

*Guest lecture, Stanford CS224W Machine Learning with Graphs*

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# PROJECT SUPPORT

Thanks for your feedback on projects! To provide additional project support:

- TAs have been assigned as **project mentors** – we will release the list on Ed tonight
- Transparent **grading rubric** for final project – we will release by end of Friday (3/10)
- **Project OH**: Serina's OH (Thu 10am-12pm) and Hamed's OH (Fri 10am-12pm) are now dedicated to project questions
- If you can't make their OH, you can still post on Ed or contact your TA mentor!

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  - Invariant GNNs
  - Equivariant GNNs
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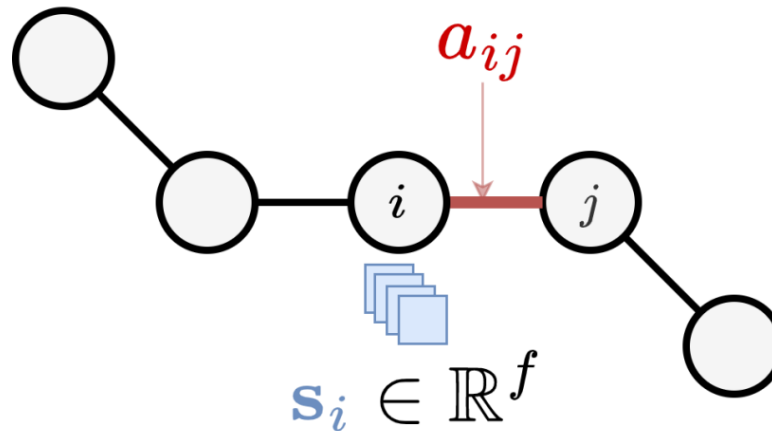
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# Graphs

A graph  $G = (A, S)$  is a set  $V$  of  $n$  nodes connected by **edges**. Each node has **scalar attributes**, e.g. atom type for molecules.



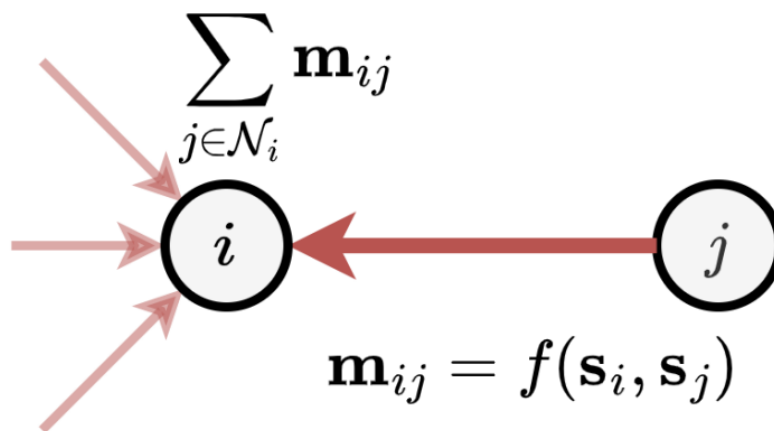
- $A$ : an  $n \times n$  adjacency matrix.
- $S \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times f}$ : scalar features.

Hamilton, Will, Zhitaoy Ying, and Jure Leskovec. "Inductive representation learning on large graphs." *Advances in neural information processing systems* 30 (2017).  
Joshi, Chaitanya K., et al. "On the expressive power of geometric graph neural networks."

# Message Passing Neural Nets

- Node features are updated from iteration  $t$  to  $t+1$  via learnable **permutation invariant neighborhood aggregate AGG** and **update UPD**:

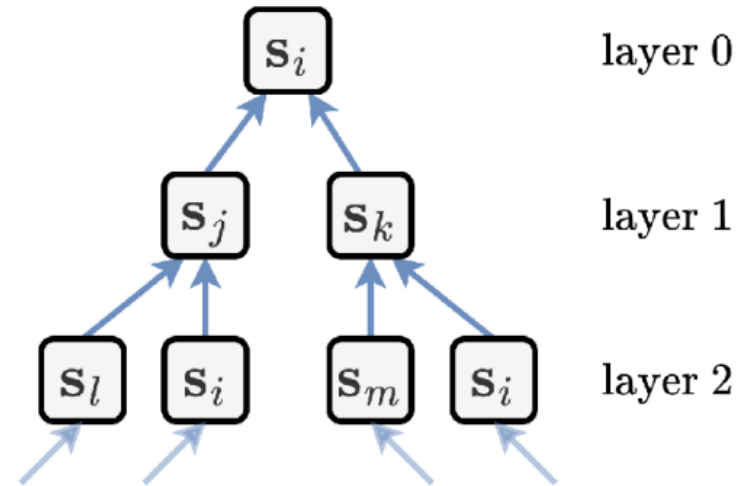
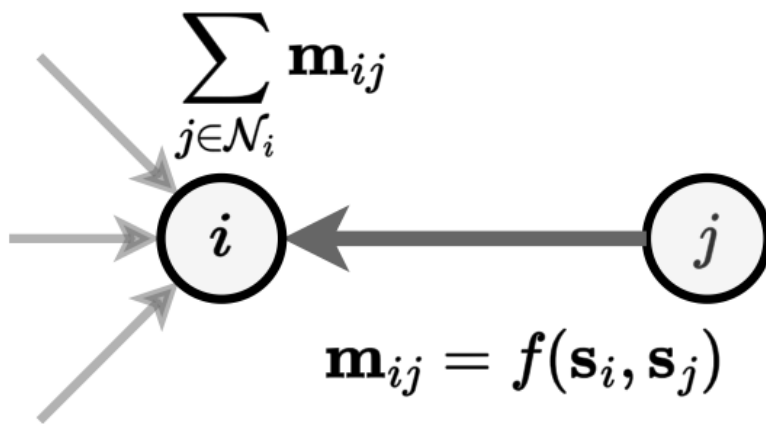
$$\mathbf{m}_i^{(t)} = \text{AGG} \left( \left\{ \left( \mathbf{s}_i^{(t)}, \mathbf{s}_j^{(t)} \right) \mid j \in \mathcal{N}_i \right\} \right)$$
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# Graph Neural Networks

- Message passing updates node features using local aggregation

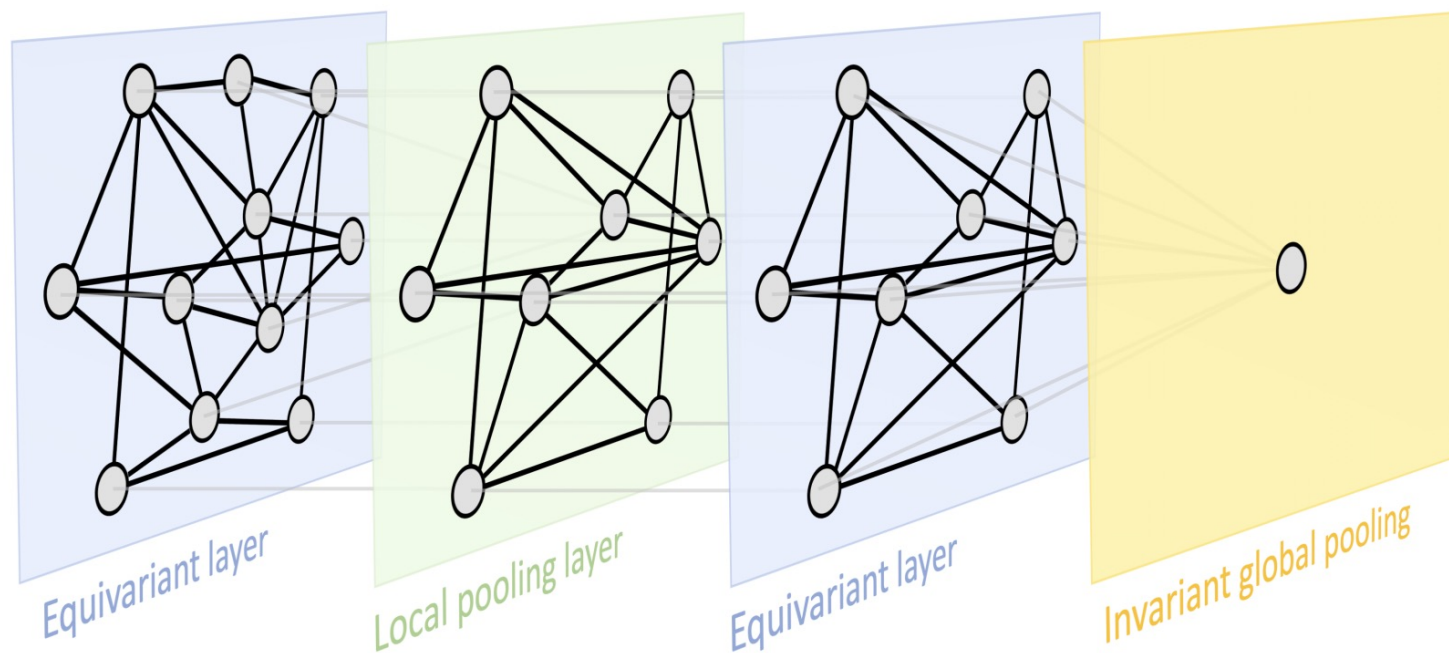


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**Computation tree:**  
Message passing gathers & propagates features beyond local neighbourhoods.

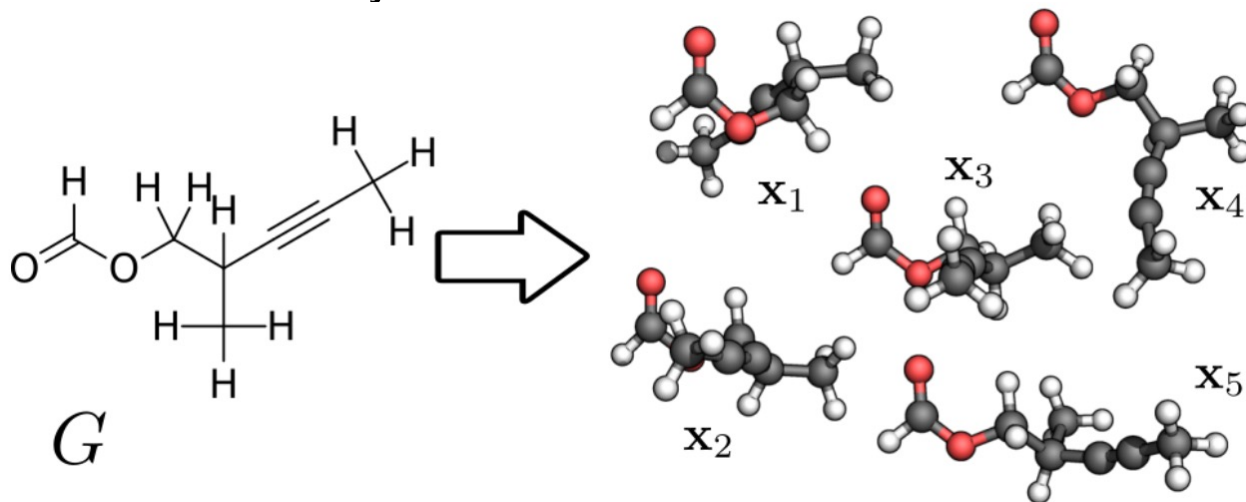
# Normal Graph Neural Networks

- Advanced GNN layers make **pooling** over node features, which are then used to make a **graph-level** prediction.



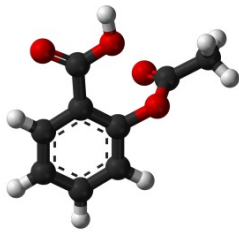
# Molecular Graphs

- **Molecules** can be represented as a graph  $G$  with node features  $s_i$  and edge features  $a_{ij}$ .
  - Node features: atom type, atom charges...
  - Edge features: valence bond type...
  - However, sometimes, we also know the 3D positions  $x_i$ , which is actually more **informative**



Simm, Gregor NC, and José Miguel Hernández-Lobato. "A generative model for molecular distance geometry." *ICML 2020*

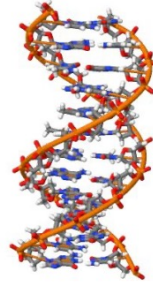
# More Geometric Graphs



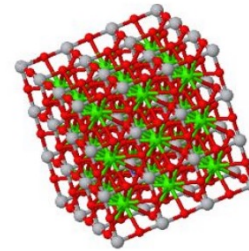
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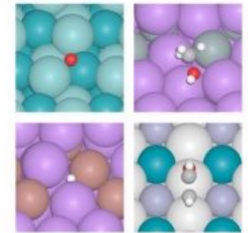
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DNA/RNA



