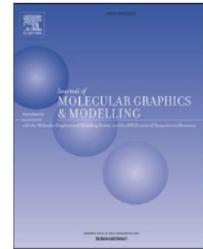




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## Visualizing convolutional neural network protein-ligand scoring

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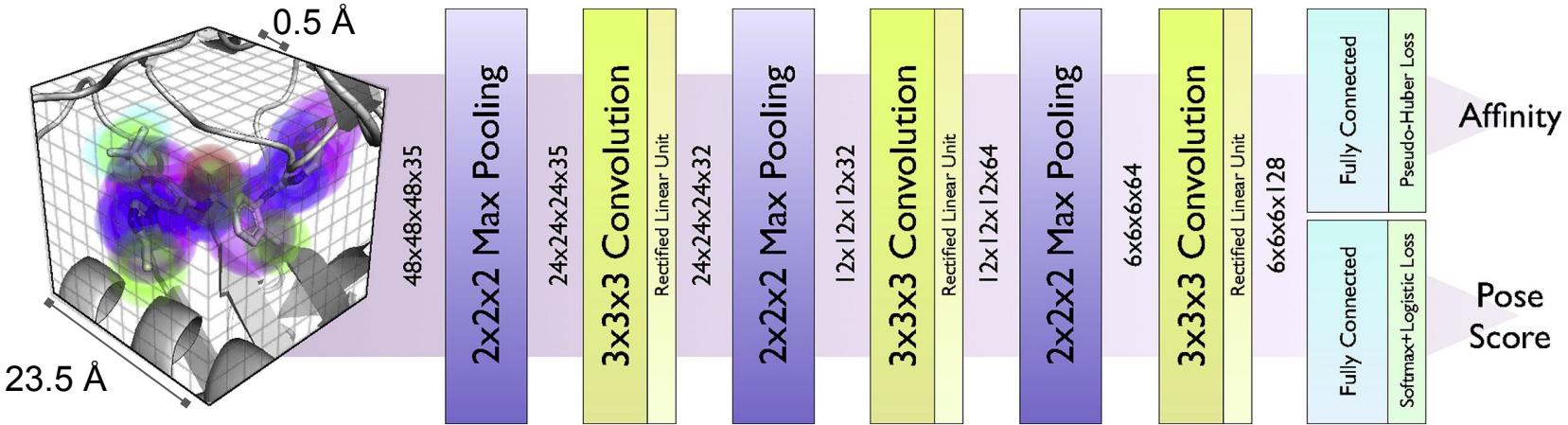
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# Background

- CNNs have been great at predicting protein-ligand interactions poses and binding affinities
- However, CNNs are difficult to interpret
- A new method is needed to:
  - Reveal which parts of the atoms are important
  - Understand how the atoms are represented at different layers
  - Understand how what aspects of the atoms the model learns to favor different classes
- Created 4 new visualization methods:
  - First layer filter heatmaps
  - Masking
  - Gradient
  - Conserved Layer-wise Relevance Propagation

# Method



- $23.5 \text{ \AA} \times 23.5 \text{ \AA} \times 23.5 \text{ \AA}$  grids @ 0.5 width voxels
- $3 \times 3 \times 3$  filter, stride 1
- Atom coordinates discretized into 4D grid (3D space + 1D atom type features)  
based on the Van der Waals radius and distance of atom to grid point
  - Will explain in detail during the Atomic Gradient

# Loss Functions

## Affinity

- Log units using pseudo-Huber
- Interpolated b/w L2 and L1 loss according parameter  $\delta$

$$L_{pseudo-Huber}(y, \hat{y}) = \delta^2 \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{y - \hat{y}}{\delta}\right)^2} - \delta^2$$

- If low resolution ( $>4\text{\AA}$  RMSD), use hinge loss instead

## Pose Score

- Score poses by generating probability distribution over high res ( $<2\text{\AA}$ ) and low res ( $>4\text{\AA}$ ), scaled to [0,1] with softmax
- Logistic loss:

$$L_{pose}(y, \hat{y}) = -\sum_{i=1}^K \mathbf{1}(y = i) \log(\sigma(\hat{y})_i)$$

$$\sigma(\hat{y})_i = \frac{e^{\hat{y}_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^K e^{\hat{y}_j}}$$

# Input Data

## Data Sources

1. Known poses, binding sites, and binding affinities from PDBBind2016 (15,814 protein-ligand complexes)
2. Alternate conformers of ligand generated with RDKit and redocked using Vina
3. Predicted poses from model after 3 rounds of iteratively training

**Total: 255,035 protein-ligand complexes**

## Features

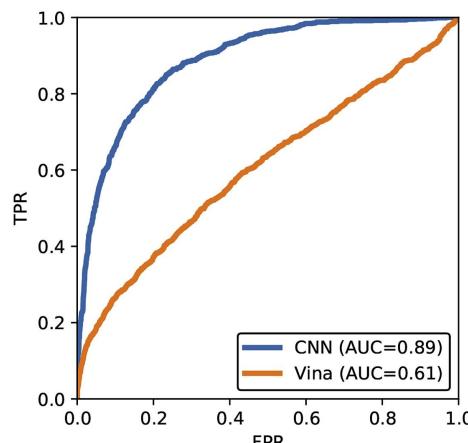
**Table 1**

The 35 atom types used in gnina. Carbon atoms are distinguished by aromaticity and adjacency to polar atoms ("NonHydrophobe"). Polar atoms are distinguished by hydrogen bonding propensity.

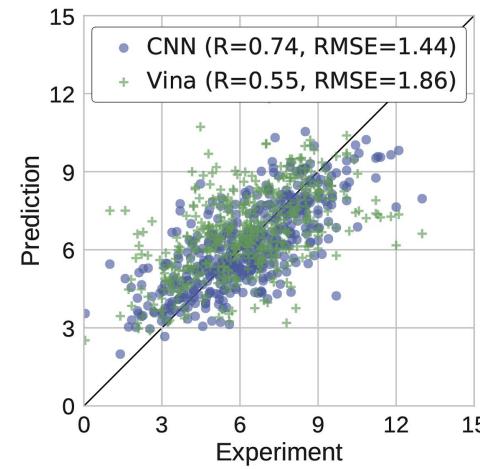
Receptor Atom Types	Ligand Atom Types
AliphaticCarbonXSHydrophobe	AliphaticCarbonXSHydrophobe
AliphaticCarbonXSNonHydrophobe	AliphaticCarbonXSNonHydrophobe
AromaticCarbonXSHydrophobe	AromaticCarbonXSHydrophobe
AromaticCarbonXSNonHydrophobe	AromaticCarbonXSNonHydrophobe
Calcium	Bromine
Iron	Chlorine
Magnesium	Fluorine
Nitrogen	Nitrogen
NitrogenXSAcceptor	NitrogenXSAcceptor
NitrogenXSDonor	NitrogenXSDonor
NitrogenXSDonorAcceptor	NitrogenXSDonorAcceptor
OxygenXSAcceptor	Oxygen
OxygenXSDonorAcceptor	OxygenXSAcceptor
Phosphorus	OxygenXSDonorAcceptor
Sulfur	Phosphorus
Zinc	Sulfur
	SulfurAcceptor
	Iodine
	Boron

# Results

- Trained in 150,000 iterations with batch size 50
- Each batch balanced number of low- and high-res poses
- Every pose is randomly rotated and translated relative to ligand center
- Tested against other CSAR dataset not in training data:

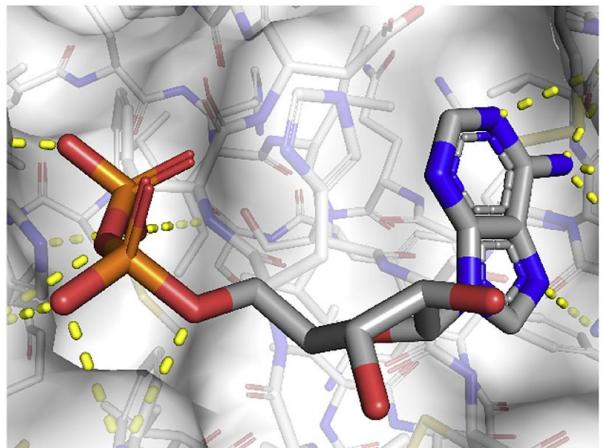


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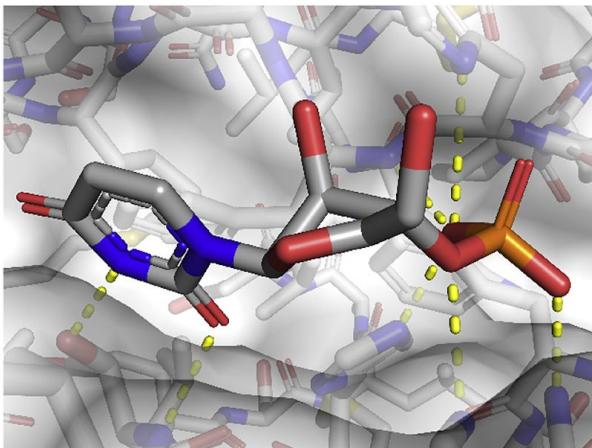


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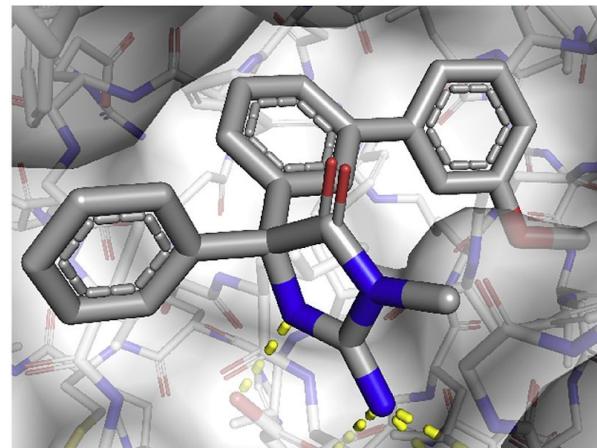
# Results (Docked Poses)



