

BIO-4372 Cheminformatics

L05 Topological Structure Comparison

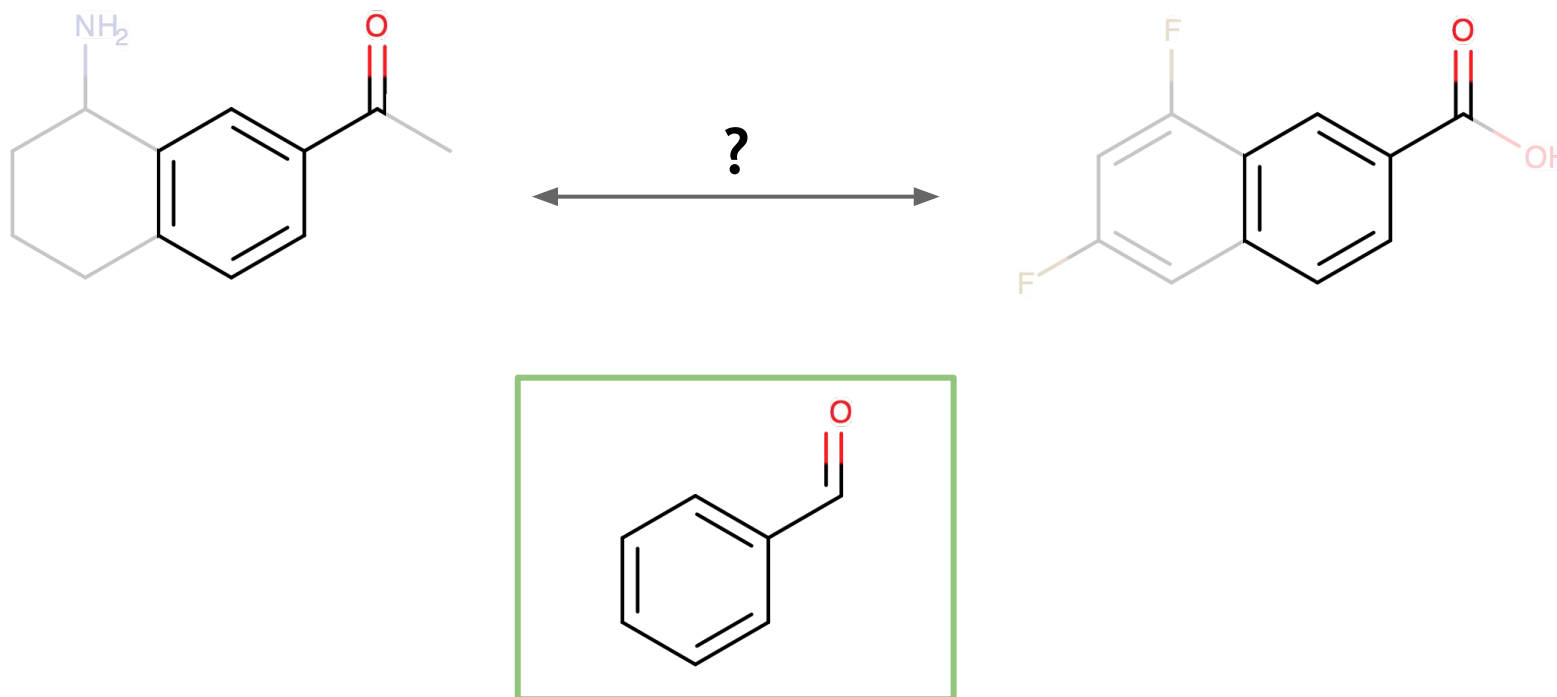
Part II: Maximum Common Substructure



- Problem introduction
- Two molecule case
 - Example: atom mapping in chemical reactions
 - Reduction to a well-known graph-based problem
 - Maximum clique detection
 - Bron-Kerbosch algorithm
- Multiple molecule case
 - Example: Identification of active core structure
 - Extension non-trivial
 - Pairwise search for maximal common substructure

Motivation

- Maximum Common Substructure: MCS**





Motivation

- **Maximum Common Substructure: MCS**
- The largest common substructure of two molecules
- Very important concept in cheminformatics
 - Also used in other molecular science areas
 - An overview can be found in Ehrlich and Rarey (2011) ¹
- Two problem variants have cheminformatic use cases:
 1. **Two molecule case**
 2. Multiple molecule case

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Motivation

Two Molecule Case

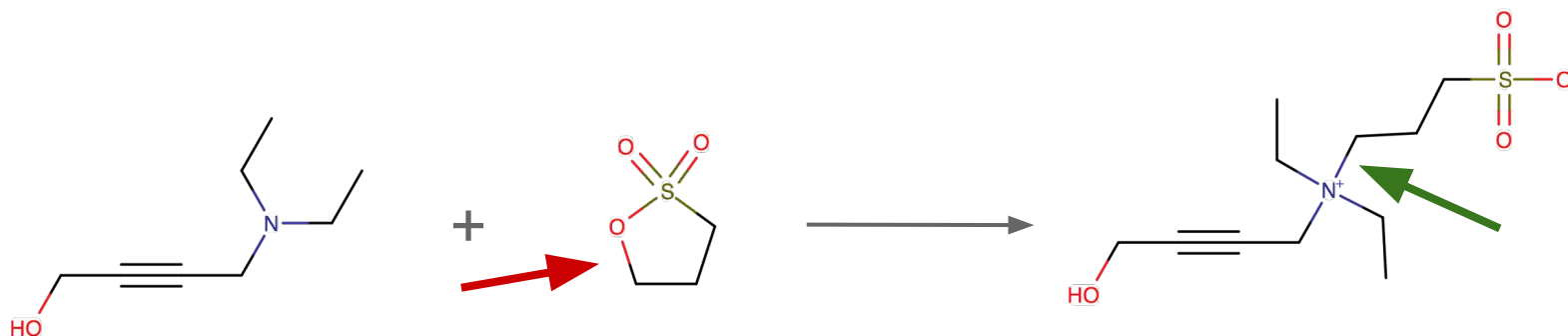
- **Atom mapping for chemical reactions**
- Chemical reactions transform educt(s) into product(s)
- Large databases of chemical reactions exist
- Learning from that information would be extremely useful
 - Prediction of chemical reactivity
- Required to achieve this goal(s):
 1. Reactions have to be balanced
 2. **Reactions have to be atom-mapped**



Motivation

Two Molecule Case

- **Atom mapping for chemical reactions**
- Experimental approach: isotope-labeling experiments and NMR
 - Expensive in time and money
- Computational strategies of utmost interest
 - Active research field
- **MCS is a key technique**



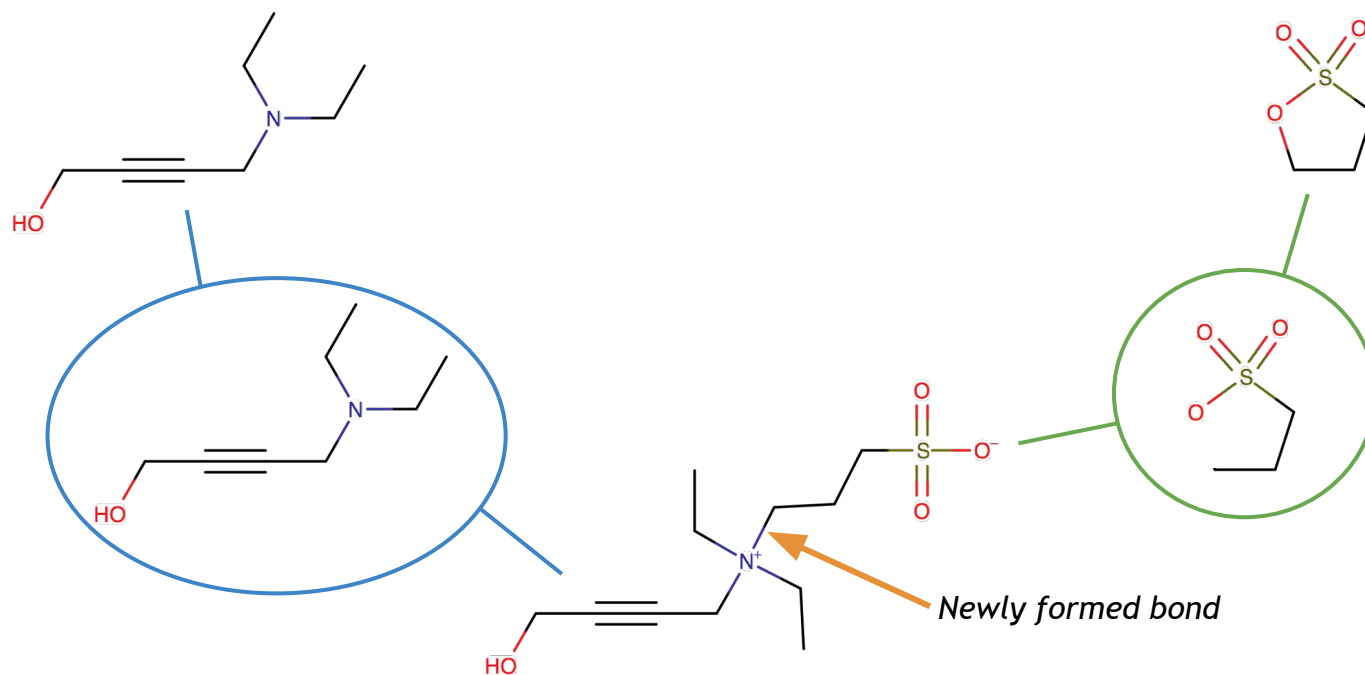
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- MCS mapping



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Maximum Common Substructure

Essential Problem

- We first discuss the **two molecule case**
 - Multiple molecule case less explored
- Variant of **Maximum Common Subgraph Isomorphism**
 - **NP-complete** in the general case ¹
- **Maximum Common Substructure** for molecules
 - Labeled graph with bounded node degree
 - Cf. lecture *L03 Chemical Data Representation*
 - Solvable for most medium sized molecules in acceptable time
 - That is within seconds



Maximum Common Substructure

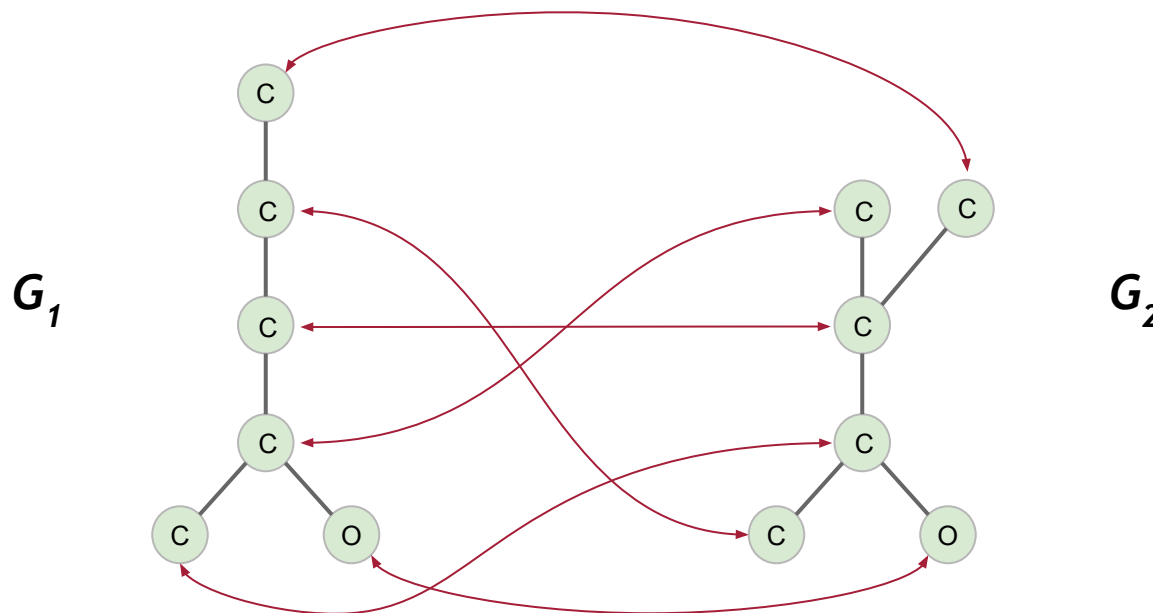
Essential Problem

- Given: Molecular graphs $G_1=(V_1, E_1)$ and $G_2=(V_2, E_2)$ and a node labeling function $\mu: V_1 \cup V_2 \rightarrow \Sigma$
- Problem: Find a bijection $m: V_1' \rightarrow V_2'$ mapping each node from $V_1' \subseteq V_1$ on a node from $V_2' \subseteq V_2$ such that $\mu(v) = \mu(m(v)) \quad \forall \quad v \in V_1'$
- As we search for a **maximum** common substructure the mapping m should be **maximal**. That is no other mapping exists that maps **more than $|V_1'|$** nodes.



