

## Combinatorial and Fragment-based Ligand Design

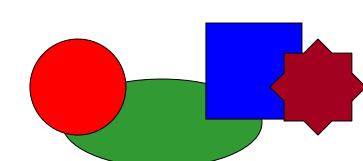
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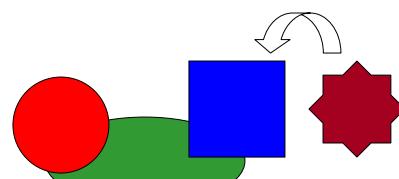
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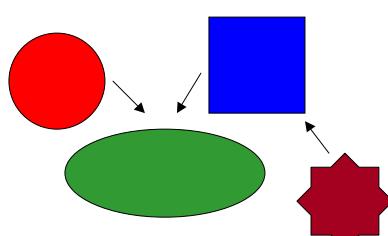
## „Classical“ and „Combinatorial“ Drug Design



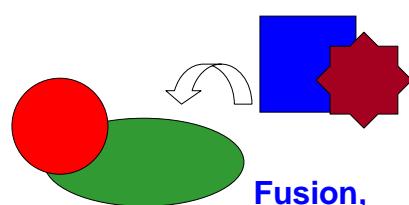
HTS, Docking



Linking

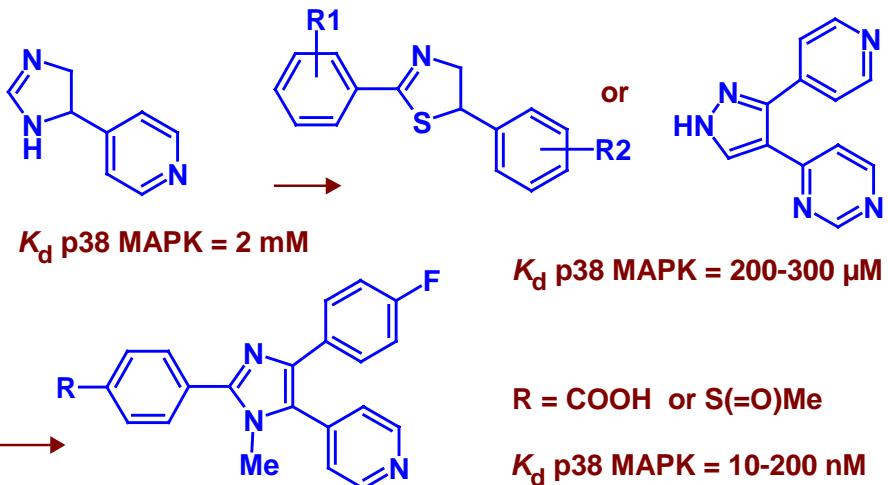


Decoration



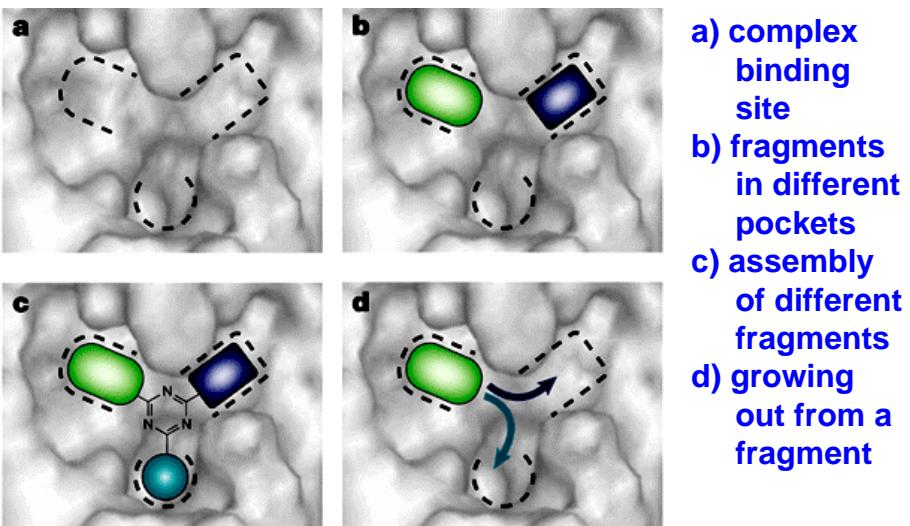
Fusion,  
Assembly

## SHAPES Strategy: NMR Screening of Ligands



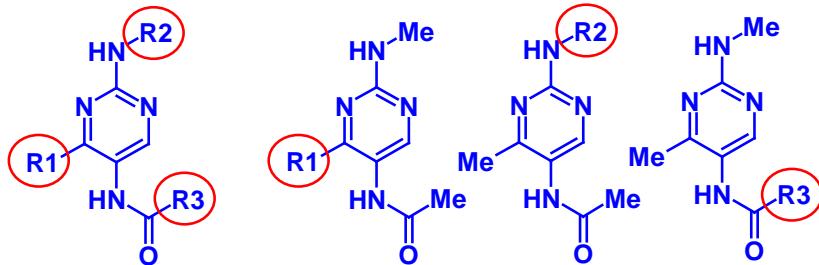
J. Fejzo et al., Chem. Biol. 6, 755-769 (1999)

## Fragment-Based Approach (Astex)



T. L. Blundell et al., Nature Rev. Drug Discov. 1, 45-54 (2002)

## Fragment-Based Approach With Central Scaffold

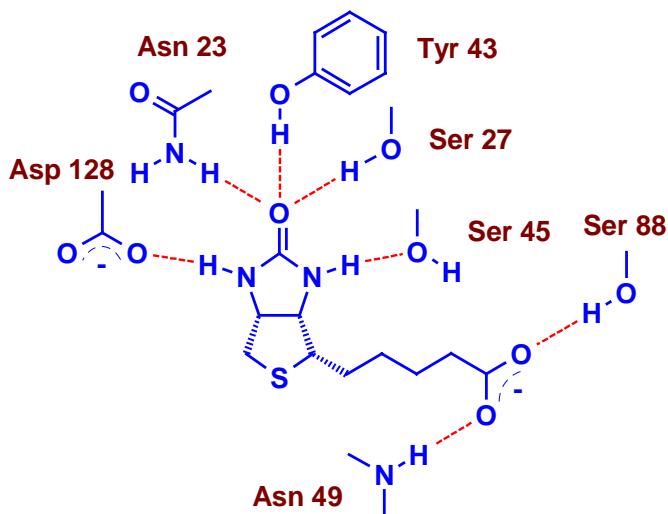


A library with  
100 x R1,  
100 x R2, and  
100 x R3 yields  
**1 mio compounds**