(a) 1o0h: 2.698/0.255

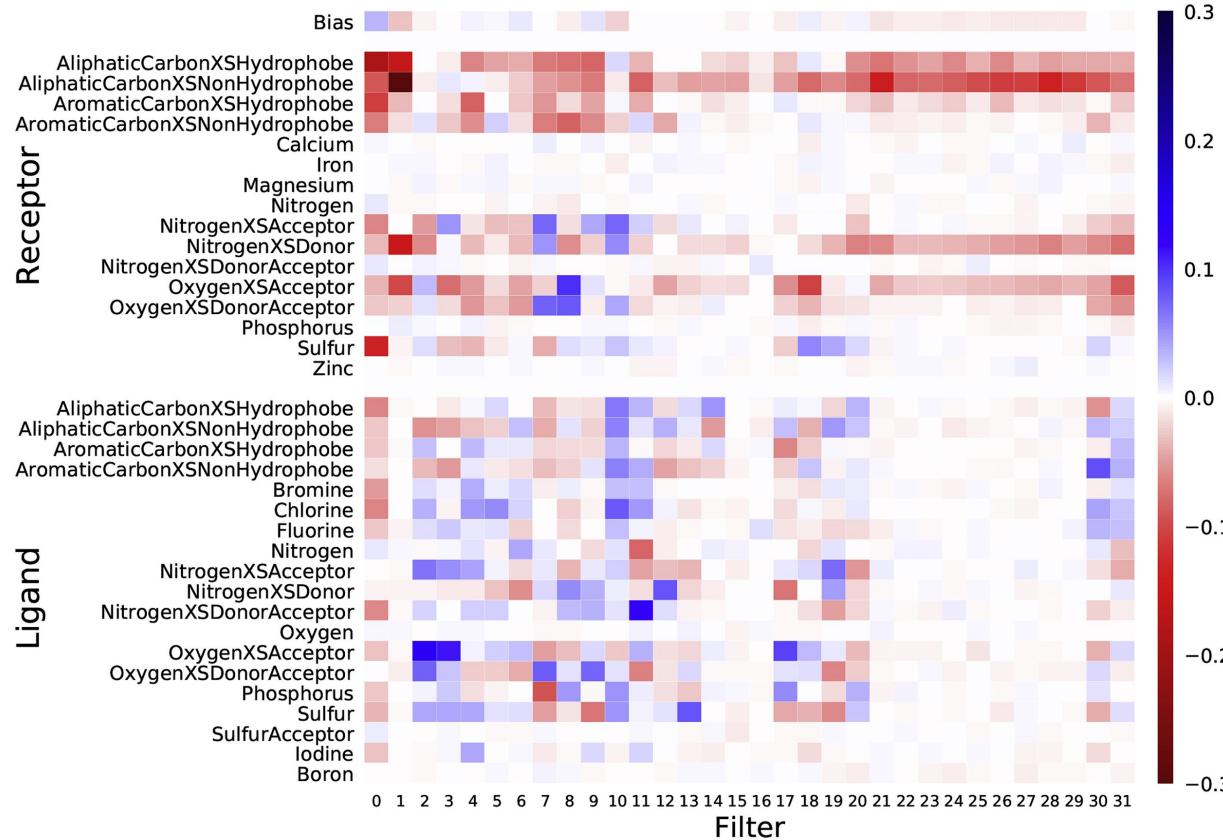


(b) 1w4o: 4.933/0.983



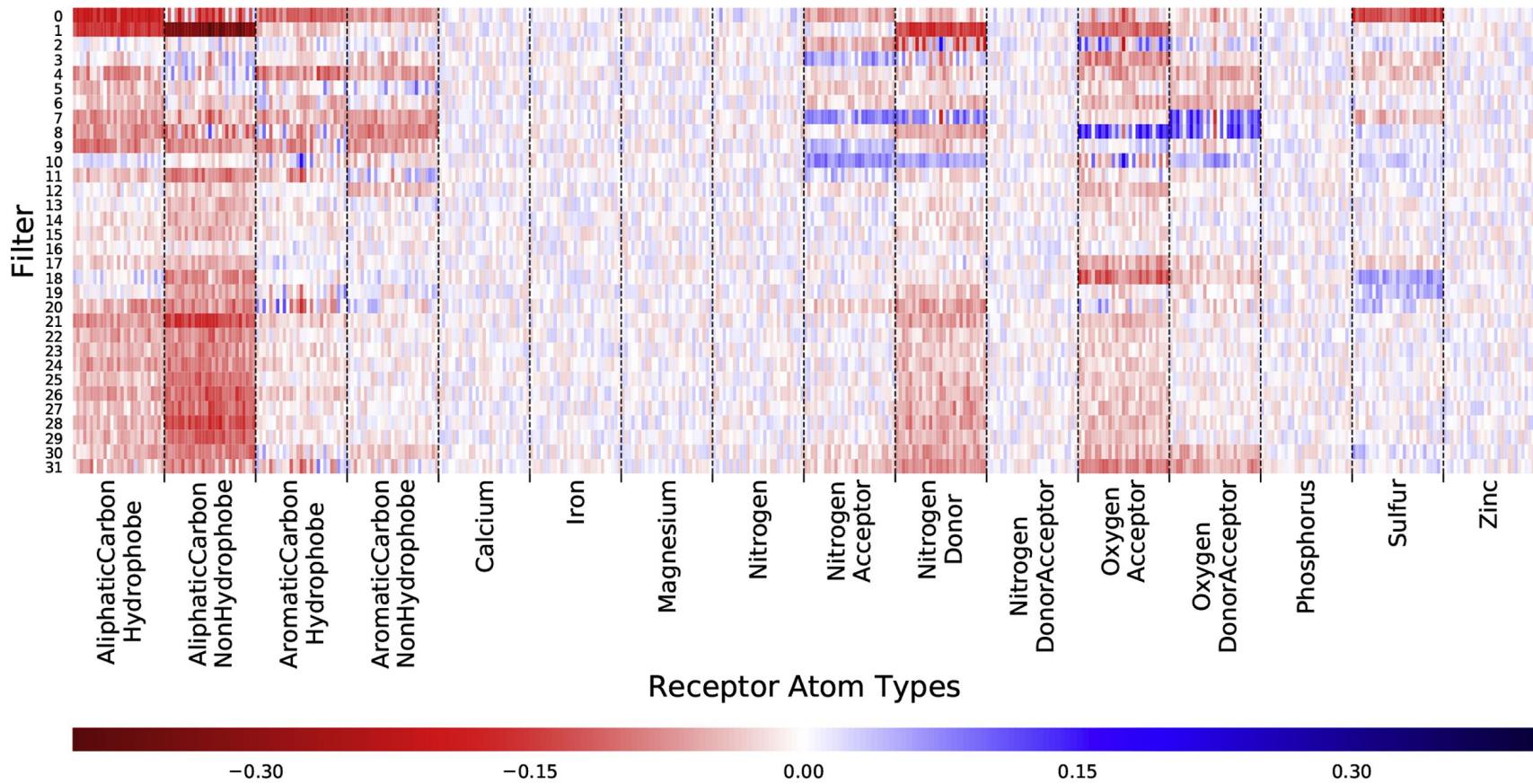
(c) 4djh: 5.951/0.894

# Convolutional Filter Visualization (Averaged)

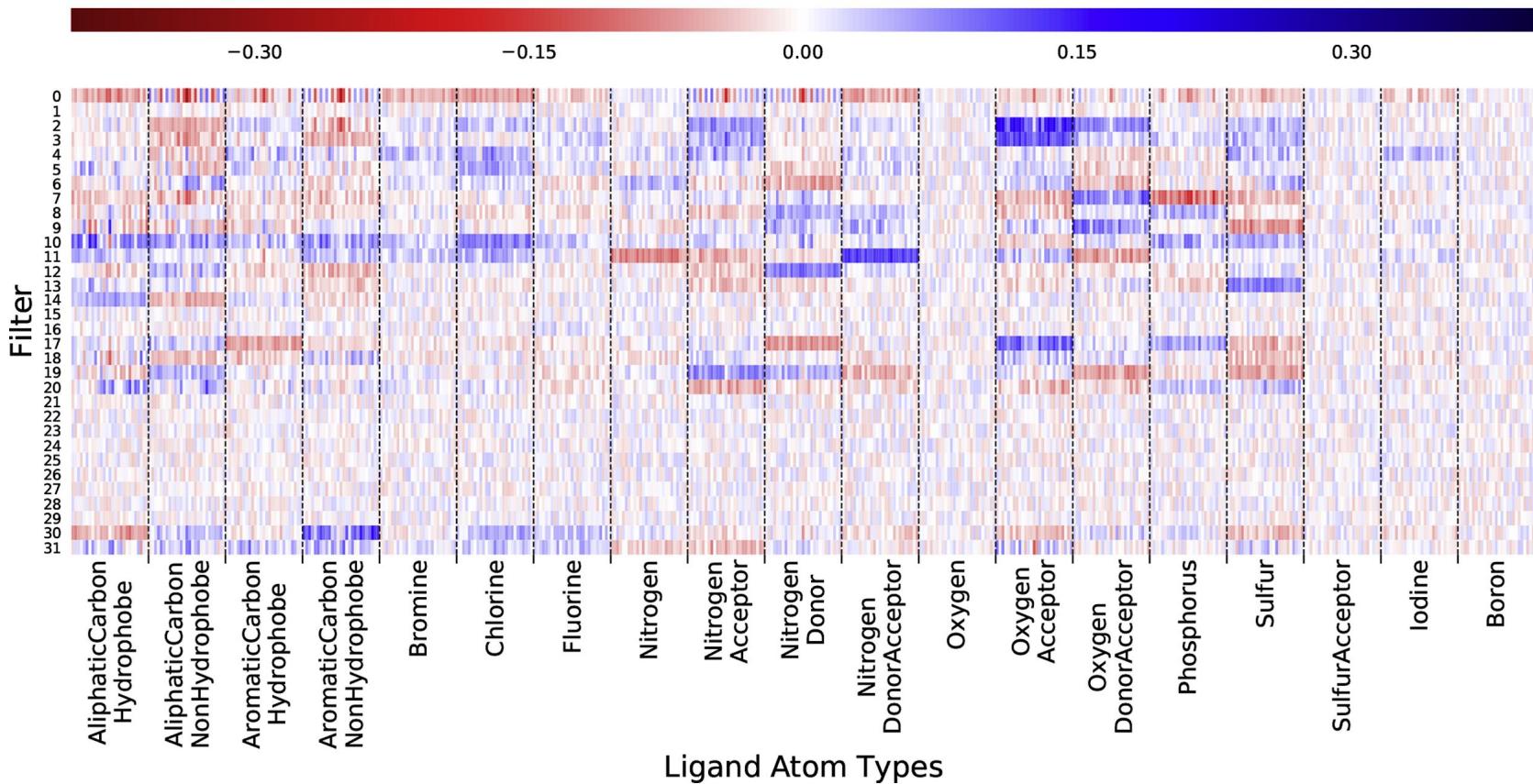


- First layer shows how network maps atoms types
- Averaged over all dimensions (3x3x3)
- Some types have low avg wts cross all filters (metals)
  - Network isn't overfitting rare metals
- Some types have all neg vals
  - Network learned to turn off those filters. Removing them may make simpler model

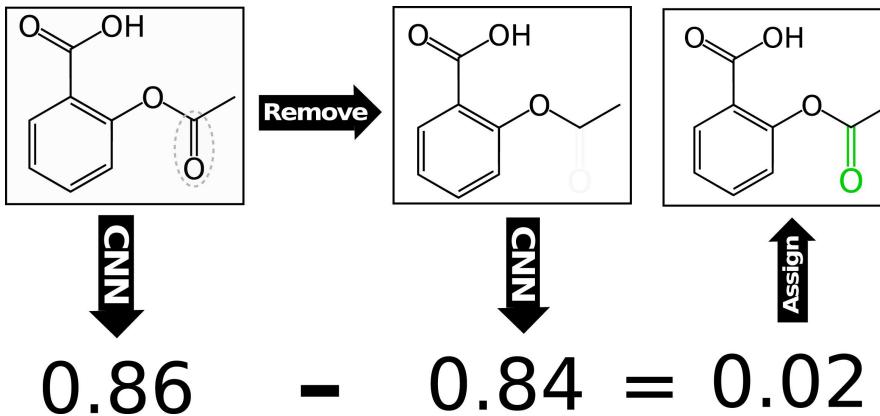
# Convolutional Filter Visualization (Full)



# Convolutional Filter Visualization (Full)



# Masking



- Repeat for all ligand atoms, color atoms by masking score
- Repeat for all protein residues in binding site, color residue by masking score
- Computationally demanding since the NN is run many times

# Atomic Gradient

- All atomic coordinates (not discretized) are used directly as input
- Discretization is differentiable and is what is fed into NN

$$g(d, r) = \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{2d^2}{r^2}} & 0 \leq d < r \\ \frac{4}{e^2 r^2} d^2 - \frac{12}{e^2 r} d + \frac{9}{e^2} & r \leq d < 1.5r \\ 0 & d \geq 1.5r \end{cases}$$

Discretion function with VDW  
and distance of atom to voxel

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial d} = \begin{cases} -\frac{4d}{r^2} e^{-\frac{2d^2}{r^2}} & 0 \leq d \leq r \\ \frac{8}{e^2 r^2} d - \frac{12}{e^2 r} & r < d < 1.5r \\ 0 & d \geq 1.5r \end{cases}$$

Differentiable with  
respect to distance

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{a}} = \sum_{g \in \mathbf{G}_a} \frac{\partial f}{\partial g} \frac{\partial g}{\partial d} \frac{\partial d}{\partial \mathbf{a}}$$

Grad of scoring func w/ respect coordinates --  
chain rule + sum over grid points with same  
atom type that overlap the atom,  $\mathbf{G}_a$

