

# Physics-Informed Machine Learning at the Atomic Scale

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## Materials informatics



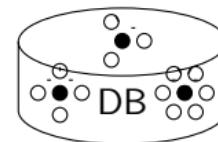
- High-throughput quantum mechanical calculations
- Turnkey workflows for calculation of properties
- Large quantities of readily reusable property calculations

## Invariant and equivariant machine learning



- Theory of atomistic structure representations
- Inversion of invariant fingerprints
- Highly data-efficient equivariant neural networks

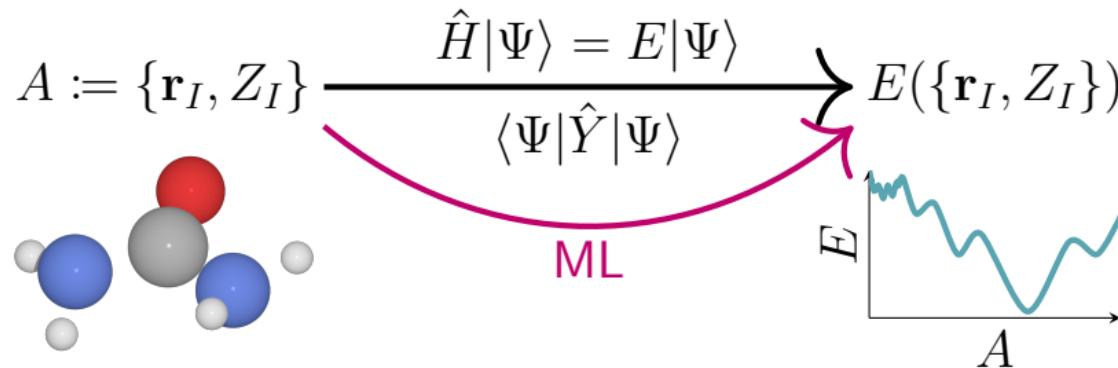
## Generative models



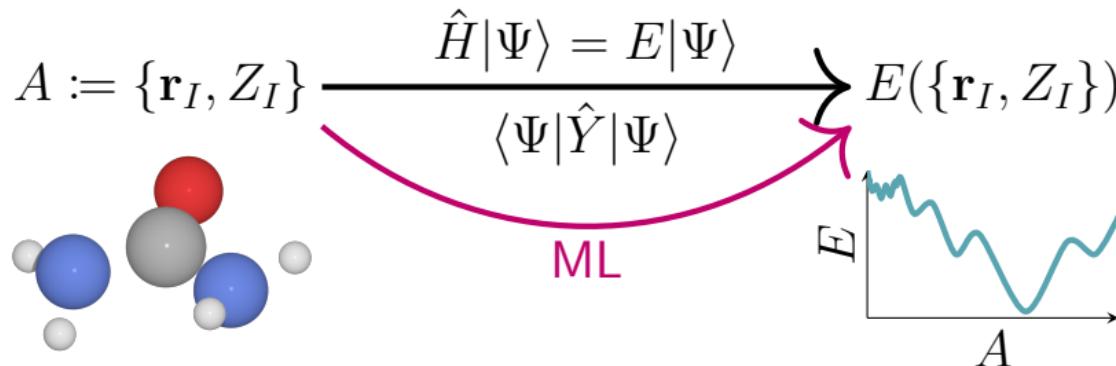
- Linking 3D geometry to properties
- Motif based construction of molecules and materials
- Coupling experiment and theory

## Physics inspired machine learning models

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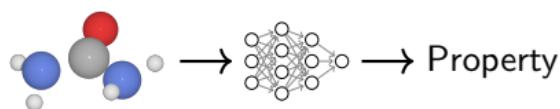


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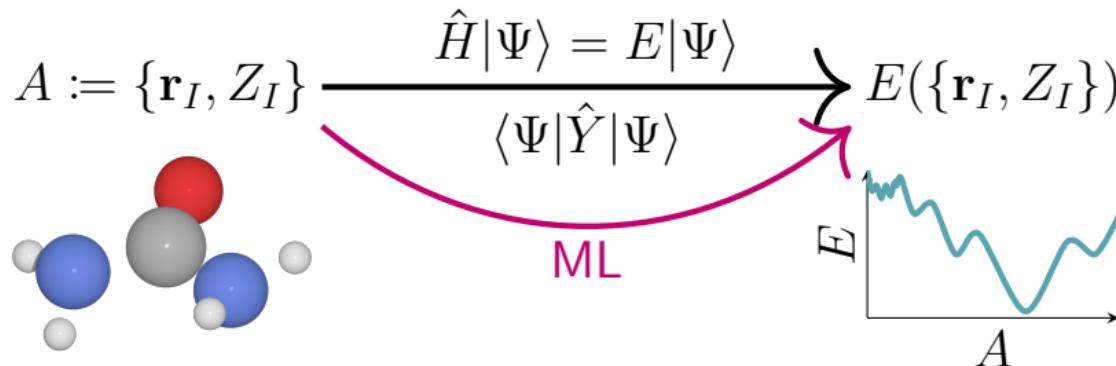


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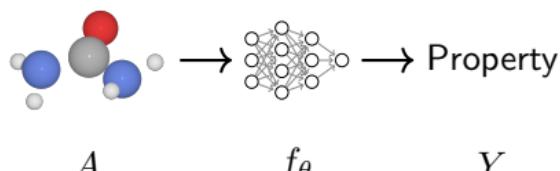
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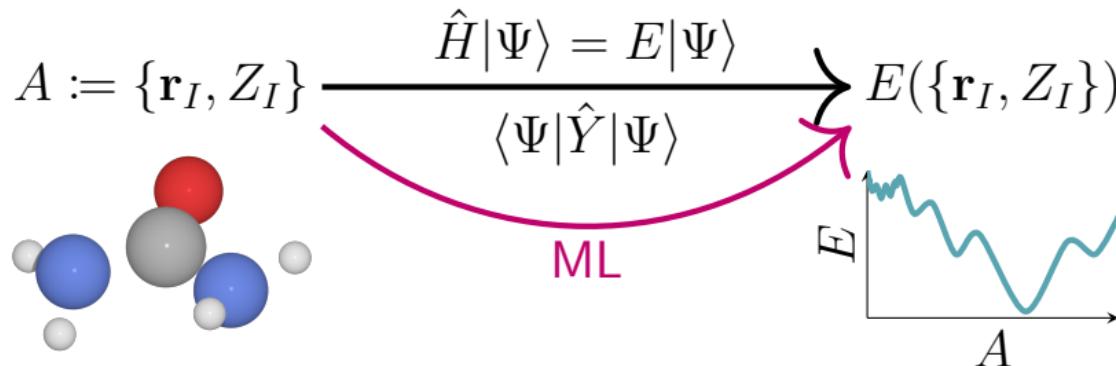


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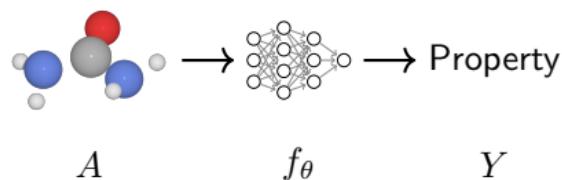


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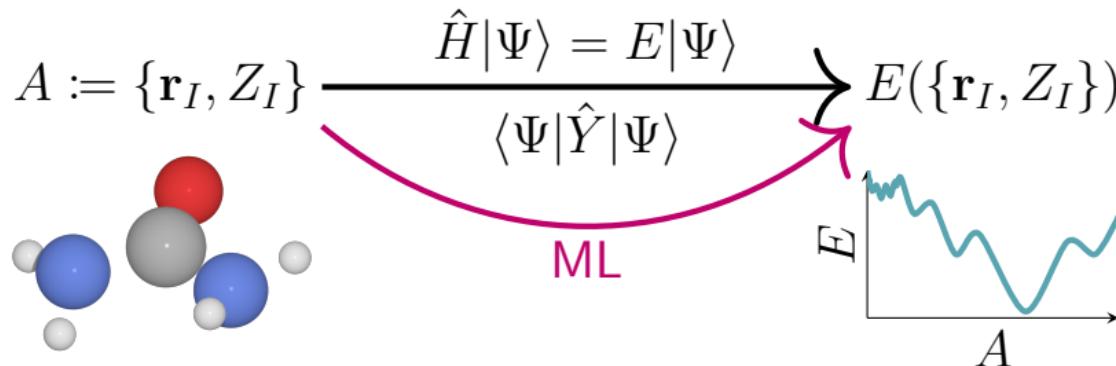
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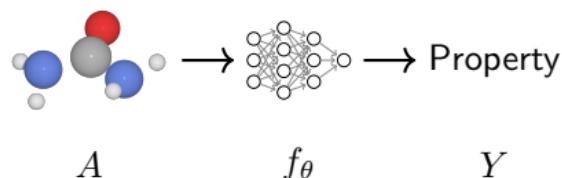
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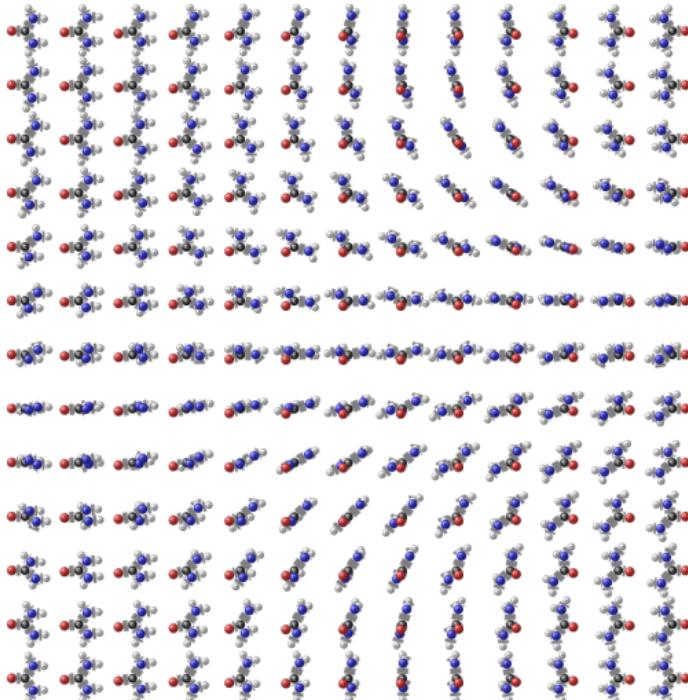
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furthermore, for generative models we want representations that are:

