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1 Definitions

- Partners of the Open PHACTS Consortium are referred to herein according to the following codes:

Pfizer – Pfizer limited – **Coordinator**

UNIVIE – Universität Wien – **Managing entity of IMI JU funding**

DTU – Technical University of Denmark – DTU

UHAM – University of Hamburg, Center for Bioinformatics

BIT – BioSolveIT GmbH

PSMAR – Consorci Mar Parc de Salut de Barcelona

LUMC – Leiden University Medical Centre

RSC – Royal Society of Chemistry

VUA – Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

CNIO – Spanish National Cancer Research Centre

UNIMAN – University of Manchester

UM – University of Maastricht

ACK – ACKnowledge

USC – University of Santiago de Compostela

UBO – Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn

AZ – AstraZeneca

GSK – GlaxoSmithKline

Esteve – Laboratorios del Dr. Esteve, S.A.

Novartis – Novartis

ME – Merck Serono

HLU – H. Lundbeck A/S

E.Lilly – Eli Lilly

NBIC – Stichting Netherlands Bioinformatics Centre

SIB – Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics

ConnDisc – Connected Discovery

EBI – European Bioinformatics Institute

Janssen – Janssen Pharmaceutica

OGI – OpenLink Software

- Grant Agreement:** The agreement signed between the beneficiaries and the IMI JU for the undertaking of the Open PHACTS project.
- Project:** The sum of all activities carried out in the framework of the Grant Agreement.
- Work plan:** Schedule of tasks, deliverables, efforts, dates and responsibilities corresponding to the work to be carried out as specified in the Grant Agreement.
- Consortium:** The Open PHACTS Consortium composed of the above-mentioned legal entities.
- Project Agreement:** Agreement concluded amongst Open PHACTS participants for the implementation of the Grant Agreement. Such an agreement shall not affect the parties' obligations to the Community and/or to one another arising from the Grant Agreement.

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2 Introduction

The Open PHACTS consortium is building a freely available web platform to integrate pharmacological data from a variety of information resources, along with tools and services to question this integrated data. It will give researchers in industry and academia the ability to look up answers to complex research questions over a wide range of data sources, and provide a unique open framework to mix public and proprietary data. The project development is being directed by example questions sourced from expert researchers, and the open framework encourages innovative free and commercial applications to be built on the underlying platform. Open PHACTS will offer a production-grade API that commercial software providers can license and use to augment their own product. There are also opportunities for Associated Partners who want to do some more specific development work together with us, leading to a Development Partnership with the Open PHACTs project.

On August 30, 2012 the 3rd Open PHACTS Community Workshop "Introducing Open PHACTS" was held in Vienna, co-located with the 19th EuroQSAR conference, where the Open PHACTS consortium publicly presented the upcoming public Beta releases from the Open PHACTS project. The workshop introduced the technical and scientific approaches driving the project and demonstrated the web-based Explorer interface to the underlying Open PHACTS platform, built to answer specific research questions prioritised by the consortium. Additionally, four Open PHACTS exemplar applications that represent specialized interfaces were introduced. The example applications are being developed by consortium members, sit on top of the Open PHACTS platform and aim to address specific needs in the field of drug discovery.

The workshop was attended by 65 scientists, comprising representatives of software vendors (Inte:Ligand, OpenEye, ChemAxon, Tripos, Accelrys), participants of the EuroQSAR, as well as members of the Open PHACTS consortium. The Open PHACTS Explorer as well as 2 of the example applications were presented in a live demo. For in depth discussions, Open PHACTS was also present with an exhibition booth throughout the EuroQSAR conference.

Program:

- Introducing Open PHACTS (Bryn Williams-Jones)
- The Open PHACTS Infrastructure (Lee Harland)
- The Open PHACTS Explorer (Lee Harland/Paul Groth)
- Open PHACTS Example Applications
 - PharmaTrek (Jordi Mestres)
 - GARField (Louis Wich)
 - Target Dossier (Victor de la Torre)
 - ChemBio Navigator (Christian Lemmen)
- Discussion & Feedback

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Picture 1: Participants of 3rd Open PHACTS Community Workshop

3 Introducing Open PHACTS

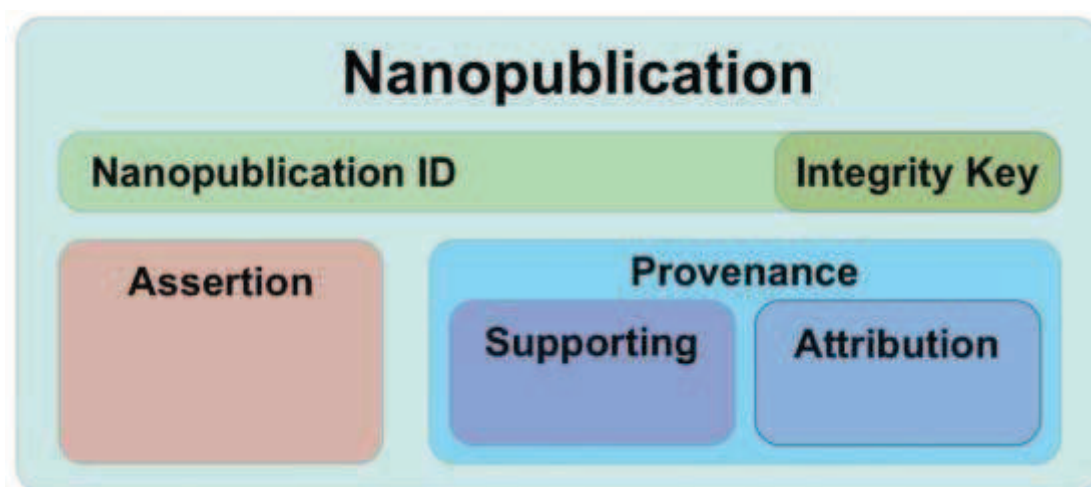
Open PHACTS acts like a search engine, allowing querying of data via a single platform while retaining provenance and traffic back to the original data source. Provenance is critical – users need to know where every data point comes from, and will visit the source. By promoting best practices for data publication and sharing, we want to simplify and clarify many of the problems around use and reuse of data from different sources.

Open PHACTS will be adopting a licensing framework which will be applicable to other, similar, data integration projects. This will provide clarity for the data sources and for the end user. The consortium wants to work with data providers to expose and enhance their data, and will build quality feedback mechanisms to help all its partners.

The power of nanopublication to capture core scientific assertions and promote data citeability will be demonstrated, and the project has already published nanopublication RDF guidelines. The first release of the Open PHACTS platform will include public sources of data and ontologies, but the licensing framework will allow the inclusion of different licenses, including the ability to include proprietary or commercial data. The project is building a window through which to query many data sources while retaining provenance.

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Nanopublication Specifications



Picture 2: Nanopublication Specifications

Nanopublications provide support for provenance of data; credit to data providers and also allow user-annotations to be incorporated into the live system

Timeline

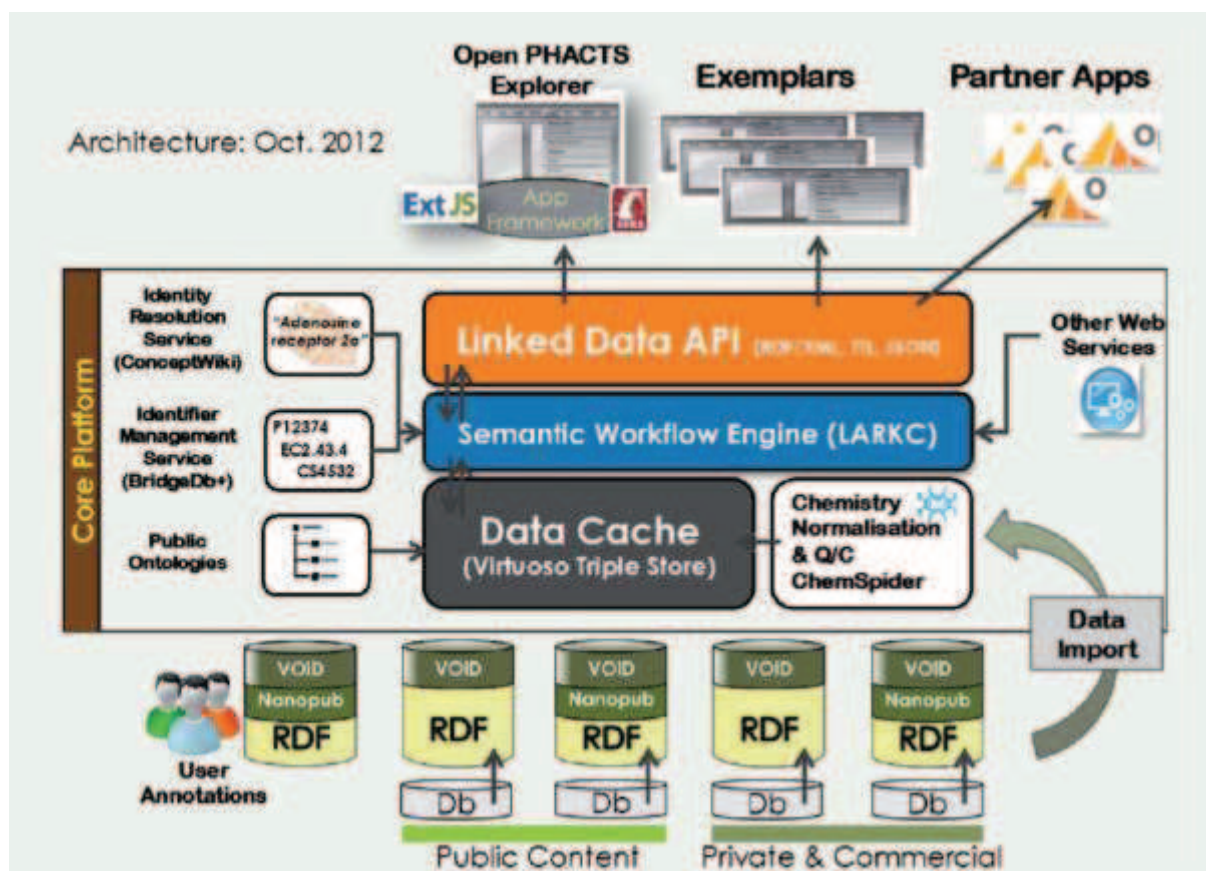
November 2012	Planned public release of Beta version 1.0 of Explorer
April 2013	Alpha availability of the Open PHACTS API
4Q 2013	Beta version 2.0 of Explorer availability
1Q 2014	Final project release of Explorer

