

# COMPARATIVE TOXICITY OF COMBINED PARTICLE AND SEMI-VOLATILE ORGANIC FRACTIONS OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL EMISSIONS

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# PURPOSES

1. **Develop strategy for comparing toxicity of collected emission samples without conducting inhalation studies**

**Use lung, cultured cells, and bacterial mutagenicity**

**Test combined particles (PM) and semi-volatile organic compounds(SVOCs)**

**Evaluate relative toxicity per unit of collected mass**

2. **Compare toxicity of normal and high-emitting in- use gasoline and diesel emissions**

**Compare relative toxicity per unit of collected mass**

**Evaluate correlations between chemistry and toxicity**

**Establish baseline for testing other emission cases**

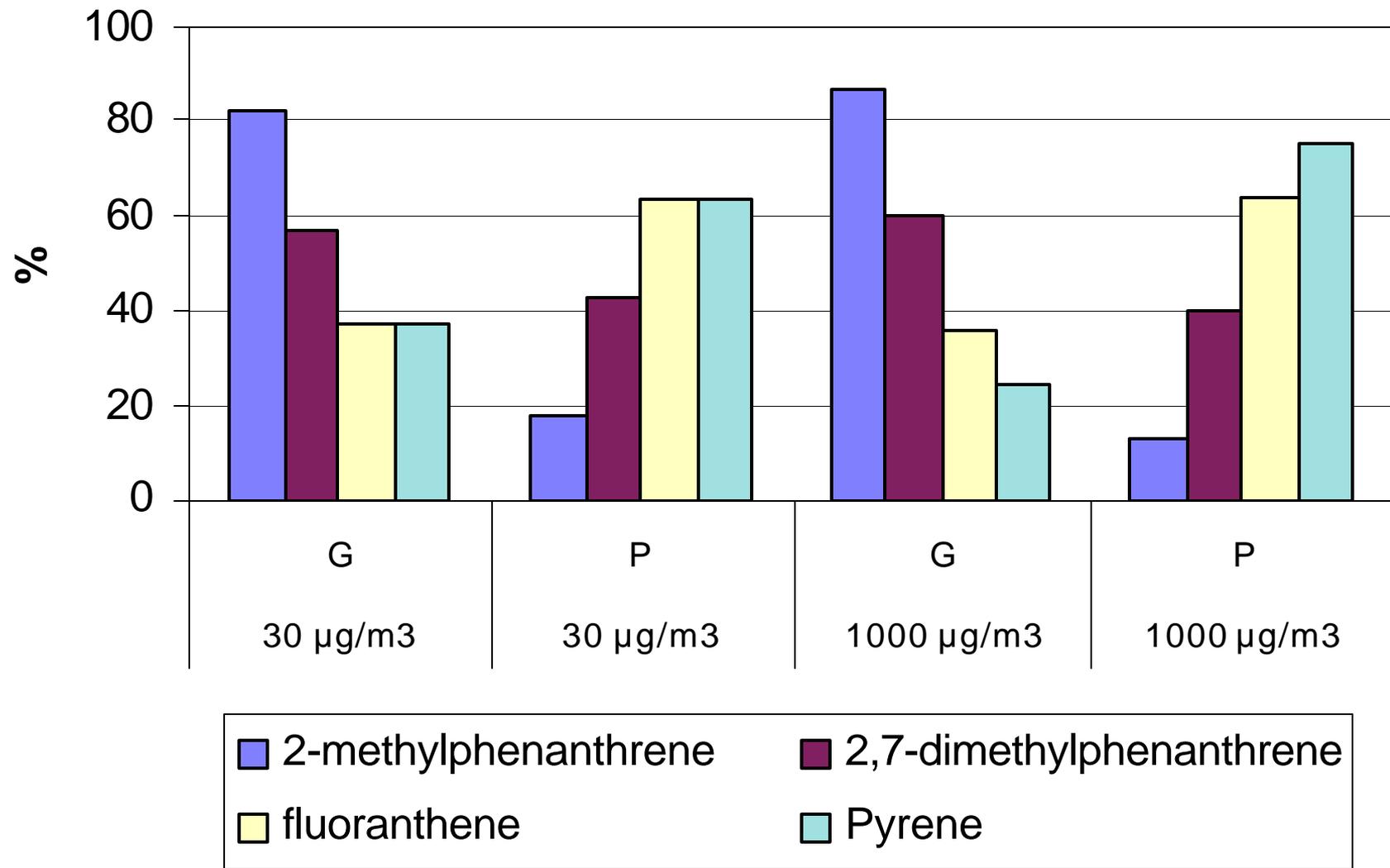
**New diesel and gasoline technologies**

