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# ML potentials and their training

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You have already used the KREG models.

- The operating principle of these models is the same: for a given geometry, they predict energies.
- Such models are called machine learning (interatomic) potentials (MLP or MLIP), as they
  represent potential energy surfaces (PES) of molecules (function of energy E with respect to
  nuclear coordinates R in the Born–Oppenheimer approximation):

 $E = f(\mathbf{R})$ 

• QM methods provide the first-principles way to calculate this energy, but they are slow.





## **Chemistry and Machine Learning**



### (Supervised) Machine learning serves for function approximation[1]

ML takes little time for making new predictions

Quantum Chemical Property(molecule) = function(nuclear coordinates)

[1] Hastie, Tibshirani, Friedman, *The Elements of Statistical Learning: Data Mining, Inference, and Prediction*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.; Springer-Verlag, **2009** 



# Zoo of machine learning potentials

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### **Example PES1.**

Train the ANI-type MLP for the H<sub>2</sub> molecule (see instructions below) and obtain the bond length with this model.  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

Questions:

- 1. How much time did it take to train the model?
- 2. What are the training and validation errors?
- 3. What is the bond length of  $H_2$  obtained with your model?
- 4. How do these results compare to the KREG model you used in previous task?

for MLatom

### Training the model

createMLmodel	# Specify the task for MLatom
MLmodelType=ANI	# Specify the model type
MLmodelOut=energies_ani.pt	<pre># Save model in energies_ani.pt</pre>
XYZfile=h2.xyz	# File with XYZ geometries
Yfile=E_FCI_451.dat	<pre># The file with FCI energies but can be any other property</pre>
ani.max_epochs=1000	# Only train 1000 epochs
Using the model, e.g., for o	ptimization
geomopt	<pre># Request geometry optimization</pre>
MLmodelType=ANI	# of the KREG type
MLmodelIn=energies_ani.pt	<pre># in energies_ani.pt file</pre>
XYZfile=h2_init.xyz	# The file with initial guess
optXYZ=eq_ANI.xyz	<pre># optimized geometry output</pre>



## **ML algorithms**







## The KREG model











Back-propagation:

$$L(\mathbf{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (f(\mathbf{x}_i; \mathbf{\theta}) - y_i)^2$$

gradient descent update with learning rate  $\gamma$ 

 $\theta_k^{(r+1)} = \theta_k^{(r)} - \gamma \frac{\partial L(\mathbf{\theta})}{\partial \theta_k}$ 

Well parallelized:

$$L(\mathbf{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} L_i = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (f(\mathbf{x}_i; \mathbf{\theta}) - y_i)^2$$

The training set is often split into the minibatches (batches)

Update of parameters after the sweep over the entire training set is called an *epoch*.

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No analytical solution, hence, one can get different NNs fitted on the same data!

One can exploit this:

- Take average of multiple NNs to get more stable prediction
- Use deviation between NN predictions to estimate prediction uncertainty (e.g. useful in our previous examples for heats of formation and in active learning)

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# Locality in quantum chemistry



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Behler–Parrinello ANI PhysNet SchNet GAP-SOAP FCHL aSLATM

Overview & benchmark in: M. Pinheiro Jr, F. Ge, N. Ferré, P. O. Dral, M. Barbatti. *Chem. Sci.* **2021**, *12*, 14396–14413



Approach: Behler, Parrinello, Phys. Rev. Lett. 2007, 98, 146401

Figure: P. O. Dral, J. Phys. Chem. Lett. 2020, 11, 2336





ANI environment vectors (AEVs) consist of radial and angular atomic terms. Each element has its own subAEV:

$$G_{k}^{R} = \sum_{j \neq i} e^{-\eta \left(R_{ij} - R_{s}^{(k)}\right)^{2}} f_{c}(R_{ij})$$

$$G_{p,q}^{A} = 2^{1-\zeta} \sum_{j,k \neq i} \left(1 + \cos\left(\theta_{ijk} - \theta_{s}^{(q)}\right)\right)^{\zeta} e^{-\eta \left(\frac{R_{ij} + R_{ik}}{2} - R_{s}^{(p)}\right)^{2}} f_{c}(R_{ij}) f_{c}(R_{ik})$$

