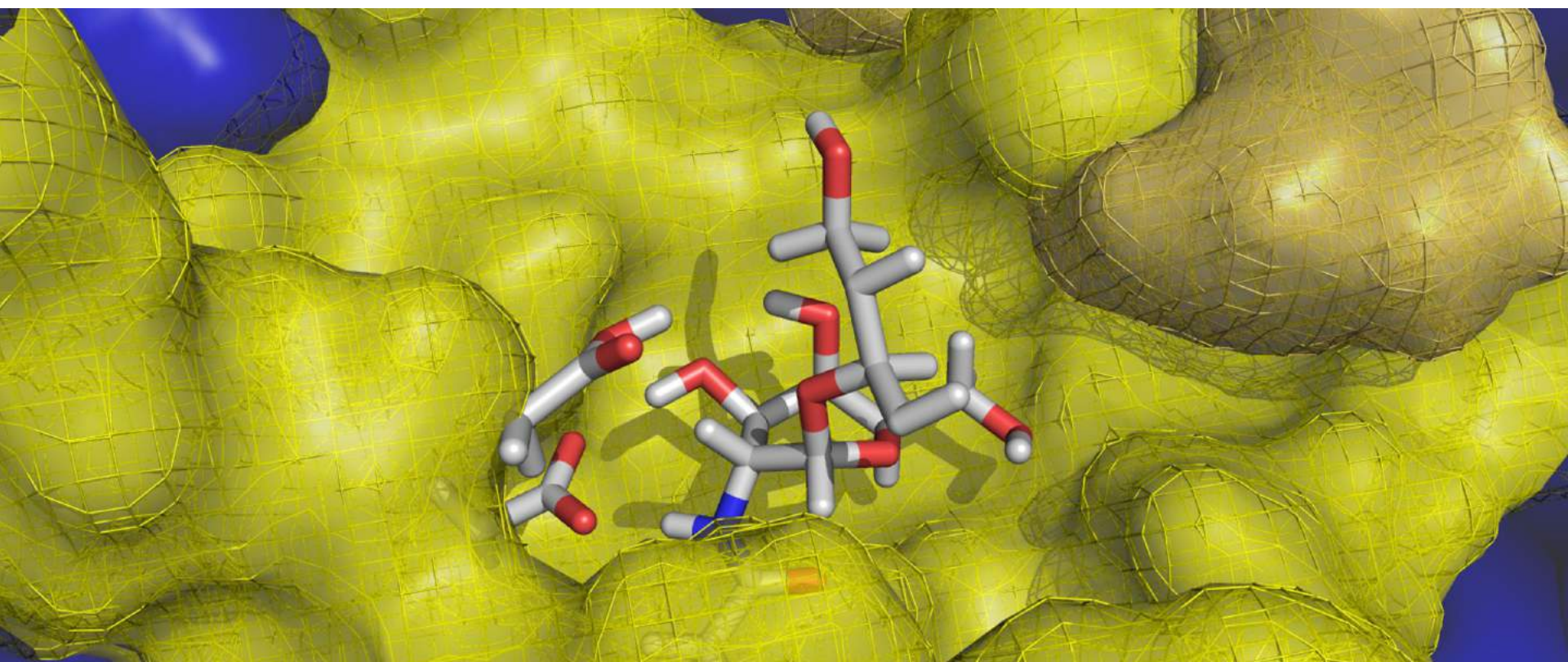


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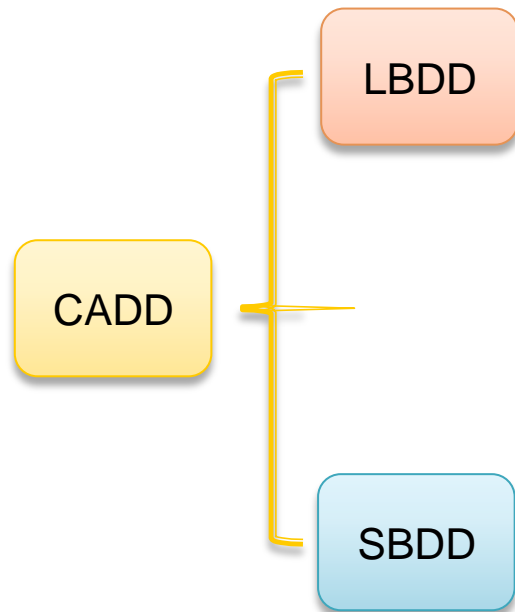


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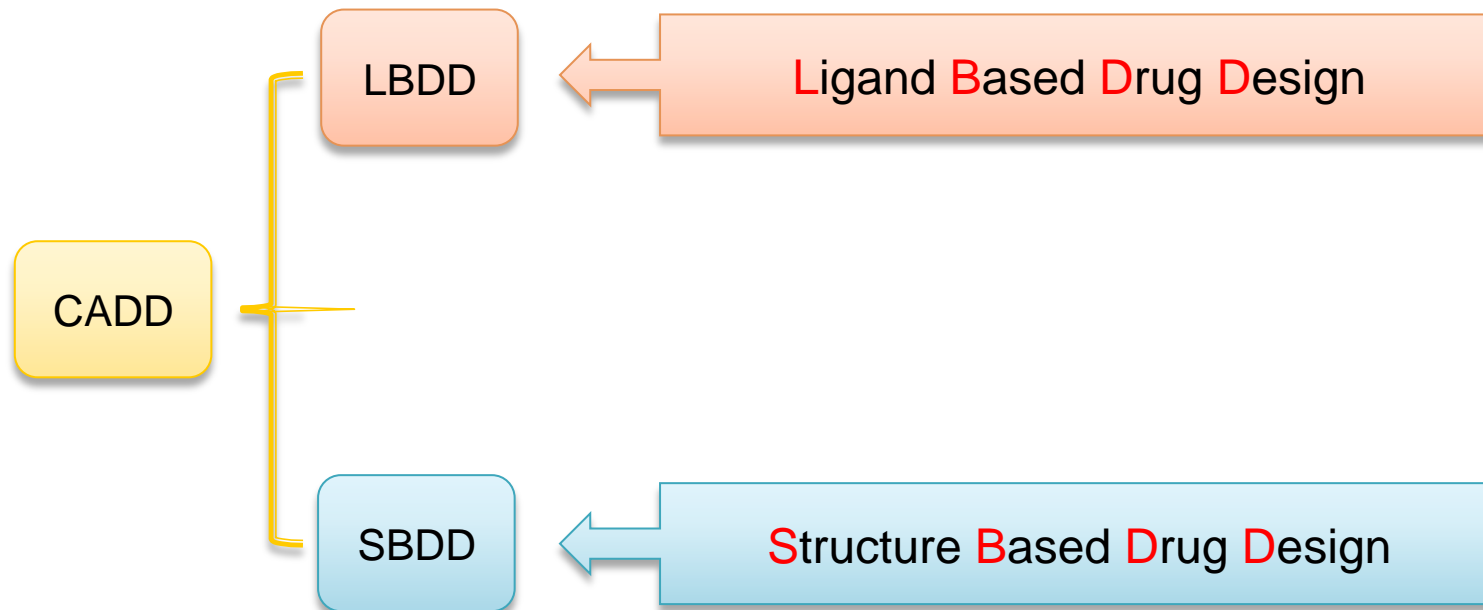


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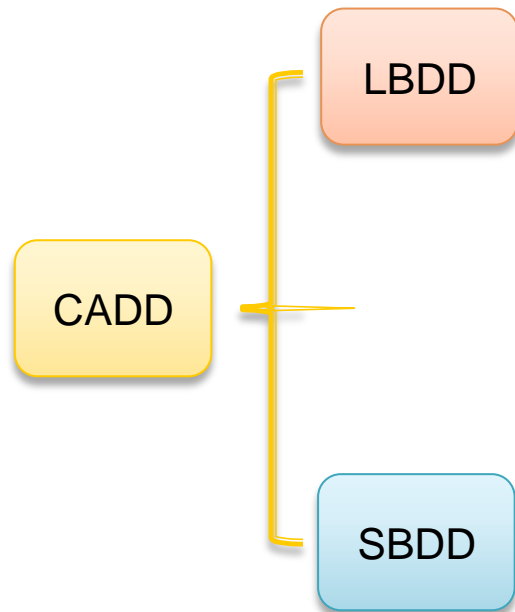
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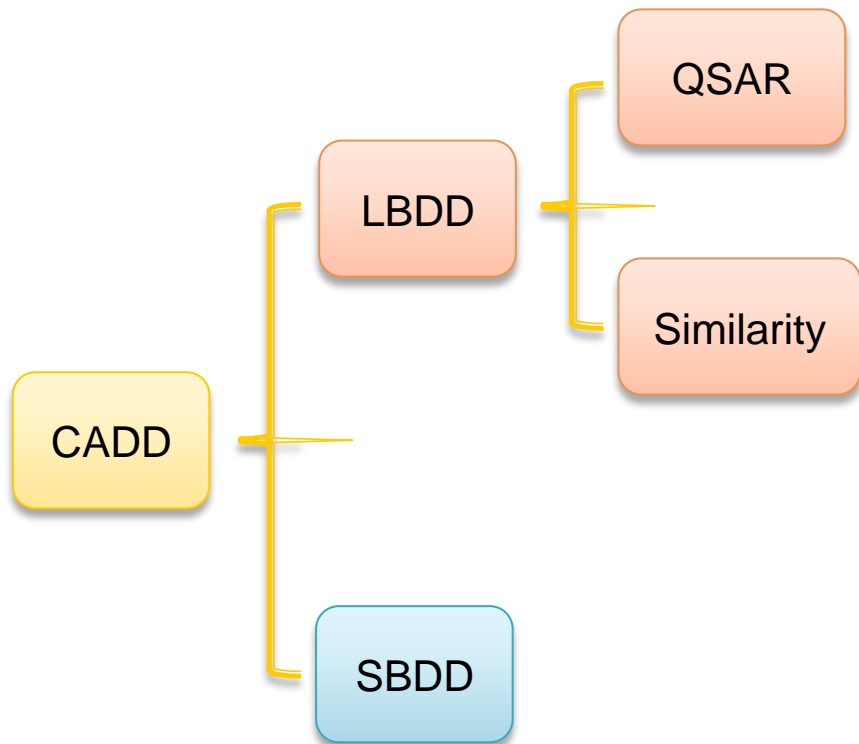
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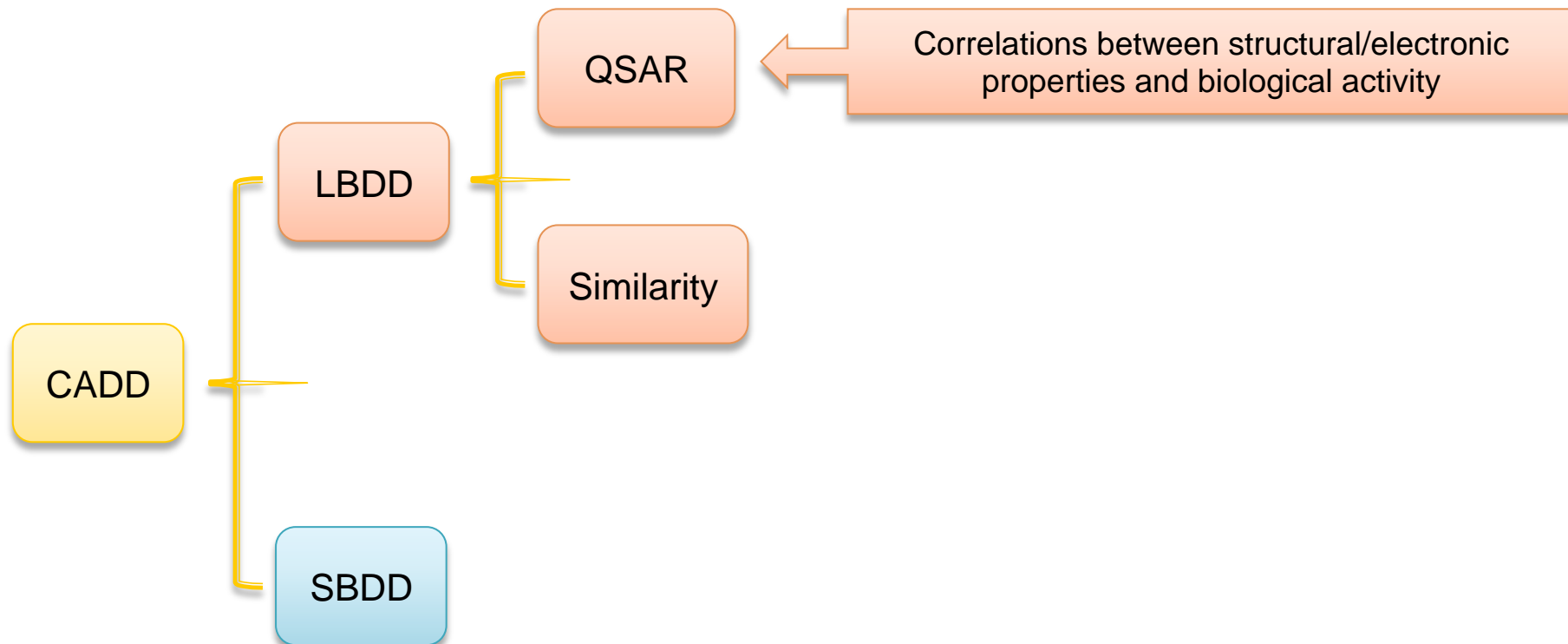
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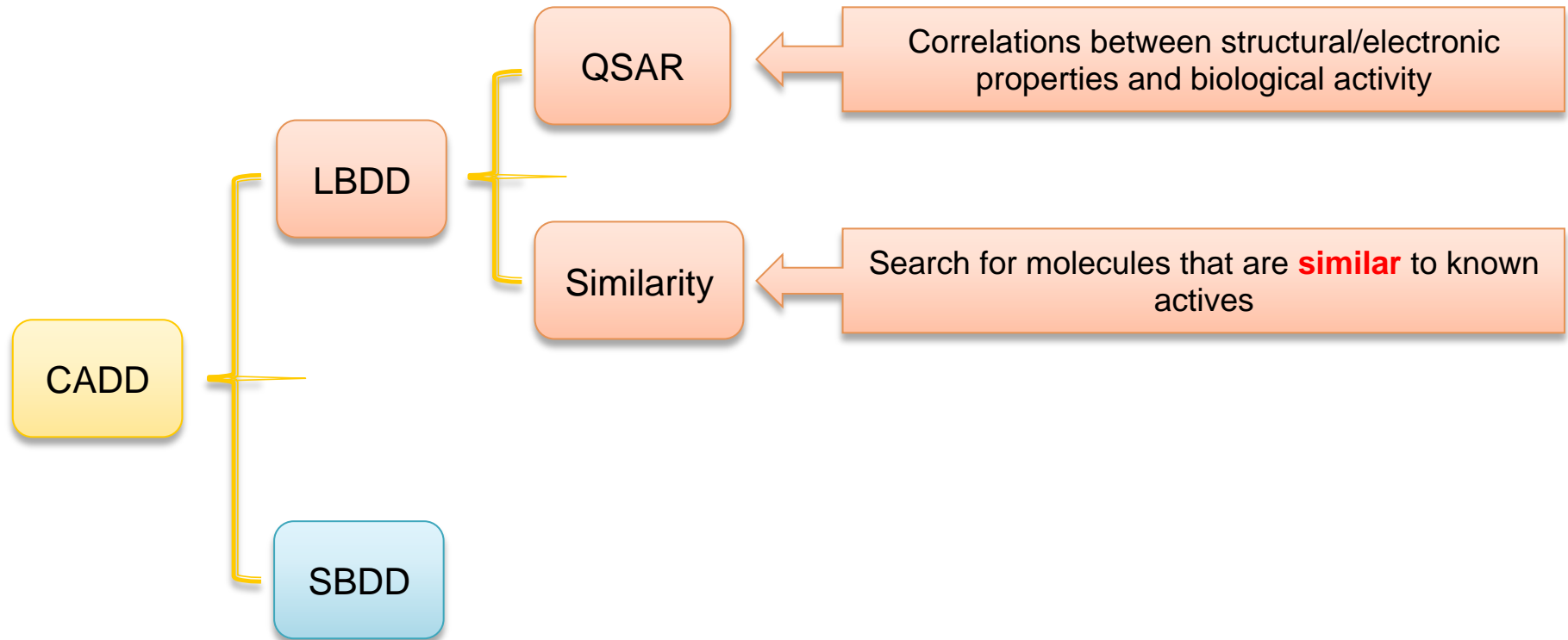
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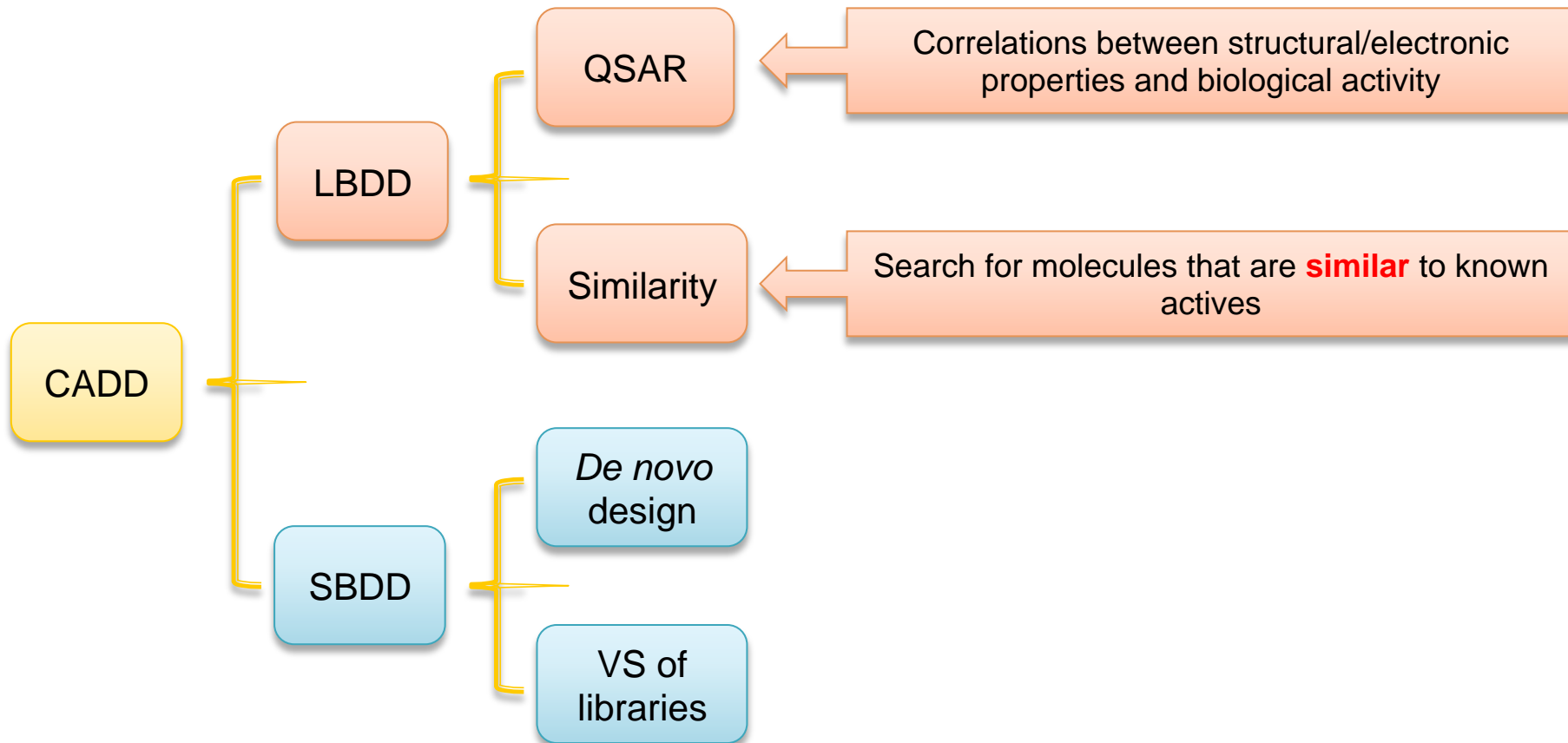


