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Deploying Affinity Selection Mass Spectrometry (ASMS) for Rapid and Flexible Hit Confirmation of DNA-Encoded Library (DEL) Screening in Targeted Protein Modulation (TPM)

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Nurix Drugs Engage Ligases for the Treatment of Cancer

Targeted Protein Modulation: $TPM = TPD + TPE$

A Powerful
Cellular System



Targeted Protein
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(TPE)

Harness ligases
to decrease
specific protein levels

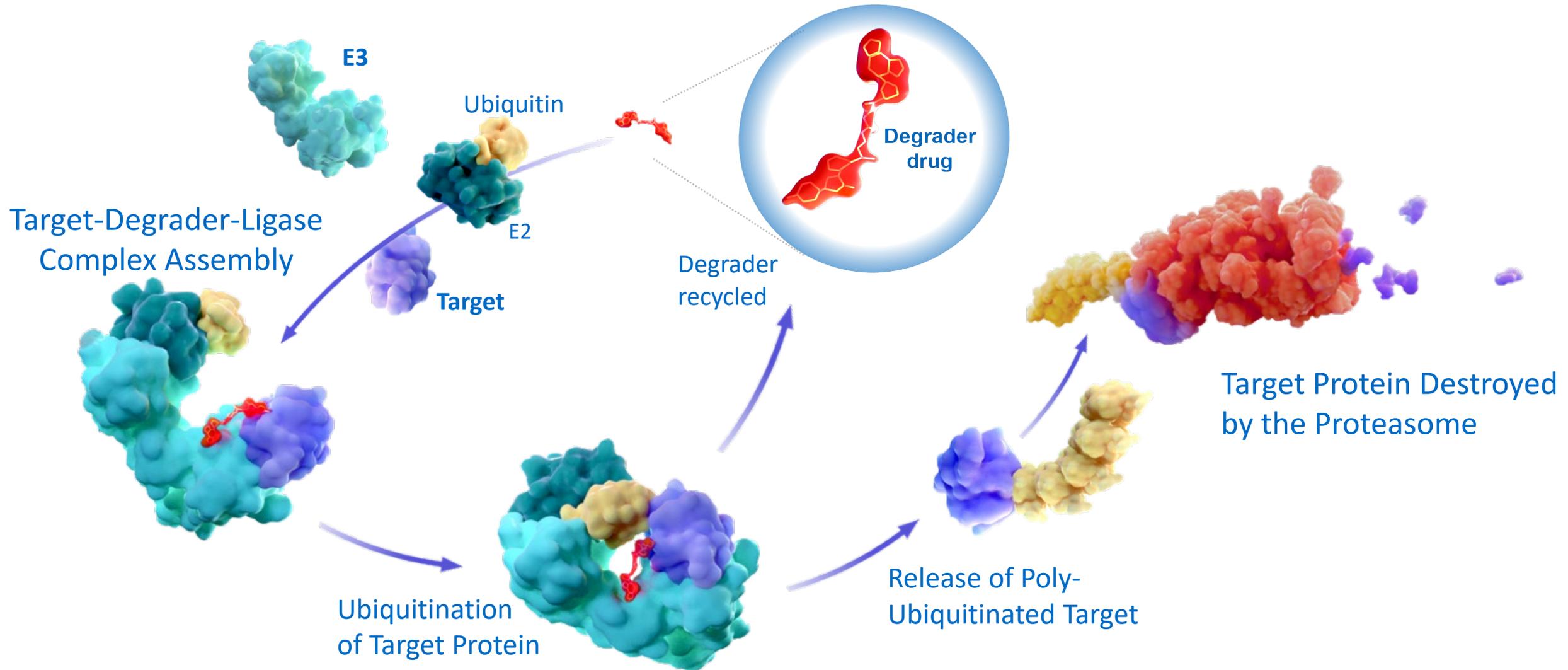
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Targeted Protein
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Ubiquitin is ligated to
target proteins to tag
them for degradation by
the proteasome

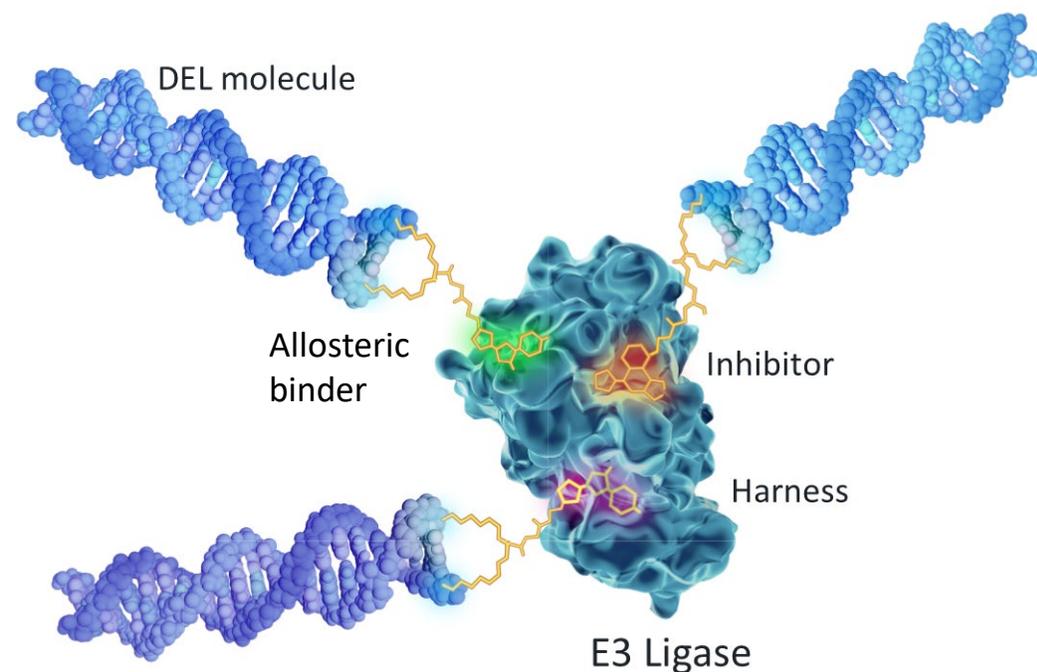
What Is Targeted-Protein Degradation (TPD)?

Harnessing the ubiquitin proteasome system to degrade a protein of interest (POI)



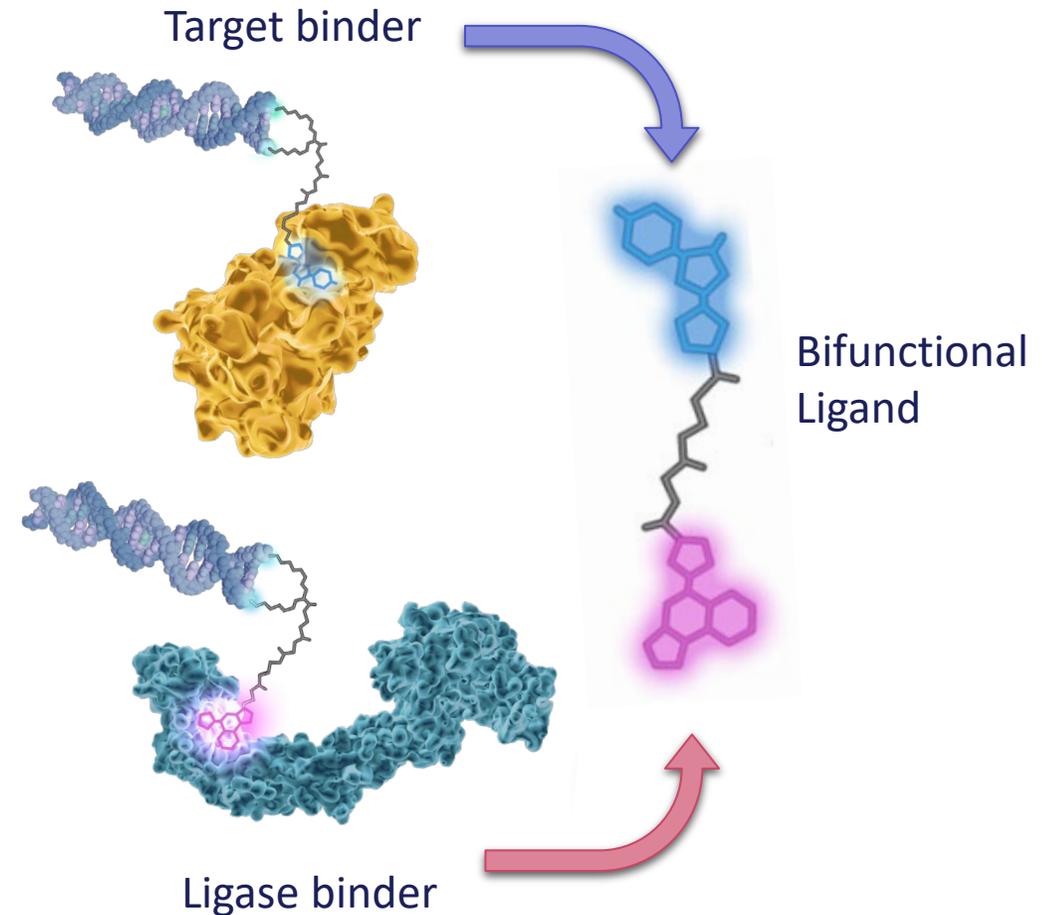
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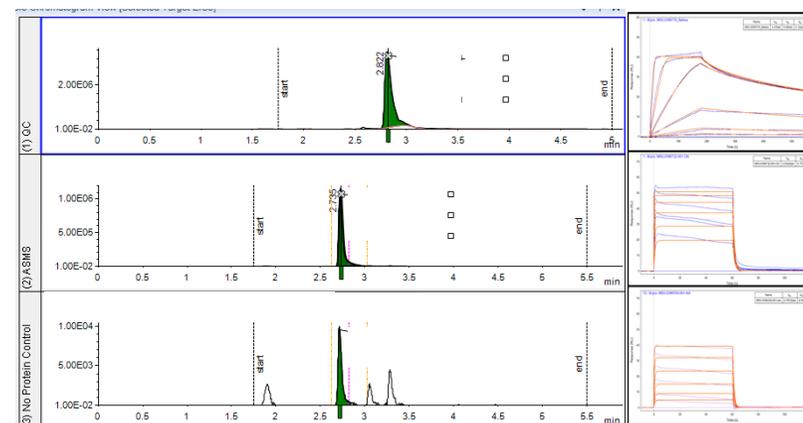
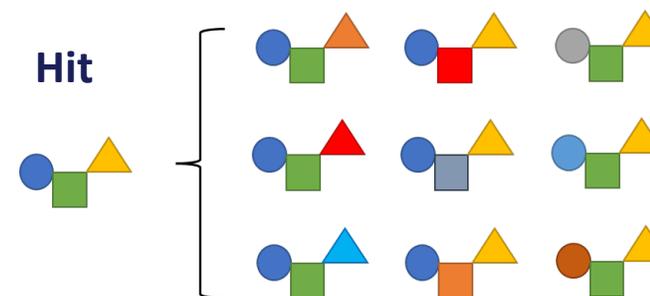
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Hit Expansion Library

