

# MELLODDY-TUNER: Data Standardization Framework for Federated Machine Learning

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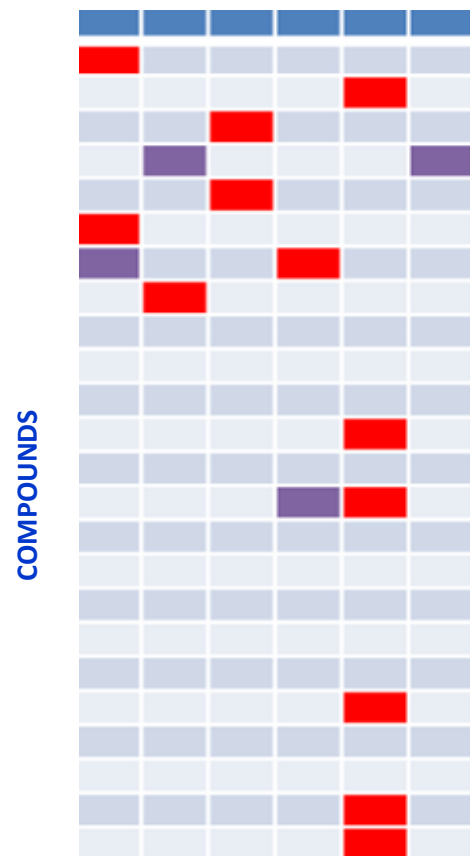
**MACHINE LEARNING LEDGER ORCHESTRATION FOR DRUG  
DISCOVERY**

# PREDICTIVE MODELING IN DRUG DISCOVERY

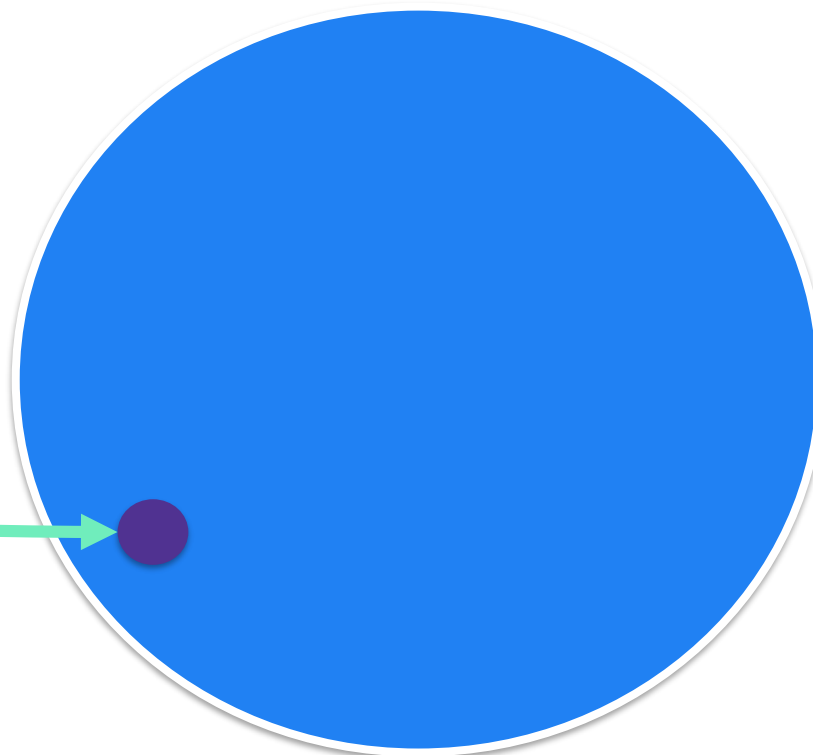
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ASSAYS

Chemical space



Machine Learning (ML)  
Model



Model performance and applicability depend on  
amount of high quality data

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# MACHINE LEARNING LEDGER ORCHESTRATION FOR DRUG DISCOVERY

# MELLODDY

powered  
by **aws**

**AMGEN**



**MERCK**



**Kubermatic**



## PHARMA PARTNERS



**AstraZeneca**



**NOVARTIS**



## PUBLIC PARTNERS



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# THE MELLODDY OBJECTIVES



**On average, bringing one drug to market costs €1.9 billion and 13 years<sup>1</sup>.**

The virtualization of parts of drug discovery by machine learning (ML) is a promising approach to improve efficiencies.

MELLODDY aims to show predictive benefits of modelling across tasks, data types and partners at the largest achievable scale.

<sup>1</sup> DiMasi JA et al., 2016. Innovation in the pharmaceutical industry: new estimates of R&D costs. Journal of Health Economics 47, 20-33.



**In three yearly runs, the increasingly sophisticated platform will learn from:**

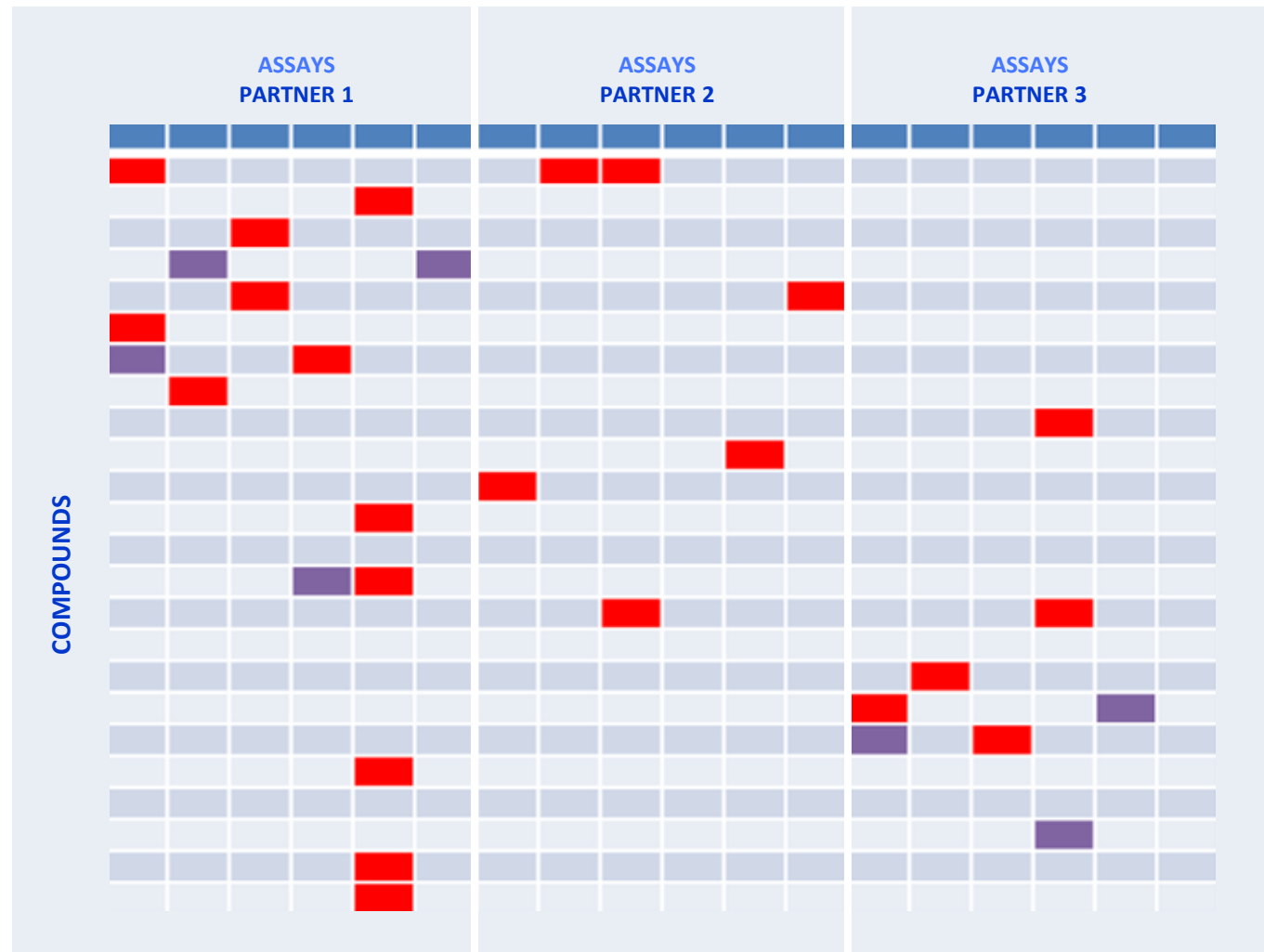
- **> 10 million annotated small molecules**
- **> 1 billion assay biological activity labels**
- **Multiple high-complexity phenotypes at high throughput**
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**Privacy preservation of data and federated models is paramount.**

