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COURSE NAME : COMPUTER AIDED DRUG DESIGN(BP 807 ET)

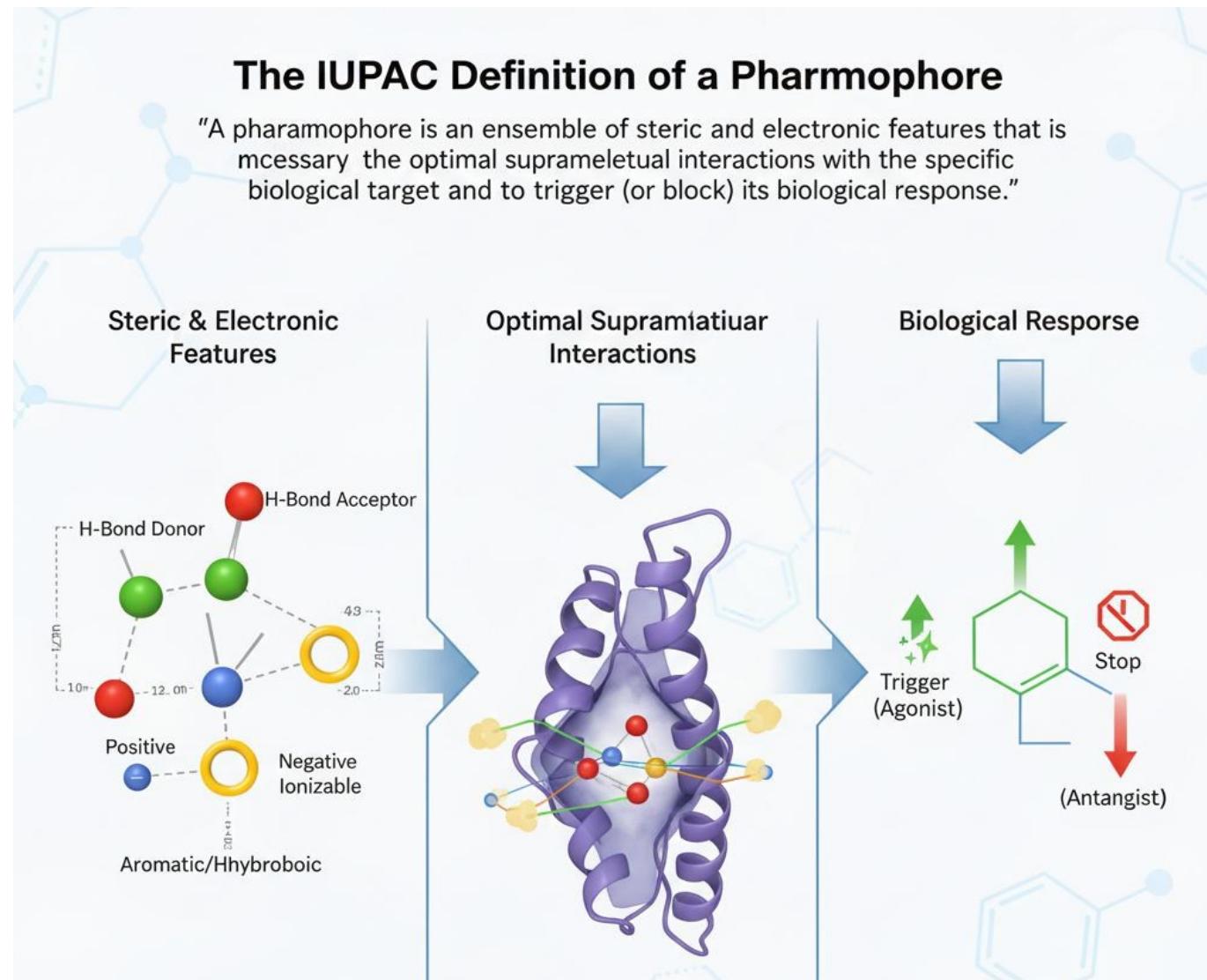
VIII SEM / IV YEAR

**TOPIC: CONCEPT OF PHARMACOPHORE MAPPING AND
PHARMACOPHORE BASED SCREENING**

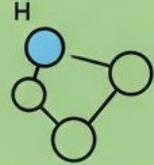
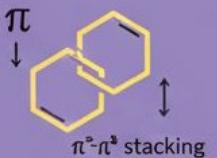
WHAT IS PHARMACOPHORE..?

The IUPAC Definition of a Pharmophore

"A pharmophore is an ensemble of steric and electronic features that is necessary for the optimal supramolecular interactions with the specific biological target and to trigger (or block) its biological response."



