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Real Time 3D Design in 2D!

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How nice would it to be…

…to draw a molecule in the 2D sketcher and see it grow sensibly within the active site in the 3D viewport?

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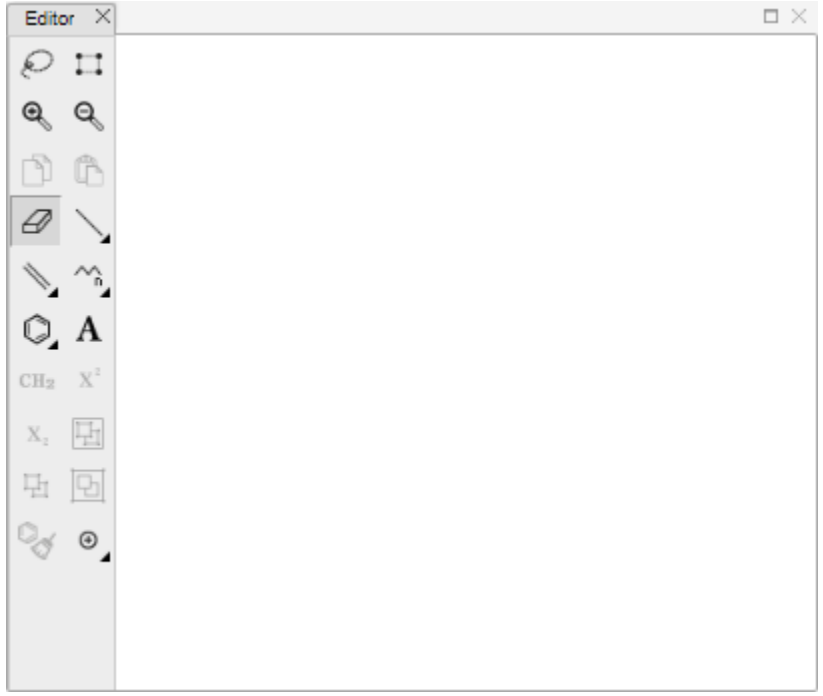

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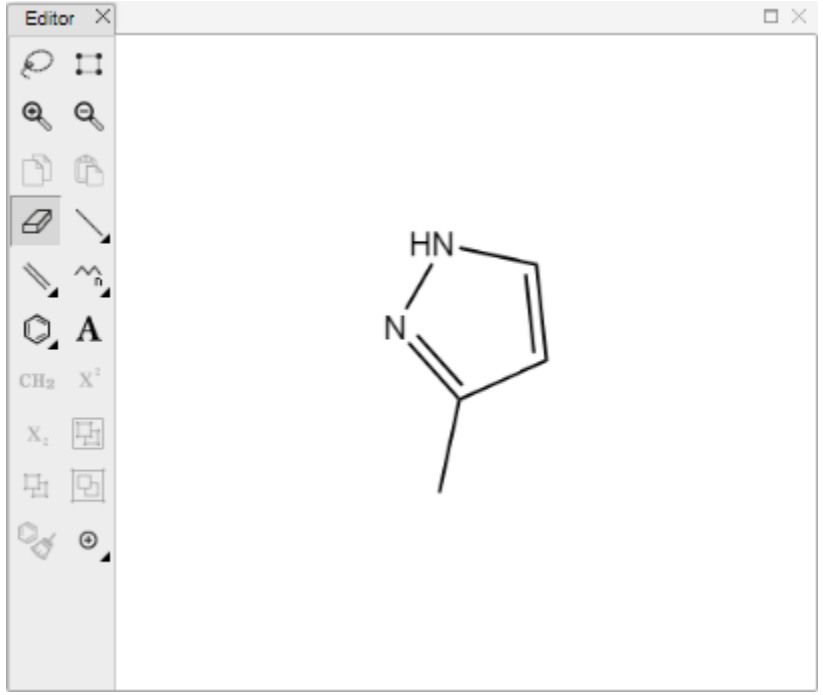

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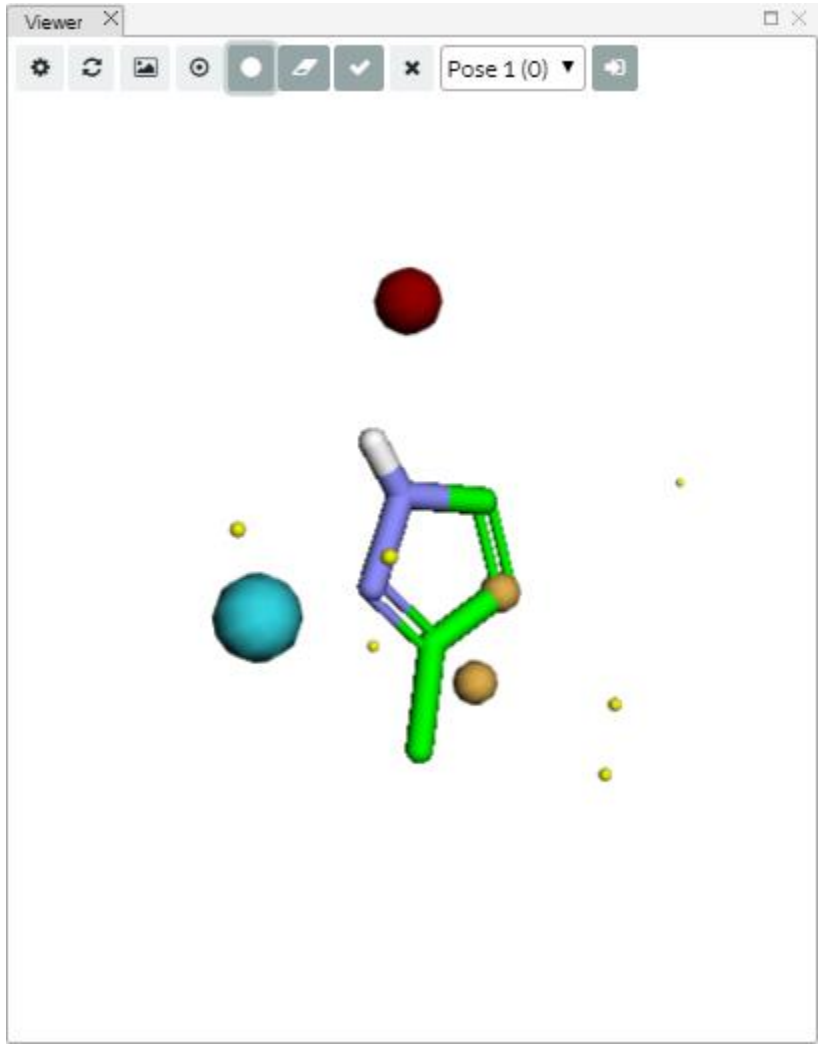

