

# QSPR Studies for Predicting Physico-chemical Properties of Perfluorinated Compounds

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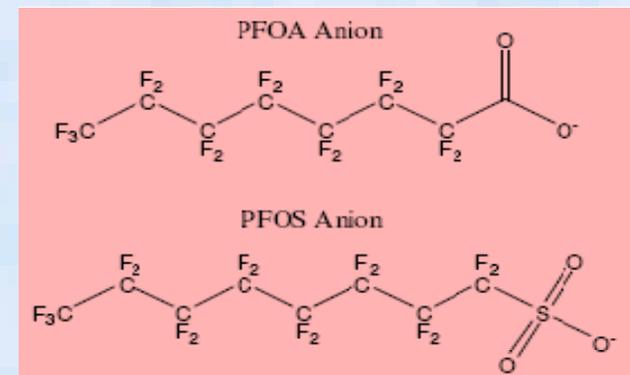
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# Introduction

Perfluorinated chemicals (PFCs) are compounds containing a long fluorinated carbon tail attached to different functional groups esp. polar heads

- PFCs as perfluoro-octanesulfonate (PFOS), perfluoro-octanoate (PFOA) and perfluoro-octane sulfonylamide (PFOSA) are **stable chemicals** with a wide range of industrial and consumer **applications** [Inoue 2004]
- Degradable products of commercial PFCs are **found in environment and biota** but **physico-chemical and toxicological data are scarce**
- PFCs are considered **emerging pollutants** and are believed to have potential toxic effects in humans and wildlife [Lau 2007]



- **chemically and thermally inert**
- **resistant to stress**
- **hydrophobic and hydrophilic**



- **non-adhesives, waterproof fabrics, pesticides ...**

# Environmental & Health concerns

**Water**



A large portion of PFCs ends up in untreated wastewater, the discharge of water from sewage treatment ends up in streams and rivers.

**Wildlife**

□ longer fluorocarbon aliphatic chain containing compounds are incorporated into bilayers of biological membranes

down  
nment  
wildlife

**Development  
& Reproductive  
toxicity**

□ diPAPs (a group of PFCs used on food wrappers) was recently reported in human blood [*Renner 2009*]

?) and  
been

studied and reported for PFCs

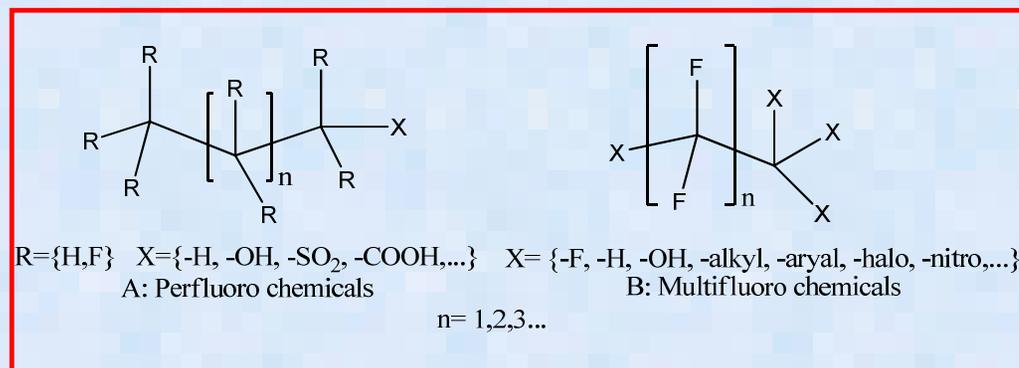
**General  
toxicity**



PFCs suppresses antibody production, causes thymic and splenic atrophy, induce tumor, alters T-cell populations and are endocrine disruptors (Lau 2007, Kovarova 2008)

# Available Data & Predictions

- Data belonging to Toxicity and Physico-chemical properties of Perfluoro chemicals are limited
- Data expanded by adding multifluoro chemicals
- Prediction only for Perfluoro chemicals (PFCs)



Available data points for QSPR modeling of **physico-chemical properties**

**111** Melting Point,  
**180** Boiling Point and  
**36** Vapor Pressure



Predictive QSPR approach on **physico-chemical properties of PFCs**

**248** Melting Point,  
**290** Boiling Point and  
**243** Vapor Pressure

# EU-FP7 project: CADASTER\*

4 classes of emerging pollutants studied:

**Flame retardants, Fragrances, PerFluoro Chemicals and (benzo)Triazoles**

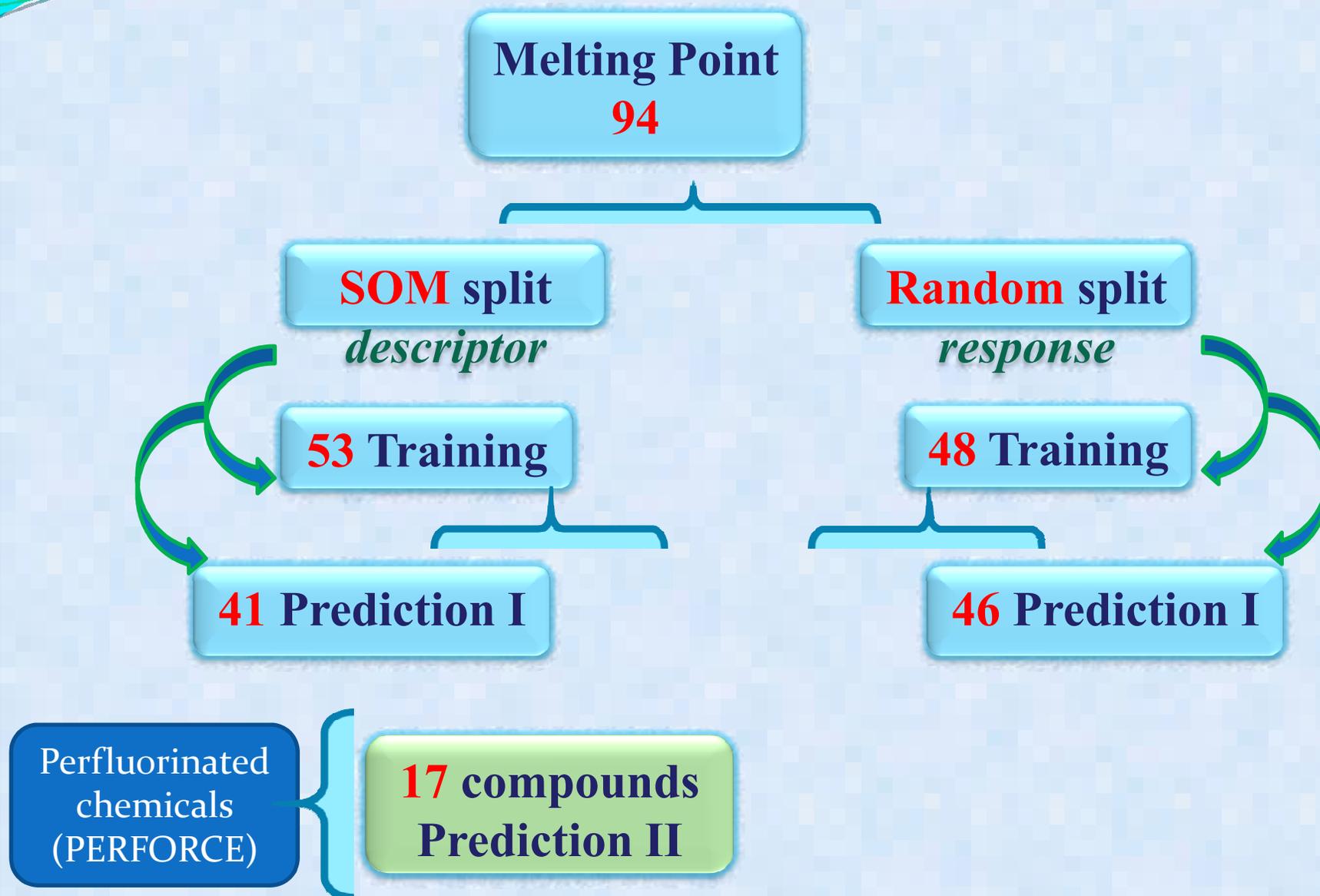
## **WP3: QSAR model development and validation**

- **Source:** SRC-PhysProp and PERFORCE# data
- **Descriptor:** DRAGON descriptors, selected by Genetic Algorithm
- **Method:** MLR models with OLS
- **External Validation** by *a priori* splitting of data (Random by activity and Self Organizing Map)
- **Applicability Domain** by leverage approach
- **Prediction** of properties for unavailable PFCs data

\**CADASTER: CAse studies on the Development and Application of in Silico Techniques for Environmental hazard and Risk asesment, 2009-2012.*

#*PERFORCE: PERFluorinated ORganic Chemicals in the European environment, EU - FP6 project, 2004-2006.*

# Melting point: Data splitting



# Melting point (94+17)

Variables	Train	Set	Q <sup>2</sup> loo	R <sup>2</sup>	Q <sup>2</sup> boot	RMSE train	RMSE ext	Q <sup>2</sup> ext-F1	Q <sup>2</sup> ext-F3*	R <sup>2</sup> ext	R <sup>2</sup> Yscr	
AAC F02[C-F] C-013	53	Prediction I <b>SOM</b> 41 test	73.35	77.11	71.89	40.86	46.65	78.84	70.16	75.30	5.18	
		Prediction II 17 test			71.90		25.04	77.05	91.40	65.21	5.16	
	48	Prediction I <b>Response</b> 46 test	79.30	82.85	77.48	38.07	48.52	70.70	72.16	71.77	5.84	
		Prediction II 17 test			77.36		24.60	88.31	92.84	65.95	6.59	
	Total 111			76.82	78.45	76.60	40.36	41.86 (cv)	-	-	-	2.82

\*Consonni, V., et al. *J. Chem. Inf. Model.*, 49, 1669-1678.

