



# Scientific Discovery: From the Lab Bench to the GPU

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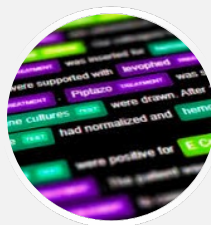
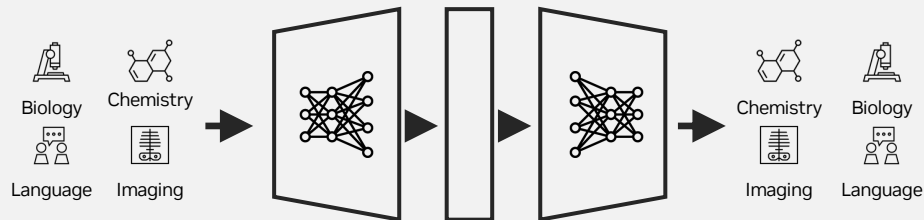
# Outline

- Foundation model development for science -- small molecules, proteins, and genomics
- What I learned in Andy's group; and advice for NMR spectroscopists and scientists in the age of AI

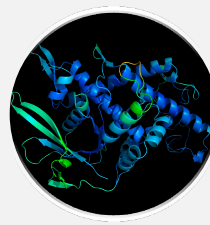


# Language Models in Scientific Discovery

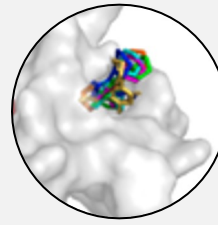
- Information from biomedical literature
- Protein structure prediction and ligand docking
- Prediction of chemical reactions
- Biomolecular property prediction



BIOMEDICAL NLP  
Learn all of PubMed



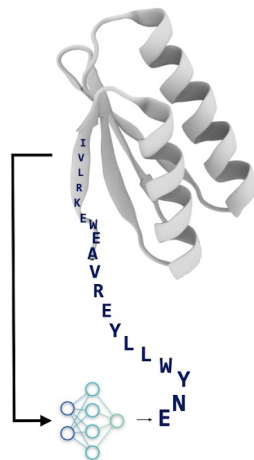
PROTEIN STRUCTURE  
Predict 3D Structures



VIRTUAL SCREENING  
Docking and Pose Prediction

# From Sequence to 3D and Back Again

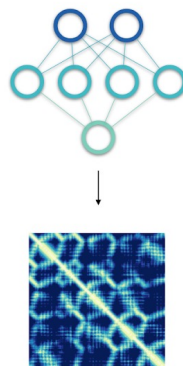
## 1 Fixed-backbone design



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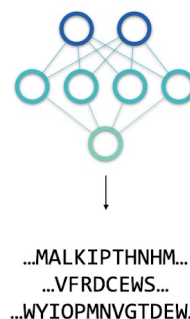
## 2 Structure Generation



Jing, B. *et al.* EigenFold: Generative protein structure prediction with diffusion models. *arXiv [q-bio.BM]* (2023)

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## 3 Sequence generation

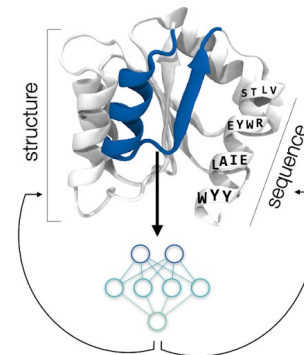


Ferruz, N., Schmidt, S. & Höcker, B. ProtGPT2 is a deep unsupervised language model for protein design. *Nat. Commun.* **13**, 4348 (2022)

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## 4 Sequence and structure design



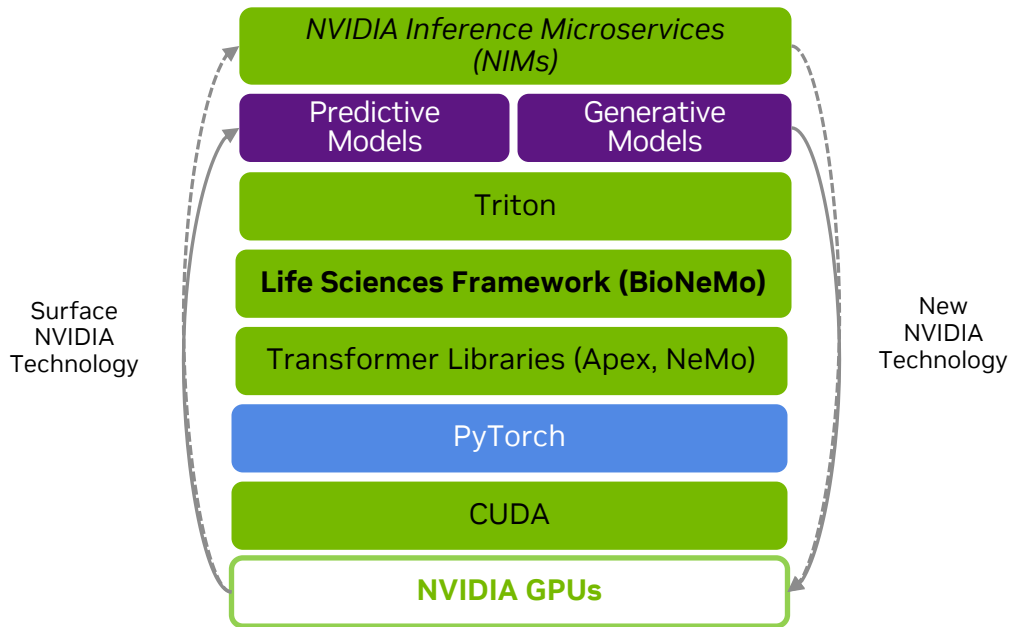
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# What is a Foundation Model?