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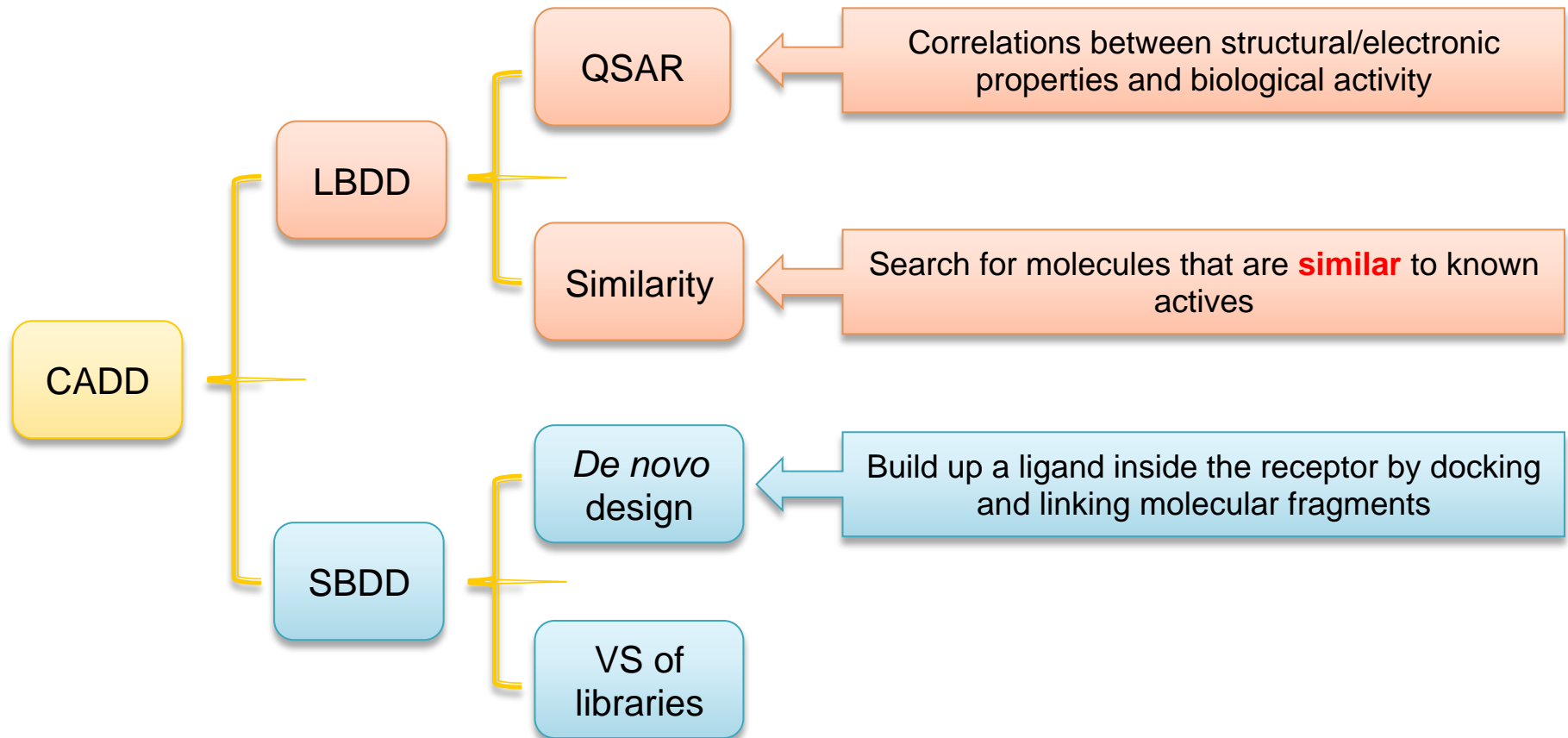




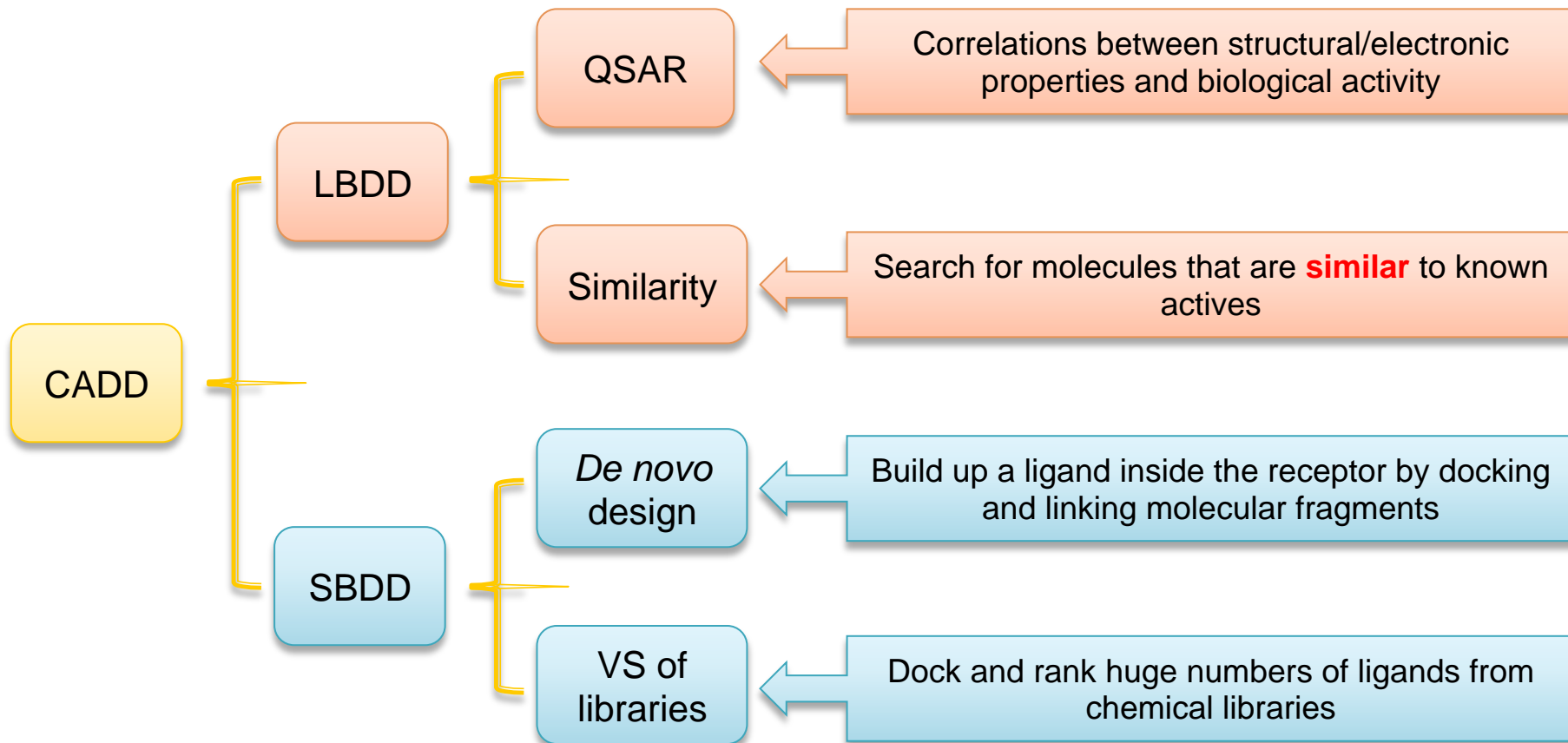
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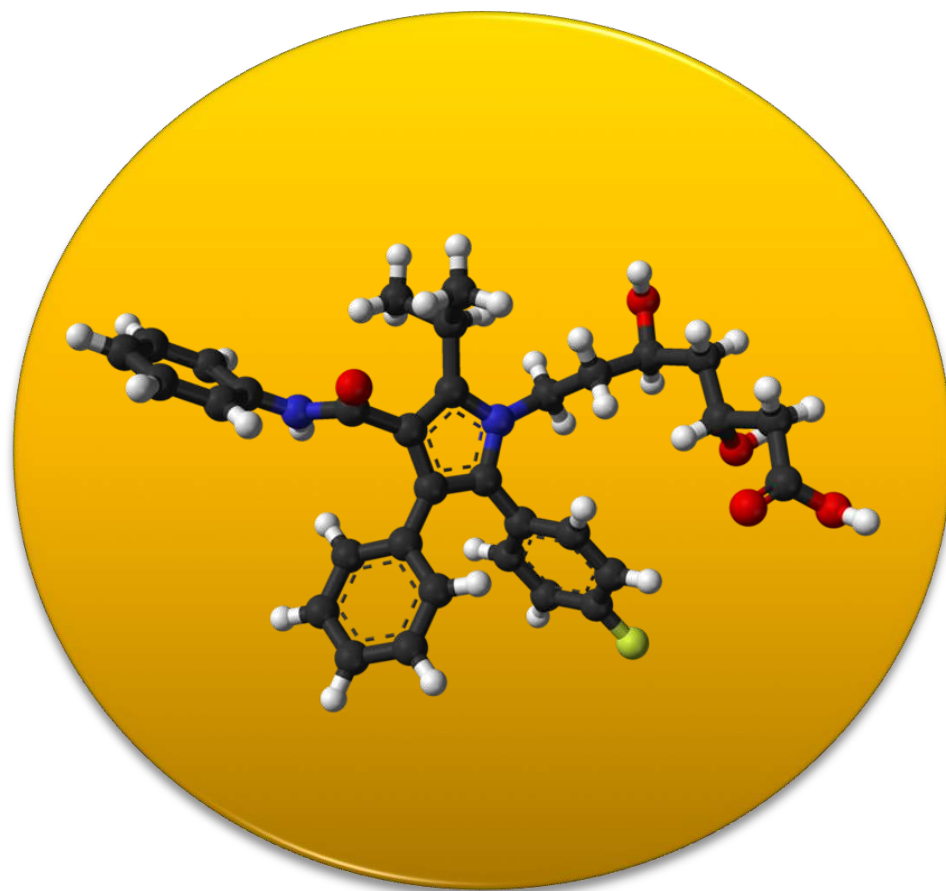


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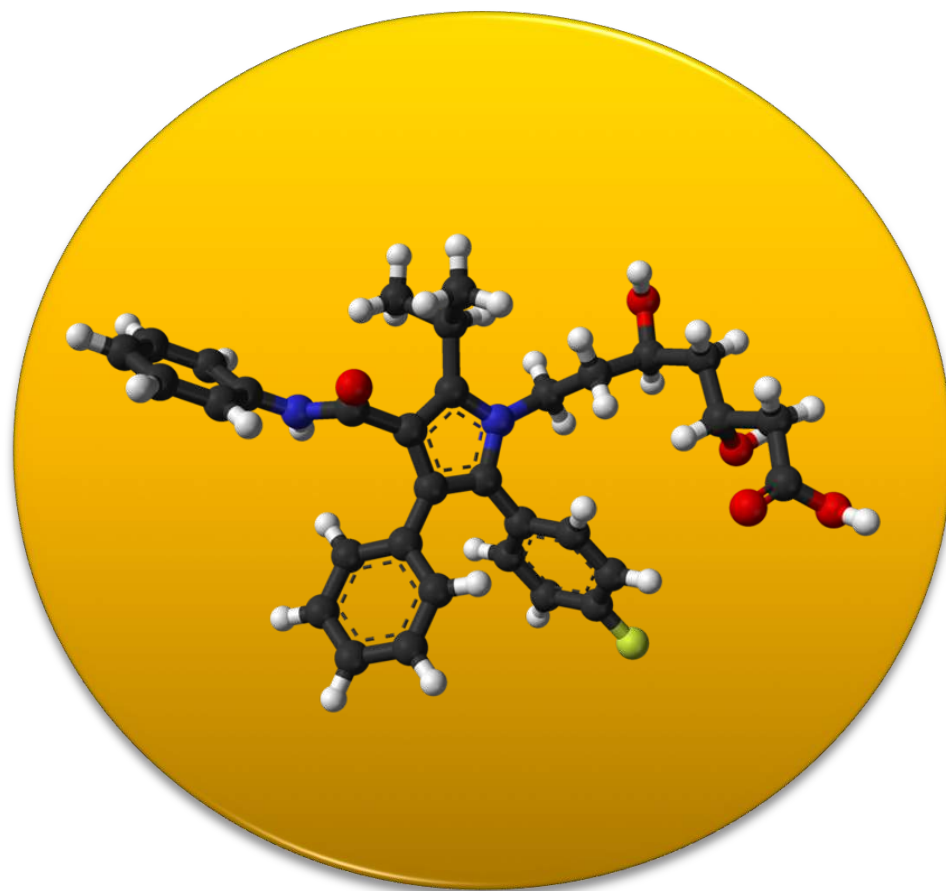