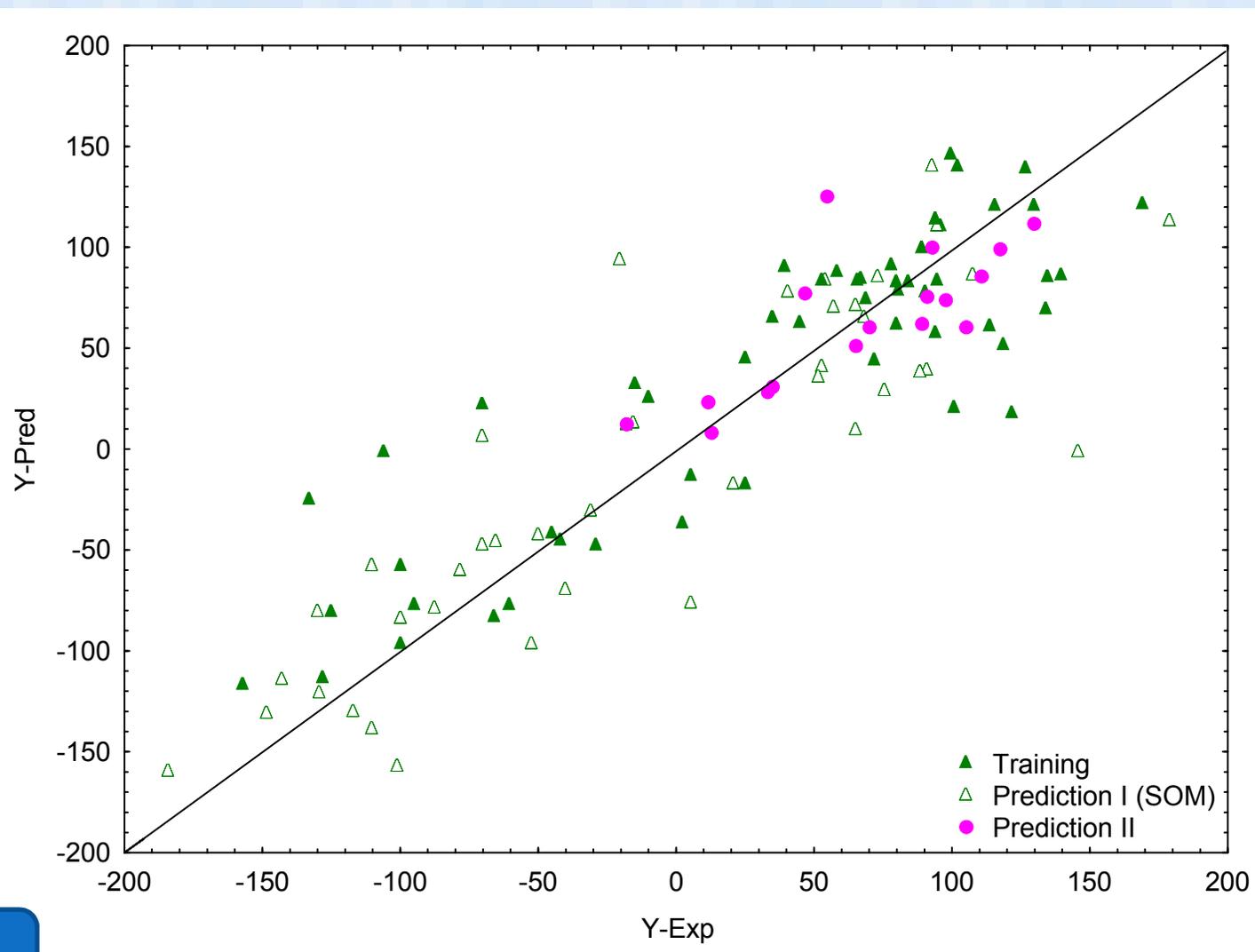
AAC = mean information index on atomic correlations, information indices

F02[C-F] = frequency of C-F at topological distance 02, 2D frequency fingerprint

C-013 = corresponds to CRX3 (X = electronegative atom), atom-centered fragments

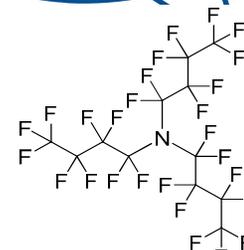
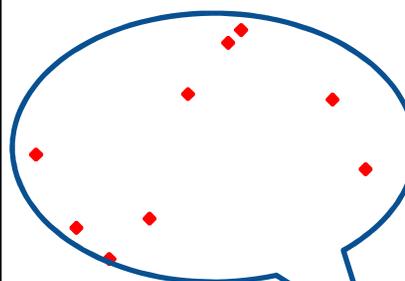
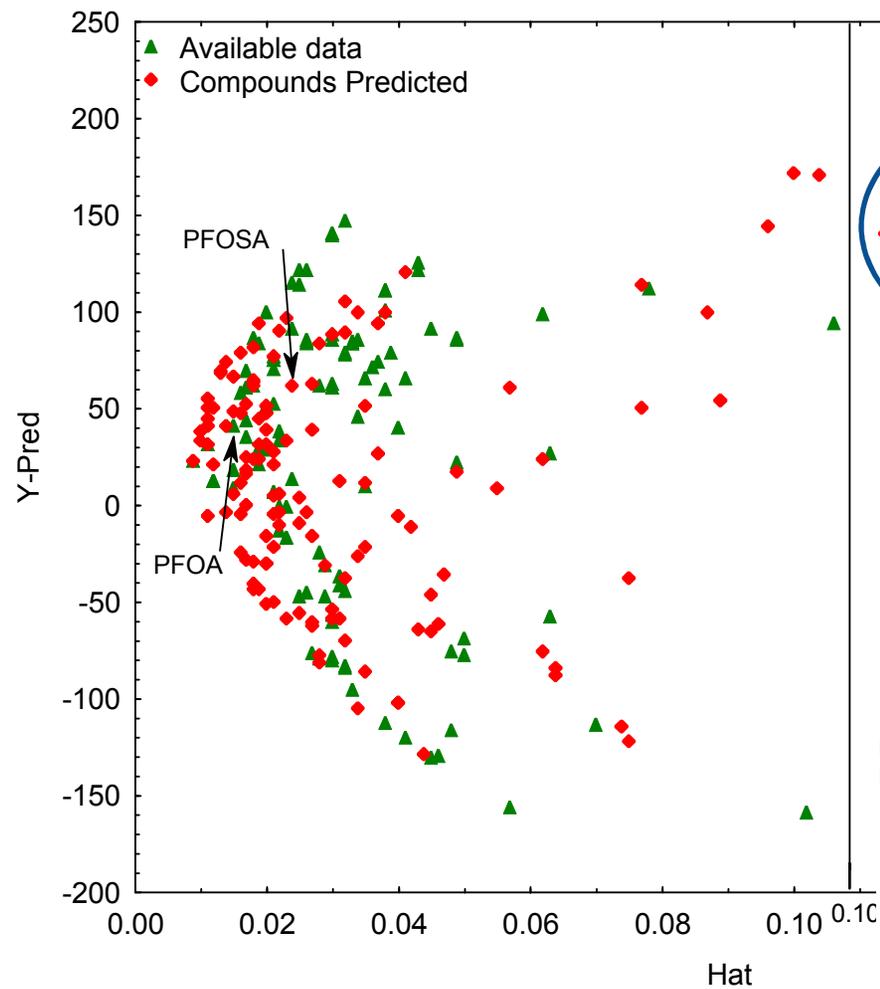
# Regression plots (MP)

