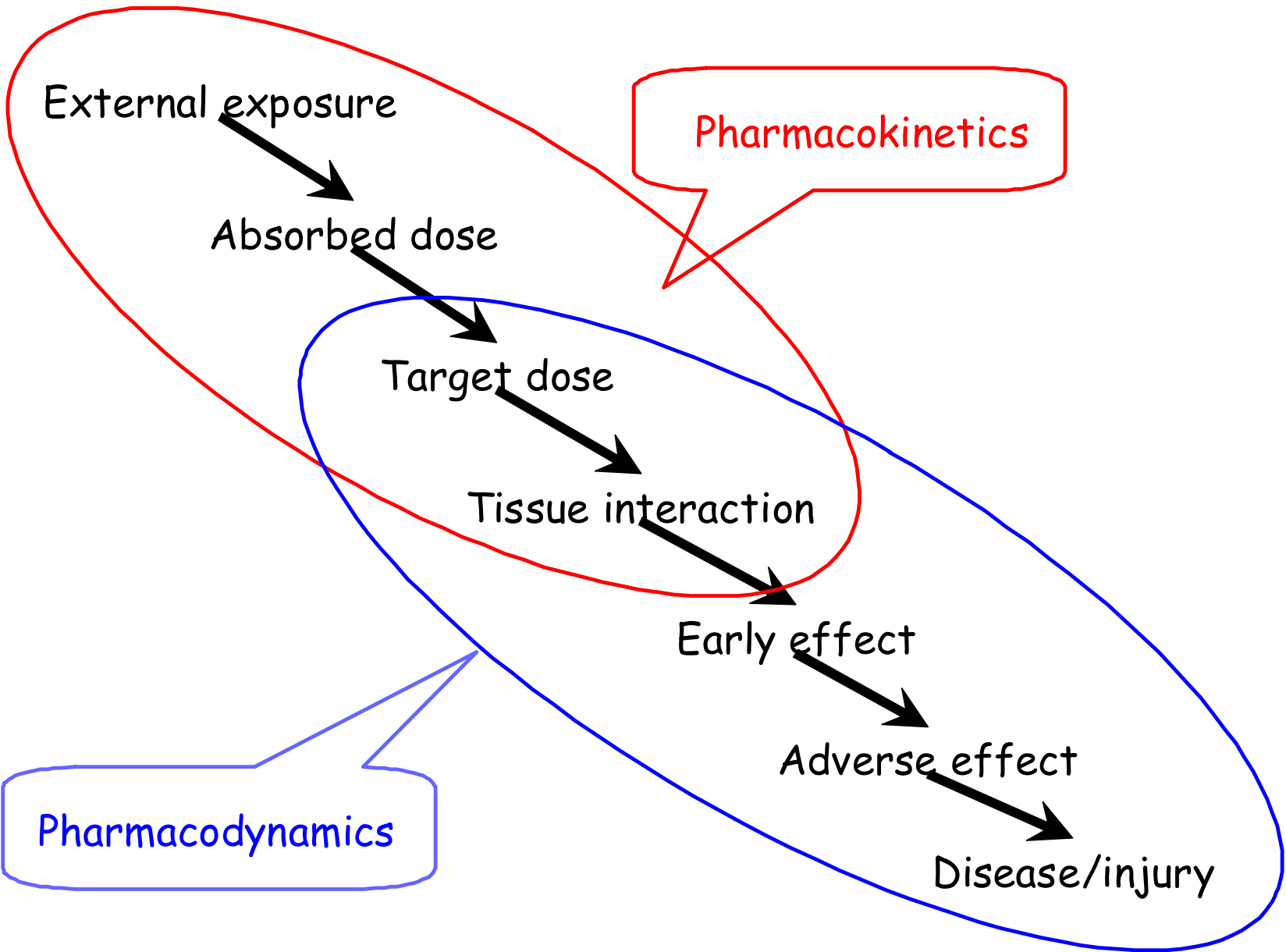


# Pharmacokinetics in Toxicology Research

Center for Human Health Assessment  
A Course on Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic (PBPK)  
Modeling and Risk Assessment

