

Visual Analysis of Chemical Space with Scaffold Hunter

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Chemical Data in Drug Discovery

Chemical Space

- Theoretical chemical space: $\sim 10^{62}$ molecules
- *De-novo* libraries: several hundreds of millions
- Commercially-available: 21 million molecules (ZINC)

Trend

- Increasing amount of available data (public or in-house)
- Need to systematically explore and analyze data to speed up drug discovery process

Cyclic Knowledge Discovery by Visual Analysis

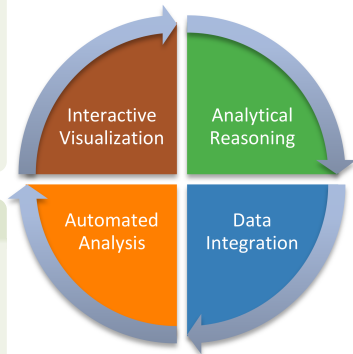
Classical Approach: Raw data → Analysis → Visualization

Visualization

- Analysis results
- Raw data
- Linked views

Analysis

- Clustering
- Classification
- SAR



Reasoning

- New hypotheses
- Decision making
- Intuition of domain experts

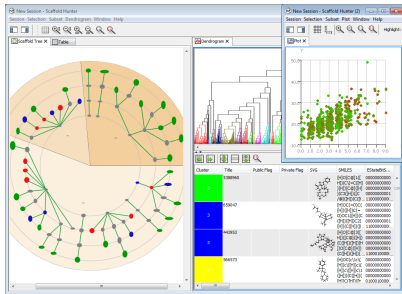
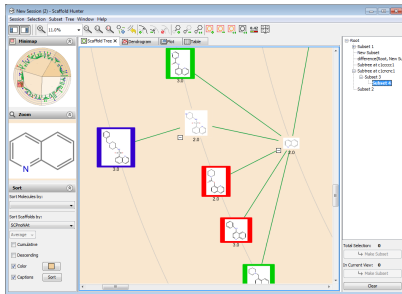
Data Integration

- Diverse data sources
- Experimental results

Scaffold Hunter



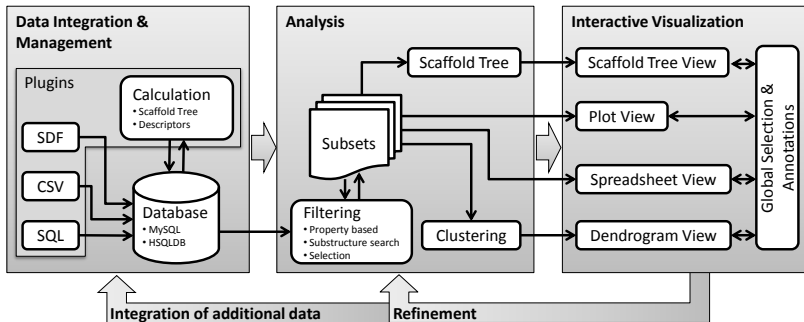
- Java-based Open Source tool
- Development started 2007, TU Dortmund



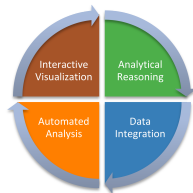
Goal:

- Import of data from a variety of sources
- Integrated visualization and analysis
- Interactive exploration in a systematic manner

Scaffold Hunter for Visual Analysis



- Facilitate cyclic knowledge discovery process
- Refinement of subsets, analysis parameters
- Integration of additional experimentally obtained data



Scaffold Tree: Concepts & Algorithms

- Hierarchical classification scheme based on core structures
- Rule-based parent scaffold selection
- Scaffolds as representatives for sets of similar molecules
- *Virtual* scaffolds without associated molecules

Algorithm

- For each molecule:
 - ① Prune terminal side chains
→ scaffold
 - ② Successively remove rings
→ unique parent scaffolds
- Merge multiple scaffolds
→ scaffold tree

