

Introduction to Ligand-Based Drug Design



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QSAR Building Procedure

Identification of Active Ligands



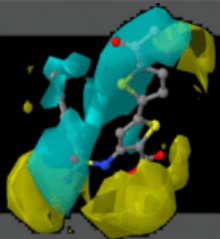
Identification of Suitable Descriptors (molecular fingerprint)



Establish Mathematical Expression Relating Descriptors to Activity



Construction and Validation of the QSAR model



QSAR Limitations

- **Congeneric Series**
- **Same Binding Mode**
- **Lack of 3-D Structural Information**
- **Statistical Limitation**



(i) Multivariable linear regression analysis (MLR)

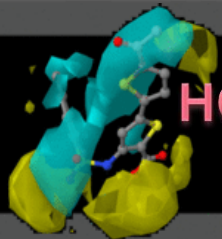
(ii) Principal component analysis (PCA)

<http://setosa.io/ev/principal-component-analysis/>

(iii) Partial least square analysis (PLS)



least square applications



Squared Correlation Coefficient

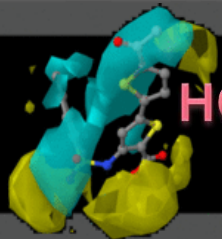
R^2 or r^2

$$r^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (Y_{\text{exp},i} - Y_{\text{calc},i})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N (Y_{\text{exp},i} - \bar{Y})^2}$$

Cross-Validated R^2

Q^2 or q^2

$$q^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (Y_{\text{exp},i} - Y_{\text{pred},i})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N (Y_{\text{exp},i} - \bar{Y})^2}$$



Fitting

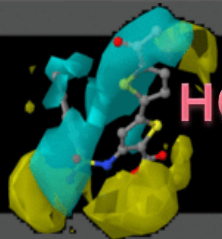
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$$0 \leq r^2 \leq 1$$

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CV (Cross-Validation) – Robustness of a model Internal Predictivity Evaluation

Cross-validated R^2

Q^2 or q^2

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$$SDEP = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (Y_{\text{exp},i} - Y_{\text{pred},i})^2}{N}}$$

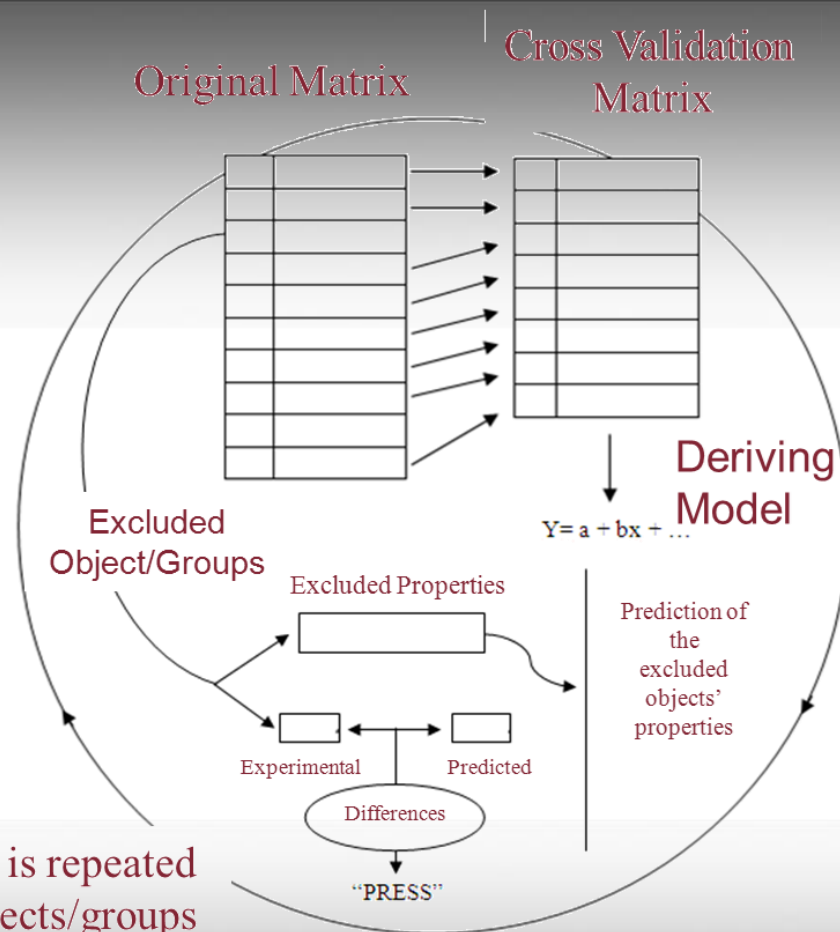
$$-\infty \leq q^2 \leq 1$$

The predictive ability of a model is estimated
using a reduced set of structural data

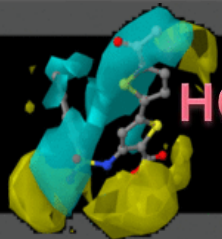


Cross-Validation

- **K-fold cross-validation**
- **Repeated random sub-sampling validation**
- **Leave-one-out cross-validation**

