

# **Some ML applications in Online Marketing and Molecule Design**

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**...if you know some math/stats/programming!**

# What are we gonna see

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- Online Marketing
- Demo 1
- Molecular Design
- Demo 2

# Online Marketing - The problem

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- Xeerpa collects data from social loggings
  - Likes on facebook
  - Posts in Twitter
  - Photos in IG...
- **Goal (at large):** process this information and analyse it to improve marketing decisions
- Many things to be done!
- We will see how to process information coming from:
  - Likes
  - Images



## Online Marketing - Information coming from (Facebook) likes

- Facebook defines many categories such as: IPAs, Veggie Food, Soccer, Rock 'n' Roll
- Every category contains many Facebook pages (that users could like)

$q = (q_1, \dots, q_T)$  where  $q_i = 1$   
if page belongs to category and 0 otherwise

- Similarly, users are represented as vector  $d$ .
- Goal: score every user in every category

# Online Marketing - Scoring people based on Facebook likes

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*“A common problem in Information Retrieval (IR) is the following: given a corpus of documents, each of them represented by a sequences of words, how to find the more relevant documents to a given query. This problem reduces to assigning a score to a (query, document) pair.”*

**This is the same! Words are Facebook pages, Users are documents, Categories are queries**

# Online Marketing - Scoring people based on Facebook likes

- IR assigns a number for each word in each document, that weights the importance of a word in a document
- Assign a weight to each like
- Two thoughts:
  - If there is no like, what should be the weight?
  - Should a like to Real Madrid be as important as a like to Cultural y Deportiva Leonesa?
- TF-IDF (as in IR)





# Online Marketing - Scoring people based on Facebook likes

- Term Frequency
  - 1 if like is present 0 otherwise
  - 1 / (Number of likes)
- Inverse document frequency (how much info a like provides?)

$$\log\left(\frac{N}{n_t+1}\right) + 1$$

- tf-idf = tf \* idf



## Online Marketing - Scoring people based on Facebook likes

- Each user is a vector

$v(d)$  where  $v(d)_i$  tf-idf of the i-th like

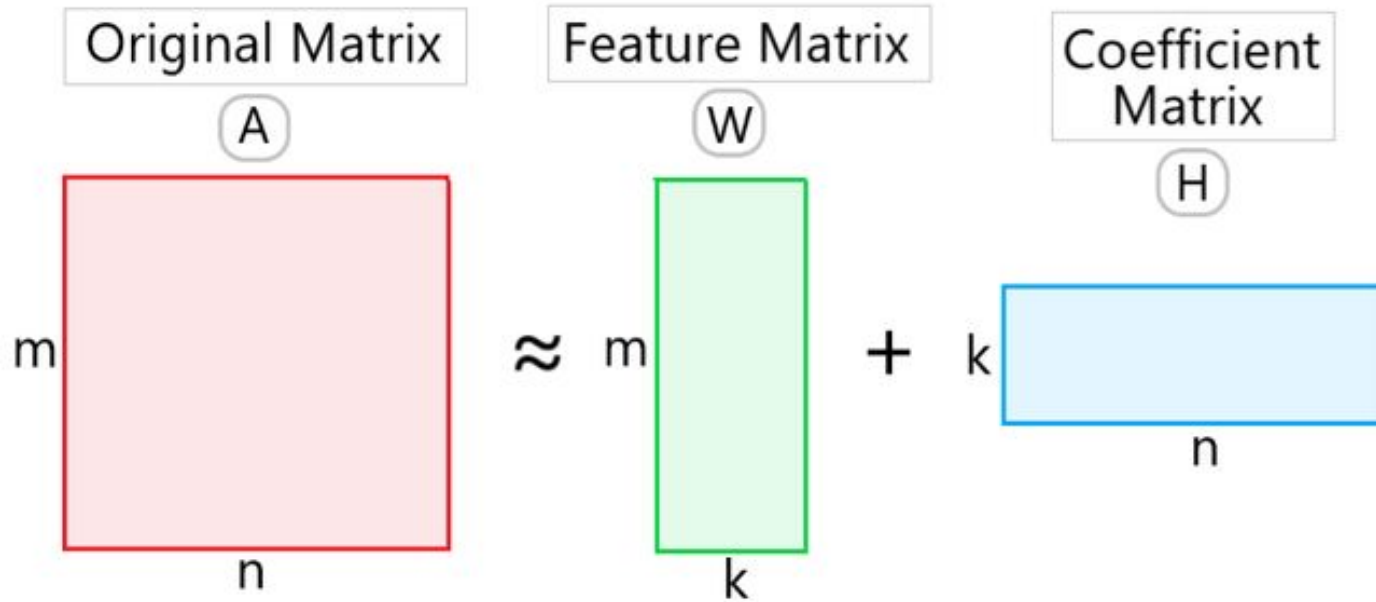
- Same for categories  $q$ !
- A common score

