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# The application of reference chemicals in Cat-App?

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# Reference materials in CAT-APP



## Positive controls

Assay specific reference materials. Uses as dose responses in each plate

Reference materials (20) in duplicate in each plate, four concentrations on a log order basis.

Acted as positive controls for the apical assays

These reference materials represented the classes and most common materials in the UVCBs

Different positive controls used in PHE & TAMU

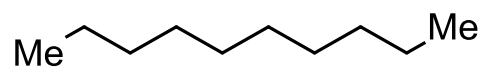
Common between PHE and TAMU



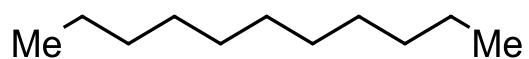
## R20 bioactivity chemicals

‘20 “reference substances” representing the major known structural classes of chemistries in petroleum substances: n-paraffins, monoaromatics, diaromatics, triaromatics, 4-ring aromatics and heteroatoms. Specific substances selected from chemicals screened in ToxCast by US EPA; data on these agents from >800 assay readouts publicly available through EPA’s iCSS dashboard’

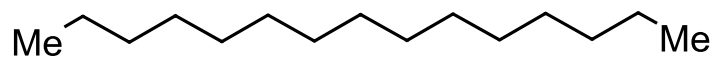
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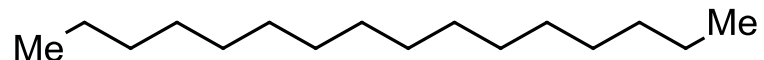
Decane (R18)




Udecane (R12)



Pentadecane (R2)

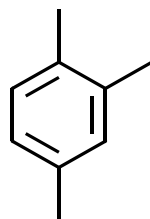


Hexadecane (R14)

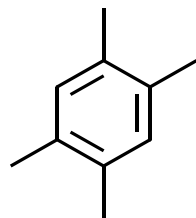


5,0.5,0.05, and 0.005 nM

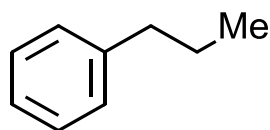
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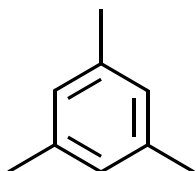
1,2,4-trimethylbenzene (R16)



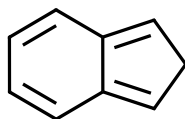
1,2,4,5-tetramethylbenzene (R5)



Propylbenzene (R11)



P-Cymene (R17)

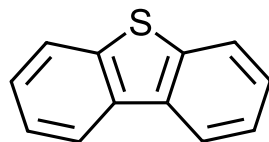


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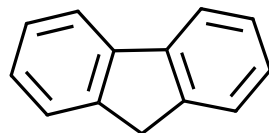
500,50,5, 0.5 nM

50,5,0.5, 0.05 nM

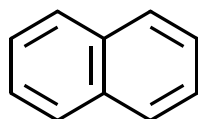
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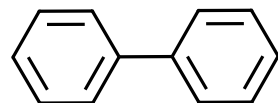
Dibenzothiophene (R4)



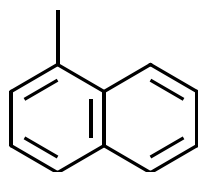
Fluorene (R19)



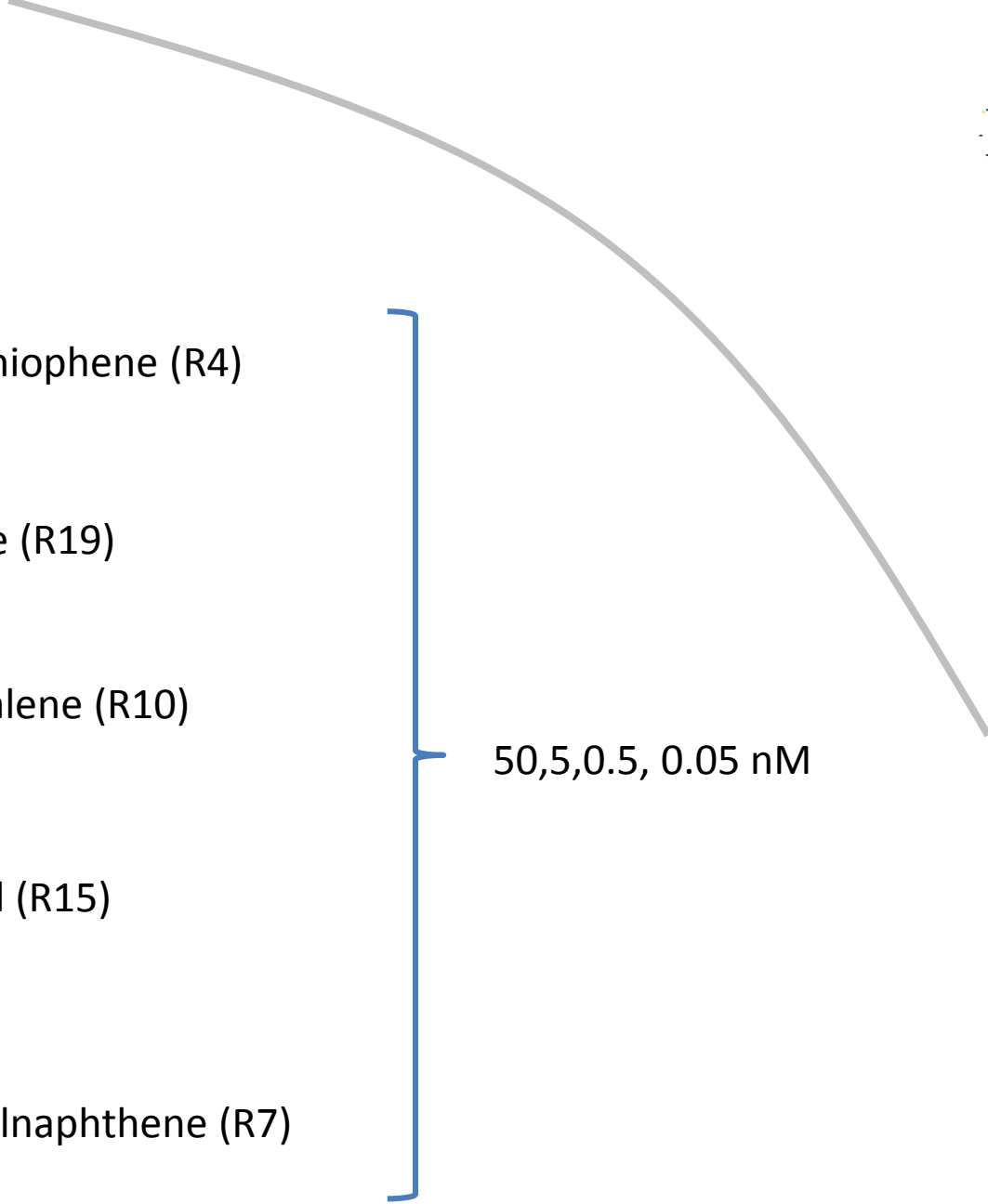
Naphthalene (R10)



Biphenyl (R15)

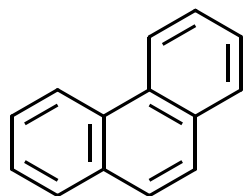


1-methylnaphthene (R7)

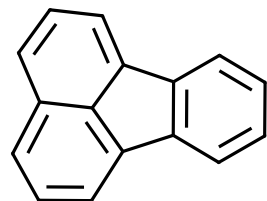


50,5,0.5, 0.05 nM

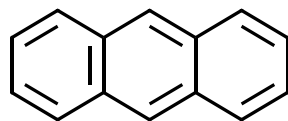
# R20 - Tri-Aromatics



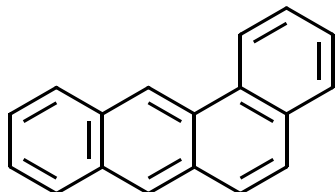
Phenanthrene (R6)



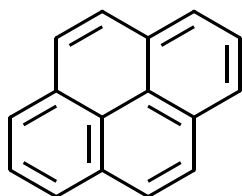
Fluoranthrene (R9)



Anthracene (R13)



Benz(a)anthracene (R3)



Pyrene (R8)

