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Advanced Computational Drug Discovery Technologies using High Performance Computing Architectures (ACDDT-HPC)

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TTP Problem

In the pharmaceutical industry, the development of new drugs is crucial. To discover new drugs for a specific disease, extensive laboratory testing is needed: hundreds of thousands of chemical products have to be screened for activity against the proteins involved in the disease. This involves high costs related to:

- Purchase and storage of chemical products to be screened.
- Equipment needed for the screening.
- Residue disposal.
- Experimentation time.



High Throughput Screening equipment

TTP Solution

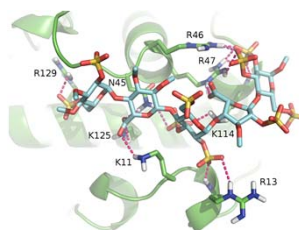
Using **Virtual Screenings**, costs can be drastically reduced:

The activity of millions of chemical compounds in respect to a specific protein can be calculated in a matter of hours by using High Performance Computing resources. These activities can be ranked, effectively filtering out thousands of inactive compounds, so that only a small list with the best candidates has to be experimentally tested in the laboratory.

ZINC
DRUGBANK
ChEMBL
...



Massive processing
in HPC clusters



	pKi Predictd	pKi Leverag
1		
2	ZINC01644136	7.77645 0.902904
3	ZINC31706539	7.28675 0.919771
4	ZINC20112424	6.43886 0.867563
5	ZINC20111293	4.66691 0.879351
6	ZINC20112591	4.45321 0.906754
7	ZINC20112588	4.23624 0.905811

Activity ranking
(best candidates)

TTP Impact

- Speedup and cost reduction in drug discovery.
- Enhanced quality of academic studies: Development of theoretical hypothesis supporting experimental observations.
- Theoretical support for patent claims.

TTP Facts

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