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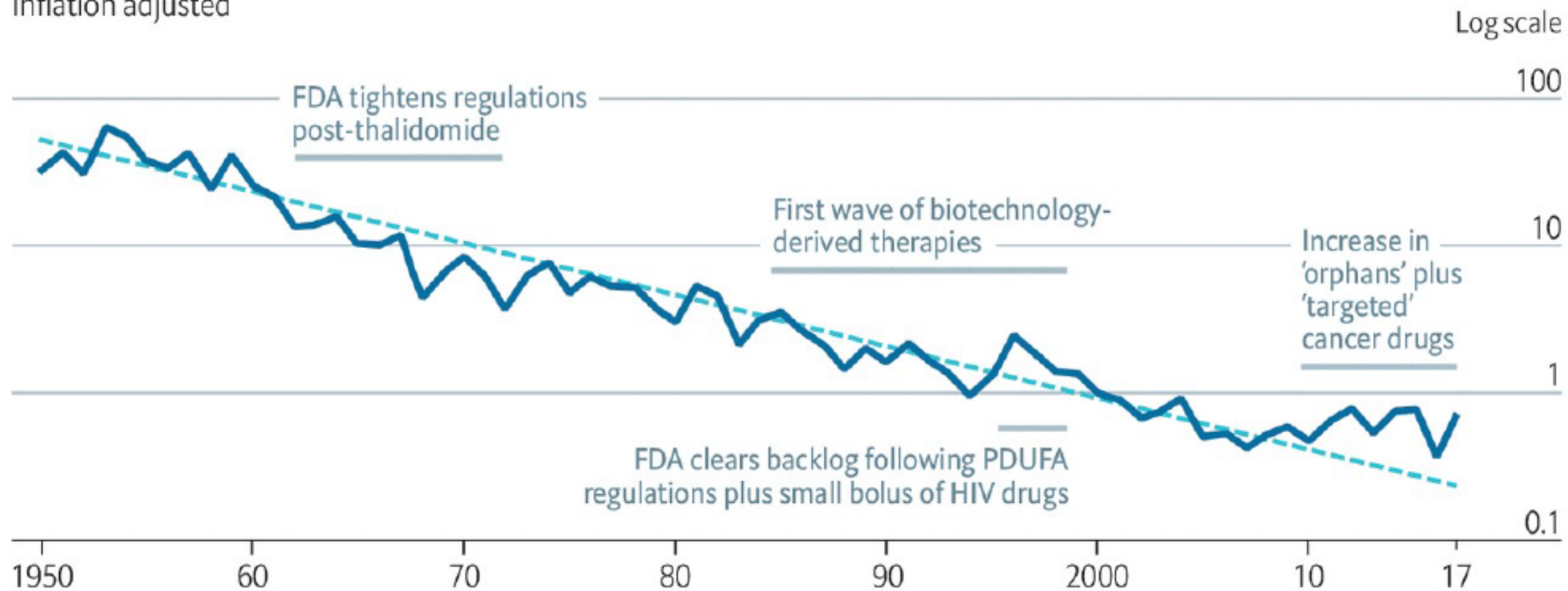
Platform Overview for Drug Discovery  
Workflows Symposium

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# Current Drug Discovery Trends are Unsustainable

United States, number of new molecules approved\* per \$1bn global R&D spending

Inflation adjusted



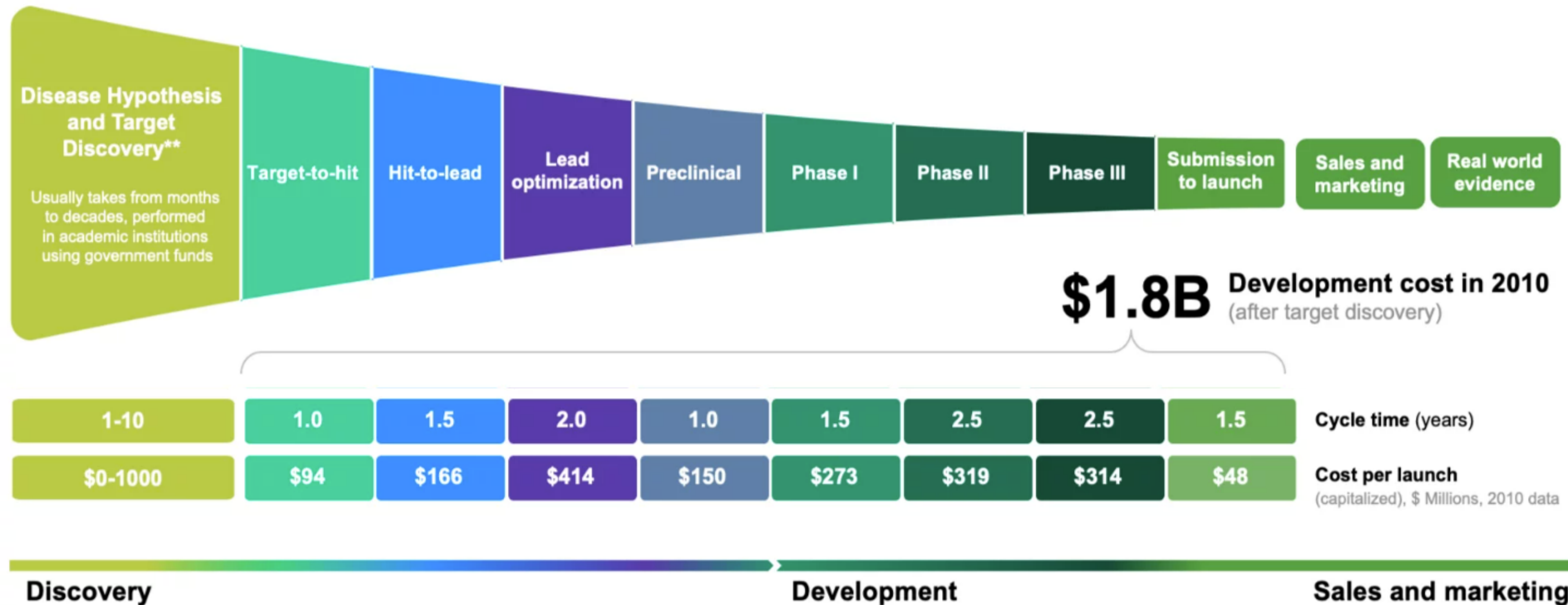
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\*By US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

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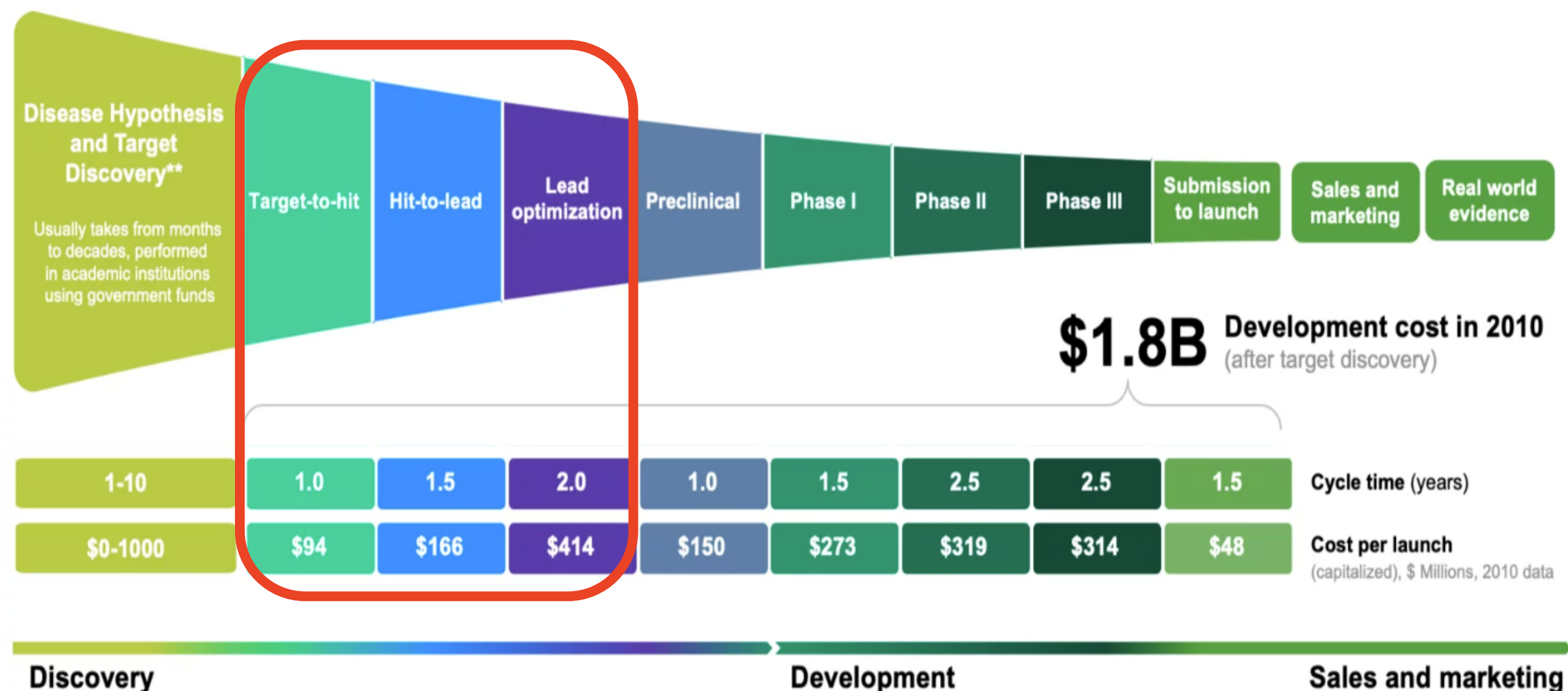
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# How Can We Improve Efficiency?

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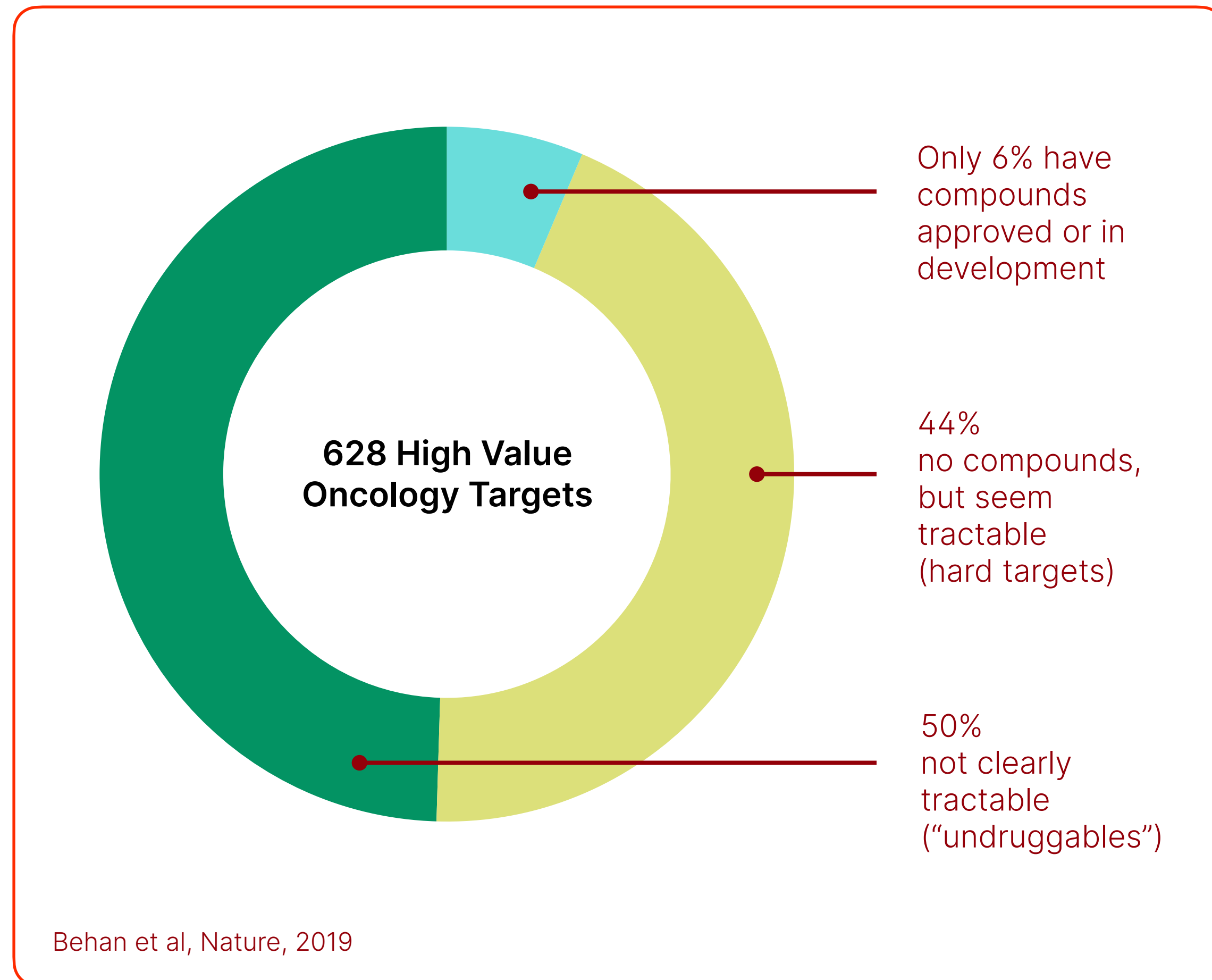
**Opportunities for improvement throughout the process:**

- Better Target Validation
- Faster Hit Identification
- Drugging “Undruggable” Targets
- Better clinical biomarkers

**How can we:**

- Identify chemical starting points for difficult targets?
- Speed up the process of Hit ID and Lead Optimization?