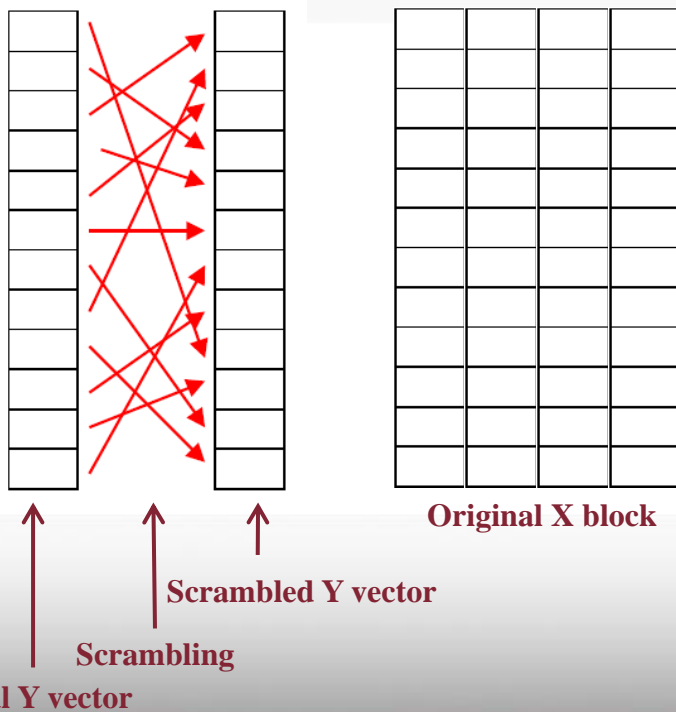


The process is repeated
until all objects/groups
are predicted



Y-Scrambling

A statistical test of prediction tools, in which models are fitted for randomly reordered property/activity values and compared with the model obtained for the actual property/activity values.

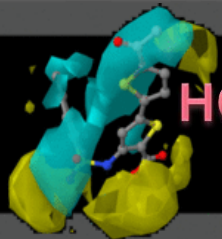


A new model is obtained for such permuted data, R^2 and Q^2 are then recalculated.

This step is repeated for a sufficient number of times (iterations):

a good number being 50 to 100.

Values obtained in the above fashion are compared with the true values obtained for the model that was fitted on the real data.

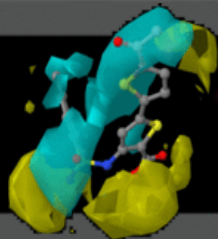


External Test-Set

SDEP (Standard Deviation Error of Prediction)

$$SDEP = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (Y_{\text{exp},i} - Y_{\text{pred},i})^2}{N}}$$

N° of predicted compounds



1980: The Goodford's GRID (Toward 3-D QSAR)

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Articles

A Computational Procedure for Determining Energetically Favorable Binding Sites on Biologically Important Macromolecules

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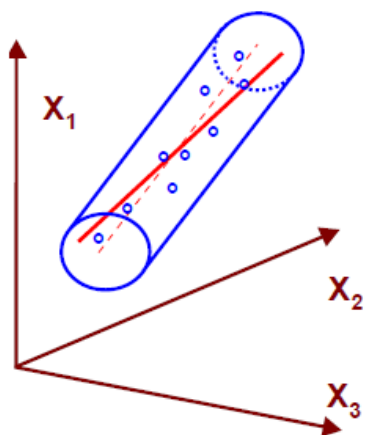
The interaction of a probe group with a protein of known structure is computed at sample positions throughout and around the macromolecule, giving an array of energy values. The probes include water, the methyl group, amine nitrogen, carboxy oxygen, and hydroxyl. Contour surfaces at appropriate energy levels are calculated for each probe and displayed by computer graphics together with the protein structure. Contours at negative energy levels delineate regions of attraction between probe and protein and are found at known ligand binding clefts in particular. The contours also enable other regions of attraction to be identified and facilitate the interpretation of protein–ligand energetics. They may, therefore, be of value for drug design.

Description of Molecules with Molecular Interaction Fields (MIF)



197x-198x: The Wold's PLS (Toward 3-D QSAR)

PLS (Partial Least Squares) Analysis



From $u = kt$

($k = \text{constants } k_1, k_2 \dots k_j$;
 $j = \text{number of PLS vektors}$)

follows:

$$BA_i = a_1 S_{i1} + a_2 S_{i2} + a_3 S_{i3} + \dots + a_m S_{im} + b_1 E_{i1} + b_2 E_{i2} + b_3 E_{i3} + \dots + b_m E_{im}$$

Y vector

X matrix

BA_1	S_{11}	S_{12}	S_{13}	S_{14}	\dots	S_{1m}	E_{11}	E_{12}	\dots	E_{1m}
BA_2	S_{21}	S_{22}	S_{23}	S_{24}	\dots	S_{2m}	E_{21}	E_{22}	\dots	E_{2m}
BA_3	S_{31}	S_{32}	S_{33}	S_{34}	\dots	S_{3m}	E_{31}	E_{32}	\dots	E_{3m}
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
BA_n	S_{n1}	S_{n2}	S_{n3}	S_{n4}	\dots	S_{nm}	E_{n1}	E_{n2}	\dots	E_{nm}

PLS analysis

SAMPLS analysis

u_{11}
u_{12}
u_{13}
\vdots
u_{1n}

t_{11}	t_{21}
t_{12}	t_{22}
t_{13}	t_{23}
\vdots	\vdots
t_{1n}	t_{2n}

c_{11}	c_{12}	c_{13}	\dots	c_{1n}
c_{21}	c_{22}	c_{23}	\dots	c_{2n}
c_{31}	c_{32}	c_{33}	\dots	c_{3n}
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
c_{n1}	c_{n2}	c_{n3}	\dots	c_{nn}

