

NVBL Molecular Therapeutics

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Goal: Leverage the world-leading capabilities of the Department of Energy National Labs...



Chemical,
biological, and
analytical sciences

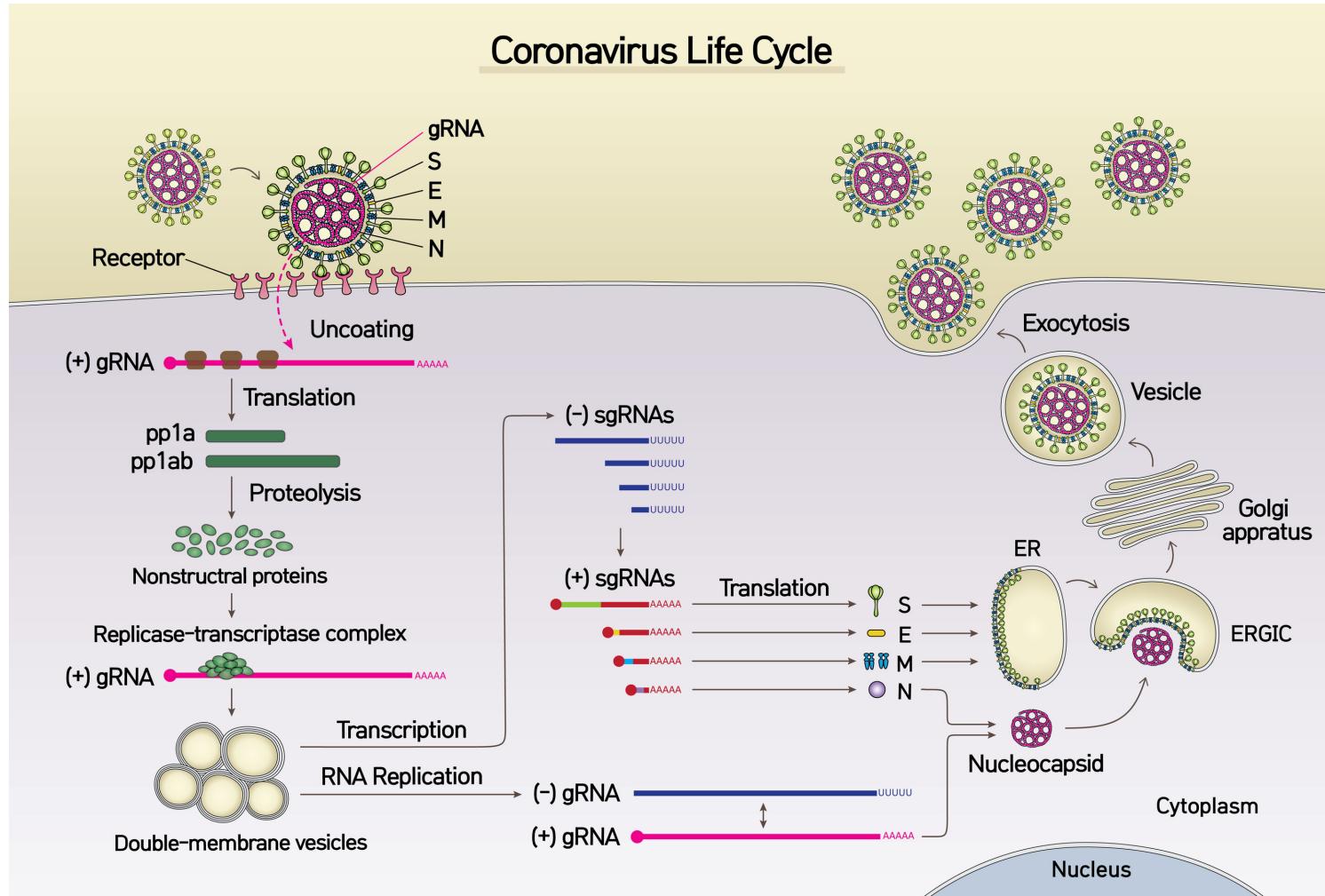


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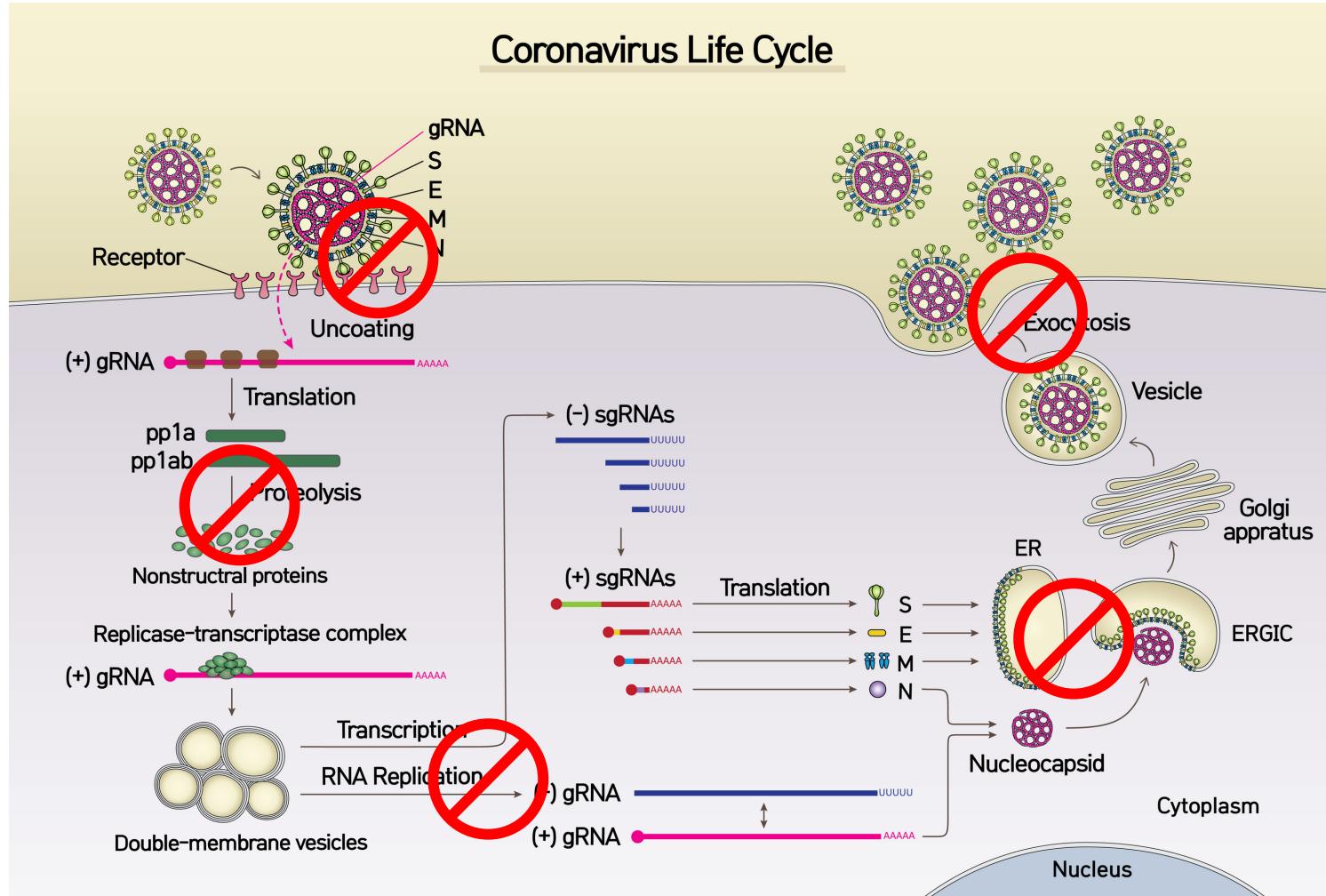
Light and
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