

Integration of in-house and external data in practice

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Outline



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 - In-house data integration
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 - Workflows
 - Project management
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- Examples
- Concluding remarks

Drivers



- Informed decision-making at different levels: Fast, easy, well-informed.
- Increased complexity, variety, quantity of information/technologies
- Broader scope (e.g Discovery, Clinics, Manufacturing, etc)
- More data outside than inside. Need better integration with in-house information
- All project team members and management need to understand the global status and goal
- Navigation between different levels of abstraction.
- Know-how capitalization
- Optimize resources
- Enable mergers

Needs



In-house experimental data integration. Never ending

- Constantly evolving
- Broader scope (Chem., bio., pharm., clin., gen., manuf., IP, Compet.,)
- Capture interpretations vs experimental data, results
- External data/Prediction tools integration. Starting
 - Need to be structured
 - Requires manual curation, understanding
 - Lack of standards
- Know-how, unstructured data acquisition, mining, interpretation (in-house and external). Starting
- Data and Information Mapping/Scoring. Starting
- Different levels of understanding/reporting (lab., project, Management). Starting
- Automated annotation/interpretation to turn data into information and knowledge Possible at all?

Some existing technical solutions



• Integration: Function of needs and company history

- Requisite for automated interpretation
- Links Cross-references
- Indices (sequence dbs, DiscoveryGate).
- Metalayers (description of underlying data sources and business rules)
- Data marts (duplication of information)
- Standards: Unique definition of entities and relations (e.g. Semantic web)

• Know-how acquisition

- ELNs
- Documentation management

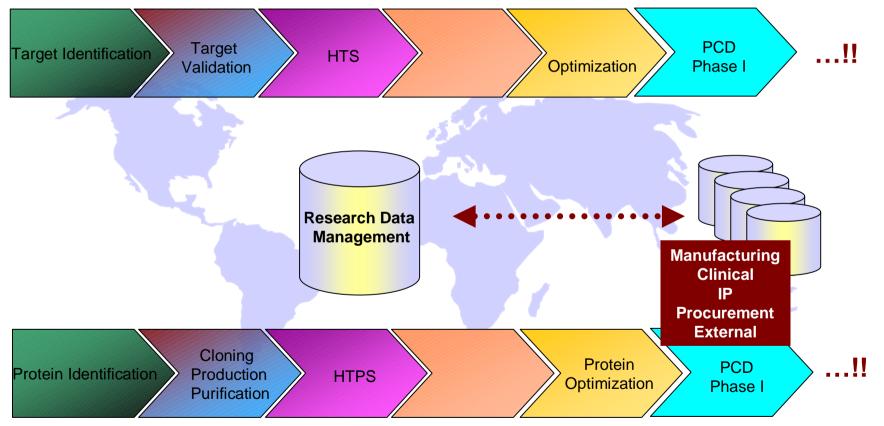
Unstructured data mining

- Text mining
- Information mapping/scoring
 - Mostly scoring
 - Viewers (e.g. sequence viewers)

Research Context



Small molecules



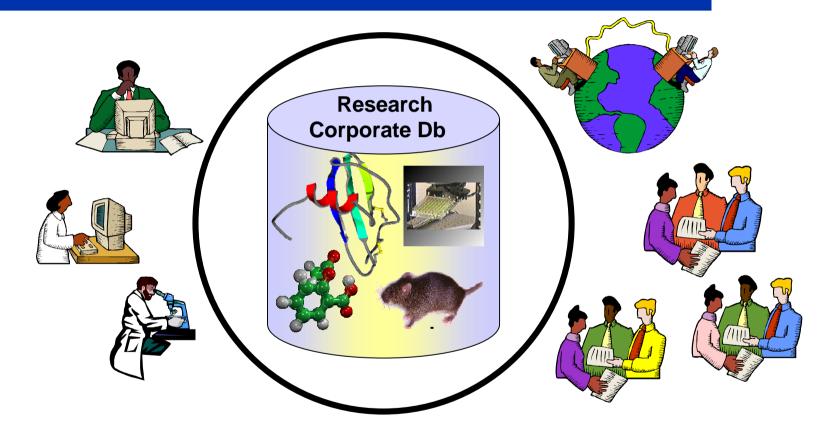
Proteins and Antibodies

Right (Right) information to the right people at the right time in the right context

A Culture of Sharing

- One place for all biological, chemical & pharmacological information
- No boundaries between sites, teams, projects

