# LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE OF ASSESSMENT OF PREDICTIVE MODELING AND BLINDED PREDICTION CHALLENGES



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### WHAT ARE OUR GOALS?

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How well are we doing, and what could we improve upon?

## OUR FIELD FACES SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES

## INTEROPERABILITY

Current software communities are balkanized

Poor (or no) standards for moving data between codes/packages

If there was a good standard, developers would adhere to it

(where good = it made our lives easier, not harder)

### EVALUATION

Comparison of predictive modeling on retrospective data hindered by **lack** of standard datasets and absence of common benchmark framework (machine learning has MNIST, ImageNet, etc.)

Predictive challenges (e.g., SAMPL, D3R) often end up **testing unrelated choices** (such as biomolecular setup pipeline), not the scientific core code

## WHAT ARE WE EVALUATING IN BLIND COMPETITIONS?



evaluating the driver



evaluating the technology

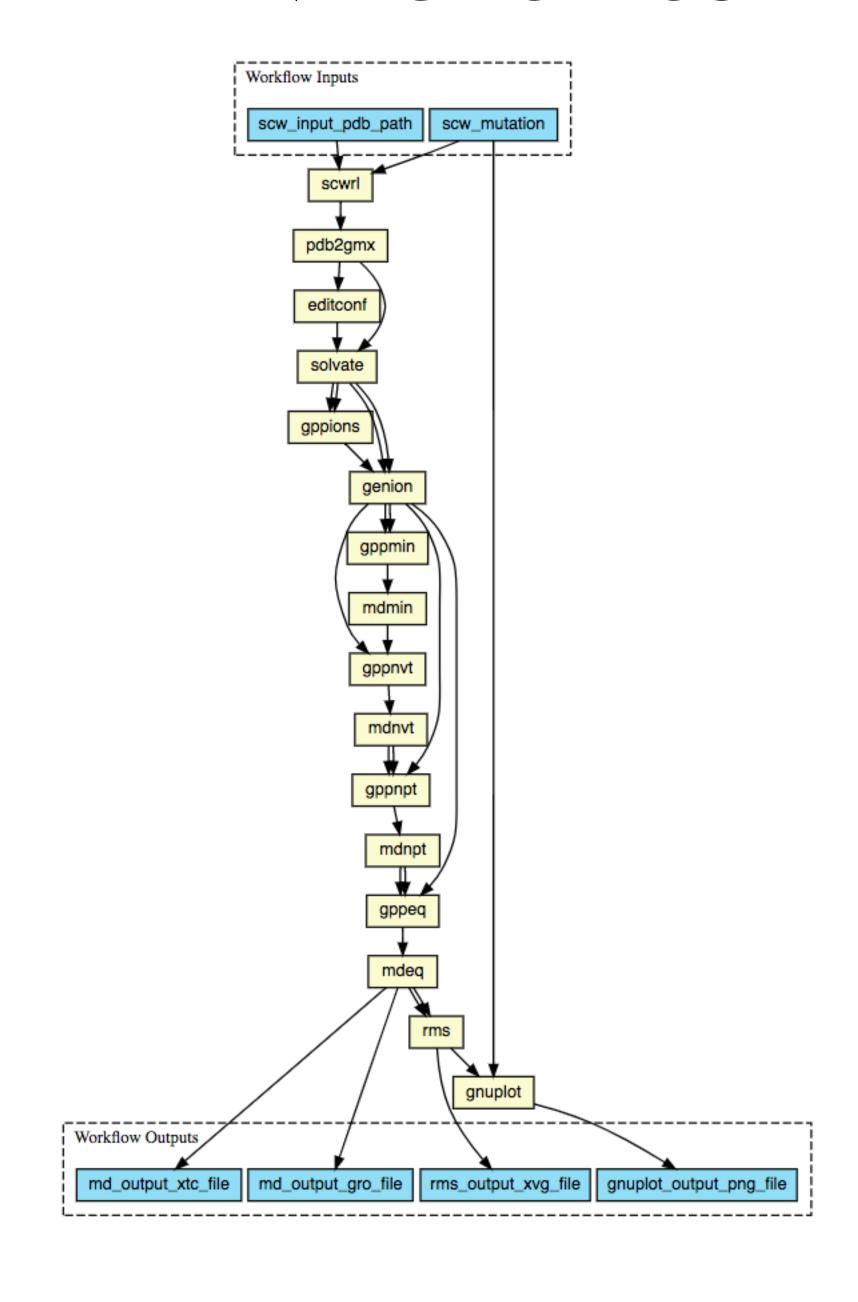
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### WE WANT TO FOCUS ON KEY SCIENCE

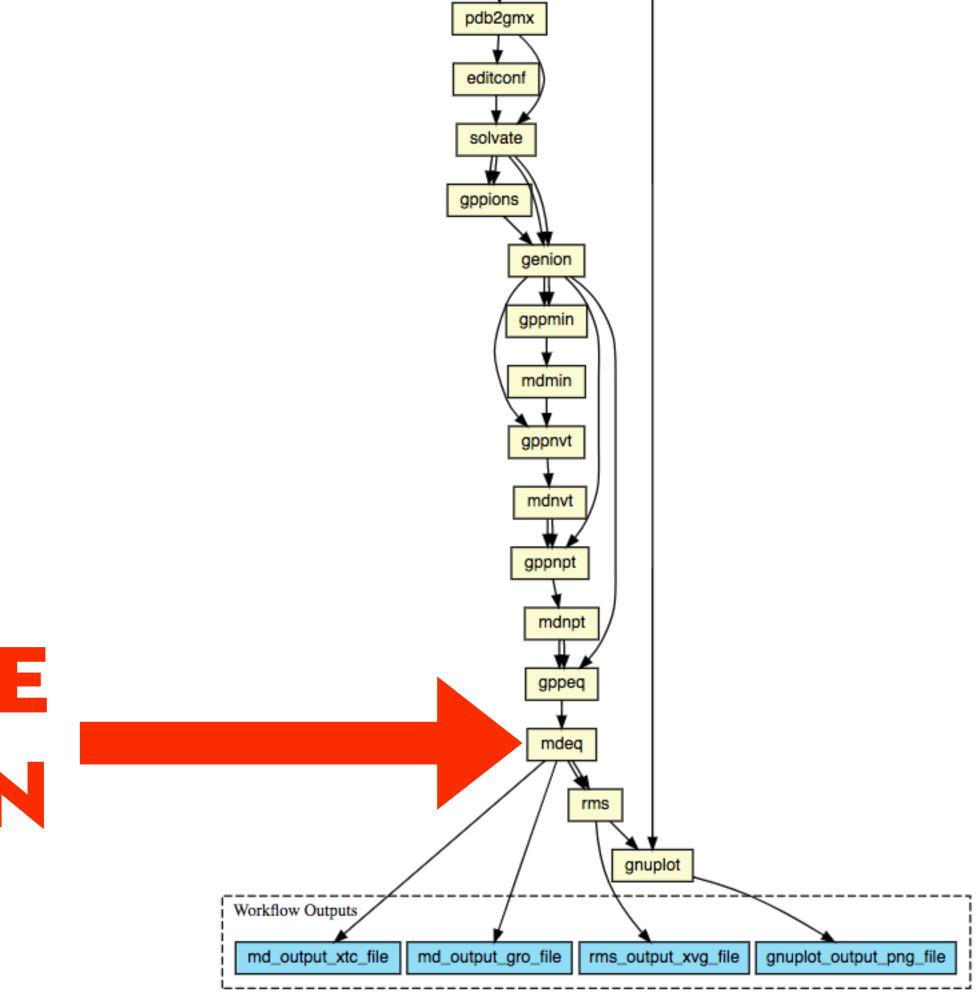
Scientists want to focus creative efforts on a specific part of the process, but are often forced to build everything from scratch to have a working framework in which they can carry out productive research

Industry wants to **combine best practices** from academia into useful pipelines for discovery, but has to hack everything together if they want to make this work

#### EXAMPLE: SETTING UP A FREE ENERGY CALCULATION IN GROMACS

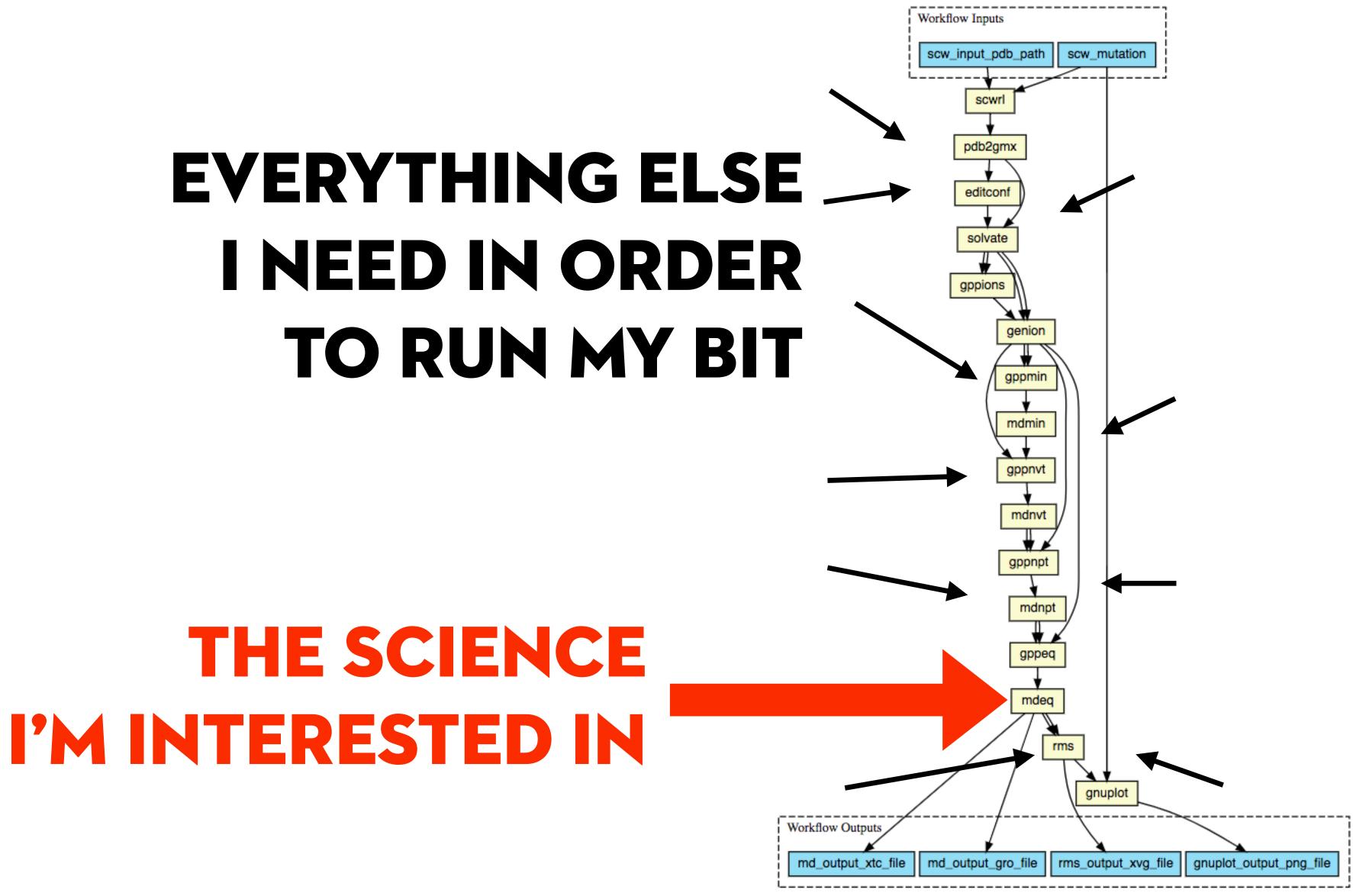


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THE SCIENCE
I'M INTERESTED IN

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http://bioexcel.eu/

### REPRODUCIBILITY

Reproducing work from a published computational chemistry paper is currently nearly impossible, which minimizes opportunities for learning and improvement

Translating best performers from D3R/SAMPL blind challenges into production pipelines is **nearly impossible** for the same reason

Identifying the origin of issues by comparing related tools or protocol choices requires labor-intensive cooperation between groups

