

# Scientific Applications of the metatensor Ecosystem

Flash talks by multiple speakers



# ShiftML 2.5: Fast shielding predictions for organic solids

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COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE AND MODELING

# LRM

Laboratory of Magnetic Resonance

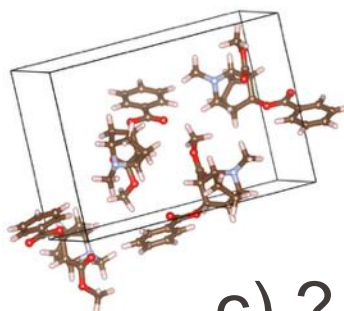
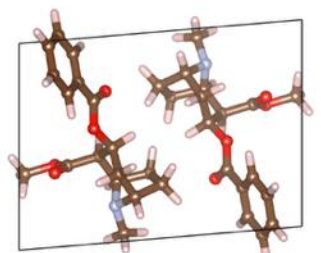
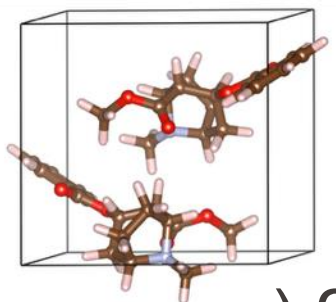
# NMR crystallography

Experimental  
Solid state  
NMR

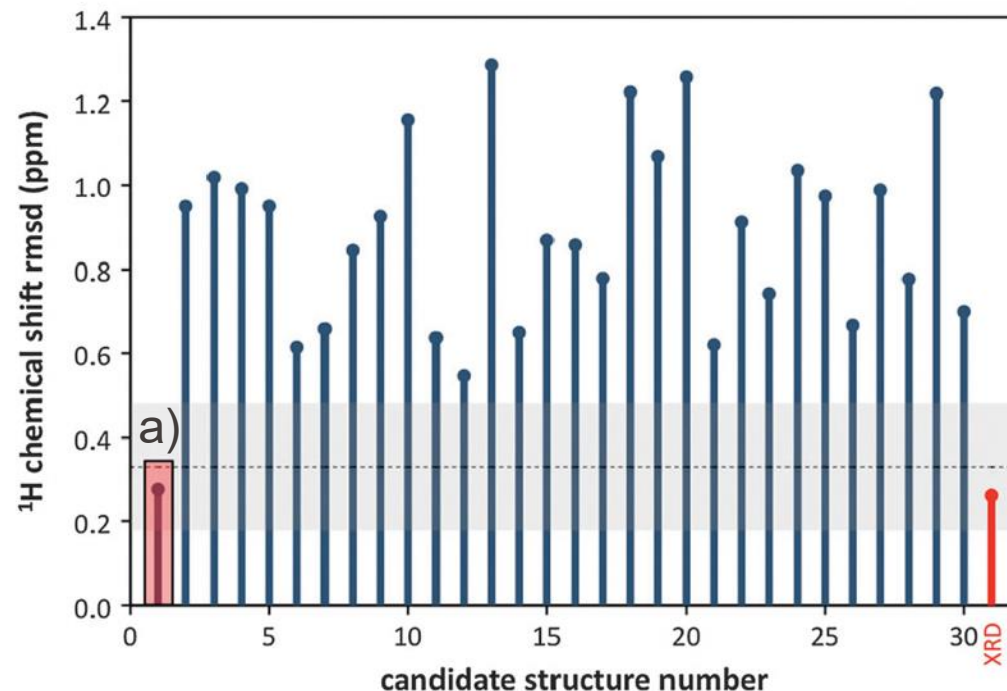
ShiftML2.5:

Fast ShiftML  
prediction-  
model

Structure  
generation



Compare ab initio shielding calculations (GIPAW) with Experimentally measured ones and choose candidate that agrees most.



Advantages over XRD  
crystallography?

- Works with powdered samples
- And amorphous drug formulations

# How does metatensor help?

- 1) ML-Models for tensorial properties (metatrain)
- 2) Deploy models (metatomic)

```
from ase.build import bulk
from shiftml.ase import ShiftML

frame = bulk("C", "diamond", a=3.566)
model = ShiftML("ShiftML3")

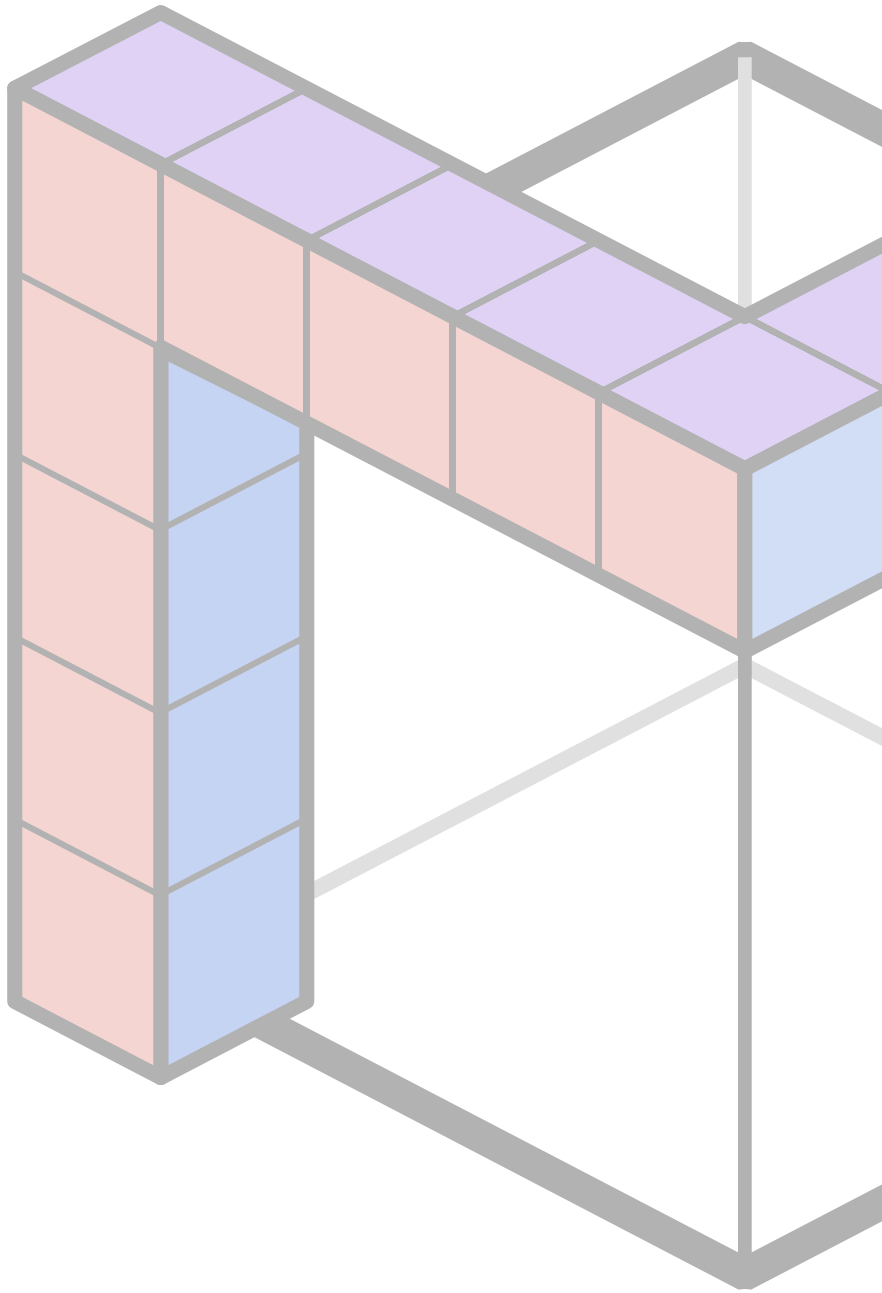
Ypred = model.get_cs_tensor(frame)
```

*Deploy model and  
make it installable on  
various operating  
systems and  
architectures!*

PyPI release soon:



lab-cosmo/ShiftML

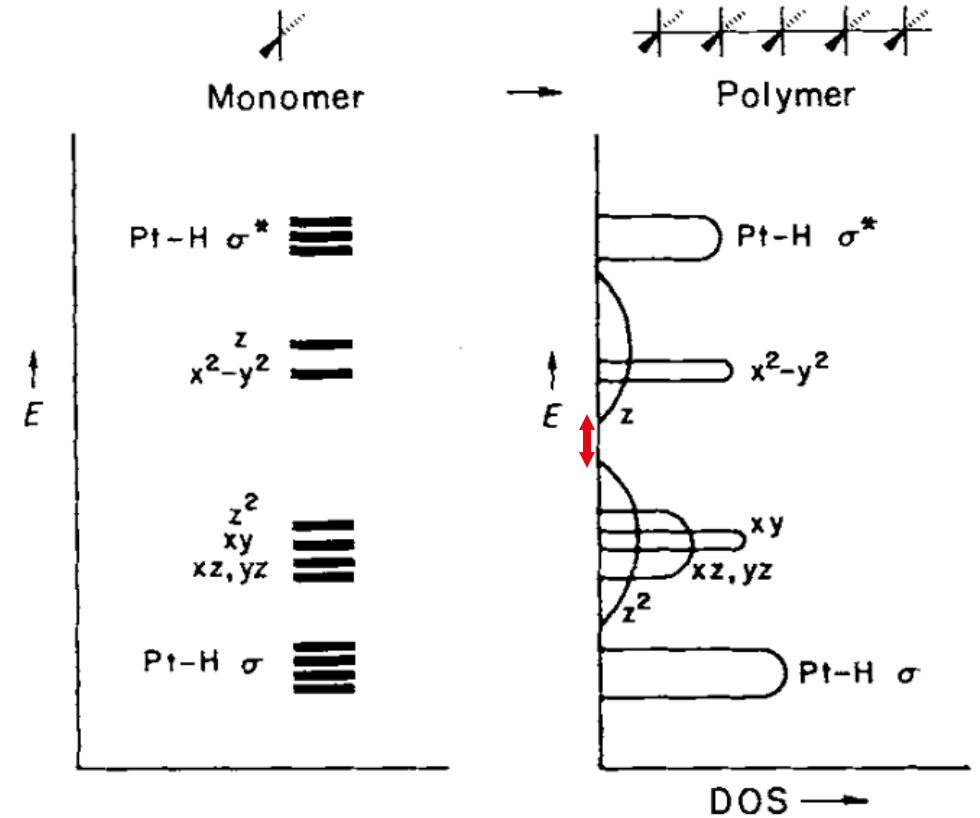


# Machine Learning the Electronic Density of States

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# Density of States

- Bulk analogue to energy levels in discrete molecules
- Useful for predicting and explaining the optoelectronic properties of materials
  - Bandgaps – Optical absorption and conductivity
  - Electronic heat capacity