THE KEY PHARMACOPHORIC FEATURES

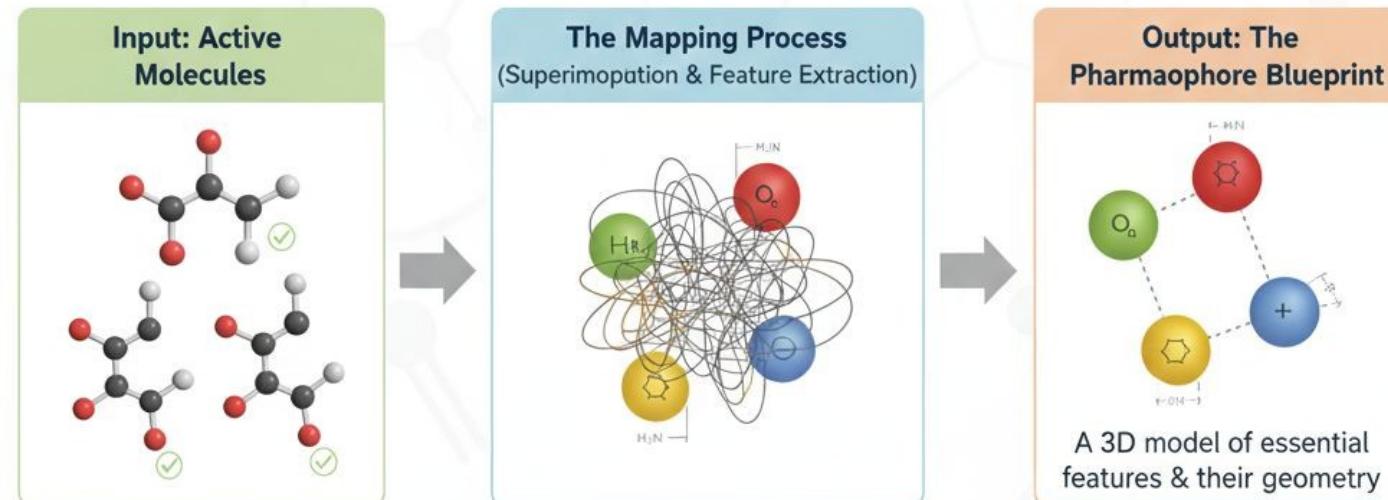
Hydrogen Bond Acceptors (HBA) 	Hydrogen Bond Donors (HBD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups that accept a hydrogen. Often O, N, or F atoms.
	Hydrophobic Regions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups that donate a hydrogen. Often O-H or N-H groups
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-polar areas. Fit into “greasy pockets.” e.g., Alkyl chains, C-H bonds
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flat, cyclic Rings, structures. Involved in stacking interactions e.g., Benzene, Indole.
Positive/Negative Ionizable Groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charged areas. Form ionic bonds. e.g. Amines (Pos) Carboxylic acids, (Neg)

WHAT IS PHARMACOPHORE MAPPING

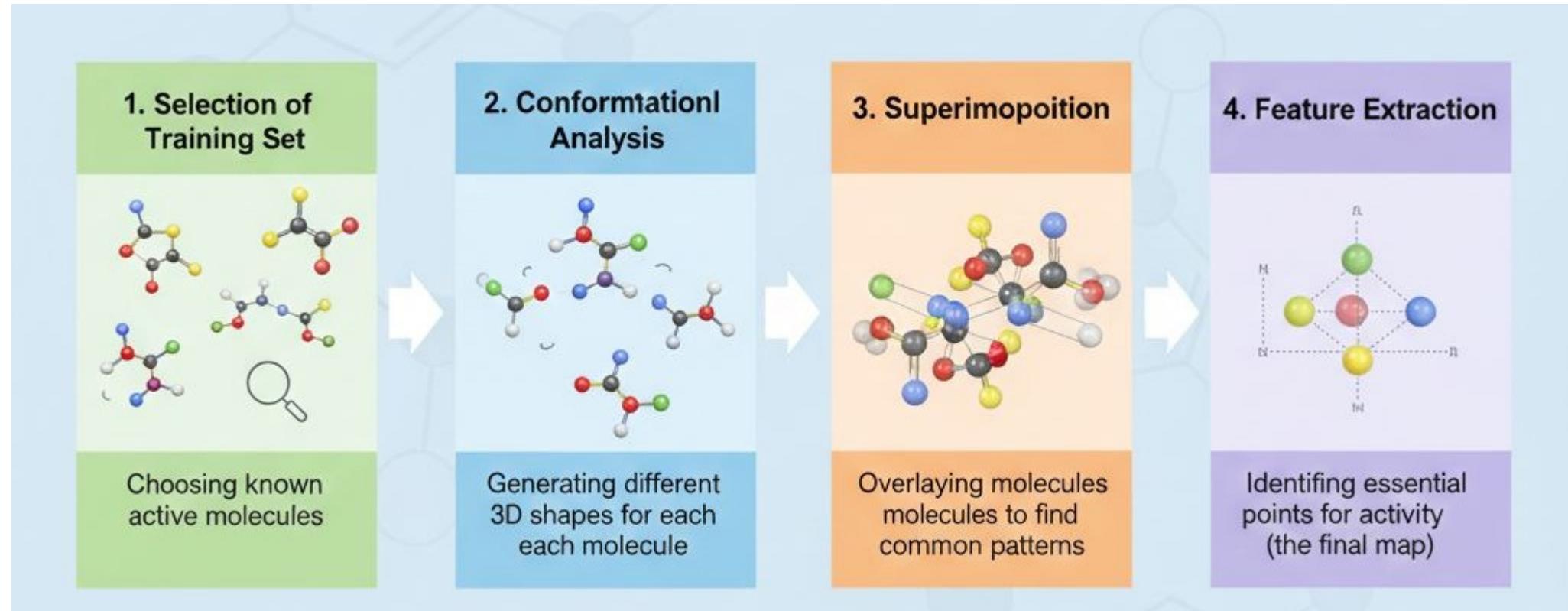
Pharmacophore Mapping: The Blueprinting Process

IUPAC definition:

The computational process of identifying the essential 3D arrangement of chemical features required for biological activity.



