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## Library Design

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## The Universe of Potential Drugs is Huge!

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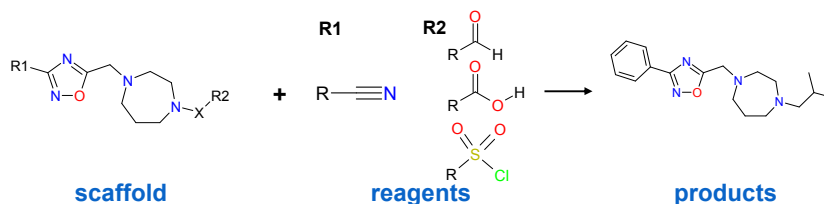
- Estimates vary from  $10^{18}$  to  $10^{200}$
- Estimate by Regine Bohacek is  $10^{60}$  drug-like molecules\*
  - Create a linear compound of up to 30 atoms
  - Use combinations of oxygen, carbon and sulfur for the backbone
  - Add any stable chemical group to the free bonds
  - Add branching, cyclization and stereochemistry
- A lot more than are likely to be made!
- Use Rational Design to focus on highest value compounds
  - Compounds that selectively hit desired targets
  - Eliminate compounds that you wouldn't want even if they did hit
    - Hard to follow-up
    - Poor ADME
    - No patent space
    - Promiscuous
  - Compounds that improve SAR and provide easy optimization

\* <http://www.nature.com/horizon/chem/chemicalspace/background/explore.html>

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## Library Designs are Combinatorial

### Components of a Combinatorial Library



### To Generate a Library-

- Identify scaffold and chemistry to be performed on that scaffold
- Create a reagent pool of acceptable monomers based on the chemistry
- Select a subset of products that spans the activity space
  - Diverse/Representative for general screening libraries
  - Use Docking/Similarity for targeted libraries
- Remove compounds that overlap in activity space with the existing collection
- Generate a final design of the desired size and density from the pool of desirable products

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## Sources of Scaffolds

From Chemists  
"chemical intuition"

From "Ideas"  
Database

From "de novo"  
Scaffold  
Generation

Shape-based hierarchical  
clustering is employed to  
select diverse scaffolds

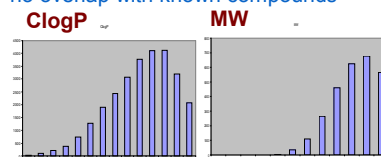
Scaffolds should be vetted for applicability

Scaffold Idea

Representative  
subset of  
reagents

"mini" virtual library

Check that library has reasonable property profile and  
no overlap with known compounds



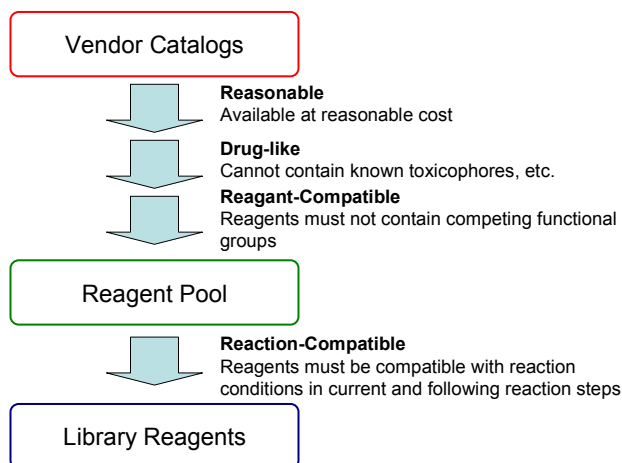
For targeted libraries, use docking or similarity scores to  
verify desirability of the potential library

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## Reagents Must Also be Carefully Selected



Depending on the library design goals, custom synthesized reagents may also be used

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## Products Must Have Reasonable Properties

Lipinski's "Rule of 5" is the best known filtering criteria

Poor absorption or permeation of an orally administered drug is more likely to occur if any two of these criteria are violated:

- Molecular weight is greater than 500
- Lipophilicity is high (ClogP is greater than 5)
- Number of Hydrogen bond donors is greater than 5
- Number of Hydrogen bond acceptors is greater than 10

Properties of Oral Drugs Categorized by Gene Family

	90% MW	90% ClogP	90% HBD	90% HBA	90% Rbonds
Aminergic GPCRs	460	5.6	2	6	8
Ion Channels	430	4.7	3	6	7
Nuclear Hormone Receptors	495	7.3	2	6	10
Peptide GPCRs	752	6.5	8	10	17
Phospho-diesterases	465	5.2	2	8	9
Protein Kinases	505	5.7	4	7	9
Serine Proteases	572	4.8	4	8	12

There are MANY others

=> Rules need to be tailored to specific customers needs

Hopkins, et al, Nature Biotechnology 2006, 7, 805-815

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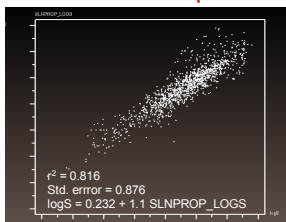
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## Also Consider Other Factors Relevant to Drug Interactions