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Essential Problem: Topology

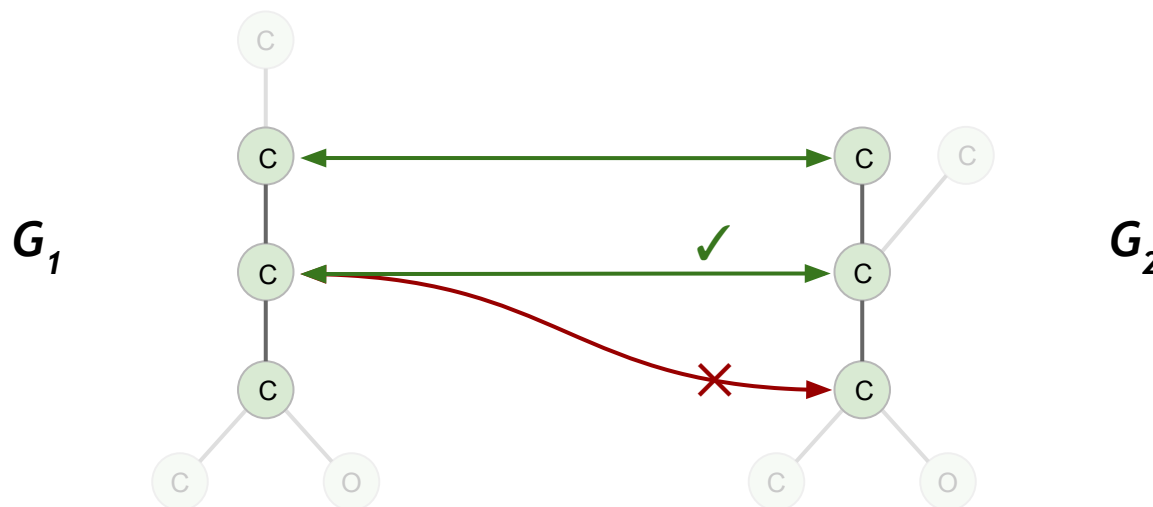


- Problem: mapping is **not topology preserving**
⇒ chemically not meaningful!



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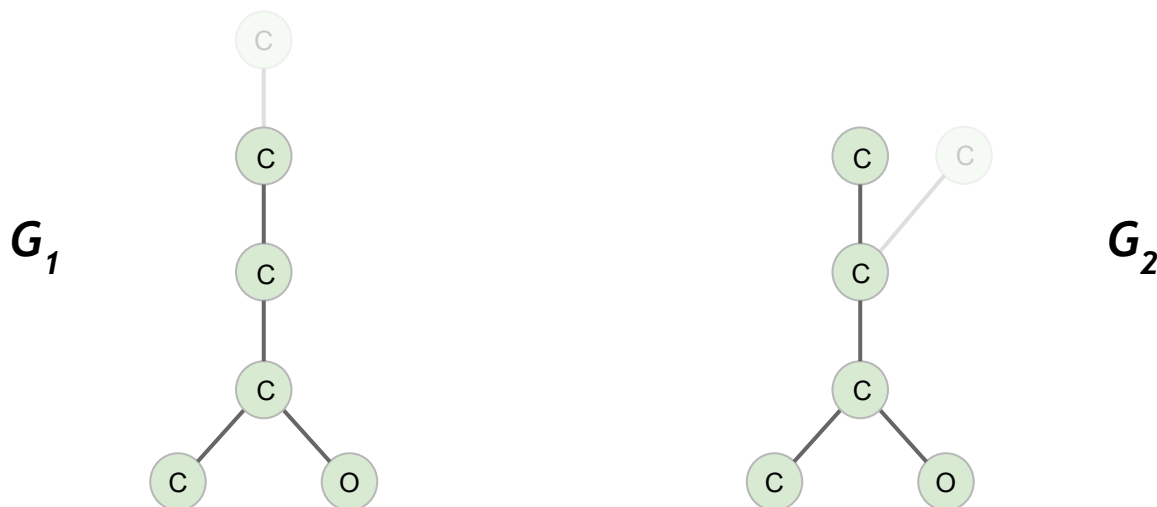


- We need to **define appropriate constraints**:
 To **preserve topology** we have to ensure that **adjacent nodes** in G_1 can only be mapped onto **adjacent nodes** in G_2



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Essential Problem: Topology



- **Topology constraints preserve chemistry**



Maximum Common Substructure

Essential Problem

- Formally, we have to add the following requirement:

$$(u, v) \in E_1 \Leftrightarrow (m(u), m(v)) \in E_2$$



- Topology constraint significantly complicates problem
- Questions:
 - How many such mappings exist?
 - How to identify suitable mappings?



Maximum Common Substructure

Number of Possible Mappings

- Worst case:
 - In G_1 and G_2 : **all labels are identical**
 - G_1 and G_2 are complete
- Consequence: all unique bijections are valid
- Assuming $|V_1| = |V_2| = n$ we have $n!$ possible mappings of G_1 onto G_2 and thus **exponentially many!**
- How can we identify such mappings efficiently?



Maximum Common Substructure

Problem Variants

- MCS can refer to different problem variants
- Two groups of variants can be distinguished:
 1. Connected and Disconnected MCS
 2. MCIS and MCES



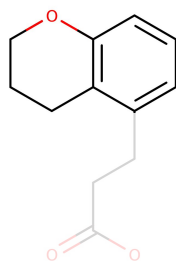
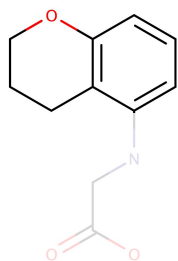
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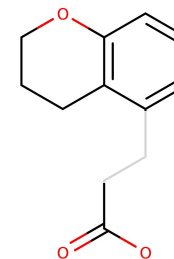
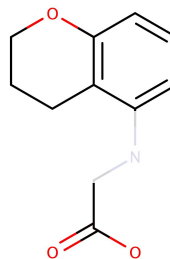
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Connected MCS



Disconnected MCS

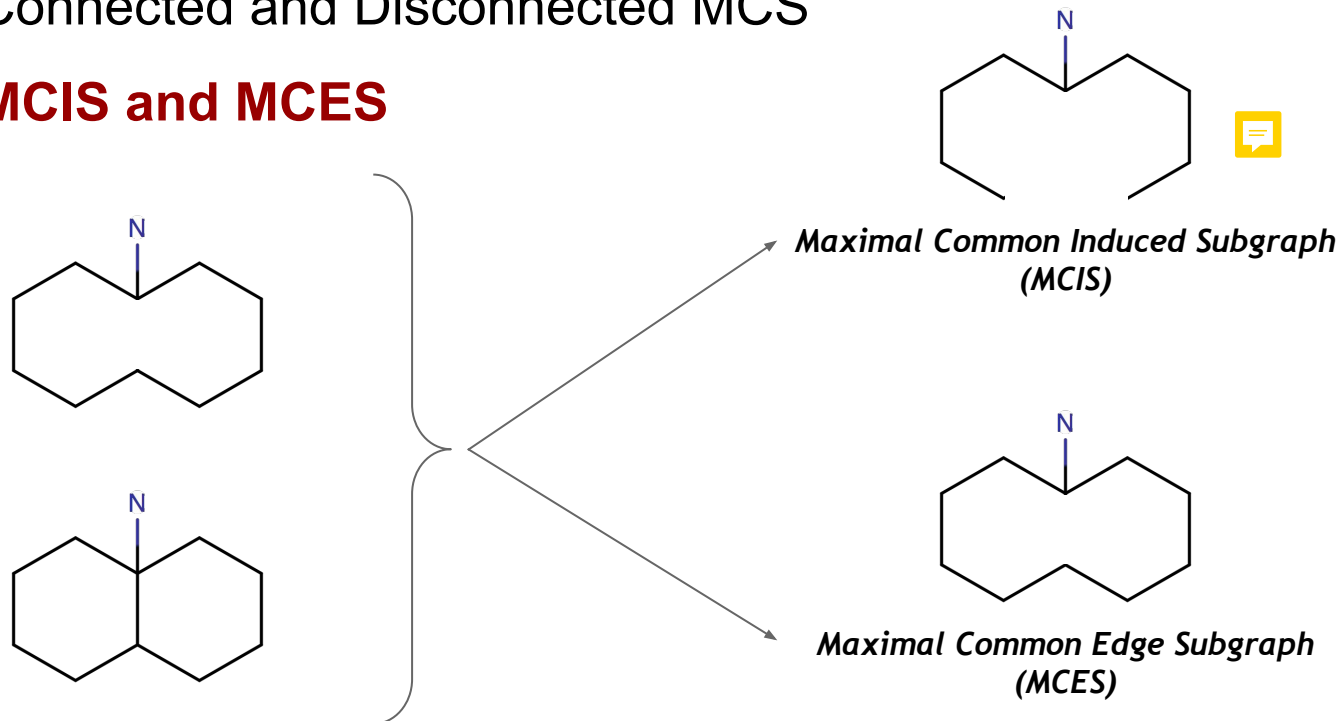




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Maximum Common Substructure

Algorithmic Approaches

- A lot of algorithms have been proposed to solve MCS ¹
 - Exact algorithms
 - **Maximum Clique-based**
 - Backtracking
 - Dynamic programming ²
 - Approximate algorithms
 - Genetic algorithms
 - Combinatorial optimization
 - Others
- Solution in **polynomial time** for tree-like graphs
with **bounded node degree** ²