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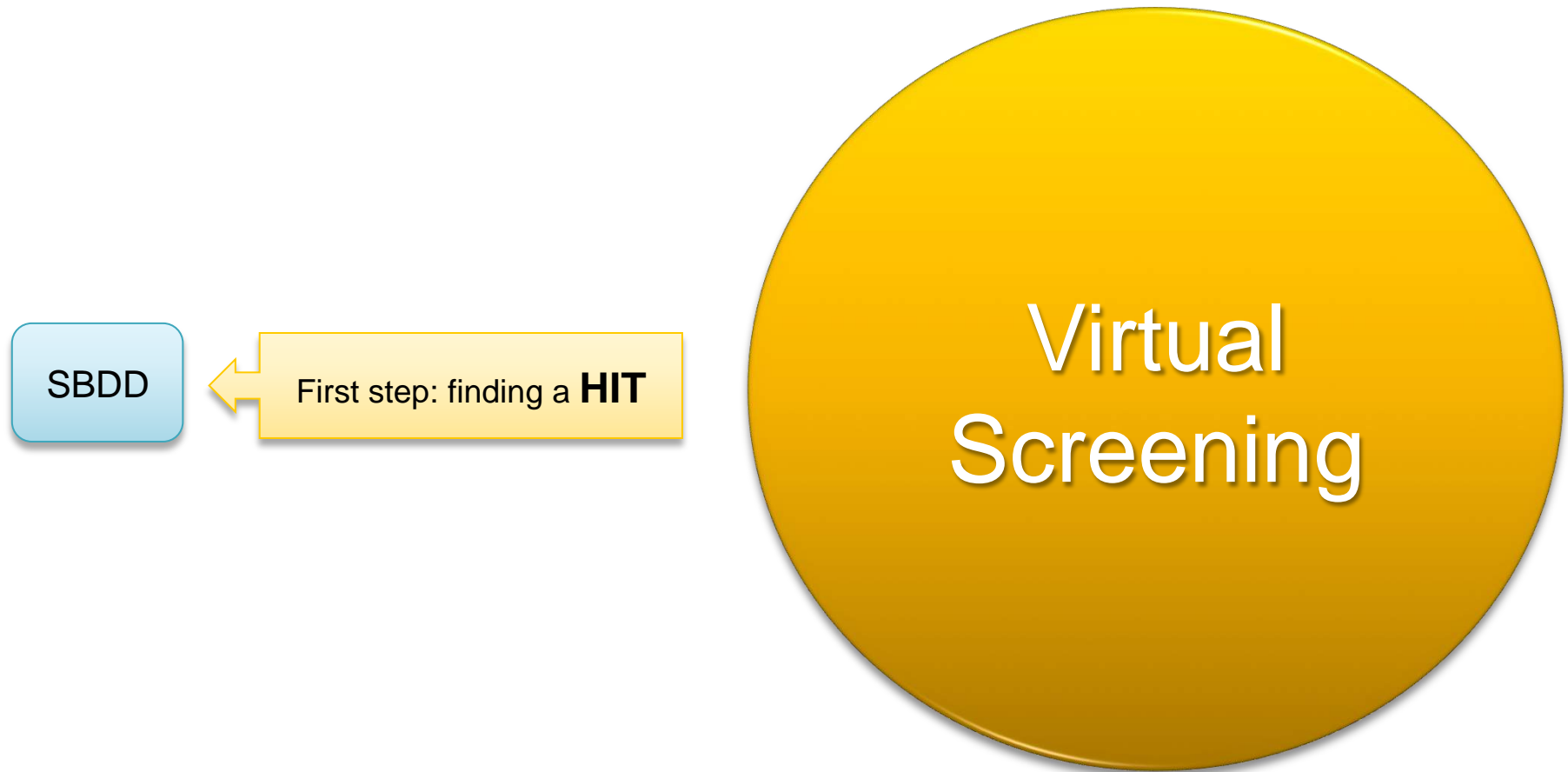


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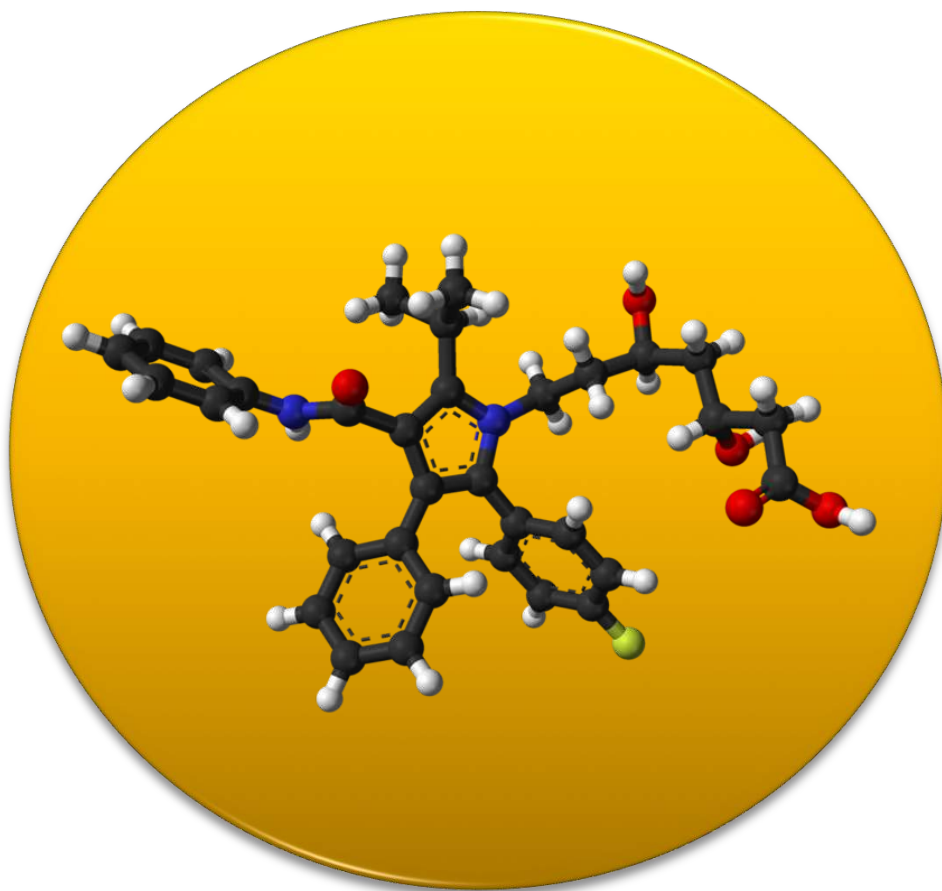
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# Find a Hit Through Virtual Screening



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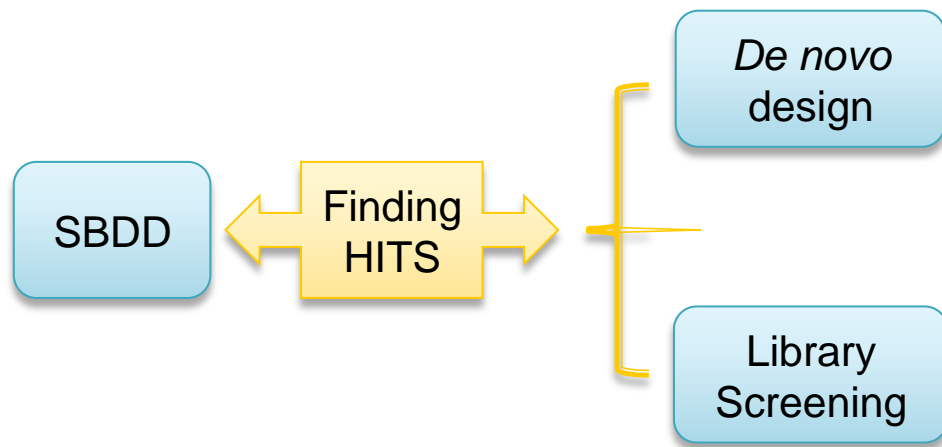
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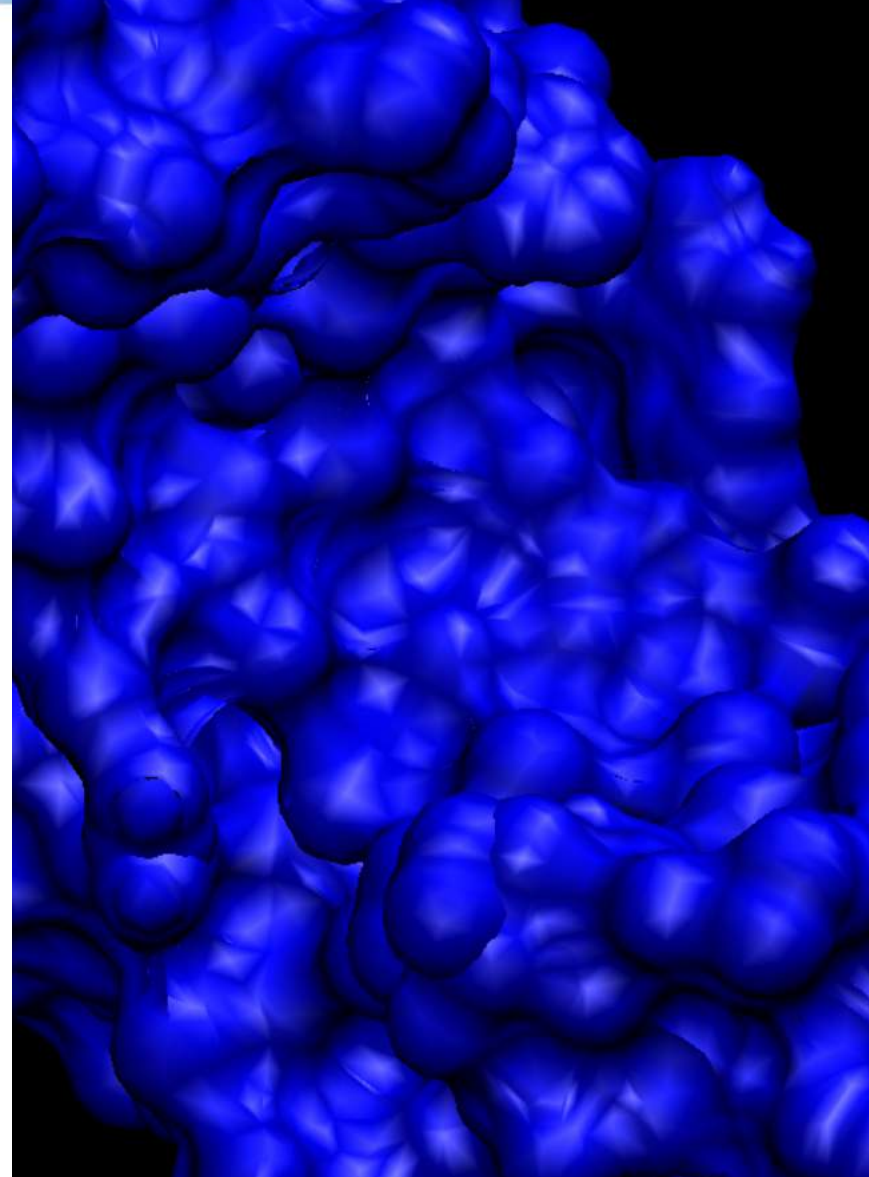
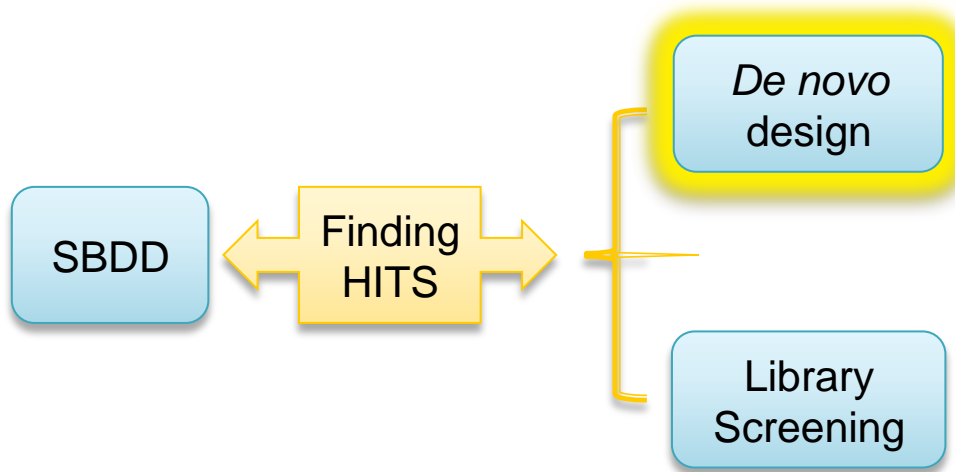
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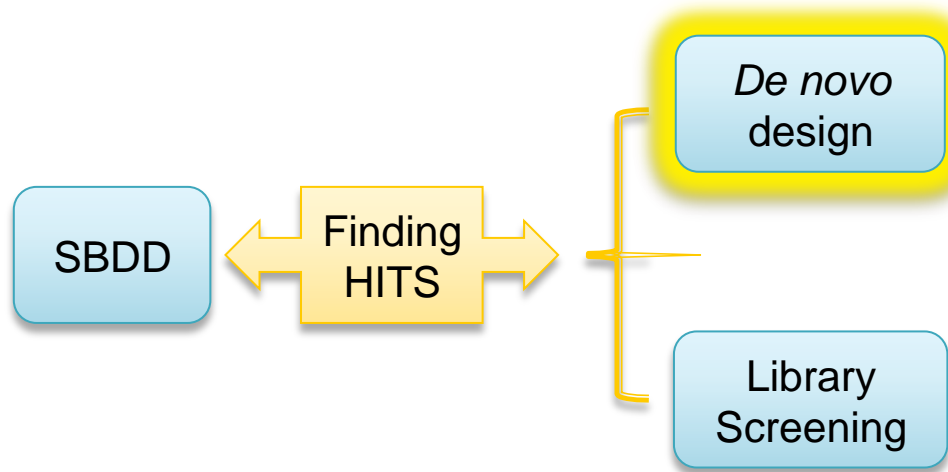


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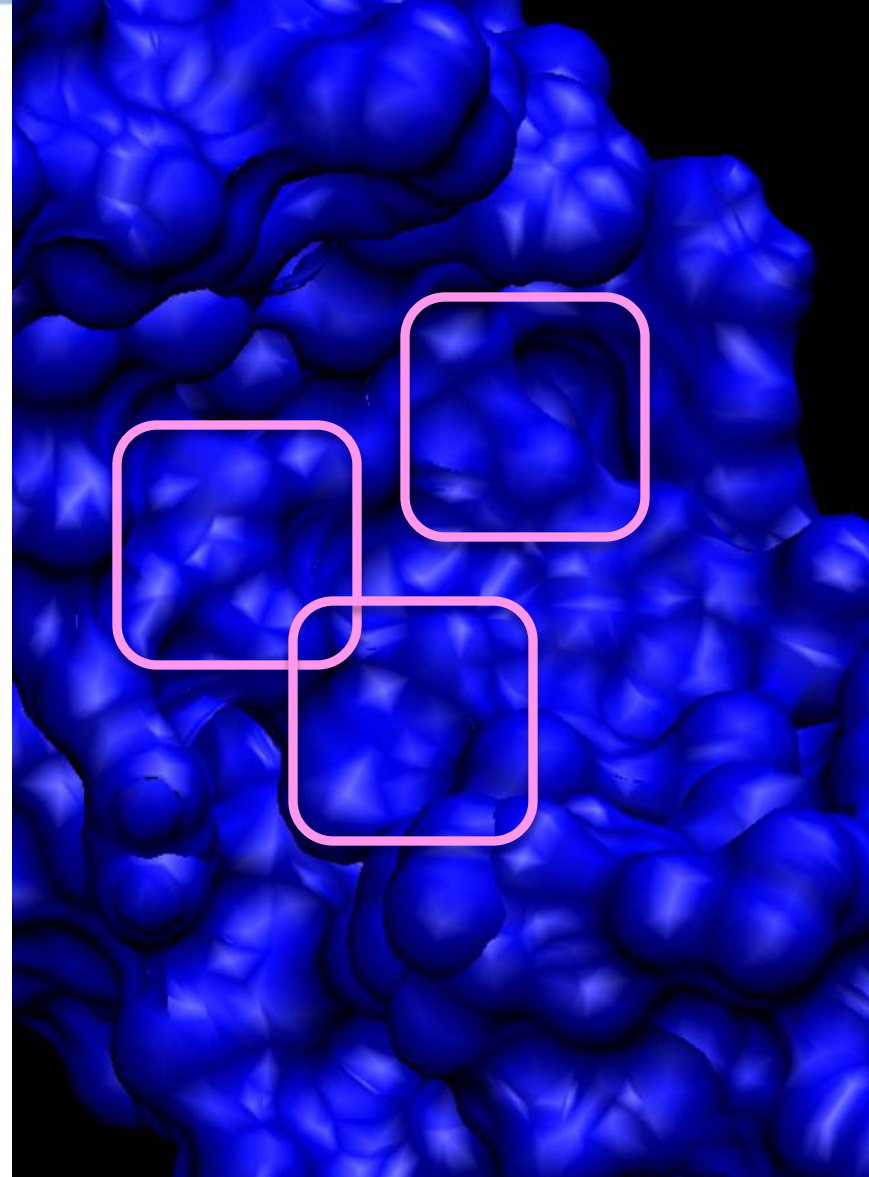




