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“From (Text) Mining to Models: Applying Large-Scale  
Text Mining on Patents and Electronic Patient Records“

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## SCAI Department of Bioinformatics: R&D in a nutshell

### Fraunhofer SCAI Department of Bioinformatics R&D activities:

1. Information extraction in the **life sciences**:
  - I. Text Mining - Recognition of named entities & relationships in text
  - II. Image Mining - Reconstruction of chemical information from chemical structure depictions
2. Disease modelling (focus on neurodegenerative diseases)
3. eScience, Grid-/Cloud- Computing and HPC (Clus<sup>t</sup>)

*Making Scientific Content  
available for Computing*

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# Productive Use of Large Compute Infrastructures

## High Throughput Extraction of Scientific Information from Full Text Sources:

The UIMA-HPC Project

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# UIMA-HPC

## Efficient Information Extraction Workflows in many-core environments



## Vision

### Scientific Challenge:

The knowledge in Chemistry, Biology and Pharmaceutical Sciences grows with impressive speed. As a result, the number of publications in these areas is reaching unparalleled dimensions. However, knowledge is being communicated in non-standardised ways.

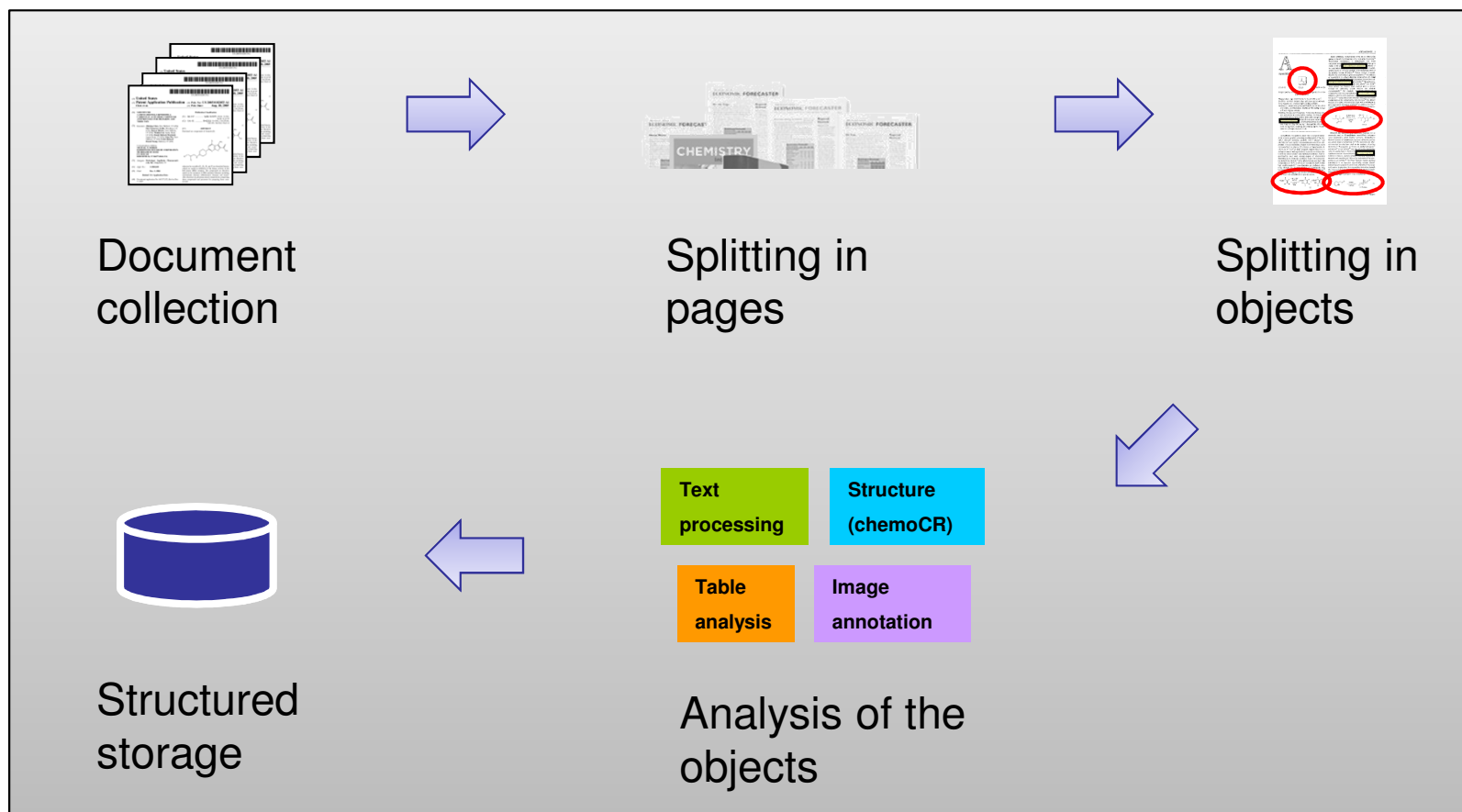
**Relevant knowledge sources are not well standardized, let alone is the knowledge structured. This limits the ability to query knowledge sources.**

### Problem-solving approach:

Development of technology that – based on HPC – allows for high throughput extraction of structured information from unstructured knowledge sources

