

Induced-Fit Posing in Orion[®]

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Drug Discovery Process before Pre-clinical Studies

Target Validation

Lead ID

Lead Optimization



Generative modeling

Filtering, Clustering
Force Field Refinement

Light, Fast MD Screening:
MMPBSA; BintScore

RBFE:
Nonequilibrium Switching

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All Floes / Packages / OpenEye MD Affinity Floes

[Short Trajectory MD with Analysis \[MDPrep\] \[MDRun\] \[MDAnalysis\]](#)



Perform MD simulations given a prepared protein and a set of posed and prepared ligands, running both bound and unbound simulations of each ligand, then analyze the trajectory for pose stability.

[Non-Equilibrium Switching \[MDRun\] \[FECalc\]](#)



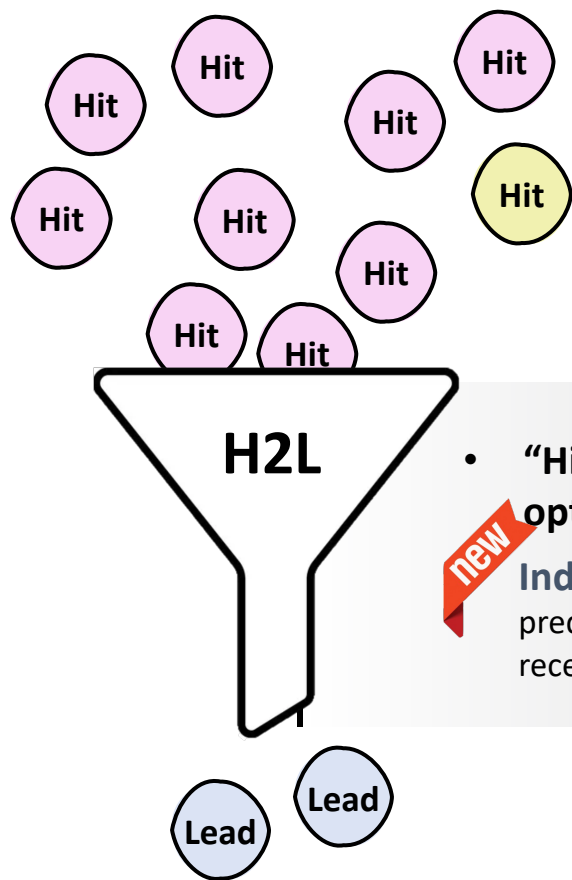
Perform relative binding free energy (RBFE) calculations using the nonequilibrium switching (NES) method.

Hit to Lead (H2L) and Induced-Fit Posing

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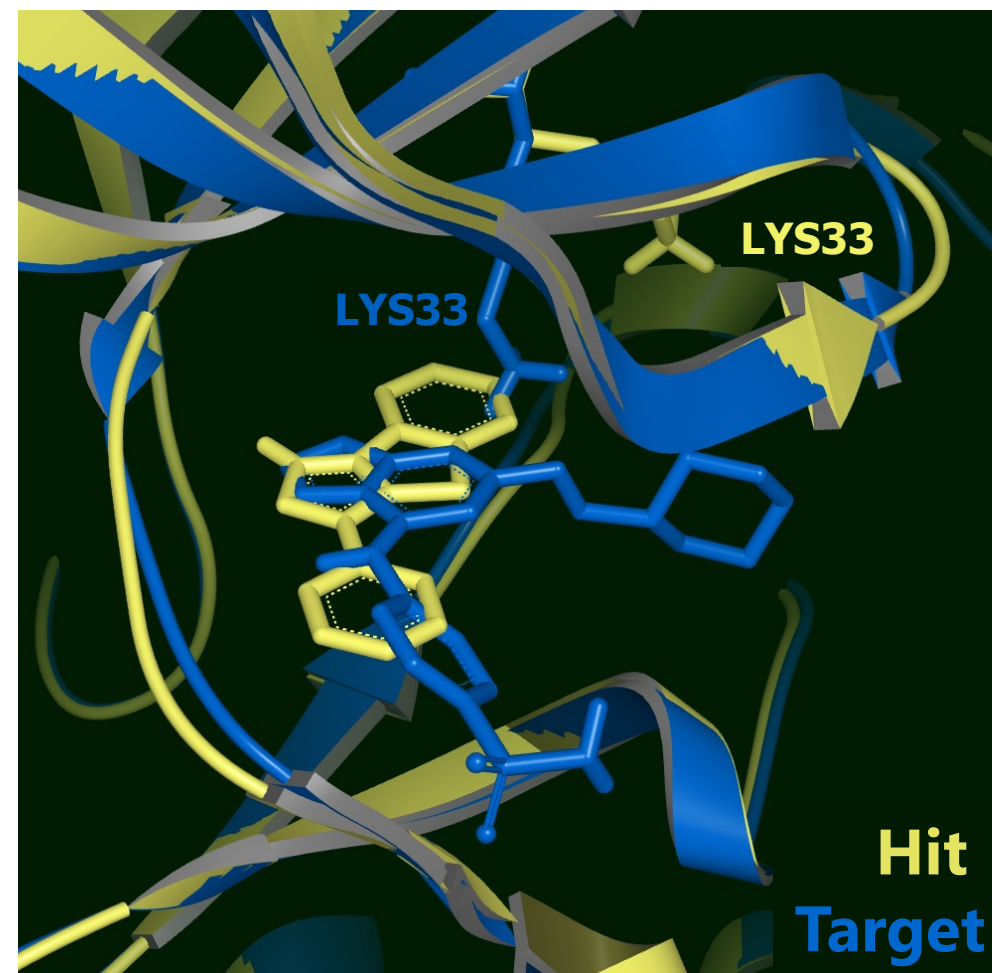
Lead Optimization