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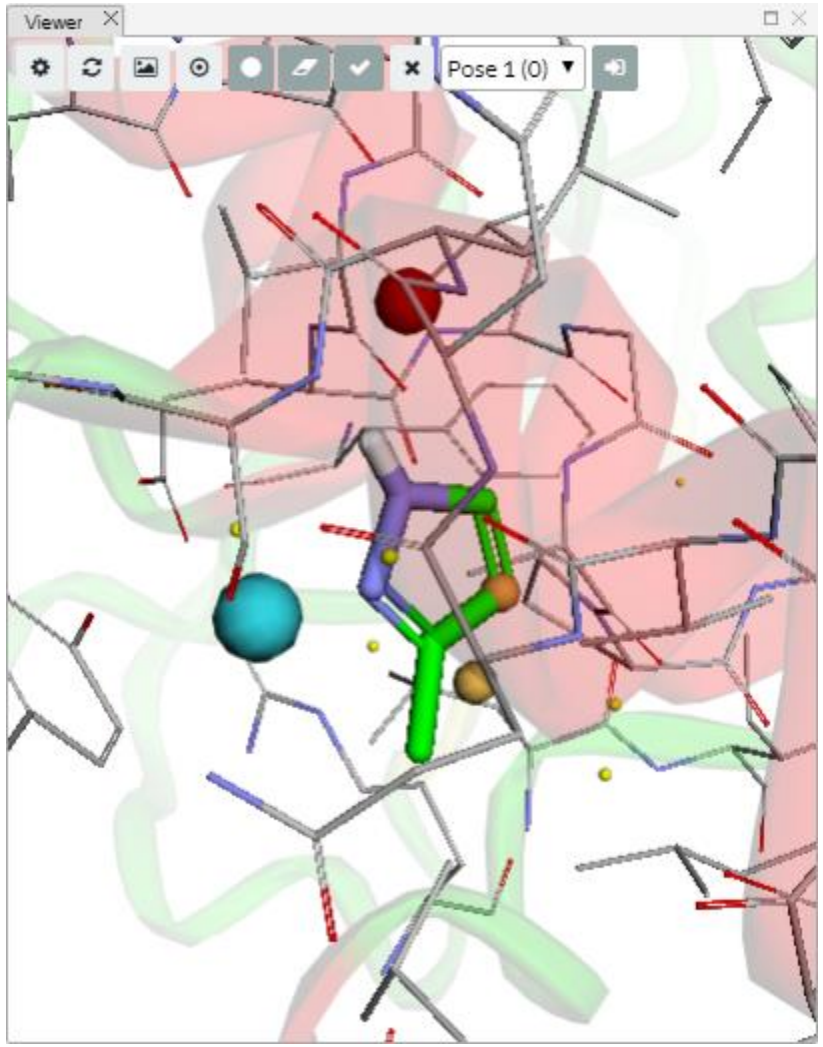

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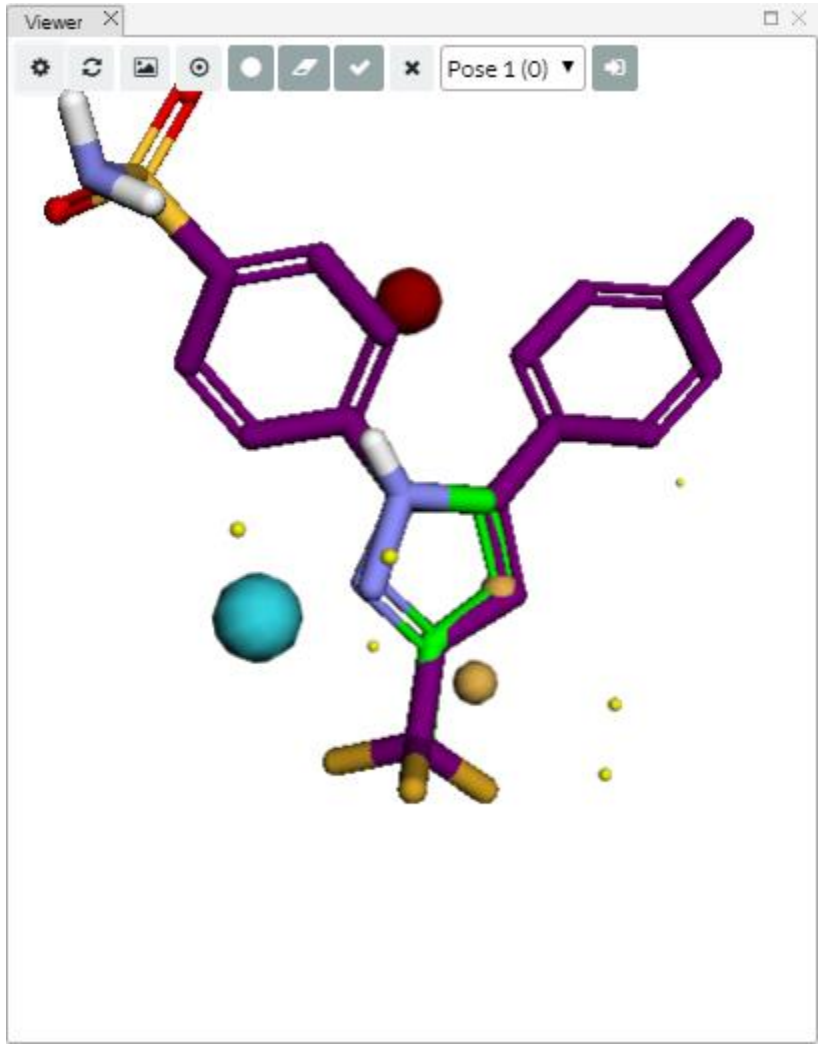

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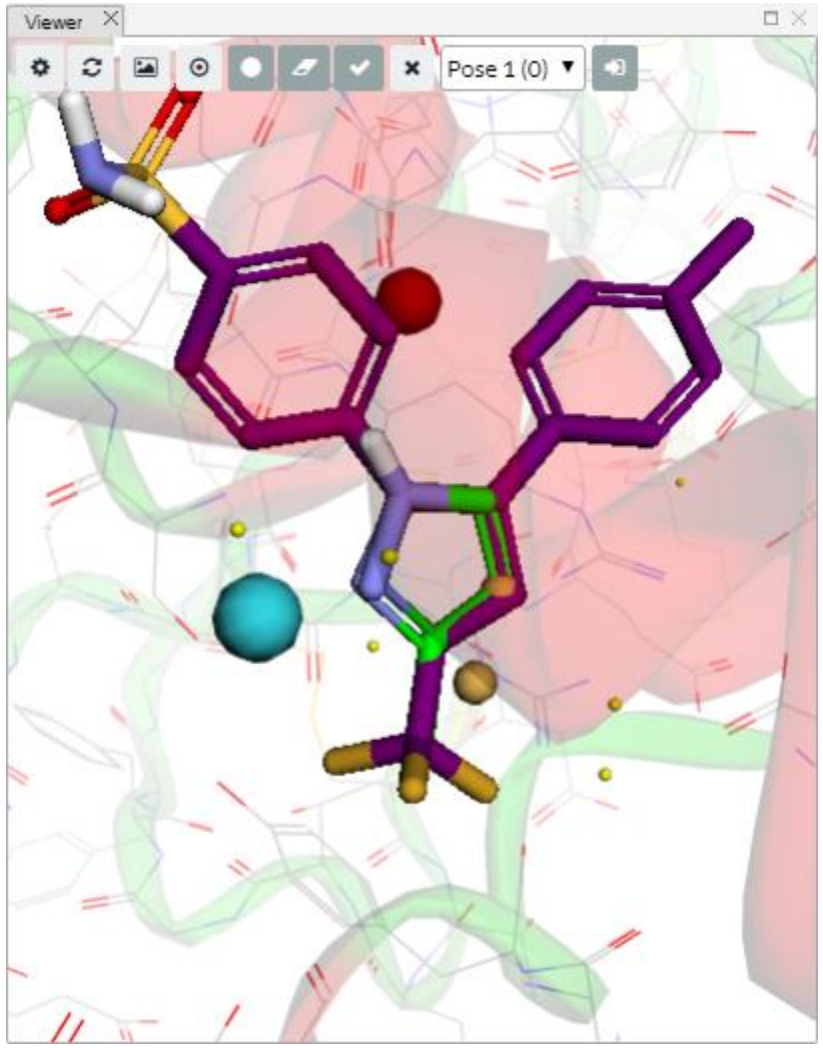

