
Chemometrics for Mass Spectral Data Related to Comet Research

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This file contains a subset of the pictures shown in the lecture.

Comets are considered to consist of pristine material from the begin of the solar system.

Impact of comets on Earth may have brought water to Earth, as well as organic precursor molecules for the development of life.

Comet material consist of

- mineral grains,
- volatile organic material,
- complex condensed C,H,N,O-compounds,
- water (ice).

Results from fly-by mission at comets Halley, Hale-Bopp, and Wild-2.

ROSETTA

First spacecraft to orbit a comet,
2.8 x 2.1 x 2.0 m, two 14 m solar panels,
launch mass 3000 kg,
11 instruments in orbiter (165 kg),
9 instruments in lander (100 kg),
propellant (1600 kg)

Cosima

TOF-SIMS mass spectrometer

<http://rosetta.esa.int>

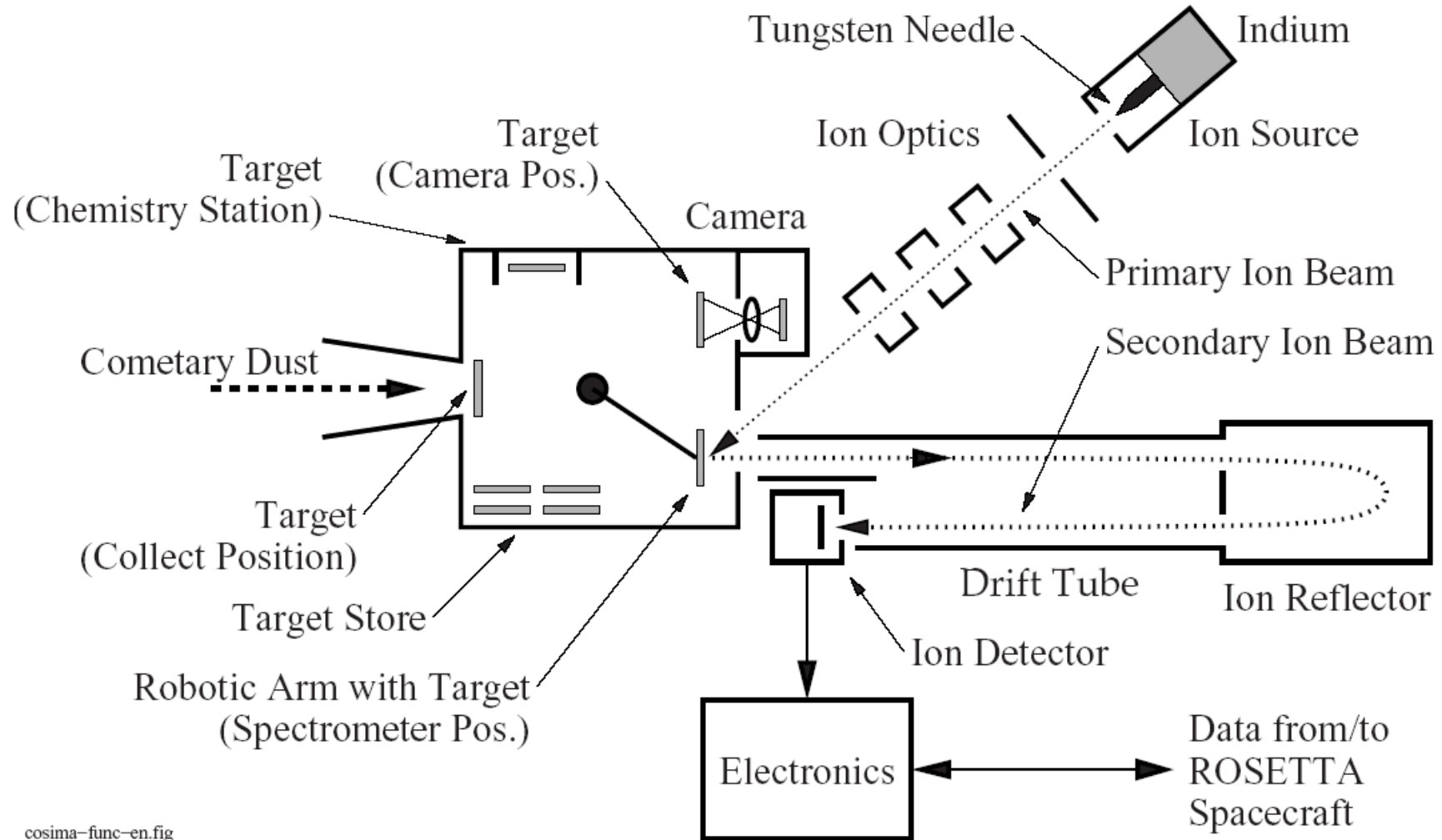
Comet

Chury!

