



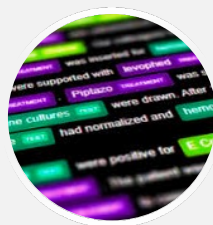
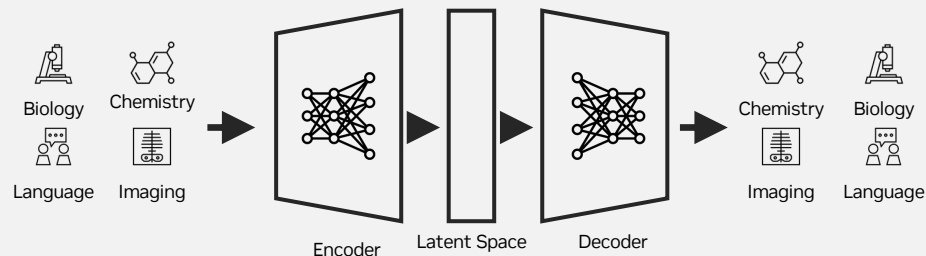
# NVIDIA BioNeMo: A Framework and Service for Generative AI in Drug Discovery

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# Language Models are Revolutionizing Discovery

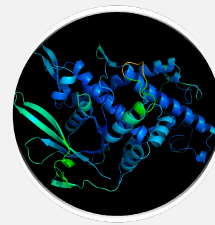
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  - Named entity and relationship extraction
- Reaction prediction
  - Reaction and retrosynthesis prediction
  - Molecular optimization
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  - Sequence level
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- Structure prediction and docking
  - Secondary structure analysis
  - Protein representation for model inputs



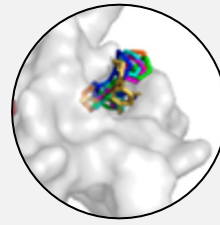
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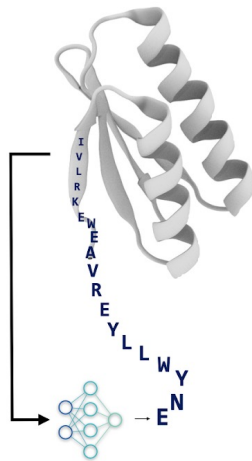
PROTEIN STRUCTURE  
Predict 3D Structures



VIRTUAL SCREENING  
Docking and Pose Prediction

# From Sequence to 3D and Back Again

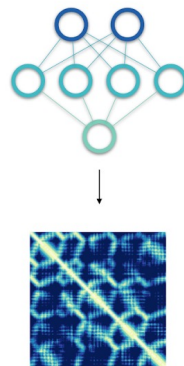
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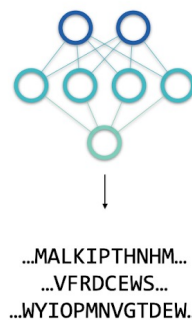
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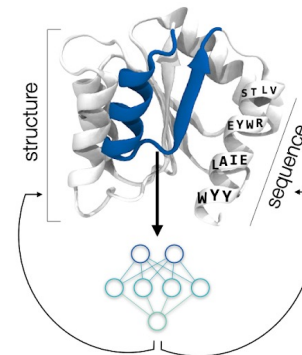


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# Perspective on BioNeMo

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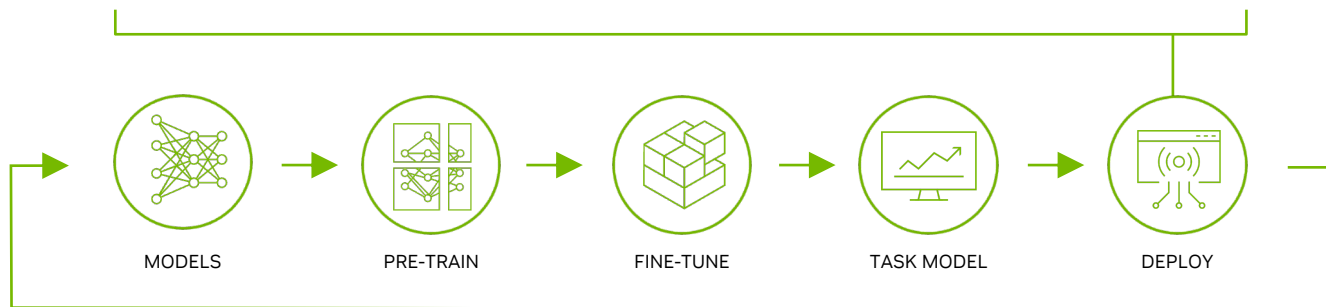
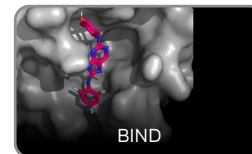
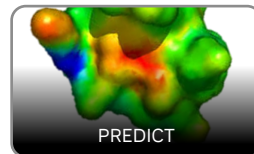
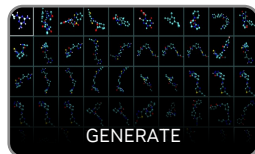
# **BioNeMo Overview: Inference Service and Framework**

# NVIDIA BioNeMo

AI Tools, Frameworks, and Applications for Drug Discovery



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CLOUD SERVICES



NVIDIA BIONEMO  
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absci

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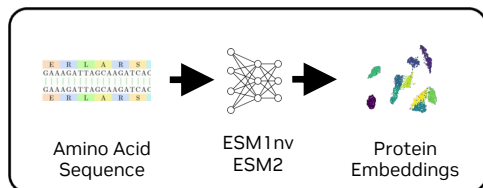
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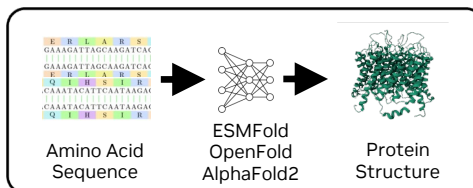
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# Nine Models in Inference Service for Drug Discovery Applications

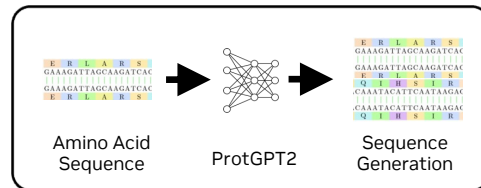
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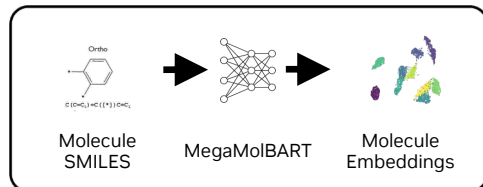
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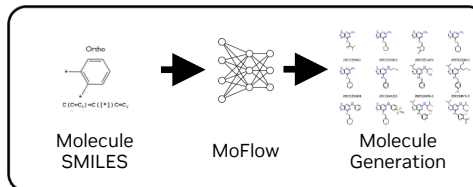
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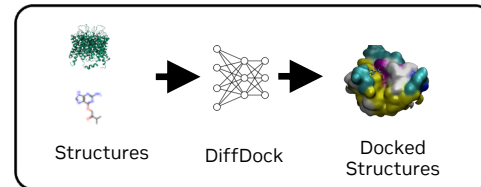
## Molecular Representations