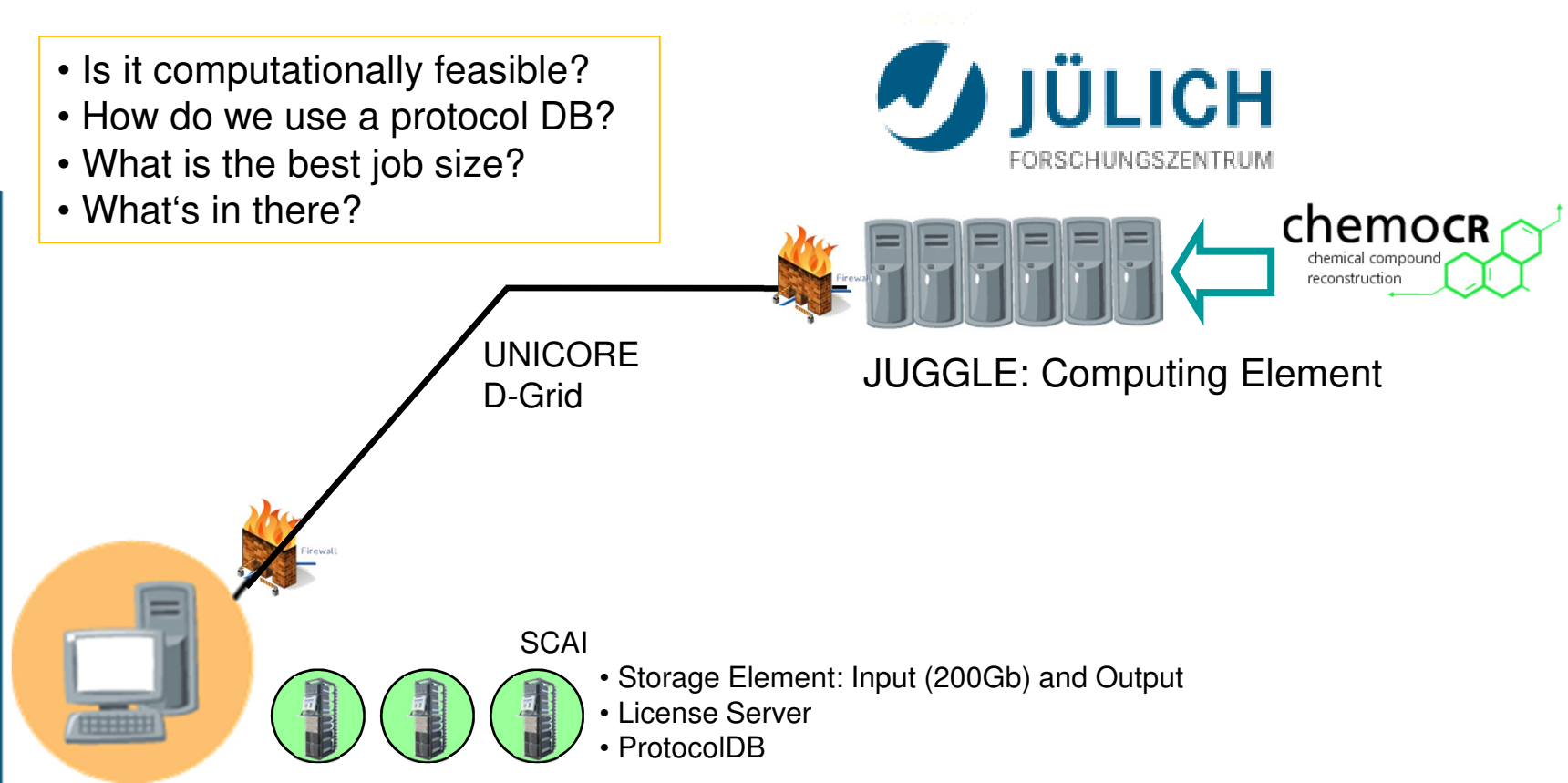
**Structured Knowledge**

## Use case scenario: automatic patent structuring



## Previous study: The grand patent challenge 2009

- Is it computationally feasible?
- How do we use a protocol DB?
- What is the best job size?
- What's in there?





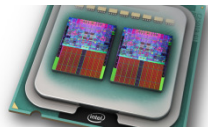
## Technical Issues and Pitfalls

- User accession rights (files, scheduler, installed tools and libs, ...)
- Firewall (ports: MySQL, denial of service attack, time outs, ...)
- Missing files (NFS down, package lost, not installed, ...)
- Too many requests on license server
- Too many connections in database
- Ressources (reservation, priorities, ...)

## UIMA AS in the context of HPC

Support of many-core architecture

- several instances of a service
- eff. usage of shared memory (JVM)
- asynchronous execution



Support of clusters

- several remote services (eg SOAP)
- communication via JMX and http

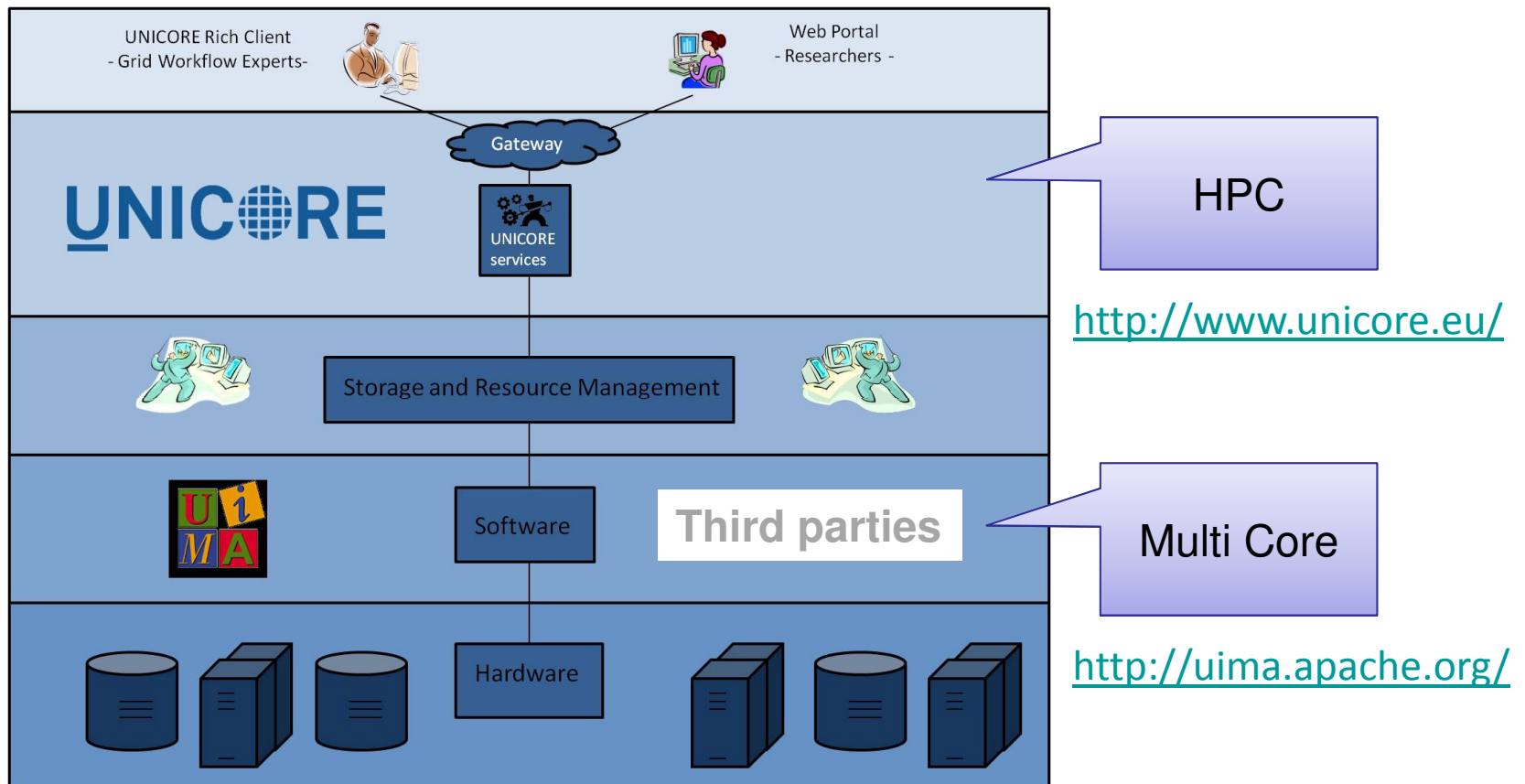


Control via pre-configured parameters

- CAS pool size
- casMultiplier poolSize
- ...

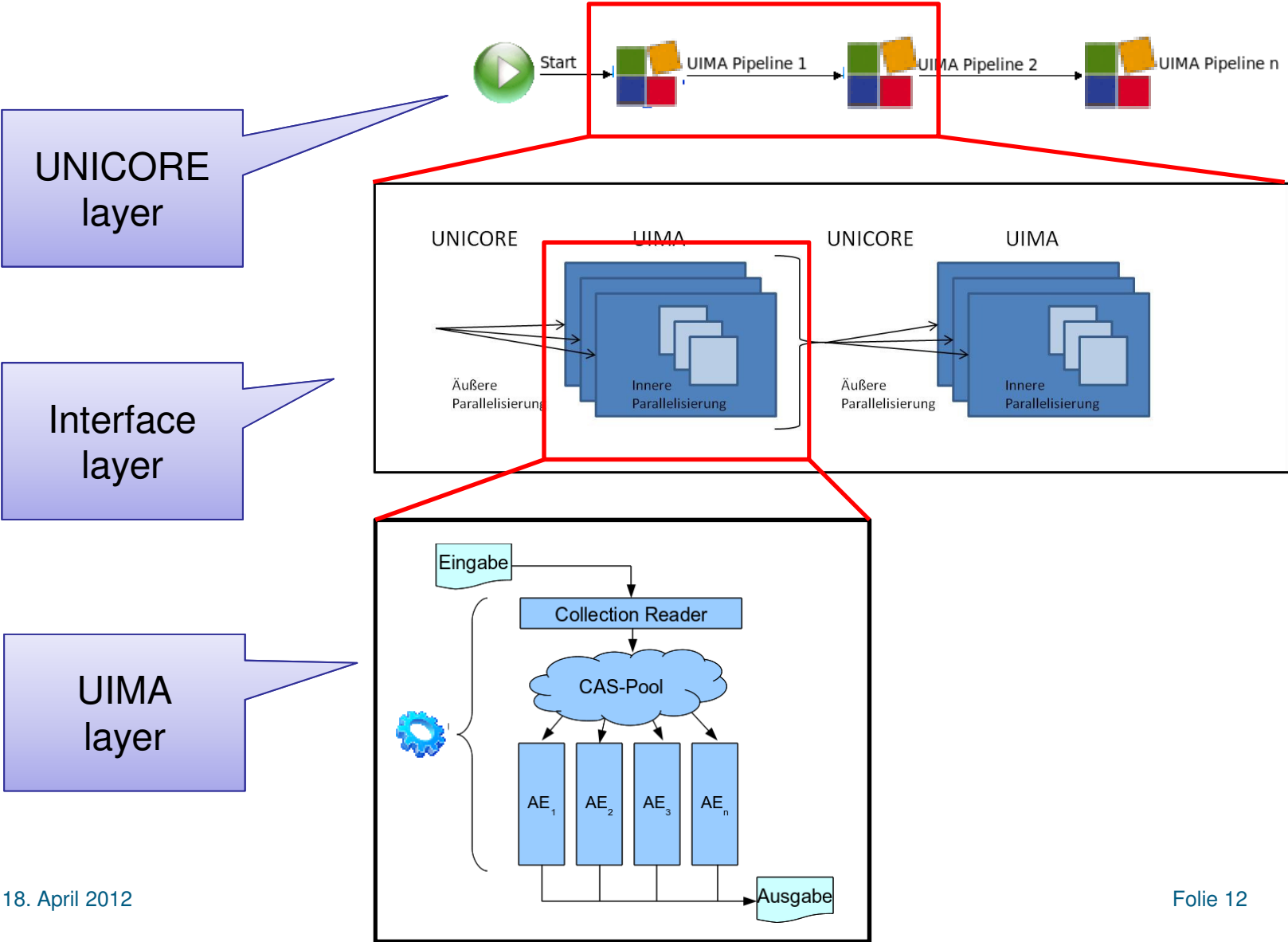
Manual  
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## Problem-Solving Approach