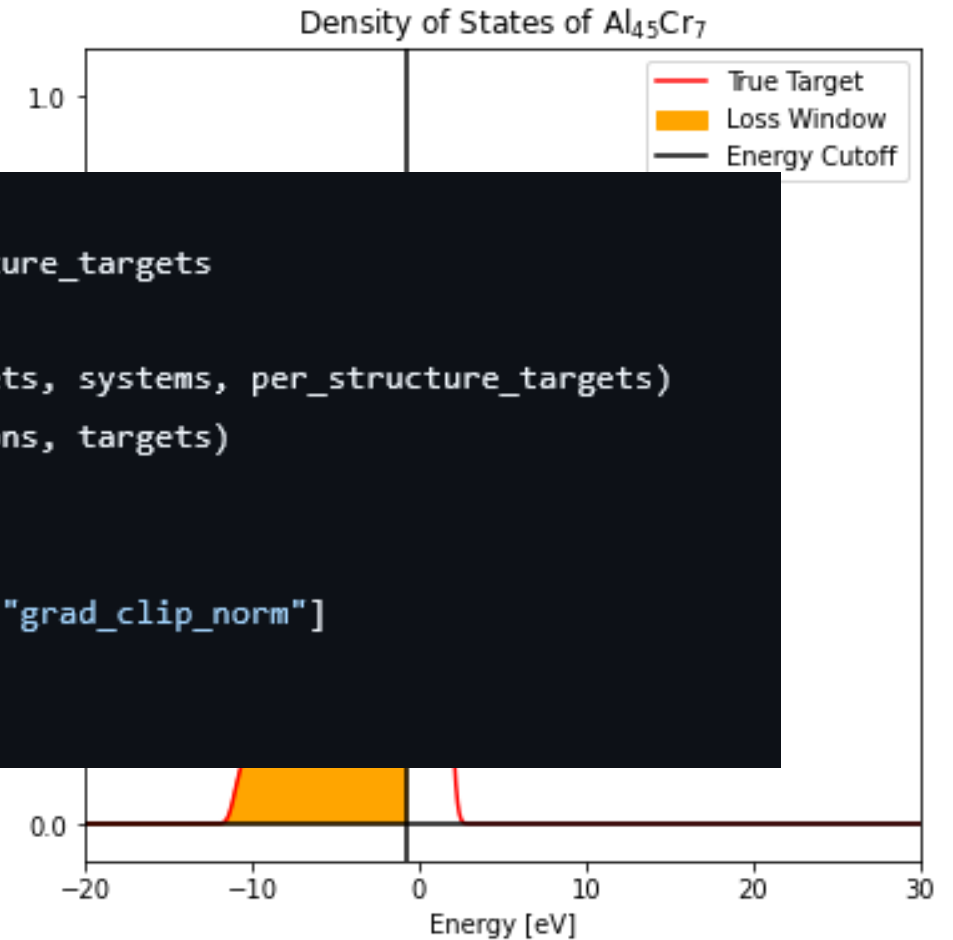


# Density of States

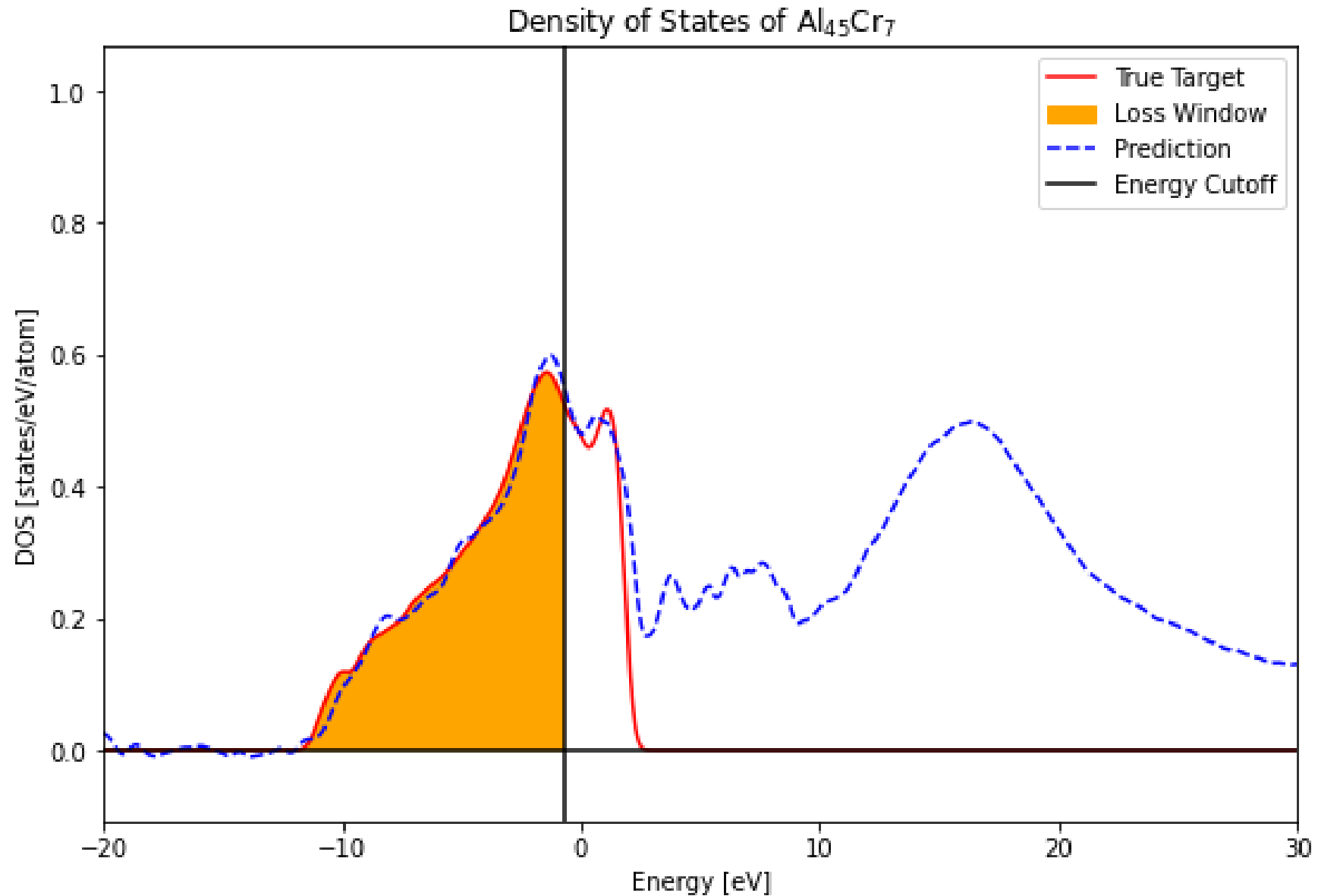
## ■ Multi-target regression problem

```
337         predictions = average_by_num_atoms(  
338             predictions, systems, per_structure_targets  
339         )  
340         targets = average_by_num_atoms(targets, systems, per_structure_targets)  
341     \ train_loss_batch = loss_fn(predictions, targets)  
342     | train_loss_batch.backward()  
343     torch.nn.utils.clip_grad_norm_  
344         model.parameters(), self.hypers["grad_clip_norm"]  
345     )  
346     optimizer.step()
```

