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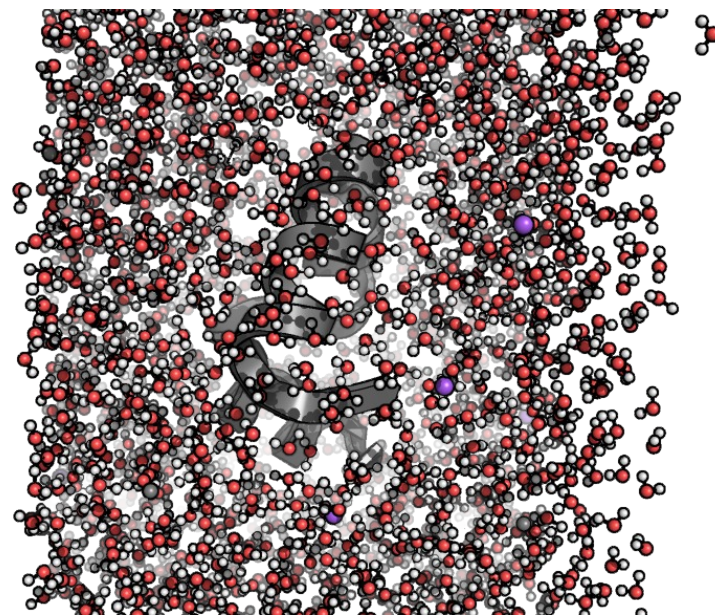


Introduction

What are atomistic simulations and interatomic potentials?

How does machine learning fit in?

How can interatomic potentials be improved?



Atomistic Simulation

Atomistic simulations can be used to determine material and chemical properties

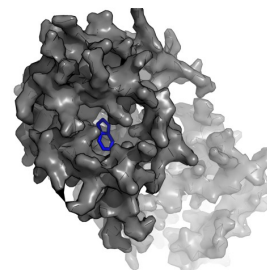
Simulating how atoms and molecules behave in a given system

For example:

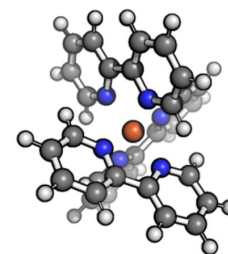
Understand reactive systems

Exploring phases of materials

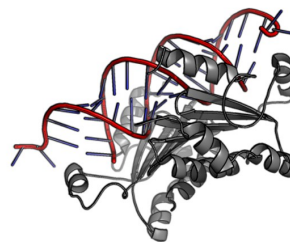
Protein binding
to a drug



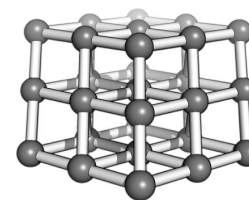
Transition Metal
Complex



Atomistic Simulations



Biological



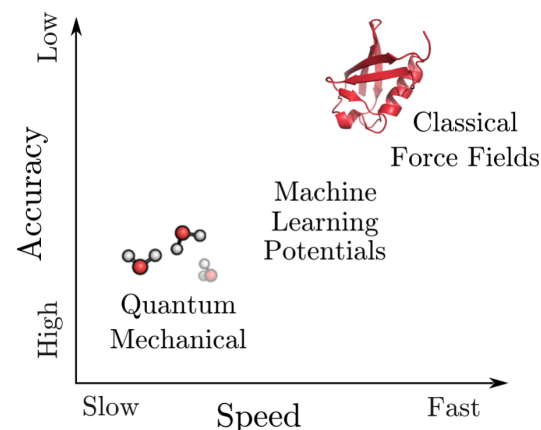
Material

Interatomic Potentials

Potentials provide forces and energies

Trade off between speed and accuracy

Classical models use well defined functional form



$$\begin{aligned}
 E(\mathbf{x}) = & \sum_{\text{bonds}} k_b (r - r_e)^2 + \sum_{\text{angle}} k_\theta (\theta - \theta_e)^2 \\
 & + \sum_{\text{dihedrals}} k_\chi (1 + \cos n\chi - \delta) + \sum_{\text{impropers}} k_{\text{imp}} (\phi - \phi_0)^2 \\
 & + \sum_{\text{nonbonded pairs}} \left[\frac{A_{ij}}{r_{ij}^{12}} - \frac{B_{ij}}{r_{ij}^6} \right] + \frac{q_i q_j}{\epsilon_l r_{ij}}
 \end{aligned}$$

How can interatomic potentials be improved?

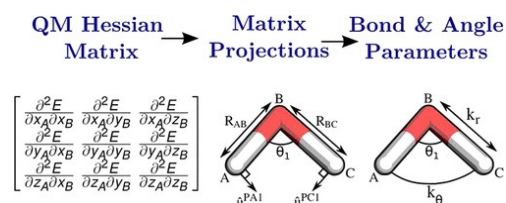
Classical Examples

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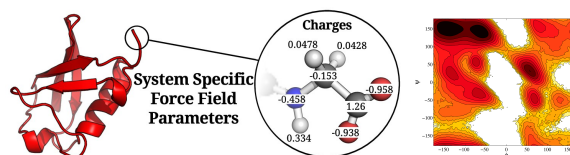
Improve Parameters

Better bond and angle terms



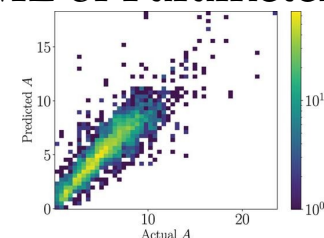
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System specific parameters



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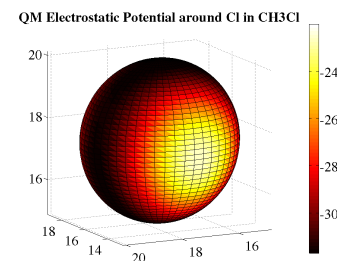
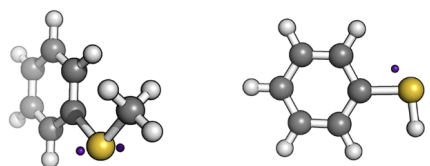
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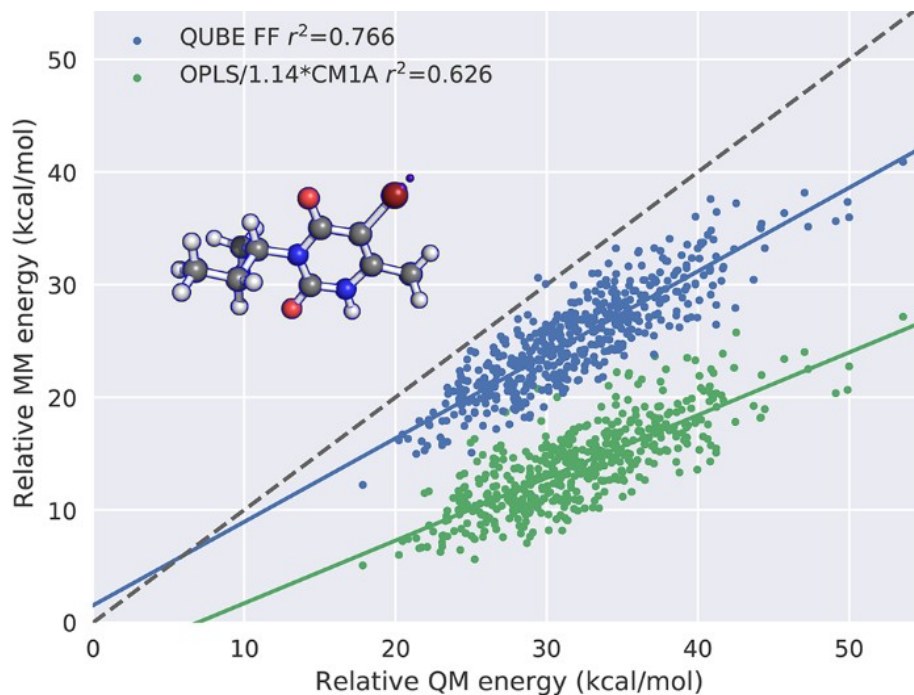
Improve Functional Form

Improve description of electrostatics



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Limitations of Classical Force Fields



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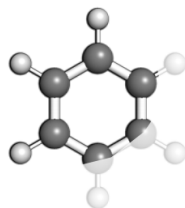
Machine Learning

Atom Centred

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^N E_i$$

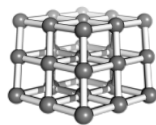
Machine
Learning
Potentials

Cutoffs



Training Data

Automated



Manual
Construction

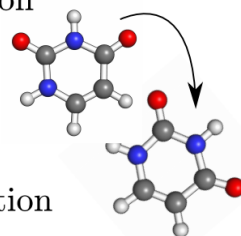
Symmetries

Translation

Rotation

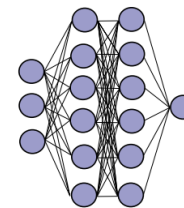
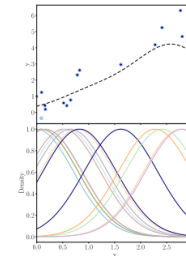
Permutation

Rotate



Model Choice

Kernels



Neural
Networks

Linear

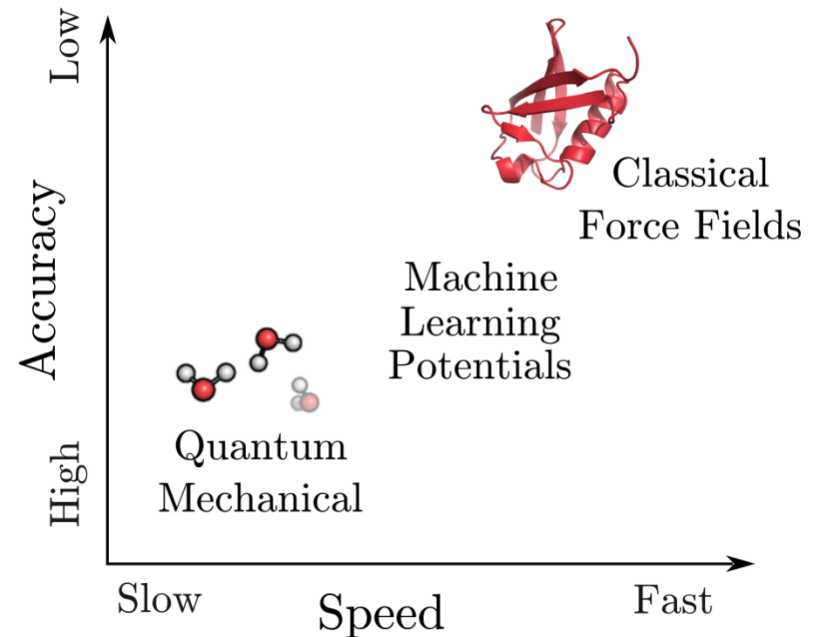
$$Loss = \sum_{i=0}^N (y_i - \sum_{j=0}^M x_{ij} W_j)^2$$

Why do we need Machine Learning Potentials?

