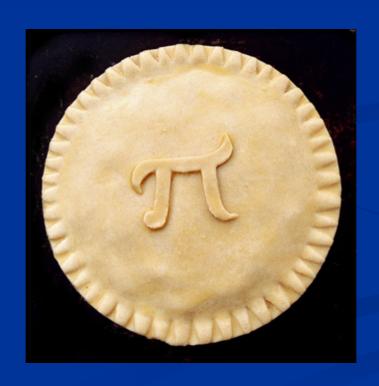
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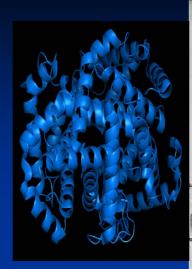
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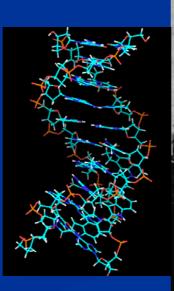
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 - 23 million hits on Google
 - The central notion is the *transformation of information*

- For Molecular Informatics
 - I would add the collection, transformation and visualisation of **chemical data** to extract a deeper knowledge of the underlying properties of the data.

They knew about 'molecular informatics' before the word was coined

Max Perutz and John Kendrew admire the structure of haemoglobin, and Watson and Crick with DNA.







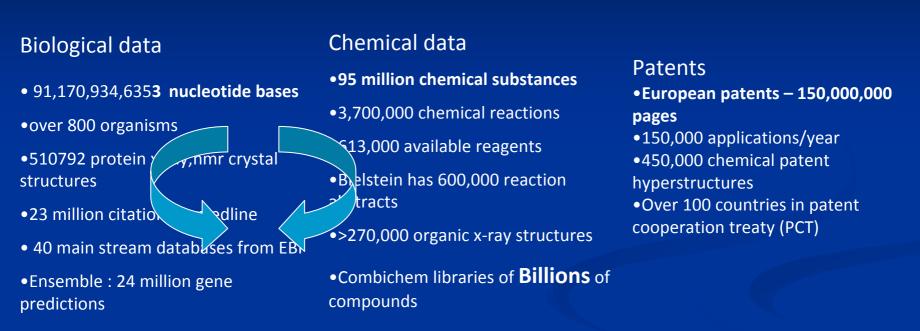
The fundamental idea is that the use of models, built from experimental data and theory, can profoundly influence our philosophy of science

- this is what we spend most of our time doing with chemical data, and it's easier now with computers especially as data is available as never before...

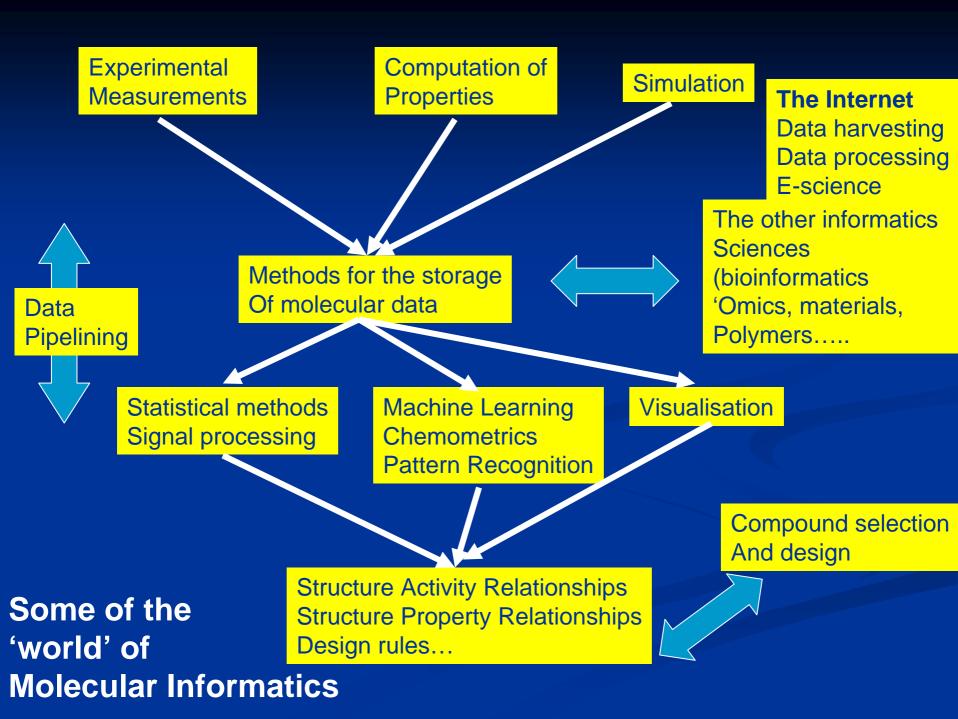


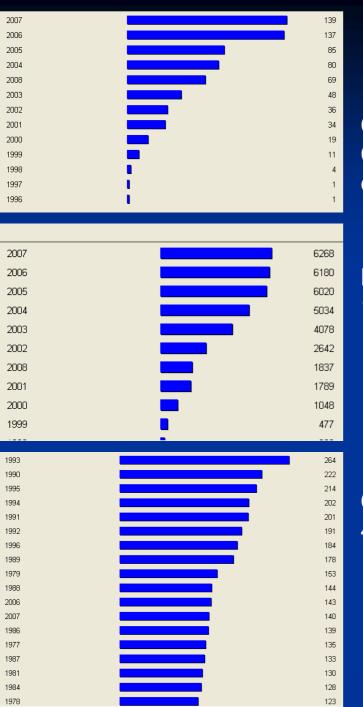


A hundred BILLION (Chemoinformatics) challenges and opportunities



This is just some of the biological, chemistry and patent space – its very big! The role of molecular informatics is the collection, analysis and interpretation of these data.





