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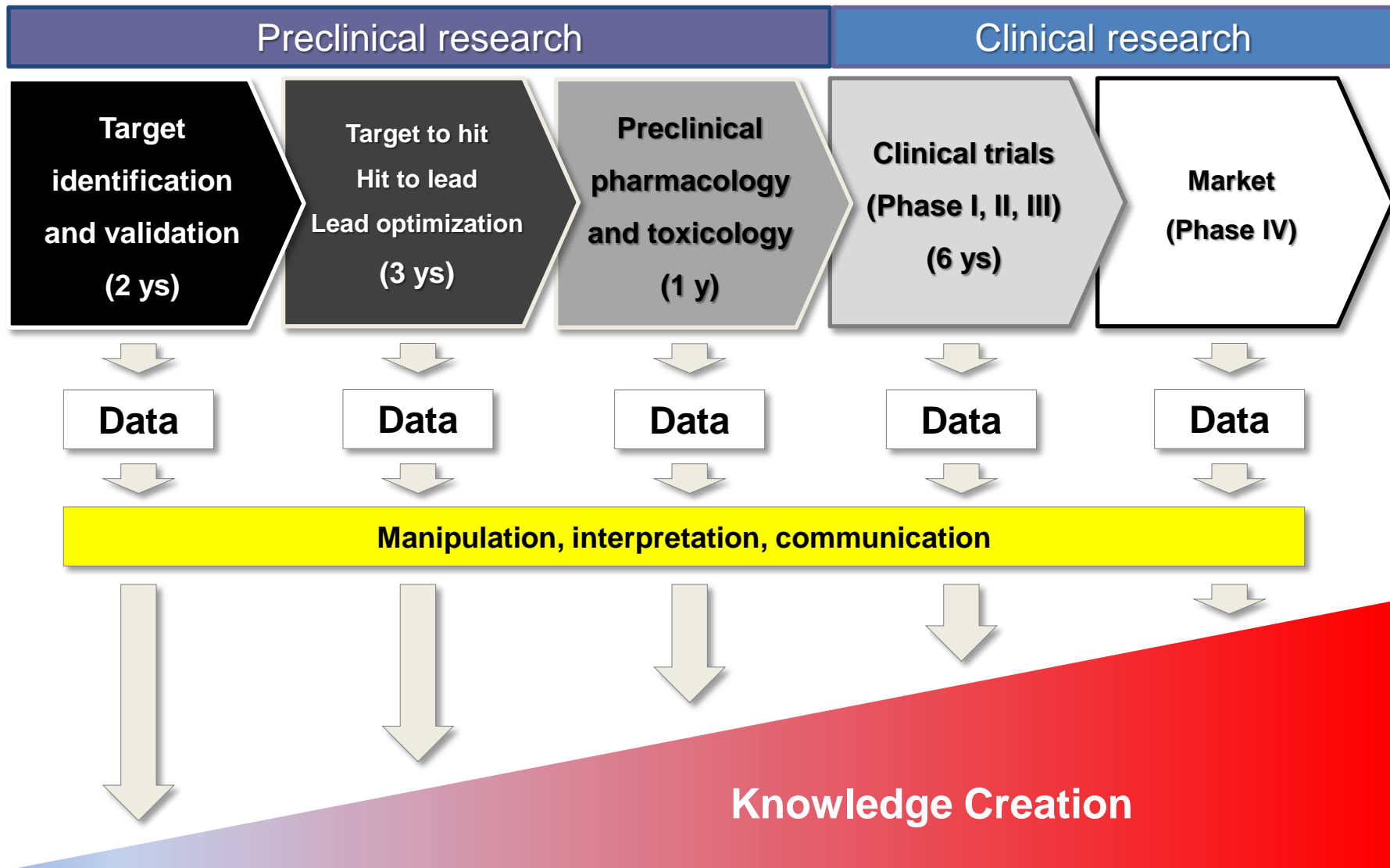
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Il Calcolo Scientifico nella Ricerca sul Farmaco