# MULTI-TASK LEARNING ACROSS PHARMA PARTNERS

Compound and activity data and assay-specific models remain under their owner's control

Multi-task approach across partners to improve predictive performance and applicability



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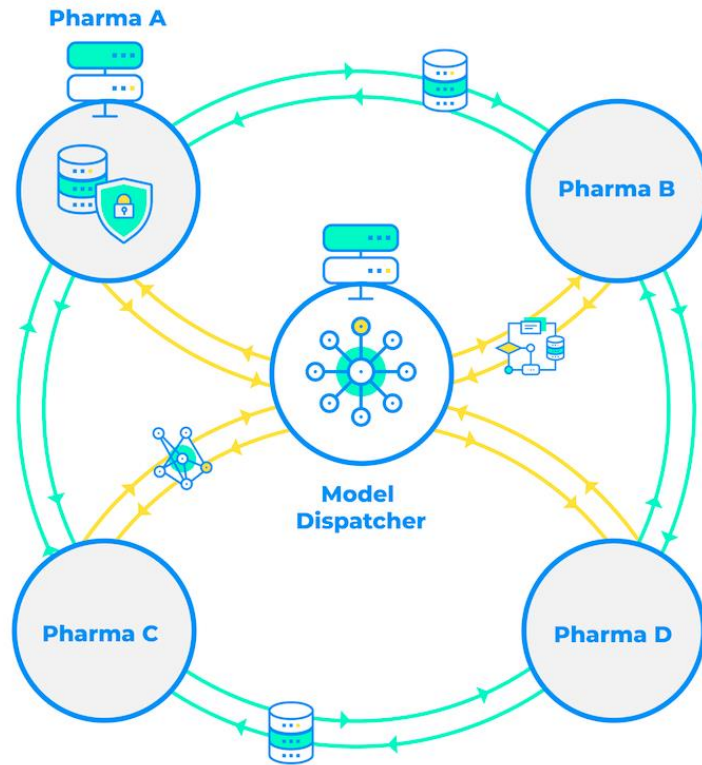
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# COMBINED PRIVACY-PRESERVING FEDERATED MACHINE LEARNING PLATFORM

Sensitive data and assay-specific models remain locked on each pharma's server

Lower level model components are securely exchanged and trained over the network

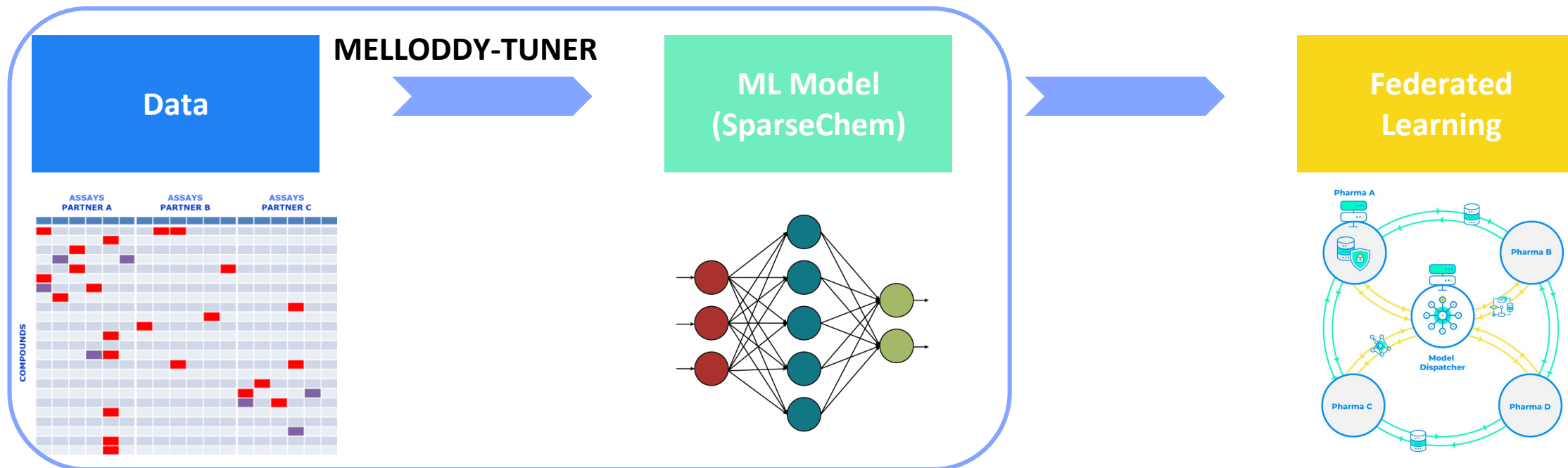
Complex but transparent pre-agreed access arrangements are strictly enforced



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# MELLODDY-TUNER: DATA STANDARDIZATION FOR FEDERATED LEARNING

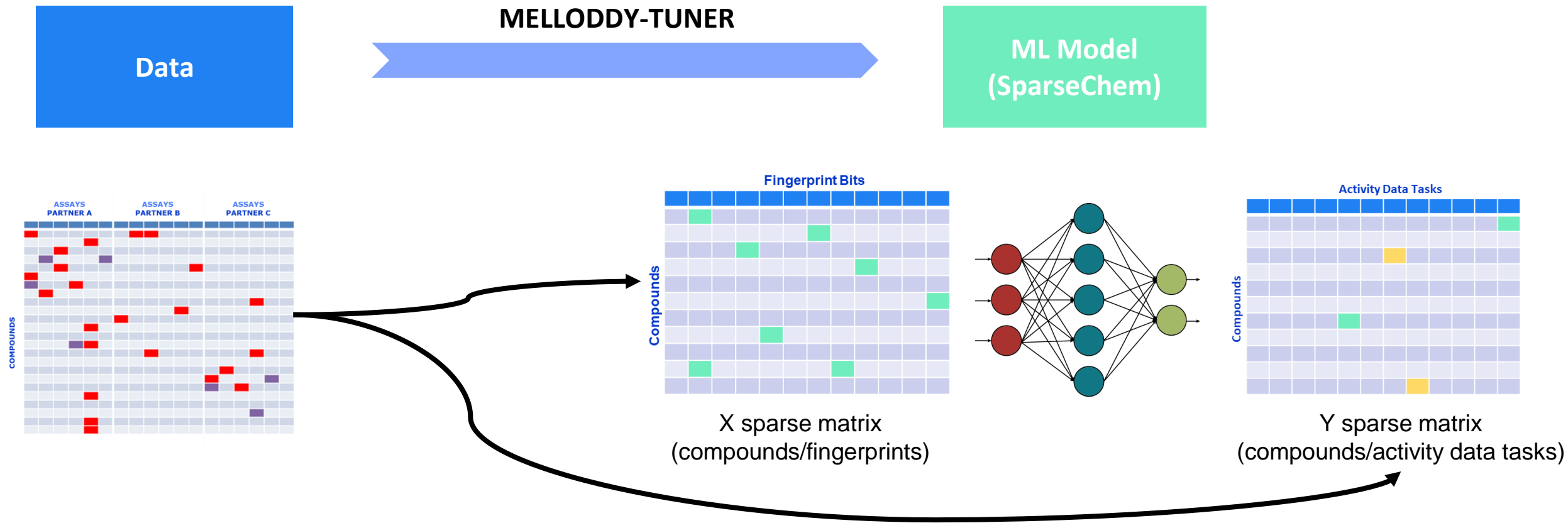


**Standardize data locally at multiple partners**

**Provide suitable input files for machine learning algorithm**

**Guarantee uniform processing within consortium while preserving privacy of partner's data**

# MELLODDY-TUNER: TECHNICAL OBJECTIVE



**Standardize structures & activity data to create sparse matrices compatible with SparseChem**



# MELLODDY-TUNER: DATA STANDARDIZATION FOR FEDERATED LEARNING

## Standardize smiles

- Standardize structures:

charge\_parent

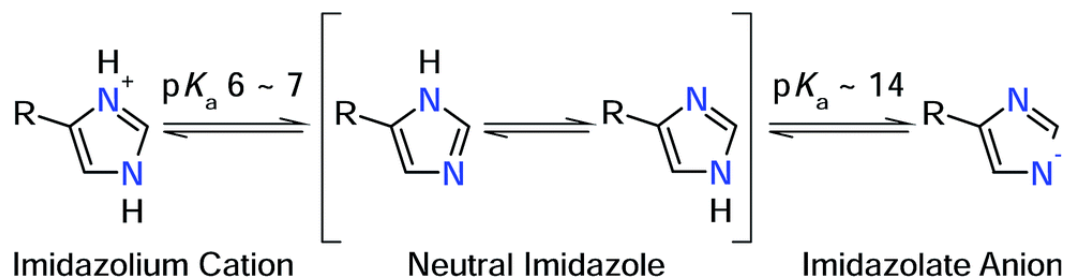
isotope\_parent

stereo\_parent

**tautomer\_parent**

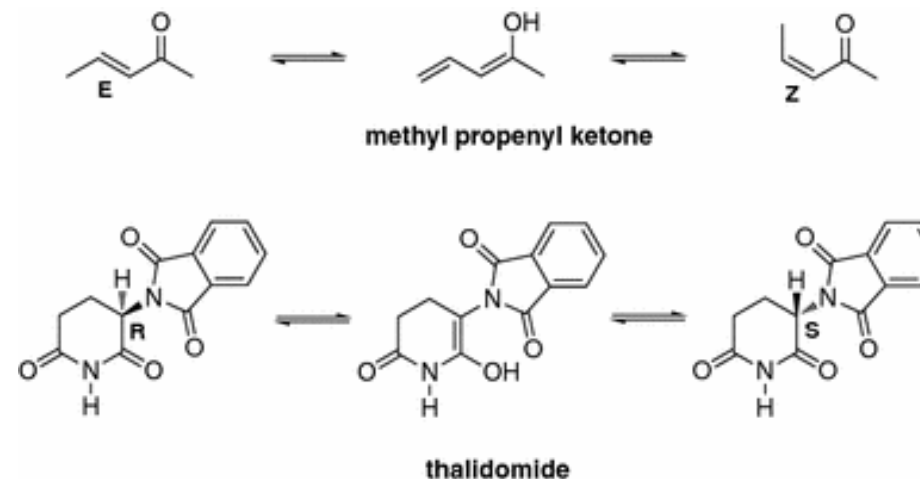
# STRUCTURE STANDARDIZATION

One structure may not be enough



Horch et al., *RSC Adv.*, **4**, 54091-54095 (2014)

Tautomerization can change stereochemistry



Sitzmann, M. et al., *J Comput Aided Mol Des* **24**, 521-551 (2010)



**Objective: Make most consistent choice for standardization among several partners**

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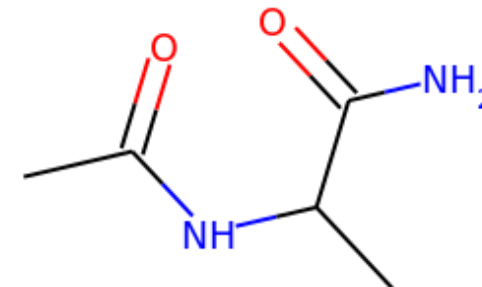
## TAUTOMERIZATION

RDKit2019.03

MolVS



*tautomer\_parent*



Updated  
"TautomerTransform"



*tautomer\_parent*



No tautomerization of  
esters and amides



TautomerTransform('1,3 (thio)keto/enol f', '[CX4!H0]-[C;!\$([C]([CH1]))(=[O,S,Se,Te;X1])-[N,O])=[O,S,Se,Te;X1]')



Moving Hydrogen from first atom to last atom



# STRUCTURE STANDARDIZATION

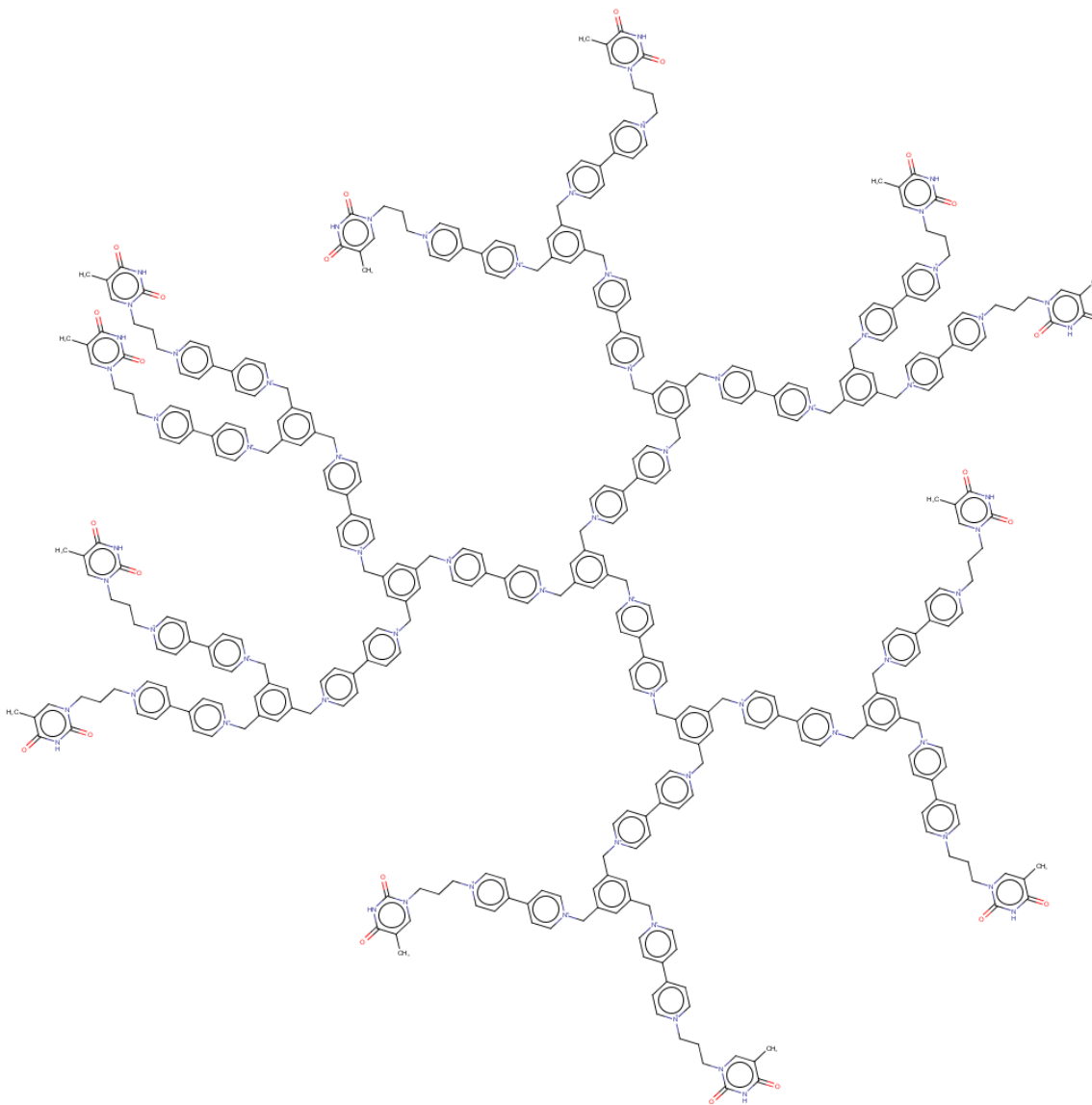
## Standardization can take time:

1. Enumerate all possible tautomers
2. Score all enumerated tautomers
3. Return canonical tautomer

Limit molecule size

(max. number heavy atoms)

Limit number of enumerated tautomers



Molecule from ChEMBL25  
Standardization time: ~30 min

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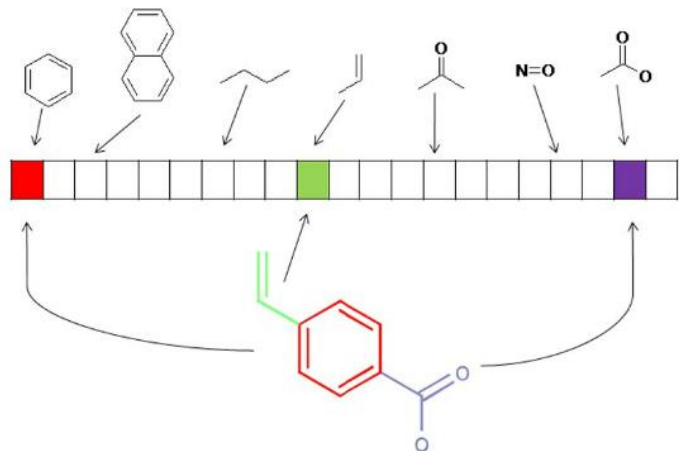
Standardize smiles