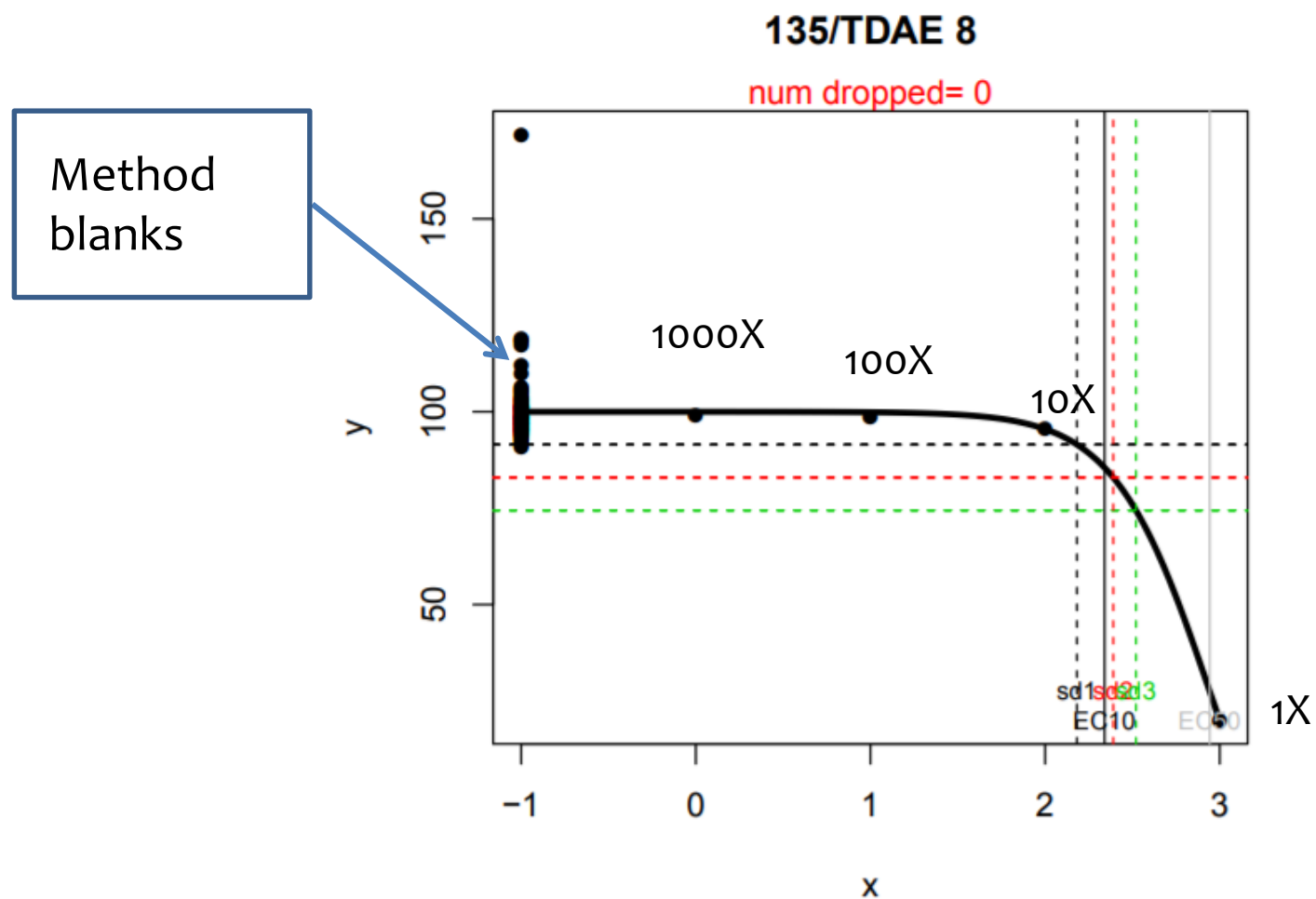
Concentrations (nM)	AHR activity as percentage of TCDD at 24 hour exposure	Carcinogenic activity as relative to B(a)P =1
50,5,0.5,0.05	<5%	0.001
50,5,0.5,0.05	<5%	0.001
50,5,0.5,0.05	<5%	0.01
50,5,0.5,0.05	49%	0.1
50,5,0.5,0.05	<5%	0.001



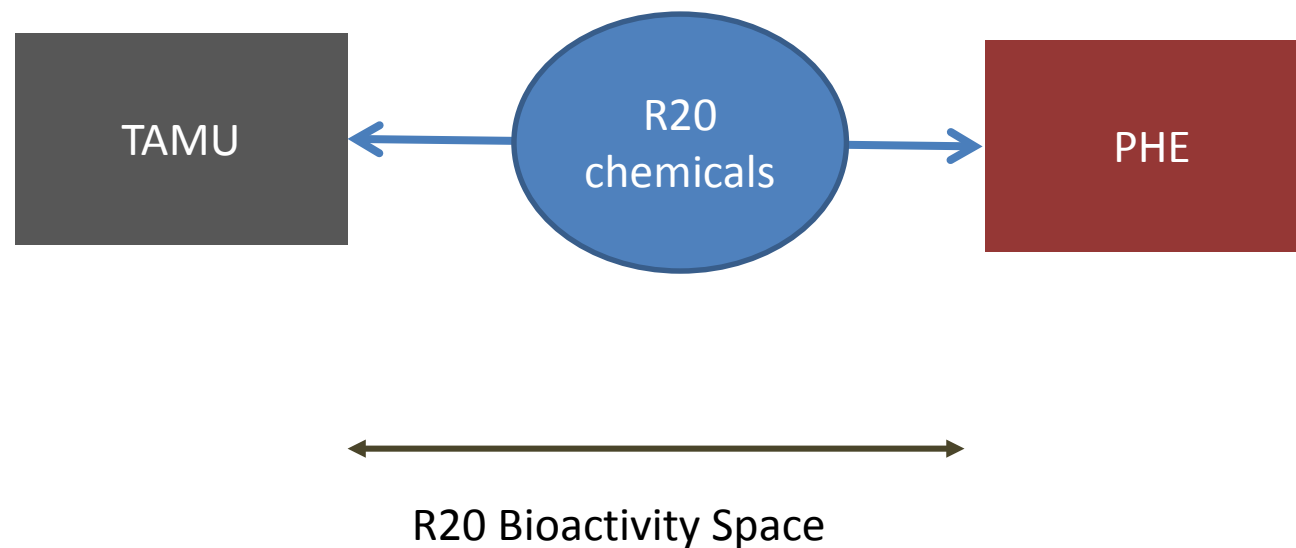
# Bioactivity Space



# POD calculation



# Assays consolidated by reference to R20 bioactivity space





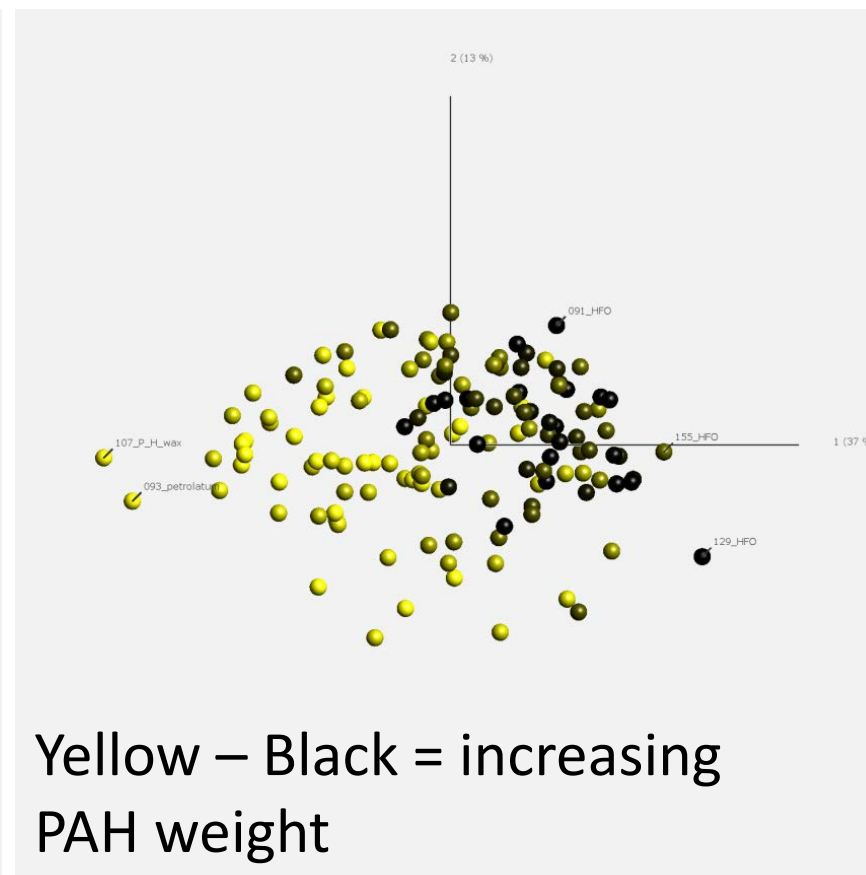
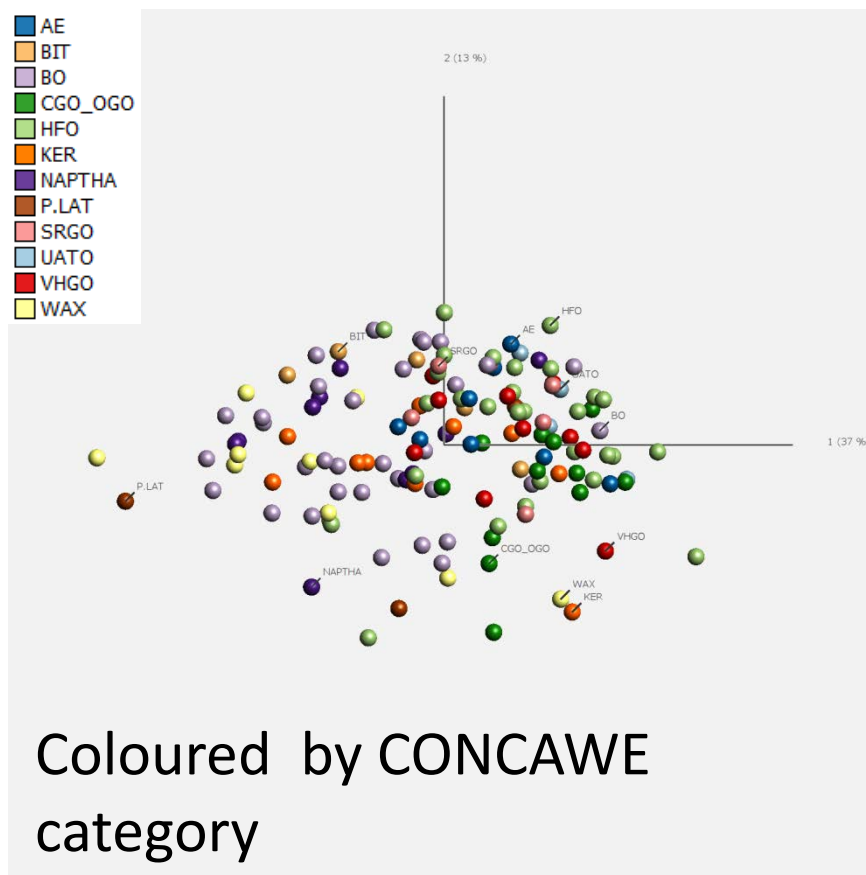
Each UVCB correlated to each of the 20 reference chemicals using the 68 assays available.

