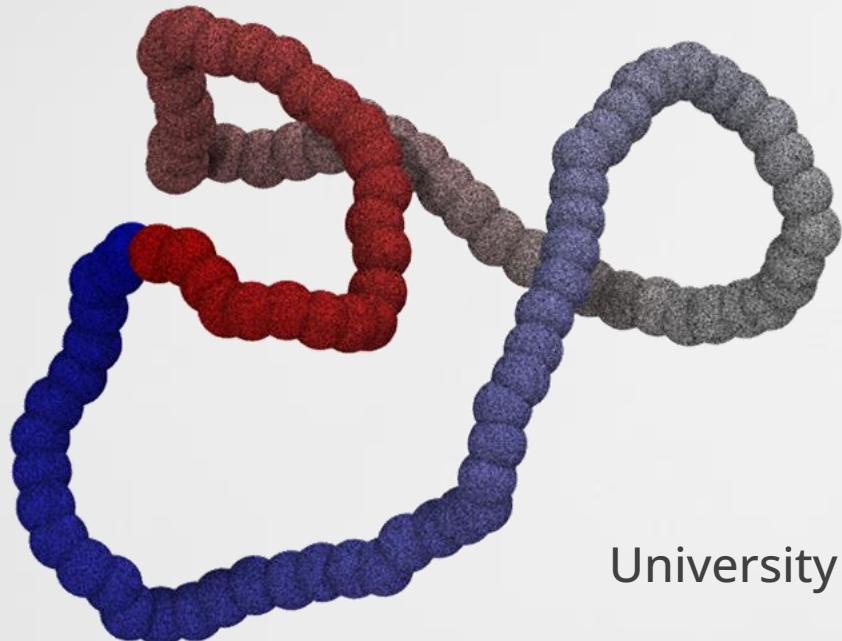


# Classification of Knots using Deep Learning

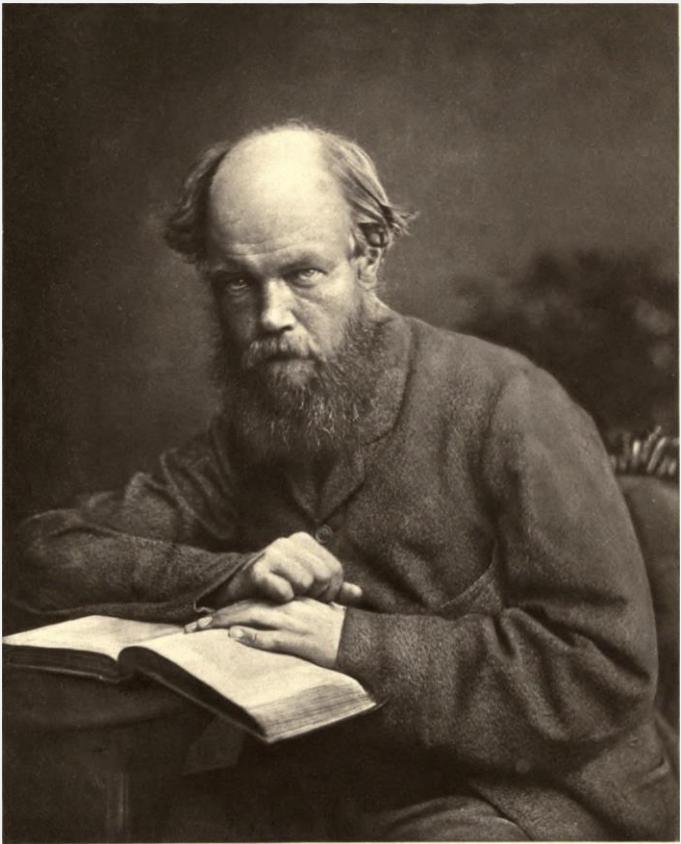


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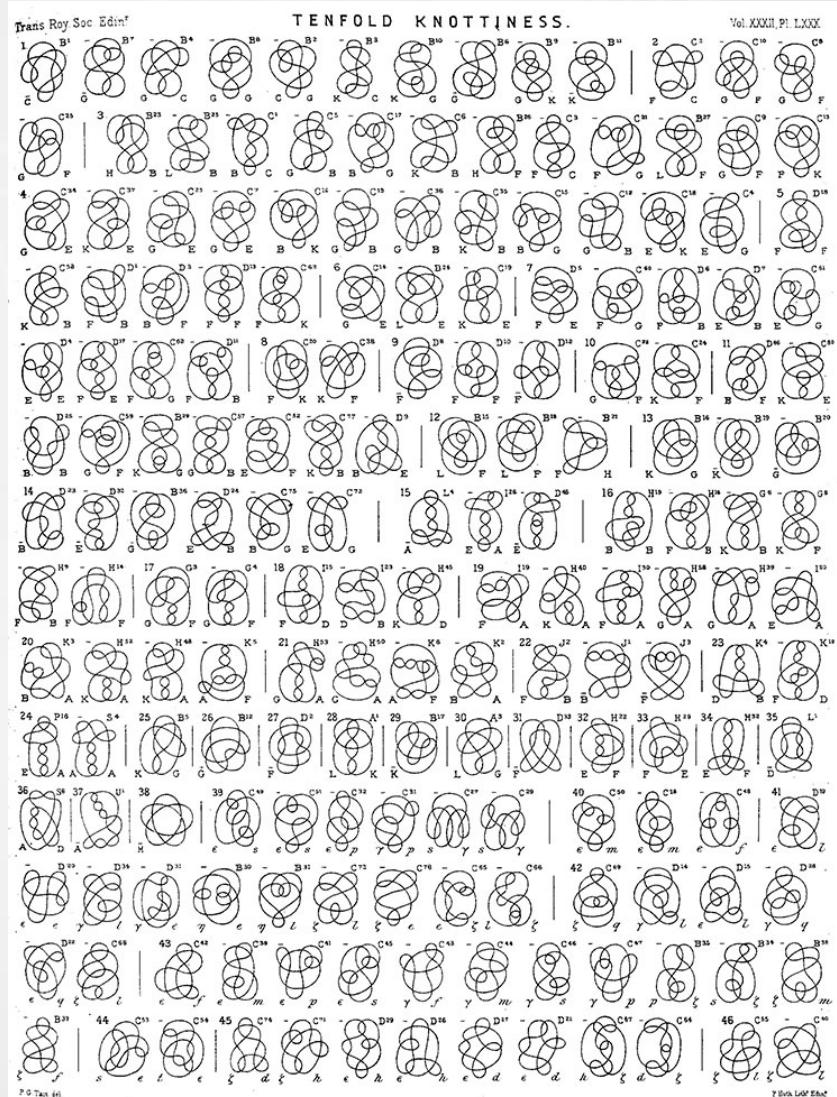
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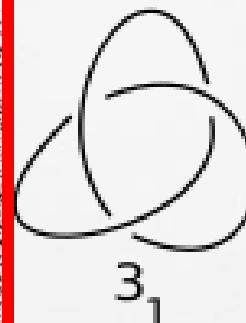
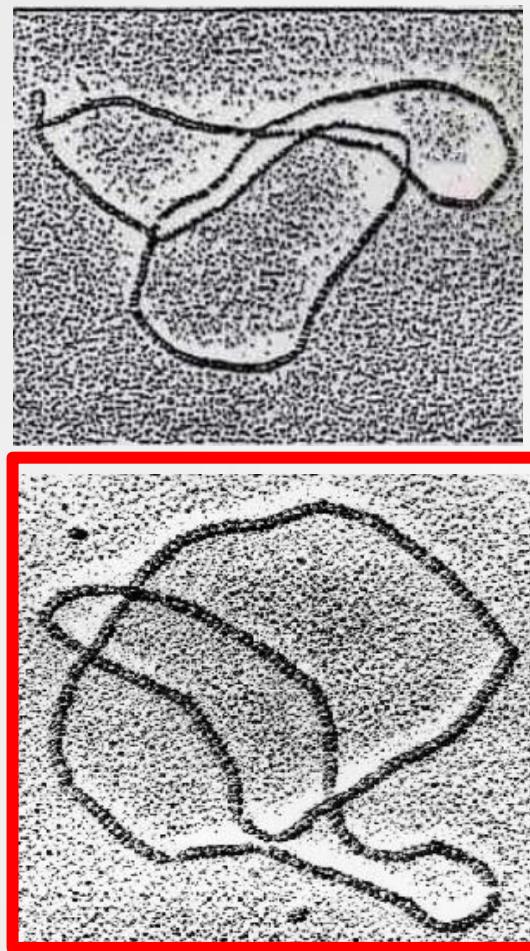
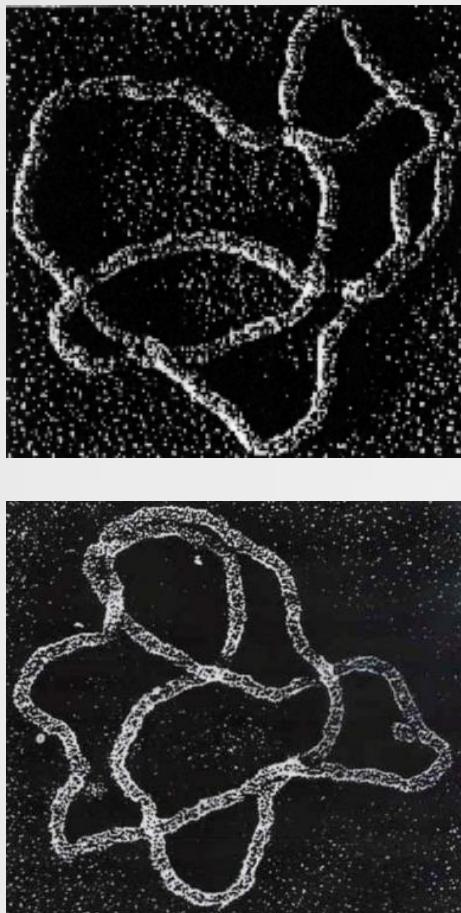
# Motivation



