



Seminar in Deep Neural Networks: Graph Generation

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1. Motivation



ML helps Drug Design Process

- Molecular Property Prediction
- Molecule Generation + Optimisation (our focus!).

[De Cao 2022, INSILICO] 🗗

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1.2 Molecule Representations



1.3 Molecule Evaluation



[Kim et al. 2021]

1.4 Graph Generation - Approaches

Paper	Authors	Year	Data	Classification
GraphVAE	Simonovsky et al.	2018	QM9, ZINC (2D)	VAE, <mark>A</mark> , <mark>ST</mark>
MolGAN	De Cao, Kipf	2018	QM9 (2D)	GAN (+), <mark>A</mark> , <mark>ST</mark>
GCPN	You et al.	2019	ZINC (2D)	RL, <mark>S</mark> , <mark>ST</mark>
ligan	Masuda et al.	2020	CrossDocked (3D)	Conv+GAN, A, LI
3D Generative Model	Luo et al.	2021	CrossDocked (3D)	Autoregressive, S, LI

Generation: All at once \rightarrow A, Sequentially \rightarrow S Target: Structure based \rightarrow ST, Ligand based \rightarrow LI

2. Variational Autoencoder



[Image Credit: Jeremy Jordan 2]

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2.1 Challenges

- Graph size is dynamic
- Number of predicted nodes \neq number of nodes ground truth \rightarrow how to calculate the loss?
- Node ordering (graphs are isomorphic)

2.2 GraphVAE



[Simonovsky and Komodakis 2018]

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2.3 Loss Function

$$\mathcal{L}(\phi,\theta;G) = \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(Z|G)}[-\log p_{\theta}(G|z)] + KL[q_{\phi}(z|G)||p(z)]$$
(1)

with

$$-\log p(G|z) = -\lambda_A \log p(A'|z) - \lambda_F \log p(F|z) - \lambda_E \log p(E|z)$$
(2)

[Simonovsky and Komodakis 2018]

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2.4 Challenges Addressed

Challenge	GraphVAE Approach
Dynamic Graph Size Number of predicted nodes \neq number of nodes ground truth Node Ordering	Fixed max graph size (k) Max Pooling Matching - polynomial:(Max Pooling Matching

2.5 Results I



- On average 50% of generated molecules are chemically valid.
- With larger embedding size the percentage of unique samples increases but accuracy decreases.
- About 60% of generated molecules are out of the data-set, i.e. the network has never seen them during training.

[Simonovsky and Komodakis 2018]

2.6 GraphVAE - Taking Stock

- Easy to train (especially in comparison to GANs)
- · Graph matching is computationally expensive and thus scalability limited
- 2D input and output as well as scalability might lessen relevance
- \rightarrow How can we use these molecules?

3. Ligand Identification





[Image Credit: Creative Proteomics Z,Luo et al. 2021]

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3.1 Overview



[Luo et al. 2021]

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3.2 A 3D Generative Model for Structure-Based Drug Design

Goal: Generate of a "set of atoms that is able to form a valid drug-like molecule fitting to a specific binding site".

We define the **binding site** as $C = (a_i, r_i)_{i=1}^{N_b}$, where N_b is the number of atoms in the binding site, a_i is the i-th atom's attributes and r_i is its 3D coordinate.

- 1. Context Encoder
- 2. Spatial Classifier
- 3. Sampling

[Luo et al. 2021]

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3.3 Context Encoder

The context encoder aims to create a representation that is both context aware and invariant to rotations as well as translations.

Input + Output

The **input** is a k-nearest neighbour graph (inter-atomic distances) denoted as $G = \langle C, A \rangle$.

The **output** are structure-aware node embeddings.

[Luo et al. 2021]

3.4 Spatial Classifier

The spatial classifier aims to predict the type of atom that occupies the position r, taking the context around r into account.

Input + Output

The **input** is a query position $r \in \mathbb{R}^3$. together with the atom embeddings from the context encoder:

$$v = \sum_{j \in N_k(r)} W_0 w_{\text{aggr}}(||r - r_j||) \odot W_1 h_j^{(L)}$$
(3)

$$c = \mathsf{MLP}(v) \tag{4}$$

$$p(e|r,C) = \frac{\exp(C[e])}{1 + \sum_{e' \in \mathcal{E}} \exp\left(c[e']\right)} = \mathsf{MLP}(v)$$
(5)

The **output** is given the position r and the binding site C the probability that we observe a certain type of atom e.

