



# Triaging Exposure Data and Modeling Needs for Exogenous Chemicals: *Comparing High-Throughput and Traditional Exposure Estimates*

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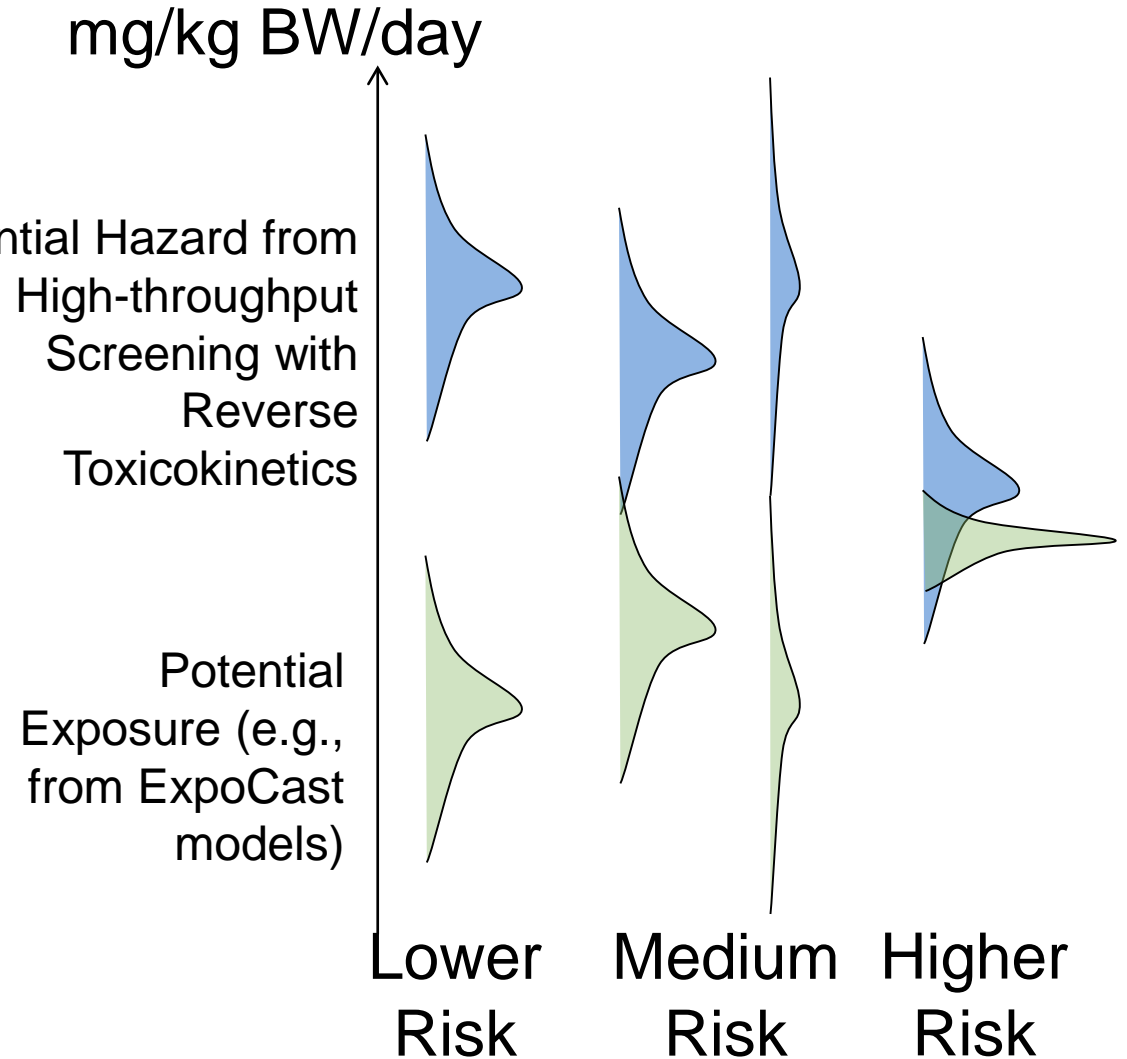
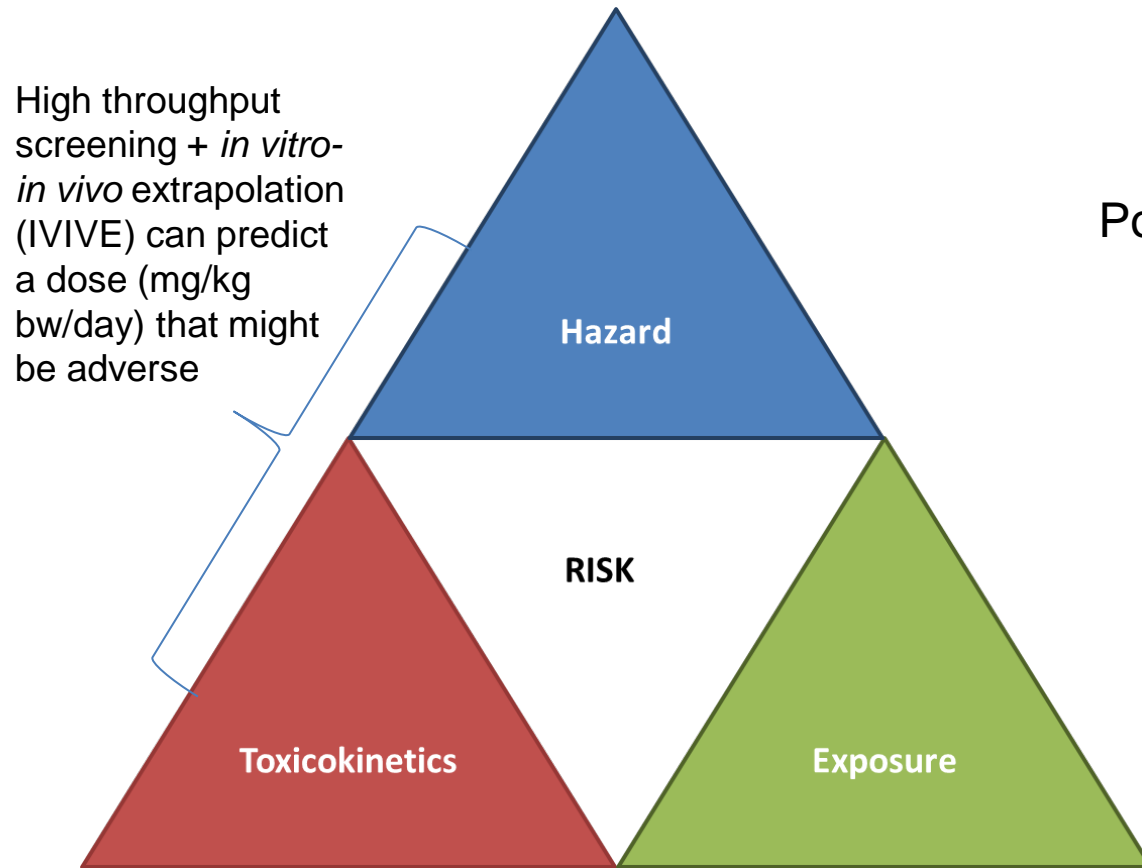
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# Overview

- Motivation: The need for high-throughput (HT) new approach methods (NAM) for exposure
- NAM for filling gaps in exposure data and multi-pathway exposure estimates in EPA's ExpoCast project
- Current Case Study: Comparison with traditional exposure estimates performed under the Canadian Chemicals Management Plan (CMP)
  - CMP Exposure assessments
  - ExpoCast HT models
  - Challenges
  - Relevant Comparisons
- Conclusions and Recommendations

