

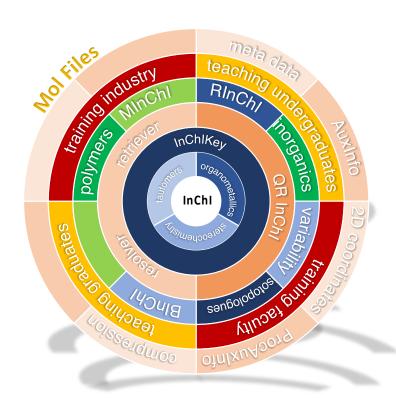
Dynamic InChI: canonical, unique and on-the-fly

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InChl: all you need to know



Canonical molecular identifier

- Unique
 - One InChI for every molecule
 - One molecule for every InChl
- Interchangeable, ordered molecule collections
- Used in
 - PubChem, Reaxys, CAS, ZINC, journals, industry databases, compound trader,
- Make your own InChl
 - ChemDraw, Marvin, Biovia/Draw, Elemental, ChemSketch, RDKit, Knime, openBabel, ...

How to read an InChl?

InChI=1S/C9H18O/c1-5-7(2)8(3)6-9(4)10/h9-10H,5-6H2,1-4H3/b8-7-/t9-/m0/s1/i10D Layered structure:

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Version /formula/connectivity /hydrogens /Stereochemistry/isotope
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InChlKey - hashed InChl

RGTMBYZGSPYLCM-ZBUQKXQUSA-N

Layered structure:



Collisions every few billion structures: none in PubChem

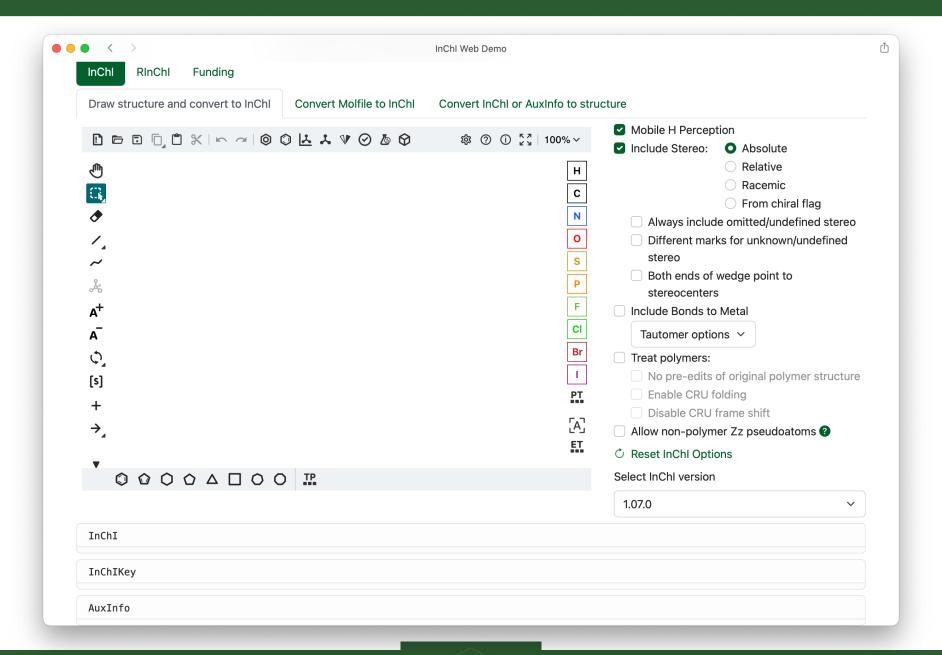
There a very few known ones in longer peptide chains in terms of stereochemistry