[Schütt et al. 2017; Luo et al. 2021]

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3.5 Auto-Regressive Sampling

Sampling Procedure

- 1. A joint distribution of an atom of a certain type e and the position r given the binding site C is defined (MCMC).
- 2. At each step one atom is sampled from the joint distribution taking into account the *t* atoms that have been sampled beforehand. This process is repeated until all sampled atoms are "non-frontier" (i.e. no space available anymore) and a binding molecule is obtained.
- 3. In the end, OpenBabel $\mathbb{C}^{\mathbf{r}}$ is used to generate final structures with bonds.

3.6 Auto-Regressive Sampling



[Luo et al. 2021]

3.7 Training I

Procedure

Mask random portion of target molecules during training and train with three loss functions:

- 1. L_{BCE} enables us to optimize for the prediction of a position that actually contains an atom.
- 2. L_{CAT} helps us to predict the chemical element of the atom.
- 3. L_F is necessary to make the sampling process stop. Note that F is the frontier network.

$$L = L_{\mathsf{BCE}} + L_{CAT} + L_F \tag{6}$$

[Luo et al. 2021]

3.8 Training II



[Luo et al. 2021]

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3.9 Results

Metric		liGAN	Ours	Ref	
Vina Score	Avg.	-6.144	-6.344	-7.158	
(kcal/mol, ↓)	Med.	-6.100	-6.200	-6.950	
QED (†)	Avg.	0.371	0.525	0.484	
	Med.	0.369	0.519	0.469	
SA (†)	Avg.	0.591	0.657	0.733	
	Med.	0.570	0.650	0.745	
High Affinity	Avg.	23.77	29.09		
(%, ↑)	Med.	11.00	18.50		
Diversity (†)	Avg. Med.	0.655 0.676	0.720 0.736	-	



[Luo et al. 2021]

4. A 3D Generative Model - Taking Stock

Positives

- High relevance and applicability
- Innovative use of existing approaches
- Recent paper with corresponding limitations in benchmarking

To remark

- Gaps persist in the paper's explanation of the normalization constant, encoder method used etc.
- · Limited reproducibility despite code published on Github
- Dependency on outside software (see OpenBabel)

5. Conclusion

- Generated molecules mostly small (<50 nodes).
- There is no clear winner in terms of architecture for graph generation.
- Exploration into 3D molecule representations and molecules present avenues for future research.

DISCUSSION



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BACKUP



Reparametrization Trick I



[Image Credit: Jeremy Jordan 2]

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Reparametrization Trick II



[Image Credit: Jeremy Jordan 2]

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Graph Matching

Approximate graph matching is used to **assign** nodes from \tilde{G} to nodes in *G*.

This gives us $X \in \{0, 1\}^{k \times n}$, where $X_{ij} = 1$ iff node $i \in \tilde{G}$ is assigned to node $j \in G$.

However, it is very **slow**.



GraphVAE - Results II

		$\log p_{ heta}(G \mathbf{z})$	ELBO	Valid	Accurate	Unique	Novel
Cond.	Ours $c = 20$	-0.578	-0.722	0.565	0.467	0.314	0.598
	Ours $c = 40$	-0.504	-0.617	0.511	0.416	0.484	0.635
	Ours $c = 60$	-0.492	-0.585	0.520	0.406	0.583	0.613
	Ours $c = 80$	-0.475	-0.557	0.458	0.353	0.666	0.661
Unconditional	Ours $c = 20$	-0.660	-0.916	0.485	0.485	0.457	0.575
	Ours $c = 40$	-0.537	-0.744	0.542	0.542	0.618	0.617
	Ours $c = 60$	-0.486	-0.656	0.517	0.517	0.695	0.570
	Ours $c = 80$	-0.482	-0.628	0.557	0.557	0.760	0.616
	NoGM $c = 80$	-2.388	-2.553	0.810	0.810	0.241	0.610
	CVAE $c = 60$	_	_	0.103	0.103	0.675	0.900
	GVAE $c = 20$	_	-	0.602	0.602	0.093	0.809

[Simonovsky and Komodakis 2018]

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Loss Functions Detail

Procedure

Mask random portion of target molecules during training and train with three loss functions:

$$L_{\mathsf{BCE}} = -\mathbb{E}_{r_+}[\log(1 - p(\mathsf{Nothing}|r, C))] - \mathbb{E}_{r \sim p_-}[\log p((\mathsf{Nothing}|r, C)]$$
(7)

$$L_{CAT} = -\mathbb{E}_{(e,r)\sim p_+}[\log p((e|r,C)]$$
(8)

$$L_F = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{F} \subseteq C} \log \sigma(F(h_i)) + \sum_{i \notin \mathcal{F} \subseteq C} \log(1 - \sigma(F(h_i)))$$
(9)

$$L = L_{\mathsf{BCE}} + L_{CAT} + L_F \tag{10}$$

[Luo et al. 2021]

Results II