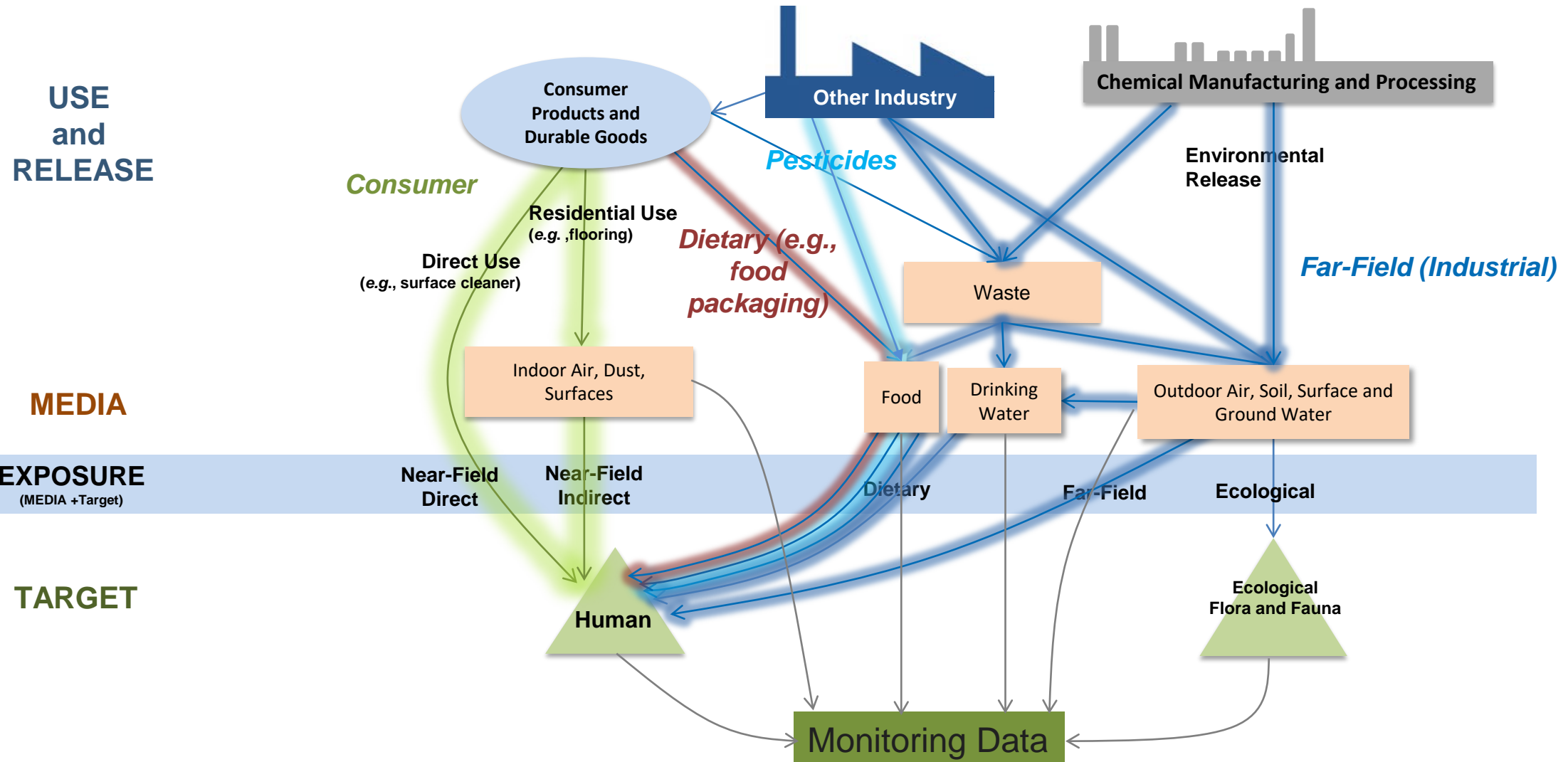


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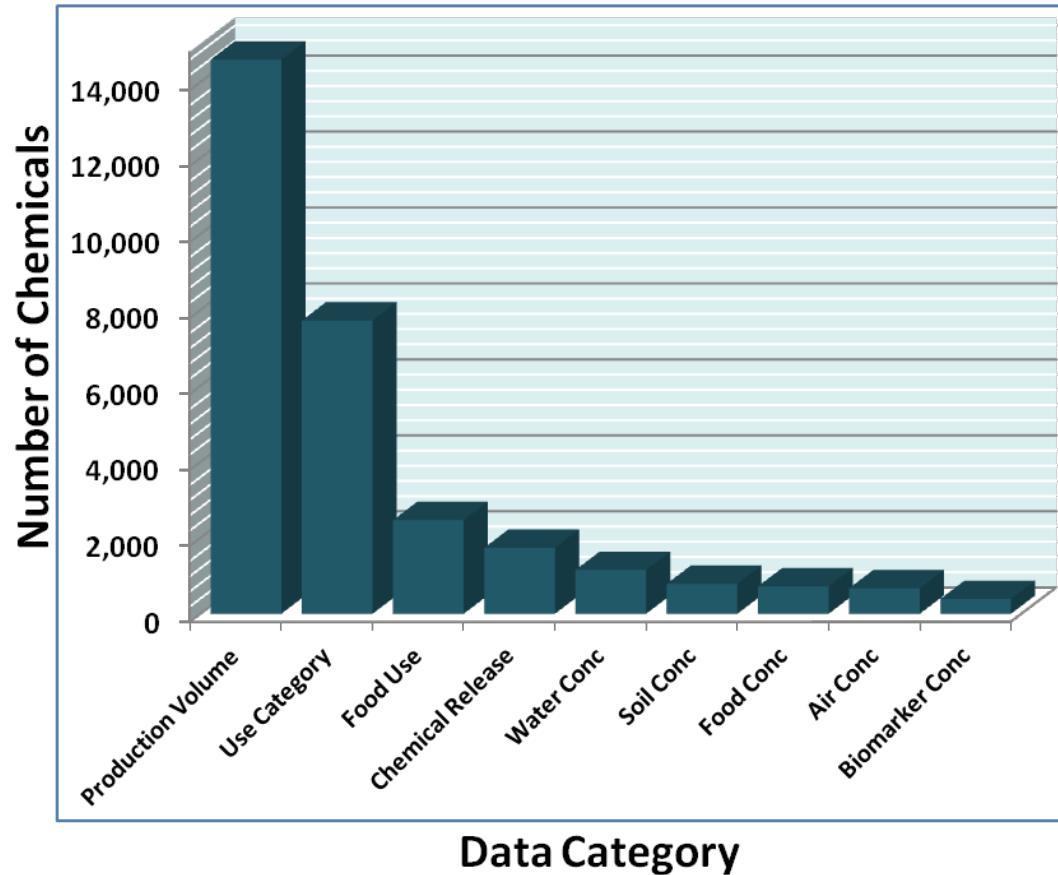


# Exposure Pathways

“Exposure pathway”: The course an agent takes from the source to the target (Zartarian et al., 2005)

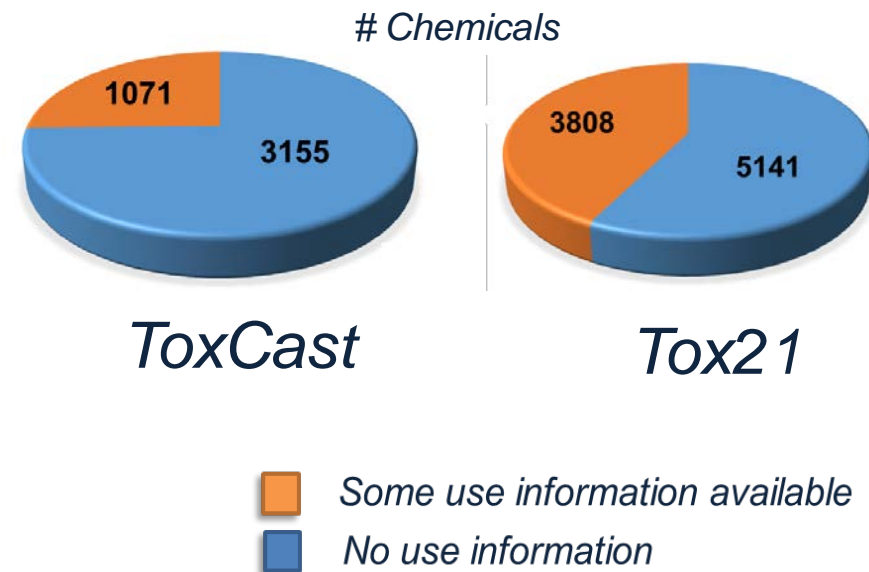


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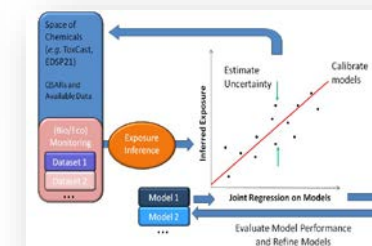
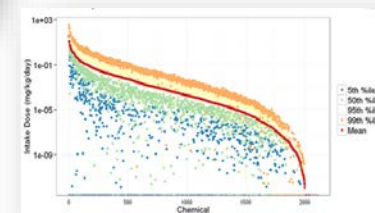
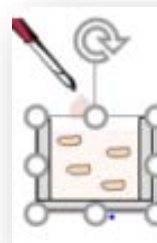
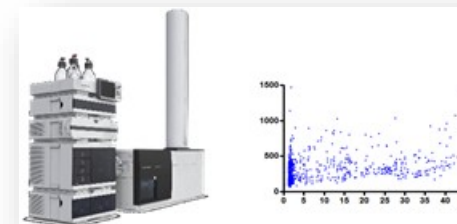
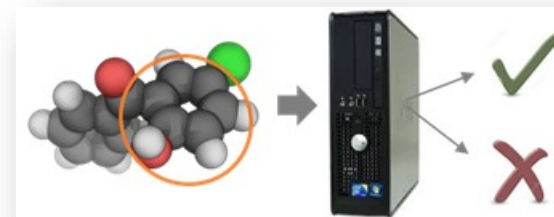
Egeghy P., et al. (2012) *The exposure data landscape for manufactured chemicals. Science of the Total Environment*

***Use data for chemicals being tested via high throughput screening at EPA***



# Filling Gaps in Exposure Information: New Approach Methods in EPA's ExpoCast Project

- Use of **structure-based machine-learning QSAR models** to predict exposure information
  - Functional use
  - Exposure pathways
  - Media occurrence or concentration
- **Non-targeted monitoring** of environmental or biological media
- **High-throughput toxicokinetics**
  - *In-vitro* studies
  - *In-silico* models and tools
- **Rapidly parameterized** consumer exposure models (CPDat/SHEDS-HT)
- **Consensus multi-pathway modeling** approaches (e.g., ExpoCast SEEM)





# APCRA Exposure NAM Evaluation Activities

- APCRA 2017
  - Exposure NAM landscaping exercise across chemical use, release, monitoring, toxicokinetic, and exposure domains
- APCRA 2018: Case Studies
  - Comparison of high-throughput QSARs for chemical functional use to EPA Chemical Data Reporting and to reported information from ECHA
  - Comparison of high-throughput QSARs for chemical media occurrence (environmental/biomonitoring) to external datasets from the European Commission Information Platform for Chemical Monitoring and other sources
  - **Comparison with traditional exposure estimates performed under the Canadian Chemicals Management Plan to ExpoCast HT consumer and multipathway consensus exposure predictions**

# Chemicals Management Plan (CMP)

- The CMP was designed in 2006 to help Canada meet goals set by the World Summit on Sustainable Development for the sound management of chemicals by 2020
  - Accomplished by addressing 4,300 priority substances that are in commerce in Canada
  - CMP also includes the pre-market assessment of new substances (4,500 notifications assessed since 2006)
- Under these programs, risk assessments are carried out, which consider exposure to the general population
- The CMP has also developed mechanisms to gather information from industry and identify priorities for research, monitoring/surveillance as well as risk assessment based on new information



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# CMP Human Health Exposure Analysis

- Compilation of over 3000 exposure estimates for ~700 substances
  - Volumes reported imported or manufactured in Canada
  - Exposure estimates by route (oral, dermal, inhalation)
  - Exposure estimates by source, and sub-population:
    - Food
    - Drinking water
    - Indoor air
    - Outdoor air
    - Soil/dust
    - Consumer product



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# High-throughput Stochastic Human Exposure and Dose Simulation Model (SHEDS-HT)

- High-throughput model for simulating population exposures to chemicals in consumer products via multiple product types, scenarios, and routes
- **Rapidly parameterized** route-specific algorithms based on product category (e.g., spray paint, surface cleaner, toothpaste)
- **Product chemical concentrations** from EPA's Chemical and Products Database (CPDat)
- Public R package, code, and default input files for consumer products (derived from CPDat) available at:

<https://github.com/HumanExposure/SHEDSHTPackage>



## Package 'ShedsHT'

September 9, 2016

Title To run the SHEDS-HT screening model for estimating human exposure to chemicals.