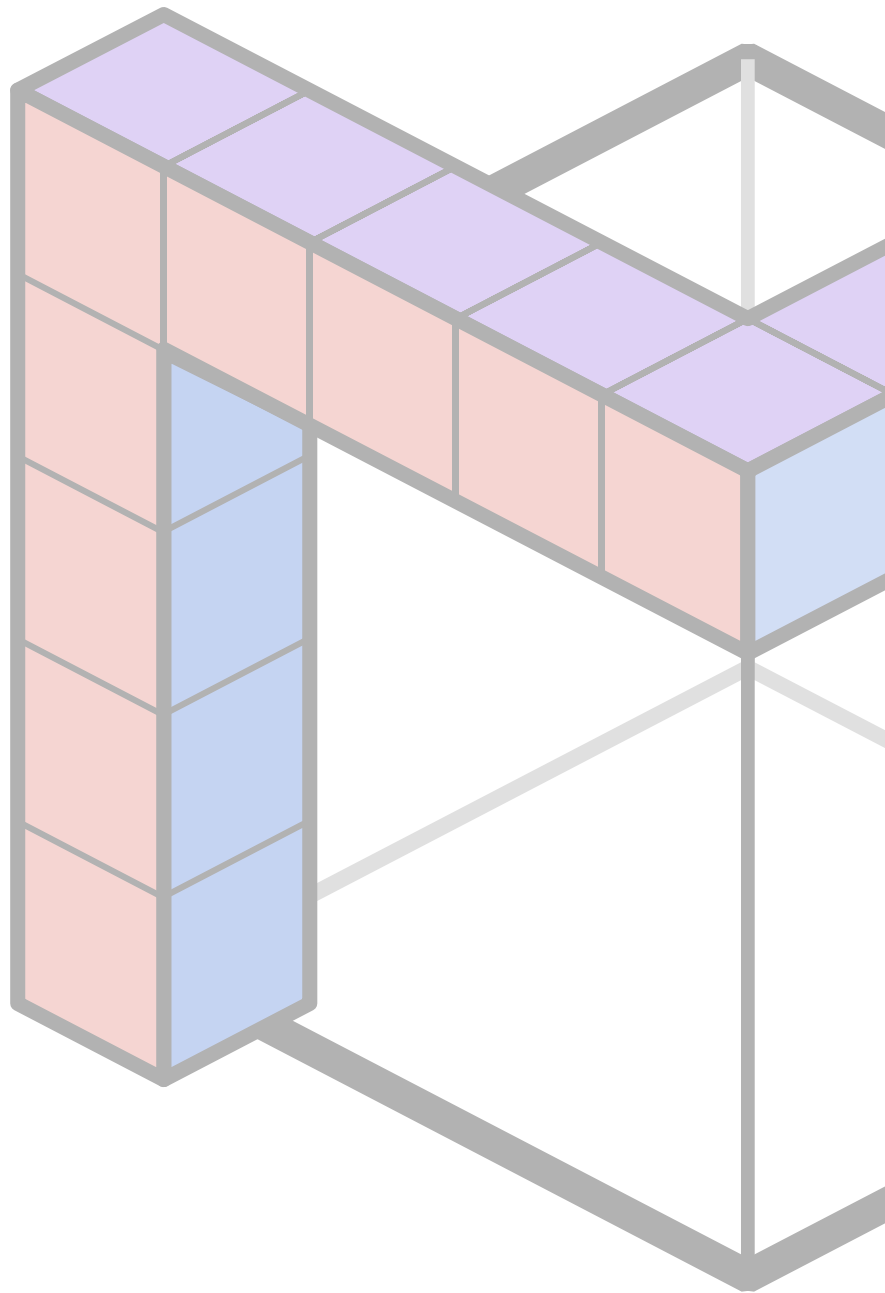
- Customizable evaluation window
- Overcomes finite eigenvalue issue
- Crucial for highly diverse datasets



# Density of States







# The $\lambda$ -MCoV model (Maximally Coupled Vector)

Michelangelo Domina

Together with:



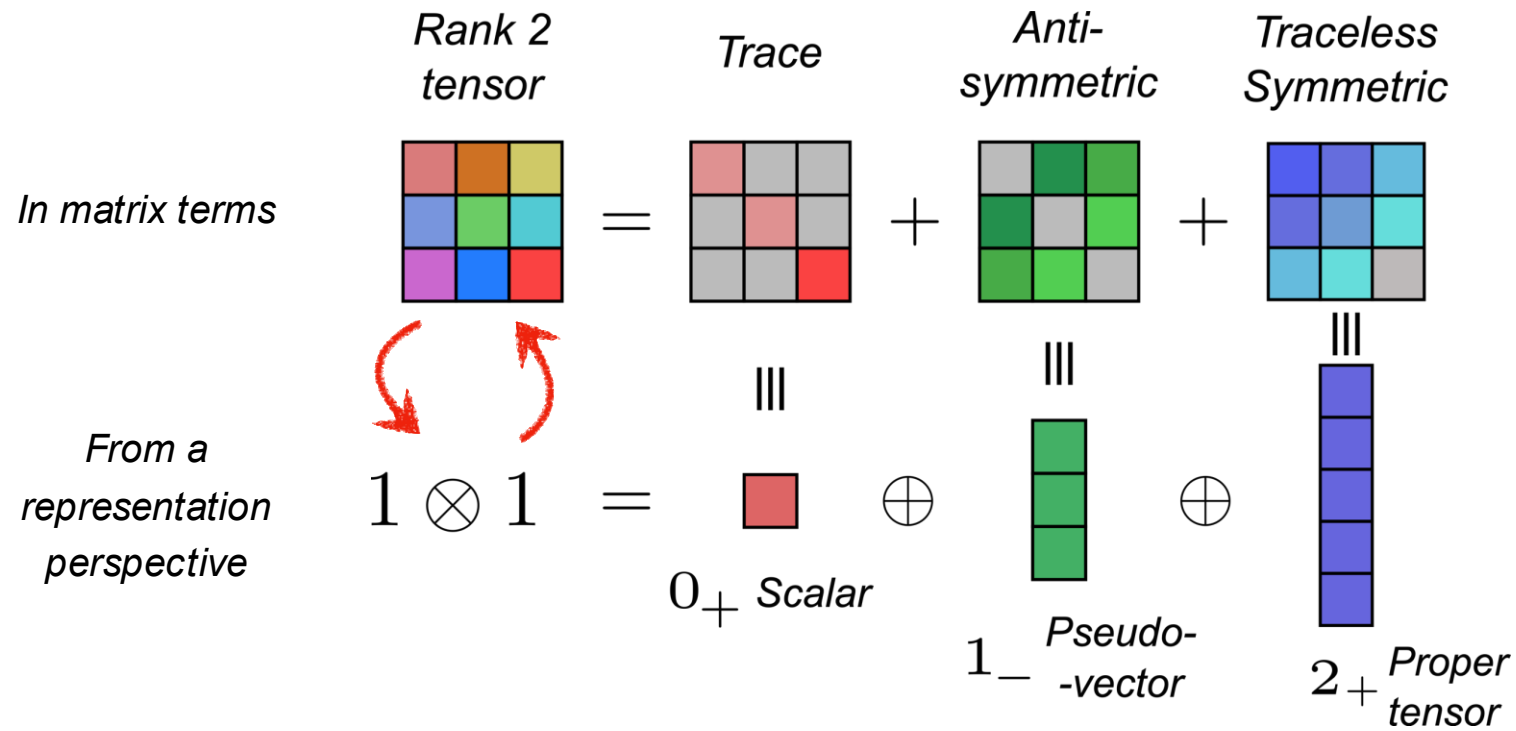
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# Our targets: irreducible tensors

## A rank 2 (Cartesian) example

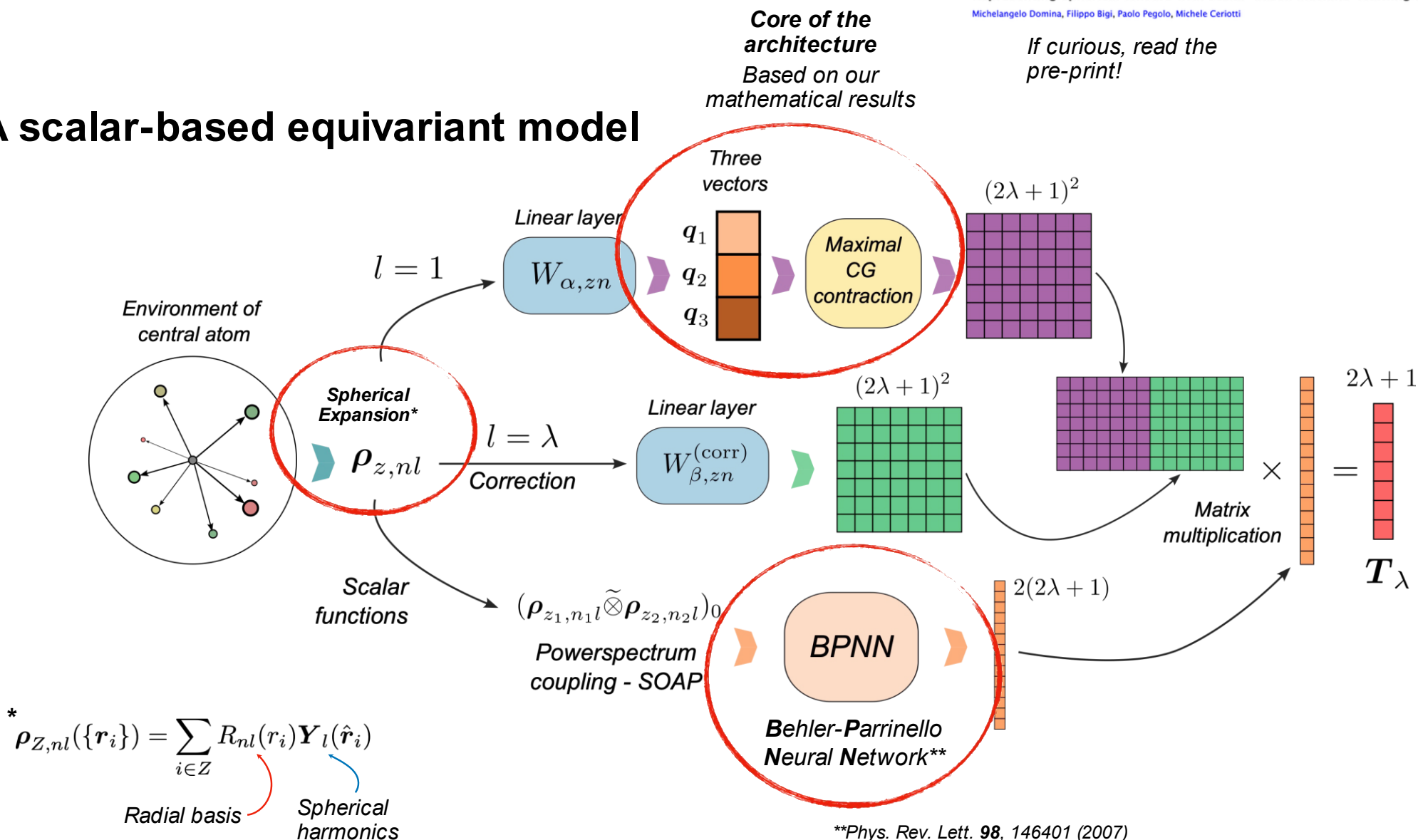


*Physically relevant rank 2 tensors:*

- Moment of inertia
- Stress tensor
- Polarizability tensor
- Susceptibility tensor
- Conductivity tensors
- Hessian Matrix
- ...