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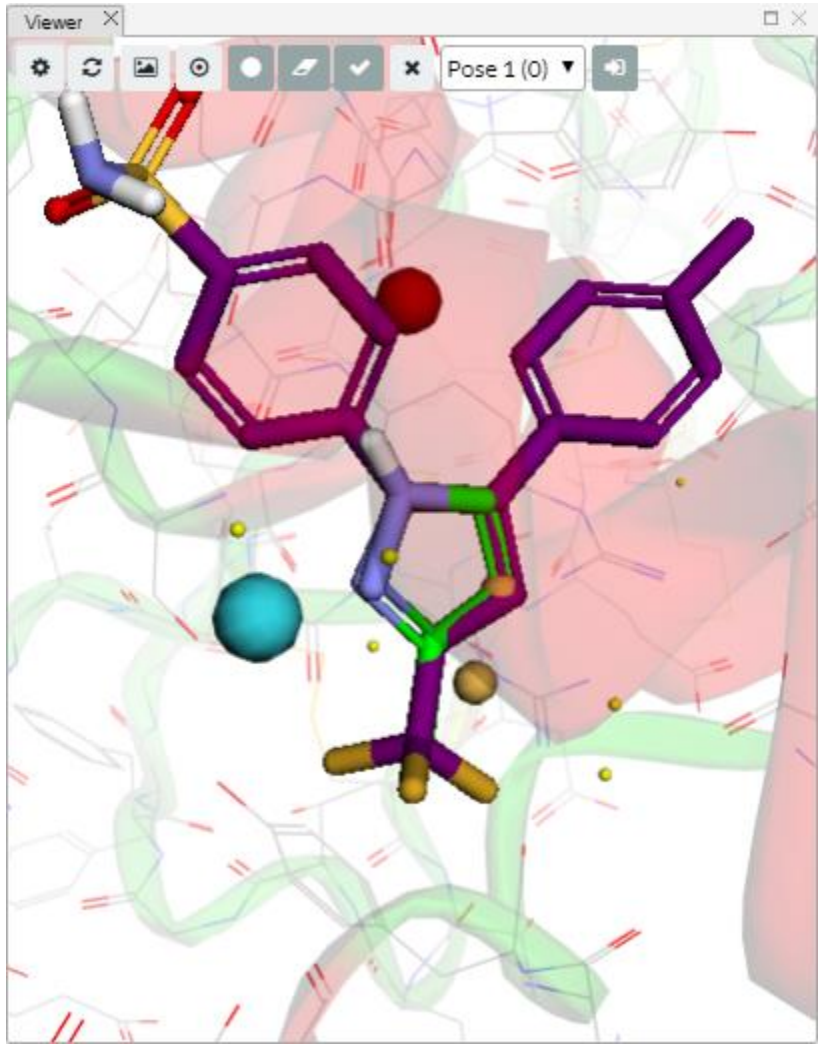
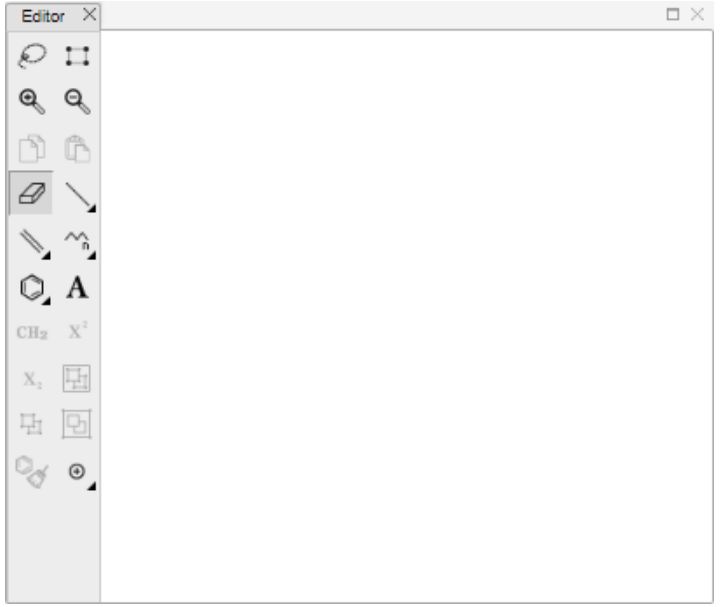
  - then the *grow3D* process begins



A simple flow chart will help: start from blank

Look at disconnected fragments which make up the sketch

We'll keep it simple and start from a single fragment added to a blank 2D canvas



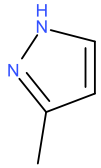
Has the number of 2D frags changed?

YES

Are there more frags than before?