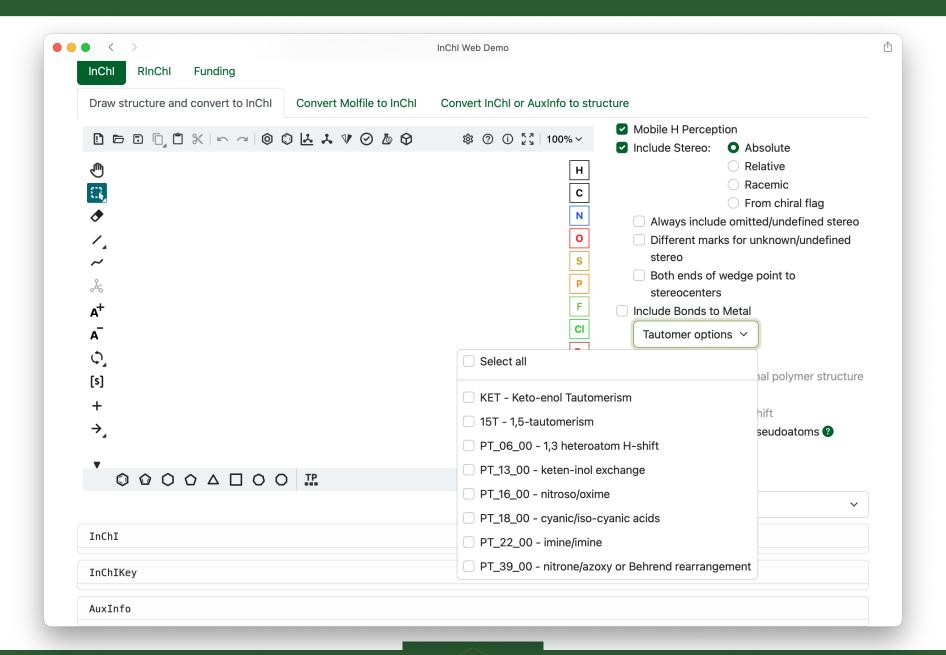
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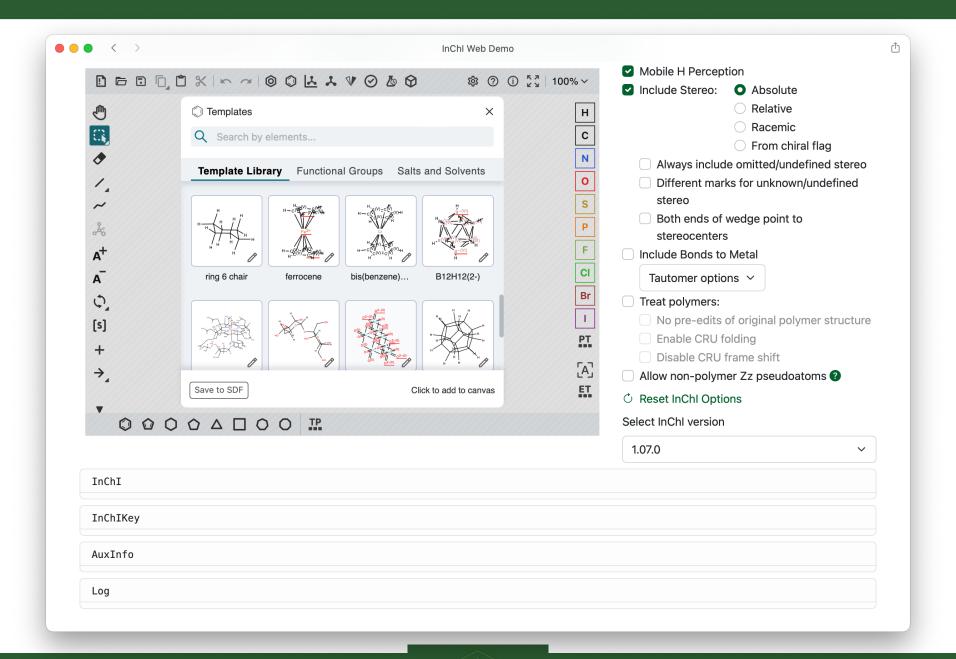
But, don't do it!

