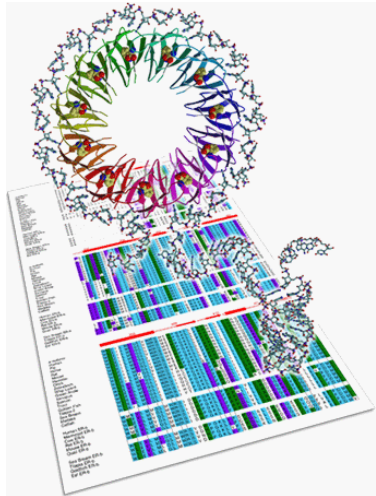


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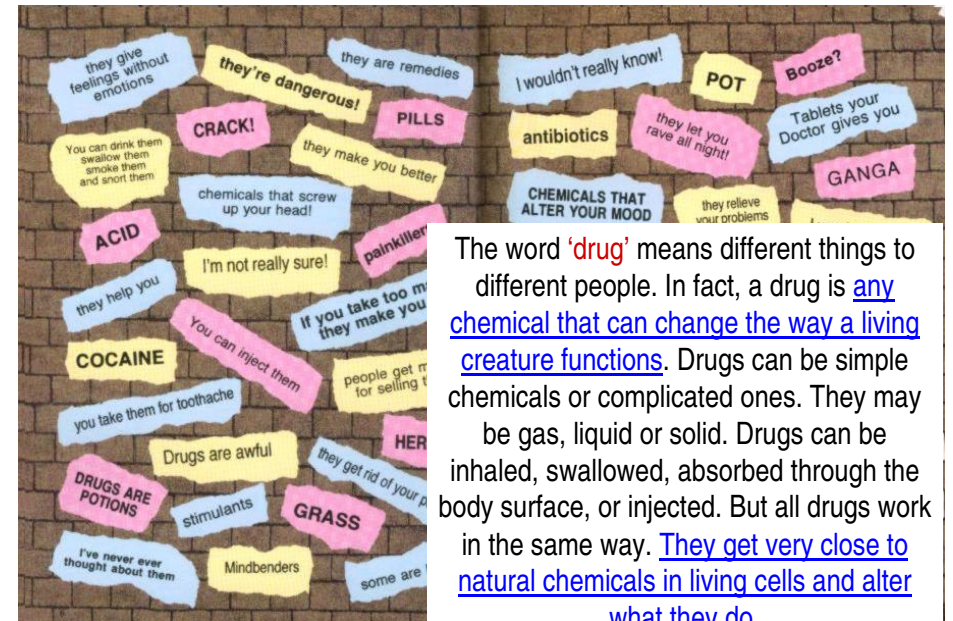
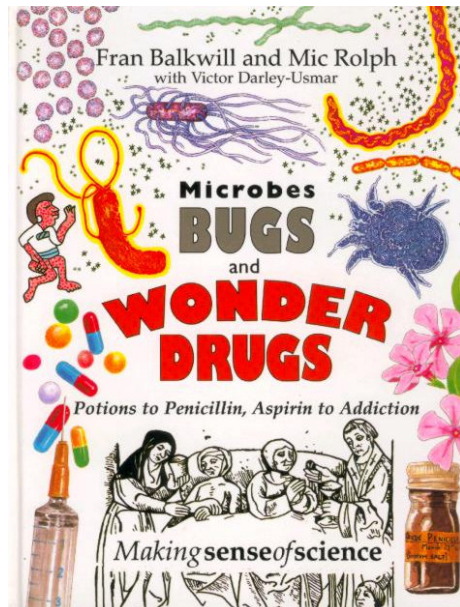
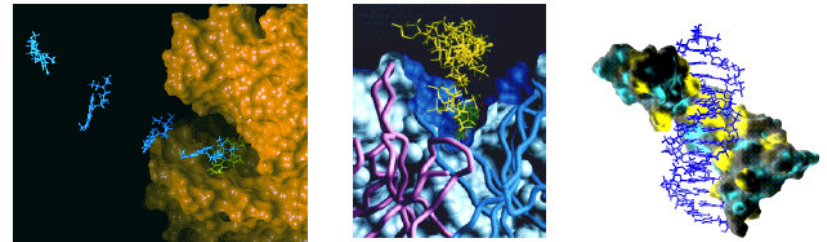
Interacciones entre proteínas y pequeños ligandos (II)

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Major Application of Bioinformatics in 21st century: Designing Drugs

- Understanding how structures bind other molecules (function)
- Designing inhibitors
- Docking, structure modeling



The word 'drug' means different things to different people. In fact, a drug is any chemical that can change the way a living creature functions. Drugs can be simple chemicals or complicated ones. They may be gas, liquid or solid. Drugs can be inhaled, swallowed, absorbed through the body surface, or injected. But all drugs work in the same way. They get very close to natural chemicals in living cells and alter what they do.

"When a medicinal chemist synthesizes a compound that does something extraordinary to a biological system, this compound enters *an elite class of chemicals* and becomes classified as *a drug*."

T. P. Kenakin

"Pharmacological Analysis of Drug-Receptor Interaction", 1987

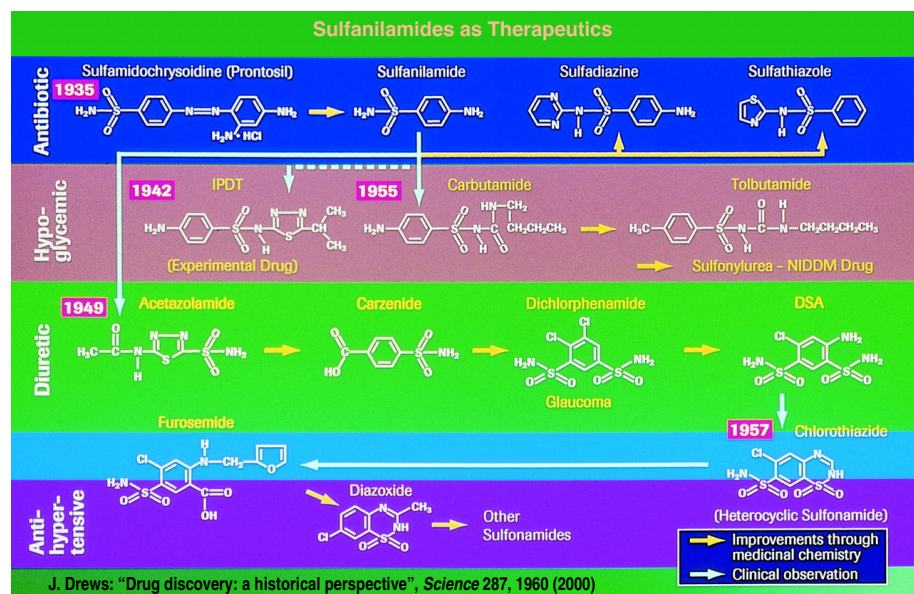
Drug Discovery 100 years ago

P. Ehrlich (1909)



"The discoveries of those uncivilized peoples represented the sum of limitless testing of thousands of *natural materials*. By contrast with their selection of medicines by *pure chance*, we have to find first certain compounds, for example some arsenic derivatives, which show at least a low degree of therapeutic effect. Once this is done through more or less laborious tests, the purely *empirical screening* is replaced by preparing *chemical variations*, homologs and other derivatives whose efficacy has to be tested. But even at best chemical drugs are not *magic bullets*, and will not always hit only the center of the *target*, that is the disease-causing organisms. Moreover, nothing is as simple as to ascertain the lethal or the maximal well-tolerated dose, and the curative dose in a given animal species. In humans the determination of dosages is infinitely more difficult as one has to start with low doses and increase them gradually until they become therapeutically active. This is further aggravated by the occurrence of *congenital or acquired idiosyncrasies* from most medicines... and it cannot justly be demanded that a decision be made within a few months as to the merits or demerits of such new agents."

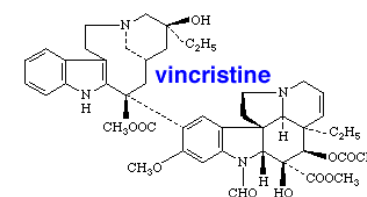
Drugs that originated from sulfanilamide

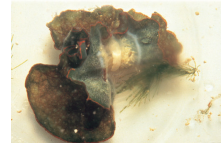
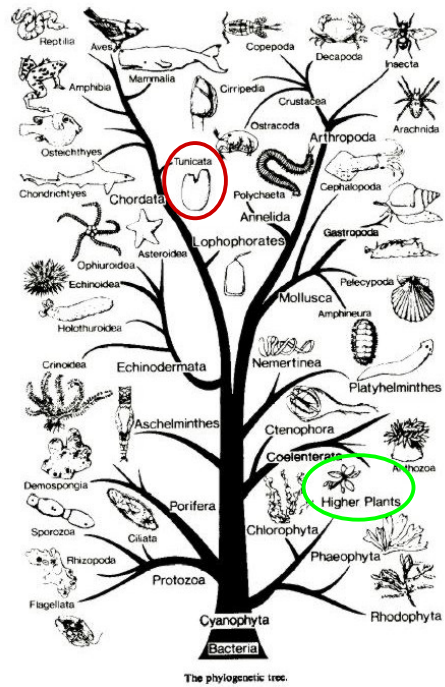
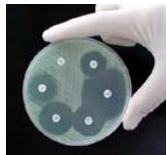
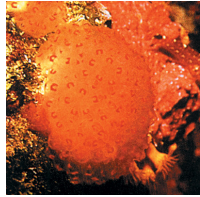


"Distilling in a Medicinal Garden" (1512)



Cathartus roseus





Drug discovery: Iterative process of *make* and *test*



A new era due to the **synergy** of:

- ➔ Genomics & Proteomics
- ➔ Large collections of biologically active molecules
- ➔ High-throughput assays

Commonly used terms in drug discovery

High throughput screen: an optimised, miniaturised assay format that enables the testing of >100,000 chemically diverse compounds per day.

Assay: a test system in which biological activity can be detected.

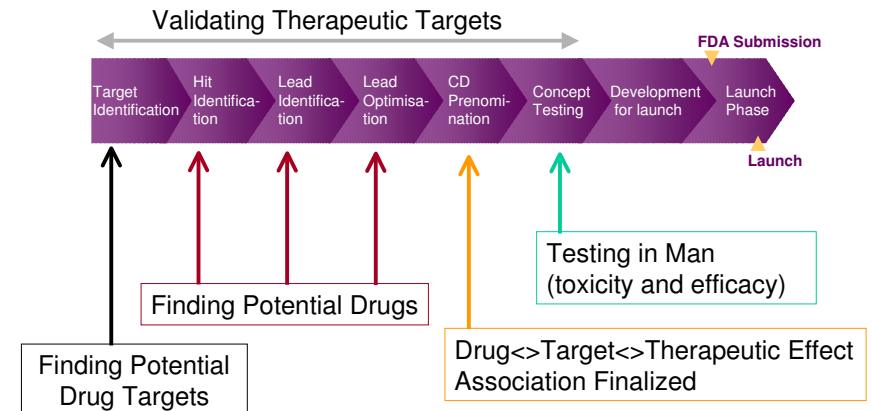
Hit: a molecule with confirmed concentration-dependent activity in a screen, and known chemical structure. The output of most screens.

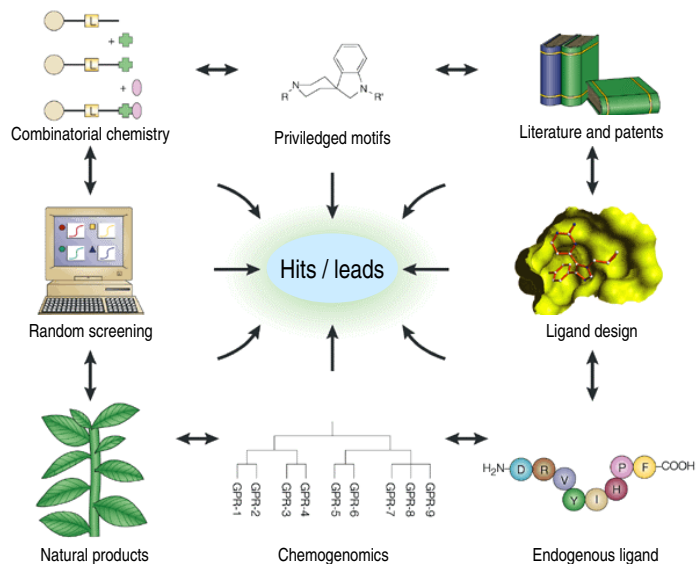
Progressible hit: a representative of a compound series with activity via acceptable mechanism of action and some limited structure-activity relationship information.

Lead: a compound with potential (as measured by potency, selectivity, physico-chemical properties, absence of toxicity or novelty) to progress to a full drug development programme.