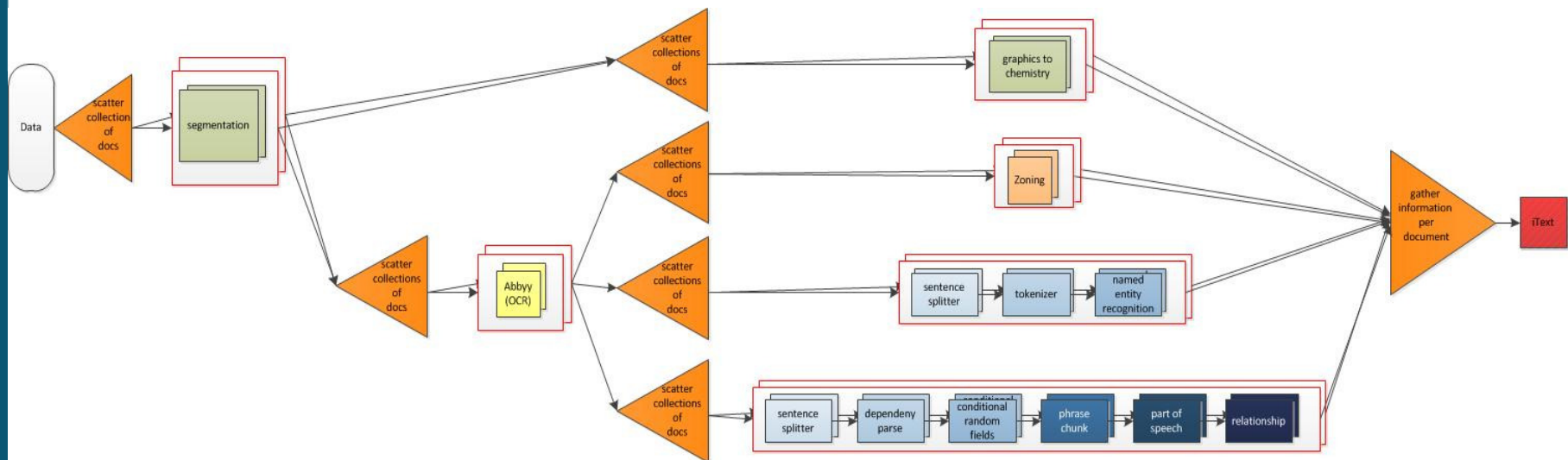


# System Architecture

# UIMA-HPC



## First Prototype: PDF Annotation of Patents



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**Lesezeichen**

- ChemicalStructure
- SourceDocumentInformation
- Synthesis
- DISEASE
- IUPAC
  - 2-benzyl hexanoic acid 1
  - 2-benzylidene hexanoic acid 2
  - thioether 3
  - carbon 4
  - 2-[(3,5-diphenethoxyphenyl)thio]hexanoic acid 5
  - thioether 6
  - phosphonate 7
  - phosphonate 8
  - glucose 9
  - pyrimidine 10
  - dihydroxybenzaldehyde 11
  - dimethylthiocarbonyl chloride 12
  - Dihydroxybenzaldehyde 13
  - 2-[(3,5-diphenethoxyphenyl)thio]hexanoic acid 14
  - Dihydroxybenzaldehyde 15
  - Dihydroxybenzaldehyde 16
  - ethanol 17
  - phenylethyl bromide 18
  - Phloroglucinol 19

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**SAR studies of acidic dual  $\gamma$ -secretase/PPAR $\gamma$  modulators**

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**ABSTRACT**

A novel set of dual  $\gamma$ -secretase/PPAR $\gamma$  modulators characterized by a presented. Synthetic efforts were focused on the variation of the substitution pattern of the central benzene. Finally, we obtained a new class of 2,5-disubstituted 2-benzylidene hexanoic acid derivatives, which act as dual  $\gamma$ -secretase/PPAR $\gamma$  modulators in the low micromolar range. We have successfully improved the dual pharmacological activity and the selectivity profile a targets such as NOTCH and COX. Compound 17 showed an IC<sub>50</sub> AP42 = 2.4  $\mu$ M and an I and could be a valuable tool to further evaluate the concept of dual  $\gamma$ -secretase/PP animal models of Alzheimer's disease.

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**1. Introduction**

proliferation and B-cell differentiation in prec

**2-benzyl hexanoic acid**

Chemical Popups

Chemical Index

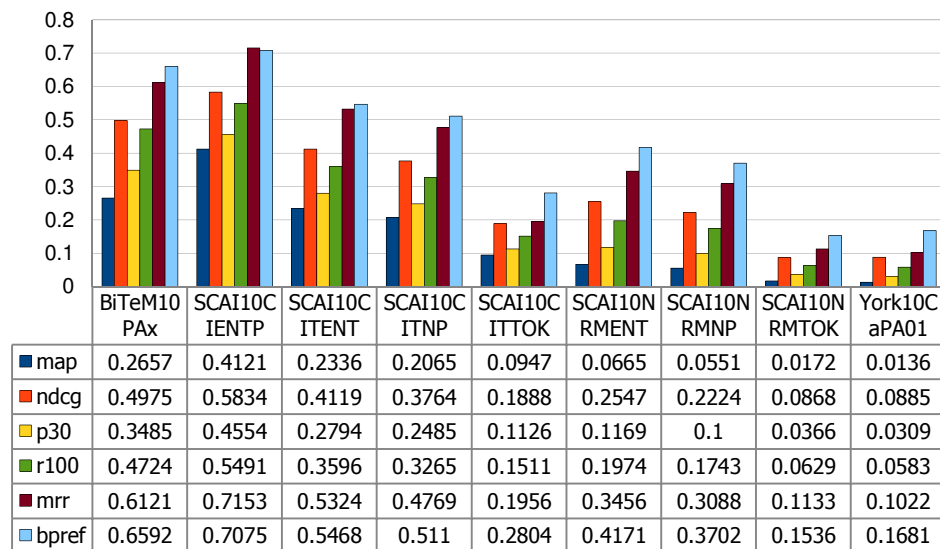
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Overview

Statistics of highlighted entities of class IUPAC (page 1)

Entity	Frequency
thioether	5
benzene	5
phloroglucinol	3
pyrimidine	3
Dihydroxybenzaldehyde	3
Phloroglucinol	2
phenylethanol	2
carbon	2
sodium hydride	2
2-[(3,5-diphenethoxyphenyl)thio]hexanoic acid	2
phosphonate	2
2-benzylidene hexanoic acid	1
phenol	1
dimethylthio-carbamoylchloride	1
3-hydroxy-4-(2-cyclohexylethoxy)benzaldehyde	1
glutathione	1
2-[(3,5-diphenethoxyphenyl)thio]hexanoic acid	1
2-benzyl hexanoic acid	1
3-(2-cyclohexylethoxy)-4-phenethoxybenzaldehyde	1
tetramethylsilane	1
dimethylthiocarbonyl chloride	1
2-hydroxy-4-phenethoxybenzaldehyde	1

# Performance of Fraunhofer SCAI in international Benchmarking Competitions



TRECCEM 2009 → better not talk about it ...