# Problem: Existing Technologies Miss Valuable Targets



## Why can't we drug these high value targets?

### 1. Novel high value targets need new chemical matter

- Screening collections biased by what used to work
- Pure computational methods biased by static structures and incomplete physical models

Misses:

Cryptic pockets

Protein protein interactions

Nucleic acid binders

### 2. Hit & lead optimization is slow & low throughput

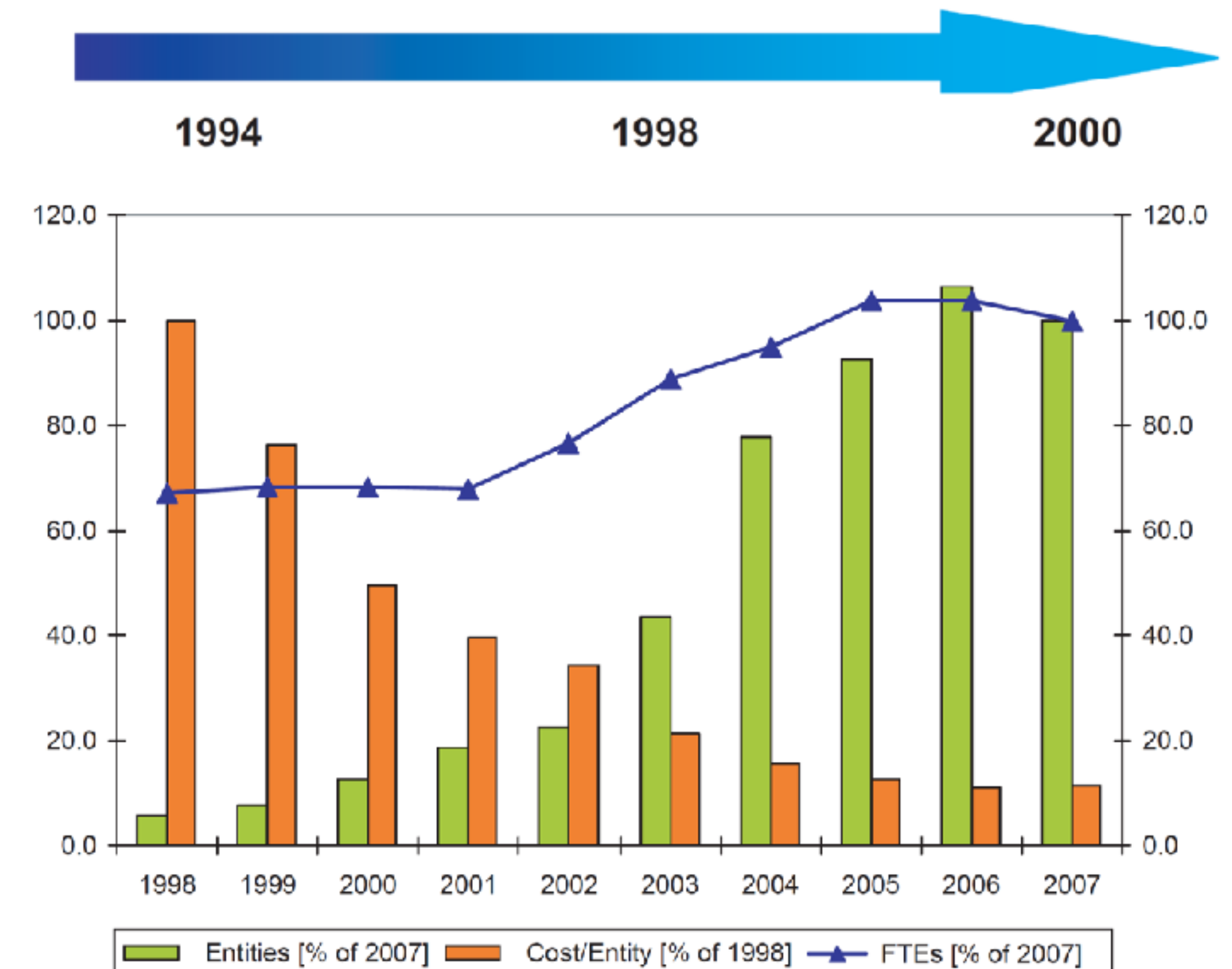
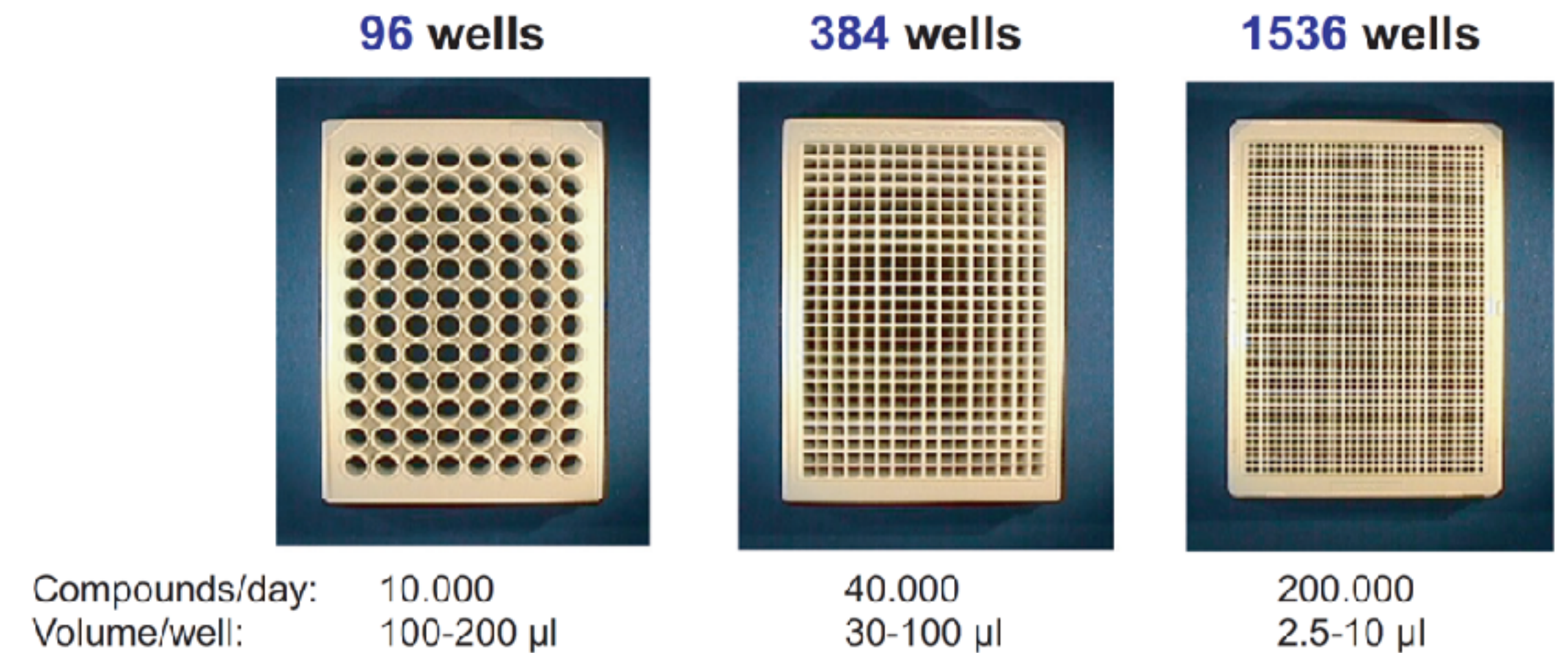
- Synthesizing 10 compounds per chemist per month delays in-vitro and in-vivo compound validation

# Small Molecule Discovery Tools

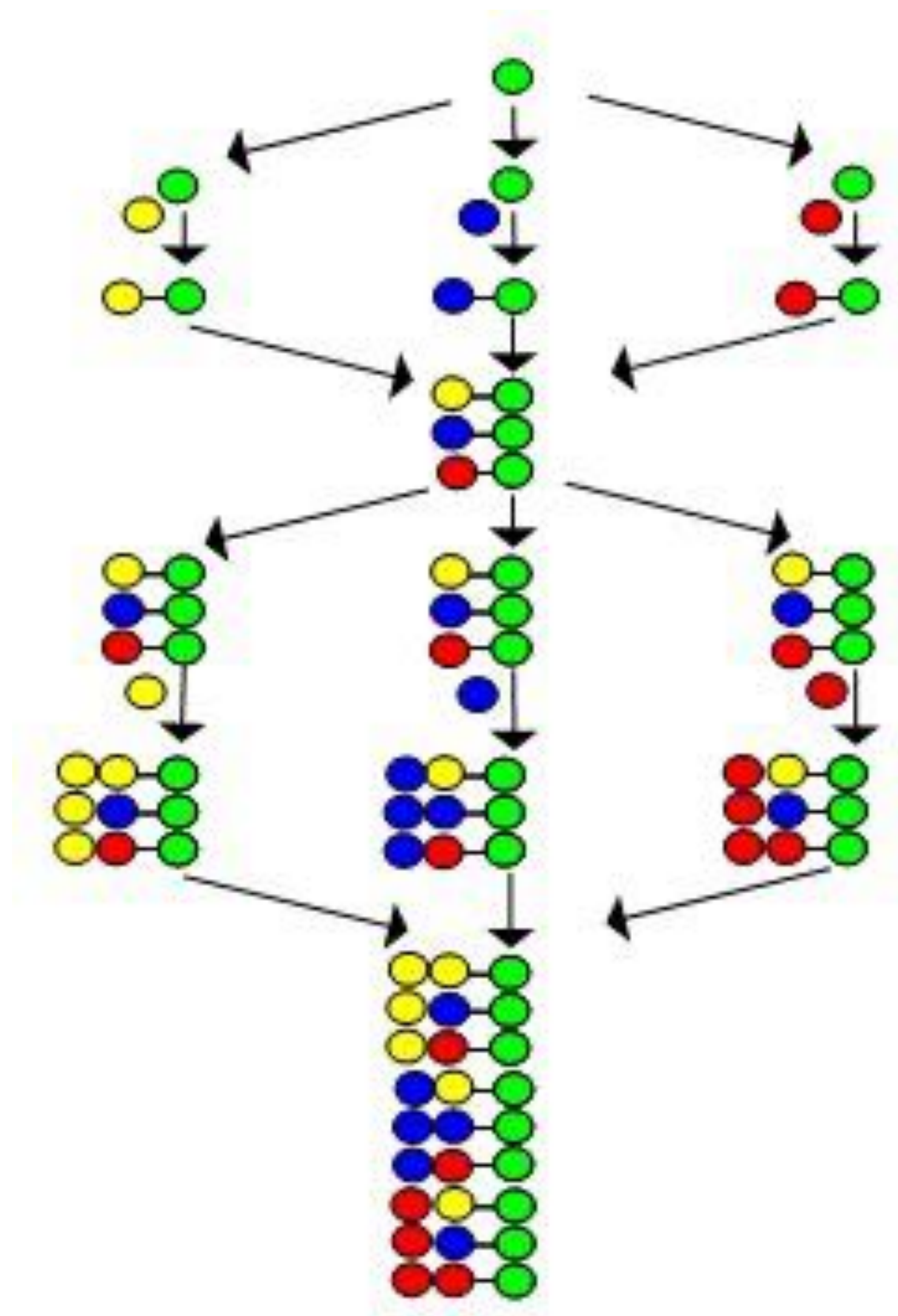
High Throughput Screening and DNA Encoded Libraries