Pharmacophore: minimal structure with essential features for activity

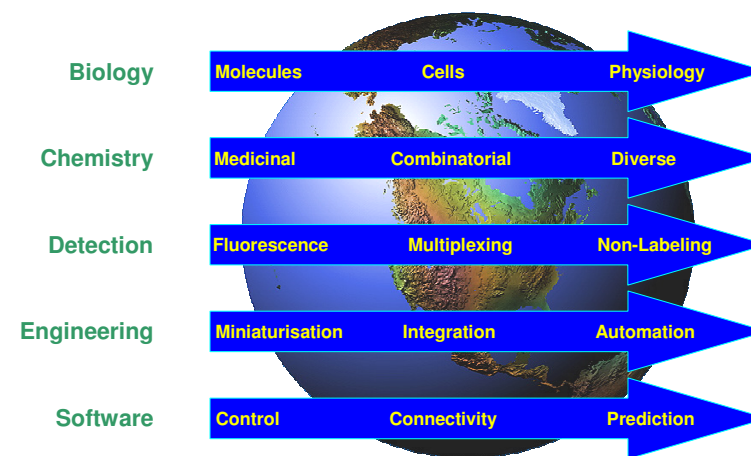
The Drug Discovery Pipeline





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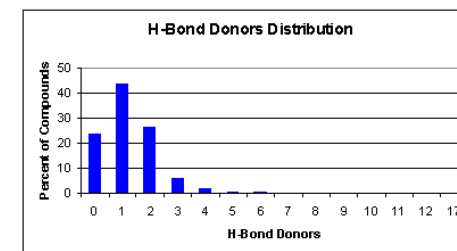
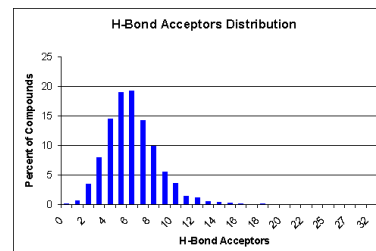
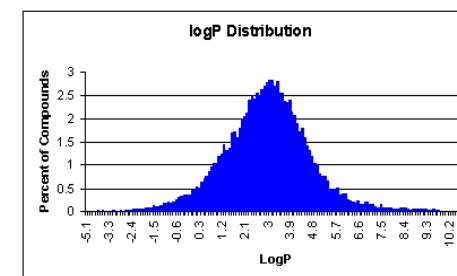
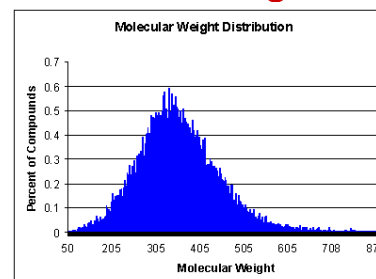
The technology drivers of change



We must be able to understand:

- the properties that are required for **a good drug**
- what makes **a good drug target**

Drug-like characteristics



Lipinski, C. A. *et al.* Experimental and computational approaches to estimate solubility and permeability in drug discovery and developmental settings. *Advanced Drug Deliv. Rev.* **1997**, *23*, 3-29.

LIPINSKI's "rule of five"

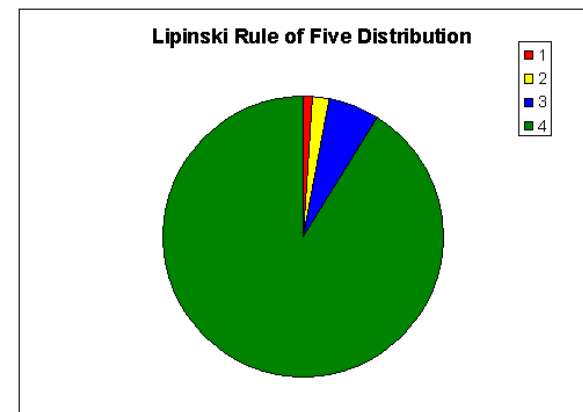
H-bond donors <5

H-bond acceptors (N, O) <10

cLog P <5

Molecular Weight <500 Da

Lipinski, C. A. *et al.* Experimental and computational approaches to estimate solubility and permeability in drug discovery and developmental settings. *Advanced Drug Deliv. Rev.* **1997**, 23, 3-29.



- 1 - compounds which satisfy 1 requirement - 1% of all compounds
- 2 - compounds which satisfy 2 requirements - 2% of all compounds
- 3 - compounds which satisfy 3 requirements - 6% of all compounds
- 4 - compounds which satisfy 4 requirements - 91% of all compounds



VolSurf : a computational procedure to produce 2D molecular descriptors from 3D interaction energy grid maps

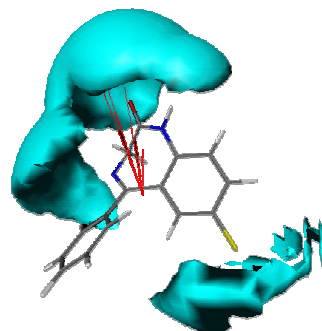
➔ The basic idea of VolSurf is to compress the information present in 3D maps into a few **2D numerical descriptors** which are very simple to understand and to interpret.

➔ The inherent information is summarized and interpreted in **physicochemical terms**.

➔ VolSurf descriptors are specifically designed for the **optimization of pharmacokinetic properties**.

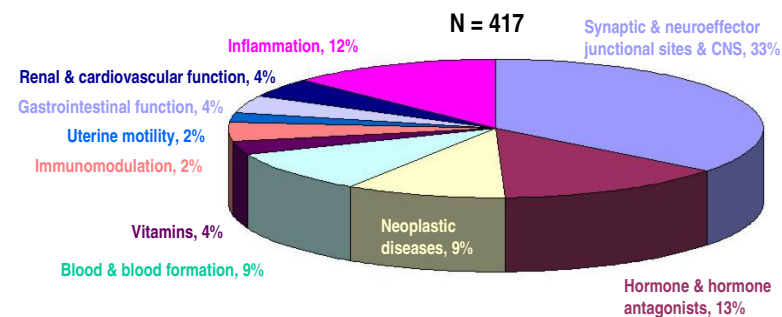


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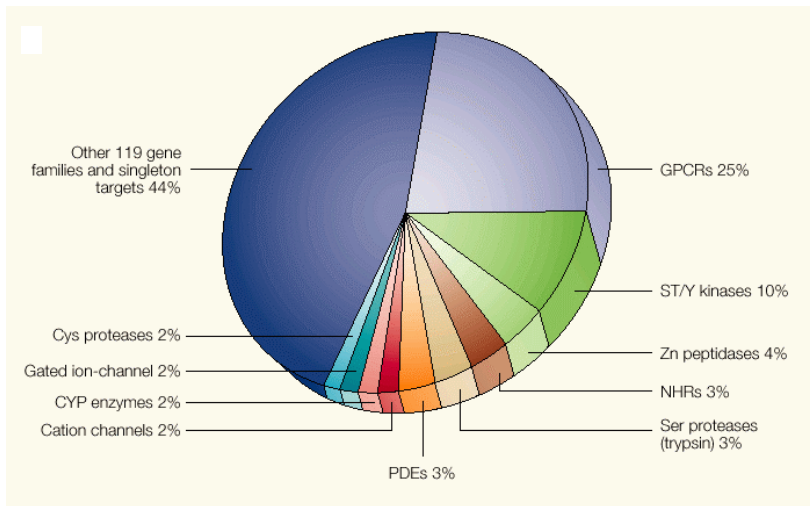


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Manuel Pastor & Gabriele Cruciani

DRUG THERAPY TARGETS

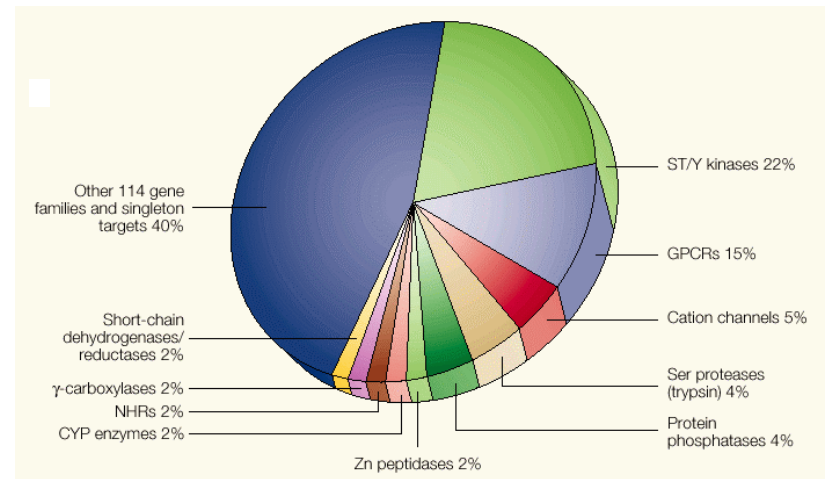


Goodman and Gilman. *The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics*, Edn. 9 (1996)



Gene-family distribution of the **molecular targets** of current rule-of-five-compliant **experimental and marketed drugs**

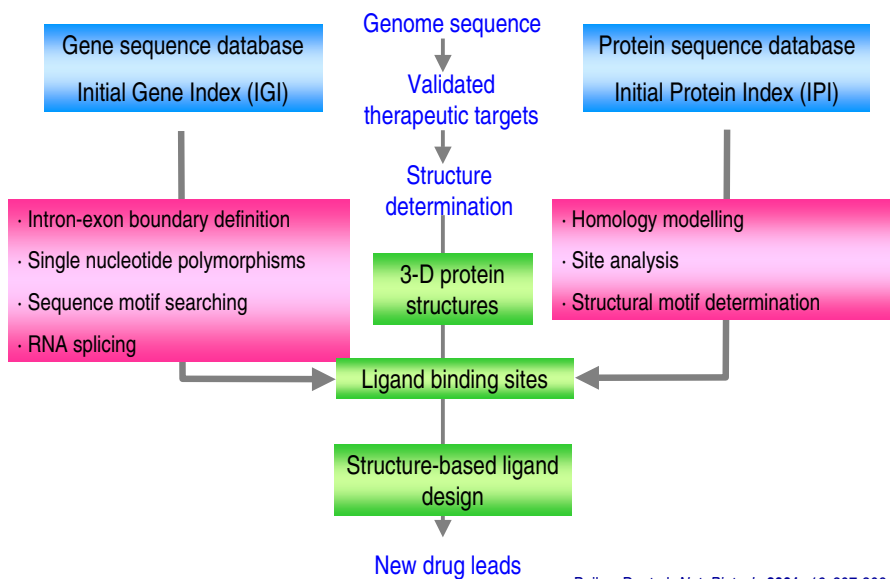
(~130 families; ~400 non-redundant molecular targets)



Gene-family distribution of **the druggable genome**

(based on known numbers of genes in the same families where members have been shown to be modulated by small-molecule drugs: ~3,000 genes)

Genomic Information-driven Drug Discovery



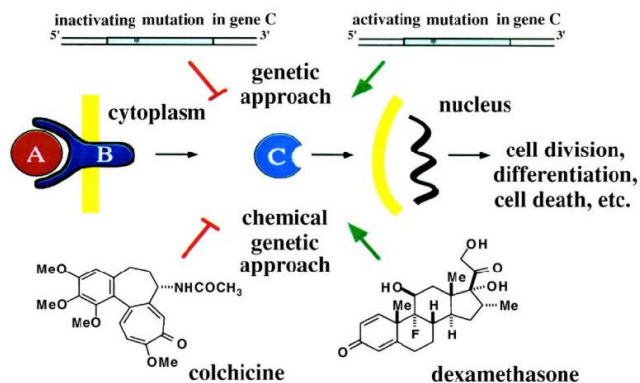
Bailey, D. et al. *Nat. Biotech.* **2001**, *19*, 207-209

SUCCESS OF GENETIC SCREENS IN ELUCIDATING THE PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGICAL PROCESSES SUCH AS:

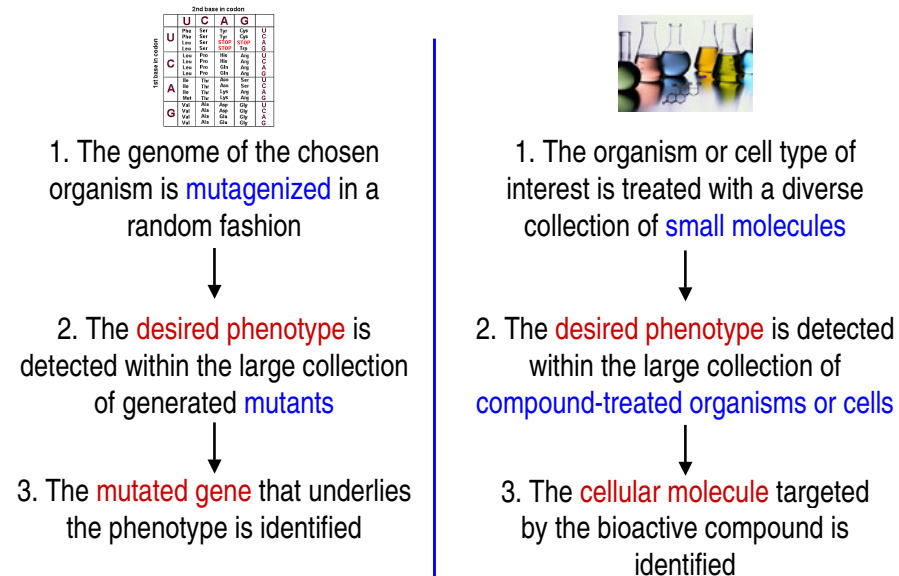
- **CELL DIVISION** in the budding yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
- **PROGRAMMED CELL DEATH AND ORGAN DEVELOPMENT** in the nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans*
- **EARLY EMBRYONAL DEVELOPMENT** in the fruitfly *Drosophila melanogaster*