$$\text{score}(d, q) = \frac{v(d) \cdot v(q)}{|v(d)| |v(q)|}$$

- Lives in  $[0,1]$
- User with no likes in category will have 0
- User liking all pages in category (and with no other likes) will have 1

# Online Marketing - Community detection

Detect communities of similar users

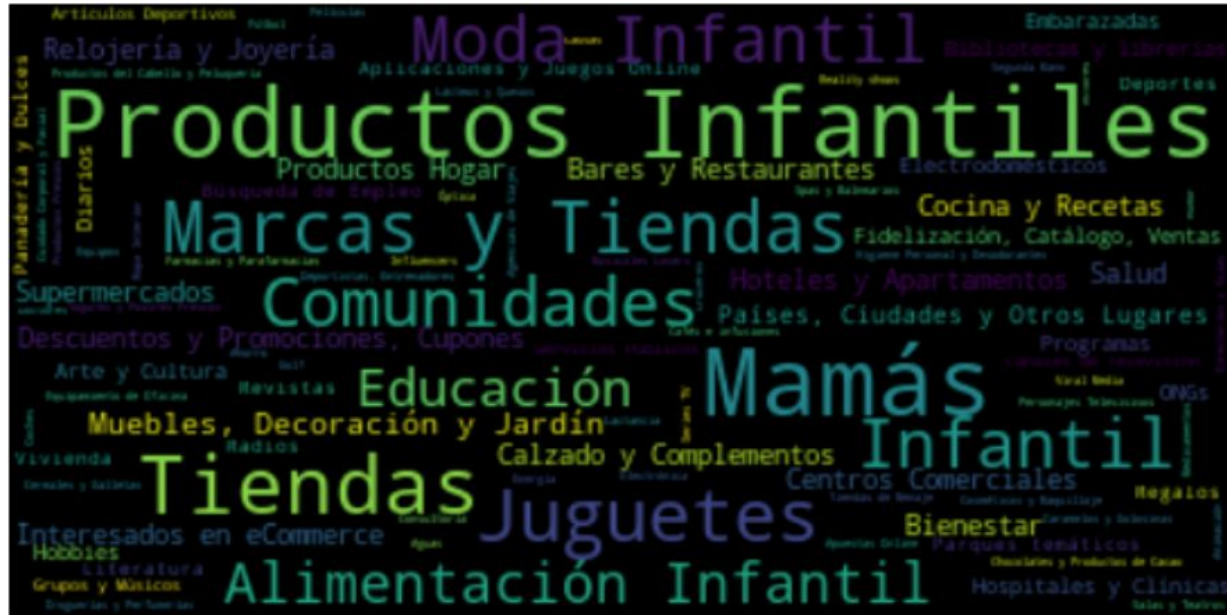


Minimize reconstruction error

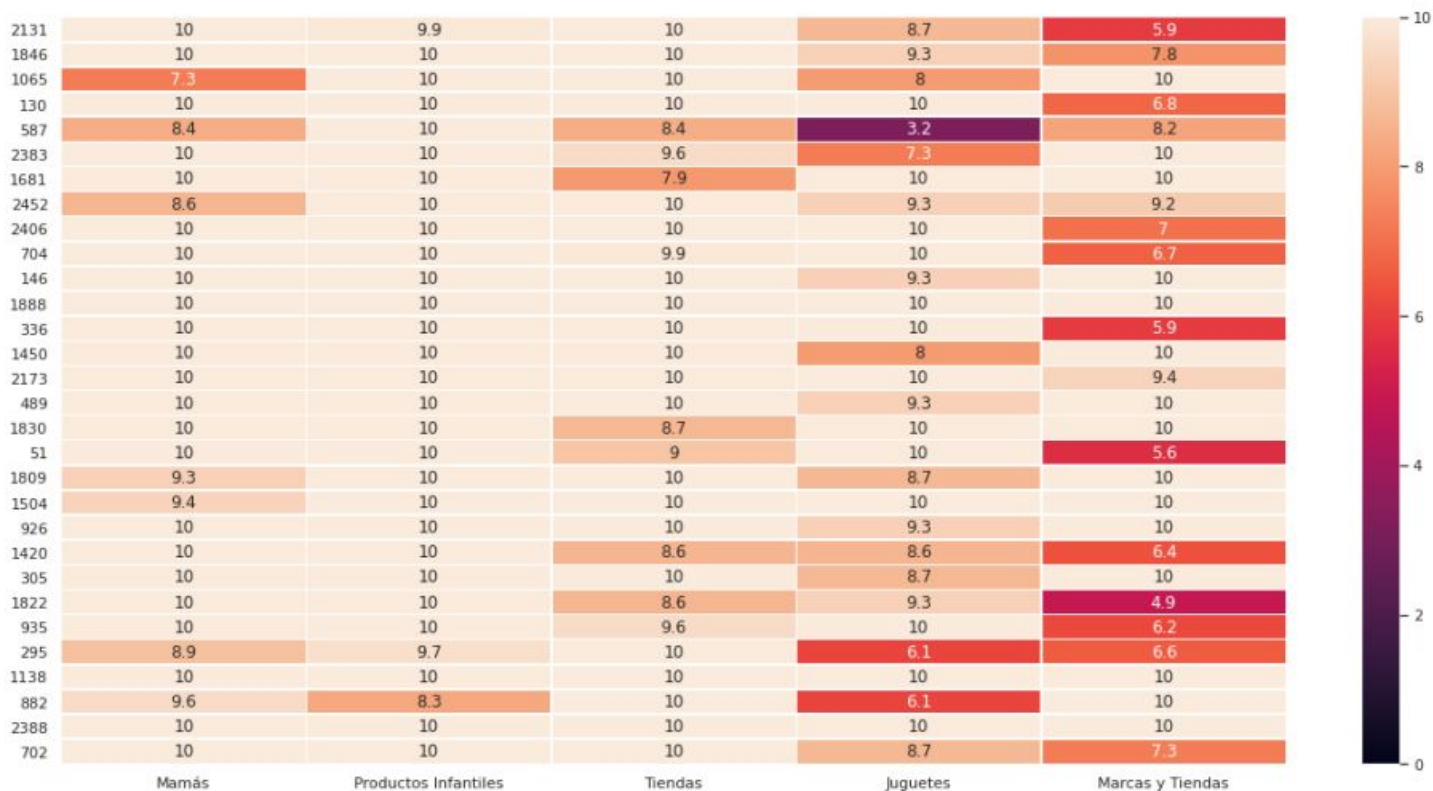
$$\|A - WH\|^2 \sum_{i=1}^n = \sum_{j=1}^n (X_{ij} - [WH]_{ij})^2$$

