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# SPECIEUROPE

The European data base for PM  
sources' profiles

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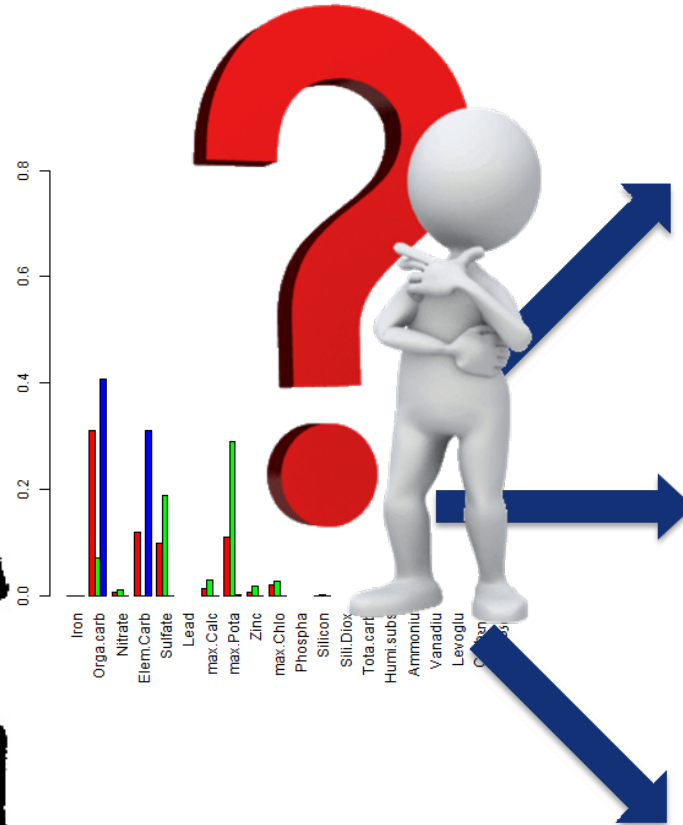
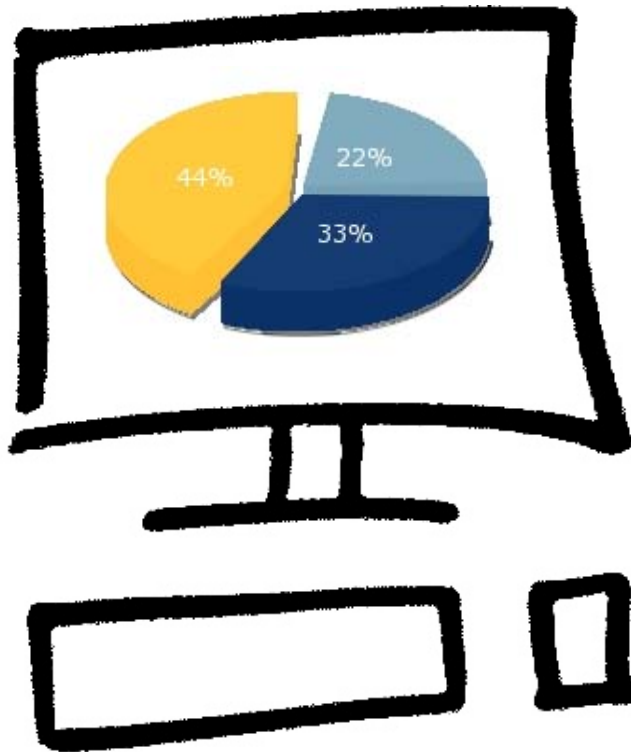
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# Motivations



**source apportionment  
multivariate factor  
analytical approach**

# Motivations



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Source profiles for  
Europe Database

<http://source-apportionment.jrc.ec.europa.eu/Specieurope>



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# Database architecture

## **Principal table:**

1. Profiles' species relative concentrations, their uncertainties and the analytical technique used.

## **Metadata tables:**

1. Single profile name and description.
2. Publication information (each publication normally contains more than one profile).
3. Information on source categories (next slide).

→ **Ancillary tables** store the codification system used for uncertainty methods, chemical families, chemical species, chemical analytical methods and source categories' description.

→ Each species is generally corresponding to the one reported in SPECIATE

→ The source profiles are identified by a unique ID, which should be reported

Calc.ion  
Potass.ion  
Zinc  
Copper  
Manganese  
Nickel  
Iron  
Lead  
Chromium  
Vanadium  
Sodium.ion  
Cadmium  
Magnes.ion  
Aluminum  
Barium  
Strontium  
Chlo.ion  
Sulfate  
Nitrate  
Antimony  
Arsenic  
Ammonium  
Titanium  
Cobalt  
Silicon  
Bromine  
Tin

Organic carbon  
Elemental Carbon  
Selenium  
Zirconium  
Sulfur  
Scandium  
Thallium  
Gallium  
PAH  
Benzo(ghi)perylene  
Rubidium  
Molybdenum  
Carbonate  
Indeno[1,2,3-  
cd]pyrene  
Benzo[b]fluoranthene  
Benzo[a]pyrene  
Benzo[k]fluoranthene  
Benzo[e]pyrene  
Coronene

