

# Unified Guidance for Geometry-Conditioned Molecular Generation

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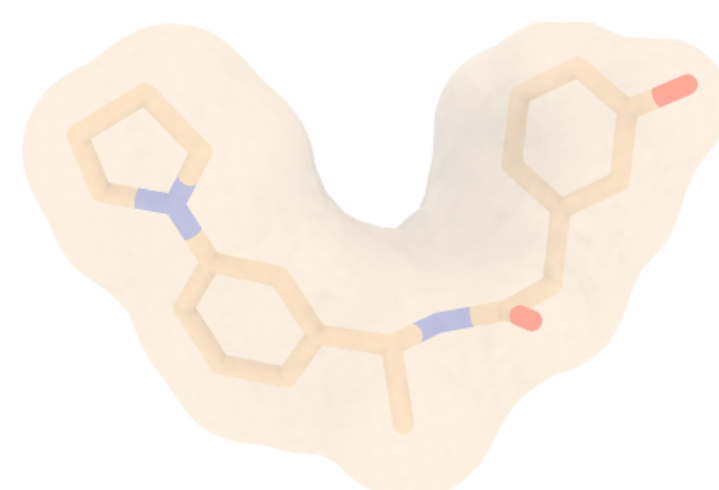
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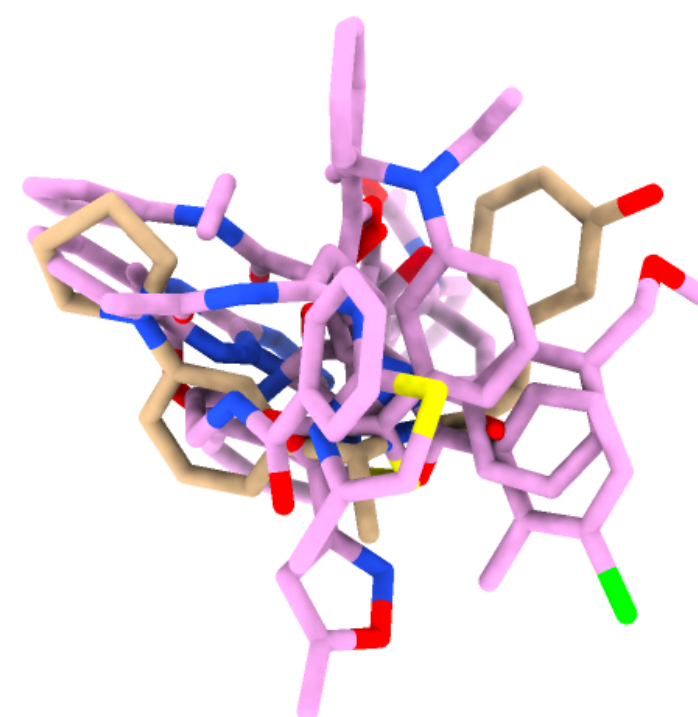
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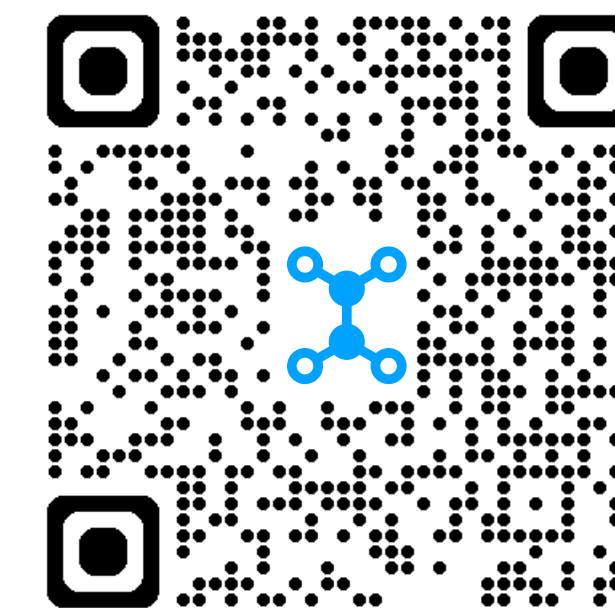
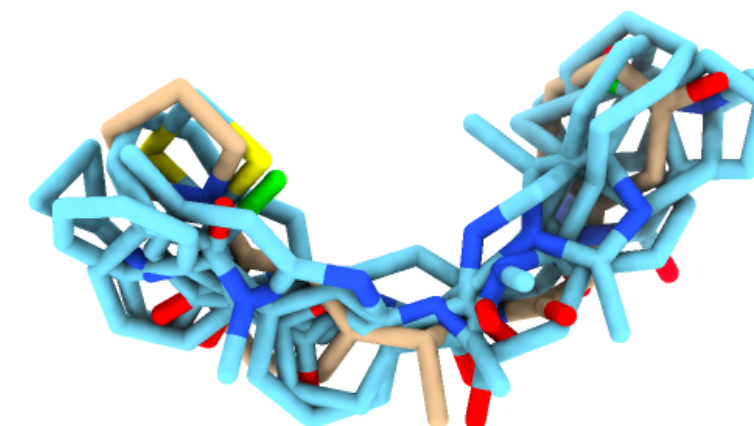
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Unconditional Samples



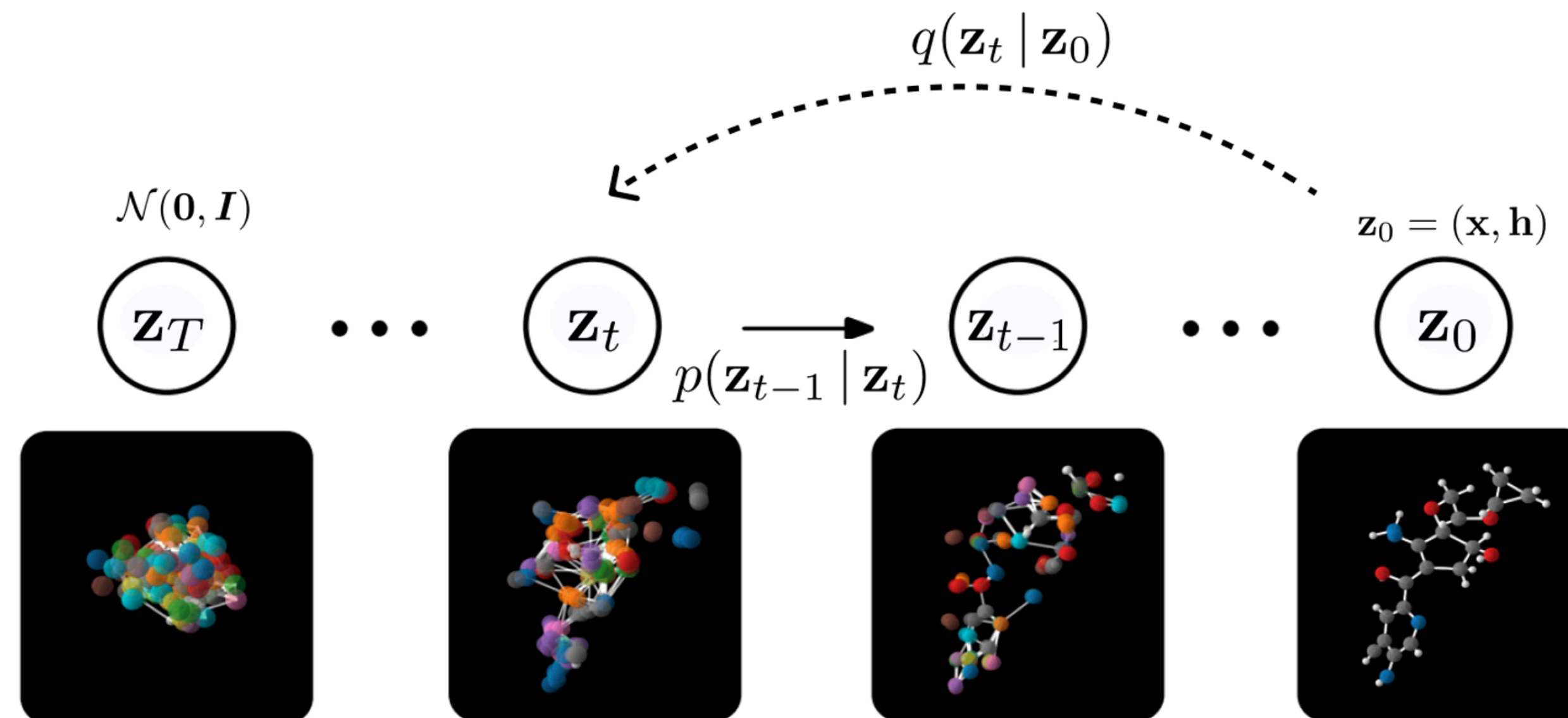
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# Diffusion models for drug design

## Equivariant (unconditional) diffusion model for 3D molecule generation

- coordinates:  $\mathbf{x}$
- atom types:  $\mathbf{h}$
- configuration:  $\mathbf{z}$

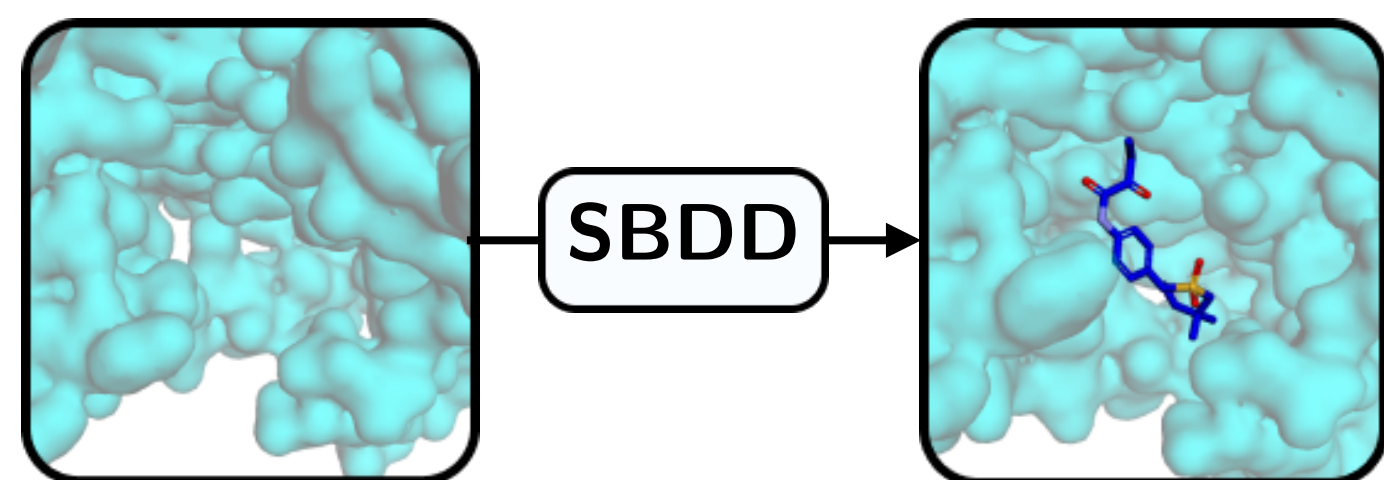


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# Diffusion models for drug design

Extending unconditional diffusion models for molecules to various conditioning tasks

