

# QSAR modelling of toxicity endpoints of emerging pollutants: Fragrances and Perfluorinated compounds

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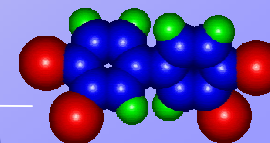
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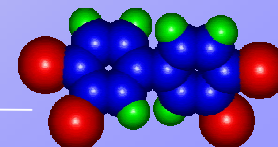
# ***FP7- EU project CADASTER***

4 classes of emerging pollutants studied:

Flame retardants, Fragrances, PFCs and (benzo) Triazoles (REACH)

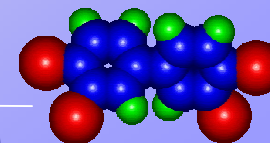
## ***WP3: QSAR model development and validation***

- DRAGON descriptors (from Hyperchem), selected by GA
- MLR models
- External Validation by *a priori* splitting of data (random and by SOM)
- Applicability Domain



# ***FRAGRANCES***

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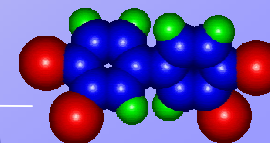


# Introduction

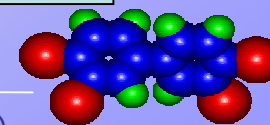
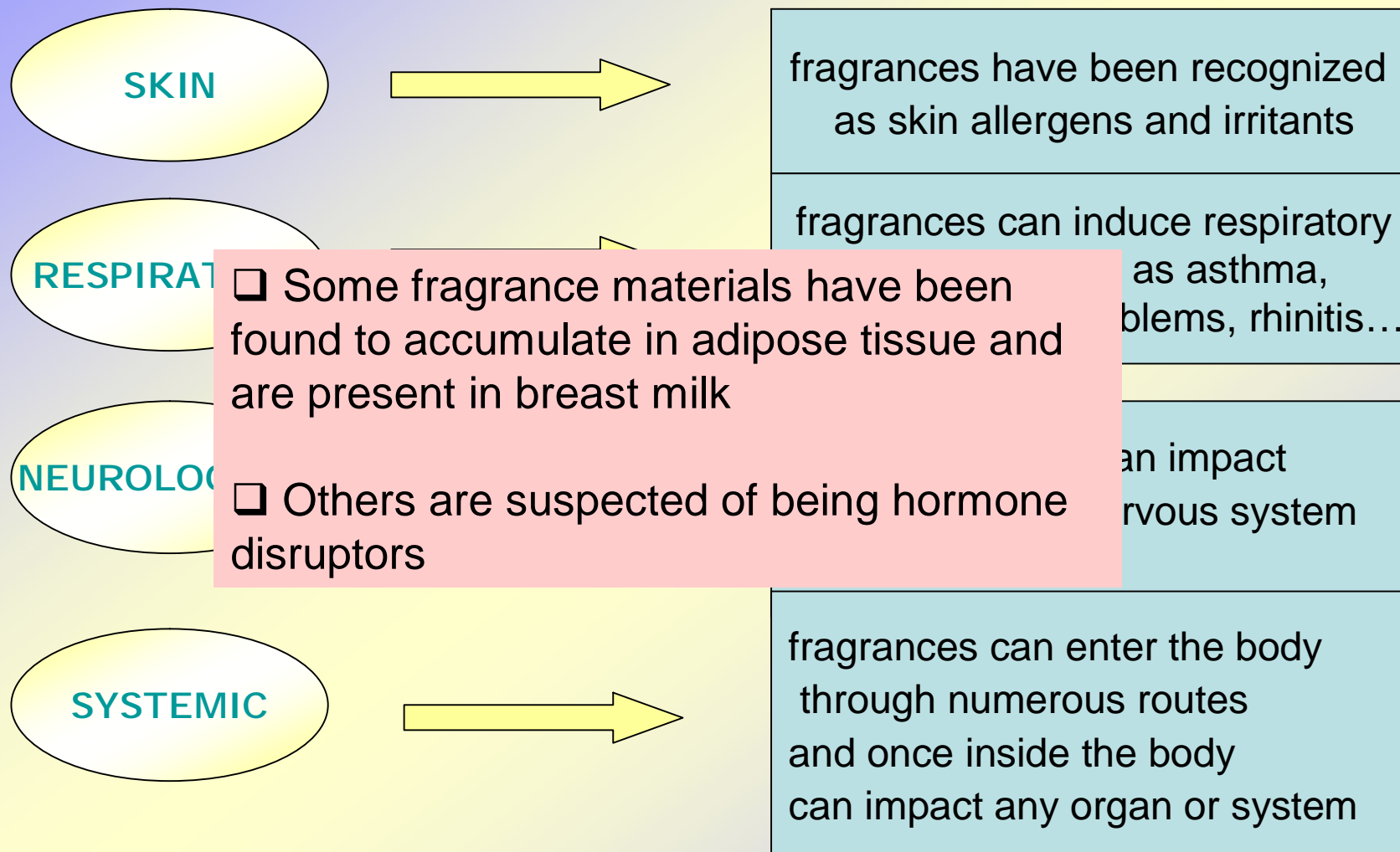
- Fragrances are used in a wide variety of consumer products such as creams, lotions, detergents, and various other **personal and household products**
- The low cost synthesis and increased resistance to light were the main reasons for their **extensive use**
- Human exposure to these agents is **widespread and often involuntary**
- Fragrances are believed to have possible **toxic effects** on humans
- Little is known about the environmental fate and toxicity  
=> **their potential effects on humans and aquatic ecosystems are not yet clearly understood**



**Need to use predictive  
QSAR approaches  
to fill this data gap and  
characterize the  
environmental and  
toxicological profiles of  
these compounds by  
minimizing animal tests**

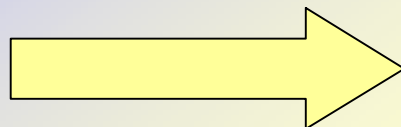


# Health concerns



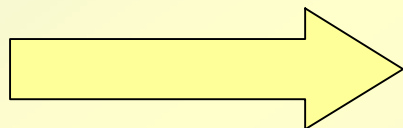
# Environmental concerns

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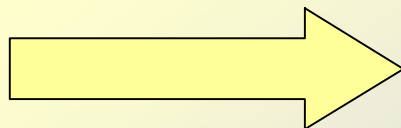
Fragrances are complex mixtures of volatile organic compounds (VOCs).  
Once in the air they can break down and form new compounds.

