- A comparison of nine machine learning models based on an
- expanded mutagenicity dataset and their application for
- predicting pyrrolizidine alkaloid mutagenicity
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Random forest, support vector machine, logistic regression, neural networks and k-nearest neighbor (lazar) algorithms, were applied to new 11 Salmonella mutagenicity dataset with 8309 unique chemical structures. The 12 best prediction accuracies in 10-fold-crossvalidation were obtained with 13 lazar models and Mol, that gave accuracies similar to the interlaboratory variability of the Ames test. 15

TODO: PA results

Introduction

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- **TODO**: rationale for investigation
- The main objectives of this study were

- to generate a new mutagenicity training dataset, by combining the most comprehensive public datasets
- to compare the performance of MolPrint2D (MP2D) fingerprints with PaDEL descriptors
- to compare the performance of global QSAR models (random forests (RF), support vector machines (SVM), logistic regression (LR), neural nets (NN)) with local models (lazar)
- to apply these models for the prediction of pyrrolizidine alkaloid mutagenicity

28 Materials and Methods

29 Data

30 Mutagenicity training data

- An identical training dataset was used for all models. The training dataset was compiled from the following sources:
- Kazius/Bursi Dataset (4337 compounds, Kazius, McGuire, and Bursi (2005)): http://cheminformatics.org/datasets/bursi/cas_4337.zip
- Hansen Dataset (6513 compounds, Hansen et al. (2009)): http://doc.ml.tu-berlin.
 de/toxbenchmark/Mutagenicity N6512.csv
- EFSA Dataset (695 compounds EFSA (2016)): https://data.europa.eu/euodp/data/storage/f/2017-0719T142131/GENOTOX%20data%20and%20dictionary.xls
- 39 Mutagenicity classifications from Kazius and Hansen datasets were used without further
- 40 processing. To achieve consistency with these datasets, EFSA compounds were classified
- 41 as mutagenic, if at least one positive result was found for TA98 or T100 Salmonella
- 42 strains.

- 43 Dataset merges were based on unique SMILES (Simplified Molecular Input Line Entry
- 44 Specification) strings of the compound structures. Duplicated experimental data with
- 45 the same outcome was merged into a single value, because it is likely that it originated
- 46 from the same experiment. Contradictory results were kept as multiple measurements
- in the database. The combined training dataset contains 8309 unique structures.
- 48 Source code for all data download, extraction and merge operations is pub-
- 49 licly available from the git repository https://git.in-silico.ch/mutagenicity-paper
- 50 under a GPL3 License. The new combined dataset can be found at https:
- ⁵¹ //git.in-silico.ch/mutagenicity-paper/data/mutagenicity.csv.

52 Pyrrolizidine alkaloid (PA) dataset

- The testing dataset consisted of 602 different PAs.
- 54 TODO: Verena Kannst Du kurz die Quellen und Auswahlkriterien zusammenfassen?
- 55 The compilation of the PA dataset is described in detail in Schöning et al. (2017).

56 Descriptors

57 MolPrint2D (MP2D) fingerprints

- MolPrint2D fingerprints (O'Boyle et al. (2011)) use atom environments as molecular
- 59 representation. They determine for each atom in a molecule, the atom types of its
- 60 connected atoms to represent their chemical environment. This resembles basically the
- 61 chemical concept of functional groups.
- 62 In contrast to predefined lists of fragments (e.g. FP3, FP4 or MACCs fingerprints) or
- descriptors (e.g PaDEL) they are generated dynamically from chemical structures. This
- 64 has the advantage that they can capture substructures of toxicological relevance that
- are not included in other descriptors.

- 66 Chemical similarities (e.g. Tanimoto indices) can be calculated very efficiently with Mol-
- 67 Print2D fingerprints. Using them as descriptors for global models leads however to huge,
- 68 sparsely populated matrices that cannot be handled with traditional machine learning
- 69 algorithms. In our experiments none of the R and Tensorflow algorithms was capable to
- 70 use them as descriptors.
- 71 MolPrint2D fingerprints were calculated with the OpenBabel cheminformatics library
- 72 (O'Boyle et al. (2011)).

