

# AI-driven structure-based drug discovery using generative equivariant diffusion

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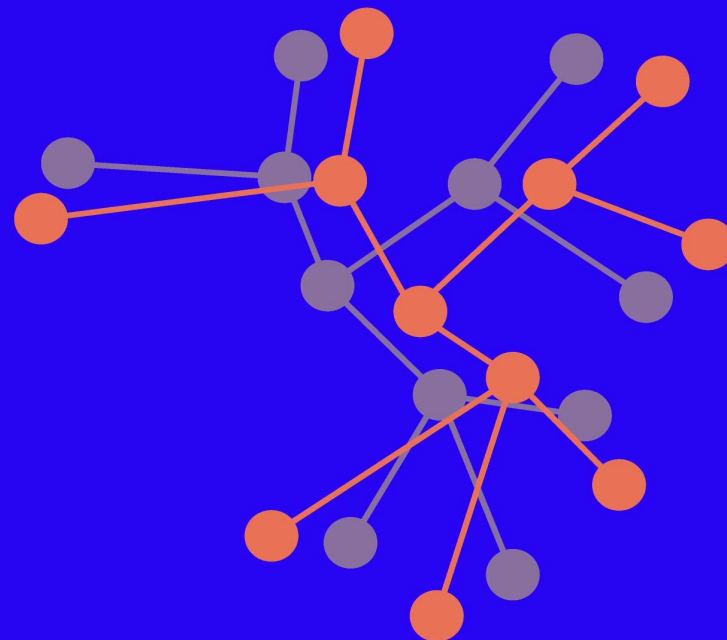
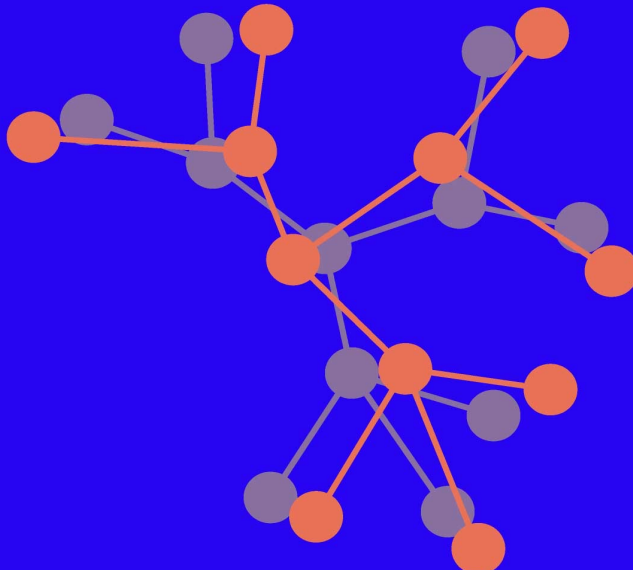
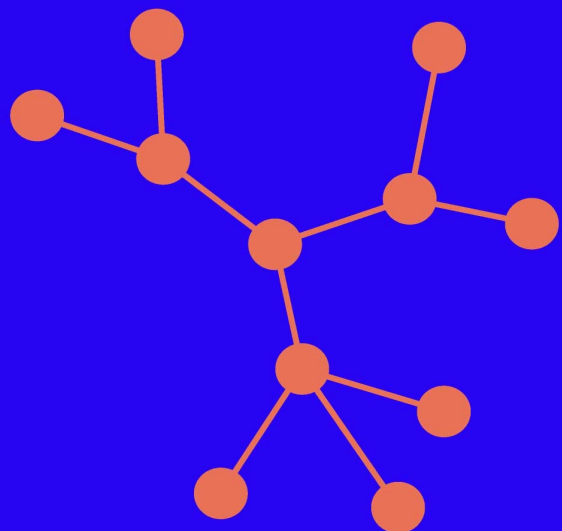
**Diffusion?**  
**Equivariance?**

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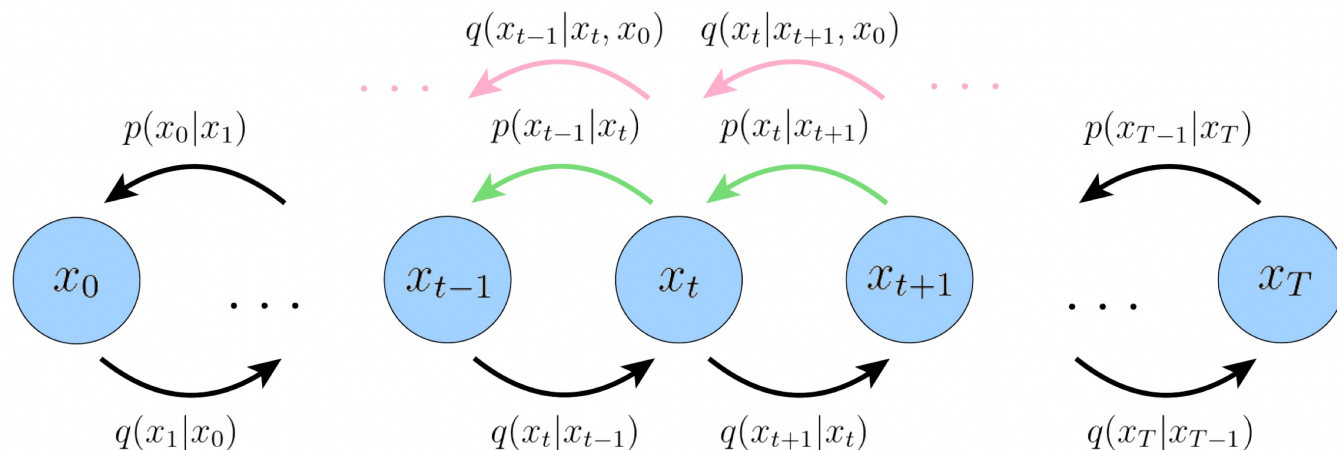
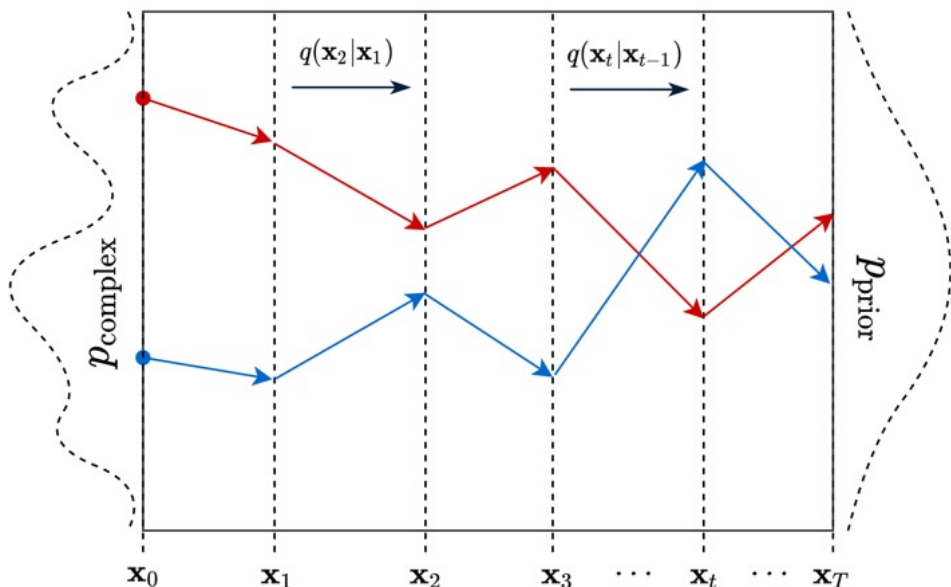
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MD SIMULATION

