

MOLECULAR MODELING IN COMPOUNDS SERIES WITH DESCRIPTORS FAMILIES

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Abstract: A series of families of molecular descriptors were designed and used to relate the structural information with measured properties and activities for different series of chemical compounds. Here are revised the methodology for the calculation of the molecular descriptors with FPIF, MDF, MDFV, SAPF and SMPI families.

Key words: Descriptors families; FPIF (fragmental property index family); MDF (molecular descriptors family); MDFV (molecular descriptors family - vertex); SAPF (structural atomic property family); SMPI (Szeged matrix property indices).

INTRODUCTION

First steps to the molecular models are recorded in 1861 (Loschmidt 1861¹). Today molecular modelling involves theoretical methods and computational techniques for pushing further (see Rhinehardt et al. 2015²) the knowledge about the molecular structure.

When series of compounds are involved, then the expected result of a model is to provide a function or a relation between the structure and macroscopic observed behaviour of the molecules. Strategies like docking (Taha et al. 2015³), assaying (Peng et al. 2015⁴) and mapping (Radwan & Abdel-Mageed 2014⁵) are involved to better exploit the feature of the systematic experimental observation.

The strategies to develop families of descriptors began to attract concerns (see Kihl et al. 2015⁶).

Here a short survey of the families of molecular descriptors developed by the authors is given.

THE EXPERIMENTAL MEASUREMENTS

Modelling the molecular structure is the way of understanding of the microscopic level and its expression at the macroscopic one level. The accessing of the microscopic level is via measurements (see Fig. 1).

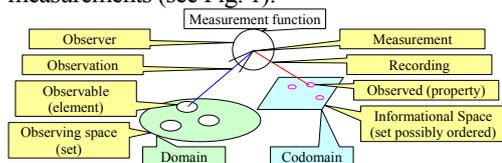


Fig. 1. Encoding the information from measurements

In regard of the measurements, there are many ways of expressing the encoded information, differing one from each other by the quality of the representation.

Thus, the primary measurement scale is binomial which encodes (in the informational space) logical values having as allowed operations equality ("=") and negation ("!") providing a structure of Boolean algebra (Boole 1854⁷). Mode and Fisher exact (Fisher 1922⁸) are the allowable statistics on, and examples of measurements associated with the encoded values are distinguishing between dead and alive, and looking for occurrences of the sides of a coin.

(Multi)nomi(n)al scale uses a finite and known series of unordered values to record the observations, being a discrete scale and having allowed the test for equality ("=") providing a structure of a standard set. One statistic have a clear meaning on the values measured on this scale - mode - and comparisons between series of measurements using this scale can be conducted with Chi-square test (Pearson 1900⁹). Examples of measurements expressed with this scale include 'ABO' blood group system, but also the classification of living organisms.

Ordinal scale is encoding discrete values and the allowed operations include the test for equality ("=") and (strict) inequality ("<") providing a structure of commutative algebra (Krull 1935¹⁰). The allowable statistic is the median and on the information collected with this scale is possible the ranking. An example of information collected using this scale is the number of atoms in molecules.

Interval scale provides continuous values

implicitly falling into an interval or domain. As operations is possible to do comparisons using inequality operator (" \leq ") as well as to do subtractions. It provides a structure of one-dimensional affine space (Berwald 1918¹¹), having allowed calculating of the mean, standard deviation, correlation, regression, and ANOVA. Examples include measurements of temperature, distance, time, and energy.

Ratio scale provides too continuous values on non-negative domain having as allowed operations inequality (" \leq "), subtraction ("-") and multiplication ("*"). It provides a structure of a one-dimensional vector space (Bolzano 1804¹²) having allowed the most comprehensive list of statistics including geometric and harmonic means, coefficient of variation, doing of logarithms (Napier 1614¹³), and examples include chemical and biological measurements such as pH and sweetness relative to sucrose.

THE CHEMICAL STRUCTURE

Molecular modelling requires and is feed with measurements. If on one hand stays the measured values, on the other hand stays the chemical structure (see Fig. 2).

