



# VERMEER FCM

## *Migration and hazards of chemicals present in food contact materials*

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# The LIFE VERMEER project (EC funded)



Start date: 9-2017

End date: 4-2022



Integrating **VEGA**, **ToxRead**, **MERLIN-Expo**, and **ERICA** in a platform for risk assessment and substitution of risky substances

- Towards substitution:**
1. Identification of the risky substances
  2. Identification of possible substitutes
  3. Application to **6** case studies



# Partners of VERMEER

- Coordinating beneficiary:

- ✓ *Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri IRCCS*

- Associated beneficiaries

- ✓ *Angel Consulting SAS*

- ✓ *Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)*

- ✓ *Electricité de France (EDF)*

- ✓ *ÅF Making Future.*

- ✓ *Institut National de L'Environnement Industriel et de risques (INERIS)*

- ✓ *KODE srl*

- ✓ *SC Sviluppo Chimica S.p.a*

- ✓ *SCIENSANO*





# LIFE VERMEER project - Case studies



*Food Contact Materials*



*Biocides*



*Oil fractions*



*Solvents*



*Dispersants*



*Cosmetics*





# Background: aim of Life-VERMEER

**EXPOSURE**

**X**

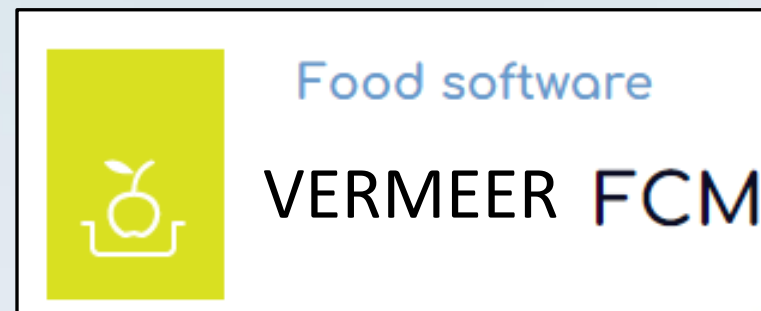
**HAZARD**

**=**

**RISK**



**Several case studies including FCM**





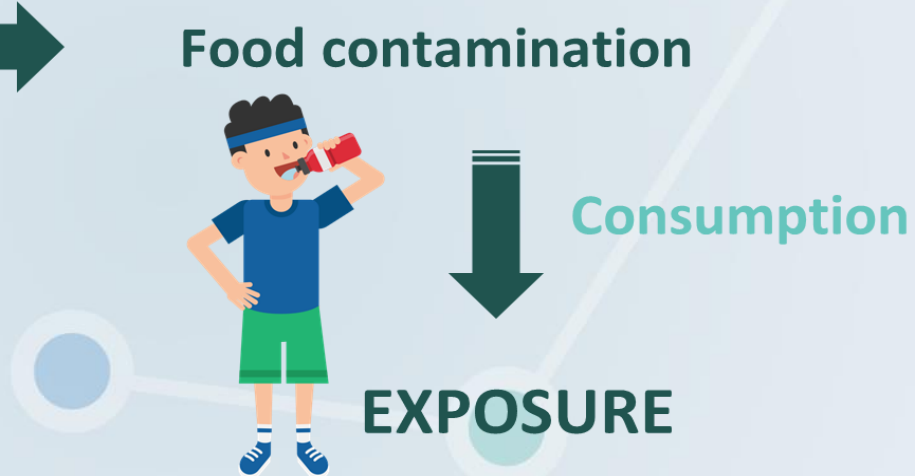
# VERMEER FCM: Migration model



Development of a **model for migration for plastic FCM**  
+ **Validation of the model** using experimental migration data  
+ **Integration of the model** in MERLIN-EXPO



**HAZARD**  
related to FCM substances

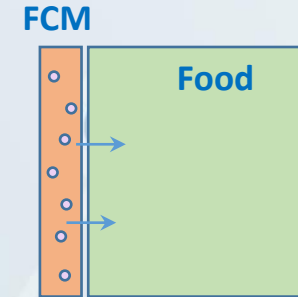


Migration model is currently being extended from  
plastic FCM to other FCM types!



# VERMEER FCM: Migration model

- **One FCM layer** (model not adapted for multi-layers FCM)
- **One dimensional (1D) diffusion** model between the FCM layer and Food

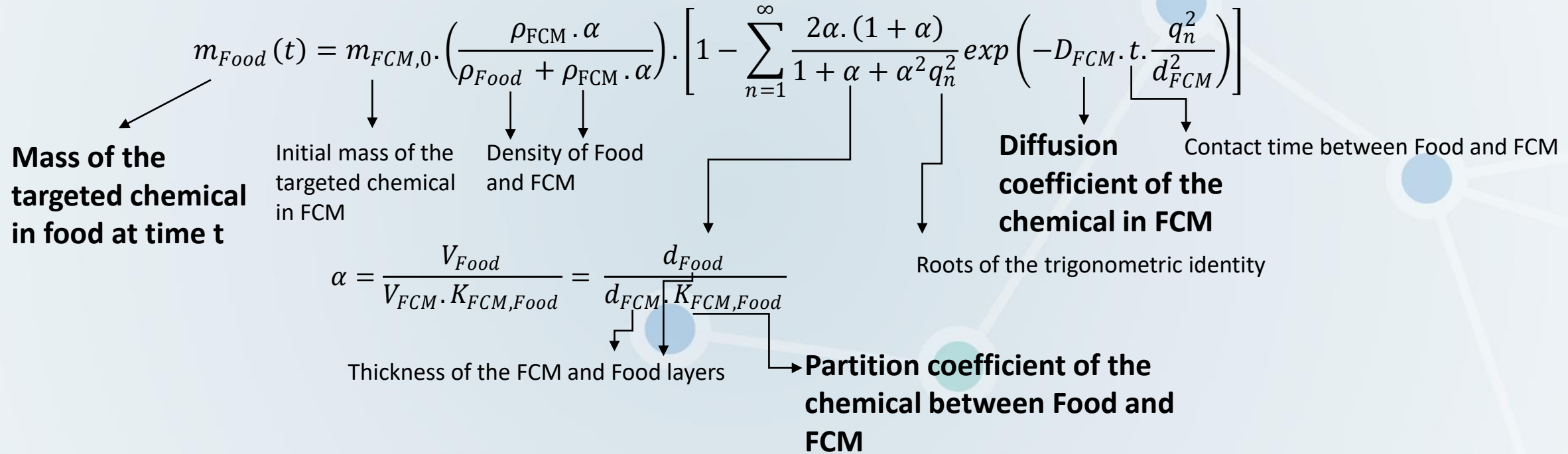


Fick's law: 
$$\frac{\partial C_i}{\partial t} = D_i \cdot \frac{\partial^2 C_i}{\partial x^2}$$

- When only one FCM layer is considered, mass-balance equation based on Fick's law → **analytical solution** (Crank, 1975 ; Piringer et al, 2008)



# VERMEER FCM: Migration model – Analytical solution





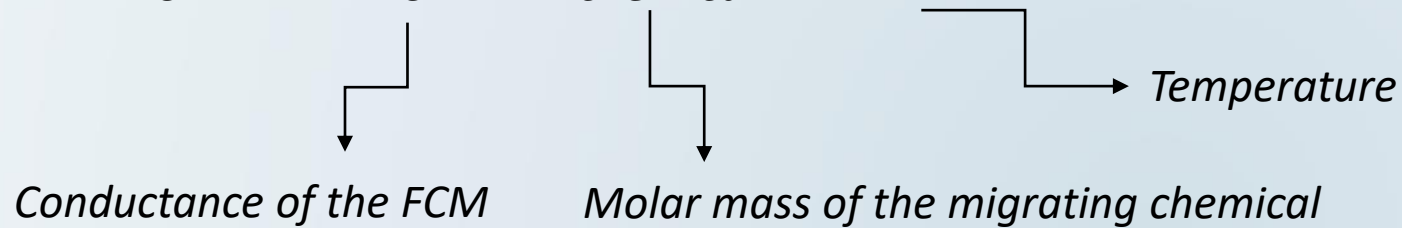


# VERMEER FCM – Migration model: diffusion coefficient



- **Piringer's model (2007)**

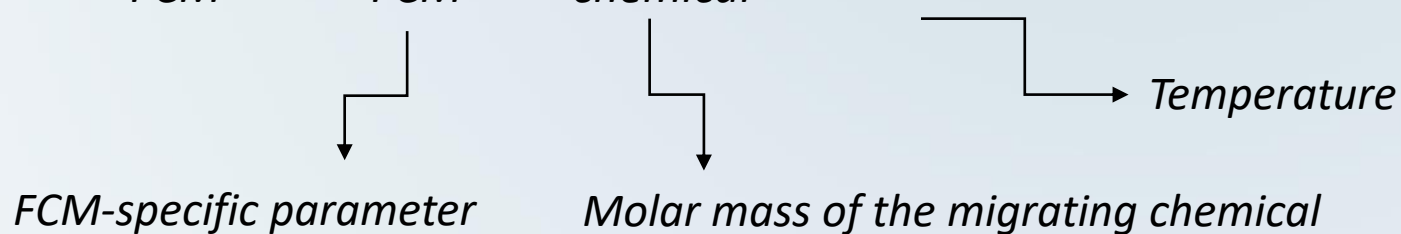
$$D_{FCM} = f(A_{FCM}, M_{chemical}, Temp)$$