PLS vectors
(latent variables)

covariance matrix

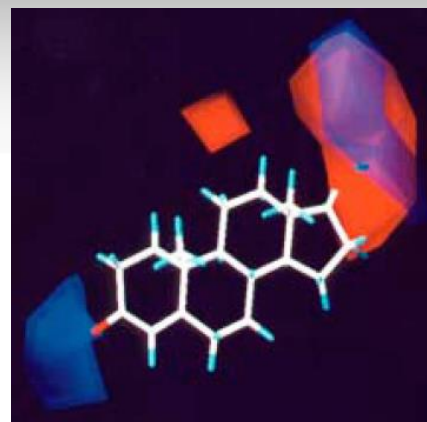
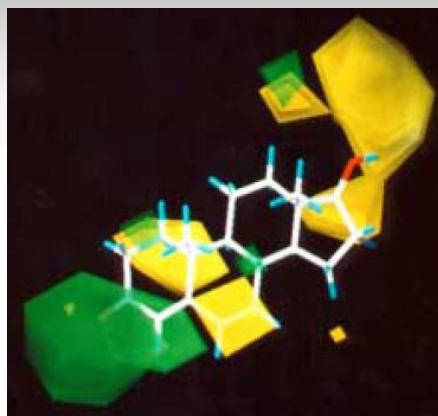
Reduction of Dimensionality into Few New Highly Informative Entities

----- Principal Components -----



1988: The First 3-D QSAR

PLS + MIF → CoMFA!



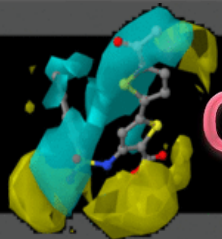
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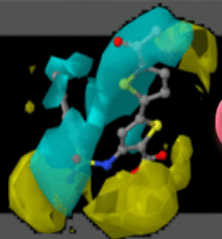
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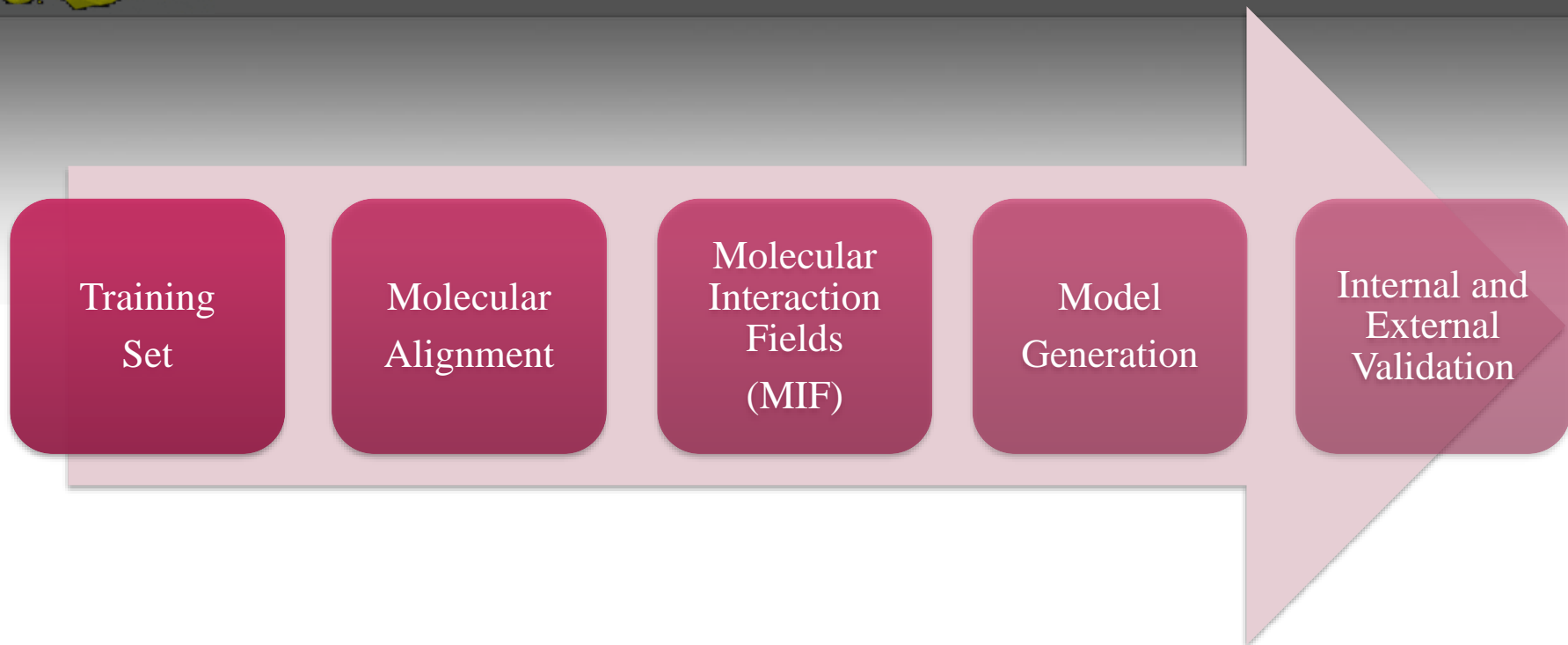
- Physical properties are measured for the molecule as a whole
- Properties are calculated using computer software
- No experimental constants or measurements are involved
- Properties are known as 'Fields'
- Steric field - defines the size and shape of the molecule
- Electrostatic field - defines electron rich/poor regions of molecule
- Hydrophobic properties are relatively unimportant

