

# Neural Network Potentials

ANI-1: an extensible neural network potential with DFT accuracy at force field computational cost

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# What are Neural Network Potentials?

**Neural Network Potentials** are statistical learning models that approximate the potential energy of molecular systems

Why are they significant?

**Molecular Dynamics Simulations**

# Molecular Dynamics Simulations

## OBJECTIVE

Simulate the movements of atoms in a molecular system

## APPROACH

Use **potential energy** to determine movement of the atoms in the system

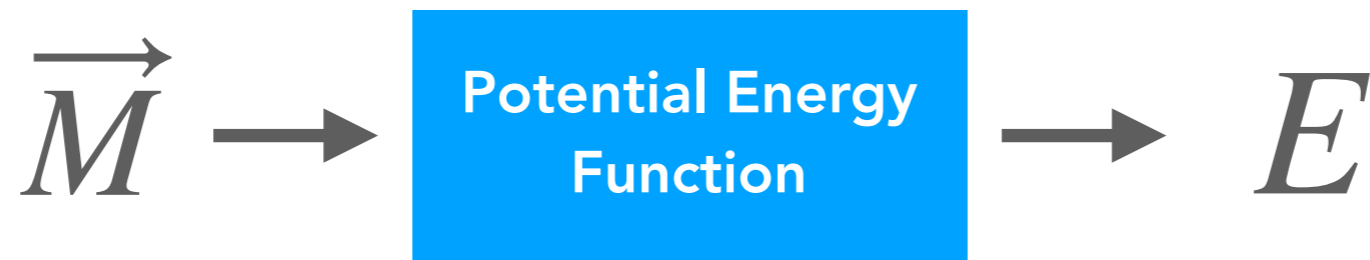
for each time-step:

Derive forces acting on each atom using **potential energy**

Update position and velocity

# Potential Energy Function

A **function** mapping a molecular system's **geometry** to its **potential energy**



where

$\vec{M}$

## Molecular Representation

A vector describing the molecular system's geometry.

Elements usually consist of atomic numbers and associated 3D coordinates.

$E$

## Potential Energy

The scalar potential energy of the molecular system.

# Potential Energy Function

## EXAMPLE

### 1-Dimensional Molecular Representation for a **Diatomic** Molecule

MOLECULAR REPRESENTATION



Bond Distance,  $q$

$$\vec{G} = \{q\}$$

# Potential Energy Function

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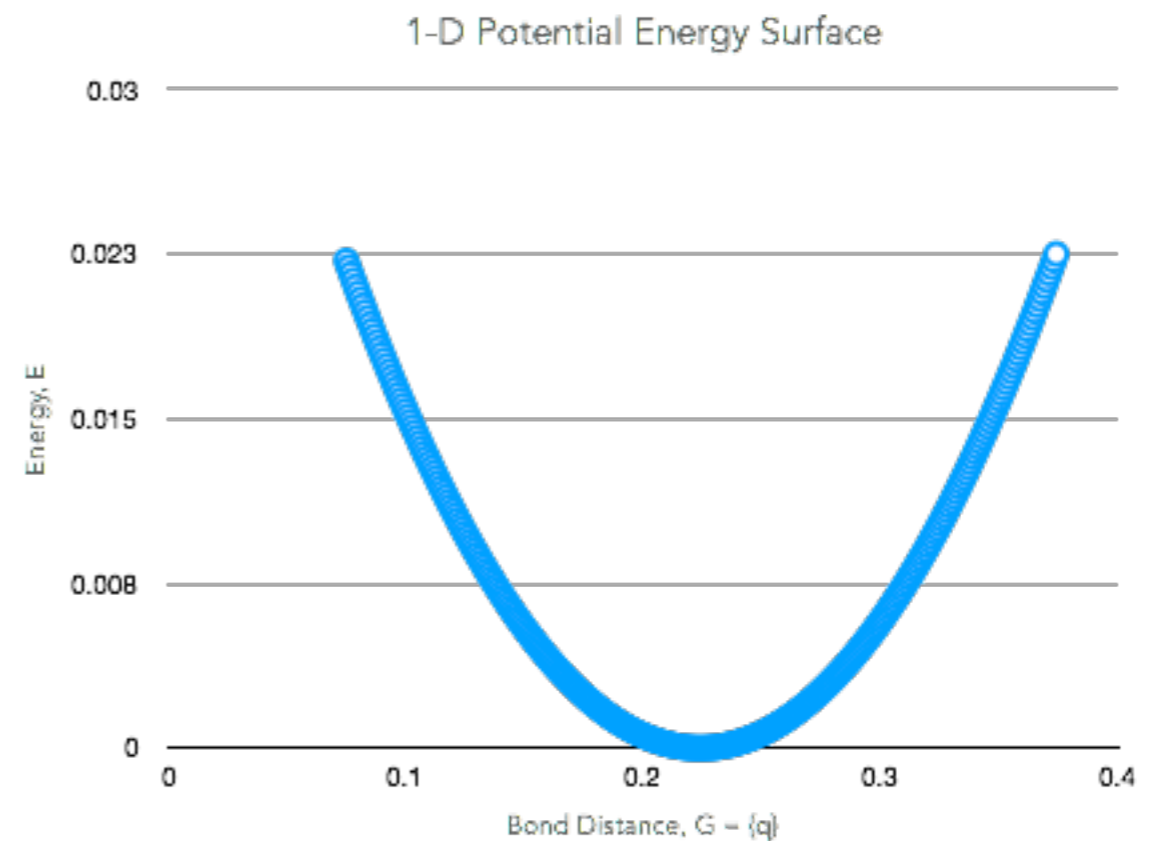
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POTENTIAL ENERGY FUNCTION



# THE PROBLEM

## Potential Energy Function Approximation

Real molecular systems require elaborate molecular representations

Real potential energy functions are very **difficult** and **costly** to compute

MD Simulations require

*Fast* and **Reliable**

Potential Energy Function Approximations

# Potential Energy Function Approximations

Method that computes the potential energy from a molecular representation



where

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**Molecular Representation**

A vector describing the molecular system's geometry.

Elements can include atom positions, bond lengths and/or angles.

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# METHODS OF

## Potential Energy Function Approx.

### Density Functional Theory (**DFT**) *ab initio* Methods

Proceed from first principles

ACCURATE

SLOW

TRANSFERABLE

### Semi-Empirical Methods

Use empirically determined parameters to speed up DFT computation

LESS ACCURATE

FASTER

TRANSFERABLE

### Empirical Methods

Classical Force Fields and Interatomic Potentials

OFTEN INACCURATE

FAST

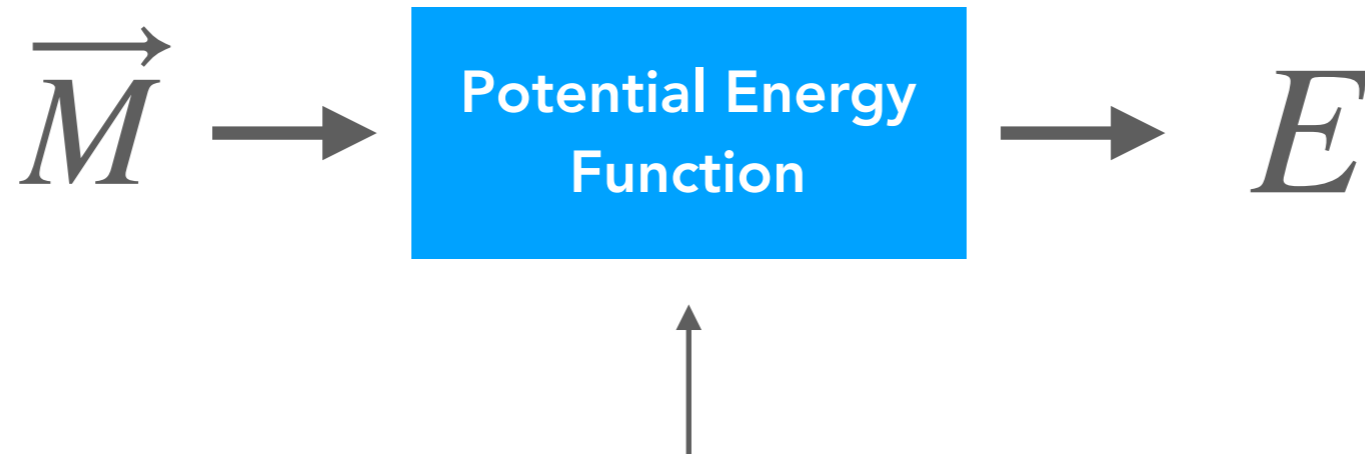
POOR TRANSFERABILITY

# Statistical Learning with Neural Networks

? FAST and ACCURATE and TRANSFERABLE ?

# Neural Networks for Regression

Statistical learning models that can learn a **very** diverse class of real-valued functions



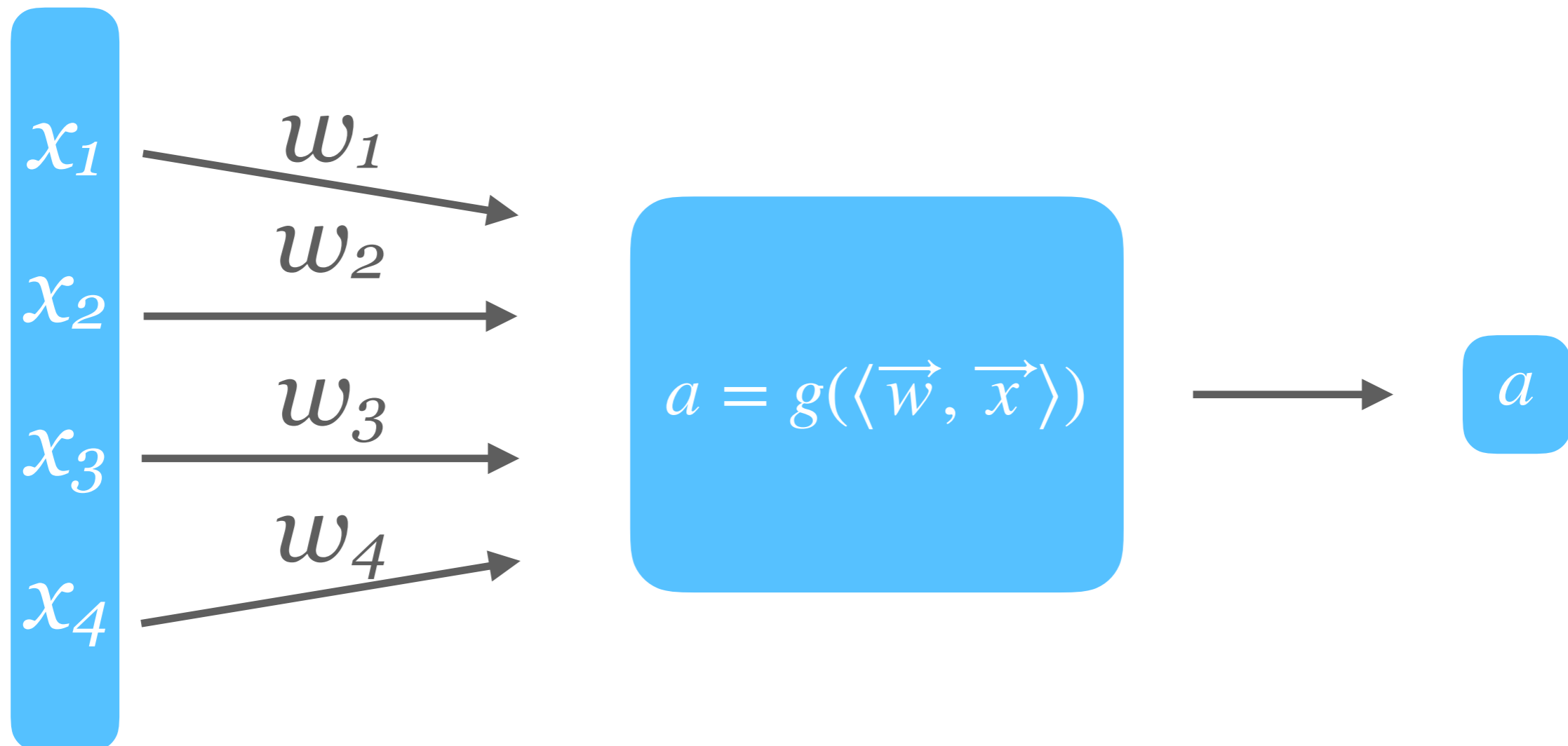
Could it be learned from **labeled** molecular data?