73 PaDEL descriptors

- Molecular 1D and 2D descriptors were calculated with the PaDEL-Descriptors program
- 75 (http://www.yapcwsoft.com version 2.21, Yap (2011)).
- ⁷⁶ As the training dataset contained over 8309 instances, it was decided to delete instances
- vith missing values during data pre-processing. Furthermore, substances with equivocal
- outcome were removed. The final training dataset contained 8080 instances with known
- 79 mutagenic potential.
- 80 During feature selection, descriptors with near zero variance were removed using 'NearZe-
- 81 ro Var'-function (package 'caret'). If the percentage of the most common value was more
- than 90% or when the frequency ratio of the most common value to the second most
- common value was greater than 95:5 (e.g. 95 instances of the most common value and
- only 5 or less instances of the second most common value), a descriptor was classified
- as having a near zero variance. After that, highly correlated descriptors were removed
- using the 'findCorrelation'-function (package 'caret') with a cut-off of 0.9. This resulted
- in a training dataset with 516 descriptors. These descriptors were scaled to be in the
- ** range between 0 and 1 using the 'preProcess'-function (package 'caret'). The scaling
- 89 routine was saved in order to apply the same scaling on the testing dataset. As these
- three steps did not consider the dependent variable (experimental mutagenicity), it was

- 91 decided that they do not need to be included in the cross-validation of the model. To
- 92 further reduce the number of features, a LASSO (least absolute shrinkage and selection
- operator) regression was performed using the 'glmnet'-function (package 'glmnet'). The
- reduced dataset was used for the generation of the pre-trained models.
- PaDEL descriptors were used in global (RF, SVM, LR, NN) and local (lazar) models.

96 Algorithms

97 lazar

- 98 lazar (lazy structure activity relationships) is a modular framework for read-across model
- 99 development and validation. It follows the following basic workflow: For a given chemical
- 100 structure lazar:
- searches in a database for similar structures (neighbours) with experimental data,
- builds a local QSAR model with these neighbours and
- uses this model to predict the unknown activity of the query compound.
- This procedure resembles an automated version of read across predictions in toxicology,
- in machine learning terms it would be classified as a k-nearest-neighbour algorithm.
- 106 Apart from this basic workflow, lazar is completely modular and allows the researcher to
- use arbitrary algorithms for similarity searches and local QSAR (Quantitative structure-
- activity relationship) modelling. Algorithms used within this study are described in the
- 109 following sections.

110 Neighbour identification

- 111 Utilizing this modularity, similarity calculations were based both on MolPrint2D finger-
- prints and on PaDEL descriptors.

For MolPrint2D fingerprints chemical similarity between two compounds a and b is expressed as the proportion between atom environments common in both structures $A \cap B$ and the total number of atom environments $A \cup B$ (Jaccard/Tanimoto index).

$$sim = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|}$$

For PaDEL descriptors chemical similarity between two compounds a and b is expressed as the cosine similarity between the descriptor vectors A for a and B for b.

$$sim = \frac{A \cdot B}{|A||B|}$$

Threshold selection is a trade-off between prediction accuracy (high threshold) and the number of predictable compounds (low threshold). As it is in many practical cases desirable to make predictions even in the absence of closely related neighbours, we follow a tiered approach:

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- First a similarity threshold of 0.5 is used to collect neighbours, to create a local QSAR model and to make a prediction for the query compound. This are predictions with high confidence.
- If any of these steps fails, the procedure is repeated with a similarity threshold of 0.2 and the prediction is flagged with a warning that it might be out of the applicability domain of the training data (low confidence).
- Similarity thresholds of 0.5 and 0.2 are the default values chosen by the software developers and remained unchanged during the course of these experiments.
- Compounds with the same structure as the query structure are automatically eliminated from neighbours to obtain unbiased predictions in the presence of duplicates.

132 Local QSAR models and predictions

Only similar compounds (neighbours) above the threshold are used for local QSAR models. In this investigation, we are using a weighted majority vote from the neighbour's experimental data for mutagenicity classifications. Probabilities for both classes (mutagenic/non-mutagenic) are calculated according to the following formula and the class with the higher probability is used as prediction outcome.

$$p_c = \frac{\sum \sin_{n,c}}{\sum \sin_n}$$

 p_c Probability of class c (e.g. mutagenic or non-mutagenic)

 $\sum \sin_{n,c}$ Sum of similarities of neighbours with class c

 $\sum \sin_n \text{ Sum of all neighbours}$

141 Applicability domain

The applicability domain (AD) of lazar models is determined by the structural diversity of the training data. If no similar compounds are found in the training data no predictions will be generated. Warnings are issued if the similarity threshold had to be lowered from 0.5 to 0.2 in order to enable predictions. Predictions without warnings can be considered as close to the applicability domain (high confidence) and predictions with warnings as more distant from the applicability domain (low confidence). Quantitative applicability domain information can be obtained from the similarities of individual neighbours.

50 Availability

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• lazar experiments for this manuscript: https://git.in-silico.ch/mutagenicity-paper (source code, GPL3)

- lazar framework: https://git.in-silico.ch/lazar (source code, GPL3)
- lazar GUI: https://git.in-silico.ch/lazar-gui (source code, GPL3)
- Public web interface: https://lazar.in-silico.ch

156 R Random Forest, Support Vector Machines, and Deep Learning

157 The RF, SVM, and DL models were generated using the R software (R-project for

Statistical Computing, https://www.r-project.org/; version 3.3.1), specific R packages

used are identified for each step in the description below.

