Visualization and Analysis of a Cardio Vascular Disease- and MUPP1-related Biological Network combining Text Mining and Data Warehouse Approaches

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Summary

Detailed investigation of socially important diseases with modern experimental methods has resulted in the generation of large volume of valuable data. However, analysis and interpretation of this data needs application of efficient computational techniques and systems biology approaches. In particular, the techniques allowing the reconstruction of associative networks of various biological objects and events can be useful. In this publication, the combination of different techniques to create such a network associated with an abstract cell environment is discussed in order to gain insights into the functional as well as spatial interrelationships. It is shown that experimentally gained knowledge enriched with data warehouse content and text mining data can be used for the reconstruction and localization of a cardiovascular disease developing network beginning with MUPP1/MPDZ (multi-PDZ domain protein).

1 Introduction

More than 4000 human diseases are known and defined [1]. Regarding the medical characteristics or main features one can see that any disease is defined or specified by particular symptoms and/or laboratory parameters. In practice the diagnosis problem is based on the fact that a lot of symptoms, such as fever, are related to many diseases. Therefore, the diagnostic procedure will always be a differential process which will produce a set of possible diseases. Furthermore, the so-called personalized medicine makes the problem of finding the patient-relevant diagnosis and recommendation for its treatment much more difficult. Based on the data of molecular biology, the development of new and more efficient tools for medical diagnosis and therapy process is becoming possible.

Today, more and more diseases can be reduced to simple metabolic processes, which more or less are based on mutations in related genes. OMIM [2] examplifies of well-known information systems which exactly represent this kind of knowledge. Overall, there are more than 1000 molecular database and information systems which represent various molecular and phenotypic data. These information resources were designed on the basis of either automatic data extraction or manual

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annotation and curation. Behind these information systems there is one more specific and powerful information system which will present molecular and medical disease knowledge. The MEDLINE information system represents all relevant publications (abstracts and in the near future a complete listing of papers) which are relevant for molecular medicine or biomedicine. Overall one have access to more than 1000 powerful database and information systems which will help identify molecular knowledge about any disease. Furthermore, this data can be supported, enriched or fused by the extension of text and data mining techniques which allow the automatic extraction of medical and molecular knowledge from the PubMed system, which includes all relevant scientific results. Therefore, it is possible to construct or predict the metabolic network for any disease. This kind of work is relatively new and during the last years different database integration and data mining systems have been implemented. However, the problem of all these systems is, that data integration and mining tools will produce networks, which are too complex. Therefore, the development of special filter systems or visualization tools is a necessary step in understanding and analyzing these complex metabolic disease-related networks. In this paper it will be demonstrated how the data integration and data mining tools can be used to gather the molecular knowledge on diseases.

The focus of this application is on Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs), and more precisely the dilated cardiomyopathy, which is the leading cause of death in developed countries. Based on the experimental identification of a CVD relevant protein, two protein-protein interaction networks were constructed by using the network visualization and analysis tool VANESA [3] and the text mining tool ANDVisio [4], which is also able to identify the localization of network components. This localization information was extended, combined with the created networks and finally visualized in 3D by the CELLmicrocosmos 4.2 PathwayIntegration (CmPI) [5].

2 Basics

2.1 Metabolic disease networks

Much attention has been recently focused on the metabolic aspects of Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs). The discovery of new CVDs specific molecular targets promoted the investigation of proteins functional roles in their specific pathways. It is quite complex to evaluate the weight of each trigger factor (metabolism, hormones, exogenous factors, etc.) on CVDs emergence. Epidemiological studies constitute the starting point for molecular medicine screening. The advent of high throughput analytical techniques (DNA chip, protein arrays, molecular imaging) has improved the capability to screen new candidate target proteins (genes). The relations of metabolic pathways of a sample coming from patients affected with dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) was the basis of study for this publication. The proteome analysis is based on experimental data on which integrative bioinformatics approaches have been applied to characterize a specific functional pathway deregulated in the pathological sample. In this study, the combination of data warehouse with text mining approaches is demonstrated by using different software applications.

2.2 Data integration

Since industrial research of molecular biology questions starting with the Human Genome Project, one of the main challenges in bioinformatics is the integration of molecular data. Today high throughput analysis delivers data of complete genomes, for instance short sequences of all genes in an organism or expression patterns of thousands of a cell in shortest time. Analysis of these high throughput data by manual investigation using publications or relevant databases is no longer

possible. Consequently, biologist has to be supported by tools and methods that can accumulate experimental data with complementary data sources, estimate the data and compare or classify these data. This challenge leads us to the problem of database integration.

Typically, data of genomes, genes, proteins, enzymes, chemical compounds, diseases, etcetera is stored in databases with worldwide availability. A good overview of important databases is provided by the annual special issue of Nucleic Acids Research [6]. The number of molecular databases is continuously increasing in the last decade. Molecular biological data has a high semantic heterogeneity that is caused by (experimental) data extracted from a series of experiments. Molecular biology deals with complex problems, hence enormous and versatile data is produced. The total number of databases, as well the data itself, is continuously increasing, as is the distribution and heterogeneity of the data. Particularly, data heterogeneity causes big problems in molecular biological data integration. Technical heterogeneity is caused by a high number of different formats and interfaces of the different data sources. Furthermore, the data is usually not available in a standard format which causes structural heterogeneity. Moreover, there is a level of semantic heterogeneity, because of missing standards and consensus for basic biological terms. In addition to the problems of molecular biological databases there are some more in data integration. Usually, data sources of an integrated system are distributed. That means, each and every source is located on separate systems and different locations. The distribution of several data sources leads automatically to the problem of autonomy. Regarding data integration, autonomy means independence of the data source that refers to access, configuration, development and administration.

The major problem of data integration is heterogeneity that is caused by autonomy. Moreover, distribution can also cause heterogeneity, but not generally. The development of an integrated database system is a complex task. Particularly, if a large number of heterogeneous databases have to be integrated. Data warehouses (DWH) are one of the widely used structures for database integration. For that purpose a software infrastructure for building life science data warehouses using different common relational database management systems is introduced. The BioDWH [7] system is realized as a Java-based open source application that is supported on different platforms with an installed Java Runtime Environment (JRE). BioDWH is a flexible DWH infrastructure for bioinformatics; it is independent from the underlying RDBMS. Furthermore, the data warehouse approach provides an easy-to-use graphical user interface for administration and configuration. The main feature of the BioDWH tool-kit is the automatic storage and visualization of data content and information from different public databases into a homogeneous and consistent data warehouse. It provides integrated data from different widely-used life science databases, such as BRENDA [8], EMBL [9], ENZYME [10], GO [11], HPRD [12], KEGG [13], OMIM [2], Reactome [14], SCOP [15], Transfac [16], Transpath [17] and UniProt [18] and microarray data. Additionally, configuration of the infrastructure and its tools is also possible via XML, because it is human readable, well-formatted, easy accessible and standardized. A logging mechanism observes the integration process and begins a simple recovery process to guarantee a consistent state of the data warehouse. The data warehouse BioDWH addresses the aforementioned aspects of data integration.

Based on the data from the warehouse infrastructure, the CardioVINEdb [19], a data warehouse approach, was developed to browse and explore life science data. Furthermore, a DWH system to search integrated life science data and simple navigation called DAWIS-M.D. was implemented based on the life science data from the BioDWH toolkit. In addition, the network editor VANESA uses the data from DAWIS-M.D to generate biological networks and enrich them with additional information.

2.3 Text mining

Work with scientific literature and factual databases is required for research in every knowledge area. The size of this information pool is immense and expands exponentially. The PubMed database alone contains over 19 million abstracts [20] and their number increases annually by 1 million. Thus, the development of computer algorithms for automated text analysis (text-mining) becomes a timely task.

In microbiology and biomedicine the most important type of interactions is molecular-genetic. Extraction of facts concerning such interactions from literature and providing access to them can be divided in two directions: manual analysis of literature and automated data analysis with text-mining techniques. Manual curation is most accurate but also is a highly time-consuming task [21]. The automated data analysis methods are not so accurate but allow the processing of larger amounts of data in less time and usually are used in three main tasks: extraction of data on molecular-genetic interactions between biological objects, discovery of new associations between different sources of biological information and biological data classification.

For the automated extraction of molecular-genetic interactions between biological objects and new associations from the literature various methods exist:

- methods based on the co-occurrence of objects,
- natural language methods based on the deep syntactic analysis of single sentences (full parsing),
- natural language methods based on rules and templates analysis (shallow parsing).

Co-occurrence is based on the statistically important values of the joint frequency of names of biological objects in texts. The main advantage of this method is that it is easy to implement and achieves good results in regards to search completeness, but it is not so accurate. Moreover such approach does not allow detection of different parameters of interconnections between objects, such as type of interaction and its direction. PUBGENE [22] and FACTA [23] are based on this approach. In BioGene [24] it was implemented for prioritization of genes.

“Full-parsing” is based on the definition of the language with formal grammar. There are many various types of grammars as well as descriptions of the complete sentence structure. The main limitation of this approach is its low time efficiency so it cannot be used for all tasks. MedScan from the PathwayStudio [25], GeneScene [26] are examples of a full parsing-based system, also it has been used by Fayruzov [27] for protein relation extraction. A text analysis algorithm based on formal grammar implemented in this system shows high accuracy but is also very time-consuming.