4 The Open PHACTS infrastructure

The Open PHACTS platform uses semantic technologies to provide a robust, adaptable framework for integration of multiple data sources into one coherent API. While the project has a pharmacological focus, it will create a set of modular, reusable software components that can be used to address other scientific challenges. Open PHACTS is promoting and augmenting existing open standards and ontologies, and are demonstrating their use in a large scale, real world application. The Open PHACTS platform will be production software: data sources will be maintained and regularly updated, and the system is hosted by Open Link, a professional semantic data company.

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Implementation architecture



Picture 3: Implementation architecture

Open PHACTS is markedly increasing the quality and flexibility of mapping between different identifiers in life science data – though developments on an Identity Mapping Service, the use of the ConceptWiki, and the publication of open data mappings.

5 The Open PHACTS Explorer

The Open PHACTS Explorer provides a user interface to the Open PHACTS platform and is being built to answer the critical pharmacology questions defined by eight major pharmaceutical companies.

The first version of the platform includes data from ChEMBL, ChEBI, Uniprot, Gene Ontology, ChemSpider, WikiPathways, DrugBank, ENZYME, BridgeDB, predicted physical property data from ACD/Labs, and more.

The Explorer provides a way to query these up-to-date data sources; the integration process includes chemistry validation, and particularly deals with multiple identifiers for the same concept. The platform allows for rapid addition of new data sources, and the development of the platform and the Explorer has been use-case driven and tested by users in industry and academia.

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It is being built, by experts, to offer a structured view of integrated pharmacological data. Open PHACTS gives you the ability to look up answers to complex research questions over a wide range of data sources. Unlike other tools it is built on an open vendor-neutral framework and allows license-compliant mixing of public and proprietary data with retained provenance.

The screenshot displays the Open PHACTS Explorer web application. On the left is a navigation pane with categories like Compound, Exemplars, Pharmacology, and Target. The main area shows search results for 'Valium'. It includes a chemical structure, key properties (AlogP: 3.2, MW: 284.74, etc.), and detailed pharmacological information such as its mechanism of action (GABA_A receptor modulator), metabolism (via CYP2C19), and clinical uses (anxiety disorders, insomnia, etc.).

Picture 4: Open PHACTS Explorer

6 Open PHACTS Example Applications

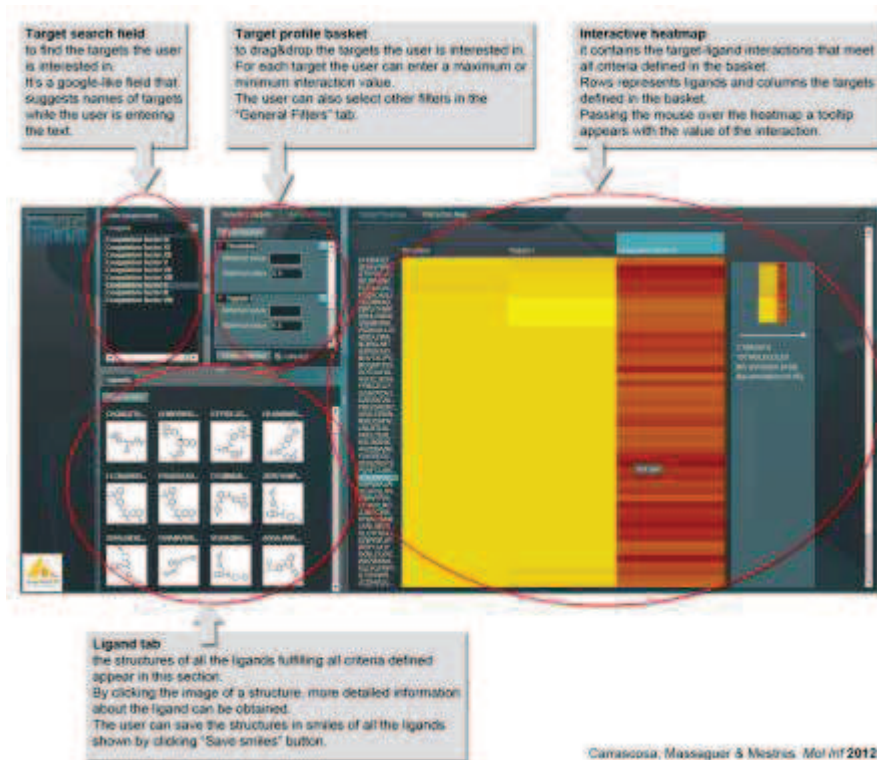
Open PHACTS will offer a production-grade API that commercial software providers can license and use to augment their own product, generating revenue and long term sustainability. The API functions include general protein & compound information; pharmacology by target or compound; pharmacology by taxonomy, including ChEBI, GO, ENZYME and more.

Four example applications are being developed in the project to show how the data within the platform can be used to generate new insights:

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6.1 PharmaTrek

PharmaTrek, developed by Consorci Mar Parc de Salut de Barcelona (PSMAR), proposes new mechanisms to navigate the Pharmacological space in a more interactive and flexible way. PharmaTrek is an integrative and interactive web application that will allow scientists to extract new knowledge from the Open Pharmacological Space created by OpenPHACTS. The main goal is to provide visual tools that allow the user to define custom questions, that is, that the users can create their own questions that will be answered in real time. The questions are related with the biological activity between drugs and targets.



Picture 5: PharmaTrek

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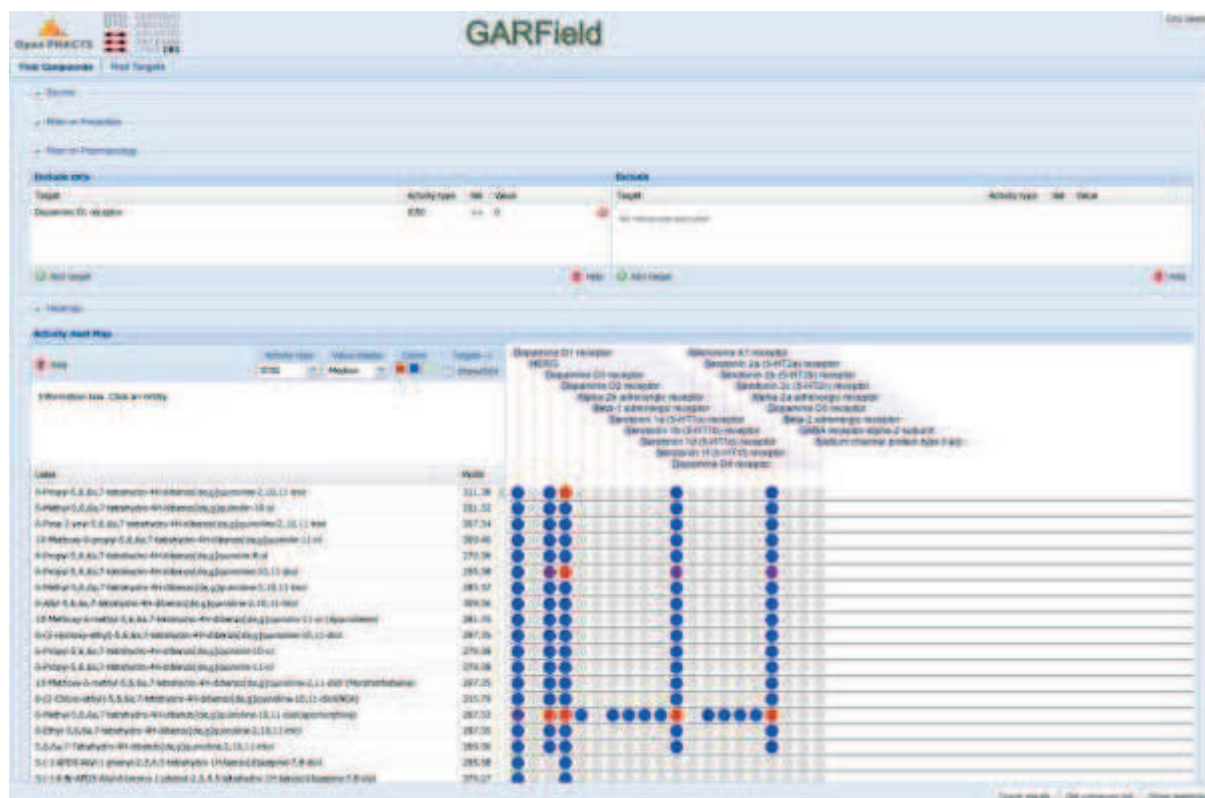


Picture 6: Jordi Mestres demonstrating PharmaTrek

6.2 Polypharmacology browser: GARField

GARField, developed by the Technical University of Denmark, is a tool that facilitates the pharmacological profiling of small molecules and biological targets through the Open PHACTS services. It supports advanced searches for compounds that pass given criteria, e.g. fulfillment of certain chemical properties, and also filtering of the compounds by interaction with certain targets (for certain activity types). Likewise, the researcher can search for targets in similar queries, i.e. filtering by bioactivity to compounds. Results are presented visually in an interaction matrix. Besides the browsing capabilities, GARField will be an online platform for several bioactivity prediction algorithms, and so far implements the Similarity Ensemble Approach (Keiser et al. Nat. Biotechnol. 2007).