the cutoff function

$$f_{\text{Cut}}(r) = \begin{cases} 1, & r \leq r_{\text{Cut}} - r_{\Delta}, \\ \frac{1}{2} \left( \cos \left( \pi \frac{r - r_{\text{Cut}} + r_{\Delta}}{r_{\Delta}} \right) + 1 \right), & r_{\text{Cut}} - r_{\Delta} < r \leq r_{\text{Cut}}, \\ 0, & r > r_{\text{Cut}}, \end{cases}$$

X. Gao, F. Ramezanghorbani, O. Isayev, J. S. Smith, A. E. Roitberg. *J. Chem. Inf. Model.* **2020**, *60*, 3408







Gaussian approximation potential (GAP)[1] with Smooth Overlap of Atomic Positions (SOAP)[2] descriptor

**GAP-SOAP** 

the atomic neighborhood density

$$\rho_{i}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{j} \exp\left(-\frac{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_{ij}|^{2}}{2\sigma_{atom}^{2}}\right) f_{\text{cut}}(|\mathbf{r}_{ij}|),$$

$$1, \qquad r \leq r_{\text{cut}} - r_{\Delta},$$

$$\left(\pi \frac{r - r_{\text{cut}} + r_{\Delta}}{1}\right) + 1, \quad r_{\text{cut}} - r_{\Delta} < r \leq r_{\text{cut}},$$

the cutoff function  $f_{\text{cut}}(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \left( \cos\left(\pi \frac{r - r_{\text{cut}} + r_{\Delta}}{r_{\Delta}}\right) + 1 \right), & r_{\text{cut}} - r_{\Delta} < r \le r_{\text{cut}}, \\ 0, & r > r_{\text{cut}}, \end{cases}$ 

[1] A. P. Bartók, M. C. Payne, R. Kondor, G. Csányi, Phys. Rev. Lett. **2010**, *104*, 136403
[2] A. P. Bartók, R. Kondor, G. Csányi, Phys. Rev. B **2013**, *87*, 187115







PhysNet is using message-passing NN and so called 'learned' local descriptors

the embedding vector

$$\mathbf{x}_i^0 = \mathbf{e}_{z_i}$$

the coordinates are transformed to

$$g_k(r_{ij}) = f_c(r_{ij}) \cdot e^{-\beta_k(e^{-r_{ij}} - \mu_k)^2}$$

O. T. Unke, M. Meuwly. PhysNet: A Neural Network for Predicting Energies, Forces, Dipole Moments, and Partial Charges. J. Chem. Theory Comput. **2019**, 15, 3678



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After 2021, open questions such as: where is the place for equivariant NNs?

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#### **Example PES2.**

Train the KREG model for the  $H_2$  molecule with the settings provided below. With this model, calculate energies for the potential energy curve of  $H_2$  (see instructions below).

#### Questions:

- 1. What is the training error (RMSE) of the model?
- 2. Does the potential energy curve (energy as a function of the bond length) look reasonable?

Input file for training KREG model:

<pre>createMLmodel # Specify the task for MLatom MLmodelType=KREG # Specify the model type MLmodelOut=kreg.unf # Save model in kreg.unf XYZfile=h2.xyz # File with XYZ geometries Yfile=E_FCI_451.dat # The file with FCI energies Ntrain=50 sigma=0.01 lambda=0.0</pre>		
Input file for predicting energies with the ML model:		
<pre>useMLmodel  # Specify the task for MLatom MLmodelType=KREG  # Specify the model type MLmodelIn=kreg.unf # Save model in kreg.unf XYZfile=h2.xyz  # File with XYZ geometries YestFile=E_FCI_451_kreg_est.dat  # The file with FCI en</pre>	ergies	

The predicted energies will be saved in  $E_FCI_451_kreg_est.dat$ . You can plot them in Excel as a function of the interatomic distance provided in the file  $\frac{1}{2}$  R\_451.dat and compare to the reference energies with full CI in the file  $\frac{1}{2}$  E\_FCI\_451.dat.