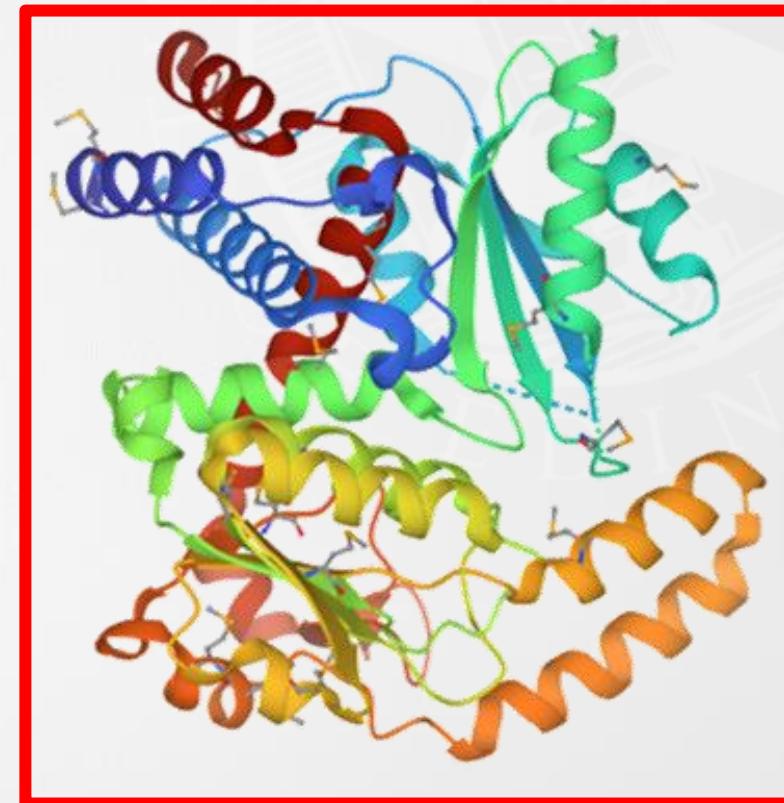
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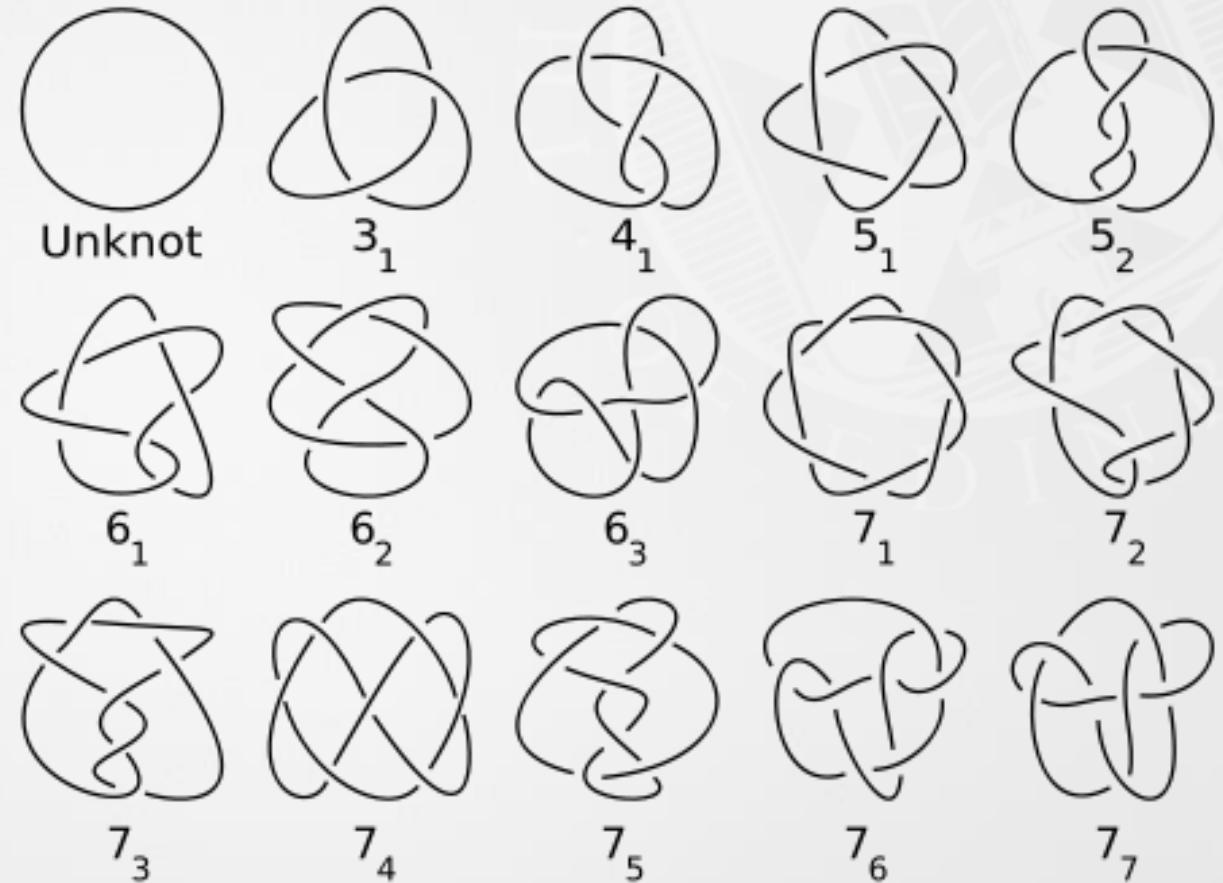
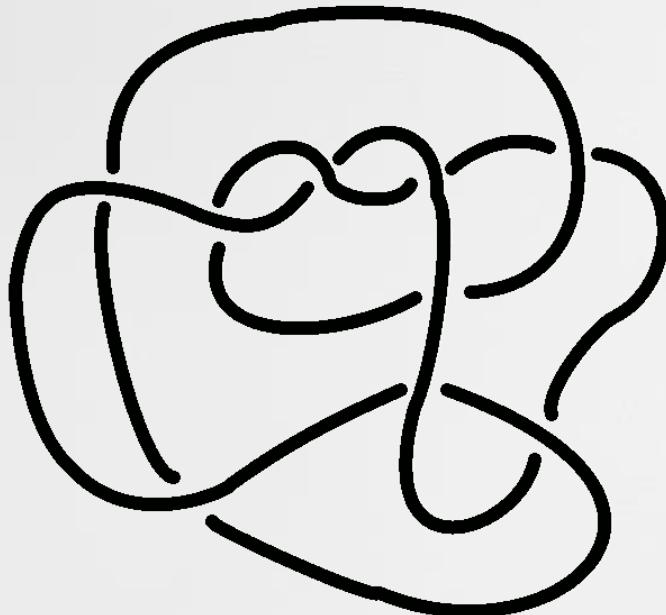
# Motivation



Structure of ygeW encoded protein from e. coli



# Knot Theory

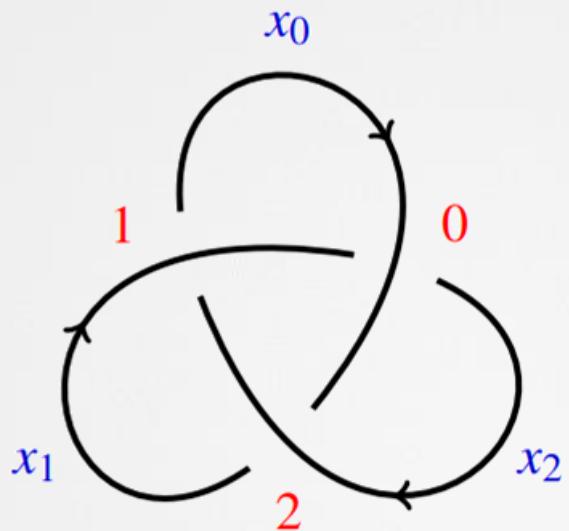


# Alexander Polynomial $\Delta(t)$

1.



2.

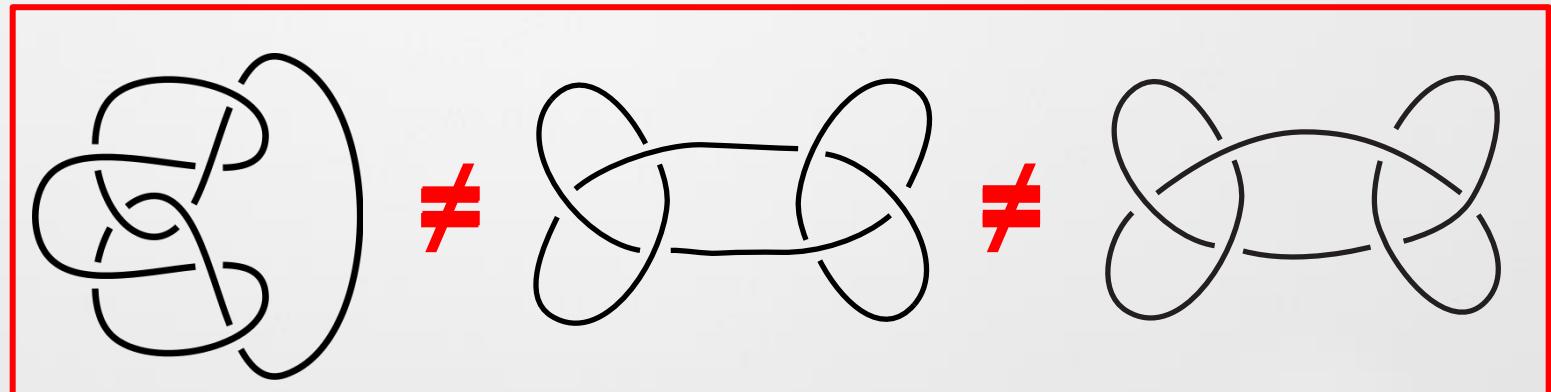


3.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1-t & t & -1 \\ -1 & 1-t & t \\ t & -1 & 1-t \end{pmatrix}$$