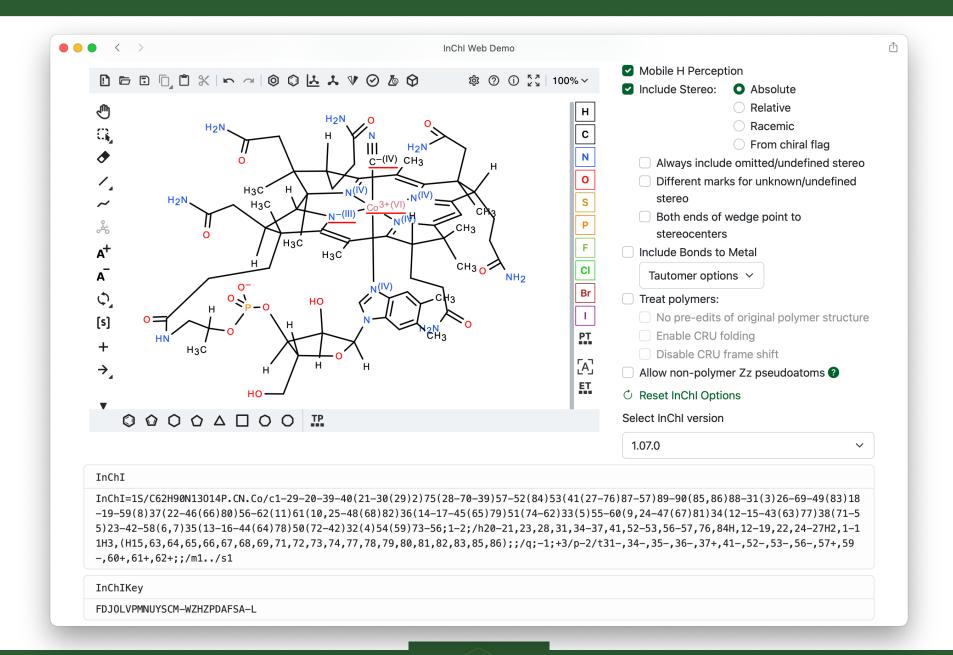
• InChI is meant to be read by machines

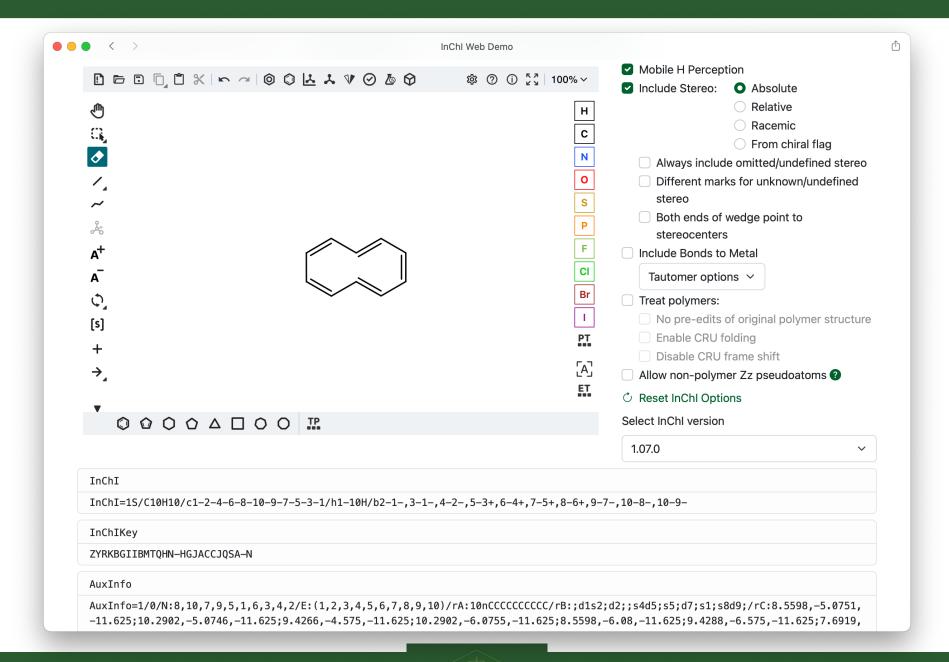












InChl is alive!