Inorganic  
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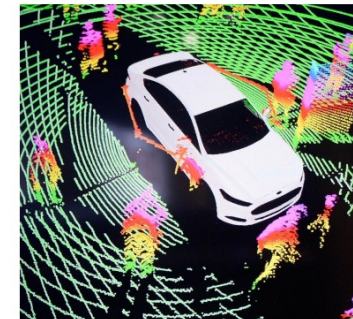
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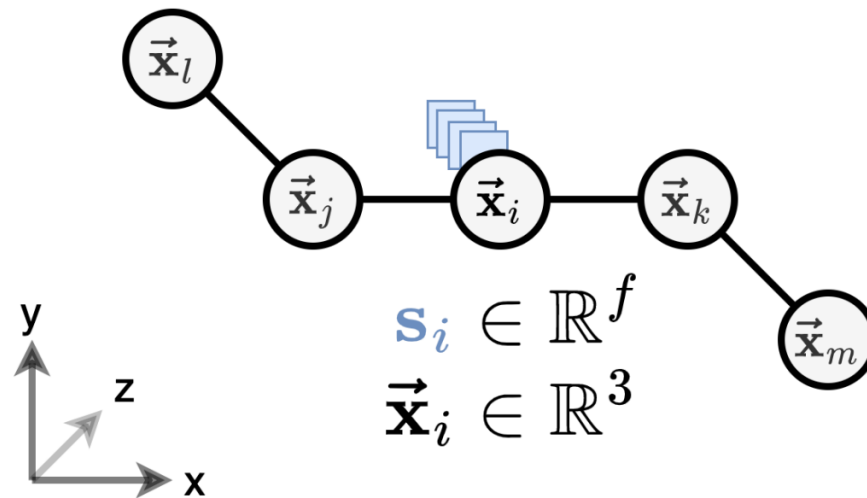
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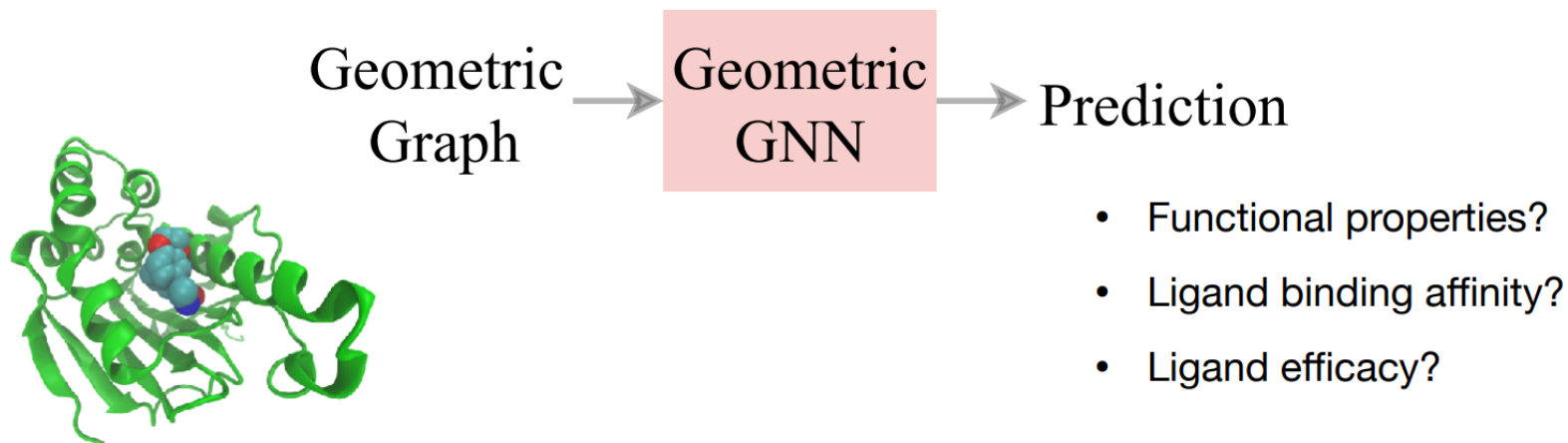
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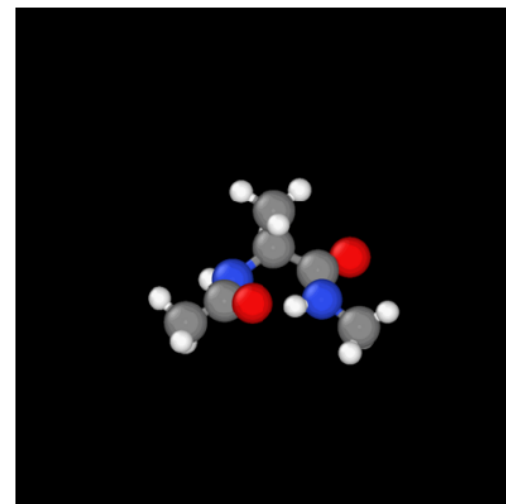
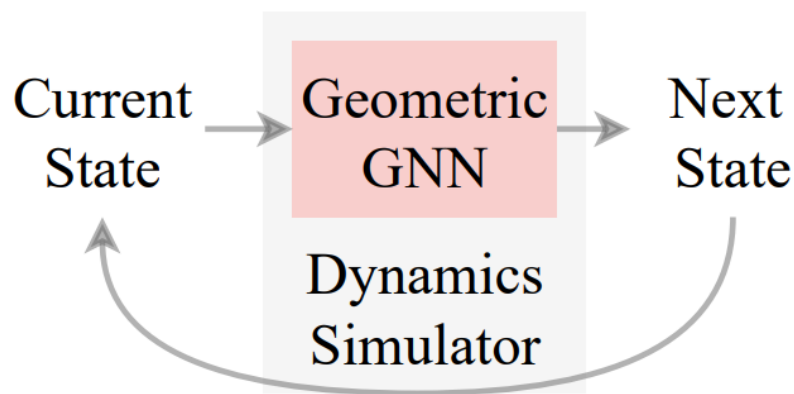
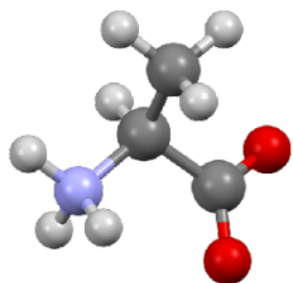
# Broad Impact on Sciences

- Supervised Learning: Prediction
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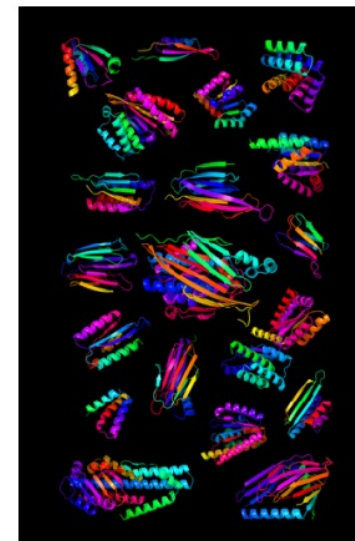
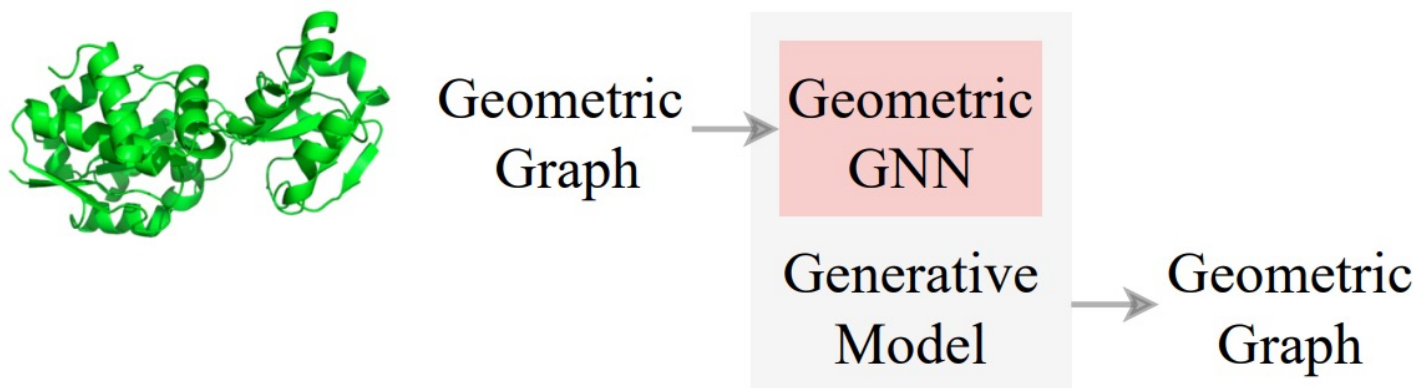
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  - Molecular Simulation



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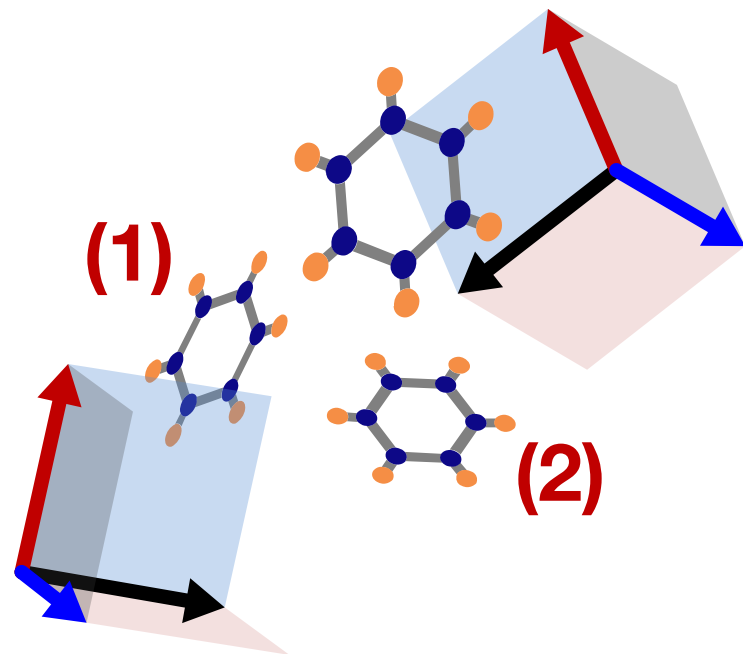
- Generative Models
  - Drug or material design





# What's the obstacle?

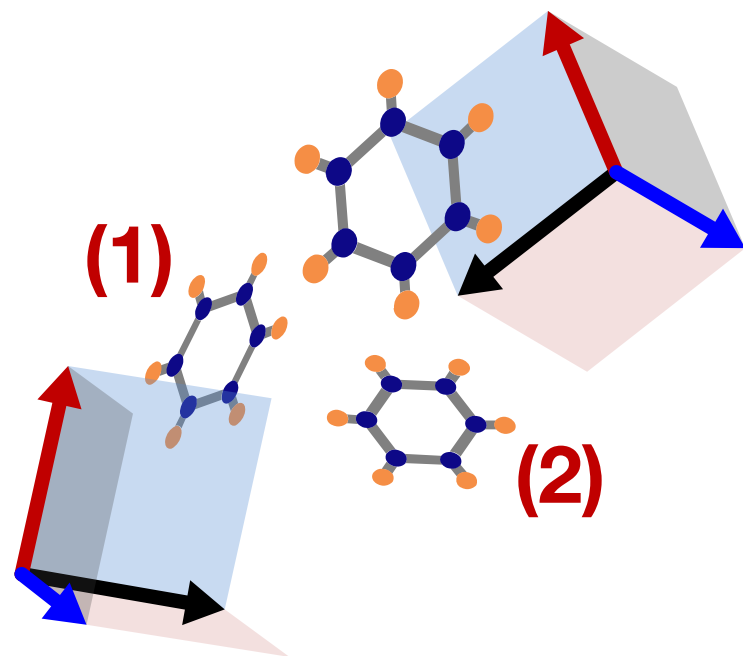
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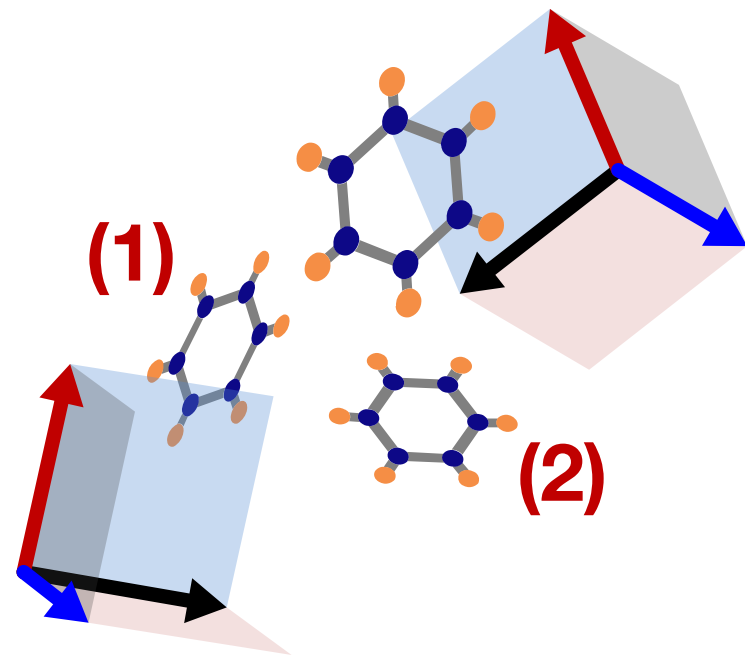
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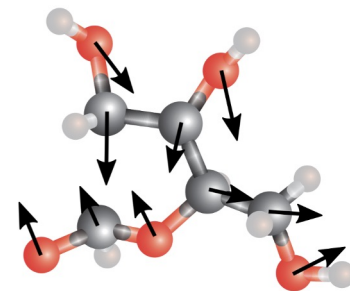
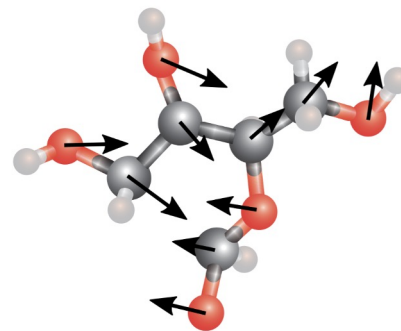
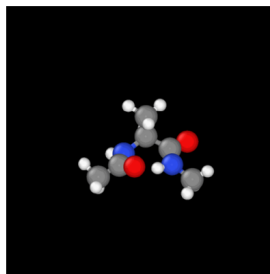
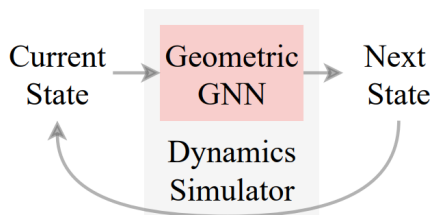
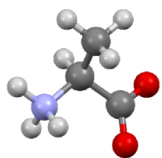
# Symmetry of Inputs

- However, output of traditional GNNs given (1) and (2) as **completely different!**
- We want our GNNs can see (1) and (2) **as the same system though described differently...**
- i.e., we want design **Geometric GNNs aware of symmetry!**



# Symmetry of Outputs

- Beyond input space, output can also be tensors
- Example: simulation (force prediction)
  - Given a molecule and a rotated copy, predicted forces should be the same up to rotation
  - (i.e., Predicted forces are **equivariant to rotation**)

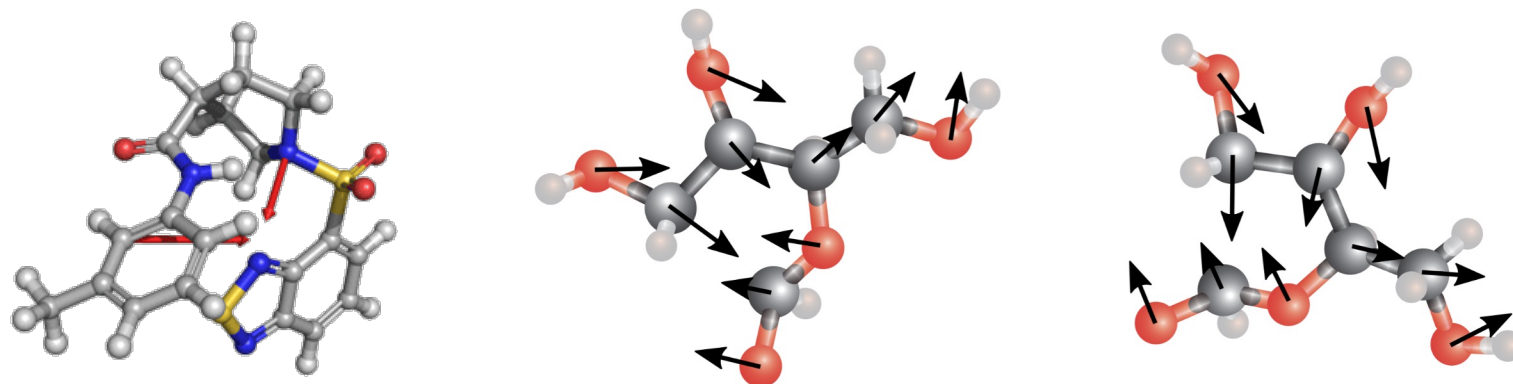


# Equivariance

- Formal definition of **Equivariance**:  
a **function**  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  is equivariant if for a transformation  $\rho$  it satisfies:

$$F \circ \rho_X(x) = \rho_Y \circ F(x)$$

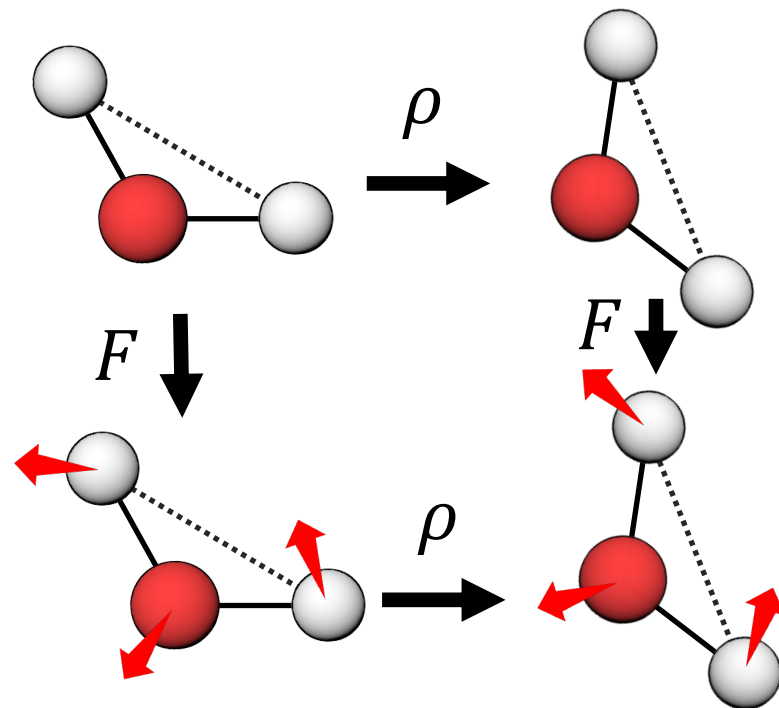
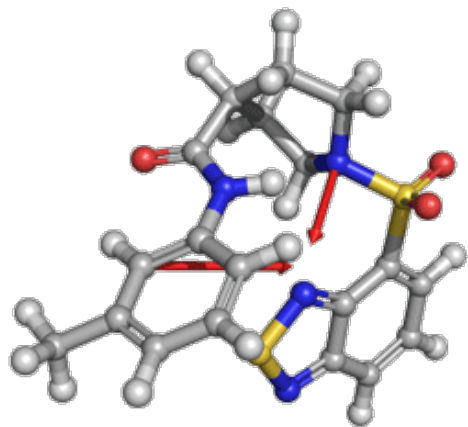
- Example:  $\rho_X, \rho_Y$  are same rotation transformation