160 Random Forest (RF)

For the RF model, the 'randomForest'-function (package 'randomForest') was used. A

162 forest with 1000 trees with maximal terminal nodes of 200 was grown for the prediction.

163 Support Vector Machines (SVM)

The 'svm'-function (package 'e1071') with a radial basis function kernel was used for the

165 SVM model.

166 TODO: Verena, Phillip Sollen wir die DL Modelle ebenso wie die Tensorflow als

Neural Nets (NN) bezeichnen?

168 Deep Learning

The DL model was generated using the 'h2o.deeplearning'-function (package 'h2o'). The

DL contained four hidden layer with 70, 50, 50, and 10 neurons, respectively. Other

hyperparameter were set as follows: l1=1.0E-7, l2=1.0E-11, epsilon = 1.0E-10, rho =

172 0.8, and quantile_alpha = 0.5. For all other hyperparameter, the default values were

- used. Weights and biases were in a first step determined with an unsupervised DL model.
- 174 These values were then used for the actual, supervised DL model.
- To validate these models, an internal cross-validation approach was chosen. The training
- dataset was randomly split in training data, which contained 95% of the data, and
- validation data, which contain 5% of the data. A feature selection with LASSO on the
- training data was performed, reducing the number of descriptors to approximately 100.
- 179 This step was repeated five times. Based on each of the five different training data,
- the predictive models were trained and the performance tested with the validation data.
- 181 This step was repeated 10 times.
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- 183 1 anpassen

184 Applicability domain

- 185 TODO: Verena: Mit welchen Deskriptoren hast Du den Jaccard index berechnet?
- Fuer den Jaccard index braucht man binaere Deskriptoren (zB MP2D), mit PaDEL
- Deskriptoren koennte man zB eine euklidische oder cosinus Distanz berechnen.
- 188 The AD of the training dataset and the PA dataset was evaluated using the Jaccard
- distance. A Jaccard distance of '0' indicates that the substances are similar, whereas a
- value of '1' shows that the substances are different. The Jaccard distance was below 0.2
- 191 for all PAs relative to the training dataset. Therefore, PA dataset is within the AD of
- 192 the training dataset and the models can be used to predict the genotoxic potential of
- 193 the PA dataset.

194 Availability

- R scripts for these experiments can be found in https://git.in-silico.ch/mutagenicity-
- 196 paper/scripts/R.

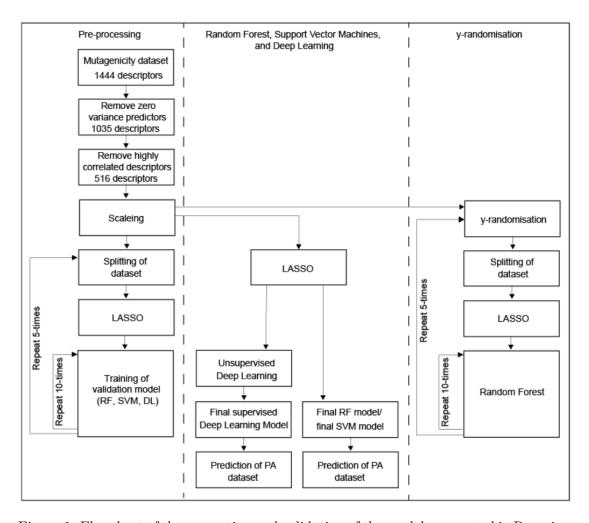


Figure 1: Flowchart of the generation and validation of the models generated in R-project

197 Tensorflow models

- Data pre-processing was done by rank transformation using the 'Quantile Transformer' 198 procedure. A sequential model has been used. Four layers have been used: input layer, 199 two hidden layers (with 12, 8 and 8 nodes, respectively) and one output layer. For the 200 output layer, a sigmoidal activation function and for all other layers the ReLU ('Rectified 201 Linear Unit') activation function was used. Additionally, a L²-penalty of 0.001 was used 202 for the input layer. For training of the model, the ADAM algorithm was used to minimise 203 the cross-entropy loss using the default parameters of Keras. Training was performed 204 for 100 epochs with a batch size of 64. The model was implemented with Python 3.6 205 and Keras. 206
- TODO: Philipp Ich hab die alten Ergebnisse mit feature selection weggelassen, ist das ok? Dann muesste auch dieser Absatz gestrichen werden, oder?
- 209 TODO: Philipp Kannst Du bitte die folgenden Absaetze ergaenzen
- 210 Random forests (RF)
- 211 Logistic regression (SGD) (LR-sgd)
- 212 Logistic regression (scikit) (LR-scikit)
- TODO: Philipp, Verena DL oder NN?
- 214 Neural Nets (NN)
- 215 Alternatively, a DL model was established with Python-based Tensorflow program (https:
- 216 //www.tensorflow.org/) using the high-level API Keras (https://www.tensorflow.org/
- 217 guide/keras) to build the models.

