

# Arome AI

Creating Fragrance Molecules with AI and Synthetic Biology

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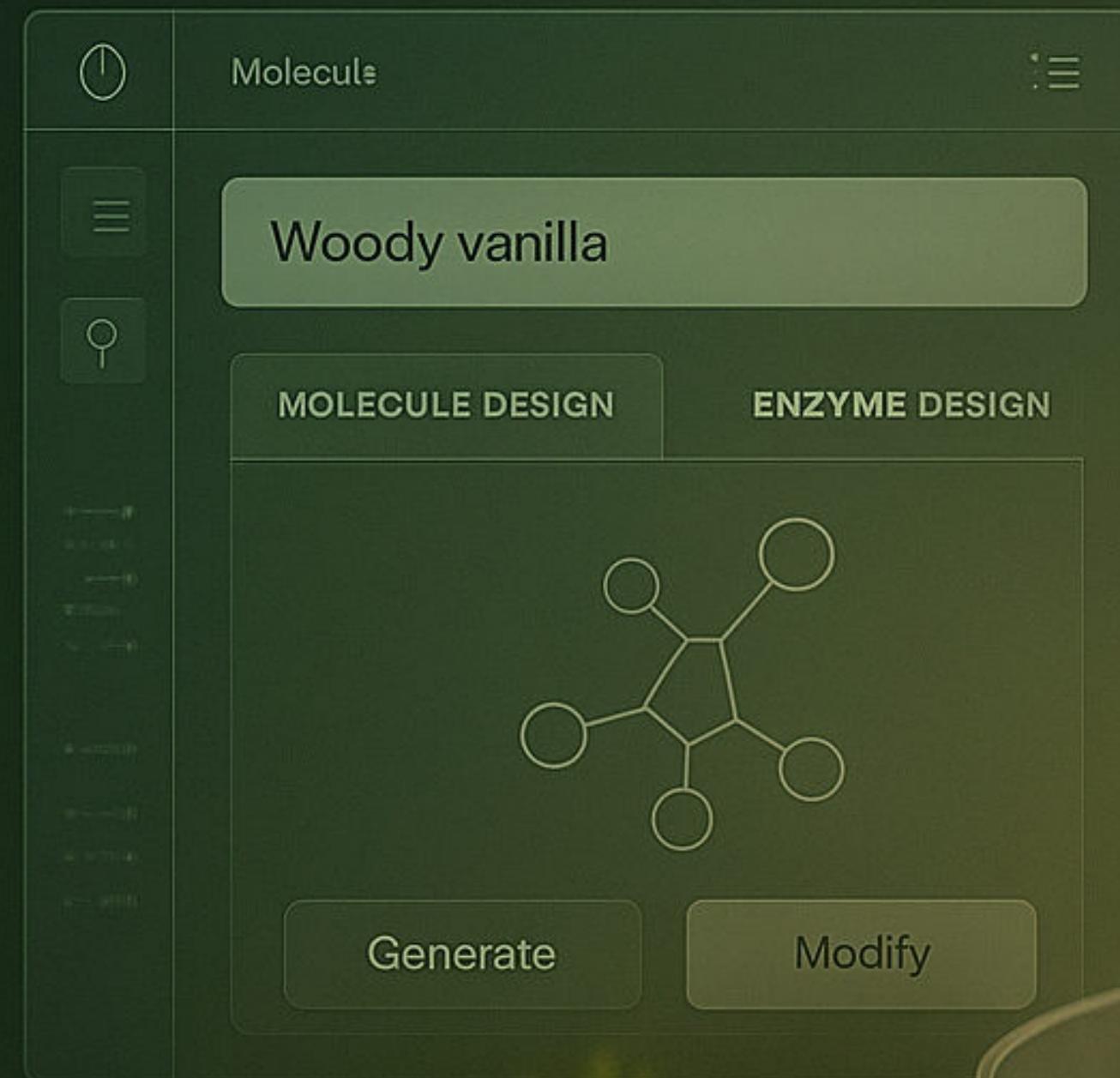
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Arome AI is a platform for designing  
novel fragrance molecules  
through AI and synthetic biology.