# The Architecture

## A scalar-based equivariant model



# $\lambda$ -MCoV

*All the scalar functions are modeled by a **Behler-Parrinello NN**, with **SOAP** powerspectrum as features*

*All the features are **spherical expansion-based** with almost no coupling (only **maximal**) involved*

*Seamless inclusion of  
**non-linearity***



***Minimal  
architecture** for  
the scalar functions*

# Use the model with metatrain



```
29 training_set:
30   systems:
31     read_from: ../data/qm7_subset_converged.xyz
32   targets:
33     mtt::dipole:
34       read_from: ../data/mu_qm7_subset.mts
35       per_atom: false
36       type:
37         spherical:
38           irreps:
39             - {o3_lambda: 1, o3_sigma: 1}
```

***Simultaneous irreducible targets***  
*(presented in TensorMaps):*

- *Dipole*
- *Polarizability*
- *Hyper-polarizability*

## options.yaml

```
40 mtt::polarizability:
41   read_from: ../data/alpha_qm7_subset.mts
42   per_atom: false
43   type:
44     spherical:
45       irreps:
46         - {o3_lambda: 0, o3_sigma: 1}
47         - {o3_lambda: 2, o3_sigma: 1}
48 mtt::hyperpolarizability:
49   read_from: ../data/beta_qm7_subset.mts
50   per_atom: false
51   type:
52     spherical:
53       irreps:
54         - {o3_lambda: 1, o3_sigma: 1}
55         - {o3_lambda: 3, o3_sigma: 1}
```

# Train and evaluate



## As easy as running

```
% mtt train options.yaml
```

```
% mtt export model.ckpt -o model.pt
```

```
% mtt eval model.pt eval.yaml -b 128 -e extensions -o outputs.mts
```

