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# Direct Use of Information Extraction from Scientific Text for Modeling and Simulation in the Life Sciences



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## Paradigm Changes in the Life Sciences

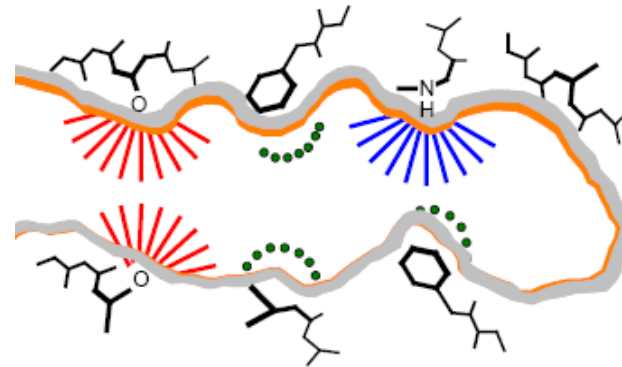
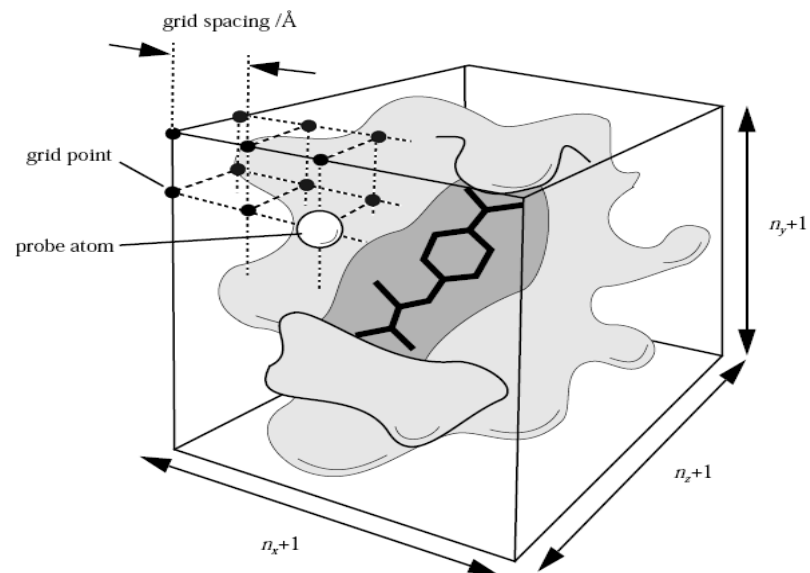
**In the Life Sciences, we currently observe significant paradigm changes**

- the “omics” paradigm has led to a flood of data and a flood of publications
- a single researcher cannot keep track with all the relevant (and related) literature any more
- everything is connected; genetics, molecular biology, biochemistry, pharmaceutical chemistry and organic chemistry are “networked”
- Biology and Chemistry and Medicine are more and more turning into quantitative sciences, described by mathematical models and with the option of using simulation (*in silico* experimentation)

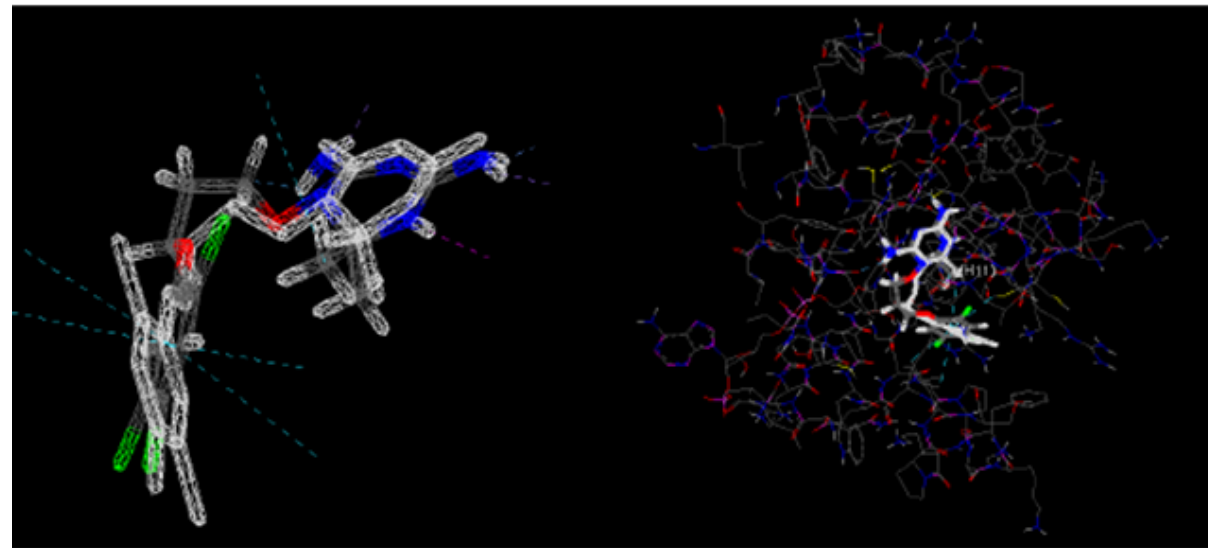
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# Virtual Screening as an Example

## AutoDock - affinity grid maps for each atom type



FlexX – different types of interactions (interaction points)



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## Large-Scale *in silico* Experimentation: eSciences

### Large-scale *in silico* experimentation & eSciences: the WISDOM project

- Large-scale virtual screening for novel drugs against Malaria (*plasmodium falciparum*)
- International collaboration based on the EGEE grid computing infrastructure (with thousands of CPUs connected worldwide)
- Millions of protein – drug interaction simulations; equivalent to more than 80 years of permanent computing on a single CPU
- However, WISDOM was based on a rather “physical” scenario: a virtual representation of a chemical compound is positioned into the binding geometry of a protein, of which the 3D-structure is known.

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## Simulation and Knowledge – Driven Approaches

### First principle – based sciences

- Physics
- Engineering
- Physico-Chemistry

- Based on mathematical models
- Simulation approaches can be easily applied

### Descriptive, empirical sciences

- Biology
- Pharmaceutical Chemistry
- Medicine

- Based on knowledge represented in the literature
- Very complex, difficult to simulate



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# Making Use of The Wealth of Knowledge that is Out There

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## Literature as a Main Source for Knowledge in the Life Sciences

- Biology and Medicine are still to a large extend *empirical* sciences
- Complex: very high number of entities and relationships
- Lots of data on genes and proteins in databases
- However, biodatabases do only comprise data and not necessarily knowledge (data + models)
- Expressiveness of natural language in text is much higher; therefore scientific text is a much better source for biomedical knowledge

→ How do we get access to the knowledge and how can we model it?

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# Biological, Medical and Chemical Objects in Text



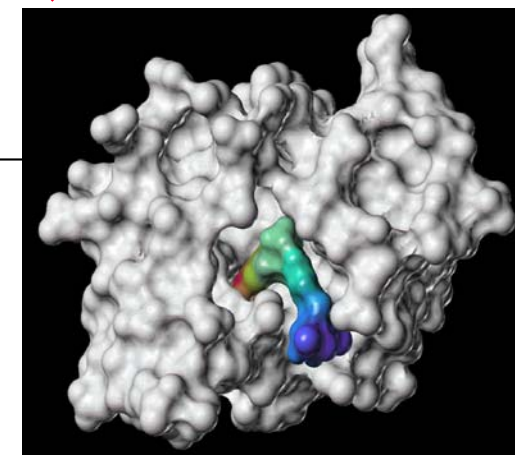
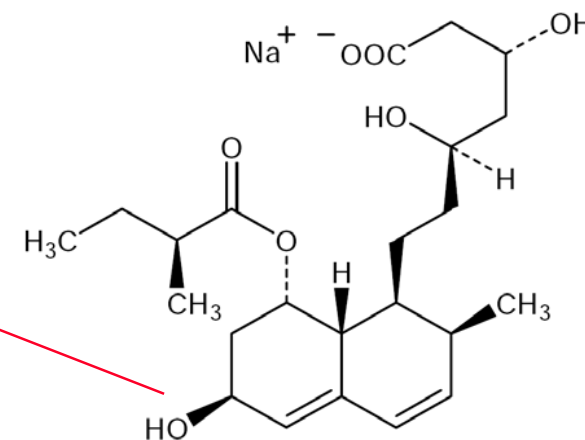
## Abstract

**Background:** Mast cell-derived prostaglandin D<sub>2</sub> (PGD<sub>2</sub>), may contribute to eosinophilic inflammation and mucus production in allergic asthma. Chemoattractant receptor homologous molecule expressed on TH<sub>2</sub> cells (CRTH2), a high affinity receptor for prostaglandin D<sub>2</sub>, mediates trafficking of TH<sub>2</sub>-cells, mast cells, and eosinophils to inflammatory sites, and has recently attracted interest as target for treatment of allergic airway diseases. The present study involving mice explores the specificity of CRTH2 antagonism of TM30089, which is structurally closely related to the dual TP/CRTH2 antagonist ramatroban, and compares the ability of ramatroban and TM30089 to inhibit asthma-like pathology.

**Methods:** Affinity for and antagonistic potency of TM30089 on many mouse receptors including thromboxane A<sub>2</sub> receptor mTP, CRTH2 receptor, and selected anaphylatoxin and chemokines receptors were determined in recombinant expression systems *in vitro*. *In vivo* effects of TM30089 and ramatroban on tissue eosinophilia and mucus cell histopathology were examined in a mouse asthma model.

**Results:** TM30089, displayed high selectivity for and antagonistic potency on mouse CRTH2 but lacked affinity to TP and many other receptors including the related anaphylatoxin C3a and C5a receptors, selected chemokine receptors and the cyclooxygenase isoforms 1 and 2 which are all recognized players in allergic diseases. Furthermore, TM30089 and ramatroban, the latter used as a reference herein, similarly inhibited asthma pathology *in vivo* by reducing peribronchial eosinophilia and mucus cell hyperplasia.

**Conclusion:** This is the first report to demonstrate anti-allergic efficacy *in vivo* of a highly selective small molecule CRTH2 antagonist. Our data suggest that CRTH2 antagonism alone is effective in mouse allergic airway inflammation even to the extent that this mechanism can explain the efficacy of ramatroban.



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## Technologies for Information Extraction from Literature


During the last five years, substantial progress has been made in the area of automated text analysis. In particular in life science informatics there is a strong community developing new methods and tools for the automated recognition and extraction of information from scientific literature.

