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Surrogate models for quantum mechanics

- Electronic-structure calculations predict accurately materials properties
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A unified theory of atomic-scale machine learning











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Molecules as atom clouds

- Molecules and materials can be treated as 3D point clouds, decorated by the chemical nature of the atoms
- An alternative view: each molecule is a fully-connected graph, with atoms as nodes and *separating vectors* as edges



Bronstein et al., Geometric Deep Learning, arxiv:2104.13478v2

Symmetry and physical priors

- Physical/mathematical requirements are imposed on the structure→[representation]→property mapping
- $\bullet\,$ Additivity/locality + translation equivariance \rightarrow atom-centered formalism
- Roto-inversion (O(3)) and index permutation \rightarrow full equivariance



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