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*A data-driven approach to relative Free Energy  
Perturbation reliability predictions for alchemical  
free energy calculations in drug design*

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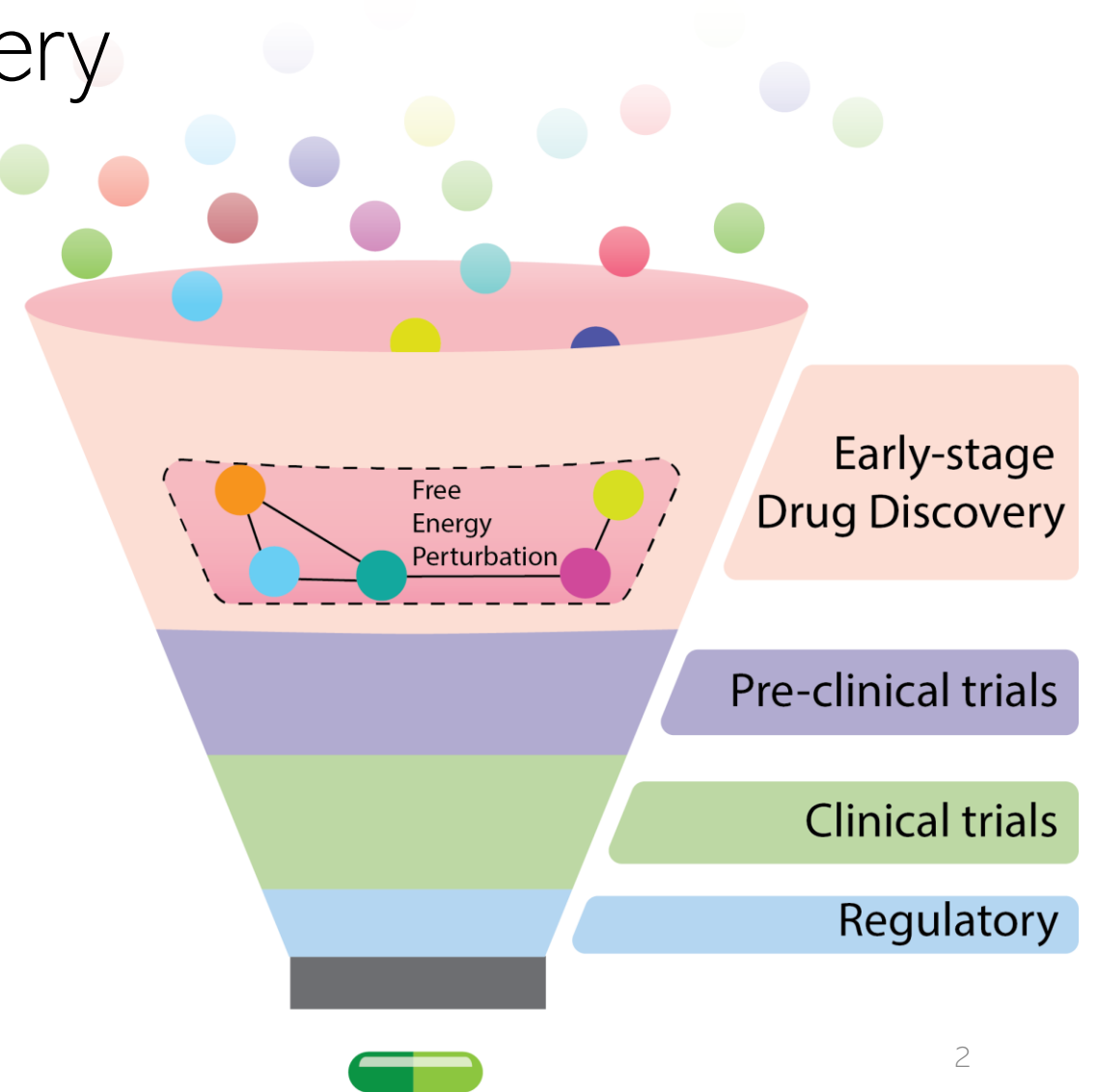
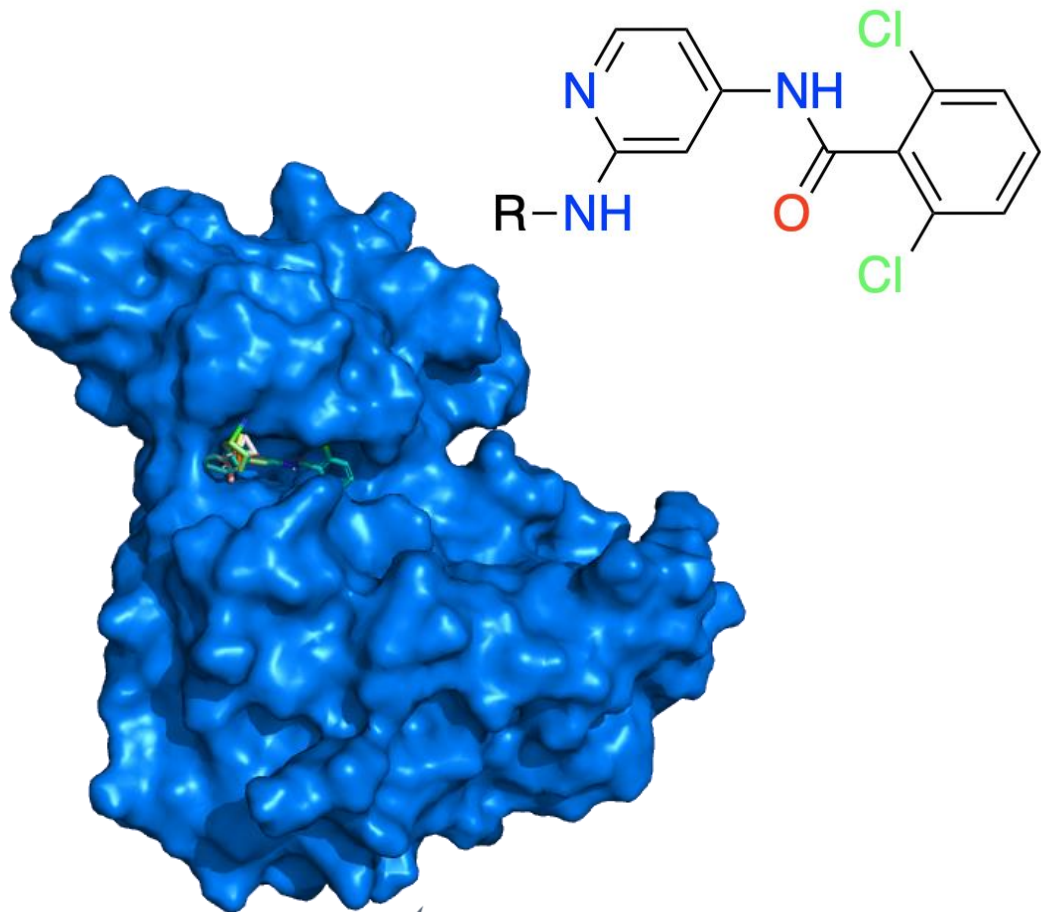
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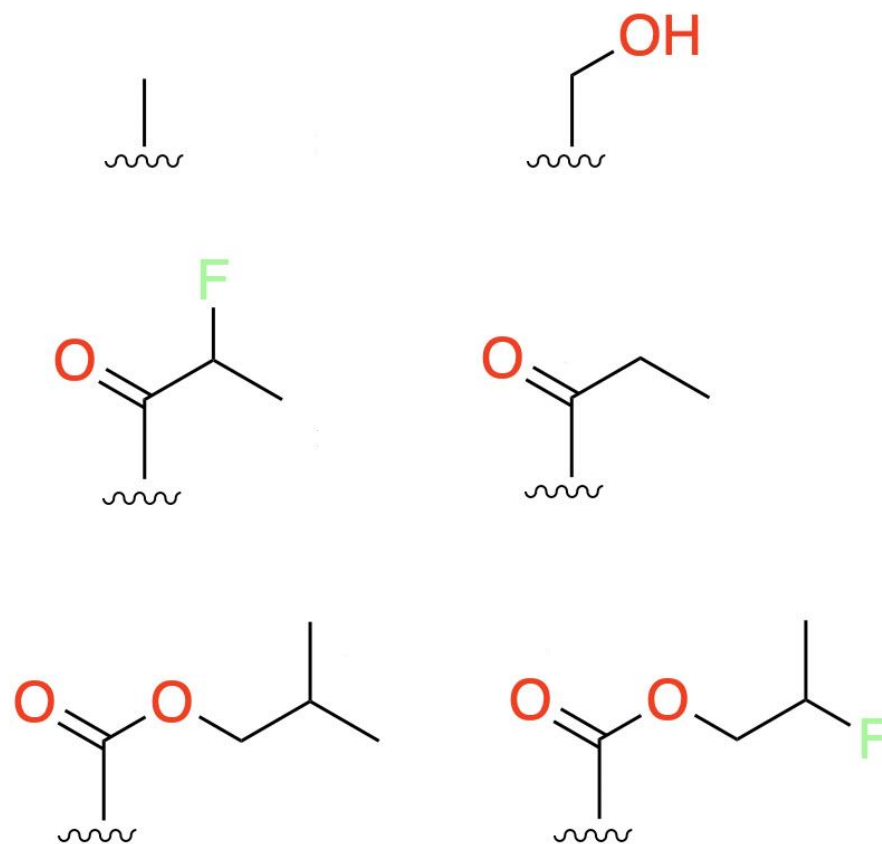
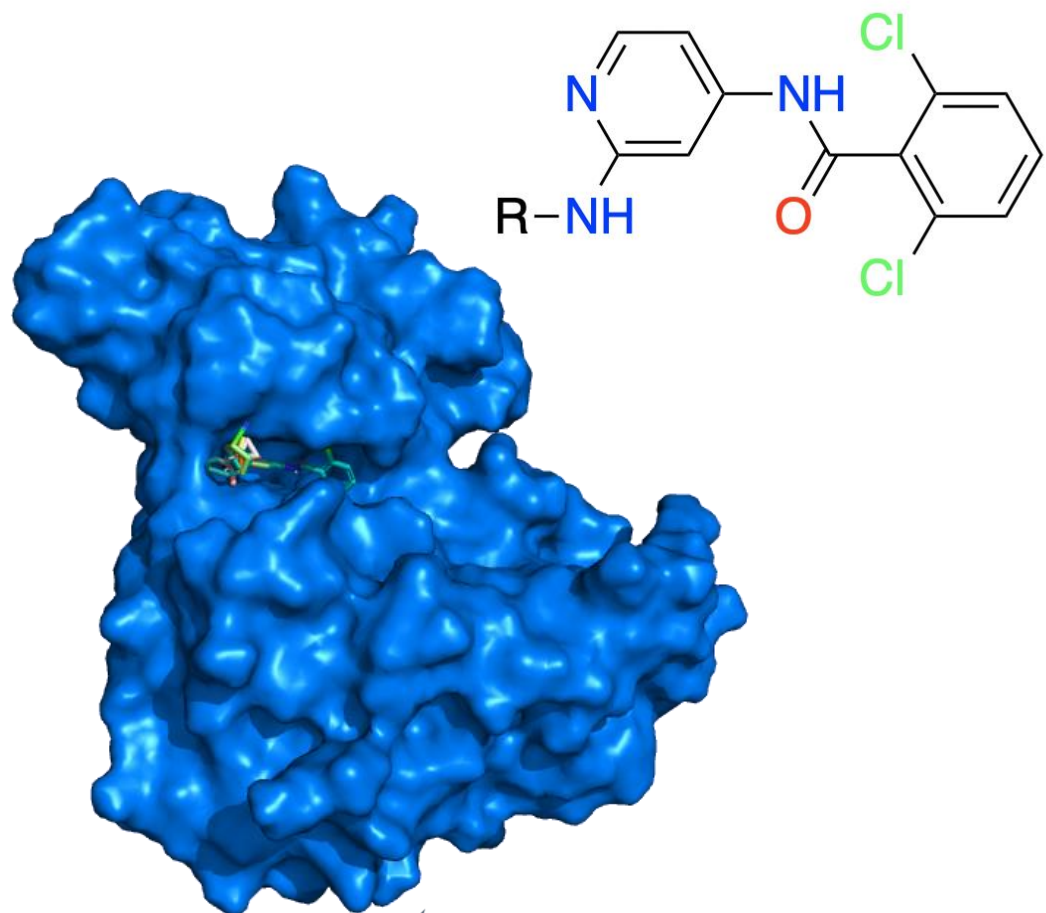


# Free Energy Perturbation (FEP) is a helpful tool in supporting ligand optimization in early-stage drug discovery

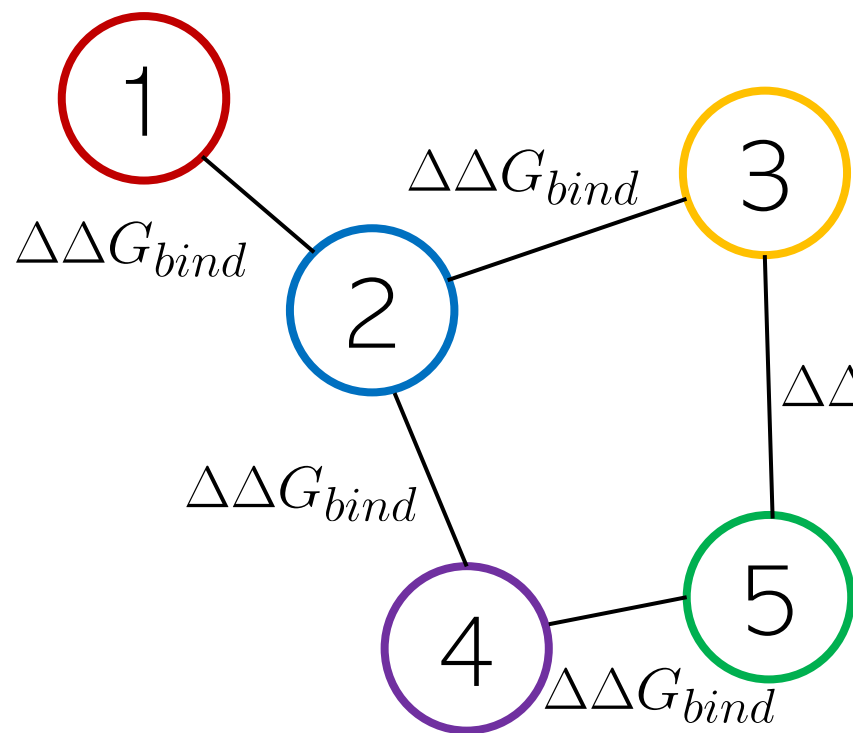




Free Energy Perturbation (FEP) can predict the relative binding free energy between ligands