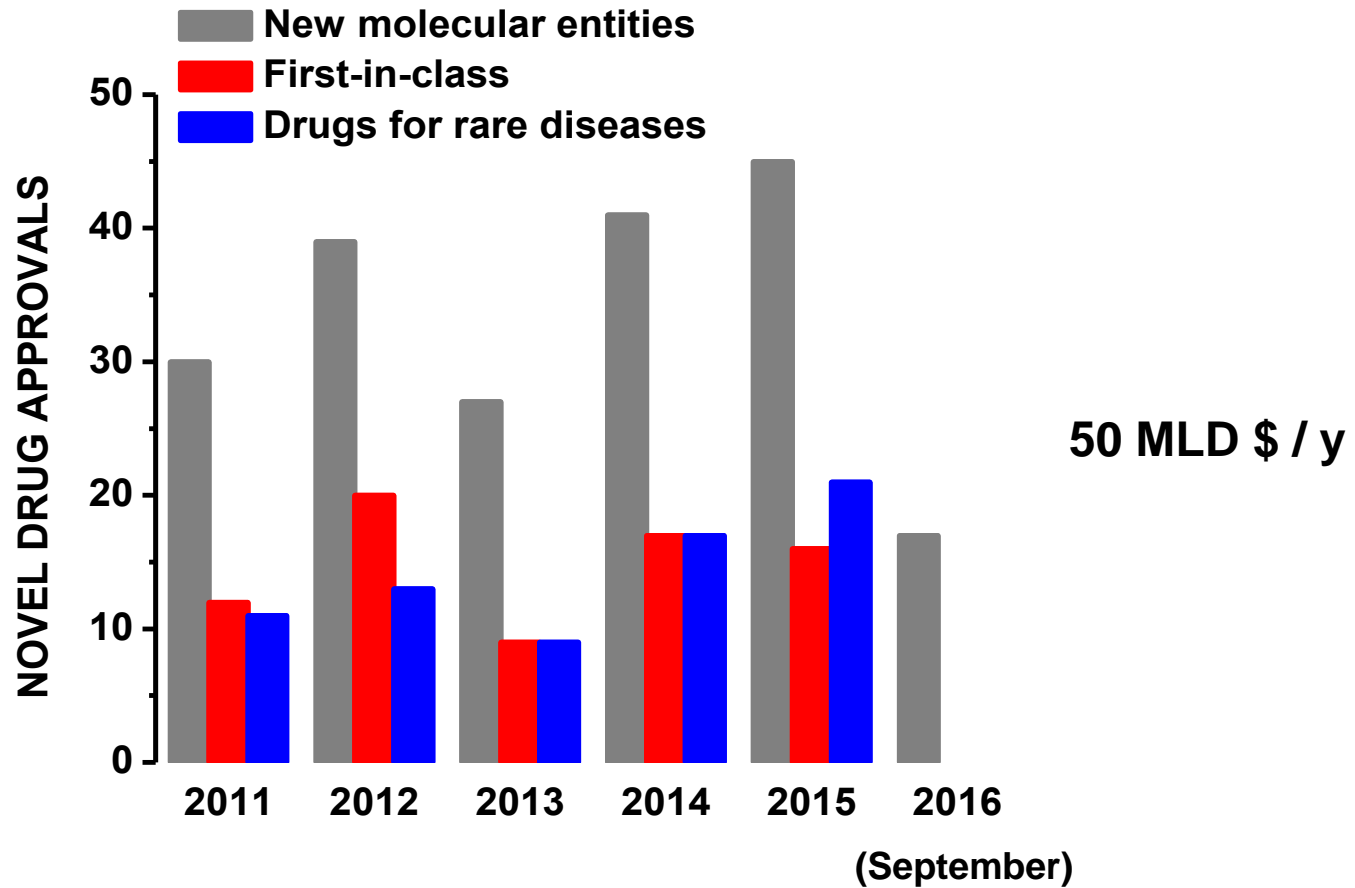
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Drug Discovery & Development



Number of new molecular entities (FDA)