- Give insight into how input should be changed to produce a better output
- Calculated forward pass first, then the backward pass computes loss gradient
- Negative vector is how atom should be moved in 3D space

# Conserved Layer-wise Relevance Propagation (CLRP)

- Calculates a Relevance score that is propagated back through NN
- “Performed proportionally to the input activations of each layer, such that the relevance of node  $i$  in layer  $l$  is the sum of the relevances of its successor nodes,  $j$ , weighted by the activation value generated along the edge  $z_{ij}$  during the forward pass”
  - *Input activation:*  $z_{ij} = x_i w_{ij}$ , where node  $i$  is in layer  $l$  with successor node  $j$

$$R_i^{(l)} = \sum_j \frac{z_{ij}}{\sum_{i'j}} R_j^{(l+1)}$$
$$f(x) = \dots = \sum_{d \in l+1} R_d^{(l+1)} = \sum_{d \in l} R_d^{(l)} = \dots = \sum_d R_d^{(1)}$$

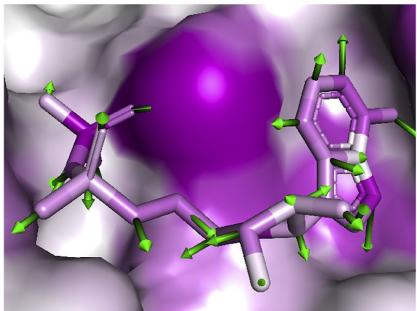
Invariant across layers

- Redistribute relevance directed at dead nodes to remaining nodes in layer

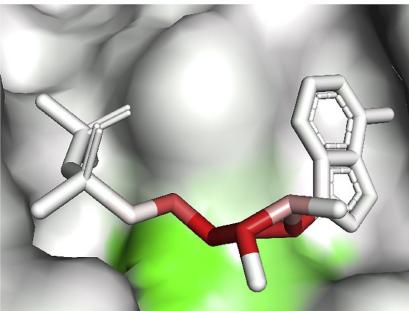
$$S_l = \sum_j \begin{cases} 0 & z_j \neq 0 \\ R_j & z_j = 0 \end{cases} \quad R_j = \begin{cases} 0 & z_j = 0 \\ R_j + \frac{z_j * S_l}{Z_l} & z_j \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

# Results (low scoring complex)

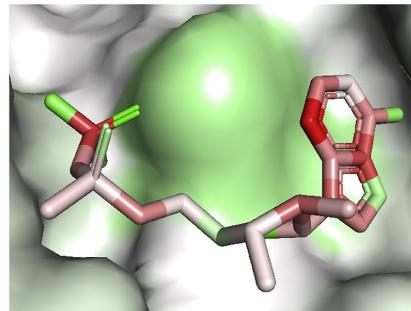
Affinity Prediction Score = 2.698



(a) Gradient



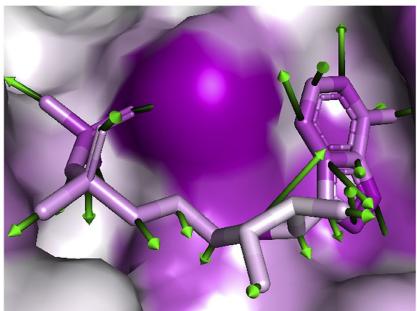
(b) CLRP



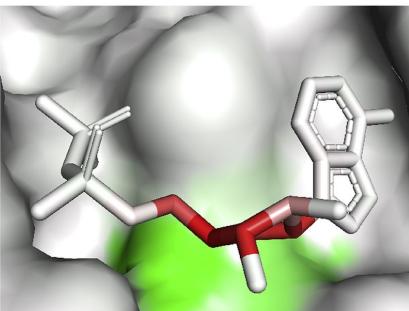
(c) Masking

- Gradients
  - Move aromatic away from his => not learned to value aromatics
- CLRP

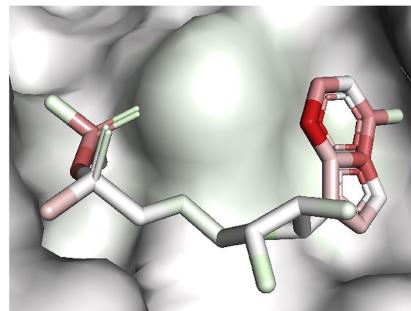
Pose Score = 0.255



(d) Gradient



(e) CLRP

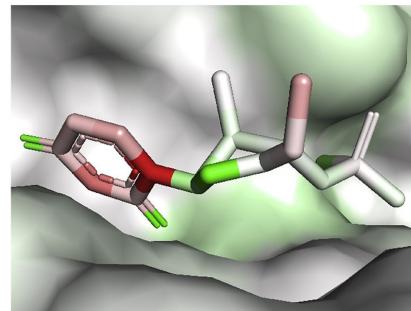
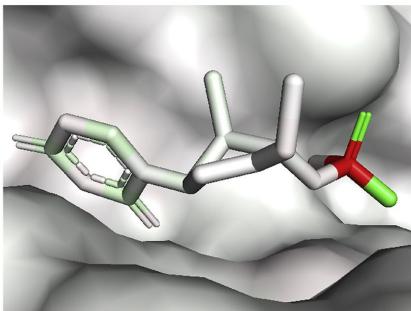
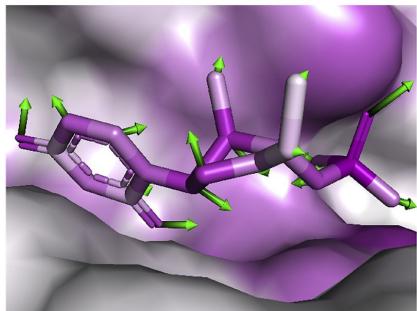


(f) Masking

- Masking
  - Aromatic isn't favored?

