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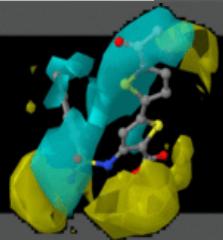
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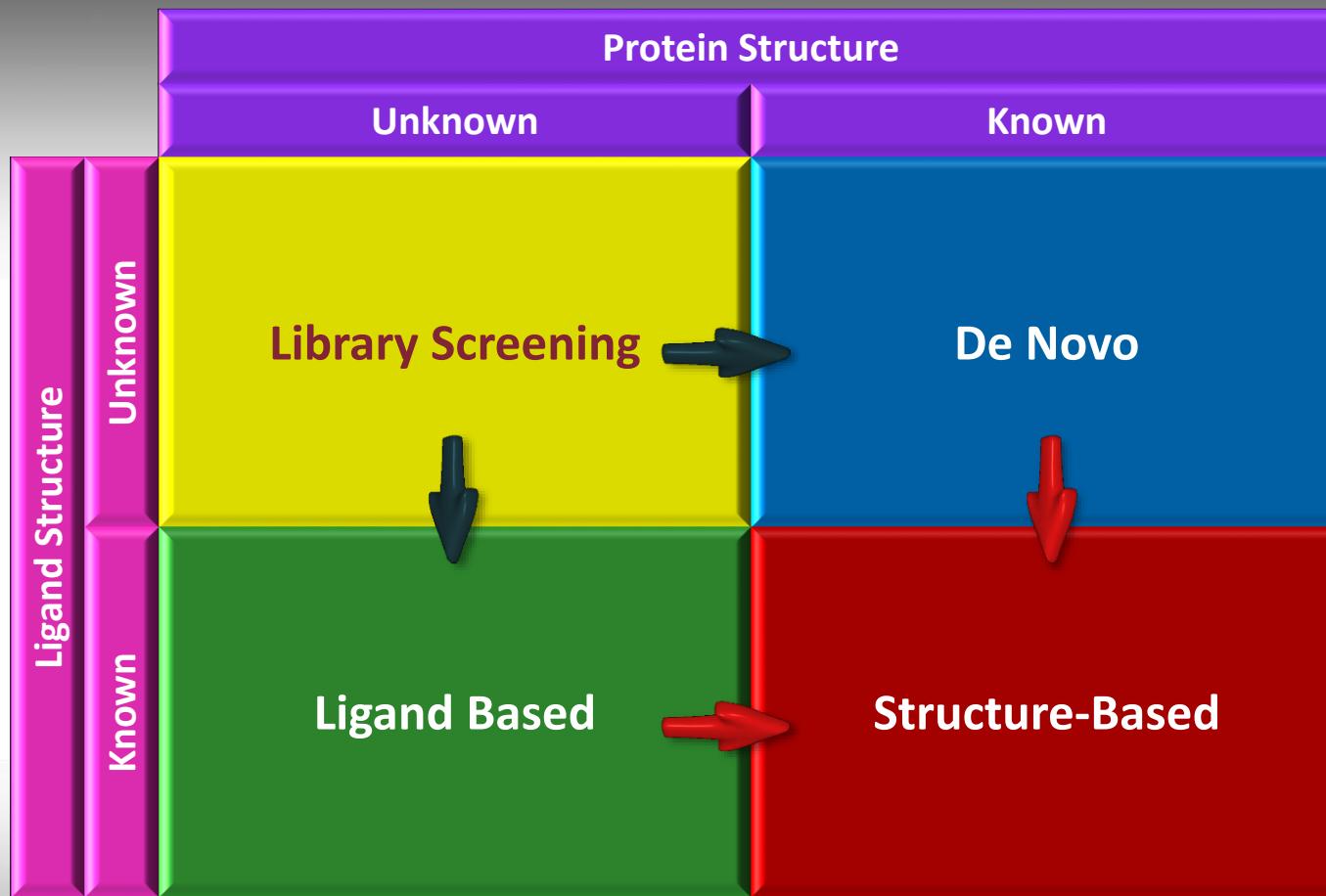
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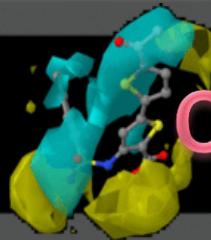
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# Computational Medicinal Chemistry





## Ligand-Based

QSAR

Pharmacophore

3-D QSAR

## Structure-Based

Scoring  
Function  
Docking

COMBINE





# SBDD methods



## Structure-Based Drug Design Approaches

**3-D QSAR (Molecules aligned by SB methods)**

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**Scoring Function (A Sort of QSARs for Molecular Docking)**

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**COMBINE (A Full SB 3-D QSAR)**

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**Proteochemometric (A QSAR SB derived method)**

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**Molecular Dynamics**

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**Pharmacophoric Approaches (Using Targets Structures)**

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**Homology Modeling (To Build Target Structures)**

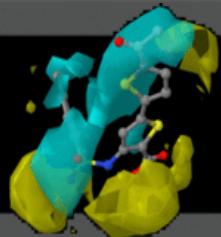
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# SB 3-D QSAR



**3-D QSAR models developed with  
molecular alignment rules employing  
3-D structure of the target**



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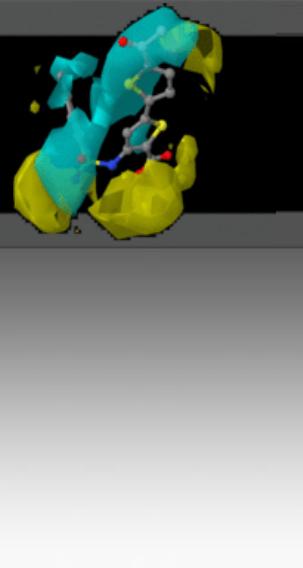
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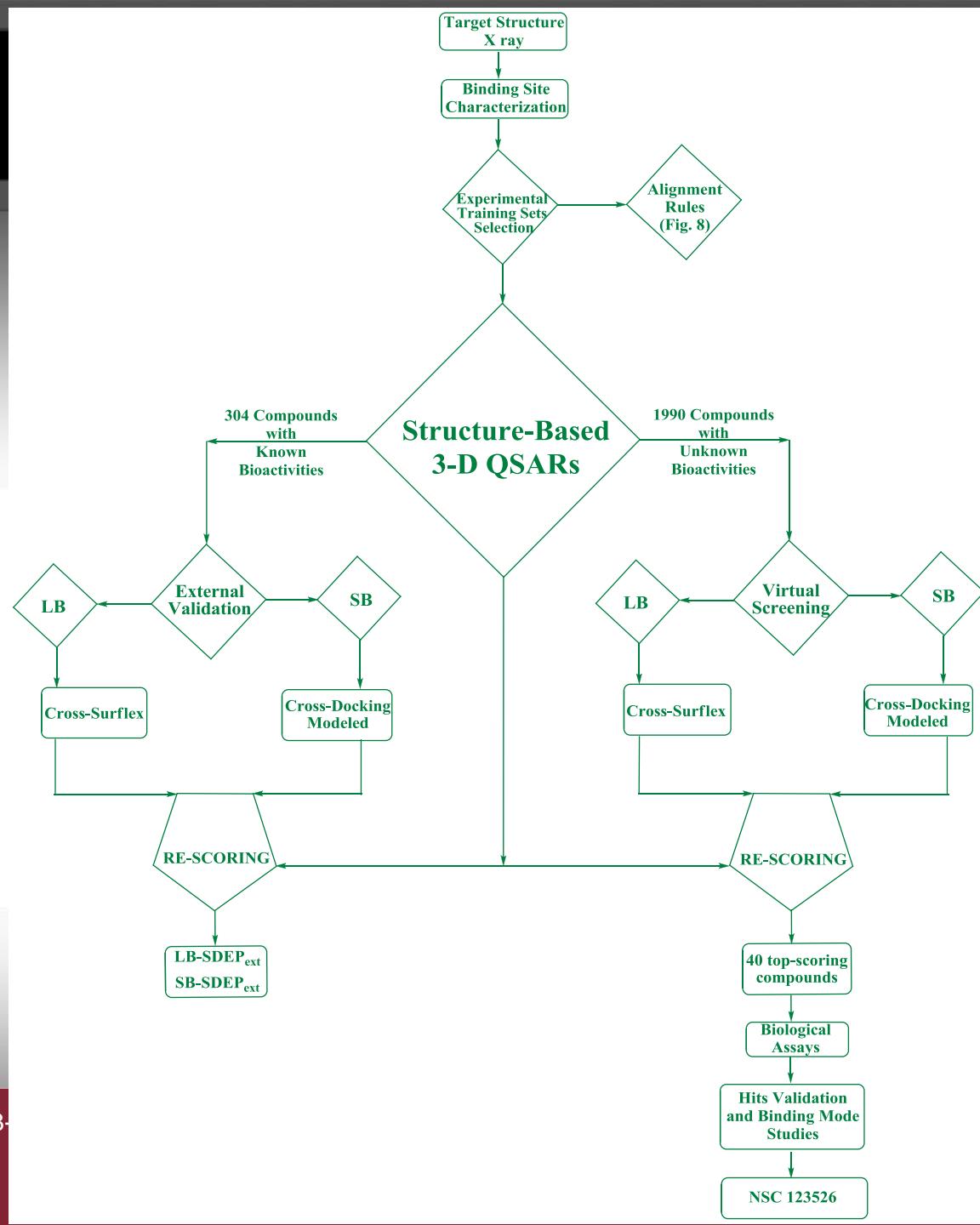
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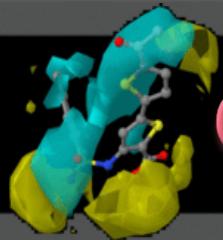
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# CoMFA/3-D QSAR Procedure



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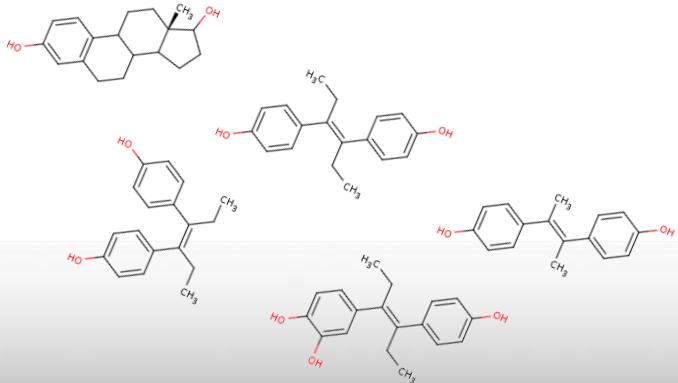
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PDB Code	Ligand Name	Entry	Ligand Structure	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)	PDB Code	Ligand Name	Entry	Ligand Structure	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)
1NHU	(2S)-2-[(2,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-3-(trifluoromethylbenzyl)-amino]-3-phenylpropionic acid	1		1.7	2HWH	4-methyl-N-((5E)-5-[(5-methyl-2-furyl)methylene]-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide	9		2.0
1NHV	(2S)-2-[(5-benzofuran-2-ylthiophen-2-ylmethyl)-(2,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-amino]-3-phenyl-propionic acid	2		8.6	2HWI	(2S)-((5Z)-5-[(5-ethyl-2-furyl)methylene]-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino(4-fluorophenyl)acetic acid	10		3.0
1YVX	3-[isopropyl(4-methylbenzoyl)amino]-5-phenylthiophene-2-carboxylic acid	3		8.0	2IIR	(5Z)-5-[(5-ethyl-2-furyl)methylene]-2-{{[(S)-(4-fluorophenyl)(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)methyl]amino}-1,3-thiazol-4(5H)-one	11		9.7
1YVZ	3-[(2,4-dichlorobenzoyl)(isopropyl)amino]-5-phenylthiophene-2-carboxylic acid	4		4.4	205D	(2S)-2-((5Z)-5-[(5-ethyl-2-furyl)methylene]-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-[(4-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl]acetamide	12		7.0
2GIR	3-[isopropyl[(trans-4-methylcyclohexyl)carbonyl]amino]-5-phenylthiophene-2-carboxylic acid	5		1.5	10S5	3-(4-amino-2-tert-butyl-5-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-6-cyclopentyl-4-hydroxy-6-[2-(4-hydroxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-5,6-dihydro-pyran-2-one	13		0.93
2D3U	5-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-{{[(2-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}thiophene-2-carboxylic acid	6		0.2663	2HAI	(6S)-6-cyclopentyl-6-[2-(3-fluoro-4-isopropoxyphenyl)ethyl]-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one	14		0.53
2D3Z	5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-{{[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}thiophene-2-carboxylic acid	7		0.2918	2JC0	(2S,4S,5R)-2-isobutyl-5-(2-thienyl)-1-[4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl]pyrrolidine-2,4-dicarboxylic acid	15		20.0
2D4I	5'-acetyl-4-{{[(2,4-dimethylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}-2,2'-bithiophene-5-carboxylic acid	8		0.3073					