- “Hits are evaluated and undergo limited optimization to identify promising leads.”

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Induced-Fit Posing: 3-step protocol for the correct prediction of the binding pose of a ligand which requires receptor conformation change



Induced-Fit Docking (IFD)

Docking software applications developed to account for protein flexibility

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Prediction of Protein–Ligand Binding Poses via a Combination of Induced Fit Docking and Metadynamics Simulations

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Reliable and Accurate Solution to the Induced Fit Docking Problem for Protein–Ligand Binding

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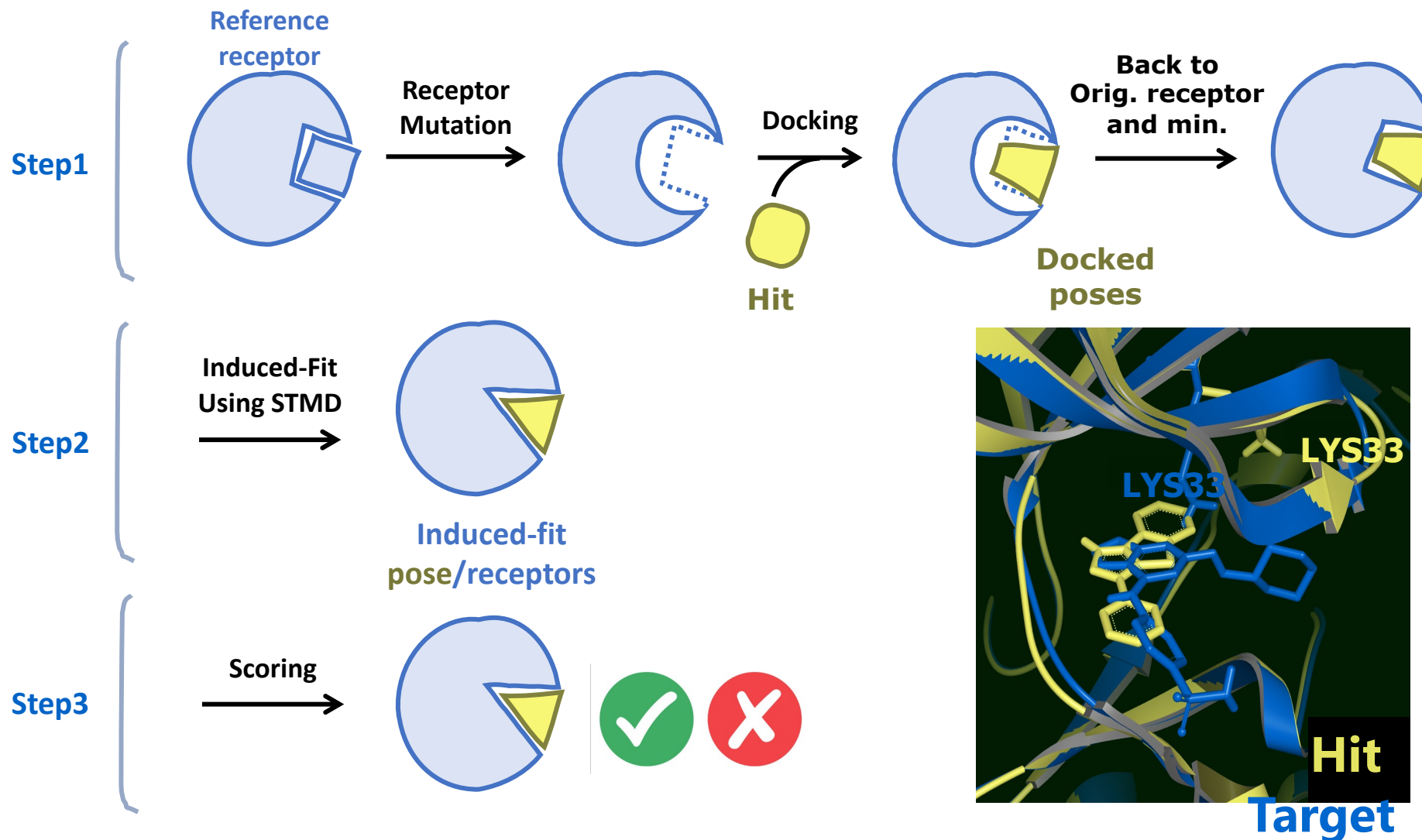
Flexible CDOCKER: Development and Application of a Pseudo-Explicit Structure-Based Docking Method Within CHARMM