Our group at Fraunhofer SCAI has developed three tools that enable mining in literature:

- ProMiner**, a solution for named entity recognition based on rules and dictionaries (a “reading machine” for biomedical text)
- ChemoCR**, a software that identifies chemical structure depictions in full text (a “reading machine” for chemical structure depictions)
- SCAIView**, a text mining environment that supports end-users

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# ProMiner & SCAIView



Entity Tree View, select Entity Class to view and search

Documents Entity Analysis

**Alzheimer**

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


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- + Interaction Verbs
- + MeSH Disease
- + Relations
- + @neurIST Ontology

**Your Search:**

(once the color changed from red to green the query is ready)

- Use **Medline** as the Document Base.
- Limit Corpus using Full Text Search **'Alzheimer'**
- Entities of the class **Human Genes / Proteins** must be in the document
- Display entities of type **Human Genes / Proteins** in Entity View.

**Help**

-  Reset Search
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-  Filter Results
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Select Confidence:

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A manual can be obtained [here](#)

A demo video as mpeg or quick time

## Steps to pose a Query (Use Firefox version >2.0)

1. Enter a Full Text Search into the grey field located below the icons on the top-left. (click on the blue arrow to access standard searches)  
**> Select 'Intracranial AND Aneurysm'**
2. Click once on the name of an item in the tree to **include it** in the entity tree (click on it again to **not include it** and again to disregard it). Use the «» button to increase the size of the tree's viewing area.

# ProMiner & SCAIView

SCAIVIEW

Entity Tree View, select Entity Class to view and search

Documents

Entity

Analysis

☐ Subcorpus Statistics ☐ Server Statistics

The following entities relating to 'Alzheimer' were found in 28387 documents.



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## SCAIVIEW

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Analysis

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### 1. Anatomically-distinct genetic associations of **APOE** epsilon4 allele load with regional cortical atrophy in Alzheimer's disease.

Published 19013250 Authors: Nicola Filippini, Anil Rao, Sally Wetten, Rachel A Gibson, Michael Borrie, Danilo Guzman, Andrew Kertesz, Inge Loy-English, Julie Williams, Thomas Nichols, Brandon Whitczer, Paul M Matthews, Date: 2009-02-1 Journal: NeuroImage SciMago: 0.833

☐ Statistics

**APOE** epsilon4 is the best-established genetic risk factor for sporadic Alzheimer's disease (AD). However, while homozygotes show greater disease susceptibility and earlier age of onset than heterozygotes, they may not show faster rates of clinical progression. We hypothesize that there are differential **APOE** epsilon4 allele-load dependent influences on neuropathology across the brain. Our aim was to define the relationship between **APOE** epsilon4 allele load and regionally-specific brain cortical atrophy in Alzheimer's Disease (AD). For this reason voxel-based morphometry (VBM) was performed using T1-weighted MR images from 83 AD patients, contrasting regional cortical grey matter by **APOE** epsilon4 load according to either dominant or genotypic models. Patients fulfilled NINCDS-ADRDA criteria and were genotyped for **APOE** epsilon4 (15 epsilon4/epsilon4, 39 epsilon4/- and 29 -/-). We observed that grey matter volume (GMV) decreased additively with increasing allele load in the medial (MTL) and anterior temporal lobes bilaterally. By contrast, a 2 degree-of-freedom genotypic model suggested a dominant effect of the **APOE** epsilon4 allele in the left temporal lobe. Brain regions showing a significant **APOE** epsilon4 allele load effect on GMV in AD included only some of those typically described as having greatest amyloid plaque deposition and atrophy. Temporal regions appeared to show a dominant effect of **APOE** epsilon4 allele load instead of the additive effect previously strongly associated with age of onset. Regional variations with allele load may be related to different mechanisms for effects of **APOE** epsilon4 load on susceptibility and disease progression.

MeSH: No Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) assigned.

### 2. Low-density lipoprotein receptor-related protein 8 gene polymorphisms and dementia.

Published 17614163 Authors: Nicole Helbecque, Dominique Cotel, Philippe Amouyel, Date: 2009-02- Journal: Neurobiology of aging

☐ Statistics

The sole known genetic risk factor for sporadic Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the gene encoding apolipoprotein E (**APOE**), but the underlying mechanism is still under debate. One hypothesis relies on an interaction between **APOE** and its receptors. Previous studies have shown association of LDL receptor-related protein (**LRP1**) with AD and we previously reported a modulation by **LRP1** of the risk of AD conferred by the -499A>G promoter polymorphism of the **MAPK8IP1**, a gene encoding islet-brain-1 (**IB1**), the human counterpart of c-Jun NH(2) terminal kinase interacting protein-1 (**JIP-1**). Here we tested in two independent population samples a possible impact of another receptor for **APOE**, namely the low-density lipoprotein receptor-related protein 8 (**LRP8**), on the risk of dementia. Our results did not reveal any direct impact of a **LRP8** coding (Arg952Gln) mutation on the risk of AD. However, this polymorphism increased the risk of AD conferred by the **MAPK8IP1** G allele.

MeSH: No Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) assigned.

### 3. HFE variants, **APOE** and Alzheimer's disease: findings from the population-based Rotterdam study.

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**SCAIVIEW**

External Link View

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1: Apoe apolipoprotein E [ *Mus musculus* ] authors: Nicola Filippini, Anil Rao, Sally Wetten, Rachel A Gibson, Michael Borrie, Danilo Guzman, Thomas Nichols, Brandon Whitche, Paul M Matthews, Date: 2009-02-1 Journal: NeuroImage: 49, 633 updated 01-Feb-2009

GeneID: 11816

Summary

Official Symbol Apoe

Official Full Name apolipoprotein E

Primary source MGI:88057

See related Ensembl:ENSMUSG00000002985

Gene type protein coding

RefSeq status VALIDATED

Organism *Mus musculus*

Lineage Eukaryota; Metazoa; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Euteleostomi; Mammalia; Eutheria; Euarchontoglires; Glires; Rodentia; Sciurognathi; Muroidea; Muridae; Murinae; Mus

Also known as AI255918; Apoe

Genomic regions, transcripts, and products

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MeSH: No Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) assigned.

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# Making Use of The Wealth of Knowledge that is Out There:

## Example 1:

### Using Text-based Information for the Prediction of Pharmaceutical Activities of Drugs

(Master Thesis of Harsha Gurulingappa, B-IT and Fraunhofer SCAI)

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## Task: ATC Classification of yet Unclassified Drugs

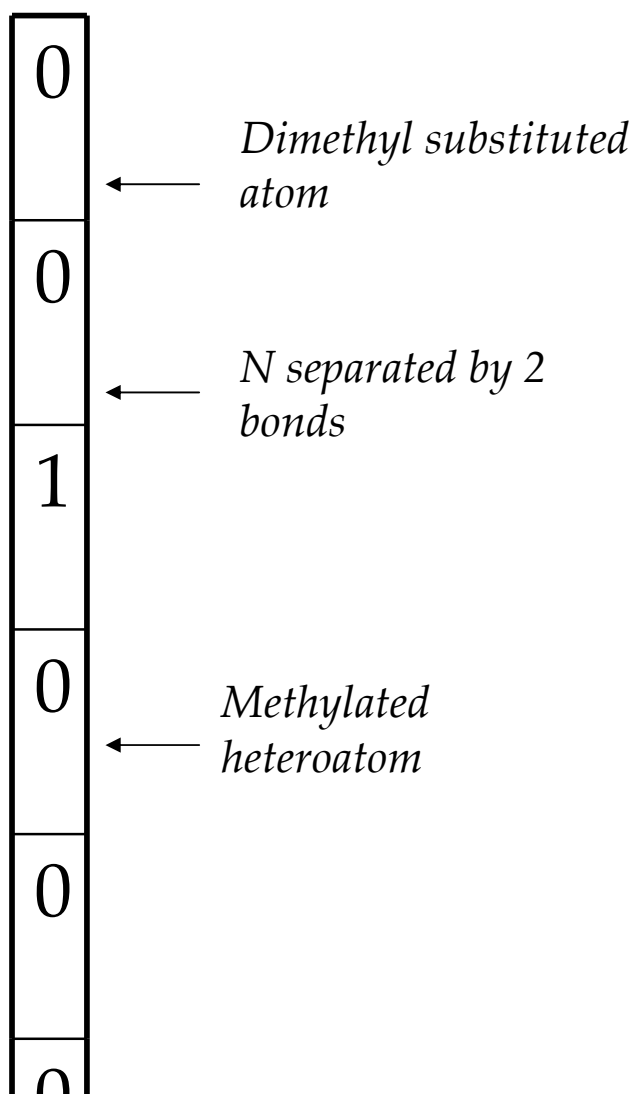
Goal of this study:

- developed of a method for predicting putative ATC classes for unclassified drug terms.
  - develop a new paradigm for strategies aiming at identifying potential secondary applications for existing drugs.
  - Use of textual features/evidences for characterization of drugs
- Disadvantage: Highly dependent on Information Availability.