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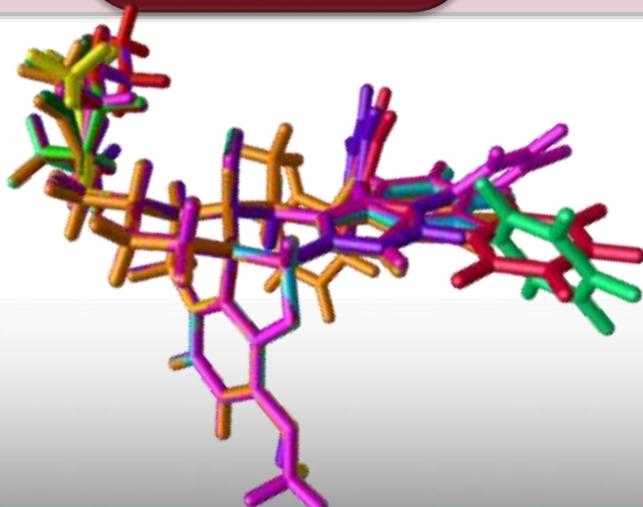
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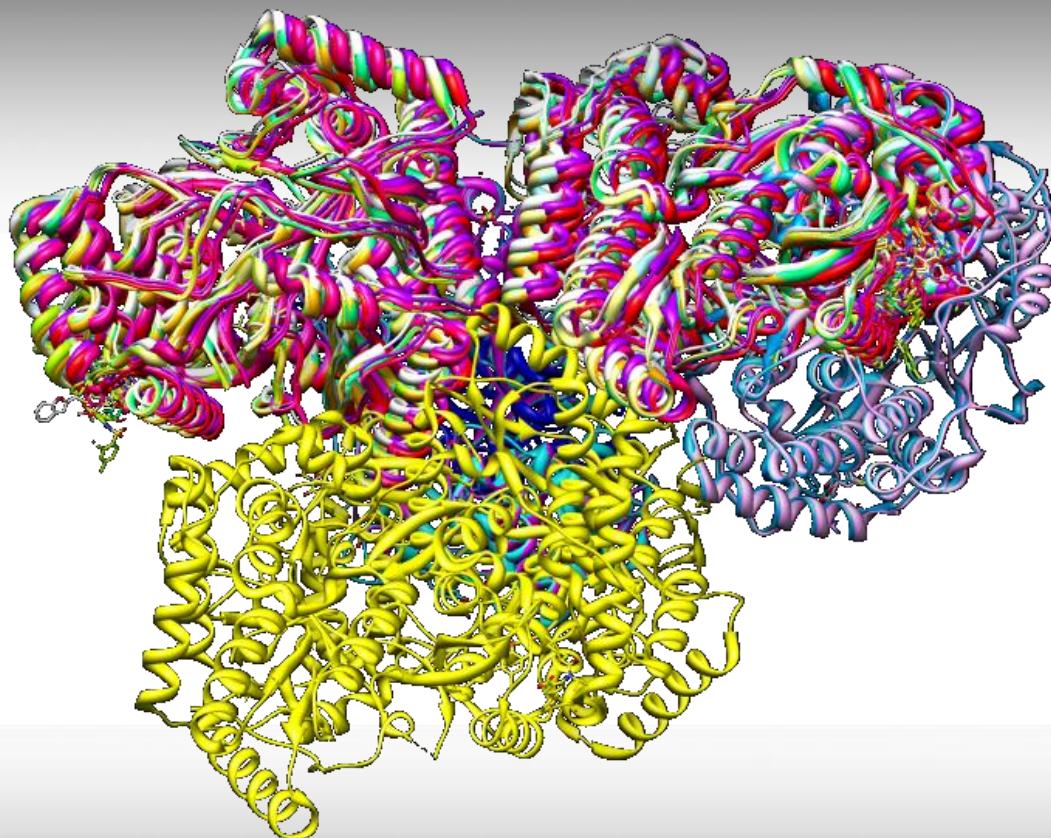
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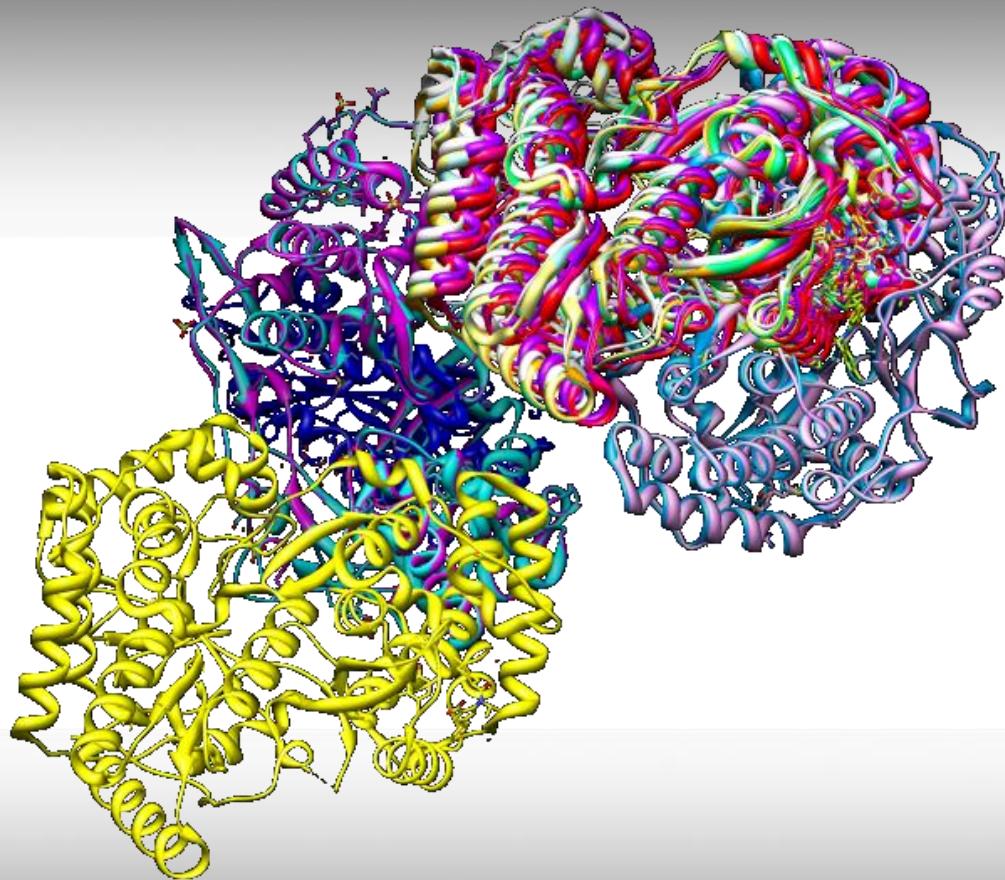
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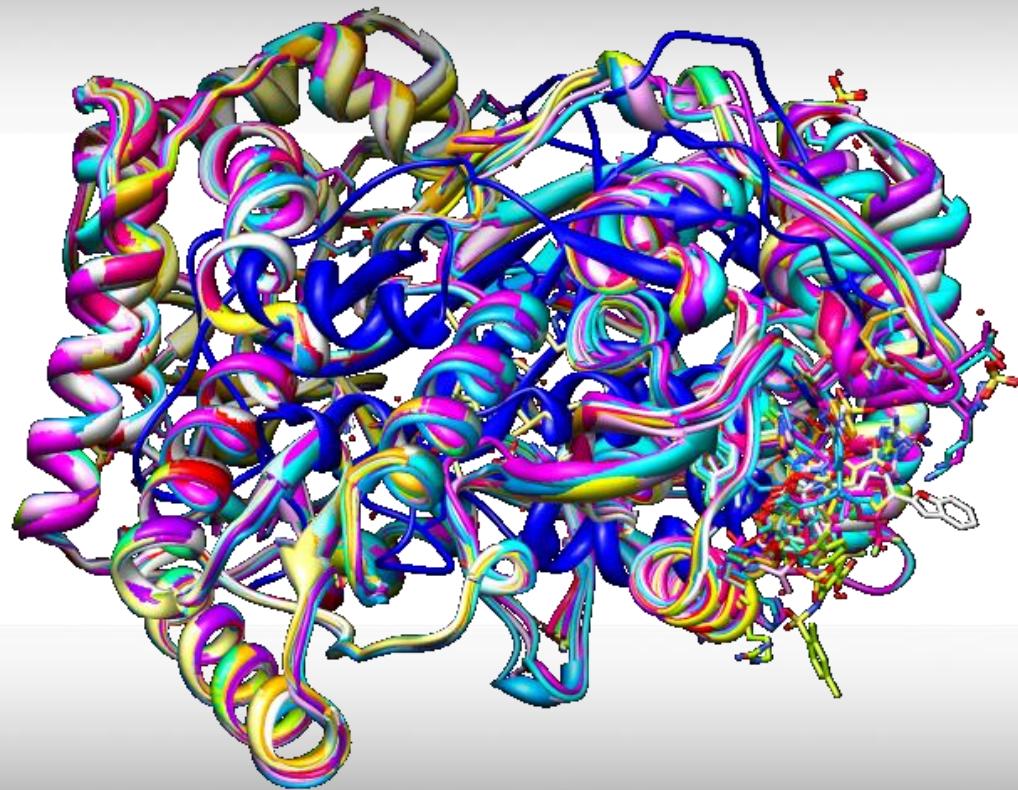
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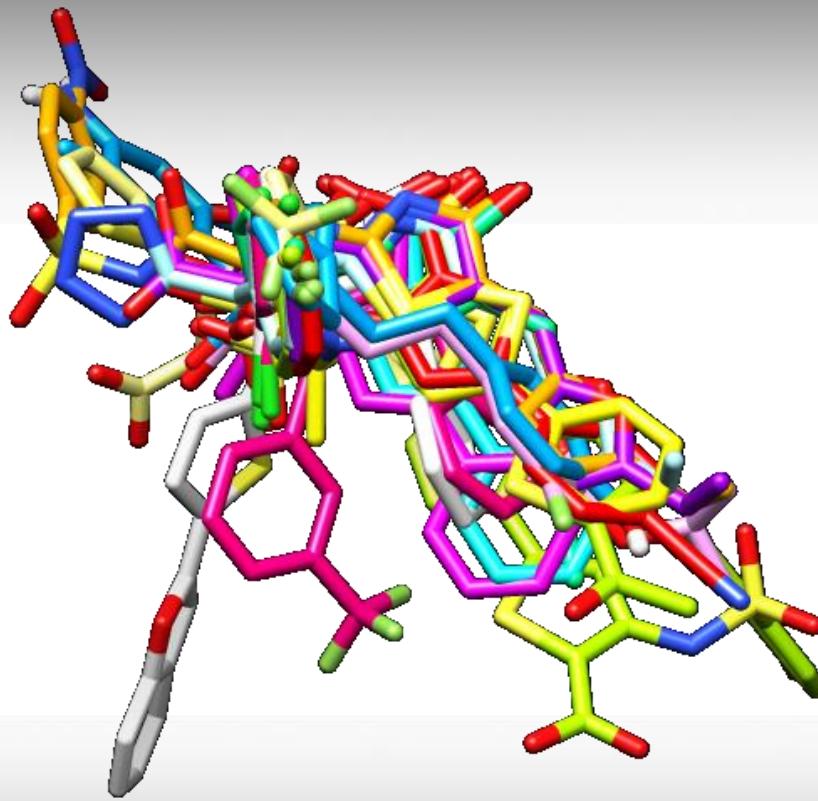
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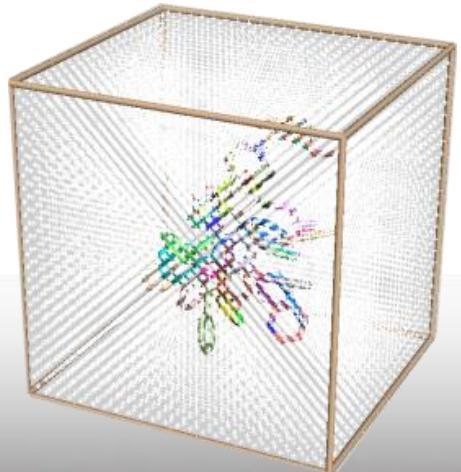
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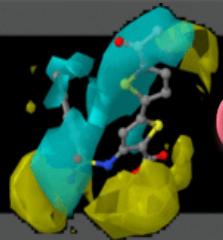
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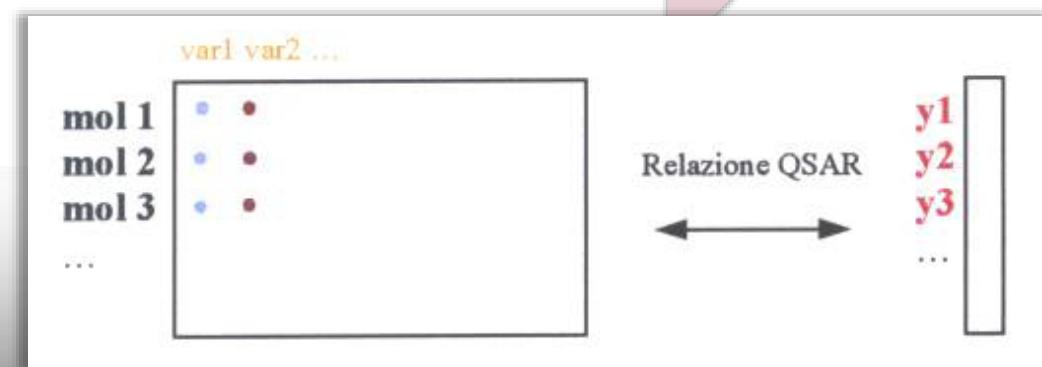
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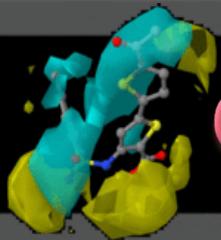
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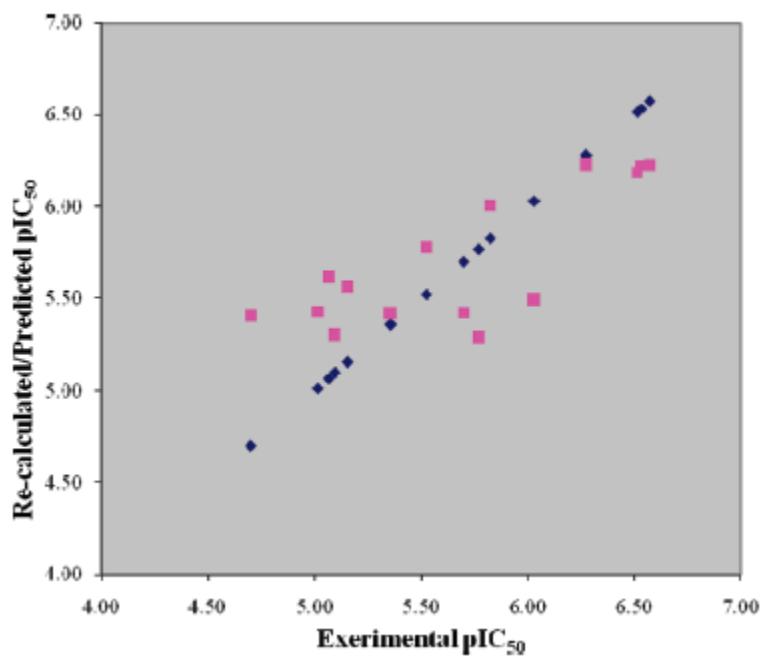
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$$SDEP = \sqrt{\sum (y_{\text{exp}} - y_{\text{pred}})^2 / n - 1}$$

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



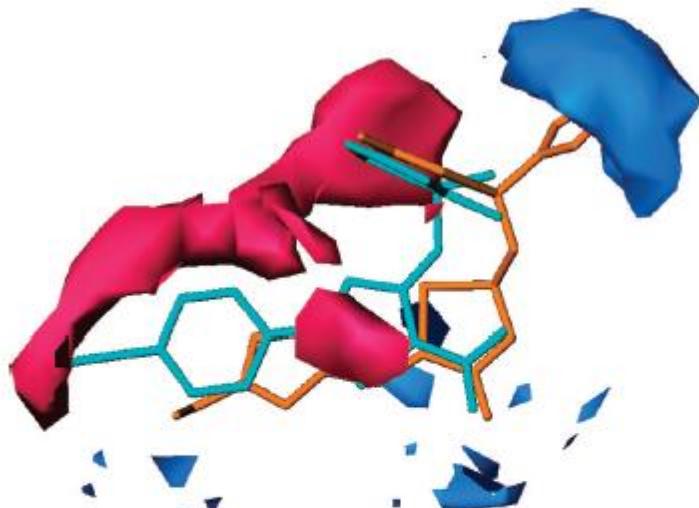
model	<i>N</i>	GRID probe	<i>V</i>	PC	$r^2$	$q^2$	SDEP <sub>CV-L50</sub>
thumb training set	15	C1=	5133	3	0.99	0.69	0.31
palm training set	10	C1=	3848	3	0.99	0.55	0.66

<sup>a</sup> *N*, number of compounds in the training set; *V*, number of GOLPE variables; PC, optimal number of principal components;  $r^2$ , conventional square correlation coefficient;  $q^2$ , cross-validation correlation coefficient; SDEP, cross-validated standard error of prediction using the leave-five-out cross-validation method.

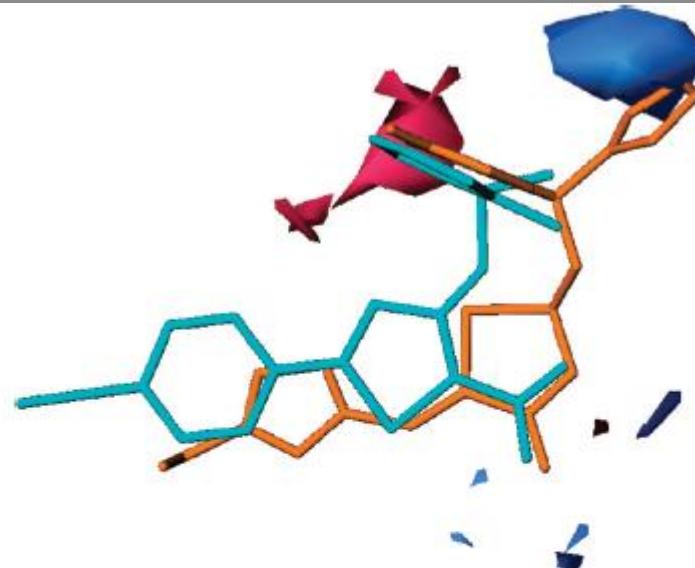


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**Figure 3.** Contour maps of the PLS coefficients derived from C1=GRID probe analysis using the 15 compounds of the thumb training set (contour levels: 0.0008 red, -0.0008 blue). To aid in interpretation, only the highest active (6 in cyan) and one of the lowest active (11 in orange) compounds are shown. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for the sake of clarity.



**Figure 4.** Contour maps of the PLS coefficients derived from OH GRID probe using the 15 compounds of the thumb training set (contour levels: 0.0008 red, -0.0008 blue). To aid in interpretation, only the highest active (6 in cyan) and one of the lowest active (11 in orange) compounds are shown. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for the sake of clarity.

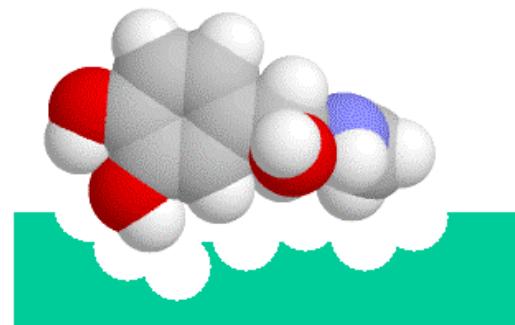
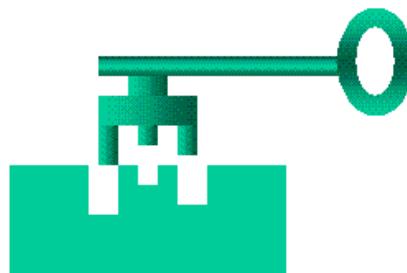
# Riconoscimento molecolare:

Insieme di interazioni tra molecole e macromolecole

## Modello “Lock and key”

La proteina ha una sua conformazione all'interno del quale il ligando “fitta” perfettamente.

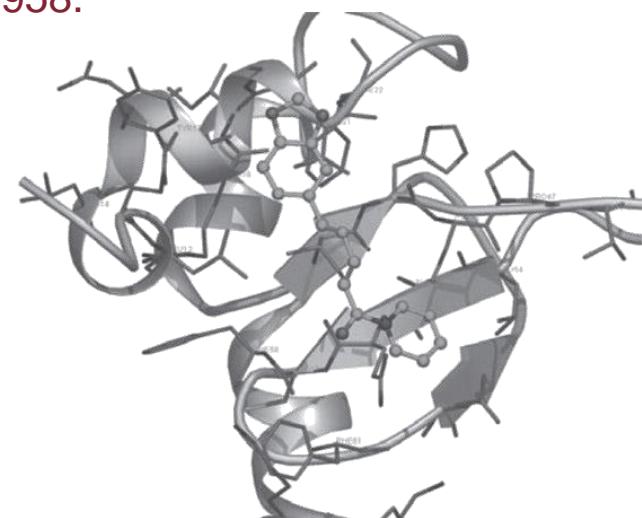
Emil Fischer(1890).



## Modello del *fitting* indotto

Il sito attivo della macromolecola può essere modificato a seconda di come interagisce il ligando.

Daniel Koshland 1958.



- Natura delle interazioni?
- Intensità della riconoscimento molecolare?