Calculate the Spearman's Rank Correlation for each UVCB against all each of the R20 chemicals across the 68 used assay space using PODs

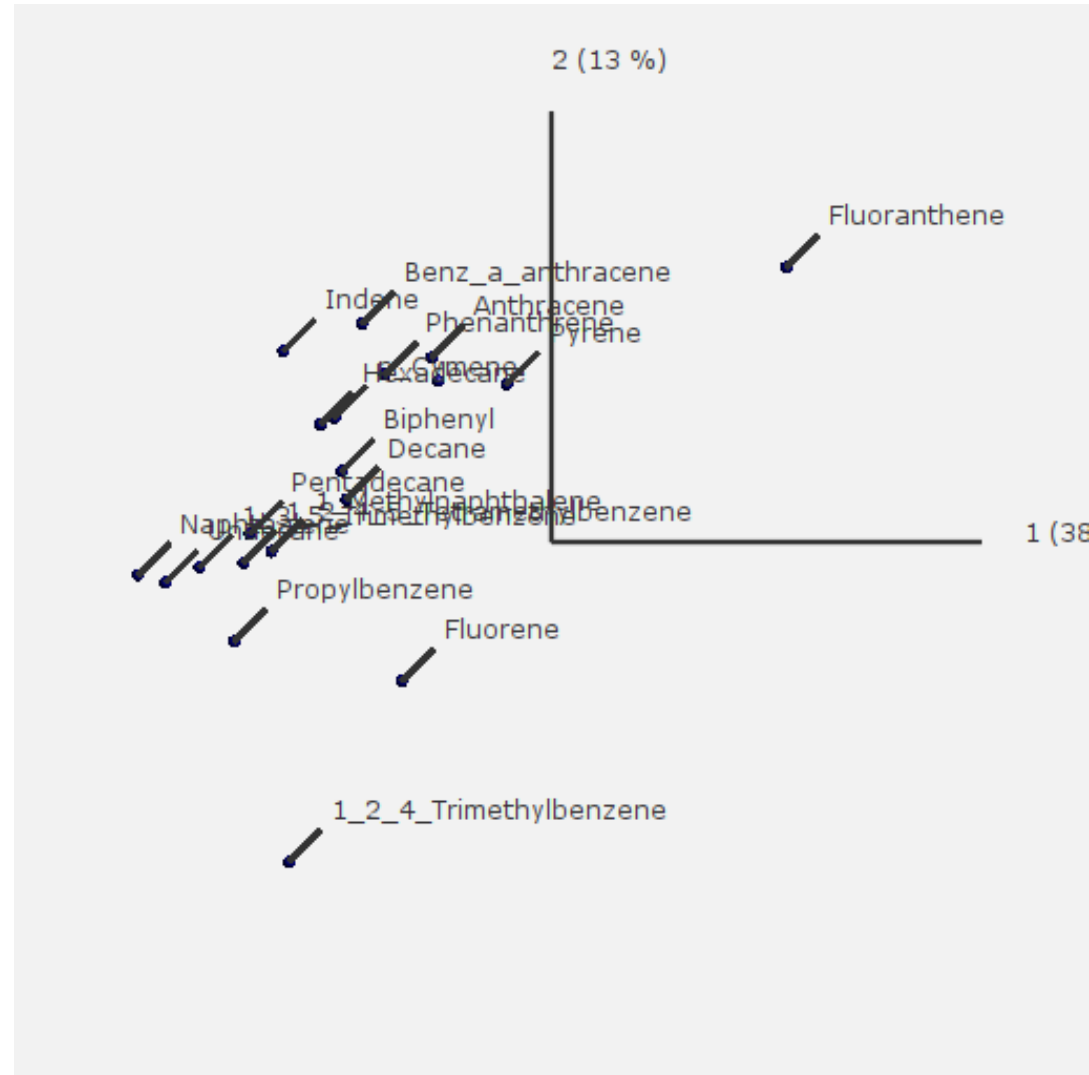
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UVCB <sub>1</sub>	Corr (1-68)	Corr (1-68)	Corr (1-68)	Corr (1-68)		
UVCB <sub>2</sub>	Corr (1-68)	>>				
UVCB <sub>3</sub>		Corr (1-68)	Corr (1-68)			
>>>						
UVCB <sub>141</sub>						

			R02	R12	R14	R18	R01	R05	R16	R11	R17	R20	R04	R07	R10	R15	R19	R06	R09	R13	R03	R08
UVCBs	Category_Class	PAH weight	Pentadecane	Undecane	Hexadecane	Decane	1_2_4_Tri methylbenzene	1_2_4_5_ methylbenzene	1_3_5_Tri methylbenzene	Propylbenzene	p_Cymene	Indene	1_Methyl Dibenzothiophene	Naphthalene	Biphenyl	Fluorene	Phenanthrene	Fluoranthene	Anthracene	Benz_aanthracene	Pyrene	
003_CGO	CGO_OGO	0.404	0.037007	0.25464	-0.05937	0.132437	0.147813	0.002295	0.121851	-0.009	0.024693	-0.00801	-0.16307	0.109992	0.150185	0.135758	0.235992	0.164533	0.168788	0.139061	0.069224	0.058416
006_HFO	HFO	0.564	0.070079	0.222342	-0.03782	0.115323	-0.10615	0.008373	0.049621	-0.1596	-0.05597	0.18375	-0.03821	0.046361	0.152388	0.090442	0.044553	0.394368	0.371353	0.104532	0.213888	0.14509
007_HFO	HFO	0.436	-0.00069	0.053415	0.216224	0.043528	-0.0727	0.003682	0.15753	-0.08561	0.207225	0.408611	0.204828	0.084625	0.12349	0.200125	0.150479	0.329754	0.479888	0.281204	0.259653	0.264373
008_HFO	HFO	1.412	0.052179	-0.0133	-0.02955	0.077082	-0.13366	-0.2138	-0.04839	-0.18479	0.066833	0.164406	-0.13831	-0.04478	-0.00883	0.075373	-0.03718	0.205639	0.369974	0.172558	0.057782	0.216327
009_gasoline	NAPTHA	0.000	0.13036	0.233106	0.154112	0.096049	0.032288	0.148086	0.405256	0.124061	0.072619	0.37441	0.181928	0.370436	0.317832	0.307857	0.235365	0.583263	0.186303	0.187746	0.181099	0.299403
011_kerosine	KER	0.000	0.060218	0.177282	0.110959	0.199978	0.230888	0.175475	0.259313	0.166186	0.216774	0.233418	0.176053	0.264908	0.31801	0.230572	0.24114	0.426939	0.208272	0.117081	-0.05069	0.289444

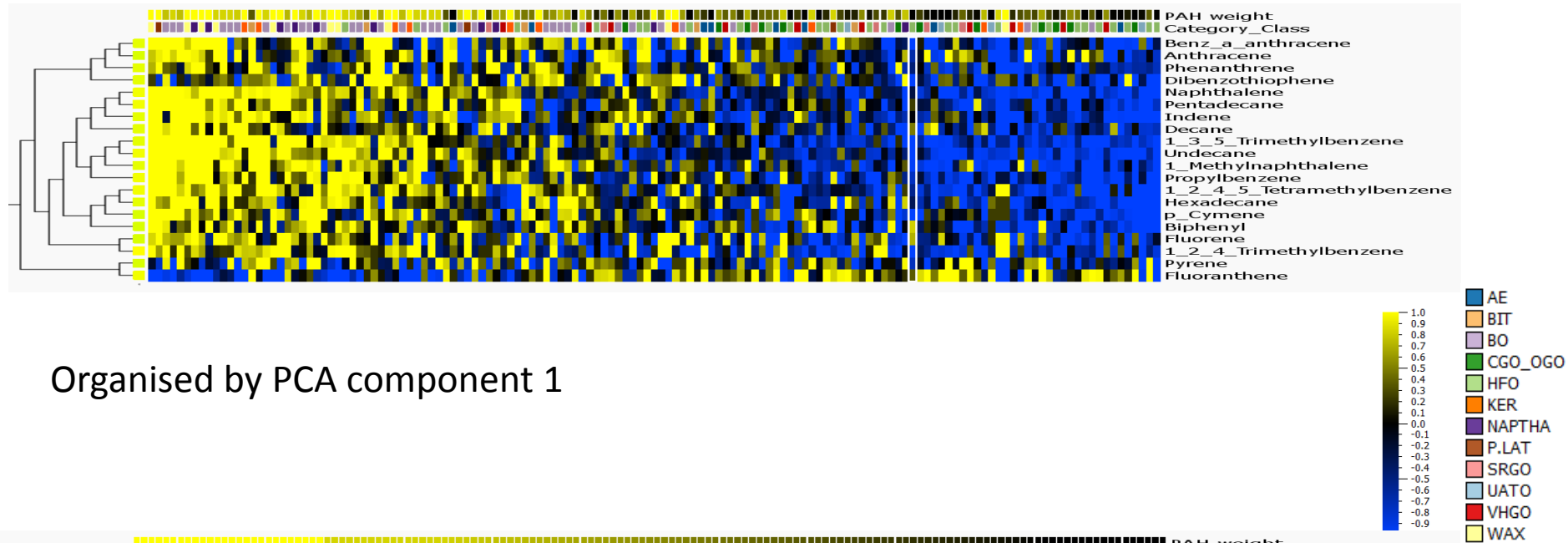
# UVCB categories (samples) in R20 bioactivity space