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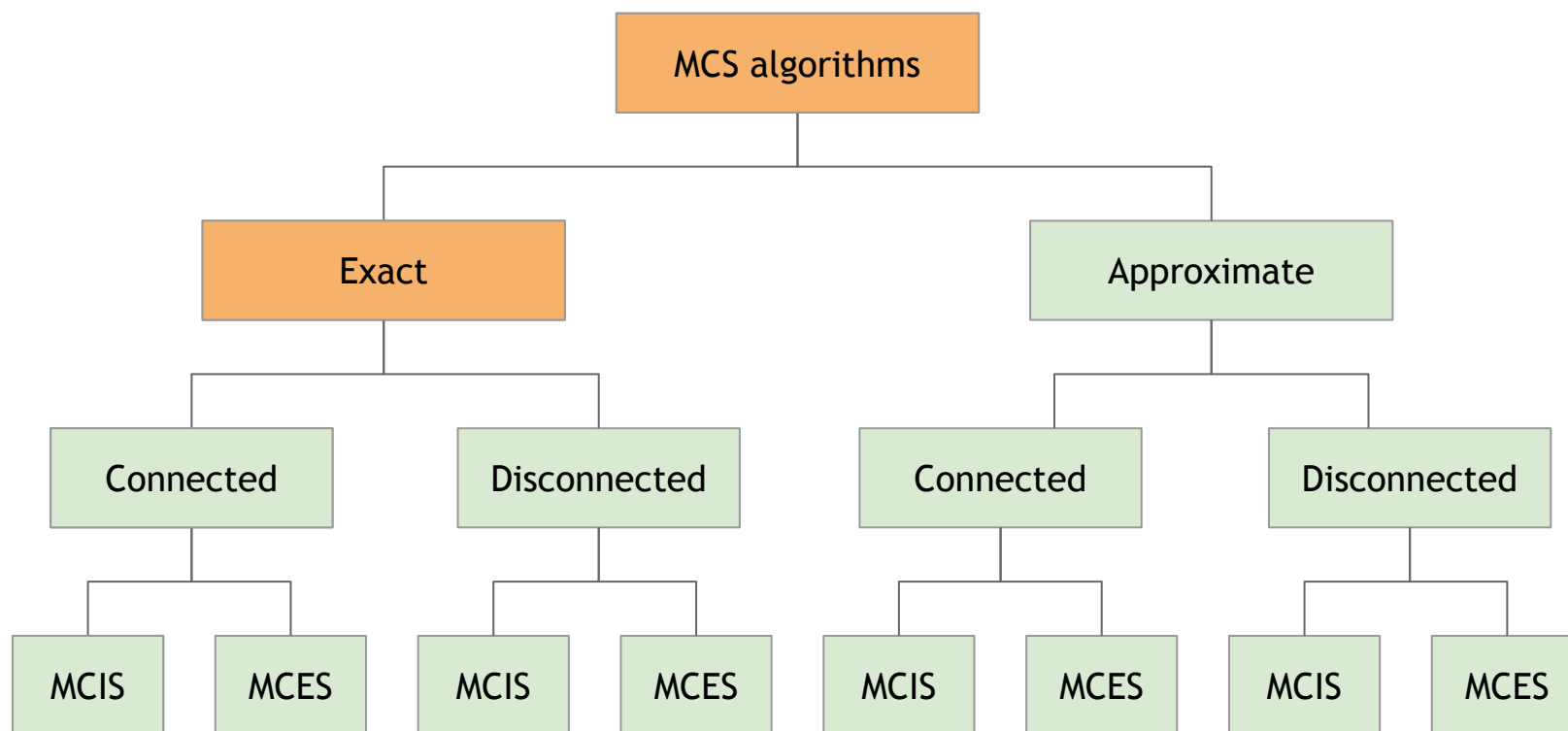
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- Algorithms for MCS can thus also be classified ^{1,2}




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MCS: Maximum Clique Approach

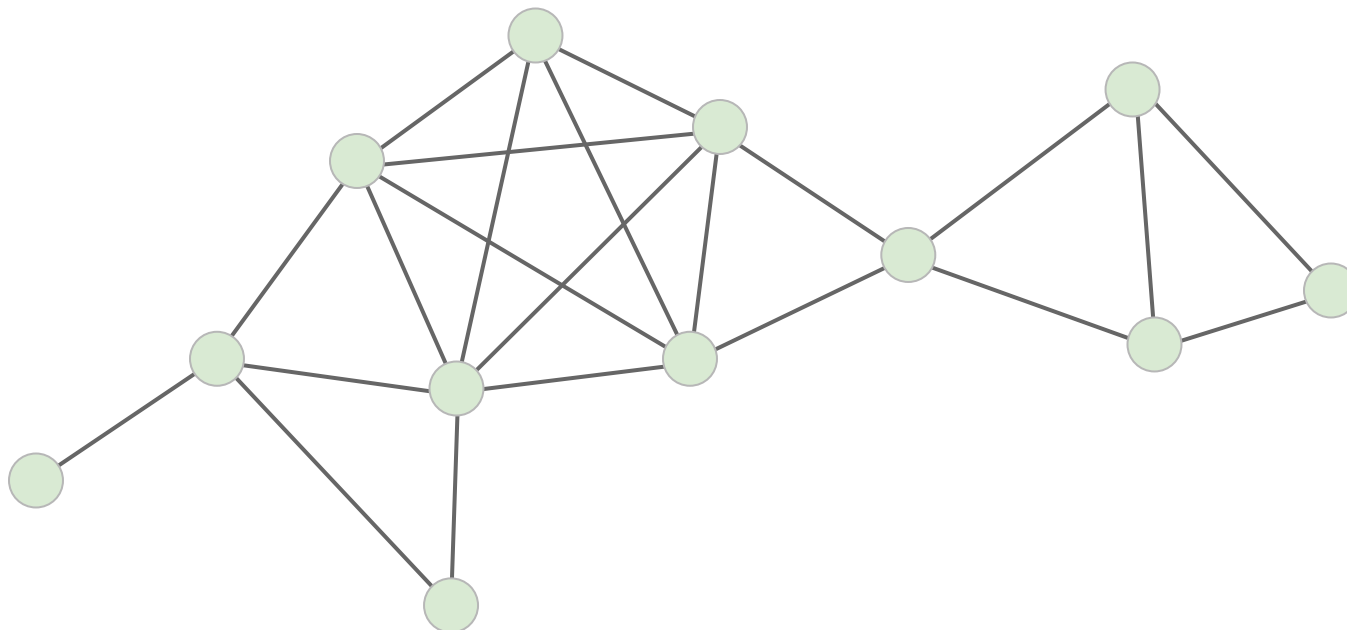
Cliques

- MCS can be reduced to detection of a **maximum clique**
- Given a graph $G = (V, E)$
 - **Clique**: a complete subgraph of G . 
 - **Maximal clique**: a clique where no further $v \in V$ can be added (including its induced edges) such that the resulting subgraph is again a clique.
 - **Maximum clique**: largest maximal clique(s) of G with respect to the number of nodes.



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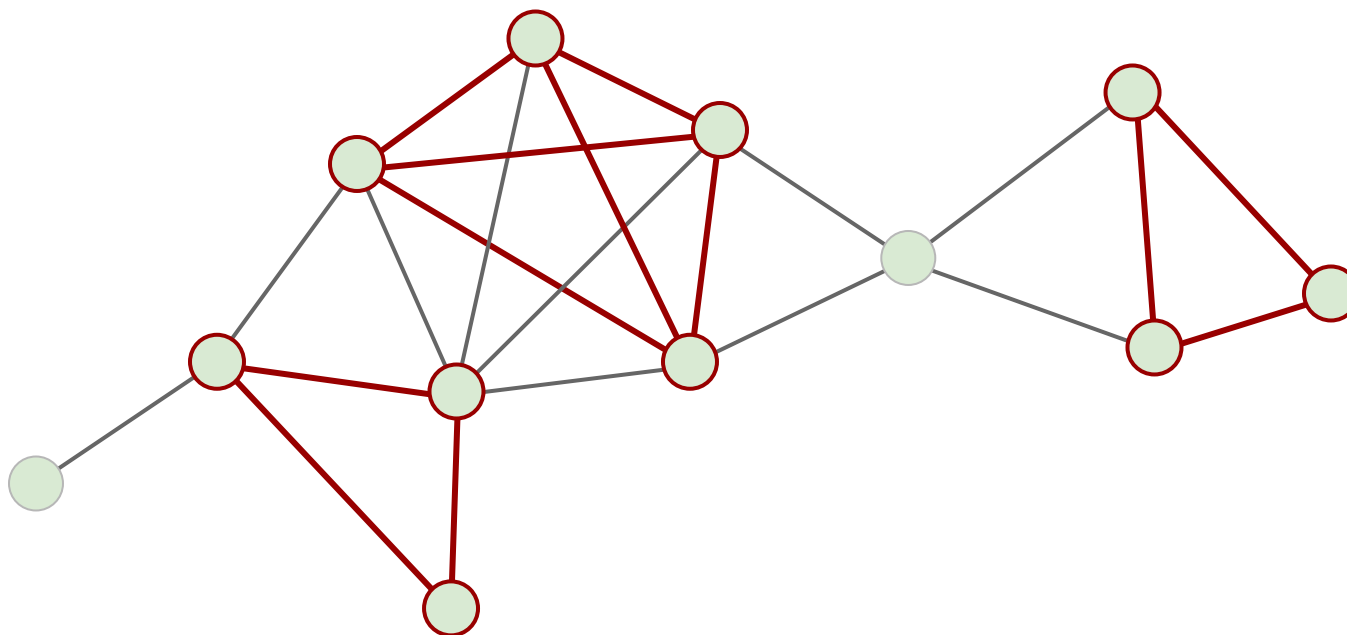


Graph G



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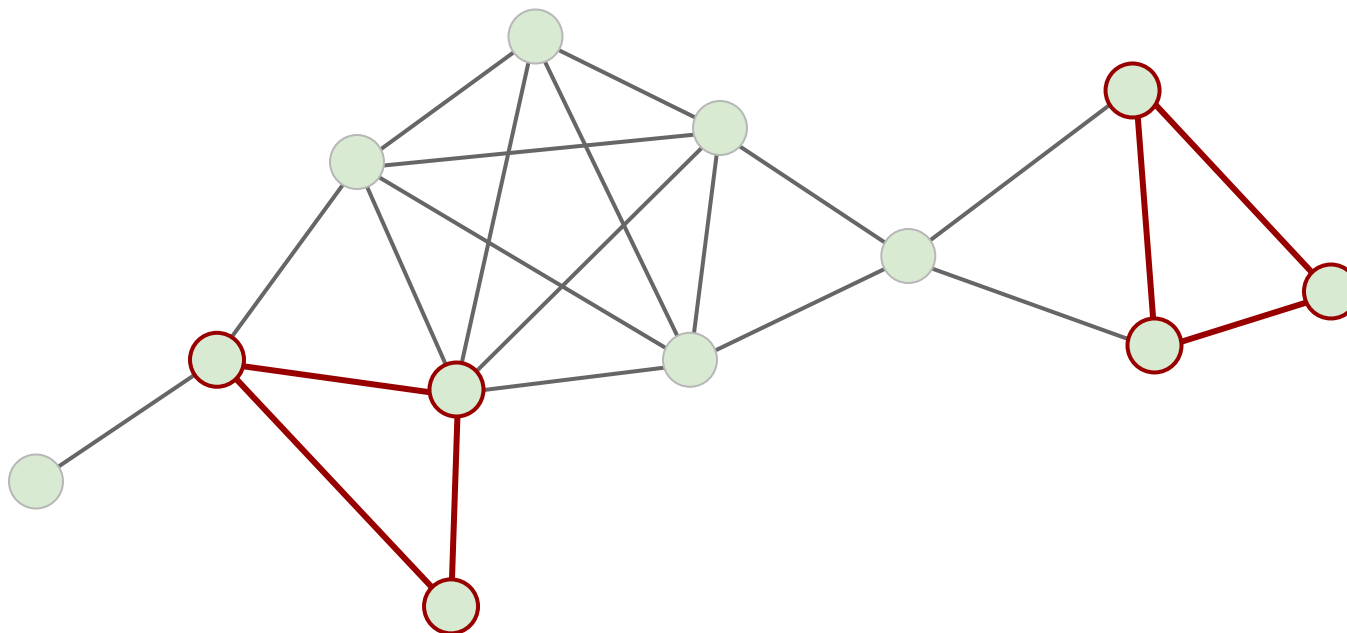


Graph G: some **cliques** ...