# High Throughput Screening

- Hit identification in Big Pharma has been driven through High Throughput Screening over the past several decades
- Increased miniaturization has led to:
  - Screening ~1-2 Million highly purified, discrete compounds
  - 1536 well plates, ~ 1 week to screen
- Screening gains have plateaued:
  - Months to optimize assay conditions
  - ~\$1 Million per screen
  - Compound collections comprised of chemical matter from legacy drug discovery efforts
  - Key limitation: 1 compound per well



# How Can We Test More?



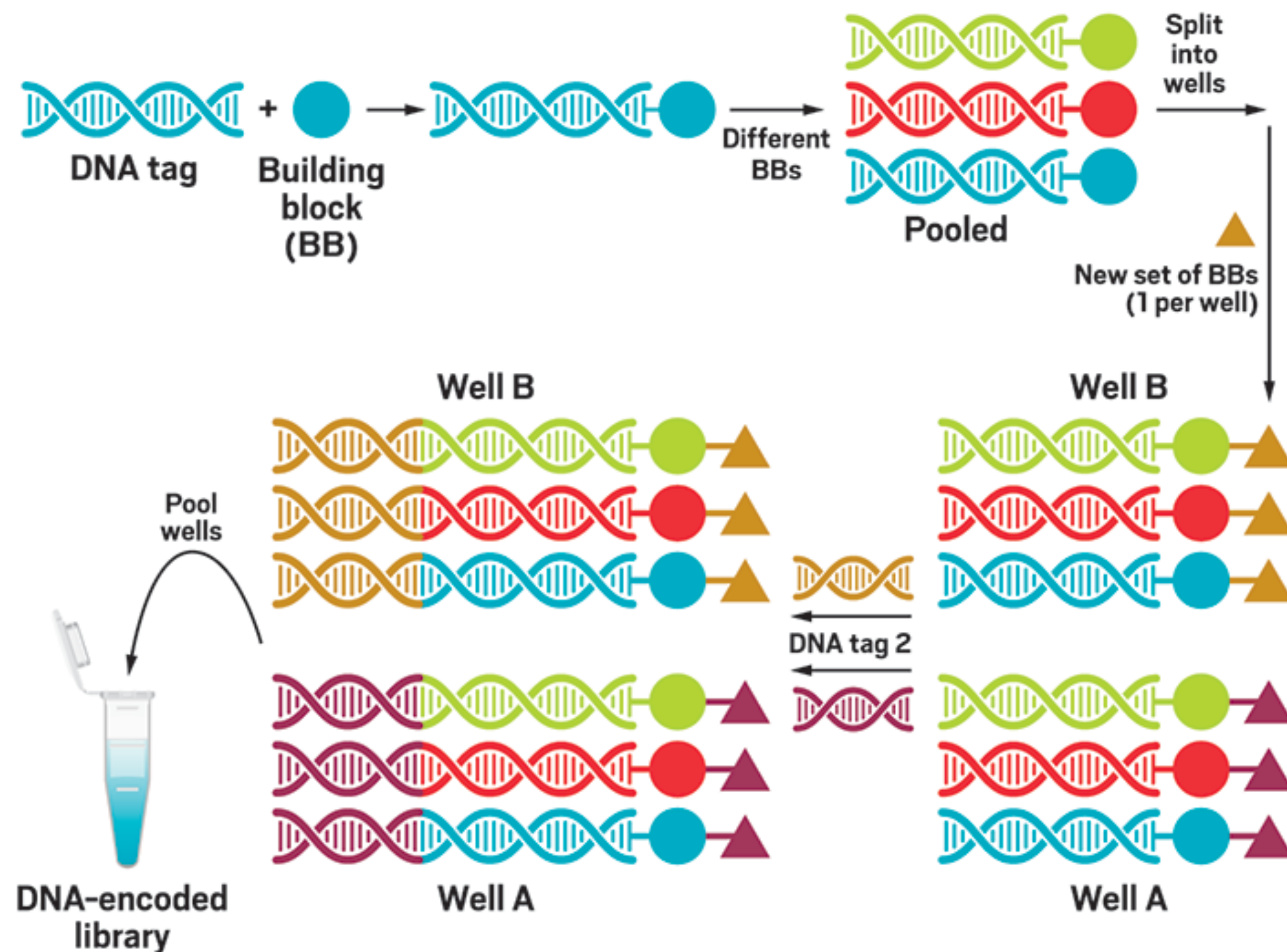
## Combinatorial Chemistry

- “Split and Pool” method developed by Bruce Merrifield in the 1960s
- In just a few cycles of chemistry, allows the synthesis of Millions to Billions of compounds
- Molecules exist as a mixture and each molecule represented in tiny quantities
- How to screen a mixture of a Billion compounds and know which one inhibited your target?????



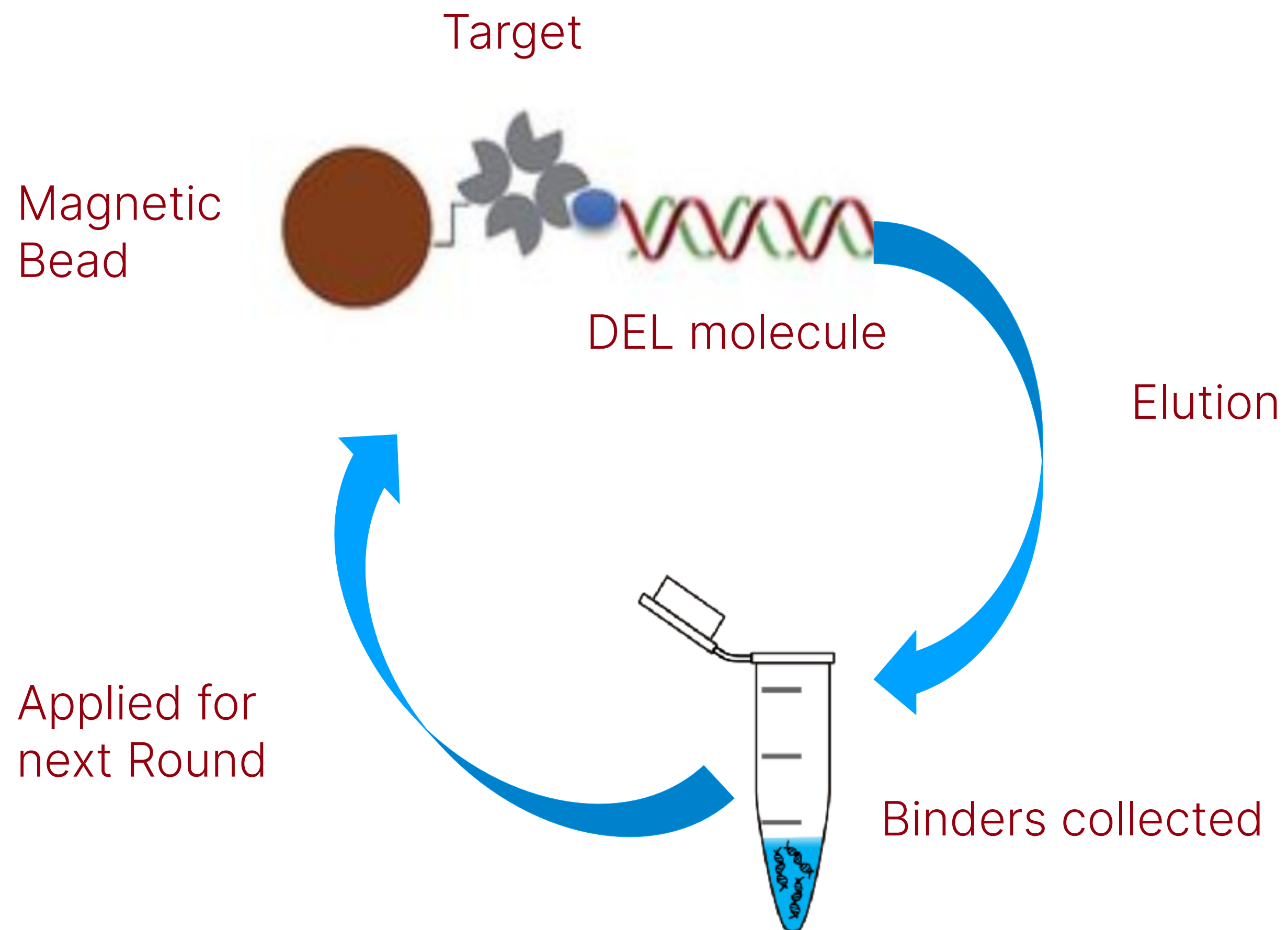
# Advent of DNA Encoded Libraries (DEL)

- Combinatorial chemistry in two directions
- DNA tag added at each step that encodes for the building block added
- Through use of PCR and Next gen DNA sequencing, we can now identify each compound from the mixture



# Affinity Selection to Identify Binders

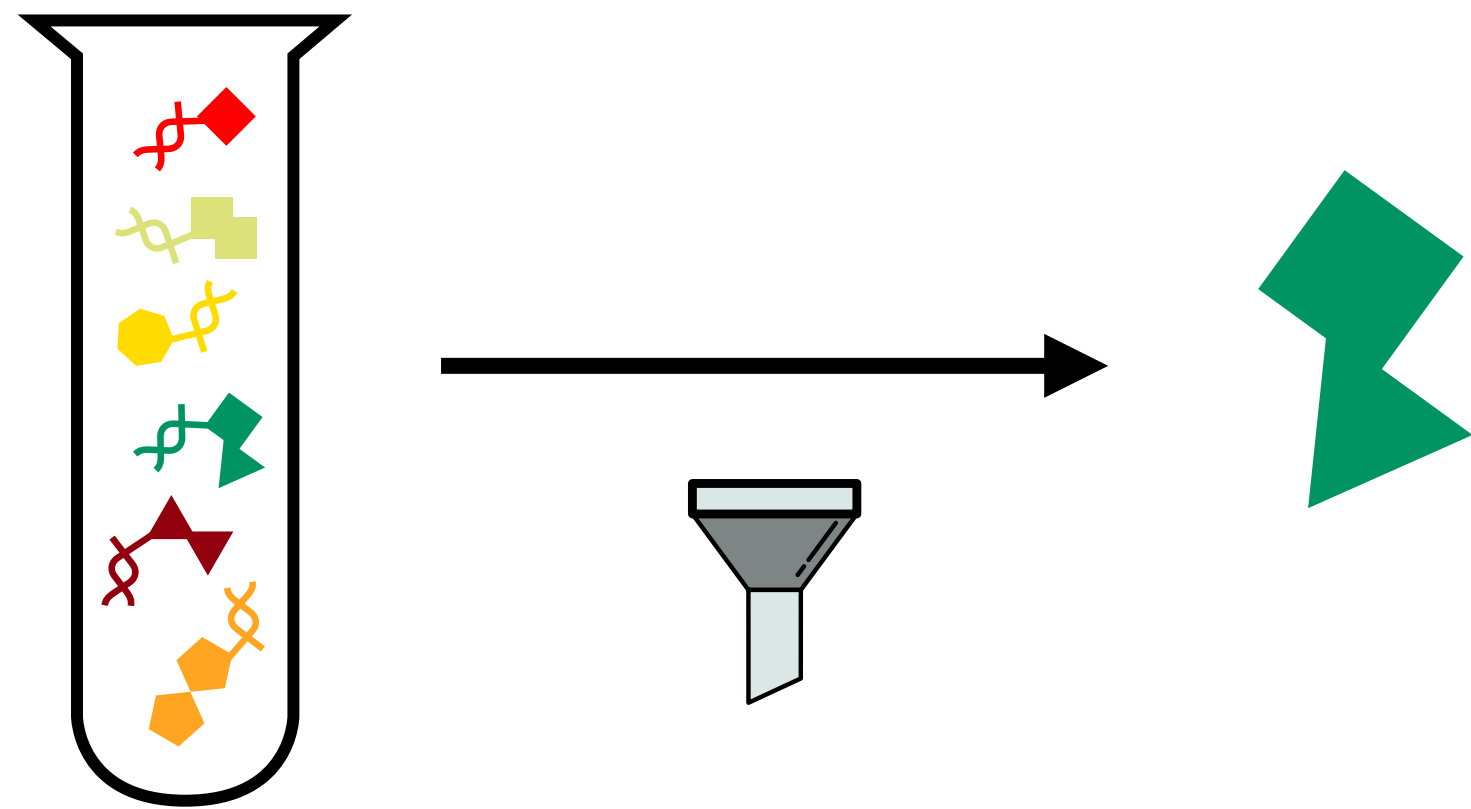
## ONE ROUND:



- Typically 2-3 rounds
- More rounds = less noise, but also less signal
- Need to calibrate amount of input material to # of rounds
- Read out via PCR then DNA Sequencing