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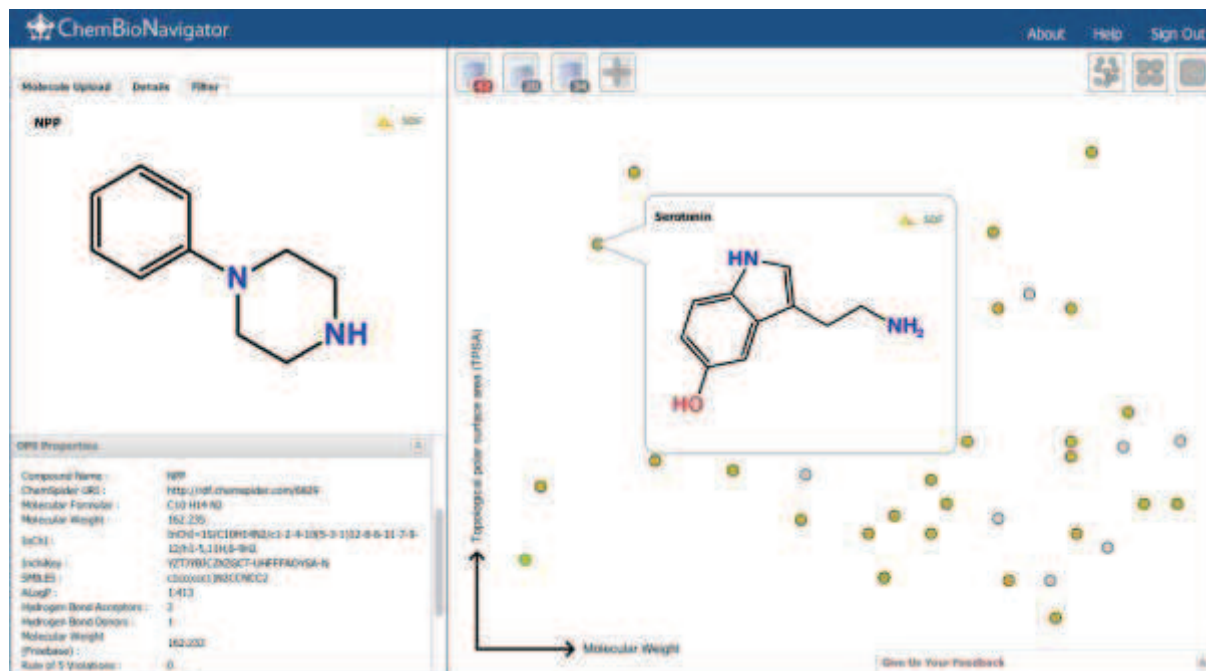


Picture 7: GARField

6.3 Target dossier

The Target Dossier, developed by the Spanish National Cancer Research Centre, uses the Open PHACTS platform for building comprehensive views of pharmacologically relevant targets to answer questions regarding druggability, tissue expression profiles and implications in pathways, disease states and physiological mechanisms. The Target Dossier will provide a decision support platform for target selection and progression.

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Picture 9: ChemBio Navigator

7 Discussion & Feedback

There was a discussion why the example applications look different from each other. This prompted an action item in the subsequent Steering Committee Meeting: Branding of Applications: How do we communicate clearly that Applications are developed by different organizations (under the umbrella of the project) and that they have their own identity/character (e.g. they don't use the same GUI design philosophy)?

8 How to get involved

Software vendors as well as other parties active in the area may join the Open PHACTS community by becoming an Associated Partner. Associated Partners will be the first to hear about the latest developments in the Open PHACTS project, and will also have the opportunity to present ideas and use cases to the core Open PHACTS team.

There are opportunities for Associated Partners who want to do some more specific development work together with the project team (e.g. develop APIs, new data, algorithms etc), leading to a Development Partnership with the Open PHACTS project.

For more information visit www.openphacts.org.

9 Presentations



(IMI KM call-topic 8, 2010)

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- **The Challenge - Open standards for drug discovery data**
 - Drug discovery research is increasingly data and information driven but we are **challenged to integrate content across domains (Chemistry, Biology, Clinical)**
 - Key content spread over many sources
 - Lack of agreed standards and formatting drives unsustainable efforts in content integration
 - Increasing volumes and privacy constraints (e.g. Biobanks) drives paradigm shift: We need to move analysis to data rather than retrieve data for analysis
- **Open PHACTS Project (28 partners: 9 pharma – 19 academic / SME)**
 - **Develop robust standards** for solid integration between data sources via semantic technologies
 - **Implement the standards** in a semantic integration hub (“Open Pharmacological Space”)
 - **Deliver services** to support on-going drug discovery programs in pharma and public domain
- **Benefit:**
 - **Reduced costs and improved access** to inter-operable drug discovery information
 - Work on-going with RSC/Chempid on data-models for handling drug formulations, combinations and public sources; Source most public data directly from RSC/Chempid in correct format
 - **Development of critical skills** and organisational learning
 - **Access to leading European labs** in semantic data, workflow analysis and information mining (U Manchester, VU Amsterdam, NBIC, Fraunhofer)
 - **Structured plan to align AZ scientists** within work-packages to directly exploit developments in on-going internal initiatives





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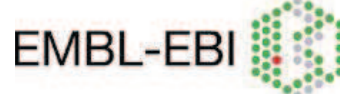
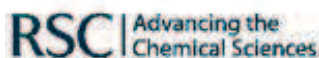
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Open Drug Discovery Intelligence Services

Open PHACTS and SciBite

Lee Harland
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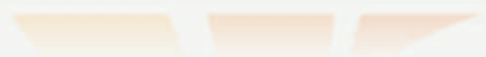






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Open Pharmacological Space



Open Pharmacological Space



The Innovative Medicines Initiative

- EC funded public-private partnership for pharmaceutical research
- Focus on key problems
 - Efficacy, Safety, Education & Training, **Knowledge Management**



The Open PHACTS Project

- Create a *semantic integration hub* (“Open Pharmacological Space”)...
- Delivering services to support on-going drug discovery programs in pharma and public domain
- *Not just another project*; Leading academics in semantics, pharmacology and informatics, driven by solid industry business requirements
- 23 academic partners, 8 pharmaceutical companies, 3 software SMEs
- Work split into clusters:
 - Technical Build
 - Scientific Drive
 - Community & Sustainability



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Optimised To Business Questions

Example Research questions

- Give all compounds with $IC_{50} < xxx$ for target Y in species W and Z plus assay data
- What substructures are associated with readout X (target, pathway, disease, ...)
- Give all experimental and clinical data for compound X
- Give all targets for compound X or a compound with a similarity $> y\%$

What Do You Need?

Find me the off-target activities of known cancer drugs who's primary target is a cell cycle regulatory kinase

ChEMBL

DrugBank

Gene
Ontology

Wikipathways

ChEBI

Uniprot

UMLS

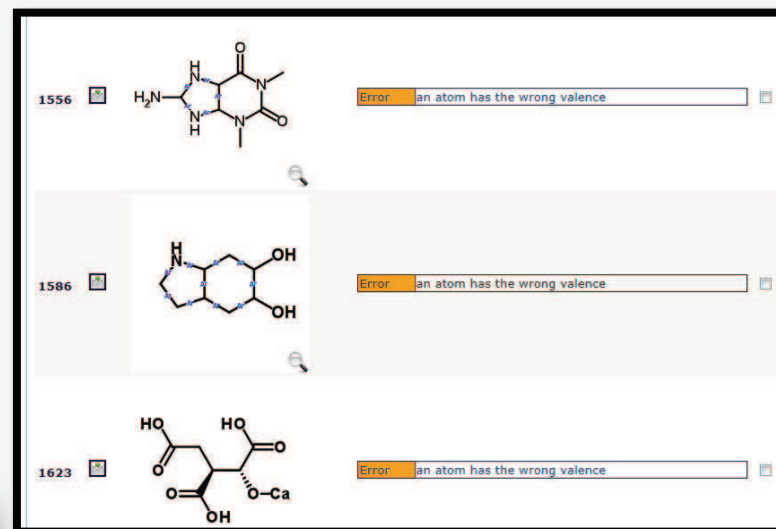
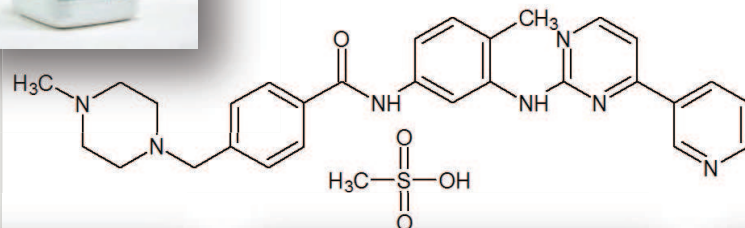
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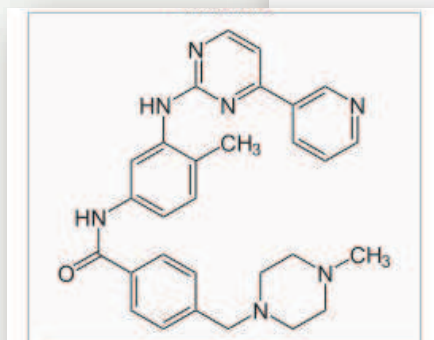
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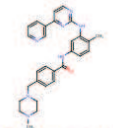
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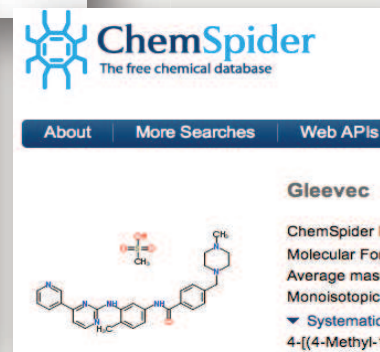
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Wikipedia