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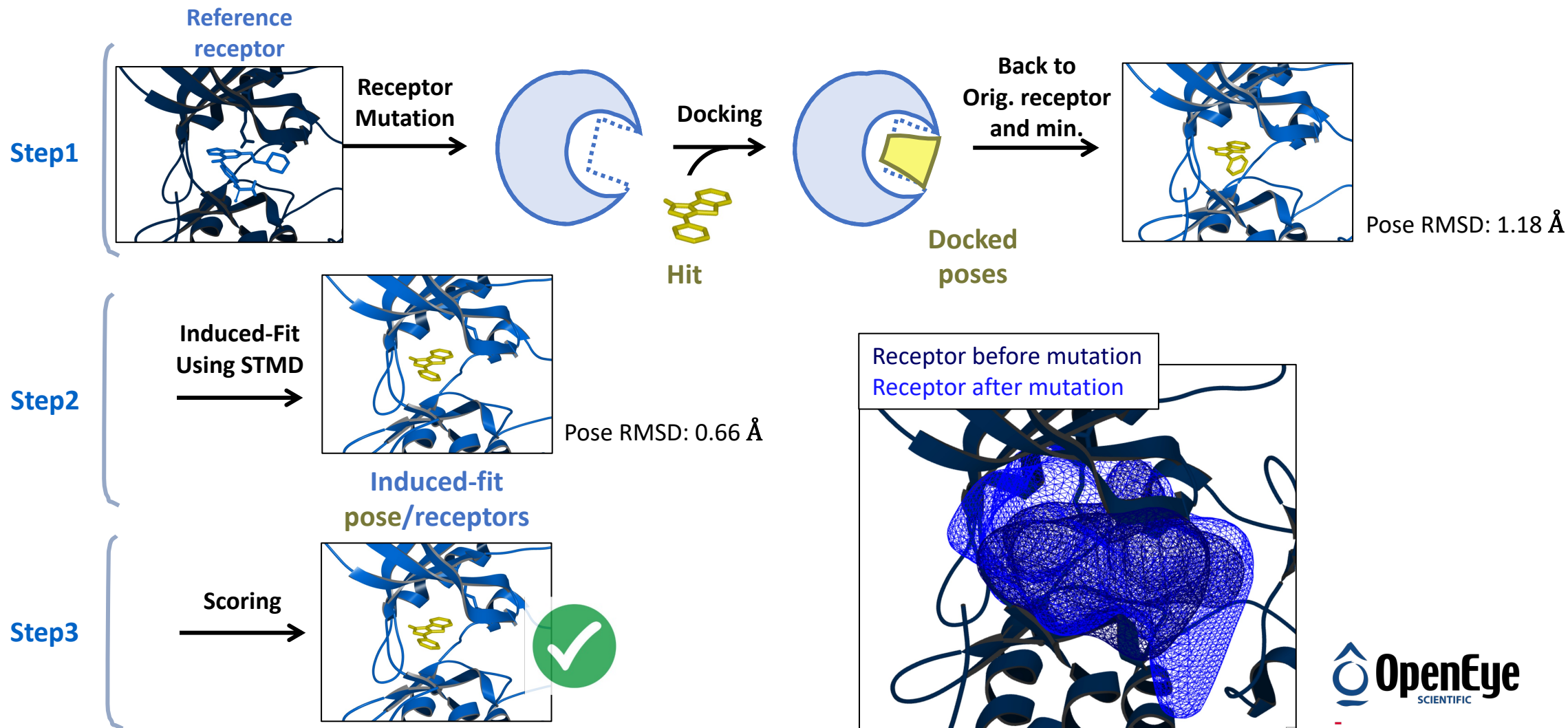
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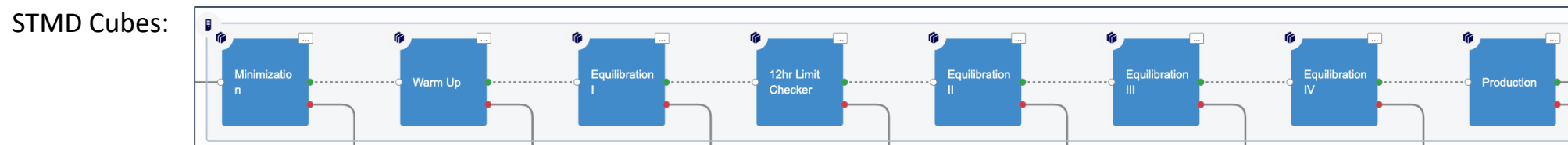
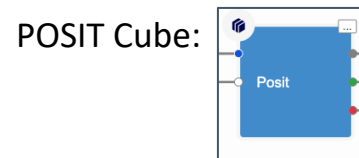
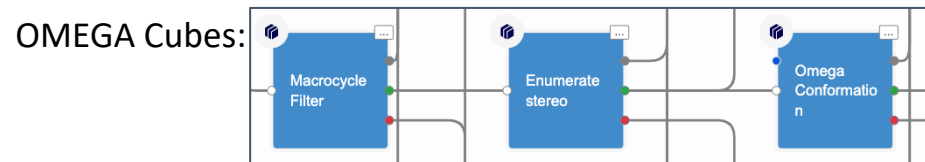