Version 0.1.1

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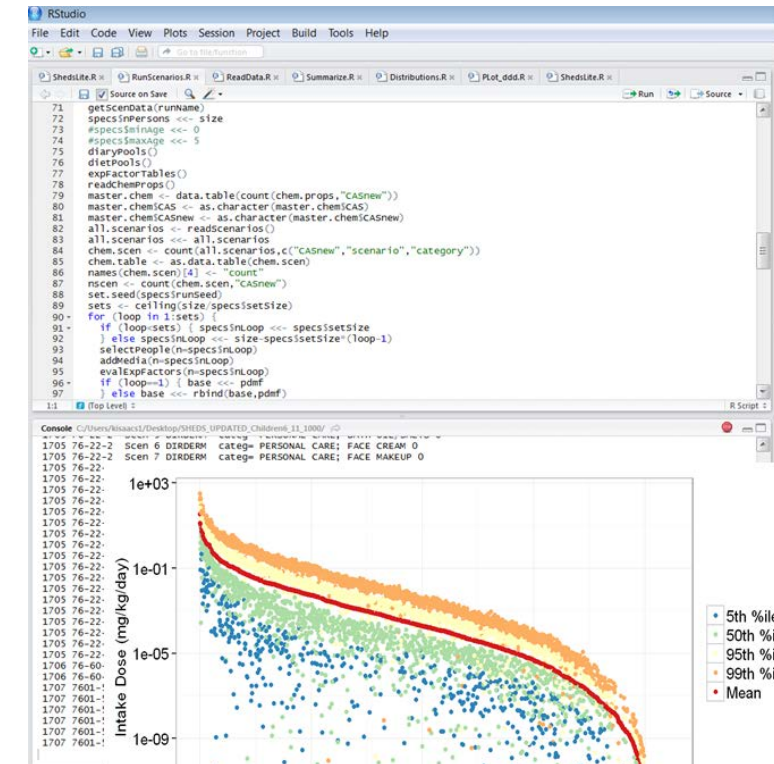


## SHEDS-HT: An Integrated Probabilistic Exposure Model for Prioritizing Exposures to Chemicals with Near-Field and Dietary Sources

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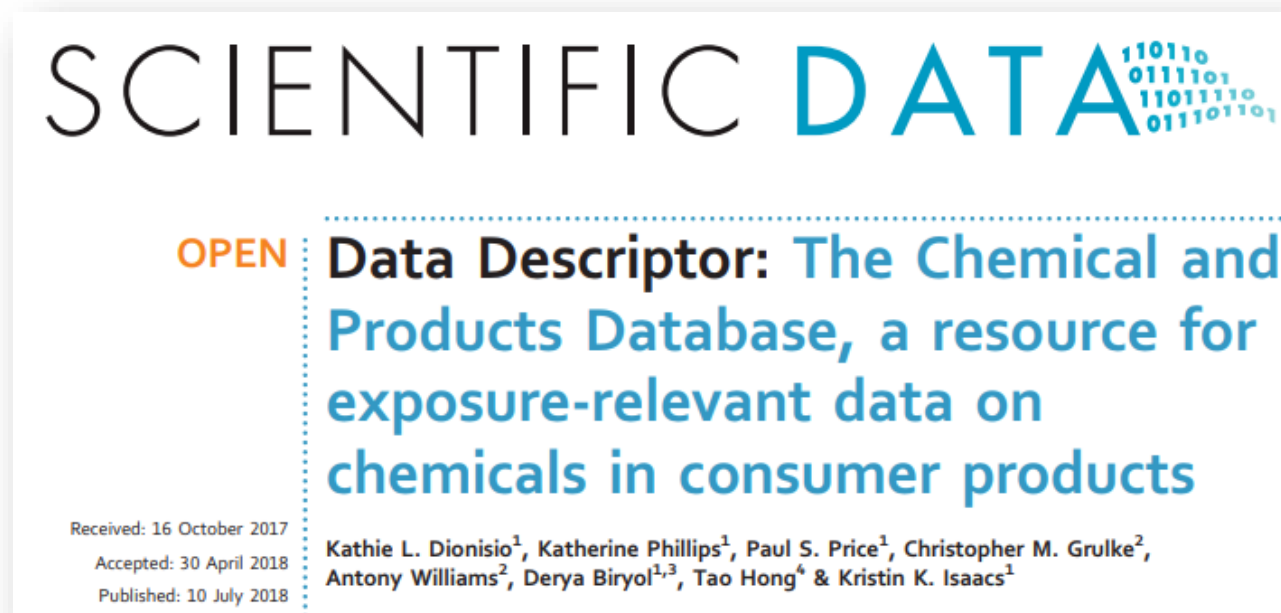
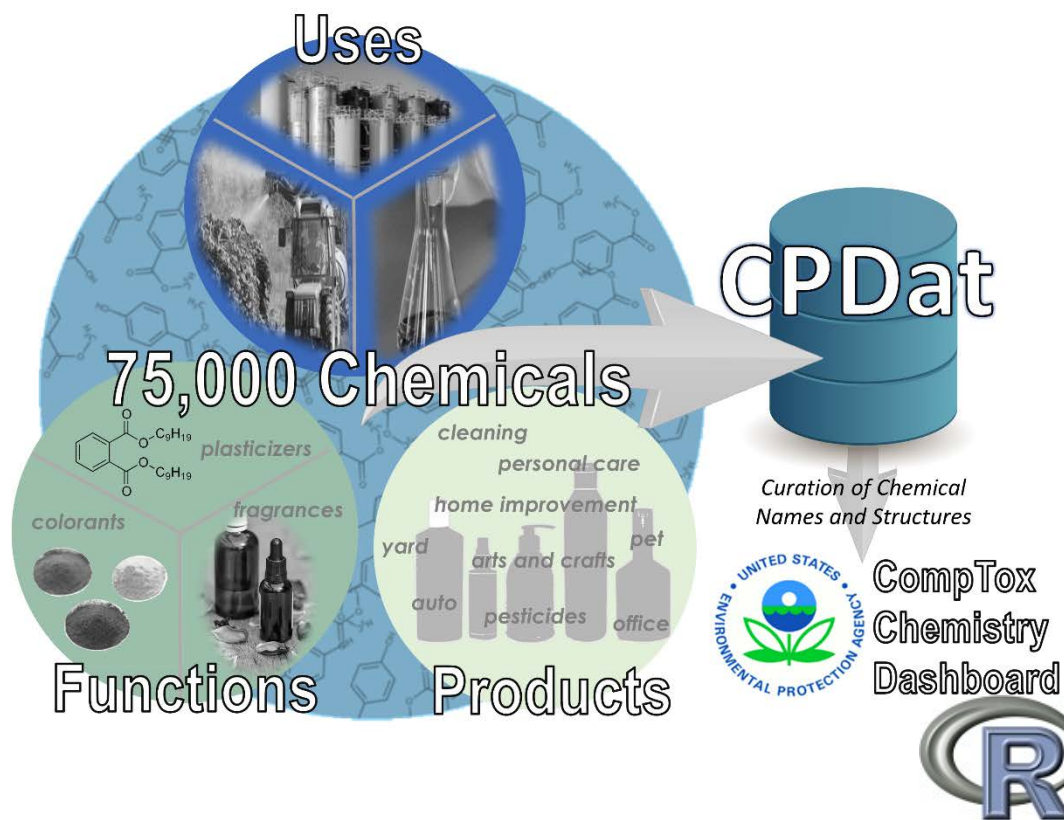
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# Chemical and Products Database (CPDat)

- New database of chemical and product information
- General uses, functional uses, product ingredients and compositions
- Data on 75,000 chemicals **and 15,000 consumer products** (via SDS sheets)
- Data available via individual chemical search or via bulk download via the CompTox Chemistry Dashboard