Name	67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko
Discovery	1969 K. Churyumov (Univ. Kiev, Ukraine) S. Gerasimenko (Inst. Astrophysics, Dushanabe, Tajikistan)
Diameter (nucleus)	ca 4 km
Orbital period	6.6 years
Distance from Sun	186 - 857. 10^6 km (1.2 - 5.7 AU)

Cometary Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometer

Secondary Ion - Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometer



Cometary Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometer

DATA ?

- Hopefully in year 2014
- First TOF-SIMS data from space
- Data from similar instruments

some
minerals

some
organic compounds

Chemometric Evaluation of TOF-SIMS Data from Minerals

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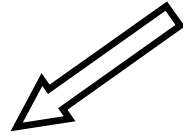
TOF-SIMS of minerals: **Samples**

Class i	Mineral	Chemical formula	n_i
1	Serpentine	$(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe})_3 \text{Si}_2 \text{O}_5 (\text{OH})_4$	12
2	Enstatite	Mg Si O_3	9
3	Olivine	$(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe})_2 \text{Si O}_4$	9
4	Talc	$\text{Mg}_3 \text{Si}_4 \text{O}_{10} (\text{OH})_2$	9
		sum n	39

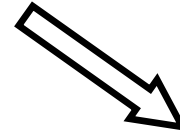
Mineral grains: 10 - 100 μm , embedded in gold foil (substrate).
 These minerals have been identified **in micro meteorites**;
 enstatite and olivine also **in comet** Hale-Bopp (Wooden et al., 1999, 2000).

TOF-SIMS of minerals: Peak selection

529 peaks measured (m/z 1.00718 ... 1089.63)