TRECCEM 2010 → winner of the Prior Art Search Task

TRECCEM 2011 → winner of the Technology Survey Task

I2B2 challenge 2010 → rank 3 (out of 22) in the concept id task

TREC MED 2011 → rank 4 (amongst 24 participants)

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# **Direct Usage of Unstructured Information Sources for Disease Modelling**

**From Medline Mining  
to  
Modelling Neurodegenerative Diseases**



# Why Modelling of Neurodegeneration?

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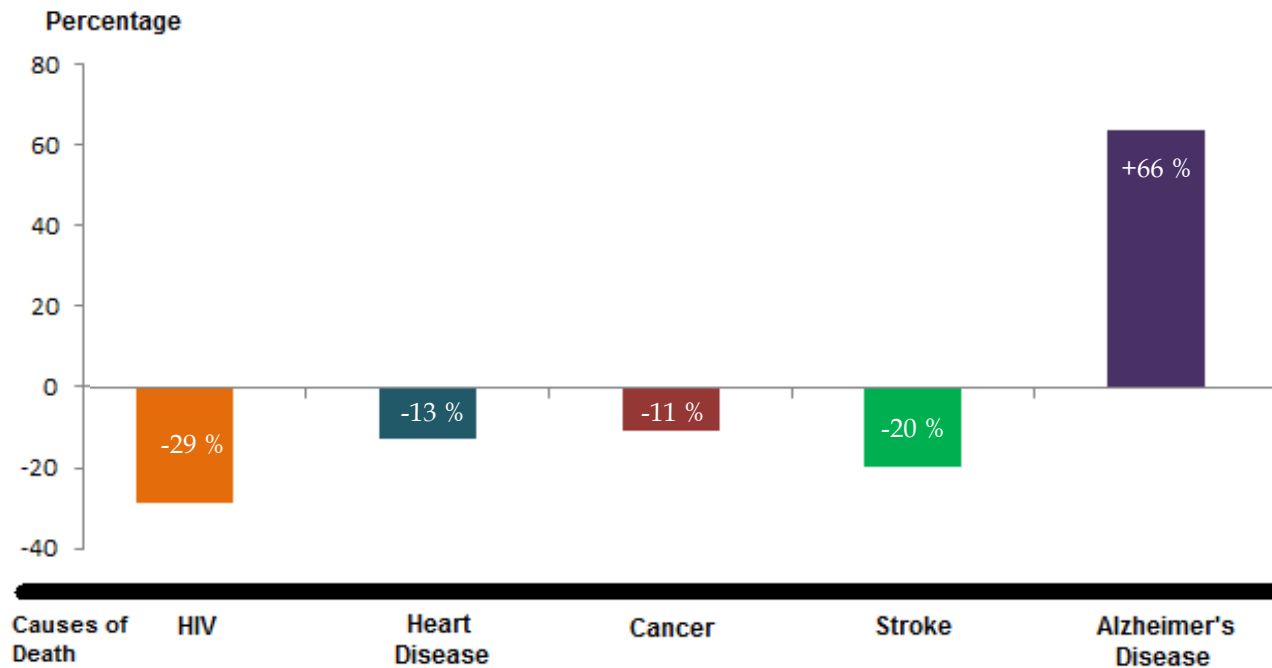
In 2009 the Federal Government of Germany decided to start a new research centre that focuses on translational research on neurodegenerative diseases. In fact, neurodegenerative diseases (Alzheimer, Parkinson, Multiple Sclerosis; Epilepsy; „rare“ NDDs)

The total costs of Alzheimer is estimated to exceed 20 trillion US\$ in the US in the years between 2020 - 2050. (source: Alzheimer.org). Current costs / year in the US (according to Alzheimer.org): **183 billion US\$**

The incidence rate of Alzheimer and other dementias is almost 50% in the population older than 85 years. Next generation will regularly have a life span of >100 years.

# Diseases specific mortality rate

## Changes in selected causes of death in USA , 2000-2010<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)

# The Starting Conditions

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What we have:

- An ontology capturing relevant knowledge on Alzheimer's Disease (ADO)
- An ontology representing and integrating brain regions and cell types (BRCO)
- A method for the automated identification of hypotheses in text based on regular expressions
- An excellent machinery for biomedical text mining (ProMiner) with top performing gene and protein name recognition

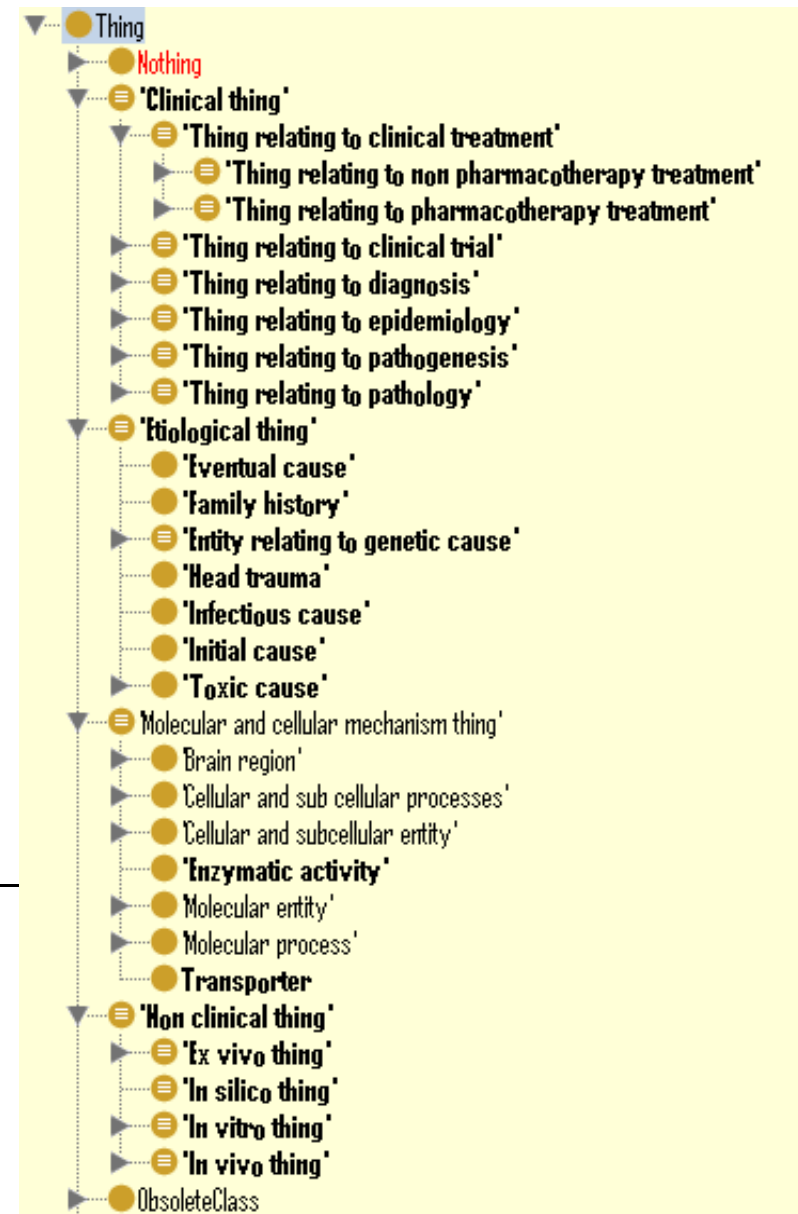
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# Alzheimer's Disease Ontology (ADO)