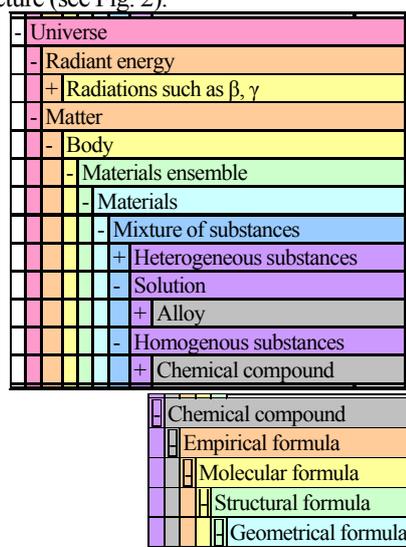


Fig. 2. To the layers of the chemical structure

If the Universe is seen as the whole observing space (see Fig. 2) then radiant energy differentiates as having a velocity comparable with light velocity (relativistic velocity) grouping radiations such as β , γ , being differentiated through properties. The other main group contains the matter seen as the whole non-relativistic observing space in which the body is seen as having the velocity much less than the velocity of light. It contains materials ensemble with possibly variable and discontinue (chemical) composition. Going deeper in the classification, on the next layer stays materials with variable and continue (chemical) composition which generally groups

mixtures of substances possessing well defined chemical composition from which homogenous substances have constant (chemical) composition, to finally arrive at chemical compound concept with well defined and unique chemical composition. From this point on we may start to discuss about the chemical structure, and an empirical formula provides the ratio between the atoms in the compound, the molecular formula provides further the number of atoms from each type in the molecule, the structural formula reveals the structural groups in the molecule and finally geometrical formula defines the relative arrangement of the atoms in the molecule. Although it is the last refinement level, sometimes (actually quite often) the geometrical formula may degenerate too being well known the geometrical isomerism (see Warder 1890¹⁴). Namely, knowing the distances between the atoms and the angles between them we still don't have enough knowledge to define a unique chemical structure, which in some cases may be problematic.

MOLECULAR MODELLING

Modelling the molecular structure is a prerequisite for structure-activity inference analysis. Building of a three-dimensional model (3D) is necessary when the calculated descriptors on the structure use the geometry of the molecule. Obtaining the 3D model can be achieved using a molecular modelling program (see Table 1 for a short list of).

Tab. 1. Molecular modelling software

Name	Provider website
Abalone	http://biomolecular-modeling.com
ADF	http://scm.com
ChemBioOffice	http://cambridgesoft.com
Gaussian	http://gaussian.com
HyperChem	http://hyper.com
Materials Studio	http://accelrys.com
Q-Chem	http://q-chem.com
Spartan	http://wavefun.com

When certain software (as given above) is used, sometimes conversions between different formats storing the chemical information are useful, as well as it helps some software for visualising (only) of the obtained models (see Table 2 for a short list of).

Tab. 2. Molecular modelling auxiliary software

Name	Intend
GLmol	Browser based visualization
Jmol	Java applet for visualization
MDL Chime	Browser plugin for visualization
Open Babel	conversions
PyMOL	Python application for visualization
RasMol	GNU GPL application for visualization
WebQC	conversions

Obtaining of the 3D model of the molecule involves a series of steps, as given below:

- ÷ Constructing of the topology, namely specification of the atoms by atom type and of the bonds by bond order;
- ÷ Building of a 3D arrangement, when typical routines possibly including molecular mechanics force fields, such as are CHARM (Brooks et al. 1983¹⁵), AMBER (Cornell et al., 1995¹⁶), MMFF94 (see Halgren 1996¹⁷), and OPLS (Jorgensen & Tirado-Rives 1998¹⁸);
- ÷ Refining of the 3D arrangement may involve semi-empirical methods, such as are AM1 (Dewar et al. 1985¹⁹), PM3 (Stewart 1989²⁰), RM1 (Rocha et al. 2006²¹) and PM6 (Stewart 2007²²).
- ÷ Further refining of the geometry with DFT (density functional theory) approaches including HF (Hartree-Fock, see Hartree 1928²³ & Fock 1930²⁴), post-HF - such as are perturbation theory (Møller & Plesset 1934²⁵), coupled cluster (Purvis & Bartlett 1982²⁶), configuration interaction (Maurice & Head-Gordon 1999²⁷), and composite methods (Ohlinger et al. 2009²⁸) and KS (Kohn-Sham, see Kohn & Sham 1965²⁹) - such as are LDA (Parr & Yang 1994³⁰), GGA (Perdew et al. 1992³¹) and PBE (Perdew et al. 1996³²);

Special precautions at building and of refining of the 3D model should be given to the structures with geometrical isomers, because during the geometrical optimization the passing from one geometrical conformation to another is quite often encountered.