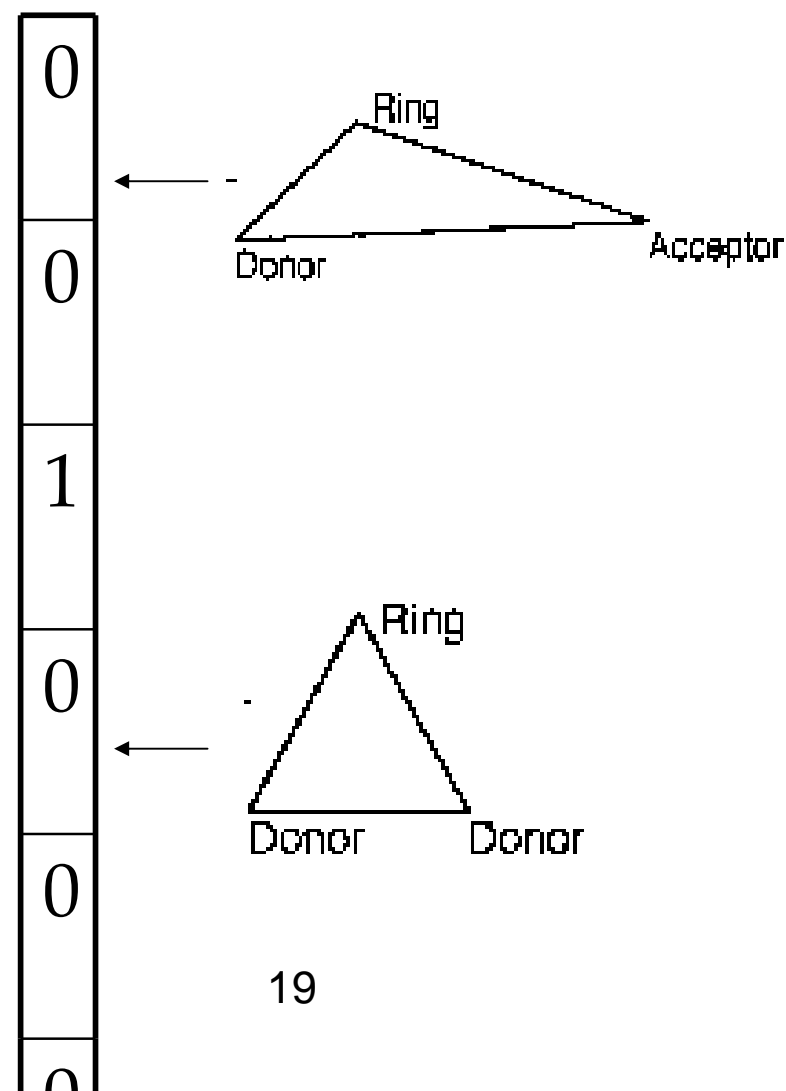
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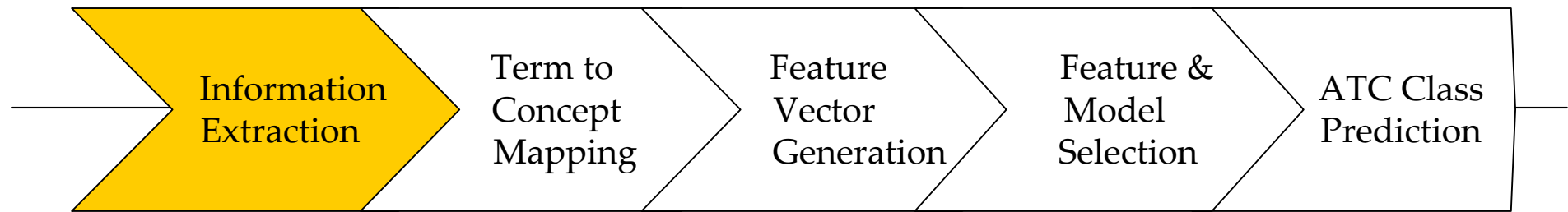
# Fingerprints: Method for the Prediction of Chemical Properties

MACCS keys: Structural Keys



TGT keys: 3 Point Pharmacophore based fingerprints





Timolol is a beta adrenoceptor blocker

A vasodilator like propatyl nitrate, can open the ...

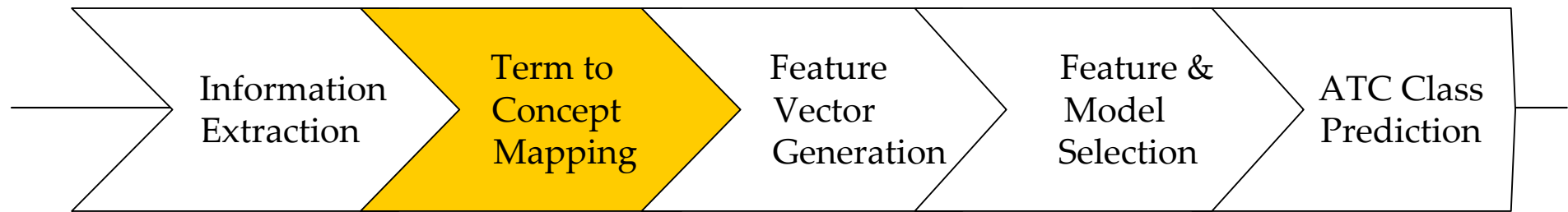
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Drug Term

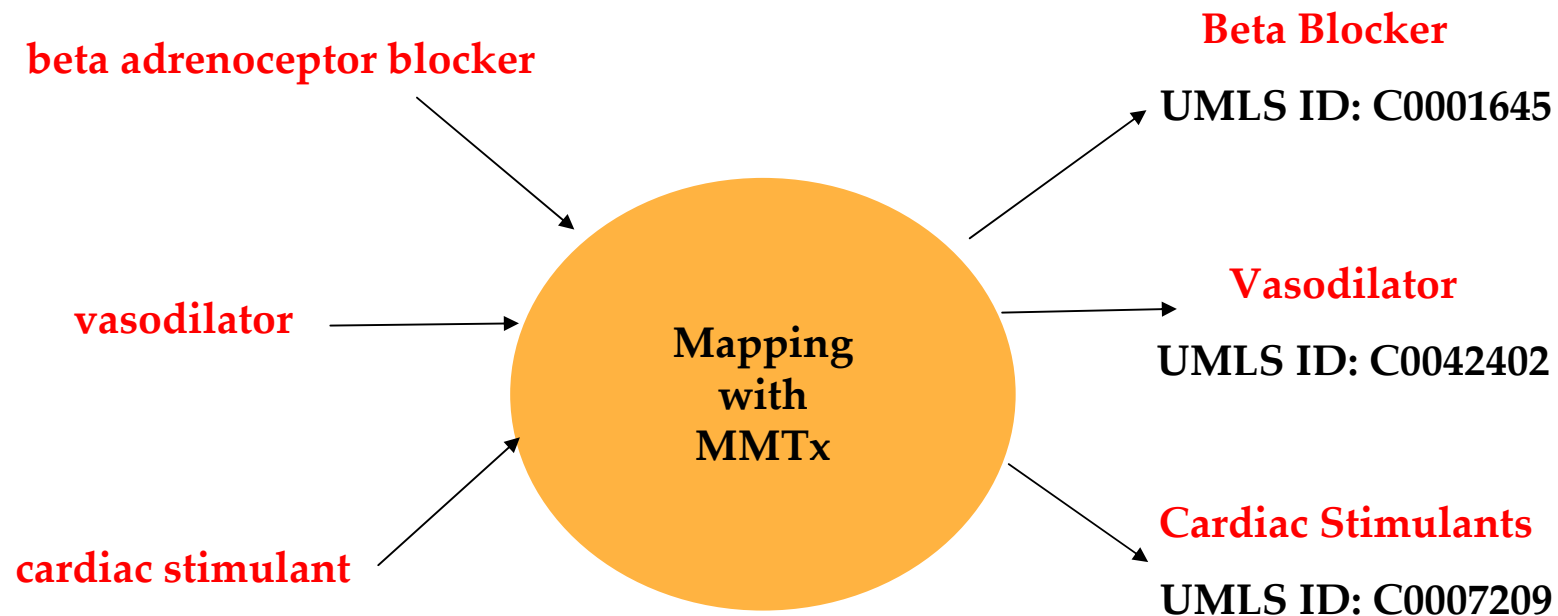
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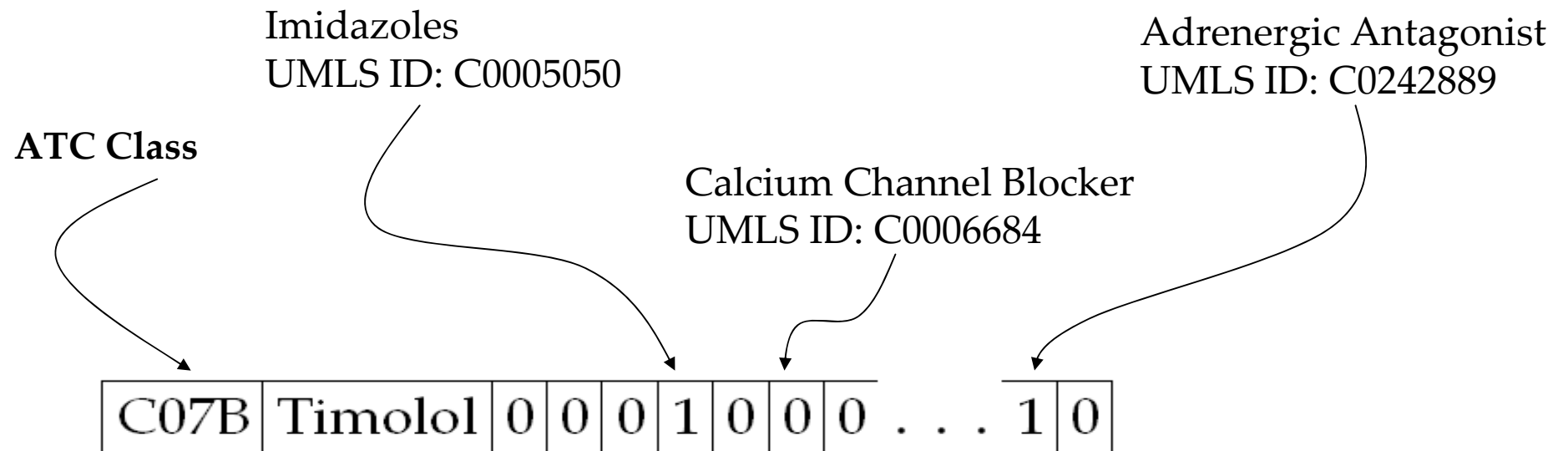
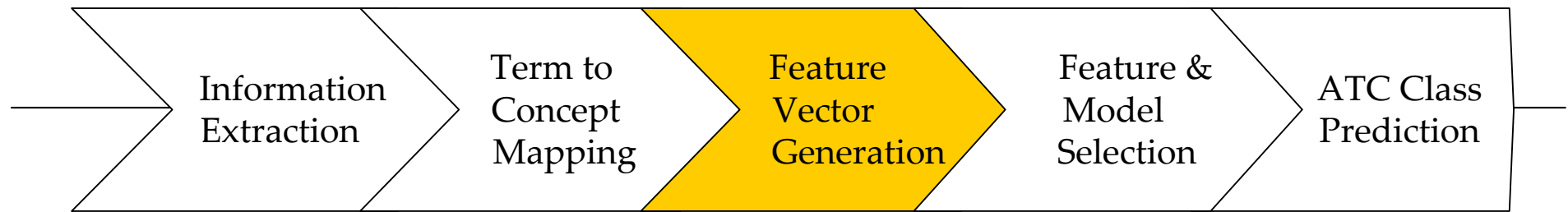
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Map extracted property terms to concepts in UMLS\*