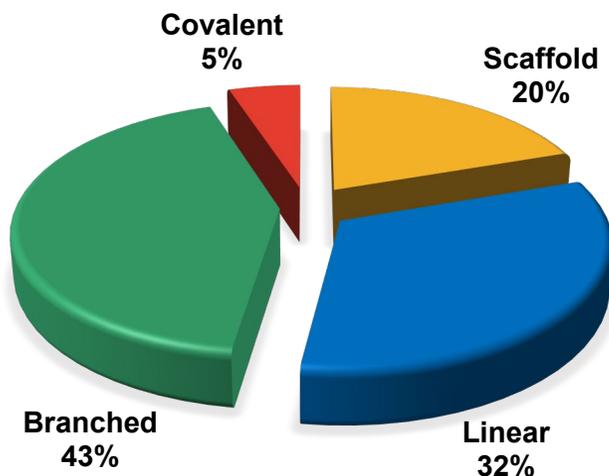


Hit Confirmation

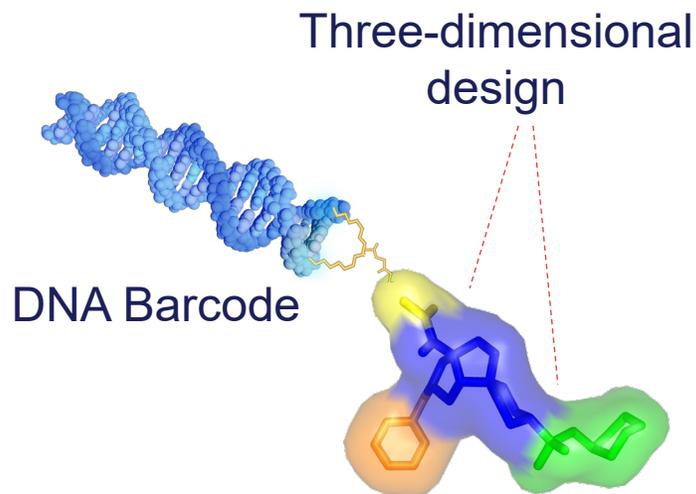
Custom Scaffold-Based DELs Enable Nurix To Identify Binders to Challenging Protein Surfaces

Nurix DEL Collection

- >5 billion unique structures
- Includes proprietary, 3D complex, custom scaffolds

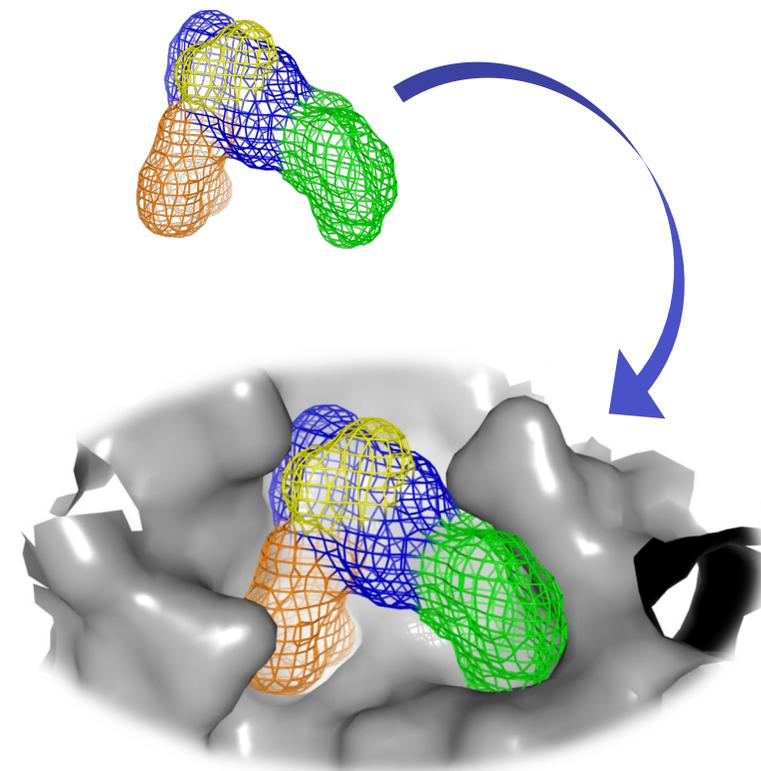


Scaffold Libraries Proving Essential for Delivering Ligands for “Undruggable” Targets (sole source of hits for 75% of these targets)

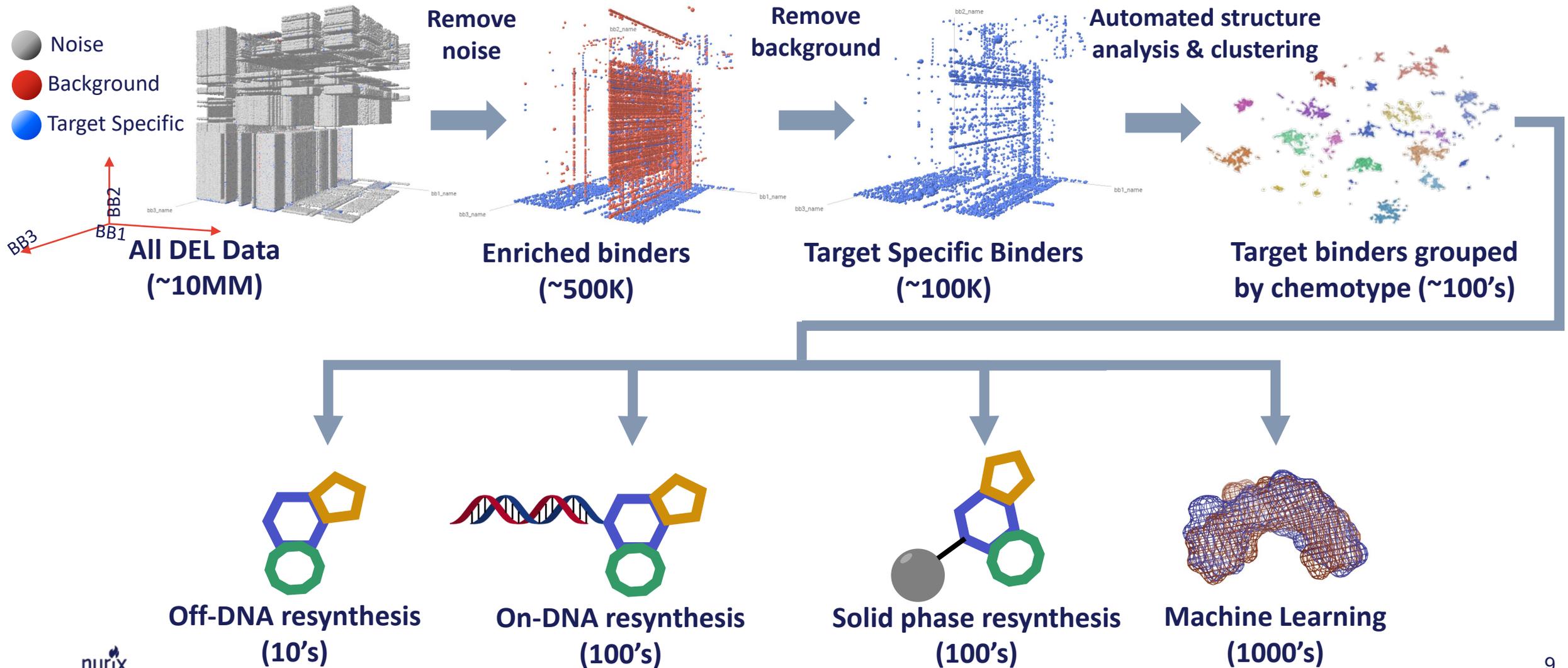


Our proprietary scaffold DELs provide unique geometry and high sp³ character, allowing molecules to achieve optimal pocket fit