Largely used, but calibrated only for plastic FCMs

- **Huang's model (2017)**

$$D_{FCM} = f(b_{FCM}, M_{chemical}, Temp)$$



More recent, but calibrated for a wider range of FCMs (not only plastics)





# VERMEER FCM – Migration model: partition coefficient

$$K_{FCM,Food} = \left( \frac{\rho_{FCM} \cdot C_{FCM}}{\rho_{Food} \cdot C_{Food}} \right)_{equ}$$

- **Huang's model (2019)**

$$K_{FCM,Food} = f(K_{ow}, EtOH_{food}, Temp)$$

Octanol-Water partition coefficient (lipophilicity)

Ethanol-equivalent (food proxi)

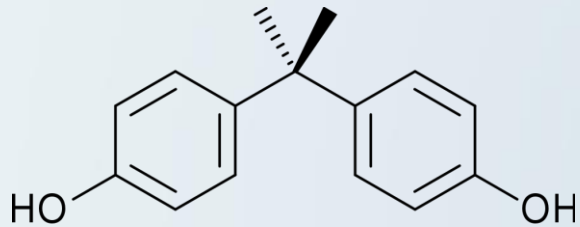
Temperature

Calibrated for a wide range of FCMs (not only plastics)



# VERMEER FCM: Migration model – Input data & endpoints

## Target chemical



SMILES code

Initial concentration in FCM  
*(in mg chemical/kg FCM)*

Molecular weight

## FCM



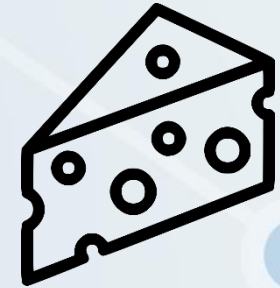
Type of FCM

*(LDPE, HDPE, HIPS, PA, PEN, PEN, PP, PS + Other FCM if you have specific data)*

Thickness of FCM layer

Contact area

## Food



Type of Food

*(e.g. water, oil, chocolate, etc)*

Volume of Food

Temperature

**Concentration of the target chemical in food at time t**





# VERMEER FCM – Migration model: validation

- Experimental data from Begley et al., 2005
- Simulated concentration vs Experimental concentration for LDPE, HDPE, HIPS, PP, PA, PS, PET, PEN

Table IV.I. Migration data from LDPE.

| PM/reference number | CAS number | Additive     | $M_r$ | $d_p$ (cm) | $c_{P,0}$ (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> ) | $T$ (°C) | $t$     | $m_{F,t}$ (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> ) exp. | $A'_p$ | Polymer: remarks <sup>1</sup> |
|---------------------|------------|--------------|-------|------------|----------------------------------|----------|---------|---------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 68320 (1)           | 2082-79-3  | Irganox 1076 | 531   | 0.05       | 930                              | 40       | 10 days | 2.6                                   | 7.0    | LLDPE; 0.91                   |
| 68320 (2)           | 2082-79-3  | Irganox 1076 | 531   | 0.2        | 220                              | 40       | 1 day   | 0.85                                  | 9.7    | 0.918                         |
|                     |            |              |       |            |                                  |          | 2 days  | 1.26                                  | 9.8    |                               |
|                     |            |              |       |            |                                  |          | 4 days  | 1.74                                  | 9.8    |                               |
|                     |            |              |       |            |                                  |          | 10 days | 2.75                                  | 9.8    |                               |
| 95200 (2)           | 1709-70-2  | Irganox 1330 | 775   | 0.2        | 585                              | 40       | 1 day   | 1.13                                  | 10.1   | 0.918                         |
|                     |            |              |       |            |                                  |          | 2 days  | 1.55                                  | 10.1   |                               |
|                     |            |              |       |            |                                  |          | 4 days  | 2.20                                  | 10.1   |                               |
|                     |            |              |       |            |                                  |          | 10 days | 3.56                                  | 10.1   |                               |
| 74240 (2)           | 31570-04-4 | Irgafos 168  | 646   | 0.2        | 760                              | 80       | 1 h     | 3.20                                  | 10.2   | 0.918                         |
|                     |            |              |       |            |                                  |          | 2 h     | 4.54                                  | 10.2   |                               |
|                     |            |              |       |            |                                  |          | 3.5 h   | 5.87                                  | 10.1   |                               |
|                     |            |              |       |            |                                  |          | 6 h     | 7.86                                  | 10.1   |                               |

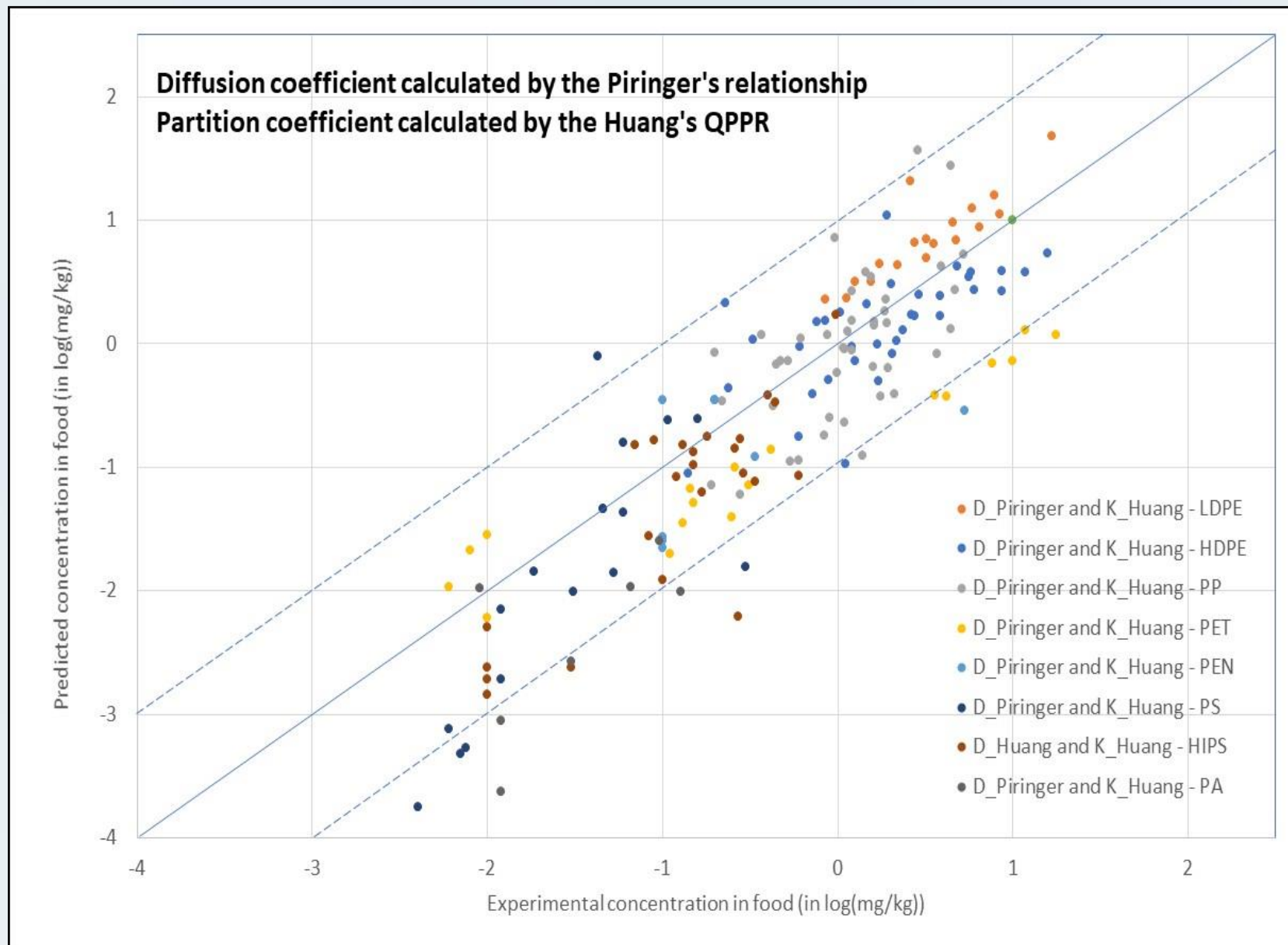
Table IV.II. Migration data from HDPE.

