

# Towards a Global GSD library

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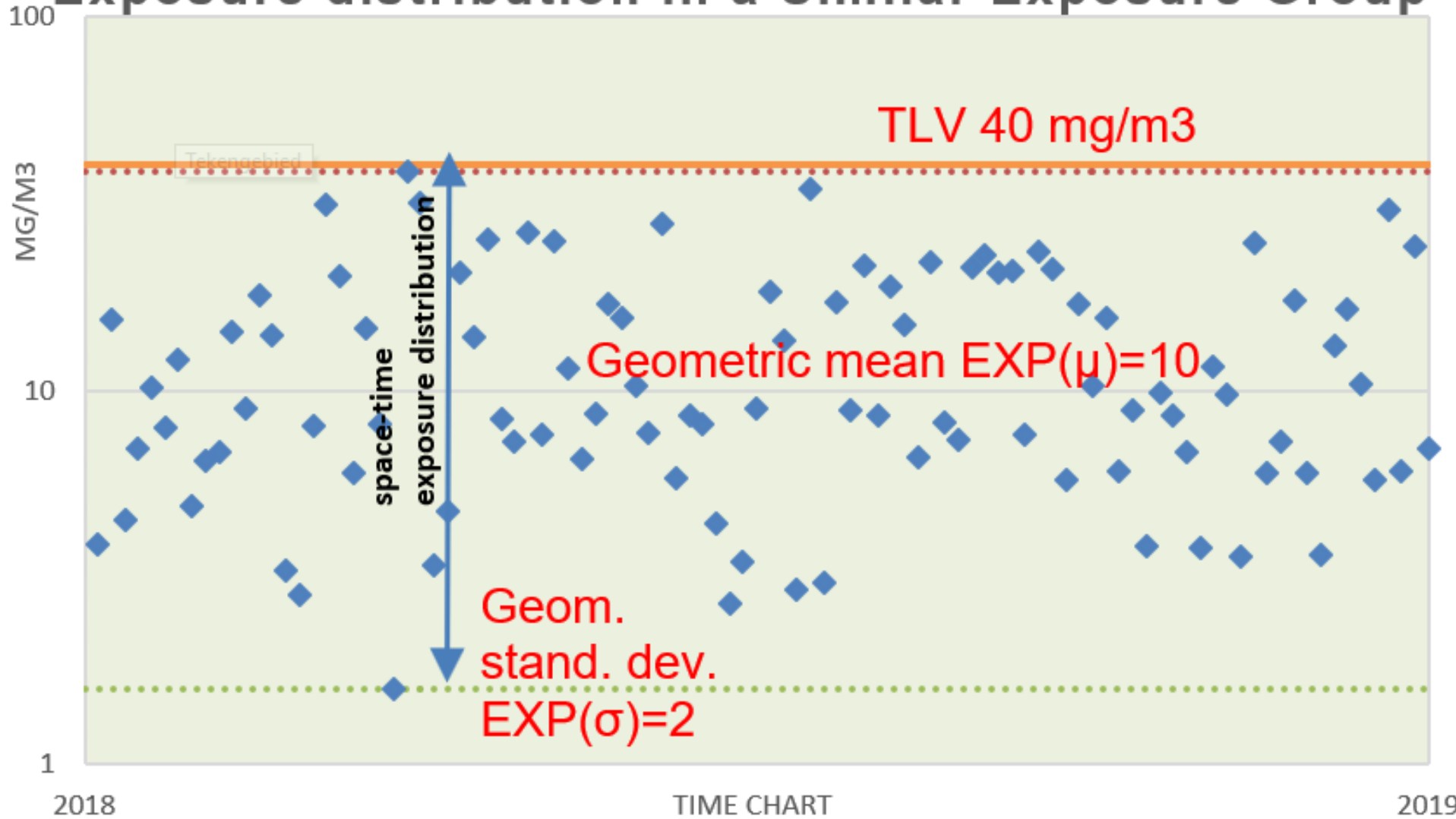
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# 1. Why is prior GSD knowledge important?