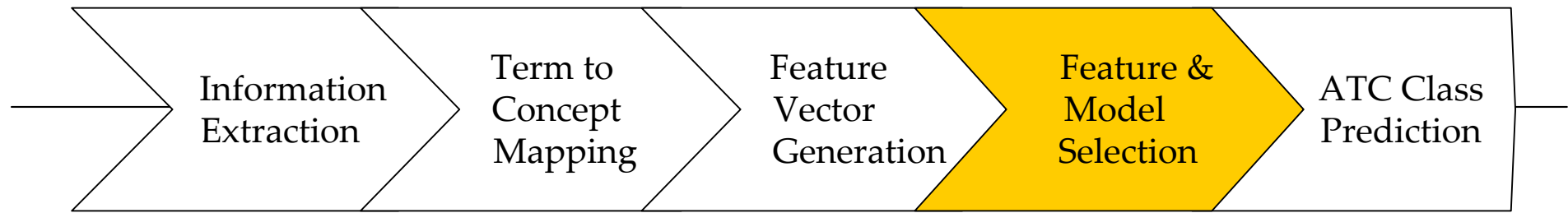
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**Binary Feature Vector:** '0': Feature Absent & '1': Feature Present

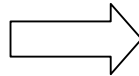
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**Weighted Feature Vector:** '0': Feature Absent & '≥1': Corpus Frequency of the Feature



## ■ Feature Selection

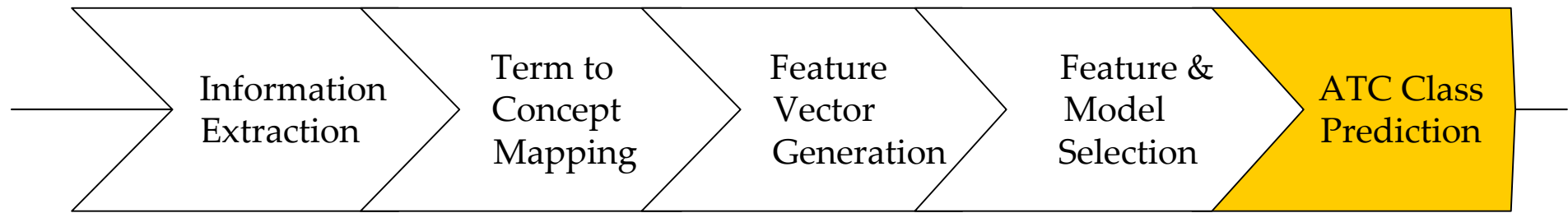
- > Mutual Information
- > Chi-square criterion



Rank	Feature/Concept	Concept ID	Chi-square score
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2	Anti-arrhythmic	C0003195	390.0000
3	Dihydroxyphenylalanine	C0012315	378.3875
4	Steroids	C0338671	345.7591
5	Cardenolide	C0007143	345.7591
6	Loop diuretic	C0354100	345.7591
7	AT1 receptor blocker	C1449680	328.5642
8	Vasoconstrictor	C0042397	321.2956
9	Coronary dilator	C0596385	317.6199
10	Potassium channel agonist	S10000044	316.9350

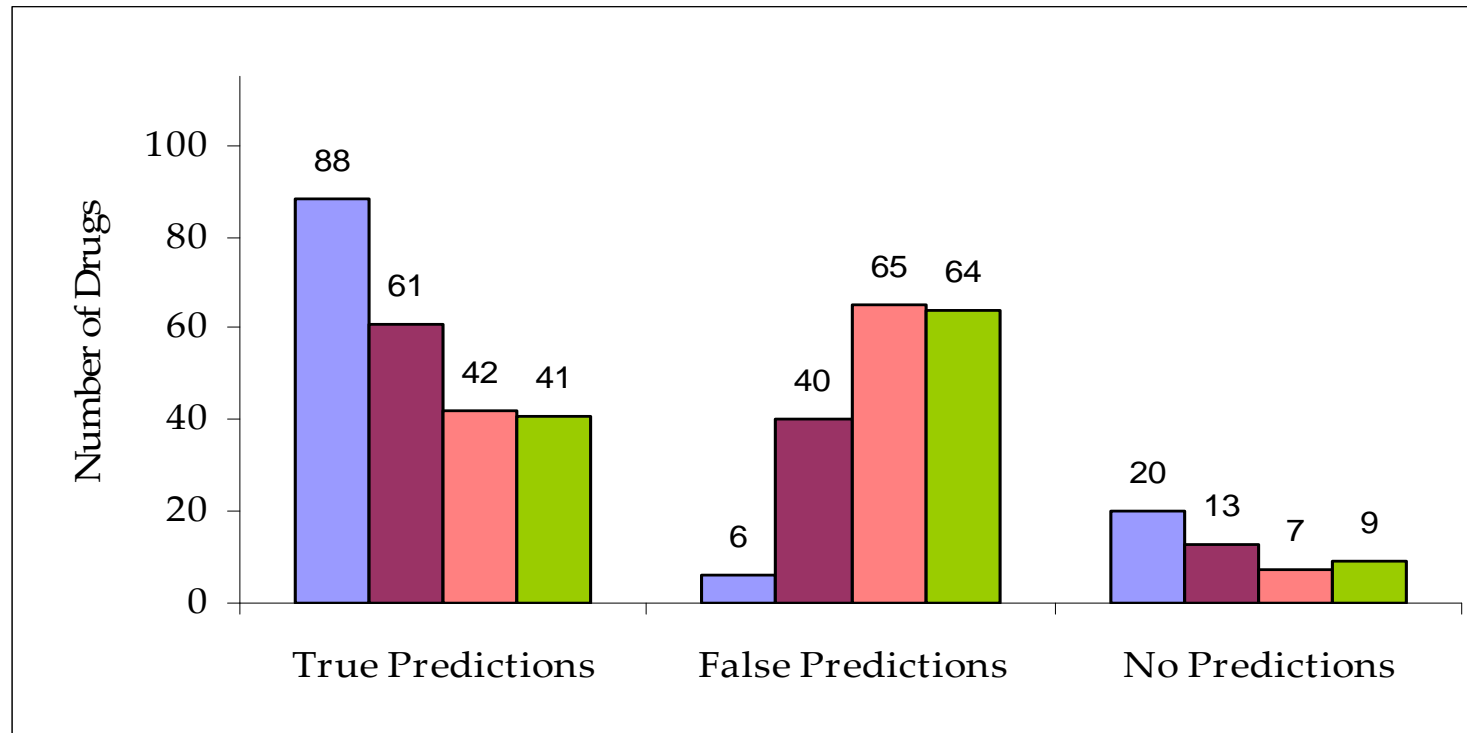
## ■ Models/Classifiers

- > Naïve Bayes
  - > Nearest Neighbor
  - > Decision Tree
  - > Support Vector Machine



## Concept Based Vs Structure Based Approaches

Test Set = 114 Drugs



Concepts: 77.2%

SuperPred: 53.5%

MACCS Keys: 36.8%

TGT Keys: 35.8%

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## **Making Use of The Wealth of Knowledge that is Out There:**

### **Example 2:**

**Using Text-based Information for the Identification of Genes likely to mediate Susceptibility to Breast Cancer**

**(Master Thesis of Erfan Younesi, B-IT and Fraunhofer SCAI)**

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## Task: Predicting Networks of Genes / Proteins that are Linked to the Clinical Progression and Outcome of the Disease

Goal of this study:

- Identification of networks of proteins functionally linked to tumorigenesis of breast cancer
- Identification of combinations of nodes in a network that can serve as markers for susceptibility to clinical treatment

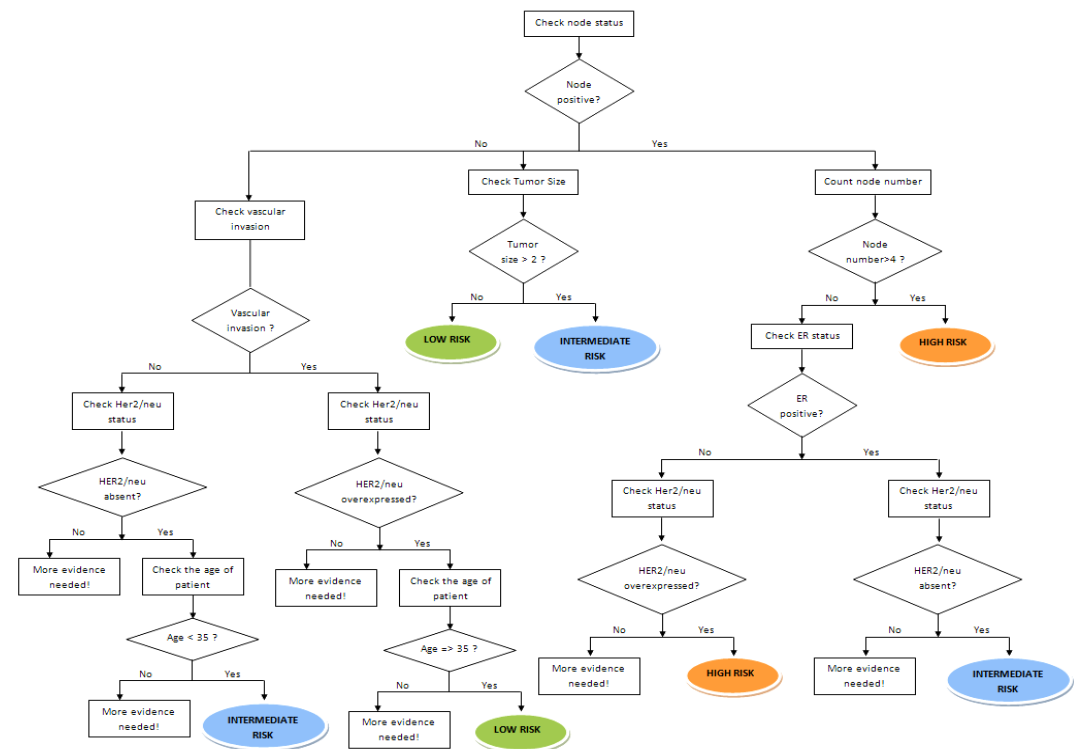
→ Vision: using text mining to extract evidences for best clinical practice

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# Decision on Clinical Treatment Strategies for Breast Cancer

Current situation:

- Decisions made up on very few factors (e.g. Lymph Node status; ER+/-)
- Cooperativity of genes and proteins not taken into account

