MIXTURES INCHI OVERVIEW

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Since Last Meeting

- Paper published in Journal of Cheminformatics
 - ▶ 11, article 33 (May 2019)
- iCorps program completed
 - customer research
- Phase 2 grant (NIH/SBIR) reviewed...
 - ... fingers crossed



Previous Work Summary

- Mixtures didn't have any effective standard data format, and urgently needed one
- Defined a simple Mixfile format, analogous to Molfile (which it encapsulates)
- Open source tool for editing/manipulating, and textextracted data
- Designed to feed the Mixtures InChI (MInChI)
- Proof of concept MInChI assembly algorithm



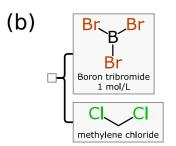
(a)

 $\frac{MlnChl=0.00.1S}{C7H8N4O2/c1-10-3-8-5-4(10)6(12)11(2)7(13)9-5/h3H,1-2H3,(H,9,13)/n1/g99pp0}$

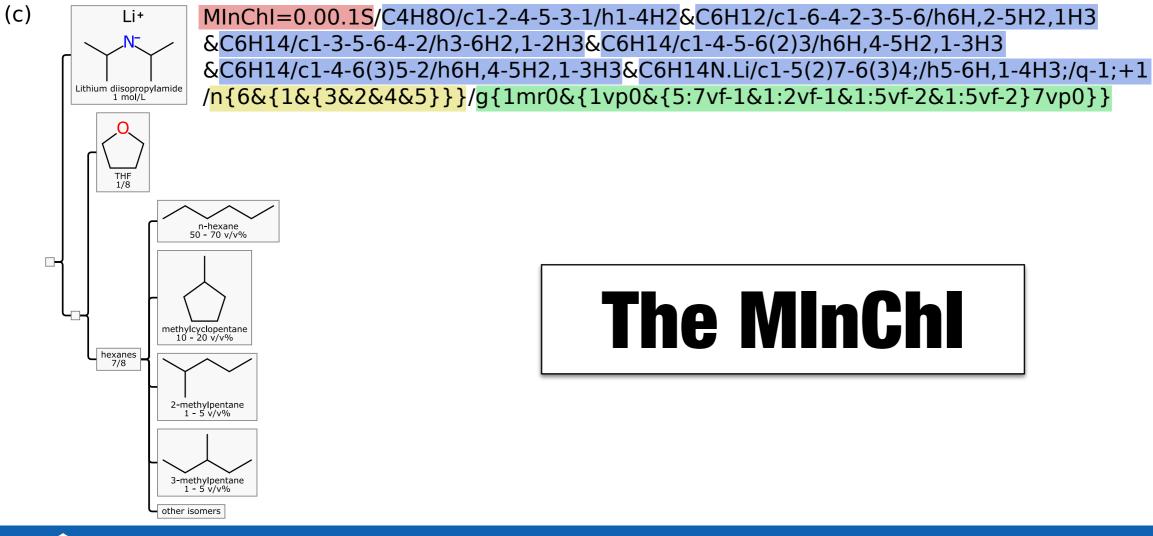
header

structure identifier

indexing concentration



 $MInChI = 0.00.1S/BBr3/c2-1(3)4\&CH2Cl2/c2-1-3/h1H2/n{1&2}/g{1mr0&}$



The MinChi



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- 3 colleagues at Collaborative Drug Discovery signed on to do 100 interviews with potential customers
- Learned a lot. Some highlights...
- Bliss: most small drug discovery groups don't think it's an informatics problem, unless it's pointed out
 - generally enthusiastic conditional on tooling
 - ▶ 1% refused to concede pen & paper



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- ◆ Vendors: best way is to capture mixtures on the way in, purchase → ELN; for ad hoc notebooks, MInChI as a footnote?
- Value: besides features like searching & inventory, machine readable mixtures will be noticed during acquisition or filing (e.g. FDA)
- Properties: not everyone cares what's in a mixture, but they often care about it's properties, like...
 - PH, density, boiling, melting, vapour pressure, solubility, stability, handling/safety, ...



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- Labelling: lack of standard format often means that samples are labelled badly or not at all; everyone has a story...
- Tracking: in all industries, often nobody really knows what a substance actually is - used as an excuse for lax quality control
- Biomedical: formulations, screening samples, natural products (real world samples & synthetic mixing) all tend to be underdefined

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- Software: informaticians (like us) want a common interchange format
- Identifier: obtaining a CASRN for every mixture permutation is inconvenient; could use MInChl instead of a numeric database sequence
- Markup: suggestions that someone should grab content from important vendors and mark it all up, without asking permission



Next Phase for CDD

- Assuming that omens check out...
- 1. Extend *Mixfile* to handle more molecule types (inorganics, ceramics, polymers, variations...)
 - in sync with downstream MInChI
- 2. Major enhancements for text-to-mixture: both public and private collections... much content
- 3. Integration into ELN software



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