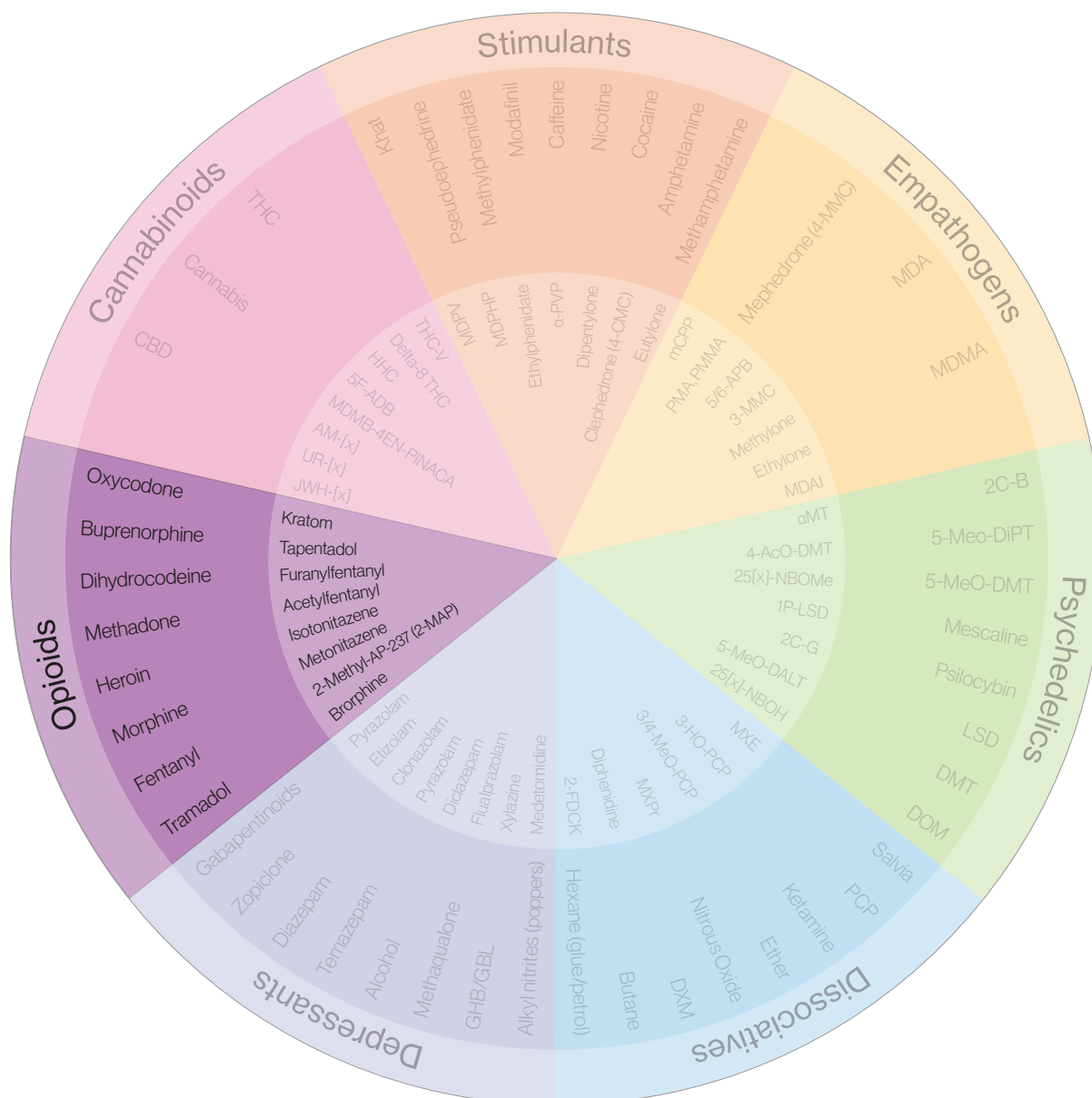


The Drugs Wheel



Outer ring

Established substances

Inner ring

Newer psychoactive substances

Stimulants	Empathogens	Psychedelics	Dissociatives	Depressants	Opioids	Cannabinoids
Racing heartbeat, sweating, energy, confidence, well-being, euphoria, lowered appetite, clenched jaws, dilated pupils, paranoia, anxiety, mood swings, arousal, impotence	Belonging, connection, understanding, energy, serotonin syndrome, sexual arousal, erectile dysfunction, sweat, warmth, overheat, overdose, risk of dehydration or overhydration	Spiritual connection, hallucinations, loss of control, heightened senses, opening doors of perception, panic, mood swings, arousal, fear, vomiting, mental health harms	Euphoria, floaty, relaxed, happy, pain-free, numb, safe, protected, unconscious, unaware, in a 'hole', visual or auditory hallucinations, scared, disconnected, vulnerable	Relaxed, confident, care-free, risk-taking, unconscious, coma, euphoria, death, disinhibited behaviours, blackouts, sleep, vomiting, nausea, aggression, dependence	Confident, pain-free, safe, sleepy, warm, feel invincible, itchy, constricted pupils, stop breathing, nausea, vomiting, euphoria, sweaty, overdose, dependence, withdrawal	Calm, relaxed, chilled out, floaty, reduced pain, paranoia, anxiety, loss of memory, bloodshot eyes, increased sensuality, dry mouth, overexcited, changes to appetite

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