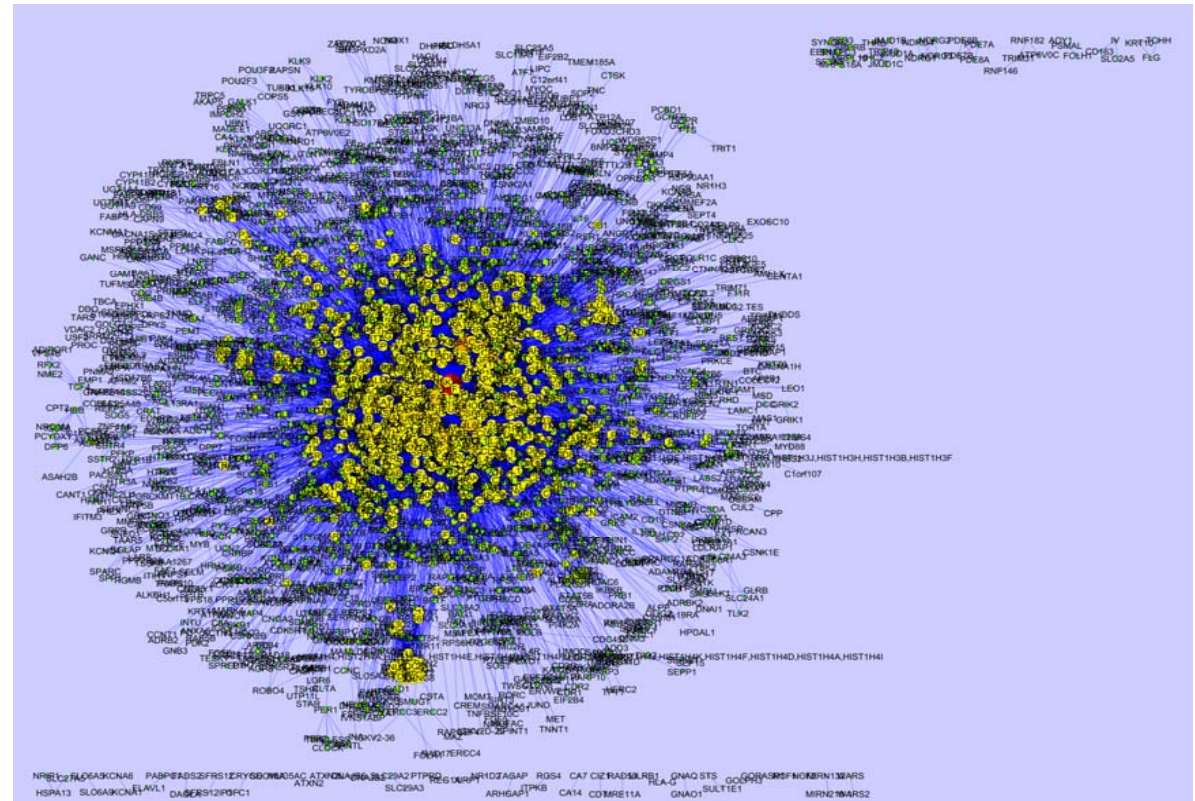


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## Definition of a Network of Interacting Proteins in Breast Cancer

## Approach:

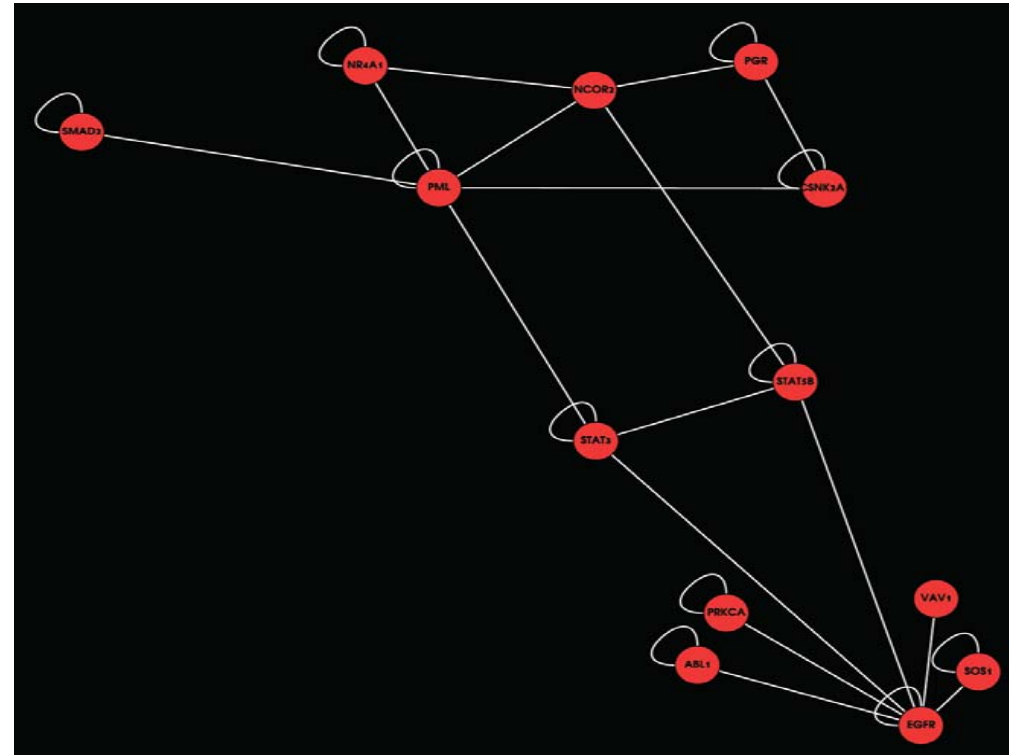
- Definition of a network of molecular entities strongly associated with breast cancer
- Network based on simple co-occurrences in text



## Reduction of Complexity: Definition of a Minimum Network

Approach:

- Selection of subgraph based on
  - Network topology
  - Functional characterization
  - association with clinical outcome



## Identification of Novel Breast Cancer Susceptibility Associations

23 novel associations between the minimum gene set associated with breast cancer susceptibility and clinical outcome could be identified

Associations	Cocitation frequencies	Novel association (not exists in PIANA)	Evidence of general relation between two genes from Literature (PMID)	Shared GO process	Shared KEGG pathway
AKT1 - EGFR	93	Y	14981538 -17686159 - 18351692-16774943 - 16419029-16546981- 16288304-15800944	Nitric oxide anabolism, protein amino acid phosphorylation	MAPK signaling pathway, Focal adhesion, Colorectal cancer, Pancreatic cancer, Glioma
TP53 - EGFR	71	Y	18311481	Cell cycle, Response to stress, regulation of cell proliferation,	MAPK signaling pathway, Colorectal cancer, Pancreatic cancer, Glioma
PGR - EGFR	23	Y	1616857-1911227	regulation of epithelial cell proliferation	--
STAT3 - AKT1	16	Y	10853013-16288304- 16728588	--	Jak-STAT signaling pathway, Adipocytokine signaling pathway, Pancreatic cancer
TNF - EGFR	10	Y	9829842-11221831	regulation of protein amino acid phosphorylation, cell-cell adhesion, regulation of cell proliferation	MAPK signaling pathway
CDH1 - PGR	6	Y	16512896	--	--
VDR - EGFR	4	Y	16087726-17377416	skeletal development	--

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## **Making Use of The Wealth of Knowledge that is Out There:**

### **Example 3:**

### **A Look into the Future: A Computational Grand Challenge in the Area of Patent Mining**

(ongoing collaboration between Fraunhofer SCAI and FZ Jülich)

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## Task: Annotation of All Chemical Structure Depictions in All Pharmaceutical Patents from EPO

Goal of this study:

- Feasibility study for large-scale annotation of patents
- Grand computing challenge in the area of knowledge computing
- Demonstration of enhancement of retrieval in the area of chemistry by intelligent software (ChemoCR – chemical structure reconstruction)

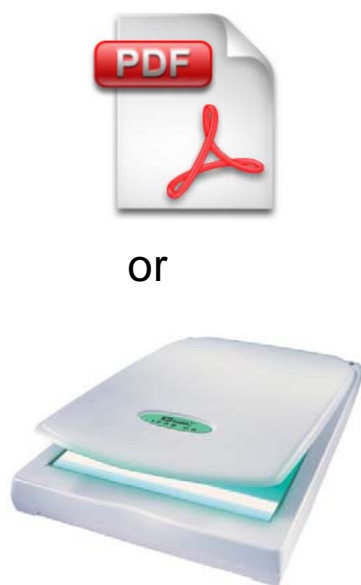
→ Vision: using image mining to mine chemical IP at large scale

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# Reconstruction of Chemical Information

## Step1: PDF Conversion



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3-AMINO-THIENO[2,3-B]PYRIDINE-2-  
CARBOXYLIC ACID AMIDE COMPOUNDS  
AND PROCESSES FOR PREPARING AND  
THEIR USES

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(57) ABSTRACT  
Disclosed are compounds of formula (I):

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wherein the variables R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub> and Z are described herein,  
which are useful as inhibitors of the kinase activity of the  
IκB kinase (IKK) complex. The compounds are therefore  
useful in the treatment of IKK mediated diseases including  
autoimmune diseases inflammatory diseases and cancer.  
Also disclosed are pharmaceutical compositions comprising  
these compounds and processes for preparing these com-  
pounds.

Normalization of image: 250 DPI, grey scale

# Reconstruction of Chemical Information

## Step 2: Page Segmentation

The screenshot displays the 'Page Segmentation' software interface, which is used for processing chemical information. The interface is divided into three main sections, each highlighted by a yellow circle and a corresponding number:

- 1. Classification of interesting regions:** This section shows a complex chemical reaction scheme with various reagents and conditions. The scheme is divided into several numbered regions (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100). The regions are classified based on their chemical content.
- 2. Grouping of chemical reaction schemata:** This section shows the same chemical reaction scheme, but with the regions grouped into clusters. The clusters are labeled with numbers (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100). The clusters are grouped based on their chemical content.
- 3. Transfer of chemical reaction schemata segment to reconstruction module:** This section shows the chemical reaction scheme being transferred to the 'chemoCR' module. The module is a separate window that displays the chemical structure of the reaction product, labeled '1a-k'.