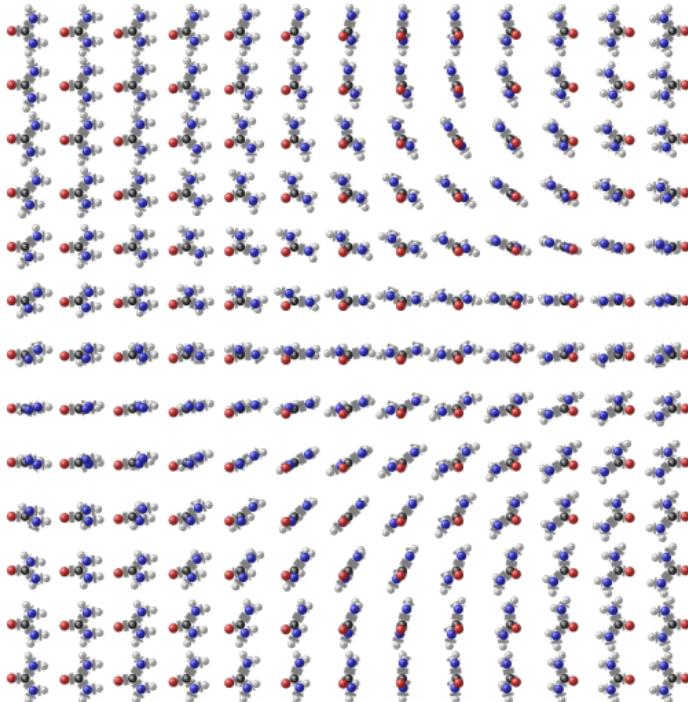
- smooth,
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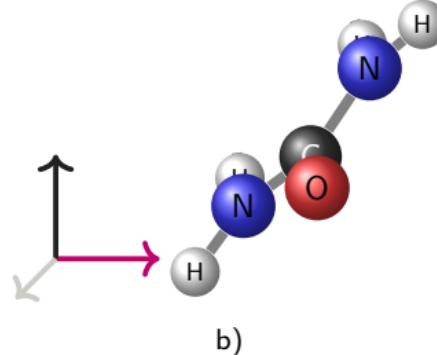
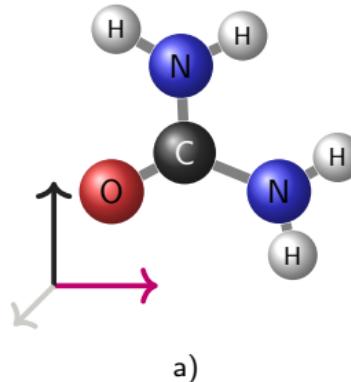
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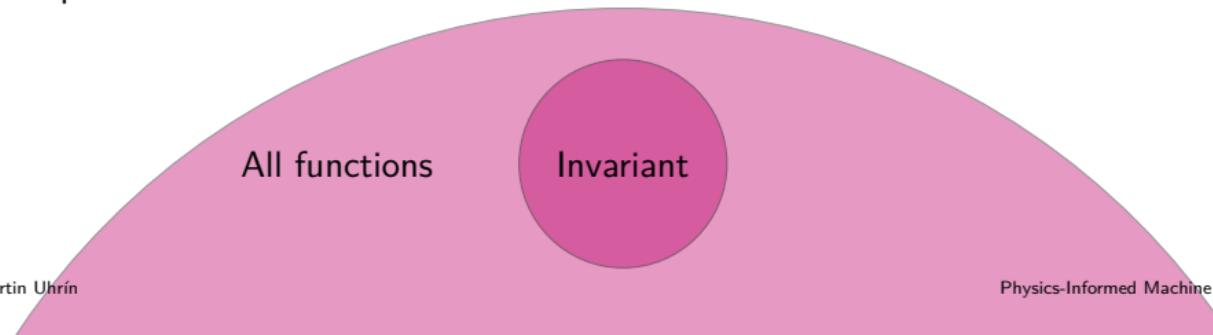
All functions

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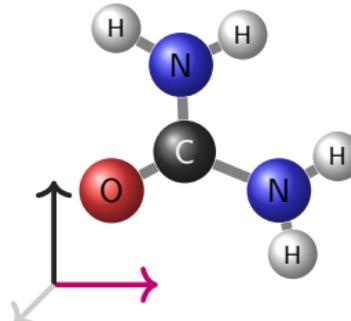


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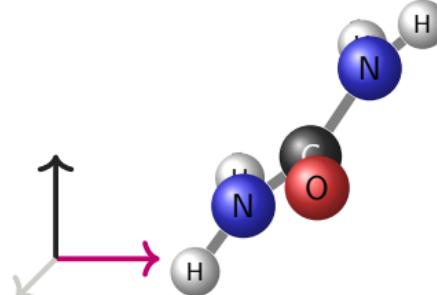
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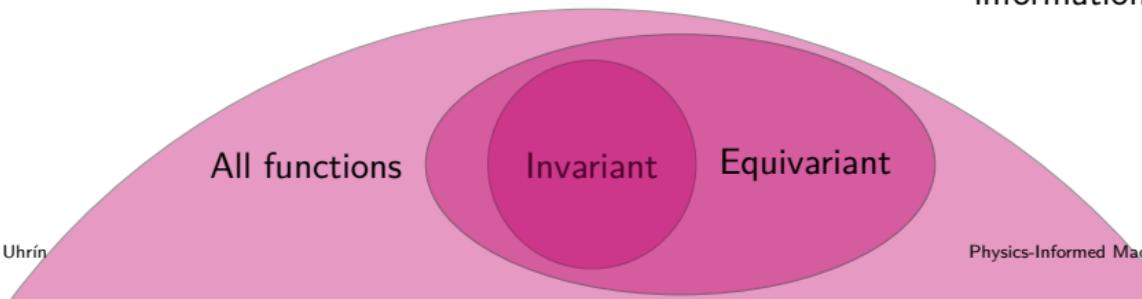


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Equivariant model will see  
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Irreducible form:

$$l=0 \text{ scalar} - w_1(x_1x_2 + y_1y_2 + z_1z_2)$$

$$l=1 \text{ vector} - w_2 \begin{bmatrix} y_1z_2 - z_1x_2 \\ z_1x_2 - x_1z_2 \\ x_1y_2 - x_2y_1 \\ x_1z_2 + z_1x_2 \\ x_1y_2 + y_1x_2 \\ 2y_1y_2 - x_1x_2 - z_1z_2 \\ y_1z_2 - z_1y_2 \\ z_1z_2 - x_1x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

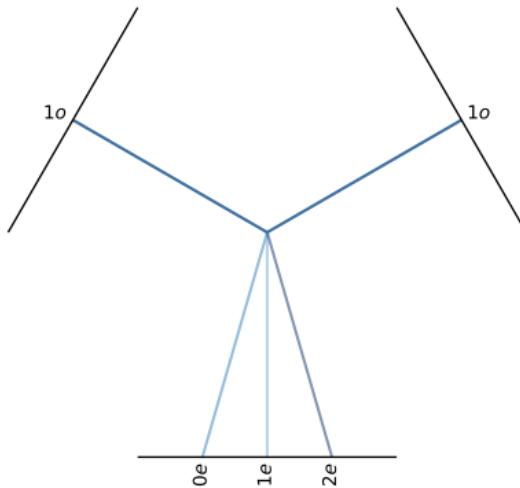
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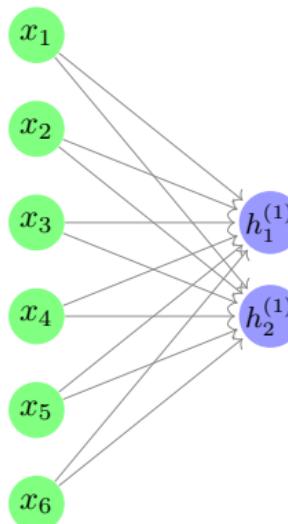
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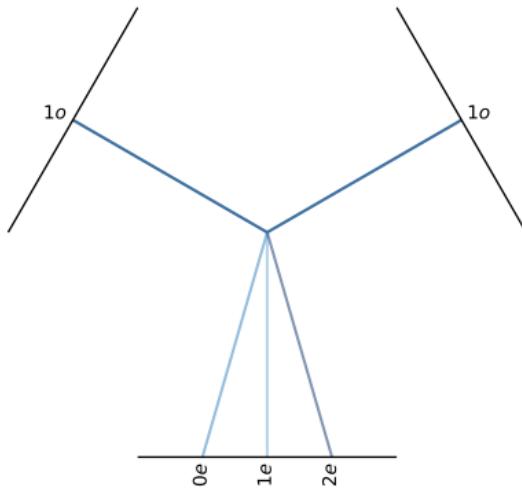
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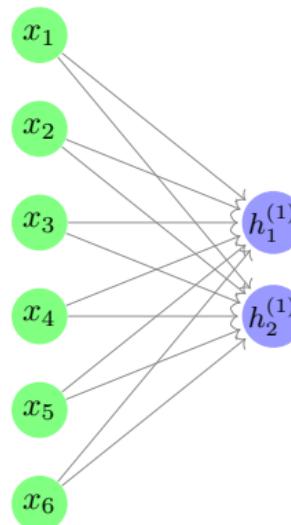
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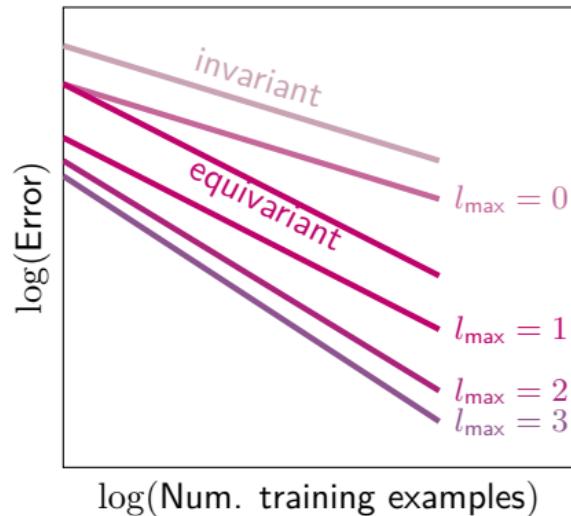
- Maintains symmetry (cannot *rotate* input)
- Minimal amount of parameters