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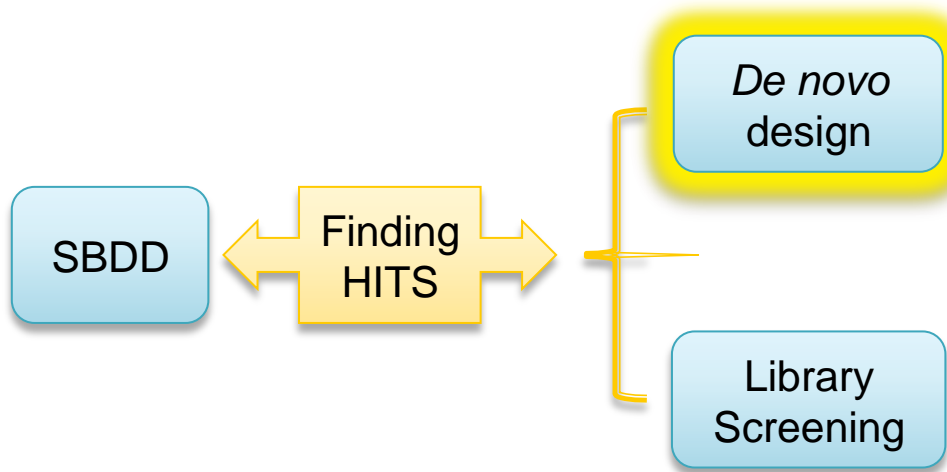


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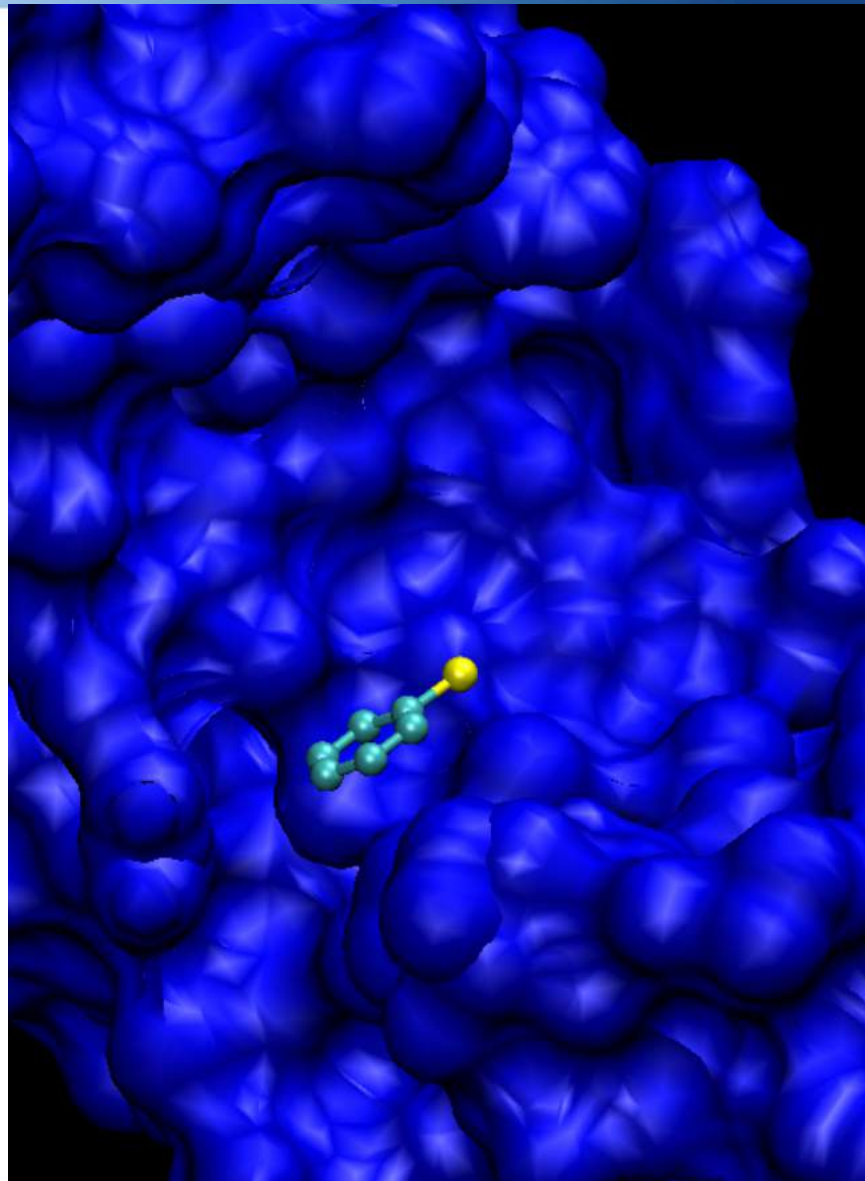




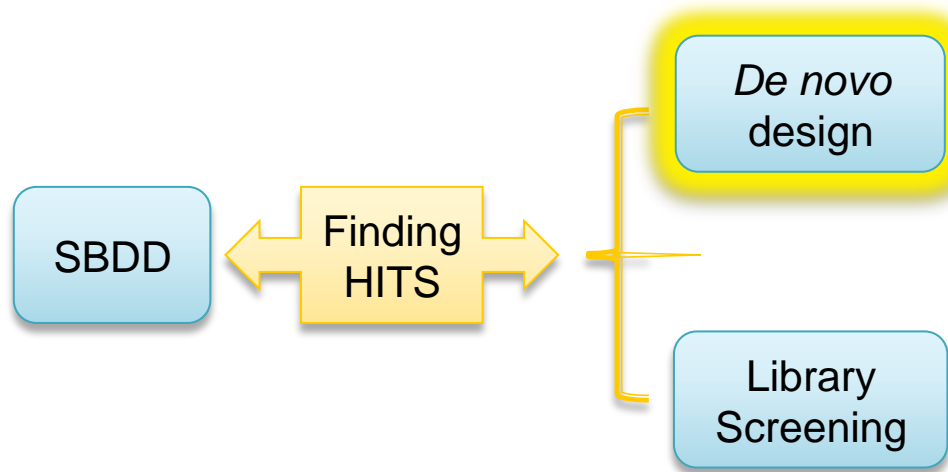
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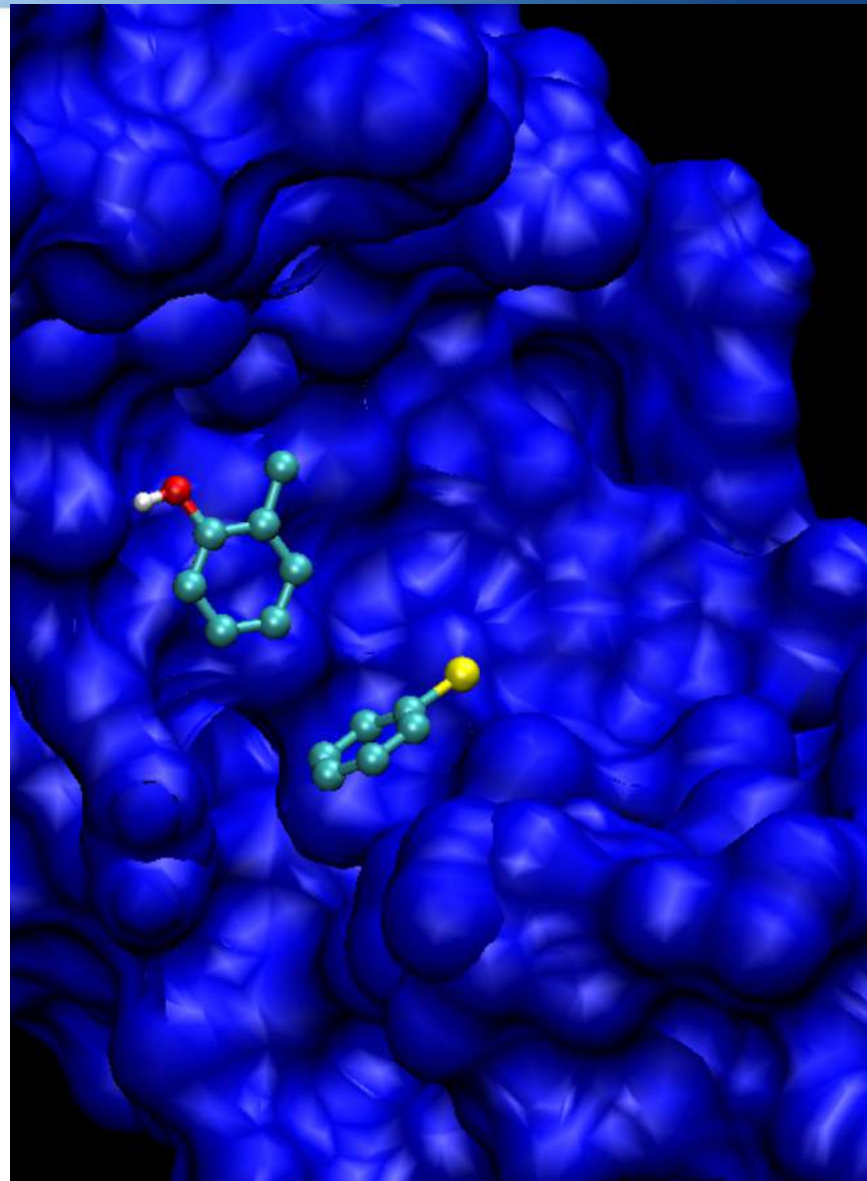
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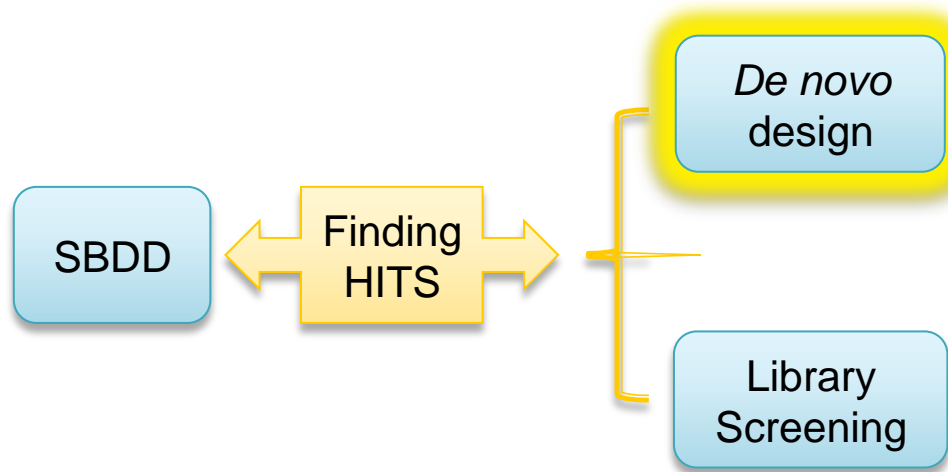
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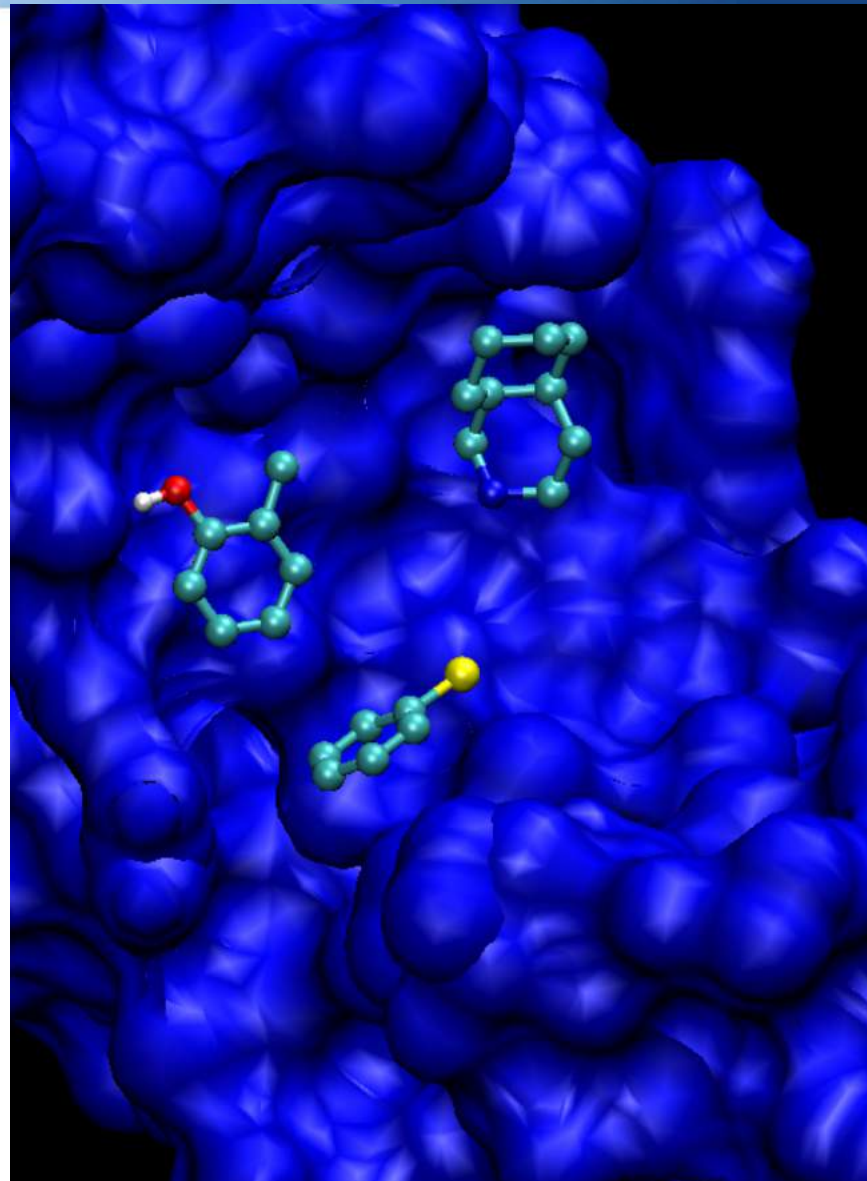
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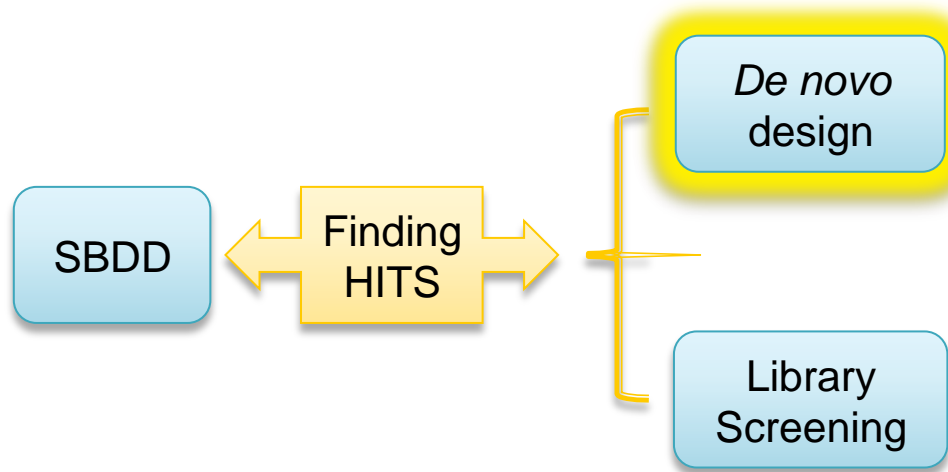