## Online Marketing - Community detection

## Women between 30 and 50

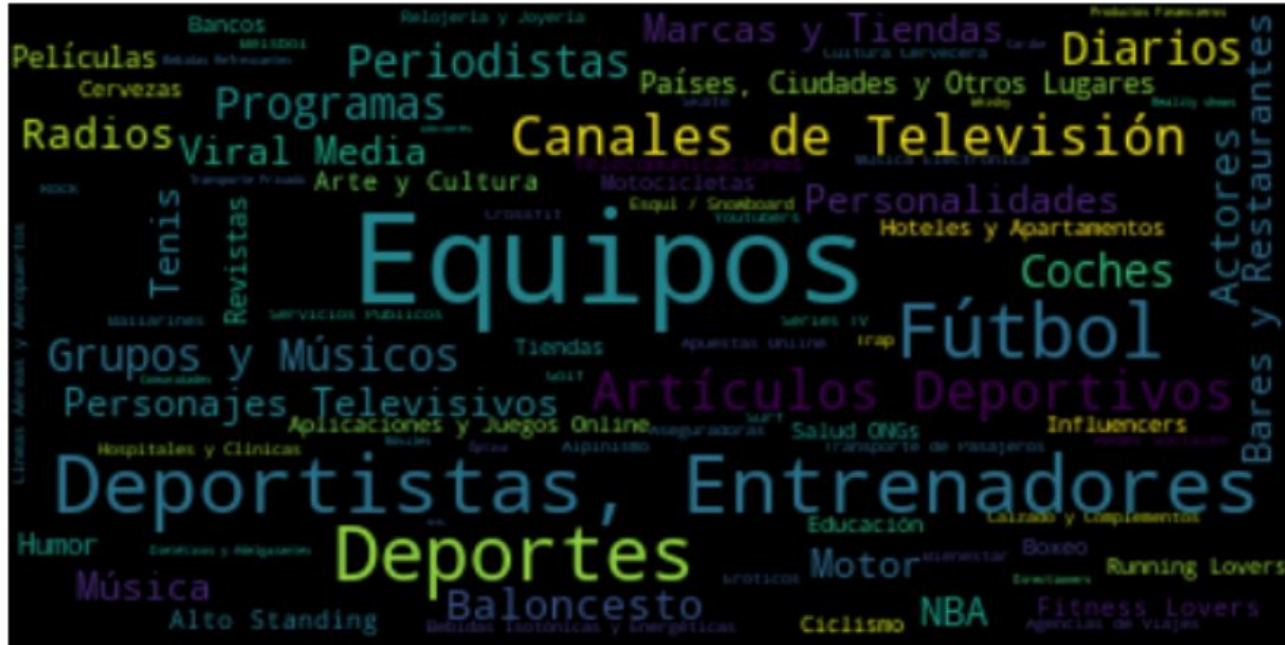


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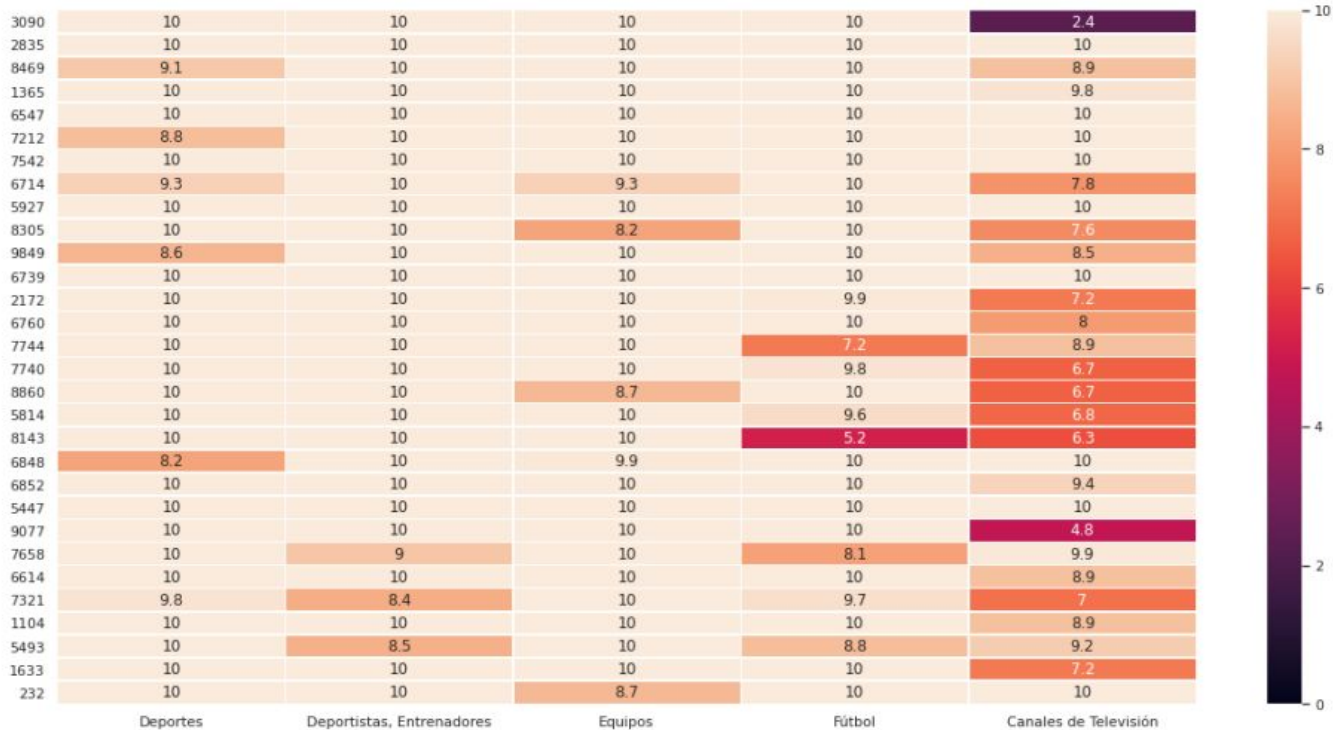
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Men between 30 and 50



