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# Enhanced Template-Free Reaction Prediction with Molecular Graphs and Sequence-based Data Augmentation

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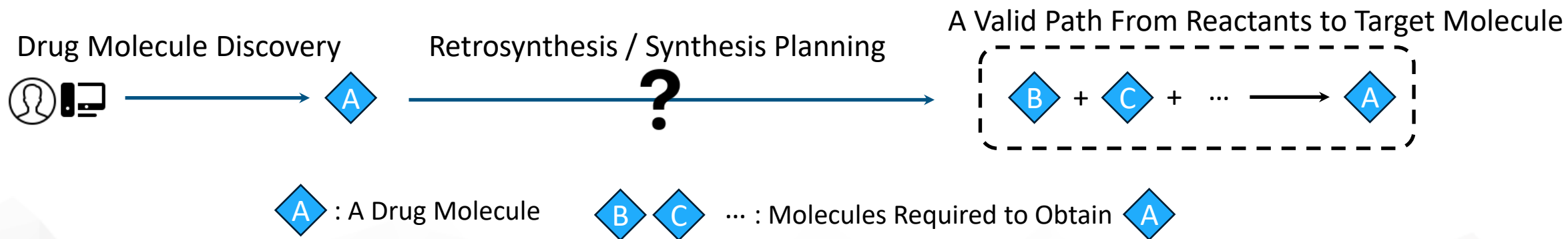
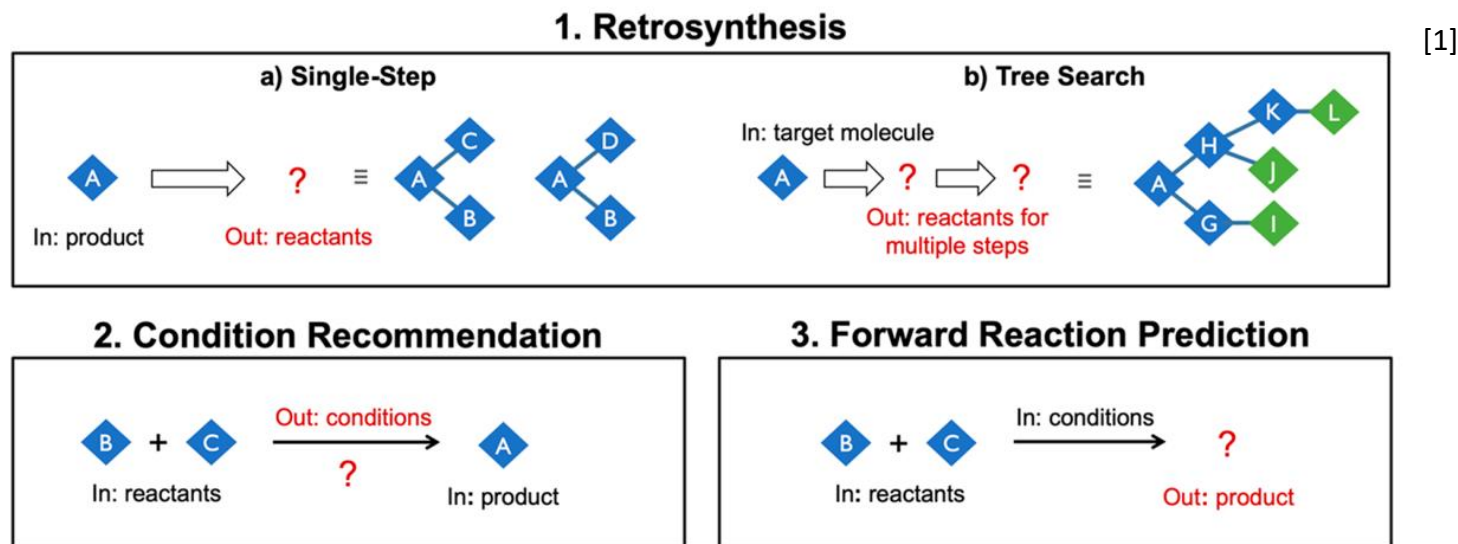


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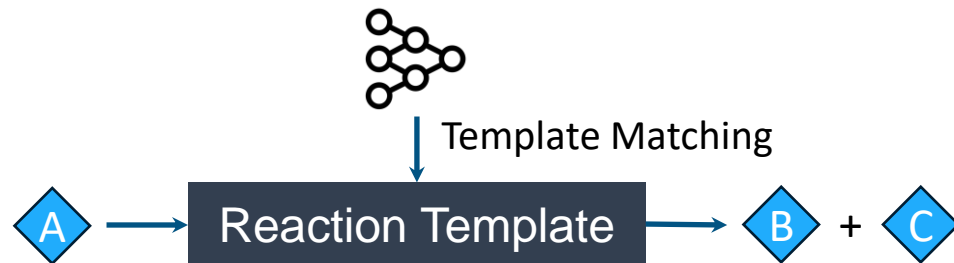