“Shallow parsing” (deep parsing) is based on the extraction of information from sentences by using the partial connection between words in the sentence with the help of specified rules and templates. A SUISEKI system is based on it [28]. In the Chilibot system [29], the deep parsing method was implemented for the classification of extracted proteins (genes) from PubMed abstracts. The relations between two proteins may result from the existence or non-existence of an interaction or co-location.

The biological data classification task is based on the idea of classification of various sources of data by user-specified features. For the solution of this task, different algorithms are applicable, such as hidden Markov models [30] or Bayesian networks. The BioBayesNet server [31], based on Bayesian networks can be used for such classification.

Most of the modern text-mining systems are combining various methods. The ANDVisio, ALI BABA [32] and PolySearch [33] systems are based on the combination of co-ocurrence and shallow-parsing methods. The co-occurrence method is used for mapping of the biological objects

in texts with dictionaries, and then the deep parsing method should be used for the identification of interactions between mapped objects.

Another important implementation of text-mining in micro biology and biomedicine field is automated building of thematic thesauruses of names of microbiology entities. Such dictionaries are crucial for the co-occurrence method in general, as well as for various text-mining systems that are based on the mapping of microbiological objects for the identification of interaction between them. This task can be partially solved by using data from semantic databases (database-mining) such as: Uniprot, Ensembl [34], PharmGKB [35], DrugBank [36] etc. Information contained within such databases has a high degree of confidence and is well-structured, but its rate of replenishment is inferior to the growth rate of the total number of publications. Another significant disadvantage for using dictionaries based exclusively on the information generated by database-mining for the identification of interactions between biological objects in literature is the lack of synonyms for biological objects. This problem is caused by authors often altering the canonical names of objects by adding back various special characters (dashes, colons, etc.), replacing the letters of the Greek alphabet to their transcriptions and vice versa, etc. in their publications. This is why the generation of a thesaurus with technologies combining text-mining and database-mining approaches achieves the best results. Tyne Liang and colleges used statistical approaches verified with real corpora in the thesaurus construction module of their bacterial Textual Processing and Retrieval System with thesauruses created by the analysis of databases and it showed good results [37].

2.4 3D-visualization

The scope of the 3D visualization introduced here is defined by two main areas: the pathway visualization in 3D and cell visualization and simulation.

An established approach lies in the 2.5D Visualization of metabolic networks [38], which offers comparison methods for two different biological networks: On the first 2D layer a metabolic pathway is presented, on layer two a protein interaction network and on the third layer, located in the middle of the 3D space, the overlapping nodes are shown. In other 2.5D visualization approaches the layer concept is used for the inter-organismic [39] or inter-domain large-scale [40] comparison of related metabolic networks. Another analogy with those 2.5D approaches is the use of KEGG [13] as the metabolic data source.

MetNetVR introduced the possibility of visualizing complex large-scale, hierarchical networks interactively by implementing different 3D layout algorithms [41]. Virtual Reality techniques are used to extend displays into the third dimension. In addition, the network layouts of MetNetVR may follow the cellular compartmentation, but only on a very abstract level, refusing cell component internal mapping.

BioCichlid is another tool which visualizes and animates time-dependent gene expression data, correlated with protein interaction, signalling and regulatory networks in 3D [42].

Different cell simulation environments have been extended from 2D to 3D during the last few years, but the included cell models of the mentioned approaches are based on a very high grade of simplification:

For example CompuCell3D is a software framework to simulate the development of multicellular organisms with stochastic rules and differential equations [43]. E-Cell3D is implementing meta-algorithms also based on differential equations to simulate nonlinear interactions between functional modules [44]. The Virtual Cell simulation environment (VCell) allows the formulation and simulation of cell biological models in 3D [45].

3 Applied Software Tools

3.1 VANESA

In the last decades, many different methods of modeling and simulation of biological networks have been introduced. In this paper a software application called VANESA (Visualization and Analysis of Networks in System Biology Applications) (http://vanesa.sf.net) is presented. VANESA creates a large-scale biological network based on the DAWIS-M.D. data warehouse information system to examine gene-controlled processes. The BioDWH data warehouse infrastructure was used to integrate life science data from multiple data sources for DAWIS-M.D. and VANESA. Using VANESA, different fields of studies are combined such as life-science, database consulting, modeling, visualization and simulation for a semi-automatic reconstruction of complex biological systems. The main function of VANESA is to trim down data to a manageable yet relevant size and to analyze and identify new as well as altered versions of interaction patterns in dynamic interaction networks.

The idea of VANESA is to extend any molecular data based network by new targets and interacting elements. The software solution is a new editor-controlled information system for the representation of research data in the form of biomedical network representations. Information is visualized in a clear and understandable manner to meet the purposes of underlying research activities. The user is enabled to record research results and thoughts in the form of a digital network model. The user is not limited to any kind of biological model; moreover it is possible to create an individual system that meets the requirements of each research activity.

As a case study of VANESA and the data warehouse BioDWH and DAWIS-M.D. information system, the modeling and exploration of biological systems in cardiovascular diseases from an EU project is presented here[46]. The case study is based on a cardiovascular-disease related to gene-regulated biological networks. Based on the project experimental data, literature and the integrated databases it was begun by exploring and reconstructing specific pathways derived from misleading proteins in cardiovascular diseases in VANESA.

In addition to experimental data, external databases and literature had to be examined for meaningful information to map out the important biomedical networks and systems. It is essential for scientists to access and analyze information from multiple heterogeneous data sources to meet their objectives.

The communication between VANESA and the biomedical data sources is realized by a web service. Spanning multiple databases containing biochemical and metabolic information from databases such as KEGG and HPRD enabled the modeling and visualization of the most important pathways based on the proteins in the discussed microarray sample of our case study. The data from the BioDWH system was analyzed on a large scale and visualized in a biological meaningful way. Multi-dimensional data annotations was considered in a way suitable for the knowledge discovery process.

As a result of the predicted gene-controlled processes and protein-protein interaction pathways scientists were provided with new opportunities for the discovery of novel biomarkers, and unknown therapeutic targets. In addition, the use of VANESA in combination with the data warehouse infrastructure BioDWH and the DAWIS-M.D. information system can allow investigation of the biological functionality of a gene or of a protein in its specific genetic or functional pathway.

3.2 ANDVisio

The computer system ANDVisio-ANDCell was developed for automated extraction of knowledge from PubMed abstracts and databases concerning molecular-genetic interactions, gene regulations, catalytic processes, polymorphism gene – disease associations and other associations between facts and their representation as semantic association networks [4]. The vertices of such networks are molecular-genetic objects, diseases and processes while the edges between the vertices represent types of associations. Considered are the following objects: genes, proteins, microRNAs, metabolites, molecular processes, pathways and cellular components. The system has the following types of interaction between objects: direct interaction, catalytic reaction, proteolysis, treatment, co expression, expression regulation, activity/function regulation, stability regulation and transport regulation. For molecular interactions and associations, data on cell types and organisms are represented. Knowledge extracted from different types of publications was stored into the base of knowledge: ANDCell. A graphical user interface is realized in the ANDVisio program. ANDVisio allows the graphical visualization and analysis of the associative networks, reconstructed by using queries sent to the ANDCell knowledge base.

The knowledge base contains about 5 millions facts. For development of the base of knowledge ANDCell, data from the PubMed abstracts was analyzed, as well as different databases such as IntAct [47], MINT [48], NCBI GENE [49], TRRD [50], KEGG, PIMRider®, InterPro [51]. The system has been provided with a user-friendly interface and implemented links to molecular-genetic databases. Also, articles for additional information were extracted. The developed system may be useful for resolving a wide range of tasks in biology and biomedicine, such as expansion and complementation of the genetic networks reconstructed by the experts, identification of associations of genetic networks with diseases, search for the existing molecular mechanisms of associations between pathologies, identification of gene-candidates for genotyping, mutation that reduce disease, interpretation data of microchip analysis of gene expression etc.

ANDVisio system, particularly, was used for the analysis of potential molecular mechanisms of interconnection between myopia and glaucoma. In the course of this work, a list of potential gene-candidates for the genotyping of myopia and open-angle glaucoma [52] was detected. Also the ANDVisio system was used for the analysis of data from high-performance proteomic experiments in researching of Helicobacter pylori and their connection with progressive gastritis and gastric tumors [53].

3.3 CELLmicrocosmos PathwayIntegration

CELLmicrocosmos 4.2 PathwayIntegration (CmPI) is an approach to visualize and analyze inter-cellular and intra-compartmental relationships by correlating pathways with an abstract cell environment in 3D space. By using data coming from DAWIS-M.D., metabolic pathways from KEGG can be parsed. The pathway structure, consisting of enzymes, their substrates and products with the connecting reactions, can be shown in 2D as original KGML layout and directly compared to the 3D layout in the cell. The cell can be modelled by using a variety of different eucaryotic cell component models, which are mainly abstractions of Electron and Light Microscopic Images. In addition, first approaches of 3D microscopic-based cell component models exist, based on electron tomographic data. The composition of the cell may vary according to the needs of the visualization or mapping information.

For the enzymatic localization, terms from the databases BRENDA and UniProt (UniProt 2008) are used. Usually information exists on the subcellular level – but also mapping information about the intra-compartmental mapping may be derived . Focusing, for example on mitochondria, UniProt contains more than 50, BRENDA more than 20 different localization definitions. The quality of the

data varies: BRENDA contains only localization information reviewed by an curator, but UniProt provides additionally unreviewed information. These results may be compared directly to the PubMed abstract, if the corresponding database provides the link. Different terms may belong to the same localization: "Mitochondrial inter-membrane space" and "mitochondrial lumen" both need to be mapped onto 3rd mitochondrial layer. Often different mapping information are found and stored in an interactive localization table. The user may choose which of these options should be used to place the enzymatic spatial positioning or refuse the propositions from the databases and predict the localization. Sometimes the localization information from the database contains comments specifying more precisely the whereabouts of a protein then the regular cell component information. In this case, CmPI uses the comment for mapping.