Orion platform allowed the fast implementation of IFP

- In the Orion platform, workflows (Orion Floes) are comprised of individual compute units (Orion Cubes): Highly reusable, easy to modify and create
- IFP Floe Diagram



- ~ 82 % of existing Cubes

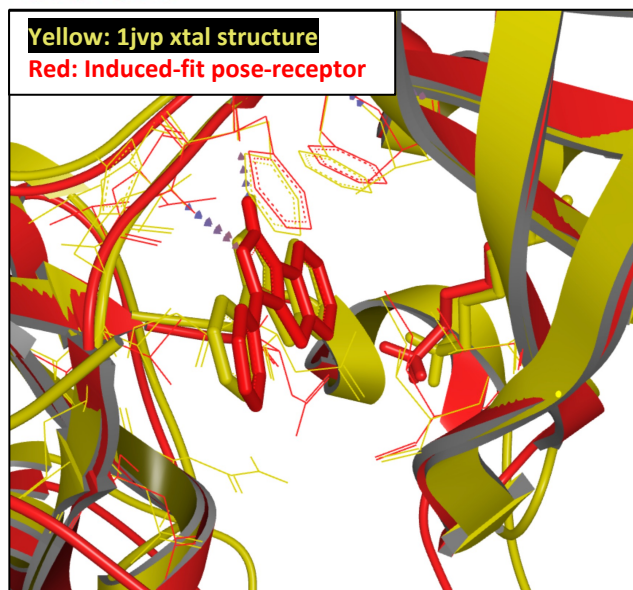


Preliminary Results of IFP

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

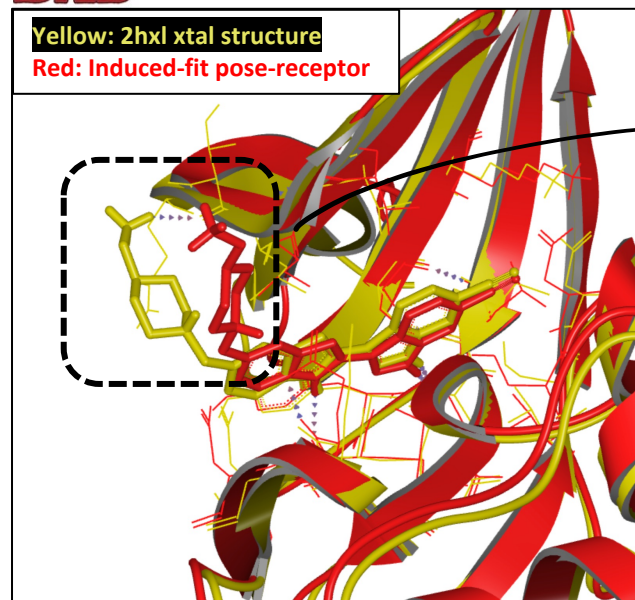


THE GOOD



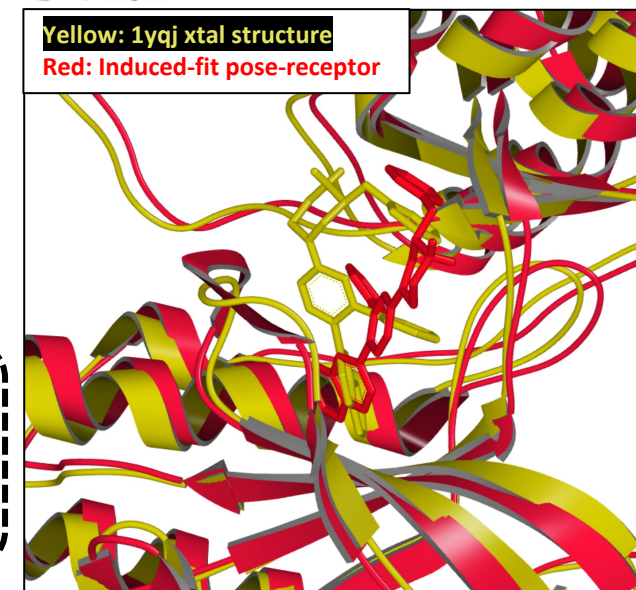