# Illustration: 3D Rotation Equivariance

$$F \circ \rho(x) = \rho \circ F(x)$$

The equation says that applying the  $\rho$  on the input has the same effect as applying it to the output.



Visual explanation of the equivariance

A GIF illustrating the rotation equivariance of atomic forces. Two red arrows stand for forces acting on atoms, which rotate together with the molecule.

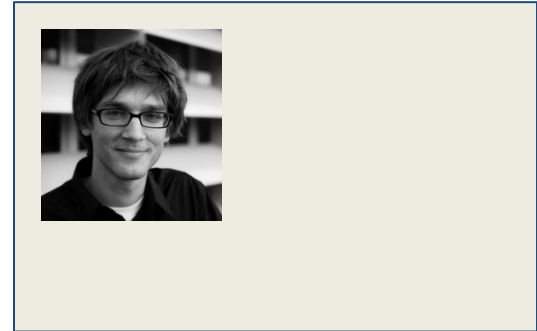
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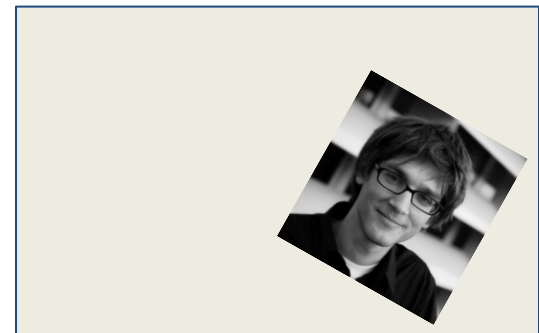
- **Note:** invariance is a special case  
of equivariance where  $\rho_Y$  is  
defined as no transformation.

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✓ Yes, Prof. Leskovec.

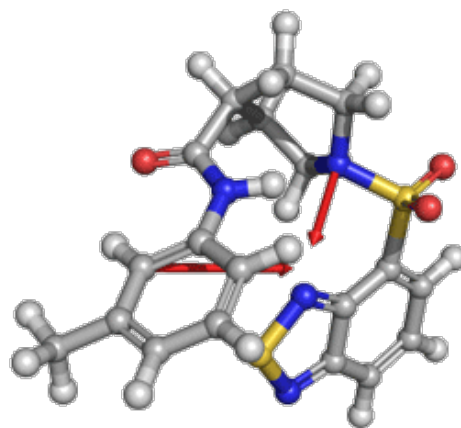
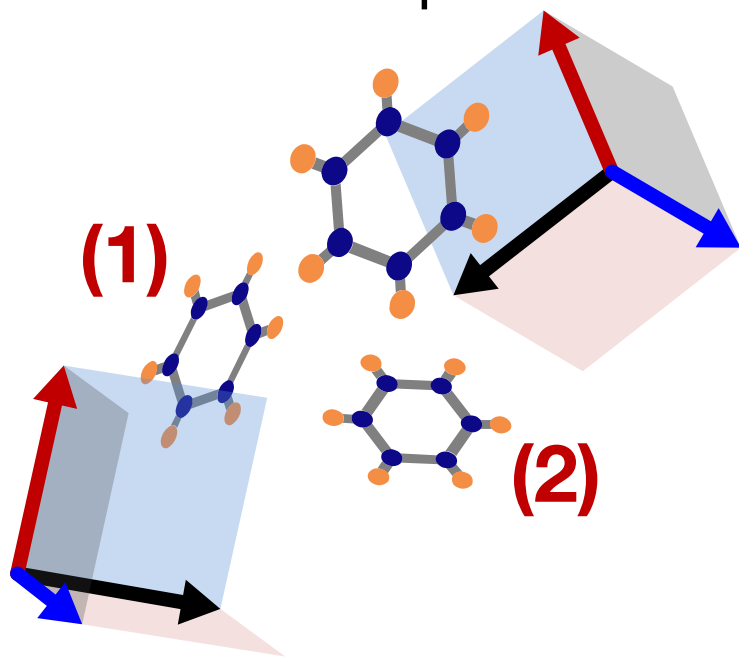
After roto-translation...



✓ Still Prof. Leskovec!

# Invariance & Equivariance

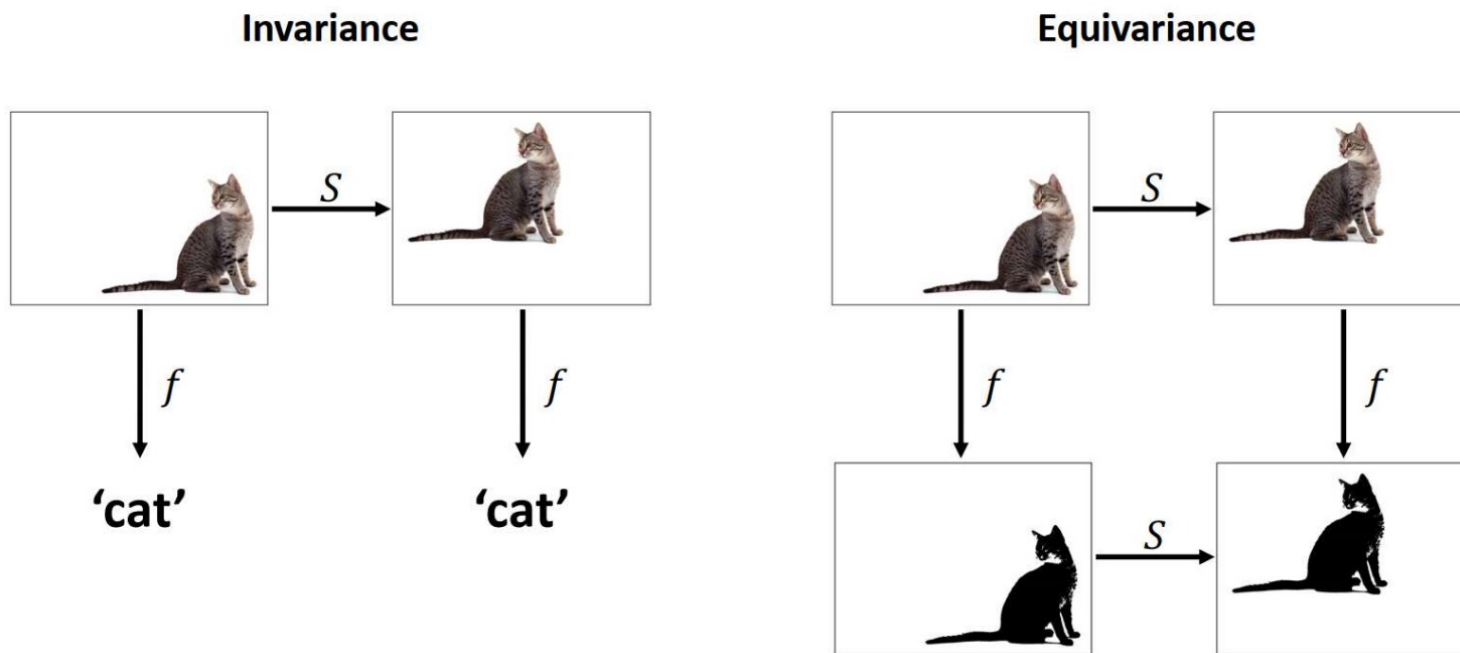
- For geometric graphs, we consider 3D Special Euclidean ( $SE(3)$ ) symmetries, e.g.:
  - structure  $\mathbf{x}$   $\rightarrow$  energy  $E$  : invariant scalars
  - structure  $\mathbf{x}$   $\rightarrow$  force  $\mathbf{v}$ : equivariant tensors  
rotation equivariant and translation invariant





# Invariance & Equivariance

- The analogy in image domain...
  - Classification: invariant label
  - Segmentation: equivariant pixel coordinates



<https://www.doc.ic.ac.uk/~bkainz/teaching/DL/notes/equivariance.pdf>

# Summarization

**Neural networks** are specially designed for different **data types** in order to make use of special features (symmetries) of the data.

**Data type**

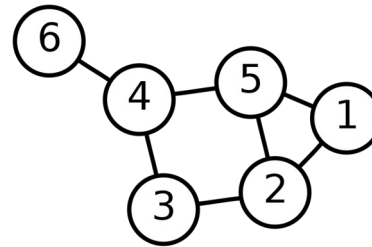
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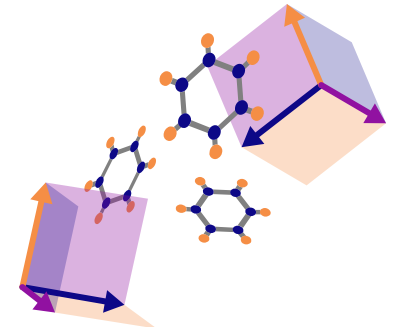
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**Graph**



**Geometric Graph in 3D**



**Type of neural network**

**Convolutional**

Pixels closer together are more important to each other.

***Spatial translation symmetry***

**Recurrent**

The meaning of a current word depends on what came before.

***Time translation symmetry***

**Graph**

Data on nodes interacts via edges

***Permutation symmetry***

**Euclidean**

Geometric data “means” the same thing even when we use different coordinate systems

***Euclidean symmetry***

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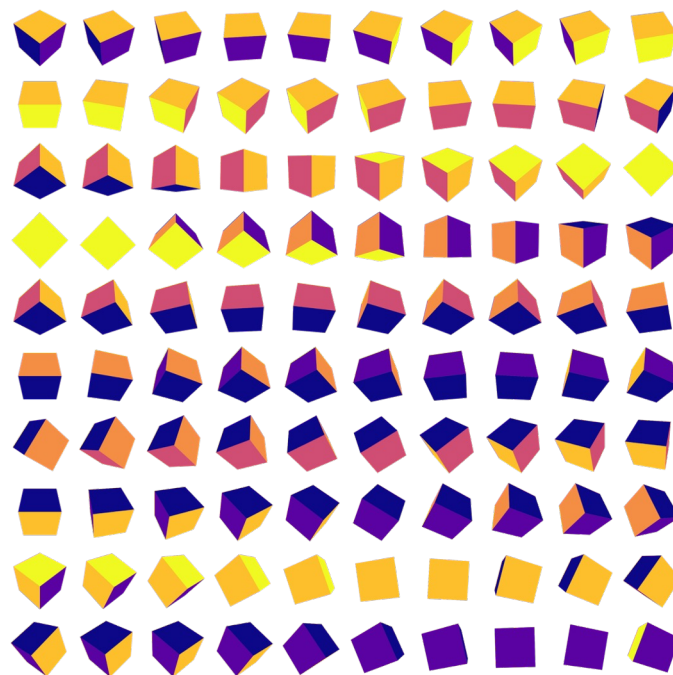
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# Handle Symmetry

- For ML models without handling symmetry:  
expensive **data augmentation**  
create more training data by augmenting original data to include all possible symmetries (rotations)
- Alternative: design Geometric GNNs!