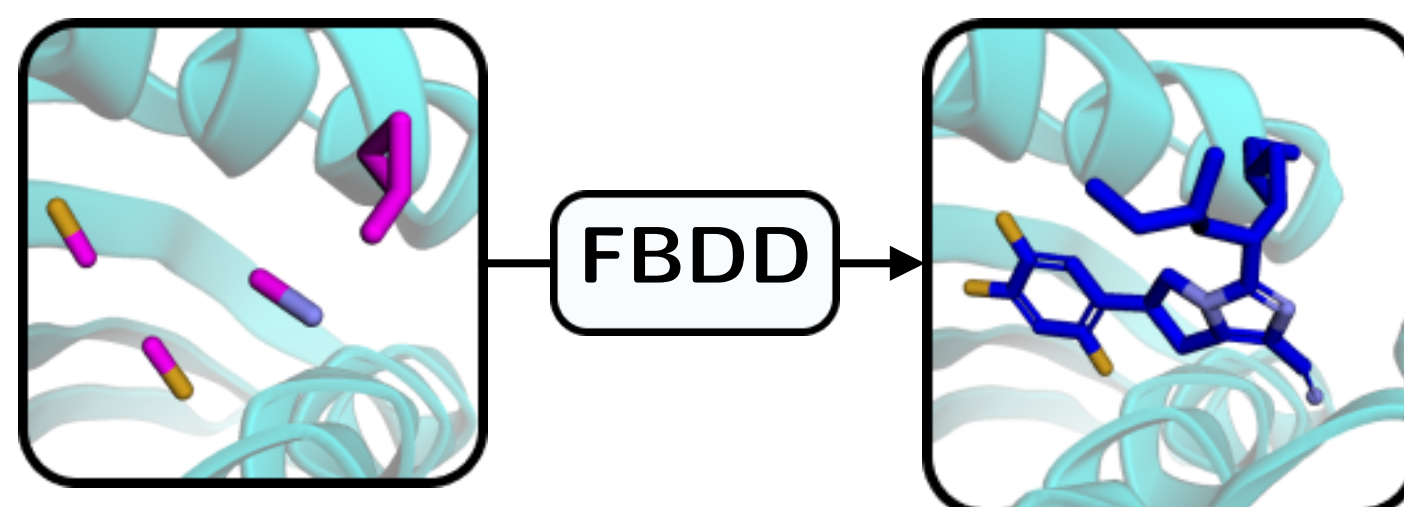
## Structure-Based Drug Design



Protein

Generate a molecule that **binds to the protein**

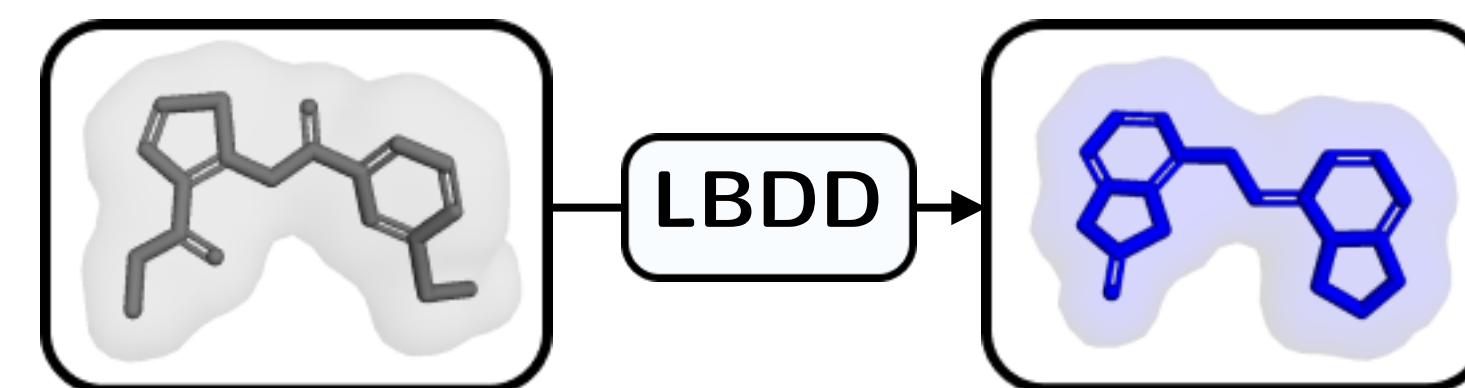
## Fragment-Based Drug Design



Protein & Fragments

Generate a molecule that **contains the fragments & binds to the protein**

## Ligand-Based Drug Design



Molecular Surface  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{ref}}$

Generate a novel molecule that **satisfies the shape**

# Controlling diffusion models

Previous diffusion-based methods are limited to a single drug design task

## Conditional Diffusion Models

Previous Work

- ✗ Require conditional training per task
- ✗ Require task-specific data
- ✗ Extra training might be required to find a suitable condition representation

## Guiding Diffusion Models

- ✓ Does not require extra training
- ✗ Requires external model for guidance
- ✗ External model has to be trained on noisy states of the diffusion process



# Self-guiding diffusion models

Incorporating the condition  $\mathbf{c}$  to the unconditional model  $\epsilon_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}_t, t)$  during inference

Bayes' rule

$$p_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{c}) = \frac{p_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}_t) p_{\theta}(\mathbf{c} | \mathbf{z}_t)}{p(\mathbf{c})}$$

Score function

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}_t} \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{c}) = \underbrace{\nabla_{\mathbf{z}_t} \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}_t)}_{-\frac{\epsilon_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}_t, t)}{\sqrt{1-\bar{\alpha}_t}}} + S \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_t} \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{c} | \mathbf{z}_t)$$

Guided diffusion model

$$\hat{\epsilon}_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}_t, t, \mathbf{c}) = \epsilon_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}_t, t) - \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} S \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_t} \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{c} | \mathbf{z}_t)$$

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Assumption

$$p_\theta(\mathbf{c} | \mathbf{z}_t) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{c} | \mathbf{f}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t), \mathbf{I})$$

Use clean data point approximation

$$\mathbf{f}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t) = \frac{\mathbf{z}_t - \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \epsilon_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t)}{\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}} =: \hat{\mathbf{z}}_0$$

Guiding signal reduces to squared error

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}_t} \log p_\theta(\mathbf{c} | \mathbf{z}_t) = -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_t} \|\epsilon_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t) - \mathbf{c}\|_2^2$$

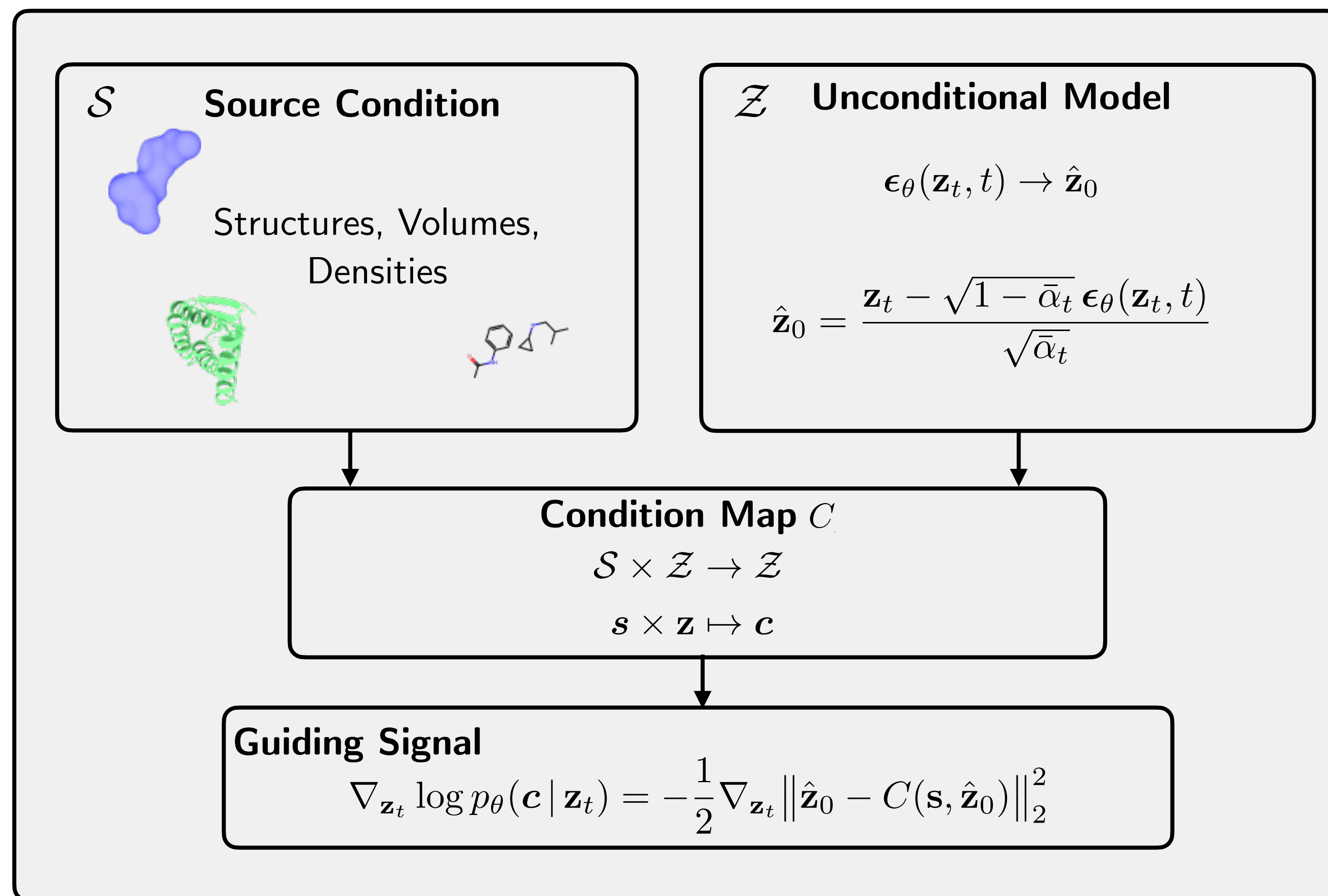
⚡ The condition must lie in the configuration space

Self-guided diffusion model

$$\hat{\epsilon}_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t, \mathbf{c}) = \epsilon_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t) + \lambda_t S \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_t} \|\hat{\mathbf{z}}_0 - \mathbf{c}\|_2^2$$

# UniGuide: A unified guidance framework

The condition map transforms arbitrary source conditions to suitable guidance targets



## UniGuide

- ✓ No re-training required
- ✓ Does not break equivariance
- ✓ Works in a low-data regime
- ✓ Readily adaptable to various drug design tasks
- ✓ No external models

# UniGuide: A unified guidance framework

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## Surface Condition Map (LBDD)

Sample points  $\mathbf{y}$  from the surface

$$C_{\partial V} : \mathbb{R}^{K \times 3} \times \mathbb{R}^{N \times 3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N \times 3}$$
$$\mathbf{y} \times \hat{\mathbf{x}}_0 \mapsto \mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{x}},$$

Compute projection on surface from closest neighbours

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$$\text{with } \mathcal{N}_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i} = \arg \min_{I \subset \{1, \dots, K\}, |I|=k} \sum_{j \in I} \|R_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_0} \mathbf{y}_j - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i\|_2$$