**Natural gas and other alternate fuels**

**Other source emissions**

# HEAVY ORGANICS IN FRESH EMISSIONS ARE PARTITIONED BETWEEN VAPOR AND PARTICLE PHASES

e.g., NERC Exposure (2000 Cummins B 5.9L on HD cycle & nat'l. cert. fuel)



# APPROACH

- **PM & SVOC samples were collected from in-use light- and medium-duty vehicles at SWRI**
  - Normal-emitters at 72° and 30°**
  - High-emitters at 72°**
  - Vehicles on chassis dynamometers, Unified Driving Cycle**
  - Filter (PM) and PUF-XAD (SVOC) samples**
- **Samples were extracted from collection media and analyzed chemically at DRI**
  - Chemistry not discussed today***
- **PM and SVOC fractions were re-combined in original emission ratios and the toxicity of PM+SVOC mass was tested at LRRI**
  - 1. Instilled into rat lungs**
  - 2. Ames Salmonella bacterial mutagenicity (TA98 and TA100)**
  - 3. *Mixed with cell culture medium (not discussed today)***

# VEHICLES

## Current Technology Diesel

1998 Mercedes Benz E300

1999 Dodge Ram 2500

2000 Volkswagen Beetle

## High-emitter diesel

1991 Dodge Ram 2500

## Average Gasoline

1982 Nissan Maxima

1993 Mercury Sable

1994 GMC 1500

1995 Ford Explorer

1996 Mazda Millenia

## White-smoker gasoline

1990 Mitsubishi Montero

## Black-smoker gasoline

1976 Ford F-150

# PM & SVOC AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MASS

## Diesel

%PM

%SVOC

### Current Technology

72°

D

64

36

30°

D<sub>30</sub>

64

36

### High-Emitter

HD

54

46

## Gasoline

### Average

72°

G

16

84

30°

G<sub>30</sub>

24

76

### White Smoker

WG

76

24

### Black Smoker

BG

18

82

## Bacterial mutagenicity

TA100 (+-S9) frame shift and base pair substitution

## Rat lung exposed by instillation

### General Toxicity (overall response)

Histopathology (total of all changes)

Lung weight

### Inflammation (influx of inflammatory cells)

Inflammatory cells in histopathology

Bronchoalveolar lavage (lung washing, BAL):

Total leukocytes (WBC)

Polymorphonuclear leukocytes (PMN)

Macrophages

Chemical inflammatory signal (MIP-2)

### Cytotoxicity (tissue damage)

Tissue damage in histopathology

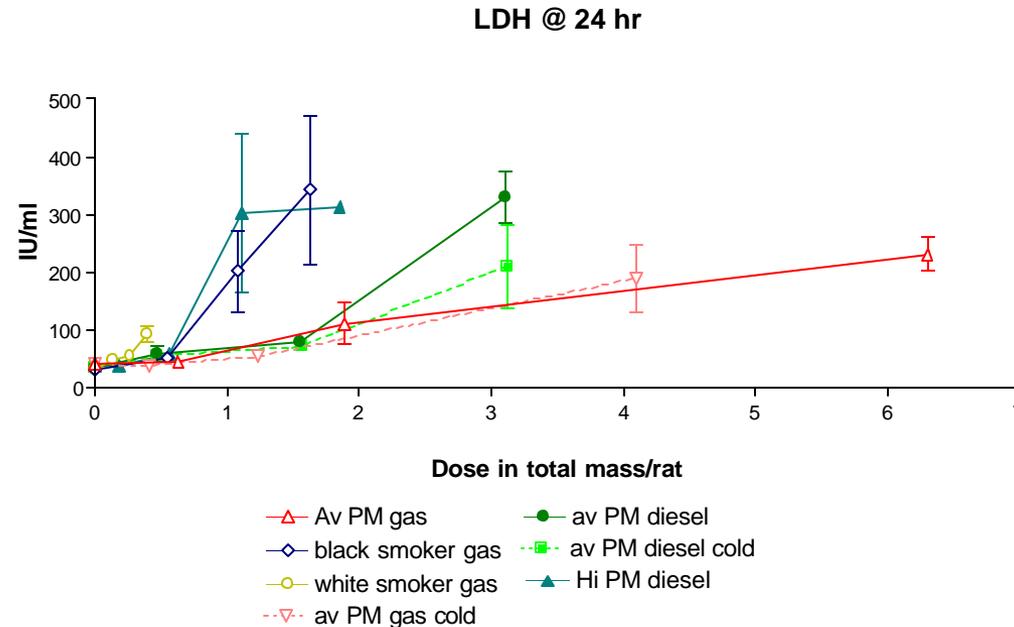
BAL lactate dehydrogenase (LDH)