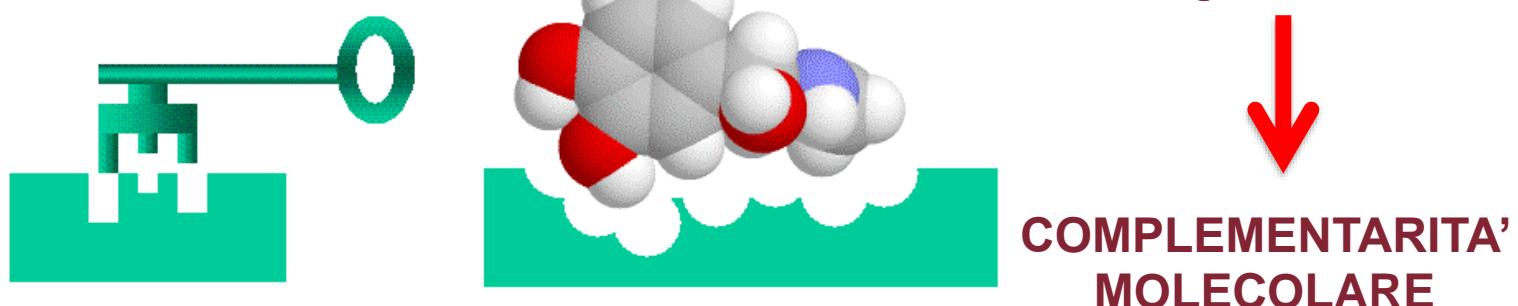
# Ricognizione molecolare

La complementarità molecolare altamente specifica tra key (ligando) e lock (recettore) gioca un ruolo chiave nei processi biologici.

La capacità del recettore di agganciarsi al suo ligando con alta specificità e affinità è dovuta alla formazione di una serie di legami deboli e interazioni favorevoli.

Interazioni specifiche ligando-recettore:

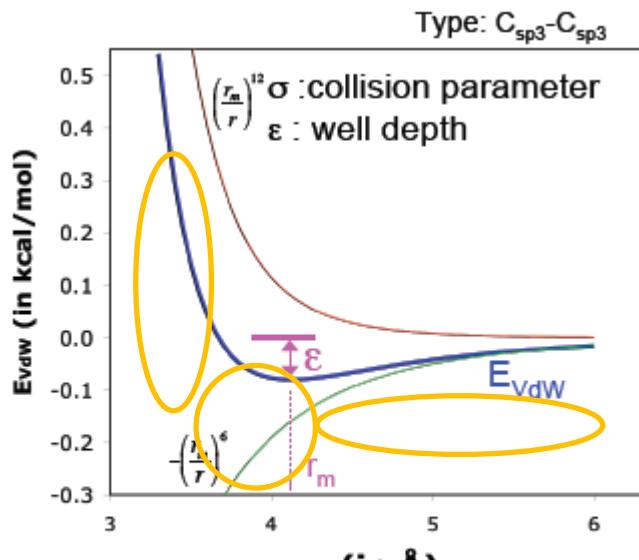
Interazioni elettrostatiche (Non-Cov)  
Forze di van der Waals (Non-Cov)  
Interazioni  $\pi - \pi$   
Coordinazione con Metalli  
Interazioni idrofobiche  
Effetti elettromagnetici



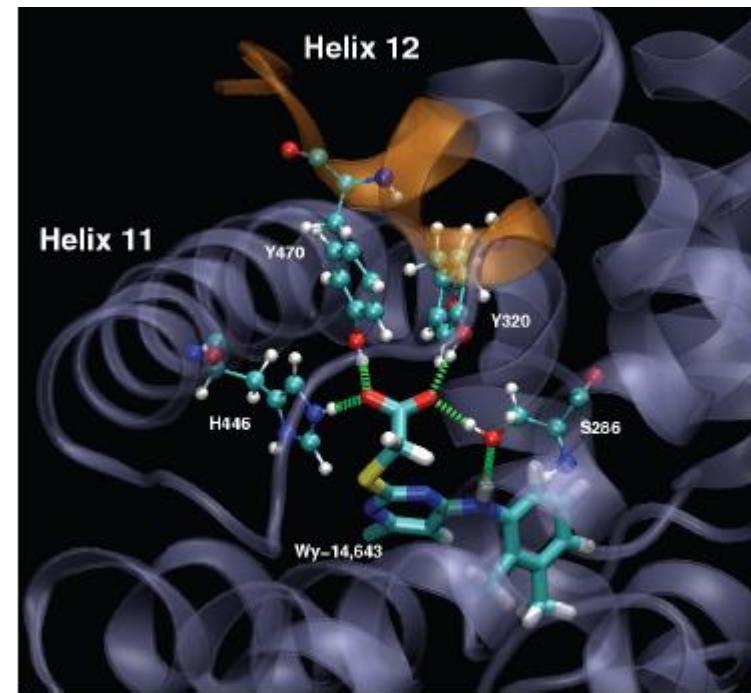
# Forze di van der Waals

Debole attrazione intermolecolare causata da dipoli molecolari indotti.

$$E_{VdW} = \epsilon \left[ \left( \frac{r_m}{r} \right)^{12} - 2 \left( \frac{r_m}{r} \right)^6 \right]$$



Repulsive : Pauli exclusion principle  
Attractive: induced dipole / induced dipole



Es. Interazione tra il ligando Wy-14,643 e il sito attivo della PPAR $\alpha$

Quando una molecola di ossigeno si avvicina ad una molecola di acqua orientata verso di essa con l'atomo di ossigeno, la frazione di carica negativa presente su quest'ultimo respinge la nuvola elettronica della molecola di ossigeno e attira la carica positiva nucleare. Si determina uno spostamento del baricentro della carica negativa rispetto a quello della carica positiva nella molecola di ossigeno e quindi induce una polarita'.

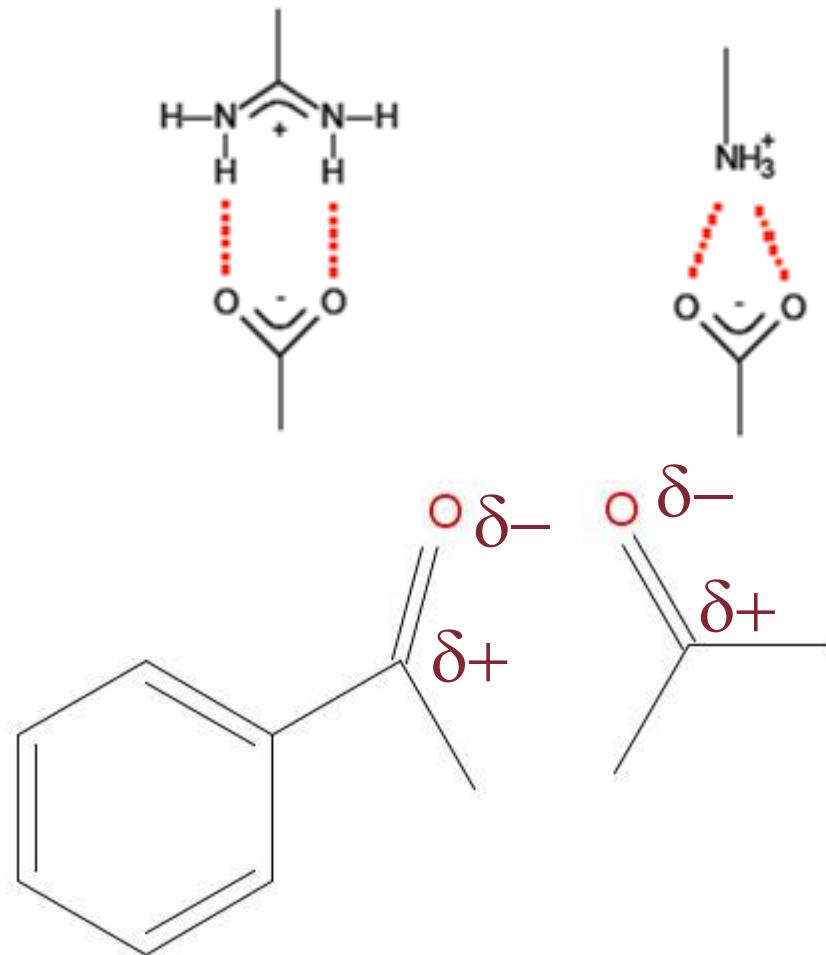
# Interazioni Elettrostatiche

## La legge di Coulomb

In un mezzo isolante diverso dall'aria la forza  $F$ , a parità di cariche e di distanza, risulta generalmente minore. La forza di Coulomb si scrive allora:

$$\vec{F} = \frac{1}{4\pi \cdot \epsilon_0 \cdot \epsilon_r} \cdot \frac{q_1 \cdot q_2}{r^2} \cdot \hat{r}$$

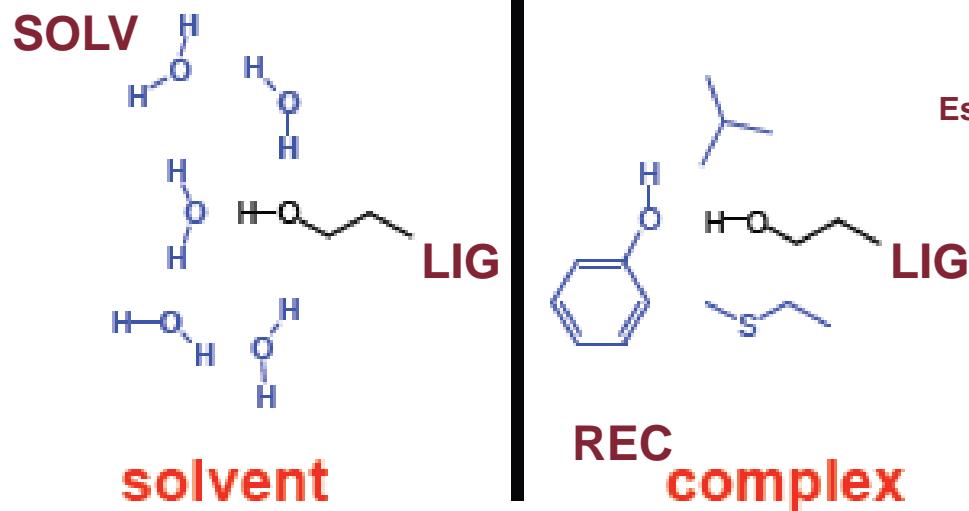
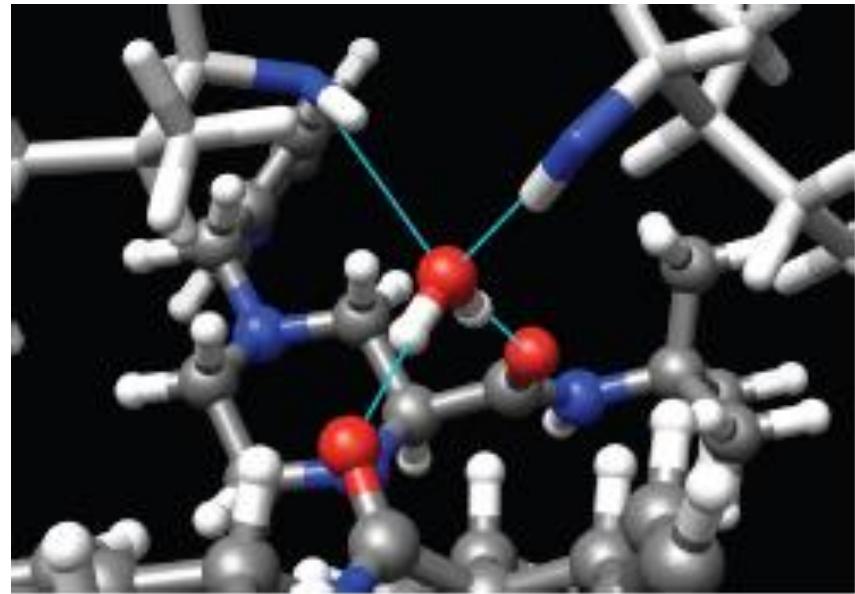
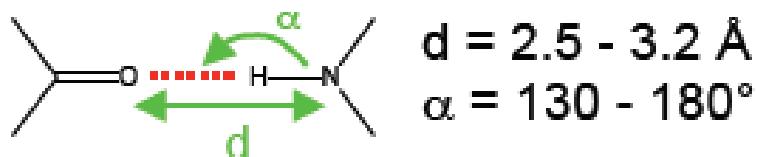
dove  $\epsilon_r$  è un numero che prende il nome di costante dielettrica relativa (permittività elettrica relativa). Il prodotto  $\epsilon_r \times \epsilon_0$  si indica con  $\epsilon$ , e si chiama costante dielettrica del mezzo (permittività del mezzo).



# Interazioni Elettrostatiche

Il legame Idrogeno

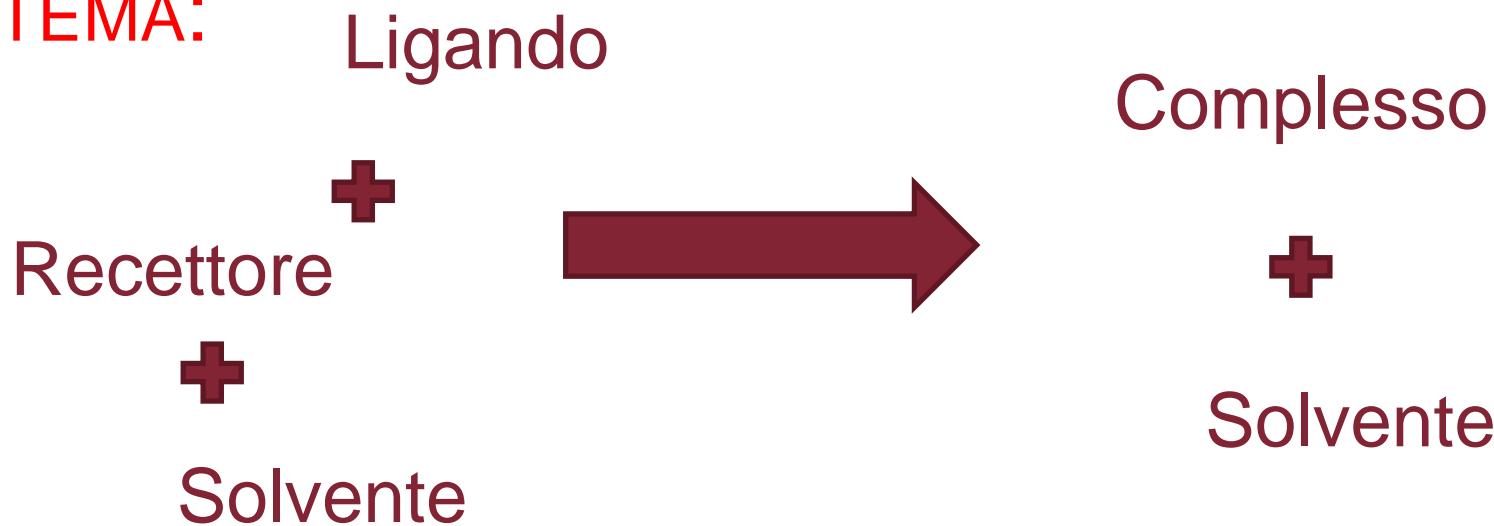
ElegH (solv) – ElegH (comp)  
determina se i legami-H  
contribuiscono o no all'affinità



Es. Legame-H tra l'Indinavir, una molecola d'acqua e la Ile50 della proteasi dell'HIV-1 (1HSG in PDB)

# Il fattore entropico ed entalpico nel binding

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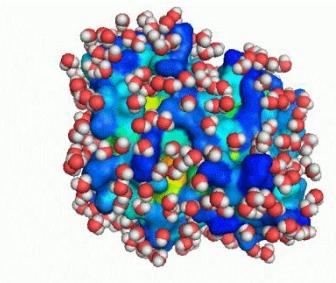
La formazione di un complesso è guidata dal cambiamento di **ENTALPIA** ed **ENTROPIA** del **sistema**

L'equazione fondamentale è:

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$

dove  **$\Delta G$**  = variazione energia libera,  **$\Delta H$**  = variazione entalpia,  **$\Delta S$**  = variazione entropia, **T** = temperatura (K)

# Effetti di solvatazione (Termine Entropico + Entalpico)



- La ricognizione molecolare tra due molecole avviene in ambiente acquoso
- Le molecole di acqua mediano l'interazione attraverso ponti idrogeno
- Rottura e formazione di legami-H
- La desolvatazione del ligando e della proteina attraverso la complessazione è:

## Sfavorevole (Zone Elettrostatiche)

- Carica del solvente
- Screening delle interazioni elettrostatiche sulla superficie della macromolecola

## Favorevole (zone apolari)

- Cavità nel sito attivo
- Riorganizzazione delle molecole d'acqua
- Interazioni di tipo van der Waals tra solvente e ligando
- Gli effetti di desolvatazione sono proporzionali all'area superficiale accessibile

# Il fattore entropico nel binding

$$\Delta G_{\text{binding,solution}} = \Delta G_{\text{binding,vacuo}} + \Delta G_{\text{solvation}(E+I)} - \Delta G_{\text{solvation}(E+I)}$$

La stabilità di un complesso può essere valutata determinando la costante di equilibrio, che è correlata alla variazione di energia libera:

$$\Delta G = \Delta G_0 - RT \ln K_d$$

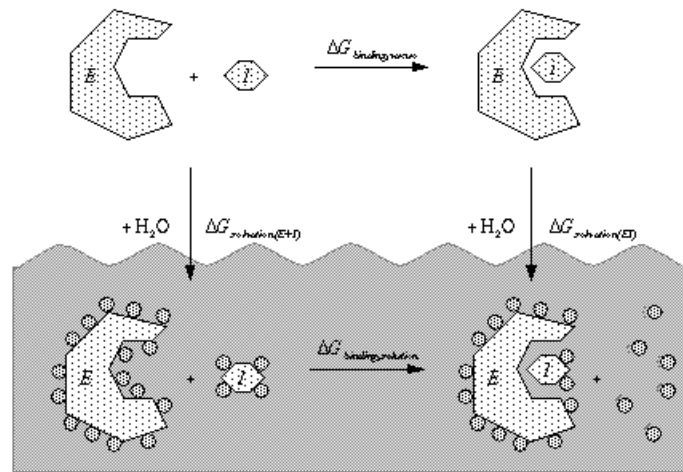
dove  $\Delta G_0$ =variazione dell'energia libera in condizioni standard, R= costante dei gas,T=temperatura assoluta,  $K_d$  = costante di legame espressa come costante di dissociazione con



reazione di formazione del complesso è:



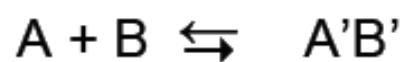
$K_d$  è definita come la concentrazione del ligando per la quale il 50% dei siti del recettore sono occupati.