## Example: SAMPL pKa methods

#### some are detailed:

```
# SOFTWARE SECTION
Software:
COSMOtherm C30 1701
Turbomole 7.2
COSMOconf 4.2
COSMOquick version 1.6
COSMOpy (version2017) & Python 2.7
# METHODS SECTION
The pKa dataset consists of 24 small to medium sized drug-like molecules which combine several functional group. Molecules SM01, SM08, SM15, SM20 and SM22 possess an additional (significant) acidic
functional group
Possible deprotonated and protonated species (anions, cations, zwitterions) have been generated automatically via the COSMOquick software package. A few further potential ions and tautomers were determined from visual inspection of the neutral forms as provided
for the challenge. In all cases, only single protonation or deprotonation turned out to be relevant at the experimental region from pH=2 to pH=12.
For all compounds, including the ionic and tautomeric forms, independent sets of relevant conformations were computed with the COSMOconf 4.2 workflow. Additional neutral conformers which are thermodynamically relevant in water according to COSMOtherm computations
have been found only for compound SM18 (tautomeric) and SM22 (zwitterionic) and have been included into the respective conformer sets used later on for the COSMOtherm pKa calculations.
The quantum chemistry calculations of COSMO sigma-surfaces were done at the BP//TZVPD//FINE single point level based upon BP//TZVPD//FINE single point level bas
chemical calculations were carried out with the TURBOMOLE 7.2 quantum chemistry software.
The COSMOtherm pka-module uses a simple linear free energy relationship (LFER) in order to correct the free energy differences of the neutral and protonated (deprotonated) forms. (Klamt, A. et al. J. Phys. Chem. A 107, 9380 9386 (2003). & Eckert et al. J Comp
Chem 27, 11?19 (2006).):
pKa = c0 + c1*(DG neutral-DG ionic)
c0=-131.7422 and c1=0.4910 mol/kcal (for acids in water)
c0=-171.1748 and c1=0.6227 mol/kcal (for bases in water)
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pKa values were computed for all identified single protonated and deprotonated and the respective zwitterions using the COSMO-RS method as implemented in the COSMOtherm software. The workflow for the batch computation about 80 pKa reactions has been automated via an in-house script based on Python 2.7 (COSMOpy).

For the final submission, only relevant pKa-values were included. For bases all protonation reactions with predicted pKa>0 and for acids all pKa values <14 were selected. The pKa value of basic molecule SM14 containing 2 equivalent basic groups according to our calculations was corrected by the addition of log10(2).

The accuracy of the pKa prediction with the current COSMOtherm parameterization is about 0.65 log units root mean squared deviation (RMSD). The RMSD was evaluated on a validation set of about 160 basic and acidic compounds having a fairly simple molecular structure. However, due to the somewhat more complex structure of the sample molecules the mean of the expected error may be somewhat higher.

#### some are brief:

# SOFTWARE SECTION

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#
# All major software packages used and their versions.
# Create a new line for each software.
# The "Software:" keyword is required.
Software:
Gaussian09, versions D.01 and A.02
Microsoft Excel 2008 MacOSX

# METHODS SECTION
#
# Methodology and computational details.
# Level of detail should be at least that used in a publication.
# Please include the values of key parameters, with units, and explain how any statistical uncertainties were estimated.
# Use as many lines of text as you need.
# All text following the "Method:" keyword will be regarded as part of your free text methods description.
Method:
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From the microscopic pKa values (submission typeI-Iorga-2) we computed the pKa of macroscopic states for the three simplest systems (SM15, SM20 and SM22) using the procedure described in Bodner, G.M. J. Chem. Education 1986, 63, 246. For SM20 there is one macroscopic state, which is the same as the unique microscopic state. For SM15 and SM22 there are two macroscopic states.

### DEPLOYMENT

Translating academic research software into a tool that can be employed within industry is **extremely difficult** if not impossible for reasons of code quality, robustness, interoperability, and user-friendliness











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### TRAINING

Pharma and comp chem are facing an **exodus of talent** due to retirements and hefty competition from machine learning and data science fields

Need better tools to **train the next generation** of computational chemists and get them excited about working in a field that has rudimentary tools compared to the powerful TensorFlow/PyTorch ecosystems in ML

### FUNDING

Industry and federal funding agencies (NSF, NIH) tired of investing \$ in software or **research that is not useful** to them or others

Easier to justify small investments in funding to deliver new features if they can be rapidly deployed and utilized/combined

### VALIDATION AND ANALYSIS

For blind challenge participants, it's difficult to **validate** the output of your scripts to make sure it's in the right format, and to test on known datasets with the same analysis pipeline that will be used for assessment.

For blind challenge assessors, it's almost impossible to guarantee everyone will submit the data in the right format.

### WORKFLOWS TO THE RESCUE

Workflows (and the machinery to support them) can address all of these issues:

- \* Training
- \* Interoperability
- \* Reproducibility
- \* Evaluation
- \* Deployment
- \* Funding
- \* Enabling focus on key science
- \* Productivity

### WHAT COULD THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE?

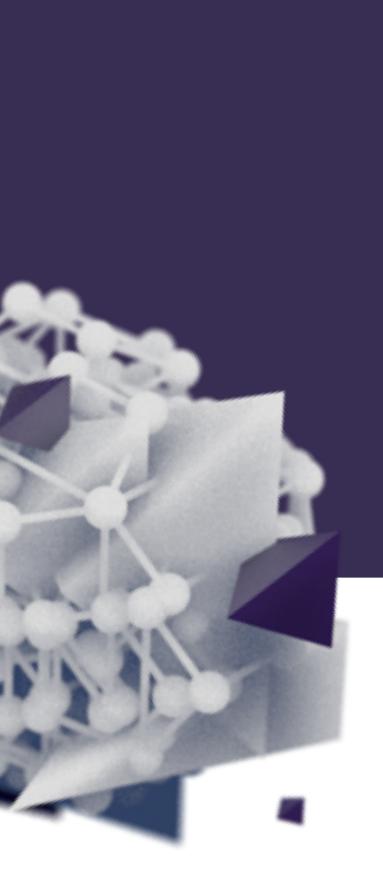
Publications/submissions include a **DOI-indexed portable workflow component** that can be pulled from a **common component repository** to reproduce the calculations in the paper/submission in a variety of workflow engines that support common components.

Journals require virtual screening or affinity prediction tools to report performance on **standard benchmark datasets** that the community agrees are valuable.

Researchers can focus their efforts on improving the science underlying **specific components** of versioned best practices workflows, and share them in the **common component respository**.

Industry can easily **evaluate predictive models** on internal datasets without having to embark on a multi-year effort to reimplement, hack together, or harden the software.

Vendors could flexibly charge for use of their tools, potentially by **pay for privacy/ownership** so tools could be evaluated freely but funded by use for IP generation.



A MolSSI Workshop

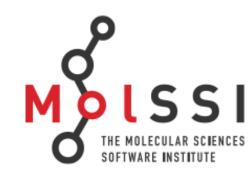
### DISTRIBUTED WORKFLOWS FOR BIOMOLECULAR SIMULATION

September 12-13, 2017 | Autodesk Gallery, 1 Market Street, San Francisco, CA

Distributed Workflows for Biomolecular Simulations is an invite-only, innovation-driven workshop hosted by MolSSI and Autodesk Life Sciences for academic and industry experts on how workflow technologies will vastly accelerate pipelines from academic research to industrial discovery.

## PLEASE SAVE THE DATE, REGISTRATION LINK TO FOLLOW





#### BACKGROUND

Workflow technologies simplify the processes of developing reliable computational methods, deploying reproducible and reliable software, exploiting scalable computing, and sharing standardized best practices. With increasing interest in such systems from academic, industrial, and computing groups, this

### OPPORTUNITIES

#### Workflow component interoperability:

- · Components could be portable between workflow engines
  - · Academics could wrap tools once to make them available to many systems
  - · Software vendors could make components available via licensing models
  - · Workflow engines could benefit from large ecosystem of components
- · Common component format could be supported alongside specialized formats
- Enable a common component repository/registry?
- · We would need to define:
  - · How components are encapsulated
  - · What information must be exchanged
  - · How components expose their functionality
  - Different licensing models that enable research, use, and fair compensation
  - How toolmakers can get feedback (especially regarding failures)

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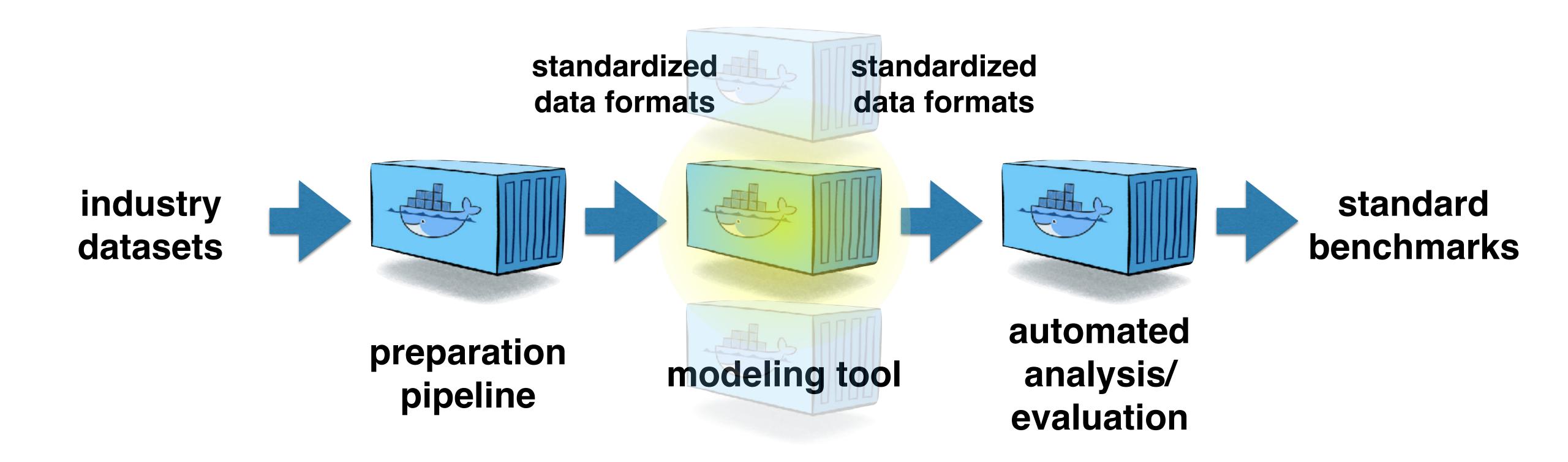
## BLIND CHALLENGES SHOULD EVALUATE THE TECHNOLOGY, NOT THE DRIVER

Need to separate technology from operator in order to statistically evaluate performance of the technology

Can't easily do this with traditional blind challenge format

Blind challenges aren't enough: They have to be automated.

## WORKFLOWS USING BEST PRACTICES WOULD ALLOW US TO EVALUATE THE TECHNOLOGY





## CONTAINERS SOLVE THE PORTABILITY PROBLEM

interactive terminal/GUI sessions cloud
(AWS, Google Compute)

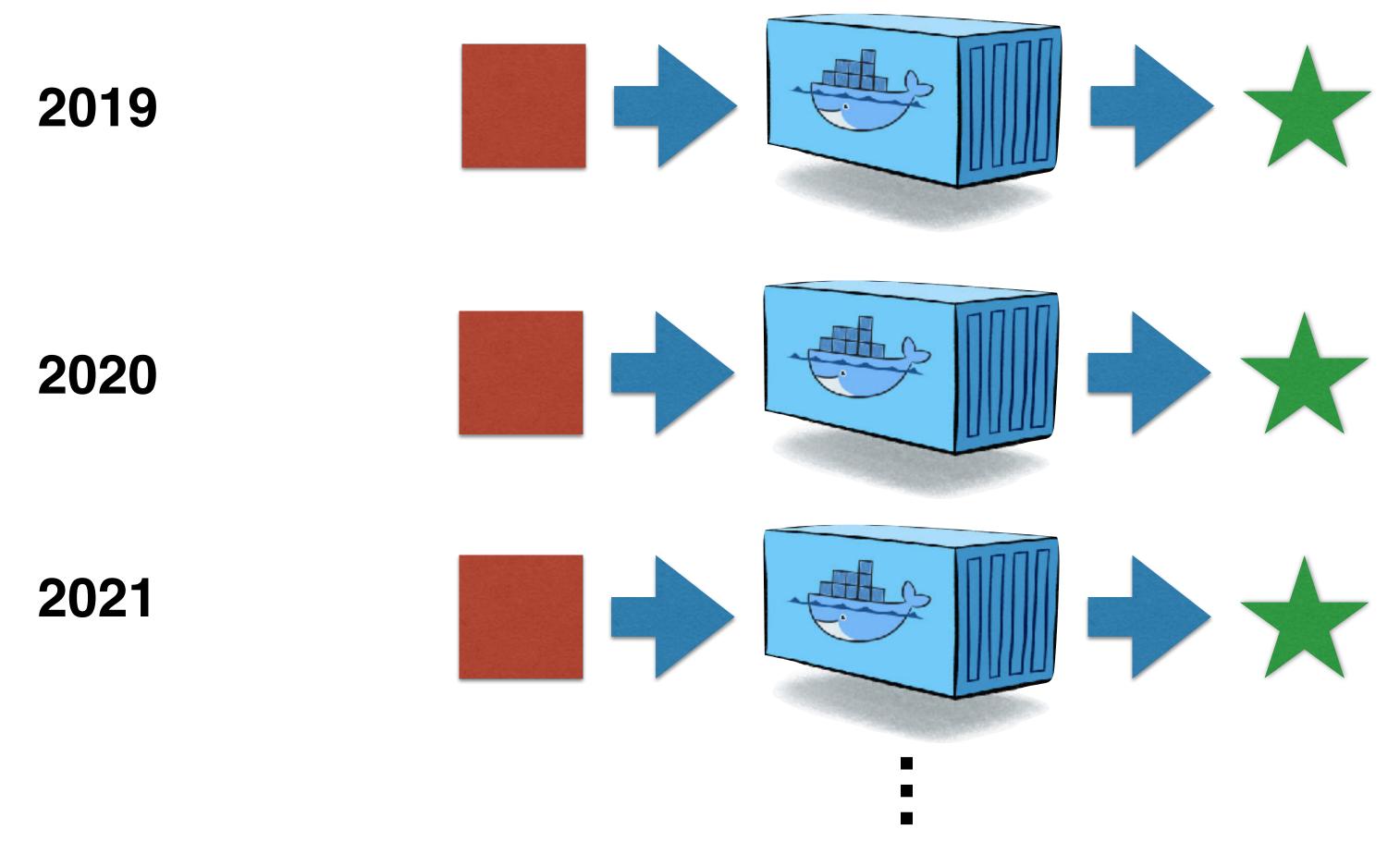
local resources
(OS independent)

laptop/desktop
(essential for training)

standardized programmatic interfaces

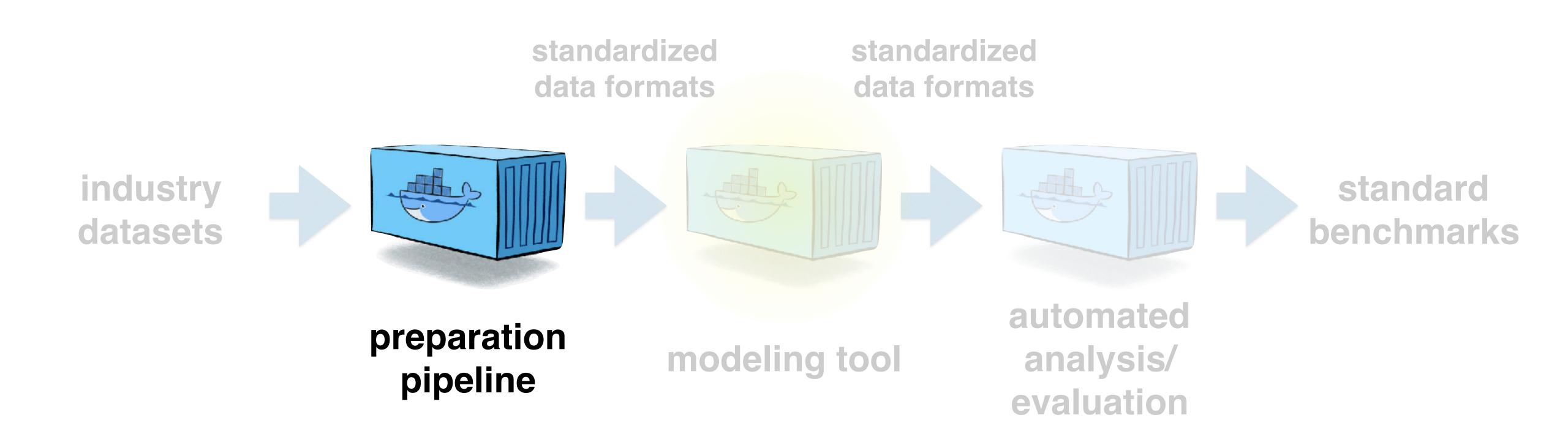


## CONTAINERS SOLVE THE REPRODUCIBILITY PROBLEM



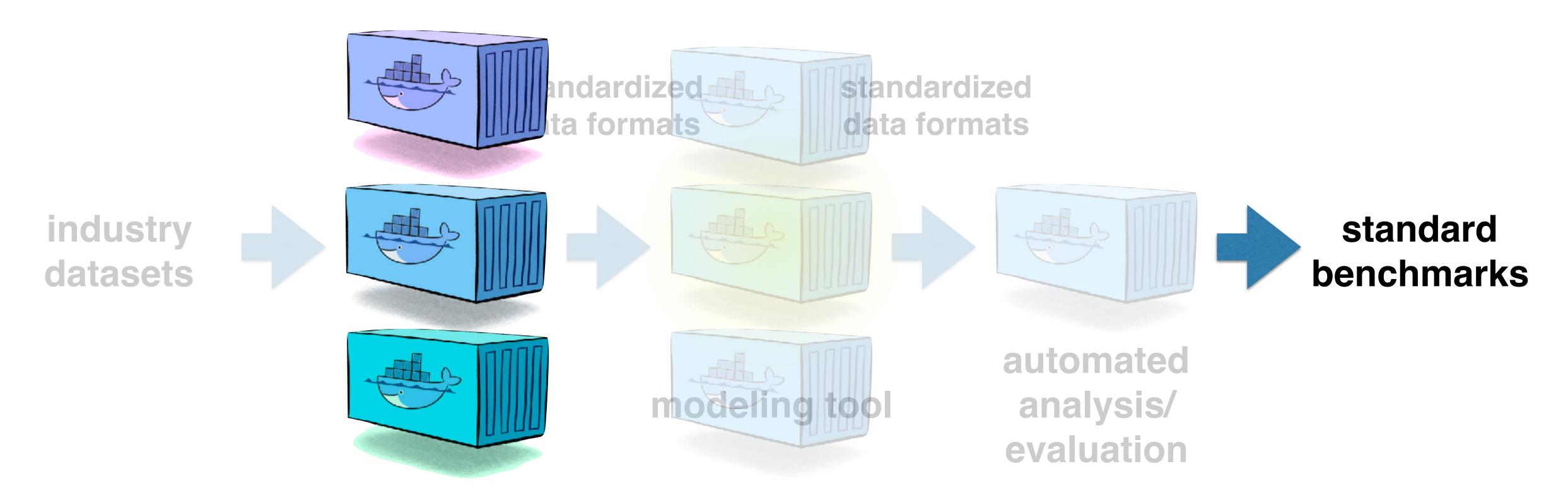


## OPEN PREPARATION PIPELINES COULD CAPTURE COMMUNITY-DRIVEN BEST PRACTICES





## BEST PRACTICES CAN BE EVALUATED BY TESTING VARIATIONS ON A VARIETY OF MODELING TOOLS



preparation pipeline variations





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LiveCoMS "Best Practices" articles: Put your simulations

### Best Practices for Quantification of Uncertainty and Sampling Quality in Molecular Simulations [Article v1.0]

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This LiveCoMS document is maintained online on GitHub at https://github.com/dmzuckerman/Sampling-Uncertainty; to provide feedback,

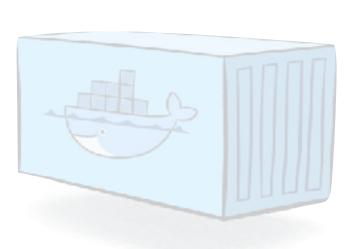
**Abstract** The quantitative assessment of uncertainty and sampling quality is essential in molecular simulation. Many systems of interest are highly complex, often at the edge of current computational capabilities. Modelers must therefore analyze and communicate statistical uncertainties so that "consumers" of simulated data understand its significance and limitations. This article covers key analyses appropriate for trajectory data generated by conventional simulation methods such as

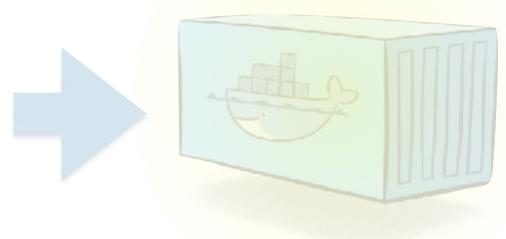
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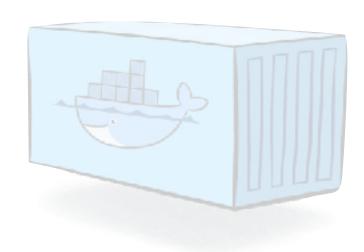
standardized data formats

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protein constructs
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preparation pipeline

modeling tool

automated analysis/ evaluation

#### biomolecular target

replace aging PDB format handle charges, parameters, etc. robust open source readers/writers

#### parameterized small molecules

make up for shortcomings in mol2, SDF suitable for the internet age (e.g. JSON)

#### prediction formats

binding poses predicted affinity/assay data predict confidence/uncertainties exception logging