Compute the (point-wise) target condition

$$\mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{x},i} = \begin{cases} \bar{\mathbf{y}}_i + \frac{\alpha}{d} (\bar{\mathbf{y}}_i - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i), & \text{if } \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i \text{ outside } V \\ \bar{\mathbf{y}}_i - \frac{\alpha}{d} (\bar{\mathbf{y}}_i - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i), & \text{if } \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i \text{ inside } V \wedge d < \alpha \\ \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

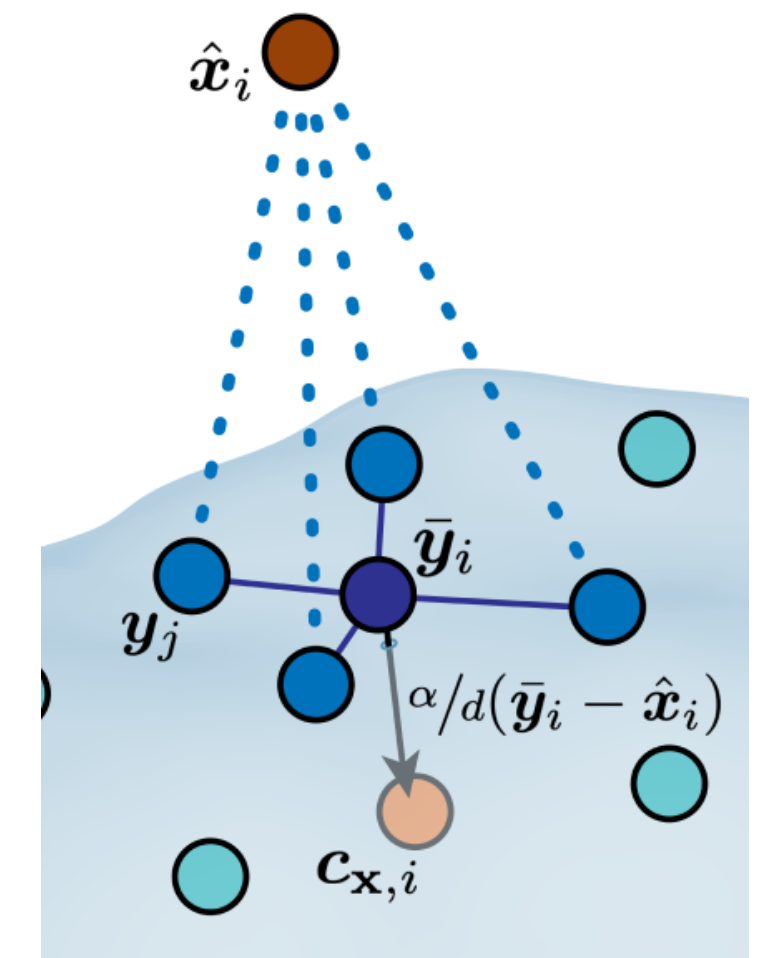


Figure: Surface Condition Map  $C_{\partial V}$ : For every atom  $\mathbf{x}_i$ , the closest surface points  $\mathbf{y}_j$  are computed.



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## Special Case $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{Z}$

Ensure equivariant update

$$C_{\mathcal{Z}} : \mathbb{R}^{m \times (3+d)} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times (3+d)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m \times (3+d)}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{z}} \times \hat{\mathbf{z}}_0^A \mapsto T_{\hat{\mathbf{z}}_0^A} \tilde{\mathbf{z}}$$

### SBDD

$$C_{\mathcal{Z}}(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}^{\mathcal{P}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}_t^{\mathcal{P}}) = T_{\hat{\mathbf{z}}_t^{\mathcal{P}}} \tilde{\mathbf{z}}^{\mathcal{P}}$$

### FBDD

$$C_{\mathcal{Z}}(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}^{\mathcal{A}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}_t^{\mathcal{A}}) = T_{\hat{\mathbf{z}}_t^{\mathcal{A}}} \tilde{\mathbf{z}}^{\mathcal{A}}$$