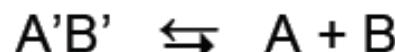
L'effetto idrofobico è il termine maggiormente stabilizzante per i complessi biomolecolari, mentre le interazioni coulombiane e i legami idrogeno forniscono specificità alle interazioni proteina-ligando.

# Il fattore entropico nel binding

Binding, dissociation and inhibition constants.  
Binding free energy



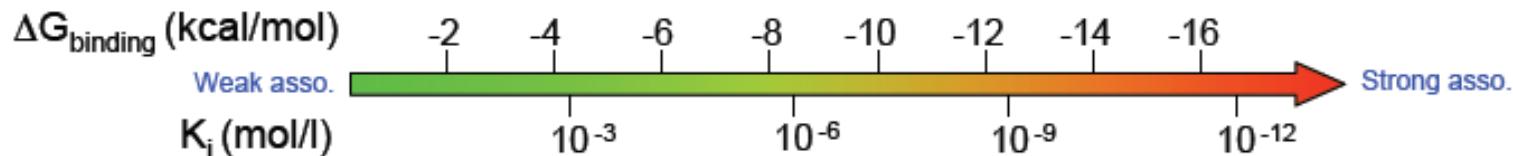
$$K_b = \frac{[A'B']}{[A][B]}$$



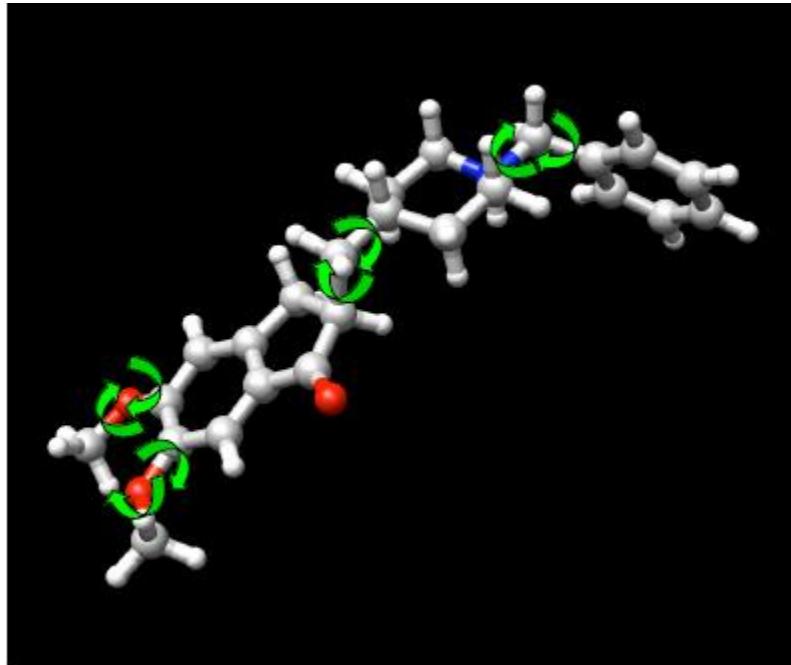
$$K_d = K_i = \frac{[A][B]}{[A'B']}$$

$K_b$  : binding constant,  $K_d$  : dissociation constant,  $K_i$  : inhibition constant

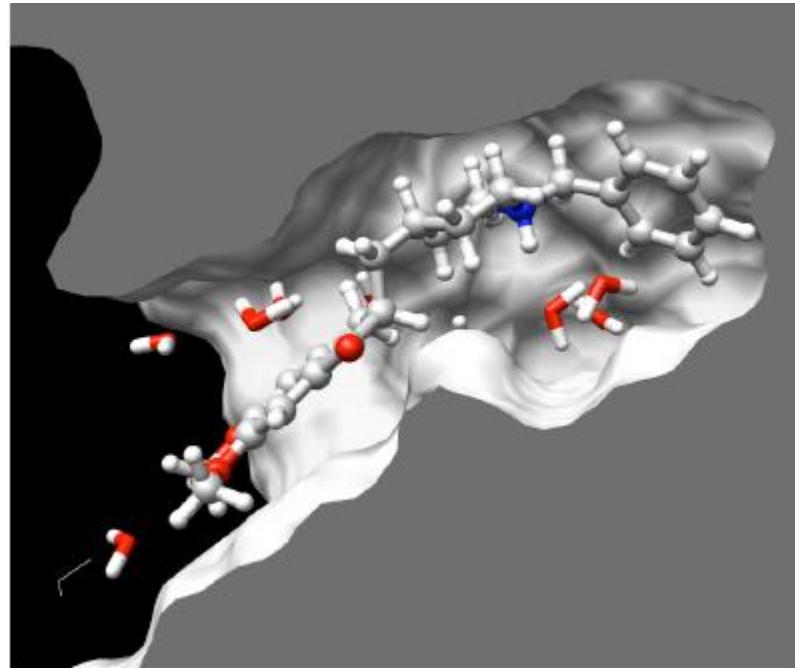
$$\Delta G_{\text{binding}} = -RT \ln K_b = RT \ln K_i = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$



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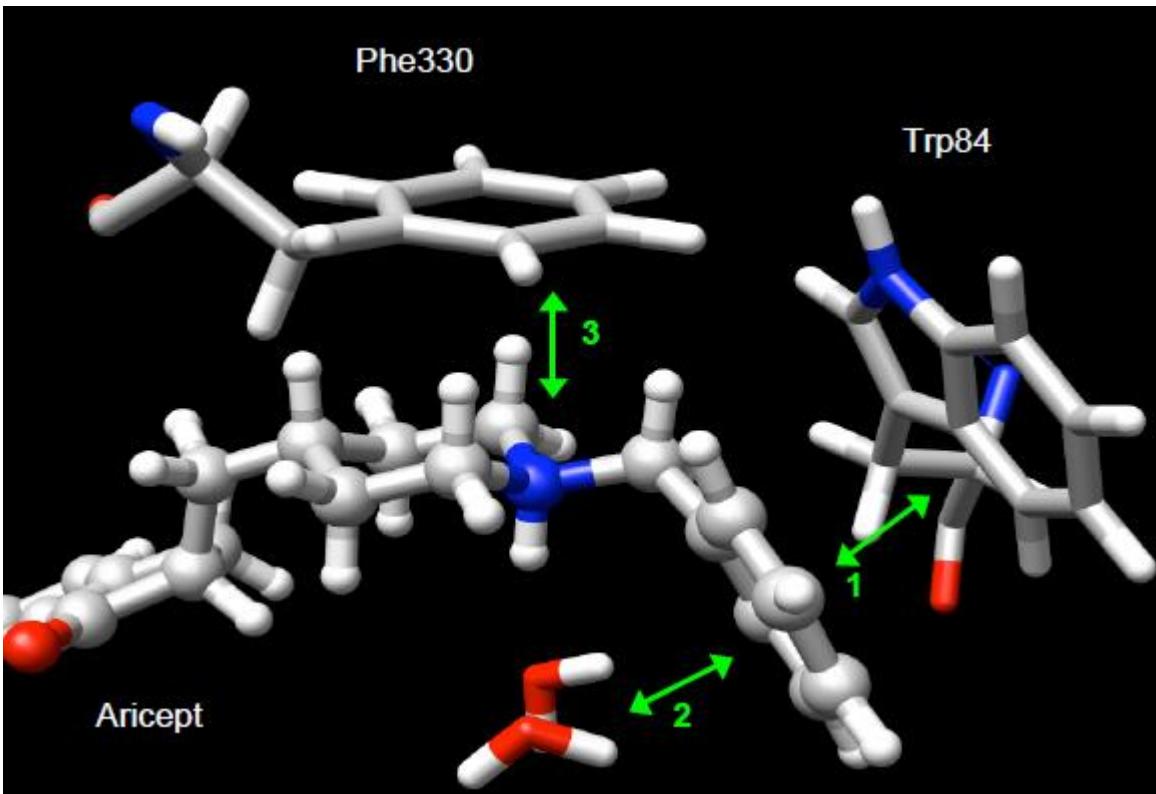
Es. Aricept in soluzione



Es. Aricept nel sito attivo  
della acetilcolinesterasi

I gradi di libertà “congelati” durante la complessazione rendono il ligando sfavorito al *binding*

# Interazioni $\pi$

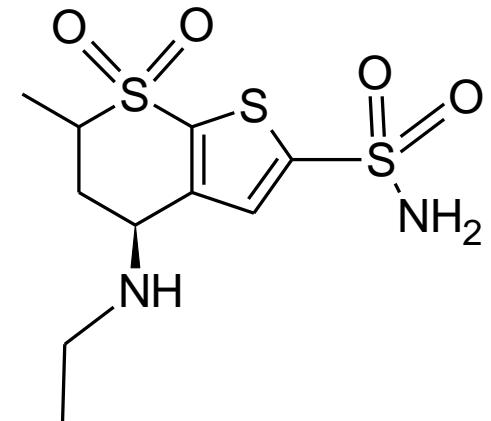
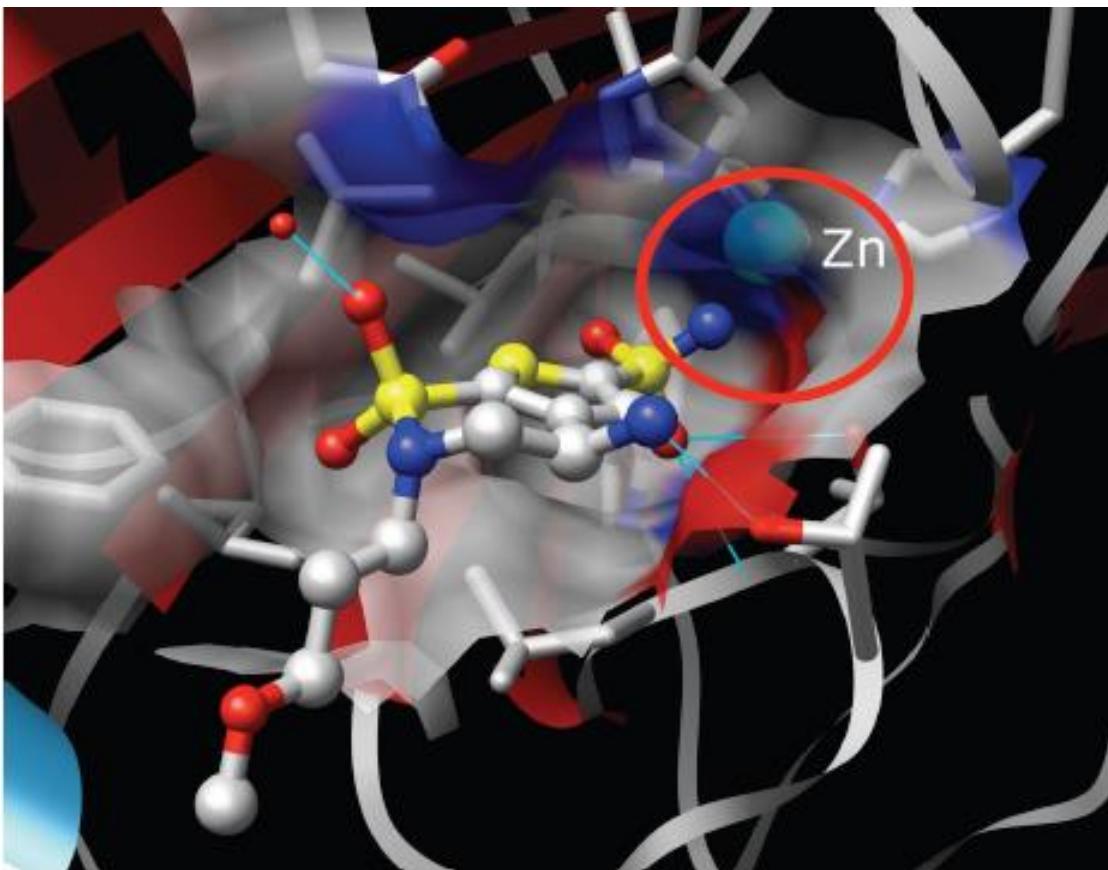


Es. Interazioni  $\pi$  tra l'Aricept (farmaco anti-Alzheimer approvato dalla FDA) e l'acetilcolinesterasi

1. Interazioni  $\pi$ - $\pi$
2. Interazioni OH- $\pi$
3. Interazioni cationi- $\pi$

# Coordinazione con Metalli

## Legame covalente di coordinazione



Dorzolamide: Inibitore dell'anidrasi carbonica, approvato dalla FDA come agente anti-glaucoma

# DOCKING: Le Scoring Functions

## Structure-based

With 3D structure for  
the targeted  
macromolecule

- Physical based scoring functions :
  - Free energy simulations (FEP, TI)
  - MM-PBSA, MM-GBSA
  - Linear interaction energy (LIE)
- Empirical-based scoring function  
(regression-based approaches)  
*Ex: Ludi score*
- Knowledge-based approaches  
(Potentials of Mean Force, PMF)  
*Ex: PMF score*

## Utility?

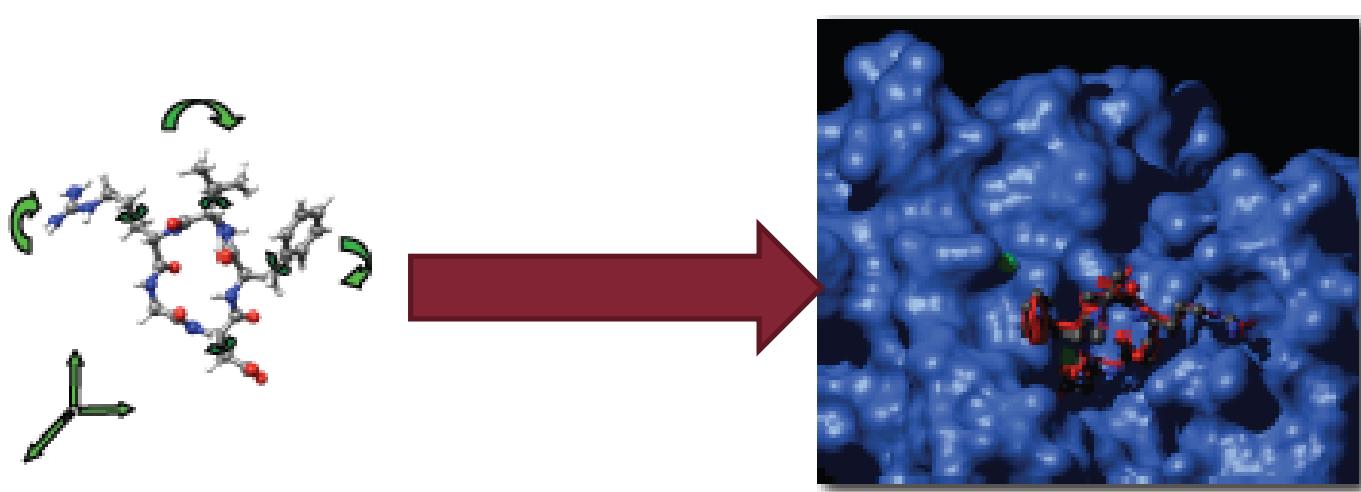
- *Virtual Screening*
- *De novo design*
- *Lead optimization*

# Ligand Docking

**Posa o *Binding Mode*:** posizione, orientamento e conformazione di un ligando sulla superficie di macromolecole biologiche

***Binding Mode sperimentale:*** Estratta da dati cristallografici e stimata come la migliore posa in termini di *free binding energy*.