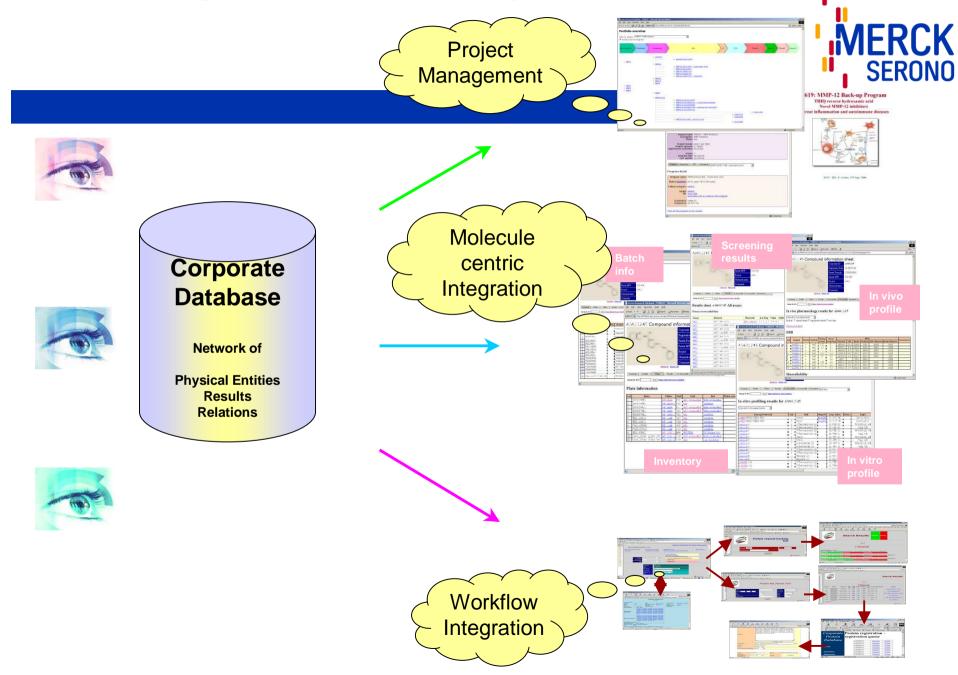


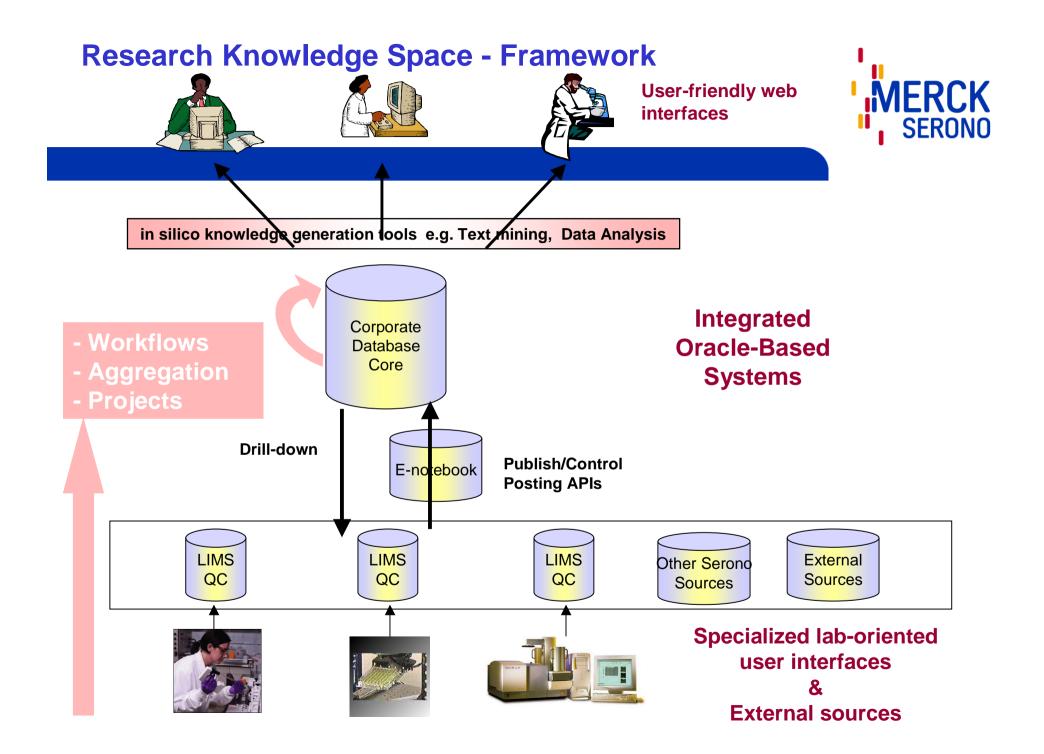


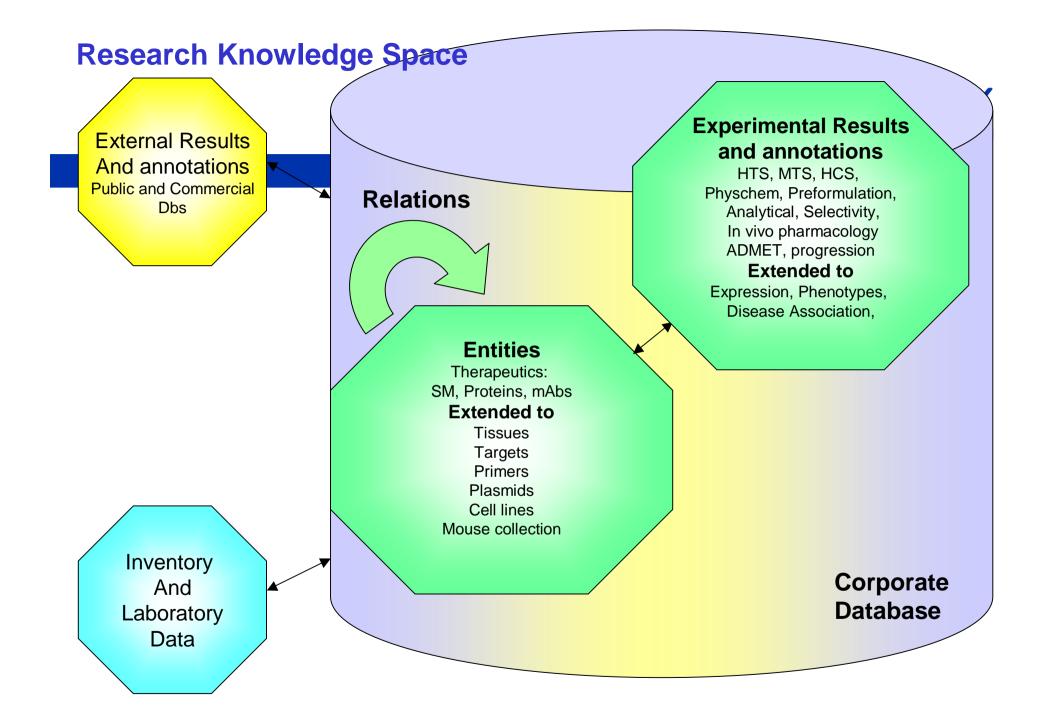
Access to well integrated information:

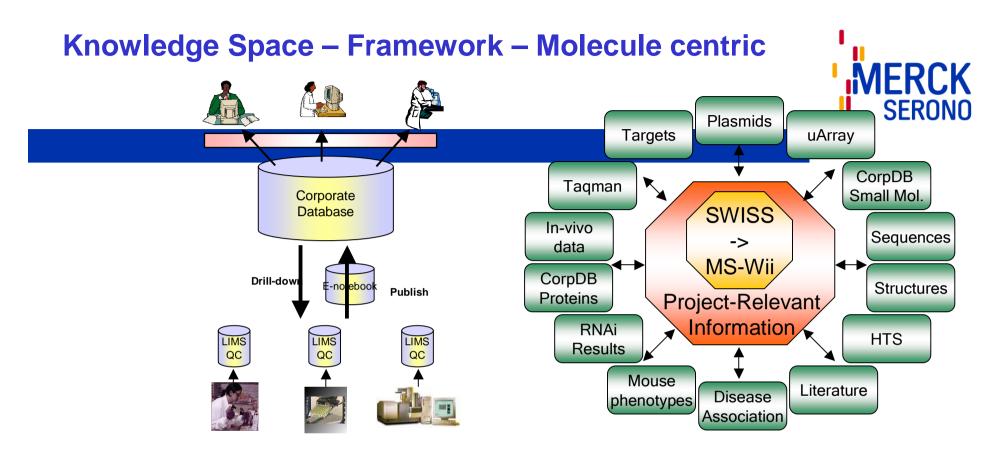
- to make people "knowledgeable"
- to facilitate information flows
- to facilitate information tracking

An Enabling Architecture for Integration









System comprising of:

- a central gateway for handling entities (e.g.: genes, proteins, chemicals): the Merck Serono Wide Index (MS-Wii)
- specialized databases to handle large amount of raw data, each specific of a technology, referring to entities in the SWI
- a system to manage project-relevant information. Also, an easy-to-understand entry point for more detailed results and raw data (EDS)
- a tracking of production workflows
- same system for external data sources -> One single entry point

