Molecular comparisons by Maximum Common Sub-Structure (MCSS) and application to Matched Molecular Pair Analysis (MMPA)

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#### EUROPE BUSINESS NEWS | Updated June 25, 2013, 8:03 p.m. ET Roche, Astra to Share Drug Research Data

### Swiss Stocks Advance on German Confidence Report

#### **Roche Partnership**

Roche advanced 2 percent to 223.30 Swiss francs. The company struck a partnership with AstraZeneca to share data on early-stage drug design, WSJ reported. Under the agreement, both companies will contribute data to a third company, U.K.-based MedChemica Ltd., WSJ said.

"Since the big 10 pharma companies spend \$70 billion a year collectively on research without always have a good return, collaborating on research can benefit companies from all the money spent by all companies in the industry. This collaboration will benefit both AstraZeneca and Roche without divulging confidential information" – NASP – 26<sup>th</sup> June

AstraZeneca adds more than 2% on reported R&D tie-up with Roche

The 'Market' approves of pharma collaborating





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### **Comparing Molecules**

• Chemical information processing is the science of representing molecules in computers. Hence the fundamental "object" or data structure within a chemical information system is that of the molecule, its atoms (nodes) and its bonds (edge).



A word about experimental design:

Always consider what question is being asked by the experiment, by considering this we can choose the right technique to use

Compute tasks can take days to run, especially comparing molecules

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### Maximum Common Sub Structure (or Graph) Method



- Structures matched by overlapping of the matching atoms (nodes) and bonds (edges)
- The compute process uses works by traversing atoms and bonds in a graph representation of the molecules in memory
- The compute problem is NP-complete or NP-hard.





### Maximum Common Sub-Structure patterns versus Fingerprints

### MCSS

#### Process

- Convert each molecule into a graph representation in memory. Traverse each molecule finding atoms (nodes) and bonds (edges) that are the same, loop many many times building the largest set of edge linked nodes.
- Larger memory
- **Slow** (many algorithm set a time-out)
- Result is concise atom/ bond structure, so difference in chemistry can be captured

### Fingerprints

#### Process

- Convert each molecule into a 'bit string (0s and 1s) representing parts of the molecule – thus each molecule is a 'number' in a computer – thus comparison between two molecules is easy.
- Low memory
- Very Fast
- Result is a numerical difference between the molecules – no exact chemical structural difference

Experimental design is important – how much time and compute resource do you have?

Maggiora, G; Vogt, M.; Stumpfe, D.; Barorath, J; Molecular Similarity in Medicinal Chemistry, J.Med.Chem.2013,3186.

### Graphs Applied to Molecules

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Graph\_theory





A Graph (G) is a set of Nodes and Vertices G = (N, V) Each Node has relationship between other nodes by the connections made by Vertices Each Node is connected to every other node by the Vertices and other Nodes....

....Node 6 is 3 Vertices from Node 2 but there are two paths to get there, via 3 or 5....







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### Molecules are suited to Graphs



Nodes are atoms 109 atom 'types' – known bonding behaviour Vertices are bonds single, double, triple......

Molecular Graphs are the corner stone for cheminfomatics processing

SMILES  $\rightarrow$  Cc1ccc(cc1)C(c2cccc2)c3ccccc3  $\rightarrow$  'parse' into Molecular Graph For example: OpenEye Toolkit

- >>> from openeye.oechem import OEGraphMol, OESmilesToMol
- >>> mol = OEGraphMol()

```
>>> OESmilesToMol(mol, "Cc1ccc(cc1)C(c2cccc2)c3ccccc3")
```

```
>>> for atom in mol.GetAtoms():
```

```
... print ('Atom Idx :{0} Atomic Num: {1}'.format(atom.GetIdx(),
```

atom.GetAtomicNum())

