

Sustainable Nanotechnologies

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Stochastic software for (env.)exposure, (eco)tox and (env.)risk

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Outline

Ecotox

- User tool on PSSD (probabilistic species sensitivity distributions)

Briefly something to the method

R-package (incl. version for Excel users)

GUI (graphical user interface)

Environmental release/exposure/(risk)

- User tool on PMFA (probabilistic material flow analysis)

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GUI

- Discussion on strengths and next improvement steps, terms of use

PSSD tools

Probabilistic Species Sensitivity Distribution (PSSD) Package

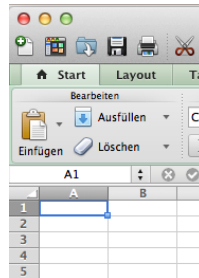


Documentation for package 'PSSD' version 1.0.0

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Help Pages

createPNECModell	createPNECModell
createPSSDModell	createPSSDModell
loadSpeciesDataFromExcel	loadSpeciesDataFromExcel
plotCdf	plotCdf
plotPdf	plotPdf
plotPdfPNEC	plotPdfPNEC
rawSpeciesData	rawSpeciesData
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PSSD input

Add Species

Name of species

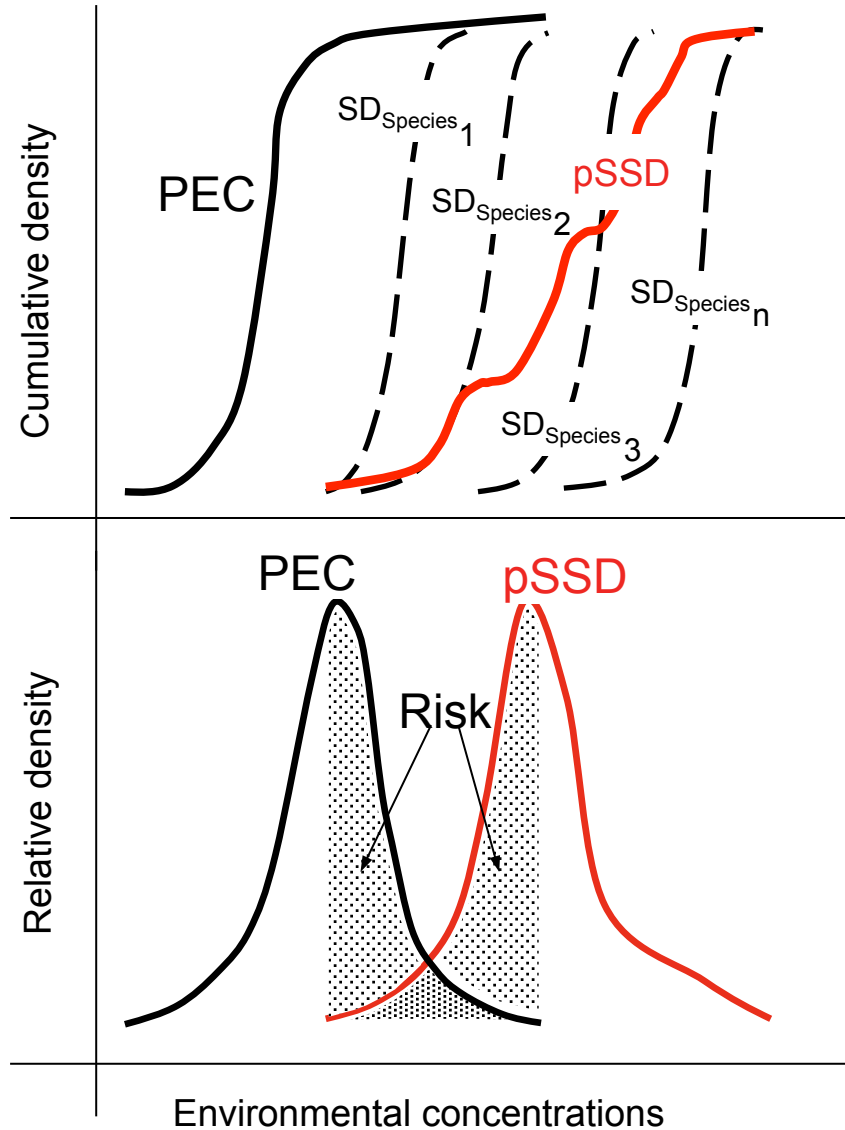
Select endpoint

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Probabilistic Species Sensitivity Distributions (PSSD) modeling: for risk calculation



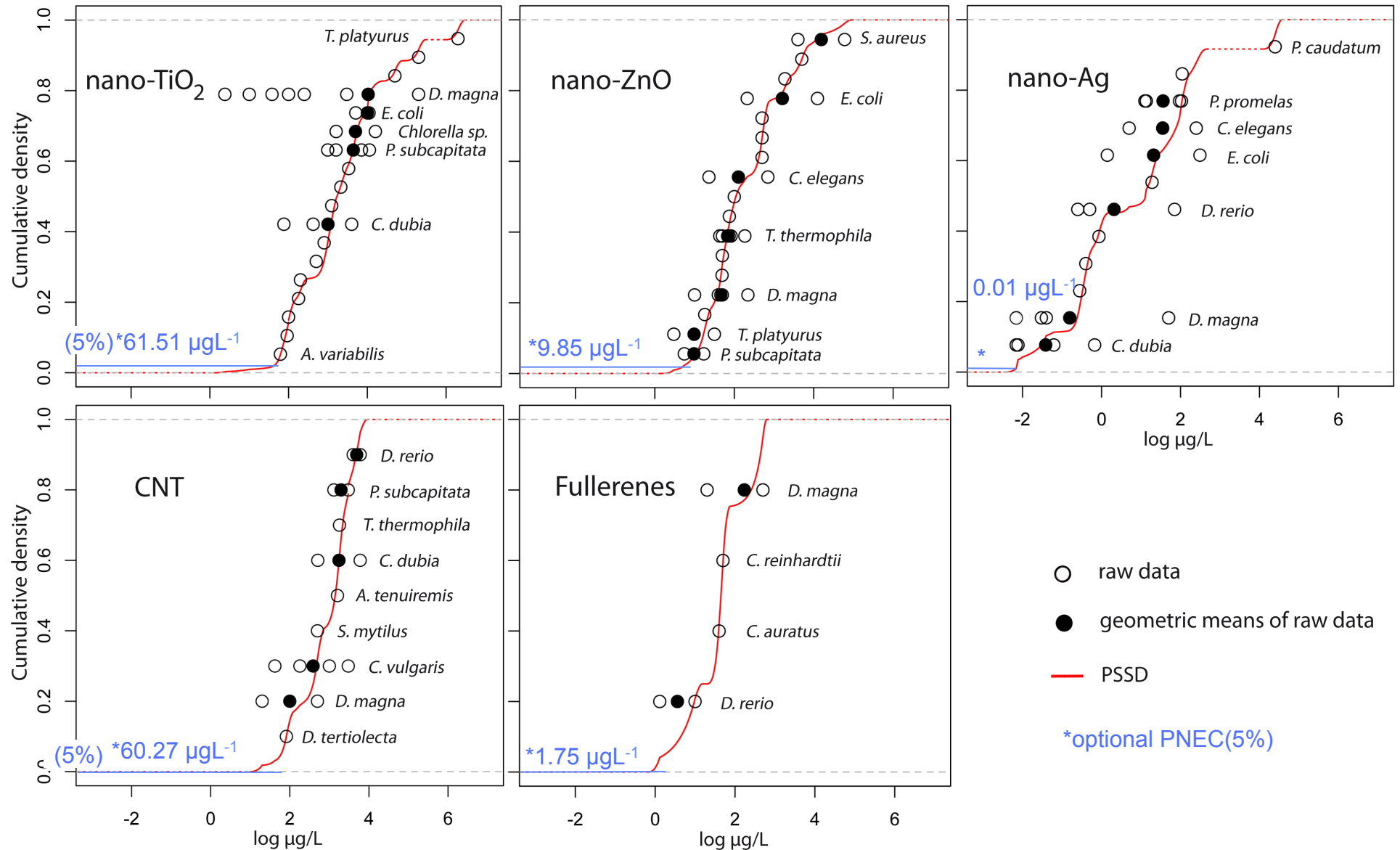
Wang et al. 2016. Science of the Total Environment.

Coll et al. 2015. Nanotoxicology.

Gottschalk & Nowack 2013. Integrated Environmental Assessment and Management.