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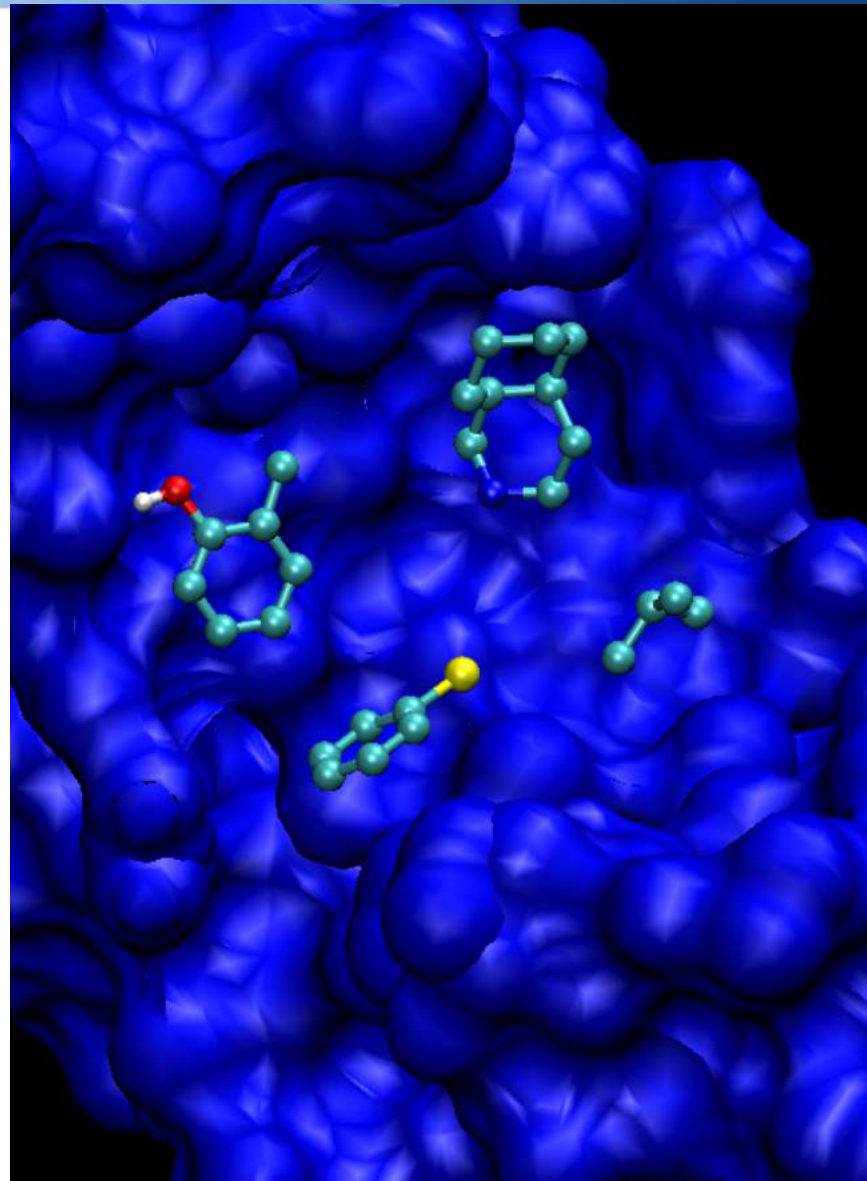




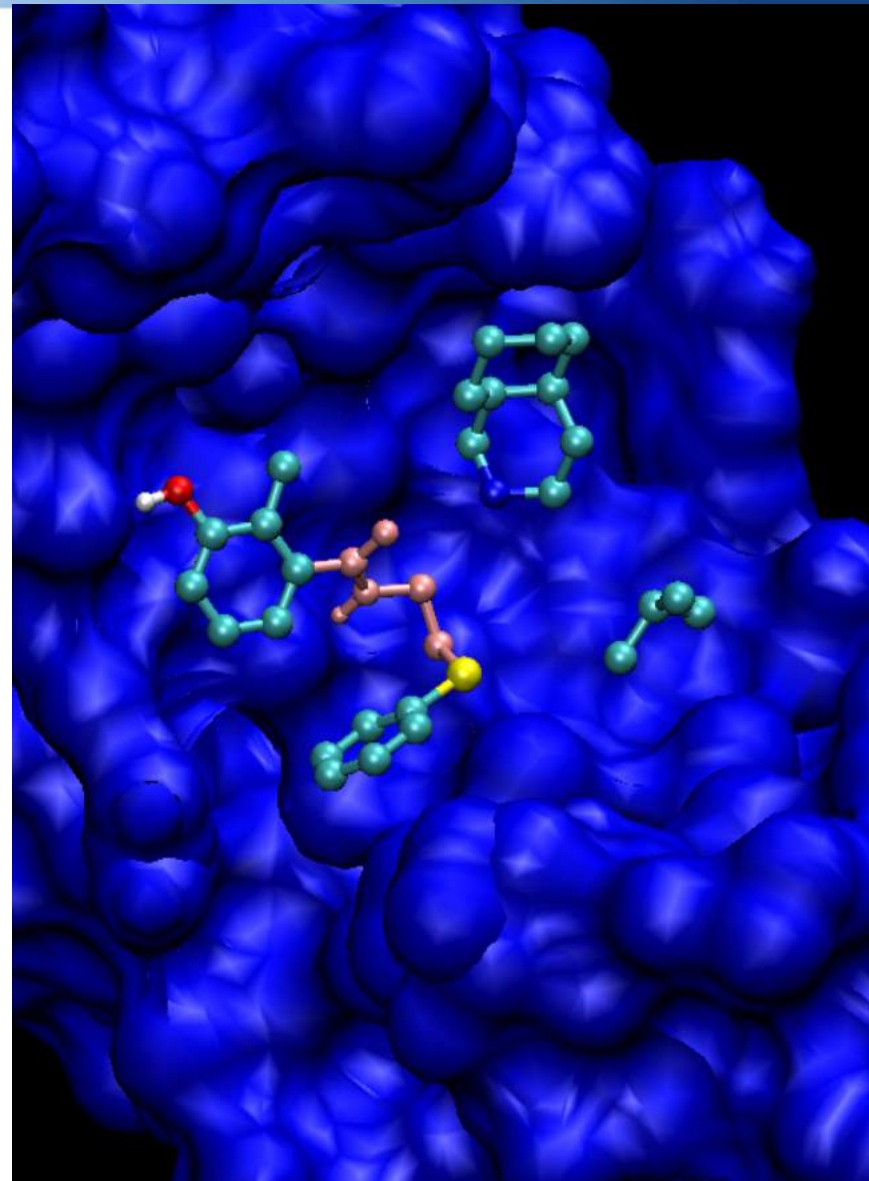
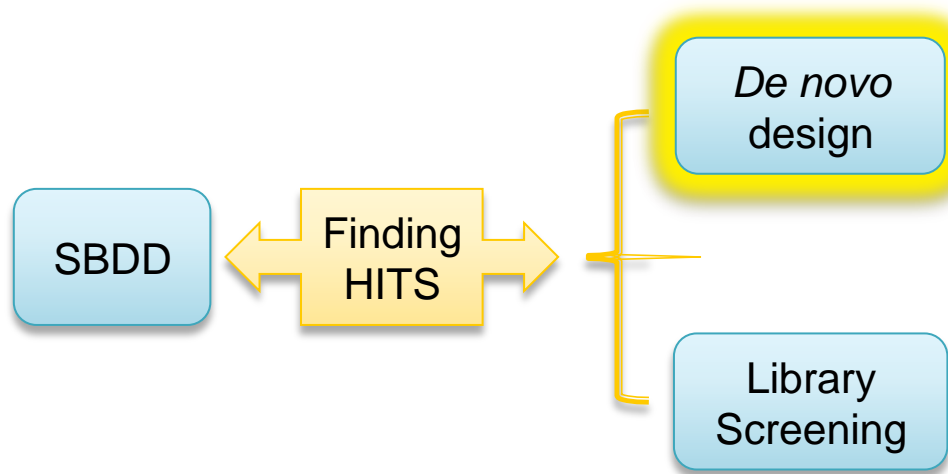
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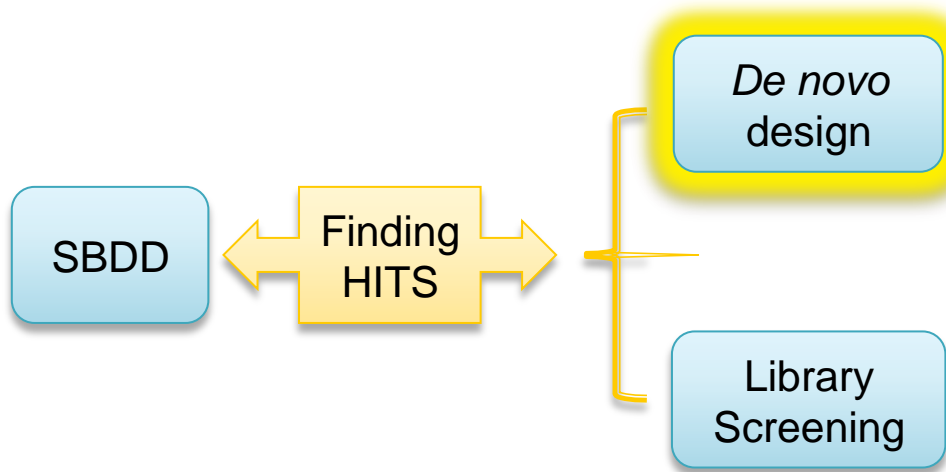


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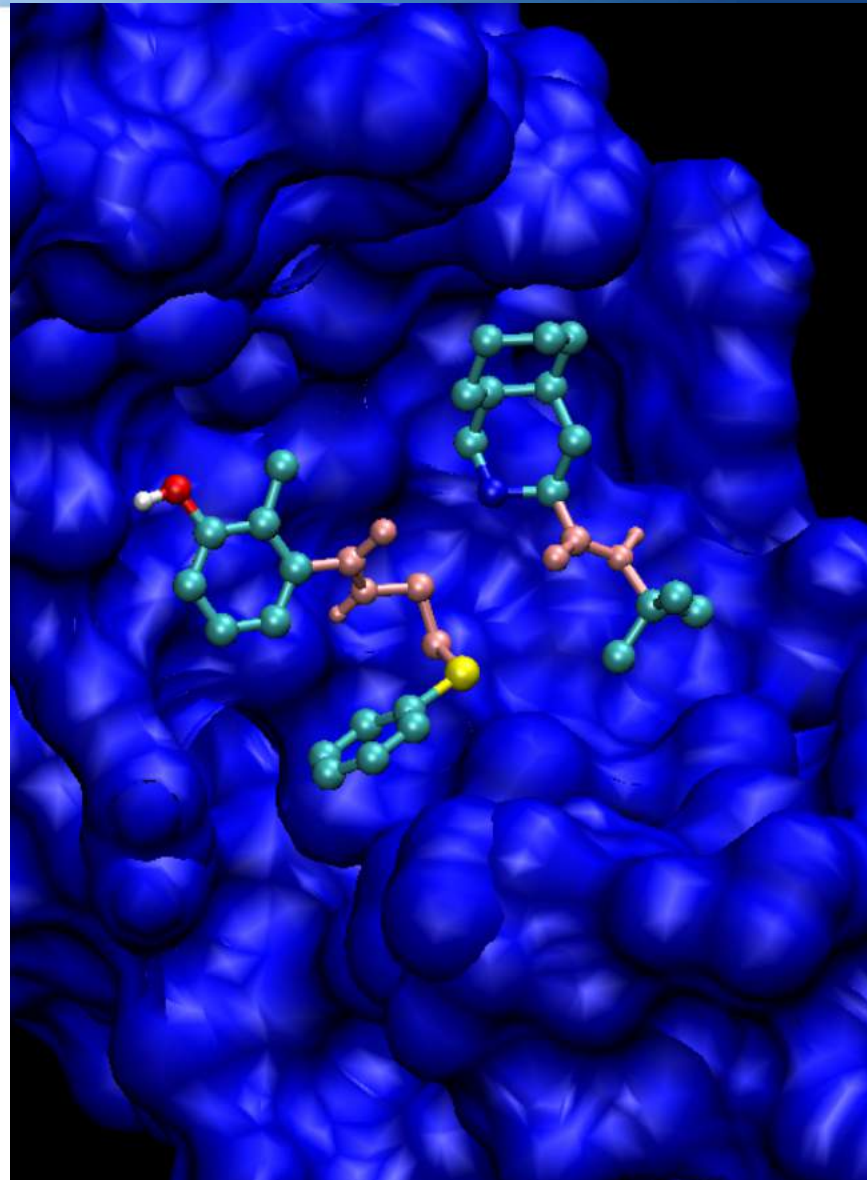


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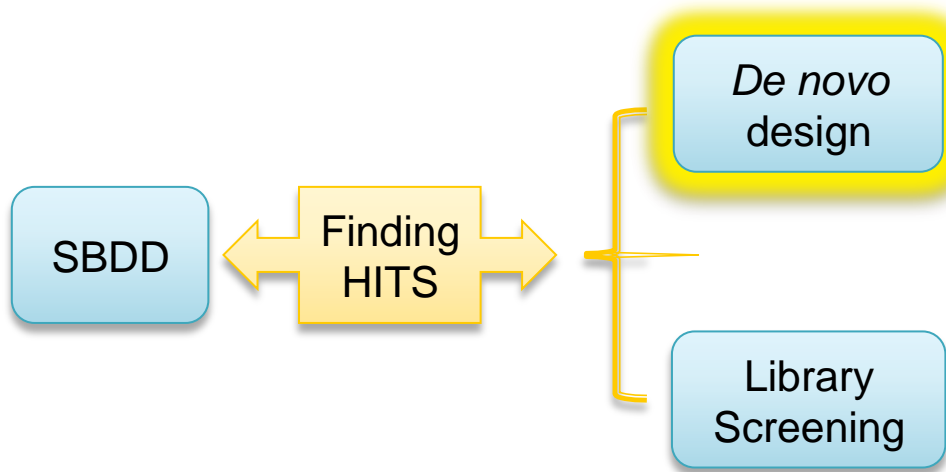


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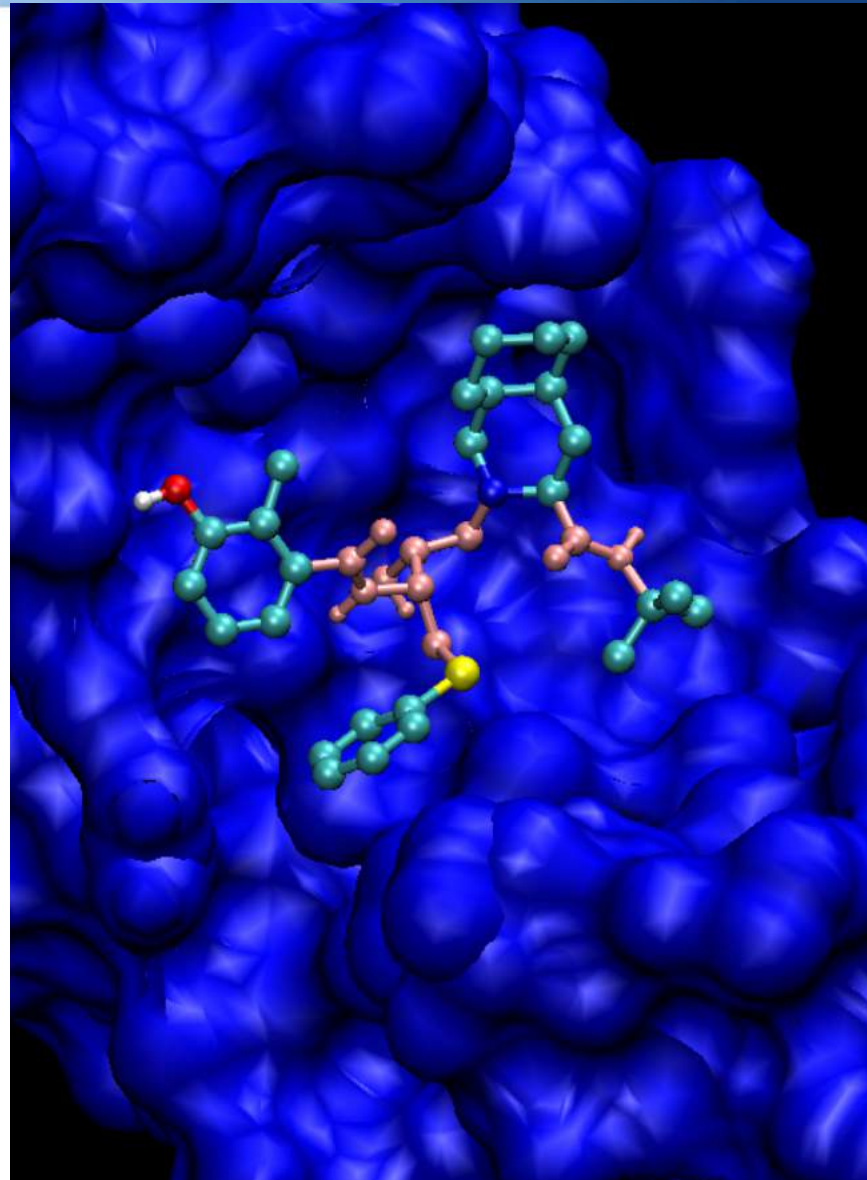