The localization of different pathways is comparable by using the same position for each enzyme of the same type located in 3D space. An Inverted Self-Organizing Graphs (ISOM) layout is used for the distribution of nodes [54] onto unit hypersphere: Connected nodes are placed in proximity to each other. A six-degrees-of-freedom (6DoF) navigation offers different possibilities to navigate through the cell environment. Following the Focus+Context paradigm [55], also every single node of the pathway can be spatially focused and examined according the information acquired from the different databases. In addition, Stereoscopy [56] is implemented, compatible to e.g. nVidia® Quadro® FX cards, to take full advantage of the 3D perspective.

The Webstart application is located at http://Cm4.CELLmicrocosmos.org.

4 Application

4.1 Experimental Data

First, the point of interest has been defined as a Cardiovascular Disease related pathway. The data used here represents a dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) coming from a female DCM patient with renal insufficiency aged 52 years. The analysis has been carried out in an extracted cytoplasmic sample of cultured aortic smooth muscle cells (S12 fraction). In order to highlight its associated disregulated pathways, the proteomic profile of the sample had to be investigated. The proteome analysis has been carried out by a Clontech Ab Microarray™ 500 (Lot no. 7030444, Clontech, CA, USA). From the set of identified proteins, the Multiple PDZ Domain protein (MUPP1/MPDZ) has been chosen for former analysis. MUPP1 is a 13 PDZ domain holding protein, showing a large diversity of interacting proteins [57] and viruses [58, 59].

4.2 Network Reconstruction

Using VANESA, the environment of MPDZ has been investigated. 12 interacting proteins have been identified by using the BioDWH integration of HPRD: ABCA1, CAMK2A, CLDN1, CLDN5, CSPG4, DRD3, F11R, HTR2C, KIT, PLEKHA1, RNF5 and SYNGAP1. Moreover, CAMK2A and SYNGAP are also interacting with each other (Fig. 1).

Further investigations according the MPDZ protein were carried out using the KEGG implementation of VANESA. MPDZ was identified as being part of the human Tight junction signaling pathway (hsa04530) (Fig. 2). The tight junction is the closely associated area of the plasma membranes of two different cells. They form an impermeable surface area to ions and molecules. The corresponding pathway regulates the passage of substances through the protein complexes. The tight junction localization is in agreement with various publications [58, 59].

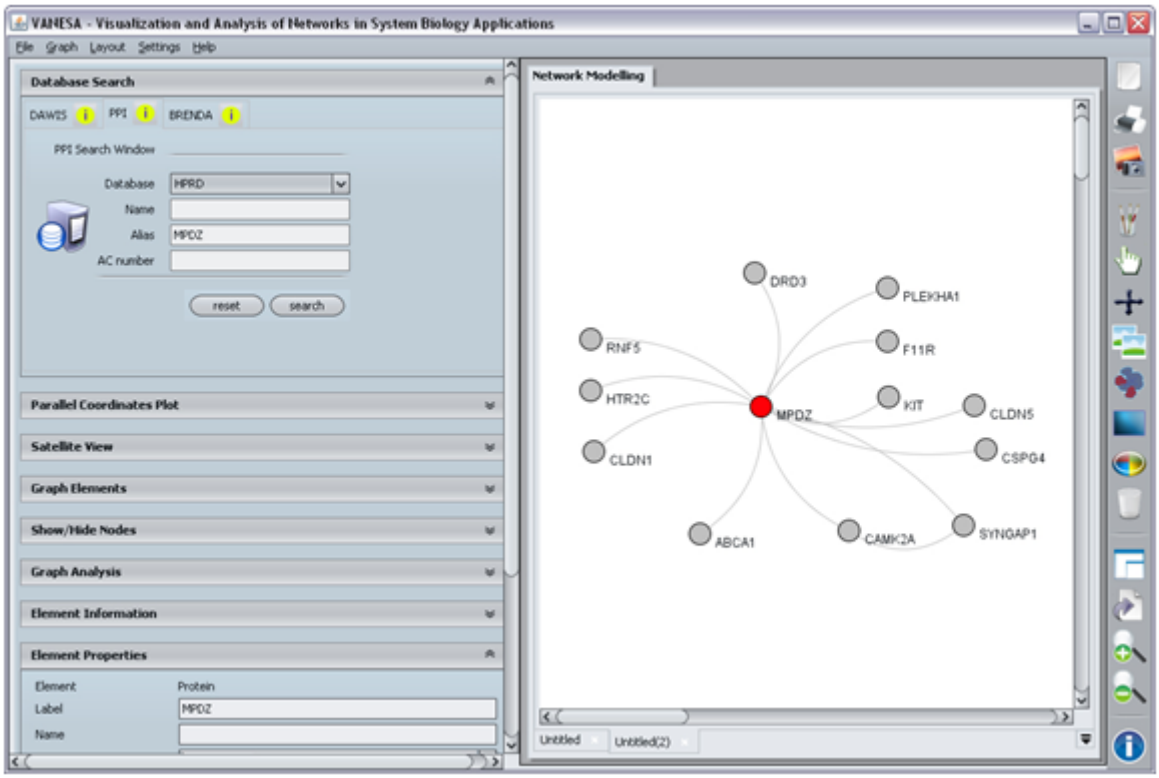

Figure 1: The relevant sub-network (from Fig. 2) of direct protein interactions with MPDZ, computed by the BioDWH integration of the HPRD database in VANESA.

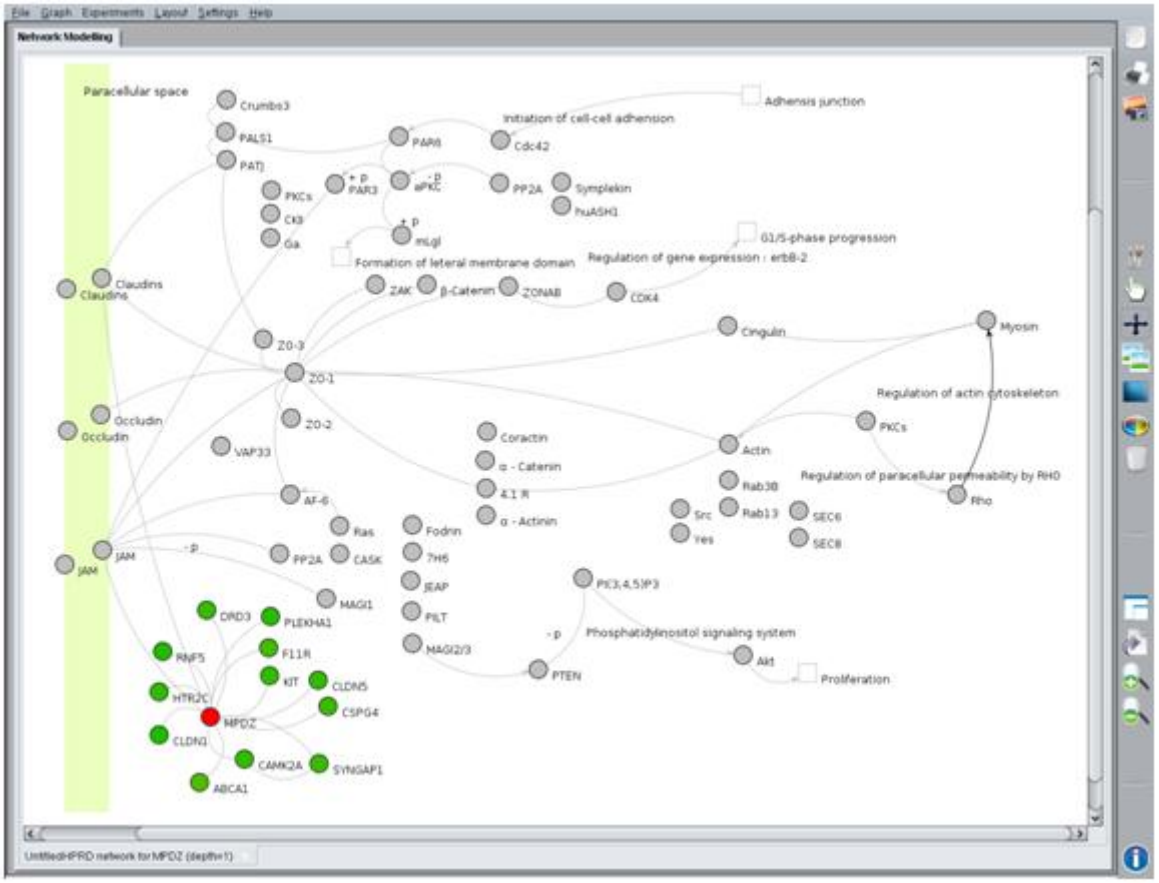

Figure 2: Visualization of the Tight junction signaling pathway (hsa04530) from KEGG by VANESA. The place marked red is the relevant protein MPDZ on the microarray sample.