YES

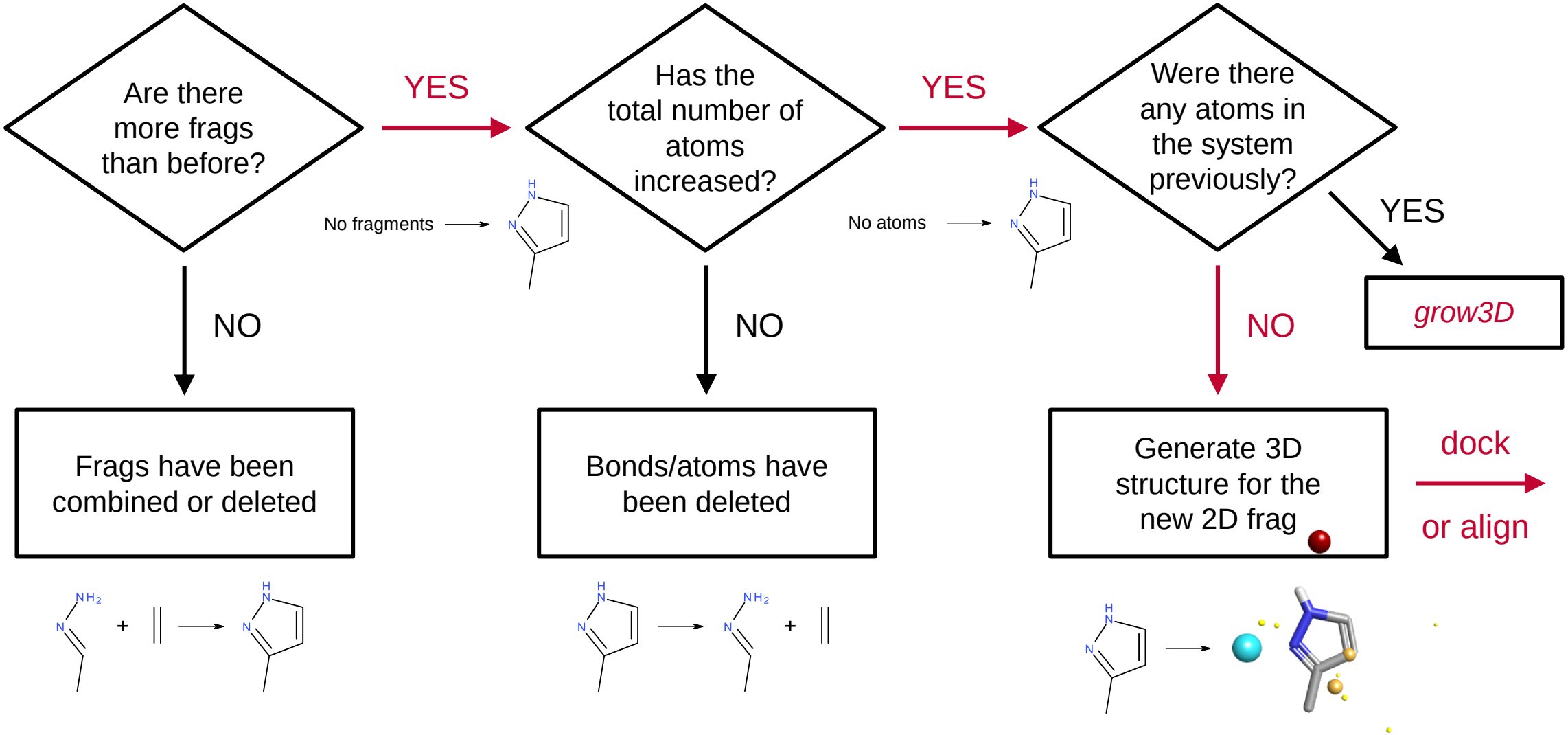
No fragments



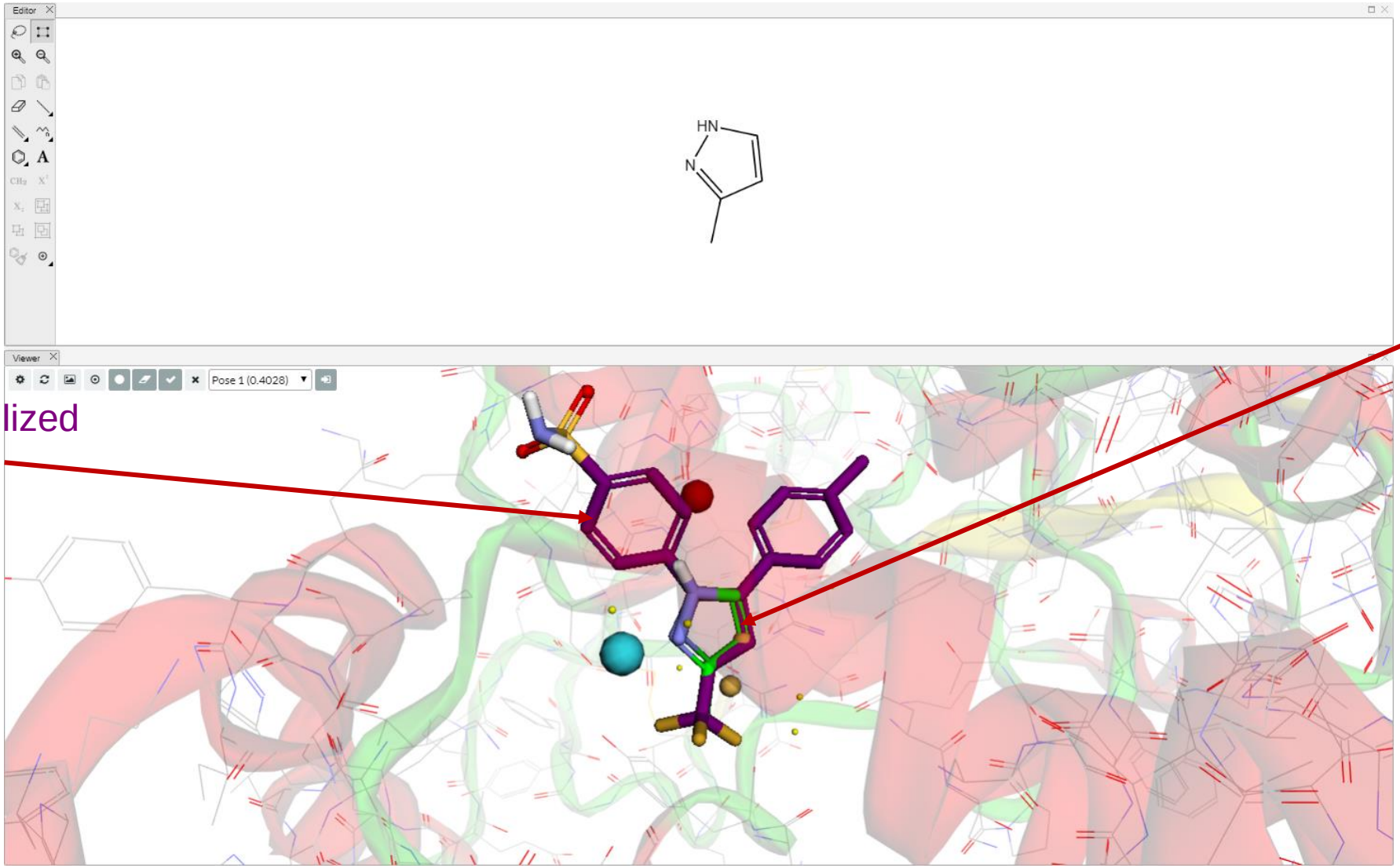
NO

NO

A simple flow chart will help: initial 3D design generation



Initial placement of the first 3D design in the 3LN1 pocket



Co-crystallized celecoxib (purple)

Aligned 3-methyl-pyrazole (green)