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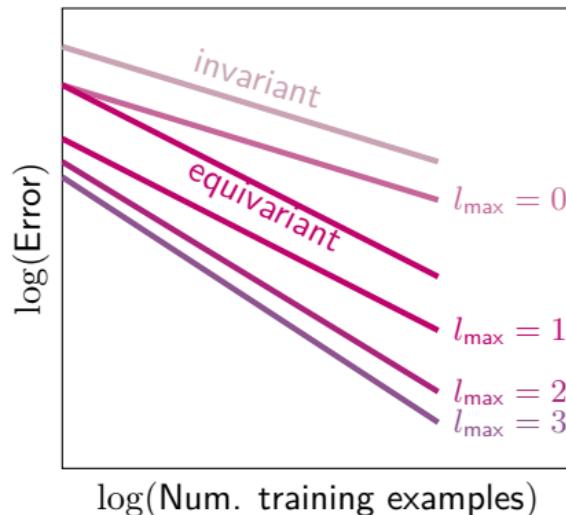


- No constraint on transformation (can scale/rotate/translate inputs)
- Many parameters

## Data efficiency



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System		NequIP <sup>a)</sup>	NequIP <sup>b)</sup>	NequIP <sup>c)</sup>	DeepMD
Liquid Water	Energy	-	1.6	1.7	1.0
	Forces	11.9	49.4	11.6	40.4
Ice Ih (b)	Energy	-	2.5	4.3	0.7
	Forces	10.2	55.8	9.9	43.3
Ice Ih (c)	Energy	-	3.9	10.2	0.7
	Forces	12.0	27.7	11.7	26.8
Ice Ih (d)	Energy	-	2.6	12.7	0.8
	Forces	9.8	23.2	9.5	25.4

NequIP model trained on < 0.1% of DeepMD model  
 S. Batzner et al., Nature Communications 13, 2453 (2022)

## python ecosystem for development of equivariant learning

Complete ecosystem built in JAX and e3nn-jax:

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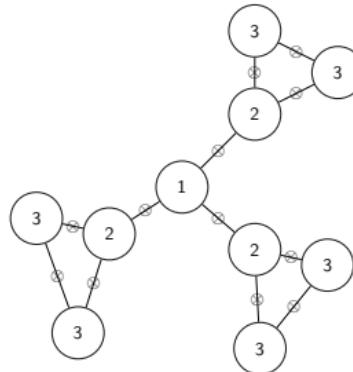
- Native support for equivariant graph convolutions
- Complete flexibility over input and output types:
  - per-node, per-edge or global
  - arbitrary node attributes (scalars, tensors)
- Implemented in **JAX**: 4-20x speedup over pytorch