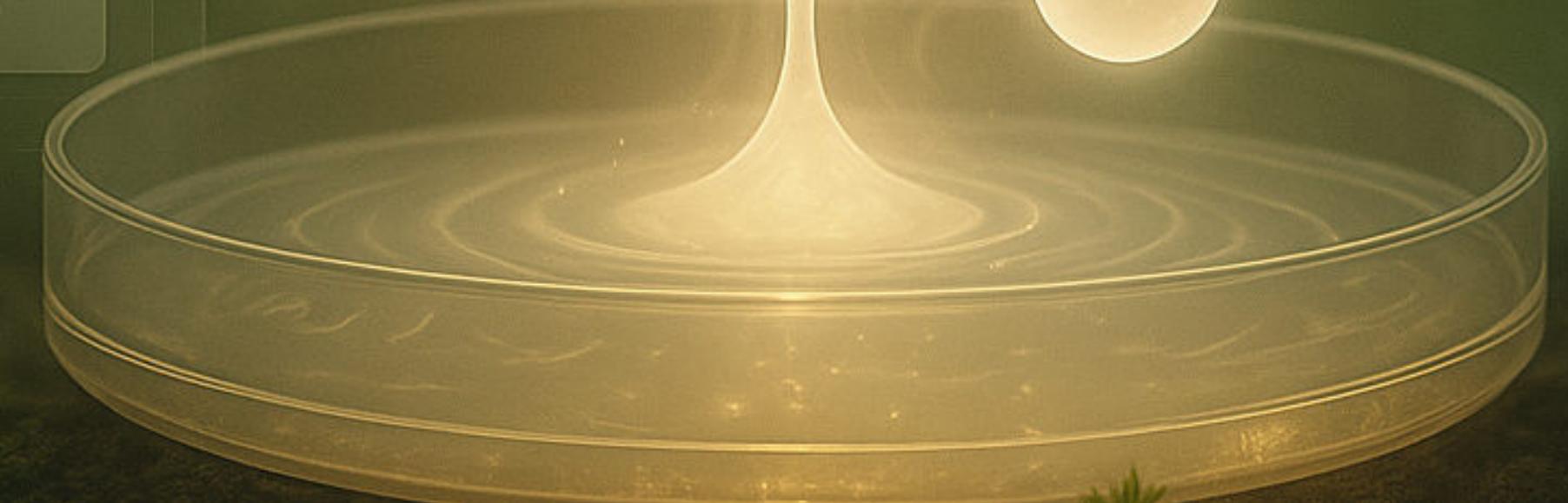


Molecule

Woody vanilla

MOLECULE DESIGN ENZYME DESIGN

Generate Modify



# Why Creating New Fragrance Molecules Is So Difficult



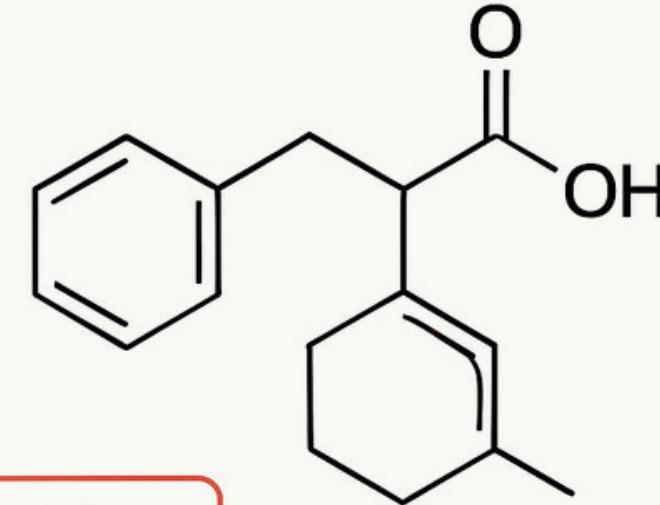
**Requires deep chemistry expertise**



**No way to preview scent**



**Slow, manual, and high-cost**



**✖ Unknown odor**

**✖ Toxicity unclear**

**✖ Synthesis expensive**

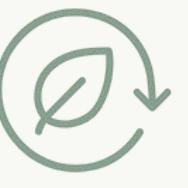
This limits true innovation to a small number of industry leaders.