Atom Idx :0 Atomic Num: 6

Atom Idx :1 Atomic Num: 6

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Atom Idx :2 Atomic Num: 6....
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```
for bond in mol.GetBonds():
    print (bond.GetOrder())
```

#### WARNING

Do Not be tempted to manipulate SMILES
 strings with text searches or replace functions





### Types of MCSS – lets look at some molecules

MCES – Maximum Common Edge-Induced Substructure – as many matching chemical bonds



- SMILES → Cc1ccc(cc1)C(c2cccc2)c3ccccc3 Cc1ccc(cc1)N(c2cccc2)c3ccccc3
- $\mathsf{cMCES} \rightarrow [C][c]1[c][c](c][c]1)$
- dMCES → [C][c]1[c][c]([c][c]1).[c]2[c][c][c][c][c]2.[c]3[c][c][c][c][c]]3

cMCES – *connected* MCES The largest matching fragment of both molecules is itself connected structure dMCES – *disconnected* MCES Multiple matching parts of the molecule





# The Travelling Sales Man Problem (and other NP-hard problems)

Comparing Graphs to find Maximum Common Sub-Graph is compute intensive Described as NP

- Non-deterministic polynomial time
- not sure how many iterations over the graphs it will take
- Much harder and longer the more complex the graph (lots of atoms and bonds)

What is the shortest possible route for a traveling salesman seeking to visit each city on a list exactly once and return to his city of origin?

It has defied solution to this day



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Travelling\_Salesman\_(2012\_film)

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### MCSS - References

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### A difficult connected MCSS – can you spot it?



Hard compute – 54 seconds for just this pair on one CPU

MCSS is compute intensive – lets use this example

400 antibiotic macrocycles - ALL pair comparison to find Structure Activity Relationships (SAR) Roughly how long?

(400 x 400 x 54 secs) / 2 / 3600 / 24 = 50 days for 1 CPU ....we are going to need a 50 CPUs to run in a day.





### A difficult MCSS – can you spot it?



This is a useful case study:

- MCSS is useful as a sub-substructure that matches both molecules
- Using a depictions tool we can visualise the difference between them
- For compound design / optimisation this is very useful





# MCSS on Macrocycles



Paired by MCSS Common substructure and change is clear

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Hard to re-draw by a human – 30 minutes!





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# MCSS on Macrocycles



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So we need to discover new drugs; as molecules become more complex (anti-biotic macrocycles) using a computer to help analyse and design new molecules becomes hard





### **Molecule Fragment and Index Method**

Break all single rotatable bonds and group on common 'core' parts



• Semantically the same matched pair as MCSS but syntactically different in that 'points of modification' are not the same





### Frag / Index single bond SMARTS

#### From the Hussain and Rea publication

Hussain, J., & Rea, C. (2010). "Computationally efficient algorithm to identify matched molecular pairs (MMPs) in large data sets." Journal of chemical information and modeling, 50(3), 339-348.

A SMARTS pattern is required to identify the single bonds to break

#### Original [\*]!@!=[\*] (any atoms, any bond not in ring or double – what about triple bonds?)

Amended in paper (see ref 24) [#6+0; !\$(\*=,#[!#6])]!@!=!#[\*] (carbon atom to any atom [excluding carbon that also has a double or triple] and no triple bond]) Effectively this removes amide bonds as disconnections