1. Classification of interesting regions
2. Grouping of chemical reaction schemata
3. Transfer of chemical reaction schemata segment to reconstruction module

# Reconstruction of Chemical Information

## Step 3: Reconstruction of Chemical Information

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Workflow Rule System View Help

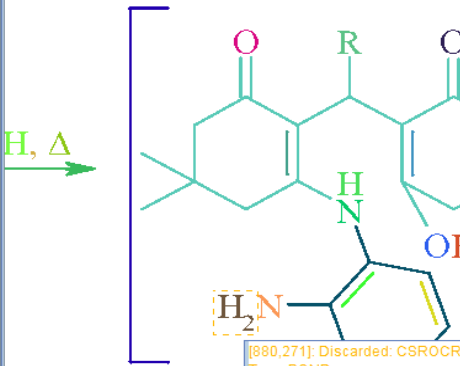
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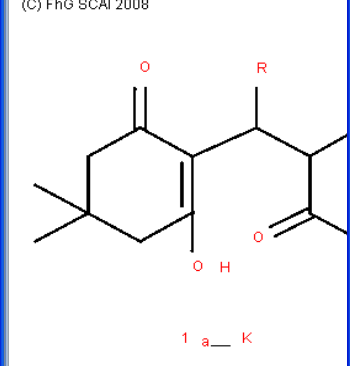
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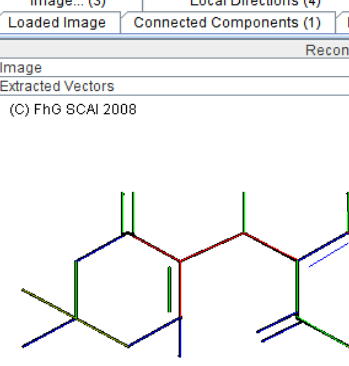
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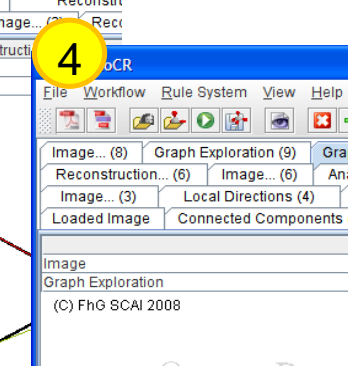
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Workflow Rule System View Help

cclid: 72 (DOUBLEBOND(72/0))  
Approximation, responsible rules:  
BOND : NonAmbiguousSingleBond  
DOUBLE\_BOND : DoubleBondInRing

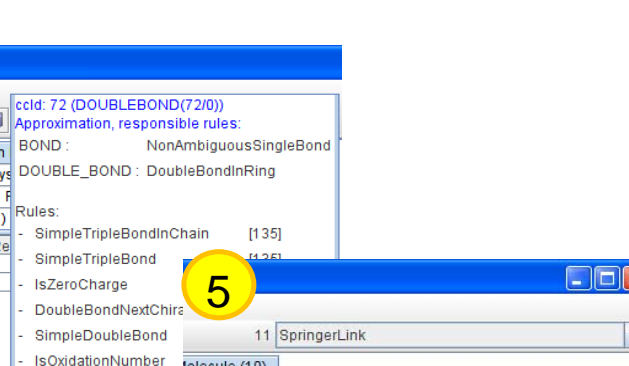
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- IsZeroCharge  
- DoubleBondNextChira  
- SimpleDoubleBond  
- IsOxidationNumber  
- IdontLikeNumbers  
- VeryShortDoubleBond  
- IsEqualitySign  
- PositiveCharge  
- IsTemperatureMinus  
- SpotChlorineNextToC  
- SpotRightsideBonded  
- SpotLeftsideBondedC  
- SpotDottedChiral  
- IsCelsiusSign  
- ReactionBracket  
- ReactionArrow  
- ReactionPlusSign  
- NegativeCharge  
- AmbiguousLetter  
- ItsAnSmall  
+ DoubleBondInRing

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molecule (10)

Instruction Value  
C:\Programme\workspace\CSR\_workr...  
C:\Programme\workspace\CSR\_workr...  
C190H320KN13O18 (2791,25)  
Bonds: 230 / 214  
Atoms: 37  
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1. Classification of characters and symbols

2. OCR

3. vectorization

4. Chemical rule set / expert system

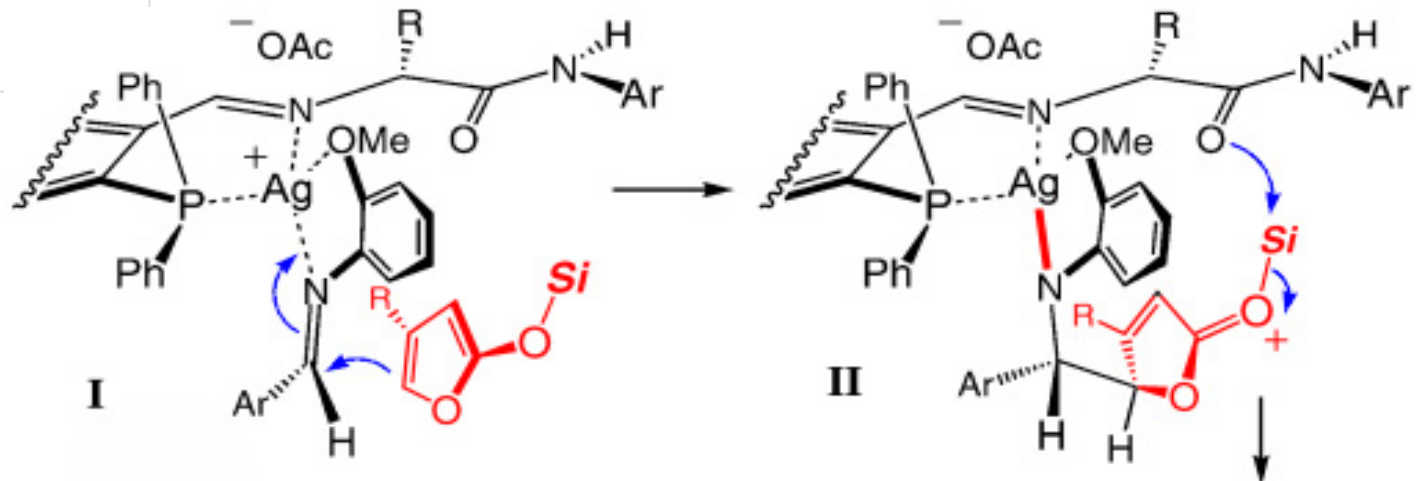
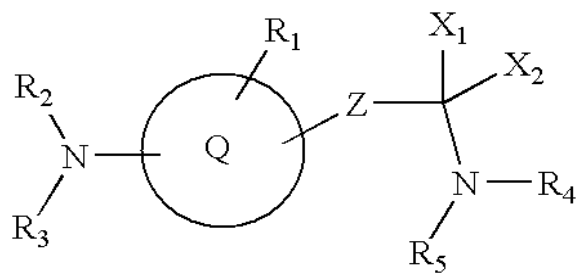
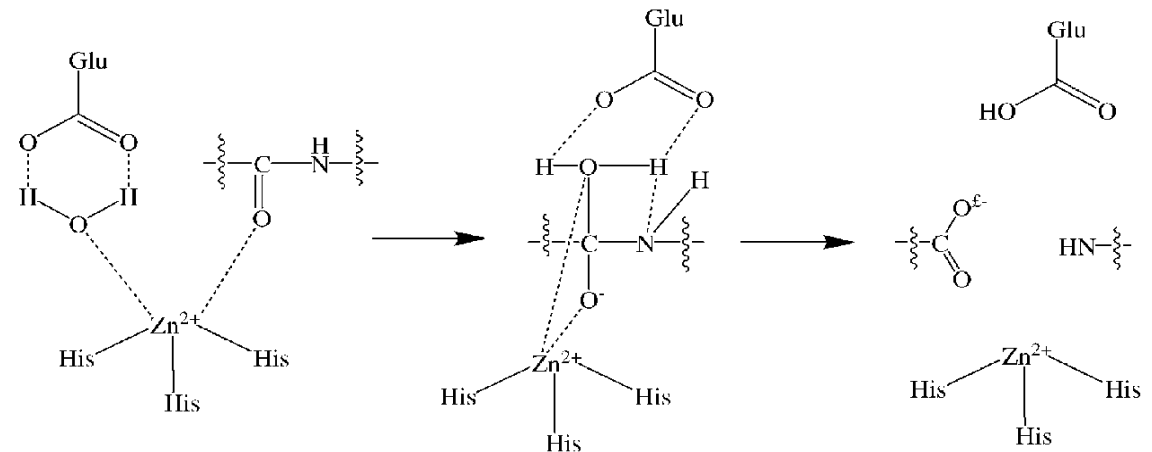
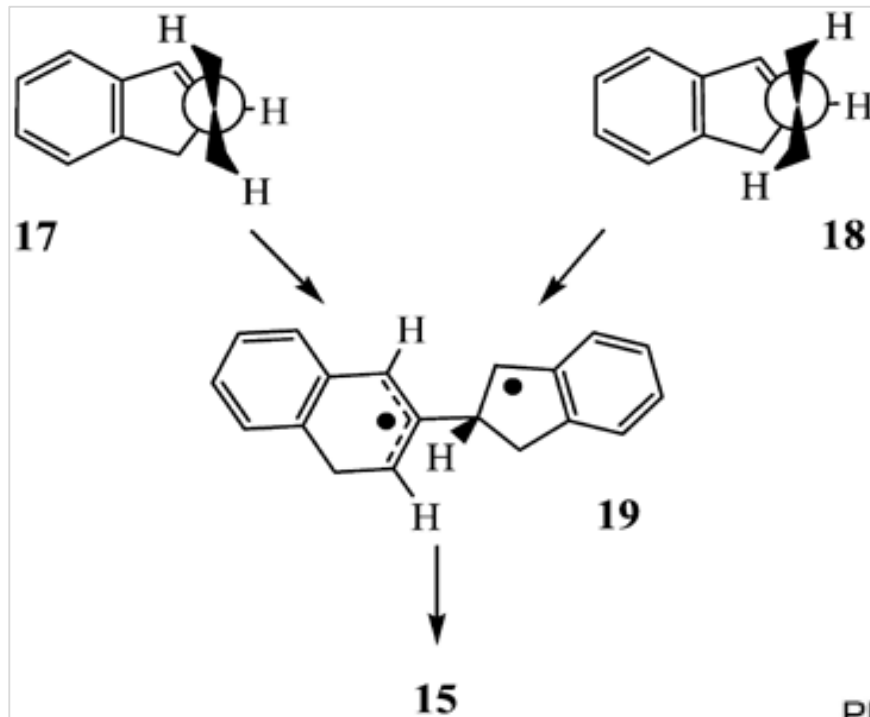
5. Assembly of reconstructed chemical reaction