# Most frequent species

Src ID	SOURCE	PARENT_ID	Src ID	SOURCE	PARENT_ID
999	All sources		33	Natural gas burning	999
1	Traffic	999	34	Boiler	20
2	Exhaust	1	35	Petrochemical	20
3	Diesel exhaust	2	36	Fugitive	20
4	Gasoline exhaust	2	37	Ship exhaust	999
5	Road dust	1	40	Biomass burning	999
6	Tyre wear	5	41	Wood burning	40
7	Brake dust	5	42	Pine burning	41
10	Soil dust	999	43	Pellet burning	41
11	Desert dust	999	44	Beech burning	41
12	Marine aerosol	999	45	Grape wine burning	41
13	Construction dust	999	46	Leaves burning	40
14	Volcanic dust	999	47	Closed fireplace	41
20	Industrial	999	48	Open fireplace	41
21	Iron and steel production	20	49	Olive oil burning	40
22	Foundries	20	50	Oak burning	41
23	Refineries	20	51	Spruce burning	41
24	Metal smelting	20	52	Larch burning (sw)	41
25	Cement	20	53	Soft wood burning	41
26	Incinerator	20	54	Hard wood burning	41
27	Ceramic	20	55	Open burning	40
28	Powerplant	20	60	Secondary inorganic aerosol	999
29	Fertilizer production	20	61	Ammonium nitrate	60
30	Fuel oil burning	20	62	Ammonium sulfate	60
31	Coal burning	999	65	Secondary organic aerosol	999
32	Coke burning	999	66	Deicing salt	999

# Source categories

*Each profiles is associated to one or more **source category**, which are **hierarchically organized** (see table).*

*For example if a fingerprint is attributed to the source category **gasoline**, it is **also** attributed to the source categories **exhaust** and **traffic**.*

# Source categories population

209 profiles:

src ID	Source category name	#prof	#spec	#pub	src ID	Source category name	#prof	#spec	#pub
1	Traffic	28	14.3	9	24	Metal smelting	4	18.5	2
5	Road dust	15	14.2	8	54	Hard wood burning	4	34.0	2
20	Industrial	77	17.0	7	33	Natural gas burning	3	15.3	2
40	Biomass burning	24	20.8	6	43	Pellet burning	3	19.7	2
10	Soil dust	20	14.8	6	53	Soft wood burning	3	26.3	2
41	Wood burning	18	23.8	6	44	Beech burning	2	15	2
30	Fuel oil burning	11	28.2	5	46	Leaves burning	2	13	2
47	Closed fireplace	16	25.7	4	55	Open burning	2	13	2
37	Ship exhaust	14	21.7	4	14	Volcanic dust	2	16	1
2	Exhaust	12	17.6	4	35	Petrochemical	2	38	1
25	Cement	11	15.1	4	49	Olive oil burning	2	16	1
28	Power plant	10	19.5	4	60	Second. inorg. Aer.	2	1	1
34	Boiler	8	18.0	4	6	Tyre wear	1	8	1
66	Deicing salt	6	2.2	4	7	Brake dust	1	17	1
31	Coal burning	12	20.5	3	23	Refineries	1	22	1
21	Iron & steel prod.	7	16.0	3	26	Incinerator	1	23	1
32	Coke burning	6	24.9	3	42	Pine burning	1	23	1
12	Marine aerosol	3	5.7	3	50	Oak burning	1	41	1
29	Fertilizer prod.	9	29.3	2	51	Spruce burning	1	77	1
22	Foundries	6	14.2	2	52	Larch burning	1	41	1
27	Ceramic	6	27.1	2	61	Ammonium nitrate	1	2	1
3	Diesel exhaust	5	19.3	2	62	Ammonium sulfate	1	2	1
4	Gasoline exhaust	4	20.0	2					