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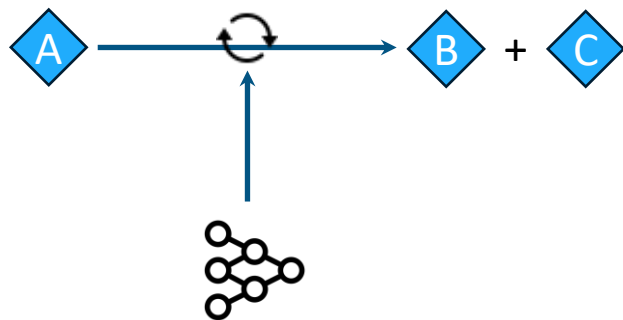
# Introduction: Retrosynthesis & Forward Synthesis



# Introduction: Deep Learning in Retrosynthesis

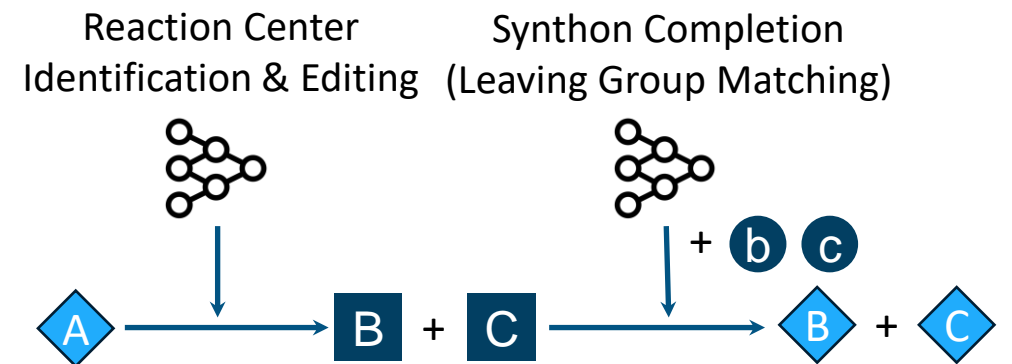


1) Template-Based



Autoregressive  
Next Token Prediction

2) Template-Free



Autoregressive  
Atom & Bond Editing

3) Semi-Template



: Neural Networks



: Synthon



: Leaving Group



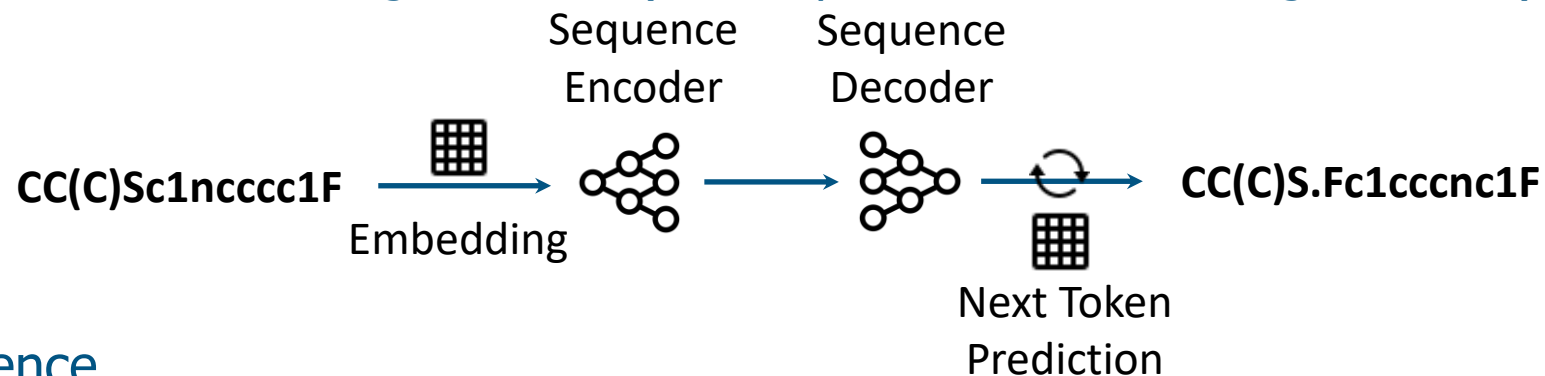
: Atoms / Bonds



# Related Work 1: Two Types of Template-Free Methods

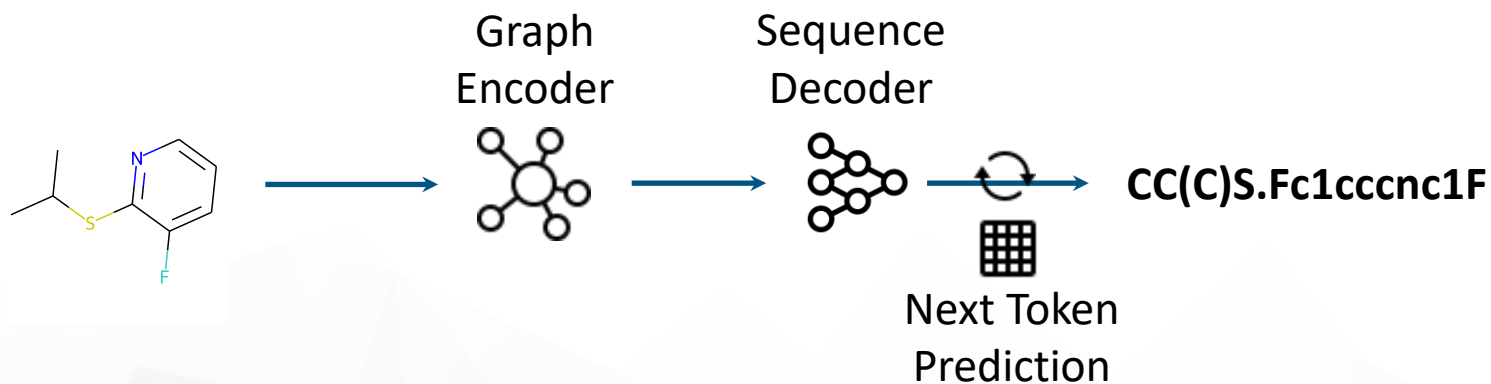
## 1) Sequence-to-Sequence

- ◆ SMILES (or SMILES with Graph Features, e.g., Bonds) as Input, SMILES as Output
- ◆ Enable to Use SMILES Data Augmentation (i.e., Sequence-based Data Augmentation)