# Regression Unit

INPUT

REGRESSION UNIT COMPUTATION

OUTPUT

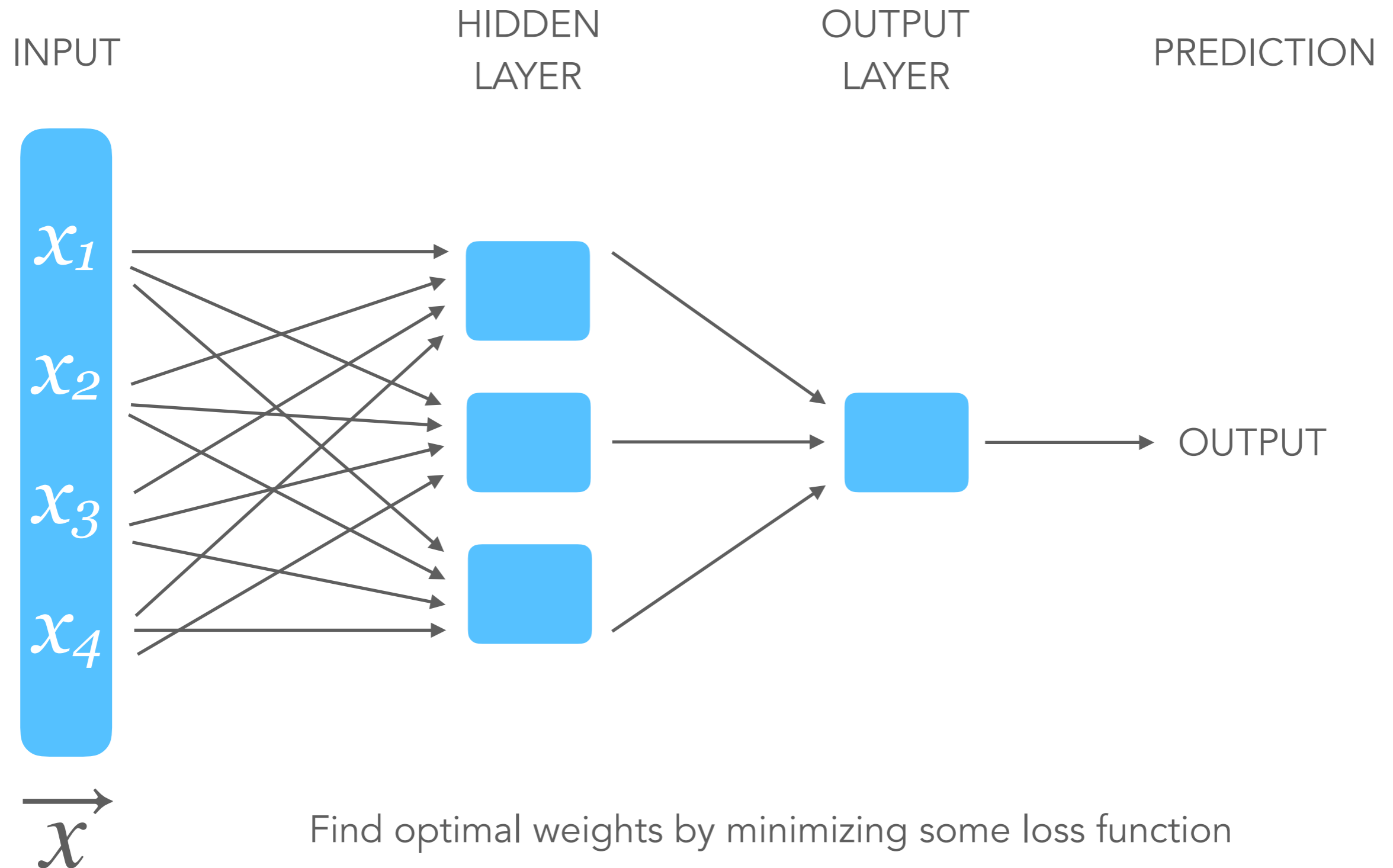


$\vec{x}$

$\vec{w}$

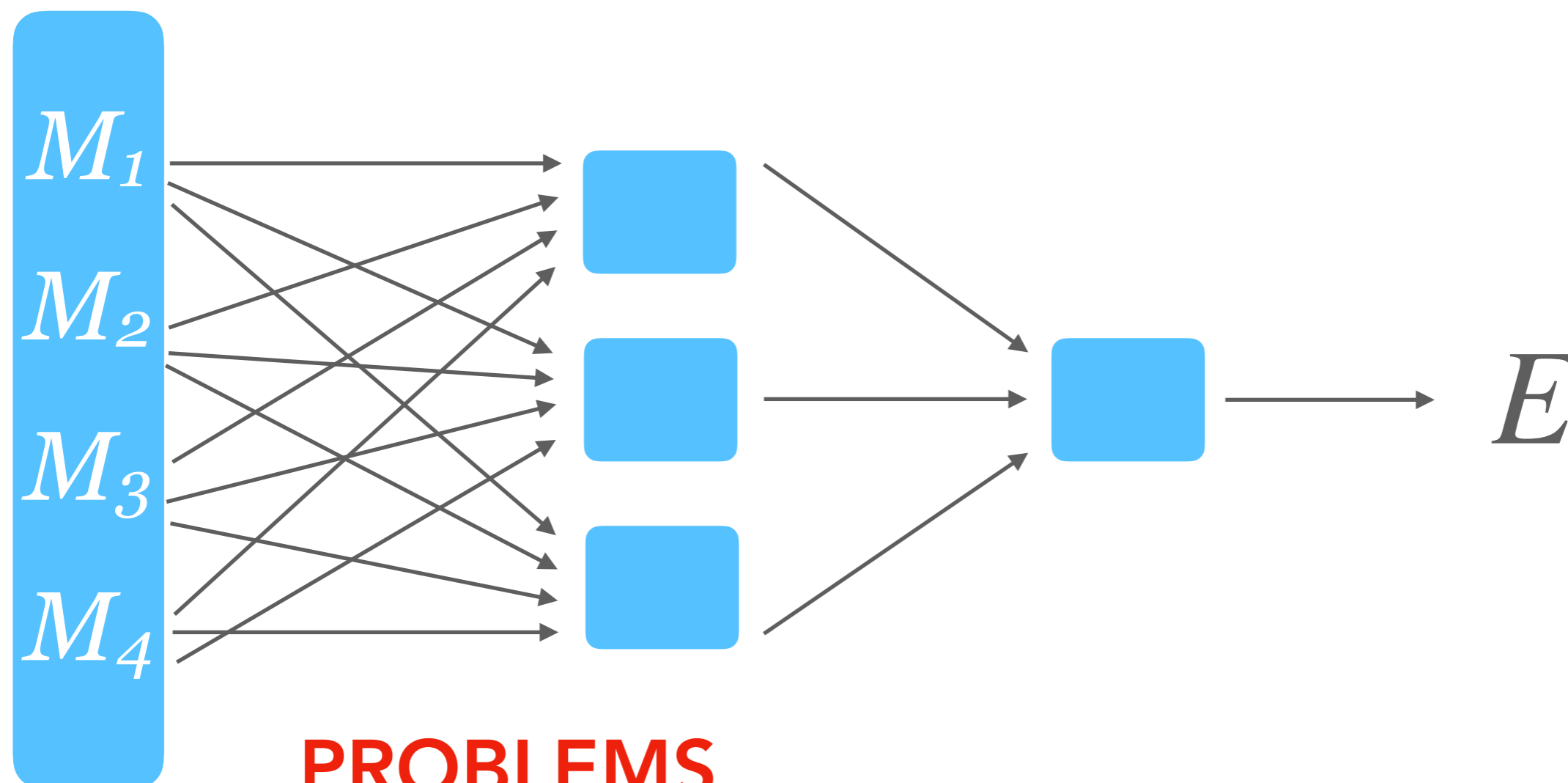
$g$  is some nonlinear function

# Neural Networks for Regression



# Naive Neural Network Potential

MOLECULAR REPRESENTATION      HIDDEN LAYER      OUTPUT LAYER      POTENTIAL ENERGY



$\vec{M}$

## PROBLEMS

1. Variance to Equivalent Molecules
2. Fixed length for Input Molecular Representation

# ANI-1 Neural Network Potential

**IDEA:** Atomic Decomposition

1. **Decompose** the molecular representation by atom
2. **Decompose** the energy function by atom

# ANI-1 Neural Network Potential

## Atomic Environment Vectors (AEV)

Decompose molecular representation of the systems total geometry to a sequence of molecular representations capturing the local geometry around an atom

**Input:** Coordinates of each atom in the system

**For each:** Atom in the system

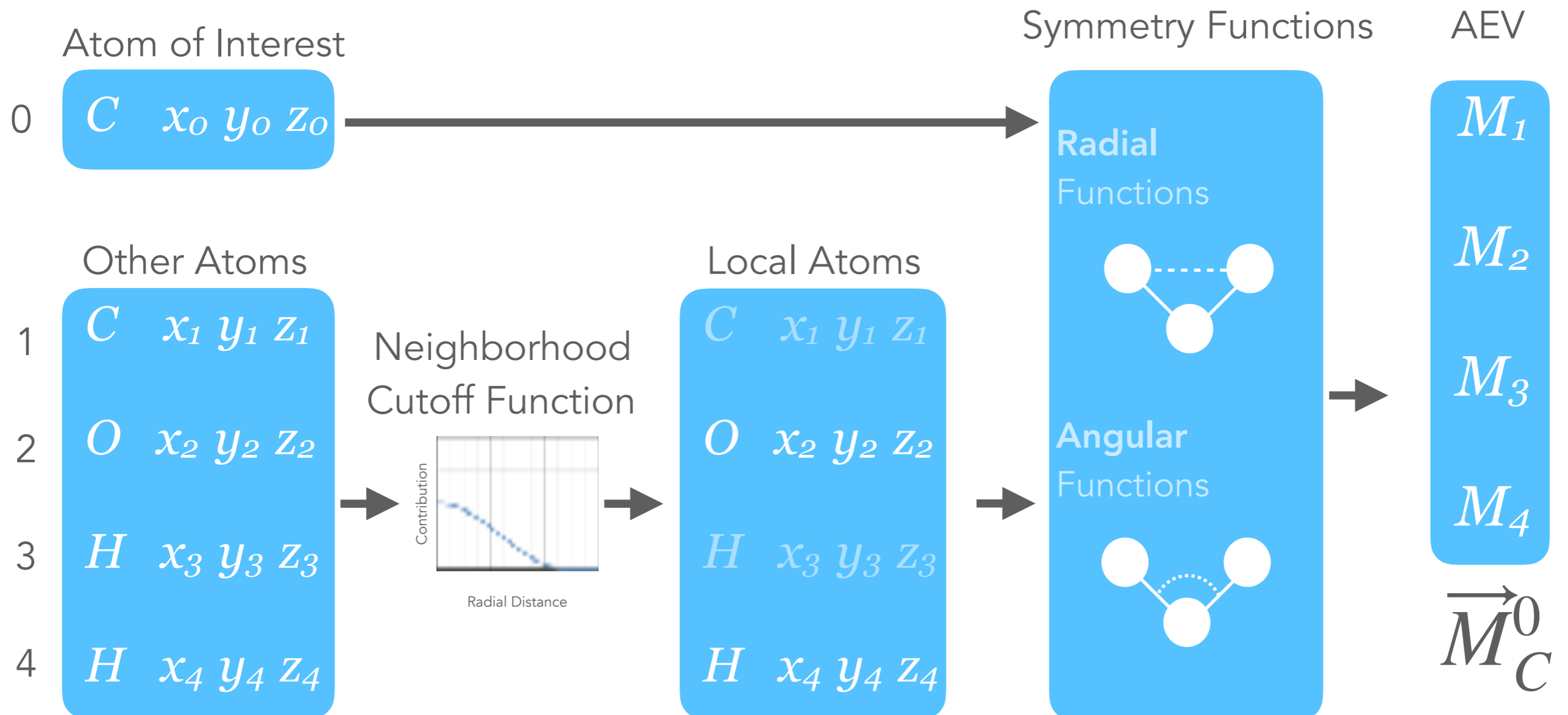
**Build:** One AEV factoring in coordinates and atomic number of nearby atoms



