

From the archives: my ICCS 2005 poster

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Julio and Gert placed their ICCS 2011 [work online](#), and today I was going through old CDs (see [From the archives: Chemical Web, and the CDK in 2004](#) and [Chiral Molecules: how cool is the SEM picture?](#)). I also ran into my ICCS 2005 poster, and because that too was before I started blogging, I never posted it online. So, here it is, based on [my thesis](#) :



On the use of ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra as QSAR descriptors

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Introduction

Quantitative Structure Activity Relationship (QSAR) models correlate molecular structures with biological and chemical activities.

Spectra have been suggested as descriptor of the molecular structures, but the performance of spectra-based QSAR models has not been thoroughly tested.

This poster presents QSAR models based on ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra and compares this with models build from theoretical molecular descriptors.

Data Sets

Three data sets are discussed:

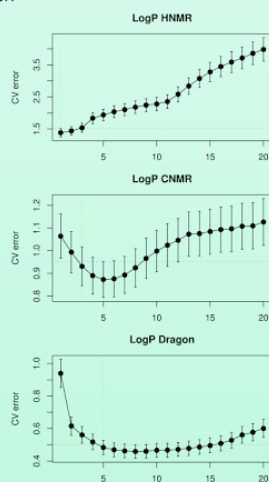
name	# compounds	activity	ref.
WS	431	water solubility	[1]
BP	277	boiling point	[2]
LogP	154	LogP	[3]

For each data set ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra are simulated using ACD/Labs NMR Predictor. Theoretical molecular descriptors are calculated with Dragon and a subset is randomly chosen. All three descriptor sets contain 220 variables.

Methods

Partial Least Squares (PLS) was used to make the regression models. leave-one-out cross validation (LOO-CV) was used to pick the right number of latent variables (LV's).

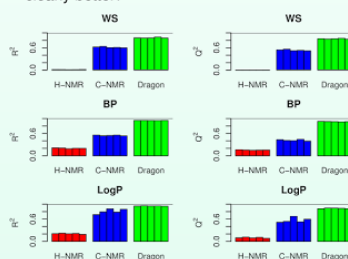
The vertical dotted line indicates the selected number of latent variables. Whiskers indicate ± 1 standard deviation in the cross validation error:



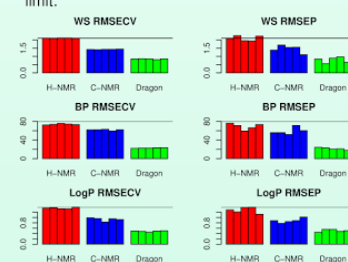
For each model type five randomly chosen independent test sets were used.

Results

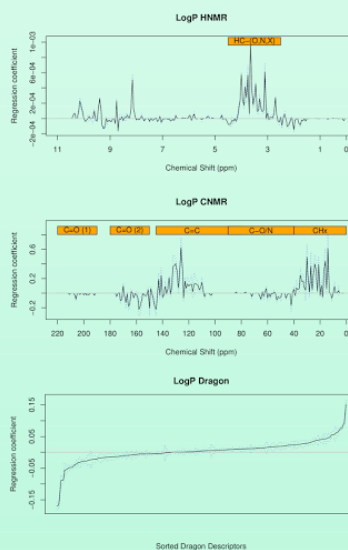
The internal performance statistics R^2 and Q^2 for the three data sets show that ^1H NMR does not yield acceptable models. While ^{13}C NMR models are acceptable, Dragon descriptors are clearly better:



This is confirmed by the root mean square errors for the LOO-CV (RMSECV) and for the predictions of the test set (RMSEP). The horizontal line indicates the error of a $y_{\text{pred}} = \bar{y}$ model; RMSE values should be well below this limit:

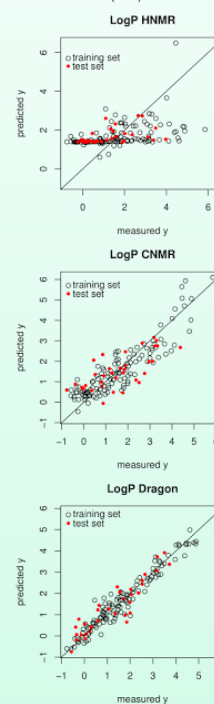


The regression vector of the PLS models for ^1H NMR shows much less structure than the ^{13}C NMR. In blue are the ± 1 standard deviations of the five models:



LogP Prediction

Visual inspection of the $y_{\text{predicted}}$ vs. y_{measured} plots confirms that Dragon-based models give more accurate predictions than ^{13}C NMR-based models for both the training set (black) and the independent test set (red):



Conclusions

- ^1H NMR spectra do not yield good PLS regression models.
- ^{13}C NMR spectra yield acceptable PLS regression models, but are inferior to models based on theoretical molecular descriptors

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