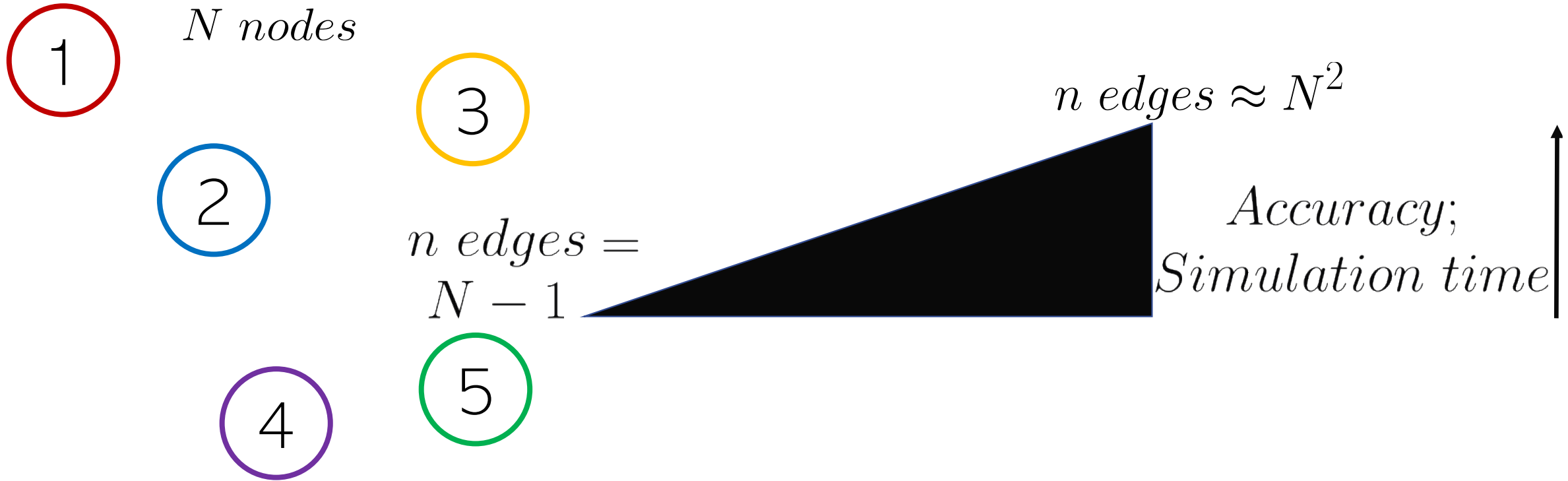
FEP calculations on ligand series require a graph of transformations through the series



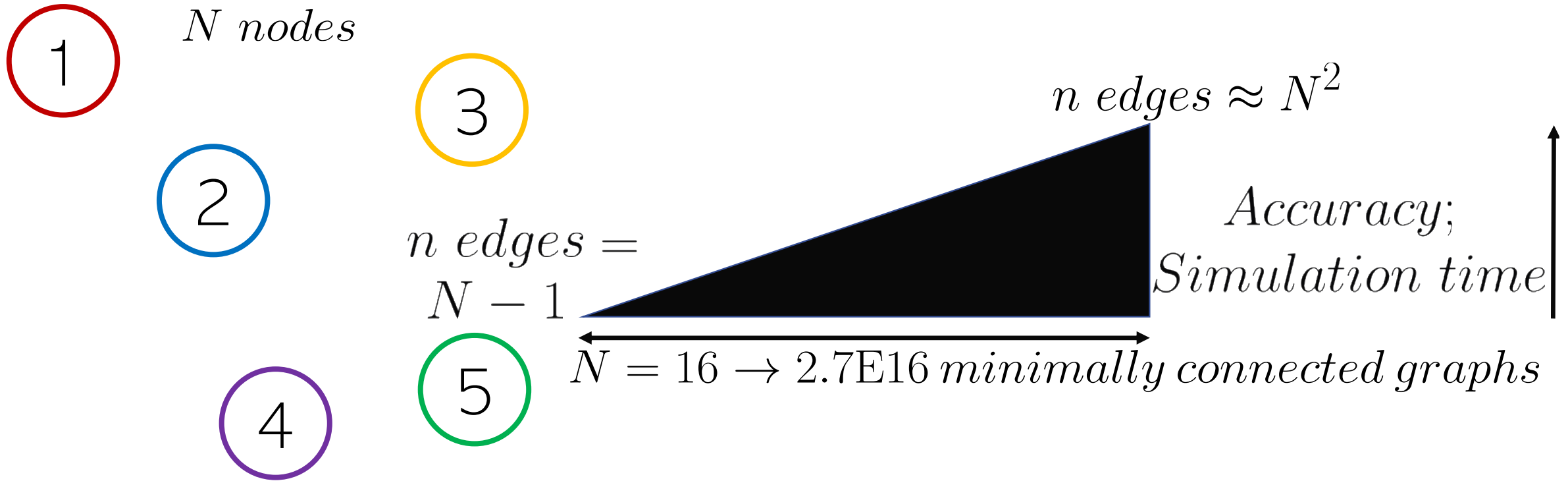
Weighted Least Squares regression

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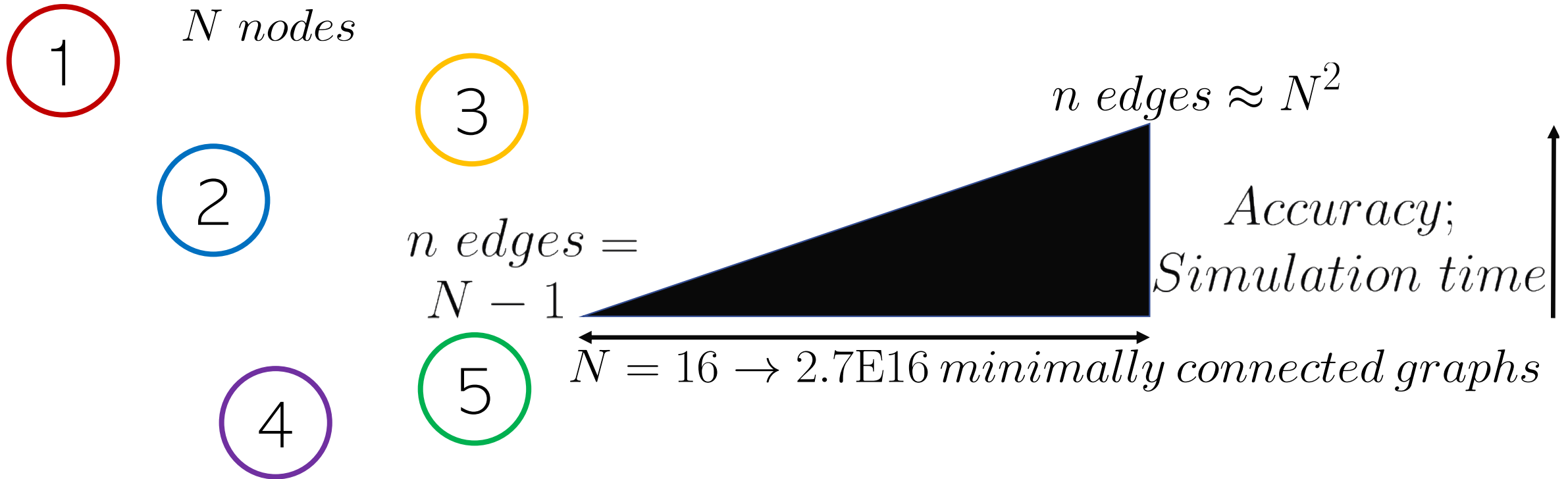
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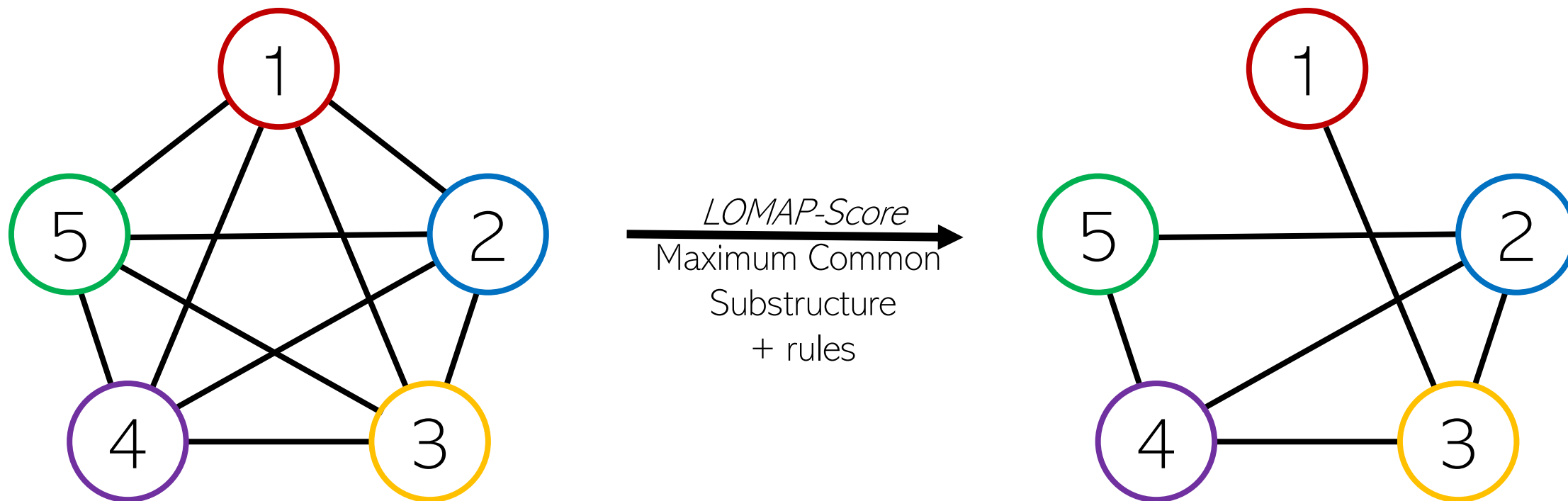


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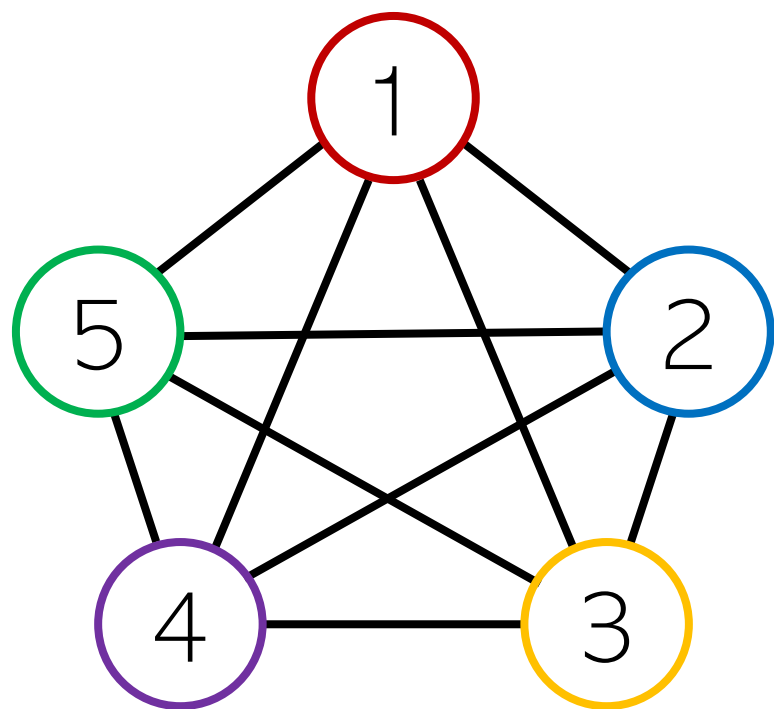
Goal: find a graph that minimises the number of edges ( $n$ ), while maximising prediction accuracy (versus experiment).

# State-of-the-art: LOMAP-Score depends on MCS and expert-derived rules



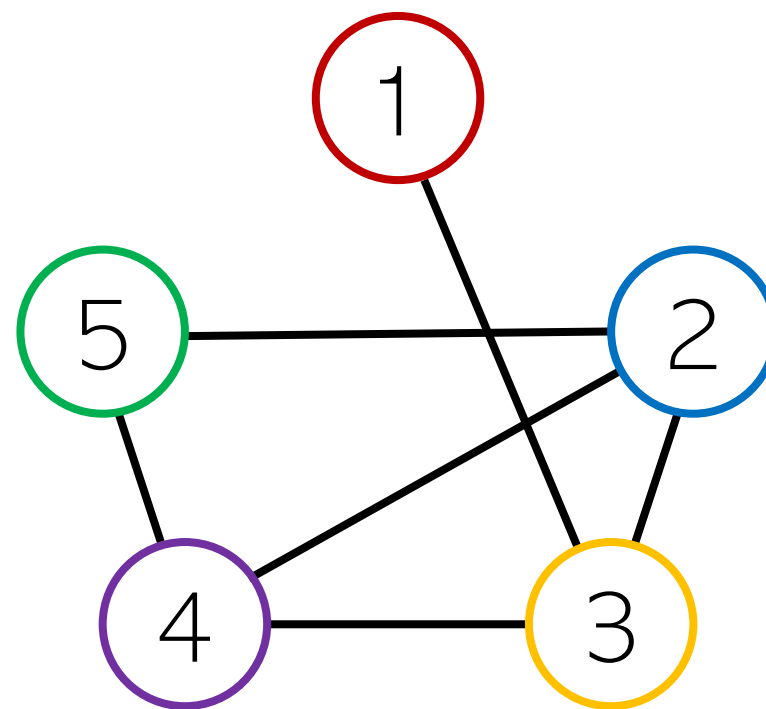


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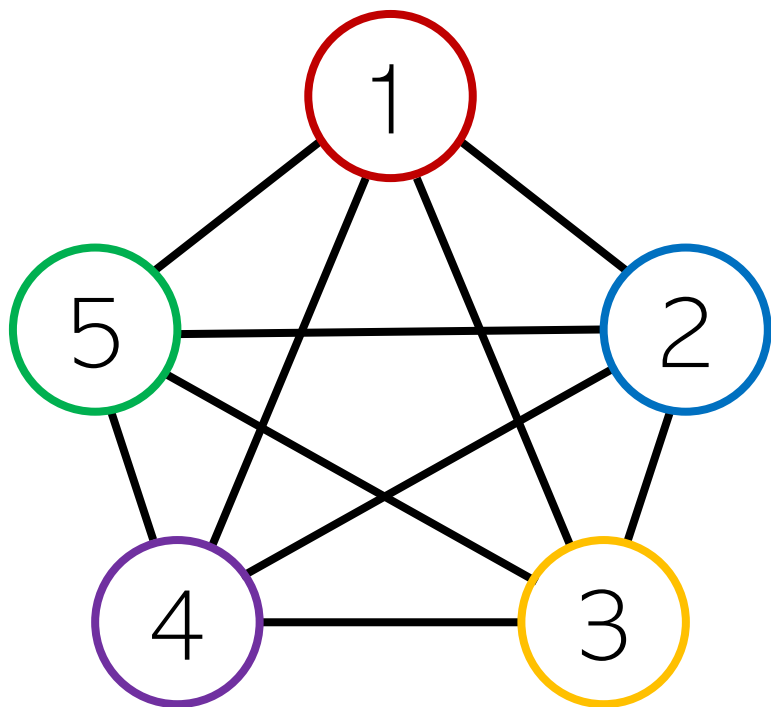
*LOMAP-Score*  
Maximum Common Substructure  
+ rules