**training without rotational symmetry**

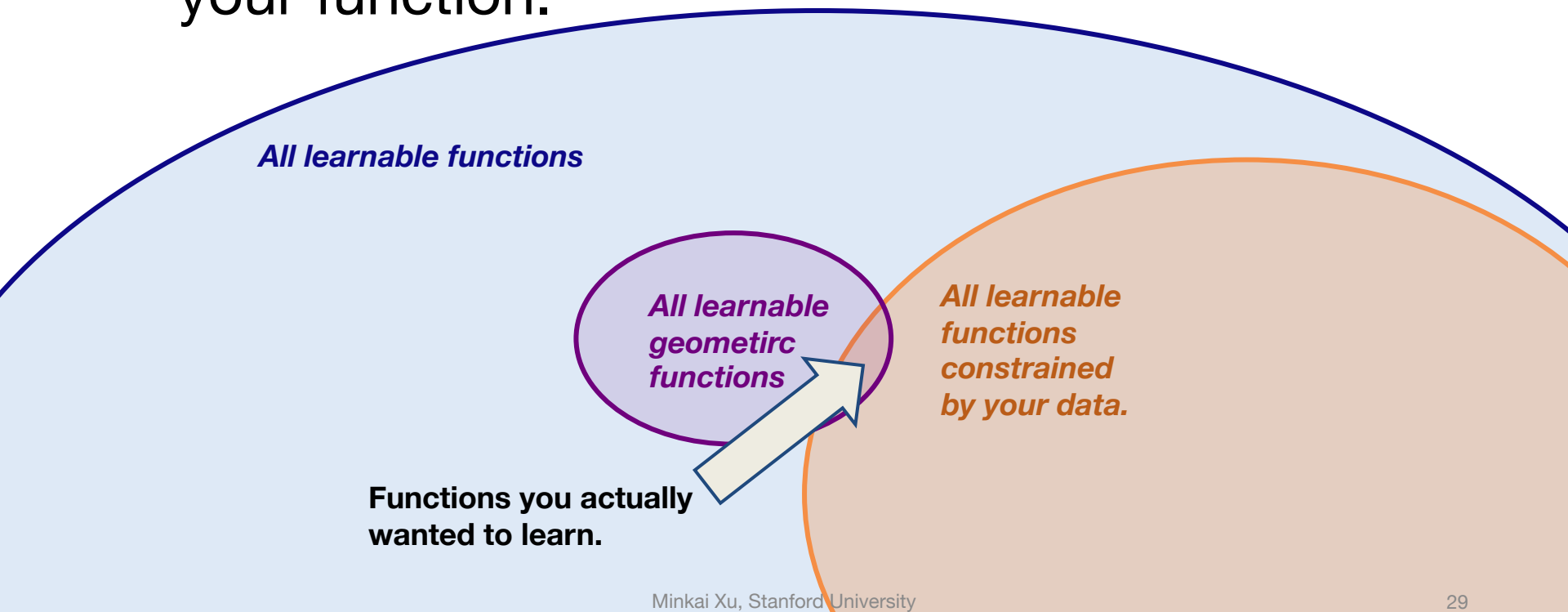


**training with symmetry**



# Advantage

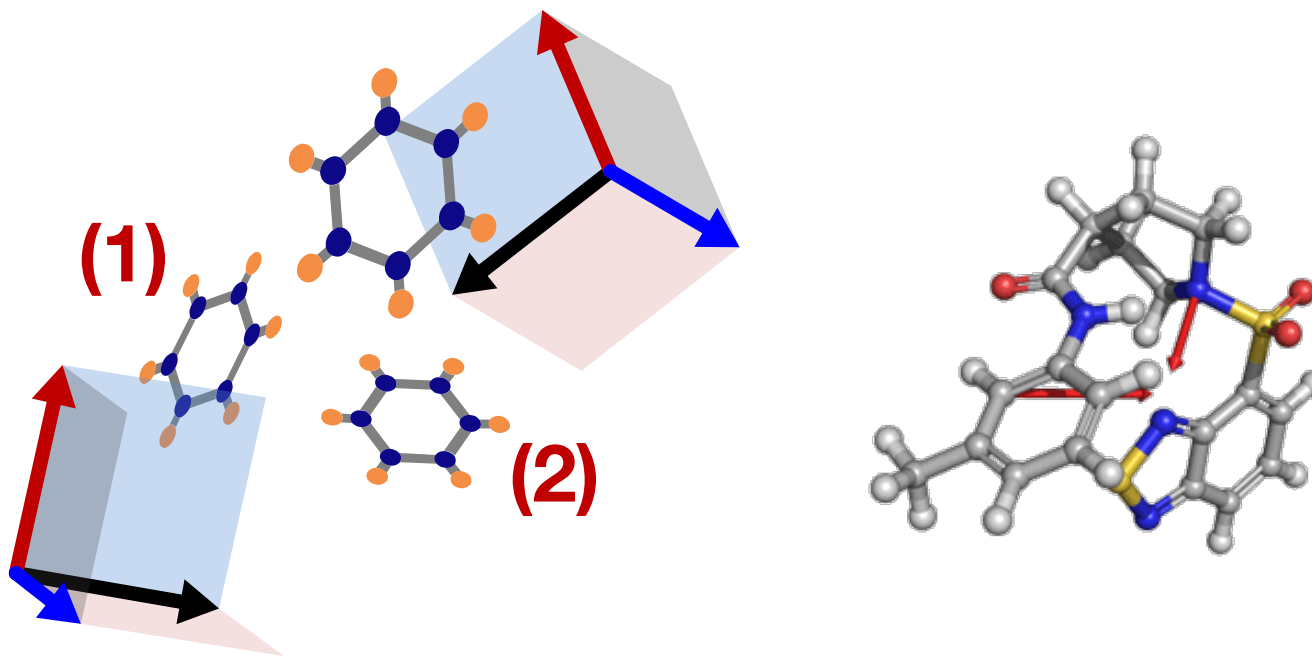
- You can substantially shrink the space of functions you need to optimize over.
- This means you need less data to constrain your function.



# Geometric GNNs

## Two classes of Geometric GNNs:

- **Invariant** GNNs for learning invariant **scalar** features
- **Equivariant** GNNs for learning equivariant **tensor** features.



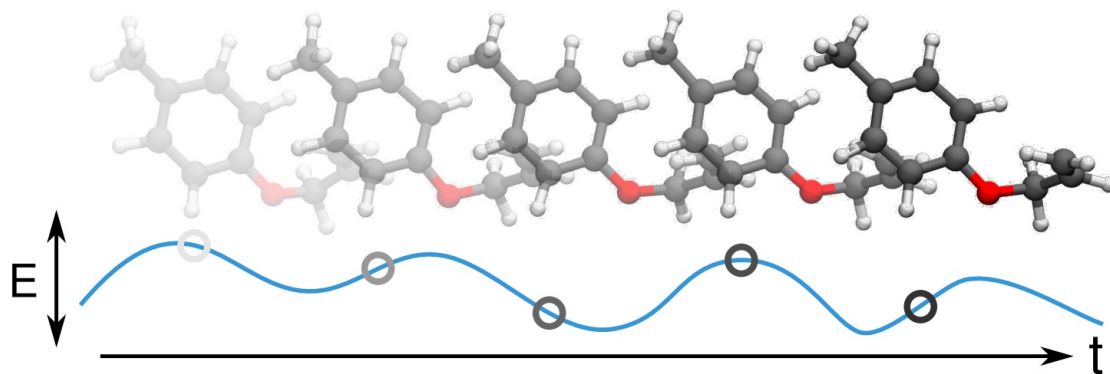
**Invariant** functions vs. **Equivariant** functions

# Molecular Dynamics Simulations

- For simulating the stable structure of molecular geometries: computationally costly quantum mechanical calculations

- Energy  $E(r_1, \dots, r_n)$

- Forces  $\mathbf{F}_i(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_n) = -\frac{\partial E}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i}(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_n)$ . r: atomic coordinates

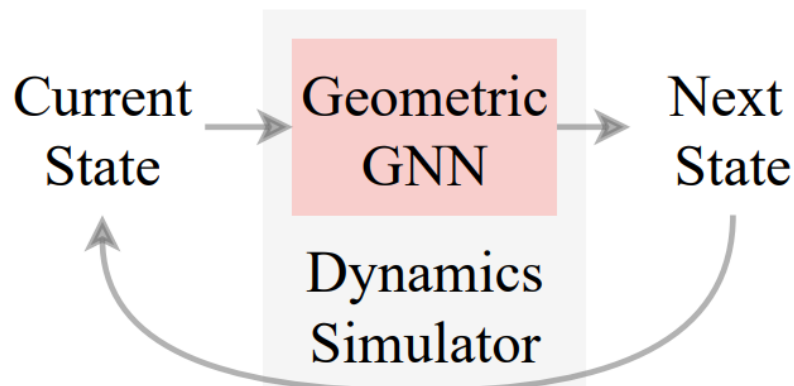
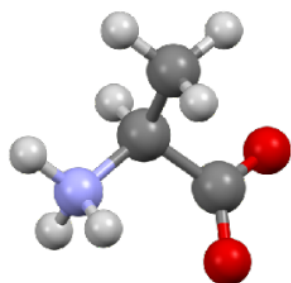


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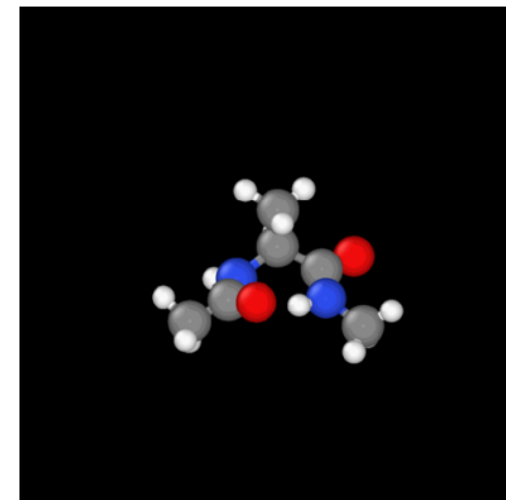
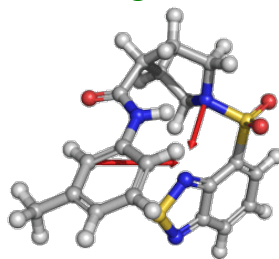
Method	Complexity
Hartree Fock	$O(n^3) - O(n^4)$
<b>Density Functional Theory</b>	$O(n^3) - O(n^4)$
MP2	$O(n^5)$
CCSD	$O(n^6)$
CCSD(T)	$O(n^7)$
Full CI	$O(n!)$

# Molecular Dynamics Simulations

- Usage: forces can be used to optimize the structure by  $X^t + \mathbf{F} \rightarrow X^{t+1}$  (simulation)



$F$ : forces acting on all atoms for optimizing the structures





# For ML Models...

- Problem Definition
- **Inputs:**  
molecular graphs with atom types  $X = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$   
 $\in R^d$  and positions  $R = (r_1, \dots, r_n) \in R^3$
- **Predict:**  
the molecular total energy  $E(r_1, \dots, r_n)$  (**invariant**)  
forces  $F = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$  acting on each atom (**equivariant**).
  - Forces are partial derivatives of energy function.

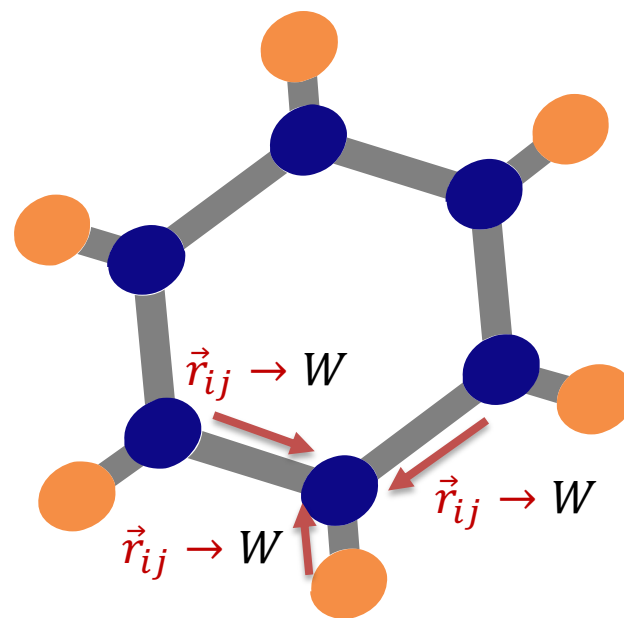
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# Invariant GNNs: SchNet

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$$\mathbf{x}_i^{l+1} = (X^l * W^l)_i = \sum_j \mathbf{x}_j^l \circ W^l(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j),$$

- A weight matrix  $W$  is determined by the relative position from neighbor atoms  $j$  to  $i$
- This kernel matrix  $W: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  then controls interaction from neighbor atoms by  $x_j \cdot W$
- All the neighbor messages are aggregated by  $\sum_j x_j \cdot W$



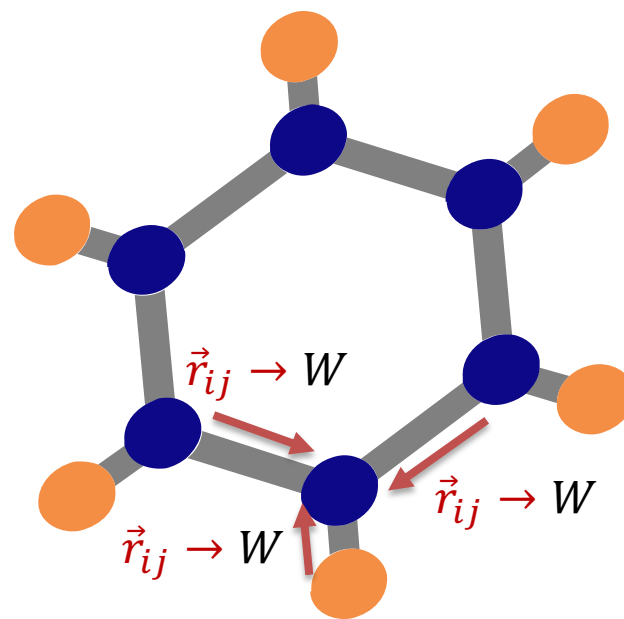
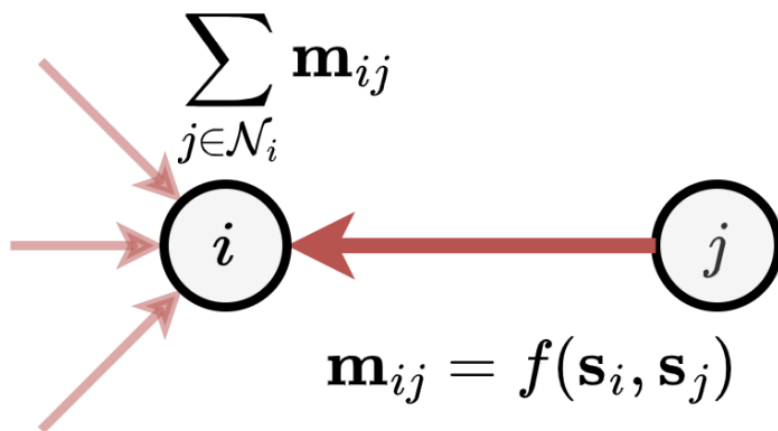
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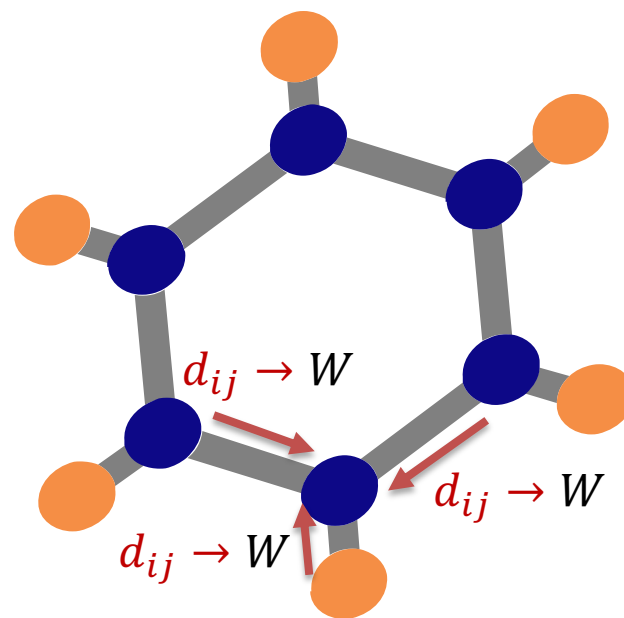
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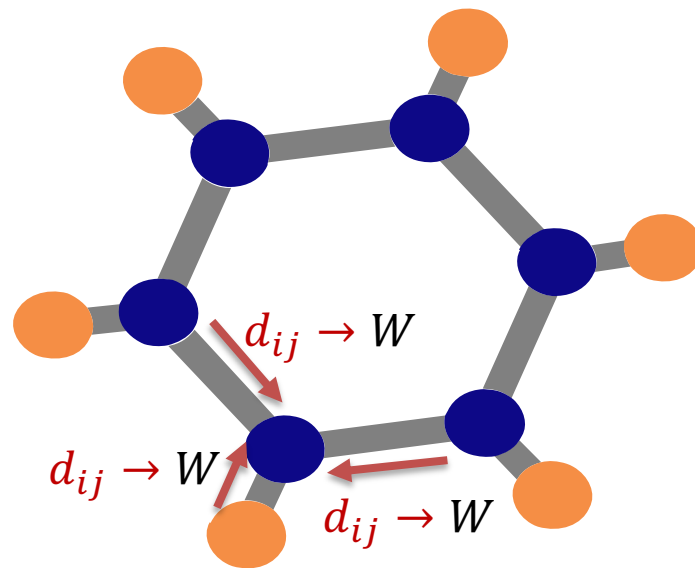
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  - $\Rightarrow$  aggregated node embeddings  $\sum_j x_j \cdot W$  is invariant
  - $\Rightarrow$  therefore, node embeddings are invariant!