## Molecular Generation



## Molecular Docking



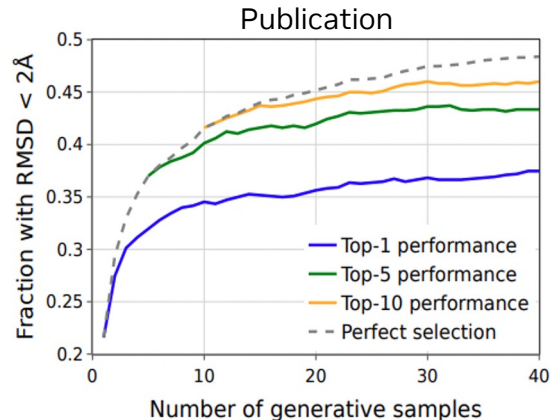
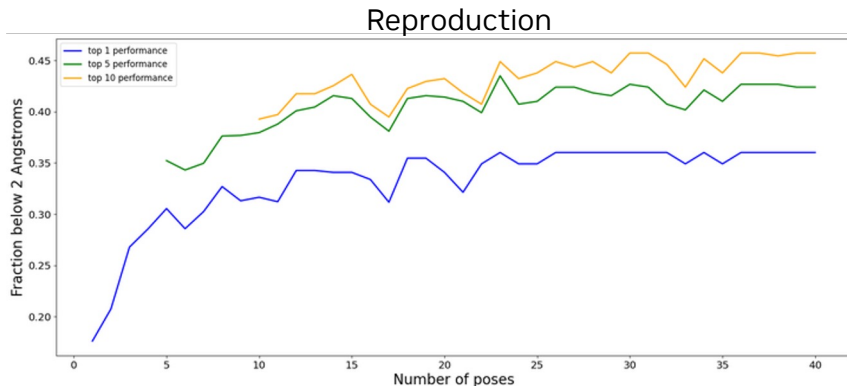
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# Life Cycle of a BioNeMo Model in the Inference Service

- Model checkpoints are accelerated using a variety of NVIDIA tools – standard tricks to custom CUDA kernels
- All quantitative and qualitative results are reproduced
- For DiffDock, the RMSD metrics were reproduced under a variety of different conditions

Method	Holo crystal proteins			
	Top-1 RMSD		Top-5 RMSD	
	%<2	Med.	%<2	Med.
GNINA	22.9	7.7	32.9	4.5
SMINA	18.7	7.1	29.3	4.6
GLIDE	21.8	9.3	-	-
EQUIBIND	5.5	6.2	-	-
TANKBIND	20.4	4.0	24.5	3.4
P2RANK+SMINA	20.4	6.9	33.2	4.4
P2RANK+GNINA	28.8	5.5	38.3	2.4
EQUIBIND+SMINA	23.2	6.5	38.6	3.4
EQUIBIND+GNINA	28.8	4.9	39.1	3.1
DiffDock (10)	25.0	3.6	40.7	2.65
<b>DiffDock (40)</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>44.7</b>	<b>2.40</b>

NV Trial #1	38.0
NV Trial #2	35.0
NV Trial #3	38.6
NV Trial #4	39.1
NV Trial #5	38.6



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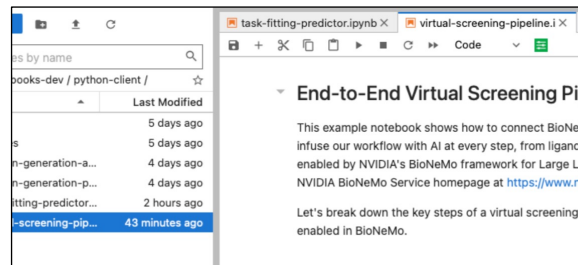
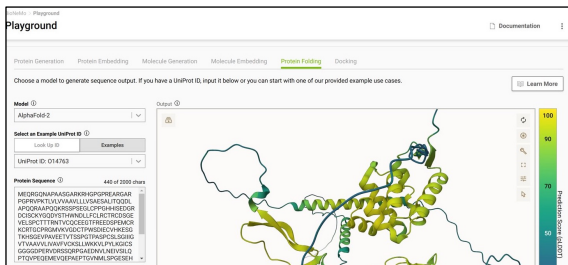
- API and Python interface developed
- Interactive UI and example Jupyter notebooks

```
1 import requests
2
3 ngc_token="<<NGC TOKEN>>"
4 headers = { "Authorization" : f"Bearer {ngc_token}" }
5
6 try:
7     response =
8     requests.post("https://api.stg.bionemo.ngc.nvidia.com/v1/protein-
9     sequence/protgpt2/generate",
10     headers=headers,
11     json={
12         "max_length":150,
```

```
from bionemo.api import BionemoClient

# Create a client instance
api = BionemoClient() # NGC_API_KEY env var is read
used.

# Generate novel proteins
novel_proteins = api.protgpt2_sync(max_length=200, nu
# Fold the first protein
folded_protein = api.openfold_sync(novel_proteins["ge
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# Welcome to BioNeMo!

Get started with a model below. Explore documentation for more information.

[Secondary Action](#)
[Primary Action](#)

## Get Started with BioNeMo



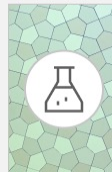
### Protein Generation

These models generate proteins with a sequence distribution that mirrors the distribution of proteins on which the model was trained.

[ProtGPT-2](#)


### Protein Embedding

These models generate protein embeddings. They take an amino acid sequence and returns a learned representation.

[ESM-1nv](#)
[ESM-2](#)


### Molecule Generation

Given a seed molecule, these models can generate similar molecules

[MoFlow](#)
[MegaMolBART](#)

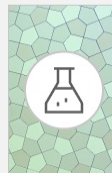

### Molecule Embedding

These models generate embeddings for a given molecule.

[MegaMolBART](#)


### Protein Folding

These models predict the 3D structure of a protein from only the sequence of amino acids.

[ESMFold](#)
[OpenFold](#)
[AlphaFold-2](#)


### Docking

These models take a molecule structure and a protein structure and predict the docked pose.

[DiffDock](#)


### Generate an API Key

Authenticate your identity while making queries to NeMo LLM via the REST API.

[Generate API Key](#)


### Documentation

Learn more about using NeMo LLM and dive deep with tutorials, how-to guides and examples.

[Documentation](#)

# Playground

[Protein Generation](#)
[Protein Embedding](#)
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Choose a model to generate sequence output. If you have a Compound CID, input it below or you can start with one of our provided example use cases.

Model

Enter a PDB ID

Or

Select an Example PDB ID

Input

```

MNIFEMLRIDEGLRLKIYKDTGYYTIGIGHLT
KSPSLNAAAKSELDKAIGRNTNGVITKDEAEK
LFNQDVDAAVRGILRNAKLPYDSDLDAVRR
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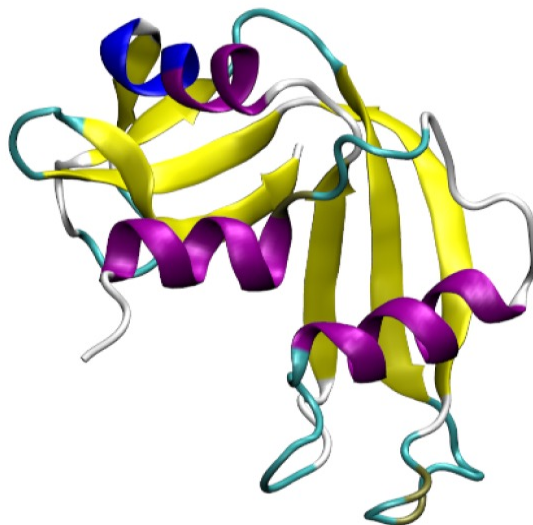
No MSA will be generated. We recommend [uploading an MSA](#) for better results.