Potentials can provide forces and energies

Problem suits machine learning as the potential energy surface is highly complex and requires a flexible functional form

Lots of data can be supplied for the problem



Machine Learning Potentials

The flexible functional form allows for increased accuracy.

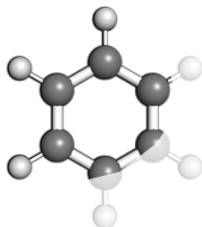
Multiple considerations for these forms of models.

Atom Centred

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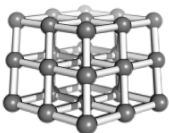
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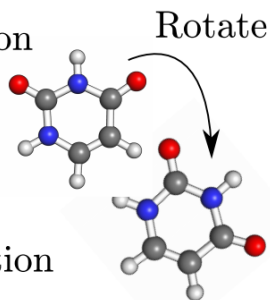
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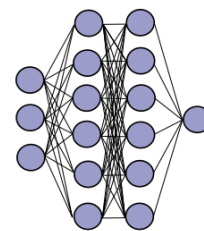
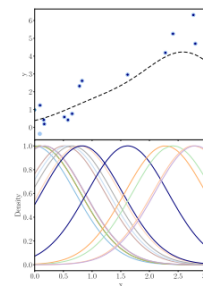
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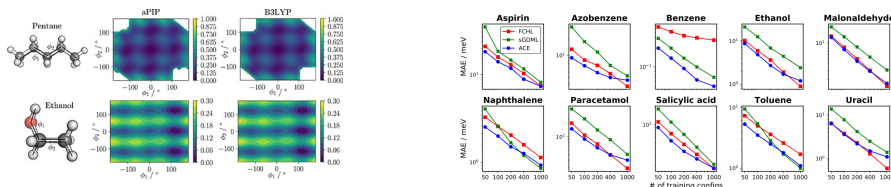
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Improving ML Models

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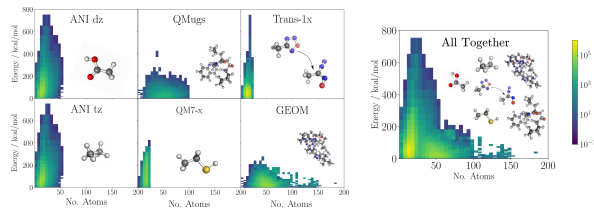
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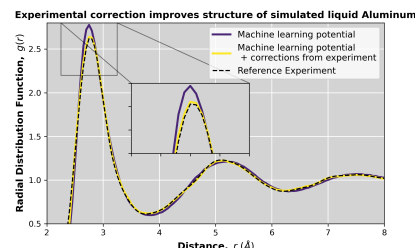
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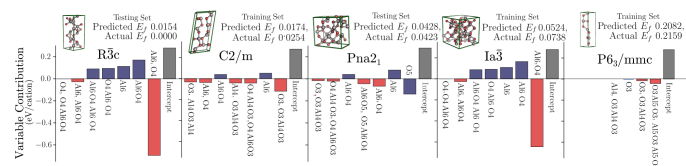
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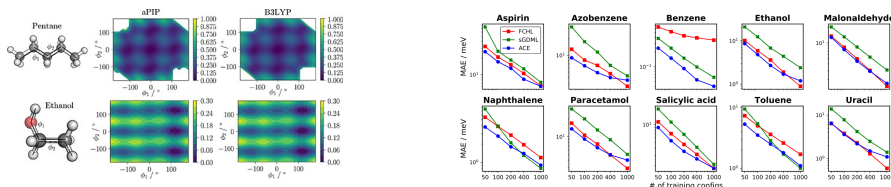


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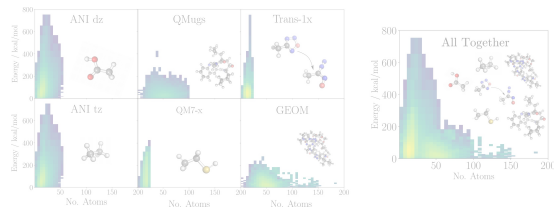
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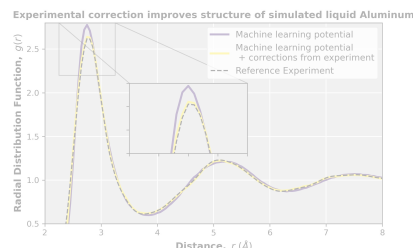
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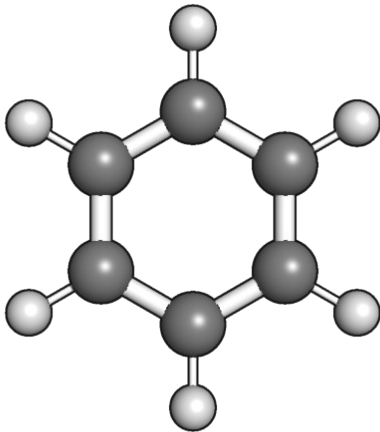
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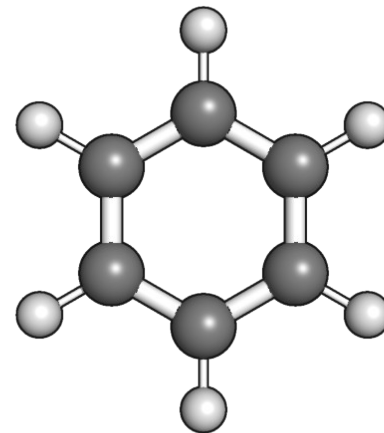
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 - Rigid translations



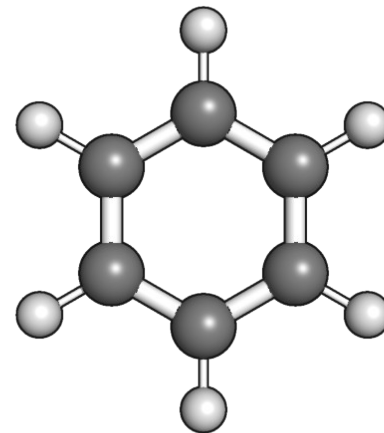
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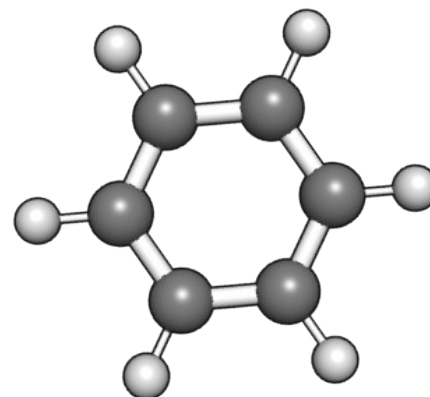
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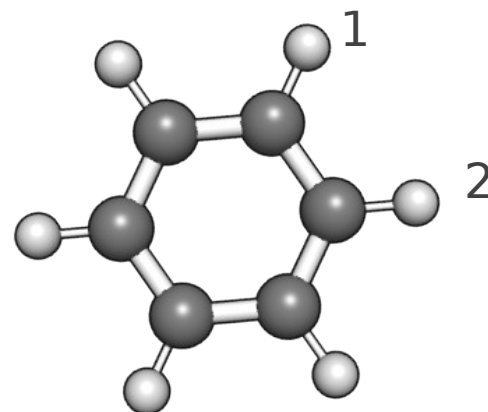
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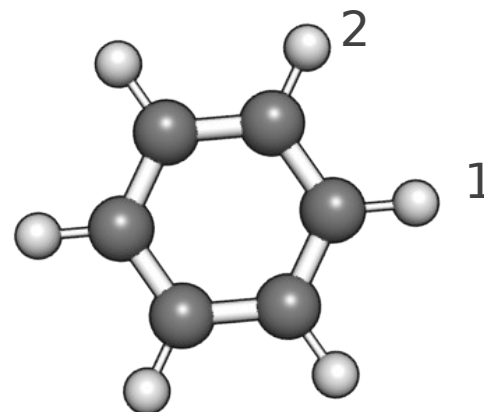
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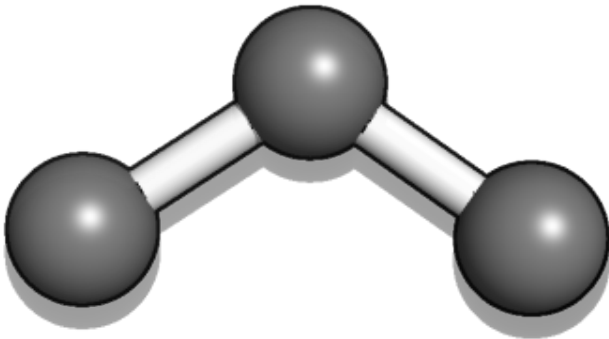
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Architecture - aPIPs

- Three identical atoms example for PIPs:



Rotational Invariance Permutational Invariance

$$E(R_1, R_2, R_3) = E(r_{12}, r_{13}, r_{23}) = E(I_1, I_2, I_3)$$

$$I_1 = r_{12} + r_{13} + r_{23}$$

$$I_2 = r_{12}r_{13} + r_{12}r_{23} + r_{13}r_{23}$$

$$I_3 = r_{12}r_{13}r_{23}$$

$$E(R_1, R_2, R_3) = P(I_1, I_2, I_3) = \sum_k c_k I_1^{k_1} I_2^{k_2} I_3^{k_3}$$

- These ideas can then be extended to more atoms and to the non-identical atoms case.

Architecture - aPIPs

- PIPs are a polynomial construction with the underlying invariances present in the basis used.