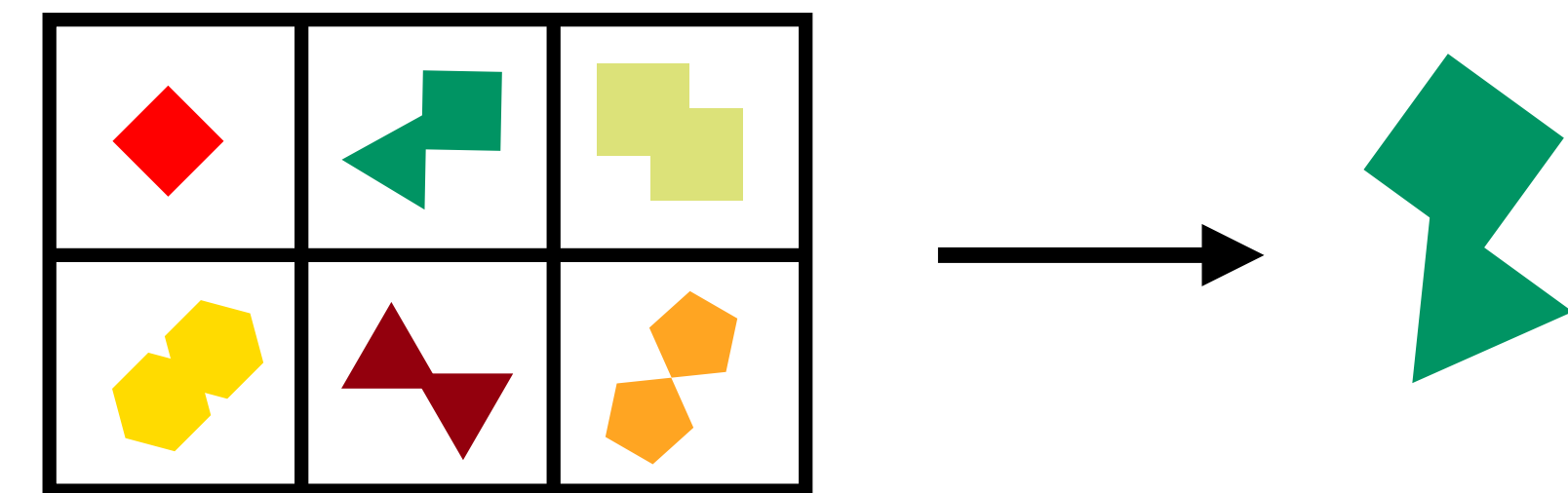
# A Better Approach: Parallel Data Generation

## DNA ENCODED LIBRARIES: BILLIONS AT A TIME



- Billions of Compounds per tube
- 100s of Parallel Experiments
- Similar to Antibody Development

## TRADITIONAL SCREENING: ONE AT A TIME



- Single Compound Tested per well
- One Experiment at a Time
- 1-2M Compound Practical limit

# Anagenex Platform

Completely integrated parallel biochemistry platform to generate the best data on the right compounds to enable ML and Iteration

# Solution: Iterative Lab + ML Drug Discovery Funnel

## Anagenex Platform

**Unbiased, proprietary billion drug-like compound collection** hits hard targets

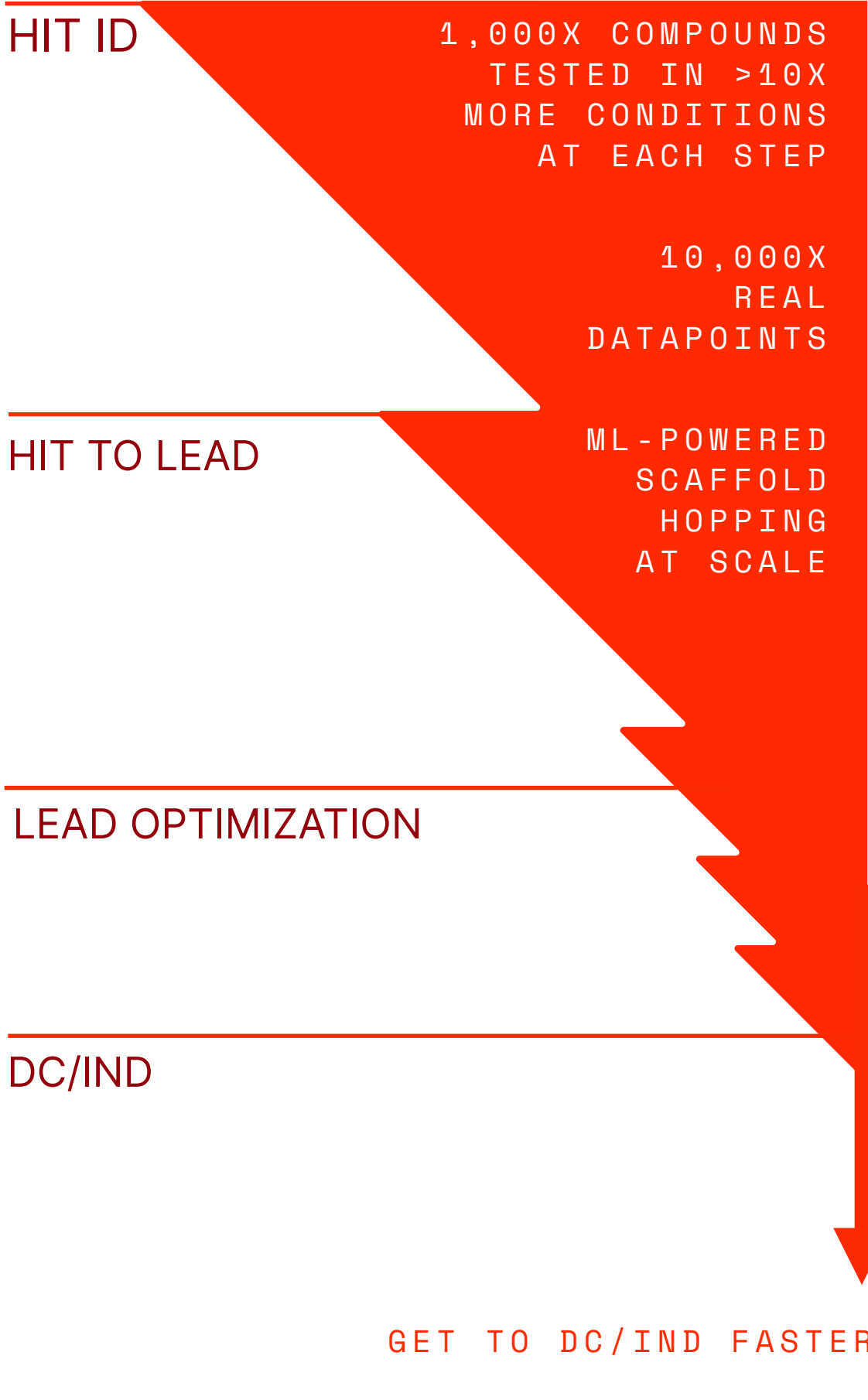
Proprietary ML identifies even more developable chemical series

**Refresh the funnel** with one million new, ML designed, never tested compounds

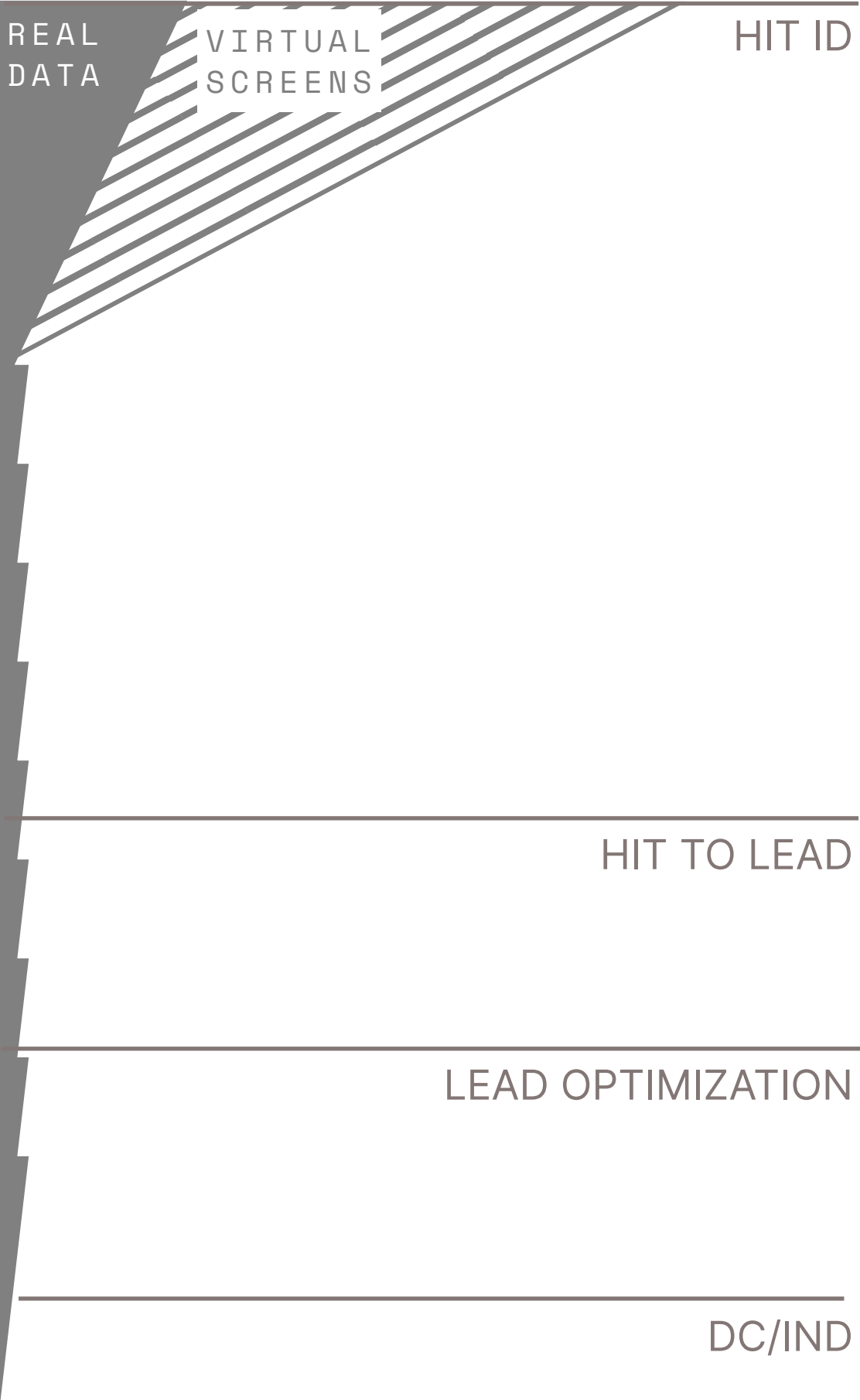
**Many ML designed and optimized series** with better initial properties

**Fewer total iterations**, faster proof of concept, faster time to clinic

**Many backup options** if any problems



## Traditional Drug Discovery



Start with one million (or fewer) compounds biased by previous work misses new target classes

Or virtual screens with simulated data

Filtering leads to fewer developable compounds

Use limited SAR to design followup, build 10 compounds per month per chemist.