The ANDVisio system also has been used for the determination of the MUPP1 surrounding proteins by searching for its synonym MUPP1. Eight interacting proteins has been revealed and five of them are new: AMOT, CLD8, CLIC6, GABR2, PKHA2. After the curation of ANDVisio, all newly found associations were confirmed. Although the protein RNF5 was found by Vanesa, the curation of the ANDVisio text mining results could not verify the link between MUPP1 and RNF5. The synonym NG2 is pointing here to the protein CSPG4, although NG2 is often used as a synonym for RNF5. Sentences introducing these links are found in Table 1.

ANDVisio IDs	Uniprot KB IDs	Association Confirmation	PubMed ID	Sentence from the abstract which confirm the association
AMOT	Q4VCS5	confirmed	17397395	Using yeast two-hybrid screening, we found here that MUPP1 interacts with angiomotin (Amot), JEAP/Amot-like 1 and MASCOT/Amot-like 2, which we refer to as Amot/JEAP family proteins.
CLD5	O00501	confirmed	12403818	MUPP1 and claudin-5 colocalized in the incisures, and the COOH-terminal region of claudin-5 interacts with MUPP1 in a PSD-95/Disc Large/zona occludens (ZO)-1 (PDZ)-dependent manner.
CLD8	P56748	confirmed	12839333	The interaction of claudin-8 and MUPP1 in vivo was confirmed by co-immunolocalization and co-immunoprecipitation in MDCK cells.
CLIC6	Q96NY7	confirmed	14499480	In two-hybrid system, CLIC6 also interacted with MUPP1 and radixin but not GIPC, suggesting it could take part in a complex with D(2)-like receptors, not only by direct interaction with their C-termini, but also through interactions with scaffolding proteins.
CSPG4	Q6UVK1	confirmed	10967549	The fusion proteins fail to bind NG2 missing the C-terminal half of the cytoplasmic domain, emphasizing the role of the NG2 C-terminus in the interaction with MUPP1.
GABR2	O75899	confirmed	17145756	Biochemical analysis confirmed that full-length Mupp1 and PAPIN interact with GABA(B)R2 in cells.
PKHA2	Q9HB19	confirmed	11802782	We show that TAPP1 and TAPP2 interact with the 10th and 13th PDZ domain of MUPP1 through their C-terminal amino acids.
RNF5	Q99942	*not confirmed*	10967549	The fusion proteins fail to bind NG2 missing the C-terminal half of the cytoplasmic domain, emphasizing the role of the NG2 C-terminus in the interaction with MUPP1. *Explanation: The term NG2 is in the context of the referenced publication no synonym for RNF5 (see CSPG4 instead).*

Table 1. Sentences from PubMed proving associations to MUPP1/MPDZ extracted by ANDVisio.

4.3 Localization

The reconstructed network of MPDZ should be investigated according the localization of the different interacting proteins. Because the original sample discussed above (see 6.1) is taken from cytoplasm, the previous experimentally achieved knowledge was merely that the proteins are localized within the cell and outside the nucleus. The correlation to the tight junction pathway using KEGG is pointing towards the cell junction. Therefore it is mainly searched for this cellular part “tight junction” during the localization process of MPDZ and the 12 interacting proteins using the CmPI. Table 2 is showing the localization accuracy classes in this context. By using the BioDWH

integrating BRENDA, UniProt, GO and Reactome, all of the 13 proteins are localized. The most precise results are achieved for five proteins, including MPDZ, by pointing to the tight/cell junction. For five proteins, the cell membrane, and for another two proteins, a membrane fraction has been identified as a possible localization (Fig. 4). For SYNGAP1 only the term "intracellular" inferred from electronic annotation by the InterPro database has been found, which is not accurate enough.

Localization Accuracy Class	Terms
High	cell/tight junction (organisation)
Middle	cell/plasma membrane/projection/surface integrin cell surface interaction 'transmembrane proteins with a single transmembrane pass, a cytoplasmic domain, and an extracellular domain'
Low	membrane/membrane fraction
No	actin filament chromosome collagen/collagen type VI cytoplasm, intracellular cytosol death inducing signaling complex endocytic vesicle endoplasmatic reticulum extracellular matrix filamentous actin golgi mitochondrium nucleus/nucleoplasm/pronucleus, ribosome sarcoplasmic reticulum vimentin X chromosome

Table 2: Localization Accuracy Classes of the terms found by CmPI and ANDVisio in comparison to the reference term "cell junction"

Now the question should be investigated, if the text mining data from PubMed abstracts created by ANDVisio can verify and/or improve the accuracy of the results. For this purpose, the proteins of the MPDZ interacting protein network are successfully identified. In a second step, the corresponding localizations of every protein are searched by focusing only on PubMed results. ANDVisio uses a dictionary which connects different synonyms and spellings to one localization term. "Peripheral plasma membrane protein", "juxta-membrane" and "juxtamembrane" are for example connected to the term "extrinsic to plasma membrane". 34 different cell components are found in ANDVisio (Fig. 6) and 10 of 13 proteins are localized by using the mapping table of CmPI.

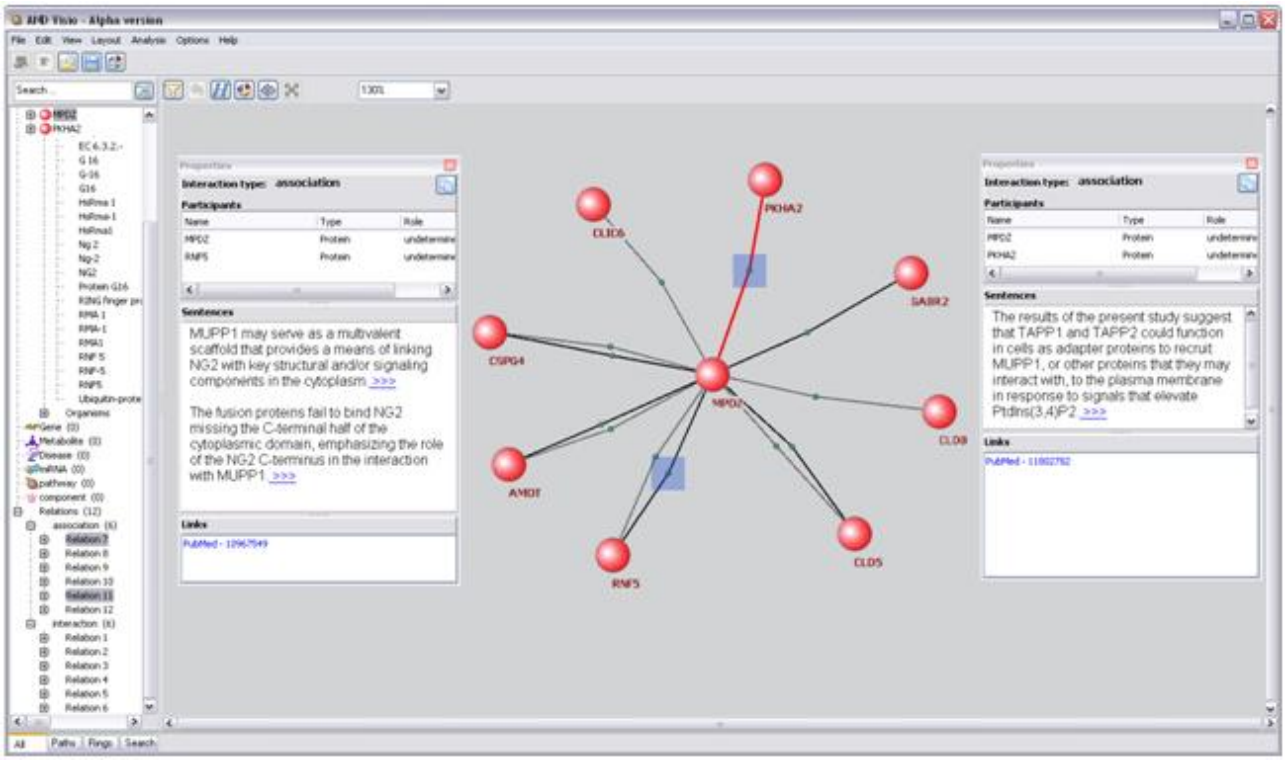

Figure 3. The MPDZ protein-protein interaction network based on PubMed abstracts in ANDVisio.

Importing the results to CmPI, four proteins could be localized to the tight/cell junction and four proteins to the cell membrane. For one protein the Nucleus and for another protein only a membrane faction could be found as results (Fig. 5).

The results from CmPI are combined with those from ANDVisio, showing that the results pointing to the cell junction are not improved. But four results proposing the cell junction are now double-proofed (Fig. 7). In addition, ANDVisio improved the result on ABCA1: CmPI could localize this protein only to a membrane (fraction), ANDVisio found results pointing to the cell membrane. The complete results can be found in Table 3.

After localizing the protein-protein interaction network created with VANESA, the network created with ANDVisio needed to be localized. CmPI can localize four of eight proteins to the cell junction and the remaining proteins to the cell membrane. ANDVisio can localize five proteins. Two of these proteins, which were not identified by VANESA, namely AMOT and GABR2, are found at the cell membrane according to PubMed abstracts. This is in affirmation of the CmPI results for these two proteins (Fig. 7).