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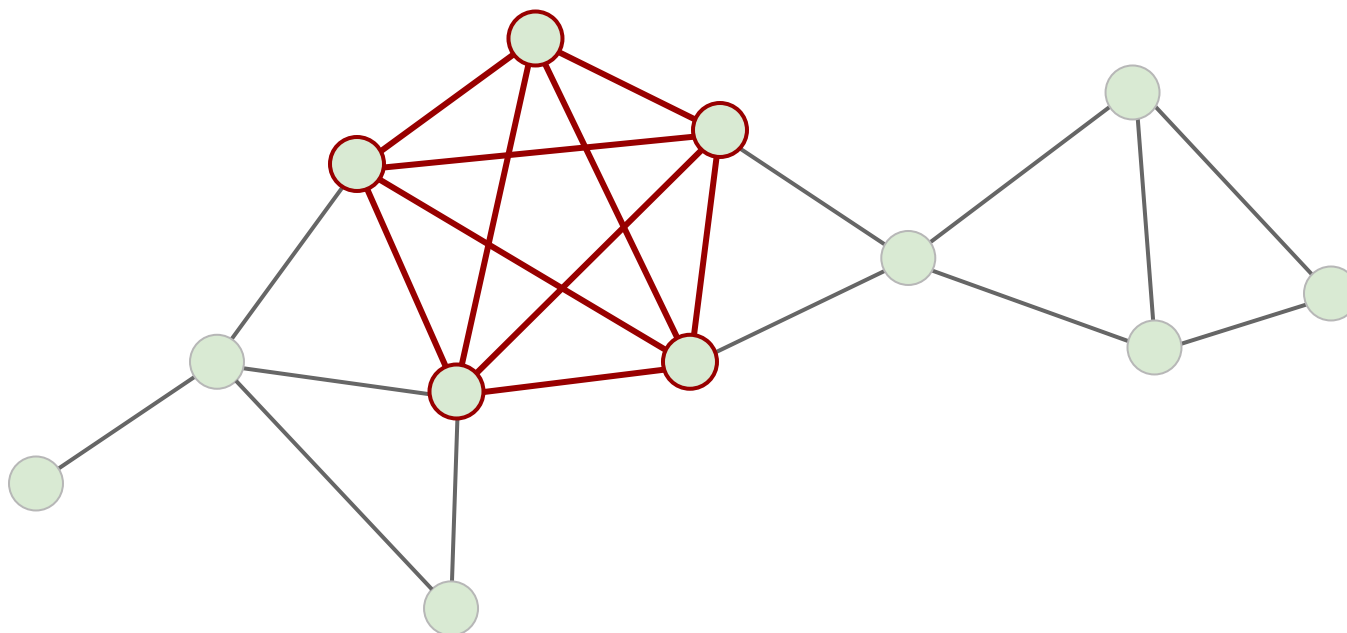


Graph G: two **maximal cliques** ...



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Graph G: **maximum clique**



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Overview

- Clique detection works on a **single graph**
- Questions:
 1. What graph is that?
 2. How do we generate that graph from our molecular graphs?
 3. How can we calculate maximum cliques?
- We will discuss these steps in the following



MCS: Maximum Clique Approach

Compatibility Graph

- Target graph: **compatibility graph**
 - Association graph
 - Correspondence graph
 - Modular product graph
- We have two molecular graphs A and B
- We have one compatibility graph
 - Obviously the latter needs to be calculated from A and B



MCS: Maximum Clique Approach

Compatibility Graph

- Given two (molecular) graphs $G_1=(V_1, E_1)$ and $G_2=(V_2, E_2)$, the compatibility graph G_C is defined as the vertex set $V_C \subseteq V_1 \times V_2$ where $\mu(v_{1i}) = \mu(v_{2j})$ for all $\langle v_{1i}, v_{2j} \rangle \in V_C$ and in which $\langle v_{1i}, v_{2j} \rangle$ and $\langle v_{1r}, v_{2s} \rangle$ are adjacent iff

$$(v_{1i}, v_{1r}) \in E_1 \text{ and } (v_{2j}, v_{2s}) \in E_2$$

or

$$(v_{1i}, v_{1r}) \notin E_1 \text{ and } (v_{2j}, v_{2s}) \notin E_2$$

Topology preservation!

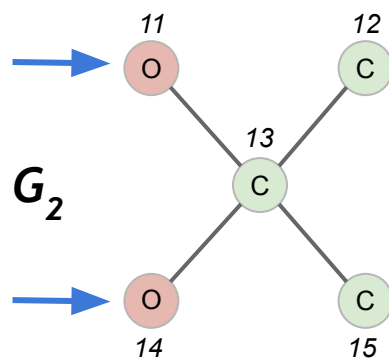
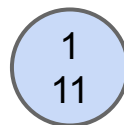
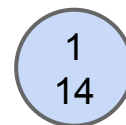
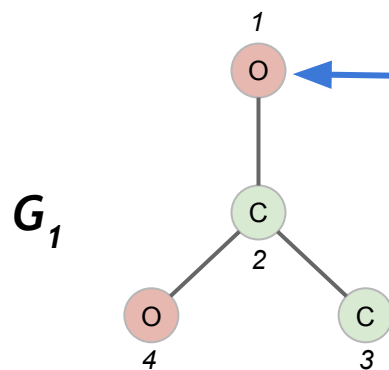
for $v_{1i} \neq v_{1r}$ and $v_{2j} \neq v_{2s}$



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Compatibility Graph

- Construction of G_C



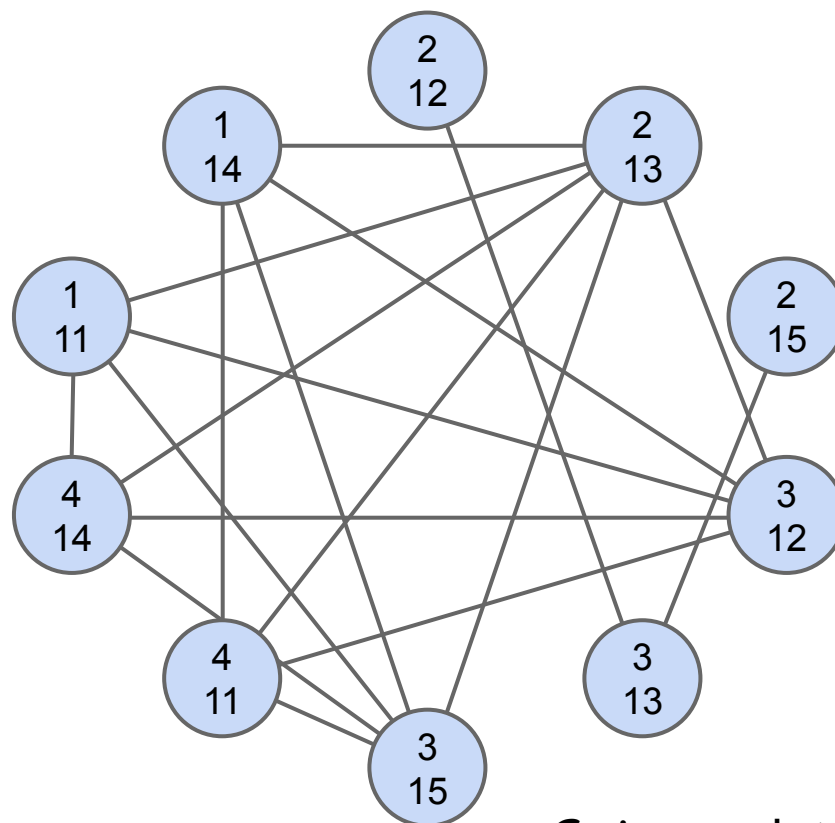
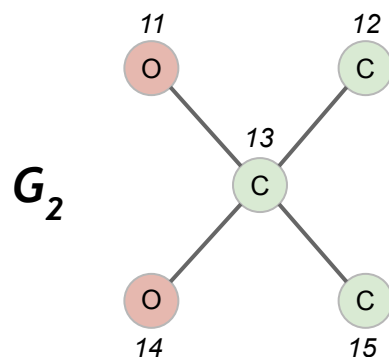
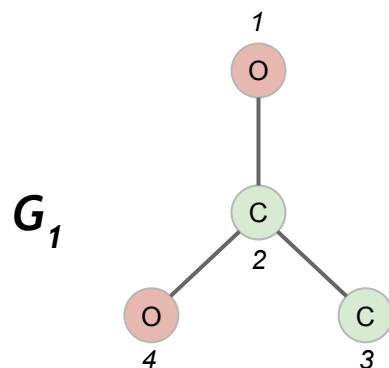
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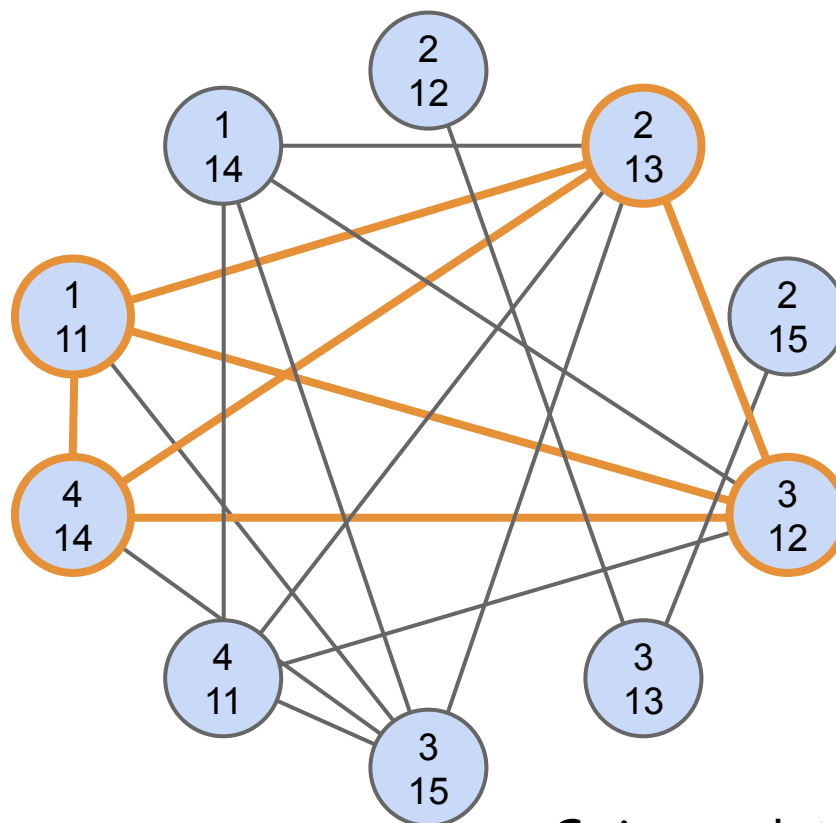
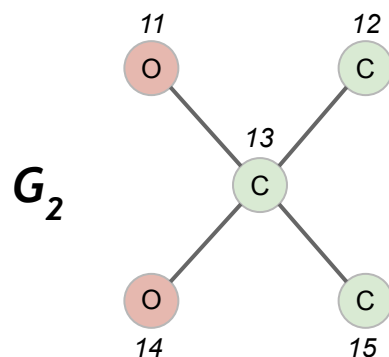
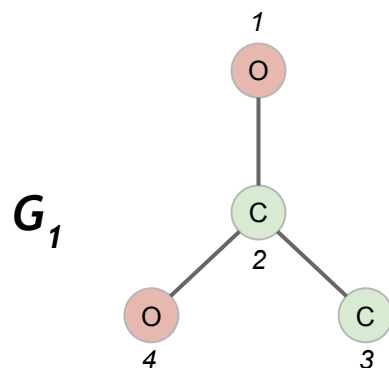
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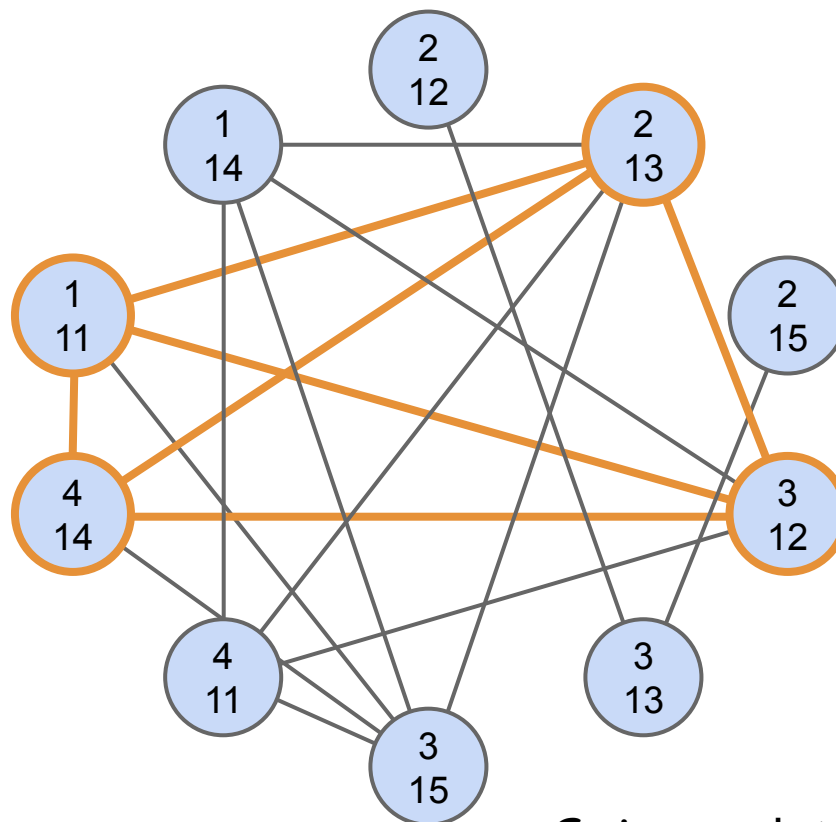
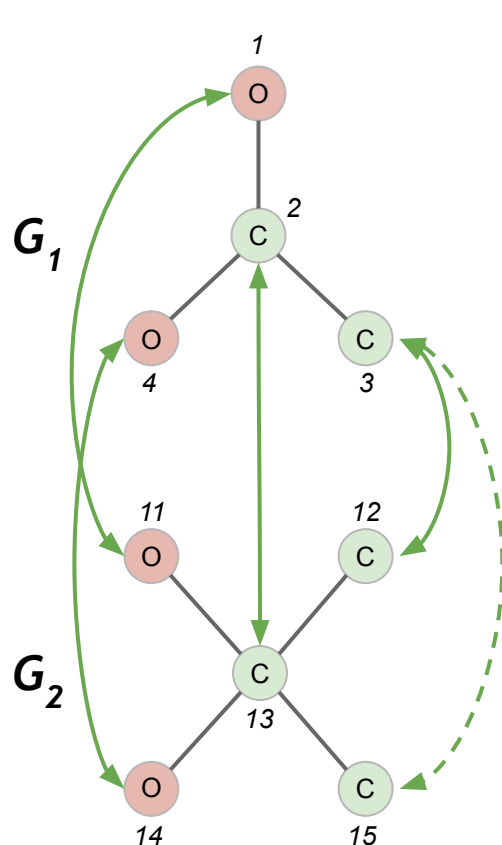
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Compatibility Graph