Nurix scaffold designs show high pocket complementarity



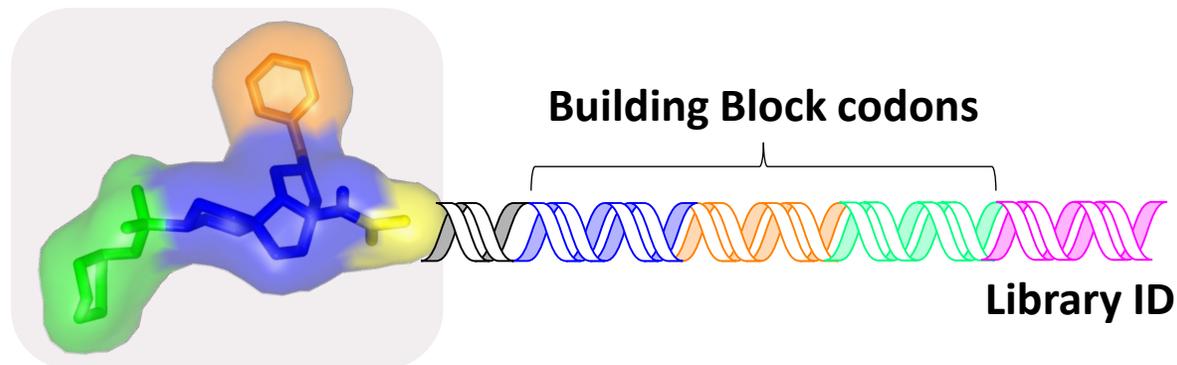
Nurix's Analysis & Follow Up Pipeline Is Designed To Access Broad Chemical Space



On-DNA Hit Resynthesis Translates DEL Screening Output for Rapid Hit Confirmation

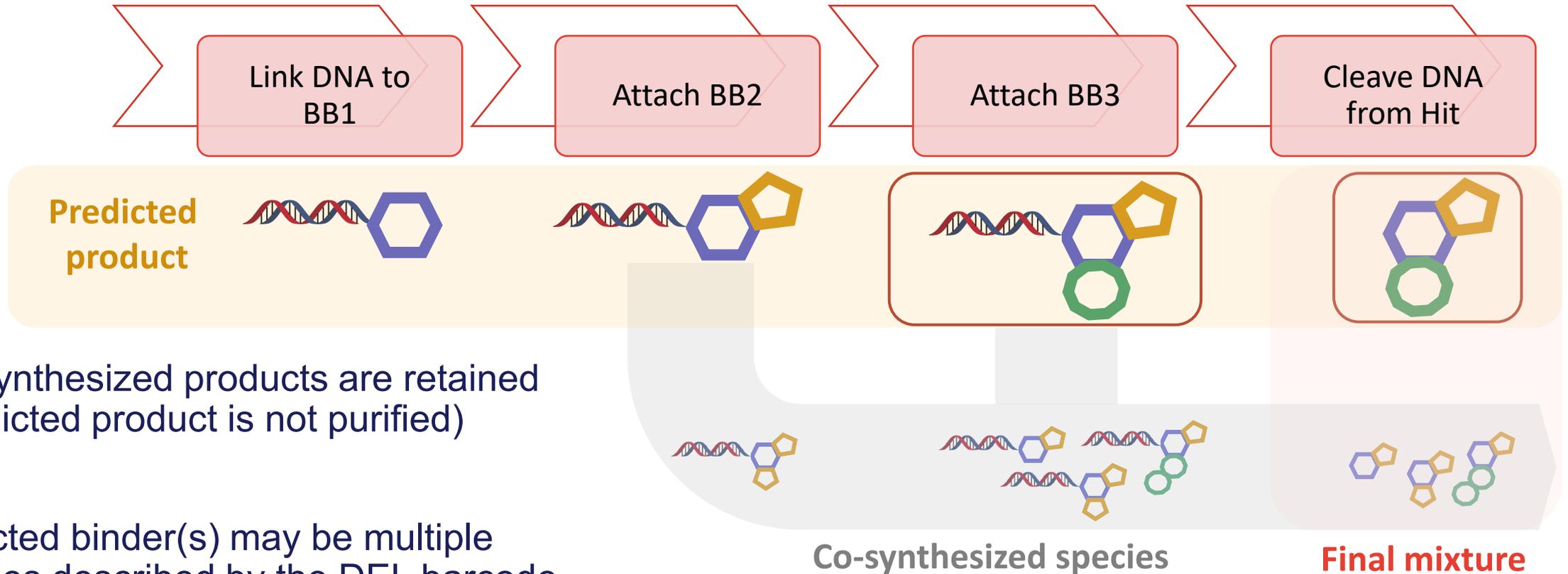
- DEL barcode describes the recipe to build a molecule

- **Cycle 1** BB
- **Cycle 2** BB
- **Cycle 3** BB
- **Library ID**



- **On-DNA hit resynthesis (HR)** applies the encoded library chemistry & BBs on a minimal piece of double-stranded DNA
 - Maintains synthetic fidelity to the original selected DEL hit
 - Parallelized process batches resynthesis by chemistry rather than by compound

Each On-DNA HR Generates A Pool of Potential Binders



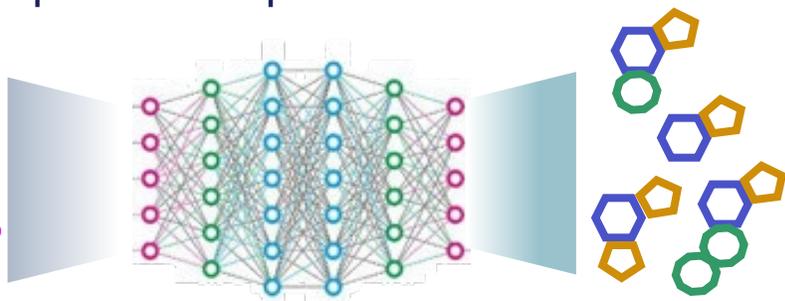
- Co-synthesized products are retained (predicted product is not purified)
- Selected binder(s) may be multiple species described by the DEL barcode
- ASMS can identify the specific binder(s) within the on-DNA HR mixture

DEL Cheminformatics Is Key for on-DNA HR & ASMS Analysis

2. Algorithmic Structure Prediction

- In-house algorithm predicts all potential synthesized species using DEL chemistry database
- Generates structures for each predicted species

- Cycle 1
- Cycle 2
- Cycle 3
- Library ID



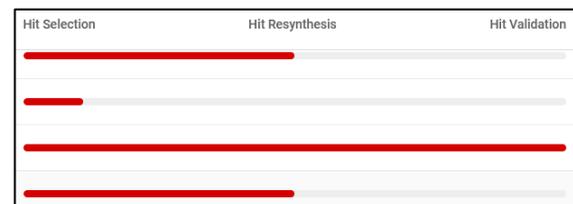
On-DNA HR

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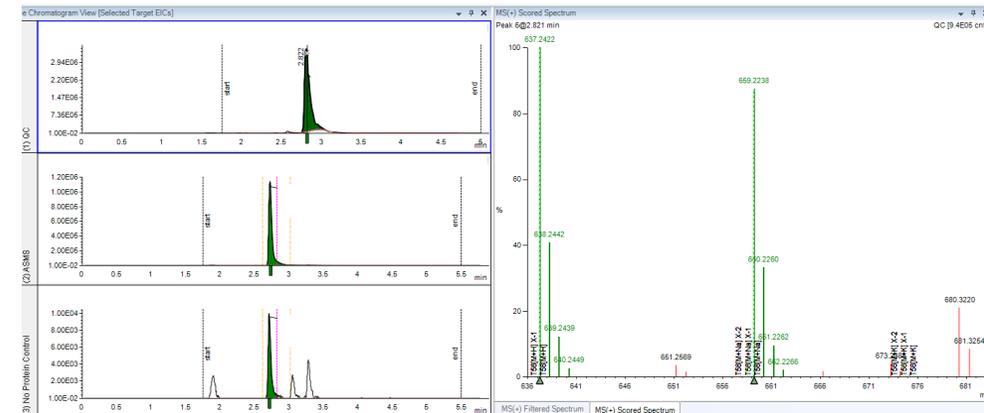
Automated
Analysis