CHEMICAL GENETICS

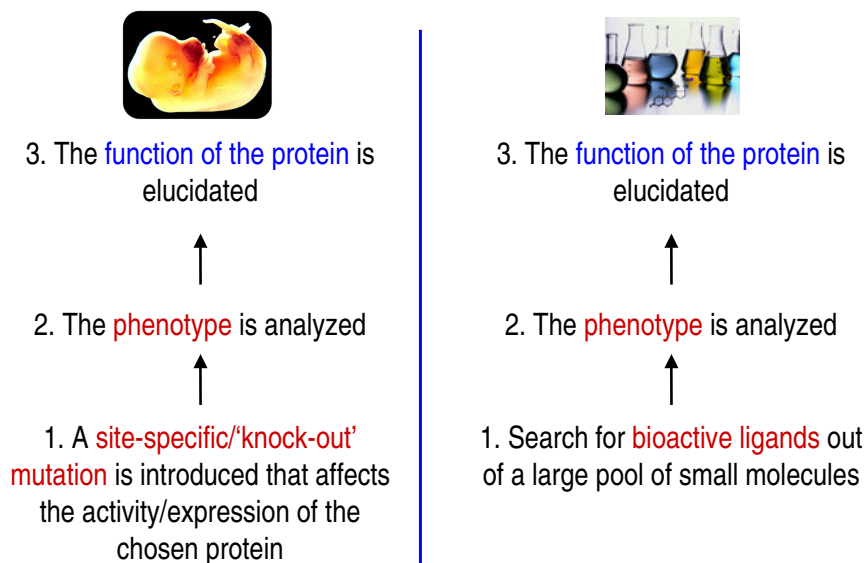
Natural products and natural product-like compounds are used to **understand and control protein function** in signal transduction pathways, cells or whole organisms



FORWARD-GENETIC APPROACHES

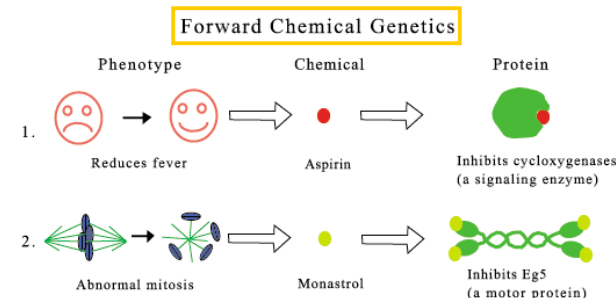


REVERSE-GENETIC APPROACHES



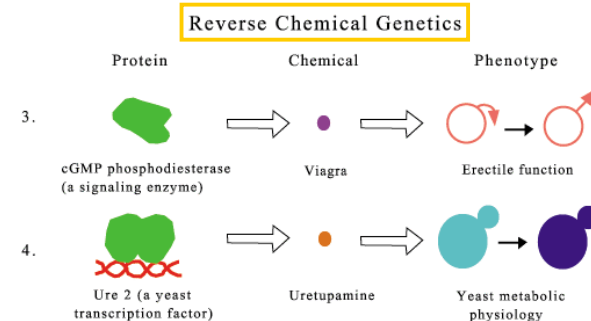
Small molecules are found that cause specific **phenotypes** in cells and organisms.

The **protein target** of the chemicals is then determined.



Small molecules are found that **bind to, and/or disrupt** the function of, pure proteins **in vitro**.

The chemicals are then used to study the **effects** of deleting the function of the protein in a cell or organism.



Creating chemical diversity from a basis set of building blocks

	Units	Library entities
Basis Set of 20 (e.g. natural amino acids)	20^3	8,000
	20^4	160,000
	20^5	3,200,000
Basis Set of 100	100^3	1,000,000
	100^4	100,000,000
	100^5	10,000,000,000
Basis Set of 1000	1000^3	1,000,000,000
	1000^4	1,000,000,000,000
	1000^5	1,000,000,000,000,000

Combinatorial Chemistry: a googol (*) of molecules



Avogadro's number: $6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

Googol: 10^{100}

Googolplex: 10^{googol}



(*) Word coined in 1938 by Milton Sirota, the 9-year-old nephew of the American mathematician Edward Kasner (1878-1955).

COMBINATORIAL ORGANIC CHEMISTRY

BROAD SCREENING

- Huge size library
- Broadest structural diversity
- No special initial structure goal
- Any building blocks
- Undefined order of reaction
- Flexible synthetic strategy
- Site of tether not crucial
- Ligand possibly uncouplable
- Single selection evolution



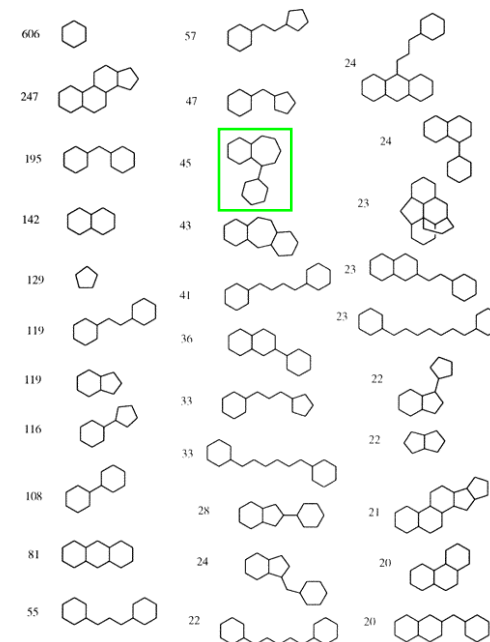
CHEMICAL ANALOGING / OPTIMIZATION

- Modest size library
- Relatively narrow structural diversity
- Specific structural goal
- Specific retrocombinatorial building blocks
- Specific order of combination
- Well defined synthetic strategy
- Tether crucial-build in redundancy
- Ligand should be releasable
- Cumulative selection evolution

32 GRAPH FRAMEWORKS

for Compounds in the *Comprehensive Medicinal Chemistry Database* as classified by Connectivity Triangles

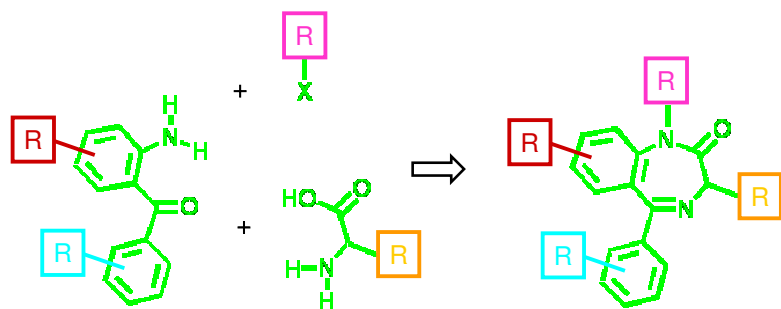
(numbers indicate frequency of occurrence in a total of 2548 drugs)



G. W. Bemis & M. A. Murcko
(*J. Med. Chem.* 1996, 39, 2887-2893)

COMPONENTS OF A **BENZODIAZEPINE** LIBRARY

(one of Medicinal Chemistry's most notable pharmacophores)

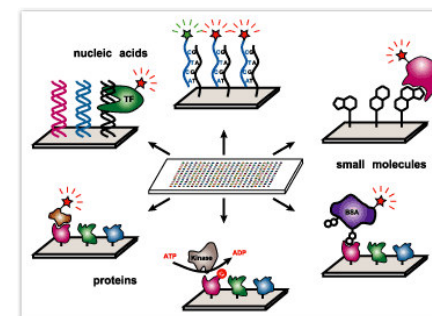


ASSAY PROCEDURES

Successful use of combinatorial libraries is highly dependent on the sensitivity and specificity of the assays that are used to identify and characterize ligands

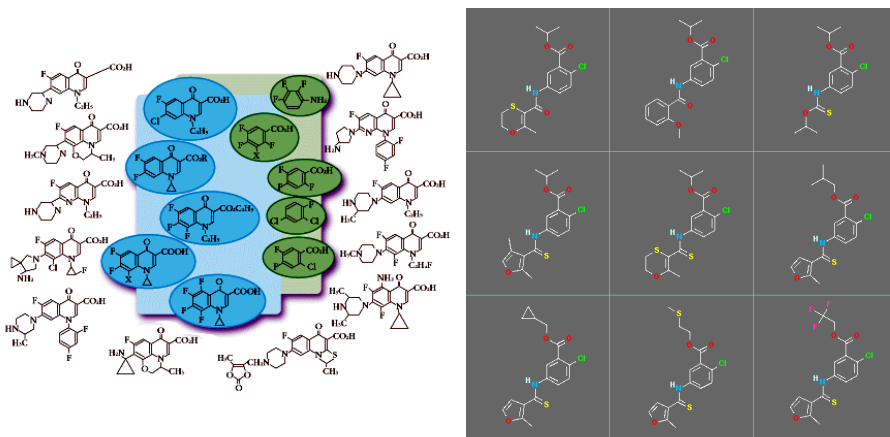
Assay formats:

- Affinity purification with an immobilized target receptor
- A labeled soluble receptor binds to tethered ligands
- Soluble compounds are tested for activity: competition binding, enzyme inhibition, or cell-based bioassays.



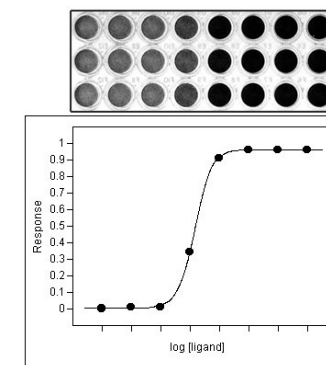
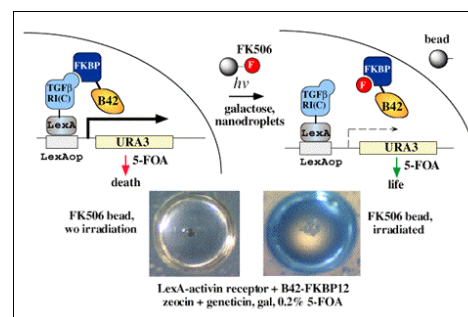
Implementation of HTS

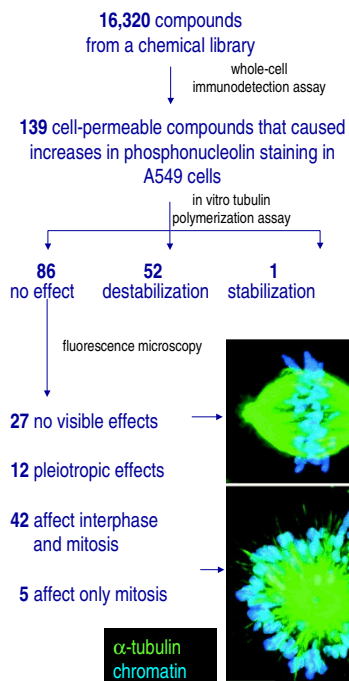
1) **suitable libraries of compounds:** in-house collections ($5 \times 10^5 - 10^6$), specialist companies, combichem....



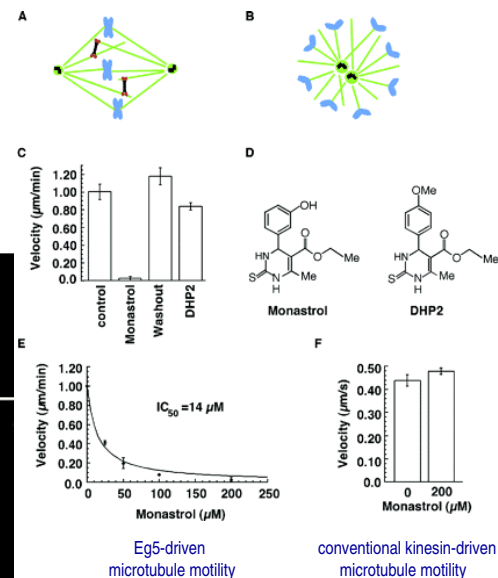
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2) **assay method configured for automation:** radioligand binding assays, cell-based fluorescence and radiotracer assays, melanophore assays, reporter gene assays, cell viability assays, cell proliferation assays...