Does not scale well to higher N (>50)

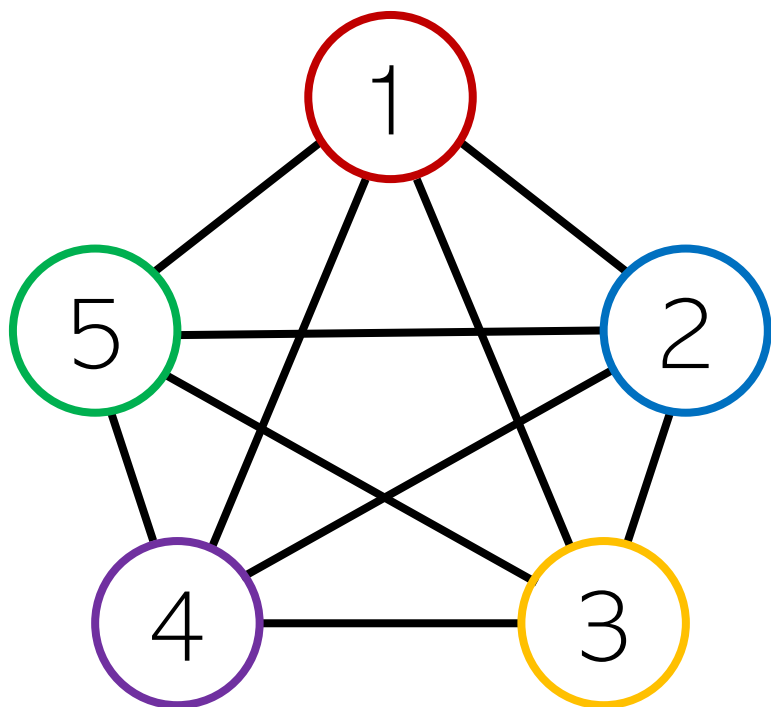
Limited transferability to other FEP codes

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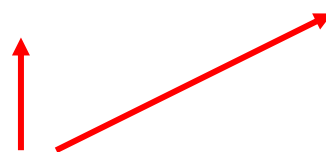


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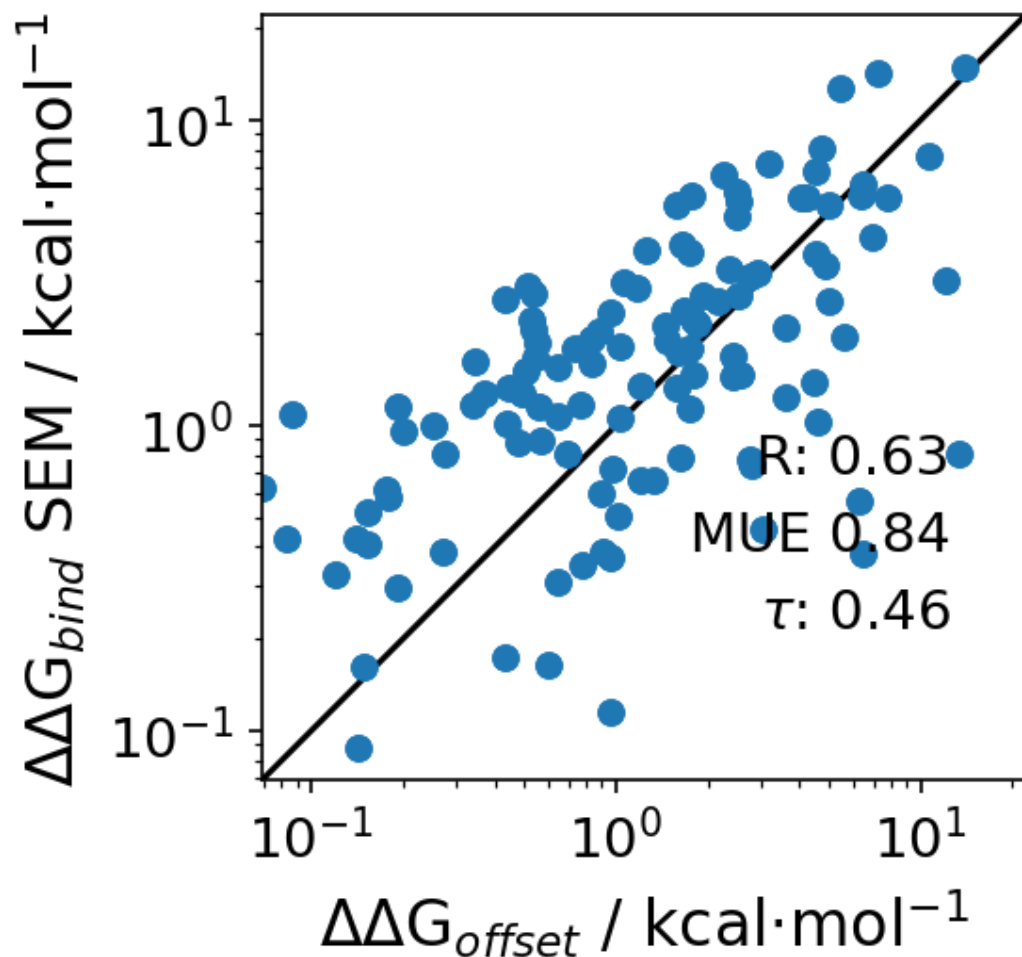


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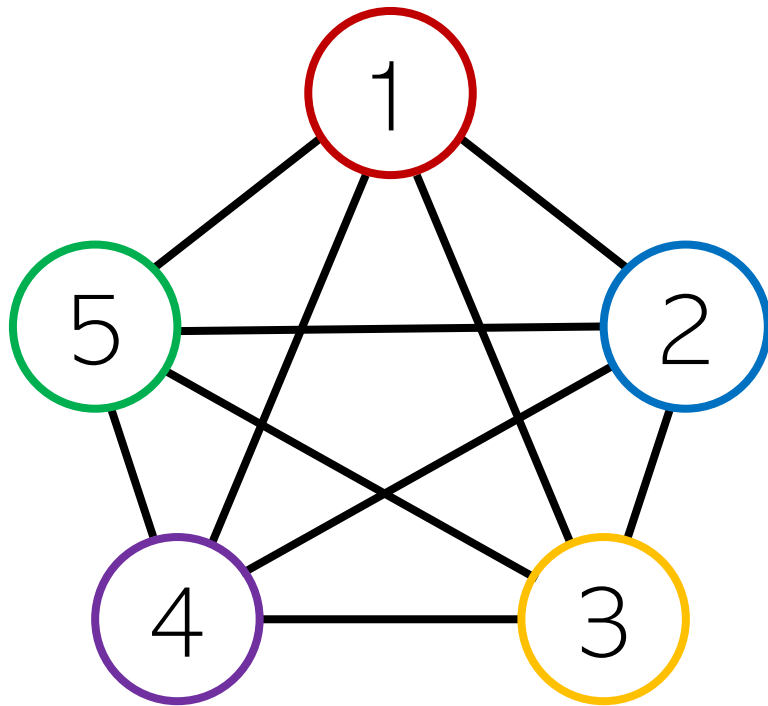
- Neither are known *a priori*
- Proposed graph has theoretically minimal FEP 'mistakes'

# A more practical metric: FEP uncertainty

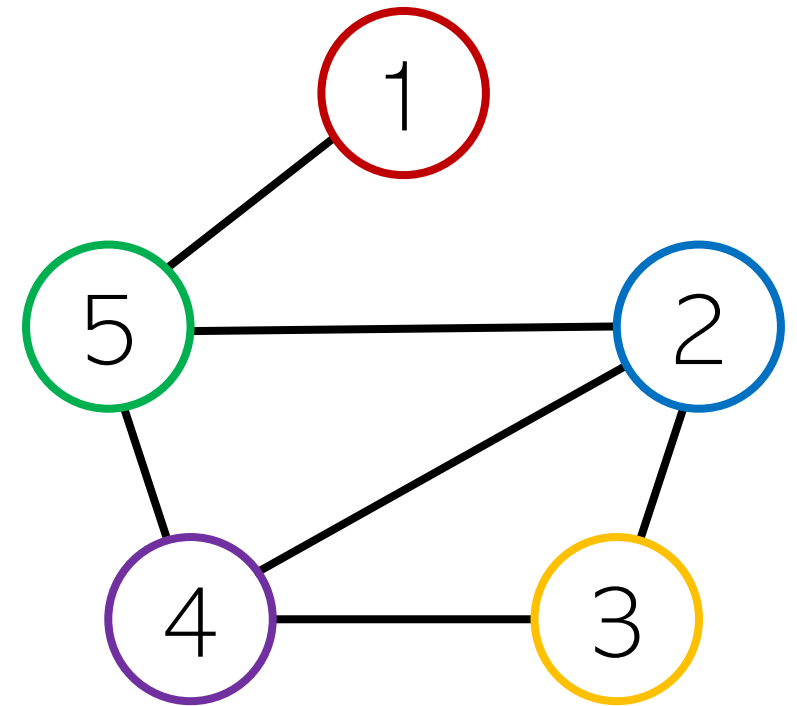


- FEP standard error of the mean (SEM) tends to be low when offset is low
- No experimental data required
- Still require FEP simulations to obtain SEMs

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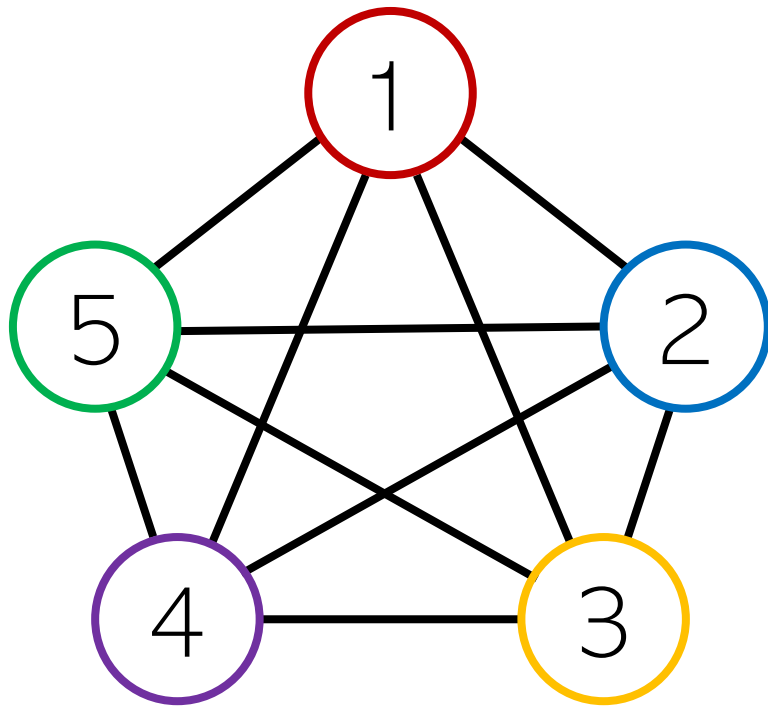


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SEM predicted by  
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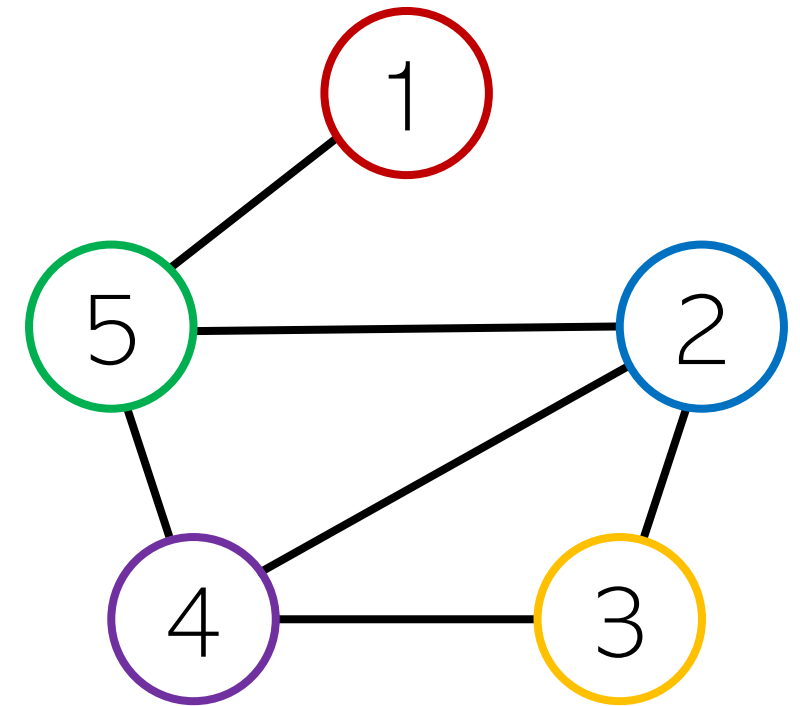