One of the outcomes of the molecular modelling is the charge distribution over the atoms in the molecule, or partial charges. Different approaches are available:

- ÷ Born (see Born & Goppert-Mayer 1931³³);
- ÷ Callen (see Callen 1949³⁴);
- ÷ Szigeti (see Szigeti 1949³⁵);
- ÷ Mulliken (see Mulliken 1955³⁶ and thereafter);
- ÷ Coulson (see Coulson et al. 1962³⁷);
- ÷ Politzer (see Politzer 1968³⁸);
- ÷ Löwdin (see Löwdin 1970³⁹);
- ÷ Hirshfeld (see Hirshfeld 1977⁴⁰);
- ÷ Cioslowski (see Cioslowski 1989⁴¹);
- ÷ Bader (see Bader 1990⁴²);
- ÷ Optimization method based electrostatic potentials (see for instance Wang & Ford 1994⁴³).

Along with the partial charges, the outcome of the molecular modelling includes the (relative) coordinates of the atoms (usually given in Å), the bonds and their types (see Tab. 3).

Tab. 3. Typical information from modelling

The list of the atoms			
Label	Type	Coordinates (x, y, z)	Partial charge
The list of the bonds			
Atom Label	Atom Label	Bond type or order	

Usually the methodology for relating the structure with the experimental measurements in series of compounds uses the molecular structure in which the hydrogen atoms are neglected (deleted). Some of the reasons are given in the next:

- ÷ biological activities determined in vivo have as environment (medium) aqueous solutions in which processes of (partial) dissociation in which the hydrogen atoms pass in the form of protons in solution, leaving the place occupied in the molecular structure;
- ÷ hydrogen atoms can form a single bond; if they are deleted, excepting their geometrical position information can always be rebuilt;
- ÷ because form a single bond, the hydrogen atoms do not contribute to the complexity of molecular (not create chains and branches are just terminals for the structure);
- ÷ deleting of the hydrogen atoms reduces the amount of calculations for a certain structure; considering only an alkane of the general formula C_nH_{2n+2} , removing the hydrogen atoms reduces the complexity of the topology to $1/9$ (a topological matrix records values for each pair of atoms and the atoms are about one third less).

MOLECULAR DESCRIPTORS FAMILIES

FPIF (from Fragmental Property Index Family; Jäntschi & Diudea, 2000⁴⁴; see Tab. 4) is a matrix-based method, in which the matrices collects properties derived from structure for fragments obtained for each pair of atoms.

Tab. 4. Code of FPIF descriptors

Gene	I_M	D_M	A_p	P_D	F_C	S_M	M_I	L_O
Genome	R	T	M	p	si	S	P	I
	D	G	E	d	se	P	P2	R
			C	1/p	ji	A	E	L
			Q	1/d	je	G	E2	
				p*d	fi	H		
				p/d	fe			
				p/d2				
				p2/d2				

$$FPIF = I_M \times D_M \times A_p \times P_D \times F_C \times S_M \times M_I \times L_O$$

Ex.: **R**G**se**C**p2/d2****SE2**, **D**G**je**P**p/d2****GP**

It uses $d_M(a,b)$ - the topological distance in structure M from atom a to atom b ; $\delta_M(a,b)$ - the topological detour - i.e. longest path - in structure M from atom a to atom b ; $W_M(a,b)$ - set of walks; $P_M(a,b)$ - set of paths; $D_M(a,b)$ - set of distances - i.e. shortest paths; $\Delta_M(a,b)$ - set of detours - i.e.

longest paths; $M \setminus p$ - substructure derived from structure M when the atoms inside the path p are removed from M together with their connections. Sets (one or more) of atoms of a molecule M for every pair of atoms (a,b) are calculated for every of the following (six) set collecting criteria (called F_C - fragmentation criteria):

- ÷ $F_C = si: SzDi_{a,b} = \{c \in M \mid d_M(c,a) < d_M(c,b)\}$;
 - ÷ $F_C = se: SzDe_{a,b} = \{c \in M \mid \delta_M(c,a) < \delta_M(c,b)\}$;
 - ÷ $F_C = ji: Cj_{a,b,p}$ when $p \in D_M(a,b)$;
 - ÷ $F_C = je: Cj_{a,b,p}$ when $p \in \Delta_M(a,b)$;
 - ÷ $F_C = fi: CfDi_{a,b} = \{c \in M \mid d_{Gp}(c,a) < d_{Gp}(c,b)\}$;
 - ÷ $F_C = fe: CfDe_{a,b} = Cf_{a,b,p}$ when $p \in \Delta_M(a,b)$;
- where $Cj_{a,b,p} = \{c \in M \mid d_M(c,a) < d_M(c,b) \text{ and } \exists w \in W_M(c,a) \mid \{a\} = w \cap p\}$.