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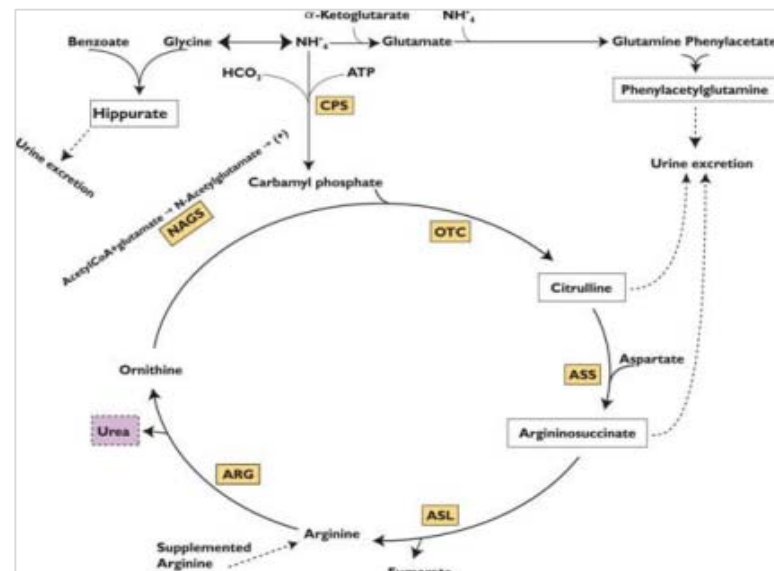
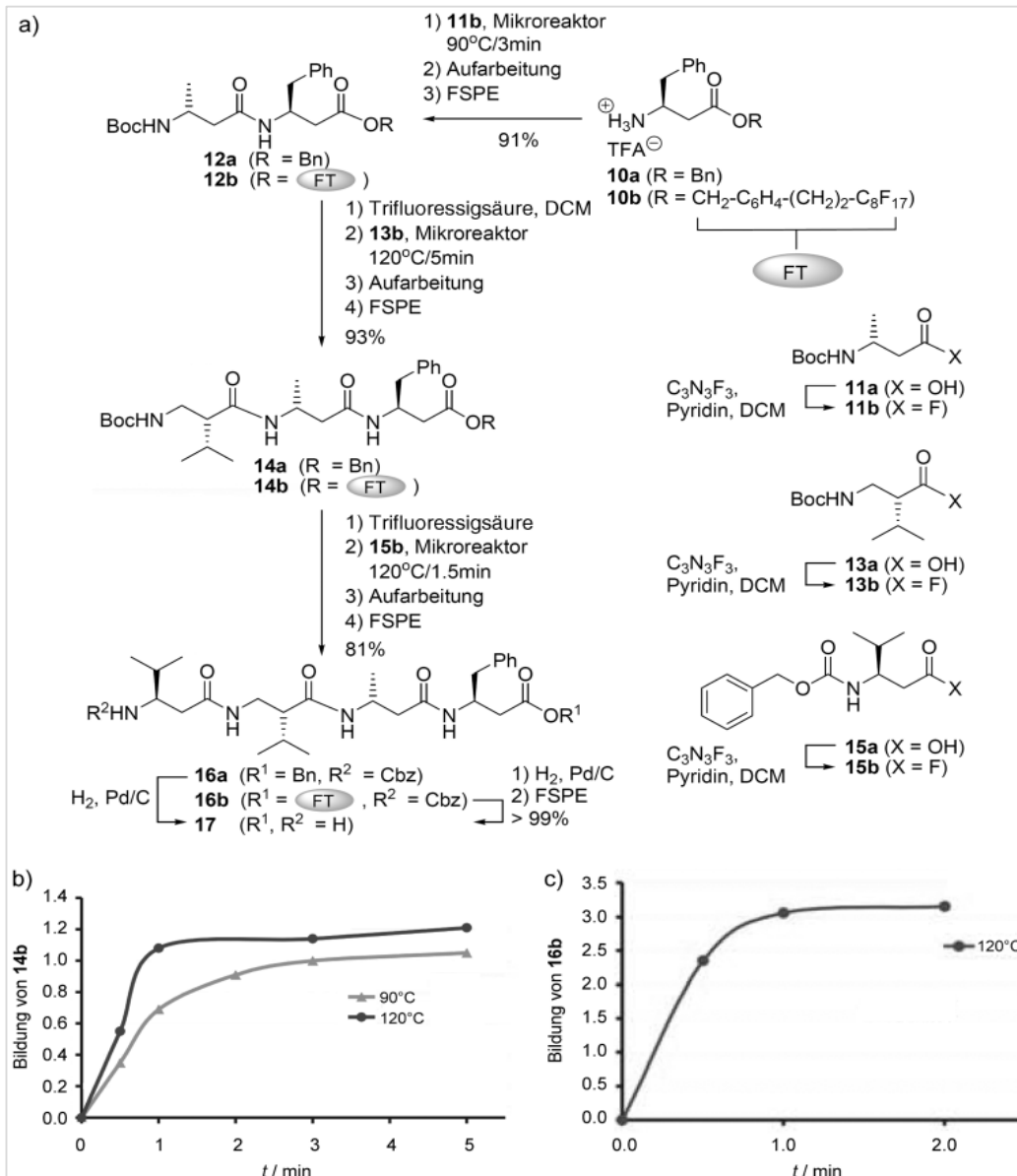
## The Challenges

The following images give an idea how our current way of communicating chemical knowledge makes the life of computer scientists interesting

# Semantik unklar

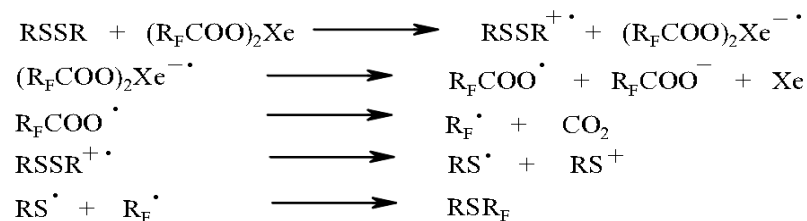
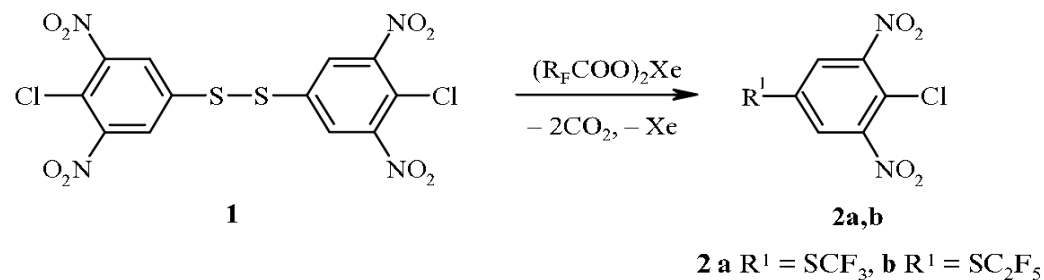
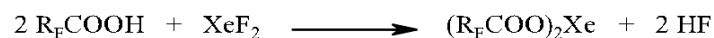


# Komplex Zusammengesetzt



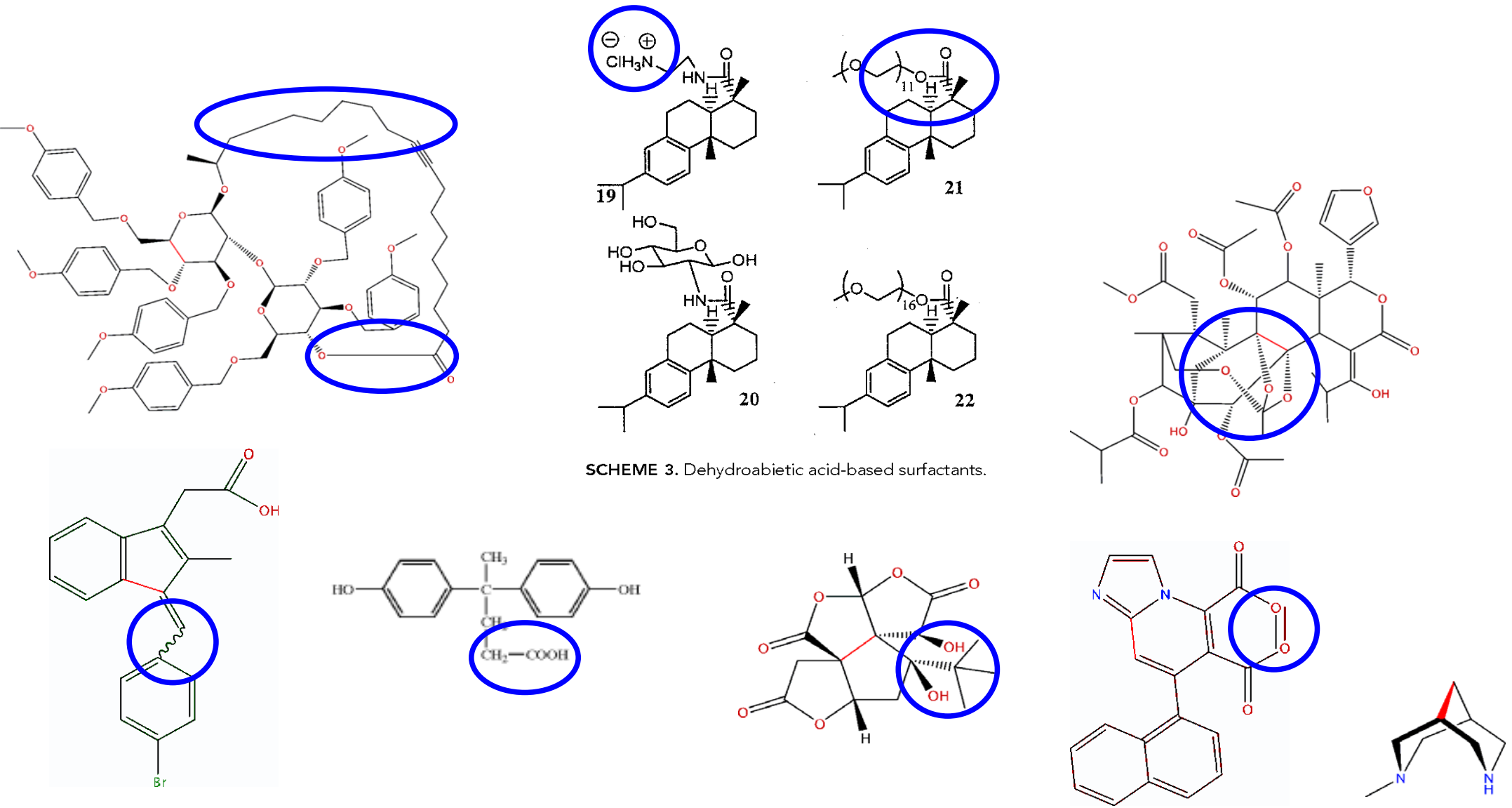
Entry	Diamine	Cation	Anion	Salt	Yield (%)
1	5		BF <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	<b>10A</b>	87
2	5		NTf <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	<b>10B</b>	93
3	5		B[C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> (CF <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	<b>10C</b>	85
4	6		BF <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	<b>11A</b>	94
5	6		NTf <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	<b>11B</b>	52
6	7		BF <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	<b>12A</b>	88
7	7		NTf <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	<b>12B</b>	59
8	8		BF <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	<b>13A</b>	98
9	8		B[C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> (CF <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	<b>13C</b>	80
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# Komplex Zusammengesetzt