PROCESS OF PHARMACOPHORE MAPPING

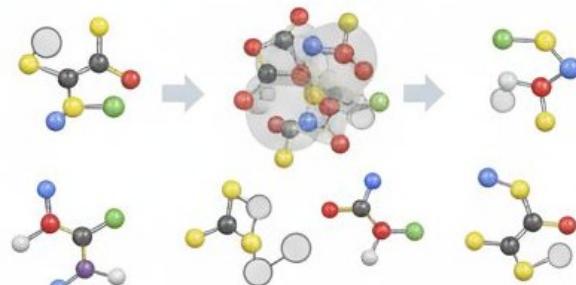


PHARMACOPHORE MAPPING : 2 MAIN STRATEGIES

Pharmacophore Mapping: Two Main Strategies

1. Ligand-Based Mapping (Target Structure Unknown)

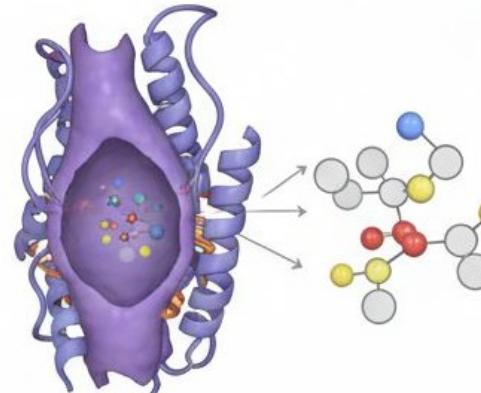
- Based on active molecules. Finds common features.



- That is a shape " stacking each features
- Identifies common 3D arrangement

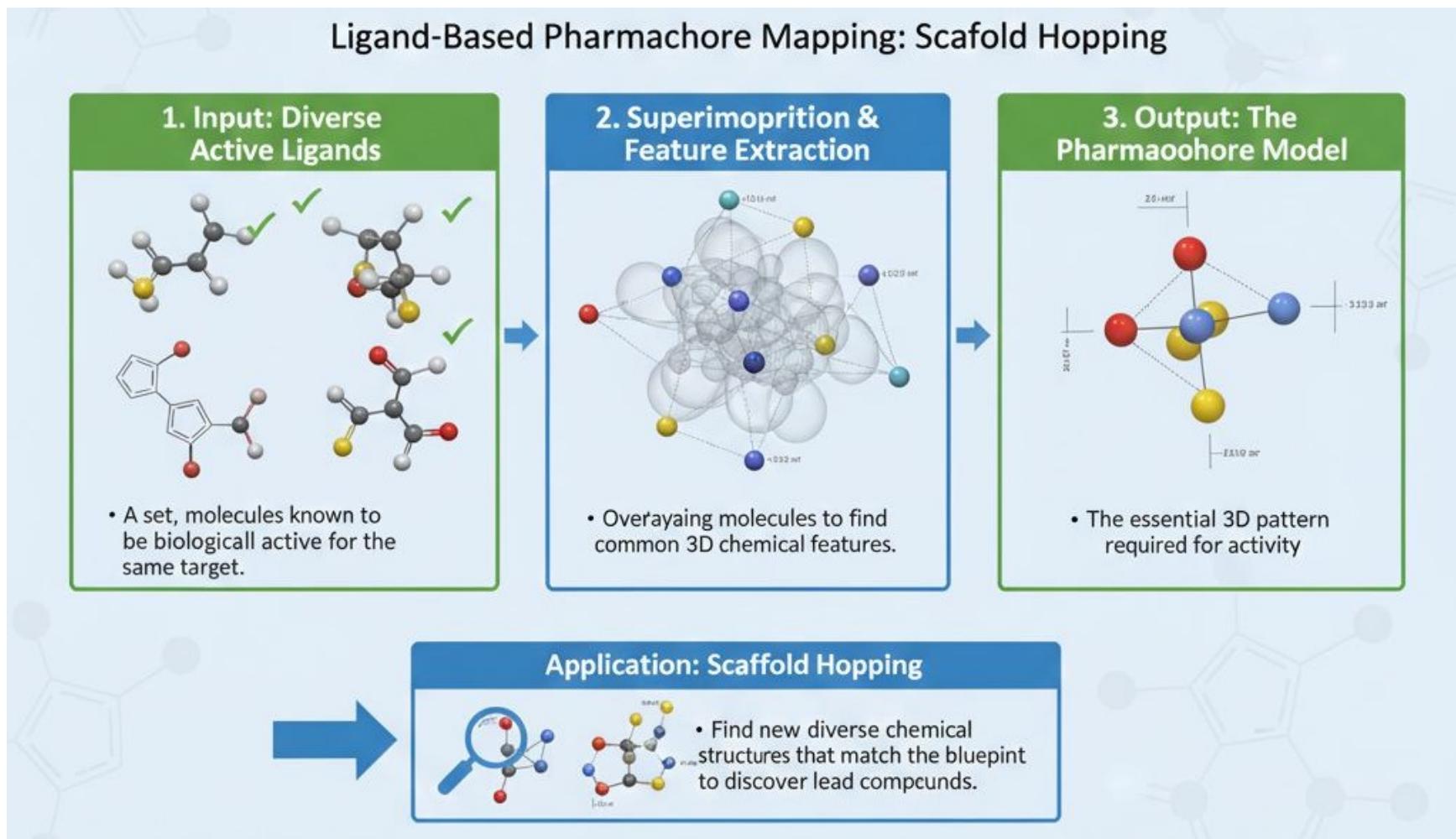
2. Structure-Based Mapping (Target Structure Known)