Output

Sequence of 7WZF | Struc... Chain 1: YunM A

```

MASDQKAJSFLGKMLKMFGLKANDFLKGAJAHSGDFJSA6FHJDJHSHJHJHJJJJH6AHS6G6HSG6JHFGASJHDG6JAKHS6FJHJHAGSJHSDASJLDHALSJNJAHAH
ASKDJGAKSNVKASJDFNVAUSNRIAVNRVAKJRNAEURNANDSNALSKDNGALSNFVADJFNVAFVARNVARNVAVLKNFVALDFNVAKLDFNLGAKSDFNGLAKNUYERBVADYFBAHJHJHJHSDFH
MASDQKAJSFLGKMLKMFGLKANDFLKGAJAHSGDFJSA6
  
```



Structure

7WZF | Structural and mechanism a...

Type	Assembly
Asm ID	1: Author Defined Asse...
Dynamic Bonds	Off

Nothing Focused

Measurements

Structure Motif Search

Components 7WZF

Preset	+ Add		
Asm ID	Cartoon	☐	...
Ligand	Ball & Stick	☐	...
Water	Ball & Stick	☐	...

Unit Cell P 63 2 2

# Density

Quality Assessment

Assembly Symmetry

Export Models

Export Animation

Export Geometry



Outputs displayed here are not saved. Download the output if you would like to keep it. [Learn more.](#)

# Lab

Protein Generation Protein Embedding Molecule Generation Molecule Embedding **Protein Folding** Docking

Choose a model to generate sequence output. If you have a PDB ID, input it below or you can start with one of our provided example use cases.

Model ⓘ

OpenFold

Enter a UniProt ID ⓘ

Enter UniProt ID...

Look Up

Or

Select an Example UniProt ID ⓘ

Select an example UniProt ID...

Protein Sequence ⓘ

Look up a UniProt ID, choose an Example from the provided list or enter your own here...

Perform MD Refinement ⓘ

Brief description of what this does



MSA ⓘ

Upload an MSA or choose no MSA. One will be auto-generated if you take no action.

Choose MSA Option

Output ⓘ

## View Code

[OpenAPI](#) ✕

**Curl** Python

```
1 curl -X POST "https://api.bionemo.ngc.nvidia.com/v1/protein-structure/openfold/predict" \
2   -H "Content-Type: application/json" \
3   -H "Authorization: Bearer $YOUR_NGC_API_TOKEN" \
4   -d '{
5     "sequence":
6     "MSFSGKYQLQSQENFEAFMKAIGLPEELIQKGDIGVSEIVQNGKHKFTITAGSKVIQNEFTVGEECELETMTGEKVKTVVQLEGDNKLVTTFKNIK
SVTELNQDIIITNTMTLGDIVFKRISKRI"
7   }'
```

Learn how to integrate the API into your application [here](#)  
 Click [here](#) to generate a new API key.

Copy Code

Done

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Model ⓘ

MoFlow 

Select an Example CID ⓘ

Look Up ID

Examples

Dicloxacillin 

SMILES ⓘ

73 of 510 chars

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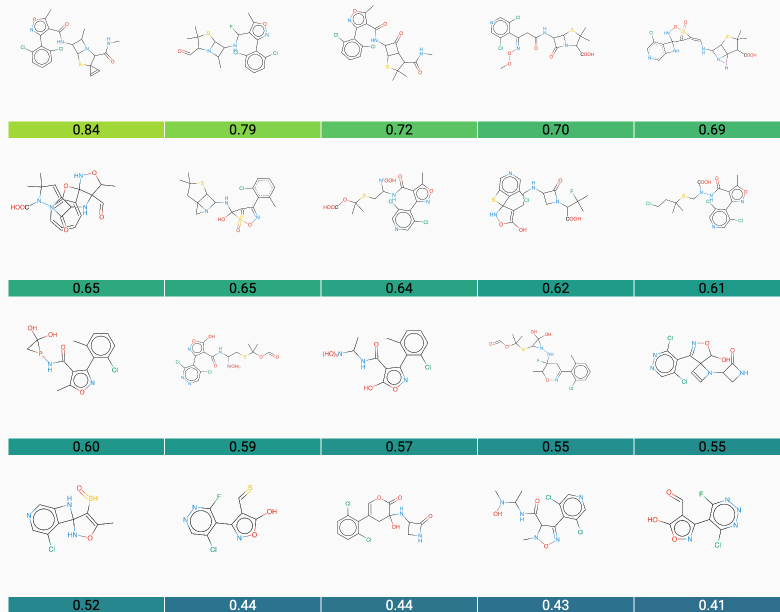
Number of Molecules ⓘ

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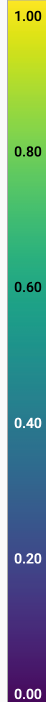
Sample Temperature ⓘ

0.20  0.35

Output ⓘ



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Choose a model to generate docking poses. Provide a molecule and a target protein file.

 Learn More

Model ①

DiffDock | ▾

Molecule ①

 Ensirelvir\_analog × 

Target Protein ①

 SARS\_CoV\_2\_MPro × 

Generated Poses ①

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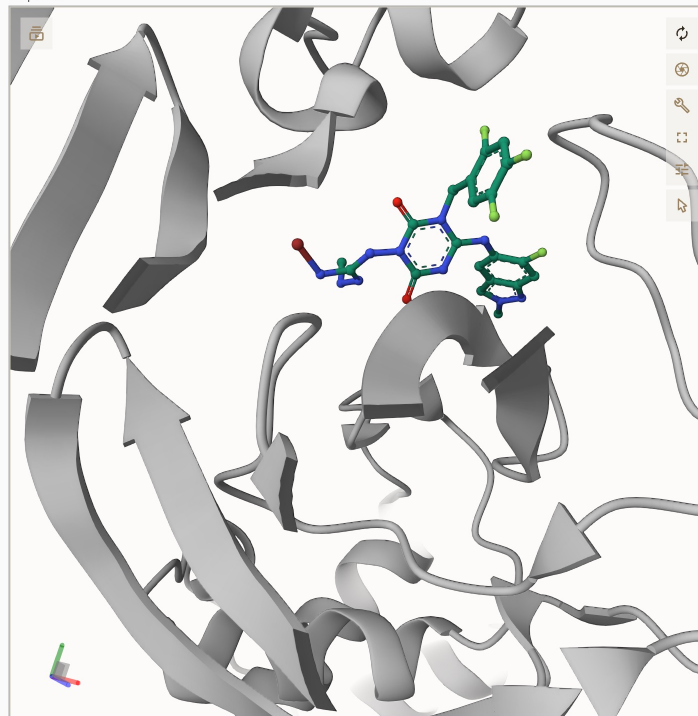
Diffusion Steps ①