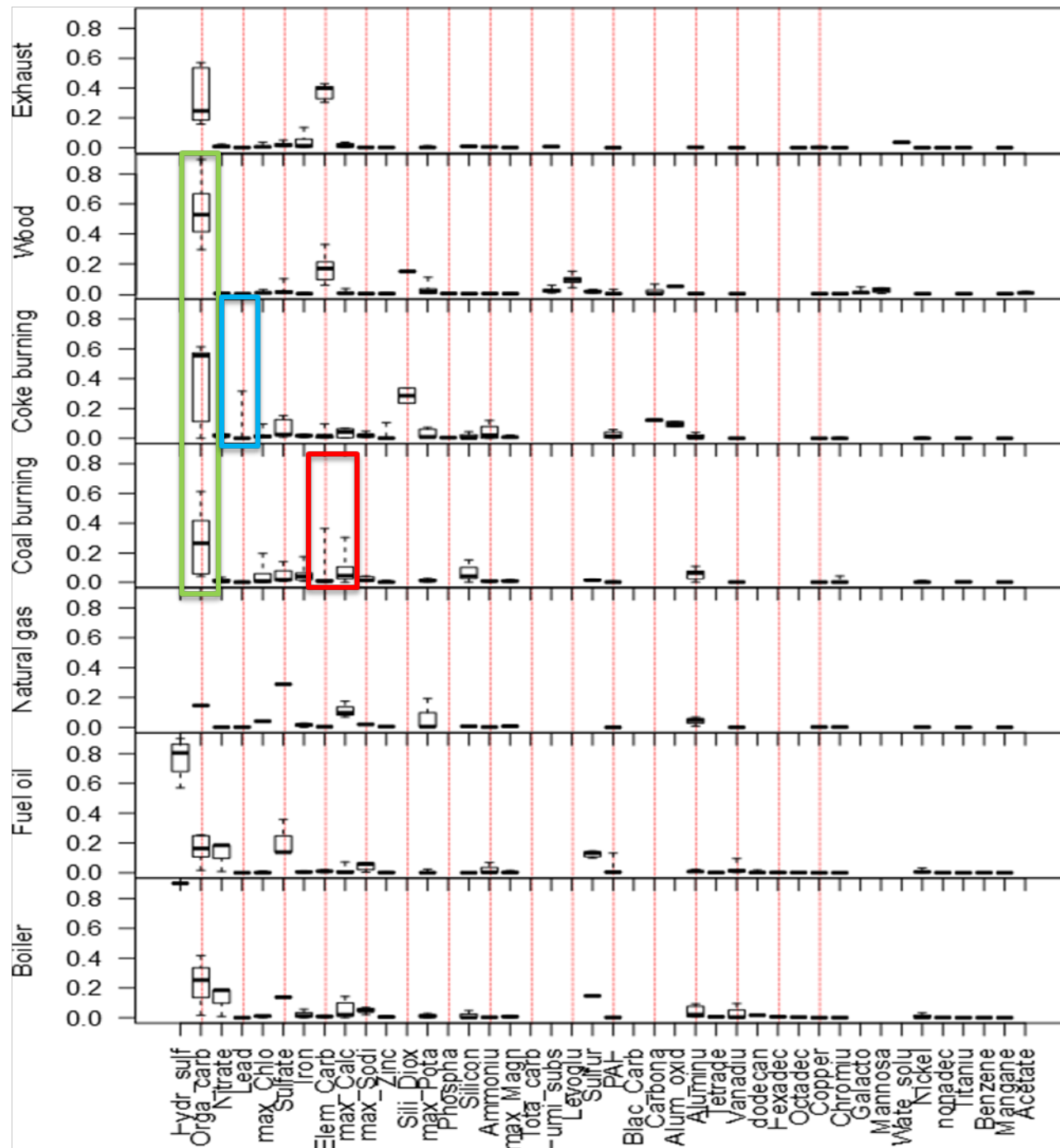
• 150 original,  
• 13 composite

- 39 derived,
- 6 calculated theoretically

following elaborations refer to **163 profiles** (original and composite)



relative conc.