inorganic ions,
organic ions

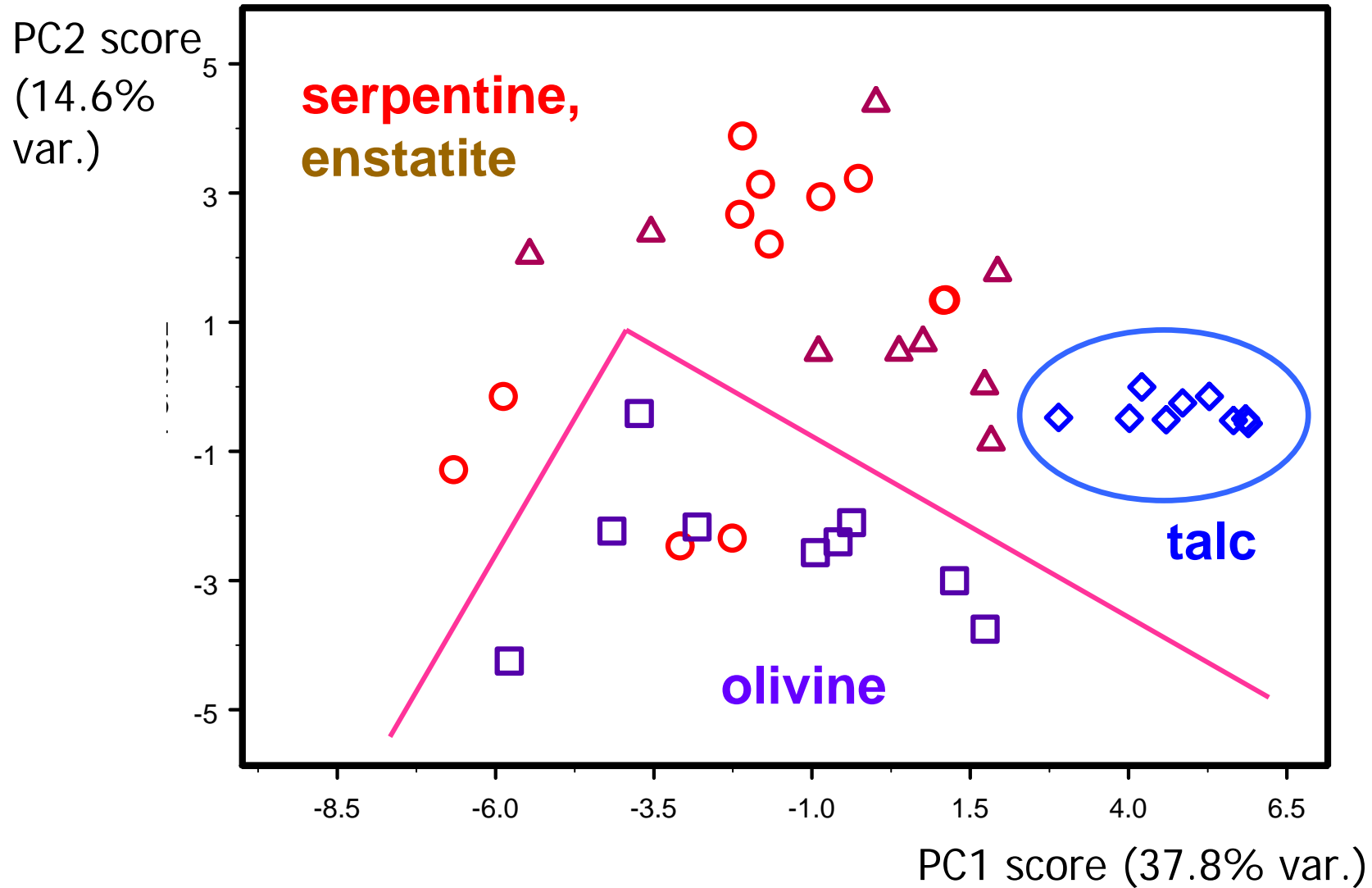


ions from mineral samples,
ions from contaminations,
ions from substrate (Au)

Peak (feature) selection

- all peaks (overall characterization)
- peaks with inorganic (mineralogical) origin
- peaks from investigated minerals

TOF-SIMS of minerals: PCA ($p = 32$)



TOF-SIMS of minerals: KNN ($p = 32$)

KNN classification of mineral type

$n = 39$ (4 classes), $p = 32$ (normalized to constant sum),
Euclidean distance, optimum k is 1 (leave-one-out)