Fewer backup series

Need more optimization cycles, slowing time to proof of concept and clinic

Few options if any problems

NUMBER OF MEASUREMENTS

# Our ML-Lab Discovery Platform Delivers:



## Quick Tests In-Vitro & Beyond

- Rapid ID of drug-like compounds to get to validated chemical matter faster
- Case study 1, 2, 3



## On Undruggable Targets

- ML and iteration find compounds despite ambiguous, non-selective results from initial screen
- Case study 2



## Optimized Selectivity

- Get selective compounds early in the process
- Case study 3

# Iterative, Parallel Biochemistry Designed by ML Transforms Small Molecule Discovery



## Parallel Biochemistry

- ✓ Proven on challenging targets
- ✓ Billions of datapoints per tube
- ✓ REAL not virtual Measurements
- Simple chemistry
- Too much data for humans to interpret

Hard to iteratively build & test libraries

Big, Iterative  
Experiments

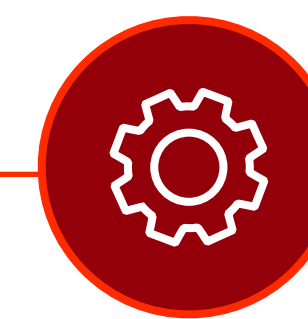


Purpose  
Built ML

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- ✓ ML-optimized experimental measurements
- ✓ Proprietary high-signal, low noise multibillion point datasets
- ✓ Proprietary algorithms optimized for our lab processes
- ✓ Rapid, complete exploration of chemical space
- ✓ Build+Test 1M new ML-designed compounds in 1.5 months

**Best of both, enhanced by large scale iteration**



## Machine Learning

- Needs real measurements not simulation
- Requires large, quality datasets
- ✓ Extract meaning from massive datasets
- ✓ Extrapolates to new chemical space

Huge benefits from iterative refinement

# Experienced Blend of Drug Discovery and Computation



**FOUNDER & CEO**

**Nicolas Tilmans**

16 yr. ML & DEL. DiCE spinout from PhD | Stanford



**CSO**

**Ryan Kruger**

20+ yr. Drug Discovery, 6 INDs | Foghorn, GSK



**SVP EARLY DISCOVERY**

**Joe Franklin**

20 yr. Pioneer Parallel Chemistry, 3 INDs | FORMA



**VP BIOLOGY**

**Svetlana Belyanskaya**

20 yr. Pioneer Parallel Biochemistry | GSK



**VP ML**

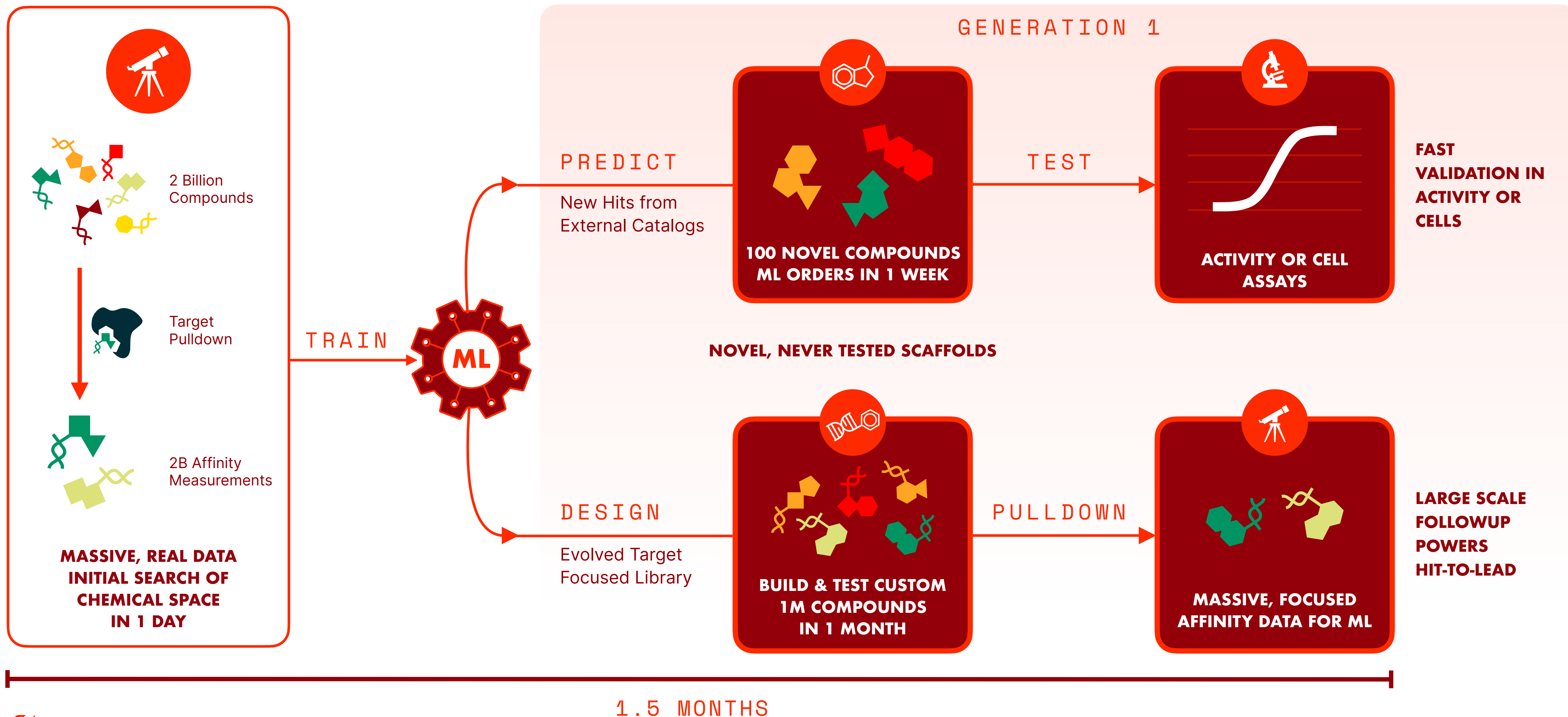
**Henri Palacci**

11+ yr. ML | DE Shaw Research

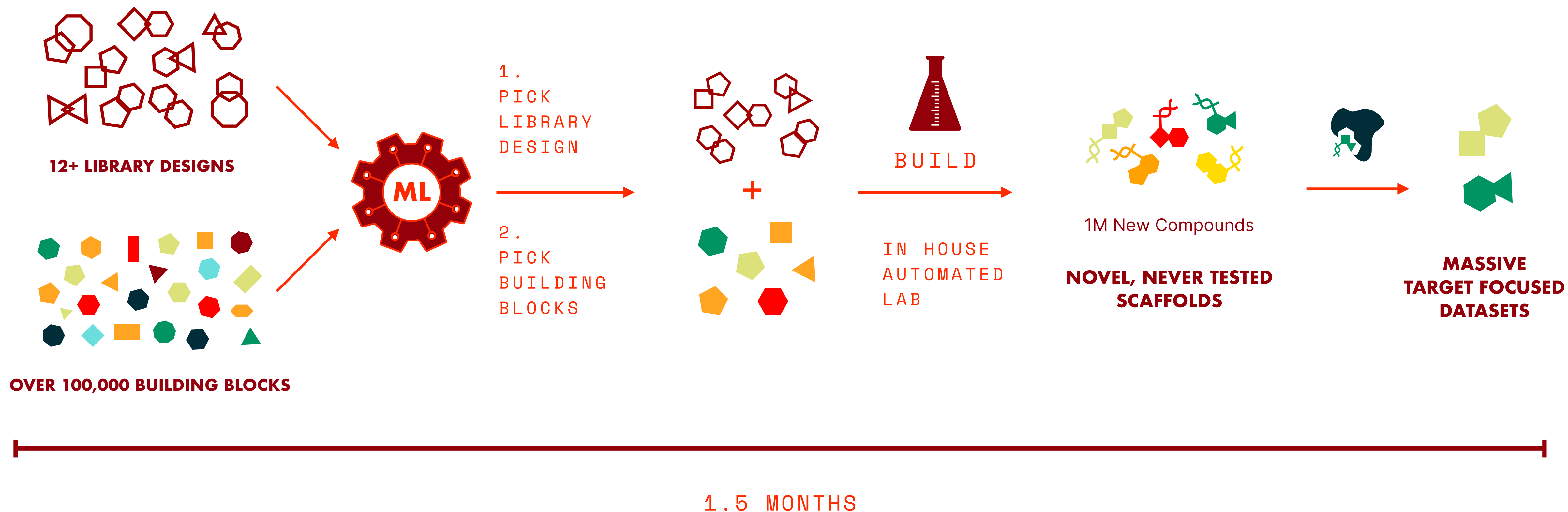




# Step 1: Data+ML Powered Rapid and Large-Scale Followup



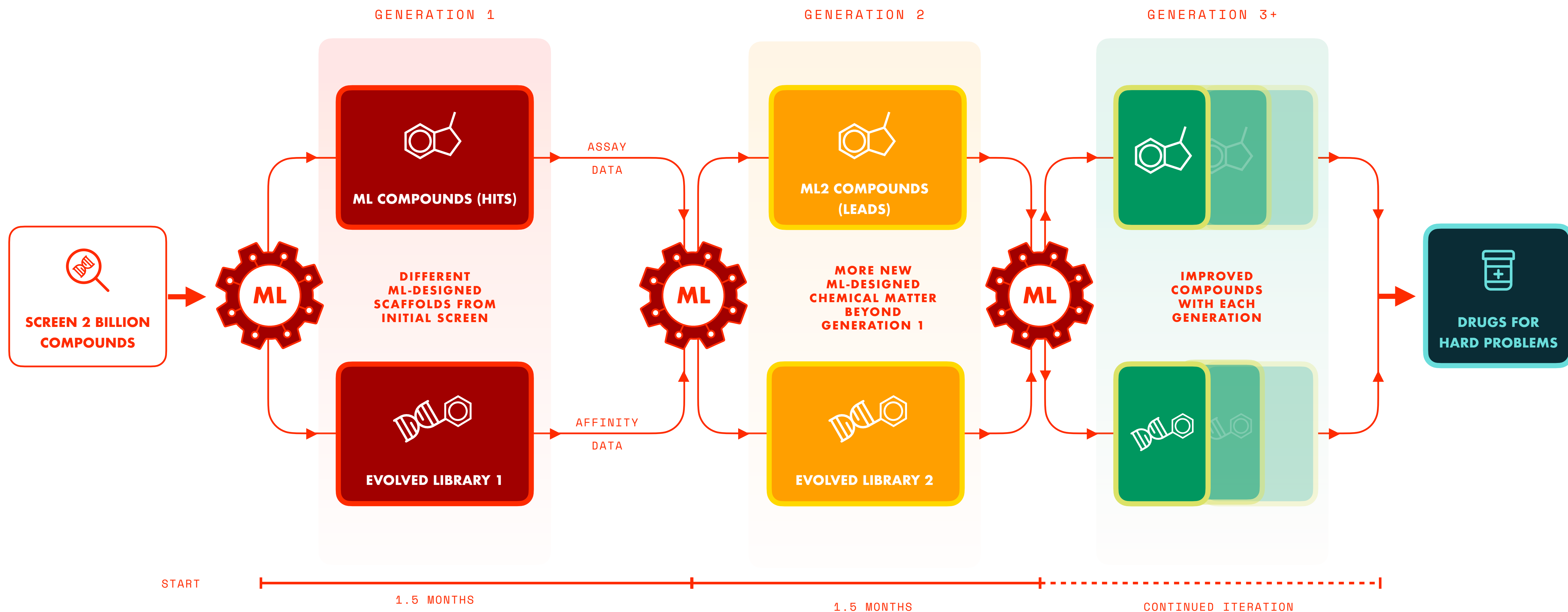
# ML-Designed Evolved Libraries: The Anagenex Difference