| PM/reference number | CAS number | Additive     | $M_r$ | $d$ (cm) | $c_{P,0}$ (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> ) | $T$ (°C) | $t$     | $m_{F,t}$ (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> ) exp. | $A'_p$ | Polymer: remarks <sup>1</sup> |
|---------------------|------------|--------------|-------|----------|----------------------------------|----------|---------|---------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 74240 (2)           | 31570-04-4 | Irgafos 168  | 646   | 0.2      | 1070                             | 80       | 1 h     | 0.89                                  | 11.3   | 0.946                         |
|                     |            |              |       |          |                                  |          | 2 h     | 1.26                                  | 11.3   | 0.946                         |
|                     |            |              |       |          |                                  |          | 3.5 h   | 1.70                                  | 11.4   | 0.946                         |
|                     |            |              |       |          |                                  |          | 6 h     | 2.36                                  | 11.5   | 0.946                         |
| 74240 (2)           | 31570-04-4 | Irgafos 168  | 646   | 0.2      | 1070                             | 80       | 6 h     | 2.36                                  | 11.5   | 0.946                         |
| 68320 (2)           | 2082-79-3  | Irganox 1076 | 531   | 0.2      | 2000                             | 40       | 4 days  | 3.84                                  | 11.9   | 0.948                         |
|                     |            |              |       |          |                                  |          | 10 days | 6.06                                  | 11.9   | 0.948                         |
|                     |            |              |       |          |                                  |          | 20 days | 8.70                                  | 11.9   | 0.948                         |





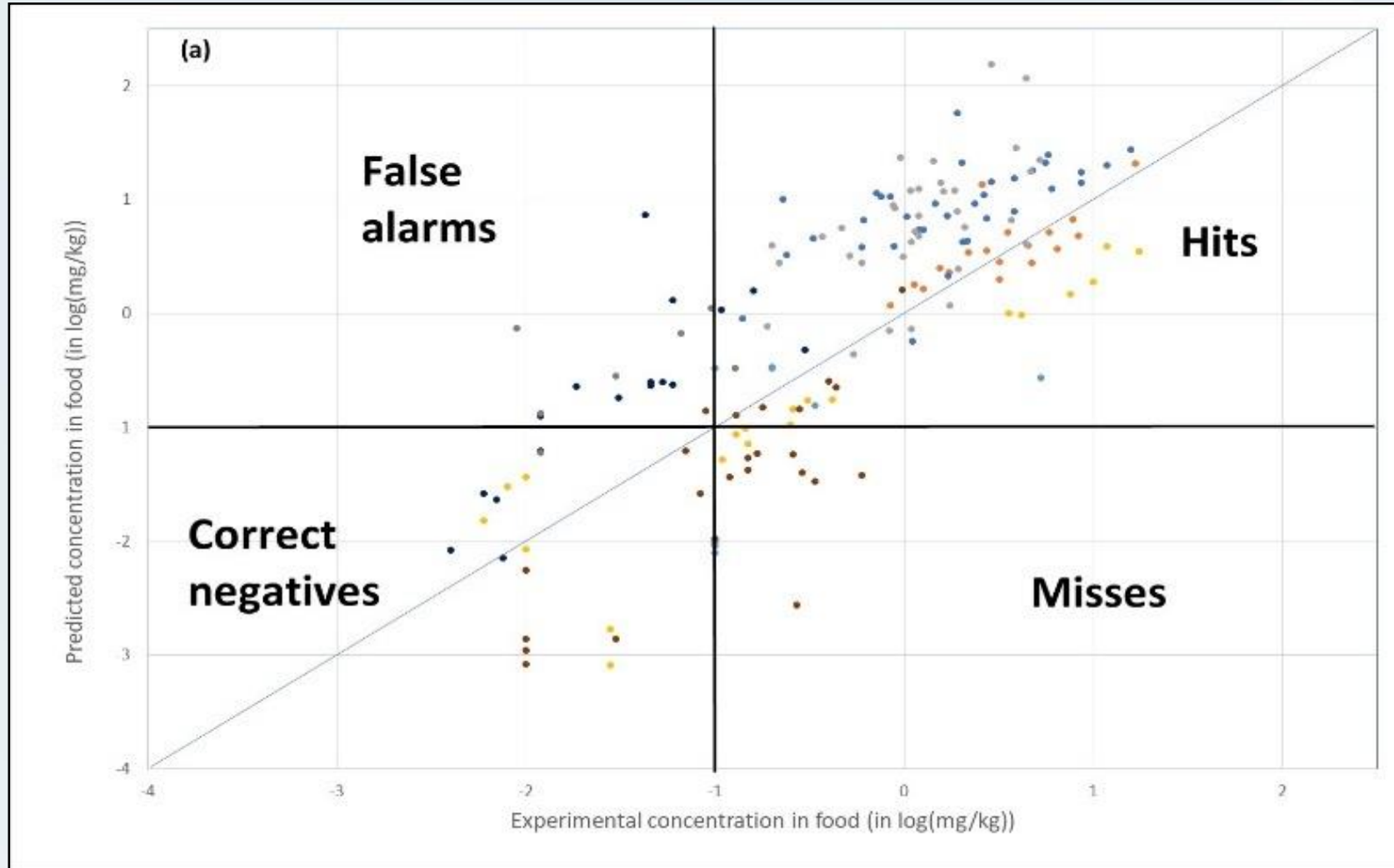
# VERMEER FCM: Migration model - validation





# VERMEER FCM: Migration model – Link with Regulation?

**Objective of the prediction:** to estimate if the concentration in food exceeds a given threshold (e.g.  $0.05 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$  food)





# VERMEER FCM: Migration model – Uncertainty analysis

## Best estimate of the parameter

| Name      | Value                   |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| Value     | 1.17E1                  |
| PDF       | norm(mean=11.7,sd=0.64) |
| Unit      | unitless                |
| Min value |                         |
| Max value |                         |

## Probability density function of the parameter

Random sampling (Monte Carlo) for each uncertain parameter

- 10000 (for example) random combinations of uncertain parameters
- 10000 simulations
- 10000 results (i.e. 10000  $C_{food}(t)$ )





# VERMEER FCM: Migration model

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### Modeling the migration of chemicals from food contact materials to food: The MERLIN-expo/VERMEER toolbox