#### assessment formats

standard representations standard assessments standardized uncertainty analysis



## RIGHT NOW, IT'S EVEN DIFFICULT TO DESCRIBE WHAT WE'RE MODELING

Biologist's description

"We expressed human Abl kinase T315I (isoform IA residues 242-493 fused to an N-terminal His6-TEV tag), cleaved with TEV protease, and incubated at high concentration to induce autophosphorylation. Assays were run in 100 uL of 1 uM kinase in assay buffer (20 mM Tris buffer pH 8 with 50 mM NaCl) to which 100 nL of 10 mM DMSO stock of imatinib was added."

Need to extract structured description

- biopolymers
   sequence construct
   covalent modifications/adducts
- small molecules
   identities, numbers/concentrations
   protonation state/tautomer
- buffer
   buffer molecules, salt concentration,
   pH, redox potential
- thermodynamic state temperature, pressure

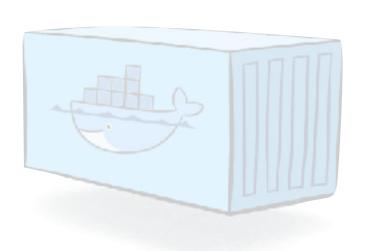
Also need to specify source structural data (PDB IDs?) to be used to generate initial geometries.

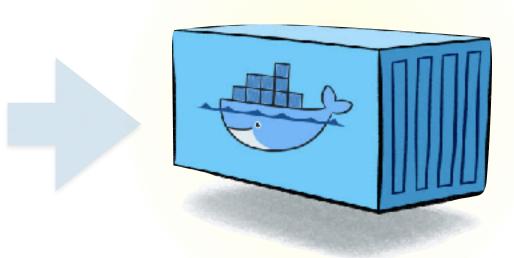
## PARTICIPANTS WILL CONTAINERIZE THEIR MODELING TOOLS

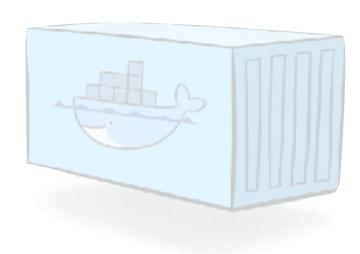
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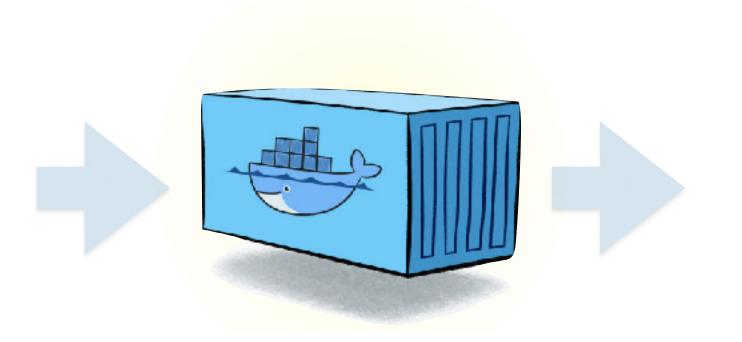
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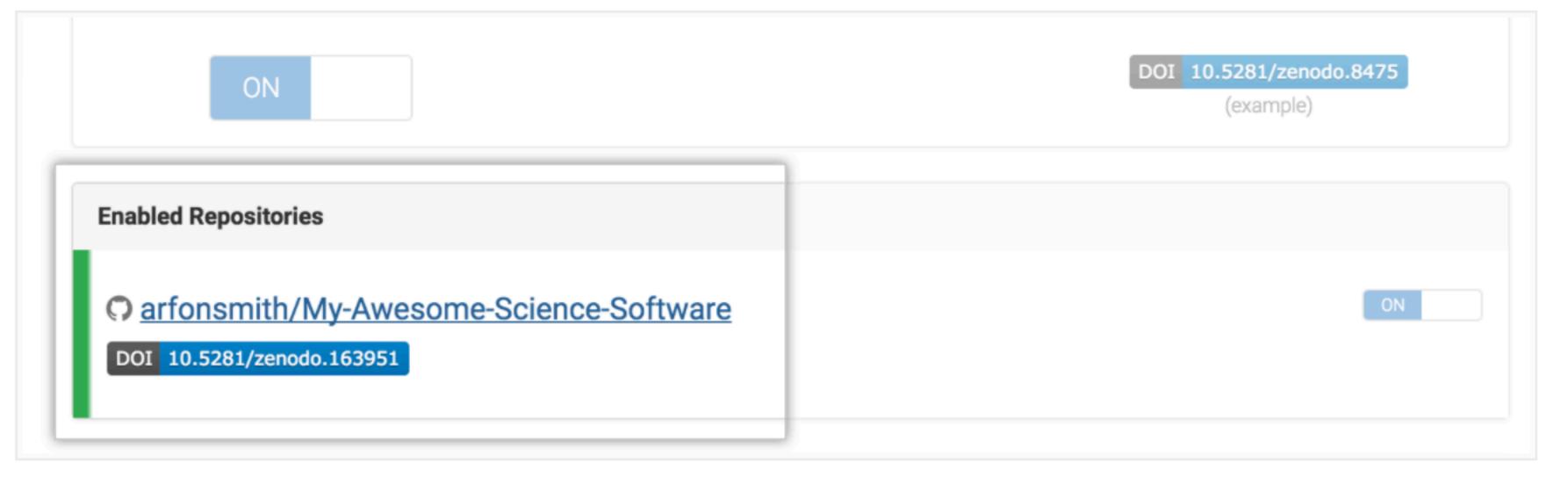
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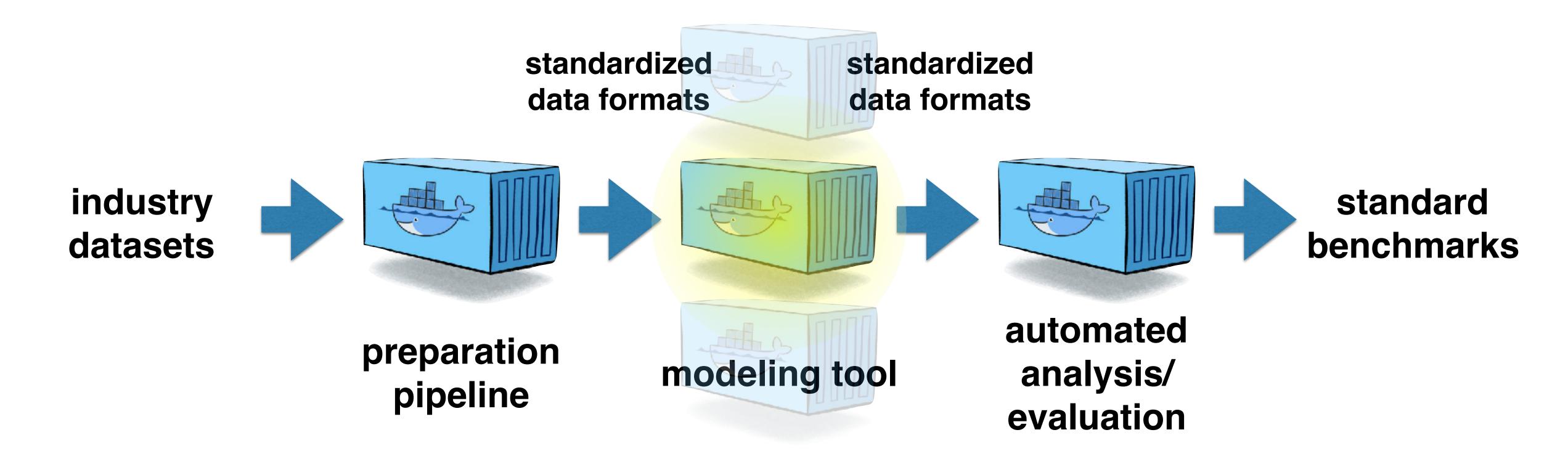
## WE COULD DEFINE A COMMON COMPONENT FORMAT, I/O, API, AND REPOSITORY

What if every modeling tool paper came with a DOI that let you pull the exact tool used in that paper from a common component registry and evaluate it yourself?





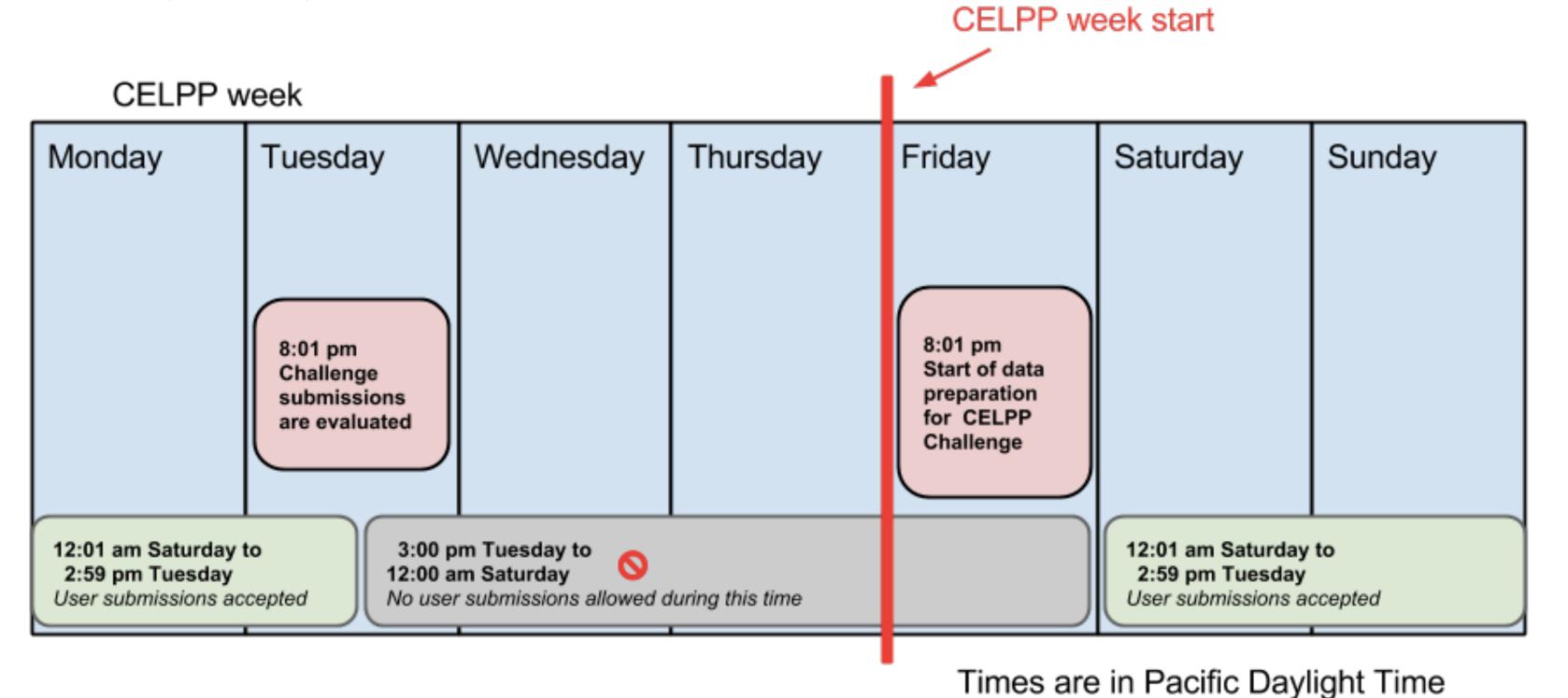
#### FULLY AUTOMATED LUXURY BLIND CHALLENGES



We can find a way to fund AWS / GCE time to run tools retrospectively and prospectively for modeling evaluation



## CELPP AS A PROOF OF CONCEPT: CONTAINERIZED TOOLS ENABLE CONTINUOUS AUTOMATED EVALUATION



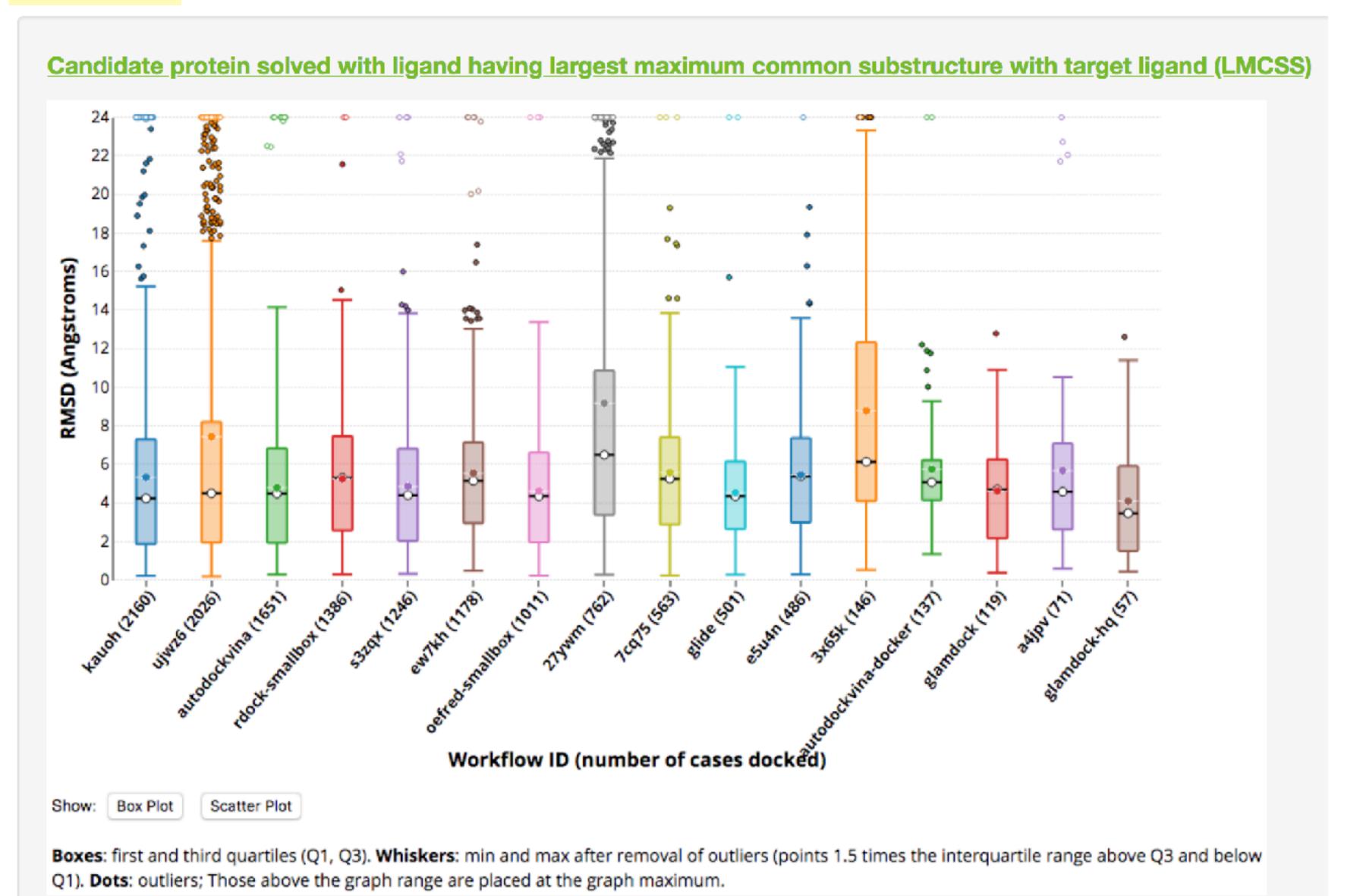
**CELPP** is a python based application that consumes the wwPDB INCHI strings, selects appropriate docking targets, and prepares the proteins and ligands for weekly automated docking challenges. **CELPP** challenge participants will perform the docking and send the results to **CELPP** to be evaluated against weekly released "answers."

#### CELPP: Continuous Evaluation of Ligand Protein Prediction

Weekly blinded challenges for ligand pose prediction

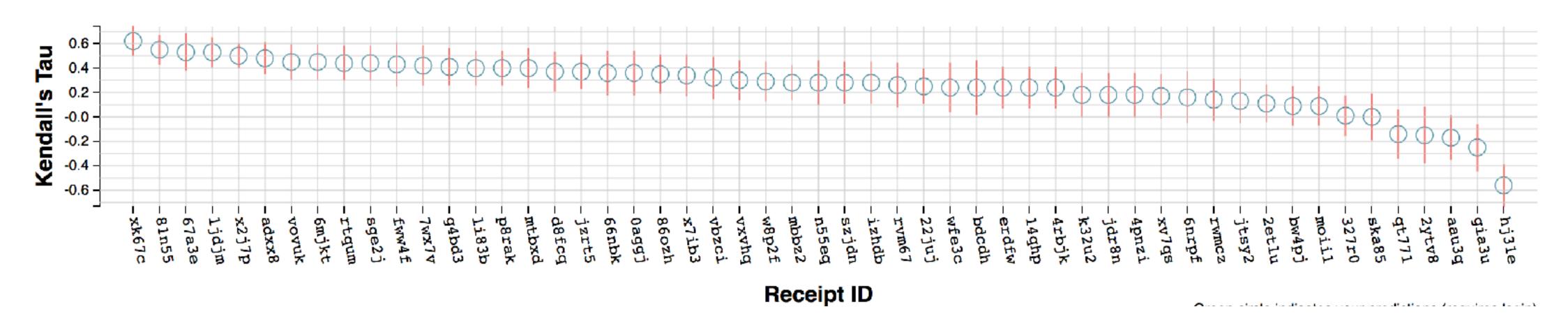


4384 targets, 88 weeks as of 2019/Week 33 (2019-08-18), 16 automated workflows



### WHAT SCALE OF DATA DO WE NEED?

Limited data set sizes make it difficult to resolve differences between methods



#### Machine learning approaches require large training sets to be useful

For the work described here, we mainly use the PDBbind (v.2016) database, containing 13,308 protein–ligand complexes and their corresponding experimentally determined binding affinities collected from literature and the Protein Data Bank (PDB), in terms of a dissociation ( $K_d$ ), inhibition ( $K_i$ ) or half-concentration (IC<sub>50</sub>) constant. A smaller *refined* subset ( $n_r$  = 4057)(37) is extracted from it following quality protocols addressing structural resolution and experimental precision of the binding measurement. These controls

## WE NEED TO INVEST IN NEW DATA COLLECTION STRATEGIES

Large datasets that provide statistically meaningful evaluations and useful training sets

**Statistically constructed datasets** that assess performance statistics for various real-world application scenarios

Targeted datasets that focus on specific accuracy-limiting effects

**Synergistic datasets** for evaluating multi-objective design strategies (e.g. kinase inhibitors binding to kinases, HSA, logD, logS)

### STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS MAY HELP





#### **NIH NCATS**

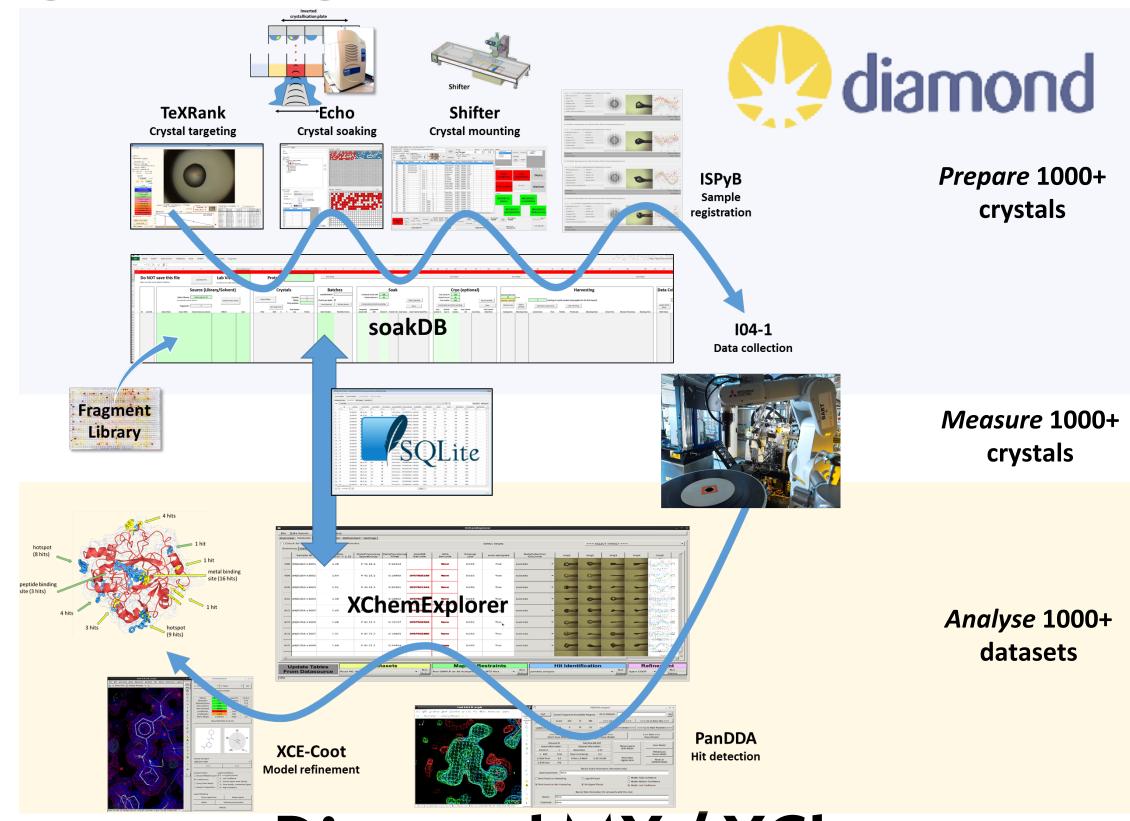
high-quality compound libraries (550K+) gold-standard assays

O(10<sup>5</sup>) measurements/target



#### Enamine

~11B compounds <\$200/compound



#### Diamond MX / XChem

high-throughput crystallography workflow-based predictive modeling O(10<sup>3</sup>) structures/target \*want to deploy our tools in workflows!

### CAN WE DEVELOP NEW HIGH-THROUGHPUT METHODS FOR HIGH-QUALITY DATA COLLECTION

#### Lessons form SAMPL6 pKa challenge:

- Methods can predict good pKas for wrong reasons (incorrect microstates); need signifcantly more microstate pKa data
- The problem: manual NMR took ~2 months for 2 compounds

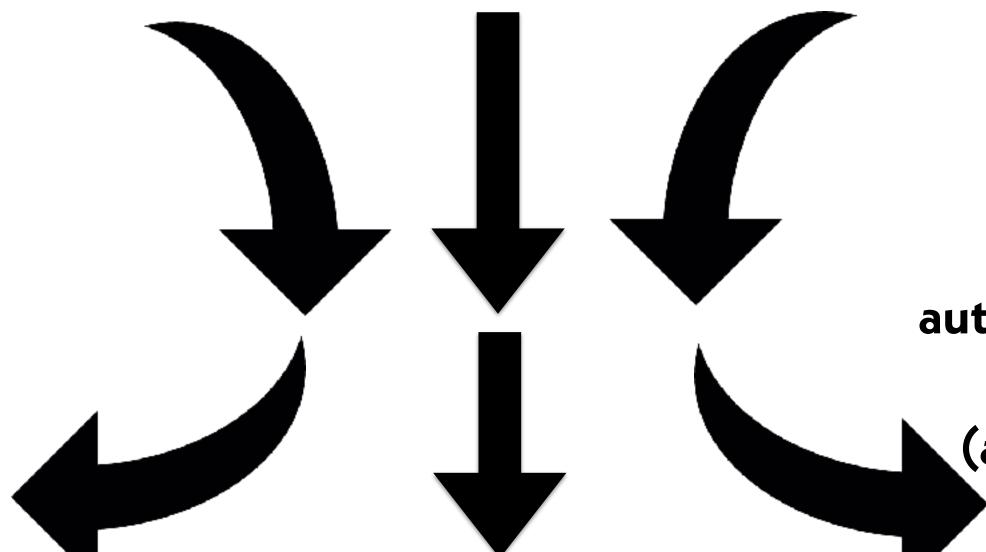
Could we build an integrated cheminformatics + automated NMR sample preparation + automated NMR data processing pipeline that just produces high-throughput, high-quality microstate pKa data for compounds purchased form Enamine REAL?

Where do we need to focus effort on generating datasets?

#### ORIGINAL DATASETS COULD BE AUGMENTED

#### **ORIGINAL DATASETS**

**PHARMA JOURNALS? OTHER DATA GENERATORS?** (e.g. SGC) (dead projects) (prior to publication)



automated model systems and physical property measurements (academic/industry collaborations)

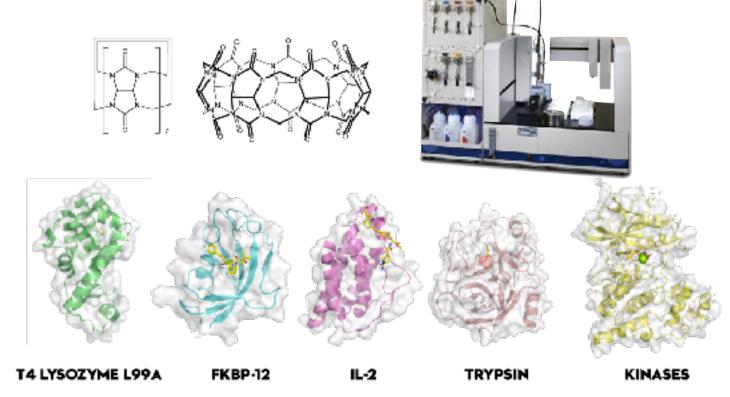
**NEW BLINDED DATA** 

NIH NCATS / DiamondMX follow-up assays with multipoint titrations, additional compound, X-ray

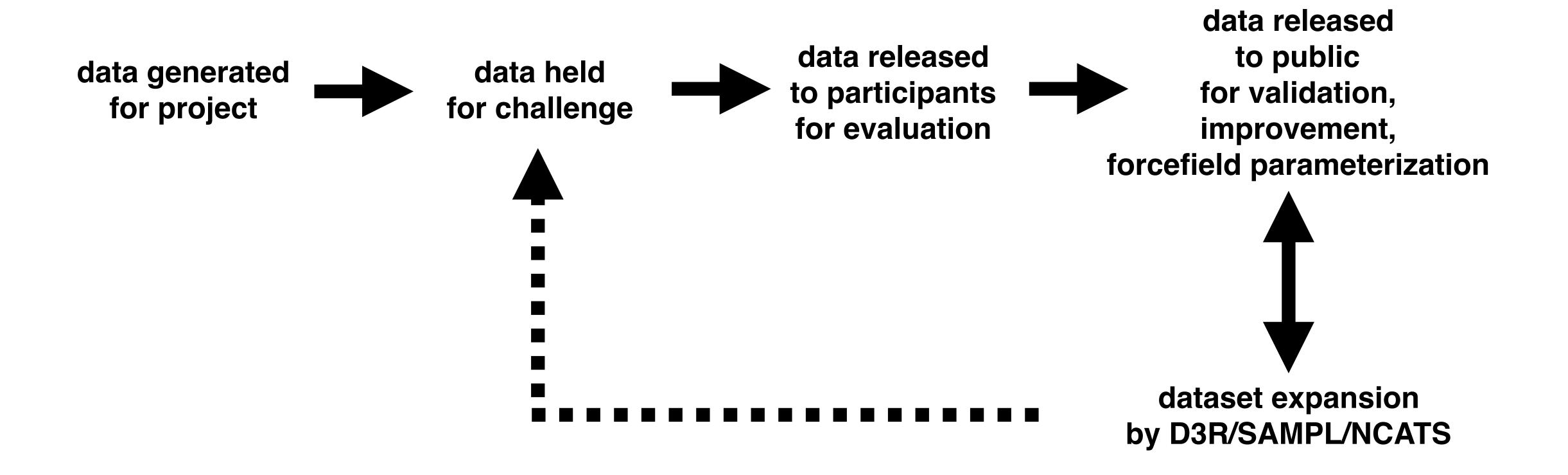


supplement with additional inexpensive one-step synthesis





## CHALLENGE DATA HAS A LONG, IMPACTFUL LIFE CYCLE



### MODERN MACHINE LEARNING TOOLKITS MAKE ACCESS TO STANDARD BENCHMARK SETS EASY