Four atomic properties (A_p an atomic property) are taken into calculation: M ($A_p = M$) - as relative atomic mass; E ($A_p = E$) as electronegativity (Sanderson scale [45]); C ($A_p = C$) as (set) cardinality; P ($A_p = P$) as partial charge (class I, [46], from Mulliken population analysis [47]). Eight property descriptor (P_D a property descriptor) expressions account atomic properties: p ($P_D = p$) - atomic property; d ($P_D = d$) - distance; $P_D = 1/p$; $P_D = 1/d$; $P_D = pd$; $P_D = p/d$; $P_D = p/d^2$; $P_D = p^2/d^2$. Five overlapping methods (S_M - superposing method) overlap atomic properties to provide the fragmental property: S ($S_M = S$) - sum; P ($S_M = P$) - multiplication; A ($S_M = A$) - arithmetic mean; G ($S_M = G$) - geometric mean; H ($S_M = H$) - harmonic mean. Two models of interaction give transform in a vector a descriptor (I_M - interaction model): R ($I_M = R$) - rare (uses the assumption that the property of all atoms are approximately located in the fragment centre of property - of which position is consequently obtained and used to express the descriptor vector); D ($I_M = D$) - dense (the effect of each atom are superposed using vector summation). Two distance metrics (D_M - metric of distance) provides the distance for expressing the descriptor values: T ($D_M = T$) - topological (from connectivity) and D ($D_M = D$) - topographical (from 3D model of the molecule obtained from different levels of theory [48]). Four square-matrix based indices (M_I - matrix index) collects overall molecular property: P_- ($M_I = P_-$) - half-sum of matrix elements; P_2 ($M_I = P_2$) - half-sum of squared matrix elements; E_- ($M_I = E_-$) - half-sum of Hadamard product of matrix with adjacency matrix; E_2 ($M_I = E_2$) - half-sum of squared Hadamard product of matrix with adjacency matrix. Finally, a molecular descriptor is obtained via a linearization operator (L_O - linearization operator) meant to transform nonlinearities to linearity at relationships: I ($L_O = I$) - identity

function; R ($L_O = R$) - reciprocal function ($f(x)=1/x$); L ($L_O = L$) - logarithm function ($f(x)=\ln(x)$). Thus, FPIF family of molecular descriptors puts together a total number of individuals equal with the number of all multiplications described above ($2 \cdot 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 8 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 46080$) - see Tab. 4.

MDF (from Molecular Descriptors Family; Jäntschi 2004⁴⁹; Jäntschi 2005⁵⁰; see Tab. 5) is a method based on molecular fragments obtained for pairs of atoms.

Tab. 5. Code of MDF descriptors

Gene	D_M	A_p	I_D	I_M	F_C	S_M	L_O						
Genome	t	C	D	Q	L	F	r	m	m	A	G	H	I
	g	H	d	q	l	f	R	M	M	a	g	h	i
		M	O	J	V	S	m	D	n	B	F	I	A
		E	o	j	E	s	M	P	N	b	f	i	a
		G	P	K	W	T	d		S	P	s		L
	Q	p	k	w	t	D							l