Alzheimer's ontology:

- Captures more than 700 classes/concepts
- BFO already implemented



# Brain Region and Cell-type Ontology (BRCO)

**Synonym**  
"Substantia nigra dopaminergic cell, Nigral dopaminergic cell"

**reference**  
"http://neurolex.org/wiki/Category:Substantia\_nigra\_pars\_compacta\_dopaminergic\_cell"

**is Defined By**  
"Nigral dopaminergic cell is a neuron found in the midbrain of vertebrates. These neurons comprise most of the substantia nigra and mainly regulate motor and sensorimotor functions within the brain."

**Description:**

Soma Location: Substantia nigra pars compacta  
Spine density on dendrites: Aspiny Dendrite Quality

**Axon Specific Properties**  
Axon projection laterality: ipsilateral  
Location of axon arborization: Neostriatum  
Cellular synaptic target: Neostriatum medium spiny neuron  
Neurotransmitter: Dopamine

**Description: Substantia nigra pars compacta dopaminergic cell**

Equivalent classes +

Superclasses +

- Substantia nigra pars compacta

Inferred anonymous superclasses


- has\_part some Substantia nigra pars compacta
- has\_part some Substantia nigra pars reticulata
- has\_part some CA3 alveus
- has\_part some Piriform cortex layer 1
- has\_part some Neocortex layer 4
- has\_part some Chemoarchitectural part
- has\_part some CA1 alveus
- has\_part some CA3 stratum lucidum
- has\_part some Hindbrain
- has\_part some Piriform cortex layer 2
- has\_part some Aggregate regional part of brain
- has\_part some Regional part of forebrain
- has\_part some Molecular layer of dorsal cochlear nucleus
- has\_part some Trigeminal nucleus
- has\_part some Regional part of midbrain
- has\_part some Composite part spanning multiple base regional parts of brain
- has\_part some Regional part of hindbrain

Current state: more than 3000 concepts; more than 5000 synonyms

# Expression of Speculative Statements in Scientific Text

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## Kallikrein-related peptidase 6 in Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia.


 20846516 **Authors:** Ashby, Emma L; Kehoe, Patrick G; Love, Seth **Date:** 2010-12- **Journal:** Brain research **Affiliation:** Dementia Research Group, Institute of Clinical Neurosciences, Clinical Science at North Bristol, University of Bristol, UK.

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Human **kallikrein-related peptidase 6 (KLK6)** is highly expressed in the central nervous system. Although the physiological roles of this serine protease are unknown, in vitro substrates include **amyloid precursor protein** and components of the extracellular matrix, which are altered in neurological disease, particularly Alzheimer's disease (AD). We have compared **KLK6** expression in post-mortem brain tissue in AD, vascular dementia (VaD) and controls. We studied the distribution of **KLK6** in the temporal cortex and white matter by immunohistochemistry, and measured **KLK6** mRNA and protein levels in the frontal and temporal cortex from 15 AD, 15 VaD and 15 control brains. Immunohistochemistry showed **KLK6** to be restricted to endothelial cells. After adjustment for variations in vessel density by measurement of factor VIII-related antigen, we found **KLK6** protein and mRNA levels to be significantly decreased in the frontal but not the temporal cortex in AD. In VaD, **KLK6** protein level was significantly increased in the frontal cortex. Our findings **suggest that** an altered **KLK6** expression **may contribute** to vascular abnormalities in AD and VaD.

Hypothesis =  **KLK6** +  **may contribute** +  **AD**

# Hypotheses finder $\cap$ AD ontology $\cap$ Human genes and proteins



- Epilepsy Ontology
- v Alzheimer Ontology
  - Molecular and cellular mechanis
  - Etiological thing
  - Non clinical thing
  - v Clinical thing
    - Thing relating to clinical trial
    - Thing relating to diagnosis
    - Thing relating to epidemiolog
    - Thing relating to pathology
    - Thing relating to clinical treat
    - v Thing relating to pathogen
      - Mild cognitive Impairmen
      - Stage
      - Moderate cognitive Declin
- Alzheimer disease
- Parkinson Ontology
- Hypothesis Finder
- Drug Names
- Human Genes / Proteins

**Your Search:**

- **Fulltext query:**  
alzheimer
- **Filtering from Entity Tree:**  
v (Boolean OR) ^ (Boolean AND) Boolean NOT  
  
Alzheimer Ontology:(((Mild cognitive Impairment )))AND  
Hypothesis Finder AND  
Human Genes / Proteins
- **Display entities in Entity View of type:**  
Human Genes / Proteins

**Evaluation of plasma Abeta(40) and Abeta(42) as predictors of conversion to Alzheimer's disease in patients with mild cognitive impairment.**

**PubMed** 18486992 **Authors:** Hansson, Oskar; Zetterberg, Henrik; Vanmechelen, Eugeen; Vanderstichele, Hugo; Andreasson, Ulf; Londos, Elisabet; Wallin, Anders; Minthon, Lennart; Blennow, Kaj **Date:** 2010-03 **Journal:** Neurobiology of aging **Affiliation:** Clinical Memory Research Unit, Department of Clinical Sciences Malmö, Lund University, Sweden. oskar.hansson@med.lu.se

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Numerous studies have shown a marked decrease of beta-amyloid(42) (Abeta(42)) in the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) of patients with incipient Alzheimer's disease (AD). However, studies on Abeta in plasma are contradictory, and show very marginal differences between patients and controls. Here, we analyzed plasma samples using a new multiplex immunoassay for simultaneous analysis of Abeta(1-40), Abeta(n-40), Abeta(1-42), and Abeta(n-42). The plasma samples were obtained at baseline from two independent cohorts of patients with mild cognitive impairment (MCI) and age-matched controls. In the first cohort, 41% of the 117 MCI cases converted to AD during a clinical follow-up period of 4-7 years. In the second cohort, 14% of the 110 MCI subjects developed AD during a clinical follow-up period of 2-4 years. None of the plasma Abeta isoforms differed between MCI patients that subsequently developed AD and healthy controls or stable MCI patients. The Cox proportional hazards model did not reveal any differences in the probability of progression from MCI to AD related to plasma Abeta levels. In contrast, low levels of Abeta(1-42) in CSF were strongly associated with increased risk of future AD. The absence of a change in plasma Abeta in incipient AD, despite the marked change in CSF, may be explained by the lack of a correlation between the levels of Abeta(1-42) in CSF and plasma. In conclusion, the results show that CSF biomarkers are better predictors of progression to AD than plasma Abeta isoforms.