4.

$$\Delta_{3_1}(t) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1-t & t \\ -1 & 1-t \end{pmatrix} = (1-t)^2 + t = t^2 - t + 1$$

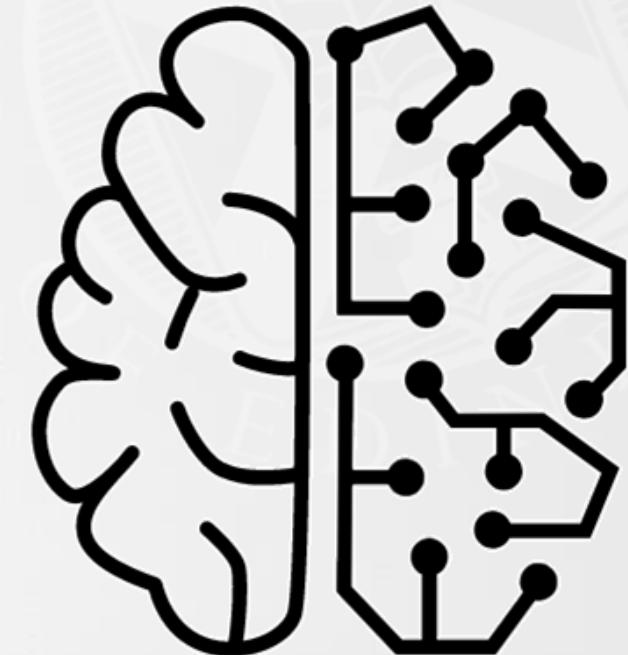


# Central Problem

There does not exist an algorithm that can uniquely identify different types of knots

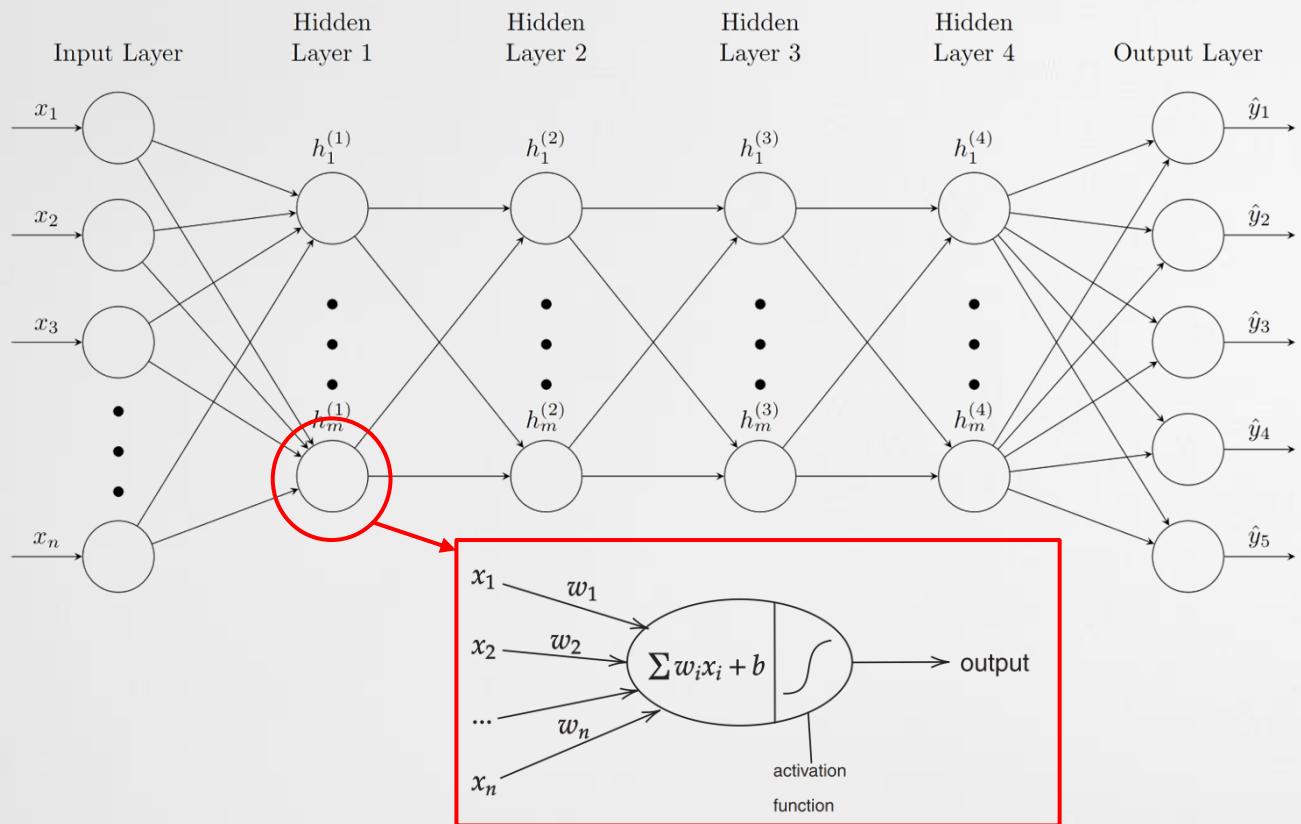
# Approach: Machine Learning

- The study and development of algorithms that **learn** from data in order to make **predictions** about new data
- Supervised Learning
  - Train model using **labelled** data
  - Classification or Regression tasks
- Score Function: Judges quality of fitted model
- Optimisation Method: Configure model parameters based on results of score function

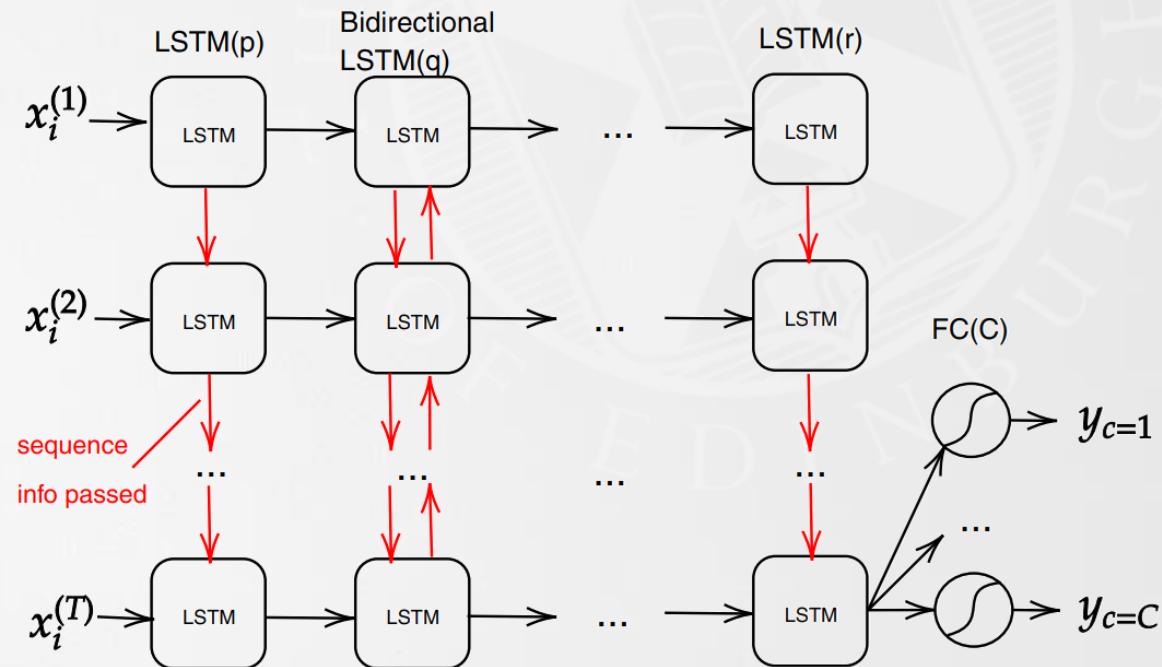


# Deep Learning

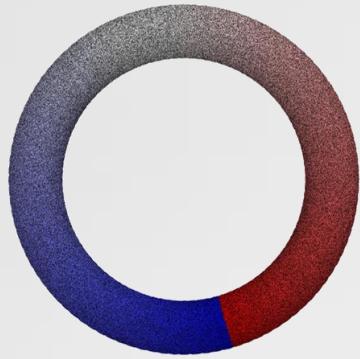
## Feed-Forward Neural Network (FFNN)



## Recurrent Neural Network (RNN)



# Knot Types



$0_1$

Unknot



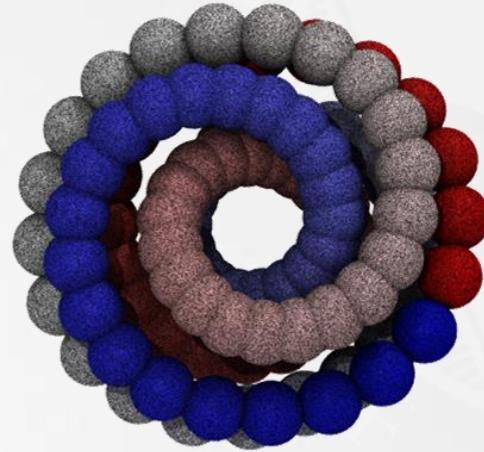
$3_1$

Trefoil Knot



$4_1$

Figure-Eight Knot



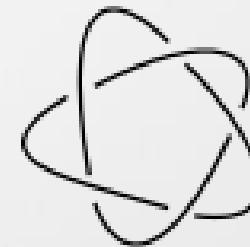
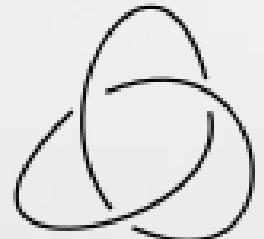
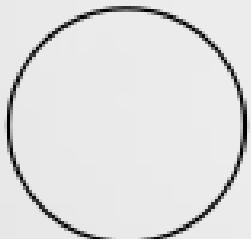
$5_1$

