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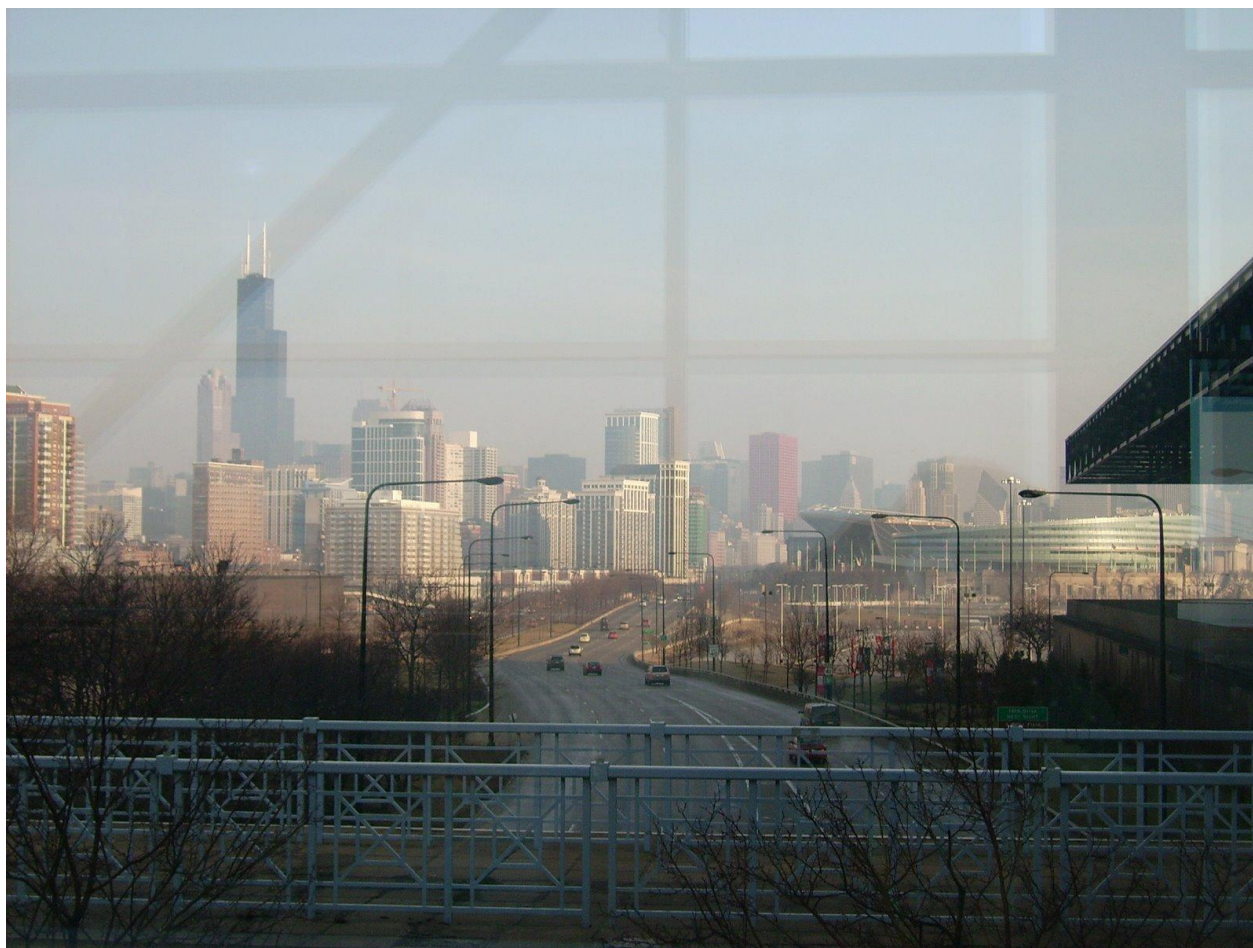
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The weather was much better today. This is a view on downtown from the walking bridge between Lake Side and McCormick buildings of the conference site:



## CINF morning

Yeah, more CINF session reports; I'm a chemoinformatician, remember. Chen showed us around in the latest changes in [ChemDB](#), such as retrosynthesis planning. Banik shows a patented method for showing differences in a set of spectra, though his examples were not really impressive; if the method is really powerful, the examples might have been picked a bit more careful. And I have to say, in retrospect, I found the presentations in the CINF sessions typically of lower quality than I had expected for the big ACS meeting. Fortunately, meeting all the people here makes more than up for that. Guha presented a potentially powerful method to cluster large and huge data sets with a method that approximated SVD by splitting up the full matrices into many smaller ones.

## Laptop Lane

The idea was that us bloggers met up, but that did not quite work out. No problem though. Spoke about many things with several people. [Peter](#) pointed me to an email from Noel on getting [blog comments on JACS/ChemComm/JCIM papers on the table of contents](#). And somewhere that day, [Jean-Claude](#) pointed me to [more chemistry in Second Life](#) (set up by [Beth](#)).

## chem-bla-ics

Both are great follow ups on [the blog/wiki session by CHED yesterday](#) ! Around 17:00 we left for one of the receptions in the W hotel in one of the WOW rooms, though the view was not that spectacular:



## Bulls

I did not stay very long at the party, as I had to leave for the Bulls game against Portland. That was fun indeed! If I knew my first breakfast was going to cost 22 dollar, I would have bought a better ticket, but now I had a *Stand 1* ticket which is so high up in the stadium that even the security people had not idea where to send me :) The view was still more than good enough to feel the pain/joy of the blocks and dunks-in-your-face:

