

# Neural P<sup>3</sup>M: A Long-Range Interaction Modeling Enhancer for Geometric GNNs

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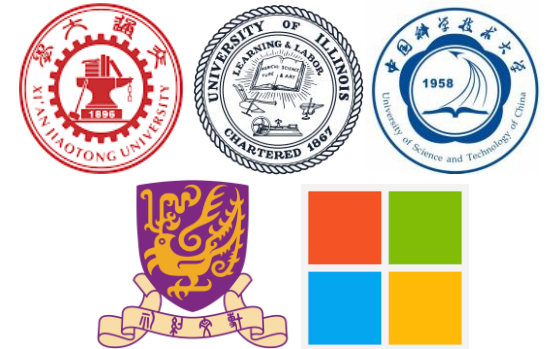
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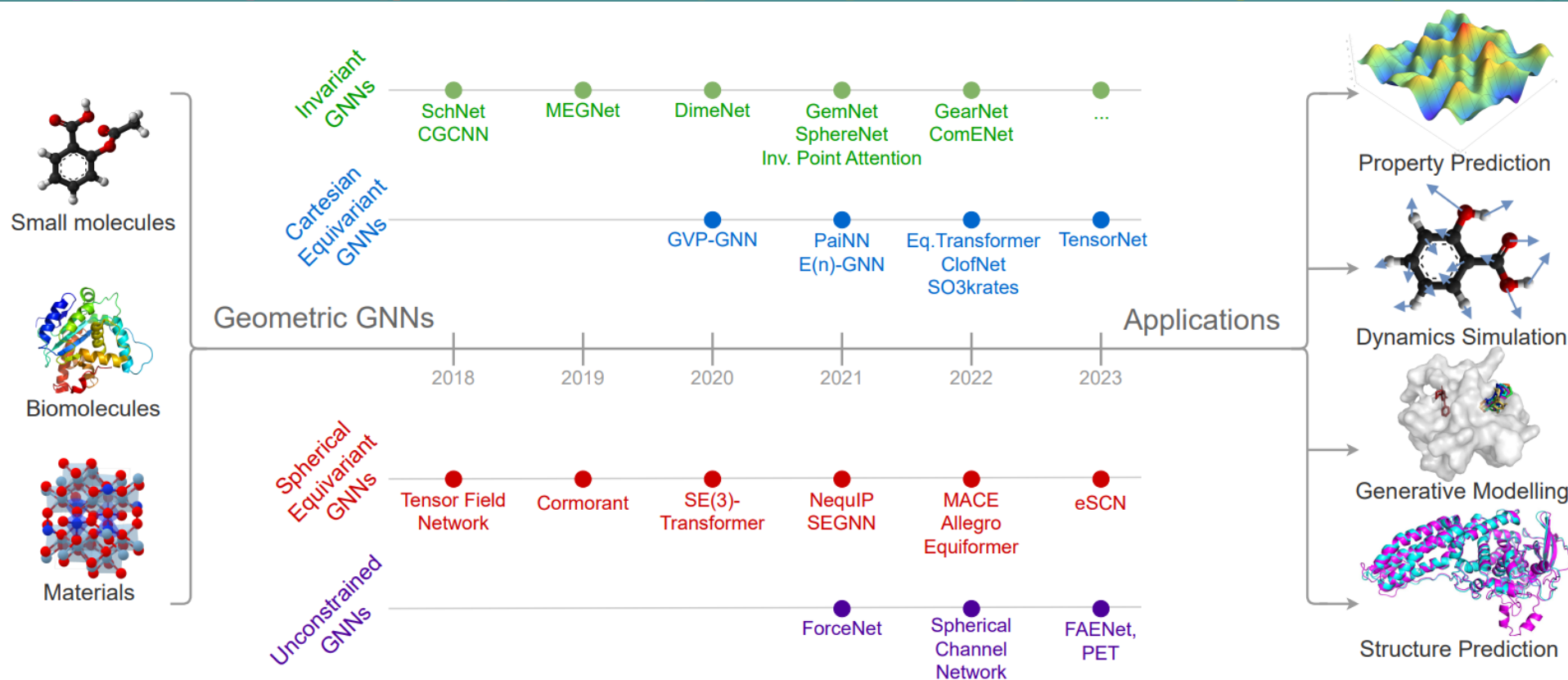
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# Background – Introduction to Geometric GNNs



- Geometric graph neural networks have emerged as powerful tools for modeling molecular geometry.
- However, they encounter **limitations in effectively capturing long-range interactions** in large molecular systems due to **the localization assumption of GNN**.

# Preliminary – Ewald Summation

Consider the pair-wise electrostatic potential as  $\psi(r_{ij}) = 1/\|r_{ij}\|_2$ . The total electrostatic potential energy  $E$  can be evaluated as the infinite summation over pairs under the periodic boundary condition (PBC) as:

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N{}' \iint \rho_i(\mathbf{r}) \rho_j(\mathbf{r}') \psi(\|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{c}\|_2) d^3\mathbf{r} d^3\mathbf{r}' = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \int \rho_i(\mathbf{r}) \phi_{[i]}(\mathbf{r}) d^3\mathbf{r}$$

- $\rho_i(\mathbf{r})$  is charge density.
- $\mathbf{c}$  is the cell vector.
- $N$  is the number of atoms in a cell.
- The ' summation is introduced to exclude the term  $j = i$ , if and only if  $\mathbf{n} = 0$ .  $\phi_{[i]}(\mathbf{r})$  represents the potential generated by all particles excluding the particle  $i$ .

A continuous partition function that decays rapidly with respect to the distance is used to separate the short-range and long-range terms:

$$\psi^{\text{sr}}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1 - \text{erf}(\beta \|\mathbf{r}\|_2)}{\|\mathbf{r}\|_2}, \psi^{\text{lr}}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\text{erf}(\beta \|\mathbf{r}\|_2)}{\|\mathbf{r}\|_2}$$

# Preliminary – Ewald Summation

With the rapid decay of the partition function, it is safe to assume convergence by only considering the interaction pairs within a specific cutoff distance as:

$$E^{\text{sr}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \int \rho_i(\mathbf{r}) \phi_{[i]}^{\text{sr}}(\mathbf{r}) d^3 \mathbf{r} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} q_i q_j \psi^{\text{sr}}(\mathbf{r}_{ij})$$

By the Parseval's theorem, the corresponding long-range term can be expressed as the summation in the Fourier domain as:

$$E^{\text{lr}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \int \rho_i(\mathbf{r}) \phi_{[i]}^{\text{lr}}(\mathbf{r}) d^3 \mathbf{r} = \frac{1}{2V} \sum_{\mathbf{m} \neq 0} \tilde{g}(\mathbf{m}) \tilde{\gamma}(\mathbf{m}) \|\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{m})\|_2^2$$

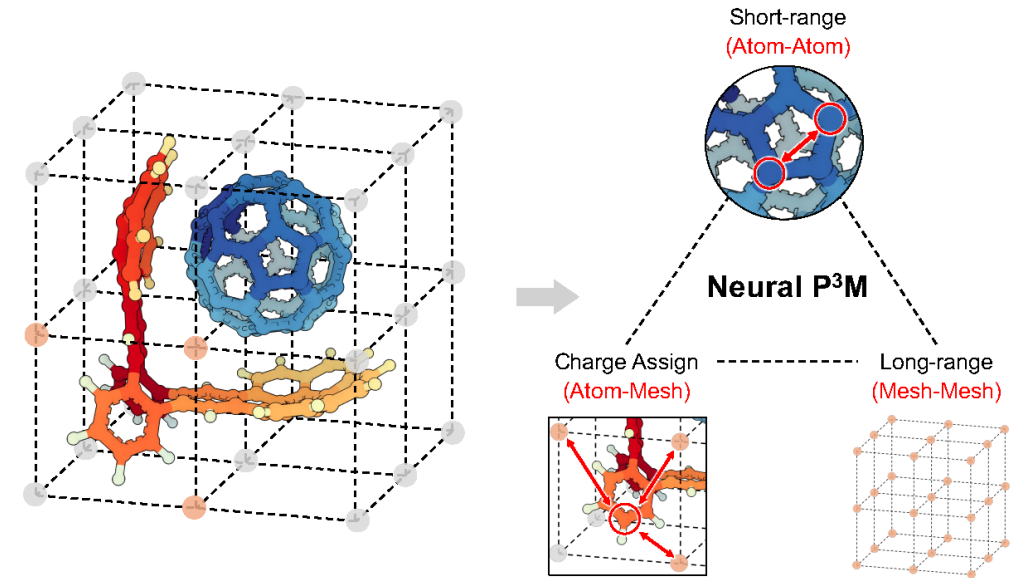
Using the convolution theory:  $E^{\text{lr}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N q_j [g \otimes \gamma \otimes \rho](\mathbf{r}_j) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N q_j [G \otimes \rho](\mathbf{r}_j)$

As the long-range term introduces the self-interaction energy, a correction term is also applied to the final potential energy as:

$$E^{\text{self}} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \rho_i(\mathbf{r}) \phi_i^{\text{lr}}(\mathbf{r}) d^3 \mathbf{r} = -\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{i=1}^N q_i^2$$

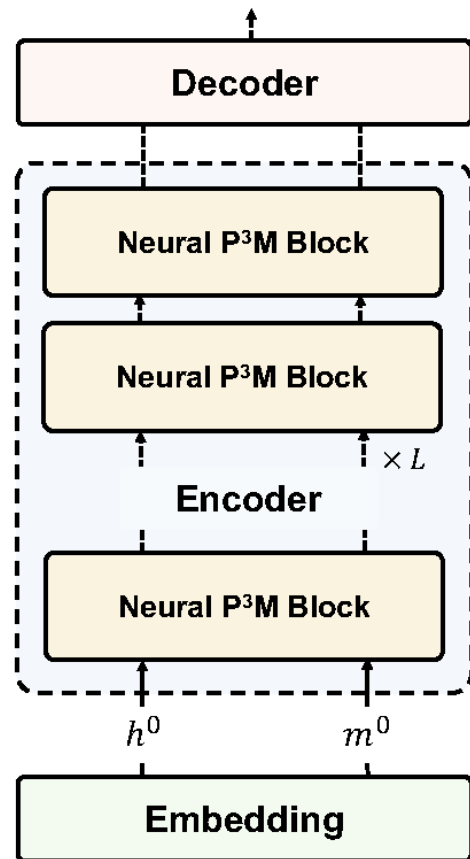
# Methods – Meshing up the Ewald Summation with the Trainable Version

- Particles with their continuous coordinates, must be scattered onto grid-based densities (meshes) [1].
- The discrete approximation for  $E^{\text{lr}}$  can be expressed as [2]
- Reimage the traditional mathematical operations in mesh-based methods in a trainable manner, laying the foundation of Neural P<sup>3</sup>M framework.

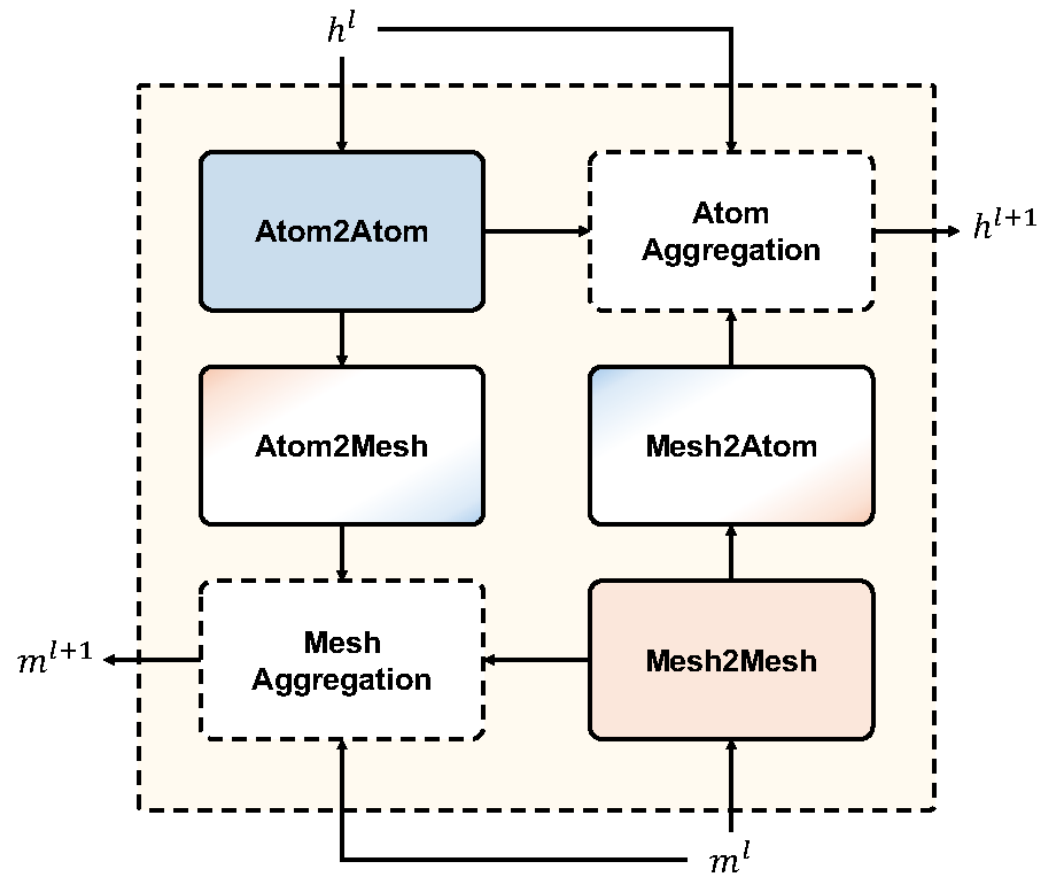


	Meshing up Methods	Neural Network
Short-range Block	$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} q_i q_j \psi^{\text{sr}}(\mathbf{r}_{ij})$	Geometric GNNs
Charge/Representation Assignment	$\rho_M(\mathbf{r}_p) = \frac{1}{V_{\text{grid}}} \sum_{i=1}^N q_i W(\mathbf{r}_p - \mathbf{r}_i) \text{ [1]}$	$(m \leftarrow a)_i^l = \text{MLP}(\tilde{h}_j^l \cdot W_{m \leftarrow a}^l f_{ij}^{\text{assign}})$
Long-range Block	$E^{\text{lr}} \approx \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{r}_p \in \mathcal{V}} V_{\text{grid}} \rho_M(\mathbf{r}_p) [G \otimes \rho_M](\mathbf{r}_p) \text{ [2]}$	$\tilde{m}^l \leftarrow \sigma(W^{\text{long}} m^l + (\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\tilde{G} \cdot \mathcal{F}))(m^l))$

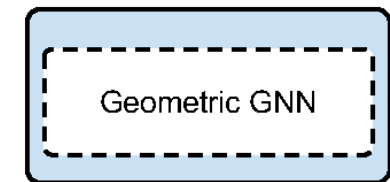
# Methods – Overall Neural P<sup>3</sup>M framework architecture



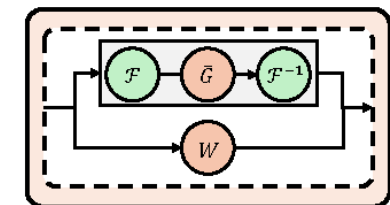
(a) Model Architecture



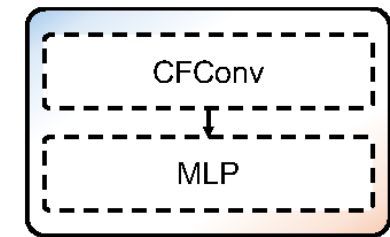
(b) Neural P<sup>3</sup>M Block



(c) Short-range Block



(d) Long-range Block



(e) Repr. Assignment



# Experiments – MD22

Mean absolute errors (MAE) of energy and forces on 7 large molecules in MD22 datasets compared with state-of-the-art algorithms

Molecule	Diameter (Å)		sGDML	SO3KRATES	Allegro	Equiformer	MACE	ViSNet			
								Baseline	Ewald	LSRM	Neural P <sup>3</sup> M
Ac-Ala3-NHMe	10.75	energy	0.3902	0.337	0.1019	0.0828	<b>0.0620</b>	0.0796	0.0775	0.0654	0.0719
		forces	0.7968	0.244	0.1068	0.0804	0.0876	0.0972	0.0814	0.0902	<b>0.0788</b>
DHA	14.58	energy	1.3117	0.379	0.1153	0.1788	0.1317	0.1526	0.0932	0.0873	<b>0.0712</b>
		forces	0.7474	0.242	0.0732	<b>0.0506</b>	0.0646	0.0668	0.0664	0.0598	0.0679
Stachyose	13.87	energy	4.0497	0.442	0.2485	0.1404	0.1244	0.1283	0.1089	0.1055	<b>0.0856</b>
		forces	0.6744	0.435	0.0971	<b>0.0635</b>	0.0876	0.0869	0.0976	0.0767	0.0940
AT-AT	17.63	energy	0.7235	0.178	0.1428	0.1309	0.1093	0.1688	0.1487	0.0772	<b>0.0714</b>
		forces	0.6911	0.216	0.0952	0.0960	0.0992	0.1070	0.0885	0.0781	<b>0.0740</b>
AT-AT-CG-CG	21.29	energy	1.3885	0.345	0.3933	0.1510	0.1578	0.1995	0.1571	0.1135	<b>0.1124</b>
		forces	0.7028	0.332	0.1280	0.1252	0.1153	0.1563	0.1115	0.1063	<b>0.0993</b>
Buckyball catcher	15.89	energy	1.1962	0.381	0.5258	0.3978	0.4812	0.4421	0.3575	0.4220	<b>0.3543</b>
		forces	0.6820	0.237	0.0887	0.1114	0.0853	0.1335	0.0989	0.1026	<b>0.0846</b>
Double-walled nanotube	32.39	energy	4.0122	0.993	2.2097	1.1945	1.6553	1.0339	0.7909	1.8230	<b>0.7751</b>
		forces	0.5231	0.727	0.3428	0.2747	0.2767	0.3959	0.2875	0.3391	<b>0.2561</b>

- **Flexibility.** Neural P3M is well-suited for a wide range of molecular systems without constraints, whereas LSRM relies on fragmentation algorithms like BRICS.

# Experiments – OE62

Model	Variant	OE62-val		OE62-test		Forward Pass		Forward & Backward Pass	
		MAE meV ↓	Rel. % ↑	MAE meV ↓	Rel. % ↑	Runtime ms/struct. ↓	Rel. % ↓	Runtime ms/struct. ↓	Rel. % ↓
SchNet	Baseline	133.5	-	131.3	-	<b>0.13</b>	-	<b>0.28</b>	-
	Embeddings	144.7	-8.4	136.7	-4.1	0.14	15.2	0.33	17.8
	Cutoff	257.4	-92.8	254.8	-94.1	0.14	13.6	0.31	11.6
	SchNet-LR	86.6	35.1	89.2	32.1	0.32	156.0	0.75	171.7
	Ewald	79.2	40.7	81.1	38.2	0.70	461.6	1.03	271.4
	Neural P <sup>3</sup> M	<b>70.2</b>	<b>47.4</b>	<b>69.1</b>	<b>47.4</b>	0.37	184.6	0.57	103.6
PaiNN	Baseline	61.4	-	63.3	-	<b>1.52</b>	-	<b>3.16</b>	-
	Embeddings	63.5	-3.4	63.1	-0.2	1.54	1.4	3.28	3.8
	Cutoff	65.1	-6.0	64.4	-2.2	1.84	20.9	3.91	23.6
	SchNet-LR	58.3	5.1	58.2	7.7	1.84	20.7	4.21	33.1
	Ewald	57.9	5.7	59.7	5.7	2.29	50.5	4.57	44.4
	Neural P <sup>3</sup> M	<b>54.1</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>16.4</b>	2.17	42.8	4.19	32.6
DimeNet++	Baseline	51.2	-	53.8	-	<b>1.99</b>	-	<b>4.26</b>	-
	Embeddings	50.4	1.6	53.4	0.7	2.25	12.9	4.93	15.8
	Cutoff	48.3	5.7	48.1	10.6	2.68	34.7	6.10	43.4
	SchNet-LR	51.4	-0.5	54.4	-1.1	2.37	19.0	4.73	11.2
	Ewald	46.5	9.2	48.1	10.6	2.70	35.5	5.93	39.5
	Neural P <sup>3</sup> M	<b>40.9</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>22.9</b>	3.11	56.3	5.62	31.9
GemNet-T	Baseline	51.5	-	53.1	-	<b>3.07</b>	-	<b>6.96</b>	-
	Embeddings	52.7	-2.3	53.9	-1.5	3.11	1.5	6.98	0.4
	Cutoff	47.8	7.2	47.7	10.2	4.02	31.2	8.88	27.7
	SchNet-LR	51.2	0.6	52.8	0.5	3.32	8.3	7.73	11.1
	Ewald	47.4	8.0	47.5	10.5	4.05	32.0	8.86	27.4
	Neural P <sup>3</sup> M	<b>47.2</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>47.4</b>	<b>10.7</b>	3.93	28.0	7.71	10.8

Energy MAEs and computation times per input structure on the OE62 dataset when integrating various GNNs into Neural P<sup>3</sup>M

- **Enhancement and Versatility.** Combined with various models, Neural P<sup>3</sup>M shows a consistent improvement.
- **Efficiency.** Thanks to fast Fourier transformation, Neural P<sup>3</sup>M is faster than Ewald MP in most cases.



Thanks