- Maximum clique** in G_C corresponds to **MCS** between G_1 and G_2



G_C incomplete!



MCS: Maximum Clique Approach

Maximum Clique Problem

- Well known but also **NP-complete**
 - Reducible to 3-SAT
- A number of algorithms exist for solving this problem
- Example: **Bron-Kerbosch algorithm**¹
 - Popular in cheminformatics
 - Easy to implement
- One key problem remains:

MCS cannot be solved efficiently for large molecules and is still computationally expensive even for small to medium-sized molecules

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MCS: Maximum Clique Approach

Bron-Kerbosch Algorithm

- **Given:** A graph $G = (V, E)$, e.g. a compatibility graph
- Bron and Kerbosch proposed a simple algorithm using **recursive tree-search with backtracking**
- It enumerates all maximal cliques
 - The maximum clique thus being part of it
- It uses three node lists:
 - C: current clique candidate nodes
 - M: nodes of next maximal clique
 - N: tested nodes that are not part of the next maximum clique



MCS: Maximum Clique Approach

Bron-Kerbosch Algorithm

In : Graph $G = (V, E)$

Out: List L with all maximal cliques of G

$C = V$;

$M = N = \emptyset$;

Function BronKerbosch(M, C, N)

if $\exists u \in N$ with $(u, v) \in E \forall v \in C$ **then**

return;