Confirm Hit

1. Cheminformatic tools plan and track parallelized HR campaign

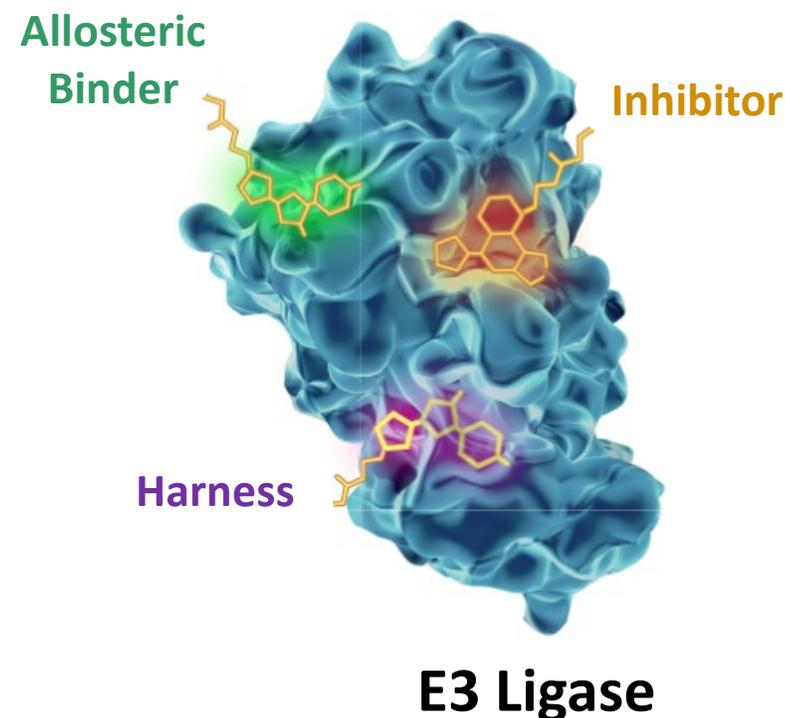


3. Customized Virscidian software automatically processes & IDs hits



ASMS is Ideal for Confirming DEL-Identified Ligase Binders

- Highly Flexible Assay
 - Not limited by target protein structure/function
 - Identify multiple binding sites simultaneously
 - Modality agnostic
 - Ideal for early hit discovery of poorly characterized targets (e.g. E3 ligases)
- Direct Readout
 - No labeling of compound or protein required
 - Direct detection & ID of binder by LC-MS
 - Ideal for complex pools and mixtures
- Complementary to DEL
 - Affinity-based DEL screening requires a MoA-agnostic assay

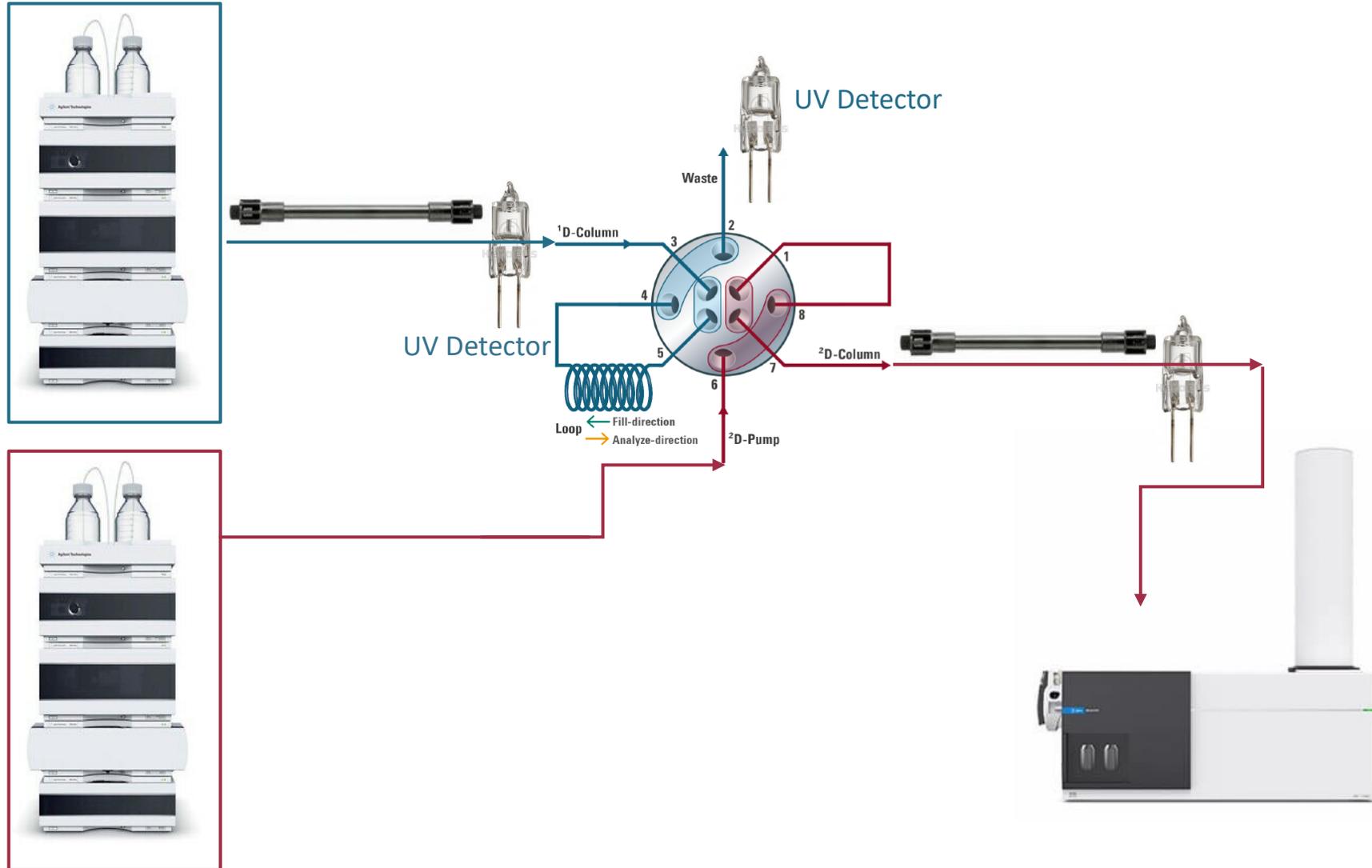


Nurix's Hit Validation Approach Utilizes ASMS to Survey Chemical Space Inside and Outside the DEL Collection

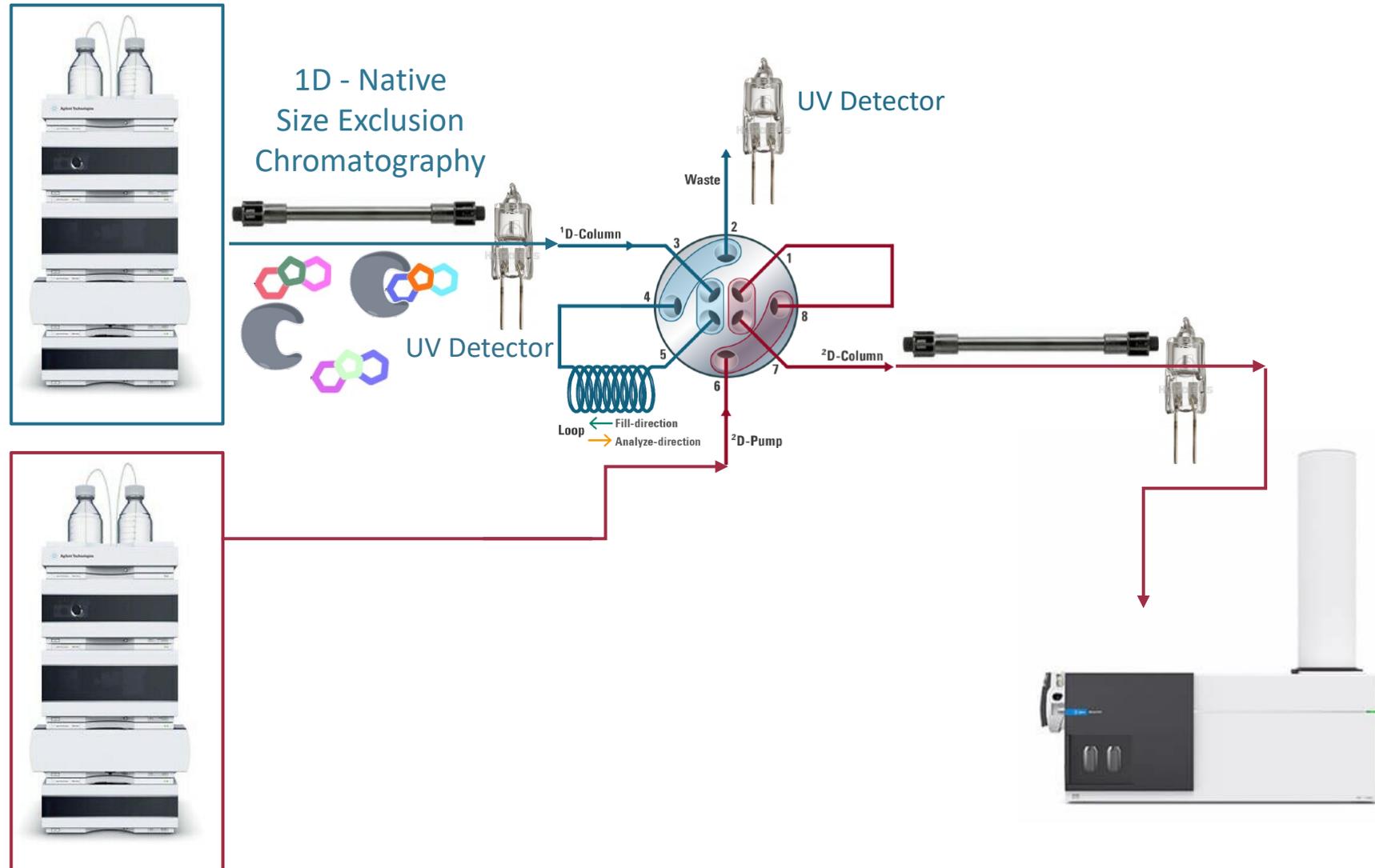
- a) DEL screening hits encoded in the library are chosen for off-DNA HR of the predicted compound, on-DNA HR of the mixture, or solid support resynthesis of the predicted compound
- b) DEL data fed into a Machine Learning (ML) model predicts chemotypes of interest and searches commercially available compounds based on the hits selected from the library