Hypothetical Pattern

Human gene

Alzheimer Stage

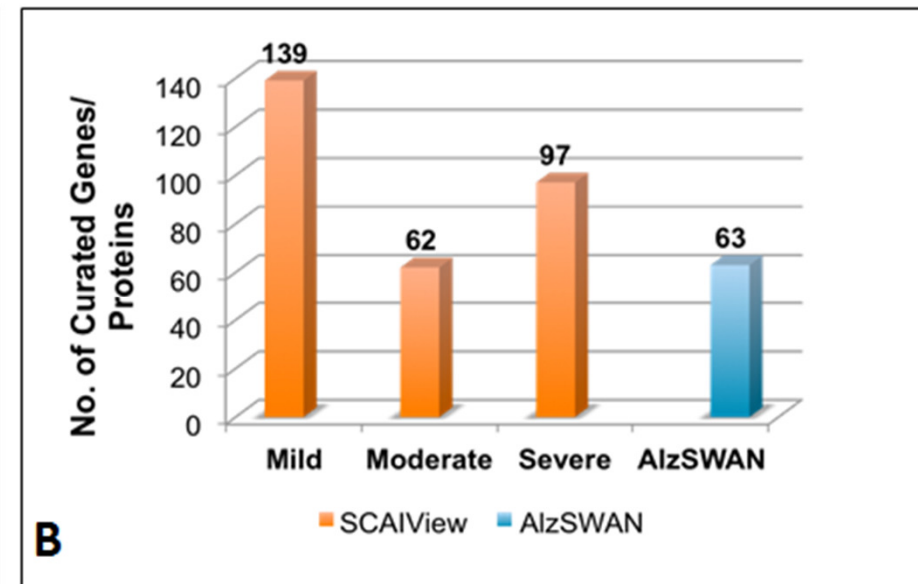
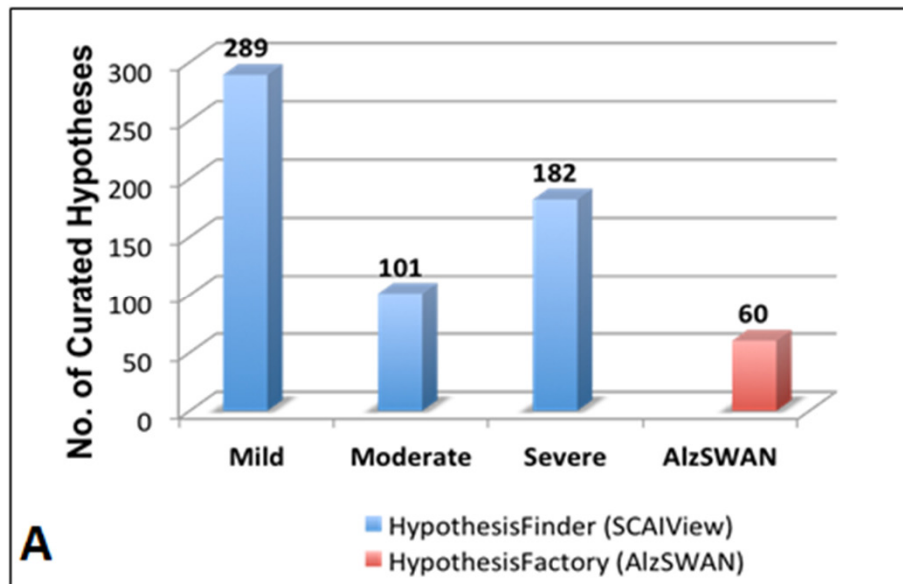
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## Performance of Hypotheses finder

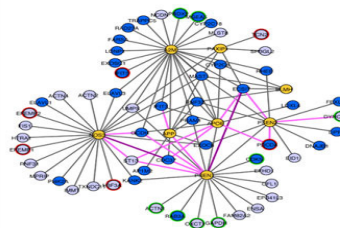
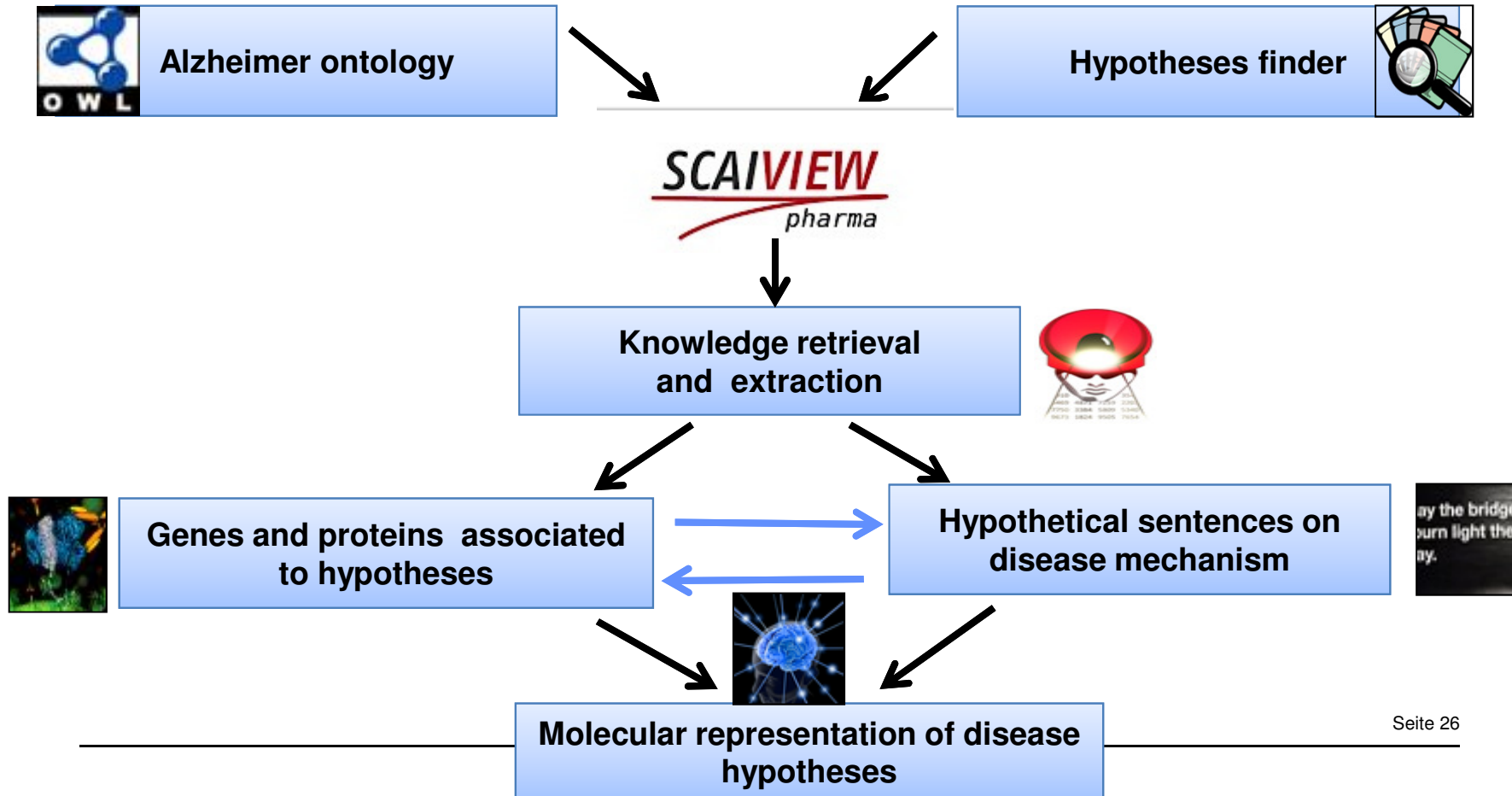
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1	200 abstracts related to Alzheimer's	PubMed	0.84	0.86	0.85
2	2 full text articles related to Alzheimer's	Journal of Medical Hypotheses	0.85	0.88	0.86
3	143 abstracts related to Alzheimer's	Alzswan/PubMed	0.90	0.97	0.93
4	100 abstracts related to Epilepsy	PubMed	0.96	0.91	0.94
5	100 abstracts related to Parkinson's	PubMed	0.90	0.93	0.92