Tensorflow models used the same PaDEL descriptors as the R models.

219 Validation

220 10-fold cross-validation was used for all Tensorflow models.

221 Availability

- Jupyter notebooks for these experiments can be found in https://git.in-silico.ch/mutagenicity-
- 223 paper/scripts/tensorflow.

224 Results

225 10-fold crossvalidations

- 226 Crossvalidation results are summarized in the following tables: Table 1 shows lazar re-
- 227 sults with MolPrint2D and PaDEL descriptors, Table 2 R results and Table 3 Tensorflow
- 228 results.

Table 1: Summary of lazar crossvalidation results (all/high confidence predictions)

	MP2D	PaDEL
Accuracy	0.82/0.84	0.58/0.58
True positive rate/Sensitivity	0.85/0.89	0.32/0.32
True negative rate/Specificity	0.78/0.79	0.79/0.79
Positive predictive value/Precision	0.8/0.83	0.56/0.56
Negative predictive value	0.84/0.85	0.59/0.59
Nr. predictions	7781/5890	4089/4081

Table 2: Summary of R crossvalidation results

	RF	SVM	DL
Accuracy	0.64	0.61	0.56
True positive rate/Sensitivity	0.56	0.56	0.88
True negative rate/Specificity	0.71	0.67	0.24
Positive predictive value/Precision	0.66	0.62	0.53
Negative predictive value	0.62	0.61	0.67
Nr. predictions	8070	8070	8070

Table 3: Summary of tensorflow crossvalidation results

	RF	LR-sgd	LR-scikit	NN
Accuracy	0.64	0.62	0.63	0.63
True positive rate/Sensitivity	0.59	0.6	0.62	0.61
True negative rate/Specificity	0.7	0.65	0.63	0.64
Positive predictive value/Precision	0.66	0.63	0.62	0.63
Negative predictive value	0.63	0.62	0.63	0.63
Nr. predictions	8080	8080	8080	8080

²²⁹ Figure 2 depicts the position of all crossvalidation results in receiver operating charac-

teristic (ROC) space.

²³¹ Confusion matrices for all models are available from the git repository http://git.in-

²³² silico.ch/mutagenicity-paper/10-fold-crossvalidations/confusion-matrices/, individ-

ual predictions can be found in http://git.in-silico.ch/mutagenicity-paper/10-fold-

²³⁴ crossvalidations/predictions/.

The most accurate crossvalidation predictions have been obtained with standard lazar

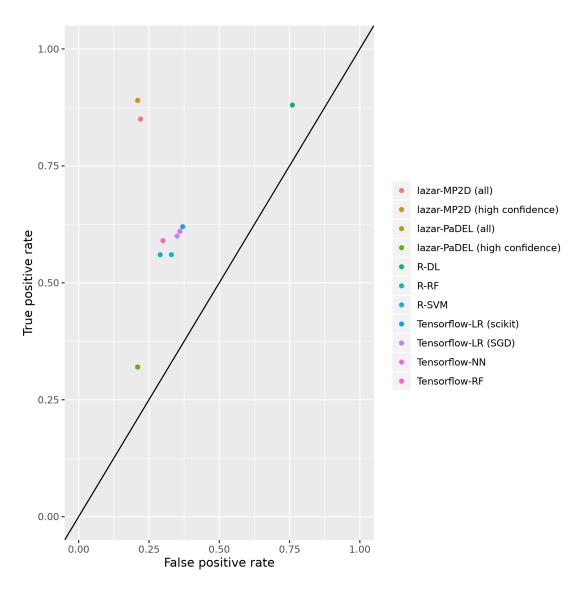


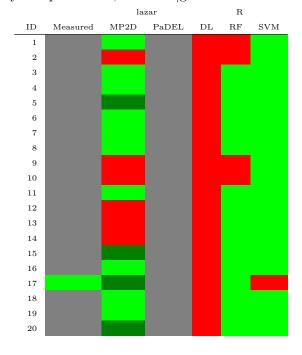
Figure 2: ROC plot of crossvalidation results.