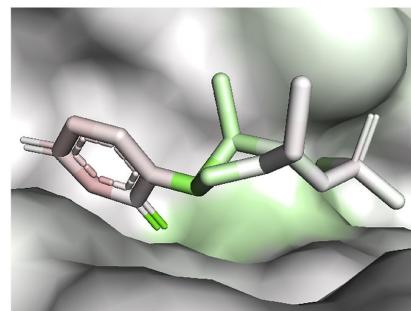
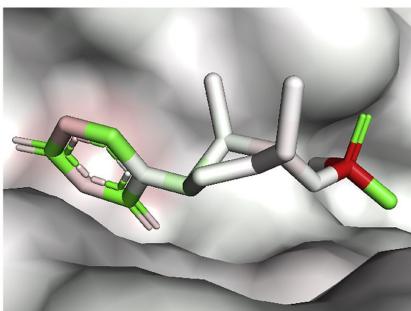
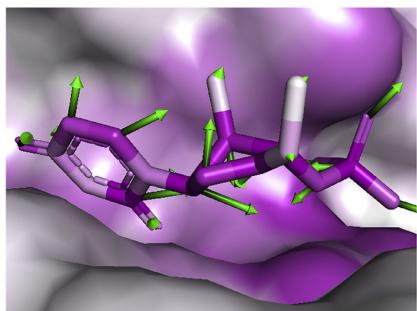
# Results (low affinity score, high pose score)

Affinity Prediction Score = 4.933



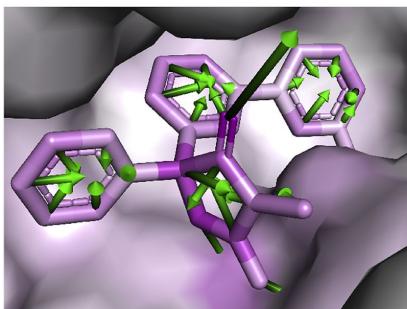
- CLRP
  - Phosphate and uracil groups more relevant
- Masking
  - T45 is more favorable, which interacts with uracil

Pose Prediction Score = 0.983

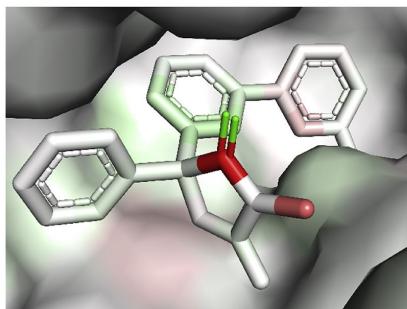


# Results (middling affinity score, good pose score)

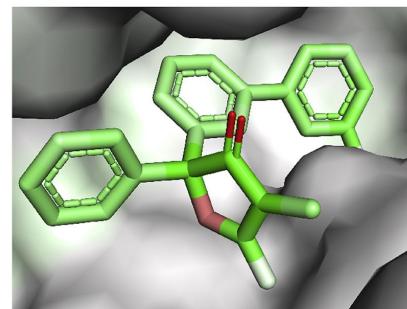
Affinity Prediction Score = 5.951



(a) Gradient



(b) CLRP

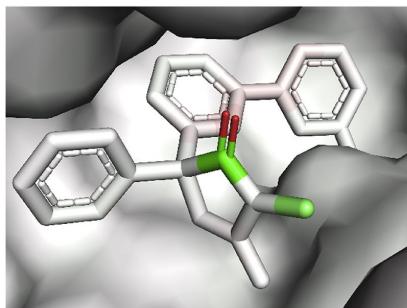


(c) Masking

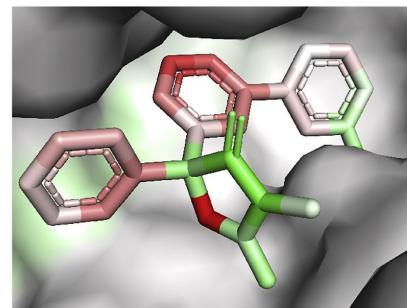
Pose Score = 0.894



(d) Gradient



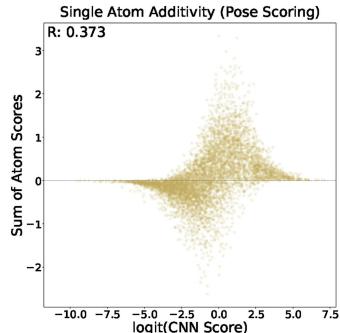
(e) CLRP



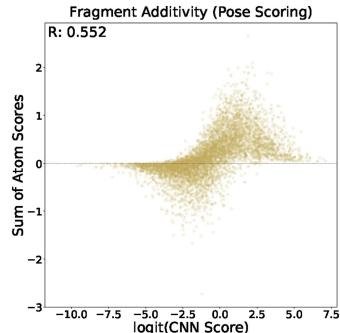
(f) Masking

- Gradient
  - Arrows in ring point ot center => smaller func group?
  - Shift?
- Masking
  - Disfavors aromatics
- CLRP
  - C and O of carbonyl counter-balance => artifact of decompsong score to atoms?

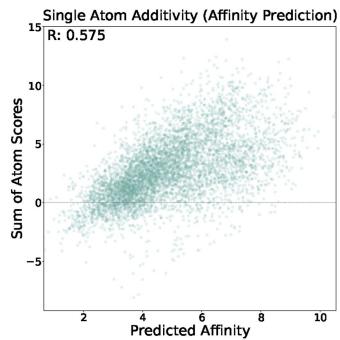
# Additive Analysis



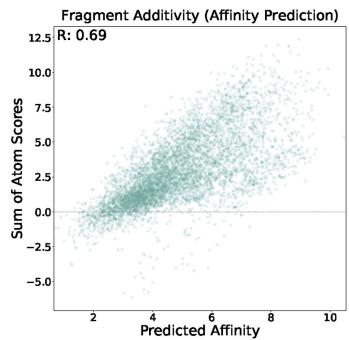
(a)



(b)



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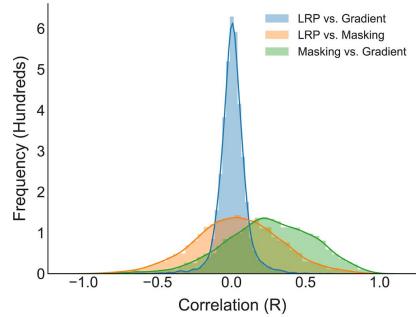