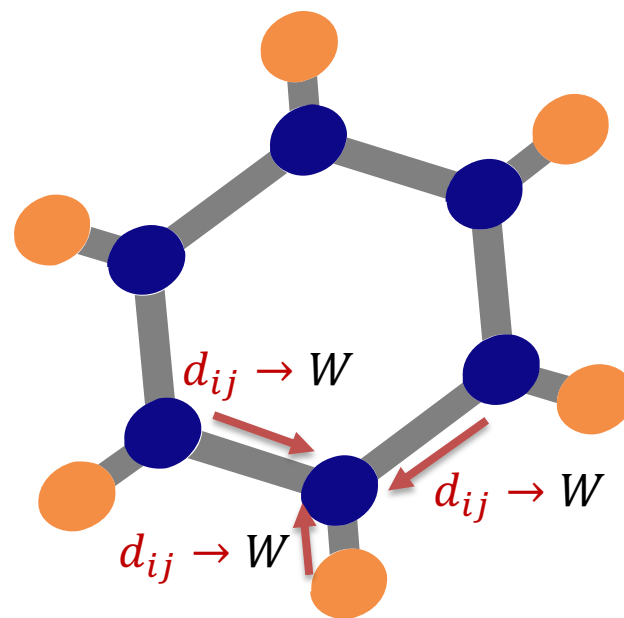


$$\mathbf{x}_i^{l+1} = (X^l * W^l)_i = \sum_j \mathbf{x}_j^l \circ W^l(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j),$$

$x^l$ : node embeddings at  $l$  layer  
 $r$ : atomic coordinates

# invariant GNNs: SchNet

- **SchNet** makes  $W$  invariant by **scalarizing** relative positions  $\vec{r}_{ij}$  with **relative distances**  $d_{ij} = \|\vec{r}_{ij}\|$ :
  - **Implementation details:**  
Since  $d_{ij}$  is 1-dimensional, we need to expand to higher (300) dimension (better for training)
  - **Radial Basis Functions (RBF):**  
 $e_k(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j) = \exp(-\gamma\|d_{ij} - \mu_k\|^2)$   
 $\mu_k$  are chosen every  $0.1A$  within  $0A \leq \mu_k \leq 30A$  and  $\gamma = 10A$

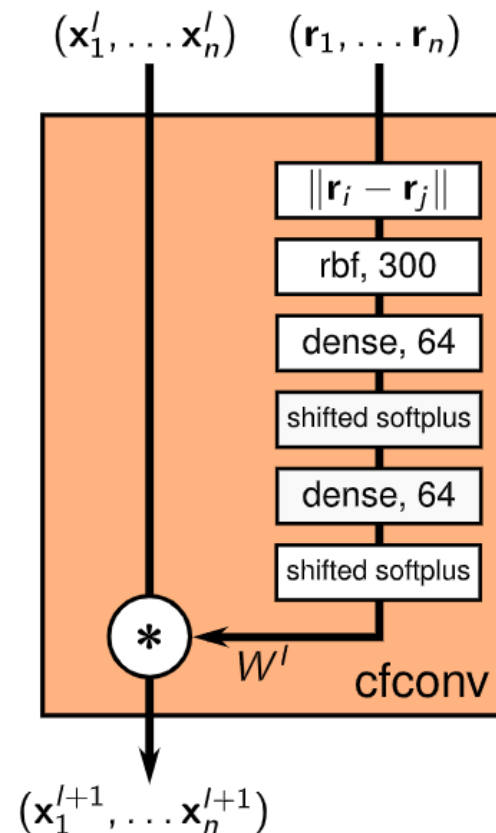
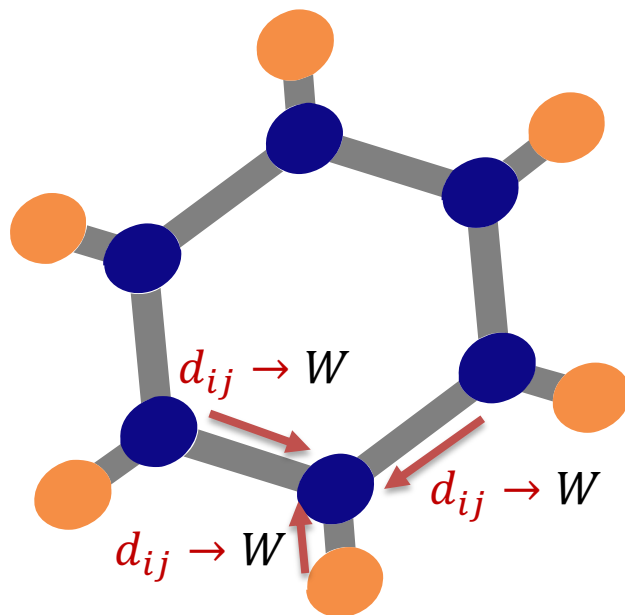


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# invariant GNNs: SchNet

- **RBF:**  $e_k(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j) = \exp(-\gamma\|d_{ij} - \mu_k\|^2)$
- **Dense:** MLPs
- **Softplus:** activation functions



$$\mathbf{x}_i^{l+1} = (X^l * W^l)_i = \sum_j \mathbf{x}_j^l \circ W^l(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j),$$

$\mathbf{x}^l$ : node embeddings at l layer  
 $\mathbf{r}$ : atomic coordinates

# invariant GNNs: SchNet

- cfconv module: aggregate atomic pairwise message passings
- Aggregated messages are then used for updating node embeddings through interaction module

- Atom-wise layers  
Typical feedforward MLPs

$$\mathbf{x}_i^{l+1} = W^l \mathbf{x}_i^l + \mathbf{b}^l$$

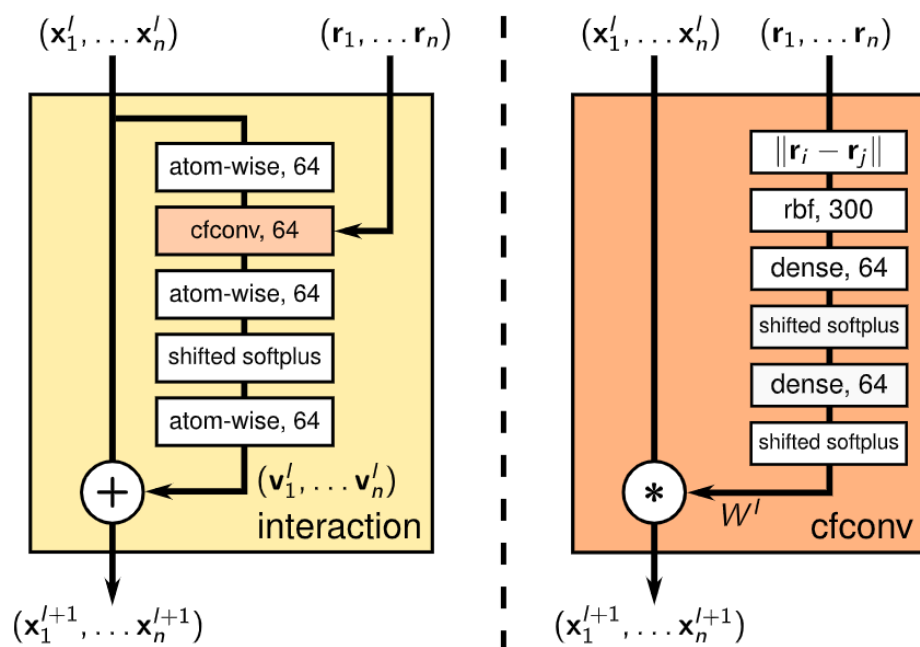
- Residual connections

$$\mathbf{x}_i^{l+1} = \mathbf{x}_i^l + \mathbf{v}_i^l$$

$W$ : weights in NNs

$b$ : bias in NNs

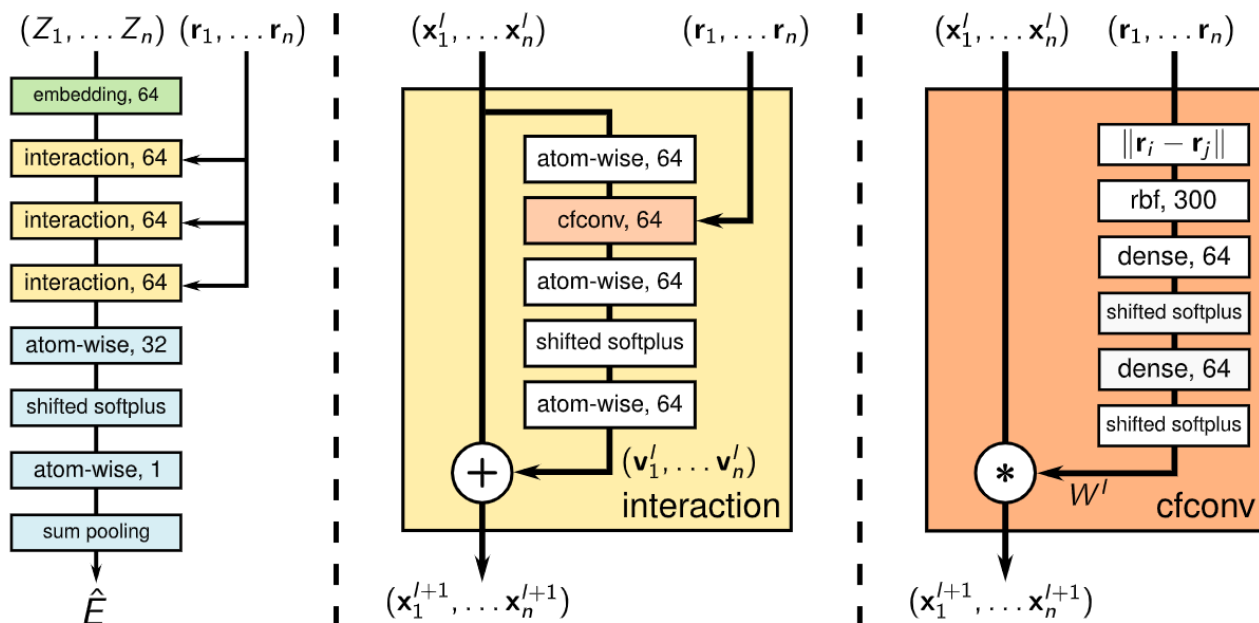
$v$ : update of  $x$





# invariant GNNs: SchNet

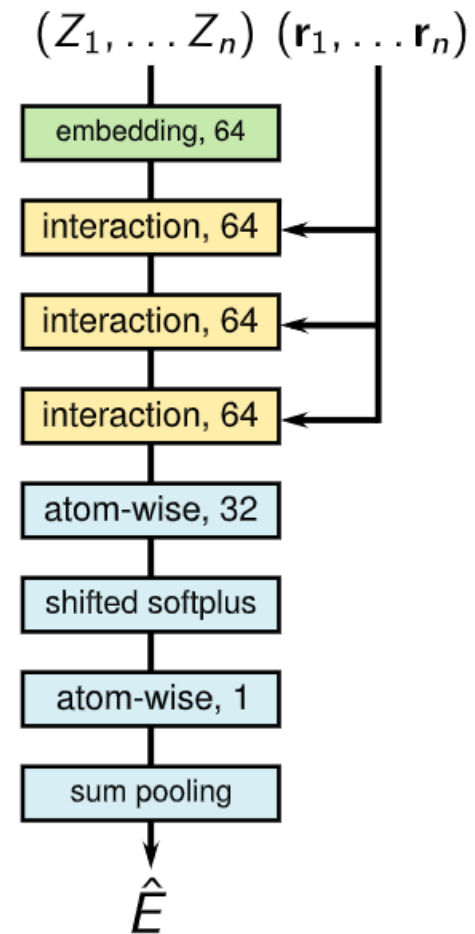
- Stack multiple interaction and atom-wise layers
- Predict single scalar value for each atom
- Sum all scalars together as energy prediction



# invariant GNNs: SchNet

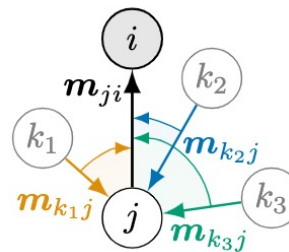
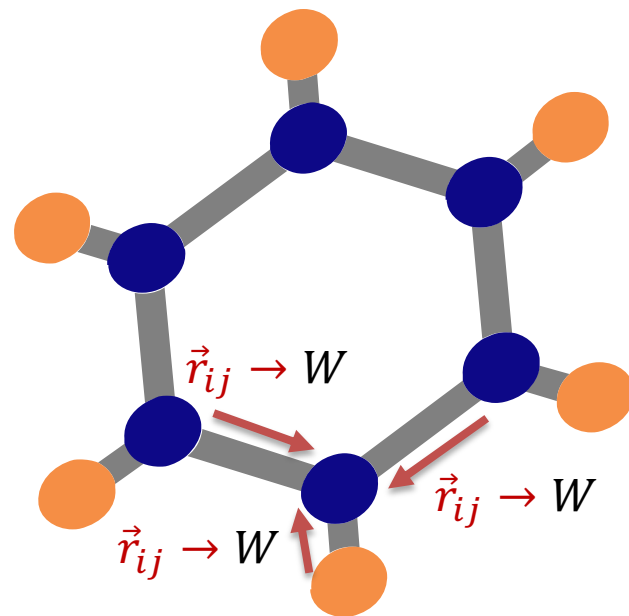
- Forces can be computed by calculating gradient of the energy output w.r.t coordinates input
- Training objective (least square errors between predicted energy  $E$  and forces  $F$  and ground truth)

$$\ell(\hat{E}, (E, \mathbf{F}_1, \dots, \mathbf{F}_n)) = \rho \|E - \hat{E}\|^2 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^n \left\| \mathbf{F}_i - \left( -\frac{\partial \hat{E}}{\partial \mathbf{R}_i} \right) \right\|^2$$



# Improved SchNet: DimeNet

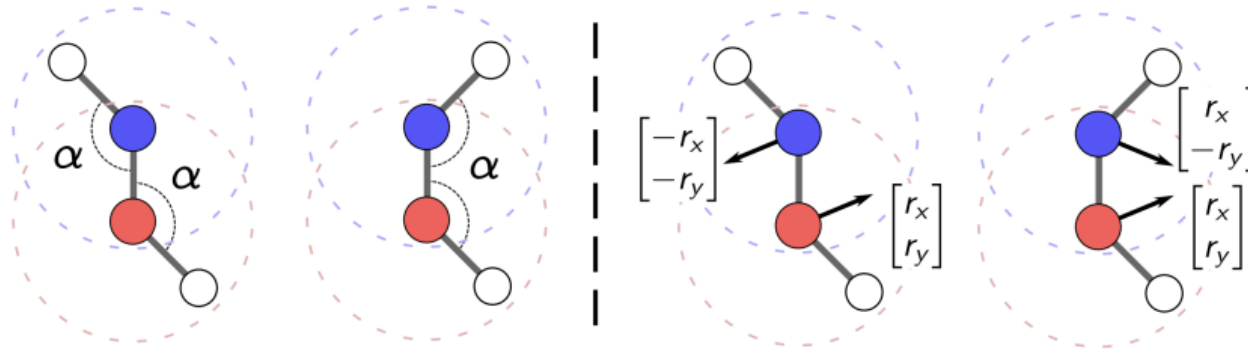
- Chemically, potential energy can be modeled as sum of four parts
$$E = E_{\text{bonds}} + E_{\text{angle}} + E_{\text{torsion}} + E_{\text{non-bonded}},$$
  - SchNet only depends on atom types and pairwise distance, **ignore** many information like angles and torsions
- DimeNet** resolves this problem by
  - Do message interaction based on
    - distance between atoms
    - angle between bonds(both of which are invariant to translation and rotation!)