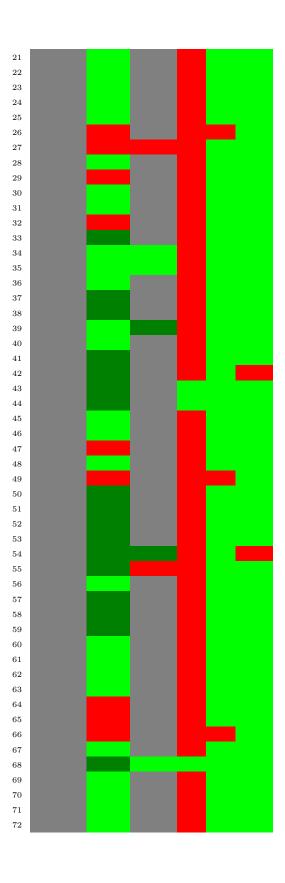
models using MolPrint2D descriptors (0.84 for predictions with high confidence, 0.82 for all predictions). Models utilizing PaDEL descriptors have generally lower accuracies 237 ranging from {:tp=>3517, :fp=>3099, :tn=>971, :fn=>483, :n=>8070, :acc=>0.56, 238 tpr = 0.88, tpr = 0.76, tpr = 0.24, tpr = 0.53, tpr = 0.67, 239 :tpr_perc=>88, :tnr_perc=>24, :ppv_perc=>53, :npv_perc=>67} (R deep learn-240 ing) to $\{\text{:tp}=>2259, \text{:fp}=>1173, \text{:tn}=>2897, \text{:fn}=>1741, \text{:n}=>8070, \text{:acc}=>0.64, \}$ 241 tpr = 0.56, tpr = 0.29, tpr = 0.71, tpr = 0.66, tpr = 0.62, tpr = 0.62, tpr = 0.62, tpr = 0.64, 242 $: tpr_perc => 56, : tnr_perc => 71, : ppv_perc => 66, : npv_perc => 62 \} (R/Tensorflow)$ 243 random forests). Sensitivity and specificity is generally well balanced with the exception 244 of lazar-PaDEL (low sensitivity) and R deep learning (low specificity) models. 245

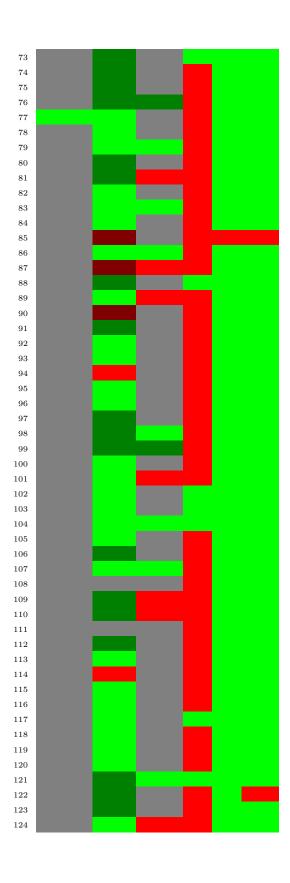
246 Pyrrolizidine alkaloid mutagenicity predictions

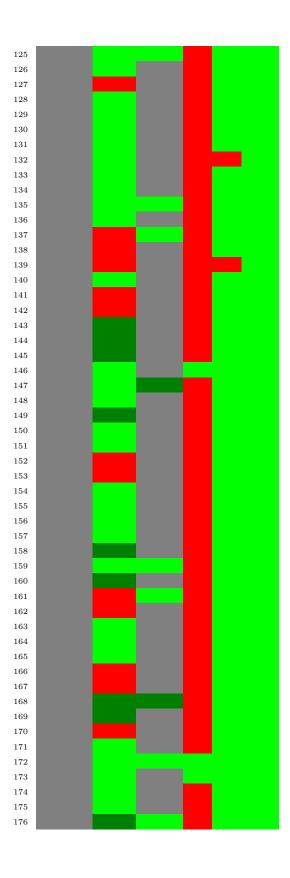
Mutagenicity predictions from all investigated models for 602 pyrrolizidine alkaloids are summarized in Table 4.

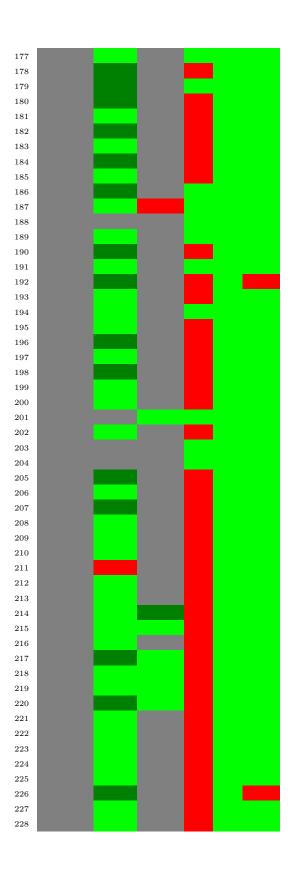
Table 4: Summary of pyrrolizidine alkaloid predictions: red: mutagen, green: non-mutagen, grey: no prediction, dark red|green: low confidence