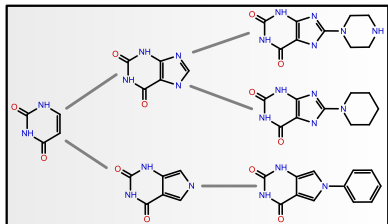
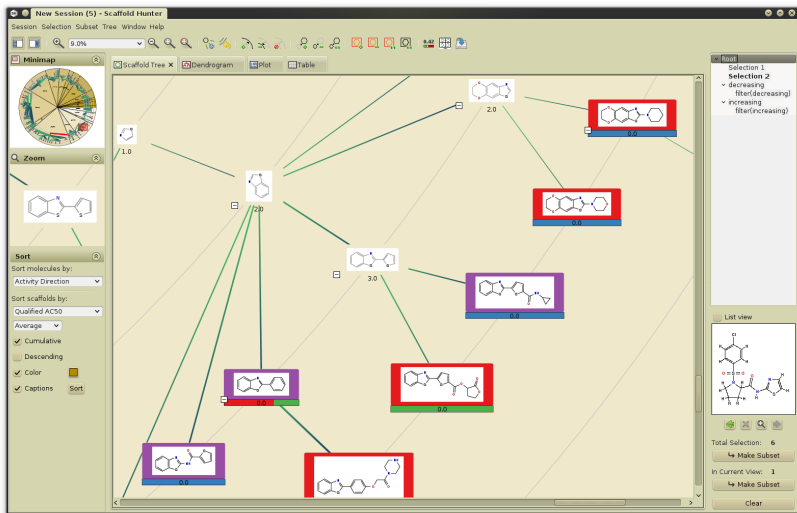


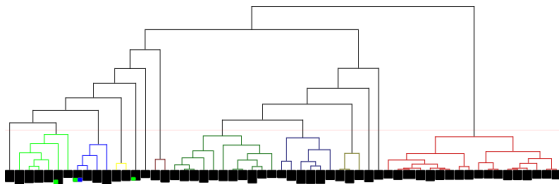
Figure: Branch of a scaffold tree

Scaffold Tree: Visualization



- Details-on-demand: Scaffold depiction adapts to zoom level
- Property Mapping: Representation by visual attributes

Hierarchical Clustering: Concepts & Algorithms



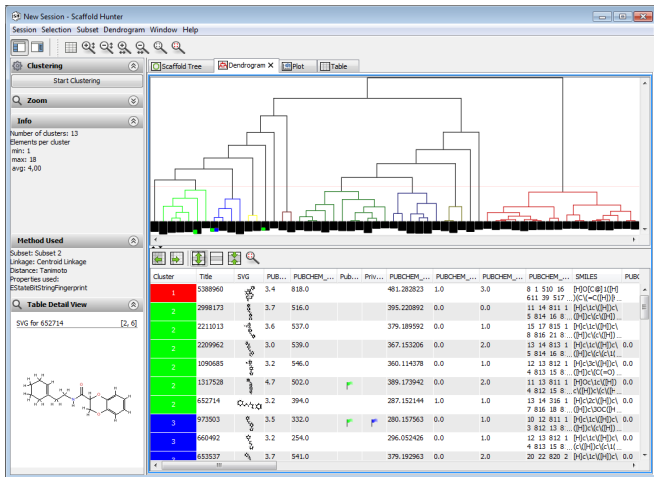
SAHN Clustering

- **Distance** between molecules, e.g., Tanimoto & fingerprints
- **Linkage:** Distance between clusters, e.g., Average or Ward
- **Algorithm:**
 - ① Start with singleton clusters
 - ② Merge pairs of clusters with minimum distance until a single cluster is obtained

Heuristic SAHN Clustering

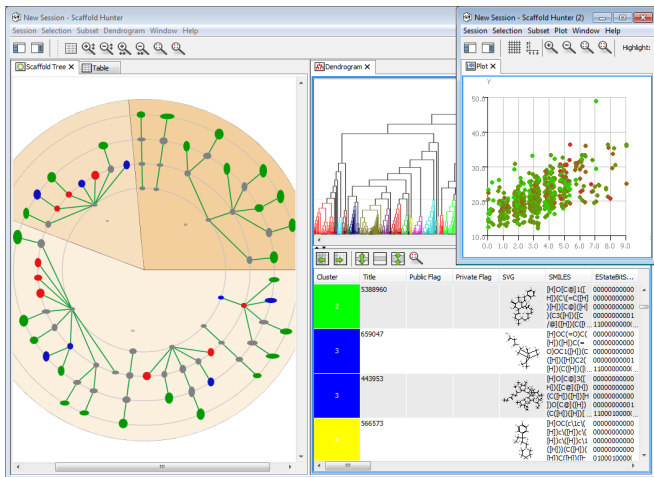
- Subquadratic running time in practice, low memory footprint
- Support for arbitrary metric distance measures