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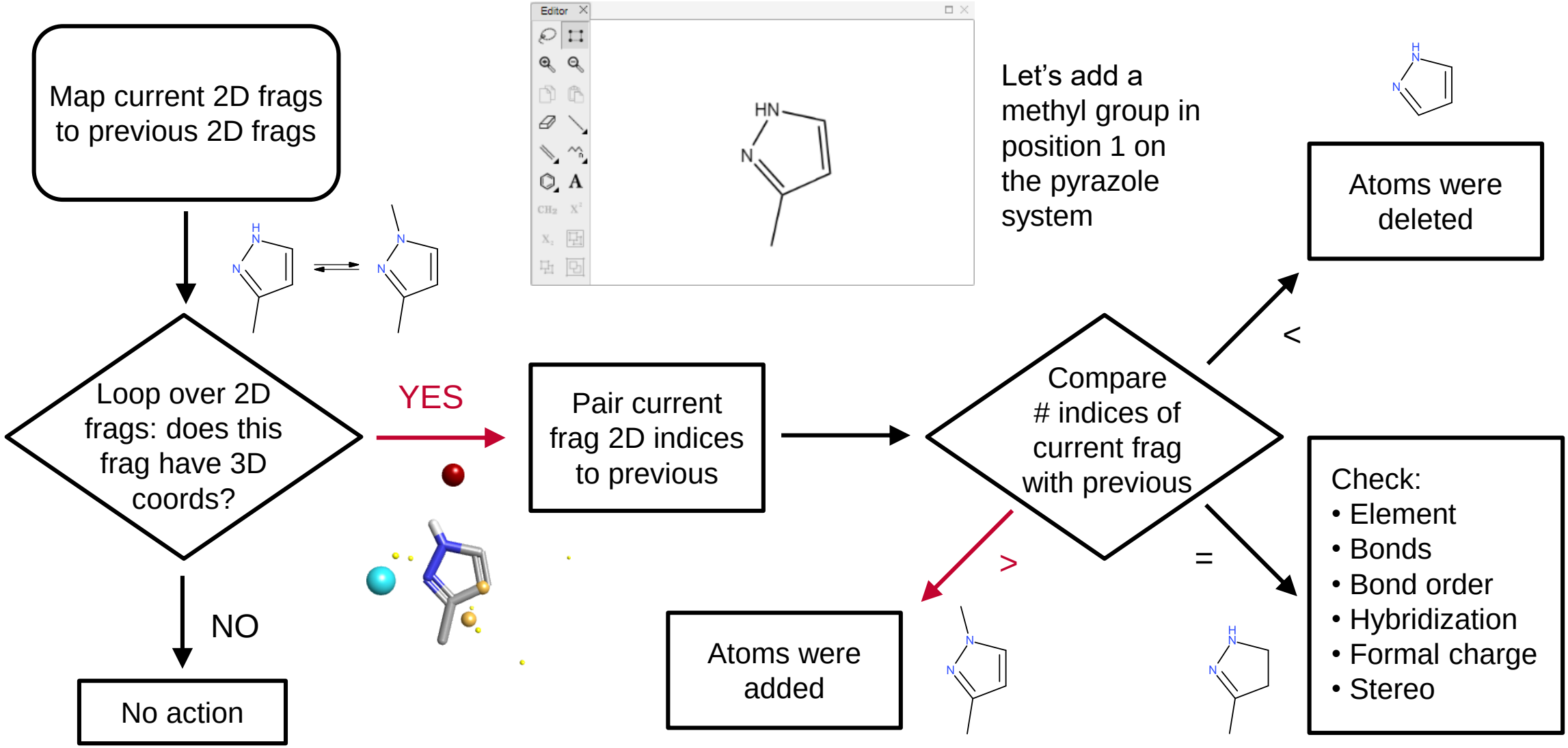
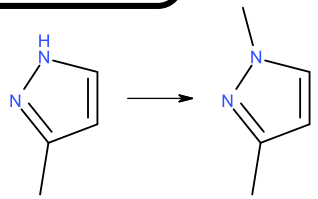


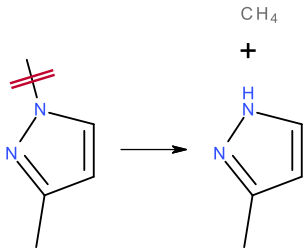
A simple flow chart will help: growing the 3D design

Methyl was easy, can I have more of those, please?

A methyl group was added



- Find bonds to added atoms
- Delete those bonds and cap with hydrogens



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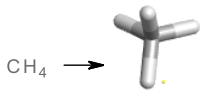
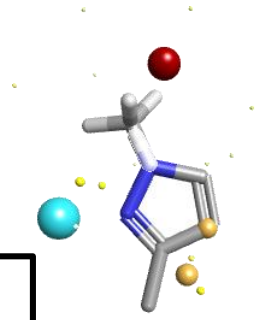
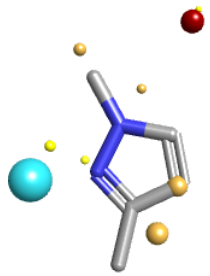


Align frag Hs with parent's heavy atoms and vice versa



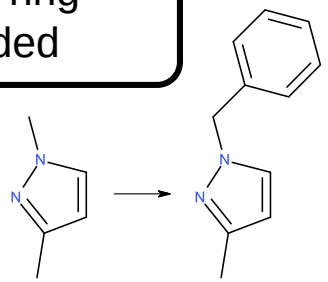
Bond to parent with appropriate bond order



Ready for next 3D growth iteration!

A simple flow chart will help: scoring 3D designs

A phenyl ring was added



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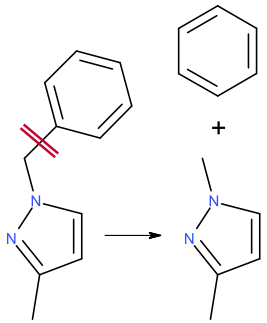

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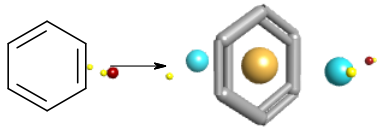

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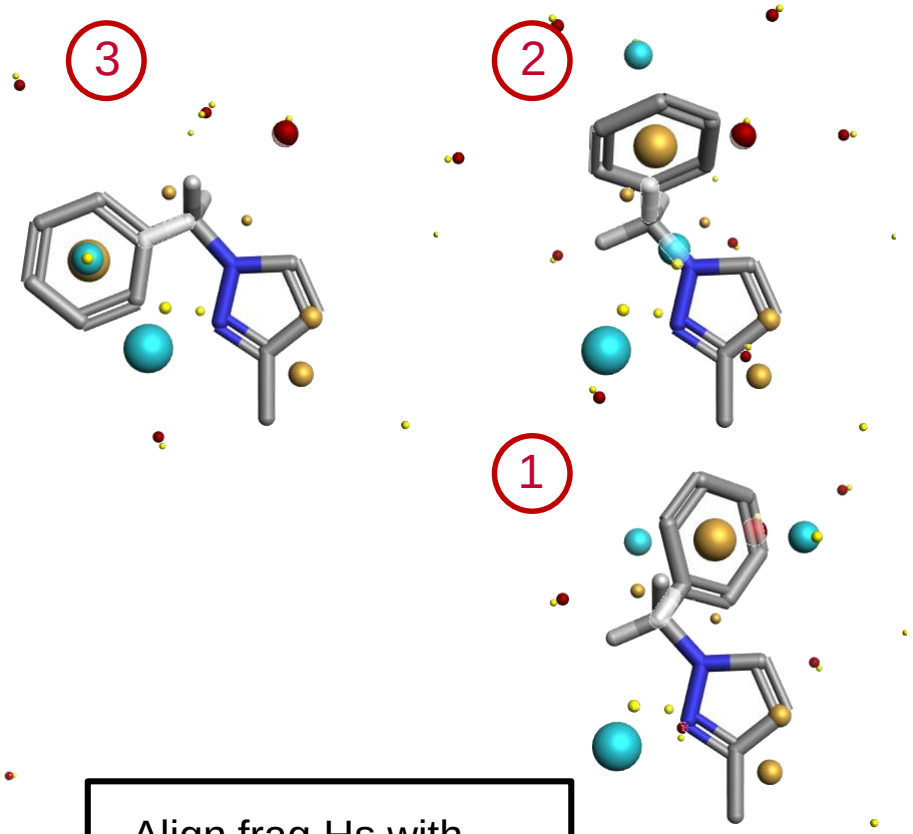