Pentafoil Knot

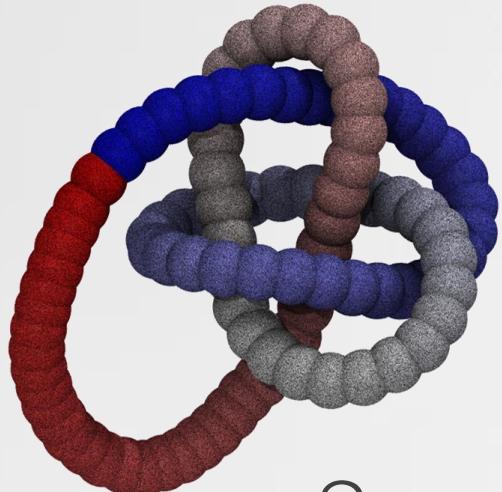


$5_2$

Three-twist Knot

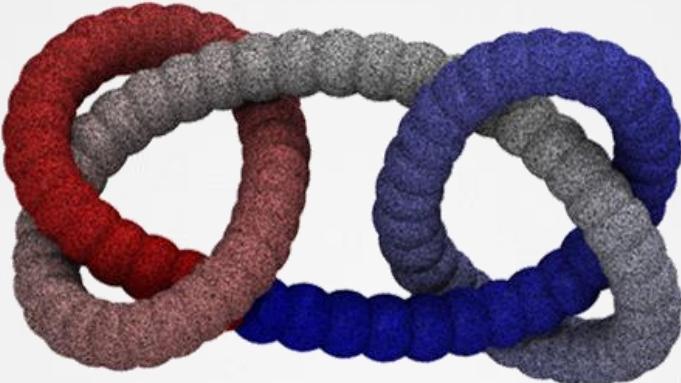


# Knot Equivalence



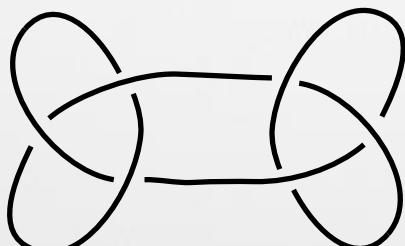
$8_{20}$

Pretzel Knot



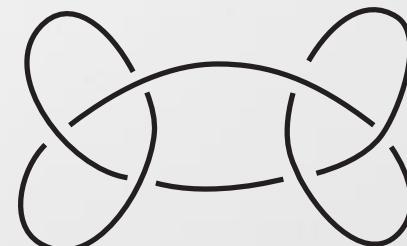
$3_1 \# 3_1$

Granny Knot



$3_1 \# 3_1$

Square Knot

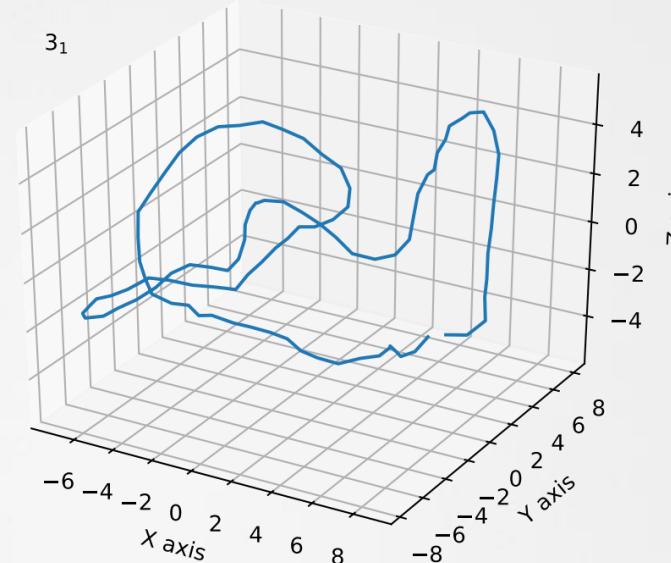


# Knot Descriptors

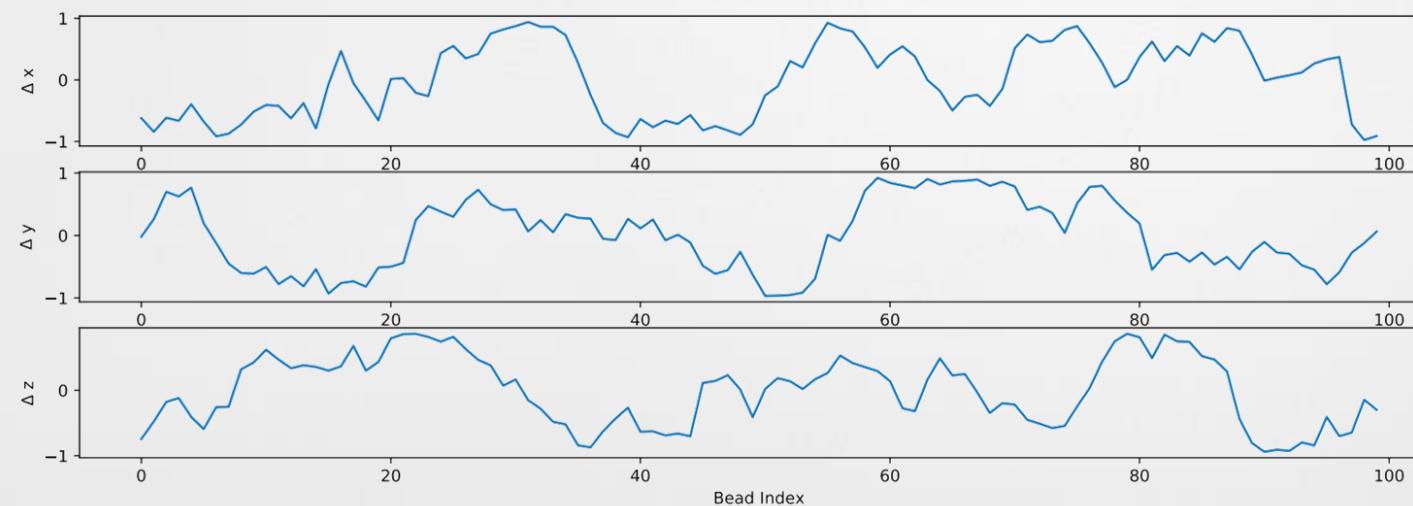
XYZ Coordinates



Adjacent Bead Distances

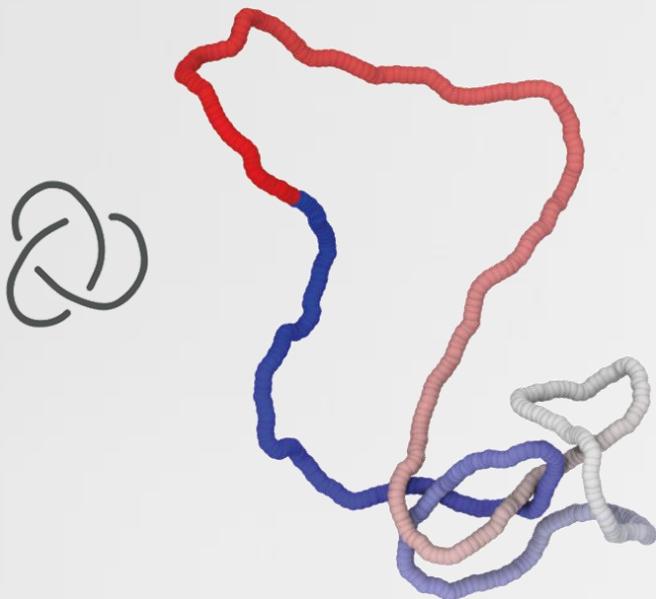


Global



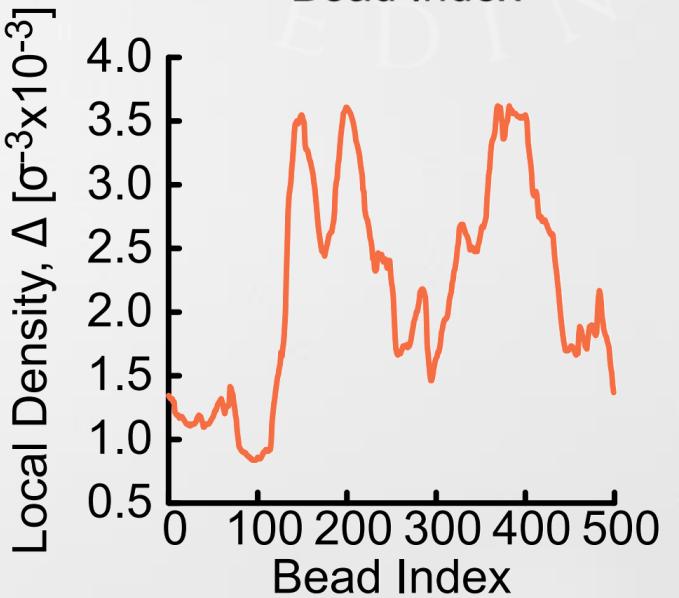
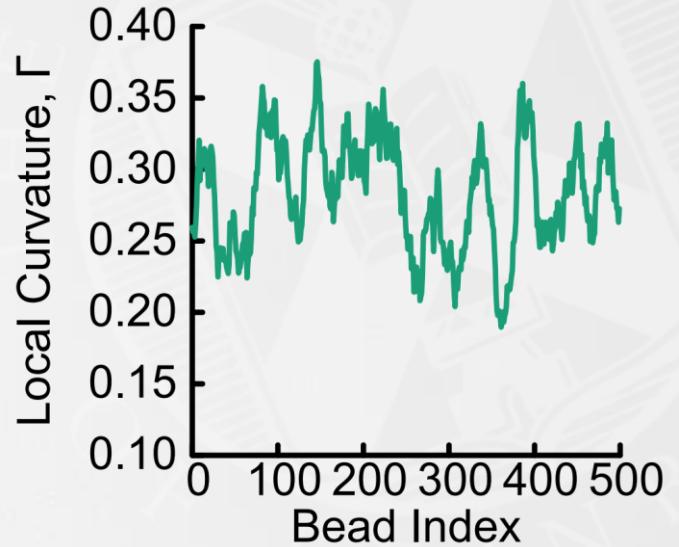
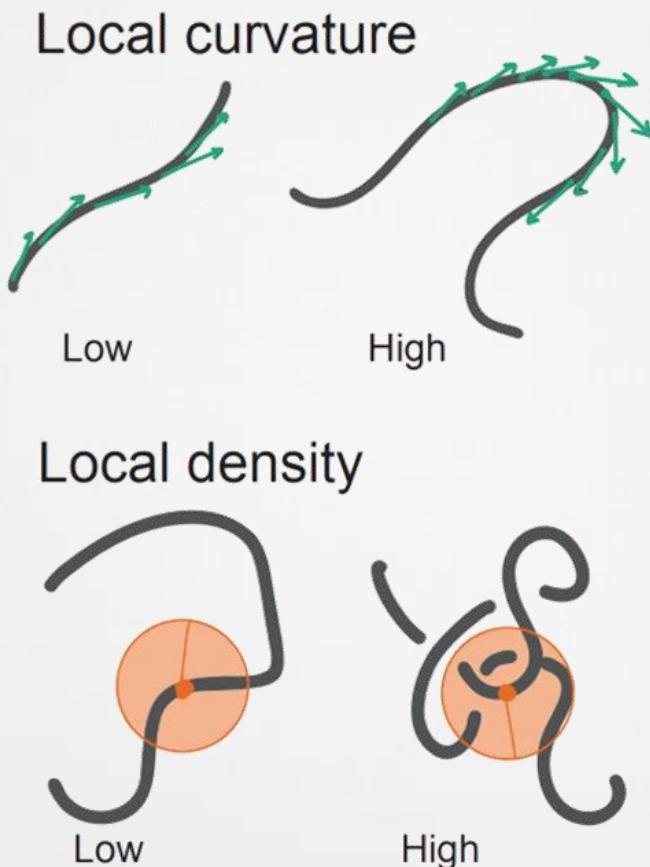
Local