BAL protein

# RESPONSES WERE RANKED BY THE SLOPES OF DOSE-RESPONSE CURVES

## 1. Responses were measured at multiple doses

Toxicity was reflected by steepness of the dose-response curve



## 2. Slope factors were derived from fitted functions

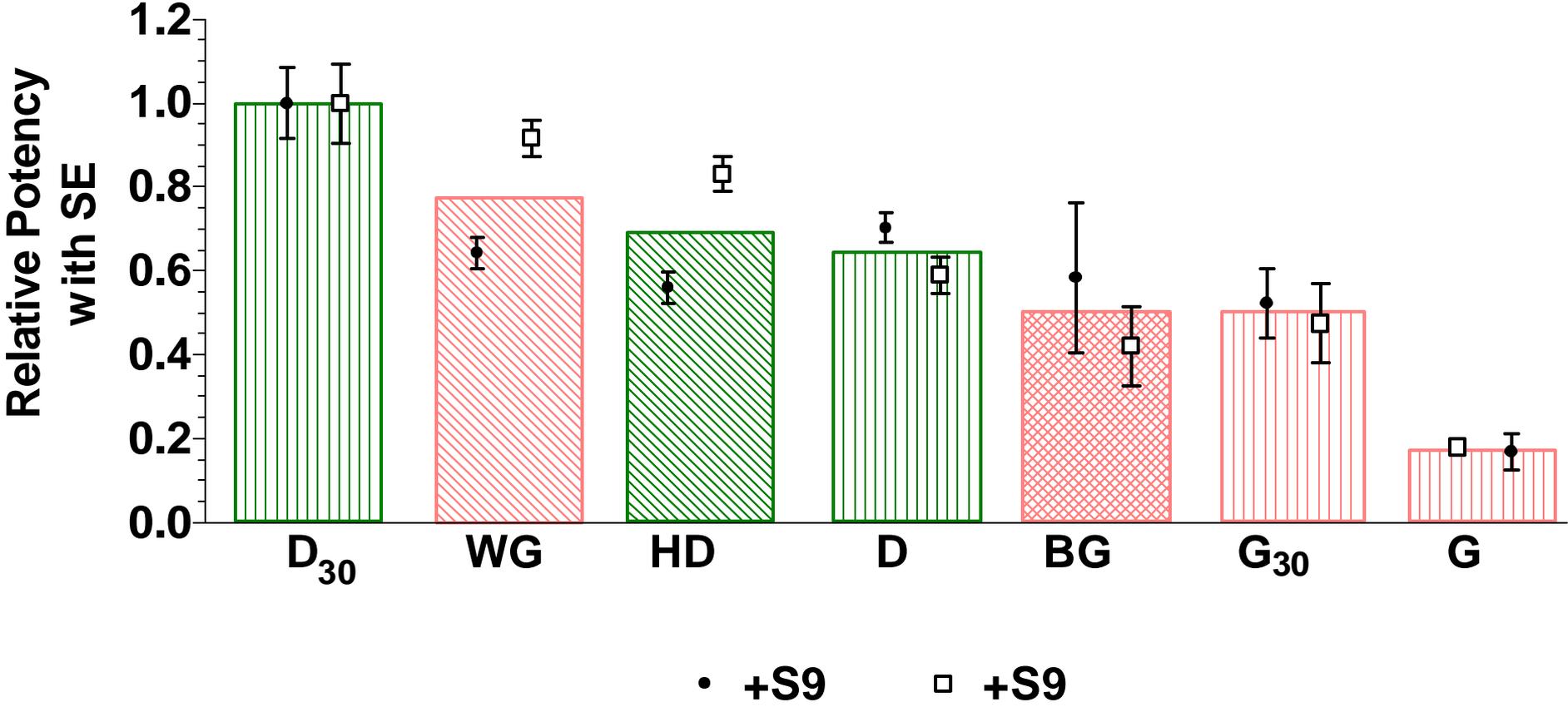
Log-normal functions were fitted to dose-response curves (except Ames)