Gasteiger, Johannes, Janek Groß, and Stephan Günnemann.  
"Directional message passing for molecular graphs." *ICLR* (2020).

# Expressiveness

- **Distances/Angles** are incomplete descriptors for uniquely identifying geometric structure.



- This pair of geometric graphs cannot be distinguished by **identical** scalar quantities.
- But they can be distinguished based on **directional** or **geometric** information

# Limitations of invariant GNNs

- Why not limit yourself to invariant functions?
- You have to **guarantee** that your input features already contain any necessary equivariant interactions.

*All learnable  
equivariant  
functions*

*All invariant  
functions  
constrained by  
your data.*

*All learnable  
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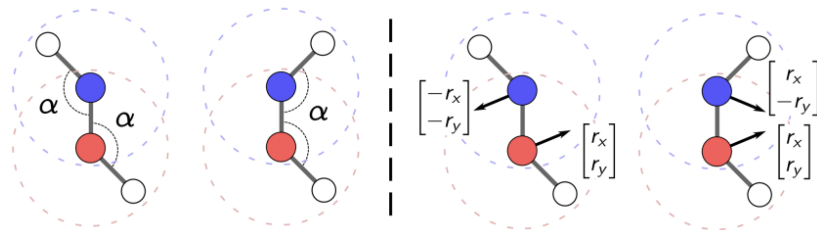
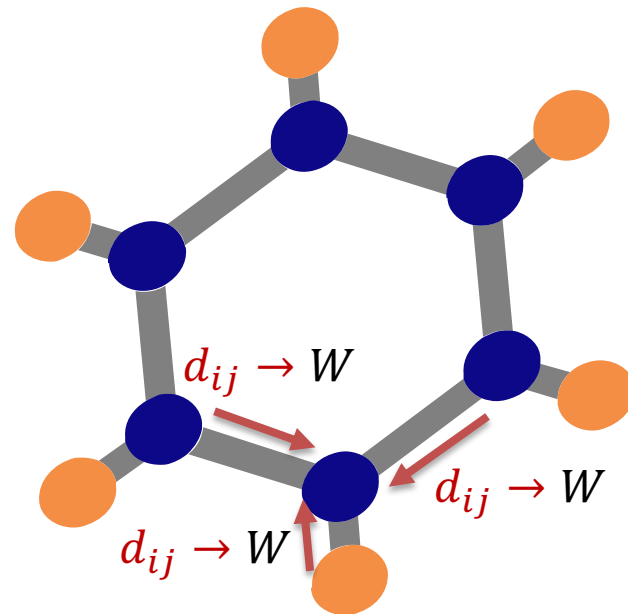
**Functions you actually  
wanted to learn.**

**OR**



# Equivariant GNNs: PaiNN

- **PaiNN** still take learnable weights  $W$  conditioned on the relative distance  $\|\vec{r}_{ij}\|$  to control message passing
- However, differently, in PaiNN each node has two features (both scalar features  $s_i$  and vector features  $v_i$ )



Schütt, Kristof, Oliver Unke, and Michael Gastegger. "Equivariant message passing for the prediction of tensorial properties and molecular spectra." *International Conference on Machine Learning*. PMLR, 2021.

# Equivariant GNNs: PaiNN

- The two features (scalar features  $s_i$  and vector features  $v_i$ ) are
  - initialed by: atom embeddings and 0 tensors
  - updated by: residual updates

$s, \Delta s$ : scalar features and its updates

$$s_i = s_i + \Delta s_i$$

$$v_i = v_i + \Delta v_i$$

$v, \Delta v$ : tensor features and its updates

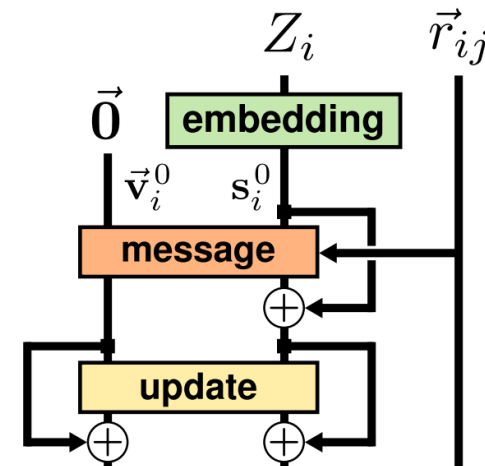
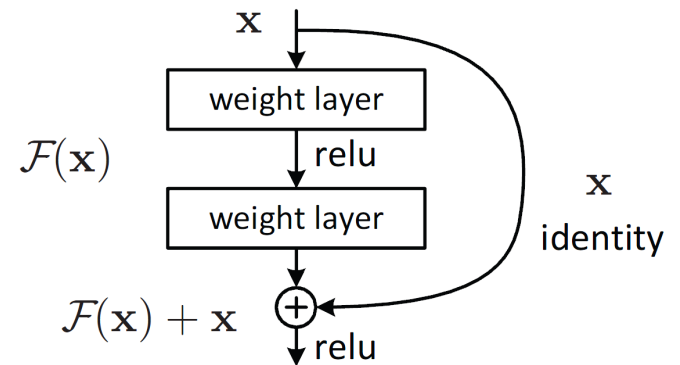
$$\Delta s_i^m = (\phi_s(s) * \mathcal{W}_s)_i$$

$$= \sum_j \phi_s(s_j) \circ \mathcal{W}_s(\|\vec{r}_{ij}\|)$$

$\phi, \mathcal{W}$ : networks

$$\Delta \vec{v}_i^m = \sum_j \vec{v}_j \circ \phi_{vv}(s_j) \circ \mathcal{W}_{vv}(\|\vec{r}_{ij}\|)$$

$$+ \sum_j \phi_{vs}(s_j) \circ \mathcal{W}'_{vs}(\|\vec{r}_{ij}\|) \frac{\vec{r}_{ij}}{\|\vec{r}_{ij}\|}$$



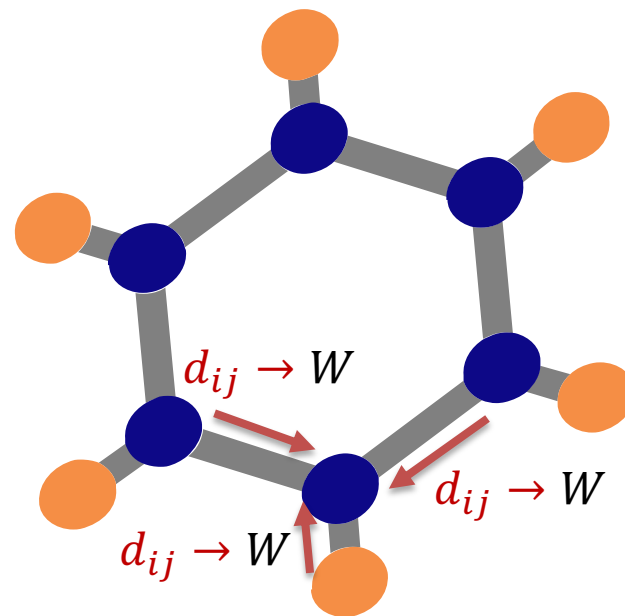
# Equivariant GNNs: PaiNN

- scalar features  $s_i$  update

for atom  $i$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta \mathbf{s}_i^m &= (\phi_s(\mathbf{s}) * \mathcal{W}_s)_i \\ &= \sum_j \phi_s(\mathbf{s}_j) \circ \mathcal{W}_s(\|\vec{r}_{ij}\|)\end{aligned}$$

- $\phi_s, \mathcal{W}_s$  are neural networks
- Similar to SchNet
  - invariant weights  $\mathcal{W}_s$  by  $\|\vec{r}_{ij}\|$
  - $\Rightarrow$  invariant messages  $\phi_s$
  - $\Rightarrow$  passing invariant messages  $\phi_s \cdot \mathcal{W}_s$
  - $\Rightarrow$  invariant sum Agg over messages





# Equivariant GNNs: PaiNN

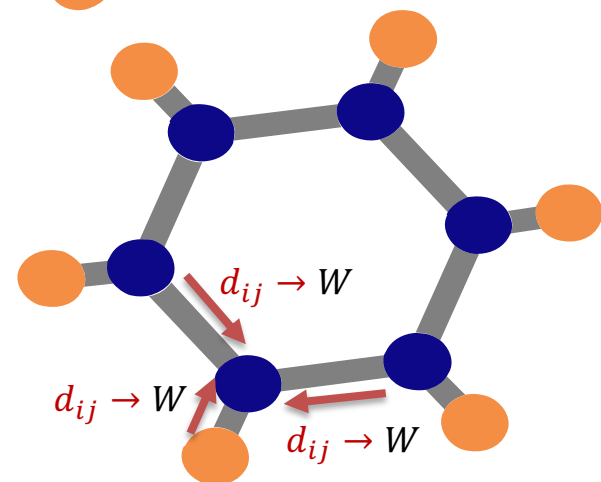
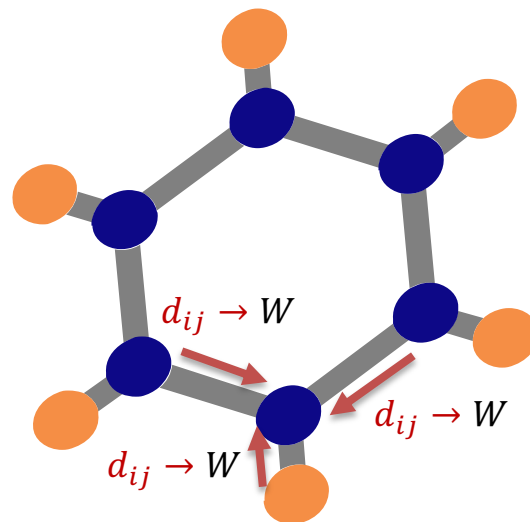
- vector features  $v_i$  update:

$$\Delta \vec{v}_i^m = \sum_j \vec{v}_j \circ \phi_{vv}(\mathbf{s}_j) \circ \mathcal{W}_{vv}(\|\vec{r}_{ij}\|) + \sum_j \phi_{vs}(\mathbf{s}_j) \circ \mathcal{W}'_{vs}(\|\vec{r}_{ij}\|) \frac{\vec{r}_{ij}}{\|\vec{r}_{ij}\|}$$

- $\phi, \mathcal{W}$  are all neural networks

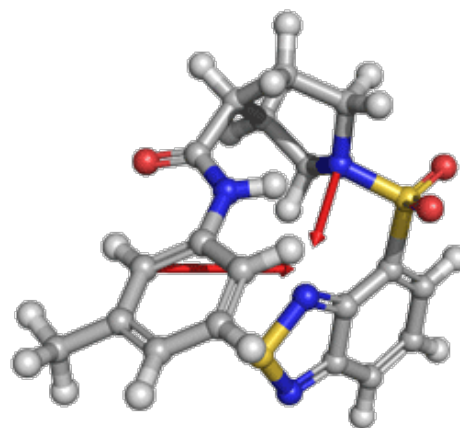
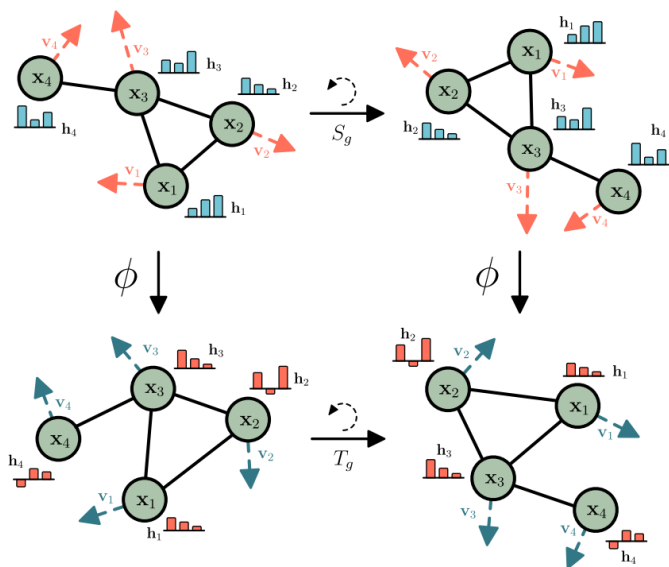
- Different to SchNet

- invariant weights  $W_s$  by  $\|\vec{r}_{ij}\|$
- => invariant messages  $\phi_s$
- => passing tensor messages  $\phi_s \cdot W_s \cdot \vec{r}_{ij}$
- => weighted sum of relative directions  $\vec{r}_{ij}$ , thus keeping the equivariant properties!



# Equivariant GNNs: PaiNN

- By stacking multiple PaiNN layers...
- **vector features**  $v_i$  after final layer are tensor features equivariant w.r.t to input coordinates
- are therefore can be directly used as force prediction



Satorras, Victor Garcia, Emiel Hooeboom, and Max Welling. "E(n) equivariant graph neural networks." *International conference on machine learning*. PMLR, 2021.