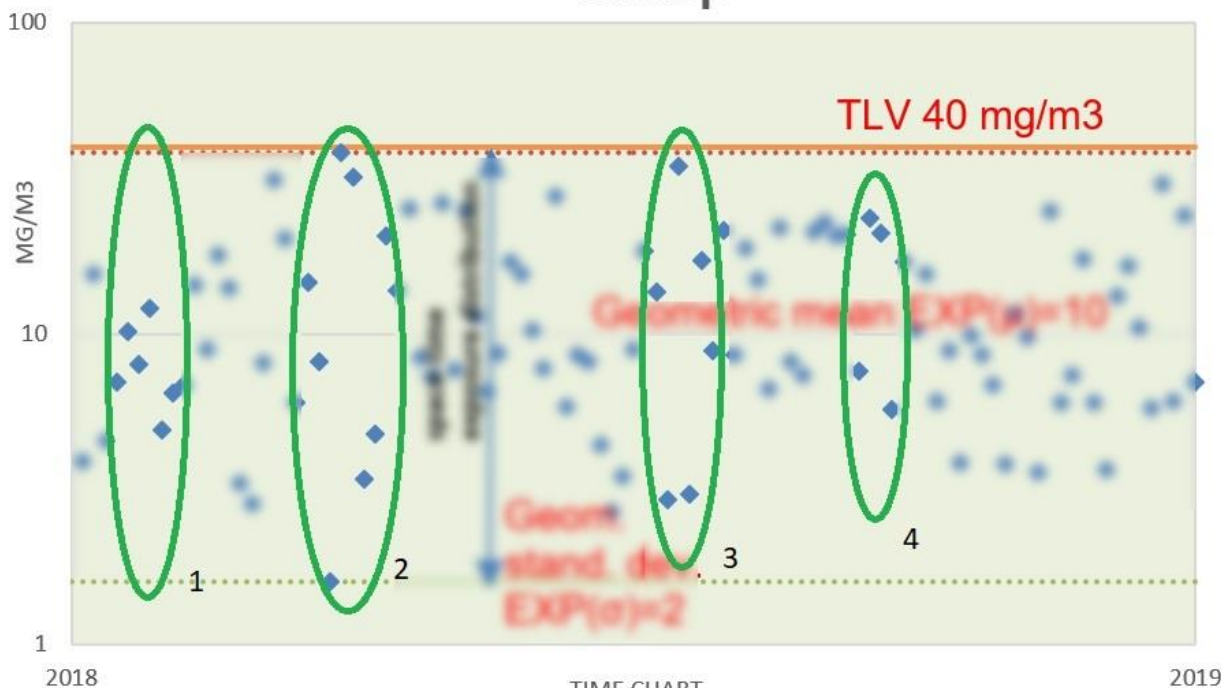
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# Exposure distribution in a Similar Exposure Group



# Quality check: which sample(s) can be used in compliance testing?

Exposure distribution in a Similar Exposure Group



AIHA-IHSTAT EN689 (2018)

- 1: N=6 GM=6.8 GSD=1.4:  $C_{95\%}=13.3$ ,  $C_{95\%,70\%}=15.8$   
 2: N=8 GM=9.7 GSD=3.1:  $C_{95\%}=62.2$ ,  $C_{95\%,70\%}=100.7$   
 3: N=7 GM=10.5 GSD=2.6:  $C_{95\%}=50.2$ ,  $C_{95\%,70\%}=78.9$   
 4: N=4 GM=12 GSD=2.0:  $C_{95\%}=39.2$ ,  $C_{95\%,70\%}=69.8$ , 4/4 >.15 OELV