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Everyone will get different results due to random sampling!

- Need to repeat many times to collect enough statistics
- For small data use cross validation
- (You can fix splitting in special cases like debugging)



# **ML: Error Estimation**



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### **Example PES3.**

Estimate the accuracy of the KREG model for the  $H_2$  molecule for the test set.

Questions:

- 1. What is the test error (RMSE) of the model?
- 2. How does it compare to the training error?
- 3. Does the model test error reflect its performance for the potential energy curve in previous task?

Input file:

estAccMLmodel	# Specify the task for MLatom
MLmodelType=KREG	# Specify the model type
XYZfile=h2.xyz	<pre># File with XYZ geometries</pre>
Yfile=E_FCI_451.dat	# The file with FCI energies
Ntrain=50	
sigma=0.01	
lambda=0.0	

Use the auxiliary files from the previous tasks.











### Choosing ML model settings to make it work









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### Choosing ML model settings to make it work

How to choose hyperparameters?







- Often ML error for its own training set is close to zero
- Using errors in the validation set would be also incorrect, because their minimization is a part of the training process
- We should estimate errors on a completely independent test set



Hastie, Tibshirani, Friedman, *The Elements of Statistical Learning: Data Mining, Inference, and Prediction*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.; Springer-Verlag, **2009** 







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### The ultimate test is the performance in the required application!



## Quality of simulation *≠* quality of fit





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### "DMC-certified"





"One [diffusion Monte Carlo] simulation for a single conformer requires 30000 walkers and 55000 steps comprising roughly **1.6**.**10**<sup>9</sup> potential evaluations with B3LYP."

 $\rightarrow$  60 hours on a single GPU with ANI...

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### • Example PES4.

Estimate the accuracy of the KREG model for the  $H_2$  molecule for the test set.

Questions:

- 1. What are the training, validation, and test errors (RMSE) of the model?
- 2. How does the potential energy curve now looks like? (Adapt input file from the previous task)

Input file:

estAccMLmodel	# Specify the task for MLatom
MLmodelType=KREG	<pre># Specify the model type</pre>
MLmodelOut=kreg_opt.unf	<pre># Save model in kreg_opt.unf</pre>
XYZfile=h2.xyz	<pre># File with XYZ geometries</pre>
Yfile=E_FCI_451.dat	# The file with FCI energies
Ntrain=50	
sigma=opt	
lgSigmaL=-4	<pre># Lower bound of log2(sigma)</pre>
lambda=opt	

Use the auxiliary files from the previous tasks.











#### • Example PES5.

Check how the test error changes when you include energy gradients during the training of an MLP. Note also, how much time you need to train with and without energy gradients.

You might need to repeat calculations couple of times and might want to change the number of training points.

Input file:

estAccMLmodel MLmodelType=KREG	<pre># Specify the task for MLatom # Specify the model type</pre>
MLmodelOut=kreg_grad.un	f # Save model in kreg_opt.unf
XYZfile=H2.xyz	# file with geometies
Yfile=H2_HF.en	# file with energies
YgradXYZfile=H2_HF.grad	# file with energy gradients
Ntrain=20	
Nsubtrain=0.9	<pre># request 90% of the training points to be used for validation</pre>
sigma=opt	
lgSigmaL=-4	# Lower bound of log2(sigma)
<b>lambda</b> =opt	
lgLambdaL=-8	<pre># Lower bound of log2(lambda)</pre>

The <u>heta</u> provided data is generated at HF/STO-3G and you can download it as a zipped folder. It contains:

- 📥 H2.xyz xyz coordinates
- 📥 H2\_HF.en energies at HF/STO-3G
- 📩 H2\_HF.grad energy gradients at HF/STO-3G









Y.-F. Hou, F. Ge, P. O. Dral. J. Chem. Theory Comput. 2023, 19, 2369–2379







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### Example PES6.