Follow up	Source	Quantity	ASMS format	Hit Confirmation
Off-DNA	DEL → Discrete hit synthesis	10's	Pooled	ASMS + biophysics/biochem
On-DNA	DEL → Parallel Single Hit Syntheses	100's	Individual	ASMS
Solid phase	DEL → Solid Phase Syntheses	100's	Individual	ASMS + biophysics/biochem
Machine Learning	DEL → ML → Vendor catalogs	1000's	Pooled	ASMS + biophysics/biochem

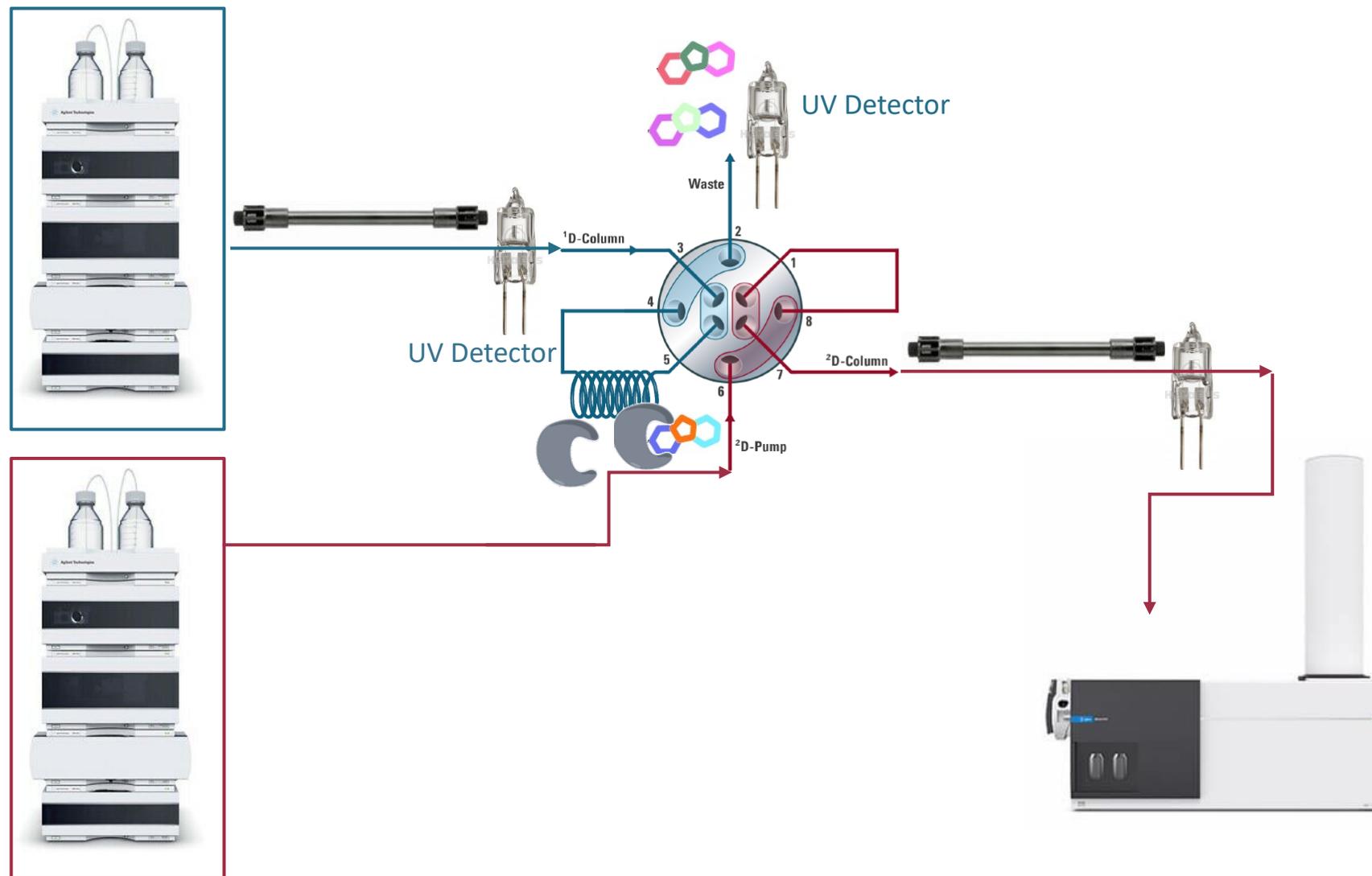
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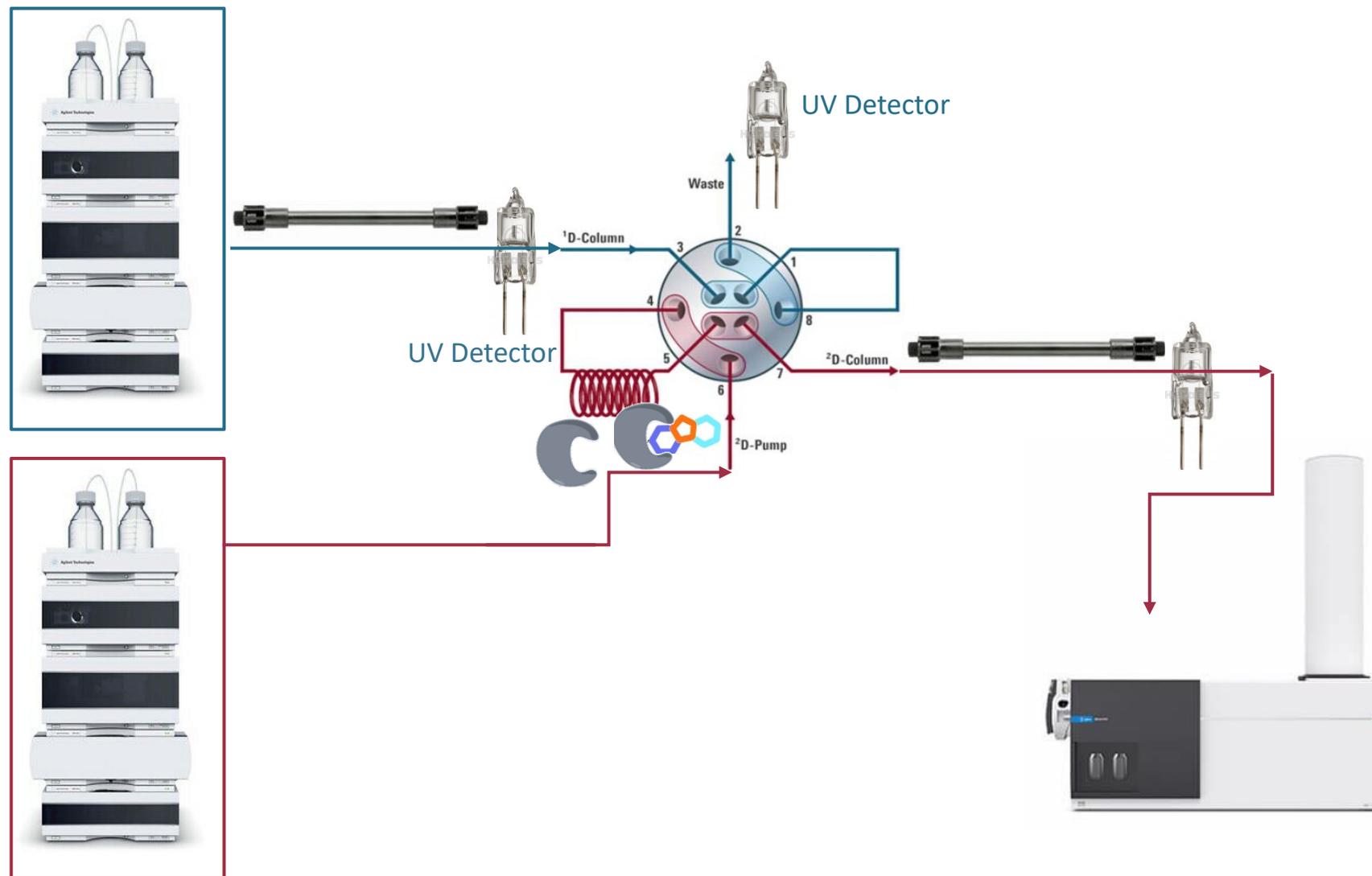
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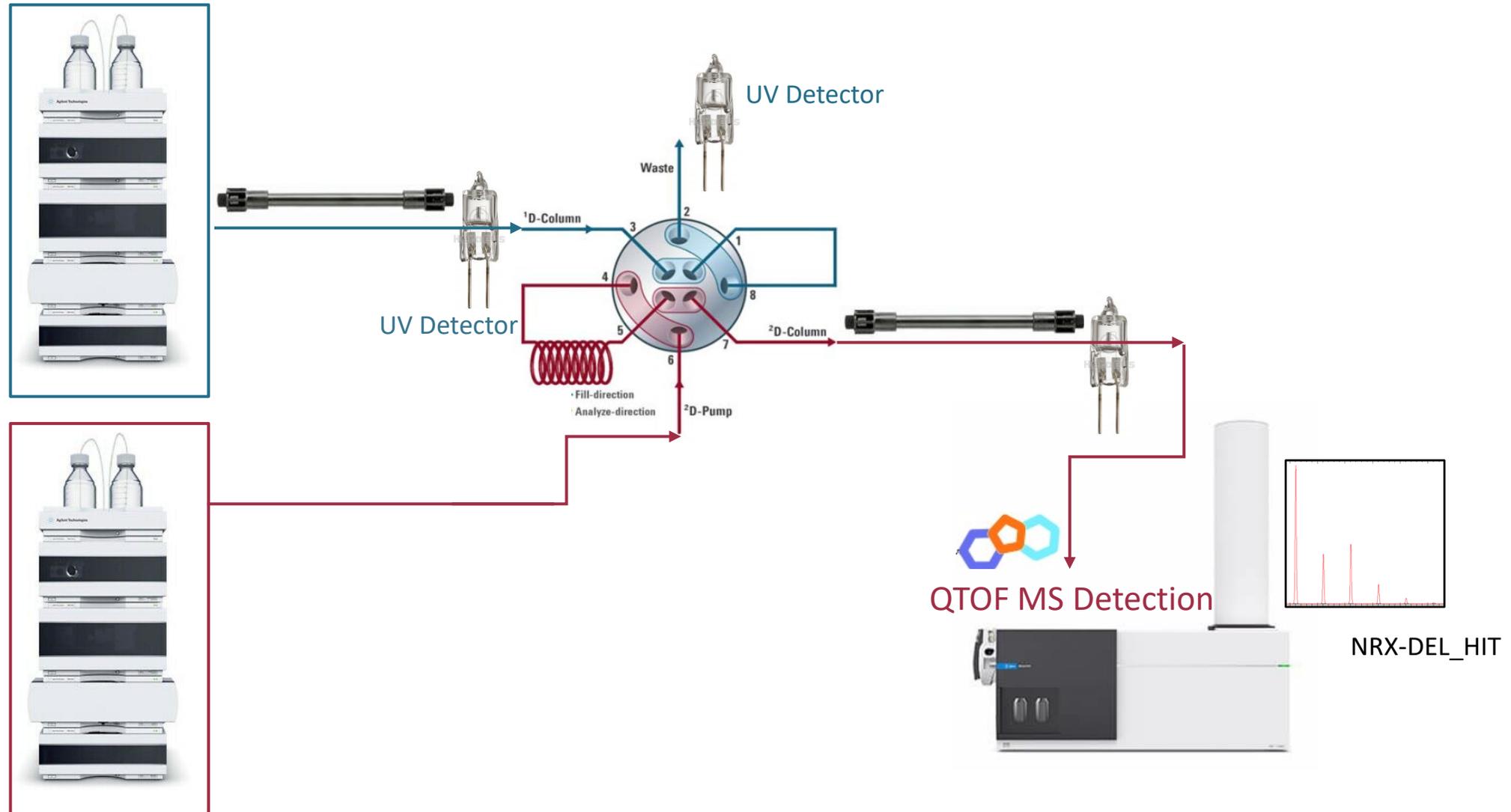
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On-DNA ASMS Hit Confirmation & Follow Up