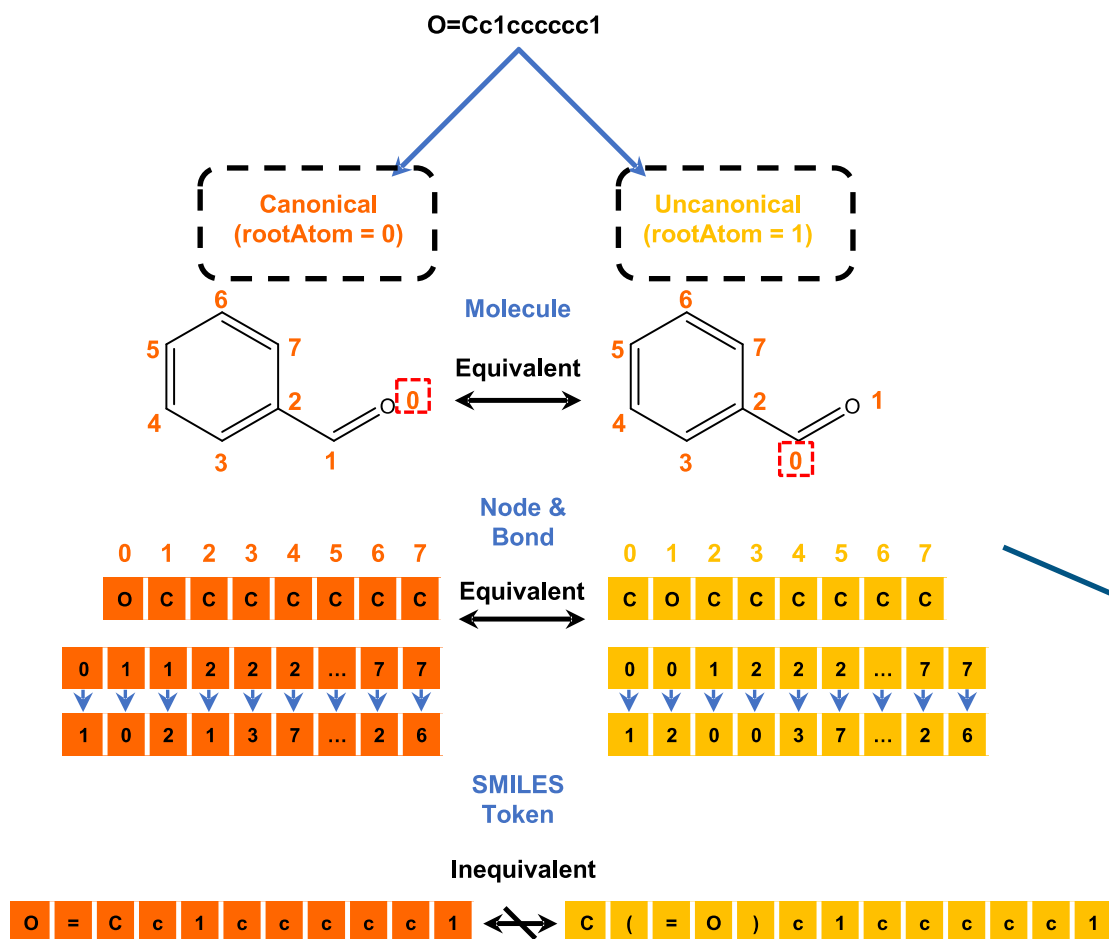


## 2) Graph-to-Sequence

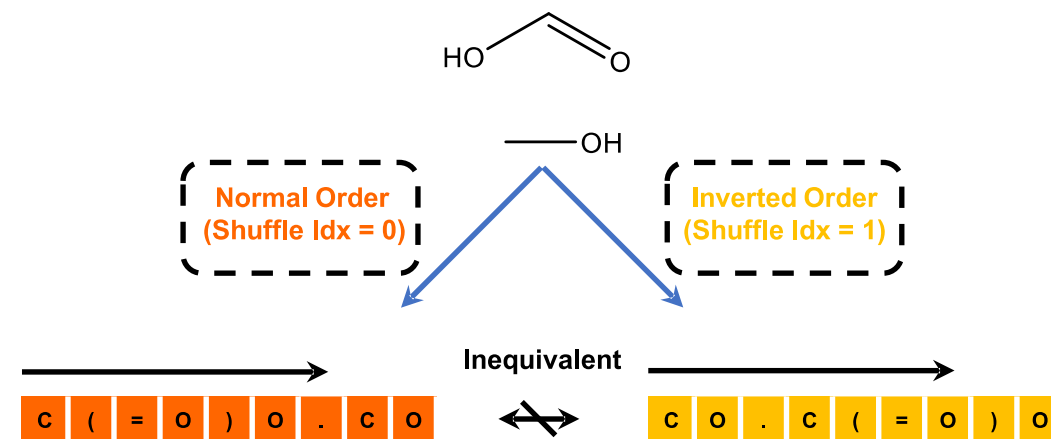
- ◆ Graph as Input, SMILES as Output
- ◆ Unable to Use SMILES Data Augmentation (Due to Permutation Invariance of Graph)