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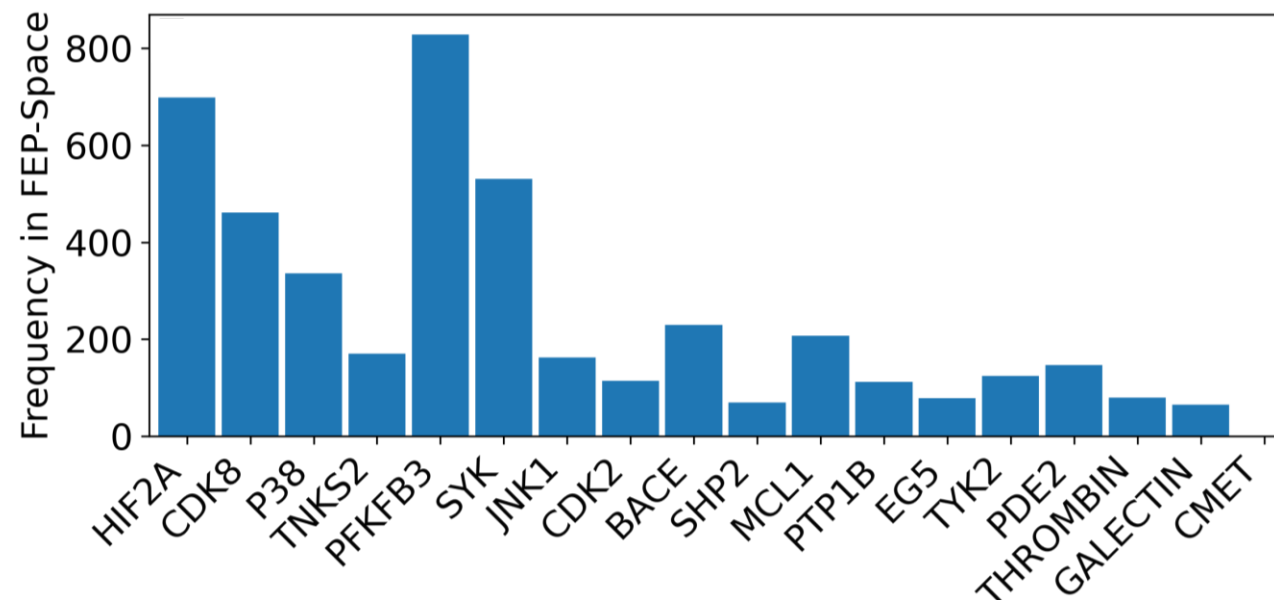
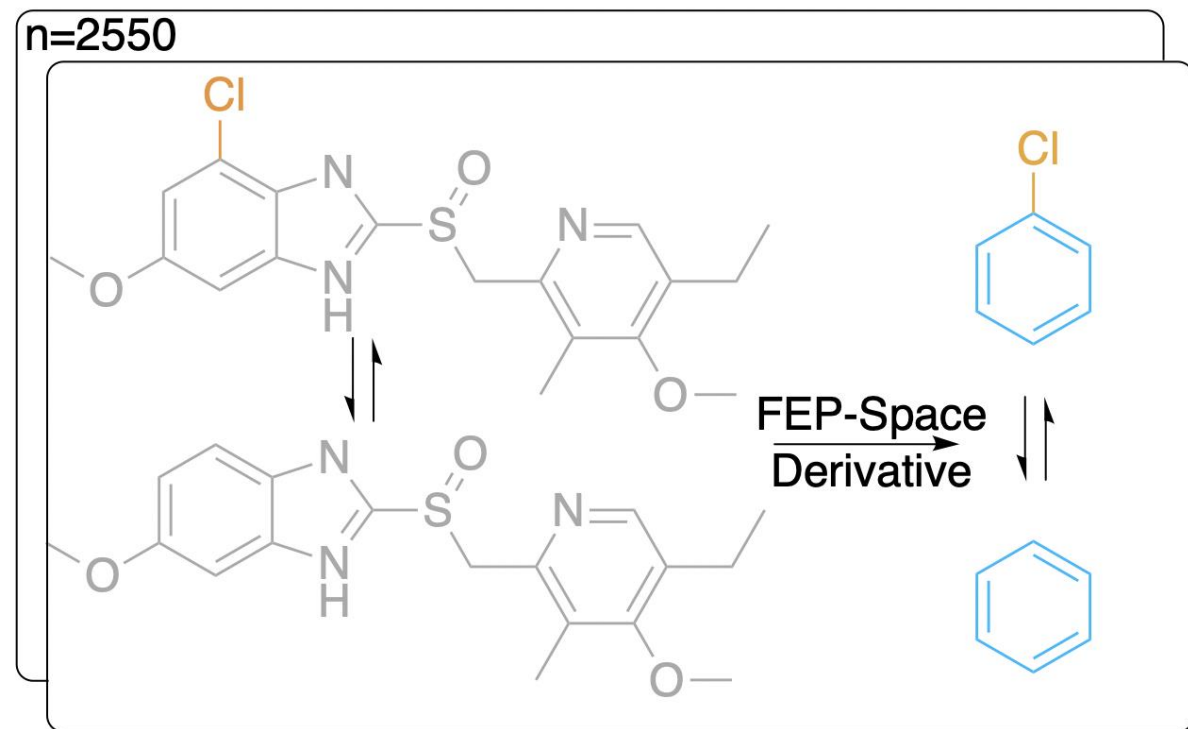


Can do a representative set  
of FEPs in advance

Fast, scalable  
estimation for large N

Does not require  
expert/subjective engineering

# FEP-Space was created as a training set to represent all realistic FEP transformations



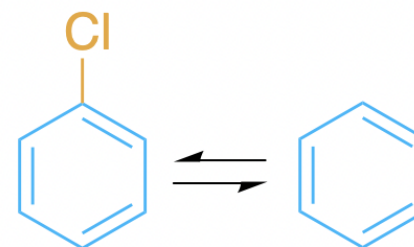
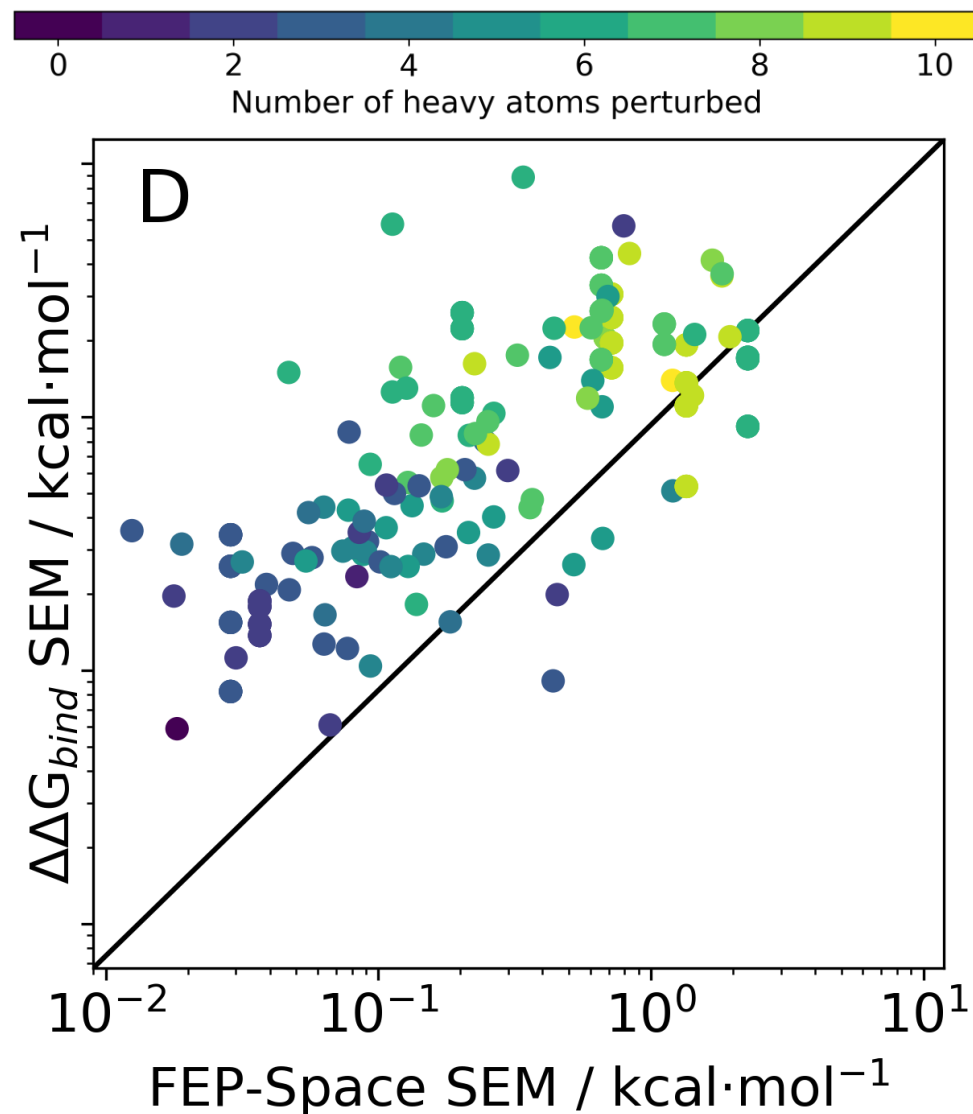
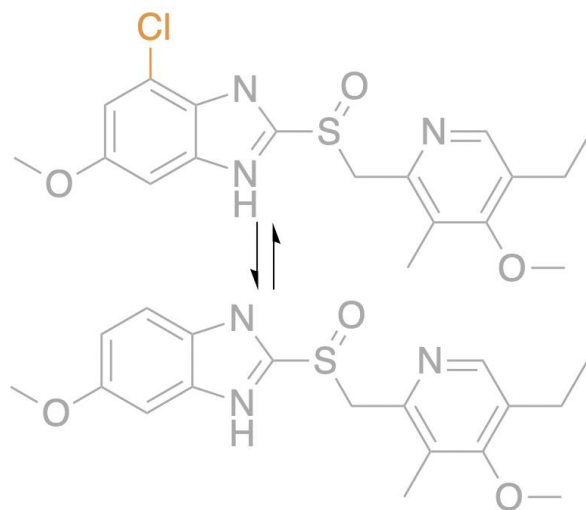
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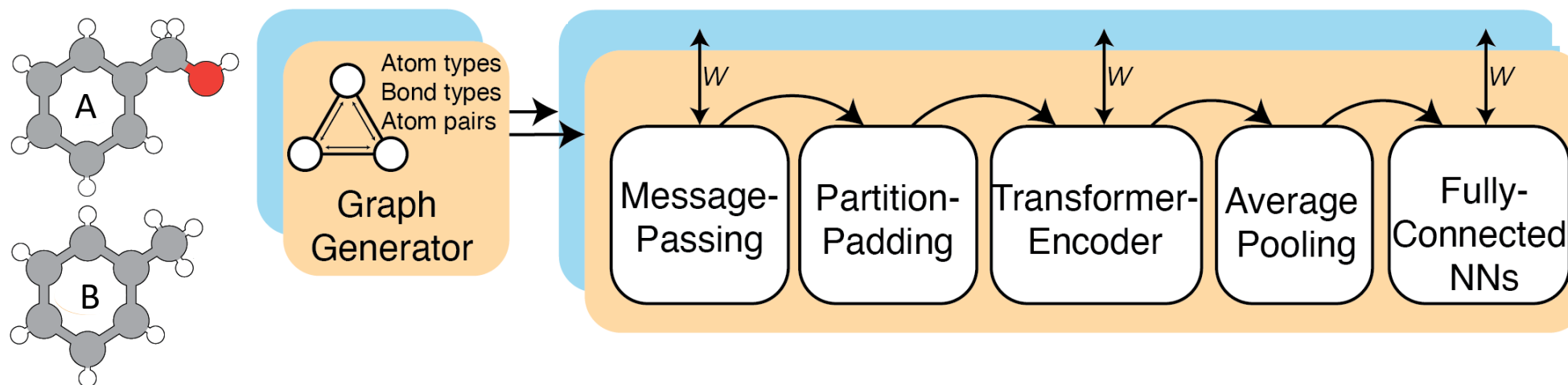
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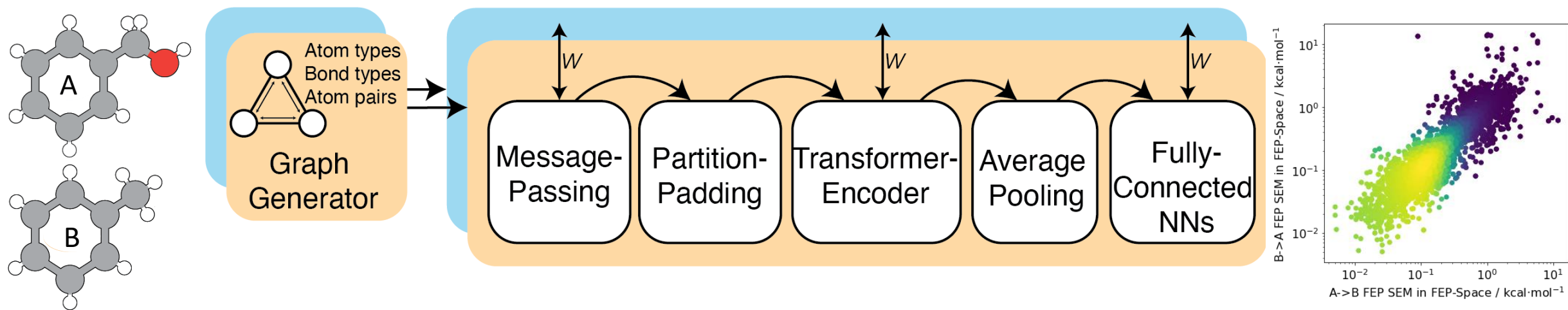
FEP-Space is a generalisable training domain at the cost of losing some correlation to its source SEM



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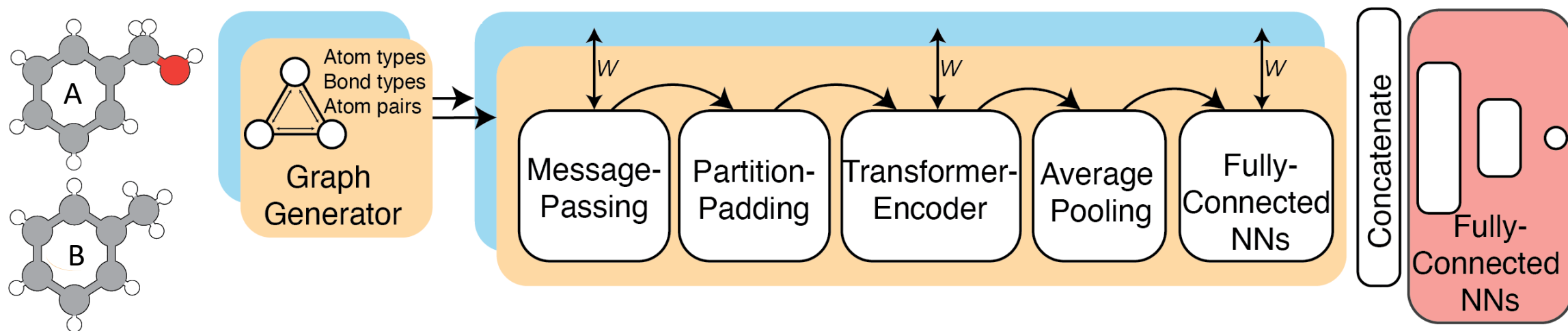


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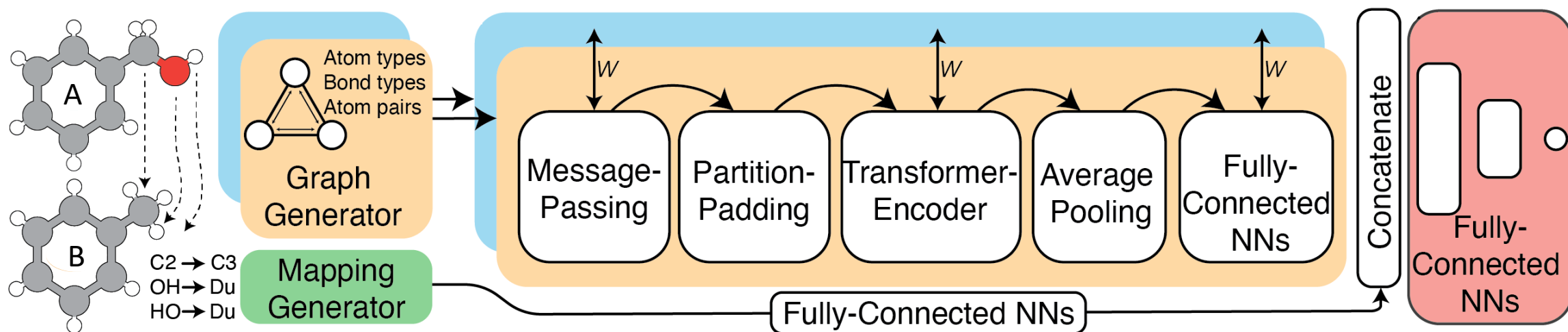