**ML-Designed, Target Specific “Evolved” libraries Built and Tested in <6 weeks**

**Allows us to explore chemical space 8,000x more efficiently than traditional approaches**

# Step 2+: ML-Driven Iteration to Find New Scaffolds

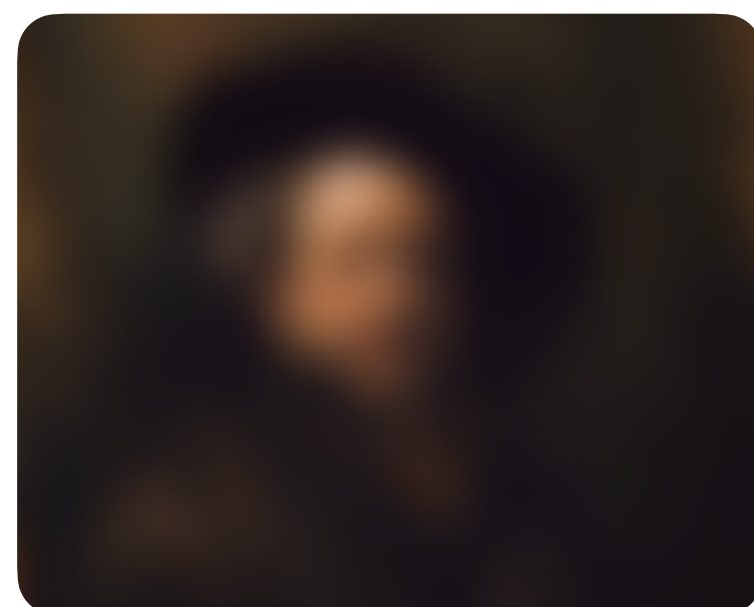


**Our platform dynamically designs and builds novel previously unseen compounds with better properties at each step**

**These are experimentally tested to drive the next directed evolution loop with massive, real datasets**

# Our Ability to Iterate is Unique and Unlocks New Opportunities

**STANDARD DEL**



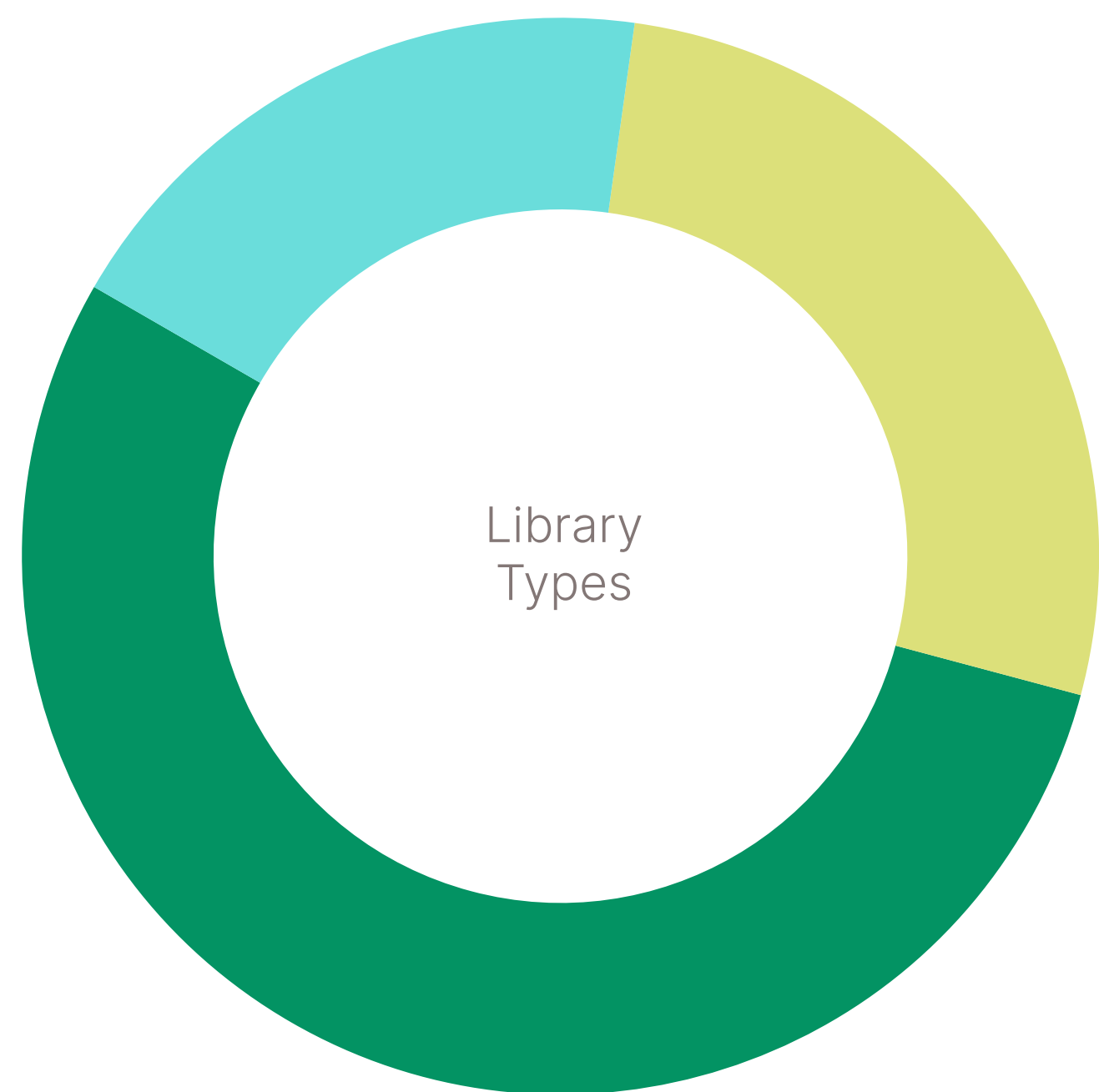
Blurry snapshot, once  
Finds hits, cannot  
confidently explore beyond  
Poor ML performance



Clear snapshots  
Better hits & understanding  
of SAR to optimize drugs  
Excellent ML performance

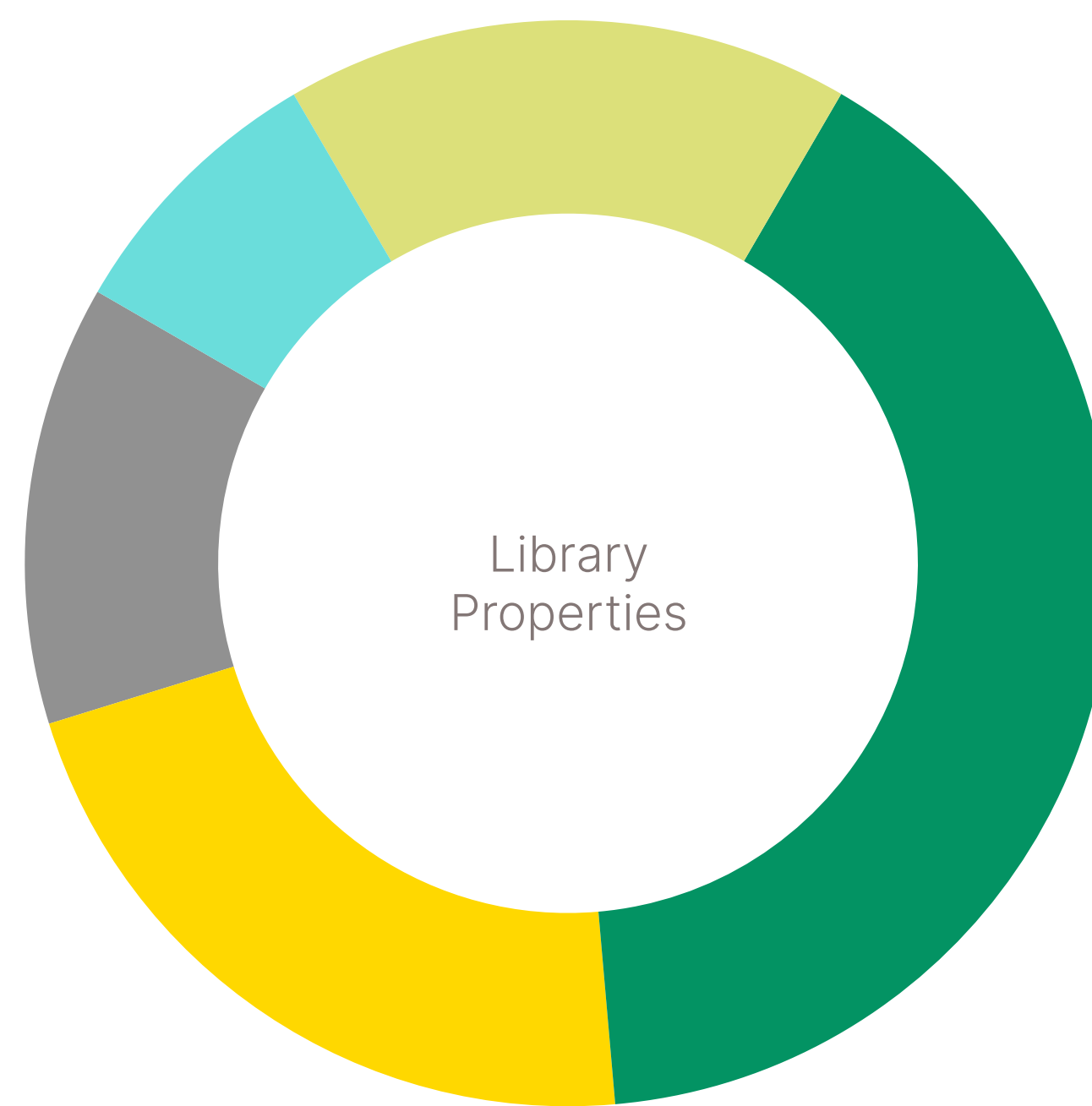
# Expanded Chemical Space and Useful ML Predictions

30+ VARIED CONSTRUCTION LIBRARIES



- Scaffold
- Building Block
- Ring Forming

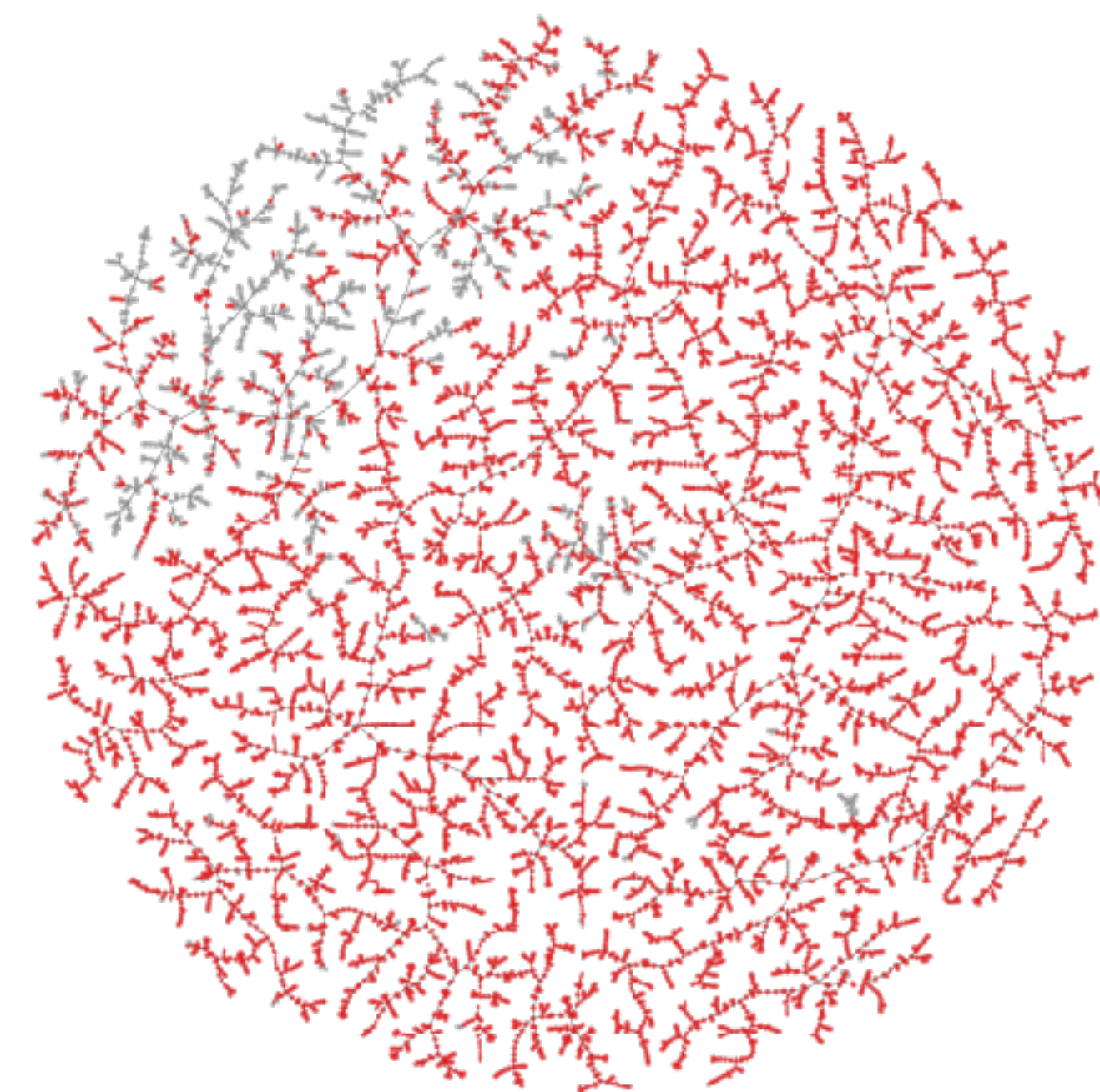
MEASURE DRUG-RELEVANT CHEMICAL SPACE



87% DRUG LIKE

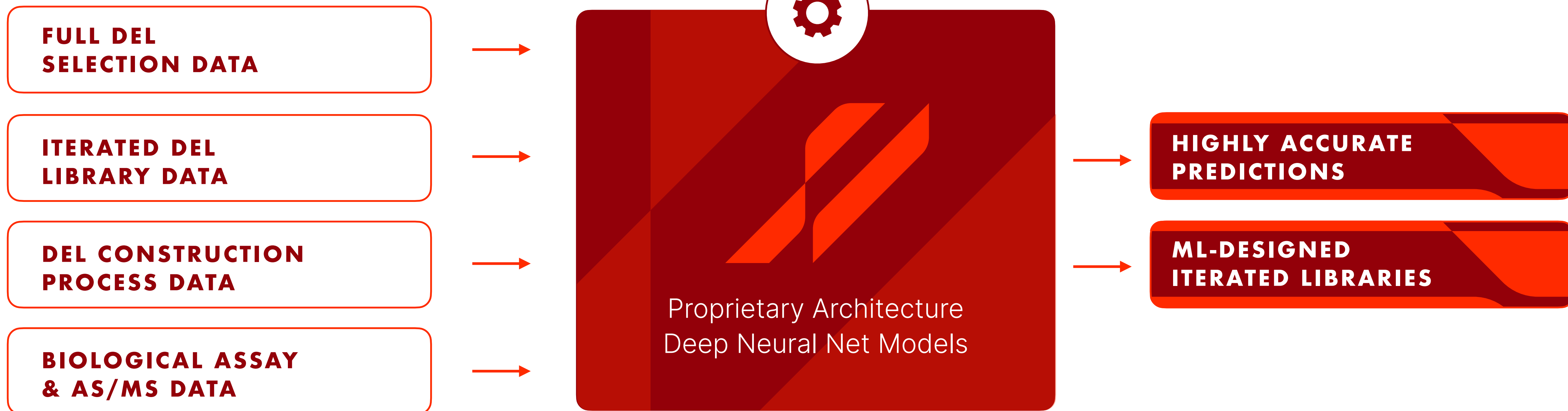
- Ro4
- Ro4 Miss 1
- Ro5
- Ro5 Miss 1
- Other