**100 + 100 + 100**  
variations yield a  
library of only  
**300 compounds**

R. Carr and M. Hann, Modern  
Drug Discov., April 2002, 45-48

## Enthalpic and Entropic Contributions to Binding: 3D Structure of the Biotin-Streptavidin Complex



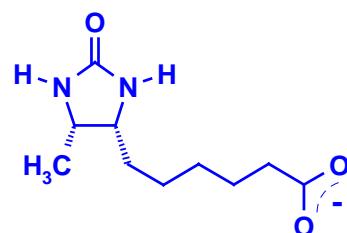
## „Entropic Stabilisation“ of a Ligand-Receptor Complex



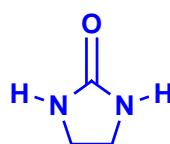
## Binding Constants of Biotin and Analogs (N. M. Green, Adv. Protein Chem. 29, 85-133 (1975))



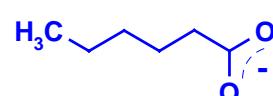
Biotin,  $K_i = 1,3 \times 10^{-15} \text{ M}$



Desthiobiotin,  $K_i = 5 \times 10^{-13} \text{ M}$

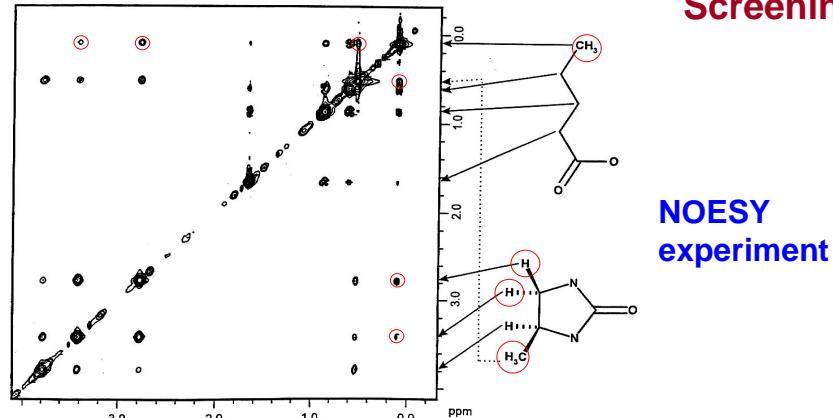


$K_i = 3,4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$



$K_i = 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$

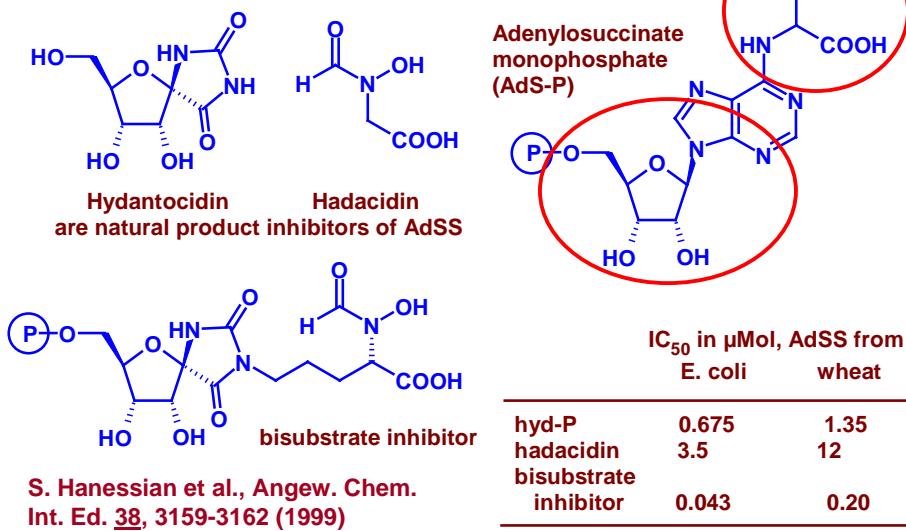
## „Re-discovering“ Biotin by NMR Fragment-Based Screening



NOESY experiment

streptavidin plus two biotin fragments;  
intermolecular NOEs indicate the „correct“ linkage of the fragments  
(A. Kline et al., The NMR Newsletter 47, 13 (1997))

## Design of a Bisubstrate Inhibitor of Adenylosuccinate Synthase (AdSS)



S. Hanessian et al., Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 38, 3159-3162 (1999)

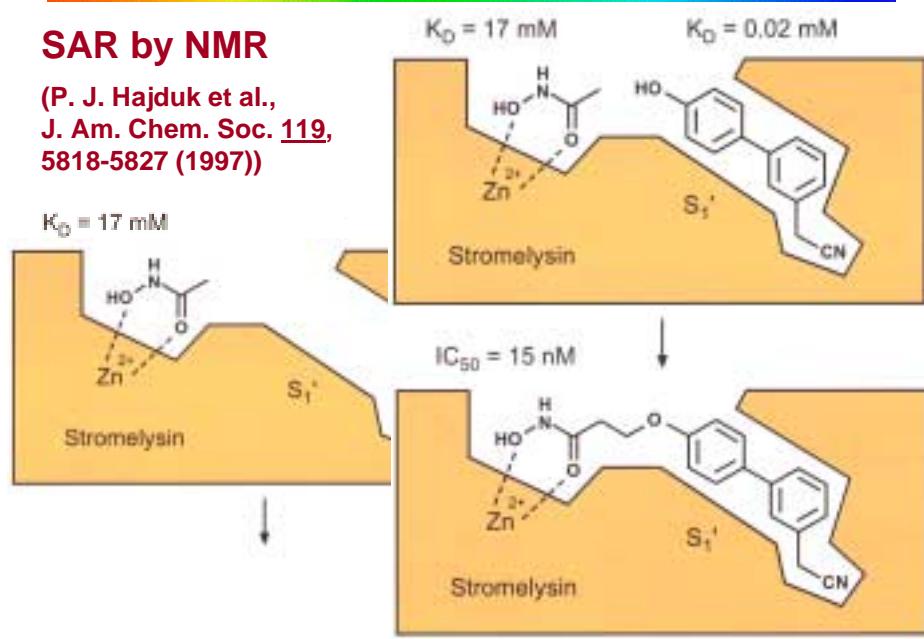
## Michelangelo, The Creation of Adam



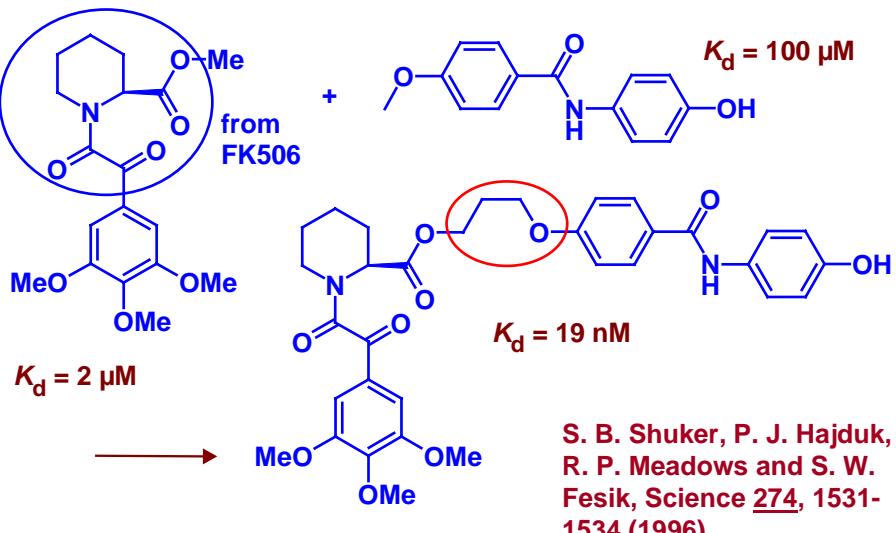
(fresco, detail from the Sistine Chapel ceiling, Vaticane)

