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# THE FUTURE OF FREE ENERGY: CALCULATIONS THAT CAN LEARN FROM EXPERIMENT



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# WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR COMPUTATIONAL CHEMISTRY TO **DRIVE** DISCOVERY PROGRAMS?

**Abstract** On October 5, 1981, Fortune magazine published a cover article entitled the “Next Industrial Revolution: Designing Drugs by Computer at Merck”.

Published: 23 November 2016

The evolution of drug design at Merck Research Laboratories

Frank K. Brown , Edward C. Sherer, Scott A. Johnson, M. Katharine Holloway & Bradley S. Sherborne

*Journal of Computer-Aided Molecular Design* 31, 255–266 (2017) | [Cite this article](#)

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# WE'RE FACING COMPLEX MULTI-OBJECTIVE DESIGN PROBLEMS



## Target Product Profile (TPP) for oral SARS-CoV-2 main viral protease (Mpro) inhibitor

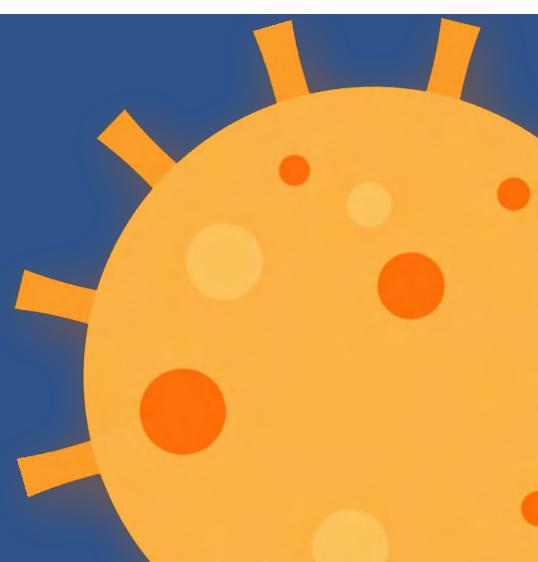
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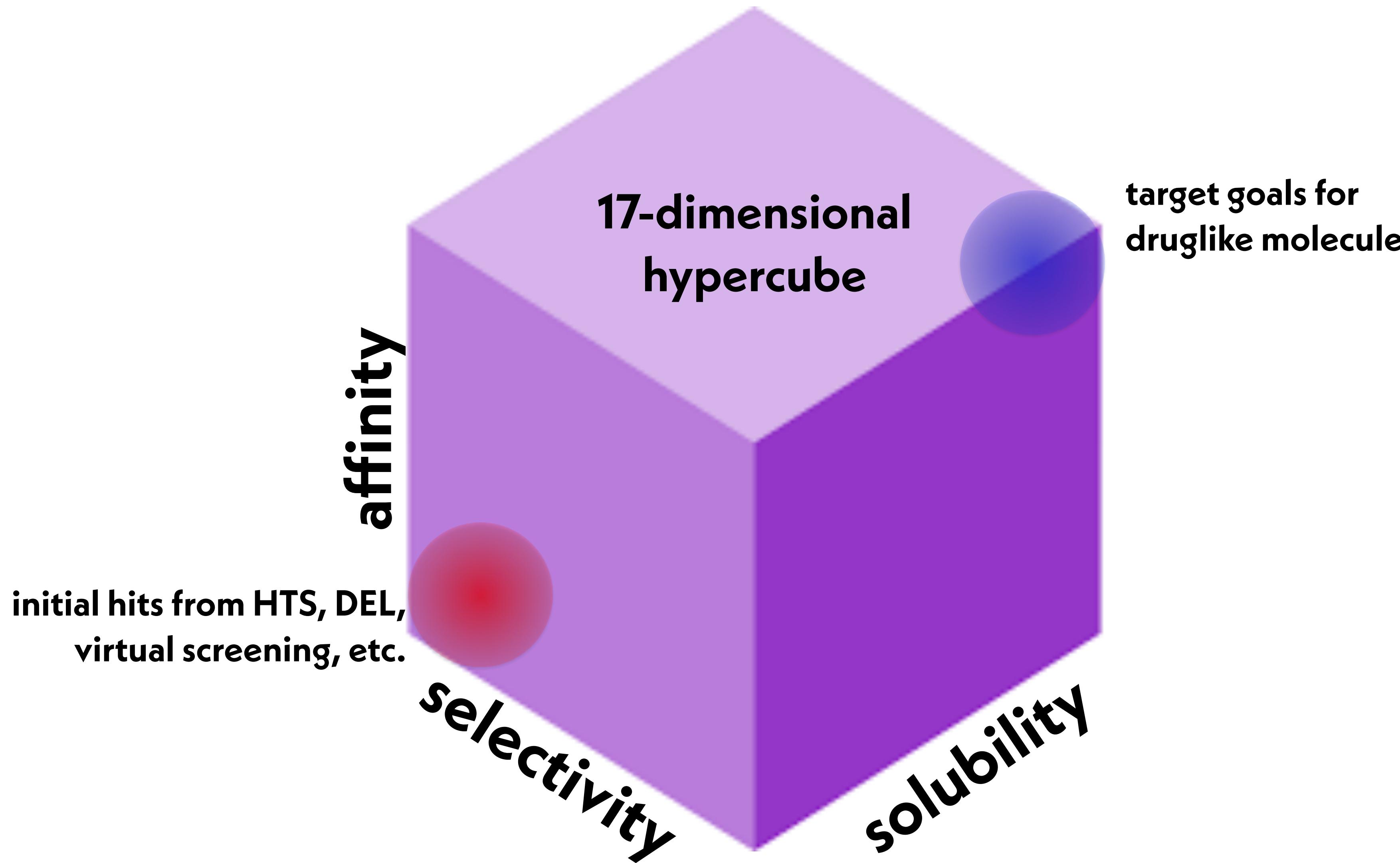
Property	Target range	Rationale
protease assay	$IC_{50} < 10 \text{ nM}$	Extrapolation from other anti-viral programs
viral replication assay	$EC_{50} < 5 \mu\text{M}$	Suppression of virus at achievable blood levels
plaque reduction assay	$EC_{50} < 5 \mu\text{M}$	Suppression of virus at achievable blood levels
route of administration	oral	bid/tid - compromise PK for potency if pharmacodynamic effect achieved
solubility	> 5 mg/mL	Aim for biopharmaceutical class 1 assuming <= 750 mg dose
half-life	> 8 h (human) est from rat and dog	Assume PK/PD requires continuous cover over plaque inhibition for 24 h max bid dosing
safety	Only reversible and monitorable toxicities	No significant toxicological delays to development
	No significant DDI - clean in 5 CYP450 isoforms	DDI aims to deal with co-morbidities / therapies,
	hERG and NaV1.5 $IC_{50} > 50 \mu\text{M}$	cardiac safety for COVID-19 risk profile
	No significant change in QTc	cardiac safety for COVID-19 risk profile
	Ames negative	Low carcinogenicity risk reduces delays in manufacturing
	No mutagenicity or teratogenicity risk	Patient group will include significant proportion of women of childbearing age



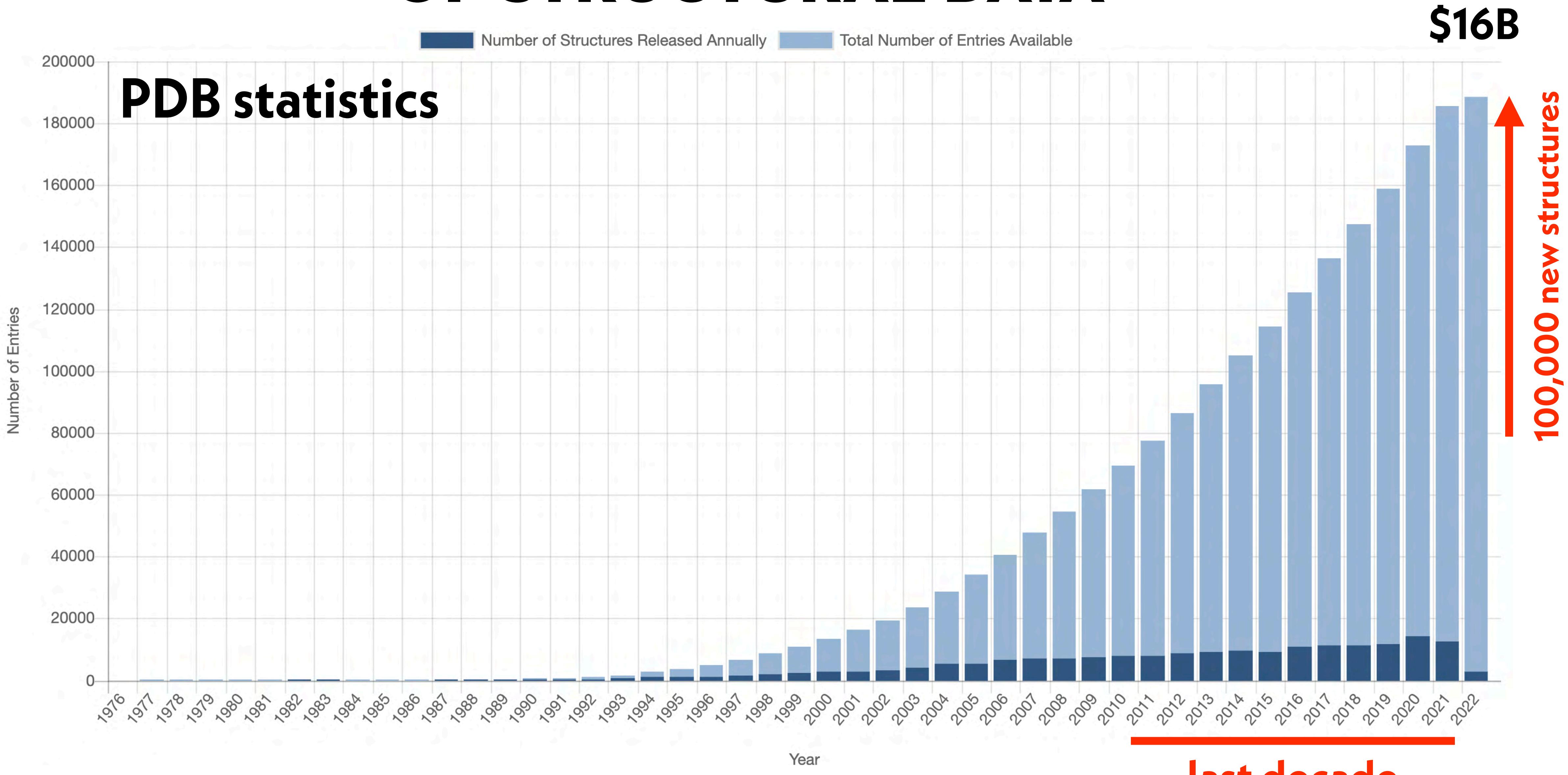
An international effort to  
DISCOVER A COVID ANTI VIRAL



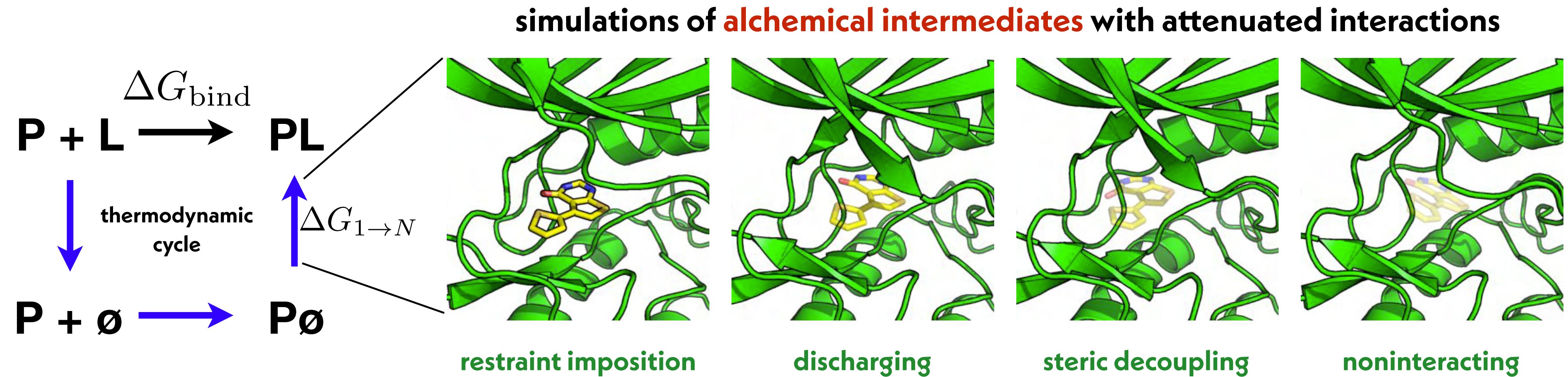
# WE'RE FACING COMPLEX MULTI-OBJECTIVE DESIGN PROBLEMS



# WE CAN LEVERAGE AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF STRUCTURAL DATA



# ALCHEMICAL FREE ENERGY CALCULATIONS HAVE PROVEN TO BE A USEFUL WAY TO EXPLOIT STRUCTURAL DATA TO PREDICT AFFINITIES



Includes all contributions from **enthalpy** and **entropy** of binding to a flexible receptor

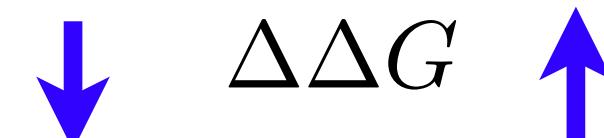
$$\Delta G_{1 \rightarrow N} = -\beta^{-1} \ln \frac{Z_N}{Z_1} = -\beta^{-1} \ln \frac{Z_2}{Z_1} \cdot \frac{Z_3}{Z_2} \cdots \frac{Z_N}{Z_{N-1}}$$

$$Z_n = \int dx e^{-\beta U_n(x)}$$

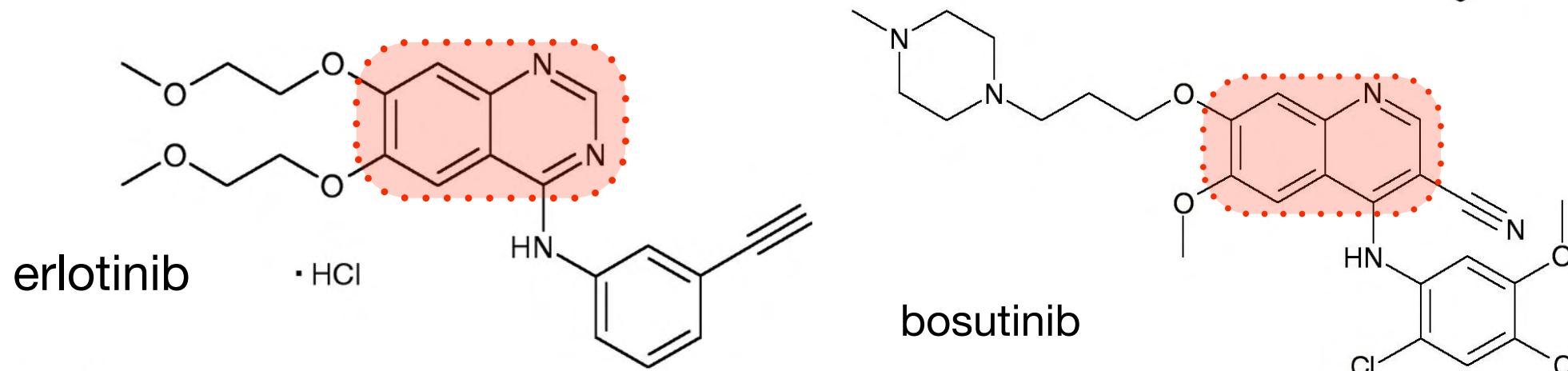
**partition function**

# ALCHEMICAL FREE ENERGY CALCULATIONS COME IN TWO FLAVORS: RELATIVE AND ABSOLUTE

## RELATIVE



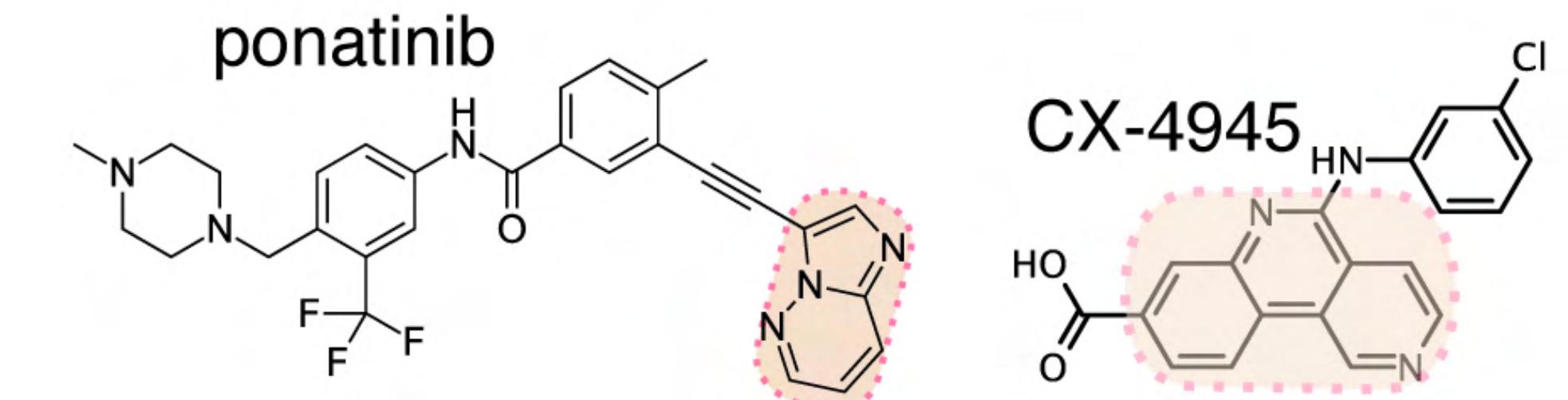
capable of **transforming a few atoms**  
good for comparing **similar ligands**  
requires same or **similar scaffolds**  
requires **common scaffold to anchor series**



## ABSOLUTE

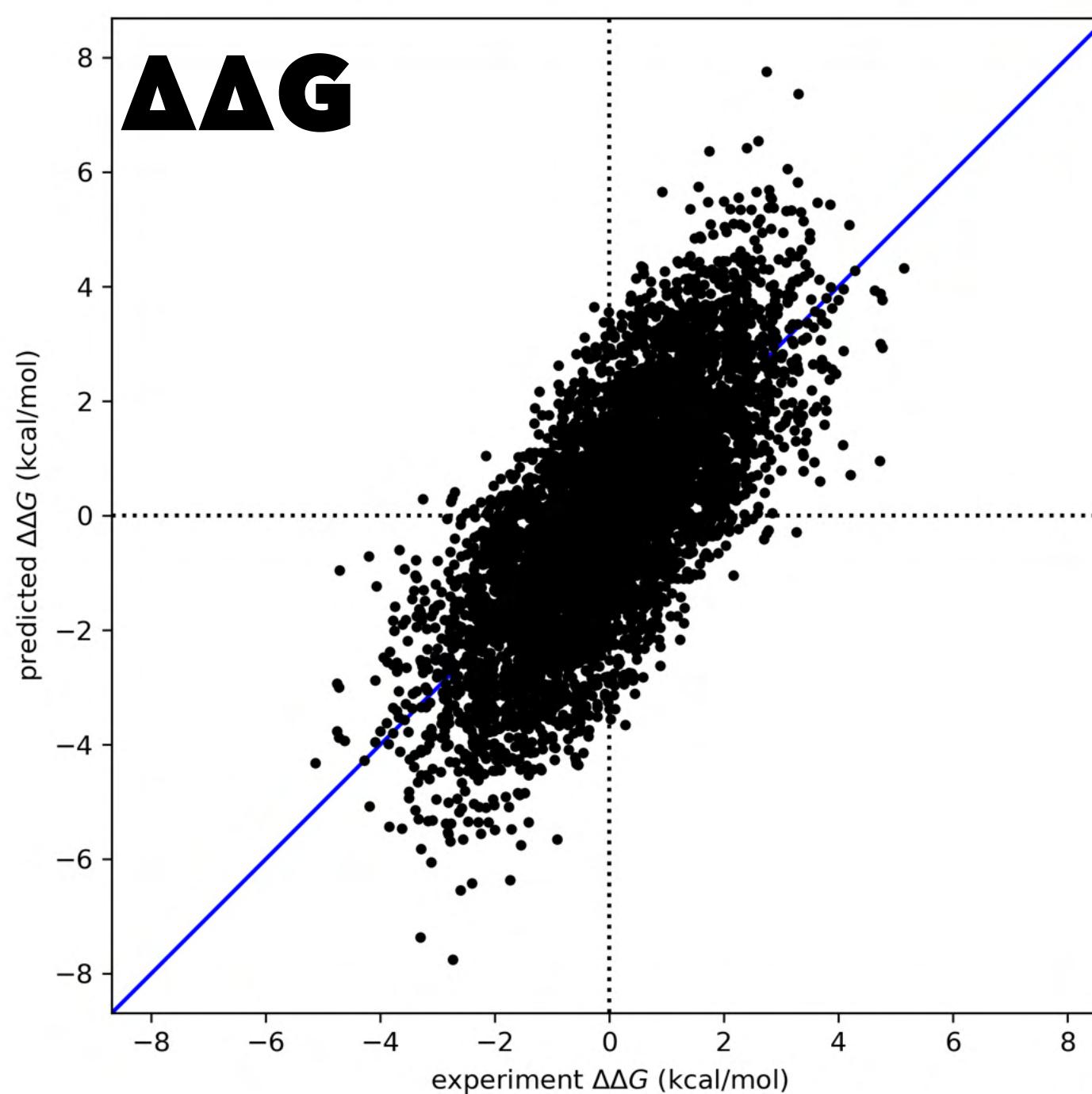
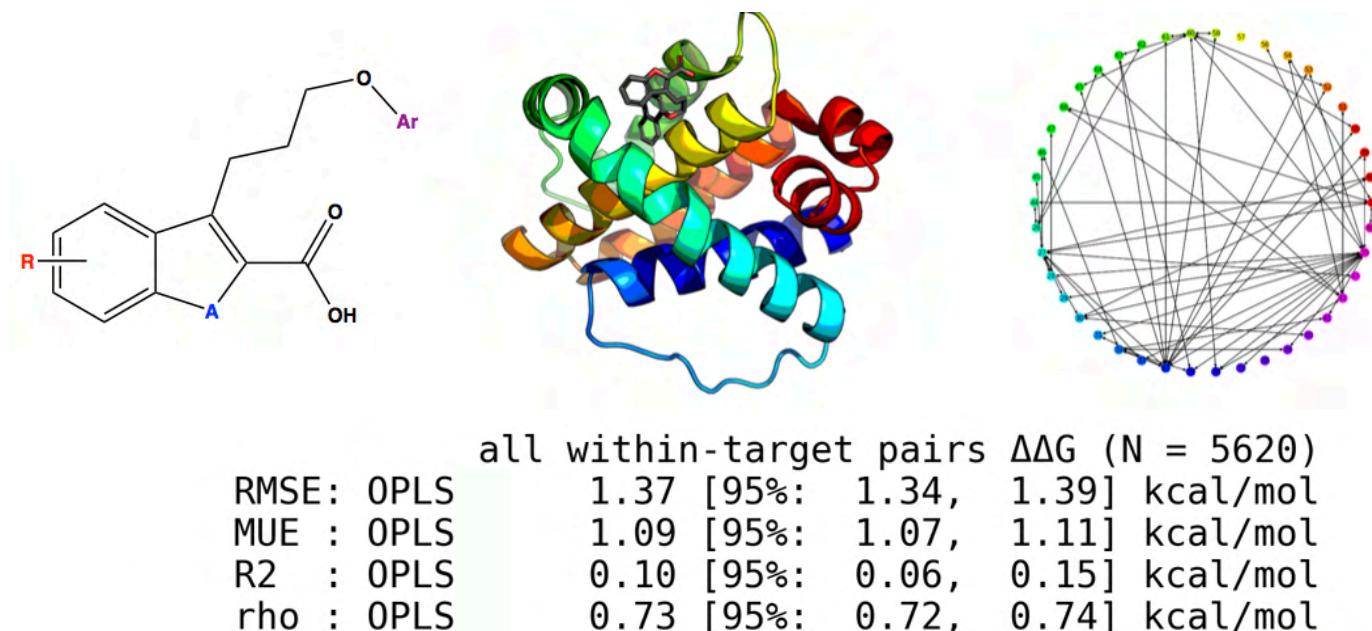


capable of **disappearing a few atoms**  
good for comparing **dissimilar ligands**  
can use entirely **disparate scaffolds**  
requires use of **restraints to anchor ligand**

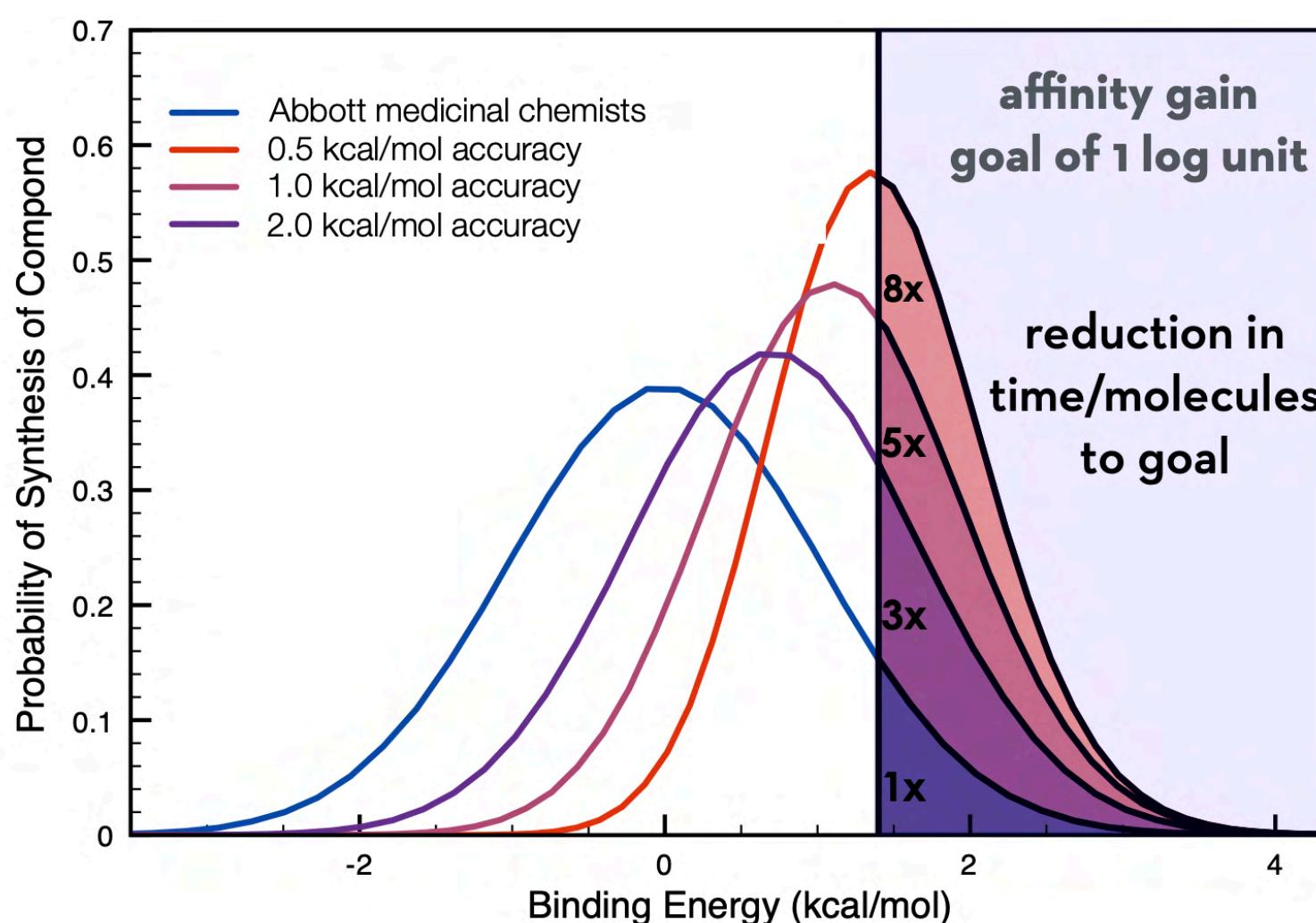


# USEFUL ACCURACY IS SOMETIMES ACHIEVABLE

## RELATIVE

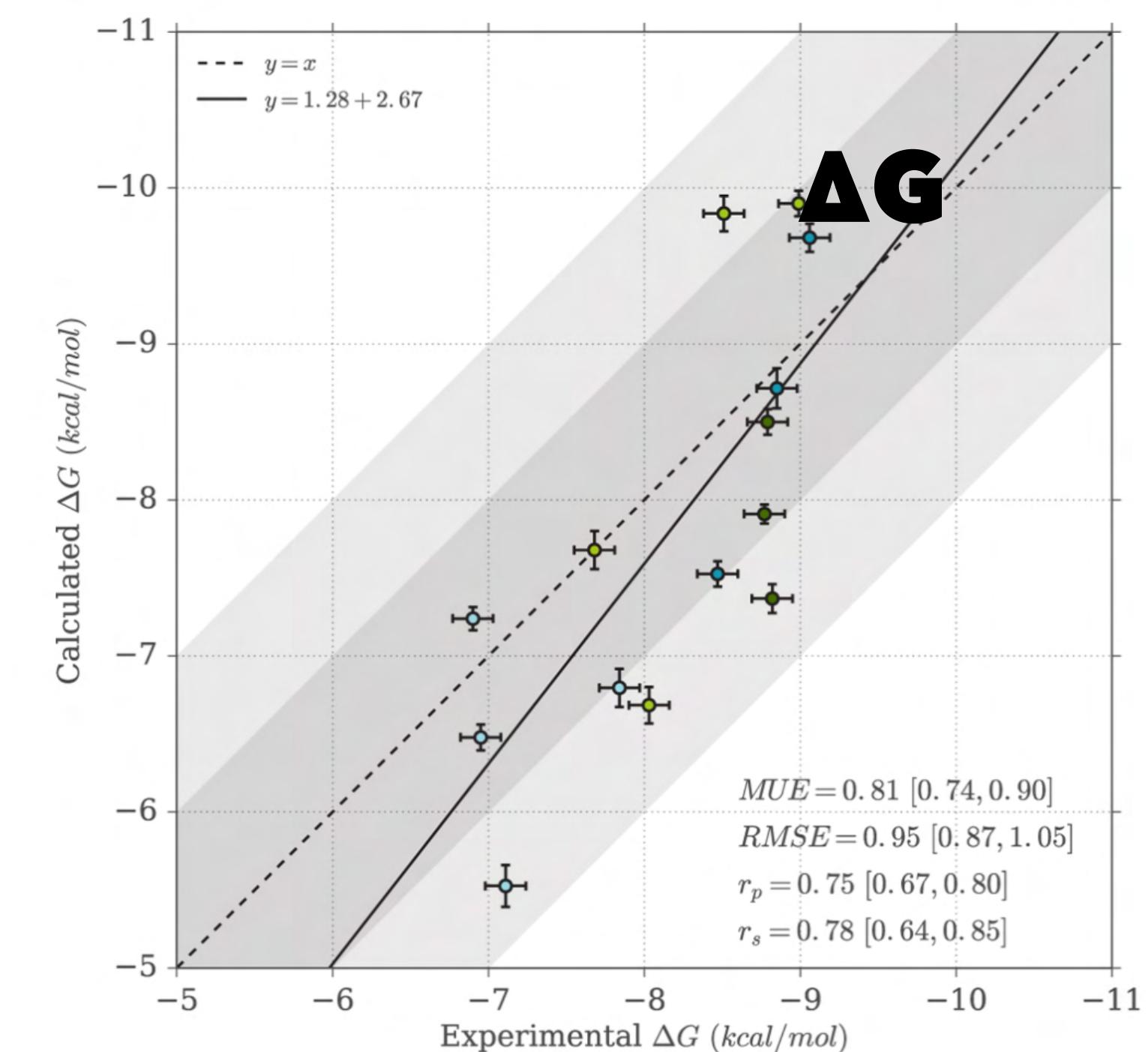
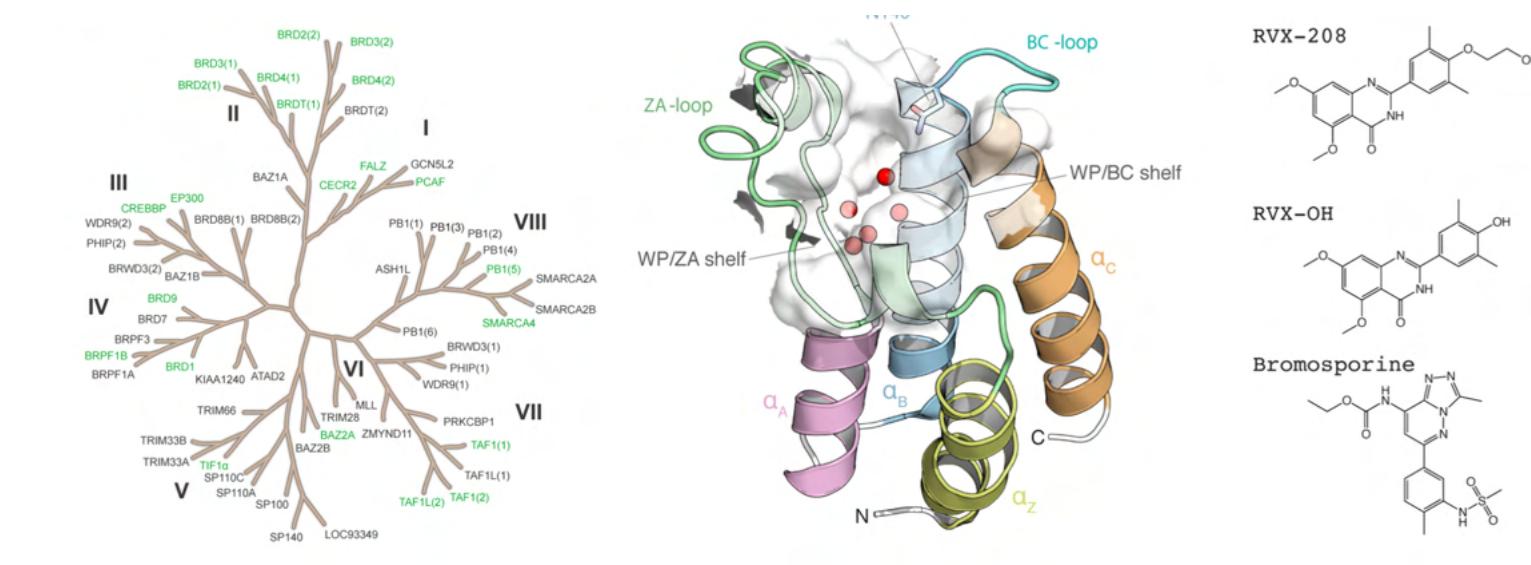


$\Delta\Delta G$  RMSE  $\sim 1.4$  kcal/mol  
for well-behaved\*  
proteins/chemistries:  
3-5x reduction  
in molecules synthesized



\*best-case scenarios!