WATER

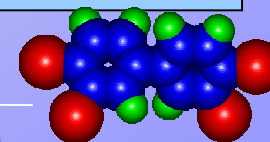


A large portion of fragrances ends up in wastewater, but most wastewater treatment methods do not remove them so they end up in streams and rivers from sewage treatment plans.

WILDLIFE



Musk compounds tend to accumulate and break down slowly; they persist in the aquatic environment and accumulate in the fatty tissue of aquatic wildlife.



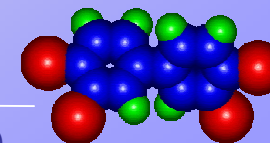
# Data Sets

## Toxicological properties

Dataset	N° of available exp- data ( → modelled)	Bibliography
Log1/LD50 Oral mouse	24 → 23	D.R.Bickers et al. 2002 D.Belsito et al. 2007 ChemIDPlus
LogEC50 NADH-Ossidase	20 → 18	D.E.Griffith et al. 2005
LogEC50 $\Delta\psi_m$ (effect on membrane potential)	20 → 15	D.E.Griffith et al. 2005

Inhibition of mitochondrial  
NADH Ossidase complex  
in rat cells liver

Inhibition of mitochondrial  
membrane potential  
in rat cells liver



# Results: models for toxicological endpoints

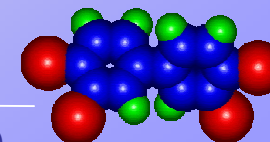
Toxicological Endpoints	Model	Train Obj.	Test Obj.	Variables	R <sup>2</sup>	Q <sup>2</sup> <sub>LOO</sub>	Q <sup>2</sup> <sub>BOOT</sub>	Q <sup>2</sup> <sub>EXT</sub>	RMSE Train	RMSE Test	R <sup>2</sup> -YScr
Log 1/LD50 Oral Mouse	Full Model	23	-	nR=Cs H-047	89	86.2	81	-	-	-	9.2
	Random	13	10		91.4	86.2	80.5	73.4	0.265	0.226	-
	SOM	15	8		88.8	83.4	72.2	90.2	0.256	0.186	-
LogEC50 ΔΨ <sub>m</sub>	Full Model	15	-	ATS4v MATS2m	91.7	88.6	83.9	-	-	-	14.3
	Random	12	3		90.3	84.3	74.0	98.2	0.200	0.061	-
	SOM	13	2		90.9	85.8	78.8	97.3	0.193	0.070	-
LogEC50 NADH-Ox	Full Model	20	-	nC R5u+	85.8	82.4	76.6	-	-	-	10.5
	Random	16	4		84.4	79.7	73.3	89.1	0.321	0.320	-
	SOM	16	4		86.5	81.8	77.8	80.8	0.292	0.440	-

Focus on the following aspects of interest:

- VALIDATION
- APPLICABILITY DOMAIN

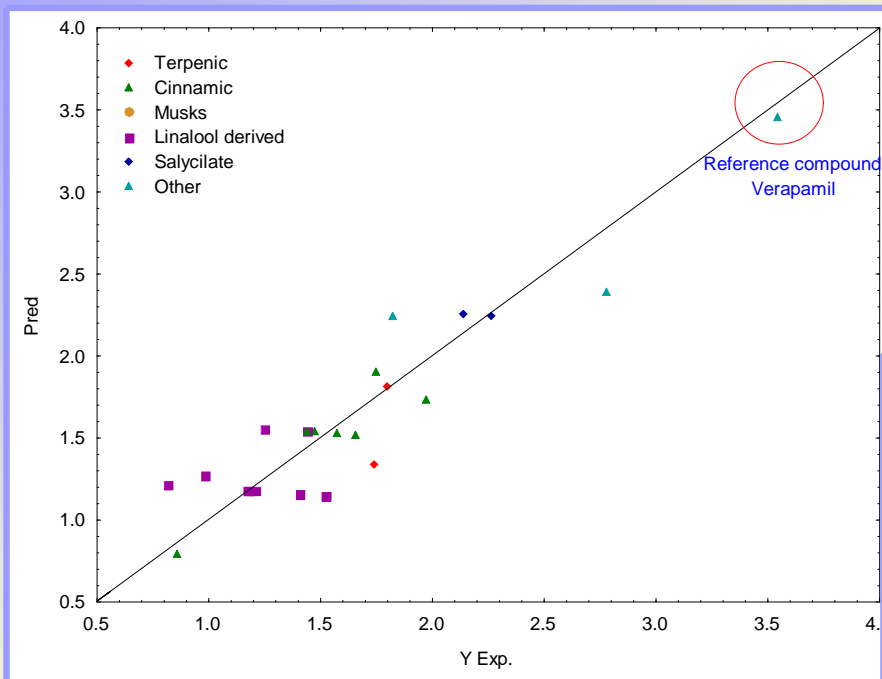
P. Gramatica, Principles of QSAR models validation: internal and external