**MP = 148.81 ( $\pm 18.43$ ) AAC + 4.03 ( $\pm 0.66$ ) F02[C-F] - 14.47 ( $\pm 6.88$ ) C-013 - 269.25**  
**n=111**

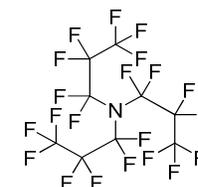


Full model

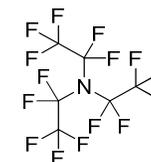
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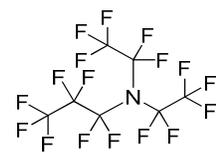
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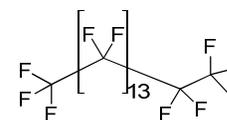
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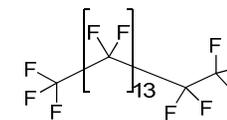
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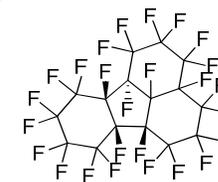
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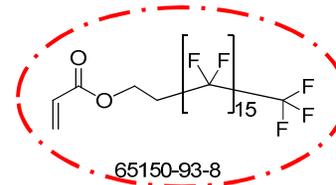
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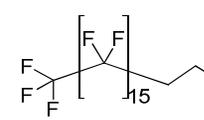
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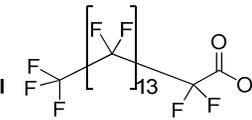
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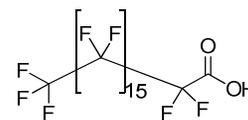
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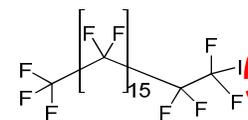
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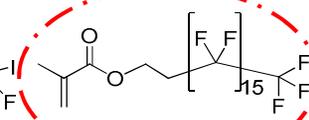
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# Boiling point: Data splitting



Perfluorinated  
chemicals  
(PERFORCE)