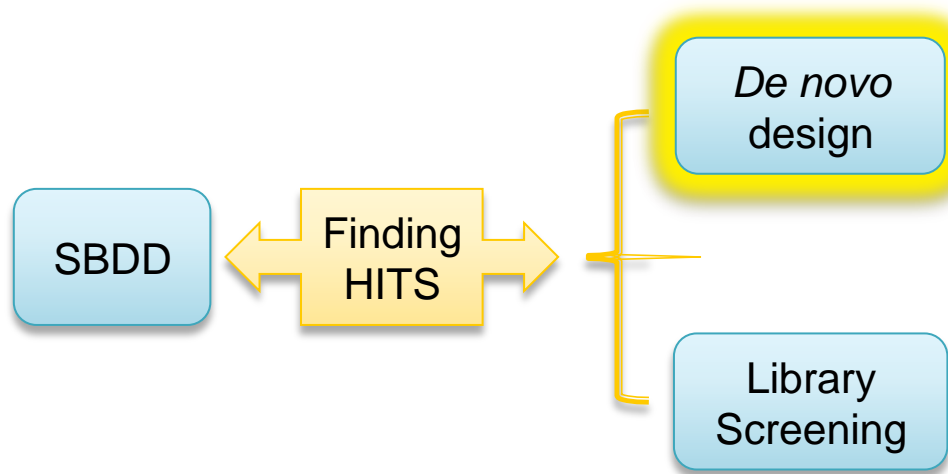
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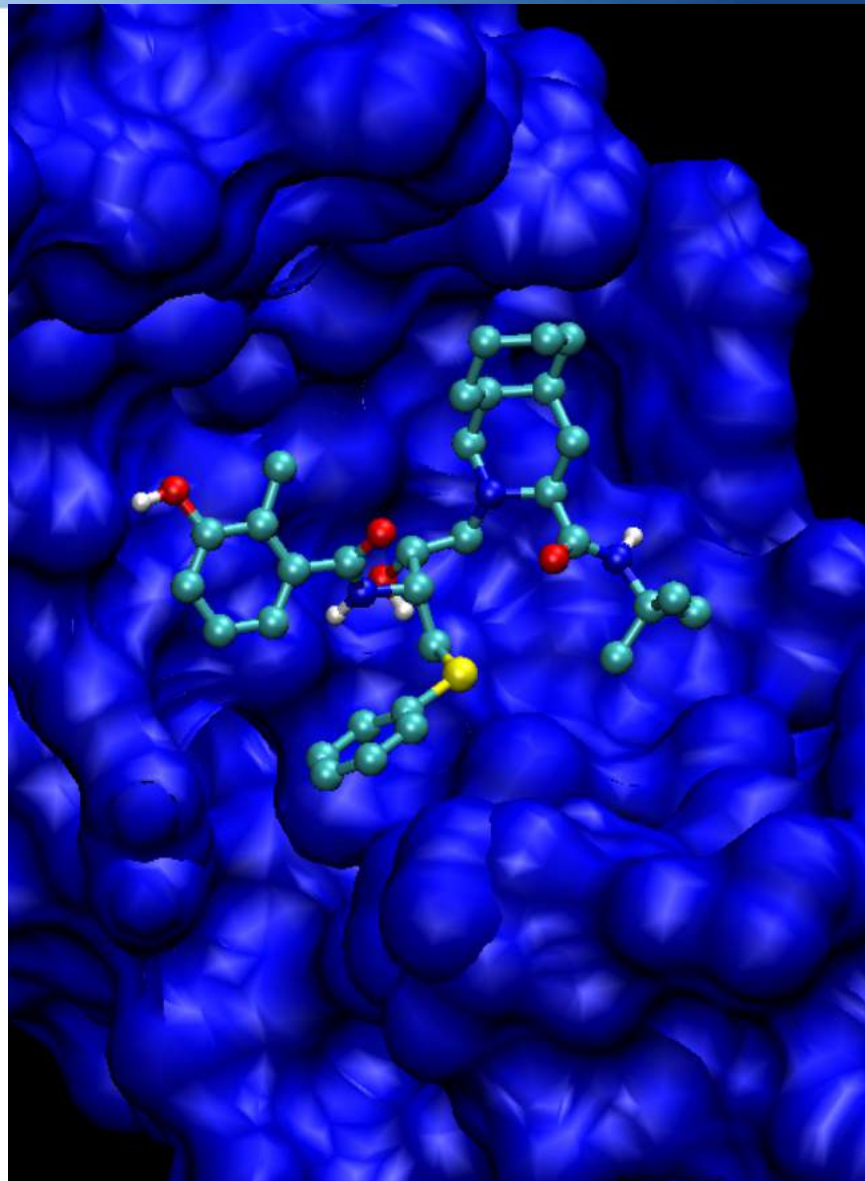
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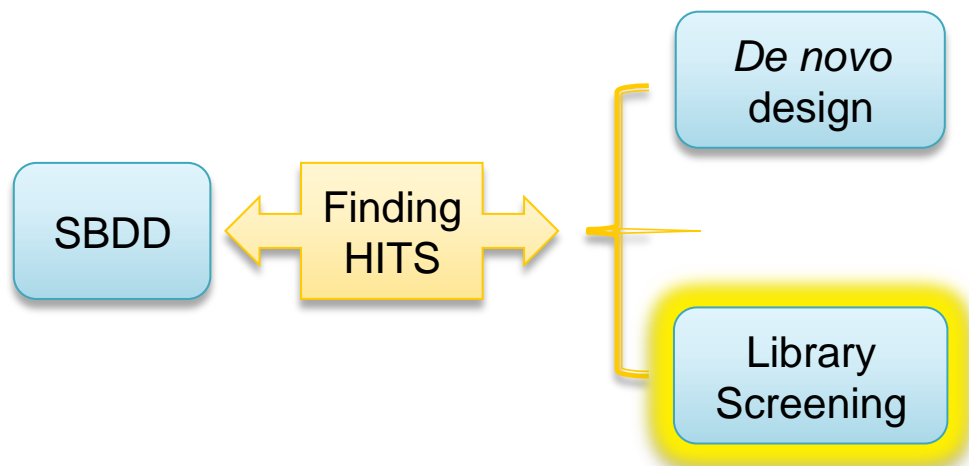


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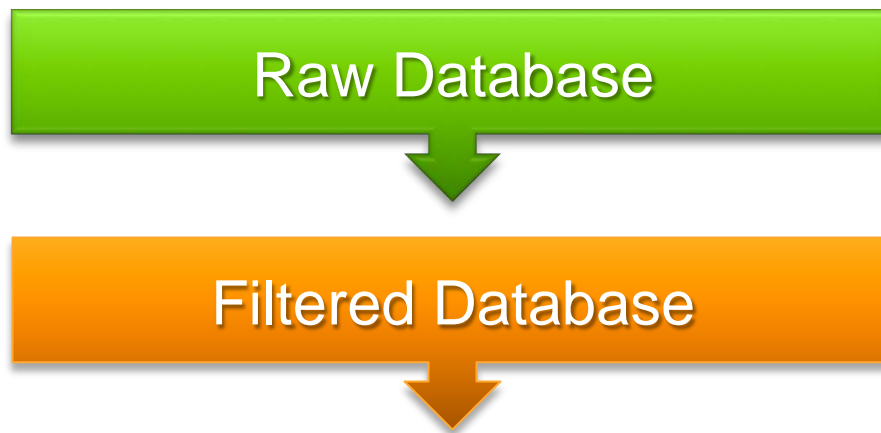
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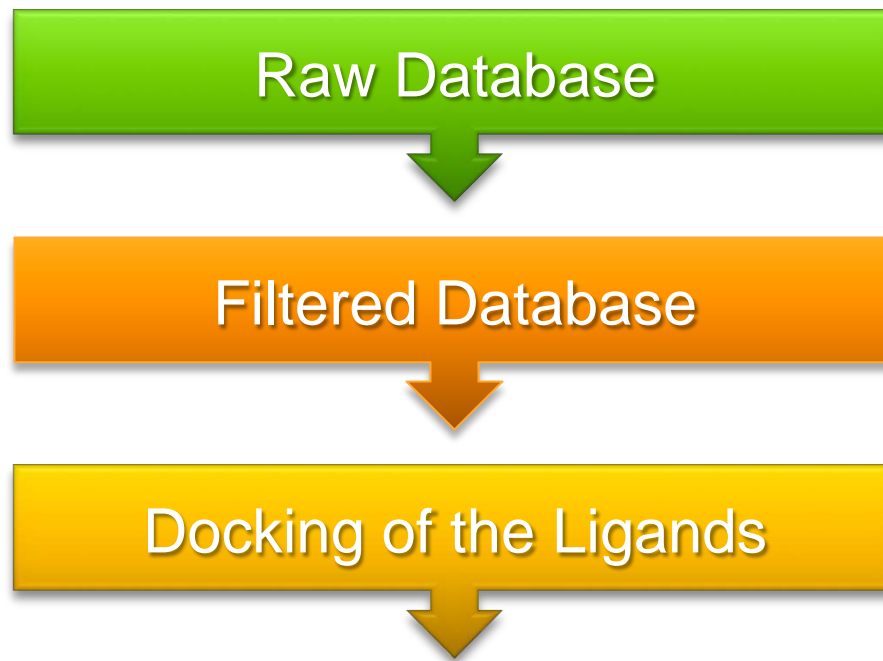
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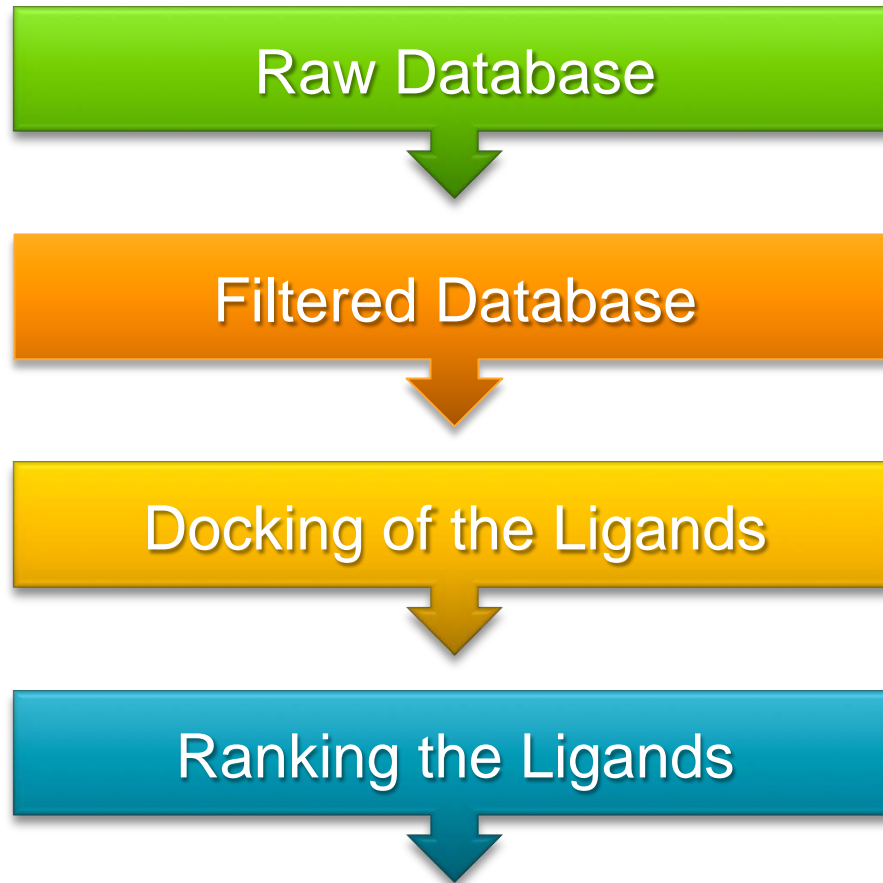
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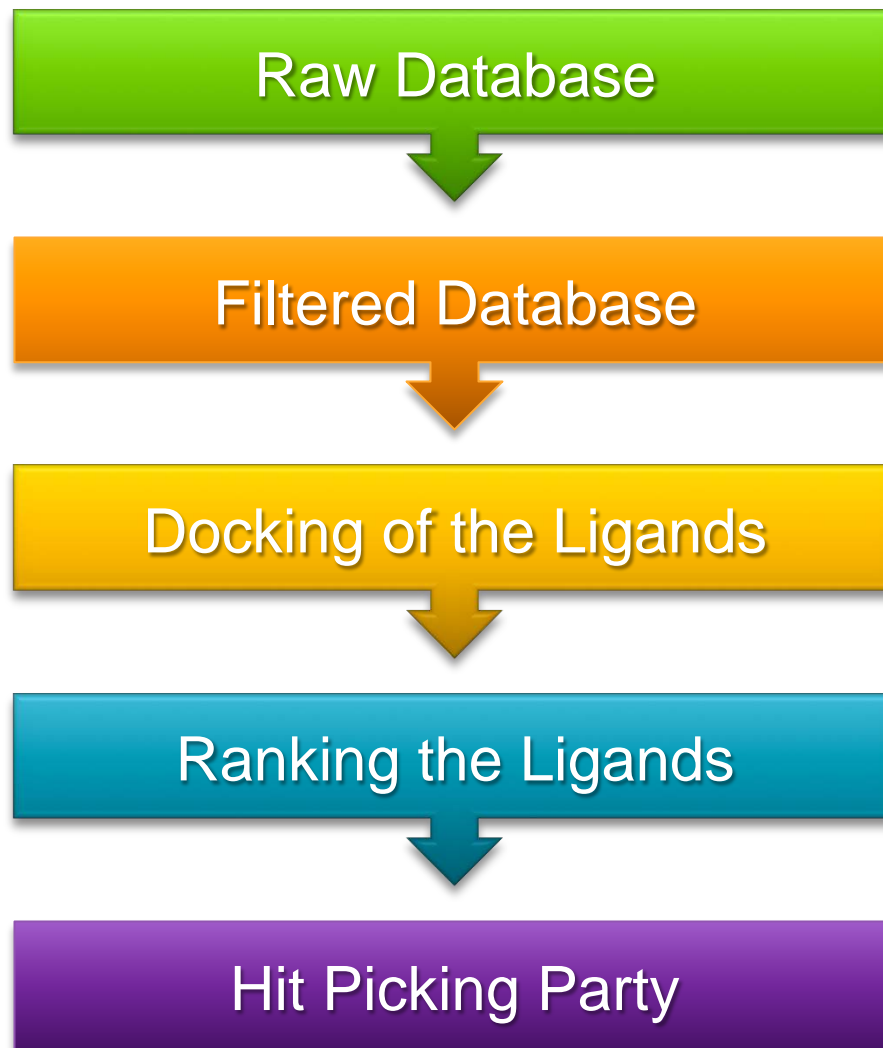
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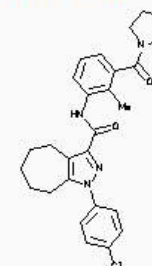
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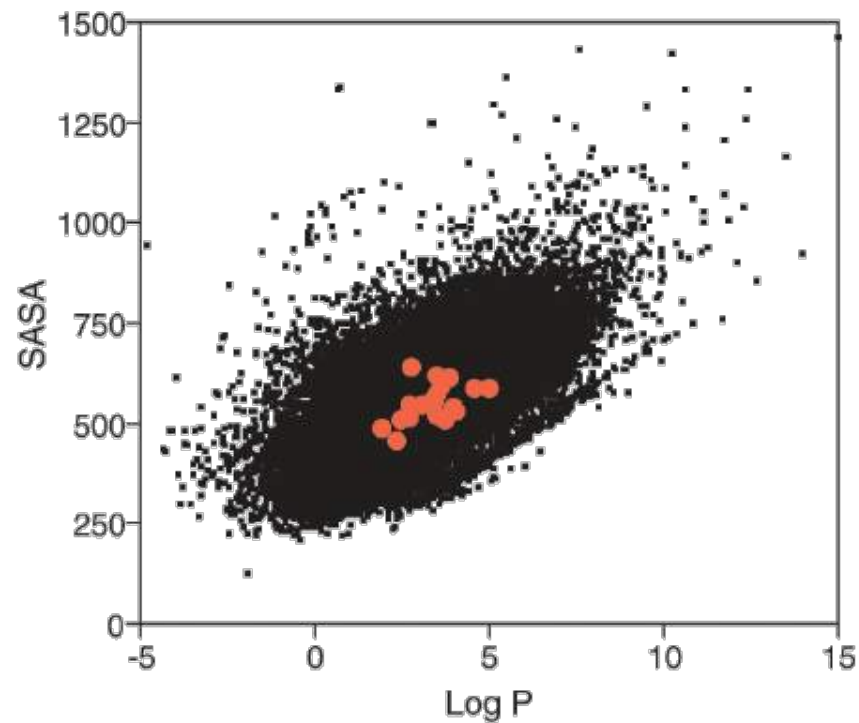
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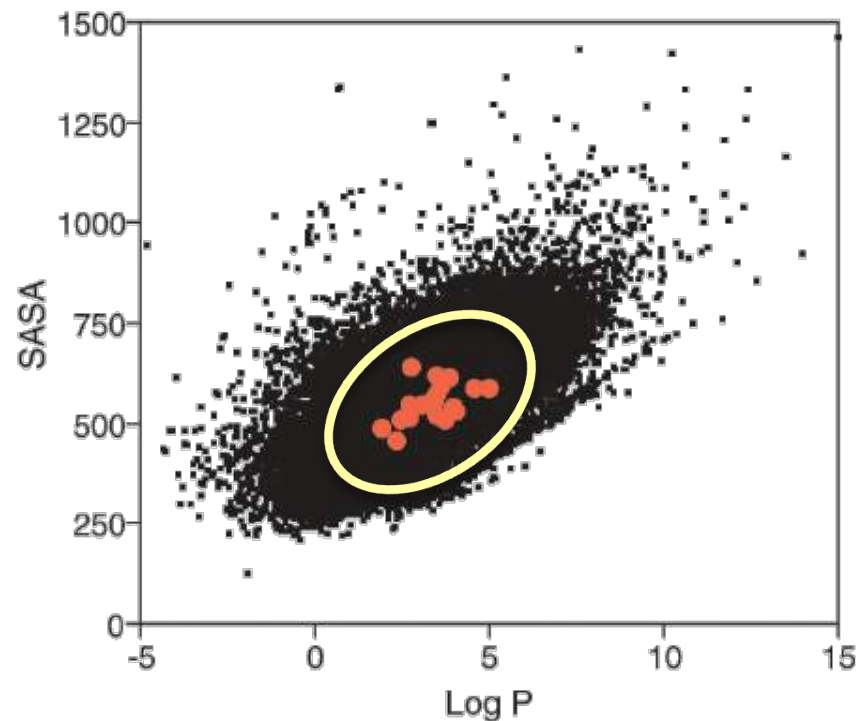
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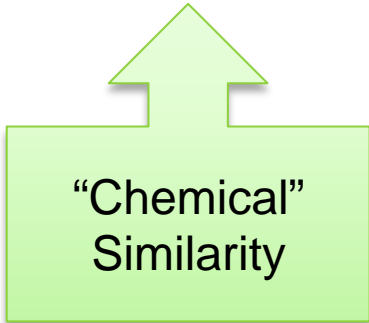
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# Preparing the Ligand and Receptor