Pose RMSD: 0.66 Å

THE BAD

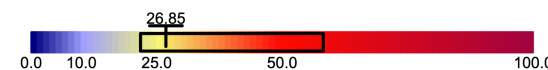


Pose RMSD: 2.47 Å

and THE UGLY



Pose RMSD: 4.18 Å



B-factor depiction

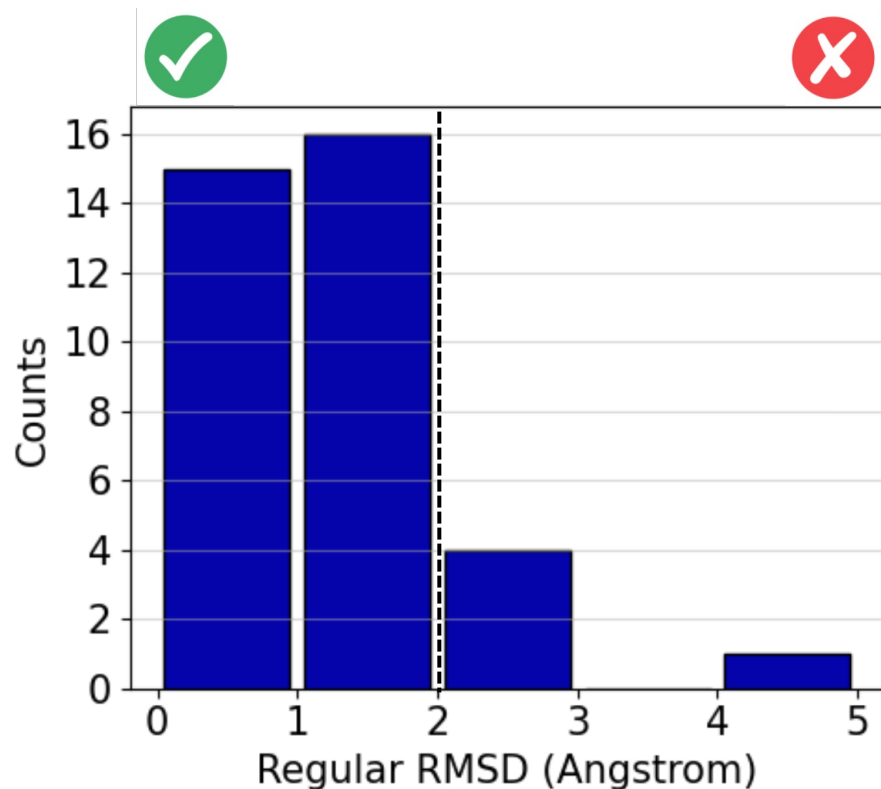


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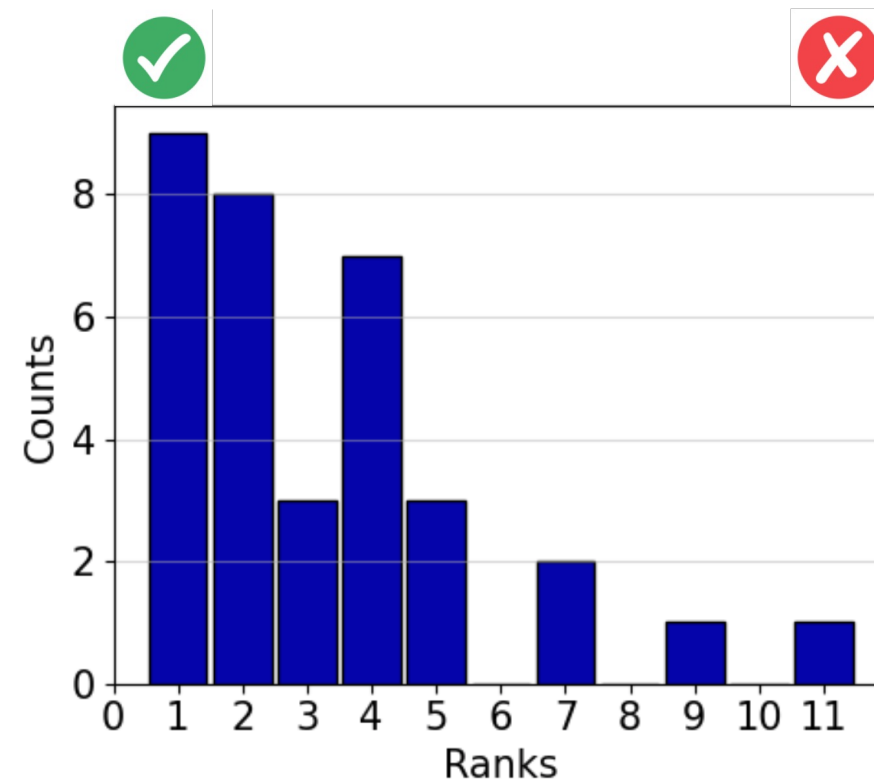
The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

- Test set: 10 targets, 36 cross-docks

Target	# cross-docks
CDK2	6
FXa	6
PTP1B	5
BACE1	2
Chk1	2
p38	5
hsp70	1
rpa	2
afaB	2
Thrombin	5