## ABSOLUTE



Wang et al. (Schrödinger) JACS 137:2695, 2015

<https://doi.org/10.1021/ja512751q>

Reanalysis: <http://github.com/jchodera/jacs-dataset-analysis>

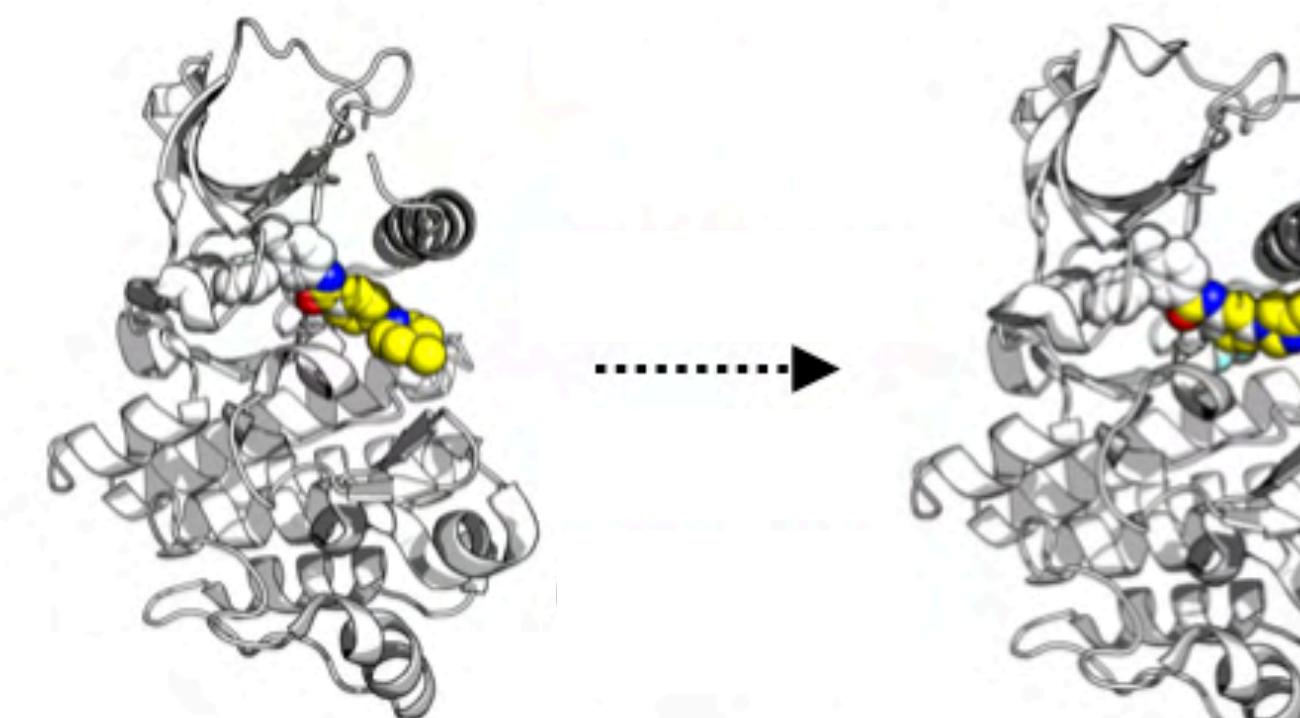
Aldeghi et al. JACS 139:946, 2017.

<https://doi.org/10.1021/jacs.6b11467>

# ALCHEMICAL FREE ENERGY CALCULATIONS CAN BE USED TO COMPUTE MULTIPLE PROPERTIES OF INTEREST

## driving affinity / potency

Schindler, Baumann, Blum et al. JCIM 11:5457, 2020  
<https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jcim.0c00900>



## driving selectivity

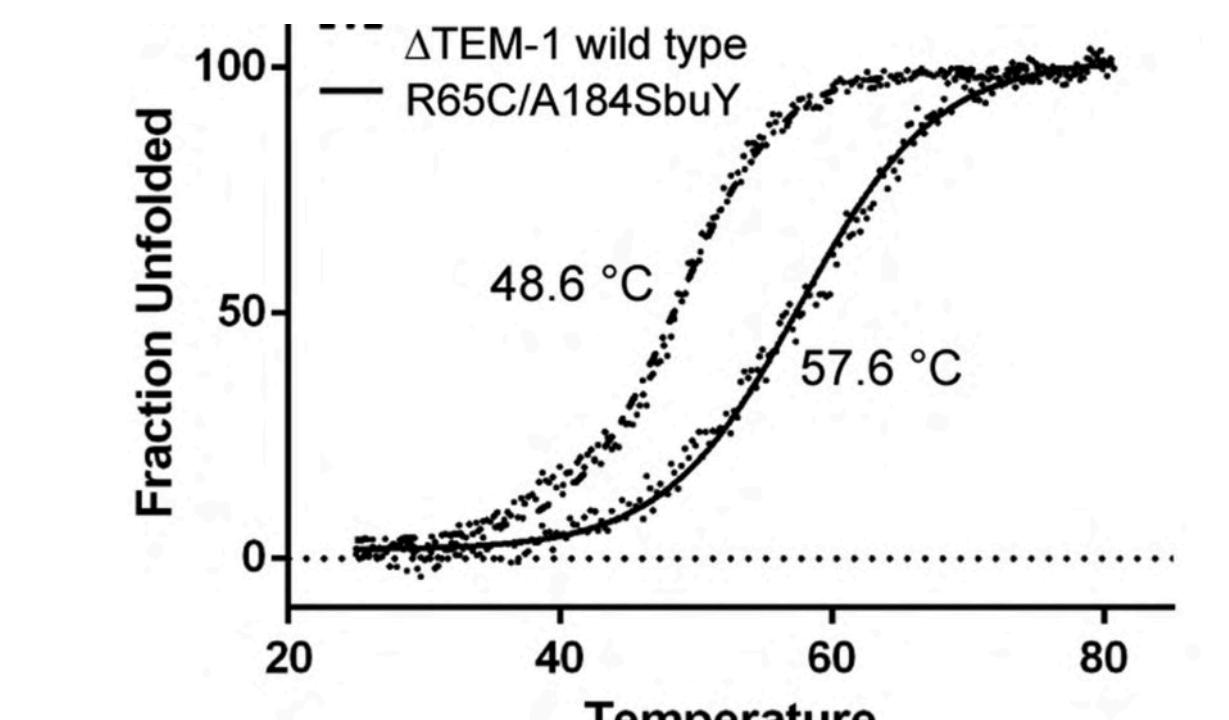
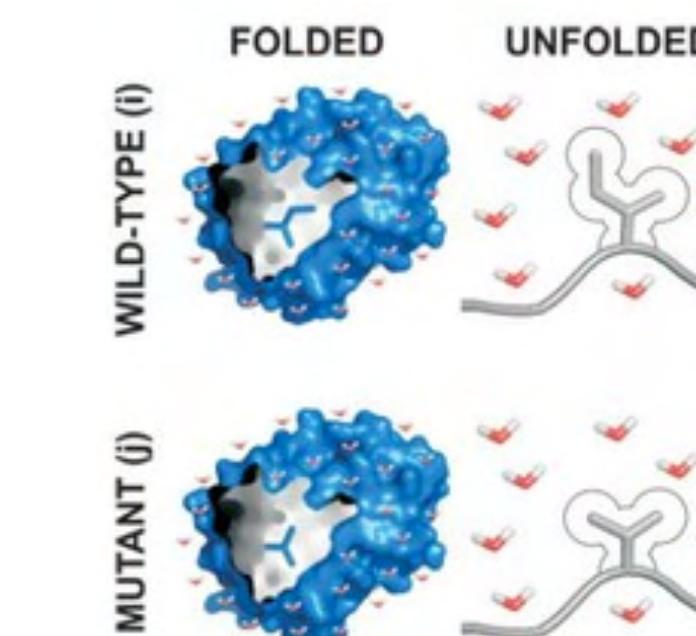
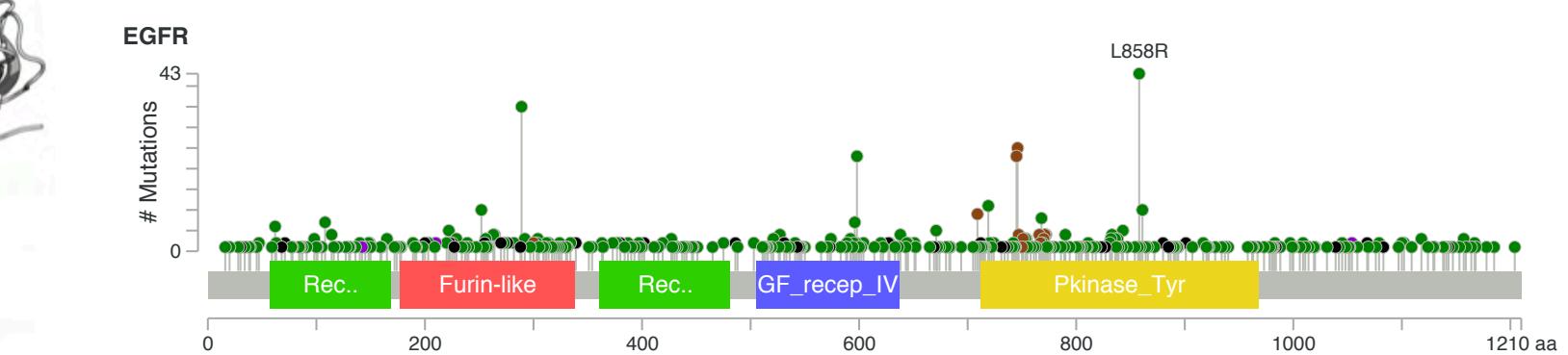
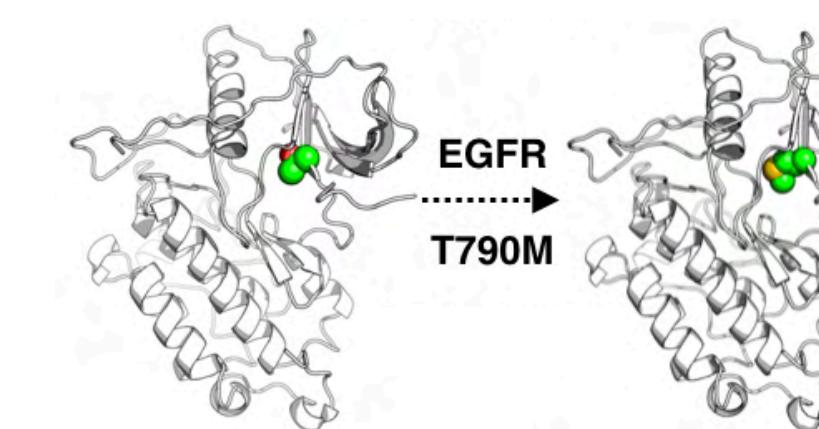
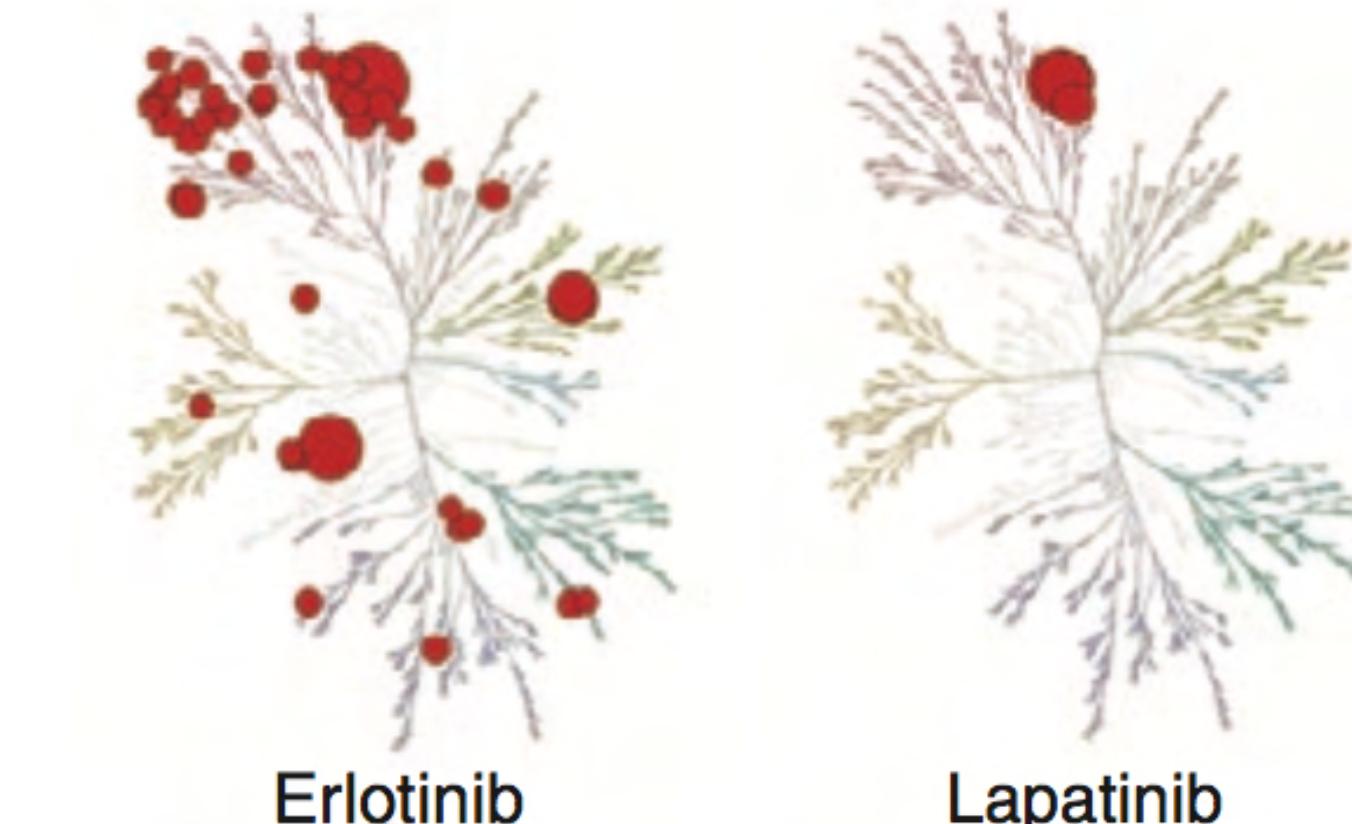
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<https://doi.org/10.1038/s42003-018-0075-x>  
Aldeghi, Gapsys, de Groot. ACS Central Science 4:1708, 2018  
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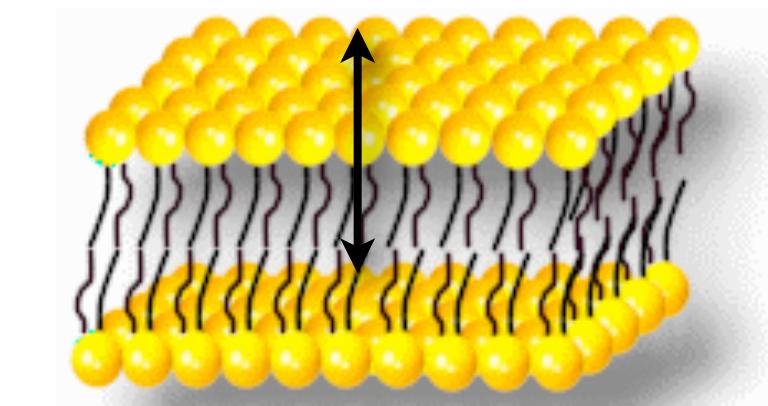
## optimizing thermostability

Gapsys, Michielssens, Seeliger, and de Groot. Angew Chem 55:7364, 2016  
<https://doi.org/10.1002/anie.201510054>

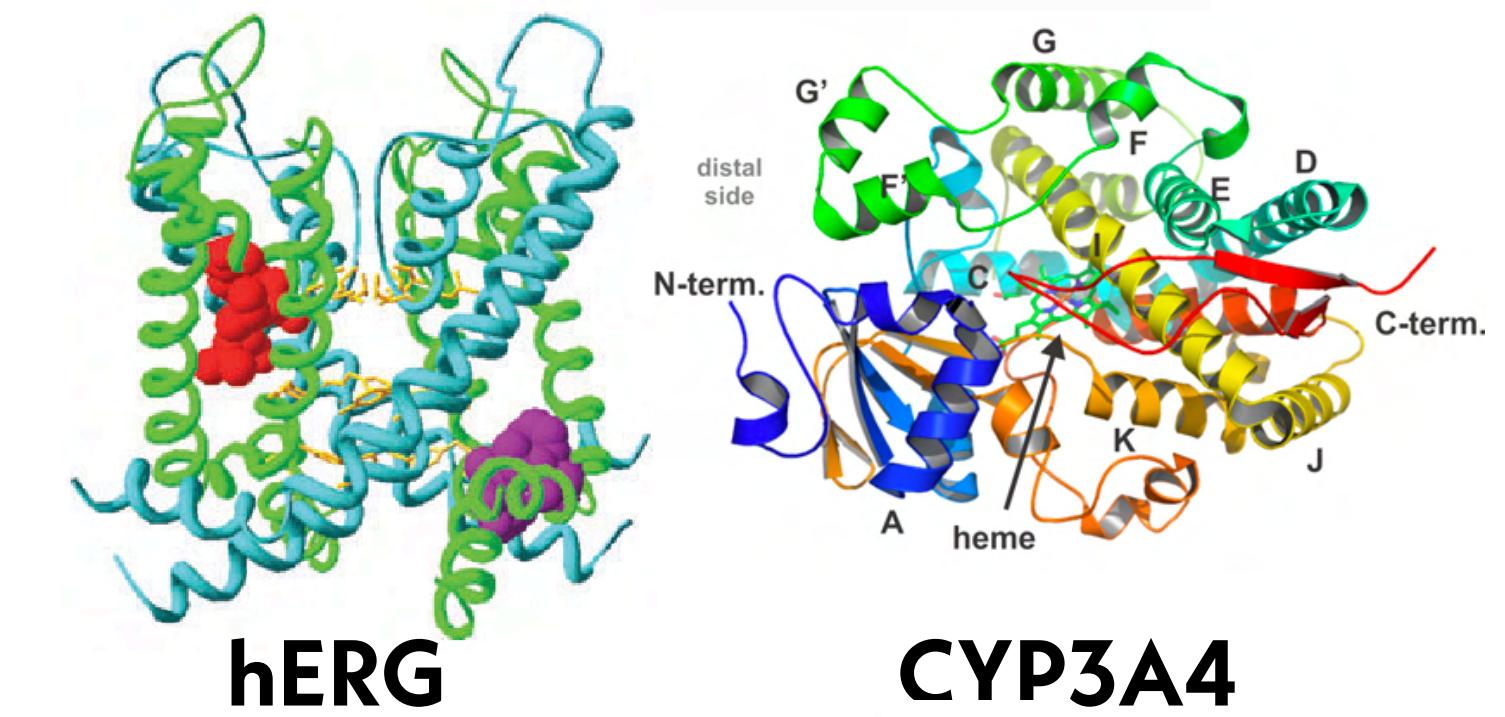


# ...AND HOLD THE POTENTIAL FOR COMPUTING MANY MORE USEFUL OBJECTIVES FOR DISCOVERY PROGRAMS

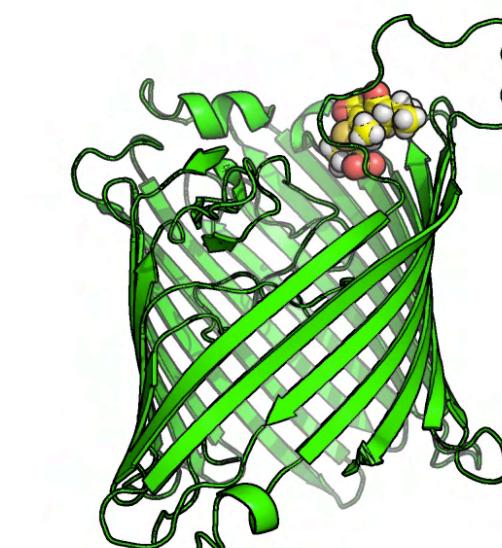
partition coefficients ( $\log P$ ,  $\log D$ ) and permeabilities



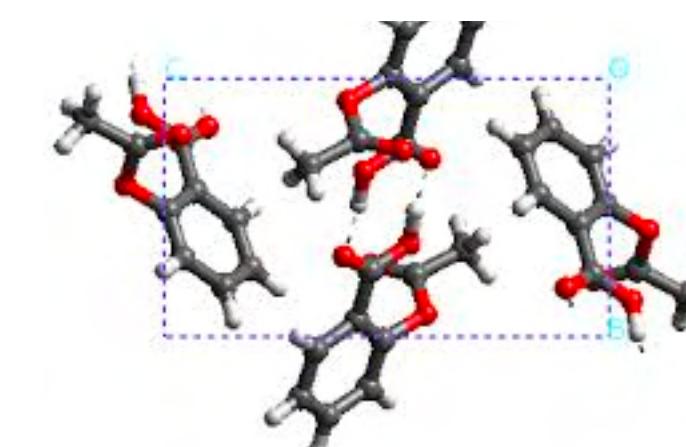
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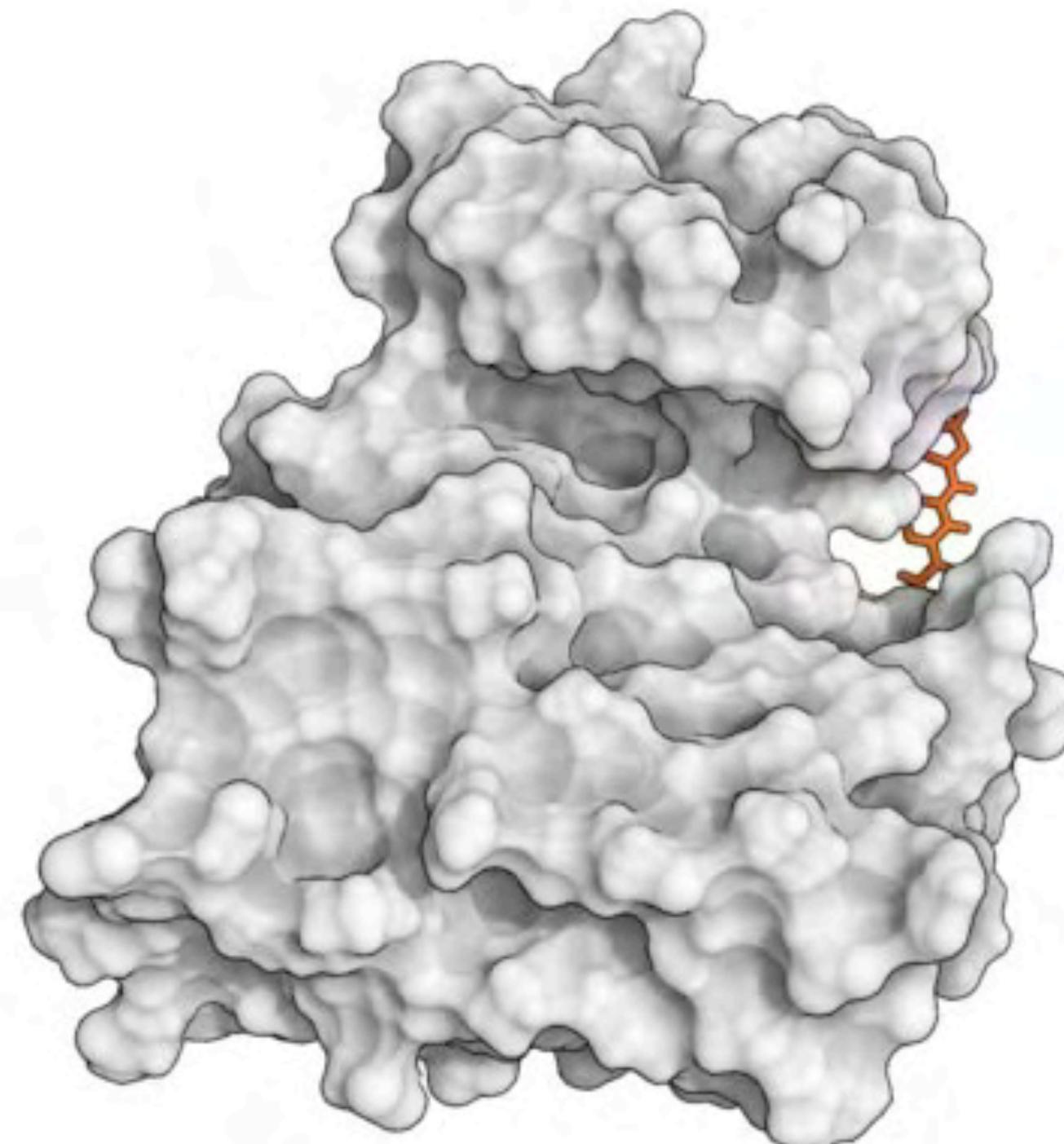
porin permeation



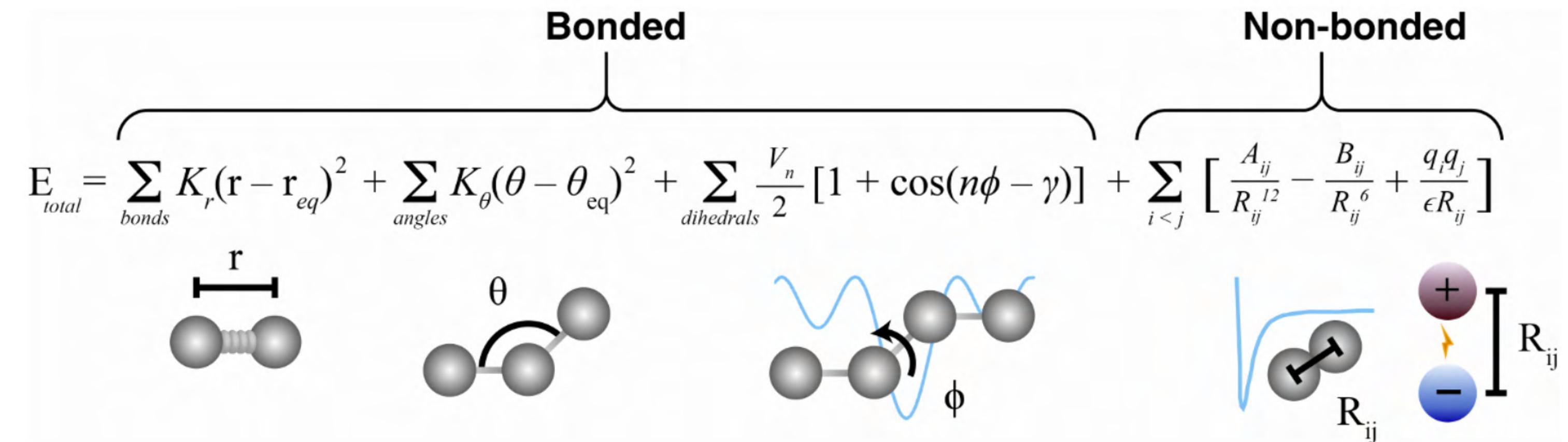
crystal polymorphs, etc.



# FREE ENERGY CALCULATIONS (AND MUCH OF COMP CHEM) FUNDAMENTALLY RELIES ON MOLECULAR MECHANICS FORCE FIELDS



## typical class I molecular mechanics force field



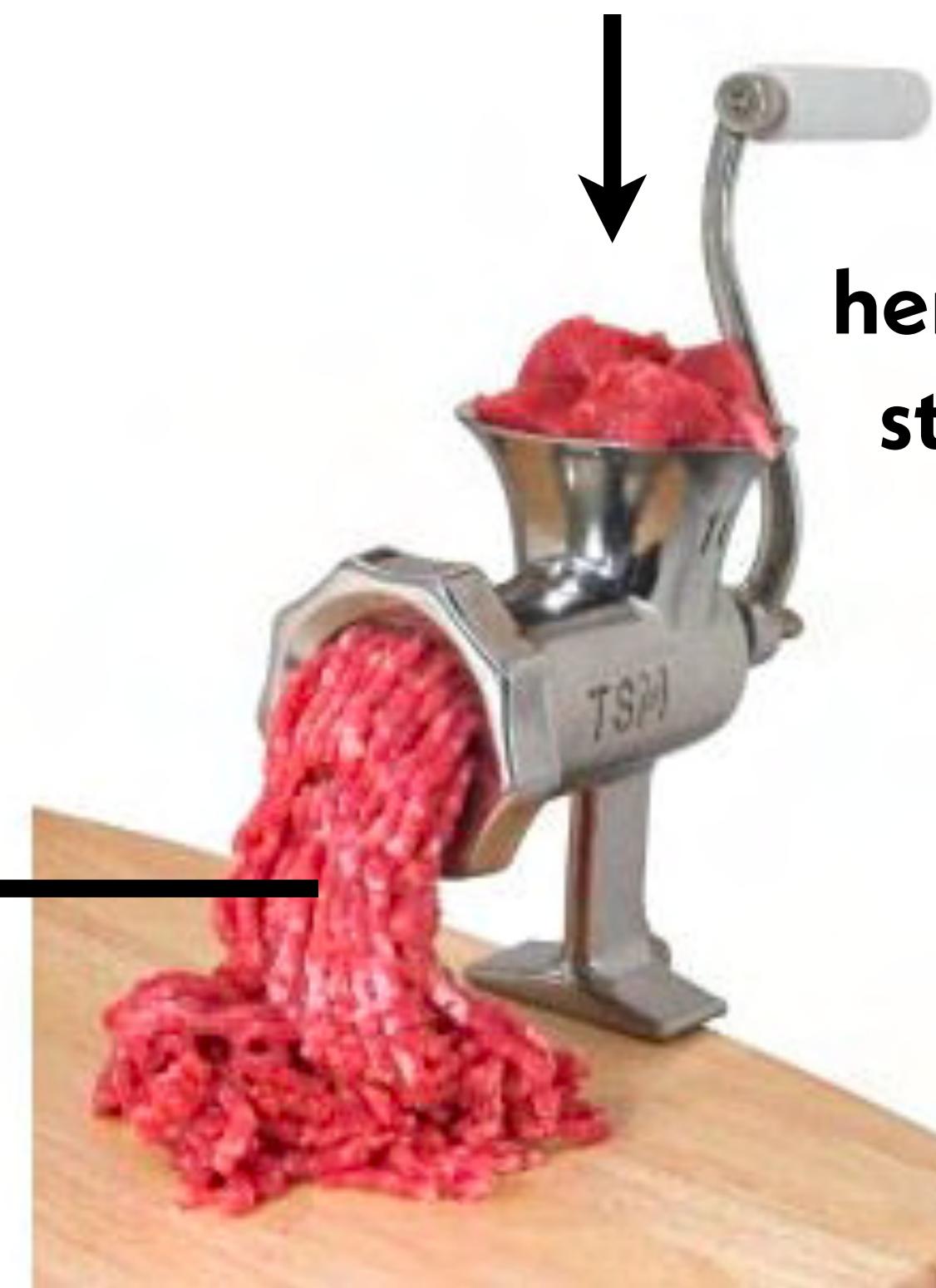
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experimental data  
quantum chemistry  
keen chemical intuition



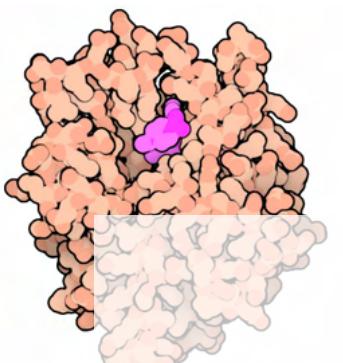
heroic effort by graduate  
students and postdocs

a parameter set we  
desperately hope someone←  
actually uses



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proteins



post-translational modifications

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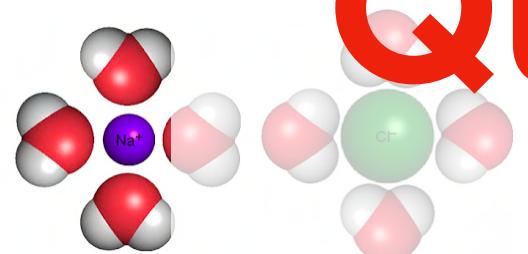
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Quickly adds up to >100 human-years

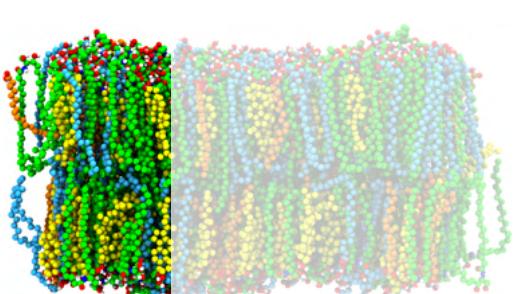
Intended to be compatible, but not co-parameterized

Significant effort is required to extend to new areas

(e.g. covalent inhibitors, bio-inspired polymers, etc.)