$$MDF = D_M \times A_p \times P_D \times I_M \times F_C \times S_F \times L_O$$

Ex: lsPRLGg, lhDDDCt

Similarly with FPIF, MDF it uses two distance operators (D_O): topological (t) and geometrical (g), six atomic properties (A_p): cardinality (C), number of directly connected hydrogen atoms (H), relative atomic mass (M), electronegativity (E - Sanderson scale, group electronegativity (G - Diudea & Silaghi 1989⁵¹), partial atomic charge (Q - Mulliken, and twenty-four interaction descriptors (I_D) as follows: $D(d)$, $d(1/d)$, $O(p_1)$, $o(1/p_1)$, $P(p_1p_2)$, $p(1/p_1p_2)$, $Q(\sqrt{p_1p_2})$, $q(1/\sqrt{p_1p_2})$, $J(p_1d)$, $j(1/p_1d)$, $K(p_1p_2d)$, $k(1/p_1p_2d)$, $L(d\sqrt{p_1p_2})$, $l(1/d\sqrt{p_1p_2})$, $V(p_1/d)$, $E(p_1/d^2)$, $W(p_1^2/d)$, $w(p_1p_2/d)$, $F(p_1^2/d^2)$, $f(p_1p_2/d^2)$, $S(p_1^2/d^3)$, $s(p_1p_2/d^3)$, $T(p_1^2/d^4)$, $t(p_1p_2/d^4)$. Interaction were modelled (I_M) using six functions: R and r - being rare, M and m - being medium, and D and d being dense - the upper letter encoded one having as reference the first atom of the fragment (a in the notation given at defining of FPIF) and lower letter nominating the reference on the probe atom (b in the notation given at defining of FPIF). Fragmentation is driven by one fragmentation criterion (F_C): m ($F_C = m$) - defines smallest fragment containing atom a ; M ($F_C = M$) - defines largest fragment not containing atom b ; D ($F_C = D$) - defines so called Szeged fragments (closer to atom a than to atom b), P ($F_C = P$) - Cluj path based fragments (see FPIF definition for the definition of Cluj path based fragments - $CF_{a,b,p}$, $p \in D_M(a,b)$), nineteen overlapping strategies for fragments interaction (S_F - superposing formula): m ($S_F = m$) - smallest value; M ($S_F = M$) - biggest value; n ($S_F = n$) - smallest absolute value; N ($S_F = n$) - biggest absolute value; S ($S_F = S$) - sum of; A ($S_F = A$) - S divided to number of fragments possessing real value of descriptor; a ($S_F = a$) - S divided to total number of fragments; B ($S_F = B$) - S divided to number of atoms; b ($S_F = b$) - S divided to number

of bonds; P ($S_F = P$) - product of; G geometric mean rooted P as S is divided for A ($S_F = A$); g ($S_F = g$) - rooted P as S divided for a ($S_F = a$); F ($S_F = F$) - rooted P as S divided for B ($S_F = B$); f ($S_F = f$) - rooted P as S divided for b ($S_F = b$); s ($S_F = s$) - harmonic sum; H ($S_F = H$), h ($S_F = h$), I ($S_F = I$), i ($S_F = i$) harmonic means following same procedure from s as G ($S_F = G$), g ($S_F = g$), F ($S_F = F$), f ($S_F = f$) were derived as geometric means from P and same procedure as for A ($S_F = A$), a ($S_F = a$), B ($S_F = B$), b ($S_F = b$) derived as arithmetic means from S. Six linearization operators (L_O) being: I ($L_O = I$) - identity($f(x)=x$); i ($L_O = i$) - inverse ($f(x)=1/x$), A ($L_O = A$) - absolute of ($f(x)=|x|$), a ($L_O = a$) inverse of absolute of ($f(x)=1/|x|$), L ($L_O = L$) - logarithm of ($f(x)=\ln(x)$) and l ($L_O = l$) - logarithm of absolute of ($f(x)=\ln(|x|)$). Thus, MDF puts together a total number of individuals equal with the number of all multiplications ($2 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 24 \cdot 4 \cdot 19 \cdot 6 = 787968$) - see Tab. 5.

MDFV (from Molecular Descriptors Family - Vertex; Bolboacă & Jäntschi 2009⁵²; see Tab. 6) uses atoms in place of pairs of atoms (as FPIF and MDF uses). It implements two distance metrics (D_O): t (topological) and g (geometrical), seven atomic properties (A_P): C (cardinality), H (hydrogen's), M (mass), E (electronegativity, Sanderson scale), Q (partial charge, Mulliken population analysis), L (melting point under normal temperature and pressure conditions), A (electronic affinity), fifty-eight interaction descriptors (I_D , see Tab. 6).

Tab. 6. Code of MDFV descriptors

Gene	D_O	A_P	I_D										S_F	S_M	I_T	E_U	L_O
Genome	T	C	J	R	N	Z	V	I	D	A	A	f	D	I			
	G	H	j	r	n	z	v	i	d	a	a	F	d	R			
		M	O	K	W	S	F	A	0	I	I	c		L			
		E	o	k	w	s	f	a	1	i	i	C					
		Q	P	L	X	T	G	B	2	F	F	p					
		L	p	l	x	t	g	b	3	P	P	P					
		A	Q	M	Y	U	H	C	4	C	C	a					
			q	m	y	u	h	c	5			A					
									6			i					
									7			I					

$$MDFV = D_O \times A_P \times I_D \times S_F \times S_M \times I_T \times E_U \times L_O$$