# Why the Fragrance Industry Needs New Tools



## Too Slow, Too Expensive

- Slow
- Inaccessible
- Expensive



## The Pressure to Go Green

- Greener Expectations
- Supply Chain Limits
- Biosynthesis is Promising

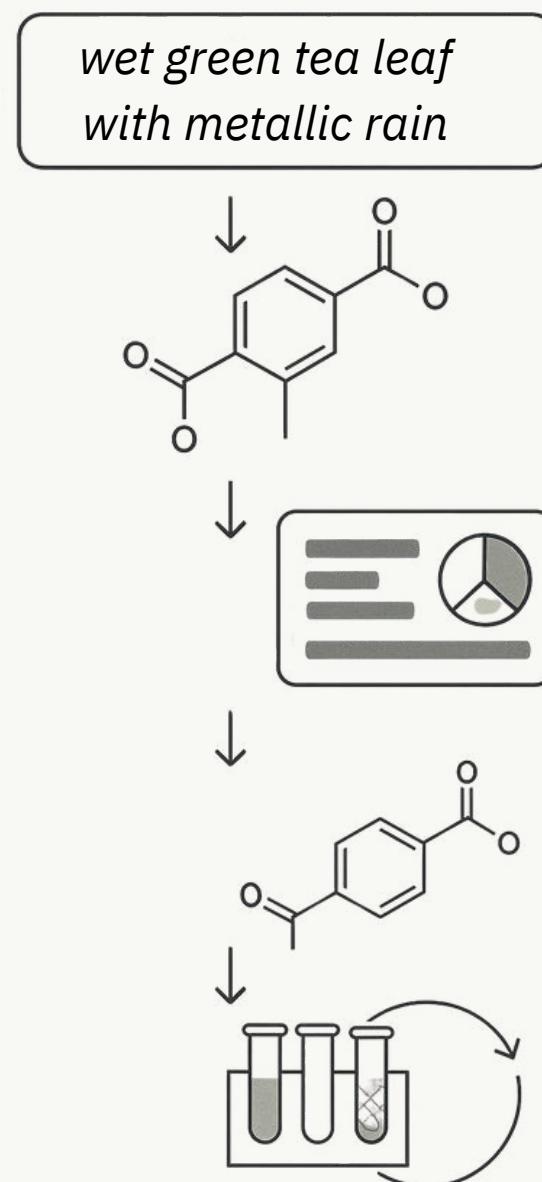


## New Tools = New Possibilities

- AI-driven molecule creation
- Digital-first fragrance development
- New materials, not just new blends