### reax

- pytorch lightning-like model training

### e3md

- Built in implementations of
  - Nequip
  - Allegro
  - MACE



```

def f(x):
    return ** 2

# Evaluate gradient
jax.grad(f)(5.)

# Multiple inputs, scalar output
jax.grad(dft_energy(atom_positions))

# Multiple inputs, multiple outputs
jax.jacfwd(get_bands(atom_positions))

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## Electric and magnetic response

# Electric and magnetic response Calcium Silicate Hydrates

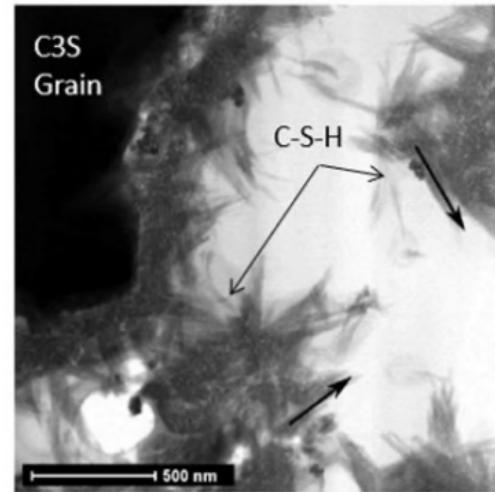


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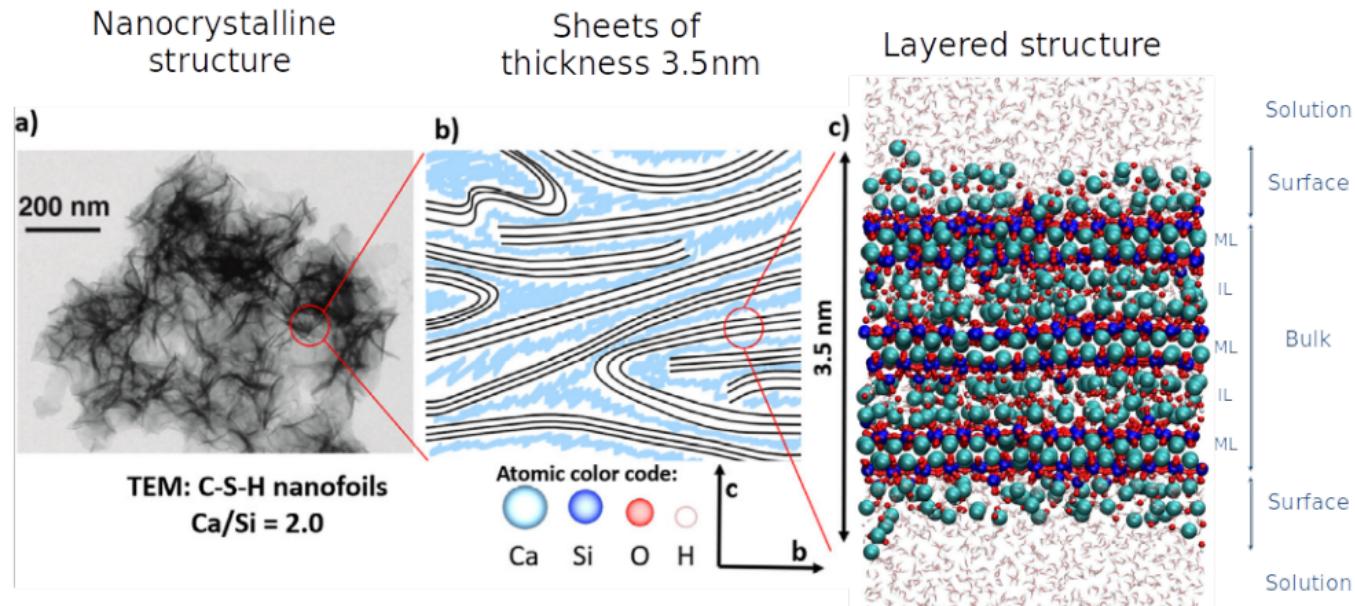
Ziga Casar  
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- Main product of the hydration process of cement 50% hardened cement paste
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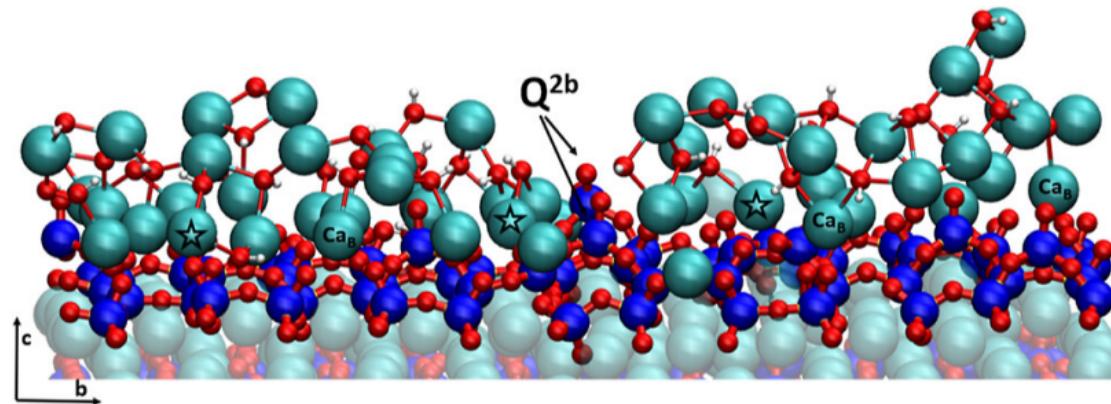
CSH micrograph

# Electric and magnetic response CSH Nanofoil Structure

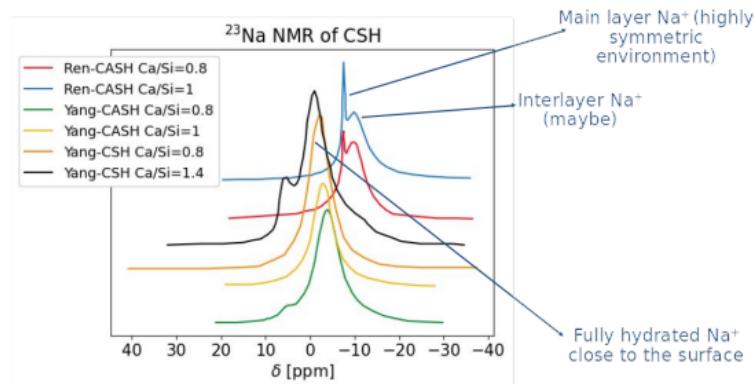


Electric and magnetic response  
Interactions at CSH Surface

- Ions in solution ( $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$ , ...)
- Interactions at the interface could affect cohesion and long-term durability of cement-based materials
- High  $\text{Na}^+$  concentration: it seems it removes  $\text{Ca}^+$  and  $\text{OH}^-$ , lowering the surface charge
- Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) to get info about the local environment
- Insights on  $\text{Na}^+$  incorporation sites



# Electric and magnetic response CSH Experimental $^{23}\text{Na}$ NMR



- Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) to get info about the local environment
- Sodium incorporation sites not yet understood

**Goal:** Deepen the understanding of sodium incorporation in CSH exploiting NMR data (simulations + experiments)



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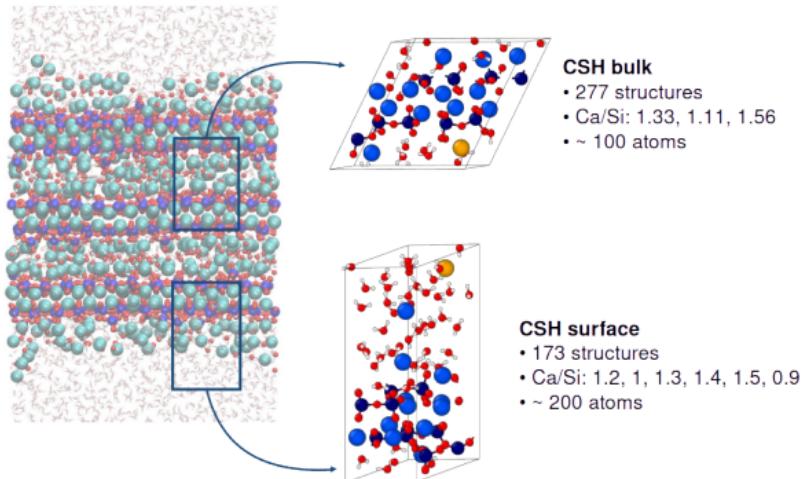