InChl 1.07.0 released end of Q2 2024

- About 3,000 issues (errors, warnings and hints were fixed)
 - Google fuzz issues resolved
- 6 tautomer transformation added for testing
- Base for the further development

InChI moved to GitHub

- InChl v1.07 and its source code available under MIT license
 - https://github.com/IUPAC-InChI/InChI/releases
- Vital for enabling future collaborative development
- Comprehensive test environment
 - InChI Web Demo
 - Early test access to developments
 - Docker test suit ready for download

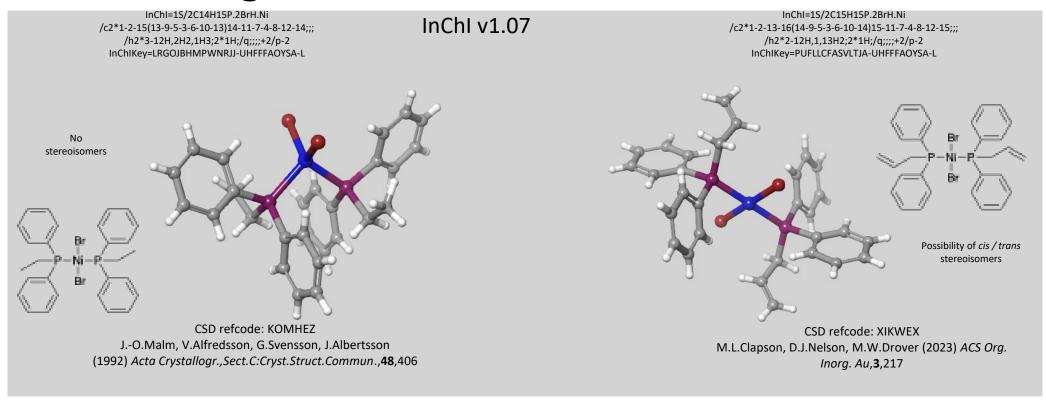
InChI development status

InChl

- Released 1.07.0
 - Code clean-up (1.07)
 - 6 Tautomer transformations for testing
- Under development
 - Requirements (nearly) ready
 - Molecular inorganics
 - Stereochemistry
 - Tautomers
 - Sgroups and Sgroup data
 - Isotopologues
 - Longer evaluations
 - Variable molecules / Markush InChls
 - Prototypes being tested
 - https://github.com/topics/inchi
 - Large molecules

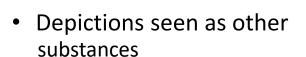
InChl Application Framework

- Released
 - RInChl 1.0
 - InChl Web Demo
 - https://iupac-inchi.github.io/InChl-Web-Demo/
- Published
 - QR code
- Test phase
 - Resolver
 - https://github.com/inchiresolver/inchiresolver#readme
 - RinChi (1.1)
 - https://github.com/IUPAC-InChI/RInChI
- Awaiting coding
 - MInChI
 - Prototype released
 - https://github.com/cdd/mixtures
 - RInChI (1.2)
- Active evaluations
 - NanoInChI (NInChI)



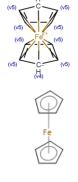
The change in nickel geometry probably reflects a change in the electronic state of the nickel, which is very sensitive to the ligands

- Current standard InChI deletes all bonds to metal atoms
 - Information of metal coordination is lost
 - Stereochemistry of molecular inorganics cannot be
- Guidelines for identifying equivalent representations finalised 2022
 - Example Ferrocene
 - Depictions interpreted as identical representations





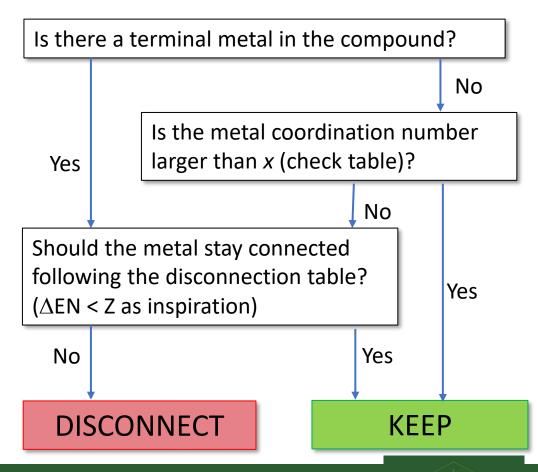




(V3 molfile)

- Keep connectivity for inorganics and organometallics
 - Keep explicitly drawn Hydrogens
 - Hydrogen atoms must be drawn explicitly
 - Exception: H atoms bound to atoms of organic elements like C, N, O where the H count is determined by the atom valence and the actual bond order of the atom
 - Exception of connectivity: see simple flow chart