$$\log y = c + [b \times \text{dose}]$$

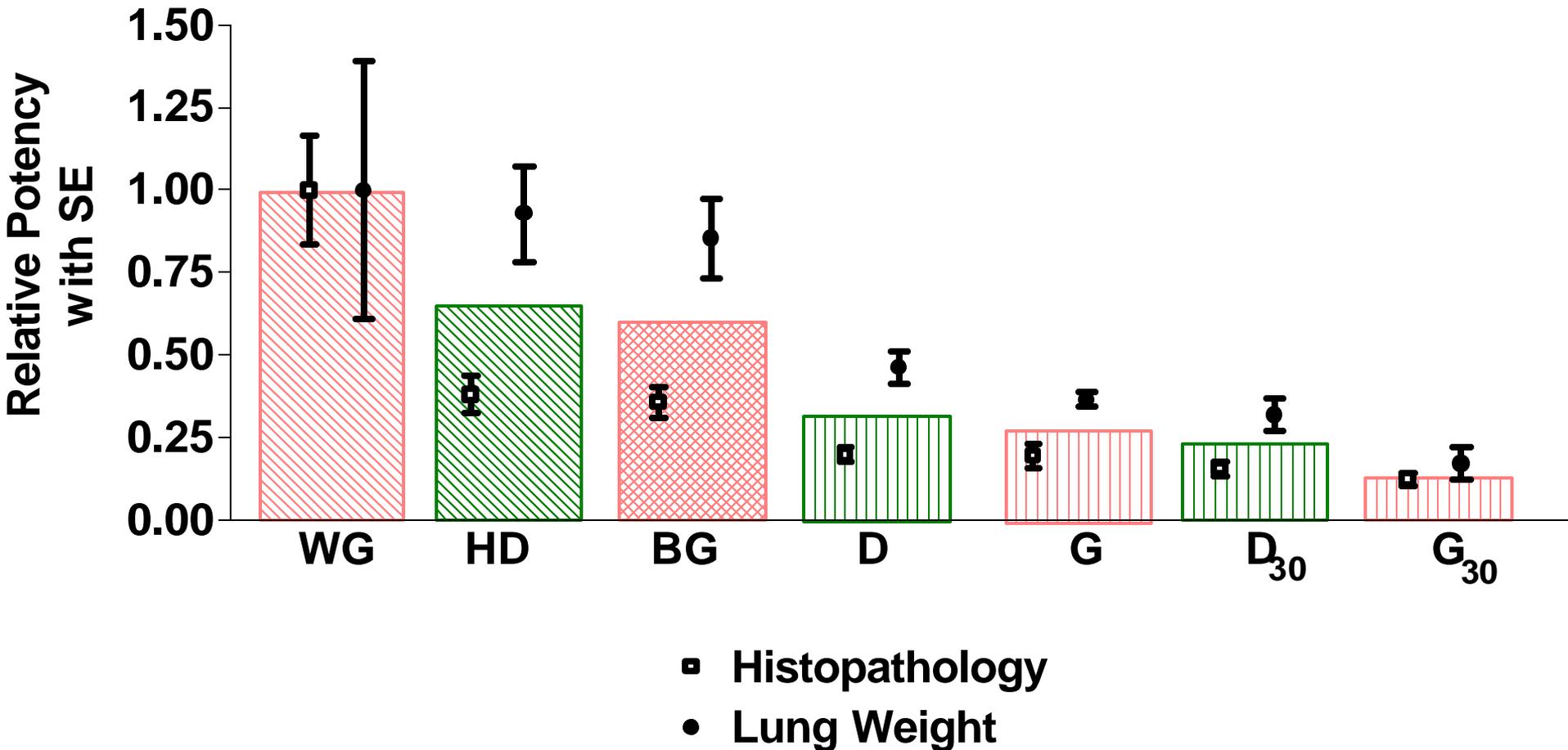
Used slope value  $b \pm \text{SE}$  to compare potencies

