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The problem of representation

 Mapping an atomic structure to a mathematical representation suitable to ML is the first and perhaps most important step for atomistic machine learning



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

A phylogenetic tree of ML representations



What we want from a representation

- Structure representations should: 1. reflect basic physical symmetries; 2. be complete (injective); 3. be smooth, regular; 4. exploit additivity
- Cartesian coordinates fulfill only 2 and 3



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$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{A} \to \\ \texttt{C} \ 0.00 \ 0.00 \ 0.00 \\ \texttt{C} \ 0.00 \ 1.00 \ 0.00 \\ \texttt{B} \ 1.00 \ 2.00 \ 0.00 \\ \end{array}$$

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$$\langle \mathbf{k} | \mathbf{A}; \overline{
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angle = \sum_{ii \in \mathbf{A}} e^{i \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij}}$$



Simple cubic (sc) structure spgroup = 221



Diamond (diam) structure spgroup = 227



Face-centered-cubic (fcc) structure spgroup = 225



Body-centered-cubic (bcc) structure spgroup = 229







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$$\begin{array}{l} \langle nn'l|\rho_i^{\otimes 2}\rangle = \sum_m \langle nlm|\rho_i\rangle^\star \left\langle n'lm|\rho_i\right\rangle \\ p_{nn'l} = \sum_m c_{nlm}^\star c_{n'lm} \end{array}$$

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Figure from Bartók, Kondor, Csányi, PRB (2013)

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There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than those transforming like a scalar

Machine-learning for tensors

• What if we want to learn vectors or general tensors? We need features that are *equivariant* to the tensor under rotations.

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{\mu}^{\lambda}\left(\mathbf{A}_{i}\right) &= \int \mathrm{d}X\left\langle\epsilon|X\right\rangle \,\left\langle X|\mathbf{A};\overline{\rho_{i}^{\otimes\nu};\lambda\mu}\right\rangle \\ \epsilon_{\mu}^{\lambda}\left(\hat{\mathbf{R}}\mathbf{A}_{i}\right) &= \int \mathrm{d}X\left\langle\epsilon|X\right\rangle \sum_{\mu'} \mathcal{D}_{\mu\mu'}^{\lambda}(\hat{\mathbf{R}})\left\langle X|\mathbf{A};\overline{\rho_{i}^{\otimes\nu};\lambda\mu'}\right\rangle \end{aligned}$$



Glielmo, Sollich, De Vita, PRB (2017); Grisafi, Wilkins, Csányi, & MC, PRL (2018)

Symmetrized-field equivariants

• Include a $|\lambda\mu
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$$\int \mathrm{d}\hat{R} \langle \mathbf{r} | \, \hat{R} \, | \rho_i \rangle \, \langle \mathbf{r}' | \, \hat{R} \, | \rho_i \rangle \, \langle \mathbf{r}'' | \, \hat{R} \, | \lambda \mu \rangle \rightarrow \, \langle \mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'\omega \, \theta \phi | \overline{\rho_i^{\otimes 2}; \lambda \mu} \rangle$$

 Easier to compute by expanding the density in R_n(r) Y^l_m(r̂): explicit power-spectrum-like representation

 $\langle \mathbf{n}_1 \mathbf{l}_1; \mathbf{n}_2 \mathbf{l}_2 | \overline{\rho_i^{\otimes 2}}; \lambda \mu \rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{m}} \langle \mathbf{n}_1 \mathbf{l}_1 \mathbf{m} | \rho_i \rangle \langle \mathbf{n}_2 \mathbf{l}_2 (\mu - \mathbf{m}) | \rho_i \rangle \langle \mathbf{l}_1 \mathbf{m}; \mathbf{l}_2 (\mu - \mathbf{m}) | \lambda \mu \rangle$



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A hierarchy of equivariant features

• A generalization of the definition yields *N*-body features that transform like angular momenta

$$\langle \mathbf{X} | \overline{\rho_i^{\otimes \nu}; \sigma; \lambda \mu} \rangle$$

 Recursive construction based on sums of angular momenta and an expansion of the atom density

$$\langle \mathbf{n}_{1} \mathbf{l}_{1} \mathbf{k}_{1} | \overline{\rho_{j}^{\otimes 1}; \lambda \mu} \rangle \equiv \langle \mathbf{n}_{1} \lambda (-\mu) | \rho_{i} \rangle \, \delta_{\mathbf{l}_{1} \lambda} \delta_{\mathbf{k}_{1} \lambda} \delta_{\sigma 1} \equiv \langle \mathbf{n}_{1} | \overline{\rho_{j}^{\otimes 1}; \lambda \mu} \rangle$$

$$\sum_{qm} \langle lm; kq | \lambda \mu \rangle < n || \overline{\rho_i^{\otimes (\nu+1)}; \sigma; \lambda \mu} \rangle = \delta_{\sigma((-1)^{l+k+\lambda} s)} c_{k\lambda} \times \sum_{qm} \langle lm; kq | \lambda \mu \rangle < n || \overline{\rho_i^{\otimes 1}; lm} > \langle \dots; n_{\nu} l_{\nu} k_{\nu} | \overline{\rho_i^{\otimes \nu}; s; kq} \rangle$$

• Can be used to compute efficiently *invariant* features $|
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Nigam, Pozdnyakov, MC, https://arxiv.org/pdf/2007.03407 (2020)

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Deep connections between most representations......Willatt et al. JCP (2019) Strategies to reduce the computational cost....Imbalzano et al. J. Chem. Phys. (2018) Feature optimization: efficiency and insight.....Willatt et al. PCCP (2018) Fast and accurate error estimationMusil et al. JCTC (2019) Symmetry-adapted regression for tensors:Grisafi et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. (2018) Completeness of representationsPodznyakov et al. arXiv:2001.11696 NICE featuresNigam et al., arXiv:2007.03407 Comparing featuresGrisafi et al., arXiv:2009.02741 Multi-scale equivariantsGrisafi et al., arXiv:2008.12122

https://tinyurl.com/ceriotti-sissa-ictp-2020

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Empedocles et al. (ca 360BC). Metaphor courtesy of Albert Bartók

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