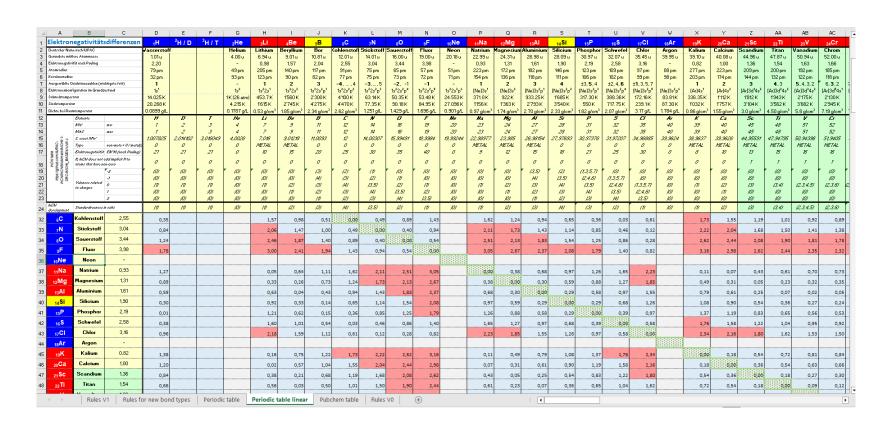
Disconnection flow chart



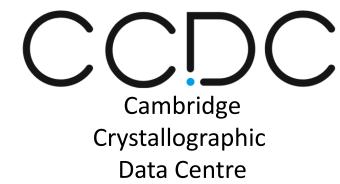
To be noted:

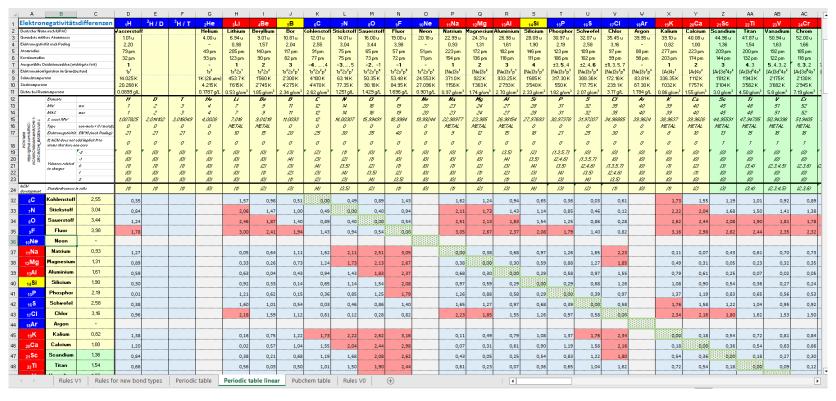
- This flow chart has to be run for every metal.
- The "Disconnection Table" step has to be run for every bond to a metal.
- If atoms are not connected in the input, they stay disconnected. No new bonds are formed that are not already in the input.

Disconnection table

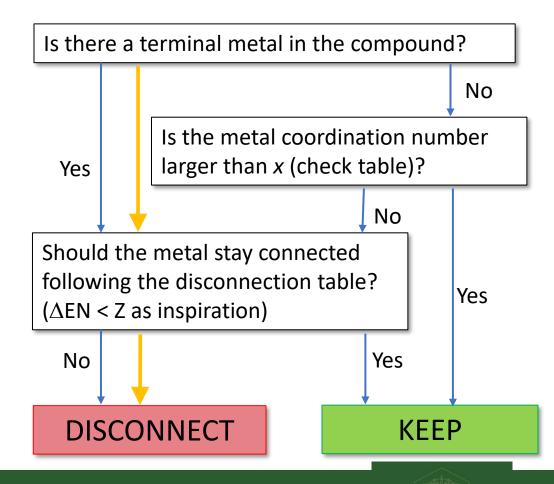


Disconnection table





Disconnection flow chart



Example: Na-Cl

- -> Terminal metal
- -> Disconnection table says DISCONNECT
- -> Na+ and Cl-
- -> InChI=1S/CIH.Na/h1H;/q;+1/p-1-