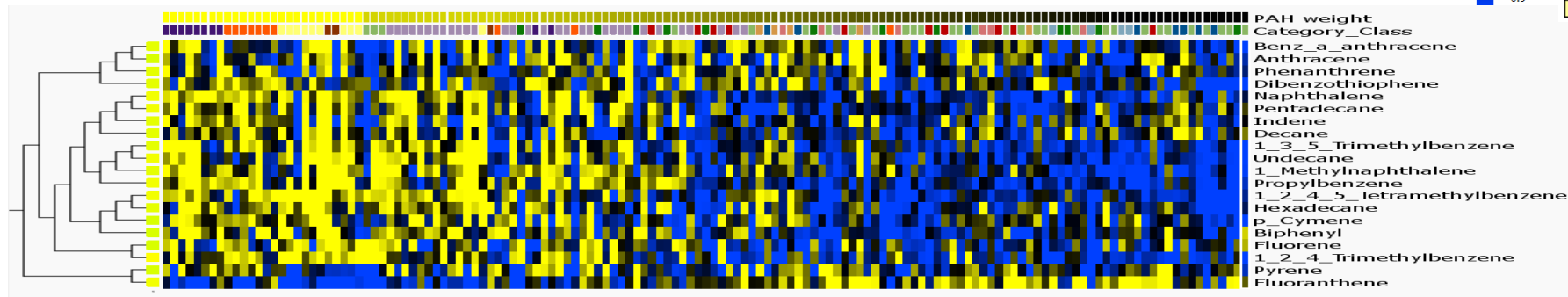
# R20 variables



# PCA component 1 Clustering in Bioactivity R20 space



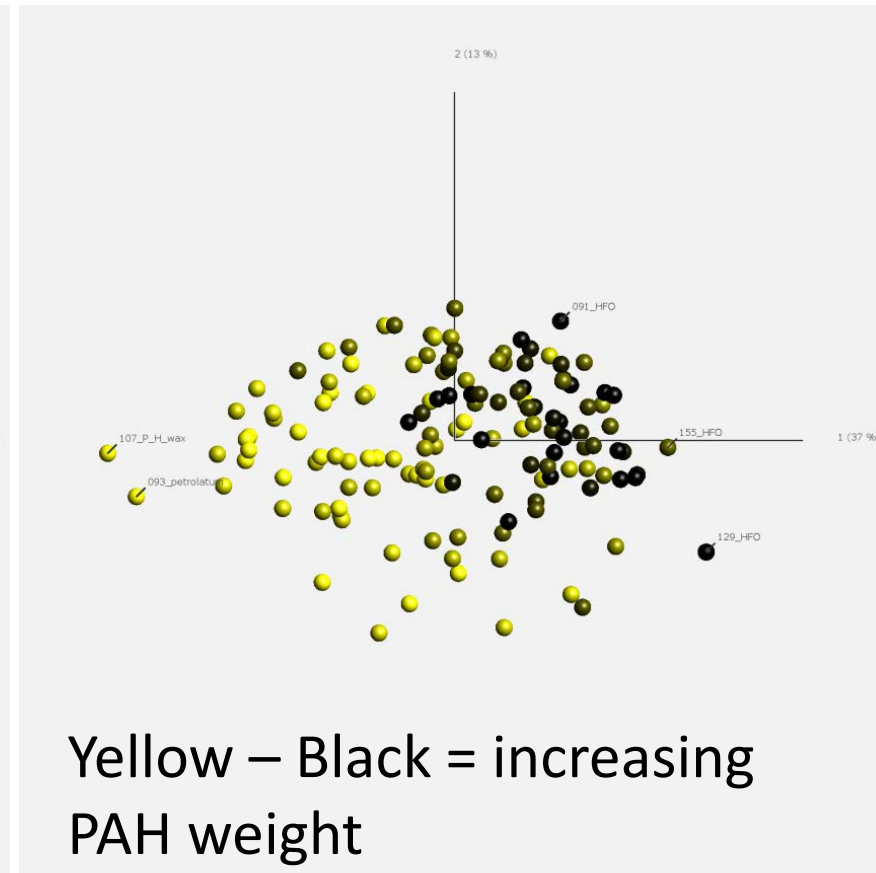
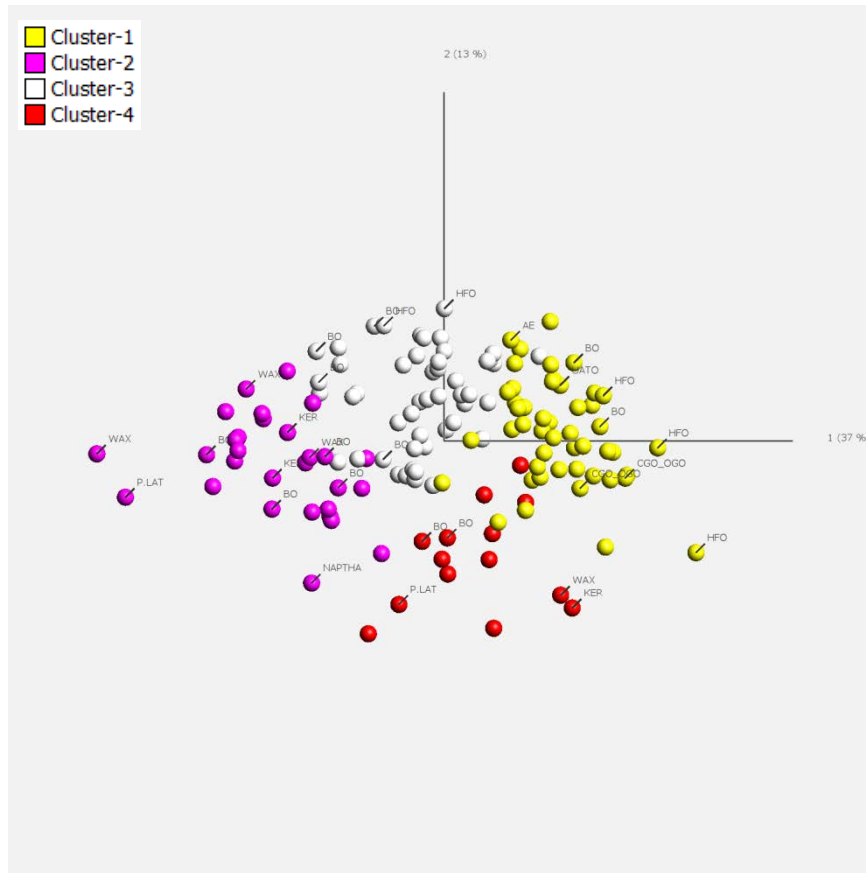
Organised by PCA component 1



Organised by PAH weight



# K means 4 cluster in R20 bioactivity space

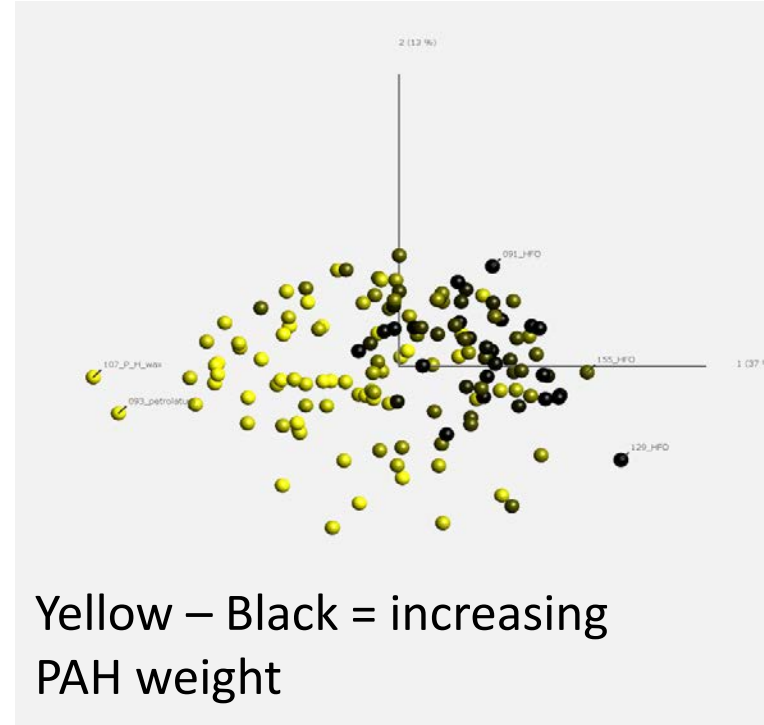
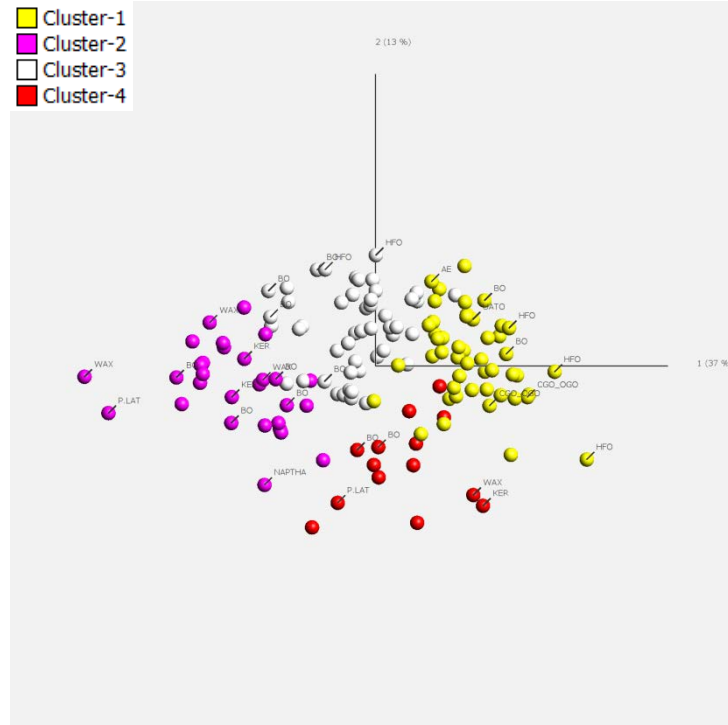