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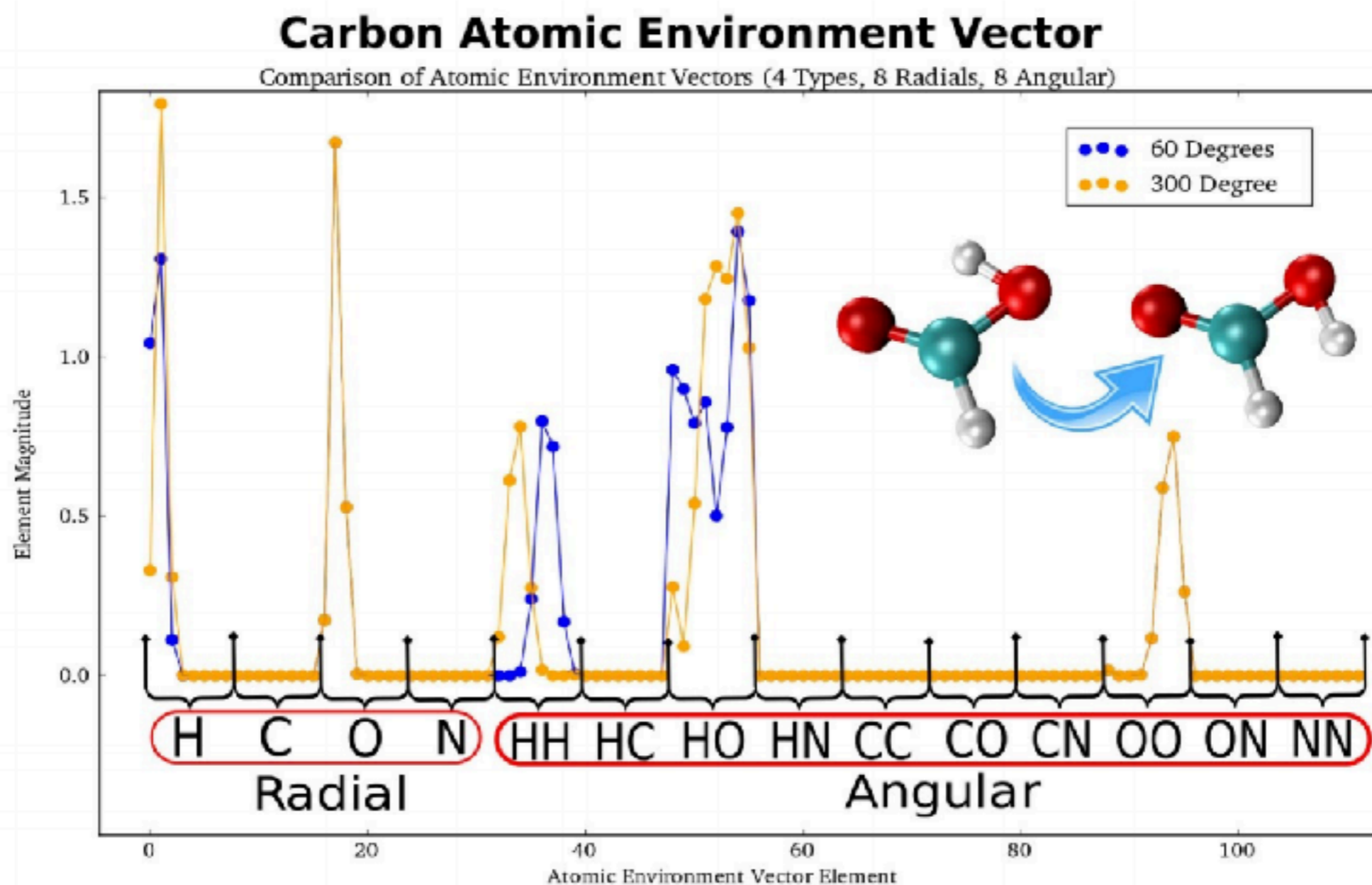
## Atomic Environment Vectors (AEV)