Used multiple comparison to test significance of differences in slope

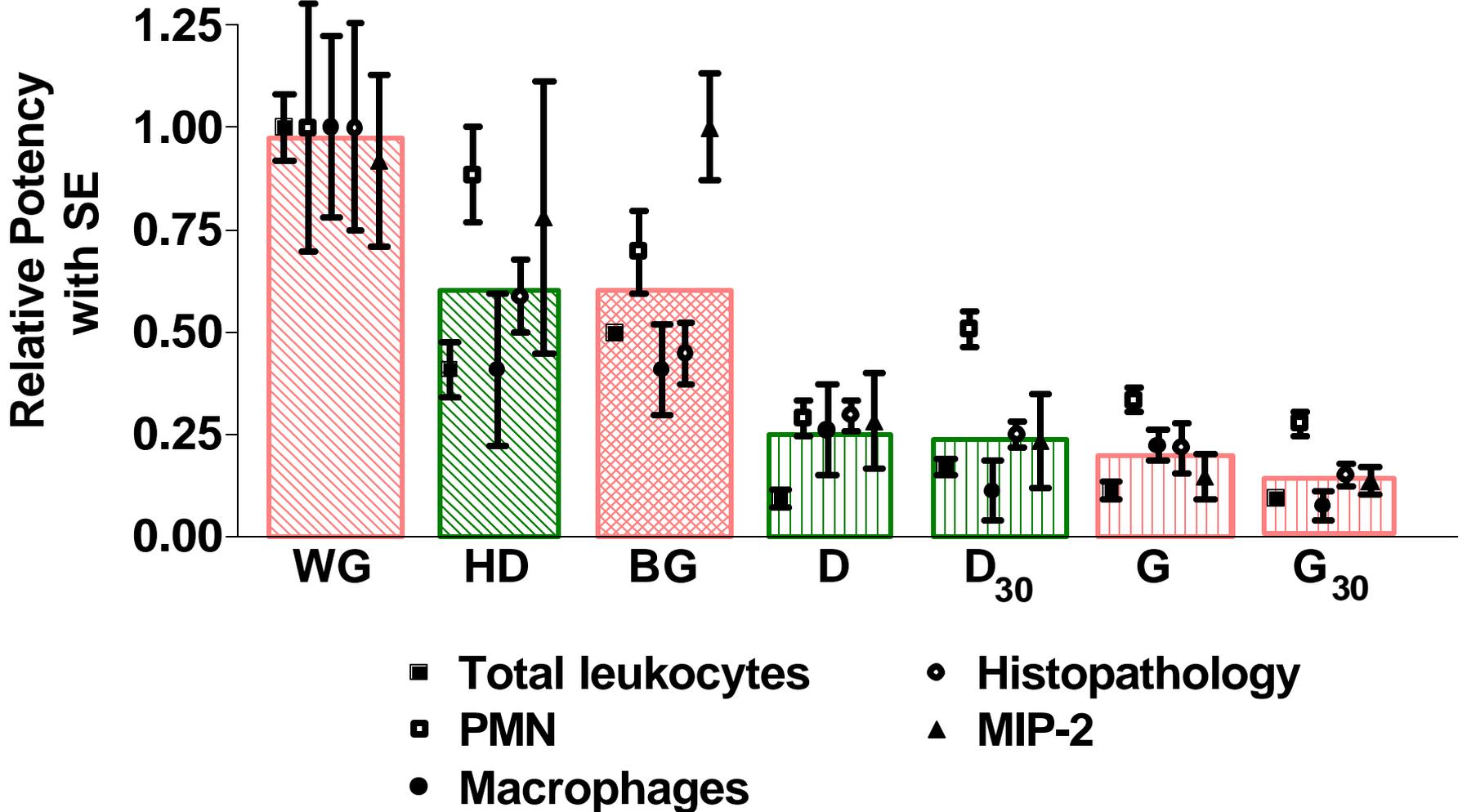
# BACTERIAL MUTAGENICITY RANKINGS: TA100