# Quality check GM: use models, with care

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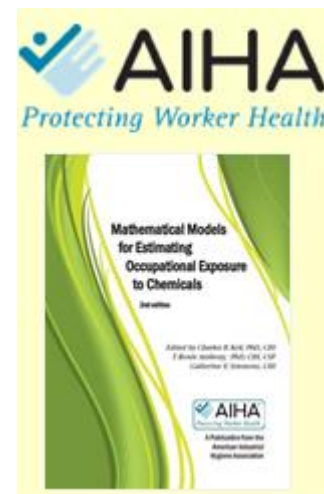
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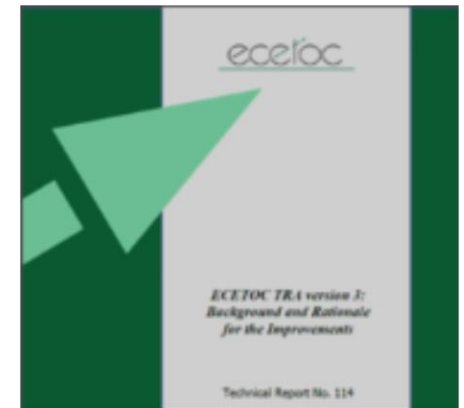
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The Checklist



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Original Article

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## ART, Stoffenmanager, and TRA: A Systematic Comparison of Exposure Estimates Using the TREXMO Translation System

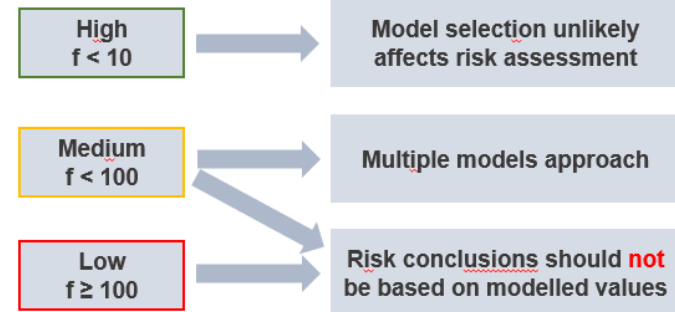
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**Abstract**

Several occupational exposure models are recommended under the EU's REACH legislation. Due to limited availability of high-quality exposure data, their validation is an ongoing process. It was shown, however, that different models may calculate significantly different estimates and thus lead to potentially dangerous conclusions about chemical risk. In this paper, the between-model translation rules

## Conclusion

- Differences of few orders of magnitude
- ART (Tier 2) calculates often higher predictions with exposure parameters that describe higher exposure concentrations (e.g. high VP and conc, spraying etc)
- The tiered approach is not applicable always
- Different model - different risk conclusion
- Multiple model approach reasonable



# GSD outdoor painting

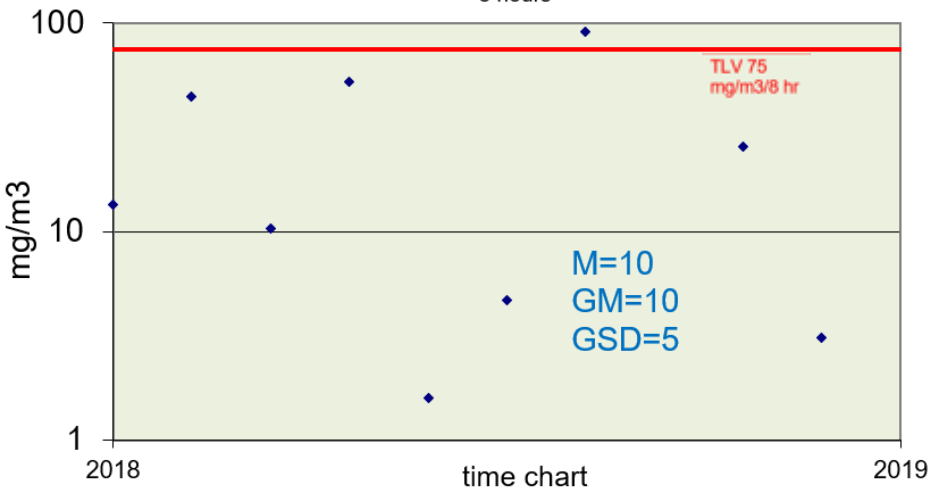
- Which long-term exposure variability represents this exposure profile (Solvent, varying %)?