25 compounds  
Prediction II

# Boiling point (105+25)

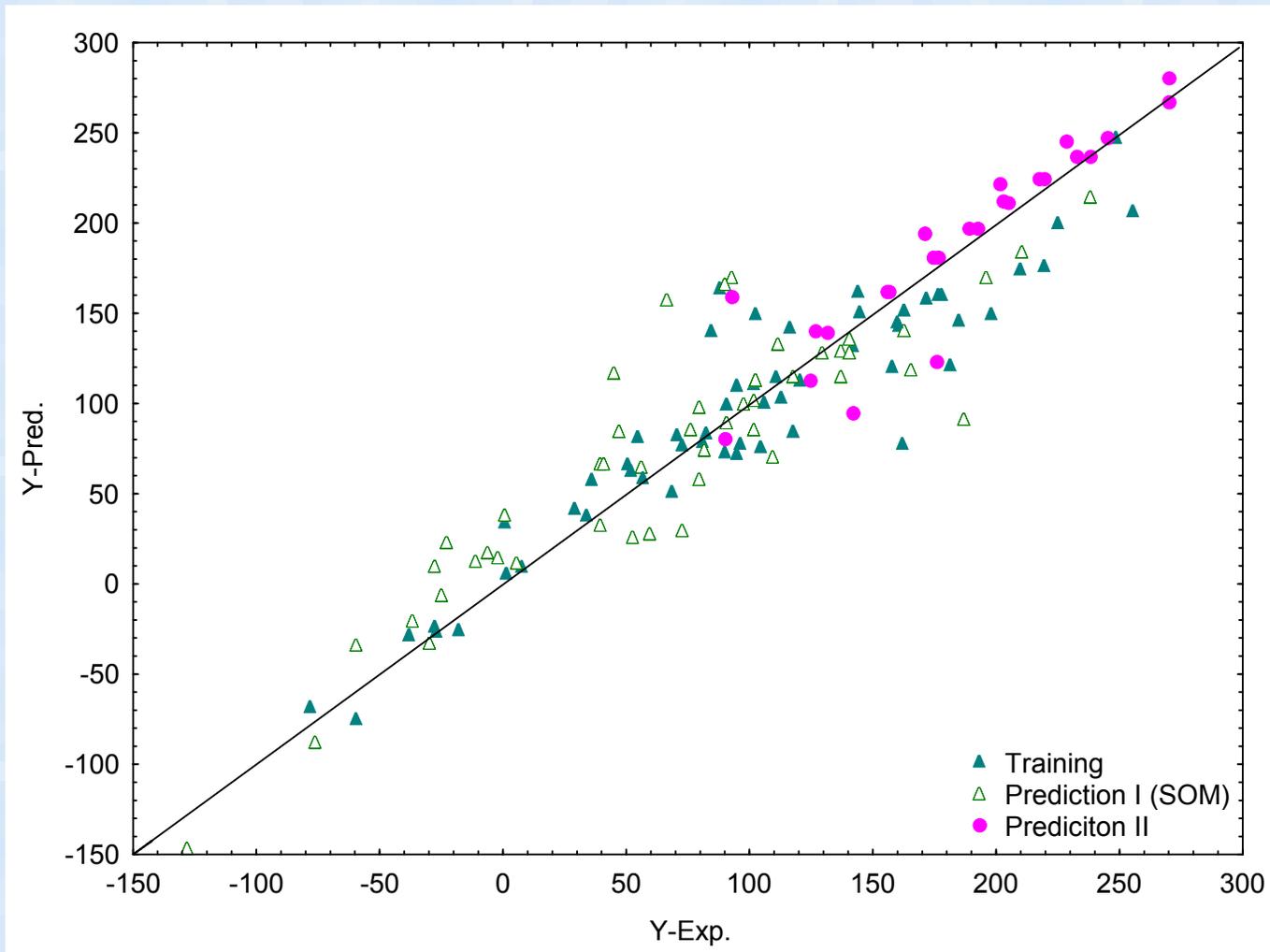
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Ms ATS1m nROH	55	Prediction I <b>SOM</b> 50 test	85.25	87.50	83.16	24.78	34.54	84.92	75.71	84.38	5.73	
		Prediction II 25 test			86.26		29.14	91.36	85.17	83.03	5.55	
	53	Prediction I <b>Response</b> 52 test	83.55	86.40	81.38	30.23	28.98	84.74	87.50	84.91	6.12	
		Prediction II 25 test			80.78		26.20	94.34	89.53	83.49	5.35	
	Total 130			87.54	88.54	87.37	28.21	29.42 (cv)	-	-	-	2.41

Ms = mean electro-topological state, constitutional descriptor

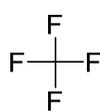
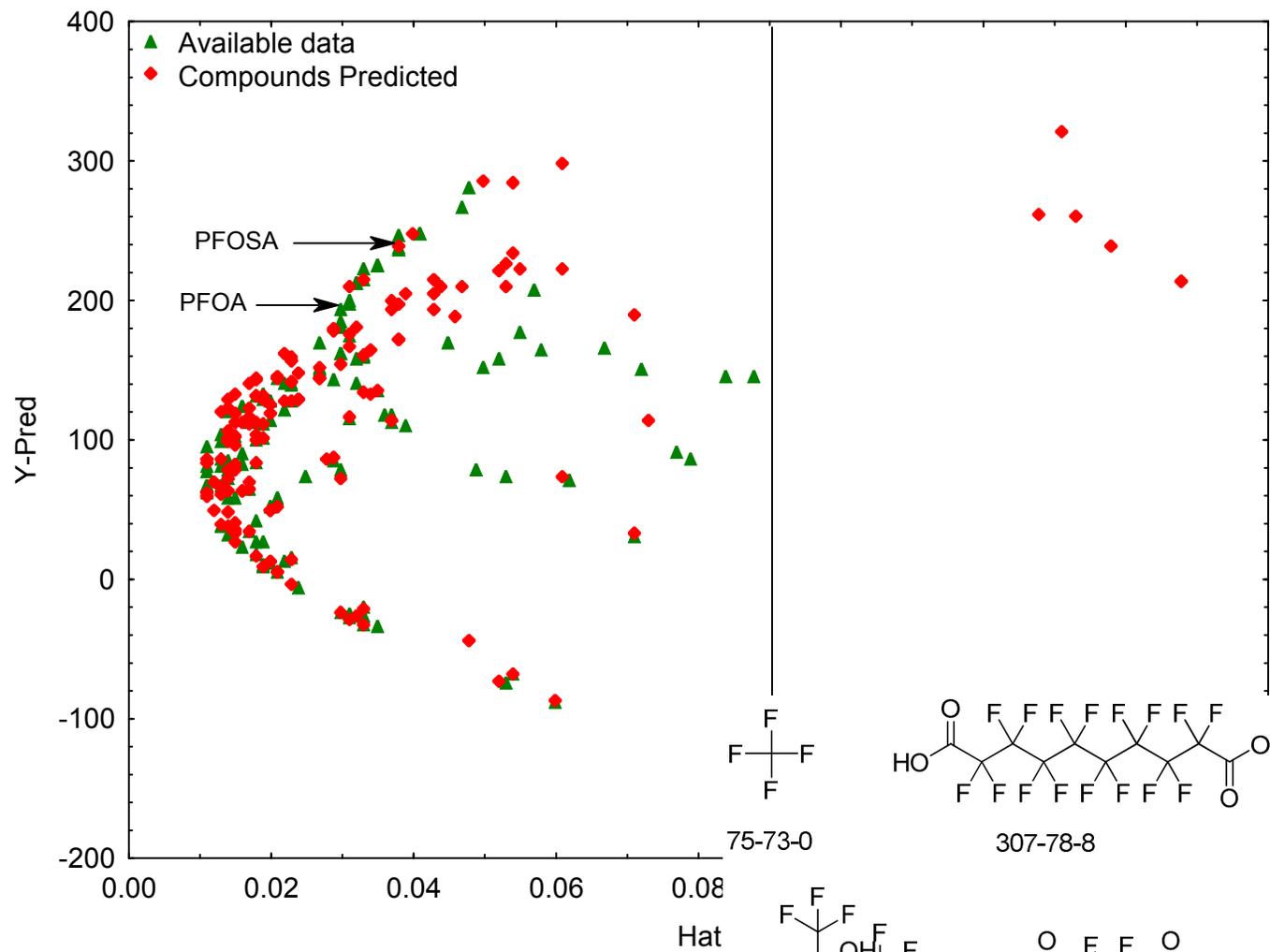
ATS1m = Autocorrelation of a topological structure, 2D autocorrelations