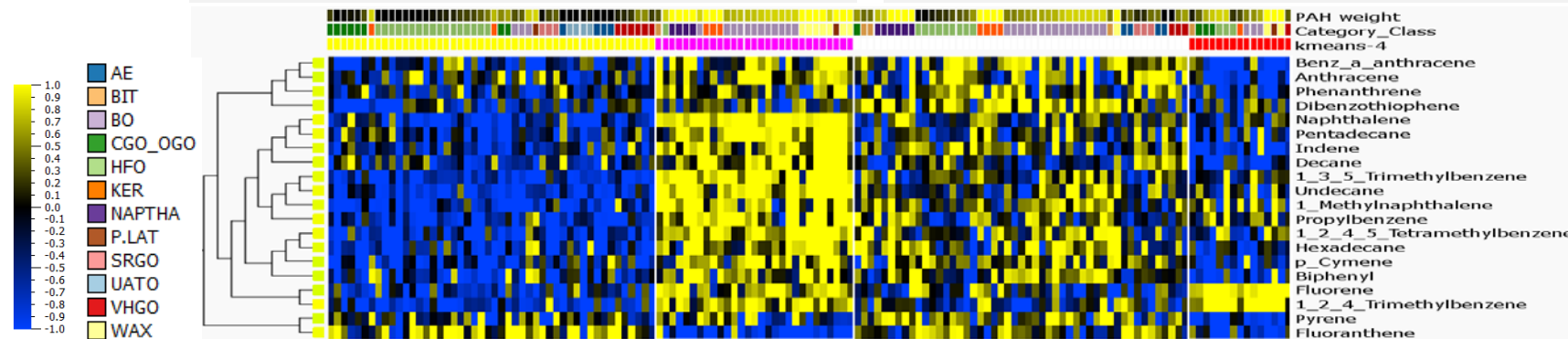




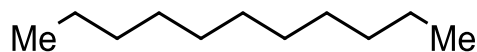
# 4 categories about optimal for R20 bioactivity - also indicated by other methods



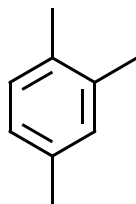
Yellow – Black = increasing PAH weight



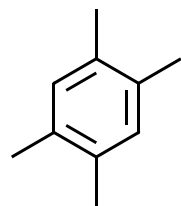
# R6 space - the most discerning variables to UVCB sample separation.



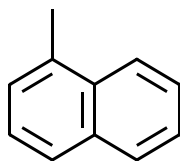
Udecane (R12)



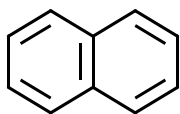
1,2,4-trimethylbenzene (R16)



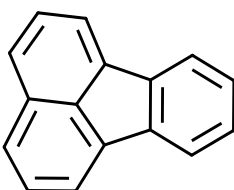
1,2,4,5-tetramethylbenzene (R5)



1-methylnaphthene (R7)



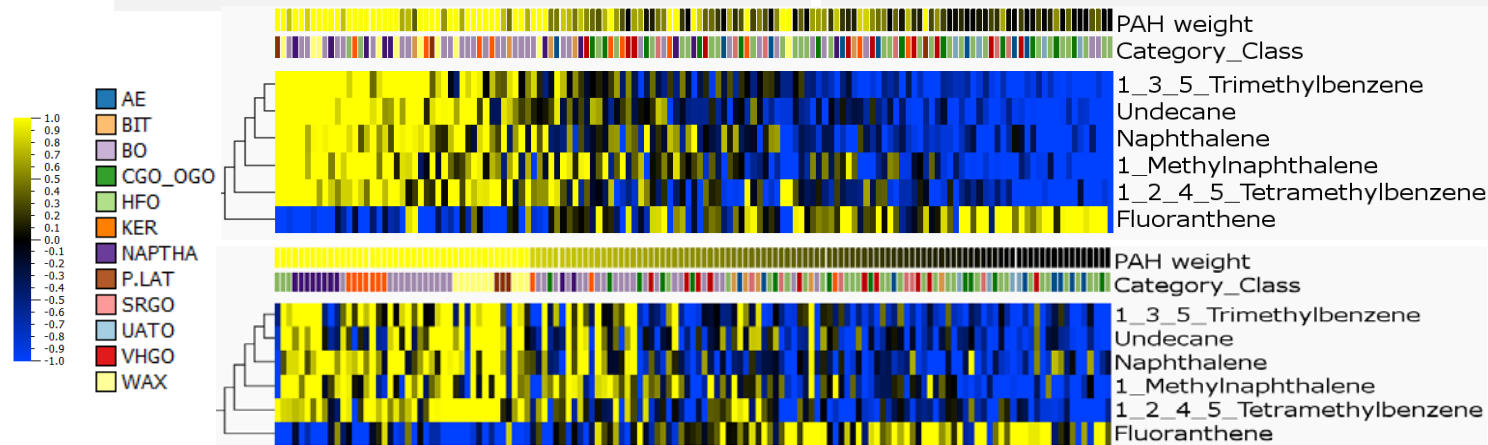
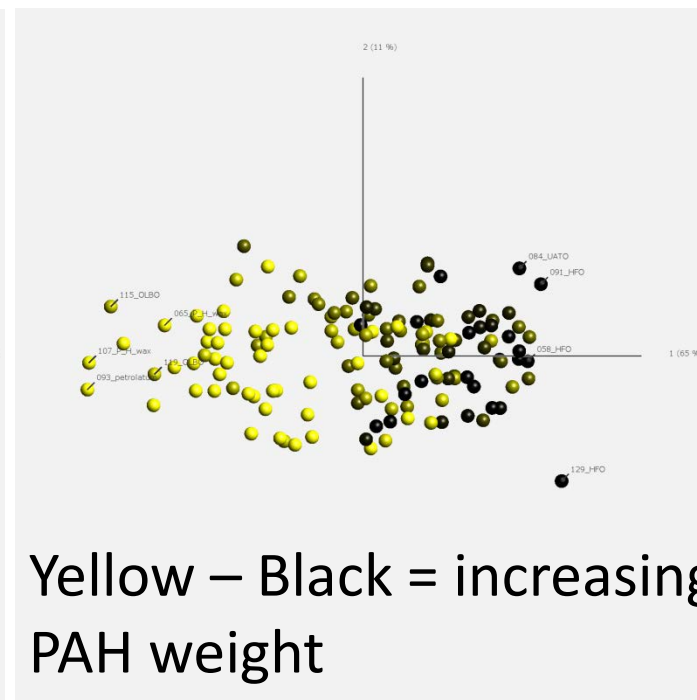
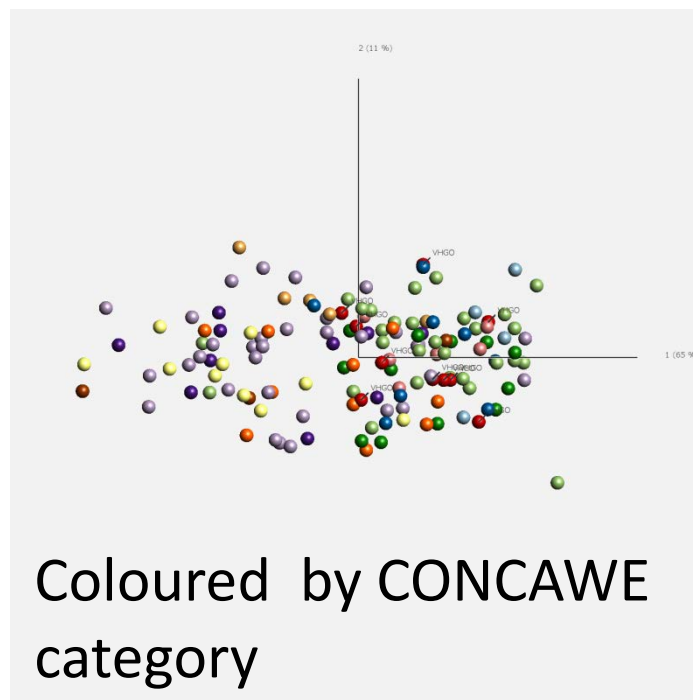
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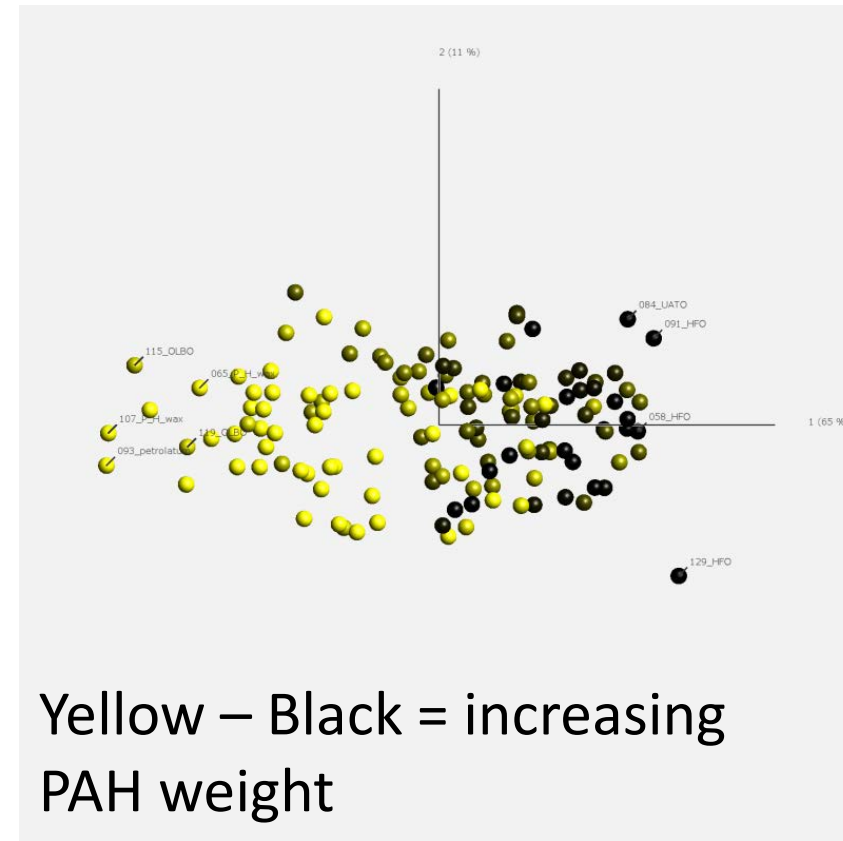
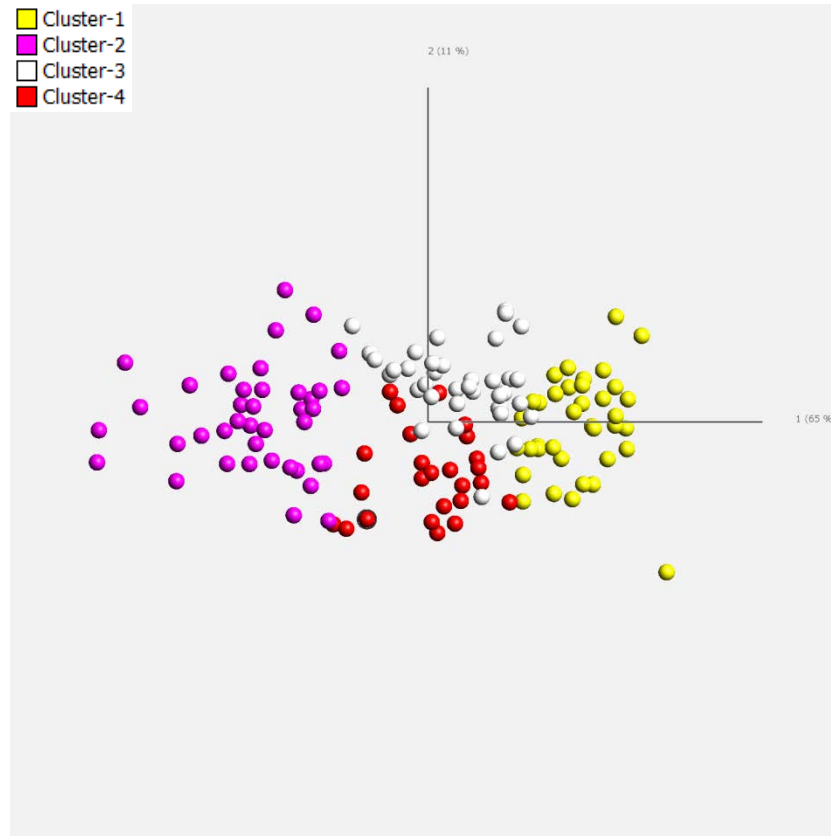
Fluoranthrene (R9)