Knowledge Space – External

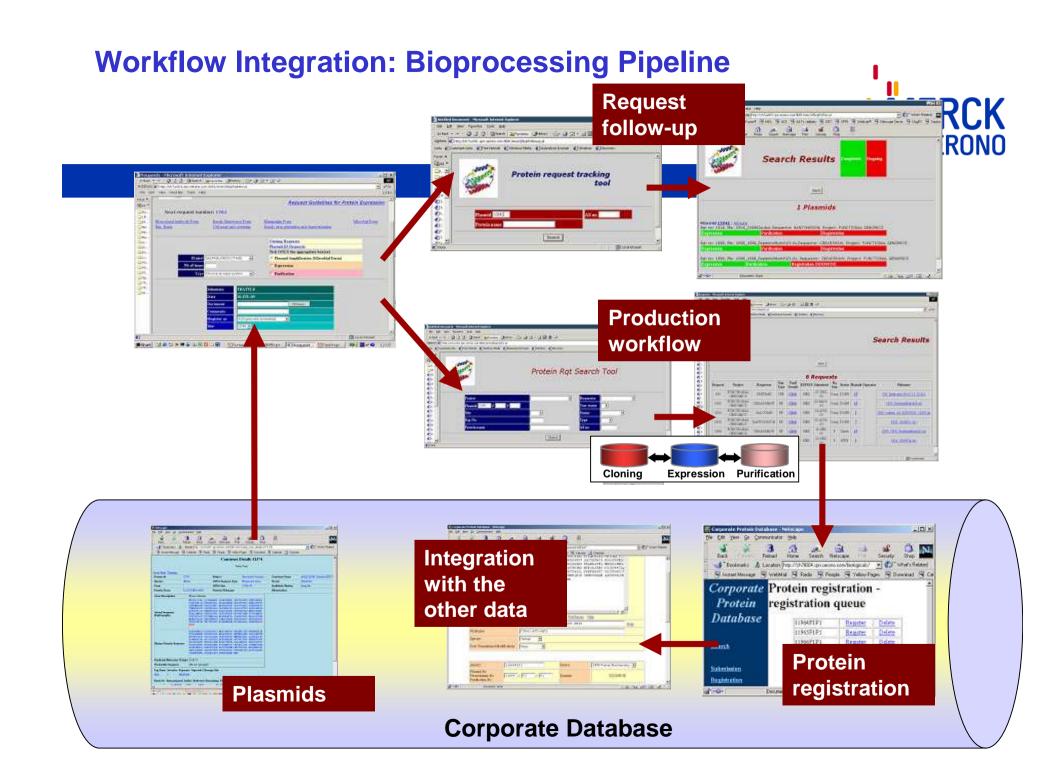


• Several categories:

- low-throughput: Must be curated, but high value. eg.: NTP reports database, public FDA databases
- high-throughput: Large databases integrating heterogeneous data. Public large scale experiments e.g.: ENSEMBL, MDL MDDR, McKay
- Integration
 - Index in MS-Wii
 - Filter information relevant to the company's objectives.
- Some issues:
 - Some servers might not accept to full download
 - Need to build an appropriate analysis pipeline to interpret raw data
 - Requires prior analysis of structure and contents to design parsing scripts
 - "Thought-to-be structured"

Examples:

- 1- Sequences: new releases parsed and integrated in MS-Wii.
 - 1 s to get all in-house and external information for a given sequence whether it is a gene, transcript or protein
 - Information on past releases kept
 - Initiated same work on small molecules
- 2- Toxicity data and predictions.



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Data is transferred automatically, reducing human mistakes. Screeners can focus on QC.

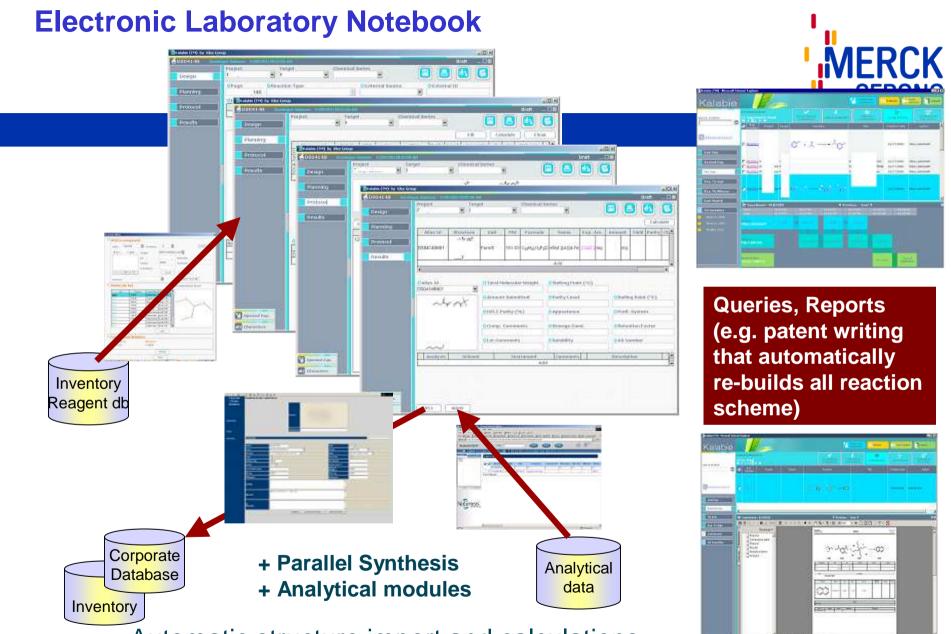
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Automatic structure import and calculations,