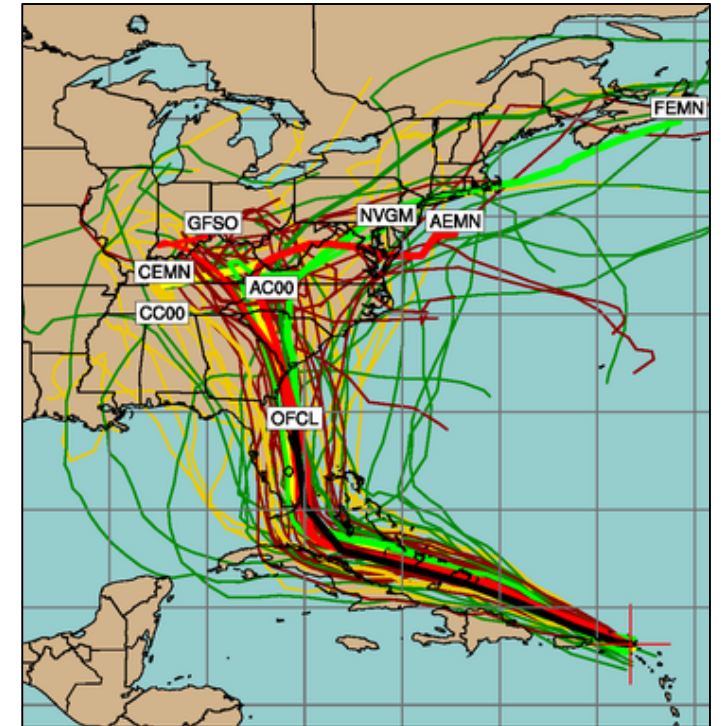
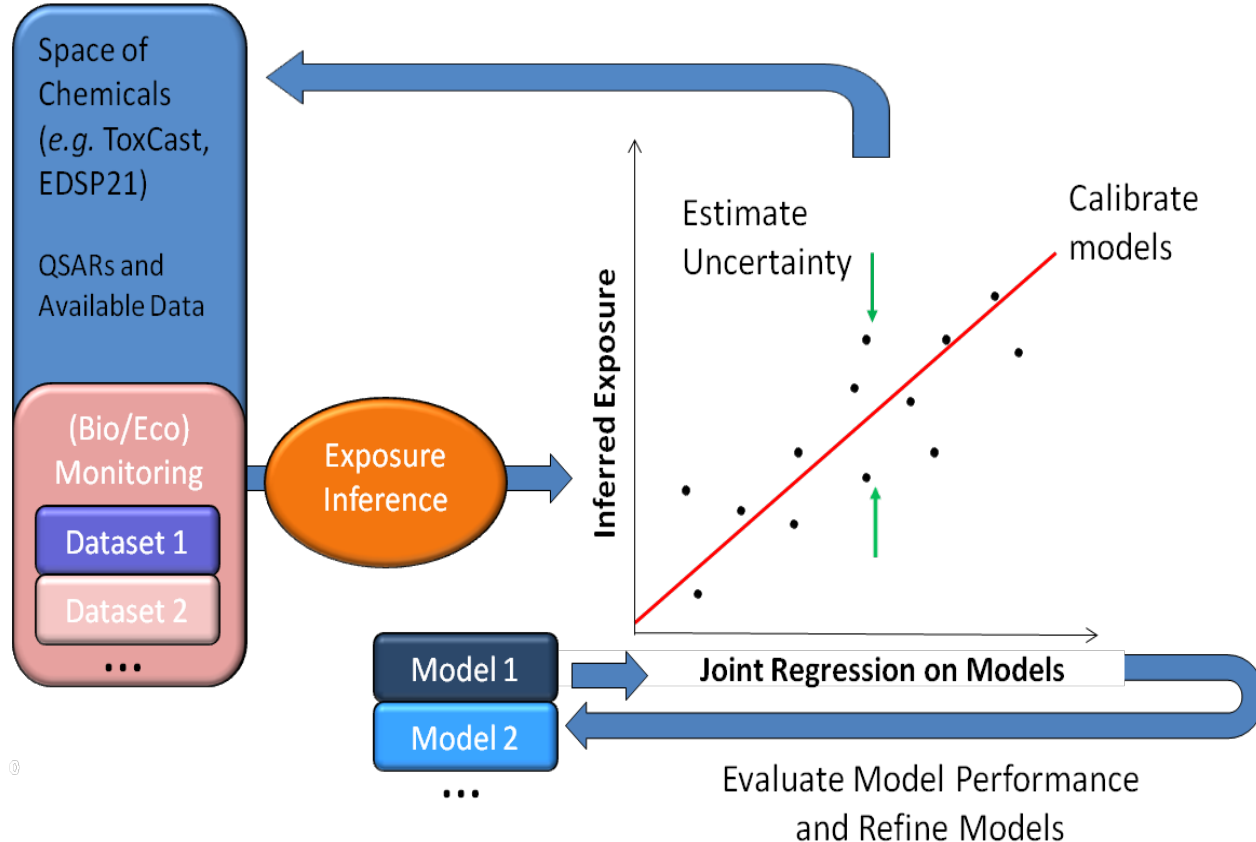
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# Consensus Exposure Predictions with the SEEM Framework

- Different exposure models incorporate **knowledge**, **assumptions**, and **data** (MacLeod et al., 2010)
- We incorporate multiple models (including SHEDS-HT, ExpoDat) into consensus predictions for 1000s of chemicals within the **Systematic Empirical Evaluation of Models (SEEM)** (Wambaugh et al., 2013, 2014)
- Evaluation is similar to a sensitivity analysis: What models are working? What data are most needed?



# Collaboration on High Throughput Exposure Predictions: “SEEM3”



Predictor	Reference(s)	Chemicals Predicted	Pathways/Sources Covered by the Model/Predictor
EPA Inventory Update Reporting and Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) (2015)	US EPA (2018)	7856	All
Stockholm Convention of Banned Persistent Organic Pollutants (2017)	Lallas (2001)	248	Far-Field Industrial and Pesticide
EPA Pesticide Reregistration Eligibility Documents (REDs) Exposure Assessments (Through 2015)	Wetmore et al. (2012, 2015)	239	Far-Field Pesticide
United Nations Environment Program and Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry toxicity model (USEtox) Industrial Scenario (2.0)	Rosenbaum et al. (2008)	8167	Far-Field Industrial
USEtox Pesticide Scenario (2.0)	Fantke et al. (2011, 2012, 2016)	8167	Far-Field Pesticide
Risk Assessment IDentification And Ranking (RAIDAR) Far-Field (2.02)	Arnot et al. (2008)	8167	Far-Field Pesticide
EPA Stochastic Human Exposure Dose Simulation Model- High Throughput (SHEDS-HT) Near-Field Direct (2017)	Isaacs (2017)	7511	Far-Field Industrial and Pesticide
SHEDS-HT Near-field Indirect (2017)	Isaacs (2017)	1119	Consumer
High-Throughput Dietary Exposure Model for Food Contact Substances (2017)	Biryol et al. (2017)	940	Dietary (Food Packaging)
Fugacity-based INdoor Exposure (FINE) (2017)	Bennett et al. (2004), Shin et al. (2012)	645	Consumer
RAIDAR-ICE Near-Field (0.803)	Arnot et al., (2014), Zhang et al. (2014)	1221	Consumer
USEtox Residential Scenario (2.0)	Jolliet et al. (2015), Huang et al. (2016,2017)	615	Consumer
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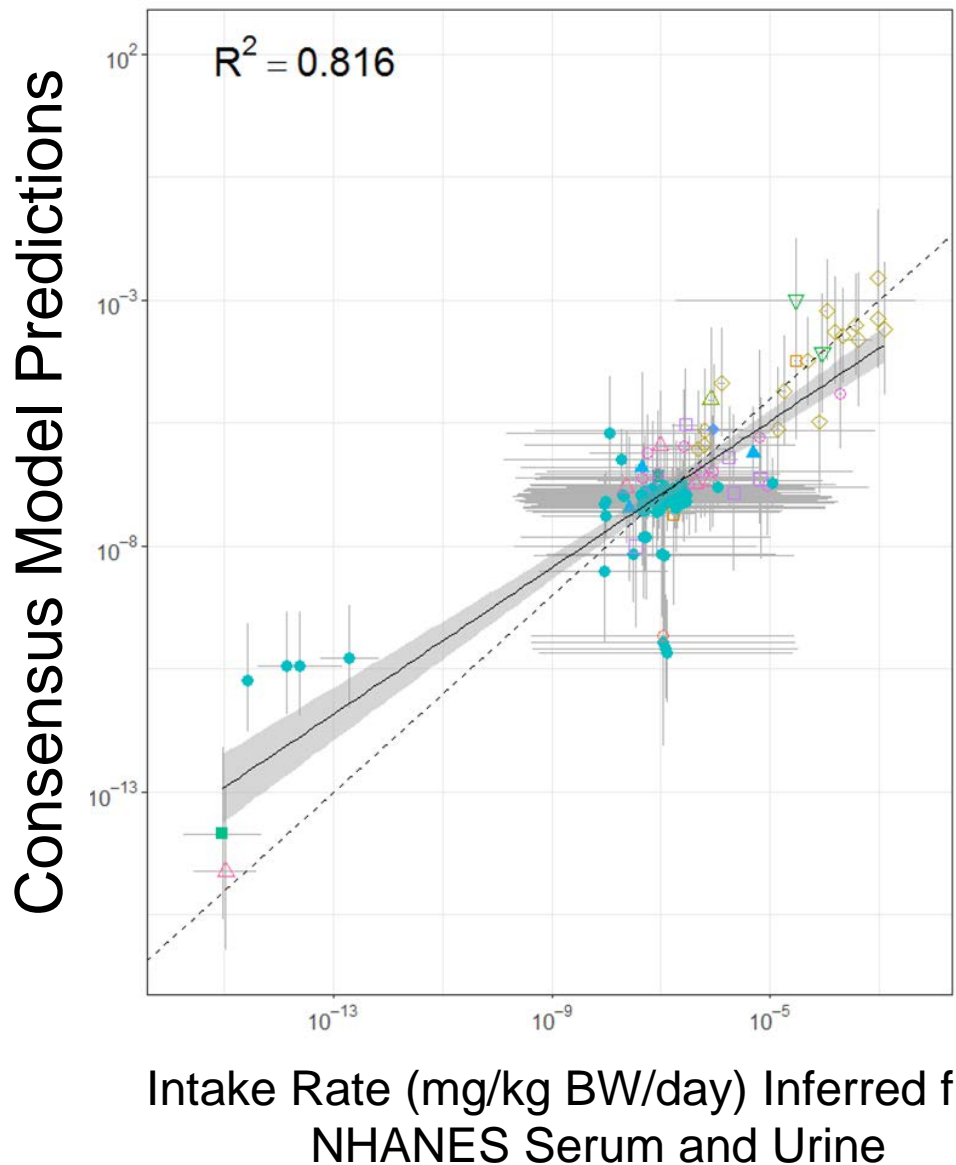
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*Ring et al., in revision*

