Supplementary Information

Predicting the synergy of multiple stress effects

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Table S1 | **List of studies included for meta-analysis.** Stress determined as the difference between control survival without and with environmental stress (Environment. stressor-mortality (%), based on fitted curves, see Figure S1) and sensitivity data (LC10 and LC50 using log-logistic concentration-response curves). LC10-Shift and LC50-Shift calculated as the concentration of LCx without environmental stress divided by the concentration of LCx* with environmental stress. MoA (Mode of Action): VGSC - voltage gated sodium channel modulator; FFR - formation free radicals, reducing reactive oxygen species; AChE - acetylcholinesterase inhibitor. The meta-analysis comprised 23 pairs of concentration-response relationships. These pairs included 6 different environmental stressors, 5 toxicants and 10 species.

Study ID	Reference	Species	Toxicant - substance	Toxicant - MoA	Toxicant - type of exposure	Environmental stressor - type	Environment. stressor - mortality (%)	Time after toxic. exposure (d)	LC10-Shift	LC50-Shift
1	27	Daphnia magna	Fenvalerate	VGSC mod.	pulse	Food limitation	0.0	8	2.1	1.8
2	28	Daphnia magna	Fenvalerate	VGSC mod.	pulse	Maternal food	0.0	7	3.1	2.6
3	29	Bufo americanus	Malathion	AChE inhi.	continuous	Predator cues	0.0	10	1.3	1.1
4	29	Rana pipiens	Malathion	AChE inhi.	continuous	Predator cues	0.0	7	1.2	1.5
5	19	Ephoron virgo	Copper	FFR, RROS	continuous	Low oxygen	0.0	4	5.0	2.0
6	30	Cloeon dipterum	Esfenvalerate	VGSC mod.	pulse	Food limitation	0.0	8	4.7	1.4
7	29	Rana sylvatica	Malathion	AChE inhi.	continuous	Predator cues	0.0	5	1.1	1.0
8	31	Rana pipiens	Carbaryl	AChE inhi.	continuous	Predator cues	0.0	8	1.4	1.1
9	11	Paramoera walkeri	Copper	FFR, RROS	continuous	Food limitation	0.6	21	1.2	1.1
10	31	Rana clamitans	Carbaryl	AChE inhi.	continuous	Predator cues	1.0	9	7.6	3.7
11	31	Rana catesbeiana	Carbaryl	AChE inhi.	continuous	Predator cues	1.0	7	3.6	1.9
12	31	Bufo americanus	Carbaryl	AChE inhi.	continuous	Predator cues	1.5	9	4.0	1.4
13	29	Rana clamitans	Malathion	AChE inhi.	continuous	Predator cues	2.4	12	1.0	1.3
14	31	Hyla versicolor	Carbaryl	AChE inhi.	continuous	Predator cues	2.5	7	1.0	1.2
15	29	Rana catesbeiana	Malathion	AChE inhi.	continuous	Predator cues	6.1	7	0.4	0.9
16	30	Cloeon dipterum	Esfenvalerate	VGSC mod.	pulse	Food limitation	6.7	8	12.9	2.0
17	29	Hyla versicolor	Malathion	AChE inhi.	continuous	Predator cues	13.3	10	5.1	2.2
18	11	Paramoera walkeri	Copper	FFR, RROS	continuous	Food limitation	13.9	21	13.0	12.5
19	32	Daphnia spp.	Esfenvalerate	VGSC mod.	pulse	Intrasp. compet.	22.8	4	3.6	1.6
20	33	Hyla versicolor	Carbaryl	AChE inhi.	continuous	Predator cues	24.5	16	17.6	7.7
21	34	Daphnia spp.	Esfenvalerate	VGSC mod.	pulse	Water level alt.	37.7	8	26.4	17.3
22	32	Daphnia spp.	Esfenvalerate	VGSC mod.	pulse	Intrasp. compet.	42.1	4	51.8	5.9
23	11	Paramoera walkeri	Copper	FFR, RROS	continuous	UV radiation	47.9	21	140.8	42.1



Figure S1 | Survival data from the meta-analysis. —

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Figure S1 | Survival data from the meta-analysis. Concentration-response relationships observed from empirical studies. Pairs of concentration-response relationships are displayed - without environmental stress (blue points, line) and with environmental stress (red points, line). Survival is either given as % survival of the control or as number of individuals, as

provided from the original publication. The red dashed line represents the modelled concentration-response relationship under environmental stress using the SAM approach. The SAM modelling was only performed when the environmental stress resulted in mortality greater than 1%.



Figure S2 |SAM-modelled shifts of LC10 and LC50 in comparison to observations based on the study specific

concentration-response curves from each of the 23 studies in the meta-analysis. The toxicant sensitivity is expressed as shift of the LCx (A: LC10/LC10*; B: LC50/LC50*). The environmental stress of studies resulted in a mortality greater than 0 % (black points) or equal to 0 % (grey points). The diagonal lines represent the ideal correlation (45° line). Goodness of fit was quantified as R² that gives the proportion of variance explained by the model (A: R² = 0.49; B: R² = 0.38). For quantification we considered only those studies with observed environmental stress mortality greater than 0% (black points) and positive shifts of LC10 and LC50.



Figure S3 | CA-modelled shifts of LC10 and LC50 in comparison to observations based on the study specific concentrationresponse curves from each of the 23 studies in the meta-analysis. The toxicant sensitivity is expressed as shift of the LCx (A: LC10/LC10*; B: LC50/LC50*). The environmental stress of studies resulted in a mortality greater than 0 % (black points) or equal to 0 % (grey points). The diagonal lines represent the ideal correlation (45° line). Goodness of fit was quantified as R² that gives the proportion of variance explained by the model (A: R² = -0.88; B: R² = -0.77; with negative R² indicating that CA is better explained by the average of observations). For quantification we considered only those studies with observed environmental stress mortality greater than 0% (black points) and positive shifts of LC10 and LC50.

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