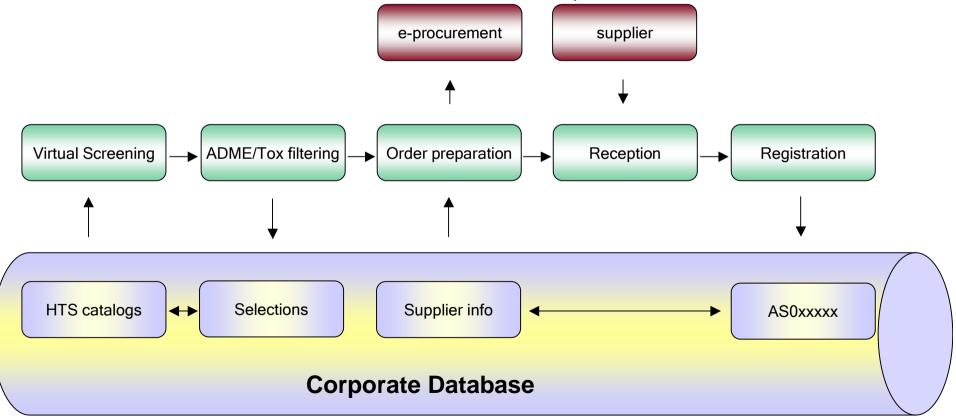
registration in corporate db and inventory ease the chemists' work

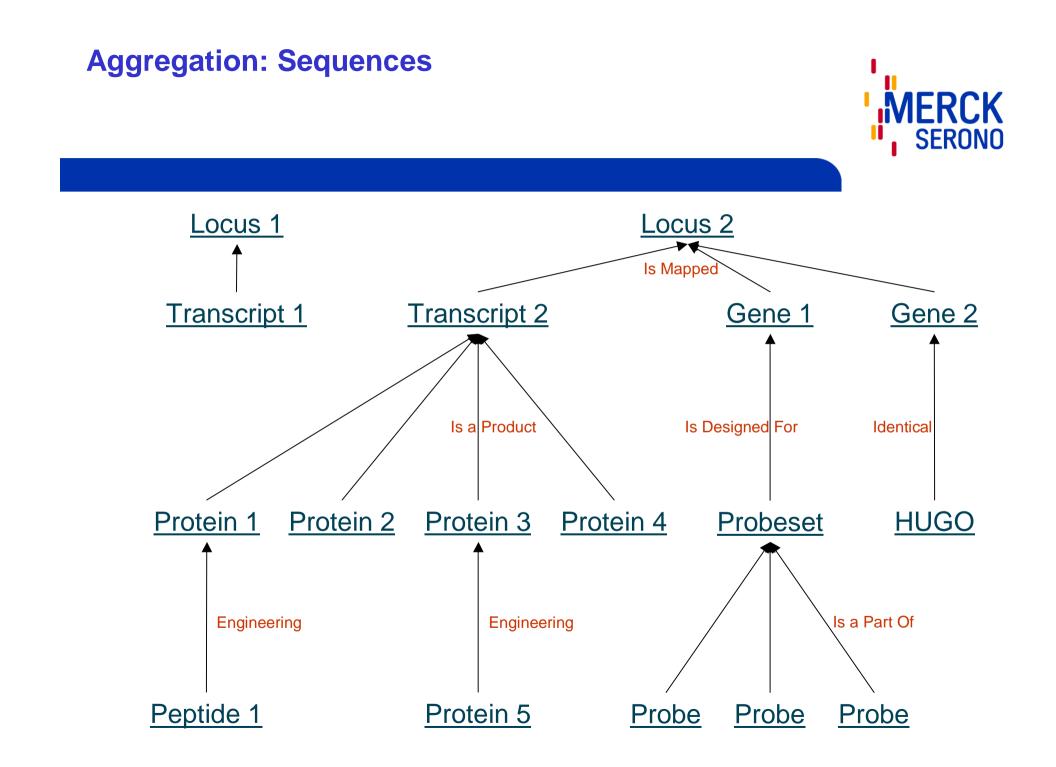
Workflow Integration

• Project-relevant information must remain in the Corporate DB



- Rule of thumb:
 - Corporate DB is a repository for all entities
 - LIMS processes raw data into information
 - LIMS associates information to entities in the Corporate DB