- aPIPs retains the polynomial construction

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^N E_i$$

- But moves to an atom centred model

- Uses a body-ordered approach:

$$P(I_1, I_2, I_3) = \sum_k c_k I_1^{k_1} I_2^{k_2} I_3^{k_3}$$

$$E(\mathbf{R}) = \sum_i E_1 + \sum_{i<j} E_2(r_{ij}) + \sum_{i<j<k} E_3(r_{ij}, r_{ik}, r_{jk}) + \sum_{i<j<k<l} E_4(r_{ij}, r_{ik}, r_{il}, r_{jk}, r_{jl}, r_{kl}) + \dots$$

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Architecture - ACE

The atomic basis is define as [3, 4]:

$$\alpha_{z_i, znlm} = \sum_j \phi_{nlm}^{z_i z}(\mathbf{r}_{ji}) \quad (1)$$

where $z_j = z$

$$\phi_{nlm}^{z_i z_j}(\mathbf{r}) = R_{nl}^{z_i z_j}(r) Y_l^m(\hat{\mathbf{r}}). \quad (2)$$

where R_{nl} is a radial basis function and Y_l^m is a spherical harmonic function. A permutation-invariant basis function is constructed by forming products of the atomic basis:

$$A_{z_i \mathbf{v}} = \prod_{t=1}^{\nu} \alpha_{z_i v_t}, \quad \mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_{\nu}). \quad (3)$$

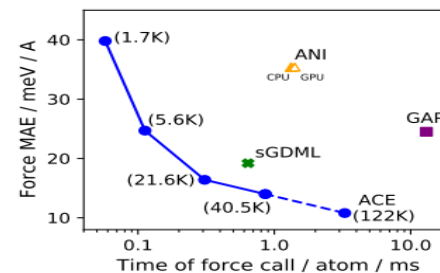
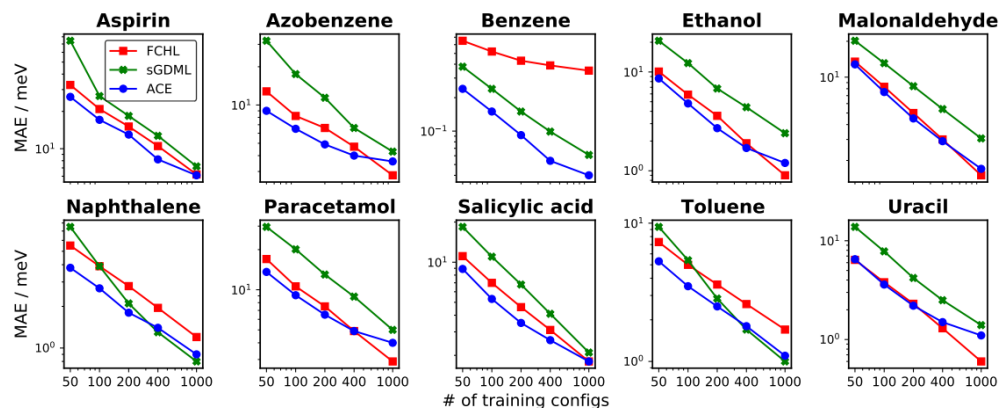
where $v = znlm$, defining the atomic number of the atom and the properties of the radial function and spherical harmonics. Rotational invariance is then achieved by the following stage:

$$B_{z_i \mathbf{v}} := \int_{\hat{R} \in O(3)} \prod_{t=1}^{\nu} A_{z_i v_t}(\{\hat{R} \mathbf{r}_{ij}\}) d\hat{R} \quad (4)$$

$$= \sum_{\mathbf{v}'} C_{\mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}'} A_{z_i \mathbf{v}'}, \quad (5)$$

where the coefficients $C_{\mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}'}$ are the Clebsch-Gordan coupling coefficients. The energy at site i is then given by:

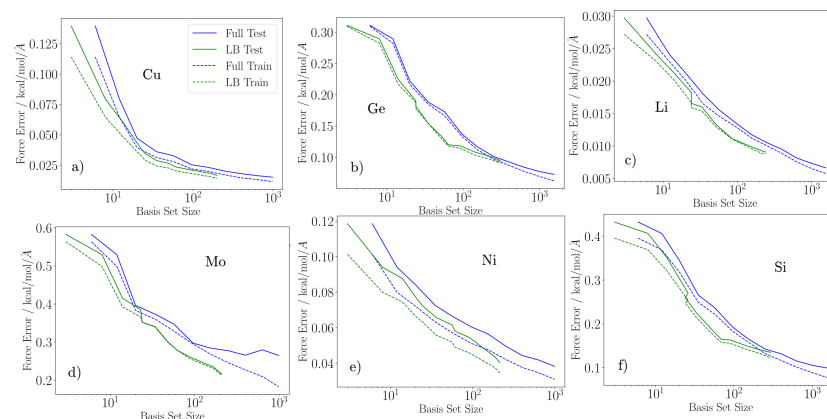
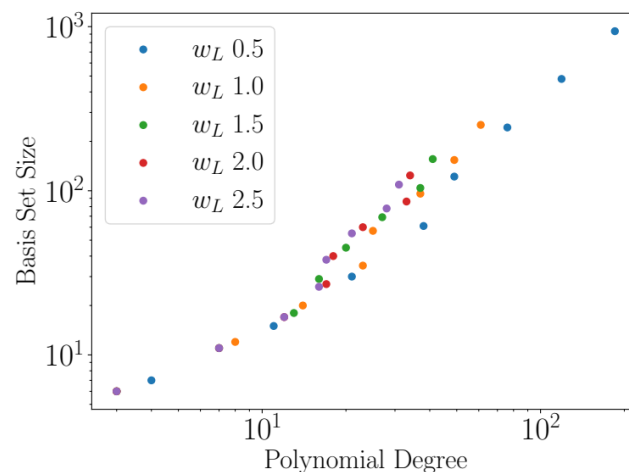
$$E_i = \sum c_{z_i \mathbf{v}} B_{z_i \mathbf{v}} = \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{B}. \quad (6)$$



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Architecture - ACE

- Construct matrix of $\frac{\partial B_i}{\partial \alpha_j}$ for one atom (either from training dataset or assigned random neighbours). The matrix $\frac{\partial B_i}{\partial \alpha_j}$ is calculated numerically.
- Initialize a matrix with columns equivalent to the number of atomic basis functions ($\alpha_{z_i, znlm}$) and no rows.
- For each B_i until the utmost number of B_i terms is reached: append the row vector of the partial derivatives of the subsequent invariant into the matrix if it augments the rank of the matrix. From this, constructing an index of B_i components that increase rank.
- Repeat this N times, constructing an index of all B_i components that increase rank for any datapoint present.

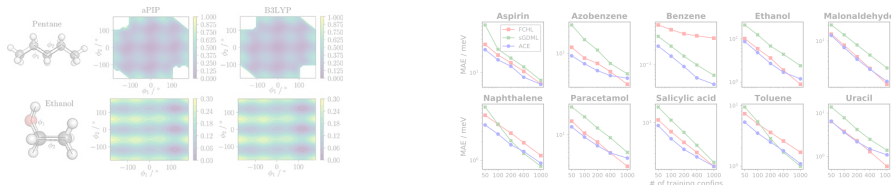


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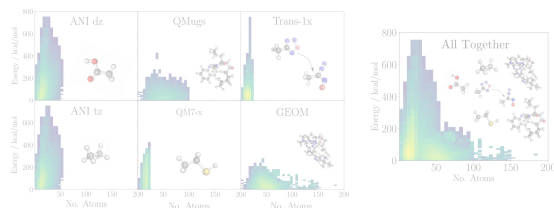
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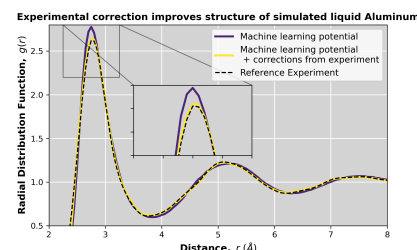
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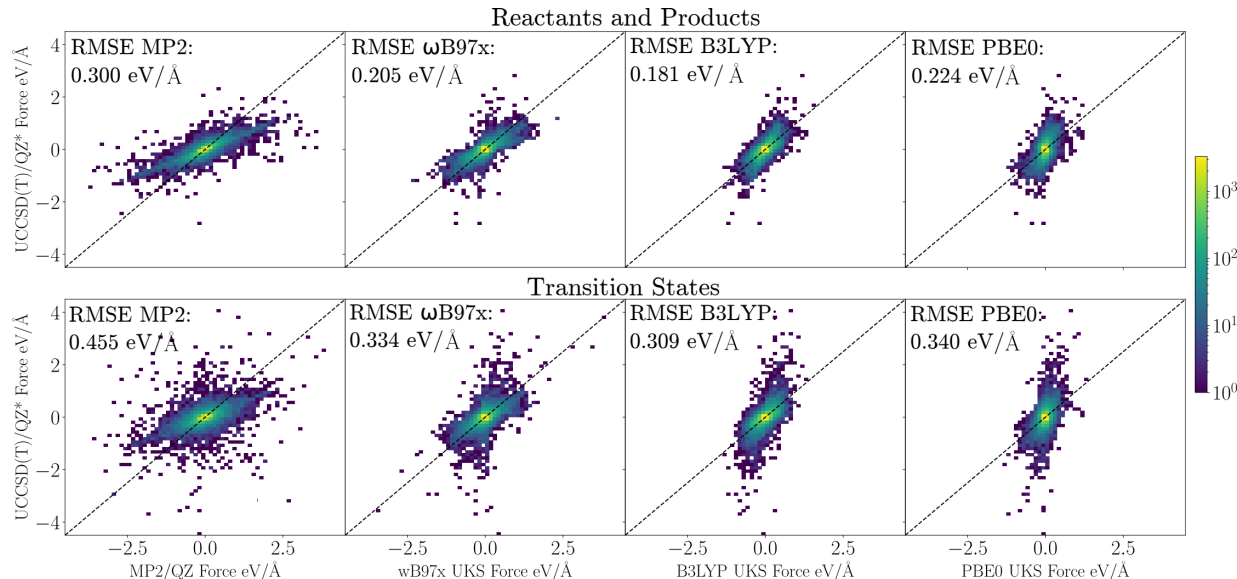
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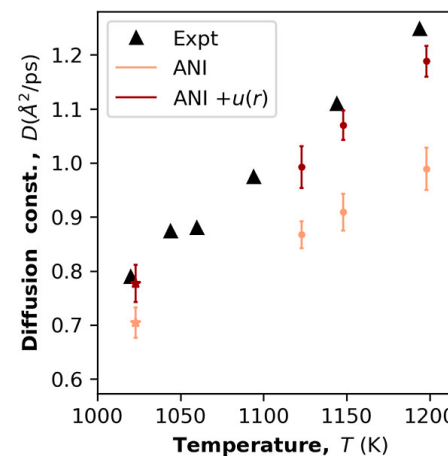
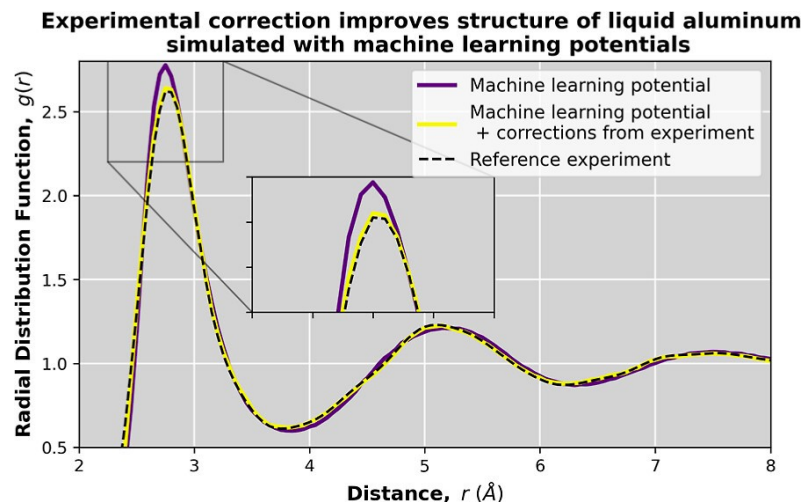
Fitting Data – QM Data