If you are searching the literature, SciFinder Scholar results:-

Chemoinformatics and Cheminformatics (664 entries) from 1996-2007

Bioinformatics (35,962 entries) 1999-2007

Chemistry AND informatics (1965-2007) 4,795 entries

Molecular Informatics is, of course, pervasive, and refers to all aspects of data in molecules, and how it is stored and analysed, so we could potentially be here for the next three hours (and miss out on the pie)...

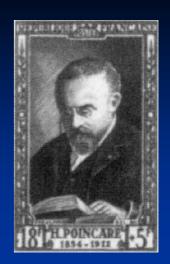
But lets look at two aspects

■ The Semantic Web and data

Models from data

Henri Poincaré (mathematician)

"Science is built up of facts, as a house is built of stones; but an accumulation of facts is no more a science than a heap of stones is a house"



- Potentially, we can now store nearly all of our data in computers so.....
- This is central: particularly when we turn data into models, how do we know the models are real or even useful?
- They need
 - the availability of all the necessary data
 - and a relevant validated analysis

Which brings us back to informatics...

This leads to the first problem - what chemistry data is stored in the databases?

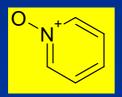
- What we actually store is often a very reduced data set. Examples are Smiles, SD files, pDB files, Inchi, etc.. (and also, there is an industry in converting one file format to the other, see OpenBabel, http://openbabel.org/wiki/Main_Page)
- Here's a couple of examples

Some examples of Smiles

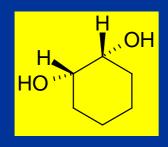


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Very compact, clever, Covers most organics, Easy to interpret, widely used



O-][n+]1cccc1 pyridine-N-oxide

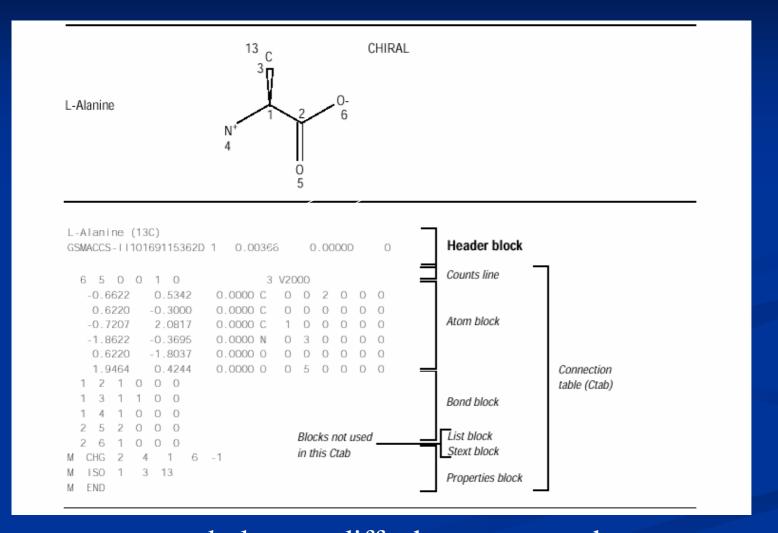


O[C@H]1CCCC[C@H]1O cis-resorcinol



CC(C)NCC(O)COc1cccc2cccc12 Propranolol – a beta-blocker

An SD file of Alanine: a common standard format; contains additional 3Dimensional and property information



x,y,z symbol, mass diff, charge, stereo, h-count....

But, the future of chemical data formats lies elsewhere...

- Old formats are pre-defined and fixed
- They are not extensible: This means they cannot be added to when new information appears, and they do not adhere to web standards, so important today for interoperability of software.
- This has led to the development of Chemical Markup Language, CML, which is written and defined in the Web standard language XML. (Peter Murray-Rust and Henry Rzepa)

Here are a couple of examples (available on the internet)

Project Prospect at the Royal Society of Chemistry uses CML and XML to add information to documents – the documents are 'Marked up'

http://www.rsc.org/Publishing/Journals/ProjectProspect/Examples.asp

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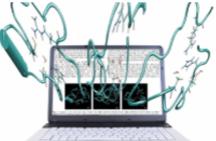
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Structure and stability of DPPE planar bilayers