February 11 – February 15, 2008





External exposure

Absorbed dose

Target dose

Tissue interaction

Early effect

Adverse effect

Disease/injury

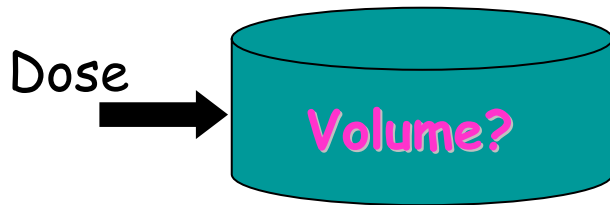
Pharmacokinetics

Pharmacodynamics

# Pharmacokinetics

- Studies of the change in chemical distribution over time in the body
- Explores the quantitative relationship between **A**bsorption, **D**istribution, **M**etabolism, and **E**xcretion of a given chemical
- Classical models
  - 'Data-based', empirical compartments
  - Describes movement of chemicals with fitted rate constants
- Physiologically-based models:
  - Compartments are based on real tissue volumes
  - Mechanistically based description of chemical movement using tissue blood flow and simulated *in vivo* transport processes.

# Example of Simple Kinetic Model: One-compartment model with bolus dose



**Purpose:** In a simple (1-compartment) system, determine volume of distribution

## Terminology:

Compartment = a theoretical volume for chemical

Steady-state = no net change of concentration

Bolus dose = instantaneous input into compartment

## Method:

1. Dose: Add known amount ( $A$ ) of chemical
2. Experiment: Measure concentration of chemical ( $C$ ) in compartment
3. Calculate: A 'compartmental' Volume ( $V$ )

# Example of Simple Kinetic Model: One-compartment model with bolus dose

- **Basic assumption:**
  - Well stirred, instant equal distribution within entire compartment
- **Volume of distribution =  $A/C$** 
  - In this classical model,  $V$  is an operational volume
    - $V$  depends on site of measurement
- **This simple calculation only works IF:**
  - Compound is rapidly and uniformly distributed
  - The amount of chemical is known
  - The concentration of the solution is known.

What happens if the chemical is able to leave the container?

# Describing the Rates of Chemical Processes

## - 1 Chemical in the System

- Rate equations:
  - Describe movement of chemical between compartments
    - The previous example had instantaneous dosing
    - Now, we need to describe the rate of loss from the compartment
- Zero-order process:
  - rate is constant, does not depend on chemical concentration  
 $\text{rate} = k \times C^0 = k$
- First-order process:
  - rate is proportional to concentration of ONE chemical  
 $\text{rate} = k \times C^1$

# Describing the Rates of Chemical Processes - 2 Chemical Systems

- Second-order process:
  - rate is proportional to concentration of both chemicals

$$\text{Rate} = k \times C_1 \times C_2$$

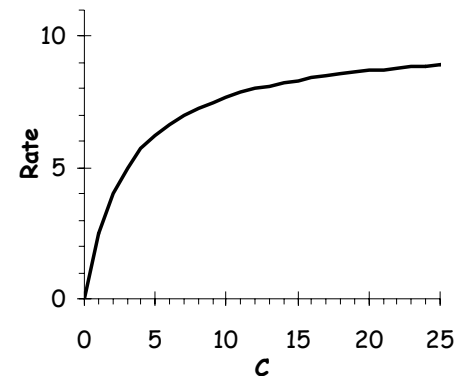
- Saturable processes\*:
  - Rate is dependent on interaction of two chemicals
  - One reactant, the enzyme, is constant
  - Described using Michaelis-Menten\* equation

$$\text{Rate} = (V_{\max} \times C) / (C + K_m)$$

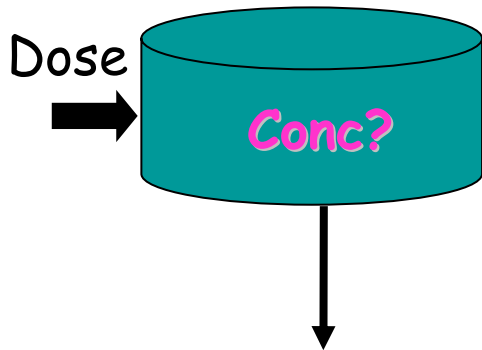
\*Michaelis-Menten kinetics can describe:

- Metabolism
- Carrier-mediated transport across membranes
- Excretion

M-M kinetics



# 1-Comp model with bolus dose and 1<sup>st</sup> order elimination



**Purpose:** Examine how concentration changes with time

**Mass-balance equation (change in C over time):**

$$- dA/dt = -k_e \times A, \text{ or}$$

$$- dC/dt = -k_e \times C$$

where  $k_e$  = elimination rate constant

**Concentration:**

- Rearrange and integrate above rate equation

$$C = C_0 \times e^{-k_e \cdot t}, \text{ or}$$

$$\ln C = \ln C_0 - k_e \cdot t$$

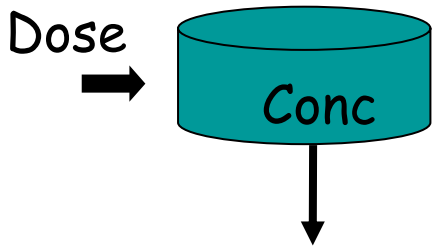
**Half-life ( $t_{1/2}$ ):**

- Time to reduce concentration by 50%

- replace  $C$  with  $C_0/2$  and solve for  $t$

$$t_{1/2} = (\ln 2)/k_e = 0.693/k_e$$

# 1-Comp model with bolus dose and 1<sup>st</sup> order elimination



**Clearance:** volume cleared per time unit  
- if  $k_e$  = fraction of volume cleared per time unit,  
 $k_e = CL/V$  ( $CL = k_e \cdot V$ )

**Calculating Clearance using Area Under the Curve (AUC):**

AUC = average concentration

- integral of the concentration
- $\int C dt$

CL = volume cleared over time (L/min)

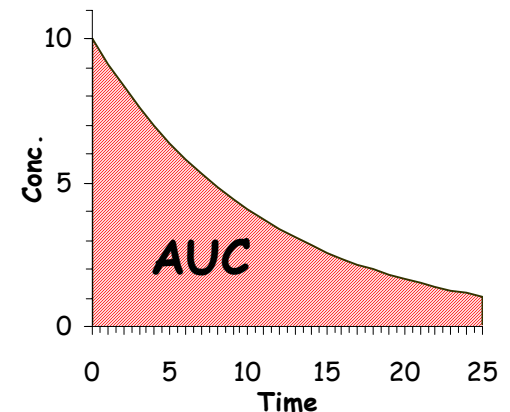
$$dA/dt = -k_e A = -k_e V C$$

$$dA/dt = -CL \cdot C$$

$$\int dA = -CL \int C dt$$

$$\text{Dose} = CL \cdot \text{AUC}$$

$$CL = \text{Dose} / \text{AUC}$$



# 1-Comp model with continuous infusion and 1st order elimination

## Calculating Clearance at Steady State:

- At steady state, there is no net change in concentration:

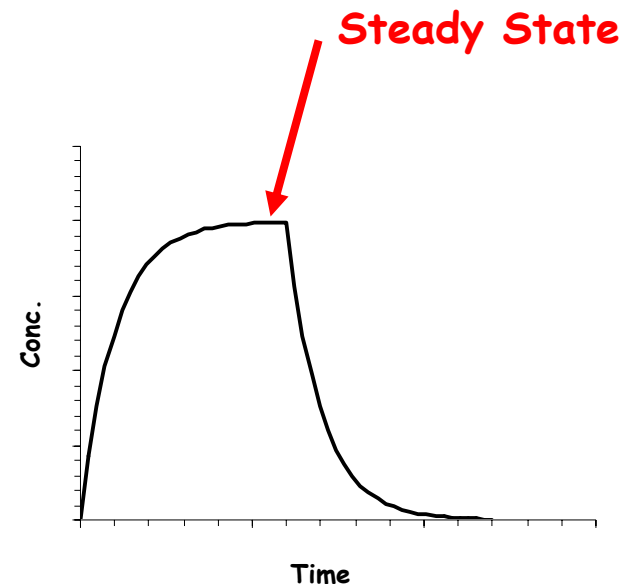
$$dC/dt = k_0/V - k_e \cdot C = 0$$

- Rearrange above equation:

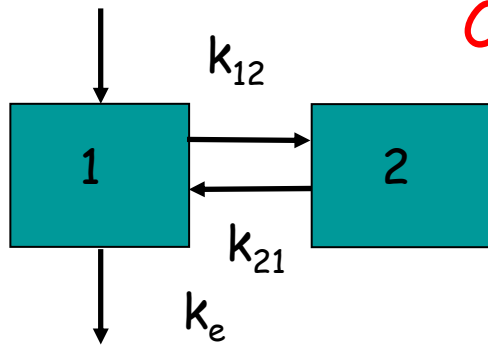
$$k_0/V = k_e \cdot C_{ss}$$

- Since  $CL = k_e \cdot V$ ,

$$CL = k_0/C_{ss}$$



# 2-Comp model with bolus dose and 1<sup>st</sup> order elimination



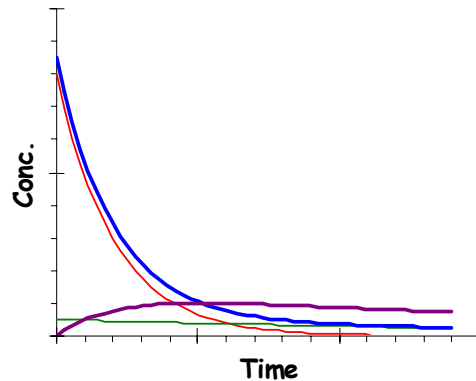
## Calculating Rate of Change in Chemical:

- Central Compartment (C1):

$$dC1/dt = k_{21} \cdot C_2 - k_{12} \cdot C_1 - k_e \cdot C_1$$

- Peripheral (Deep) Compartment (C2):

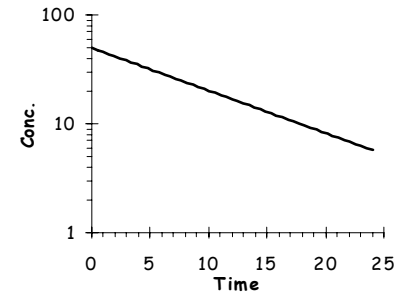
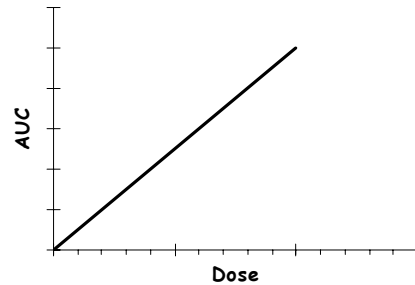
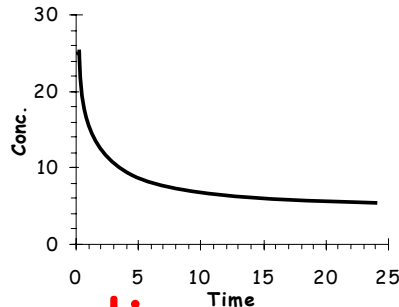
$$dC2/dt = k_{12} \cdot C_1 - k_{21} \cdot C_2$$



# Linear and Non-linear Kinetics

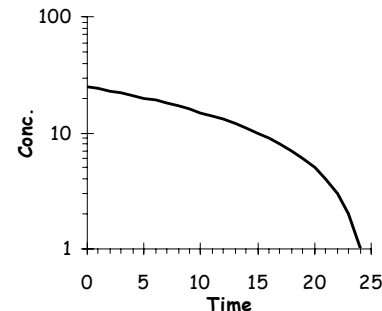
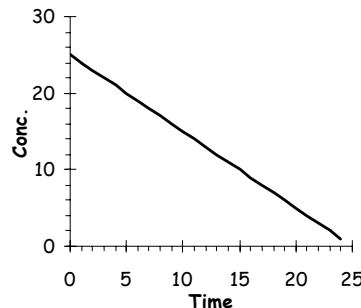
- **Linear:**

- All elimination and distribution kinetics are 1<sup>st</sup> order
  - Double dose → double concentration