WITH MUCH EXPANDED CHEMICAL MATTER



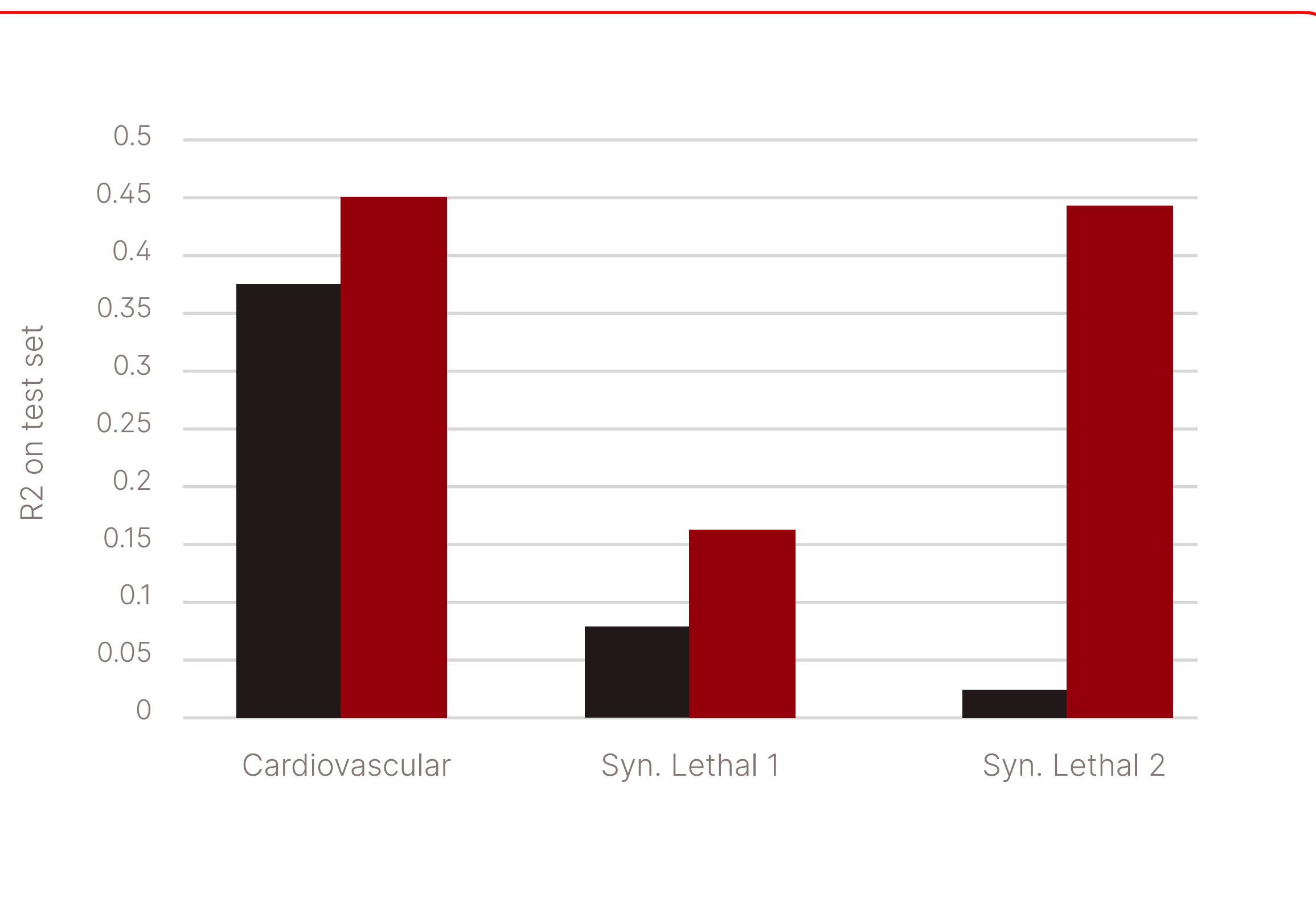
- Known Chemical Space
- Anagenex Addressable Space

# Superior ML by Collecting + Modeling Data Others Don't



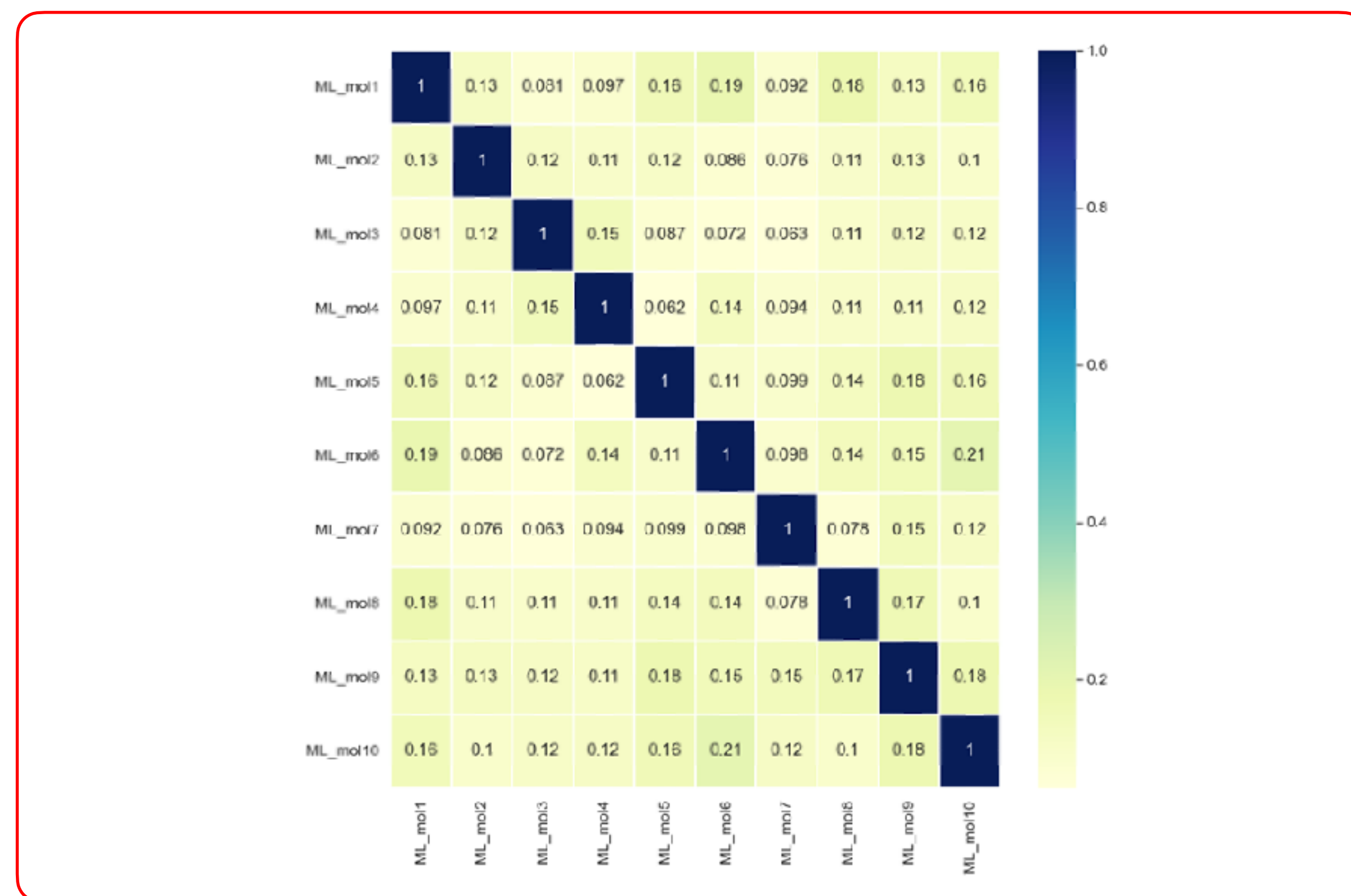
# Our DEL Process Enables Better Model Performance

PROPRIETARY LAB PROCESS ENHANCES MODEL PERFORMANCE ON VARIOUS TARGETS



● External Library ● Anagenex

USE ML TO FIND DISTINCT HIT FAMILIES



ML finds Novel, Chemically Distinct Compounds  
(0.2 Tanimoto Similarity to original data)

# Differentiated To Identify New Chemical Matter



## Large Scale, Real View of Chemical Space

Billion datapoint lab experiments on top of a 100+ billion datapoint database enables success on challenging targets



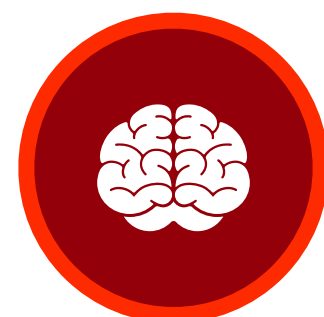
## Fast Validation

ML powered predictions and fast iterative refinement identifies compounds ready for cells and beyond in six months



## Large Scale Iteration

Build and test up to one million compounds in six weeks, allowing the ML to check its work, learn faster and solve harder targets



## Accurate Predictions

By training our ML on real measurements rather than simulations, and updating them with fresh data, our models power high fidelity decision making

**Validated to find lead compounds not hits or tools to hard, even “undruggable” target classes**



# So... Does it Deliver?

Three test cases on challenging targets to prove Parallel Biochemistry + ML  
can solve more than just easy problems

# Case Study 1: ML-Lab Iteration Improves Quality

## Target: DNA Binder, PPI

- **Protein-Protein Interaction disruption**  
Hard for small molecules
- **No known compound co-crystal structure**  
Challenging for structure based simulations



## Results: Lead Series in Nine Months

- Out of 20M purchasable compounds our ML model picked 135 to test
- **21% confirmed as specific target binders**  
(at least 10x better than HTS or virtual screening)
- Synthesized & Tested **300k ML designed compounds** to update ML model
- **Second generation predictions have more, higher quality compounds**
- **Beat nM tool compound, all lead-like properties**

**INITIAL ML  
MODEL**  
(GEN. 1)    **21%**  
HIT RATE



Run One Anagenex  
Iteration

**UPDATED ML  
MODEL**  
(GEN. 2)    **58%**  
HIT RATE

Hit = experimentally confirmed binding of an ML predicted compound

# Case Study 2: ML-Lab Iteration Unlocks “Undruggables”

## Target: Undruggable

- **Globular target with no known binding pockets**  
Hard for small molecules
- **Structure based approaches fail completely**
- **Antibody therapy, but no commercialized small molecules**

## Results: Iteration Finds a Way

- **Generation 1 ML model predictions:**  
2 weak chemotypes from ML1  
1% hit rate
- **Generation 2 ML model predictions:**  
>50 chemotypes from Evolved ML2  
16% hit rate
- Best series <1uM in AS/MS dose response