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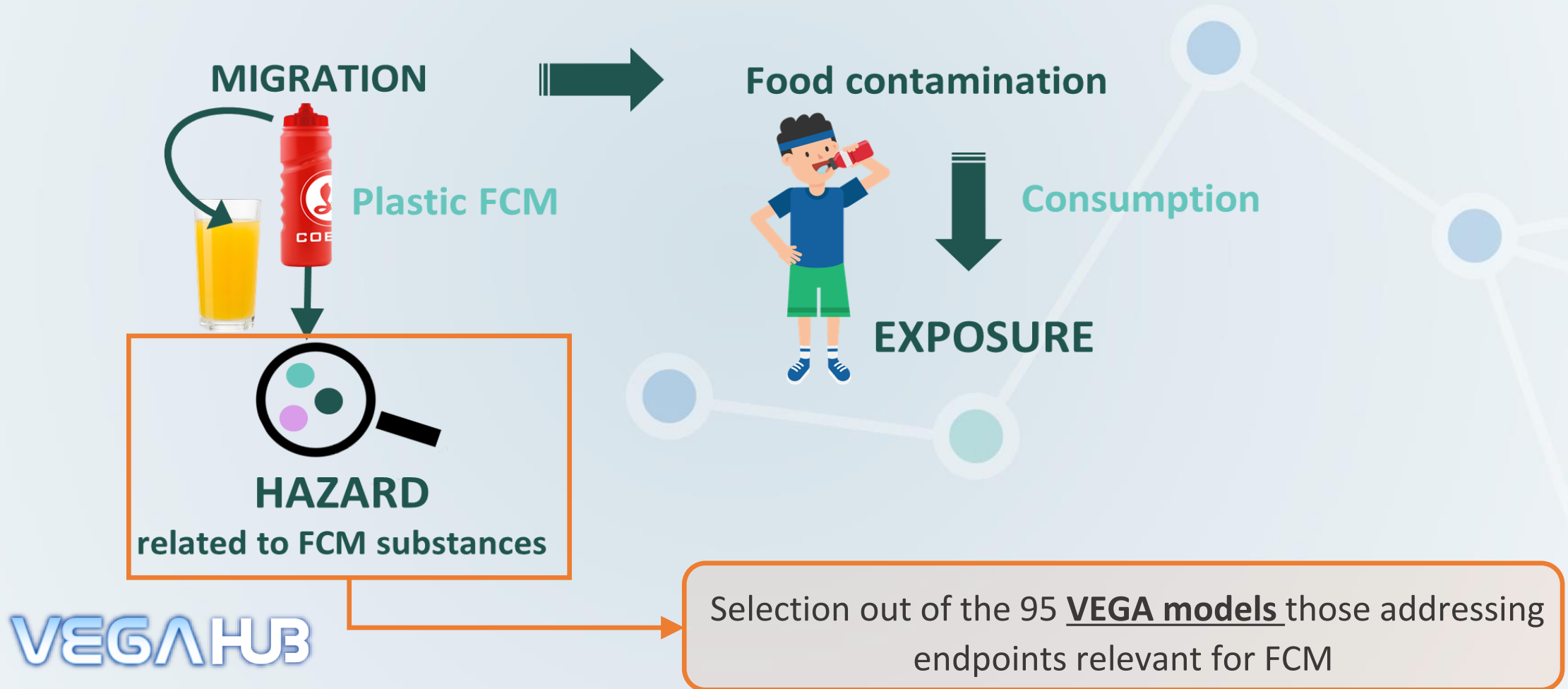
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# VERMEER FCM: Hazard models





# VERMEER FCM: Hazard models



## Toxicological requirements

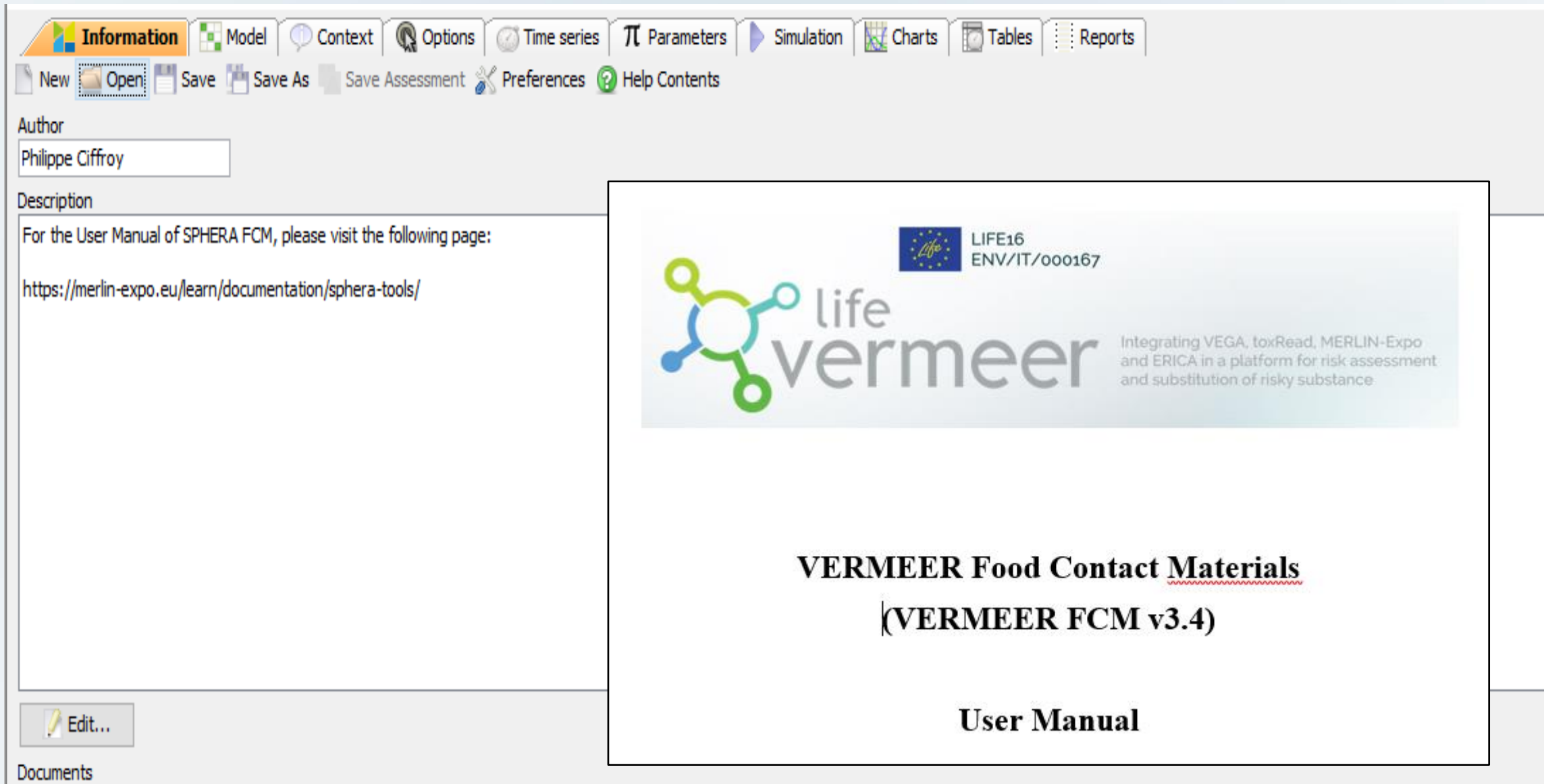
Described in Notes for Guidance for the preparation of an application for the safety assessment of a substance to be used in plastic FCM (EFSA 2008 – updated in 2017)

| Migration threshold                | Toxicological data required  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| $X < 0.05$ mg/kg food              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Genotoxicity data</li></ul>  |
| $0.05 \leq X < 5$ mg/kg food       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Genotoxicity data</li><li>• Subchronic oral toxicity data (90-day study)</li><li>• Data to demonstrate absence of accumulation potential in man</li></ul>  |
| $5$ mg/kg $\leq X < 60$ mg/kg food | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Genotoxicity data</li><li>• Subchronic oral toxicity data (90-day study)</li><li>• Toxicokinetic data</li><li>• Data on reproductive and developmental toxicity</li><li>• Data from long term toxicity/carcinogenicity studies</li></ul> |






# VERMEER FCM: Information




The screenshot shows the software interface with the following elements:

- Menu Bar:** Information (selected), Model, Context, Options, Time series, Parameters, Simulation, Charts, Tables, Reports.
- Toolbar:** New, Open, Save, Save As, Save Assessment, Preferences, Help Contents.
- Author:** Philippe Ciffroy
- Description:** For the User Manual of SPHERA FCM, please visit the following page:  
<https://merlin-expo.eu/learn/documentation/sphera-tools/>
- Buttons:** Edit...
- Documents:** (empty list)

The main content area displays the following information:



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Integrating VEGA, toxRead, MERLIN-Expo and ERICA in a platform for risk assessment and substitution of risky substance

**VERMEER Food Contact Materials**  
**(VERMEER FCM v3.4)**

**User Manual**

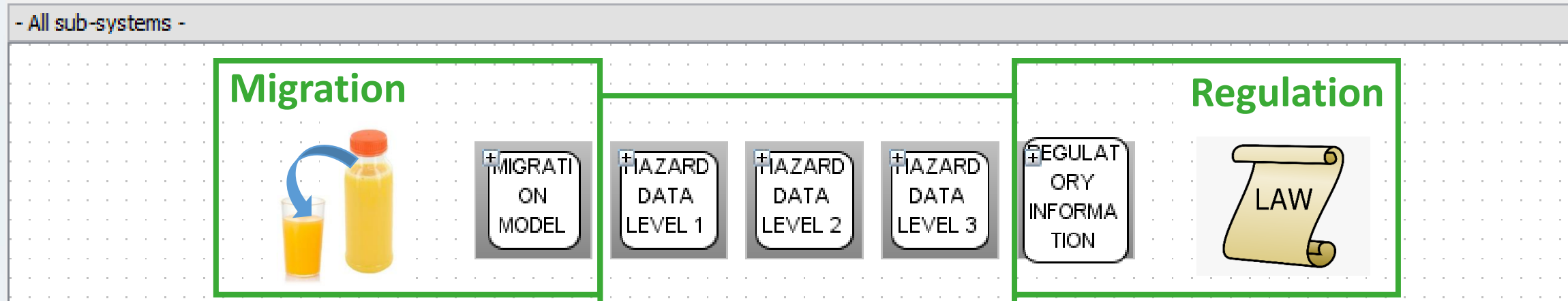




# VERMEER FCM: The tool

Information | **Model** | Context | Options | Time series | Parameters | Simulation | Charts | Tables | Reports