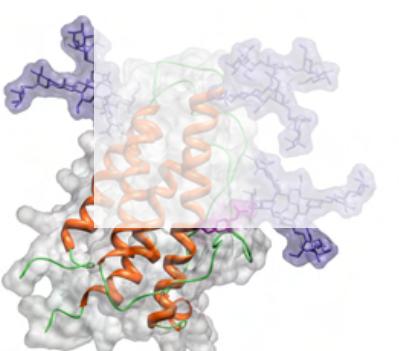
Nobody is going to want to refit this based on some new data

lipids



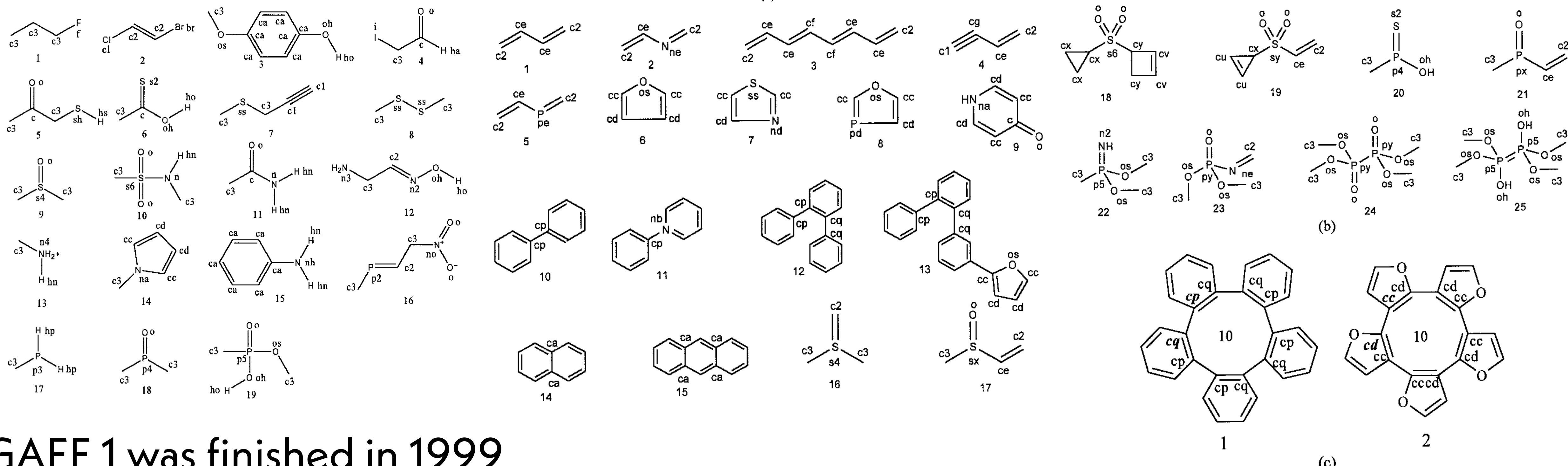
How can we bring this problem into the modern era?

carbohydrates



# AS DRUG DISCOVERY EXPLORES NEW PARTS OF CHEMICAL SPACE, HOW CAN FORCEFIELDS KEEP UP?

The Generalized Amber Forcefield (GAFF) was parameterized with this chemical universe:

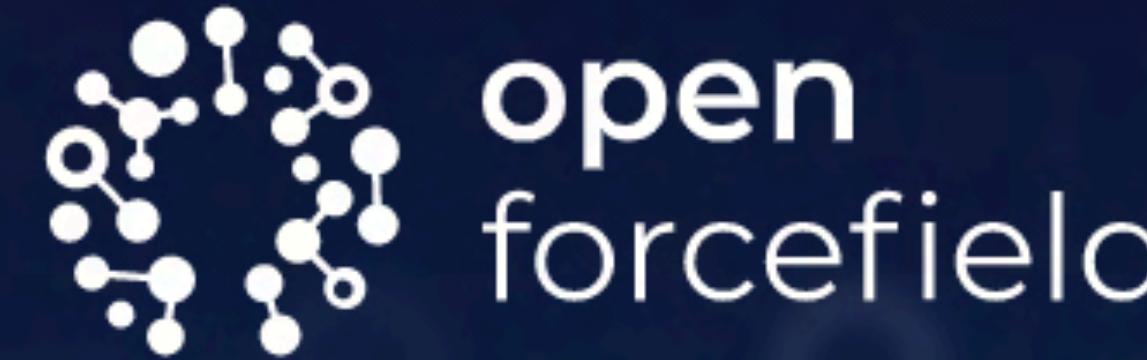


GAFF 1 was finished in 1999

Extension to new chemical space is nontrivial

Parameter fitting code was never released

Atom types cause numerous complications



## An open and collaborative approach to better force fields



### OPEN SOURCE

Software permissively licensed under  
the MIT License and developed  
openly on GitHub.



### OPEN SCIENCE

Scientific reports as blog posts,  
webinars and preprints



### OPEN DATA

Curated quantum chemical and  
experimental datasets used to  
parameterize and benchmark Open  
Force Fields.

NEWS

TUTORIALS

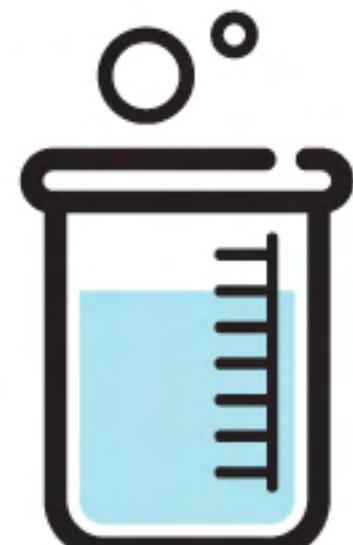
ROADMAP

<http://openforcefield.org>

# THE OPEN FORCE FIELD INITIATIVE AIMS TO BUILD A MODERN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR FORCE FIELD SCIENCE



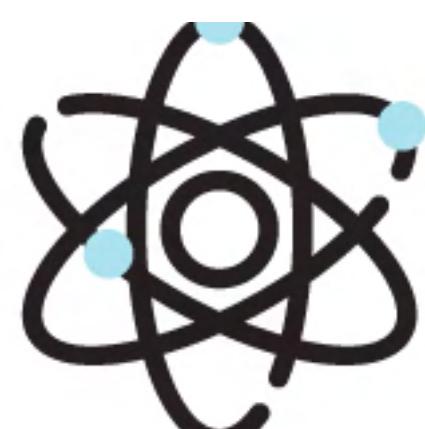
**Open source Python Toolkit:** use the parameters in most simulation packages



**Open curated QM / physical property datasets:** build your own force fields



**Open source infrastructure:** for improving force fields with in-house data

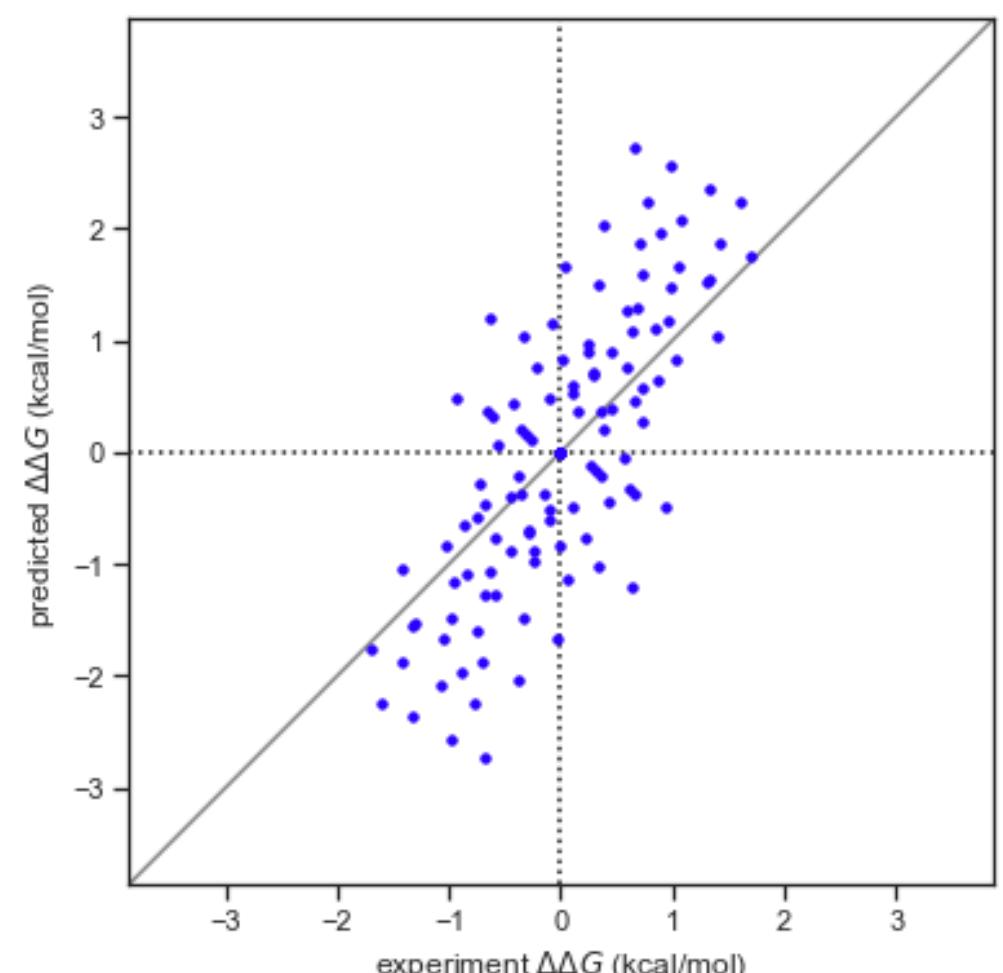


**Open science:** everything we do is free, permissively licensed, and online

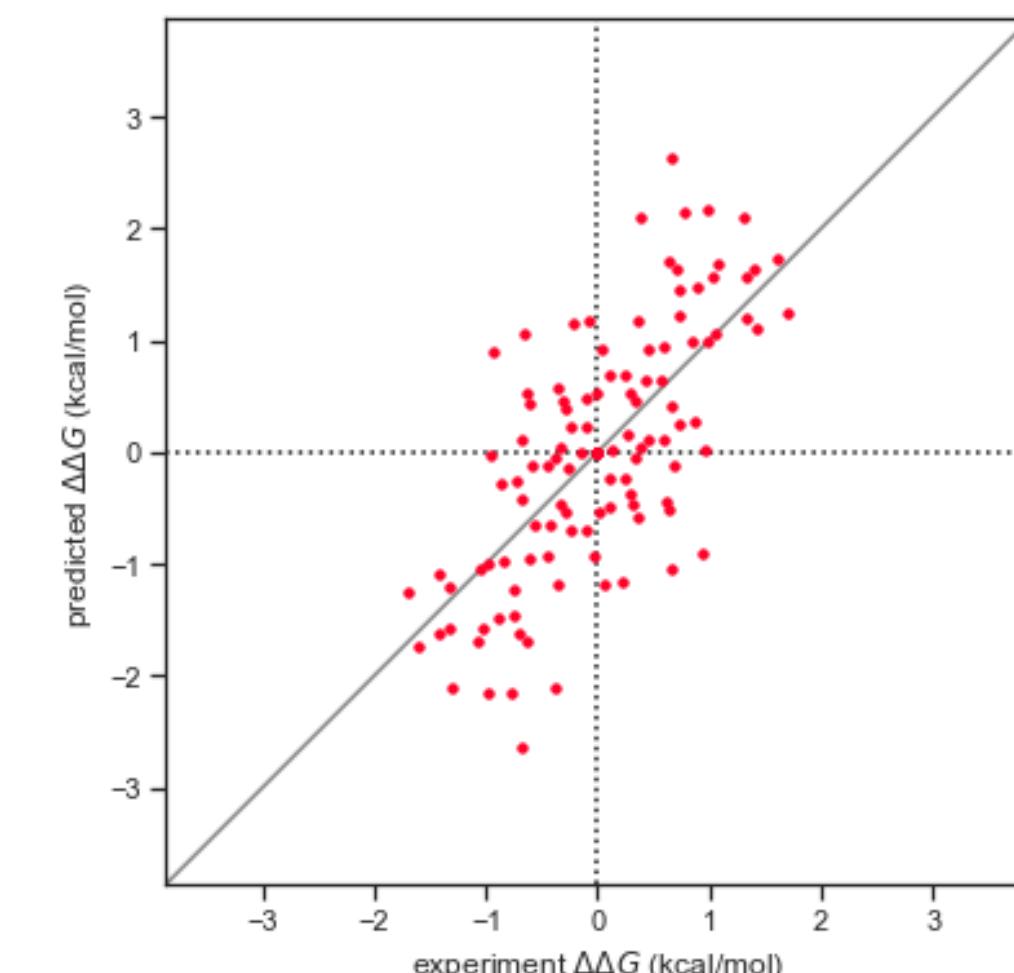
# WE'VE MADE RAPID AND SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS

Open Force Field Initiative

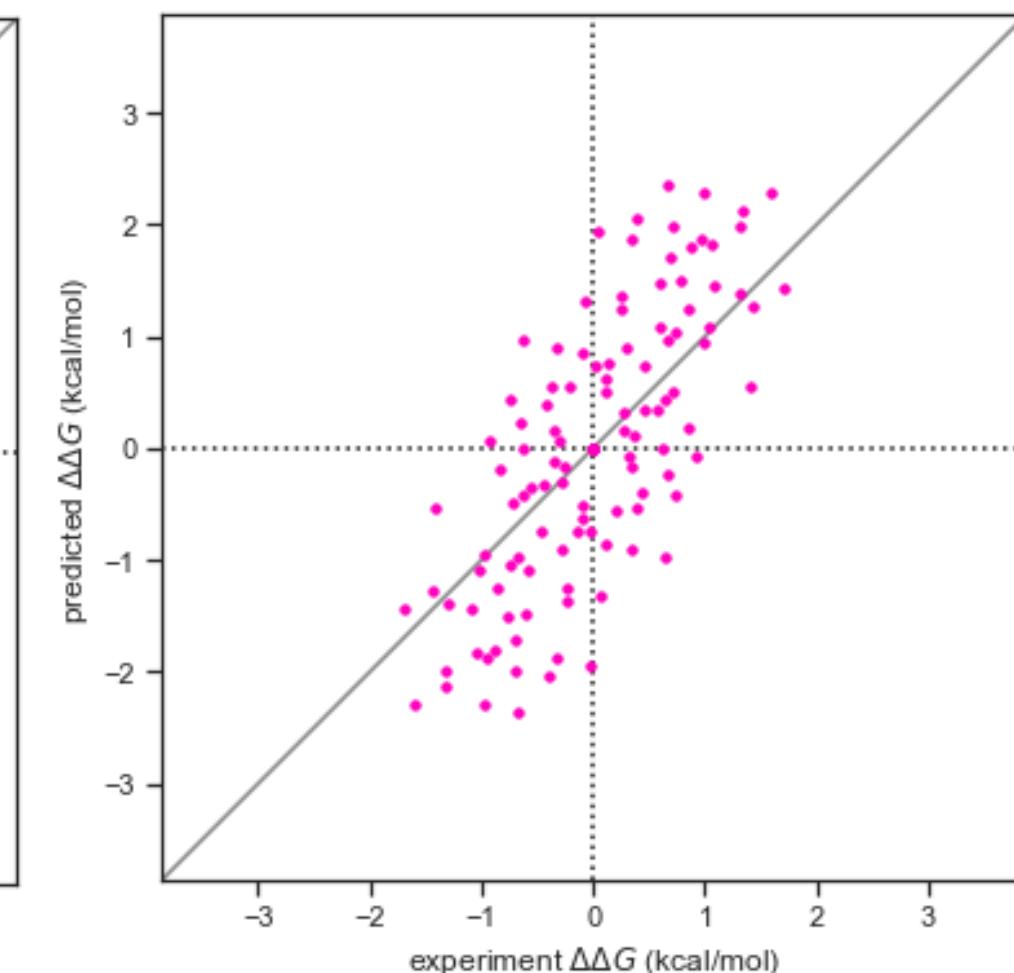
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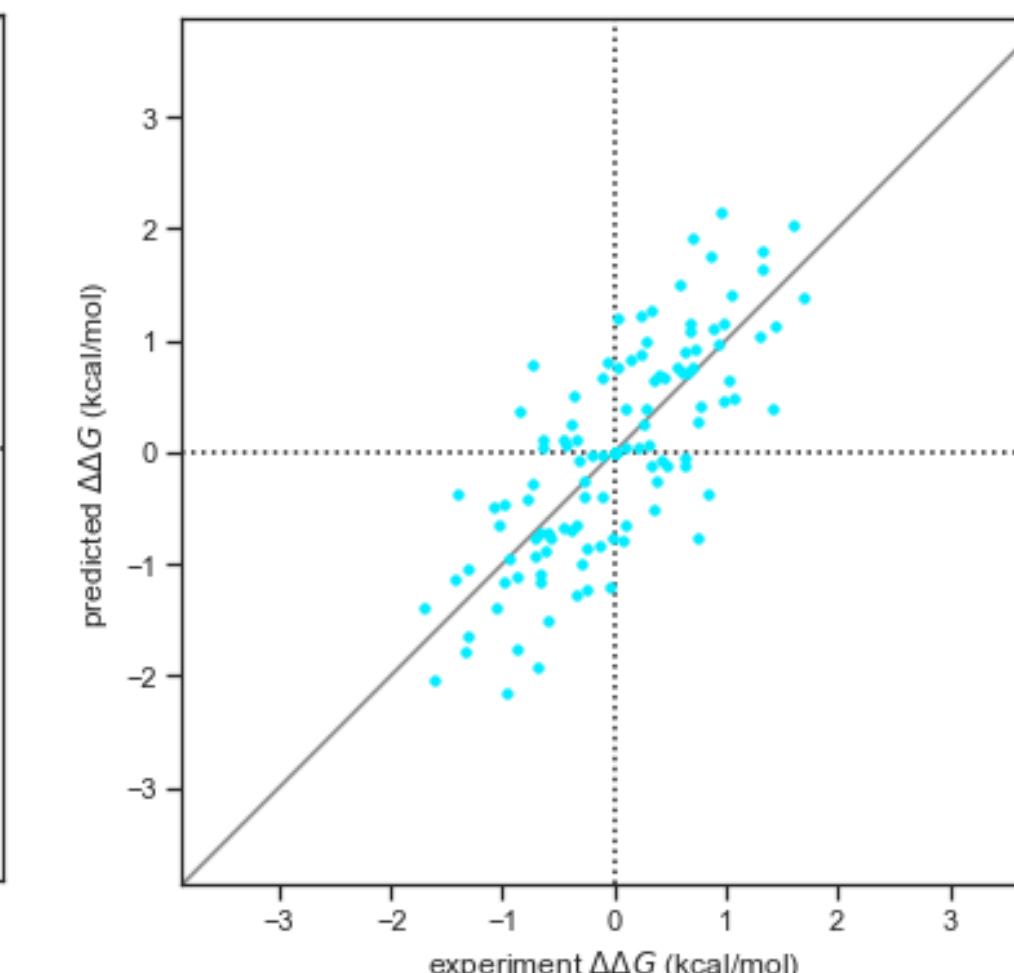
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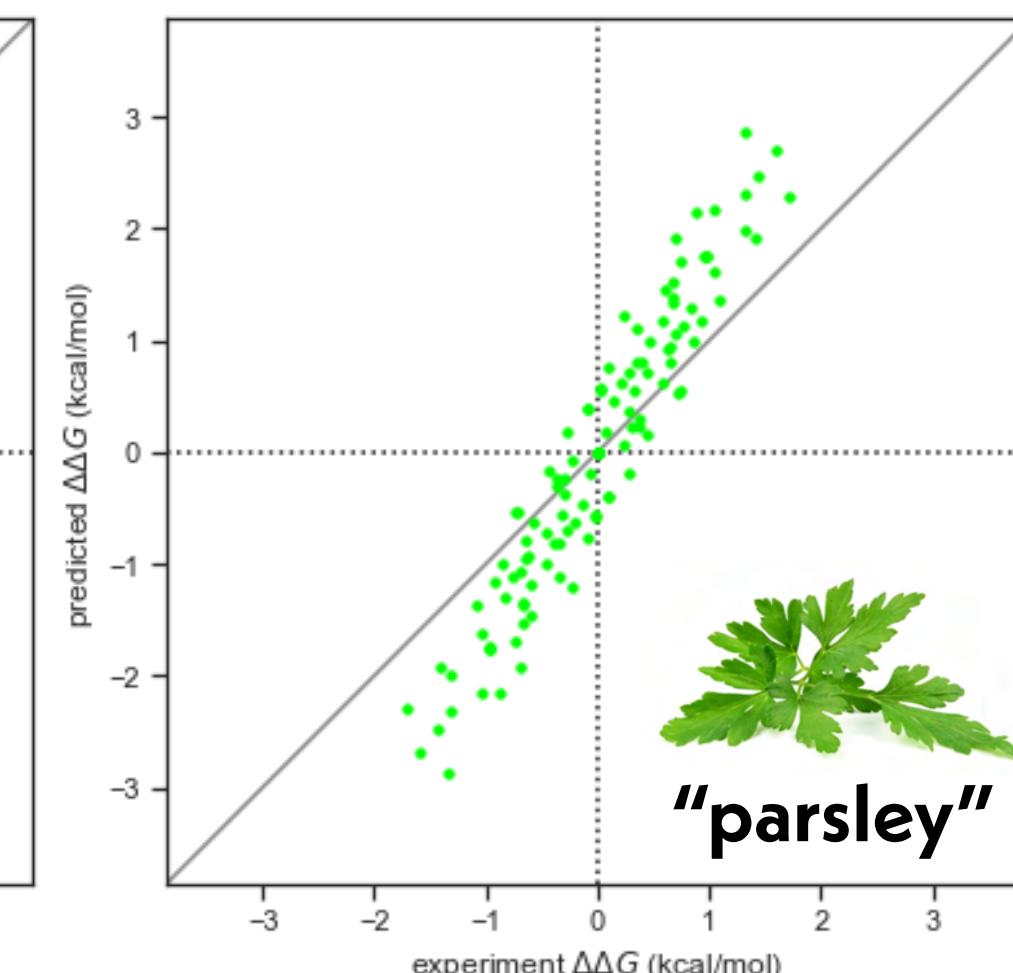
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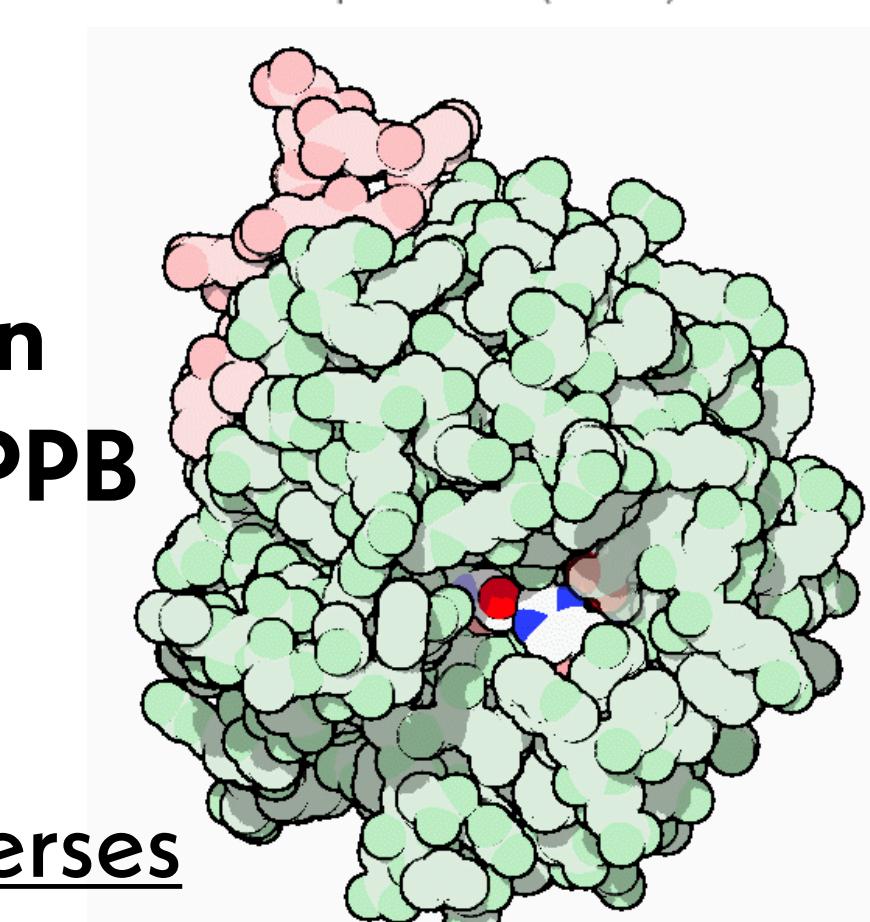
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<http://github.com/choderalab/perses>

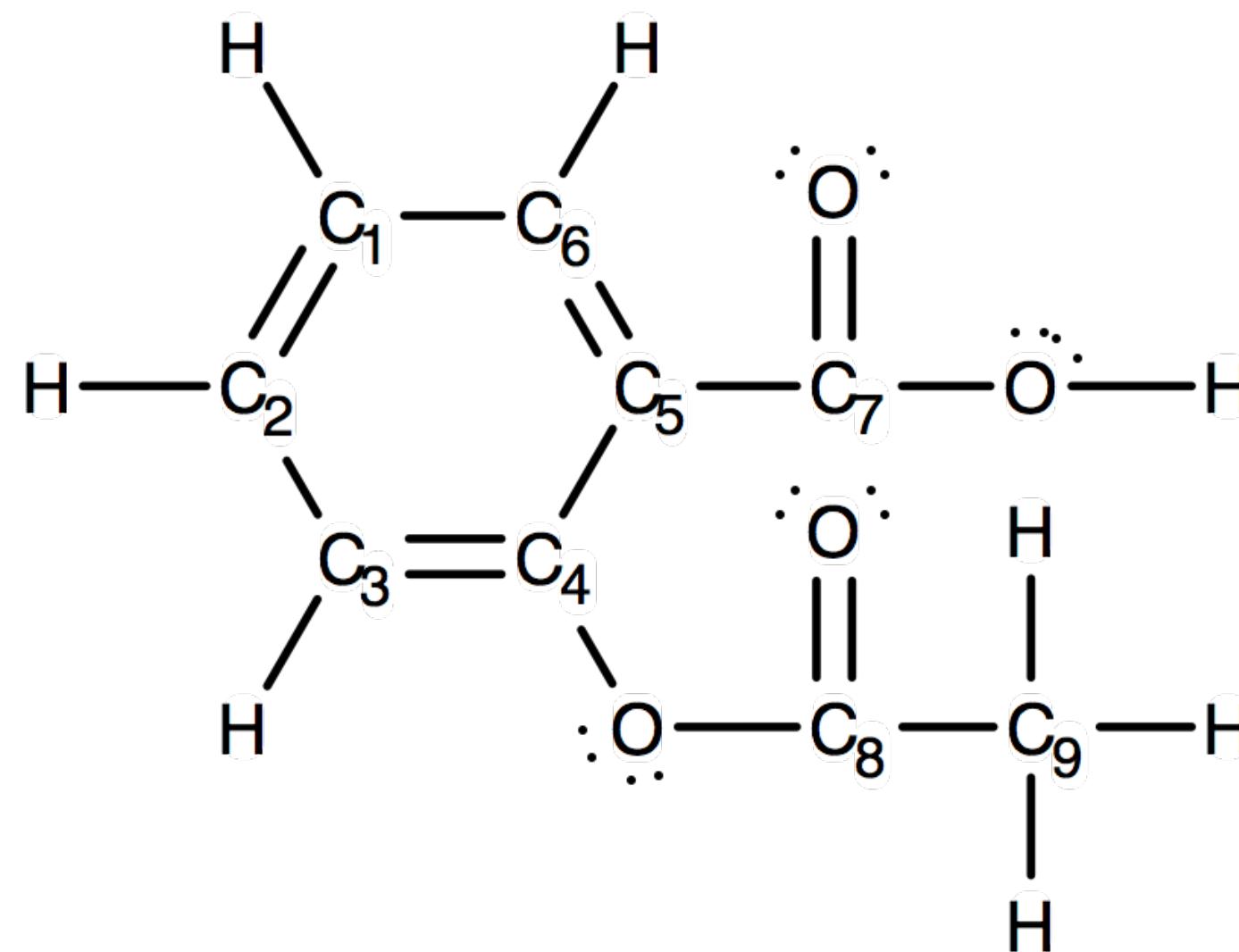
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# FUNDAMENTALLY, FORCE FIELD PARAMETERIZATION IS DIFFICULT BECAUSE IT'S A MIXED DISCRETE-CONTINUOUS OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM

*input molecular graph*



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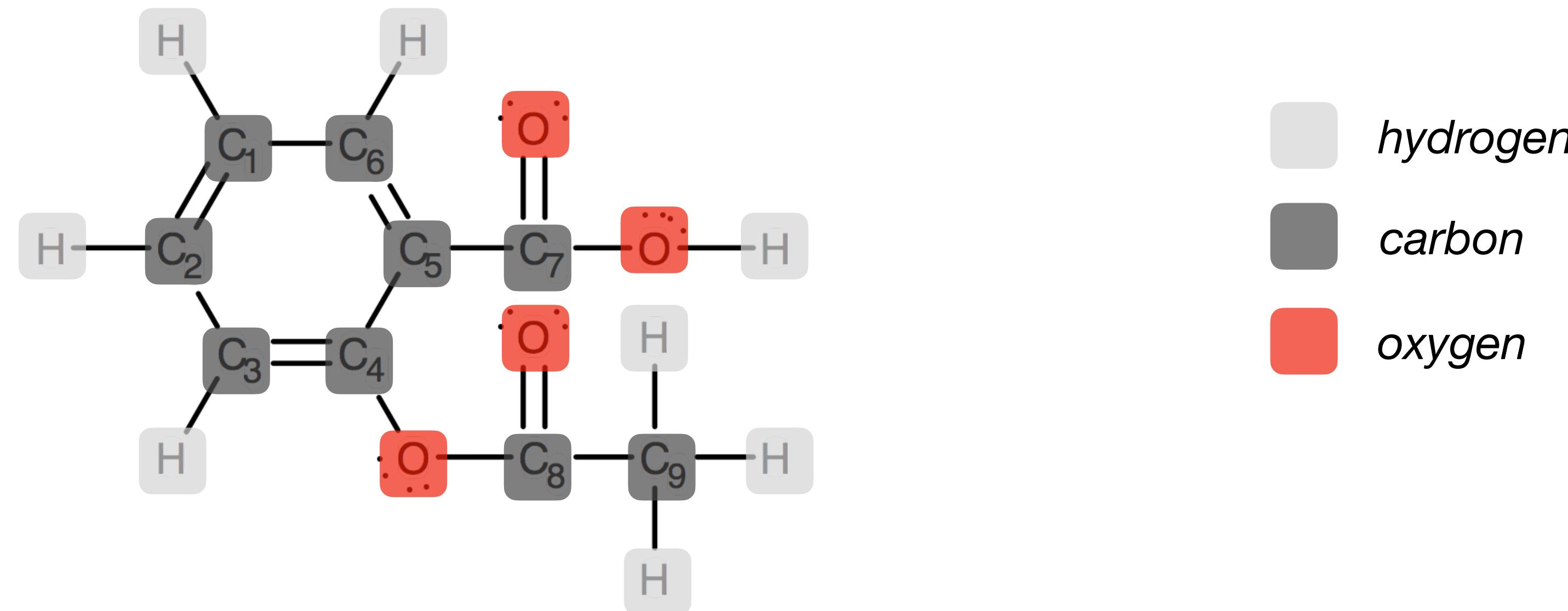


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*“atom-typed” molecule*

*3 atom-types*



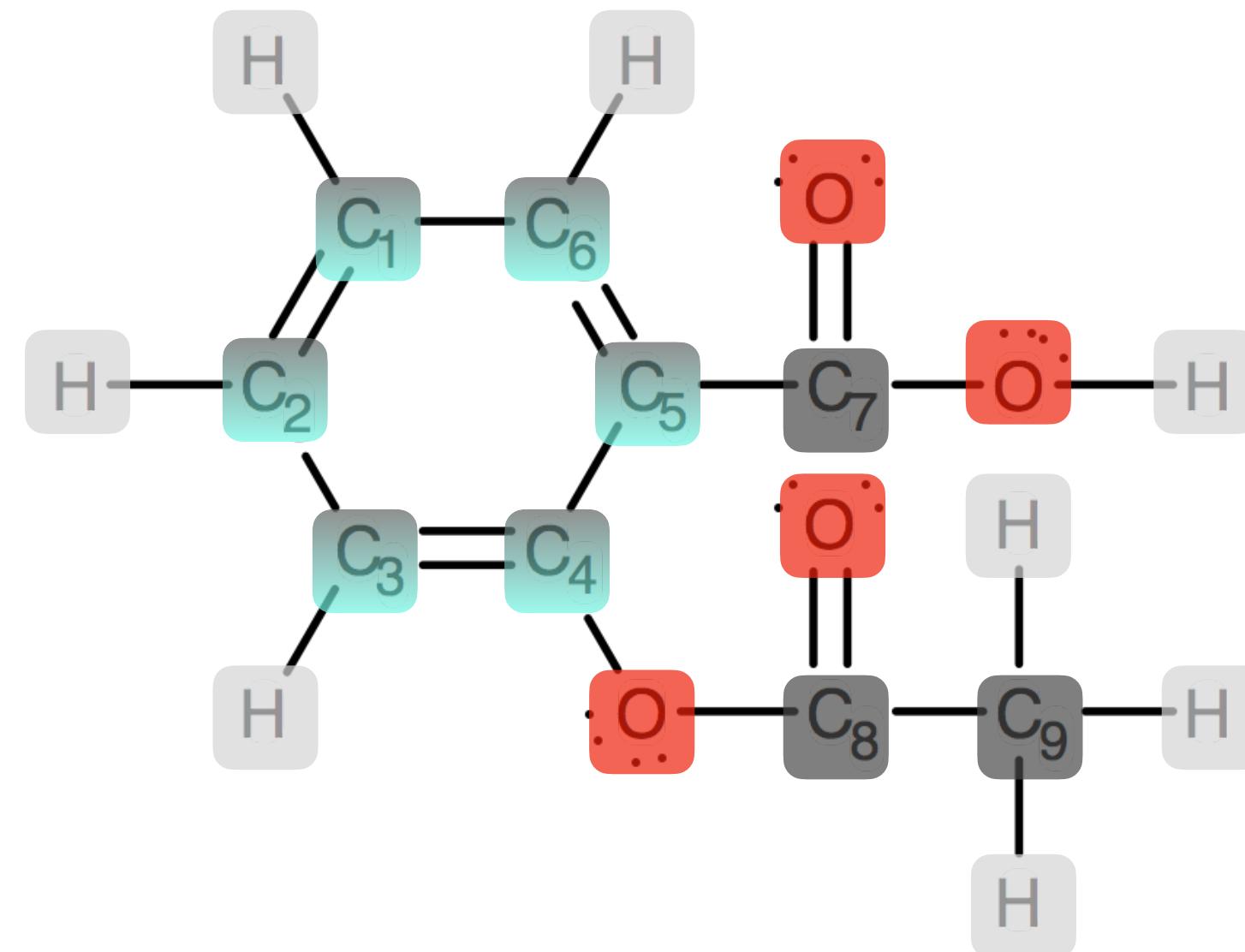
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*“atom-typed” molecule*