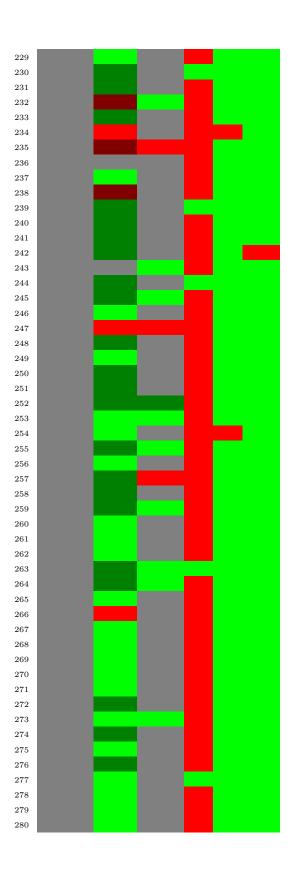


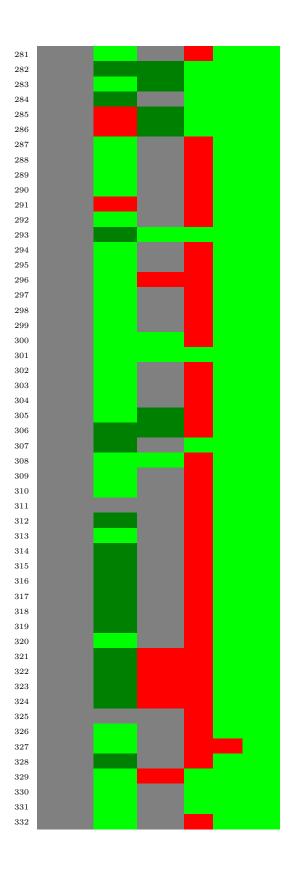


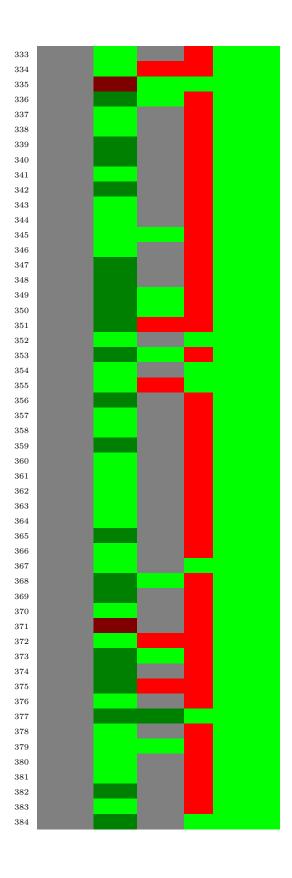


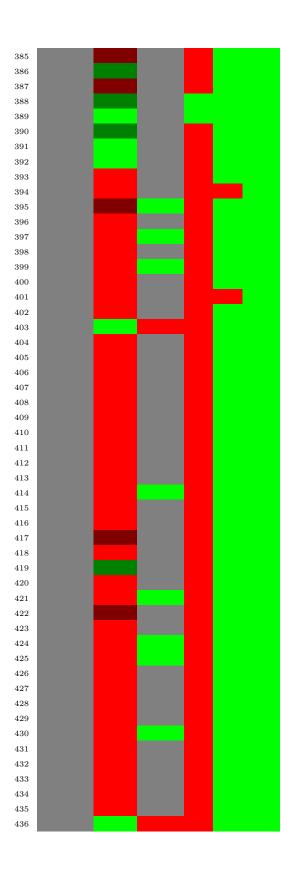


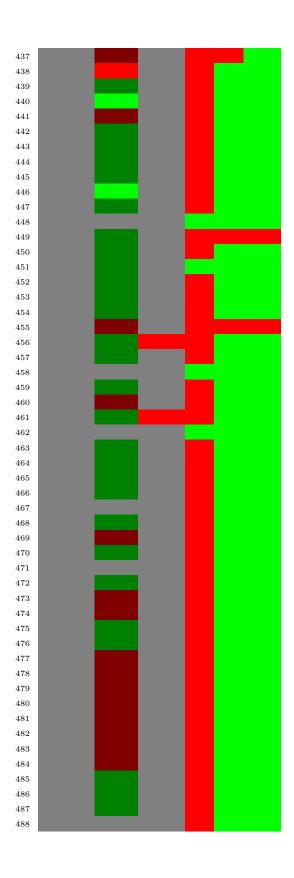


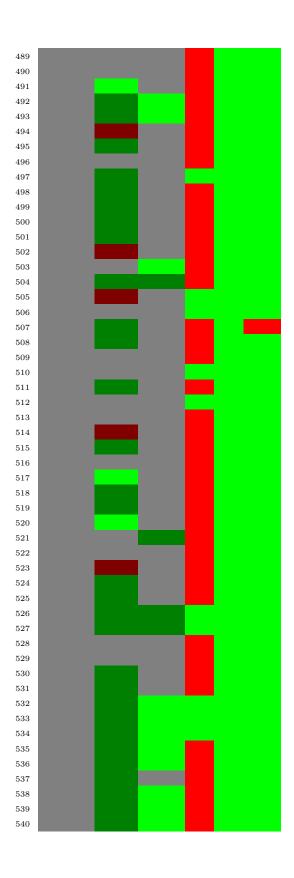


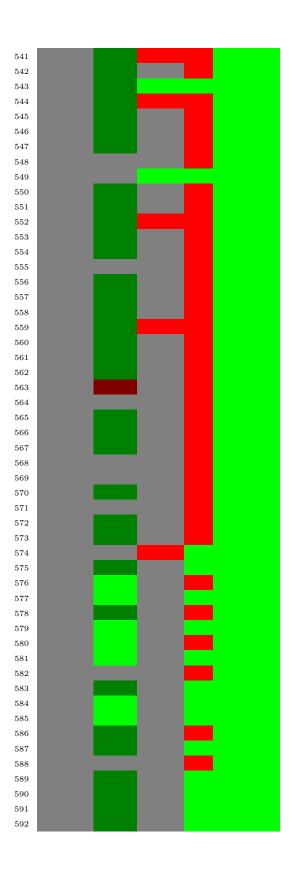


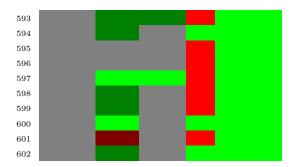












Training data and pyrrolizidine alkaloids were visualised with t-distributed stochastic neighbor embedding (t-SNE, Maaten and Hinton (2008)) for MolPrint2D and PaDEL descriptors. t-SNA maps each high-dimensional object (chemical) to a two-dimensional point. Similar objects are represented by nearby points and dissimilar objects are represented by distant points.

Figure 3 shows the t-SNE of pyrrolizidine alkaloids (PA) and the mutagenicity training data in MP2D space (Tanimoto/Jaccard similarity).

Figure 4 shows the t-SNE of pyrrolizidine alkaloids (PA) and the mutagenicity training data in PaDEL space (Euclidean similarity).

Discussion

259 Data

A new training dataset for *Salmonella* mutagenicity was created from three different sources (Kazius, McGuire, and Bursi (2005), Hansen et al. (2009), EFSA (2016)). It contains 8309 unique chemical structures, which is according to our knowledge the largest public mutagenicity dataset presently available. The new training data can be downloaded from https://git.in-silico.ch/mutagenicity-paper/data/mutagenicity.csv.



Figure 3: t-SNE visualisation of mutagenicity training data and pyrrolizidine alkaloids (PA)

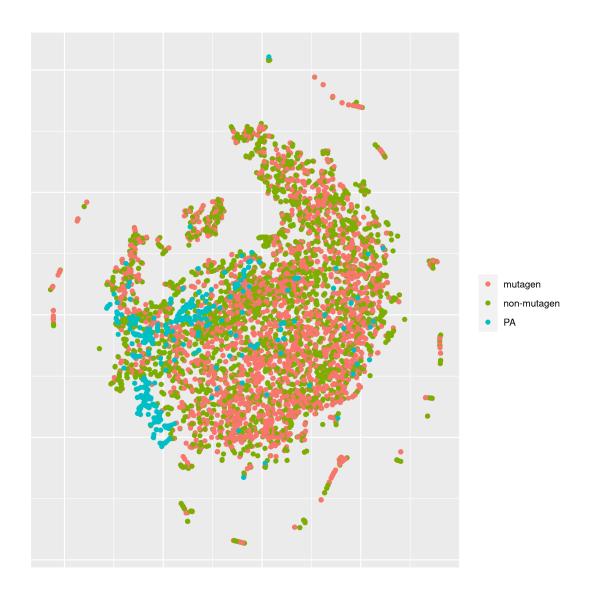