# Overview: Diffusion

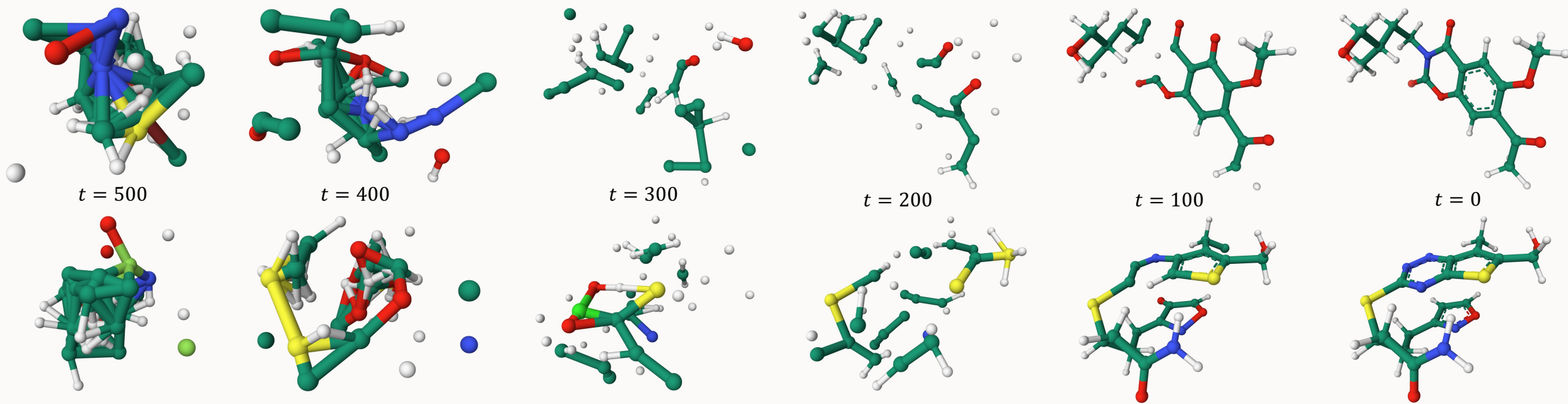


$$q(\mathbf{x}_t|\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_t|\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}\mathbf{x}_0, (1 - \bar{\alpha}_t)\mathbf{I}) \quad \text{and} \quad q(\mathbf{c}_t|\mathbf{c}_0) = \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{c}_t|\bar{\alpha}_t\mathbf{c}_0 + (1 - \bar{\alpha}_t)\tilde{\mathbf{c}})$$

$$L_{t,\epsilon} = w(t) \|\epsilon_t - \hat{\epsilon}_\theta(x_t, t)\|^2 \quad \text{and} \quad L_{t,x_0} = w(t) \cdot l_d(x_0, \hat{x}_\theta(x_t, t); \lambda_m)$$

$$L_{t-1} = w_s(t) \left( \lambda_x \|\mathbf{X}_0 - \hat{\mathbf{X}}_0\|^2 + \lambda_h \text{CE}(\mathbf{H}_0, \hat{\mathbf{H}}_0) + \lambda_e \text{CE}(\mathbf{E}_0, \hat{\mathbf{E}}_0) \right)$$

# Overview: Diffusion



**EQGAT-diff**

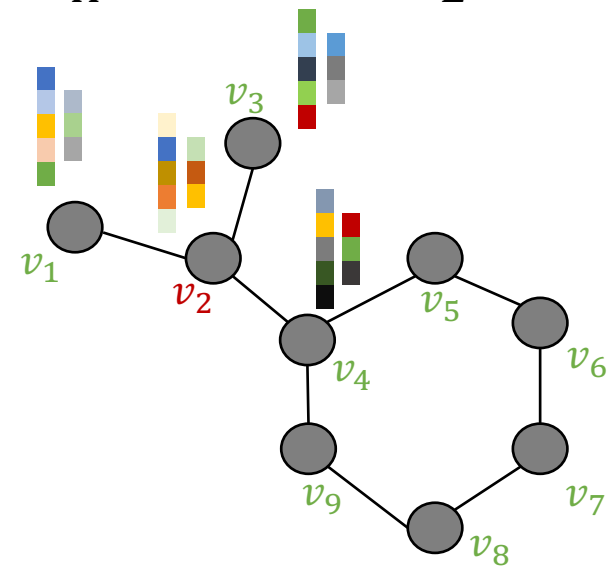
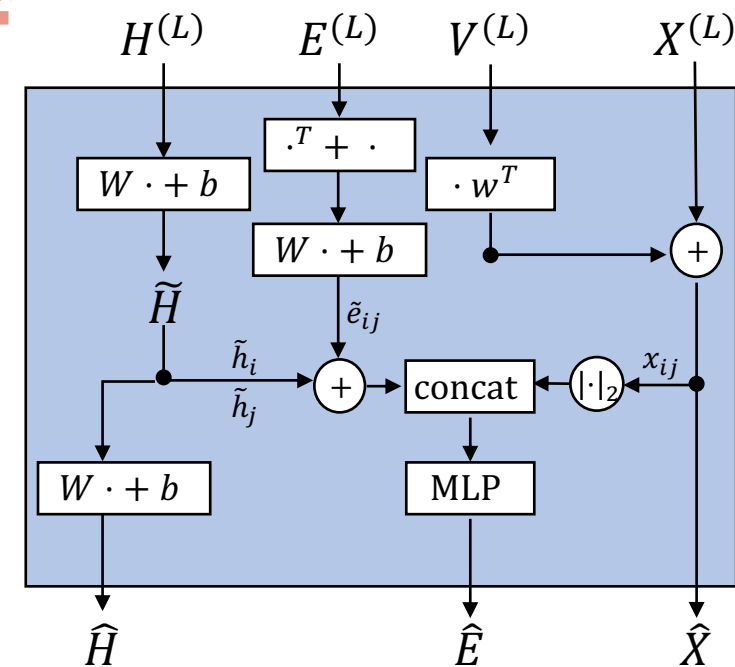
# Model architecture: EQGAT-diff

