Surveying the academic laboratory population: Project updates from the iRAMP collaboration

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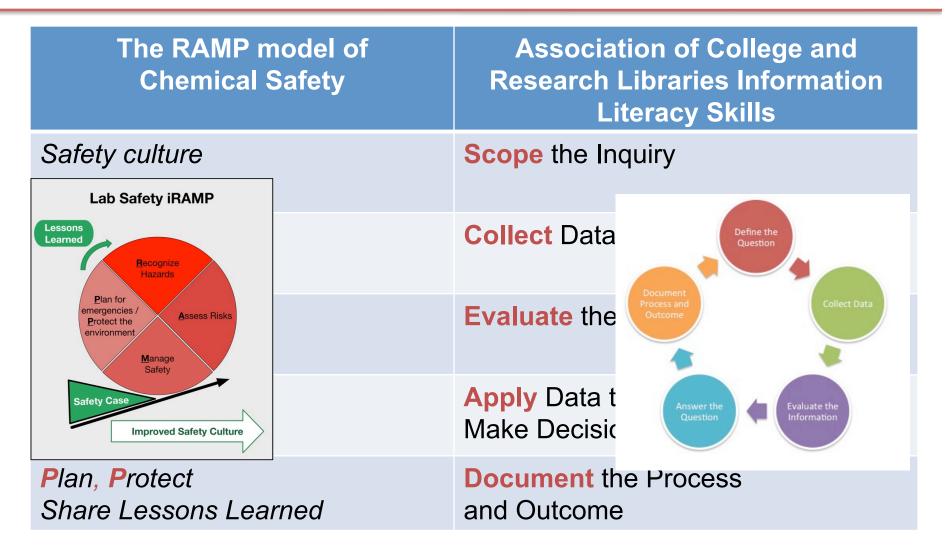
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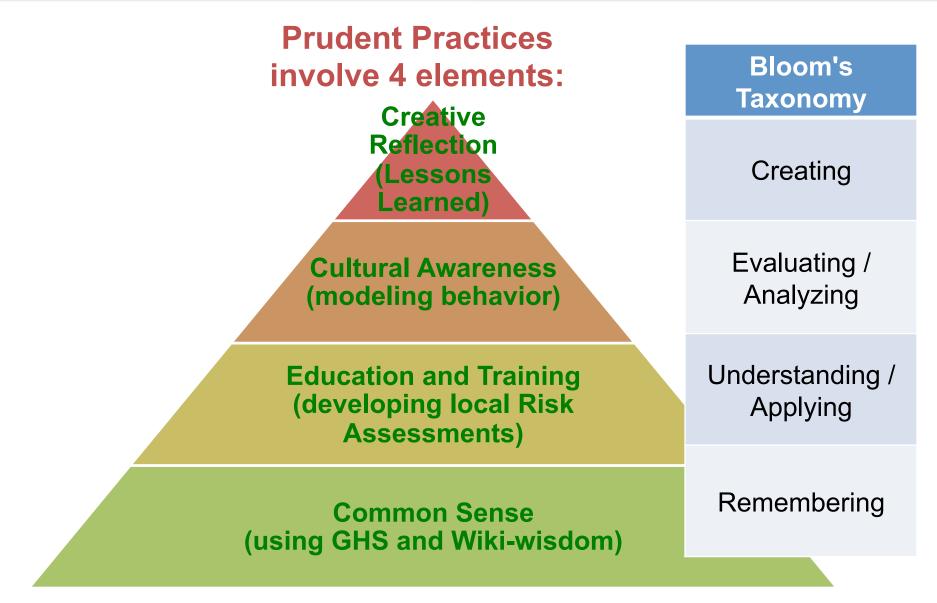
Wisdom to make a difference.

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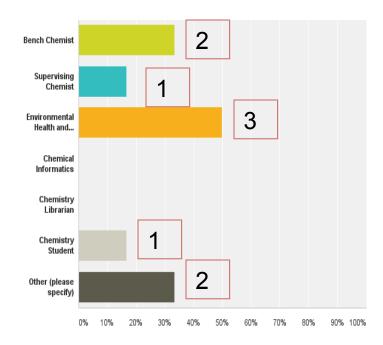
Connecting to the Educational Mission