Enhancements in Stereochemistry

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Addressing the following entities

- (MDL) enhanced stereochemistry
 - ABS, AND, and OR stereocentres
 - Extended V3 molfile handling
- Cumulenes √
- Atropisomers
- Haworth representation for sugars
 - But: Haworth is not handled by the molfile format (molfile are the primary input for InChIs)
- Additional bug fixes

Status of InChl Application Frameworks

- Reaction InChI (RInChI) https://github.com/IUPAC-InChI/RInChI
 - Version 1.0 released
 - Version 1.1 being tested (support of enhanced RXN file format, bug fixes, documentation issues, new tutorial)
 - Version 1.2 awaiting programming (reaction atom mapping, multi-threading, agentrole)
 - Later releases (dependent on further InChI development)
 - Enhanced representation for inorganics and organometallics (important for catalysts)
 - No-structure handling
 - Enzymatic reactions
 - Enhanced stereochemistry
 - Tautomer restrictions
 - The tautomer transformation may go too far for Reaction InChIs

Status of InChl Application Frameworks

QR code proposals and Resolver prototype

- QR Code proposals published 2022
- InChI Resolver prototype (available since 2021) cf WorldFAIR Chemical Data Exchange Protocols

InChl Web Demo

- Interactive Webtool to create InChIs and RInChIs (under development)
- Access to multiple InChI/RInChI version including development versions for testing
- https://iupac-inchi.github.io/InChI-Web-Demo/

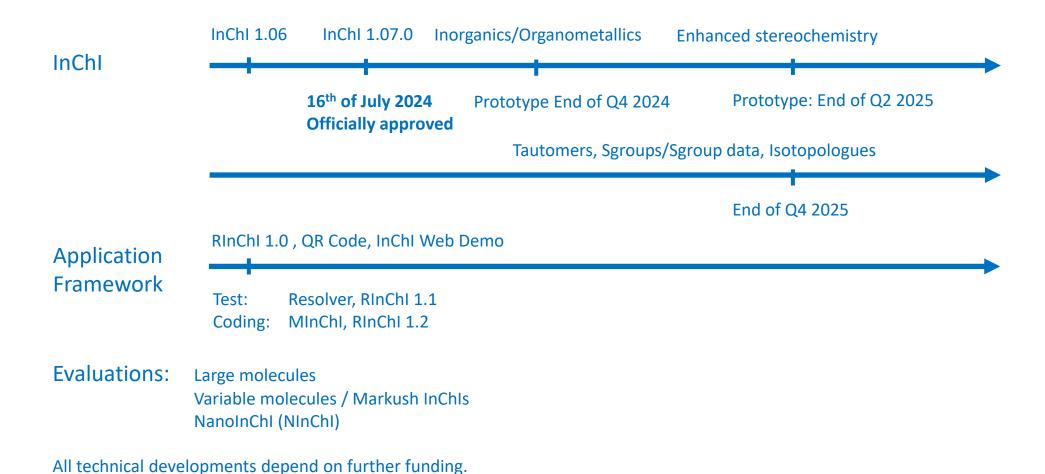
Mixtures InChI (MInChI)

Awaiting coding – prototype at https://github.com/cdd/mixtures (Alex Clark, CDD)

Under investigation/longer evaluations

- InChl
 - Variable molecules / Markush InChls
 - Prototypes have been built for variable molecules and are being tested
 - https://github.com/topics/inchi
 - Large molecules
- InChI Application Frameworks
 - Nano InChi (NInChi)
 - Working group funded by IUPAC
 - Working on format proposal

InChl Roadmap



The InChl Project

Financial base

- Membership fees
- Contributions in kind
 - Based on open source model
 - Support by Sonja Herres-Pawlis RWTH Aachen university (Germany)
 - Developers Djordje Baljozovic, Nauman Khan (finded by Volkswagen Stiftung)
 - Additional support by Jan Brammer and Frank Lange (NFDI4Chem, DALIA)
 - Support by Beilstein Institute, Frankfurt(Main)
 - Cheminformatician Felix Bänsch (50% FTE)
 - Feedback by other developers on GitHub.

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