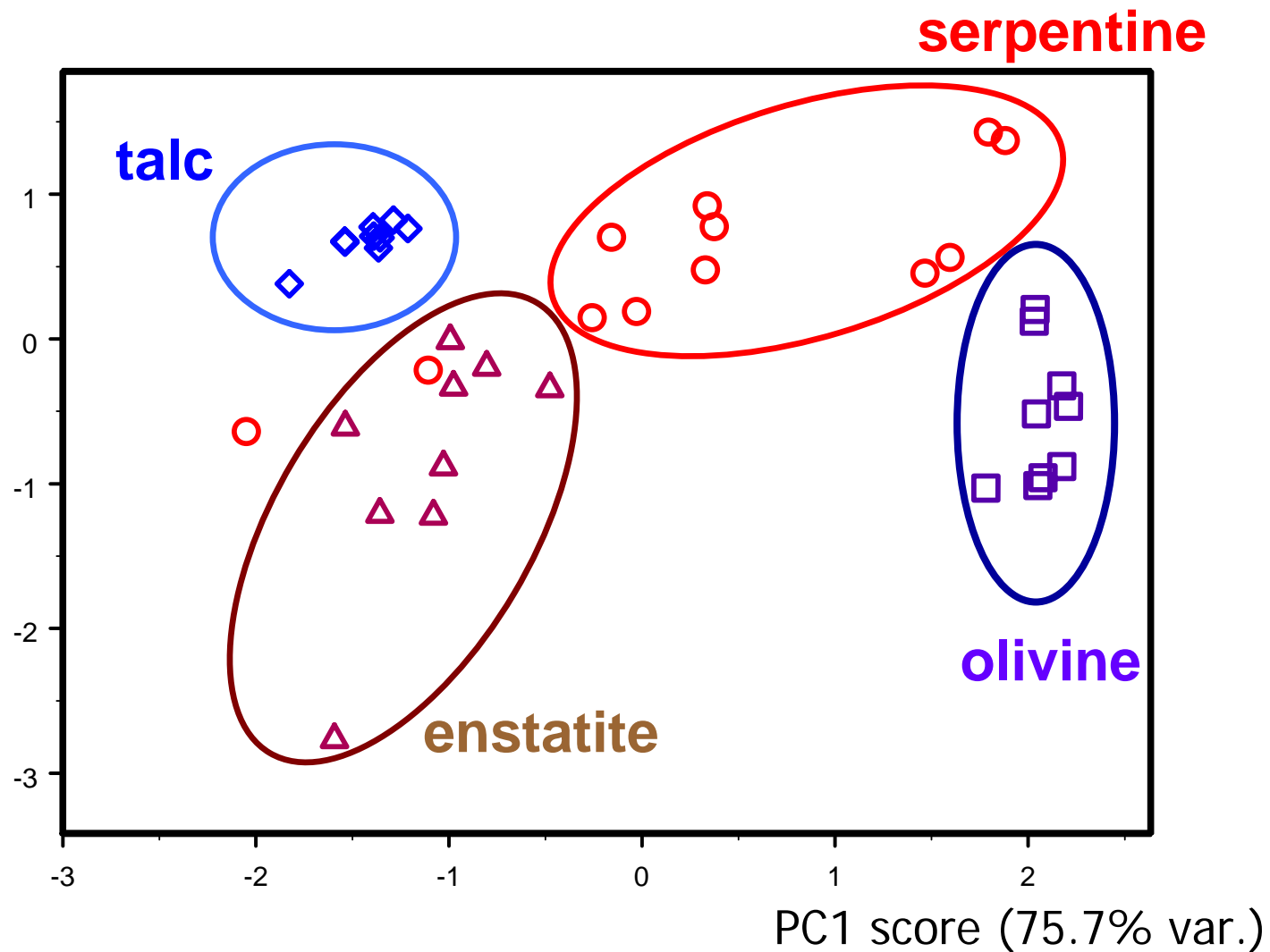
Correct class		Number of objects in predicted class			
		1	2	3	4
1	Serpentine	11	0	1	0
2	Enstatite	0	8	0	1
3	Olivine	1	0	8	0
4	Talc	0	0	0	9

Total predictive ability = 92.3 % (leave-one-out cross validation)

TOF-SIMS of minerals: PCA ($p = 3$)

$^{24}\text{Mg}^+$, $^{28}\text{Si}^+$, $^{56}\text{Fe}^+$ + $^{28}\text{Si}_2^+$, sum = 100

