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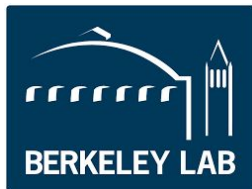
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Overview of my research in deep learning

How did I get here?

My PhD in a nutshell

Intern at Google for 1 year

Choosing between Google and LBL

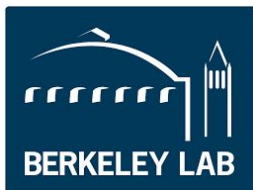
Q&A -- Ask me anything!

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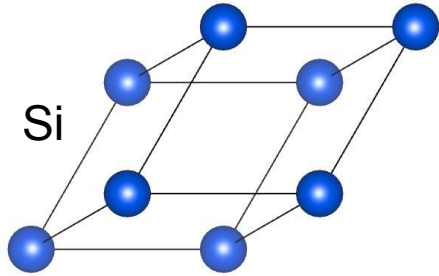
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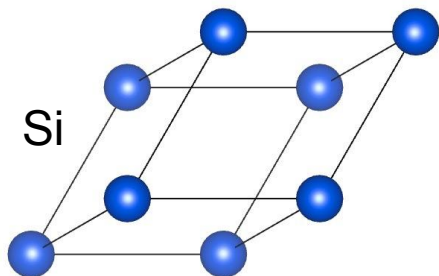
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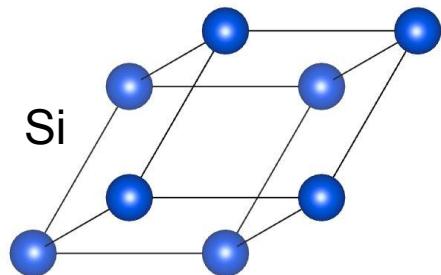
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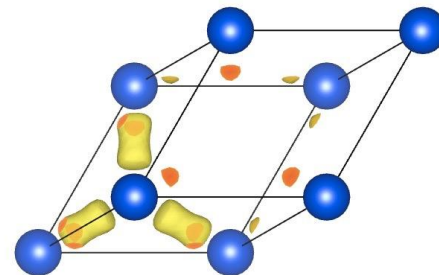
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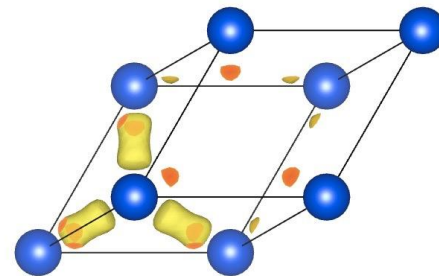
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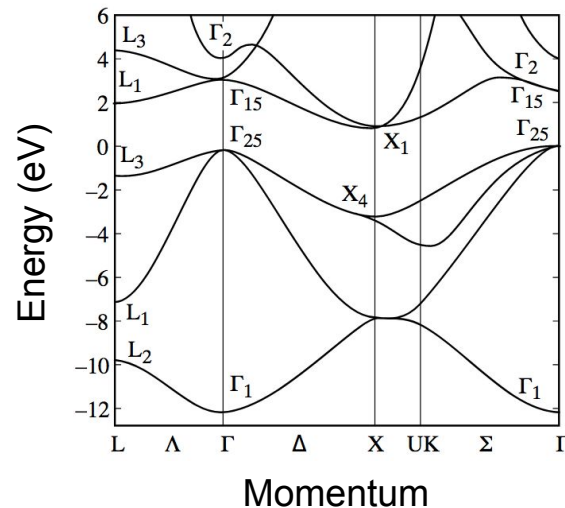


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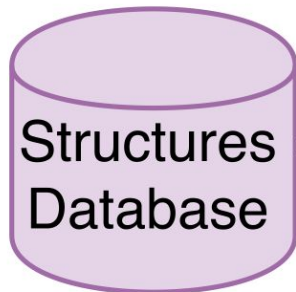


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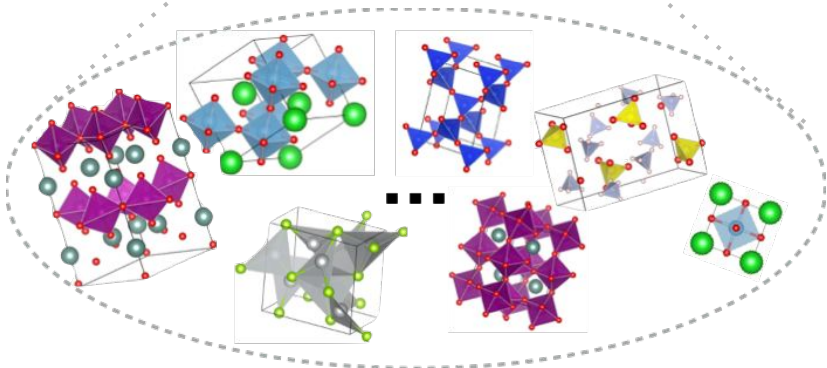
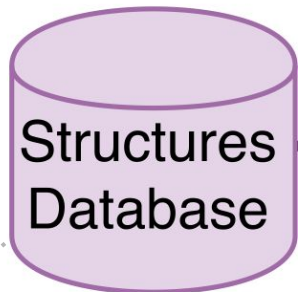
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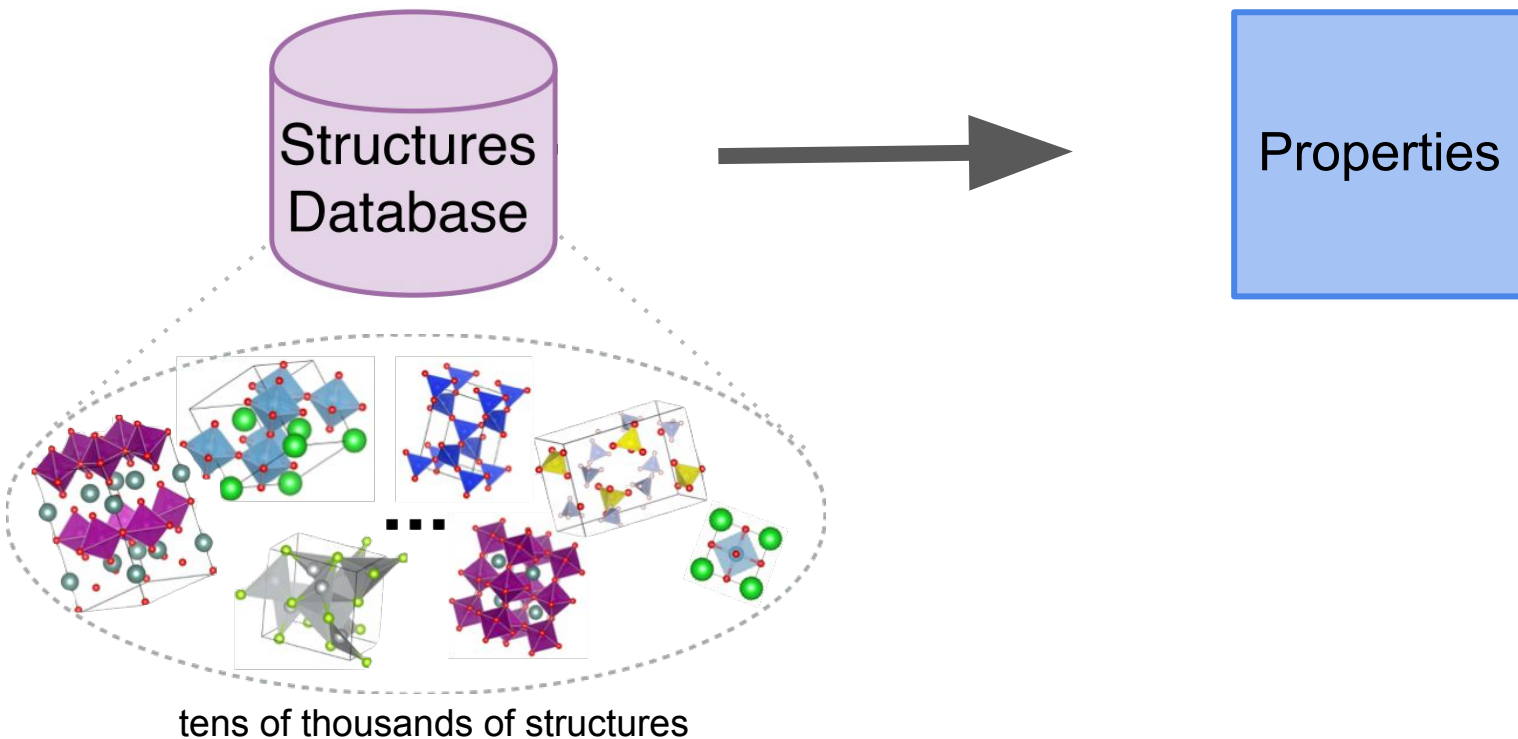


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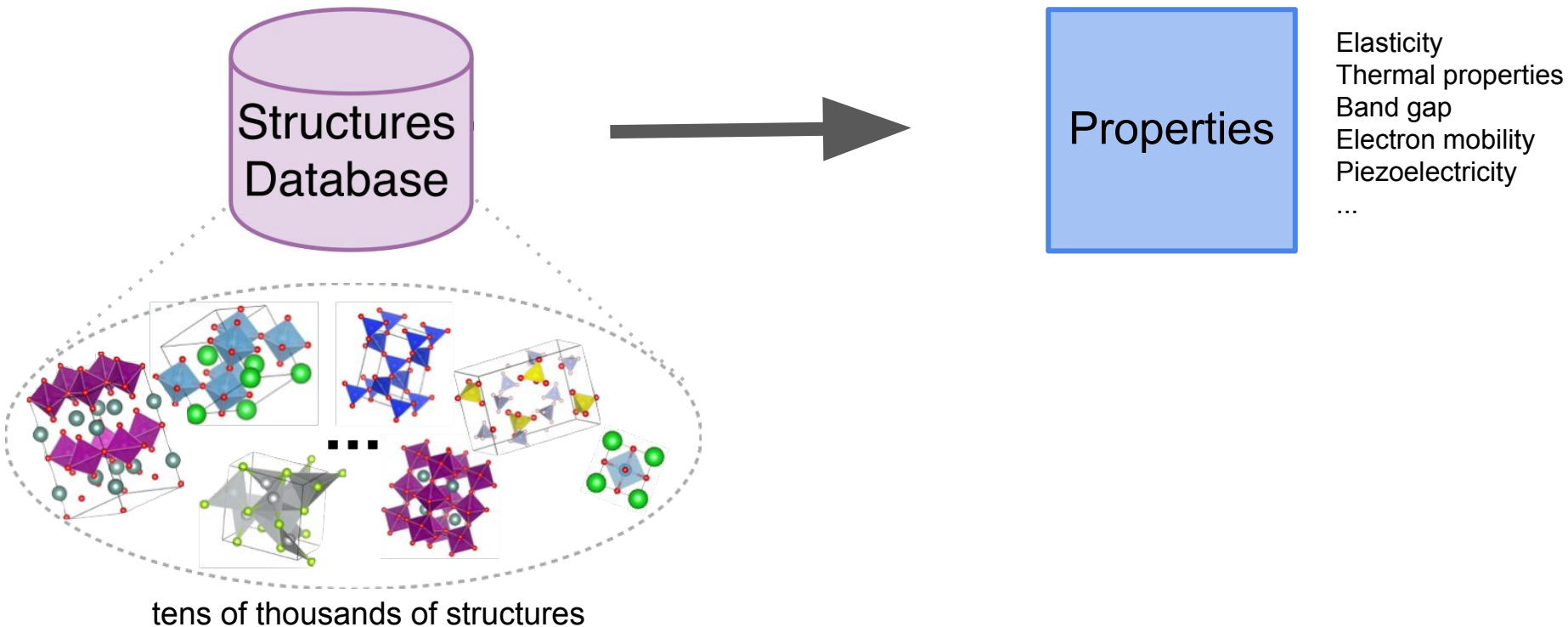


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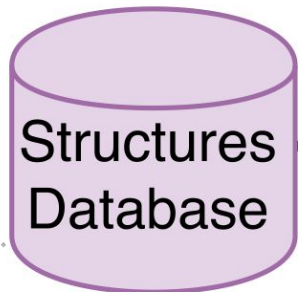
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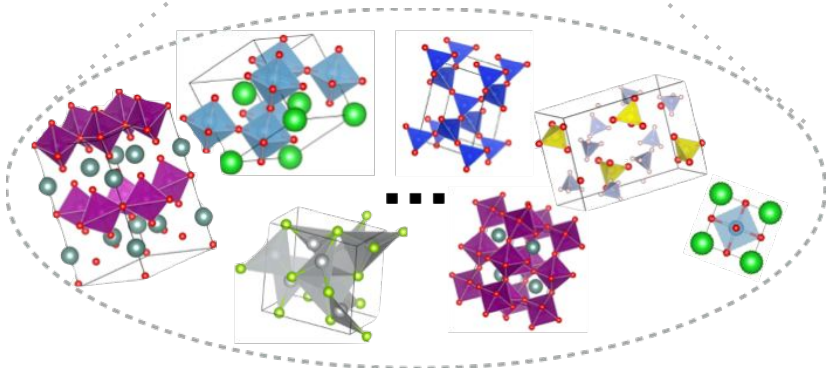
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Photovoltaics

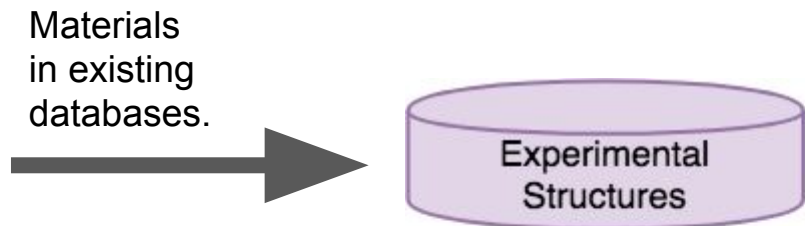
Batteries

Magnetic materials

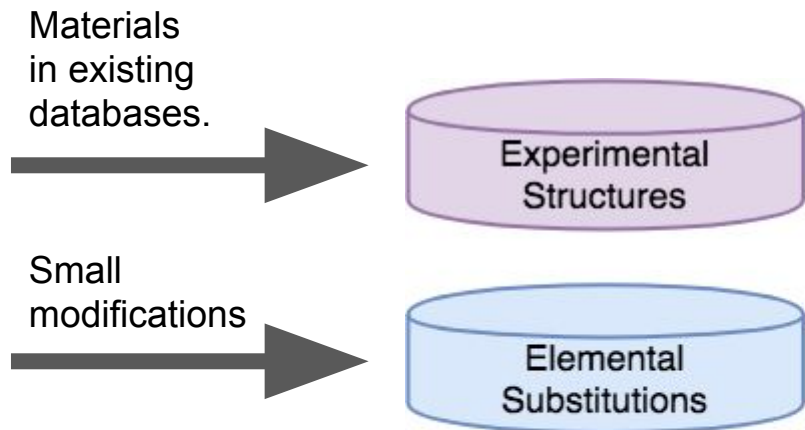
Water-splitting catalysts

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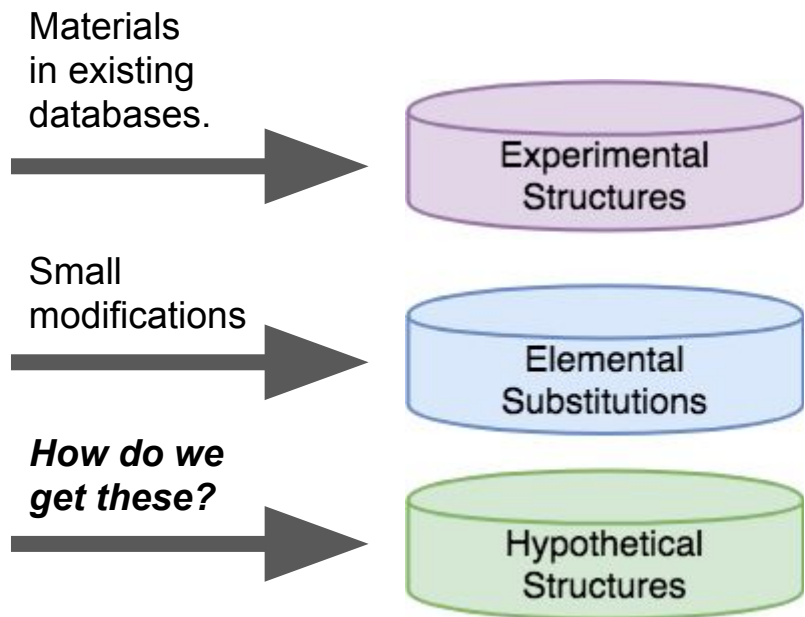
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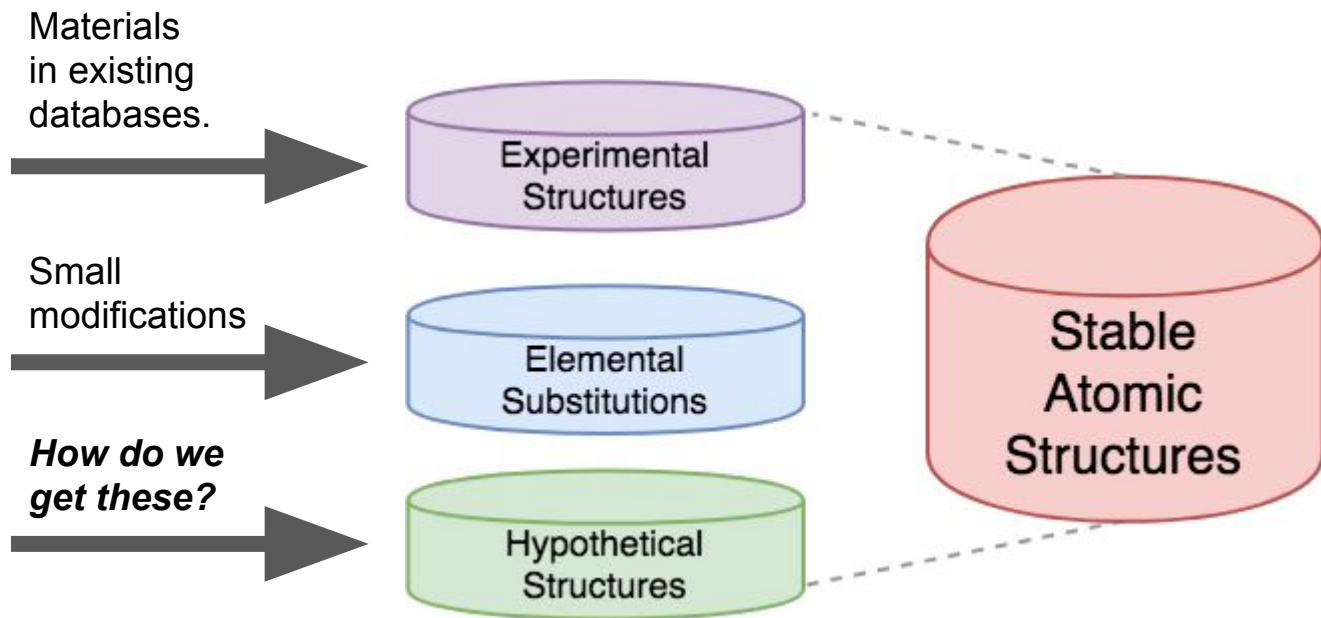