nROH = number of OH groups, functional group counts

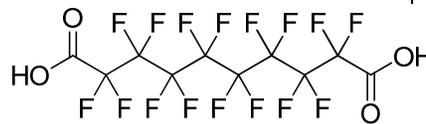
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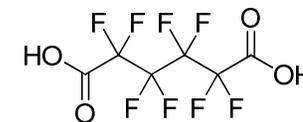
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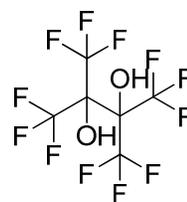
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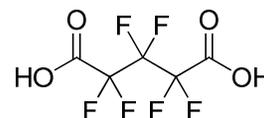
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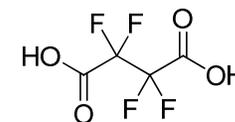
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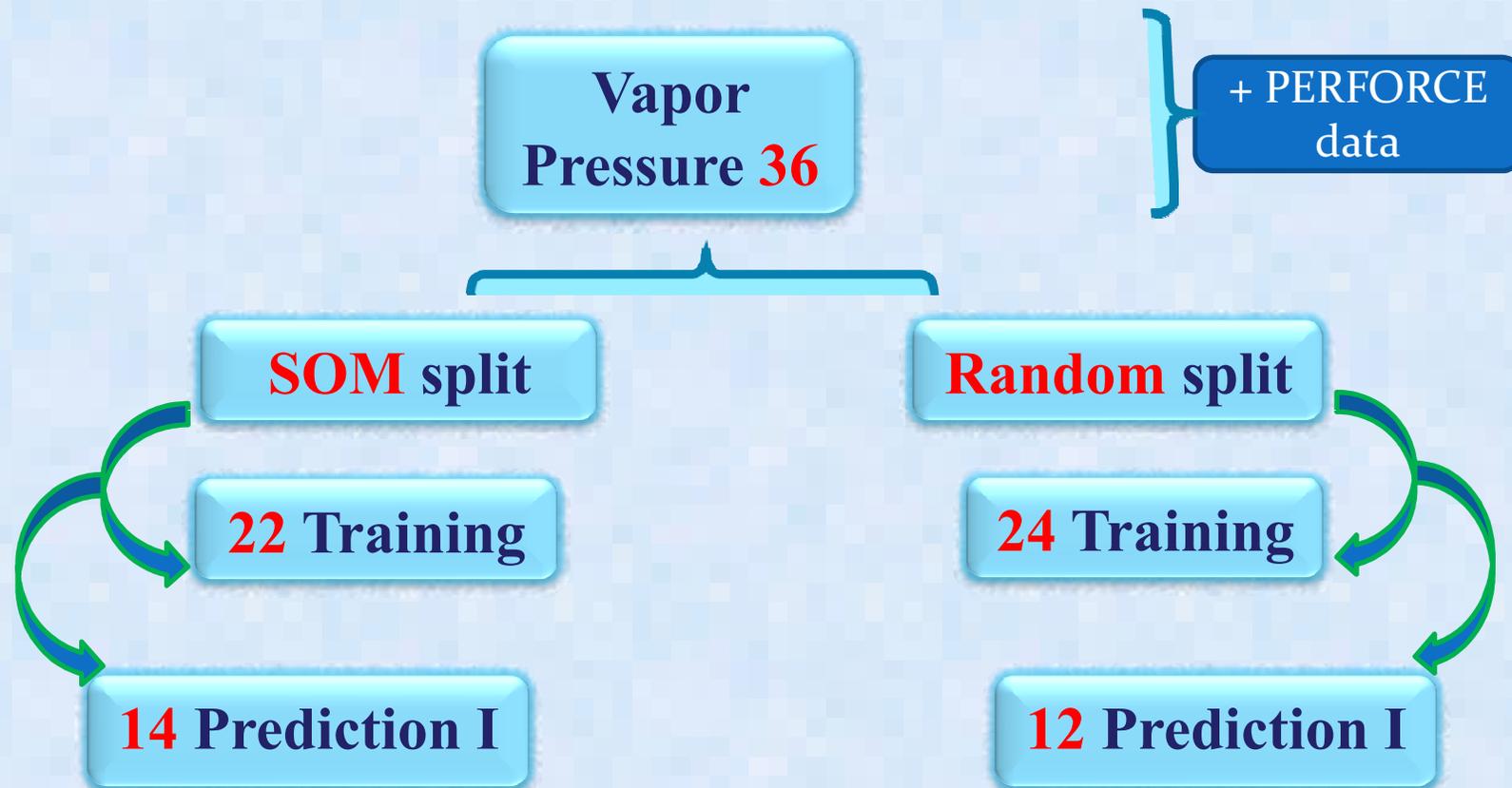