- Improving QM datasets can include improving the level of theory used
- We have been building a unrestricted CCSD(T) dataset for gas phase reactions
- Energies and forces are included



Fitting Data - Experimental

- QM datasets have fundamental limitations
- How can experimental data be incorporated into ML models?
- Investigated using a pair potential correction to an existing MLIP using radial distribution function data
- Improvements then seen in diffusion coefficients when correction present



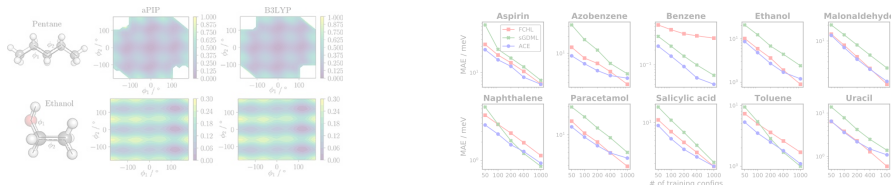
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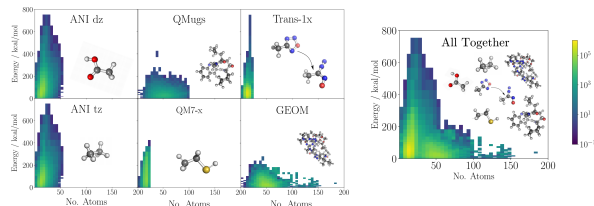
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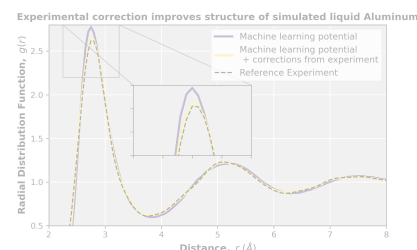
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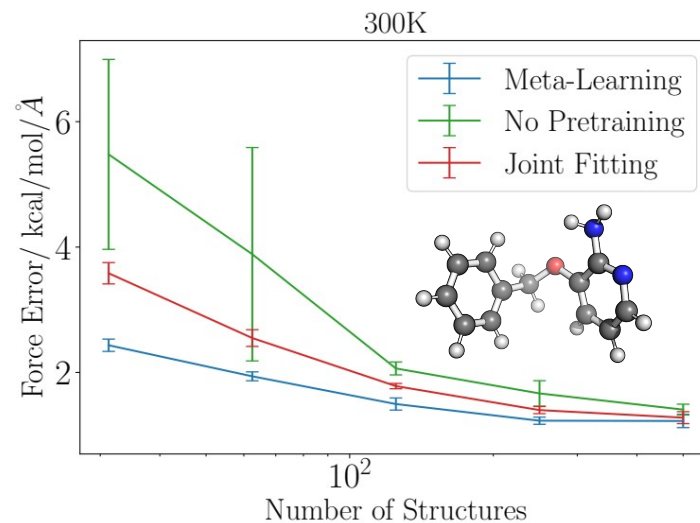


Fitting Methods – Meta Learning

- There is an abundance of datasets containing quantum mechanical calculations for molecular and material systems.
- However, using the information from different datasets together remains a challenge due to the varying levels of theory employed.
- We have shown that meta-learning can be used to pre-train models to multiple datasets.

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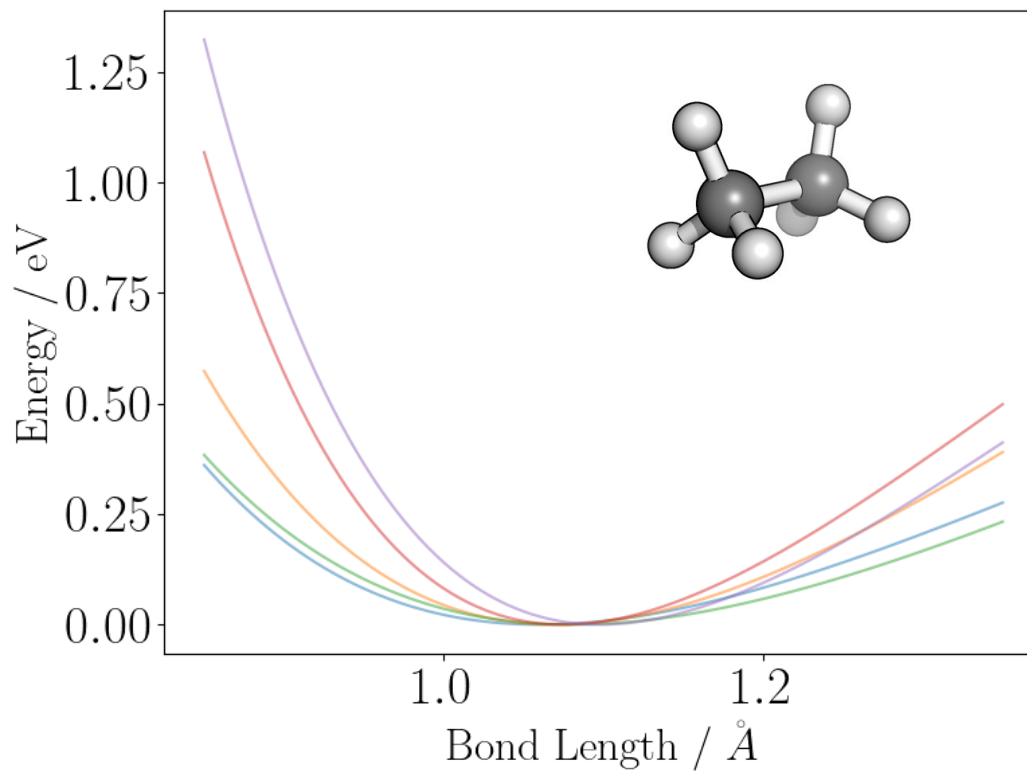
How do we fit multiple datasets together that use different QM approximations?

Multiple Existing Datasets Available

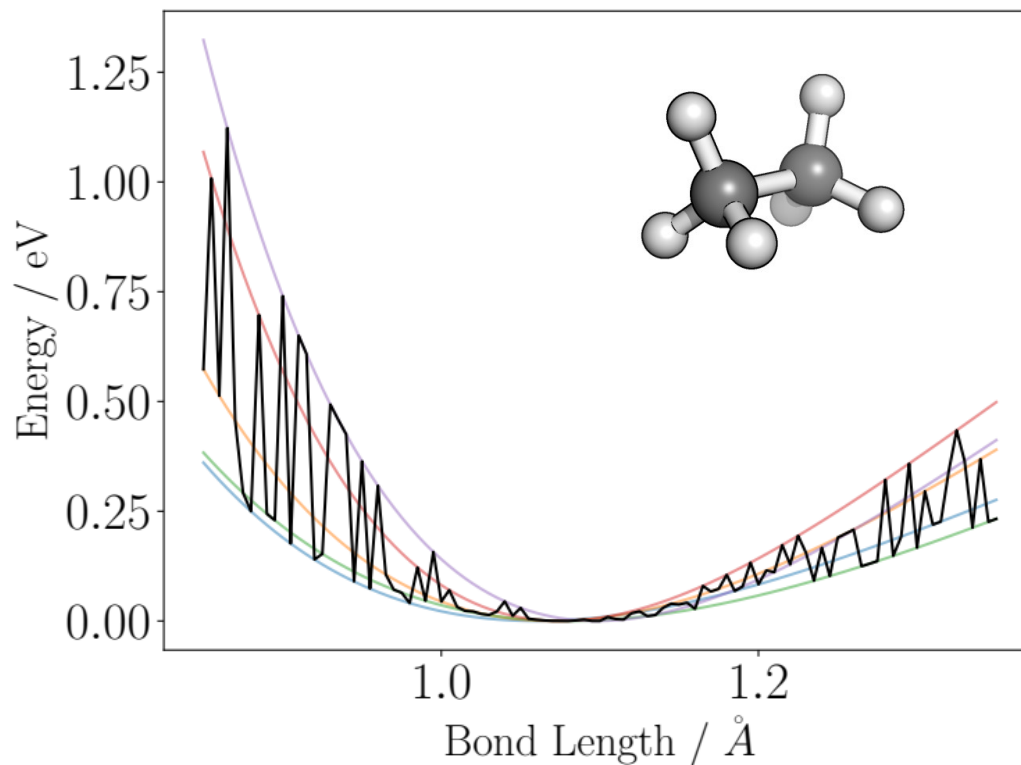
Dataset	Unique Compounds	Total Conformers	Heavy Atoms Max	Conformer Generation	Method	Dispersion	Transition Paths
QM9	133,885	133,885	9	None	76 DFT Functionals	Yes	No
AN1-1x	~64,000	4,956,005 and 4,617,229	8	Normal Mode Sampling, MD sampling, Torsional Sampling, Active Learning with QBC	ω B97x/6-31G* and ω B97x/def2-TZVPP	No	No
QMugs	665,911	1,992,984	100	Meta Dynamics with xTB	ω B97X-D/def2-SVP	Yes	No
GEOM	437,724	32,657,609	91	Meta Dynamics with CREST	r2scan-3c/mTZVPP	Yes	No
QM7-x	41,537*	4,195,237	7	Normal-mode Sampling with DFTB	PBE0+MBD	Yes	No
Transition1x	10,073 Reactions	9,644,740	7	Nudged Elastic Band	ω B97x/6-31G(d)	No	Yes
ANI-1ccx	~64,000?	489,571	8	Active Learning from ANI-1x	CCSD(T)* / CBS	Yes	No

Over 90 million calculations included, with more than 200 different levels of theory.