Ex.: TEuIFFDL and GLbIaCDR

Atoms (or vertices in graph theory naming) are cut and fragments (connected atoms) are collected. It is calculated first the fragmental property using one out of ten strategies (I_T - interaction type):

- ÷ $I_T = f$ - fragment's field - superposes (adds) axial projections of I_D for all pairs of atoms (b,c) from fragment ((b,c) \in Fr(a)) taken once - giving interactions in the fragment independent of atom cut);
- ÷ $I_T = F$ - field of the fragment in the cut -

superposes (adds) axial projections of I_D for all pairs of atoms (a,b) with one atom in the fragment ($b \in$ Fr(a)) - giving interaction of the fragment in the cut;

- ÷ $I_T = c$ - fragment's descriptor centre - computes coordinates of the centre of the descriptor using once every pair of atoms of the fragment (b,c) \in Fr(a);
- ÷ $I_T = C$ - fragmentation descriptor centre - computes coordinates of the centre of the descriptor using all pairs of atoms (a,b) with one atom in the fragment ($b \in$ Fr(a)) - giving the weight of the fragment in the cut;
- ÷ $I_T = p$ - fragment's potential - uses all pairs (b,c) \in Fr(a) to obtain the average direction (average of the directions) of the field; uses all pairs (b,c) \in Fr(a) to obtain the cumulated value (sums of the effects); gives the intrinsic potential of the fragment;
- ÷ $I_T = P$ - potential of the fragment relative to the cut - uses all pairs of atoms (a,b) with one atom in the fragment ($b \in$ Fr(a)) for giving the extrinsic potential of the fragment at the cut;
- ÷ $I_T = a$ - select highest descriptor present in the fragment (from all pairs (b,c) \in Fr(a) of atoms present in the fragment); give strongest interaction in the fragment;
- ÷ $I_T = A$ - select highest descriptor of the fragment with the cut (from all pairs (a,b) with $b \in$ Fr(a)); give strongest interaction in the cut;
- ÷ $I_T = m$ - select lowest descriptor present in the fragment (from all pairs (b,c) \in Fr(a) of atoms present in the fragment); give weakest interaction in the fragment;
- ÷ $I_T = M$ - select highest descriptor of the fragment with the cut (from all pairs (a,b) with $b \in$ Fr(a)); give weakest interaction in the cut.

In general, for a vertex cut more than one fragment may occur. Thus, this fact are accounted using superposing of the descriptors interaction at fragments (between fragments of same cut) level by the superposing at fragment (S_F) formula. When operates in the Minkowski space (using absolute values) two superposing derives: a ($S_F = a$) - standing for $\max(|x|+|y|+|z|)$ and i ($S_F = i$) - standing for $\min(|x|+|y|+|z|)$. When operates in the Euclidian space (using square values and after squared root of) other two superposing derives: A ($S_F = A$) - standing for $\max(\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2})$ and I ($S_F = I$) - standing for $\min(\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2})$. When the effects of two or more fragments are superposed, we can superpose it as vectors, and then S_F takes value of F ($S_F = F$), we can superpose only their directions (and add their values), and then S_F takes the value of P ($S_F = P$) or weighting their effect, and then S_F takes the

value of C ($S_F = C$). Finally, superposing is conducted at molecular level from all cuts using same procedure described above at superposing at fragments of a cut. Thus, S_M superposes as minimum absolute (when $S_M = i$), as maximum absolute (when $S_M = a$), as minimum in Euclidean space (when $S_M = I$), as maximum in Euclidean space (when $S_M = A$), weighting effects (when $S_M = C$), superposing directions (when $S_M = P$) or vectorial superposing (when $S_M = F$). All values of the descriptors at molecular level obtained using the procedure described above possess two things: a value and a reference (a coordinate of its position). Thus, we can express as molecular descriptor the value of it (and then $E_U = D$) or a reference of it (a distance, and then $E_U = d$) where E_U is the expressing unit). A linearization operator (L_O) serves for linear regression designing of the analysis with MDFV family of descriptors and it takes three values: I (standing for identity with), R (standing for reciprocal or inverse of) and L (standing for logarithm of). Thus, MDFV family of molecular descriptors puts together a total number of individuals equal with the number of all multiplications described above ($2 \cdot 7 \cdot 58 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 10 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = 2387280$) - see Tab. 6.