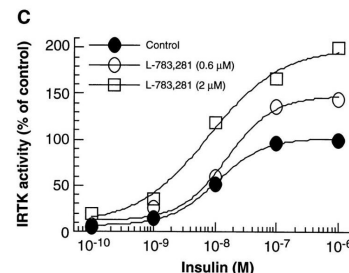
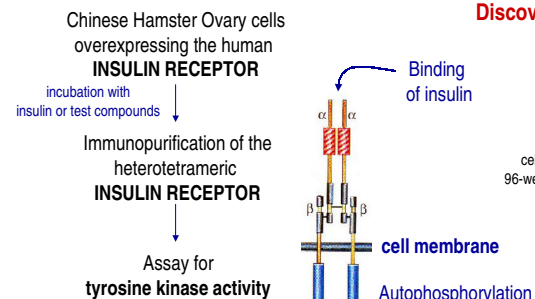




Small Molecule Inhibitor of Mitotic Spindle Bipolarity Identified in a Phenotype-Based Screen



Mayer et al. *Science* 1999, 286, 971-974



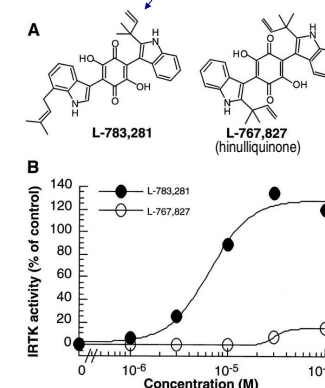
Enhancement of insulin-stimulated tyrosine kinase activation

Discovery of a Small Molecule Insulin Mimetic with Antidiabetic Activity in Mice

>50,000 mixtures of synthetic compounds and natural products

cell-based screening assay
96-well plates (150,000 cells/well)

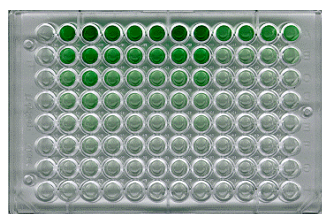
Pseudomassaria sp.



Zhang et al. *Science* 1999, 284, 974-977

Implementation of HTS

3) **robotics workstation**: full automation, 24 h continuous operation, more efficient and economical.



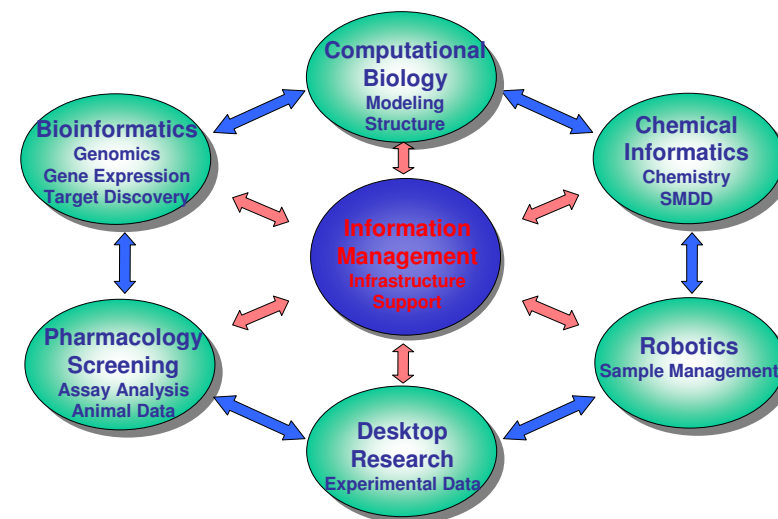
multi-well format



microarray format

Implementation of HTS

4) **computerised data handling system**: accurate and reproducible.

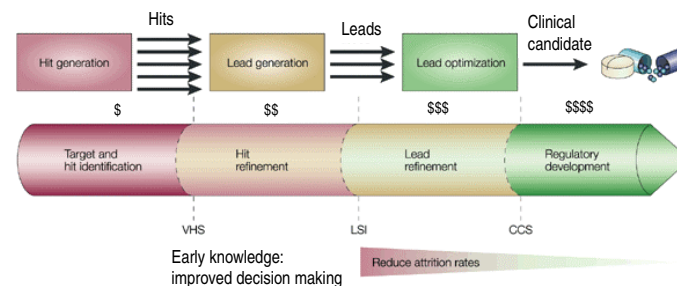


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'Needle in a Haystack' Syndrome

- Estimated 10^{200} compounds could be made¹
- 28 million compounds currently registered (CAS)
- Drug company biologists screen up to 1 million compounds against target using ultra-high throughput technology
- Chemists select 50-100 compounds for follow-up
- Chemists work on these compounds, developing new, more potent compounds
- Pharmacologists test compounds for pharmacokinetic and toxicological profiles
- 1-2 compounds are selected as potential drugs

¹ See http://www.daylight.com/meetings/mug98/Nicholls/The_Hitch_Hiker.html

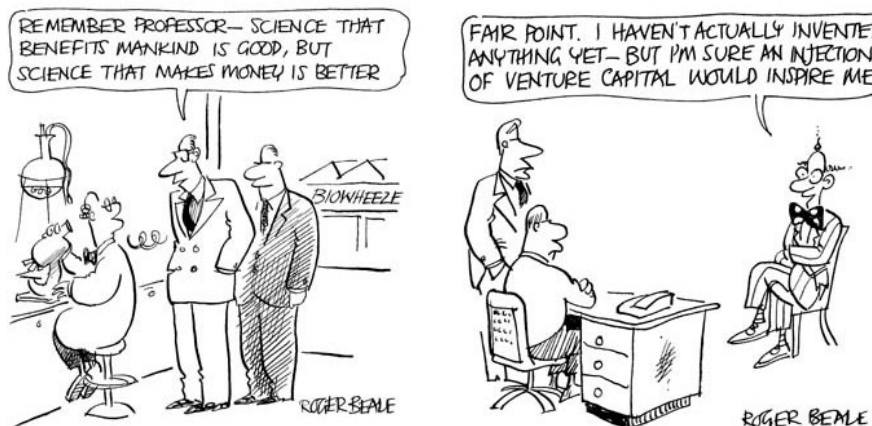


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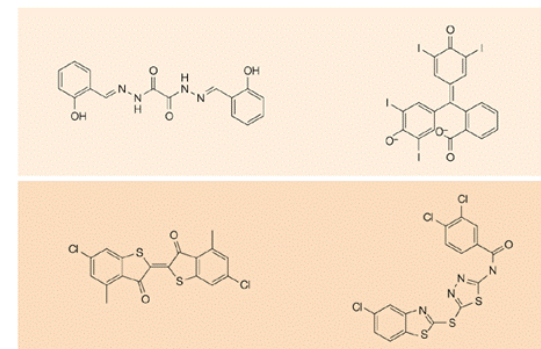
lots of hurdles

Nature Reviews Drug Discovery 2: 369-378 (2003)
HIT AND LEAD GENERATION: BEYOND HTS

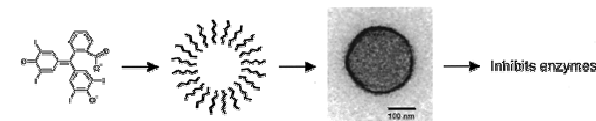
talking about \$\$\$\$....



Frequent hitters: "promiscuous binders"



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McGovern SL, Caselli E, Grigorieff N, Shoichet BK.
A common mechanism underlying promiscuous inhibitors from virtual and high-throughput screening.
J. Med. Chem. (2002) 45:1712-1722

Also *insilico* (?)

Successful ligand-receptor pairings

1. Orphan receptor strategy

Five novel peptides/peptide families

- » nociceptin/orphanin FQ (N/OFQ)
- » hypocretins/orexins (Hcrts/Oxs)
- » prolactin releasing peptide (PrRP)
- » apelin
- » ghrelin

Pairing of 3 known peptides to corresponding orphan receptor

- » melanin concentrating hormone
- » urotensin II
- » neuromedin U

2. Reverse pharmacology

Pairing of 6 peptides to orphan R

- » melanin concentrating hormone
- » urotensin II
- » neuromedin U
- » motilin
- » neuropeptide FF
- » neuropeptide AF

Pairing of 4 lipids to orphan R

- » sphingosine 1-phosphate
- » lysophosphatic acid
- » leukotriene B₄, C₄ and D₄
- » sphingosylphosphorylcholine

Pairing of non-lipid/non-peptide

- » histamine ⇨ histamine H₃ receptor
- » UDP-glucose ⇨ KIAA0001 receptor

• HTS methods are now routine procedure

– Pros

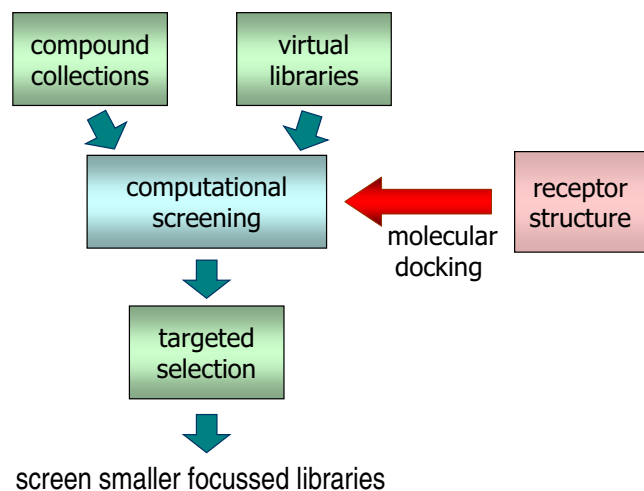
- » allow detection of possible lead molecules and structural classes
- » rapidly generate a provisional SAR relationship
- » effectively utilise in-house historical compound archive

– Cons

- » HTS laboratories are expensive to maintain
- » typical screens cost \$100,000 -> \$1,000,000
- » consumes valuable physical compound archive
- » commercially available compound libraries are expensive
- » patent minefield

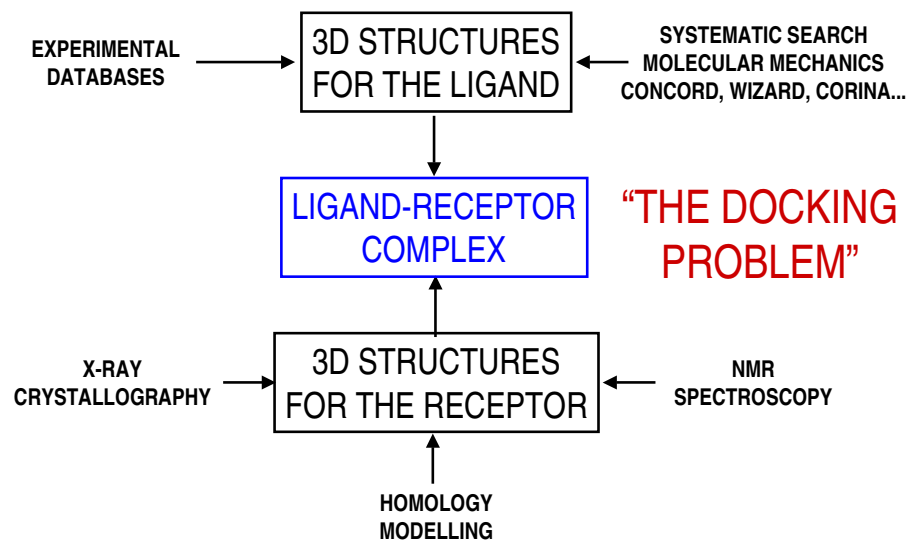
• *in-silico* methods are therefore attractive

Virtual Screening



Why Use Molecular Docking?

- Most detailed representation of binding site
 - overcomes simplifications of pharmacophores
 - identifies both conservative and novel solutions
 - provides impetus for *de novo* design/optimisation
- Broad range of analyses applicable
 - diverse scoring/selection criteria
- Quality/throughput of available methods
 - good enough, despite technical limitations



“THE DOCKING PROBLEM”

- 1.- SITE/LIGAND REPRESENTATION
(treatment of H atoms?)
- 2.- JUXTAPOSITION OF THE LIGAND AND SITE FRAMES OF REFERENCE
- 3.- EVALUATION OF COMPLEMENTARITY
(scoring functions)

OBJECTIVE: Obtain the lowest free energy structure(s) for the receptor-ligand complex.

MOLECULAR DOCKING

□ SYSTEMATIC SEARCH (*brute force algorithm*):

All binding orientations of all conformers of the ligand and the receptor (impractical for most situations).

□ AUTOMATED SEARCH:

GEOMETRIC METHODS: Matching of ligand and receptor site descriptors (descriptors, grids, fragments...).

FORCE FIELD METHODS: Minimizing the ligand-receptor interaction energy - Molecular dynamics and Monte Carlo simulations.

Virtual (“in silico”) screening

- Search a **database of putative ligands** for new leads.*
- **Rank the selected ligands** in terms of their interaction energy with a particular receptor.
- Calculate the **differential binding** of a ligand to two different macromolecular targets.
- Study the geometry of a **particular complex**.
- Propose **modifications of a lead molecule** to optimize interactions.