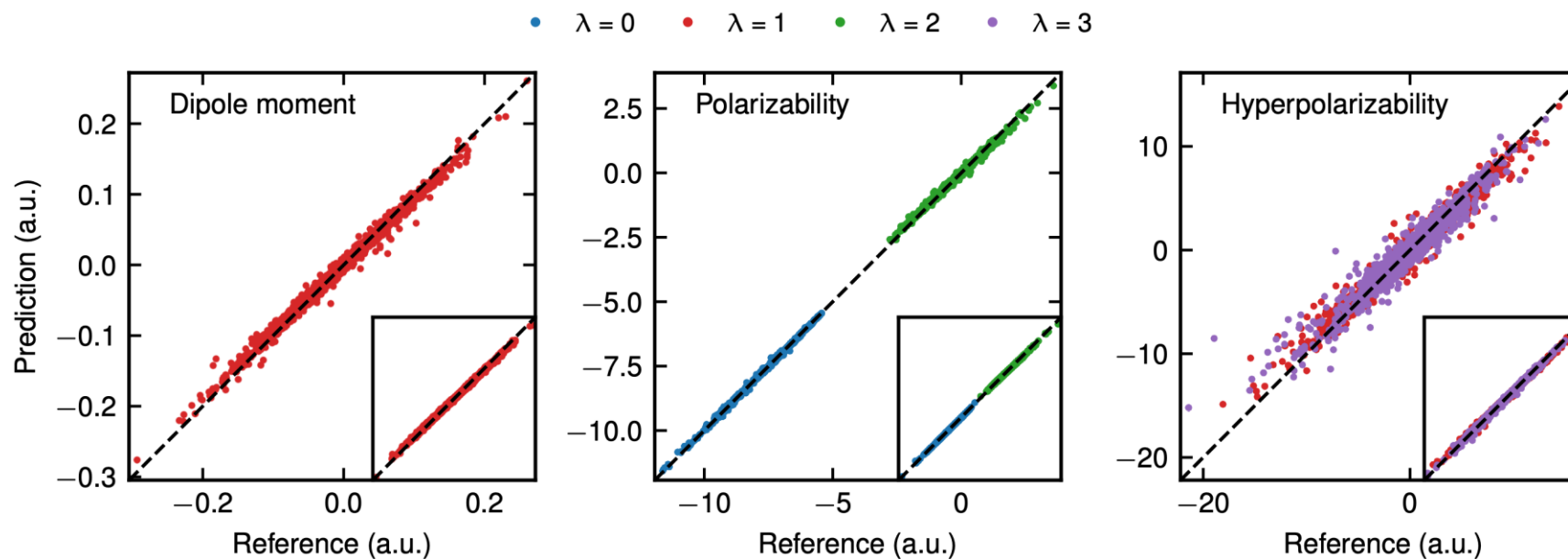
Train the  
model



Export the  
model

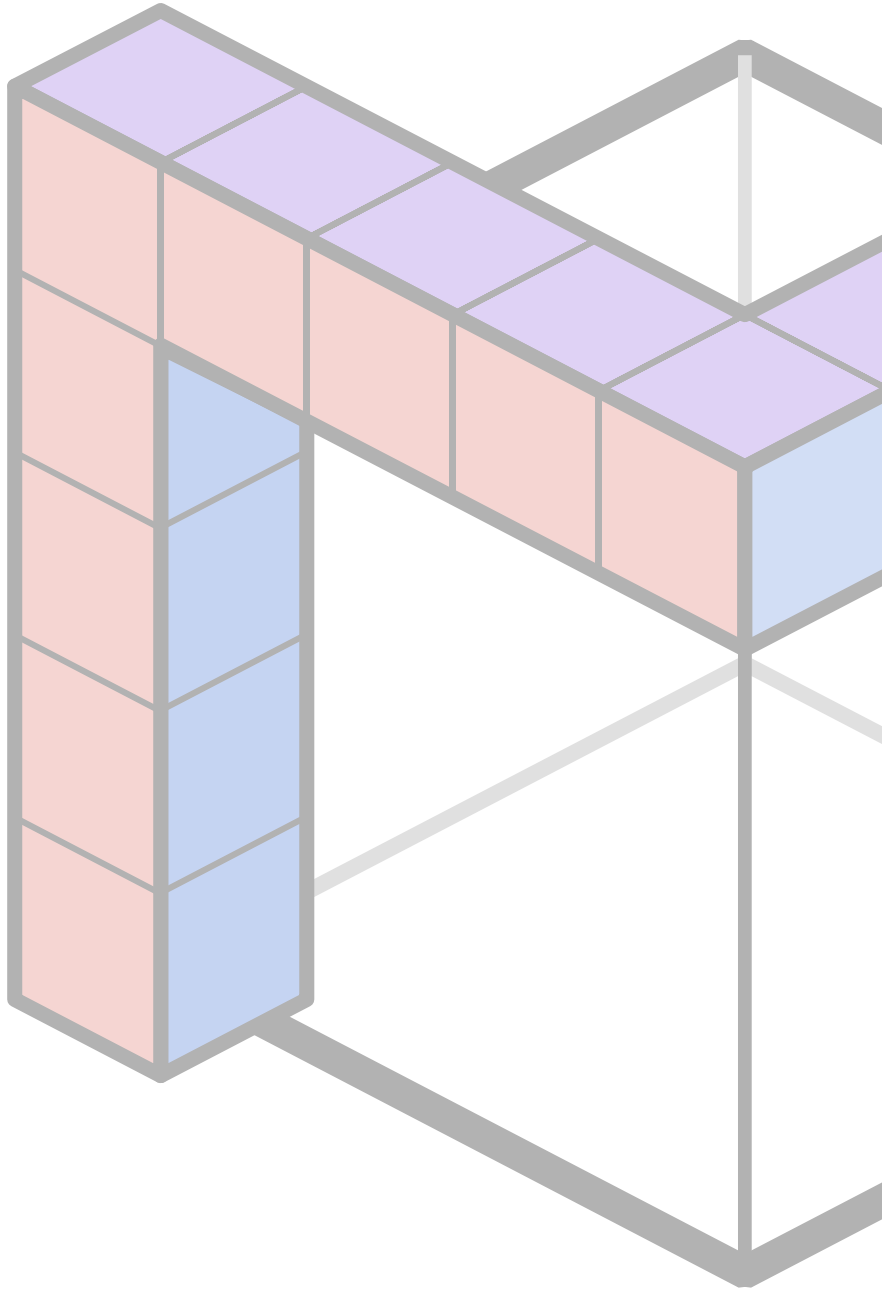


Evaluate the  
model



*Evaluated on data calculated  
from the **QM7** dataset*

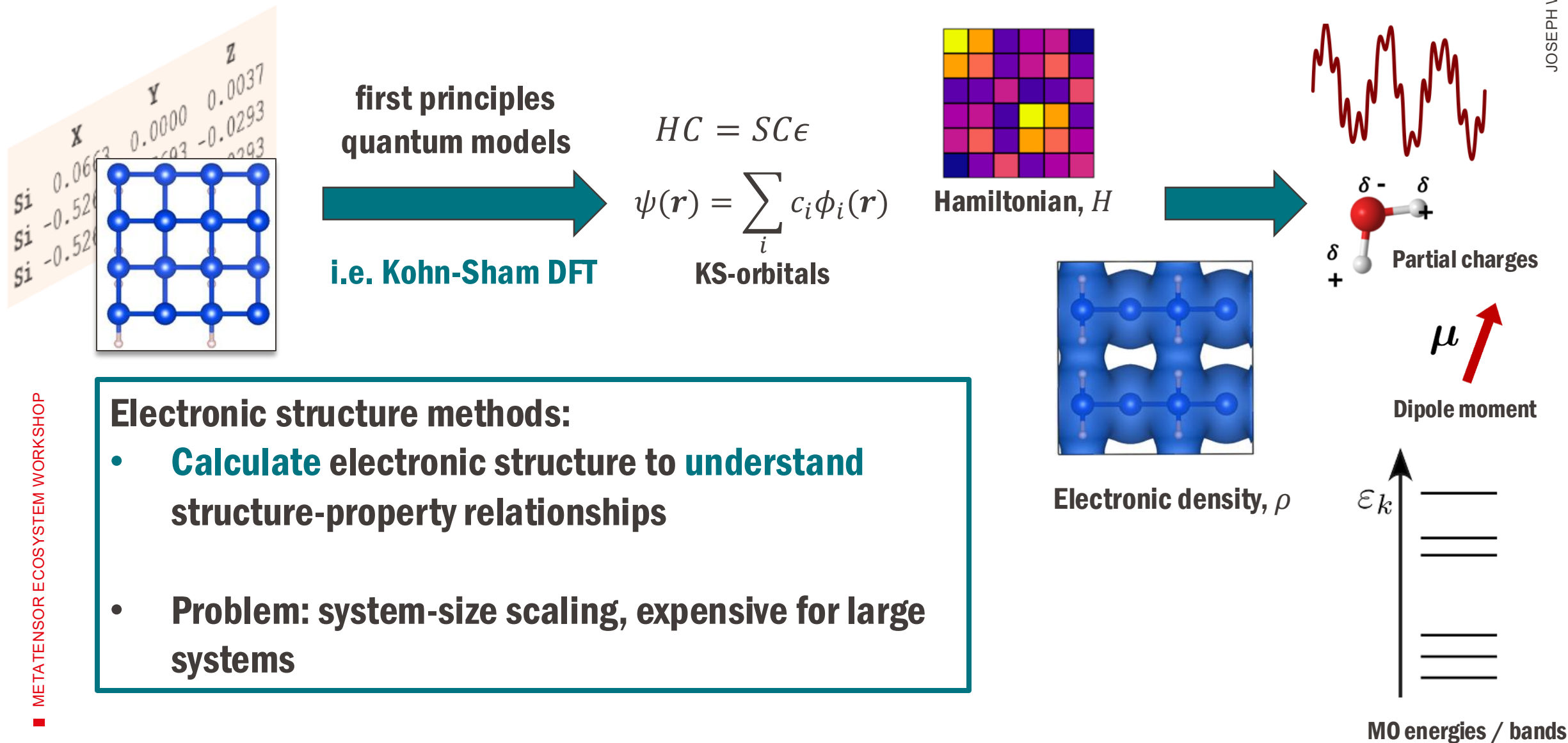
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# Learning electronic structure targets with metatensor

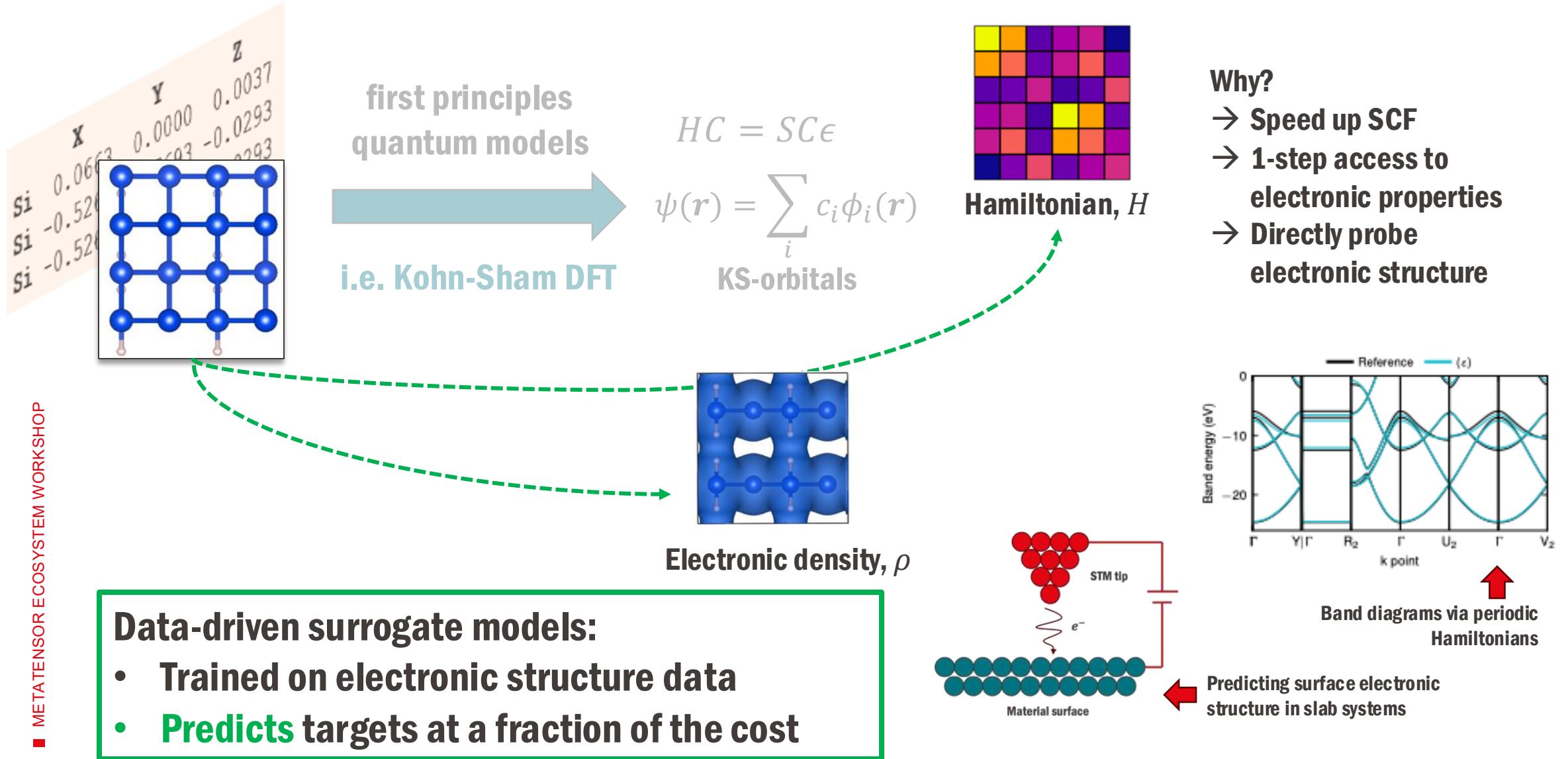
Joseph W. Abbott

# Surrogate models for electronic structure

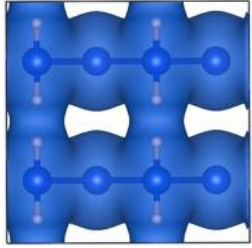




# Surrogate models for electronic structure



# Predict electronic structure targets on a basis



Electronic density,  $\rho$

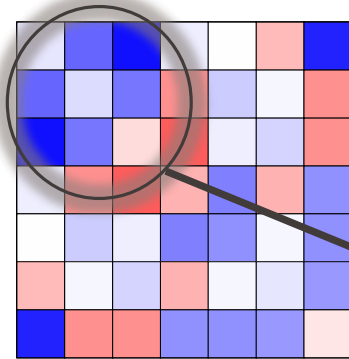
$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) \approx \sum_{inlm} d_{inlm} \varphi_{inlm}(\mathbf{r})$$