- ASMS hit confirmation scored by % RBA (relative binding affinity)

$$\% \text{ RBA} = \frac{\text{Protein Selected} - \text{No Protein Control}}{\text{Reference Injection}} \times 100$$

- Hits with RBA score > 1% prioritized for follow up
- RBA score is a binary hit/no hit metric: RBA ≠ affinity**
 - Useful for triage & rank ordering
- Active species from ASMS-confirmed hits are then resynthesized for testing in more quantitative assays

On-DNA Hit
Resynthesis

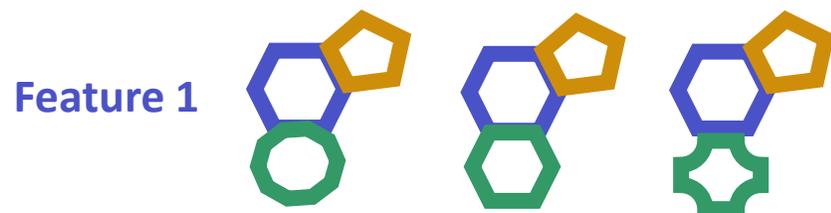
ASMS Triage + ID:
Hits > 1% RBA

Resynthesize
active species

Biochemical/
biophysical assays

on-DNA ASMS Confirms DEL Hits & Features

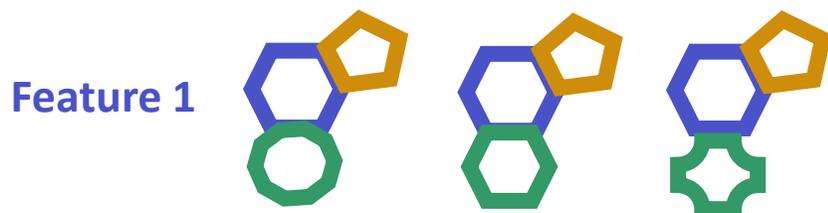
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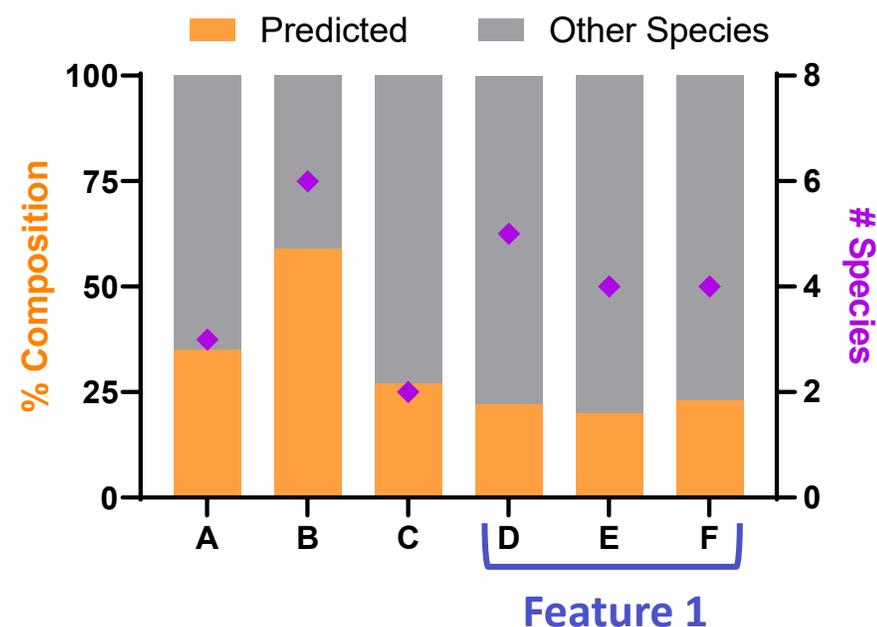
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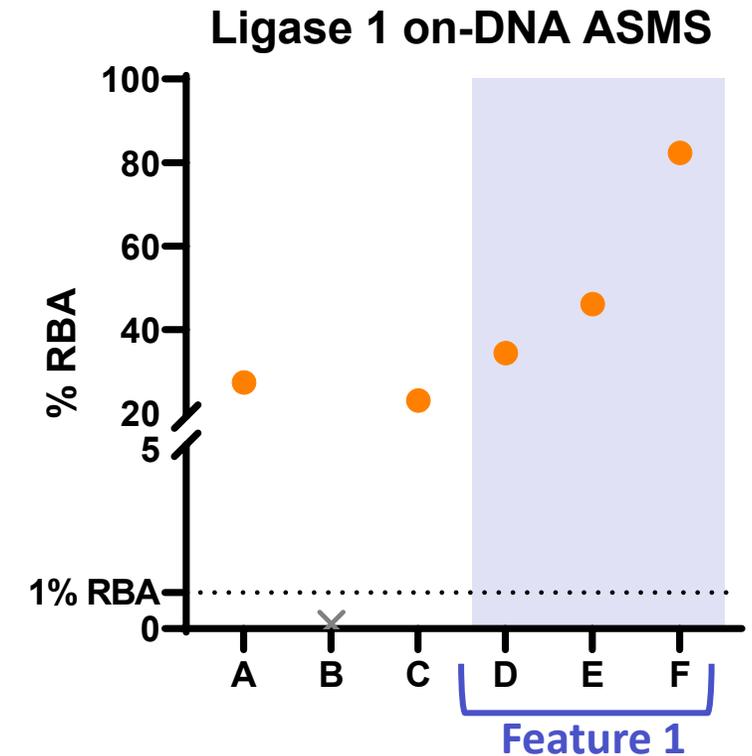
- Each pool contains a variable mixture of species and proportions
 - The DEL-encoded predicted product may not always be the species in greatest proportion