- Fragment Based Filters (applied to reagents and products)
  - Unwanted
  - Unstable
  - Toxic groups
- Similarity/Dissimilarity to Known Targets
- Custom Scoring Functions

### ESOL – Estimated Aqueous Solubility



Plot of ESOL predicted solubility implemented in `slnProperty` versus the experimental `logS` values for compounds used as a training set for ALOGPS program from the ALOGPS website.

$$\log(S) = 0.16 - 0.63 * \text{ClogP} \\ - 0.0062 * \text{MW} + 0.066 * \text{RotBonds} \\ - 0.74 \text{AromaticFraction}$$

AromaticFraction is fraction of heavy atoms in aromatic 6-membered rings

Delaney, J. S. *J. Chem. Inf. Comput. Sci.* **2004**, *44*, 1000 – 1005.

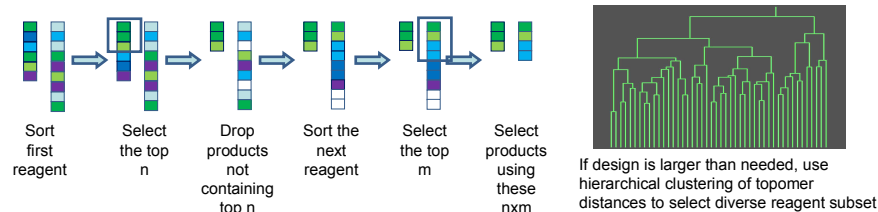
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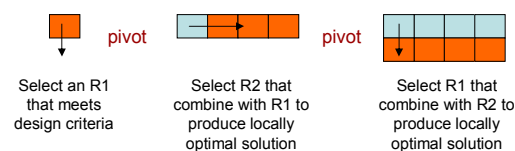
## From the Final Pool a Design is Extracted

A number of methods are used, from simple extraction of a full matrix...



to the use of sophisticated multi-objective design programs

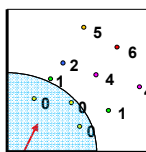
OptDesign Uses a Pivoting Method



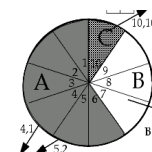
Repeat until a full design is produced

Two techniques used to bias selections

Pareto Ranking



Roulette Selection



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## Library Design is Done Efficiently

A series of proprietary programs are used to insure fast, efficient and reproducible results

Libraries are built from a library definition file that is composed of a scaffold definition and library qualifiers

Library Definition File	
Name	unique name of library
Source	CSLN or library (if making sublibrary)
Type	used to group libraries
Synthons	lists of reagents at each attachment
Qualifiers	can be applied to reagents and products
Properties	required property ranges
2D Inclusion	required fragments
2D Exclusion	disallowed fragments
List Inclusion	use specific reagents
List Exclusion	disallow specific reagents
Usage	ensures efficient use of reagents

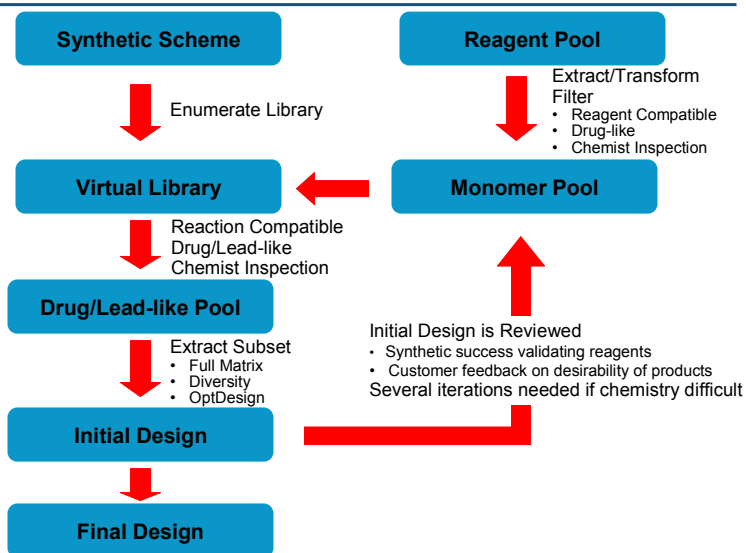
Automating the details means the focus is on the chemistry aspects of the process

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## The Overall Library Design Process



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## Summary of the Complete Process

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- Design is an Iterative Process
  - What pleases the chemist often doesn't please the computer and vice versa
  - All designs are a balance of competing requirements
- Design is a Step-wise Process
  - A design should start with a good choice of scaffold
  - The preliminary design provides feedback as to the final library size and properties
  - It may not be advisable to proceed to the final design in every case
  - Modification of scaffold and/or reagents may in some cases greatly improve the design
- Decisions that need to be made
  - Source of the synthetic route
  - Source of the reagent lists
  - Exact values for the design constraints
  - Acceptable number of iterations at each stage and criteria to continue forward

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