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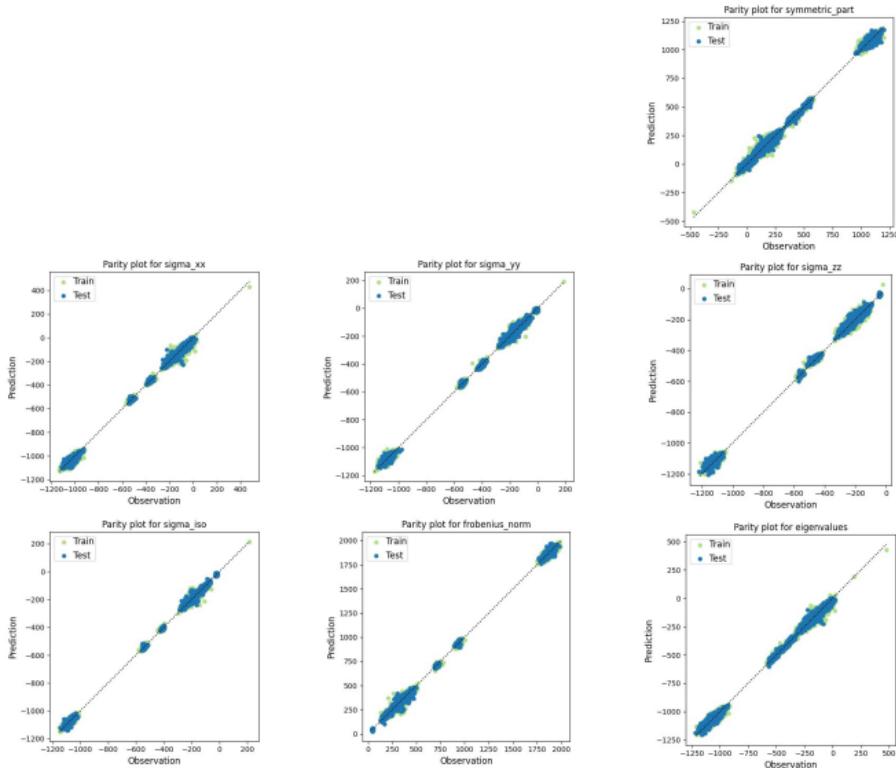
## Dataset generation



Bulk and surface CSH structures with water

- Representative CSH bulk and surface (containing  $\text{Na}^+$ ) generated with the brick model
- Pre-relaxation with empirical FF + DFT relaxation
- QE+GIPAW method to calculate NMR tensor (3x3) for every atom

# Electric and magnetic response Training results



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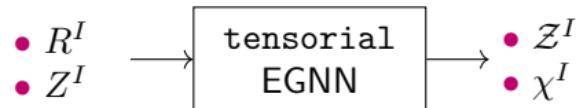
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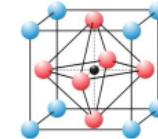
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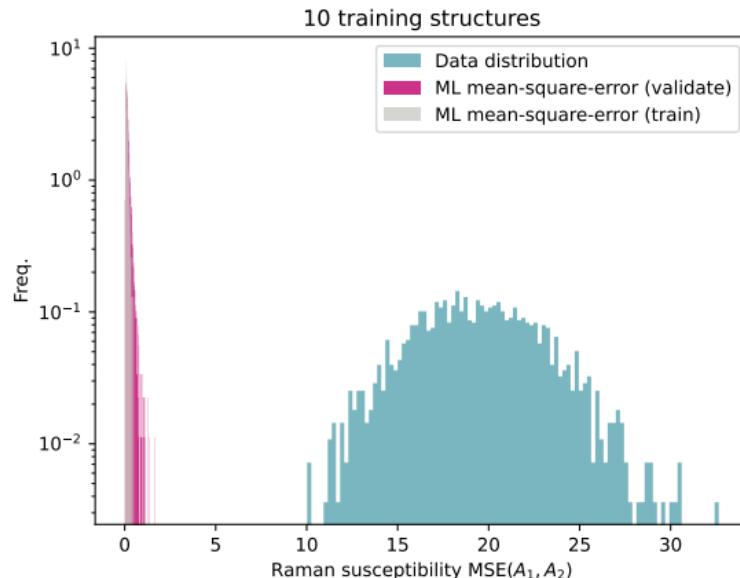
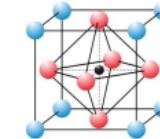
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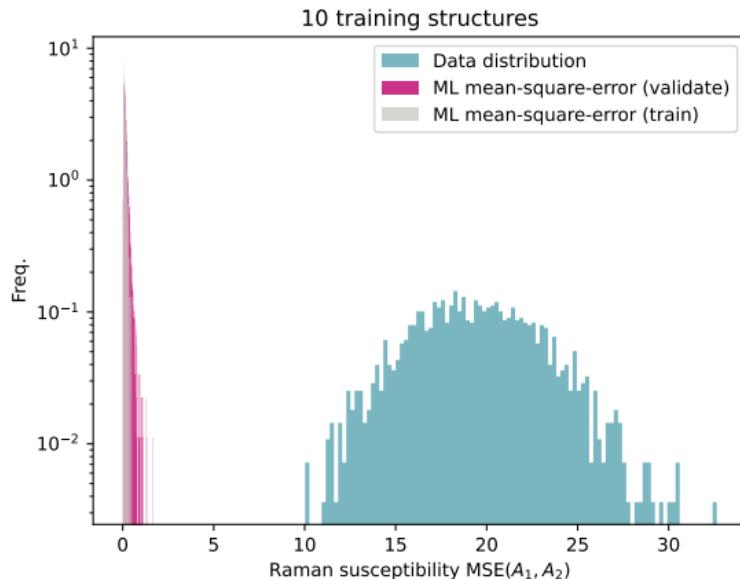
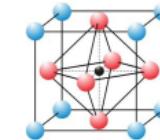


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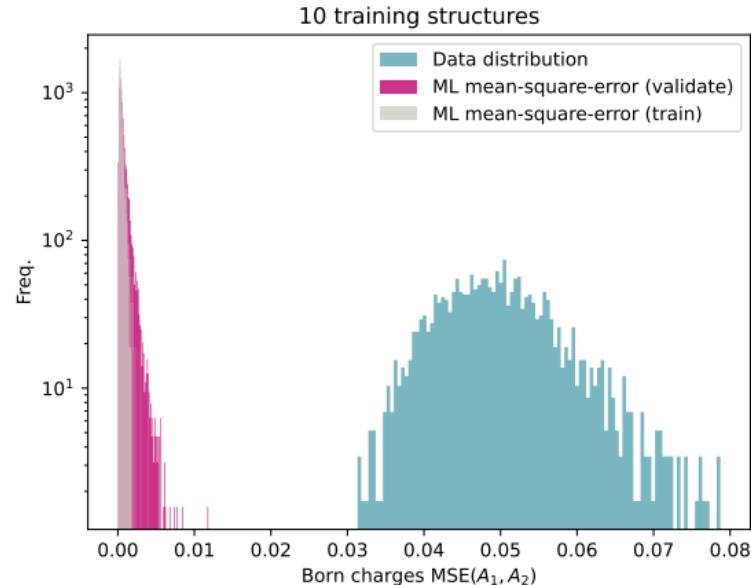
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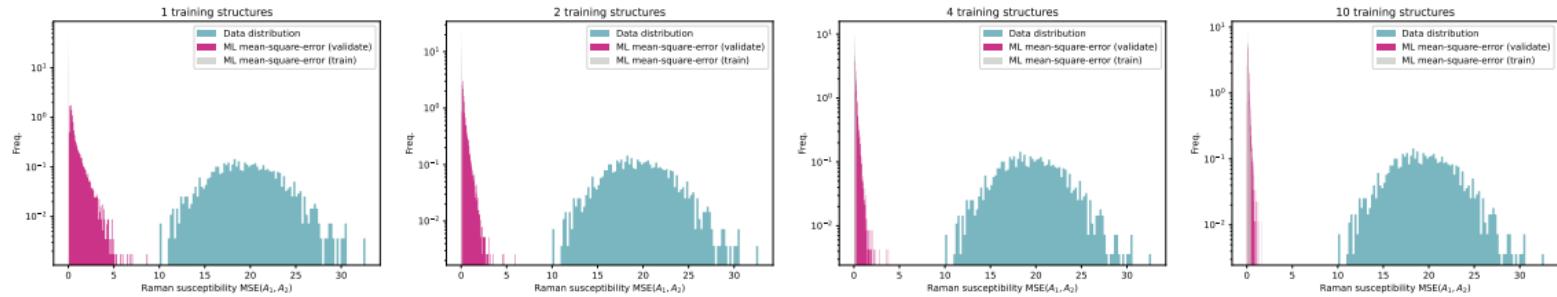
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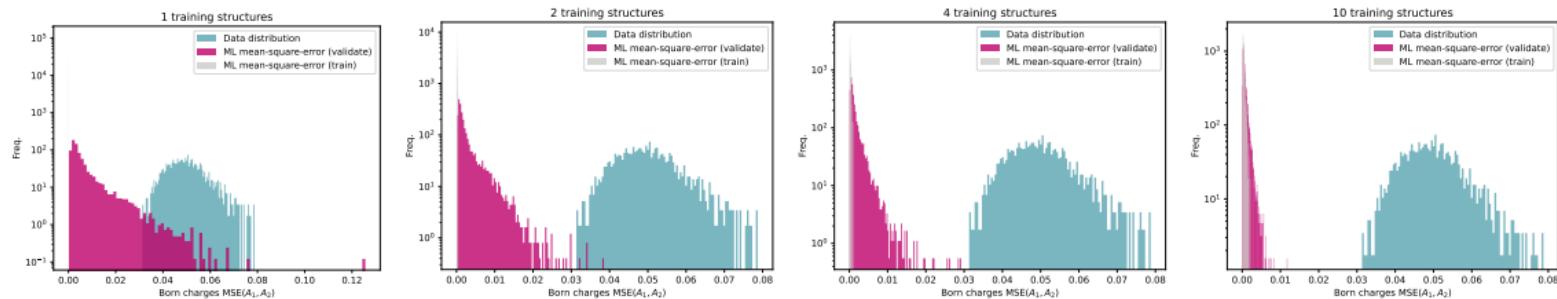
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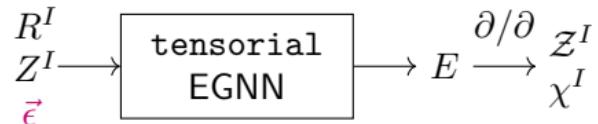
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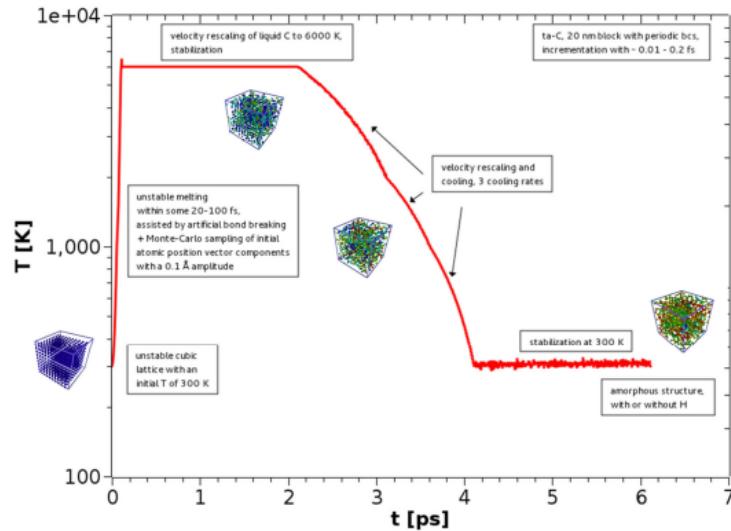
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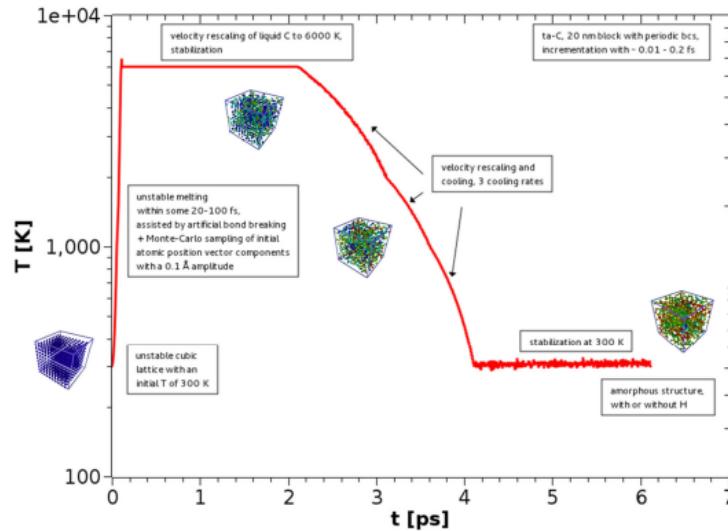


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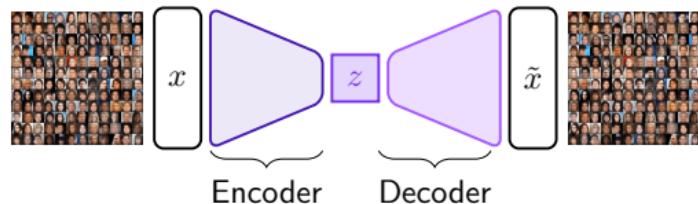
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Given an example structure(s), can we teach a generative machine learning model to generate novel examples, bypassing the need for further molecular dynamics?