From Idea to Molecule and Microorganism

# From Prompt to Production



## 1 PROMPT

Input a text prompt

## 2 MOLECULE GENERATION

AI generates novel, valid molecules aligned with the input

## 3 PROPERTY EVALUATION

Each candidate is evaluated for novelty, and biodegradability, safety

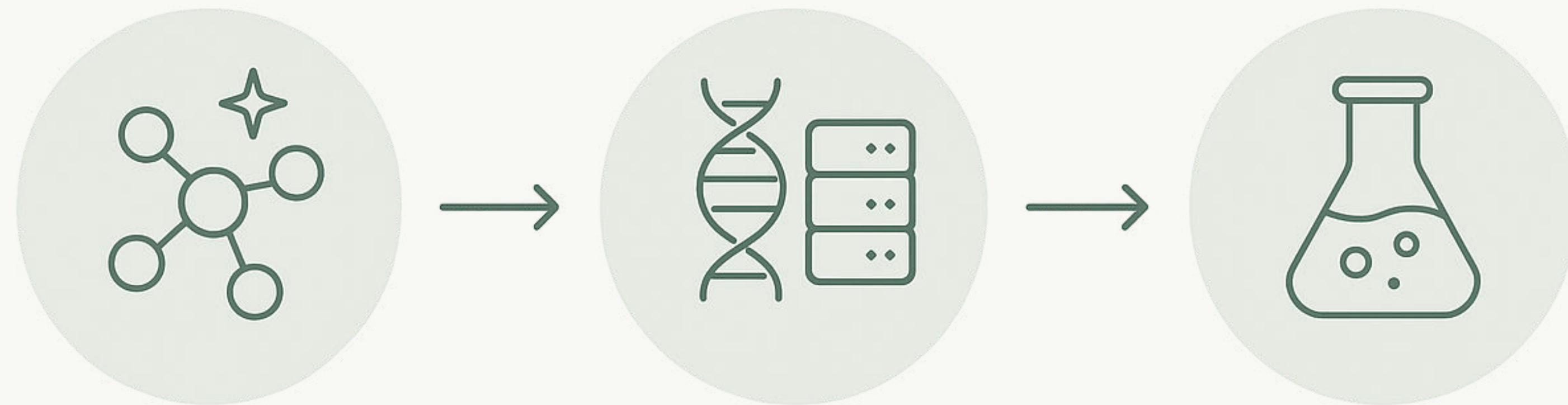
## 4 BIOSYNTHESIS PLANNING

Biosynthesis pathways are predicted; novel enzymes are designed if needed

## 5 LAB TESTING

Enzyme candidates are tested in the lab

# Arome AI: From Molecule to Microorganism



## AI Generated Molecule Design

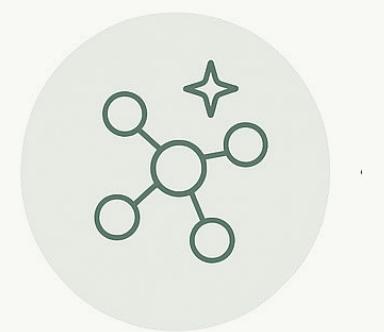
## Biosynthesis Planning

Includes enzyme matching & design

## Lab Testing

Built for creativity and grounded in scalable biosynthetic production.

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## AI-Generated Molecule Design

- AI generates new molecular structures based on olfactory intent
- Generative AI trained on Molecules and Olfactory Receptors data
- Evaluates for scent profile, safety, biodegradability, and novelty