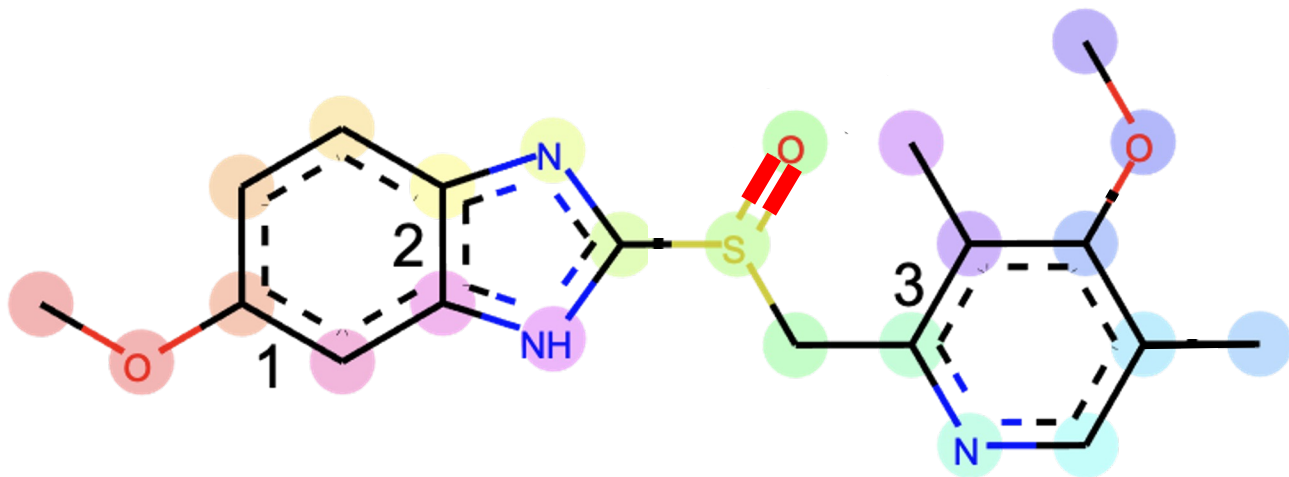
- **Large scale (pre-)training** – models are trained on vast amounts of data, often multiple topics and modalities
- **Generality** – capable of performing many different functions
- **Adaptability and fine tuning** -- general purpose models can be specialized for desired task
- **Accessibility** – pre-trained models serve as a starting point for researchers to build upon
- **Emergence** – very large models can develop capabilities beyond those that they were trained to perform

# NVIDIA Generative AI Life Sciences Software Stack



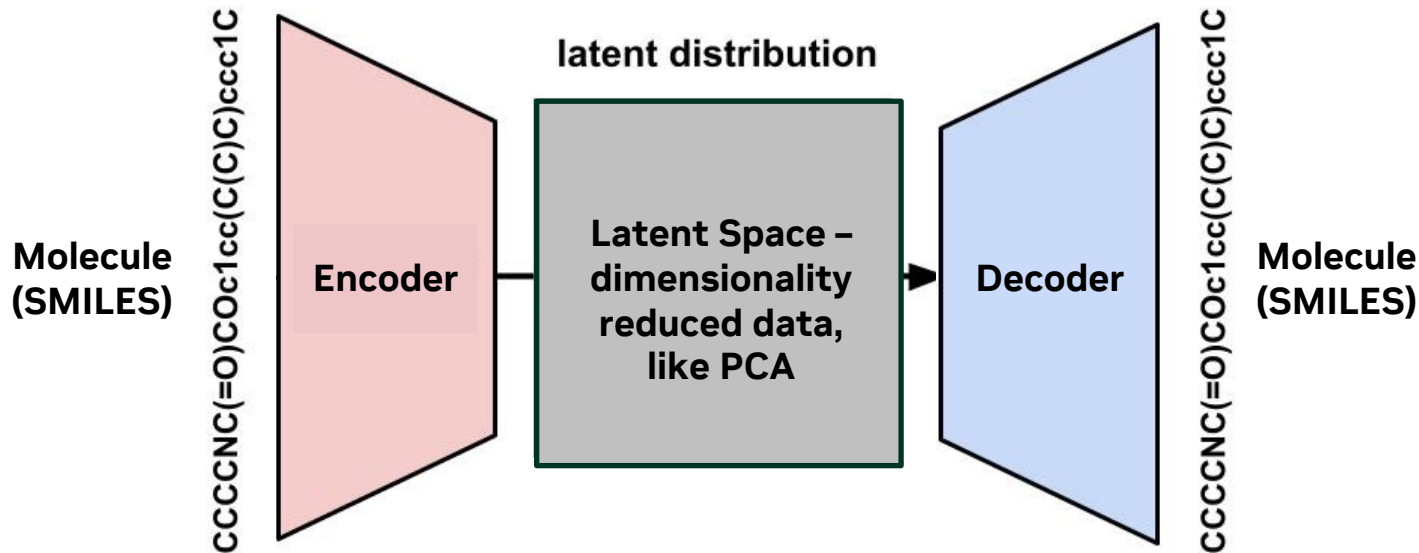
- Surface new technology from NVIDIA hardware and software; and feedback domain specific advancements to improve them
- GPU-accelerated life sciences frameworks, e.g. BioNeMo, depend on CUDA and accelerated deep learning libraries
- NVIDIA deployment libraries and (soon) microservices bring accelerated model inference and APIs to researchers and developers