Figure 4: t-SNE visualisation of mutagenicity training data and pyrrolizidine alkaloids (PA)

Model performance

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Table ?? and Figure 2 show that the standard lazar algorithm (with MP2D fingerprints) give the most accurate crossvalidation results. R Random Forests, Support Vector Ma-267 chines and Tensorflow models have similar accuracies with balanced sensitivity (true 268 position rate) and specificity (true negative rate). lazar models with PaDEL descrip-269 tors have low sensitivity and R Deep Learning models have low specificity. 270 The accuracy of lazar in-silico predictions are comparable to the interlaboratory vari-271 ability of the Ames test (80-85\% according to Benigni and Giuliani (1988)), especially for 272 predictions with high confidence (84%). This is a clear indication that *in-silico* predic-273 tions can be as reliable as the bioassays, if the compounds are close to the applicability 274 domain. This conclusion is also supported by our analysis of lazar lowest observed 275 effect level predictions, which are also similar to the experimental variability (Helma et al. (2018)). The lowest number of predictions (4081) has been obtained from lazar/PaDEL high confidence predictions, the largest number of predictions comes from Tensorflow models 279 (). Standard lazar give a slightly lower number of predictions (7781) than R and 280 Tensorflow models. This is not necessarily a disadvantage, because lazar abstains from 281 predictions, if the query compound is very dissimilar from the compounds in the training 282

