

Seminar

ARTIST: Artificial Intelligence for Spectroscopy

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For the study of molecules and materials, conventional theoretical and experimental spectroscopies are well established in the natural sciences, but they are slow and ex- pensive. Our objective is to launch a new era of artificial intelligence (AI) enhanced spectroscopy that learns from the plethora of already available experimental and theoretical spectroscopy data. Once trained, the AI can make predictions of spec- trainstantly and at no further cost. In this new paradigm, AI spectroscopy would complement conventional theoretical and experimental spectroscopy to greatly accel- erate the spectroscopic analysis of materials, make predictions for novel and hitherto uncharacterized materials, and discover entirely new materials.

In this presentation, I will introduce the two AI approaches we have used to learn spectroscopic properties: kernel ridge regression (KRR) and deep neural networks (NN). The models are trained and validated on data generated by density-functional theory calculations for three different molecular data sets: QM9 [1], a well-established small molecule benchmark datasets, a set of amino acid and dipeptide conformers [2] and a set of crystal-forming, optically-active molecules [3]. The molecules are rep- resented by simple, easily attainable numerical descriptors based on nuclear charges and cartesian coordinates [4,5]. The complexity of the molecular descriptor and the diversity of the data sets turn out to be crucial for the learning success, as I will demonstrate for KRR [6]. I will then show, how we can learn spectra (i.e. continuous target quantities) with NNs. We design and test three different NN architectures: multilayer perceptron (MLP), convolutional neural network (CNN) and deep tensor neural network (DTNN). Already the MLP is able to learn spectra, but the learn- ing quality improves significantly for the CNN and reaches its best performance for the DTNN [7]. Both CNN and DTNN capture even small nuances in the spectral shape. In a showcase application of this method, the structures of 10k previously unseen organic molecules are scanned and instant spectra predictions are obtained to identify molecules for potential applications [7].

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