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# Model for Log1/LD50 oral mouse

$$\text{Log1/LD50 Oral Mouse} = 1.746 + 0.0705 \text{ H-047} - 0.4247 \text{ nR=Cs}$$

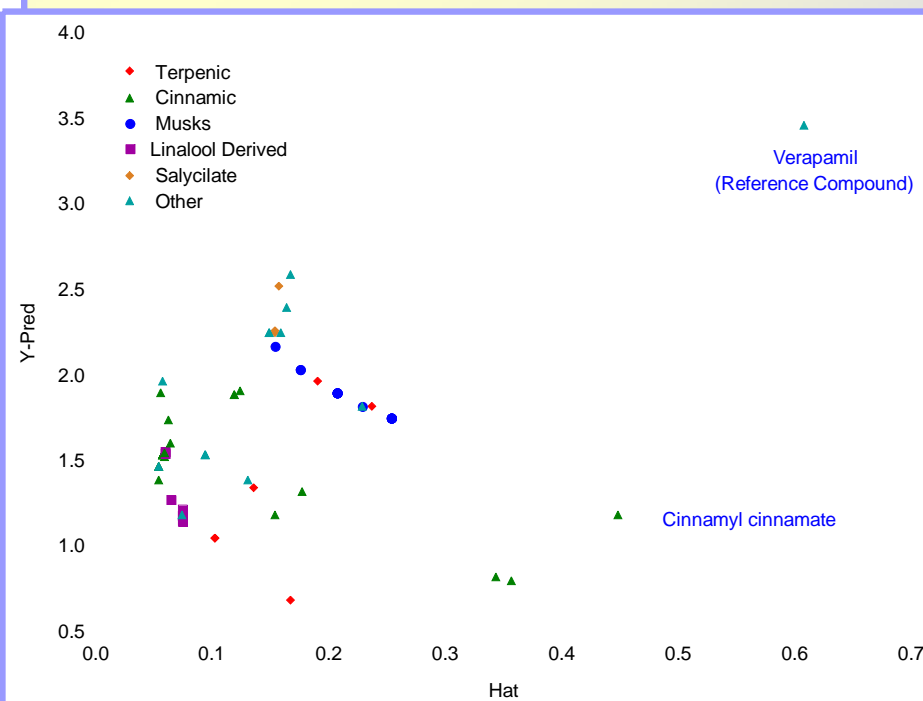


Variables	R <sup>2</sup> %	Q <sup>2</sup> %	Q <sup>2</sup> <sub>boot</sub> %
nR=Cs	89.0	86.2	81.0
H-047			

## Applicability Domain

**nR=Cs** : it is among the functional group counts. It corresponds to number of aliphatic secondary C (sp<sup>2</sup>).

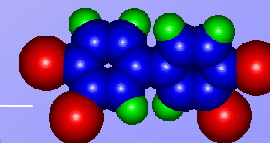
**H-047**: it is among the atom-centred fragments. It corresponds to H attached to C1(sp<sup>3</sup>)/C0 (sp<sup>2</sup>), linked (1) or not (0) to heteroatoms.



# Conclusions on Fragrances

- **Limited availability of experimental data useful for QSAR (in particular SIDS endpoints for CADASTER project).**
- **New QSAR and QSPR models have been developed for the prediction of 3 toxicological endpoints:  
acute oral mouse toxicity, and 2 endpoints related to mitochondrial toxicity**
- **Despite the limited amount of available data, all the models were carefully internally and externally validated.**

**At our knowledge, no other QSAR models are available in literature for these endpoints.**



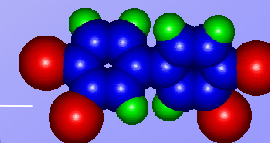


# ***PERFLUORINATED COMPOUNDS***

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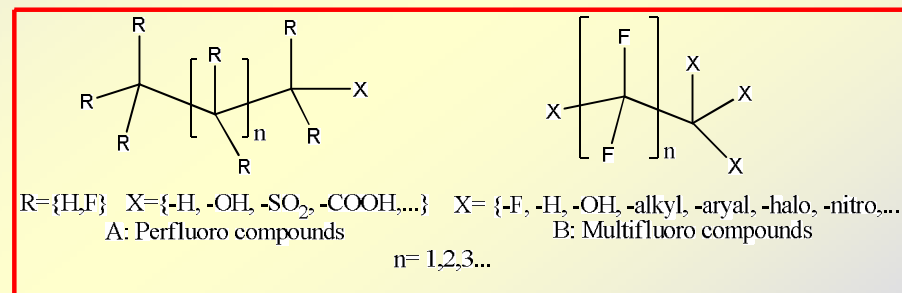


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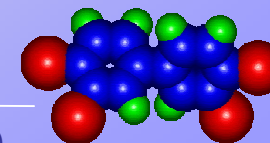
- Perfluorinated compounds (PFCs) are chemicals containing a long fluorinated carbon tail attached to different functional groups
- PFCs as perfluoro-octanesulfonate (PFOS), perfluoro-octanoate (PFOA) and perfluoro-octane sulfonylamide (PFOSA) are stable chemicals with a wide range of industrial and consumer applications [Inoue 2004]
- Degradable products of commercial PFCs are found in environment and biota and diPAPs (a group of PFCs used on food wrappers) was recently reported in human blood [Renner 2009]
- PFCs are considered emerging pollutants and are believed to have potential toxic effects in humans and wildlife
- PFCs along with Polyfluoro compounds are studied for LC<sub>50</sub> inhalation toxicity of Mouse and Rat



Predictive QSAR approaches is used to fill the data gap and to predict toxicity of 250 PFCs on two different species viz. Mouse and Rat