Calculate descriptors

- Calculate fingerprint
- **Cluster fingerprints into folds using locality-sensitive hashing (LSH)**

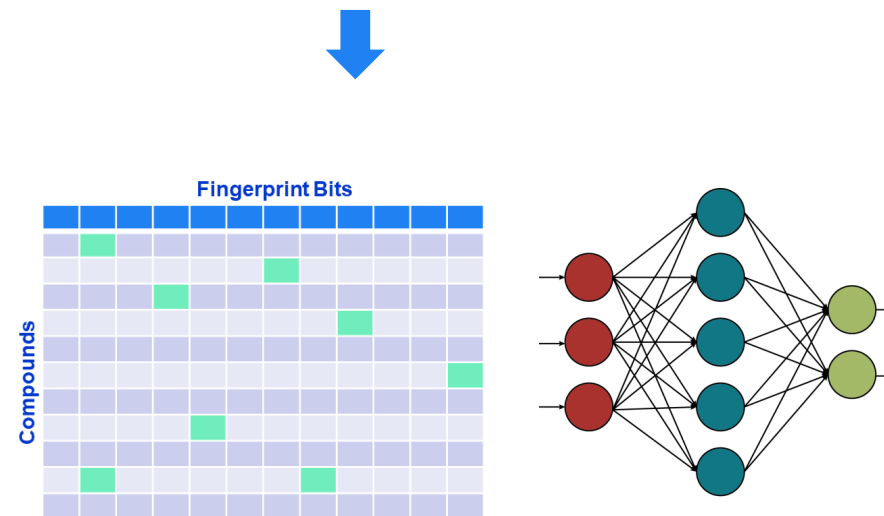
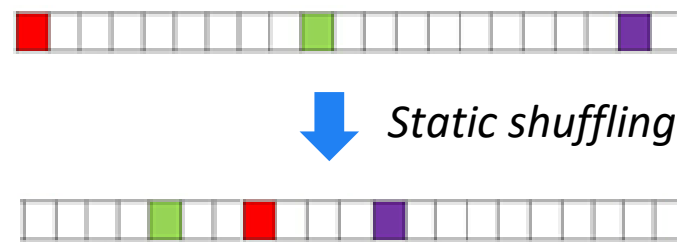
# FINGERPRINT

## 1. Representation of molecules as bit vectors (Morgan Fingerprint with certain length):



➔ Fingerprint can be „reverse-engineered“  
(Tuan Le' et al., ChemRxiv (2020))

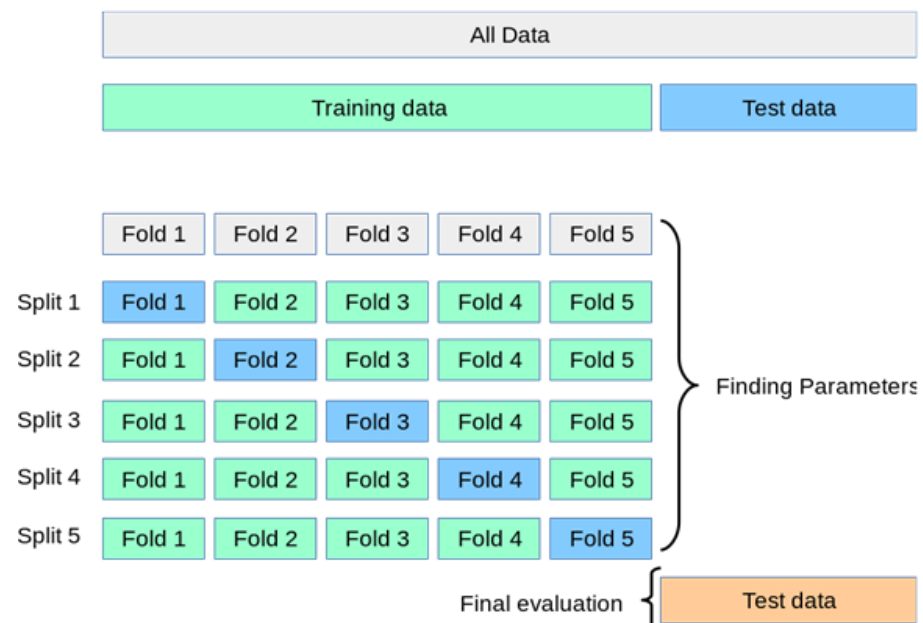
## 2. Static shuffling of bit positions using secret key



Molecular fingerprints are part of X matrix for SparseChem

# FINGERPRINT TRAINING, VALIDATION AND TEST SETS

Evaluation of ML model performance requires data split into training, validation & test sets



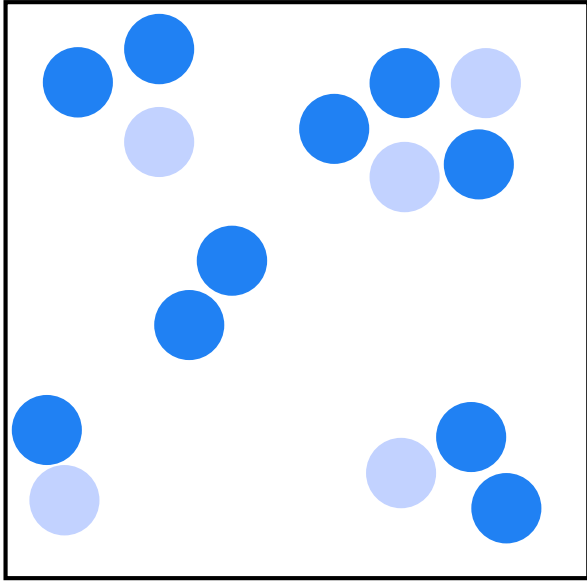
[Scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/cross\\_validation.html](https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/cross_validation.html)