Descriptors 284

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This study uses two types of descriptors for the characterisation of chemical structures: 285 MolPrint2D fingerprints (MP2D, Bender et al. (2004)) use atom environments (i.e. 286 connected atom types for all atoms in a molecule) as molecular representation, which 287 resembles basically the chemical concept of functional groups. MP2D descriptors are 288 used to determine chemical similarities in the default lazar settings, and previous ex-289

set and thus avoids to make predictions for compounds out of the applicability domain.

- periments have shown, that they give more accurate results than predefined fragments (e.g. MACCS, FP2-4).
- 292 In order to investigate, if MP2D fingerprints are also suitable for global models we have
- 293 tried to build R and Tensorflow models, both with and without unsupervised feature
- 294 selection. Unfortunately none of the algorithms was capable to deal with the large and
- 295 sparsely populated descriptor matrix. Based on this result we can conclude, that Mol-
- ²⁹⁶ Print2D descriptors are at the moment unsuitable for standard global machine learning
- 297 algorithms.
- 298 lazar does not suffer from the size and sparseness problem, because (a) it utilizes inter-
- 299 nally a much more efficient occurrence based representation and (b) it uses fingerprints
- 300 only for similarity calculations and not as model parameters.
- PaDEL calculates topological and physical-chemical descriptors.
- 302 TODO: Verena kannst Du bitte die Deskriptoren nochmals kurz beschreiben
- ³⁰³ PaDEL descriptors were used for lazar, R and Tensorflow models. All models based on
- PaDEL descriptors had similar crossvalidation accuracies that were significantly lower
- than lazar MolPrint2D results. Direct comparisons are available only for the lazar
- algorithm, and also in this case PaDEL accuracies were lower than MolPrint2D accura-
- 307 cies.
- 308 Based on lazar results we can conclude, that PaDEL descriptors are less suited for
- 309 chemical similarity calculations than MP2D descriptors. It is also likely that PaDEL
- 310 descriptors lead to less accurate predictions for global models, but we cannot draw any
- definitive conclusion in the absence of MP2D models.

Algorithms

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lazar is formally a k-nearest-neighbor algorithm that searches for similar structures 313 for a given compound and calculates the prediction based on the experimental data 314 for these structures. The QSAR literature calls such models frequently local models, 315 because models are generated specifically for each query compound. R and Tensorflow 316 models are in contrast global models, i.e. a single model is used to make predictions 317 for all compounds. It has been postulated in the past, that local models are more 318 accurate, because they can account better for mechanisms, that affect only a subset of 319 the training data. Our results seem to support this assumption, because standard lazar 320 models with MolPrint2D descriptors perform better than global models. The accuracy 321 of lazar models with PaDEL descriptors is however substantially lower and comparable to global models with the same descriptors. 323 This observation may lead to the conclusion that the choice of suitable descriptors is more 324 important for predictive accuracy than the modelling algorithm, but we were unable to 325 obtain global MP2D models for direct comparisons. The selection of an appropriate 326 modelling algorithm is still crucial, because it needs the capability to handle the descrip-327 tor space. Neighbour (and thus similarity) based algorithms like lazar have a clear advantage in this respect over global machine learning algorithms (e.g. RF, SVM, LR, 329 NN), because Tanimoto/Jaccard similarities can be calculated efficiently with simple set 330 operations.

Pyrrolizidine alkaloid mutagenicity predictions 332

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TODO: Verena Ich wuerde den Grossteil der Diskussion hier dir ueberlassen. Wenn Du 335 lazar Ergebnisse konkret diskutieren willst, kann ich Dir ausfuehrliche Vorhersagen (mit 336

aehnlichen Verbindungen und deren Aktivitaet) fuer einzelne Beispiele zusammenstellen

Conclusions

A new public Salmonella mutagenicity training dataset with 8309 compounds was cre-

ated and used it to train lazar, R and Tensorflow models with MolPrint2D and PaDEL

descriptors. The best performance was obtained with lazar models using MolPrint2D

descriptors, with prediction accuracies () comparable to the interlaboratory variability of

the Ames test (80-85%). Models based on PaDEL descriptors had lower accuracies than

MolPrint2D models, but only the lazar algorithm could use MolPrint2D descriptors.

345 **TODO**: PA Vorhersagen

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