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GSD large

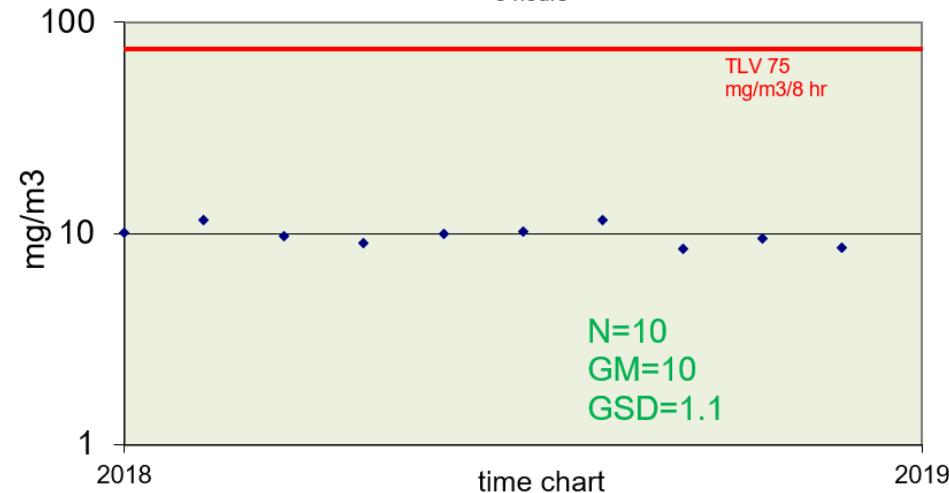
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## B

GSD small

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# GSD pharma

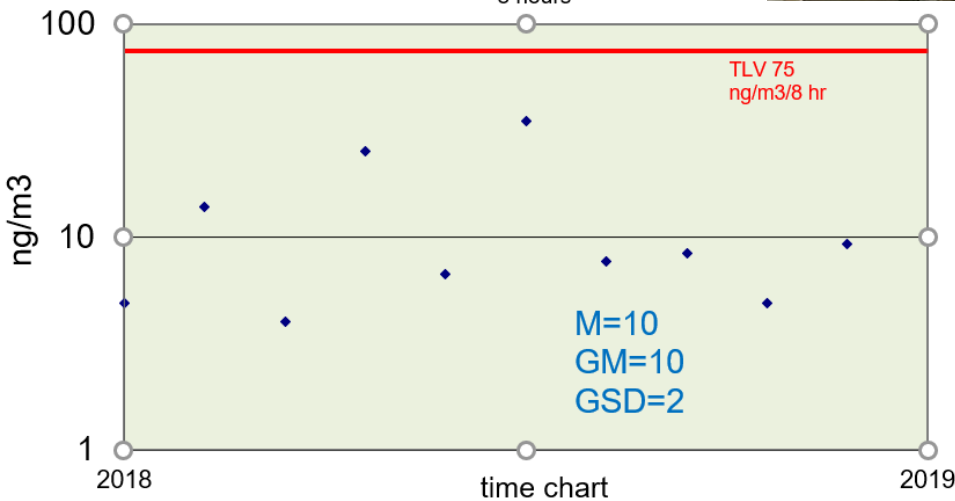
Which long-term exposure variability represents this exposure profile (2\*containment, monitored ventilation)?

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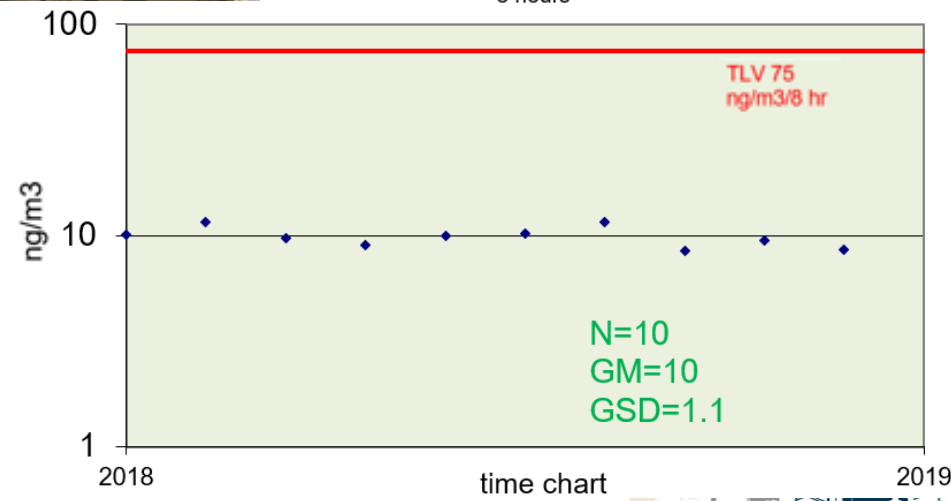