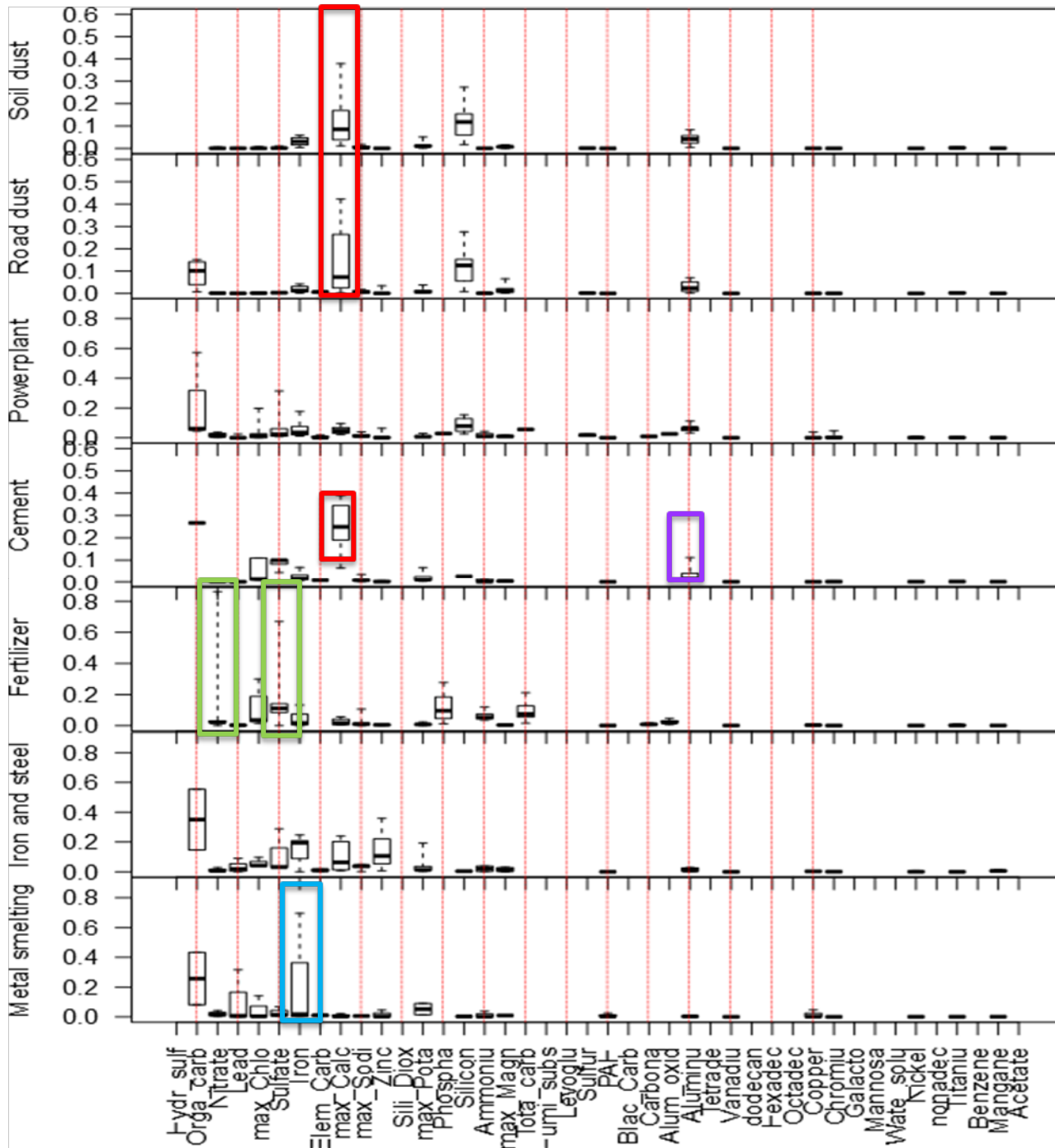
# combustion processes

Boxplots represent the statistical distribution of the *42 most abundant chemical species* in the profiles attributed to the same category.

considerable variability:

- **organic carbon** especially in coke, coal and wood burning;
- **lead** in coke burning
- **EC and calcium** in coal burning

relative conc.

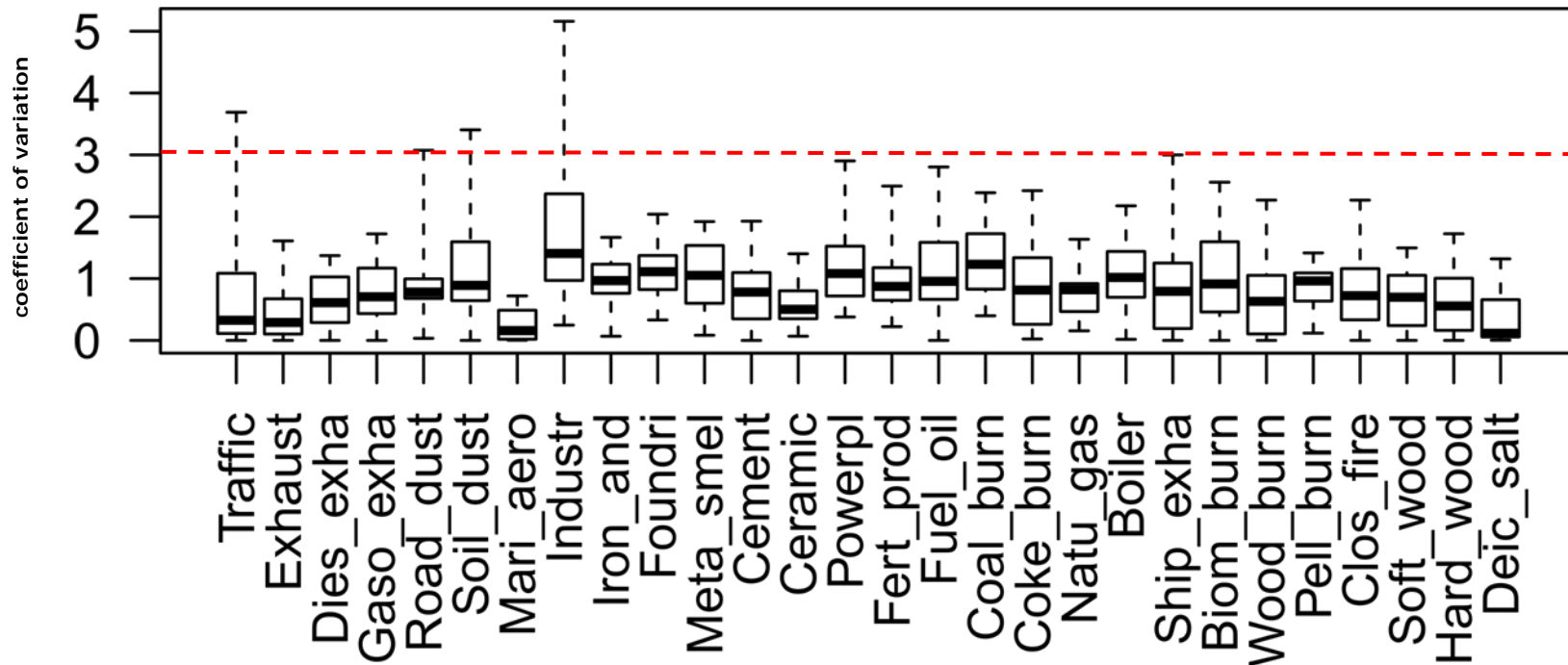


# dust and industrial production

considerable variability:

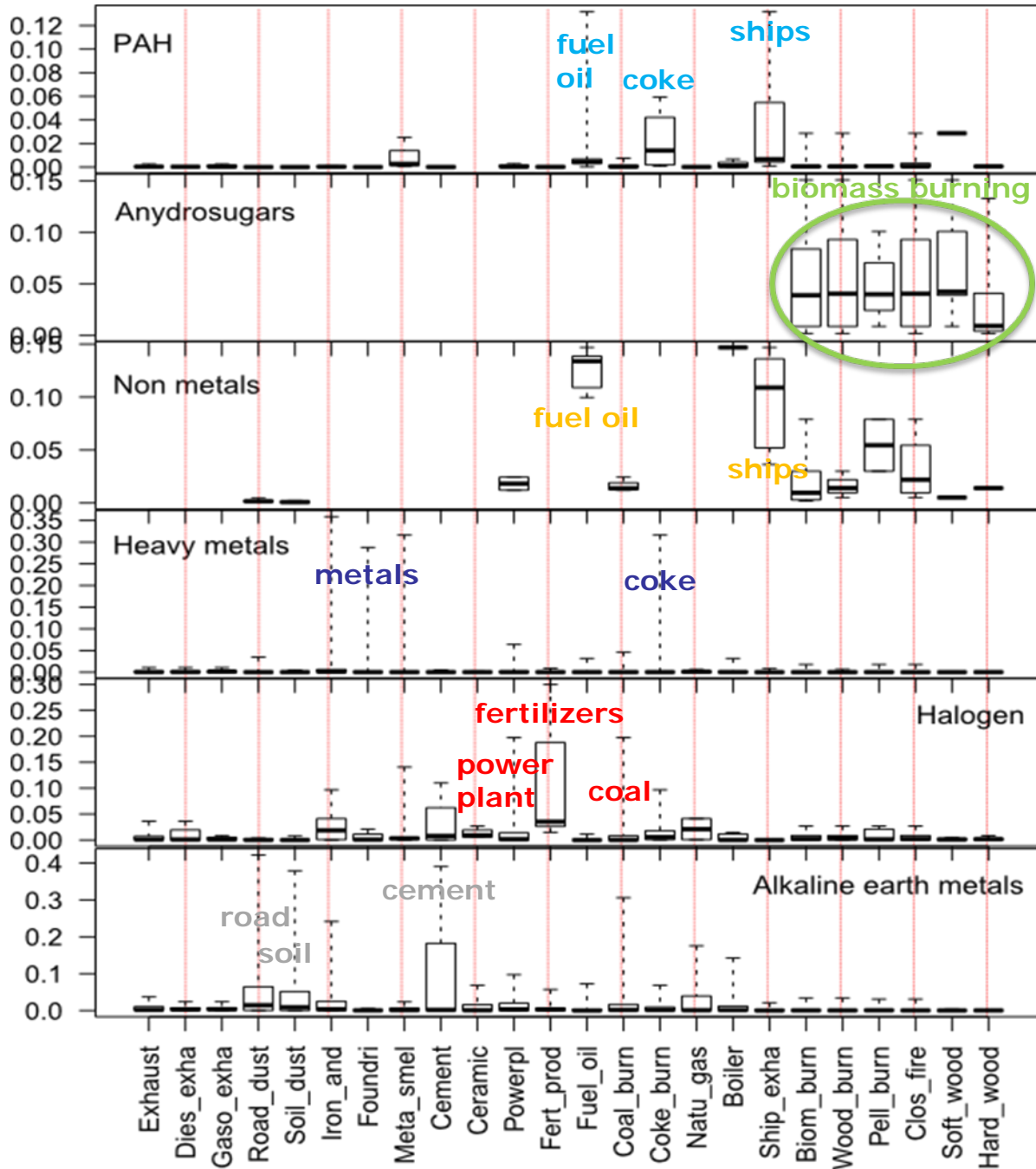
- the **nitrate** and **sulfate** relative abundances in Fertilizer
- the **calcium** in Road, Cement and Soil dust
- the **aluminum** in Cement
- the **iron** in metal smelting