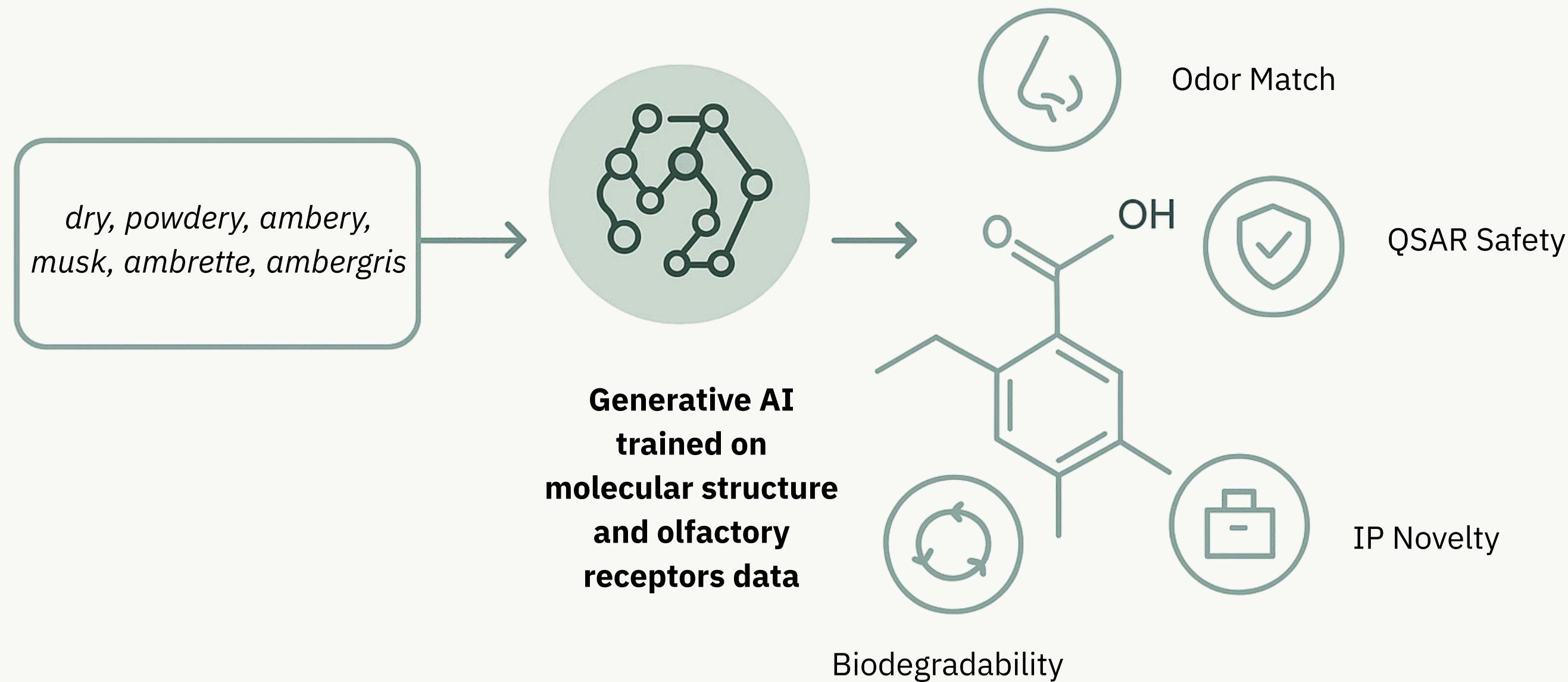
## Biosynthesis Planning

- Maps biosynthetic pathways from simple feedstocks (e.g., glucose)
- Searches enzyme databases (e.g., UniProt, BRENDA)
- Proposes novel enzymes using AI when no match exists
- Models enzyme structures with AlphaFold to assess expressibility

## Lab Testing

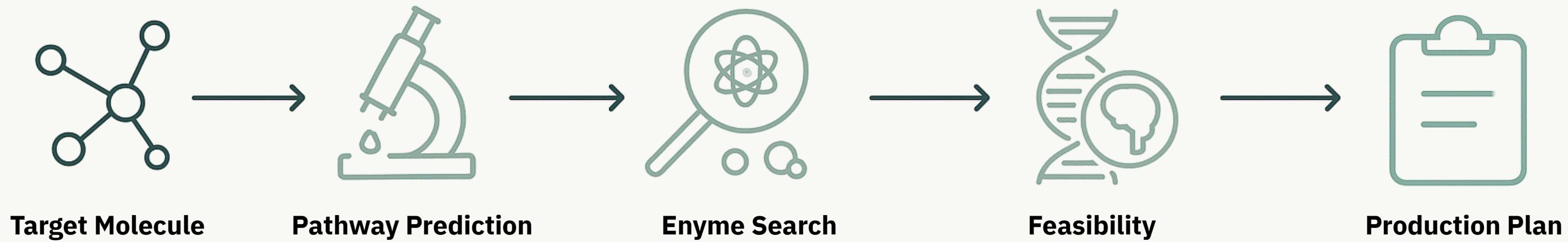
- Expresses candidate enzymes in microbial hosts (e.g., yeast, E. coli)
- Tests for yield, selectivity, and pathway viability
- Returns experimental data to refine AI models