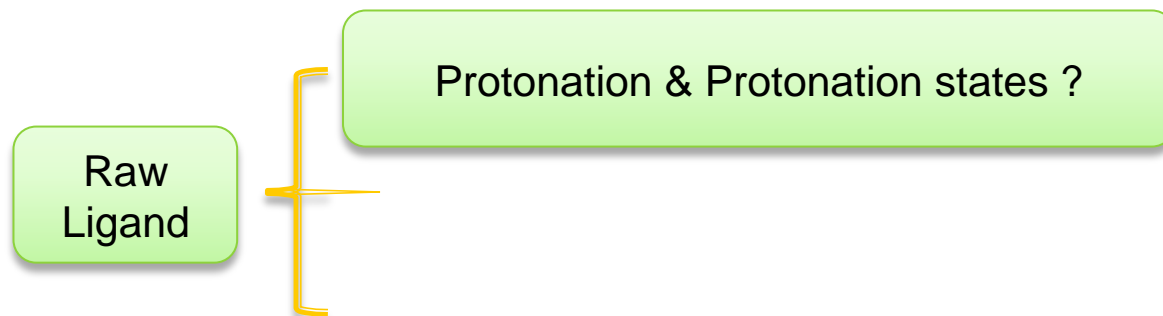


# Preparing the Ligands



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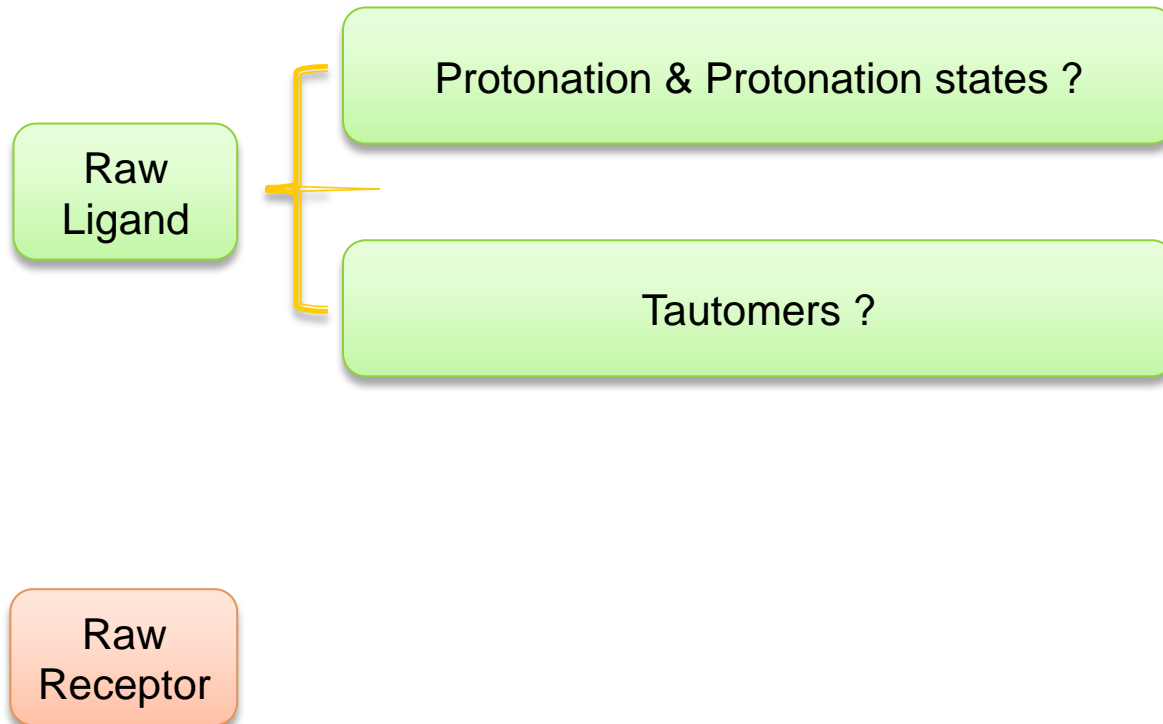
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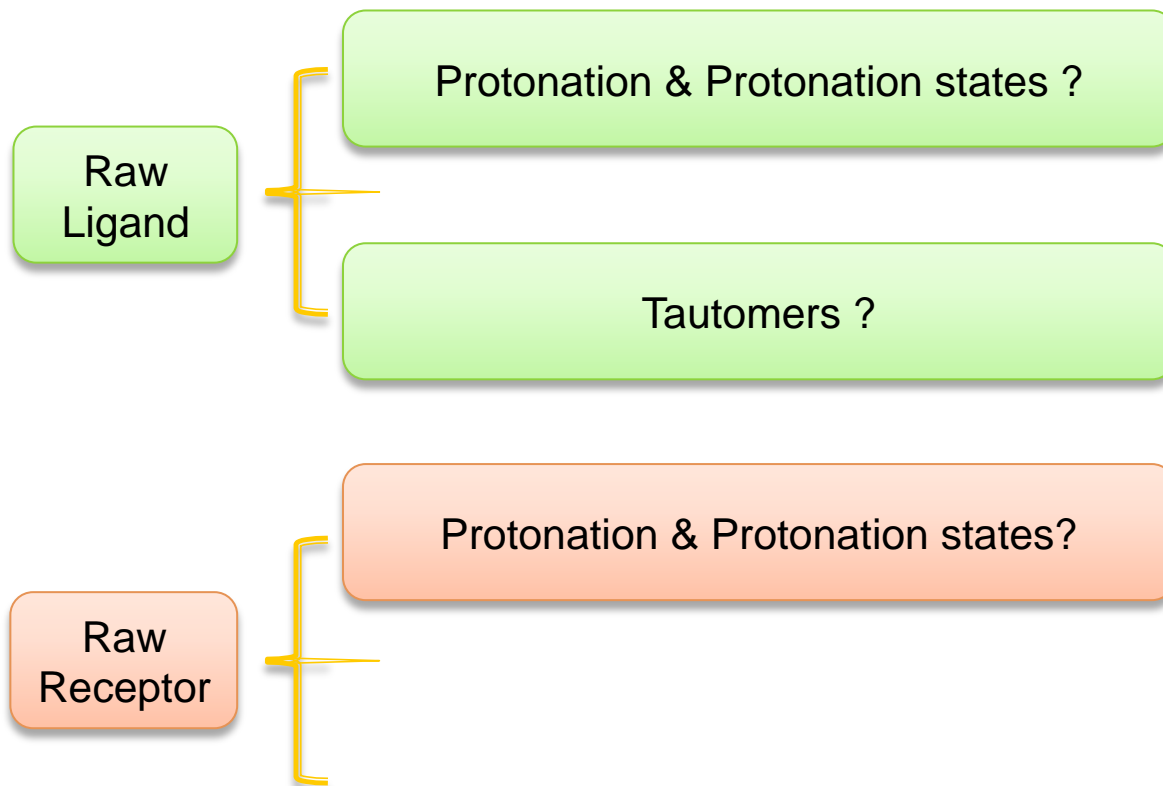
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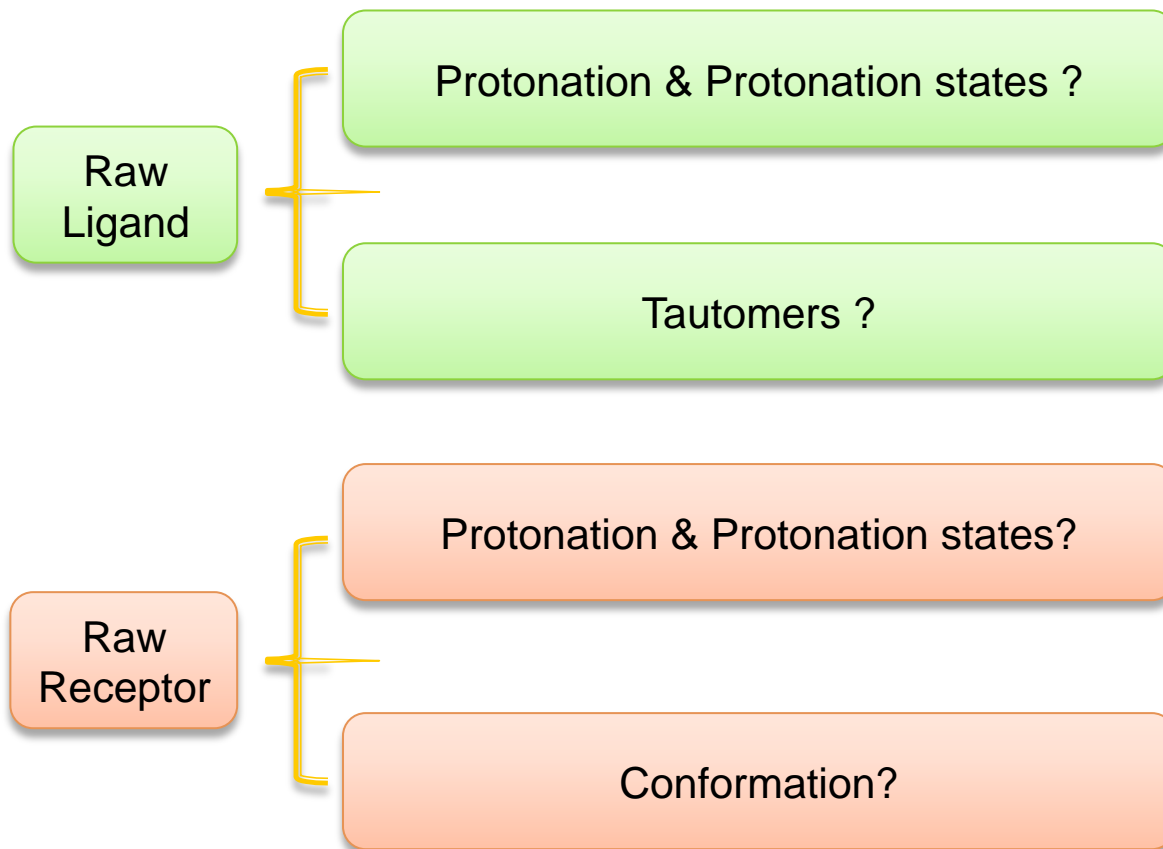
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Molecular Docking:  
Finding the binding pose of a ligand  
inside a receptor, and estimating its  
affinity.