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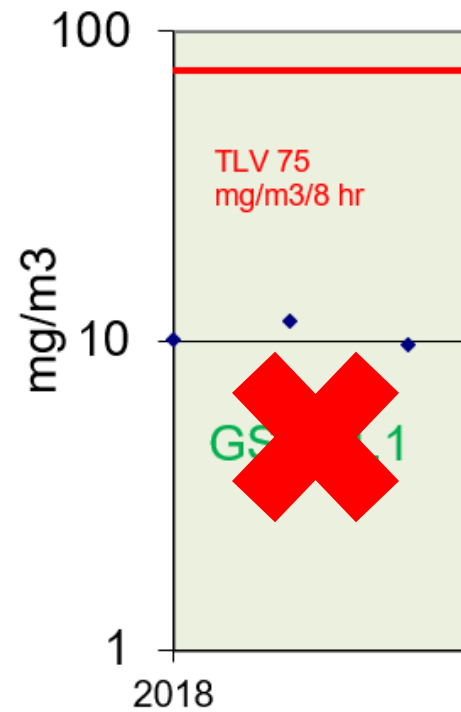




# Quality check: which SEG sampling can be tested for compliance?

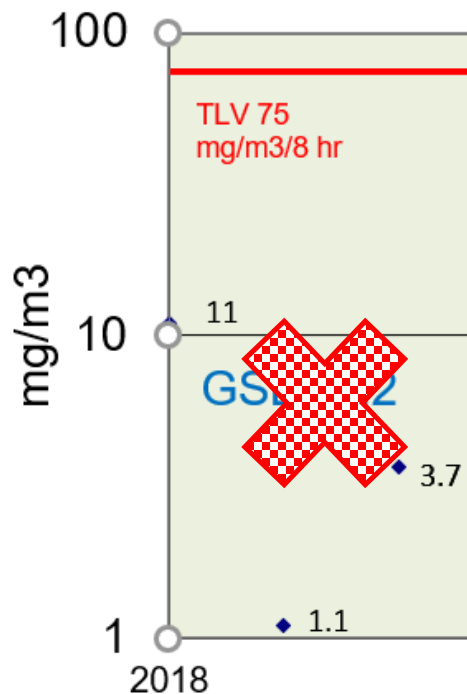
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### Outdoor painting



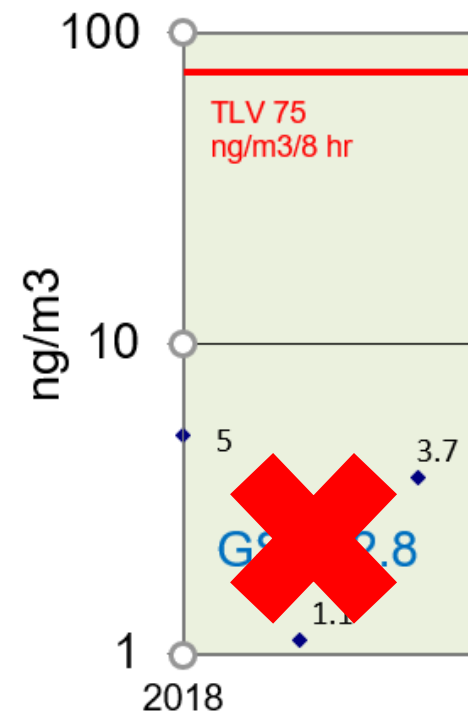
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### Outdoor painting



## C

### Pharma containment



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# EU/NVvA-BOHS testing compliance