# PCA in R6 bioactivity space

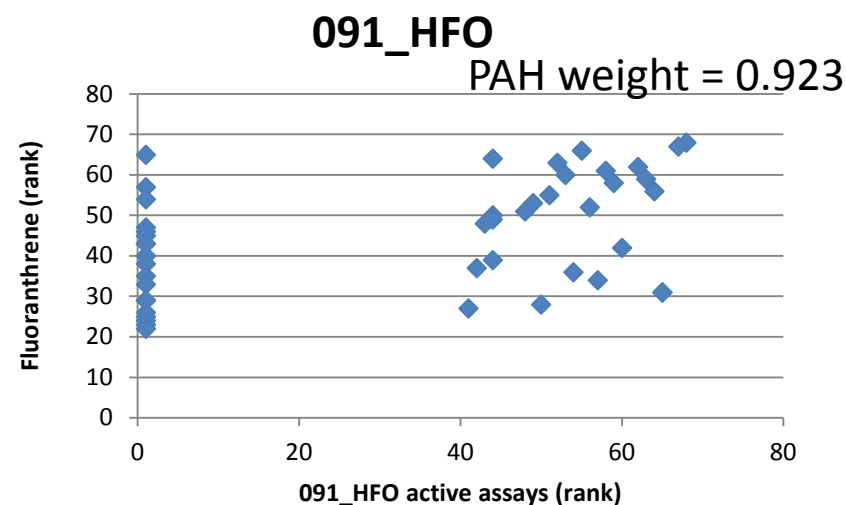
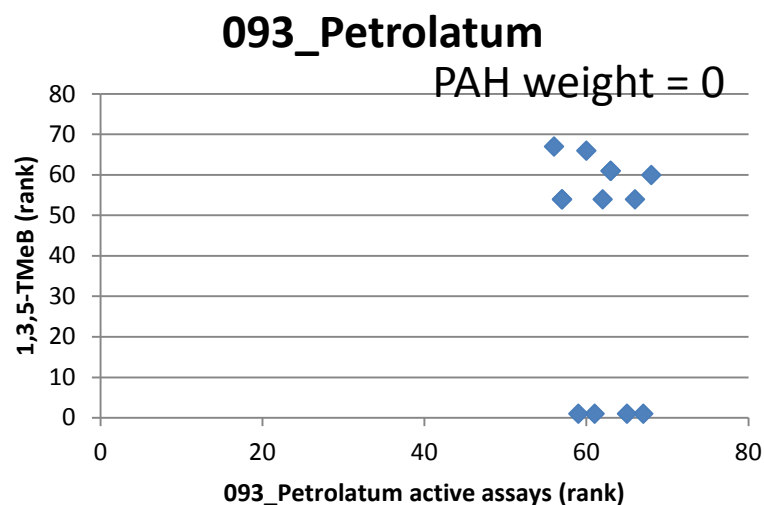
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# K means 4 cluster in R6 bioactivity space



# 093\_Petrolatum/091\_HFO bioactivity assay rank correlations with 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene/Fluoranthrene



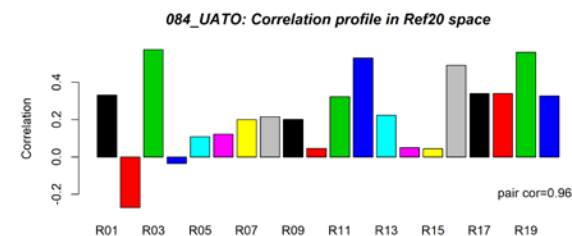
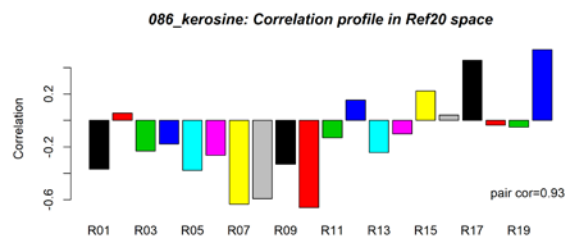
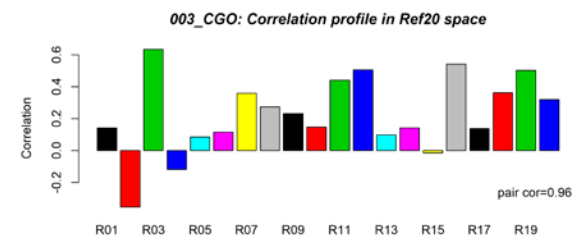
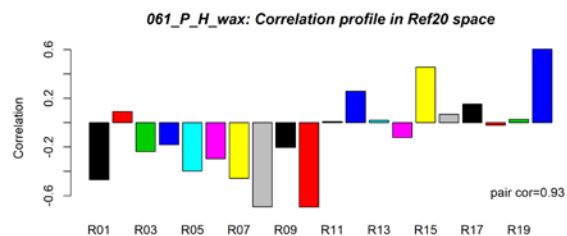
- 091\_HFO is more biologically active over all than 093\_petrolatum
- 093\_Petrolatum is active in more assays than 1,2,5-Trimethylbenzene
- 091\_HFO is active in more assays than fluoranthrene
- In assays where both the UVCB and R20 chemical are active there are good rank correlations