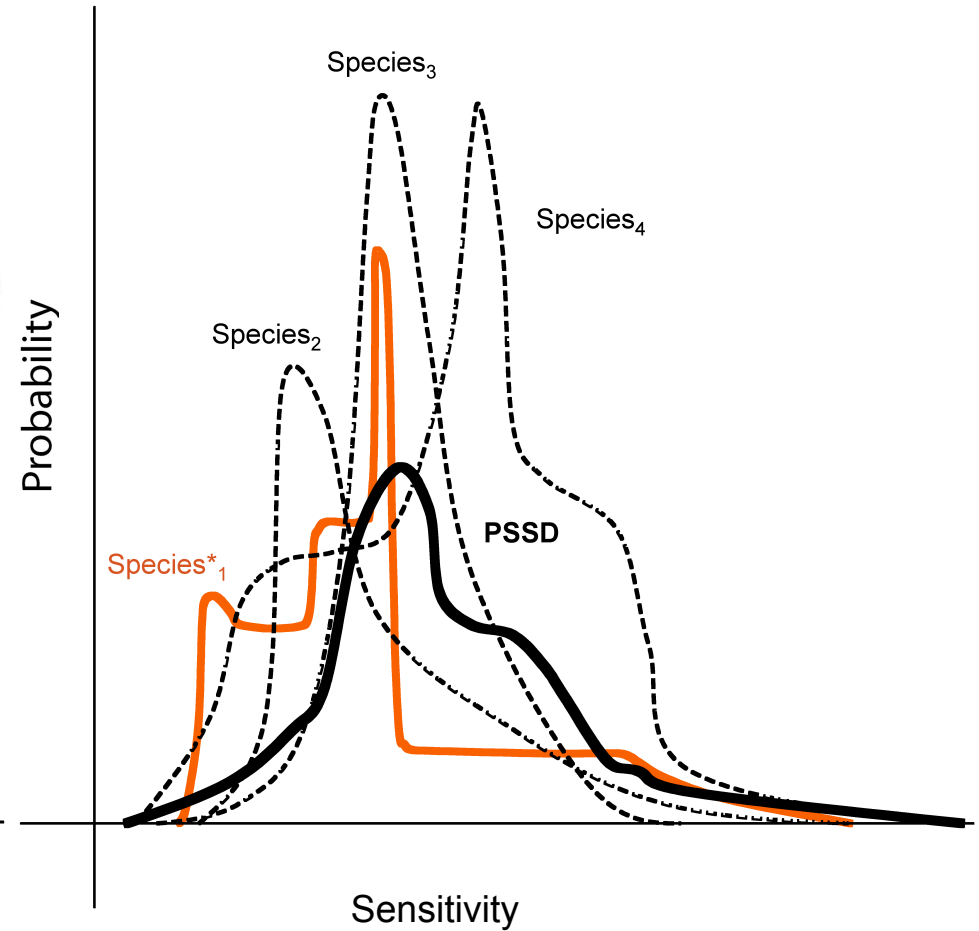
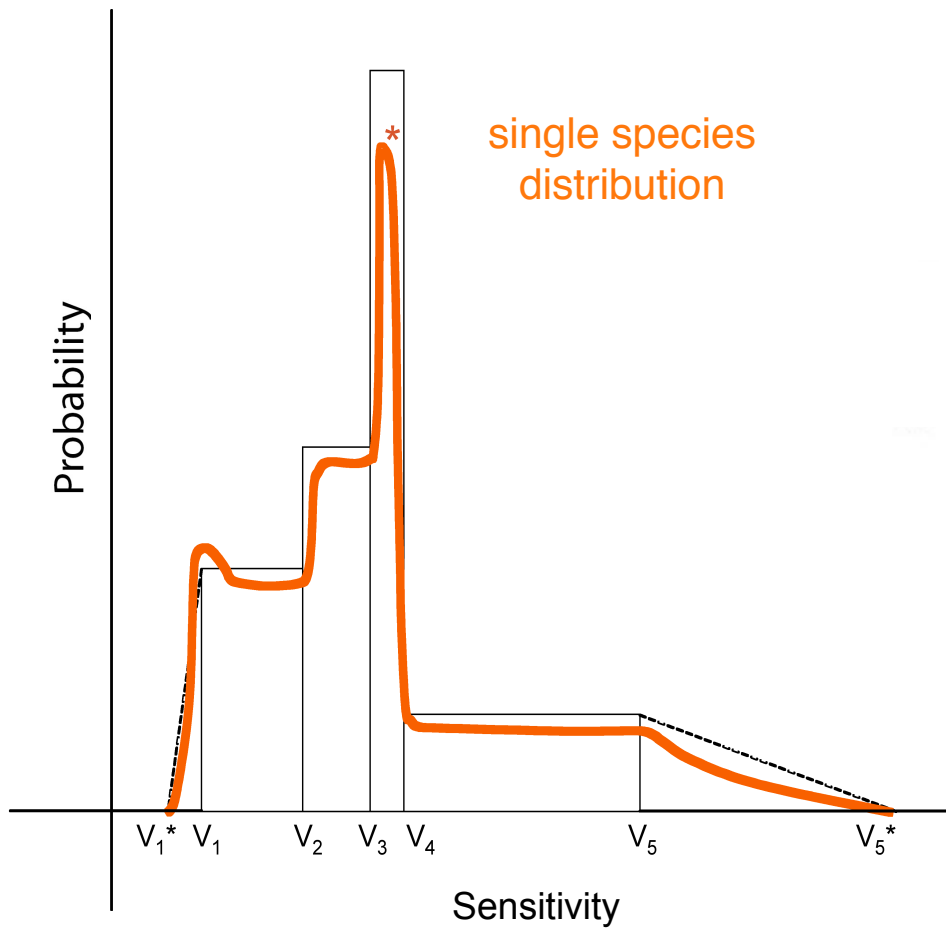
Gottschalk et al. 2013. Environ. Toxicol. Chem.

First PSSD simulations in 2013



Modeling procedure

PSSD for species (representing an environmental compartment)



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Data needed for PSSD

1. Toxicological endpoints and assessment factors (AF)

 Data Table  Plot VPSSD  Plot VPNEC

	Species name	Toxic Endpoint	Concentration	Unit of Endpoint	AF short-long	AF observed-effect	AF lab-nature	Species Sensitivity
1	Curcubita pepo, zucchini	HONEC	5000000	micro/l	1	1	1	5e+06
2	Eisenia veneta, earthworm	EC50	176000	micro/l	1	10	1	17600
3	x	LC50		micro/l	1	1	1	
4	x	LC50		micro/l	1	1	1	
5	x	LC50		micro/l	1	1	1	

2. Uncertainty and variability on such data (as shown in the next slide)

Assessment factors (uncertainty/variability factors) for PSSD

Assessment Factor (AF)