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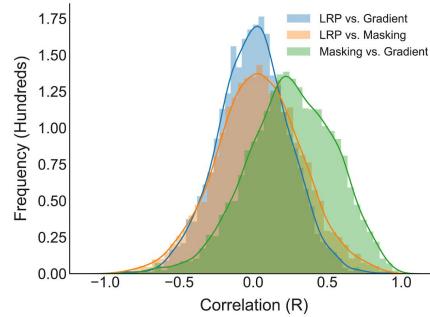
- Can individual atom masking scores sum to the total score?
  - Linear relationship: score can be decomposed
- Pose scoring
  - Squashed to [0, 1], changes not that meaningful
- Affinity prediction is more correlated

# Atomic Score Correlations From Different Methods

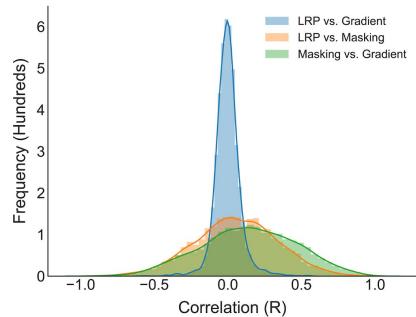
Receptor Score Correlations (Affinity Prediction)



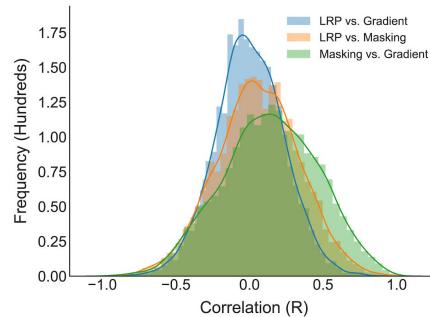
Ligand Score Correlations (Affinity Prediction)



Receptor Score Correlations (Pose Scoring)



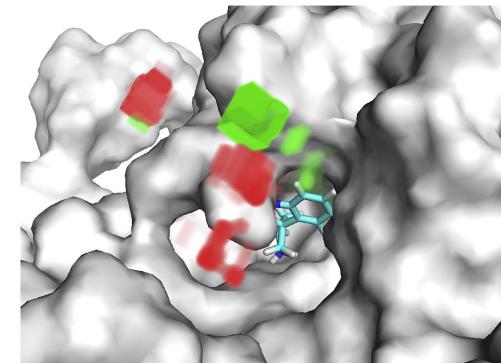
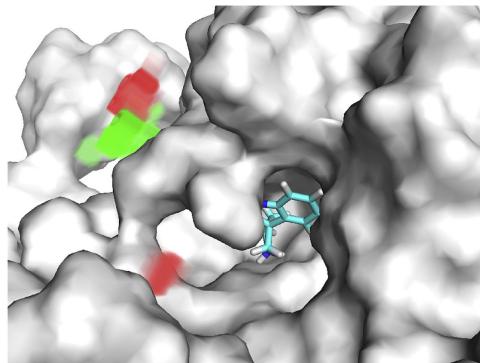
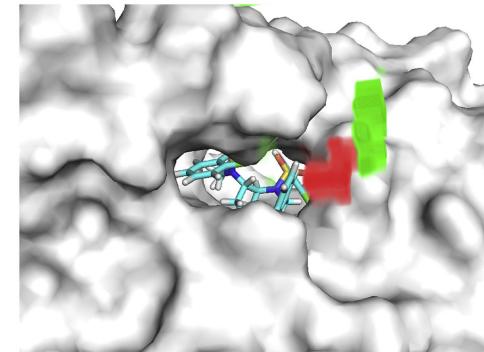
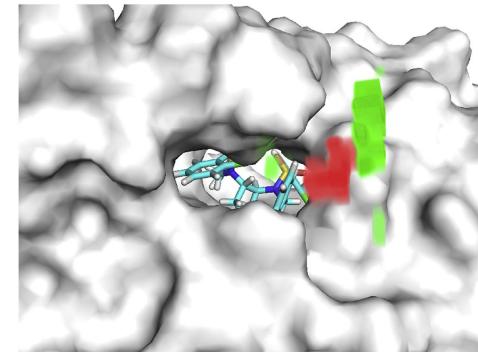
Ligand Score Correlations (Pose Scoring)



- Some agreement b/w Gradient and CLRP
- However, there is a general lack of correlation, which shows each score will provide a different insights

# Analyzing Empty Space

- 99% of dead nodes in 1st layer
  - Implicit solvent?
- **Green:** favorable relevance scores. If the protein or ligand filled this space it would have a higher score
- **Red:** Unfavorable relevance scores. If the protein or ligand filled this space it would have a lower score



(a) Pose

(b) Affinity

# Conclusion

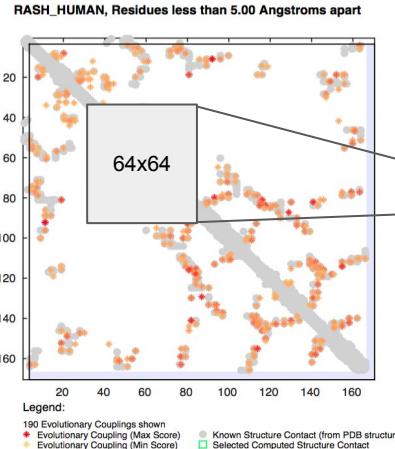
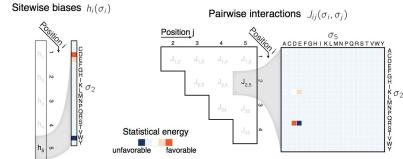
- All visualizations methods relay different information
- **Gradient:** Can show what the NN “wants” to produce a higher scoring output in a single forward and backward pass
- **CLRP:** Preserves the relevance of each atom in a single forward and backward pass
- **Masking:** Manipulate the input to understand the changes in values. Very costly since it runs NN thousands of times