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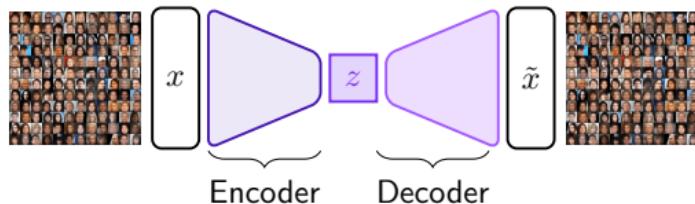
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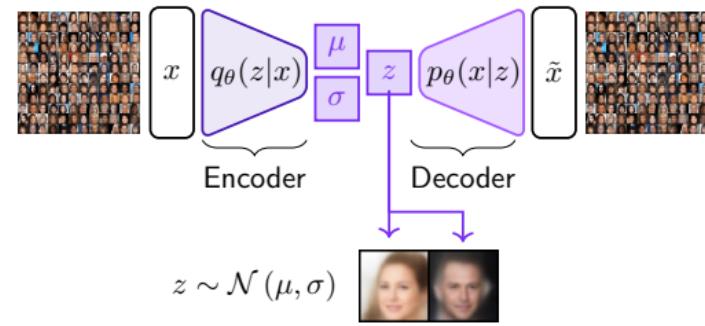
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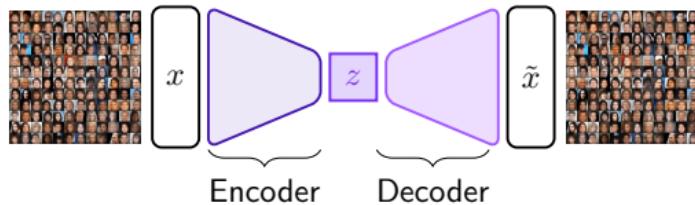
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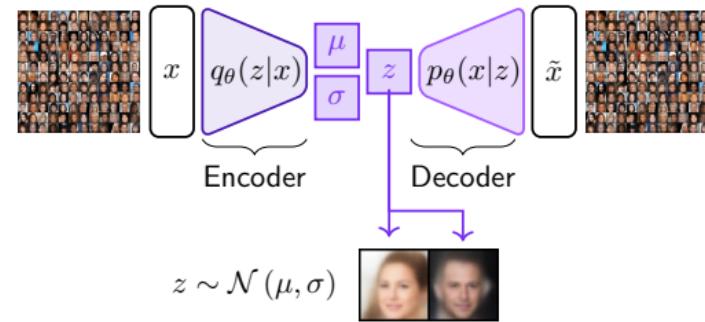


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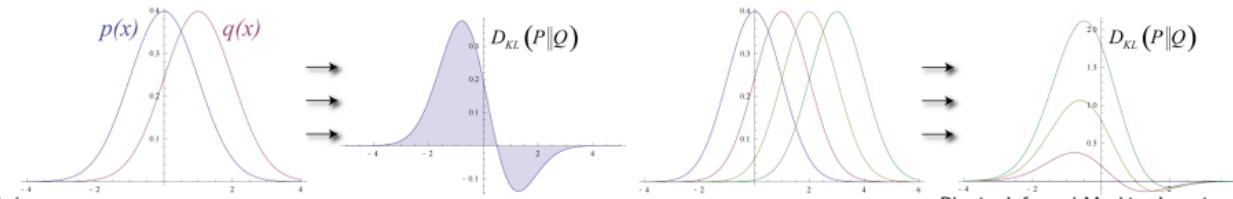


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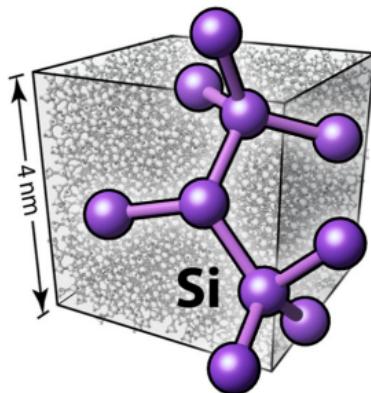


## Kullback-Leibler divergence

$$D_{KL}(P \parallel Q) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x) \log \left( \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) dx$$



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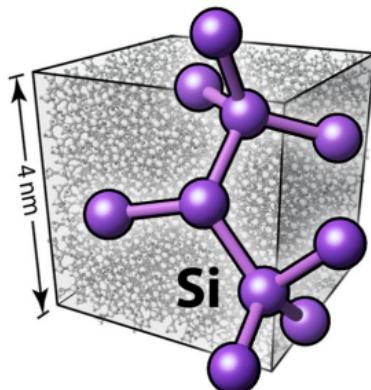
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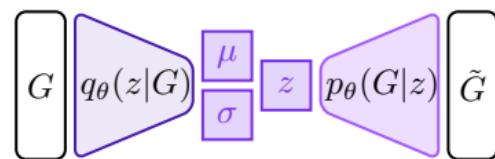
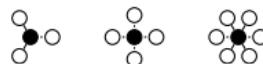
This representation is **rotationally invariant**.

$$G = xx^T = (xQ)(xQ)^T = xQQ^Tx^T = xIx^T$$

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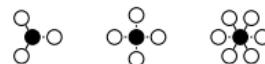
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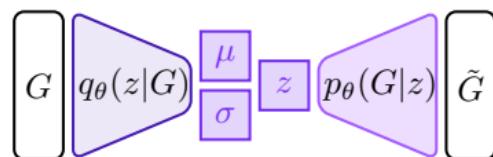
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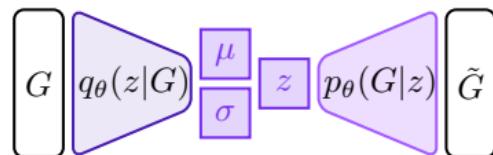
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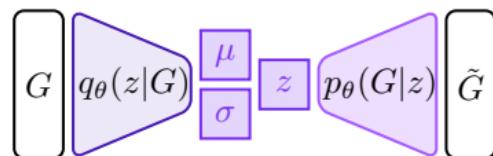
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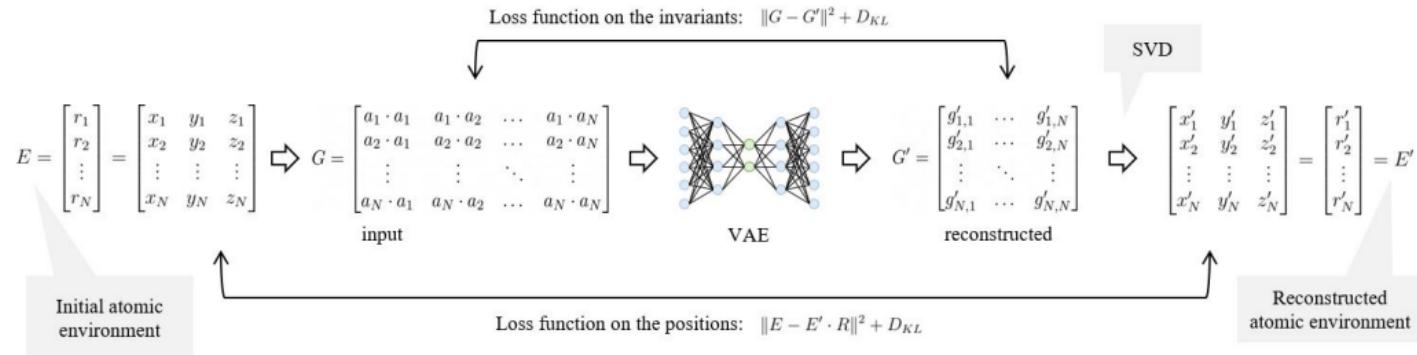


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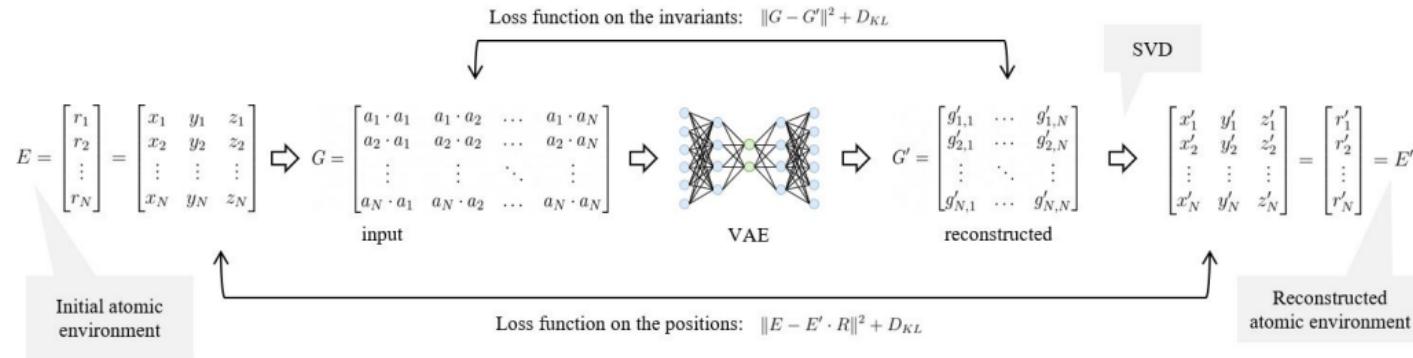
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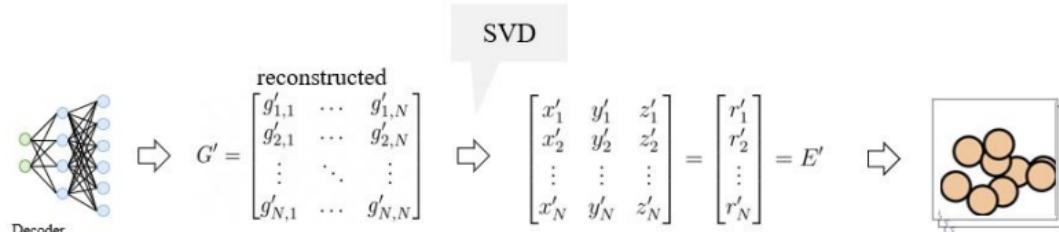