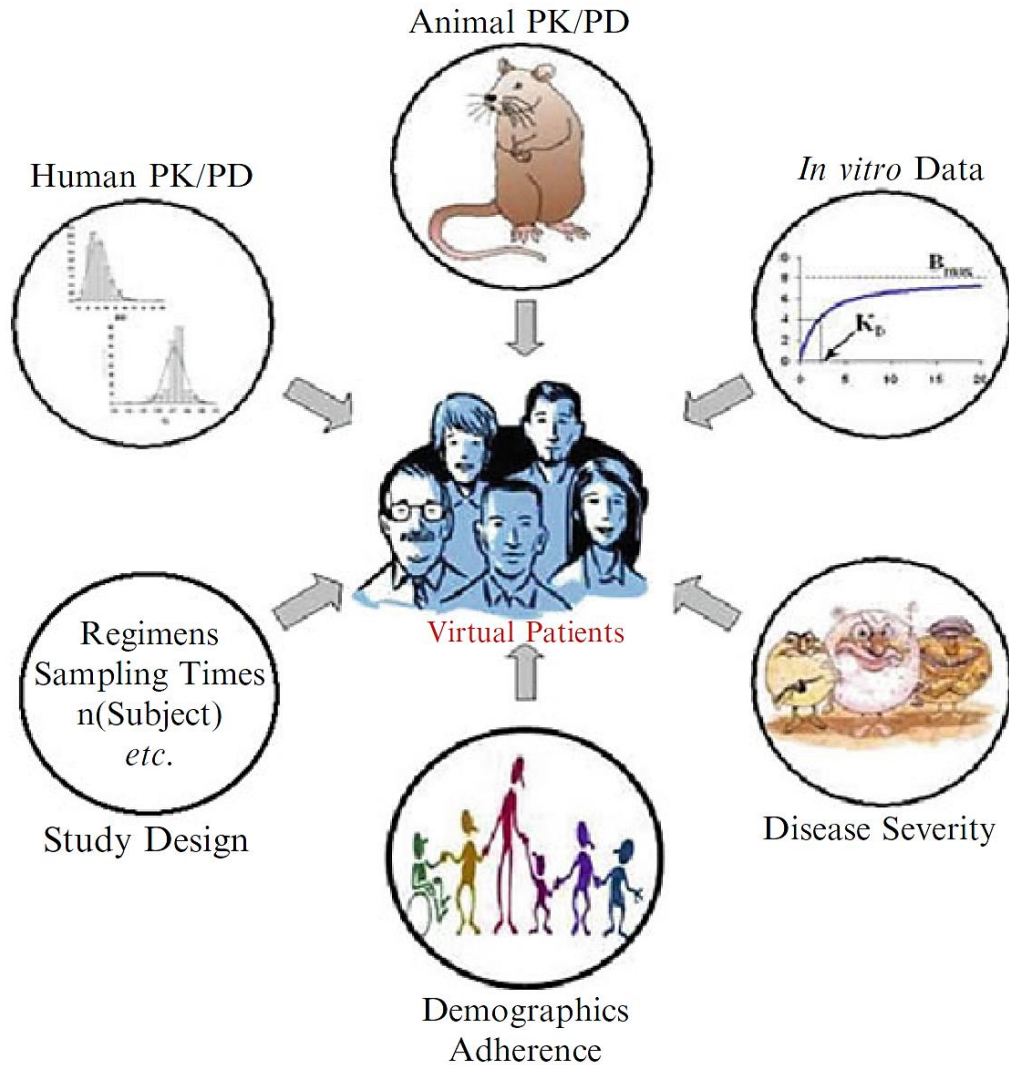


“...Not enough applied scientific work has been done to create *new tools to get fundamentally better answers about how the safety and effectiveness of new products* can be demonstrated in faster time frames, with more certainty, and at lower costs. . . . A new product development toolkit—containing powerful new scientific and technical methods such as animal or computer-based predictive models, biomarkers for safety and effectiveness, and new clinical evaluation techniques—is urgently needed *to improve predictability and efficiency along the critical path from laboratory concept to commercial product*. We need superior product development science to address these challenges...”

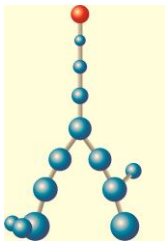
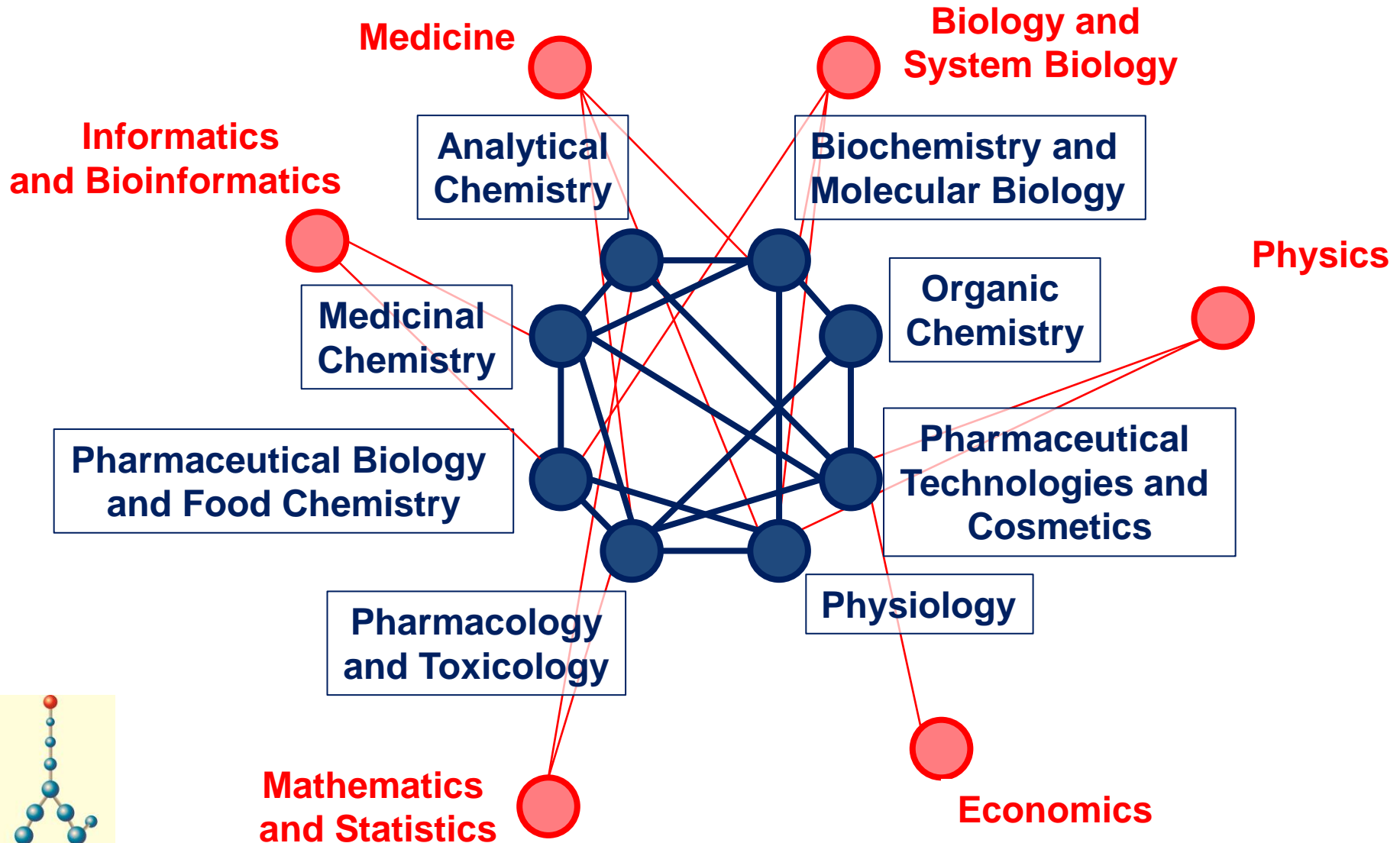
– FDA (2004)