* Success at lead identification.

False positives are accepted and false negatives are not recognized.

Virtual (“in silico”) screening

Docking/scoring programs

Docking engines: search the conformational space in the binding site

Scoring functions: discrimination of correctly docked from misdocked conformations

Examples of docking algorithms

Rigid ligand:

Fast shape matching (DOCK)

Flexible ligand:

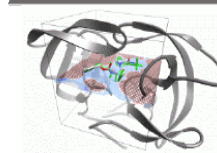
Fast shape matching (DOCK 4.0)

Incremental construction (FlexX)

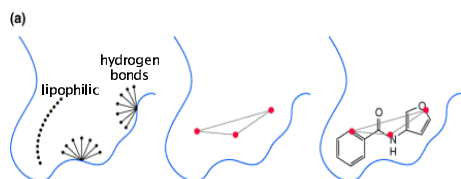
Simulated annealing (AutoDock 2.4)

Monte Carlo simulations (MCDOCK)

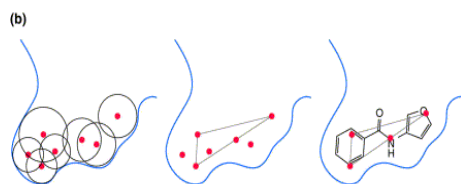
Genetic algorithm (AutoDock 3.0, GOLD, GAMBLER)



FlexX
algorithm



DOCK
algorithm



surface of the receptor pocket

FlexX matches triangles of interaction sites onto complementary ligand atoms.

DOCK fills the binding site with spheres, and sphere centers are then matched to the ligand atoms to determine plausible ligand-receptor complexes.

PROGRAM DOCK

"A Geometric Approach to Macromolecule-Ligand Interactions"

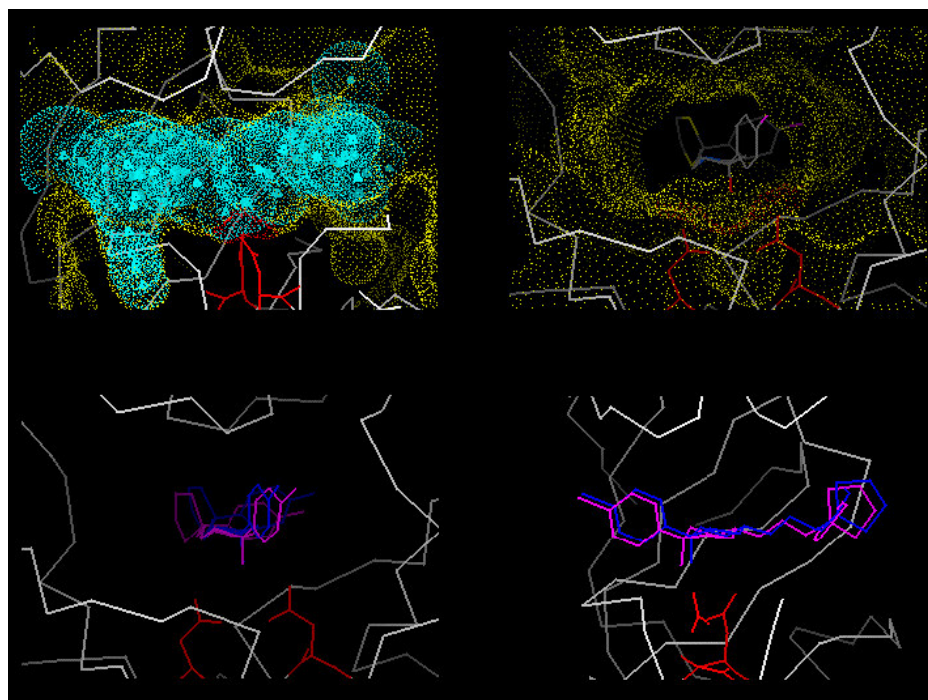
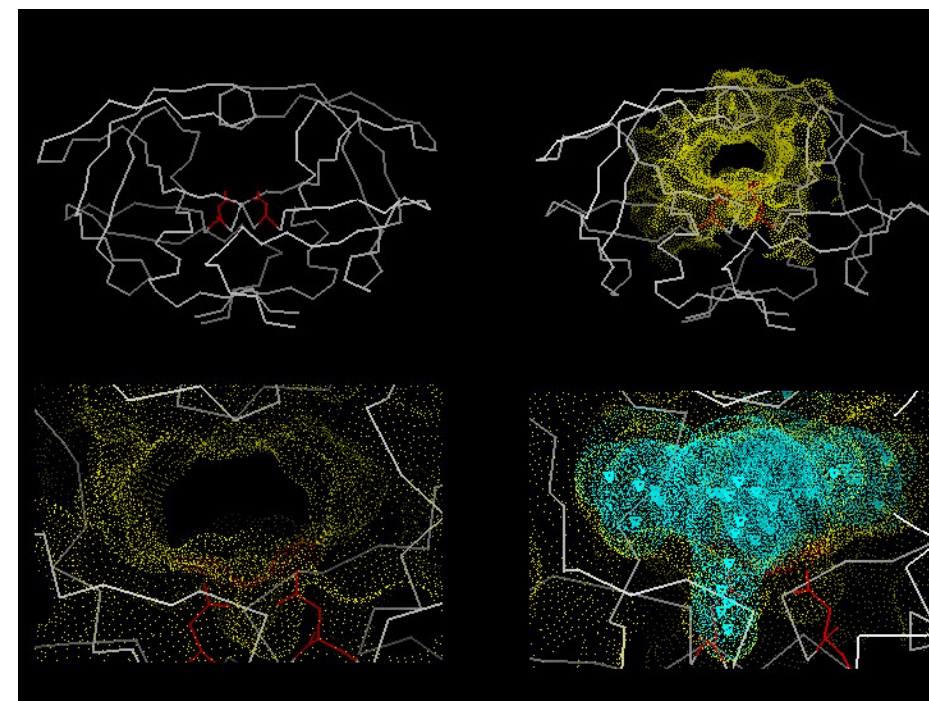
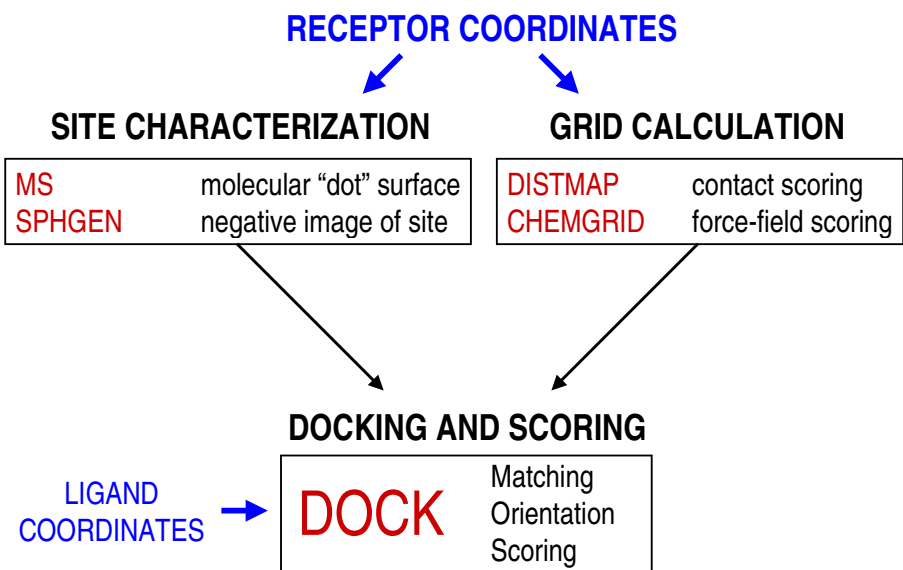
I. D. Kuntz, J. M. Blaney, S. J. Oatley, R. Langridge, T. E. Ferrin
J. Mol. Biol. 161, 269-288 (1982)

"Using Shape Complementarity as an Initial Screen in Designing Ligands for a Receptor Binding Site of Known Three-Dimensional Structure"

R. L. DesJarlais, R. P. Sheridan, G. L. Seibel, J. S. Dixon, I. D. Kuntz, R. Venkataraghavan
J. Med. Chem. 31, 722-729 (1988)

"Automated Docking with Grid-Based Energy Evaluation"

E. C. Meng, B. K. Soichet, I. D. Kuntz
J. Comp. Chem. 13, 505-524 (1991)



Docking accuracy
 [Rms deviations (non hydrogen atoms, in Å) from the X-ray pose]
 (top solution of each docking tool)

ligand	Docking method		
	DOCK	FlexX	GOLD
deoxythymidine	0.82	0.78	0.72
5-iododeoxyuridine	9.33	1.03	0.77
5-iodouracil-anhydrohexitol	1.16	0.88	0.63
dhbt (not publicly available)	2.02	3.65	0.93
6-(3-hydroxy-propyl-thymine)	1.02	4.18	0.49
6-[6-hydroxymethy-5-methyl-2,4-dioxo-hexahydro-pyrimidin-5-yl-methyl]-5-methyl-7H-pyrimidin-2,4-dione	9.62	13.30	2.33
(North)-methanocarbathymidine	7.56	1.11	1.19
aciclovir	3.08	2.71	2.74
ganciclovir	3.01	6.07	3.11
penciclovir	4.10	5.96	3.01

Only one set of protein (TK) coordinates used: pdb code 1kim

Scoring functions

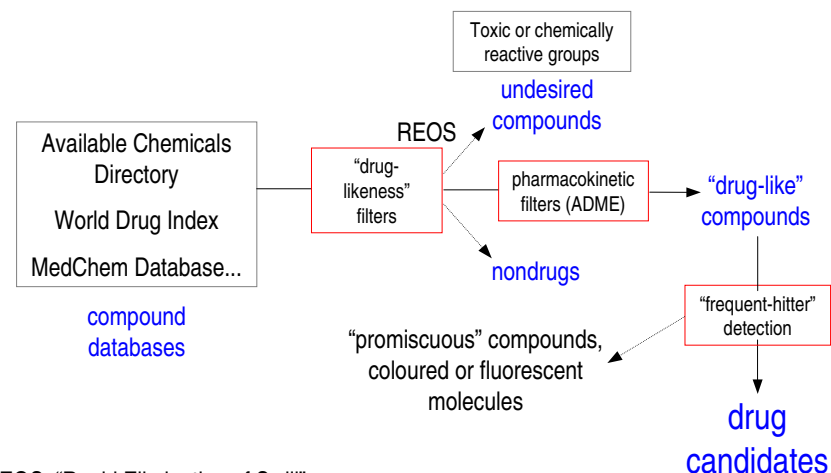
Knowledge-based: statistical analysis of 3D complex structures to derive a sum of *potentials of mean force* between receptor and ligand atoms

Force field-based: calculation of van der Waals and electrostatic interaction energies between the receptor and the ligand atoms

Empirical: the binding free energy is broken down into a number of different *weighted* contributions (supposed to be additive: number of hydrogen bonds, ionic interactions, apolar contacts, entropy penalties...)