#### MedChemica variation

[#6+0;!\$(\*=,#[!#6])]!@!=!#[\*;!\$([H])]

Carbon atom to any atom excluding hydrogen – stop disconnection to H as part of a explicit chiral centre

Bonds broken by pattern

SMARTS pattern can be set in config file or from the command line for direct .smi file processing





### Frag / Index and MCSS pair finding

#### Consider the following compounds



FI and MCSS have found the 'same' pattern for the matched pairs via the same core. FI requires additional compute to find the true MCSS

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### Frag And Index – useful for disconnected MCSS

Molecule Fragment and Index Method: 'Linker' changes found by double cuts



A and B are matched by the same context groups (for MCSS these are disconnected graphs so are not currently found) Context can be captured on both ends in the SMIRKS

Both acyclic to acyclic and acyclic to cyclic changes are captured

Subtle changes in ring isomers are found in the 'centre' of molecules

For large molecule whole side chain modification can be captured





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### MCSS – subtle differences and ring changes Maximum Common Sub Structure (or Graph) Method

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A – CHEMBL1173789



A – CHEMBL117055



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B – CHEMBL115519

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For molecules A and B of the same size (by heavy atom count) that are smaller (<30) transformations are found for positional isomer switches (these can be missed by F/I)

Subtle changes to smaller groups around rings are captured for all examples.

Acyclic to cyclic changes are captured well by MCSS method







### Does the comparison method really matter?

# Using only one technique will miss between 12% and 56% of pairings



		Pairings				Pairings		
	number of compounds	common	FI only	MCSS only	total	FI only %	common %	MCSS only %
VEGF	4466	14631	17172	14823	46626	37	31	32
Dopamine Transporter	1470	4480	8930	3497	16907	53	26	21
GABAA	848	2500	1722	4205	8427	20	30	50
D2 human	3873	12995	13811	13098	39904	35	33	33
D2 rat	1807	5408	6595	7346	19349	34	28	38
Acetylcholine esterase	383	536	725	1434	2695	27	20	53
Monoamine oxidase	264	653	1156	246	2055	56	32	12
					min	20	20	12
					max	56	33	53

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# MCPairsv1.x

Set Flratio in configs larger inclusion >0.3 lower inclusion <0.3

<sup>3</sup> Settings for FI and MCSS methods

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### OpenEye ToolKit MCSS

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
from future import print function
from openeve.oechem import *
pattern = OEGraphMol()
target = OEGraphMol()
OESmilesToMol(pattern, "c1cc(0)c(0)cc1CCN")
OESmilesToMol(target, "c1c(0)c(0)c(Cl)cc1CCCBr")
atomexpr = OEExprOpts DefaultAtoms
bondexpr = OEExprOpts DefaultBonds
# create maximum common substructure object
mcss = OEMCSSearch(pattern, atomexpr, bondexpr, OEMCSType Exhaustive)
# set scoring function
mcss.SetMCSFunc(OEMCSMaxAtoms())
# ignore matches smaller than 6 atoms
mcss.SetMinAtoms(6)
unique = True
# Loop over matches
for count, match in enumerate(mcss.Match(target, unique)):
    print ("Match %d:" % (count + 1))
    print ("pattern atoms:", end=" ")
    for ma in match.GetAtoms():
        print (ma.pattern.GetIdx(), end=" ")
    print ("\ntarget atoms: ", end=" ")
    for ma in match.GetAtoms():
        print (ma.target.GetIdx(), end=" ")
    # create match subgraph
    m = OEGraphMol()
    OESubsetMol(m, match, True)
    print ("\nmatch smiles =", OEMolToSmiles(m))
```