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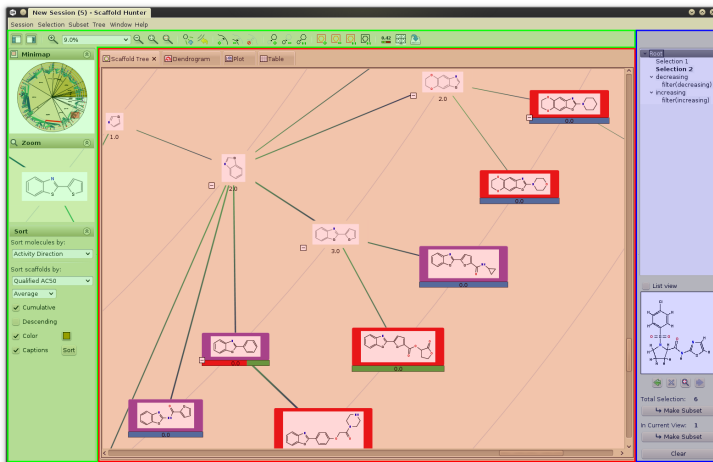
- Zoomable user interface with details-on-demand
- **Cluster selection bar:** Interactive refinement of clustering
- **Table View:** Embeddable synchronized spreadsheet

Plot View



- 2D/3D scatter plot
- Mapping of attributes to axes, color, dot size etc.

Scaffold Hunter Main Window



- **Red:** Currently open views in tabs
- **Green:** View-specific tool- and sidebar
- **Blue:** Global subset and selection management

Coordination & Linkage of Views

- **Global selection:**

- Synchronized selection over all views
- Selection browser for quick access

The screenshot displays a software interface for managing selections. At the top, a tree view shows a hierarchy: 'Root' (expanded), 'Selection 1', and 'Selection 2' (expanded). Under 'Selection 2', there are two sub-items: 'decreasing' (expanded) with a 'filter(decreasing)' button, and 'increasing' (expanded) with a 'filter(increasing)' button. Below the tree is a 'List view' checkbox. The main area shows a chemical structure of a complex molecule, including a benzene ring with a chlorine atom, a sulfonamide group, and a thiazole ring. Below the structure are navigation icons: a green arrow pointing left, a red 'X' in a square, a magnifying glass, and a blue arrow pointing right. At the bottom, there are two 'Total Selection: 6' and 'In Current View: 1' labels, each followed by a 'Make Subset' button, and a 'Clear' button at the very bottom.

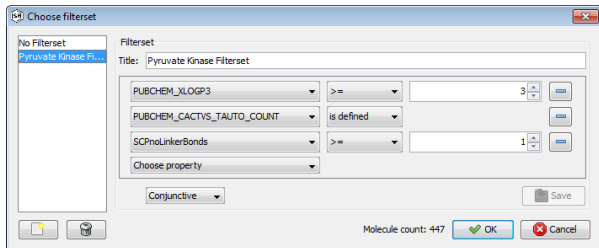
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Root

Selection 1

Selection 2

decreasing
filter(decreasing)

increasing
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List view

Chemical structure: Clc1cc(C(=O)Nc2sc[nH]2)cc1

Total Selection: 6

Make Subset

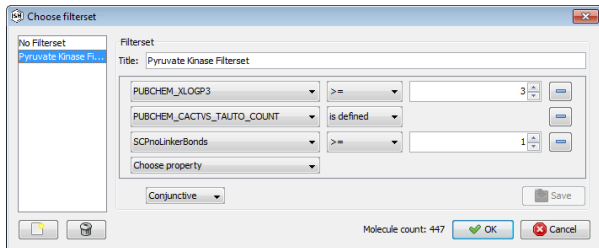
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- **Annotations:** Tooltip, comments, ...