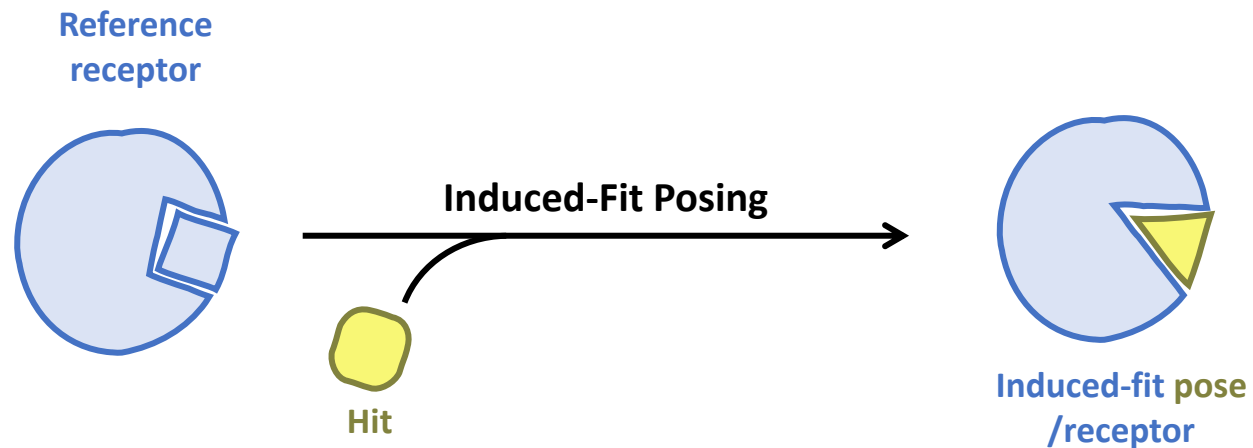
- Histogram of pose RMSDs of the best poses (lowest pose RMSD)



- Histogram of the ranks of the best poses

Conclusions and Acknowledgments

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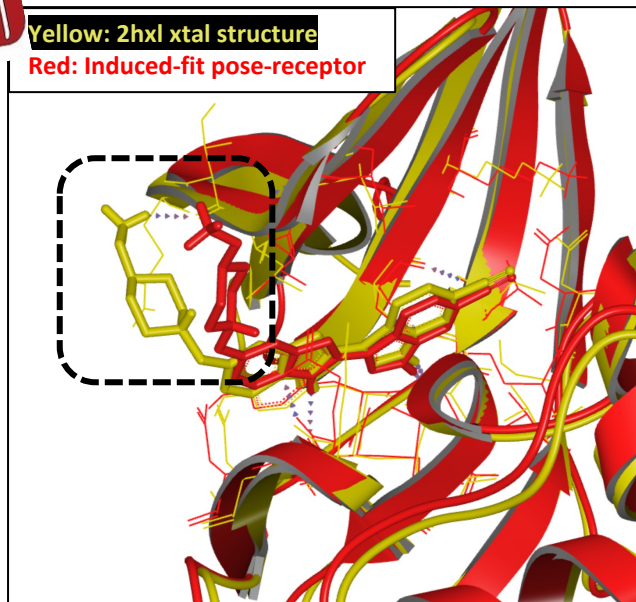


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- Many directions for the performance improvement of IFP
 - Proper comparison with the reference xtal structures with high B-factor for retrospective study

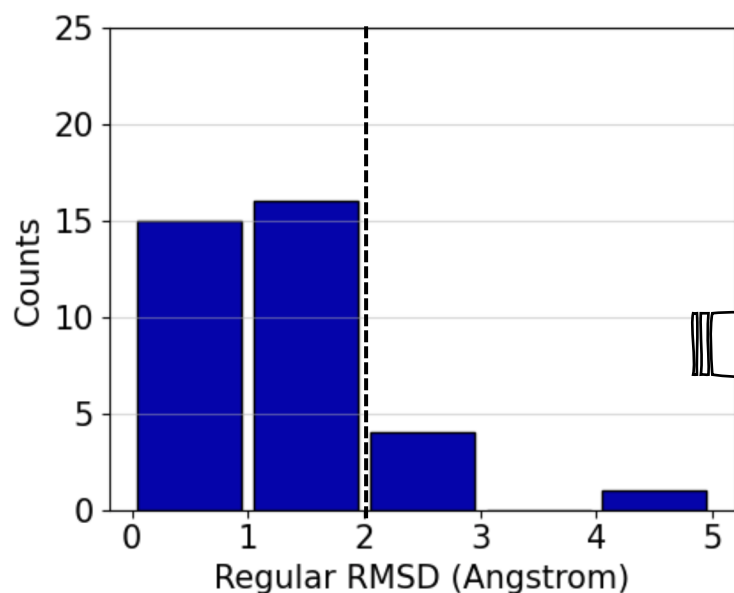
...But, is it worth comparing the high b-factor region?