### Computation of AEV



# ANI-1 Neural Network Potential

## Atomic Environment Vectors (AEV)



# ANI-1 Neural Network Potential

## Decomposed Energy Function

Model total energy  $E$  as a sum of each atom's contribution  $E_i$

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^n E_i$$

where  $n$  is the number of atoms in the molecular system

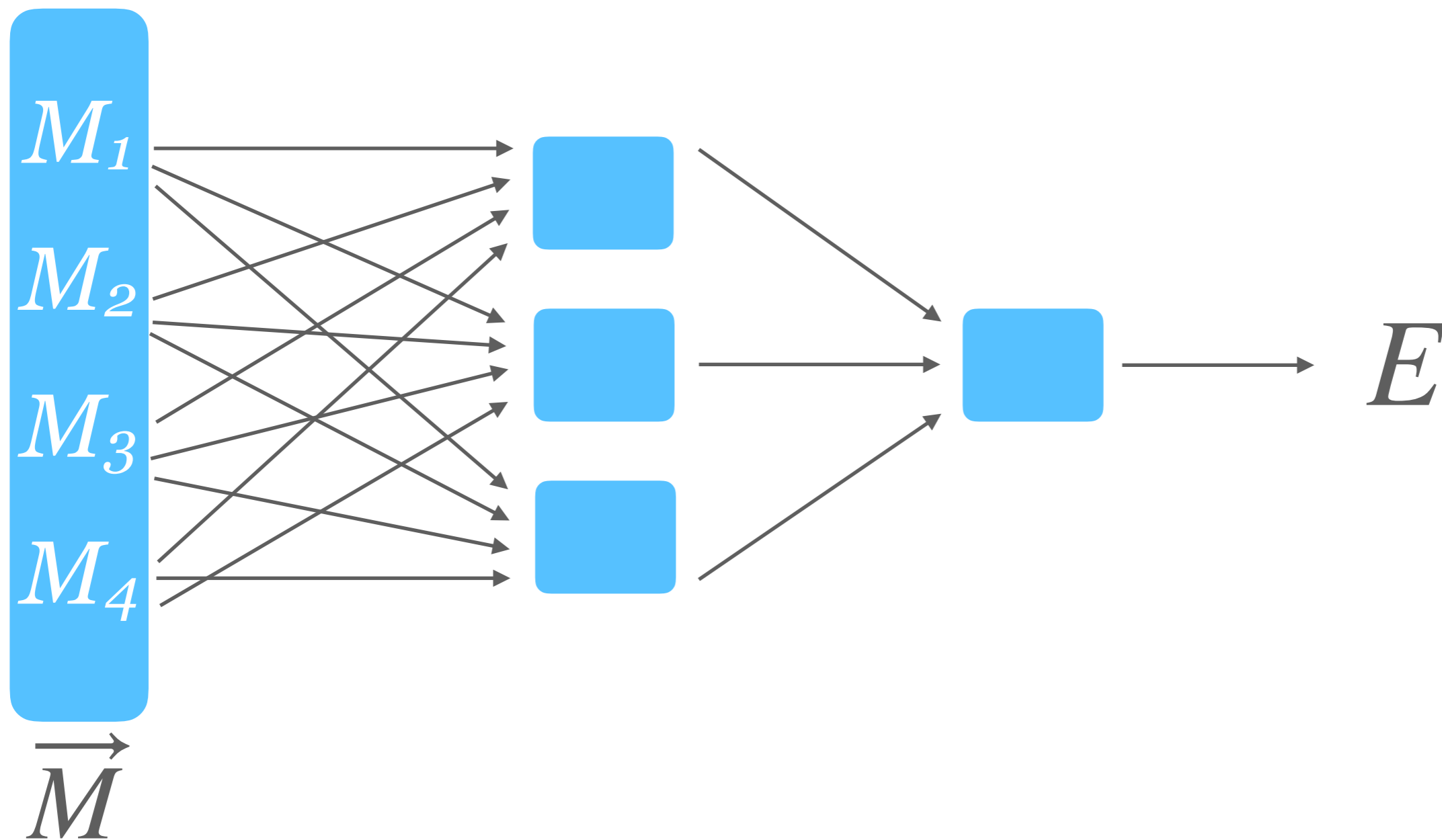
# Naive Architecture

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REPRESENTATION

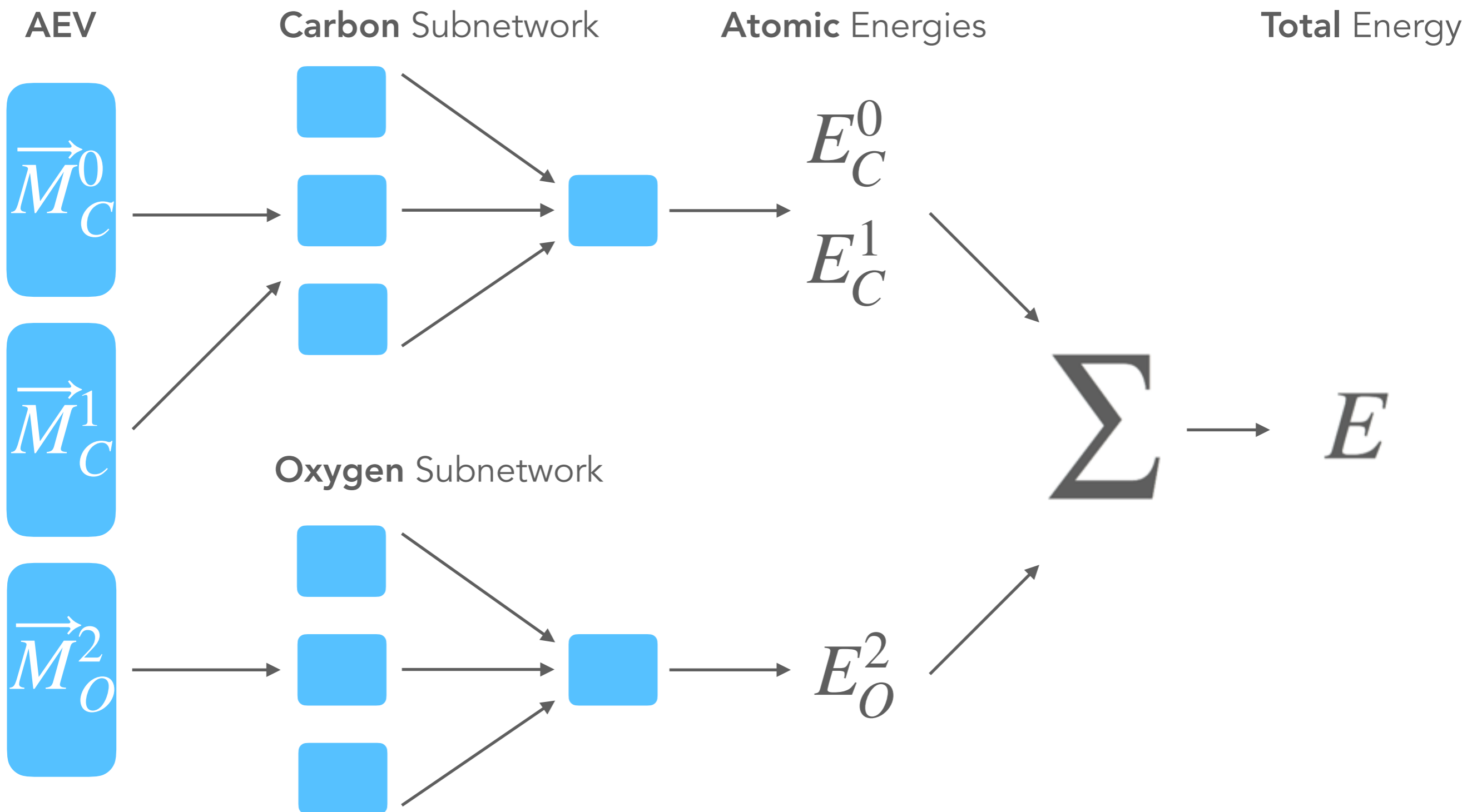
HIDDEN  
LAYER

OUTPUT  
LAYER

POTENTIAL  
ENERGY



# ANI-1 Architecture





# ANI-1 Neural Network Potential

## Training the Network

COST FUNCTION

$$C(\vec{E}^{ANI}) = \exp\left(\sum_j \vec{E}_j^{ANI} - \vec{E}_j^{DFT}\right)$$

Find minimize via gradient descent with backpropagation

# ANI-1 Neural Network Potential

## Testing the Network

### Test Set

Molecules containing **more** than 8 atoms

### Methods for Comparison

*ab initio*

**DFT**

*Semi-Empirical*

**DFTB**

**PM1**

**AM1**

*NN Potential*

*CM Representation*

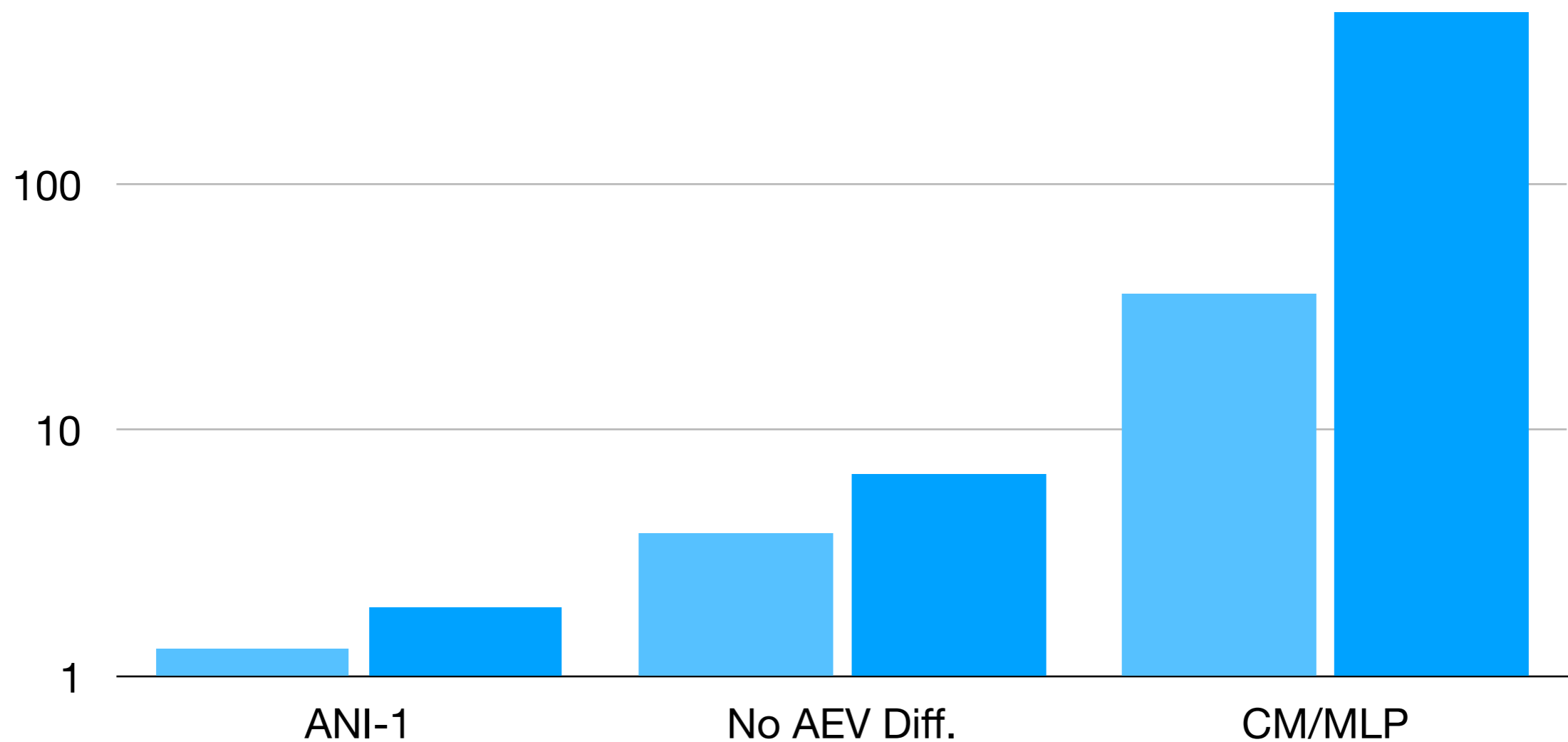
*No AEV Type Diff*



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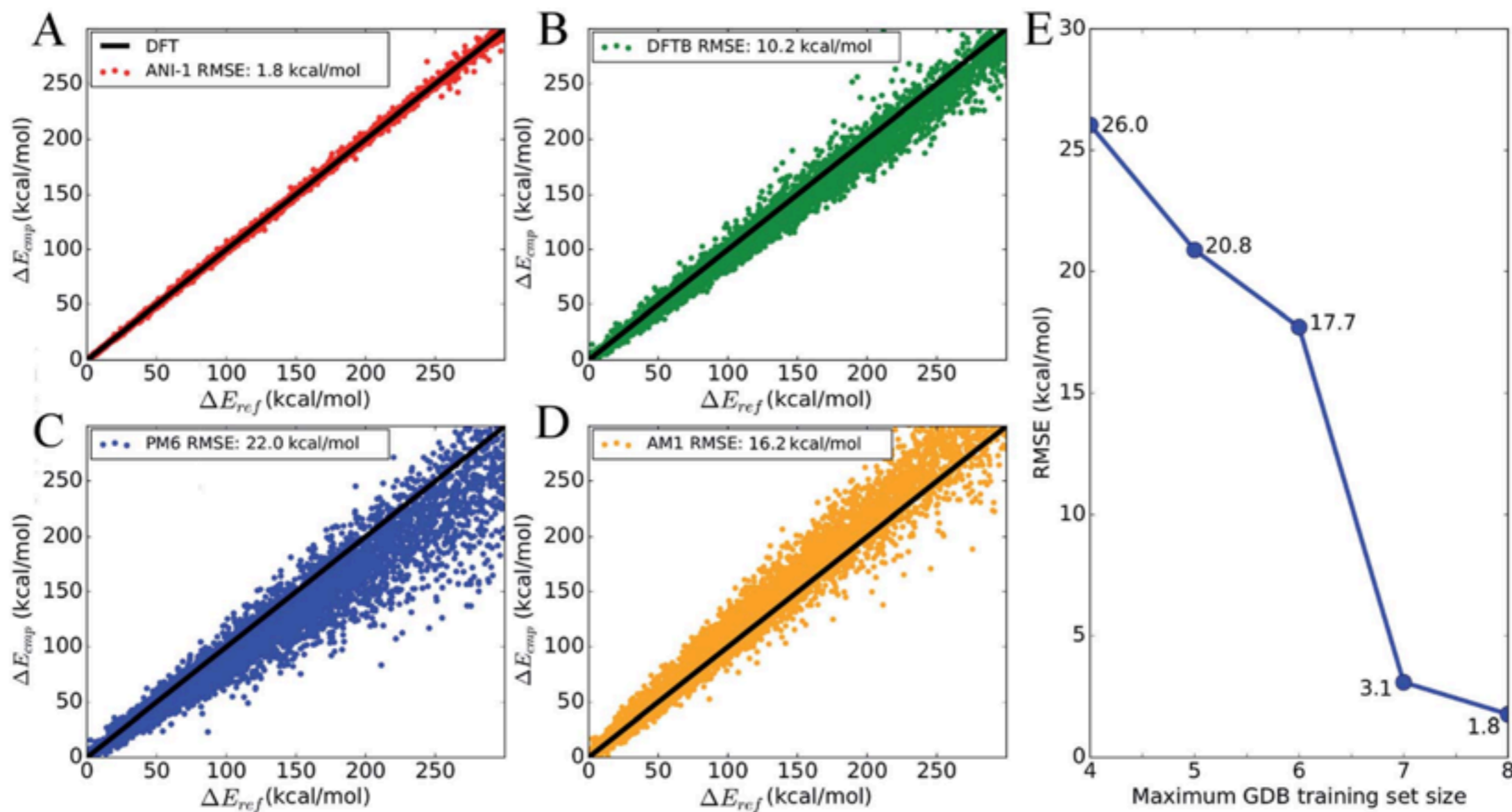
## Testing the Network

■ RMSE GDB-8      ■ RMSE GDB-8+



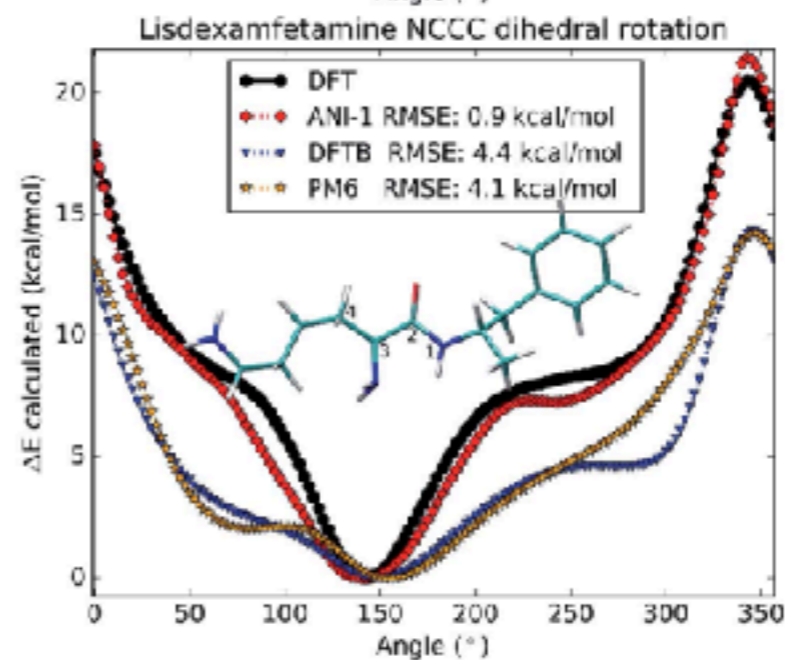
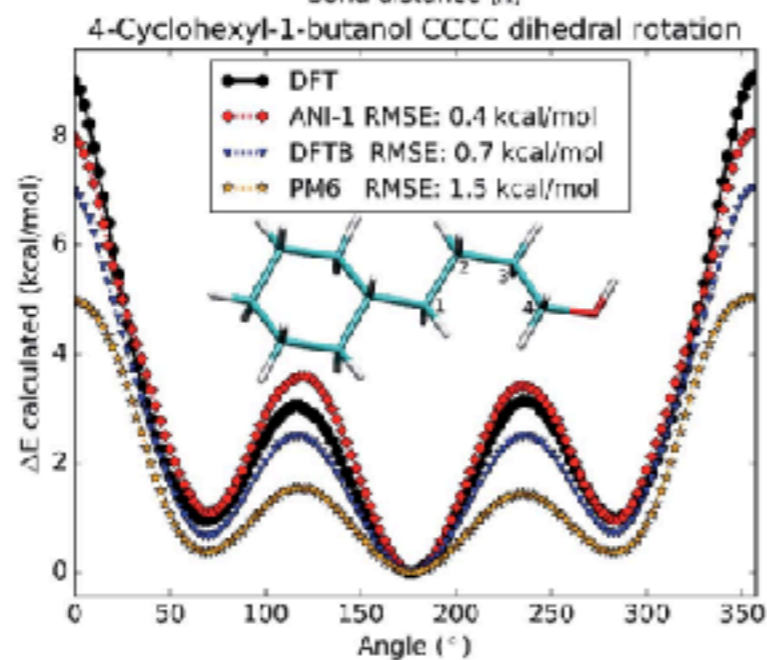
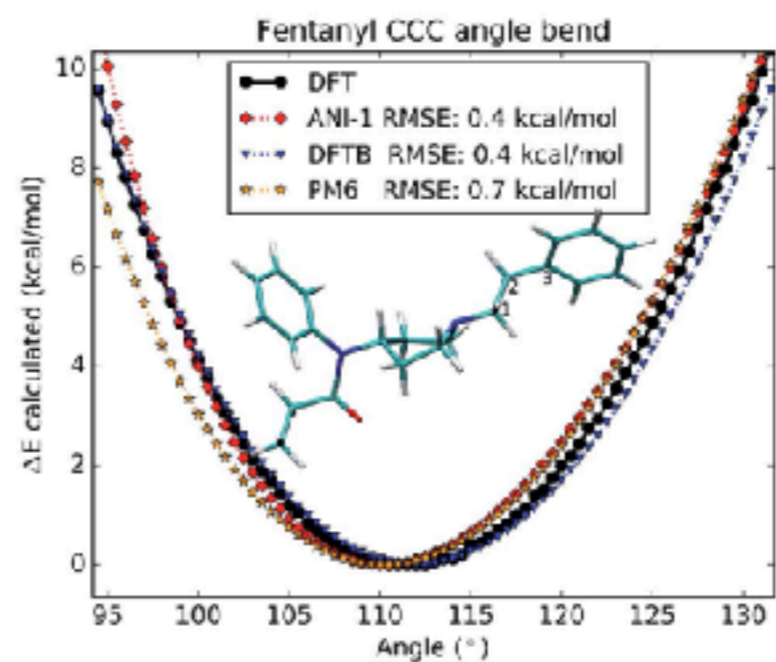
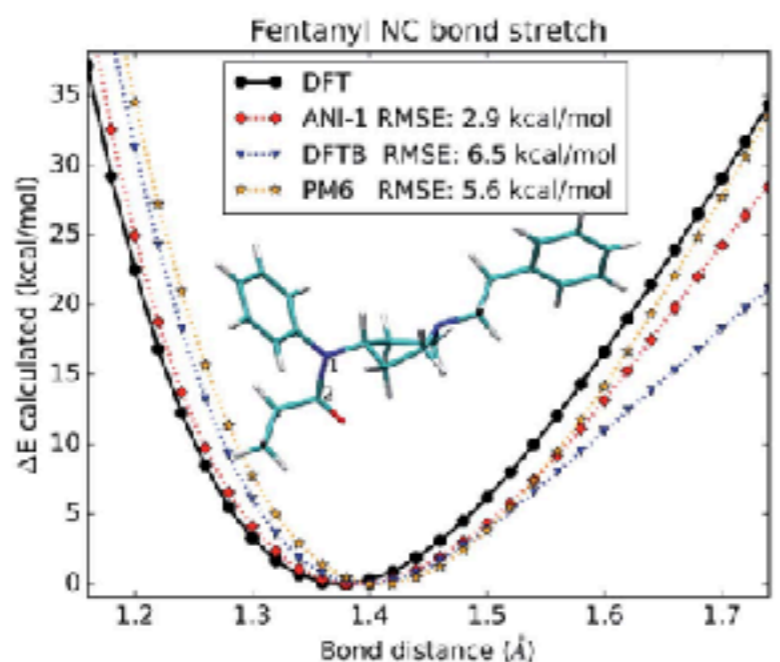
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# ANI-1 Neural Network Potential

## Strengths

Innovative **Architecture**

Highly **Transferable** (works on larger molecules)

Outperforms Baseline Neural Network Potentials

Models DFT Very Accurately

**SPEED**

# ANI-1 Neural Network Potential

## Limitations

Lacks Theoretical Justification of Atomic Decomposition?