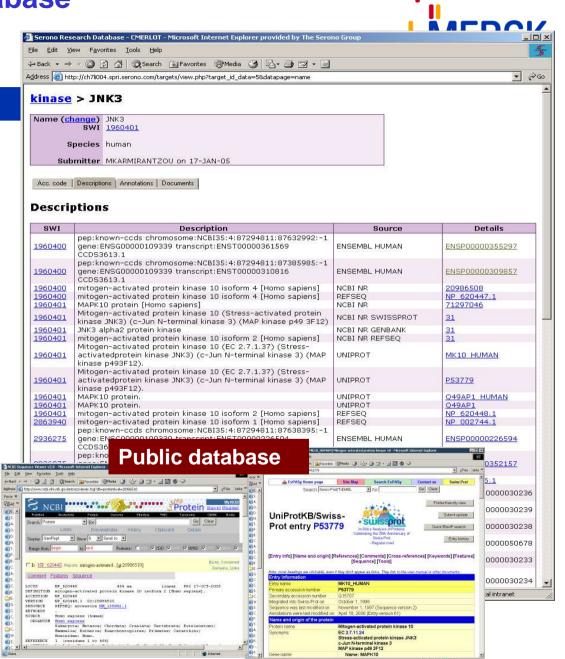
Application – Protein Database

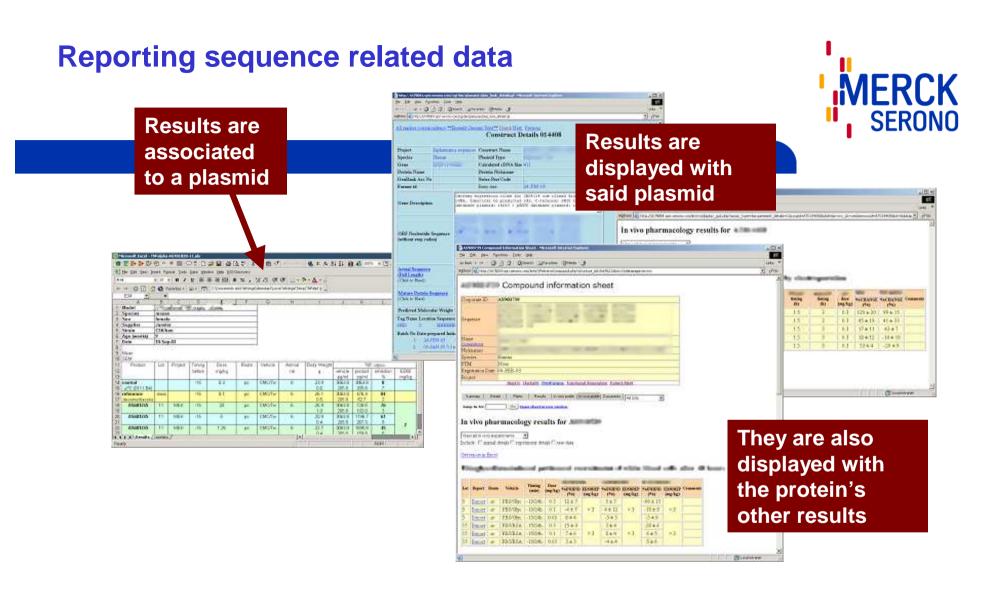
Single access to the biological information:

- Description
- Gene expression
- Orthologs
- Disease link
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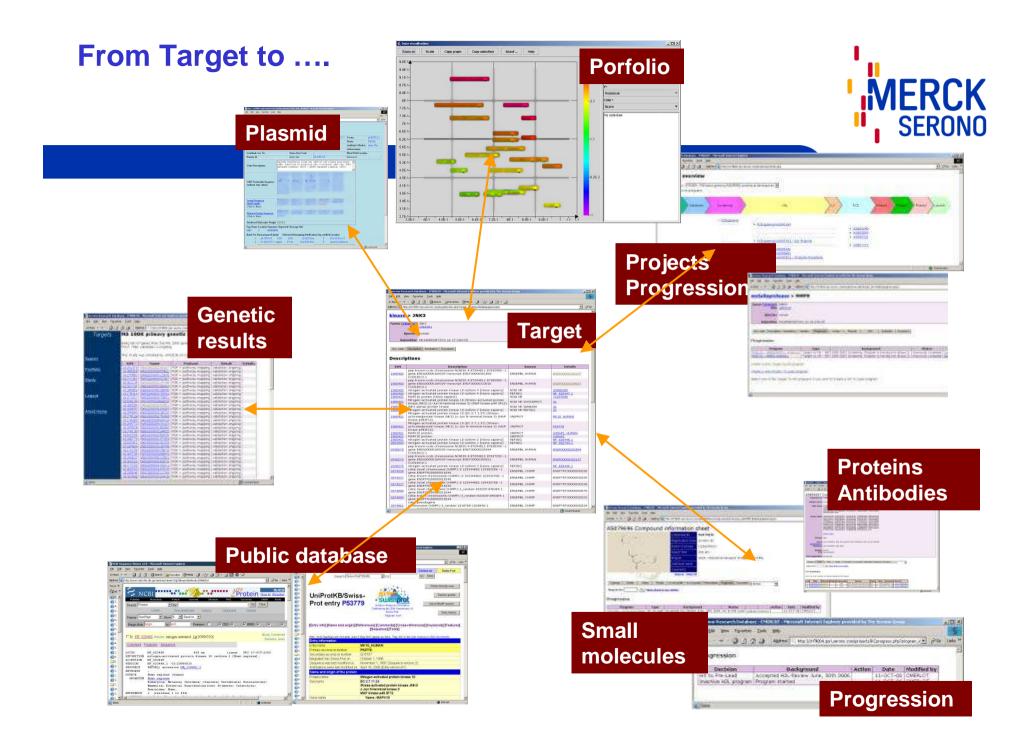
Grouping under a single protein all the annotations about related genes, transcripts or orthologs