**How can we consistently assign compounds to folds across multiple partners?**

**How to guarantee that identical compounds from different partners land in the same fold?**

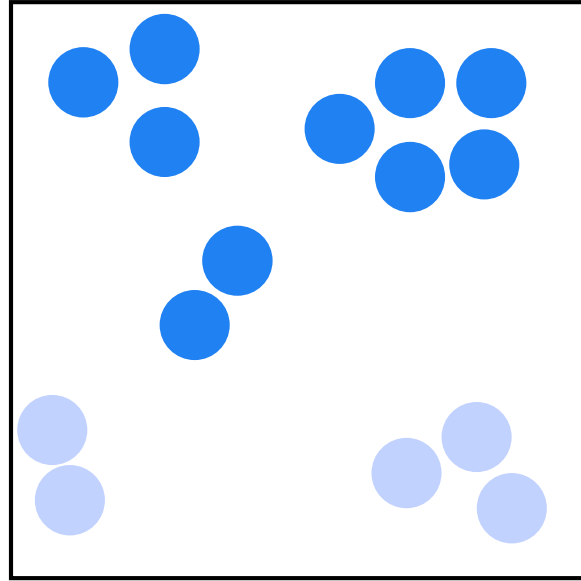
## TRAIN/TEST SPLIT: RANDOM VS CLUSTER BASED SPLIT



● Training data

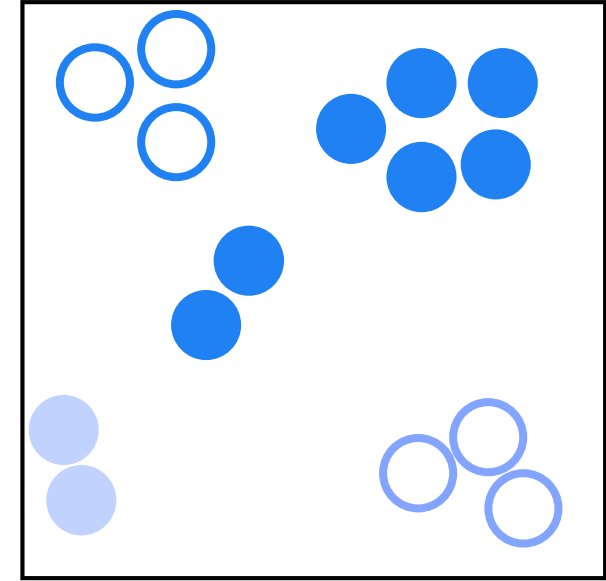
● Test data

**Random Split:**  
Overly optimistic  
performance assessment



Training data w/o assay data

**Cluster based split:**  
More realistic  
performance assessment



Test data w/o assay data

**Cluster based split:**  
Uneven distribution of  
assay data among clusters



perfect clustering not required, but privacy-preserving is necessary

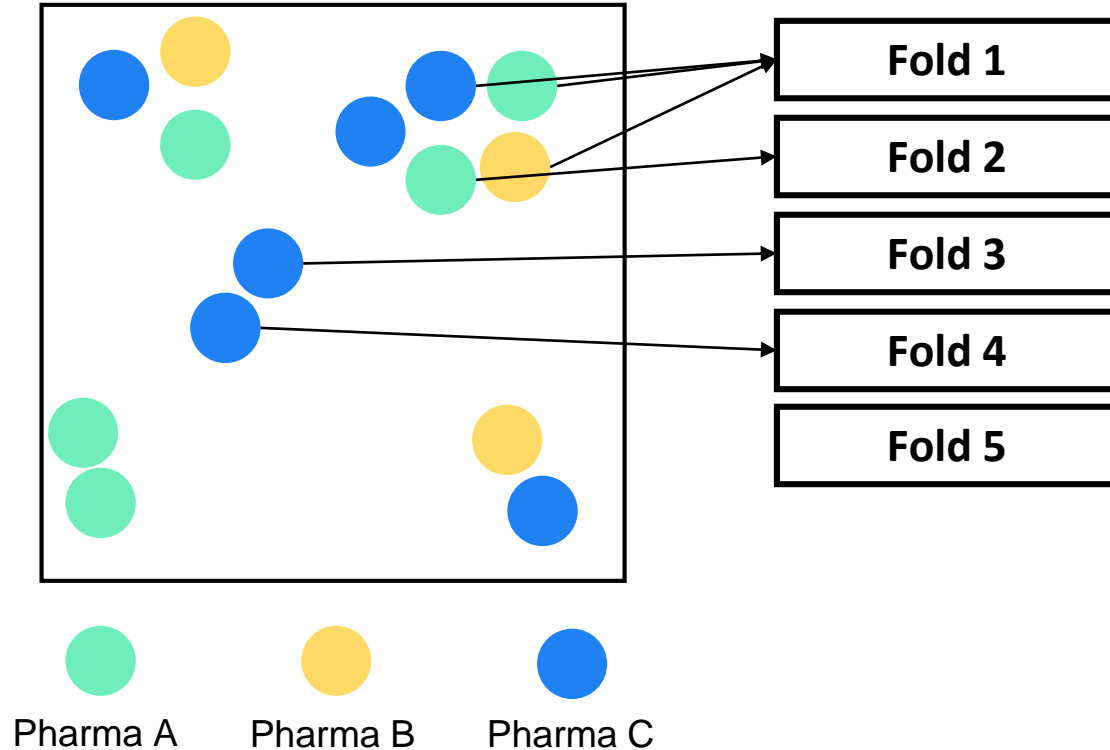


# TRAIN/VALIDATION/TEST FOLD: LOCALITY-SENSITIVE HASHING

Proposed and implemented  
by Jaak Simm (KU Leuven)

## Locality-sensitive hashing:

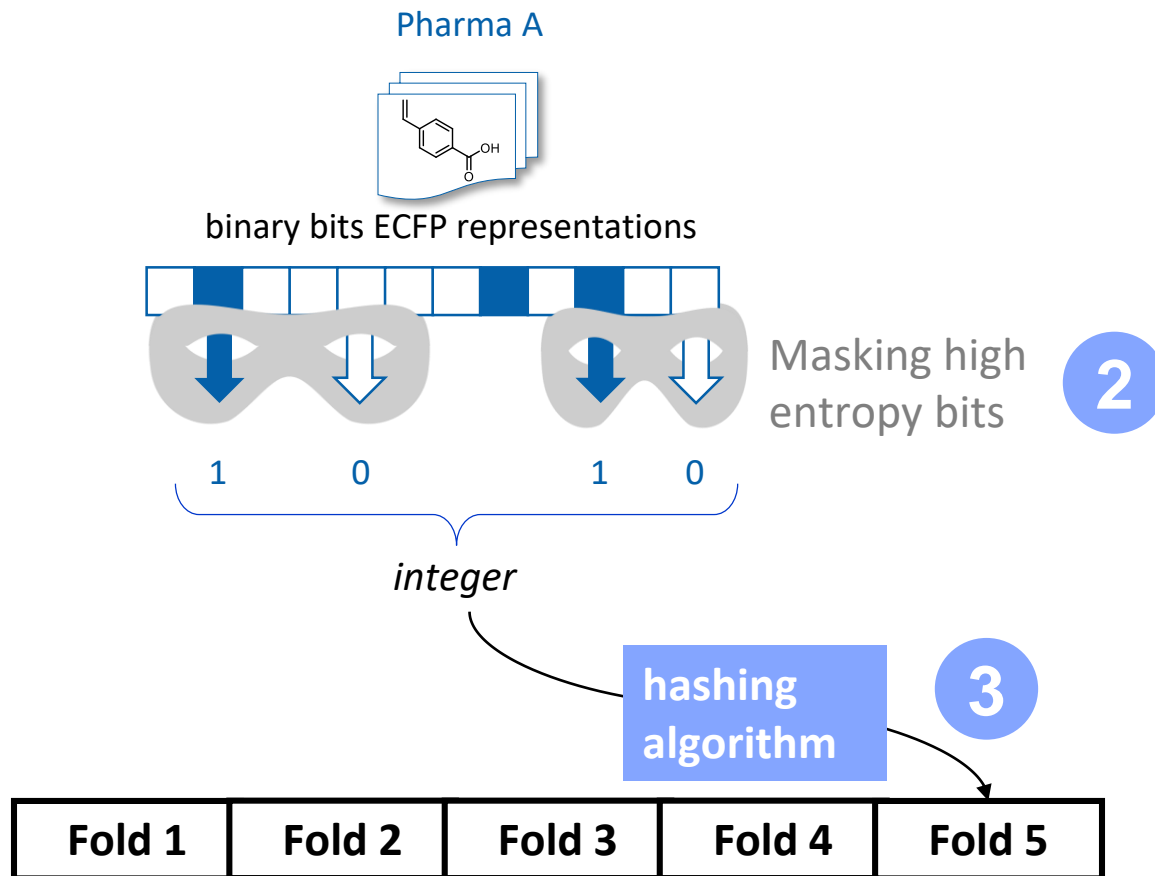
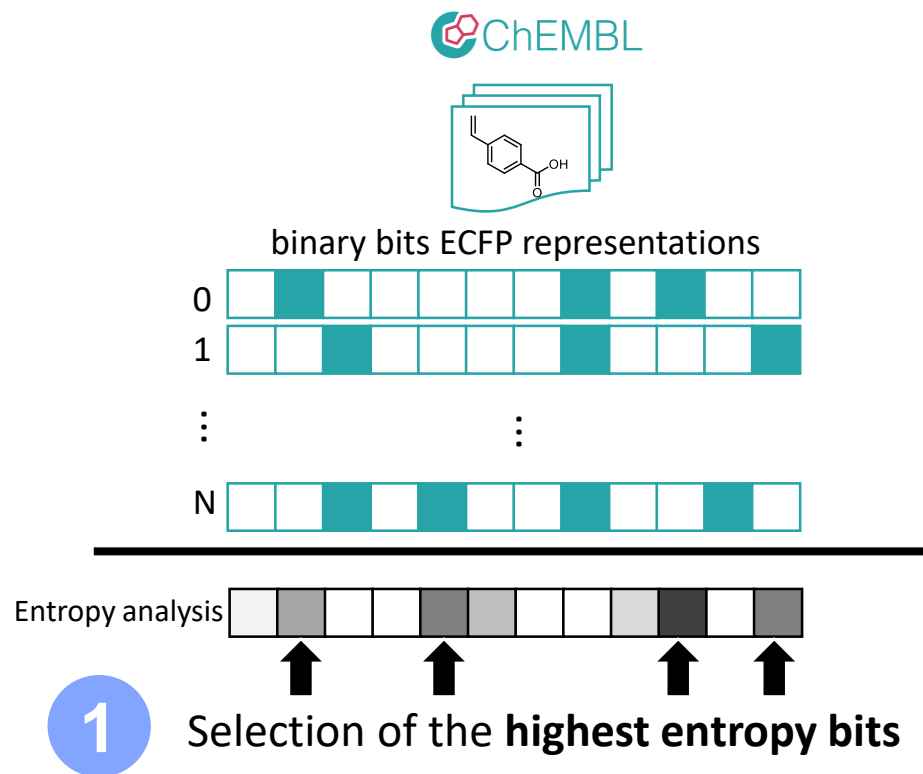
Hashing similar items into same bucket(s) with high probability



How can we perform LSH clustering  
in the MELLODDY consortium?