end

foreach $u \in C$ **do**

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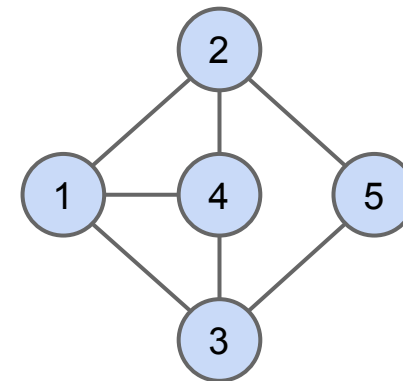
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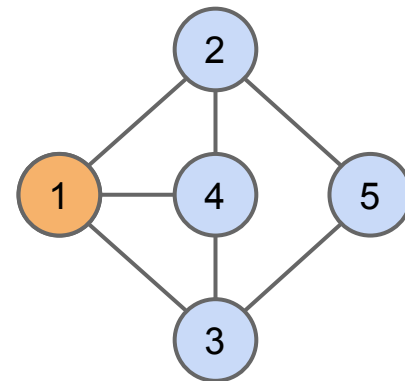
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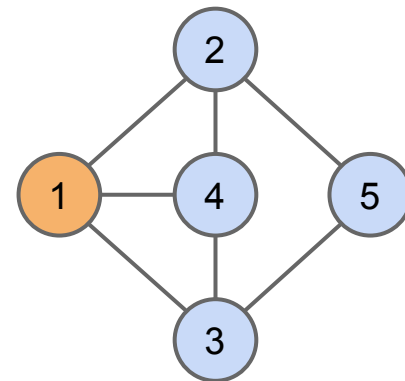
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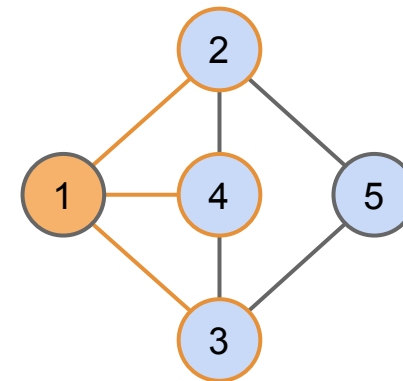
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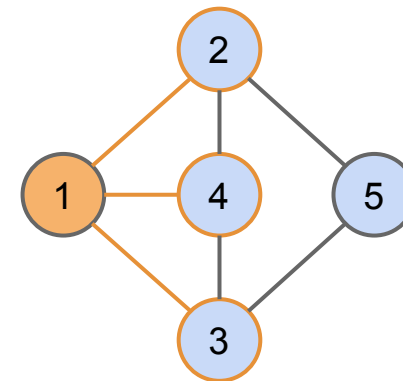
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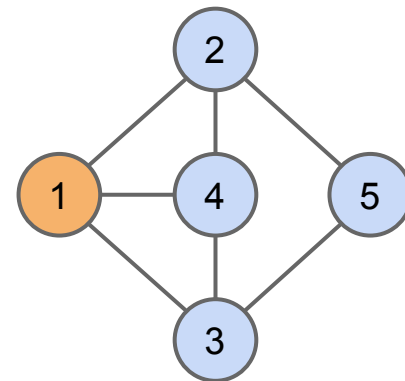
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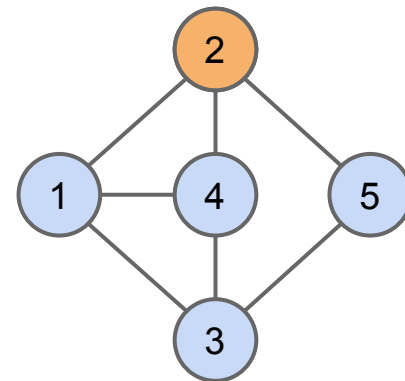
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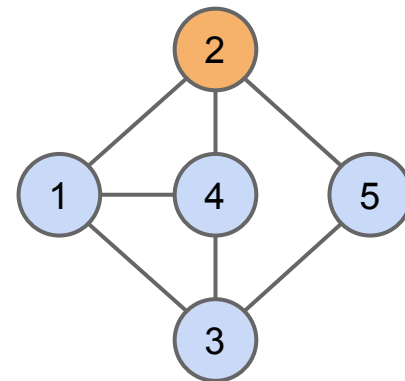
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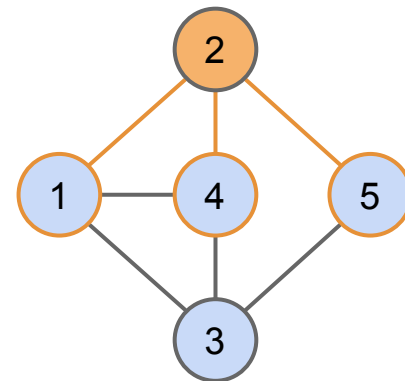
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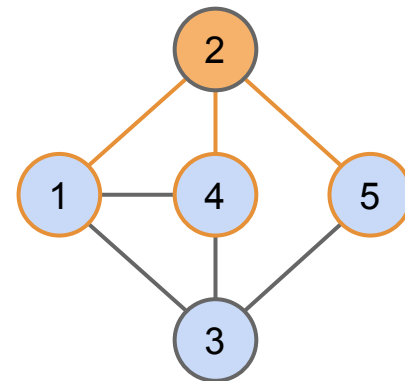
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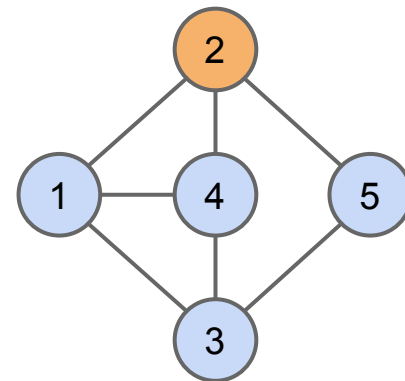
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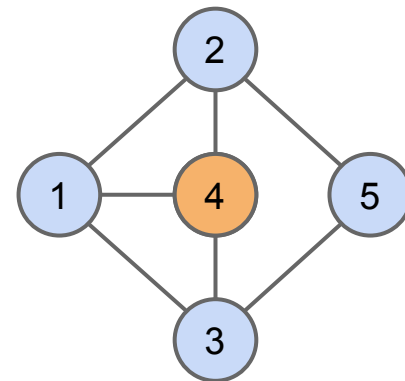
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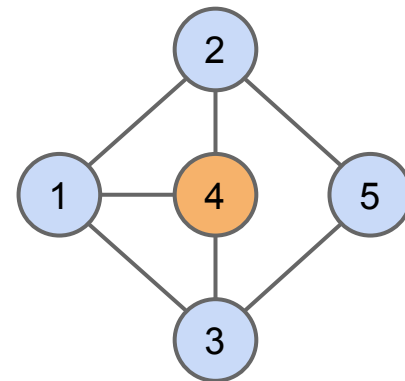
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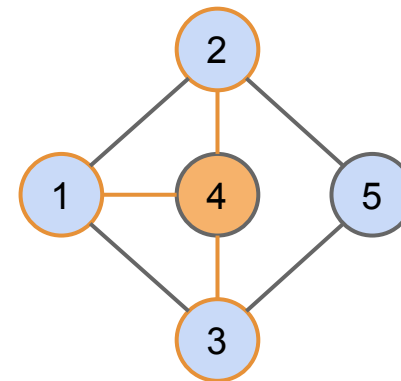
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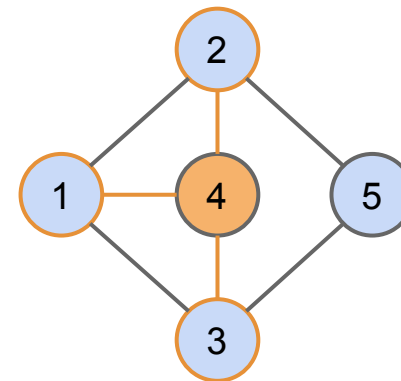
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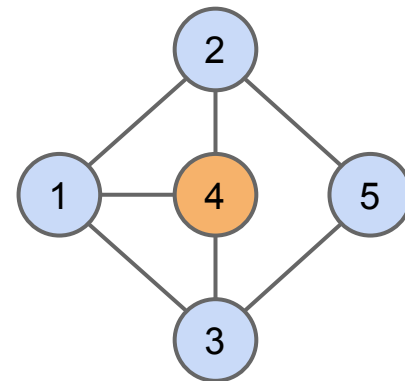
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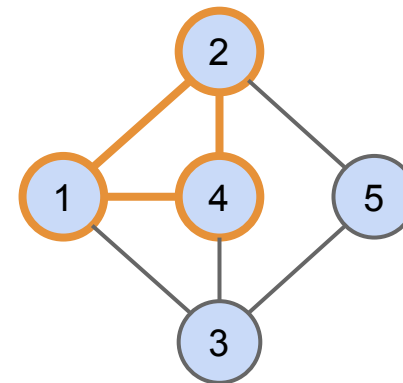
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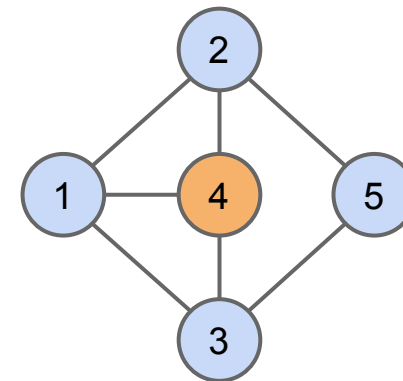
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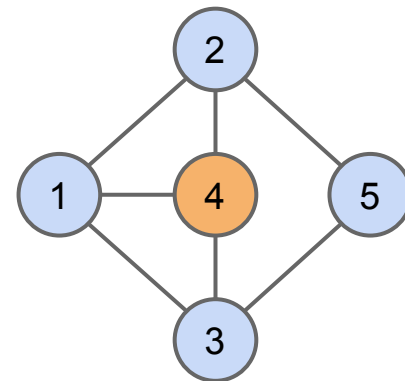
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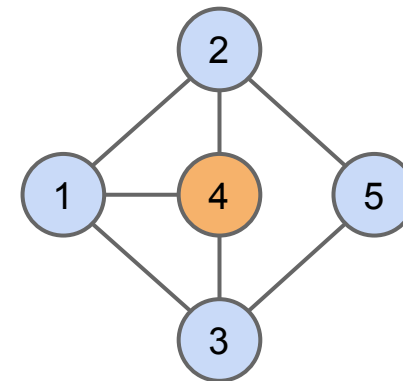
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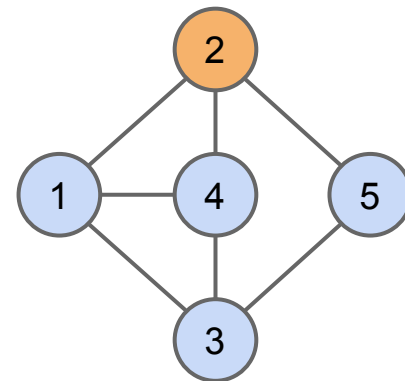
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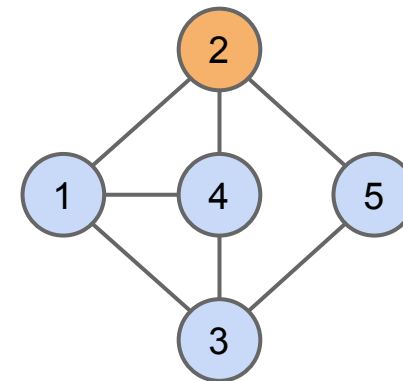
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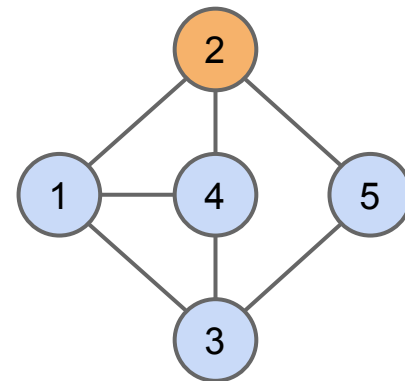
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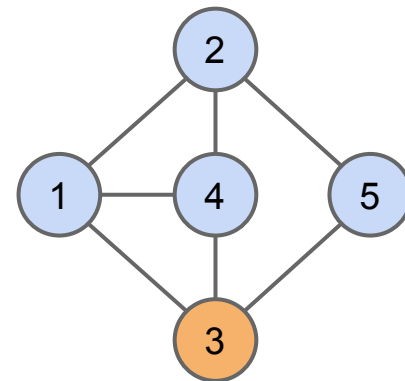
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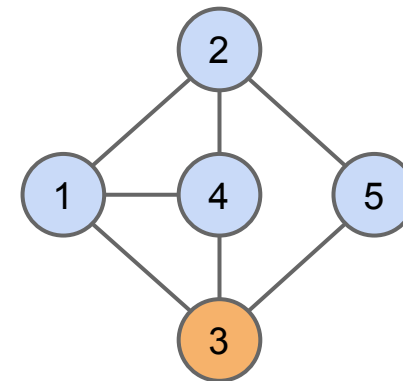
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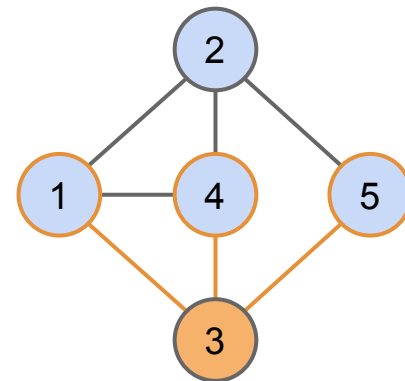
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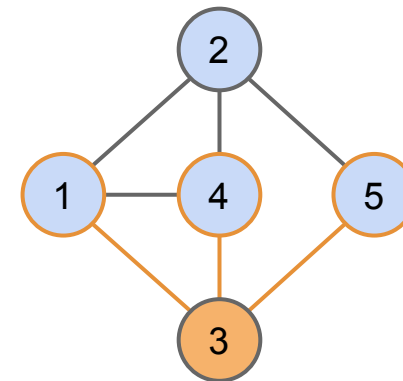
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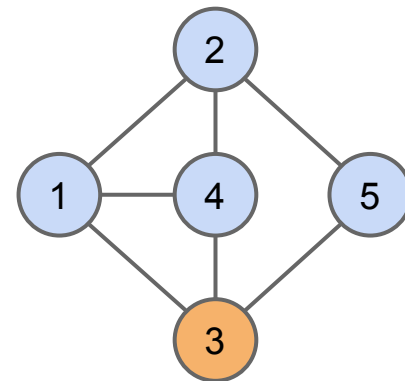
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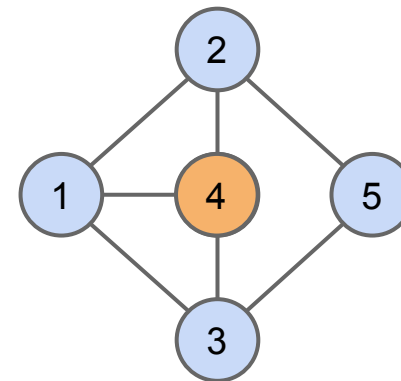
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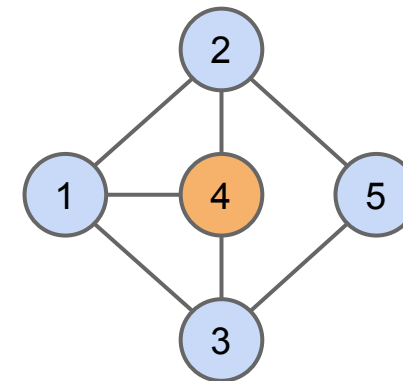
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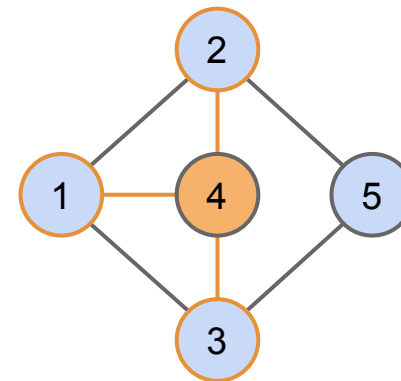
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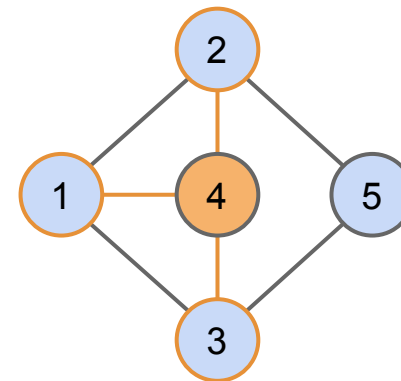
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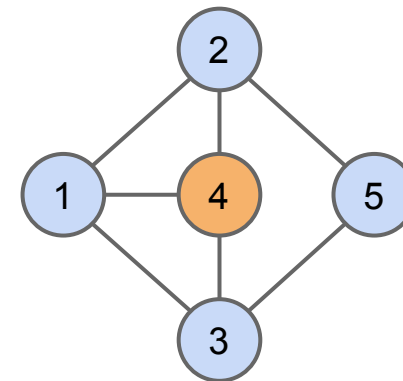
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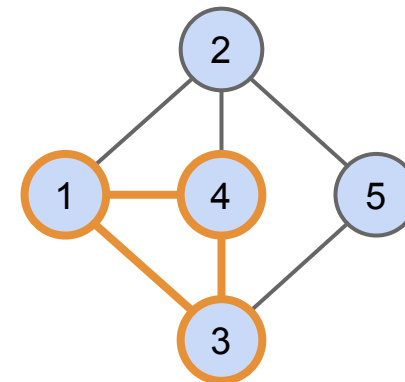
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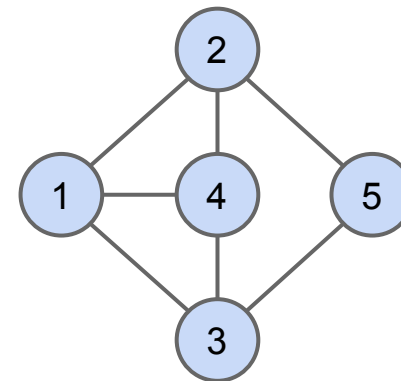
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MCS: Maximum Clique Approach

Bron-Kerbosch Algorithm

- Enumerates **all maximal cliques**
- Runtime exponential in the number of nodes
- Also used for other cheminformatics problems
 - Pharmacophore matching (discussed in a later lecture)
- Popularity of the algorithm is due to its trivial implementation
- Much more advanced algorithms exist
 - C.f. second DIMACS Challenge ²
 - However, they are often very tricky to implement
- Efficient algorithms for approximate clique detection often yield very good results as well

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Motivation

- **Maximum Common Substructure: MCS**
- The largest common substructure of two molecules
- Very important concept in cheminformatics
 - Also used in other molecular science areas
 - An overview can be found in Ehrlich and Rarey (2011) ¹
- Two problem variants have cheminformatic use cases:
 1. Two molecule case
 - 2. Multiple molecule case**

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Motivation

Multiple Molecule Case

- We discussed substructure searching in detail

- Question:

What are interesting substructures to search for?