## Combined Bioactivity and Transcriptome space

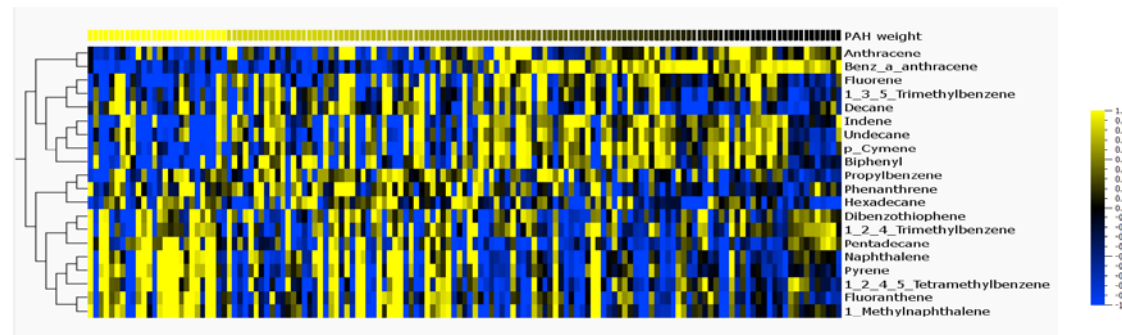
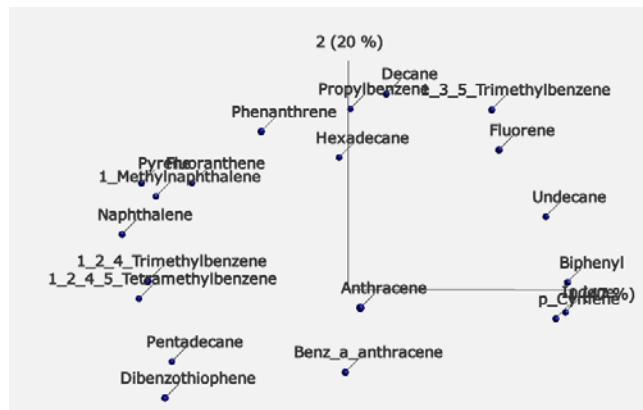
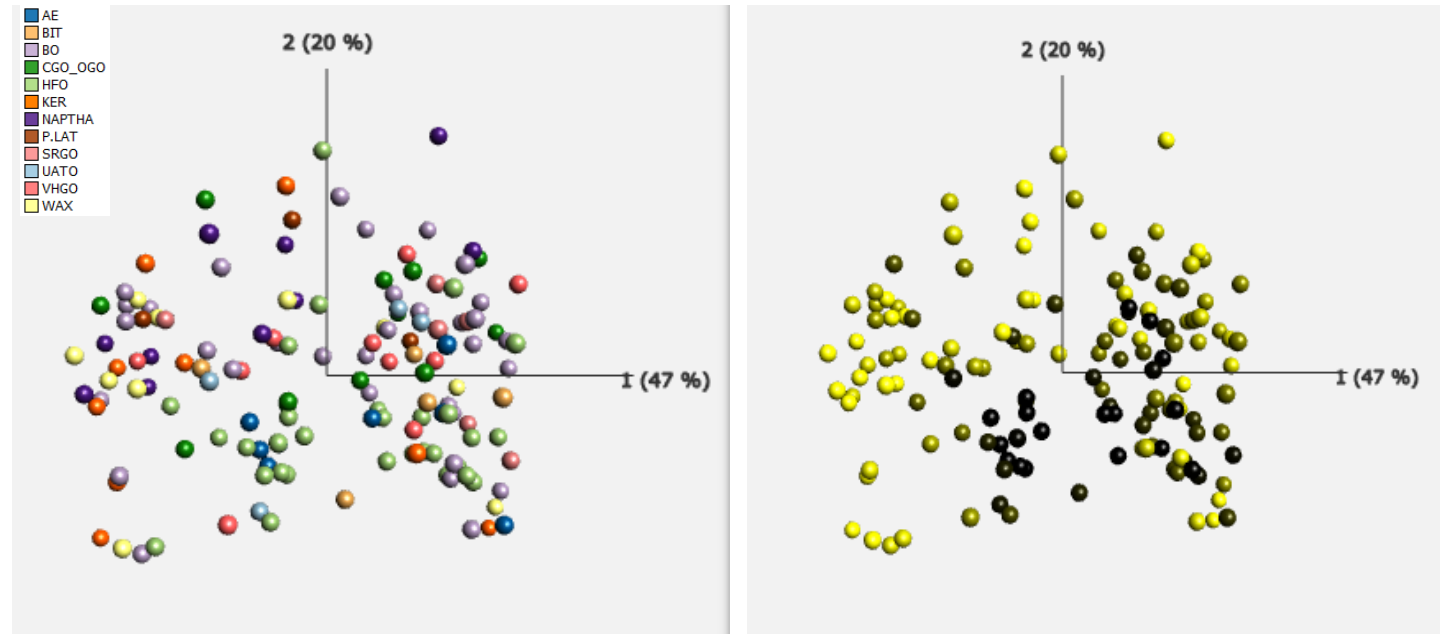


# Mapping UVCBs to R20 space

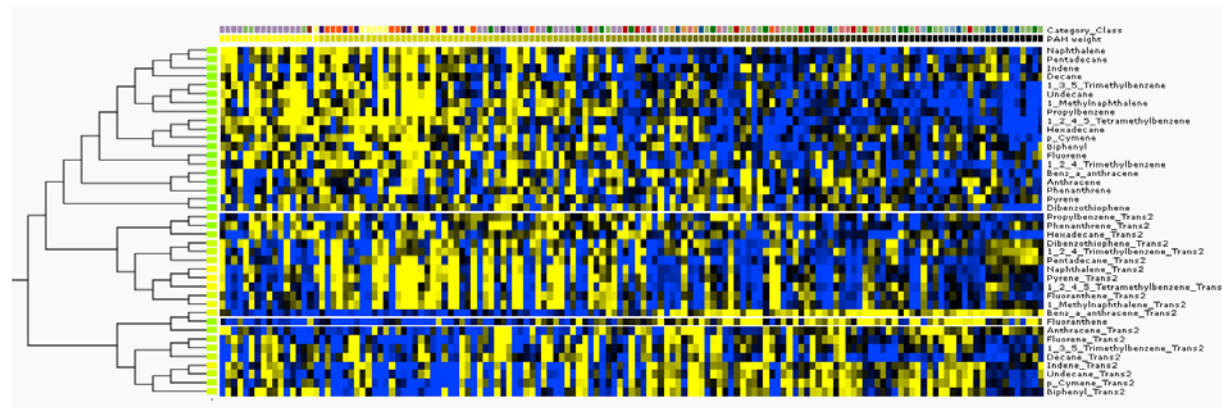
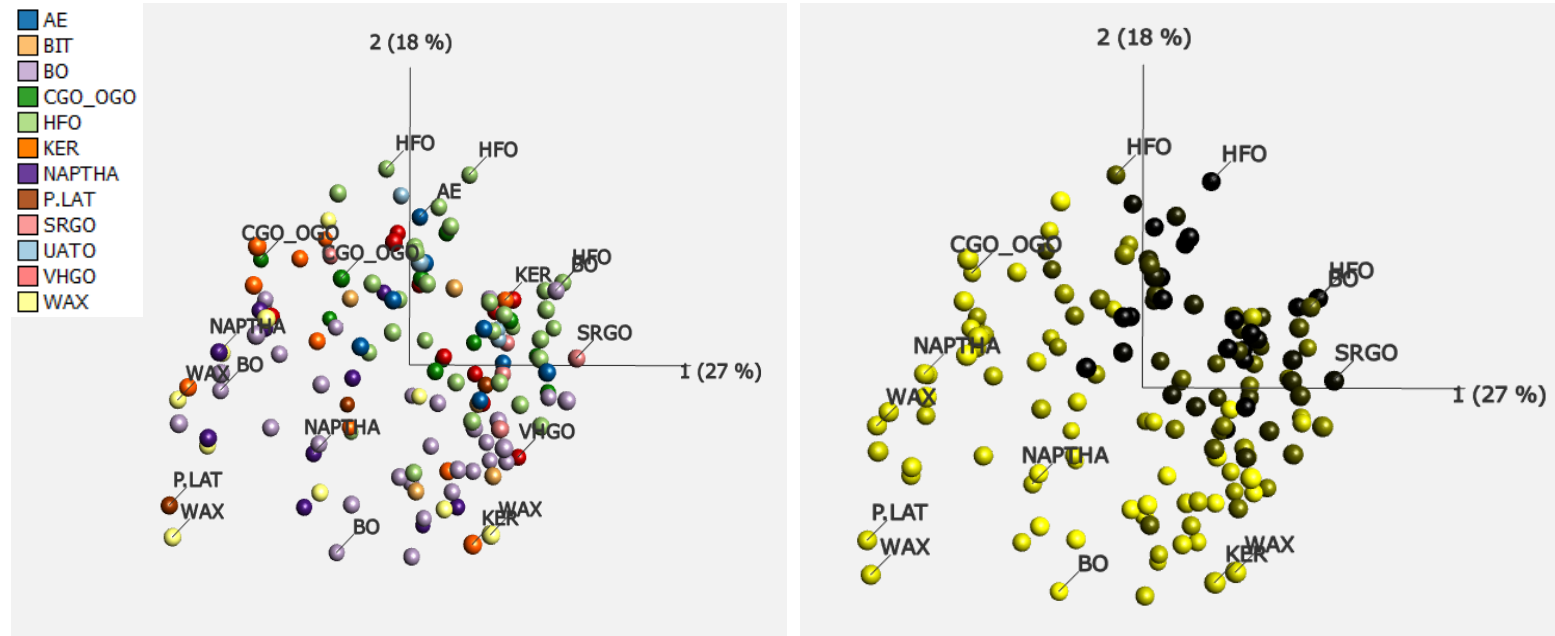