DeepMind

# Input

Predict pairwise interactions using a MaxEnt model on CATH cluster reps (~6k):

$$P(\sigma | \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{J}) = \frac{1}{Z(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{J})} \exp \left( \sum_{i=1}^N h_i(\sigma_i) + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^N J_{ij}(\sigma_i, \sigma_j) \right)$$



CNN

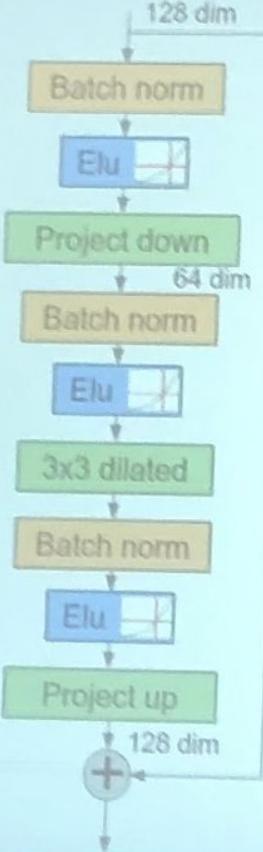
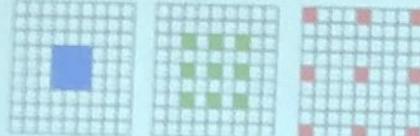
# Deep Dilated Convolutional Residual network

1 residual block

Modifies a  $64 \times 64 \times 128$  representation from the previous block

Dilated convolutions

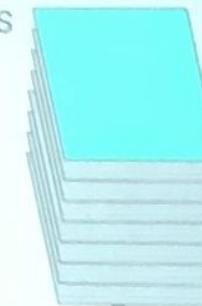
Efficient long-range interaction



Repeat 220 times, cycling through dilations 1, 2, 4, 8

21 million parameters

$N \times N$   
Input features



Residual network blocks

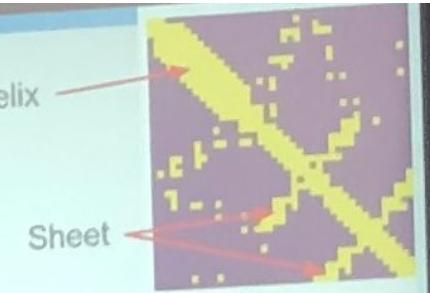


$N \times N$   
Distance predictions

AlphaFold - John Jumper

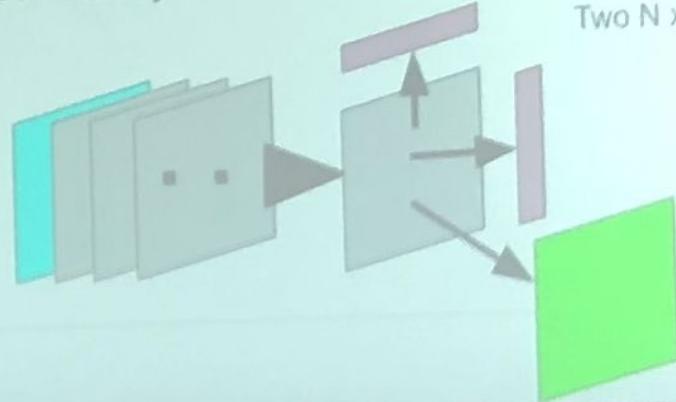
## Auxiliary losses

- We know the contact map encodes secondary structure
  - A distance network should be good at predicting it
- Auxiliary loss of secondary structure from 1D reductions for both  $(i, i+63)$  and  $(j, j+63)$ 
  - Ensembled across all 2D crops
- Q3 Accuracy on CASP11 ~84%
- Predicting secondary structure **improves** contact prediction



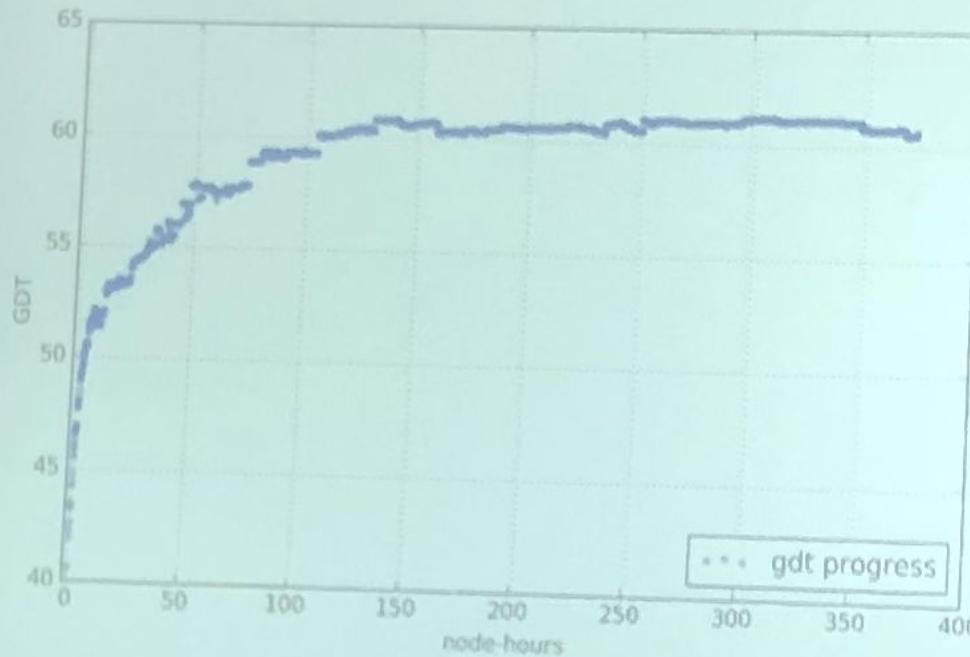
Two  $N \times 8$  secondary structure predictions

$N \times N$   
Input features



$N \times N \times 40$   
Distance predictions

## Accuracy vs computational cost



Repeated gradient descent

Using simple vdW instead  
of score2

Highly parallelizable

(Averaged over a subset of targets)