*4 atom-types*

- hydrogen
- carbon
- carbon in an aromatic ring
- oxygen

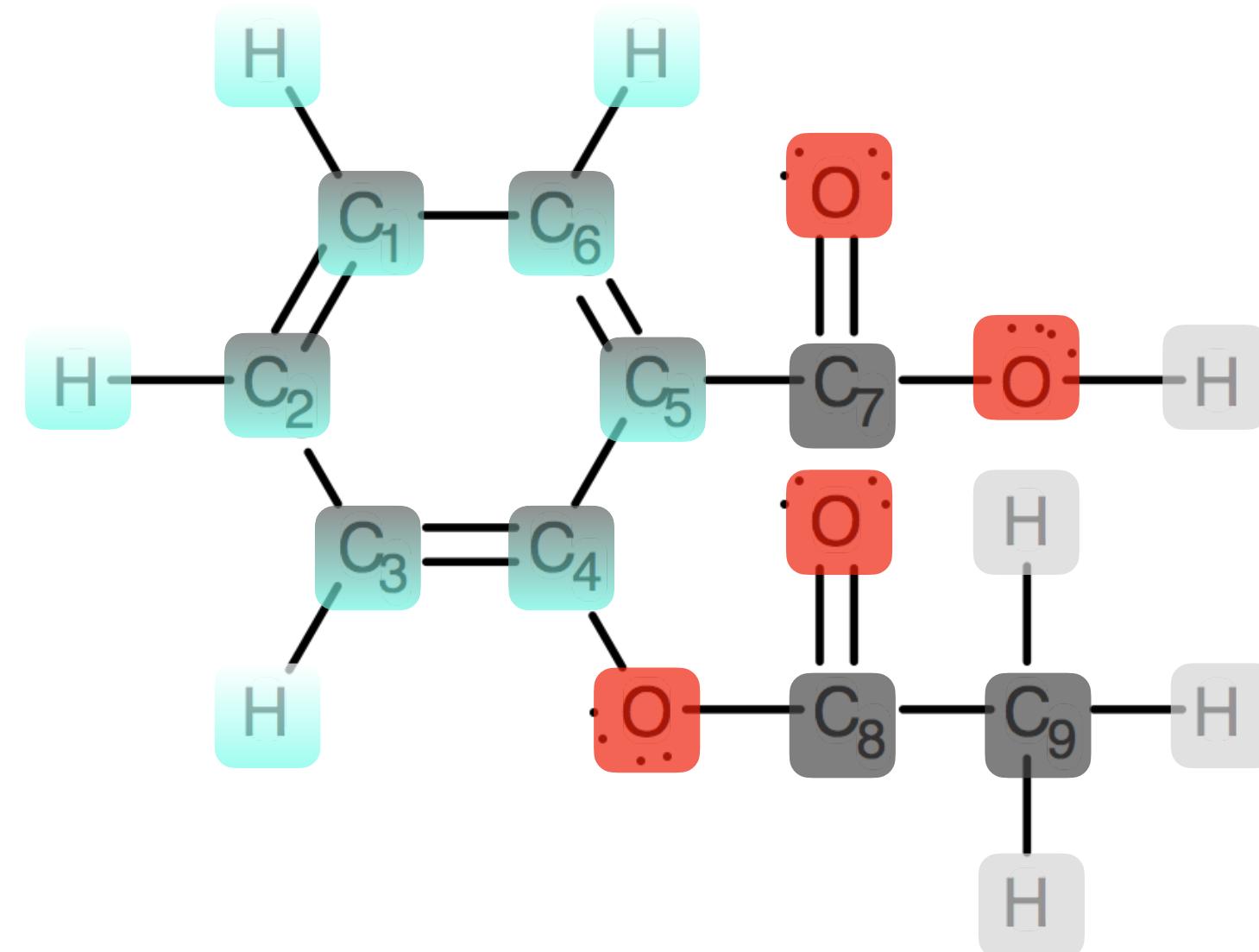
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*“atom-typed” molecule*



*5 atom-types*

- hydrogen
- hydrogen bound to a carbon in an aromatic ring
- carbon
- carbon in an aromatic ring
- oxygen

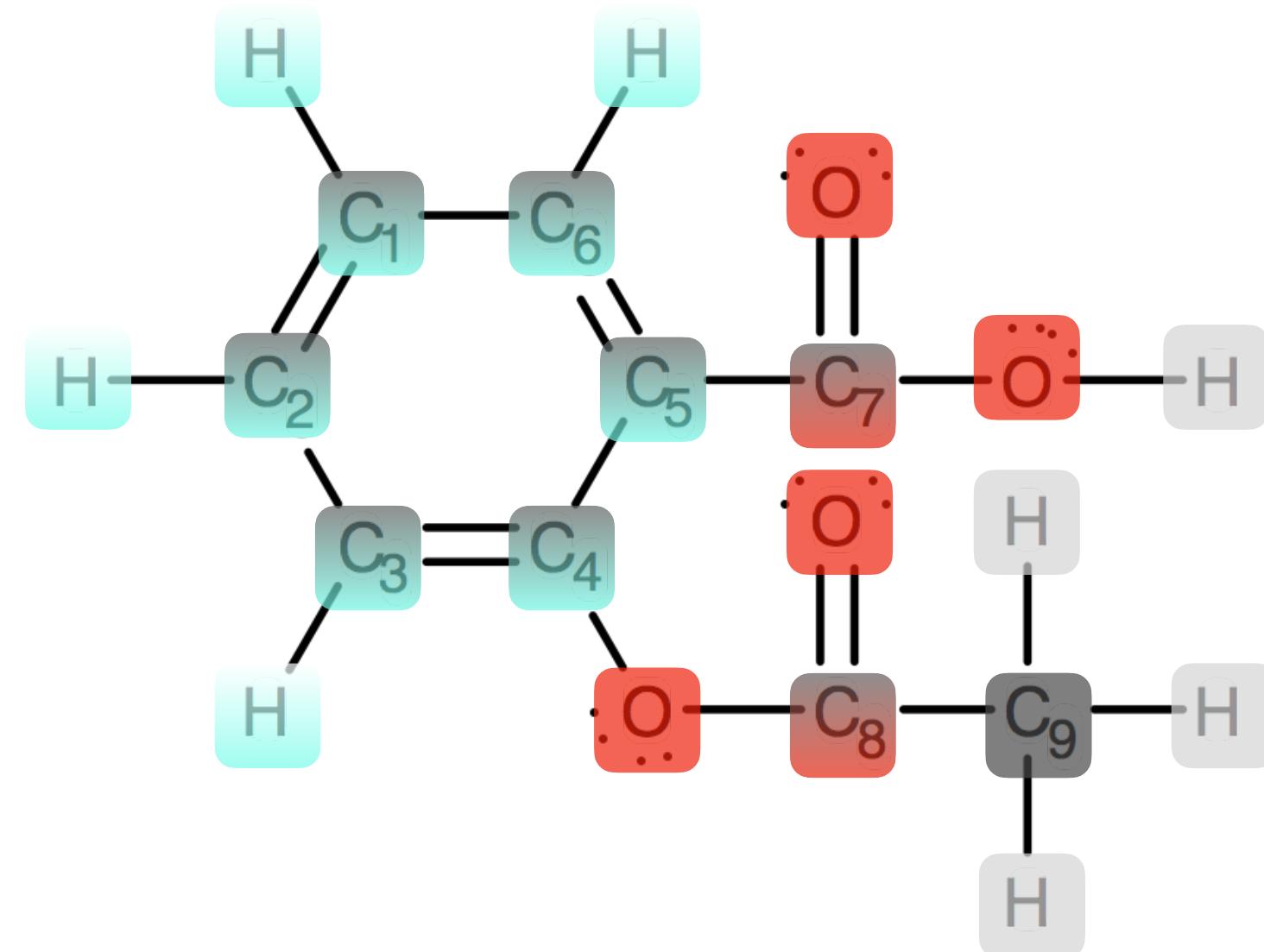
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*“atom-typed” molecule*



*6 atom-types*

- hydrogen
- hydrogen bound to a carbon in an aromatic ring
- carbon
- carbon in an aromatic ring
- carbon bound to oxygen
- oxygen

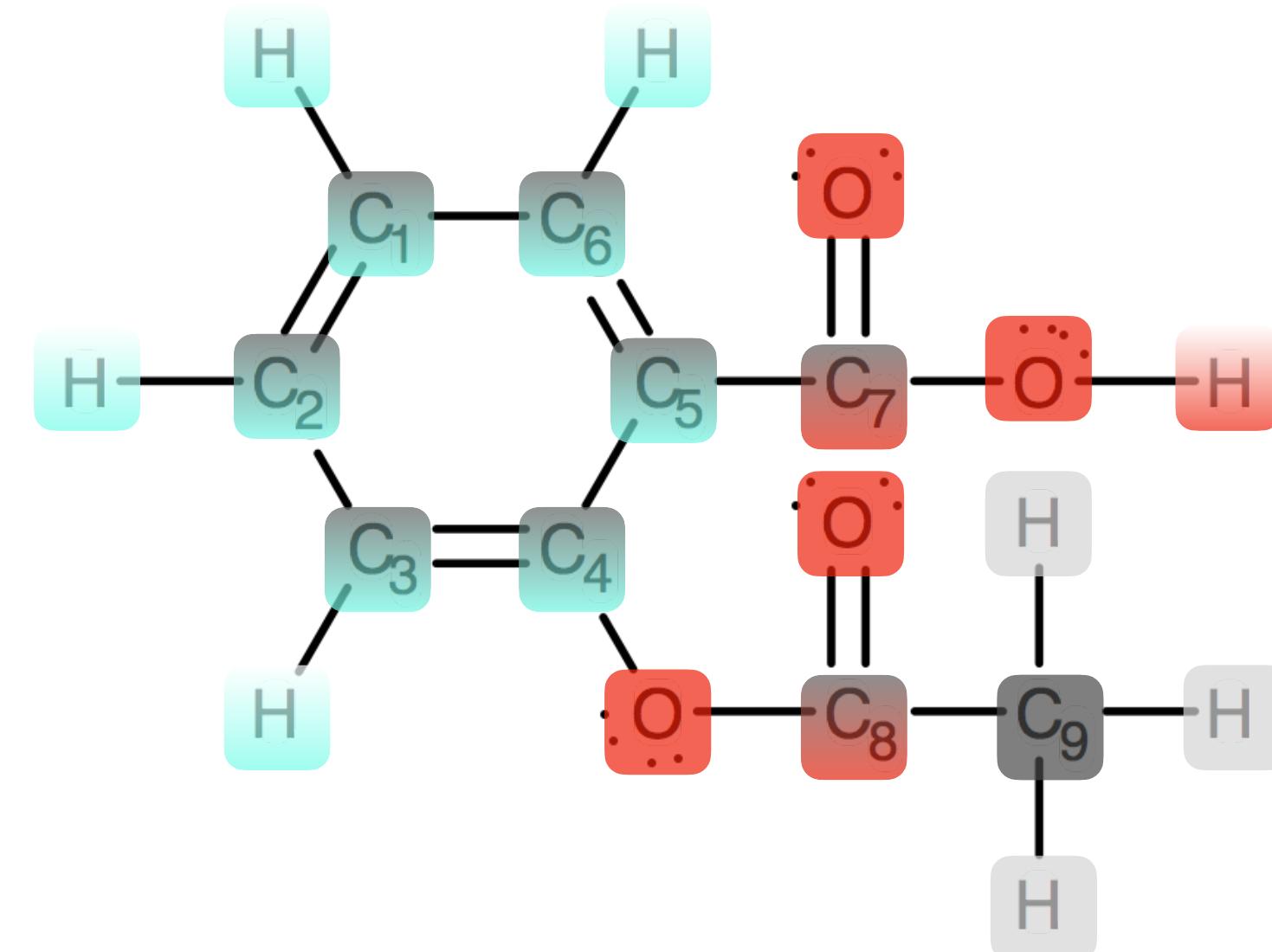
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*“atom-typed” molecule*



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7 atom-types

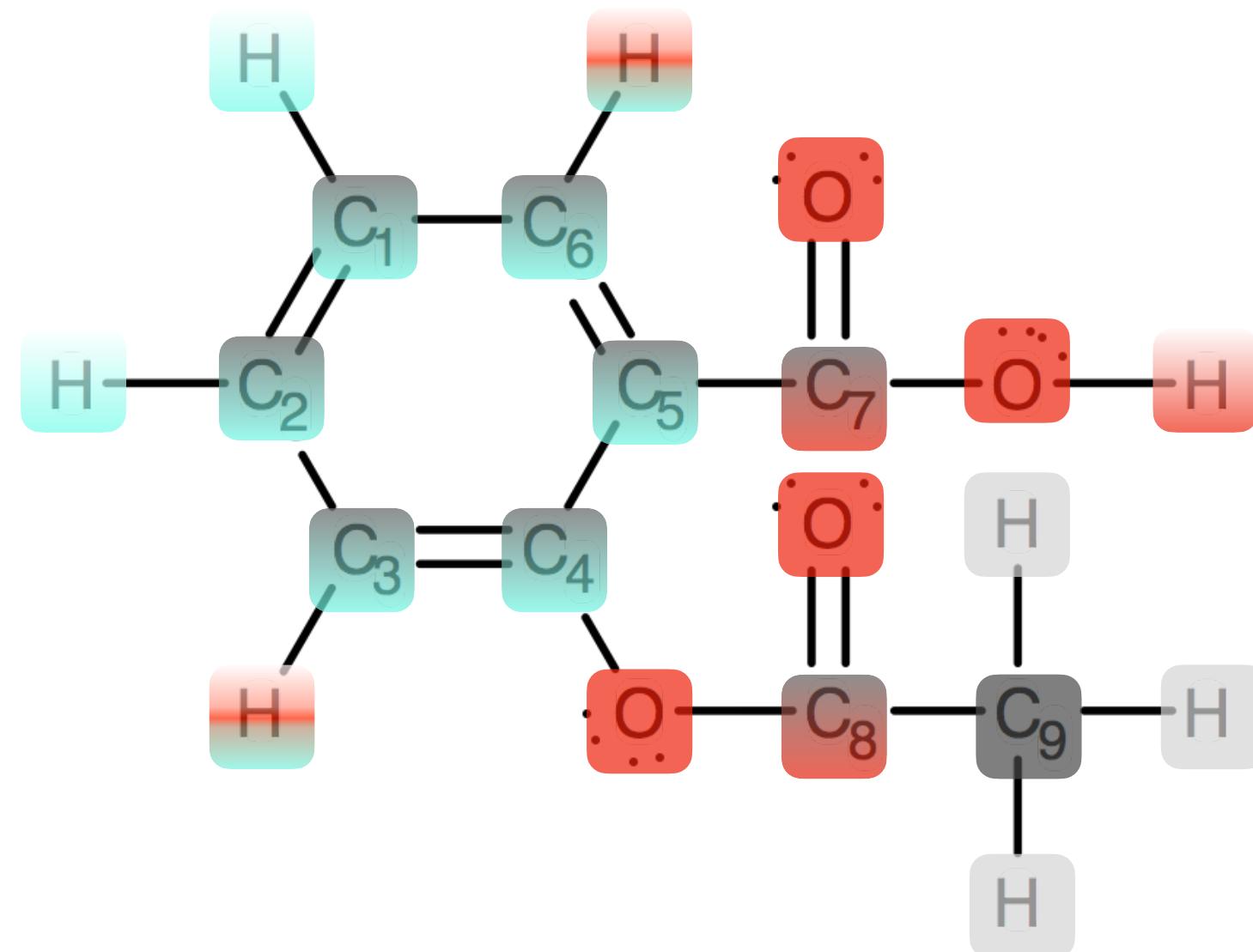
- hydrogen
- hydrogen bound to a carbon in an aromatic ring
- hydrogen bound to an oxygen
- carbon
- carbon in an aromatic ring
- carbon bound to an oxygen
- oxygen

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*“atom-typed” molecule*



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*8 atom-types*

- hydrogen
- hydrogen bound to a carbon in an aromatic ring
- hydrogen bound to a carbon in an aromatic ring, and 3 bonds away from an oxygen
- hydrogen bound to an oxygen
- carbon
- carbon in an aromatic ring
- carbon bound to an oxygen
- oxygen

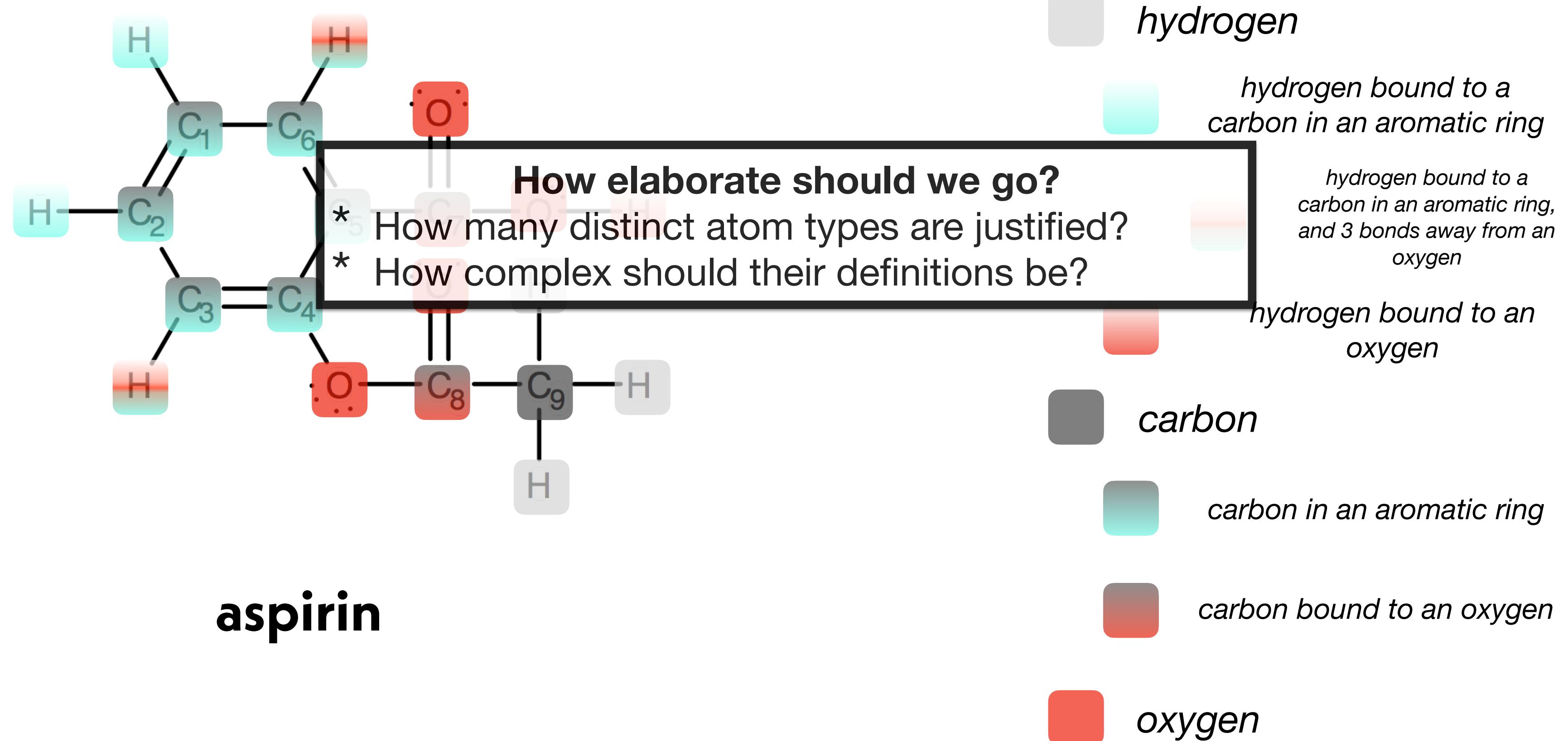
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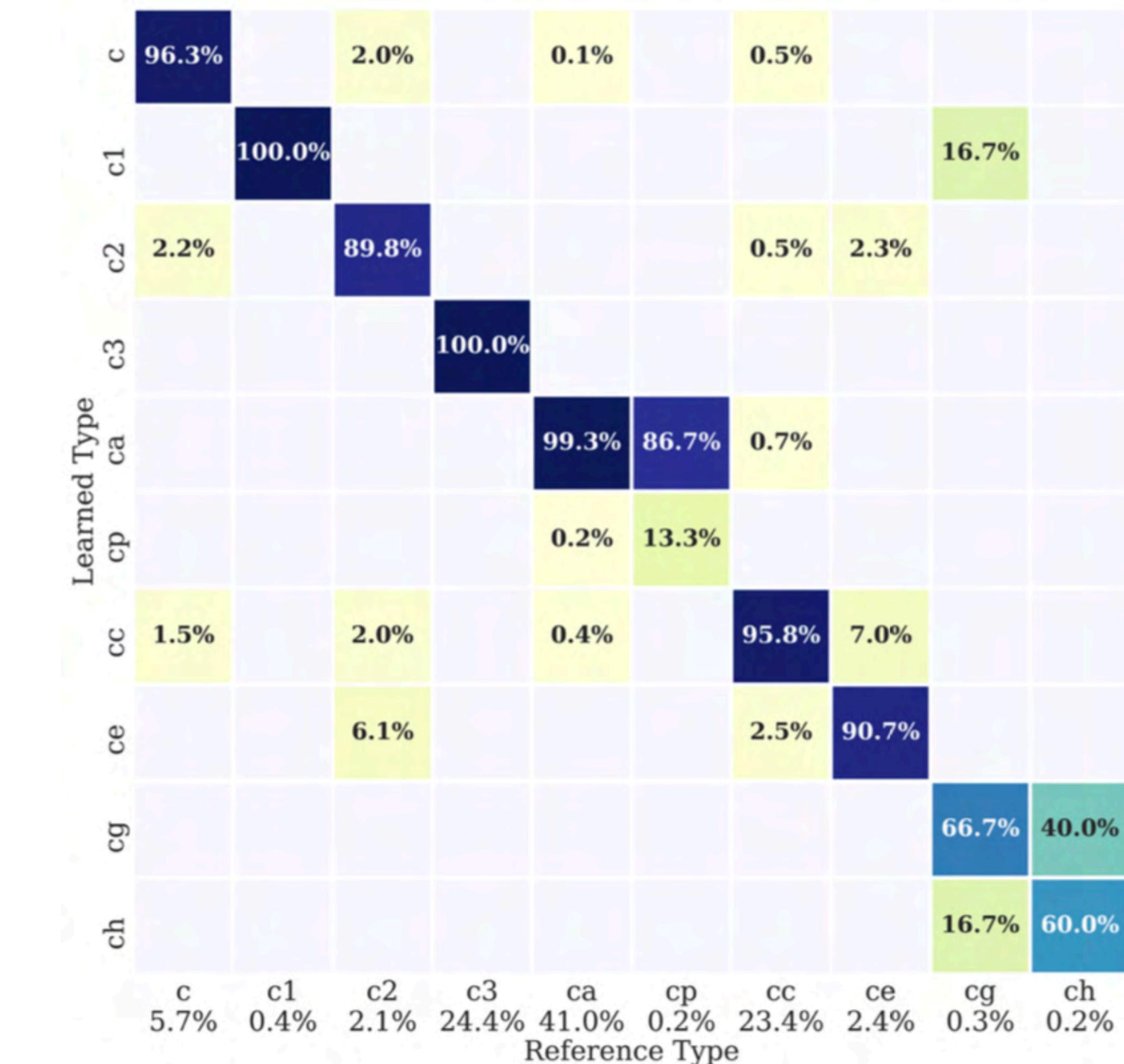
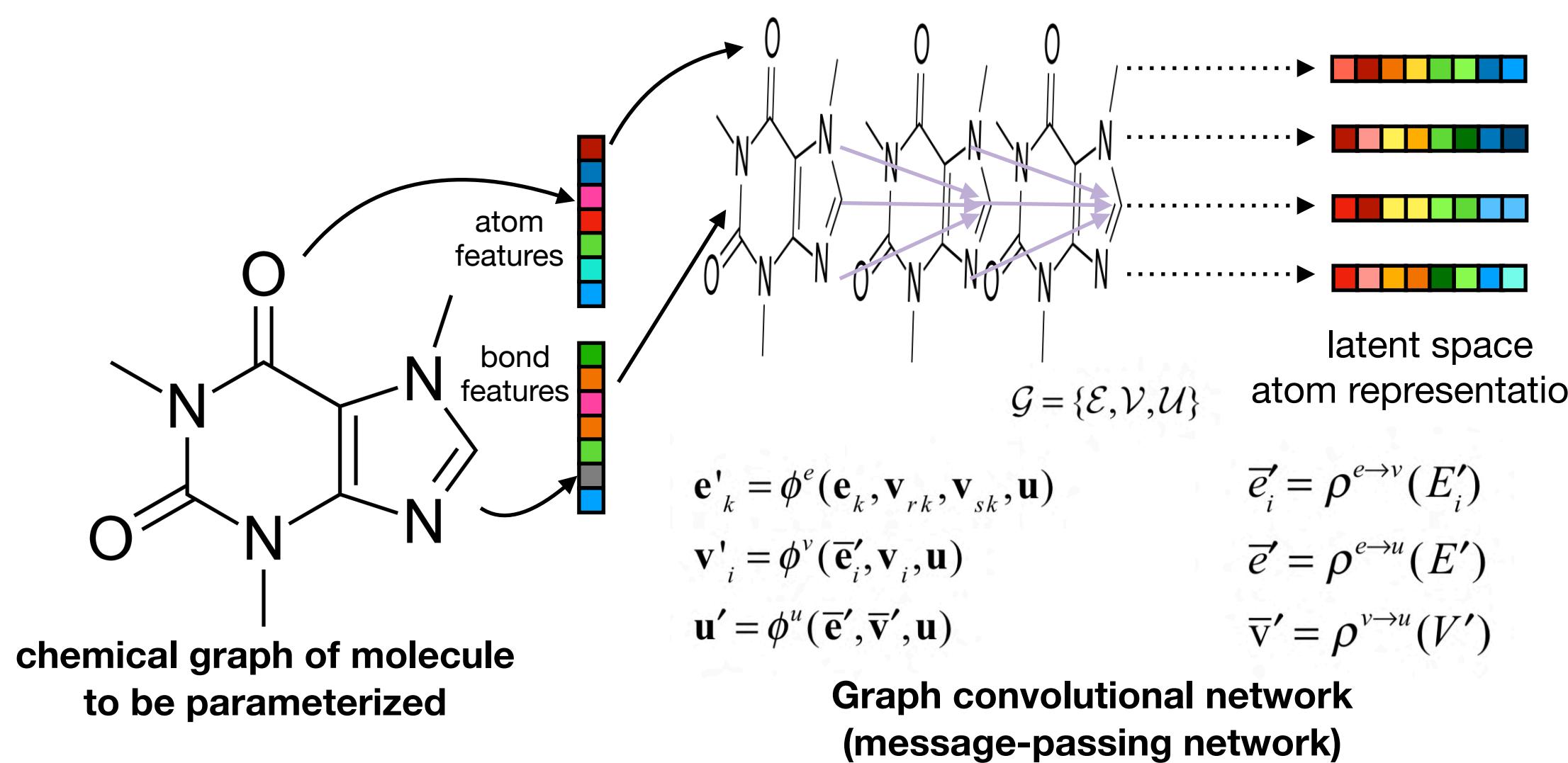


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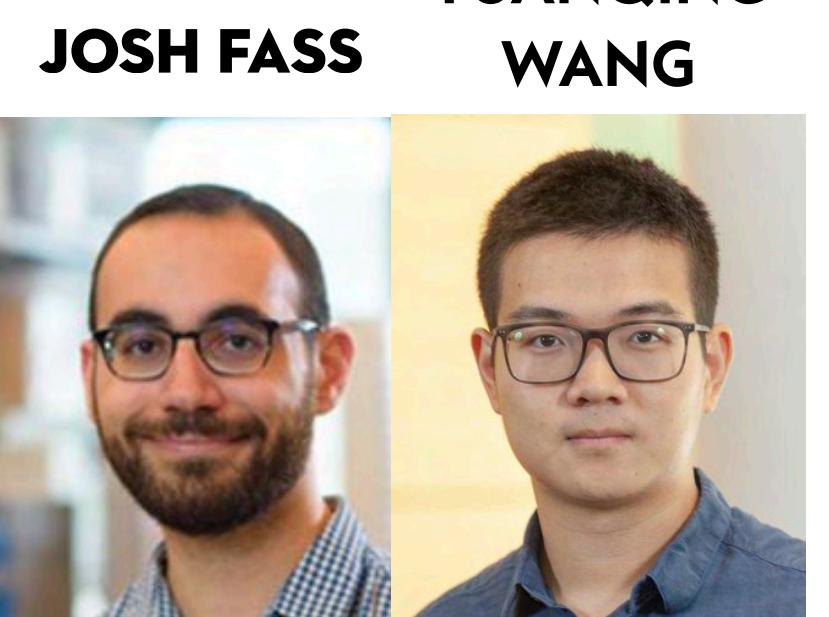




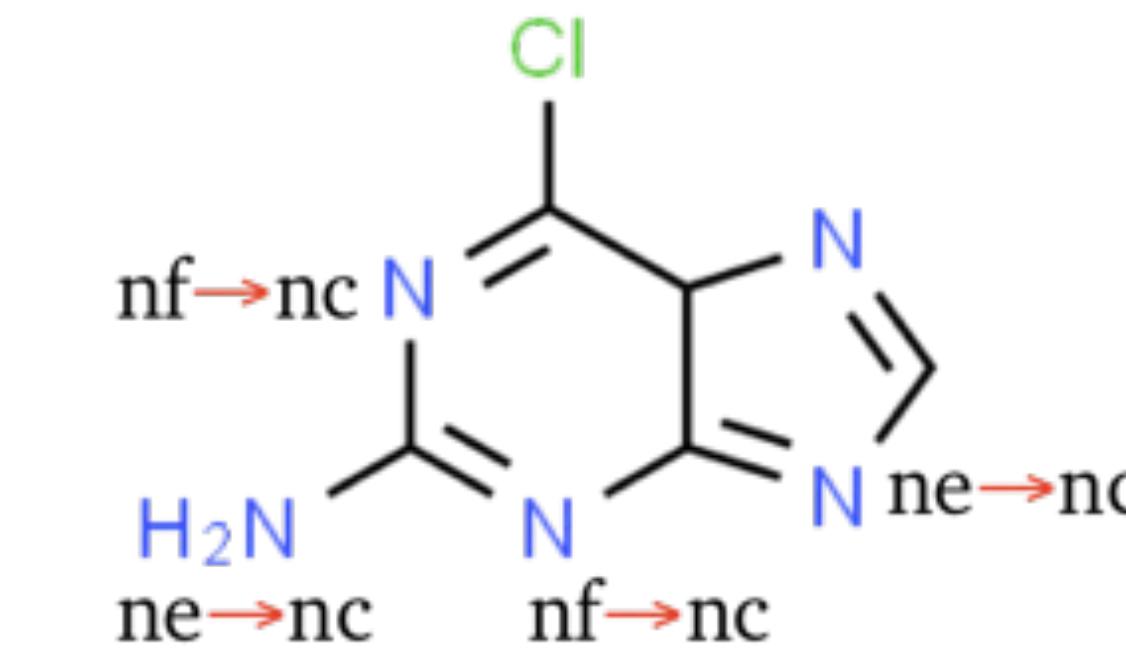
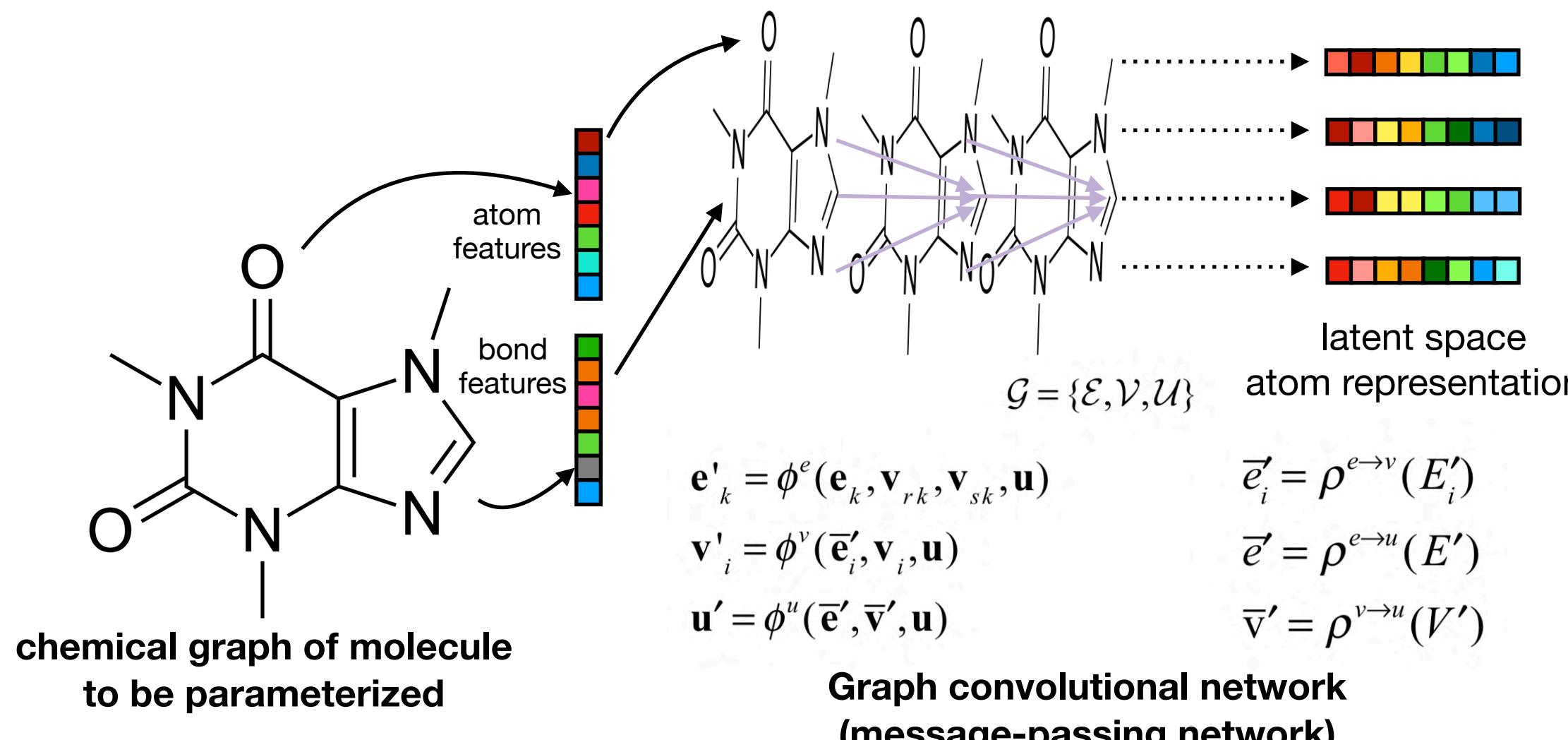
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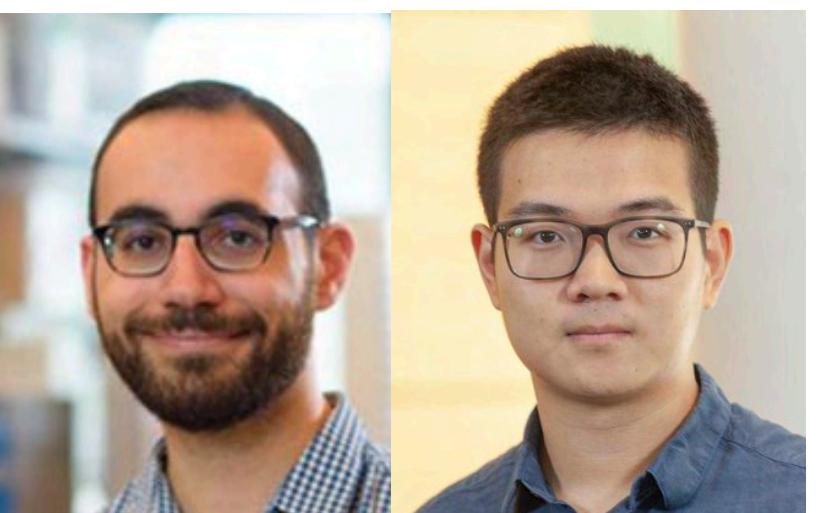


