From data acquisition to ML model for predicting outcomes of chemical reactions



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Molecule.one: solving unpredictability of chemistry

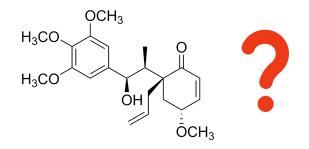
Predicts chemical reactions with unprecedented accuracy for faster drug discovery

- We created the first deep learning based commercial software for synthesis planning (2019-2022)
- Currently focused training deep learning models on data from our own laboratory (2022)





Bottlenecks in organic chemistry

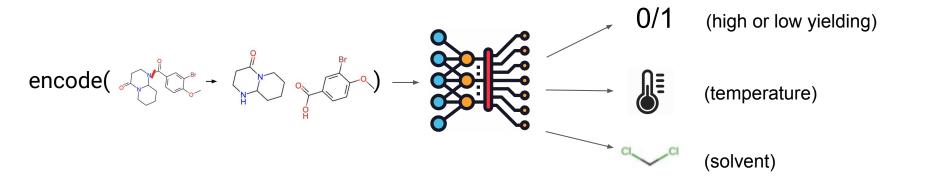


Finding cheap synthesis plan is difficult

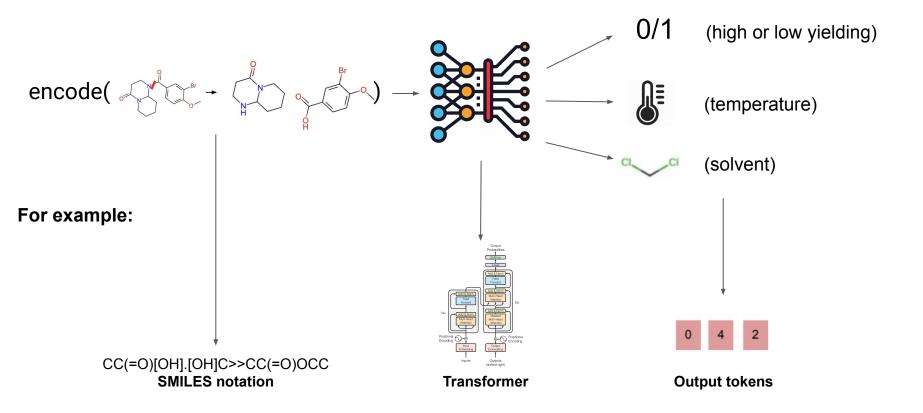


~50% of reactions fail

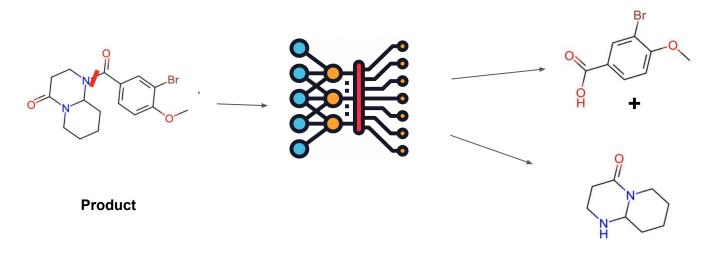
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Finding synthesis plans with deep learning



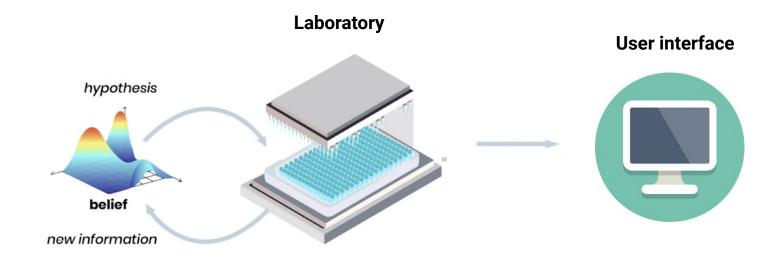
Substrates

Dataset sizes in chemistry are tiny

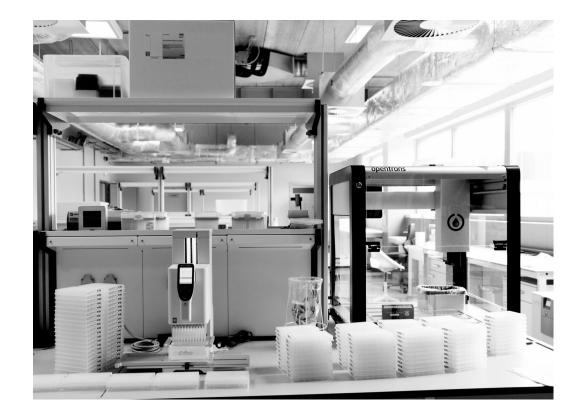
Estimated number drug-like molecules (10²⁰ - 10⁶³) Size of publicly available reactions datasets (10⁶)

Number of negative reactions in datasets

Solution: Closing the loop in organic chemistry

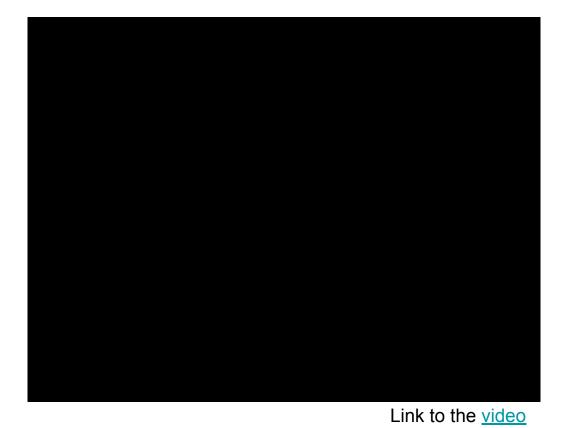


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- We set up our own laboratory
- Designed to perform diverse reactions based on automatic recommendations