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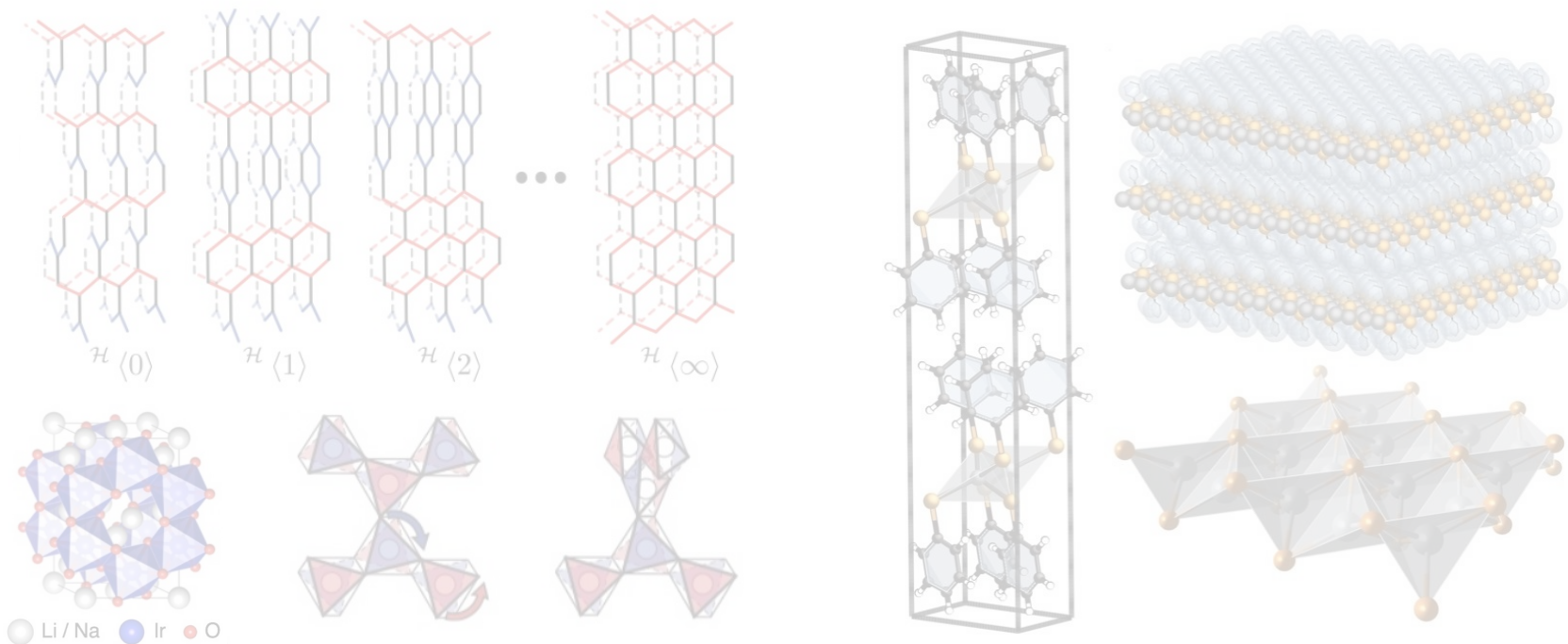




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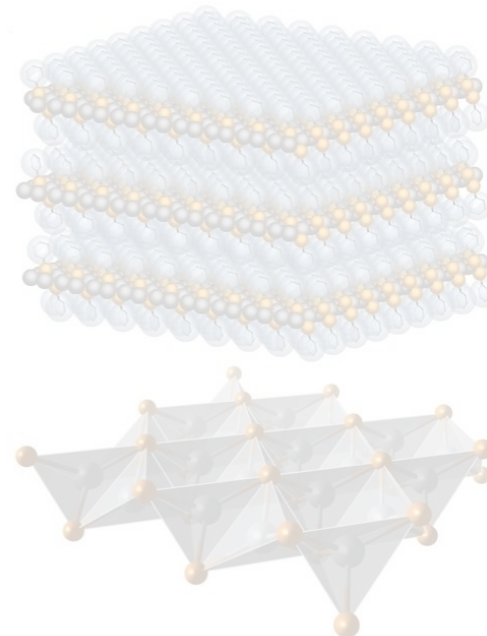
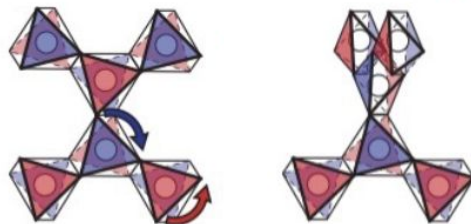
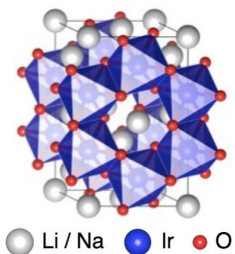
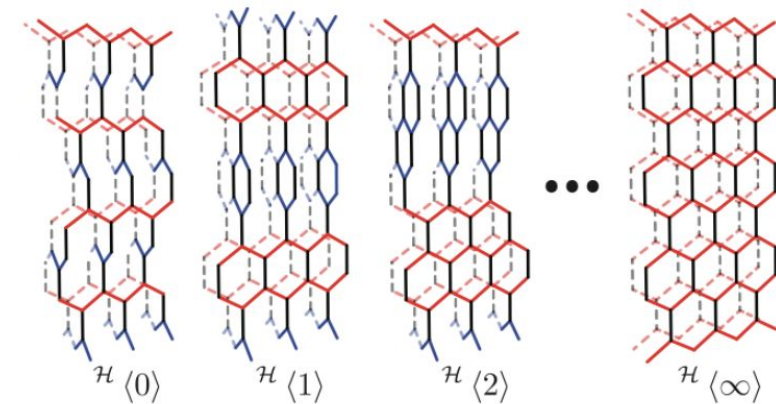
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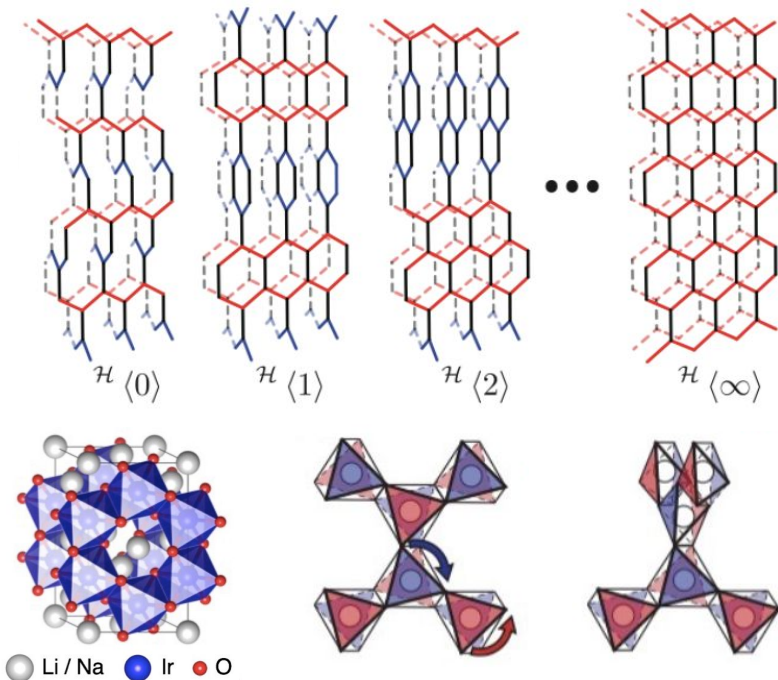
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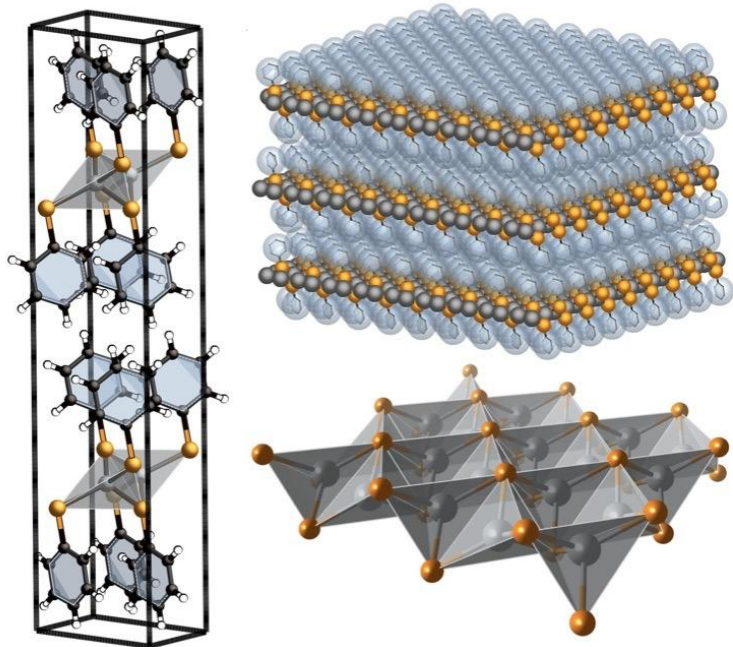
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2D electronic properties in a 3D crystal



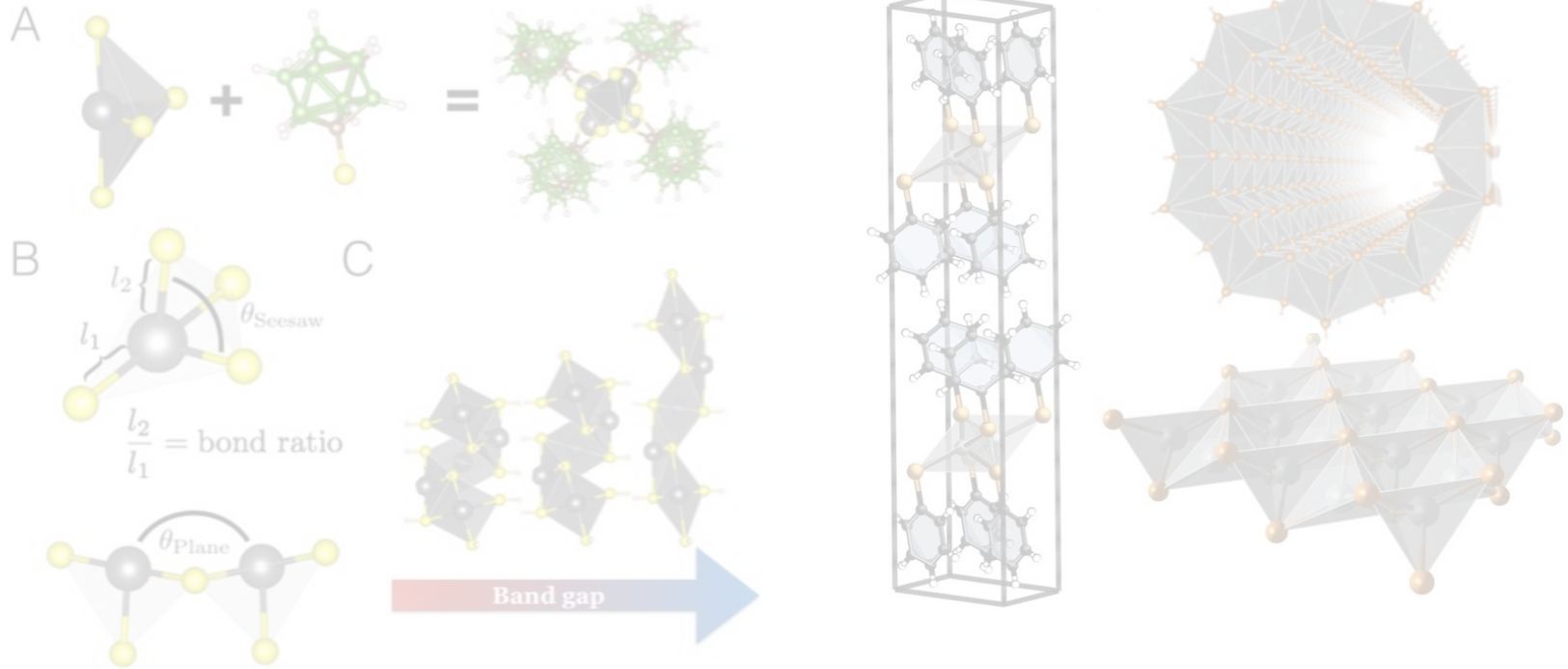
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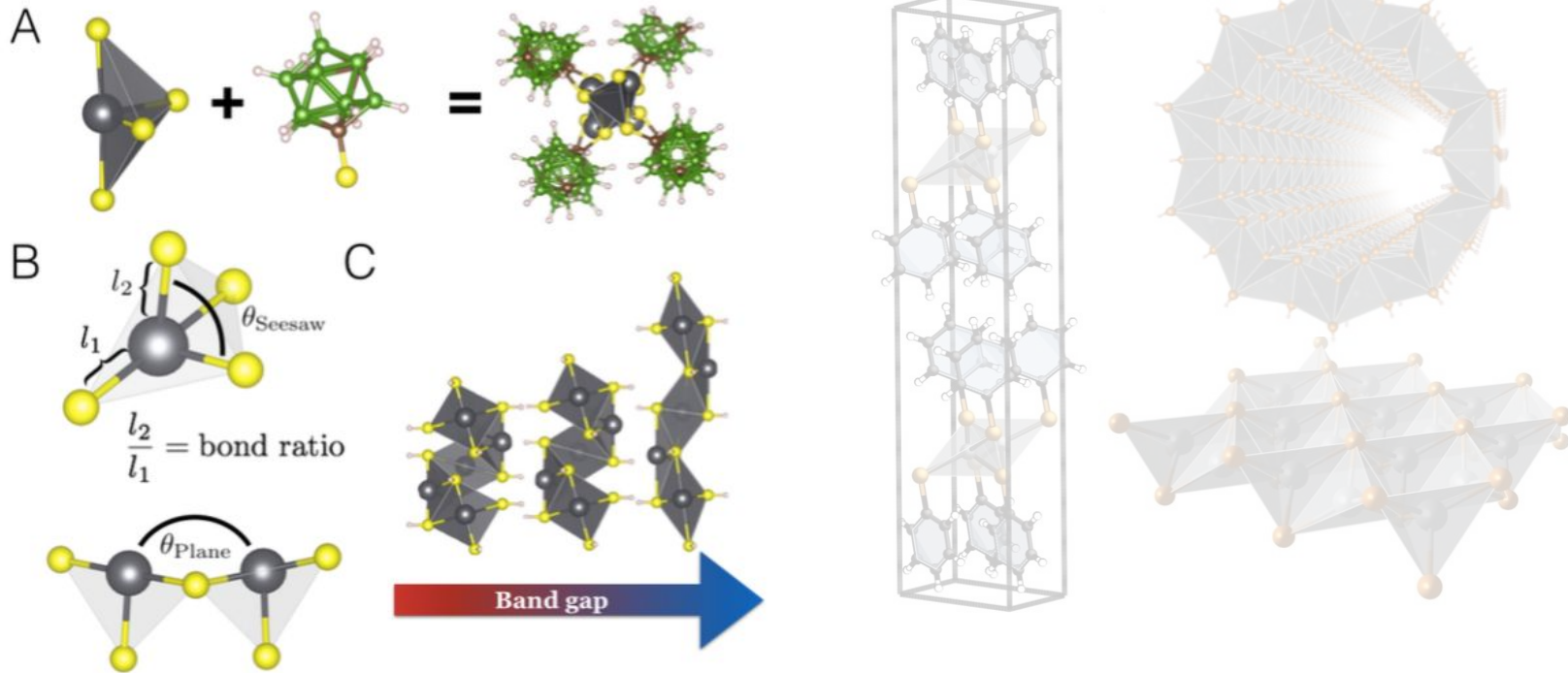
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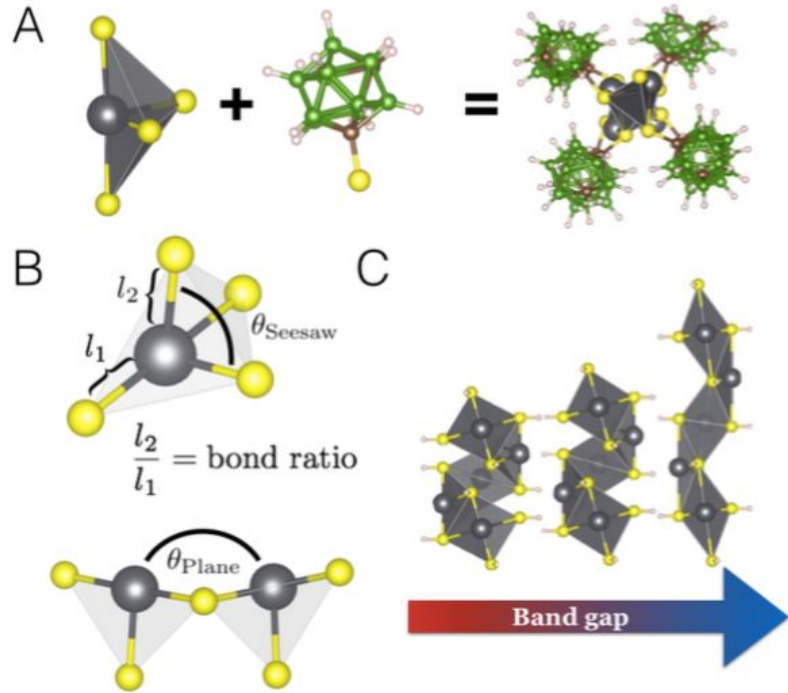
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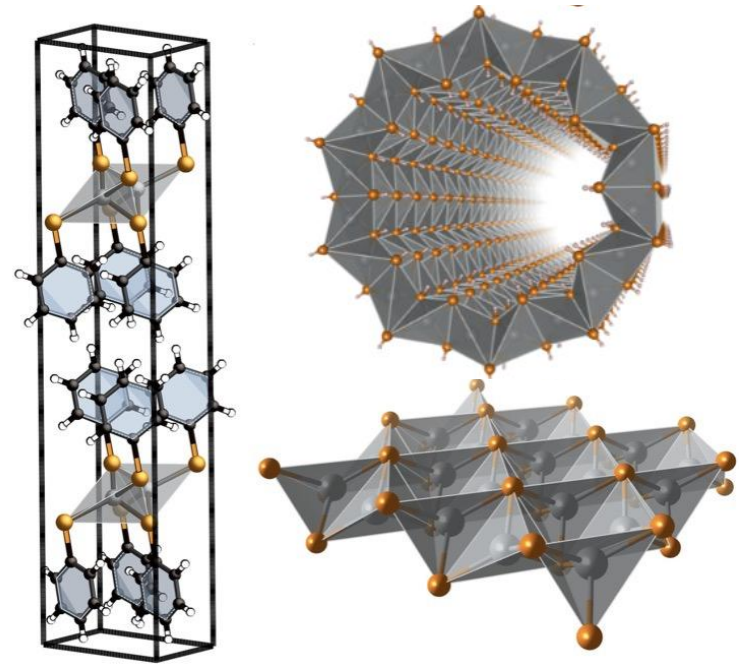
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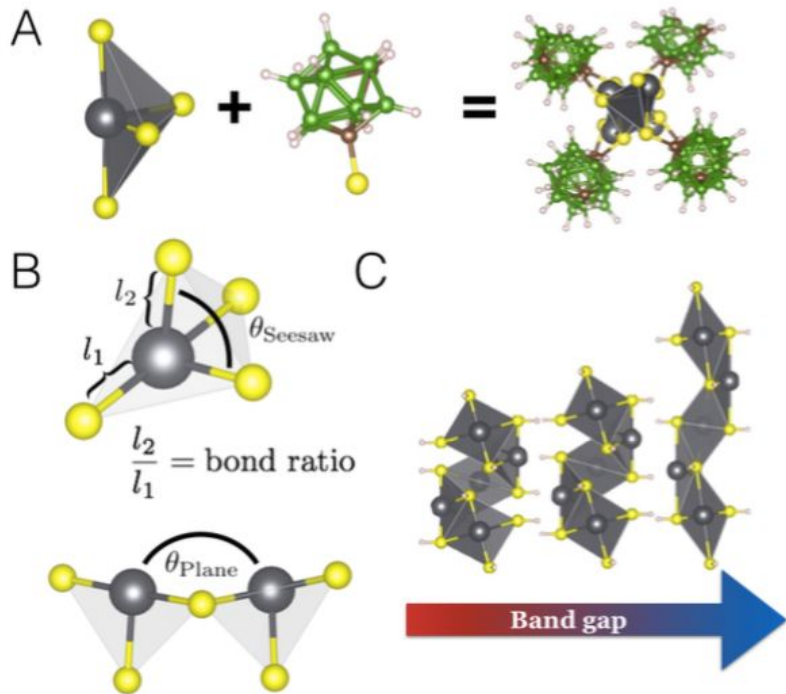
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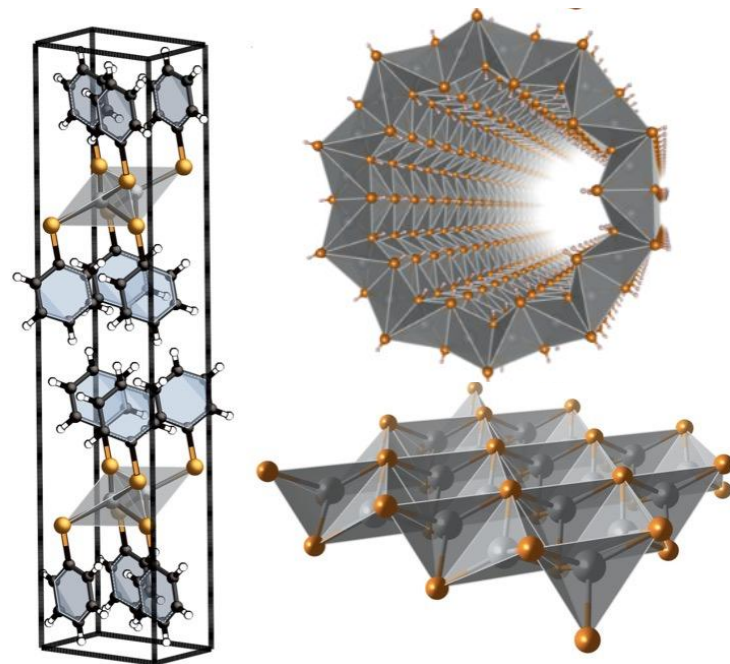
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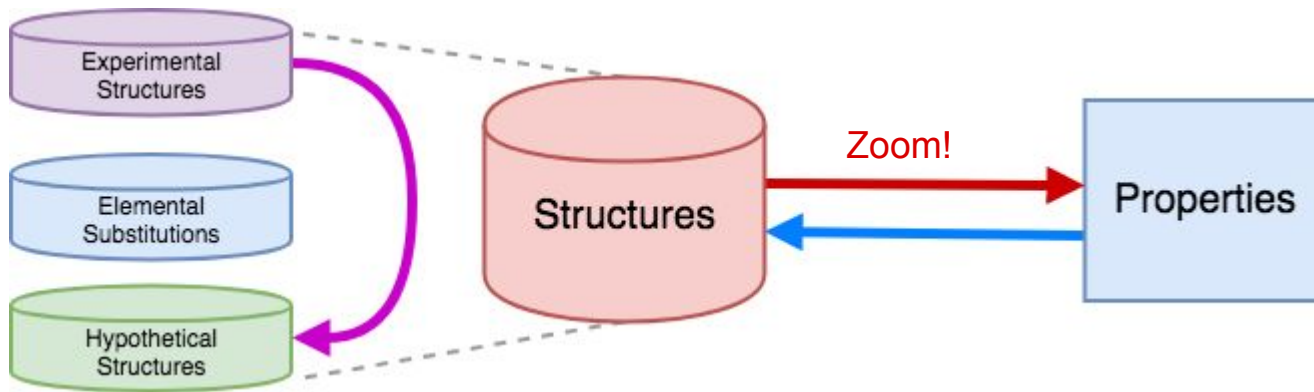