→ The learning targets are coefficients of atom-centered ( $\rho$ ) or pairs of atom-centered ( $\hat{H}$ ) basis functions

per-atom

Target coefficients

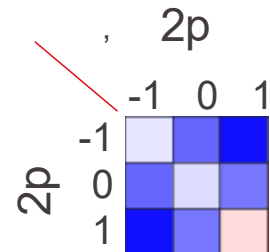
per-pair



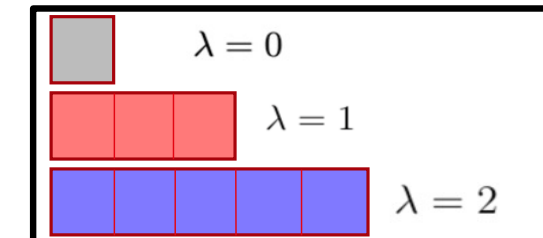
Hamiltonian,

$\langle \varphi_i | \hat{H} | \varphi_j \rangle$

"uncoupled"



couple

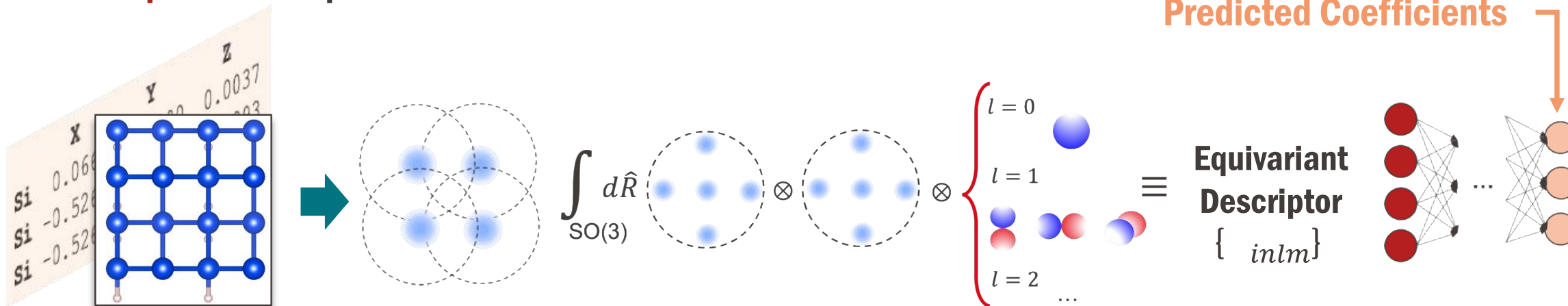


Irreducible spherical components

$$| \lambda \mu \rangle \otimes | \lambda' \mu' \rangle = \bigoplus_{\lambda \mu} | \lambda \mu \rangle \langle \lambda \mu | \lambda' \mu' \rangle$$

# Predict electronic structure targets on a basis

## 1. Descriptor-based equivariant NNs



Permutation + translation invariance, rotation **equivariance**, i.e. -SOAP

**JCTC** Journal of Chemical Theory and Computation  
pubs.acs.org/

**ACS** central science  
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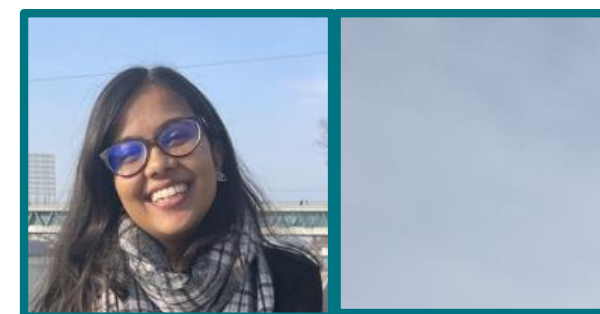
**Exploring the design space of machine-learning models for quantum chemistry with a fully differentiable framework**

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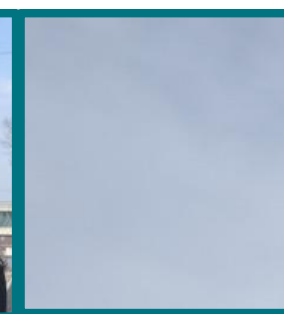
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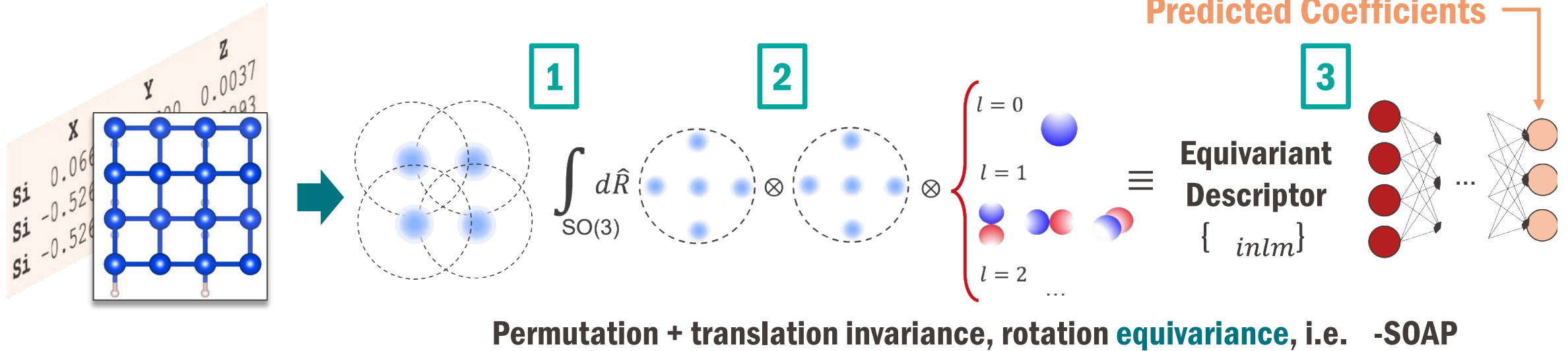
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# Predict electronic structure targets on a basis

## 1. Descriptor-based equivariant NNs



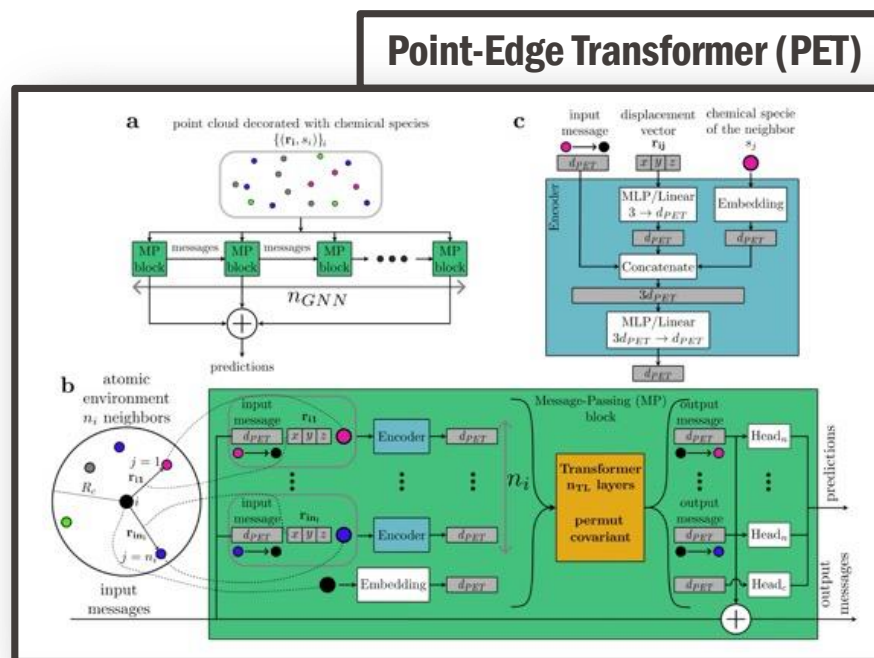
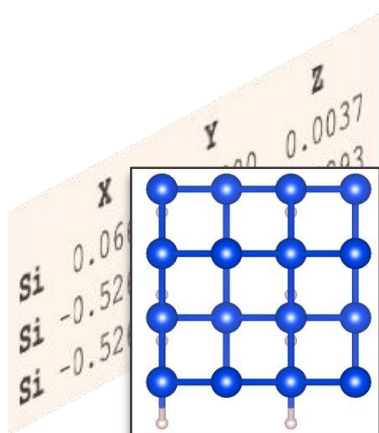
```
1. featomic.SphericalExpansion{ByPair}
```

```
2. featomic.clebsch_gordan.EquivariantPowerSpectrum{ByPair}
```

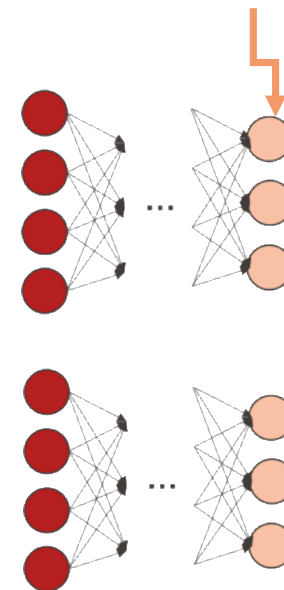
```
3. metatensor.torch.learn.nn.EquivariantLinear
```

# Predict electronic structure targets on a basis

## 2. Transformer-based GNNs



Predicted Coefficients ( $\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}$ )



Paolo

- à Rotation **equivariance** learned via data augmentation
- à Different heads for multi-target prediction

**Coming soon: PET for electronic structure targets on a basis!**

# Cool resources to check out...

## Build your own equivariant models



*metatensor-learn  
how-to guides*



*featomic how-to  
guides*

- **See also: Guillaume's  
tutorial session on  
metatensor + metatomic**

*Coming (\*very\*) soon  
tutorials for building  
equivariant descriptors!*

## See the building blocks in action

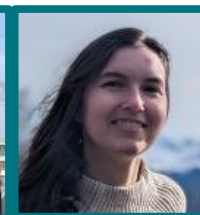
- Equivariant model for the polarizability
- Periodic Hamiltonian learning
- Hamiltonian learning with indirect targets