```
import tensorflow as tf
mnist = tf.keras.datasets.mnist
(x_train, y_train),(x_test, y_test) = mnist.load_data()
x_{train}, x_{test} = x_{train} / 255.0, x_{test} / 255.0
model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
  tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(128, activation='relu'),
  tf.keras.layers.Dropout(0.2),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(10, activation='softmax')
model.compile(optimizer='adam',
              loss='sparse_categorical_crossentropy',
              metrics=['accuracy'])
model.fit(x_train, y_train, epochs=5)
model.evaluate(x_test, y_test)
                  Try in Google's interactive notebook
```

load your tools

grab a dataset

define a new kind of model

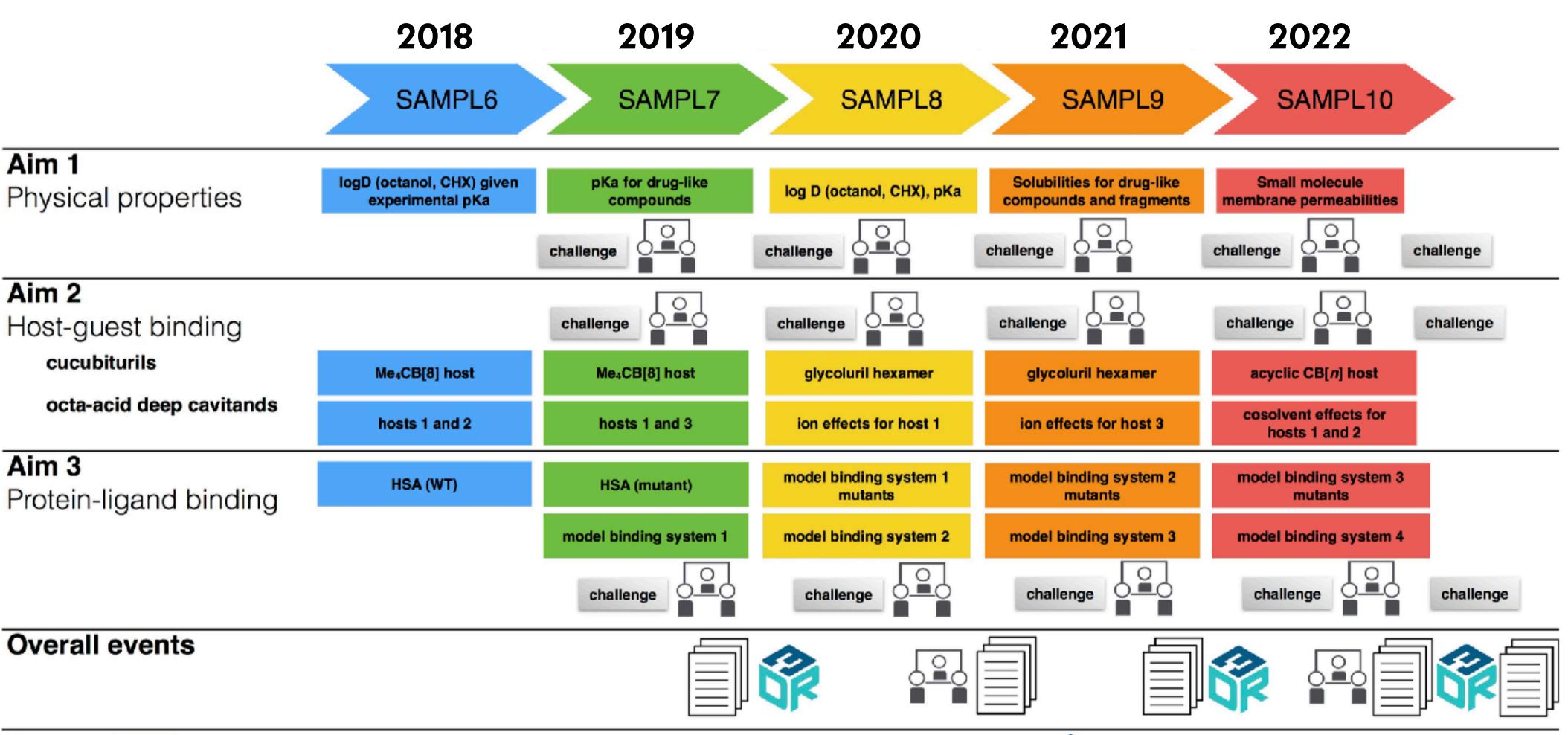
declare your objectives in training it

fit it use it

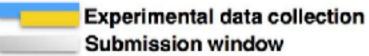
https://www.tensorflow.org/overview

Why can't we make it this easy to do new things in computer-aided drug discovery?

### SAMPL IS LOOKING TO TACKLE MODEL PROTEIN: LIGAND SYSTEMS



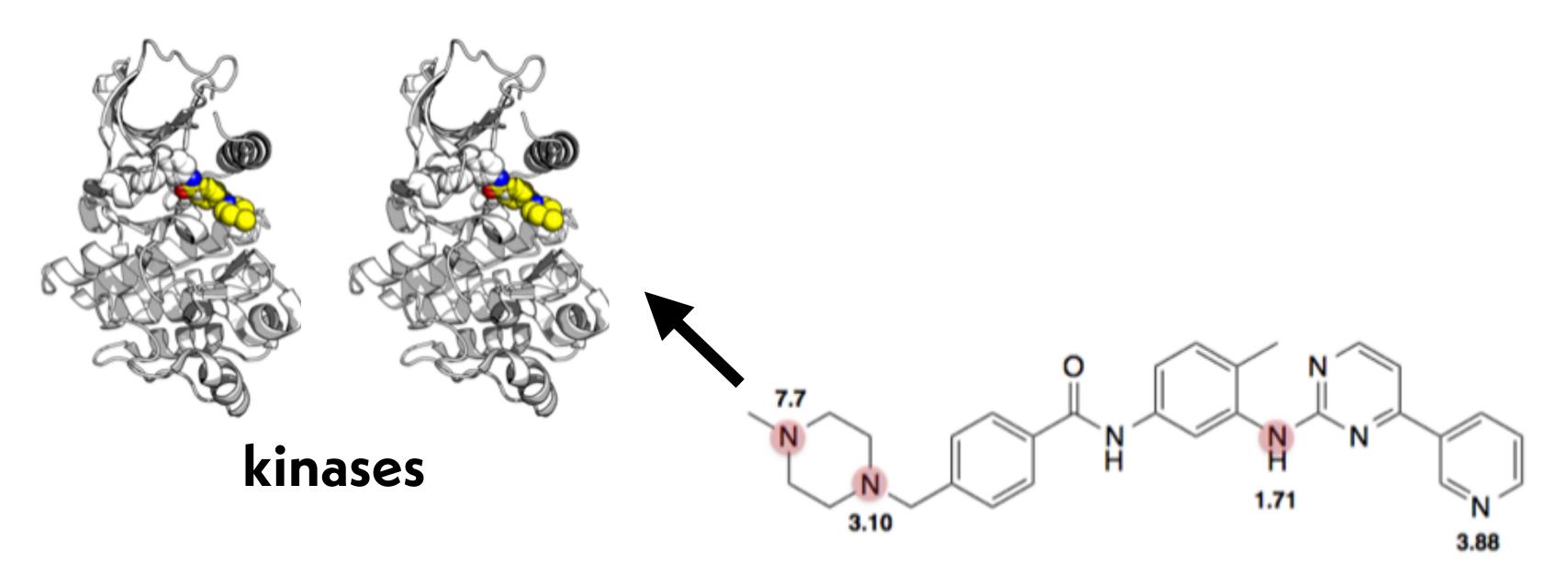


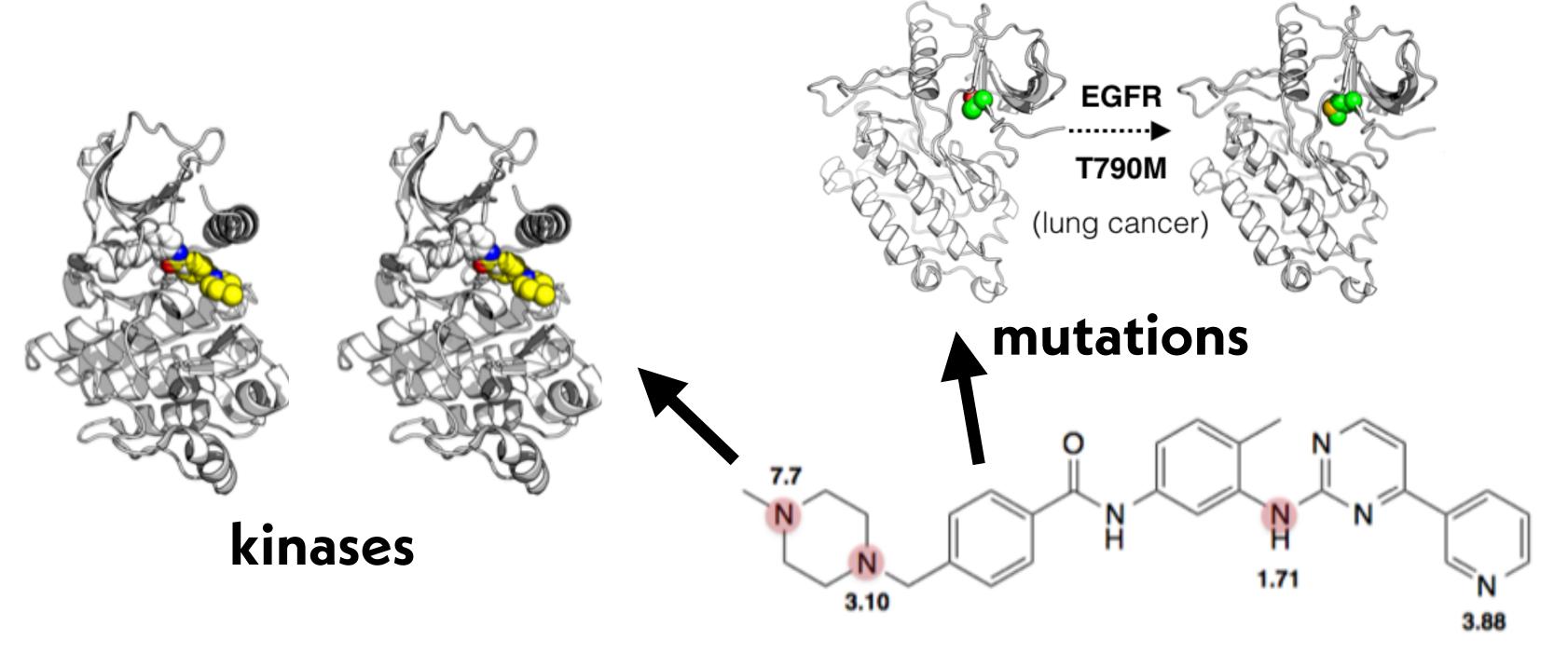


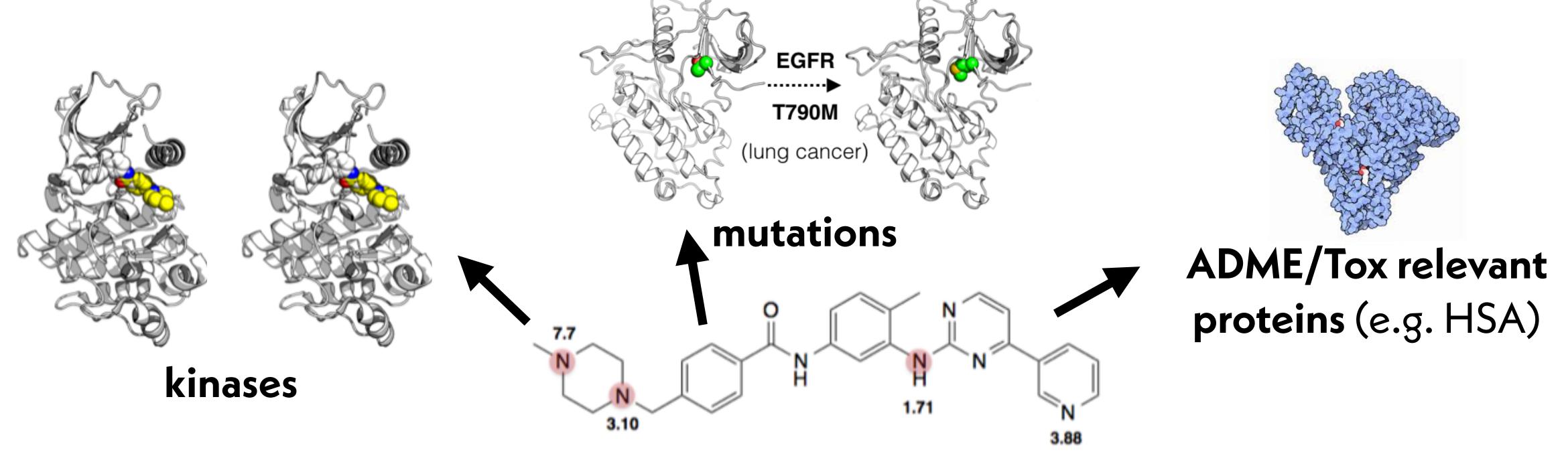


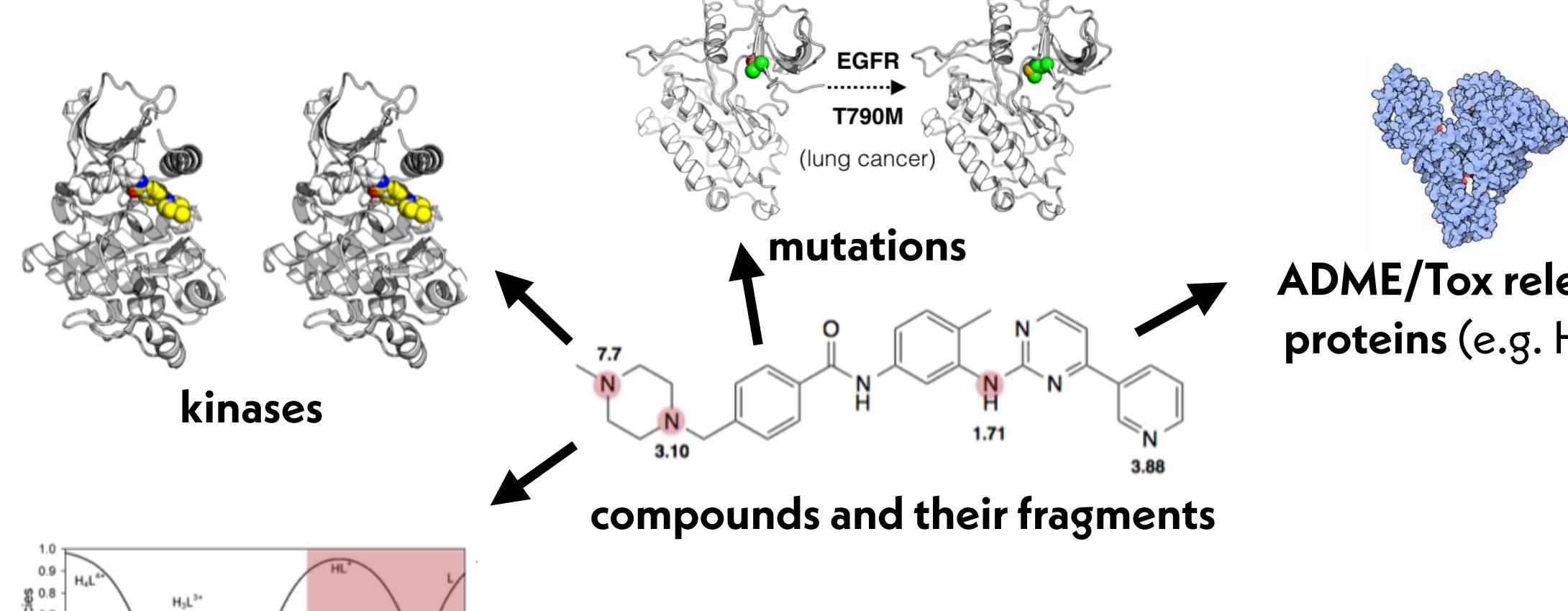


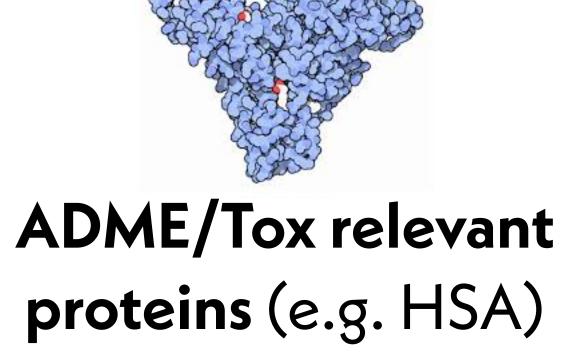






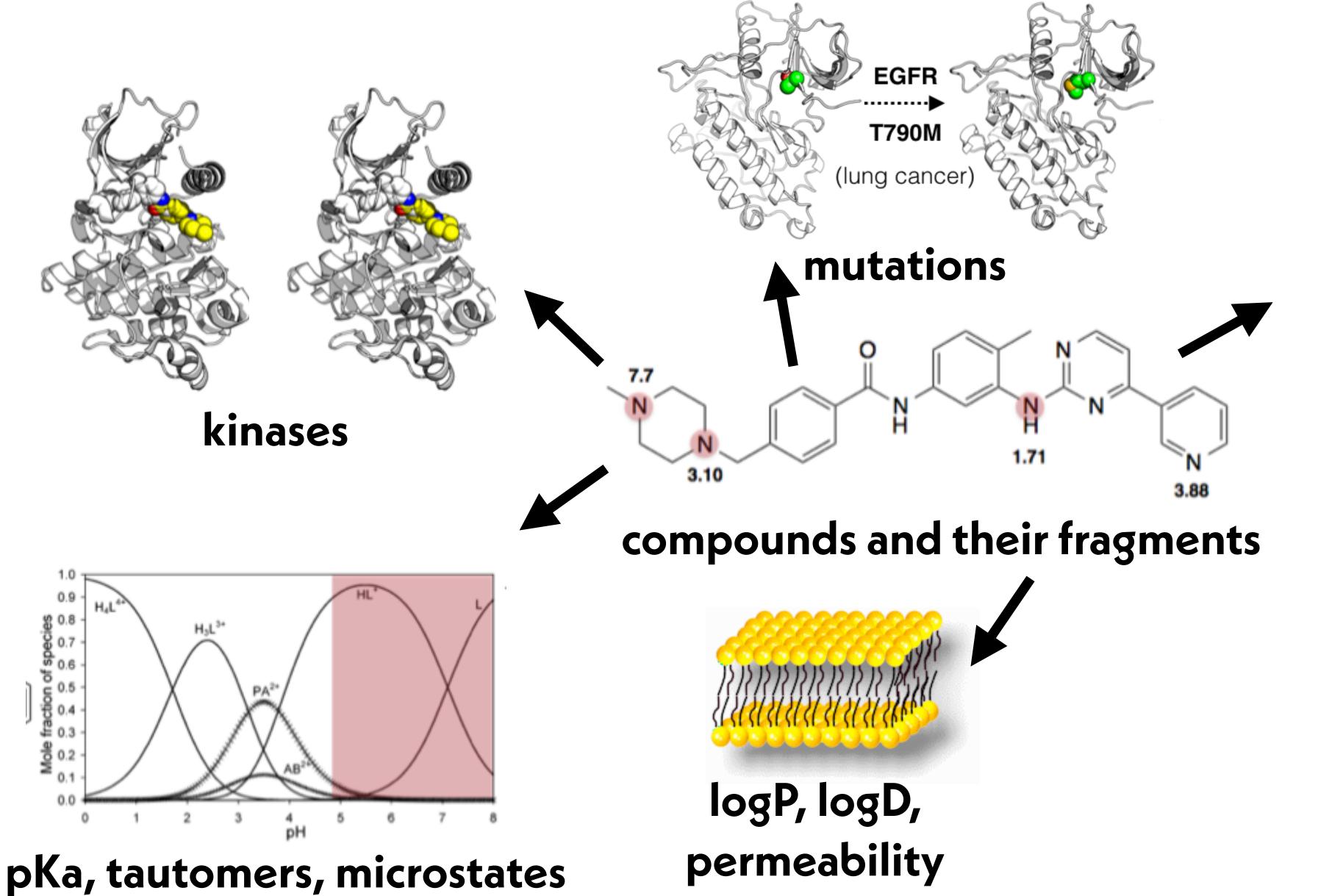