UVCBs	Category_Classes	PAH weight	1_2_4_Trimethylbenzene	Pentadecane	Benz_a_anthracene	1_2_4_5_Tetramethylbenzene	Phenanthrene	1_Methyl-naphthalene	Pyrene	Fluoranthene	Naphthalene	Propylbenzene	Undecane	Anthracene	Hexadecane	Biphenyl	1_3_5_Trimethylbenzene	p_Cymene	Decane	Fluorene	Indene	
003_CGO	CGO_OGO	0.404	0.141373655	-0.35493	0.636035	-0.11831	0.084825	0.115288	0.359785	0.274148	0.232207	0.146366	0.441784	0.505963	0.097417	0.142271	-0.0147	0.542324	0.137998	0.362853	0.502679	0.31981
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007_HFO	HFO	0.436	-0.039089356	-0.25029	0.456503	-0.18382	-0.25452	-0.10231	-0.30767	-0.29915	-0.28009	-0.2425	-0.08795	0.392139	0.067531	0.122259	0.303028	0.411319	0.44536	0.11592	0.318577	0.508625
008_HFO	HFO	1.412	0.45579361	0.245218	0.57913	0.234317	0.010188	0.103584	0.175378	0.04205	-0.12808	0.145254	-0.01646	0.042544	0.166204	-0.17764	-0.08866	0.021833	-0.04614	0.170111	0.052305	0.115691
009_gasoline	NAPTHA	0.000	0.741805911	0.309817	0.355573	0.448905	0.517107	0.424367	0.614247	0.808631	0.369399	0.798544	0.006844	-0.07943	0.170478	-0.12898	-0.3943	-0.08761	-0.29014	0.076779	0.082014	-0.46772

# SSC-map correlations of UVCBs in R20 transcriptome space



# Combined bioactivity and transcription (ssMap) in R20 space

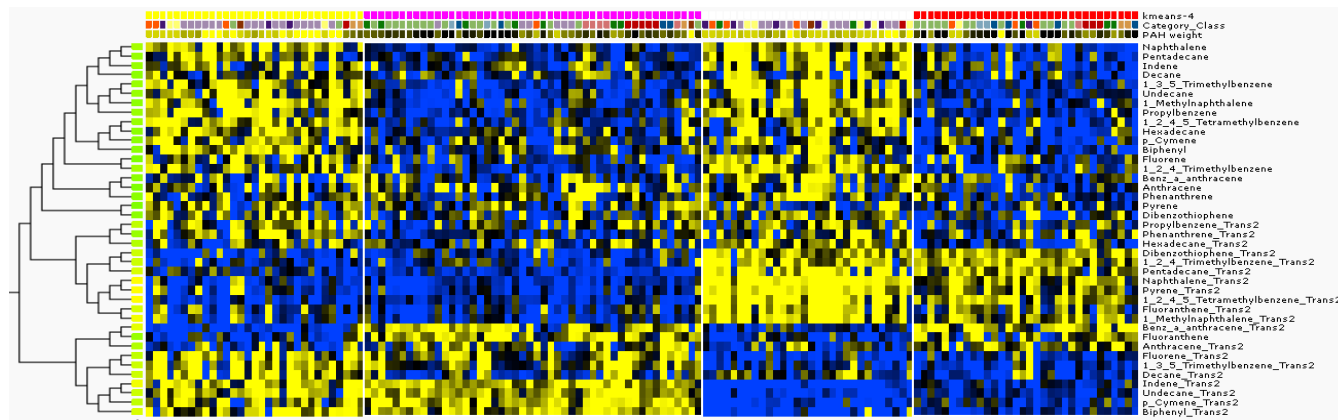
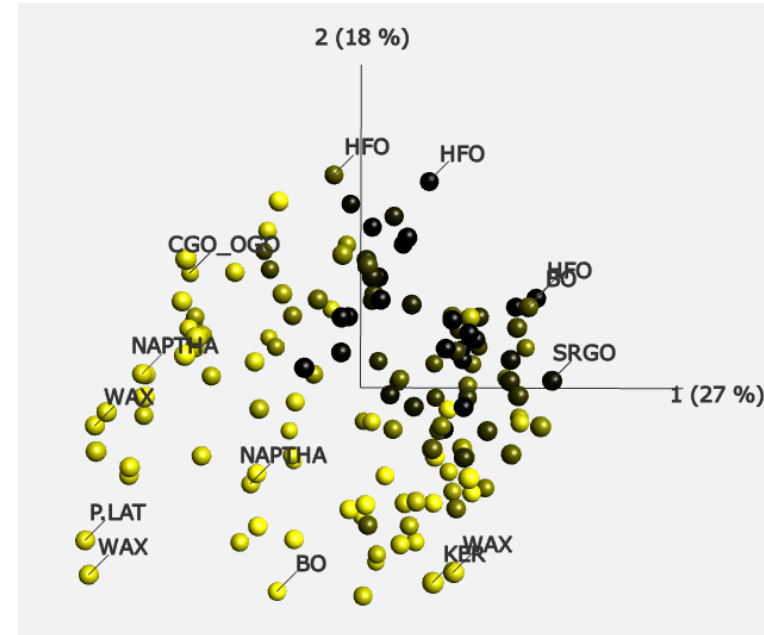
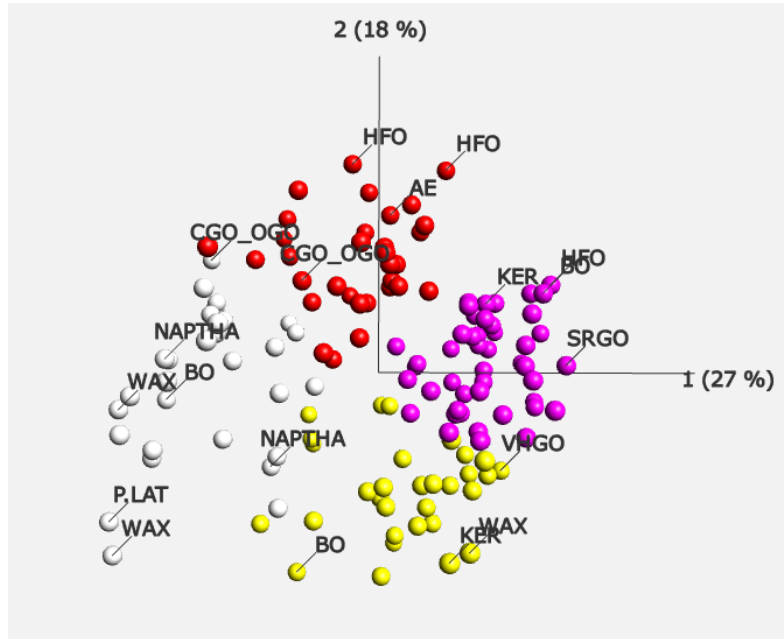


Bioactivity

Transcription

Fluoranthrene - bioactivity  
Transcription

# Combined bioactivity and transcription (ssMap) in R20 space - K means 4 cluster



Bioactivity

Transcription

Fluoranthrene - bioactivity

Transcription

kmeans-4  
 Category\_Class  
 PAH weight  
 Naphthalene  
 Pentadecane  
 Indene  
 Decane  
 1\_3\_5\_Trimethylbenzene  
 Undecane  
 1\_Methylnaphthalene  
 Propylbenzene  
 1\_2\_4\_5\_Tetramethylbenzene  
 Hexadecane  
 p\_Cymene  
 Biphenyl  
 Fluorene  
 1\_2\_4\_Trimethylbenzene  
 Benz\_a\_anthracene  
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 Pyrene  
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 1\_2\_4\_Trimethylbenzene\_Trans2  
 Pentadecane\_Trans2  
 Naphthalene\_Trans2  
 Pyrene\_Trans2  
 1\_2\_4\_5\_Tetramethylbenzene\_Trans2  
 Fluoranthene\_Trans2  
 1\_Methylnaphthalene\_Trans2  
 Benz\_a\_anthracene\_Trans2  
 Fluoranthene  
 Anthracene\_Trans2  
 Fluorene\_Trans2  
 1\_3\_5\_Trimethylbenzene\_Trans2  
 Decane\_Trans2  
 Indene\_Trans2  
 Undecane\_Trans2  
 p\_Cymene\_Trans2  
 Biphenyl\_Trans2

# Conclusions

- In R20 Space the UVCBs with the higher percentage 3-7 ring aromatics are more biologically active, but there is biological activity across the spectrum associating with some of the non-carcinogenic and non AhR active chemicals.
- A smaller list of positive control chemicals can provide the same results as the R20 set.
- Transcriptome space shows more variability but there is some lack of correlation between transcriptome activity and biological activity
- Bioactivity space is somewhat more effective than transcriptome space for discerning biological grouping and distinguishing UVCB type.
- A positive control reference space is a useful place to operate providing an anchor for the analysis removing some of the variability associated with individual assays and could provide a basis for read across to product categories.