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What do we want from a representation?

- Be complete (injective)
- Ø Reflect basic physical symmetries
- Be smooth, regular
- Exploit additivity



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A phylogenetic tree of ML representations



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Latest & greatest: Nigam, Pozdnyakov, Fraux, MC, JCP (2022)

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 Recursive construction of N-body features based on sums of angular momenta

$$\langle \dots; \mathbf{n}_{\nu} \mathbf{l}_{\nu} \mathbf{k}_{\nu}; \mathbf{n} l \mathbf{k} | \overline{\rho_{i}^{\otimes (\nu+1)}; \lambda \mu} \rangle = \sum_{qm} \langle \mathbf{n} | \overline{\rho_{i}^{\otimes 1}; lm} \rangle \langle \dots; \mathbf{n}_{\nu} \mathbf{l}_{\nu} \mathbf{k}_{\nu} | \overline{\rho_{i}^{\otimes \nu}; kq} \rangle \langle lm; kq | \lambda \mu \rangle$$

• All equivariant ν -neighbor features transform like angular momenta

$$\langle \boldsymbol{q} | \hat{\boldsymbol{R}} \boldsymbol{A}; \overline{\rho_{i}^{\otimes \nu}; \lambda \mu} \rangle \sim \sum_{\mu'} \boldsymbol{D}_{\mu\mu'}^{\lambda} \left(\boldsymbol{R} \right) \left\langle \boldsymbol{q} | \boldsymbol{A}; \overline{\rho_{i}^{\otimes \nu}; \lambda \mu'} \right\rangle$$

Can be used to compute efficiently *invariant* features $|\rho_i^{\otimes \nu}; \mathbf{00}\rangle$

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Features, models and introspection

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Musil, De, Yang, Campbell, Day, MC, Chemical Science (2018); http://interactive.sketchmap.org

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MC, Unsupervised machine learning in atomistic simulations, between predictions and understanding, JCP (2019)

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Cersonsky, MC, in preparation

Physical insights from knock-out ML models

- Limiting accuracy of models built on "traditional" descriptors gives objective criterion to rank their information content
- Combination of "universal interpolators" and large datasets quantify the significance of heuristic design rules



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A look into the zeolite sorting hat

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Outlook

- Physics vs data-driven modeling: porous divide at the atomic scale
- Physics-based priors: when and up to which point are they useful?
- "Interpretability" is a loose concept: what we gain and what we lose?



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Simple cubic (sc) structure spgroup = 221



Diamond (diam) structure spgroup = 227



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Recognizing active protein ligands

- A SOAP-REMatch-based KSVM classifies active and inactive ligands with 99% accuracy; non-additive model is crucial!
- Sensitivity analysis help identify the active "warhead" and could guide drug design and optimization



Bartok, De, Poelking, Kermode, Bernstein, Csanyi, MC, Science Advances (2017) [data: DUD-E, Shoichet]

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Principal Covariates Regression

 Very simple idea to combine PCA and latent-space LR to find a dimensionality reduction that preserves variance and predicts well

$$\ell = \alpha \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{P}_{XT}\mathbf{P}_{TX}\|^2 + (1 - \alpha) \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{P}_{XT}\mathbf{P}_{TY}\|^2$$

• Solution can be found working in sample space (looking for the eigenvectors of a modified Gram matrix)

$$\tilde{\mathbf{K}} = \alpha \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} + (\mathbf{1} - \alpha) \mathbf{X} \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}} \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}$$

• ... or in feature space by diagonalizing a modified covariance

$$\tilde{\mathbf{C}} = \alpha \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X} + (1 - \alpha) \left(\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X} \right)^{-1/2} \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{Y}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X} \left(\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X} \right)^{-1/2}$$



S. de Jong and HAL Kiers, Scandinavian Symposium on Chemometrics (1992)

Interpretable atomistic ML

Kernel PCovR

• Kernel versions of PCovR can be obtained with a modified kernel $\tilde{\mathbf{K}} = \alpha \mathbf{K} + (1 - \alpha) \hat{\mathbf{Y}} \hat{\mathbf{Y}}^{\intercal}$, diagonalizing it and finding the projector

$$\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{K}T} = \left(\alpha \mathbf{I} + (1 - \alpha) \left(\mathbf{K} + \lambda \mathbf{I}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{Y} \hat{\mathbf{Y}}\right) \mathbf{U}_{\tilde{\mathbf{K}}} \Lambda_{\tilde{\mathbf{K}}}^{1/2}$$



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Where unsupervised meets supervised

 Using KPCovR to reveal structure-property relations in databases of materials structures



Helfrecht, Cersonsky, Fraux, MC, MLST (2020)

A Generalized Convex Hull Construction



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