$$\mathbf{m}_{ji}^{(l)} = \text{MLP}([\mathbf{h}_j^{(l)}; \mathbf{h}_i^{(l)}; \mathbf{W}_{e_0}^{(l)} \mathbf{e}_{ji}^{(l)}; d_{ji}^{(l)}; d_j^{(l)}; d_i^{(l)}; \mathbf{p}_j^{(l)} \cdot \mathbf{p}_i^{(l)}]),$$

$$\mathbf{h}_i^{(l+1)} = \mathbf{h}_i^{(l)} + \sum_j \frac{\exp(\mathbf{a}_{ji}^{(l)})}{\sum_{j'} \exp(\mathbf{a}_{j'i}^{(l)})} \mathbf{W}_h^{(l)} \mathbf{h}_j^{(l)} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{e}_{ji}^{(l+1)} = \mathbf{W}_{e_1}^{(l)} \sigma(\mathbf{e}_{ji}^{(l)} + \mathbf{d}_{ji}^{(l)}),$$

$$\mathbf{v}_i^{(l+1)} = \mathbf{v}_i^{(l)} + \frac{1}{N} \sum_j \mathbf{x}_{ji,n} \otimes \mathbf{b}_{ji}^{(l)} + (\mathbf{1} \otimes \mathbf{c}_{ji}^{(l)}) \odot \mathbf{v}_j^{(l+1)} \mathbf{W}_v^{(l)},$$

$$\mathbf{x}_i^{(l+1)} = \mathbf{x}_i^{(l)} + \frac{1}{N} \sum_j s_{ji}^{(l)} \mathbf{x}_{ji,n},$$



# Loss weighting

$$w_s(t) = \min(0.05, \max(1.5, \text{SNR}(t)))$$

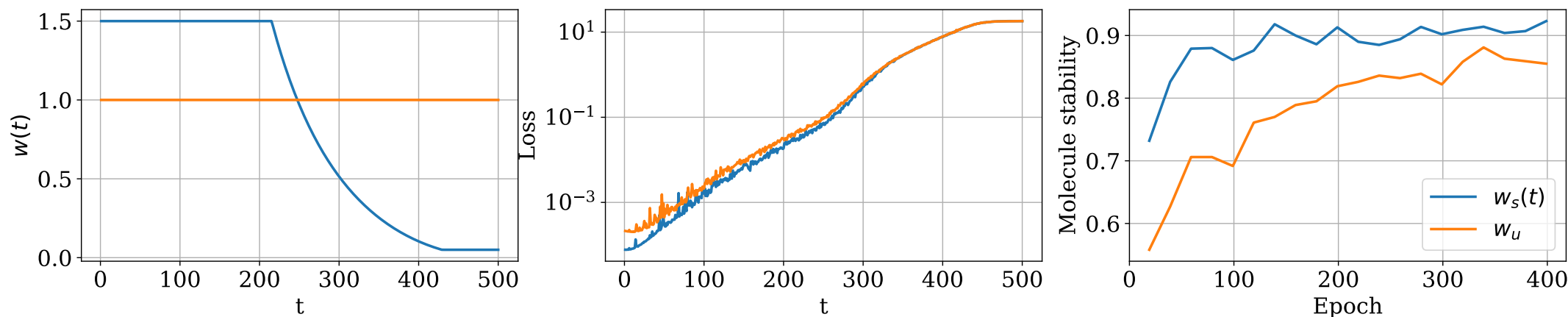


Table 1: Comparison of EQGAT-diff on QM9 and GEOM-Drugs trained with  $w_u$  or  $w_s(t)$  loss-weighting. We report the mean values over five runs of selected evaluation metrics with the margin of error for the 95% confidence level given as subscripts. The best results are in bold.

QM9				GEOM-Drugs		
Weighting	Mol. Stability $\uparrow$	Validity $\uparrow$	Connect. Comp. $\uparrow$	Mol. Stability $\uparrow$	Validity $\uparrow$	Connect. Comp. $\uparrow$
$w_u$	97.39 $\pm$ 0.23	97.99 $\pm$ 0.20	99.70 $\pm$ 0.03	87.59 $\pm$ 0.19	71.44 $\pm$ 0.22	86.57 $\pm$ 0.33
$w_s(t)$	<b>98.68</b> $\pm$ 0.11	<b>98.96</b> $\pm$ 0.07	<b>99.94</b> $\pm$ 0.03	<b>91.60</b> $\pm$ 0.14	<b>84.02</b> $\pm$ 0.19	<b>95.08</b> $\pm$ 0.12