#### http://docs.eyesopen.com/toolkits/python/oechemtk/patternmatch.html







### Rdkit MCSS – Python

#### >>> from rdkit.Chem import rdFMCS

```
>>> mol1 = Chem.MolFromSmiles("O=C(NCc1cc(OC)c(O)cc1)CCCC/C=C/C(C)C")
>>> mol2 = Chem.MolFromSmiles("CC(C)CCCCC(=O)NCC1=CC(=C(C=C1)O)OC")
>>> mol3 = Chem.MolFromSmiles("c1(C=O)cc(OC)c(O)cc1")
>>> mols = [mol1, mol2, mol3]
>>> res=rdFMCS.FindMCS(mols)
>>> res
<rdkit.Chem.rdFMCS.MCSResult object at 0x...>
>>> res.numAtoms
10
>>> res.numBonds
10
>>> res.smartsString
'[#6]1(-[#6]):[#6]:[#6](-[#8]-[#6]):[#6](:[#6]:[#6]:1)-[#8]'
>>> res.canceled
False
```

http://www.rdkit.org/docs/GettingStartedInPython.html#maximum-common-substructure



### About Clean Code

Compute code is written once and read a thousand times Do:

write Unit-Tests (especially with processing molecules) write functional tests write loooooong function, variable names write functions that DO ONE THING! write modular code – DRY (Do-not Repeat Yourself)



Clean Code: A Handbook of Agile Software Craftsmanship (Robert C. Martin) Working Effectively with Legacy Code (Micheal C. Feathers)









### **RDKit Maximum Common Substructure (MCS)**

RDKit MCS Very flexible MCS implementation Includes partial MCS and generic atom/bond types Integration with "Group by" node Node 9 000 Dialog - 0:9 - RDKit MCS Flow Variables Memory Policy Mol molfile \$ RDKit Mol column: RTS MCS Threshold: 0.8 Ring matches ring only Complete rings only [C.O.S.CI,Br] Match valences [N,C] [C,N] Compare Any Atom comparison: ÷ Bond comparison: Compare Any [C,N] \$ 300 \$ Timeout (in seconds): 3 OK Apply Cancel **UNOVARTIS** Meachemica | 2016 Genentech BigChem < Koche

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### Matched Molecular Pair Analysis

An example of using MCSS (and FI) to compare molecules and extract Medicinal chemistry knowledge

- Example it to show that comparing molecules it just the start of a process
- What experiment are we doing?
- How do we process the chemistry output and the data?
- What things can go wrong?
- Chirality!



### Matched Molecular Pair Analysis uses MCSS methods....

- Matched Molecular Pairs Molecules that differ only by a particular, welldefined structural transformation
- Transformation with environment capture MMPs can be recorded as transformations from A→ B
- Environment is essential to understand chemistry

#### Statistical analysis

 Learn what effect the transformation has had on ADMET properties in the past

Griffen, E. et al. Matched Molecular Pairs as a Medicinal Chemistry Tool. Journal of Medicinal Chemistry. 2011, 54(22), pp.7739-7750.









# Rule selection



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# Environment really matters

### H→Me:

- Median ∆log(Solubility)
- 225 different environments



### H→Me:

- Median ∆log(Clint) Human microsomal clearance
- 278 different environments







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# More environment = right detail

#### $H \rightarrow Me$ Solubility:

225 different environments



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# H→F What effect on Clearance?

- Median ∆log(Clint) Human microsomal clearance
- 37 different environments



### Chiral Test Set example



The experiment devised above maps into this .smi file - no duplicate compounds

```
clccc(cc1)C2CCCC2Cl racemic_Cl
clccc(cc1)C2CCCC2F racemic_F
clccc(cc1)[C@H]2CCCC[C@H]2Cl RR_cis_Cl
clccc(cc1)[C@H]2CCCC[C@H]2F RR_cis_F
clccc(cc1)[C@@H]2CCCC[C@H]2F SS_cis_absolute_epimerisation_F
clccc(cc1)[C@@H]2CCCC[C@H]2Cl SR_trans_Cl
clccc(cc1)[C@@H]2CCCC[C@H]2F SR_trans_F
clccc(cc1)[C@H]2CCCC[C@@H]2Cl RS_trans_Cl
```







### Chirality MCPairs --chiralON



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# How to 'store' chemical information?