 18

Diffusion Time Divisions ①

 20

Output ①



 Center Pose  Reset View

☐ View All Poses < >

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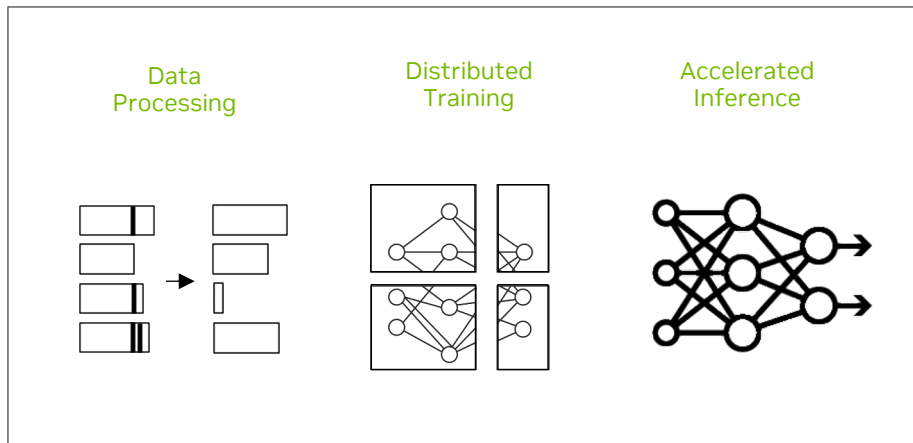
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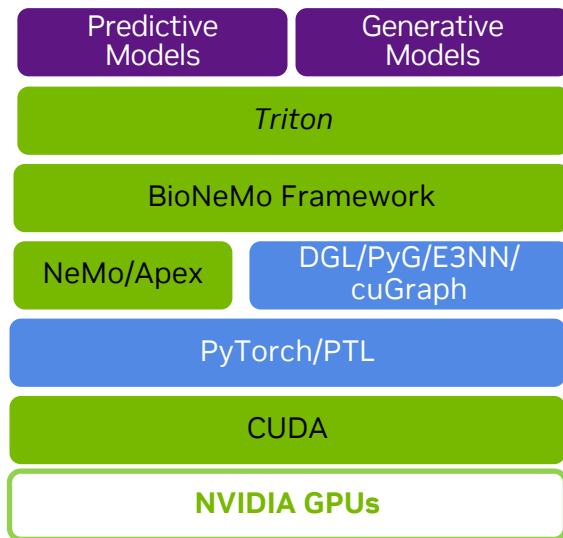
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# BioNeMo Framework Overview



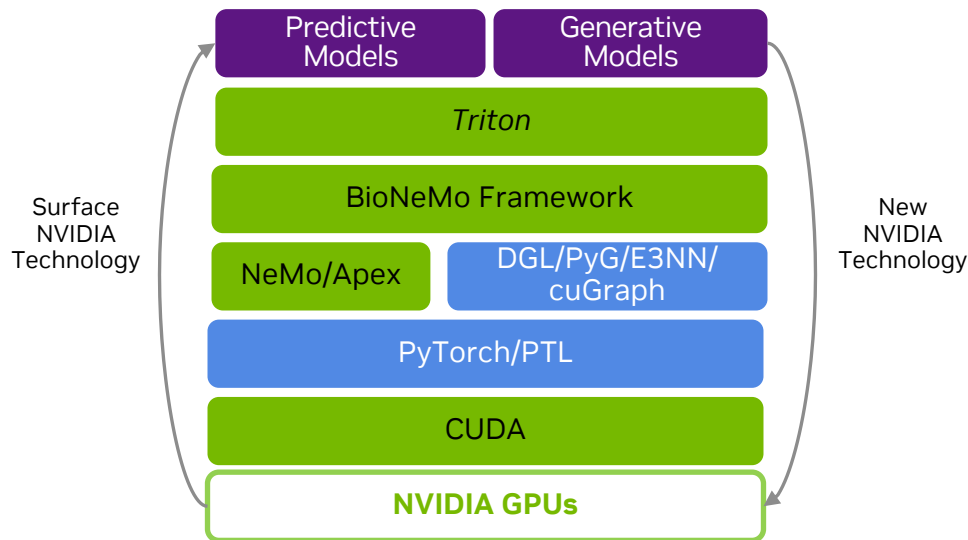
- Includes dataset process, model pre-training optional fine tuning, and example downstream tasks
- gRPC based class for inference and example notebook – automated deployment coming
- **Currently:** three LLM models for cheminformatics and protein applications (MegaMolBART, ESM1, ProtT5)
- Additional models in development
  - *LLM:* ESM-2, nucleic acid models, **MolMIM**
  - *Equivariant:* EquiDock, OpenFold, **DiffDock**

# BioNeMo Framework Technology Stack



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# Proteins Generated from Evozyne's ProT-VAE Models

## ProT-VAE: Protein Transformer Variational AutoEncoder for Functional Protein Design

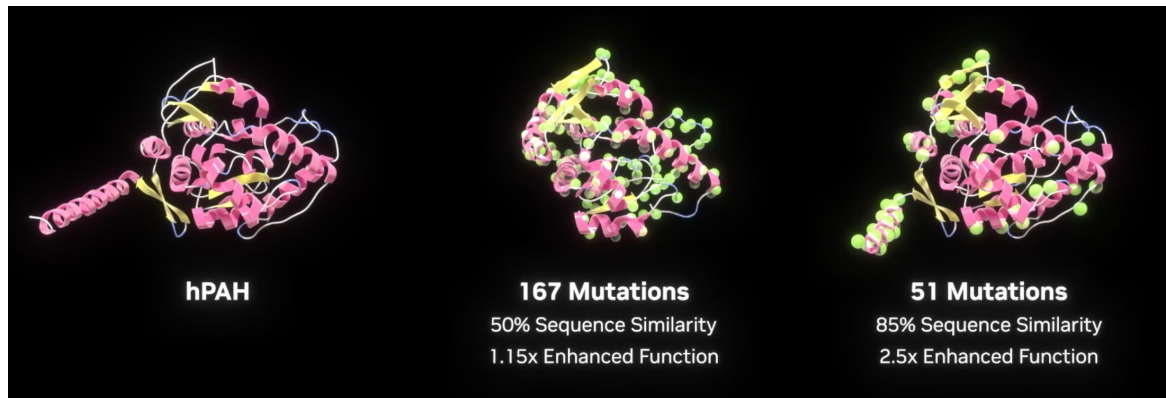
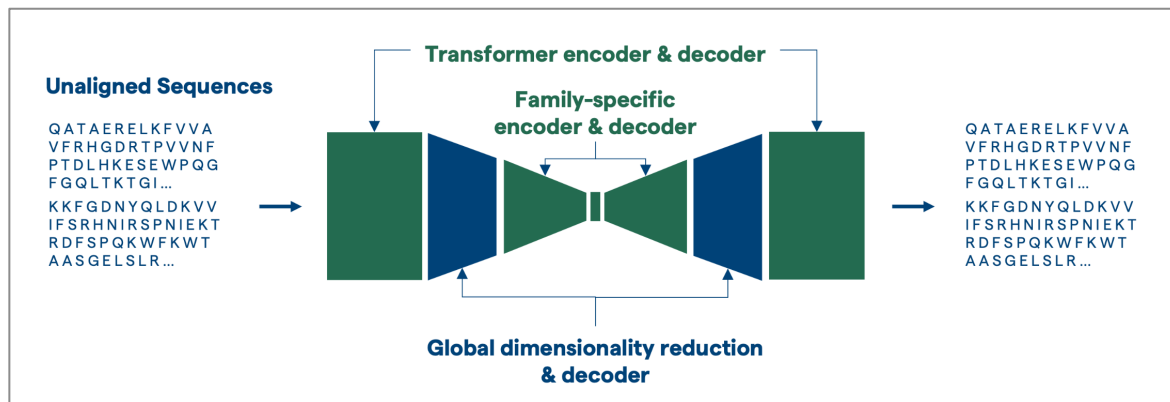
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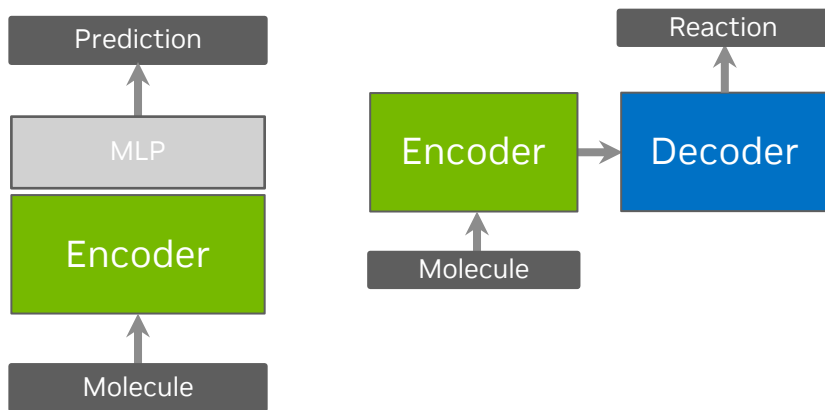