*Challenge and
Opportunity on the Critical Path to New Products*

Clinical Trial Simulations

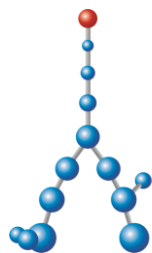
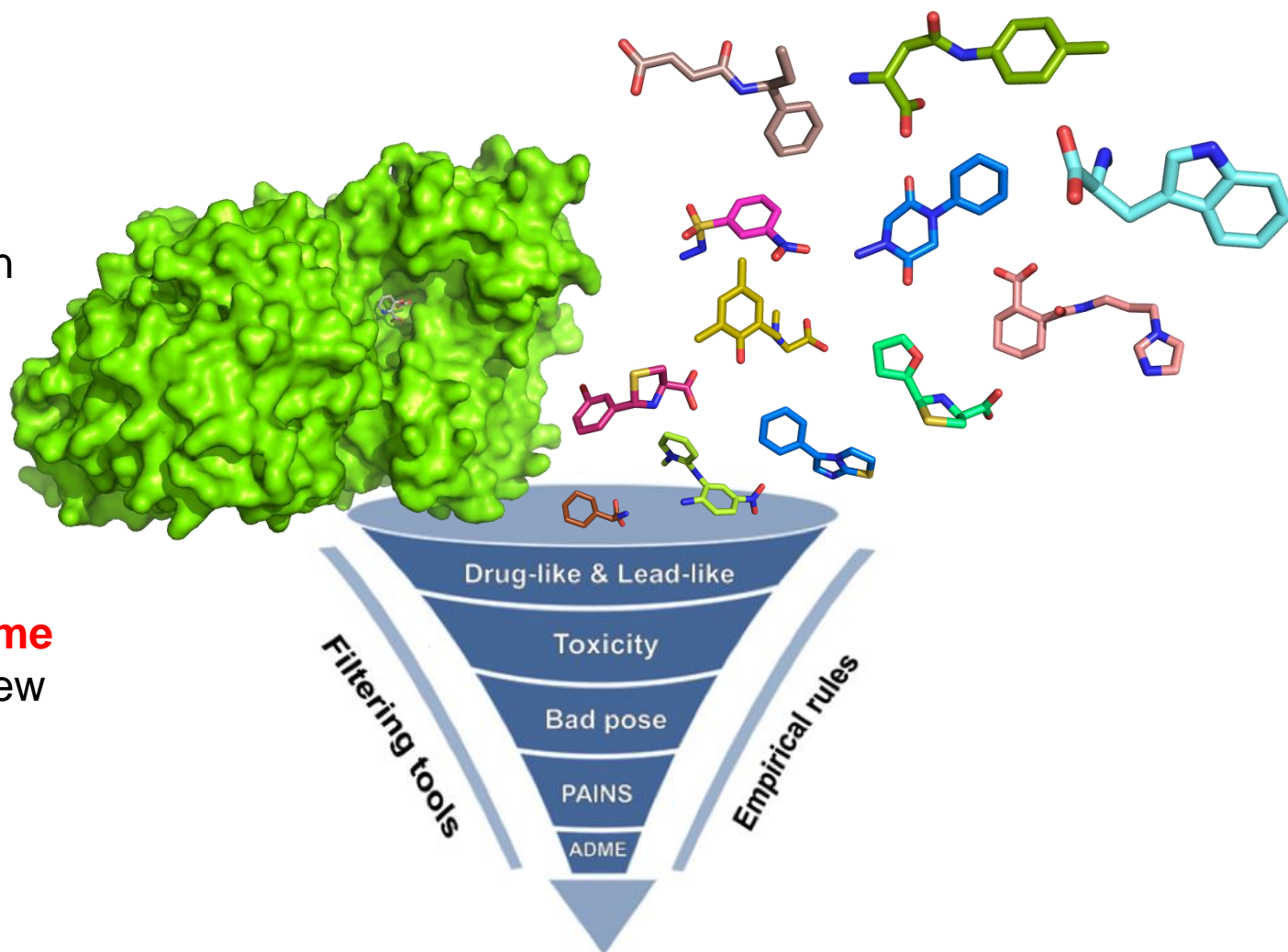


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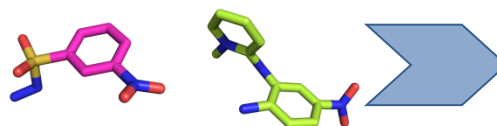


- **Identifying new ligands** for relevant pharmacological targets

Computational simulations coupled with experiments can dramatically **improve the success of screening campaigns, reducing the cost and the time** for identifying new potential drugs.