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# Vapor Pressure: Data splitting

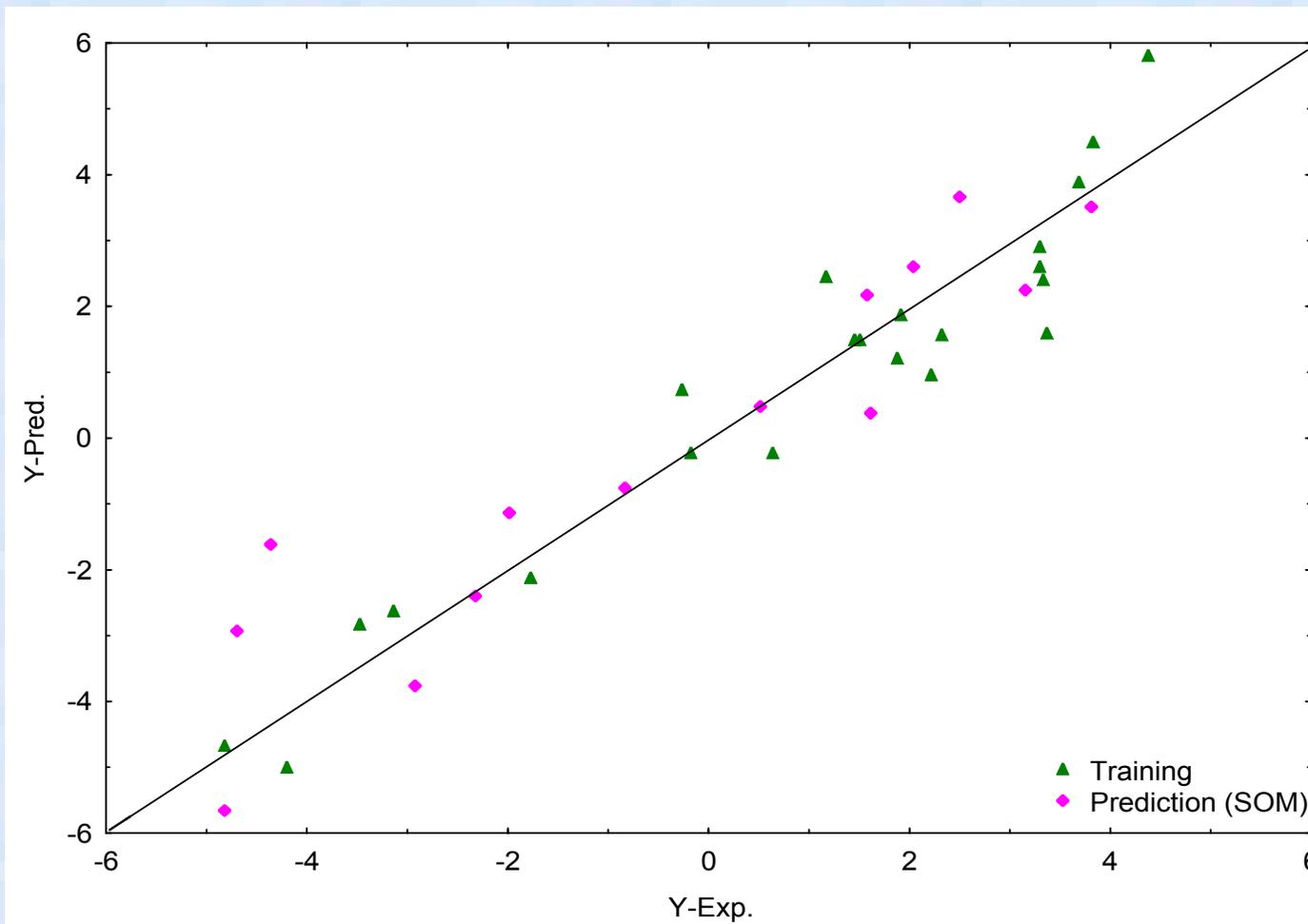


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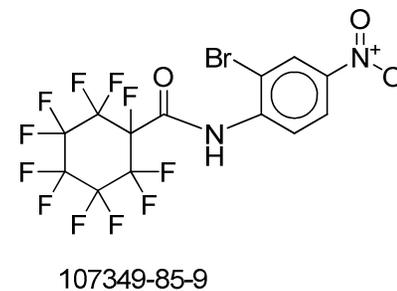
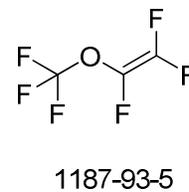
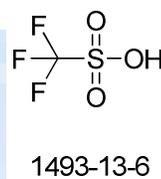
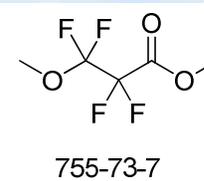
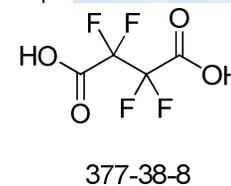
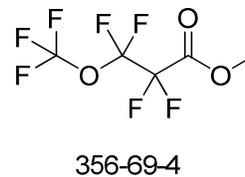
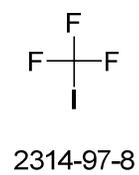
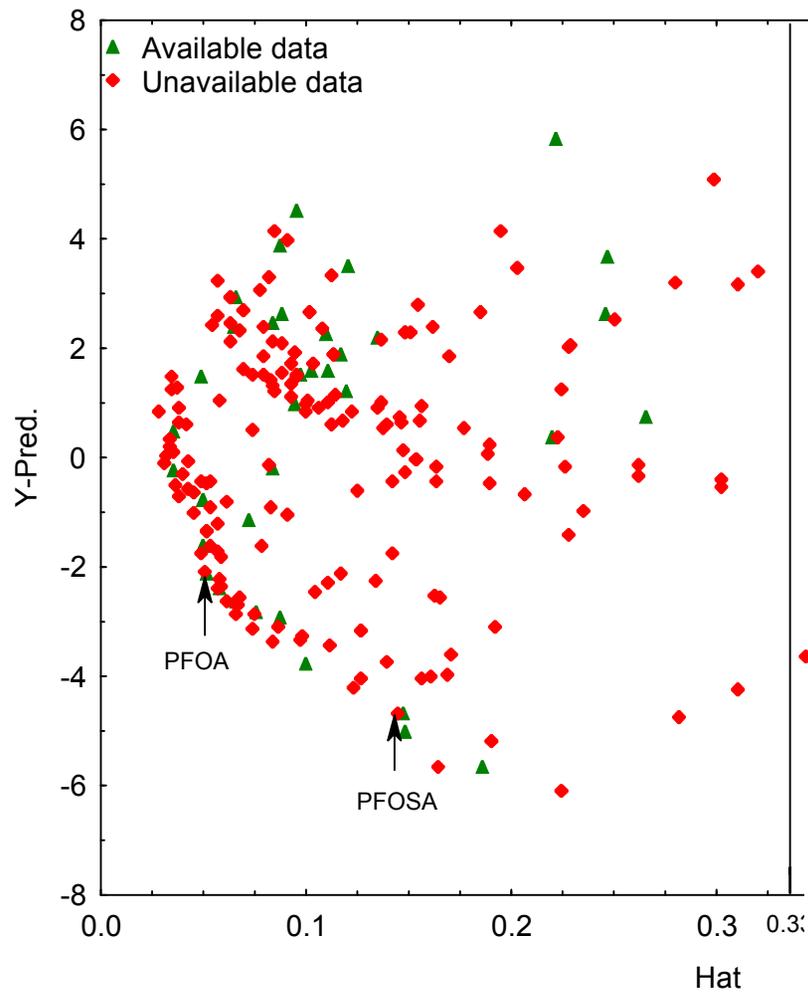
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CICO MATS1v TPSA(Tot)	Prediction I <b>SOM</b> 14 test	91.57	94.61	80.30	0.63	1.25	85.27	78.94	83.24	14.73
	Prediction I <b>Response</b> 12 test	87.72	91.08	82.65	0.87	0.80	91.91	92.39	93.24	13.29
	Total 36	89.36	91.61	87.88	0.84	0.94 (cv)	-	-	-	8.58

# Regression plots (VP)

$\log VP = -0.11 (\pm 0.01) \text{TPSA(Tot)} - 1.18 (\pm 0.32) \text{CIC0} - 6.35 (\pm 3.41) \text{MATS1v} + 4.93$   
N=36



# Applicability domain (VP)



# Summay of QSPR on PFCs:

End point	Variables	Total	Q <sup>2</sup> loo	R <sup>2</sup>	Q <sup>2</sup> boot	RMSE train	RMSE cv	(n) AD%	RMSE EPI*
Melting Point	AAC F02[C-F] C-013	111	76.82	78.45	76.10	<u>40.36</u>	41.86	(248) 94.7	46.678
Boiling Point	Ms ATS1m nROH	130	87.55	88.54	87.27	<u>27.56</u>	29.12	(290) 97.9	43.046
Vapor Pressure	CIC0 MATS1v TPSA(Tot)	36	89.36	91.61	87.88	<u>0.84</u>	0.94	(243) 97.1	1.03

\* <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/exposure/pubs/episuite.htm>



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# Future Work

- Validity of models on new Experimental data produced
- Experimental Design of suggested compounds
- Collaboration with CADASTER partners and other EU projects (OPENTOX)
- QSAR modeling of Acute toxicity data and other relevant SIDS end points

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