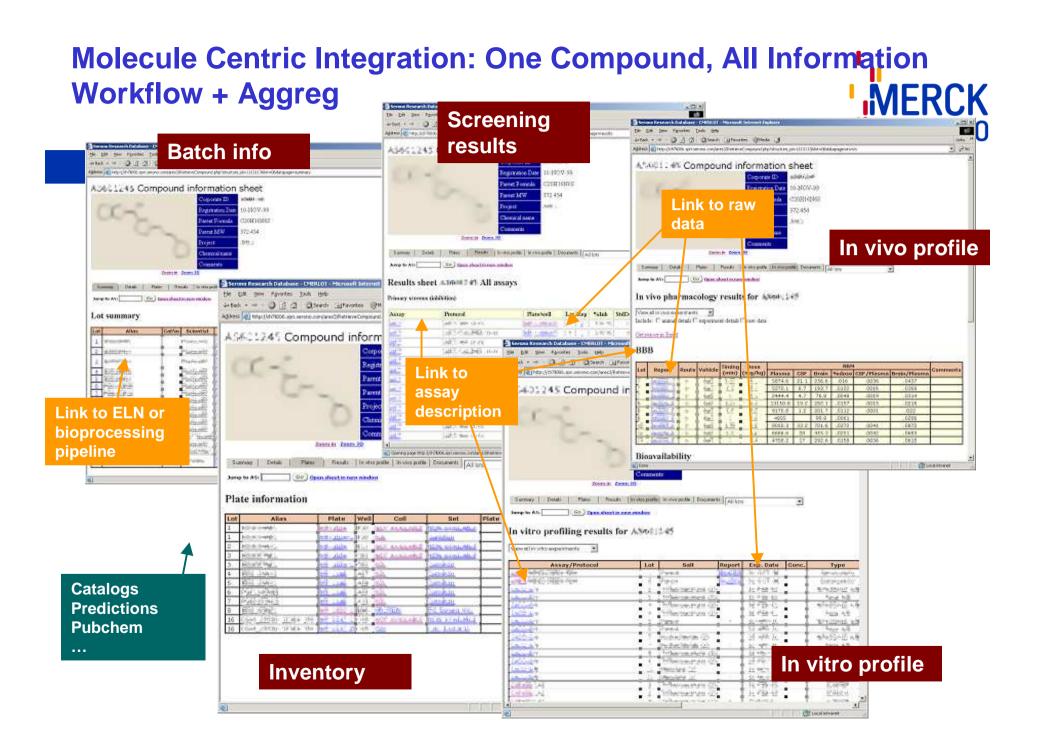
Access to public and corporate data (e.g. Screening, production)





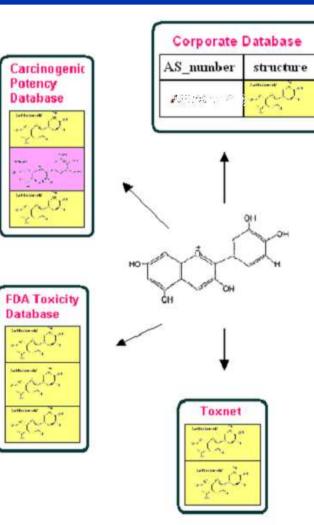
- Most results are associated to a protein (cell assays, in vivo models) but some are associated to other entities (plasmids,...).
- All must appear in the different contexts.