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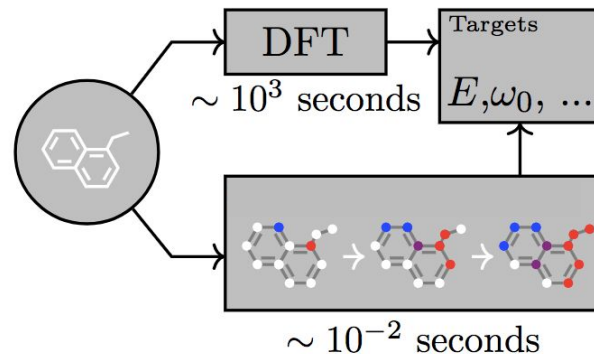
Deep learning can help accelerate existing tools and create new capabilities for automating computational chemical and materials discovery.



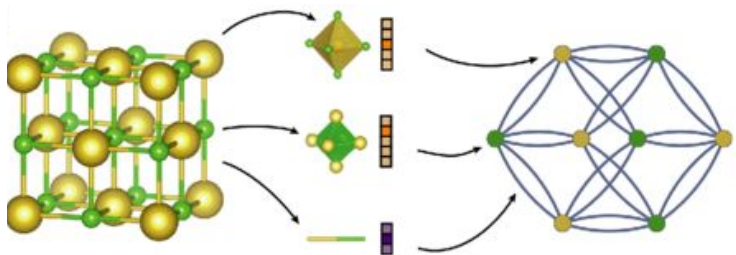
- 1) Help compute properties faster.
- 2) Generate hypothetical structures based on experimentally observed motifs.
- 3) Generate structures with specific properties. [Need to do (2) first.]

## Previous work

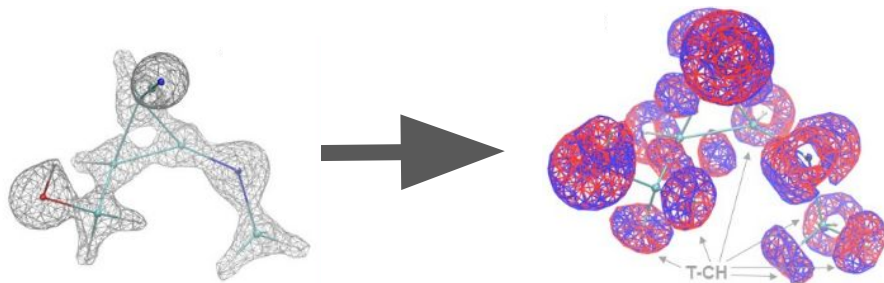
It is possible to train neural networks that can predict properties with the accuracy of quantum-mechanical calculations between 2 and 5 orders of magnitude faster.



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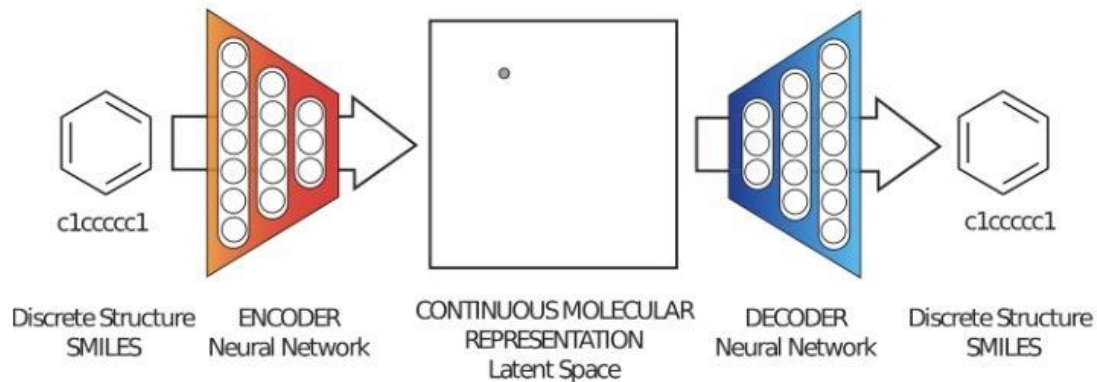
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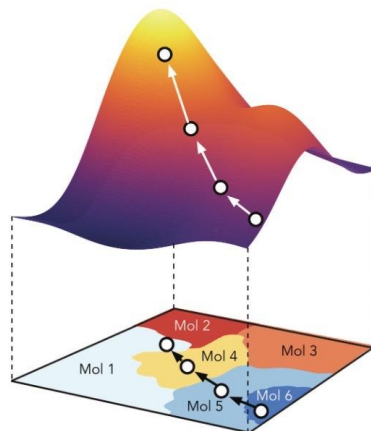
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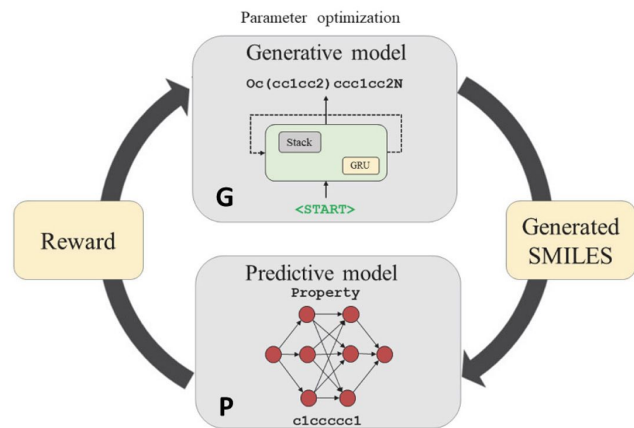
Deep learning techniques have also been used to generate new molecules for applications such as drugs and devices.



Properties can be optimized using learned continuous representation or reinforcement learning.



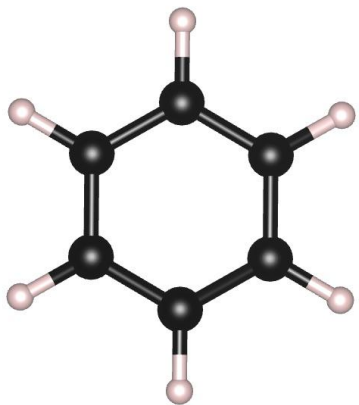
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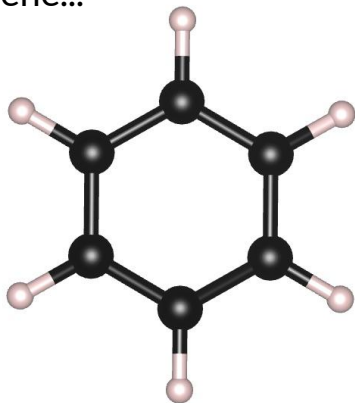
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These examples used very different input representations. (strings, graphs, images)

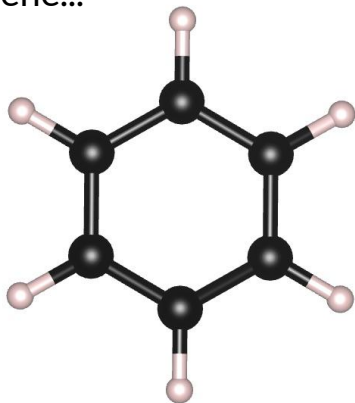
How to represent atomic systems to neural networks is an open question.



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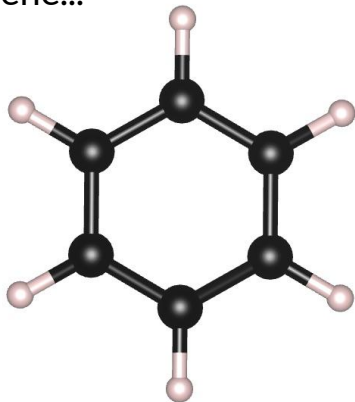
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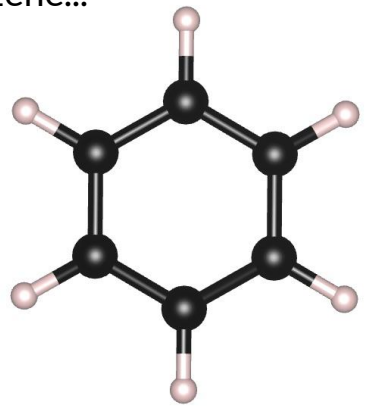
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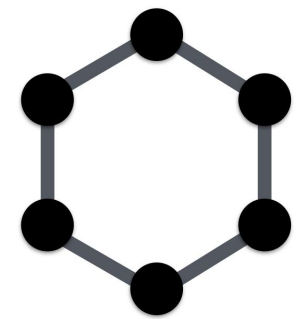
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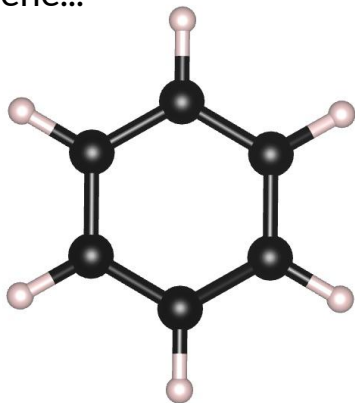


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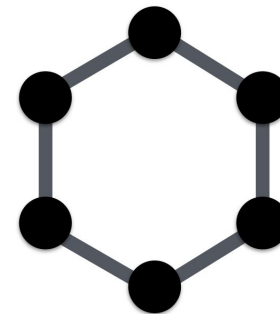
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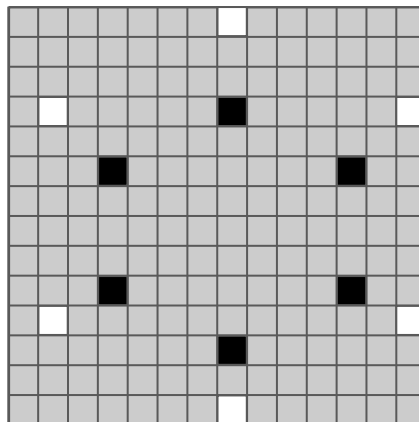


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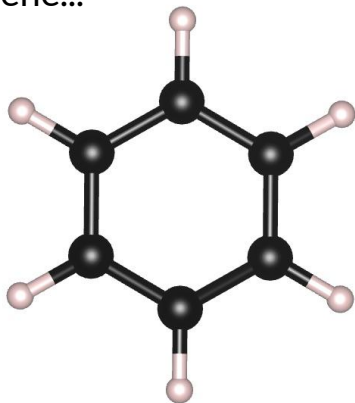


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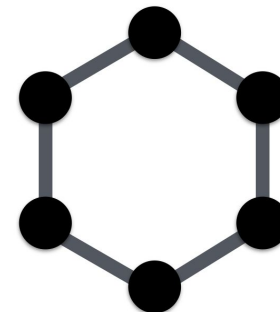
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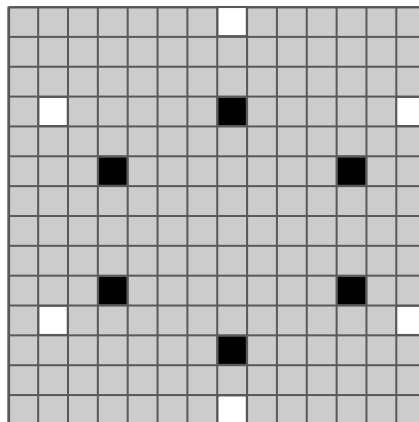