The Atomistic  
Cookbook



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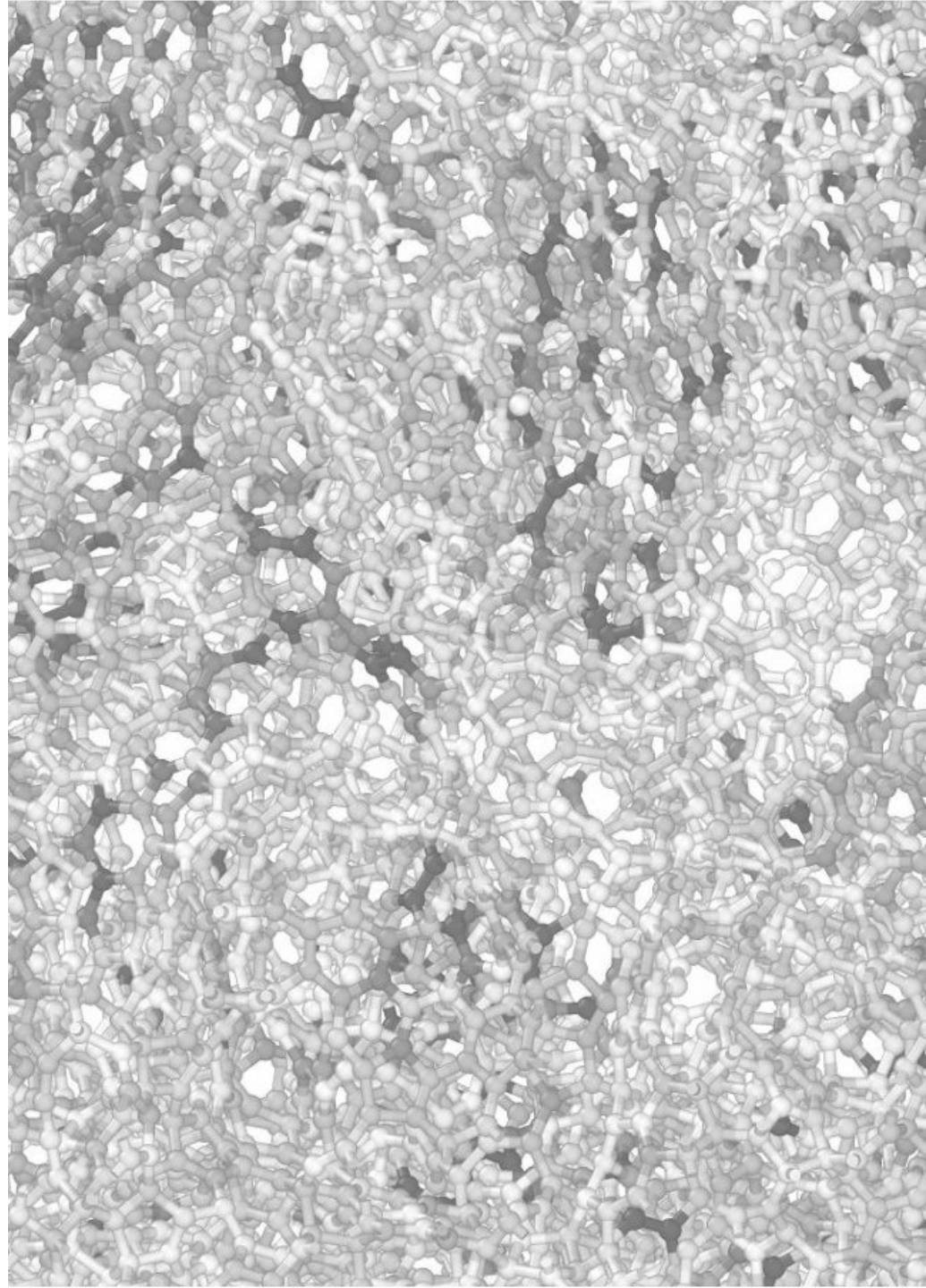


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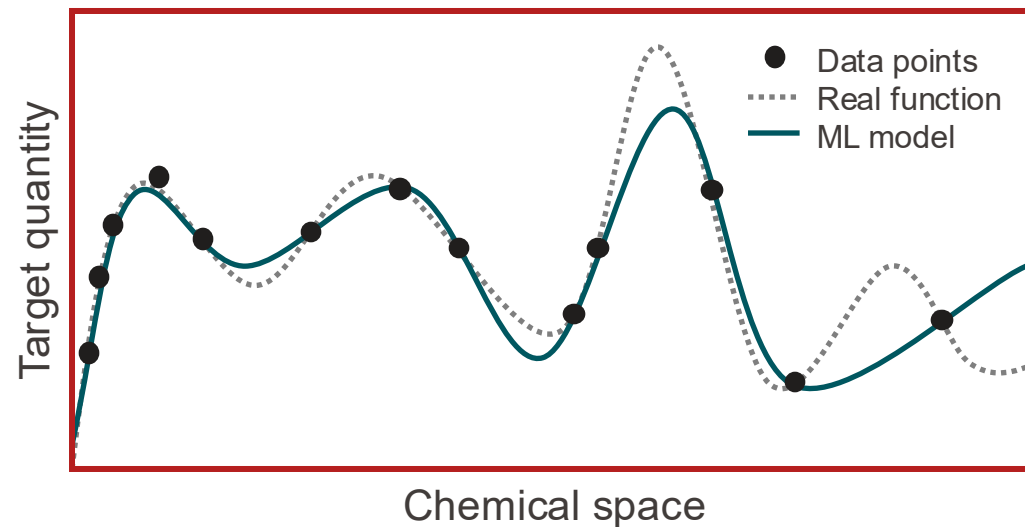
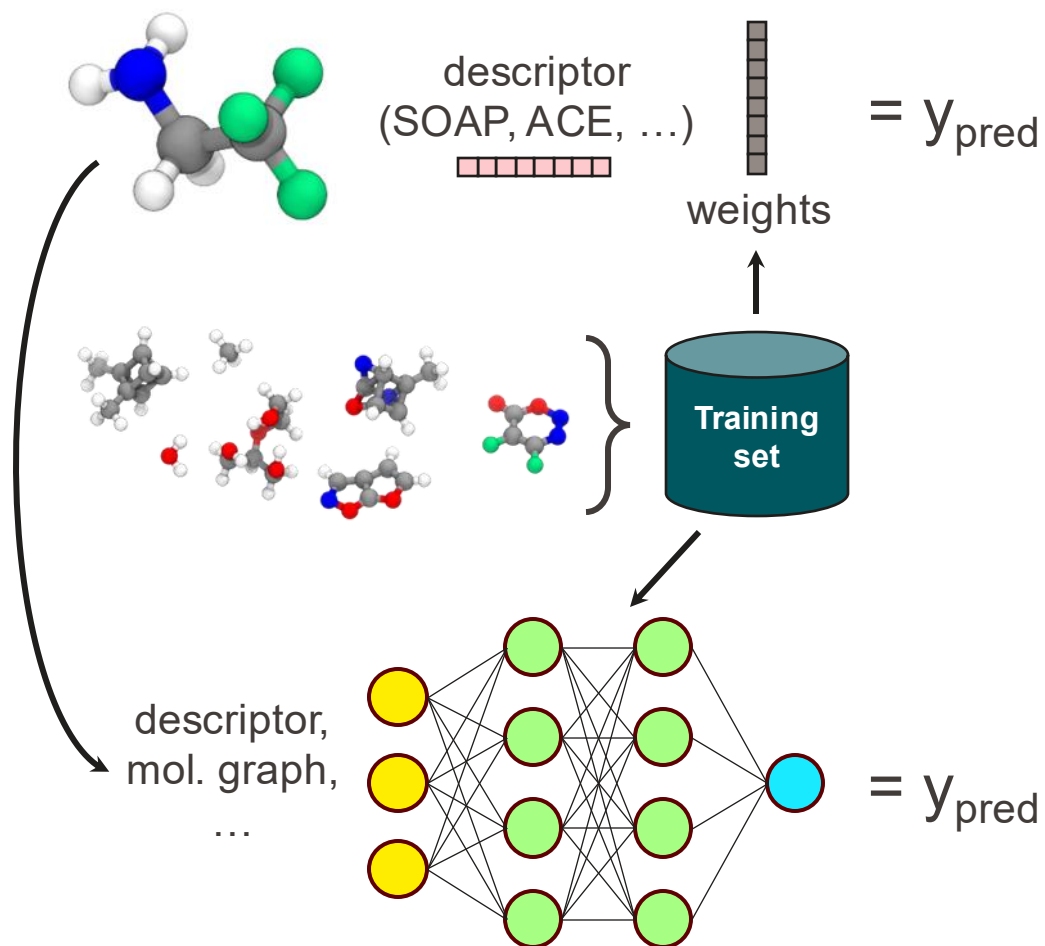




# Uncertainty Quantification with Prediction Rigidities in metatrain

Sanggyu “Raymond” Chong

# ML Models are Intrinsically Statistical



Can we quantify the **trustworthiness** or **robustness** of model predictions?