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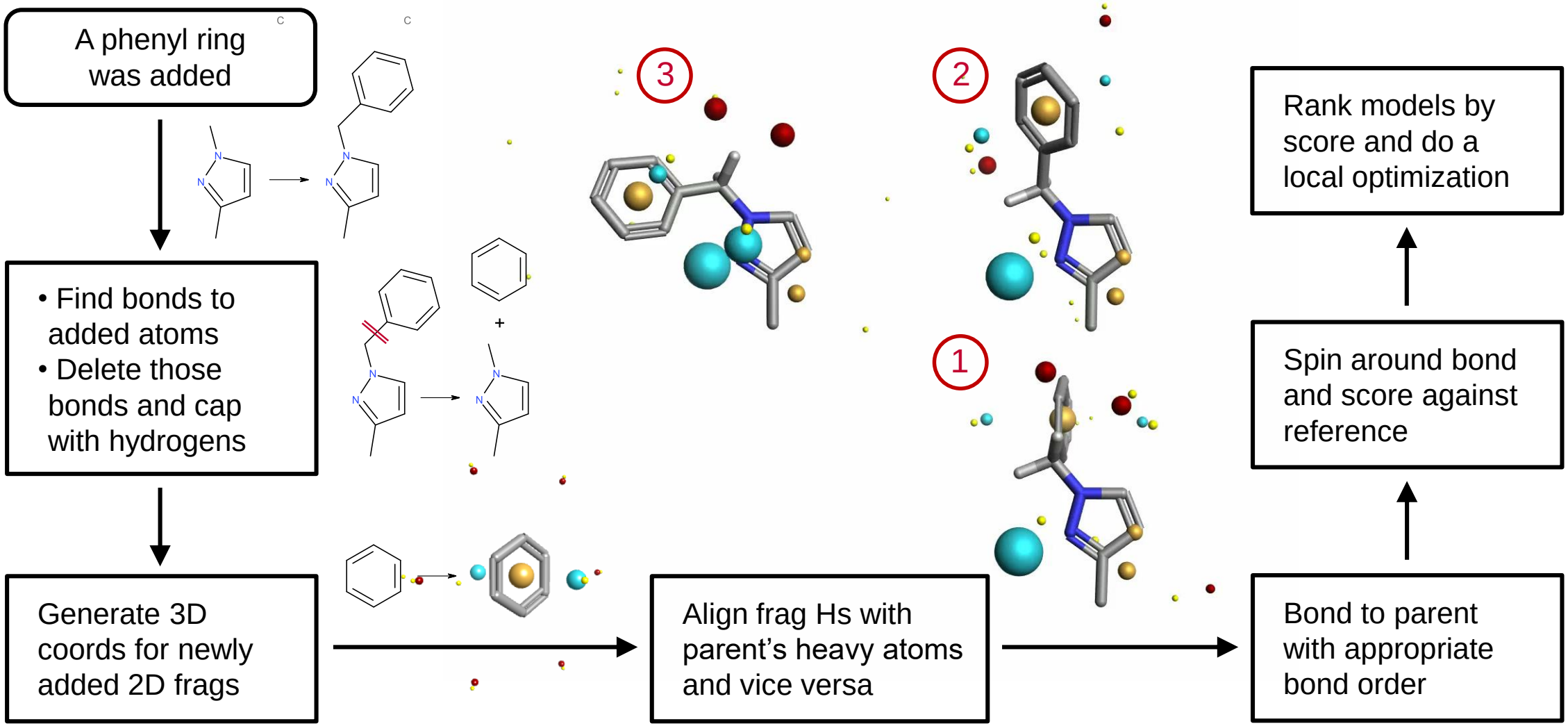