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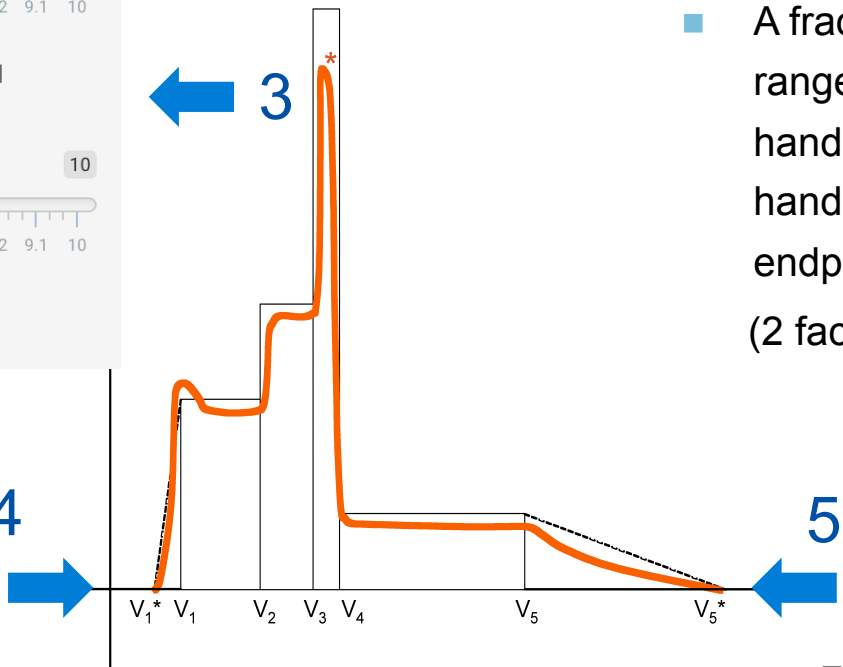
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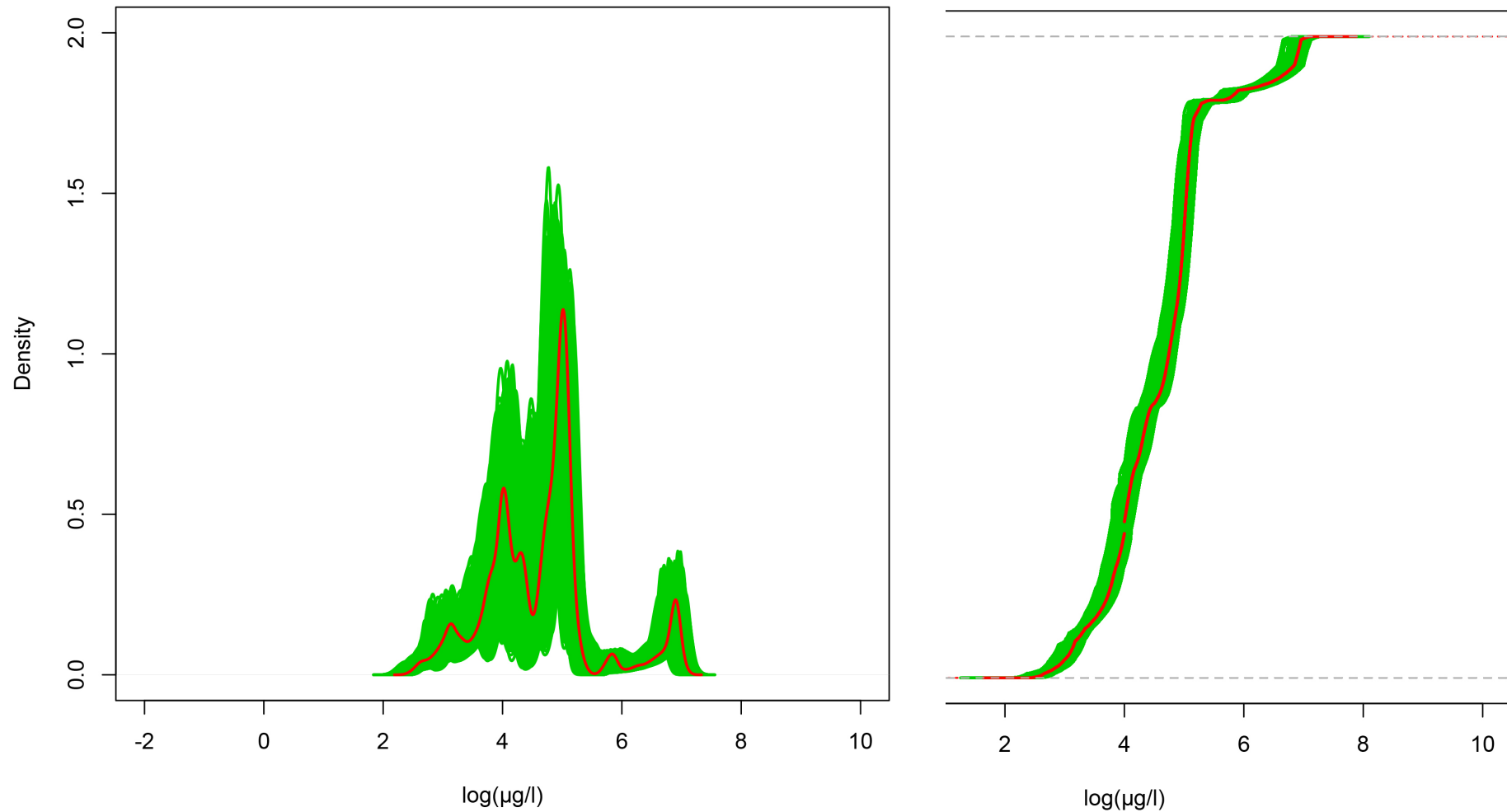
- Confidence intervals as a fraction that reflects the uncertainty range on both sides of the assessment factors (3 factors)
- A fraction that reflects the uncertainty range (confidence interval) on the left hand side of the lowest and the right hand side of the highest toxicological endpoint used for one single species (2 factors)

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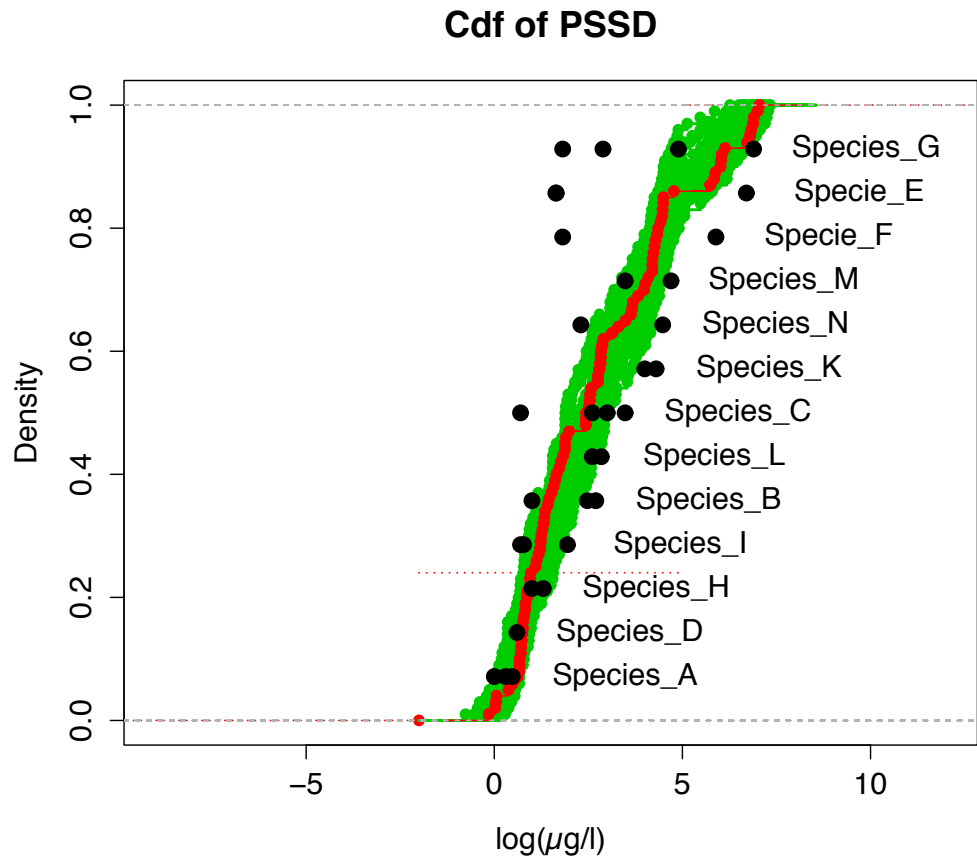
Typical PSSD simulation outputs

Exercise output based on unadjusted Empa data for nano-SiO₂



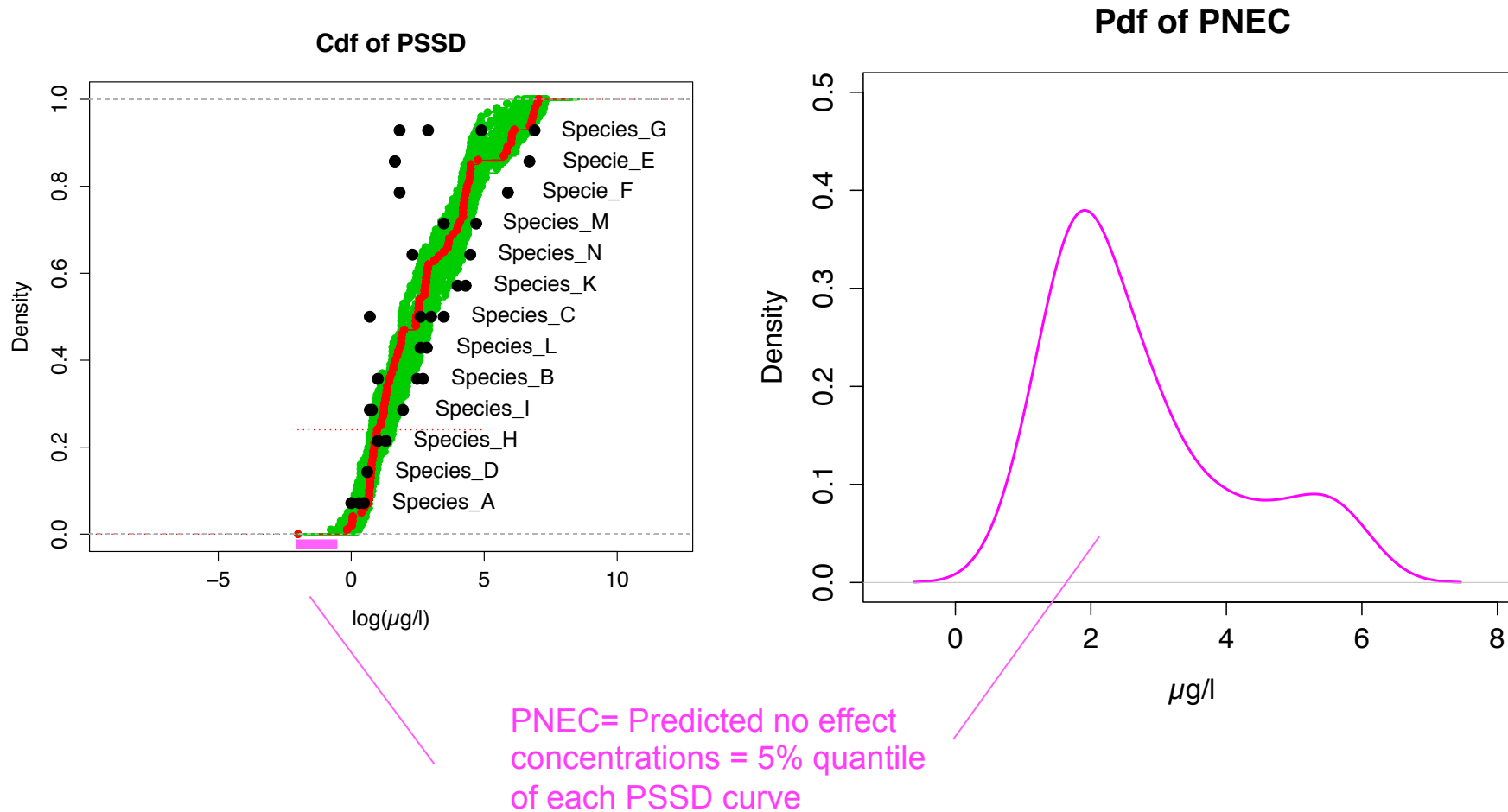
PSSD simulation outputs cont.