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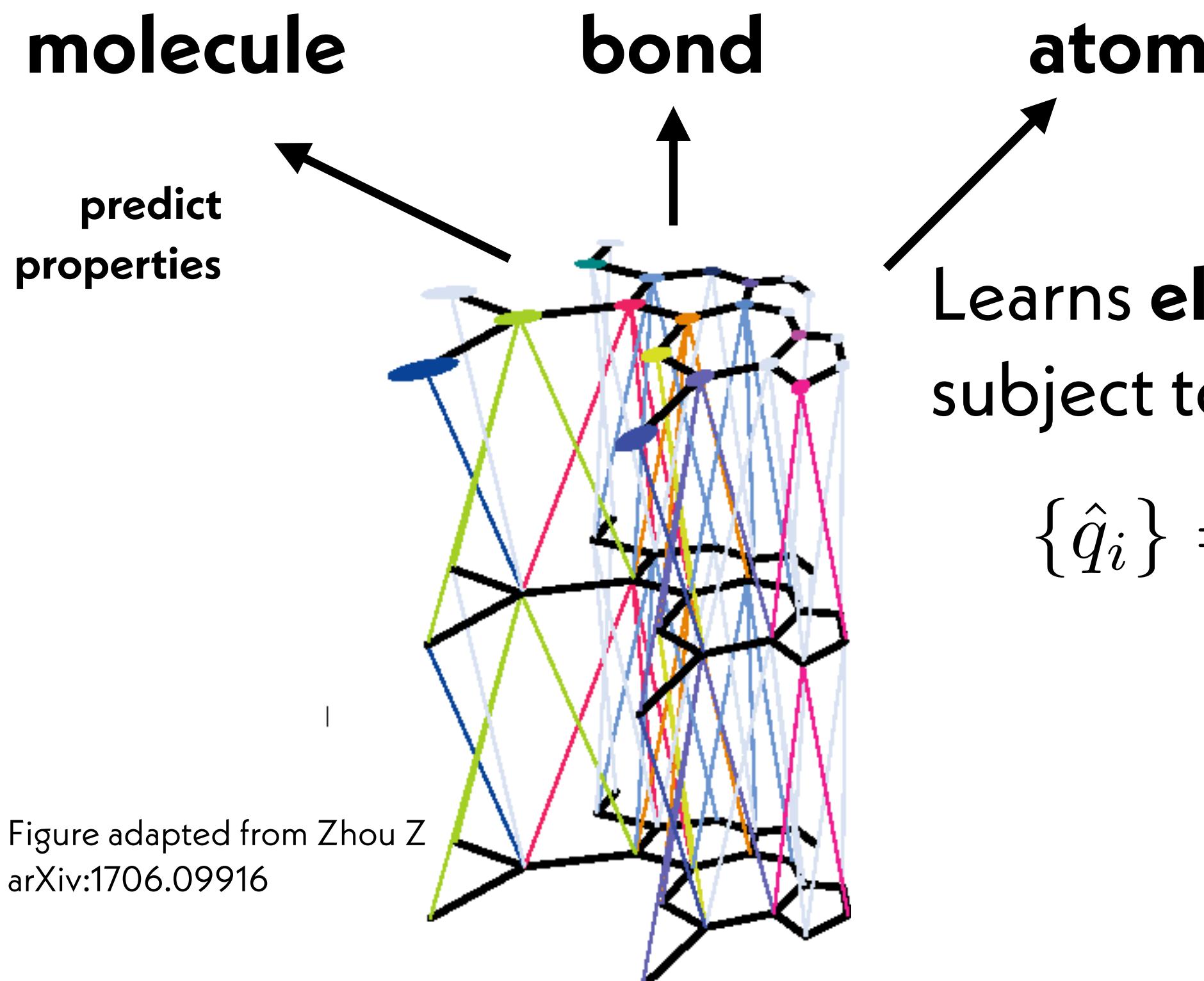


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(edge update)

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Learns **electronegativity** ( $e_i$ ) and **hardness** ( $s_i$ ) subject to fixed charge sum constraint:

$$\{\hat{q}_i\} = \operatorname{argmin}_{q_i} \sum_i \hat{e}_i q_i + \frac{1}{2} \hat{s}_i q_i^2$$

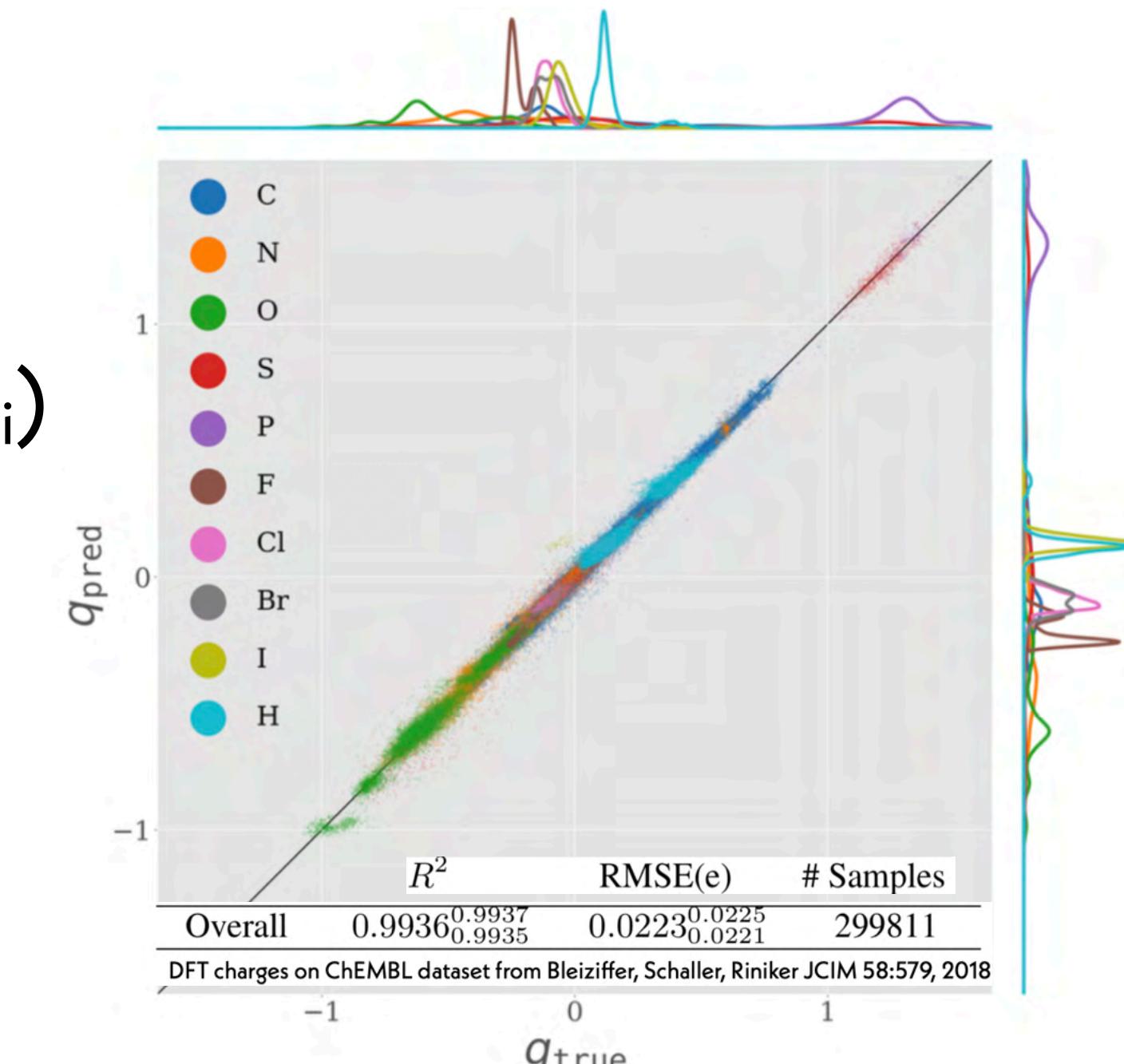
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# Gimlet

## Graph Inference on MoEcular Topology

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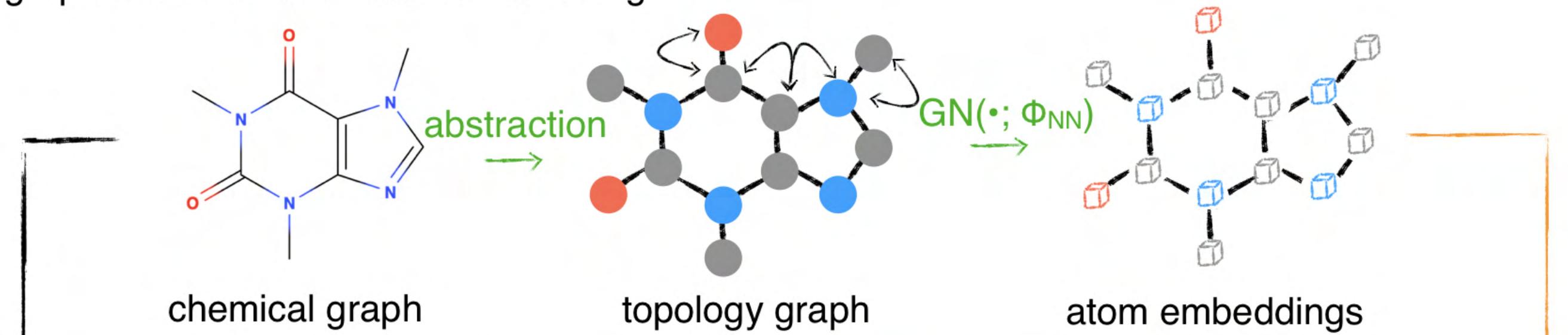


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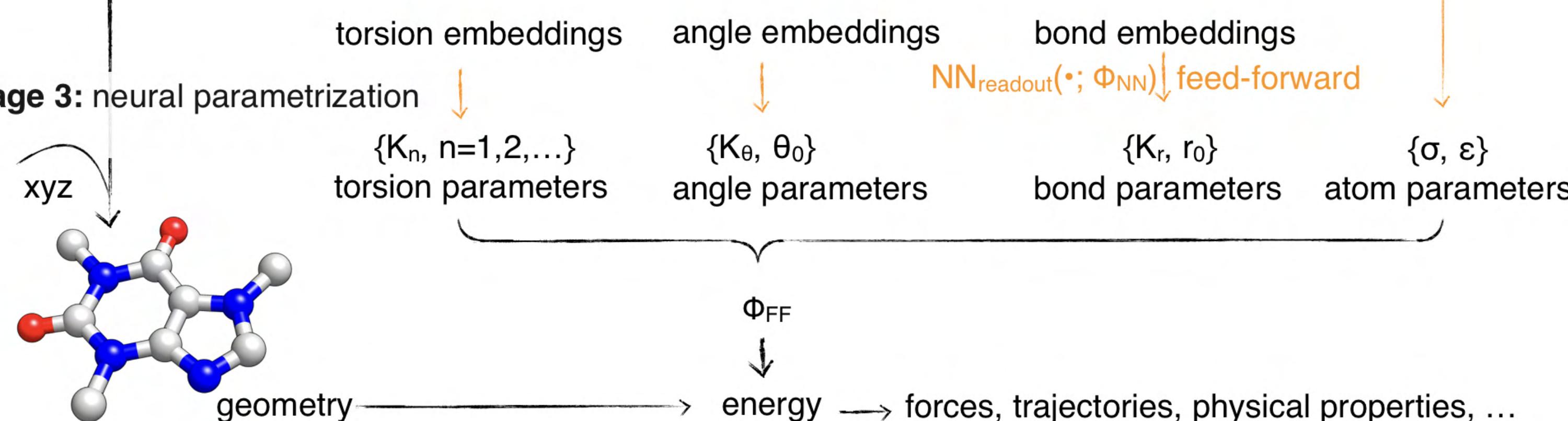


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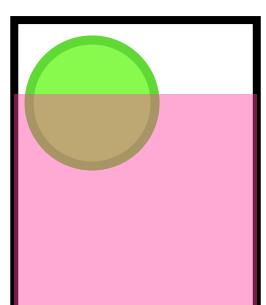
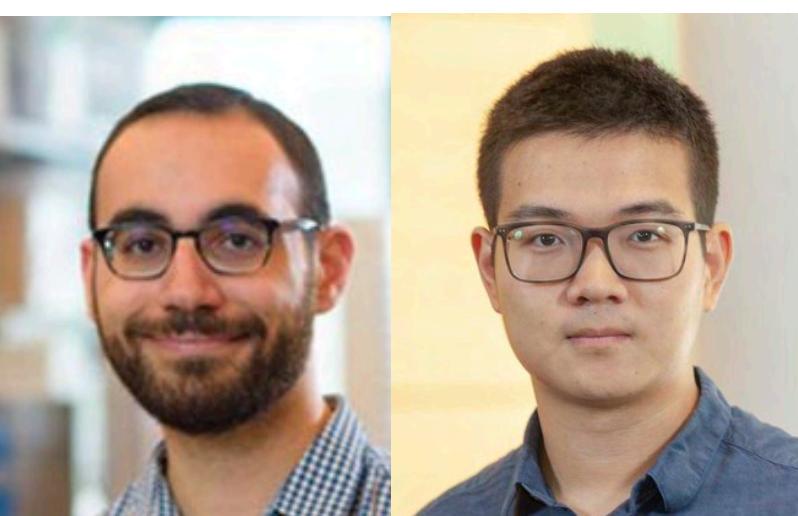


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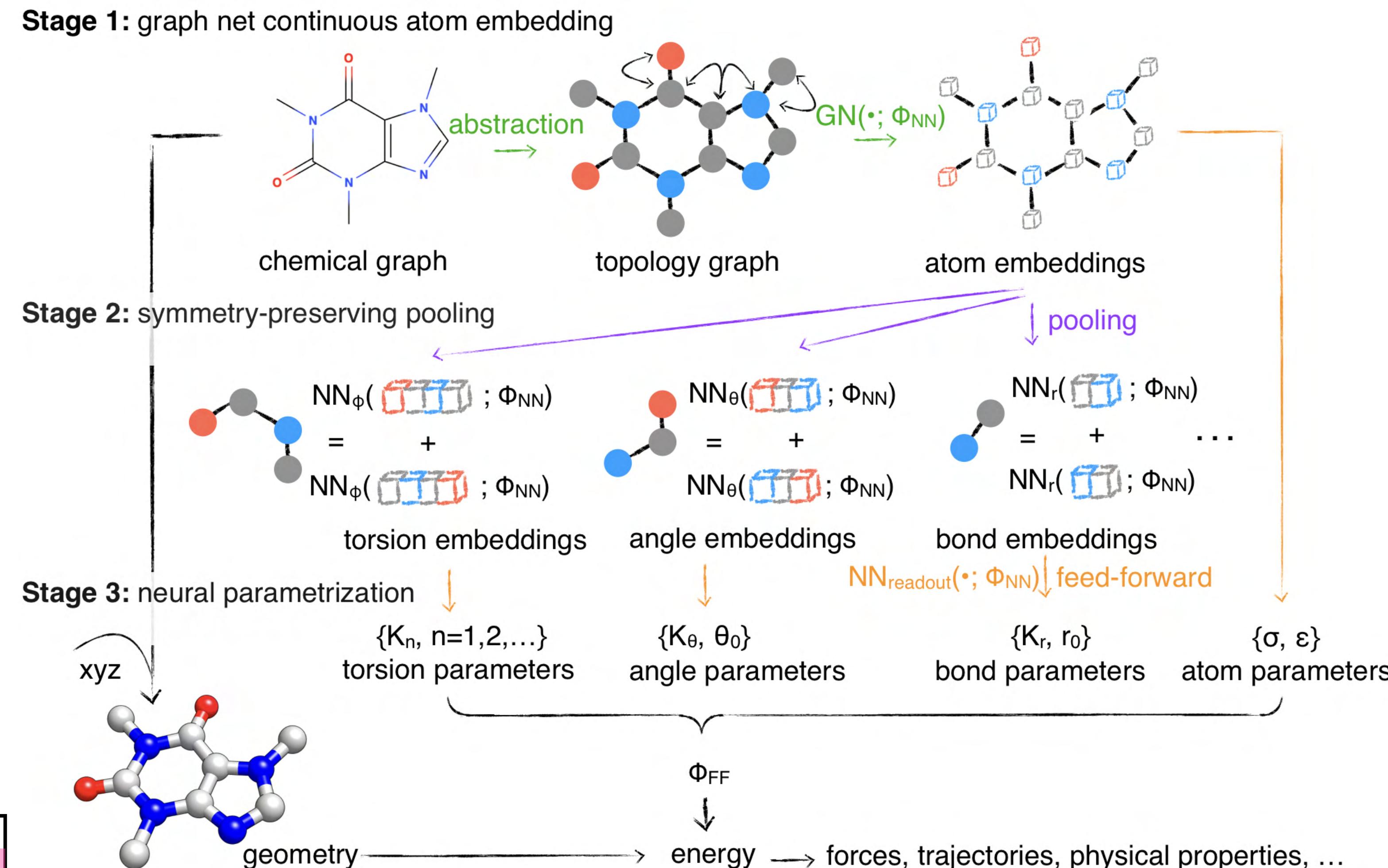
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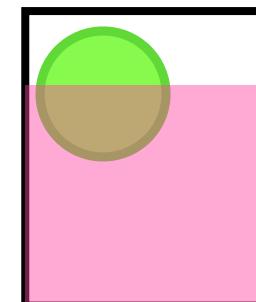
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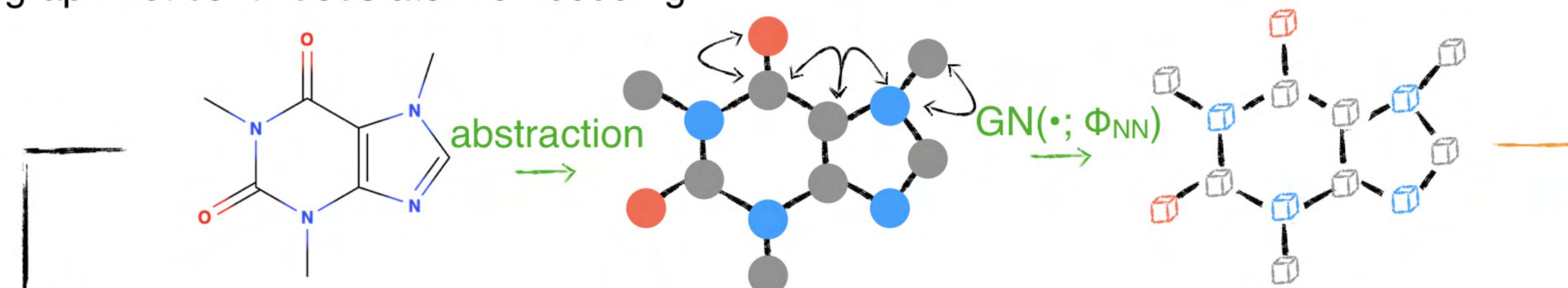


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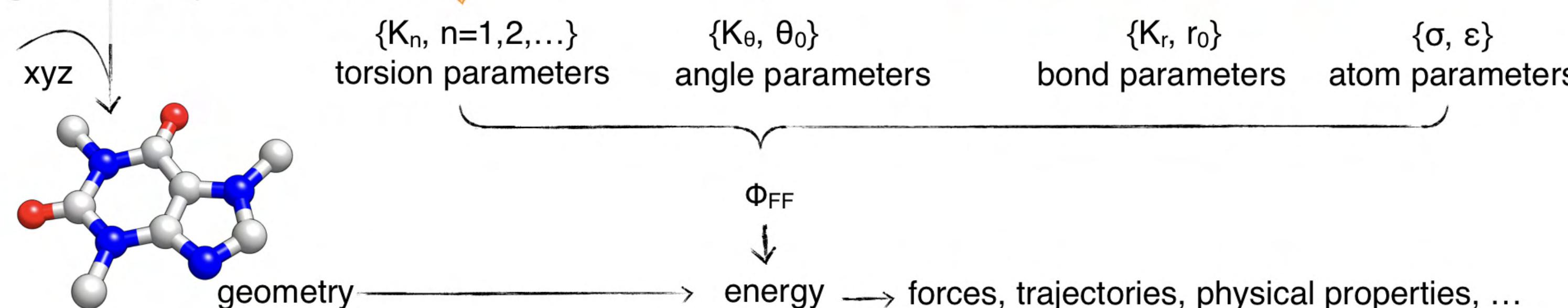
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$$\begin{aligned} \text{torsion embeddings} &= NN_\phi(\text{atom embeddings}; \Phi_{NN}) + NN_\phi(\text{atom embeddings}; \Phi_{NN}) \\ \text{angle embeddings} &= NN_\theta(\text{atom embeddings}; \Phi_{NN}) + NN_\theta(\text{atom embeddings}; \Phi_{NN}) \\ \text{bond embeddings} &= NN_r(\text{atom embeddings}; \Phi_{NN}) + NN_r(\text{atom embeddings}; \Phi_{NN}) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

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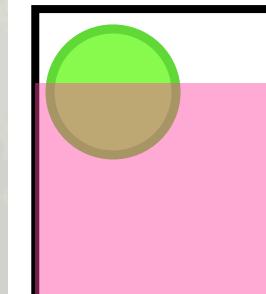


entire model is **end-to-end differentiable** so can be fit to any loss function by standard automatic differentiation machine learning frameworks

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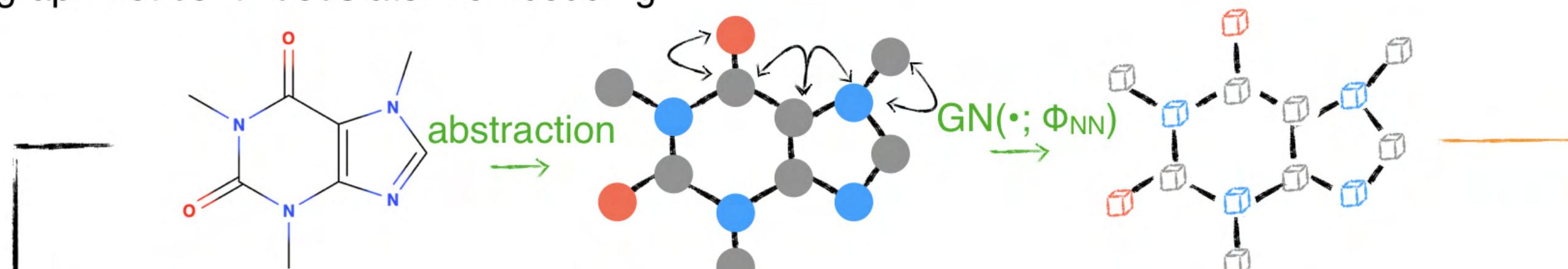


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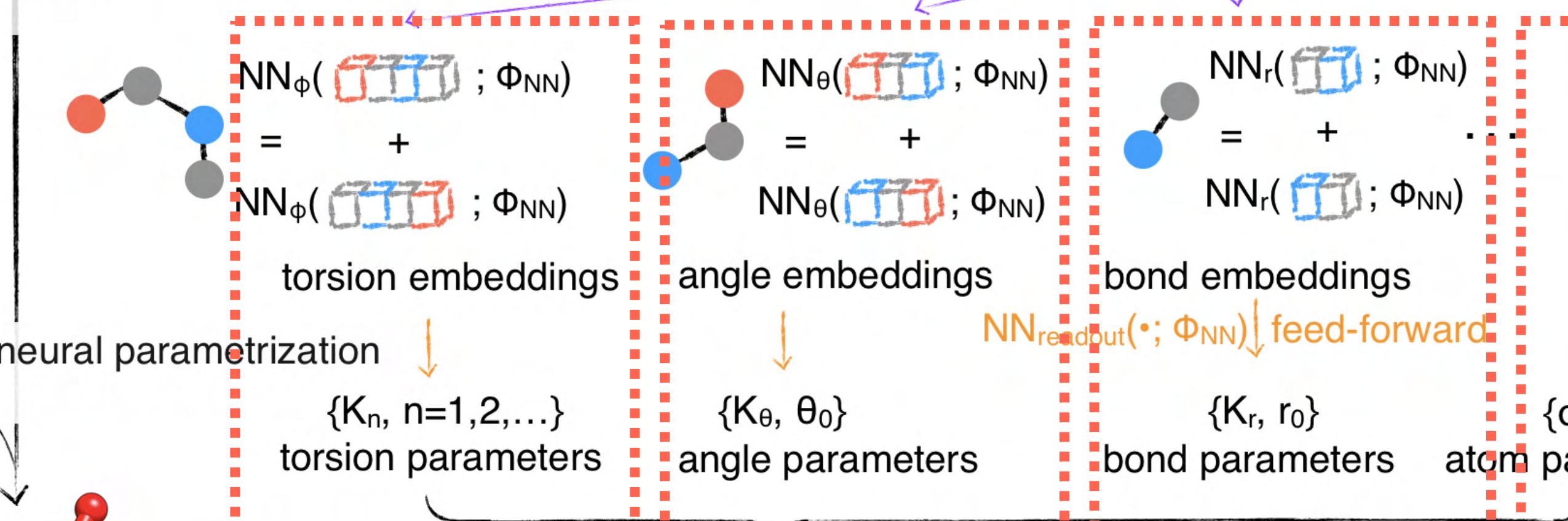
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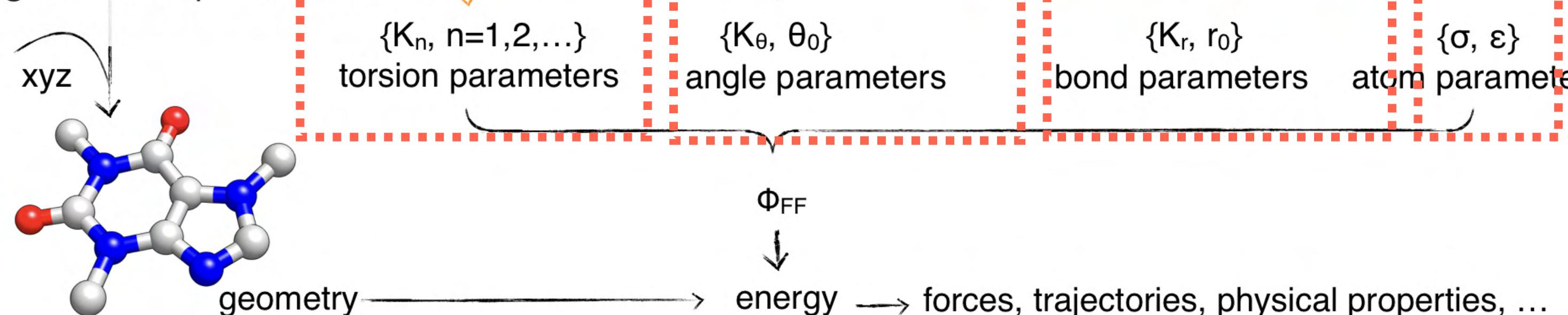
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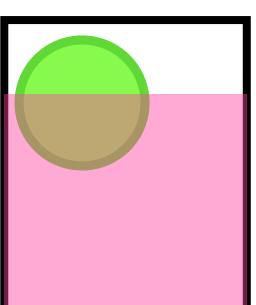
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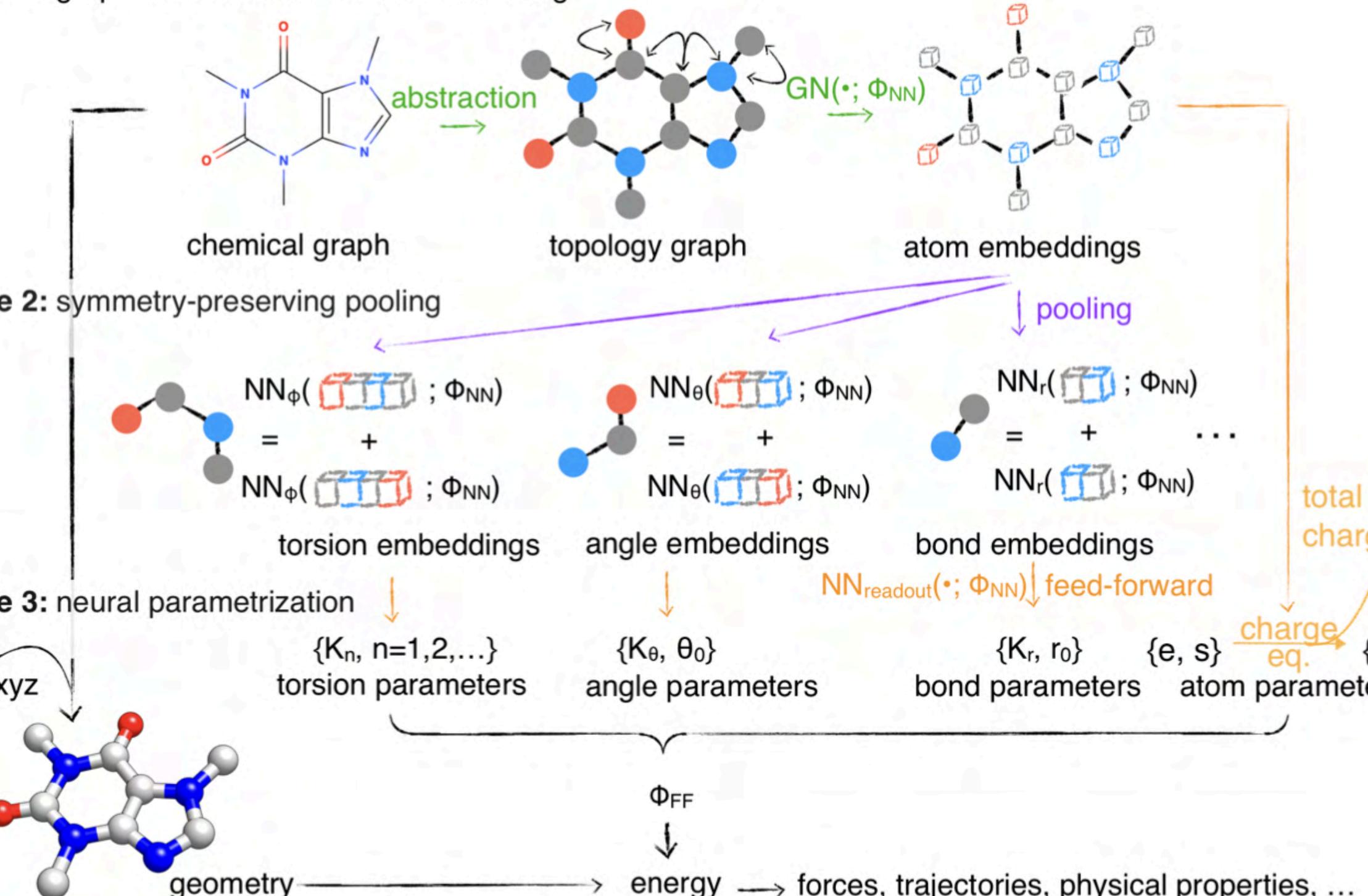
**modular and extensible handling of potential terms:**  
charge model parameters,  
point polarizabilities,  
alternative vdW forms,  
special 1-4 parameters, etc.