# More Local Descriptors

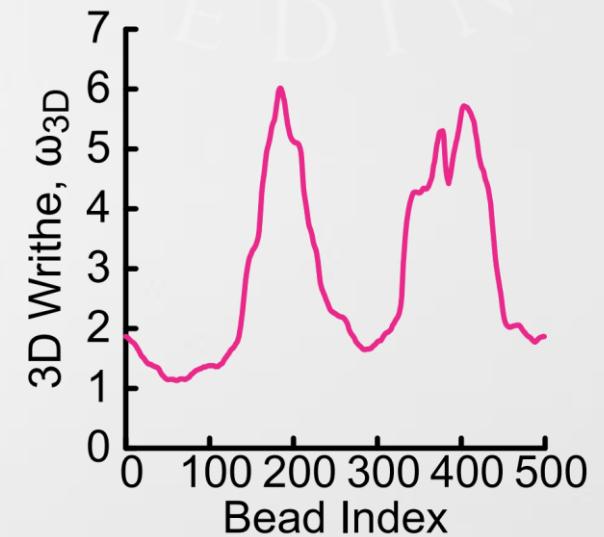
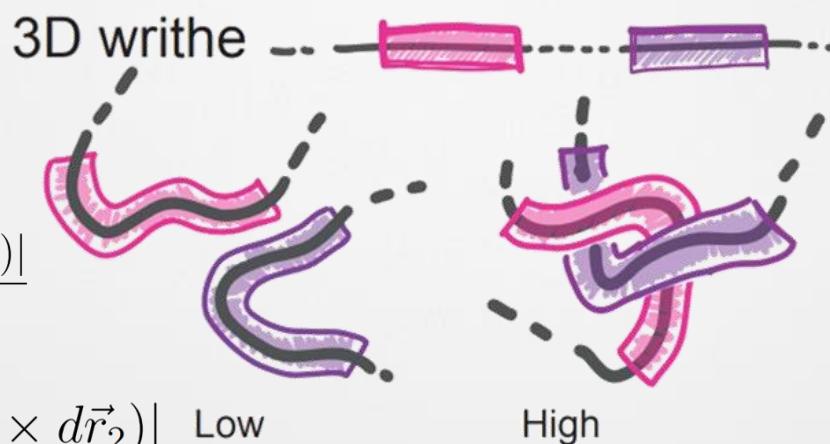
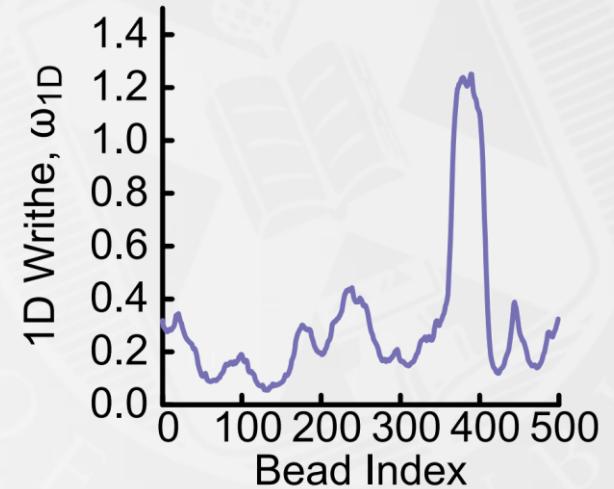
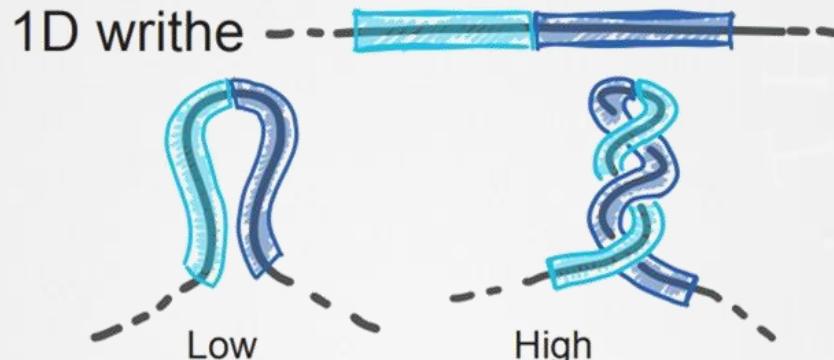
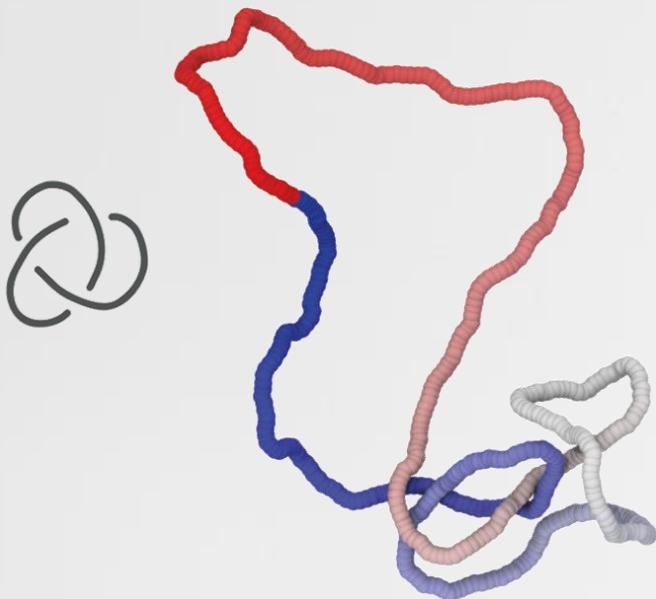


$$\Gamma_{LCi} = \arccos \left( \frac{\vec{t}_{i-1,i} \cdot \vec{t}_{i,i+1}}{|\vec{t}_{i-1,i}| |\vec{t}_{i,i+1}|} \right)$$

$$\Delta(i) = \frac{1}{V_{thresh}} \sum_{j \neq i}^N \Theta(r_{thresh} - |\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j|)$$



# More Local Descriptors

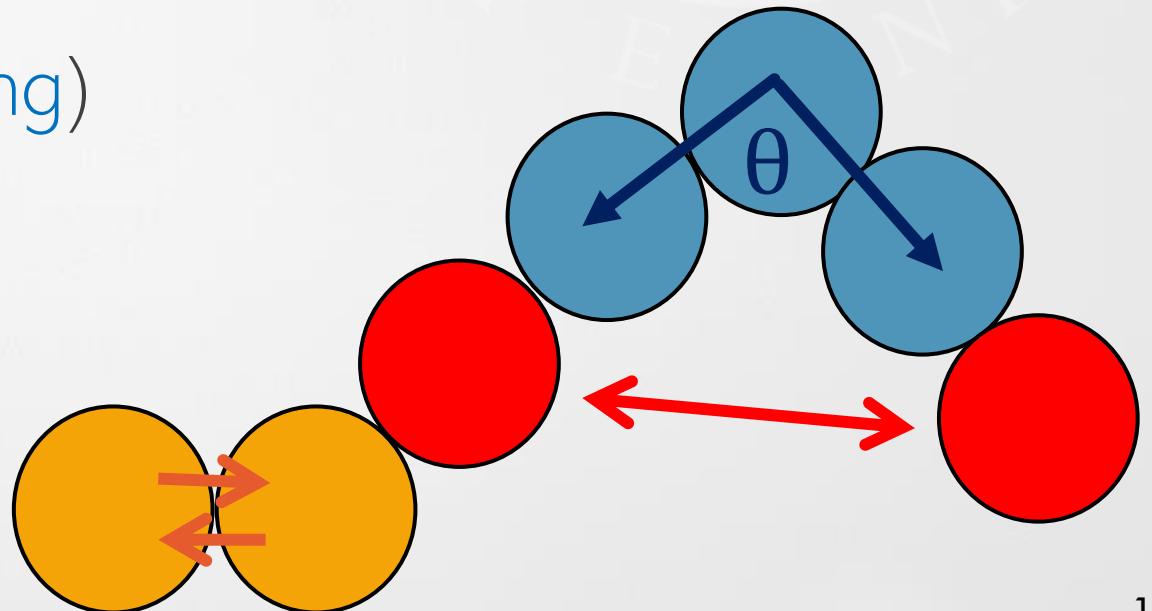


$$Wr_{1D}(k) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{k-\frac{d}{2}}^k \int_k^{k+\frac{d}{2}} C \frac{|(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) \cdot (d\vec{r}_1 \times d\vec{r}_2)|}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|^3}$$