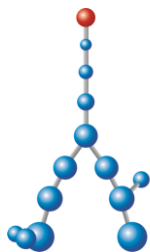
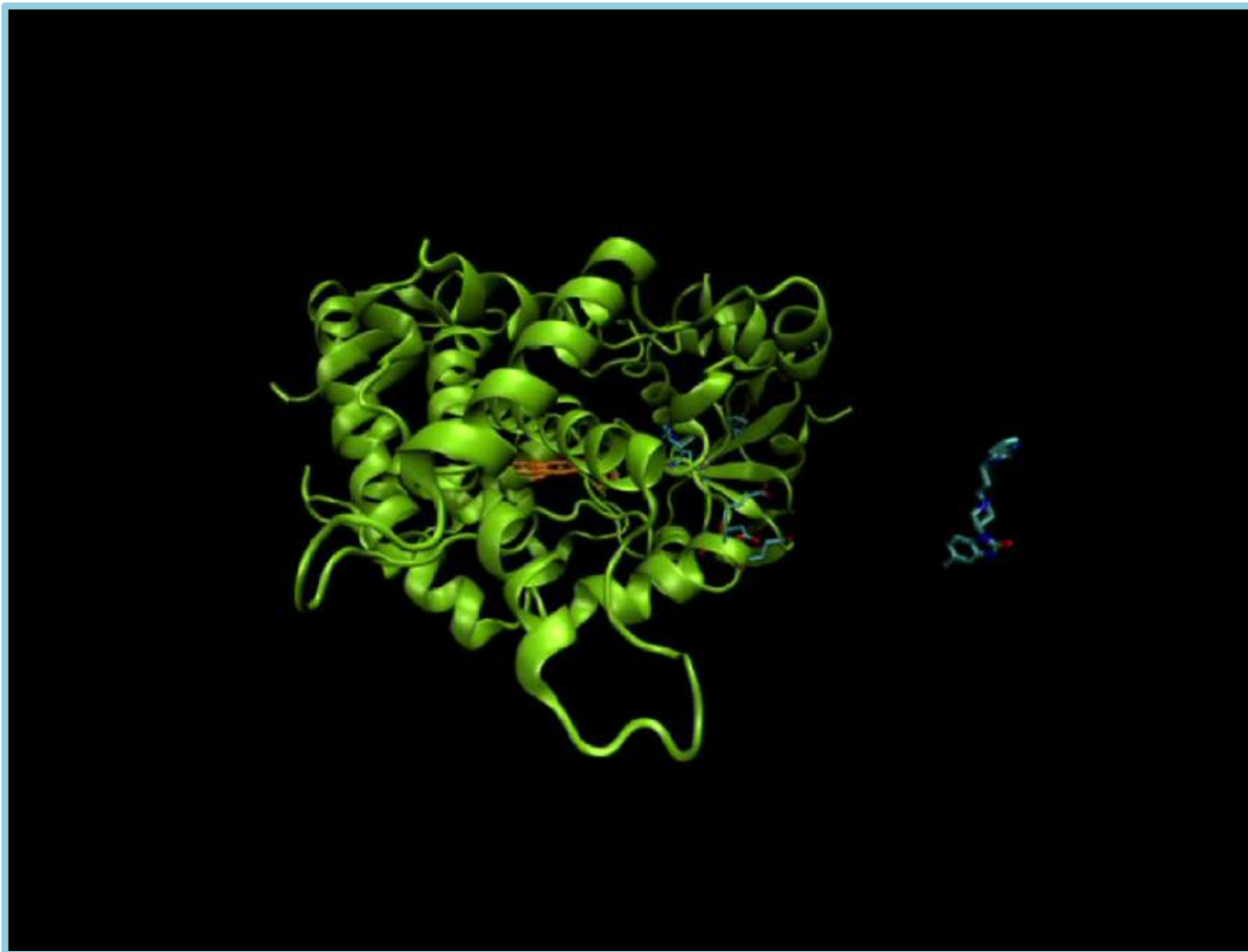
Compound selection



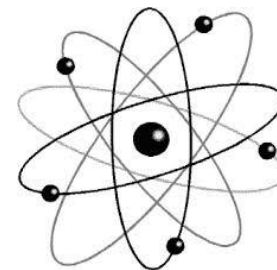
In vitro experiments



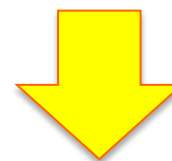
- ***Molecular Dynamics simulations*** for better tuning drug-target interactions and predict the duration of drug effects



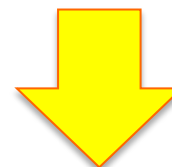
- **Mechanistic study** of enzymatic reactions catalysed