Mimicking DFT, but...  
DFT isn't ground truth

Little to no interpretability of learned function

Only works for C, H, N, O – Scale to more atoms?

# Prediction Errors of Molecular Machine Learning Models Lower than Hybrid DFT Error

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# ~~Prediction Errors of Molecular Machine Learning Models Lower than Hybrid DFT Error~~

Faster method may be more  
accurate than traditional method

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# Calculations of chemical properties are useful in chemistry and biology

Knowledge of electronic and thermodynamic properties enables:

- Prediction of chemical reactivity
- Identification of peaks in spectroscopy data
- Design of dyes and fluorophores
- Materials design
- Drug screening



# Nearly all quantum chemistry calculations are approximations

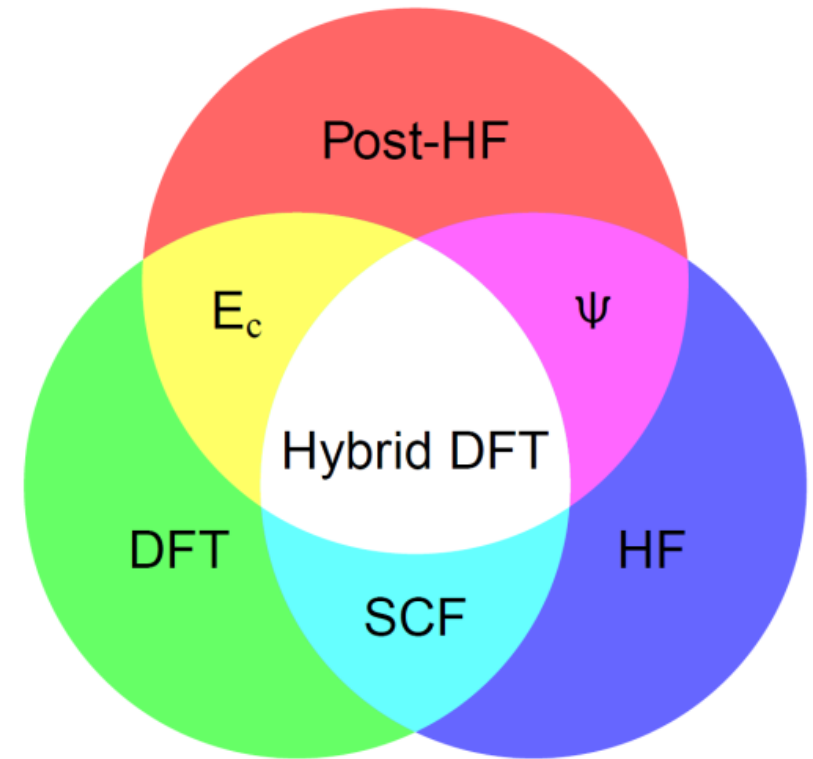
- Schrodinger's wave equation can't be solved analytically for more than two particles
- Density Functional Theory (DFT) approximates solution to Schrodinger's Equation by simplifying the system
- The paper uses data from a hybrid DFT approach called B3LYP (Becke, 3-parameter, Lee-Yang-Parr)

# Hybrid DFT (B3LYP) is fast but has flaws

- DFT makes assumptions that intentionally deviate from known quantum theory
- DFT calculations rely on functions that are fit to a limited set of experimental data
- Unable to predict when DFT will fail spectacularly

# ML may be able to provide quick quantum chemistry estimates at a higher level of theory

- Density Functional Theory -  $O(\sim N^3)$
- B3LYP, Hybrid DFT -  $O(\sim N^3)$
- Hartree-Fock Theory -  $O(N^2)$
- Coupled-cluster theory -  $O(N^6)$
- Configuration interaction -  $O(>N^6)$



“We investigated *all* combinations of regressors and representations...”

- No new ideas, but useful large scale benchmark
- Central source for results that might instead have been produced in multiple small slightly-different papers



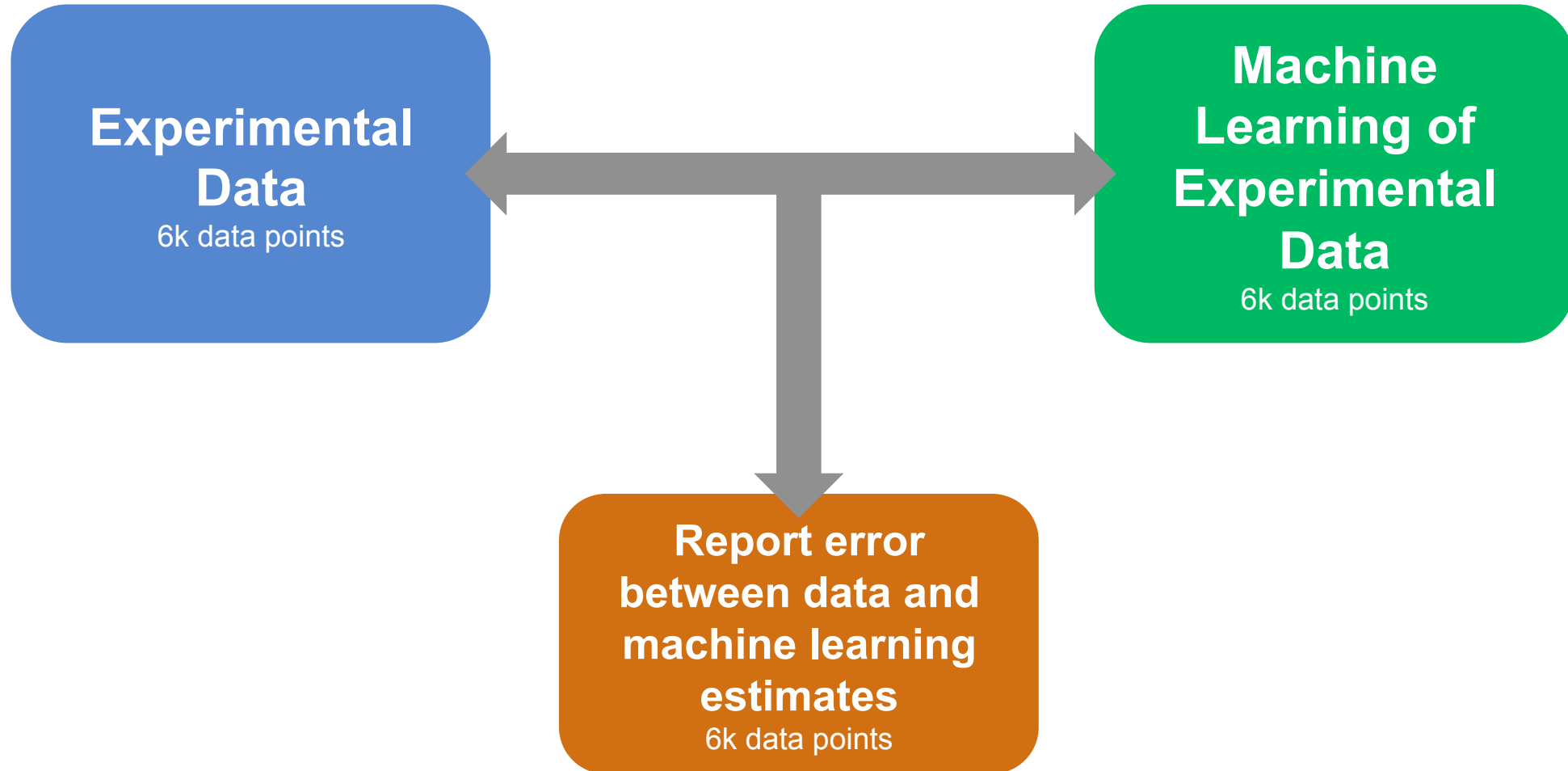
# Molecular representations of dataset

- Coulomb matrix (CM)
- Bag of bonds (BOB)
- Molecular graphs (MG)
- Histograms of distances (HD)
- Histograms of dihedrals (HDAD)
- Bonds, angles, machine learning (BAML)
- Extended connectivity fingerprints (ECFP4)
- Molecular atomic radial angular distribution function (MARAD)

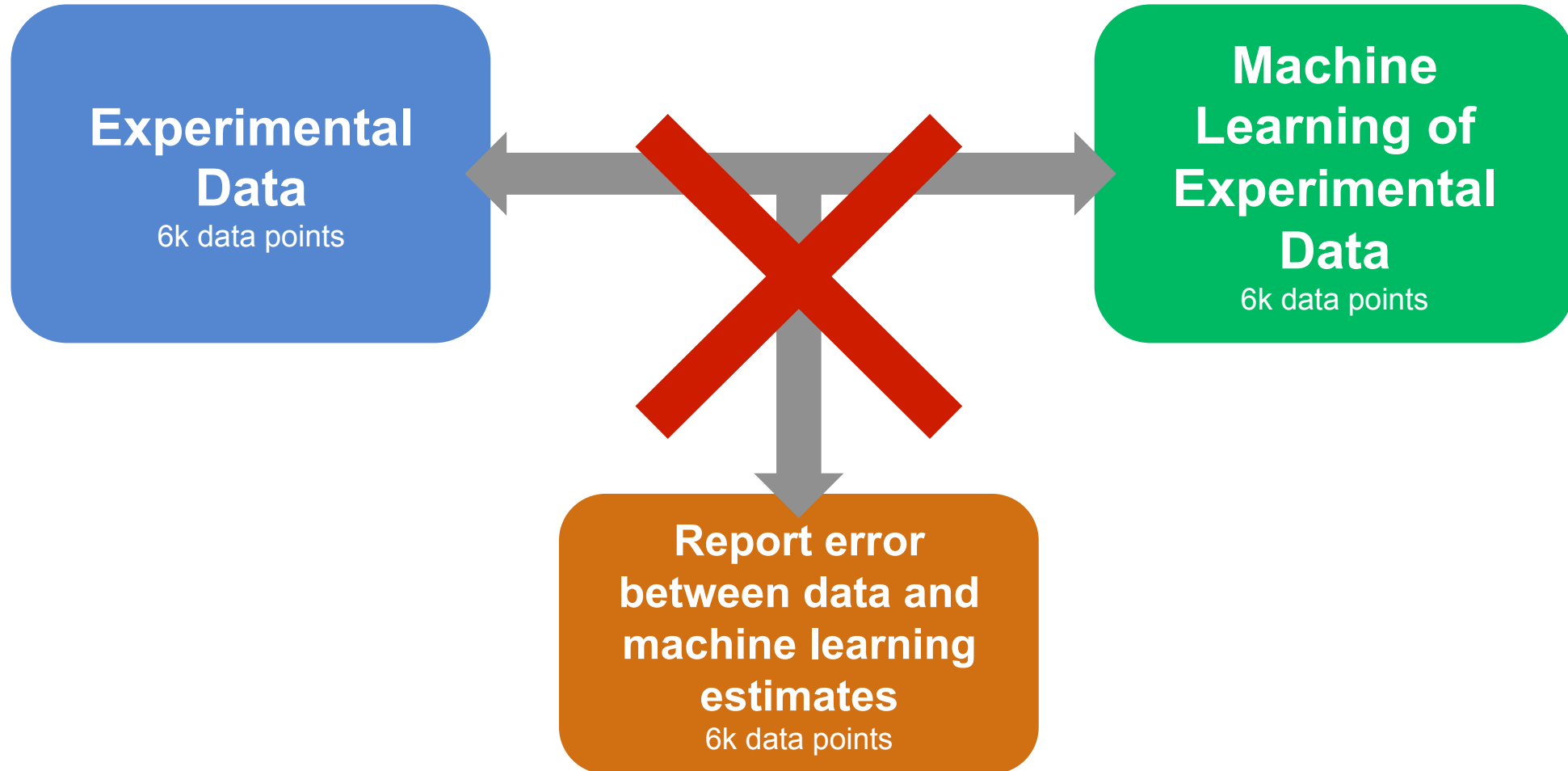
# Machine learning regressors

- Bayesian ridge regression (BR)
- Elastic net (EN)
- Neural network (NN)
- Graph convolutions (GC)
- Gated graphs (GG)
- Random forest (RF)
- Kernel ridge regression (KRR)