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- It would not be possible without automation
- We are capable of performing a few thousand reactions per week
- It is more than a typical chemist performs in a year

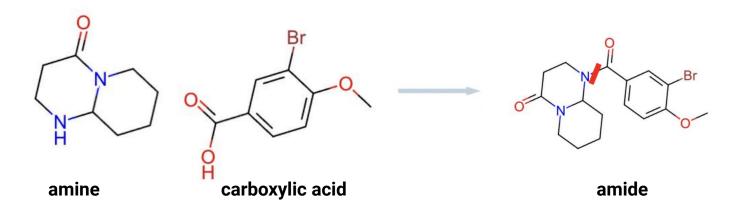
What reactions should we focus on?

Still it is impossible to generate enough data for model to predict every reaction

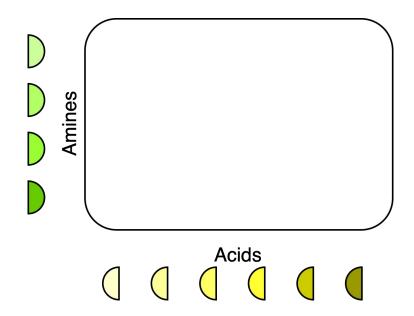
We've chosen type of reactions that are:

- Within the most commonly used reactions in MedChem
- Can be performed in a high-throughput laboratory
- Difficult to predict outcomes of reaction

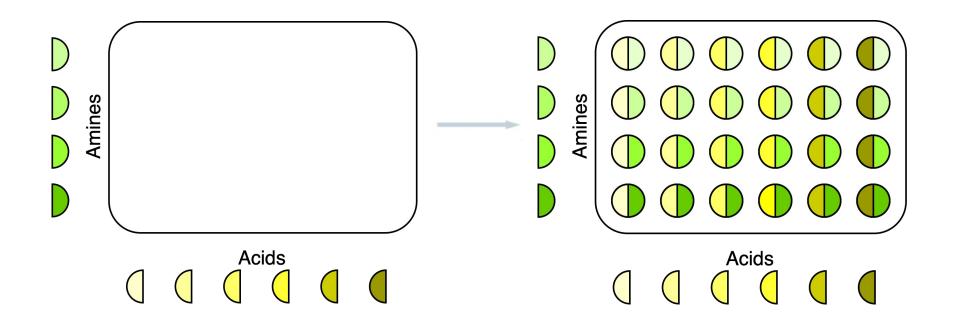
First experiments - Amide couplings



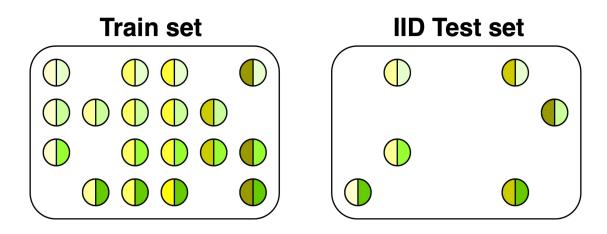
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Model evaluation



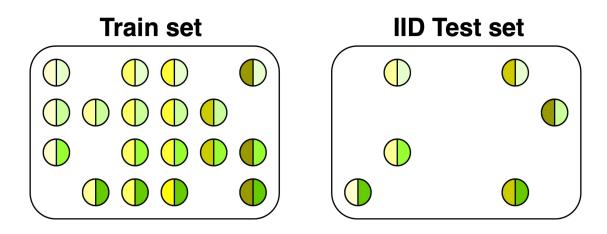
Evaluation on IID Test set

Using lab data enables achieving significantly better results than using public data

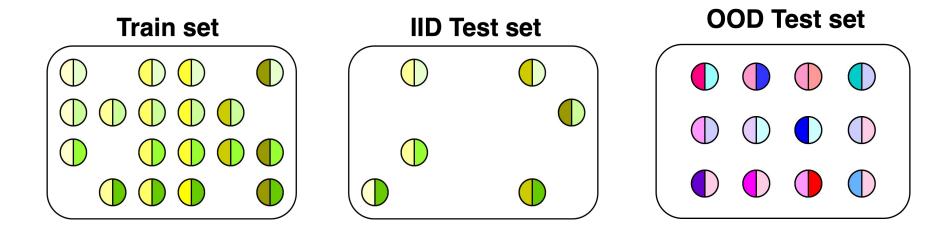




Model evaluation



Model evaluation - out of distribution

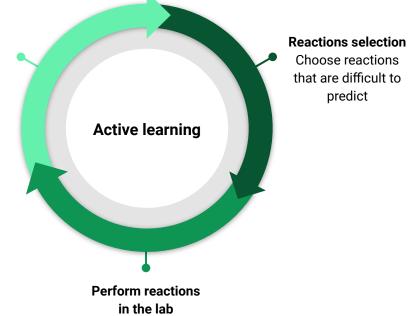


Evaluation on IID and OOD Test set



Open challenges

- How to estimate the model uncertainty?
- How to preserve the variety of performed reactions?
- How to better predict reaction conditions?
- How to implement data pipelines and ensure data correctness?



Add performed reactions to the dataset

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