# SMILES: a Natural Language Representation of Small Molecules



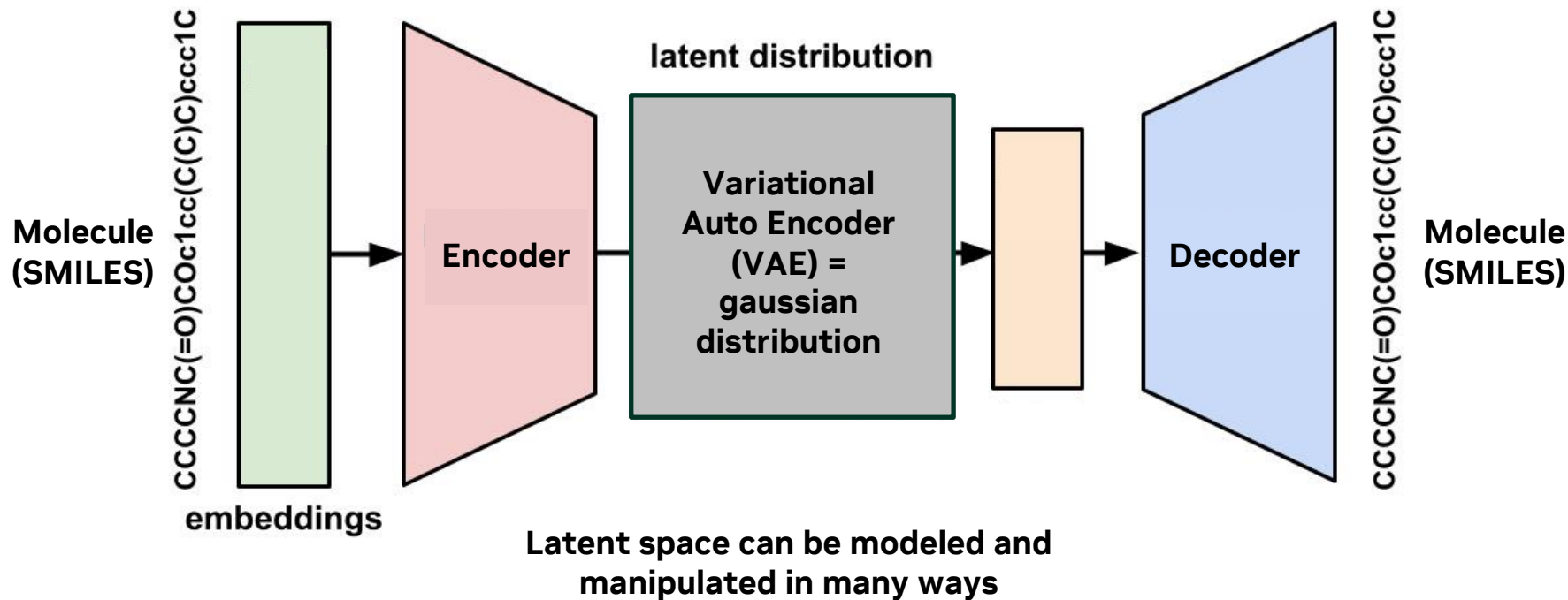
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# Anatomy of an Auto Encoder Model