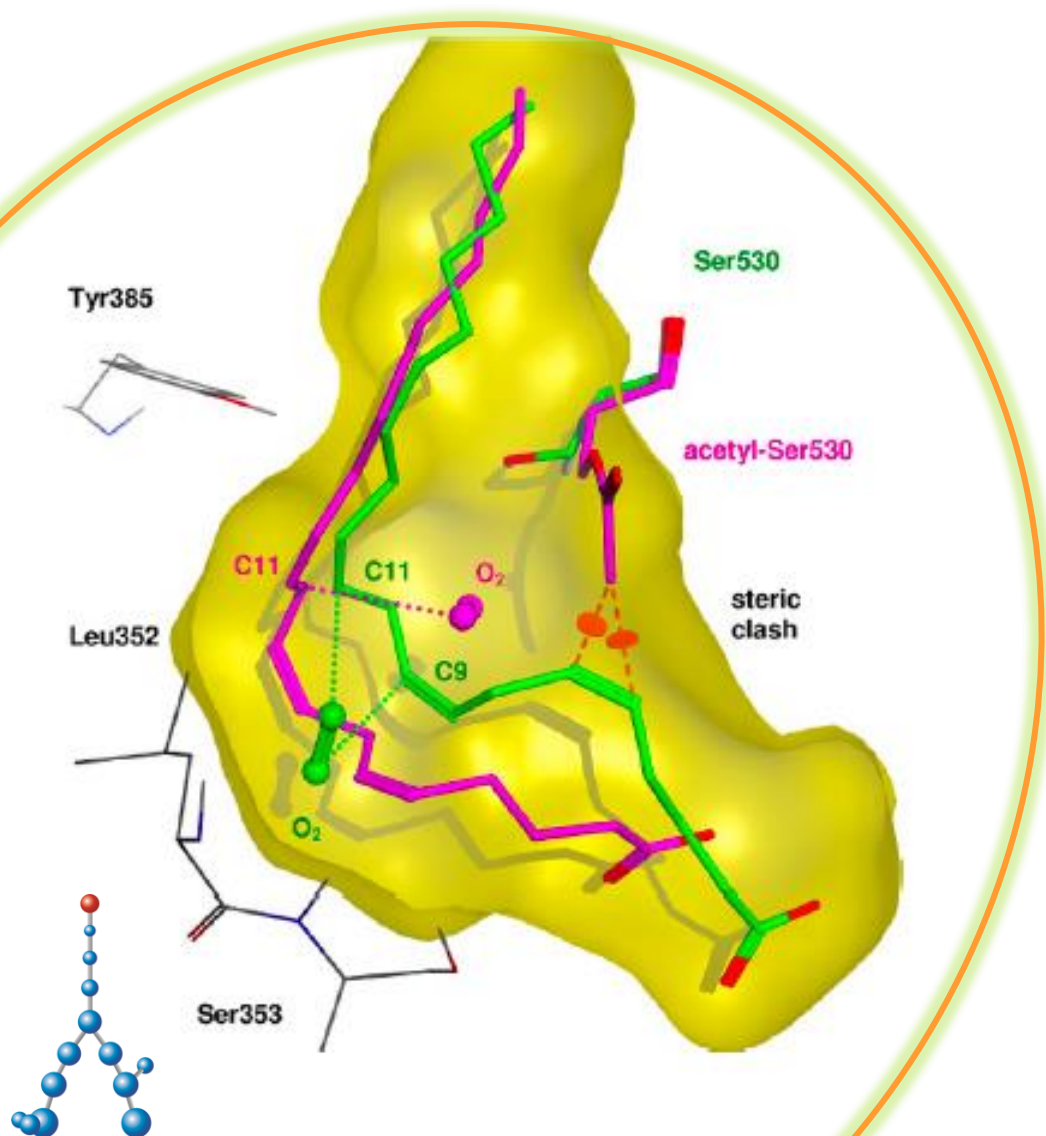
Quantum Mechanics
Hybrid QM/MM approaches



Mechanistic insights on
enzymatic reactions/
mechanism of inhibition of
potential drugs



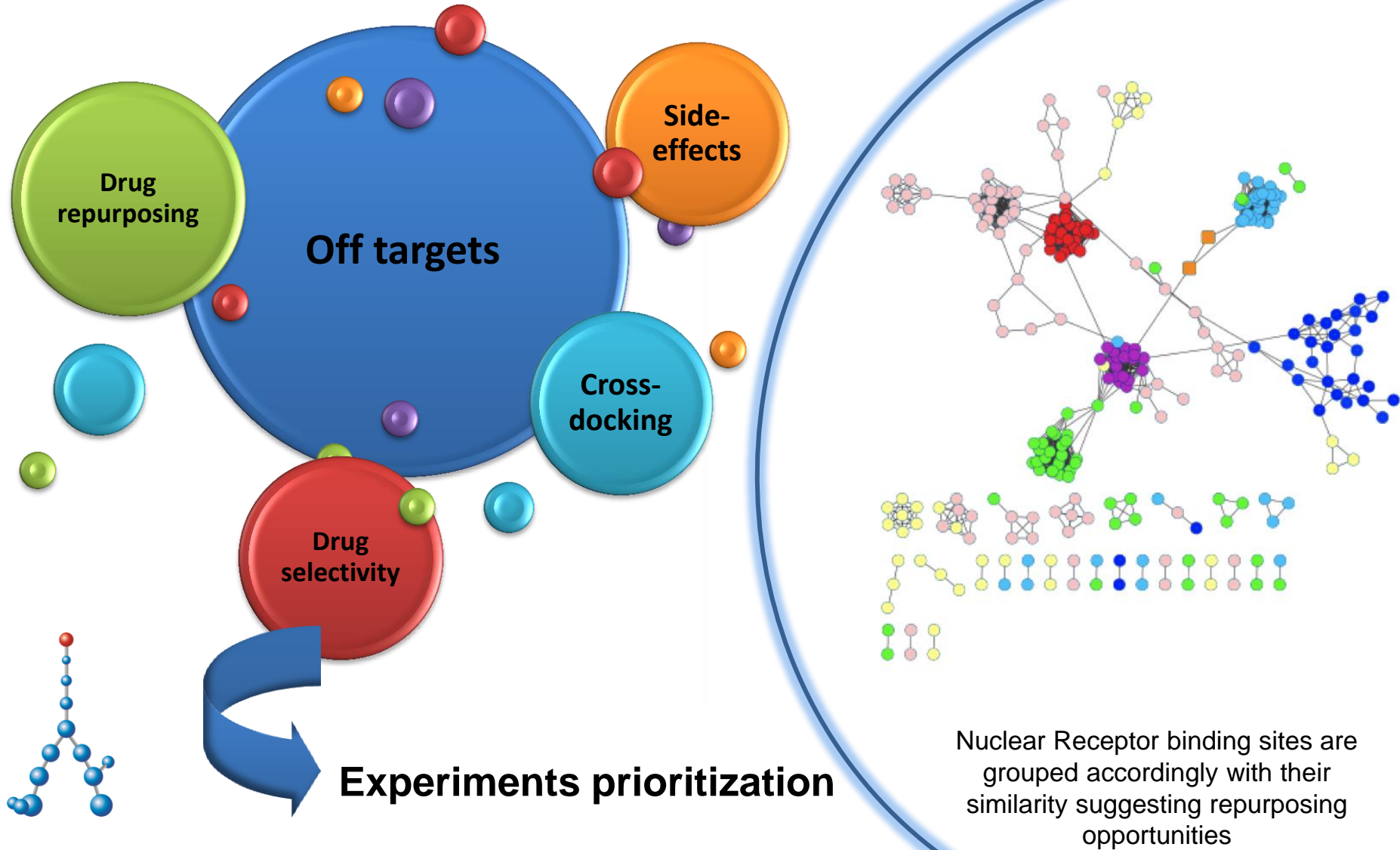
Design and development of
**more specific and
effective drugs**