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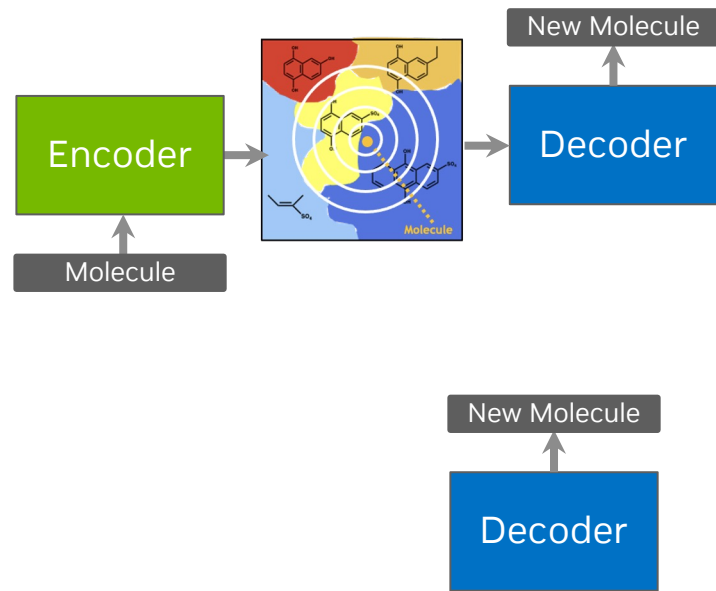
# **MolMIM: Development of a Small Molecule Foundation Model for Generation**

# Cheminformatics Foundation Model Objectives

## Representation and Translation

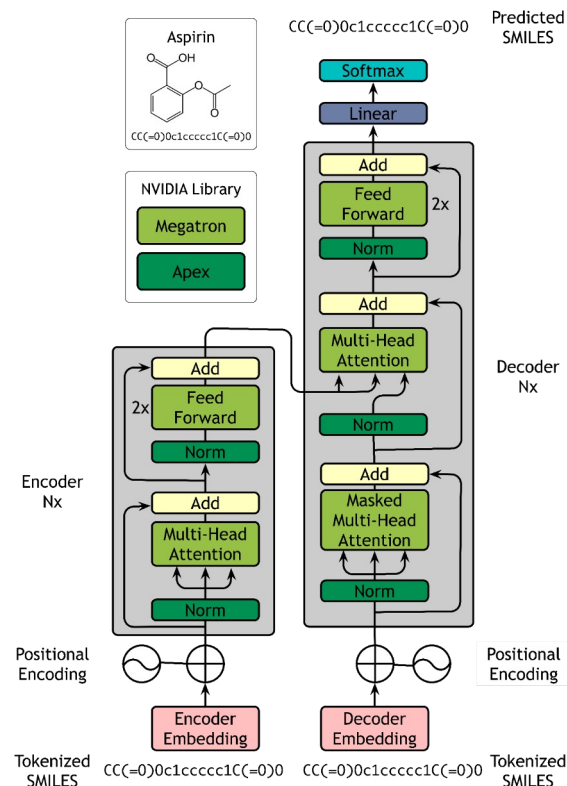


## Generation

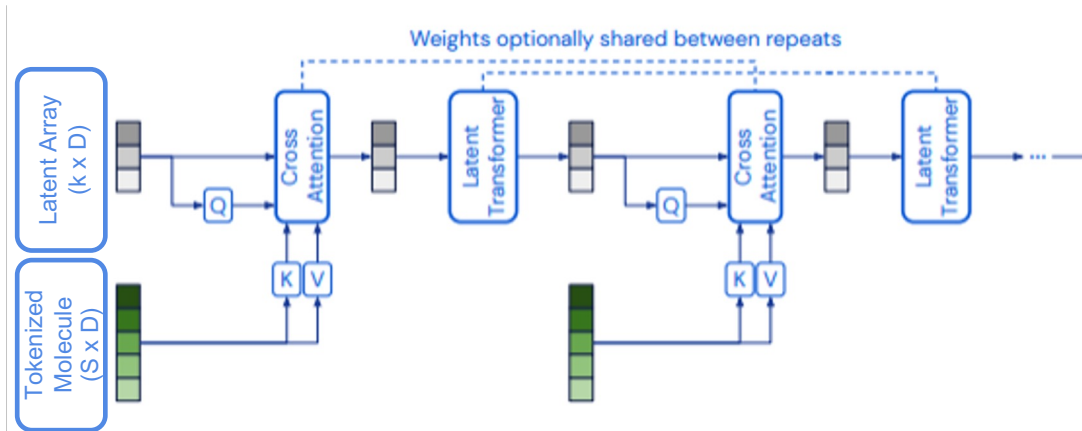


# MegaMolBART Molecule Representations

- MegaMolBART developed in collaboration with AstraZeneca, based on published model called Chemformer
- BART model – encoder trained with MLM and autoregressive decoder on 1.5B molecules from ZINC15
- Useful for small molecule representations and sequence translation tasks
- **Challenges with using MegaMolBART for molecule generation:**
- Size of encoder output is variable -- based on number of tokens
- Lacks an organized, smooth latent space