# Results: QSAR models for LC<sub>50</sub> inhalation

	Splitting	Compounds	Variables selected	R <sup>2</sup> (%)	Q <sup>2</sup> <sub>LOO</sub>	Q <sup>2</sup> <sub>BOOT</sub>	Q <sup>2</sup> ext	R <sup>2</sup> -Y <sub>Scrm</sub>
<b>Mouse Inhalation</b>  56 compounds	SOM 28.5%	Train: 40 Test: 16	<b>X3v; H-048; MLOGP; F01[C-C]</b>	83.0	78.1	75.5	71.6	10.3
	Random by Activity 20%	Train: 44 Test: 12		77.1	71.7	69.9	85.1	9.0
	Full model			79.8	76.3	75.4	-	7.0
<b>Rat Inhalation</b>  52 compounds	SOM 18.87%	Train: 42 Test: 10	<b>Jhetv: PCR; ALOGP; B02[CI-CI]</b>	79.4	73.9	71.9	72.5	9.6
	Activity 20%	Train: 42 Test: 10		79.8	74.7	73.4	70.3	10.6
	Full model			78.5	74.2	73.3	-	7.6

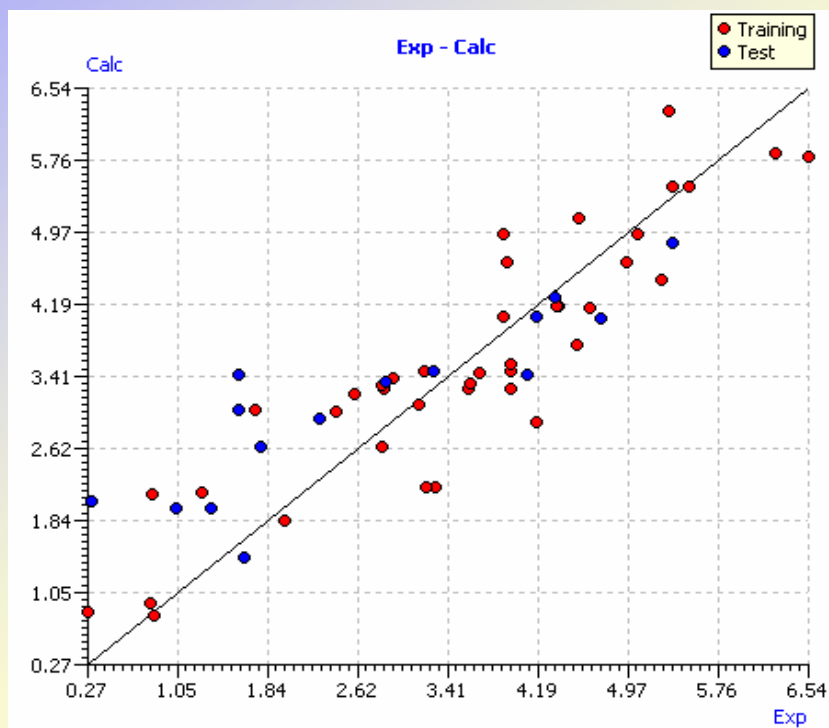


# Regression plots for the models on datasets split by SOM

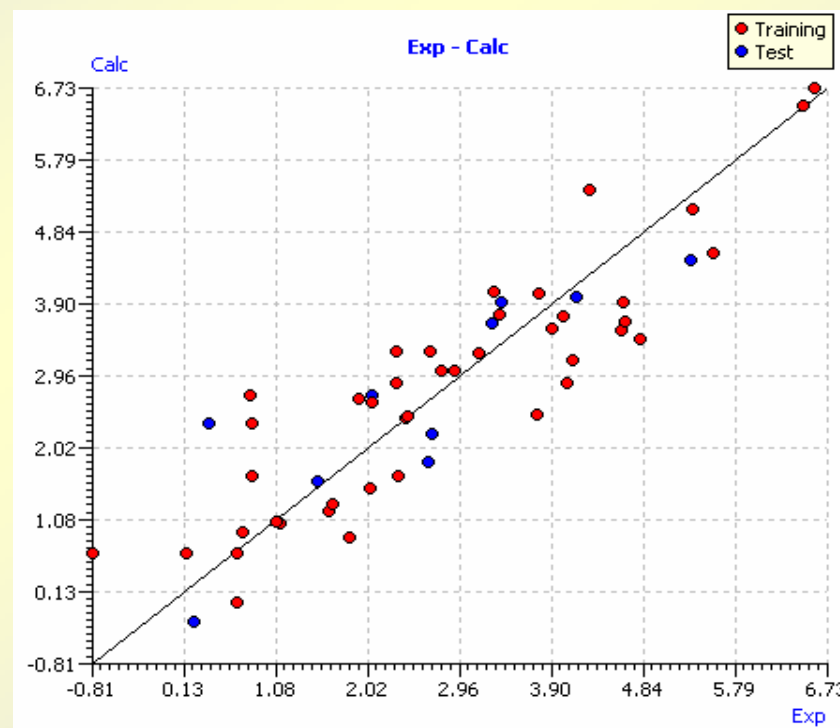
## Mouse

$$\log 1/LC_{50} = 4.21 - 1.27 (\pm 0.31) MlogP + 1.43 (\pm 0.46) X3v + 0.38 (\pm 0.13) F01[C-C] - 1.14 (\pm 0.37) H-048$$