- **Non-linear:**

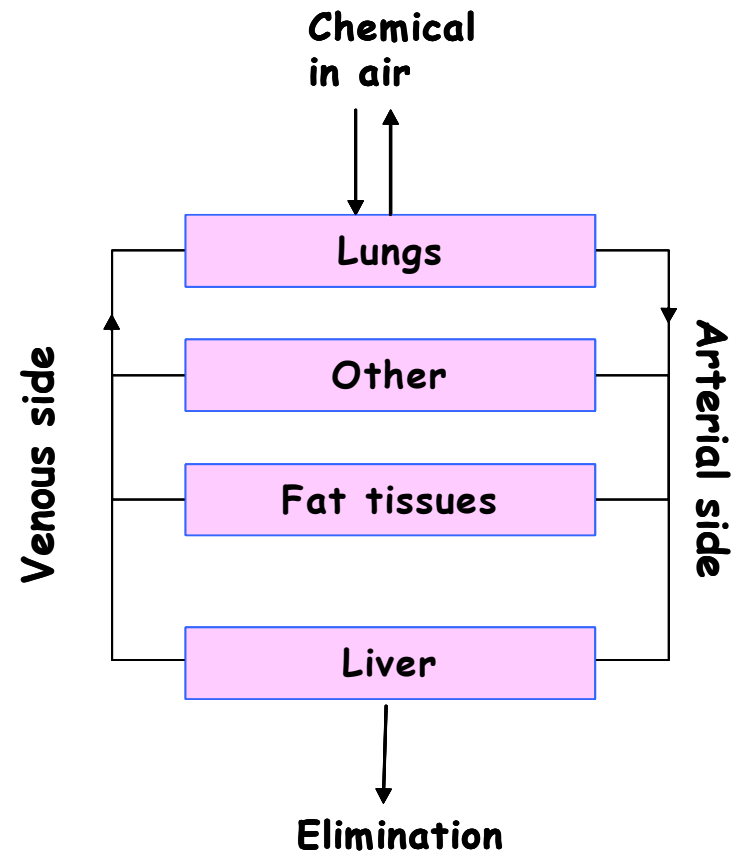
- At least one process is NOT 1<sup>st</sup> order
  - No direct proportionality between dose and compartment concentration



# PBPK Models

## Building a PBPK Model:

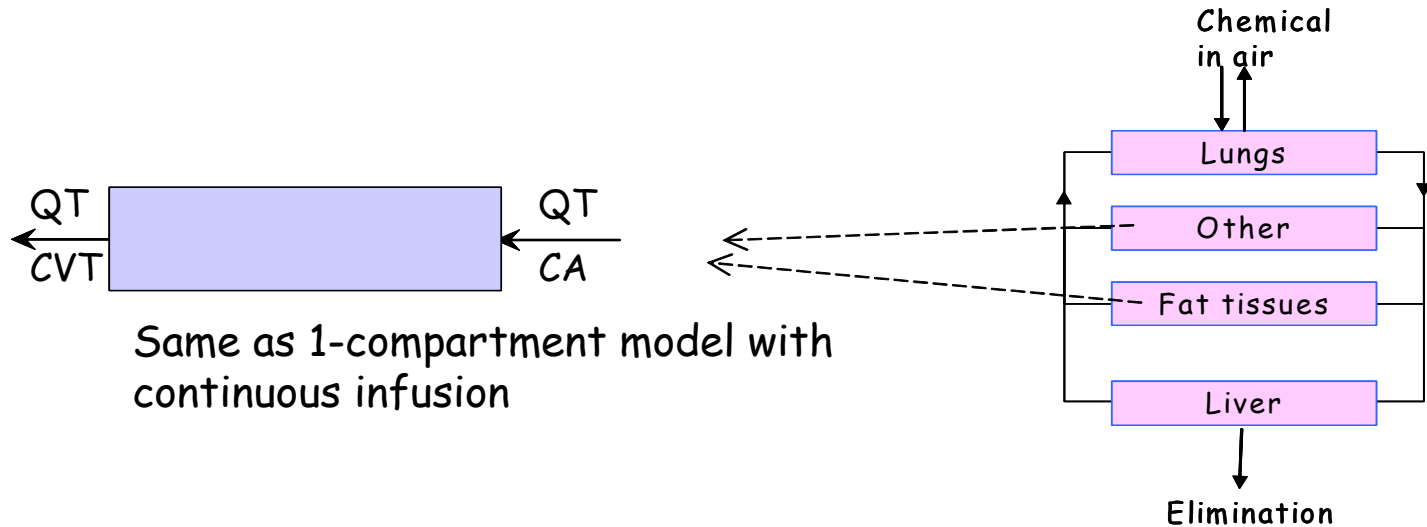
1. Define model compartments
  - Represent tissues
2. Write differential equation for each compartment
3. Assign parameter values to compartments
  - Compartments have defined volumes, blood flows
4. Solve equations for concentration
  - Numerical integration software (e.g. Berkeley Madonna, ACSL)