**Docking:** Metodo computazionale utilizzato per la predizione di un binding mode il più vicino possibile allo sperimentale (<2 Å)





# Docking Software

Program	ALGORITHM
AutoDock	Lamarckian GA
DOCK	Shape matching (sphere images)
DOCK (NWU version)	Shape matching (sphere images)
FlexX	Incremental construction
FRED	Shape matching (gaussian functions)
Glide	Descriptor matching/MC
GOLD	GA
Hammerhead	Incremental construction
ICM	MC minimization
LigandFit	Shape matching (moments of inertia)
QXP	MC minimization, tree searching and pruning
SLIDE	Descriptor matching
Surflex Dock	Surface-based molecular similarity



## Classifying Docking Algorithms

- **Ligand Conformations**
  - Rigid (i.e. protein-protein in bioinformatics)
  - Fixed Sample (i.e. ligand-protein in medicinal chemistry)
  - Flexible (i.e. molecular dynamic in thermodynamic calcs)
- **Constraints**
  - Residues and Pockets
  - Pharmacophores
- **Charges and Tautomers**
- **Water Molecules**



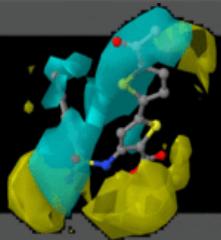
## Water Molecules

- **Essential**
  - Mediates Binding for all Ligands
- **Optional**
  - Presence Required by Some Ligands
  - Inhibits Binding of Other Ligands
- **Solvation & Desolvation Free Energy Critical for Scoring Function**

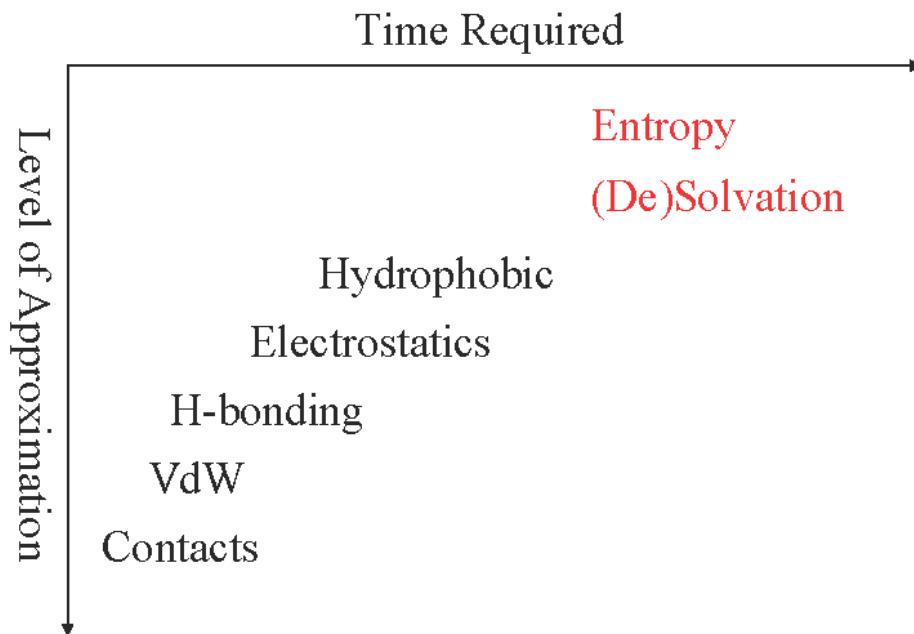


## Limitation for Current Methods

- **Rigid Proteins Side-Chains**
- **Binding Relevance for Biological Activity**
- **Scoring Functions**



## Terms in Scoring Functions





# SBDD

## Classifying Scoring Functions

- Knowledge Based (Atoms Pairs in Contact)
  - DrugScore, PMF
- Energ
  - GOLD, DOCK, LigandFit, MOE
- Energy + Parametrized Solvations
  - Chemscore (Glide, THINK)
- Free Energy Perturbation



## Knowledge-Based Functions

$$\text{Score} = \sum_{r < \text{cutoff}} A_{ij}(r)$$

- Potentials of Mean Force (PMF)
  - J Med Chem (1999) 42 p791-804
- DrugScore
  - J Med Chem (2005) 48 p6296-6303
- Less Confused by Crystal Structure Precision





# SBDD

## Energy

- Lennard Jones

$$\sum_{ij} \left( A / r_{ij}^{12} - B / r_{ij}^6 \right)$$

- Torsion Term

$$\Sigma ( 1 - \cos 2\omega ) \text{ Conjugated}$$

$$\Sigma ( 1 + \cos 3\omega ) \text{ Non-conjugated}$$

- Electrostatics

$$\sum_{ij} q_i q_j / \epsilon r_{ij}$$





# SBDD

## Enhanced ChemScore

$$\Delta G = \Delta G_0 + \Delta G_{\text{hbond}} * N_{\text{hbond}} + \Delta G_{\text{lipophilic}} * N_{\text{lipophilic}} + \Delta G_{\text{bad}} * N_{\text{bad}} + \Delta G_{\text{rot}} * N_{\text{rot}} + E$$

where

$\Delta G_0$ ,  $\Delta G_{\text{hbond}}$ ,  $\Delta G_{\text{lipophilic}}$ ,  $\Delta G_{\text{bad}}$ ,  $\Delta G_{\text{rot}}$  are constants  
(-5.48; -3.34; -0.117; 0.058; 2.56)

$N_{\text{hbond}}$  is the number of interactions (using geometric criteria)

$N_{\text{lipophilic}}$  is the number of lipophilic contacts (cf PMF, DrugScore)

$N_{\text{bad}}$  is the number of lipophilic-hydrophilic contacts (extension)

$N_{\text{rot}}$  is the number of frozen rotatable bonds in the ligand

E is the VdW interaction energy and ligand torsional energy  
(extension)





## Free Energy Perturbation

$$\Delta G_{\text{sol}} = - \Delta G_{\text{sol}}(\text{ligand}) - \Delta G_{\text{sol}}(\text{protein}) \\ + \Delta G_{\text{gas}} + \Delta G_{\text{sol}}(\text{complex})$$

- Error Prone due to Subtraction of Large Numbers
- Solvent Accessible Surface Area (SASA) approximation (cf ChemScore)
- J Med Chem (2004) 47 p3065-74

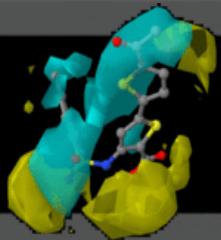




## Validation and Results

- Reproduce Ligand-Protein Crystal Structures
  - RMS Deviation of non-H Atoms
  - Docking Score
- Dock Actives
  - Used for Developing Scoring Functions
- Prediction
  - Enrichment over Random
  - Percentage of False Positives





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## What We Can and Cannot Do

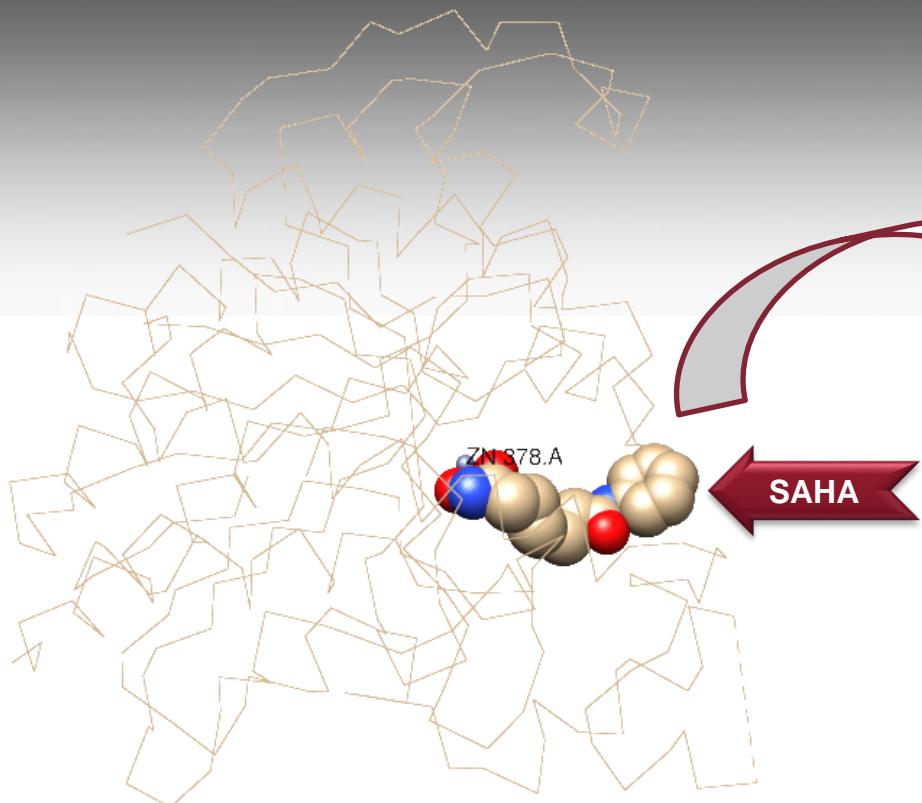
- Routine
  - Small molecule conformation generation and energy profiling
  - Visualizing crystal structures
  - Binding site characterization
  - Virtual screening to enrich databases for actives
    - Cheminformatics, ligand-based, and structure-based
  - Predict binding modes when receptor can be treated rigidly
- Difficult
  - Separating highly from weakly active compounds
  - Predicting side chain rearrangements and backbone relaxation
- Very Challenging
  - Predicting binding free energies
  - Predicting large scale protein movements
  - Mapping free energy surfaces
  - Understanding off-target effects
  - Other ADME-Tox

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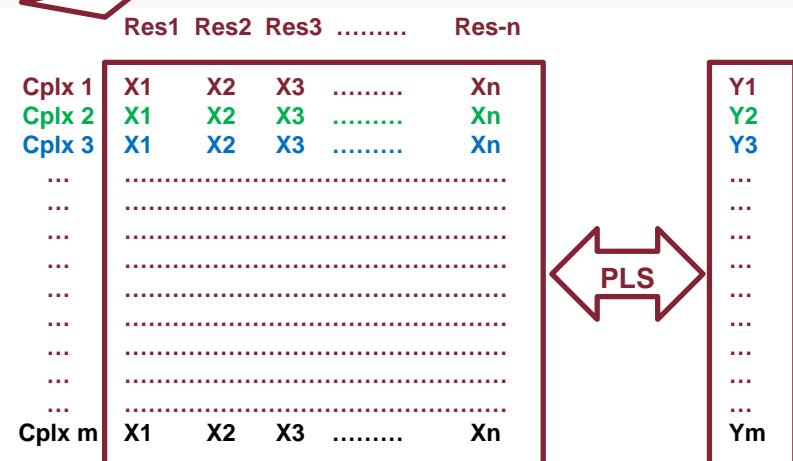
$$\Delta U = \sum_{i=1}^{n_l} \sum_{j=1}^{n_r} u_{ij}^{\text{VDW}} + \sum_{i=1}^{n_l} \sum_{j=1}^{n_r} u_{ij}^{\text{ELE}}$$

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## Prediction of Drug Binding Affinities by Comparative Binding Energy Analysis

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# COMBINE for Selectivity



## Comparative binding energy analysis for binding affinity and target selectivity prediction

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Proteins: Structure, Function, and Bioinformatics, 2010, 78, 135–153



# COMBINEr COMBINE with Autogrid/R

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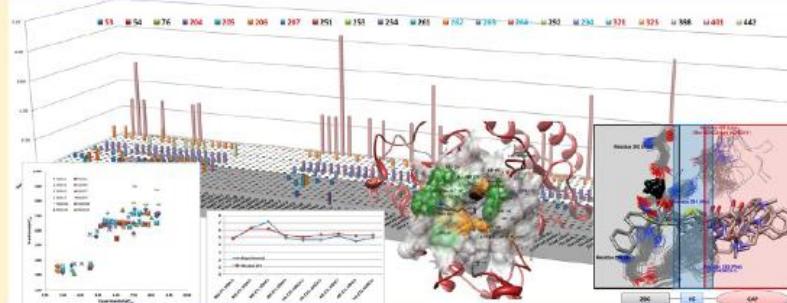
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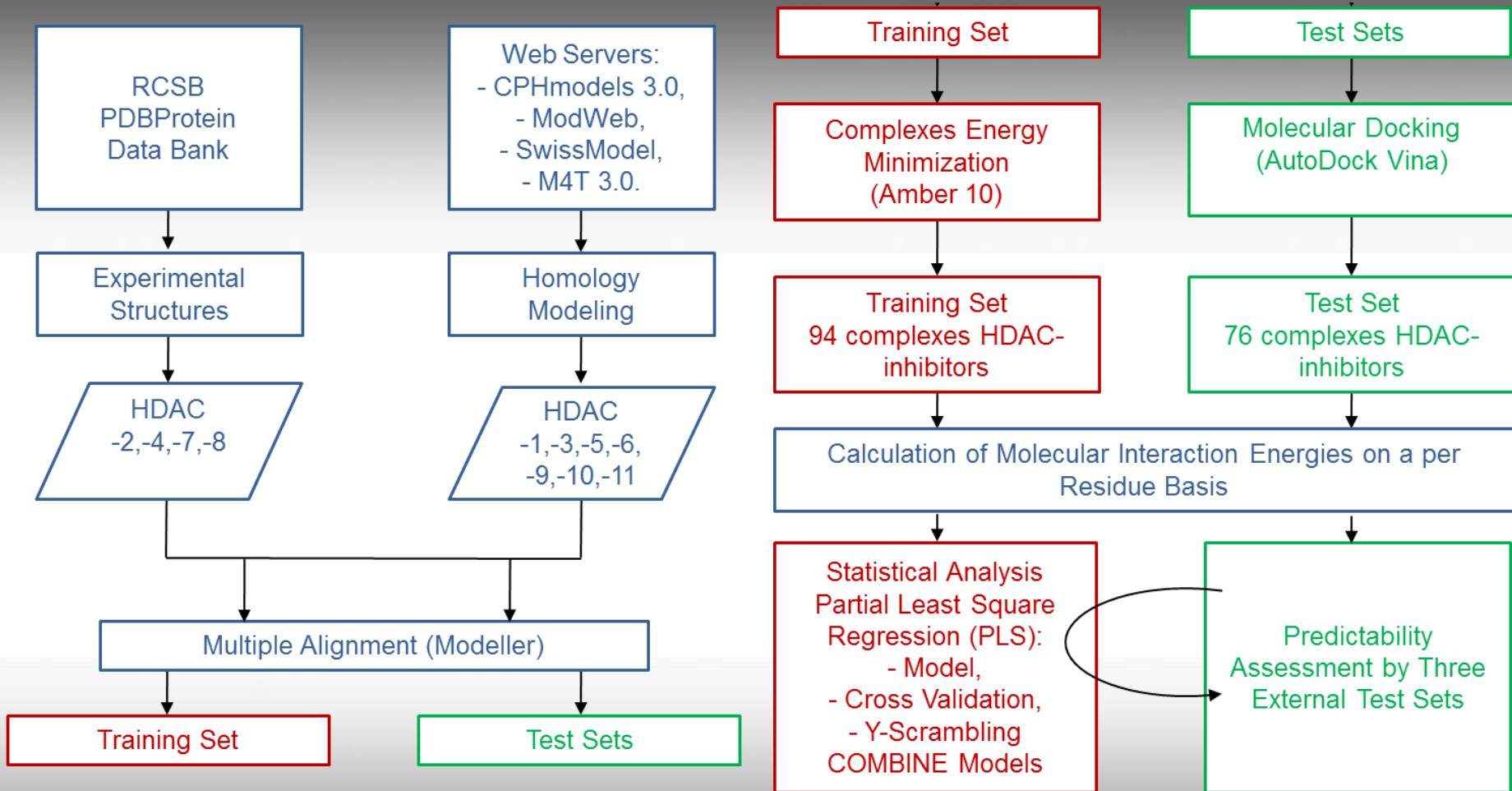
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3MAX (LLX)		1T69 3C0Z (SAHA)	
3F07 (APHA8)		1W22 (NHB)	
1T64 3C10 (TSA)		2VQM (HA3)	
1T67 (MS-344)		2VQJ (TFMK)	

PDB code	HDAC Class	Number	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)	PDB code	HDAC Class	Number	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)
3MAX <sup>11</sup> (LLX)	I	2	0.9	1W22 <sup>14</sup> (NHB)	I	8	0.175
3F07 <sup>12</sup> (APHA8)	I	8	2.8	2VQM <sup>17</sup> (HA3)	II a	4	0.978
1T64 <sup>14</sup> (TSA)	I	8	1.1	2VQJ <sup>17</sup> (TFMK)	II a	4	0.367
1T67 <sup>14</sup> (MS-344)	I	8	0.249	3C0Z <sup>18</sup> (SAHA)	II a	7	0.05
1T69 <sup>14</sup>	I	8	2.2	3C10 <sup>18</sup> (TSA)	II a	7	0.014

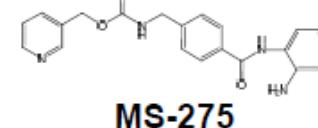
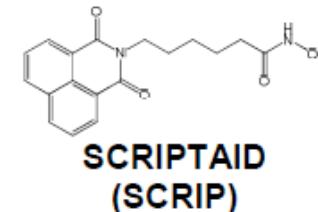
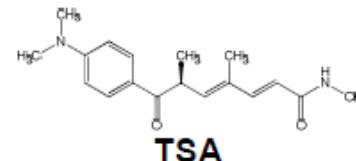
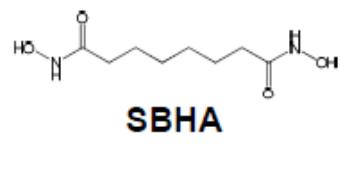
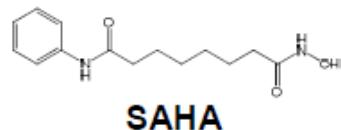
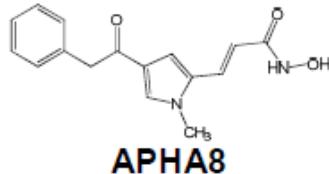
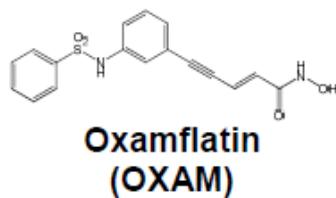
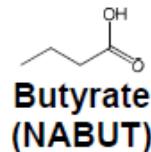
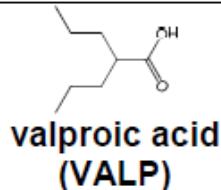
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**Experimental Bound HDACi**