# Sequence-based Data Augmentation in Graph-to-Sequence Methods



## 1) Root Atom Index

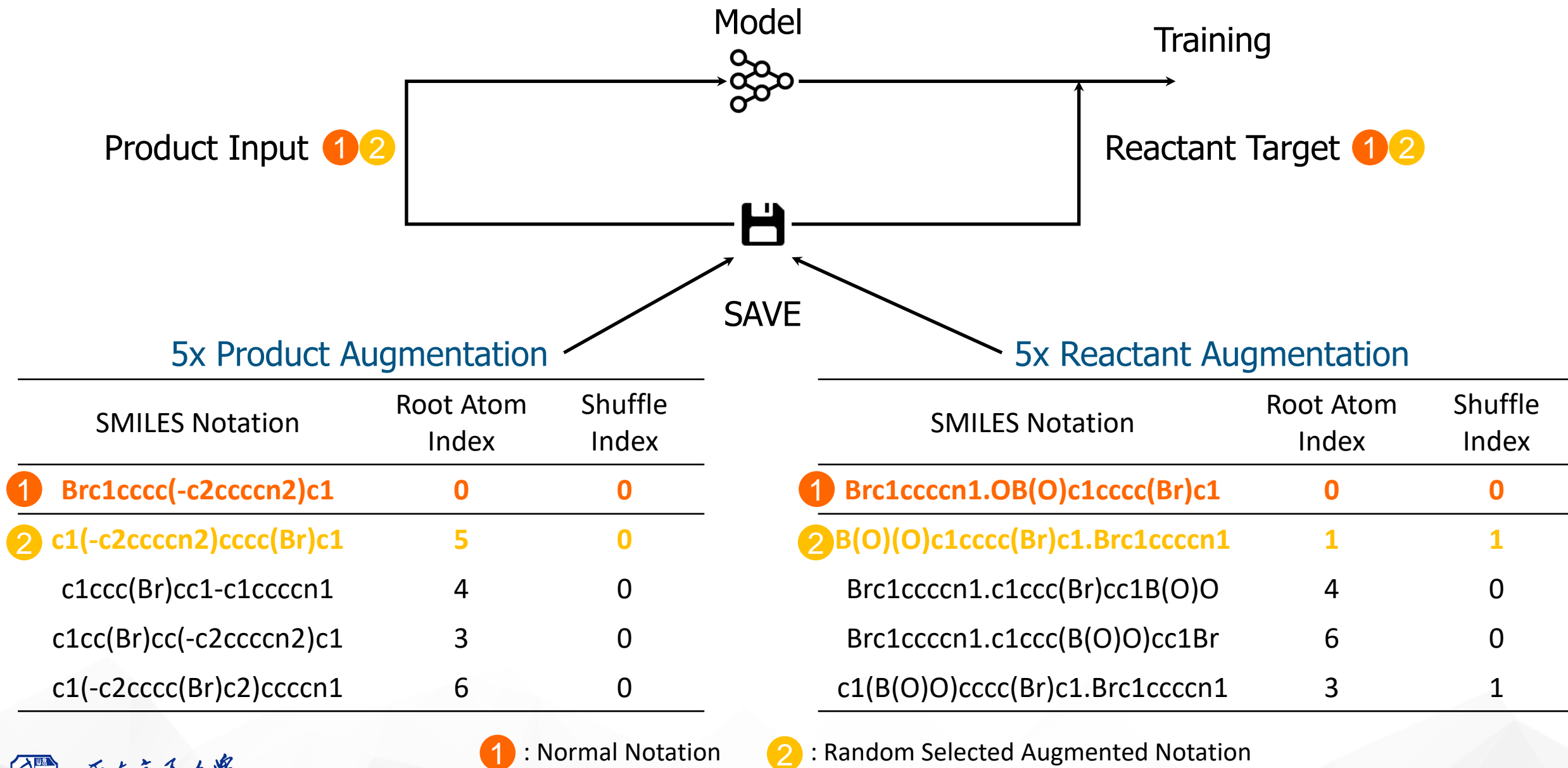


## 2) Shuffle Index



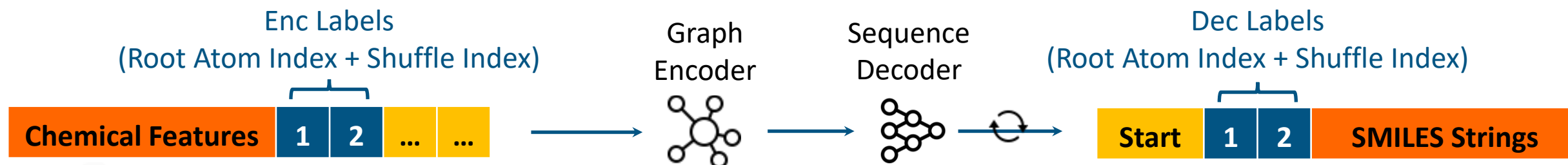
Node Features for Each Atom