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Approaching coupled cluster accuracy with a general-purpose neural network potential through transfer learning

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Computational modeling of chemical and biological systems at atomic resolution is a crucial tool in the chemist's toolset. The use of computer simulations requires a balance between cost and accuracy: quantum-mechanical methods provide high accuracy but are computationally expensive and scale poorly to large systems, while classical force fields are cheap and scalable, but lack transferability to new systems. Machine learning can be used to achieve the best of both approaches. Here we train a general-purpose neural network potential (ANI-1ccx) that approaches CCSD(T)/CBS accuracy on benchmarks for reaction thermochemistry, isomerization, and drug-like molecular torsions. This is achieved by training a network to DFT data then using transfer learning techniques to retrain on a dataset of gold standard QM calculations (CCSD(T)/CBS) that optimally spans chemical space. The resulting potential is broadly applicable to materials science, biology, and chemistry, and billions of times faster than CCSD(T)/CBS calculations.

Trained ANI potential to DFT and then retrained to CCSD(T) dataset with frozen parameters.

Freezing parameters and other transfer learning techniques have limitations and can't readily train to multiple datasets.

Problem: How could we extend this to multiple datasets/level of theory?

Meta-learning

The problem:

How can we combine multiple QM datasets?

The solution

Meta-learning trains models in such a way that the solution can easily be refit to a new task

Not about finding a model that works well for one task

But finding a model that can be easily retrained to new tasks with limited data

On First-Order Meta-Learning Algorithms

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Abstract

This paper considers meta-learning problems, where there is a distribution of tasks, and we would like to obtain an agent that performs well (i.e., learns quickly) when presented with a previously unseen task sampled from this distribution. We analyze a family of algorithms for learning a parameter initialization that can be fine-tuned quickly on a new task, using only first-order derivatives for the meta-learning updates. This family includes and generalizes first-order MAML, an approximation to MAML obtained by ignoring second-order derivatives. It also includes Reptile, a new algorithm that we introduce here, which works by repeatedly sampling a task, training on it, and moving the initialization towards the trained weights on that task. We expand on the results from Finn et al. showing that first-order meta-learning algorithms perform well on some well-established benchmarks for few-shot classification, and we provide theoretical analysis aimed at understanding why these algorithms work.

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What is meta-learning?

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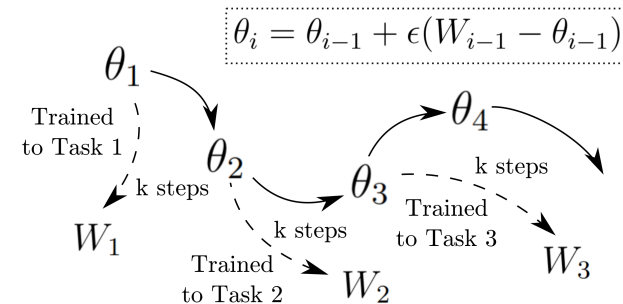
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# Reptile

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NOT:

- Trying to find parameters that are good for one specific task

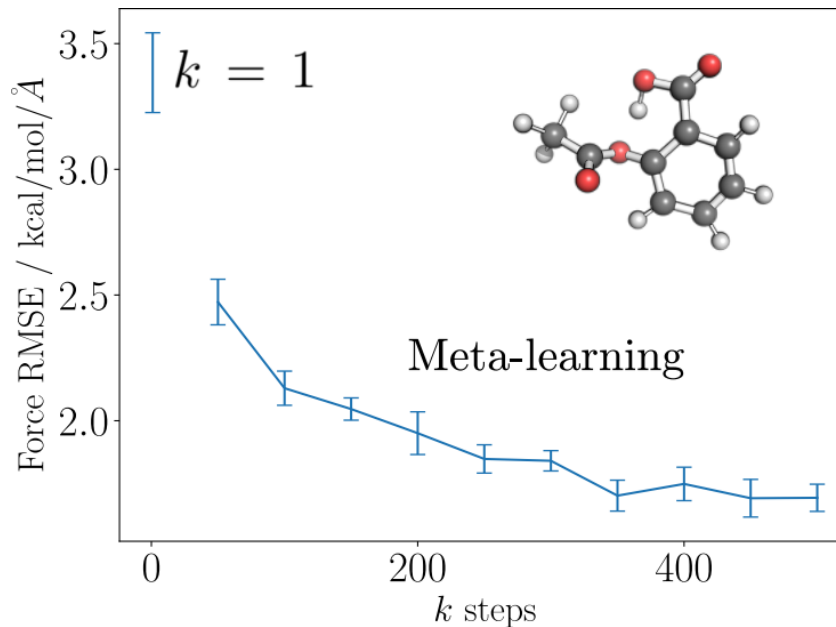
- Trying to find parameters that work for all tasks at once

# Aspirin

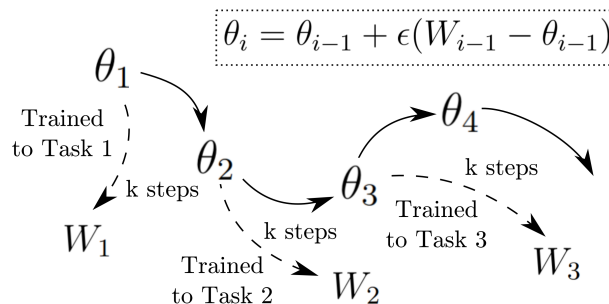
Aspirin was pre-trained to three datasets from 300K, 600K and 900K MD simulations

Three levels of theory were used to pre-train the potential

The potential was then retrained to 400 structures at MP2.



Reptile Algorithm



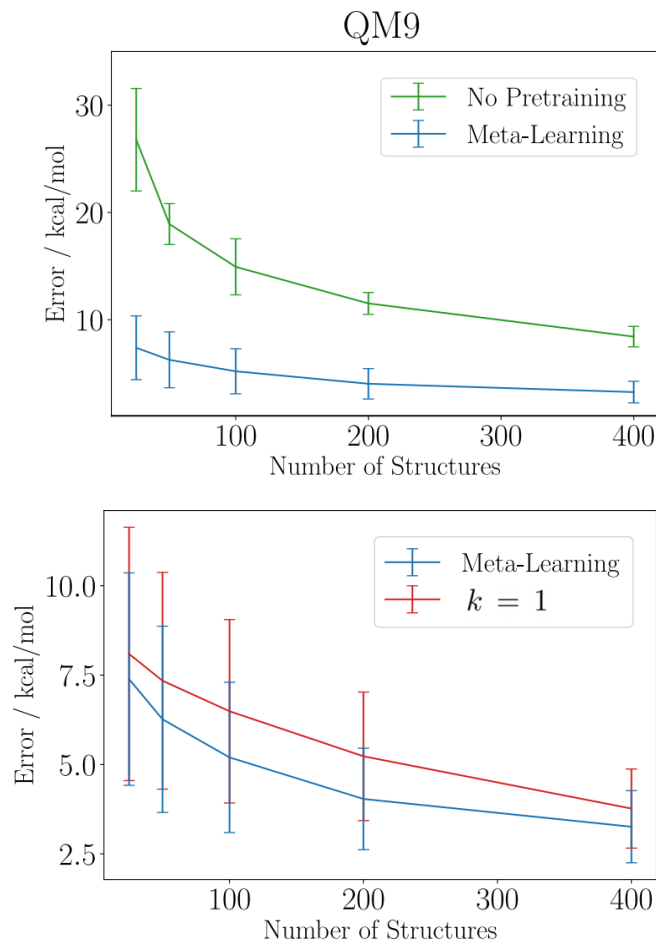
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Meta-learning potential was fit to 150 different levels of theory from the QM9 dataset

Refitting was then performed on 15 different levels of theory that had not previously been encountered

The results of this are shown to the right.