Barry Stidder, Giovanna Fragneto and Stephen J. Roser

Biomembrane mimics in the form of supported planar bilayers allow the application of a wide range of surface and interface analytical techniques. The structure and phase-behavior of single and double bilayers of 1,2-dipalmitoylphosphoethanolamine (DPPE) were investigated by specular neutron reflectivity for their viability as biomembrane mimics. Whilst single bilayer samples were found to exhibit stable gel and fluid structures, double bilayers were found to be intrinsically unstable in the fluid phase as a planar structure. A Bragg peak was observed in the reflectivity data at just above the gel-to-fluid transition temperature, indicating the partial rearrangement of the upper bilayer into a repeat stacked structure. The lower bilayer was structurally stable. The structure and phase-behaviour of a double bilayer containing a ratio of 9:1 DPPE/cholesterol was also investigated to assess the stabilising effect of cholesterol on the upper bilayer. The presence of cholesterol completely destabilised the upper bilayer, causing it to detach 7 °C below the gel-to-fluid transition temperature of DPPE. It is possible that the cholesterol increases the overall conical shape of DPPE molecule by residing in Introduction (Show/Hide) Toolbox

To exploit certain types of surface and interfacial techniques in biological cell membrane studies it is necessary to use planar lipid bilayers located on or near to a substrate. These planar systems have allowed the application of AFM, impedance analysis, 23 surface plasmon resonance, neutron reflectivity, 56 and ellipsometry. Examples of types of planar systems range from single bilayers adsorbed or deposited onto substrates to multilamellar stacked bilayers 11,12 to elaborate polymer supported bilayers and hybrid bilayers with one leaflet of lipids and the other of alkanethiols. 16

One of the main advantages of single bilayer samples compared to multilamellar samples is that the information obtained is bilayer specific; it is not the average of hundreds or thousands of bilayers. Another advantage is that very low concentrations are needed to fabricate these samples. This is obviously interesting when expensive components are being studied. Often the main disadvantage of single bilayer systems is that the substrate can exert a restraining force upon the bilayer, inhibiting its phase behavior. Another key disadvantage is that only a very thin water layer separates the bilayer from the substrate (5–10 Å). This can restrict the inclusion of transmembrane proteins that protrude either side of the bilayer.

To overcome some of the problems associated with single bilayer systems, a new type of planar membrane system has been developed. It consists of a bilayer floating above another bilayer that is in close proximity to the substrate. Fabrication is achieved by a combination of Langmuir-Blodgett and Langmuir-Schaefer depositions. These techniques enable the fabrication of asymmetric bilayers where the composition of each leaflet can be selected to model the asymmetric nature of real membranes. Compared to single bilayer samples the upper bilayer is less constrained and is open to a large reservoir of water, making it ideally suited to study transmembrane phenomena and translocation. When the double bilayers are fabricated with phosphatidylcholines, the upper bilayer is separated from the lower bilayer by a water layer of 20–30 Å, whilst the lower bilayer is separated from the substrate by a water layer of 5–10 Å. The upper bilayer exhibits comparable gel, transition and fluid phase-behaviour to vesicles in solution. During phase-behavior studies, the main water layer was found to swell around the main transition temperature. This was interpreted in terms of competition between the inter-bilayer potential and membrane fluctuations and used to estimate the bending rigidity of the bilayer. Off-specular synchrotron radiation measurements have allowed the measurement of the bending modulus and tension of the floating bilayer. Incorporation of low concentrations of cholesterol (1–6 mol%) was found to progressively decrease the swelling, and at a concentration of 10 mol% swelling was completely removed.

Together with phosphatidylcholines, phosphatidylethanolamines are one of the most abundant components of the lipid bilayer in membranes and can even be found to account for up to a third of the total percentage of lipids present, as in the case of human and the rat erythrocyte plasma membranes. They are often found asymmetrically distributed in membranes, being predominantly located in the inner cytoplasm-facing leaflet. As well as being one of the major building blocks of membranes, they also have specific tasks such as supporting active transport by the lactose permease. They also act as a chaperone during the assembly of membrane proteins, guiding the folding path and aiding in the transition from the cytoplasmic to the membrane environment. In comparison to phosphatidylcholines, the smaller head-group of phosphatidylethanolamines enables stronger hydrogen bonds between the phosphate oxygen and the primary amine parts of the lipids. Despite their predominance, phosphatidylethanolamines have not received as much attention as phosphatidylcholines in the literature. The phase-behaviour of phosphatidylethanolamines vesicles has been well characterised, whilst literature on the behaviour of stacked multilamellar bilayers is rather limited. With a view to the application of phosphatidylethanolamine double bilayers as planar biomembrane mimics, the phase-behaviour of DPPE single and double bilayers was investigated by neutron reflectivity. Double bilayers with a ratio of 9:1 DPPE/cholesterol were also studied with the dual purpose of assessing the stabilising effect of cholesterol on the upper bilayer and to increase the realism of the mimic by increased number of components. We have already shown that asymmetric double bilayers containing DPPE can be prepared and are stable in both the gel and fluid phases.