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{P} \cup \mathcal{F}$$

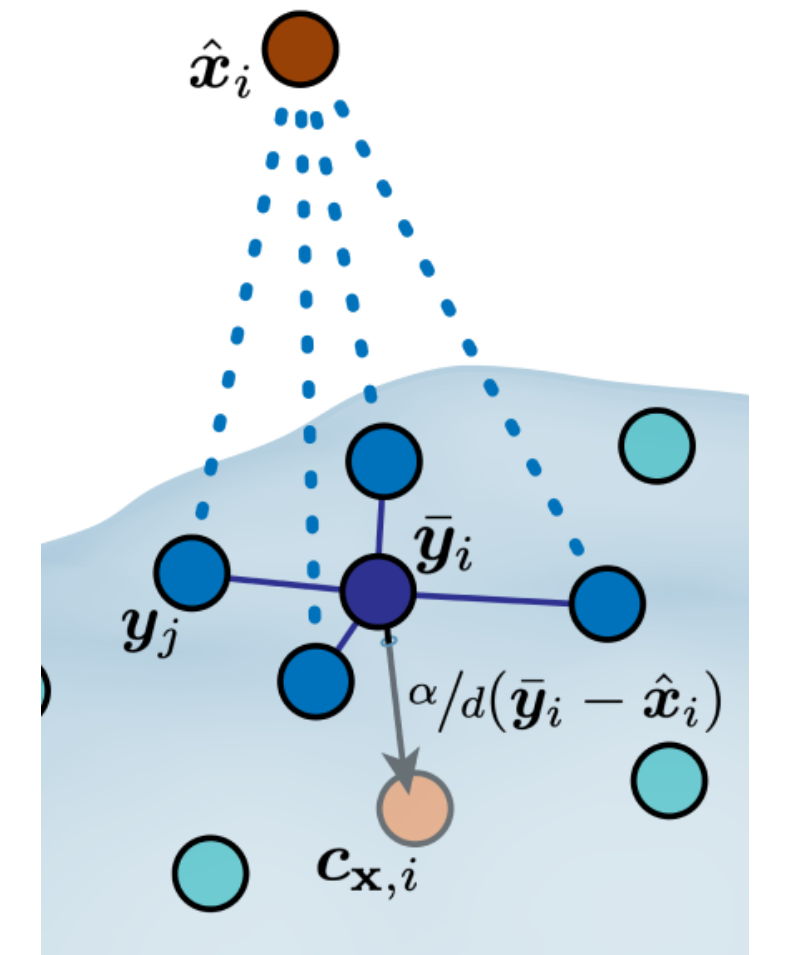
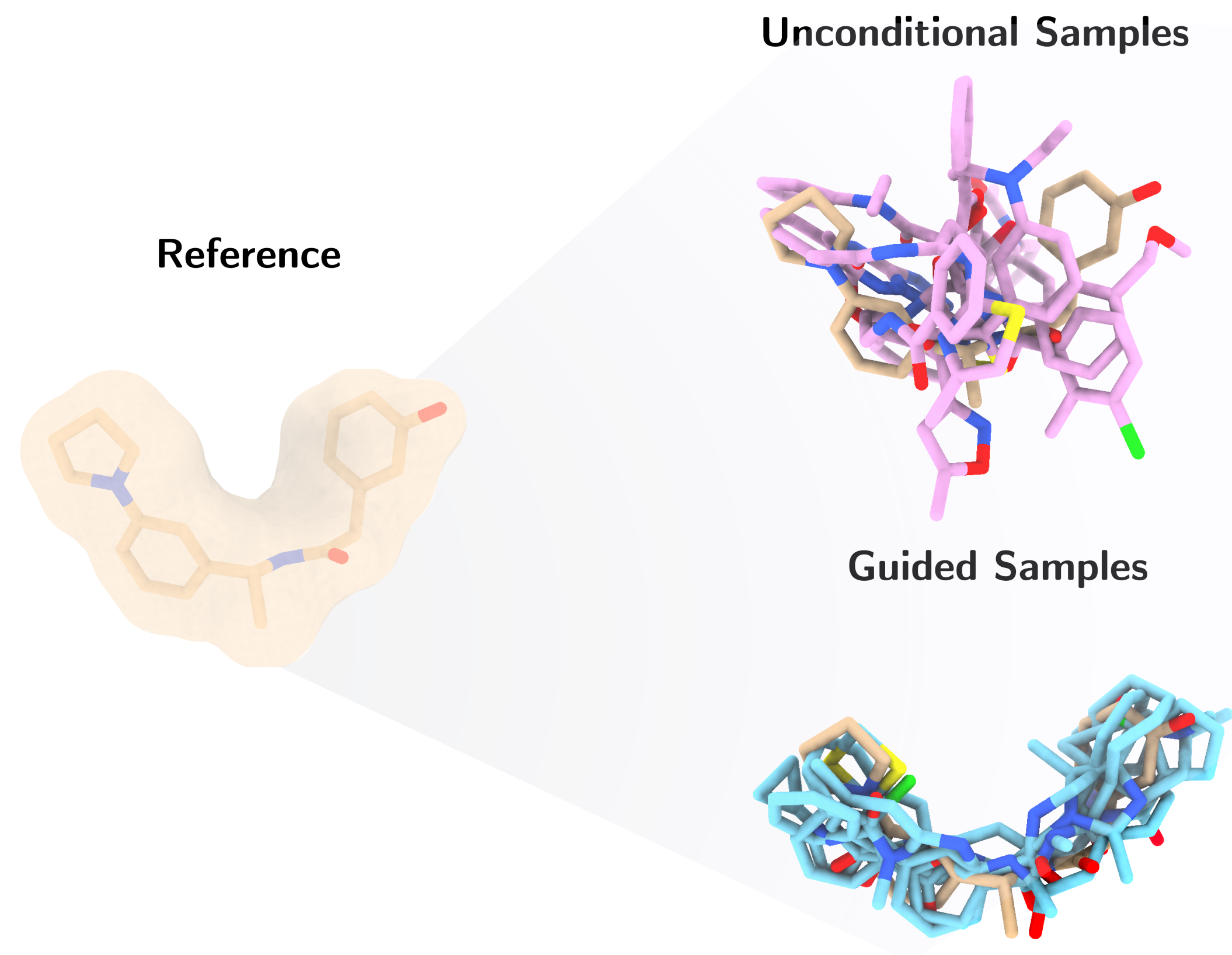


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# Results: Ligand-Based Drug Design

Guiding an off-the-shelf EDM model for LBDD shows superior performance, even to Virtual Screening.