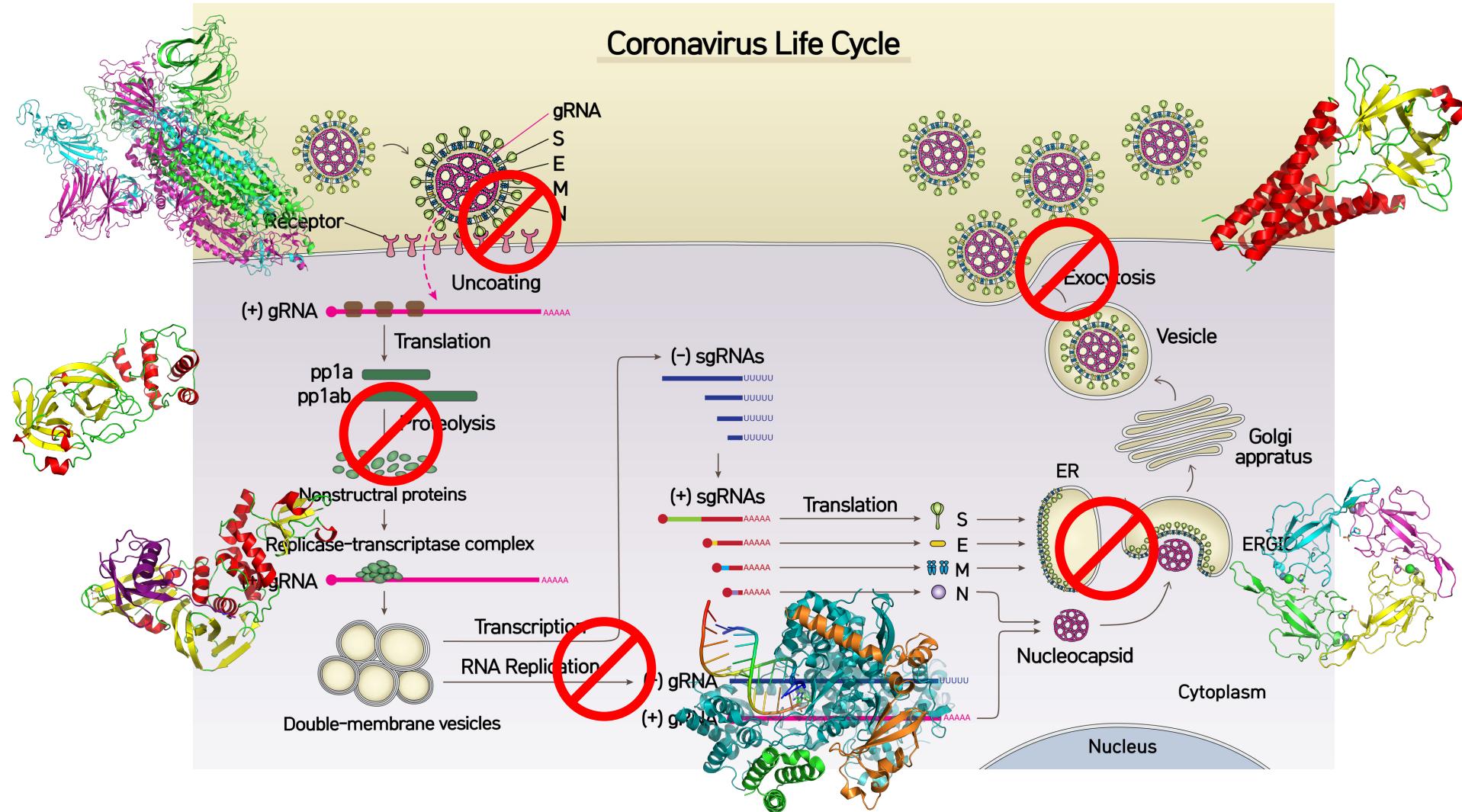
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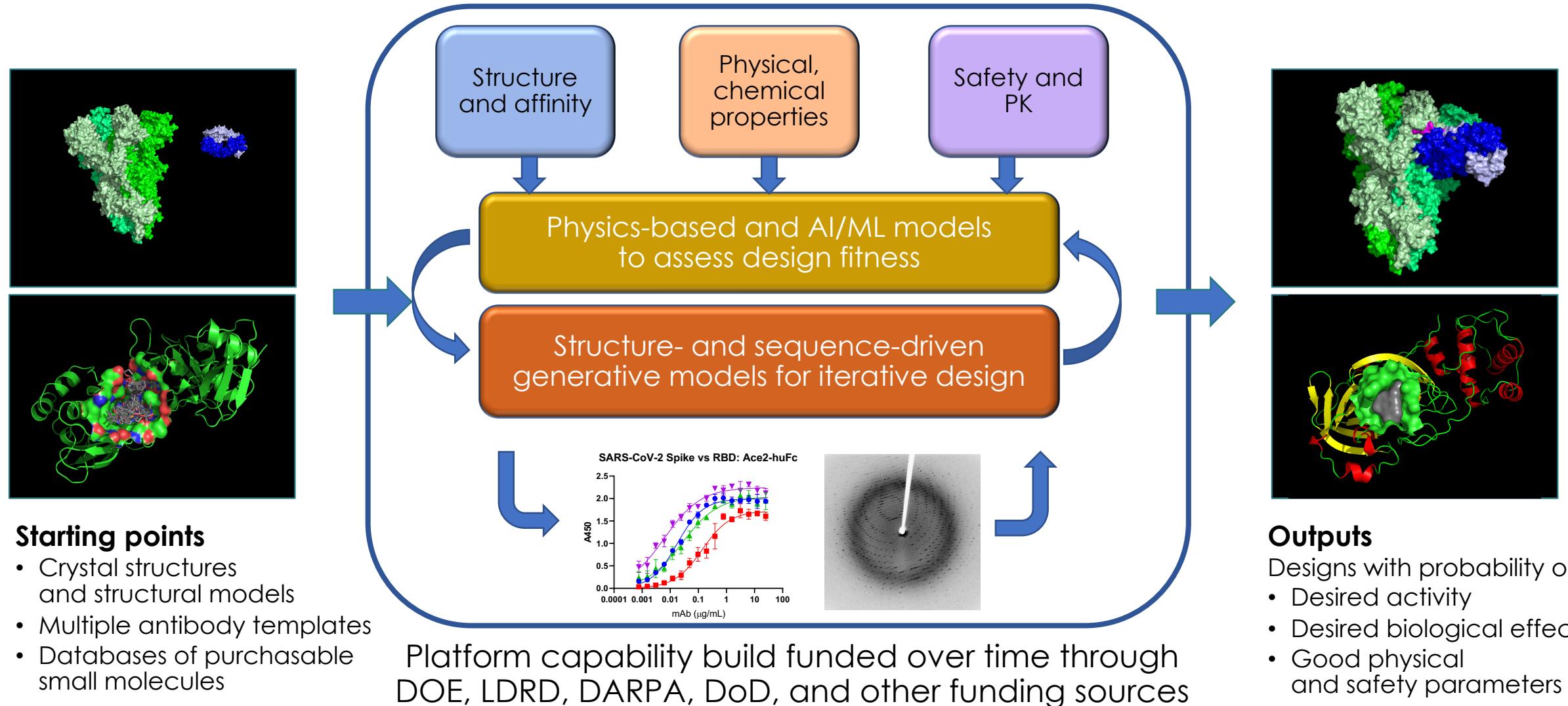
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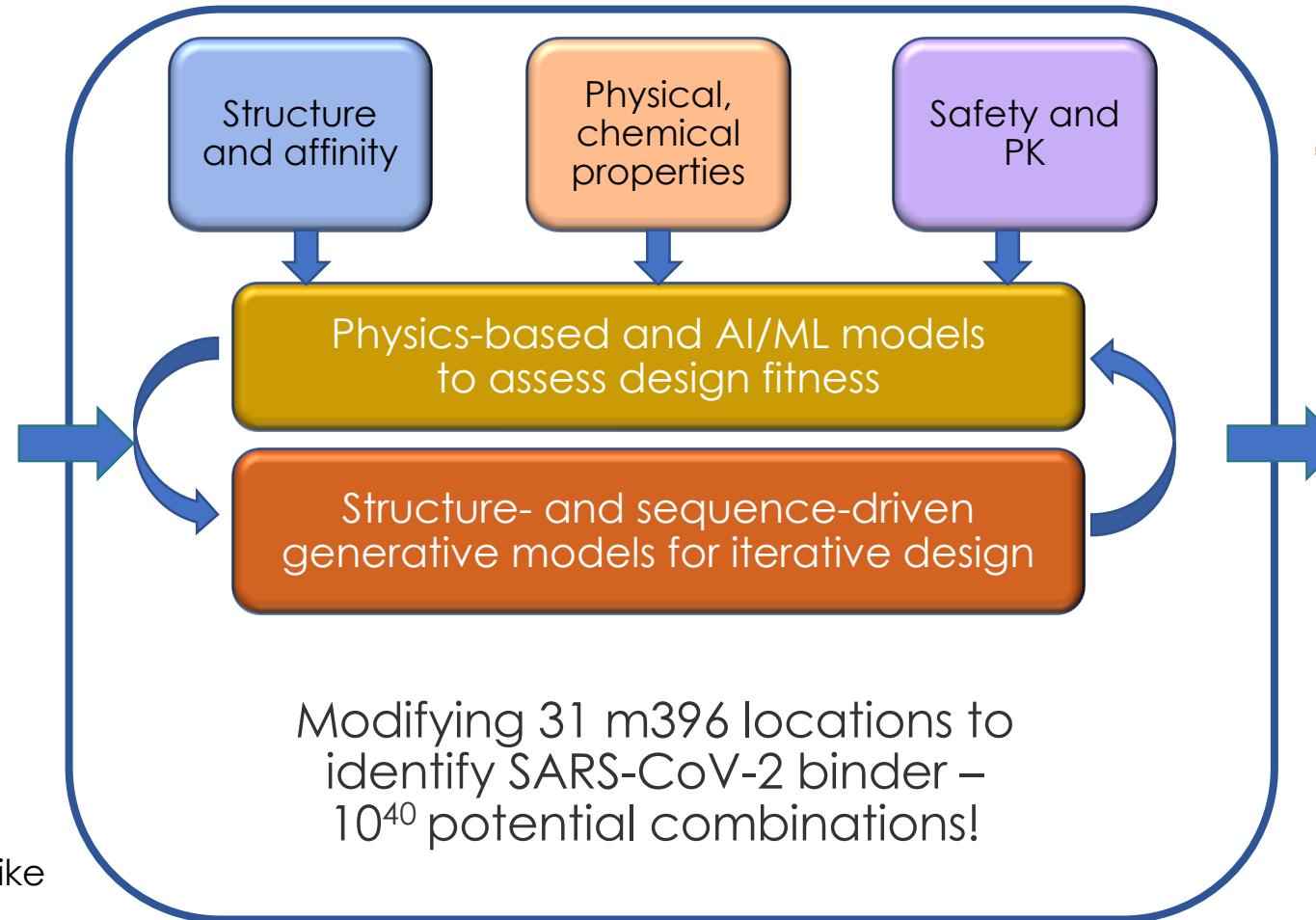