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Figures from Noe Sturm (Novartis)

# MELLODDY-TUNER: DATA STANDARDIZATION FOR FEDERATED LEARNING

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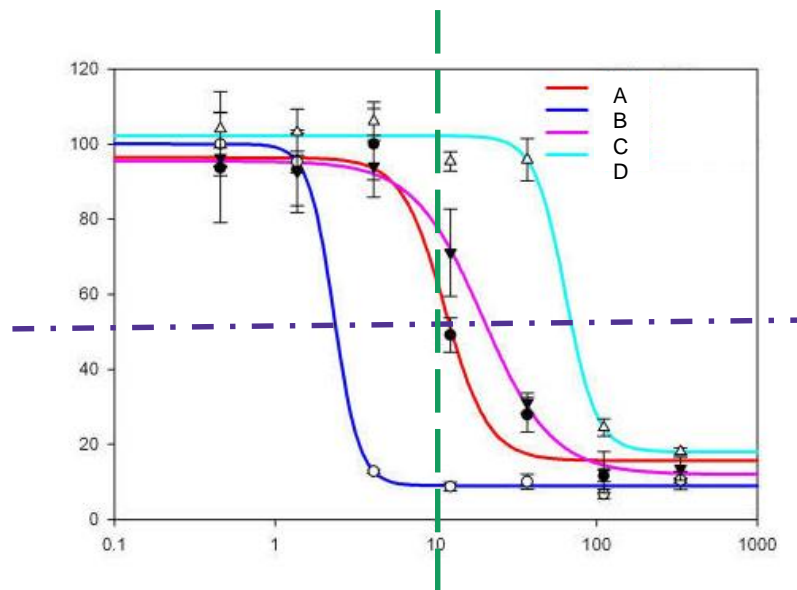
Calculate descriptors

Format activity data

- Remove data from failed compounds
- Aggregate replicates
- Filter out tasks not fulfilling minimum number of actives/inactives

# ACTIVITY DATA

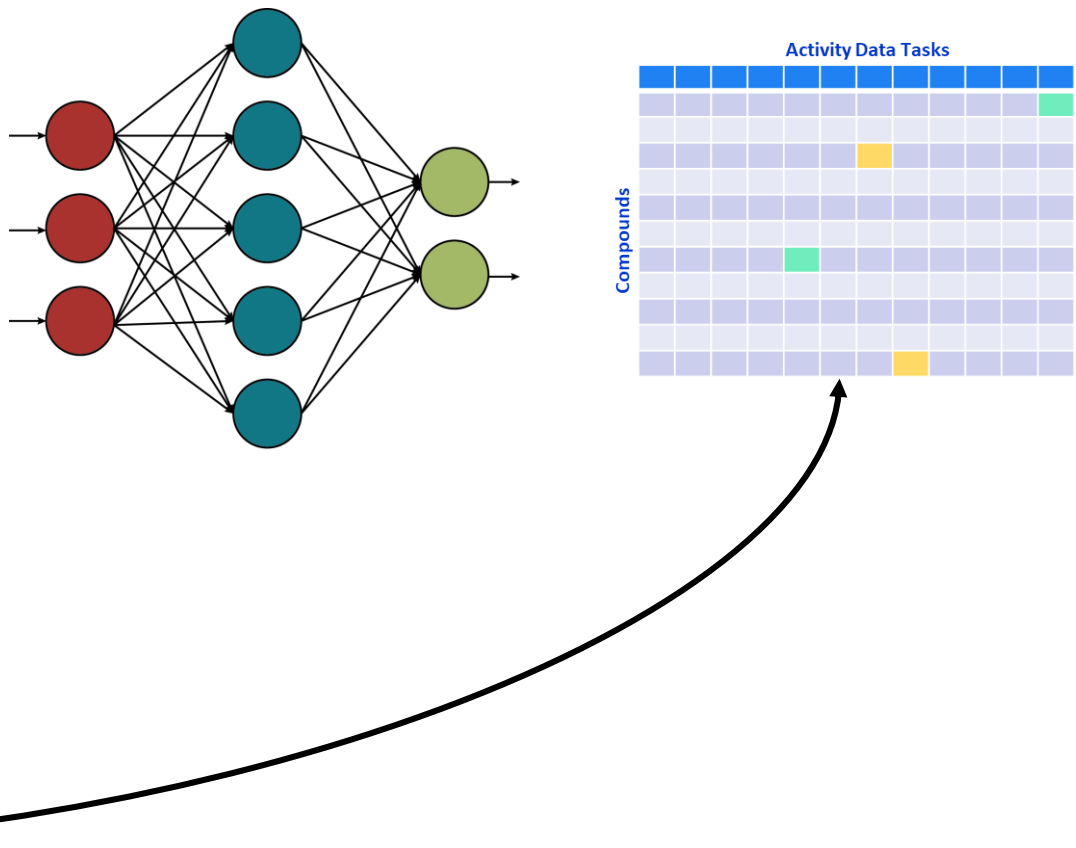
## BIT VECTOR REPRESENTATION



Assay	A	B	C	D
%Ctrl @ 10µM	70	8	82	100
Activity class	0	1	0	0



Activity fingerprints are part of Y matrix for SparseChem



# ACTIVITY DATA

## DATA AGGREGATION AND FILTERING

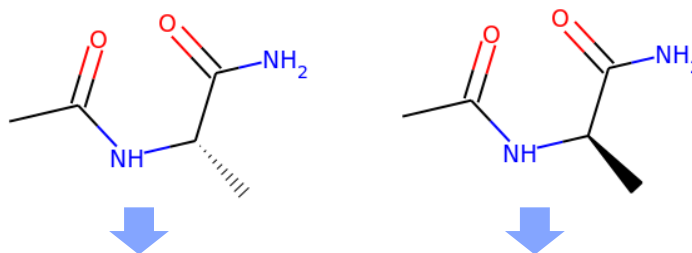
Remove data of „failed“ compounds

Aggregate data of replicates

Filter out tasks not fulfilling criteria for SparseChem

„Failed“ compounds like

```
m1 = Chem.MolFromSmiles('CO(C)C')
```



Same fingerprint for different compounds  
(e.g. stereochemistry not considered)