# Development of a Seq2Seq Model with Fixed Size Latent Dimension



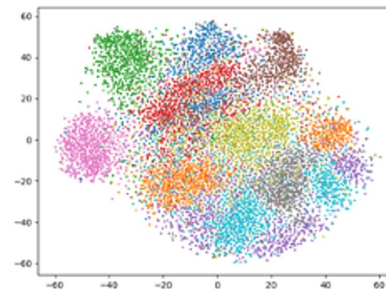
k = Perceiver dimension

- Perceiver encoder utilizes cross-attention to create a fixed size latent space
- Perceiver model has a fixed size representation (k)
- Runtime complexity for the perceiver is  $O(Sk + k^2)$ , compared to  $O(S^2)$  for the transformer
- Perceiver BART was trained on 750M molecules from ZINC15

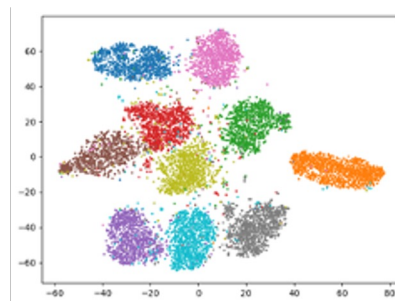
# A Clustered Latent Space with Mutual Information Machine

- Mutual information machine (MIM) has a loss function that maximizes mutual information and minimizes marginal entropy
- Utilizes same architecture as VAE
- MIM loss results in a clustered space while KL divergence loss smooths the latent space resulting in blurring
- Important: MIM makes no guarantees about cluster organization
- Developed a MolVAE and MolMIM model and trained both on 750M molecules from ZINC15

VAE



MIM



# MolMIM – Performance on Seed Based Molecule Sampling

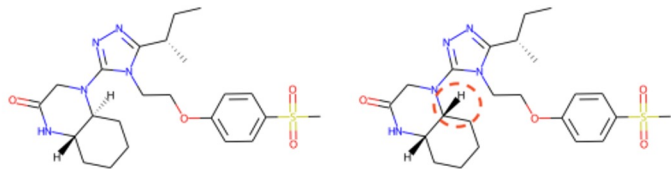
- Randomly sampled ten molecules for each of 20k molecules from test split
- Effective novelty is percentage of molecules that are valid, unique, not identical to seed, and novel
- Sampling radius empirically determined to maximize effective novelty
- CDDD used as baseline model – trained with molecular property loss
- Perceiver BART sampling speed improved relative to MegaMolBART
- MolVAE and MolMIM show significant improvements in validity and effective novelty

Model	Latent Dim	Validity (%)	Uniqueness (%)	Novelty (%)	Effective Novelty (%)	Test Runtime
MegaMolBART	Variable	75.0	84.8	94.2	51.1	8.7 hours
Perceiver BART	2048	71.8	94.9	94.6	59.1	38 min
MolVAE	2048	95.7	<b>100.0</b>	98.1	93.9	64 min
MolMIM	512	<b>98.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	95.5	<b>94.2</b>	30 min
CDDD	512	84.5	98.9	<b>99.5</b>	82.2	12 hours†

†CDDD decoding speed limited by batch size.

# MolMIM – Sampling Distance Can Be Tuned for Similarity

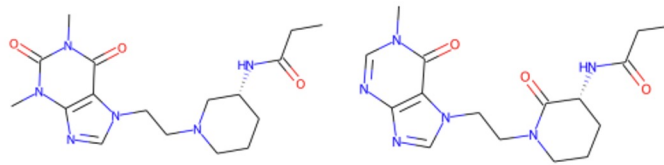
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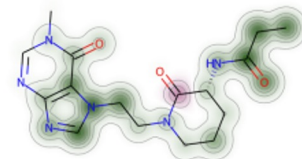
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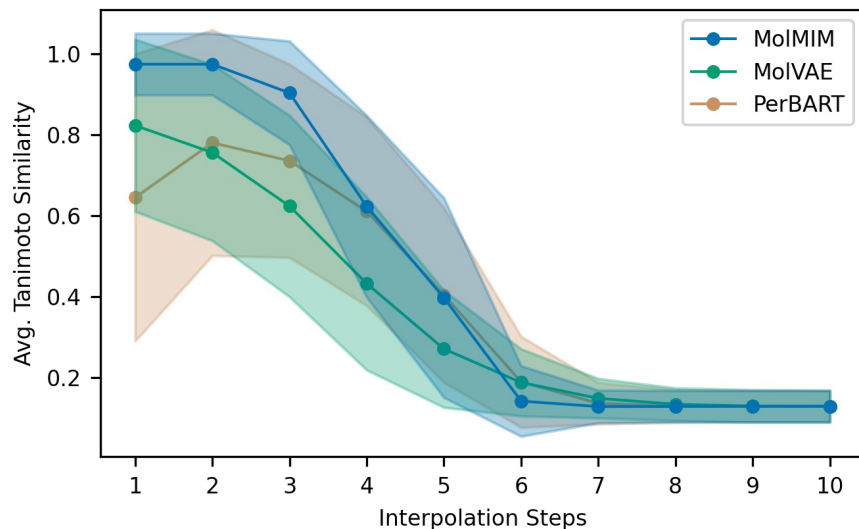
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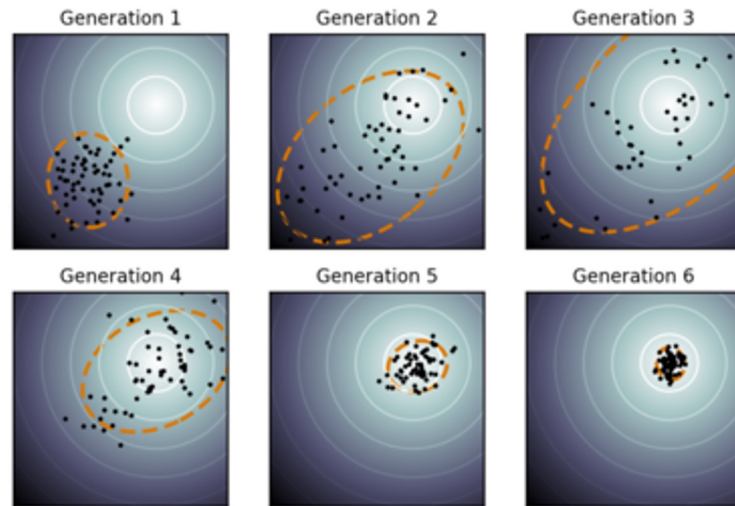
# Probing Latent Structure by Molecule Interpolation



- Pairwise interpolations performed at ten evenly spaced steps for 1,000 ZINC15 molecules
- Average Tanimoto similarity to first molecule was calculated at each step
- Molecules sampled from Perceiver BART and MoVAE have reduced similarity to start and a large degree of variability at early interpolation steps
- Molecules sampled from MoIMIM are similar and have the smallest variance at early steps

# Measuring the Controllability of MolMIM

- **Hypothesis:** having a structured latent space will improve performance of property guided optimization
- Chose covariance matrix adaptation (CMA-ES), which is a zeroth order optimization method
- CMA-ES is non-parametric and uses only a single scoring function per sample



# Single Property Optimization with CMA-ES

Model	QED (%)	Penalized logP	
	$\delta \geq 0.4$	$\delta \geq 0.4$	$\delta \geq 0.6$
AtomG2G	73.6	-	-
HeirG2G	76.9	-	-
DESMILES	77.8	-	-
QMO	92.8	$7.71 \pm 5.65$	$3.73 \pm 2.85$
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- MolMIM achieves the highest QED and logP success rates
- Penalized logP results impacted by known exploit where identical functional groups are repeatedly added