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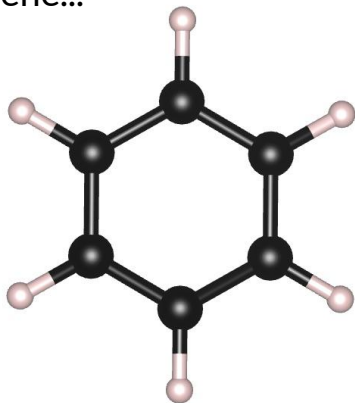
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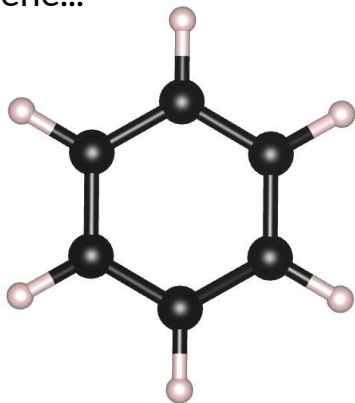
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	Bonding	Geometry	Memory Efficient	Universality
Fingerprints	?	?	✓	?
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Graphs	✓	?	?	?
Images	X	✓	X	✓
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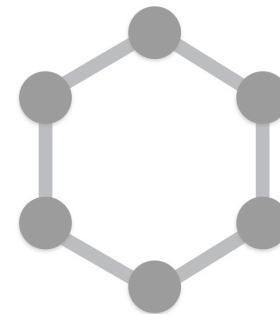
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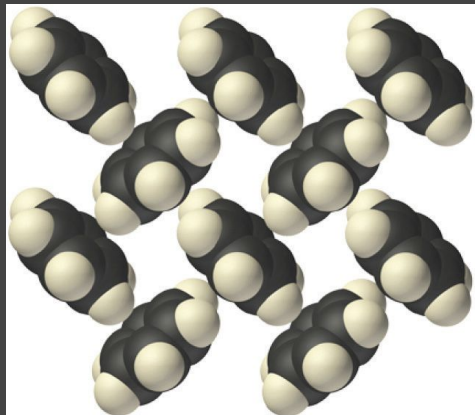
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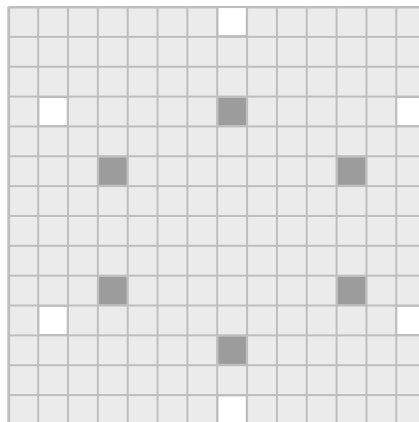
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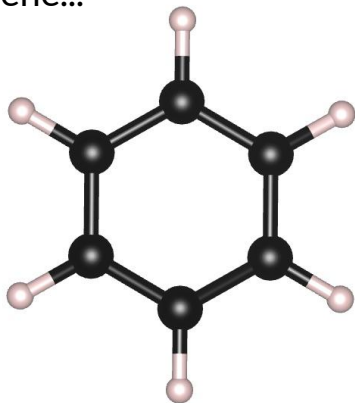
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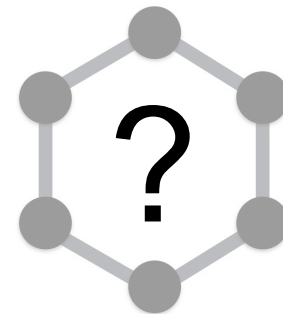
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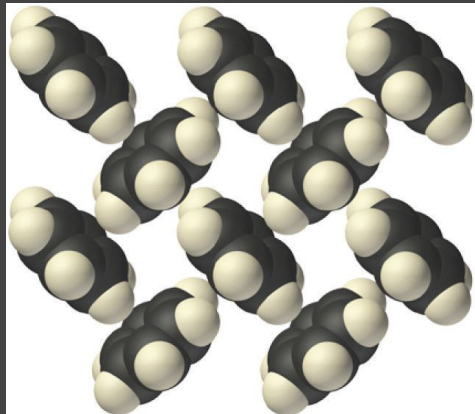
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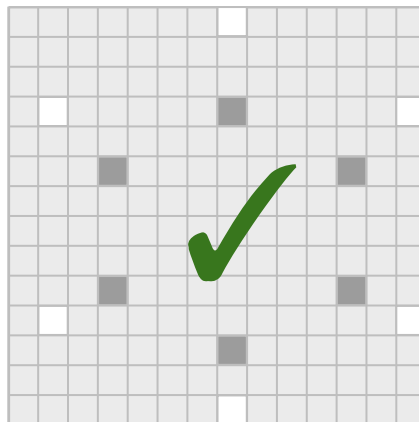
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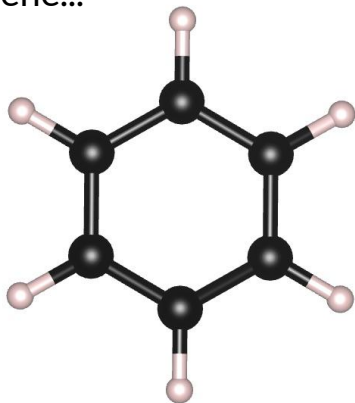
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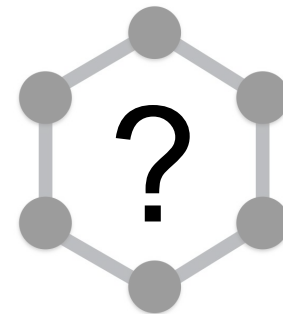
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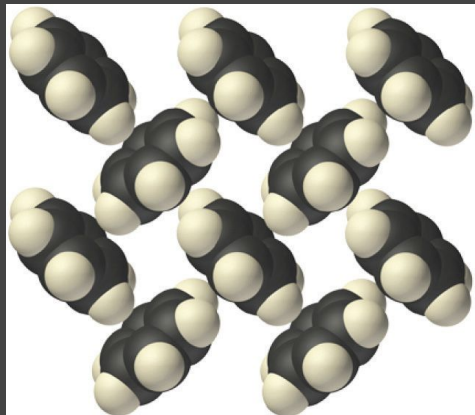
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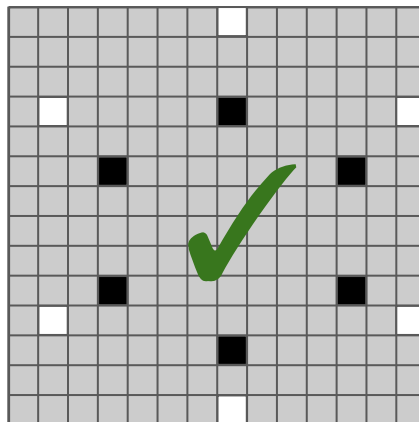
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Graph of bonds



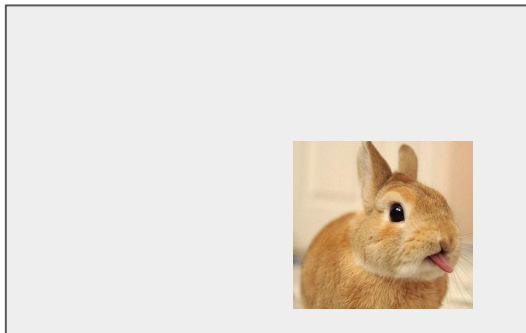
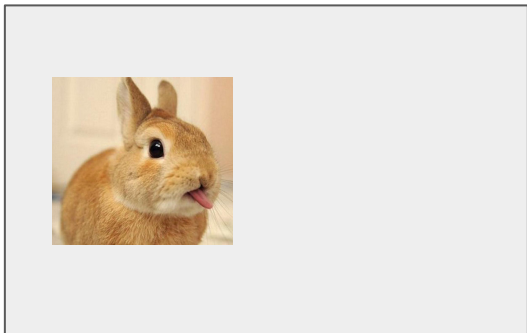
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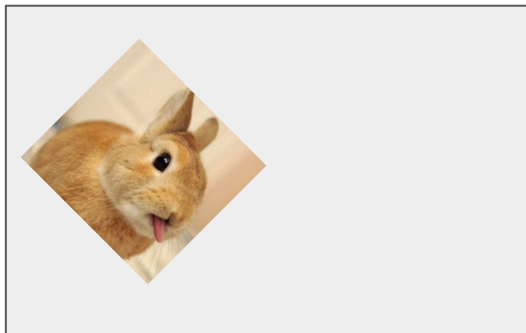
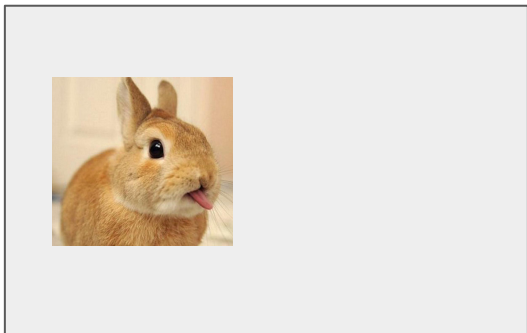
3D Coordinates

H	-0.21463	0.97837	0.33136
C	-0.38325	0.66317	-0.70334
C	-1.57552	0.03829	-1.05450
H	-2.34514	-0.13834	-0.29630
C	-1.78983	-0.36233	-2.36935
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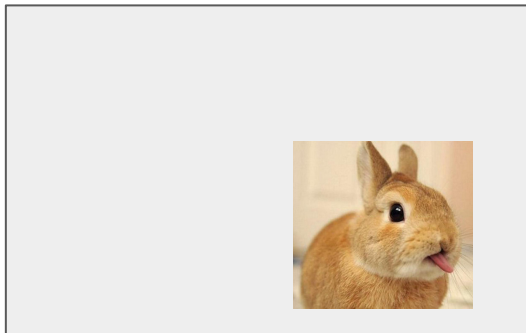
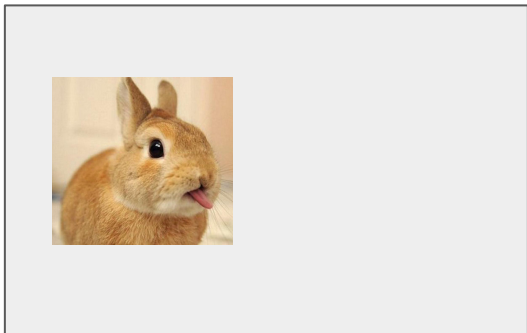
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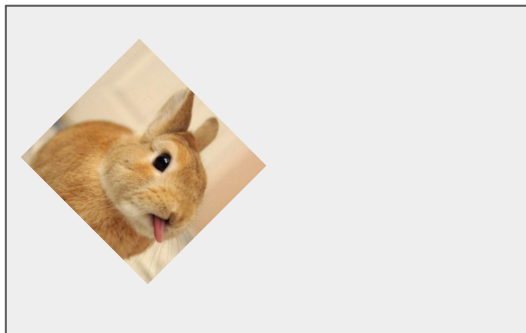
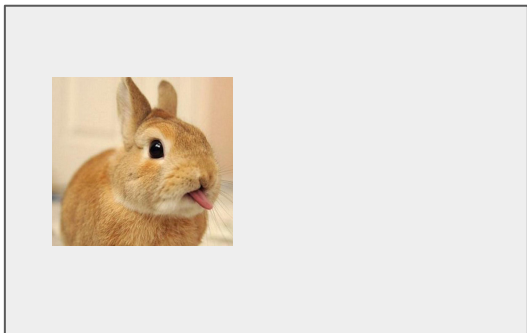


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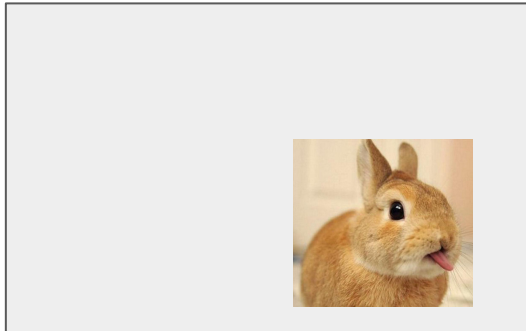
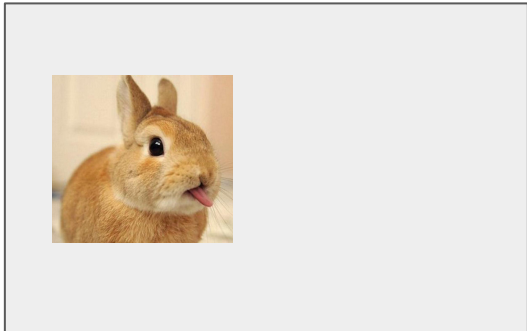
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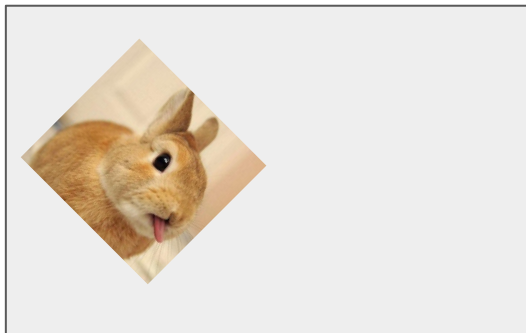
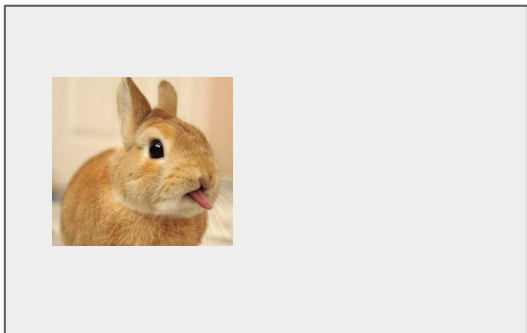
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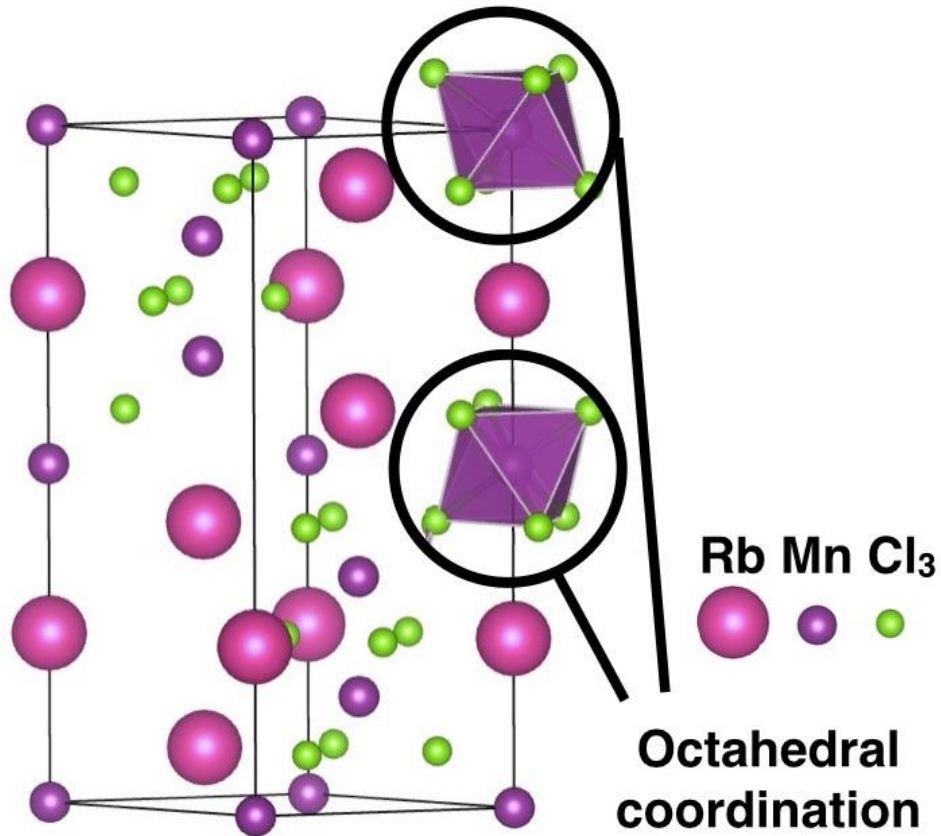
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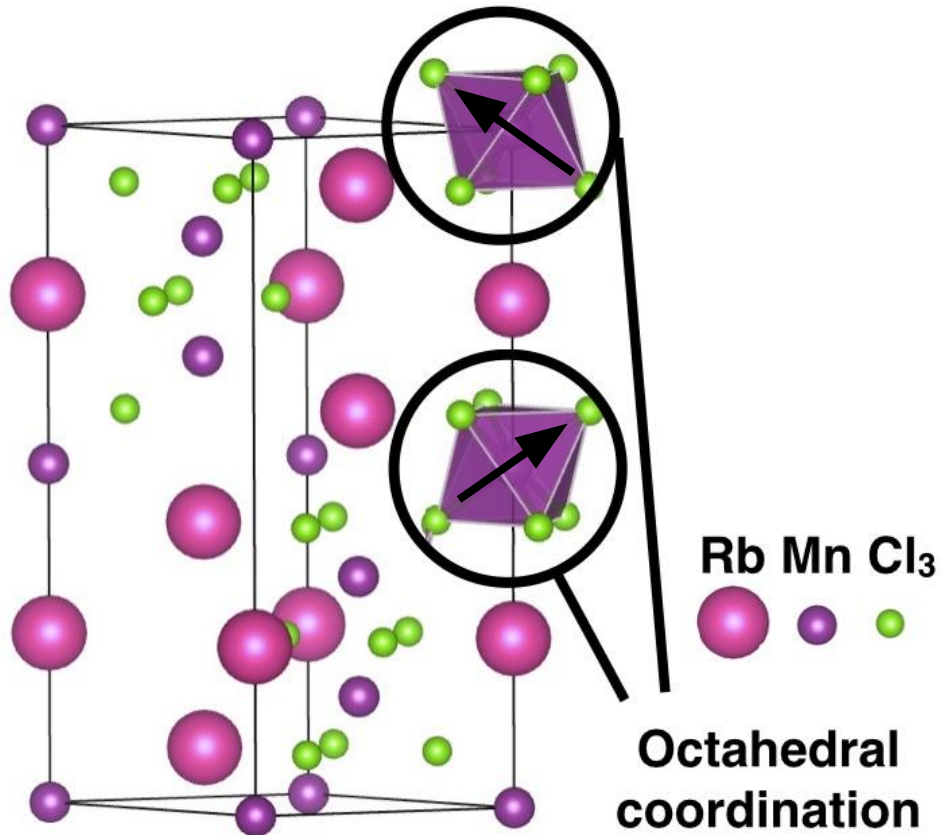
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*Want a network that both preserves geometry and exploits symmetry.*

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### Abstract

We introduce tensor field networks, which are locally equivariant to 3D rotations and translations (and invariant to permutations of points) at every layer. 3D rotation equivariance removes the need for data augmentation to identify features in arbitrary orientations. Our network uses filters built from spherical harmonics; due to the mathematical consequences of this filter choice, each

significantly more important in 3D than 2D. Without equivariant filters like those in our design, achieving an angular resolution of  $\delta$  would require a factor of  $\mathcal{O}(\delta^{-1})$  more filters in 2D but  $\mathcal{O}(\delta^{-3})$  more filters in 3D.<sup>1</sup> Second, a 3D rotation- and translation-equivariant network can identify local features in different orientations and locations with the same filters, which is helpful for interpretability. Finally, the network naturally encodes geometric tensors (such as scalars, vectors, and higher-rank geometric objects), mathematical objects that transform predictably under geometric

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## TLDR

Spherical harmonics

$$Y_l^m$$

L = 0



L = 1



L = 2



L = 3



m = -3

m = -2

m = -1

m = 0

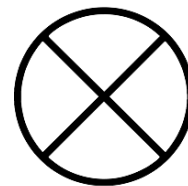
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Convolutional filters based on spherical harmonics and learned radial functions

Everything in our network is a **geometric tensor**, so our network connectivity has to obey **tensor algebra**.





# What's a tensor product?



scalar multiplication makes sense:

"scalar"  
from a  
field  $F$

$$c\vec{v} = \text{okay!}$$

"vector" from a  
vector space,  $V$



but what if we want to multiply two vectors?



from another  
vector space,  $U$

???

$$\vec{u} \text{ "times" } \vec{v} = \text{CONFUSION! ?}$$



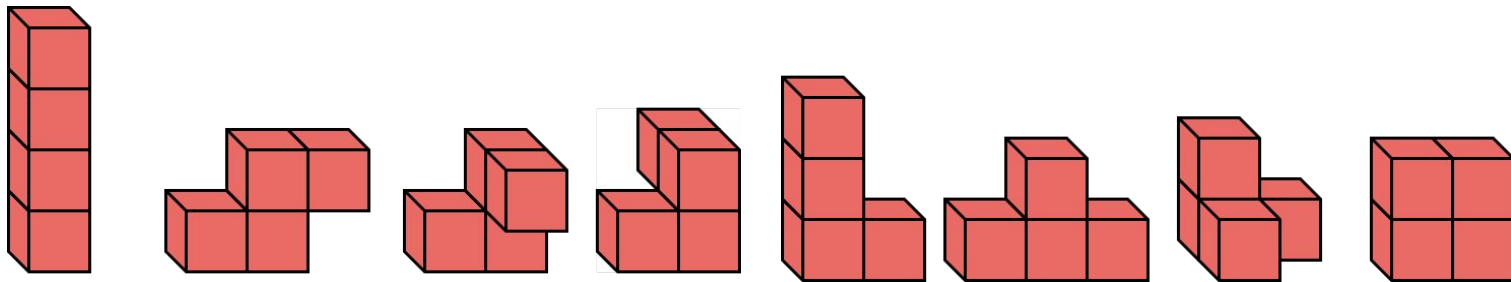
what do we mean by "times"??