$$n=56, s=0.72, r^2=79.83, F=50.5, Kx=42.34, Kxy=50.40$$



Mouse

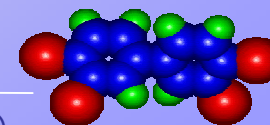


Rat

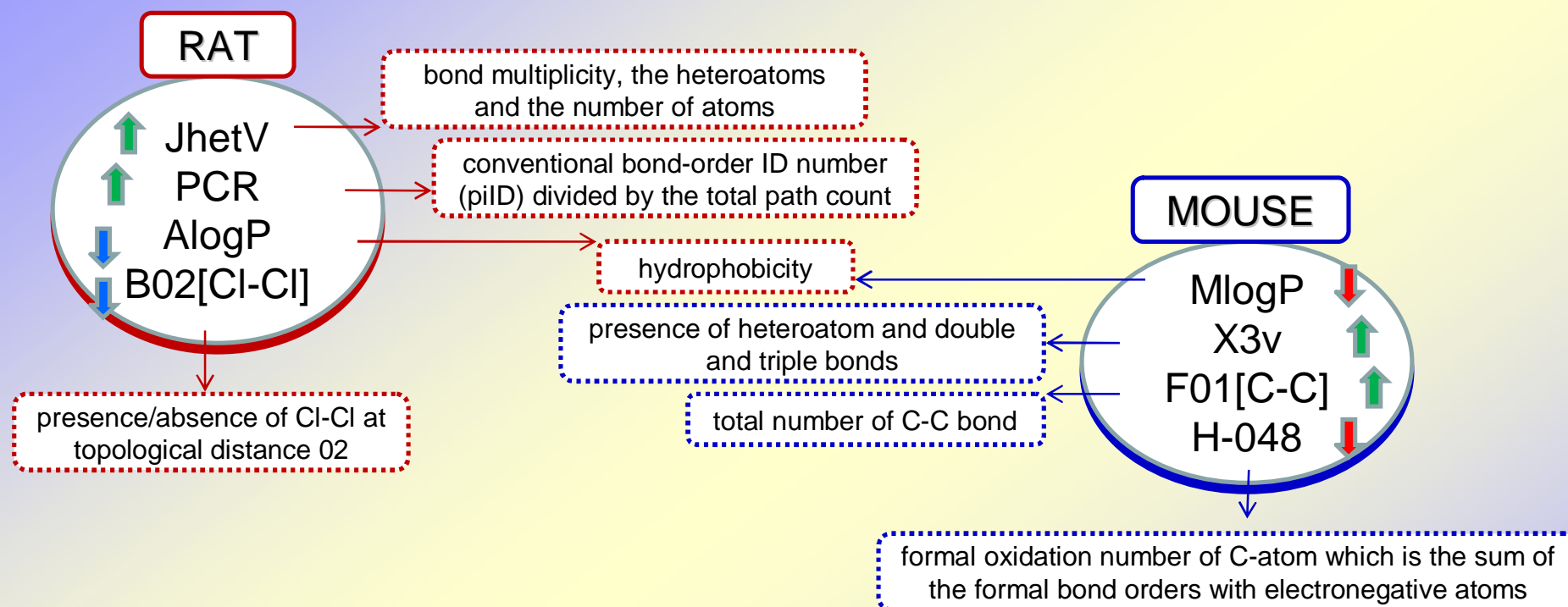
## Rat

$$\log 1/LC_{50} = -11.14 + 2.09 (\pm 0.43) Jhetv + 9.57 (\pm 2.31) PCR - 0.66 (\pm 0.26) AlogP - 1.58 (\pm 0.80) B02[Cl-Cl]$$

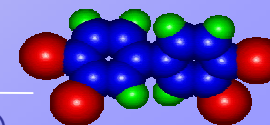
$$n=52, s=0.82, r^2=78.53, F=42.98, Kx=25.36, Kxy=34.92$$



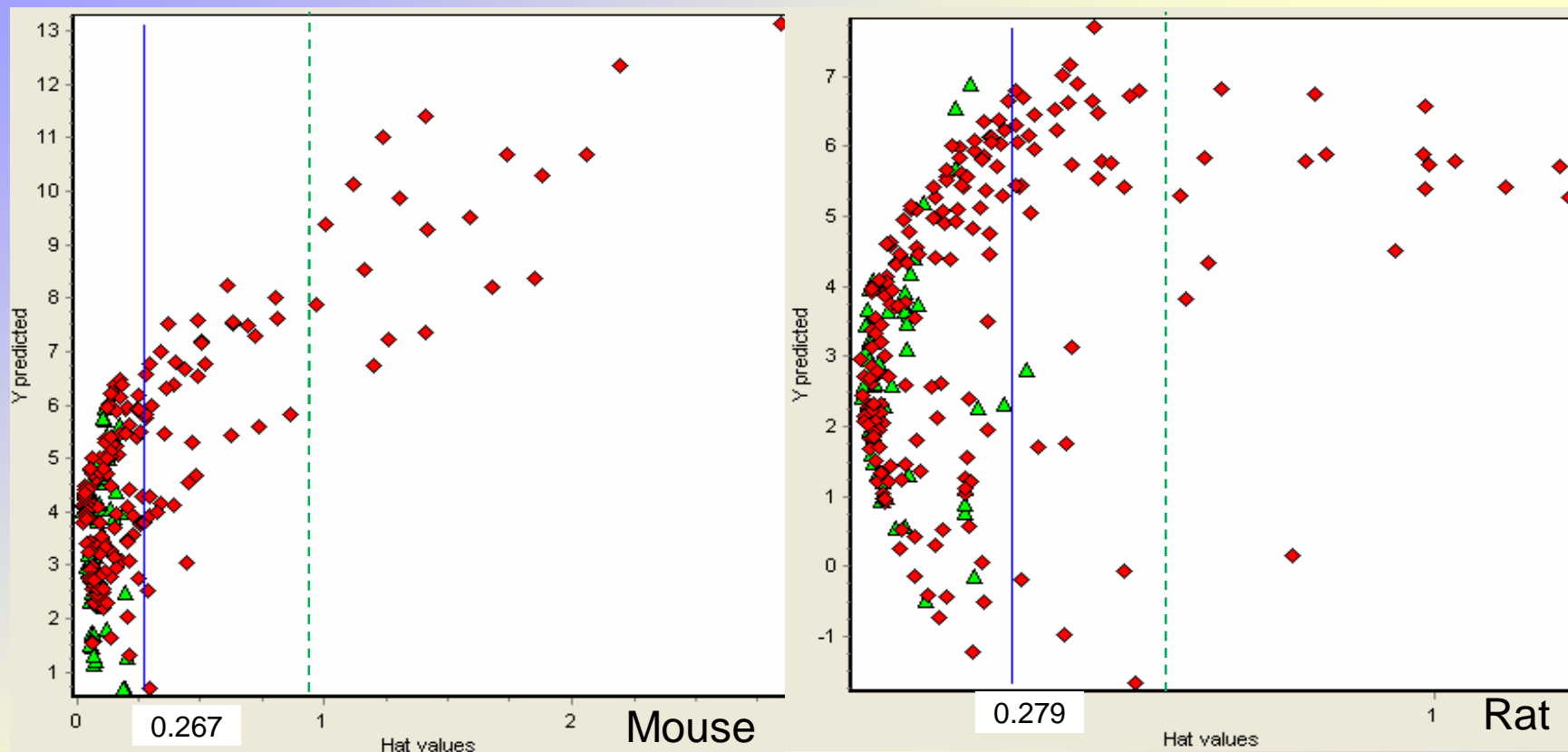
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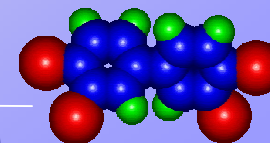
- **Common descriptor characterizing Hydrophobicity was negative for both species**  
**MlogP vs AlogP = 0.847**
- **JhetV and X3v have similar chemical meanings and are positive for both species**  
**JhetV vs X3v r= 0.780**
- B02[Cl-Cl] present for 5 of 52 compounds – fitting (?) descriptor to include all Freons



