

Structure-Based Drug Design with Multi-Task Learning and Data Augmentation

Training vHTS models that care about poses



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Structure-based drug discovery

The Atomwise story



Data

Docked Complex

ML

Prediction

Deep Learning in Structure-Based Drug Discovery

3D grid-based and Graph-based neural networks



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Structure-based models

It is assumed that with structural data available, a model can learn ligand-receptor interactions and this knowledge will carry to new targets and novel chemical spaces.

Pose-sensitivity enables:

- 1. Targeting novel and allosteric sites
- 2. Rational drug design and lead optimization
- 3. Visualize neural networks



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Test set

• A set of 12 target proteins spanning diverse chemical space and protein folds

Training set

 Atomwise internal bioactivity data with the test set targets excluded (including close homologs)



From single-task to multi-task model



¹ Adrian Morrison, https://blog.atomwise.com/behind-the-ai-reconfiguring-key-code-to-supercharge-molecular-docking

² Kate Stafford *et al.*, "Modeling protein flexibility with conformational sampling improves ligand pose and bioactivity prediction", ACS Fall 2019

Multi-task network with conditioned tasks and data augmentation



Multi-task learning with data-augmentation lead to pose-sensitive DL models



Physically implausible and poor poses are penalized

Models can grade the penalty based on how bad the pose is



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Key takeaways

- Pose-sensitivity is essential for screening non-primary (allosteric) binding sites and rational compound optimization
- A combination of multi-task learning and data-augmentation enables training of pose-sensitive models
- Pose-sensitive models offer new possibilities towards better generalizability of the DL models

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