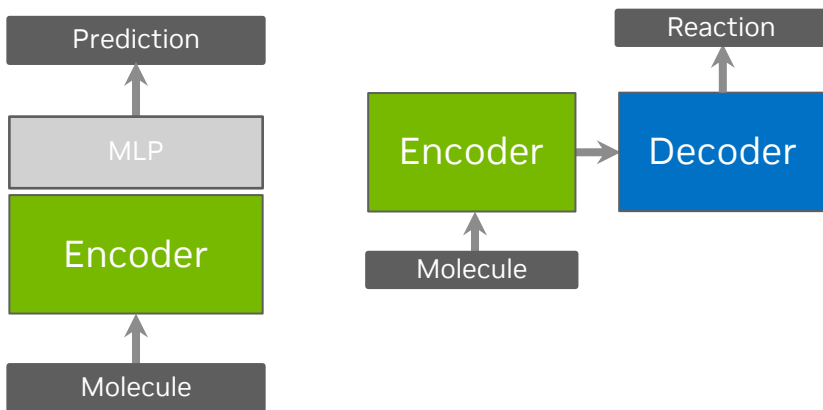


# Deep Learning Models as Lego Blocks

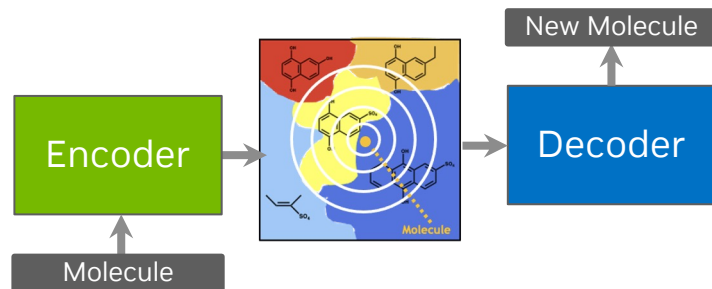


# Objectives of a Cheminformatics Foundation Model

## Representation and Translation



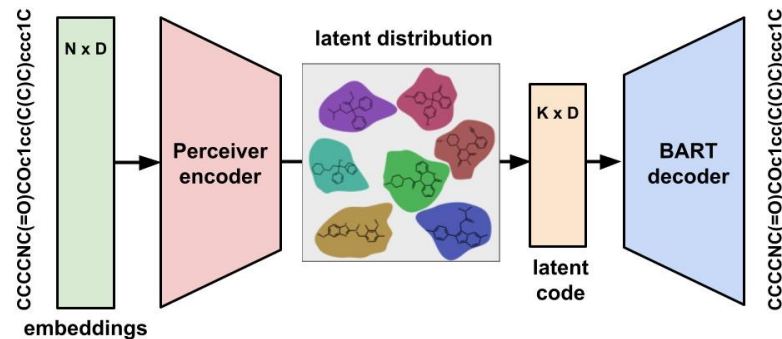
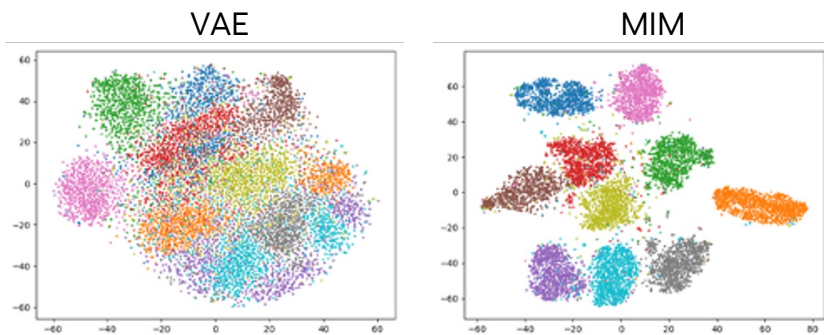
## Generation



Cheminformatics foundation models can be applied to a wide range of predictive tasks (physical chemical properties, retrosynthesis) and the generation of novel molecules

# A Clustered Latent Space with Mutual Information Machine (MIM)

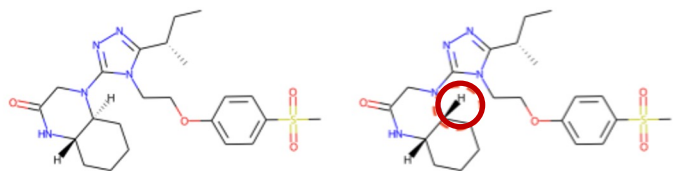
- A variational autoencoder (VAE) loss smooths the latent space resulting in blurring
- MIM loss results in a clustered space



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# MolMIM – Sampling Distance Can Be Tuned for Similarity

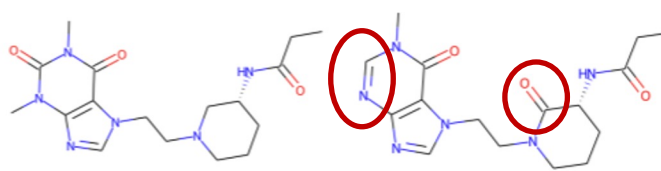
## Small Perturbations



Seed  
Molecule

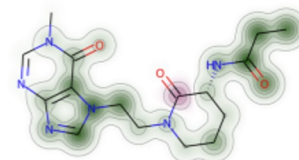
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## Larger Perturbations



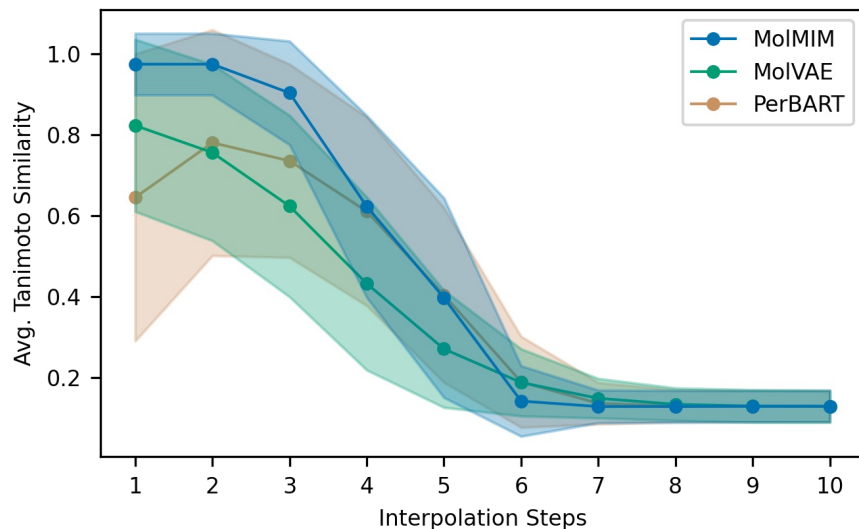
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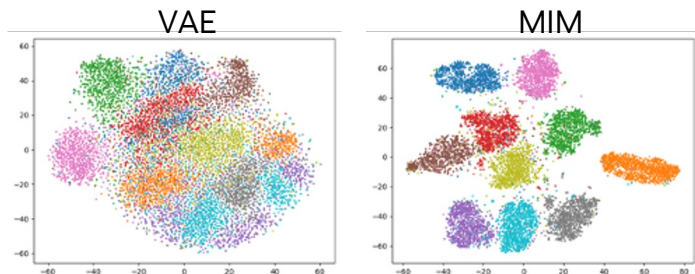