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Multiple Views & Tooltip

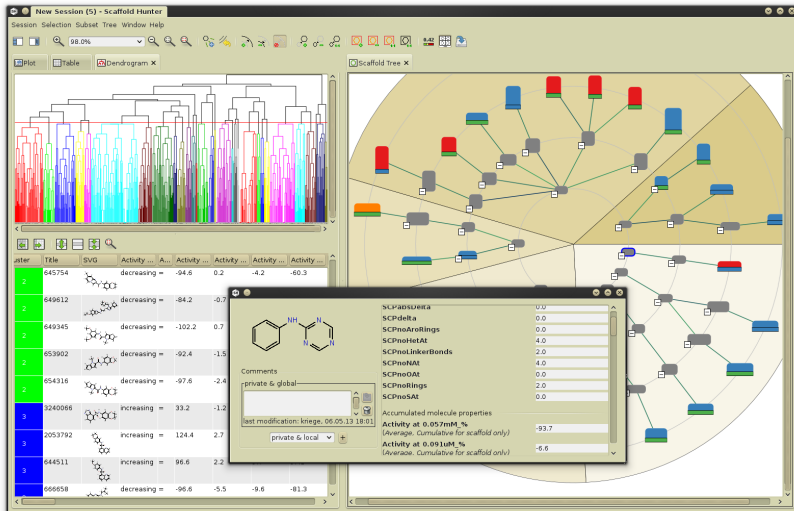


Figure: Split View: Dendrogram, Scaffold Tree & Tooltip

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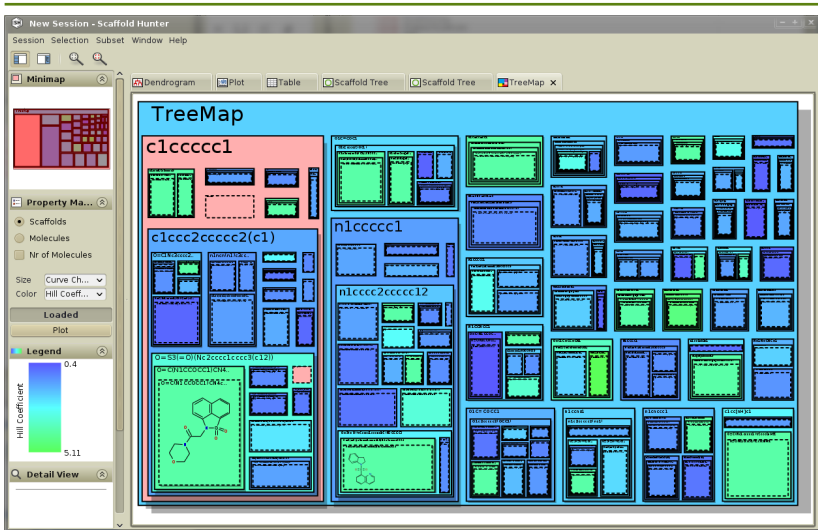
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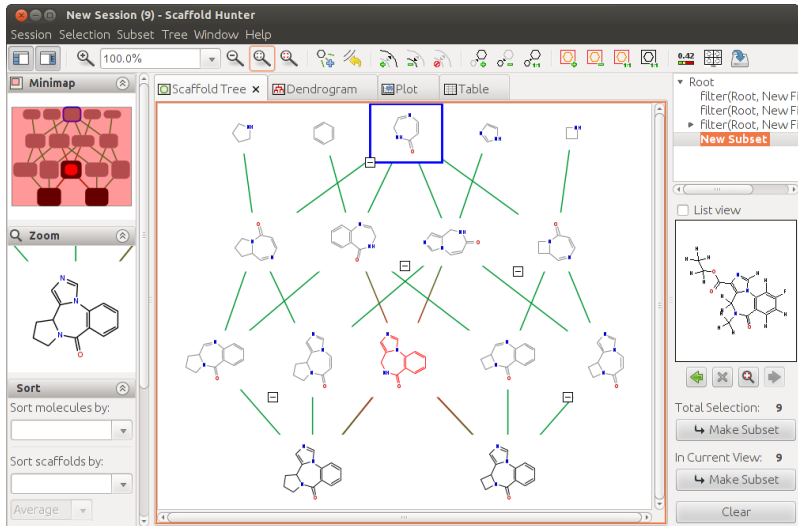
- **Chemistry Development Kit (CDK):** Various cheminformatics tasks
- **Piccolo2D:** Zoomable user interfaces
- **Batik:** SVG support
- **Hibernate:** Object-relational mapping
- **MySQL/HSQLDB:** Back-end databases

Future Work: Scaffold TreeMaps



- Space-filling approach to visualize scaffold trees
- Google Summer of Code project 2013: Jeroen Lappenschaar

Future Work: Scaffold Networks



- Visualization of multiple parent scaffolds (Sugiyama layout)
- Dynamic filtering of networks

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