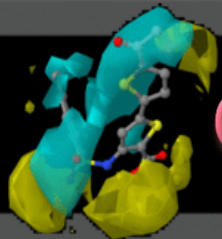
Advantages over classical QSAR

- No reliance on experimental values (*i.e.* logP)
- Can be applied to molecules with unusual substituents
- Not restricted to molecules of the same structural class
- Improved predictive capability



CoMFA/3-D QSAR Procedure





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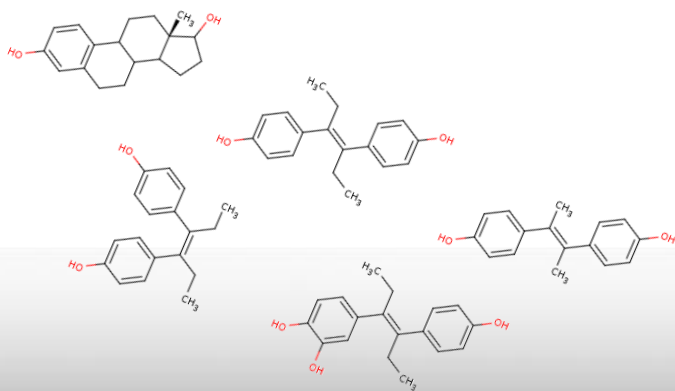
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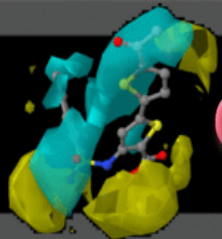
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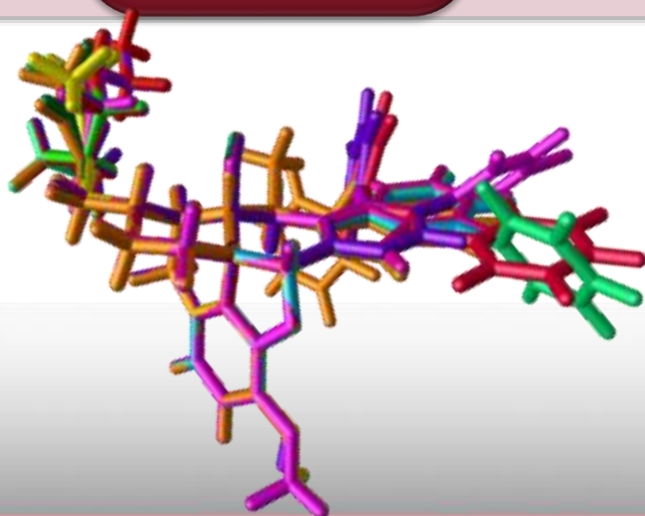
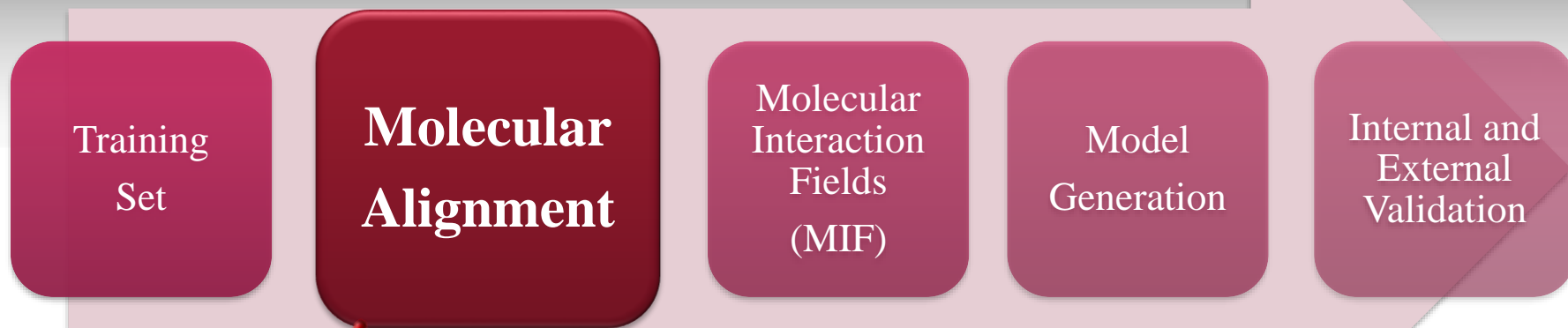
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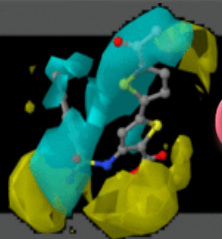
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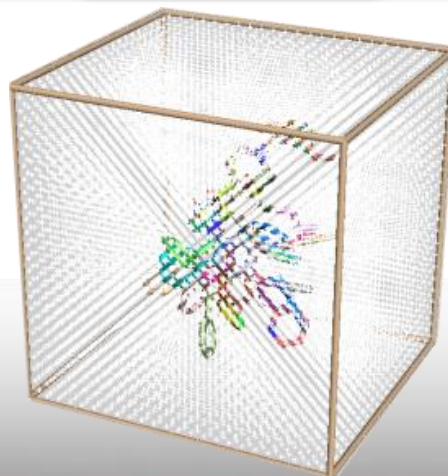
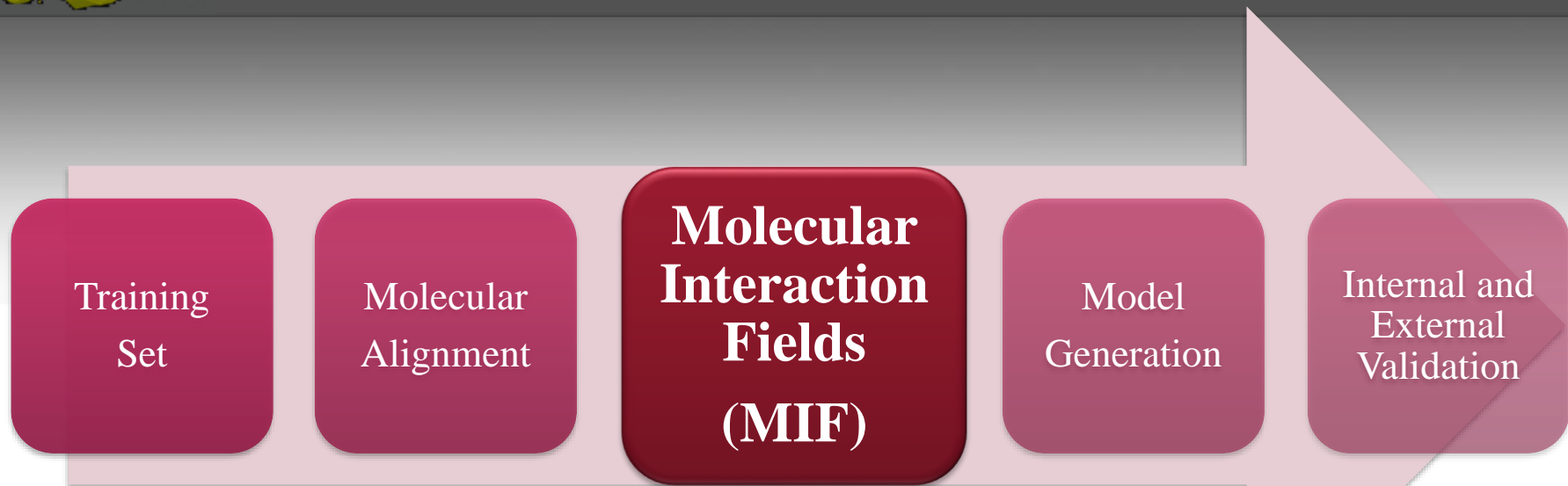