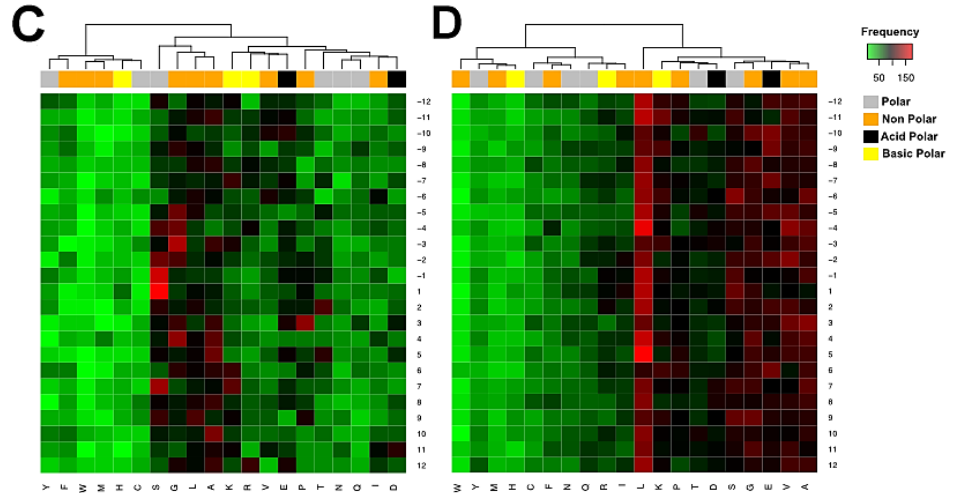
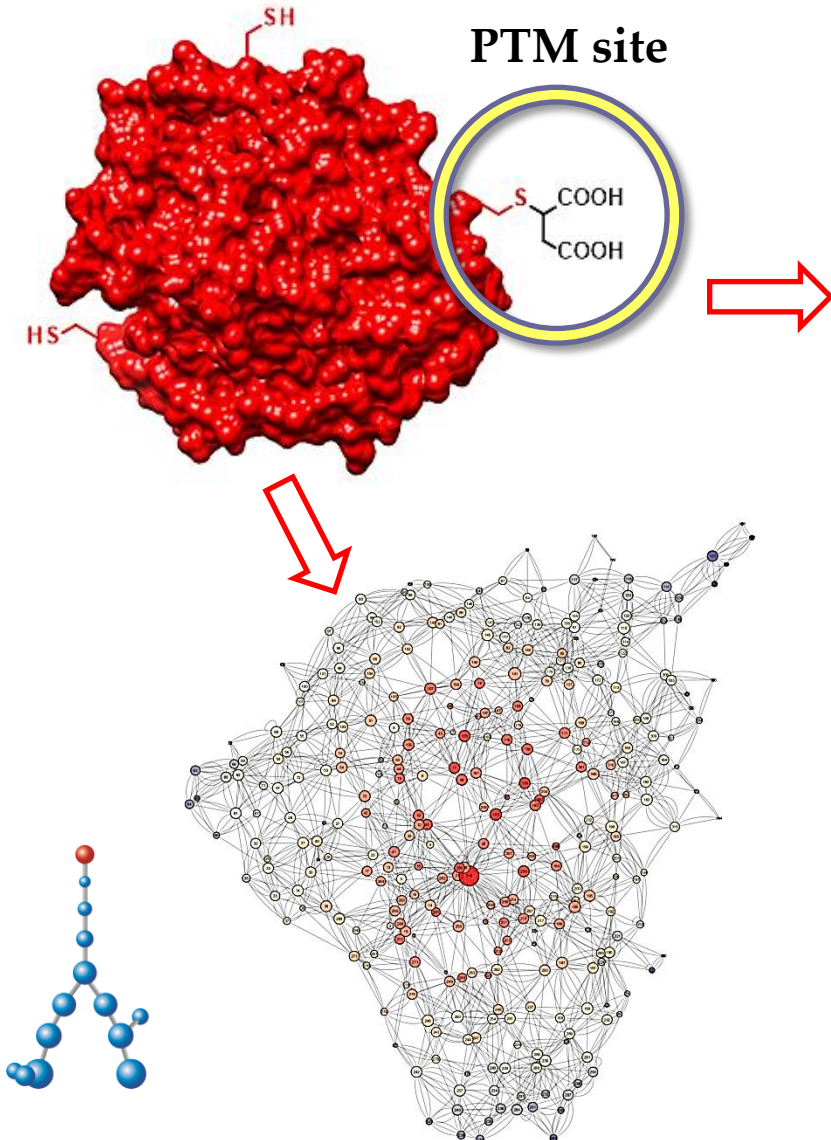
Tosco P. JACS 2013, 135, 10404.