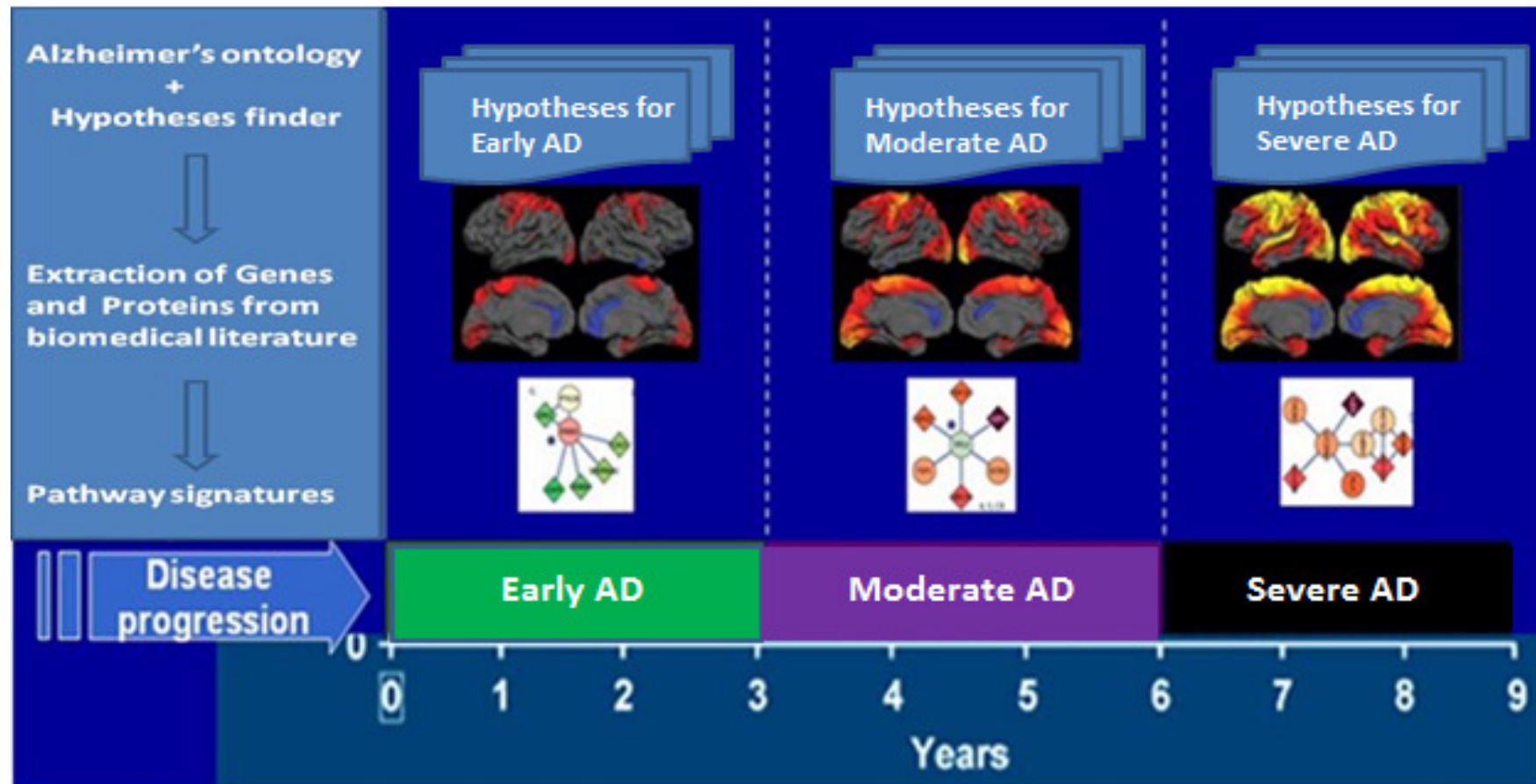
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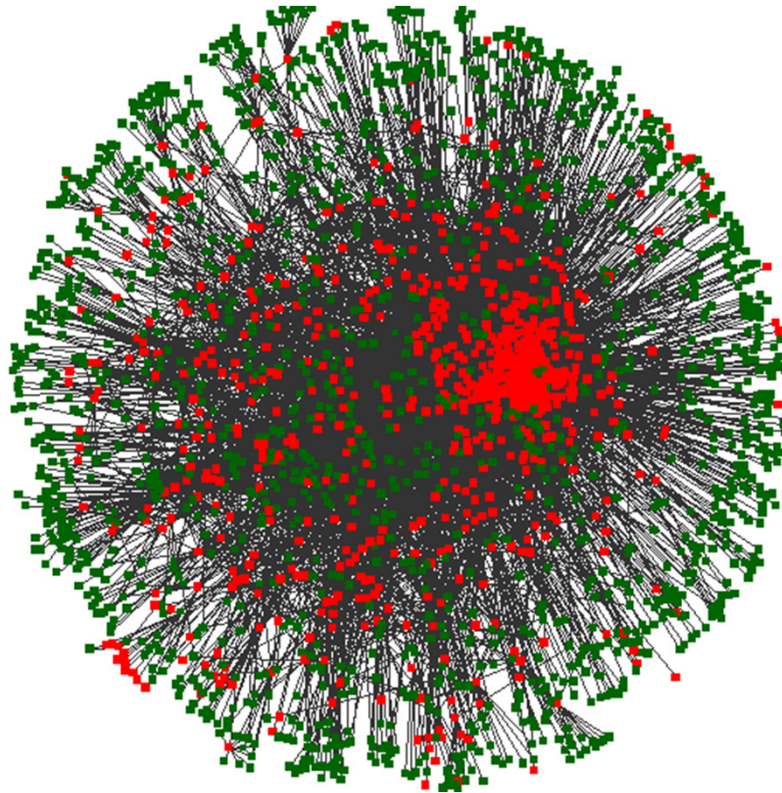


# Analysis of hypotheses patterns across disease stages



# Current Work at SCAI: NDD Pharmacome

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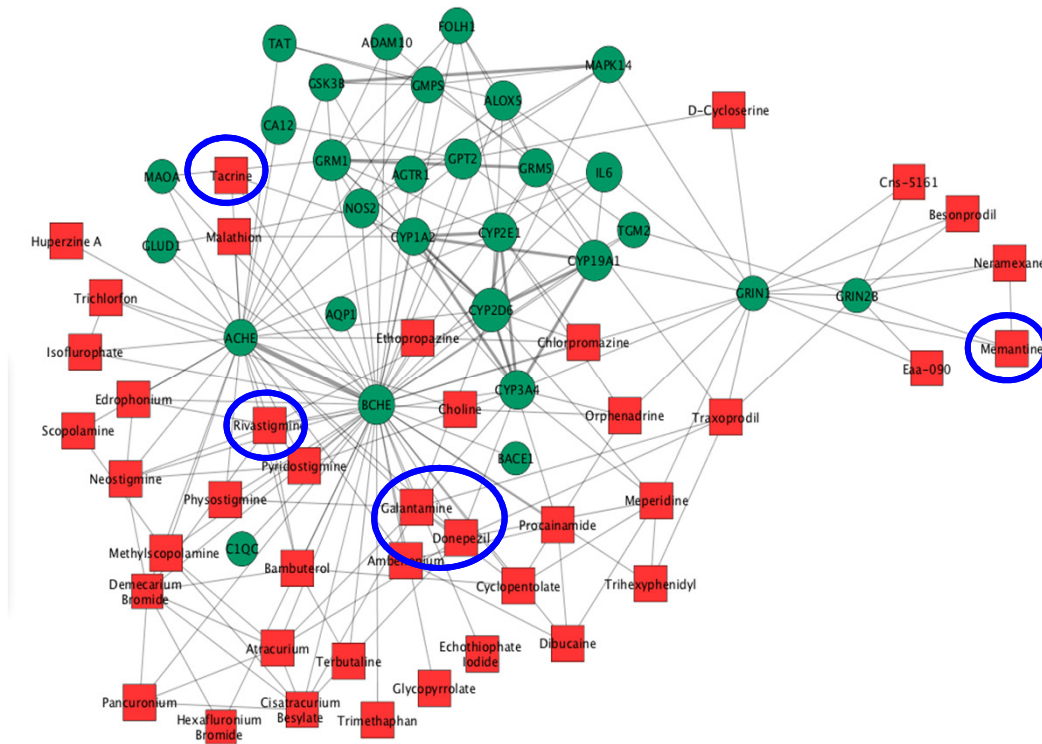