Manage library... Synchronize with library... Help Contents



Input VERMEER FCM  
Info related to chemical,  
FCM and food

## Hazard

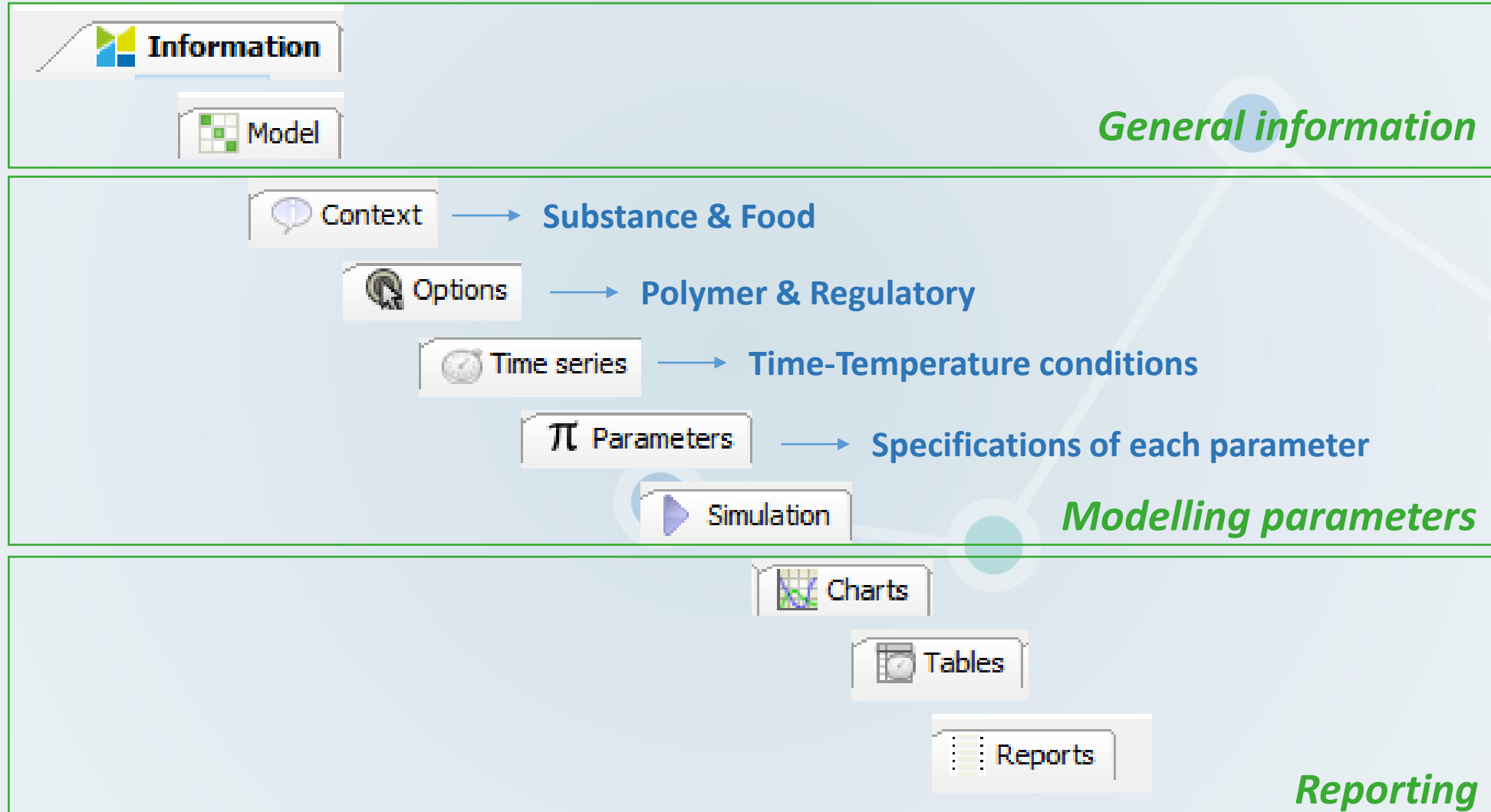


Output VERMEER FCM  
Regulatory info  
Migration estimates  
Toxicological prediction

Disable blocks you don't want to use



# MERLIN-Expo – VERMEER FCM





## Case study – Yoghurt container



Empty container made of polystyrene  
intended for milk products

### Migration of Tinuvin P (CAS: 2440-22-4)

2-(2-Hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)benzotriazole

Specifications of the FCM and food were available



JRC.I.02.Fom.CAT.032 – Edited: 18/12/2009 - Version 2 | Chemical Assessment and Testing Unit

Project: CRL-V 15014-31598

Report number: 2010/003

Previous Report: 2010/002

Project N°: 65 of CAT WP 2010

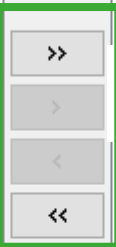
Intermediate Report No3  
of the  
Migration Modelling Course  
EU-RL Food Contact Materials



### Compounds

- Generic
  - 1,1,3-Tris(2-methyl-4-hydroxy-5-tert-butylphenyl) butane - (1843-03-4)
  - 1,1-Bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-di-tert-butylphenyl)ethane - (35958-30-6)
  - 1,3,5-Trimethyl-2,4,6-tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)benzene - (1709-70-2)
  - 2,2',2'-Nitrido[triethyl tris(3,3',5,5'-tetra-tert-butyl-1,1'-bi-phenyl-2,2'-diyl)phosphite] - (80410-33)
  - 2,2'-Ethylidenebis(4,6-di-tert-butyl phenyl) fluorophosphonite - (118337-09-0)
  - 2,4,6-Tris(tert-butyl)phenyl-2-butyl-2-ethyl-1,3-propanediol phosphite - (161717-32-4)
  - 2,5-Bis(5-tert-butyl-2-benzoxazolyl)thiophene - (7128-64-5)
  - 2-[2-Hydroxy-3,5-bis(1,1-dimethylbenzyl)phenyl]benzotriazole - (70321-86-7)
  - 2-Hydroxy-4-n-octyloxy benzophenone - (1843-05-6)
  - 3,5-Di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoic acid, hexadecyl ester - (67845-93-6)
  - 3,9-Bis[2-(3-(3-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)propionyloxy)-1,1-dimethylethyl]-2,4,8,10-tetraoxabenzocyclohexane - (23676-09-7)
  - 4-Ethoxybenzoic acid, ethyl ester - (23676-09-7)
  - Acrylic acid, 2-tert-butyl-6-(3-tert-butyl-2-hydroxy-5-methylbenzyl)-4-methylphenyl ester - (611-11-1)
  - alpha-Tocopherol - (59-02-9) - (10191-41-0)
  - Bis(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl)pentaerythritoldiphosphite - (26741-53-7)
  - Bis(4-ethylbenzylidene)sorbitol - (79072-96-1)
  - N,N'-Bis(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionyl)hydrazide - (32687-78-8)
  - N,N-Bis(2-hydroxyethyl)dodecanamide - (120-40-1)
  - Octadecyl 3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionate - (2082-79-3)
  - Pentaerytritol tetrakis(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionate) - (6683-19-8)
  - Phosphorous acid, bis(2,4-di-tert-butyl-6-methylphenyl) ethyl ester - (145650-60-8)
  - Phosphorous acid, tris(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl) ester - (31570-04-4)
  - Triethyleneglycol bis[3-(3-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)propionate] - (26442-68-2)
  - Triisopropanolamine - (122-20-3)

- Generic
  - 2-(2-Hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)benzotriazole



Select compound  
*Tinuvin P*

**Add new compound**

+ Add Remove

Scenario

**Add Compound**

Information

Name: Tinuvin P

Full name: 2-(2-Hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)benzotriazole

Category: [dropdown]

Type:  Organic  Metal

SMILES: CC1=CC(=C(C=C1)O)N2N=C3C=CC=CC3=N2

### Food

| Enabled                             | Name         | Type |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Chocolate    | Food |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Clear drinks | Food |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Dry pasta    | Food |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Milk         | Food |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Olive oil    | Food |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Orange juice | Food |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Tomato sauce | Food |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yoghurt      | Food |