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Draw  $n_Z$  samples from  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ 

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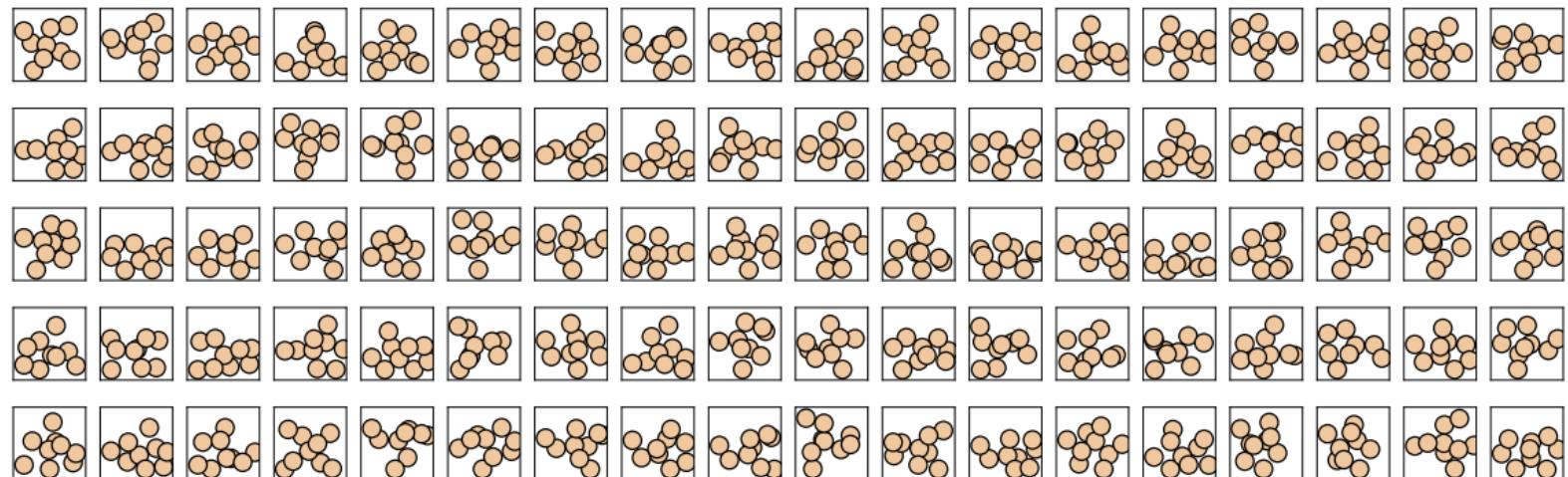
All tests performed in amorphous Si, 512 atom unit cells generated using ML potential trained on DFT<sup>1</sup>.

- Radial cutoff: 4 Å
- 8 atoms per environment
- latent space: 8 neurons (compared to  $3n - 6 = 18$  DoFs)
- Encoder architecture 36-28-18-8 with tanh activations

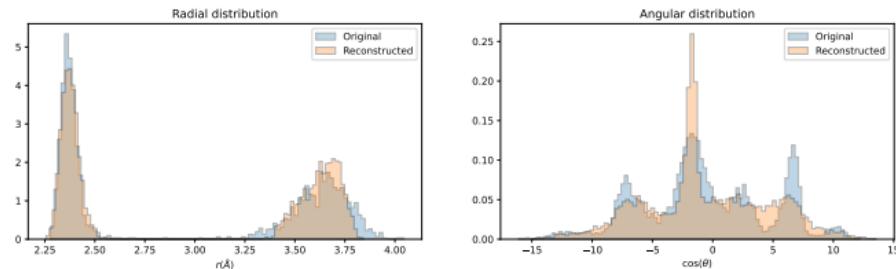
Data normalisation

- $G'_{ii} = (G_{ii} - \mu_{\text{diag}})/\sigma_{\text{diag}}$
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Generative models of atomic configurations  
**Example generated environments**



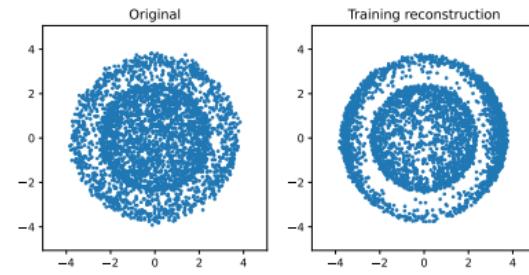
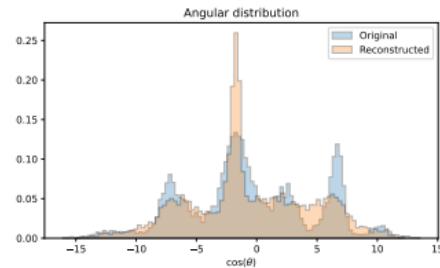
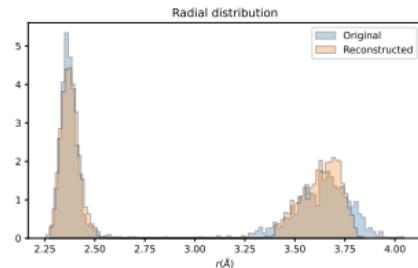
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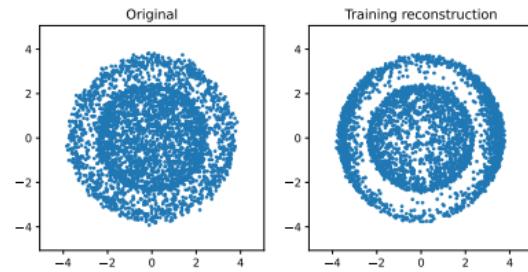
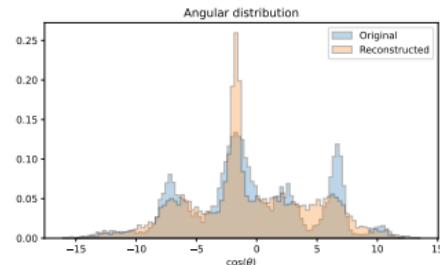
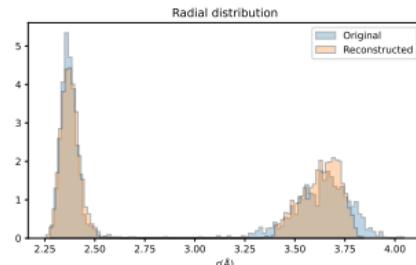
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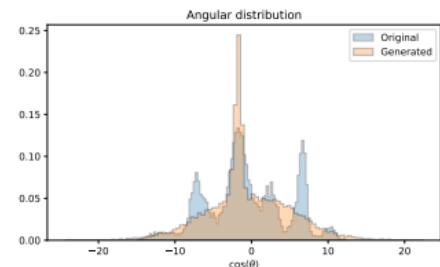
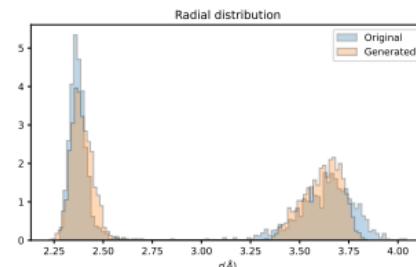
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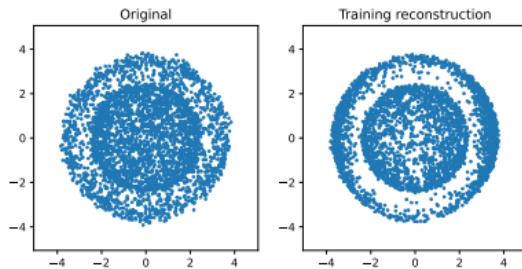
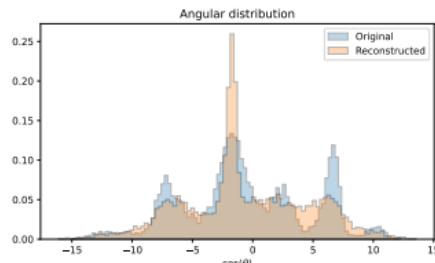
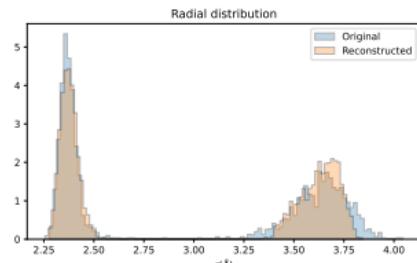


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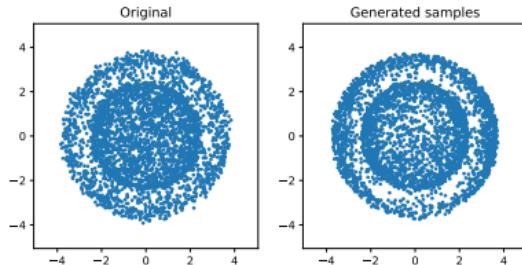
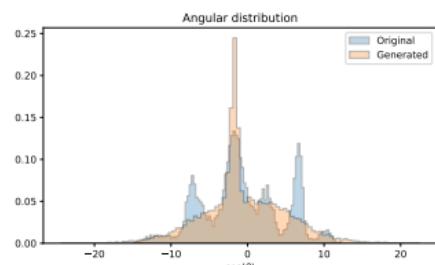
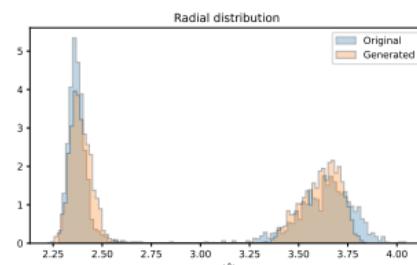
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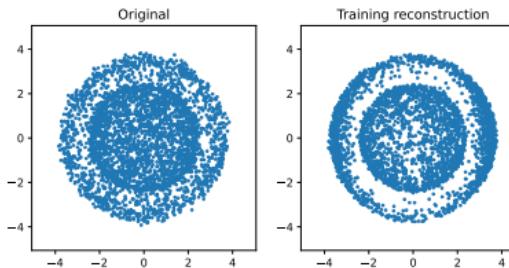
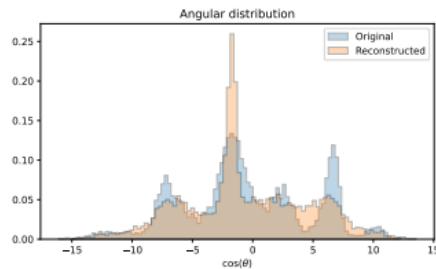
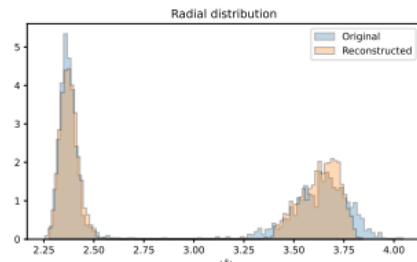


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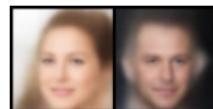
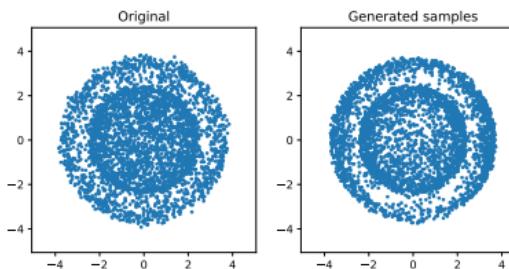