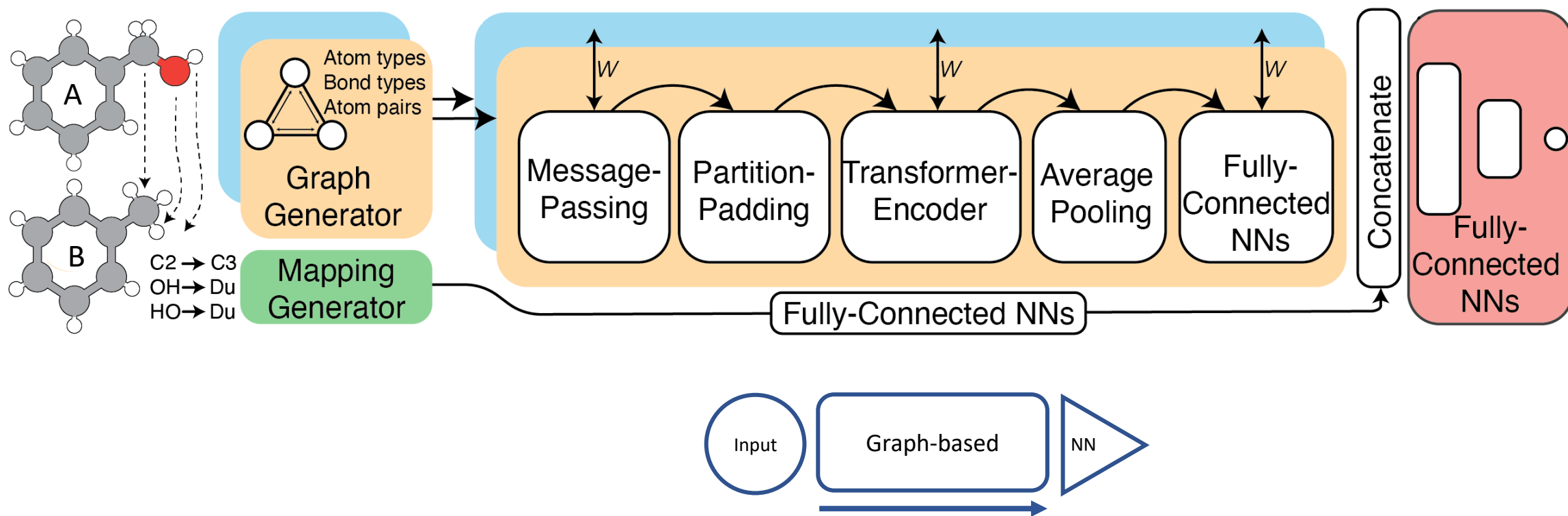
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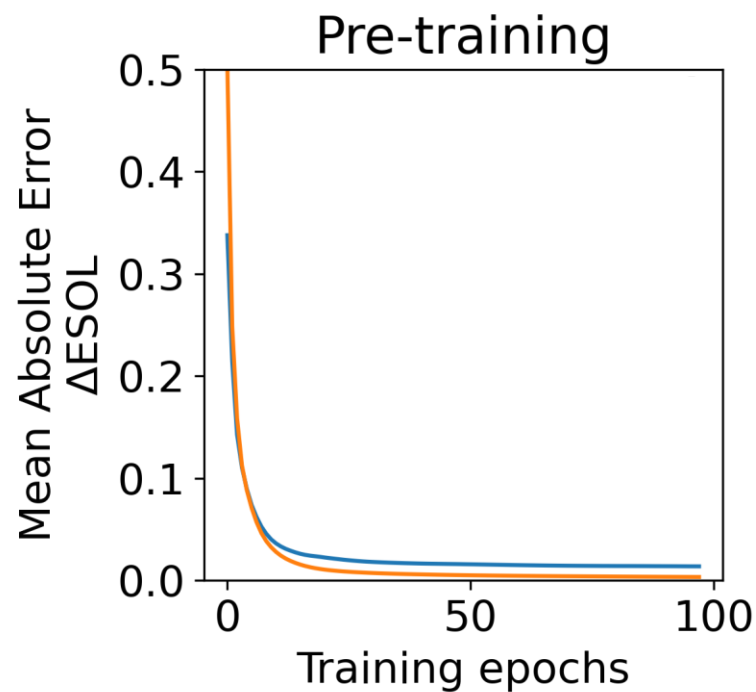
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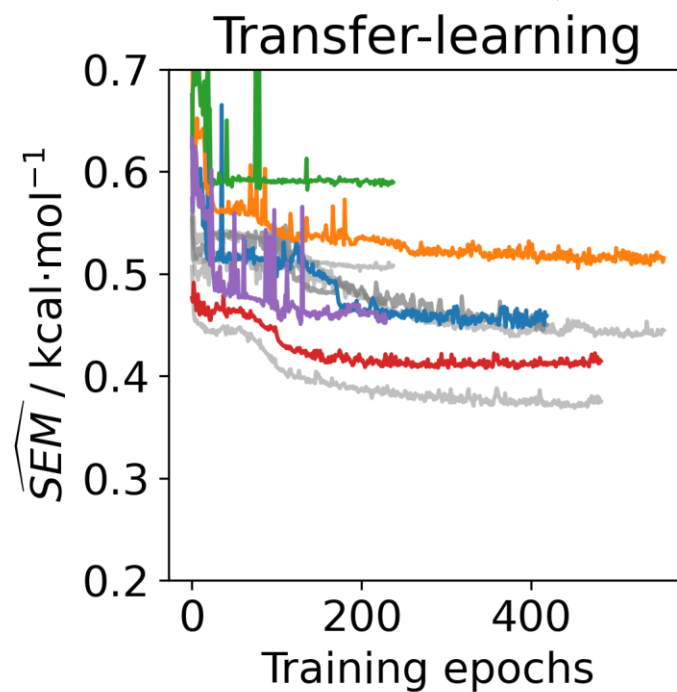
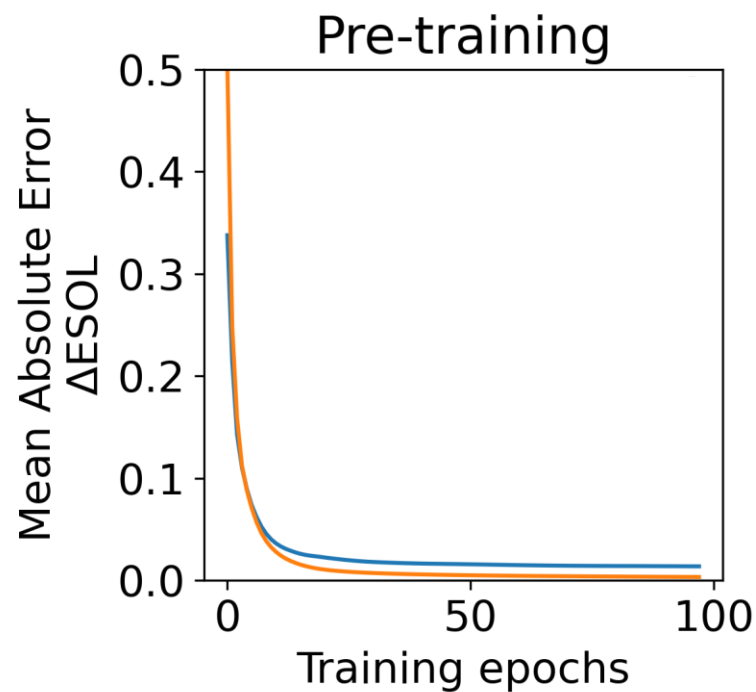
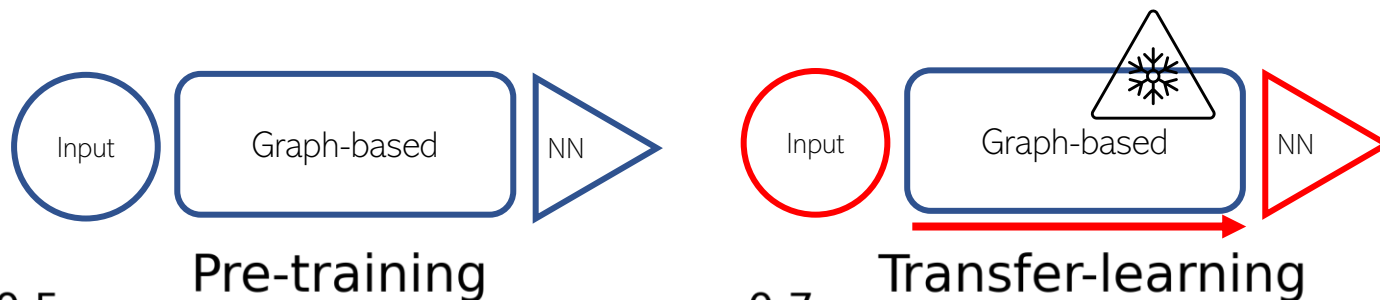
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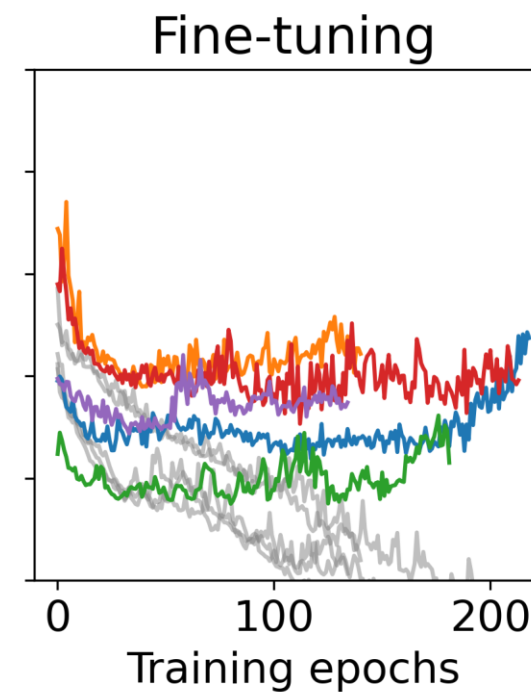
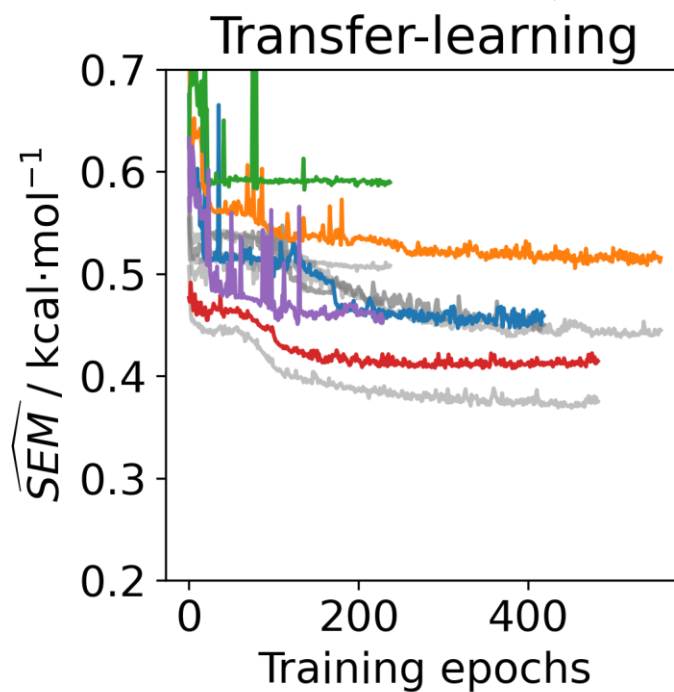
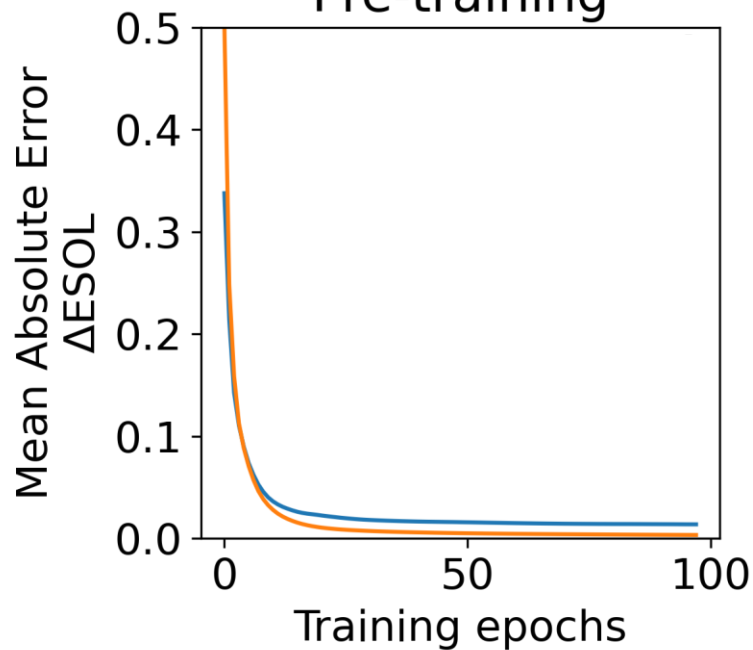
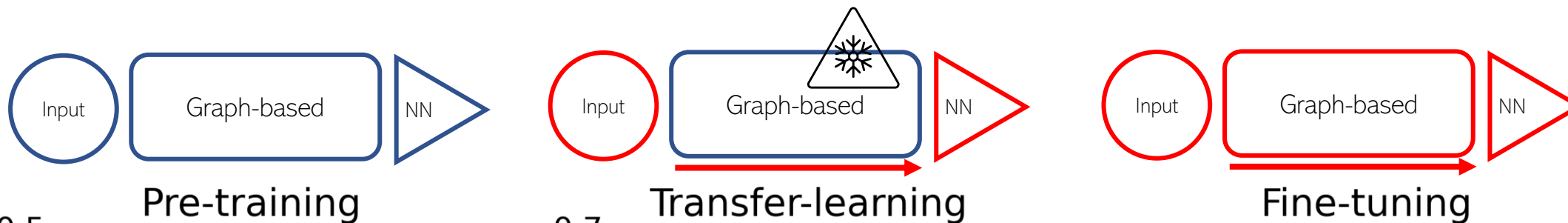


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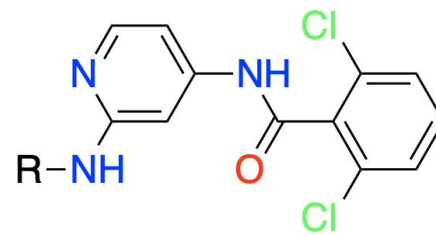
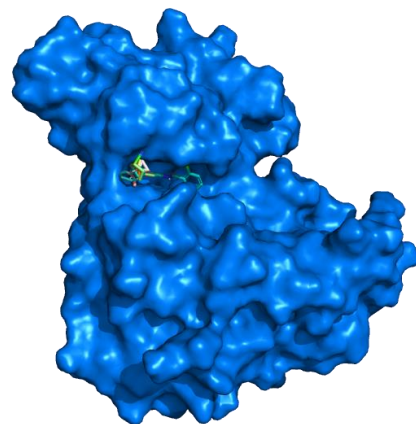