Fictional R-package output



PSSD simulation outputs cont.

Fictional R-package output examples

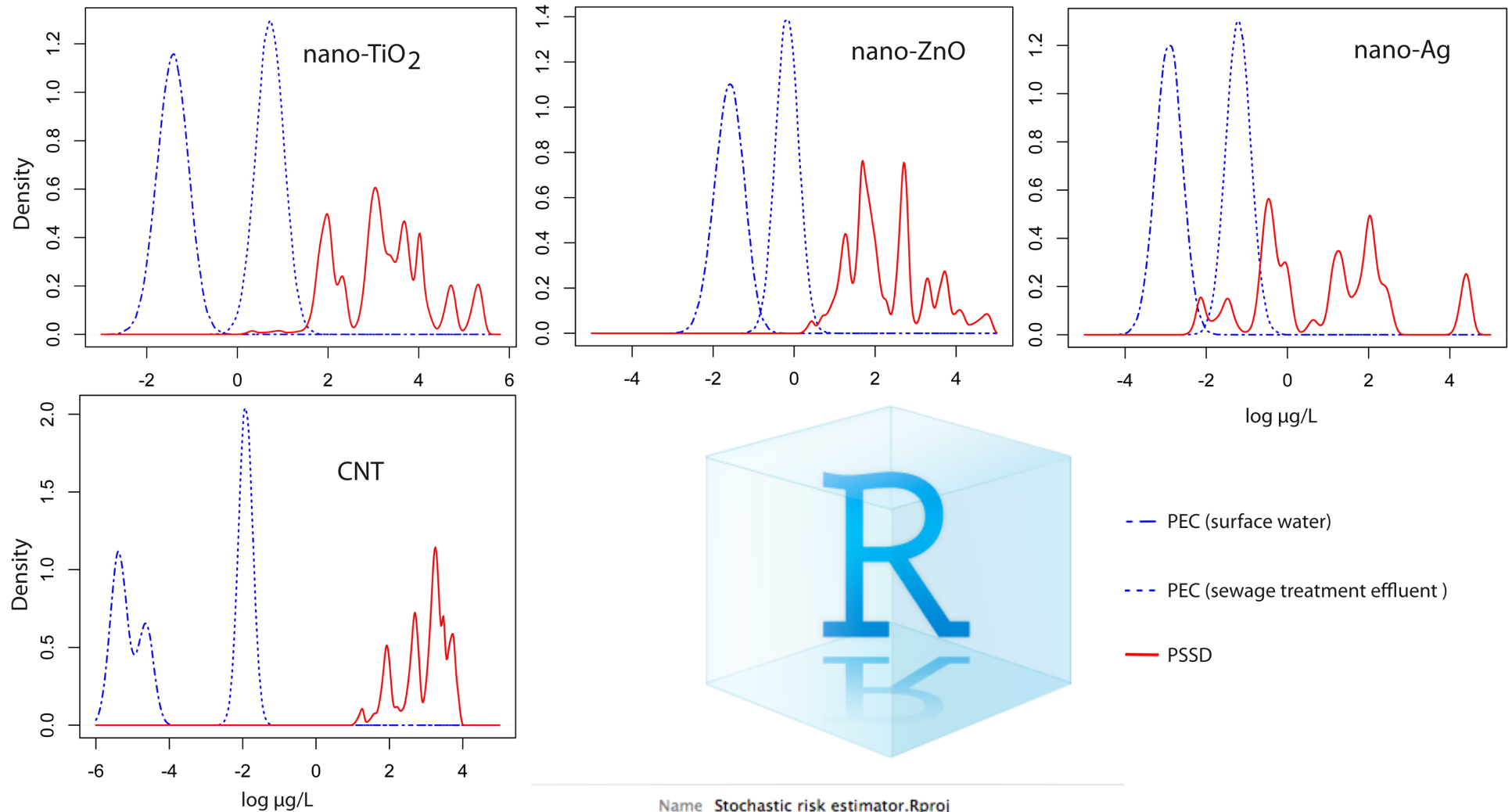


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PSSD simulations in risk quantifications

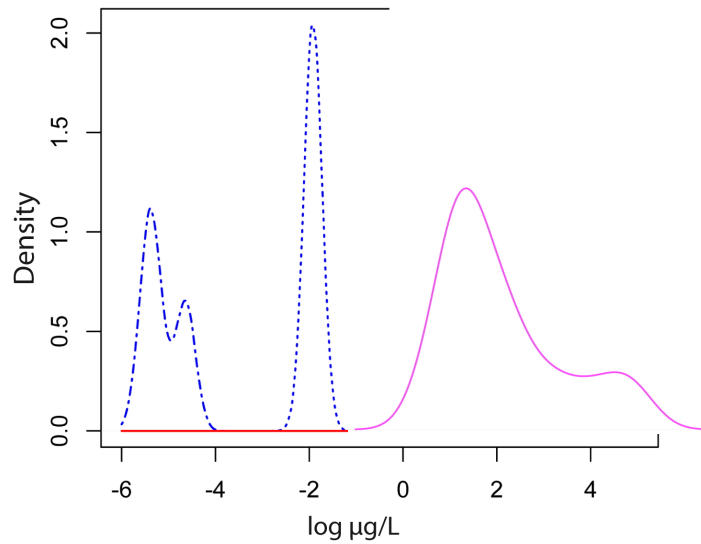
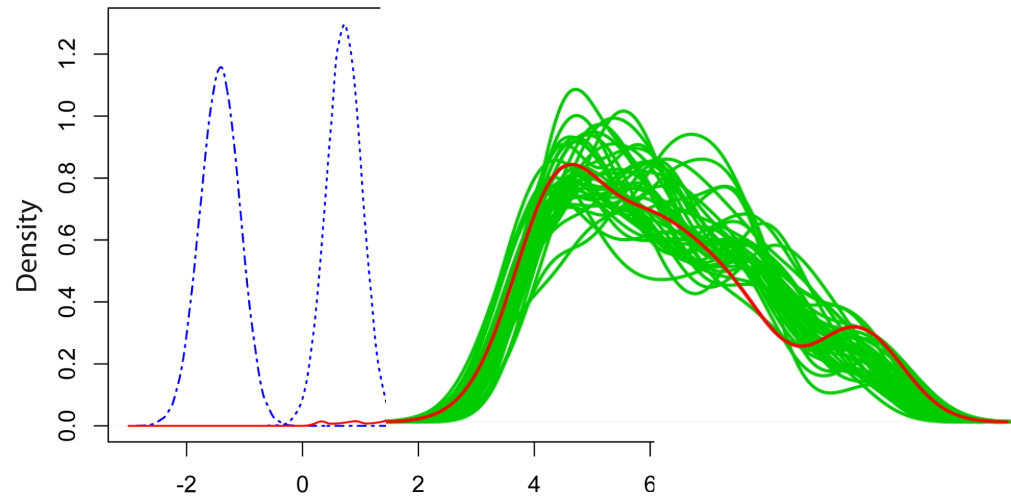
First quantifications in 2013



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PSSD simulations in risk quantifications cont.