# ESPALOMA MAKES BUILDING A NEW FORCE FIELD EASY

## building a new force field

### espaloma architecture

Stage 1: graph net continuous atom embedding



(implemented in pytorch)

<http://github.com/choderalab/espaloma>



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```
import torch, dgl, espaloma as esp

# retrieve OpenFF Gen2 Optimization Dataset
dataset = esp.data.dataset.GraphDataset.load("gen2").view(batch_size=128)

# define Espaloma stage I: graph -> atom latent representation
representation = esp.nn.Sequential(
    layer=esp.nn.layers.dgl_legacy.gn("SAGEConv"), # use SAGEConv implementation in DGL
    config=[128, "relu", 128, "relu", 128, "relu"], # 3 layers, 128 units, ReLU activation
)

# define Espaloma stage II and III:
# atom latent representation -> bond, angle, and torsion representation and parameters
readout = esp.nn.readout.janossy.JanossyPooling(
    in_features=128, config=[128, "relu", 128, "relu", 128, "relu"],
    out_features={
        1: {"e": 1, "s": 1}, # atom hardness and electronegativity
        2: {"coefficients": 2}, # bond linear combination
        3: {"coefficients": 3}, # angle linear combination
        4: {"k": 6}, # torsion barrier heights (can be positive or negative)
    },
)

# compose all three Espaloma stages into an end-to-end model
espaloma_model = torch.nn.Sequential(
    representation, readout,
    esp.mm.geometry.GeometryInGraph(), esp.mm.energy.EnergyInGraph(),
    esp.nn.readout.charge_equilibrium.ChargeEquilibrium(),
)

# define training metric
metrics = [
    esp.metrics.GraphMetric(
        base_metric=torch.nn.MSELoss(), # use mean-squared error loss
        between=['u', 'u_ref'], # between predicted and QM energies
        level="g", # compare on graph level
    ),
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        between=['q', 'q_hat'], # between predicted and reference charges
        level="n1", # compare on node level
    ),
]

# fit Espaloma model to training data
results = esp.Train(
    ds_tr=dataset, net=espaloma_model, metrics=metrics,
    device=torch.device('cuda:0'), n_epochs=5000,
    optimizer=lambda net: torch.optim.Adam(net.parameters(), 1e-3), # use Adam optimizer
).run()