Guarantee sufficient amount of both classes in all folds



**Analysis of ML performance is possible**



Assay	A	B	C	D
%Ctrl @ 10µM	70	8	82	100
Activity class	0	1	0	0

Assay	A	B	C	D
%Ctrl @ 10µM	90	23	15	100
Activity class	0	0	1	0

**Majority voting approach:**

„Majority“ class wins for tasks with multiple datapoints

„Minority“ class wins for tasks with draws



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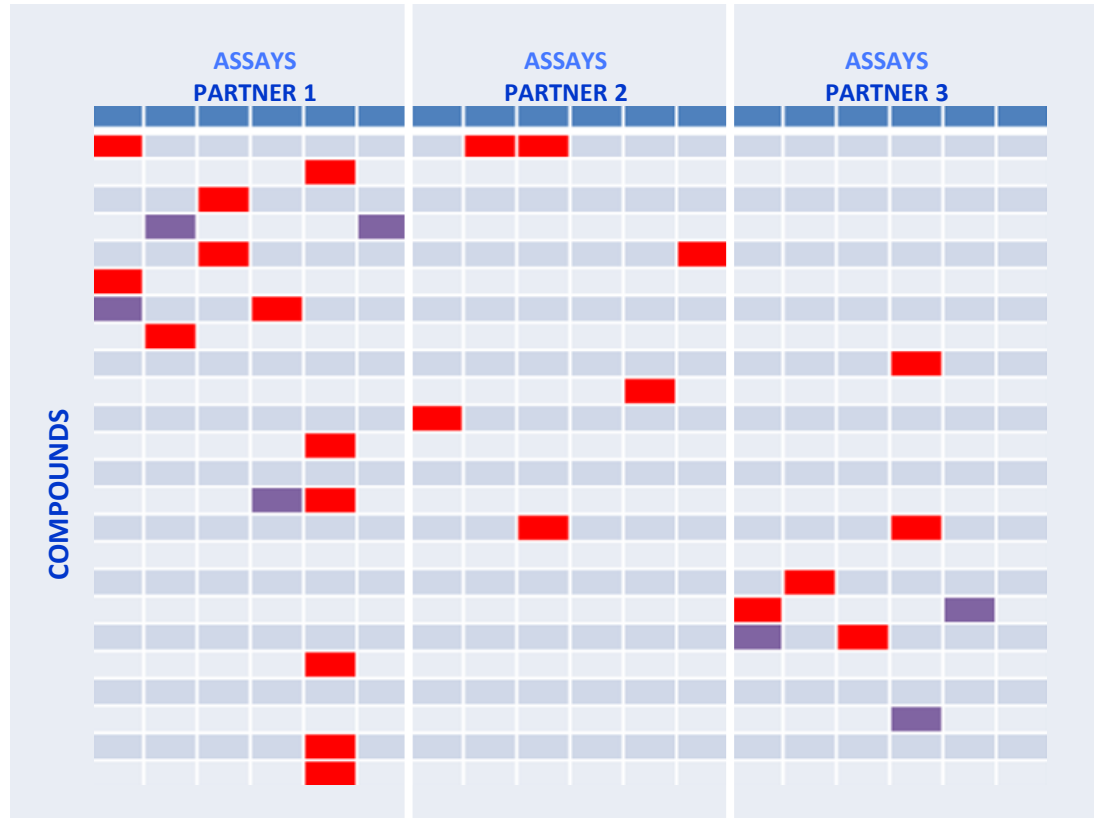
Format activity data

Convert to matrices

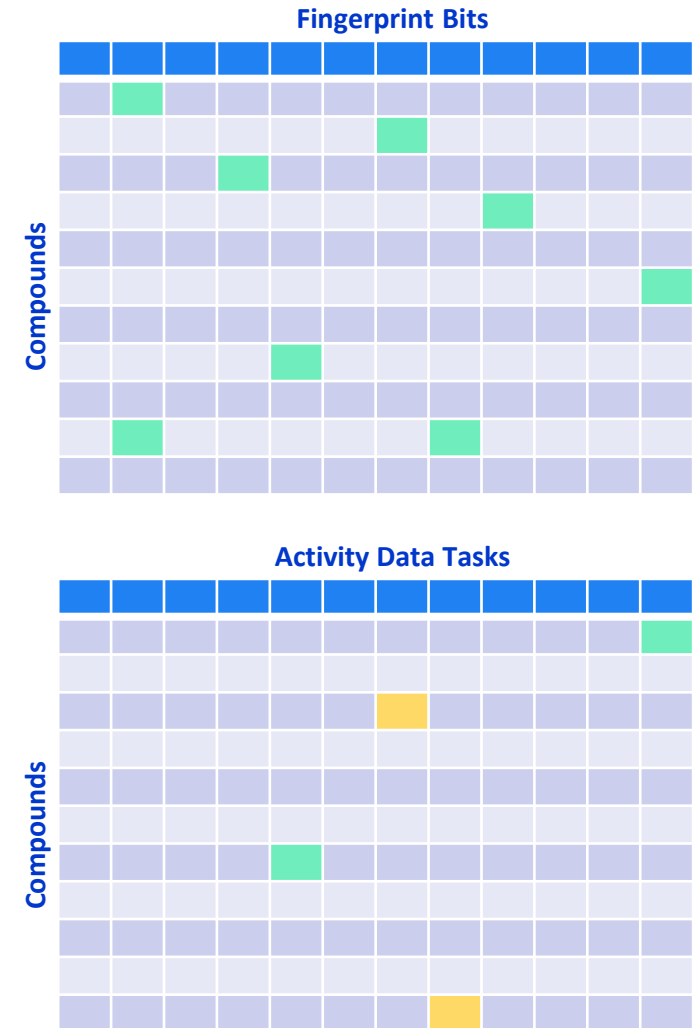
- Create X sparse matrix  
(compound/fingerprint)
- Create Y sparse matrix  
(compound/activity data tasks)