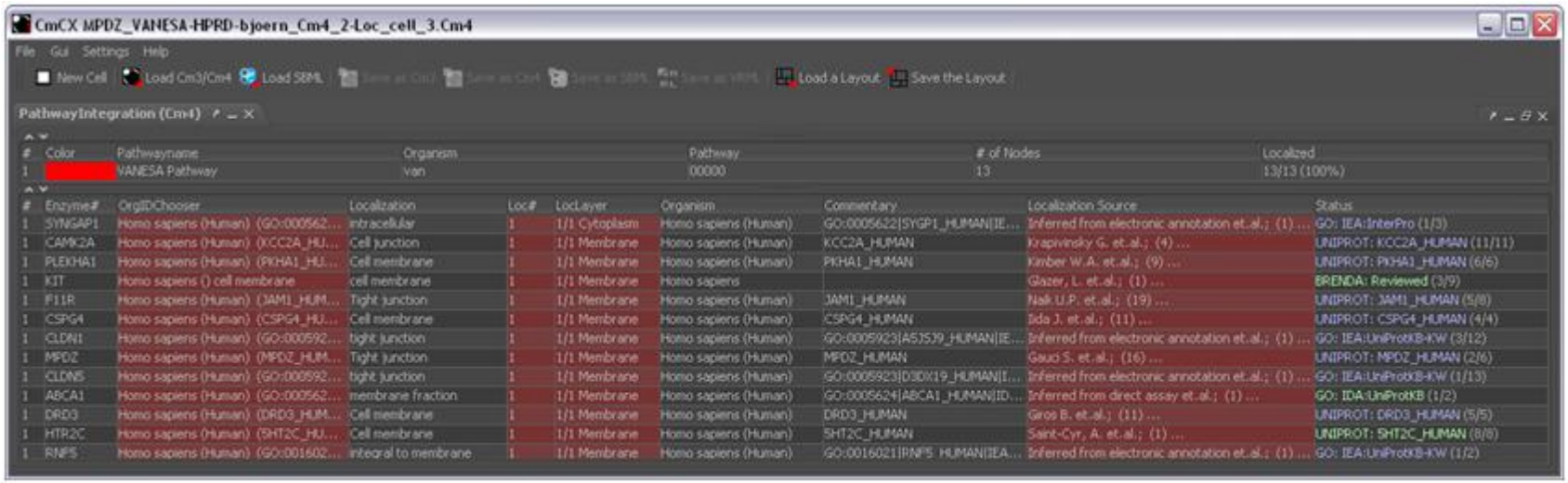

Figure 4: The localization of the MPDZ interacting protein network (Fig. 1) using CmPI: 5 proteins could be localized to the tight/cell junction (including MPDZ), 5 proteins to the cell membrane, 2 protein to membrane and 1 protein to the cytoplasm (SYNGAP1).

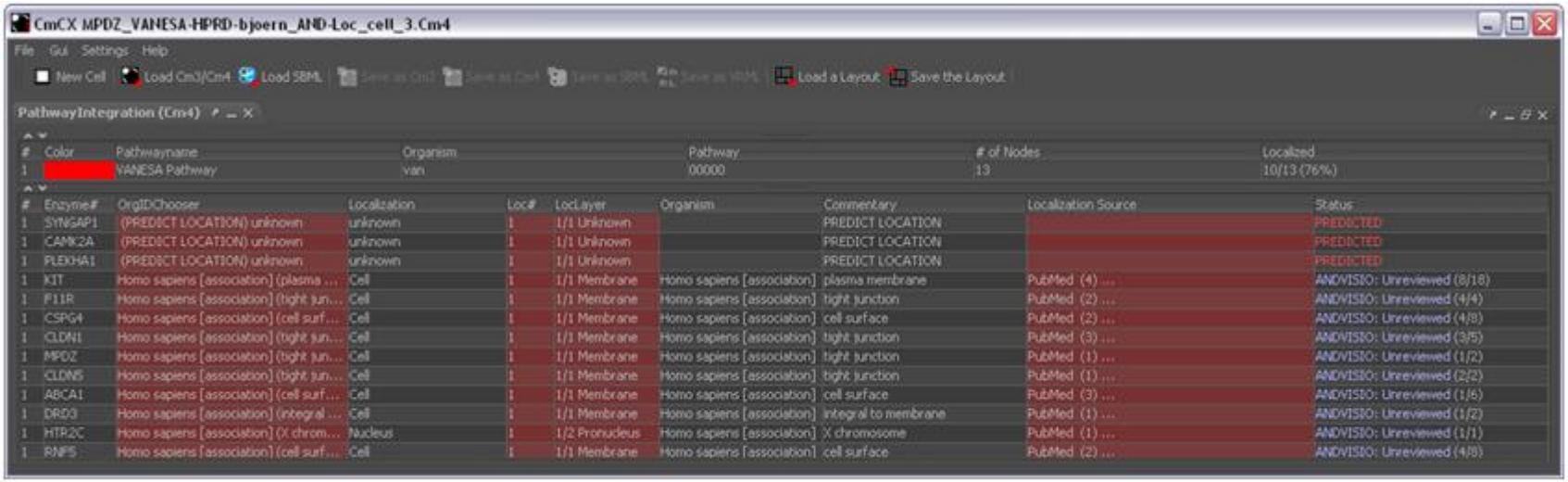

Figure 5: The localization of the MPDZ interacting protein network (Fig. 1) using CmPI and exclusively results from ANDVisio (Fig. 6): 4 proteins could be localized to the tight/cell junction, 4 proteins to the cell membrane, 2 proteins to the Nucleus and 3 proteins not at all.

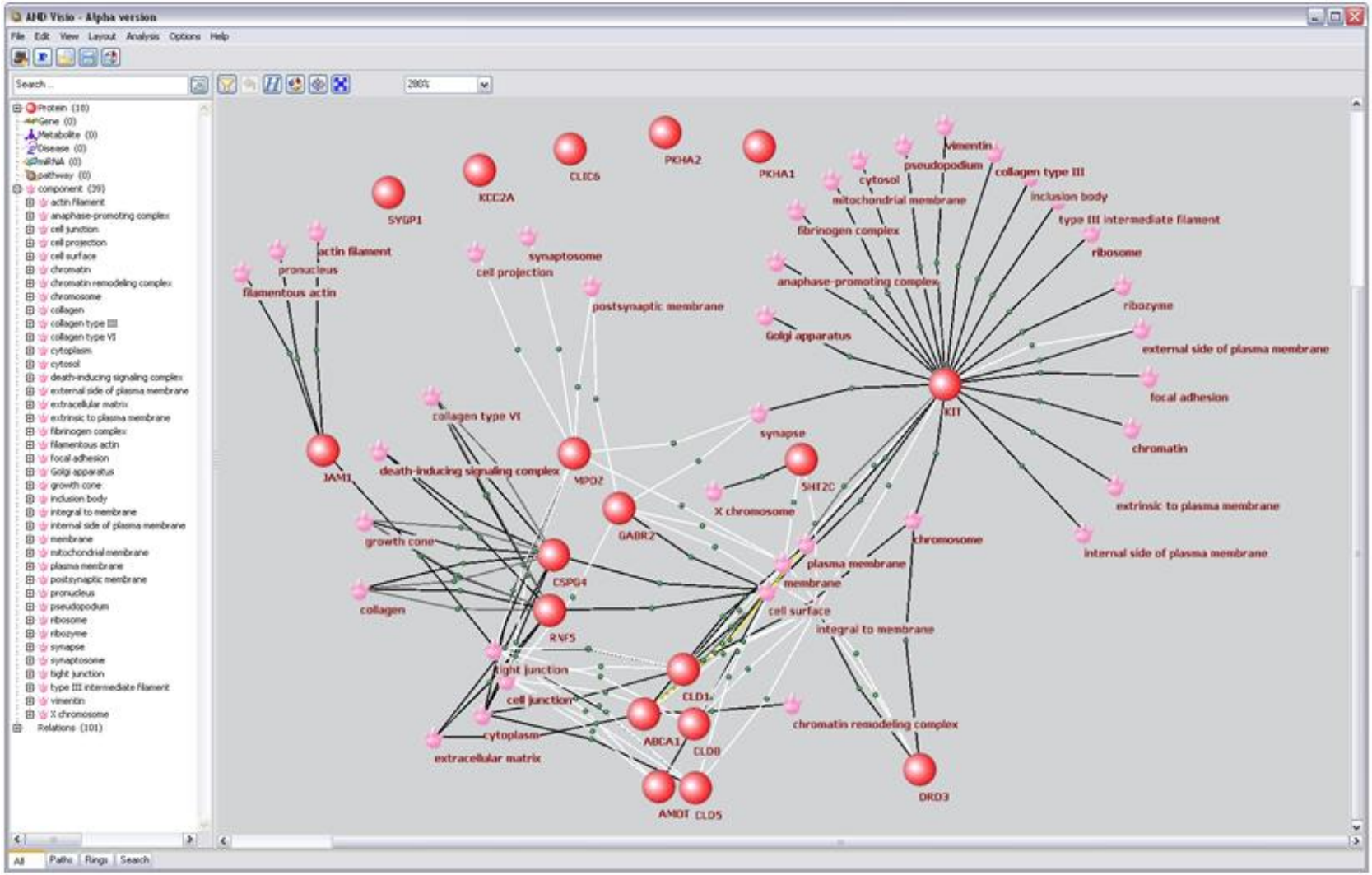

Figure 6: The sub-network shown in Fig. 2 supplemented by using ANDVisio and its Localization results extracted from PubMed entries. The protein identifiers are here synonyms for the identifiers used in VANESA. Six proteins are not localized: PKHA1 (PLEKHA1), PKHA2 (PLEKHA2), KCC2A (CAMK2A), CLIC6, CLD8 and SYGP1 (SYNGAP1). Localization descriptions obtained by ANDVisio have different detail levels. For example the KIT protein is connected to the following descriptions related to the cell membrane: cell surface, plasma membrane, pseudopodium, external/internal side of plasma membrane and extrinsic to plasma membrane. Grey lines show "interactions", black lines show "association" and the yellow line shows an "activity regulation".

