

## Classical QSAR — Hansch, Free–Wilson & ML QSAR — Hands-on

Develop end to end QSAR skills starting from classical Hansch and Free–Wilson formulations through to modern ML based QSAR models. This module focuses on chemically sensible descriptor use, statistically sound model building, applicability domain, and transparent reporting that can survive peer review and regulatory scrutiny.

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#### Session 1

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#### Classical QSAR Foundations (Hansch & Free–Wilson)

Historical perspective and QSAR problem framing

[origin of QSAR](#) [structure activity relationships](#) [when QSAR is appropriate](#)

Hansch analysis concepts

[hydrophobic, electronic, steric terms](#) [linear and parabolic models](#) [interpretation of coefficients](#)

Free–Wilson analysis and substituent constants

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## Linear Model Building, Validation & Domain

Regression setup and dataset partitioning

[training vs test vs external set](#) [response scaling / log transforms](#) [dealing with assay noise](#)

Internal validation and statistics

[R<sup>2</sup>, adjusted R<sup>2</sup>, RMSE](#) [Q<sup>2</sup>, cross validation schemes](#) [Y randomization checks](#)

Applicability domain and outlier analysis

[leverage plots \(Williams\)](#) [influential points](#) [reporting prediction bounds](#)

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## ML QSAR: Nonlinear Models & Best Practices

From linear QSAR to ML QSAR

[when linear models break down](#) [nonlinearity and interactions](#) [choice of algorithms](#)

Common ML QSAR algorithms

[Random Forest and gradient boosting](#) [SVM and kNN](#) [QSAR](#) [simple neural networks](#)

Best practices and pitfalls in ML QSAR

[data leakage and overfitting](#) [hyperparameter search](#)

**external test discipline**

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## Mini Capstone: Build, Validate & Report a QSAR

Selecting a dataset and framing the QSAR objective

**Theory + Practical**

Implementing a complete QSAR workflow

**descriptor subset and model choice** **validation stats**  
**and domain** **comparison of linear vs ML model**

Deliverables: QSAR report and deployment ready model files

**notebook or script with pipeline** **summary table of**  
**metrics** **model file and readme**