# Implementation: Off-the-shelf and Its Cases

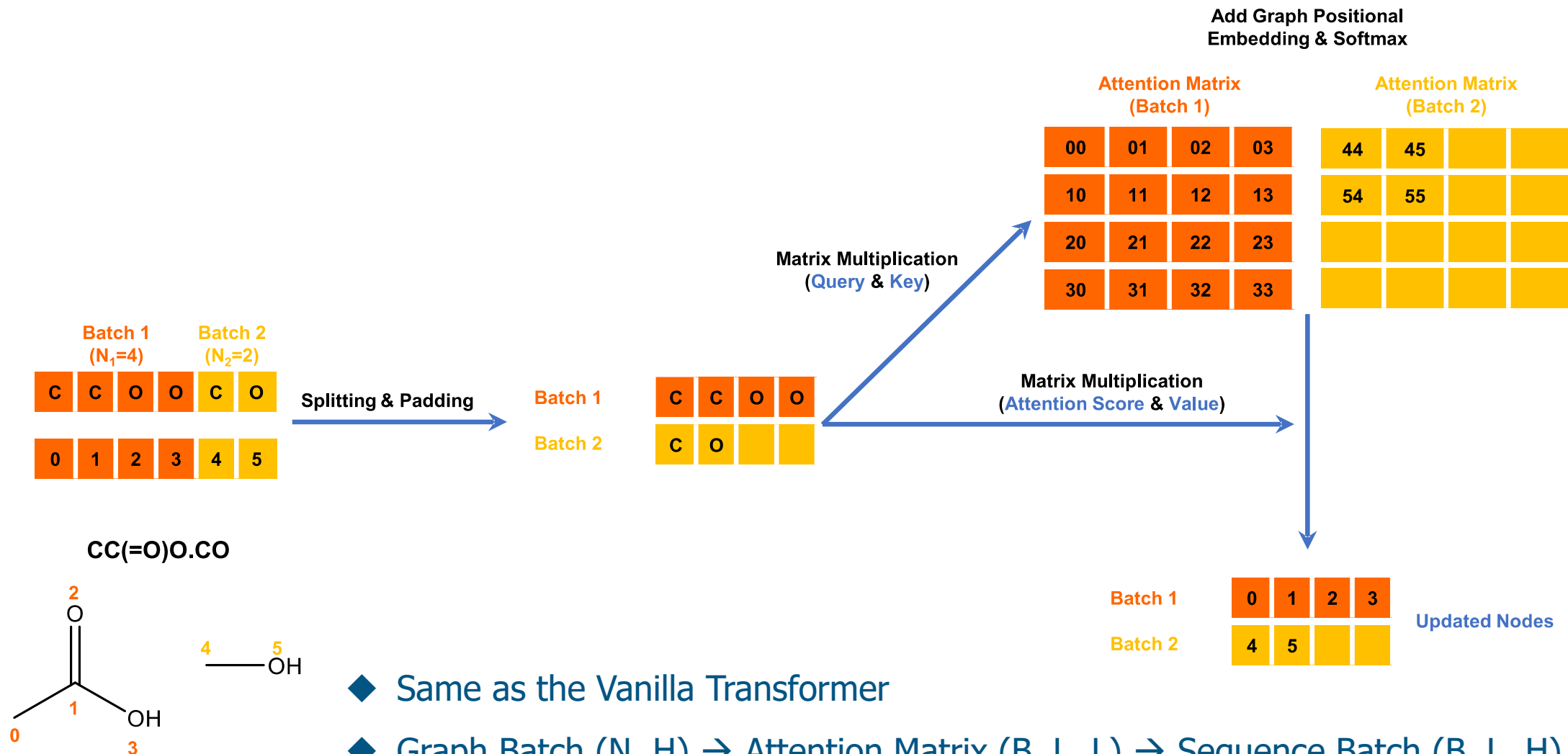


# Ablation Study for Sequence-based Data Augmentation

Methods	Best <b>T</b> in Softmax	Top-k accuracy(%) <sup>↑</sup>	
		1	10
(1x) Baseline	0.9	52.5	78.1