Similarity  
Map

# Probing Latent Structure by Molecule Interpolation



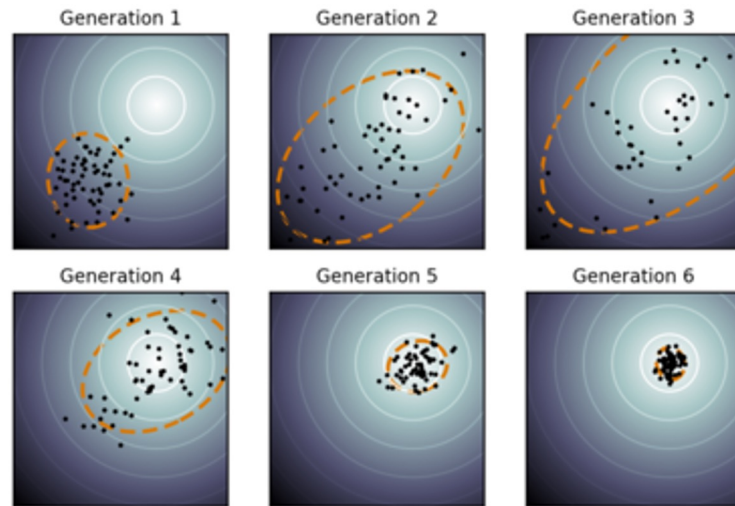
- Pairwise interpolations between 1,000 molecules performed at ten evenly spaced steps
- Similarity between starting molecule and each interpolated molecule calculated
- Molecules sampled from baseline models (PerBART, MoIVAE) have reduced similarity at start and high variance at early interpolation steps
- MoIMIM molecules are similar to each other and have smallest variance at initial steps



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# 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

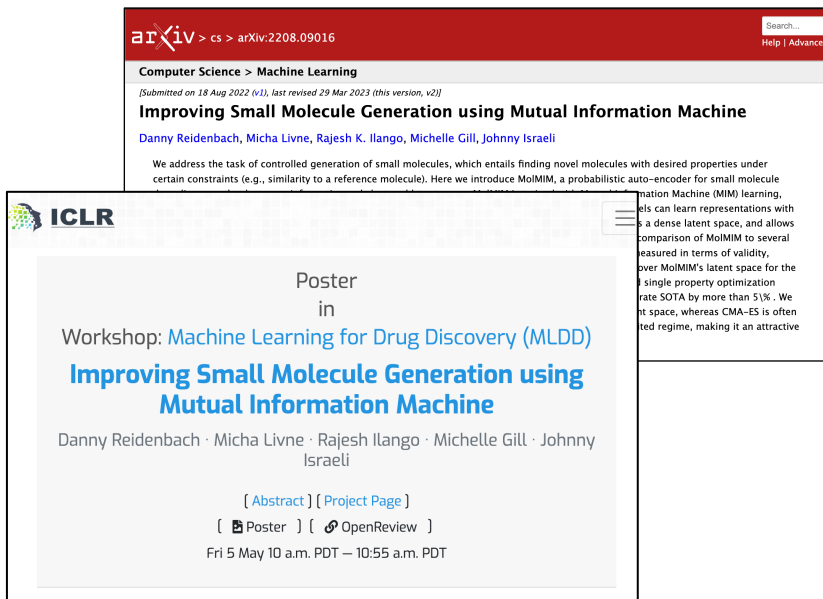


# Multi-Objective Property Optimization

- Performed multi-objective molecule optimization to jointly optimize two molecular properties (QED and SA), and binding to two targets (JNK3 and GSK4 $\beta$ ).
- Objective was to maximize success, novelty, and diversity metrics.
- Optimization methods:
  - Random*: subset of randomly selected molecules
  - Approximate*: subset of molecules that partially satisfy optimization criteria
  - Exemplar*: subset of molecules that satisfy all criteria
- MolMIM is competitive for success and diversity -- novelty has since been improved considerably

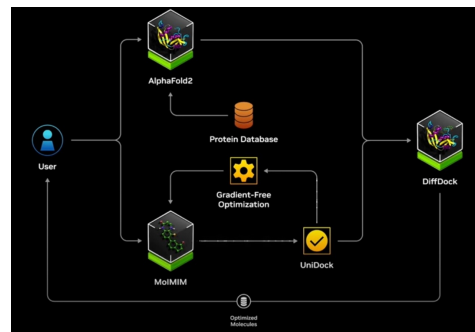
Model	QED + SA + JNK3 + GSK4 $\beta$		
	Success (%)	Novelty (%)	Diversity
RationaleRL	74.8	56.1	0.621
MARS	92.3	82.4	0.719
JANUS	<b>100</b>	32.6	<b>0.821</b>
FaST	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	0.716
MolMIM (R)	97.5	71.1	0.791
MolMIM (A)	96.6	63.3	0.807
MolMIM (E)	98.3	55.1	0.767

# MolMIM: Applied Research to Productization



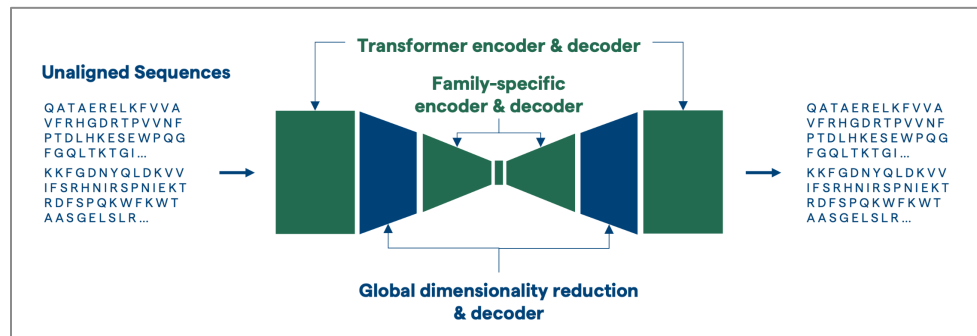
- MolMIM and controlled generation is hallmark feature of BioNeMo NIMs
- Model released on BioNeMo framework and accelerated inference workflows for controlled generation available soon on NIMs
- *On-going work:*
  - Improving encoder representations to make MolMIM well-rounded foundation model
  - Development of more comprehensive benchmarks

MolMIM Featured in  
Jensen's  
2024 GTC Keynote:





# Improving Enzyme Function with Protein Language Models



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

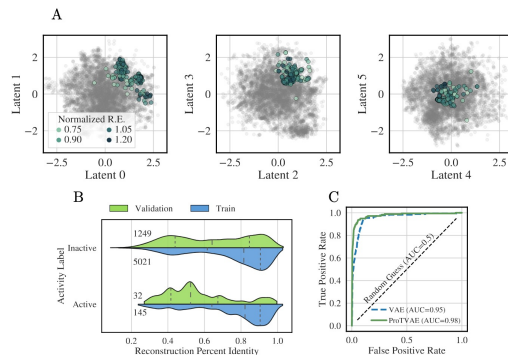
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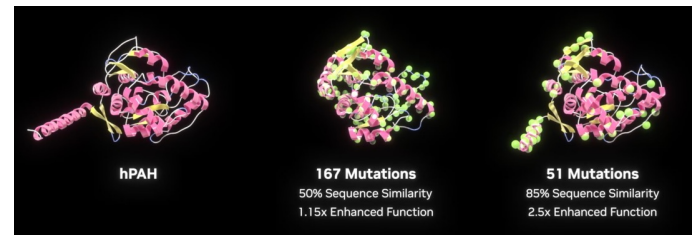
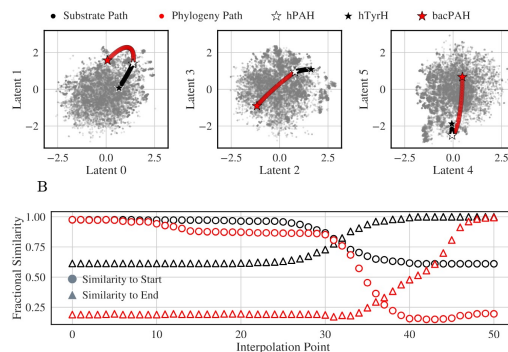
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## SH3



## hPAH



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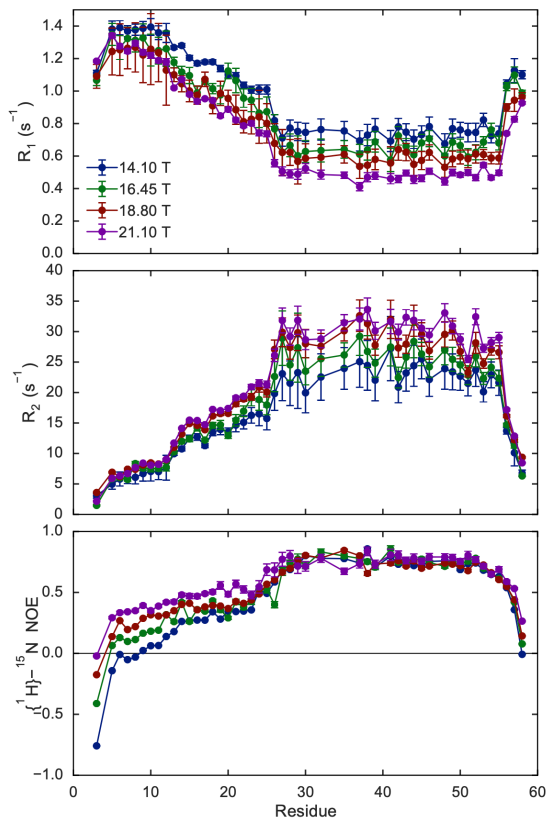


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# There's No Such Thing as Too Many Fields

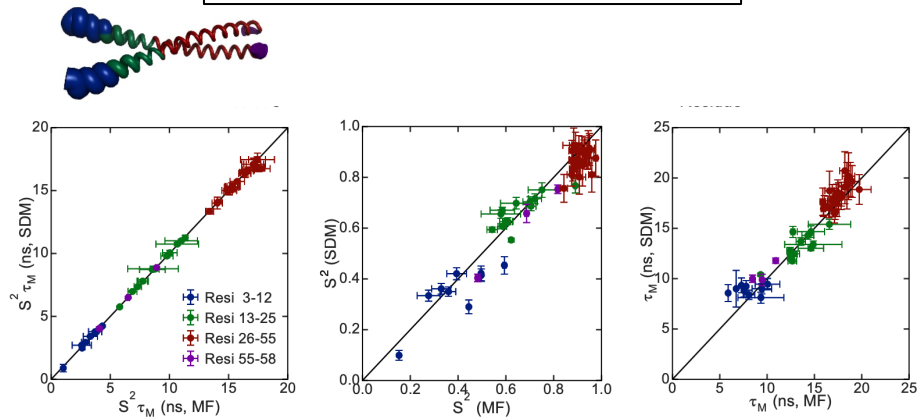


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From the journal:  
**Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics**

**Dynamics of GCN4 facilitate DNA interaction: a model-free analysis of an intrinsically disordered region†**

[Michelle L. Gill](#),<sup>ab</sup> [R. Andrew Byrd](#)<sup>b</sup> and [Arthur G. Palmer, III](#)<sup>\*a</sup>