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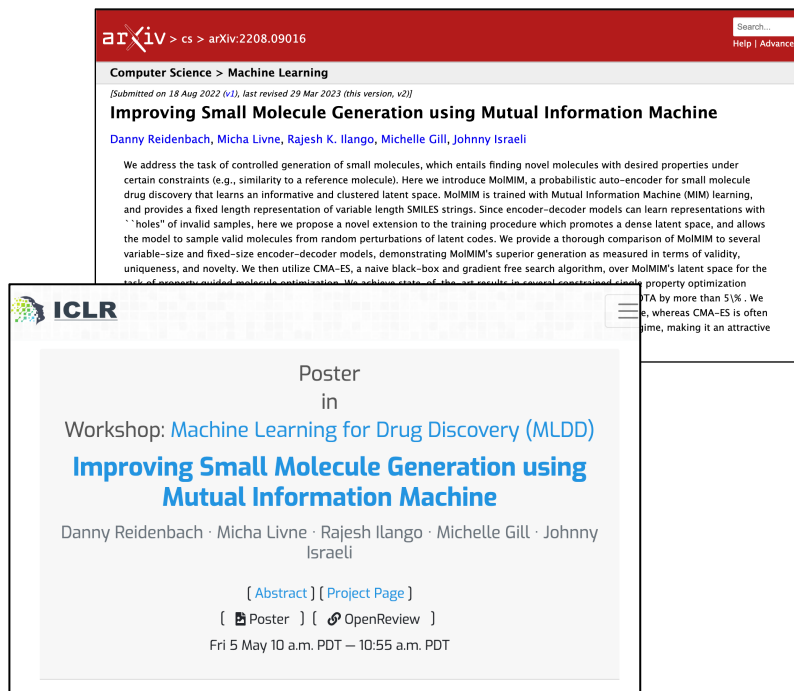
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  - Exemplar*: 741 molecules that satisfy success criteria
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- MolMIM is competitive for success and diversity, but novelty has room for improvement

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# MolMIM: Research to Productization



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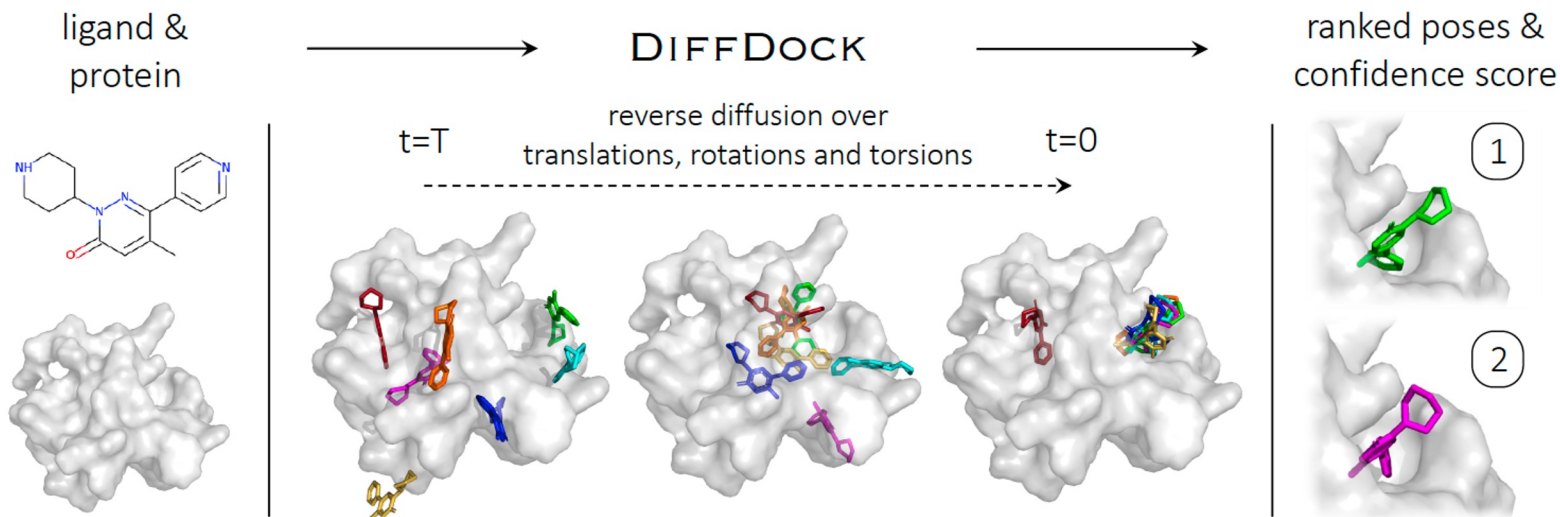
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- Integration of MolMIM model into BioNeMo inference service
- Productionize model architecture and training framework
- Accelerated inference
- Improving encoder representations
- *Wishlist:* more relevant and comprehensive benchmarks – want to collaborate?

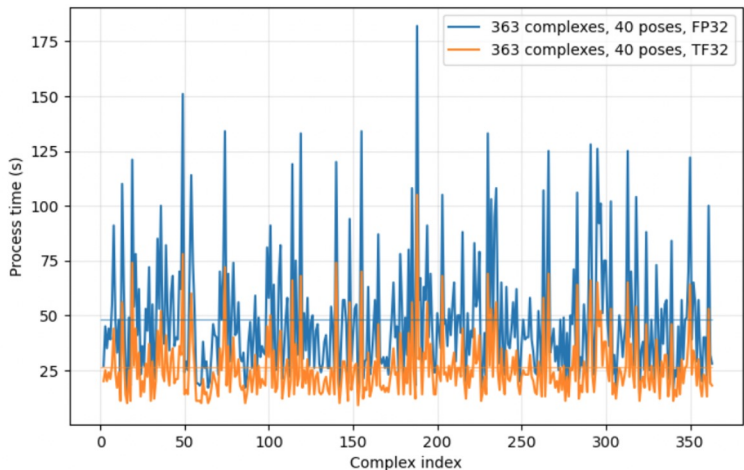
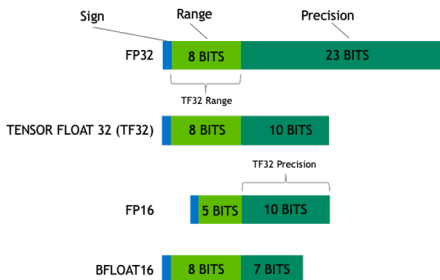
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# DiffDock Optimization: From Research to Enterprise Quality Software