NDD Pharmacome Network:  
Total nodes: 2,153  
Total edges: 11,630

- Drugs
- Targets

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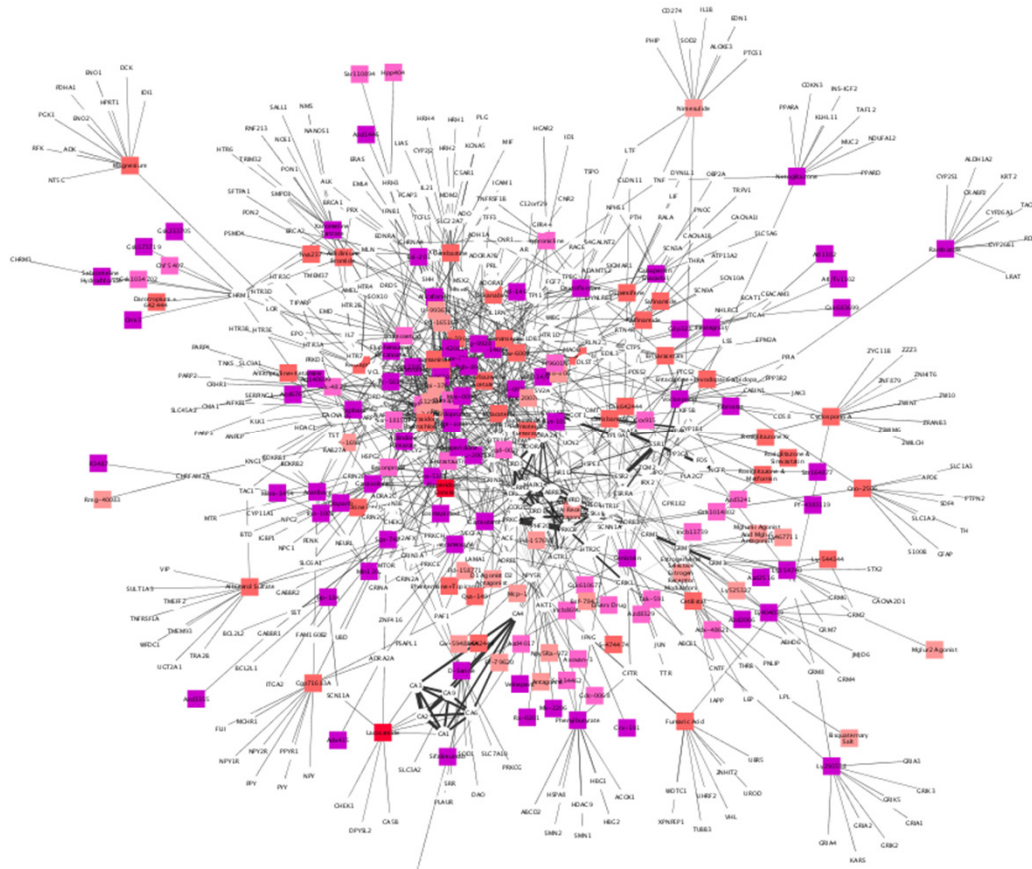
# Using the Pharmacome for VS



1. Galantamine
2. Memantine
3. Rivastigmine
4. Tacrine
5. Donepezil

Drugs having structural similarity and targets having binding site similarities are connected by edges.

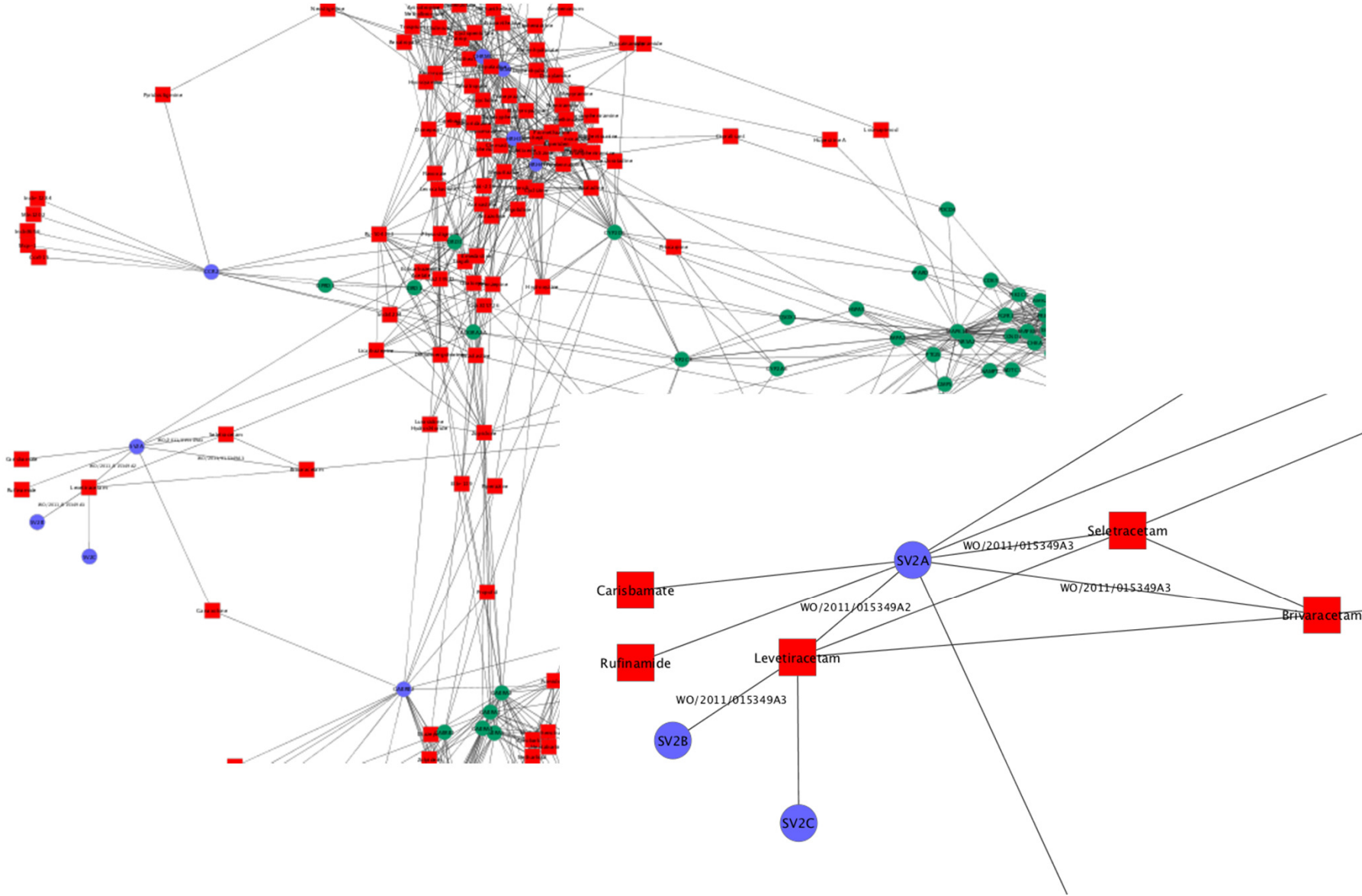
# What is Competition doing? Competitive intelligence and strategic partnering



Drugs in various phases

- Phase I
- Phase II
- Phase III
- Phase IV

# Brain Drug Portfolios in the Pharmacome



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# Summary

## **Fraunhofer SCAI Department of Bioinformatics stands for:**

- Advanced technologies in text- and data mining, disease modelling in the area of neurodegeneration and high performance computing
- We are using our competence in HPC to enable large-scale information extraction from full text documents (focus on patents)
- Internal usage of technologies (information extraction; distributed and high performance computing) for biomedical application: modelling of neurodegenerative diseases
- Information integration and aggregation in models: the brain pharmacome

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