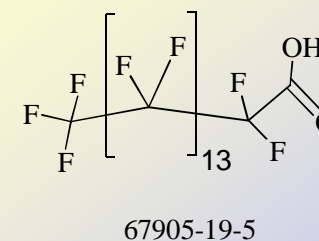
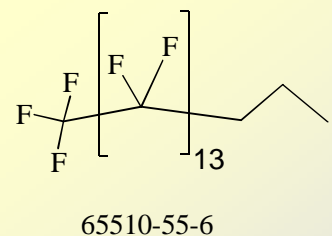
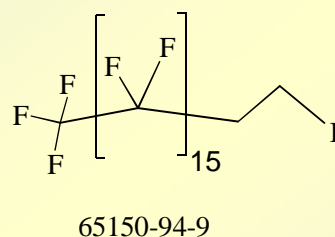
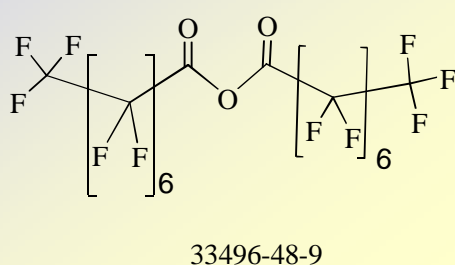
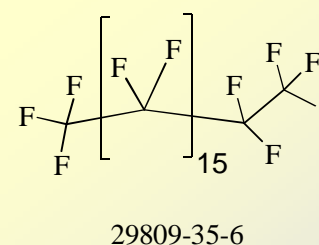
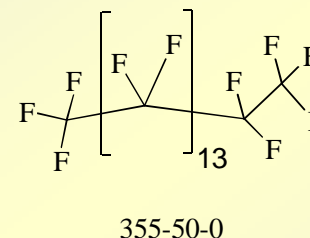
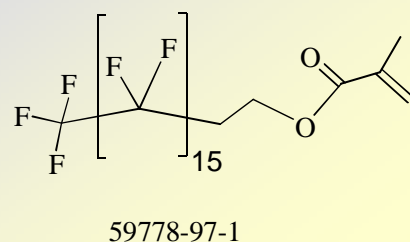
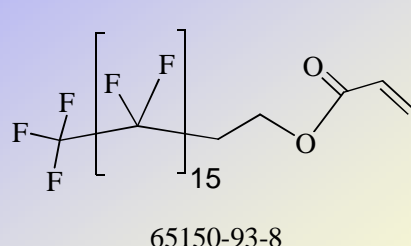
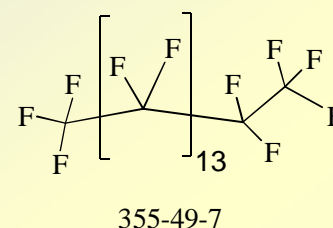
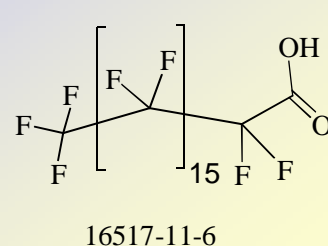
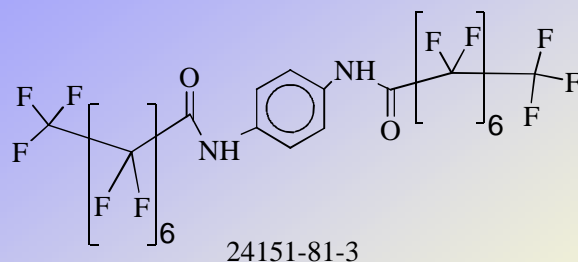
# Applicability Domain (AD) study on 250 PFCs



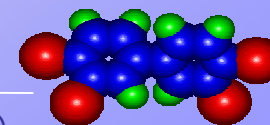
- **61 compounds are out of domain in Mouse model (75.6% coverage of PFCs) and 53 in Rat model (78.8% coverage).**
- **Arbitrary cutoff at 1.0 for Mouse and 0.5 for Rat (green lines):  
11 common compounds.**