- Possible answer:

Molecules that are structurally related to known actives

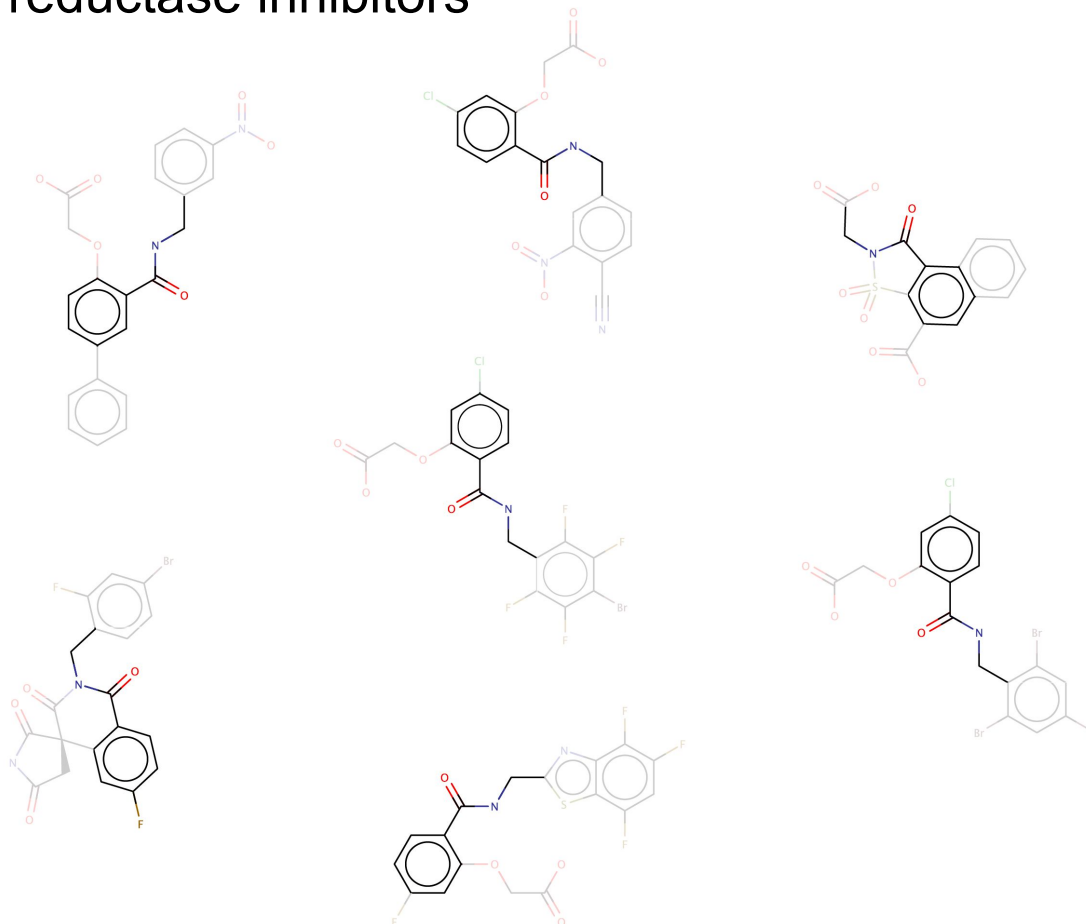
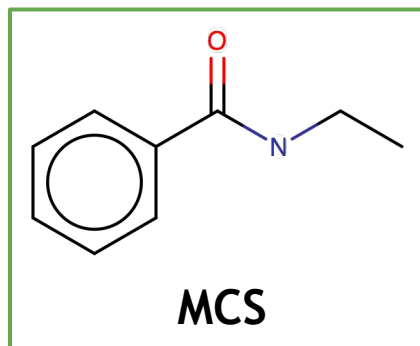
- Pharmacologically active compounds

Given a set of active molecules, e.g. identified by HTS,
identify largest common substructure and search for molecules
that also contain it in order to be tested (SPP!).

Motivation

Multiple Molecule Case

- Example: aldose reductase inhibitors





Motivation

Multiple Molecule Case

- **Given:** **set of compounds** with known property
 - Desired pharmacologic activity, identified e.g. by HTS
 - Same smell, desired material property, ...
- **Goal:** find new compounds possessing that property
- According to the **SPP** we should try to find structurally related compounds and test those
- **Approach:**

Identify MCS of given compounds and use it as a query for a substructure search



Maximum Common Substructure

Multiple Molecule Case

- Maximum clique approach not easily extendible
 - Compatibility graph size grows exponentially
 - Assume n molecular graphs of size m
- ⇒ Worst case size of compatibility graph ¹:

$$\prod_{i=1}^n m_i^2$$

- **Efficient clique detection is infeasible here**

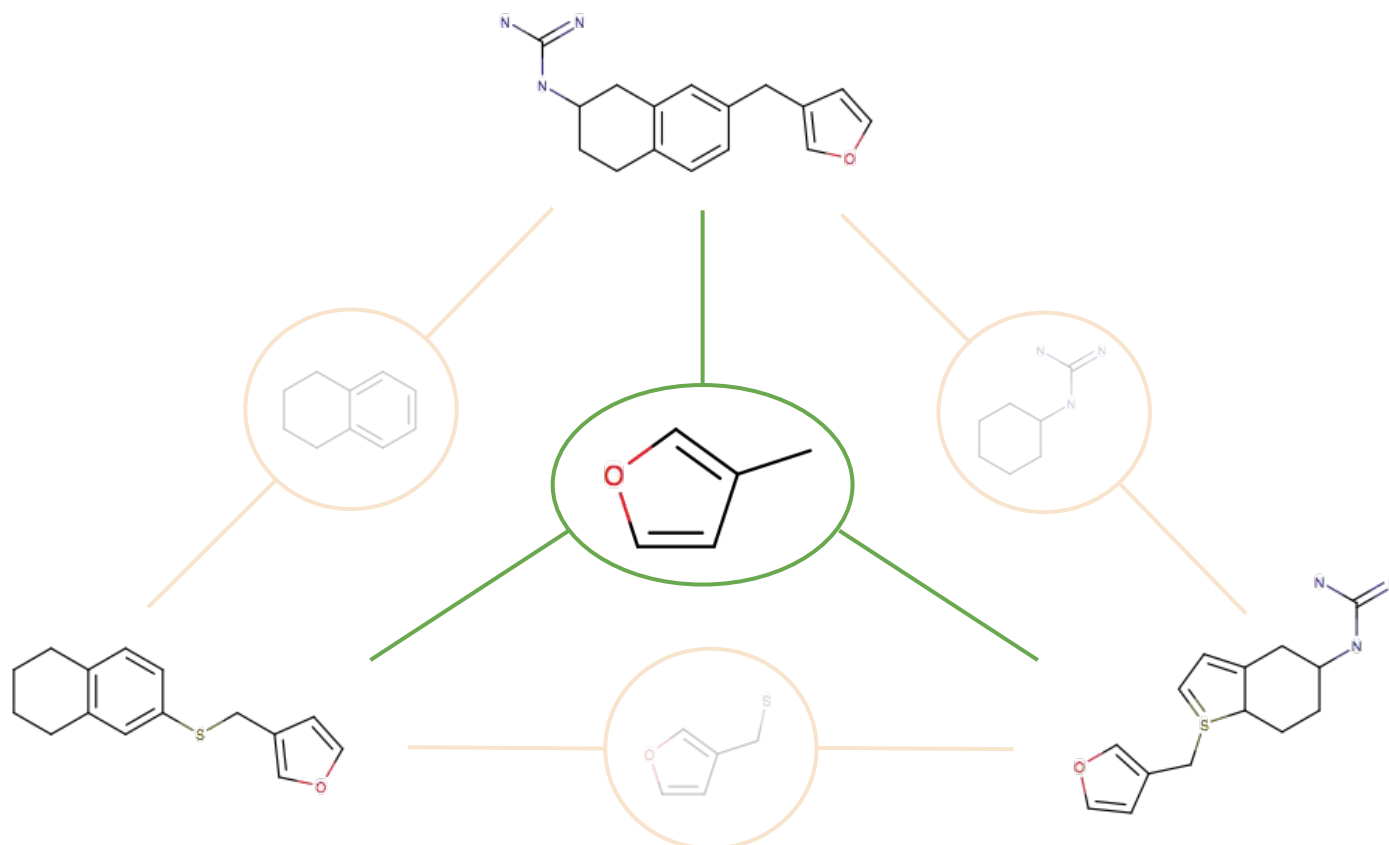
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- Pairwise MCS detection is not sufficient