- Based on protein's binding pocket. Designs ideal fit



Features: H-bond D/A, Hydrophobic, Ionic
Tools: Virtual Screening & Scaffold Hopping

LIGAND BASED DRUG DESIGN

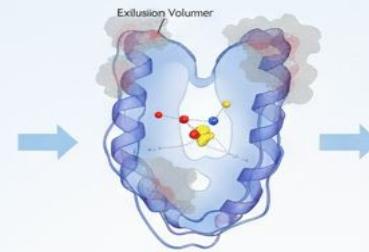


STRUCTURE BASED DRUG DESIGN (SBDD)

Structure-Based Pharmophore Mapping

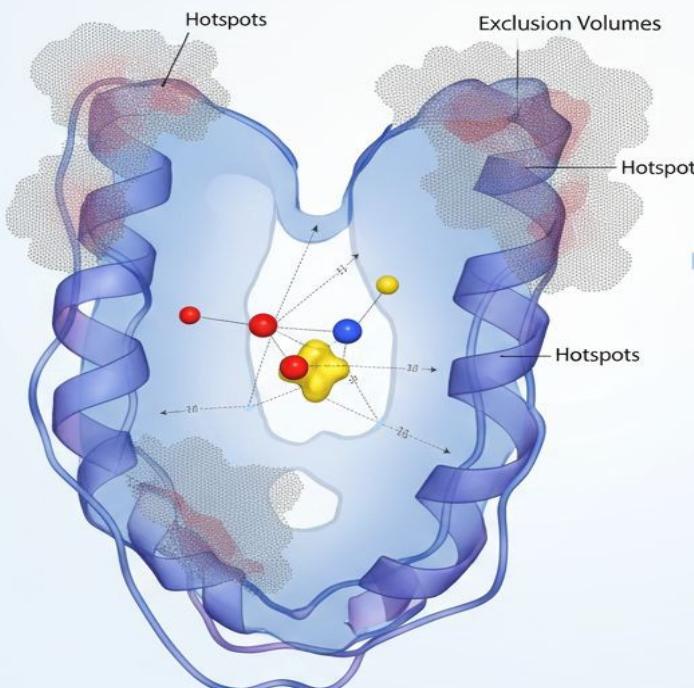
1. Analyze Binding Site

- Analysis of the macromolecular environment



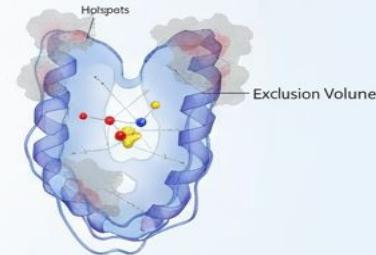
2. Identify Hotspots & Exclusions