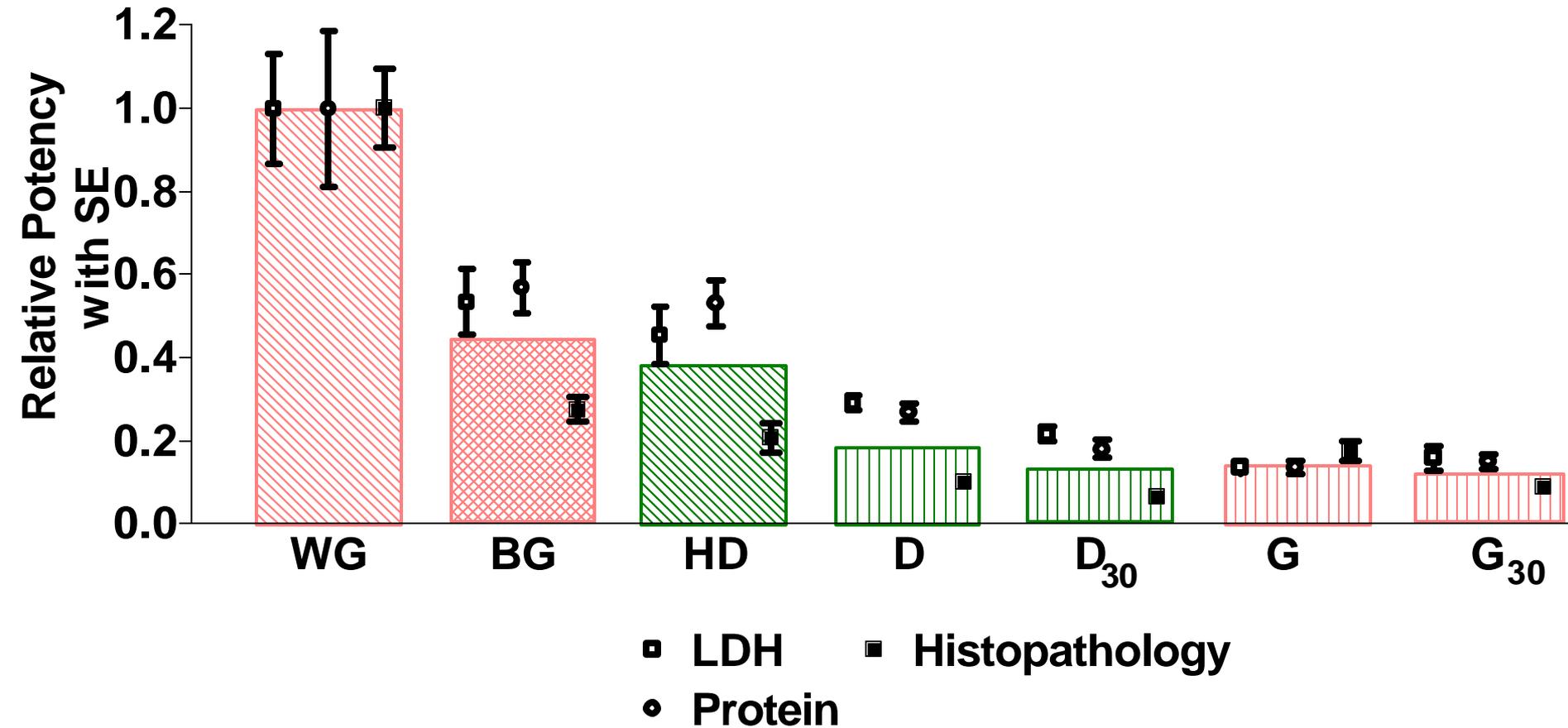
# LUNG RANKINGS: GENERAL TOXICITY



# LUNG RANKINGS: INFLAMMATION



# LUNG RANKINGS: CYTOTOXICITY



# SUMMARY OF RESULTS

1. There was good concordance among the multiple parameters within each class of lung toxicity

Lends confidence to rankings

Suggests that fewer parameters are necessary

2. The rankings for the three classes of lung toxicity were very similar

WG > HD, BG > others

3. Cold operation (30°) caused little difference in lung toxicity, but tended to slightly increase mutagenicity of both gasoline and diesel

# CONCLUSIONS & IMPLICATIONS

1. Per unit of mass emitted, the toxicity of PM+SVOC from these populations of normal-emitter gasoline and diesel vehicles was similar

Can probably compare health hazards adequately on basis of mass emissions (emissions rate x VMT x proximity)

2. The toxicity of PM+SVOC emissions from both gasoline and diesel high-emitters is greater than the toxicity of emissions from normal-emitters

High-emitters contribute a disproportionate share of health hazard

3. Operating temperature did not affect toxicity very much

May not need to compare gasoline & diesel at multiple temperatures

4. The lung assay gave convincingly consistent rankings

Cultured cell results (*not shown today*) did not agree well with lungs