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Deep learning and chemistry

- In 2006, virtual screening could computationally screen roughly 10⁵ compounds
- In 2018, deep-learning was applied directly to native molecular representation
- In 2020, virtual screening with deep learning screened over 10¹⁰ compounds in a few days.



Automatic Chemical Design Using a Data-Driven Continuous Representation of Molecules

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Summary: Al and Drug Design Key Contributions

Accelerated virtual screening time by two orders of magnitude with no loss of detection



- Large-scale virtual screening workflows on national supercomputing infrastructure at scale
- Discovery of a protease inhibitor

Sampling strategies with visualizations to drive HPC workflows



- Viz platform for chemical space
- Uses LLMs to navigate and generate large graph structure efficiently
- Based on an atlas of chemical space through scaffolds/shape

Tiered-workflows for increased accuracy over standard VLS campaigns



Workflow and economic analysis

- ⁻¹⁰⁴
- VLS is bottlenecked by 10³ modeling, not compute
- Higher-throughput experimental techniques
 can drive deeper chemical probes
- Active-learning loops may be able to help with more
 complex simulations

Drug discovery and basic science

- Cost per new drug range from less than \$1 billion to more than \$2 billion per drug
- The federal government is the primary funder of basic research in biomedical sciences. That research ultimately increases the supply of new drugs because drug companies rely on the findings from that research—for example, the identification of disease targets toward which new drug therapies can be aimed
- Between 2010 and 2016, every drug approved by the FDA was in some way based on biomedical research funded by NIH.

Source: Research and Development in the Pharmaceutical Industry, Congressional Budget Office August 2021



TARGETS AND BINDING SITES



Automatic pocket detection

Le Guilloux, V., Schmidtke, P. & Tuffery, P. Fpocket: An open source platform for ligand pocket detection. *BMC Bioinformatics* **10**, 168 (2009). https://doi.org/10.1186/1471-2105-10-168 Pocket 1 :

Score : 0.915 Druggability Score: 0.920 Number of Alpha Spheres : 80 Total SASA: 16.657 Polar SASA: 2.165 Apolar SASA: 14.492 599.003 Volume : Mean local hydrophobic density : 18.690 Mean alpha sphere radius : 3.963 Mean alp. sph. solvent access : 0.523 Apolar alpha sphere proportion : 0.363 Hydrophobicity score: 33.000 Volume score: 3.143 Polarity score: 4 Charge score: 0 Proportion of polar atoms: 39.583 Alpha sphere density: 5.345 Cent. of mass - Alpha Sphere max dist: 14.313 Flexibility: 0.118

Pocket 2 :

Score : 0.689 Druggability Score: 0.834 Number of Alpha Spheres : 67 Total SASA: 8.089 Polar SASA: 3.259 Apolar SASA: 4.831 Volume : 367 098 20.545 Mean local hydrophobic density : Mean alpha sphere radius : 3.909 Mean alp. sph. solvent access : 0.483 Apolar alpha sphere proportion : 0.328 Hydrophobicity score: 27.125 Volume score: 2.875 Polarity score: 3 Charge score: 1 Proportion of polar atoms: 40.541 Alpha sphere density: 3.665 Cent. of mass - Alpha Sphere max dist: 10.679 Flexibility: 0.124

STRUCTURAL DOCKING

Exhaustive shape fitting

- docking is a method which predicts the preferred orientation of one molecule to a second when bound to each other to form a stable complex.
- It is a simple problem to understand, figure out how to fit the ligand onto the protein
- The search space in theory consists of all possible orientations and conformations of the protein paired Inputs: molecular dataset (2D SMILES strings), with the ligand target protein structure, search parameters, scoring function f

For ligand pose from strategy

Result = max(Result, f(Protein pose, Ligand pose))







MD SIMULATION

Molecular dynamics simulation can be used to observe and model these different states of a protein (Right) Protein states can ⁴⁰ be clustered and ³⁰ modeled. Each point ²⁰ represents a unique 3D ⁰ structure that the protein ¹⁰ took on during its ⁻²⁰ interactions with itself and ⁻³⁰ the ligand.









AI AND VIRTUAL SCREENING HPC WORKFLOWS





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LAYERED WORKFLOW



Pure ML "constant time" (fast loop)

Mixed/Variable time (slow loop)





DRUG DISCOVERY

HIGH THROUGHPUT SCREENING

Generating **Drug Leads** Database **Generative Neural** Simulation surrogate of Leads **Networks** models Language modeling Uncertainty calibrated Graphical models **Ranking Neural networks** High-Throughput Lab (HTL) High Performance Computing (HPC Data Generation Data Analysis **Biological Experiments** In silico Experiments Hypothesis Testing Novel Hypotheses







Super fast, modern generative algorithms

Single threaded algorithms for CPU post-processing



IBM AC922, 6 GPU node. Balanced Heavily towards GPU, not CPU

5000 Seconds per smiles



Even slower simulations

1 SMILE per second



RNN SMILES Modeling



Gupta, Anvita, et al. "Generative recurrent networks for de novo drug design." Molecular informatics 37.1-2 (2018): 1700111.





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WORKFLOW ANALYSIS Surrogate Prefilter then Dock (SPFD)

- With TD we understand that pL hits generally gets an active lead rate around X%
- How can we be sure the top oL compounds that come from the model capture all those pL compounds we want?

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 σL Hits









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COMPUTATIONAL AND EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN PLATFORMS





Explore the Chemical Space



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