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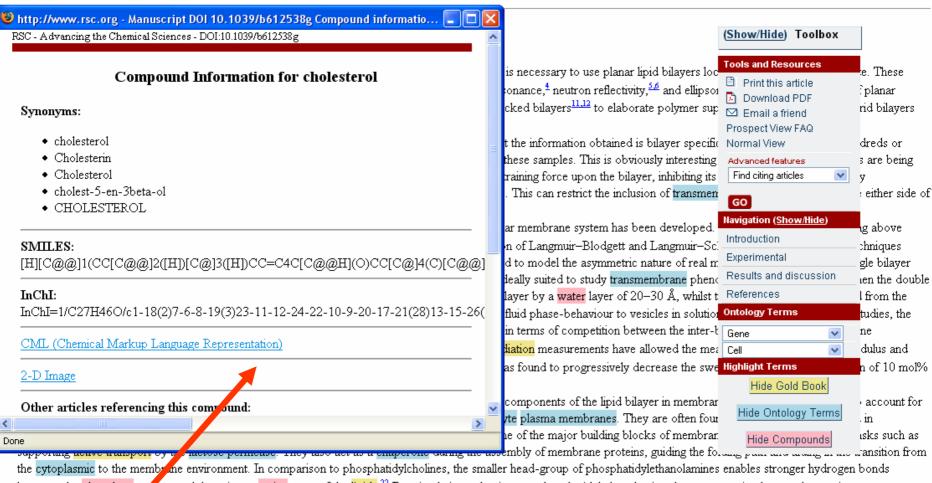
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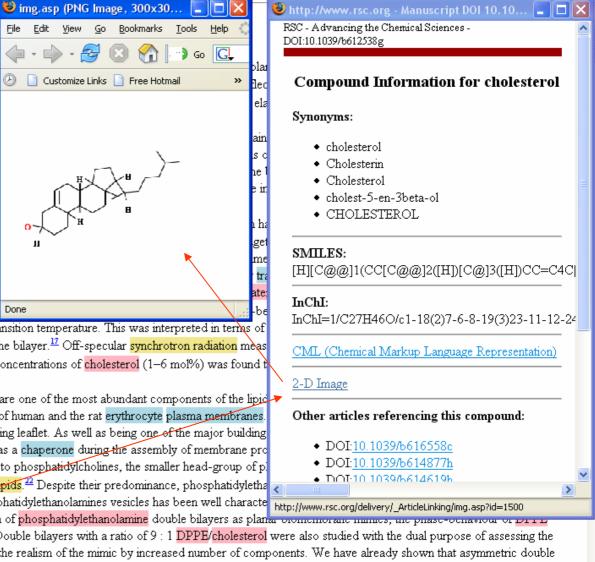
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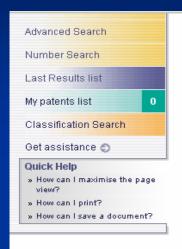
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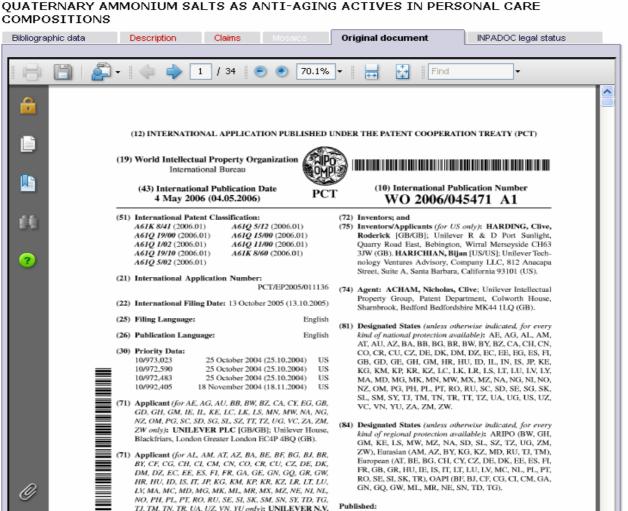
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An example with a patent (from Peter Corbett, developer of the software OSCAR3)