# Summary of Geometric GNNs

- Geometric GNNs need to capture sufficient information of geometries
- SchNet (and DimeNet) achieve **invariance** by only learning over scalarized **invariant features** (distances, angles, ...)
- PaiNN designs both **scalar** and **tensor** features, where the tensor features are **equivariant** with input coordinates
- Applications: equivariant output can be used as force prediction for molecular simulation

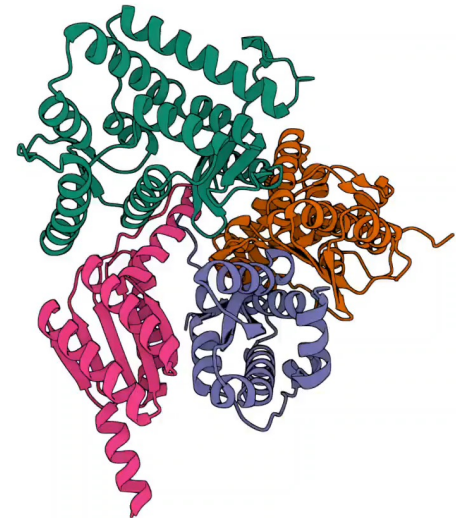
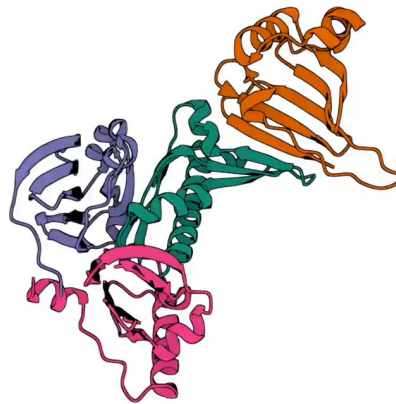
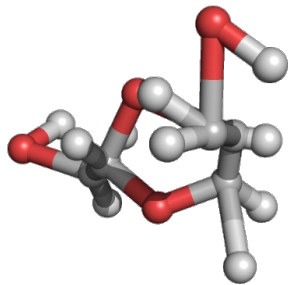
# Outline

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  - Equivariant GNNs
- **Geometric Generative Models**
  - Geometric Diffusion Models

# Broad Applications

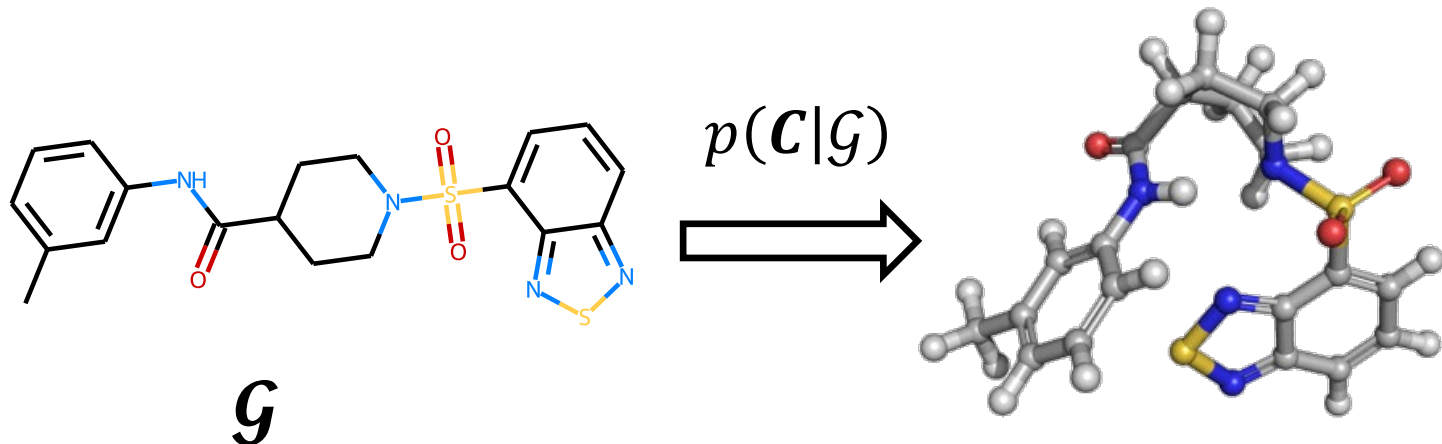
- Accelerate scientific simulation
  - Molecule/Protein Design
  - Biomolecule structure prediction
  - Protein-molecule interaction
  - Molecular simulation



<https://generatebiomedicines.com/chroma>

# Molecular Conformation Generation

- Generate stable conformations from molecular graph
  - Molecular graph  $\mathcal{G}$ : 2D atom-bond graph
  - Conformation  $\mathcal{C}$ : atomic 3D coordinates
  - One molecule can have multiple possible conformations, which follows a distribution conditioned on temperature  $T$

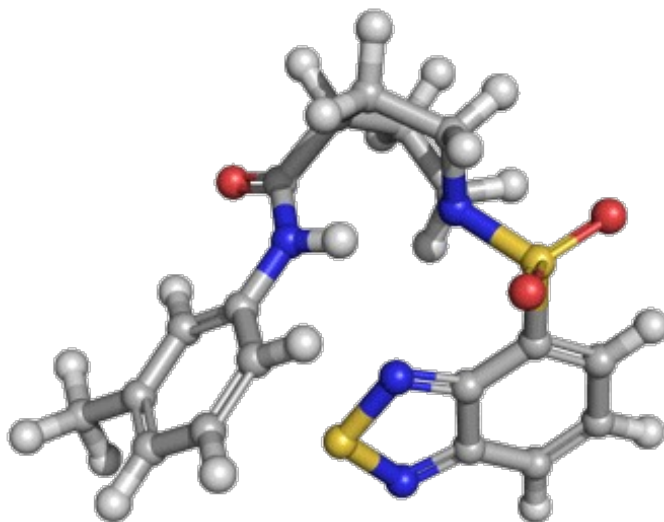


$$\mathcal{C} \propto \exp(-E(\mathcal{C})/T)$$

**Boltzmann distribution**

# Challenges

- Generative models learn the data distribution
- Similar to the learning algorithm, generation process should also capture the physical symmetry groups, i.e., **equivariant to roto-translation**

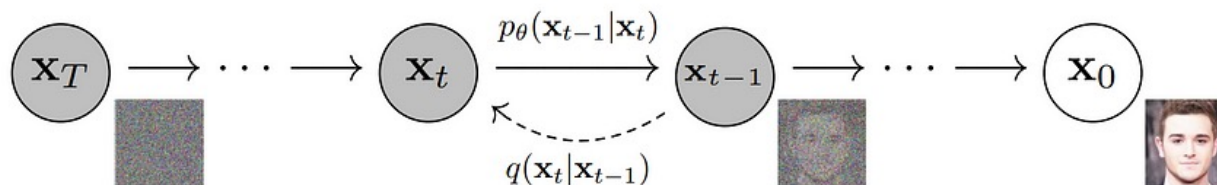


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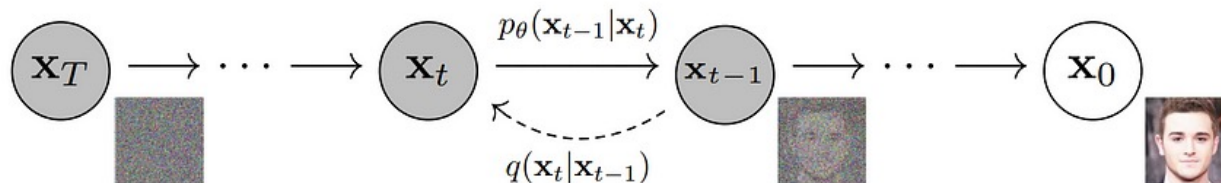
- Define **forward diffusion process** to destroy data into different noisy-level samples
- Learn **reverse** models to **generate by denoising**



Ho, Jonathan, Ajay Jain, and Pieter Abbeel. "Denoising diffusion probabilistic models." *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems* 33 (2020): 6840-6851.



# Background: Diffusion Models



## ■ Training:

- Sample random noise  $\epsilon$
- Destroy the data by  $x_t = \mu_t x + \sigma_t \epsilon$  at every  $t$ 
  - $\mu_t, \sigma_t, t$  are pre defined
- Learn models  $f_\theta(x_t, t)$  to predict the noise  $\epsilon$

$t$ : timestep

$\mu$ : means to shrink data

$\sigma$ : variance as noise level

higher  $t$   $\rightarrow$  smaller  $\mu$  and larger  $\sigma$

$$\mu_0 = 1, \sigma_0 = 0$$

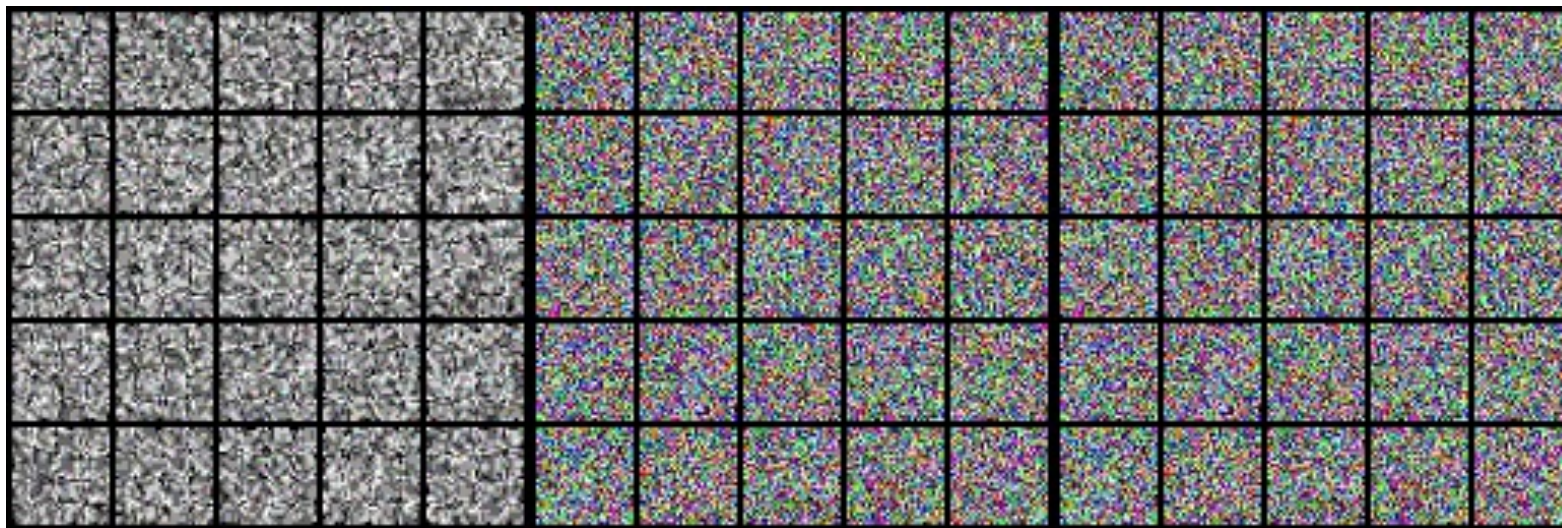
$$\mu_1 = 0, \sigma_1 = 1$$

## ■ Sampling:

- Sample  $x_T \sim N(0, I)$  from Gaussian random noise
- Generate  $x$  by repeatedly predicting and subtracting the noise
- Recover clean data

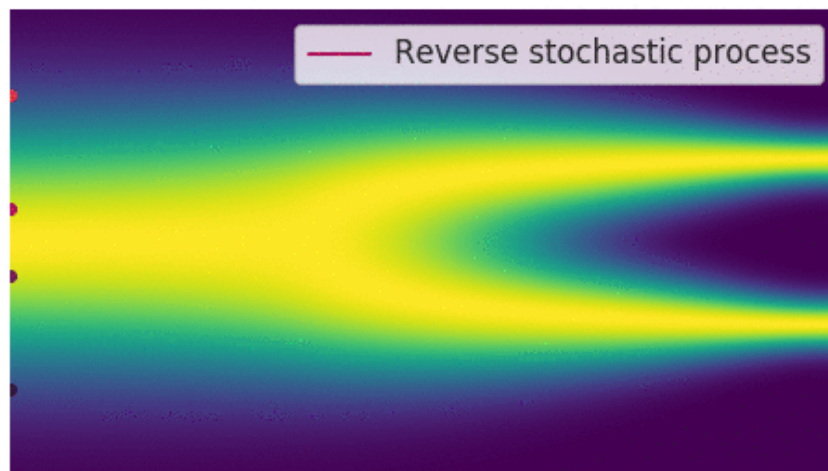
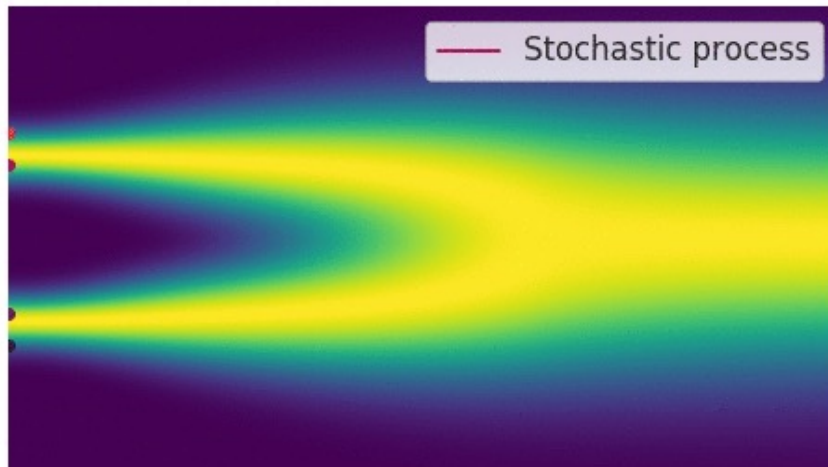
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- Then the learned **reverse** model can be used to generate data by **progressively denoising**



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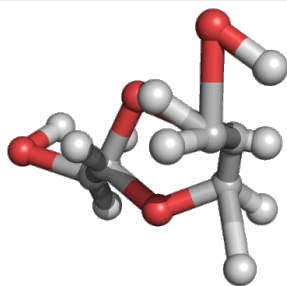


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# Geometric Diffusion

- We bring the idea into molecule generation!
- *Minkai Xu, Lantao Yu, Yang Song, Chence Shi, Stefano Ermon, and Jian Tang. "GeoDiff: A Geometric Diffusion Model for Molecular Conformation Generation." In International Conference on Learning Representations. 2021.*
- Top 50 most cited AI papers in 2022

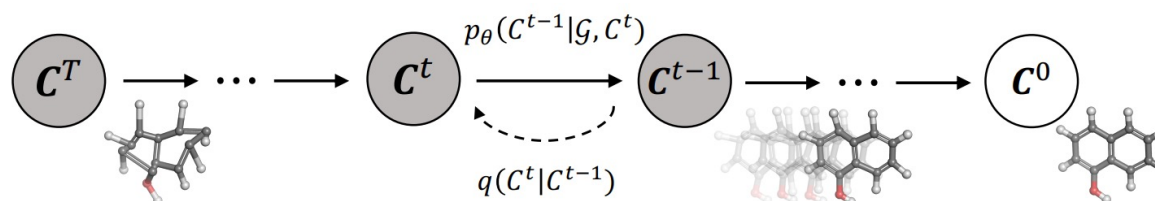
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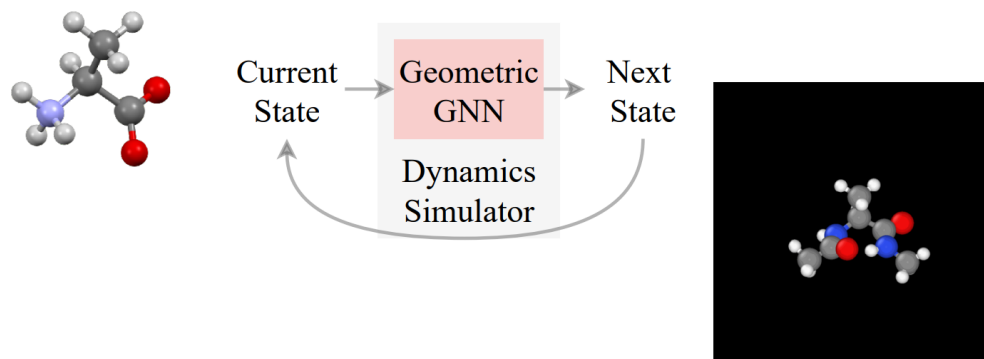
- GeoDiff (Geometric Diffusion)