## SAR by NMR

(P. J. Hajduk et al.,  
J. Am. Chem. Soc. **119**,  
5818-5827 (1997))

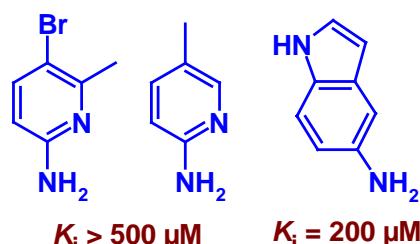


## SAR by NMR: FKBP Ligands



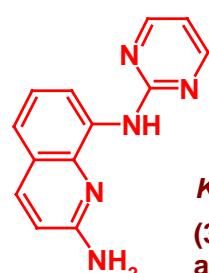
## CrystaLEAD - Crystallographic Screening

### Crystallographic hits (Urokinase inhibitors)



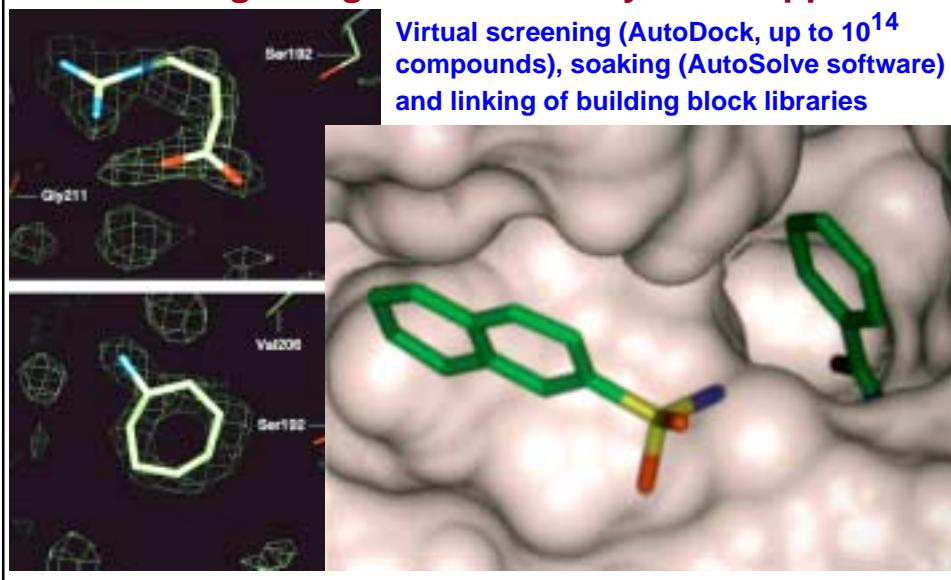
V. L. Nienaber et al.,  
*Nat. Biotechnol.* **18**,  
1105-1108 (2000)

optimized  
structure:

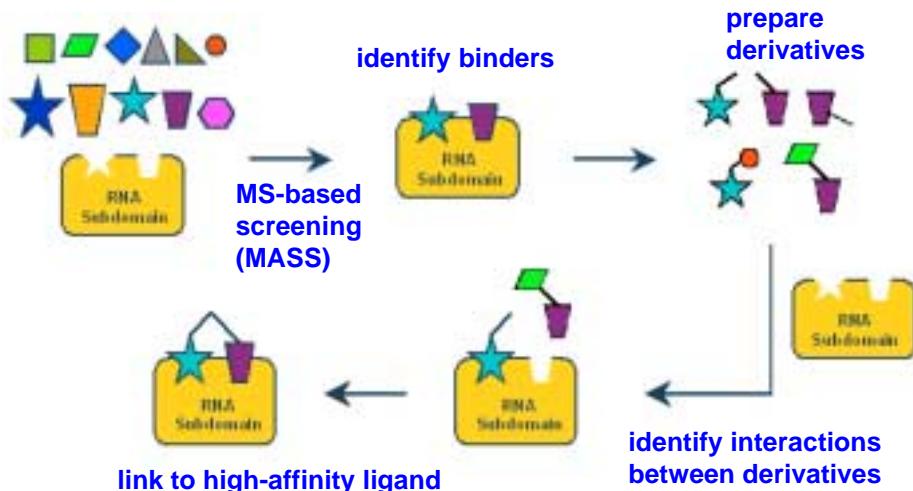


$K_i = 370 \text{ nM}$   
(38% bio-  
availability  
in the rat)

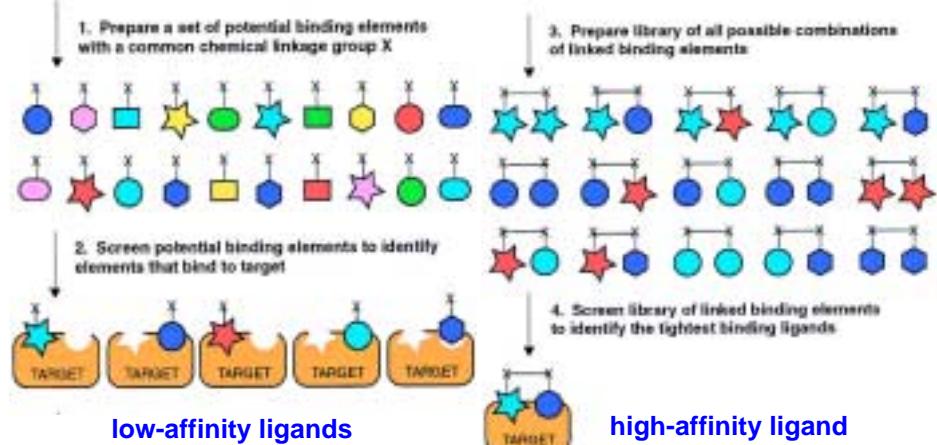
## HTX in Drug Design: The Astex Pyramid Approach