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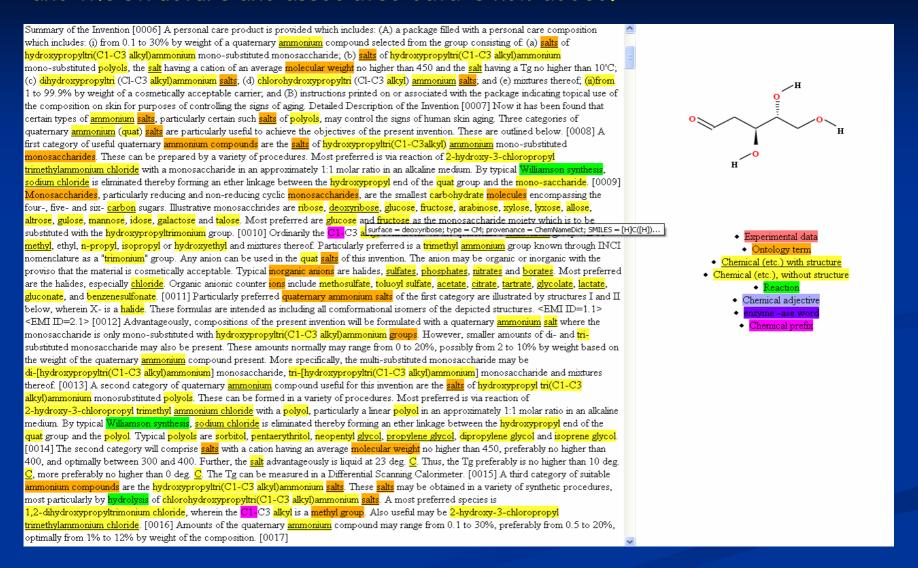
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Accordingly, there still remains a need for materials which can be effective against the signs of aging and that yet have no adverse side effects. Summary of the Invention [0006] A personal care product is provided which includes: (A) a package filled with a personal care composition which includes: (i) from 0.1 to 30% by weight of a quaternary ammonium compound selected from the group consisting of (a) salts of hydroxypropyltri(C1-C3 alkyl)ammonium mono-substituted monosaccharide; (b) salts of hydroxypropyltri(C1-C3 alkyl)ammonium mono-substituted <mark>polyols</mark>, the <mark>salt</mark> having a cation of an average <mark>molecular weight</mark> no higher than 450 and the salt having a Tg no higher than 10°C; (c) dihydroxypropyltri (Cl-C3 alkyl)ammonium salts; (d) chlorohydroxypropyltri (Cl-C3 alkyl) ammonium salts; and (e) mixtures thereof; (ii)from 1 to 99.9% by weight of a cosmetically acceptable carrier, and (B) instructions printed on or associated with the package indicating topical use of the composition on skin for purposes of controlling the signs of aging. Detailed Description of the Invention [0007] Now it has been found that certain types of ammonium salts, particularly certain such salts of polyols, may control the signs of human skin aging. Three categories of quaternary ammonium (quat) salts are particularly useful to achieve the objectives of the present invention. These are outlined below, [0008] A first category of useful quaternary <mark>ammonium compounds</mark> are the salts of <mark>hydroxypropyltri(C1-C3alkyl) ammonium</mark> mono-substituted monosaccharides. These can be prepared by a variety of procedures. Most preferred is via reaction of <mark>2-hydroxy-3-chloropropyl</mark> trimethylammonium chloride with a monosaccharide in an approximately 1:1 molar ratio in an alkaline medium. By typical Williamson synthesis sodium chloride is eliminated thereby forming an ether linkage between the <mark>hydroxypropyl</mark> end of the quat group and the mono-saccharide. [0009] Monosaccharides, particularly reducing and non-reducing cyclic <mark>monosaccharides</mark>, are the smallest <mark>carbohydrate molecules</mark> encompassing the four-, five- and six- carbon sugars. Illustrative monosacchrides are <mark>ribose, deoxynbose, glucose, fructose, arabinose, xylose, lyxose, allose,</mark> <mark>altrose, gulose, mannose, idose, galactose</mark> and <mark>talose</mark>. Most preferred are <mark>glucose</mark> and fructose as the monosaccharide moiety which is to be substituted with the hydroxypropyltrimonium group. [0010] Ordinarily the C1-C3 <mark>alkyl</mark> constituent on the quaternized <mark>ammonium</mark> group will be methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl or hydroxyethyl and mixtures thereof. Particularly preferred is a trimethyl ammonium group known through INCI nomenclature as a "trimonium" group. Any anion can be used in the quat salts of this invention. The anion may be organic or inorganic with the proviso that the material is cosmetically acceptable. Typical <mark>inorganic anions</mark> are halides, sulfates, phosphates, nitrates and borates. Most preferred

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- Design, synthesis and evaluation of furanocoumarin monomers as inhibitors of CYP3A4.
- The effects of grapefruit on weight and insulin resistance: relationship to the metabolic syndrome.
- Modelling intestinal absorption of salbutamol sulphate in rats.
- Grapefruit juice and potential drug interactions.
- Nonvolatiles of commercial lime and grapefruit oils separated by high-speed countercurrent chromatography.
- Pomelo juice, but not cranberry juice, affects the pharmacokinetics of cyclosporine in humans.
- Effect of extended exposure to grapefruit juice on cytochrome P450 3A activity in humans:

- Experimental data
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Search Form (look for structures that contain piperidine

OSCAR3 Search

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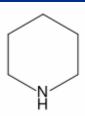
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Search Results



Search Results

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Influence of hepatic and intestinal cytochrome P4503A activity on the acute disposition and effects of oral transmucosal fentanyl citrate.

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ampin, hepatic/intestinal CYP3A inhibition by troleandomycin, selective intestinal CYP3A inhibition by grapefruit juice, or nothing (control). Plasma fentanyl and norfentanyl concentrations were determined by mass spectrometry. Fentanyl effects were measured by dark-adapted pupil diameter and subjective self-assessments using visual analog scales. RESULTS:: Peak plasma fentanyl concentrations, time to peak, and maximum pupil diameter change from baseline were unchanged after rifampin, troleandomycin, and grapefruit juice. Fe

gnificantly affected by CYP3A alterations. After control, rifampin, troleandomycin and grapefruit juice, respectively, area under the curve of plasma fentanyl versus time was 5.9 +/- 3.7, 2.2 +/- 0.8,* 10.4 +/- 8.9,* and 5.8 +/- 3.3 h x ng/ml; norfentanyl/fentanyl plasma area under the curve ratios were 0.92 +/- 0.63, 3.2 +/- 1.8,* 0.08 +/- 0.14,* and 0.67 +/- 0.33 (*P < 0.05 versus control). DISCUSSION: Peak fentanyl concentrations and clinical effects after OTF were minimally affected by altering both intestinal and hepatic CYP3A activity, whereas fentanyl metabolism, elimination, and duration of effects were significantly affected; selective intestinal CYP3A inhibition had minimal effects. This suggest