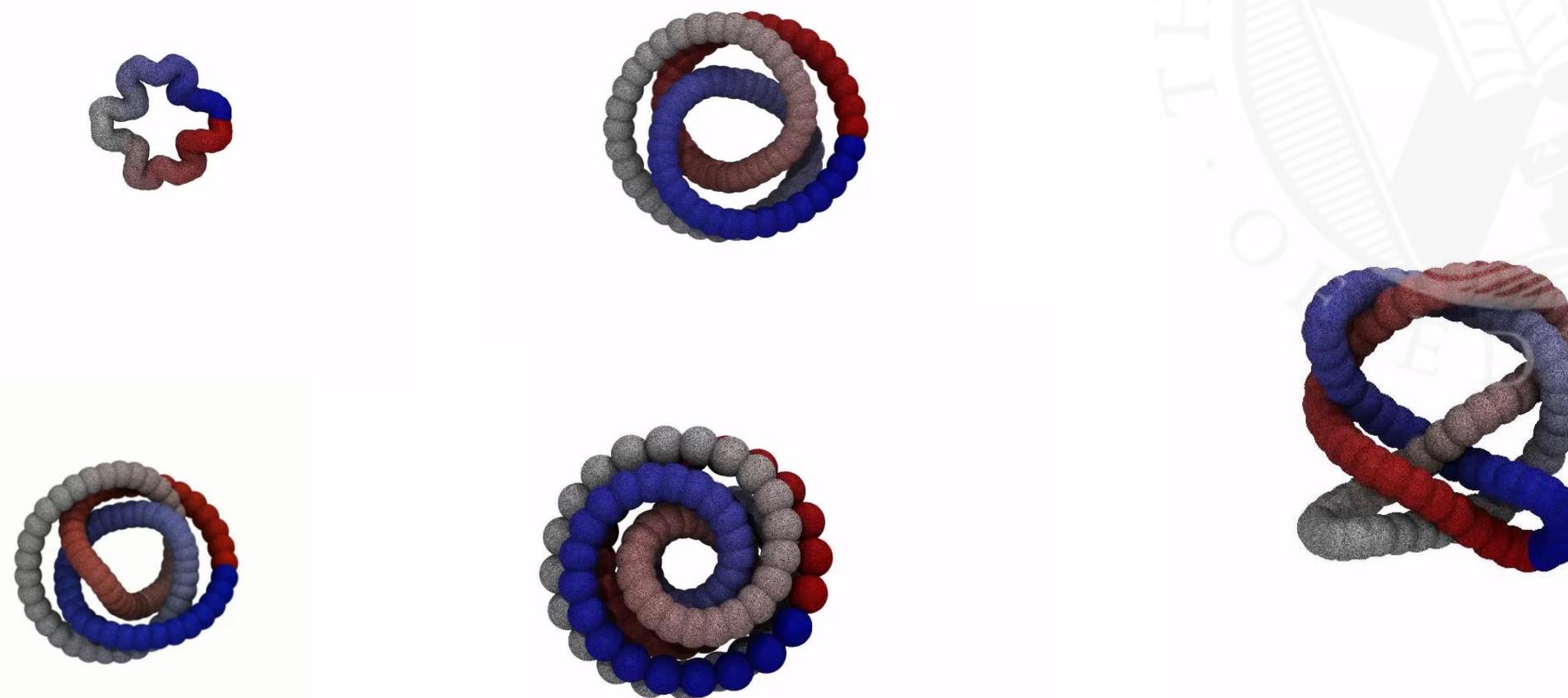
$$Wr_{3D}(k) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{k-\frac{d}{2}}^{k+\frac{d}{2}} \int_C \frac{|(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) \cdot (d\vec{r}_1 \times d\vec{r}_2)|}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|^3}$$

# Molecular Dynamics Simulations

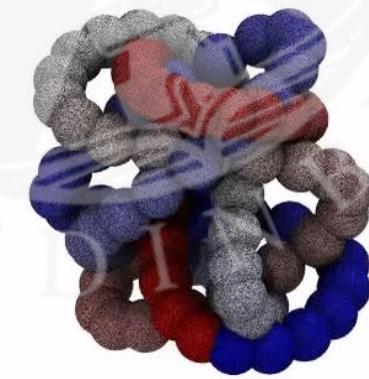
- Large Atomistic Many-body Molecular Physics Simulation (LAMMPS)
- Langevin Equation  $m\vec{a}(t) = -\gamma\vec{v}(t) + \vec{\eta}(t)\sqrt{2\gamma k_B T} - \vec{\nabla}\phi(r)$
- Potentials (L-J, bead-spring, bending)
- $N_{\text{beads}} = 100$