- Identification of "Hotspots" Restpicet:
- Inclusion of Exclusion Volumes

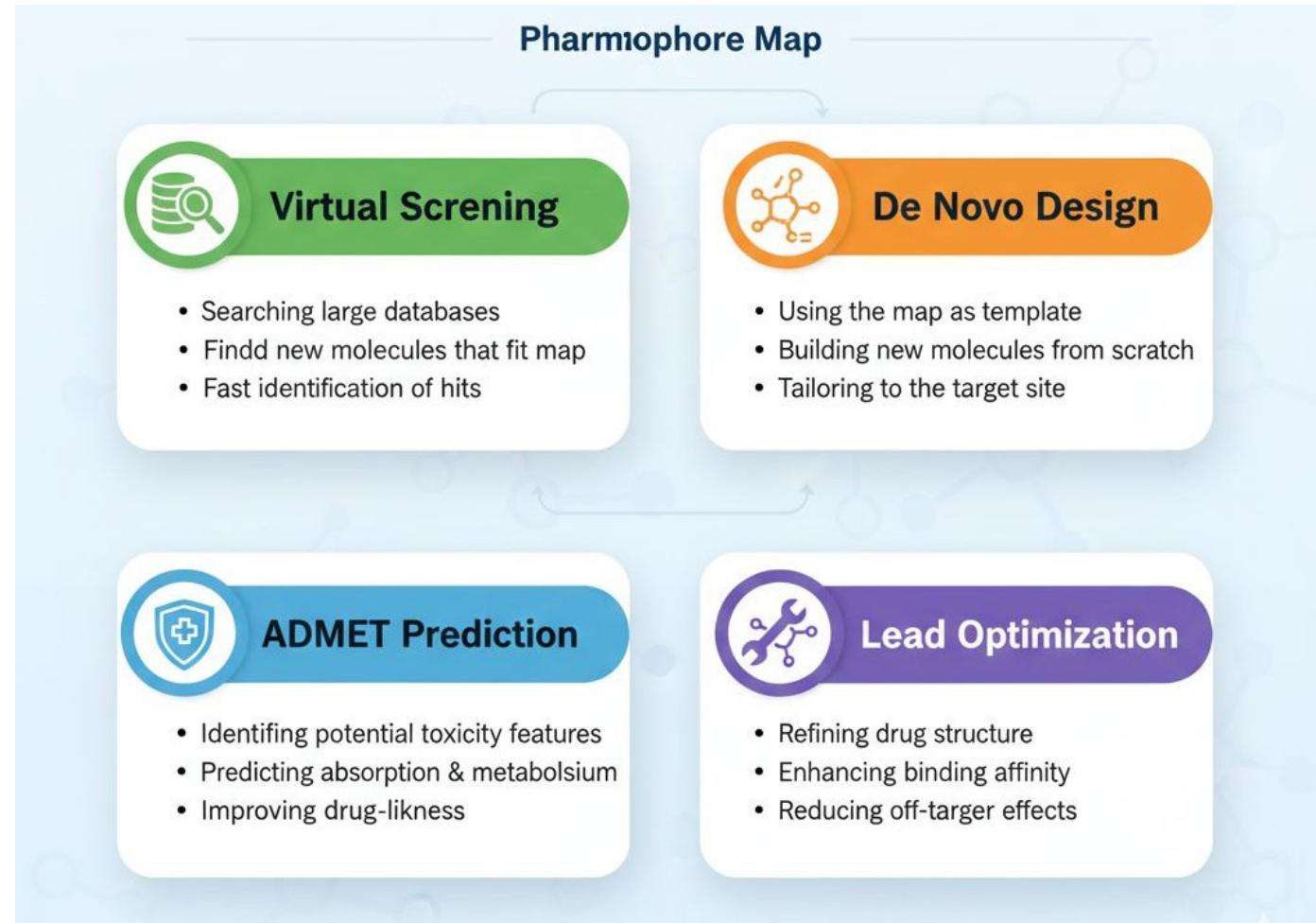


3. Generate

- Generate Pharmophore Model Model



APPLICATIONS OF PHARMACOPHORE MAPPING IN DRUG DISCOVERY



PHARMACOPHORE MAPPING ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES



Advantages

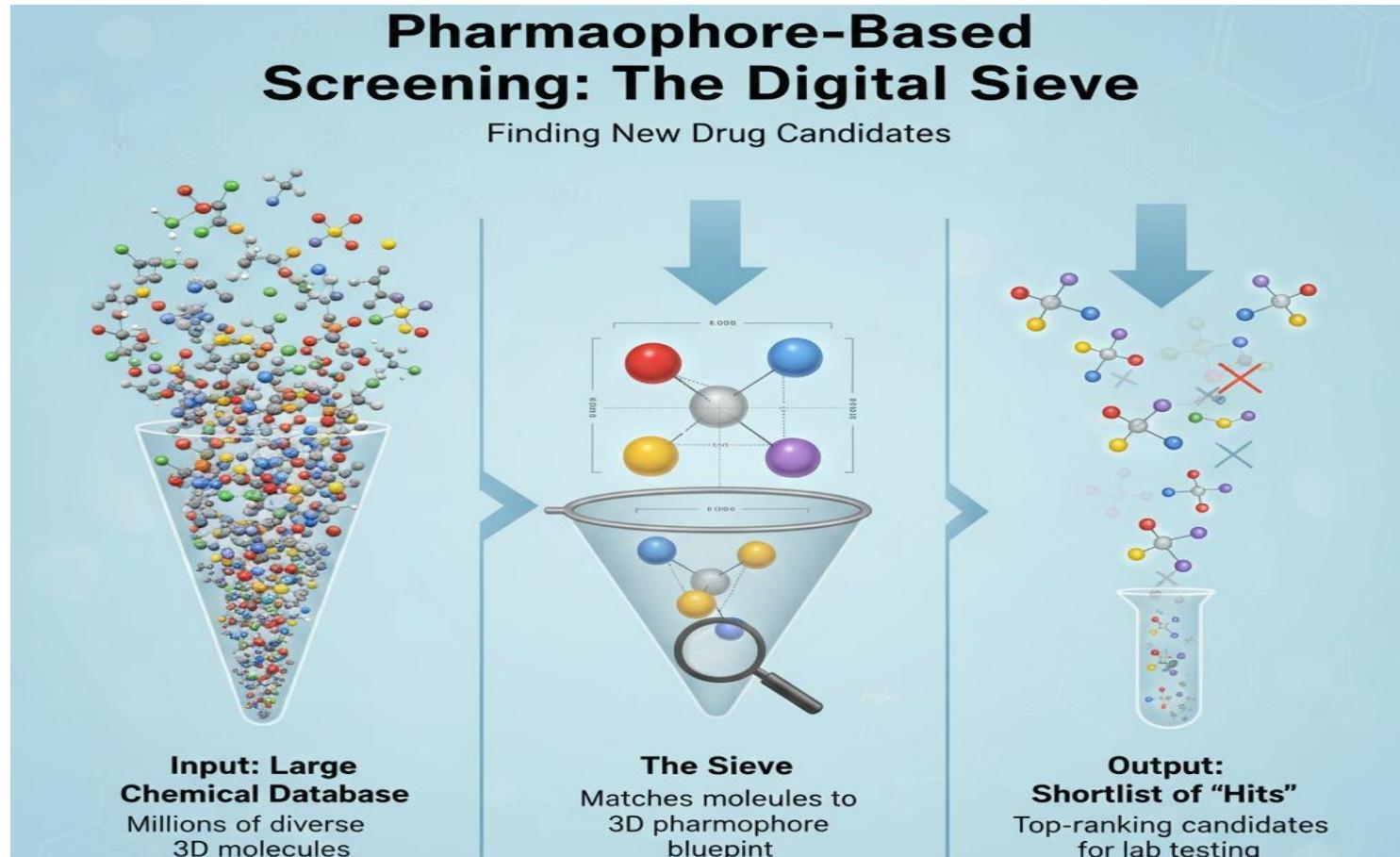
- Much faster than docking
- Works without protein structure
- Finds diverse structures
(Scaffold Hopping)