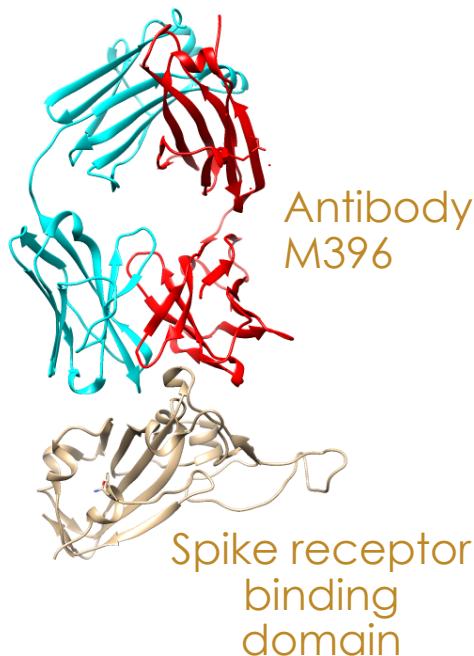
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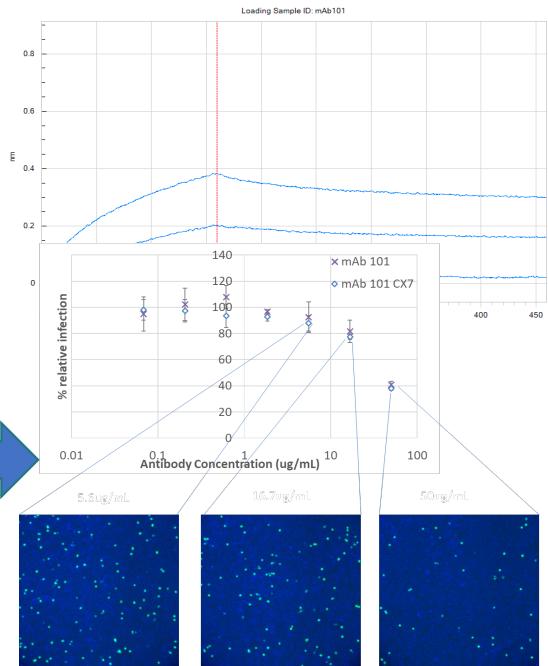
Computational and experimental design platforms