Adapted from John Wambaugh

# Building the Consensus Model

- Models evaluated against chemicals in NHANES with same pathways
- Bayesian multivariate regression using exposures inferred from NHANES biomonitoring data
- Regression incorporated pathway information
- Pathways predicted with machine-learning based models, allowing application of regression model to large chemical libraries



*\*Chemicals with consumer pathways had highest exposures relative to mean*

*\*SHEDS-HT significantly predictive of biomonitoring*

Pathway(s)

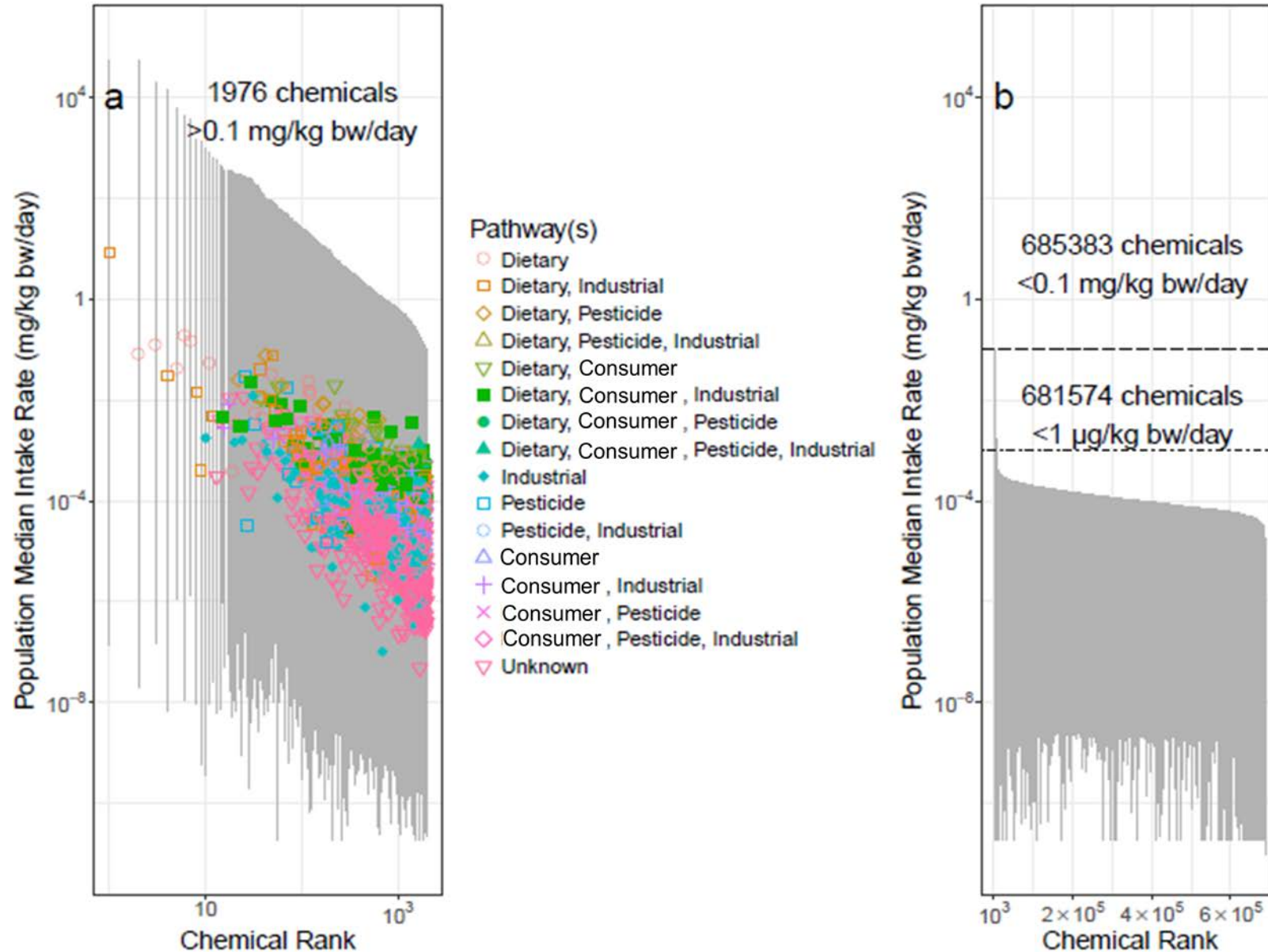
- Dietary, Pesticide, Industrial
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# Consensus Modeling of Median Chemical Intake Exposure



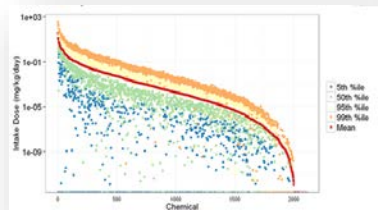
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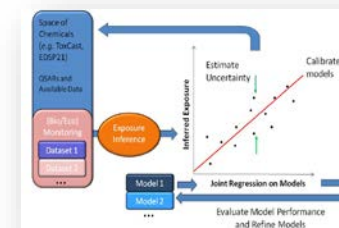


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CMP  
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SEEM3

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*Consumer, Dietary, Far-field*