Estimate the accuracy of the KREG model for the H<sub>2</sub> molecule for the test set by using the 9:1 splitting of the training set for hyperparameter optimization, i.e., using 10 of the training data for the validation set. To see how stability of the results change compared to 8:2 splitting, you can run this experiment several times and compare the test error and the potential energy curves.

#### Input file:

estAccMLmodel	# Specify the task for MLatom
MLmodelType=KREG	# Specify the model type
MLmodelOut=kreg_opt.unf	# Save model in kreg_opt.unf
XYZfile=h2.xyz	# File with XYZ geometries
Yfile=E_FCI_451.dat	# The file with FCI energies
Ntrain=50	
Nsubtrain=0.9	<pre># request 90% of the training points to be used for validation</pre>
sigma=opt	
lgSigmaL=-4	<pre># Lower bound of log2(sigma)</pre>
lambda=opt	

Use the auxiliary files from the previous tasks.







**KRR-CM** – kernel ridge regression with Gaussian kernel and Coulomb matrix descriptor

### Test set RMSEs in kcal/mol

Number of training points	KRR-CM	KREG
100	3.90±0.41	4.45±0.36
2500	0.70±0.02	0.52±0.01

What do we mean by '100 training points?' Is the validation set included? Let's use the term **'sub-training set'**!



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Investigate how the performance of the KREG model changes for different number of the training points. Modify the Ntrain parameter in the input file below. Particularly for smaller number of training points, there is a wide spread of results, so they should be repeated more times.



# Specify the task for MLatom estAccMLmodel MLmodelType=KREG # Specify the model type MLmodelOut=kreg\_opt.unf # Save model in kreg\_opt.unf # File with XYZ geometries XYZfile=h2.xyz Yfile=E\_FCI\_451.dat # The file with FCI energies Ntrain=50 # request 90% of the training points to be used for validation Nsubtrain=0.9 sigma=opt # Lower bound of log2(sigma) lgSigmaL=-4 **lambda**=opt

MLatom has an automatic way of generating the dependence of the test error on the size of the training set. The input file can look like:

<pre>learningCurve lcNtrains=10,20,50,100,200,300 lcNrepeats=5,4,3,2,1,1 Ntest=100 MLmodelType=KREG  # Specify the model type MLmodelOut=kreg_opt.unf # Save model in kreg_opt.unf XYZfile=h2.xyz  # File with XYZ geometries Yfile=E_FCI_451.dat  # The file with FCI energies Nsubtrain=0.9 sigma=opt lgSigmaL=-4  # Lower bound of log2(sigma) lambda=opt</pre>	
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The results of these calculations will be saved in learningCurve/mlatomf\_KREG\_en folder, where the file lcy.csv collates the information which you can, e.g., plot in Excel.



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Use the auxiliary files from the previous tasks.

# Learning curves (energies-only)

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For small training sets kernel methods (open markers) are often both more accurate and faster for training and prediction than neural networks (filled markers)



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- Highly accurate and comprehensive line list of the rotation-vibration spectrum is needed
- TROVE (Theoretical ROVibrational Energies) fits analytic representation of PES, which is used in variational approach to solving nuclear motion problem

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{-\hbar^2}{2M_i} \nabla_i^2 + V\right) \Psi = E\Psi$$

Fundamental term values are reproduced by TROVE with RMSE of **0.75** cm<sup>-1</sup>

A. Owens, S. N. Yurchenko, A. Yachmenev, J. Tennyson, W. Thiel, *J. Chem. Phys.* 2015, 142, 244306
TROVE: S. N. Yurchenko, W. Thiel, P. Jensen, *J. Mol. Spectrosc.* 2007, 245, 126





## Motivation



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## **ML Model Performance**



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Figure from: P. O. Dral, J. Phys. Chem. Lett. 2020, 11, 2336





# Accuracy of Vibrational Spectra







## Hierarchical ML for CH<sub>3</sub>Cl PES





P. O. Dral, A. Owens, A. Dral, G. Csányi, J. Chem. Phys. 2020, 152, 204110