Transforming of MDF to a more complex and large family (as MDFV is) does not provided expected significant improvement of QSAR (quantitative structure-activity relationships) models (with MDFV) as were obtained (with MDF), another approach were developed: SAPF (see Tab. 7).

Tab. 7. Code of SAPF descriptors

Gene	C _F	D _O	A _P	D _P	P _P	O _M	M _P	L _O
Genome	D	T	C	I	I	S	I	I
	P	G	H	E	E	M	E	A
	C		M	H	H		H	S
			E	G	G		G	T
			A	A	A		A	Q
				Q	Q		Q	R
				S	S		S	L

$$SAPF = L_O \times G_M \times O_M \times P_P \times D_P \times A_P \times M_P \times C_F$$

Ex.: SISHQEGC and TESHIMGP

SAPF (from Structural Atomic Property Family; Sestrăș et al., 2012⁵³; see Tab. 8; calculation details given in Jäntschi 2012⁵⁴) cumulates atomic properties at molecular level. It locates the molecular centre using one (out of three methods, C_F) for this task involving a metric (out of two, M_D) for the distance, a atomic property (out of eight defined till date, A_P), a rising power for the distance (D_P, seven cases), a rising power for the property (P_P, same seven cases). At molecular level one of two sorts of operators (O_M, mean type or sum type) build the molecular property as generalized mean or sum (see O_M) of descriptor's values rising it at a power (G_M, again one out of same seven cases) and the

result are subject to linearization (L_O, one out of seven cases). Thus, SAPF family of molecular descriptors puts together a total number of individuals equal with the number of all multiplications described above ($7 \cdot 7 \cdot 2 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 9(5) \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = 259308$ - with 9 atomic properties; 144060 with 5 atomic properties, see Tab. 8).

SMPI (Szegeed Matrix Property Indices; Bolboacă & Jäntschi 2016⁵⁵ see Tab. 9) it have a online interface free to be used (Jäntschi 2014⁵⁶).

Tab. 8. Code of SMPI descriptors

Gene	A _P	D _M	I _D	M _O	L _O
Genome	A	T	E	m	I
	B	G	U	M	R
	C	U	D	I	L
	D		P	J	
	E			E	
	F			F	
	G				

$$SMPI = L_O \times M_O \times I_D \times D_M \times A_P$$

Ex.: ImETA (first), LFPUG (last)

For SMPI distance matrix are calculated, and then for each pair of (distinct) atoms the atoms closer to the first than to the second atom of the pair are collected into (these are fragments; are exactly one fragment associated to a pair of atoms by this way) a matrix (similarly to the unsymmetrical Szegeed matrix on paths, but containing sets of atoms in place of their number; for [USzp] matrix definition see Diudea et al. 2001⁵⁷). To each fragment it is assigned an atomic property $A_P=A$: Atomic mass (a.u.), as sum of; $A_P=B$: Atomic number (Z), as harmonic sum of; $A_P=C$: Cardinality (=1), as sum of; $A_P=D$: Solid state density (kg/m^3), as harmonic mean of; $A_P=E$: Electronegativity (revised Pauling; for Pauling see Pauling 1932⁵⁸; for revised see Allred 1961⁵⁹), as geometrical mean of; $A_P=F$: First ionization energy (kJ/mol), as average of; $A_P=G$: Melting point temperature (K), as Euler (PM(p), p=2) mean of. A distance matrix is calculated using three alternatives - $D_M=T$: Topological distance (bonds); $D_M=G$: Geometrical distance (Å); $D_M=U$: Weighted topological distance (as reversed bond order). An interaction descriptor produces the interaction effects matrix operating on the properties and on the distances matrices - $I_D=E$: $E_{ij}=P_{ij} \cdot D_{ij}$; $I_D=U$: $U_{ij}=P_{ij}/D_{ij}$; $I_D=D$: $D_{ij}=1 \cdot D_{ij}$; $I_D=P$: $P_{ij}=P_{ij} \cdot 1$. On the resulted interaction effects matrix a molecular level operator calculates a value - $M_O=m$: min; $M_O=M$: max; $M_O=I$: half-sum(M_{ij}); $M_O=J$: half-sum($M_{ij} \cdot M_{ij}$); $M_O=E$: half-sum($M_{ij} \cdot A_{d_{ij}}$); $M_O=F$: half-sum($M_{ij} \cdot M_{ij} \cdot A_{d_{ij}}$). Finally the calculated value is subject to a linearization - $L_O=I$: $I(x)=x$; $L_O=R$: $R(x)=1/x$; $L_O=L$: $L(x)=\text{Ln}(x)$. A total number of 1512 ($7 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 3$) descriptors reflects the molecular structure of a molecule from (slightly) different (from one to

another) perspectives.