# Focus on AD: Common Out-of-domain compounds

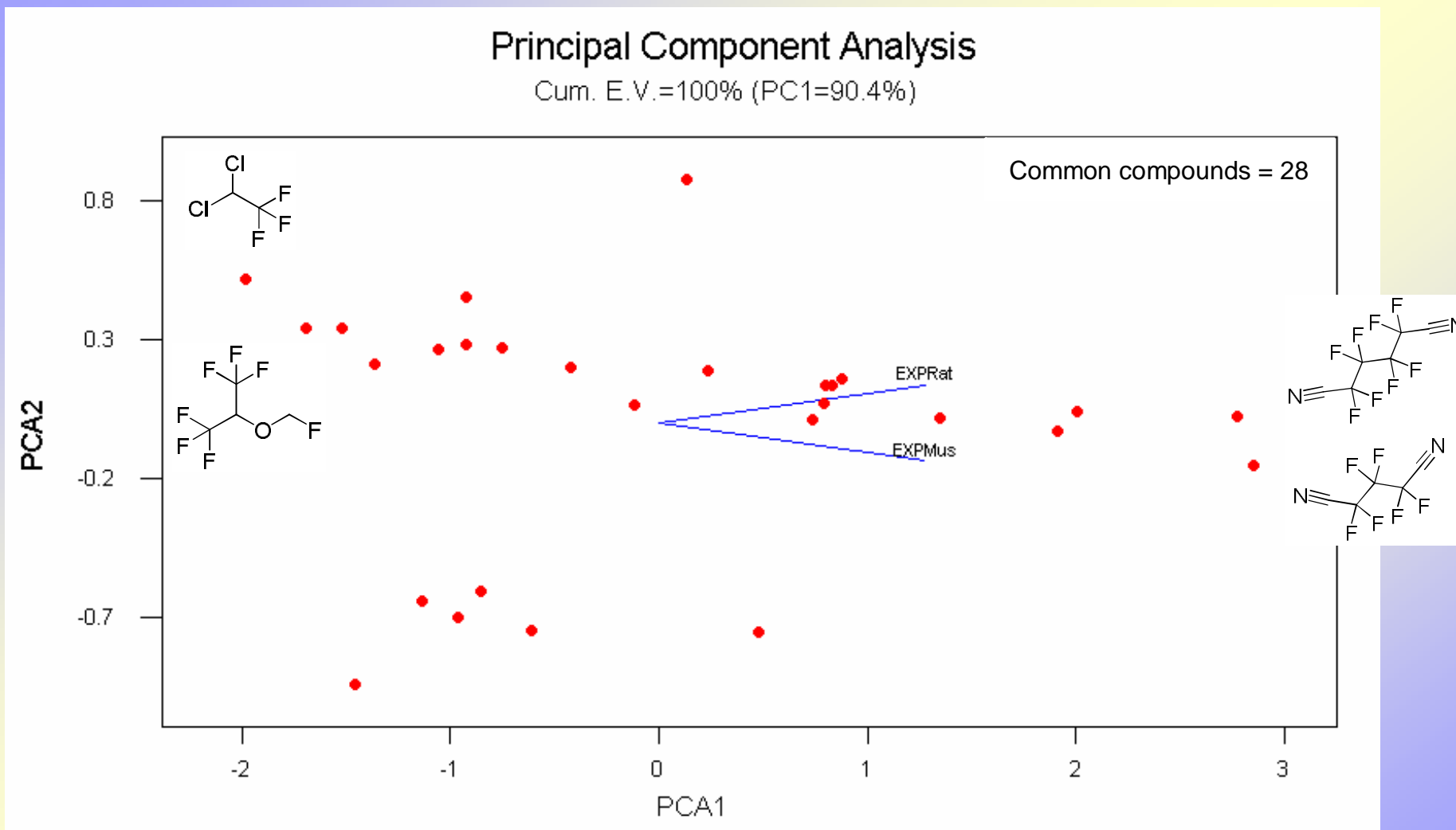


- Predicted compounds out of applicability domain of both Mouse and Rat model are long chain PFCs (>15-Carbon)
- They are probably extrapolated as the longest compounds in the training sets are with 7-Carbon