Structure	
Synonyms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imatinib Mesylate Imatinib Methanesulfonate STI-571
Brand names	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gleevec Gilvec

Drugbank



ChemSpider

Dynamic Mapping



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Company Info

ACD/Labs becomes an associate partner of Open PHACTS project

The Open PHACTS consortium is pleased to announce an Associate Partner relationship with Advanced Chemistry Development, Inc., (ACD/Labs) who will be supplying a number of predicted physicochemical properties for inclusion within the project data. ACD/Labs is one of the primary suppliers of prediction algorithms to the life sciences industry and their contribution of data provides enhanced querying options for the users. Daria Thorp, President of ACD/Labs, comments "The Open PHACTS project represents a promising approach that leverages existing pharmacological knowledge to make new discoveries. ACD/Labs, with our 18 years of *in silico* physicochemical and ADME-Tox modeling experience, is excited to provide our industry leading molecular property predictions—notably log*D* at physiologically relevant pH, 'rule of 5', and log*P* values—to this project." The ACD/Labs data will be offered via RSC ChemSpider which provides the chemical compound data in a format consumable by the Open PHACTS platform.

The Open PHACTS consortium is building a semantic data integration platform for pharmacological data, to reduce the barriers to drug discovery, creating an Open Pharmacological Space. Open PHACTS will deliver a single view across available data resources, and will be freely available to users.

Scientific text, difficult to analyse by computer, will have factual assertions extracted as semantic triples, allowing for the first time the prospect of querying textual and database data together to give answers needed to identify new drug targets and pharmacological interactions. While the semantic approach has been delivered in small-scale and targeted approaches so far, its promise for multiscale data integration has remained largely unfulfilled — Open PHACTS is a major project including many of the top semantic web experts, committed to deliver on this promise.

About Advanced Chemistry Development (ACD/Labs)

Advanced Chemistry Development, Inc., (ACD/Labs) is a chemistry software company that develops and commercializes enterprise and desktop solutions to support R&D efforts, and preserve and re-use legacy knowledge. ACD/Labs' areas of expertise include a unique knowledge management solution; spectroscopic data processing and interpretation for NMR, MS, LC/MS, IR, UV, other optical, and hyphenated instrumental techniques; chemical structure confirmation, verification, and elucidation; impurity, metabolism, and degradation research; ADME-Tox and physicochemical property prediction, and property-based lead optimization; chromatographic method development and optimization; and chemical nomenclature. We provide integration with existing Informatics systems and undertake custom projects including enterprise-level automation. A private company founded in 1994, ACD/Labs has worldwide sales and support presence, with offices in N. America, Europe, and Asia. (www.acdlabs.com)

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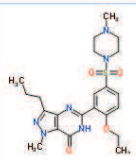
June 2012
[ACD/Labs' Version 2012 Chromatography Software Continues to Address the Challenge of Method Development](#)

Compound by name

Hint: Type in compound name. E.g. "Aspirin"

Compound name: Sildenafil

Compound by Name search results



AlogP:

2.2

H-Bond Receptors:

7

H-Bond Donors:

1

Mol Weight:

474.576

MW Freebase:

474.576

Polar Surface Area:

117.51

Rotatable Bonds:

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Sildenafil

Pharmacology Data

View in ChemBioNavigator

Sildenafil (in citrate form), sold under the names Viagra, Revatio and unde used to treat male erectile dysfunction (impotence) and pulmonary arterial h the pharmaceutical company Pfizer. Its primary competitors on the market ar (Levitra). [Wikipedia]

Hepatic

ChemSpider ID: 5023

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Standard InChIKey: BNRNXUZRGGQAC-UHFFFAOYSA-N

Affected Organism: Humans and other mammals

Indication: For the treatment of erectile dysfunction

Melting Point: 189-190 oC

Open PHACTS Explorer

Compound Structure Search

Compound by name

Pharmacology by Compound name

Navigation

Compound

Compound by name

Compound by structure

Exemplars

Pharmacology

Target

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Exact structure search

Substructure search

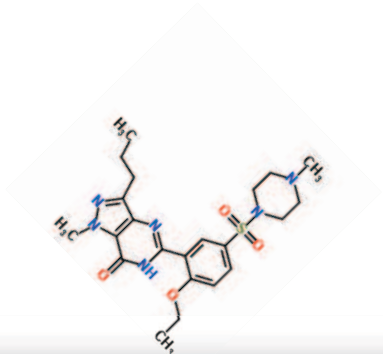
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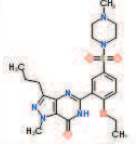
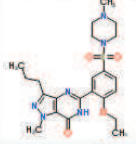
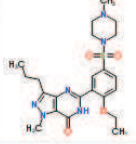
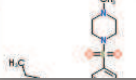
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Prepare SD-file download