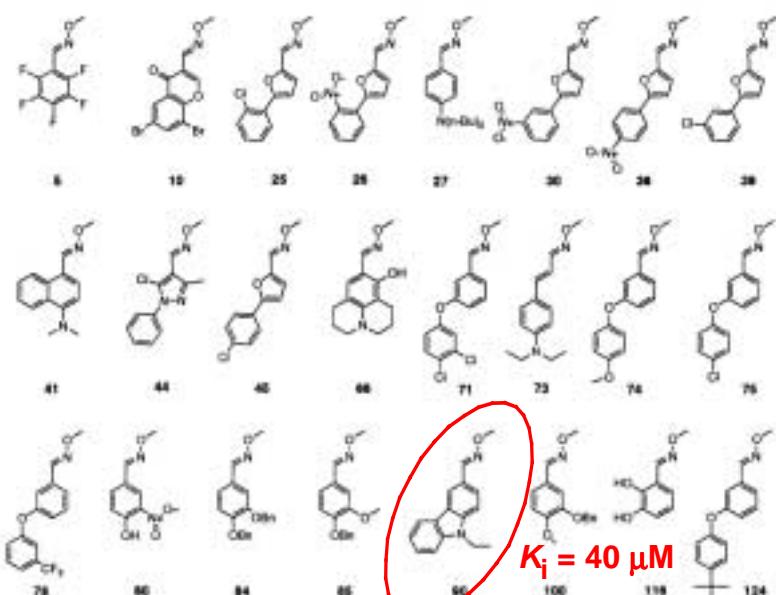
## The SAR by MS Approach for RNA Targets

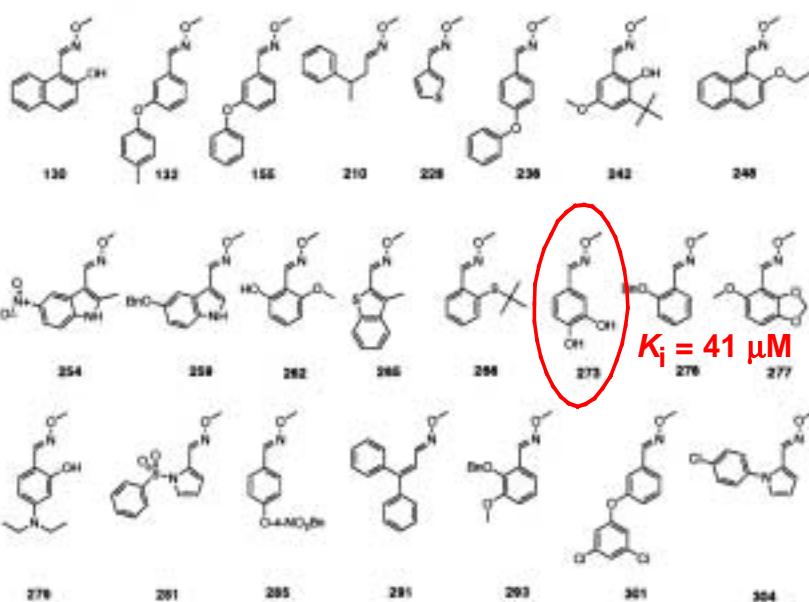


## Combinatorial Libraries of Linked Low-Affinity Binders

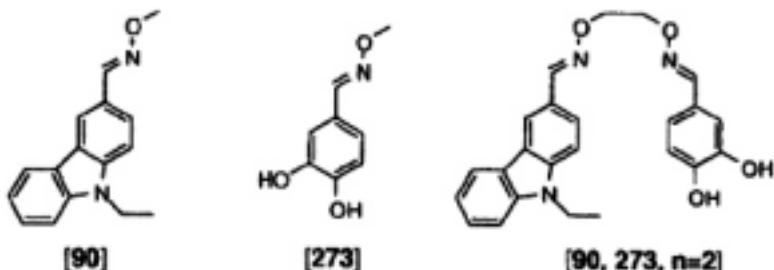


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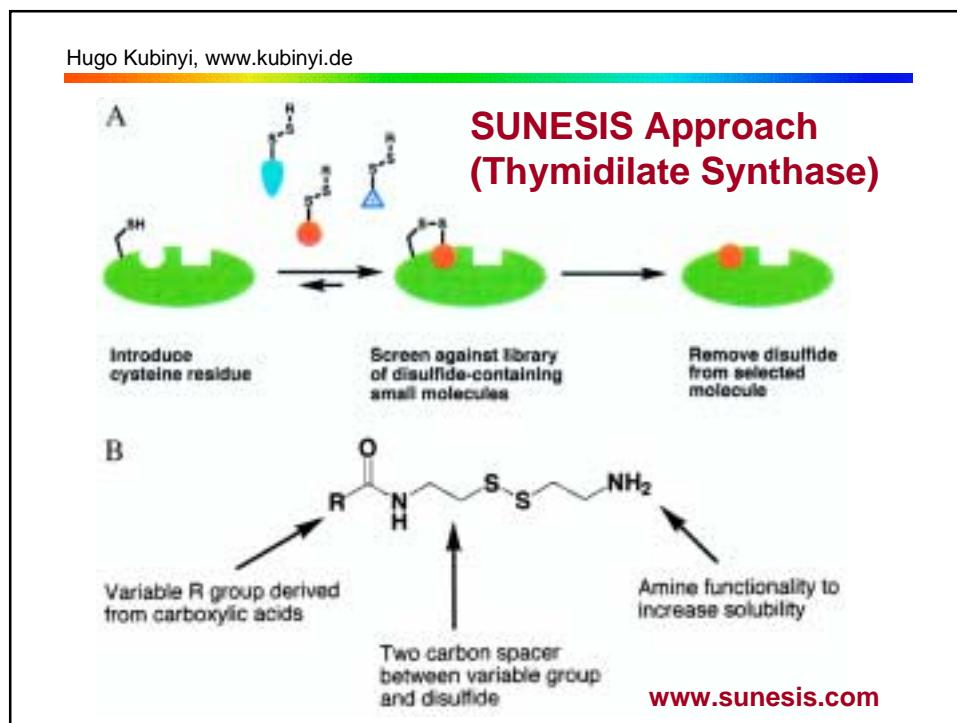
### Fragment-Based Design: Protein Kinase Inhibition