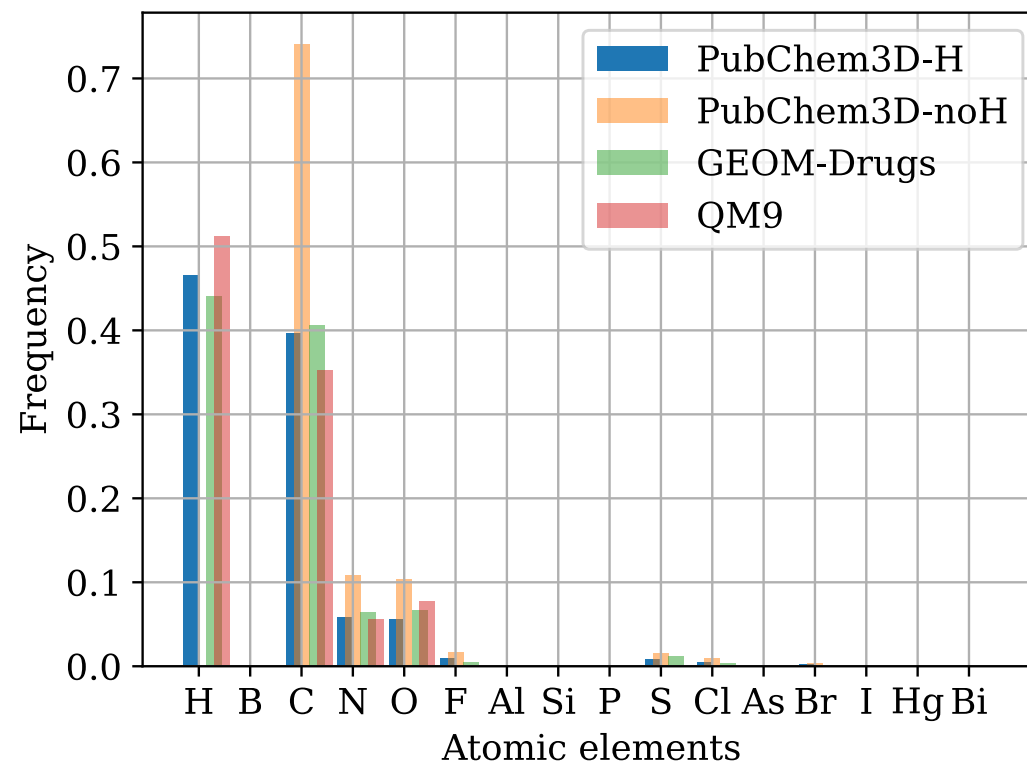
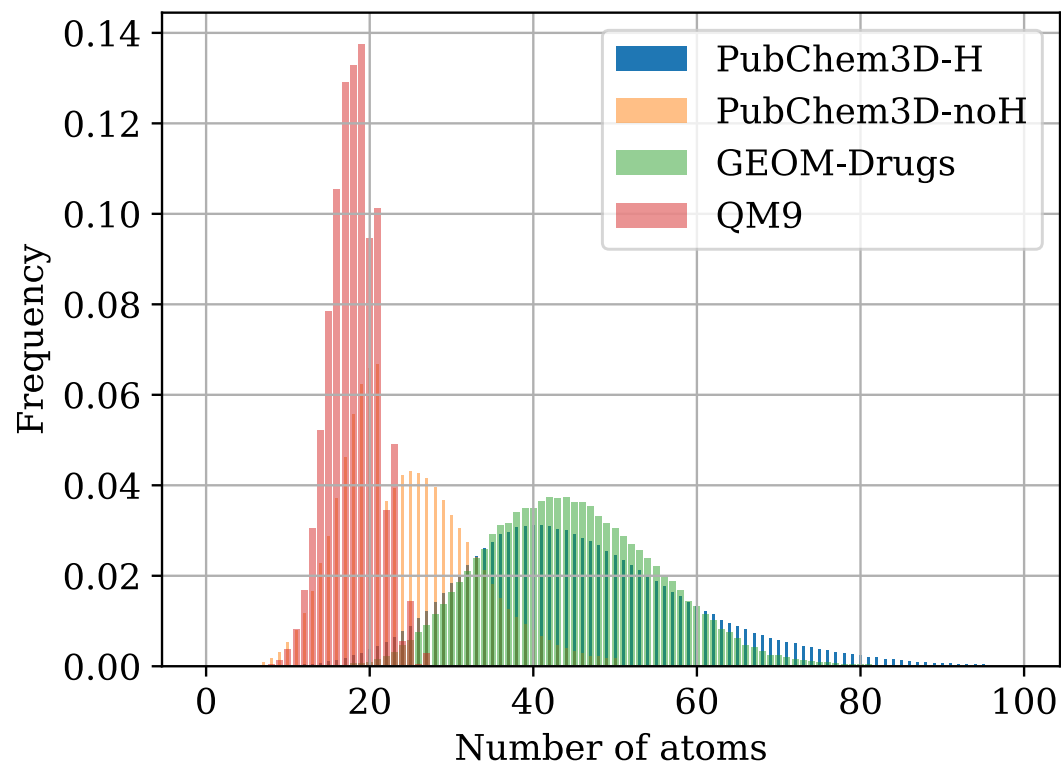


# Design Space

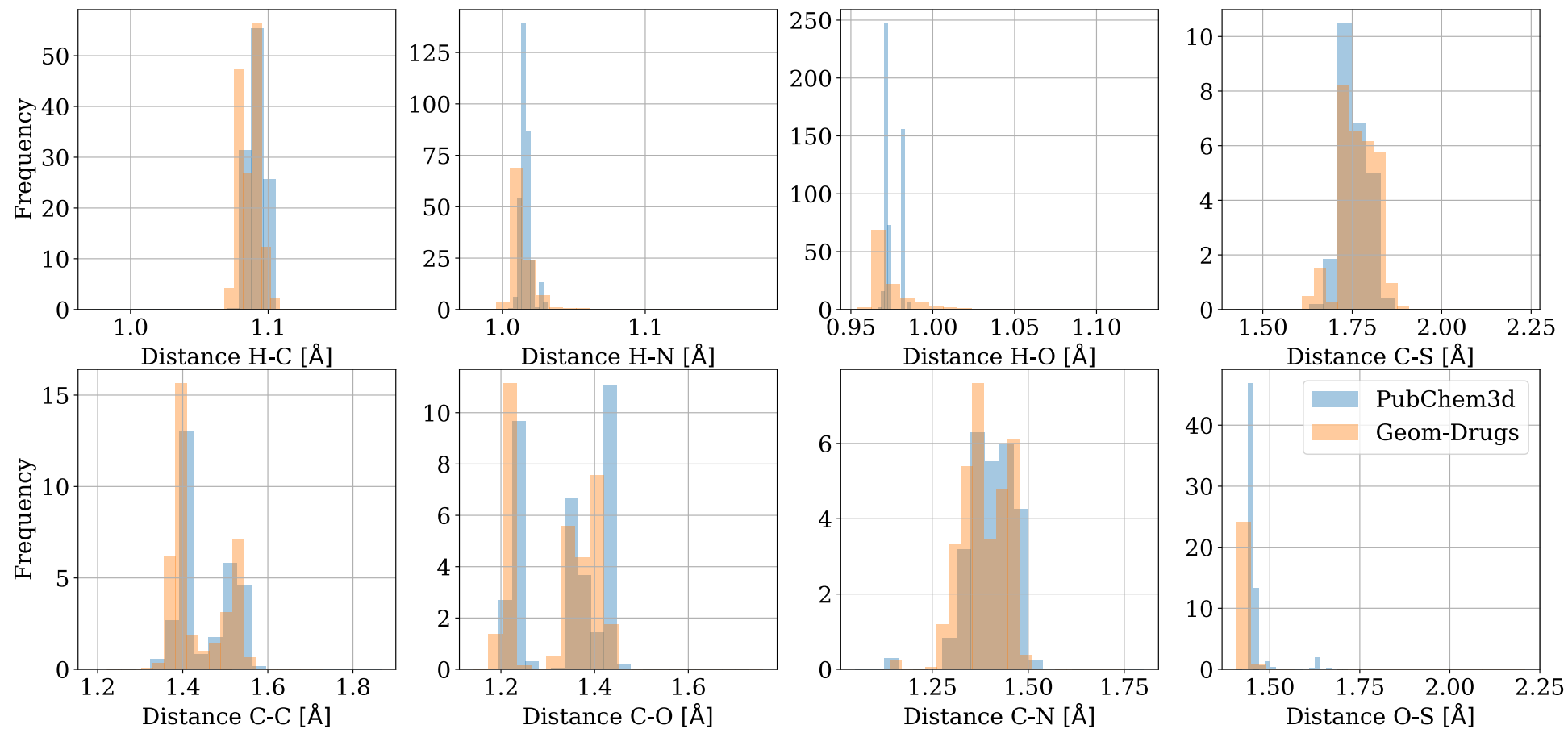
Table 2: Overall performance of EQGAT-diff on QM9 and GEOM-Drugs for discrete and continuous diffusion as well as noise ( $\epsilon$ ) and data learning ( $x_0$ ). Discrete or continuous diffusion is denoted as 'disc' and 'cont', respectively, given as subscripts,  $\epsilon$ - and  $x_0$ -parameterization as superscripts. We report mean values over five sampling runs with 95% confidence intervals as subscripts. The best results are in bold.