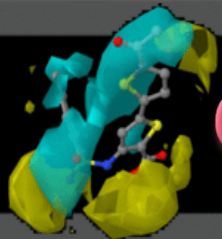
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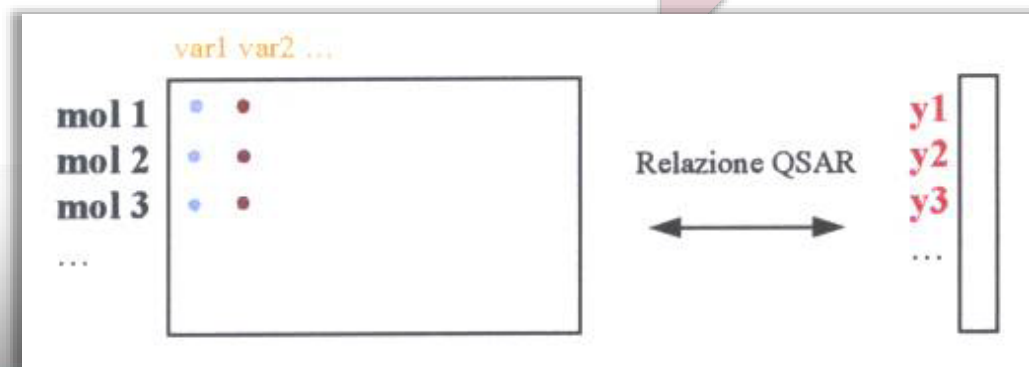
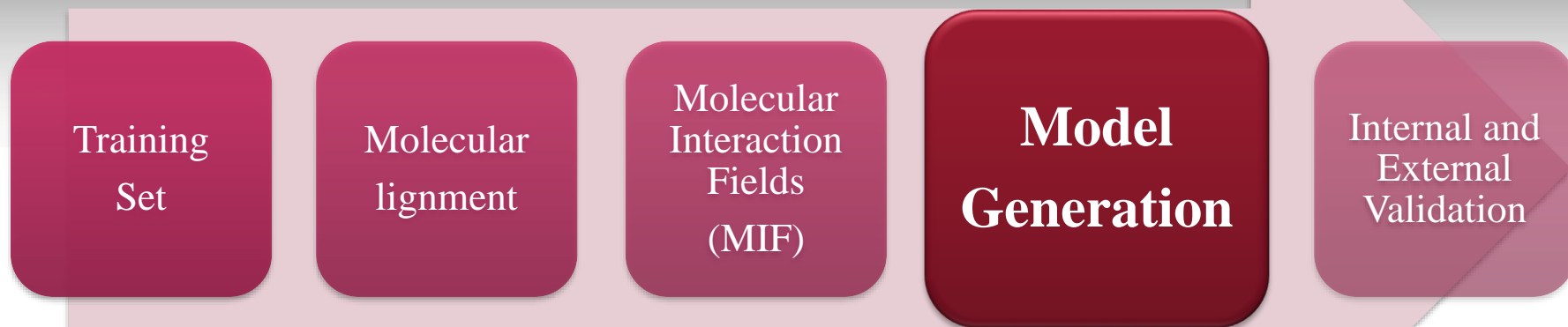