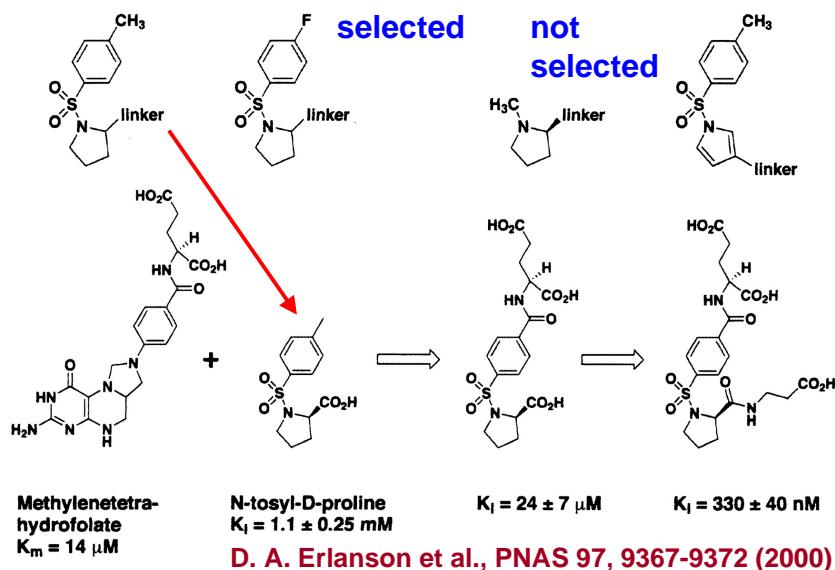
$\text{IC}_{50}, \mu\text{M}$

| Compound         | c-Src             | Fyn           | Lyn           | Lck     |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------|
| [273]            | $41 \pm 5$        | $>1000$       | $>1000$       | $>1000$ |
| [90]             | $40 \pm 16$       | $64 \pm 50$   | $400 \pm 170$ | $>500$  |
| [90, 273, n = 2] | $0.064 \pm 0.038$ | $5.0 \pm 2.4$ | $13 \pm 3$    | $>250$  |

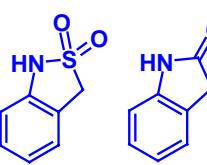
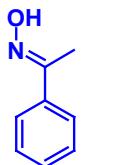
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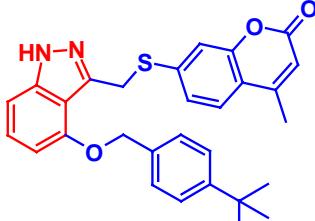
### Design of a Submicromolar TS Inhibitor



## „Needle Screening“: Gyrase Inhibitors



„needles“ from LUDI search



optimized structure

H.-J. Boehm et al., J. Med. Chem. 43, 2664-2674 (2000)

## Cdk4 Inhibitors: Virtual Screening and Library Design

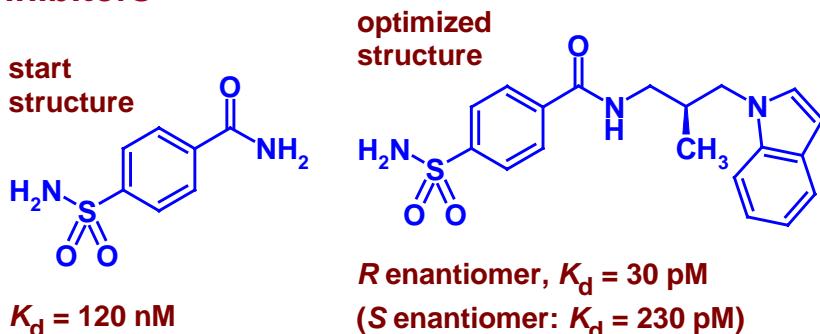
1. Construction of a Cdk4 homology model (starting from the 3D structure of activated Cdk2)
2. de novo design of ligands in the binding site (programs LEGEND and SEEDS)
3. 382 hits acquired and tested
4. design of a diarylurea library
5. further chemical modifications



Cdk4 inhibitor  
 $IC_{50} = 42 \text{ nM}$

T. Honma et al., J. Med. Chem. 44, 4615-4627 (2001)

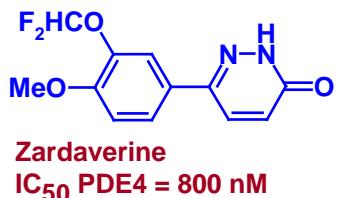
## Combinatorial Design of Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitors



Program CombiSMoG, „best“ N-substituents from 100,000 candidates (20 scored by knowledge-based potentials)

B. A. Grzybowski et al., Acc. Chem. Res. 35, 261-269 (2002);  
B. A. Grzybowski et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 99, 1270-1273 (2002)

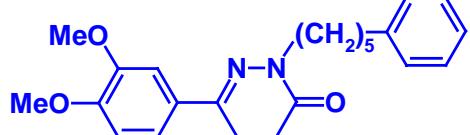
## Scaffold-Linker-Functional Group Approach



Design of a structure-based 320-member virtual library with four different scaffolds or ring connections, five linkers and 16 different functional groups; best docking results with FlexX

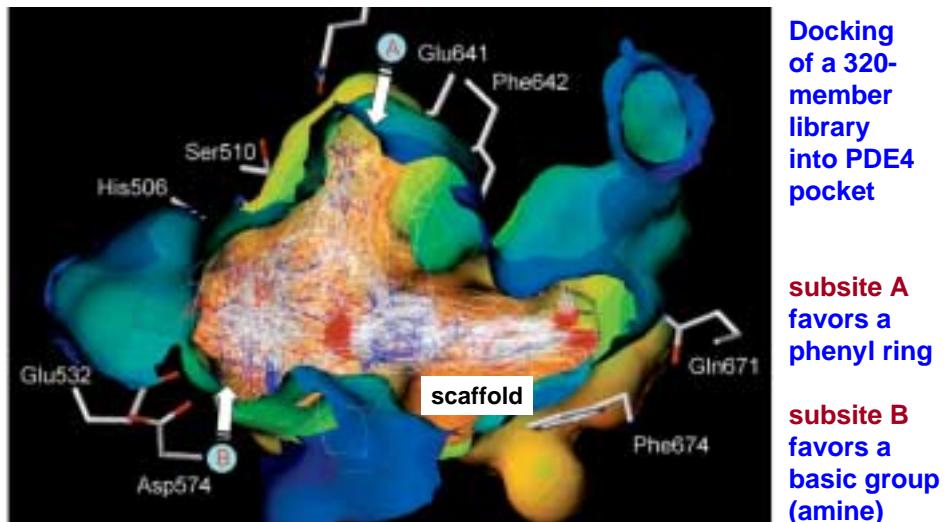


N-substituted dihydropyridazinone analogs



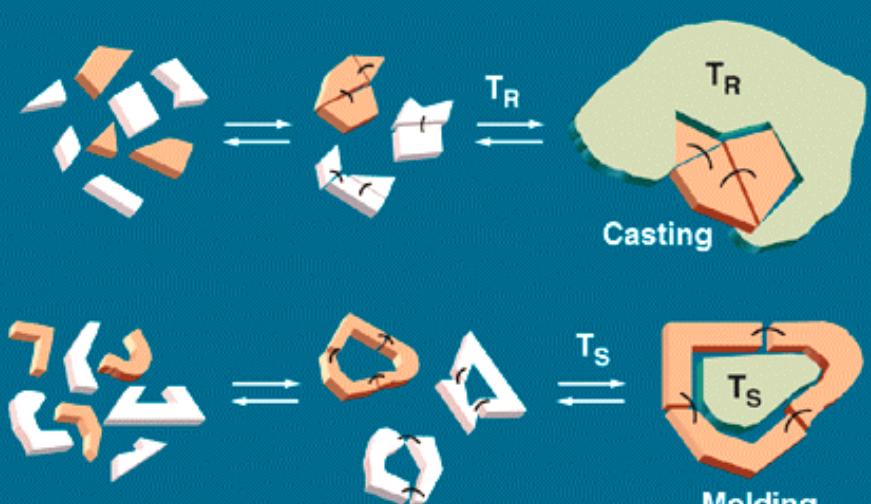
M. Krier et al., J. Med. Chem. 48, 3816-3822 (2005)