Dataset	QM9			GEOM-Drugs		
Model	EQGAT $^{x_0}_{disc}$	EQGAT $^{x_0}_{cont}$	EQGAT $^{\epsilon}_{cont}$	EQGAT $^{x_0}_{disc}$	EQGAT $^{x_0}_{cont}$	EQGAT $^{\epsilon}_{cont}$
Mol. Stab. $\uparrow$	<b>98.68</b> $\pm 0.11$	96.45 $\pm 0.17$	96.18 $\pm 0.16$	<b>91.60</b> $\pm 0.14$	90.46 $\pm 0.09$	85.19 $\pm 0.72$
Atom. Stab $\uparrow$	<b>99.92</b> $\pm 0.00$	99.79 $\pm 0.01$	99.68 $\pm 0.02$	<b>99.72</b> $\pm 0.01$	<b>99.73</b> $\pm 0.01$	99.32 $\pm 0.04$
Validity $\uparrow$	<b>98.96</b> $\pm 0.07$	96.79 $\pm 0.15$	97.04 $\pm 0.17$	<b>84.02</b> $\pm 0.19$	80.96 $\pm 0.38$	79.13 $\pm 0.58$
Connect. Comp. $\uparrow$	<b>99.94</b> $\pm 0.03$	99.82 $\pm 0.05$	99.71 $\pm 0.03$	<b>95.08</b> $\pm 0.12$	93.30 $\pm 0.21$	94.10 $\pm 0.48$
Novelty $\uparrow$	64.03 $\pm 0.24$	60.96 $\pm 0.54$	<b>73.40</b> $\pm 0.32$	<b>99.87</b> $\pm 0.04$	<b>99.83</b> $\pm 0.04$	99.82 $\pm 0.0$
Uniqueness $\uparrow$	<b>100.00</b> $\pm 0.00$	<b>100.0</b> $\pm 0.00$	<b>100.00</b> $\pm 0.00$	<b>100.00</b> $\pm 0.00$	<b>100.00</b> $\pm 0.00$	<b>100.00</b> $\pm 0.00$
Diversity $\uparrow$	91.72 $\pm 0.02$	91.51 $\pm 0.03$	<b>91.89</b> $\pm 0.03$	<b>89.00</b> $\pm 0.03$	88.87 $\pm 0.04$	88.97 $\pm 0.05$
KL Divergence $\uparrow$	<b>91.36</b> $\pm 0.29$	<b>91.41</b> $\pm 0.54$	88.97 $\pm 0.31$	87.17 $\pm 0.34$	87.35 $\pm 0.35$	<b>87.70</b> $\pm 0.58$
Train Similarity $\downarrow$	0.076 $\pm 0.00$	0.076 $\pm 0.00$	<b>0.075</b> $\pm 0.00$	<b>0.113</b> $\pm 0.00$	0.114 $\pm 0.00$	0.114 $\pm 0.00$
AtomsTV [ $10^{-2}$ ] $\downarrow$	1.0 $\pm 0.00$	2.0 $\pm 0.00$	2.7 $\pm 0.00$	3.4 $\pm 0.10$	3.6 $\pm 0.10$	<b>2.9</b> $\pm 0.20$
BondsTV [ $10^{-2}$ ] $\downarrow$	1.2 $\pm 0.00$	1.8 $\pm 0.00$	1.2 $\pm 0.00$	<b>2.4</b> $\pm 0.00$	<b>2.4</b> $\pm 0.00$	<b>2.4</b> $\pm 0.00$
ValencyW <sub>1</sub> [ $10^{-2}$ ] $\downarrow$	0.6 $\pm 0.10$	1.9 $\pm 0.00$	0.9 $\pm 0.00$	1.2 $\pm 0.10$	1.9 $\pm 0.10$	1.6 $\pm 0.00$
BondLengthsW <sub>1</sub> [ $10^{-2}$ ] $\downarrow$	<b>0.2</b> $\pm 0.10$	0.5 $\pm 0.00$	<b>0.2</b> $\pm 0.10$	<b>0.2</b> $\pm 0.10$	0.3 $\pm 0.00$	0.7 $\pm 0.40$
BondAnglesW <sub>1</sub> $\downarrow$	<b>0.42</b> $\pm 0.03$	1.86 $\pm 0.06$	0.52 $\pm 0.03$	<b>0.92</b> $\pm 0.02$	0.95 $\pm 0.02$	1.07 $\pm 0.06$