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+ Add Food Remove

### People

| Enabled | Name | Descri |
|---------|------|--------|
|         |      |        |
|         |      |        |
|         |      |        |

Note: This panel is only relevant when modelling populations using the population intake or body models, and is empty until you have added one

+ Add Add many Remove





Compounds

- Generic
  - 1,1,3-Tris(2-methyl-4-hydroxy-5
  - 1,1-Bis(2-hydroxy-3,5-di-tert-bu
  - 1,3,5-Trimethyl-2,4,6-tris(3,5-di
  - 2,2',2'-Nitrilo[triethyl tris(3,3',5,5
  - 2,2'-Ethylidenebis(4,6-di-tert-but
  - 2,4,6-Tris(tert-butyl)phenyl-2-bu
  - 2,5-Bis(5-tert-butyl-2-benzoxazo
  - 2-[2-Hydroxy-3,5-bis(1,1-dimeth
  - 2-Hydroxy-4-n-octyloxy benzoph
  - 3,5-Di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzo
  - 3,9-Bis[2-(3-(3-tert-butyl-4-hydr
  - 4-Ethoxybenzoic acid, ethyl ester
  - Acrylic acid, 2-tert-butyl-6-(3-ter
  - alpha-Tocopherol - (59-02-9) - (1
  - Bis(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl)penta
  - Bis(4-ethylbenzylidene)sorbitol -
  - N,N'-Bis(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hy
  - N,N-Bis(2-hydroxyethyl)dodecan
  - Octadecyl 3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4
  - Pentaerytritol tetrakis(3-(3,5-di-t
  - Phosphorous acid, bis(2,4-di-tert
  - Phosphorous acid, tris(2,4-di-tert
  - Triethyleneglycol bis[3-(3-tert-bu
  - Triisopropanolamine - (122-20-3)

Food

| Enabled                             | Name         | Type | Description                  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Chocolate    | Food | Food ethanol equivalent = 70 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Clear drinks | Food | Food ethanol equivalent = 20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Dry pasta    | Food | Food ethanol equivalent = 35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Milk         | Food | Food ethanol equivalent = 60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Olive oil    | Food | Food ethanol equivalent = 95 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Orange juice | Food | Food ethanol equivalent = 40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Tomato sauce | Food | Food ethanol equivalent = 25 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yoghurt      | Food | Food ethanol equivalent = 50 |

Select food or simulant

+ Add Food Remove

Add new food: specify Food ethanol equivalent under parameters!

Yoghurt – 50% Ethanol

Note: This panel is only relevant when modelling exposure to populations using the population intake or body population models, and is empty until you have added one of them.

+ Add Add many Remove

Filter

Search

+ Add Remove



MIGRATION MODEL - B - PARAMETERS CHARACTERIZING DIFFUSION IN THE FCM

Choice of the "Calculated vs Measured" option for the Diffusion coefficient in FCM

Choice of the "Calculated vs Measured" option for the FCM-Food partition coefficient

Choice of the FCM type for the parameter "Contribution of the FCM to the diffusion activation energy"

Choice of the FCM type for the parameter "Diffusivity parameter"

REGULATORY INFORMATION - J - REGULATORY INFORMATION

A - Is the substance listed in EU Regulation 102011 - Annex 1?

B - Is a SML value proposed in EU Regulation 102011 - Annex 1

**Use default parameters for the diffusion/partition  
versus  
measured (in house) parameters**

*Measured parameters*

*Diffusion coefficient in FCM: 4,31E-14 cm<sup>2</sup>/s*

*FCM-Food Partition coefficient K: 1*



MIGRATION MODEL - B - PARAMETERS CHARACTERIZING DIFFUSION IN THE FCM

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## Select polymer type

*Polystyrene (PS)*



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## Regulatory information (cfr. Context) Regulation (EU) No. 10/2011

| (1)              | (2)     | (3)          | (4)   | (5)  | (6)   | (7)                     | (8)         | (9)                                   | (10)                            | (11)                                |
|------------------|---------|--------------|---|--|---|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| FCM substance No | Ref. No | CAS No       | Substance name                              | Use as additive or polymer production aid (yes/no) | Use as monomer or other starting substance or macromolecule obtained from microbial fermentation (yes/no) | FRF applicable (yes/no) | SML [mg/kg] | SML(T) [mg/kg] (Group restriction No) | Restrictions and specifications | Notes on verification of compliance |
| 444              | 61440   | 0002440-22-4 | 2-(2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)benzotriazole | yes  | no  | no                      |             | (12)                                  |                                 |                                     |

**Specific Migration Limit (SML): SML(T): 30 mg/kg**





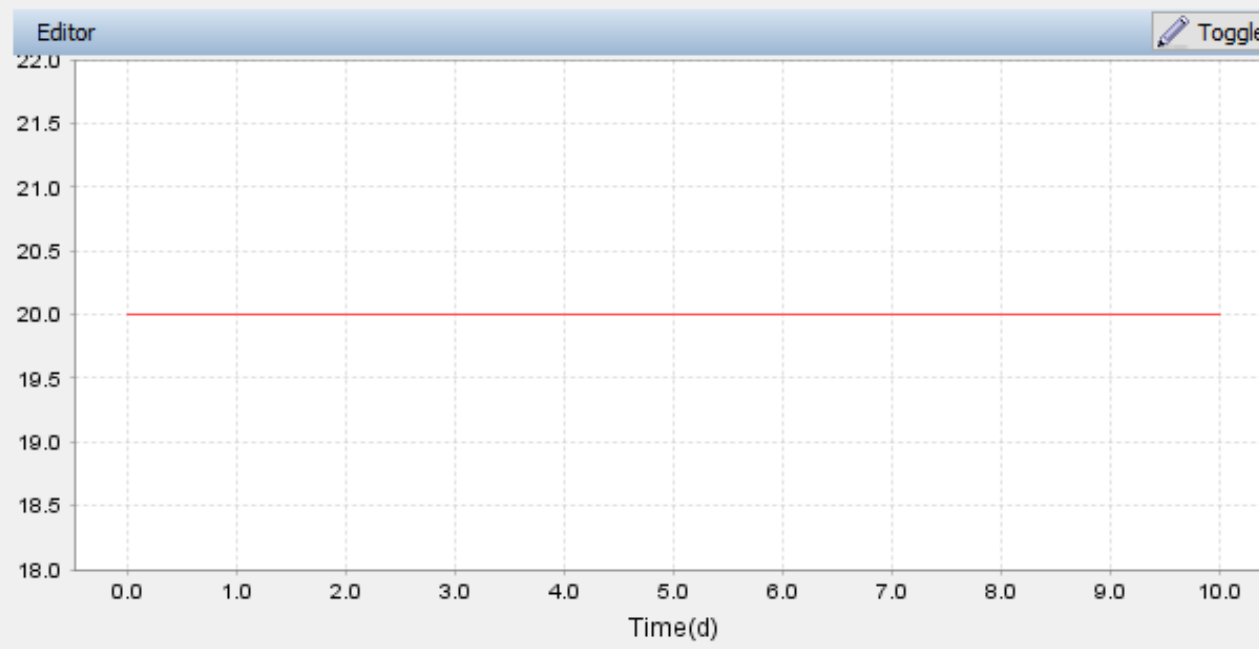
**Temperature (FCM)**  
Temperature is used in the calculation of the diffusion coefficient and the partition coefficient.