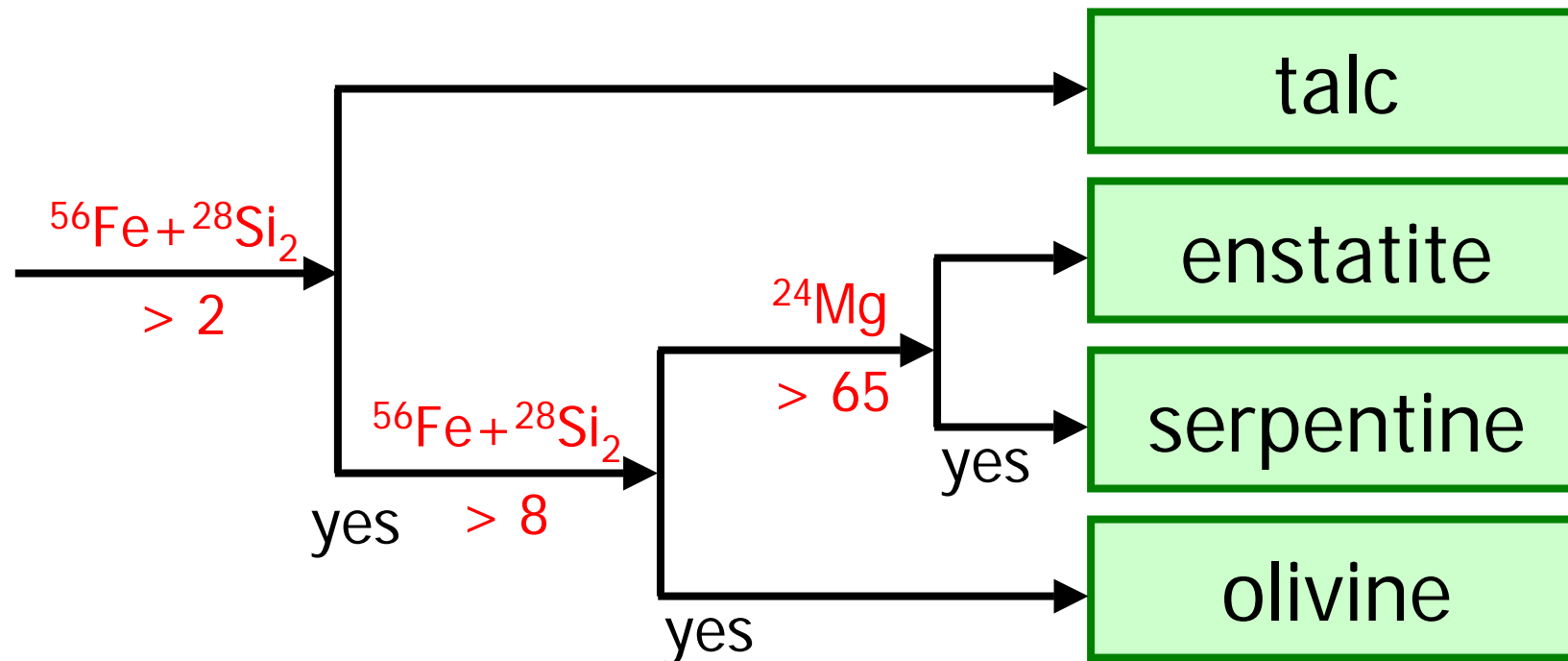
PC2 score
(24.3%
var.)



TOF-SIMS of minerals: CART ($p = 3$)

Binary decision tree (CART)

$n = 39$ (4 classes), $p = 3$ (normalized to sum 100),
Software SCAN (Minitab)



Total predictive ability = 92.3 % (leave-one-out cross validation)

Preliminary Conclusions

- The four investigated minerals can be discriminated by their TOF-SIMS data (PCA, KNN, decision tree).
- Data used: Relative intensities of inorganic, mono-atomic ions up to m/z 57.
- What has main influence on ion yield ?
 - Elemental composition ?
 - Local arrangement of atoms ?

The number of spectra very small ☹️

Organic chemical substances in comet dust particles ?!

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Werther, Demuth, Krueger, Kissel, Schmid, Varmuza: J. Chemom. **16**, 99 (2002)

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**Experimental data,
data interpretation, speculation, ...**

Comet *Halley* encounter
(Giotto, Vega, 1986),
mass spectra,
UV emission spectra

Comet *Wild* encounter
(Stardust, 2004),
mass spectra

Comet material contains:

Highly unsaturated organic
compounds, containing N and
some O, ev. S;

e.g. polycyclic aromatic
compounds, pyrimidines,
quinones, and similar ones.

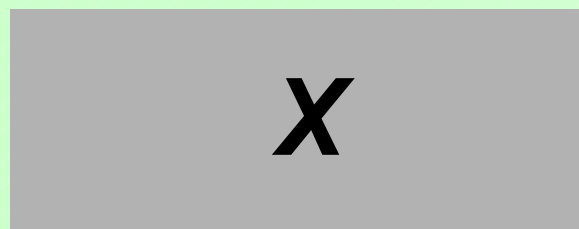
Krueger F.R., Kissel J.

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$n = 61$ reference compounds (condensed benzene rings,
N-aromatic, purines, pyrimidines, ...)