5x Baseline	0.9	54.6	68.9
5x Baseline + <b>Enc Labels</b>	0.9	<b>55.0</b>	79.8
5x Baseline + <b>Enc Labels + Dec Labels</b>	0.8	54.6	<b>80.3</b>



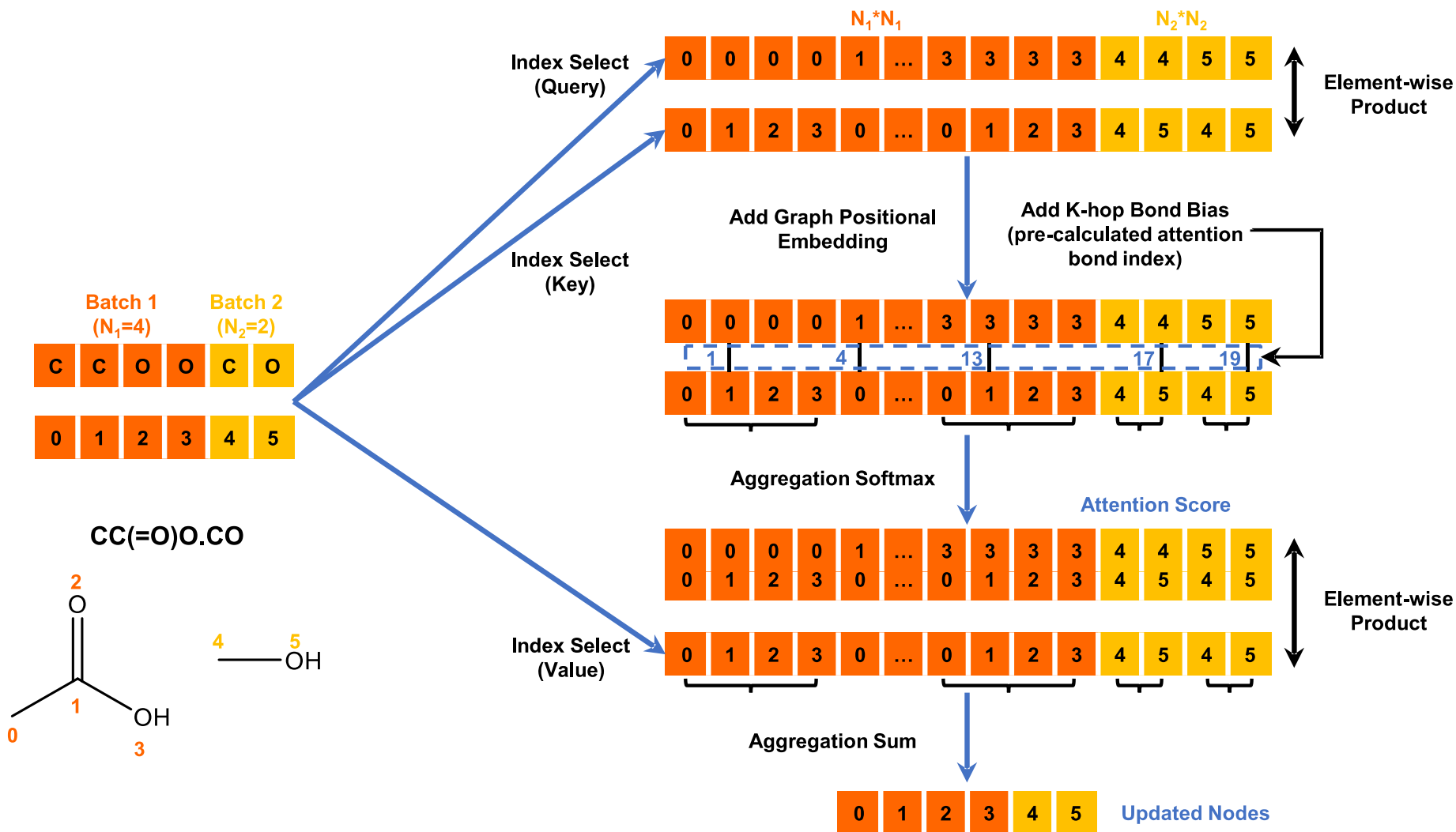
# Related Work 2: Graph Transformer with Graph Padding