An improvement were made to SMPI, by extending the principle applied for Szedged fragments (assigned letter: S) to other two matrices collecting fragments from molecule for pairs of atoms, namely to maximal fragments (assigned letter: M) - the largest set containing the first atom of the pair along with all it's connected atoms after removal of the second atom of the pair from molecule and to complements of the maximal fragments (assigned letter: N) - the set containing the second atom of the pair along with the rest of the atoms lost from the molecule when maximal fragments were extracted. Therefore, the gene sequence of FMPI is increased from SMPI with one gene (see Tab. 9) and the number of descriptors is multiplied with 3 (arriving at 4536).

Tab. 8. Code of FMPI descriptors

Gene	F _C	A _P	D _M	I _D	M _O	L _O
Genome	S	A	T	E	m	I
	M	B	G	U	M	R
	N	C	U	D	I	L
		D		P	J	
		E			E	
		F			F	
		G				

FMPI = L_O × M_O × I_D × D_M × A_P × F_C
 Ex.: ImETAS (first), LFPUGN (last)

SOFTWARE & DATA ANALYSIS

FPIF software to generate the family was build as a stand-alone executable (working on Win16 platform) being implemented the calculations by using Pascal programming language. Excepting SAPF, which also were implemented in Pascal (FreePascal version of it) the rest of the families were implemented using PHP language.

If initially were designed to work with a database (a MySQL one) and to save the descriptors as well as the later conducted regression analysis on a database, recently the software applications were revised to produce text-based human readable files. Based on this revised version following working plan is to be used for an analysis conducted with families of molecular descriptors described above.

Stage 0. Preliminary requirements

This stage is to be applied after a procedure which assumes that the geometry of the molecules is obtained and is saved in '*.hin' - HyperChem format and the partial charges are calculated.

Much convenient is to optimize the structures with software which have possibility to parallelize the calculation, such as is Spartan. If it is the case, then conversions from Spartan ('input' and 'output' files) to HyperChem are required. Program spartan_hin_convert_qsar.php was designed to do this, and it requires '*.spinput' files to be placed in a directory, '*.txt' Spartan output files to be placed

in other one, as well as it requires that the Spartan calculations to be conducted with 'verbose log' in order to contain the partial charges too. Then, in a new directory the HyperChem files are generated.

Stage 1. Generation of the descriptors

A folder containing the structure files is the input data for all programs providing the descriptors in a single file, as in the following example:

mdf2004_a_generate.php → mdf2004.txt

It applies also for mdf2015_a_generate.php, mdfv2008_a_generate.php, saf2011.exe, smpi2014.php, and fmpi2015.php.

The output files contain matrix-based data, with molecules in columns and descriptors in lines. The values are expressed with 4 significant digits as numbers in general form (in which are expressed with smallest number of characters).

Stage 2. Filtering of the descriptors

This step is intended (in the revised version) only to remove the duplicates - it is possible for simple molecules to have two different descriptors with exactly the same series of values for all molecules in the dataset.

Also it is possible that at given precision that the values to be different only in a order of magnitude; thus, the values of the descriptors should (and are) expressed relatively to the order of magnitude of the highest (absolute value).

The v2_mdf_x_compactize.php program compact the outputs of 'mdf*' families and v2_others_compactize.php do the same for the rest, when the output files are created as following: mdf2004.txt → mdf2004_r.asc

The l_sort_all.php program is feed with '*_r.asc' files to produce sorted and distinct series of values (for the descriptors & for the molecules) as '*_t.asc' files as following:

mdf2004_r.asc → mdf2004_t.asc

Stage 3. Building of structure - property files

The properties and/or activities are collected in 'properties.asc' file, keeping the association with the structure (from '*.hin' files) with the first line having the names of the files containing the structures of the molecules for which the property (or properties) have that value(s). The first column contains the name of the property/activity.

The generate_property_files_v2.php program generates files for each property:

family_name+"_"+property_name+".txt"

Stage 4. Regression analysis

From this point on any software may be feed with the data to conduct the regression analysis.

A program (r1v_all.exe) was designed to provide ("r1_"+input_filename) simple linear regressions and other (r2f_all_v2.exe) to account for additive and multiplicative effects with two descriptors.

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