# If You Can't Collect Enough Data, Simulate It

Minimize  $\|f\|_{l1}$  subject to  $Rx = b$

L1

$$\|f\|_{l1} = \sum |f_k|$$

IRL1

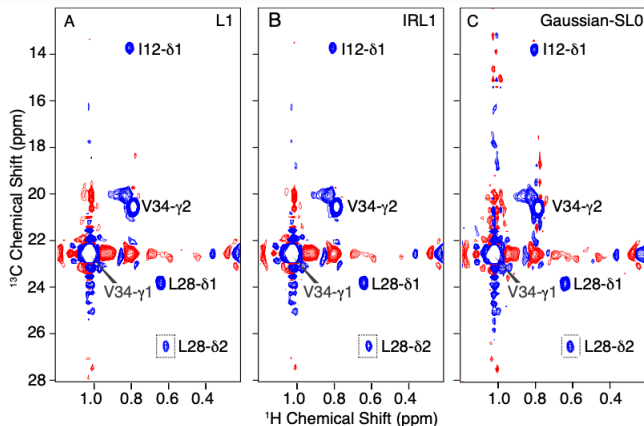
$$\|f\|_{irl1} = \sum \omega_k |f_k|$$

$$|f_k| = \sqrt{f_{k,r}^2 + f_{k,i}^2}$$

$$\omega_k^{i+1} = 1 / (|f_k|^i + \varepsilon)$$

Gaussian-SLO

$$\|f\|_{slo} = \sum (1 - e^{-0.5|f_k|^2/\sigma^2})$$



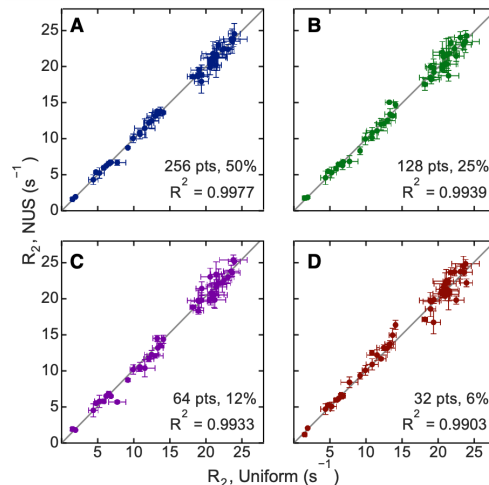
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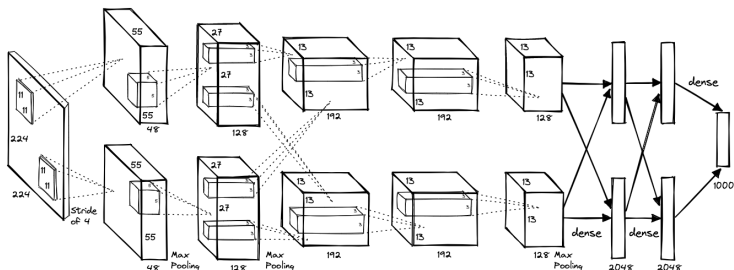
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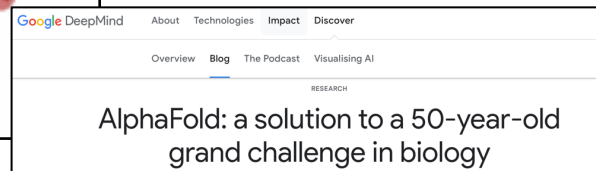
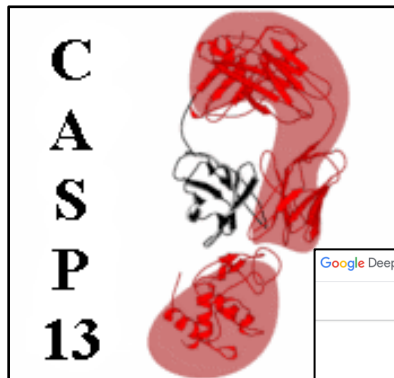
# Don't Miss the Forest Through the (NMR) Peaks

AlexNet Won ImageNet Challenge in 2012



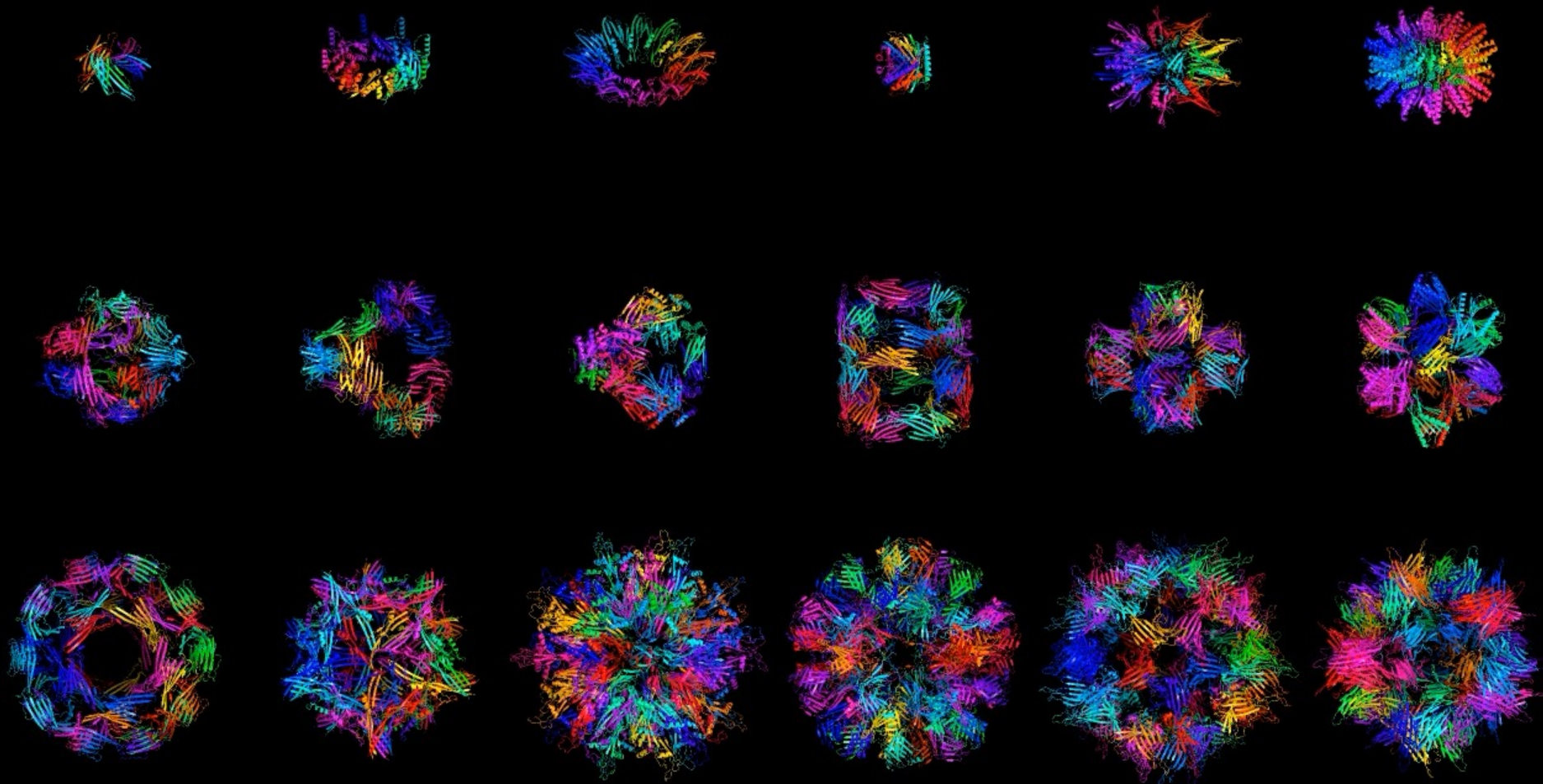
AlexNet didn't just win; it dominated. AlexNet was unlike the other competitors. This new model demonstrated unparalleled performance on the largest image dataset of the time, ImageNet. This event made AlexNet the first widely acknowledged, successful application of deep learning.