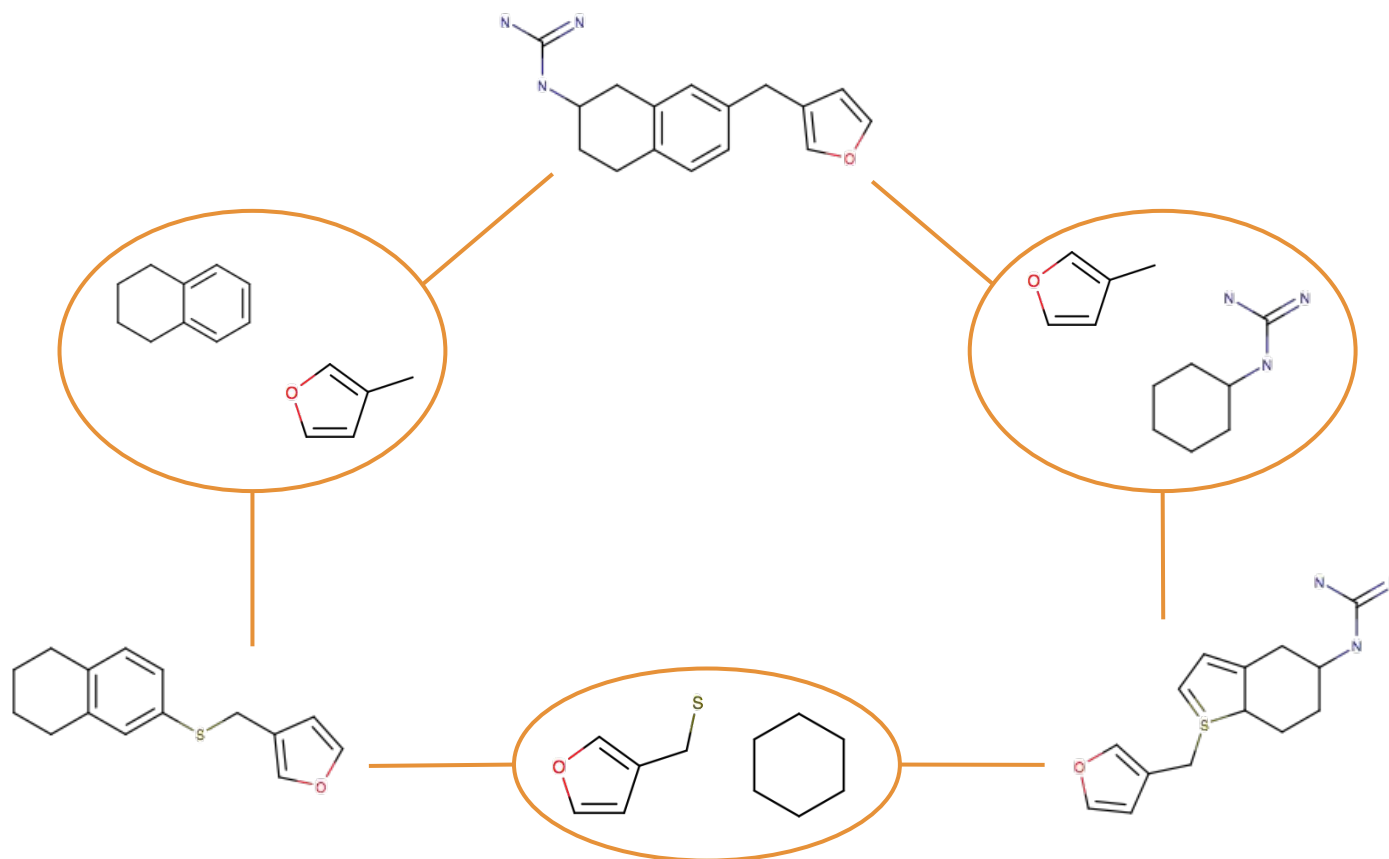




Maximum Common Substructure

Multiple Molecule Case

- Pairwise **Maximal** Common Substructures (mCS) detection

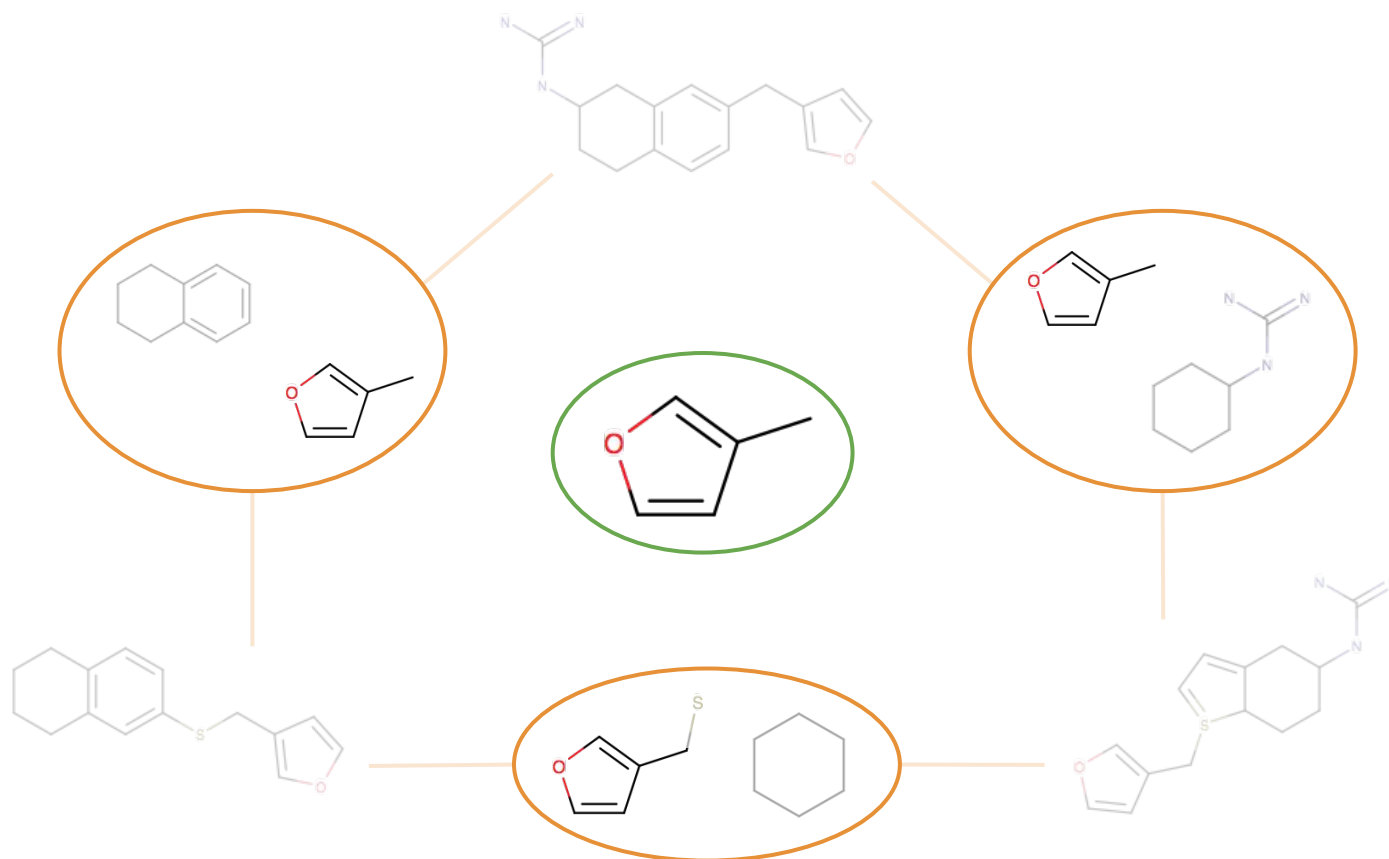




Maximum Common Substructure

Multiple Molecule Case

- MCS** is contained in the set of all pairwise intersected **mCS**





Maximum Common Substructure

Multiple Molecule Case

- All **mCS** are enumerated by **Bron-Kerbosch**
- Idea:
 - Given a set of n molecules
 - Select a pivot molecule
 - Calculate mCS for pivot molecule and all other molecules
 - Iteratively intersect mCS sets
- Possible outcomes:
 - An empty set of intersections, thus no **MCS**
 - A **list of MCS candidates**
- Exemplary algorithm can look like the following



Maximum Common Substructure

Multiple Molecule Case: Ingredients

- `selectPivotMolecule(M):`

Select a pivot molecule from all molecules

- `getMaximalCS(m_i, m_j):`

Return all mCS for molecule pair m_i and m_j as substructures of m_j .

Use for example the clique approach with Bron-Kerbosch

- `getLargestSubstructure(S):`

Return largest substructure from S with respect to its number of atoms



Maximum Common Substructure

Multiple Molecule Case: Algorithm

In : Molecular Graphs $M = \{m_1, \dots, m_n\}$

Out: MCS , the maximum common substructure of molecules in M

begin

$MCS = \emptyset$;

$m_P = \text{selectPivotMolecule}(M)$;

$M = M \setminus \{m_P\}$;

$S = \text{getMaximalCS}(m_1, m_P)$;

foreach $m_i \in M$ *with* $2 \leq i \leq n - 1$ **do**

if $S == \emptyset$ **then**

 return;

end

$S_{new} = \text{getMaximalCS}(m_i, m_P)$;

$S_{tmp} = \emptyset$;

foreach $s \in S_{new}$ **do**

foreach $t \in S$ **do**

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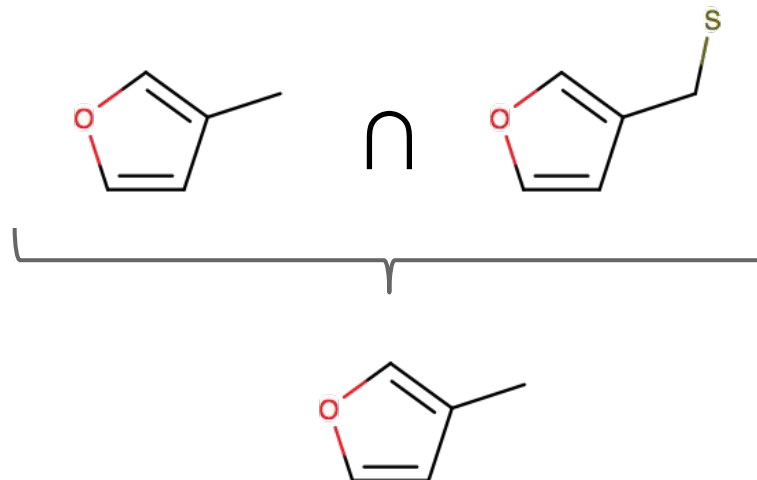
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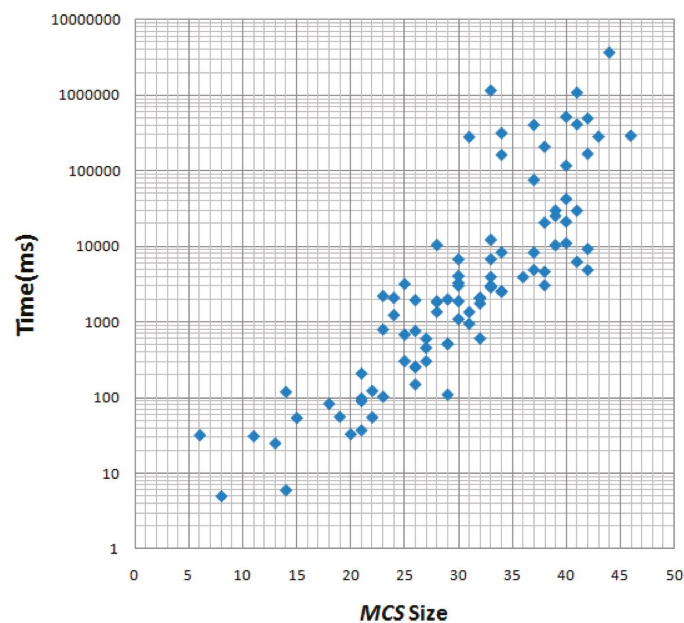




Maximum Common Substructure

MultiMCS

- **How to select the pivot molecule?**
- Obvious choice: smallest molecule
 - Reduction of compatibility graph size
 - Speeding up mCS calculations
- This is still pretty time consuming
 - Figure shows benchmarks for 3-molecule instances



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Maximum Common Substructure

MultiMCS

- Hariharan et al. presented an efficient approach ¹: **MultiMCS**
- Divide-and-conquer strategy
- **Key ideas:**
 - Split pivot molecule m_p into small fragments $\{m_{p1}, \dots, m_{pn}\}$
 - Splitting by removal of chain bonds
 - Solve mCS task for all fragments against all other molecules
 - Restore original mCS set for complete molecule pairs
- Choice of pivot molecule:

Molecule that can best be decomposed into small fragments

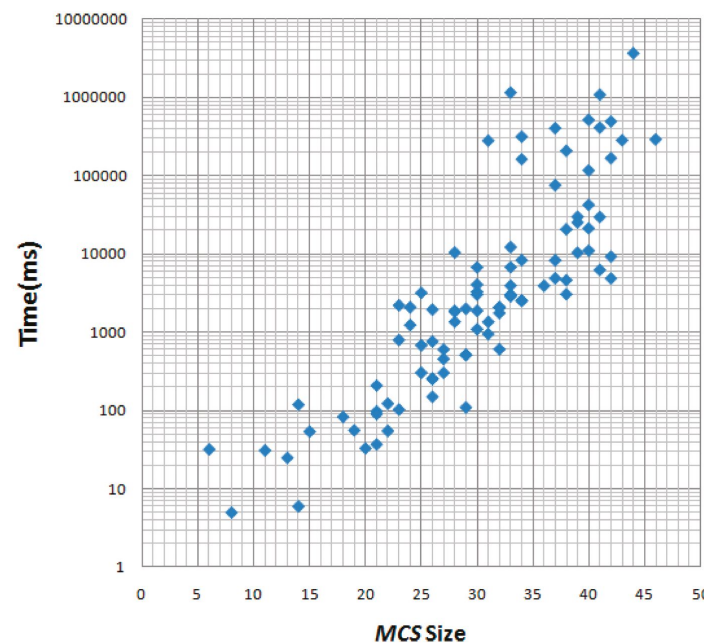
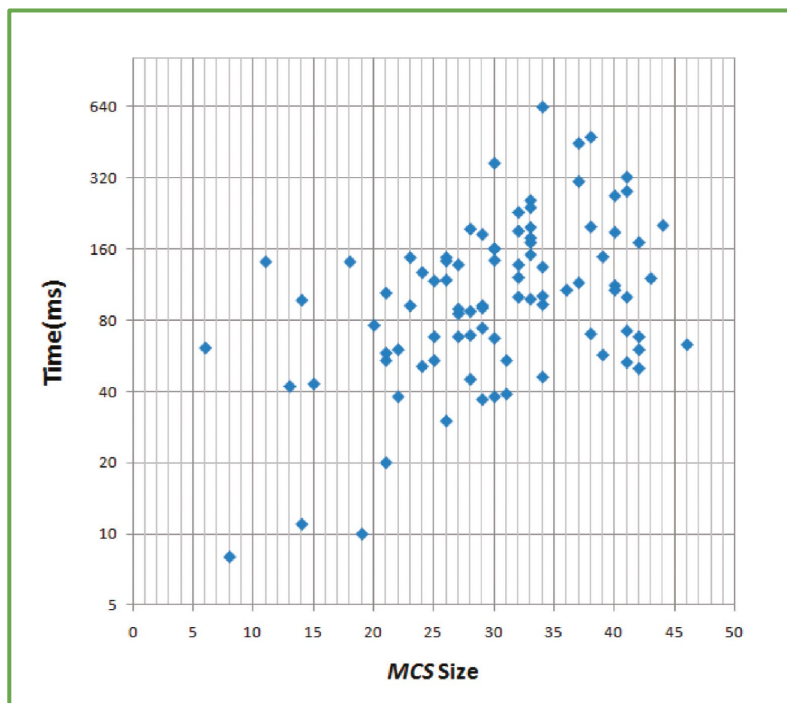
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Summary

- Maximum Common Substructure (MCS)
- Variant of Maximum Common Subgraph Isomorphism
- Reaction mapping of educts and products: pairwise MCS
- MCS problem reduced to into search for maximum clique
- Bron-Kerbosch algorithm calculates all maximal cliques
- Common structural property of active compounds: multiple MCS
- MCS for multiple molecules not trivial
- Select pivot molecule and pairwise mCS problem
- Intersecting the mCS lists yields MCS
- MultiMCS employs a very efficient divide-and-conquer approach



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