	SimS ( $\uparrow$ )	MaxSimS ( $\uparrow$ )	SimG ( $\downarrow$ )	Ratio ( $\uparrow$ )
Virtual Screening	0.729	0.807	0.226	3.226
ShapeMol	0.677	0.797	<b>0.239</b>	2.834
ShapeMol+g	0.744	0.849	0.242	3.074
<b>UniGuide (ShapeMol [U])</b>	0.726	0.827	0.248	2.927
<b>UniGuide (ShapeMol)</b>	<b><u>0.760</u></b>	<b><u>0.857</u></b>	0.240	<b><u>3.167</u></b>
<b>UniGuide (EDM)</b>	0.749	<u>0.860</u>	<u>0.212</u>	<u>3.536</u>

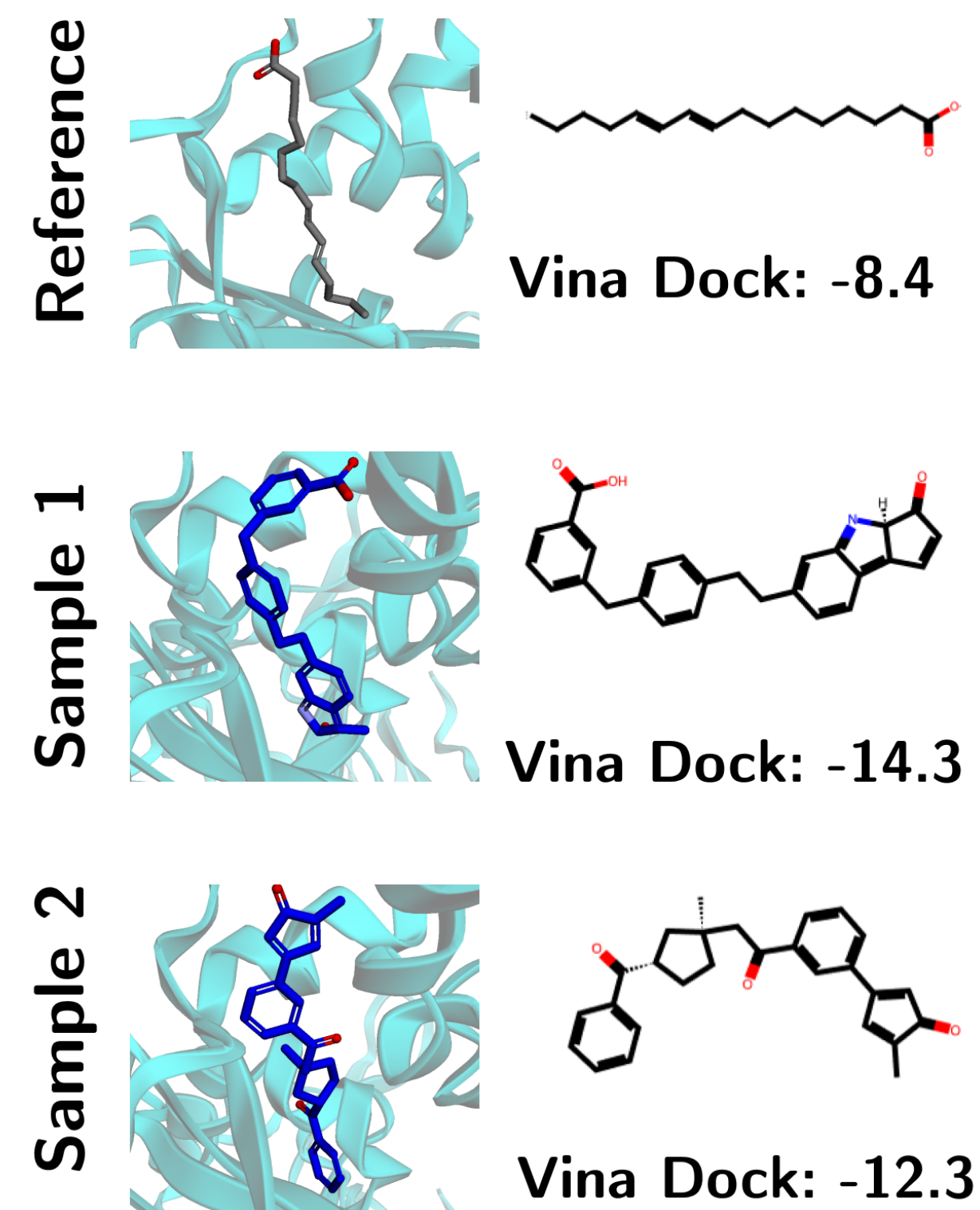


# Results: Structure-Based Drug Design

UniGuide outperforms different diffusion-based conditioning approaches.

Quantitative Comparison on CrossDocked. We highlight in **bold** the best approach given the same backbone and underline the best approach overall.