- - PEC (surface water)
- - - PEC (sewage treatment effluent)
- PSSD PNEC

Short and simplified demonstration PSSD R-Package

createPSSDModell {PSSD}

R Documentation

createPSSDModell

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Value

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Short and simplified demonstration PSSD GUI

PSSD input

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Name of species

Select endpoint

NOEC

Select numeric endpoint

Select metric unit for endpoint

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PMFA tools

Probabilistic Material Flow Analysis (PMFA)

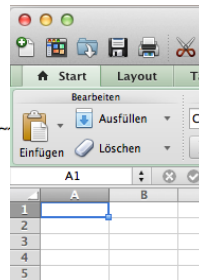


Documentation for package 'PMFA' version 1.0.0

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Help Pages

PMFA-package	What the package does (short line) ~~~ package title ~~~
createFateBox	createFateBox
createInputBox	createInputBox
createPMFAModell	createPMFAModell
createTransferBox	createTransferBox
Fate	Fate
Input	Input
loadExcelData	loadExcelData
Message	Message State of Simulation
PlotStatesVolumesTransfers	PlotStatesVolumesTransfers
PMFA	What the package does (short line) ~~~ package title ~~~
Transfer	Transfer



PMFA input

Settings | Data Tables | Plot Flow Chart | Plot Predicted Concentrations

Basic Settings

Name of material:

Metric unit: Metric unit material input

Material input: Material input into the system

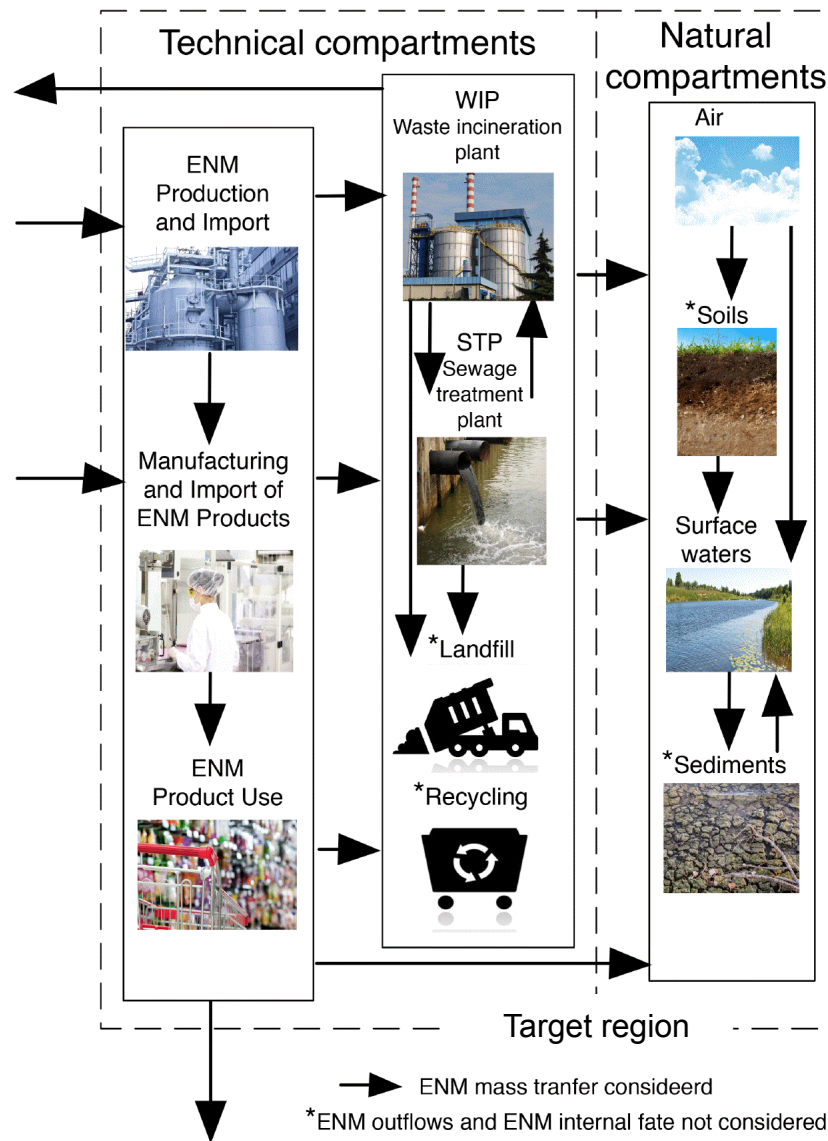
Add material use category

Name of category:

Percentage of total use: Distribution of percentage of total use

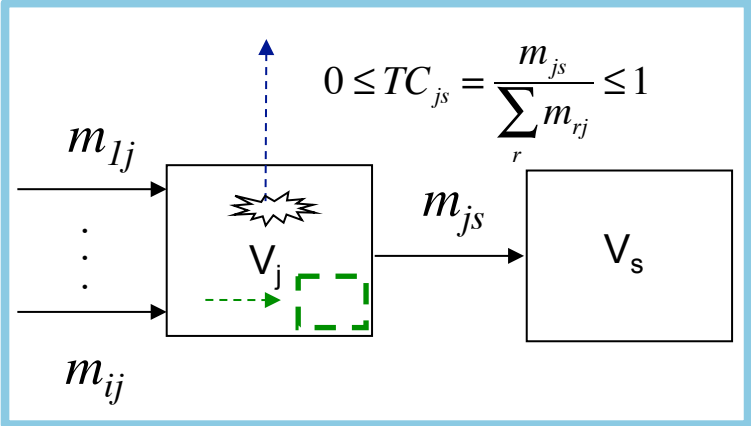
- Uniform
- Triangular
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Exposure (mass transfer) model

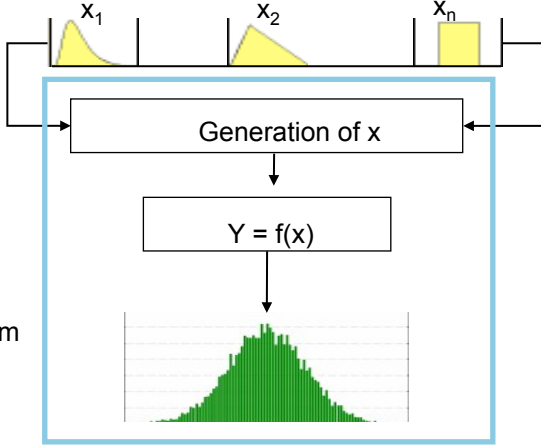


Gottschalk, Nowack et al. 2009-2015
 Sun, Bornhöft, Nowack et al. 2014-
 and other

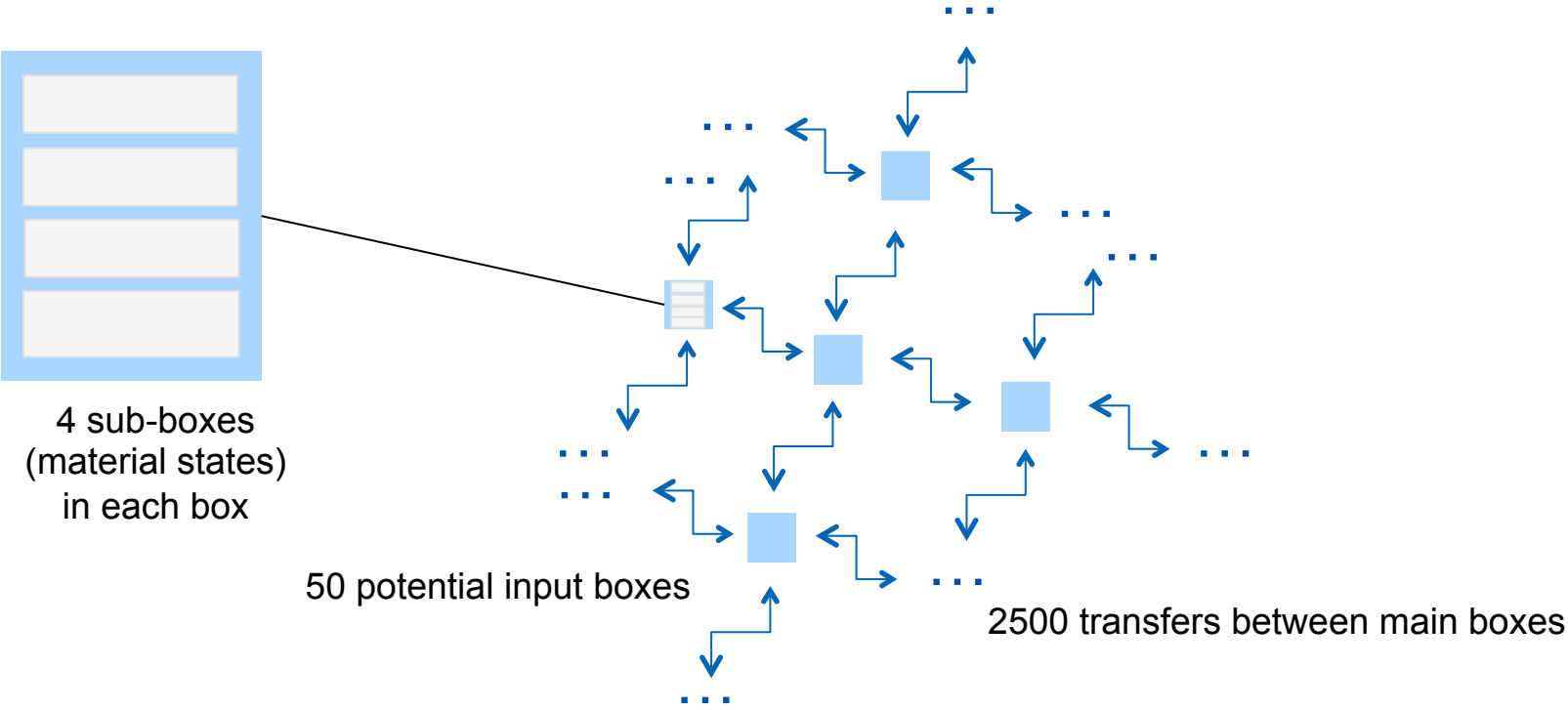
Basic idea: transfer coefficients (TC)