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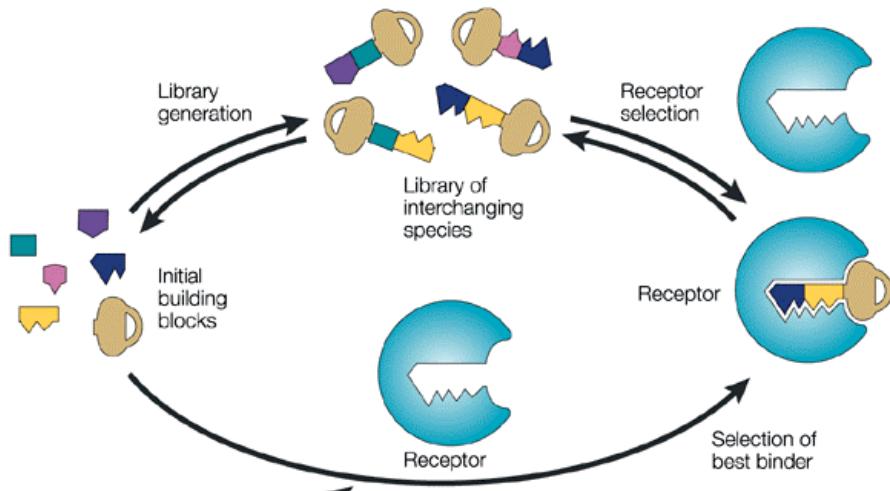
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## Dynamic Self-Assembly of Ligands and Receptors



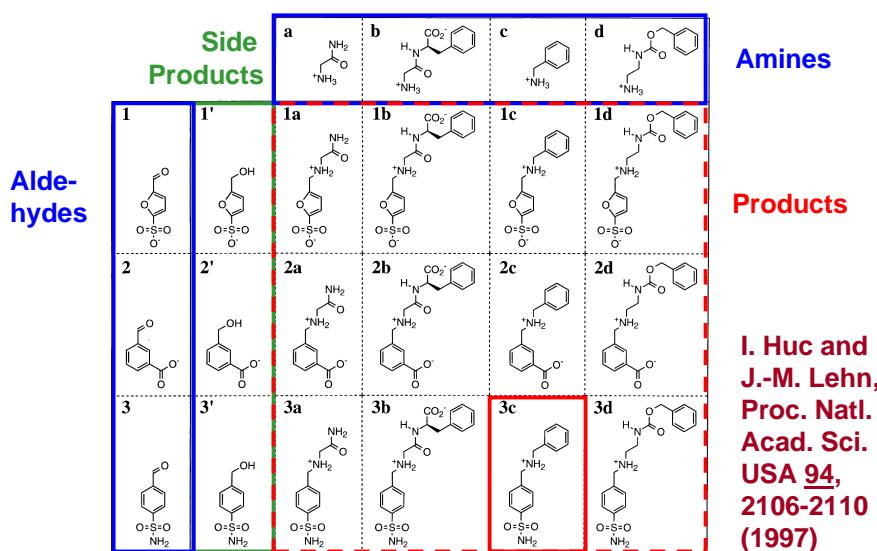
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## Dynamic Ligand Assembly in a Binding Site