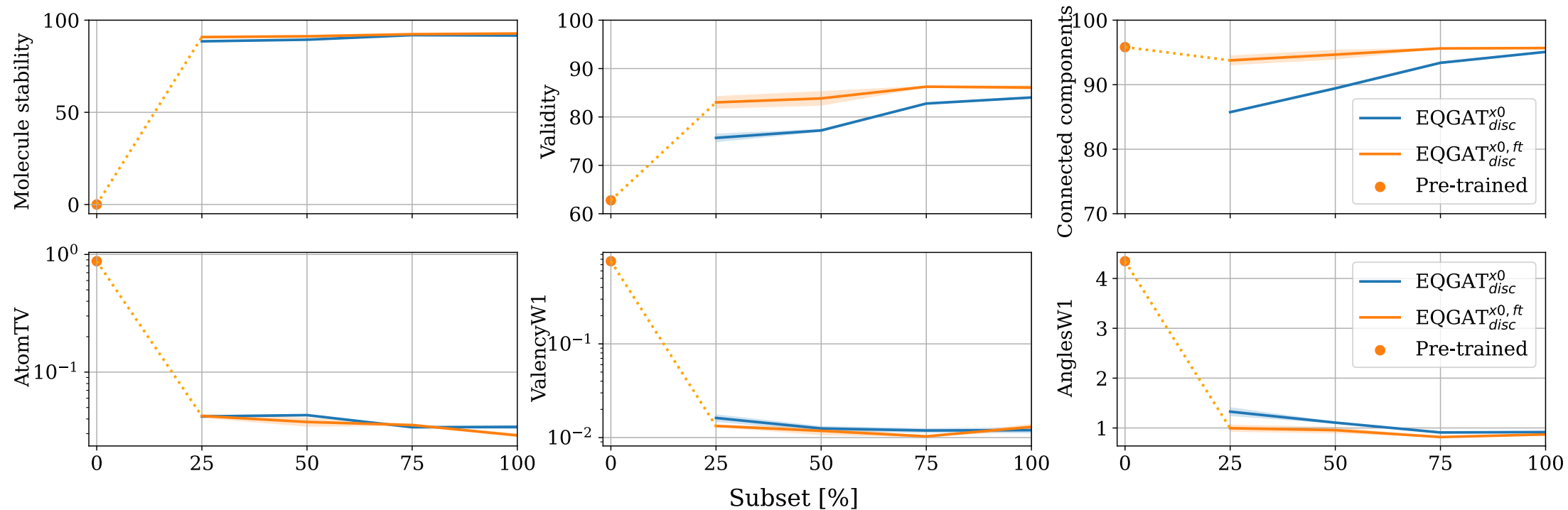
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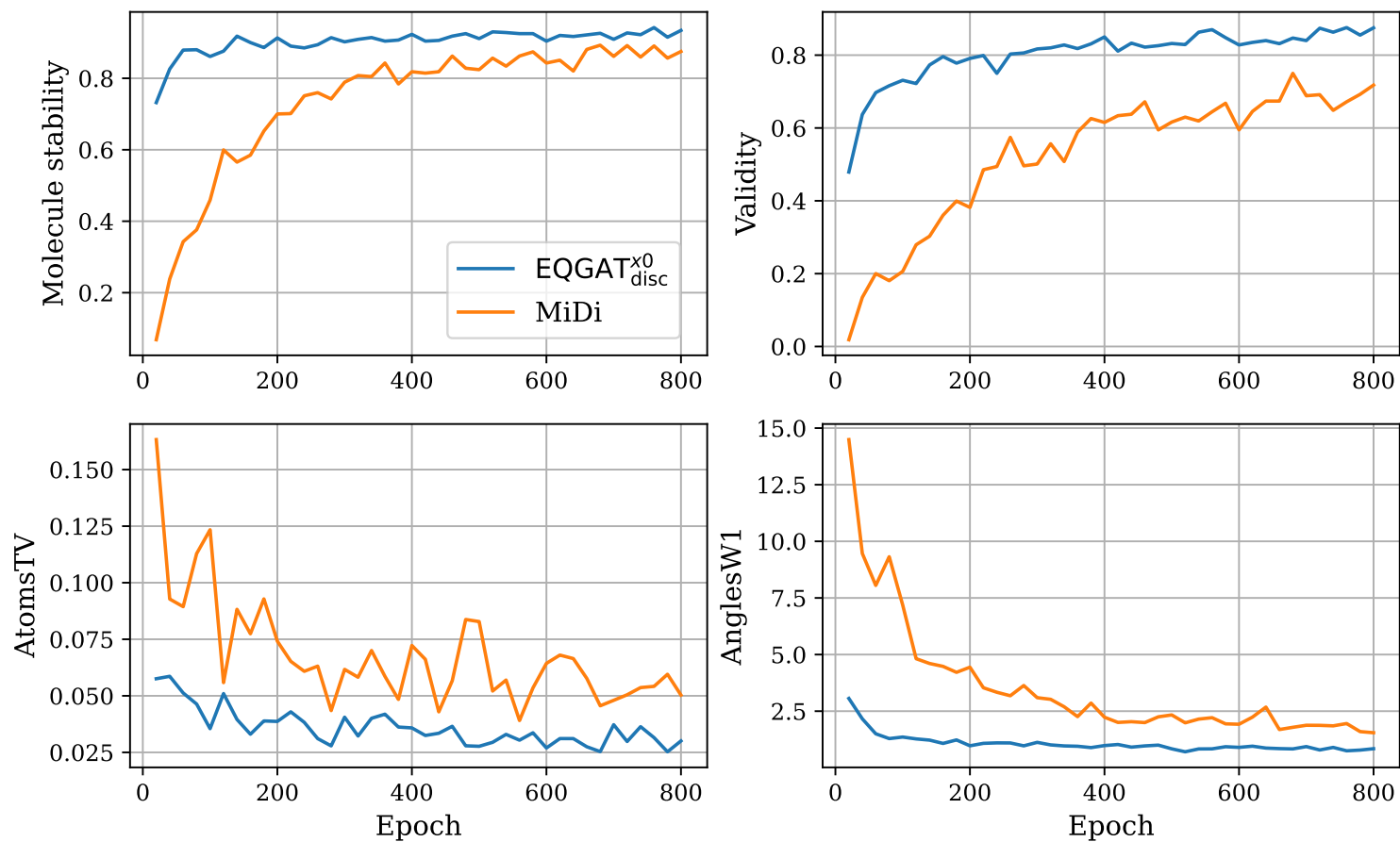


# State-of-the-Art

Table 3: Comparison of EQGAT<sub>disc</sub> models trained for 800 epochs on GEOM-Drugs. The superscripts 'ft' and 'af' abbreviate *fine-tuned* and *additional-features*. The margin of error for the 95% confidence level is given as subscripts. We also compare EDM and the current SOTA, MiDi. Training details for MiDi are given in Appendix [A.6](#). The best results are in bold.