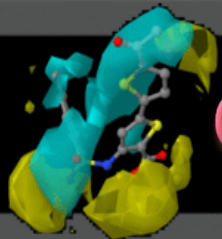
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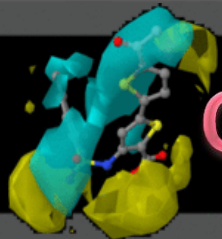
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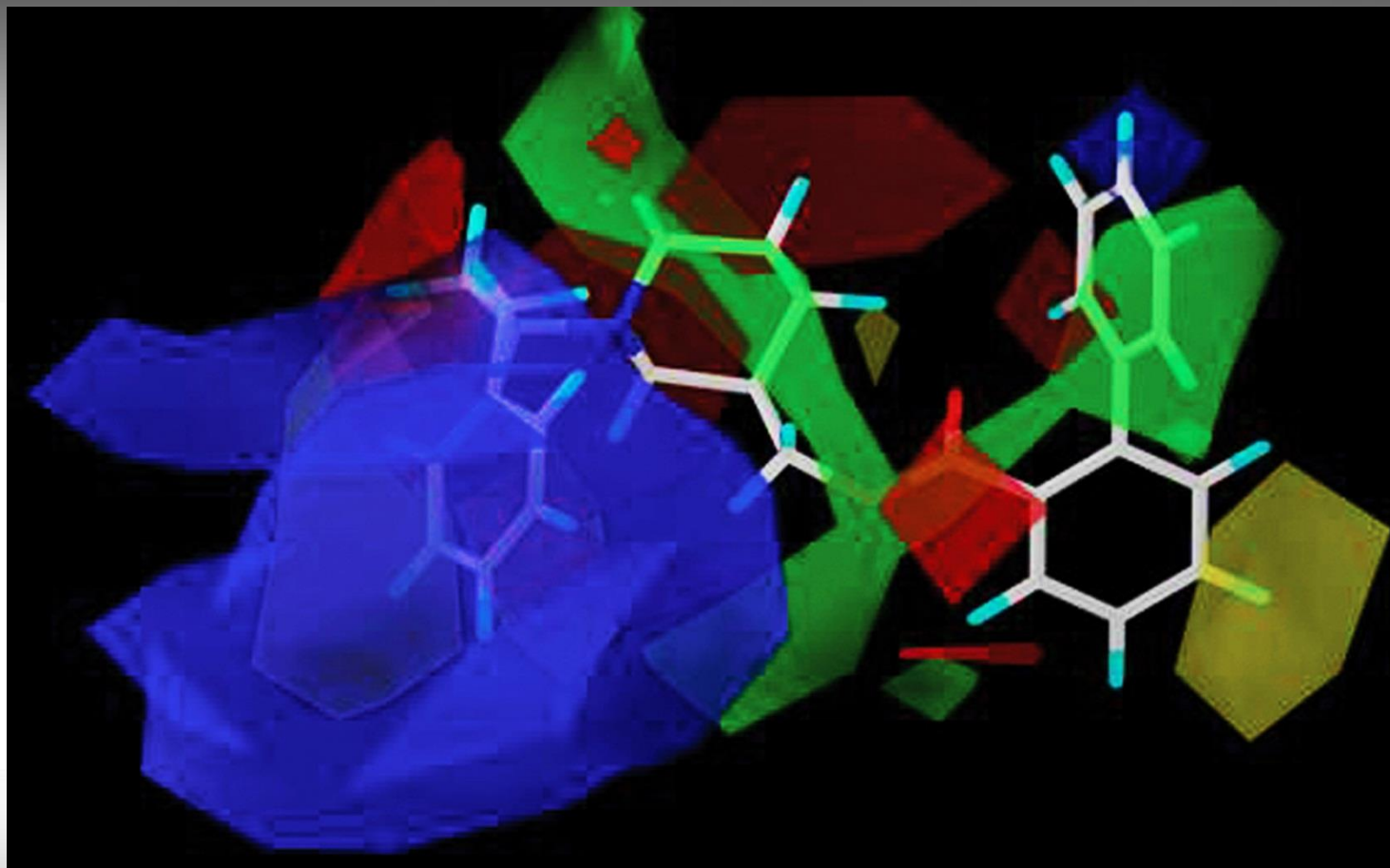
**Internal
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$$q^2 = 1 - \sum (y_{\text{exp}} - y_{\text{pred}})^2 / \sum (y_{\text{exp}} - y)^2$$



CoMFA/3-D QSAR Procedure





CoMFA Limits

CRUCIAL POINTS!

- **Conformation of the training set molecules**
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Original CoMFA Tricks:

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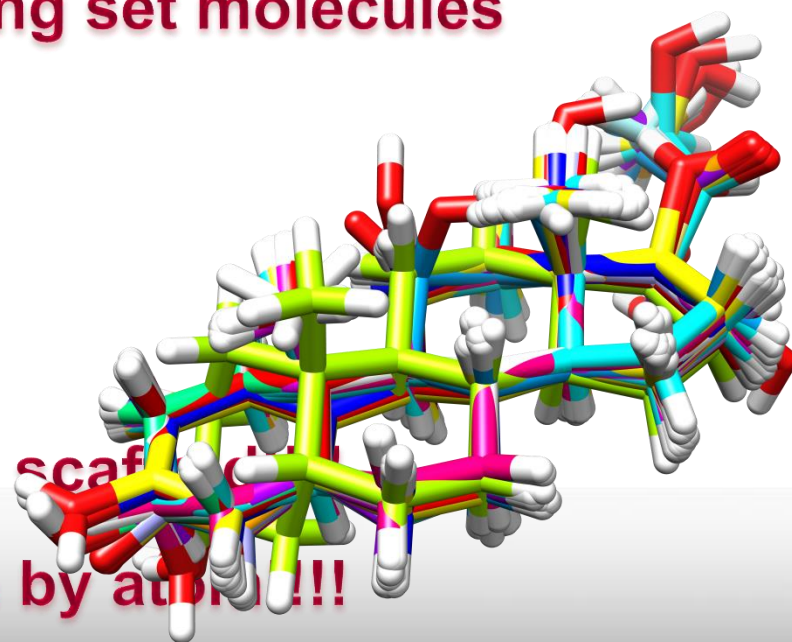
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1991: The WO CoMFA Patent and 3-D QSAR Development