Ligase 1 - on-DNA Hit Resynthesis
Reaction QC



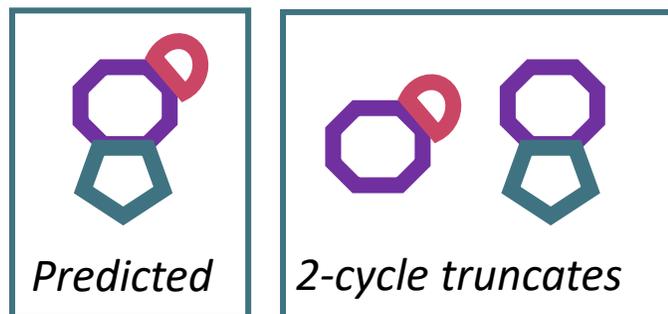
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- Predicted 3-cycle products detected & confirmed in ASMS
- Singleton hits A & C do not have overlapping SAR
- Feature 1 hits D-F confirmed, indicating changes at BB3 are tolerated
- Selection of related hits validates the DEL feature and informs SAR for downstream prioritization



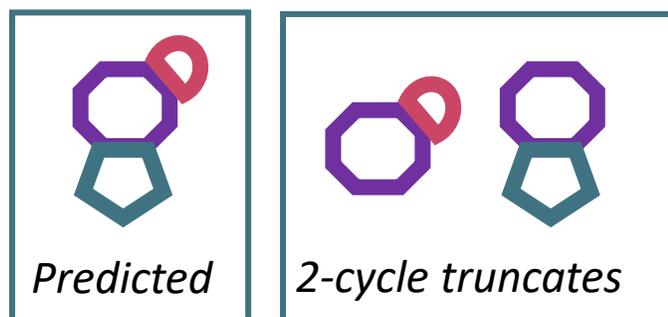
ASMS Identifies the Active Species in on-DNA Mixtures

- DEL hits from three structurally distinct features selected against Ligase 2 were chosen for on-DNA HR
- Each on-DNA HR generates a pool of species, replicating the mixture generated in the DEL screen
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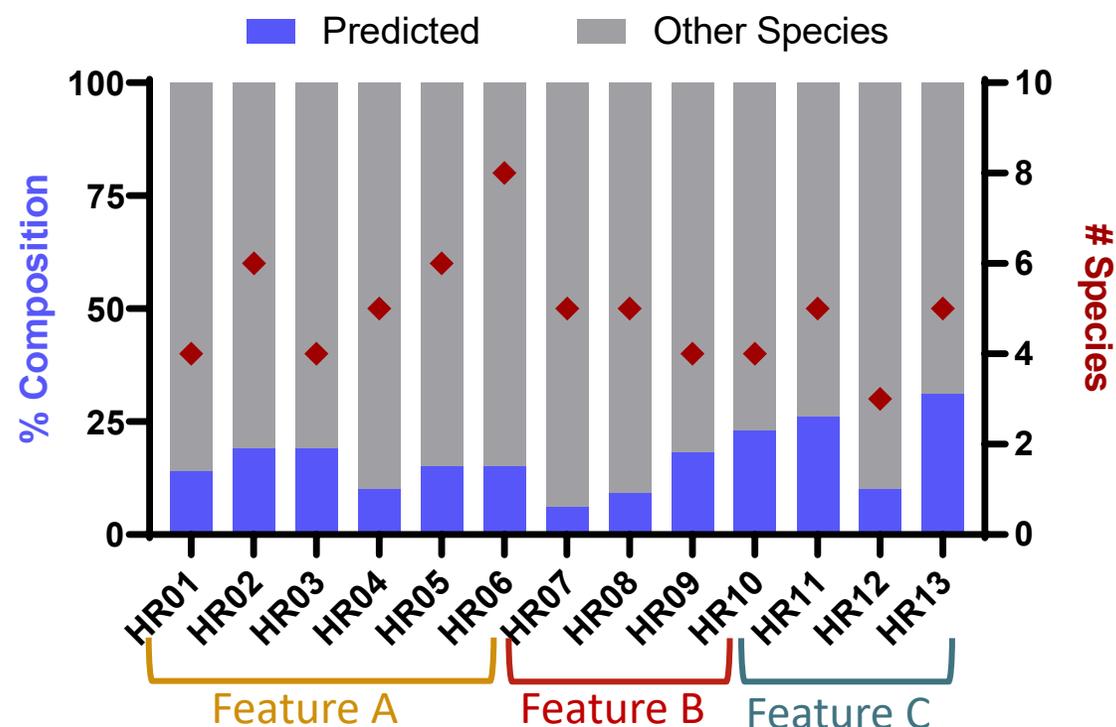


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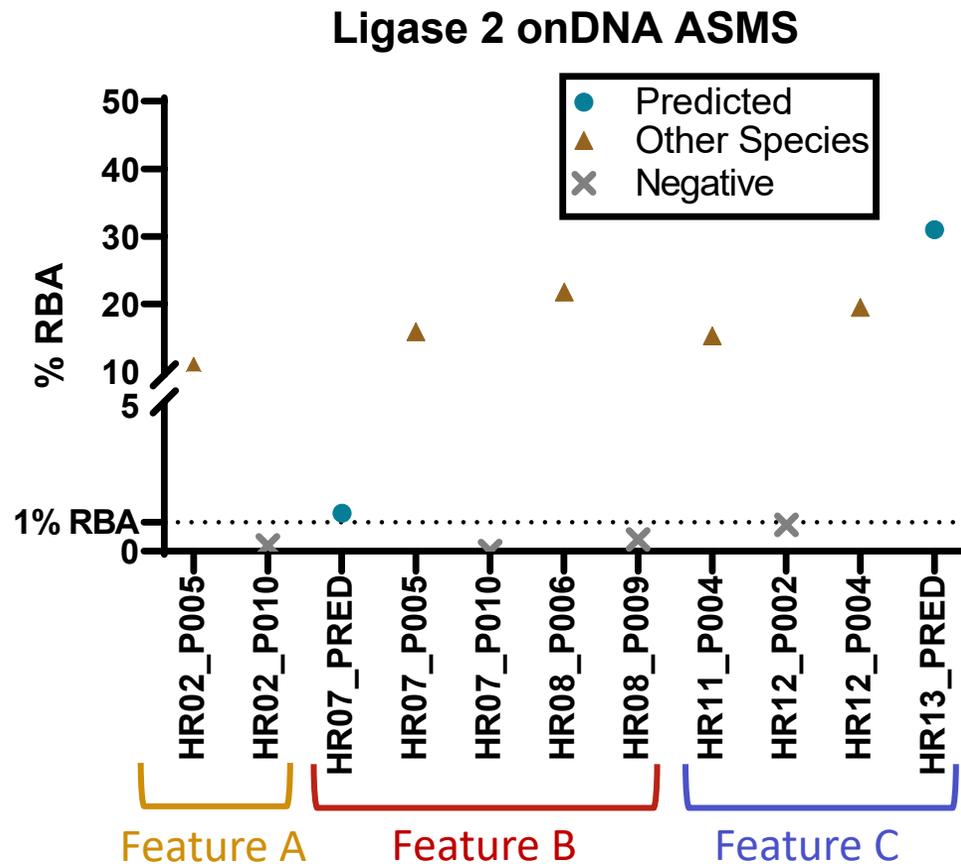
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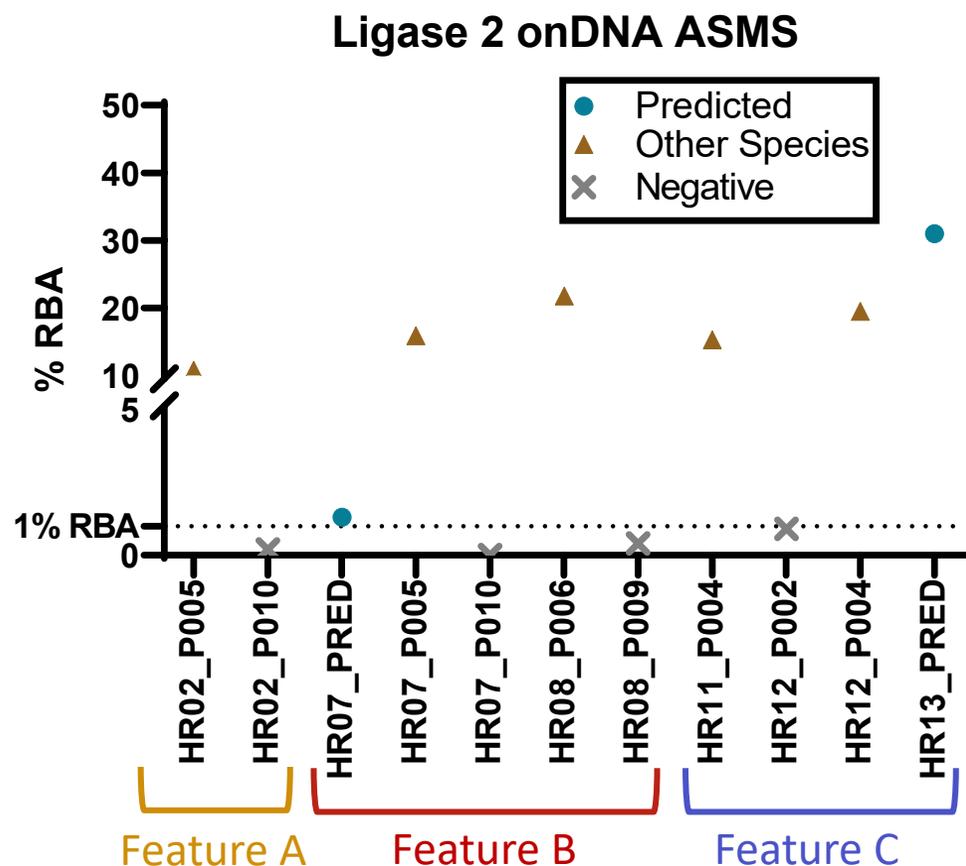