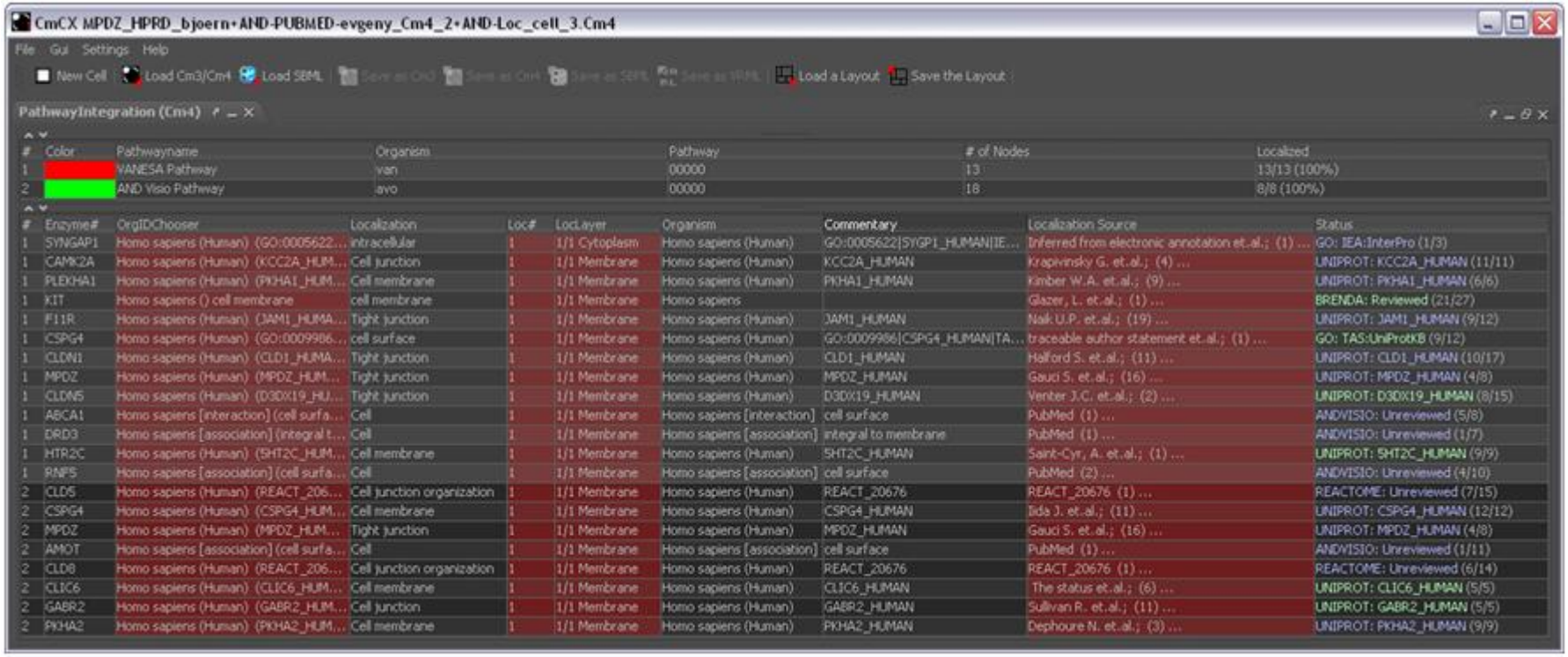

Figure 7: The combined localization results for the VANESA (#1) and the ANDVisio (#2) pathway. The VANESA Pathway includes the localization of the MPDZ interacting protein network (Fig. 1) using CmPI including results from ANDVisio: Five proteins could be localized to the tight/cell junction (including MPDZ), seven proteins to the cell membrane, one protein only to the cytoplasm (SYGP1).

Protein	CmPI Localization				ANDVisio Localization
	BRENDA	GO*	Reactome	UniProt	PubMed Abstracts
	VANESA Pathway Reconstruction				
ABCA1		m(U)		m	cm:4, em, nu
CAMK2A	c, cs, m, nu, sa	cj(U), cs(R), nu(R)	cs, nu	cj, cm, m	
CLDN1		cj(U):2	cj	cj:2, cm:2, m:2	cj, cm:2, c, nu
CLDN5		cj(U):2	cj	cj:2, cm:2, m:2	cj, cs
CSPG4		cm(U)		m, cm	cm, cs:2, em:3
DRD3				cm, m	m, nu
F11R		cj(U)	cj, cm	cj, cm, m	cj, cs:2, nu
HTR2C		cm(U)		cm, m	nu
KIT	cm:3	m(I), em(U)**		m:2	cs:3, cm:4, em:2, gg, mi, nu:3, ri
MPDZ		cj(U)		cj, cm, m	cj, c
PLEKHA1		c(U), nu(H)		cm, c, m, nu	
RNF5				m	cm, c, cs, em:4
SYNGAP		c(I):3			
	ANDVisio Pathway Reconstruction* **				
AMOT		cj(U), cm(M,U):2, cp(U):2, vs(M)		cj	cm
CLD8		cj(U):2, er(U)	cj	cj:2, cm:2, m:2	
CLIC6		c(U), cm(U)		c, cm, m	
GABR2		cj(U)		cj, cm, m	cm
PKHA2		c(U):2, cm(U), nu(U):2		c, cm, m, nu	

Table 3: Localization Results in CmPI and ANDVisio
Unique Connections to the following Cell Components:
c: cytoplasm, intracellular; cj: cell/tight junction (organisation); cm: cell/plasma membrane/projection/surface, integrin cell surface interaction, "transmembrane proteins with a single transmembrane pass, a cytoplasmic domain, and an extracellular domain"; cs: cytosol, death inducing signaling complex, filamentous actin, actin filament, vimentin; em: extracellular matrix, collagen (type VI); er: endoplasmatic reticulum; gg: golgi; m: membrane (fraction); mi: mitochondrium; nu: nucleus/nucleoplasm/pronucleus, (X) chromosome; ri: ribosome; sr: sarcoplasmic reticulum; vs: endocytic vesicle; numbers behind the colon show multiple results for one localization
Comments:
*** the letter in brackets indicates if the GO result is achieved data from InterPro (I), Human Protein Atlas (HPA), MGI (M), Reactome (R) or UniProt (U)**
**** in UniProt, this term is only found in the GO keywords, not as a cell component definition, therefore it is not found by the direct UniProt search in CmPI in this case**
***** italic-faced proteins are also part of the ANDVisio network**

5 Discussion

Analysing the Localization Results in Table 3, different important observations are made:

CmPI already achieves good results by combining four different databases:

- BRENDA: With two localized enzymes BRENDA does not perform well. The reason is that BRENDA is working with EC numbers. For many proteins discussed here there is no EC entry. Therefore BRENDA is unable to find localizations for those enzymes.
- GO: The Gene Ontology provides links to different external databases. The links to UniProtKB have been specially relevant for this sample. But there have been also links to Reactome, InterPro, Human Protein Atlas (HPA) [60] and a human annotation from the Mouse genome informatics (MGI) [61]. 16 proteins have been localized by GO, indicating that it is a very good localization resource. In particular the protein SYNGAP1 could only be localized by using GO.
- Reactome: For a few proteins, five in number, results are coming from Reactome. Most of them are pointing to the cell junction, which is the most relevant localization.
- UniProt: All proteins except SYNGAP1 has been localized by UniProt. This indicates, that it is the best resource discussed here for localizing proteins by their gene names.

Focusing now on the results from ANDVisio, the advantages of the text mining approach emerges. It should be mentioned, that ANDVisio is also supporting other data sources, but the results discussed here were restricted to PubMed Abstract data. In spite of this, the approach performs well for our purpose. Four proteins could be localized to the tight/cell junction and six proteins to the cell membrane. One hit is pointing to a nucleus or a membrane, and one hit only to the nucleus. Another six proteins could not be localized at all. If it would make sense to rank the localization sources according the hits for this sample, it would be UniProt, GO, ANDVisio PubMed Abstracts, Reactome, BRENDA.

Naturally, it is not the intention of the text mining approach discussed here to compete with an established database. Particularly the problem with the ambiguous synonym NG2 pointing to CSPG4 as well as RNF5 show that it is important to evaluate crucial data from ANDVisio. But the final question reads as follows: Is ANDVisio able to increase the precision of the localization? It was mentioned before that three localizations from CmPI were very imprecise. The results from ANDVisio are fixing two of these problems by adding plasma membrane similar terms. Comparing all localizations in Table 3 in detail it shows, that ANDVisio finds new localizations for ten proteins, which are not included in the databases accessed by CmPI. This fact shows the high importance of tools like ANDVisio: They can be used to verify, improve and extend the localization results. Tools like this should be used by database curators to search for new results expanding the knowledge of their databases.

Finally one question remains: How to solve the problem with the imprecisely localized protein SYNGAP1? Analyzing the networks, the interacting proteins should be taken into account. MPDZ and CAMK2A are interacting with SYNGAP1, as the protein interaction network indicates. In addition, ANDVisio can be used to search the PubMed abstracts for interacting proteins with SYGP1. One of three interaction nodes is the protein KCC2G, which belongs to the same enzyme complex (EC 2.7.11.17) as KCC2A, the synonym for CAMK2A. Therefore, this connection is double-proofed. The localizations shown by ANDVisio, “cytoplasm”, “chromosome” and “growth cone” are not satisfactory in this case, because the search is focusing on the tight junction complex (Fig. 8). In CmPI, MPDZ as well as CAMK2A are localized at the tight junction. The logical consequence is, that SYNGAP1 can also be found with a very high probability at the tight junction complex.