torch.save(espaloma_model, "espaloma_model.pt") # save model
```

Listing 1. Defining and training a modular Espaloma model.

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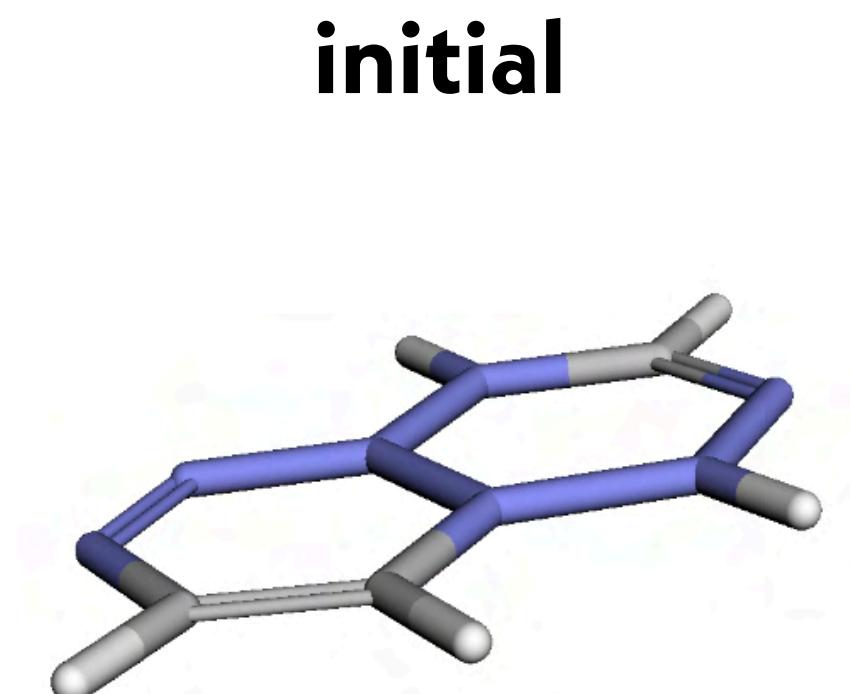
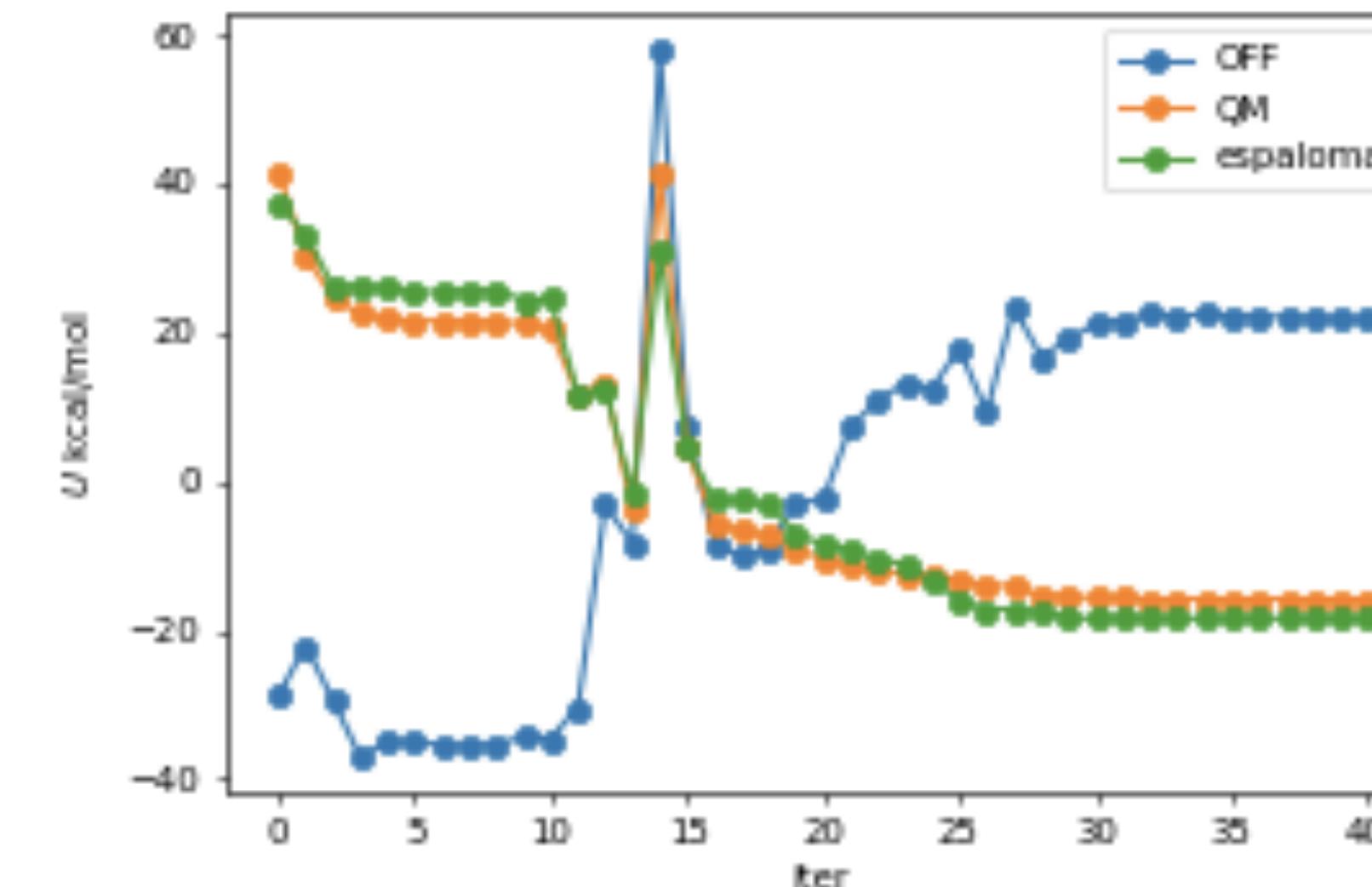
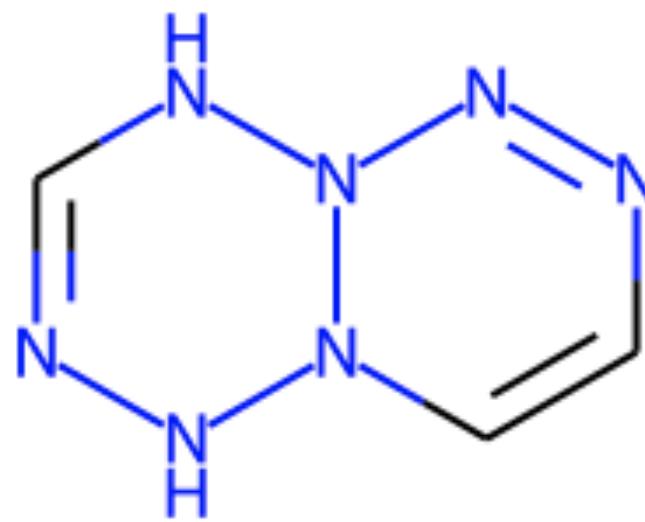
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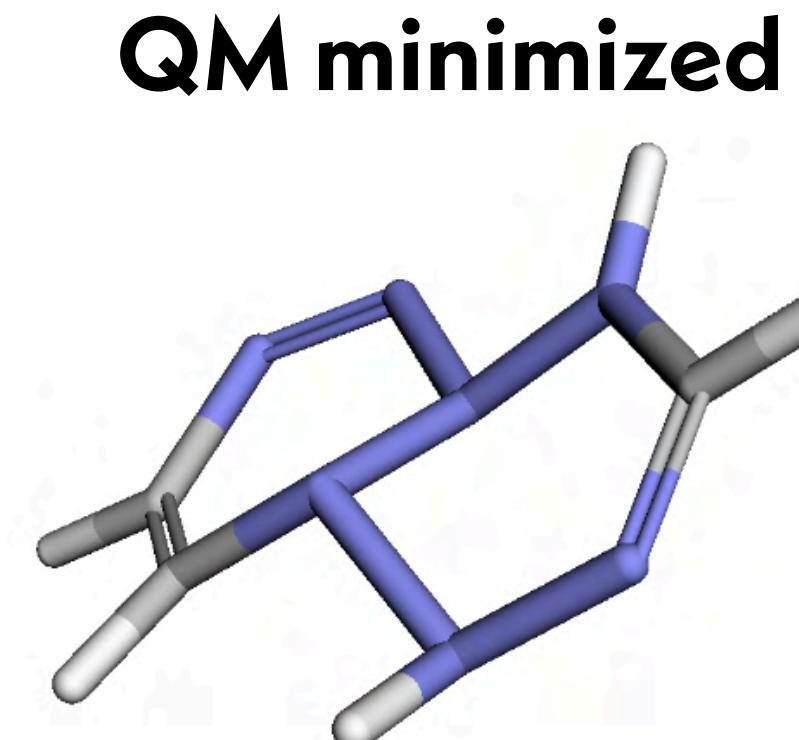
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Comparison with QC Archive data



DFT B3LYP-D3(BJ) / DZVP



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# ESPALOMA OUTPERFORMS CURRENT FORCE FIELDS IN QM ACCURACY AND CAN BE EASILY TRAINED FOR HETEROGENEOUS SYSTEMS

dataset	# mols	# trajs	# snapshots	Espaloma RMSE		Legacy FF RMSE (kcal/mol)			
				Train	Test	OpenFF 1.20	GAFF-1.81	GAFF-2.11	Amber14SB
PhAlkEthOH (simple CHO)	7408	12592	244036	0.8128 <sup>0.8521</sup> <sub>0.7603</sub>	1.0980 <sup>1.1629</sup> <sub>1.0375</sub>	1.6071 <sup>1.6915</sup> <sub>1.5197</sub>	1.7267 <sup>1.7935</sup> <sub>1.6543</sub>	1.7406 <sup>1.8148</sup> <sub>1.6679</sub>	
OpenFF Gen2 Optimization (druglike)	792	3977	23748	0.9452 <sup>1.0159</sup> <sub>0.8887</sub>	1.1342 <sup>1.2305</sup> <sub>1.0566</sub>	2.1768 <sup>2.3388</sup> <sub>2.0380</sub>	2.4274 <sup>2.5207</sup> <sub>2.3300</sub>	2.5386 <sup>2.6640</sup> <sub>2.4370</sub>	
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joint	OpenFF Gen2 Optimization PepConf	1528	11537	45902	0.7536 <sup>0.8297</sup> <sub>0.6974</sub>	1.8940 <sup>2.0194</sup> <sub>1.7913</sub>			
					1.1494 <sup>1.2274</sup> <sub>1.0907</sub>	1.6912 <sup>1.8524</sup> <sub>1.5748</sub>			

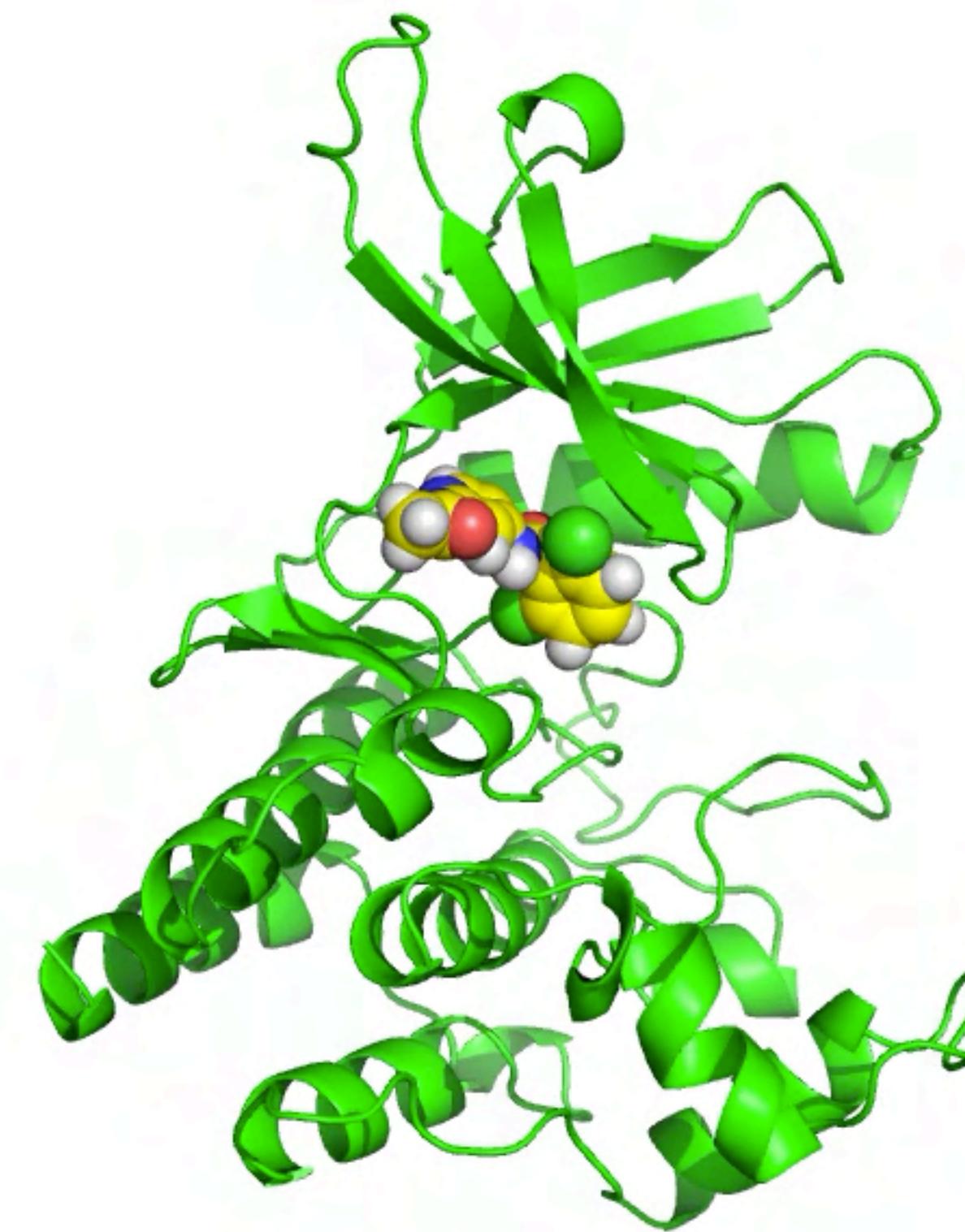
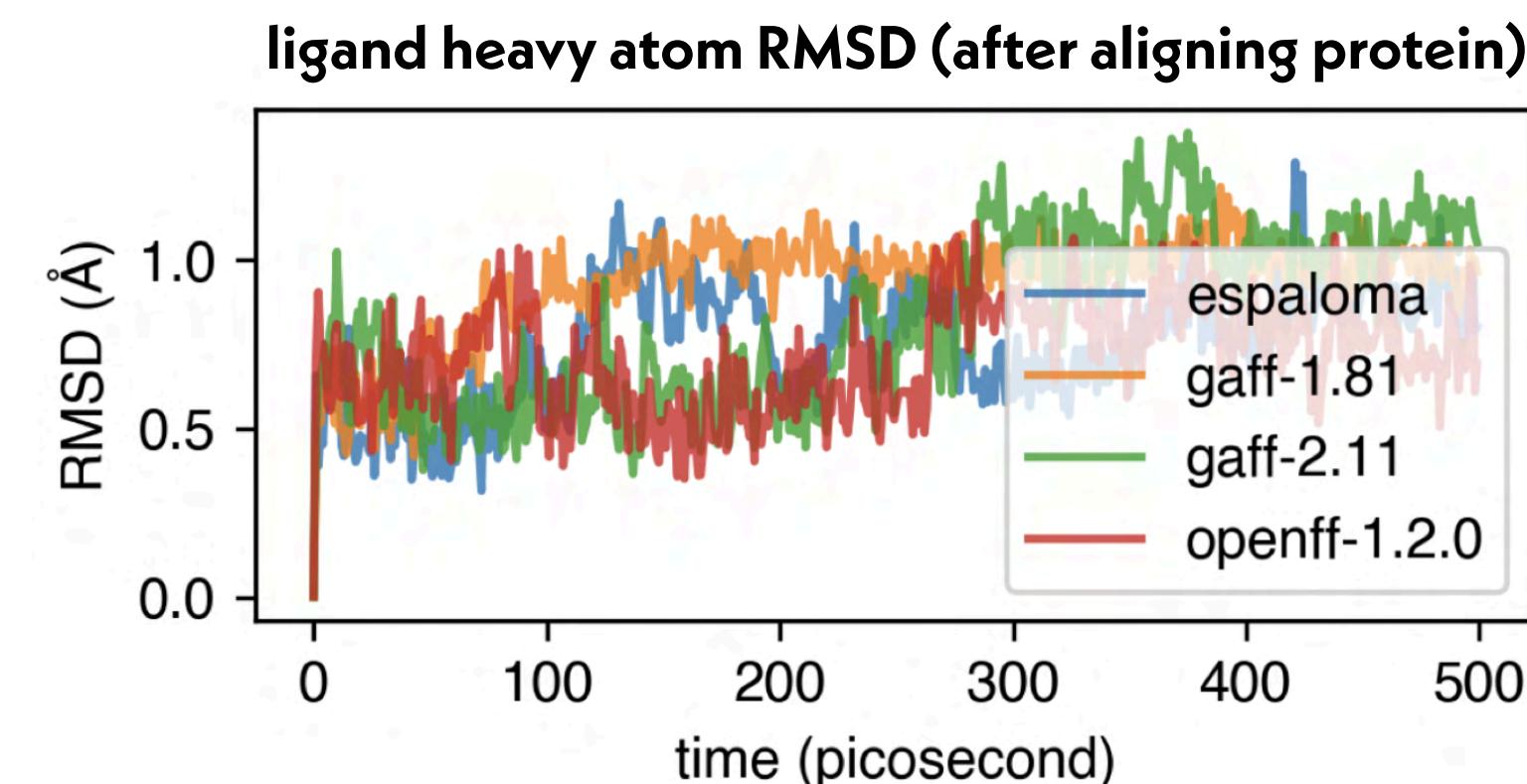
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**espaloma** can produce a complete protein+ligand force field suitable for simulation

joint	OpenFF Gen2 Optimization	PepConf	1528	11537	45902	$0.7536^{0.8297}_{0.6974}$	$1.8940^{2.0194}_{1.7913}$	$1.1494^{1.2274}_{1.0907}$	$1.6912^{1.8524}_{1.5748}$
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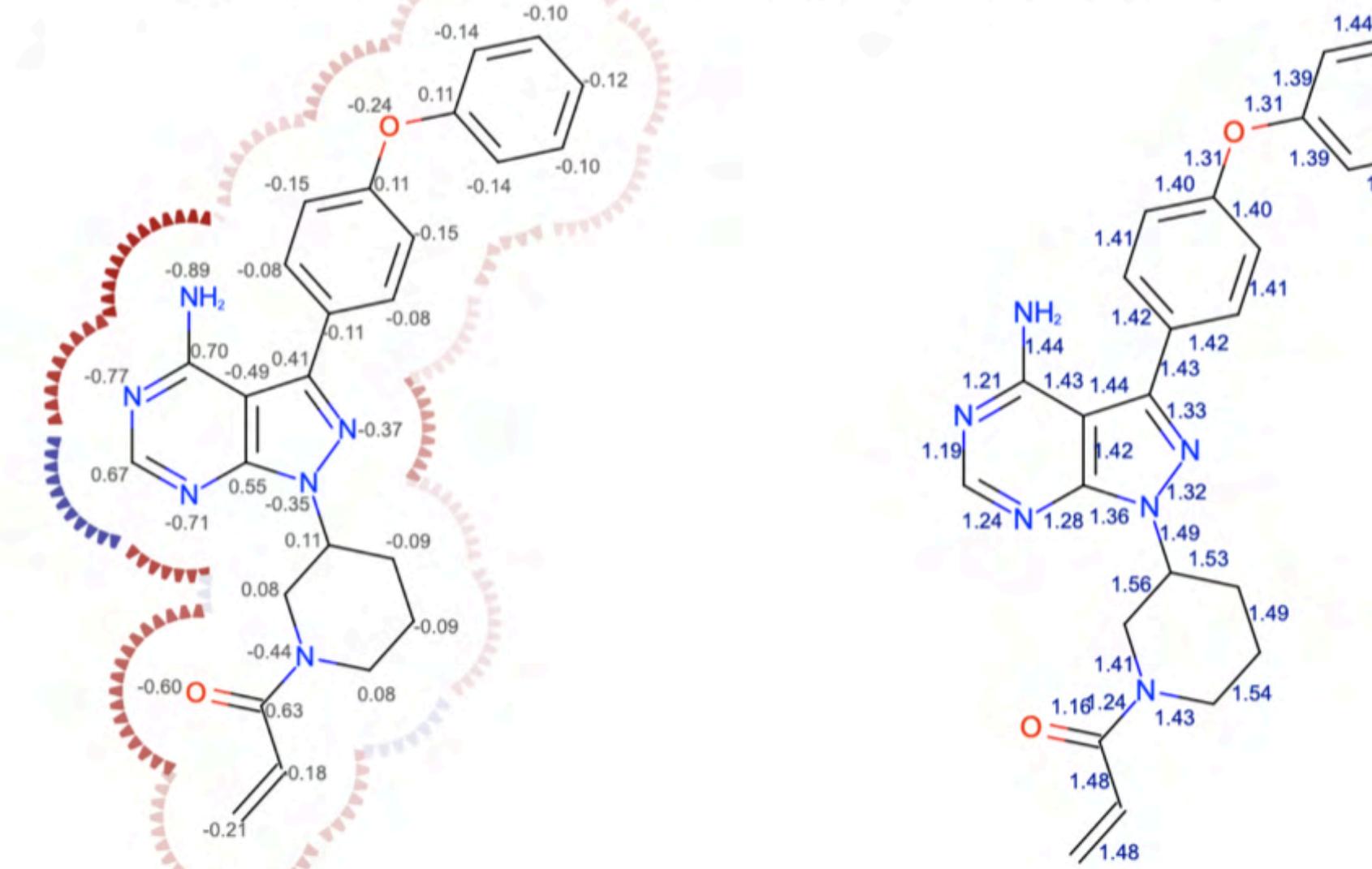


Tyk2 from OpenFF benchmark set  
espaloma force field (protein/ligand)  
+ TIP3P water  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.06222>

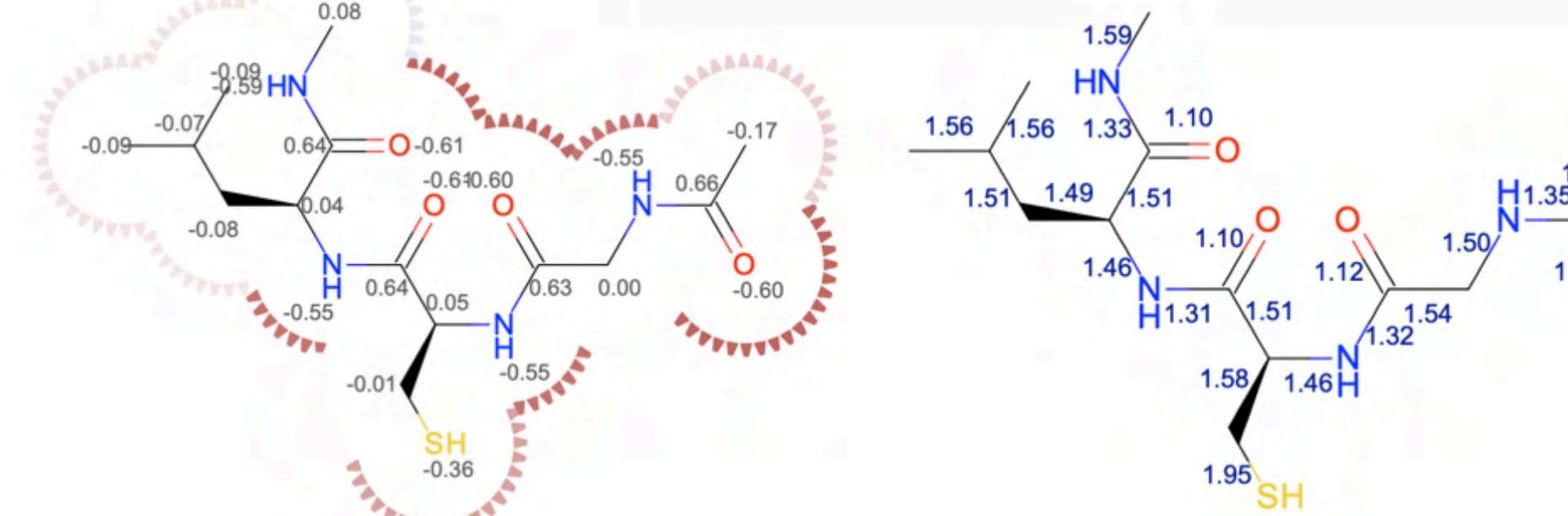


# ESPALOMA SELF-CONSISTENTLY TREATS BIOPOLYMERS, SMALL MOLECULES, AND COVALENT LIGANDS/MODIFICATIONS

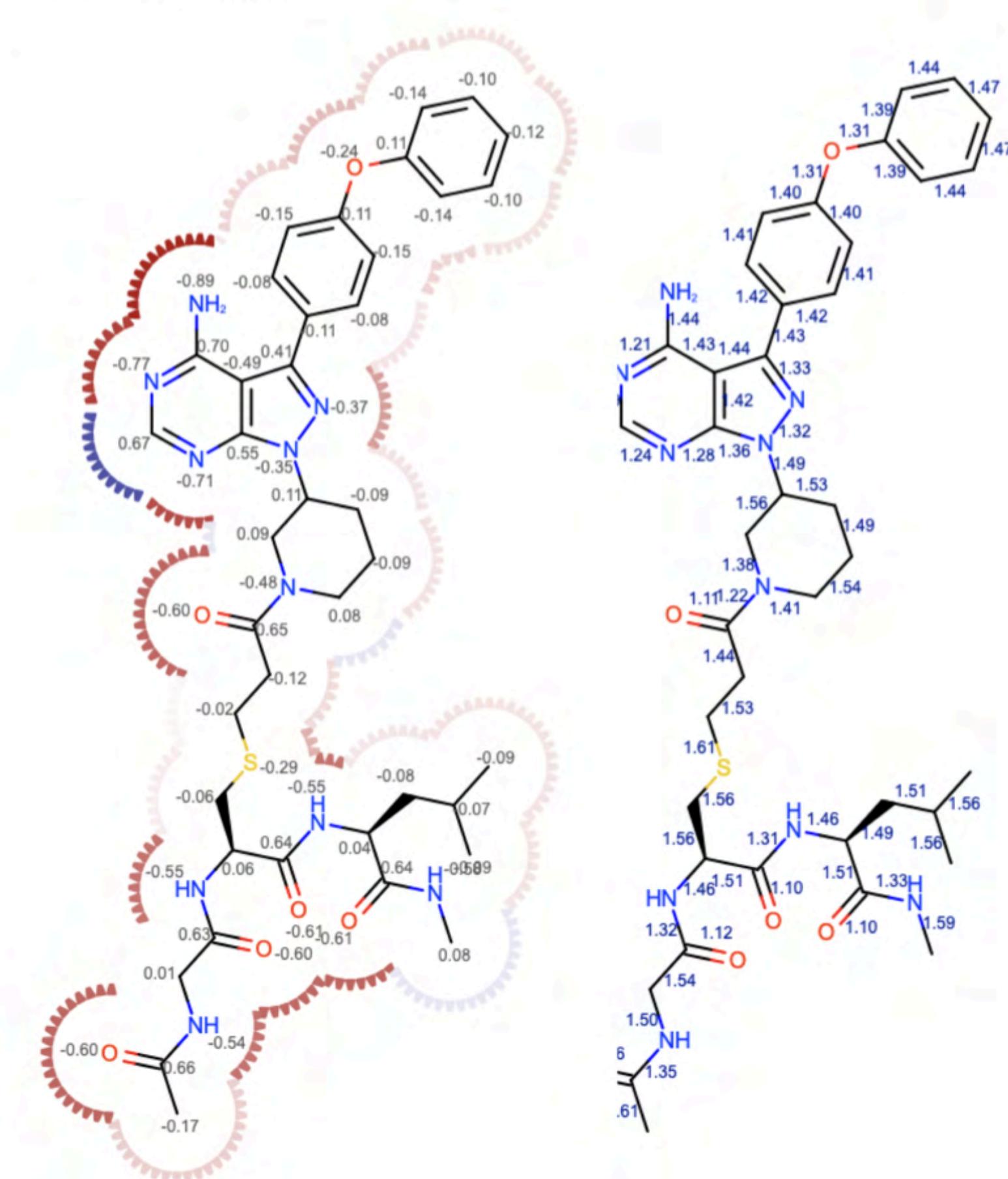
(a) ibrutinib (heavy atom partial charges and equilibrium bond lengths)



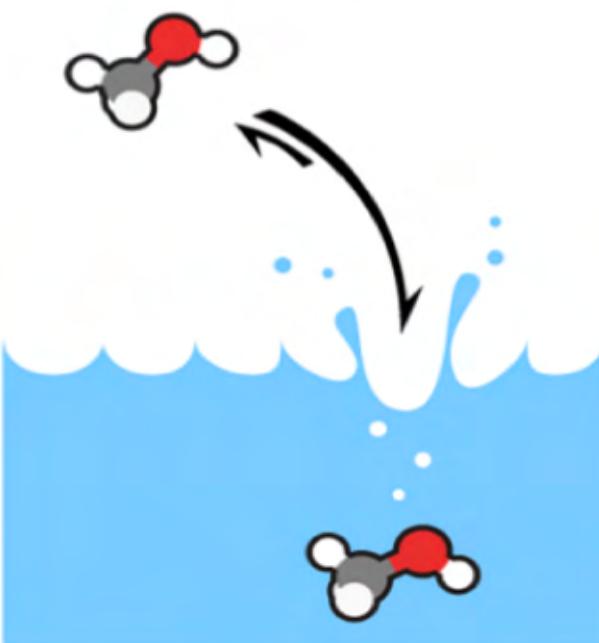
(b) capped GCL peptide



(a) covalent adduct



# ESPALOMA CAN EASILY FIT BOTH QUANTUM CHEMICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL FREE ENERGIES



experimental hydration  
free energies from **FreeSolv**  
<https://github.com/MobleyLab/FreeSolv>

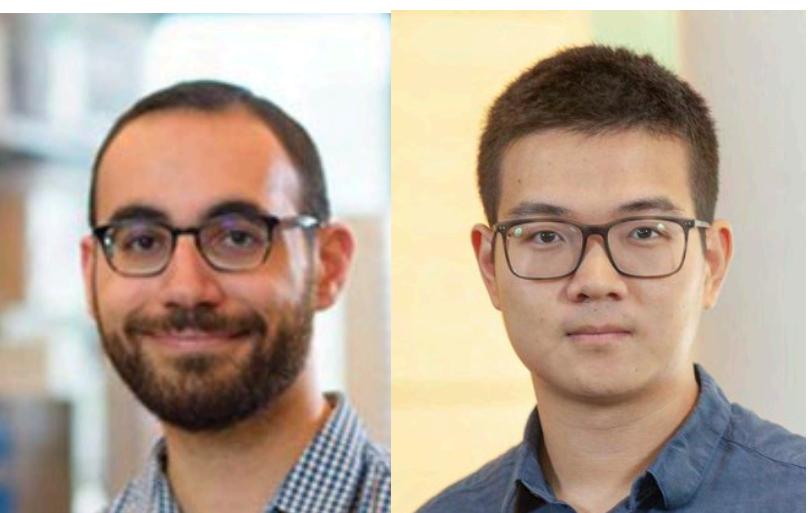
loss function:

$$L(\Phi_{NN}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{[\Delta G_n(\Phi_{NN}) - \Delta G_n^{\text{exp}}]^2}{\sigma_n^2}$$

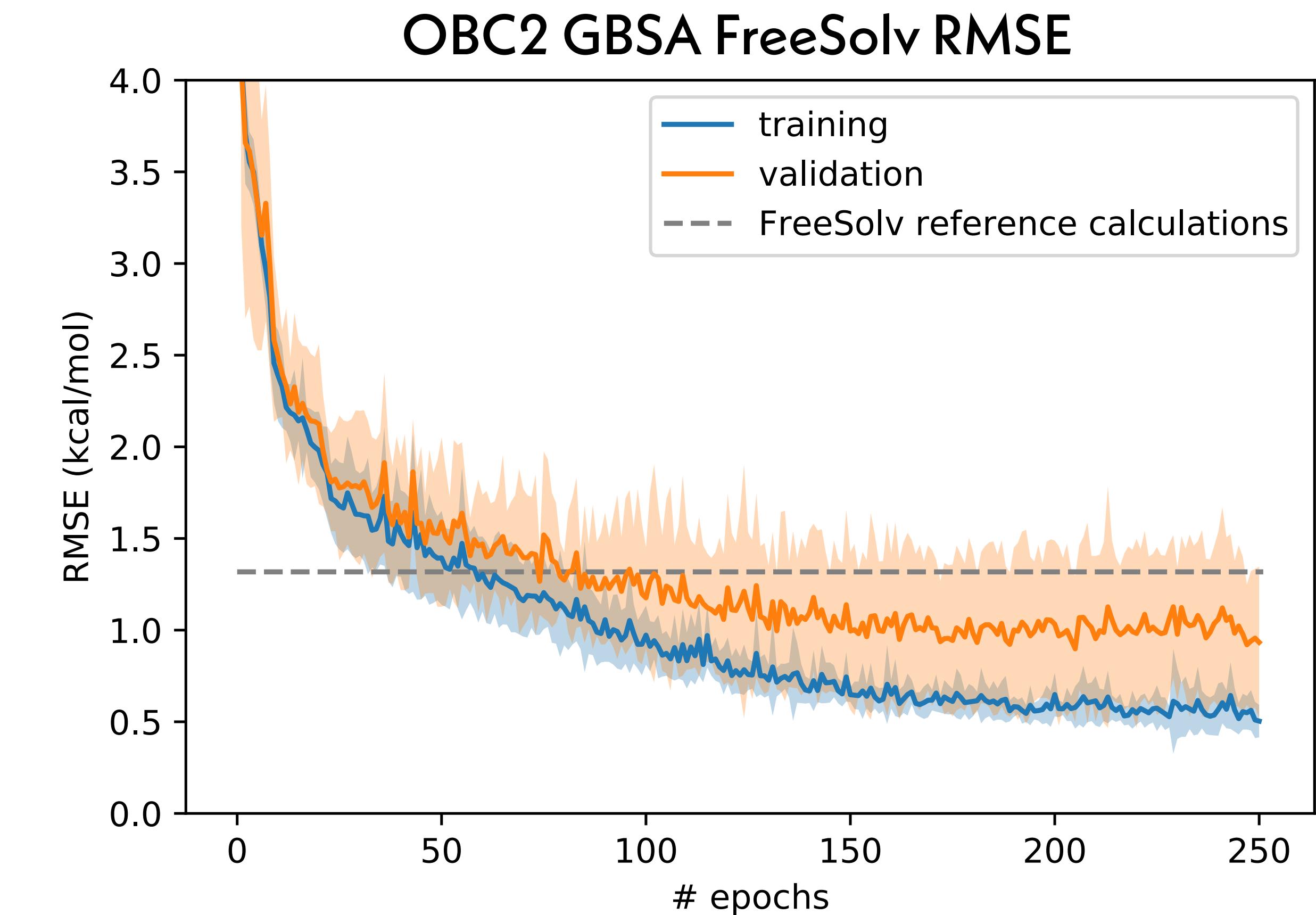
Here,  $\Delta G$  estimated via one-step free energy perturbation,  
but can easily differentiate properties through MBAR

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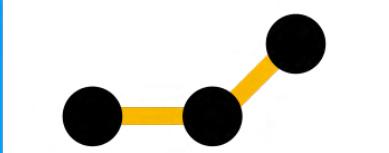
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code: <https://github.com/choderalab/espaloma>



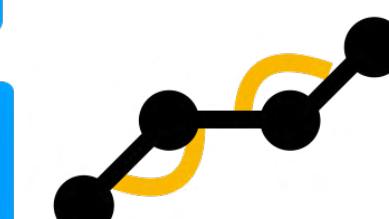
# CLASS II FORCE FIELDS MAY PROVIDE SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED ACCURACY WITH RESPECT TO QUANTUM CHEMISTRY AT MM SPEEDS

$$\begin{aligned}
 E = & \sum_b [{}^2K_b(b - b_0)^2 + {}^3K_b(b - b_0)^3 + {}^4K_b(b - b_0)^4] \\
 & + \sum_\theta [{}^2K_\theta(\theta - \theta_0)^2 + {}^3K_\theta(\theta - \theta_0)^3 + {}^4K_\theta(\theta - \theta_0)^4] \\
 & + \sum_\phi [{}^1K_\phi(1 - \cos \phi) + {}^2K_\phi(1 - \cos 2\phi) + {}^3K_\phi(1 - \cos 3\phi)] \\
 & + \sum_x K_x \chi^2 + \sum_{i>j} \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}} + \sum_{i>j} \epsilon \left[ 2 \left( \frac{r^*}{r_{ij}} \right)^9 - 3 \left( \frac{r^*}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right] \\
 & + \sum_b \sum_{b'} K_{bb'}(b - b_0)(b' - b'_0) + \sum_\theta \sum_{\theta'} K_{\theta\theta'}(\theta - \theta_0) \times \\
 & \quad (\theta' - \theta'_0) \\
 & + \sum_b \sum_\theta K_{b\theta}(b - b_0)(\theta - \theta_0) \\
 & + \sum_\phi \sum_b (b - b_0) [{}^1K_{\phi b} \cos \phi + {}^2K_{\phi b} \cos 2\phi + {}^3K_{\phi b} \cos 3\phi] \\
 & + \sum_\phi \sum_{b'} (b' - b'_0) [{}^1K_{\phi b'} \cos \phi + {}^2K_{\phi b'} \cos 2\phi + \\
 & \quad {}^3K_{\phi b'} \cos 3\phi] \\
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 & + \sum_\phi \sum_\theta \sum_{\theta'} K_{\phi\theta\theta'} (\theta - \theta_0)(\theta' - \theta'_0) \cos \phi
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

bond-bond: angle node



angle-angle: torsion node



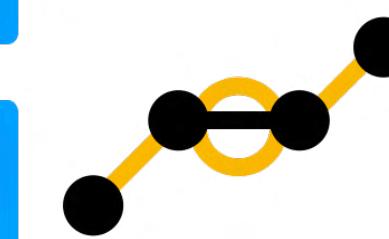
bond-angle: angle node



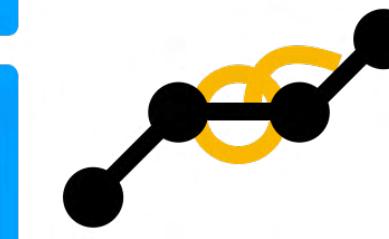
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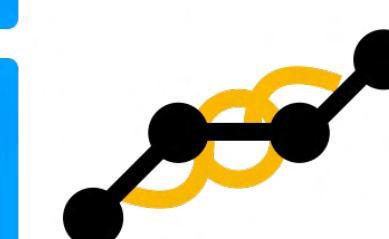
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torsion-angle: torsion



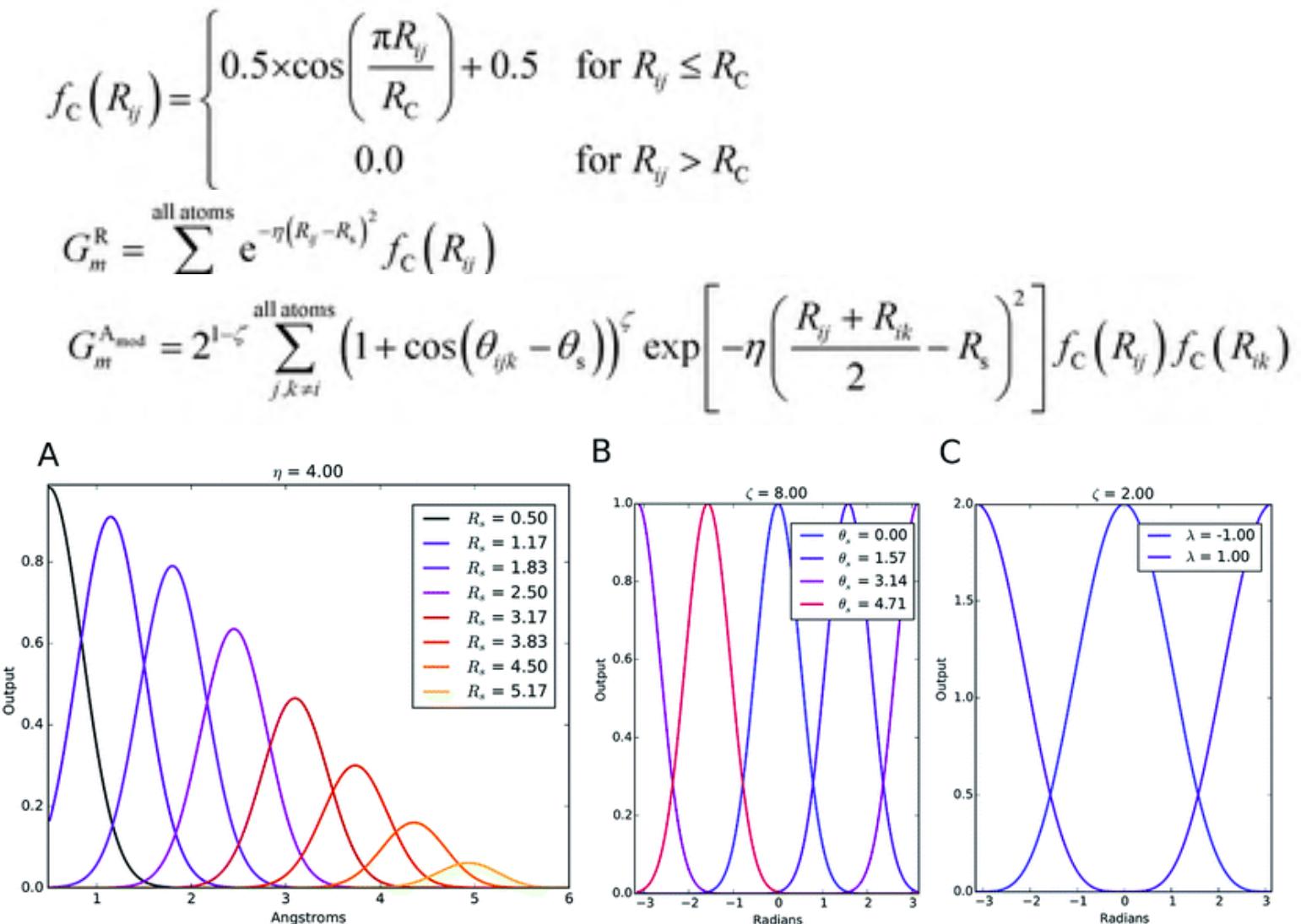
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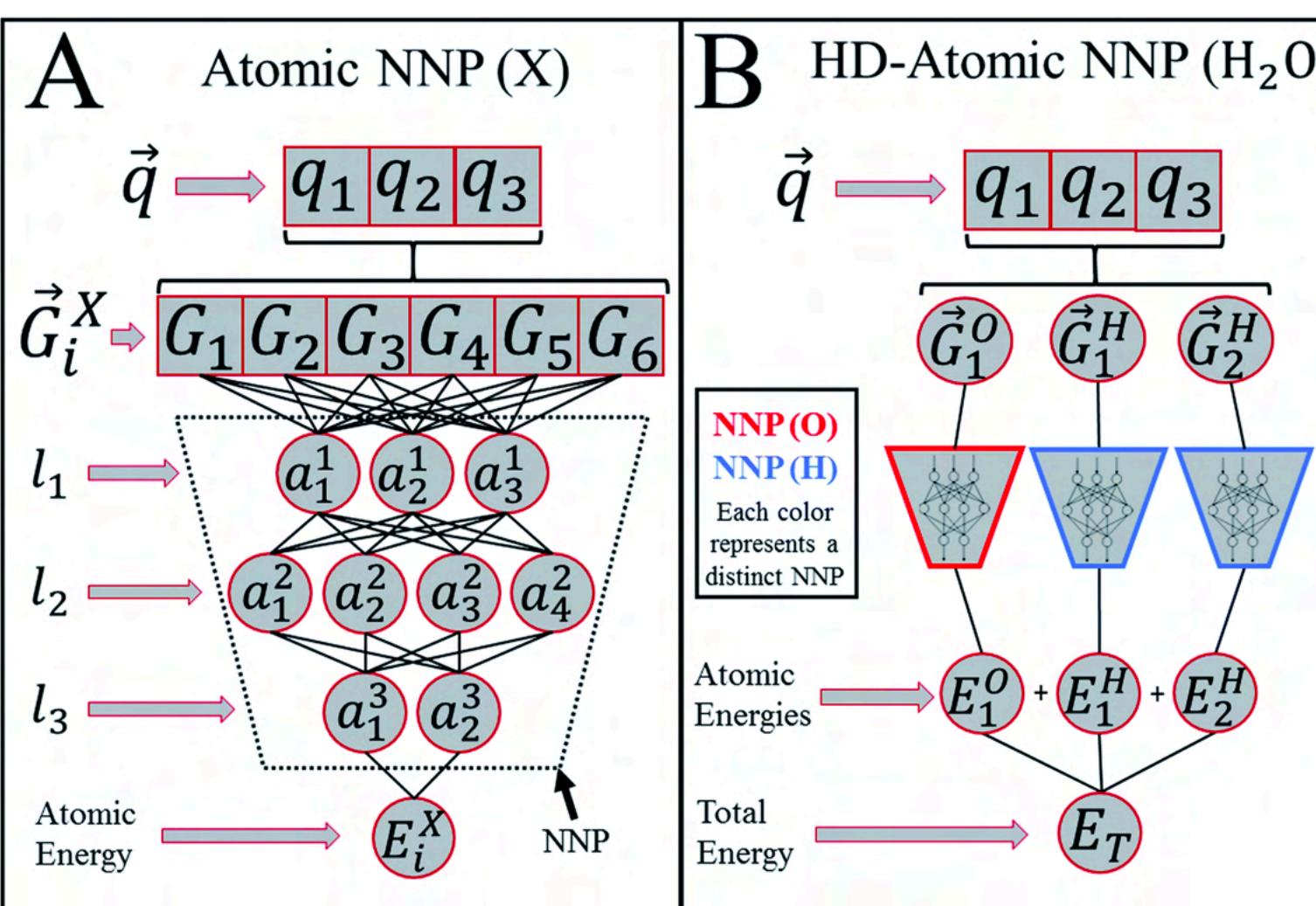
# A NEW GENERATION OF QUANTUM MACHINE LEARNING (QML) POTENTIALS PROVIDE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE FLEXIBILITY IN FUNCTIONAL FORM, THOUGH AT MUCH GREATER COST

ANI family of quantum machine learning (QML) potentials

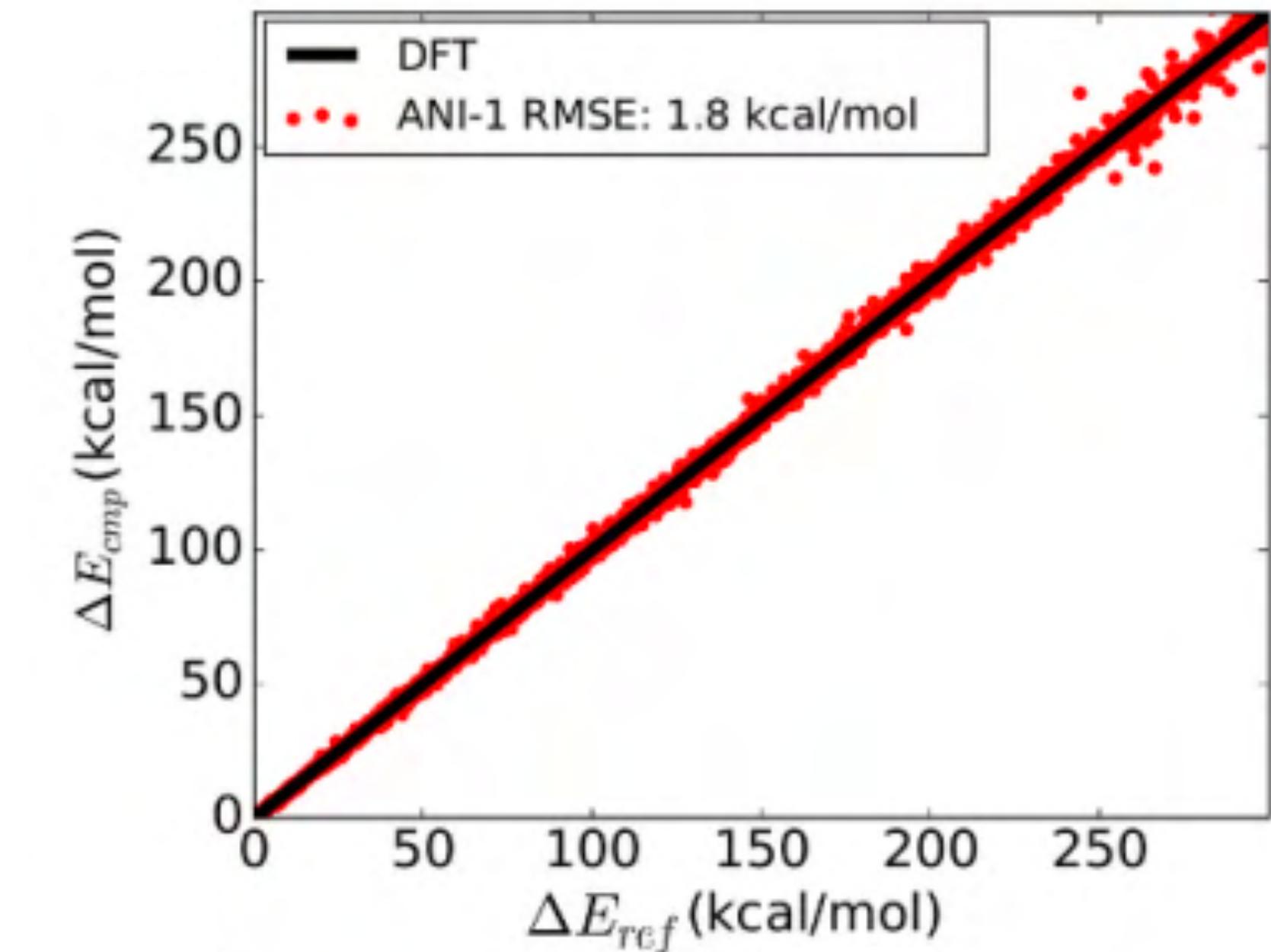
radial and angular features



deep neural network for each atom



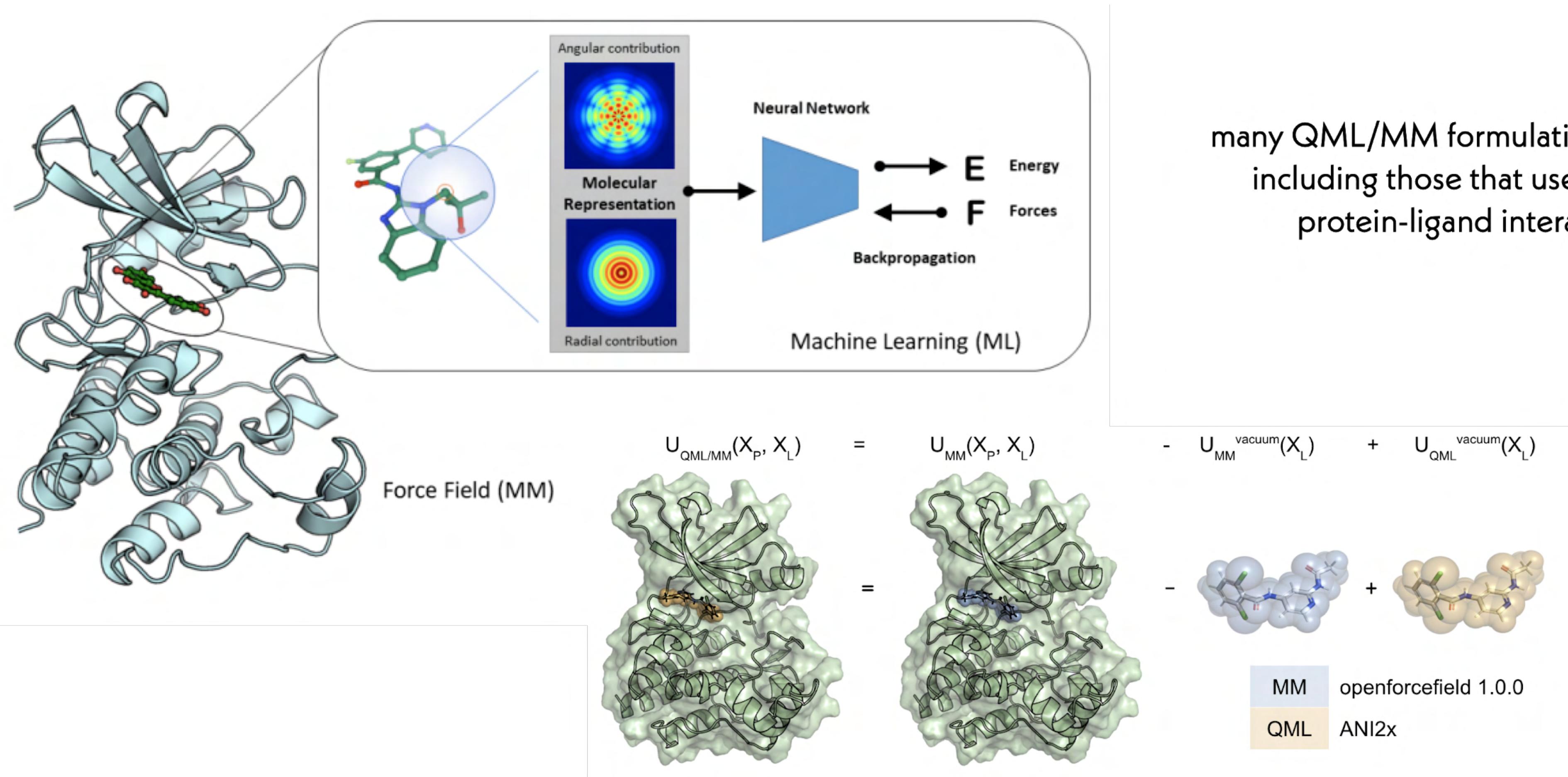
excellent agreement with DFT



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# HYBRID QUANTUM MACHINE LEARNING / MOLECULAR MECHANICS (QML/MM) FREE ENERGY CALCULATIONS CUT ERROR IN HALF