Dataset	GEOM-Drugs					
Model	EQGAT <sub>disc</sub> <sup>x0</sup>	EQGAT <sub>disc</sub> <sup>x0,ft</sup>	EQGAT <sub>disc</sub> <sup>x0,af</sup>	EQGAT <sub>disc</sub> <sup>x0,af,ft</sup>	EDM	MiDi
Mol. Stab. ↑	93.11 <sub>±0.31</sub>	93.92 <sub>±0.13</sub>	<b>94.51</b> <sub>±0.18</sub>	<b>95.01</b> <sub>±0.37</sub>	40.3	89.7 <sub>±0.60</sub>
Atom. Stab ↑	99.79 <sub>±0.01</sub>	<b>99.81</b> <sub>±0.01</sub>	<b>99.83</b> <sub>±0.01</sub>	<b>99.84</b> <sub>±0.00</sub>	97.8	99.7 <sub>±0.01</sub>
Validity ↑	85.86 <sub>±0.33</sub>	<b>88.04</b> <sub>±0.17</sub>	87.89 <sub>±0.31</sub>	<b>88.42</b> <sub>±0.26</sub>	87.8	70.5 <sub>±0.41</sub>
Connect. Comp. ↑	<b>96.32</b> <sub>±0.25</sub>	<b>96.57</b> <sub>±0.18</sub>	96.36 <sub>±0.25</sub>	<b>96.71</b> <sub>±0.20</sub>	41.4	88.76 <sub>±0.55</sub>
Novelty ↑	99.82 <sub>±0.05</sub>	99.84 <sub>±0.02</sub>	99.82 <sub>±0.05</sub>	99.82 <sub>±0.03</sub>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b> <sub>±0.00</sub>
Diversity ↑	<b>89.03</b> <sub>±0.03</sub>	<b>89.05</b> <sub>±0.05</sub>	<b>88.98</b> <sub>±0.02</sub>	<b>88.96</b> <sub>±0.01</sub>	-	-
KL Divergence ↑	87.66 <sub>±0.31</sub>	87.58 <sub>±0.56</sub>	<b>88.38</b> <sub>±0.25</sub>	87.62 <sub>±0.19</sub>	-	-
Train Similarity ↓	0.114 <sub>±0.0</sub>	<b>0.113</b> <sub>±0.0</sub>	0.114 <sub>±0.0</sub>	0.114 <sub>±0.0</sub>	-	-
AtomsTV [10 <sup>-2</sup> ] ↓	3.02 <sub>±0.08</sub>	3.02 <sub>±0.10</sub>	<b>2.88</b> <sub>±0.10</sub>	<b>2.91</b> <sub>±0.10</sub>	21.2	5.11 <sub>±0.19</sub>
BondsTV [10 <sup>-2</sup> ] ↓	2.44 <sub>±0.01</sub>	<b>2.40</b> <sub>±0.00</sub>	2.42 <sub>±0.00</sub>	<b>2.40</b> <sub>±0.00</sub>	4.8	2.44 <sub>±0.00</sub>
ValencyW <sub>1</sub> [10 <sup>-2</sup> ] ↓	1.18 <sub>±0.09</sub>	1.20 <sub>±0.00</sub>	<b>0.85</b> <sub>±0.12</sub>	<b>0.90</b> <sub>±0.10</sub>	28.5	2.48 <sub>±0.52</sub>
BondLengthsW <sub>1</sub> [10 <sup>-2</sup> ] ↓	0.56 <sub>±0.38</sub>	<b>0.10</b> <sub>±0.00</sub>	0.50 <sub>±0.51</sub>	0.20 <sub>±0.10</sub>	0.2	0.2 <sub>±0.10</sub>
BondAnglesW <sub>1</sub> ↓	0.83 <sub>±0.03</sub>	0.79 <sub>±0.02</sub>	0.65 <sub>±0.01</sub>	<b>0.62</b> <sub>±0.01</sub>	6.23	1.73 <sub>±0.32</sub>

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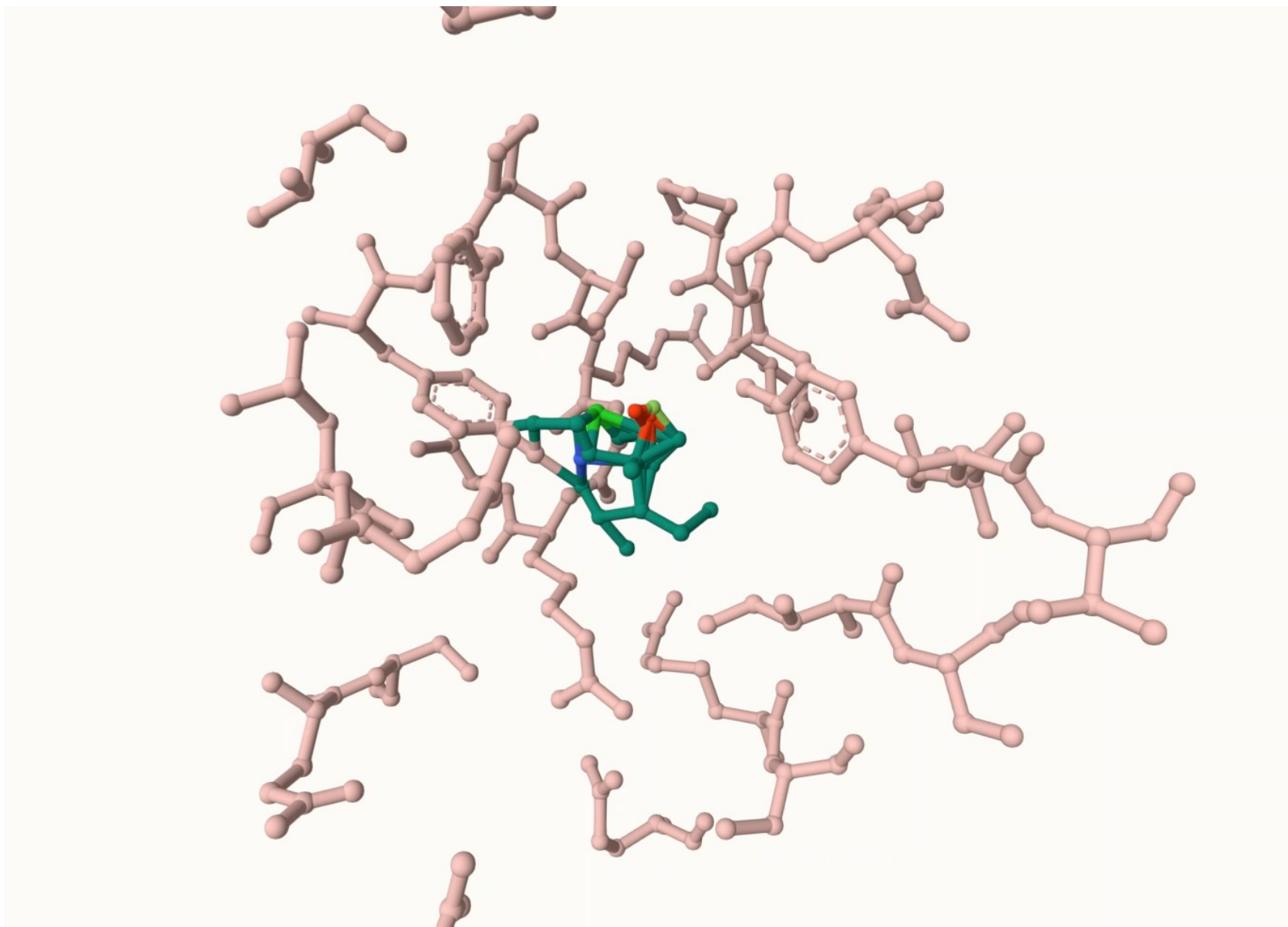