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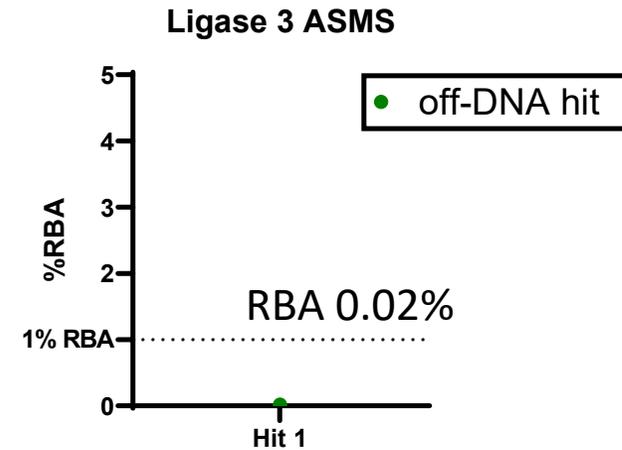


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- Predicted hits from Feature C was discretely resynthesized and confirmed in orthogonal assays

Hit ID	On-DNA ASMS RBA	Off-DNA Biochem. EC ₅₀
HR13-PRED	31%	0.5 μM

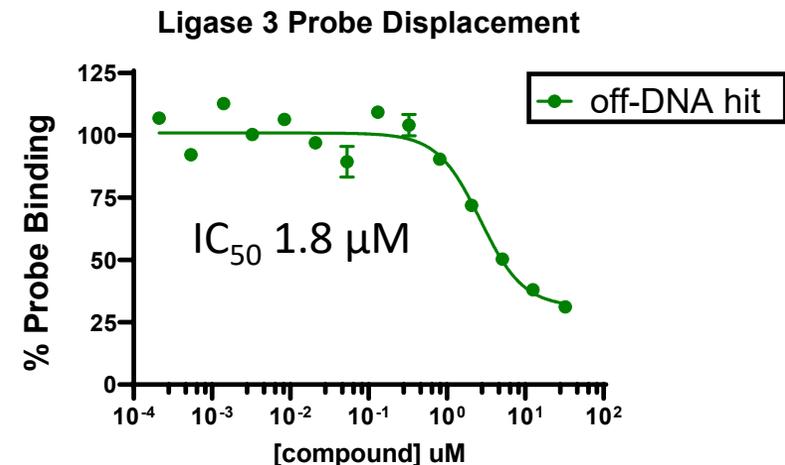
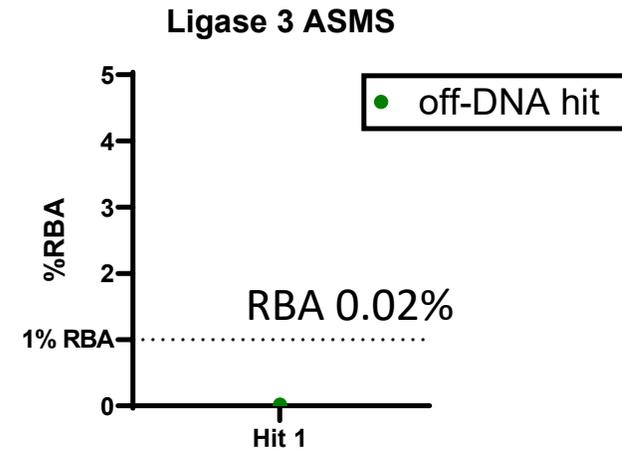
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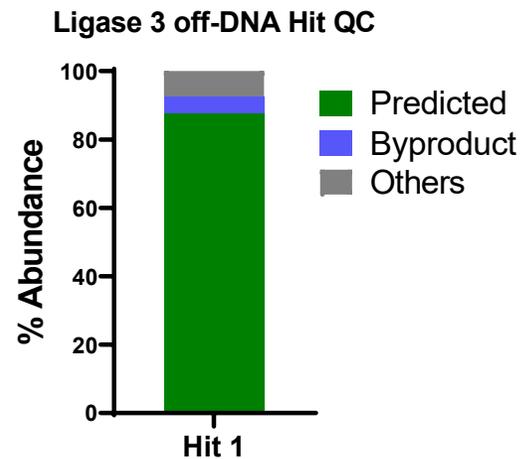
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- Orthogonal probe displacement assay confirmed hit with $IC_{50} < 2 \mu M$
- Ligand-bound crystal structure was solved and revealed a byproduct bound to the protein



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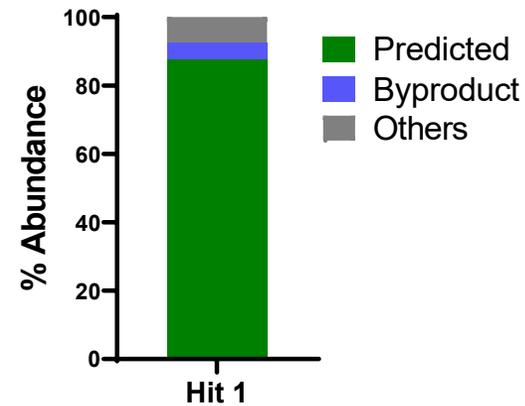
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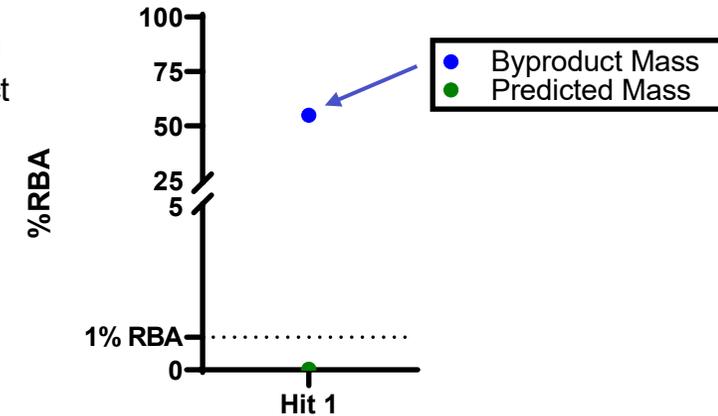
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- Reanalyzed ASMS data confirmed the byproduct was the active species
 - Resynthesized byproduct reported 0.18 μM IC_{50} by probe displacement
 - DEL hit encoded as predicted compound, yet the byproduct was the best binder in the screen
- Algorithmic Predictor now includes structures for variant species in purified, off-DNA hits

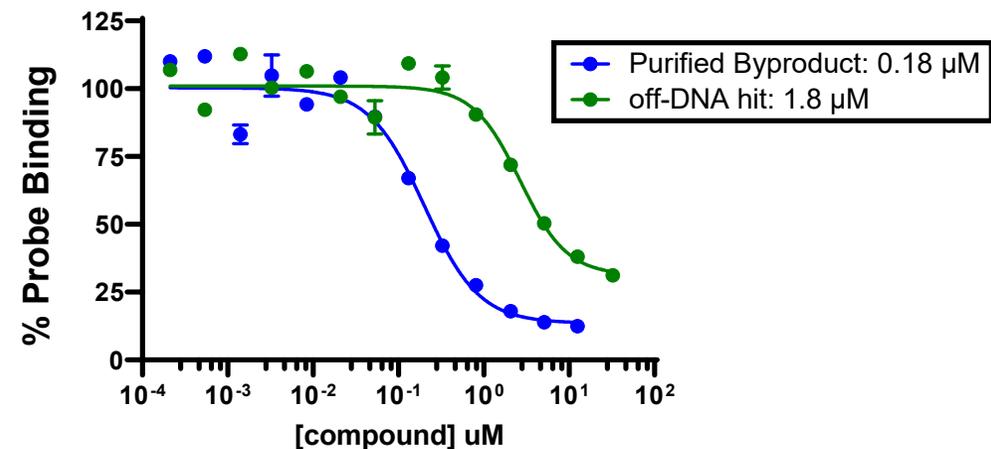
Ligase 3 off-DNA Hit QC



Ligase 3 ASMS off-DNA ASMS



Ligase 3 Probe Displacement



Conclusions

- Nurix's affinity-based DEL screening approach is a powerful hit discovery platform for targeted protein modulation
- ASMS's versatility as an affinity-driven method makes it the ideal next step for confirming novel DEL-derived chemical matter
- Combining on-DNA hit resynthesis and ASMS allows rapid and comprehensive ID & validation of DEL hits at the feature and individual hit levels
- Incorporating ASMS technology into Nurix's DEL discovery platform allows us to generate, ID, and advance a greater number of hits more efficiently

Thank You!