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HDAC	CLASS	I				IIa			IIb			IV	
	Number	1	2	3	8	4	5	7	9	6	10	11	
Chemical Structures and IDs	valproic acid (VALP)	1000	1000	226.08	228.85	-	2000	-	2000 <sup>19</sup>	1000	1000	-	Life Sciences 82 (2008) 1050–1058
	Butyrate (NABUT)	319	28.9	22.5	85.6	30	2000	30	2000 <sup>19</sup>	1000	292	-	Contents lists available at ScienceDirect
	Oxamflatin (OXAM)	0.05	0.2	0.01	2.2	0.03	-	0.03	-	0.09	0.05	-	Elsevier
	APHA8	3.7	7.4	0.42	2.8	3.1	-	3.1	-	0.1	4.2	-	Life Sciences
	SAHA	0.1	0.44	0.02	2.2	0.05	0.378	0.05	0.316	0.02	0.1	0.362	journal homepage: <a href="http://www.elsevier.com/locate/lifescie">www.elsevier.com/locate/lifescie</a>
	SBHA	2.1	4.8	0.41	3.7	1.4	-	1.3	-	0.1	2.3	-	
	TSA	0.005	0.021	0.005	1.1	0.014	0.0165	0.014	0.0381	0.005	0.005	0.0152	
	SCRIPTAID (SCRIP)	0.17	0.64	0.03	2.3	0.2	-	0.16	-	0.004	0.17	-	
	MS-275	13	0.51	0.07	30	12	-	6.2	-	21	11.5	-	

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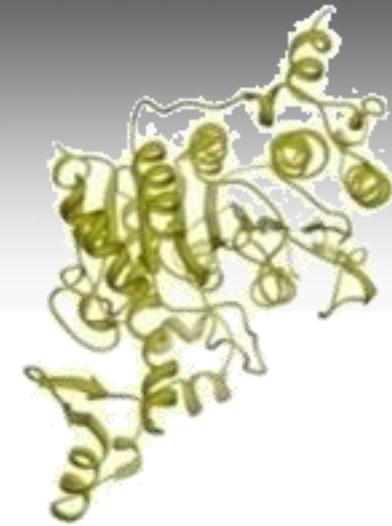
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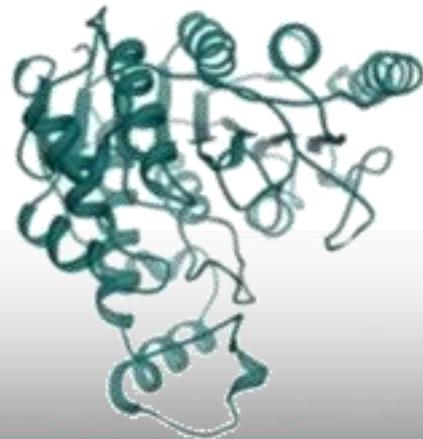
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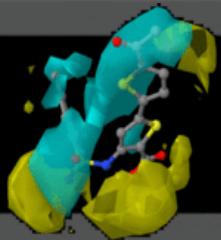


Experimental Structures

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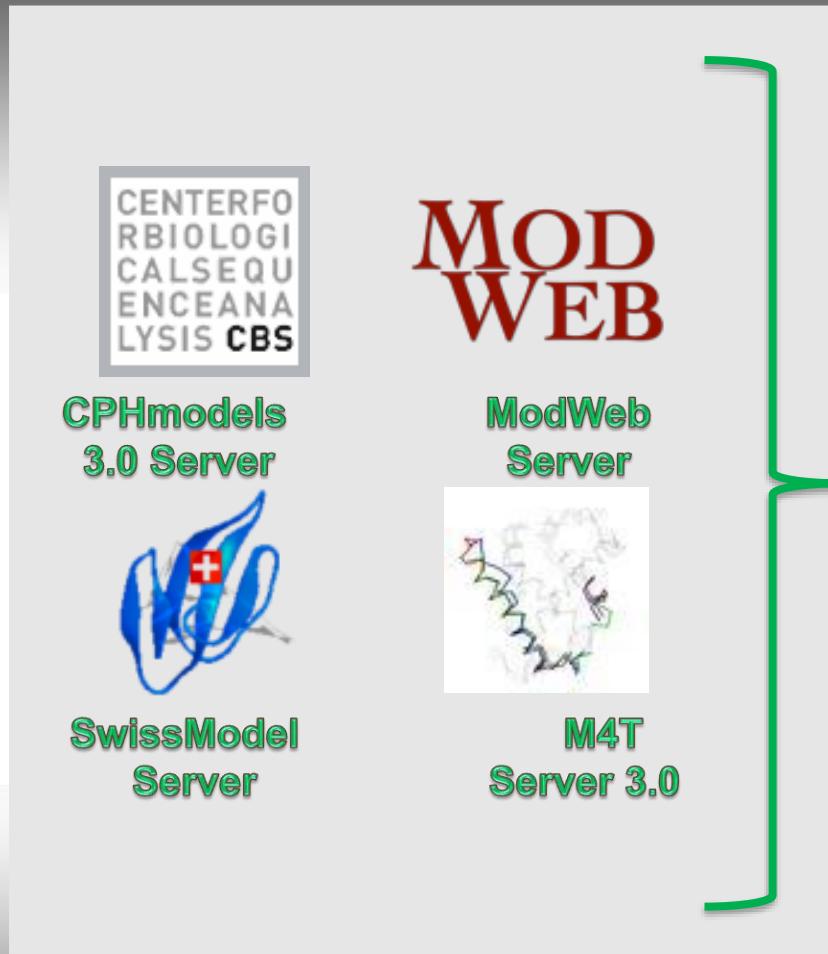
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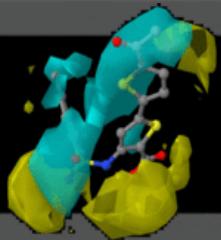
4 Homology Models

For Each

HDAC-1,-3,-5,-6A,-6B,-9,-10,-11

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# Docking Assessment

$$DA \text{ (Docking Accuracy)} = f_{RMSD \leq 2} + 0.5 (f_{RMSD \leq 3} - f_{RMSD \leq 2})$$

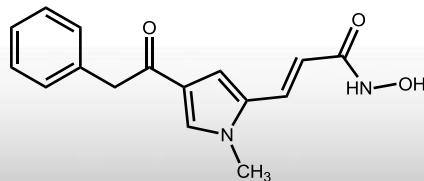
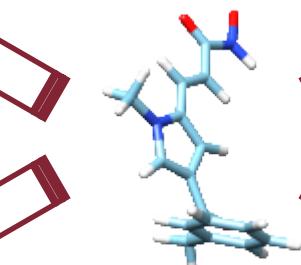
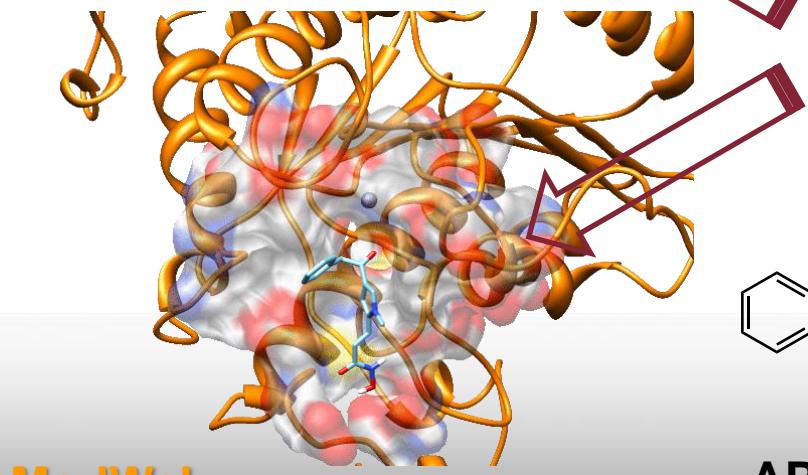
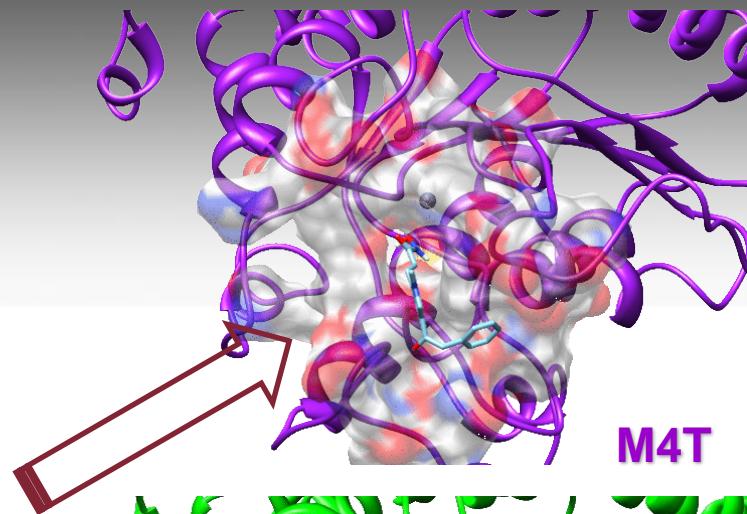
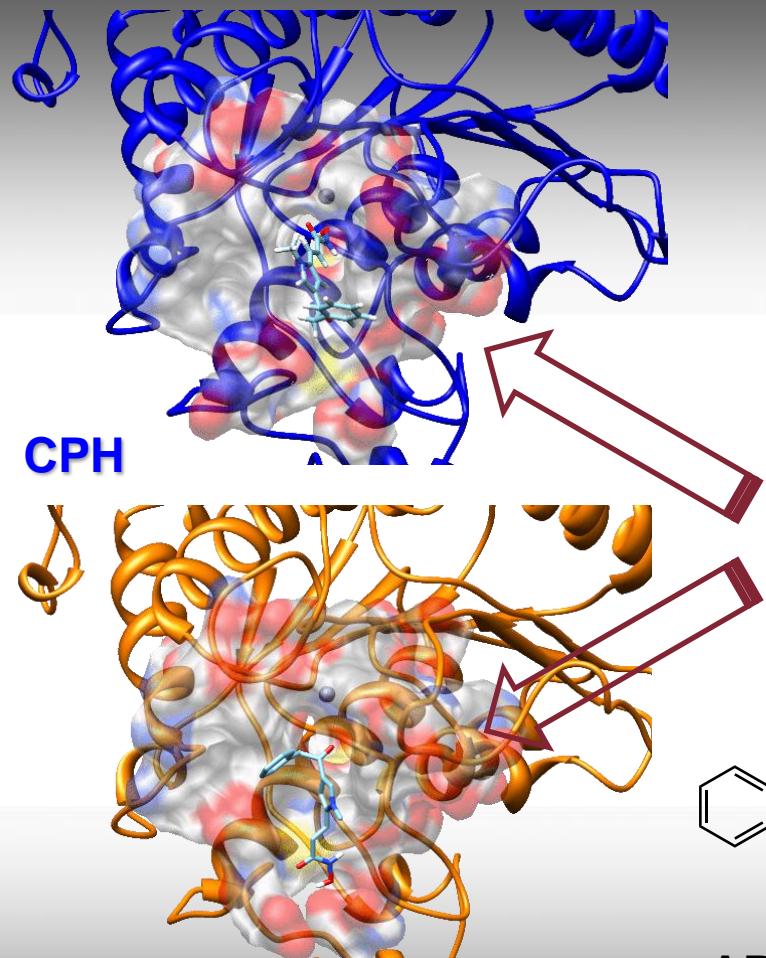
## Redocking results (RMSD) with AutoDockVina

Complex name	Best docked	Best Cluster	Best Fit
LLX.HDAC2	0.24	0.24	0.24
HA3.HDAC4	3.87	2.34	1.93
TMFK.HDAC4	4.02	1.9	1.46
SAHA.HDAC7	2.45	2.45	1.88
TSA.HDAC7	2.19	2.19	1.21
APHA.HDAC8	1.43	1.43	1.43
SAHA.HDAC8	2.49	2.49	1.72
TSA.HDAC8	2.09	1.22	1.22
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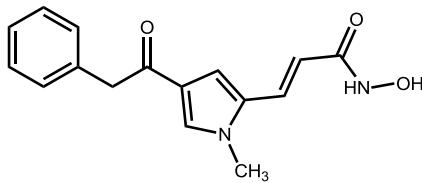
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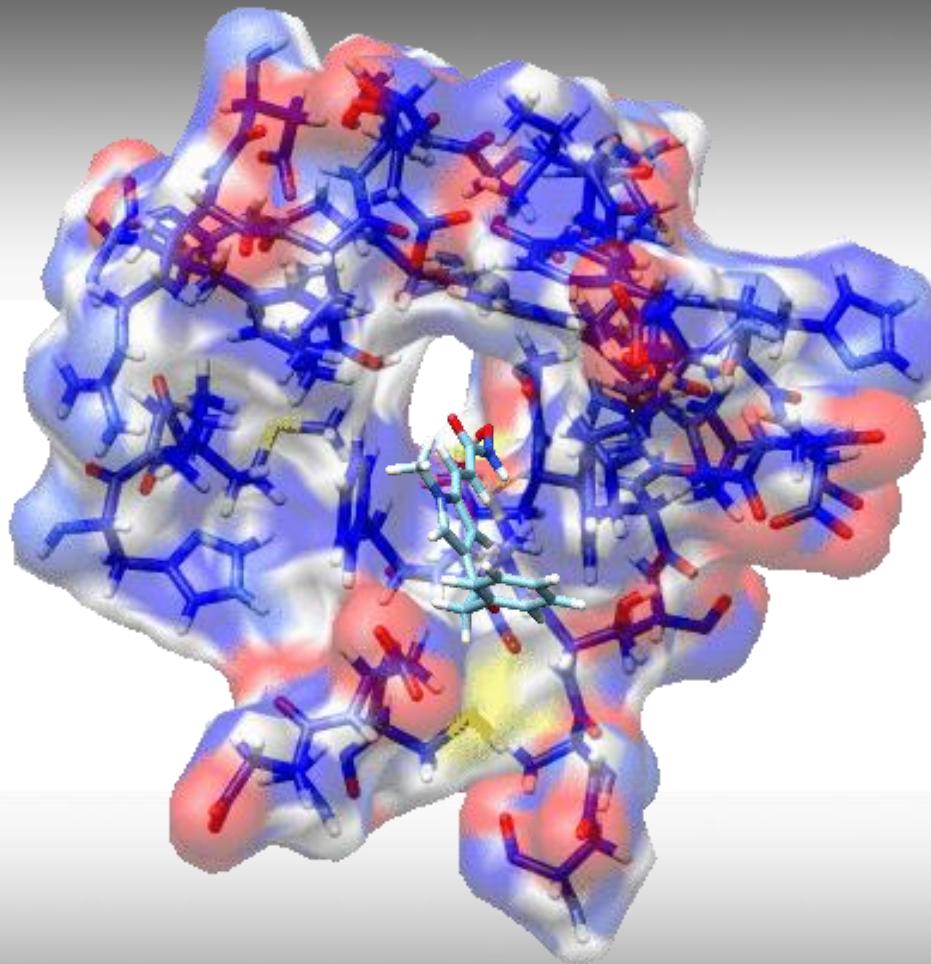


# Cross-Docking → Flex-Docking

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APHA8 in HDAC1



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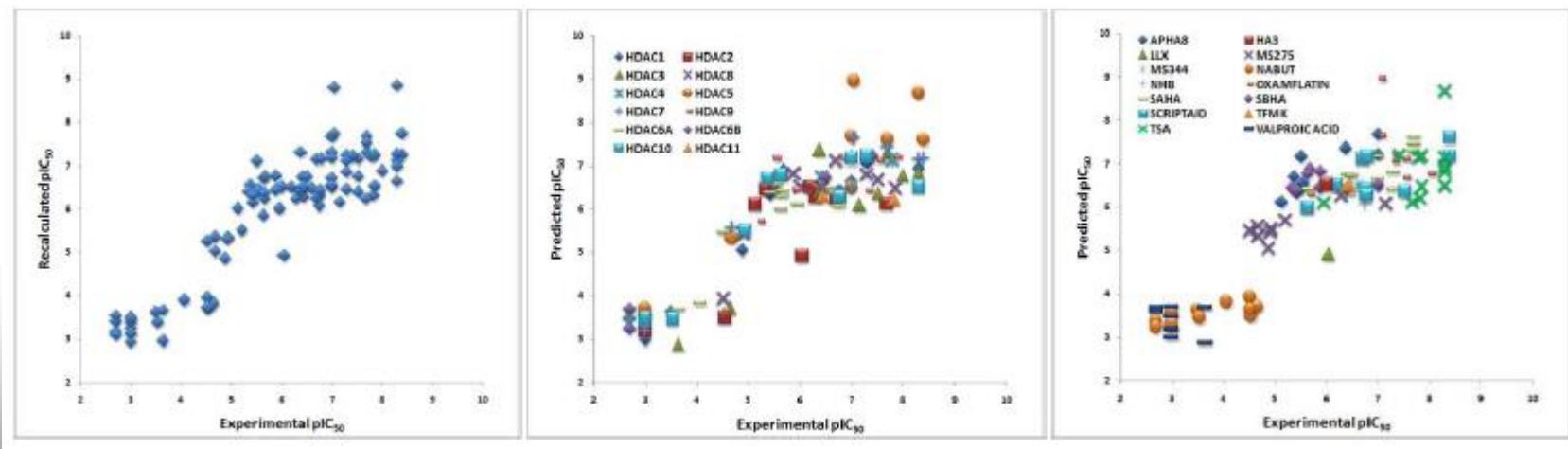


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Statistical results of the COMBINEr models.