In silico VIRTUAL SCREENING and FOCUSED LIBRARY DESIGN

Near-perfect structures in an imperfect world



REOS: "Rapid Elimination of Swill"

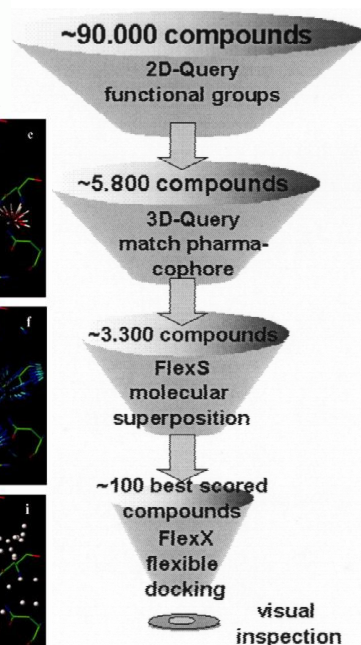
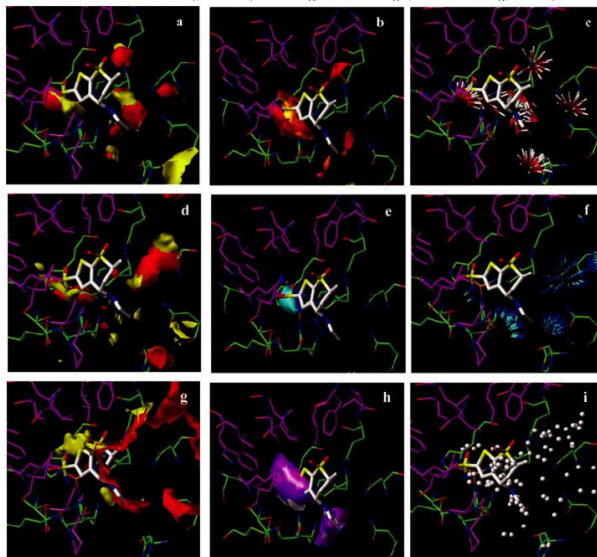
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J. Med. Chem. 2002, 45, 3588–3602

Successful Virtual Screening for Novel Inhibitors of Human Carbonic Anhydrase: Strategy and Experimental Confirmation

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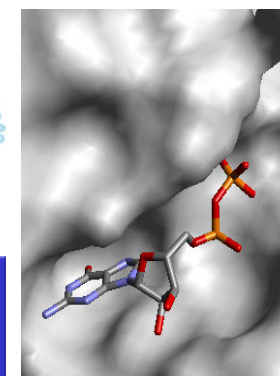
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searching for anti-cancer drugs by distributed computational chemistry

<http://www.chem.ox.ac.uk/ccdd/ccdd.html>



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Superoxide dismutase	Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor
RAS proteins	Insulin Tyrosine Kinase
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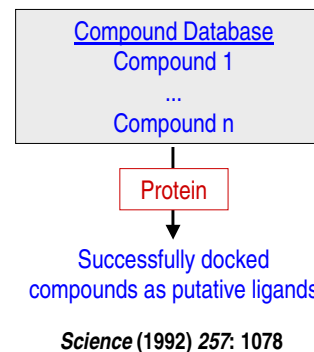
Dr. Garrett Morris

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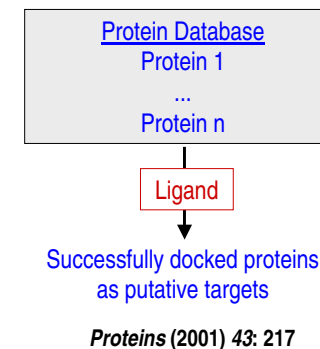
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Applications of Ligand-Protein Docking in Drug Design

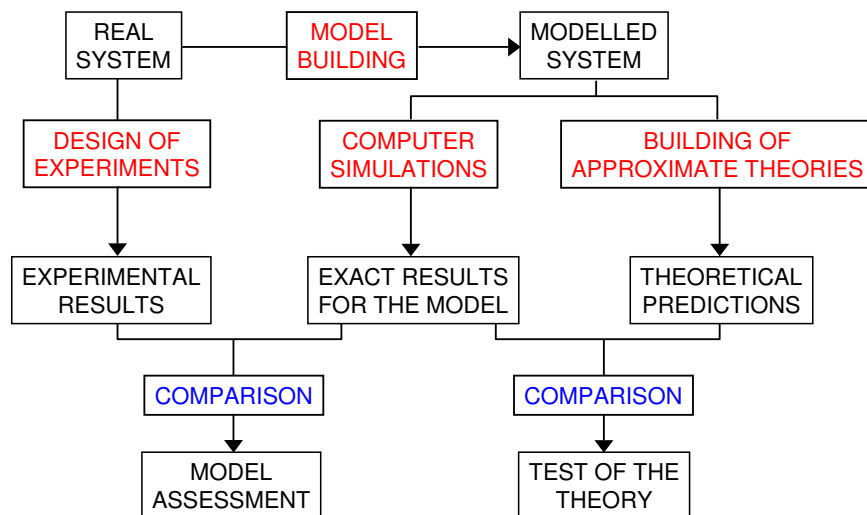
Existing methods
 Given a protein, find potential binding ligands from a chemical database



New method
 Given a ligand, find potential protein targets from a protein database



CONNECTION BETWEEN EXPERIMENT, THEORY AND COMPUTER SIMULATION



FORCES THAT DETERMINE LIGAND-RECEPTOR INTERACTIONS

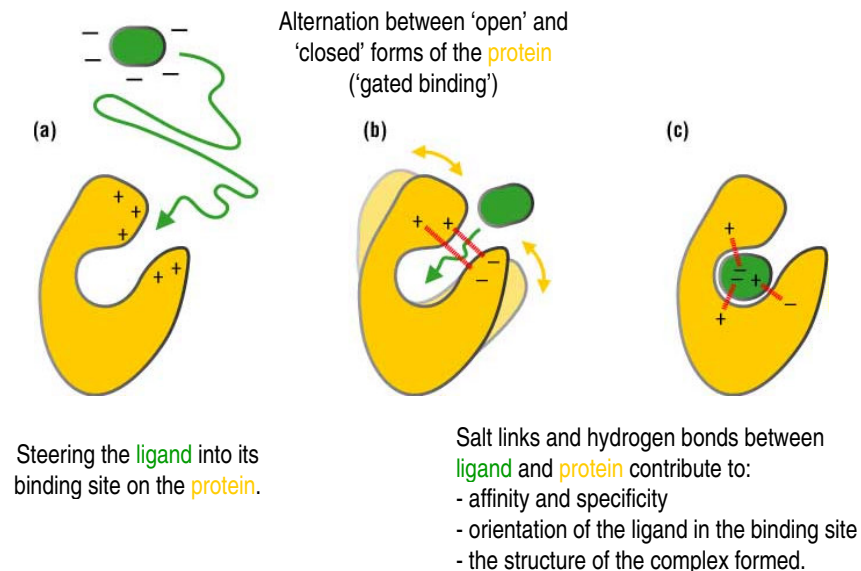
Favourable forces

- electrostatic interactions
- hydrogen bonds
- hydrophobic effect
- van der Waals interactions
- desolvation of receptor and ligand

Unfavourable forces

- loss of translational and rotational entropy
- loss of internal rotations in ligand (*entropic*)
- loss of solvation energy of receptor and ligand (*enthalpic*)
- conformational changes in receptor

Electrostatic interactions in ligand binding



1st SAR study:

ON THE
CONNECTION
BETWEEN
CHEMICAL CONSTITUTION
AND
PHYSIOLOGICAL ACTION.

PART I.

ON THE PHYSIOLOGICAL ACTION OF THE SALTS OF THE AMMONIUM BASES, DERIVED FROM STRYCHNIA, BRUCIA, THEBAIA, CODEIA, MORPHIA, AND NICOTIA.

BY

DR. A. CRUM BROWN AND DR. THOMAS R. FRASER

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Almost 100 years later:

“ ρ - σ - π Analysis, A Method for the Correlation of Biological Activity and Chemical Structure”

C. Hansch & T. Fujita
J. Am. Chem. Soc. **86**, 1616 (1964)

“A Mathematical Contribution to Structure-Activity Studies”

S. M. Free, Jr. & J. W. Wilson
J. Med. Chem. **7**, 395 (1964)

QSAR: Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationships

Physiological activity $\Phi = f(C)$ (Brown & Fraser, 1868)

$$\Delta\Phi = f(\Delta C)$$

Biological activity = $f(a_i X_i, m)$ Linear Free Energy Relationships

B.a. = $\mu + \sum a_{ij} X_{ij}$ de novo model ($X_{ij} = 1, 0$)
 μ = overall mean of b.a. values (Free & Wilson, 1964)

μ = b.a. of unsubstituted parent molecule (Fujita & Ban, 1971)

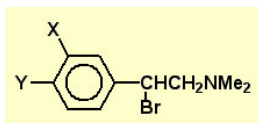
Biological activity = $\log(1/C) = k_1(X_H) + k_2(X_E) + k_3(X_S) + \epsilon$ parametric model
(Hansch & Fujita, 1964)

MOLECULAR PARAMETERS USED IN QSAR:

electronic: σ constants (ΔpK_a values), NMR chemical shifts, atomic charges, MO indices, frontier orbital energies, superdelocalizability indices, electrostatic potential...

hydrophobic: π values ($\Delta \log P$ values), HPLC $\log k'$...

molecular shape/geometry: Taft's parameters, Kier's molecular connectivity indices, Verloop's sterimol parameters...

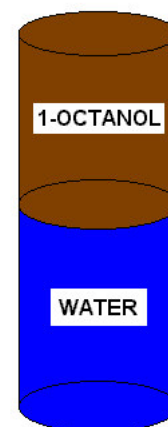


$$\begin{aligned} \log (1/ED_{50}) = & -0.301[m-F] + 0.27[m-Cl] + 0.434[m-Br] + 0.579[m-I] \\ & + 0.454[m-Me] + 0.340[p-F] + 0.768[p-Cl] + 1.020[p-Br] \\ & + 1.429[p-I] + 1.256[p-Me] + 7.821 \\ n = 22, r^2 = 0.94, s = 0.194, F = 17.0 \end{aligned}$$

A **negative** coefficient indicates that the presence of that group is **unfavourable** to activity.

A **positive** coefficient indicates that the presence of that group is **favourable** to activity.

Hydrophobicity



"shake flask" experiment

- Measured as Water / Octanol Partition Coefficient (P).

- $\log P_A = \log \left[\frac{[A]_{1\text{-octanol}}}{[A]_{\text{water}}} \right]$

- $\log P > 0$: **lipid phase**
- $\log P < 0$: **water phase**

"A QSAR Investigation of Dihydrofolate Reductase Inhibition by Baker Triazines Based Upon Molecular Shape Analysis"

A. J. Hopfinger
J. Am. Chem. Soc. 102, 7196 (1980)

"Molecular Graphics and QSAR in the Study of Enzyme-Ligand Interactions. On the Definition of Bioreceptors"

C. Hansch & T. E. Klein
Acc. Chem. Res. 19, 392 (1986)

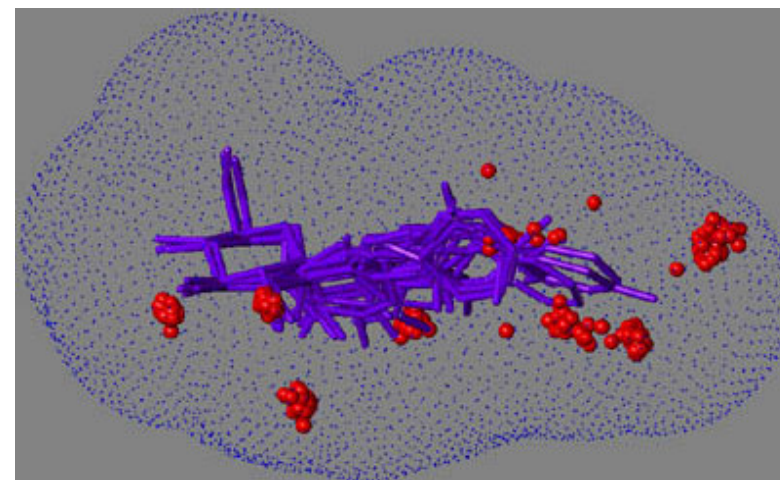
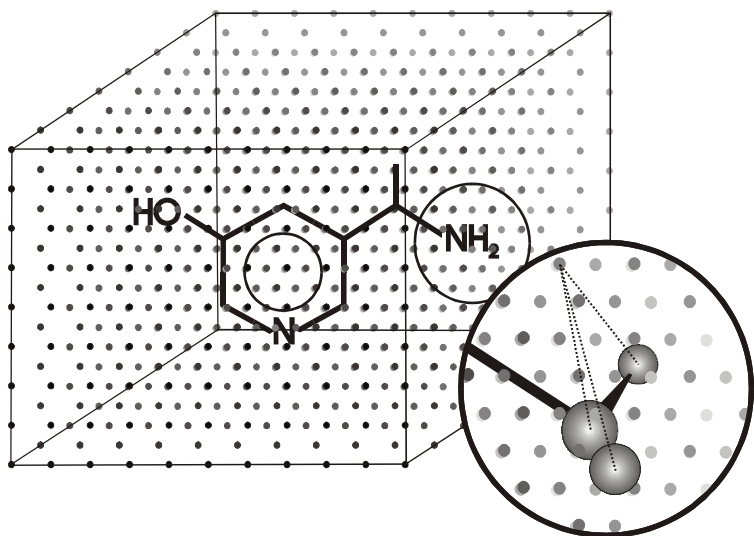
"**Comparative Molecular Field Analysis (CoMFA)**. 1. Effect of Shape on Binding of Steroids to Carrier Proteins"

R. D. Cramer, III, D. E. Patterson & J. D. Bunce
J. Am. Chem. Soc. 110, 5959 (1988)

"Prediction of Drug Binding Affinities by **Comparative Binding Energy Analysis**"

A. R. Ortiz, M. T. Pisabarro, F. Gago & R. Wade
J. Med. Chem. 38, 2681 (1995)

Introducing the 3rd dimension: 3D QSAR (CoMFA)



Manuel Pastor, Gabriele Cruciani, Kimberly Watson

“A strategy for the incorporation of water molecules present in a ligand binding site into a 3D QSAR analysis”