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**Experimental  
Data**

6k data points

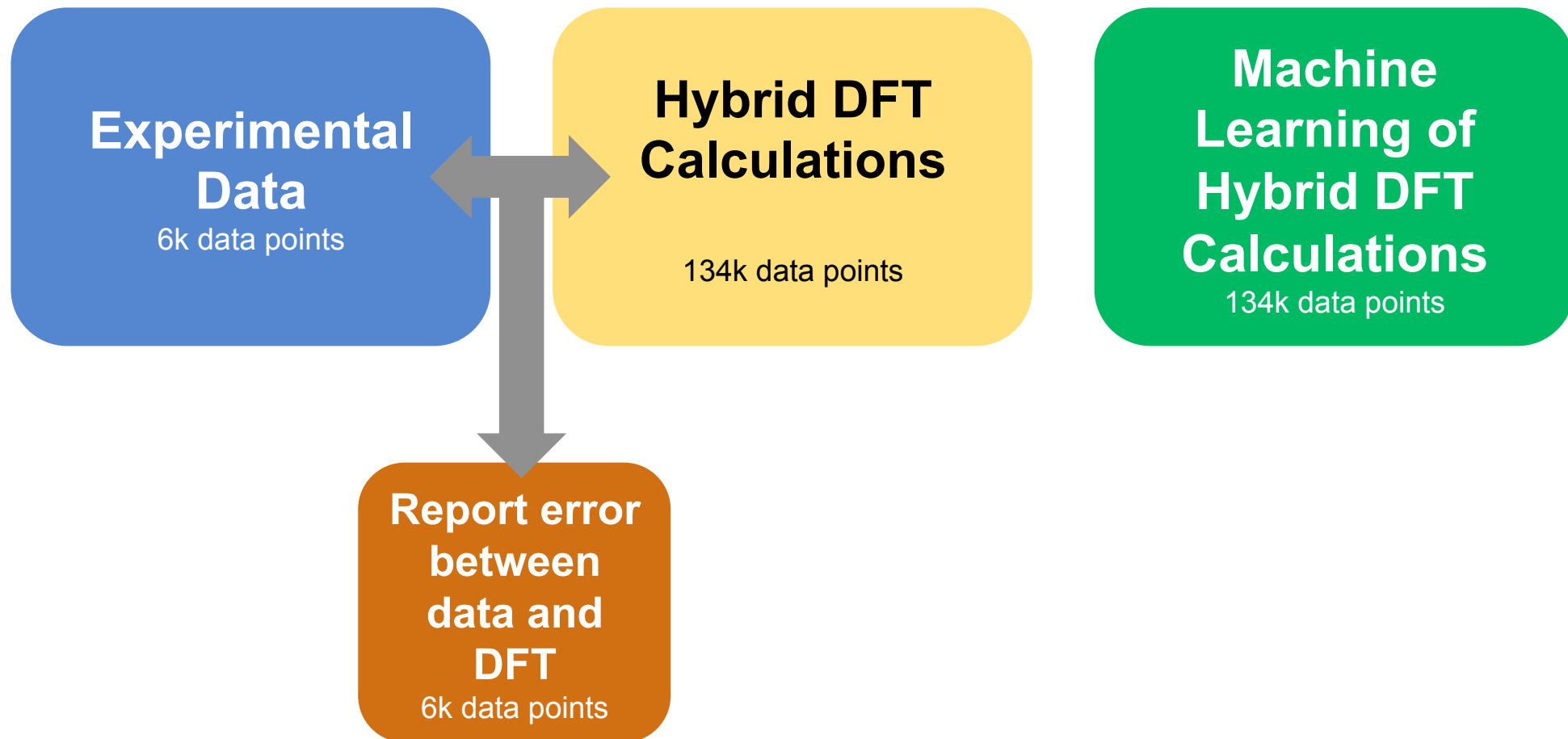
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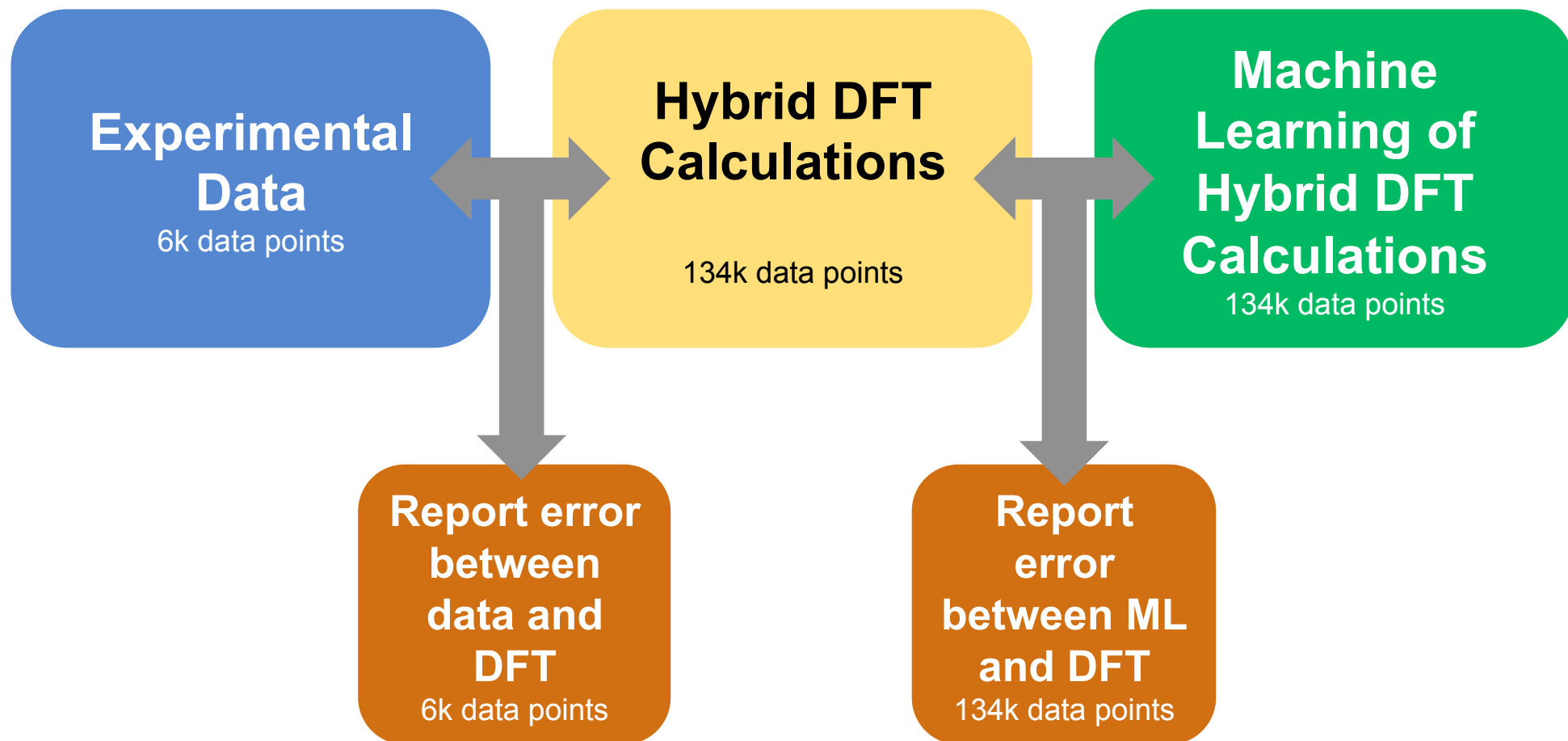
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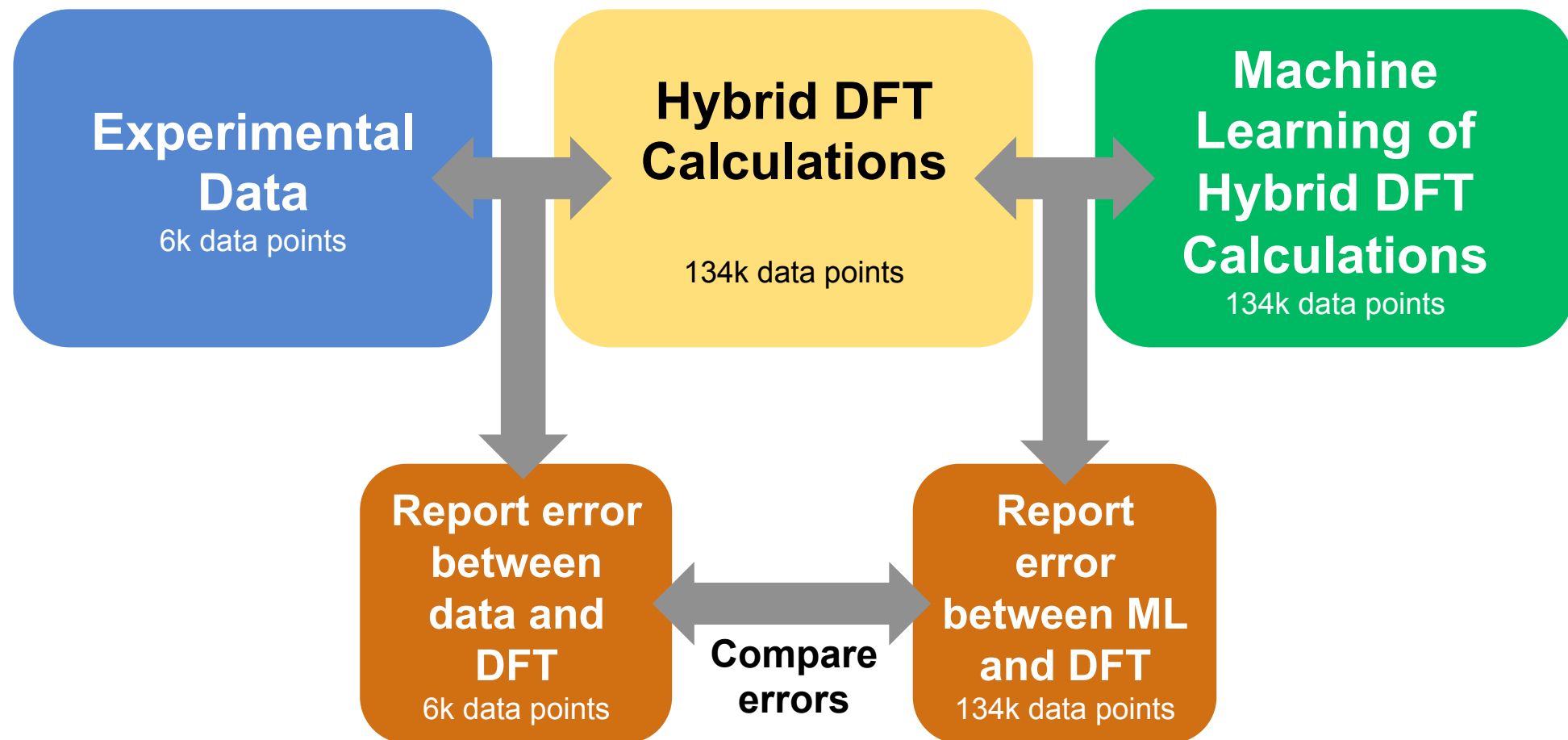
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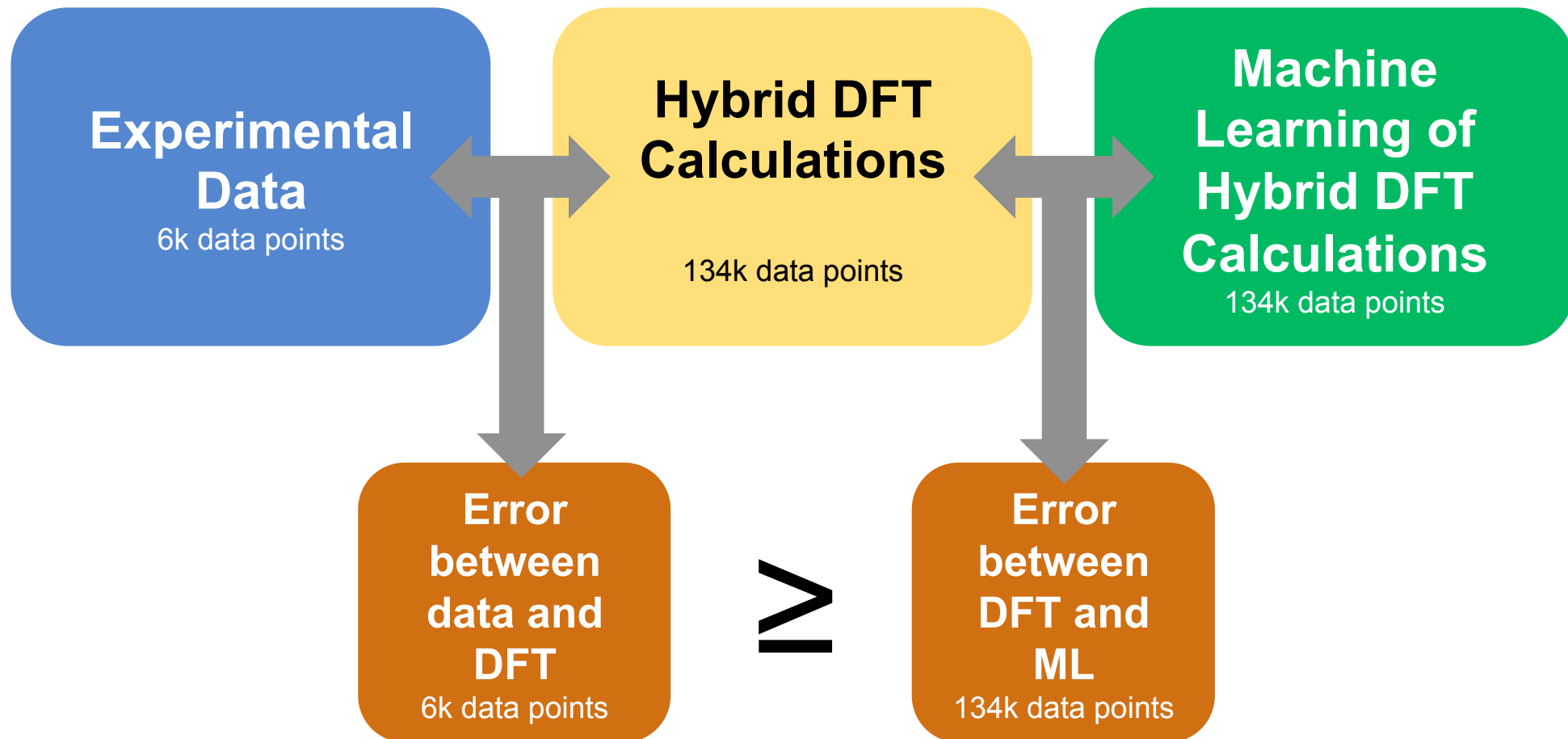
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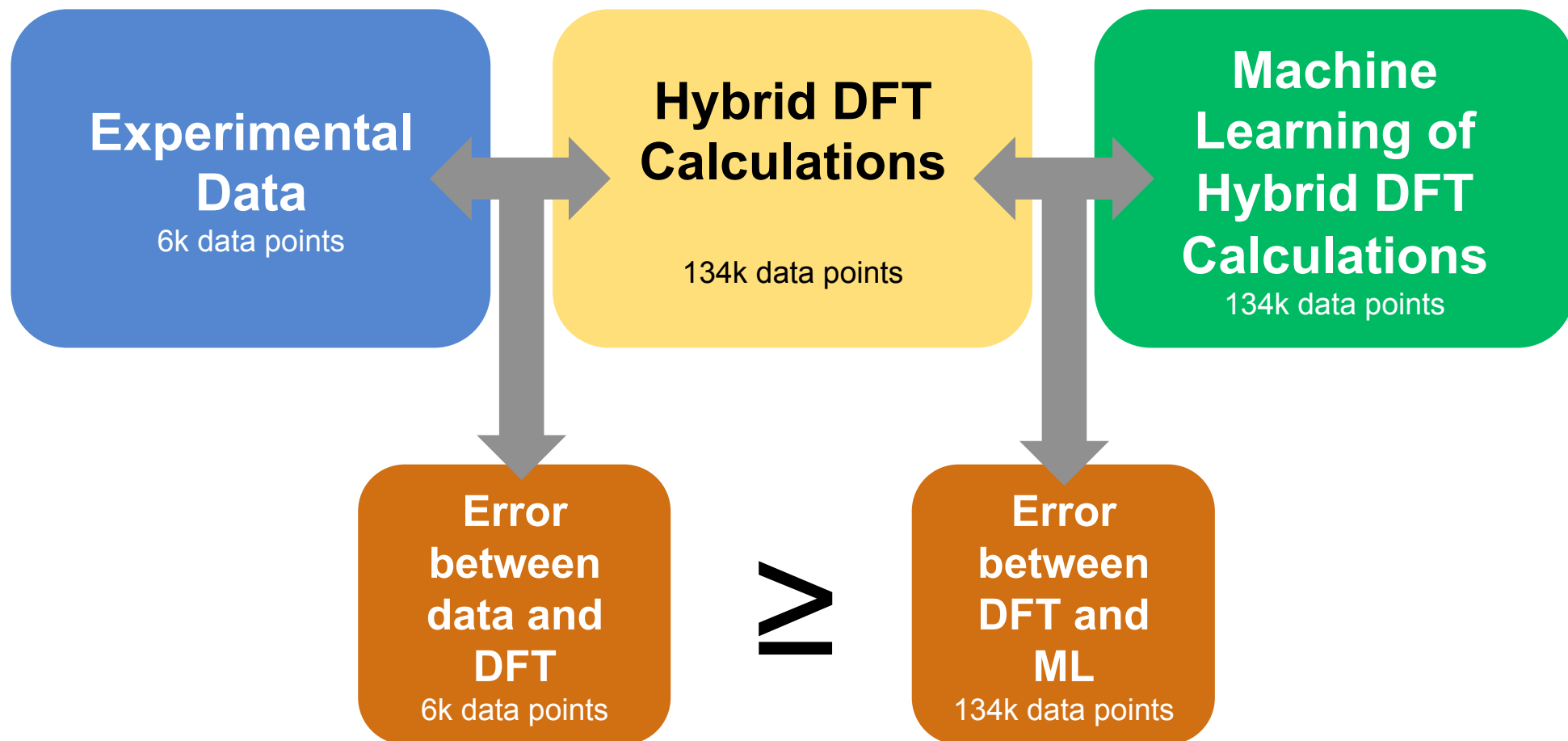
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# Comparison of errors