## MCSS → MMPA → SMIRKS Storing reactions as canonical SMIRKS – an example of storing chemical information







Canonicalised SMIRKS 1 – Its about Symmetry



4-Atom rule SMIRKS\_A [C]([H])([H])([H])[O][c:1]1[c:2]([H])[c:3]([H])[c:4][c:5]([H])[c:6]1([H]) >>[c:5]1([H])[c:6]([H])[c:1]([c:2]([H])[c:3]([H])[c:4]1)[Br] SMIRKS\_B [C]([H])([H])([H])[O][c:1]1[c:2]([H])[c:3]([H])[c:4][c:5]([H])[c:6]1([H]) >>[c:3]1([H])[c:2]([H])[c:1]([c:6]([H])[c:5]([H])[c:4]1)[Br]

Both SMIRKS are VALID and would transform a molecule correctly However we want to consistently produce a single SMIRKS for all of these It is 50:50 how an unchecked algorithm will number around the ring

Therefore we force the numbering in the reactant side by numbering 1,2,3,4..n Then use symmetry checking to change the numbers to a consistent pattern Thus SMIRKS\_B is produced



#### Canonicalised SMIRKS 2





#### Canonicalised SMIRKS 4



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Orange – atom env radius Blue – atom map index

3-Atom rule [H][O:1][c:2]([c:3])[n:4]>>[c:3][c:2]([n:4])[O:1][C]([H])([H])([H])([H])([H])

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Key mapped atom Explicit Hydrogen are on the RHS of product side Thus the mappings become complex and NOT in order 1,2,3,n

Reverse SMIRKS [c:3][c:2]([n:4])[O:1][C]([H])([H])([H])([H])([H])>>[H][O:1][c:2]([c:3])[n:4]

While this SMIRKS is VALID and would transform a molecule correctly IF we search for the this SMIRKS there is NO MATCH

Actual SMIRKS [c:1][c:2]([n:3])[O:4][C]([H])([H])([H])([H])([H])>>[H][O:4][c:2]([c:1])[n:3]]

Due to Explicit H, Symmetry and Canonicalisation - Map Index must be treated with care – directly swapping the string may not match

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## Take home messages

- Molecular Graphs are the corner stone of chem-infomatics
  - Allow traversal of atoms and bonds
  - Allow graph theory techniques to be applied to comparing molecules
- Maximum Common Sub-Structure is found by NP-complete graph techniques and is compute intensive
- The Fragment and Index method can find MCSS in many circumstances but not all
- Further compute processes are required to deal with chirality and encoding of the common parts of molecules and the difference between molecules
- Matched Molecular Pair analysis is a data analysis technique, based on MCSS, to extract chemical design knowledge





## Appendix

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## IP security

- Contributing company structures are NOT shared
- Contributing company identifiers are NOT shared
- Each contributing company receives it's OWN custom GRD copy to enable drill back to OWN example data
- Minimum of n=6 example pairs required for inclusion in the GRD
- Enforced limits of shared substructure sizes
- Option for "time-blocking" sharing of data to withhold data < 6 months old for IP submission</li>





## **MCPairs Platform**



- Extract rules using Advanced Matched Molecular Pair Analysis
- Knowledge is captured as transformations
  - divorced from structures => sharable

Protect the IP jewels







#### Barriers Broken to Sharing Knowledge





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## Merging knowledge



- Use the transforms that are robust in both companies to calibrate assays.
- Once the assays are calibrated against each other the transform data can be combined to build support in poorly exemplified transforms
- Methodology precedented in other fields







## Merging Datasets

- Datasets are standardized by comparison of transformations shared by contributing companies
- Transformations are examined at the "pair example" level
- Minimum of 6 transformations, each with a minimum of 6 pairs (42 compounds bare minimum) required to "Blinded" source of standardise
- "calibration factors" extracted to standardize the datasets to a common value – mean of calibration factors 0.94, typical range 0.8-1.2.
- Datasets with too few common transformations have standard compound measurements shared for calibration.