Mass spectrum 300 spectral features [0 ... 100]

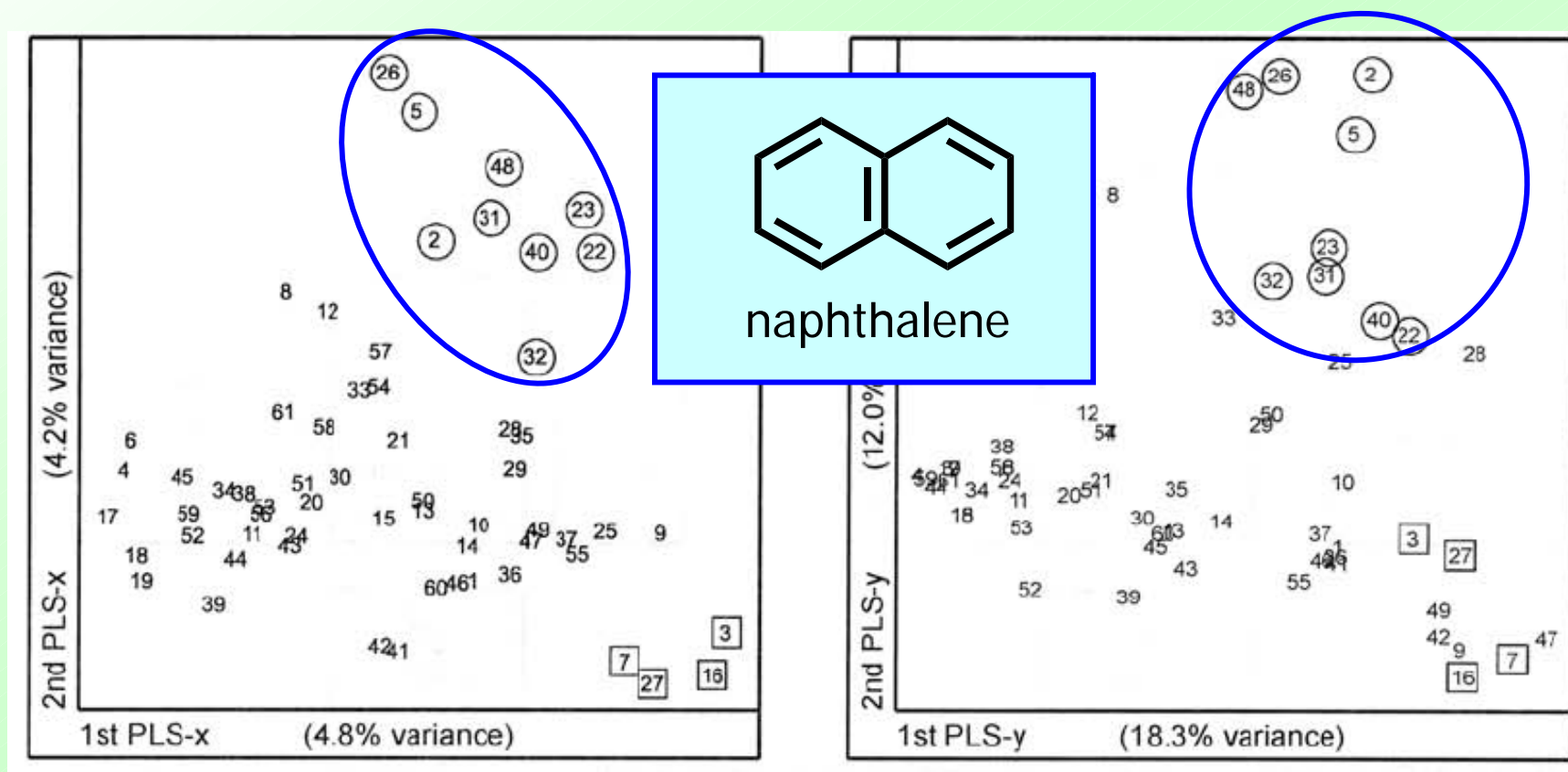
Chemical structure 35 binary substructure descriptors
for atom-centered fragments [0, 1]



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PLS mapping (positive ion data, molecular descriptors)



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Preliminary Conclusions

- TOF-SIMS data - if transformed to appropriate spectral features - contain chemical structure information.
- PLS mapping (X = spectra, Y = structures) can be used for a visualization of spectra-structure relationships.
- Open question: Applicability to data from comet material (expected to be a very complex mixture).

Software

MassFeatGen

Transformation of low resolution mass spectra (peak lists) into numerical spectral features (modulo-14 sums, autocorrelation, spectra type, ...)

Software

SubMat

Generation of binary substructure descriptors for organic compounds (molecular structures, substructures in Molfile format)

User Guides and Demo Versions free



www.lcm.tuwien.ac.at [Software]