# Variability within source categories



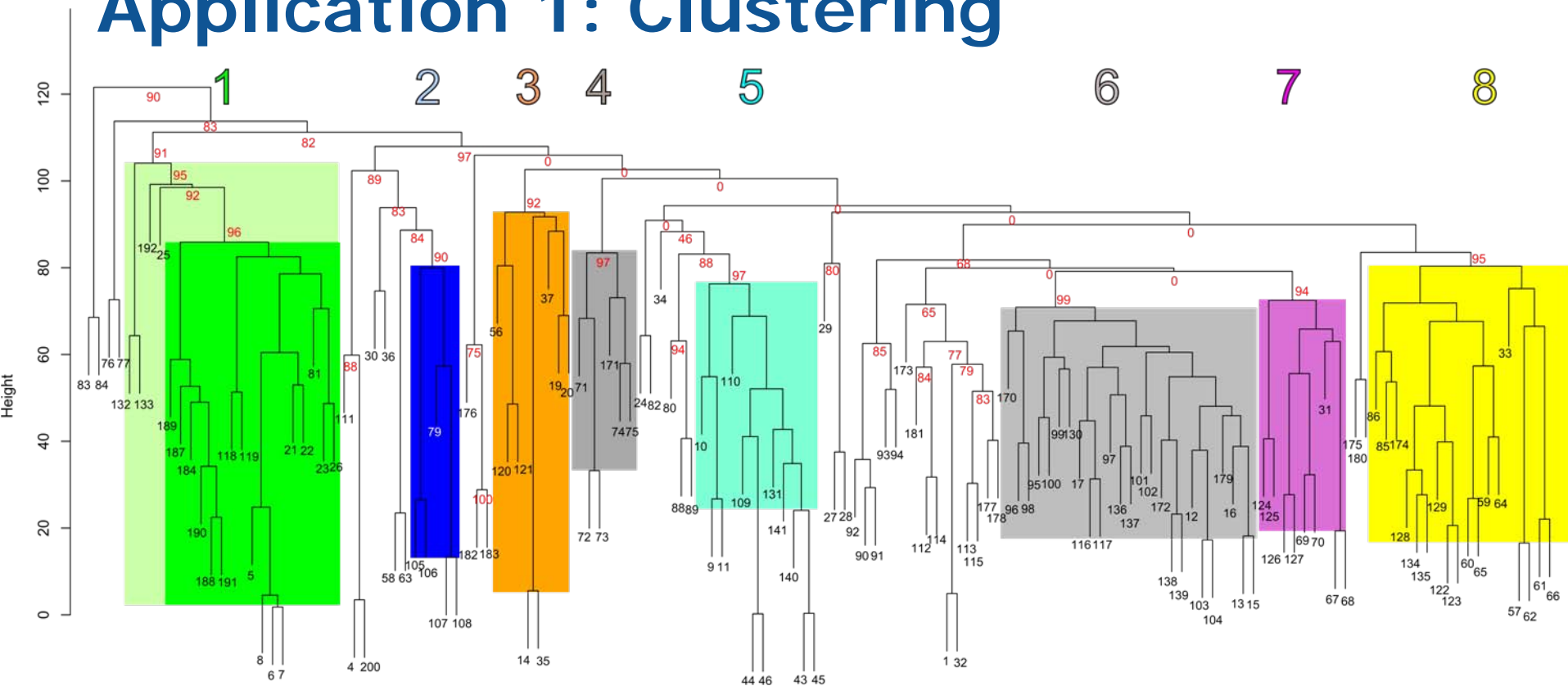
The coefficient of variation among all species within a source category is higher for more generalist categories: industrial, traffic, soil and road dust

# species families abundances



- **PAH** in Ship exhaust followed by Coke, and wood burning (in particular soft wood).
- **Anhydrosugars** (mostly Levoglucosan) are *only measured* in biomass burning and related sources.
- **Non-metals** (Sulfur) in Boiler, fuel oil and ship exhaust.
- **Heavy metals** in some of the metal related activities and coke burning,
- **Halogens** in fertilizer production, power plants and coal burning.
- **Alkaline earth metals** in road and soil dust, and in cement production.

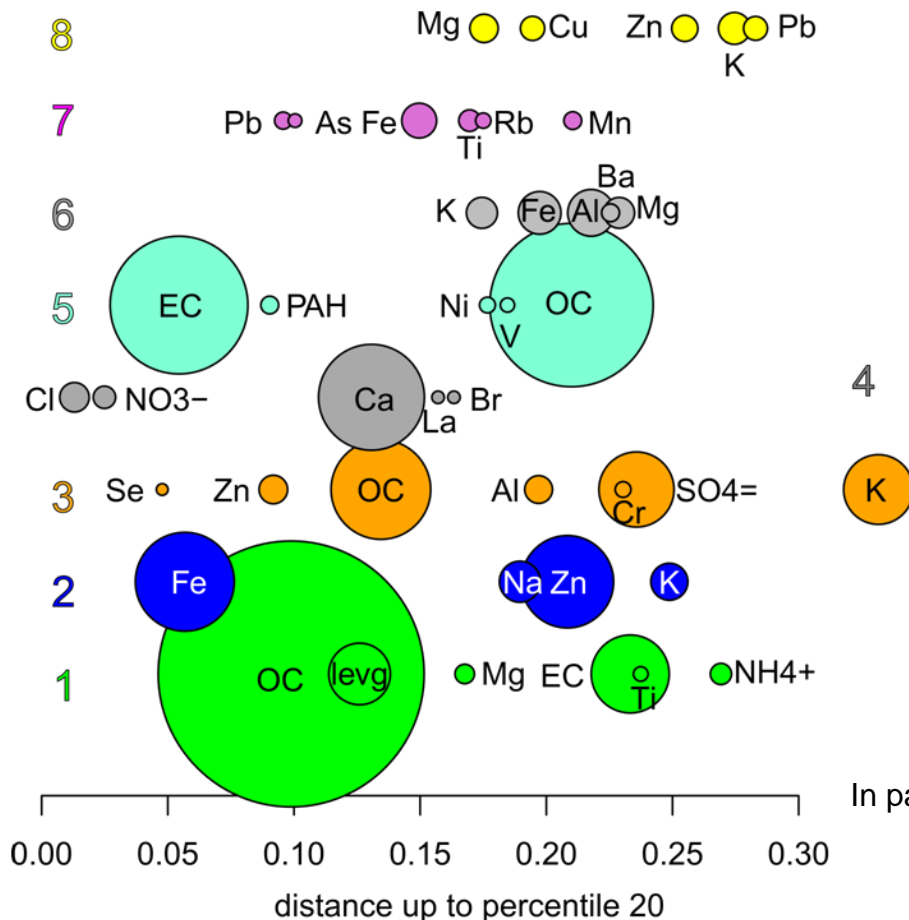
# Application 1: Clustering



R `pvclust` : hierarchic clustering resampling the data via bootstrap (10000 replications) and assigning to each cluster an approximated unbiased (AU) p-value, using SID proportional indicator as distance (divide by 110)