- ◆ Same as the Vanilla Transformer
- ◆ Graph Batch ( $N, H$ )  $\rightarrow$  Attention Matrix ( $B, L, L$ )  $\rightarrow$  Sequence Batch ( $B, L, H$ ).  
 $N$  = Total Number of Atoms;  $B$  = Number of Graphs in the Batch;  
 $L$  = Maximum Number of Nodes in the Graph

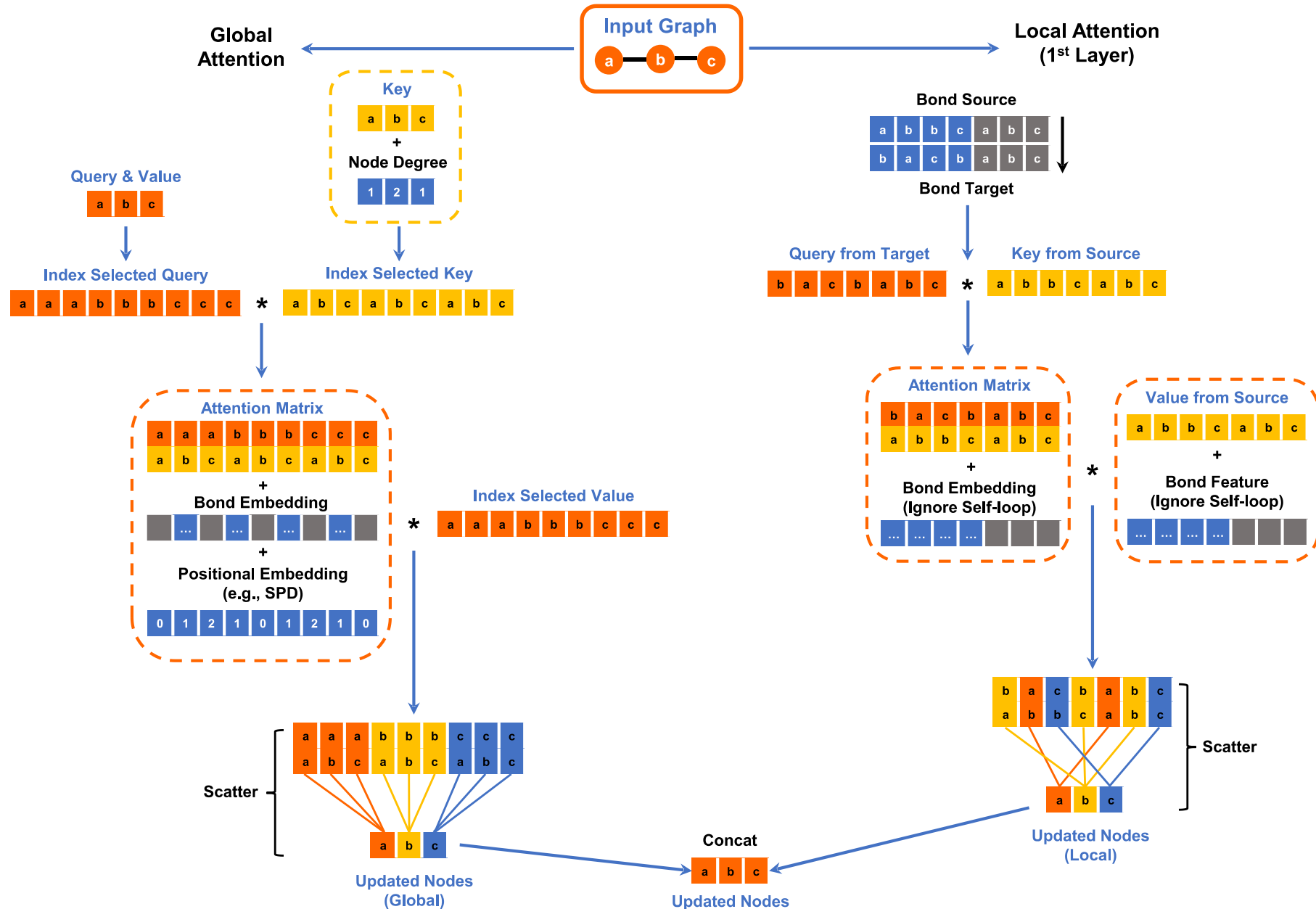


# Apply Graph Transformer Without Graph Padding



◆ Graph Batch ( $N, H$ )  $\rightarrow$  Attention Matrix ( $N_1^2 + N_2^2 + \dots, 1$ )  $\rightarrow$  Graph Batch ( $N, H$ )

# Aggregation-based Graph Transformer: A Simple Example



# Forward and Backward Speed: Vanilla & Aggregation

## Data Composition in a USPTO-50k Batch

Avg 27.13 Atoms

Avg 28.67 Paddings

Methods	Global Attention↑	Normalization & Feed Forward↑	Backward↑
Vanilla (Baseline)	1.00x	1.00x	1.00x
Naive Aggregation	0.32x	2.85x	0.55x
Aggregation	0.41x	2.85x	0.94x

## Test Settings: Separated Single-layer Encoder & Pytorch Profiler

- ◆ Vanilla:  $\text{Matmul}(Q, K^T) \rightarrow \text{Softmax}(QK) \rightarrow \text{Matmul}(QK, V)$
- ◆ Naive Aggregation:  $\text{Element-wise}(\text{Index Select}(Q), \text{Index Select}(K)) \rightarrow \text{Scatter Softmax}(QK) \rightarrow \text{Element-wise}(QK, \text{Index Select}(V)) \rightarrow \text{Scatter Sum}(QKV)$
- ◆ Aggregation: **Coalesced**  $\text{Element-wise}(Q, K) \rightarrow \text{Scatter Softmax}(QK) \rightarrow \text{Coalesced} \text{Element-wise}(QK, V) \rightarrow \text{Scatter Sum}(QKV)$

# Retrosynthesis Benchmark Results (USPTO-50k, USPTO-full)



: Template-Free



: Semi-Template

Methods	USPTO-50k Top-k accuracy(%)↑	
	1	10