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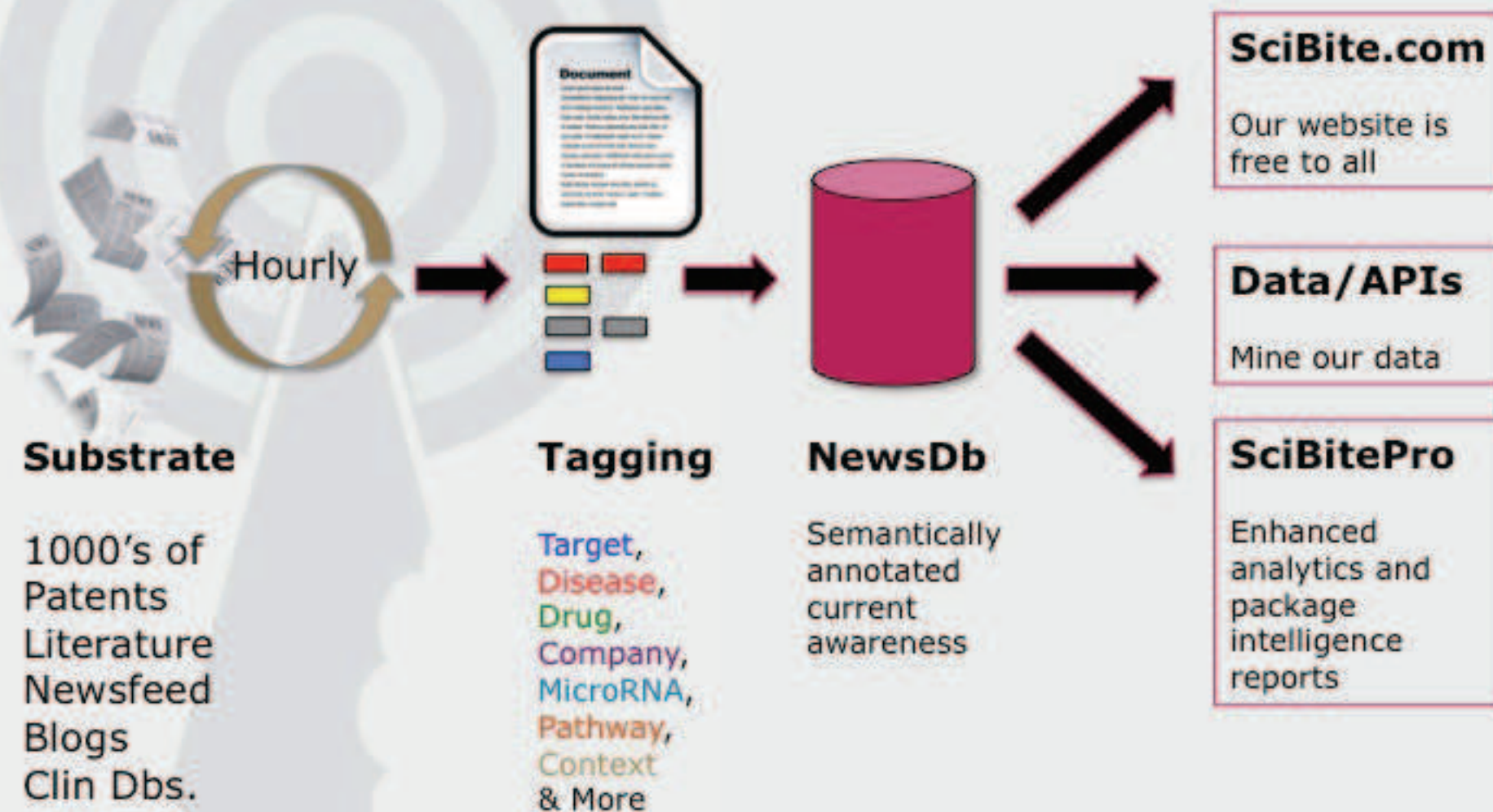
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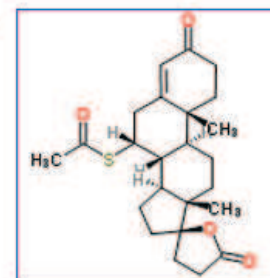
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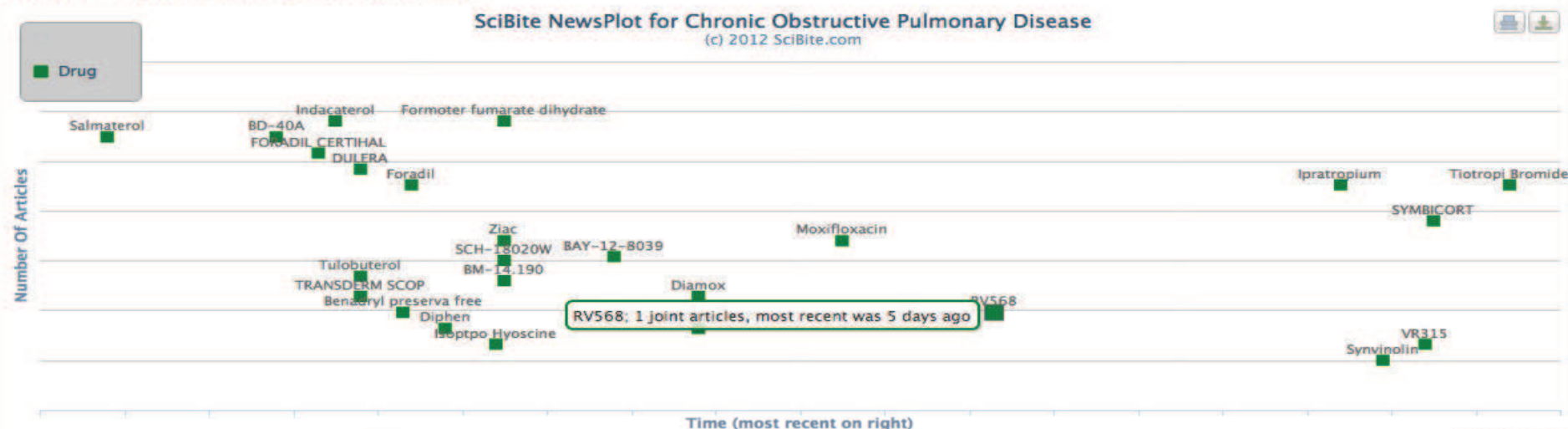
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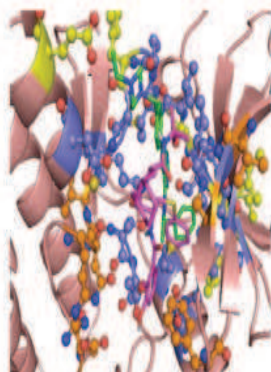
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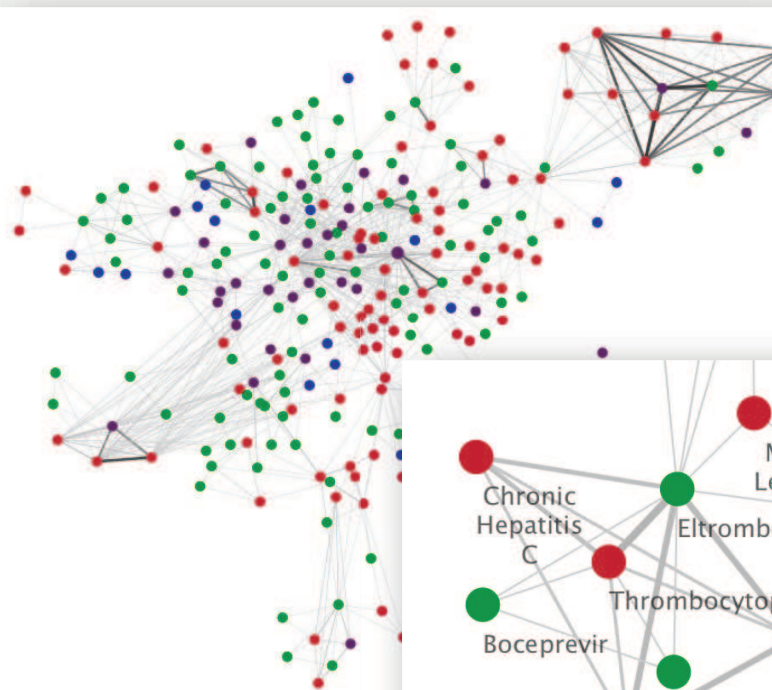
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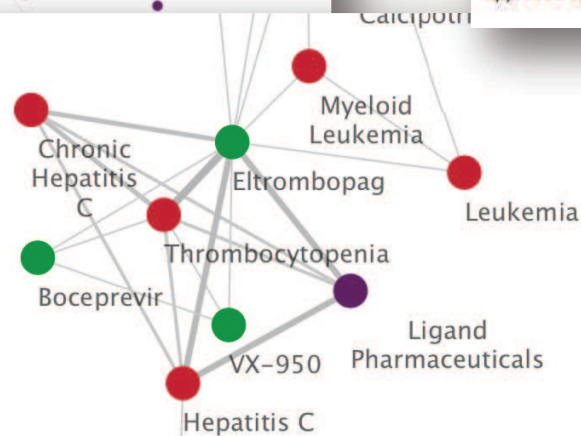


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Genetic Signatures of Exceptional Longevity in Humans

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Abstract

Like most complex phenotypes, exceptional longevity is thought to reflect a combined influence of environmental (e.g., lifestyle choices, where we live) and genetic factors. To explore the genetic contribution, we undertook a genome-wide association study of exceptional longevity in 801 centenarians (median age at death 104 years) and 914 genetically matched healthy controls. Using these data, we built a genetic model that includes 281 single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) and discriminated between cases and controls of the discovery set with 89% sensitivity and specificity, and with 58% specificity and 60% sensitivity in an independent cohort of 341 controls and 253 genetically matched nonagenarians and centenarians (median age 100 years). Consistent with the hypothesis that the genetic contribution is largest with the oldest ages, the sensitivity of the model increased in the independent cohort with older and older ages (71% to classify subjects with an age at death > 102 and 85% to classify subjects with an age at death > 105). For further validation, we applied the model to an additional, unmatched 60 centenarians (median age 107 years) resulting in 78% sensitivity, and 2863 unmatched controls with 61% specificity. The 281 SNPs include the SNP rs2075650 in *TOMM40/APOE* that reached irrefutable genome wide significance (posterior probability of association = 1) and replicated in the independent cohort. Removal of this SNP from the model reduced the accuracy by only 1%. Further in-silico analysis suggests that 90% of centenarians can be grouped into clusters characterized by different "genetic signatures" of varying predictive values for exceptional longevity. The correlation between 3 signatures and 3 different life spans was replicated in the combined replication sets. The different signatures may help dissect this complex phenotype into sub-phenotypes of exceptional longevity.

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The average human lifespan in developed countries now ranges from about 80 to 85 years. Environmental factors such as lifestyle choices and where we choose to live as well as genetic factors all contribute to healthy aging. Supporting the importance of environmental factors in survival to old age is the 80 year average life expectancy of Seventh-Day Adventists [1], who by virtue of their religion have health related behaviors conducive to healthy aging.

Human twin studies suggest that only 20–30% of the variation in survival to about 85 years is determined by genetic variation [2]. However, the existence of rare families demonstrating remarkable clustering for extreme ages [3,4], the increased relative risks of survival amongst siblings of nonagenarians [5] and of centenarians [6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13], the fact that children of centenarians experience a marked delay in age-related diseases [14], and the

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Based upon the hypothesis that exceptionally old individuals are carriers of multiple genetic variants that influence human lifespan, we conducted a genome-wide association study (GWAS) of centenarians. We began with a traditional one SNP at a time analysis to identify SNPs that are individually associated with exceptional longevity. We then used a novel approach to build a

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Final Thought

- Data/Information challenge is only getting bigger
- New tools are now appearing, based on shared standards that make public and private data sharing easier
- Open efforts need support and can provide a springboard for future projects
- Thanks for listening, please visit us at:

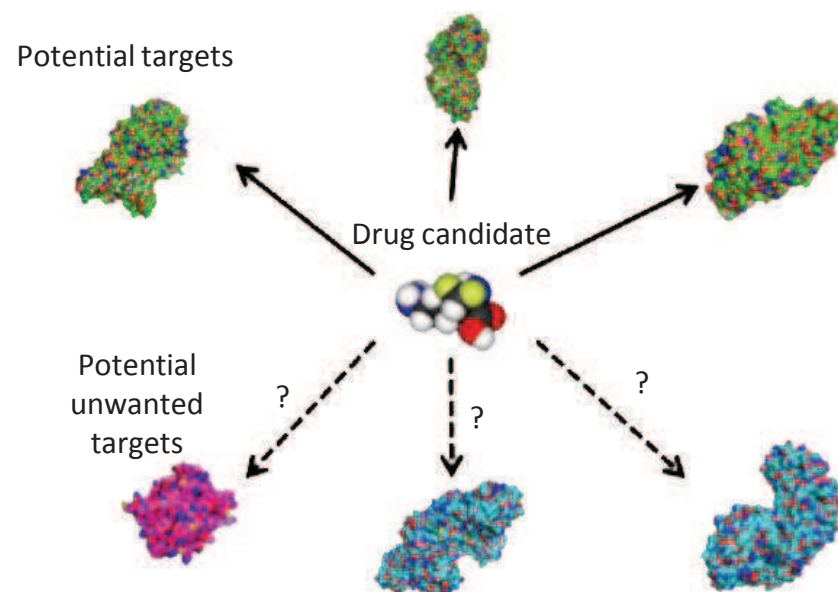
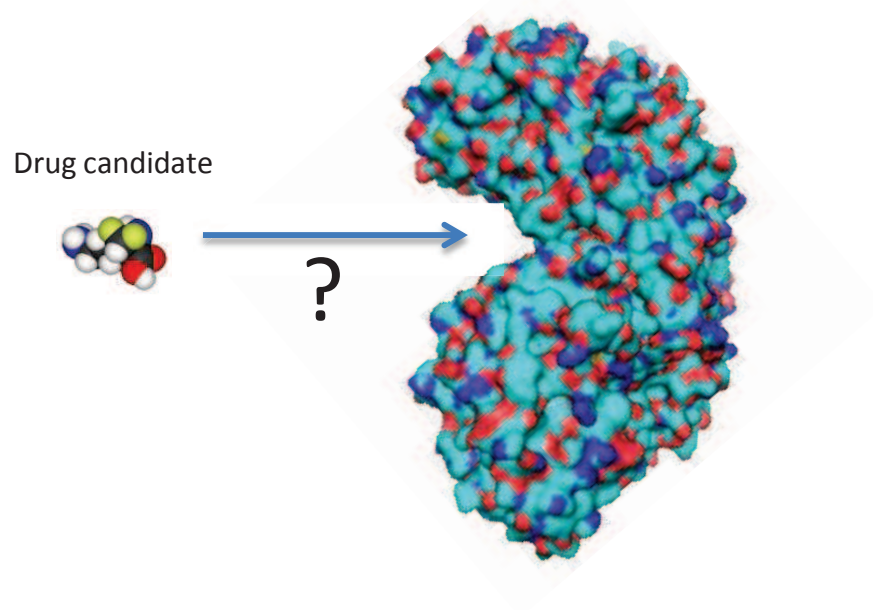
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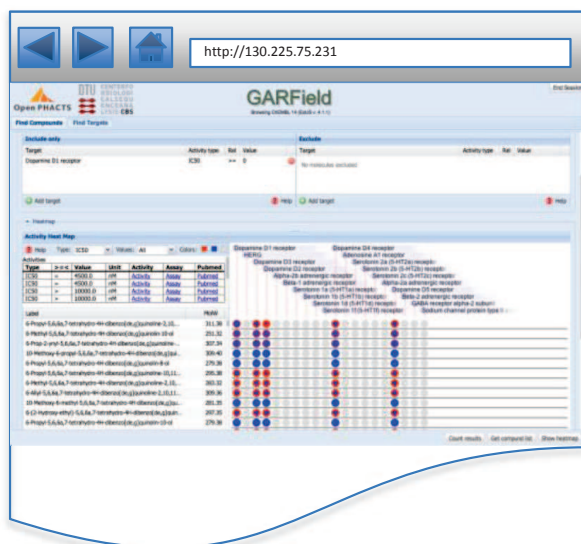
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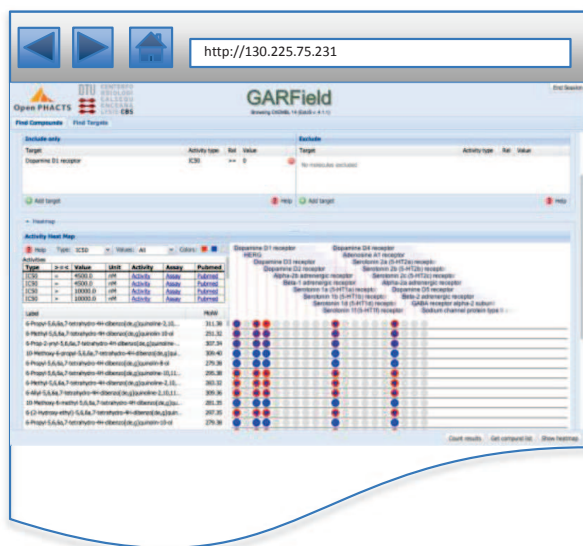


GARField

- Exemplar application
- Navigating drug/target assays data
- Prediction of polypharmacology profile
- Integrate several other sources of related information

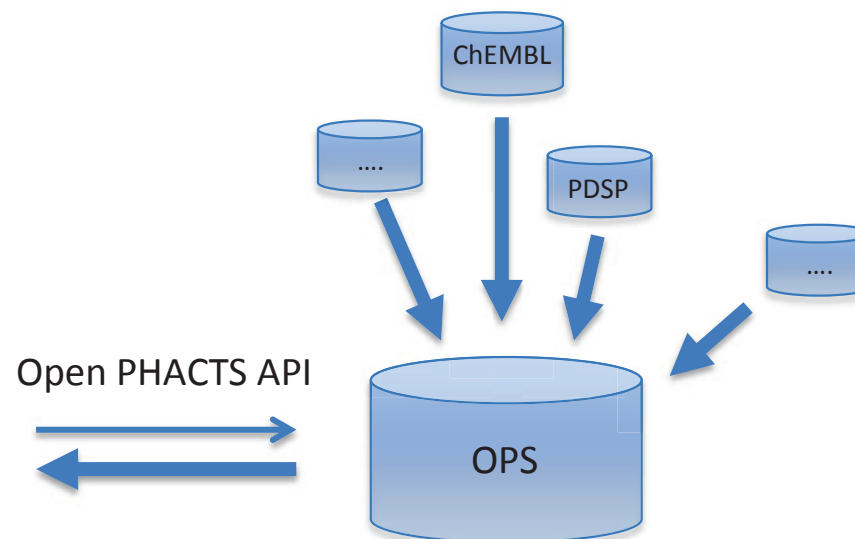


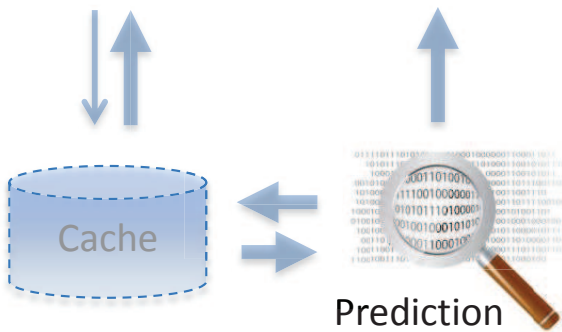
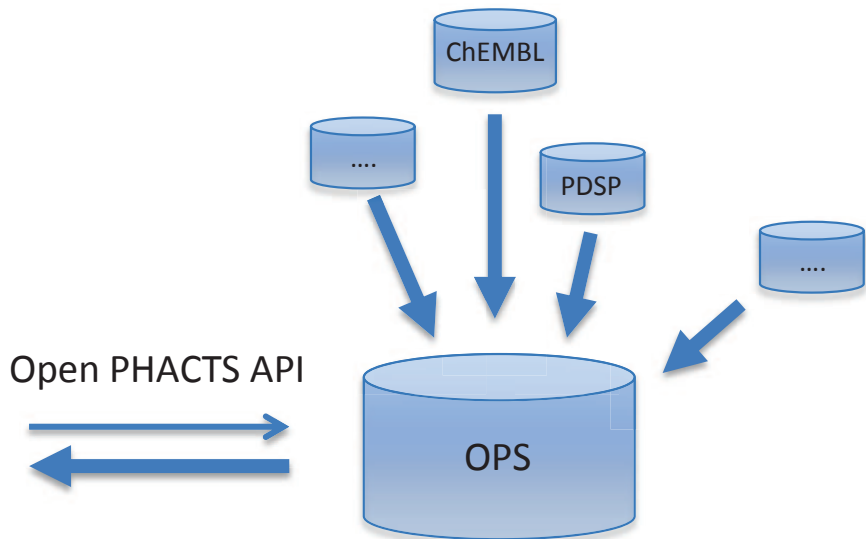
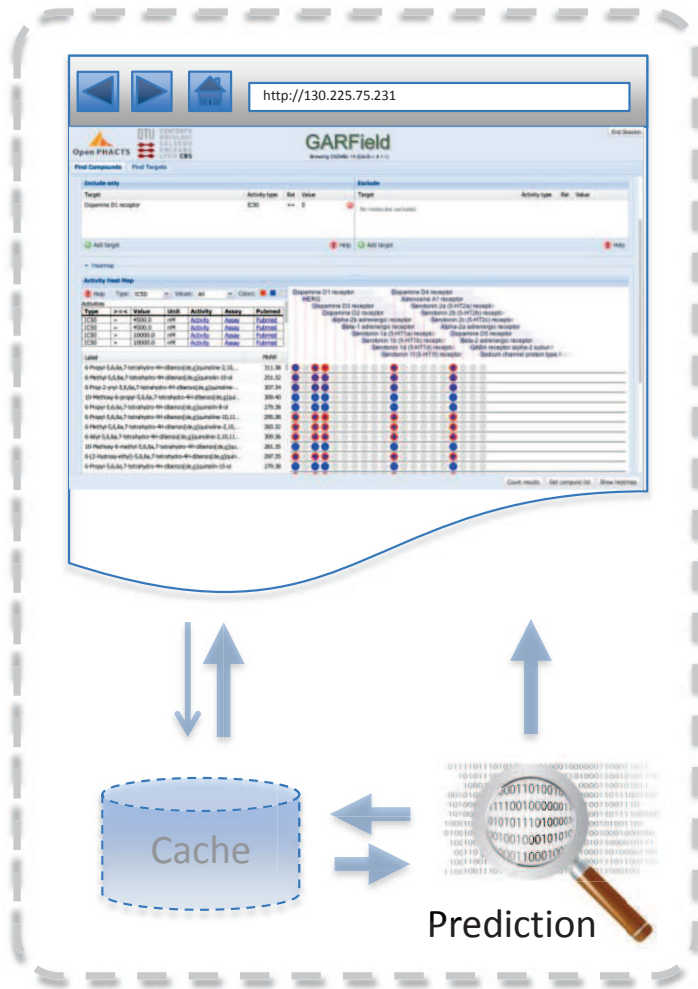