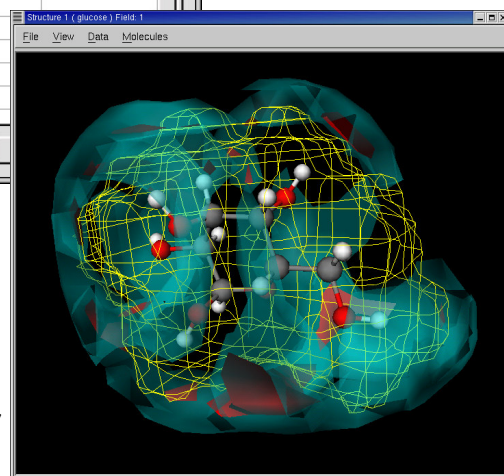
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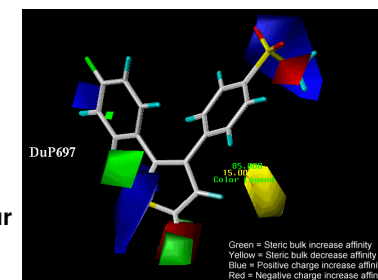
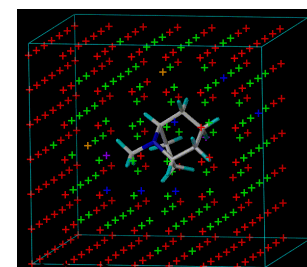
symbol	description	selected
1 OH2	Water	
2 DRY	The Hydrophobic Probe	
3 H	Hydrogen	
4 C3	Methyl CH3 group	
5 C1=	sp2 CH aromatic or vinyl	
6 N#	sp N with lone pair	
7 N=	sp2 N with lone pair	
8 N:	sp3 N with lone pair	
9 N-	Anionic tetrazole N	
10 N1	Neutral flat NH eg amide	
11 N1+	sp3 amine NH cation	

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CoMFA is a (3D-Q)SAR method



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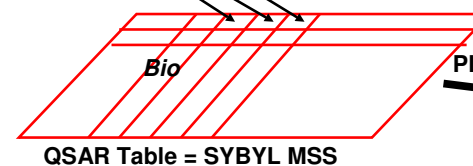
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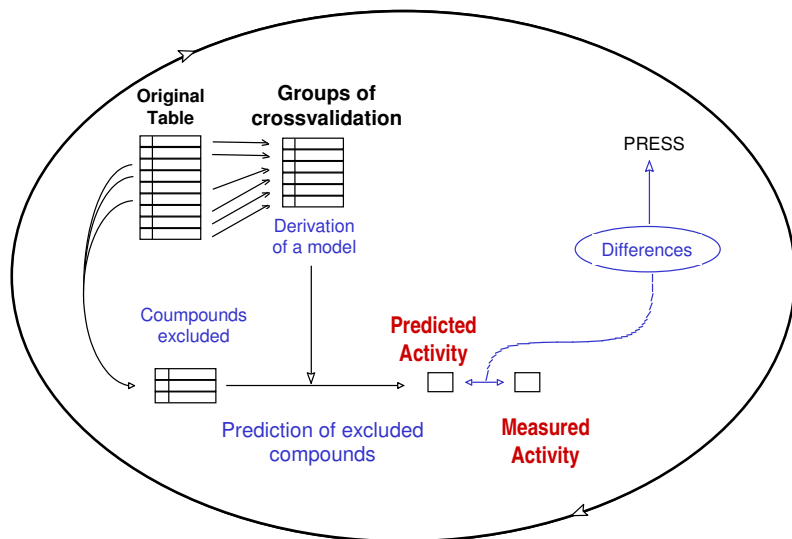
QSAR
equation



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Cross-validated PLS analyses



TRADITIONAL QSAR

Disadvantages:

- Congeneric series
- Missing physicochemical parameter values
- Lack of 3D structural information
- Results expressed only as a numerical equation
- Collinearity of parameters must be avoided
- Inadequate description of steric effects
- Inadequate description of hydrogen bonding

3D-QSAR

Advantages:

- Mixed series
- No parameters must be estimated
- 3D structural information included
- Results can be graphically displayed in 3D
- Energy fields can be collinear
- Good description of steric effects
- Good description of hydrogen bonding

K. H. Kim, in '3D QSAR in Drug Design. Theory, Methods and Applications' (1993)

TRADITIONAL QSAR

Advantages:

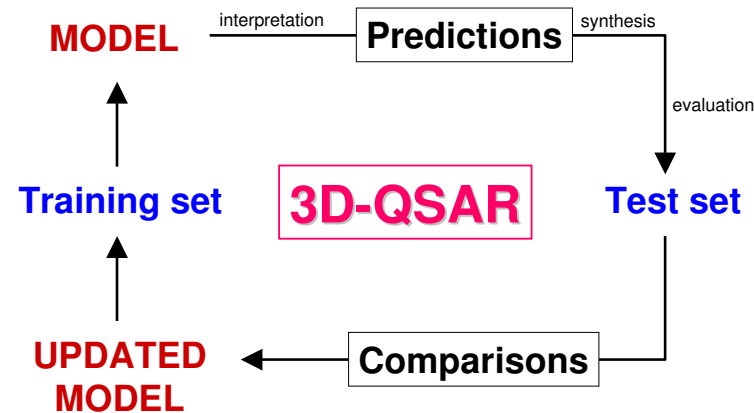
- Simplicity and speed
- No bioactive conformation required
- No alignment needed
- May extrapolate into unexplored region with care
- Results summarized in a simple equation
- Useful information is provided by the coefficients in the correlation equation
- No weighting of parameters is necessary
- Simple use of indicator variables

3D-QSAR

Disadvantages:

- More complicated to run
- A bioactive conformation must be assumed
- Superposition rules and alignment problems
- Difficult to extrapolate into unexplored regions
- Results not usually summarized in an equation
- Less useful information from the coefficients obtained in the correlation equation
- Many adjustable parameters involved
- Use of indicator variables is not straightforward

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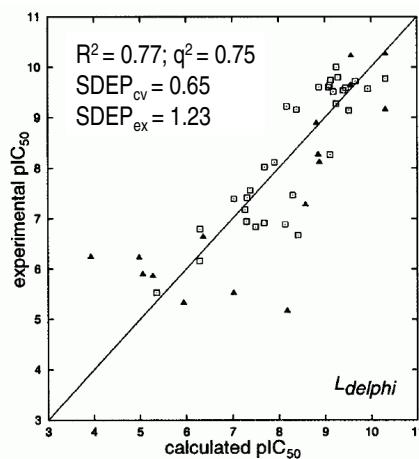
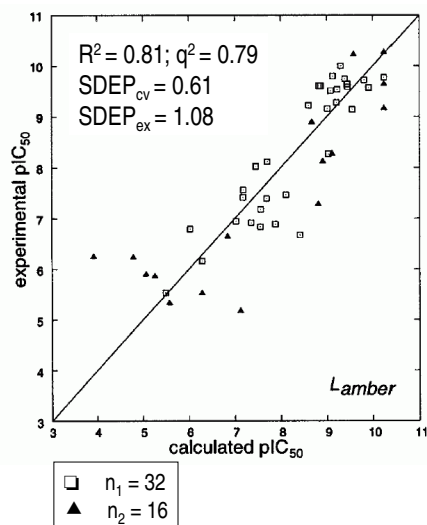
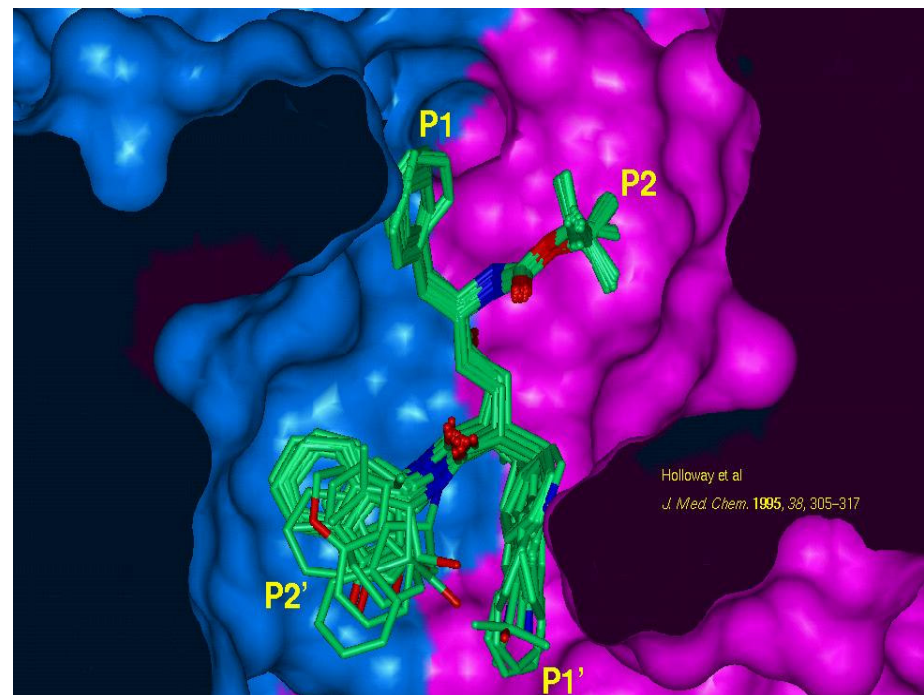
Performance

Standard Deviation of Error in Predictions:

$$\text{SDEP} = \sqrt{\sum \frac{(Y_{\text{exp}}(i) - Y_{\text{pred}}(i))^2}{N}} = \sqrt{\frac{\text{PRESS}}{N}}$$

Correlation Coefficient in Cross-Validation:

$$Q^2 = 1 - \left[\frac{\sum (Y_{\text{exp}}(i) - Y_{\text{pred}}(i))^2}{\sum (Y_{\text{exp}}(i) - \langle Y_{\text{exp}} \rangle)^2} \right]$$

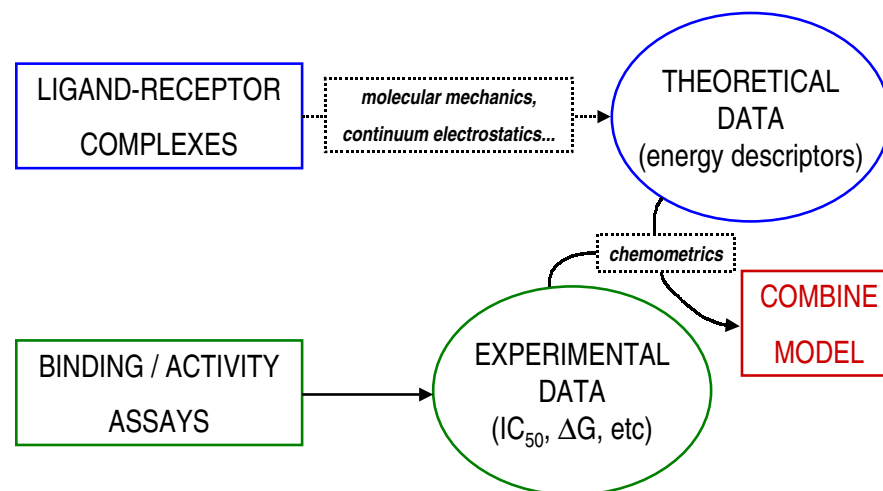


Multiple regression analysis:

$$\text{Activity} = a (E_{\text{inter}}) + b$$

C. Pérez, M. Pastor, A. R. Ortiz & F. Gago
J. Med. Chem. 41, 836 (1998)

Comparative Binding Energy Analysis



COMBINE Analysis

“Prediction of Drug Binding Affinities by
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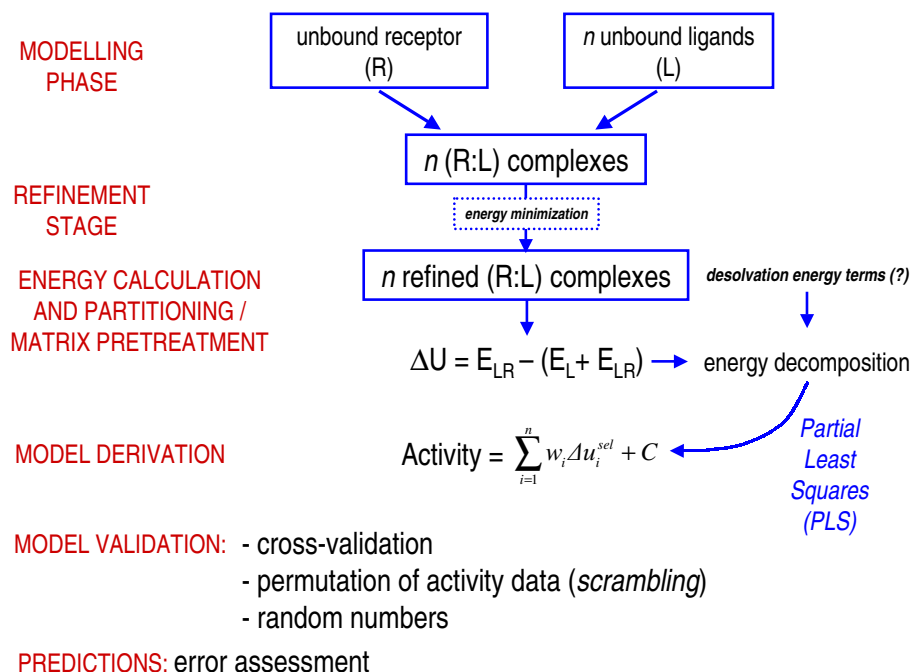
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“Comparative Binding Energy Analysis of HIV-1 Protease
Inhibitors: Incorporation of Solvent Effects and Validation
As a Powerful Tool in Receptor-Based Drug Design”