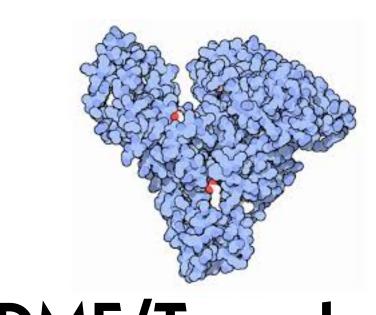




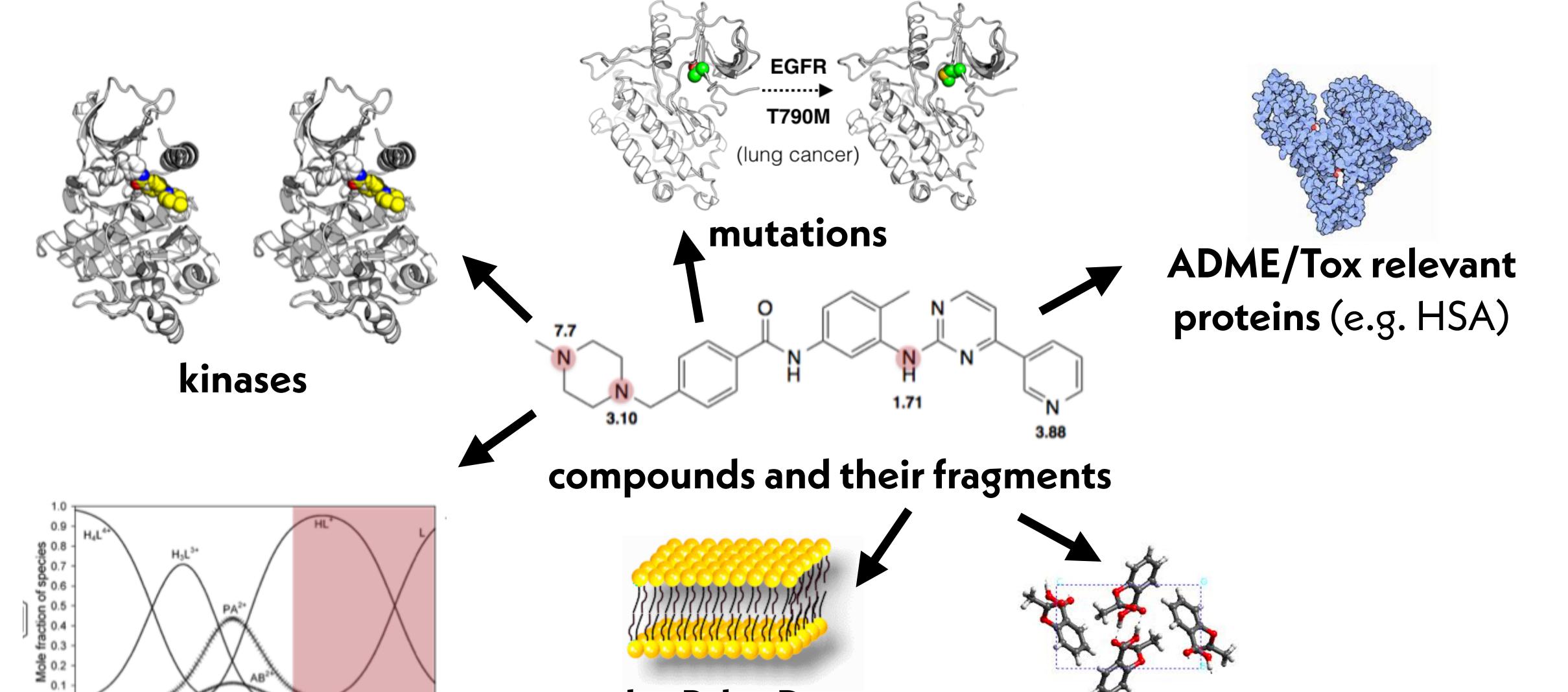
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pKa, tautomers, microstates





ADME/Tox relevant proteins (e.g. HSA)



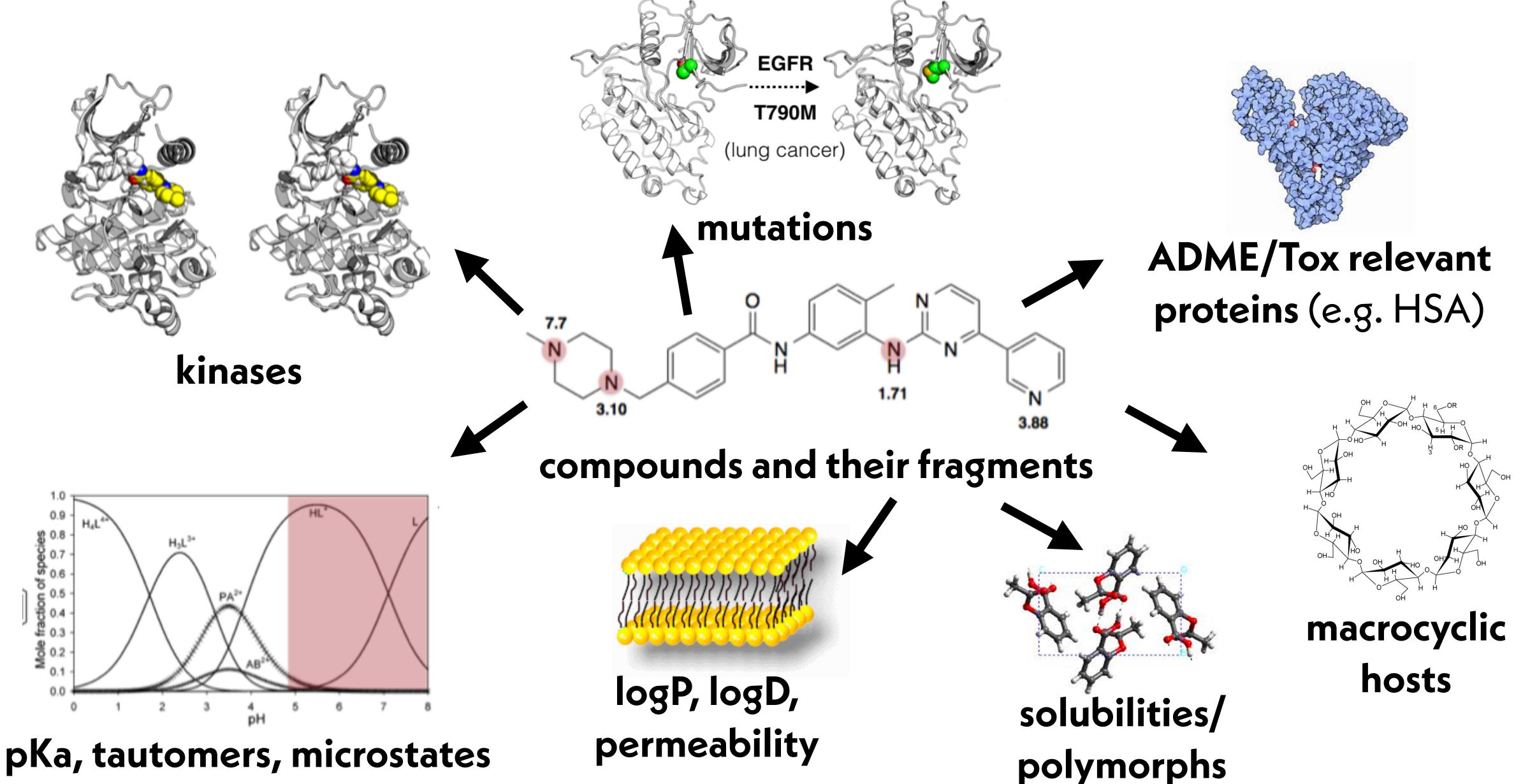
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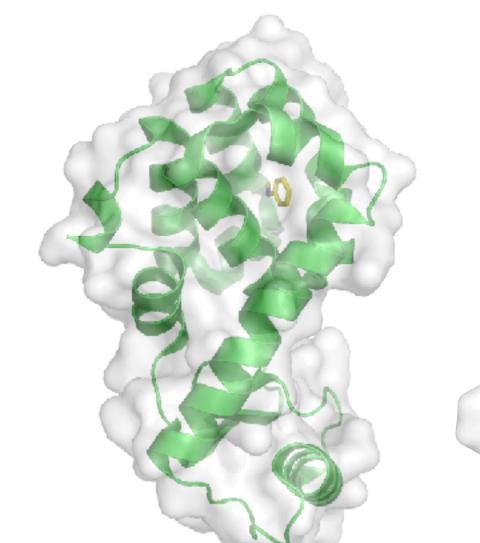
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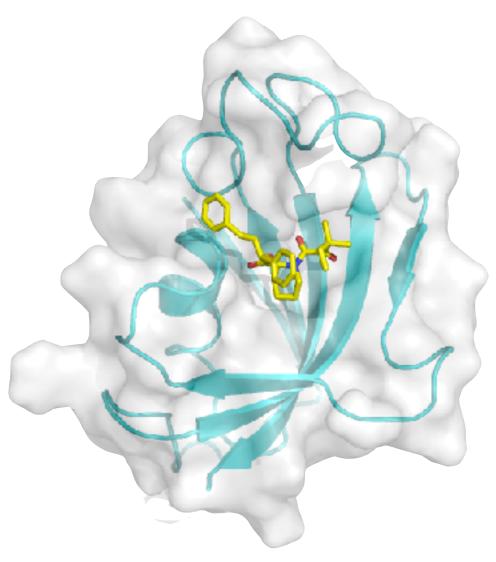
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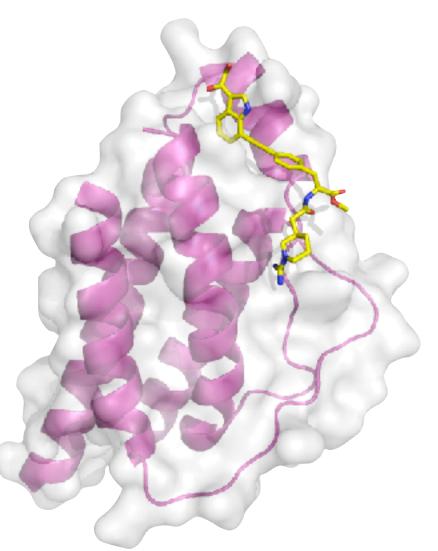
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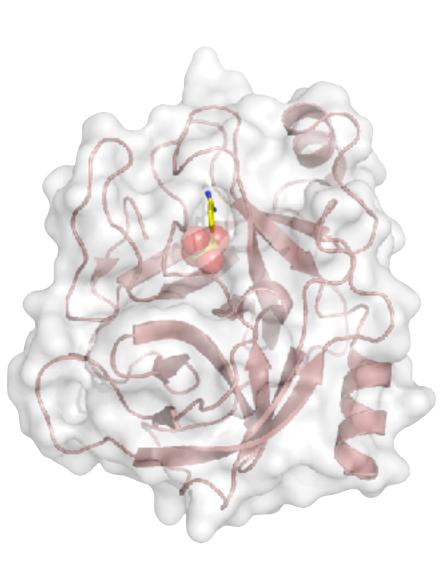


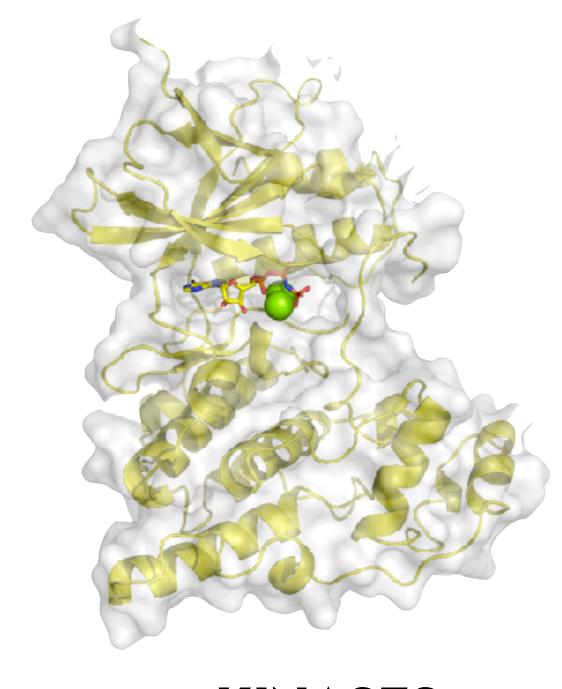
### DEVELOPING NEW MODEL SYSTEMS CAN HELP US ISOLATE/FOCUS ON SPECIFIC CHALLENGES











**T4 LYSOZYME L99A** 

FKBP-12

**IL-2** 

**TRYPSIN** 

**KINASES** 

small, rigid protein small, neutral ligands fixed protonation states multiple sidechain orientations multiple ligand binding modes

small, rigid protein
fixed protonation states
larger natural product-like
ligands with rotatable bonds

small protein
fixed protonation states
some allostery and
binding site plasticity

small, rigid protein
small ligands
charged ligands
protonation state changes