Computational Design of Therapeutic Antibodies



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Design starting point

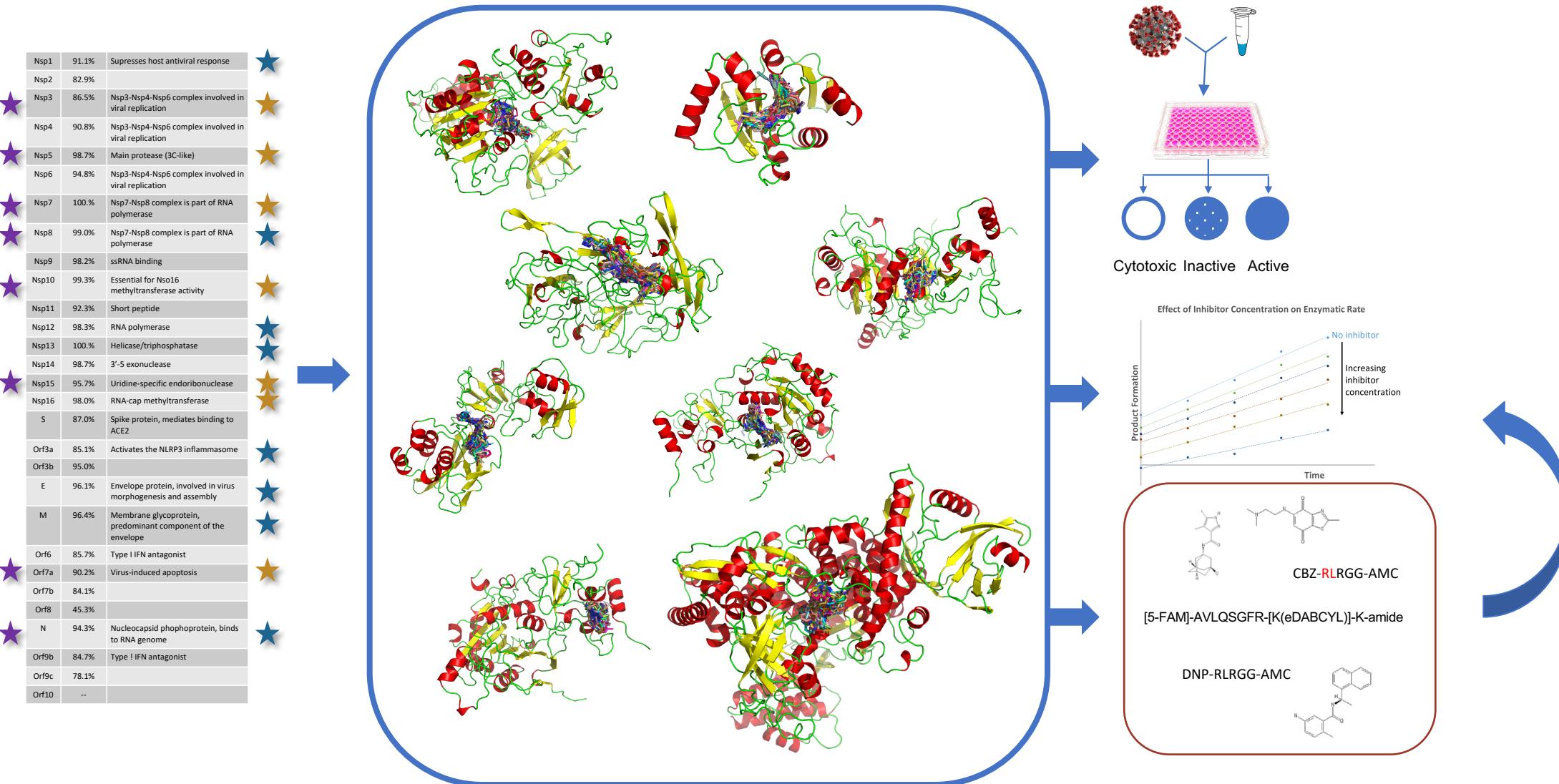
- m396, a neutralizing antibody against the spike protein of SARS-CoV-1 that does not bind spike from SARS-CoV-2