ANSWER: the TENSOR PRODUCT!

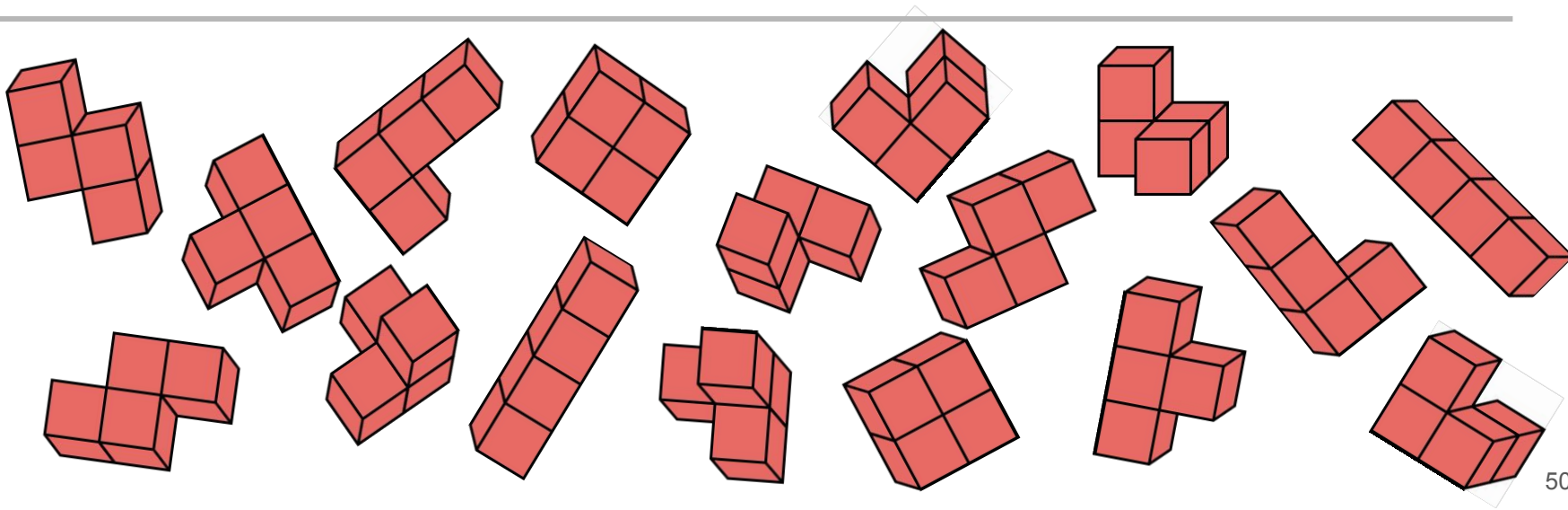
$$U \otimes_F V$$

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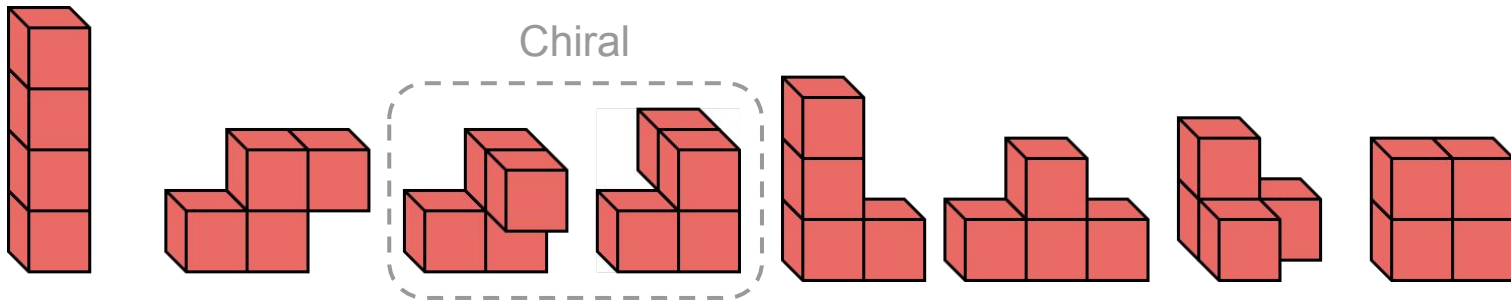


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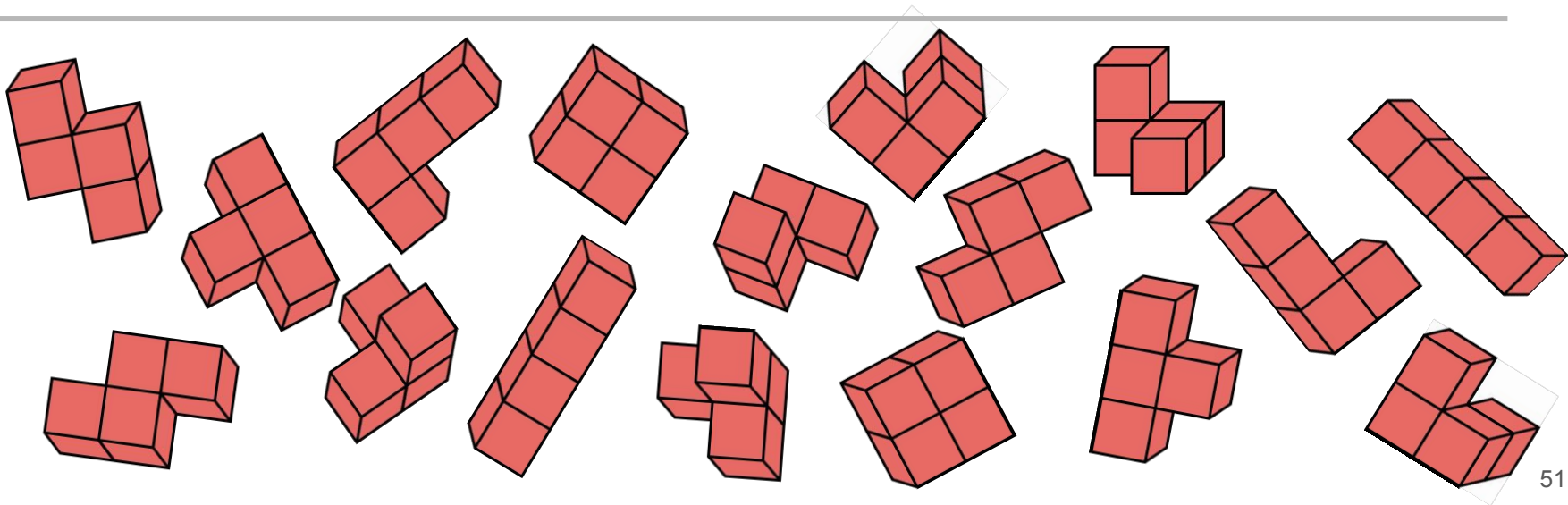


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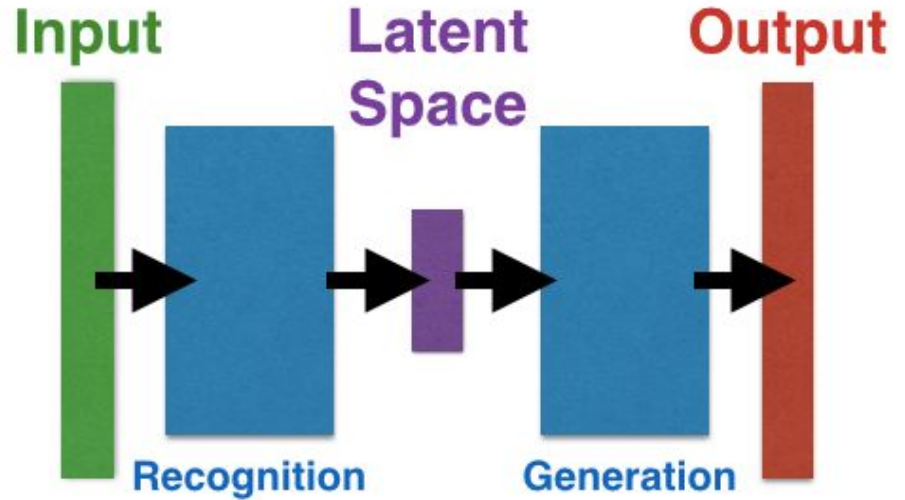


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Autoencoders can learn how map data in its original representation to a new representation and back again.

The learned representation is often very useful.



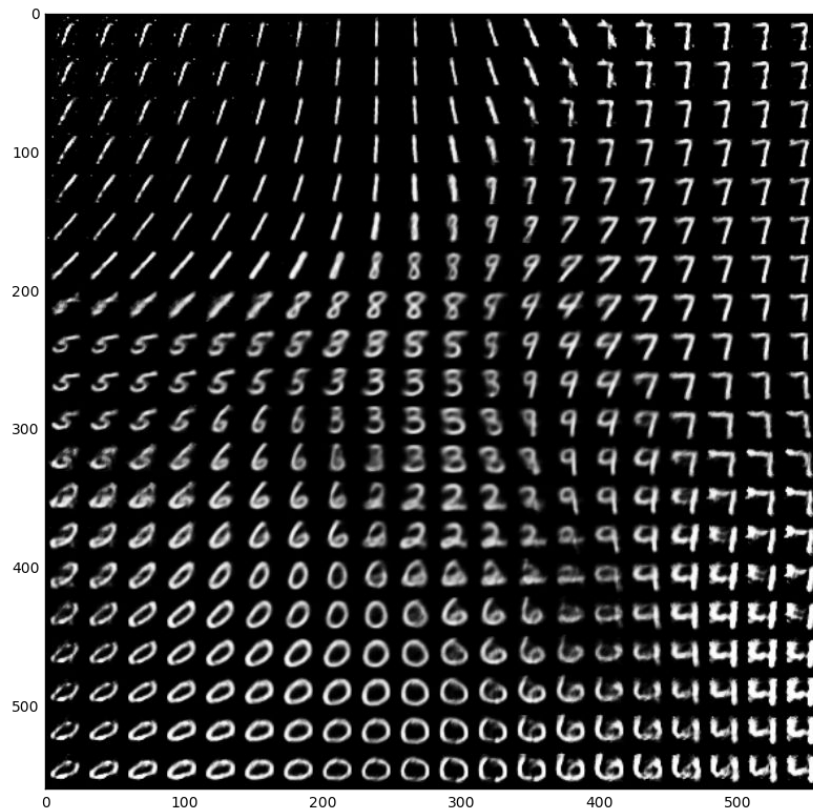
Want **Input** = **Output**

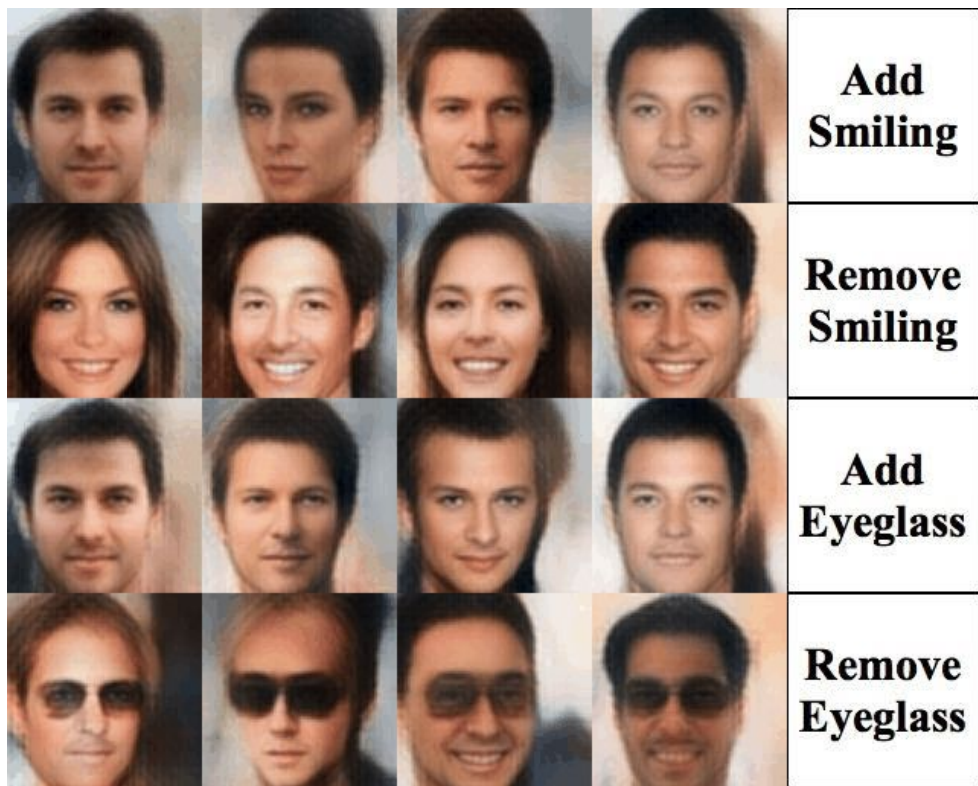
Latent space is either small or has a penalty to have a specified distribution.

Example  
MNIST digits:



2 dimensional latent  
space for autoencoder  
trained on MNIST  
handwritten digit images

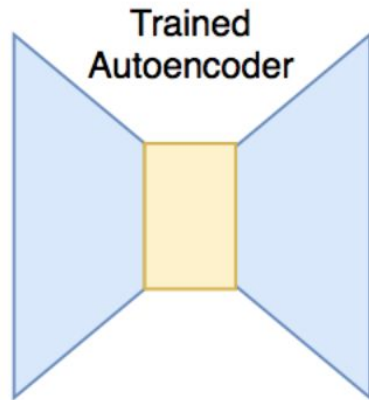




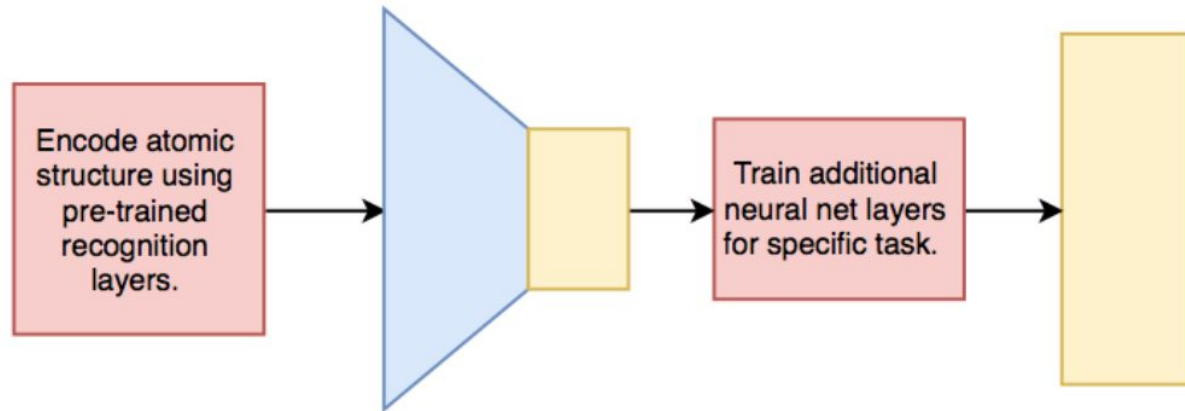
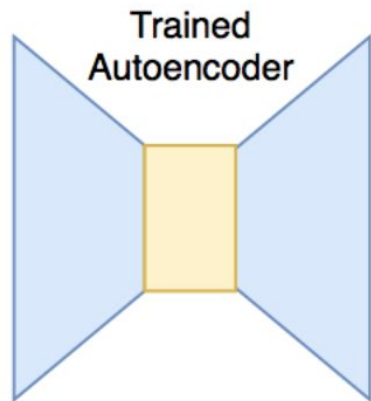
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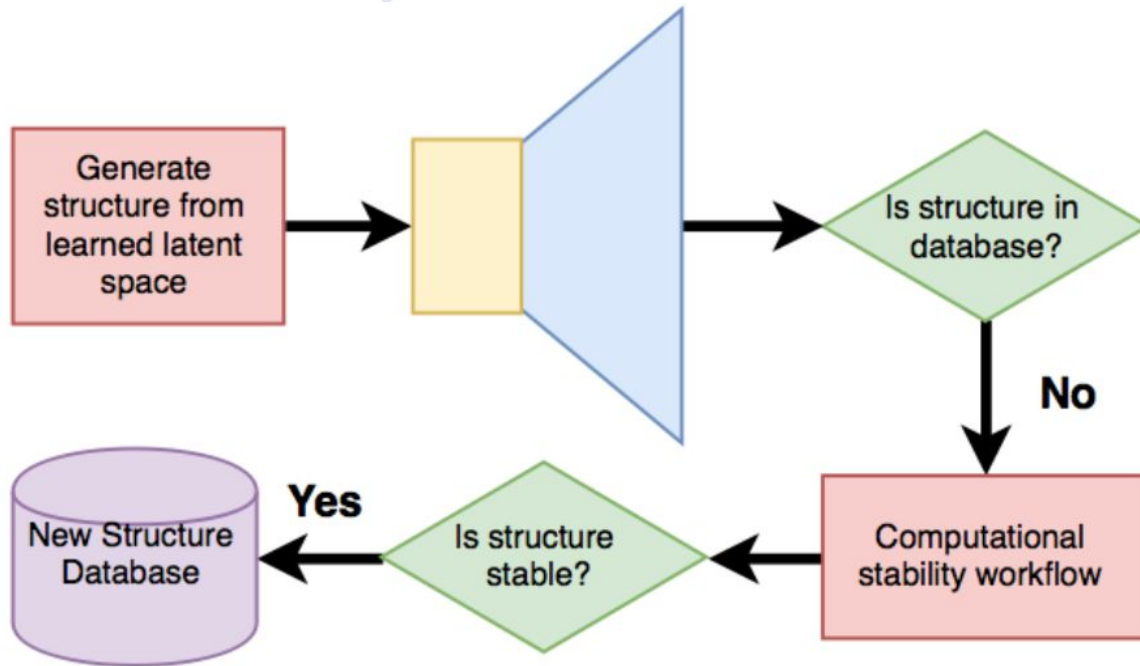
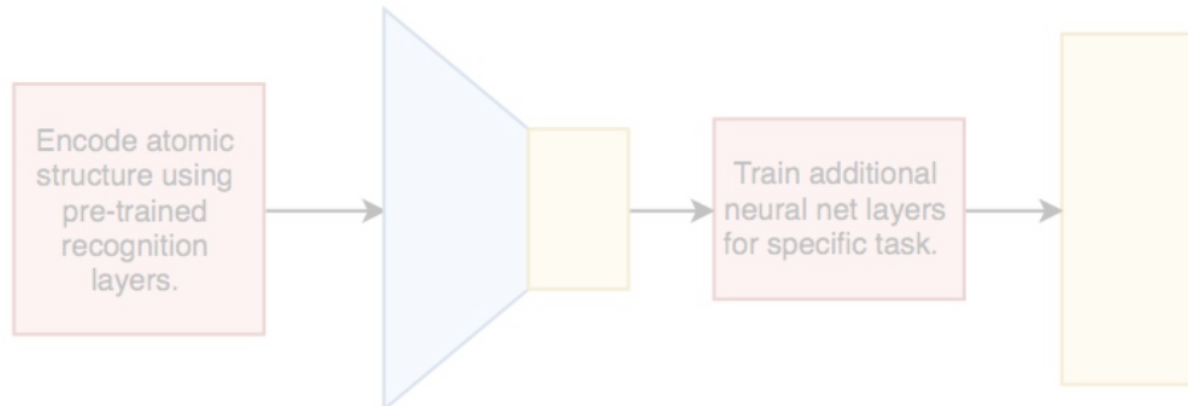
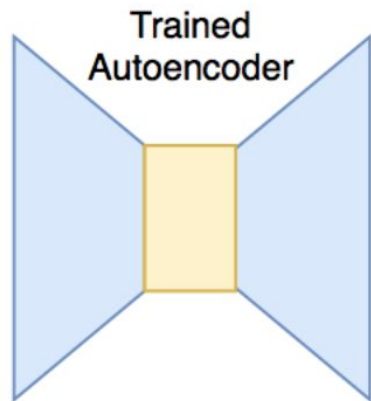