Simple model for  
inhalation

# PBPK Model Compartment Types

## - Storage compartment



- Rate in =  $Q_T \cdot C_A$

where  $Q_T$  = tissue blood flow,  $C_A$  = arterial blood conc

- Rate out =  $Q_T \cdot C_{VT} = Q_T \cdot C_T / P_T$

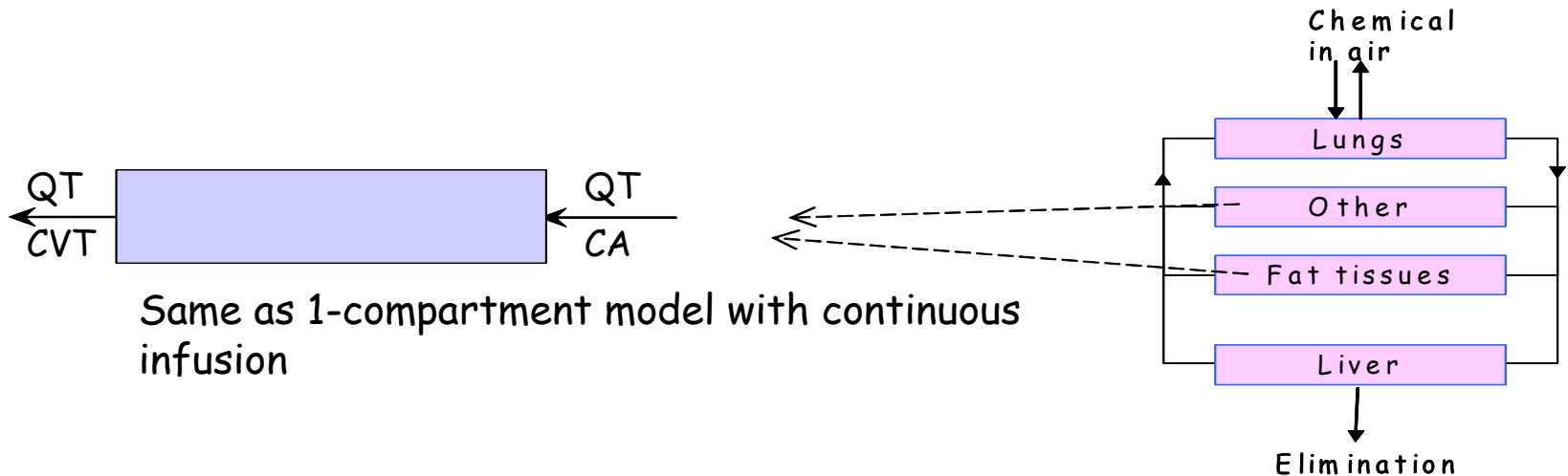
where  $C_{VT}$  = conc in tissue blood,  $C_T$  = conc in tissue,  $P_T$  = partition coefficient

- Assume Well-stirred compartment, so that,

$$C_{VT} = C_T / P_T$$

# PBPK Model Compartment Types

## - Storage compartment



- **Calculating Change in Amount:**

- Change in amount = rate in - rate out

$$dA/dt = Q_T \times (C_A - C_T/P_T)$$

$$dC/dt = Q_T \times (C_A - C_T/P_T) / V$$