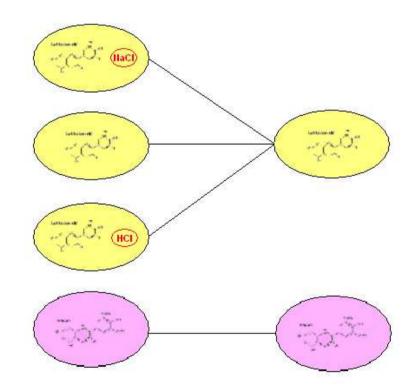




Structure Integration

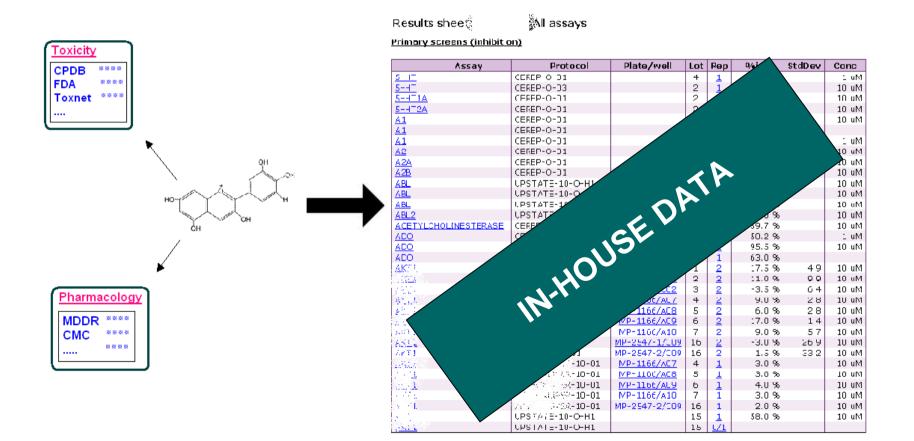






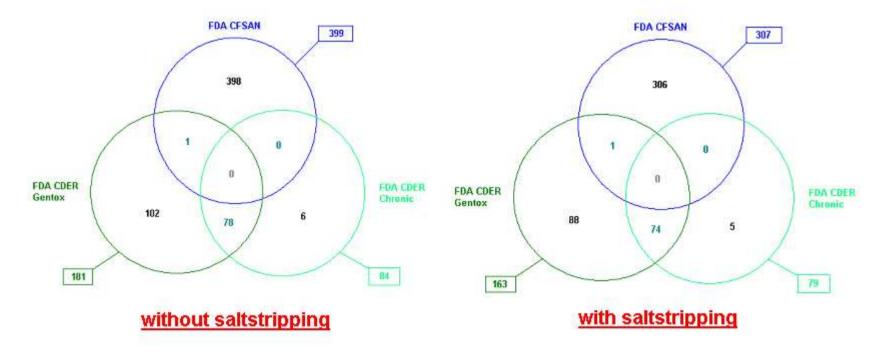
Result Integration





FDA Toxicity Database





Venn diagram of the FDA toxicity databases

"Structured" information sources



 Integration requires prior in-depth analysis of contents

- Database (relational) <> structured.
 - Would need to expose model and contents structure
 - No standards nor unique definitions
- E.g. Toxicity.
 - Endpoint definition, experimental details.
 - Models: Might predict the same activity but for different reasons.
 - Two different fragments responsible for same activity
 - Activity extrapolated from different experiments



Needs



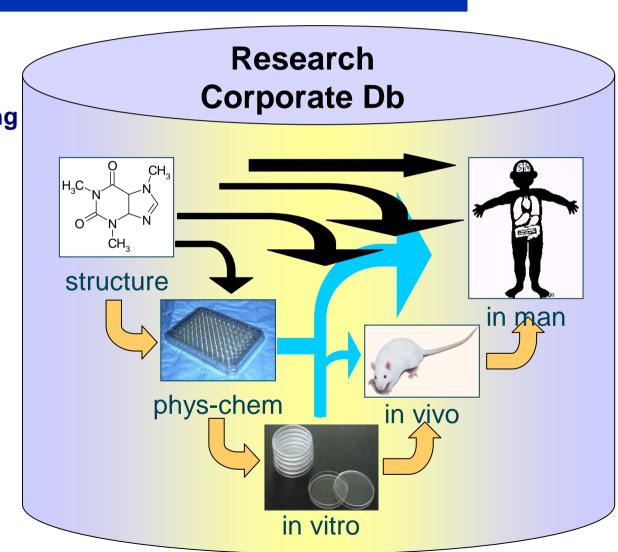
- Integrate
- Monitor
- Informed decision-making











Combining Toxicity Prediction Methods - Theoretical Study



- Combining predictions increases either sensitivity <u>OR</u> specificity.
- Hypothesis:
 - A substance is toxic if it reaches then binds/reacts to its target. These two
 requirements are modeled separately. We assume the substance reaches its target.
 - The binding event is due to the arrangement of some atoms in the molecule. The rest of them is not required but might interfere (eg: steric hindrance)
- Method 1: results for a single method
 - false positive rate: 30.97%
 - false negative rate: 12.04%
- Method 2: predicted positive if A and B are positive with a common descriptor
 - false positive rate: 0.25% => highest specificity
 - false negative rate: 22.41%
- Method 3: predicted positive when both A and B are positive
 - false positive rate: 12.10%
 - false negative rate: 17.87%
- Method 4: predicted positive when either A or B is positive
 - false positive rate: 48.93%
 - false negative rate: 6.52% => highest sensitivity

Simulation based on evaluating an outcome for 100000 molecules with different theoretical methods. Principle: different methods know some arrangements that cause toxicity, they miss some of them (=> false negatives) and include arrangements that are not a root cause (=> false positives).

chemXML – sharing alerts



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- Extends CML to substructure queries http://cml.sourceforge.net
- Handles almost all substructure query features described in MOL files, Derek and SMARTS
- Text-based format for sharing easily query definition
- Most of the validation is done by the XML parser (eg: Xerces)

Concluding remarks



Unique Id for entities

- Advantages: Fast and reliable. "Easy" integration for in-house information
- Drawbacks:
 - Indefinitely scalable?:
 - chemical space estimated to be 10^100 individual structures. Not incl mixtures.
 - Nessea: Developed algorithm to avoid the enumeration of Combichem Libraries
- Production workflow tracking
- Project relevant information in corporate database
- Horizontal and vertical navigation
- Main trends:
 - ELNs for know-how capitalization.
 - Information scoring/mapping
 - Extend scope. Cover whole life of entities.
 - Exploit data from outside
- Main issue to allow integration and automated of parsing/interpretation:
 - Lack of unique definitions/standards to depict entities, relations, contents

Backup slide: Project Management