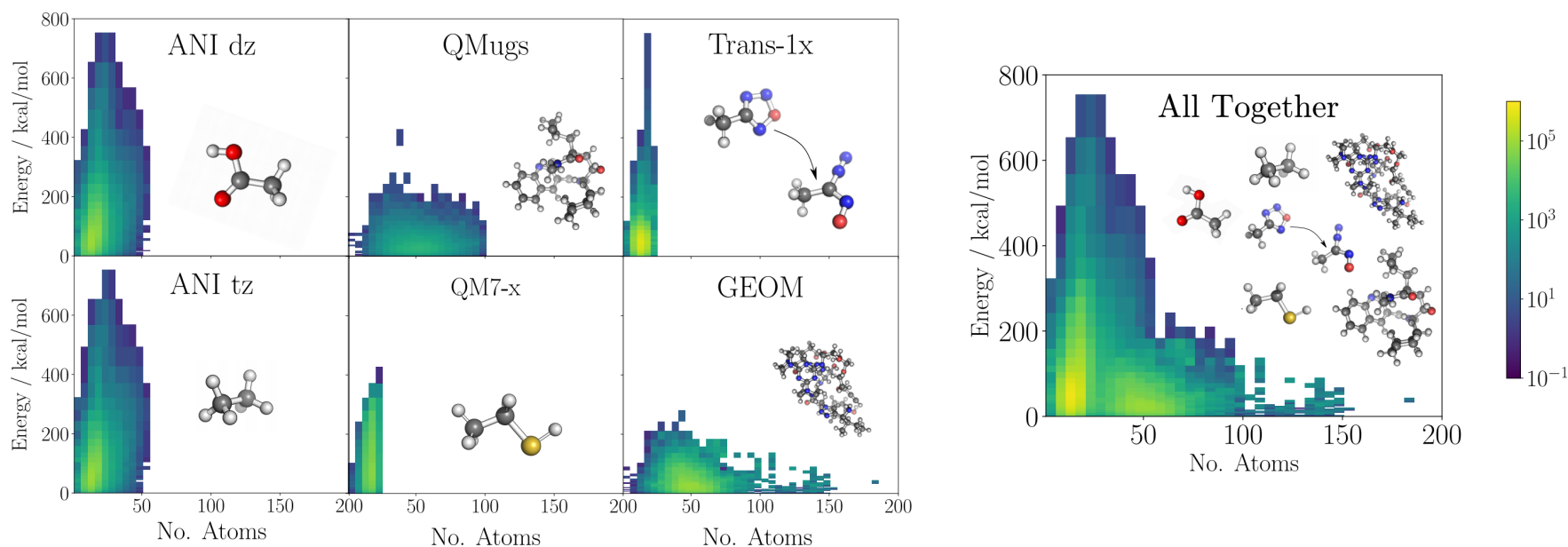
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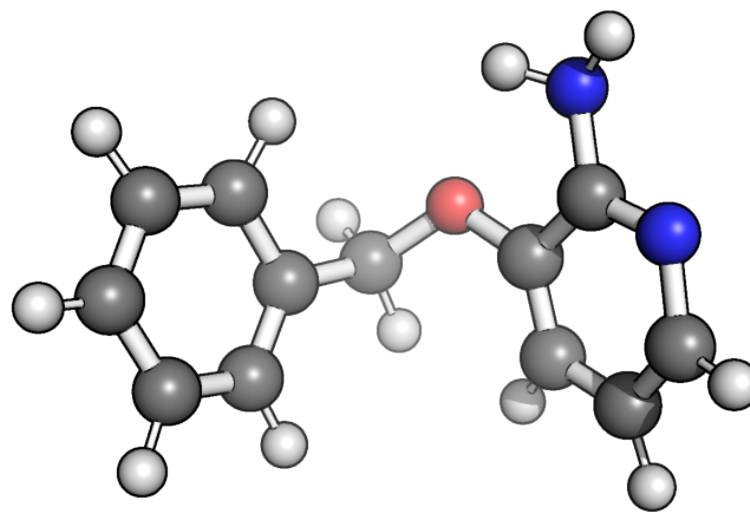


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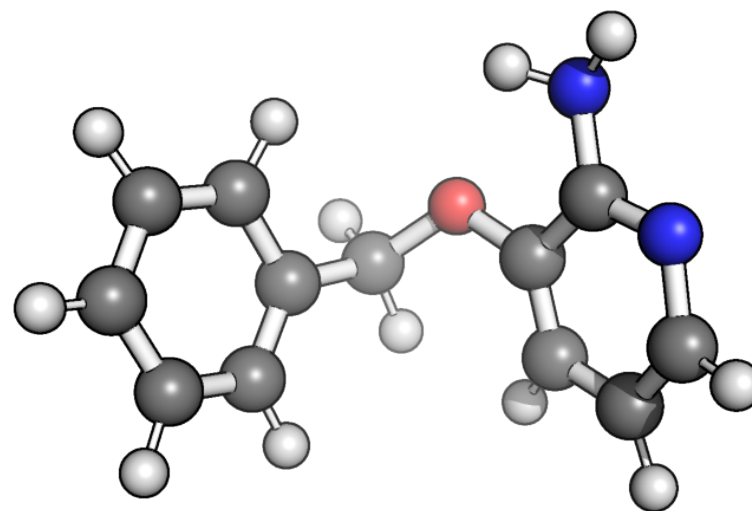
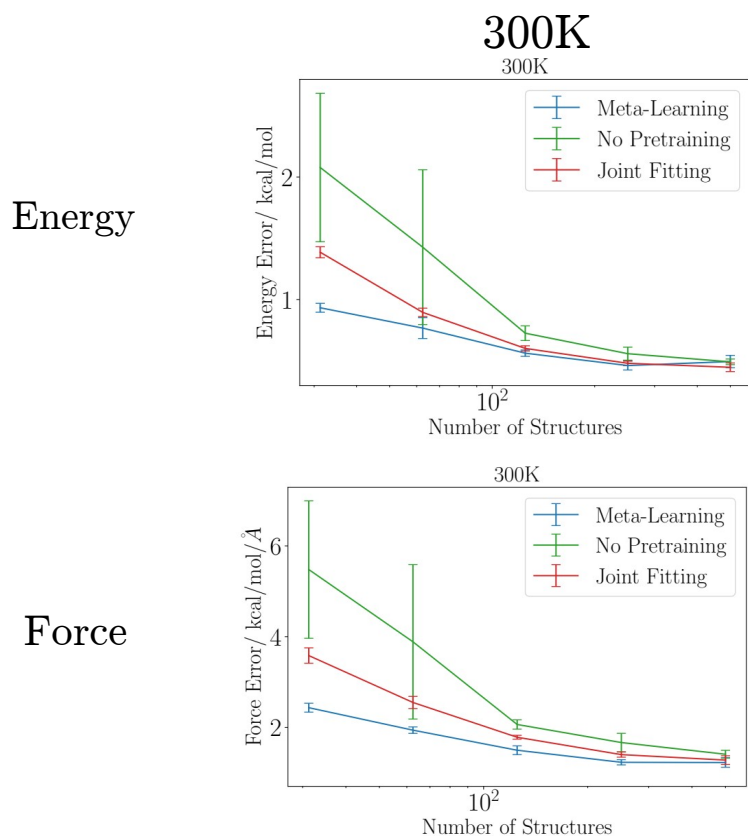
Start by investigating the potential  
for a single molecule

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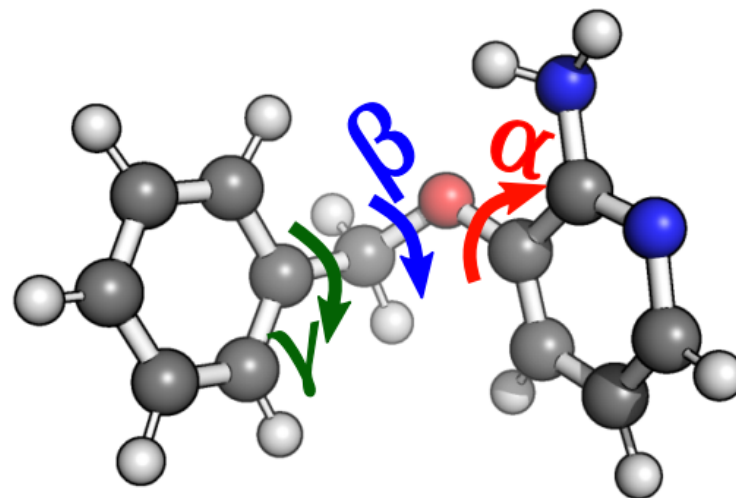


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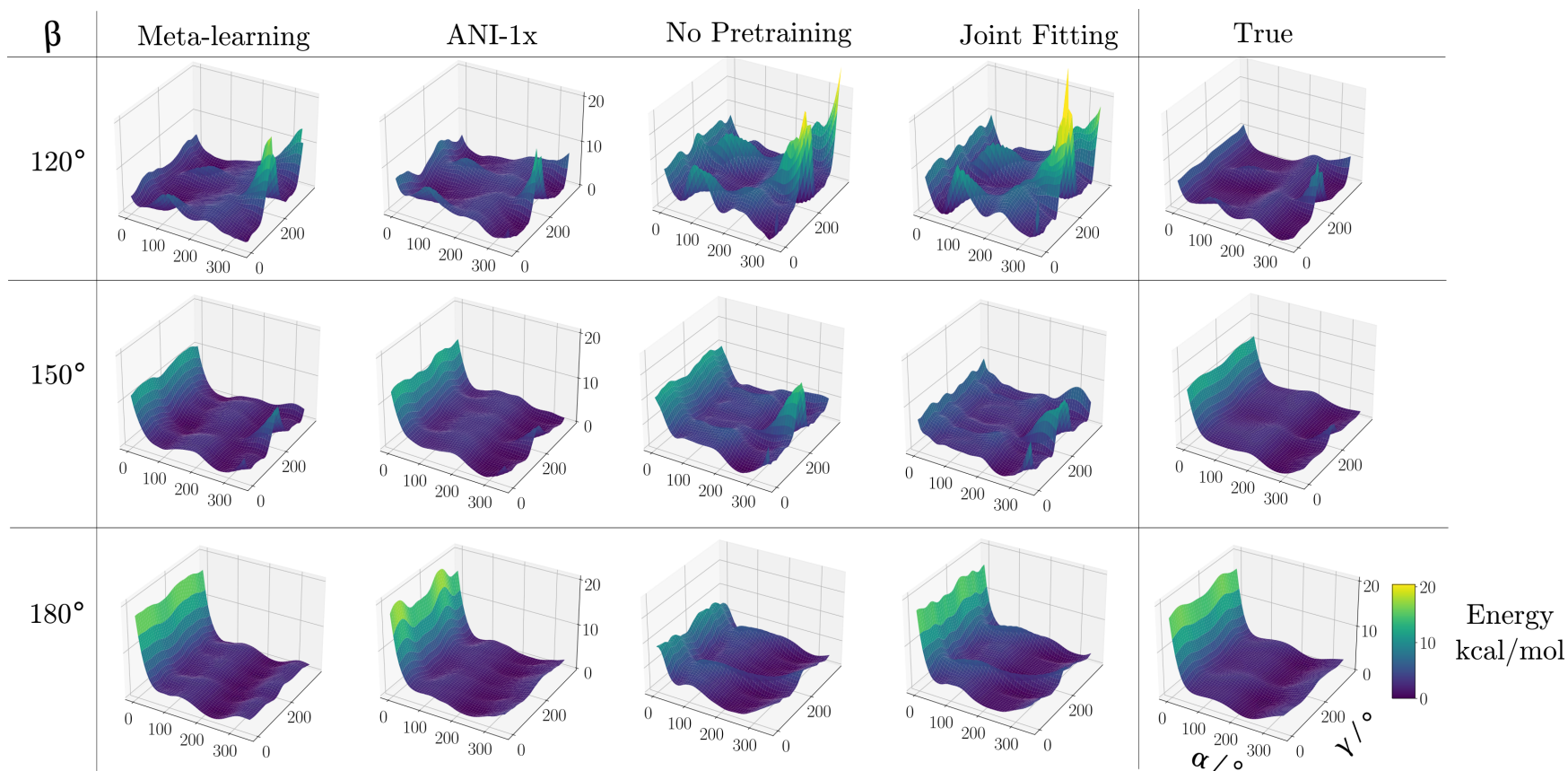