# Prediction Rigidities (PR)

- Quantifies the **robustness** of model predictions at different “levels”

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}, \lambda, \epsilon_\star) \approx \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}_o) + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}_o)^\top \mathbf{H}_o(\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}_o)}_{\text{second-order expansion around } \mathbf{w}_o} + \underbrace{\lambda(\epsilon_\star - \tilde{y}(\mathbf{x}_\star, \mathbf{w}))}_{\text{Lagrange multiplier}}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_o = \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{w} \partial \mathbf{w}^\top} \Big|_{\mathbf{w}_o} \approx \sum_i \frac{\partial \tilde{y}_i}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \frac{\partial^2 \ell_i}{\partial \tilde{y}_i^2} \frac{\partial \tilde{y}_i}{\partial \mathbf{w}^\top}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_c(\epsilon_\star) \approx \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}_o) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(\boxed{\epsilon_\star} - \tilde{y}(\mathbf{x}_\star, \mathbf{w}_o))^2}{\left. \frac{\partial \tilde{y}_\star}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \right|_{\mathbf{w}_o}^\top \mathbf{H}_o^{-1} \left. \frac{\partial \tilde{y}_\star}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \right|_{\mathbf{w}_o}}$$

$\epsilon_\star$  can target:

- **global, local, component-wise** predictions
- cheap & effective UQ!

$$R_\star \equiv \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}_c(\epsilon_\star)}{\partial \epsilon_\star^2} \Big|_{\epsilon_\star = \tilde{y}(\mathbf{x}_\star, \mathbf{w}_o)} = \left( \left. \frac{\partial \tilde{y}_\star}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \right|_{\mathbf{w}_o}^\top \mathbf{H}_o^{-1} \left. \frac{\partial \tilde{y}_\star}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \right|_{\mathbf{w}_o} \right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\mathbf{f}_\star^\top (\mathbf{F}^\top \mathbf{F})'^{-1} \mathbf{f}_\star}$$

NN model: **last-layer features**

# LLPR UQ in metatrain

- Simple wrapper provided:

```
from metatrain.utils import LLPRUncertaintyModel  
llpr_model = LLPRUncertaintyModel(model)
```

- Compute covariance → compute inv\_covariance → calibrate

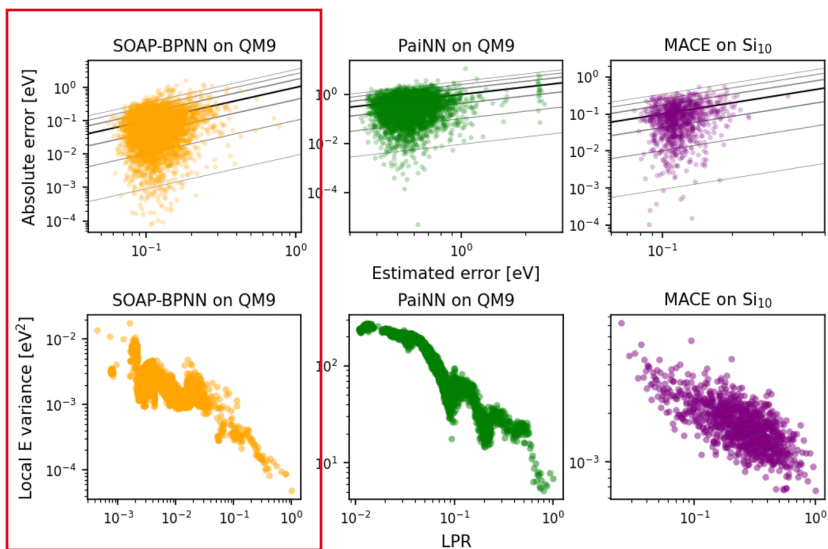
```
llpr_model.compute_covariance(train_loader)  
llpr_model.compute_inv_covariance()  
llpr_model.calibrate(calib_loader)  
llpr_model.generate_ensemble(orig_weights, n_members)
```

- Users interact with:

```
outputs['mtt::aux::{target}_uncertainty']  
outputs['mtt::aux::{target}_ensemble']
```

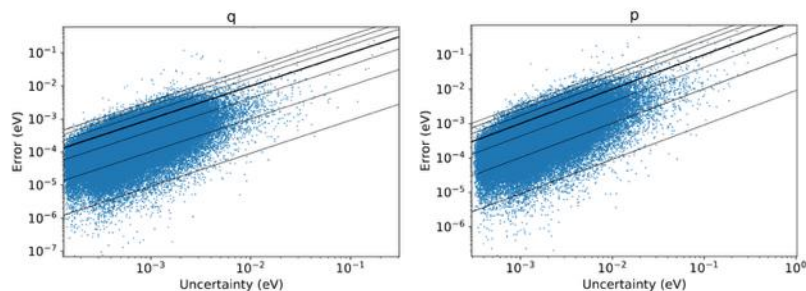
*You will interact with some  
of this in **tutorial B!***

# Hall of LLPR UQ

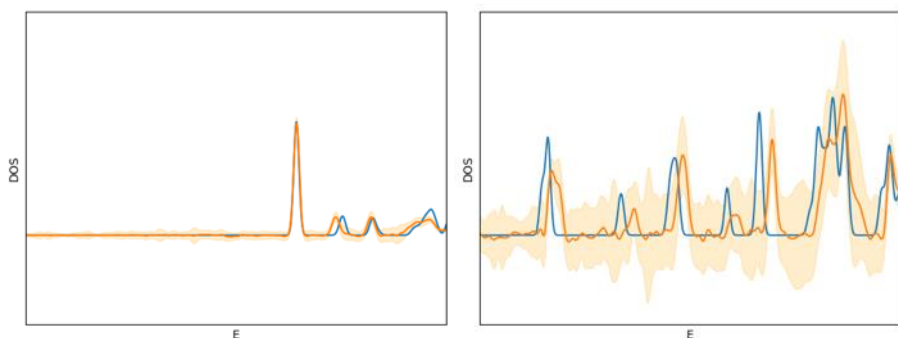


MLIPs

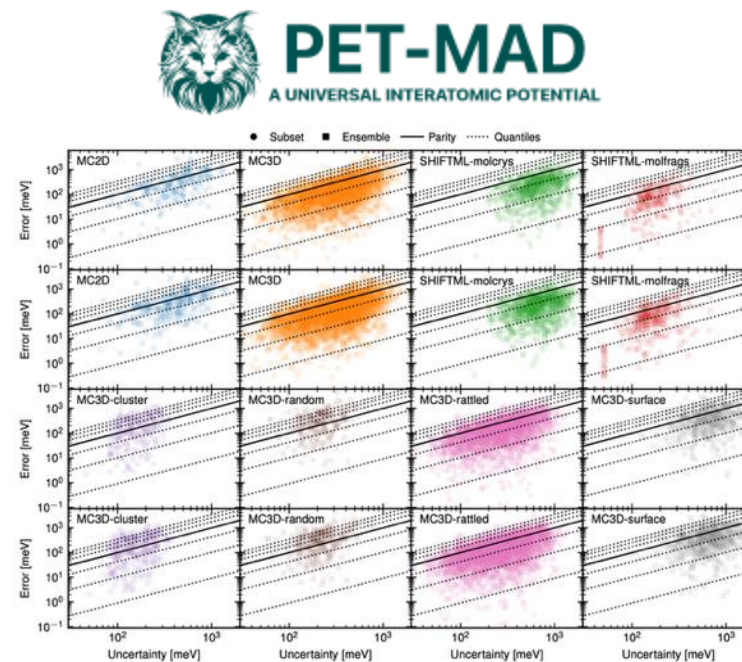
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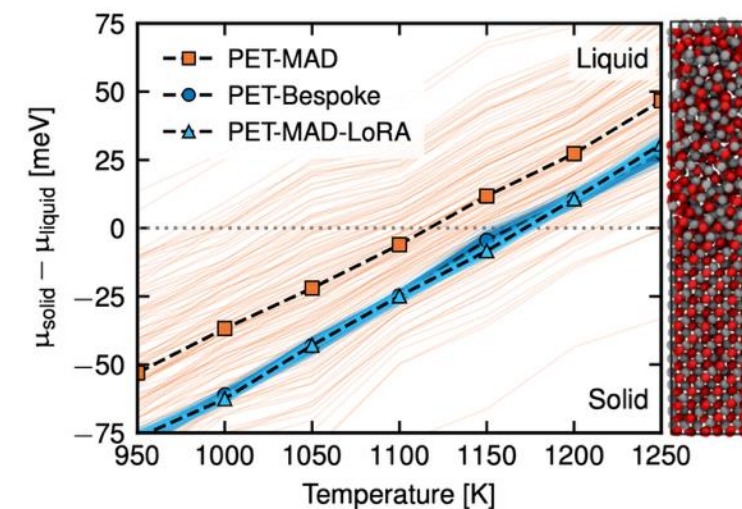
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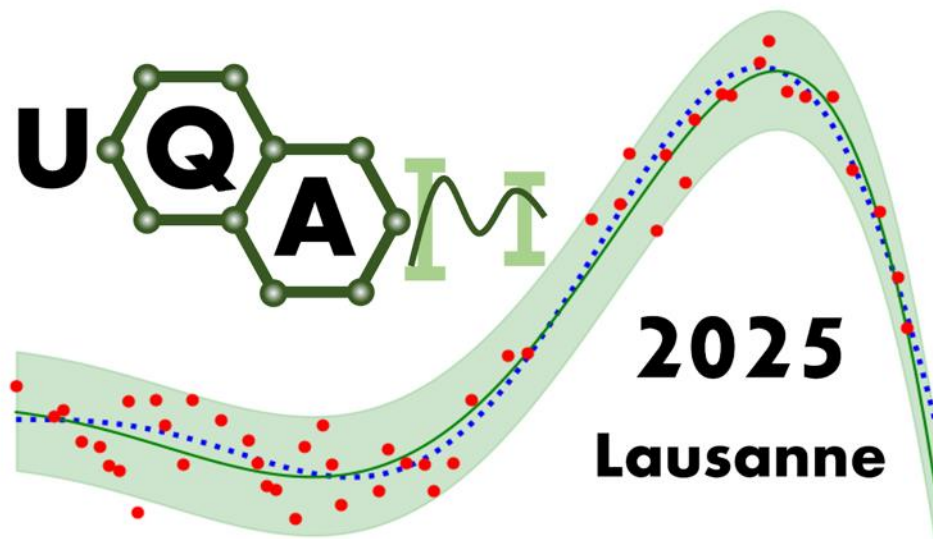
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LLPR ensemble



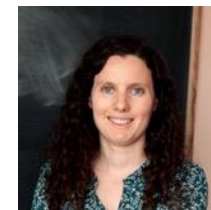
# Workshop on Uncertainty Quantification in Atomistic Modeling



*“From uncertainty-aware DFT to ML”*

**November 25-28, 2025**

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