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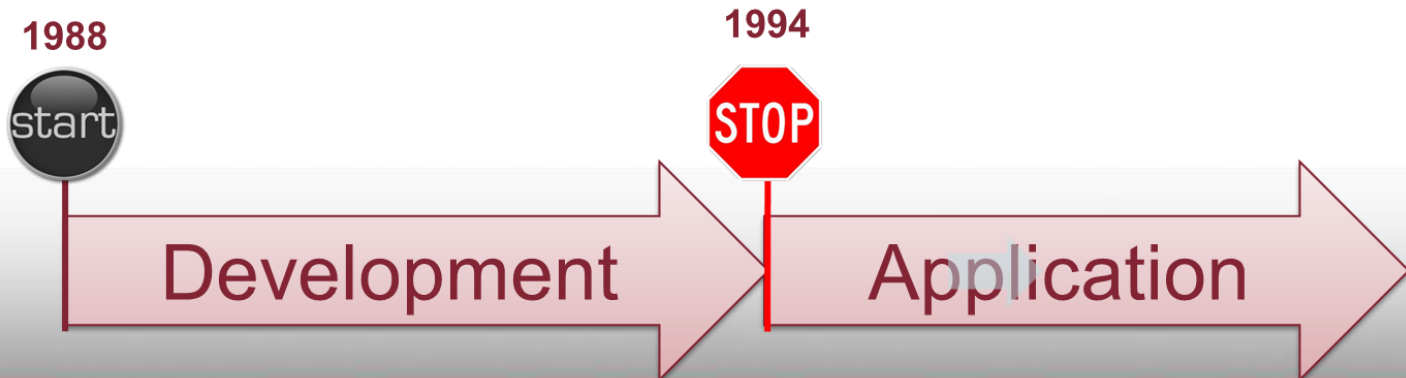
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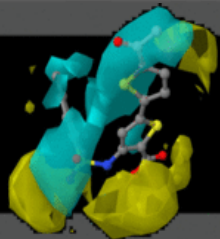
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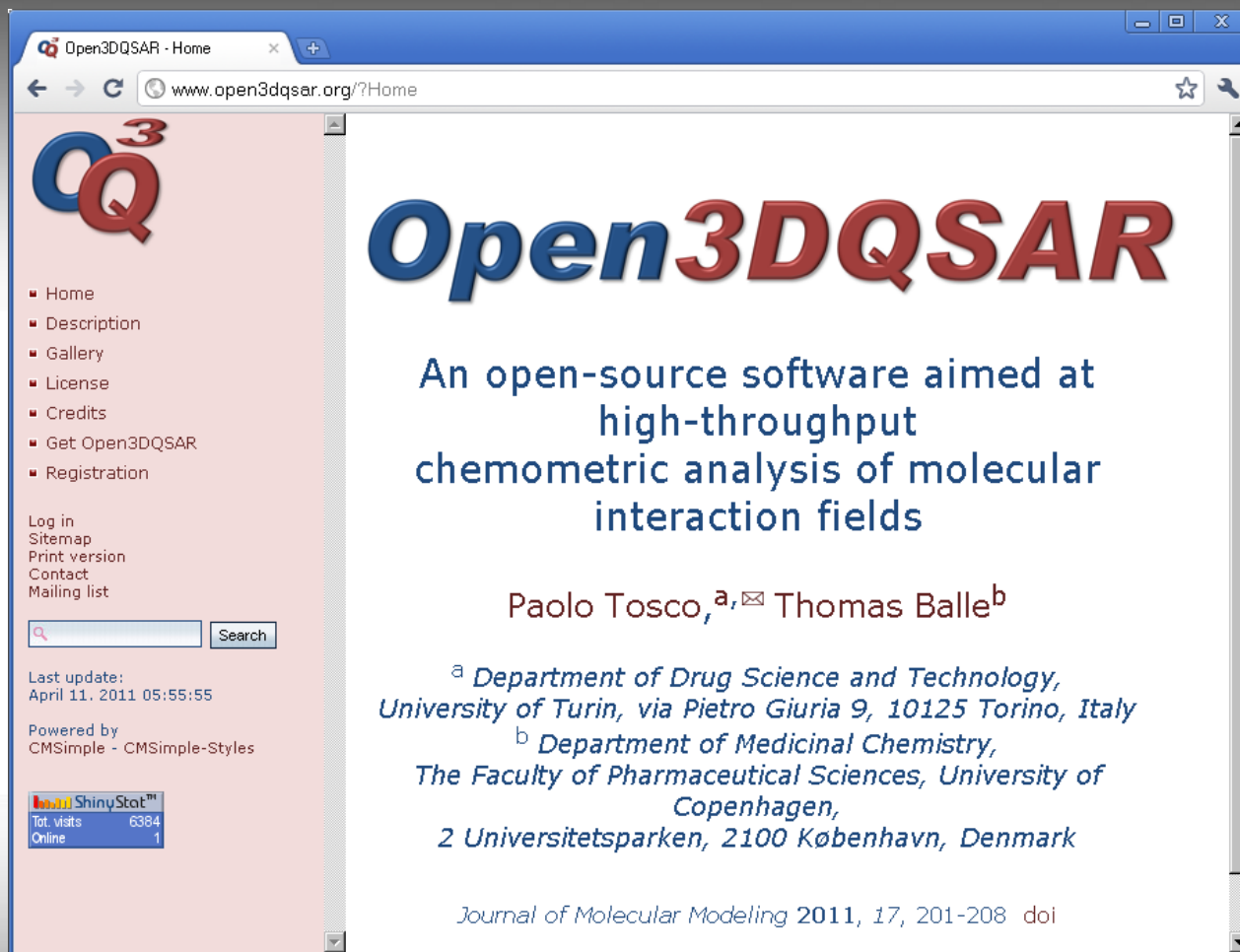
3-D QSAR Development