More like this

Effects of sweetie juice on nifedipine pharmacokinetics in rats

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A Similarity Search

OSCAR3 Search

(Like Limonene)

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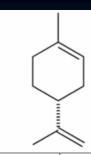
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A similarity search for compounds "Like Limonene"



Search Results

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Bioactive compounds of grapefruit (Citrus paradisi Cv. Rio Red) respond differently to postharvest irradiation, storage, and freeze drying.

ced (P < or = 0.05) the lycopene content, but the reduction (P < or = 0.05) in beta-carotene content occurred only in the control fruit. Reduction in d-limonene and myrcene was observed in the irradiated fruits at 6 days after harvest and in the freeze-dried samples. These results warrant testing of the effect of posthar

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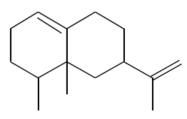
Use of novel compounds for pest control: insecticidal and acaricidal activity of essential oil components from heartwood of Alaska yellow cedar.

laris Say nymphs, Xenopsylla cheopis (Rothchild), and Aedes aegypti (L.) adults. Four of the compounds from the essential oil have been identified as monoterpenes, five as eremophilane sesquiterpenes, five as eremophilane sesquiterpene derivatives from valencene and nootkatone, and one as a sesquiterpene outside the eremophilane parent group. Carvacrol was the only id = o7; surface = valencene; type = CM; SMILES = CC1CCC=C2C1(CC(CC2)C(... monoterpene that demonstrated biocidal activ

efruit extract exhibited the greatest biocidal activity against fleas (LC50 = 0.0029%). Mosquitoes were most susceptible to one of the derivatives of valencene, valencene-13-aldehyde (LC50 = 0.0024%), after 24 h. Bioassays to determine residual activity of the most effective products were conducted at 1, 2,

More like this

Volatile constituents of redblush grapefruit (Citrus paradisi) and pummelo (Citrus grandis) peel essential oils from Kenya.



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Moving on to Structure-Activity/Property models- some observations

- The objective here is to relate measured or computed parameters to some new property, e.g. bioactivity at a target, absorption, melting point, solubility...
- The first issue is data quality.
 - Biological data is always problematic as it is often not possible to reliably reproduce, isolate the variables, combine data. Physical data is easier to measure (in general) and there is a lot more of it.
 - Our experience with a common physical property, solubility
 (of course....)

How reliable are solubility data?

Caffeine solubility

	Temperature	Solubility g/l	Year
	25	2.132	1926 [1]
	25	896.2	1985 [2]
	25	21.0	2002 [3]
	25	49.79	Merck Index
	25	18.67	2005 [4]
	25	21.6	SRC PhysProp
			Database

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- [4] Rytting, Erik, Lentz, Kimberley A., Chen, Xue-Qing, Qian, Feng, Venkatesh, Srini.

 AAPS Journal (2005), 7(1), E78-E105.

'Solubility' in the literature

- Katritzky observed an average standard deviation of 0.58 log units.
- Jorgensen and Duffy suggested the average uncertainty of 0.6 log units 1.5 log units.
 - data can have wide ranges in the literature: guanine has -3.58 and 1.86 –
 take your pick.
- Recent study by Dearden, re-measured 113 organic drug-like compounds,
 - 22 differed by >0.5 log unit
 - 9 differed by >1.0 log unit
 - 1 differed by >2.0 log units

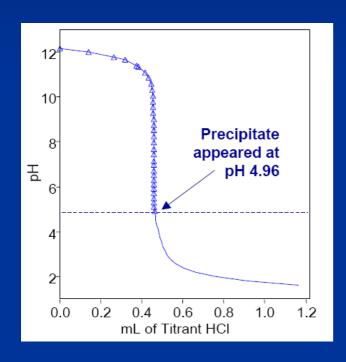
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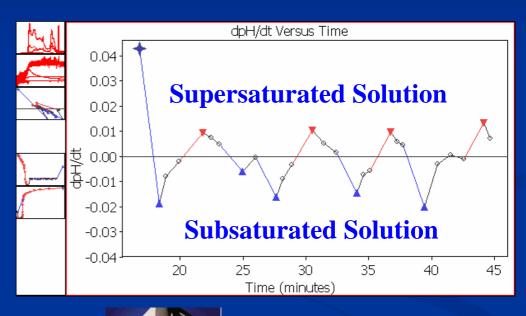
- Thus, any computational method that gives estimates (usually based on SAR) better than 0.5 log units is over fitted many are!
- Dearden J.C. Expert Opin. Drug Discov. (2006), 1(1).
- The lit. data usually has no information on the experimental method, the material whose solubility is being studied, or the definition of the reported solubility and commonly, many datasets are combined to build models.

In this case, we have decided to create our own data and not to combine it with other literature data.