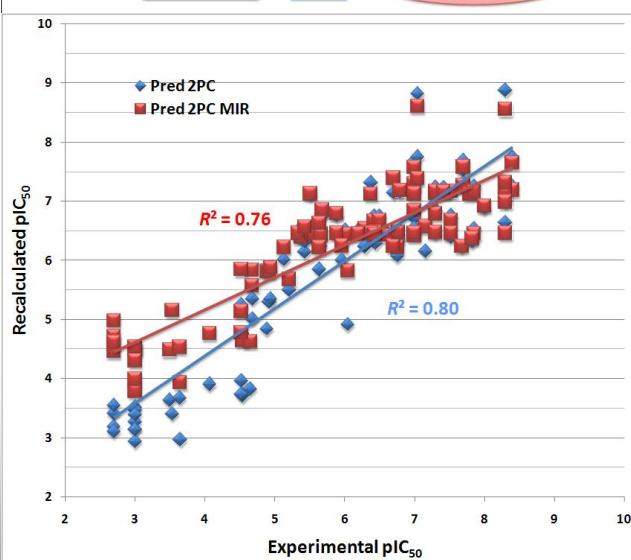
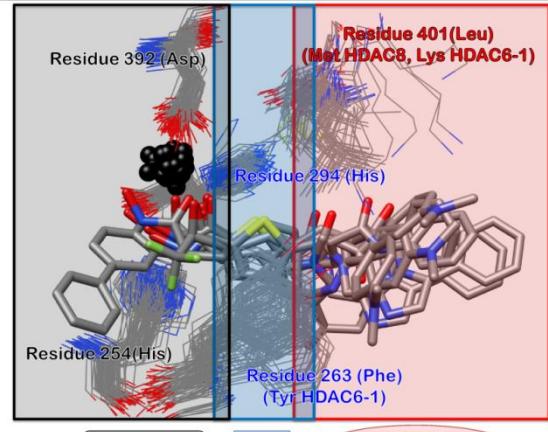
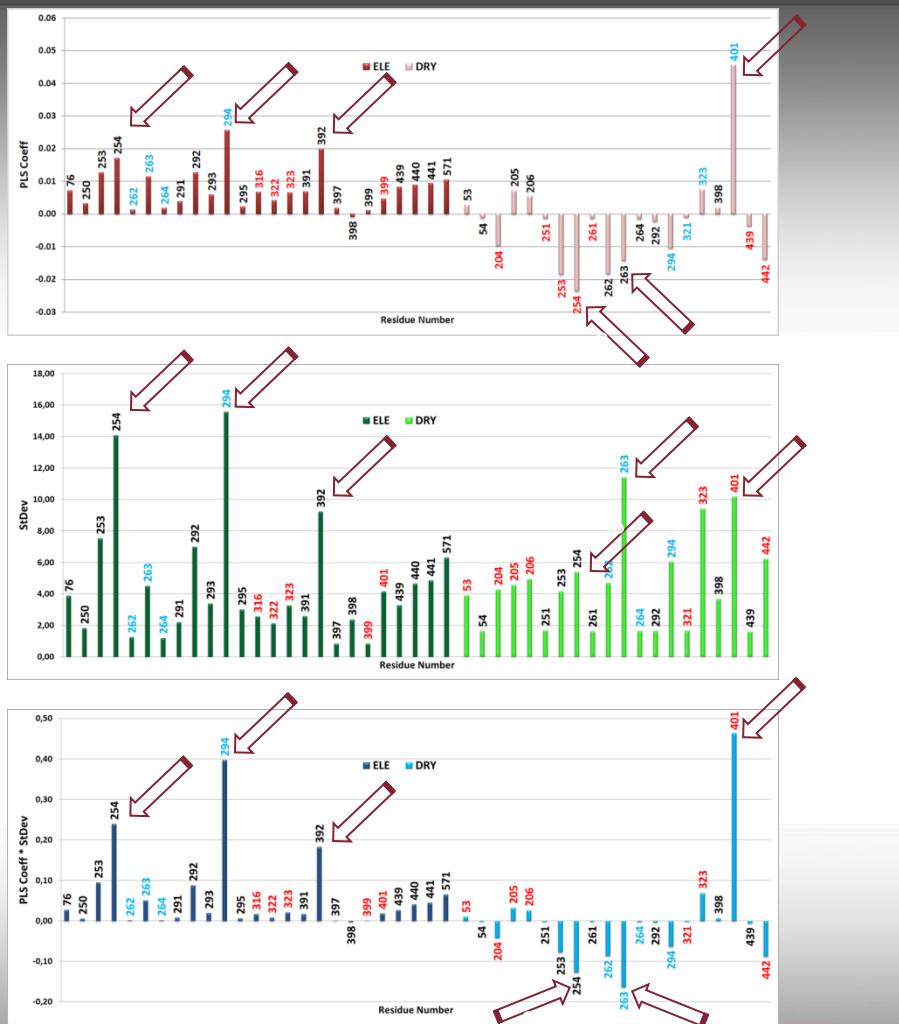
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1	<b>ELE</b>	2	0.69	0.91	0.67	0.94	0.68	0.93		5	0.07
2	<b>STE</b>	2	0.27	1.40	0.14	1.52	0.15	1.51		n.d.	n.d.
3	<b>DRY</b>	2	0.46	1.21	0.34	1.33	0.36	1.32		n.d.	n.d.
4	<b>ELE+STE</b>	2	0.74	0.84	0.68	0.93	0.68	0.93		2	0.05
5	<b>ELE+DRY</b>	2	0.80	0.73	0.76	0.81	0.76	0.81		6	0.08
6	<b>STE+DRY</b>	3	0.54	1.11	0.33	1.34	0.35	1.33		n.d.	n.d.
7	<b>ELE+DRY+STE</b>	2	0.77	0.78	0.72	0.87	0.72	0.87		4	0.04



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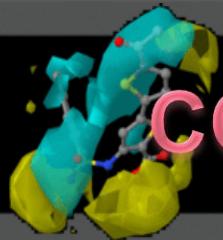
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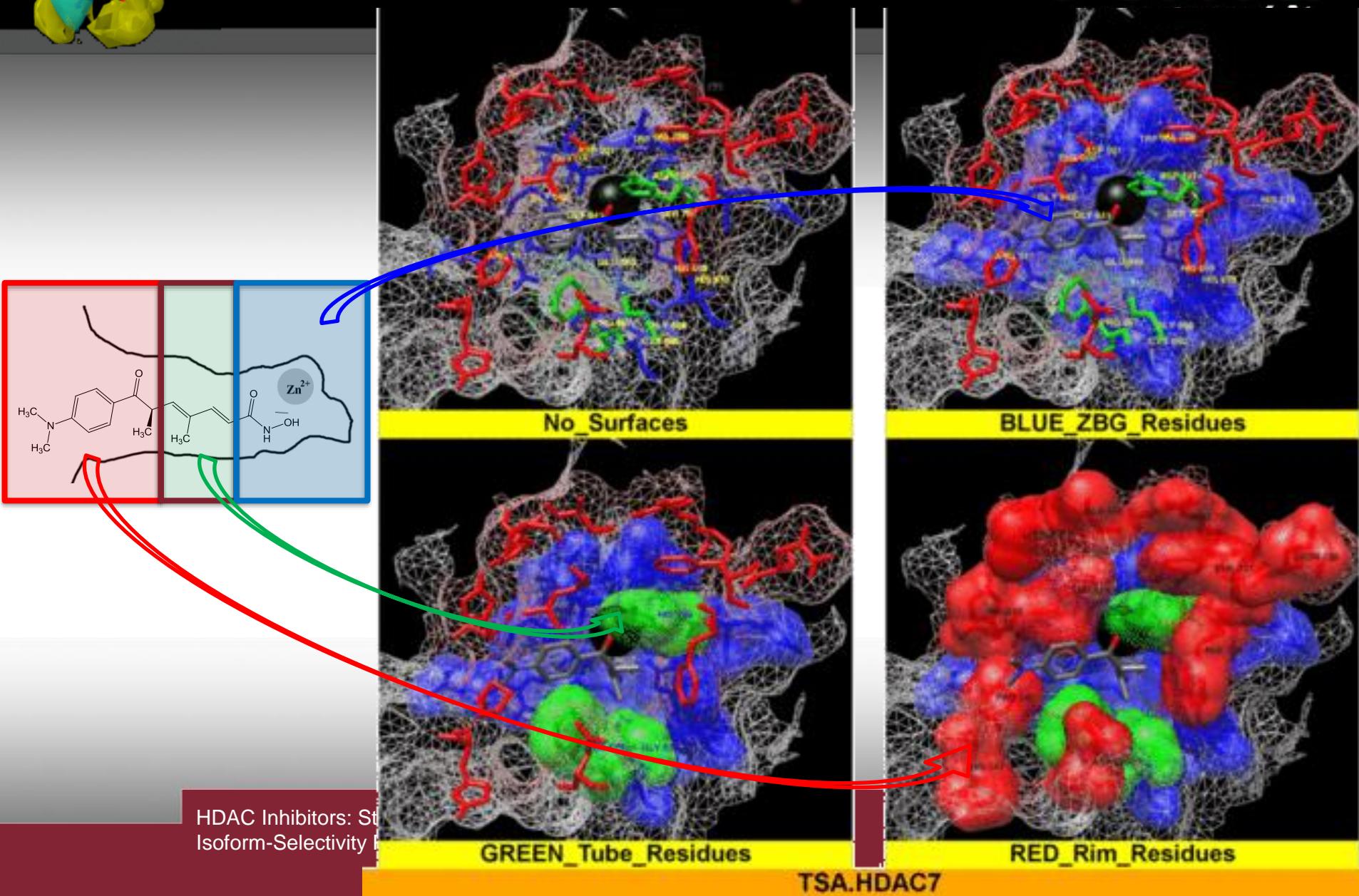


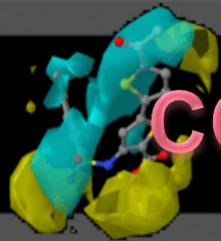
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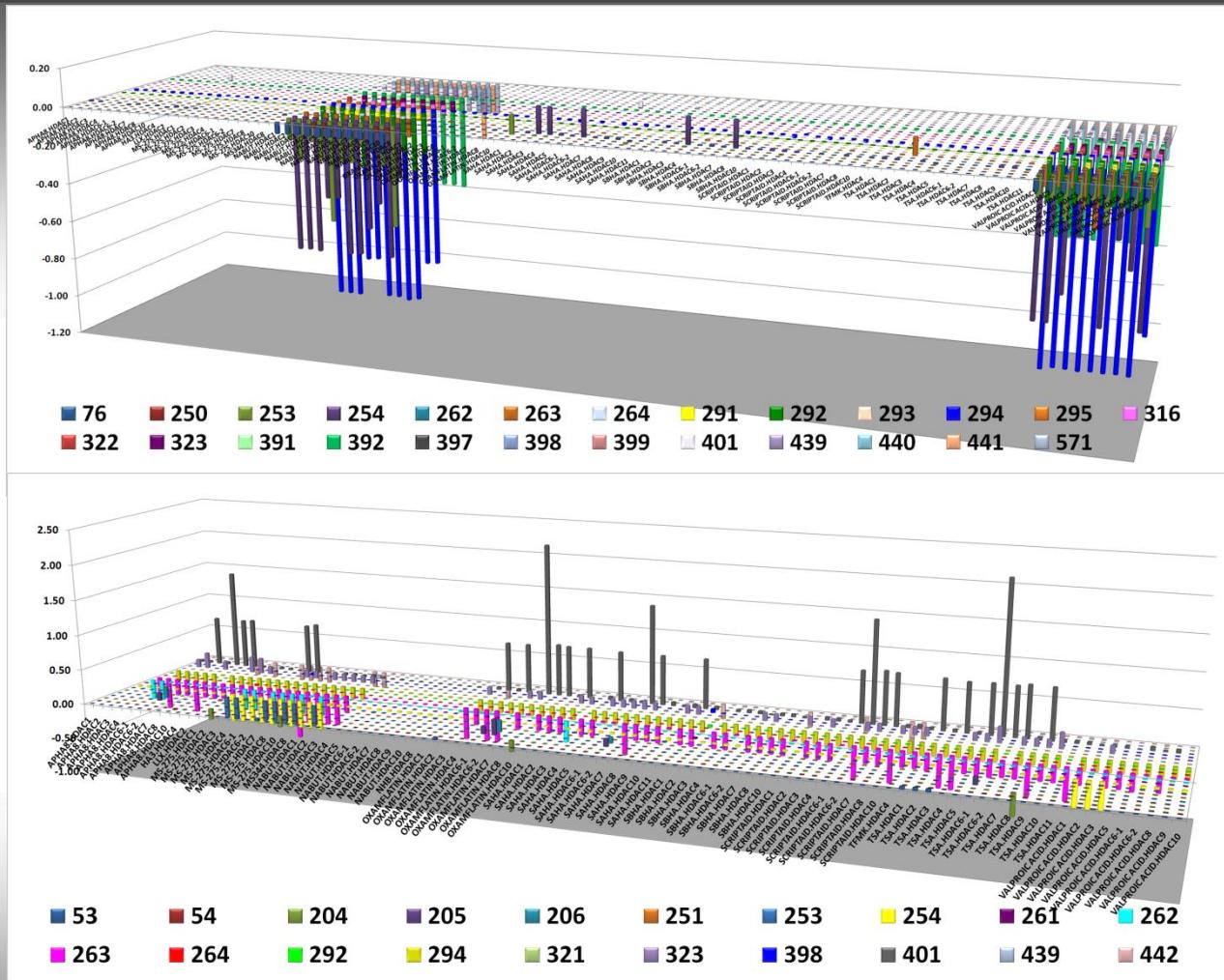
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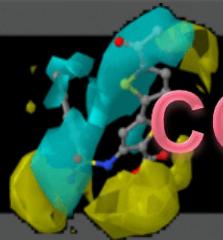
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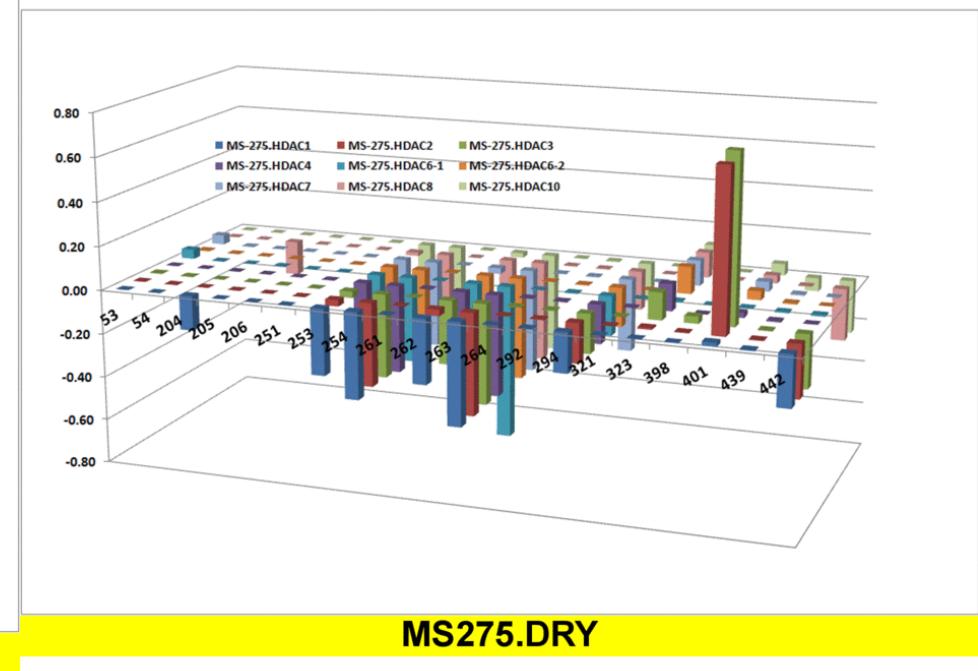
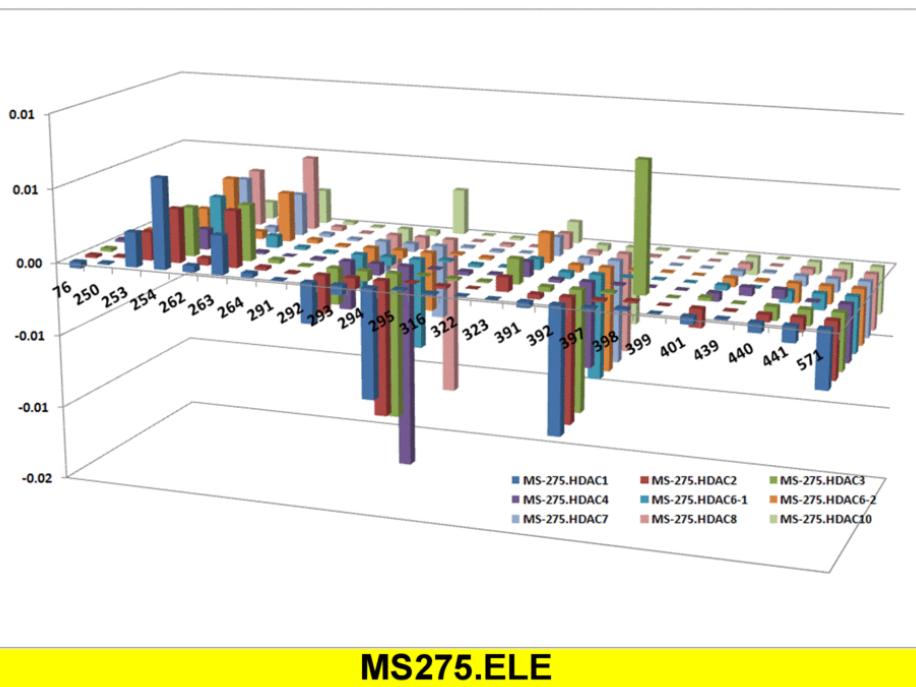