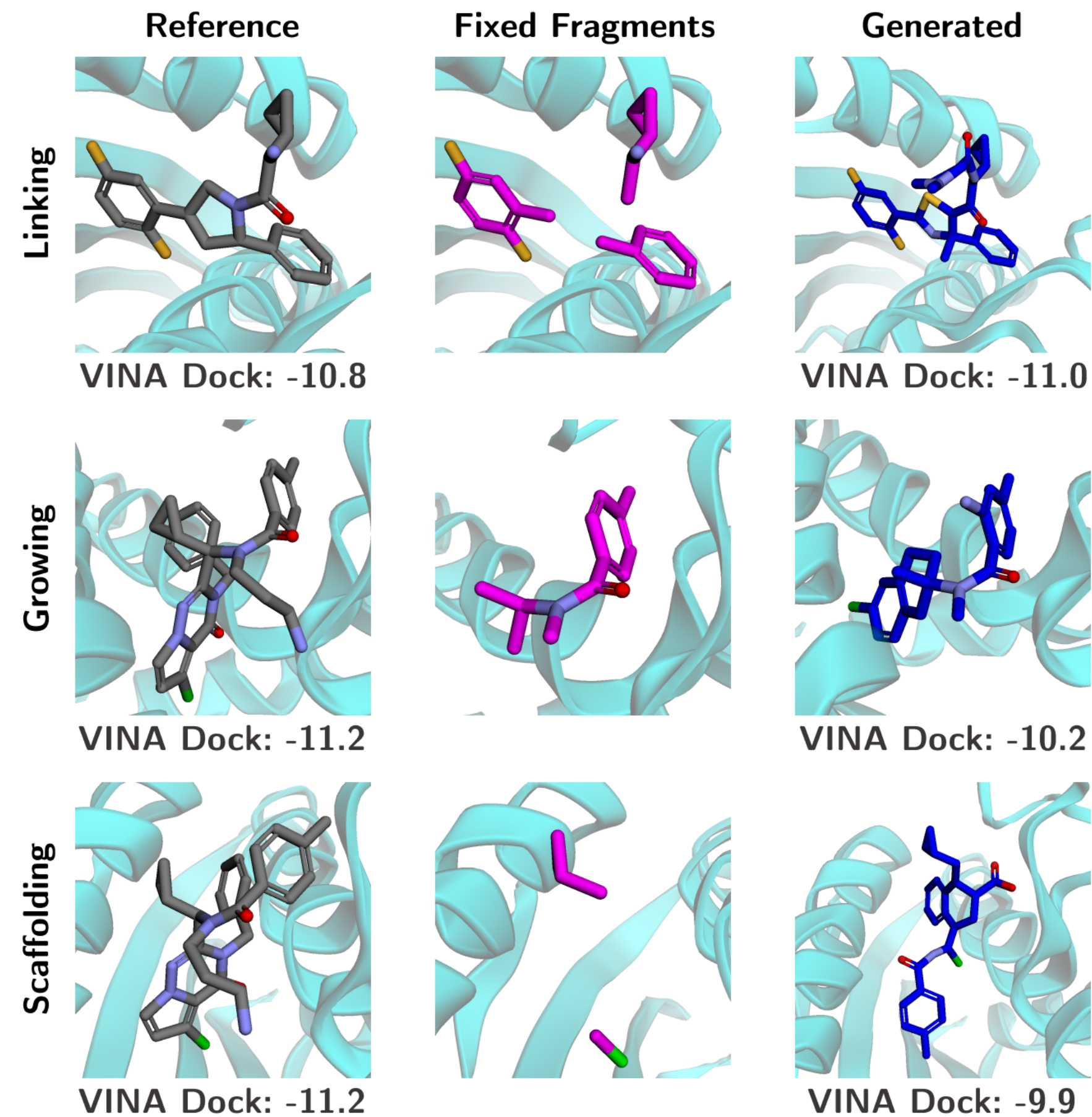
	Vina Score (↓)	Vina Min (↓)	Vina Dock (↓)	QED (↑)
Test set	-6.362	-6.707	-7.450	0.48
DecompDiff	-4.750	-6.170	—	—
TargetDiff	<u>-5.466</u>	<u>-6.643</u>	-7.802	0.48
DiffSBDD-cond	-3.684	-4.670	-6.941	0.47
DiffSBDD	-4.097	-6.306	-7.889	<u>0.57</u>
<b>UniGuide</b>	<b>-5.103</b>	<b>-6.610</b>	<u><b>-7.921</b></u>	<u><b>0.57</b></u>





# Results: Fragment-Based Drug Design

UniGuide is readily applicable to various FBDD settings in a unified fashion





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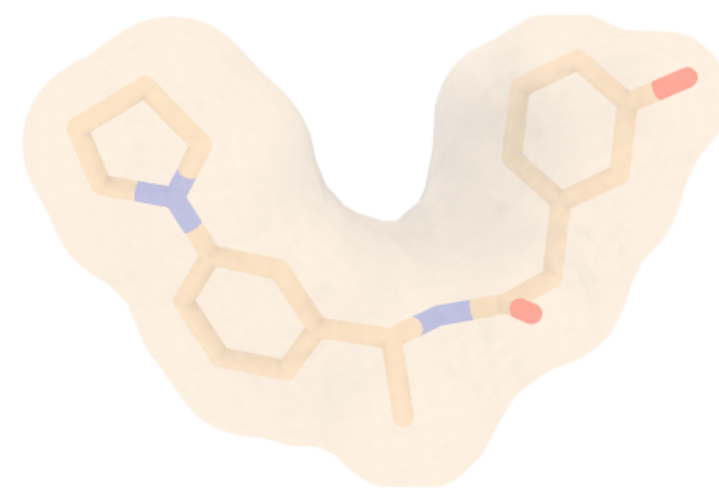
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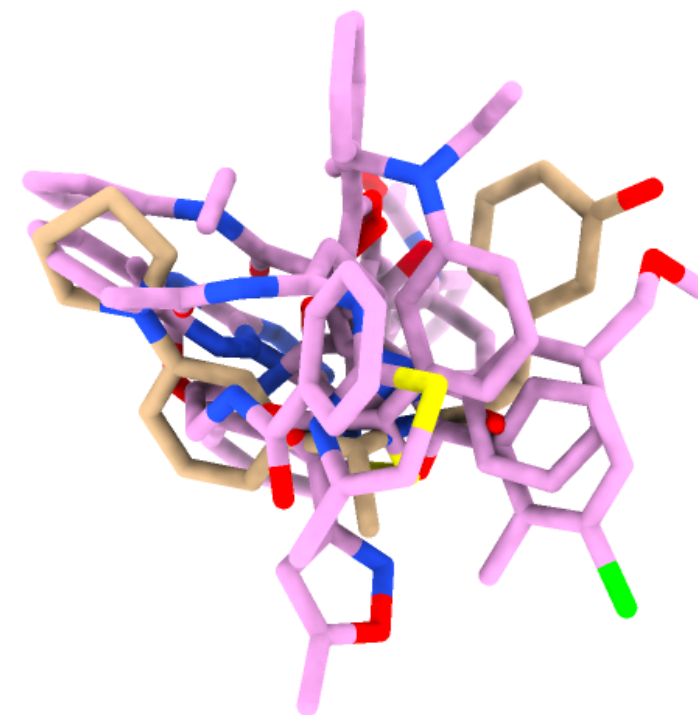
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