Reaction of the system

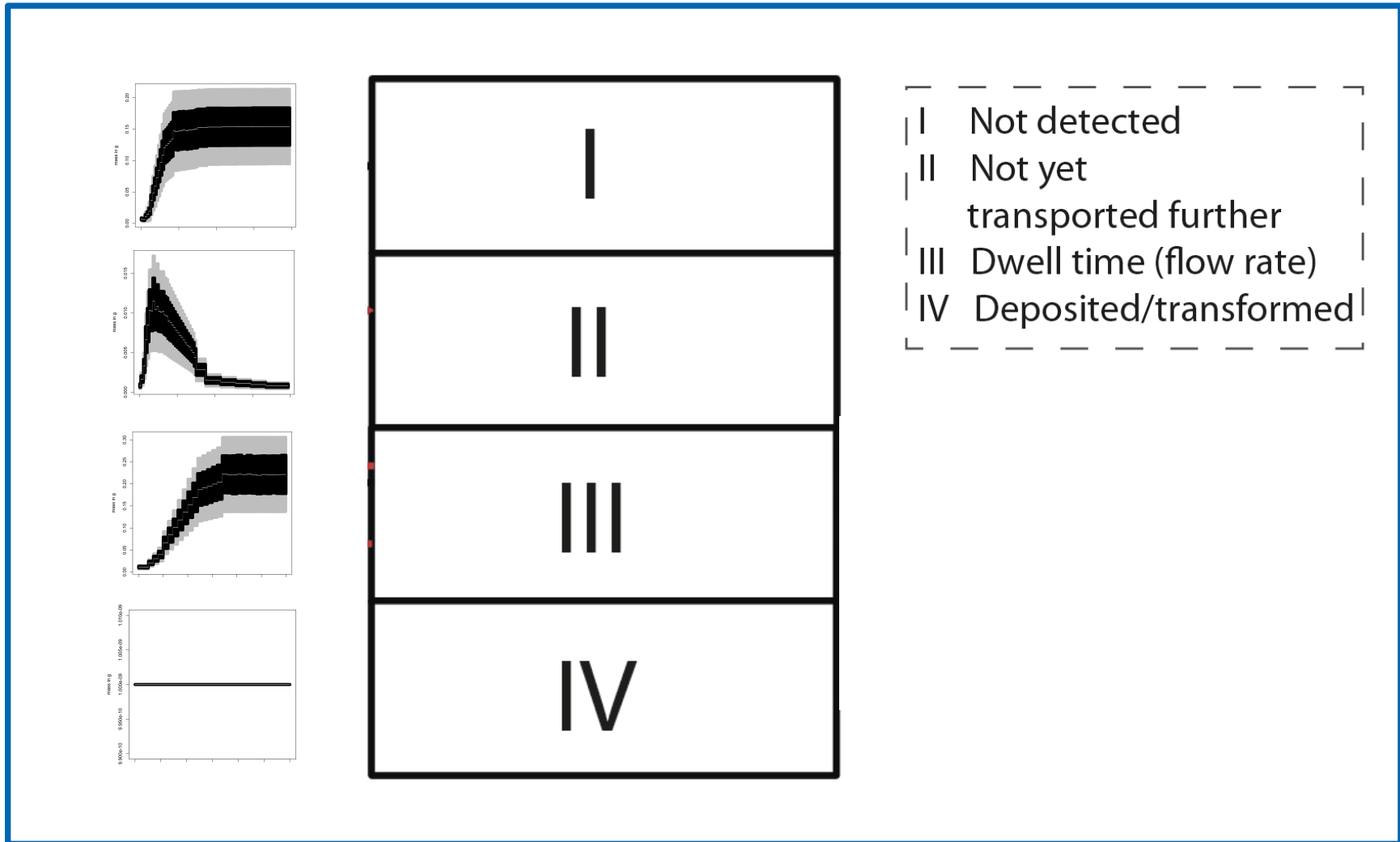


Data needed for PMFA

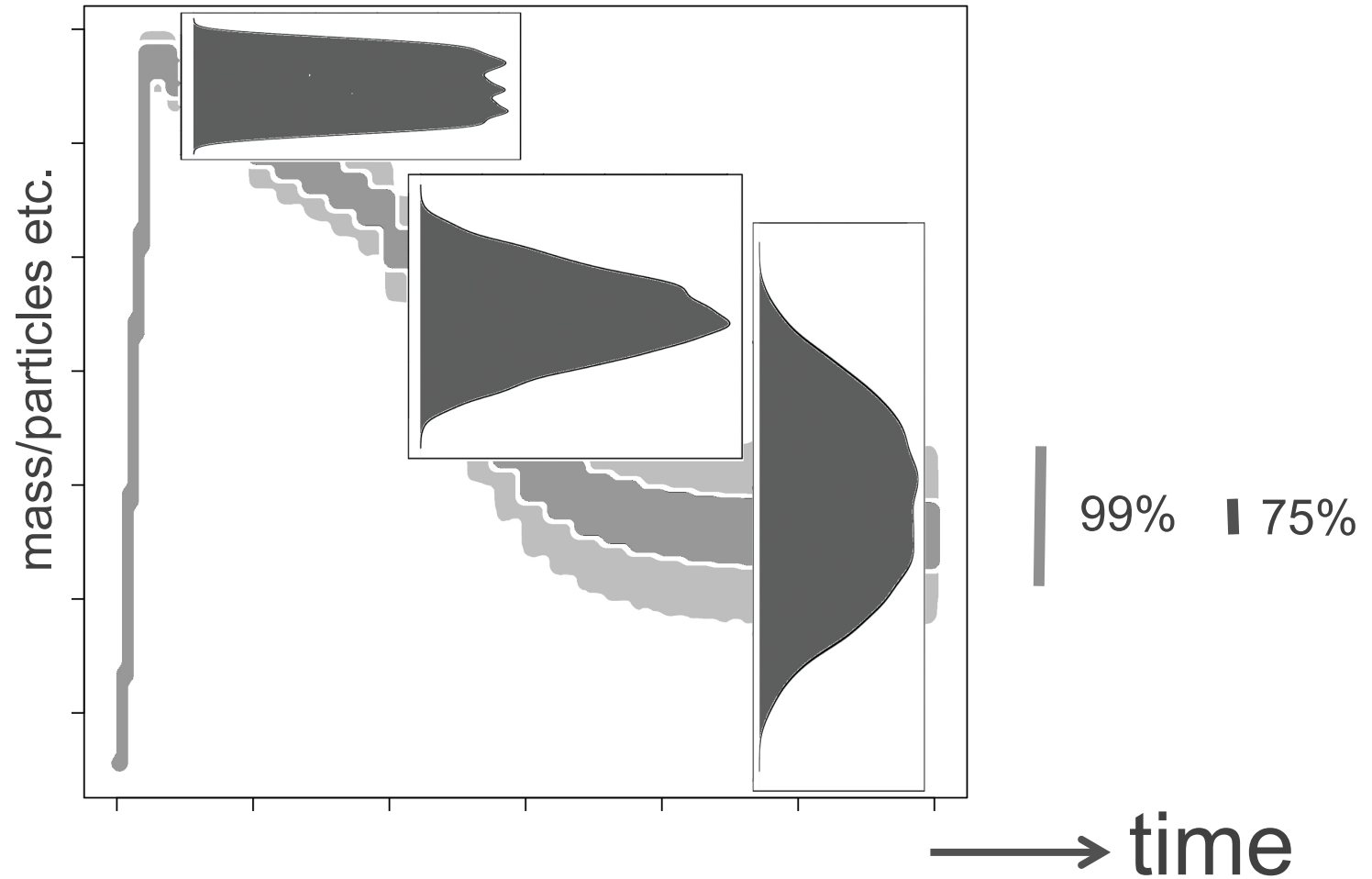


2750 model input values (needed)