# SPARSE MATRICES

Dataframes

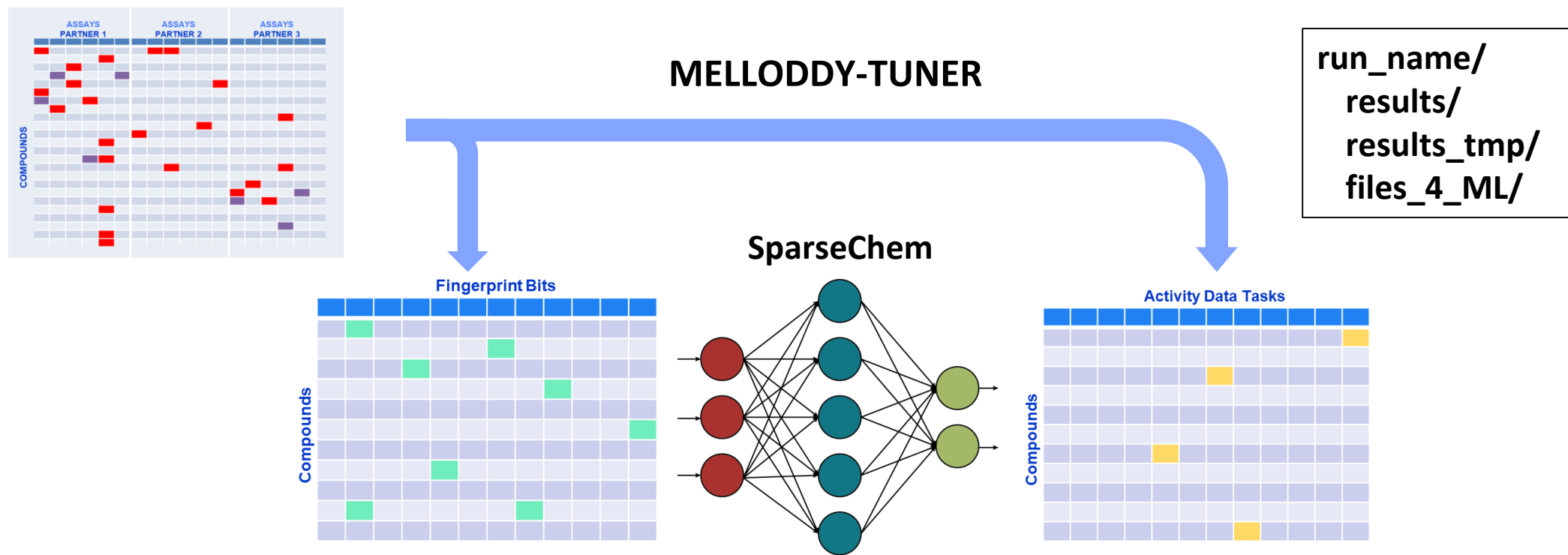


Sparse matrices



# SPARSE MATRICES

## MELLODDY-TUNER & SPARSECHEM

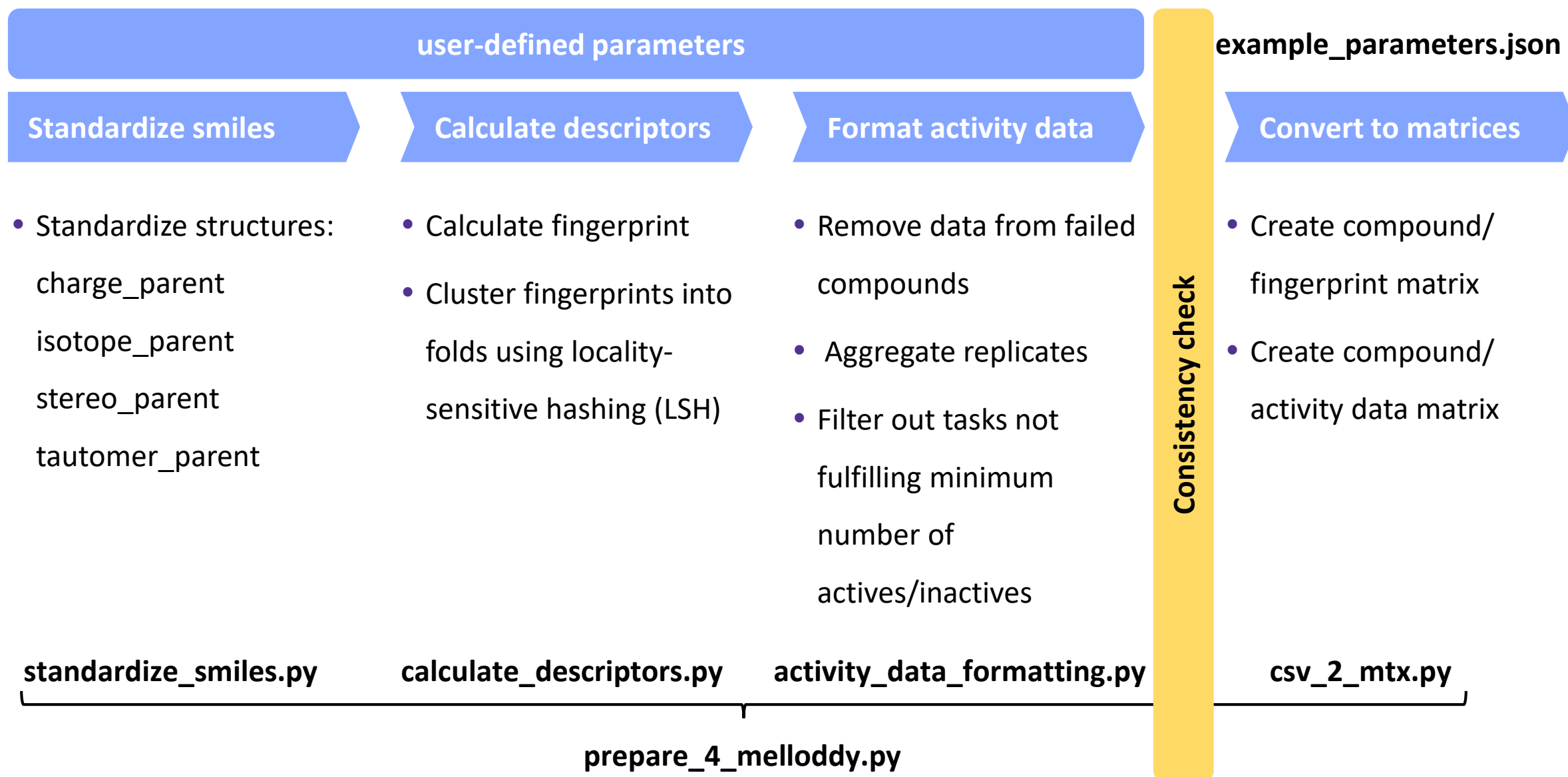


MELLODDY-TUNER provides dataframes of standardized data (results), mapping tables & excluded data (results\_tmp) and SparseChem-compatible matrices (files\_4\_ML)



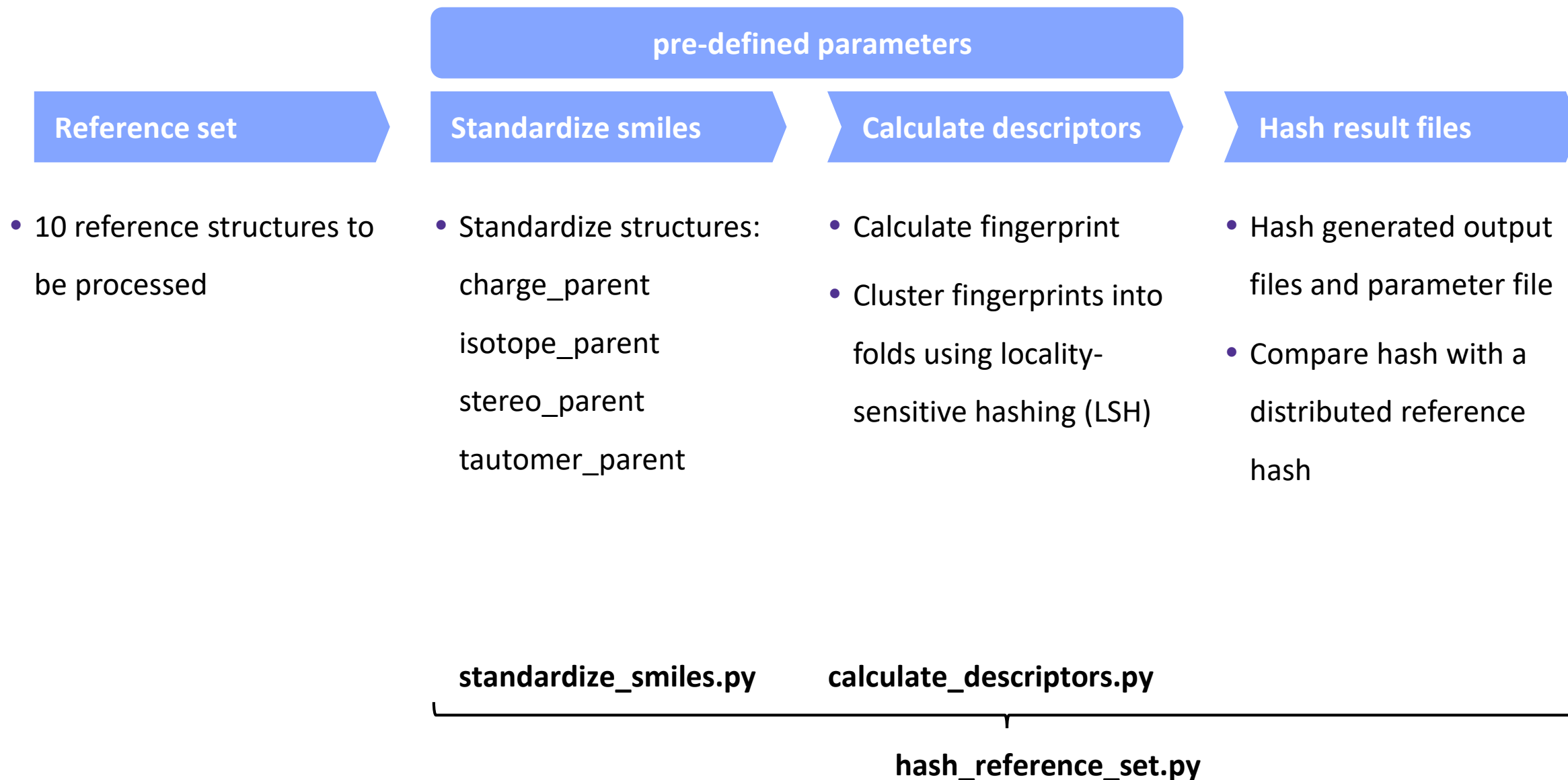
# MELLODDY-TUNER

## SUMMARY



# MELLODDY-TUNER

## CONSISTENCY CHECK



# MELLODDY-TUNER: TECHNICAL DETAILS

[MELLODDY-TUNER@Github](https://github.com/MELLODDY-TUNER)

bin
melloddy_tuner
tests/structure_preparation_test
unit_test
.dockerignore
.gitignore
.gitlab-ci.yml
Dockerfile
Dockerfile_alternative
LICENSE
README.md
environment_melloddy_tuner.yml
environment_melloddy_tuner_generic...
install_environment.sh
setup.py



**Python 3.6 or higher**



**Conda environment**



**Docker image available**

**Machine Learning Code (local version):**

[SparseChem@Github](https://github.com/SparseChem)

## OBJECTIVE YEAR 1

# MELLODDY Meets Year One Objective

✓ World's first Federated Learning model  
for drug discovery trained at scale

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*Press release Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> , 2020*

# MELLODDY PROJECT

## YEAR 2

Hugo Ceulemans (Janssen Pharmaceuticals):

*“[...] Over the next year we’ll turn our focus on studying the hypothesis that multi-partnered modeling will yield superior predictive models for drug discovery.”*

*Press release Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> , 2020*

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