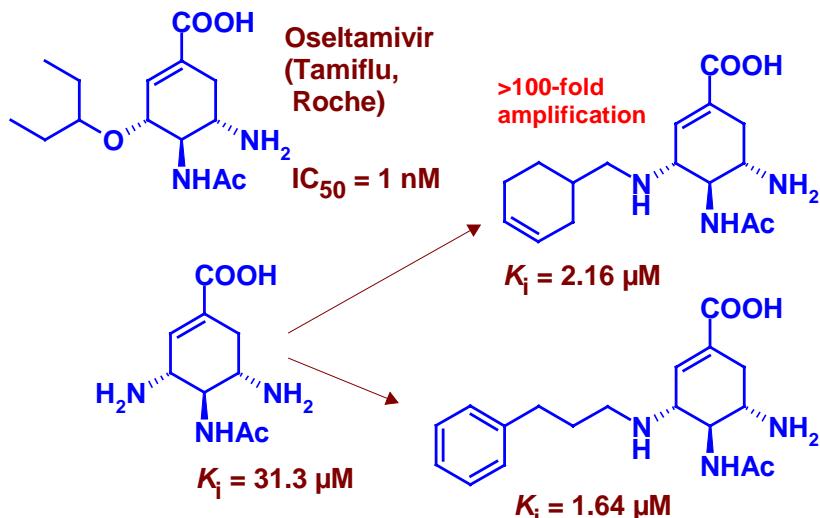


O. Ramström and J. M. Lehn, Nature Rev. Drug Discov. 1, 26-36 (2002)

## Ligand Assembly in Carbonic Anhydrase

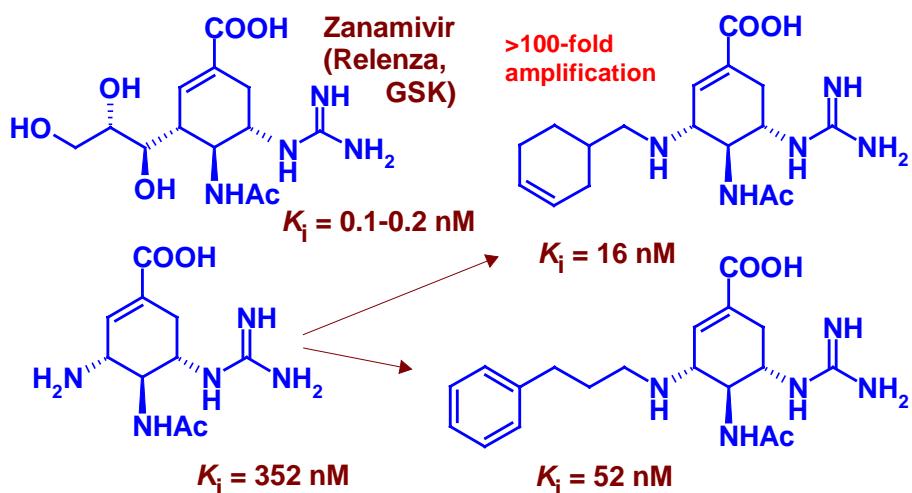


## Ligand Assembly in Neuraminidase, I



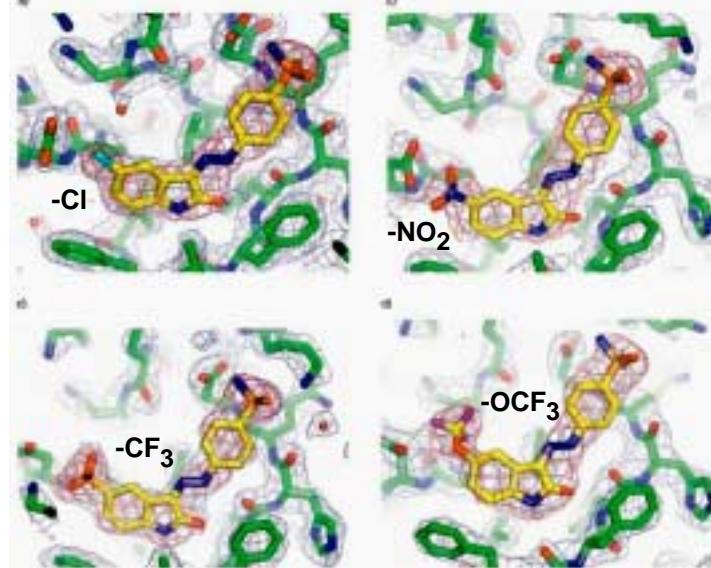
M. Hochgürtel et al., Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA 99, 3382-3387 (2002)

## Ligand Assembly in Neuraminidase, II



M. Hochgürtel et al., Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA 99, 3382-3387 (2002)

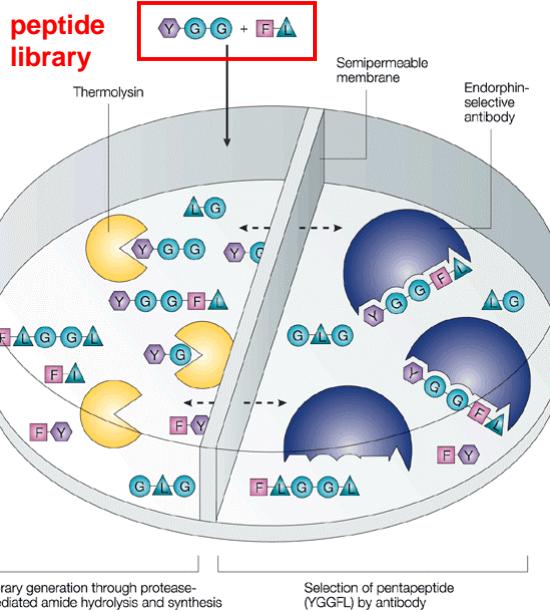
## Ligand Assembly in Cdk 2



Four soaking experiments of different isatins and arylhydrazines in the presence of Cdk2.

all sulfonamido-arylhydrazones  
 $IC_{50} = 30 \text{ nM}$

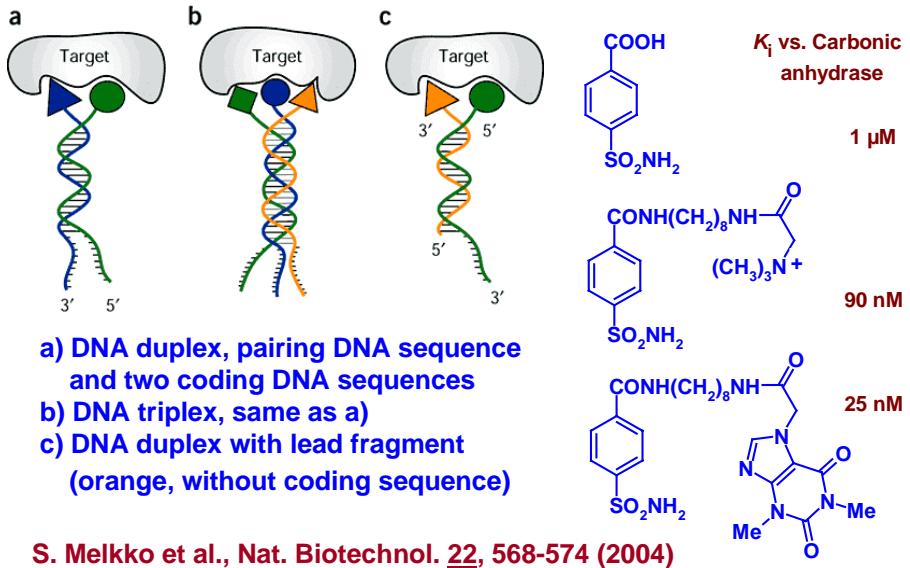
M. S. Congreve et al., Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 42, 4479-4482 (2003)



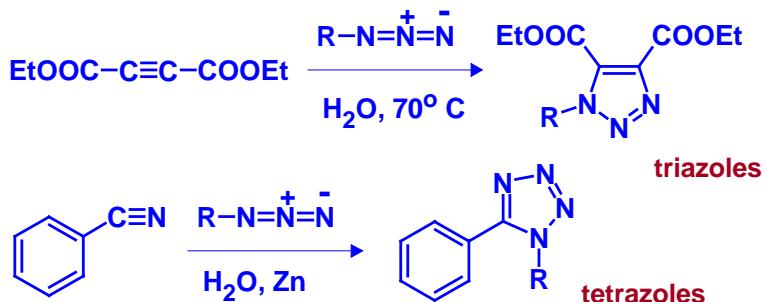
## Dynamic Selection of Peptides by Antibodies

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## Dynamic Self-Assembly of DNA-Coded Fragments



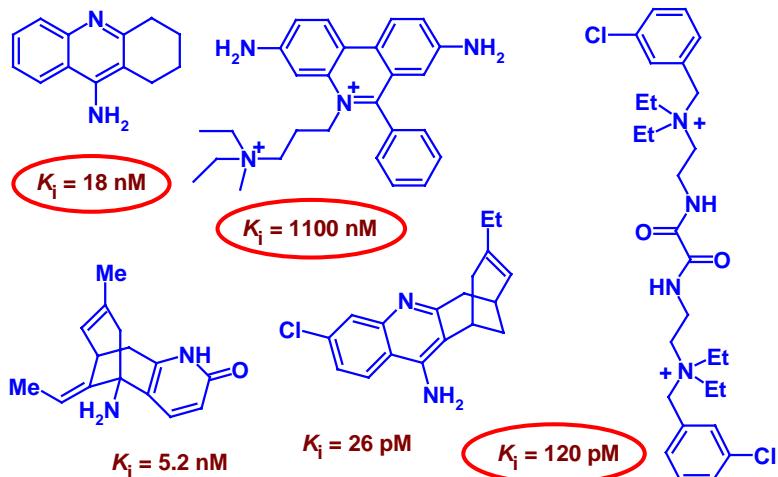
## „Click Chemistry“ (K. Barry Sharpless)



The reaction of azides with acetylenes to triazoles is significantly accelerated in the binding site of acetylcholinesterase.