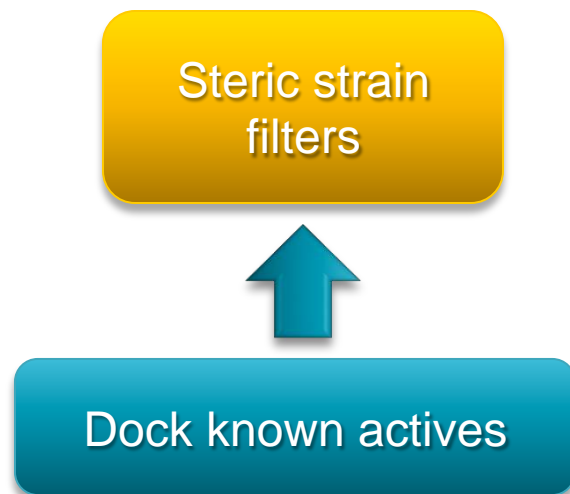
**More of this on the next chapter**

# Tuning the docking method

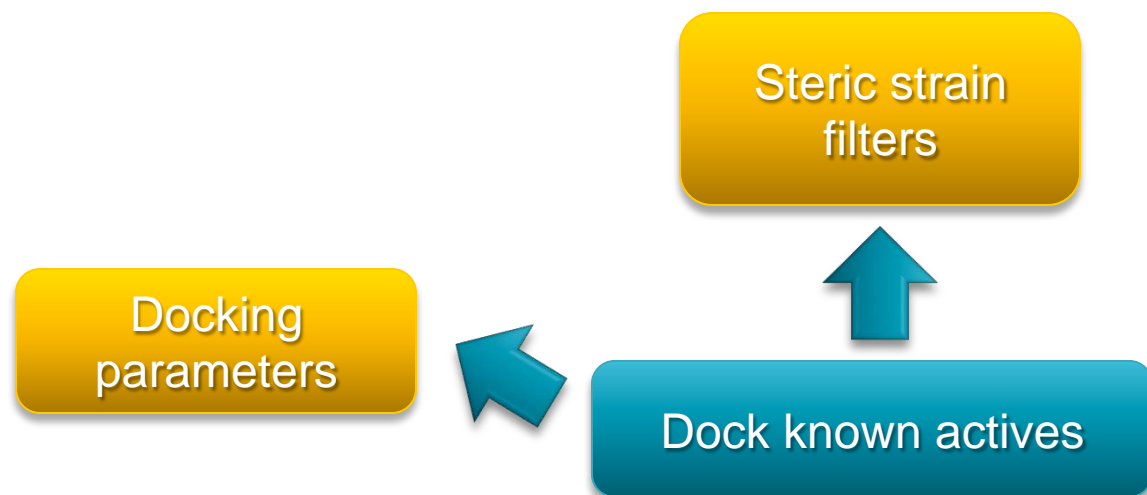


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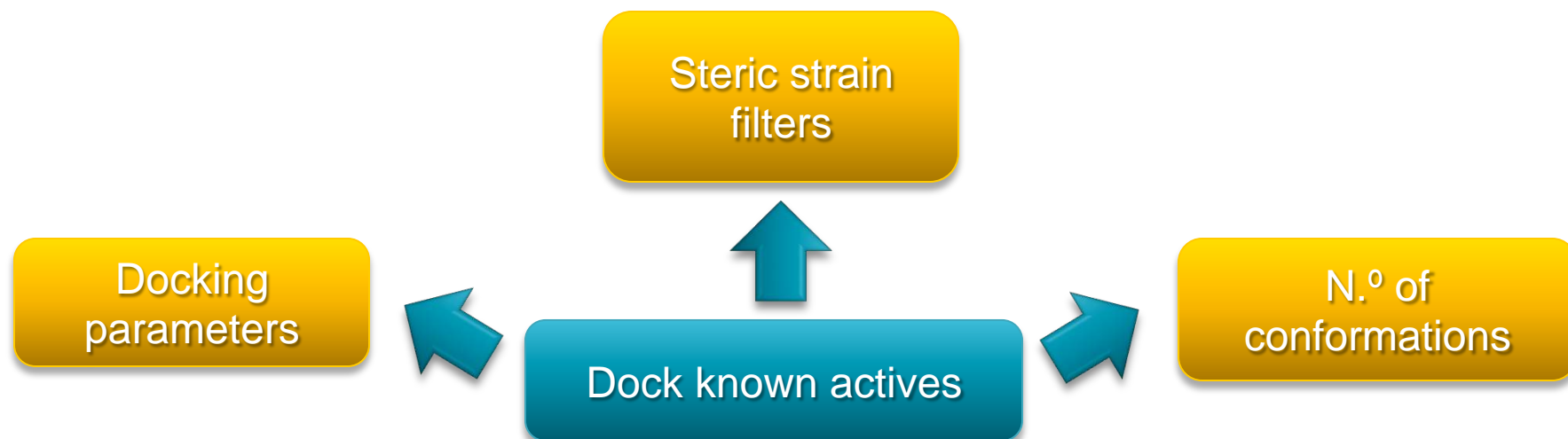
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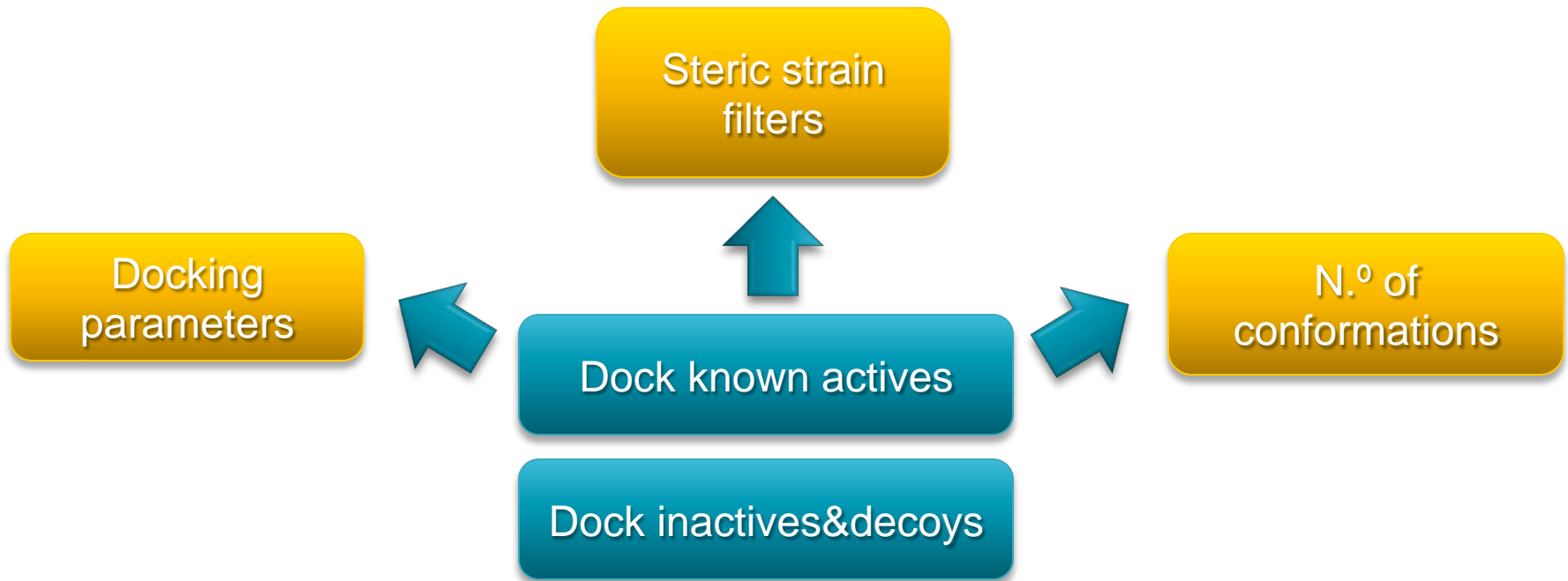
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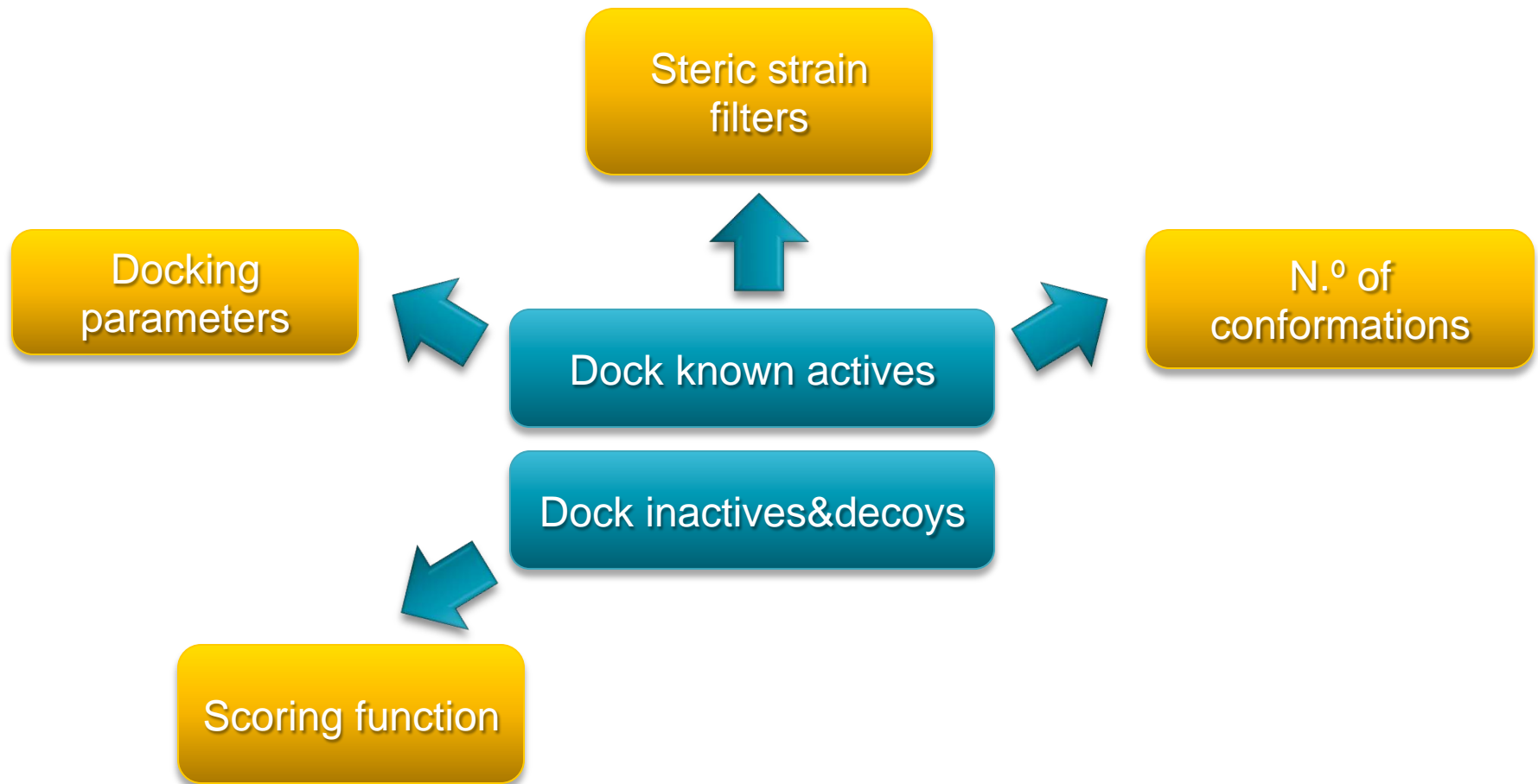
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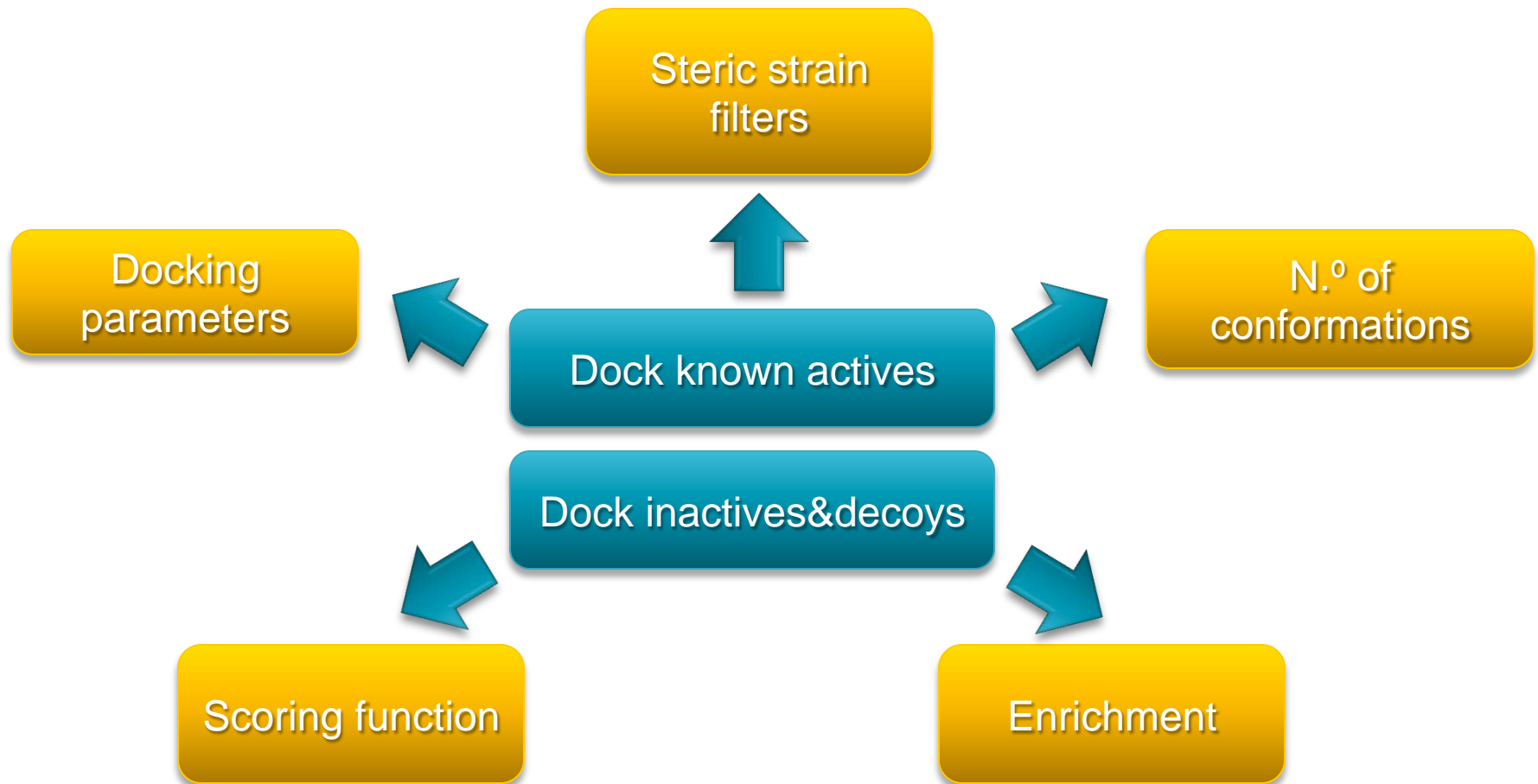


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# Docking the library



Dock and rank  
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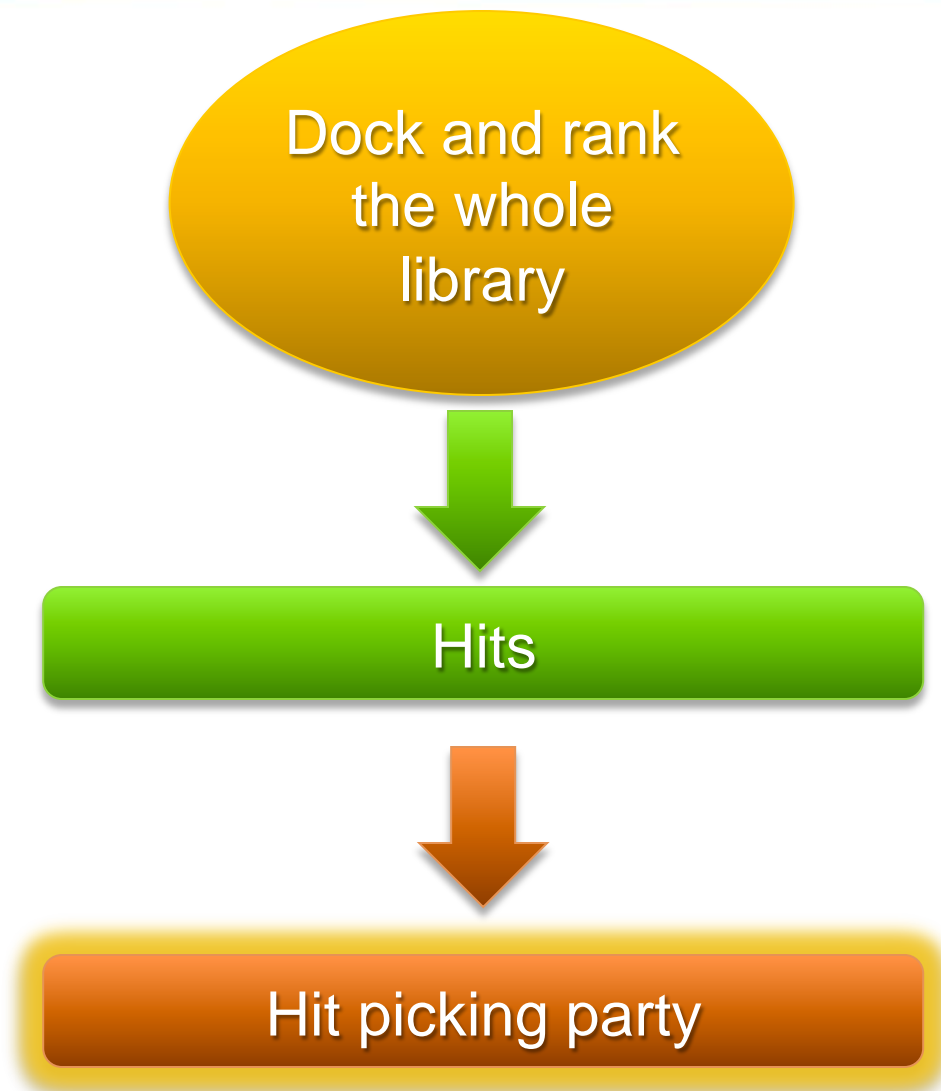


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# Docking the library



# Virtual Screening of Compound Libraries

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