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# Online Marketing - Scoring based on images!

- How to do score users in categories based on their IG images?
- We need to associate each image to a category or group of categories
- This has to be done automatically!
- **Demo**





# Molecular design - Why?



# Molecular design. Why?



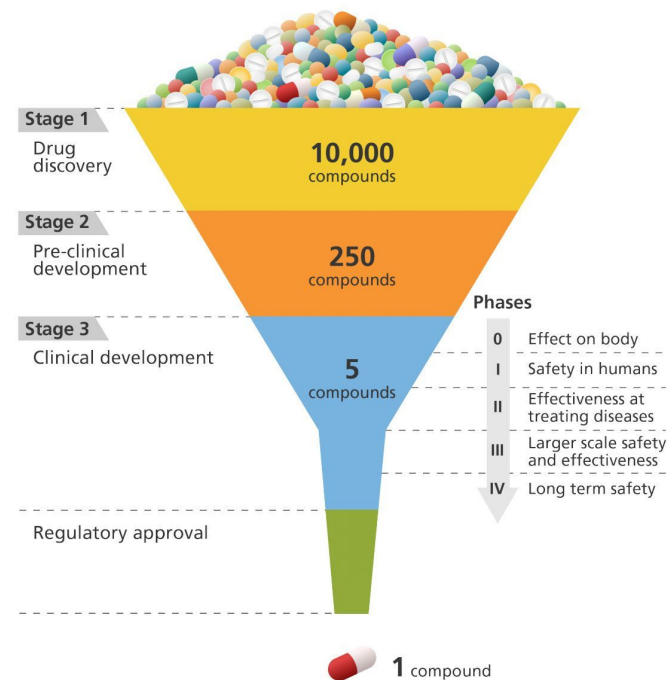
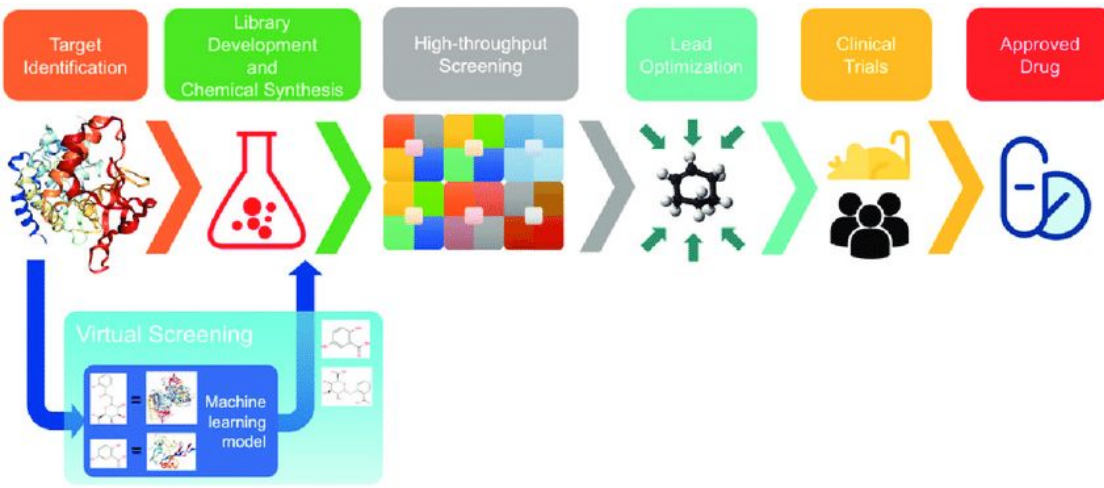
Artificial Intelligence  
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## TOP 9 TAKEAWAYS