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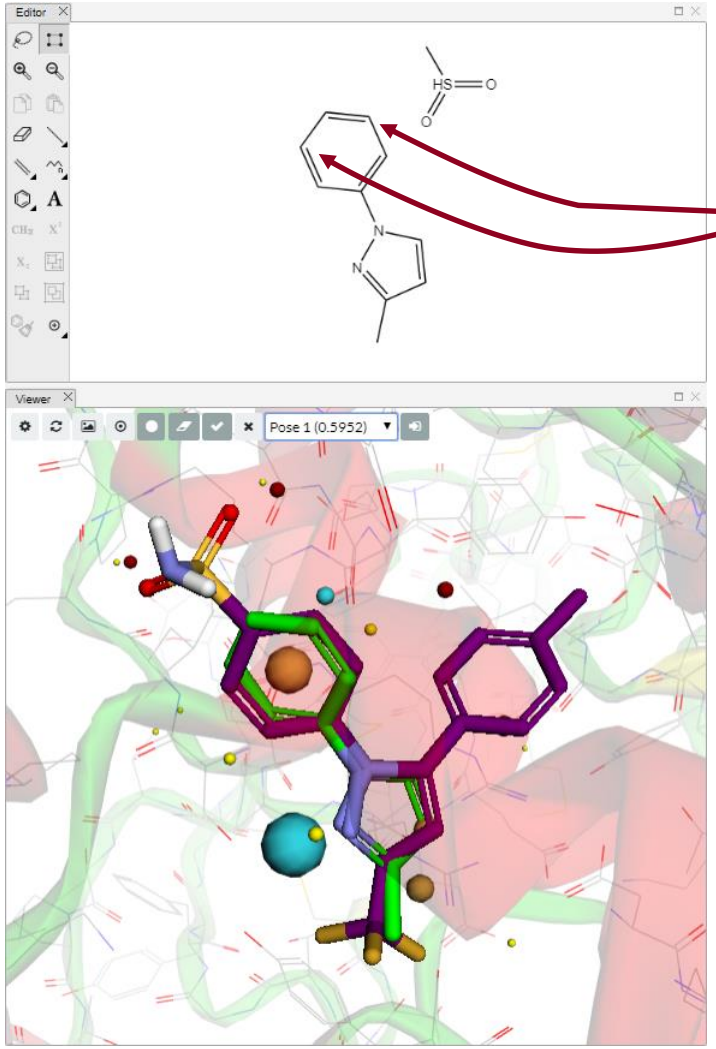
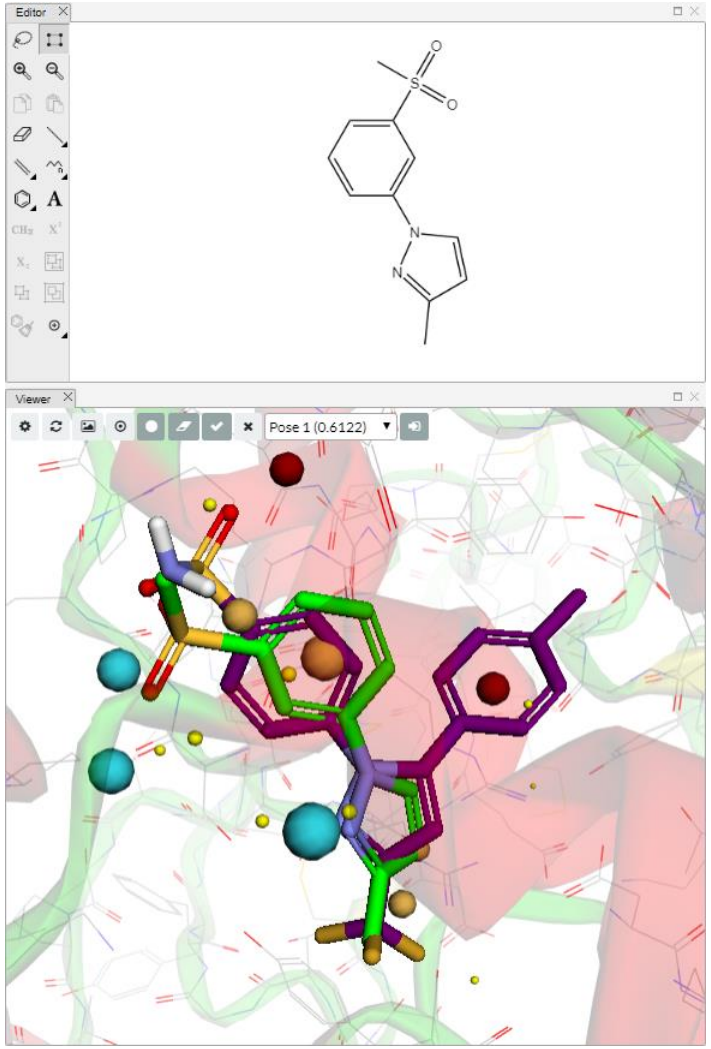


When adding a *m*-methyl-sulfonyl substituent in 2D, there are actually two symmetry-equivalent positions it might fit in 3D