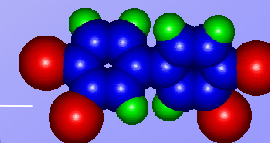




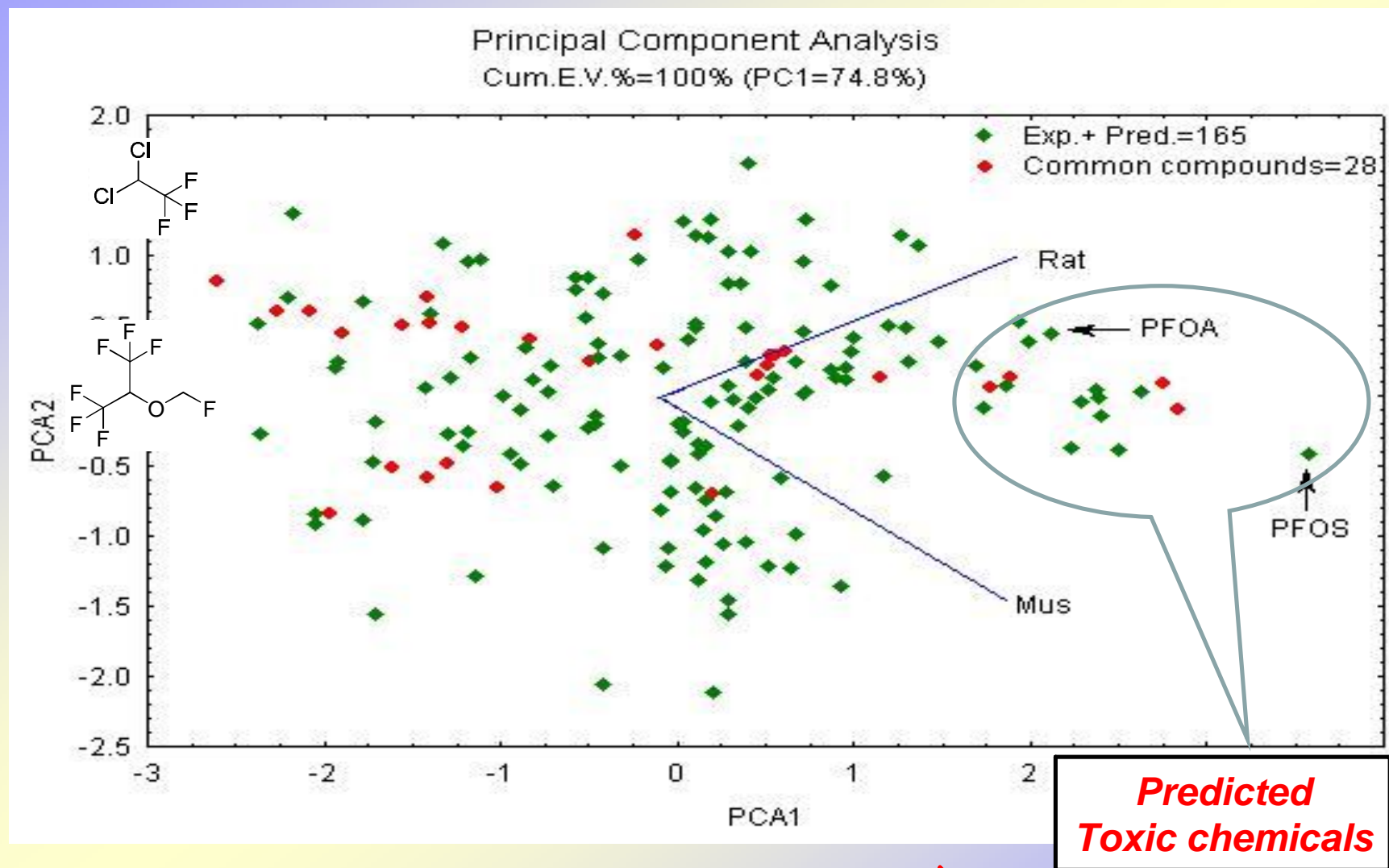
# Toxicity Trend



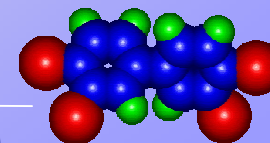
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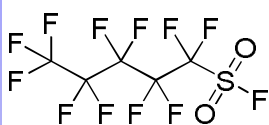
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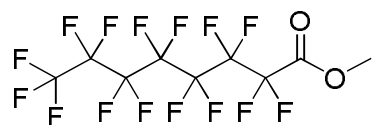
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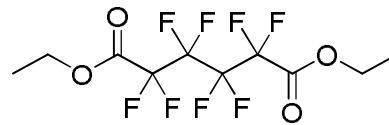
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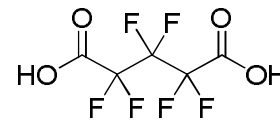
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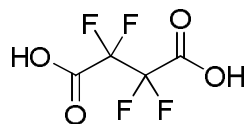
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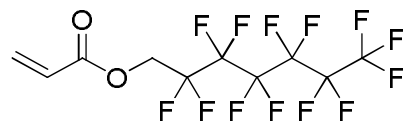
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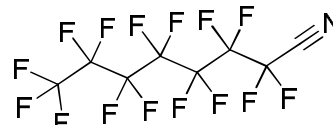
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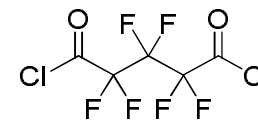
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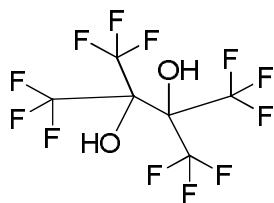
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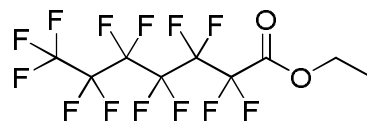
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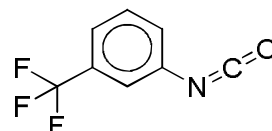
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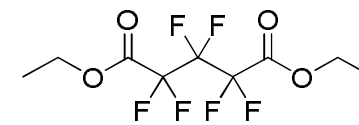
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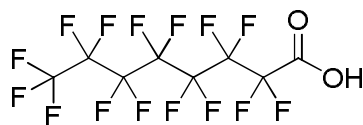
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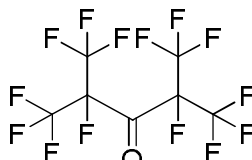
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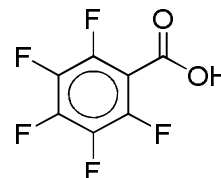
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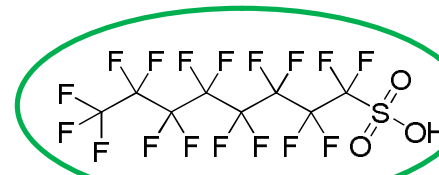
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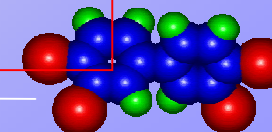
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**PFOS – slightly out of AD but predicted Toxic**

**PFOA is under investigation as toxic**

**These chemicals have been suggested to the Partners for experimental tests**



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