C. Pérez, M. Pastor, A. R. Ortiz & F. Gago
J. Med. Chem. **41**, 836 (1998)

“Comparative Binding Energy Analysis”

Wade, R. C., Ortiz, A. R. & Gago, F.
Perspectives in Drug Discovery and Design, 9/10/11, 19-34 (1998)



Energy decomposition in COMBINE analysis

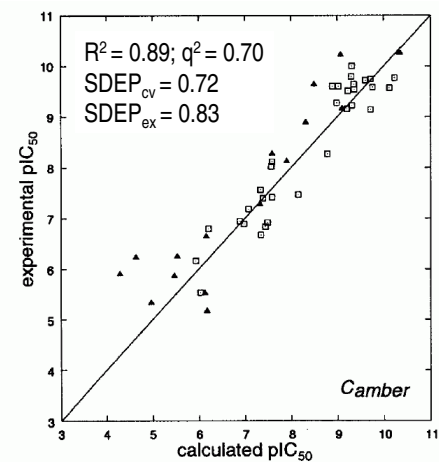
LIGAND → n_l fragments (*optional*)

RECEPTOR → n_r fragments (e.g. amino acids)

$$\Delta U = \sum_{i=1}^{n_l} \sum_{j=1}^{n_r} u_{ij}^{vdW} + \sum_{i=1}^{n_l} \sum_{j=1}^{n_r} u_{ij}^{ele} +$$

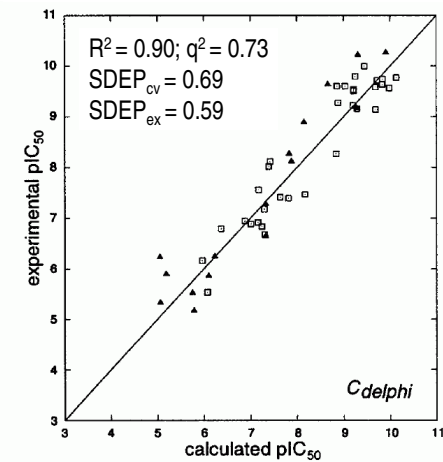
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n_l} \Delta u_i^{B,L} + \sum_{i=1}^{n_l} \Delta u_i^{A,L} + \sum_{i=1}^{n_l} \Delta u_i^{T,L} + \sum_{i < i'} \Delta u_{ii'}^{NB,L} +$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n_r} \Delta u_j^{B,R} + \sum_{j=1}^{n_r} \Delta u_j^{A,R} + \sum_{j=1}^{n_r} \Delta u_j^{T,R} + \sum_{j < j'} \Delta u_{jj'}^{NB,R}$$



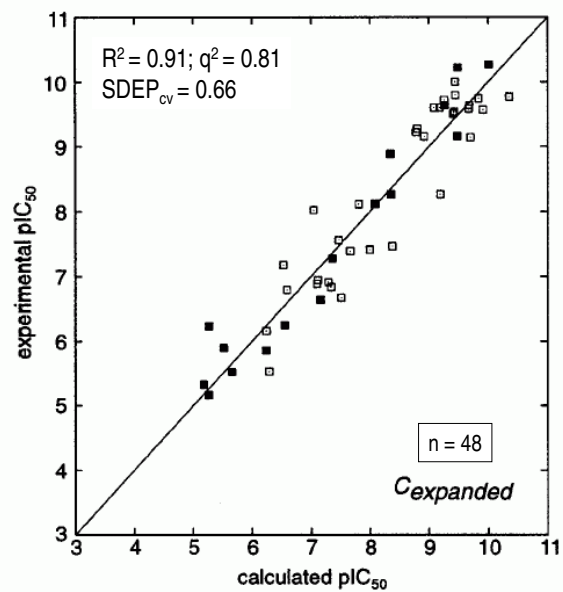
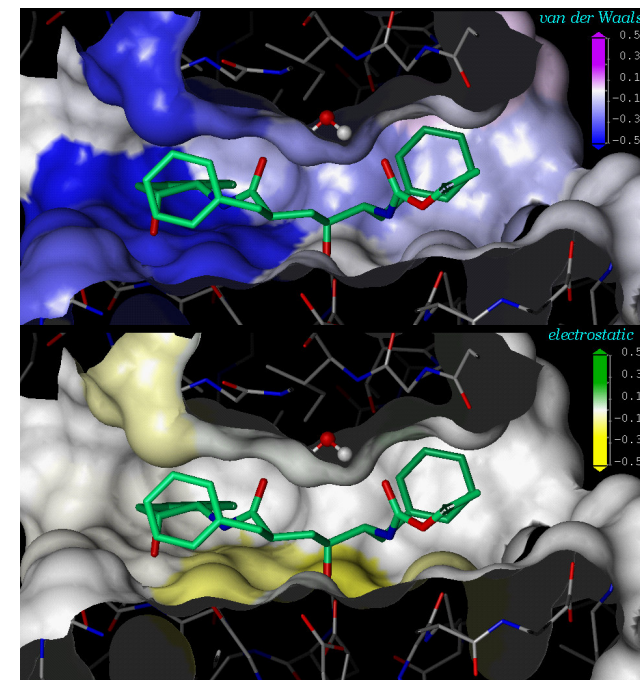
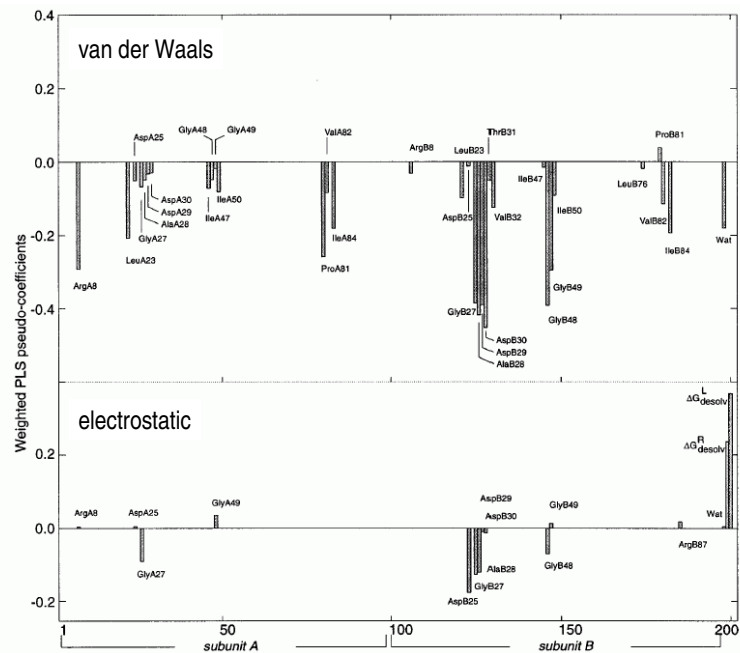
□ $n_1 = 32$
 ▲ $n_2 = 16$

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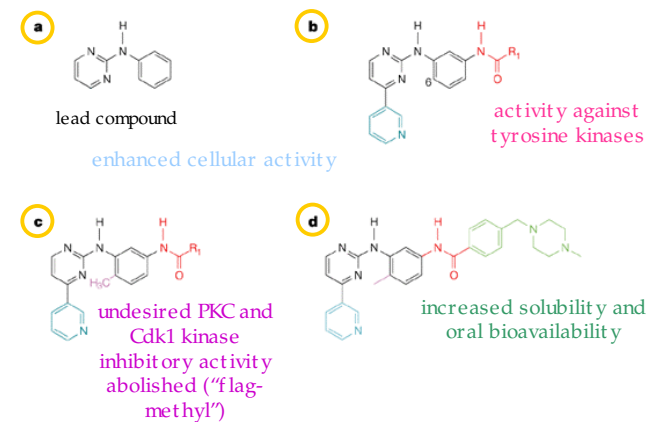


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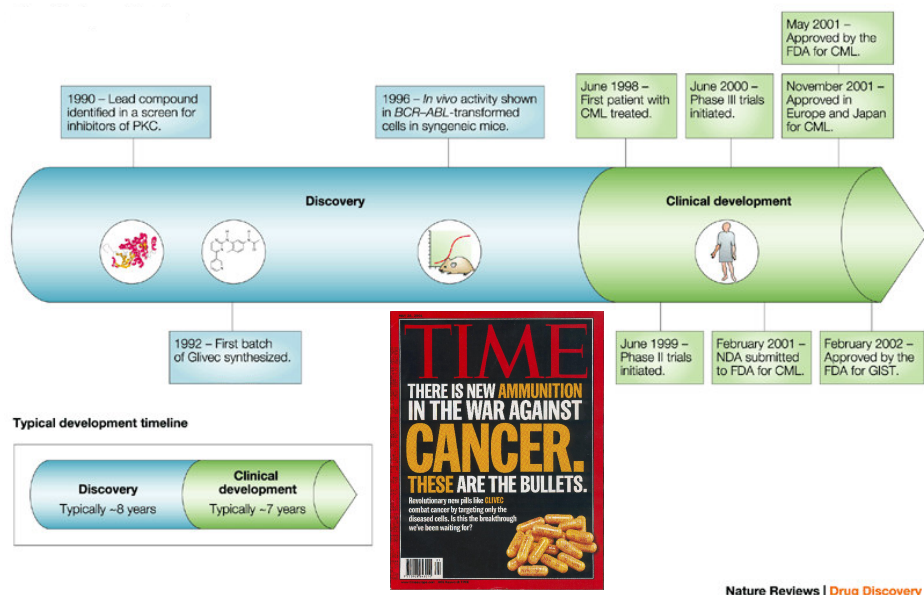
$$\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \Delta u_i^{sel} + C$$



Glivec (STI571/ Imatinib):
 a rationally developed, targeted anticancer drug

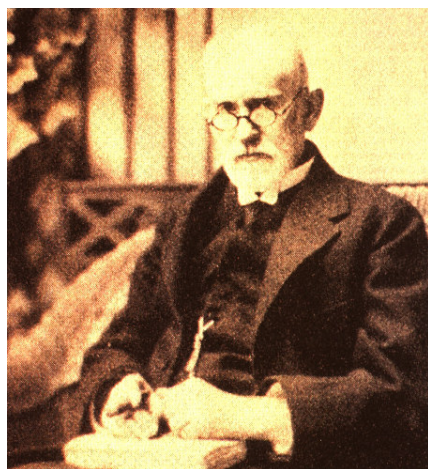


Glivec development timeline



CONCLUSIONS

- High-throughput technologies alone are not likely to improve the **productivity** of drug discovery research greatly.
- The **integration** of diverse discovery technologies is expected to have an increasingly important role.
- High fall-out rates** of clinical candidates present a major problem for the pharmaceutical industry at present.
- There is a clear trend in the field to take 'downstream' **compound characteristics** beyond potency into account as early as possible during the discovery process (especially **ADME** parameters).
- Excellent opportunities for chemoinformatics to interface with experimental discovery programmes: **complementarity** of VS and HTS efforts in the early phases of drug discovery research.
- VS has a natural tendency to aim at 'rational' **reduction** in the number and magnitude of experiments.



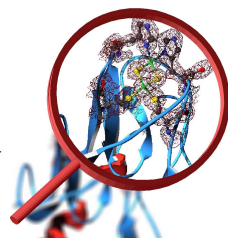
"Considering the enormous number of chemical combinations which are taken into consideration in a struggle with diseases, it will always be a caprice of **chance**, or **fortune**, or of **intuition**, which decides which investigator gets into his hands the substances which turn out to be the best materials for fighting the diseases or the basal substances for the discovery of such"

Paul Ehrlich

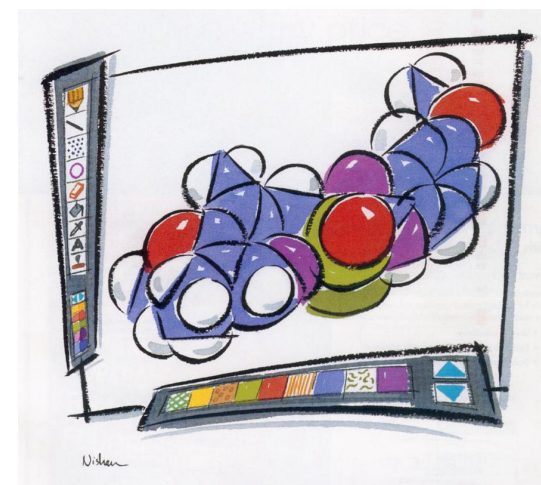
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The Lancet, 445 (1913)



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