# DiffDock for Diffusion-Based Docking Pose Generation



# GPU Specific Optimization of DiffDock with TF32



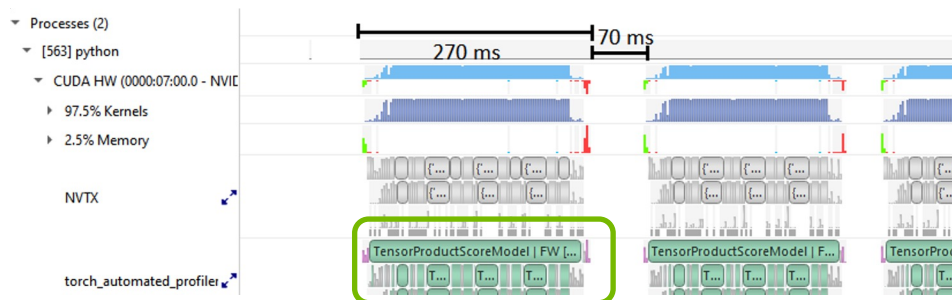
- Reducing numerical precision is a common method of accelerating both training and inference, e.g. FP32 → FP16
- However lower precision formats are more susceptible to overflows and can lead to numerical instabilities
- NVIDIA A100 GPUs support a math mode called TensorFloat32 (TF32), which strikes a balance between precision and performance
- Converting DiffDock weights to TF32 required changing one line of code and provided 1.8x speed up of inference, with no impact on benchmarked accuracy
- Similar optimizations are being tested with model training

# Optimization of DiffDock Mathematical Operations

- DiffDock is an equivariant model, data are represented in spherical basis
- One forward pass requires many multiplications involving irreducible representations of a given symmetry group, e.g. rigid rotations in 3D
- The tensor product operations are from the e3nn library and comprise a considerable part of computation time (see profile, green circle)
- BioNeMo includes a version of e3nn which has been accelerated with CUDA parallelism
- Profiling reveals other opportunities – data operations and other methods to maximize GPU use

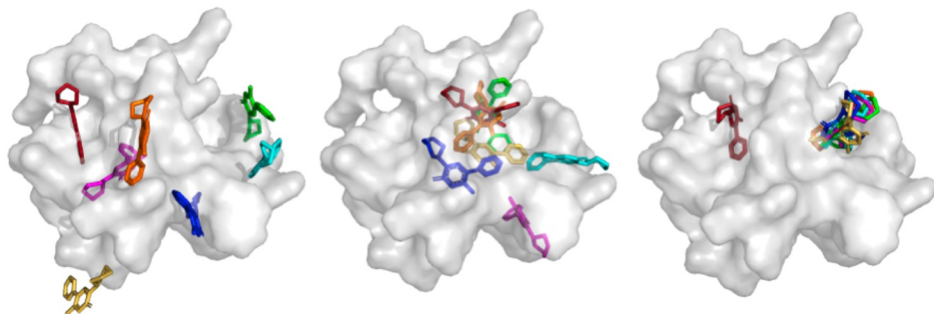
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with  $\psi_{ab} = \Psi^{(t_a, t)}(e_{ab}, \mathbf{h}_a^0, \mathbf{h}_b^0)$

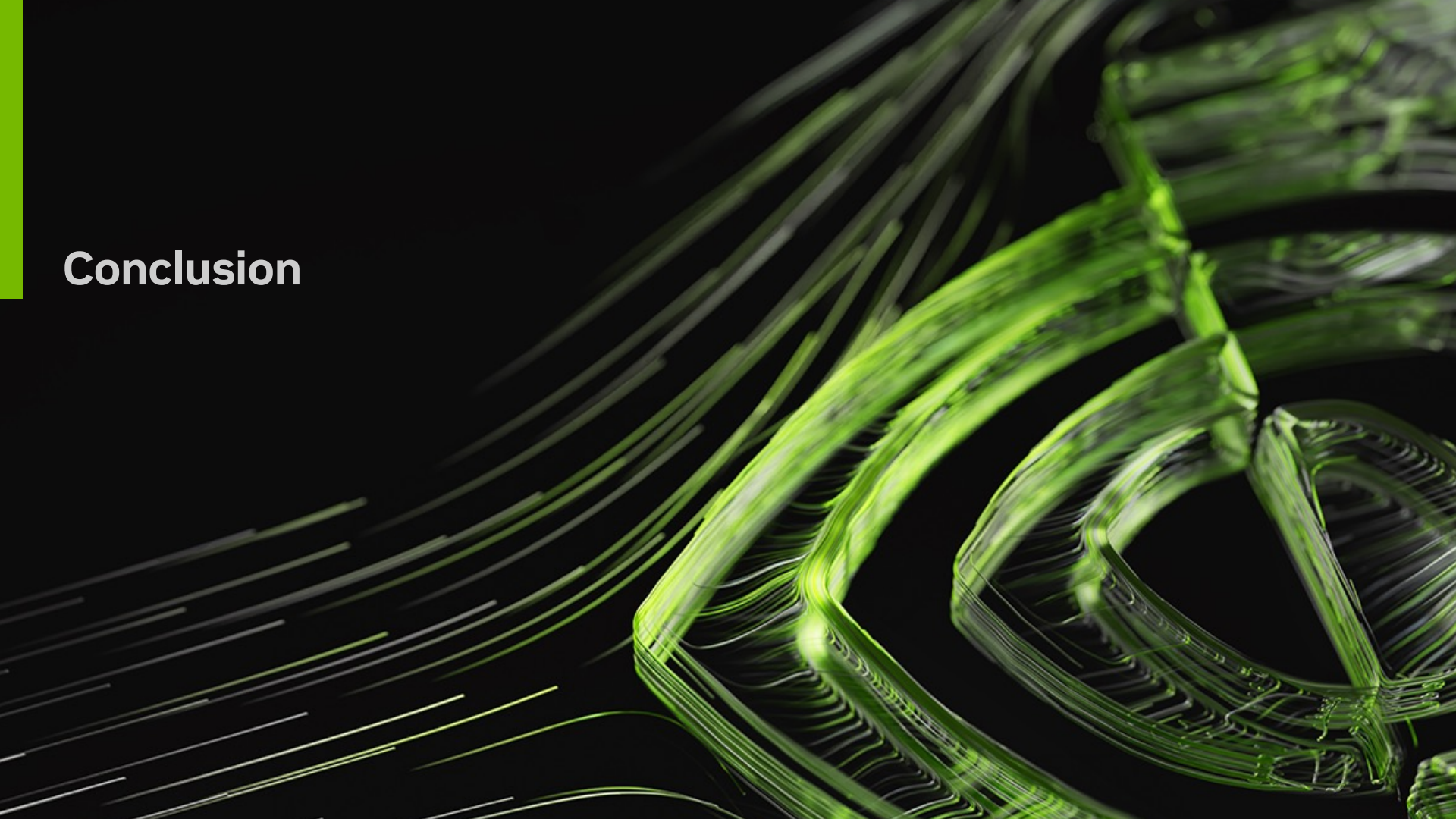


# DiffDock: Research to Productization

- MD-assisted refinement of docked poses
- Dataset extension and management
- Drive research and development of accelerate compute functionality for equivariant models



# Conclusion



## Conclusions

- BioNeMo is a framework and inference service for developing, training, deploying, and using deep learning models and tools for drug discovery
- BioNeMo surfaces NVIDIA hardware and software improvements relevant to life sciences and drives future development
- MolMIM is a cheminformatics model trained on only SMILES with a structured latent space and fixed size embedding for molecule design
- DiffDock acceleration and improvements in numerical stability drive future equivariant model optimizations
- BioNeMo framework open beta coming soon, enroll in service GA here: <https://www.nvidia.com/bionemo>

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