# Molecular Dynamics Simulations



# Molecular Dynamics Simulation





# Training

Data

1,000,000 knots per type  
100 or 300 dimensions each

Labels

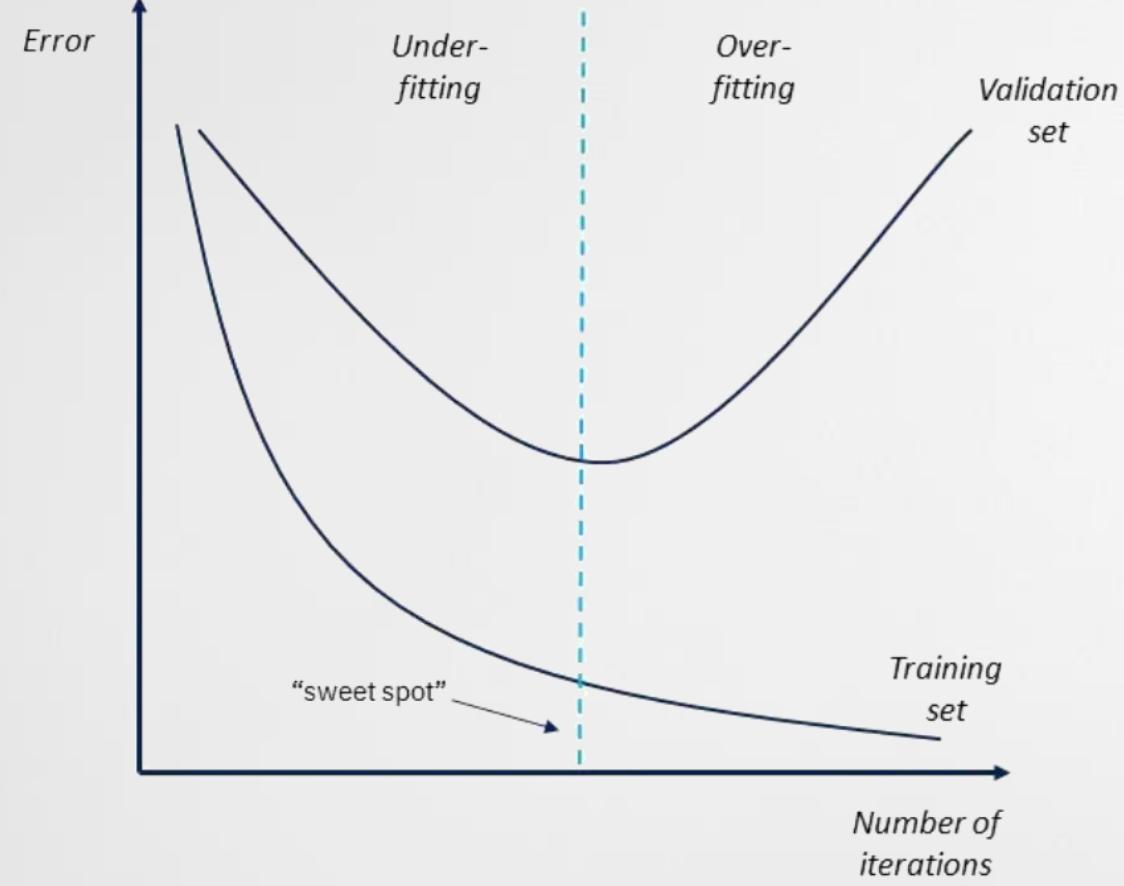
Knot Type

Training-Validation-  
Testing Split

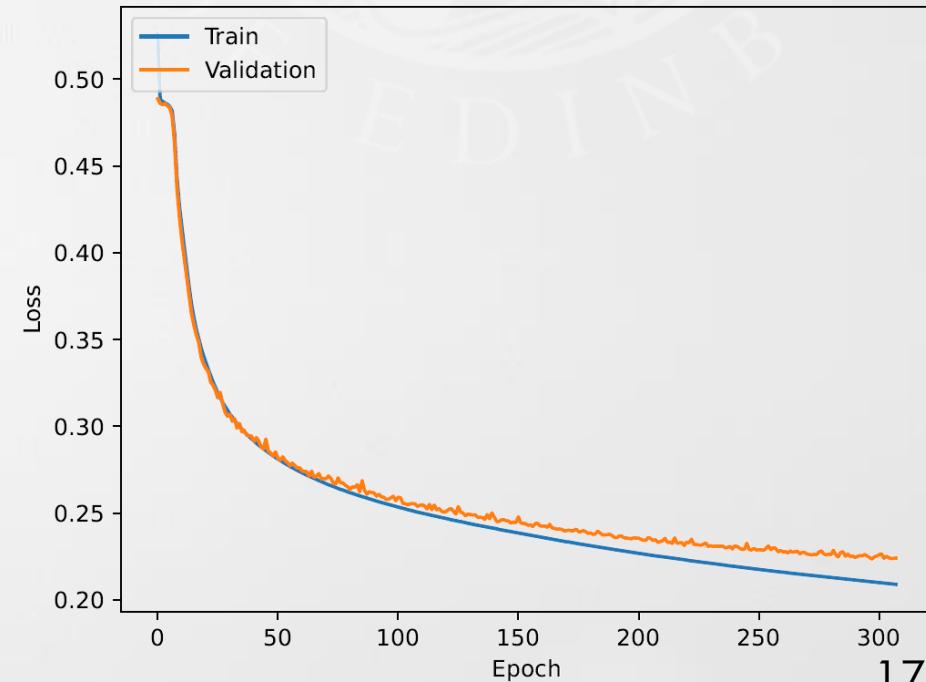
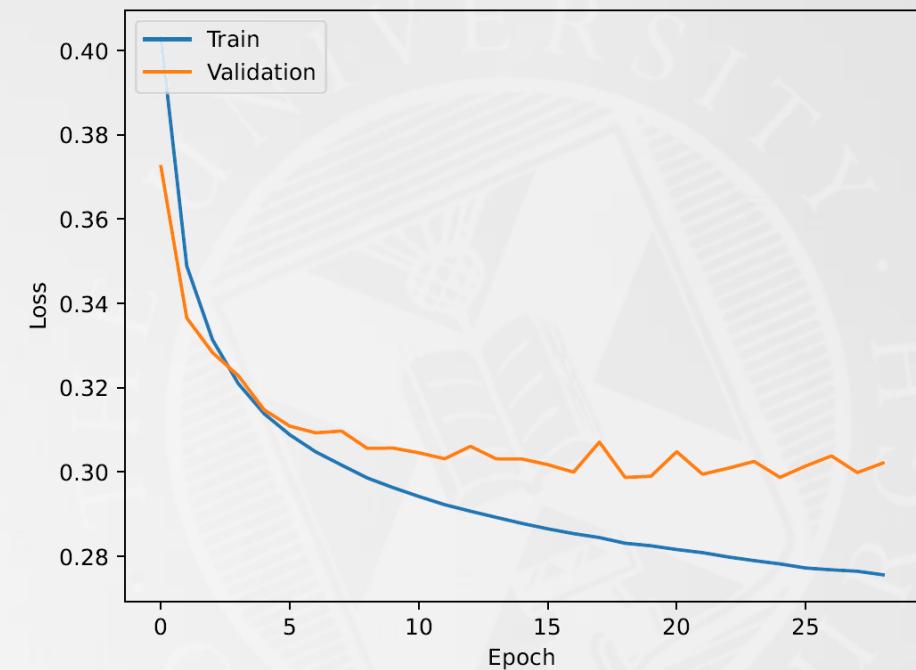
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# Early Stopping

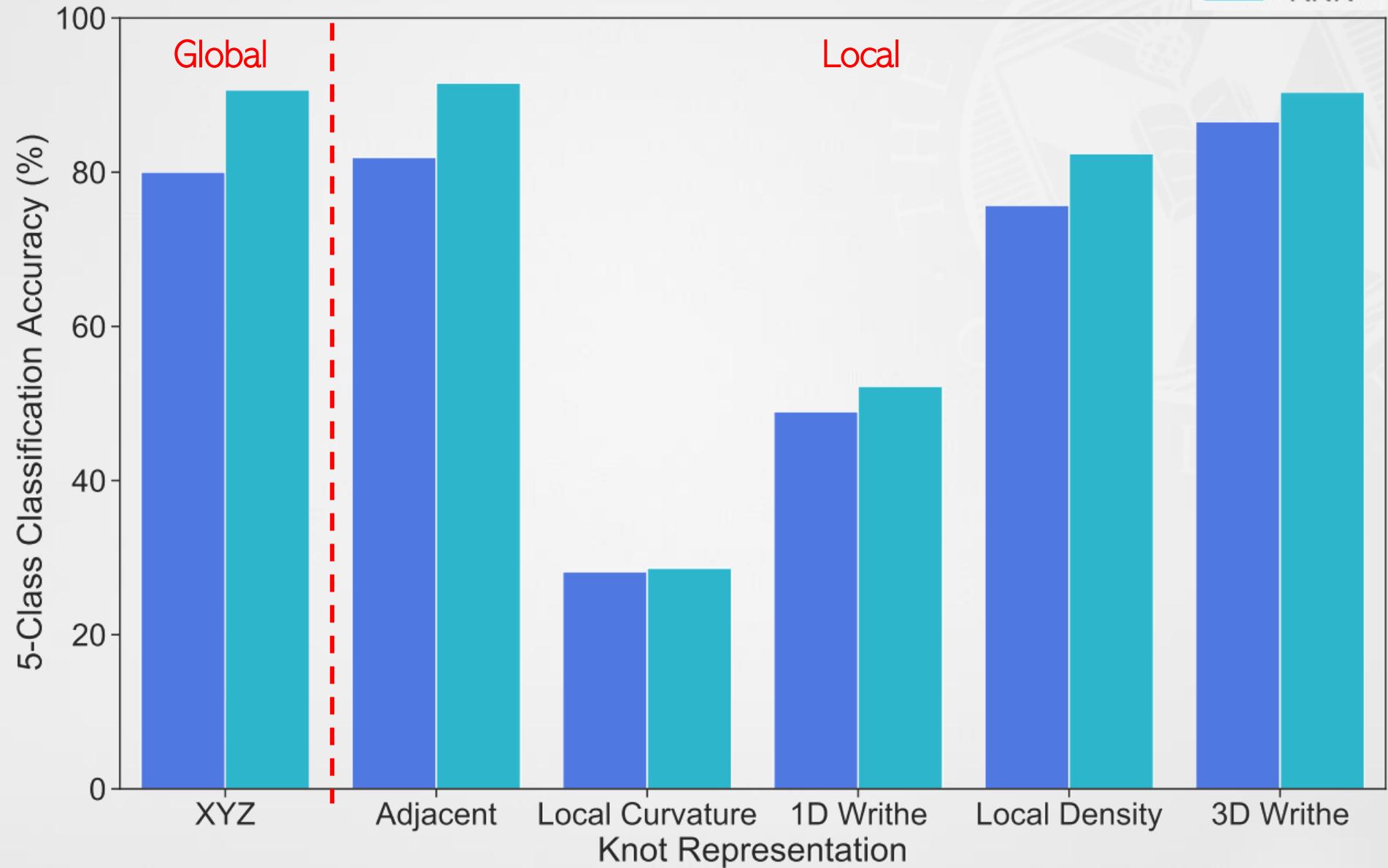


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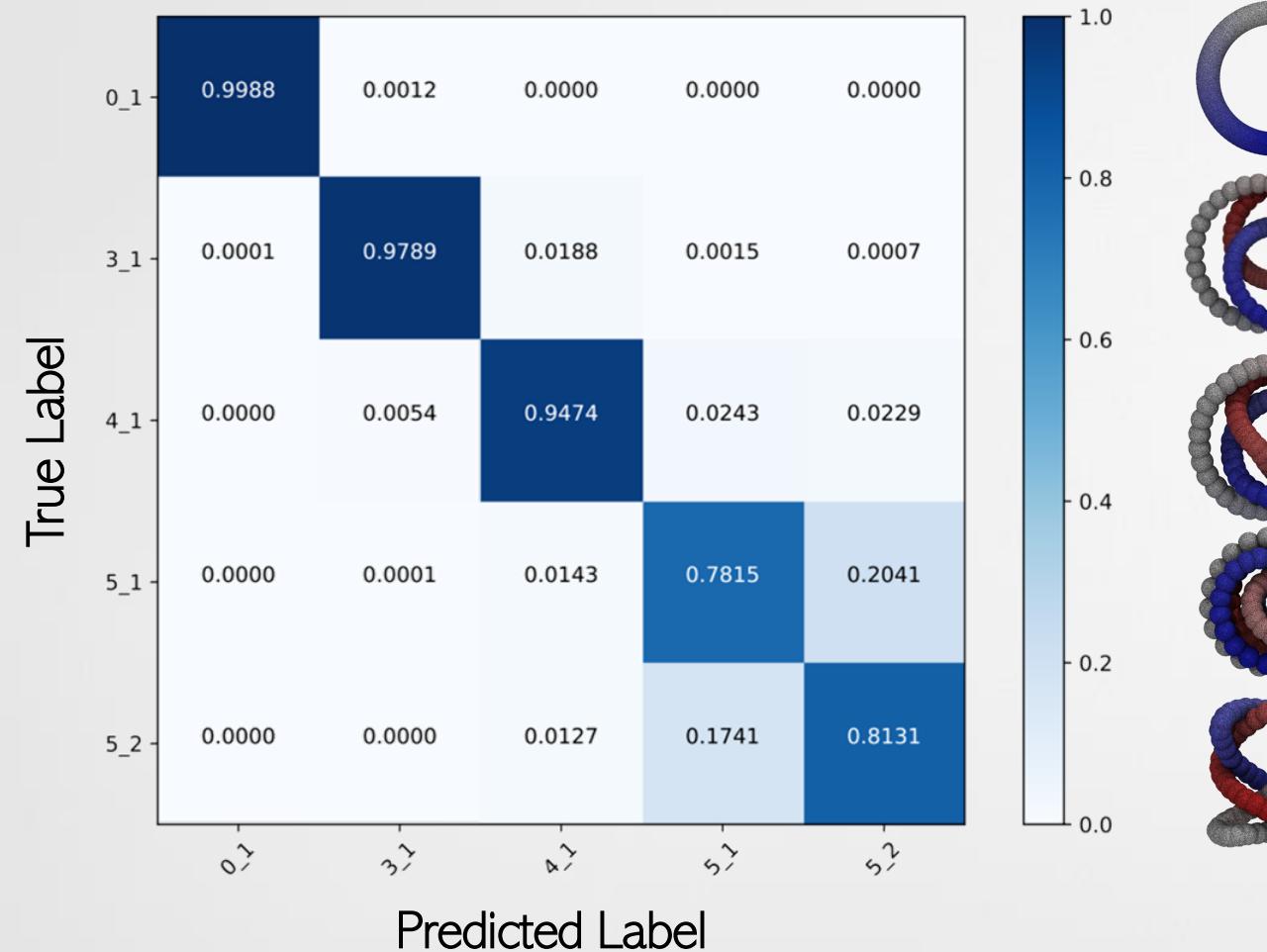
# 5-Knot Classification