Potentiometric cycling method for very accurate and controlled measurement of solubility







Stuart, M., Box, K. Chasing equilibrium: measuring the intrinsic solubility of weak acids and bases. Anal. Chem. **2005**, 77(4), 983-990.



We use a Sirius glpKa instrument With a DPAS detector

Solubility Challenge

JCIM Solubility Challenge: Coming Soon! Please check Journal of Chemical Information and Modeling for more details.

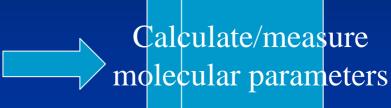
- We deposit ca. 100 accurate measurements of intrinsic solubility of drug-like molecules.
- You predict 40 unknowns
- JCIM publish the 'best' attempts.

So, before creating a model (or using someone else's)

- This is obvious, but....even if you use a precomputed model, check the data sources
 - Are data compatible, and can they be combined
 - It is often the case that non-compatible data are merged to create a database 'large enough' to do statistics on
 - Is there sufficient background information to determine the model's relevance
 - The 'ontology' of the information can be vital what were the units of measurement? (in the solubility example, some have mixed up ug/ml and umol/ml
 - Do they cover the 'chemical property space' required
 - Are my compounds very different from those used in the model?

So, if we have accurate data, what's in a model?

Molecular database

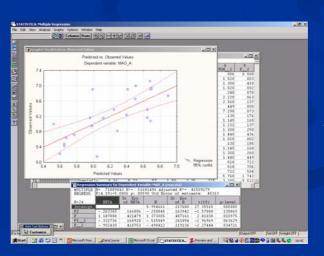


This is the most common 'paradigm for molecular analysis and prediction

$$\text{LogP} = \sum_{i=1,N} a_i \, f_i \ + \sum_{j=1,M} b_j \, F_j$$

Prediction





Analysis

What's in a model?

- The objective is usually to select a molecule (e.g. molecular similarity) or predict a property
- ***All models rely on the variance of the data***
- ***All models are susceptible to database bias***
- That is, the range of data values <u>and</u> their distribution.
 - If the points all had the same value, they would be easy to look up, there would be no model and one prediction for everything
 - The point is to extract a relationship between calculable parameters and the property of interest
 - The design of the experiment to obtain the data is therefore very important (and often ignored) - experimental design (Chemometrics can help)

Methods to discover models

- Models are generated using statistical or machine learning methods
 - Statistical methods usually rely on a normal distribution of the data and provide a fit to the data while minimising the error in the fit.
 - Are either supervised (e.g. regression) or unsupervised (e.g. principal components)
 - Machine learning methods are usually heuristic based and nearly all depend on local clustering (classification) - There are lots of flavours...

Methods for Machine Learning....there are many...many...

Modeling <u>conditional probability density</u> <u>functions</u>: <u>regression</u> and <u>classification</u>

- Artificial neural networks
- Decision trees
- ■Gene expression programming
- Genetic algorithms
- ■Genetic programming
- ■Dynamic programming
- Gaussian process regression
- Linear discriminant analysis
- ■K-nearest neighbor
- Minimum message length
- Perceptron
- Quadratic classifier
- Radial basis function networks
- ■Support vector machines

Modeling probability density functions through generative models

- ■Expectation-maximization algorithm
- <u>Graphical models</u> including <u>Bayesian</u> <u>networks</u> and <u>Markov Random Fields</u>
- Generative Topographic Mapping

Approximate inference techniques

- Markov chain
- ■Monte Carlo method
- <u>Variational Bayes</u>
- ■Variable-order Markov models
- Variable-order Bayesian networks

Optimization

■Most of methods listed above either use optimization or are instances of optimization algorithms

Meta-learning (ensemble methods)

- Boosting
- ■Bootstrap aggregating aka bagging
- ■Random forest
- Weighted majority algorithm

Inductive transfer and learning to learn

- <u>Inductive transfer</u>
- Reinforcement learning
- Temporal difference
- Monte-Carlo method

They can be traced back to the ID3 method of Ross Quinlan – worth a look

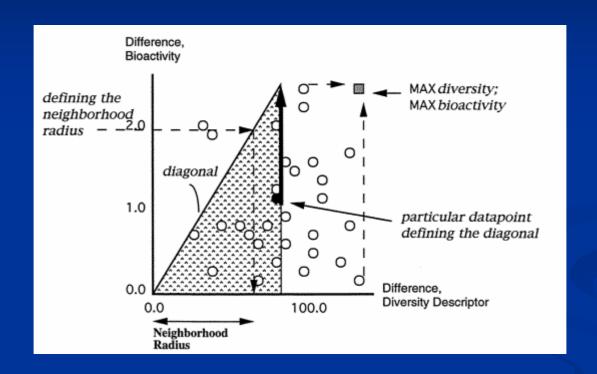
Some comments about making models (includes QSAR, SAR, QSPR...)

- The parameters used to predict a physical property (like solubility and logP) compared to e.g. a binding affinity must often behave in a fundamentally different way.
- Reason: a property like logP in octanol/water is consistent in that the medium doesn't change.
- However, both the medium (the receptor) and the ligand change upon binding and different ligand/receptor combinations really require different models!