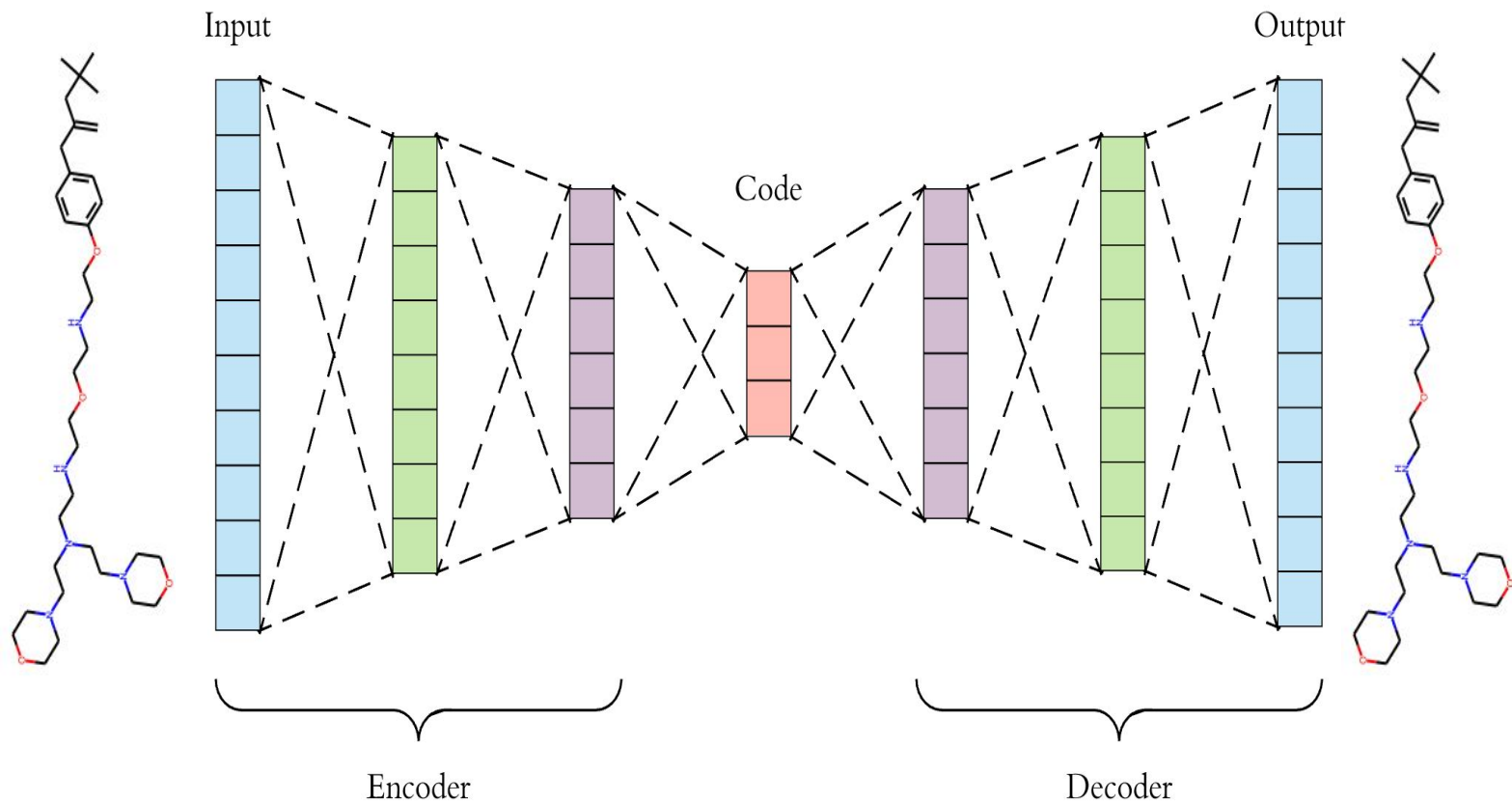
- 1 AI investment in drug design and discovery increased significantly:** “Drugs, Cancer, Molecular, Drug Discovery” received the greatest amount of private AI investment in 2020, with more than USD 13.8 billion, 4.5 times higher than 2019.