- Diffusion process gradually perturb the molecular geometry until the conformation is destroyed.
- Symmetrically, we want to learn the reverse generative process to progressively refined a random noisy geometry

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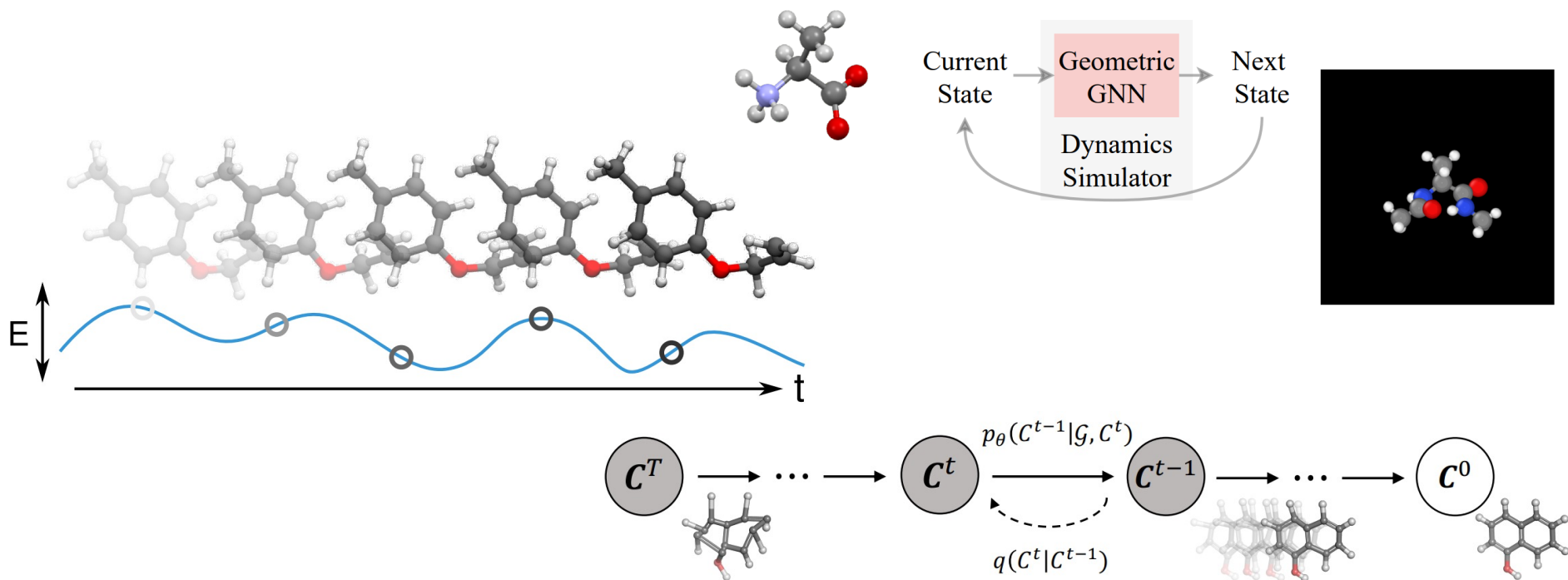


- **Diffusion process** gradually perturb the molecular geometry until the conformation is destroyed.
- Symmetrically, we want to learn the **reverse generative process** to progressively refined a random noisy geometry
- **Wait!** This is kind of similar to molecular simulation!

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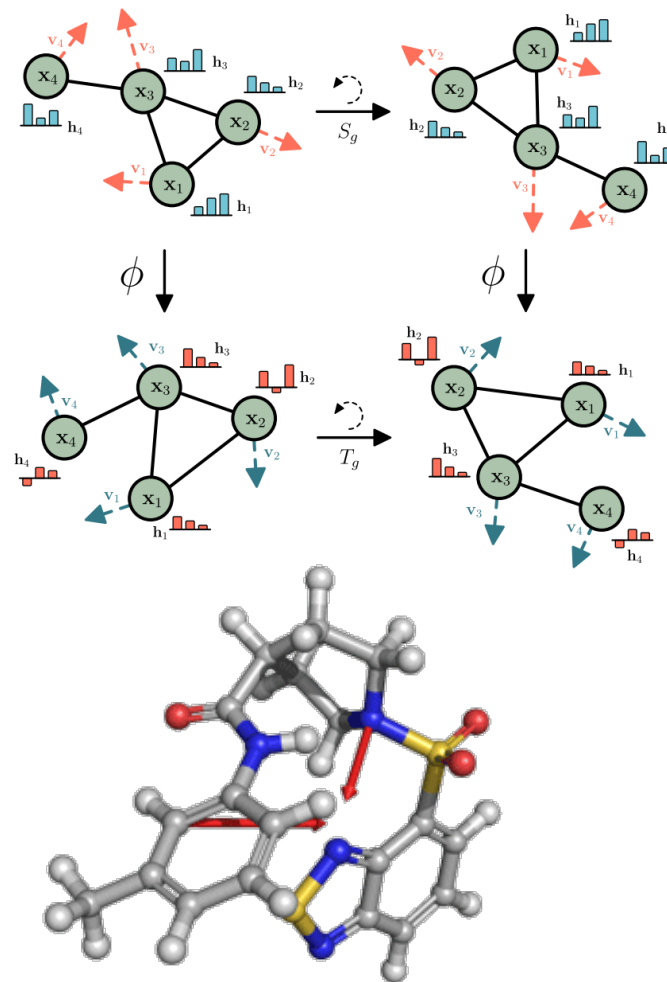
# Geometric Diffusion

- To optimize structures to better states:
  - Simulation: learns to predict **force**
  - Diffusion models: learns to predict **noise**



# Geometric Diffusion

- Insight!  
Similar to force, denoising direction should be equivariant with the molecular coordinates!
- Solution:  
Parameterizing the denoising network with equivariant GNN 😊

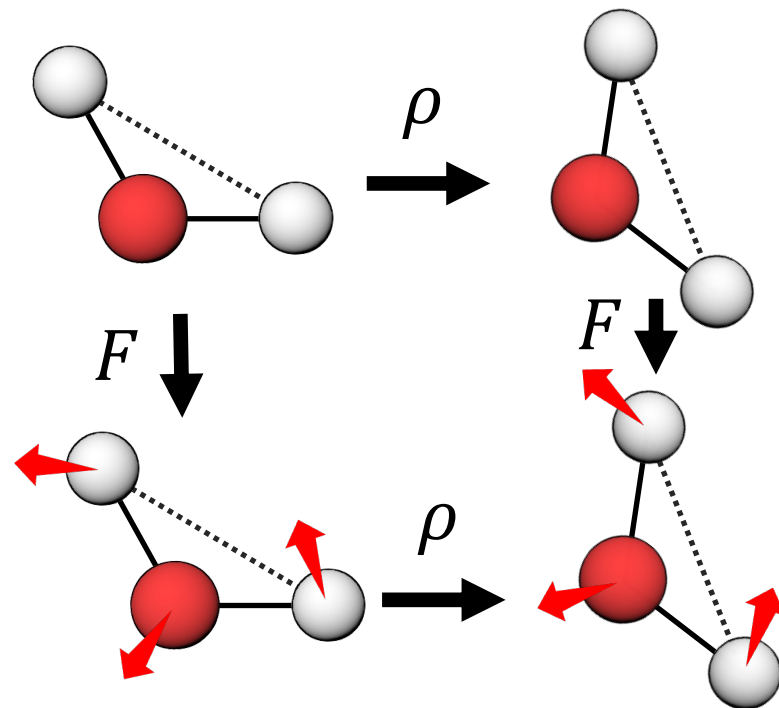
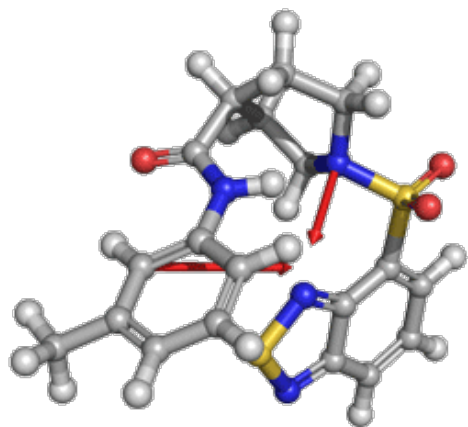




# Illustration: 3D Rotation Equivariance

$$F \circ \rho(x) = \rho \circ F(x)$$

The equation says that applying the  $\rho$  on the input has the same effect as applying it to the output.

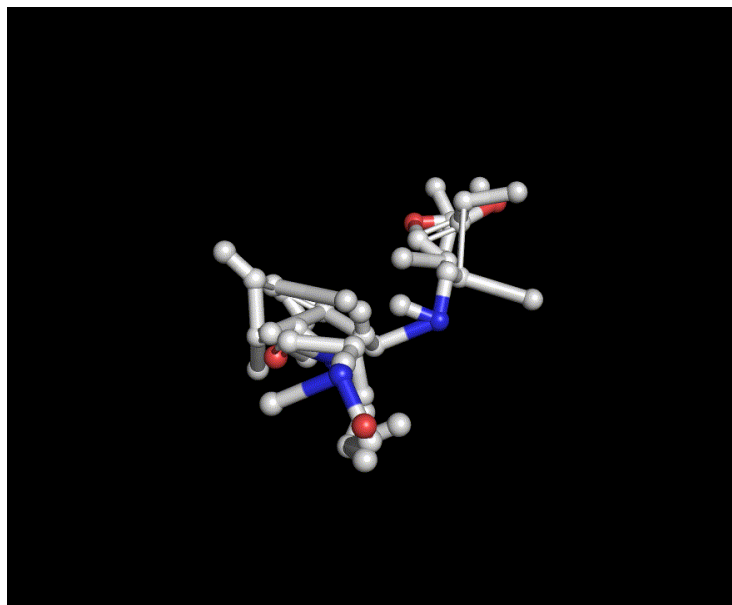
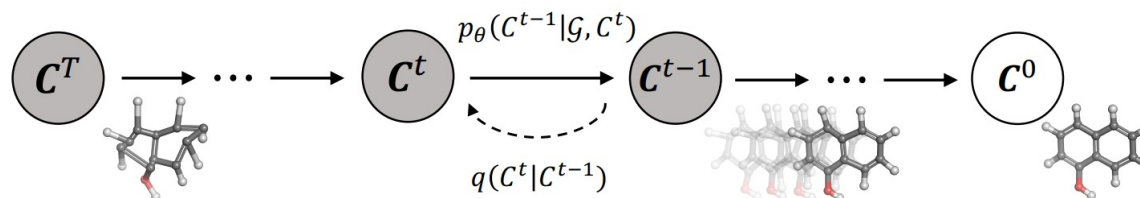


Visual explanation of the equivariance

A GIF illustrating the rotation equivariance of atomic forces. Two red arrows stand for forces acting on atoms, which rotate together with the molecule.

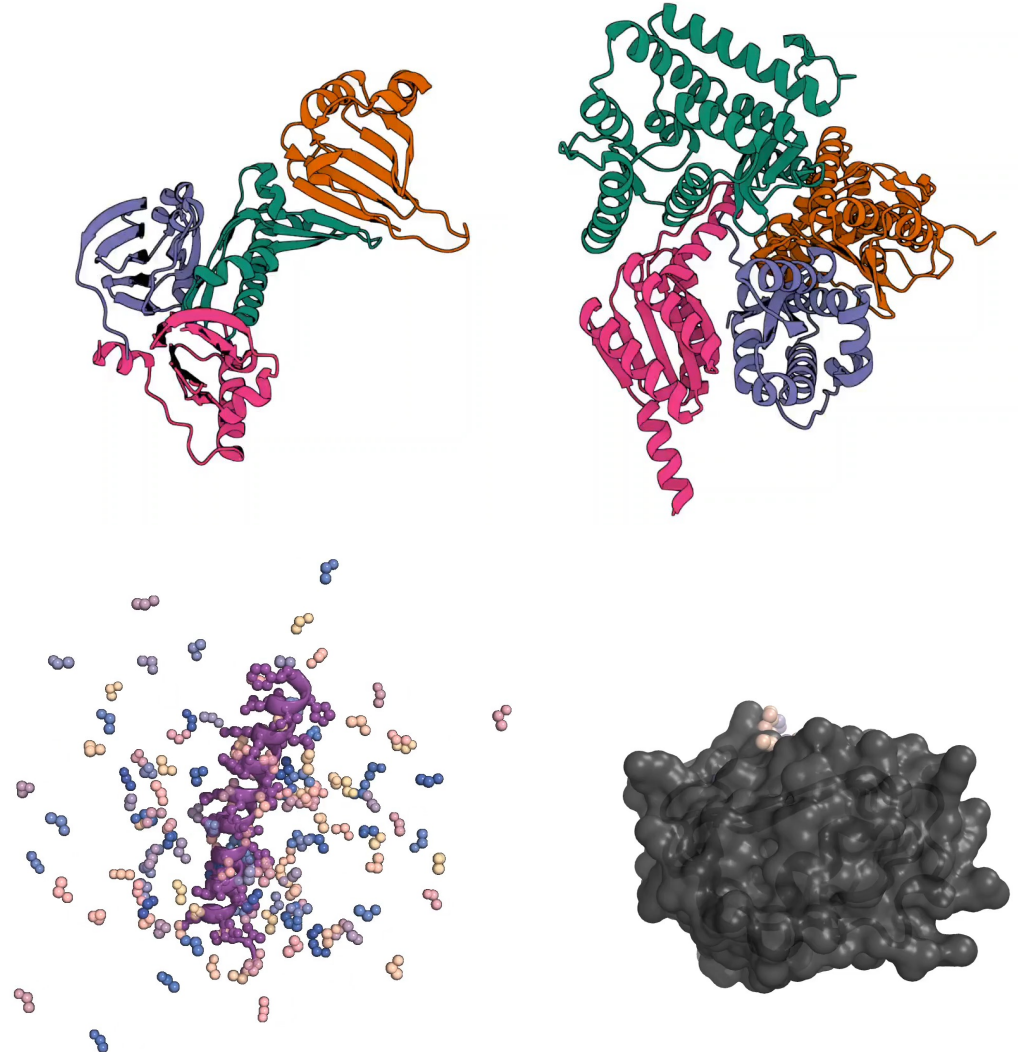
# GeoDiff: Sampling

- Sampling by an **equivariant denoising** procedure:



# Most Recent Progress

- *Illuminating protein space with a programmable generative model*  
John Ingraham, Max Baranov, Zak Costello, Vincent Frappier, et al
- *Broadly applicable and accurate protein design by integrating structure prediction networks and diffusion generative models*  
Joseph L Watson, David Juergens, Nathaniel R Bennett, Brian L Trippe, Jason Yim, Helen E Eisenach, Woody Ahern, et al



# Summary of Geometric Generative Models

- Geometric generative models should also capture the **roto-translational** symmetries
- GeoDiff build the connection between molecular simulations and molecular diffusion generations
- GeoDiff learns **equivariant GNNs** to conduct an **equivariant denoising diffusion process**
- Broad impact for real world drug discovery challenges (drug design, protein design, drug-protein interaction)

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# Future Directions

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- More expressive geometric GNNs
- More principled geometric generative models
- More impactful downstream applications

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