## Current Knowledge sets – GRDv3 Numbers of <u>statistically valid</u> transforms

Grouped Datasets	Number of Rules
logD <sub>7.4</sub>	153449
Merged solubility	46655
In vitro microsomal clearance: Human, rat ,mouse, cyno, dog	88423
In vitro hepatocyte clearance : Human, rat ,mouse, cyno, dog	26627
MCDK permeability A-B / B – A efflux	1852
Cytochrome P450 inhibition: 2C9, 2D6 , 3A4 , 2C19 , 1A2	40605
Cardiac ion channels NaV 1.5 , hERG ion channel inhibition	15636
Glutathione Stability	116
plasma protein or albumin binding Human, rat ,mouse, cyno, dog	



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## Key findings:

- Secure sharing of large scale ADMET knowledge
  between large Pharma is possible
- The collaboration generated great synergy
- Many findings are highly significant.
- MMP is a great tool for idea generation.
- The rules have been used in drug-discovery projects and generated meaningful results
- MMPA methodology can be extended to extract pharmacophores





#### Barriers Broken to Sharing Knowledge







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#### Matched Molecular Pair Analysis (MMPA) enables SAR sharing

#### Without sharing underlying structures and data

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#### Collaborators and Users - experience







## A Collaboration of the willing

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#### Glucokinase Activators



ABSTRACT: A number of indole-3-glycoylamides have previously been reported as tubulin polymerization inhibitors, although none have yet been successfully developed (dinially). We report here a new section of related compounds, modified according to a polymerization activity but with a distinct SAR from previously documented literations. A modified ratic compounds from the reported sections activity but with a distinct SAR from previously documented literations. A modified ratic compounds were setting and the section of the se

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#### Cathepsin K – Di-methoxy surprise – Man and Machine



#### **Glucokinase** Activators

- Fix hERG problem whilst maintaining potency



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#### Knowledge Based Design – MPO

#### Ghrelin Inverse agonists

- Novel more efficient core required, improve hERG for CD
- CNS penetration, good potency and deliver tool for in vivo testing



LLE = lipophilic ligand efficiency:

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McCoull, Dossetter et al, Med. Chem. Commun., (2013), 4, 456

## Early successes From GRDv1 May 2014

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#### An Orally Bioavailable, Indole-3-glyoxylamide Based Series of Tubulin Polymerization Inhibitors Showing Tumor Growth Inhibition in a Mouse Xenograft Model of Head and Neck Cancer

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Supporting Information



ABSTRACT: A number of indole-3-glyoxylamides have previously been reported as tubulin polymerization inhibitors, although none has yet been successfully developed clinically. We report here a new series of related compounds, modified according to a strategy of reducing aromatic ring count and introducing a greater degree of saturation, which retain potent tubulin polymerization activity but with a distinct SAR from previously documented libraries. A subset of active compounds from the reported series is shown to interact with tubulin at the colchicine binding site, disrupt the cellular microtubule network, and exert a cytotoxic effect against multiple cancer cell lines. Two compounds demonstrated significant tumor growth inhibition in a mouse xenograft model of head and neck cancer, a type of the disease which often proves resistant to chemotherapy, supporting further development of the current series as potential new therapeutics.

> J. Med. Chem., 2015, 58 (23), pp 9309–9333 DOI: 10.1021/acs.jmedchem.5b01312







#### Comparison of Merck in-house MMPA with SALTMiner<sup>TM</sup>



#### **Results:**

8 out of the 18 fluorobenzene transformations produced by Merck were also suggested by MCExpert to decrease hERG binding:



R group:	F	F. N			Z			
Measured hERG pIC50 change	-1.187	-1.149	-1.038	-1.215	-1.157	-0.149	-1.487	-1.133
GRD median historic pIC50 change	0	-0.171	-0.1	-0.283	-0.219	-0.318	-0.159	-0.103

Searching the GRD for transformations that *increase* hERG there were *none* that matched the remaining 10 of 18 transformations in the paper.

MCExpert also suggested an additional 50 fluorobenzene replacements to decrease hERG binding NOT mentioned in the publication.