# The process of discovering new molecules

- Pharma: average time discovery – market, 13 years
- Outside pharma: 25 years
- Crucial 1st step: **generate pool of candidates**
- Daunting task (e.g.  $10^{23}$  –  $10^{60}$  drug-like molecules)

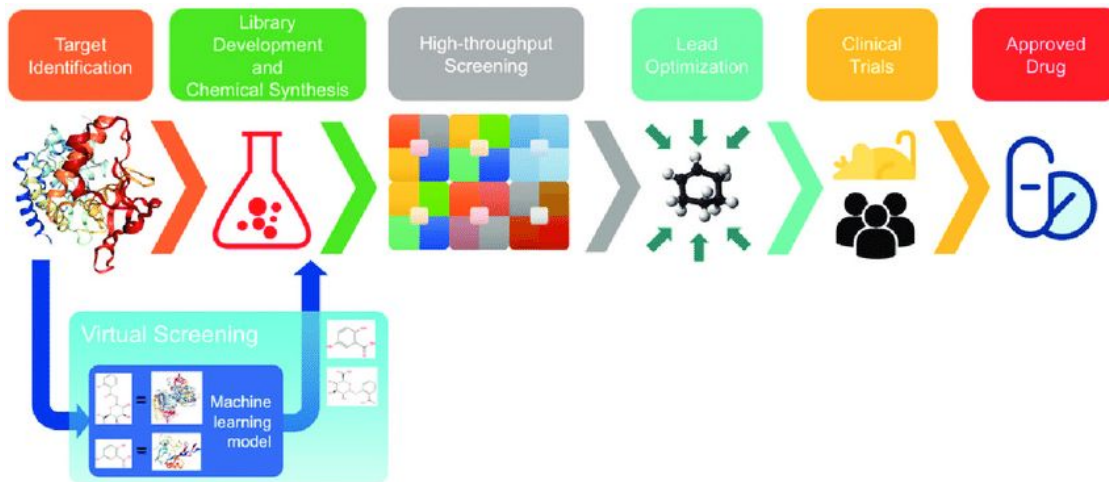


# (Variational) Autoencoders



# The old way and the soon-to-be-old way

- Old way
  - Human experts propose, synthesize and test (*in vitro*)
- Soon-to-be-old way: high throughput virtual screening (HTVS)
  - Predict properties through computational chemistry...
  - ...leverage rapid **ML-based property predictions**



# De novo molecular design

- Just existing molecules are explored
- Much time lost evaluating bad leads
- Traverse chemical space more “effectively”: reach **optimal molecules** with **less evaluations** than brute-force screening

*“De novo molecular design is the process of **automatically** proposing novel chemical structures that **optimally** satisfy desired properties”*



Combinatorial, black-box, stochastic, multi-objective optimization with black-box constraints

# Automatically proposing novel chemical structures

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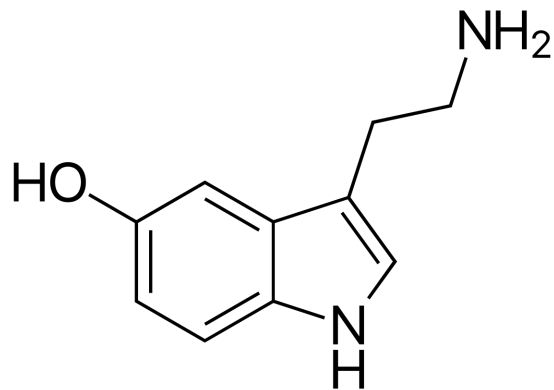
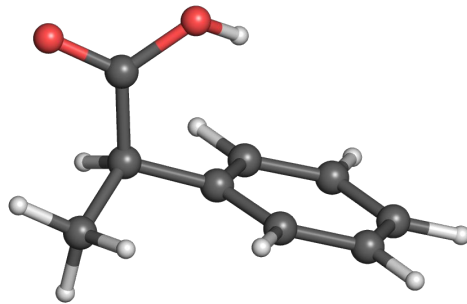
Two main ingredients

- Molecule representation
- Generative model

# Representing molecules

Molecules are **3D QM objects** with: nuclei with defined positions surrounded by electrons described by complex wave-functions