Property behaviour

- So, in property space, we should expect behaviour that was consistent in that it was: linear, exponential, parabolic - i.e. predictable
- However, in SAR space it's disjointed and, if we're lucky, clustered e.g. depending on the mode of binding (if you look at SAR predicted/measured plots in the literature, many join clusters and not compounds)
- So, parameters must have the following 'property'
 - Small changes in the parameter should produce small changes in the bio-activity (e.g. affinity)
 - Large changes in the parameter can produce large or small changes in the affinity
 - This is exactly how medicinal chemists optimise compounds

This is neatly summed up in this paper, which analysed diversity and similarity



■Neighborhood Behavior: A Useful Concept for Validation of "Molecular Diversity" Descriptors. Patterson, D. E.; Cramer, R. D.; Ferguson, A. M.; Clark, R. D.; Weinberger, L. E. J. Med. Chem.; (Expedited Article); 1996; 39(16); 3049-3059. DOI: 10.1021/jm960290n

So – does (Q)SAR work?

- Yes, for localised sets of compounds often simple parameters, if spatially localised and linearly dependant, will e.g. provide a useful regression
- A mistake is often to use a dataset of molecules and their activities that actually requires multiple models
- Another is to rely on vast numbers of parameters and model selection such as cross validation. I'm not a great fan of 'lets use all the available parameters and cross-validation will save the day' - the variance of a large number of parameters will often match the variance of the data - just put in enough variables.

Overfitting and cross validation

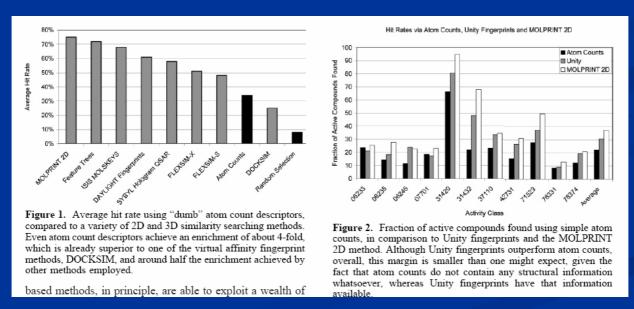
- three papers to read by Douglas Hawkins
- The Problem of Overfitting
 Hawkins, D. M.
 J. Chem. Inf. Comput. Sci.; (Perspective); 2004; 44(1); 1-12. DOI: 10.1021/ci0342472
- Assessing Model Fit by Cross-Validation
 Hawkins, D. M.; Basak, S. C.; Mills, D.
 J. Chem. Inf. Comput. Sci.; (Article); 2003; 43(2); 579-586. DOI: 10.1021/ci025626i
- QSAR with Few Compounds and Many Features
 Hawkins, D. M.; Basak, S. C.; Shi, X.
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Which leads on to another interesting aspect of molecular data database bias...

Database bias. 'Sophisticated models' are sometimes little better than simple models. The 'Database bias' in activity databases is simply that the active molecules are generally very similar classes and are memorised!

Put another way, the information content of many common structure-based descriptors for virtual screening purposes is, in some cases, not higher than the nonstructural information about the number of atoms per element in the structure.

Below, is an example using only atom counts compared to more complex similarity descriptors. Note the high performance of the 'dumb descriptors'

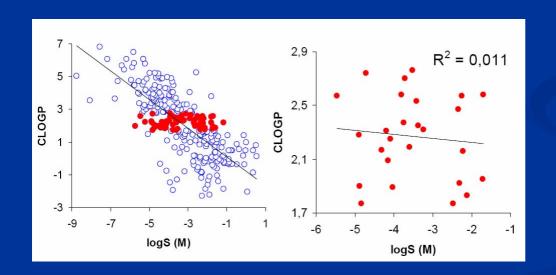


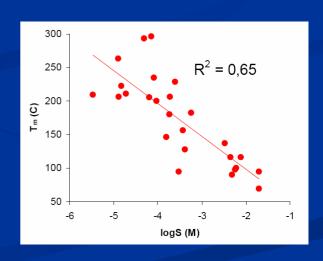
Bender et al. J. Chem. Inf. Model. 2005, 45, 1369-1375 1369

A simple model example, again using solubility – putting in parameters that relate to the phenomenon

- The failure to account for the influence of the solid state on solubility
- The General Solubility Equation is a rare examples that does.

$$LogS = 0.8 - logP - 0.01(MP-25)$$





(from Wassvik, C. Uppsala Pharmaceutical Profiling Conference)

What works best?

- Using parameters that have a physical foundation in the phenomenon being studies
- Selecting the correct method for model creation, functional (statistical) or clustering (machine learning)
- Always use a properly selected test set. The various cross validation and bootsrapping methods don't take account of database bias (despite what they say).

Conclusions

- The data is king comprehensive, in an extensible format is best
- Parameters in a model should relate to the phenomenon being studied. If not, smell a rat.
- Machine learning methods have the property of local models – best for discontinuous SAR data

An example of a typical model.....

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- The mathematician says "We've already solved the problem. We take two spherical bodies connected by an N-dimensional attraction......"

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