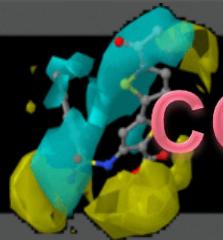
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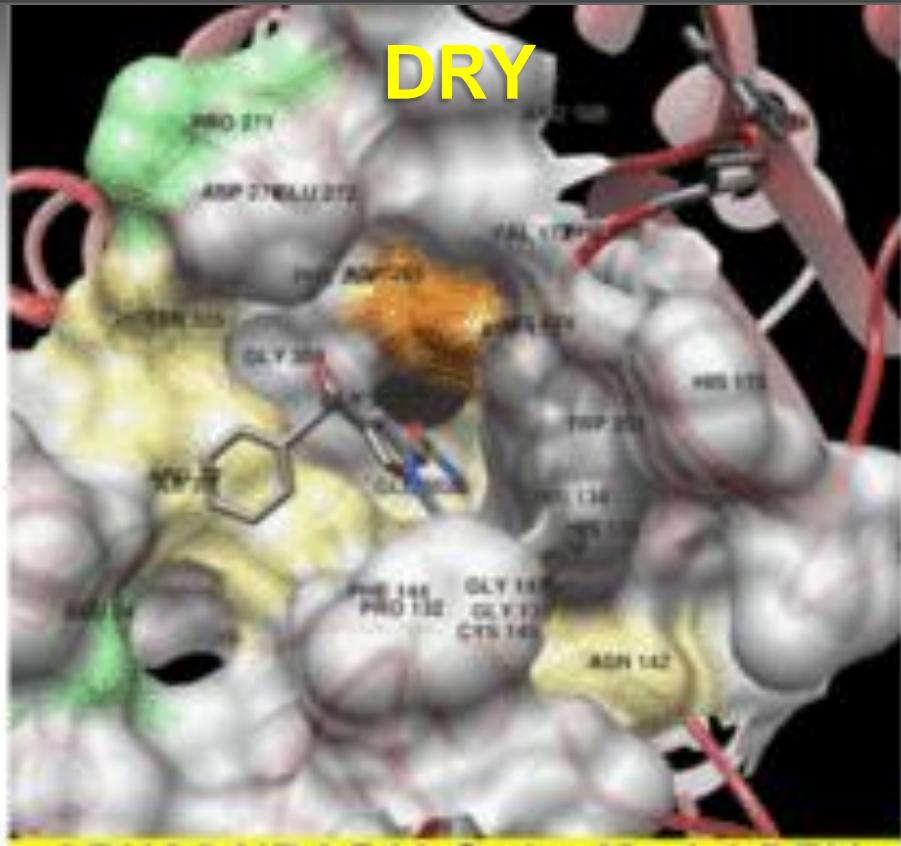
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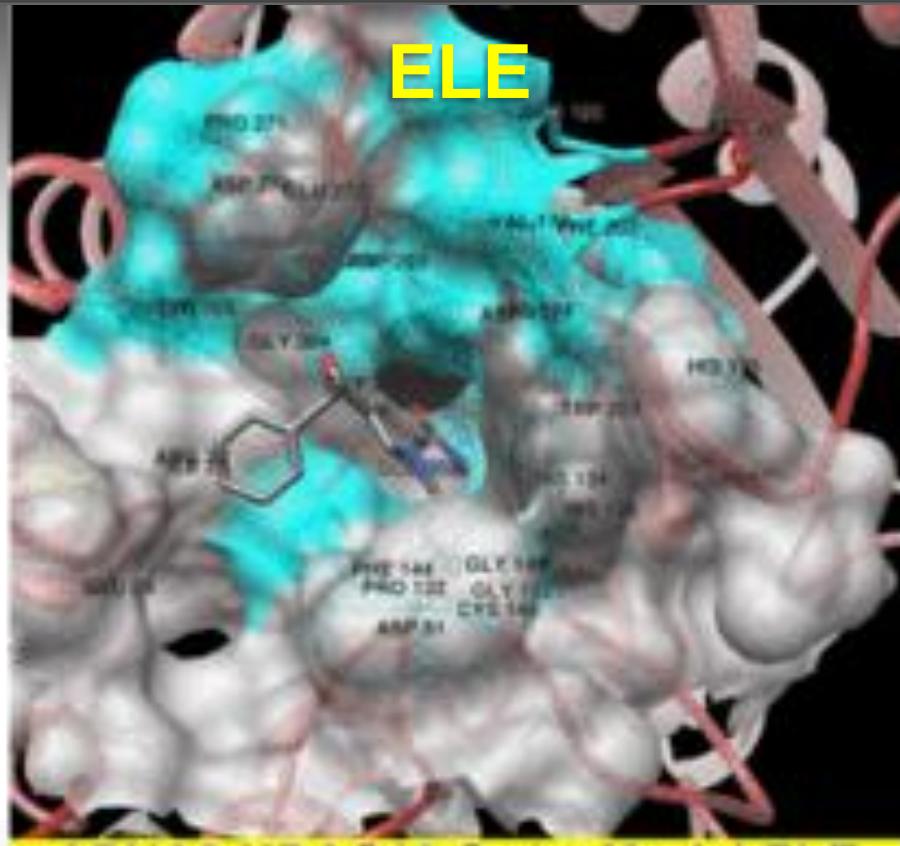


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Activity Contribution Plots



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PCM modeling can be conceptualized as an extension of QSAR modeling that exploits chemogenomic data by performing a quantitative evaluation of ligand and target structural similarities. As a result, this technique allows the simultaneous navigation, inter- and extrapolation in both chemical space (i.e. ligands) and biological space (i.e. protein target). By the explicit combination of target and ligand information in a single model PCM is capable to analyze and predict SmARs (Structure-multiple Activity Relationships) of a set of compounds.



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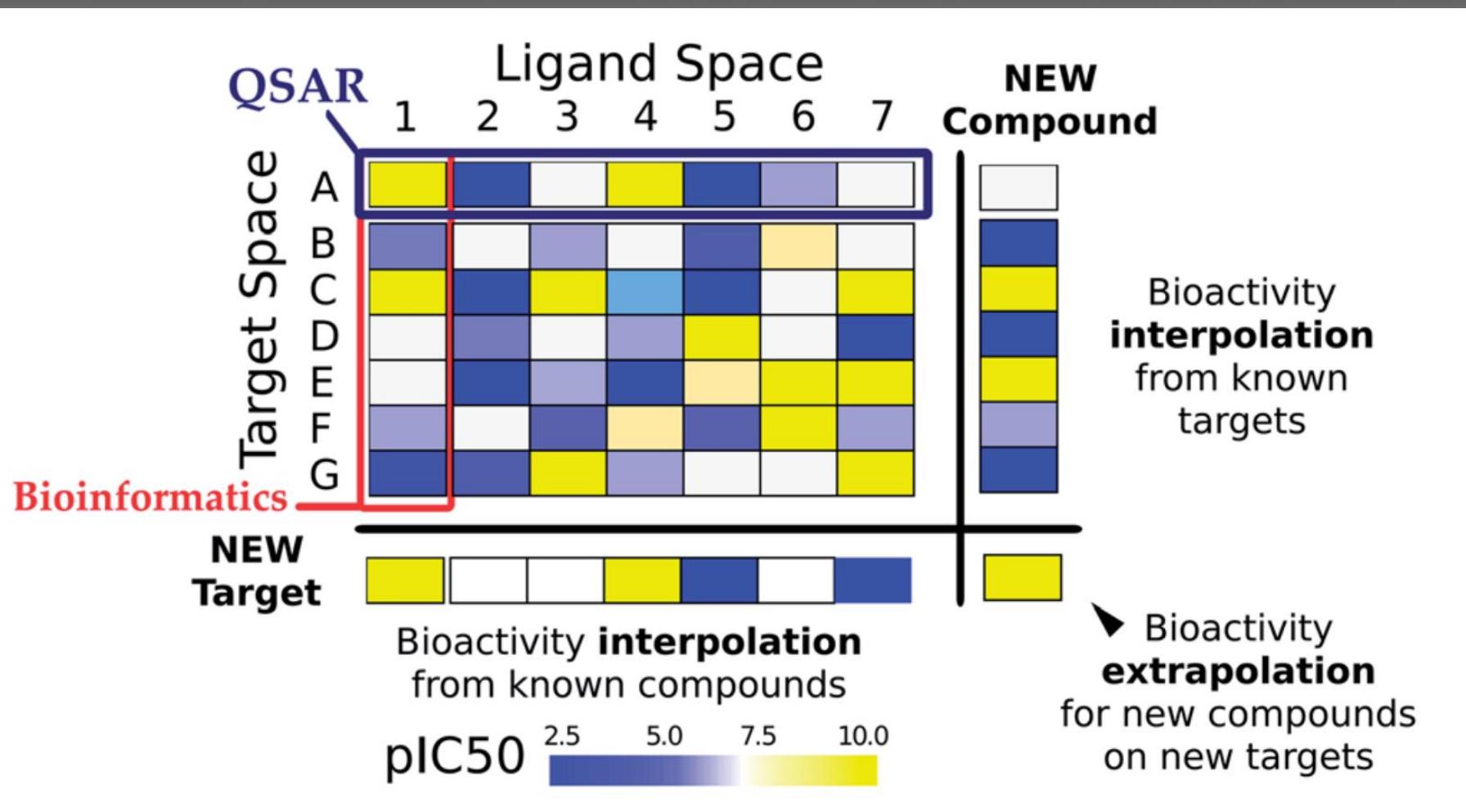


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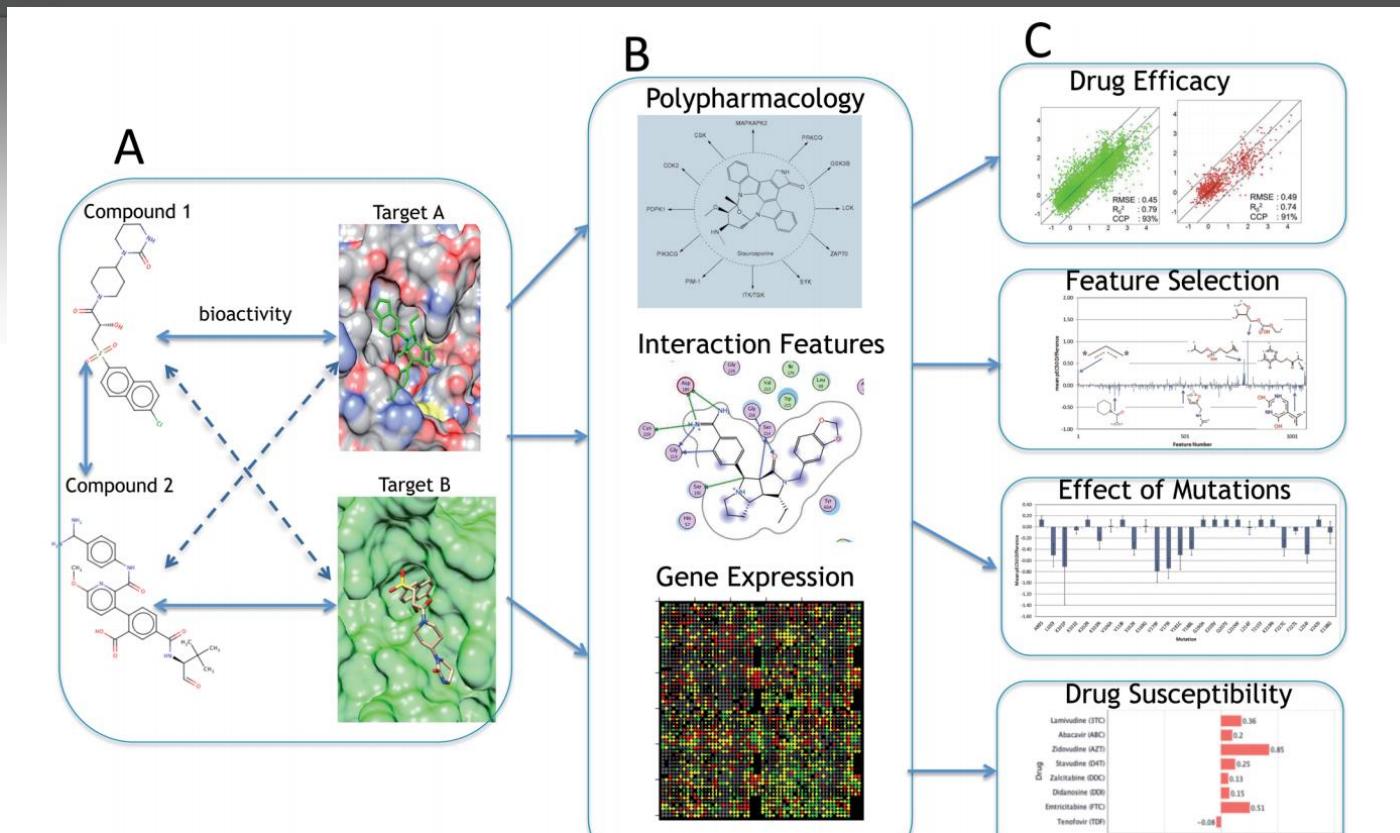


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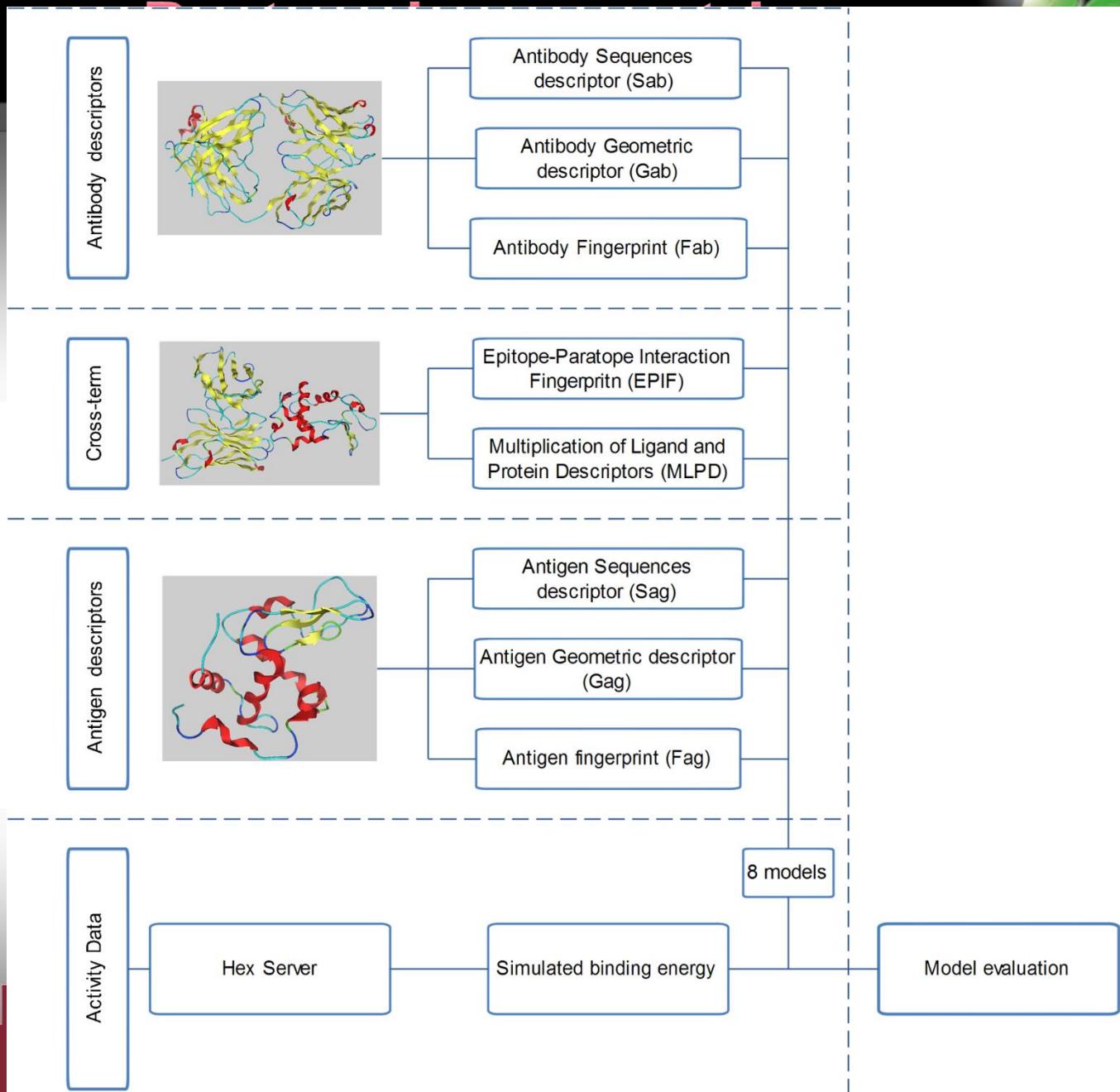
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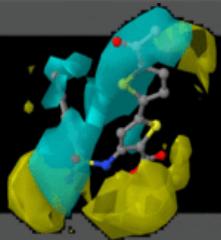
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