#### A Less Simple Example Increase logD and gain solubility



**Question:** 



What is the effect on lipophilicity and solubility? Roche data is inconclusive! (2 pairs for logD, 1 pair for solubility)

Available Statistics:

Property	Number of Observations	Direction	Mean Change	Probability
logD	8	Increase	1.2	100%
Log(Solubility)	14	Increase	1.4	92%

Roche Example:



logD = 2.65 Kinetic solubility = 84 μg/ml IC50 SST5 = 0.8 μM logD = 3.63 Kinetic solubility = >452 μg/ml IC50 SST5 = 0.19 μM





• Data shown are Cl<sub>int</sub> for HLM and MLM (top and bottom, respectively)



## The application helped lead optimization in project



#### Barriers Broken to Sharing Knowledge





### Data Integrity and Curation

#### Structural

- Extensive standards for inclusion of mixtures, chiral compounds, salt forms
- Tautomer and charge state canonicalisation client side
- Automated validation of structures run client side
   = "clean" comparable structures submitted to pair finding

#### Measured Data

- Assay protocols reviewed prior to merging
- Precise documentation on unit definitions and data reporting standards
- Option to share standard compound measured values
- Automated extensive data validation checks prior to merging data

"client side" = behind Pharma firewall







## Calibrating Assays



- Sets of transformations can be calibrated against each other as we are comparing  $\Delta$  values in assays not absolute values
- Assays are usually linearly displaced against each other
- Data analysis equivalent of FEP





### Pharmacophores and Toxophores by extended analysis from the MMPA







## Critical safety target analysis



- Build models using 10-fold cross validated PLS
- Assess using ROC / BEDROC, R<sup>2</sup> vs 100 fold y-scrambled R<sup>2</sup> and geomean odds ratio

Target	Number of compounds	Number of compound pairs	Number of Fragments	Number of Pharmacophore dyads after filtering	R <sup>2</sup>	RMSEP	ROC	odds_ratio (geomean)
Acetylcholine esterase - human	383	27755	44	10	0.43	1.57	0.80	4
$\beta$ 1 adrenergic receptor	505	145447	276	313	0.64	0.70	0.96	833
Androgen receptor	1064	113163	186	46	0.47	0.77	0.86	140
CB1 canabinnoid receptor	1104	88091	165	90	0.61	1.02	0.87	96
CB2 canabinnoid receptor	1112	82130	194	158	0.19	0.85	0.64	5.7
Dopamine D2 receptor - human	3873	230962	483	602	0.42	0.88	0.69	110
Dopamine D2 receptor - rat	1807	118736	267	377	0.29	0.85	0.78	125
Dopamine Transporter	1470	106969	282	336	0.58	0.73	0.88	141
GABA A receptor	848	39494	106	167	0.70	0.76	0.97	560
hERG ion channel	4189	242261	392	76	0.61	0.96	0.92	55
5HT2a receptor	642	50870	197	267	0.61	0.59	0.83	600
Monoamine oxidase	264	15439	44	11	0.12	1.25	0.48	181
Muscarinic acetylcholine receptor M1	628	48200	97	510	0.62	0.94	0.89	48
$\mu$ opioid receptor	1128	37184	33	11	0.69	1.30	0.87	81

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# Novartis Predictions From Our ModelDomain of Applicability....1. J MedChem (2016), Bold et al.2. MedChem Lett (2016), Mainolfi et al.



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Actual: 9.0<sup>[2]</sup> Predicted: Out of Domain





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# **MCBiophore GUI screenshot**



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### Mining transform sets to find influential fragments



Identify the 'A' fragments associated with a significant number of potency decreasing changes – irrespective of what they are replaced with 'A' is 'better than anything you replace it with'

Identify the 'Z' fragments associated with a <u>significant</u> number of potency increasing changes – irrespective of what they are replaced with 'Z' is 'worse than anything you replace it with'



Generate Pharmacophore dyads by permutating all the fragments with the shortest path between them