Main boxes



Output interpretation



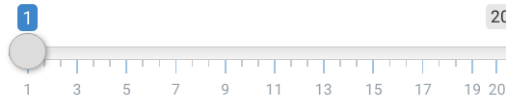
Model input data and distributions

Material input

Material input into the system

- Uniform
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Time periods of simulation



Add material use category

Name of category

Percentage of total use

Distribution of percentage of total use

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Material degradation during use

Transfer to freshwater

Material transfer to freshwater

- Uniform
- Triangular
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Basically, we need only two different types of data:

- I) Material input into (internal/external in/to each main box) the system
- and II) transfer (covers geographical translocation, elimination, dissolution etc.) inside the system.

Choice of probability distributions

Uniform

- Uniform
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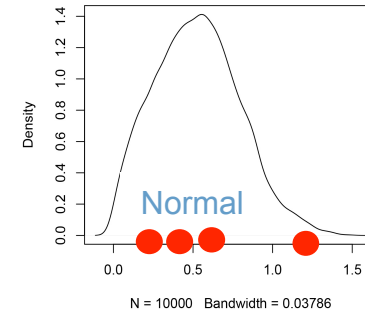
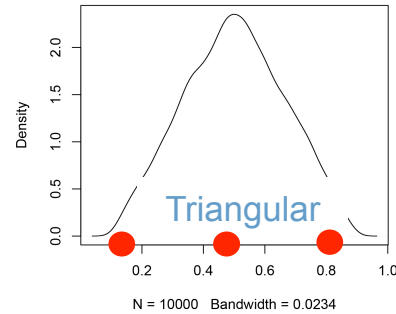
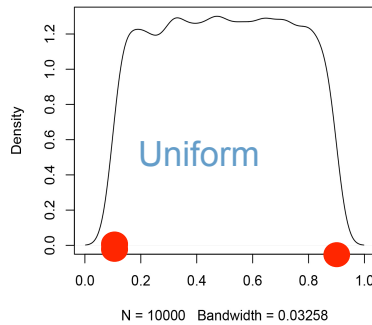


interacts with data quality and quantity,
for the selection a decision tree approach helps (next slide)

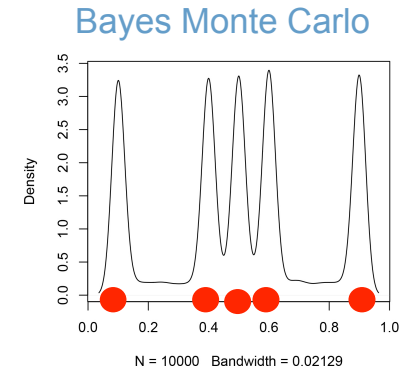
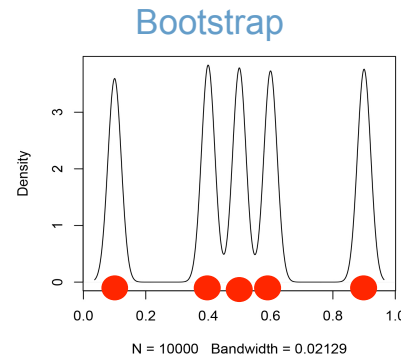
Data needed for PSSD

Shaping distributions

Less informativ
distribution



Emprical distributions



Chose ... if... (very simplified version of decision support, some basis for a decision tree that can be developed)

Uniform: the minimal and the maximal must be taken as extremes ... other values can be ignored...

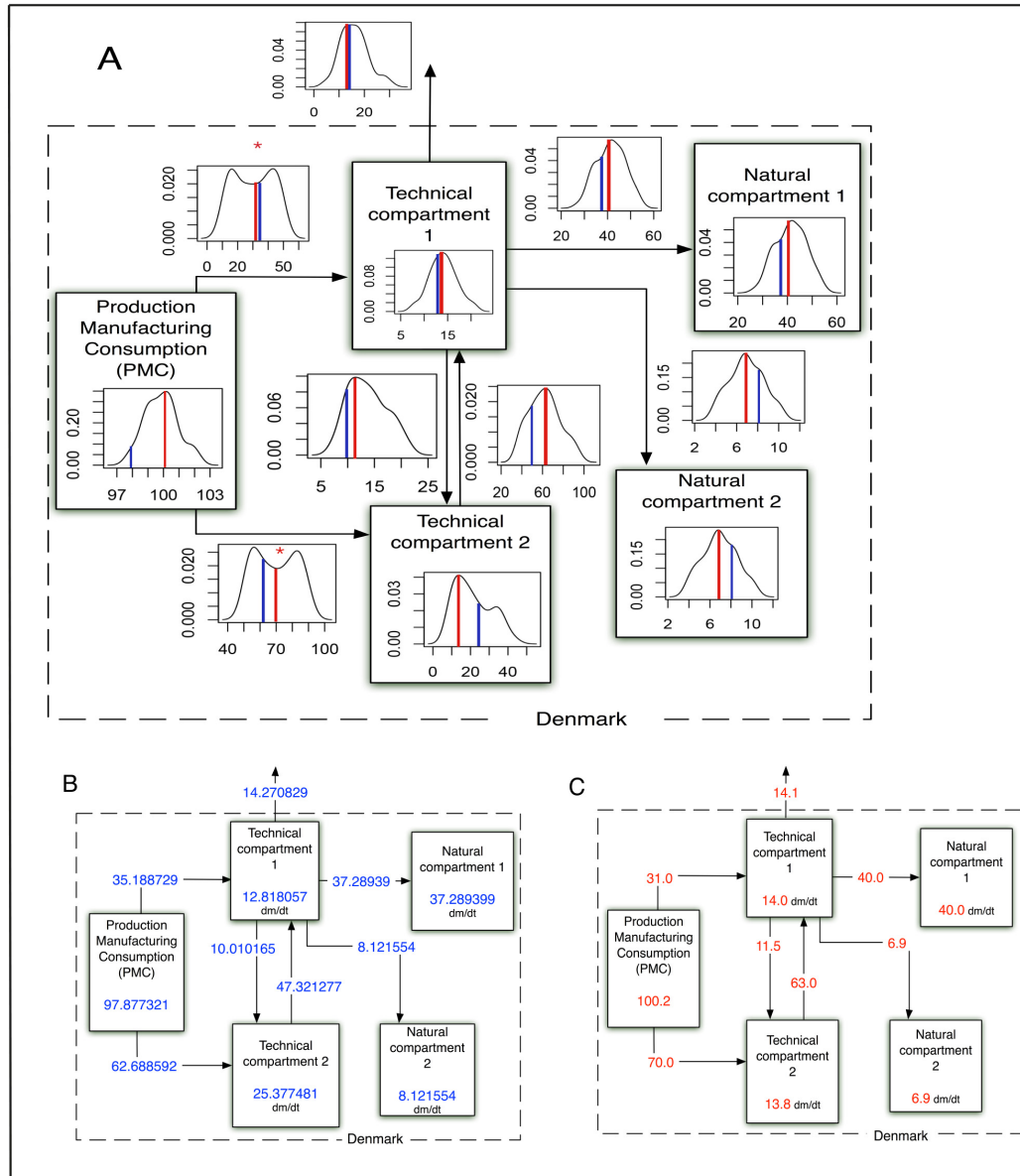
Triangular: the minimal and the maximal value are taken as extremes, the median/mean value computed as the peak (most frequent), other values can be ignored....

Normal: if you have some data, ... need to account for very high and very low values ... with low probability (that however cannot be excluded)...

Bootstrapping: only the raw values should be fed into the model (randomly, equally and repetitively) and taken to compute an empirical distribution, no evidence that other values (between data points) should be considered

Bayes Monte Carlo: combine bootstrapping (see above) with some expert based prior distribution (assumption) that ranges from 0 to 1 for example

Exposure (mass transfer) model cont.