Population

*U.S. population (users/non-users)*

*Typical **product** user*

*Typical individual*

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Exposure  
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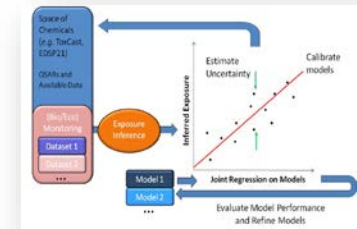
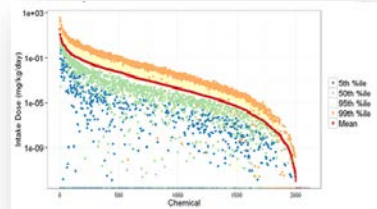
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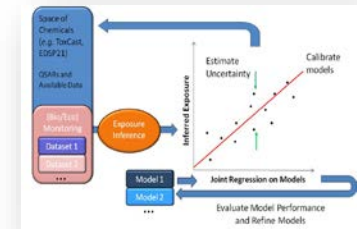
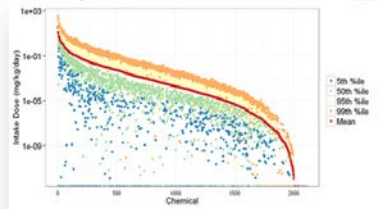
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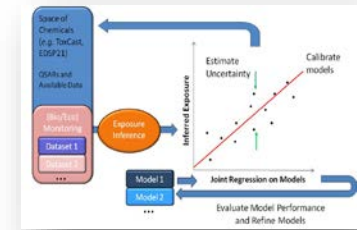
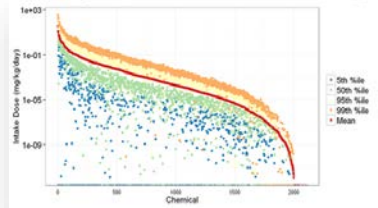
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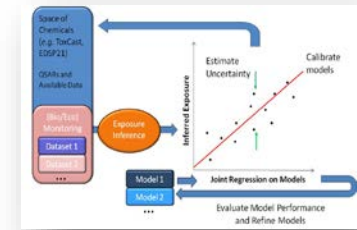
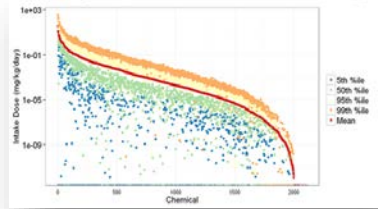
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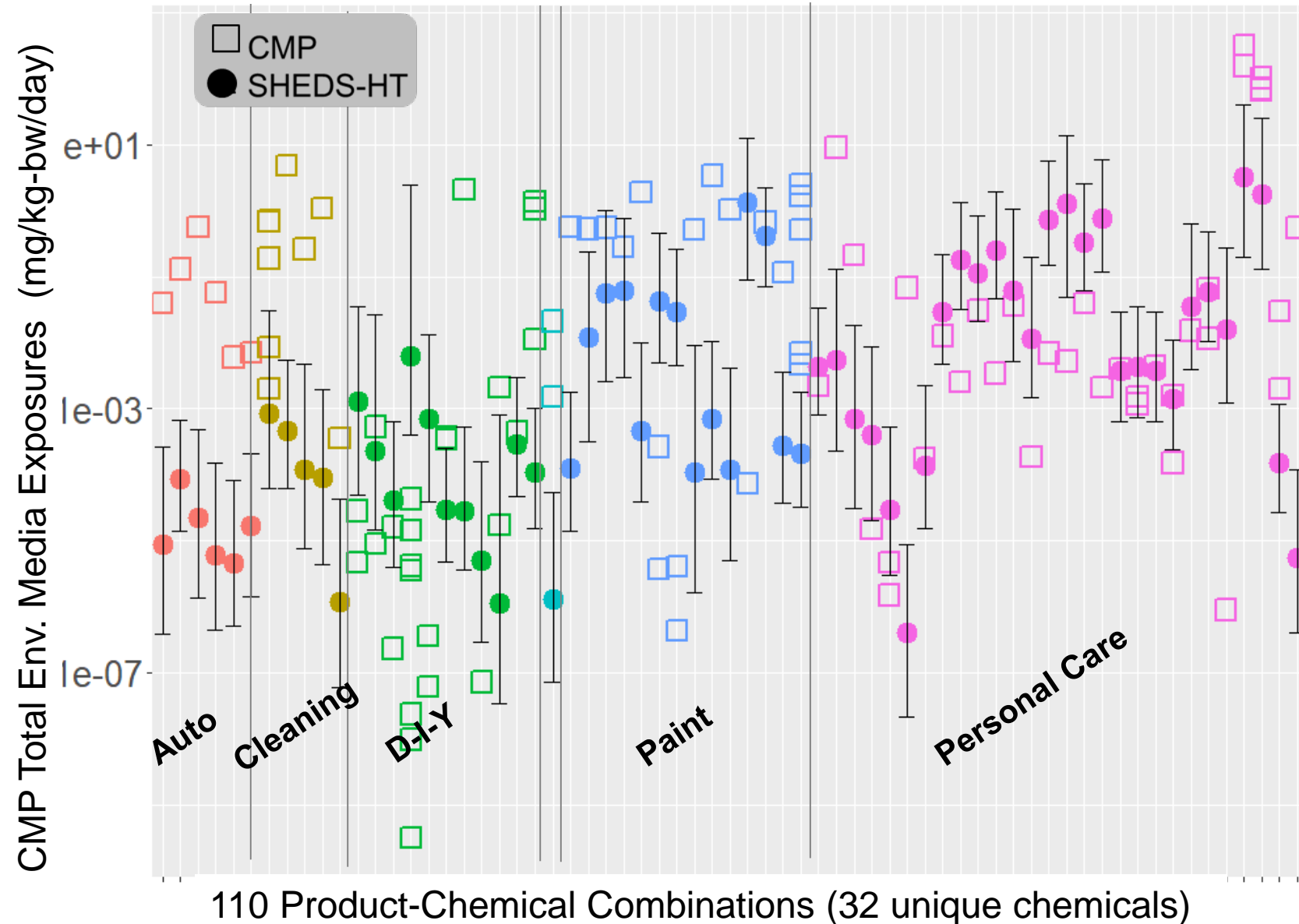
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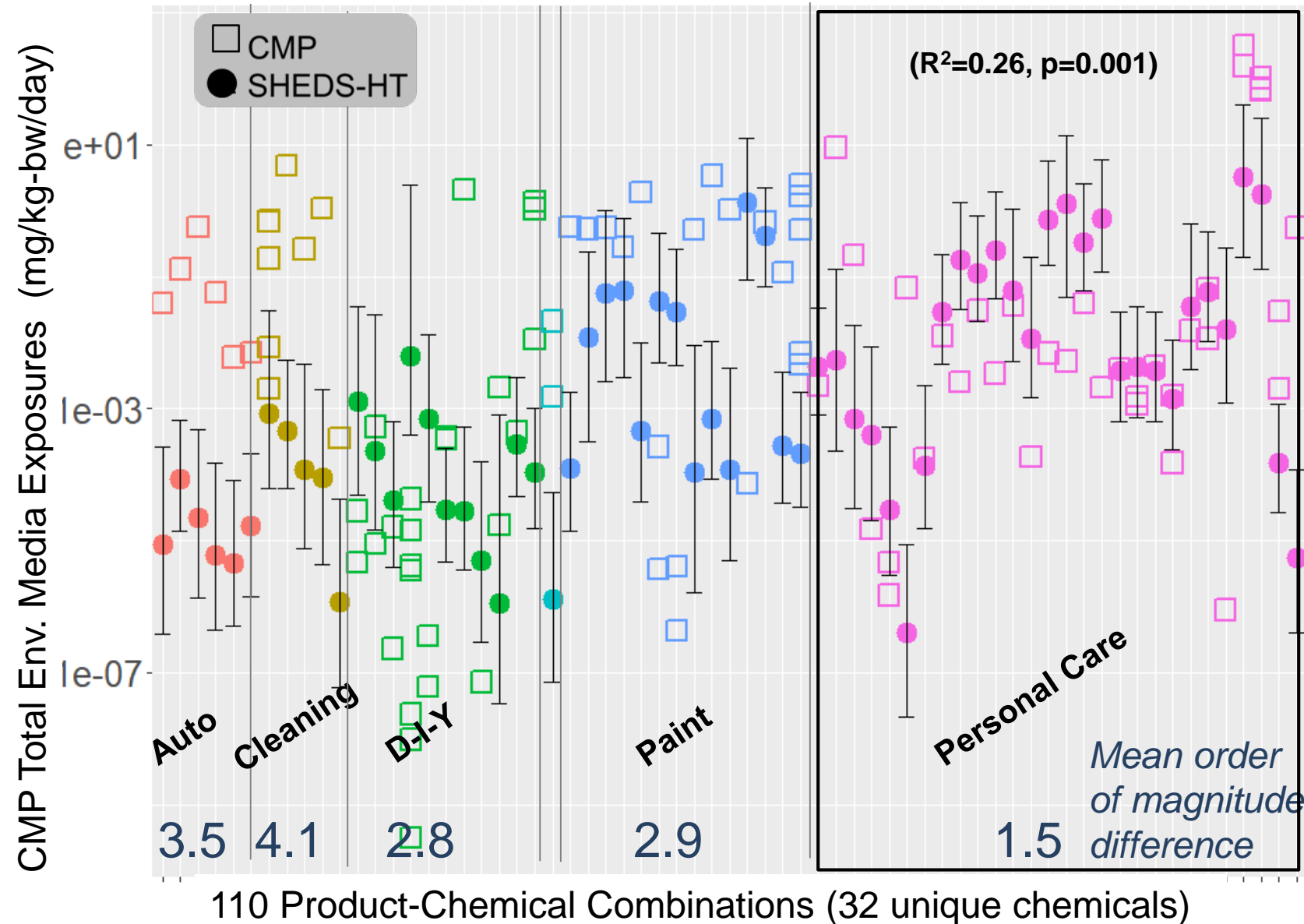


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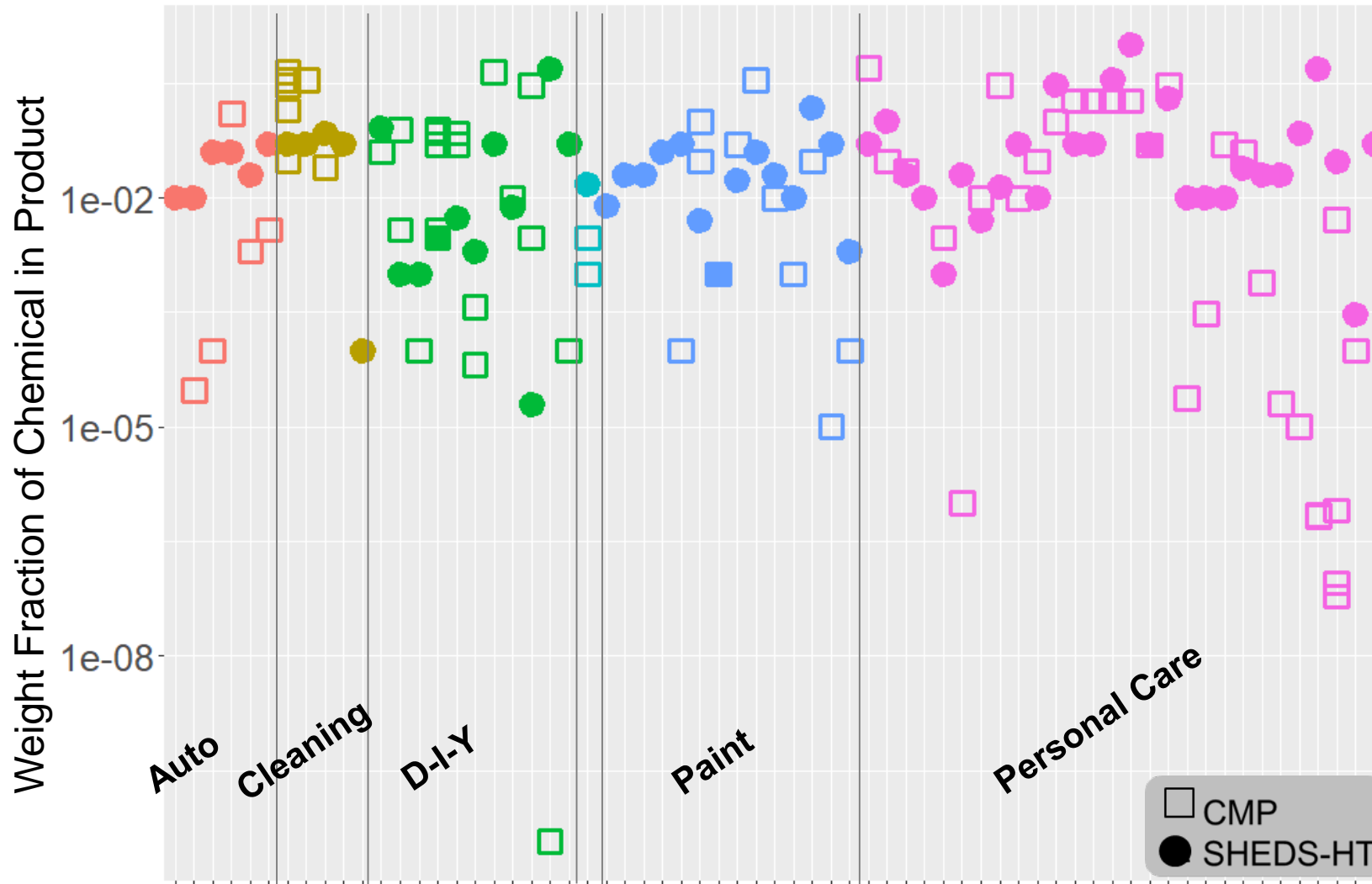
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- Predictions were most comparable for personal care products (most data-rich category in CPDat)
- Are product concentrations driving the larger differences?