AlphaFold Won CASP13 in 2018

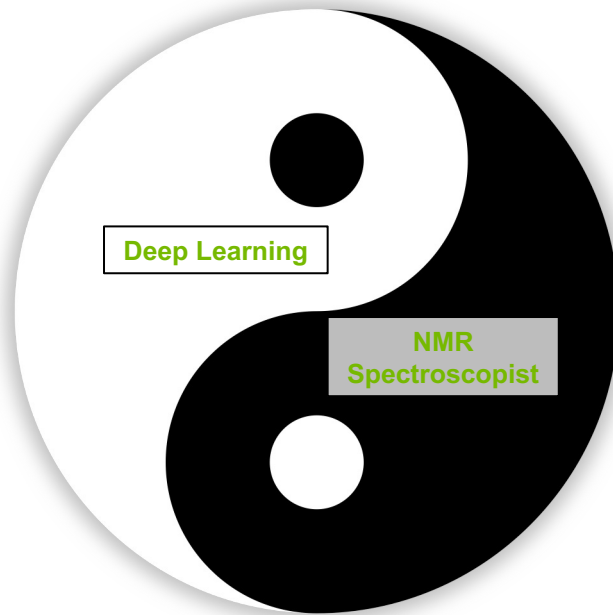
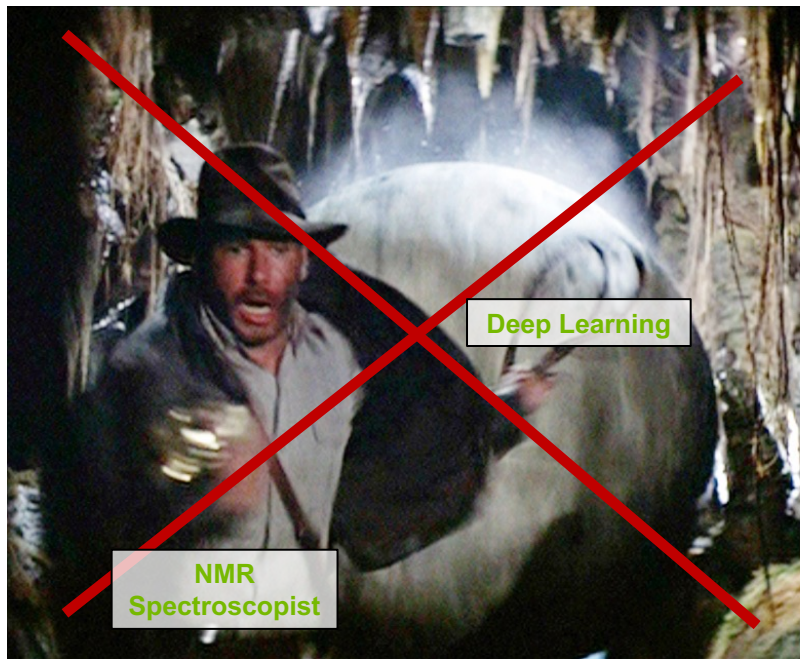


## CASP15: AlphaFold's success spurs new challenges in ...

Dec 14, 2022 — Two years later, **AlphaFold** still **dominates** the competition. Deepmind itself did not participate in this round, but **AlphaFold** has been open ...



# NMR and Deep Learning are Complementary





## **AlphaFold is an (Awesome) Tool, Not a Panacea: Open Challenges That NMR Can Address**

- Incorporation of dynamics and intrinsically disordered regions in structure prediction
- Study of multimeric proteins with ligands and/or co-factors
- Achievement of structure resolution suitable for drug discovery
- Improved prediction of protein – protein interactions
- Influence of post-translational modifications on structure
- ...



Thank You, Andy!

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