With the accumulated knowledge, a virtual cell environment is created based on the localization information from CmPI. With this visualization, it is possible to compare the 2D network with the localized 3D visualization, the localization table (Tab. 3) and in addition, both networks created with VANESA and ANDVisio (Fig. 9-12). Of course the CmPI Visualization is more useful for showing inter- and intra-organelle relationships instead of processes restricted only to one region like the tight junction discussed here. The visualizations of the alternative localizations in Fig. 10 and 12 give an idea of this ability.

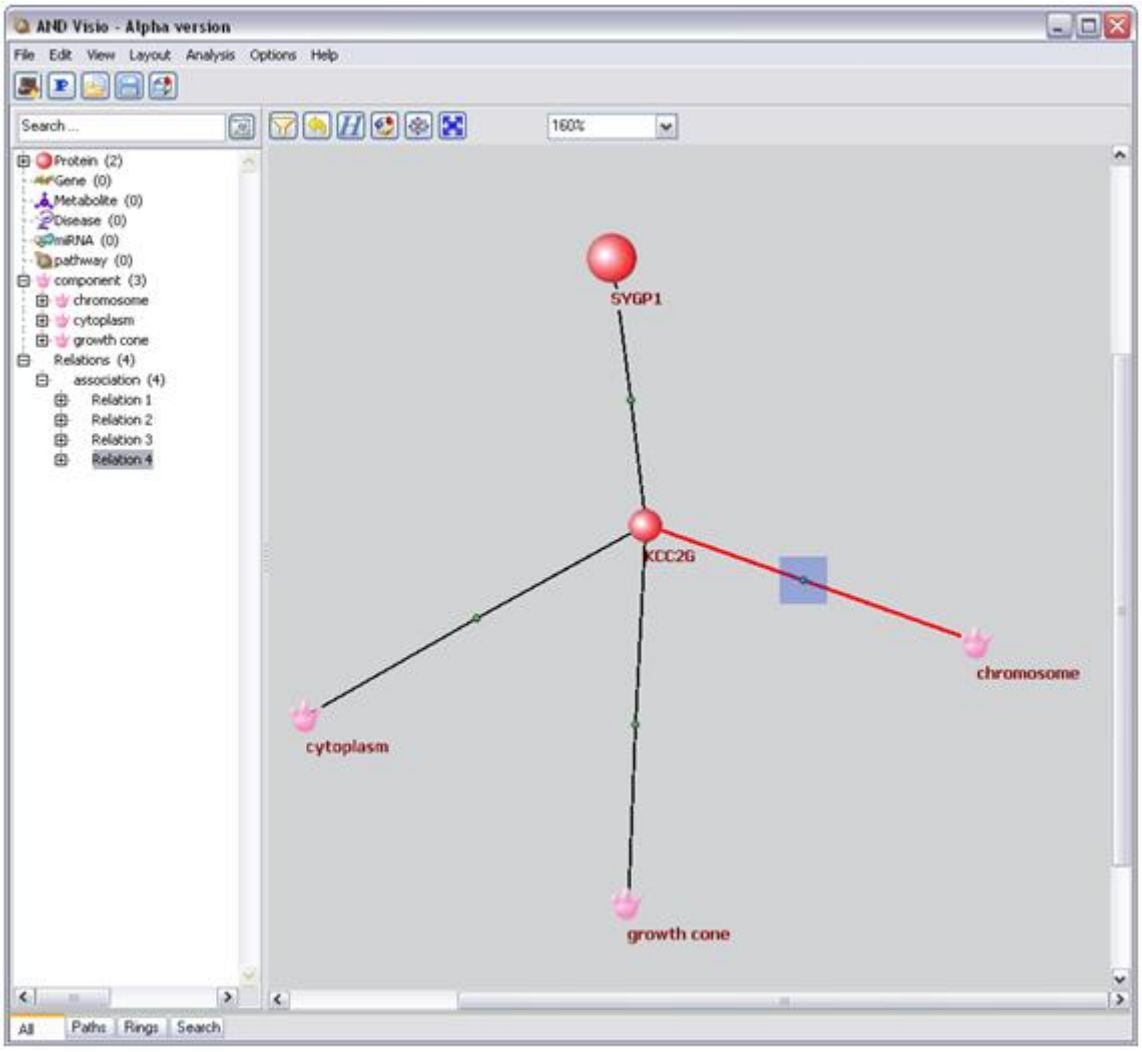

Figure 8: The protein interaction network in ANDVisio shows also the direct connection between SYGP (SYNGAP1) and KCC2G, which is part of the same protein complex (2.7.11.17) as KCC2A (CAMK2A). The localization result of KCC2G could be assigned as well to SYGP1: chromosome, cytoplasm and growth cone.

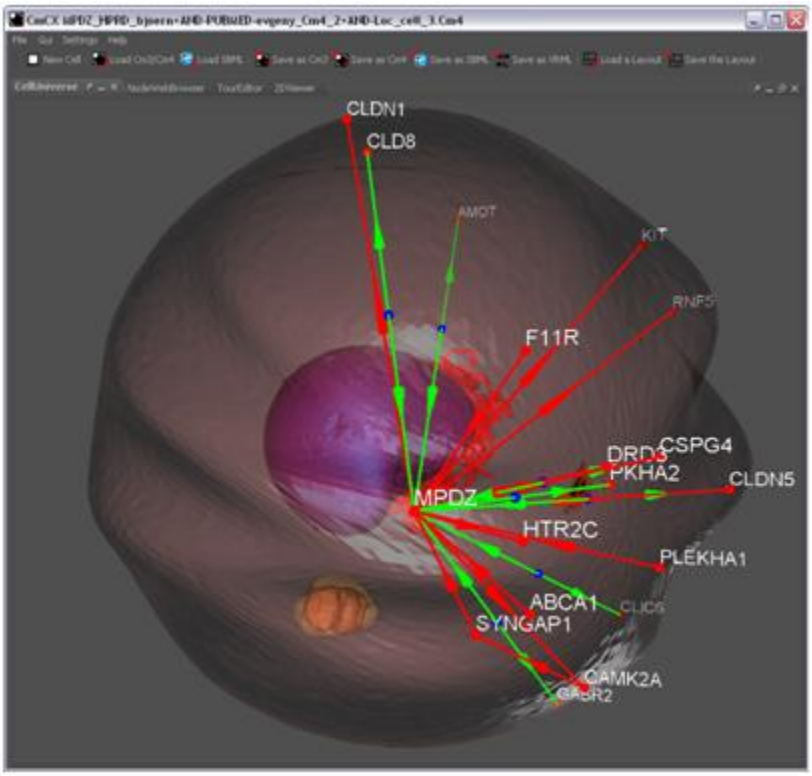

Figure 9: This CmPI visualization shows the localized network as shown in Fig. 7. The red network comes from VANESA, the green from ANDVisio. All enzymes are localized at the cell membrane. SYNGAP1, originally localized at the cytosol, can also be mapped directly onto the cell membrane by combining the newly gained knowledge.

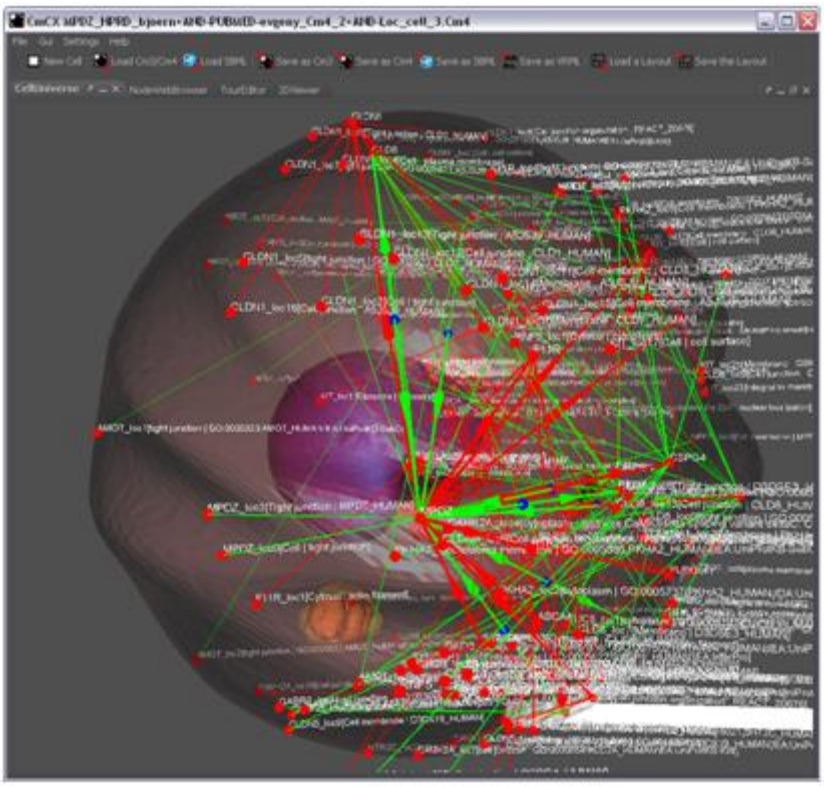

Figure 10: The CmPI visualization from Fig. 7 showing additionally all alternative localization of the enzymes. The information overflow can be limited by using the Focus+Context paradigm.