<http://bioinformatics.oxfordjournals.org/content/22/12/1540.full>

# Clusters' markers

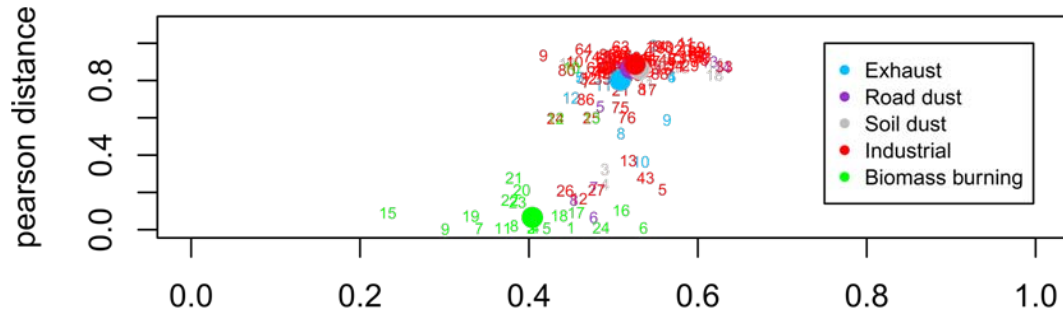


- 8. industrial (11)
- 7. industrial (5)
- 6. soil dust (20)
- 5. exhaust (8)
- 4. cement (6)
- 3. combustion (6)
- 2. industrial (steel, 3)
- 1. wood burn. (16+3)

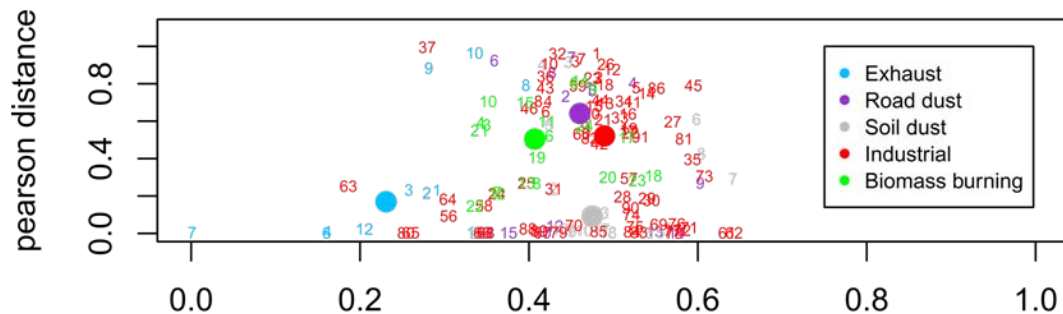
In parenthesis the number of 'independent' profiles within the cluster

within cluster species distances from species mean  
(circle area proportional to relative mass)