**THE
BAD**

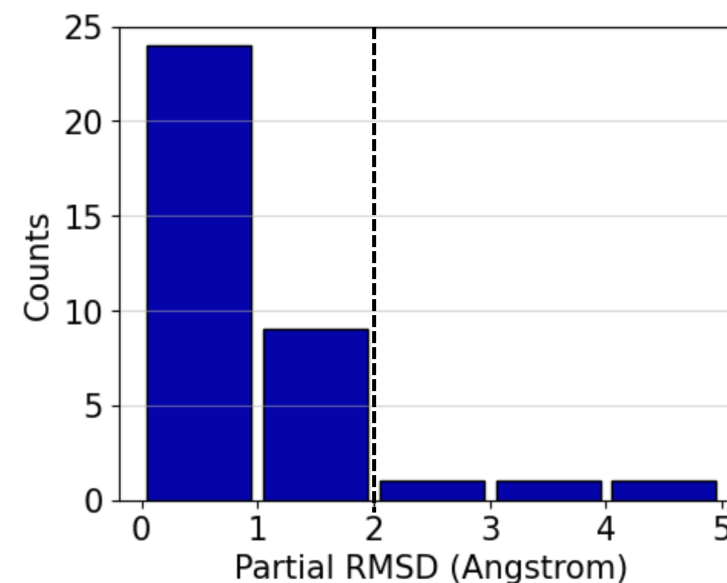
Yellow: 2hxl xtal structure
Red: Induced-fit pose-receptor



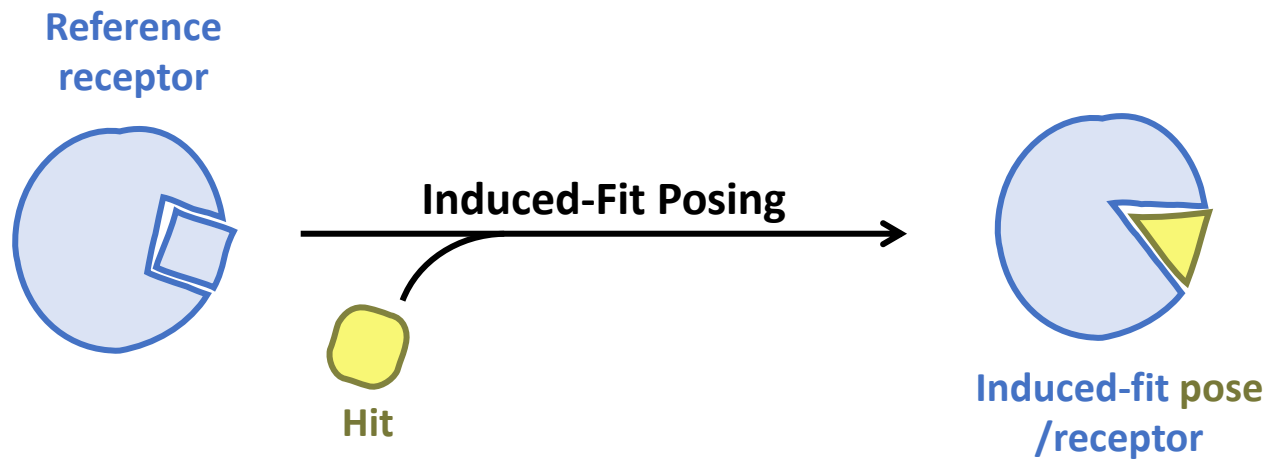
○ Pose RMSD histogram



○ Partial pose RMSD histogram (RMSD of ligand atoms with b-factor < 35)



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 - Further refinement of stage 2 (MD): Enhanced Sampling
 - Optimizing step 3 scoring function to identify the correct IFP solution
 - Account for tautomeric and ionization state in the active site
- Aiming for a general release in 2023

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