“ML models could be more accurate than hybrid DFT if...data were available”



# Weaknesses

- Not a new concept (but the thoroughness is very satisfying)
- Generalizability unknown: explored  $134\text{K}/10^{60}$  of chemical space
- Molecules types of interest unlikely to be well represented in training set
- Calculations of higher levels of theory might get faster
- The transitive nature of the conclusion slightly weakens confidence in the findings

# Strengths

- Competently and thoroughly explored the space
- Made use of a huge percentage of all of the quantum chemistry data known to mankind
- Great example of a cross-disciplinary collaboration – chemists supplied the descriptions and interpretations, Google did the ML
- Straightforward about shortcomings

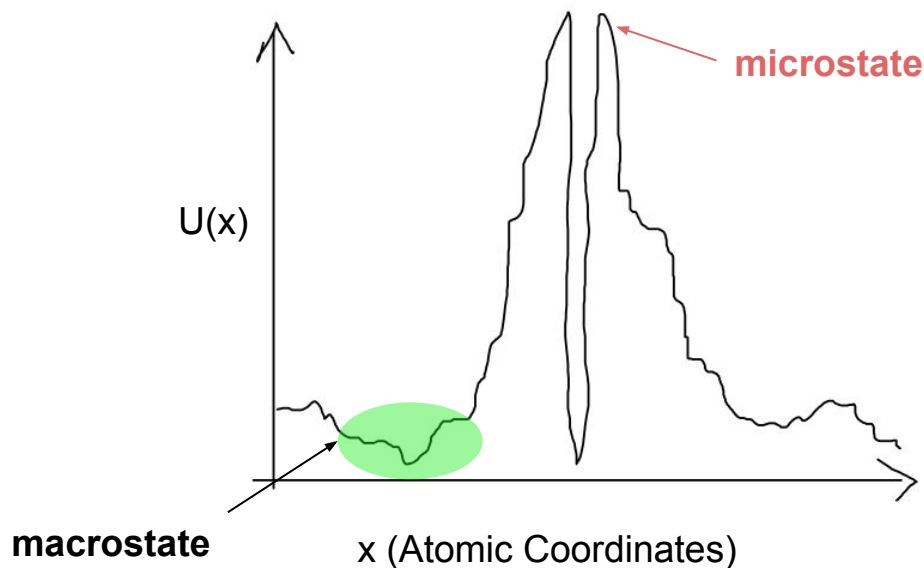


# Simultaneous Optimization of Biomolecular Energy Functions on Features from Small Molecules and Macromolecules

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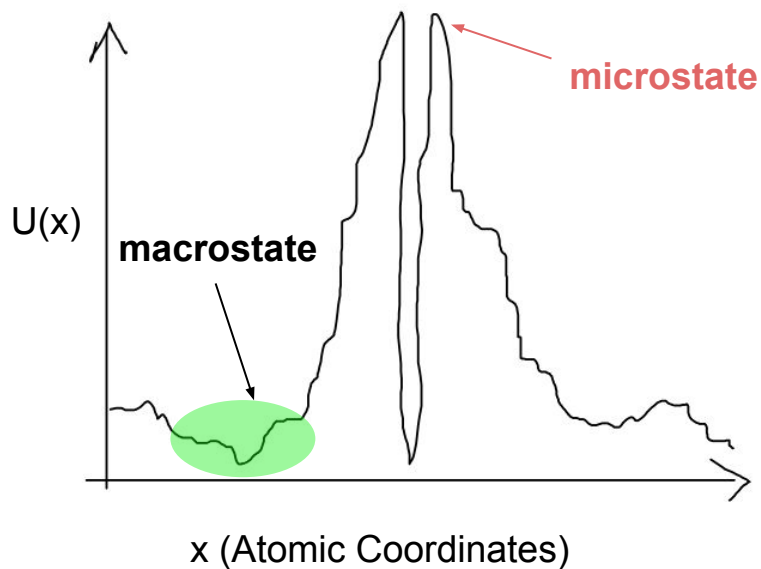
# Free Energy vs Potential Energy

$U(x) \sim$  Potential energy based on exact coordinates of every atom in system ( $x$ )



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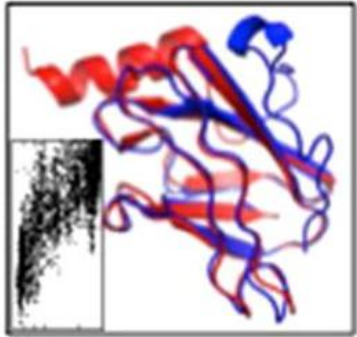
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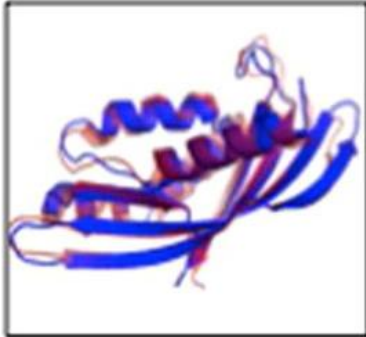
$\Delta G$  (Free Energy) gives a **penalty** to macrostates which are statistically unlikely

Goal of Authors: Predict **free energy** of macromolecular complex

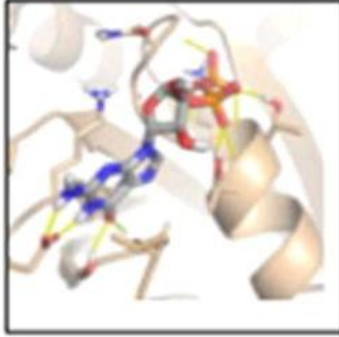
Develop free-energy function based on both **physics modelling** and **statistics from empirical data**



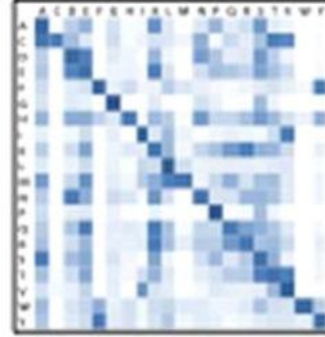
*Decoy discrimination*



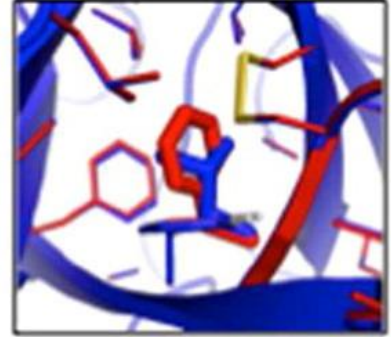
*Homology modeling*



*Molecular docking*



*Sequence prediction*



*Mutational  $\Delta\Delta G$*

# Energy Function Development Pipeline

## Modelling

Pick Terms for Energy Function - **Physics and Statistics**

**Energy** ~  
 **$w$** \*[electrostatic] +  
 **$w$** \*[bond lengths] +  
 **$w$** \*[protein torsion  
from PDB] + ...