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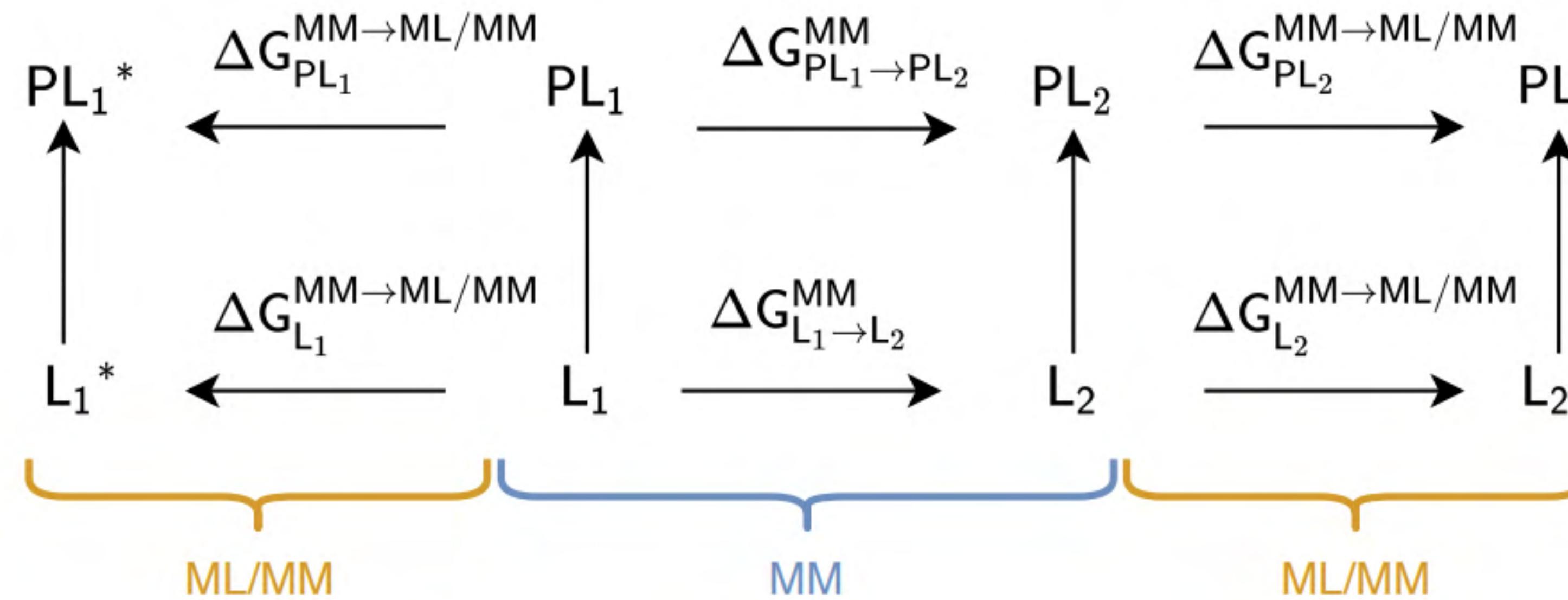
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# HYBRID QUANTUM MACHINE LEARNING / MOLECULAR MECHANICS (QML/MM) POST-PROCESSING CAN IMPROVE ACCURACY

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ML/MM AUGMENTED THERMODYNAMIC CYCLE

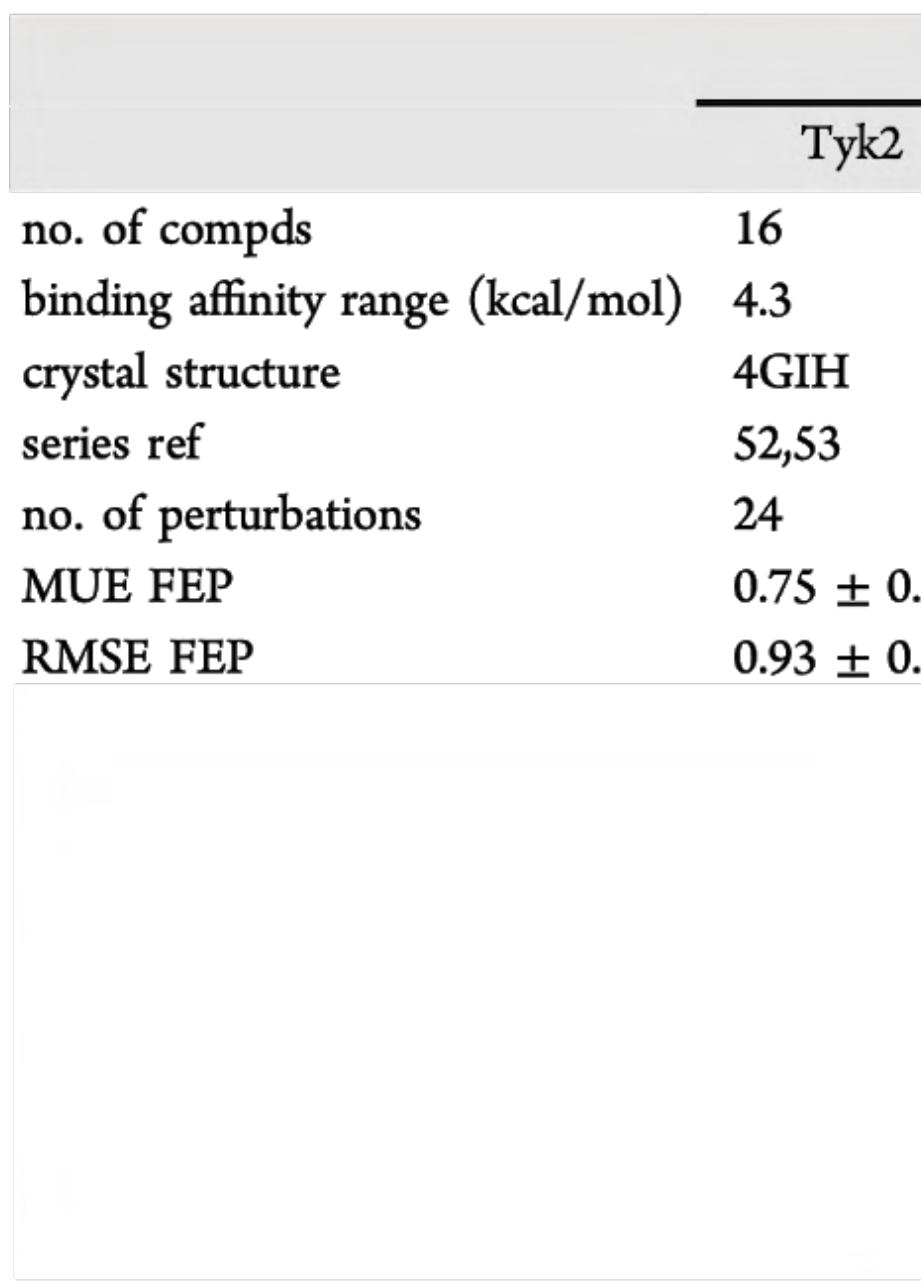
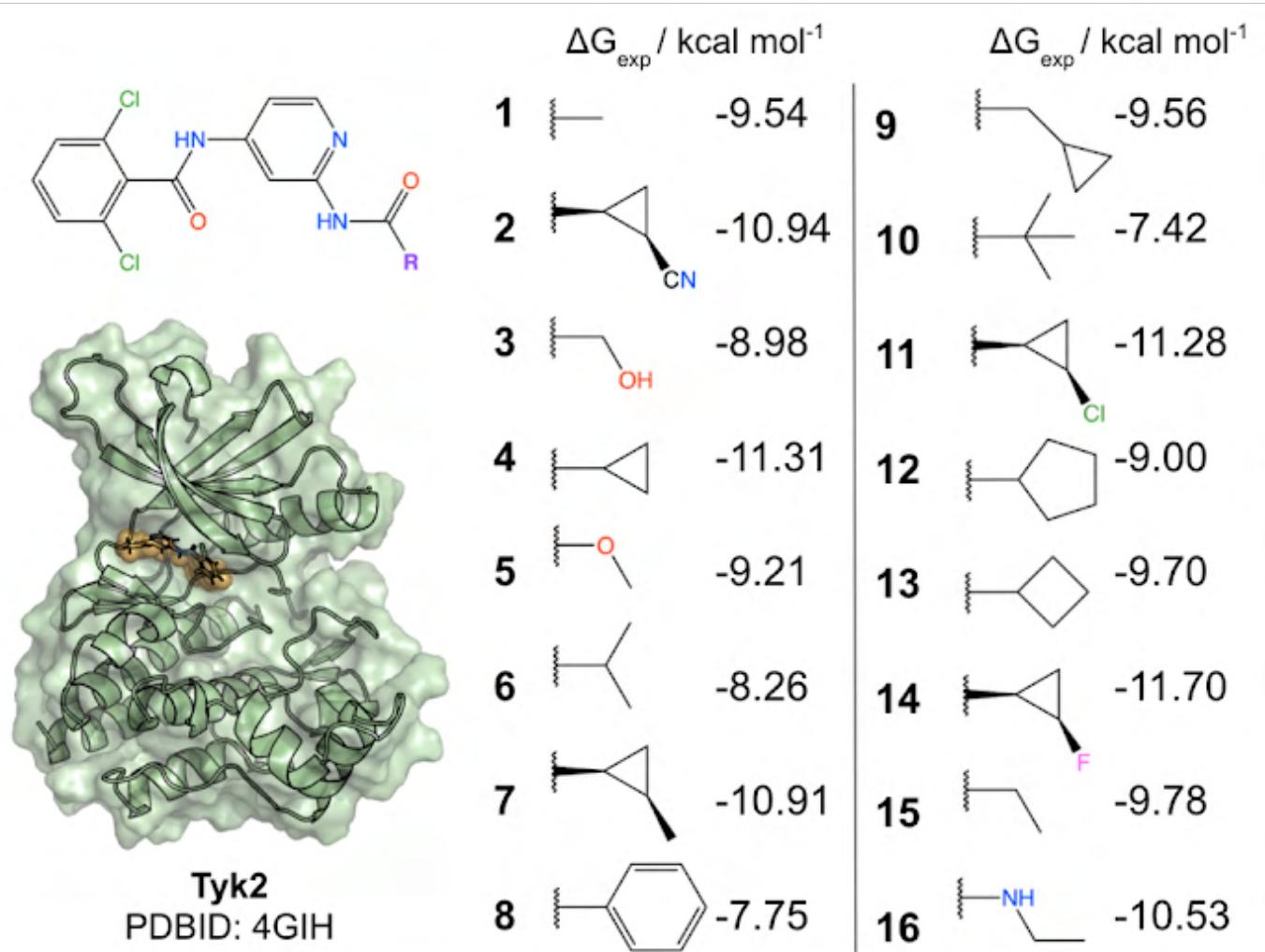


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**MM** (OPLS2.1 + CM1A-BCC charges)

Missing torsions from LMP2/cc-pVTZ(-f) QM calculations

SPC water



Tyk2 benchmark system from Wang et al. JACS 137:2695, 2015  
replica-exchange free energy calculations with solute tempering (FEP/REST)

**MM** (OpenFF 1.0.0 “Parsley”)

AMBER14SB protein force field

TIP3P; Joung and Cheatham ions

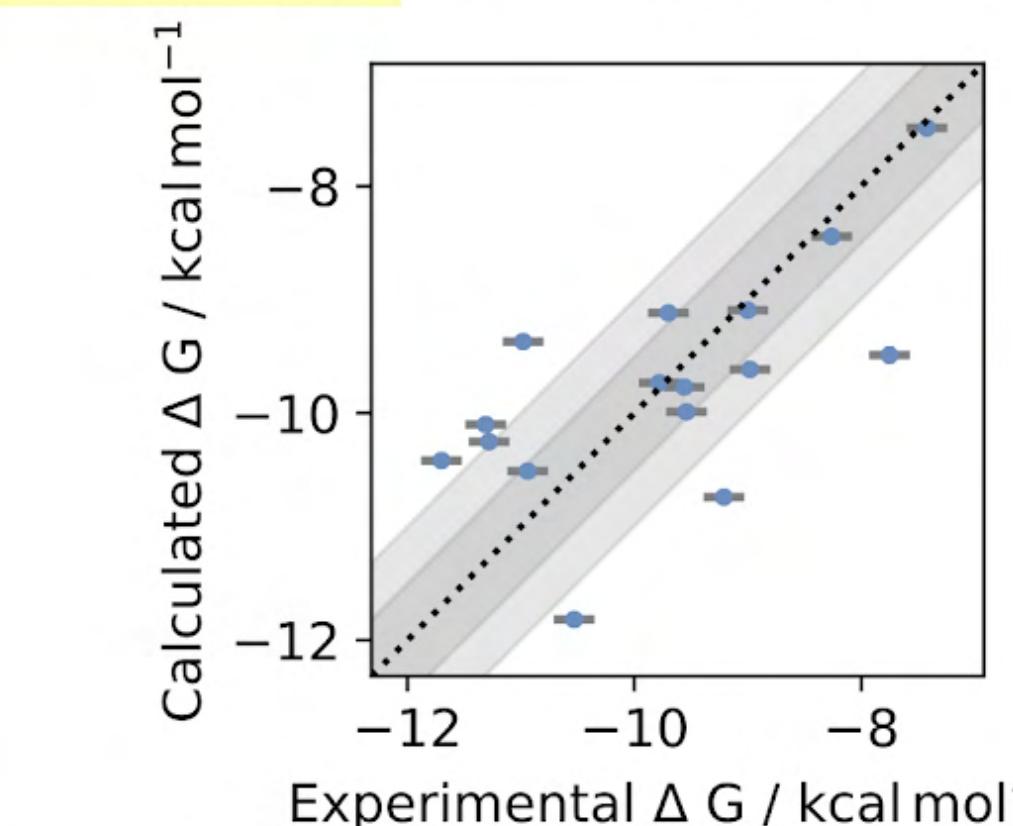
**QML/MM** (OpenFF 1.0.0 + ANI2x)

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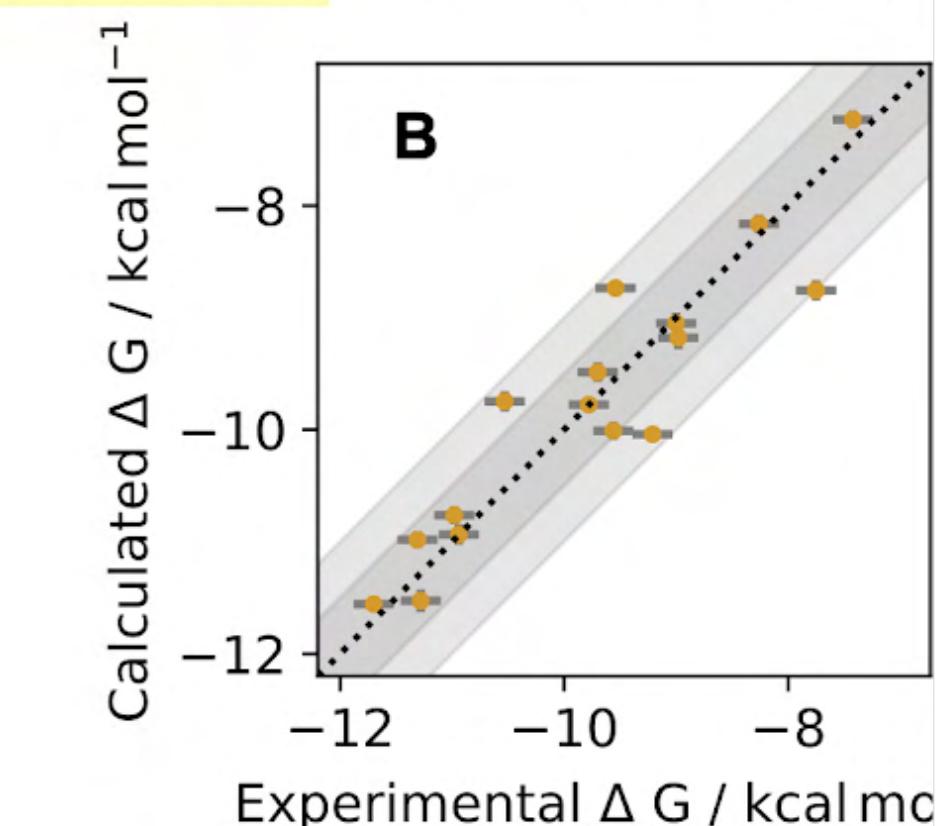
**MM: openff-1.0.0 (N = 16)**

RMSE:	0.97	[95%: 0.68, 1.22]
MUE:	0.77	[95%: 0.51, 1.08]
R2:	0.42	[95%: 0.08, 0.75]
rho:	0.65	[95%: 0.25, 0.88]



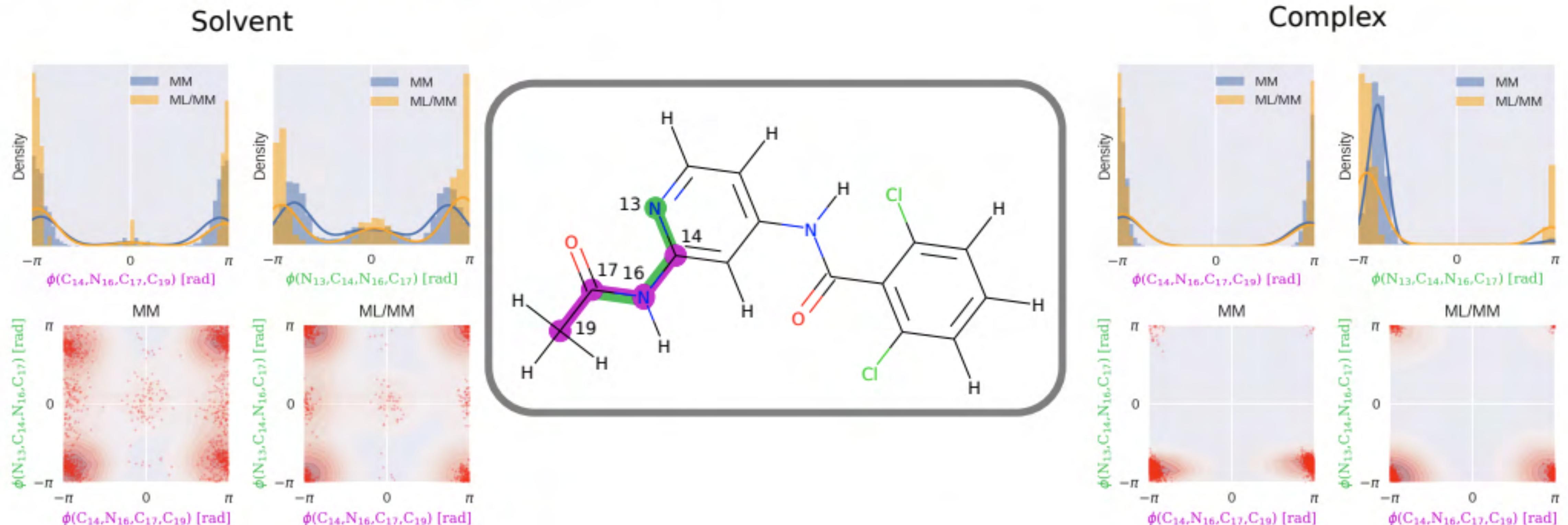
**ML/MM: openff-1.0.0 with ANI2x (N = 16)**

RMSE:	0.47	[95%: 0.32, 0.68]
MUE:	0.35	[95%: 0.24, 0.56]
R2:	0.86	[95%: 0.66, 0.95]
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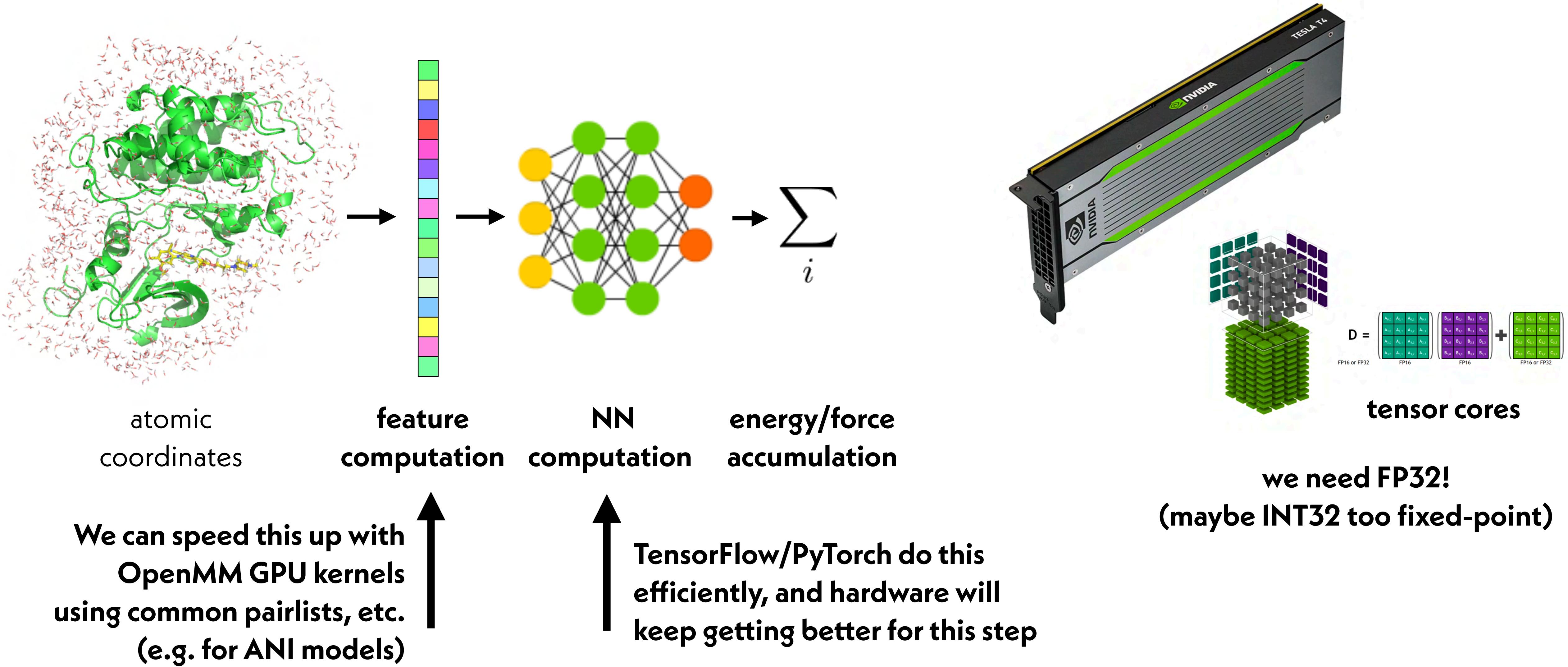


replica-exchange free energy calculations with perses  
**preprint:** <https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.07.29.227959>  
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# COMPUTATIONAL BOTTLENECKS IN CURRENT QML MODELS CAN BE SPED UP WITH CUSTOM GPU KERNELS



# COMPUTATIONAL BOTTLENECKS IN CURRENT QML MODELS CAN BE SPED UP WITH CUSTOM GPU KERNELS

Table 1: OpenMM QML/MM [Amber14SB / ANI2x] timings on a GTX 1080 GPU.

PDBID	Number of residues	Number of ligand heavy atoms	OpenMM MM ns/day (4 fs timestep)	TorchANI QML/MM ns/day (2 fs timestep)	OpenMM QML/MM ns/day (2 fs timestep) 8 models / 1 model
2ZA0	368	22	149	8.2	22.1 / 33.6
1AJV	198	41	308	2.6	17.5 / 38.7
1HPO	198	36	254	2.4	18.8 / 38.1

For OpenMM QML/MM, the first number quotes ns/day for the the 8-network ANI2x ensemble (used only for monitoring model uncertainty during simulation), while the second number quotes ns/day for running a single NN ensemble member (for typical production simulations).

## NNOps library

<https://github.com/openmm/nnops>

- \* CUDA/CPU accelerated kernels
- \* API for inclusion in MD engines
- \* Ops wrappers for ML frameworks (PyTorch, TensorFlow, JAX)
- \* Community-driven, package agnostic

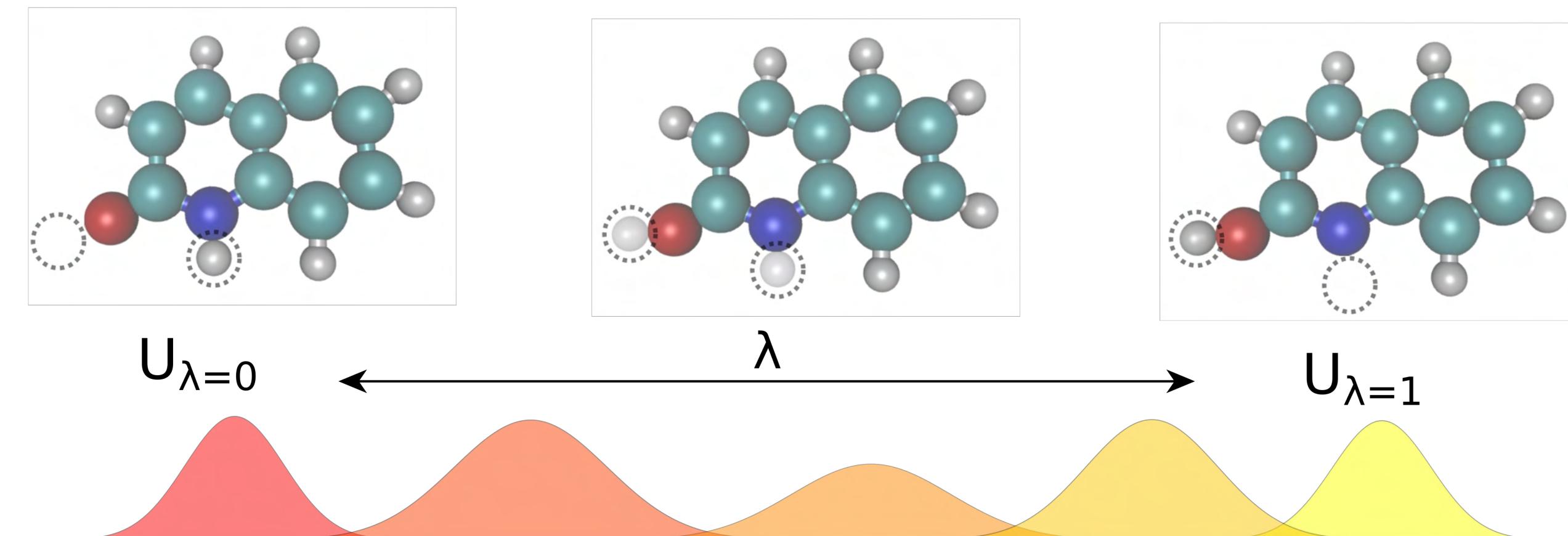
(~5x slower than MD right now)

**model distillation** will become important in building single models that are efficient on hardware

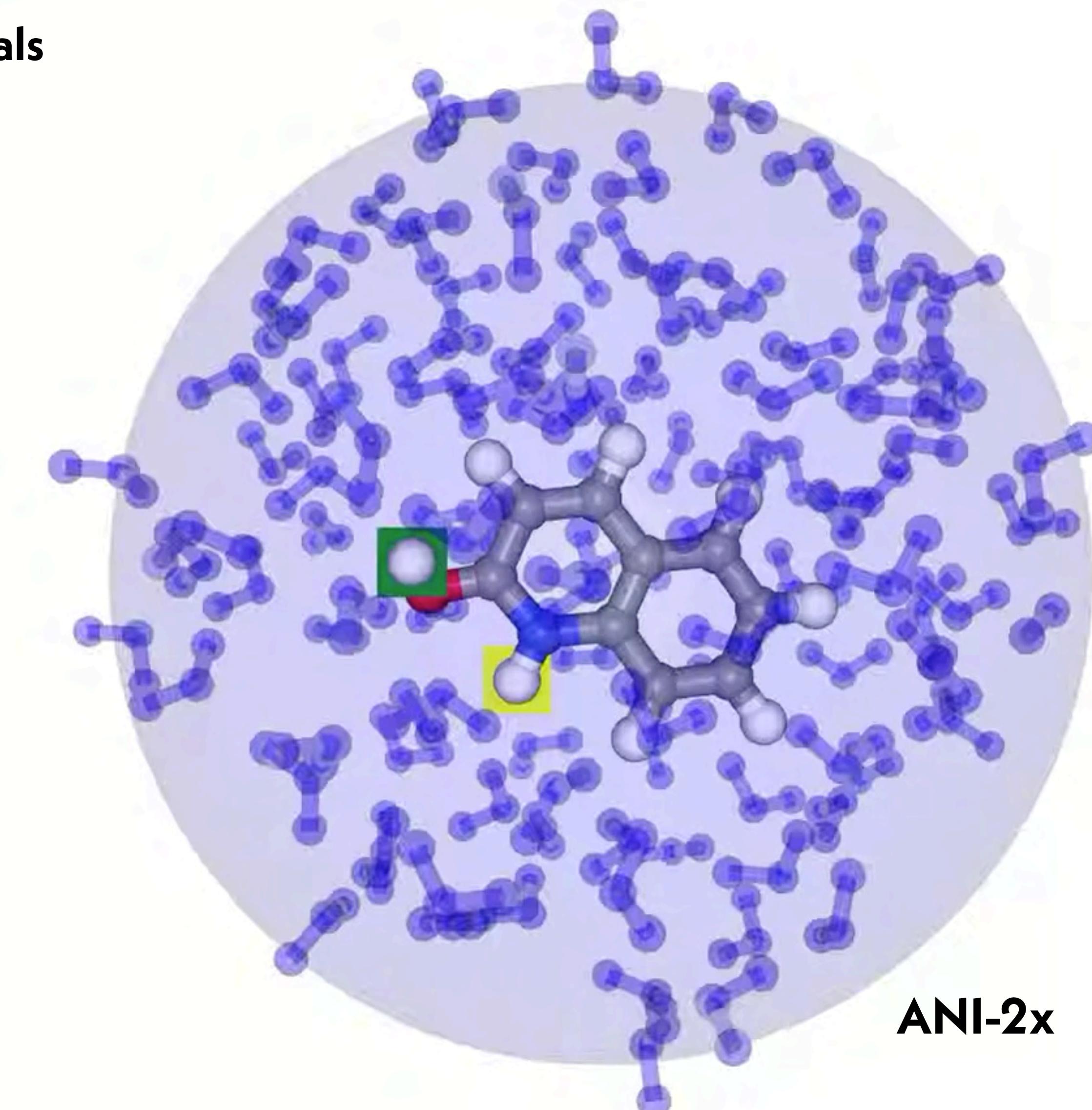
# PURE QUANTUM MACHINE LEARNING (QML) POTENTIALS CAN BE USED TO COMPUTE FREE ENERGY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CHEMICAL SPECIES

Potentials are free of singularities, so **simple linear alchemical potentials** can robustly compute alchemical free energies

$$U(x;\lambda) = (1-\lambda)U_{\lambda=0}(x) + \lambda U_{\lambda=1}(x)$$



Simple atomic restraints can be used to improve efficiency by preventing atoms from flying away



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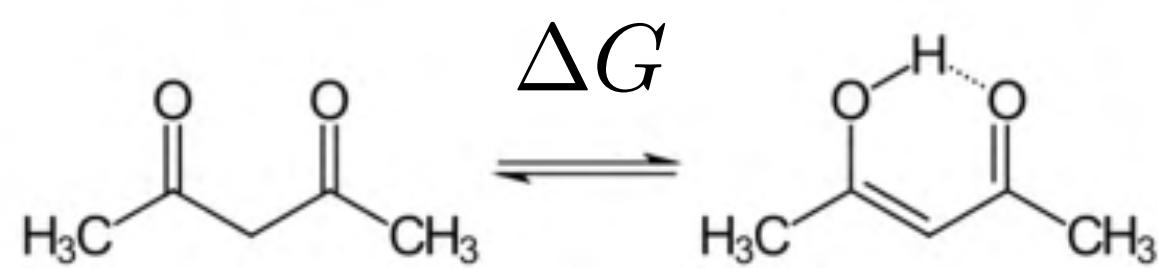


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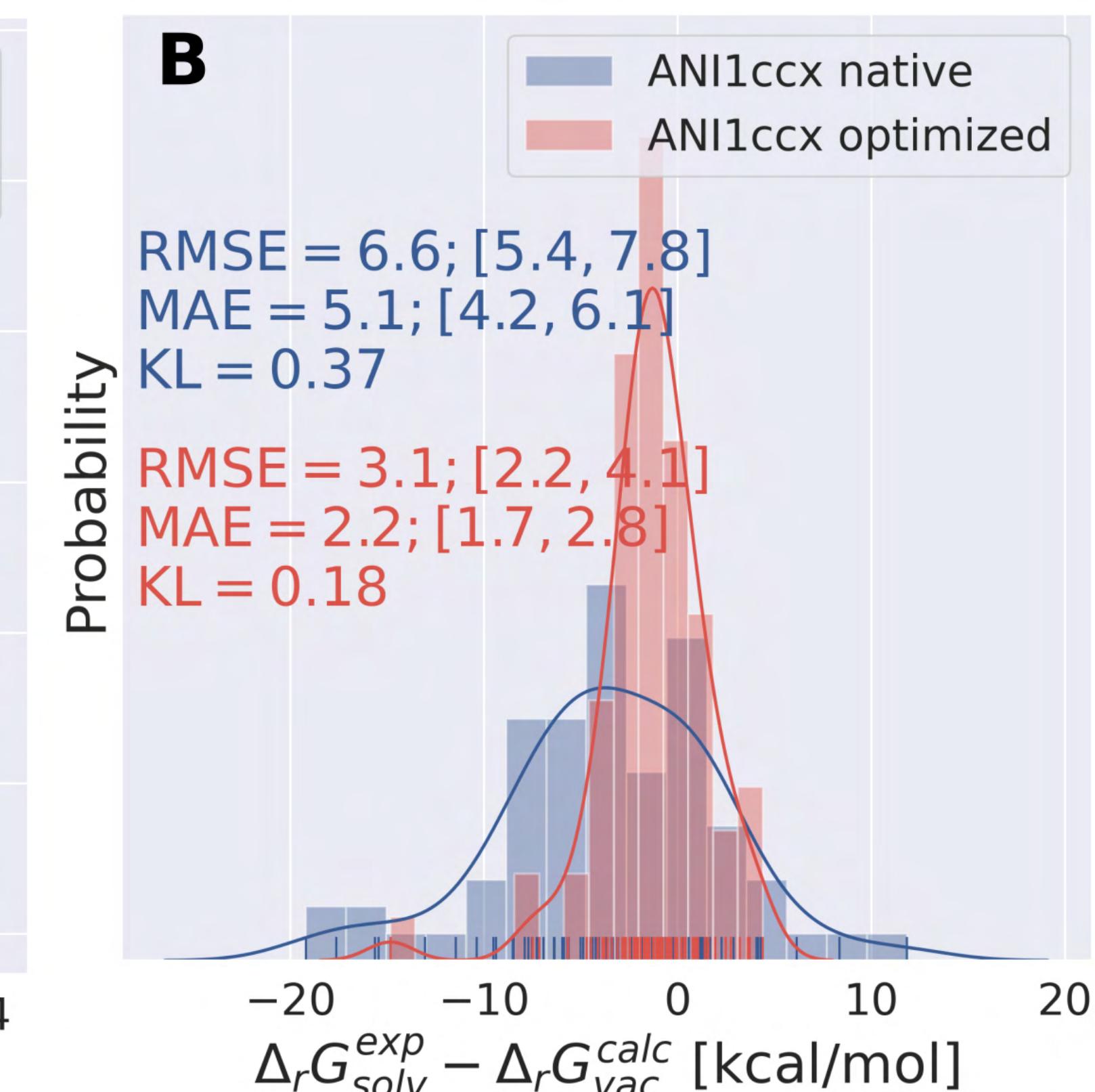
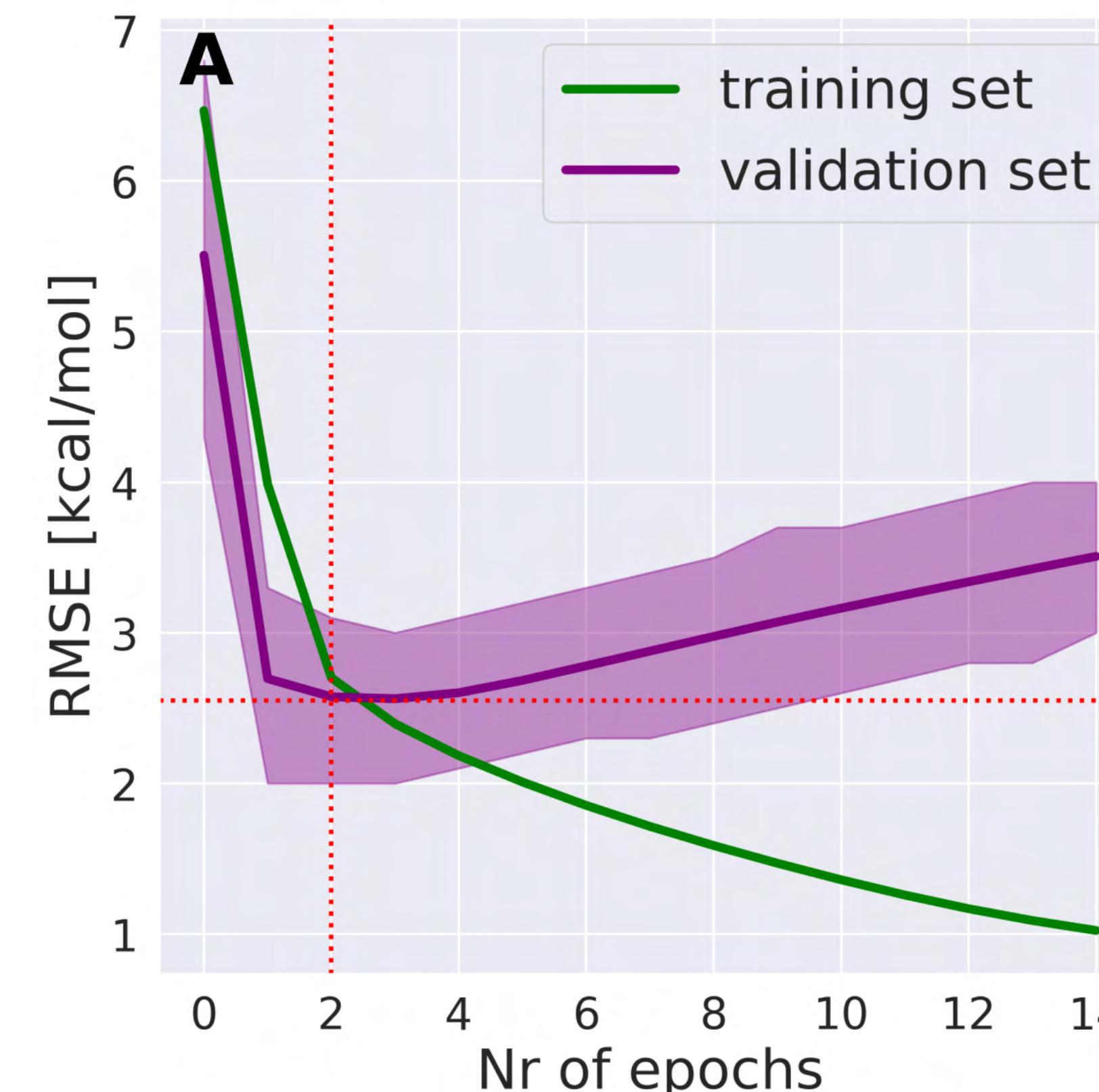
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# QML POTENTIALS CAN LEARN FROM EXPERIMENTAL DATA TO IMPROVE PHYSICAL MODELS

physical models are data-efficient: retraining on small number of experimental measurements improves accuracy and generalizes well



**train:** 221 tautomer pairs  
**validate:** 57 tautomer pairs  
**test:** 72 tautomer pairs



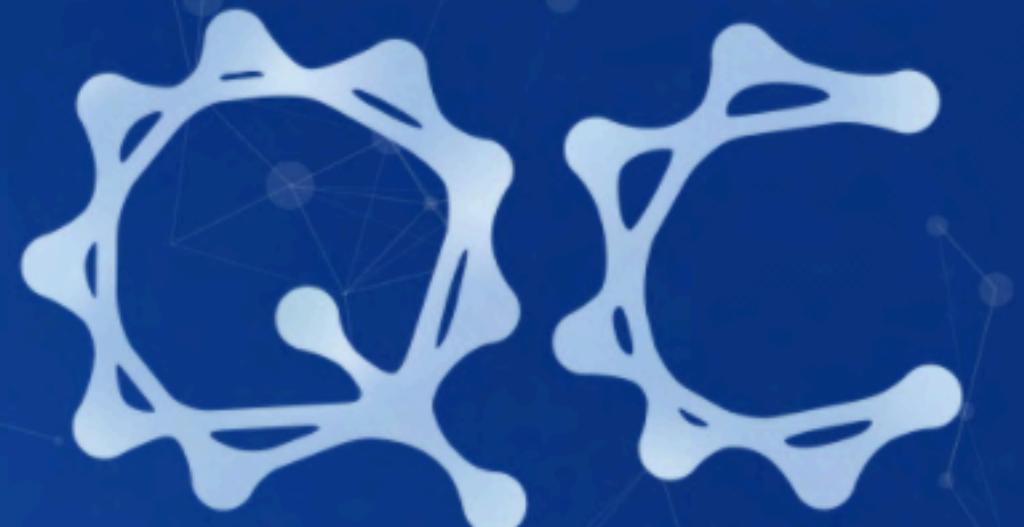
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# The MolSSI Quantum Chemistry Archive

A central source to compile, aggregate, query, and share quantum chemistry data.

GET STARTED!



## QCArchive A MolSSI Project



### FAIR Data

MolSSI hosts the QCArchive server, the largest publicly available collection of quantum chemistry data. So far, it stores over ten million computations for the molecular sciences community.



### Interactive Visualization

Not only for computing and storing quantum chemistry computations at scale, but also for visualizing and understanding results as well.



### Private Instances

The infrastructure behind QCArchive is fully open-source. Spin up your own instance to compute private data and share only with collaborators.

80,612,248  
MOLECULES

86,013,142  
RESULTS

166  
COLLECTIONS

**OpenMM and the Open Force Field Initiative are working closely with MolSSI to expand the QCArchive to support the construction of next-generation machine learning force fields**

<http://qcarchive.molssi.org>

# INTEGRATING MACHINE LEARNING WILL COMPLETELY CHANGE PRACTICE IN STRUCTURE-ENABLED DRUG DISCOVERY

2021

week 1

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
designs/ predictions	synthesis				new data	

using published force field model

week 2

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
designs/ predictions	synthesis				new data	

using the **same** published force field model!  
we haven't learned anything from the data

2025

week 1

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
designs/ predictions 1.0	synthesis			new data	build model 2.0!	

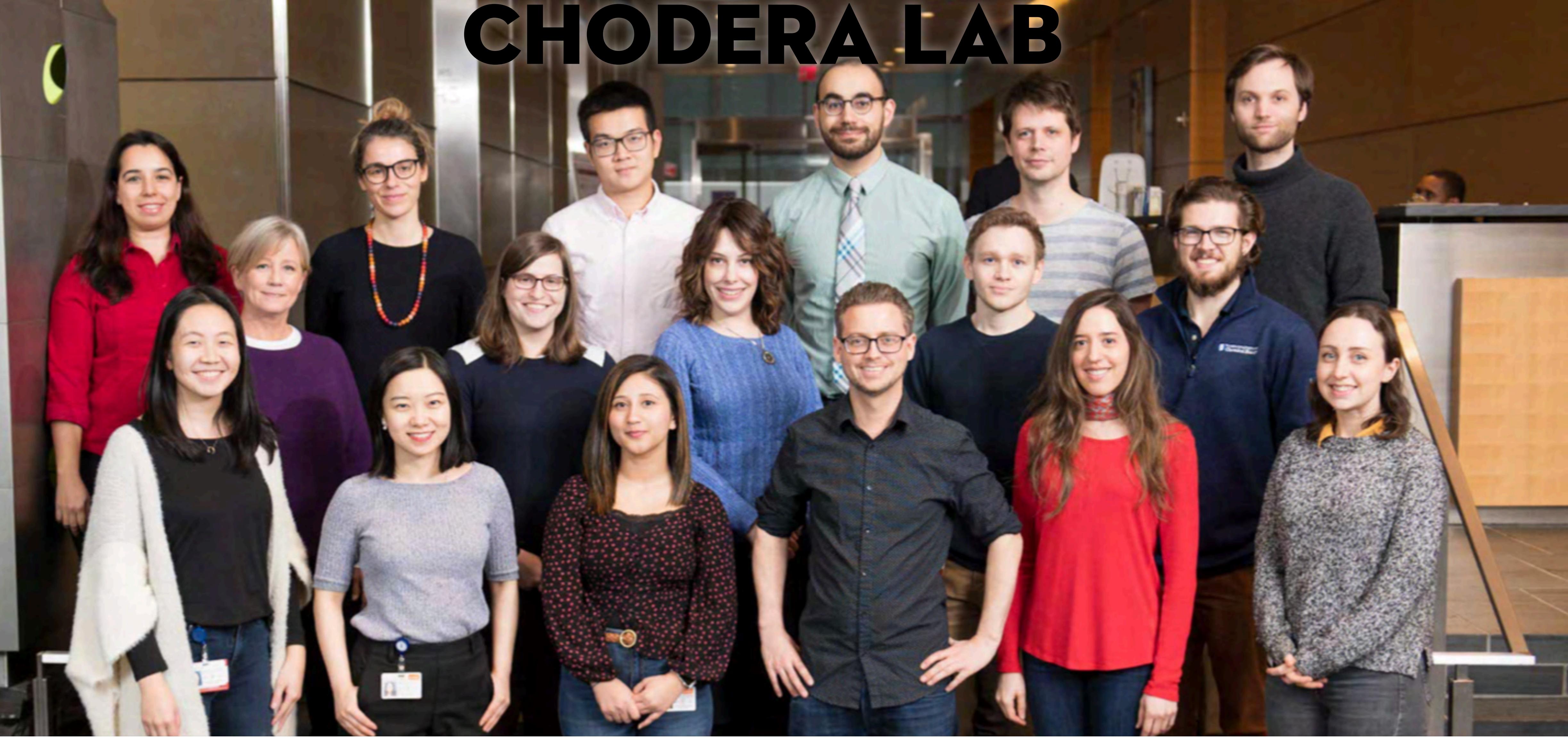
using force field model  
built from public + private data

week 2

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
designs/ predictions 2.0	synthesis					

using **new** model tuned to target  
from first week's data

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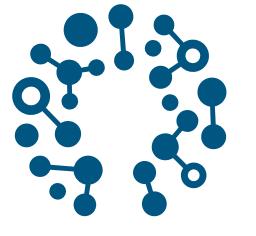
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