*Testing Compliance with Occupational Exposure Limits for Airborne Substances*



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EUROPEAN STANDARD  
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EN 689

May 2018

ICS 13.040.30

Supersedes EN 689:1995

English Version

Workplace exposure - Measurement of exposure by inhalation to chemical agents - Strategy for testing compliance with occupational exposure limit values

Exposition sur les lieux de travail - Mesurage de l'exposition par inhalation d'agents chimiques - Stratégie pour vérifier la conformité à des valeurs limites d'exposition professionnelle

Exposition am Arbeitsplatz - Messung der Exposition durch Einatmung chemischer Arbeitsstoffe - Strategie zur Überprüfung der Einhaltung von Arbeitsplatzgrenzwerten

This European Standard was approved by CEN on 2 March 2018.

compliance C<OELV	NVvA-BOHS (2011)	EN 689 (2018)	Implicit requirements
Preliminary test	3-5 samples <0.1 OELV	Clause 5.5.2 3 samples <0.1 OELV 4 samples <0.15 OELV 5 samples <0.2 OELV	LoD <.1 OELV <b>GSD &lt;3-4</b>

French validation study INRS2005.Grzebyk\_Sandino.ND2231.pdf



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Geometric mean	0.0871
Geometric standard deviation	3.23
Percent above OEL	0.0%
Test for distribution fit	

The exponential of the standard deviation of the natural logarithms of the relation between GSD and Action Level : to ensure a high probability (95%) no more than 5% of unmeasured exposures exceed the OEL, the Action L must be lowered as the GSD increases, as follows: day-to-day variability,  $GSD \leq 1.3$ , OEL = 0.5 TLV;  $GSD = 1.5$ , OEL = 0.25 TLV;  $GSD = 2.0$ , OEL = 0.1 TLV.

**$GSD \geq 3.0$ , Process out of control or group poorly defined. (Leidel, 1976)**





# In summary

GSD: an intrinsic property of well defined exposure profiles in

- Similar Exposure Groups (EN 689/AIHA EASC)
- Task/activity Contributing Scenarios (REACH)

A GSD<sub>library</sub> is of high additional value:

- To test validity of small sample GSD<sub>measured</sub>
- to estimate C<sub>95%</sub> in case of GM<sub>n=2...5</sub> or GM<sub>modelling</sub>
- In the EN689 preliminary compliance test  $3 \leq N \leq 5$
- For priors in Bayesian statistics

# To a worldwide open source GSD library

1. Why? : EN689, Bayesian, quality control
- 2. Where to find GSDs from SEGs?**
3. First impressions tier 0 GSDs
4. Further steps



# Existing GSD info

- Large databases (MEGA, SCOLA, COLCHIC, OSHA CEHD)
- Numerous smaller databases (Health services, industry, consultants)
- Literature: often hidden in exposure determinant studies (B&W, multi-location)
- hazchem@work.eu
- exposure measurement sets of REACH PROCs



# Preliminary (tier 0) GSD 'library'

exposure profile	within worker $GSD_w$	Between & within (b+w) worker $GSD_{b+w}$	Workers (b+w) + location $GSD_{l+b+w}$	reference
Gasses & vapours (range)		1.4 ->14		Scheffers & Marquart (2000)*
Liquid (proposed default)			8.2	Tielemans (2008)**
Solid (proposed default)			5.4	
Vapours (range)	1.2->5.6	1.2->8.4		Kromhout (1993) Table 1 ***
Aerosols (range)	1.3->8.2	1.4->17.6		
Grain dust, inspirable endotoxin (BWSTAT)	3.1	4.3		Kromhout (1993) Table 1 raw data

\* Long-term sampling, SEGs in chem. industry, LoD regression

\*\* 'Worst-case' sampling, LoD/2

\*\*\* Poor quality data (Symansky, 2008) & analysis ( $GSD_b < 1$ ), LoD/2

# Next steps

- Broader international recognition that a GSD library is helpful for industrial hygiene.
- Involve universities/institutes through international platforms like IOHA, ILO, ...
- ....??

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