# Metallofragments as 3D **Scaffolds for Fragment-Based Drug Discovery**

Fragment-based drug discovery (FBDD) is a successful strategy for the discovery of small molecule therapeutics

3D target

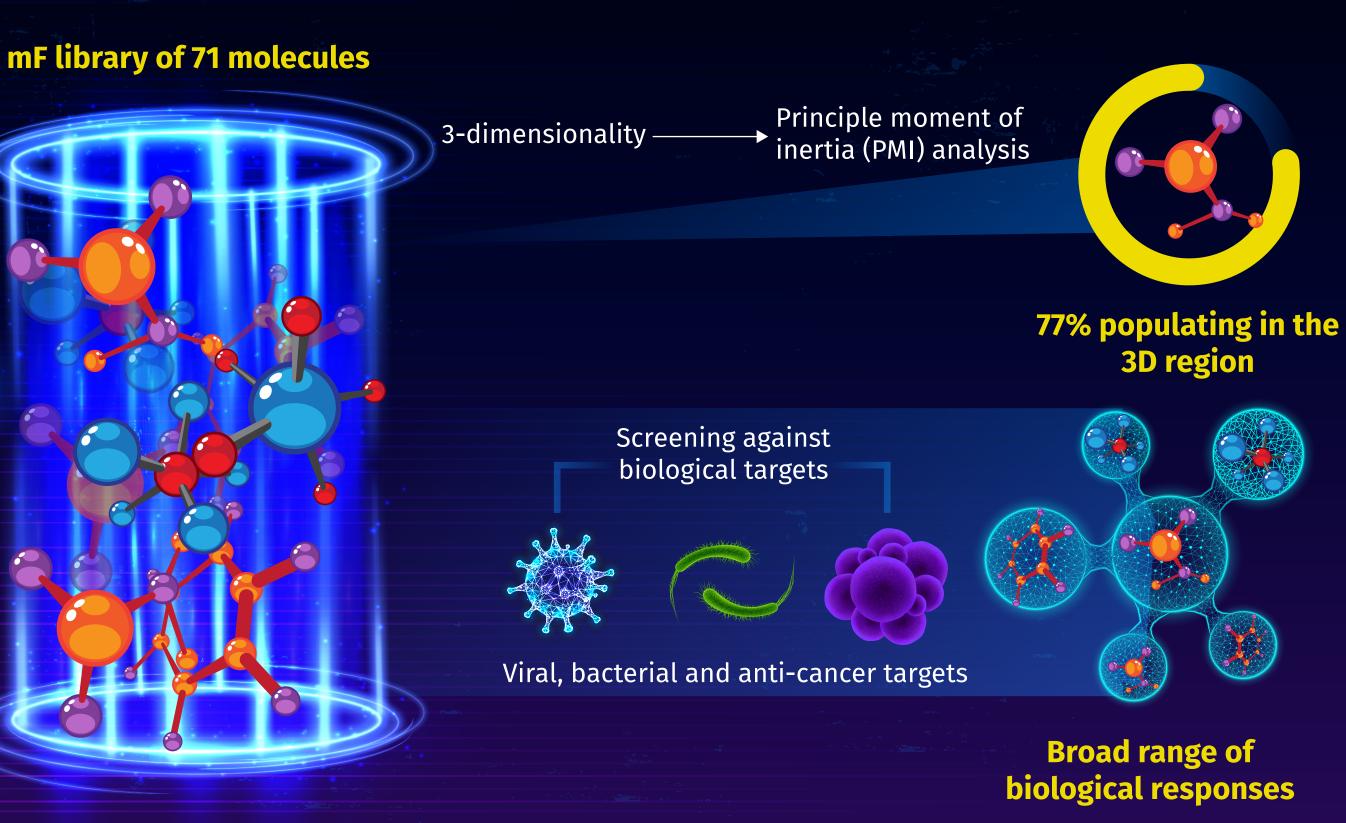
1D/2D fragment

X

However, the linear (1D) or planar (2D) shape of organic fragments limits a more complete exploration of chemical shape for target protein binding

## Inert metal complexes or metallofragments (mFs) can be used to construct 3D fragment libraries

### An mF library with 13 classes of metal complexes was designed, synthesized, and characterized



#### mF libraries access underutilized 3D fragment space for FBDD against a variety of protein targets, which could lead to new opportunities in drug discovery



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