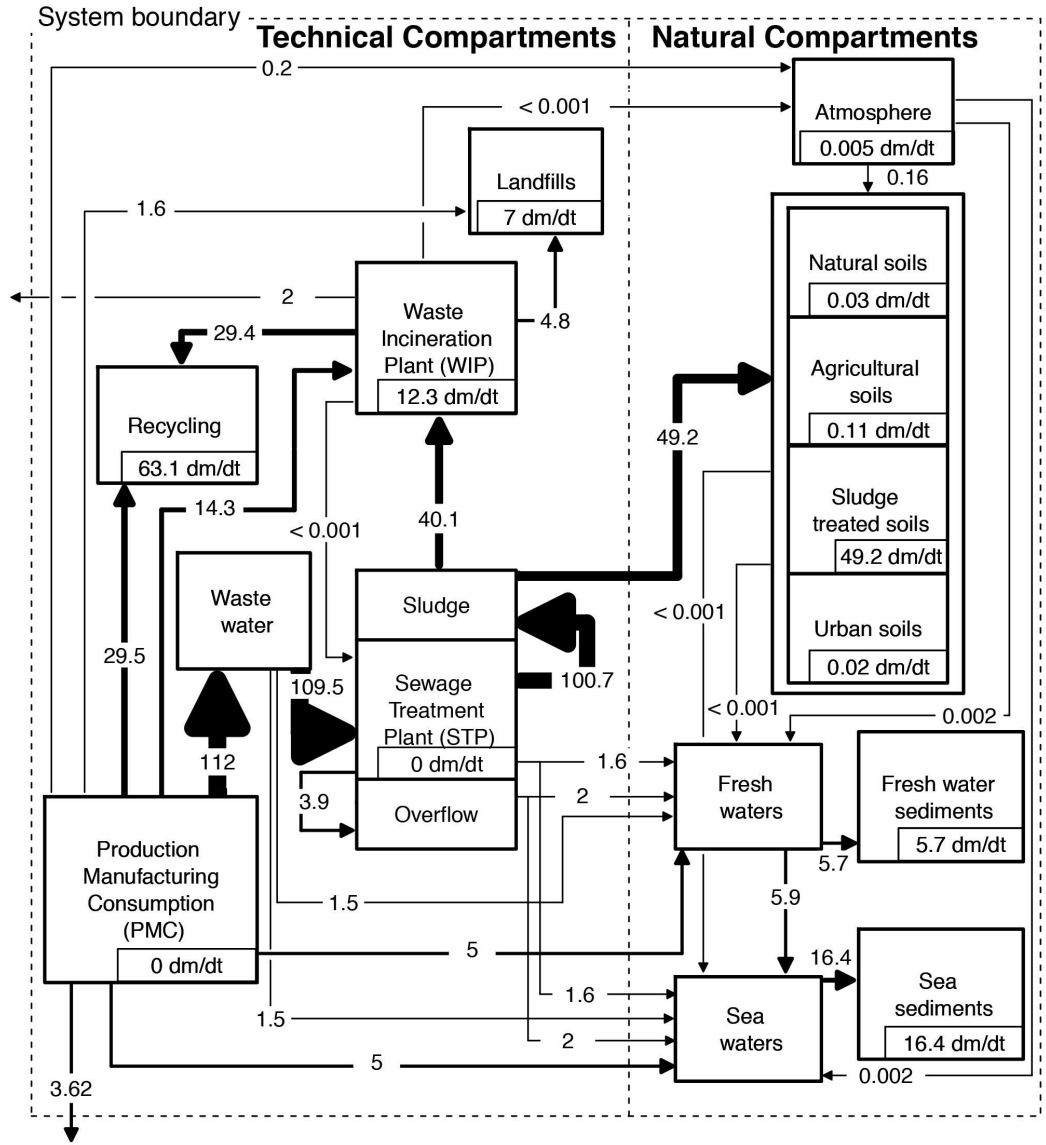
Red: Modal values

Blue: One specific (non-sense) scenario

Typical PMFA simulation outputs

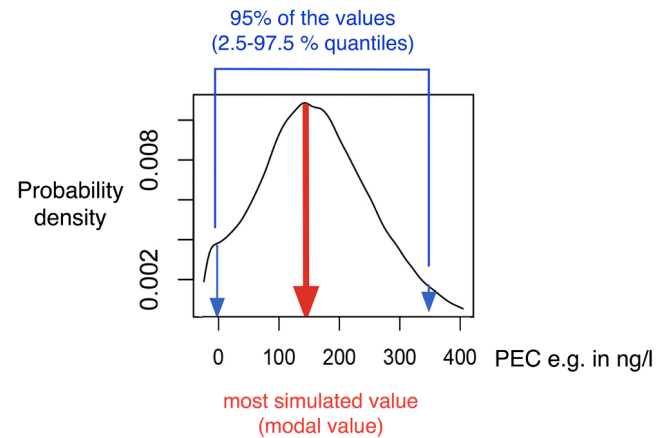
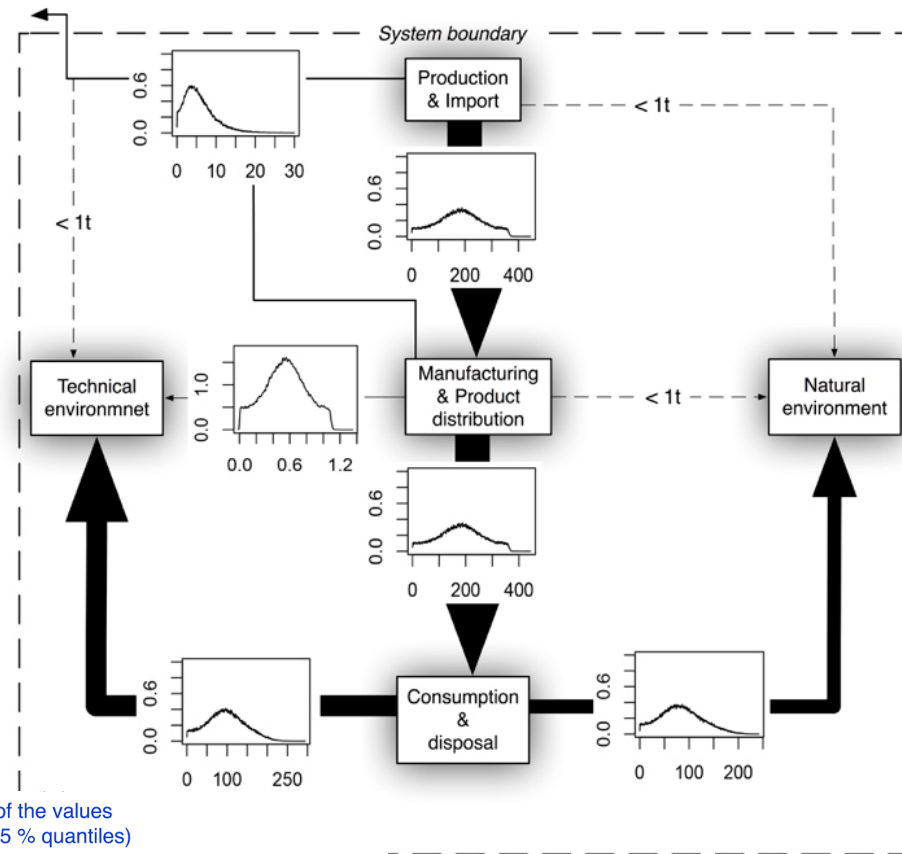
Flow chart based e.g. on modal values (the most frequent value)

Do not take a single Monte Carlo scenario as output for evaluation!



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Probability distributions for flows and material states!



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Conclusions

State of development

PSSD R-package (incl. version for Excel users) one month finalization

GUI (graphical user interface) 2-3 months for finalization and

PMFA R-package (incl. version for Excel users) one month finalization

GUI 2-4 months for finalization

Improvements needed

Speed versus e-mail notification

Package description

Decision tree distribution selection

Terms of use

Work for DSS (decision support system) of SUN

Publish R-packages?

GUI focused also on commercial stakeholders or internal use

Thanks for questions and attention!

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We will calculate future scenarios where this is reasonable and quantitatively possible.



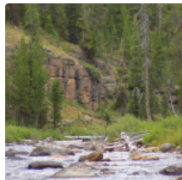
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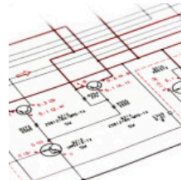
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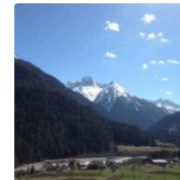
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Our evaluation is based on professional experience, methodological competence and good sense.



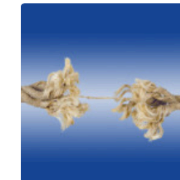
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