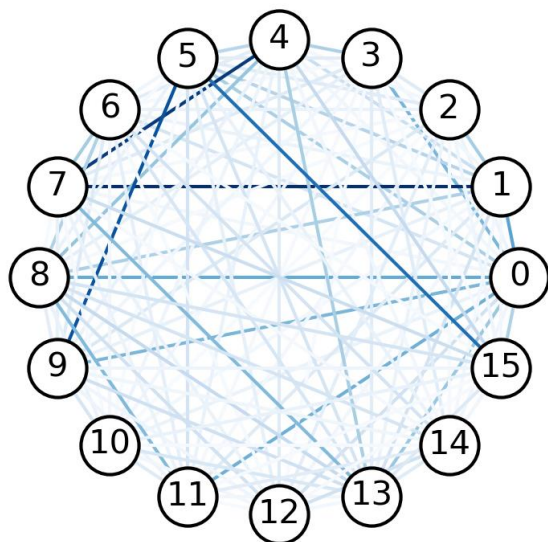
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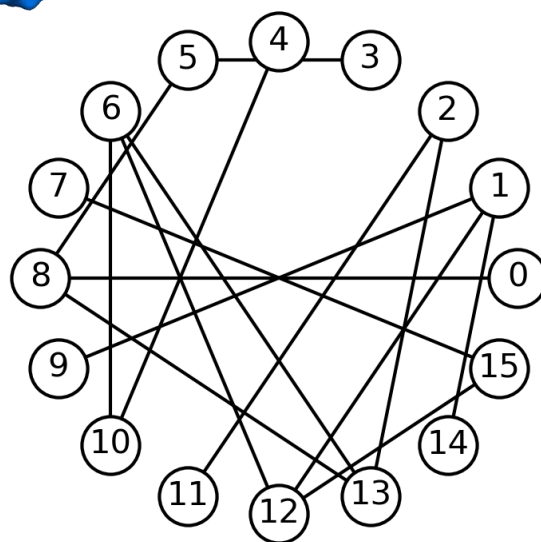
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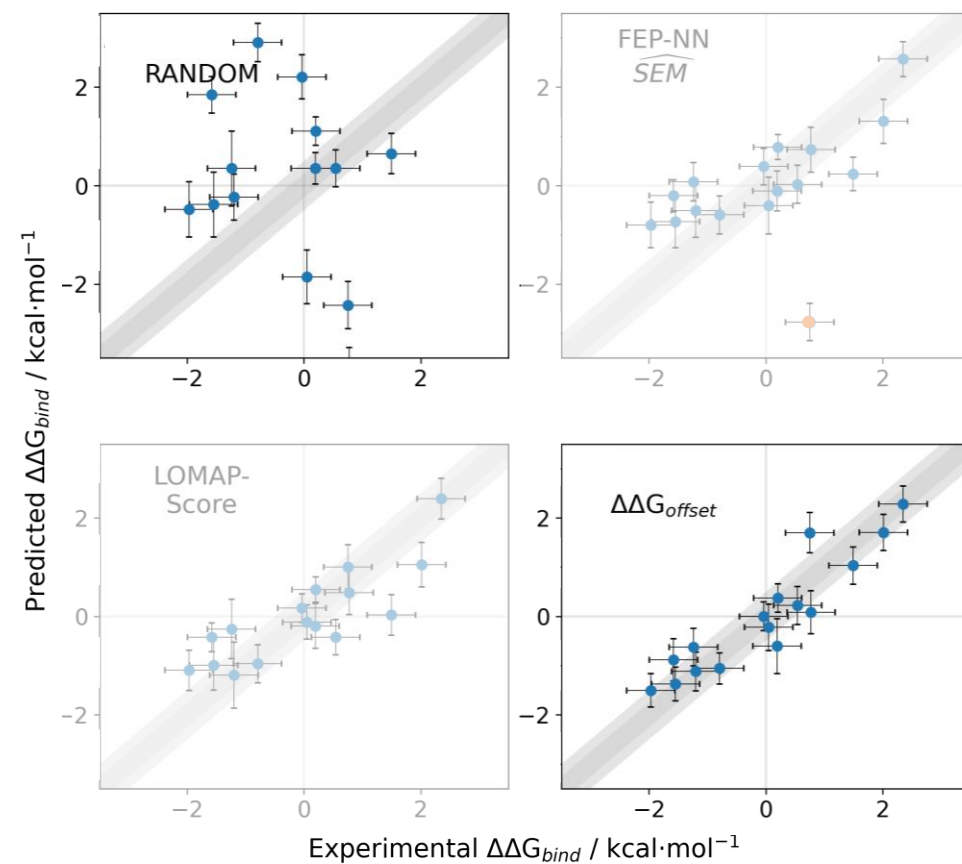
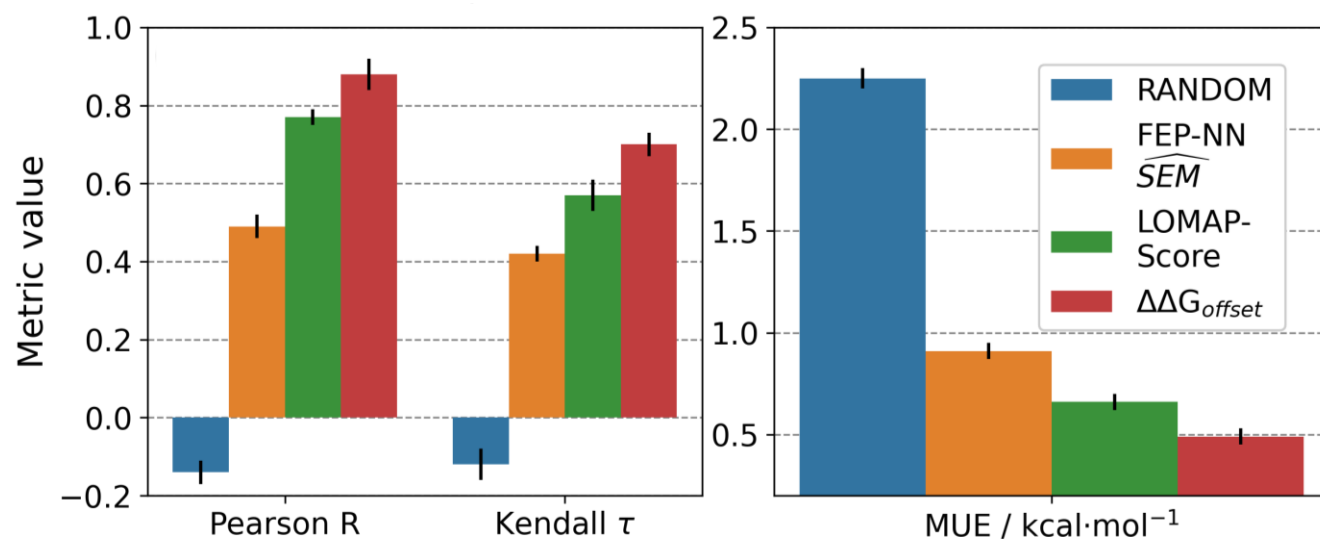
Generated graph:



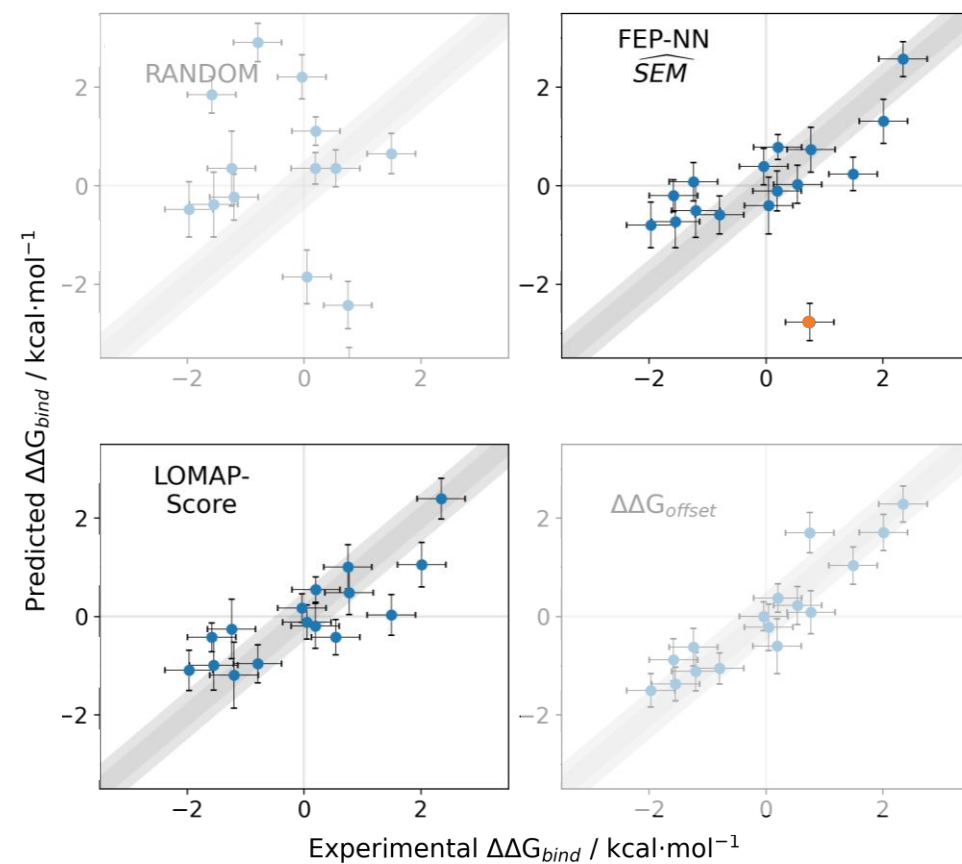
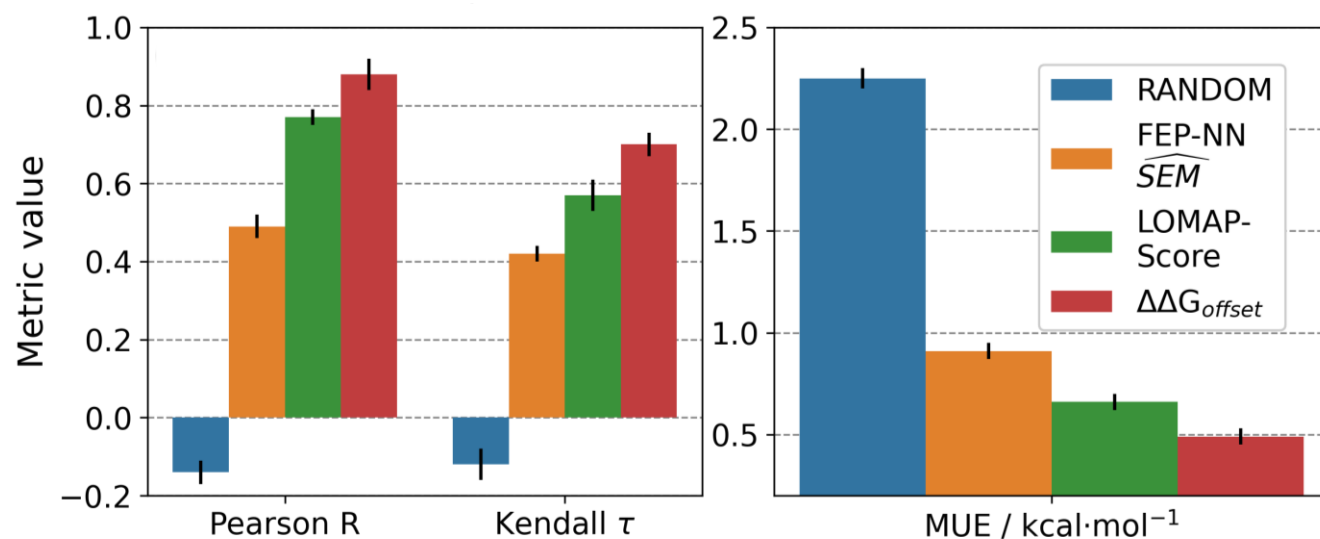
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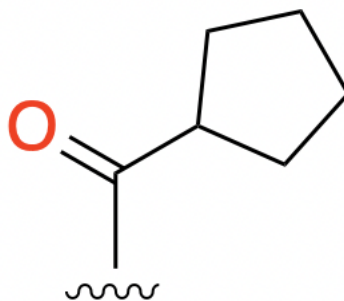
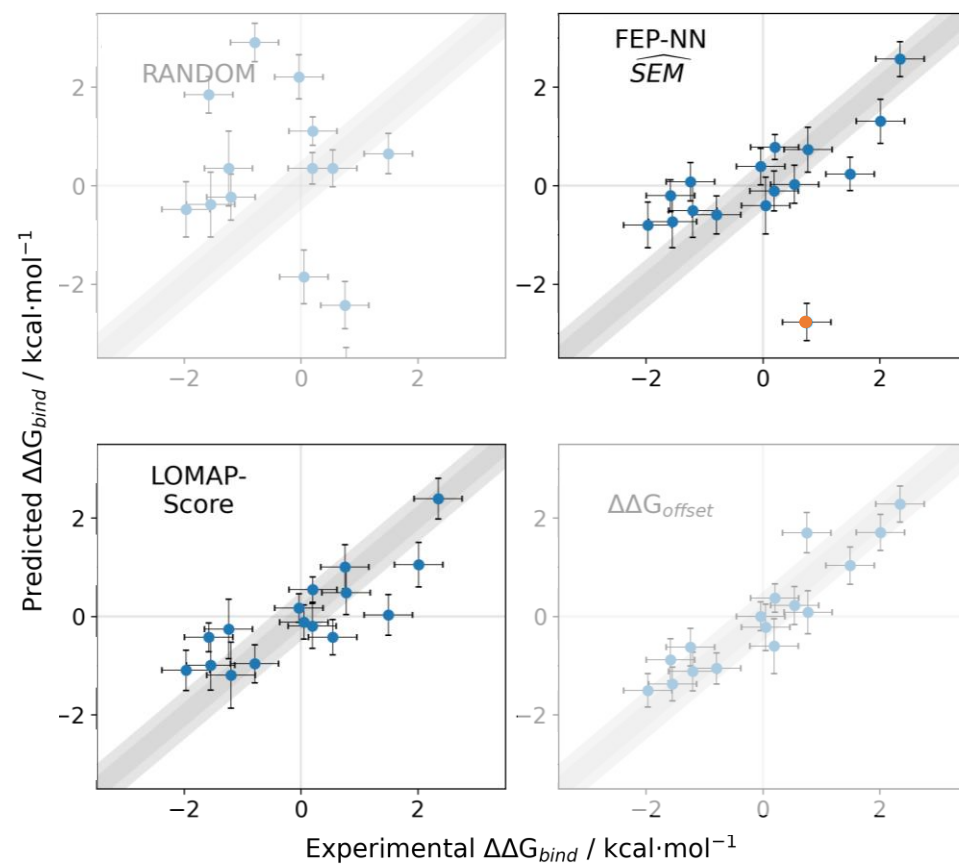
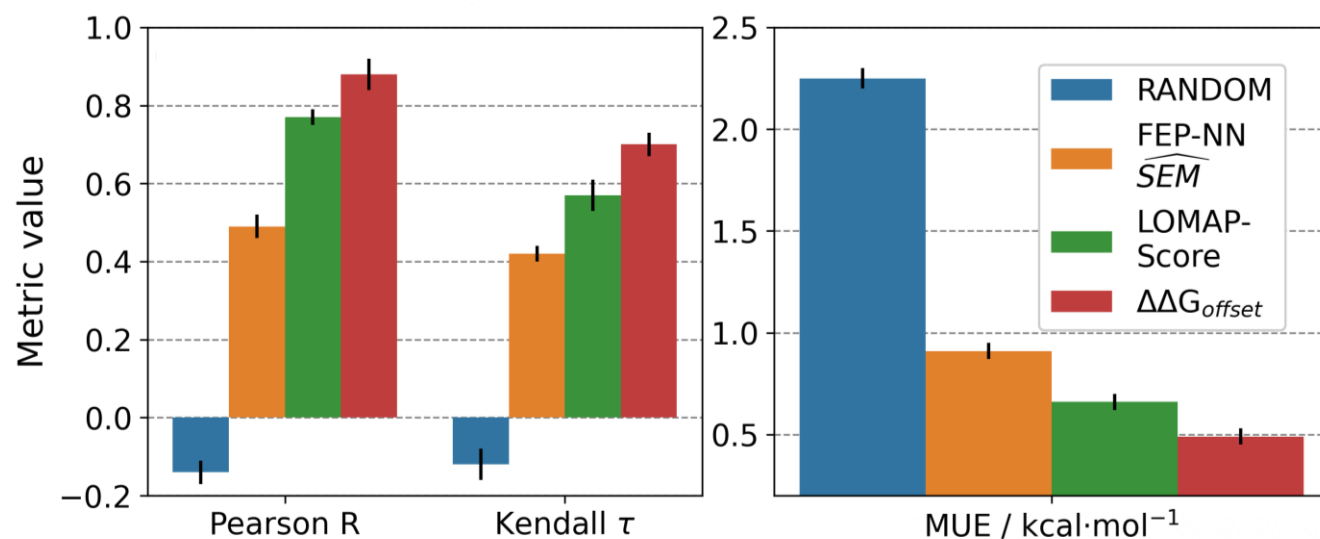
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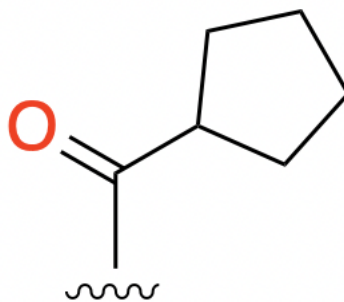
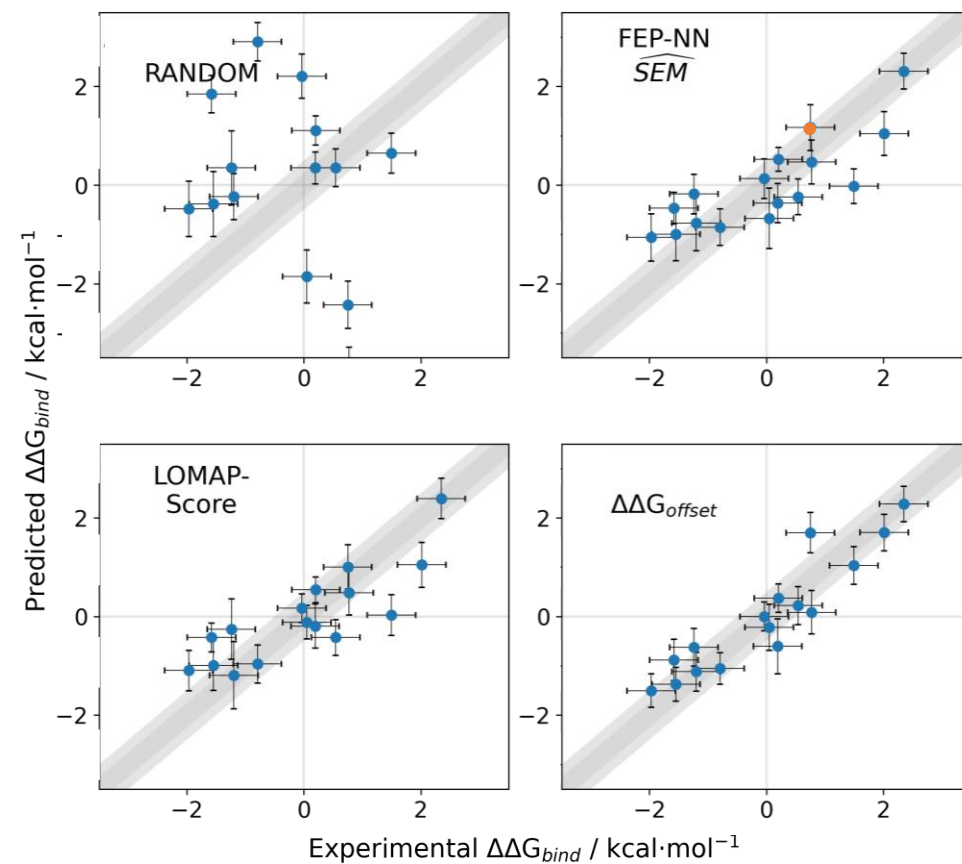
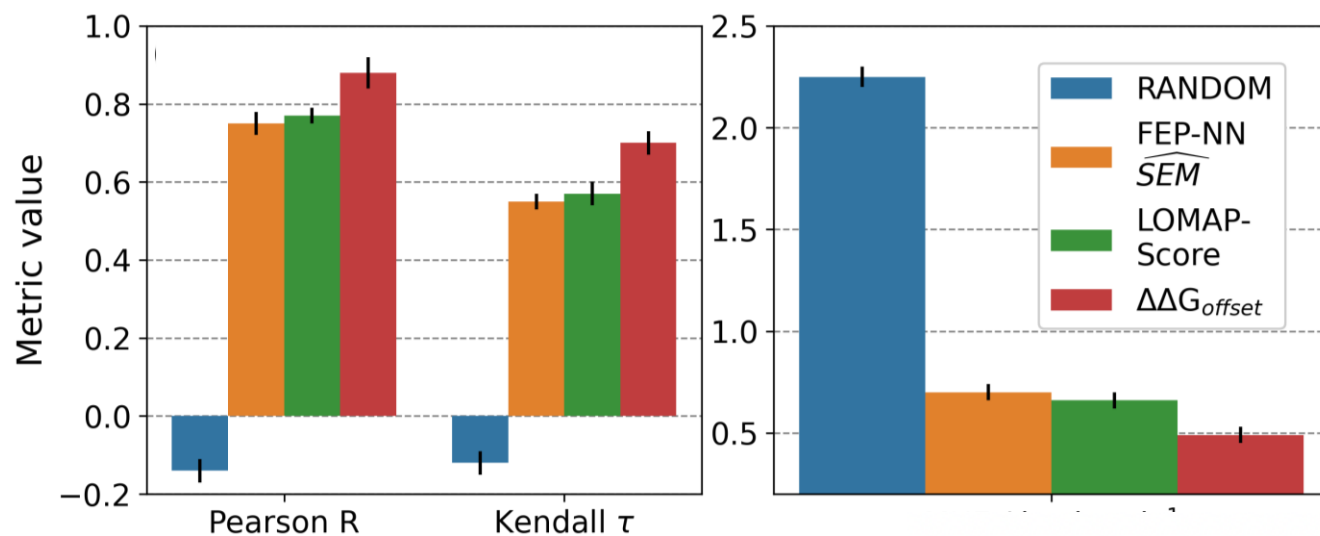
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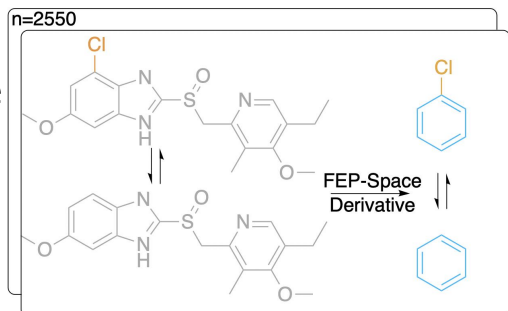


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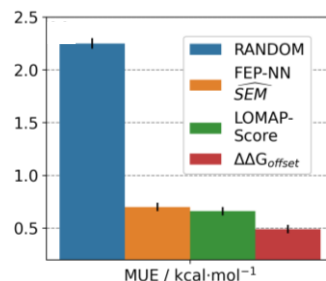
# Take-home messages

FEP-Space publicly  
Available to advance  
ML for FEP

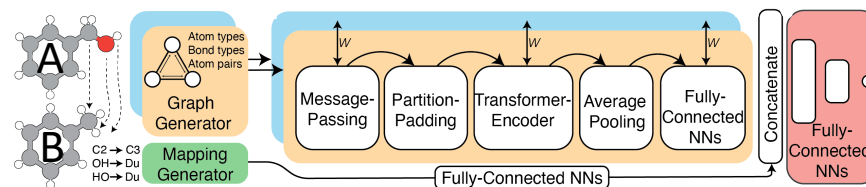


[https://github.com/michellab/data\\_driven\\_fep\\_reliabilities](https://github.com/michellab/data_driven_fep_reliabilities)

Data-driven network  
generator is  
competitive with state-  
of-the-art generators