Limitations

- Ignores energy/entropy
- Less precise scoring
- Sensitive to training set quality

PHARMACOPHORE BASED SCREENING



Introduction to Pharmophore-Based Screening

Definition:



- Ligand-based virtual screening technique
- Identifies potential drug candidates
- Identifies essential or essential molecular features.



Pharmophore-Based Screening

Finds molecules with matching 3D feature patterns.

Used When:

- Protein structure is unknown



- Known active ligands available



Early-Stage Drug Discovery



Finding New Leads: Focusing on What Matters Most

The Concept of a Pharmaophore

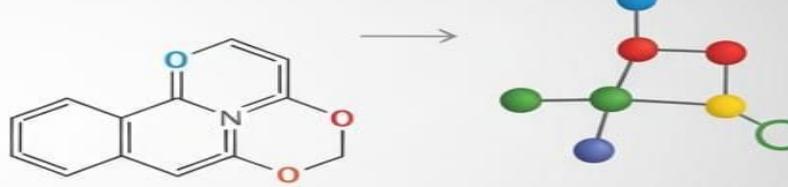
Definition:



- 3D arrangement of chemical features.
- Required for biological activity.
- Focus on functionality, not structure.

Understanding SAR:

Lead Molecule



- Represents features for target–ligand interaction. Helps understand Structure–Activity Relationship (SAR).



Pharmacophore: The Key 3D Features for Biological Function

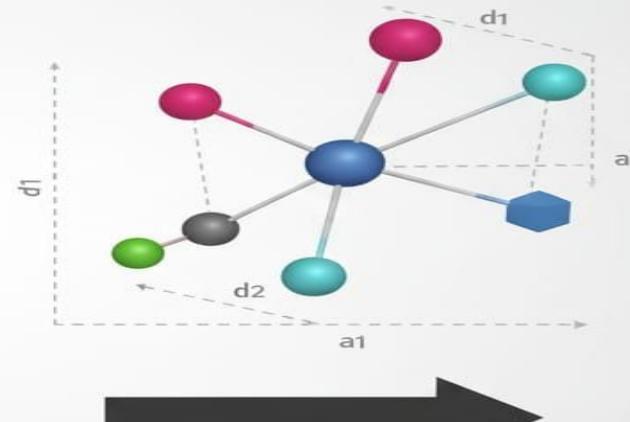


Pharmaophoric Features

Common Features:

- **Hydrogen bond doners (HBD)** - H Atom bonded to O/N
- **Hydrogen bond acceptors** - O/N Atoms
- **Hydrophobic regions** - Alkyl/Aryl groups
- **Aromatic rings** Pi-stacking
- **Positive Ionizable** Basic groups
- **Negative Ionizable** - Acidic groups

Spaial Orientation is Key:

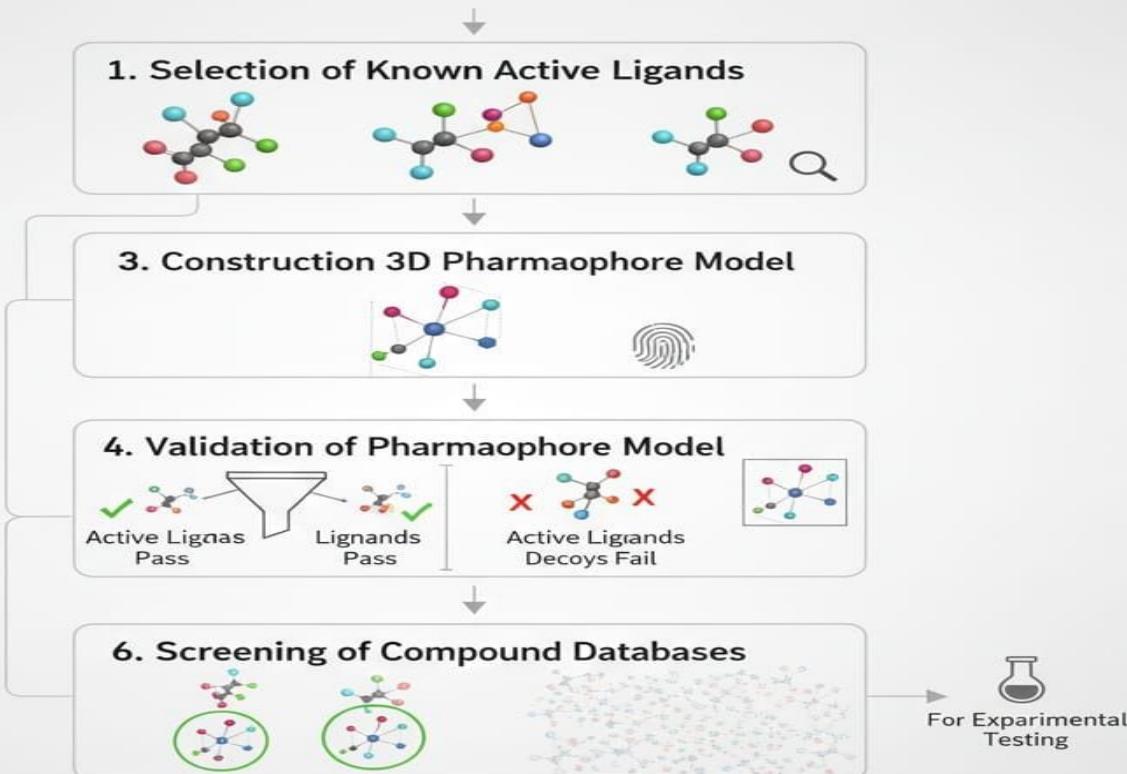


Essential for
Biological Activity



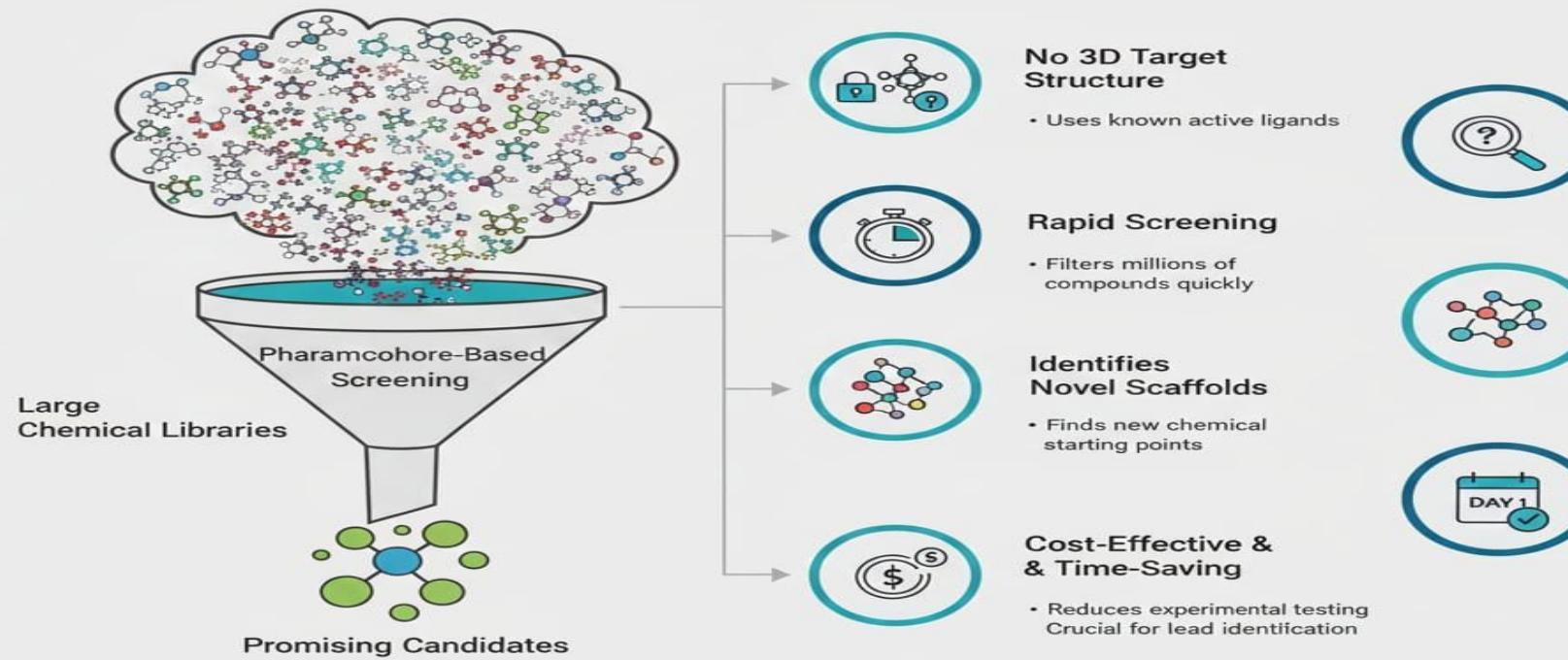
Pharmacophore: The 3D Key to Unlocking Biological Function.