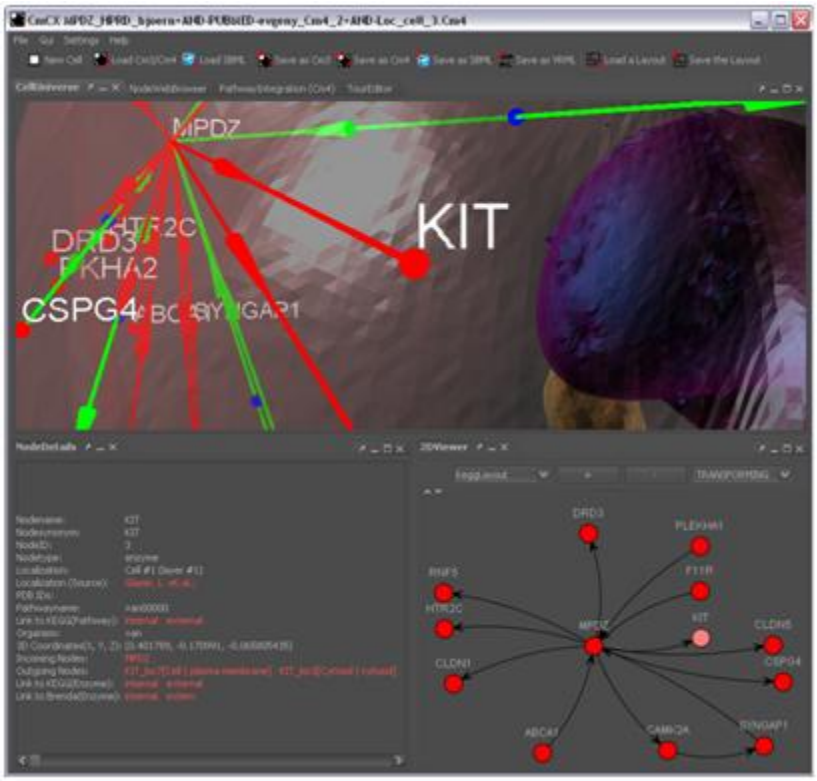

Figure 11: The comparison of the 2D and 3D visualization. In this case CmPI uses the original 2D layout from VANESA and maps it into the 3D cell environment. The NodeDetails window provides information about the actual state of the node. Every window shown here can be used for the navigation.

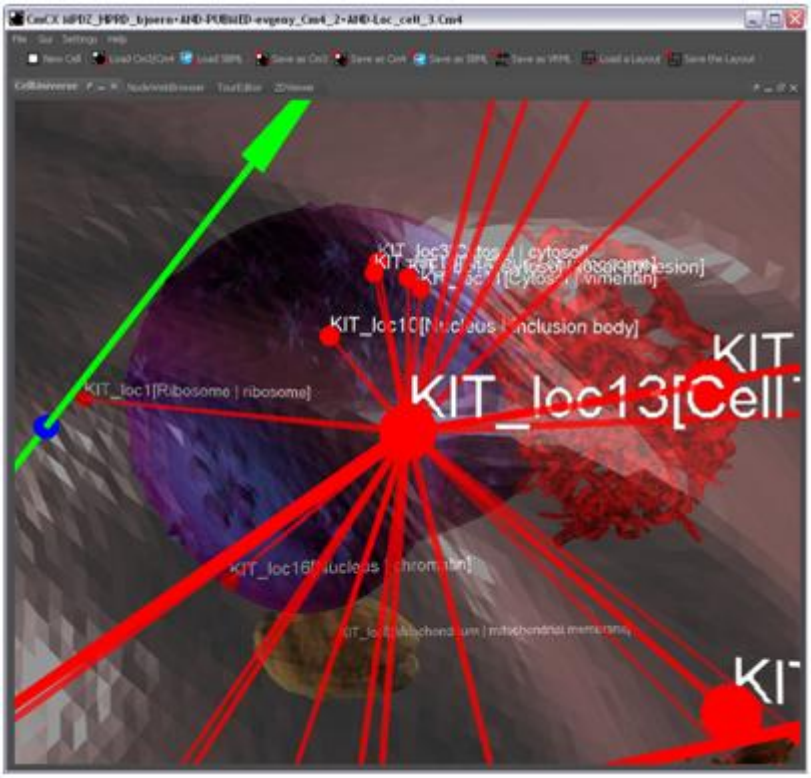

Figure 12: Focusing KIT, the incoming reaction from MPDZ (thick red line) and connections to the alternative locations (thin red lines) are shown, like the Ribosome, Nucleus and Mitochondria.

6 Conclusion

This case study showed a way to combine experimental data, data warehouse and text mining approaches in order to create protein-protein interaction networks by using VANESA and ANDVisio. All in all, 17 proteins were identified to interact with MPDZ. Then the logical assumption was examined, that the interacting proteins with MPDZ, which is a part of the tight junction pathway, can be localized at the tight junction or at least at the cell membrane by combining results from CELLmicrocosmos 4.2 PathwayIntegration and ANDVisio PubMed abstract text mining. With this methods, eight proteins, including MPDZ, could be localized at the tight junction complex, nine proteins at the cell membrane and one protein, SYNGAP1, could be imprecisely localized at the inner cell. By combining the localization results with the pathway structure it was shown, that SYNGAP1 could also be indirectly localized at the cell junction. Moreover, it was verified, that ANDVisio is an important tool which can be used to search for localization alternatives to extend the content of curated databases by identifying information gaps. With all acquired knowledge it was finally possible to create a curated cell visualization showing the intracellular relationships of the network discussed here (Fig. 13).

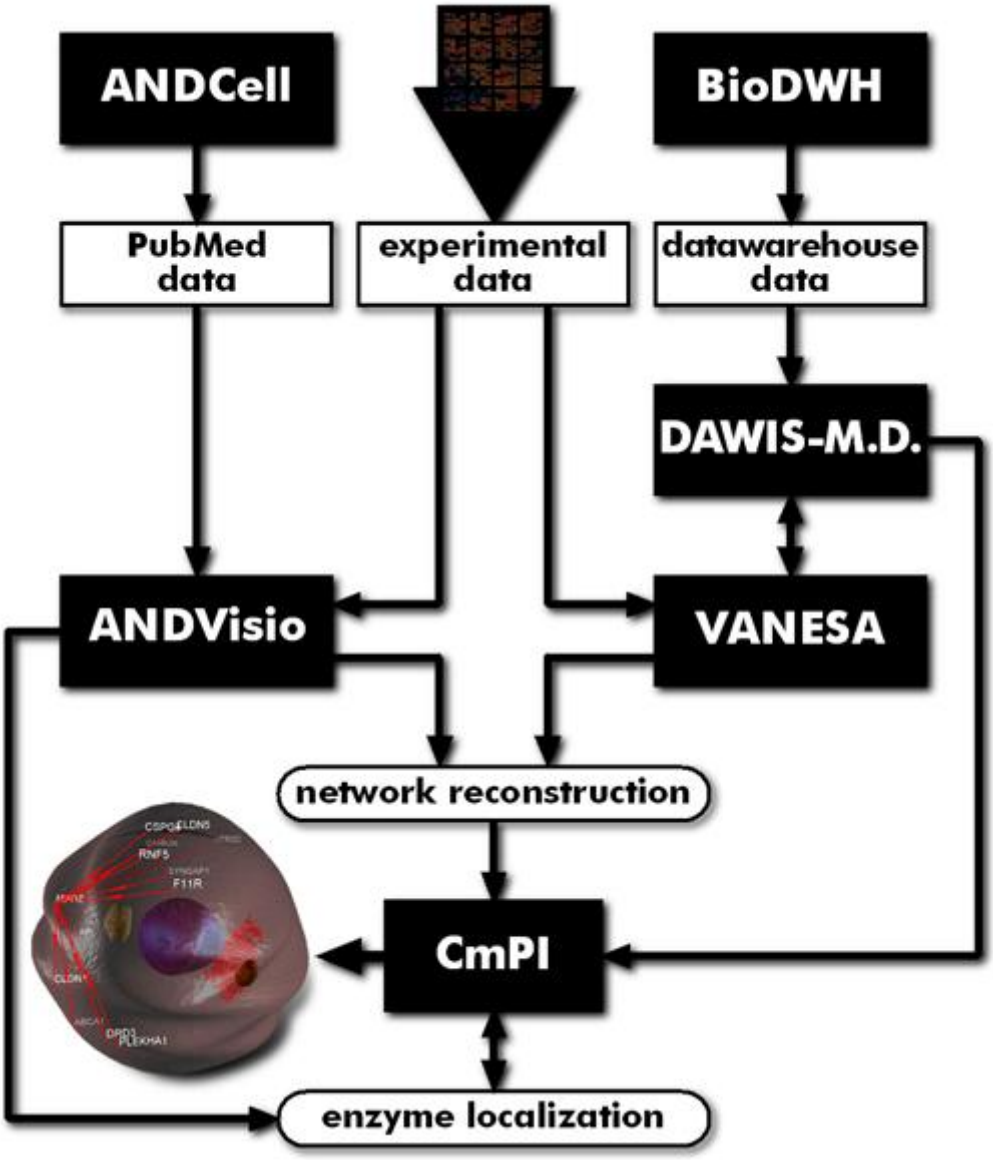

Figure 13: Knowledge generation by the combination of data from seven different projects.

Supplementary Data

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