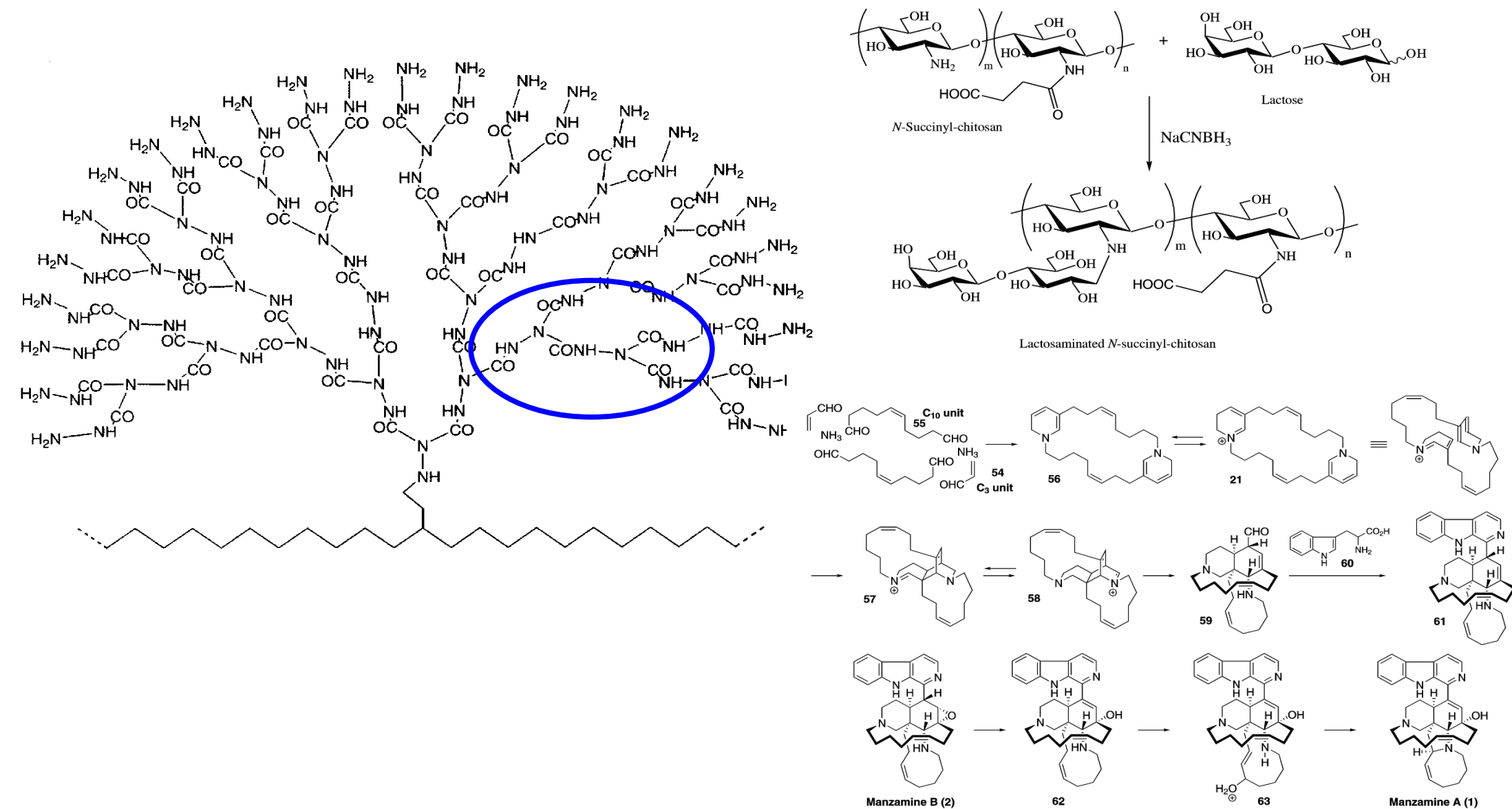
$\text{R} = 1\text{-chloro-2,6-dinitrophenyl}$ ;  $\text{R}_\text{F} = \text{C}_n\text{F}_{2n+1}$  (when  $n = 1-2$ )

# Zeichnerisch schwierig



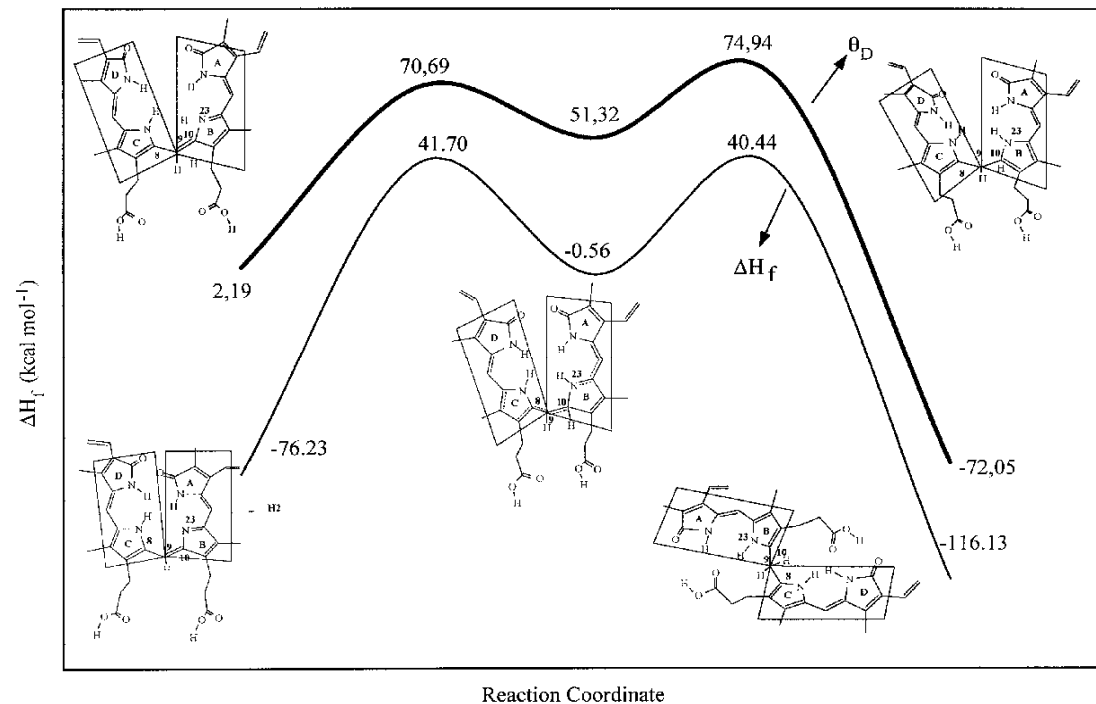
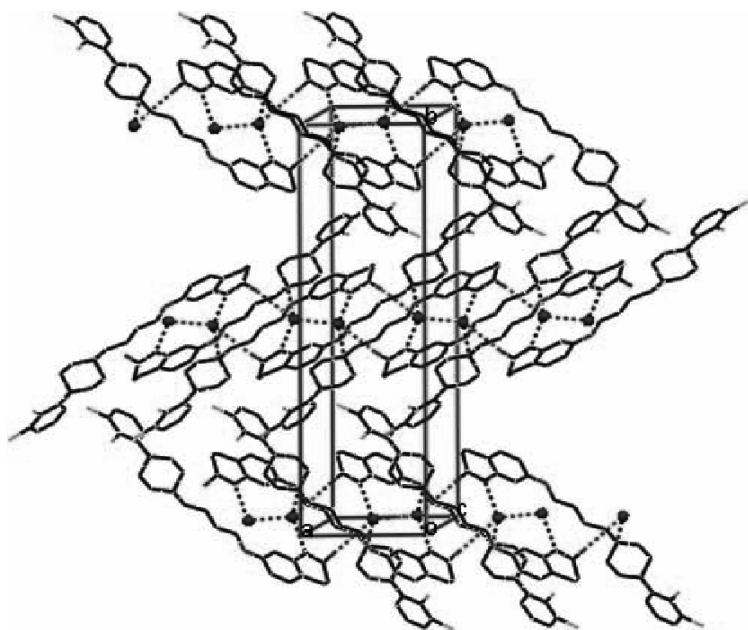
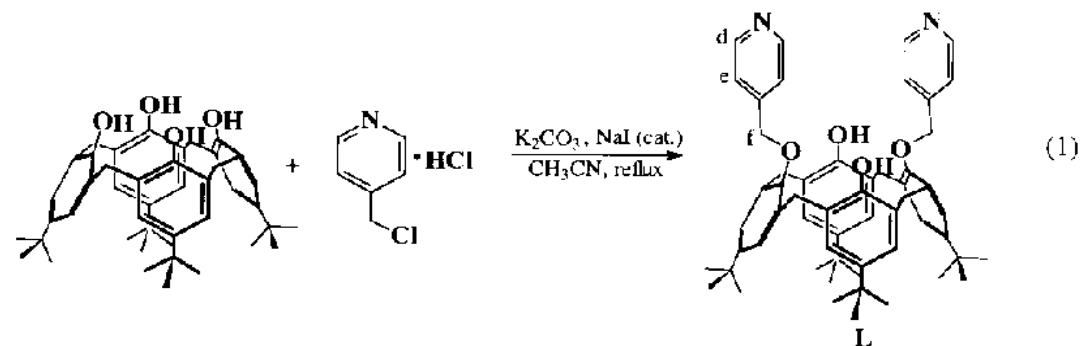
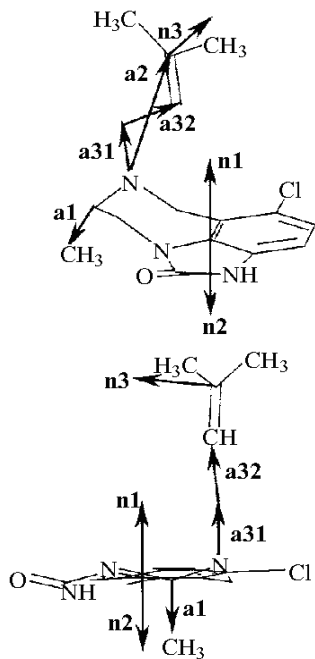


# Zeichnerisch schwierig



**Scheme 5** Biosynthesis of manzamine A proposed by Baldwin and Whitehead

# Völliger Wahnsinn



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