GARField version 0.2

- Web page application
 - HTML5
 - JavaScript
 - ExtJS 4
 - PHP
- Browse Open PHACTS data
- List compounds/targets from search criteria
 - Properties
 - Polypharmacology
- List manipulation (target/compound)
- Prediction of protein interaction
 - Similarity Ensemble Approach (SEA)







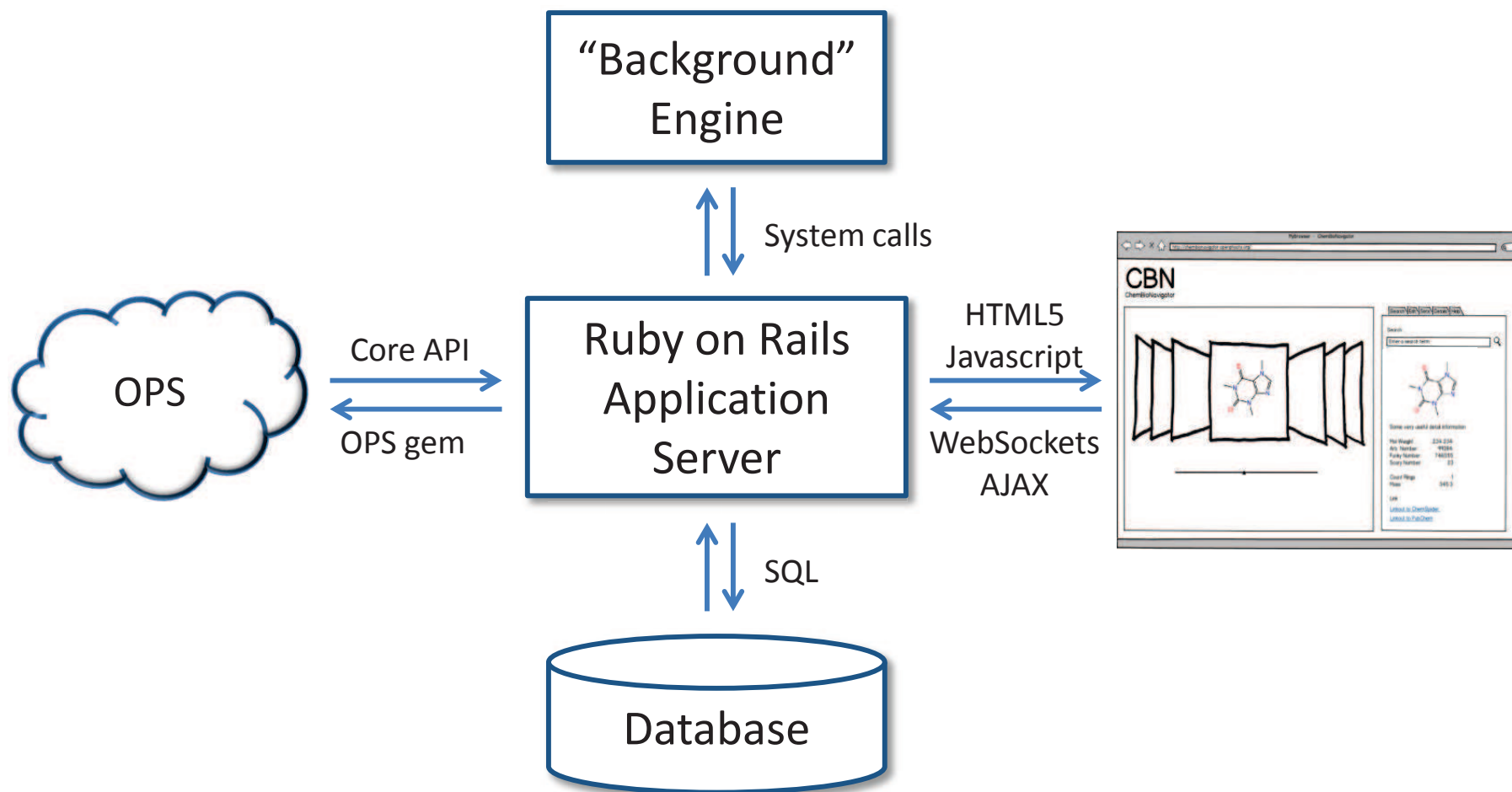
CBN Design Goals

... a compound-centric data browser that is

- easy to ... set up & run the application
 - standard (HTML5) web application
 - minimal intrusion on the client side
 - agile development: Ruby on Rails, CSS, JavaScript, AJAX
- easy to ... use for non-technical scientists
 - intuitive/responsive GUI with optimum user-guidance
 - allow “jumping” between Exemplars
 - extensive “linking” into related data sources



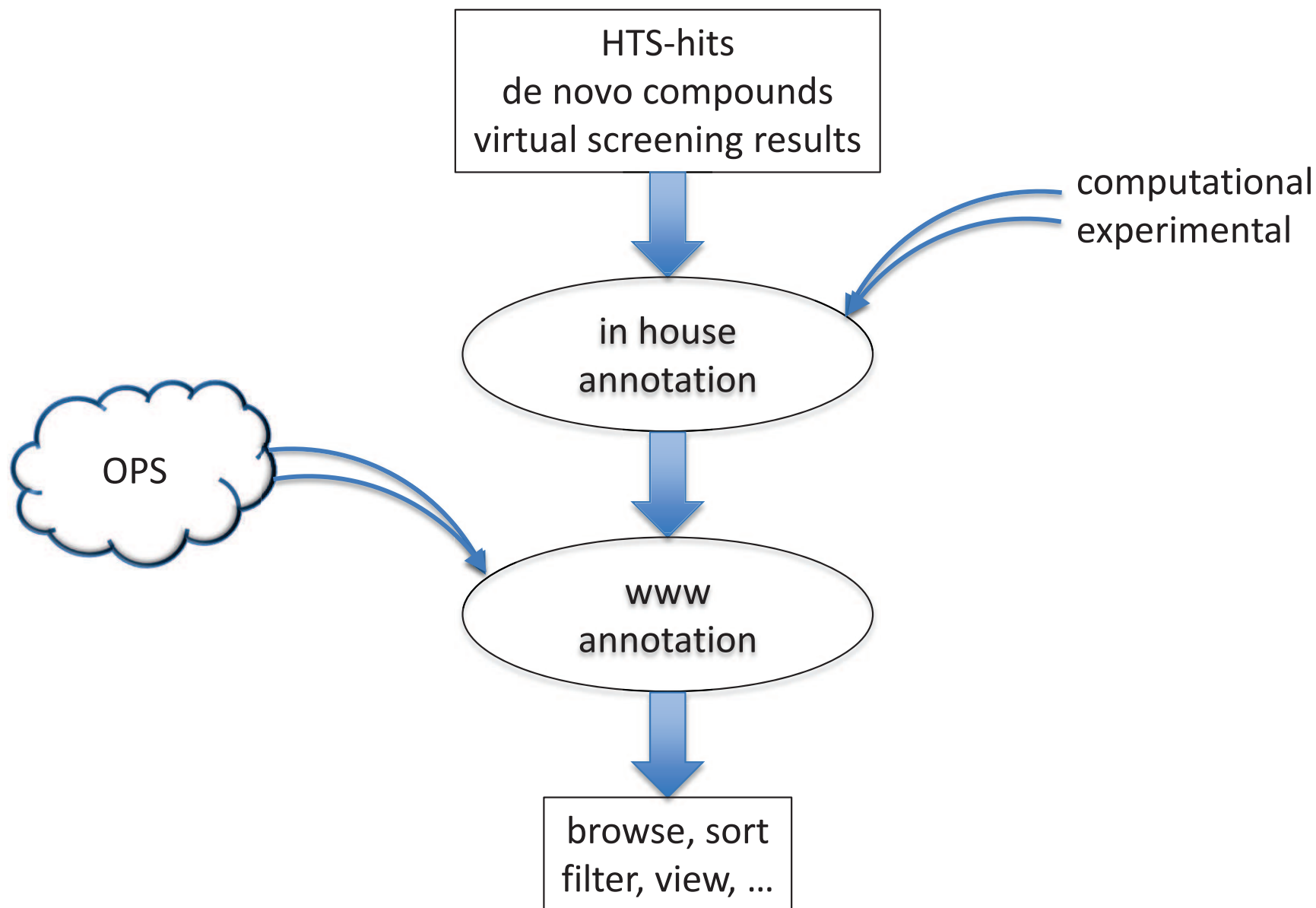
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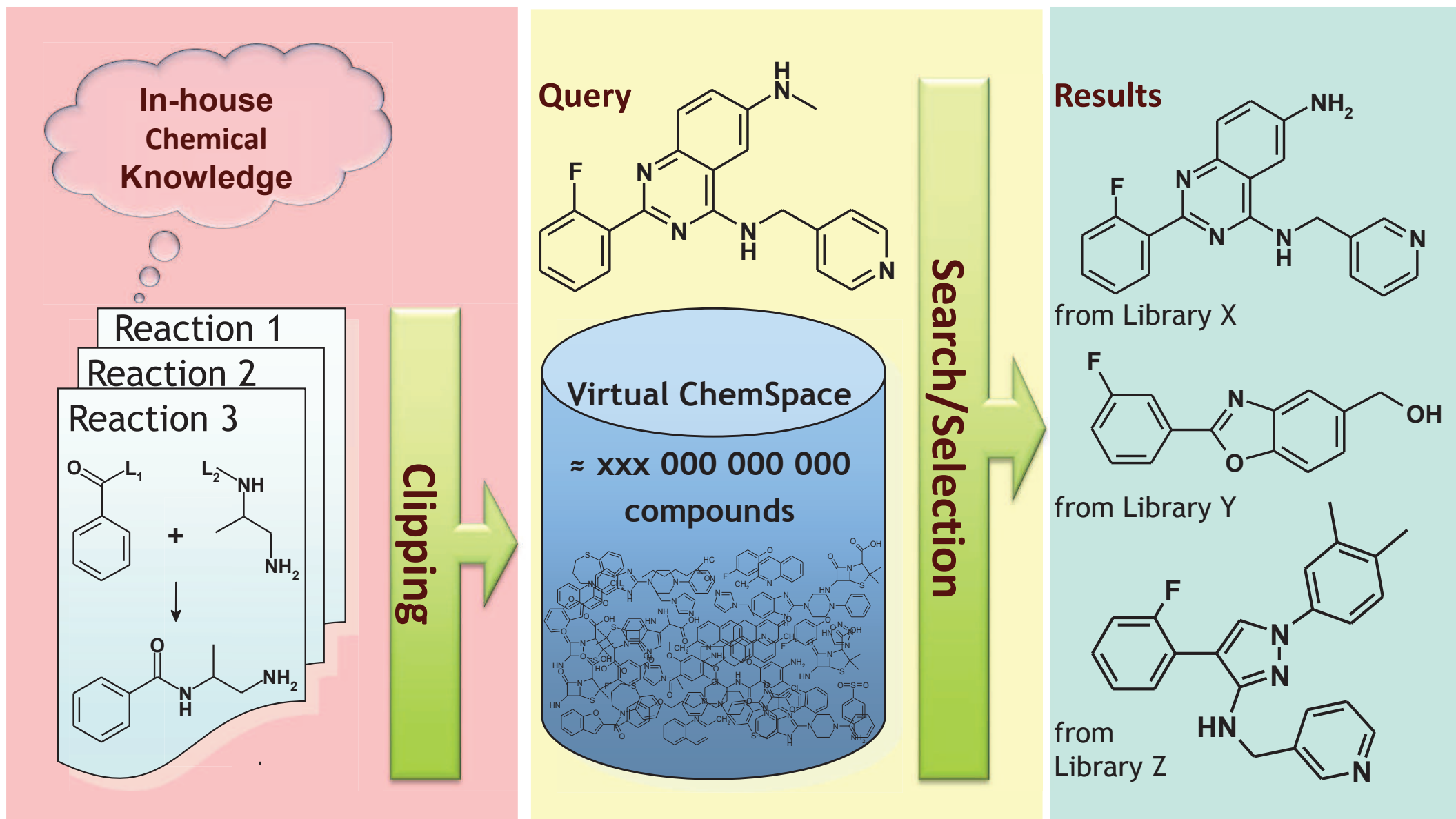
User Centric Design