- **Identifying similarities among drug targets**

(Structural comparison of large repositories of protein structures)



- **Exploring PTM sites** for identifying new targets



Computational analysis of protein
sequence & structure
**to identify sites involved in
regulatory mechanisms**

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Foodomics & Sensomics

Food authentication
Food quality assessment
Food signatures
Sensomics



Plant Volatilomics

Botanical origin
Plant-insects interactions
Volatile fraction profiling
Sensomics

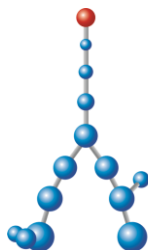


Metabolomics biofluids

Urinary metabolic signatures
Blood serum metabolomics
Urine and faecal volatimome
Dietary intake markers



Data mining requires **intensive and extensive processing by dedicated software**
Pattern recognition approaches based on the principles of **biometric fingerprinting**.



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Alignment for Comprehensive Two-Dimensional Gas Chromatography with Dual Secondary Columns and Detectors

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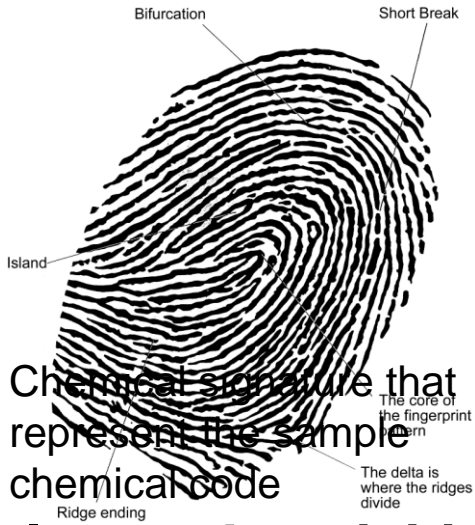
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Effectiveness of Global, Low-Degree Polynomial Transformations for GCxGC Data Alignment

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- OMICS @ DSTF**

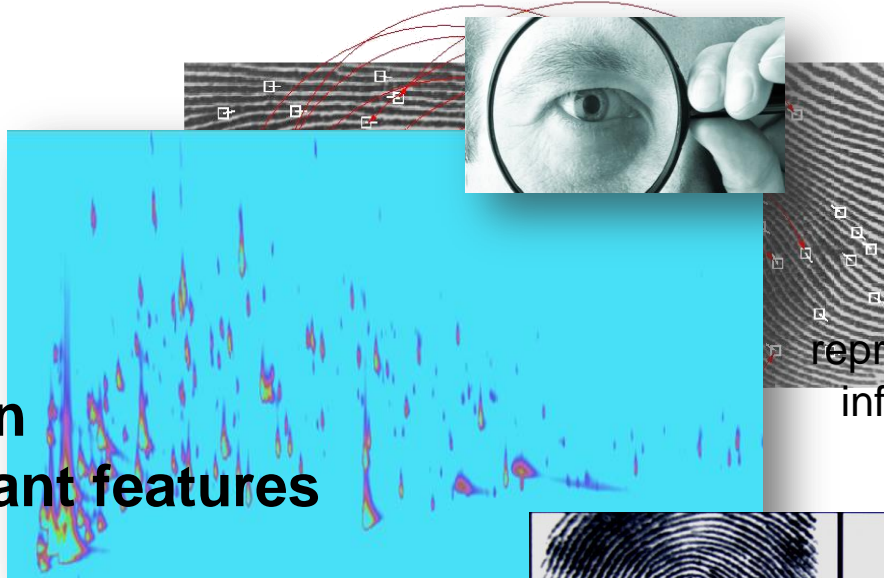
Comparison within stored templates



Chemical signature that represent the sample chemical code

Image Acquisition
Profiling of relevant features

(Detailed) Profiling

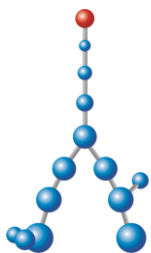


Each 2D pattern is unique and representative of sample informative dimensions

Fingerprinting



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Identification



Rank	NC000000000	Lat	LCF
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2	NC0065119A	2335	F86
3	NC00843399A	2315	F86
4	NC00889984A	2190	F86
5	NC0172646A	2170	F86
6	NC0048401A	2160	F86
7	NC0163889A	2080	F86
8	NC0199511A	2075	F86
9	NC0814921A	2075	F86
10	NC0062100G	2045	F86
11	NC0039094A	2040	F86
12	NC00529094A	2025	F86
13	NC00782084A	2020	F86
14	NC0058654H	2010	F86

Conclusions

- Drug discovery is a data-intensive research
- 'Computer-based predictive models' can quickly transform data into results, improve predictability and efficiency along the critical path from laboratory concept to commercial product
- Robust methodologies (e.g., algorithms, software) and technologies are needed to address current and future challenges in the field of drug discovery



Lo speziale
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