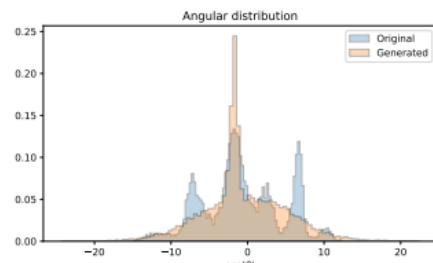
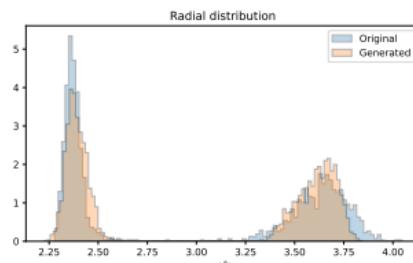
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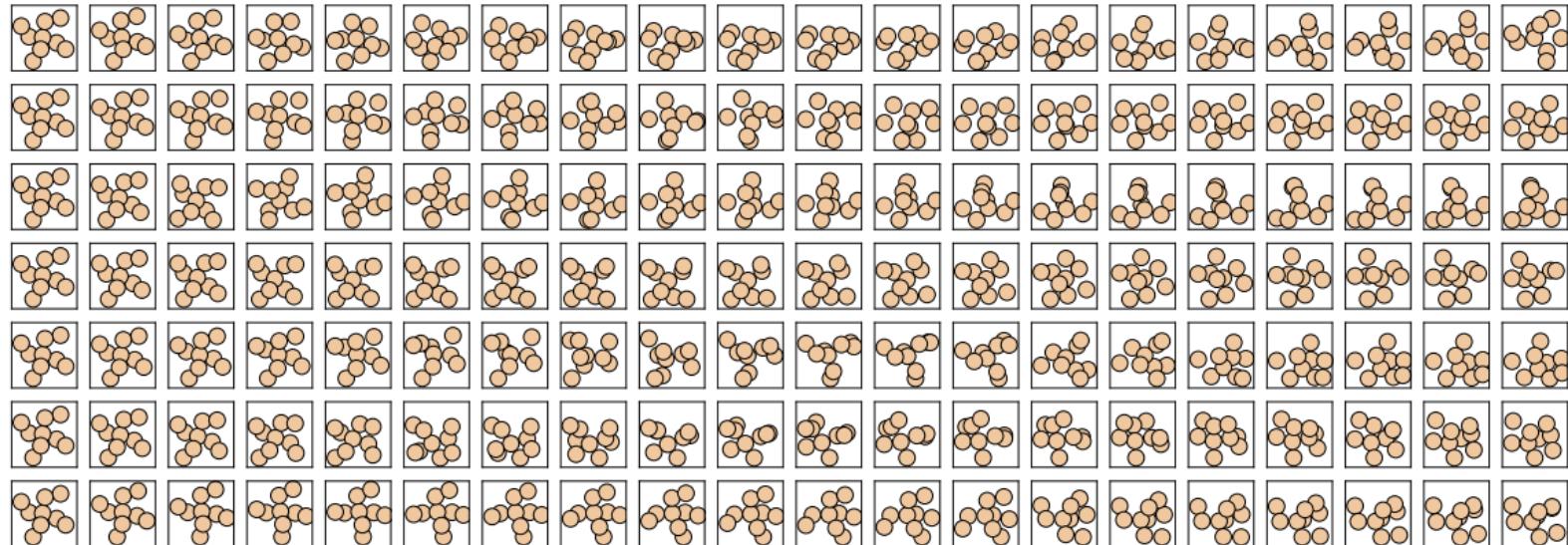
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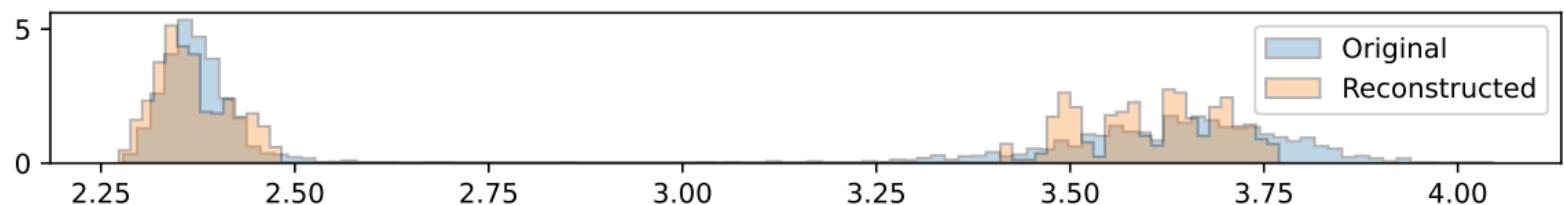
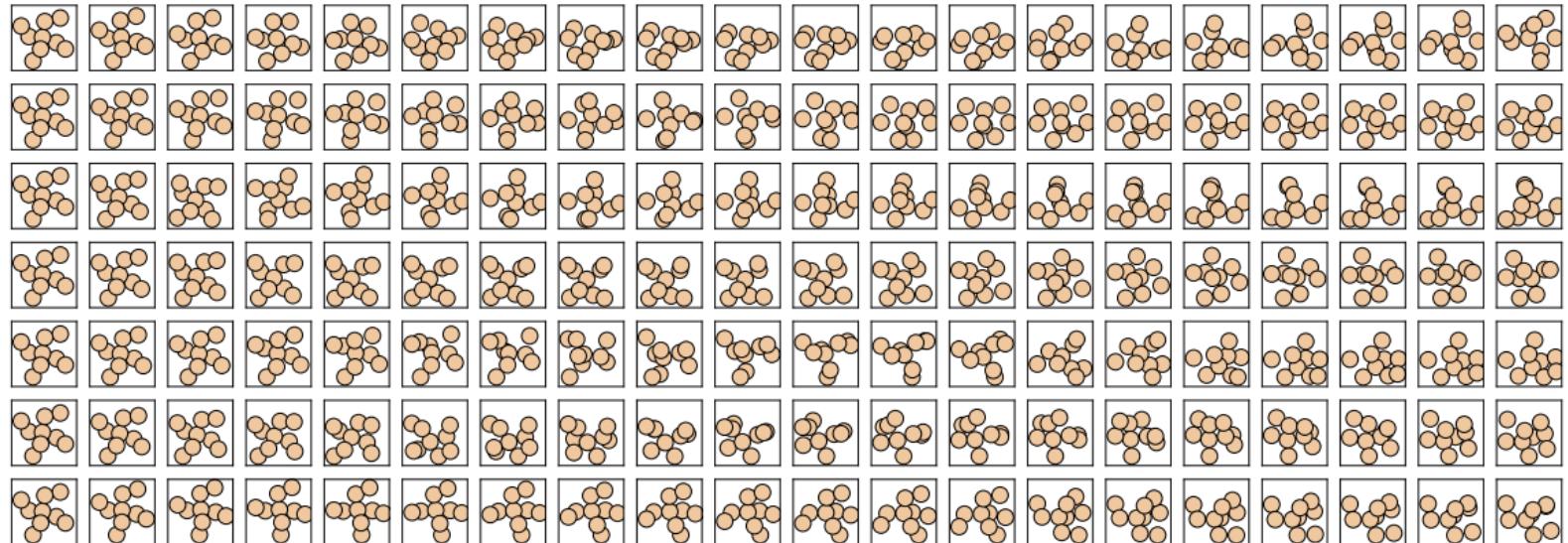
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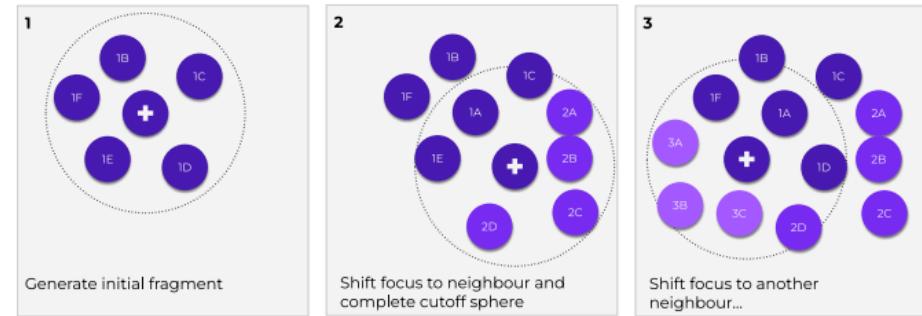


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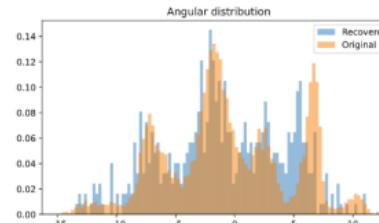
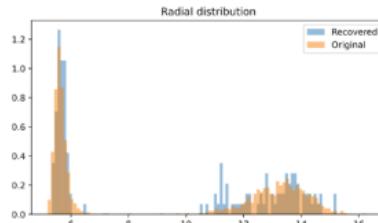


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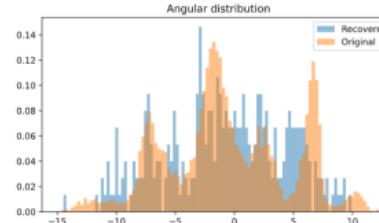
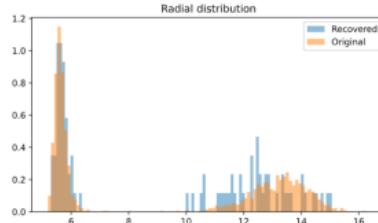


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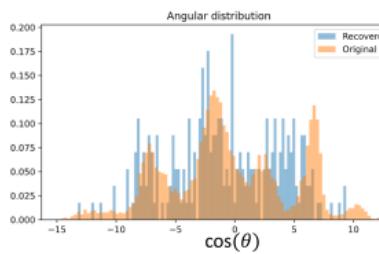
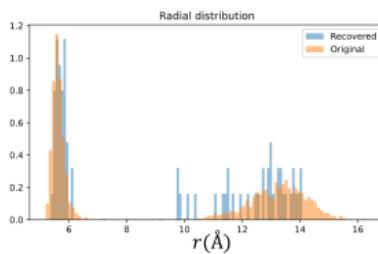
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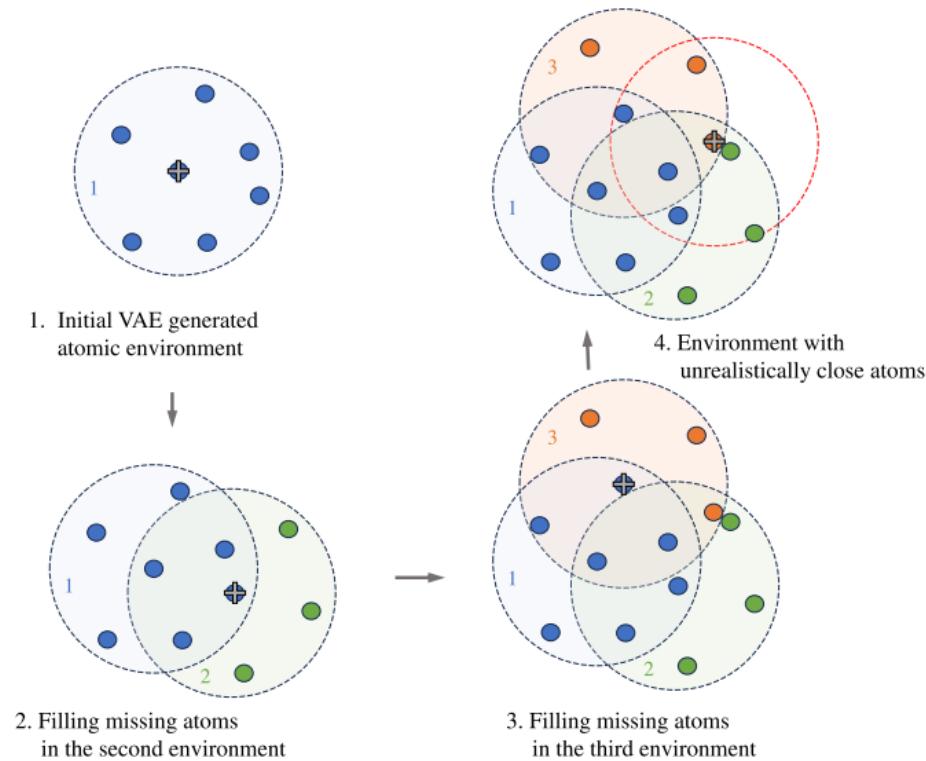
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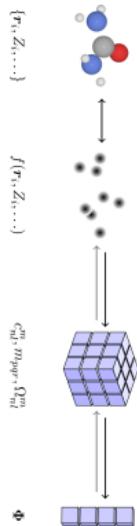


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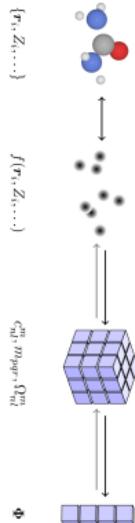


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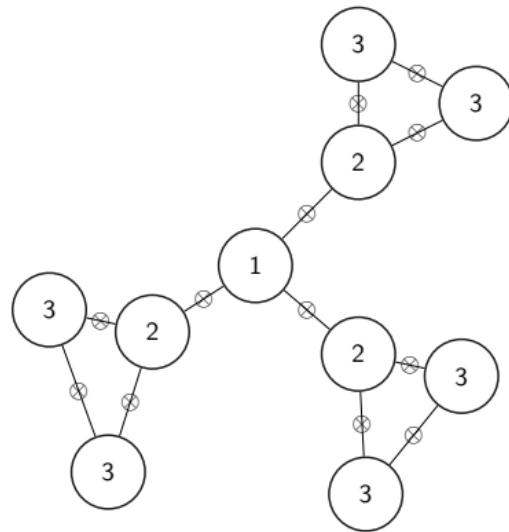
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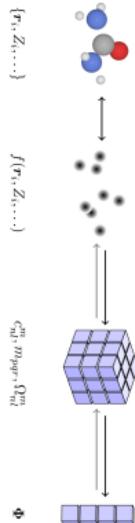
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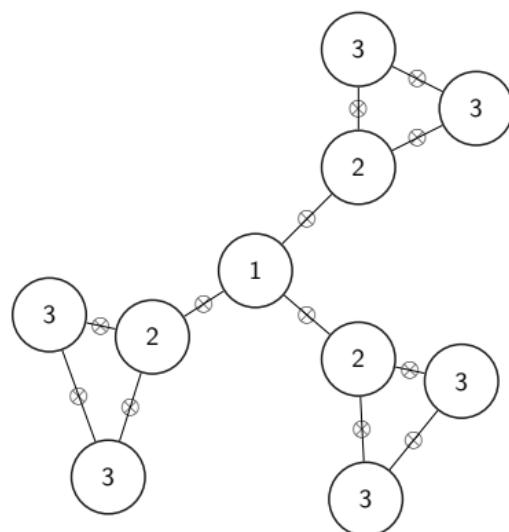
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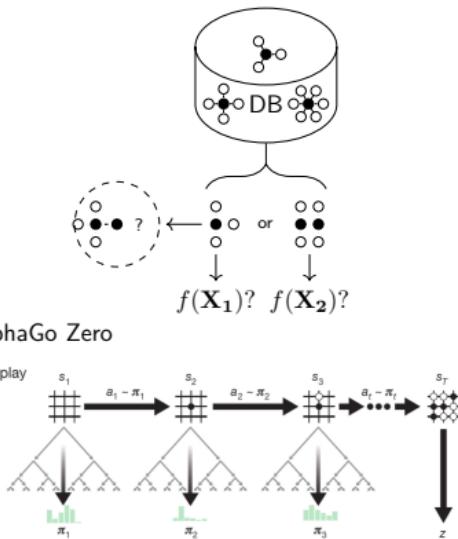
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## Tutorial time!

In the tutorial you will see how to predict electric field response properties using equivariant graph neural networks.

- Can run on cluster or on Google Colab (recommended - see links in github)
- Remember to change kernel to T5

# Backup

## Accuracy as function of num. training iterations