- Release 1: Goals & Use Cases
 - upload and browse molecules
 - connect to OPS-framework
 - merge external and internal data
 - display molecules / browse data
 - getting an overview of what is currently loaded
 - export combined data

Primary Workflow




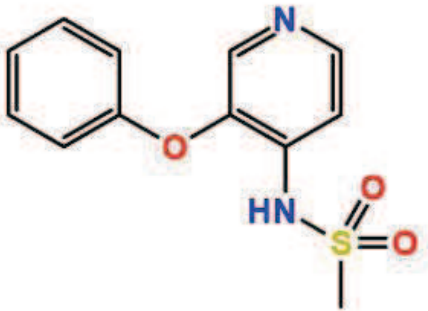
Virtual Screening




Information

Molecule Upload Details X Axis Y Axis

N-(3-phenoxy-pyridin-4-yl)methanesulfonamide  SDF



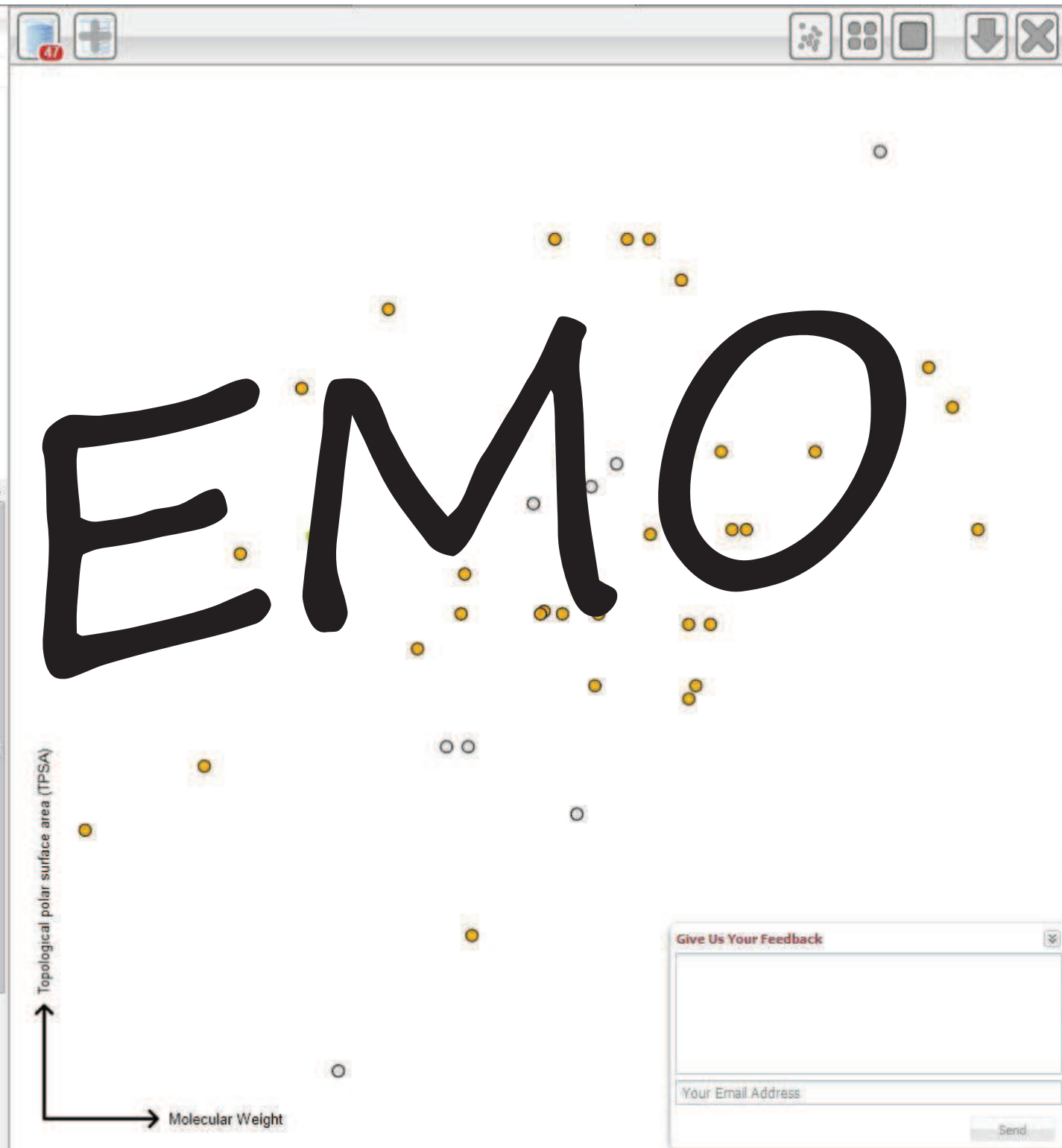
LinkOut:
 ChemSpider

Base Properties

Name	N-(3-phenoxy-pyridin-4-yl)methanesulfonamide
SMILES	<chem>S(=O)(=O)(Nc1ccccc2c1ccncc2)C</chem>
Molecular Weight	264.303
Molecular Volume	219.068
logP	1.90882
Total Charge	0
Topological Surfac...	68.29

OPS Properties

Compound Name	N-(3-phenoxy-pyridin-4-yl)methanesulfonamide
ChemSpider URI	http://rdf.chemspider.com/8420030
Molecular Formula	C ₁₂ H ₁₂ N ₂ O ₃ S
Molecular Weight	264.304
InChi	InChI=1S/C12H12N2O3S/c1-18(15,16)14-11-7-8-1...
InchiKey	CQEDUEBRINEBGP-UHFFFAOYSA-N
SMILES	<chem>O=S(=O)(Nc2ccccc2Oc1ccccc1)C</chem>
ALogP	1.15
Hydrogen Bond A...	4
Hydrogen Bond D...	1
Molecular Weight ...	264.3
Rule of 5 Violations	0
Polar Surface Area	76.67



Status

- Prototype ready for testing
- Official release towards the end of the year

Limitations

- Max 500 molecules per session
- Anonymous users -> no storage

Outlook

- Similarity searches to expand sets
- Inclusion of target information
- Support of tablet PCs

Availability

Early testers are welcome

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Please provides us with lots of feedback!