FFNN  
RNN

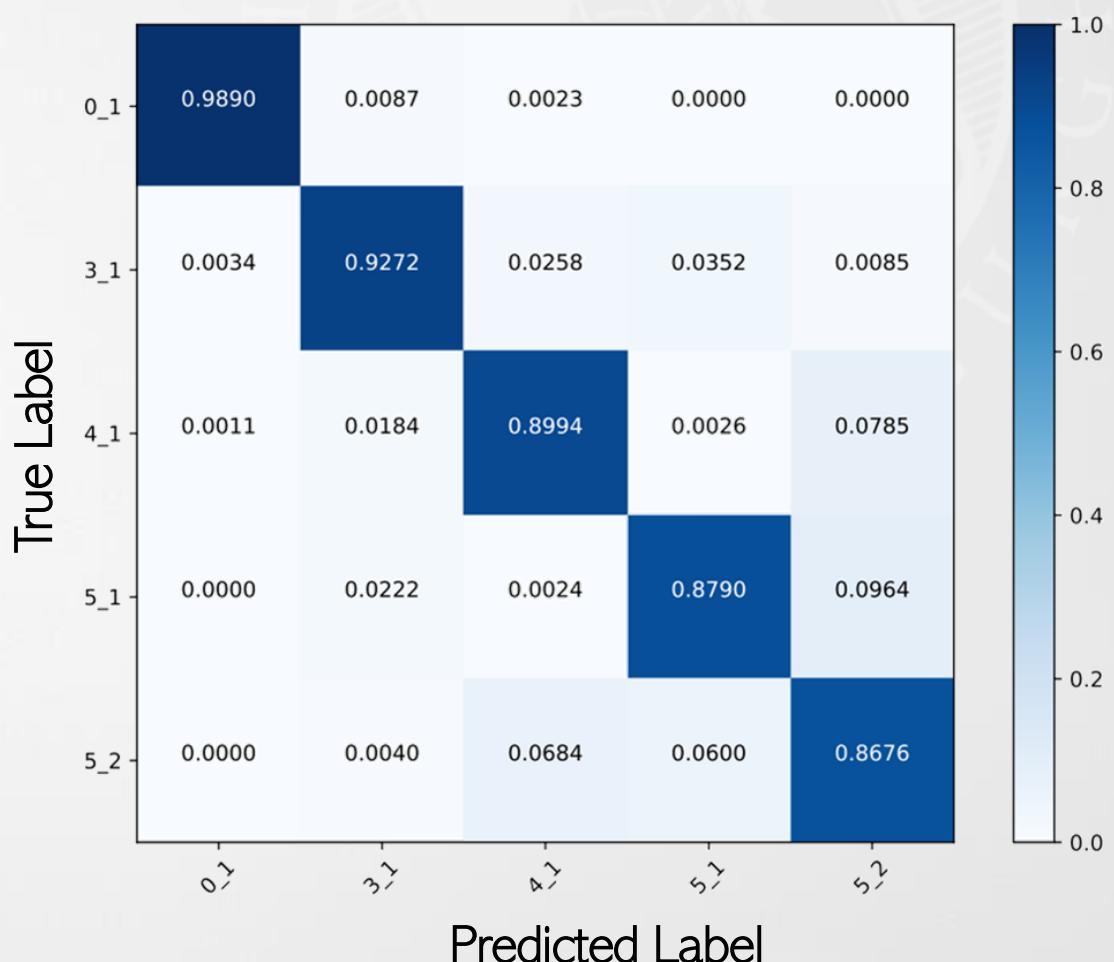


# 5-Knot Classification

RNN – Normalised 3D Writhe: **90.4%**

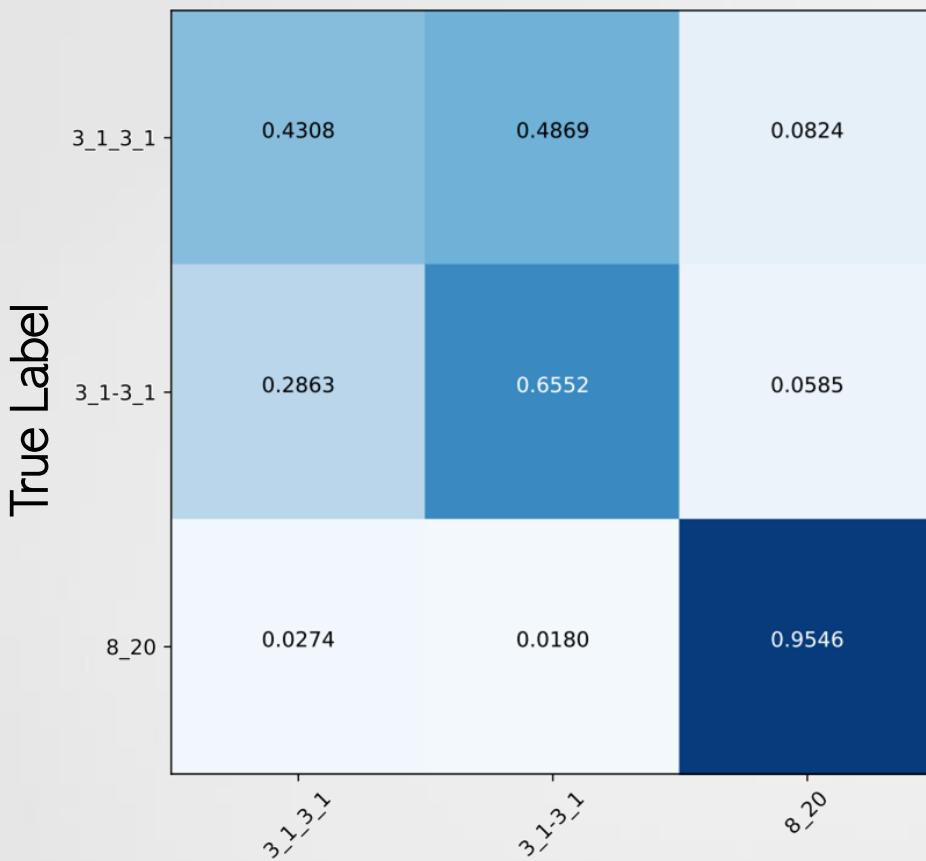


RNN – Normalised Adjacent: **91.2%**

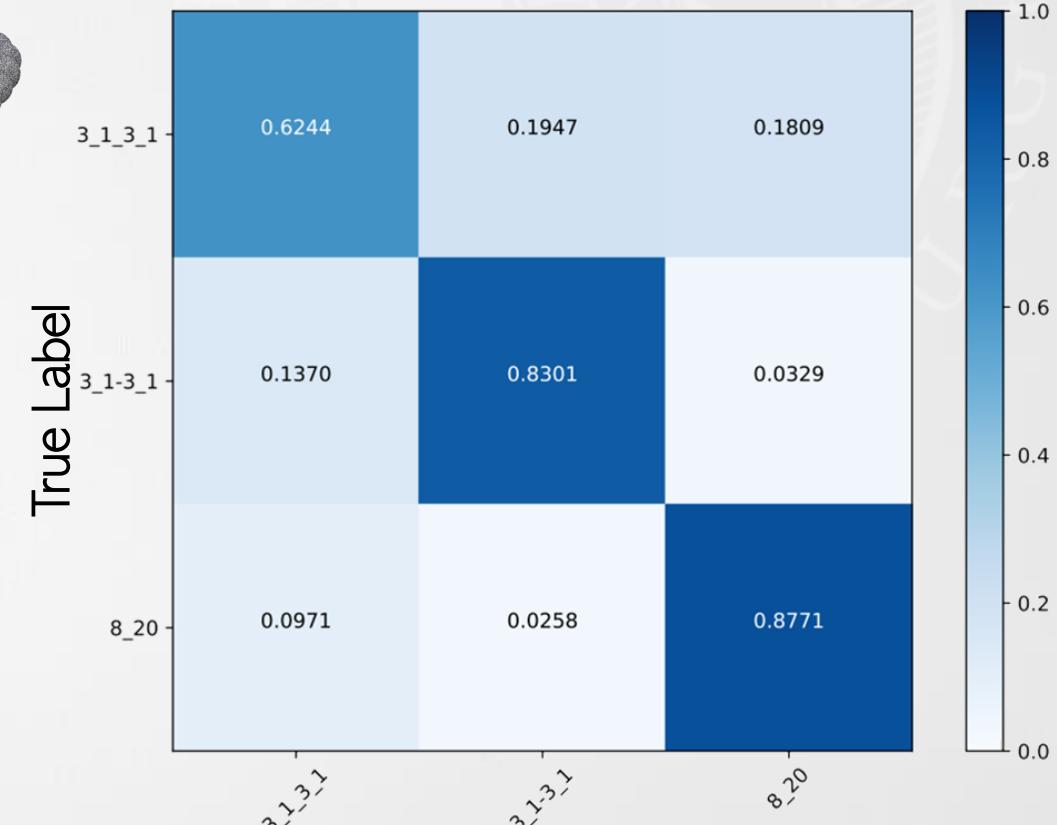


# Knot Equivalence Classification

Normalised 3D Writhe: **68.0%**



XYZ Coordinates: **77.7%**



Predicted Label

# Conclusions & Future Work

- Machines can learn knot topology via geometric descriptors
- Sequentiality of the knot informs global topology
- Different-sized polymers ( $N_{\text{beads}} = 250, 500, 1000$ )
- Different Deep Learning models (Generative Adversarial Networks)
- Data fusion