**Options**  
Interpolation **Use Input Above**  Cyclic

**Data**

| Time (d) | Value (°C) |
|----------|------------|
| 0        | 20         |
| 10       | 20         |

**Add time-temperature conditions**  
*10 days @ 20°C*





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- Contact area between FCM and Food
- Density of FCM**
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- Volume of food contained in FCM packaging
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- Diffusivity parameter of LDPE
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- Diffusivity parameter of PS
- Diffusivity parameter of the other polymer
- Measured diffusion coefficient
- Measured FCM-Food Partition coefficient (in log10 unit)
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- MIGRATION MODEL - C - PARAMETERS DESCRIBING THE CHEMICAL
- Initial concentration of the chemical in FCM
- Molar mass of the migrating chemical
- Octanol-Water partition coefficient (in log10) calculated by the MlogP model VEGA
- Octanol-Water partition coefficient (in log10) calculated by the MlogP model - ADI VEGA
- MIGRATION MODEL - D - PARAMETERS CHARACTERIZING THE FOOD
- Density of food
- Food Ethanol-equivalent
- HAZARD DATA LEVEL 1 - E - MUTAGENICITY
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- Mutagenicity qualitative prediction by the consensus VEGA model - ADI VEGA
- HAZARD DATA LEVEL 1 - F - IN VITRO MICRONUCLEUS ACTIVITY
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Density of FCM (A - PARAMETERS DESCRIBING THE GEOMETRY OF THE SYSTEM)  
Is used in the calculation of the partition coefficient K\_FCM\_Food

Data

| Name      | Value              |
|-----------|--------------------|
| Value     | 1.1E0              |
| PDF       |                    |
| Unit      | g cm <sup>-3</sup> |
| Min value |                    |
| Max value |                    |

*For several parameters:*

*Best estimates (or default) values proposed by VERMEER*

*FCM – Value can be changed to own value*

*Probability Density Function (PDF):*

*Optional, to be used when parameters are uncertain*

*(probabilistic approach)*

Name  
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Category  
- All categories -

Tags  
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Sub-system  
- All sub-systems -





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**MIGRATION MODEL - C - PARAMETERS DESCRIBING THE CHEMICAL**

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Molar mass of the migrating chemical

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Octanol-Water partition coefficient (in log10) calculated by the MlogP model - ADI **VEGA**

**MIGRATION MODEL - D - PARAMETERS CHARACTERIZING THE FOOD**

Density of food

Food Ethanol-equivalent

*Automatically calculated by* **VEGA**



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*Quantitative/qualitative value of the prediction*

HAZARD DATA LEVEL 3 - H - CARCINOGENICITY

Carcinogenicity qualitative prediction by the ANTARES model **VEGA**

Carcinogenicity qualitative prediction by the ANTARES model - ADI **VEGA**

*Indication of confidence related with prediction*

Carcinogenicity qualitative prediction by the CAESAR model **VEGA**

Carcinogenicity qualitative prediction by the CAESAR model - ADI **VEGA**

Carcinogenicity qualitative prediction by the IRFMN oral classification model **VEGA**

Carcinogenicity qualitative prediction by the IRFMN oral classification model - ADI **VEGA**

Carcinogenicity qualitative prediction by the ISSCAN model **VEGA**

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Carcinogenicity quantitative oral slope factor prediction by the IRFMN model **VEGA**

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HAZARD DATA LEVEL 3 - I - DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY

Developmental Reproductive toxicity PG **VEGA**

Developmental Reproductive toxicity PG ADI **VEGA**

Development qualitative prediction by the CAESAR model **VEGA**

Development qualitative prediction by the CAESAR model - ADI **VEGA**

*Automatic determination*







HAZARD DATA LEVEL 1 - E - MUTAGENICITY

Mutagenicity qualitative prediction by the consensus VEGA model **VEGA**

Mutagenicity qualitative prediction by the consensus VEGA model - ADI **VEGA**

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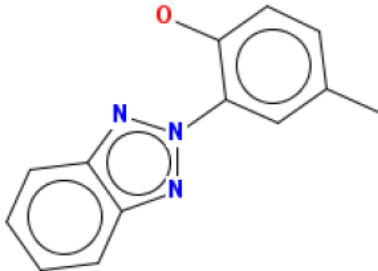
Material

2-(2-Hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)be

## 1. Prediction Summary



### Prediction for compound

|   |   |
|---|---|
|  | <p>Prediction: <span style="color: red;">●</span></p> <p><b>Prediction is Mutagenic with a consensus score of 0.3, based on 4 models.</b></p> |
|---|---|

Compound:  
 Compound SMILES: Oc1ccc(cc1n2nc3ccccc3(n2))C  
 Used models: 4  
 Predicted Consensus Mutagen activity: Mutagenic  
 Mutagenic Score: 0.3  
 Non-Mutagenic Score: 0.1  
 Model Caesar assessment: Mutagenic (moderate reliability)  
 Model ISS assessment: NON-Mutagenic (low reliability)  
 Model SarPy assessment: Possible NON-Mutagenic (low reliability)  
 Model KNN assessment: Mutagenic (moderate reliability)

consensus score: 0.3)

Report

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HAZARD DATA LEVEL 1 - F - MUTAGENICITY

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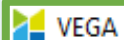
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log(NOAE) quant

log(NOAE) quant

HAZARD DATA LEV

Carcinogenicity q



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NOAEL (IRFMN/CORAL)  
Quantitative model for NOAEL

Material

2-(2-Hydroxy-5-methylph

Carcinogenicity q

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HAZARD DATA LEV

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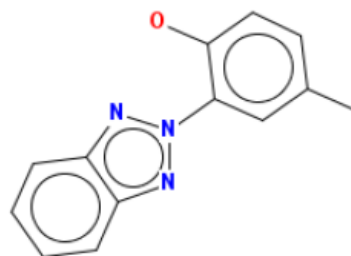
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## 1. Prediction Summary



### Prediction for compound



Prediction: Reliability:

Prediction is -0.783, but the result may be not reliable. A check of the information given in the following section should be done, paying particular attention to the following issues:

- only moderately similar compounds with known experimental value in the training set have been found
- accuracy of prediction for similar molecules found in the training set is not optimal
- some similar molecules found in the training set have experimental values that disagree with the predicted value
- the maximum error in prediction of similar molecules found in the training set has a moderate value, considering the experimental variability
- a prominent number of atom centered fragments of the compound have not been found in the compounds of the training set or are rare fragments (4 unknown fragments found)

Compound:

Compound SMILES: Oc1ccc(cc1n2nc3ccccc3(n2))C

Experimental value [-log(mg/kg)]: -

Predicted NOAEL [-log(mg/kg)]: -0.783

Predicted NOAEL [mg/kg]: 6.07

Experimental NOAEL [mg/kg]: -

Reliability: the predicted compound is outside the Applicability Domain of the model

Remarks:

none

| ts      | Assessment               | Report      |
|---------|--------------------------|-------------|
| (mg/kg) | -0.783 (low reliability) | Show report |





Run Simulation settings... Probabilistic settings... Sensitivity analysis settings... Help Contents