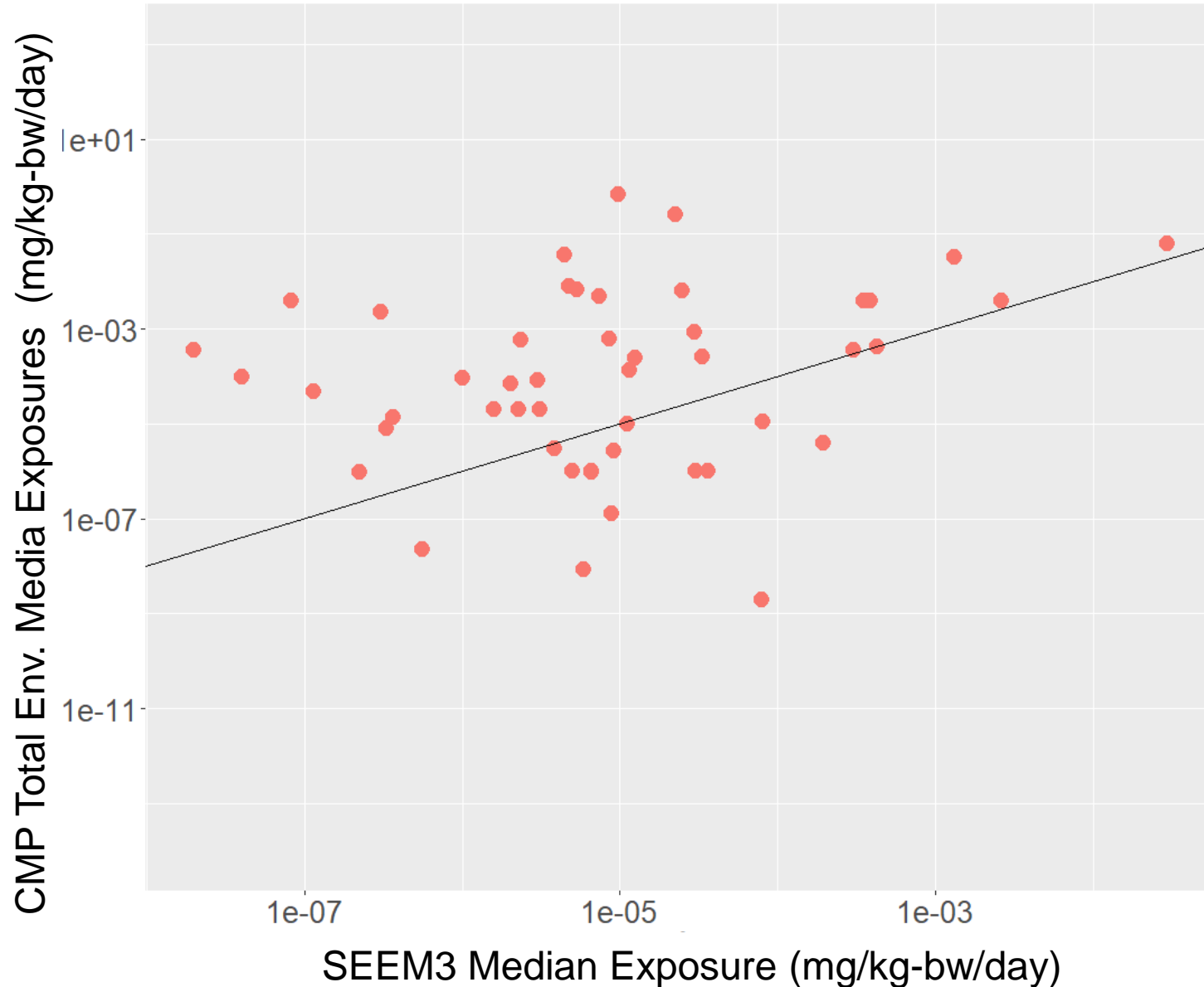
# Product Concentration Differences: CPDat Versus CMP



110 Product-Chemical Combinations (32 unique chemicals)

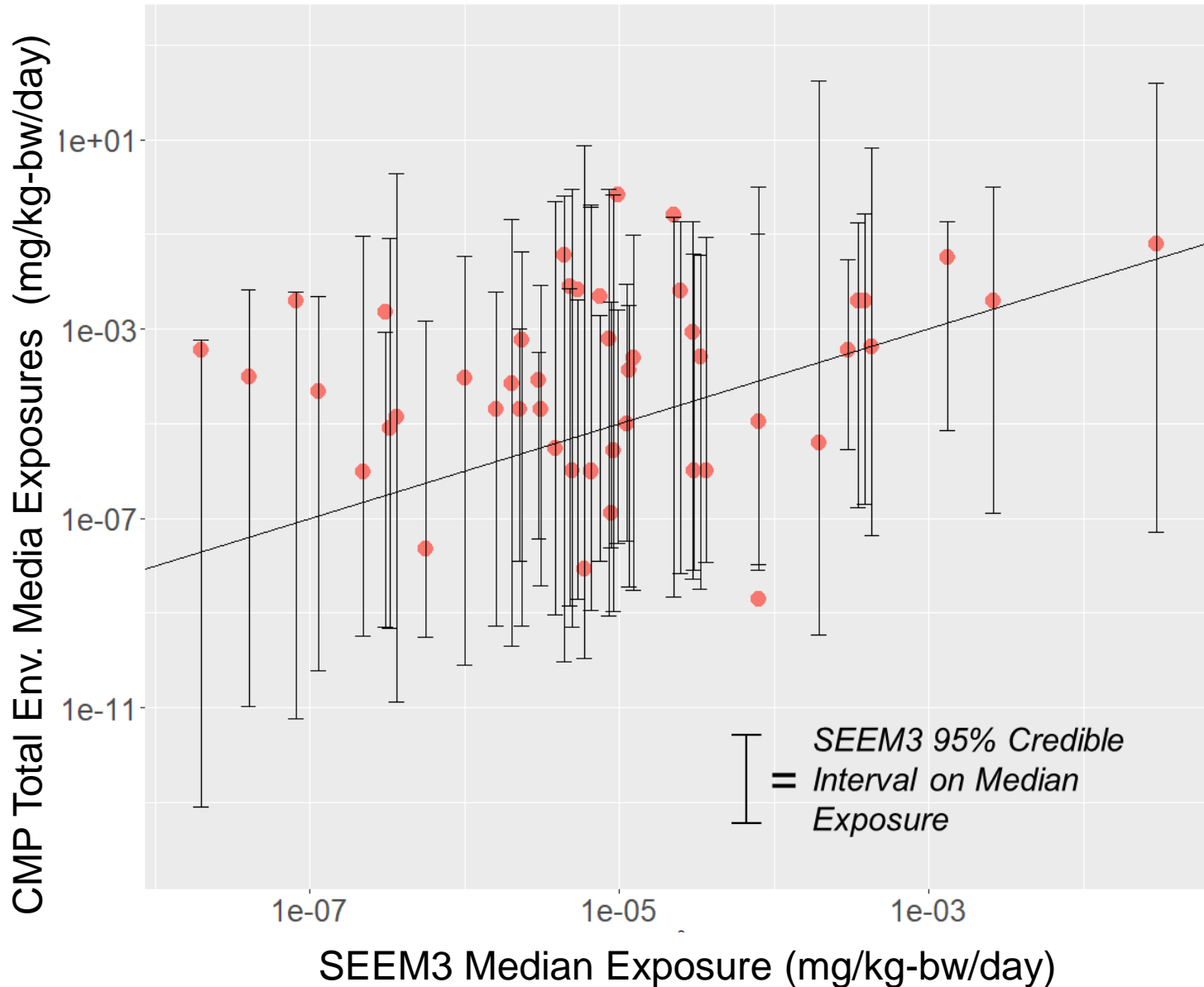
- Compared median CPDat and CMP concentrations where available
- Concentration might be contributing to differences for some categories, but concentration differences were generally smaller than those observed in ultimate exposures
- However, examination of scenario definitions (e.g., durations, amounts) and other decisions/assumptions will be required to fully understand differences
- Likely some lack of congruence between SHEDS and CMP product categories (and thus scenario definitions)