**INITIAL ML MODEL**  
(GEN. 1)     **1%**  
HIT RATE



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Iteration

**UPDATED ML MODEL**  
(GEN. 2)     **16%**  
HIT RATE

Hit = experimentally confirmed binding of an ML predicted compound

**Our iterative process found a novel cryptic pocket with several promising series in months**

# Case Study 3: Clinically Valuable Synthetic Lethal Oncology

## Target: Selectivity Challenge

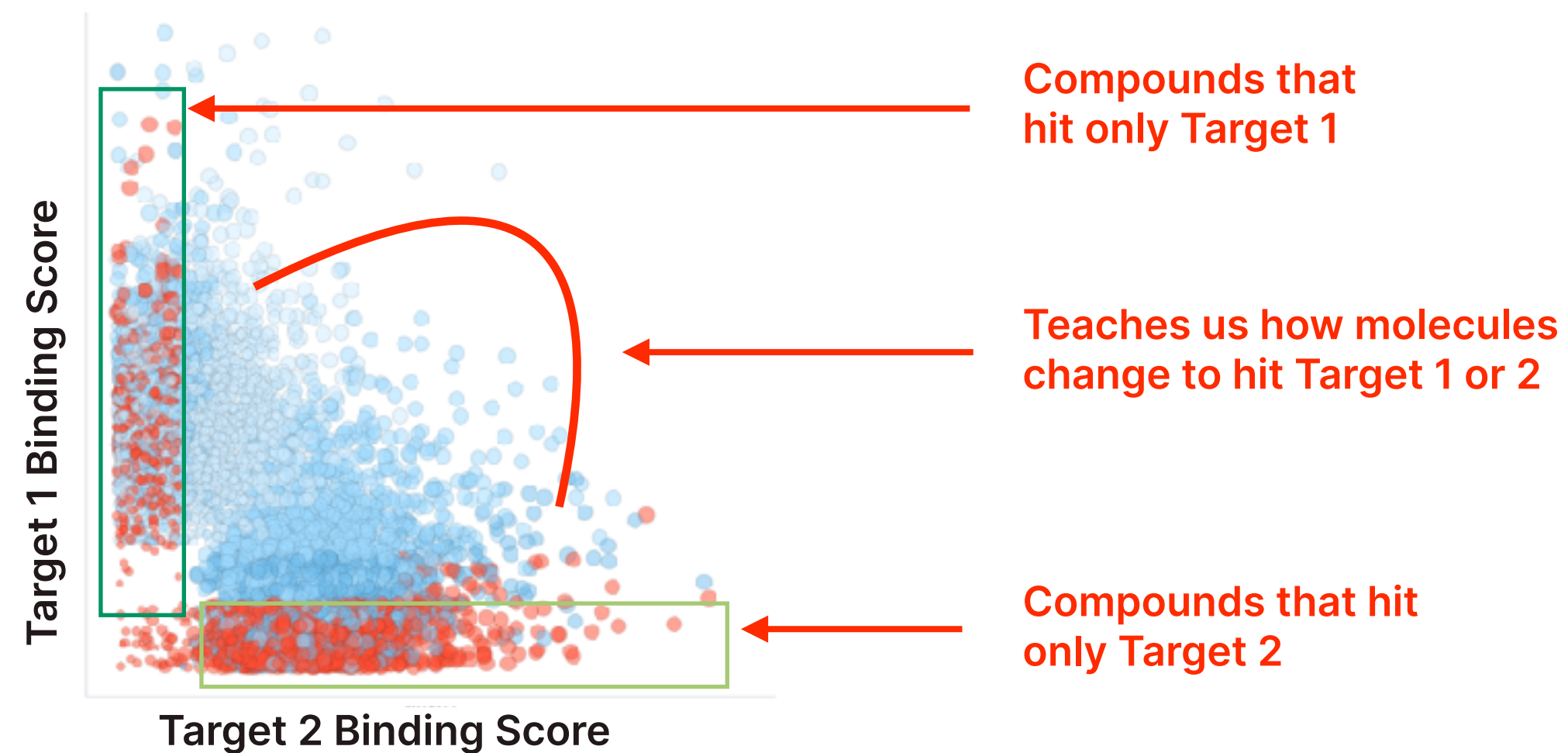
- High industry interest target pair
- >80% sequence similarity
- No known selective compounds



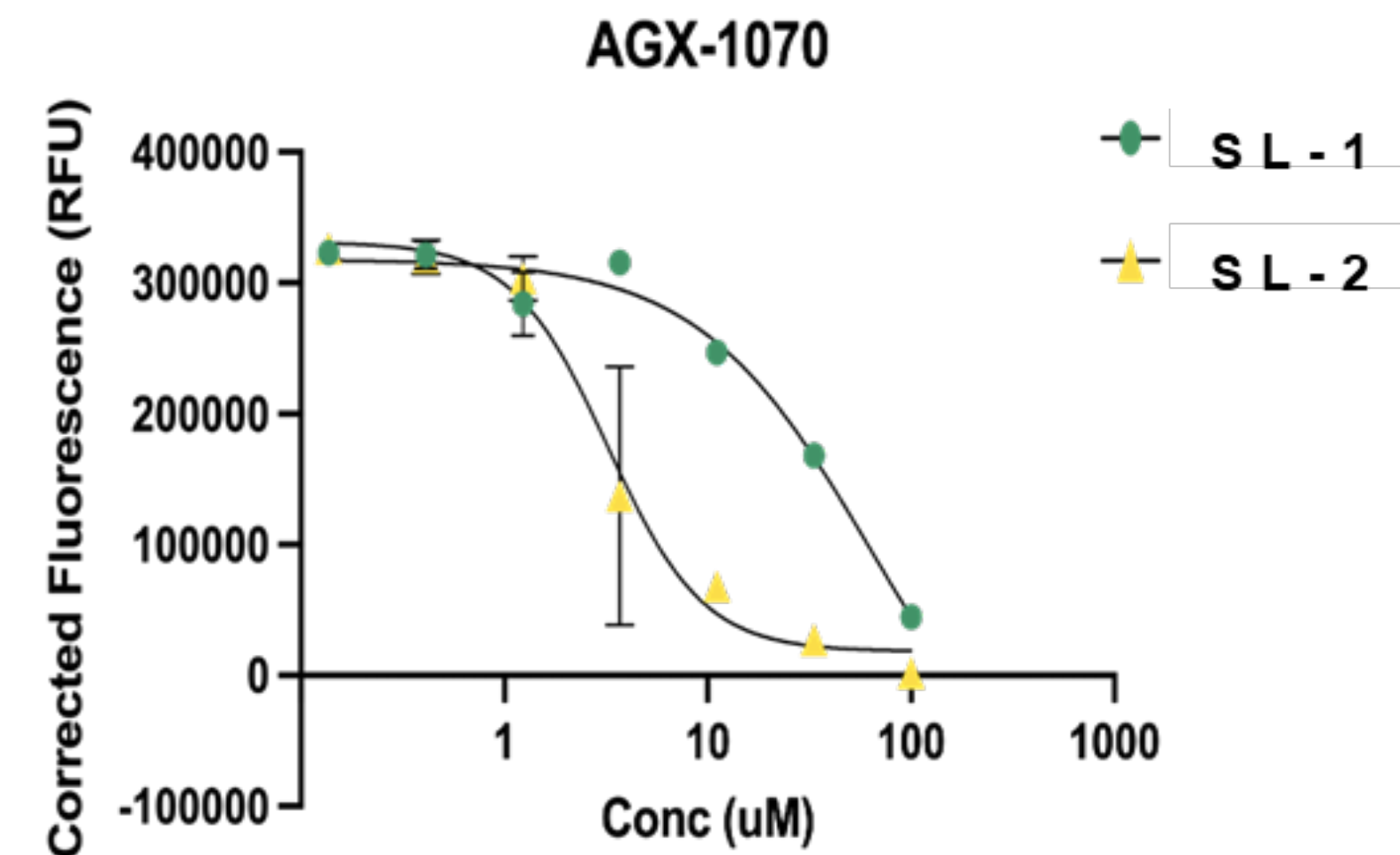
## Results: ML Finds Selectivity

- Anagenex ML identified promising compounds with initial selectivity
- Rapid medicinal chemistry improved selectivity to 14x
- Active in cellular assays (6 months to in-vitro PoC)

Anagenex Measures Billions of Binders to Each Target to Learn Selectivity



ML Identified 14x Selective Hits



# A Proven Iterative ML-Lab Platform for Important Targets



**2B Diverse Compounds  
Tested in 1 day**

87% drug-like, selected for diversity  
and historical success



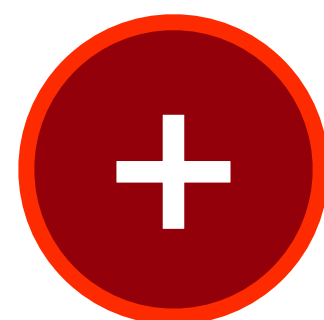
**25 Targets Processed, over 100  
Billion Experimentally Measured  
Datapoints Collected**

Proprietary multiplexed selection process  
reduces noise & increases signal



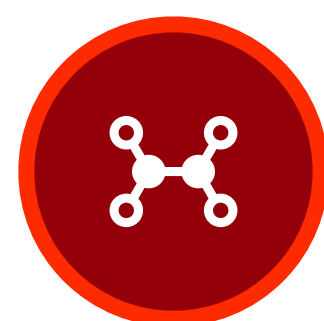
**Identified Hits With an Iterative  
ML-Driven Design Loop**

Custom model learns better from rich internal datasets,  
improves >2x using a single ML-lab iteration



**10 Targets with ML Identified  
Hits Including Known  
Challenging Target Classes**

By training our ML on real measurements rather  
than simulations, our models power high fidelity  
decision making



**3 Active Programs**

Mix across synthetic lethal oncology and cardiovascular

# Our Pipeline: Focus on Synthetic Lethal Oncology

## TARGET/AREA

**Chromatin Remodeling 1**

SYN. LET. ONCOLOGY

**Chromatin Remodeling 2**

SYN. LET. ONCOLOGY

**Enzyme**

ONCOLOGY

**Secreted Signaling**

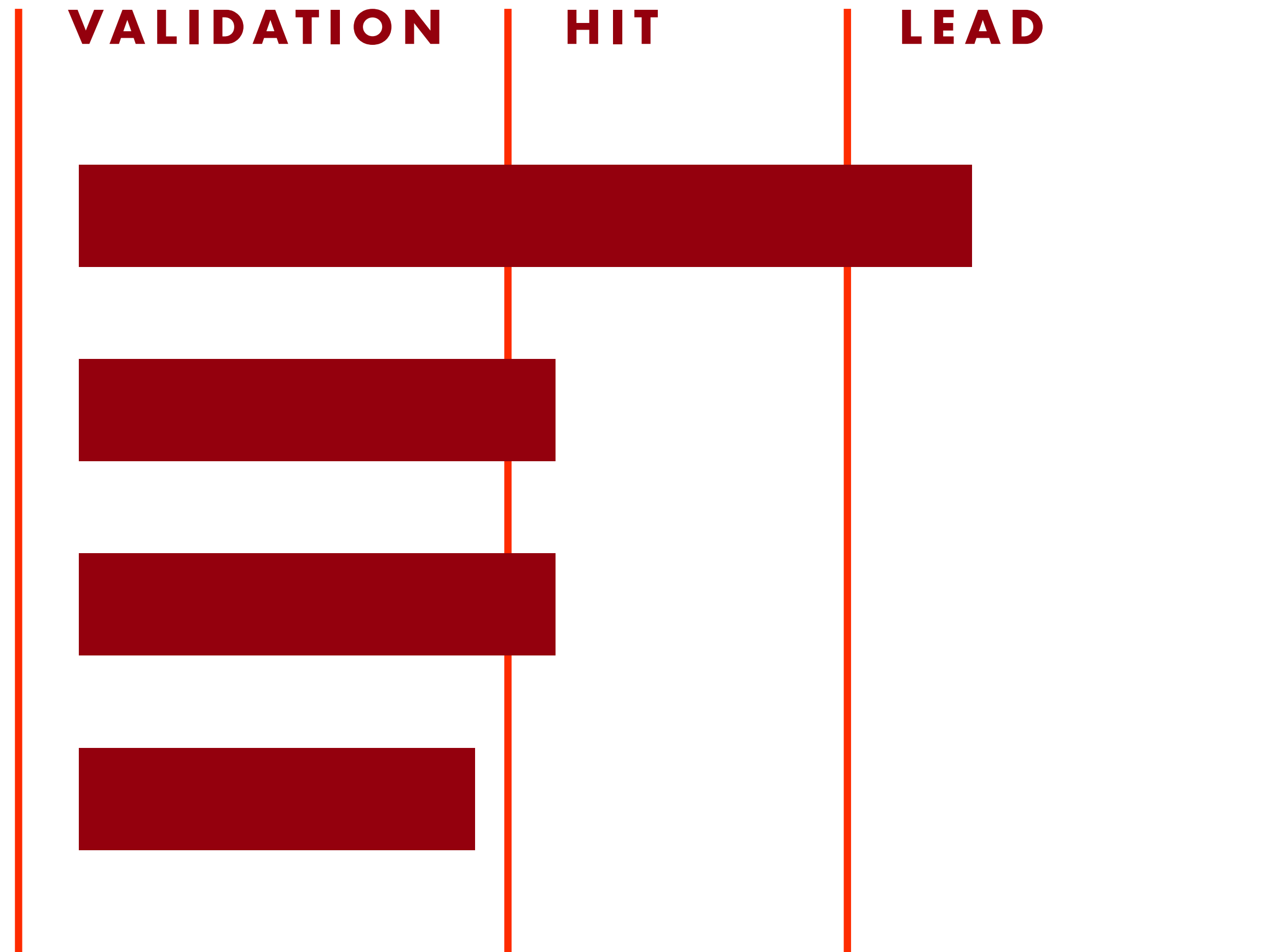
INFLAMMATION

**VALIDATION**

**HIT**

**LEAD**

**DC**



Thank you!