- 4-D QSAR, each molecule is represented by an ensemble of conformations, orientations, and protonation states
- 5-D QSAR, inclusion of the induced fit
- 6-D QSAR, the simultaneous evaluation of different solvation models
- CoMSIA
- VolSurf
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2009: First Free 3D-QSARs



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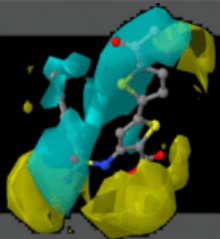
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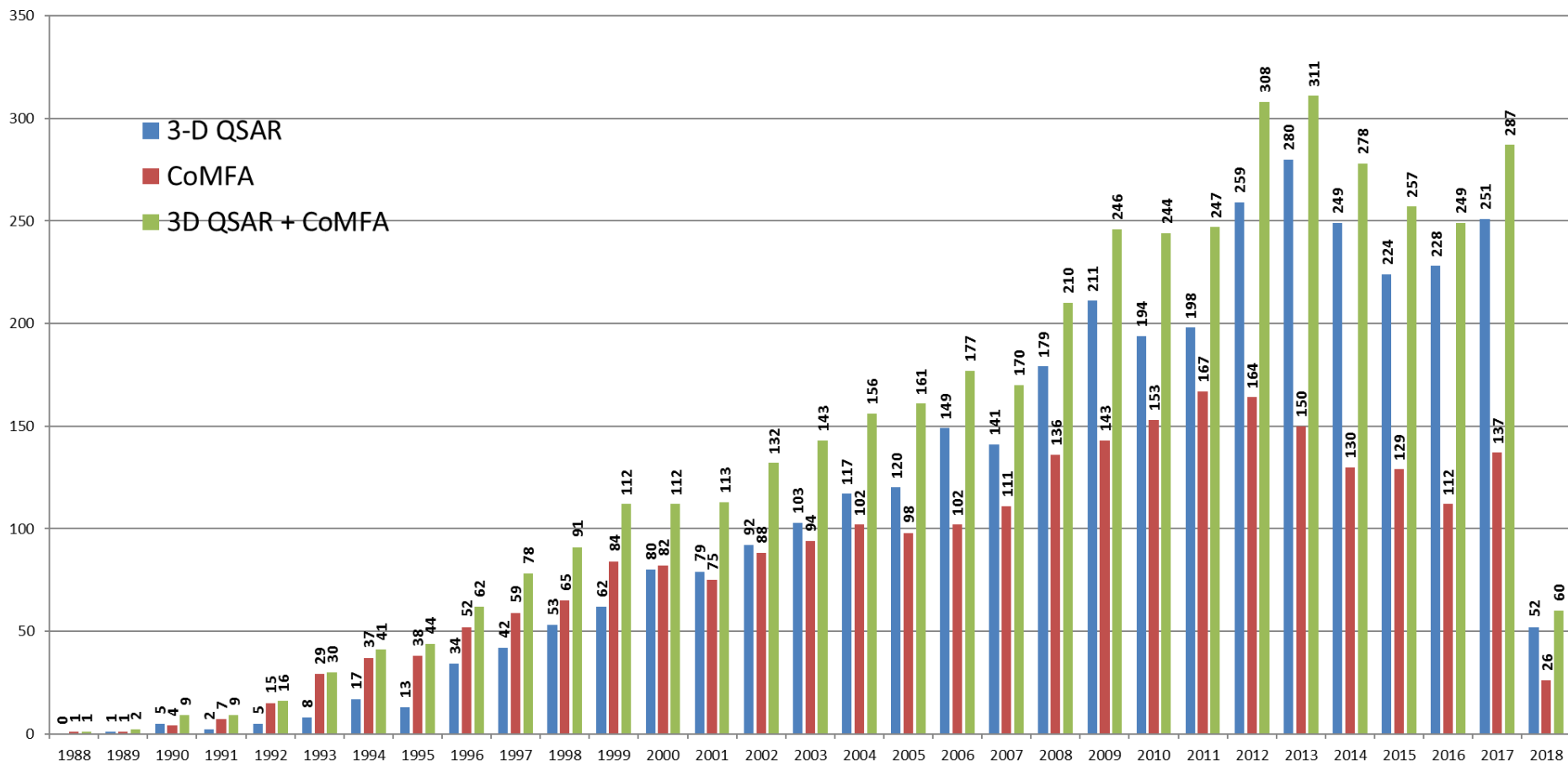
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2011: The First 3D-QSAR Server



On 17 June 2011 the patent PLS+MIF restriction dropped and now a new 3-D QSAR explosion is expected.

In view of this event, at RCMD, we started an ambitious project aimed to build a 3-D QSAR web server using just open source or free software

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