# Comparison of SEEM3 with CMP Environmental Media Exposures (Chemicals without Consumer Pathways)



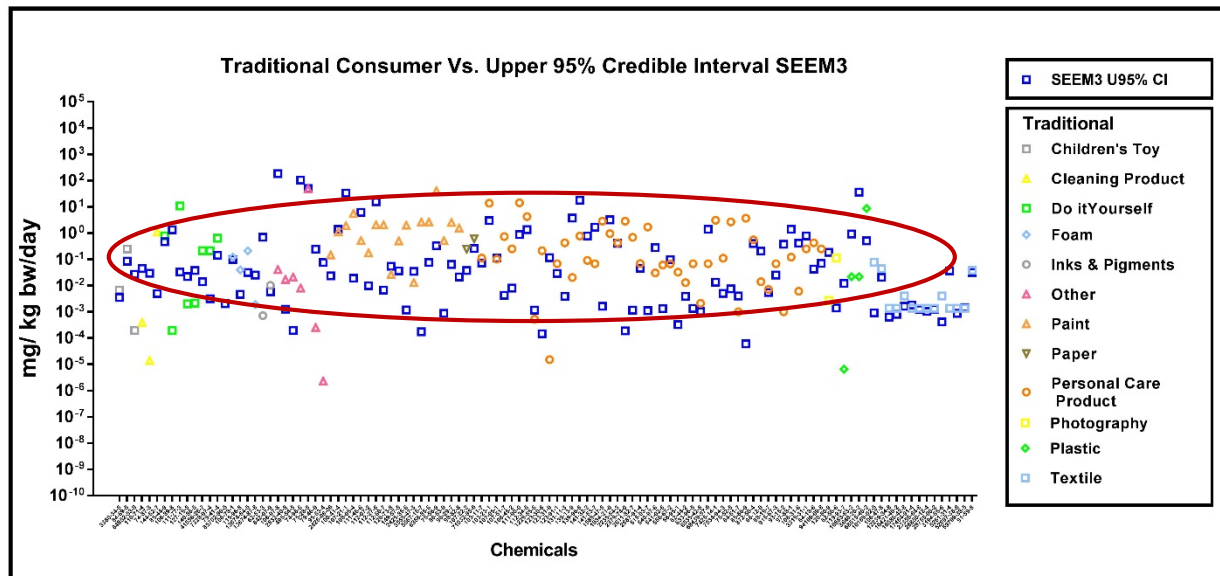
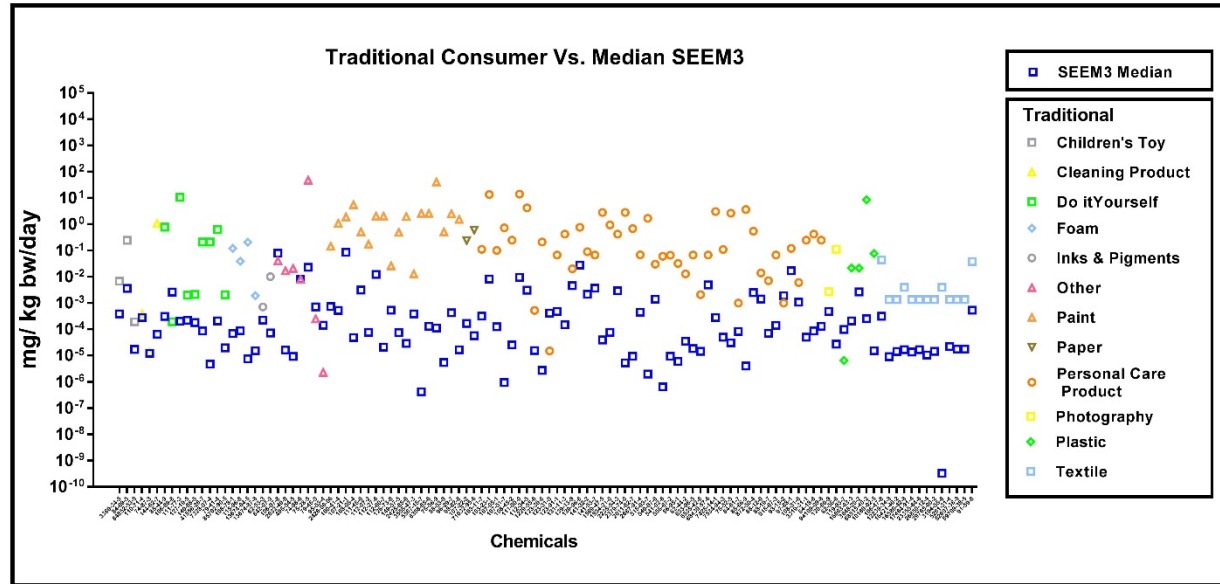
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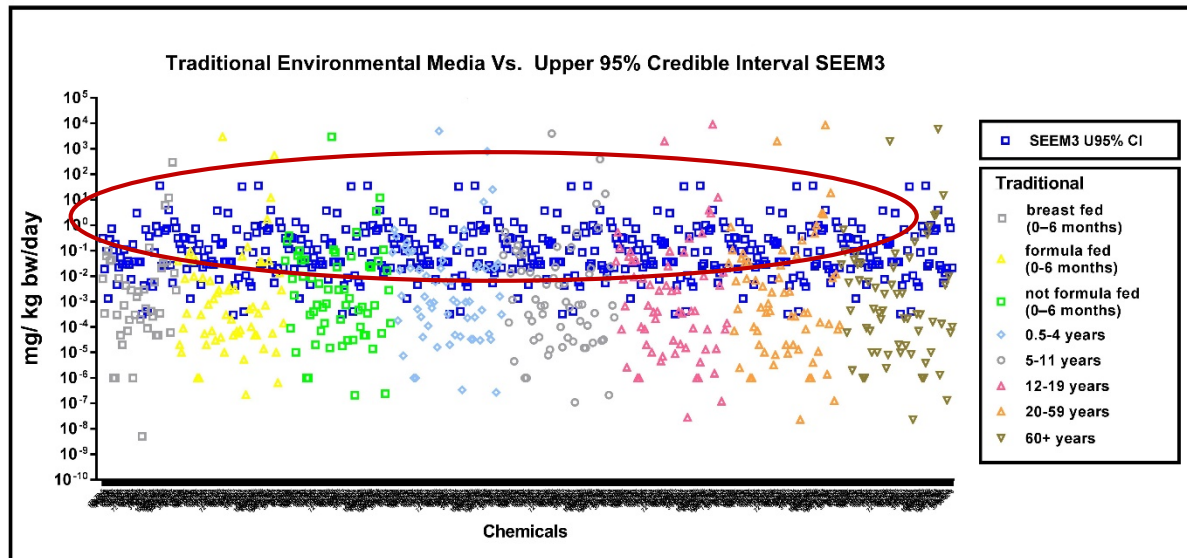
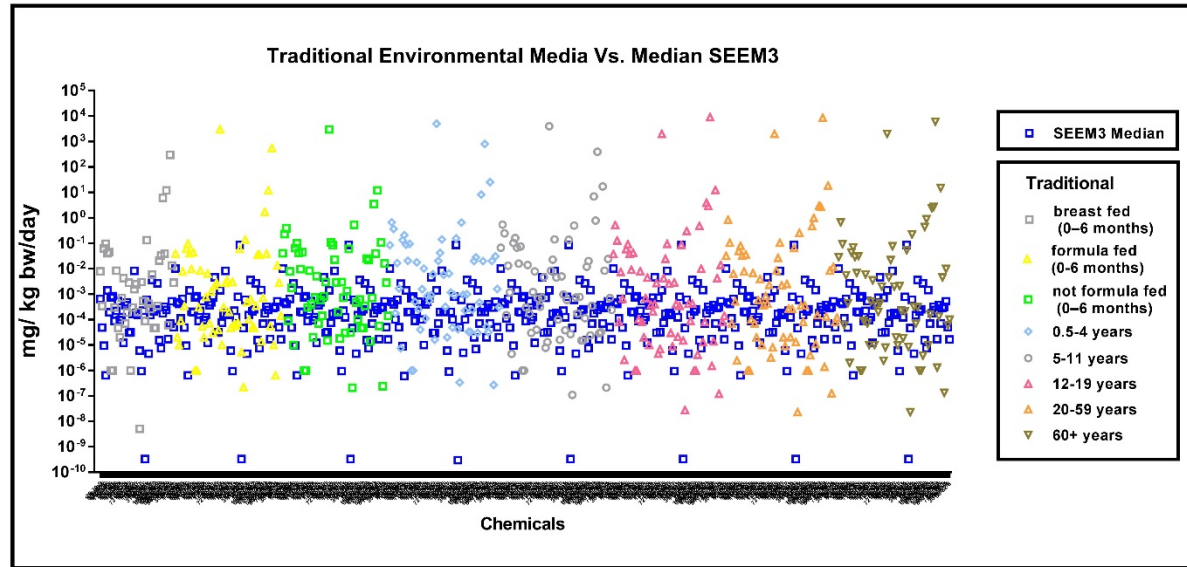
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- However, SEEM3 95% credible interval contained CMP estimate for 41 chemicals (six chemicals higher, one lower); 33 chemicals within 2 orders of magnitude of median estimate
- Five of the six “higher” chemicals were within an order of magnitude of the upper bound
- One chemical (furfural) was 2 orders of magnitude higher – CMP assessment included estimates of concentration in food (naturally occurring and process-formed) - not included in SEEM3 pathway models

# Other SEEM3 Comparisons (Health Canada)



- For completeness, SEEM3 estimates were compared to traditional consumer estimates
- Upper bound of the 95% credible interval of median did not always encompass the user exposures (not unexpected)
- Should be careful to interpret SEEM3 in appropriate context (average person, not reflective of high exposure percentiles or specific populations)

# Other SEEM3 Comparisons (Health Canada)



- CMP environmental estimates were compared with SEEM3 for all chemicals
- Despite some inconsistency in pathway contributions to both metrics, there were very few chemicals above the 95% confidence bounds
- Similarly to earlier example, the chemicals above the interval are chemicals with dietary pathways not currently captured in the SEEM model

# Ongoing Activities

- Refined comparisons for SHEDS-HT model
  - Exposure route-specific (e.g., dermal, inhalation, ingestion) comparisons for consumer product exposures
  - Identification of systematic scenario definition differences?
  - Age group comparisons
  - Any lessons learned: could be used to refine SHEDS-HT parameterization/algorithms
- Evaluation of other HT exposure models such as other consumer models included in SEEM3
- Completion and development of additional exposure case studies (e.g., occupational or ecological exposure) to further evaluate performance and limitations of various exposure NAMs in a regulatory context

# Conclusions and Recommendations

- Comparing exposure predictions across traditional models/assessments and HT NAMs was challenging given different model structures, purposes, populations, and metrics.
- Estimates for consumer products differed; degree of separation dependent on product category.
  - Personal care products were most comparable (data rich in terms of use, best mapping of product-to-product)
  - Additional exploration of factors driving differences is needed.
  - Harmonization of consumer product categories, scenarios (e.g., use patterns), and other factors across assessment/models tiers can facilitate future evaluations.
    - Harmonization or other alignment will also enhance data sharing capabilities (one of the goals of the APCRA project).



# Conclusions and Recommendations

- When uncertainty was considered, the HT SEEM3 estimates of population median exposures were consistent with the traditional environmental media estimates for the majority of the chemicals that could be *most directly compared* (i.e., adults, chemicals without consumer pathways).
- Comparisons between traditional assessments and NAMs for exposure can inform refinement of high-throughput methods (e.g., identification of exposure sources or pathways not currently included and their impact).
- Continued evaluation of HT NAM exposure estimations with traditional assessments and other information (e.g., additional biomonitoring) will aid in establishing fit-for-purpose of exposure NAMs for decision-making (e.g., prioritization, screening, or higher-tier evaluation).



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