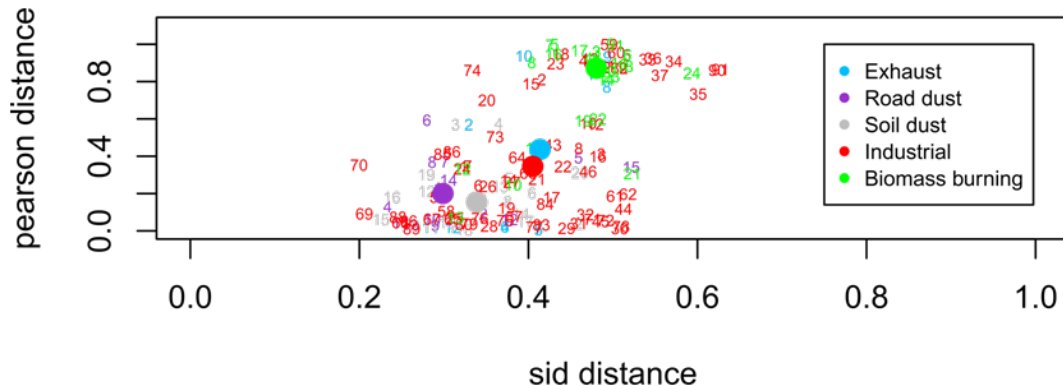
Profile 118: Wood burning



Profile 44: Exhaust



Profile 17: Soil Dust Composite Rural



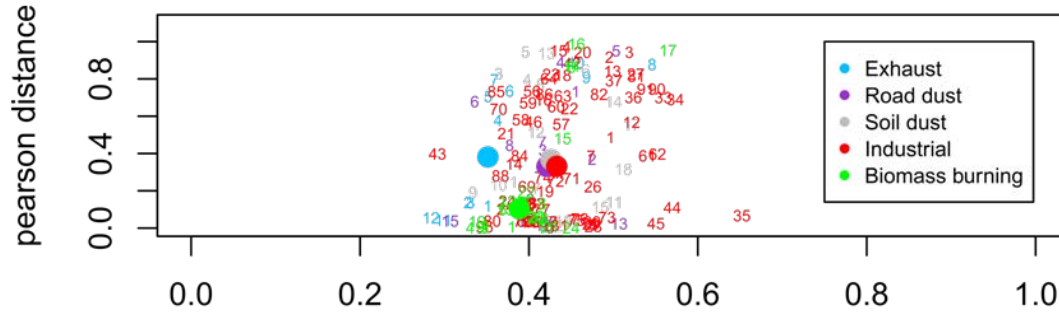
# Application2: Ranking

Some distances can be used in order to rank the proximity of a single profile against all the profiles present in SPECIEUROPE.

For some profiles these distances seem to give a good result (profiles that are correctly clustered by hpvclust)

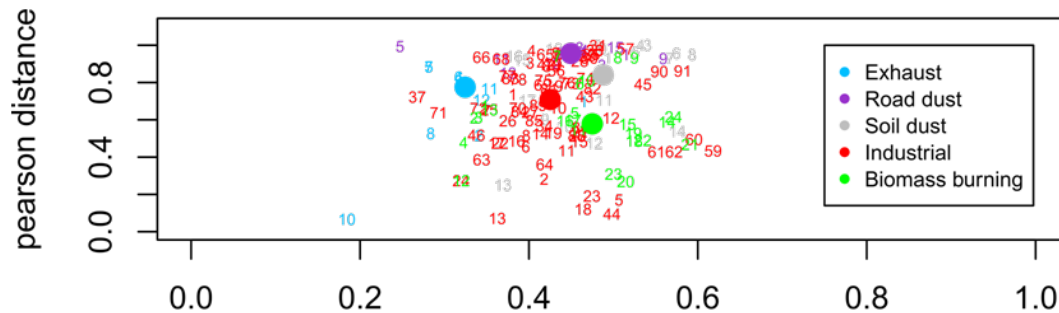
Big colored point is the median on the distances of the given profiles from all profiles of that source category.

## Profile 24: Open burning Leaves of chestnut and oak Combustion



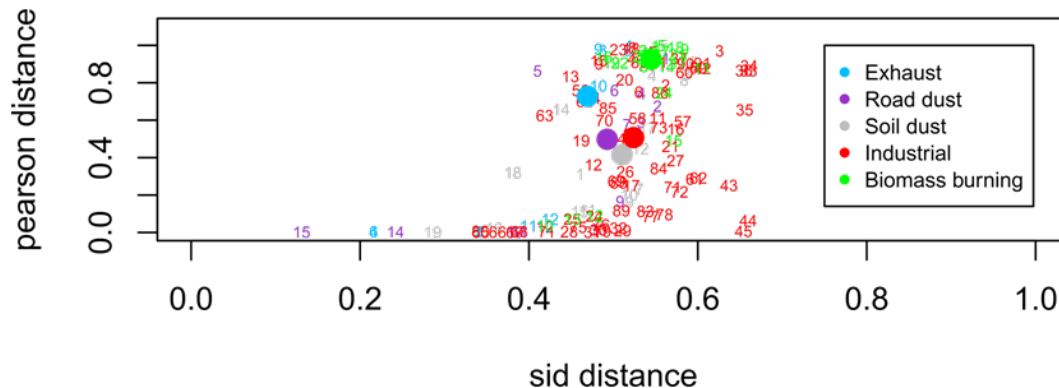
# Usage: Ranking

## Profile 88: Exhaust diesel taxi



For other profiles (unclassified in cluster analysis) the **result is not so clear.**

## Profile 182: Travertine rock



More work needed in order to:

- check authors' classification
- identify the source category

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# Conclusions

- reference chemical composition of the PM sources for source apportionment applications in Europe.
- common reference → better definition of the sources
- more measurements → needed to better characterize sources from the chemical and geographical point of view
- cluster analysis → checking data quality and finding good source category markers
- ranking → need of a good source characterization and optimization of the metrics

Web site:

<http://sourceapportionment.jrc.ec.europa.eu/Specieurope/index.aspx>



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## Welcome to SPECIEUROPE

SPECIEUROPE is a repository of source profiles developed by the JRC in the framework of FAIRMODE WG3. The target users are source apportionment and emission systems, the encoding of species in SPECIEUROPE is coherent with the one of the well-known [US-EPA SPECIATE](#) repository for north-American sources.

SPECIEUROPE contains particulate chemical profiles including organic and inorganic species deriving from both measurements of European sources and source apportionment studies, 39 derived from source apportionment studies and 6 theoretical (from stoichiometric ratios). The profiles bibliography is available in the DB, so that original data is very much welcomed (the list of collaborators is available in the credits section). The data distributed via this service can be used provided the source is mentioned.

For further information contact us at <http://source-apportionment.jrc.ec.europa.eu/contact.aspx>

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*Contribution of source profile data is very much welcomed and will be acknowledged in the dedicated page of the website.*

<http://source-apportionment.jrc.ec.europa.eu/Specieurope/howtoContribute.aspx>

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