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Next lets look at the 2D torsional  
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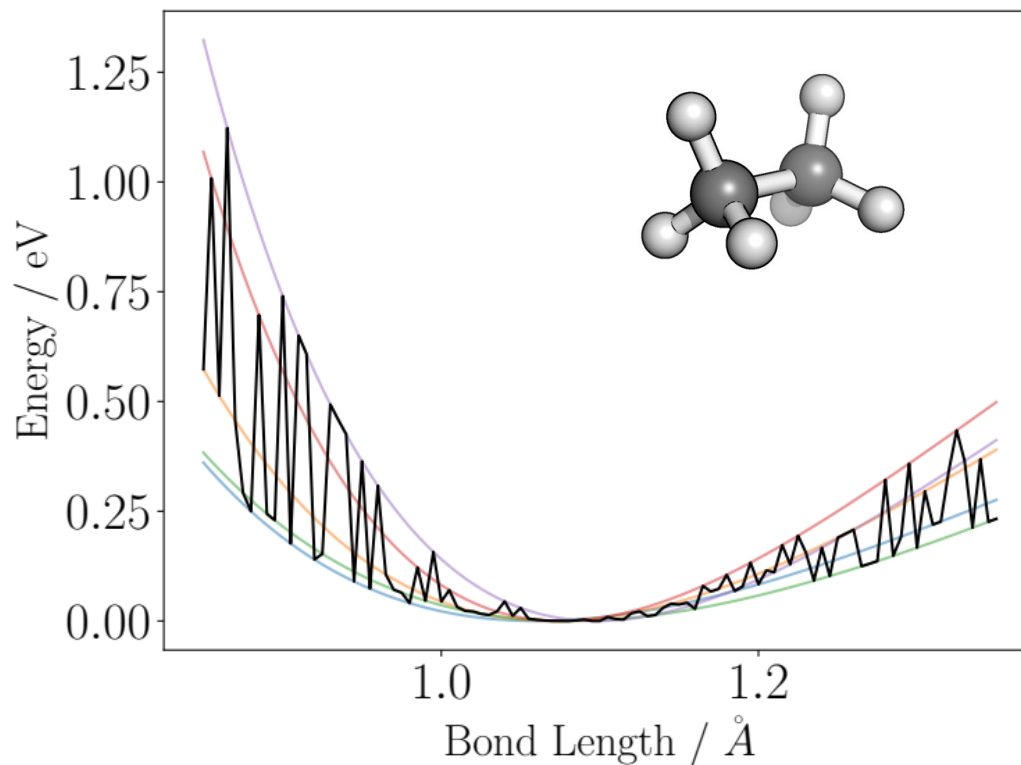


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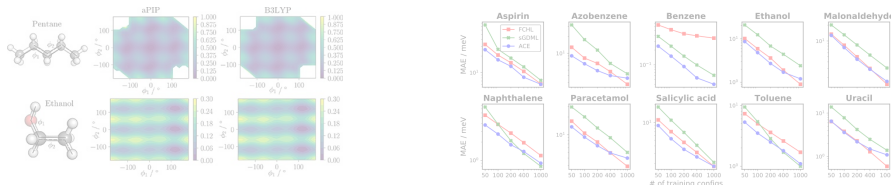


# Improving ML Models

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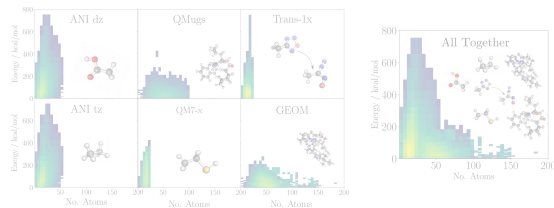
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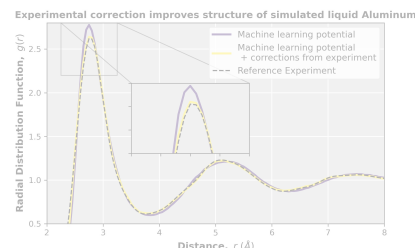
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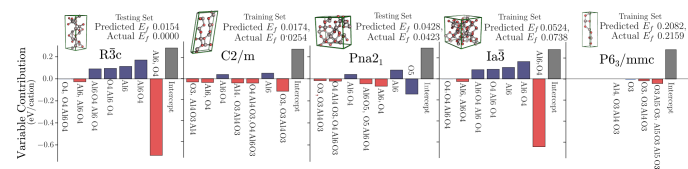
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# Interpretability

- Machine learning models can provide fast and accurate predictions of material properties but often lack transparency.
- Interpretability techniques can be used with black box solutions, or alternatively, models can be created that are directly interpretable.
- We revisited several works and demonstrate that simple linear combinations of nonlinear basis functions can be created, which have comparable accuracy to the kernel and neural network approaches originally used.

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## Crowd-sourcing materials-science challenges with the NOMAD 2018 Kaggle competition

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A public data-analytics competition was organized by the Novel Materials Discovery (NOMAD) Centre of Excellence and hosted by the online platform Kaggle by using a dataset of 3,000  $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{In}_{1-x}\text{O}_2$  compounds. Its aim was to identify the best machine-learning (ML) model for the prediction of two key physical properties that are relevant for optoelectronic applications: the electronic bandgap energy and the crystalline formation energy. Here, we present a summary of the top-three ranked ML approaches. The first-place solution was based on a crystal-graph representation that is novel for the ML of properties of materials. The second-place model combined many candidate descriptors from a set of compositional, atomic-environment-based, and average structural properties with the light gradient-boosting machine regression model. The third-place model employed the smooth overlap of atomic position representation with a neural network. The Pearson correlation among the prediction errors of nine ML models (obtained by combining the top-three ranked representations with all three employed regression models) was examined by using the Pearson correlation to gain insight into whether the representation or the regression model determines the overall model performance. Ensembling relatively decorrelated models (based on the Pearson correlation) leads to an even higher

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## Machine Learning Energies of 2 Million Elpasolite ( $\text{ABC}_2\text{D}_6$ ) Crystals

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High-throughput computational screening has emerged as a critical component of materials discovery. Direct density functional theory (DFT) simulation of inorganic materials and molecular transition metal complexes is often used to describe subtle trends in magnetic ordering and spin state ordering, but these calculations are computationally costly and properties are sensitive to the exchange correlation functional employed. To begin to overcome these challenges, we trained artificial neural networks (ANN) to predict quantum-mechanically derived properties, including spin-state ordering, magnetic hysteresis, and spin state specific bond lengths in transition metal complexes. Our ANN is trained on a small set of inorganic-chemistry appropriate empirical inputs that are both manually transferable and do not require precise three-dimensional structural information for prediction. Using these descriptors, our ANN predicts spin state ordering of single-site transition metal complexes (i.e. Co-Ni) at arbitrary amounts of ligand-field exchange to within 3 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> accuracy of DFT calculations. Our exchange-correlation ANN enables rapid prediction on a dense test set of experimentally characterized transition metal complexes by interpolation from semi-local DFT to hybrid DFT. The ANN also outperforms other machine learning models (i.e. support vector regression and kernel ridge regression), demonstrating particularly improved performance in transferability, as measured by prediction errors on the dense test set. We establish the value of our non-universally quantifiable tools to estimate ANN prediction uncertainty in computational chemistry, and we provide additional insights for identification of when a compound of interest is likely to be poorly predicted by the ANN. The ANN developed in this work provide a strategy for screening transition metal complexes both with direct ANN prediction and with improved structure generation for validation with first principles simulation.

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# Interpretability

- A predictive model for the formation energy of 10,000 elpasolite structures ( $ABC_2D_6$  in the  $Fm3m$  space group) was produced using kernel ridge regression.

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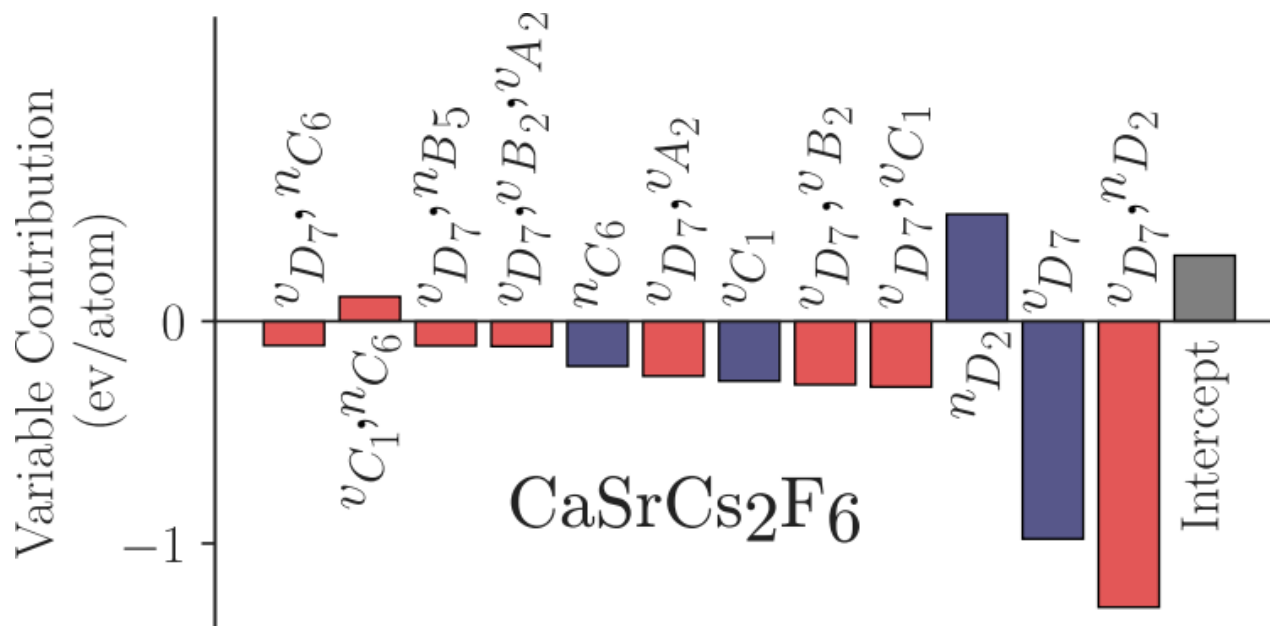
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- Reach accuracy of 0.11 eV/atom, compared to 0.10 eV/atom for the KRR.
- The accuracy of the DFT data has been stated as between 0.10 – 0.19 eV/atom
- So we have comparable accuracy to KRR and DFT

$$\begin{aligned} E(n, v) = & \sum_i \alpha_i n_i + \sum_i \beta_i v_i + \sum_{j < i} \alpha_{ij} n_i n_j + \sum_{j < i} \beta_{ij} v_i v_j \\ & + \sum_{i, j} \gamma_{ij} n_i v_j + \sum_{k < j < i} \alpha_{ijk} n_i n_j n_k + \sum_{k < j < i} \beta_{ijk} v_i v_j v_k \\ & + \sum_{k < i, j} \gamma_{ijk} n_i v_j n_k + \sum_{k < j, i} \lambda_{ijk} n_i v_j v_k \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$



