Visualizing and Interpreting Data – Tools for Students and Faculty

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How hard is it to visualize and interpret data?

Can students do it?

- Development of the tool: ChemEd X Data
- Application of the tool
- Can faculty do it?
 - Development of the tool: BoSCO
 - Application of the tool



Can students interpret data?

Which line is longer?

Often, we remember older problems and apply to new problems the older solution

In an ever changing world older solutions may not be that useful

<u>higher-order thinking</u> is more important than ever



ChemEd X Data

http://chemdata.r.umn.edu/ Teaching chemistry with visual representations

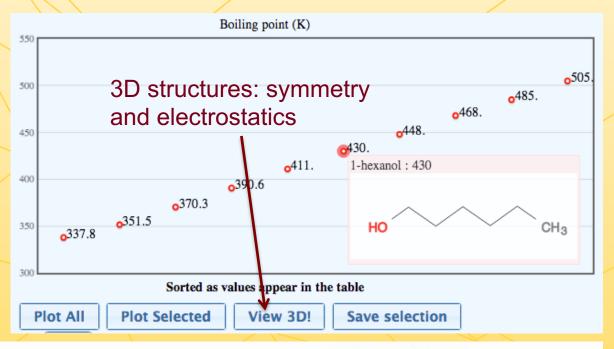
How does molecular structure affect physical properties?

Give me the data!



http://chemdata.r.umn.edu

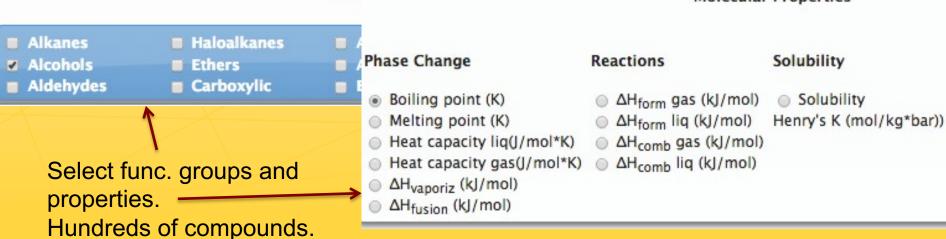
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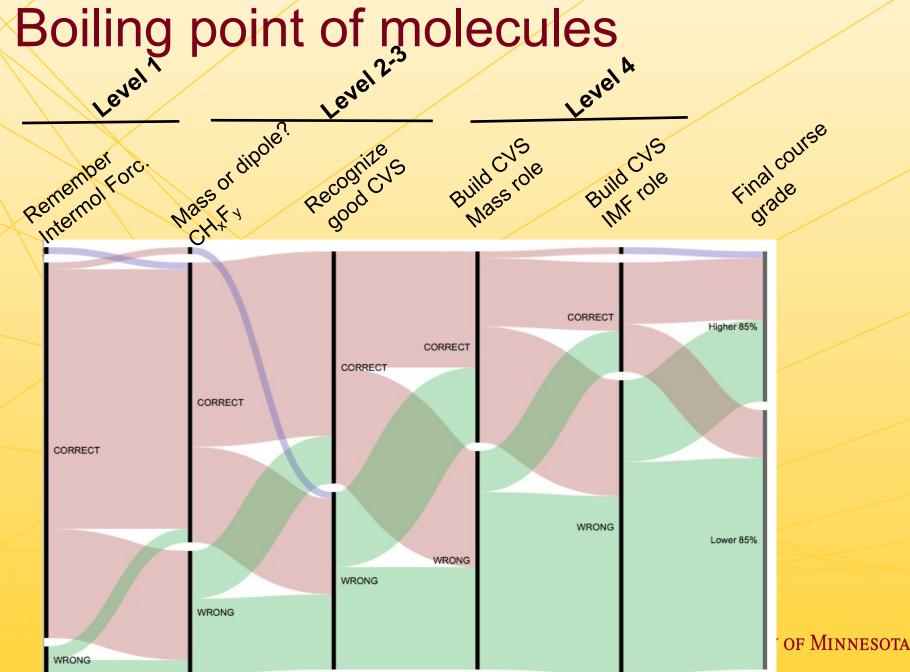


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1- butanol	HO CH ₃	74.1	4	alcohols, linear	390.6		
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Molecular Properties





BoSCO

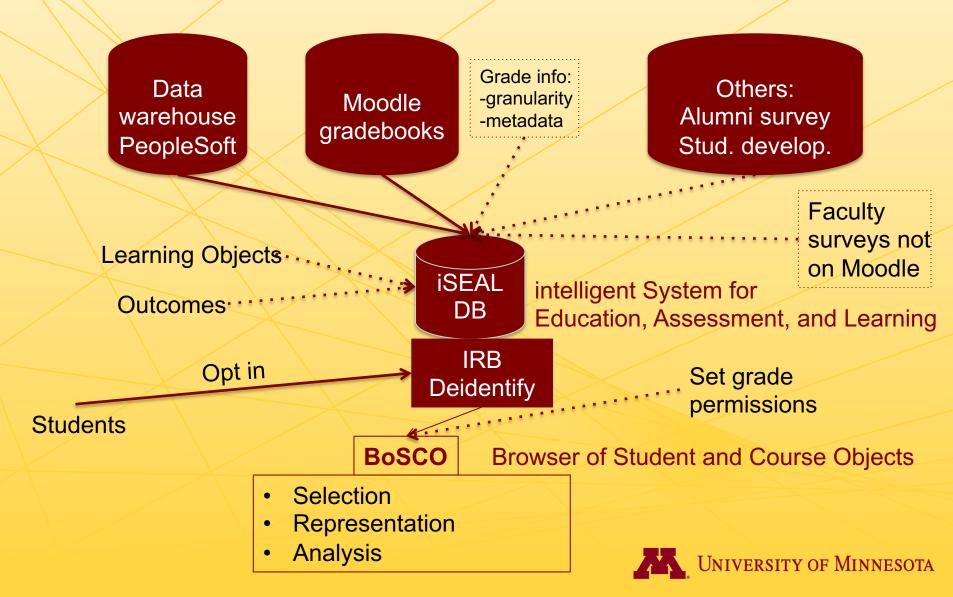
Browser of Student and Course Objects

How does student performance in one grade may predict how they are performing in another grade?

Give me the data!



Data storage, access and display



BoSCO: type of representations

Histograms (bar graph), Scatter plot,
 Timeline, Correlation matrix

BoSCO A Browser of Student and Course Objects

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Is Homework useful?

 Is there any correlation between homework performance and other assigments. Should there be any? How about meta-grades?

X	Y
Homework grade	Final grade
# of attempts	Exams grade
Grade at first attempt	Type B questions
Time taken	Type C questions

http://chem.r.umn.edu/bosco/index.php?key=53d15676a19554ae83e7d99f77b28423