- Digital encoding that serves as input to model
- **Uniqueness and invertibility**
- Trade-off: information lost vs complexity
  - 3D coord. representation (symmetries?)
  - More compact 2D (graph) representation
- 1D, 2D and 3D



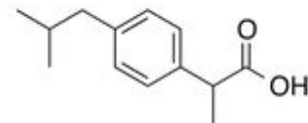


# 1D representations - SMILES

## Simplified Molecular Input Line Entry System

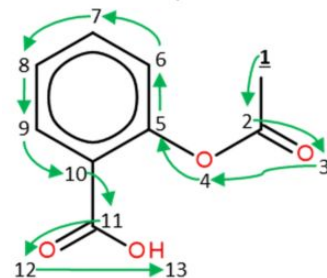
Molecule as graph (bond length and conformational info is lost)

- Graph traversal
- Sequence of ASCII characters
- Non-unique → Canonical SMILES
- One-Hot-Encoding
- Leverage NLP techniques
- SMILE-based methods struggle to generate **valid** molecules
- Valid = valency rules
- Learn spurious grammar rules



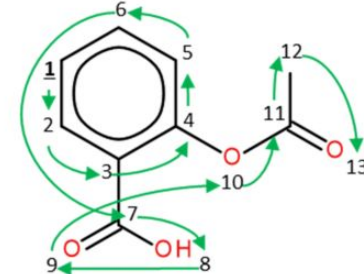
Ibuprofen  
CC(C)Cc1ccc(cc1)C(C)C(=O)O

a Canonical representation



CC(=O)Oc1ccccc1C(=O)O

b Randomized representation



c1cc(c(cc1)C(=O)=O)OC(C)=O

# How to generate molecules?

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Myriad of different ways. A useful distinction:

- Gradient-free methods
- Gradient-based methods

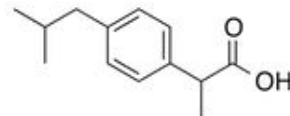
# Recurrent Neural Networks

- Work on sequences (SMILES)
- Goal: given training sequences  $\rightarrow$  learn to generate new sequences that resemble those of training.
- Sequence:  $S_{1:T} = (S_1, \dots, S_T)$  where  $S_i \in \mathcal{V}$
- Training: maximum likelihood, equiv to minimize loss function:

$$L^{MLE} = - \sum_{s \in \mathcal{T}} \sum_{t=2}^T \log \pi_{\theta}(s_t | S_{1:T-1})$$

- Generation: sequentially sample from multinomial dist.
- Thermal rescaling

$$\hat{p}_i \propto \exp\left(\frac{p_i}{T}\right)$$



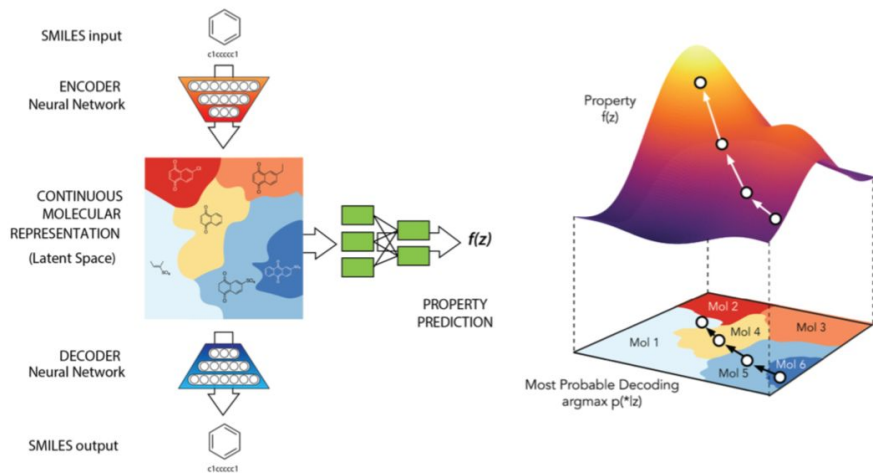
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# Using properties to guide generation

## 2. Optimization with VAE

- Learn map from latent space to property (e.g. through GP)
- Optimize that map (gradient ascent, bayesian optimization, etc.)



# Let's generate some molecules!

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Demo 2

Thanks!



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