# TOXOPhores - Detailed, specific & transparent



Matched

Pairs

Finding

**Find Potent Fragments** 



Find

#### **Dopamine Transporter**

Actual:	9.1
Predicted:	8.6
Mean with:	8.3
Mean without:	6.7
Odds Ratio:	407

#### Dopamine D2 receptor human

Actual:	9.5
Predicted:	9.1
Mean with:	8.0
Mean without:	6.6
Odds Ratio:	340



β1 adrenergic receptor

Actual: 7.8 Predicted: 7.7 Mean with: 6.5 Mean without: 5.7 Odds Ratid Bigchem



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#### **GABA-A**

Actual:	9.0
Predicted:	8.7
Mean with:	8.0
Mean without:	6.8
Odds Ratio:	1506

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# Prediction of unseen new molecules **The acid test...**

- Vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 2 tyrosine kinase (KDR)
- Inhibitors have oncology and ophthalmic indications
- Large dataset in CHEMBL
- 10 fold cross validated PLS model
- Selected model by minimised RMSEP

Compounds Matched Pairs Fragments	4466 28810 678	00
Pharmacophore dyc RMSEP R <sup>2</sup>	ıds	787 0.8 0.64
Y-scrambled R <sup>2</sup>		0.0
ROC		0.95
Geomean odds ratio	)	80





# Future developments

#### Methodology

- "Metabolophore" extraction
- Rule partition by charge
- Enhanced statistical rule selection methods
- Inferred rule extraction ( $A \rightarrow B + B \rightarrow C = A \rightarrow C$ ) / matched series / matched networks
- Meta rule identification (eg halogen>>alkyl)
- Rule partition by shape
- Fuzzier atom typing (eg matching indole NH with ArNHC(=O)Me)

#### Technology

- Transform searching and clustering
- Graph database
- Distributed compute (eg Apache Spark)

#### Science

- Explaining counter dogma transformations
  - Single crystal x-ray for solubility
  - Route of metabolism studies
  - Serum protein albumin co-crydtallisation for PPB
- Cardiac and liver tox screening panel development

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Bigger, faster, bigger & faster!







# Essentials of the collaboration

- Roche, Genentech and AZ all have ADMET data processed inside their firewalls to generate transformations (matched pairs transformations with change data)
- The transformations (fragments of molecules only) are shared with MedChemica
- MedChemica combines the transformation data and returns the aggregated knowledge
- Therefore NO party can drill back to anyone else's structures or original data
- There is no reach-through by any party
- MedChemica facilitates the science coordinating group to make suggestions on improvements and enhancements to the data sets, methods for extraction, analysis and exploitation

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### How Specific are Pharmacophore dyads?



## Benchmarking Specificity What does a <u>bad</u> odds ratio look like?

#### Early simple hERG model



Lipophilic base, usually a tertiary amine X = 2-5 atom chain, may include rings, heteroatoms or polar groups

[\$([NX3;H2,H1,H0;!\$(N[C,S]=[O,N])]~\*~\*~c),\$([NX3;H2,H1,H0;!\$(N[C,S]=[O,N])]~\*~\*c),\$([NX3;H2,H1,H0;!\$(N[C,S]=[O,N])]~\*~\*c),\$([NX3;H2,H1,H0;!\$(N[C,S]=[O,N])]~\*c),\$([NX3;H2,H1,H0;!\$(N[C,S

What is the odds ratio?

Found in CHEMBL

565658/1352681

Found in CHEMBL240 – hERG where pIC50 >=5 1985/2451

 $OR = \frac{1985/2451}{565658/1352681} = \frac{0.81}{0.42}$ 

=1.94 (95% conf 1.83 - 2.05)

Ar-linker-base has only been found 1.9x more often in hERG inhibitors than at random in ChEMBL







#### Fast building block access from CRO collaboration



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## Better compounds designed from Data

#### **Essentials**

- Improved compounds quicker
- Applicable ideas
- Confident design decisions

- Help when stuck 

   Gains
- Clearly describable plans
- Maximizing value from ADMET testing

Pains

- Pursuing dead-end series
- Pursuing dead-end projects
- Running out of time or \$