Lab Safety Education supports Critical Thinking



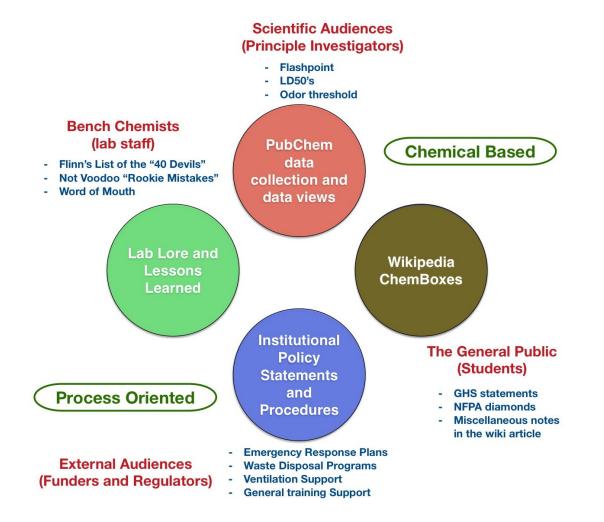
Usability Study 1: Comparing SDSs, Wikipedia and PubChem



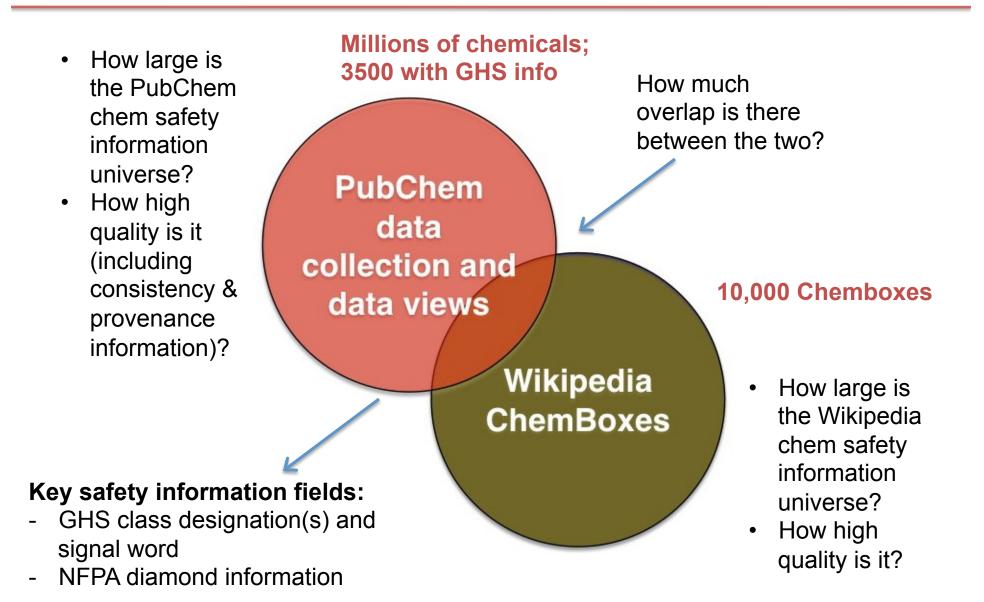
Which of these sources would you go to first?

Preferred Source									
	Sigma Aldrich SDS	Wikipedia Chembox	Prudent Practices LCSS	PubChem LCSS	Full PubChem Record	Other Source	Total		
What is the most important hazard associated with this chemical?	50.00% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	50.00% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	6		
What other hazards associated with this chemical should be considered?	50.00% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	33.33% 2	16.67 % 1	0.00% 0	6		
What hazard control recommendations should apply to this use of Chemical X?	33.33% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	50.00% 3	0.00% 0	16.67% 1	6		
Would you need to review safety information for other chemicals to make a complete risk assessment for a chemical process after reviewing this source?	20.00% 1	0.00% 0	20.00% 1	20.00 % 1	0.00% 0	40.00 % 2	5		

Usability Study 2: Investigating Public Chemical Safety Information



Looking for Structure in the Electronic Data





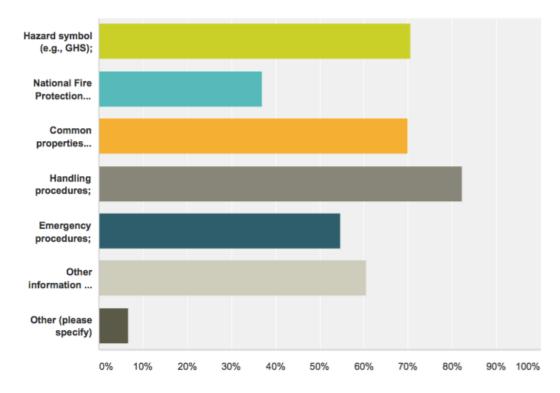
- PubChem has an LCSS view for about 5000 chemicals;
 Wikipedia has Chemboxes for about 10,000 chemicals
- Of those in the PubChem LCSS collection, about 30% have a ChemBox entry in Wikipedia
- 4% of the Wikipedia collection has GHS information; 12% of the Wikipedia collection has NFPA diamond information