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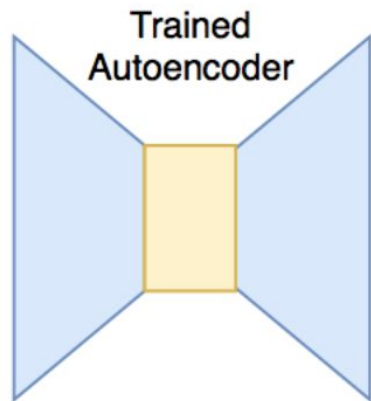




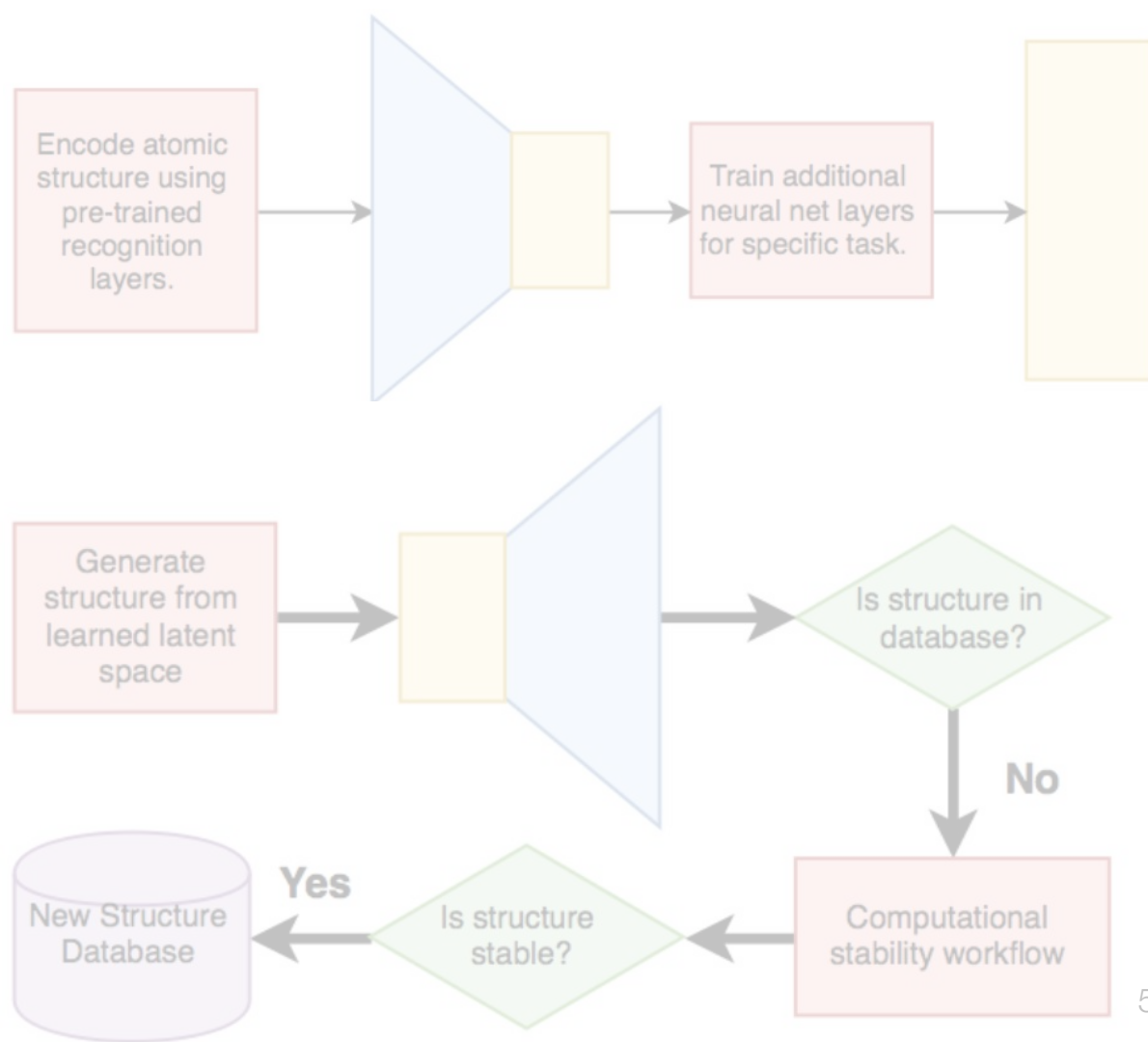
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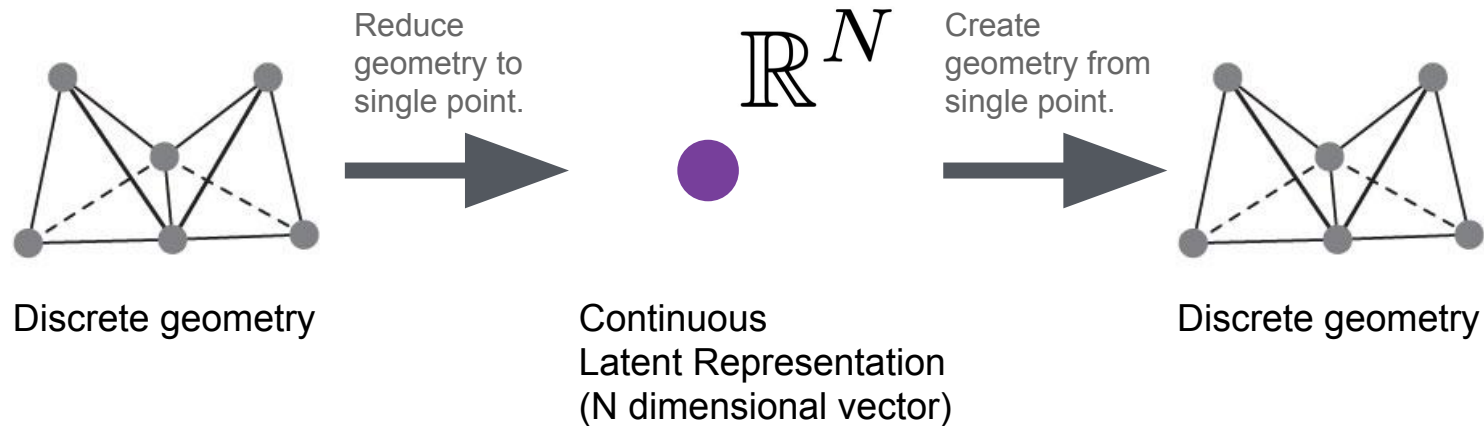
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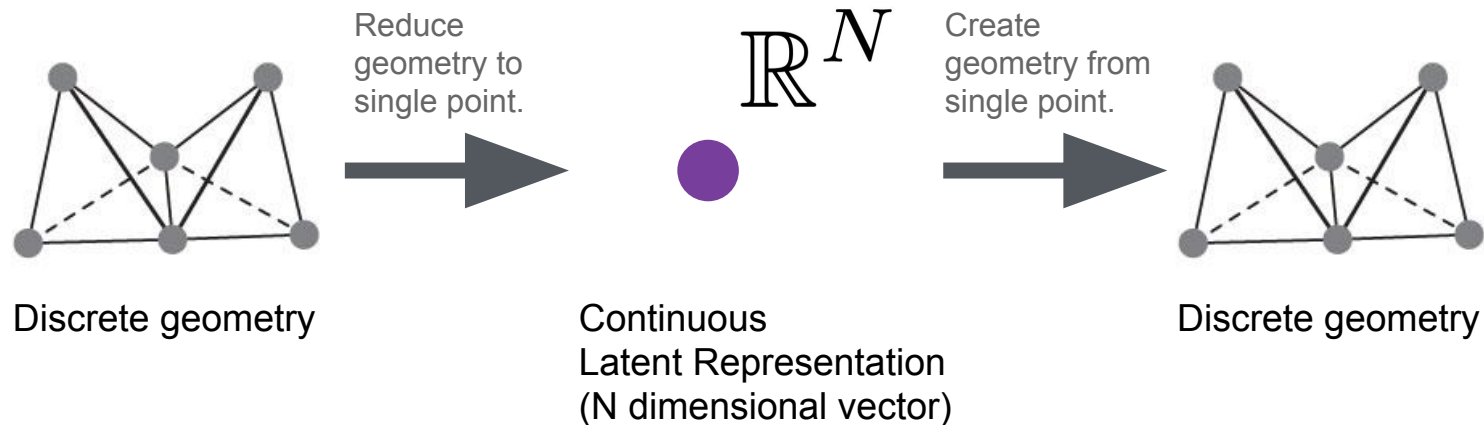
The latent space would provide a "materials map".



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Atomic structures are hierarchical and can be constructed from geometric motifs.

- + **Encode geometry** ✓
  - + Encode hierarchy
  - + Decode geometry
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- (Need to do this in a recursive manner)

**Okay, so how did I get here?**

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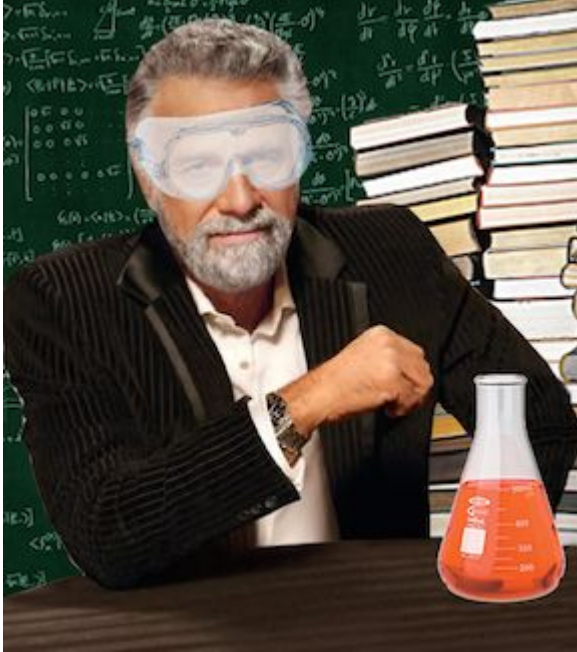
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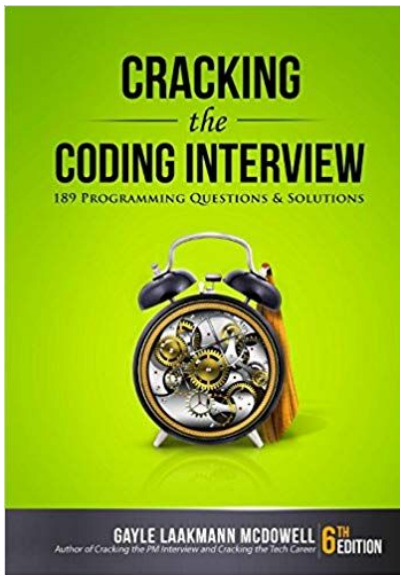
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Class #: 31116

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30 Unreserved Seats

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## In summary...

There's a lot of work to do in applying deep learning methods for tasks in atomic systems. Methods may not work out of the box. Many technical design choices to make and test.

Google is an amazing place to work. I highly recommend interning during grad school if you can.

Berkeley Lab is in a great position to play a central role in how ML methods are adopted in the chemistry and materials communities.

### **Review on ML for molecules and materials:**

*Machine learning for molecular and materials science*

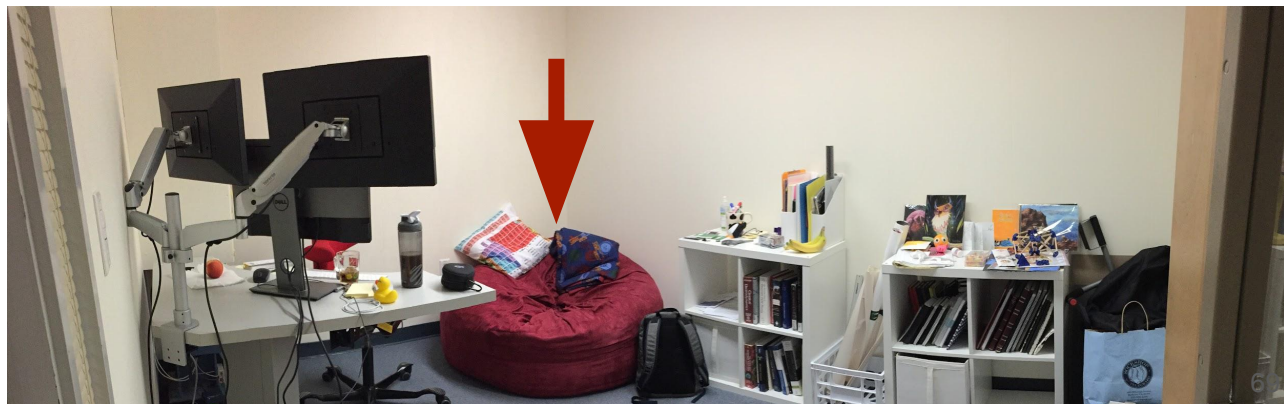
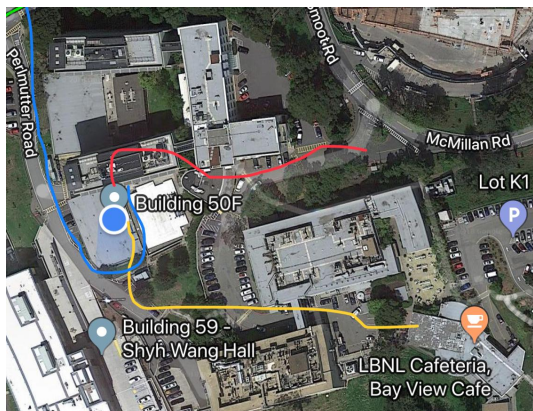
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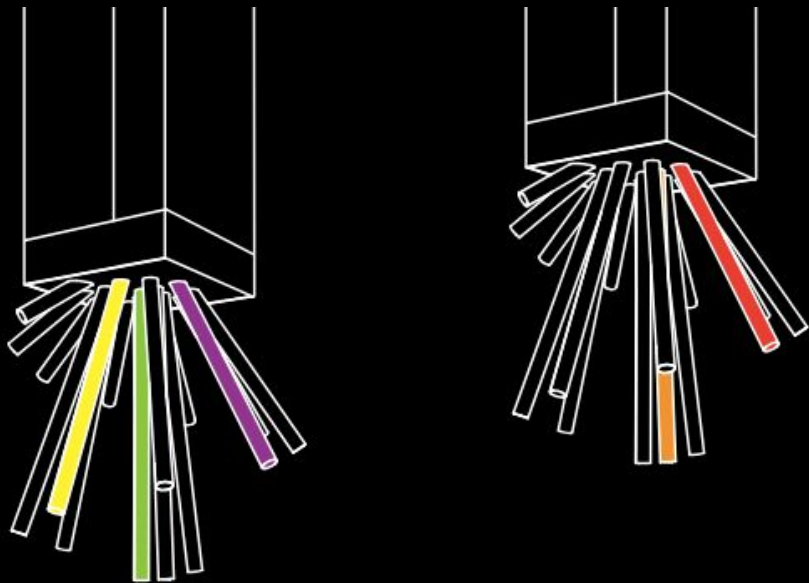
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**Come visit and chat about DL for atomic systems! My office is 50F-1643.**



Calling in backup (slides)!