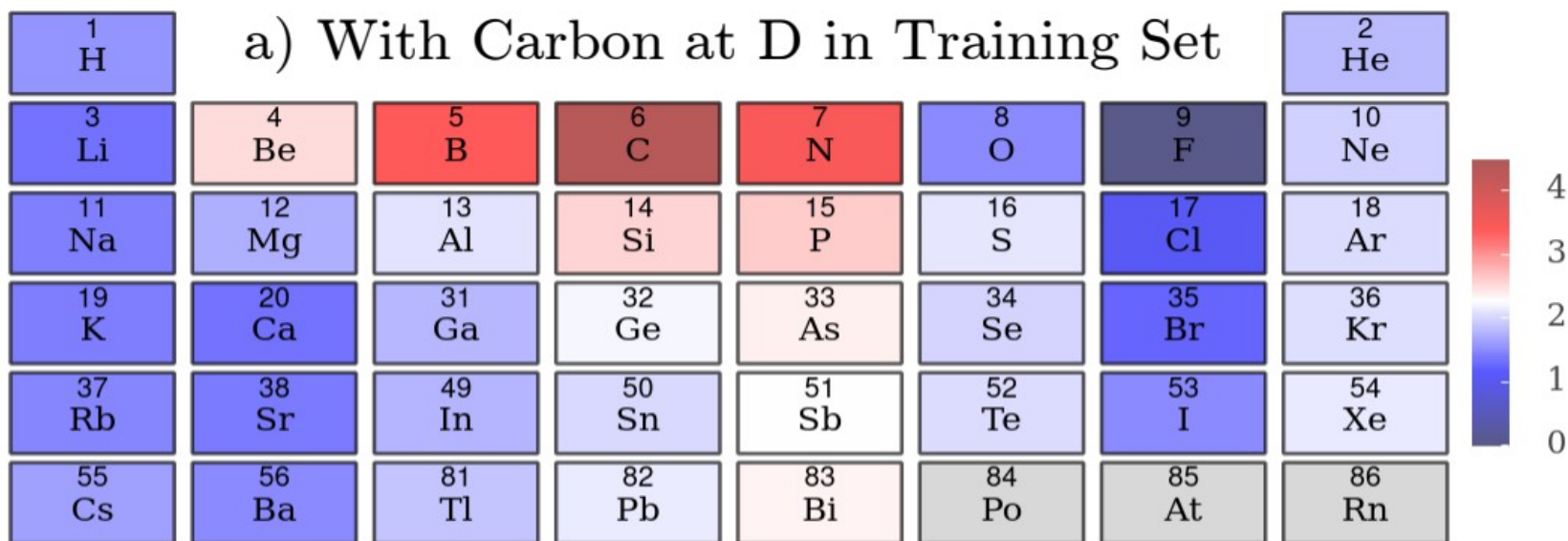
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- Search 2 million possible structures
- Individual predictions can be broken down into variable and interaction contributions:



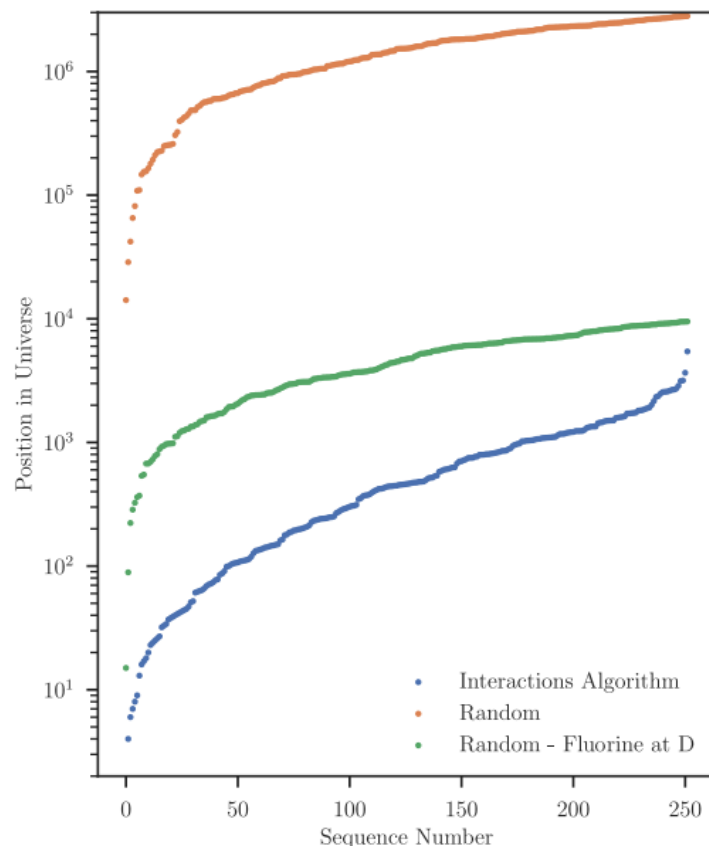
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- Contributions to the formation energy at position D can be found directly from the coefficients of the model:



# Interpretability

- With the linear model the coefficients can be used to guide predictions.
- If we want low formation energy structures we can focus on this region.



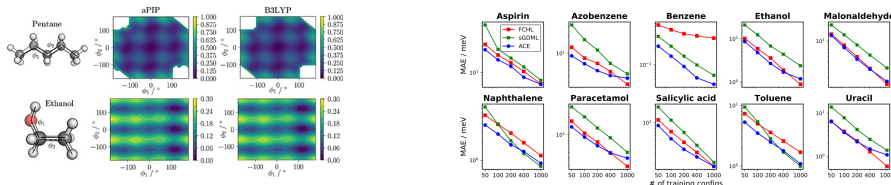
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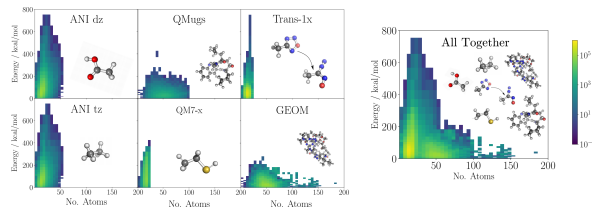
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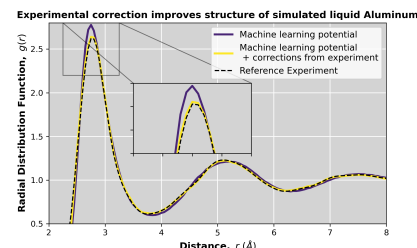
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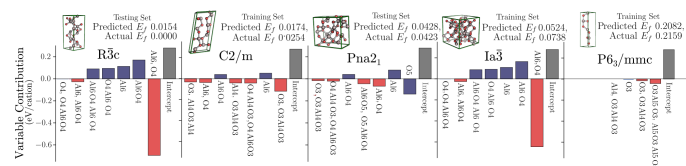
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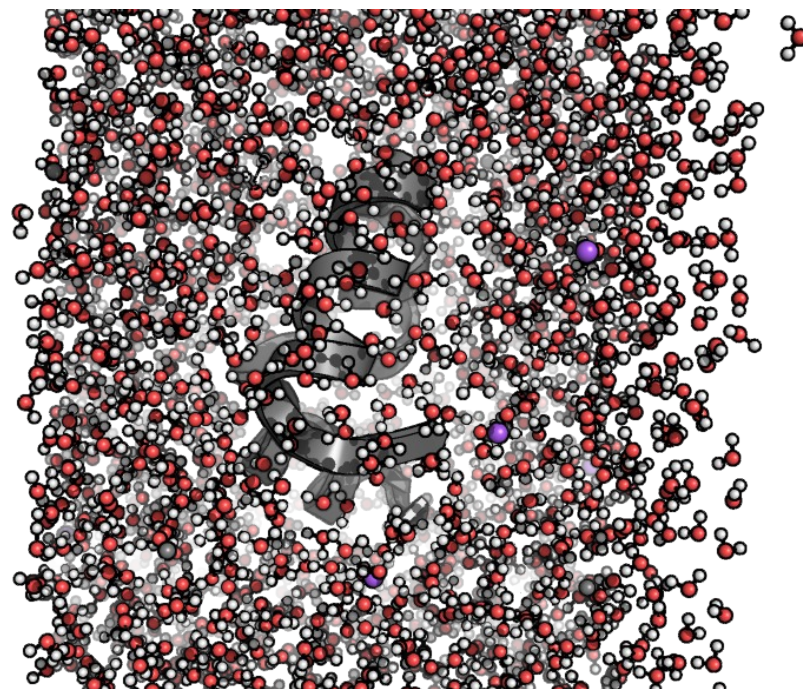
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# Conclusion

- Atomistic simulations and the description of interactions between atoms and molecules can be greatly improved with ML
- Both building novel machine learning models and exploiting techniques from ML community is important for constructing effective models
- This can help us improve ML through better architecture, fitting data, fitting methods and interpretability





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