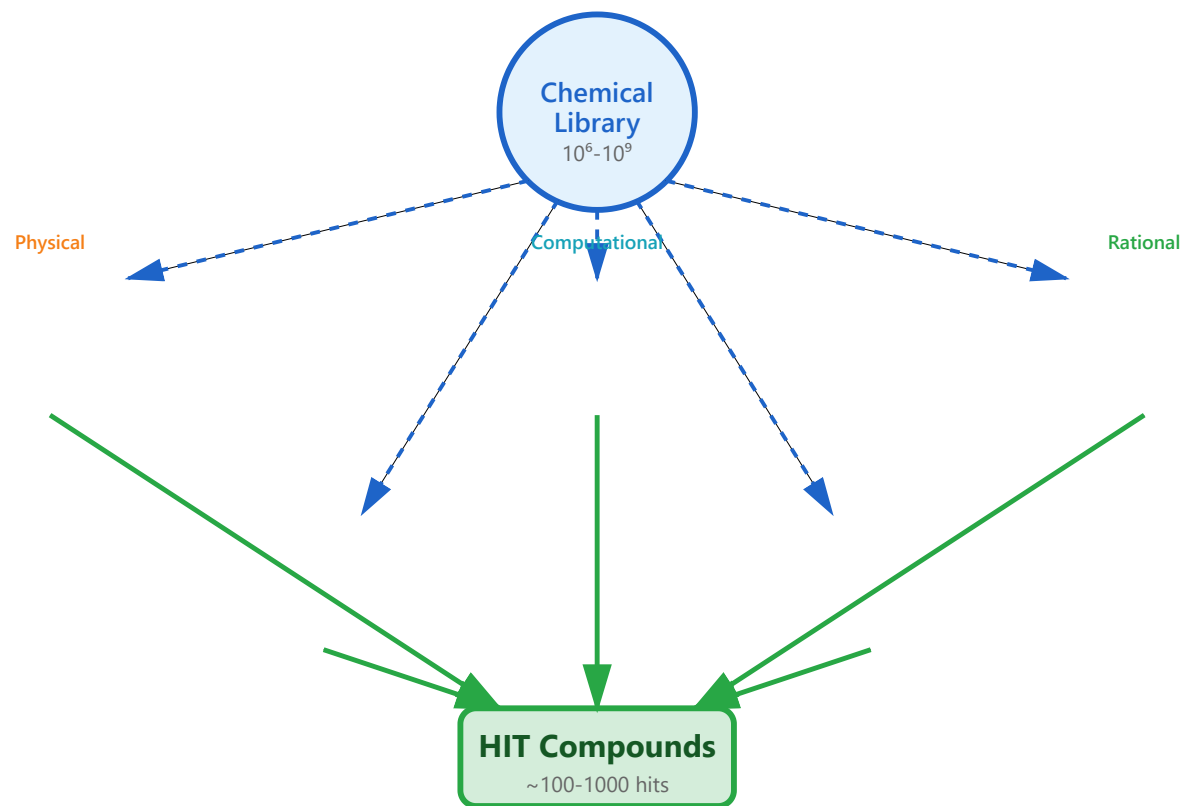


# Lead Discovery

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## Methodology Principles



### High-throughput Screening (HTS)

Uses robotic automation systems to rapidly test thousands to millions of compounds. Measures activity in parallel processing using 96, 384, or 1536-well plates to generate large amounts of data in a short time.



### Virtual Screening

Predicts compound-target interactions through computer simulations. Selects promising candidates before experiments through molecular docking, pharmacokinetic prediction, and ADMET filtering to reduce cost and time.

### **Fragment-based Design**

Binds small molecular fragments (MW < 300) to targets, then links or extends fragments based on structural information (X-ray, NMR) to grow them into optimized lead compounds.

### **Natural Products**

Screens compounds derived from nature including plants, microorganisms, and marine life. Provides evolutionarily validated bioactive structures and offers inspiration for new drug development with unique chemical scaffolds.

### **Diversity Libraries**

Compound libraries designed to cover chemical space as broadly as possible. Composed of compounds with diverse scaffolds, functional groups, and physicochemical properties to increase the probability of discovering unexpected activities.