## Training

Extract terms from training data

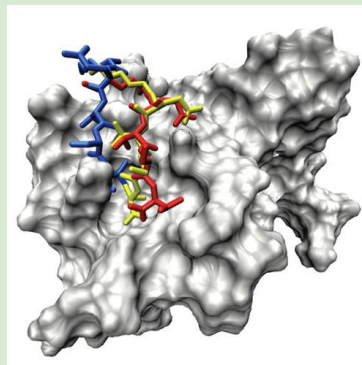
Feature Recovery Benchmarks

**Atom Pair Distance =**  
 **$F[\text{Energy}(\text{molecule})]$**

Optimize Weights for Energy Function

## Evaluation

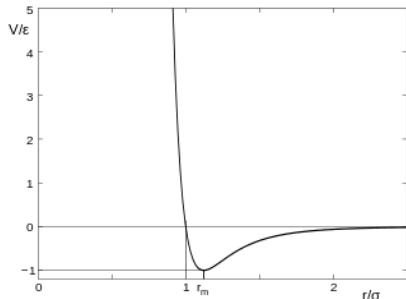
Scientific Benchmarks



Docking Scores, etc.

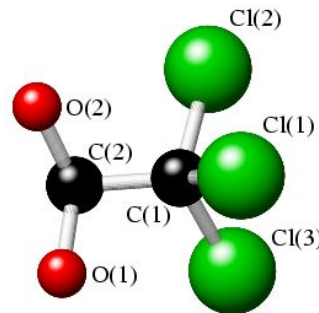
Simplex Optimization

# Modelling Energy Function (~100 parameters)



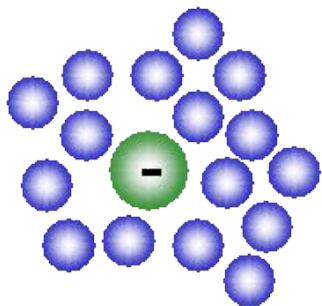
## Nonbonding Interactions

- Lennard Jones Potential
  - **Improved!**
- Coulomb's Law (Electrostatic)
- Van Der Waal's
- Hydrogen Bonding



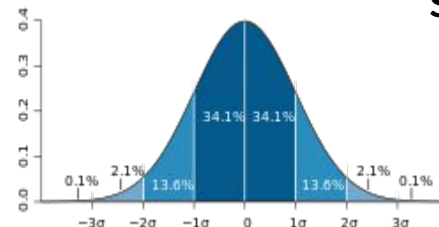
## Bonding Terms

- Bond Torsion
  - **Improved!**
- Bond lengths



## Solvation Energy

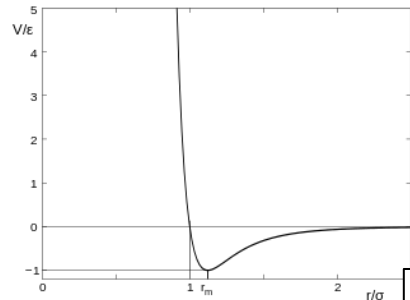
- Anisotropic (Asymmetric) Solvation Model
  - **Improved!**



## Statistical Terms

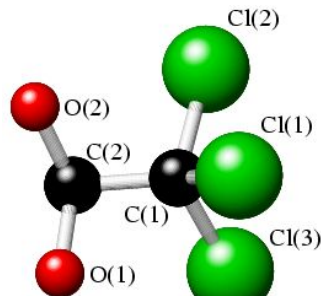
- Small Molecule and Macromolecular Data
- $-\log(\text{Prob}) \sim \text{Energy}$

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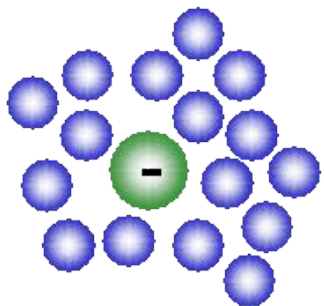


## Bonding Terms

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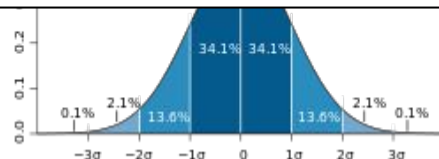
$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{\text{total}} = & E_{\text{LJ\_atr}} + W_{\text{LJ\_rep}} E_{\text{LJ\_rep}} + E_{\text{Coulomb}} + E_{\text{Hbond}} \\
 & + E_{\text{solv\_iso}} + E_{\text{solv\_aniso}} + W_{\text{dun}} E_{\text{dun}} + W_{\text{rama}} E_{\text{rama}} \\
 & + W_{\text{p\_aa\_pp}} E_{\text{p\_aa\_pp}} + W_{\text{bonded}} E_{\text{bonded}} + E_{\text{ref}} \quad (5)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Anisotropic (Asymmetric) Solvation Model
  - Improved!



## Statistical Energy Terms

- Small Molecule and Macromolecular Data
- $-\log(\text{Prob})$



# Training Energy Function

Small Molecule  
Molecular Force Field Data

Macromolecule Crystal Structures  
of Ground States

Energy Function ( $wE1 + wE2+..$ )

**Feature  
Recovery  
Tests**

Solvation  $\Delta G$  of  
side-chain analogues

monomeric structure  
discrimination

...

Simplex  
Optimization



# Evaluating Energy Function (Results)

- Divided into test set and training set
- **Decoy Detection**
  - First allow structures to move (relax) in current energy function)
- **Improvement of:**
  - 20.8% (36.3% to 57.1%) on training set
  - 14.1% (53.1% to 67.2%) on test set
- **Homology Modeling**
  - Small but consistent improvements when using this energy function with Rosetta

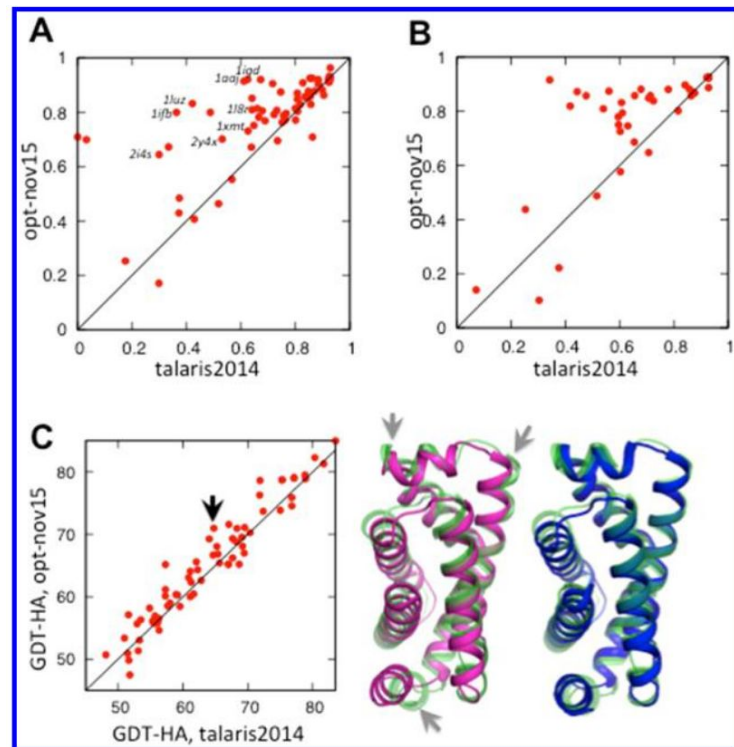
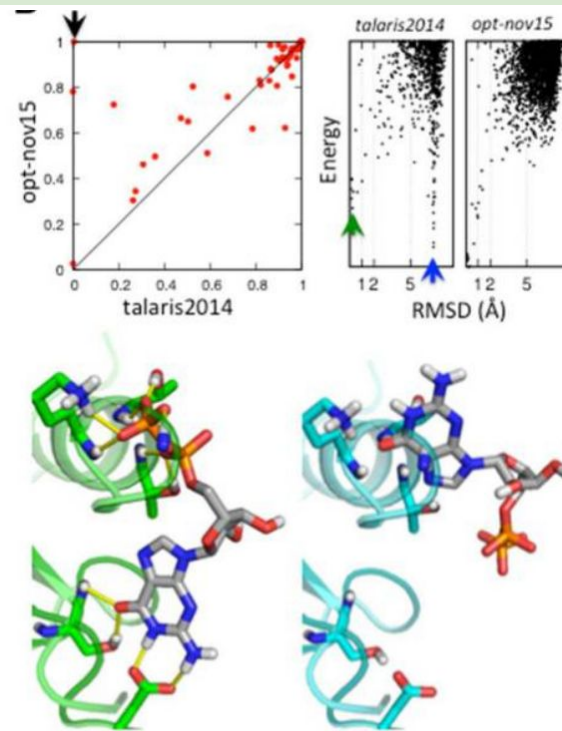


Figure 2. Improvements in monomeric structure prediction from independent tests.

# Results: Docking Studies

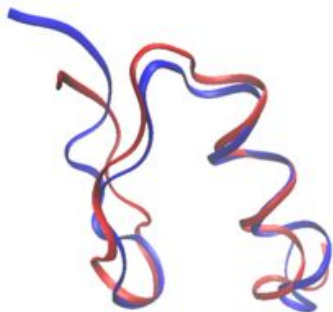
- Improvements in both **protein-protein** and **protein-ligand** docking
- Protein-ligand not used in optimization!
- Demonstrates success in balancing:
  - Nonbonded interaction terms
  - Solvation energy
- Key successes of new function:
  - Correct protein-protein docked pose with smaller buried surface area but more favorable interactions
  - Correct protein-ligand pose with greater Solvation energy but more interactions



Left: Correct structure found by *optnov15*, Right: non-native structure selected by *talaris*

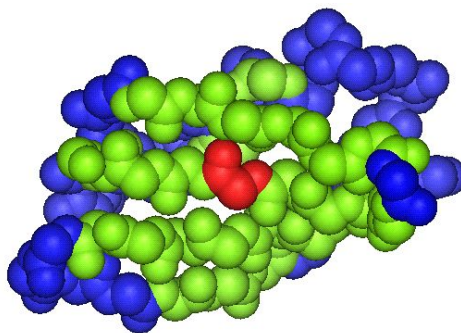
# Results: Various Other Tasks

## Protein Design



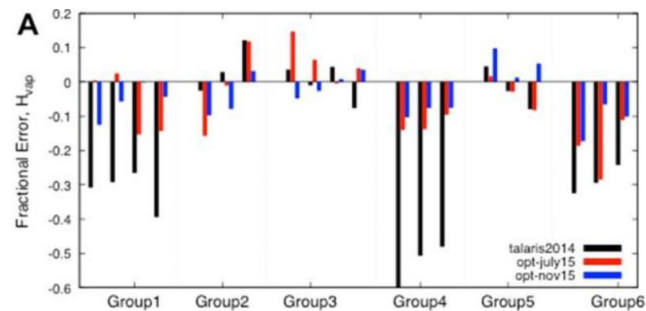
- Small improvements (on the order of 1 percentage point)
- Better balanced preferences for different amino acids

## Free Energy Change from Mutations



- $R^2$  between predicted and experimental  $\Delta\Delta G$  improves by 4% to 0.743
- <1% improvement in classification accuracy for stabilizing mutations

## Small Molecule Thermo Data



- To be expected.
- Improved estimates of heat of vaporization
- Original function not enough weight on nonbonded interaction strength

# Key Takeaways

1. Integrated both small molecule force field data and macromolecular structural data to improve energy function
2. Thoroughly evaluated energy function
  - a. Results from almost every task Energy Function could be used for
  - b. Good benchmarking of all computational software
  - c. Tested dualOptE (simplex optimization) on existing energy function to make sure it was performing correctly
3. Good interpretation of cases when new energy function improved upon older energy function

# Limitations

1. No standard evaluation on several tasks for benchmarking
2. Conflation of improved energy terms and increased training data
3. “Black magic”
  - a. Setting weights for target functions
  - b. Statistics/Sources of Training Data
4. Order of 100 parameters
  - a. Authors call this a “high dimensional subspace” when nowadays this is not true
5. Important to see: more careful analysis of cases when initial energy function (*talaris*) performed better than new energy function (*opt-nov-15*)
6. In general: too much jargon makes paper unclear, generally disorganized.

# Methods: Overview of Approach