large protein, multiple conformations large drug-like ligands, rotatable bonds multiple protonation states? tautomers? phosphorylation and activation peptide substrate?

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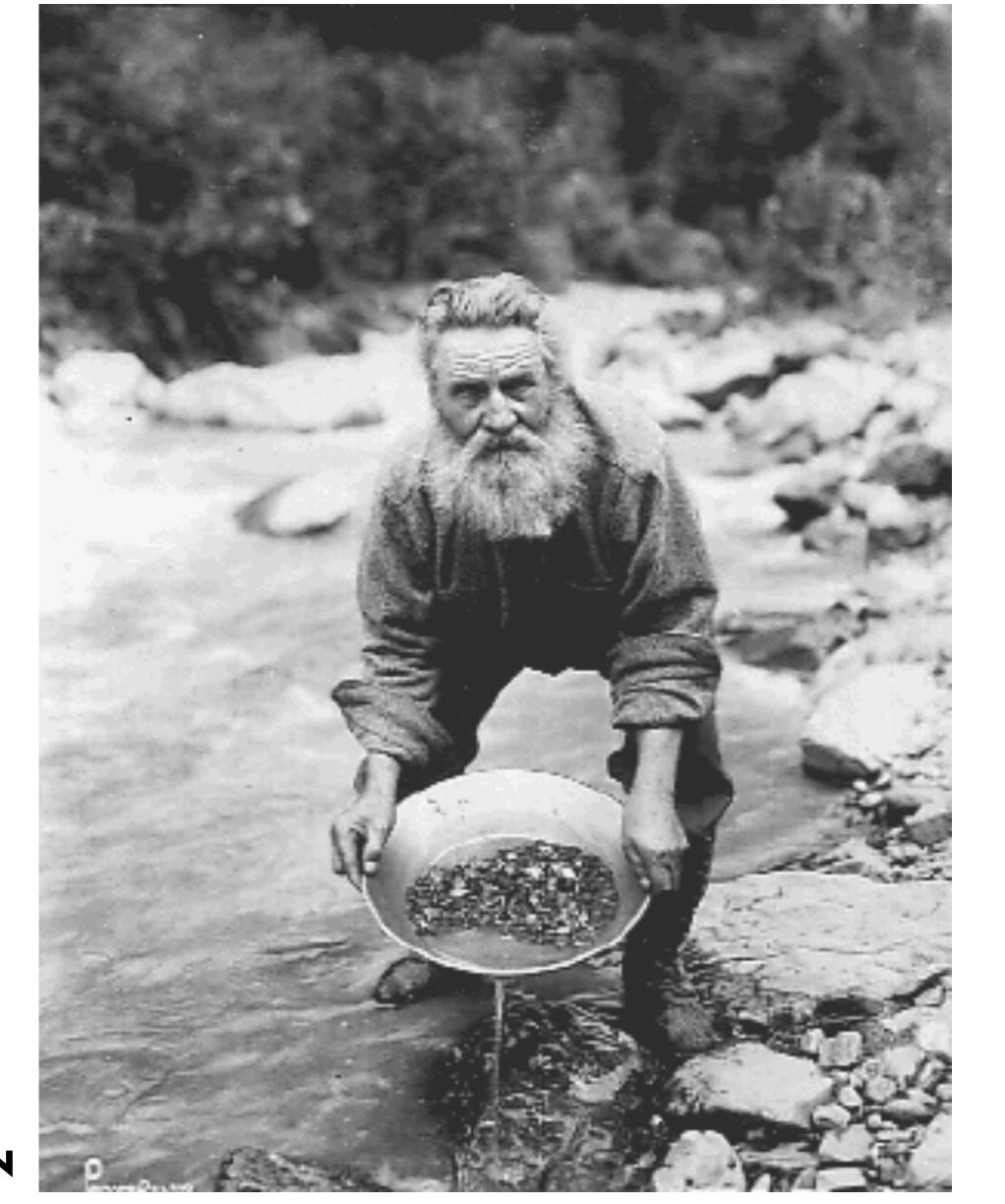
#### SURELY THERE MUST BE A BETTER WAY!

## CAN WE MINE PUBLIC DATASETS FOR GOOD MODEL SYSTEMS?

#### Desiderata:

- good bacterial expression (for cheap protein production)
- multiple structures available in PDB
- · a variety of known ligands available for purchase
- · large dynamic range of binding affinities (>3 kcal/mol)
- accessibility to biophysical assays (fluorescence, SPR, ITC)
- known point mutants (e.g. UniProt)
- disease relevance (for funding!)
- properties characteristic of real challenging targets

### PANNING FOR MODEL SYSTEMS



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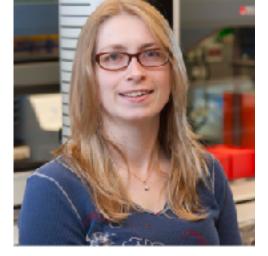
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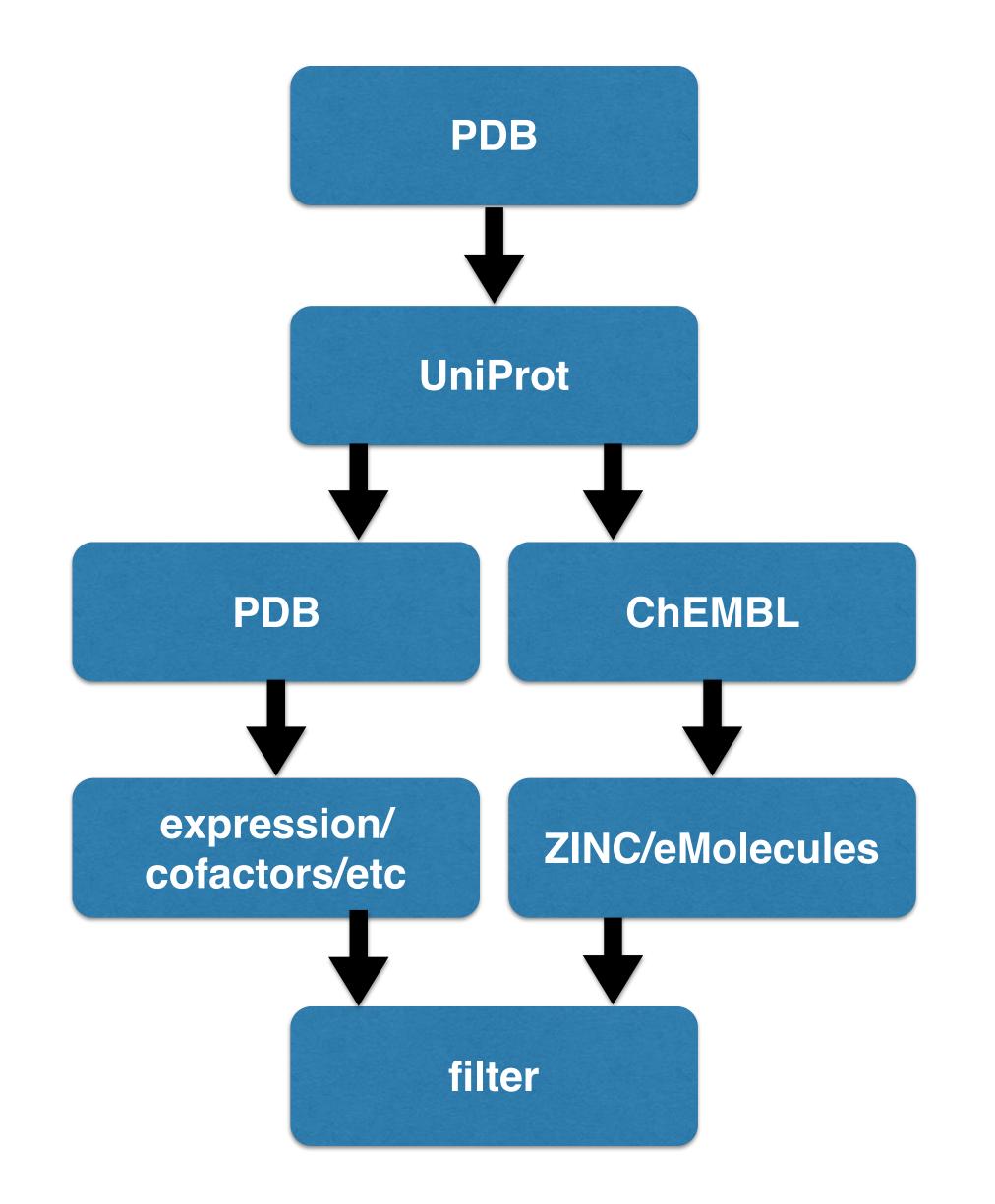
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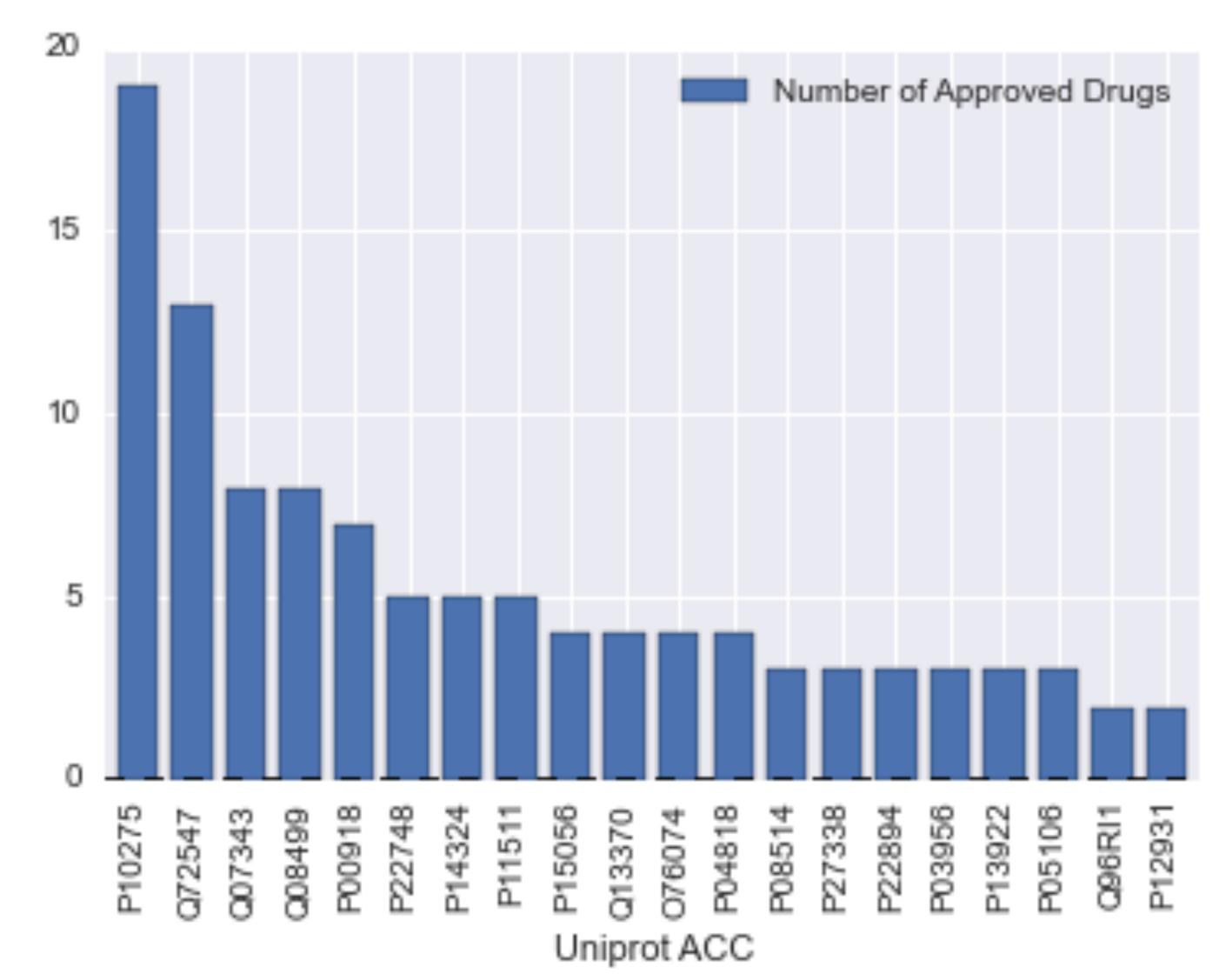
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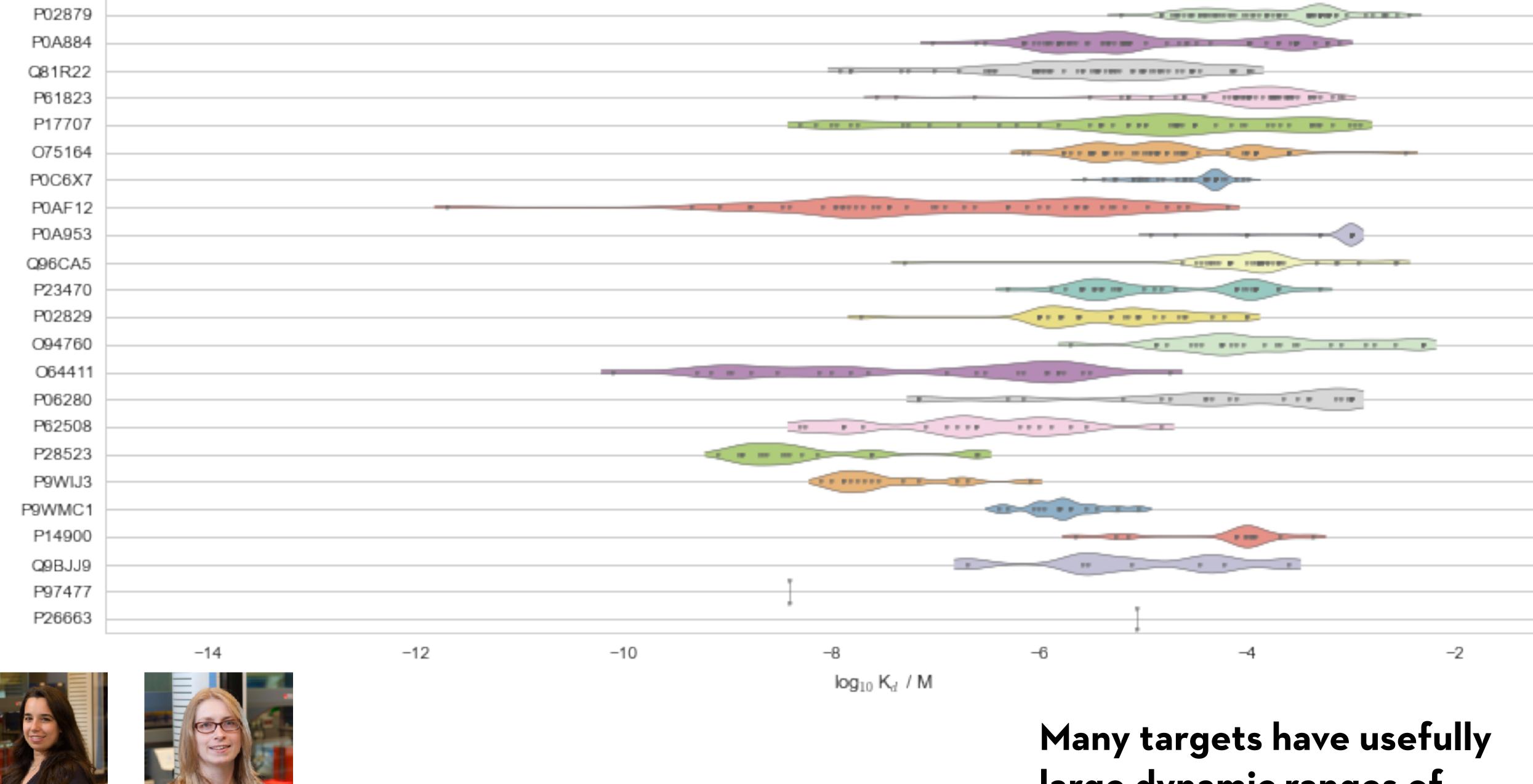
## SOME TARGETS HAVE BIOASSAY DATA FOR MULTIPLE FDA-APPROVED DRUGS





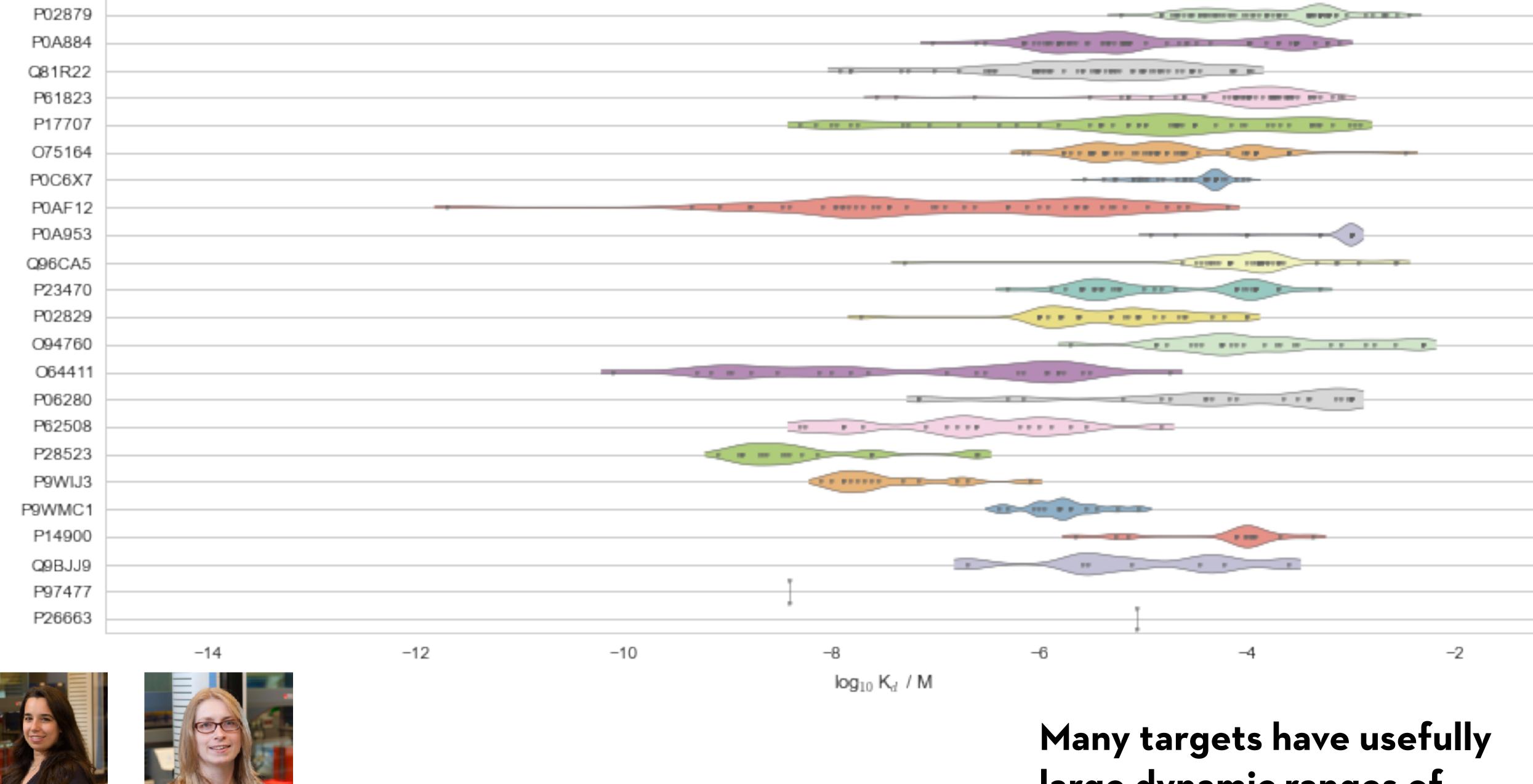