Basic settings

Start time  
0.0 Days

End time  
10.0 Days

Simulation type

- Deterministic
- Probabilistic
- Sensitivity analysis
- Scenarios

Number of simulations 10000

Information

**Start simulation**

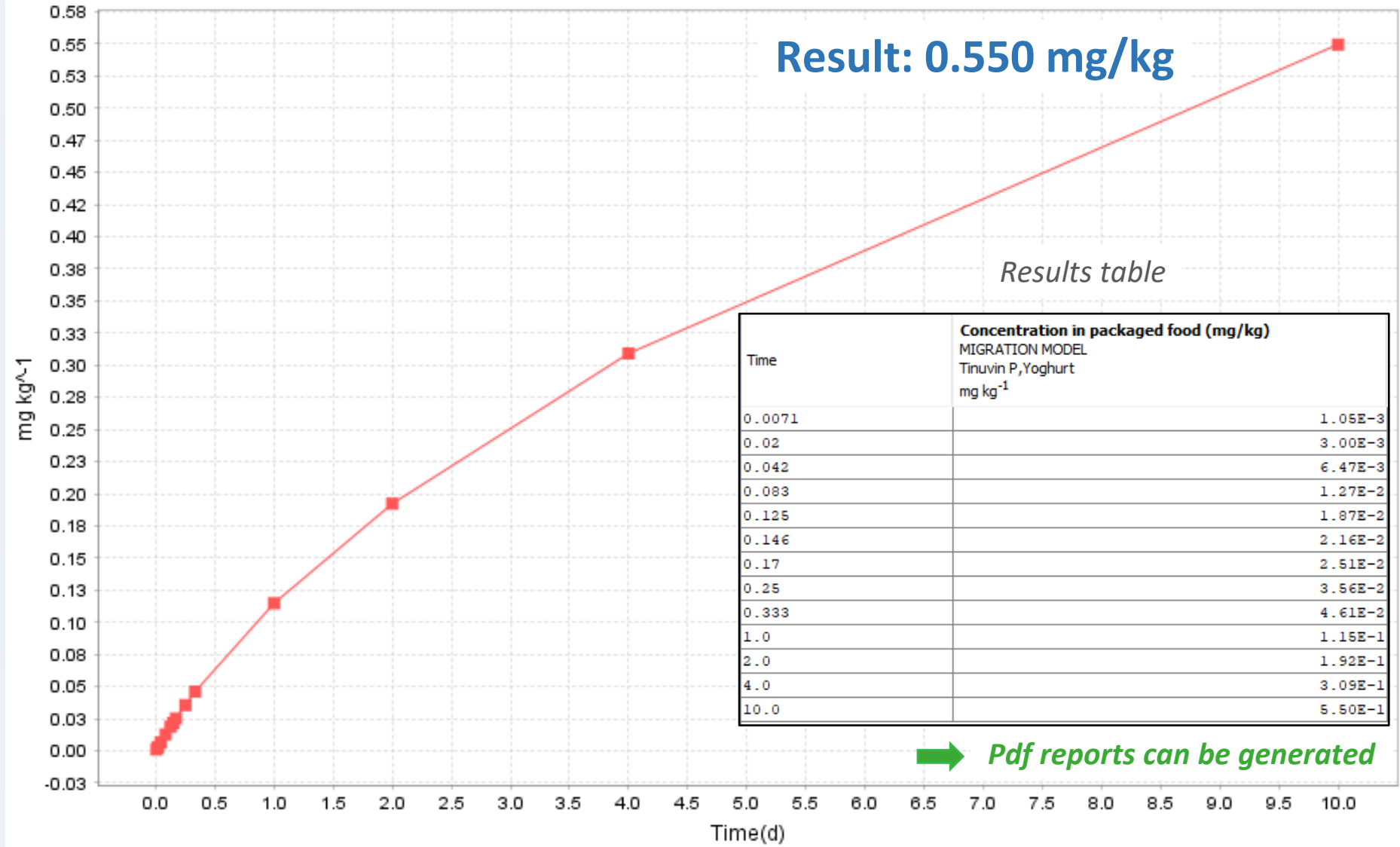
Errors

| Source   | Object | Description |
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| <b>In case of errors, they will be listed here</b> |        |             |



Concentration in packaged food (mg/kg)

**Result: 0.550 mg/kg**



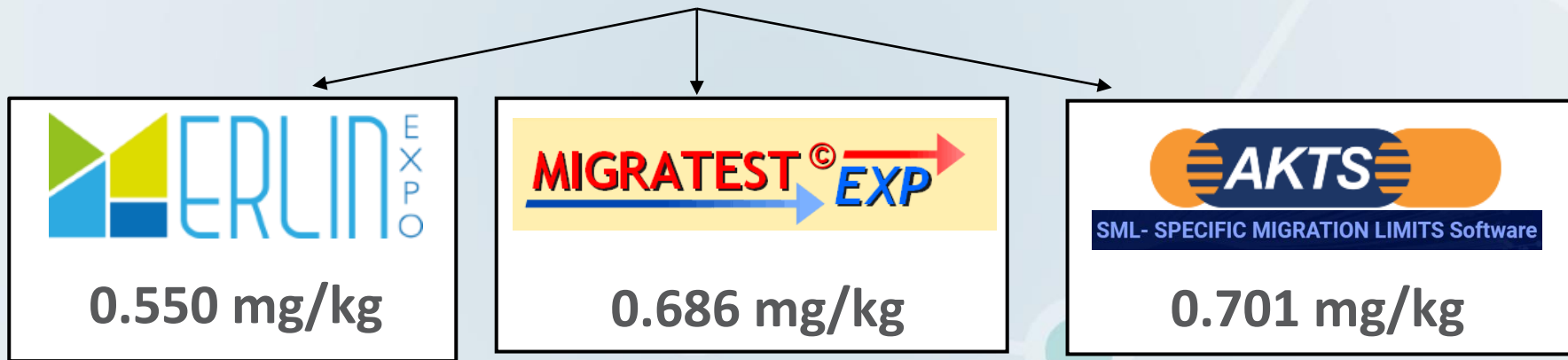
Results table

| Time   | Concentration in packaged food (mg/kg)<br>MIGRATION MODEL<br>Tinuvin P, Yoghurt<br>mg kg <sup>-1</sup> |
|--------|--|
| 0.0071 | 1.05E-3  |
| 0.02   | 3.00E-3  |
| 0.042  | 6.47E-3  |
| 0.083  | 1.27E-2  |
| 0.125  | 1.87E-2  |
| 0.146  | 2.16E-2  |
| 0.17   | 2.51E-2  |
| 0.25   | 3.56E-2  |
| 0.333  | 4.61E-2  |
| 1.0    | 1.15E-1  |
| 2.0    | 1.92E-1  |
| 4.0    | 3.09E-1  |
| 10.0   | 5.50E-1  |

➔ Pdf reports can be generated

■ MIGRATION MODEL. Concentration in packaged food (mg/kg)[Tinuvin P][Yoghurt]





*The result obtained with  
VERMEER FCM is similar compared  
to the other results*



## Mutagenicity

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- HAZARD DATA LEVEL 1
  - Probability of genotoxicity predicted by the IRFMN model
  - Probability of mutagenicity predicted by the VEGA consensus model
- HAZARD DATA LEVEL 2
- HAZARD DATA LEVEL 3
- MIGRATION MODEL
  - Concentration in packaged food (mg/kg)
  - Ratio between the concentration in food and the Specific Migration Limit (SML)
- time

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|               | Probability of mutagenicity predicted by the VEGA consensus model |
|---------------|---|
| External food | HAZARD DATA LEVEL 1<br>Tinuvin P                                  |
| Yoghurt       | 6.50E-1   |

Tinuvin P predicted as mutagenic but with low reliability

## Carcinogenicity

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- HAZARD DATA LEVEL 1
- HAZARD DATA LEVEL 2
  - NOAEL (mg/kg)
- HAZARD DATA LEVEL 3
  - Carcinogenicity quantitative oral slope factor prediction by the IRFMN model
  - Carcinogenicity\_oral\_slope\_factor
  - Probability of carcinogenicity predicted by the ANTARES model
  - Probability of carcinogenicity predicted by the CAESAR model
  - Probability of carcinogenicity predicted by the consensus model
  - Probability of carcinogenicity predicted by the IRFMN oral classification
  - Probability of carcinogenicity predicted by the ISS model
  - Probability of carcinogenicity predicted by the ISSCAN model

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|               | Probability of carcinogenicity predicted by the CAESAR model |
|---------------|--|
| External food | HAZARD DATA LEVEL 3<br>Tinuvin P                             |
| Yoghurt       | 5.00E-1  |

Carcinogenic potential of Tinuvin P unknown



Extra guidance on how hazard data need to be interpreted will be added to the VERMEER FCM tool



# Further validation of VERMEER FCM

## Which type of migration data do we need?

### 1. Experimental migration values + info on associated parameters

- Parameters describing geometry of the system
  - Contact area between FCM and food
  - Density of FCM
  - Thickness FCM layer
  - Volume Food
- FCM parameters
  - Nature of FCM (default values for diffusivity parameter & Specific contribution of the polymer matrix to the diffusion activation energy)
- Chemical parameters
  - Initial concentration in FCM
  - Molar mass
- Food parameters
  - Density of the food





# Further validation of VERMEER FCM

Which type of migration data do we need?

2. FCM material to perform migration tests + information on different parameters



**If you are willing to contribute, don't hesitate to contact us!**





# Possible applications of VERMEER FCM



- Model migration of compound of interest to have an indication on type and amount of toxicological data needed
- Evaluate impact of modifications in characteristics of polymer on migration
- Model migration of compound for different types of food packed in the FCM
- ...



- Evaluate possible hazards for compound of interest
- Evaluate possible hazards of NIAS



- Check quickly whether compound of interest is included in Annex I
- Collect info on SML (if available) and restricted use for compound of interest



# Future of VERMEER FCM

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Development of a semi-automated workflow including (Q)SAR models to support the risk assessment of non-evaluated food contact material substances

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### RISK ASSESSMENT

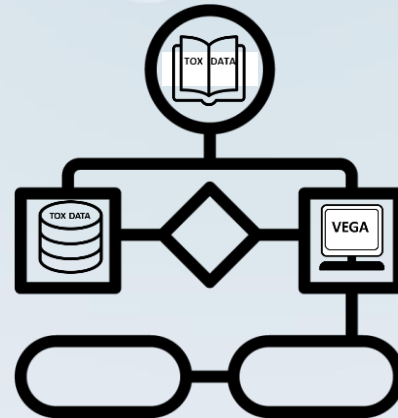
#### Regulatory information

#### Available toxicological data in a (non)-FCM context

- Endocrine disrupting activity
- Genotoxicity and carcinogenicity data
- Health based guidance values (HBGV)
- Reference points (RP)
- Cramer classifications (*cf. TCC approach*)

*In silico* predictions using **VEGAHUB**

#### HAZARD



#### EXPOSURE





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