# *Cosmic Ray Chandeliers*

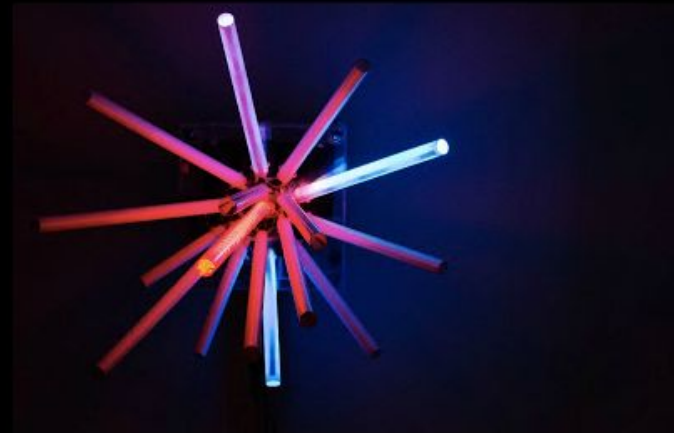
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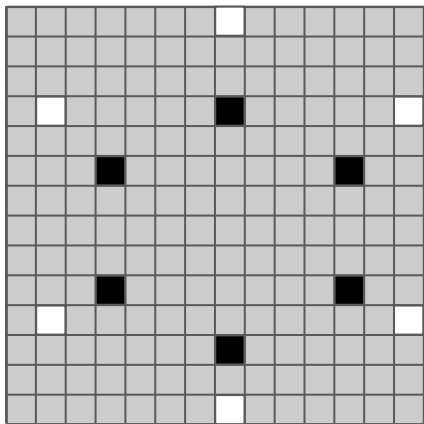
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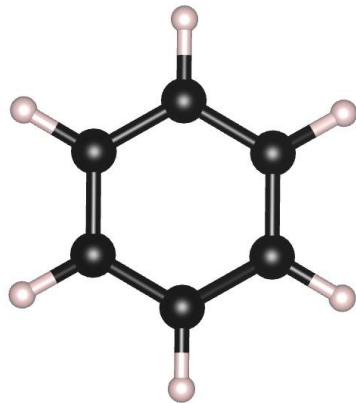




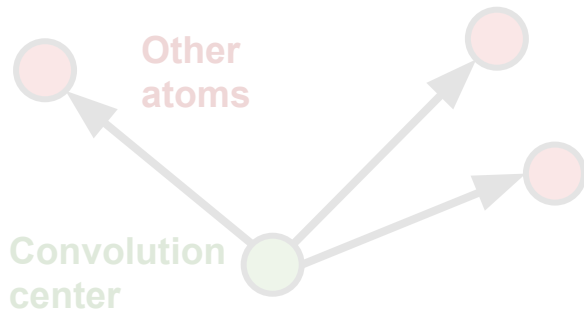
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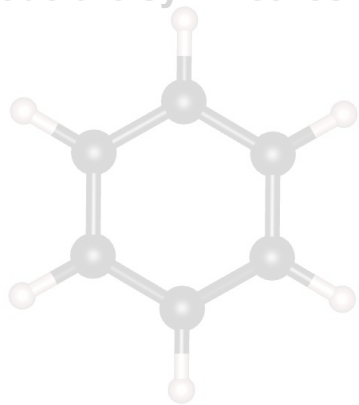


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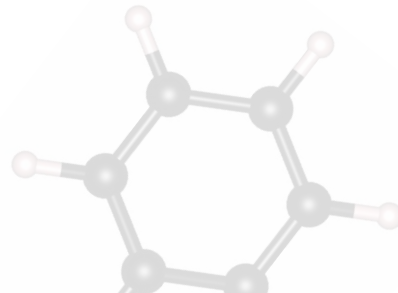


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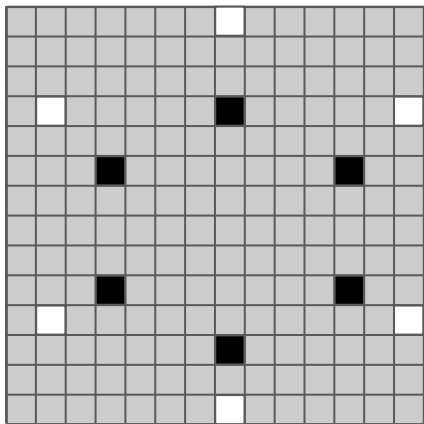


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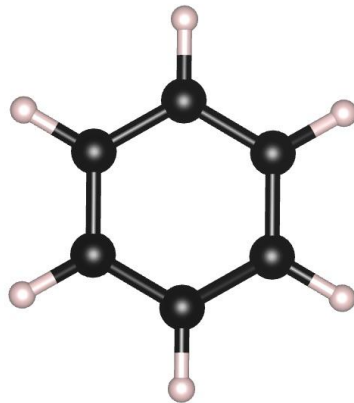




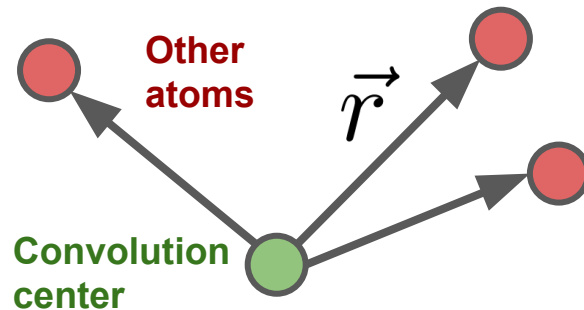
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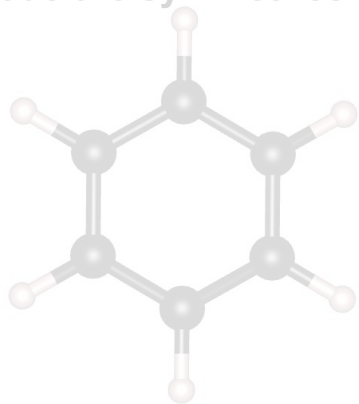


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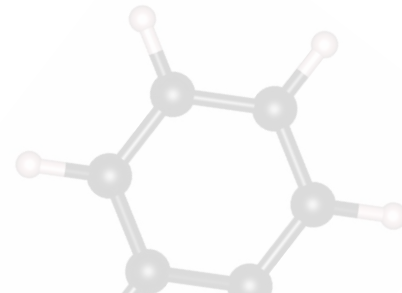


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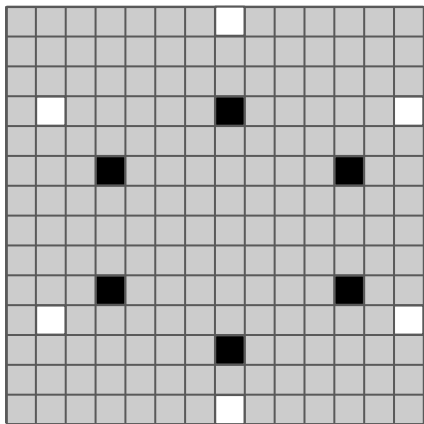
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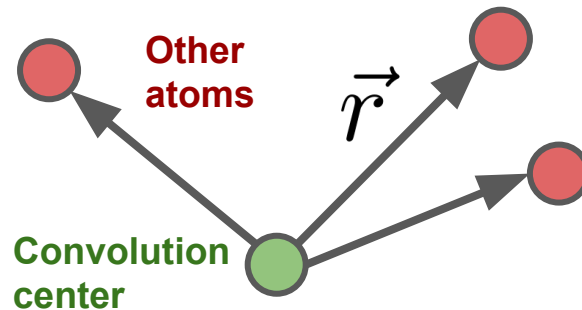
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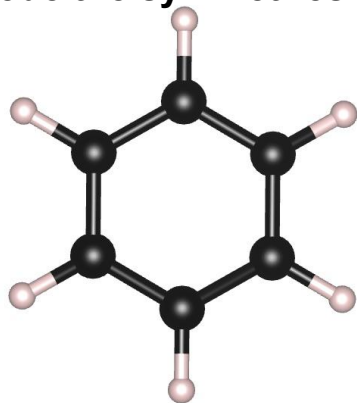


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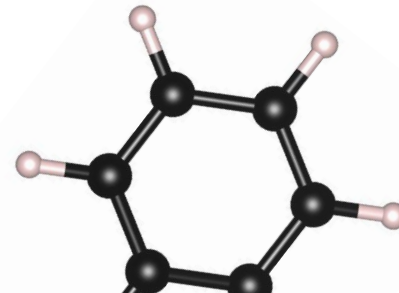


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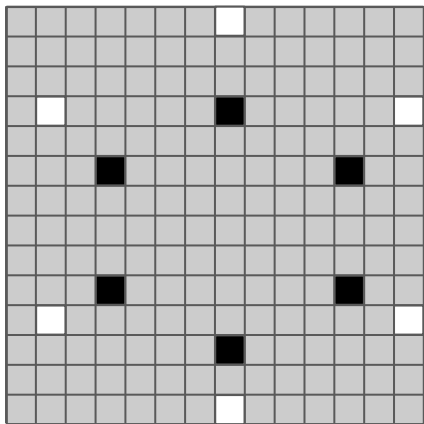
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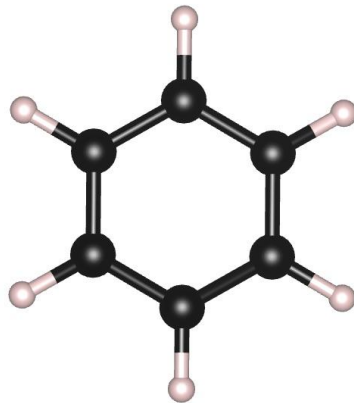
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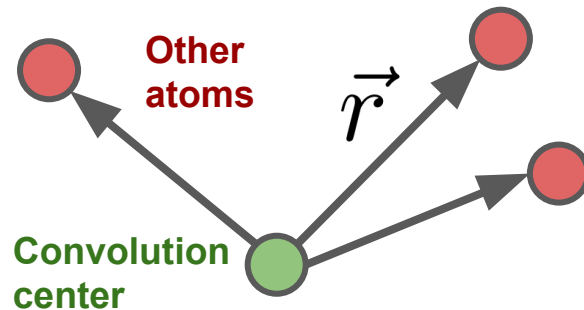
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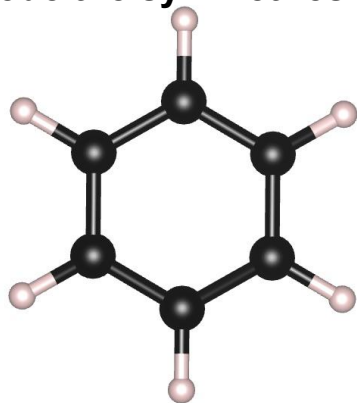


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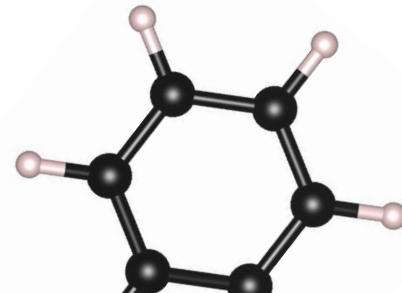


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# Spherical harmonics

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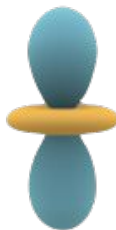
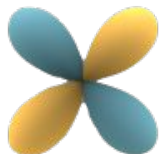
angular portion of  
hydrogenic wavefunctions

basis functions for  $(2l + 1)$   
dimensional irreducible  
representations of  $SO(3)$

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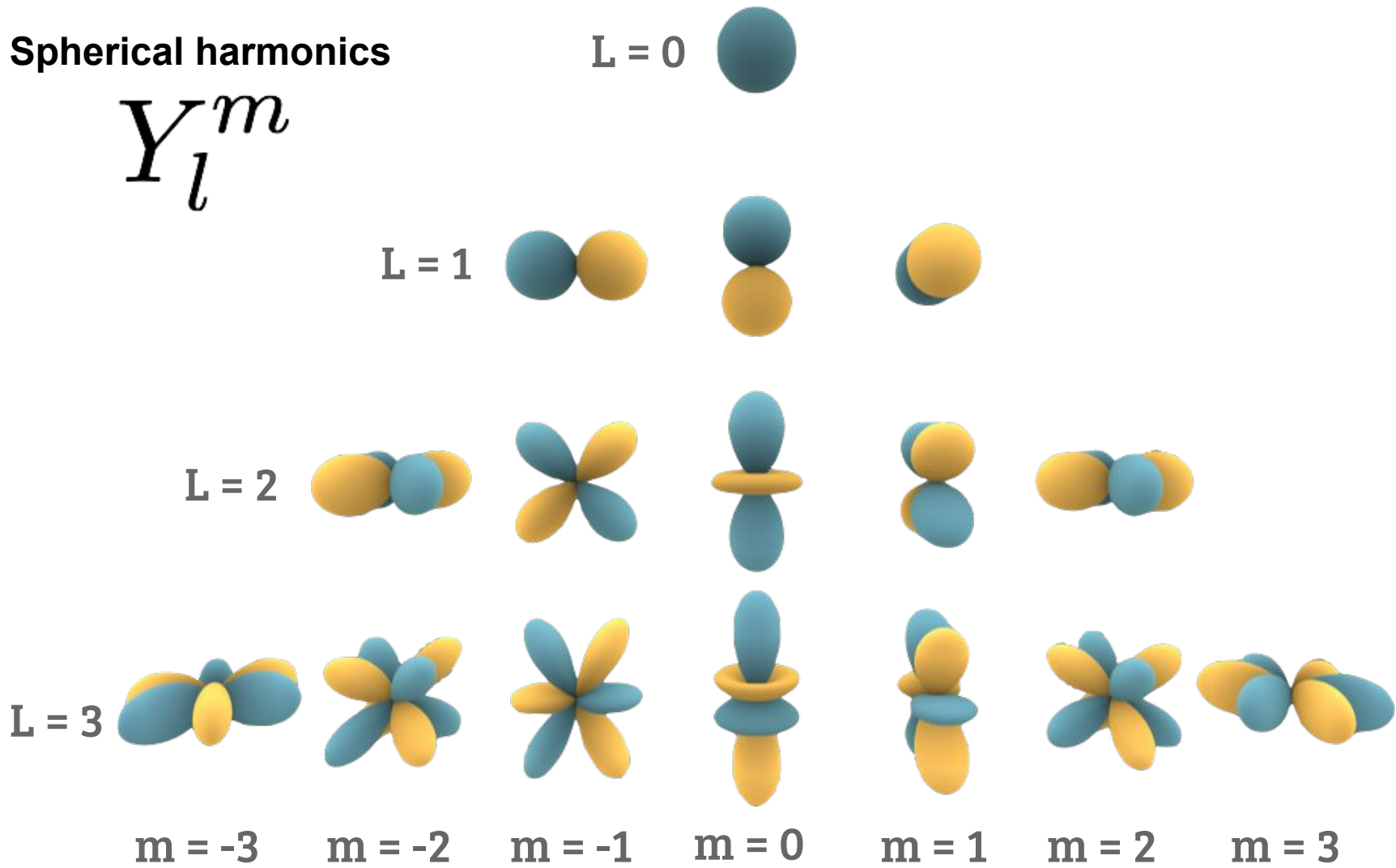
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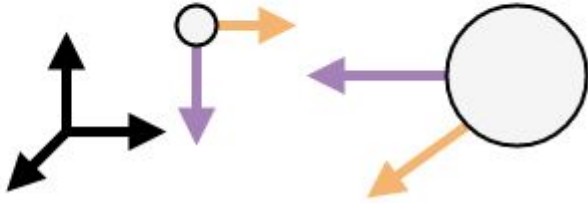
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Our filter choice requires the input, filters, and output of our network to be **geometric tensors** and our network connectivity to be compatible with **tensor algebra**.

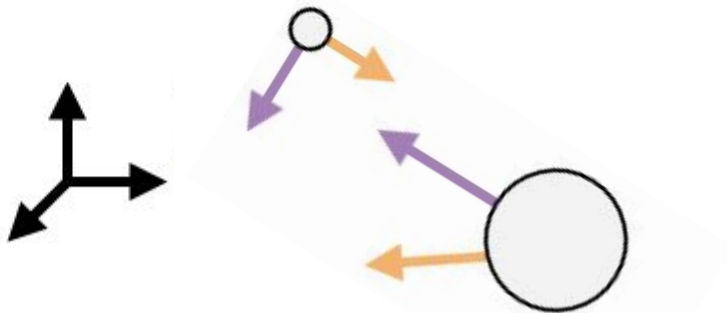
(Everything has L and M indices like the spherical harmonics.)

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Two point **masses** with **velocity** and **acceleration**.



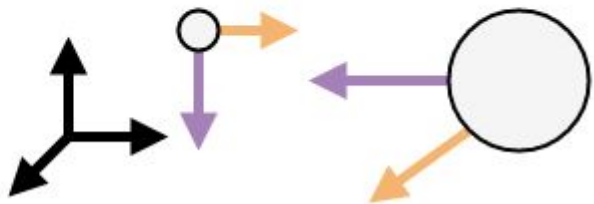
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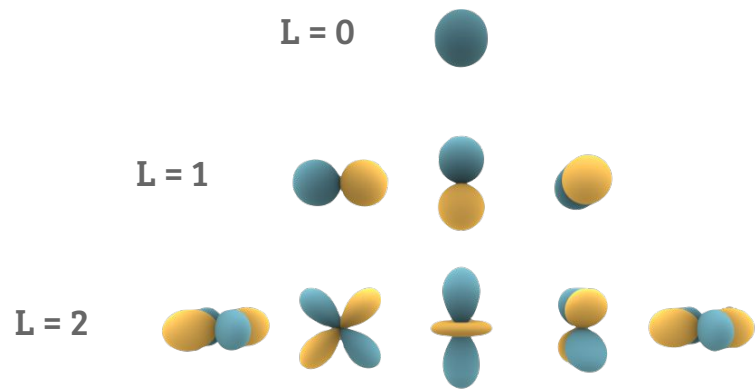
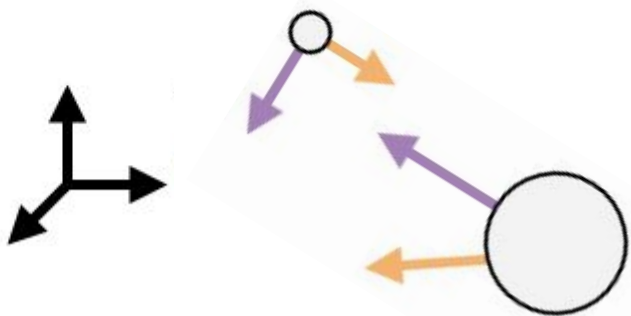


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Irreducible representations

Scalars fields  $l = 0$

Vectors fields  $l = 1$

3x3 Matrix fields  $l = 0 \oplus 1 \oplus 2$

The input and output of our network is represented as tensors with **point** (or atom), **channel**, and **representation** indices organized by irreducible representation (L's and M's that index spherical harmonics).



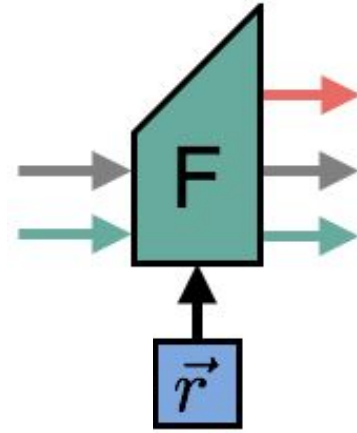
**Representation** →

**Points** →

**Channels** →

Filters contribute a **representation** index due to use of spherical harmonics.