# Why 3D-based modelling?

Table 9: Classifier-guidance on EQGAT-diff to shift the reverse sampling towards low or high polarizability values. We report the mean polarizability values of sampled molecules with standard deviations as subscripts.

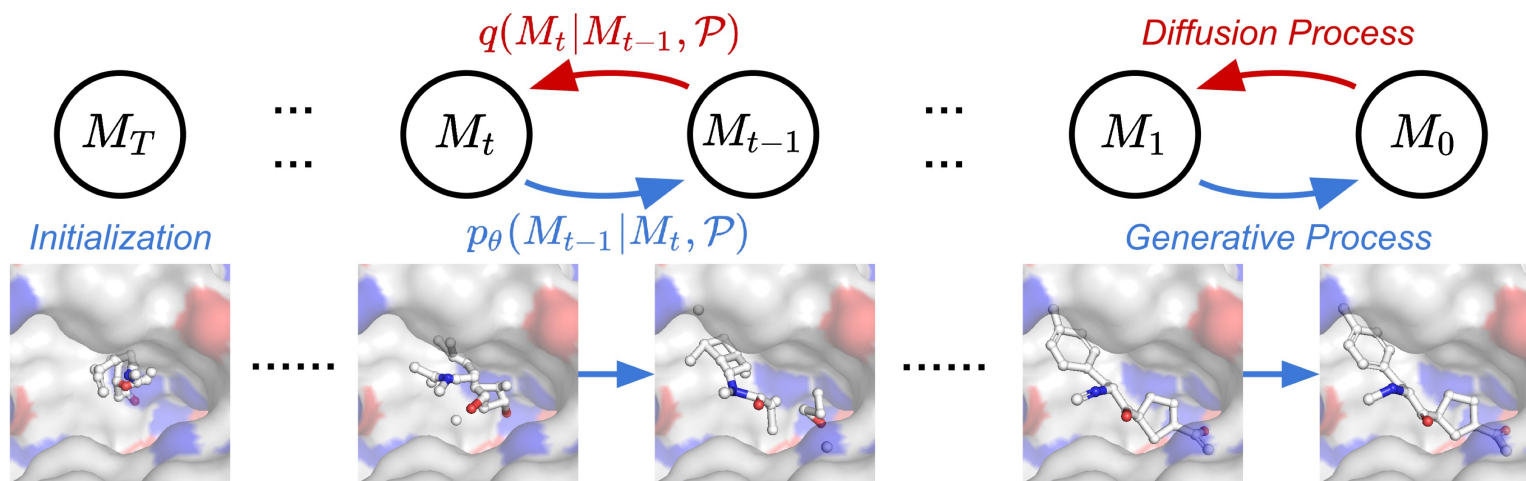
Guidance	Polarizability
Minimization	195.19 $\pm$ 4.9
Maximization	400.21 $\pm$ 8.3







# Target-aware de novo generation



Model	Validity $\uparrow$	Connect. Comp. $\uparrow$	BondLengths W1 [ $10^{-2}$ ] $\downarrow$	BondAngles W1 $\downarrow$
EQGAT $_{disc}^{x0}(w_u)$	85.51 $\pm$ 0.09	95.15 $\pm$ 0.14	0.20 $\pm$ 0.0	4.37 $\pm$ 0.20
EQGAT $_{disc}^{x0}(w_s(t))$	89.62 $\pm$ 0.08	97.65 $\pm$ 0.11	0.12 $\pm$ 0.0	2.12 $\pm$ 0.26
EQGAT $_{disc}^{x0,ft}(w_s(t))$	<b>95.65</b> $\pm$ 0.12	<b>99.66</b> $\pm$ 0.10	<b>0.11</b> $\pm$ 0.0	<b>1.55</b> $\pm$ 0.21

Model	Vina (All) $\downarrow$	Vina (Top-10%) $\downarrow$	QED $\uparrow$	SA $\uparrow$	Lipinski $\uparrow$	Diversity $\uparrow$
EQGAT $_{disc}^{x0,ft}(w_s(t))$	<b>-7.423</b> $\pm$ 2.33	-9.571 $\pm$ 2.14	<b>0.522</b> $\pm$ 0.18	<b>0.697</b> $\pm$ 0.20	4.66 $\pm$ 0.72	<b>0.742</b> $\pm$ 0.07
TargetDiff	-7.318 $\pm$ 2.47	<b>-9.669</b> $\pm$ 2.55	0.483 $\pm$ 0.20	0.584 $\pm$ 0.13	4.594 $\pm$ 0.83	0.718 $\pm$ 0.09
DiffSBDD-cond	-6.950 $\pm$ 2.06	-9.120 $\pm$ 2.16	0.469 $\pm$ 0.21	0.578 $\pm$ 0.13	4.562 $\pm$ 0.89	0.728 $\pm$ 0.07

**Thanks!**

**Questions?**

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