Steps in Pharma-phore-Based Screening



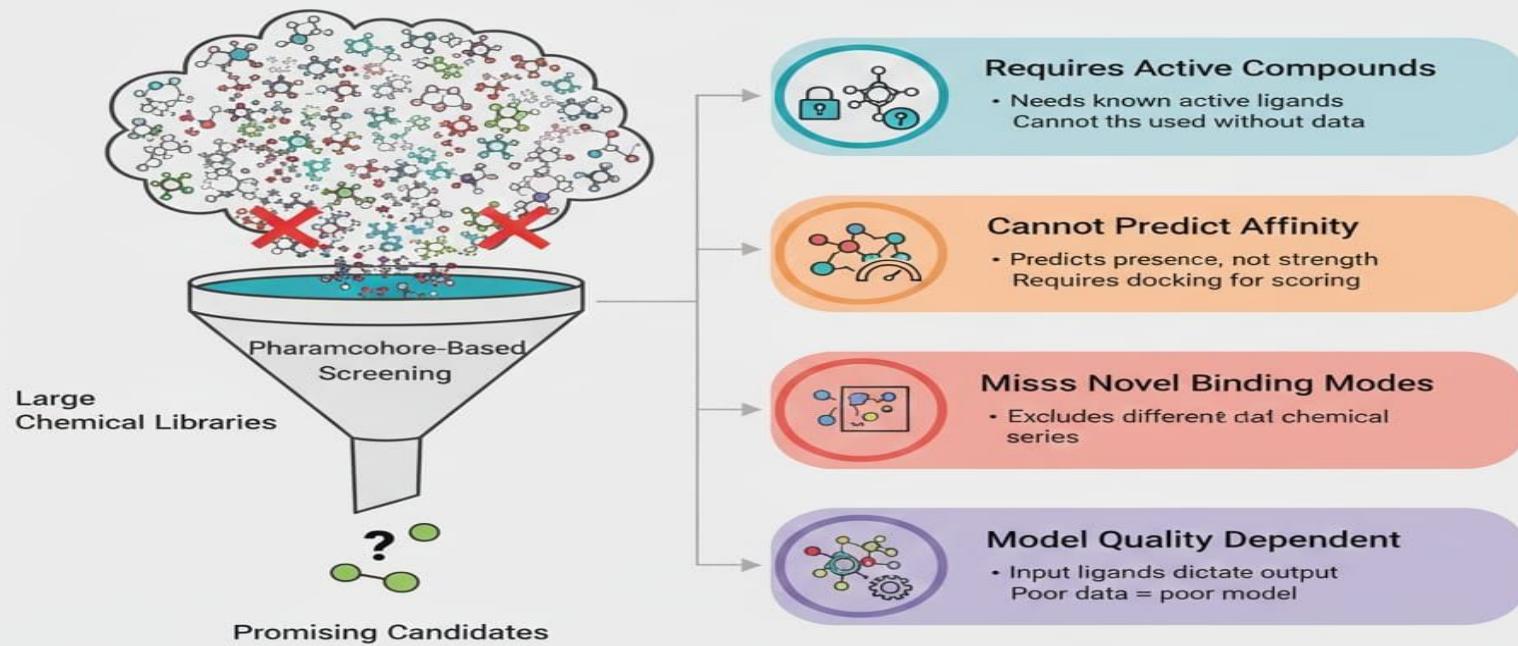
Workflow: From Actives to Novel Drug Candidates

Advantages / Pharmacophore-Based Screening



Maximizing Efficiency in Early Drug Discovery: A Ligand-Centric Approach

Limitations of Pharmacophore-Based Screening



Balimazing Power & Pitfalls in Ligand-Based Design

ASSESSMENT

Q1. Pharmacophore mapping mainly focuses on:

- A) Complete molecular structure
- B) Molecular weight and solubility
- C) Spatial arrangement of functional features
- D) Protein folding pattern

Q2. Pharmacophore mapping helps in understanding:

- A) Drug synthesis cost
- B) Structure–activity relationship (SAR)
- C) Drug storage conditions
- D) Packaging requirements

Q3. Pharmacophore mapping helps in understanding:

- A) Drug synthesis cost
- B) Structure–activity relationship (SAR)
- C) Drug storage conditions
- D) Packaging requirements

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