	Not in Wikipedia	In Wikipedia	GHS Hazard Statement	NFPA 704	Total
n	2441	1038	157	431	3486
%	70.02%	29.78%	4.50%	12.36%	

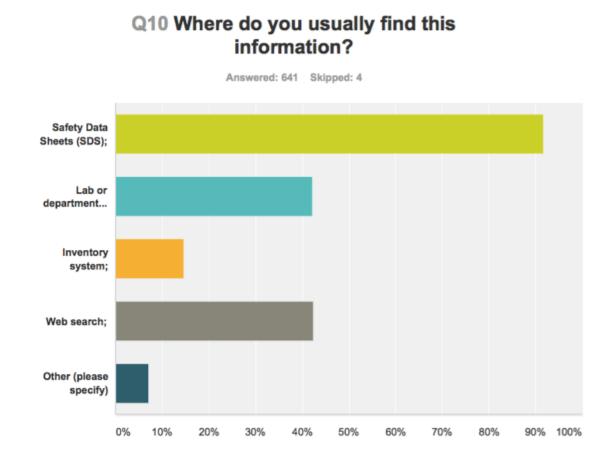
Users Study 1: Chemist's Safety Information Needs

Q9 What chemical hazard information do you need to plan and conduct your experiments safely?

Answered: 640 Skipped: 5



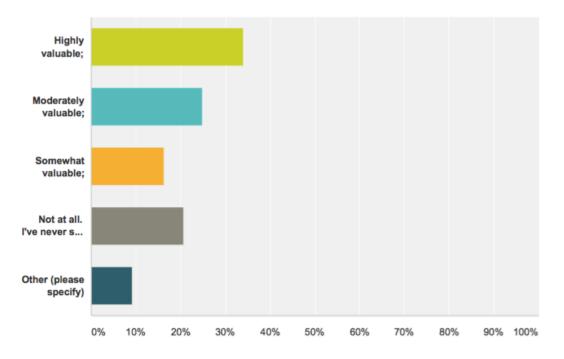
Users Study 1: Chemist's Safety Information Sources



Users Study 1: Chemist's Value of ACS Info

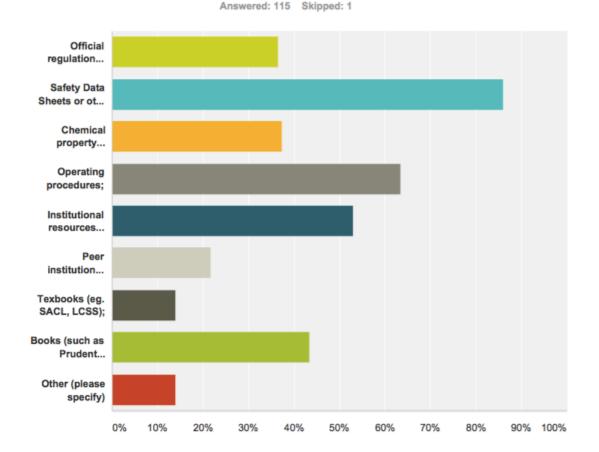
Q15 What is the value of safety/hazard information that comes from the American Chemical Society?





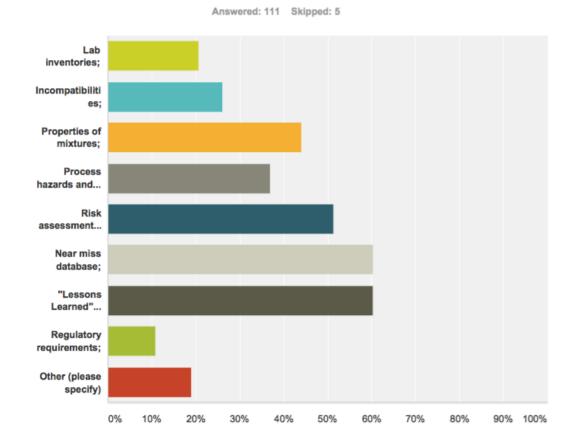
Users Study 2: Safety Community's Value of Information Sources

Q6 What types of resources provide the most useful chemical hazard information for those using chemicals?



Users Study 2: Safety Community's Missing Information

Q8 What kind of chemical health and safety information is needed that isn't currently readily available to you?





- Focus groups this fall with a focus on high school teachers and new chemists
- Formal survey in the spring of the larger chemistry community

iRAMP Goals

- **iRAMP vision:** Capture the imagination of the academic chemistry community by presenting an inspirational vision of the chemical safety and chemical informatics
- iRAMP mission: Support a flexibly structured ecosystem of data, workflow tools and domain expertise mapped to the essential commonalities of the use case and content, connected by good information management practices

iRAMP System Diagram

Chemistry InfoSystem Diagram

Mapping the pain points and the Powerpoint in the chemical infoscape