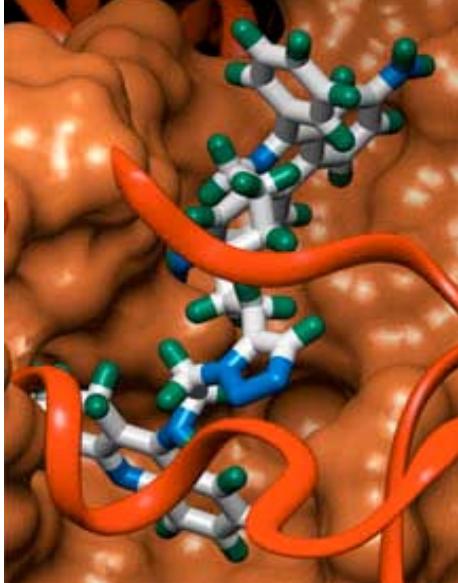
W. G. Lewis, L. G. Green, F. Grynszpan, Z. Radic, P. R. Carlier, P. Taylor, M. G. Finn and K. B. Sharpless, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl. 41, 1053-1057 (2002).

## Click Chemistry (B. Sharpless): AChE Inhibitors

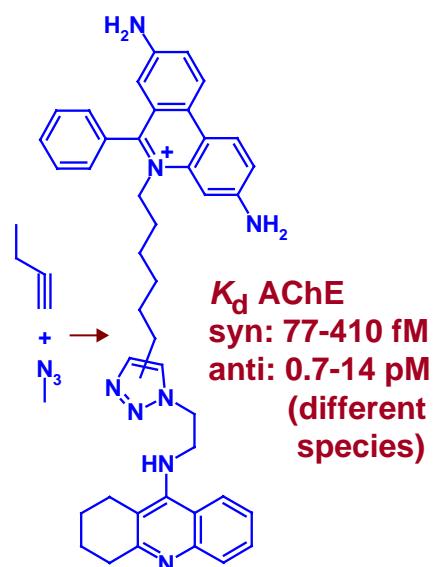


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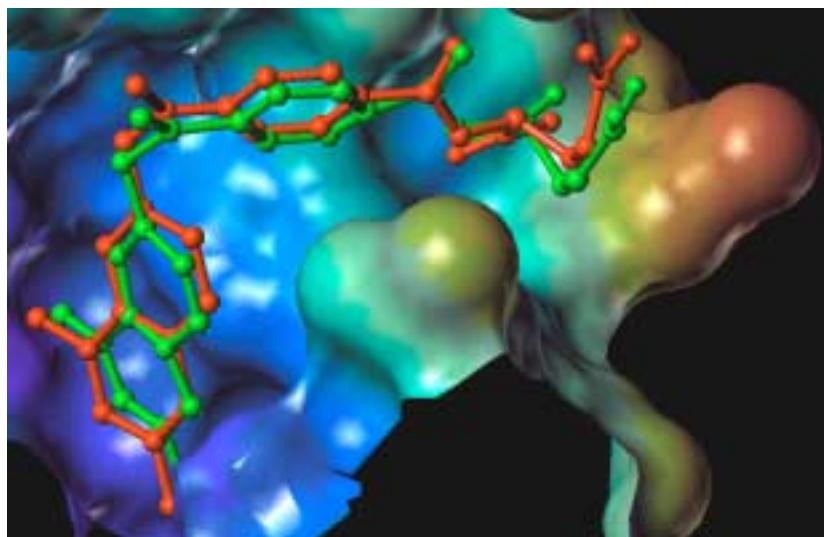
## A home-made Trojan Horse



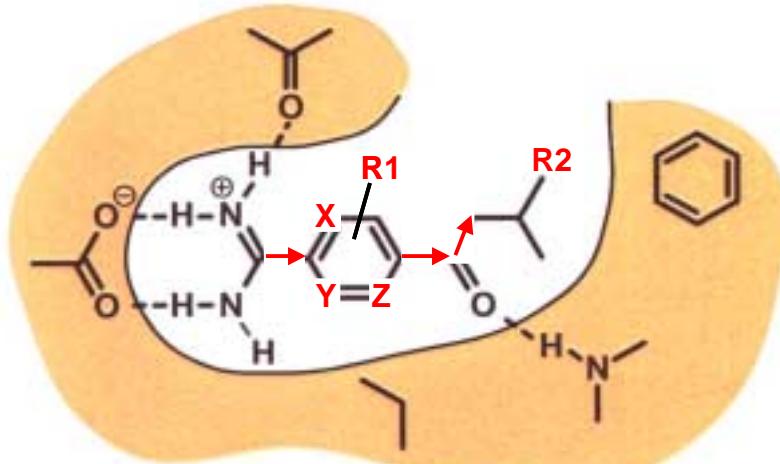
## „Click Chemistry“



## The Future: Combinatorial Drug Design



## Combinatorial Ligand Construction



## Further Progress in Computer-Aided Ligand Design

Ligand flexibility

Protein flexibility

Flexibility of the ligand-protein complex

Geometry and strength of hydrogen bonds

Solvation and desolvation effects (entropy)

Inserted (conserved) water molecules

Synthetic accessibility of ligands

Combinatorial docking of ligands

„Last Problem“ - The Scoring Function

## Fragment-Based Drug Discovery

- a) **Reviews:** D. A. Erlanson et al., Fragment-based drug discovery, *J. Med. Chem.* 47, 3462- 3482 (2004);  
M. J. Hartshorn et al., *J. Med. Chem.* 48, 403-413 (2005)
- b) **Fragment-based de novo design:**  
**SKELEGEN:** M. Stahl et al., *JCAMD* 16, 459-478 (2002)  
**COREGEN:** A. M. Aronov and G. W. Bemis, *Proteins* 57, 36-50 (2004)
- c) **Fragment space for de novo design:**  
Modified RECAP procedure for Feature tree-based  
2D design and 3D design by SkelGen  
M. Stahl, WATOC January 2005.
- d) **SeeDs libraries for NMR screening, selected by kinase pharmacophore features, MWs about 160-240.**  
N. Baurin et al., *JCICS* 44, 2157-2166 (2004)