Graph2SMILES <sup>[1]</sup>	53.1	74.3
RetroDCVAE <sup>[2]</sup>	53.2	82.1
G2GT <sup>[3]</sup>	54.1	77.7
SeqAGraph ( <i>Ours</i> , 5x)	<b>55.7</b>	<b>82.7</b>
Graph2Edit <sup>[4]</sup>	55.1	89.4

Methods	USPTO-full Top-k accuracy(%)↑	
	1	10
Graph2SMILES <sup>[1]</sup>	45.7	63.4
G2GT <sup>[3]</sup>	<b>49.3</b>	<b>72.7</b>
SeqAGraph ( <i>Ours</i> , 2x)	44.6	69.9

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## 1) Graph-to-Sequence Methods Struggle in Applying Existing Sequence-based Data Augmentation

- ◆ In order to differentiate between various augmented SMILES notations with the same graph representation, we directly introduced the index of the first atom in SMILES (i.e., root atom index) and the shuffle index as additional input features.
- The existing off-the-shelf implementation of sequence-based data augmentation faces challenges in storage and preprocessing time, a more efficient approach is needed for faster and larger-scale (e.g., 20x) data augmentation.

## 2) Implementation of Existing Graph Transformer is Not Compatible with MPNN Framework

- ◆ Based on the pattern of Query, Key, Value, and the lower-dimensional attention matrix, we equivalently implement the attention layer by indexing, element-wise operations, and aggregation operations without graph padding.
- The advantage of padding-free attention computation is offset by under-optimized indexing and element-wise operations, further optimization of the aggregation-based Graph Transformer is needed.



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<https://github.com/AILBC/SeqAGraph>