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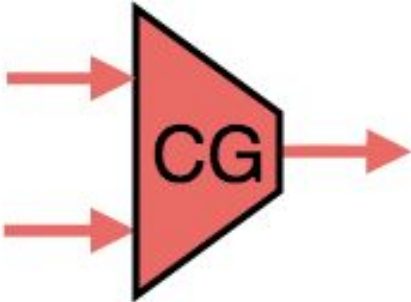


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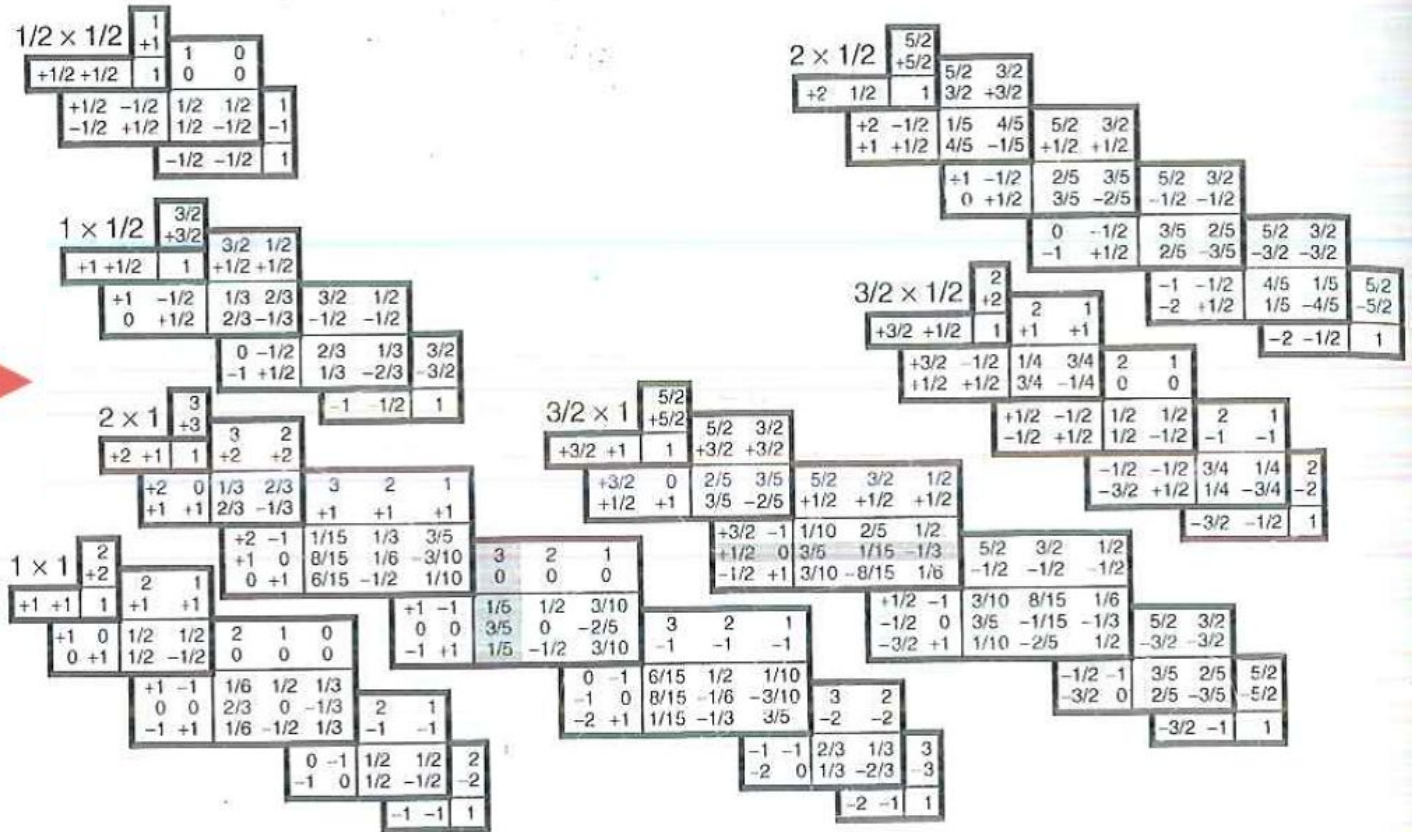
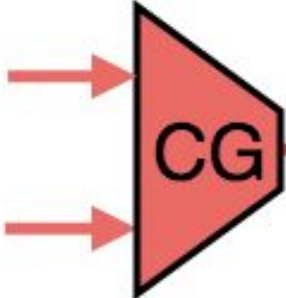


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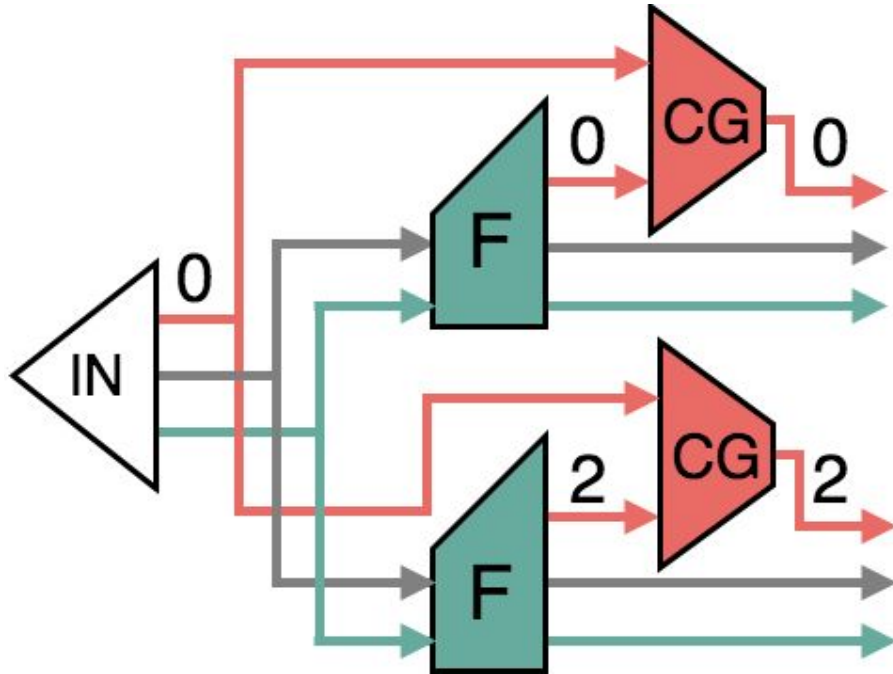
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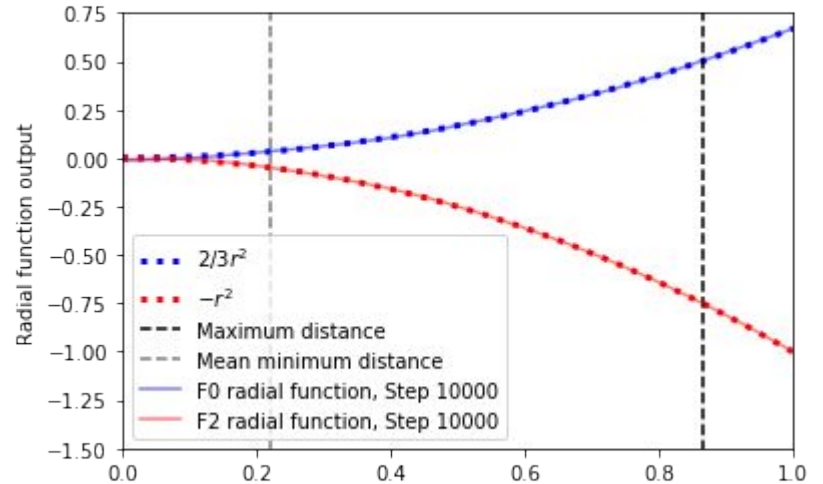


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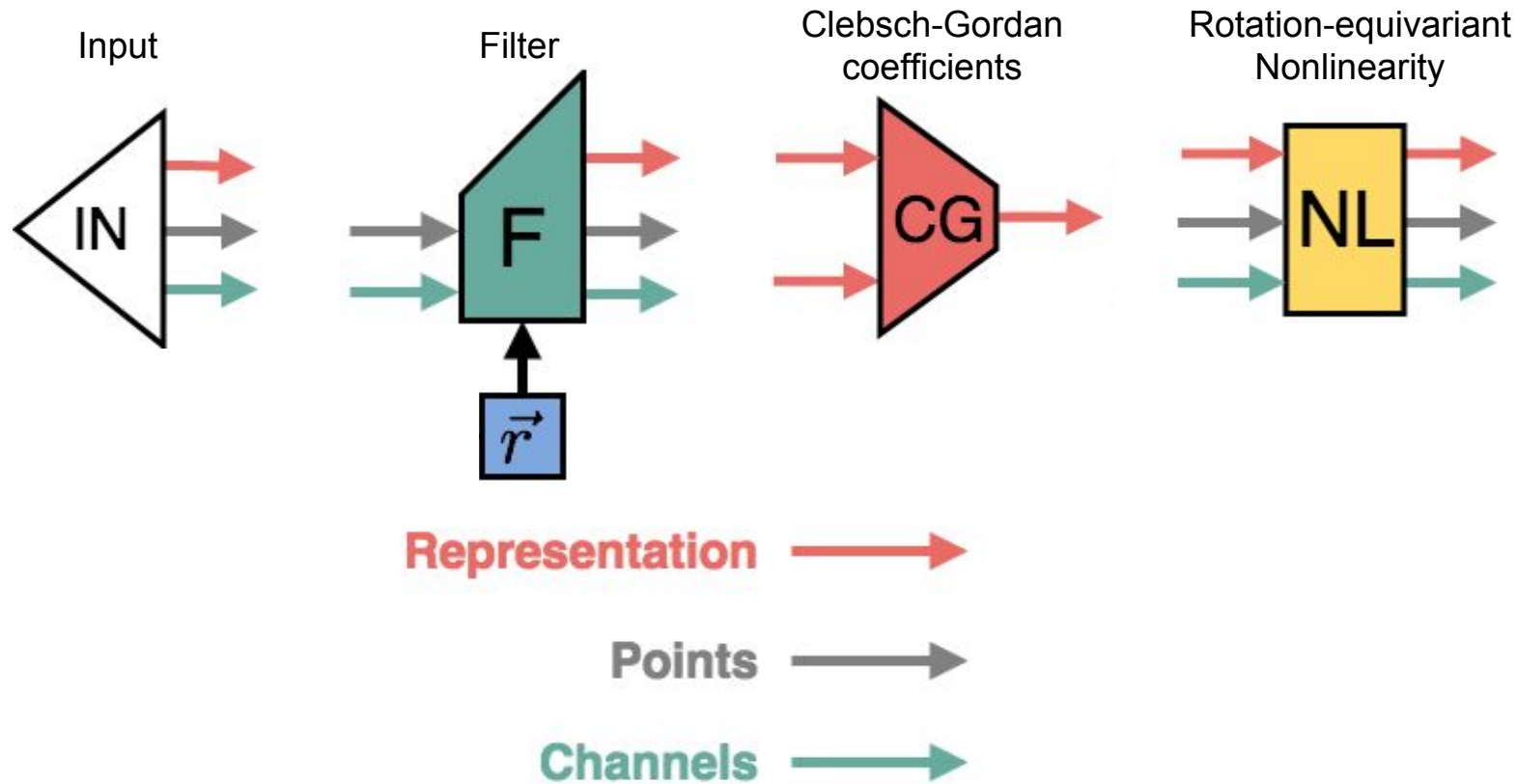
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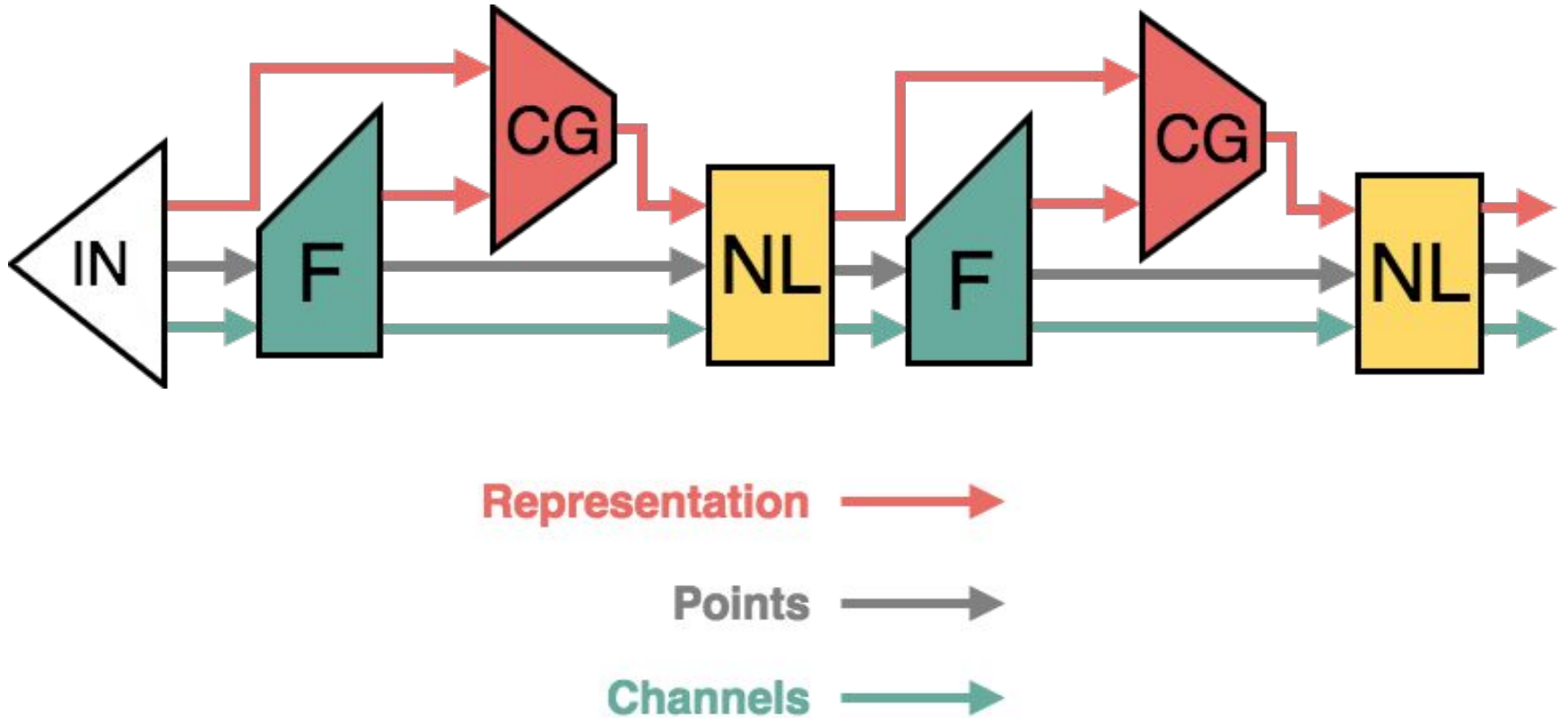
Moment of inertia:  
 0 (trace) + 2 (symmetric traceless)



# These are components of **tensor field networks**

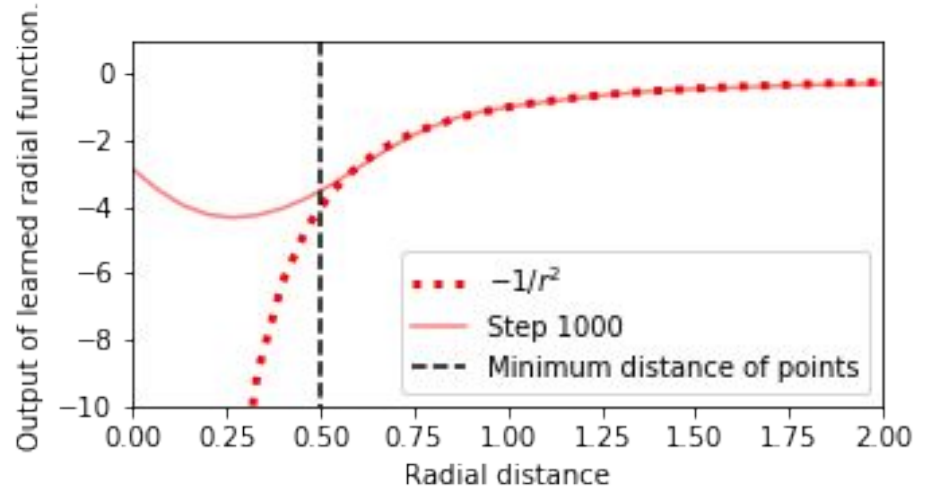
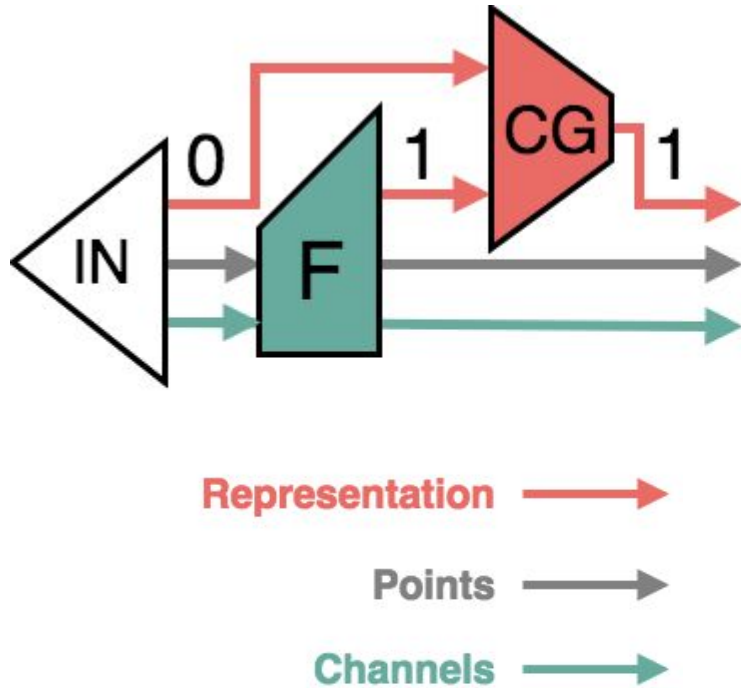


This is what a two-layer tensor field network looks like:

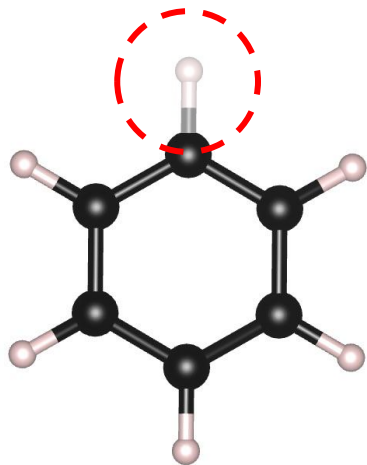




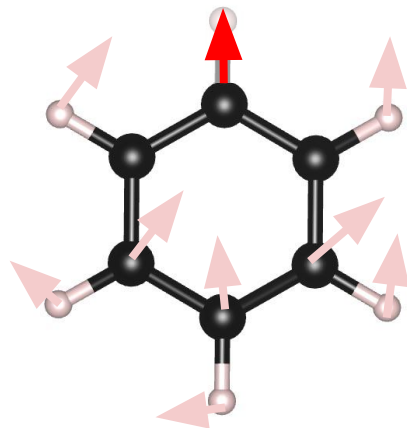
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Given a small organic molecule with an atom removed, replace the correct element at the correct location in space.



Input coordinates with missing atom.



Network outputs  
(N-1) atom type features (scalars),  
(N-1) displacement vectors, and  
(N-1) scalars indicating confidence  
probability used for "voting".

#### DATASET

QM9: <http://www.quantum-machine.org/datasets/>  
134k molecules with 9 or less heavy atoms  
(non-hydrogen) and elements H, C, N, O, F.

#### TRAIN

1,000 molecules with 5-18 atoms

#### TEST

1,000 molecules with 19 atoms

1,000 molecules with 23 atoms

1,000 molecules with 25-29 atoms

Atoms	Number of predictions	Accuracy (%) ( $\leq 0.5 \text{ \AA}$ and atom type)	Distance MAE in $\text{\AA}$
5-18 (train)	15 947	92.6	0.16
19	19 000	94.7	0.15
23	23 000	96.9	0.14
25-29	25 404	97.8	0.17

Learns to replace atoms with over 90% accuracy across train and test by seeing the same 1,000 molecules 200 times.