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Many targets have usefully large dynamic ranges of known affinities



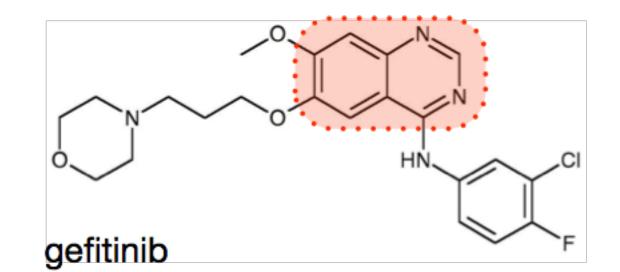


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### CAN WE SEARCH FOR POTENTIAL FLUORESCENT PROBE COMPOUNDS?

Quinazoline scaffolds are often fluorescent

erlotinib

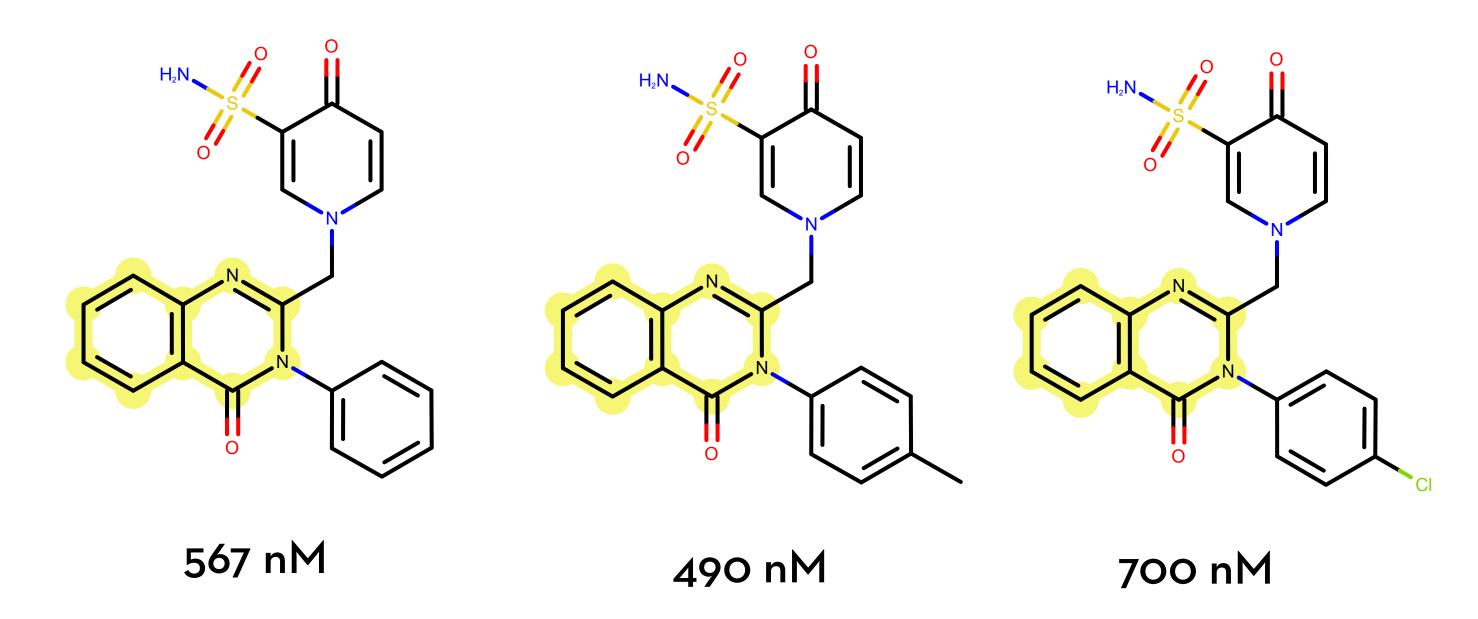


...which can be expressed as a SMARTS query

#### c1ccc2c1cncn2

Thanks OpenEye!

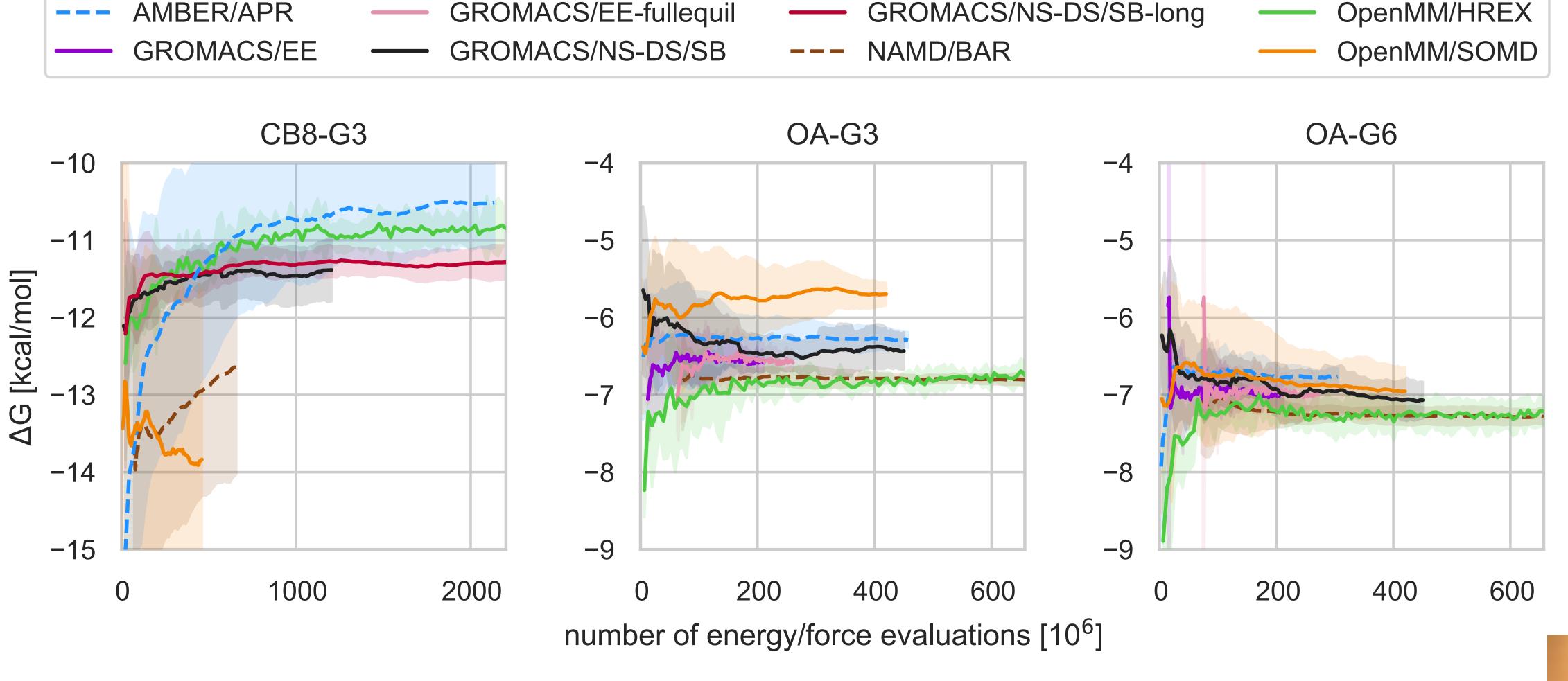
...and used to find some quinazoline scaffold inhibitors of Uniprot POO918 (carbonic anhydrase II) to serve as probes:



CAN WE EXPAND THIS SEARCH TO ALL KNOWN FLUORESCENT SCAFFOLDS?

### DIFFERENT METHODS CAN'T AGREE ON THE BINDING FREE ENERGY FOR THE SAME FORCE FIELD

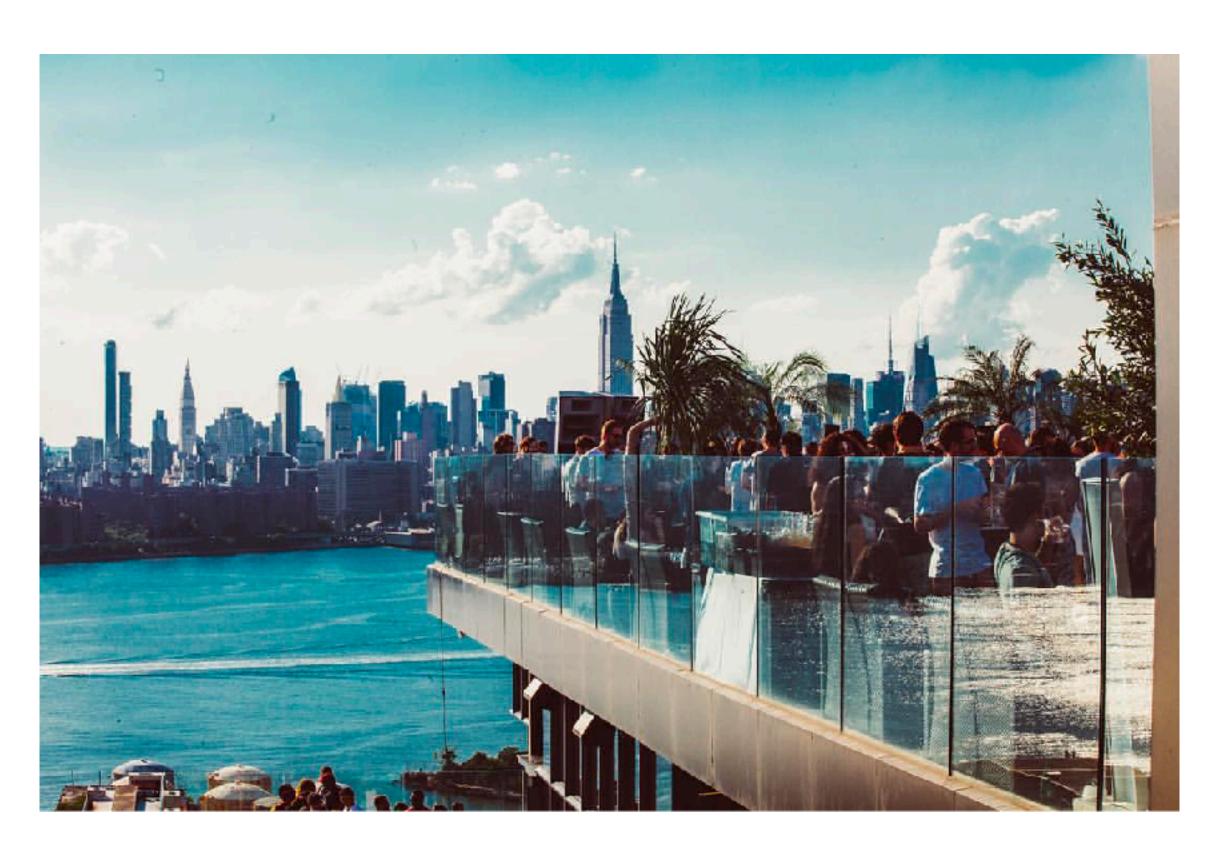
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How can we make progress when we don't even know where we are?

SAMPL6 SAMPLing challenge **ANDREA RIZZI** 

### MOLSSI IS SPONSORING A MOLECULAR SIMULATION INTEROPERABILITY WORKSHOP



Can we adopt a standard set of force field terms to support in all major simulation packages?

Can we adopt a single way to encode force fields or parameterized molecular systems?

Can we adopt a unifying input standard for initiating molecular simulations?

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