# How AI Designs Fragrance Molecules



# Planning Biosynthesis with AI and Enzymes

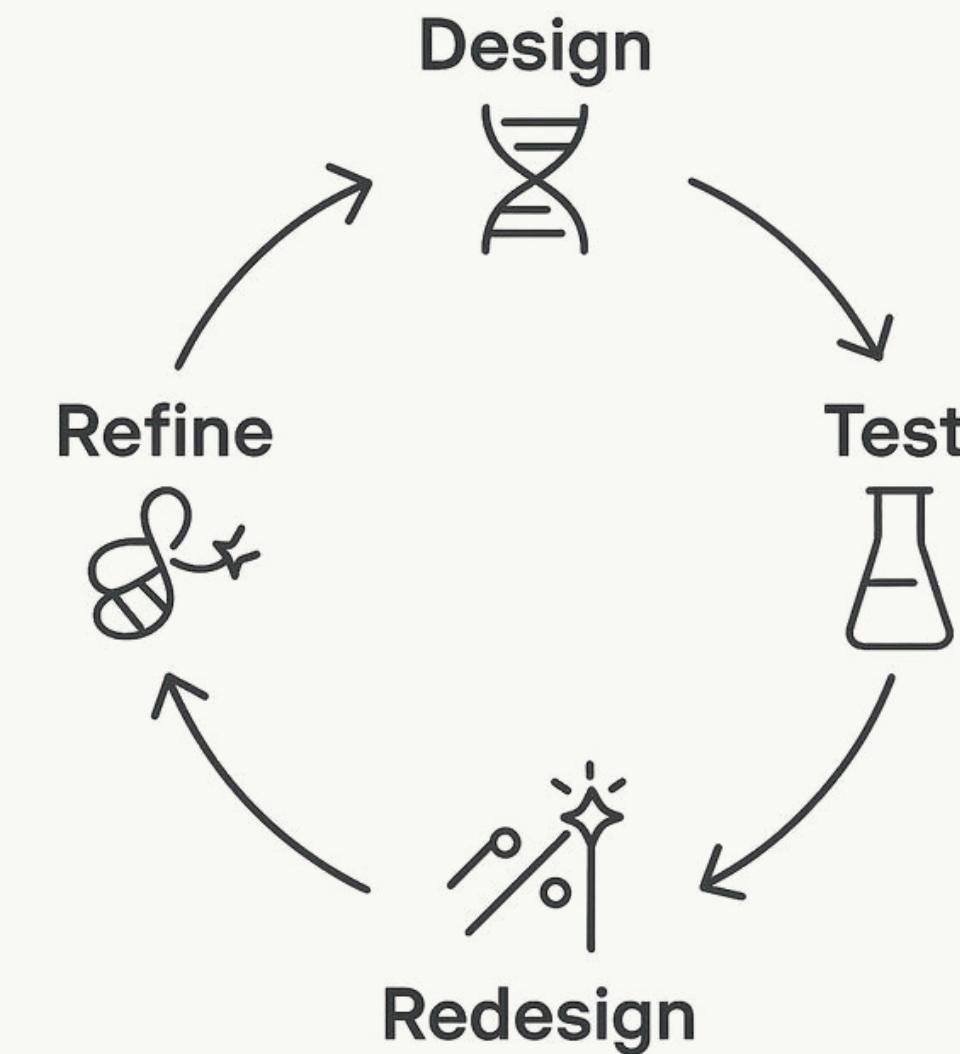
Arome AI helps plan how a promising molecule could be produced using biosynthesis.





# Learning From the Lab

- AI proposes biosynthesis-ready enzyme candidates
- Labs test them for: expression, yield, and selectivity
- Results feed back into Arome AI
- Models are refined and retrained
- The system improves with every cycle



Demo Video

# Why This Changes Fragrance Creation



## Expands Access

- Molecule design is no longer limited to large R&D labs
- Indie perfumers and startups can now participate



## Supports Sustainability

- AI enables greener molecules from the start
- Biosynthesis avoids petrochemical dependence



## Empowers Creativity

- Go beyond catalog ingredients
- Design custom scent signatures at the molecular level

# Why Design a Custom Molecule?

## Common Objection

*“Can’t I just make a unique scent from existing ingredients?”*

*“Why not just mix what’s already there?”*

*“Perfume is about art, not chemistry”*

*“It’s too risky to invent new molecules”*

## Arome’s Value

Yes – but your palette is limited

Everyone’s using the same 2,000 materials

Exactly – so give artists new colors to paint with

Ours are designed to pass safety tests and go to market.

# Beyond Dupes



## **The Problem (Dupe Culture)**

Dupes via GC-MS  
Everyone uses same palette  
Brand identity gets copied

## **Clones flood the market**



## **The Arome AI Solution**

Molecules designed from scratch  
Structurally and olfactively novel  
Unique = ownable signature

## **Harder to reverse engineer**

# Where We Are Now

-  **Molecule generator prototype built**
-  **Property prediction models trained**
-  **Enzyme design module in development**
-  **Initial lab testing partnerships underway**

This is the groundwork for a scalable and sustainable fragrance design system.



Let's co-design the next  
generation of scent molecules.

Reach out to pilot Arome AI or collaborate on lab testing.

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