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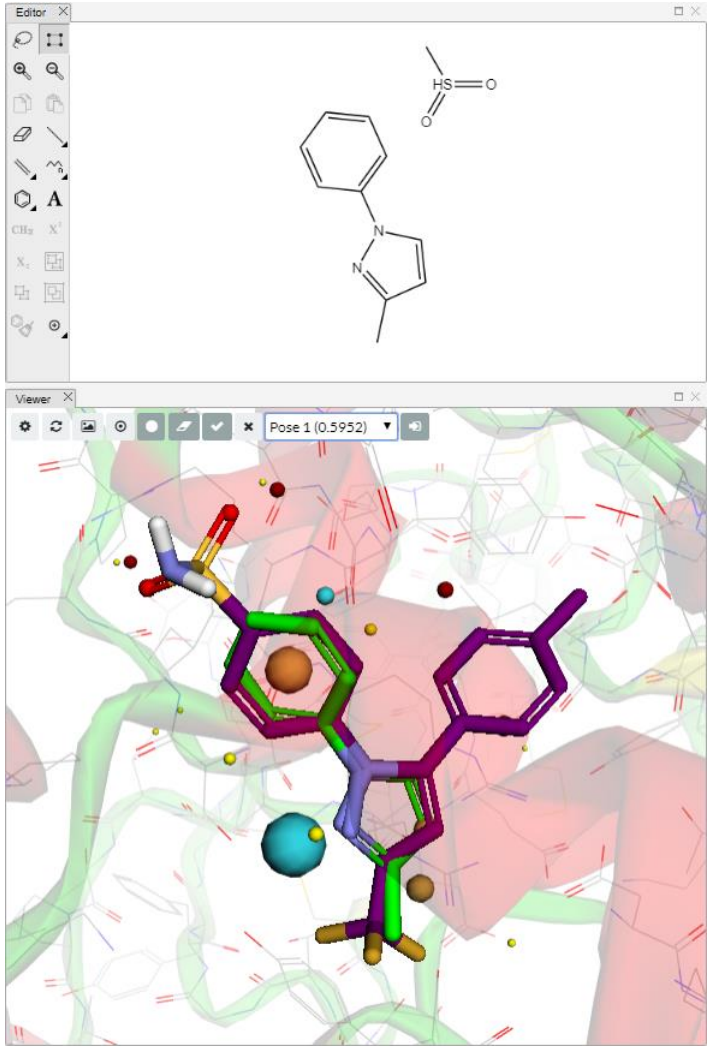
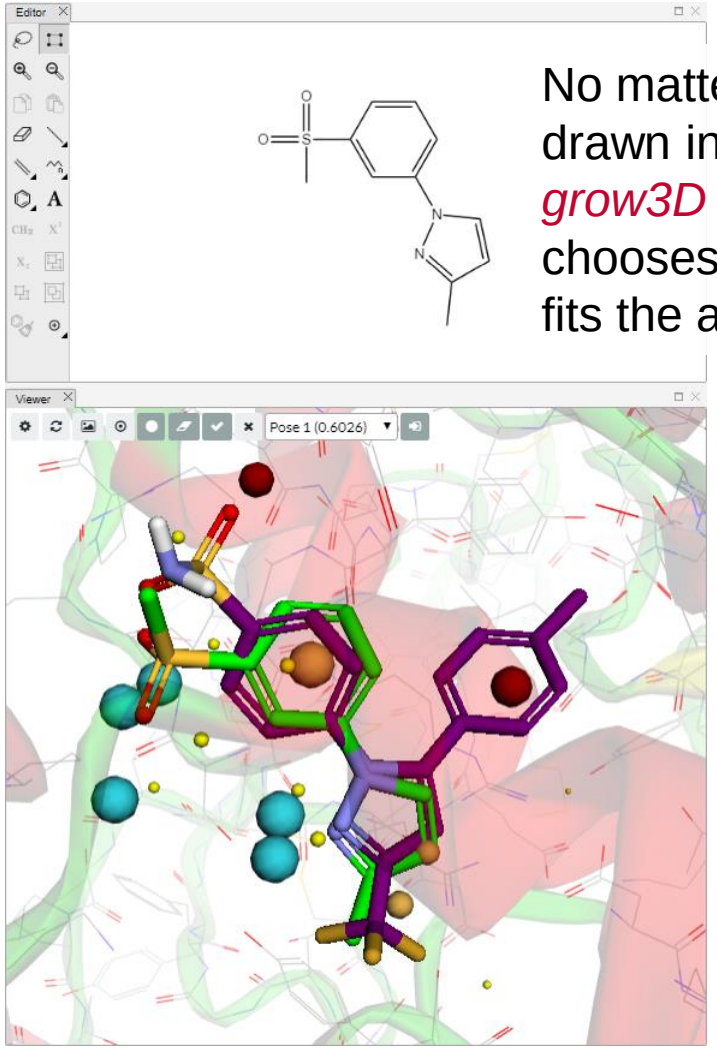
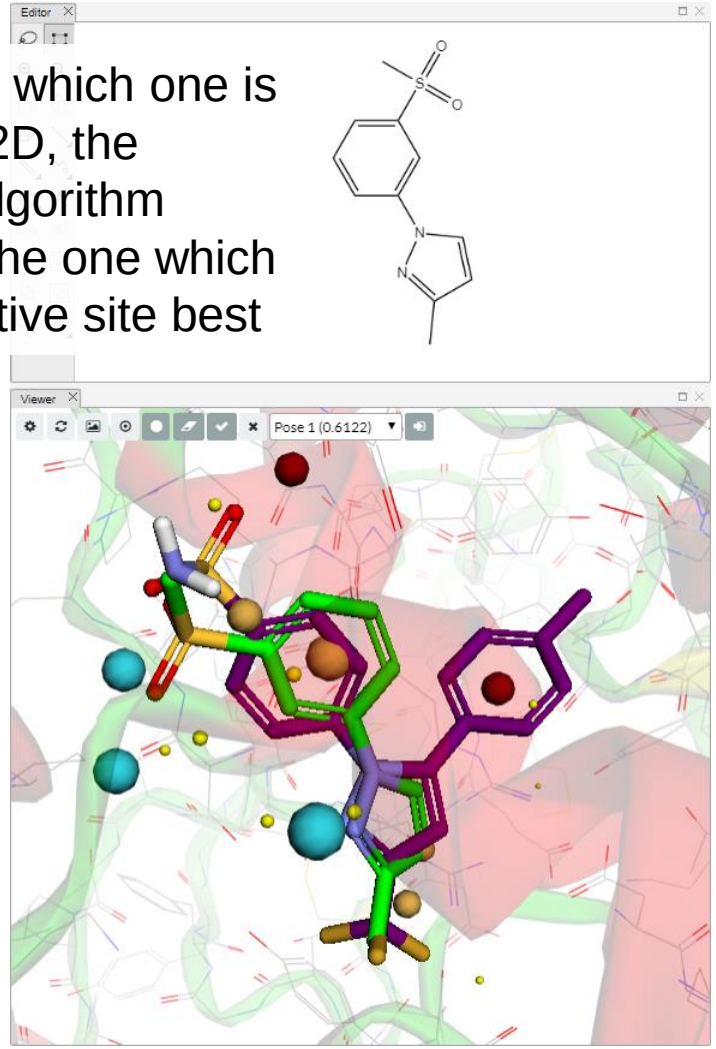
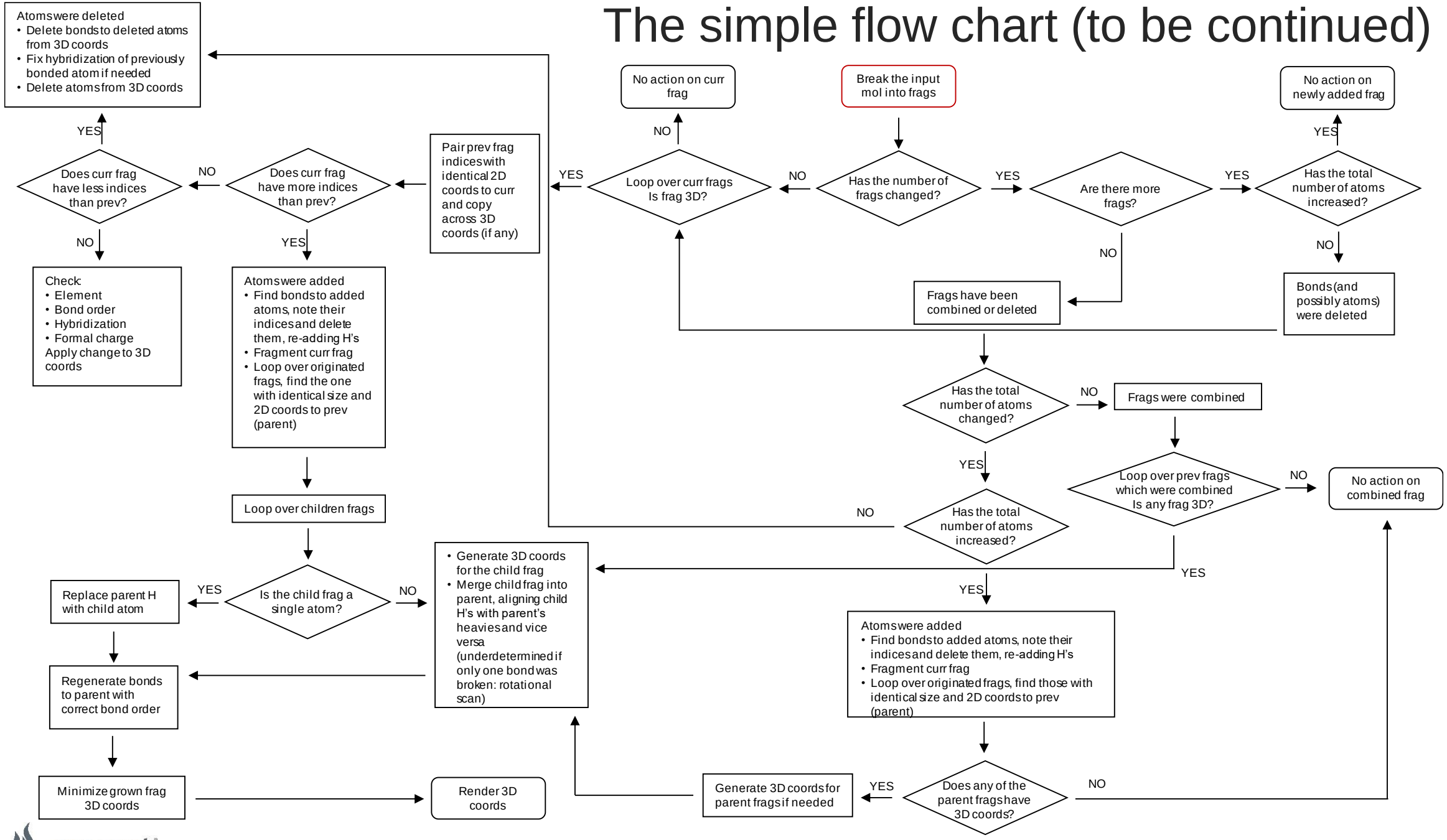




No matter which one is drawn in 2D, the *grow3D* algorithm chooses the one which fits the active site best



The simple flow chart (to be continued)



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