Design output

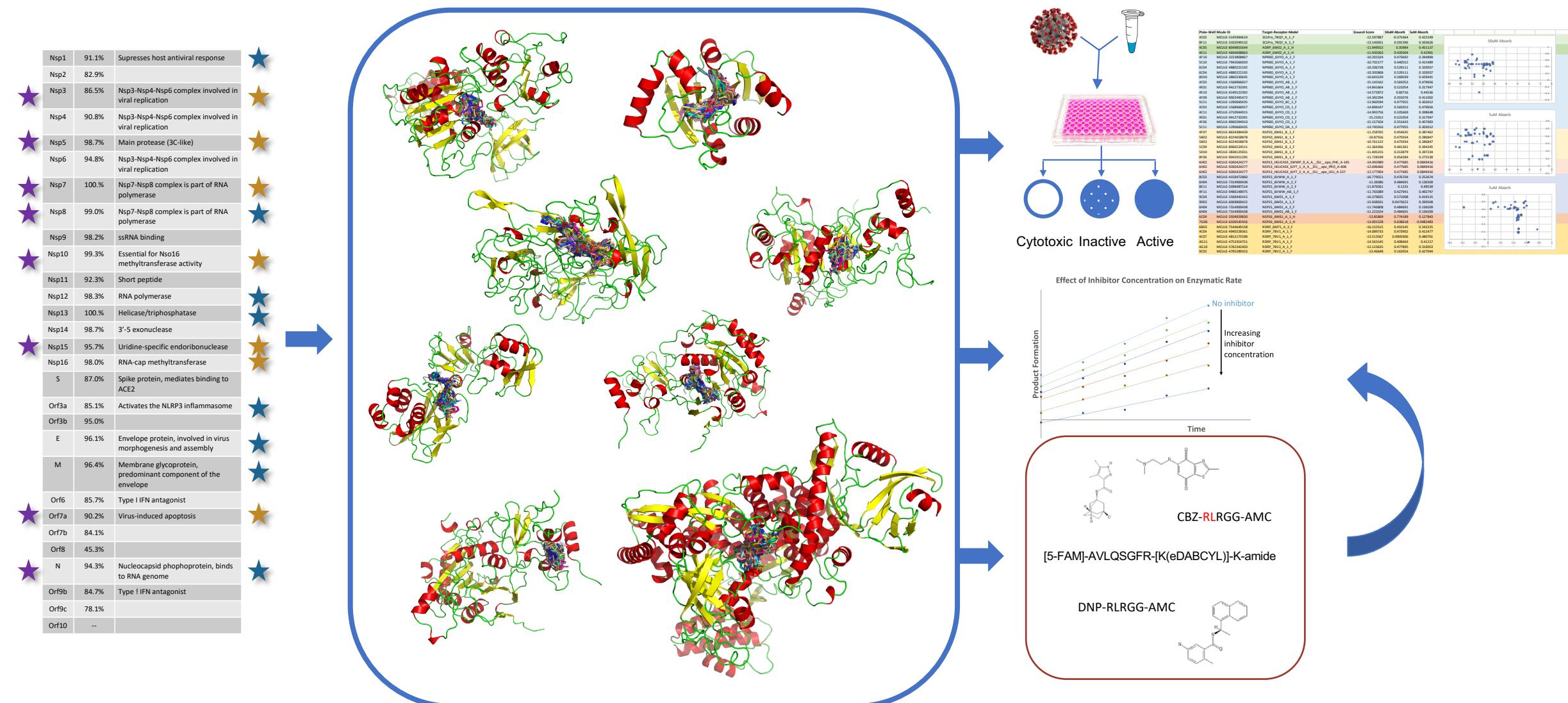
Experimentally validated designed antibody:

- Binds to spike protein
- Neutralizes VSV-SARS-CoV-2 pseudovirus

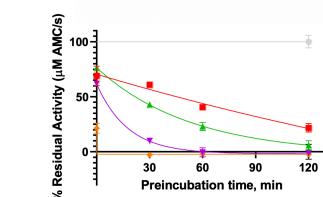
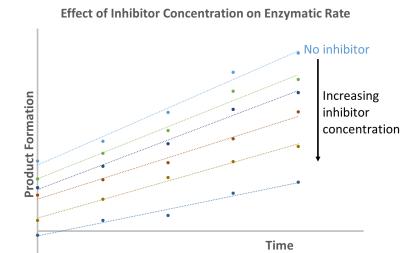
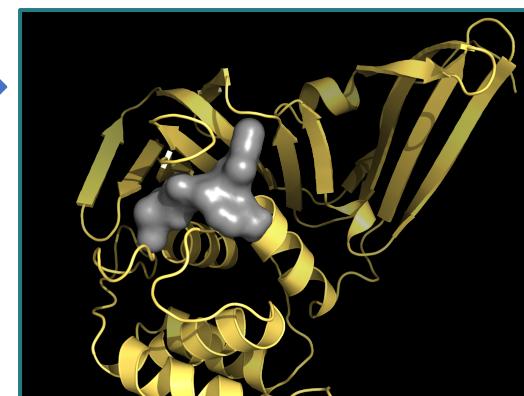
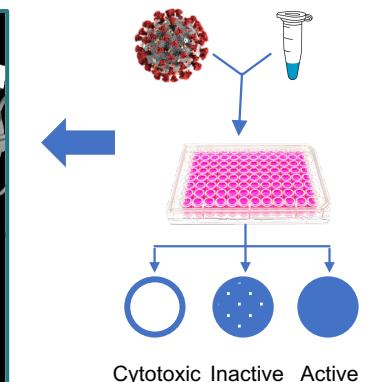
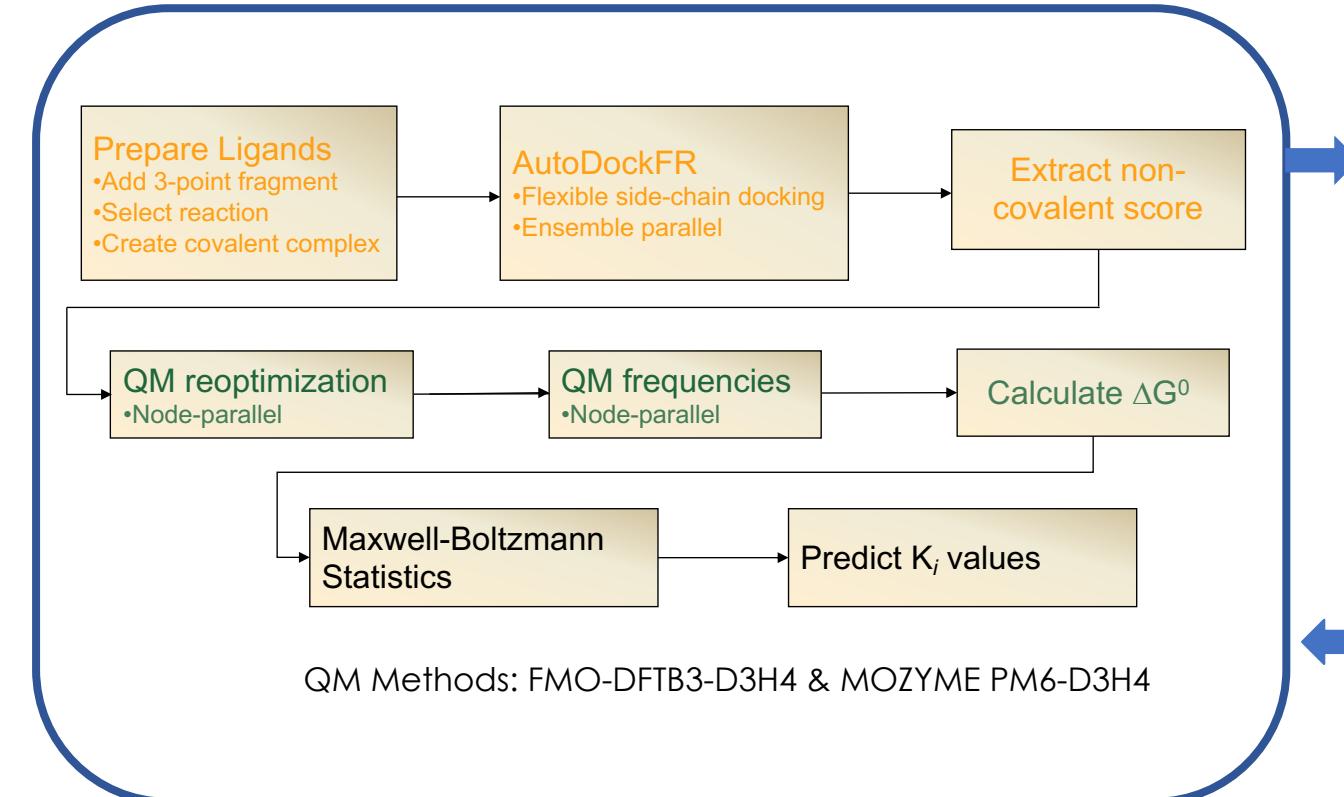
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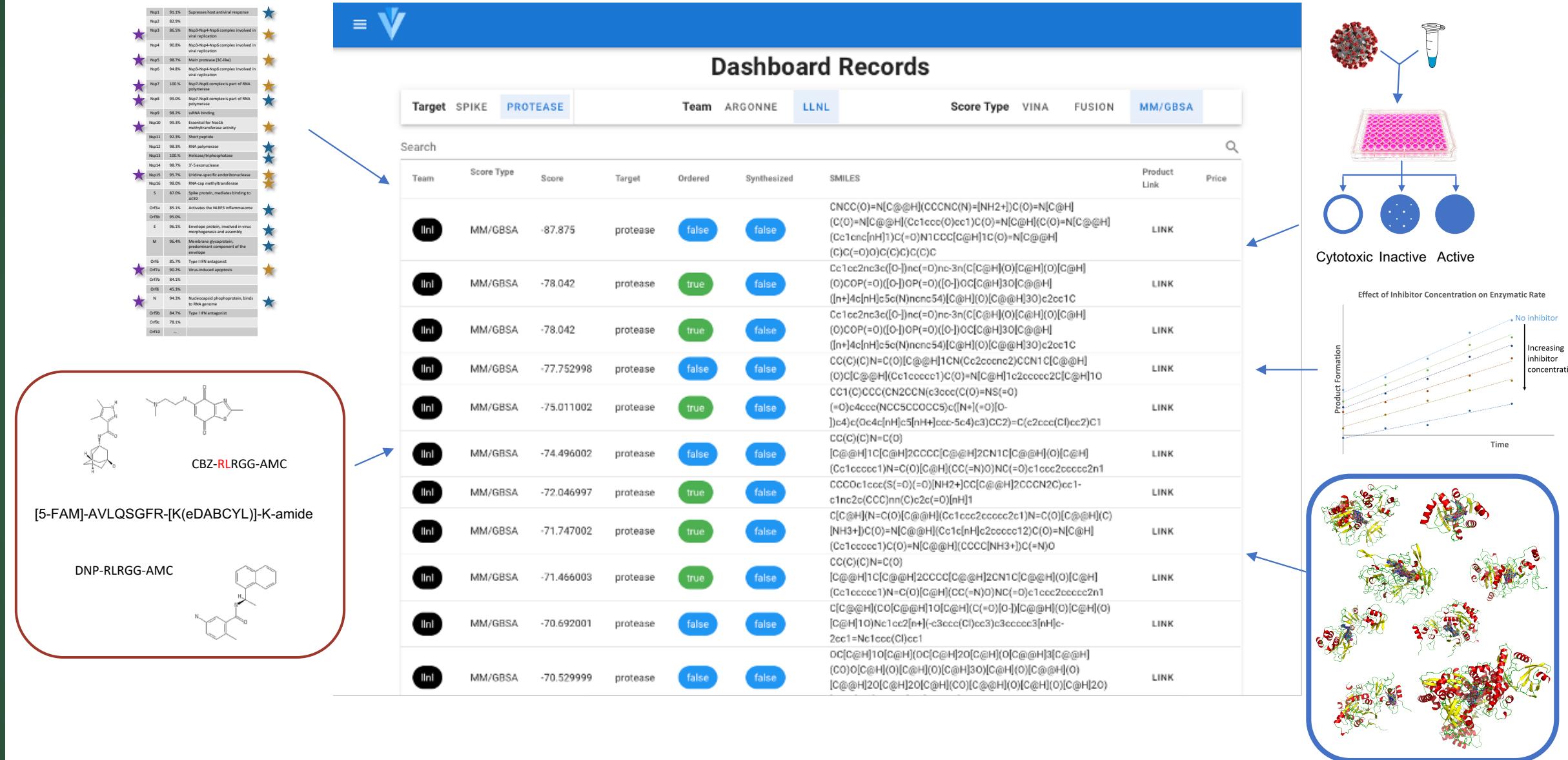


Computational Docking for SARS-CoV-2 Proteins



SARS-CoV-2 Proteases Require a Special Workflow





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Impacts of the Molecular Design Team

- The team formed quickly and applied their broad expertise to:
 - Solve new structures of viral proteins
 - Build multiple computational models
 - Use massive supercomputing resources to identify and design potential hits
 - Develop biochemical assays and use them to
 - Validate computational predictions
 - Experimentally characterize active hits
 - And feed data back into improving computational models
 - Obtain experimentally validated antibody and small-molecule hits
 - All in six months time!
- The team continues to refine experimental hits into therapeutic leads
- The DOE labs worked together to do things no single lab could do alone