

Geometric Deep Learning for Molecule Generation

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- Which ML method you want to use for designing a new molecule? What are the trade-offs between various methods?
 - More specifically, Variational Autoencoders vs. Deep Reinforcement Learning
- If the target molecule structures exhibit strong structural/geometric properties, how do we incorporate that knowledge into the ML methods?



Molecule Design problem

How do we automate the design of chemical structures that have interesting properties?









Why is this hard?

- If we were to compose a molecule with n functional groups from a library of N functional groups, the size of the search space would be on the order of permutations (N, r):
 - N=100, r=10, search space: 6.28 * 10^19
 - N=100, r=20, search space: 1.31 * 10^39
 - N=200, r=10, search space: 8.14 * 10^22
 - N=200, r=20, search space: 3.92 * 10^45
- Our goal with machine learning is to avoid the exhaustive enumeration of the search space.



Variational Autoencoder vs Deep Reinforcement Learning



Screening based



Pros and Cons



If you want a molecule that is close to ones existing in your database, use VAE.

One of our top molecules (generated by JT-VAE) was a match to a widely researched COVID-19 therapeutic.

Deep RL is a promising approach to find novel candidates that we will miss if just "searching where the light is."



HydroNet: A ML Benchmark for Modeling Intermolecular Interactions



https://exalearn.github.io/hydronet [3]





Goal: Learning a model to generate low energy Pacific water clusters Northwest NATIONAL LABORATOR











State space exploration



Graph-theoretic Reward Components







E = -94.67 kcal/mol

E = -91.50 kcal/mol



Structural measure preserving Molecule Generation

• The distribution of structural motifs evolve with scale







HydroNet: Multi-representation Benchmark

- Provide data with graph and coordinates information
- Provide pre-trained model for energy prediction using both graph neural networks and coordinate based convolutional neural network[1]
- Provide tools for validating quality of generated molecules



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