First Siamese-NN-type implementation in FEP



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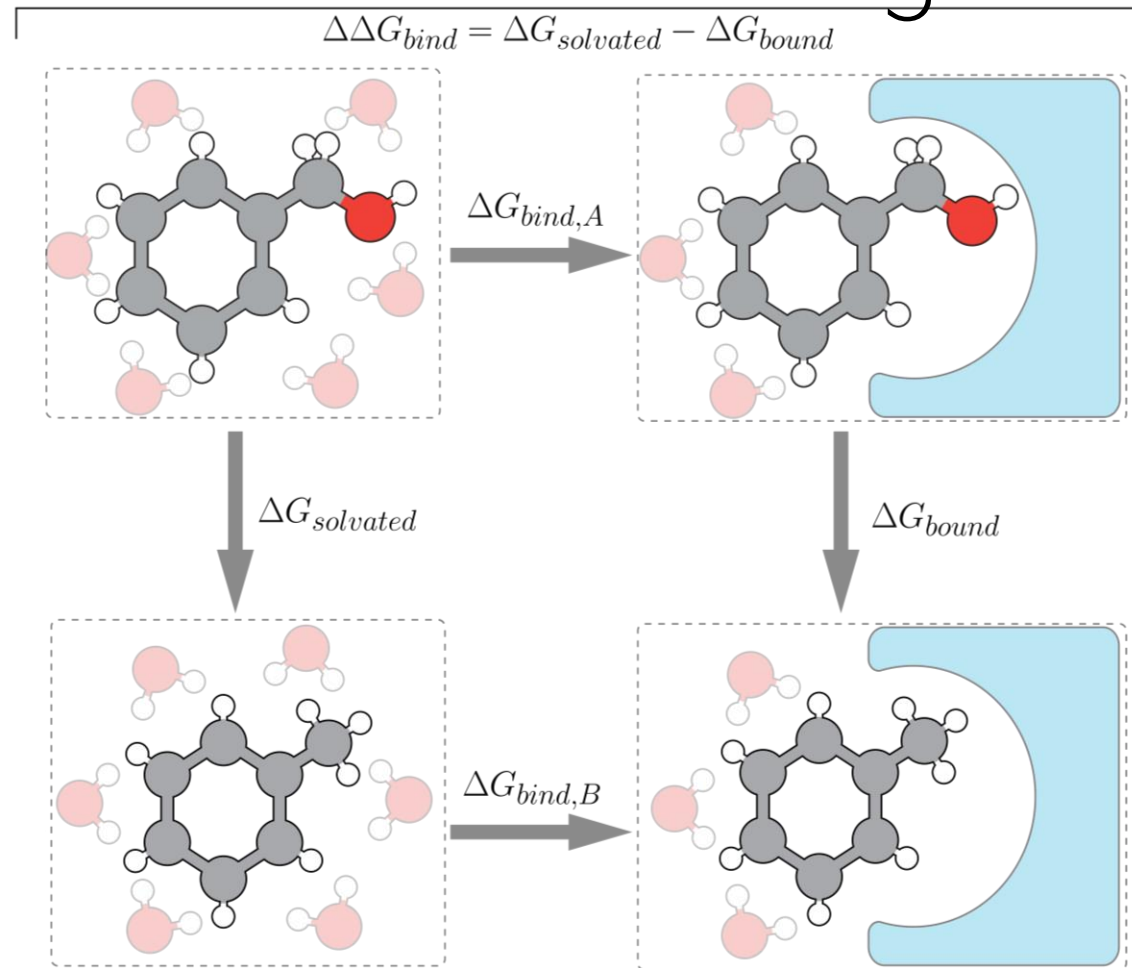
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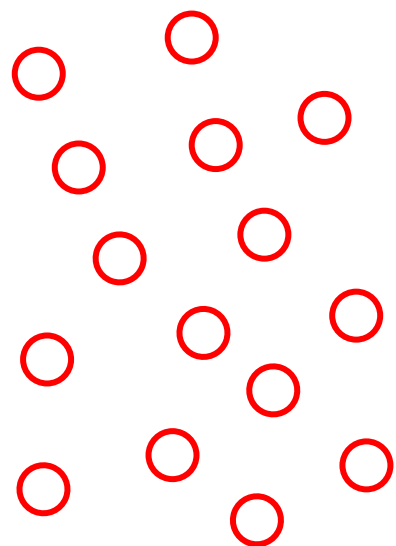
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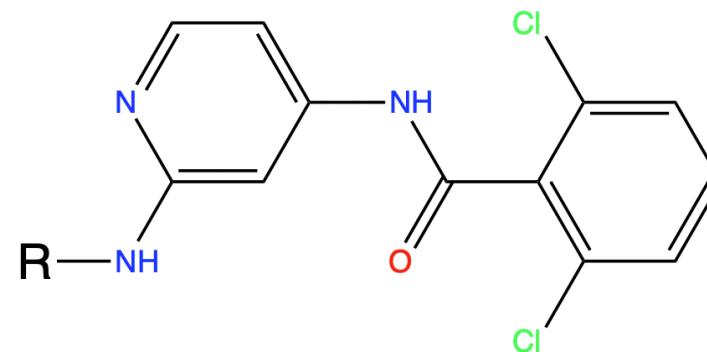
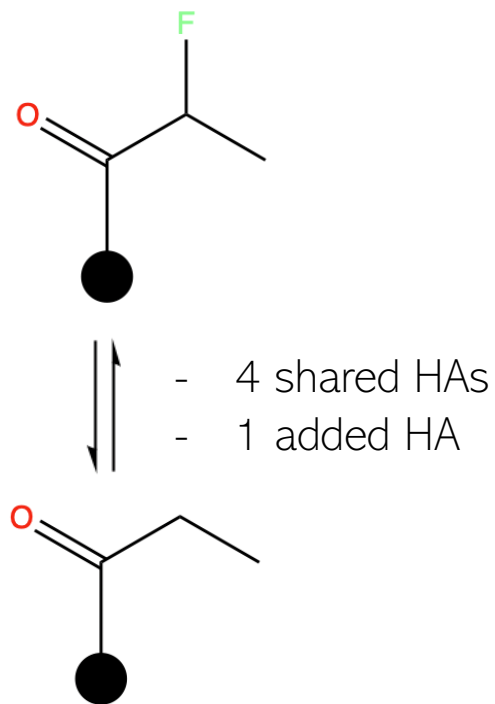
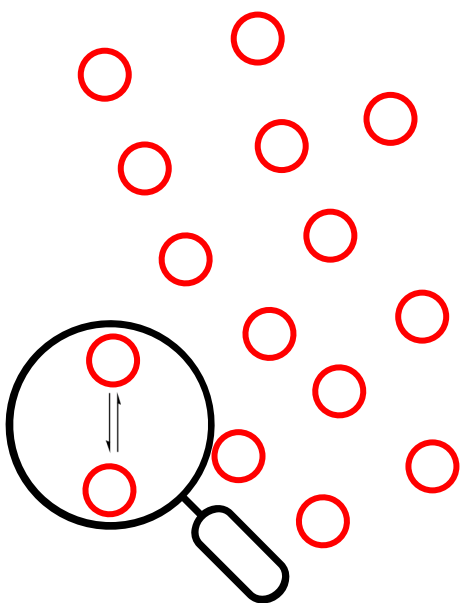
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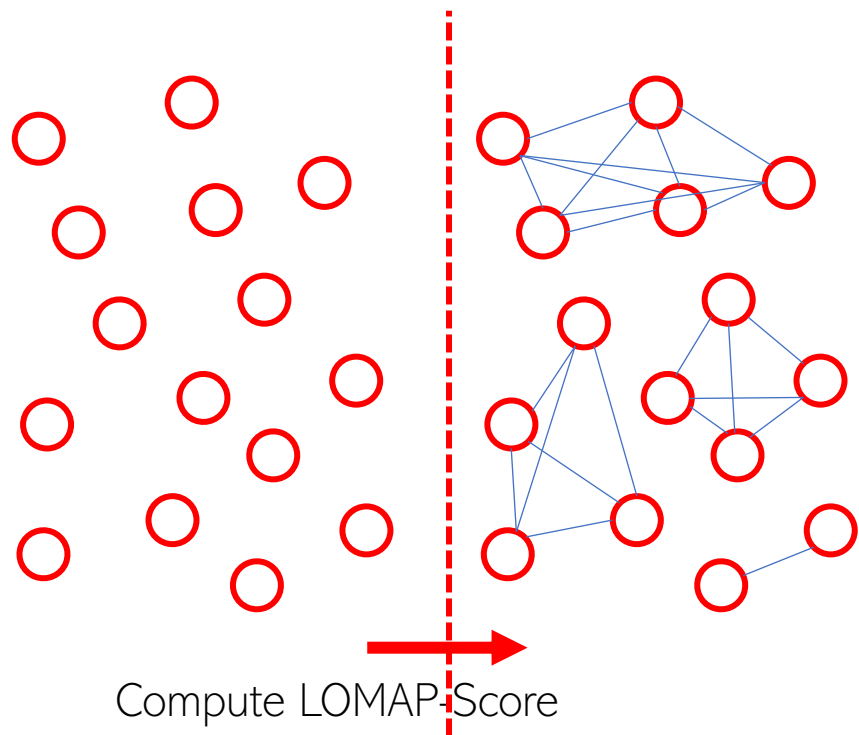
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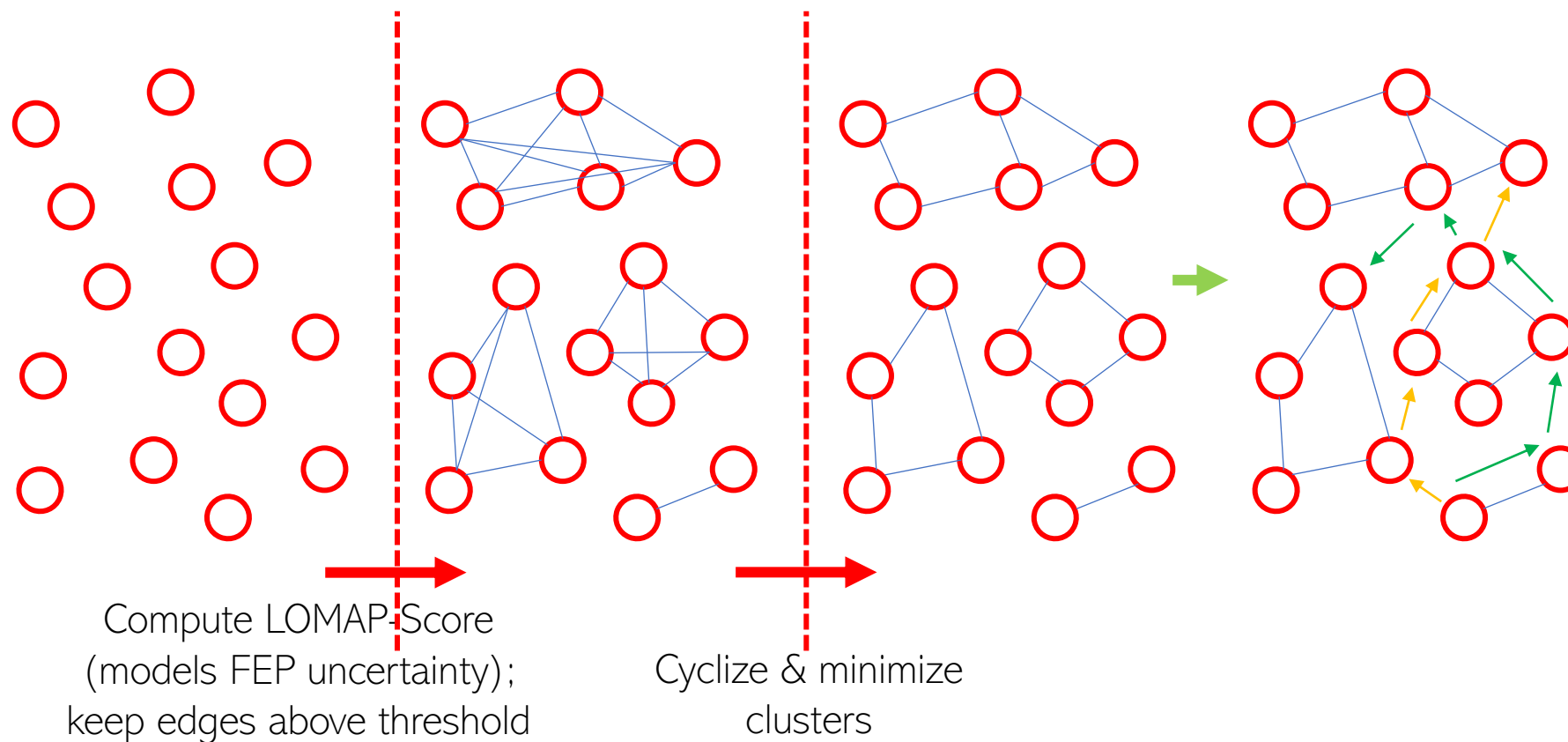


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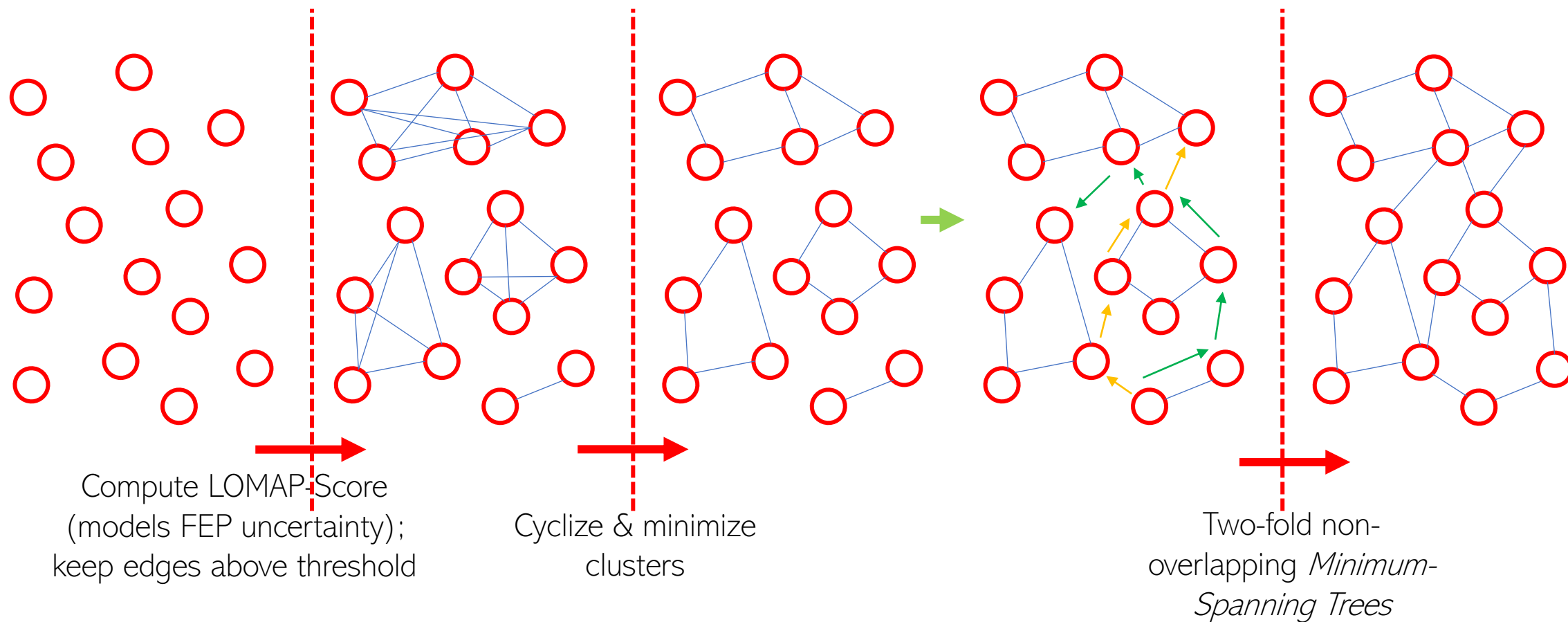


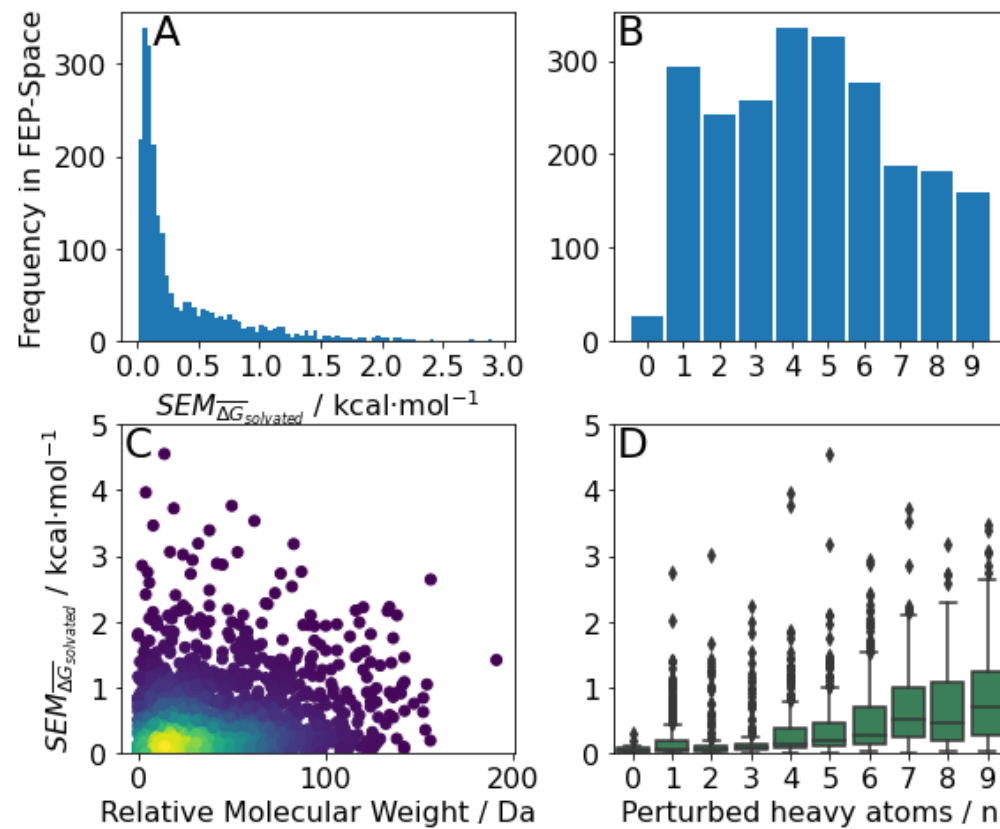
Compute LOMAP-Score  
(models FEP uncertainty);  
keep edges above threshold

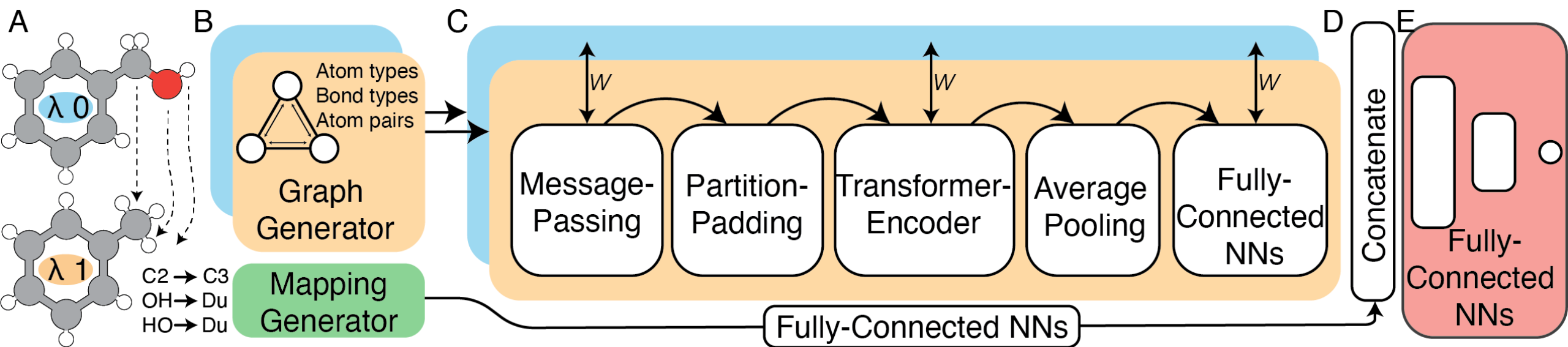
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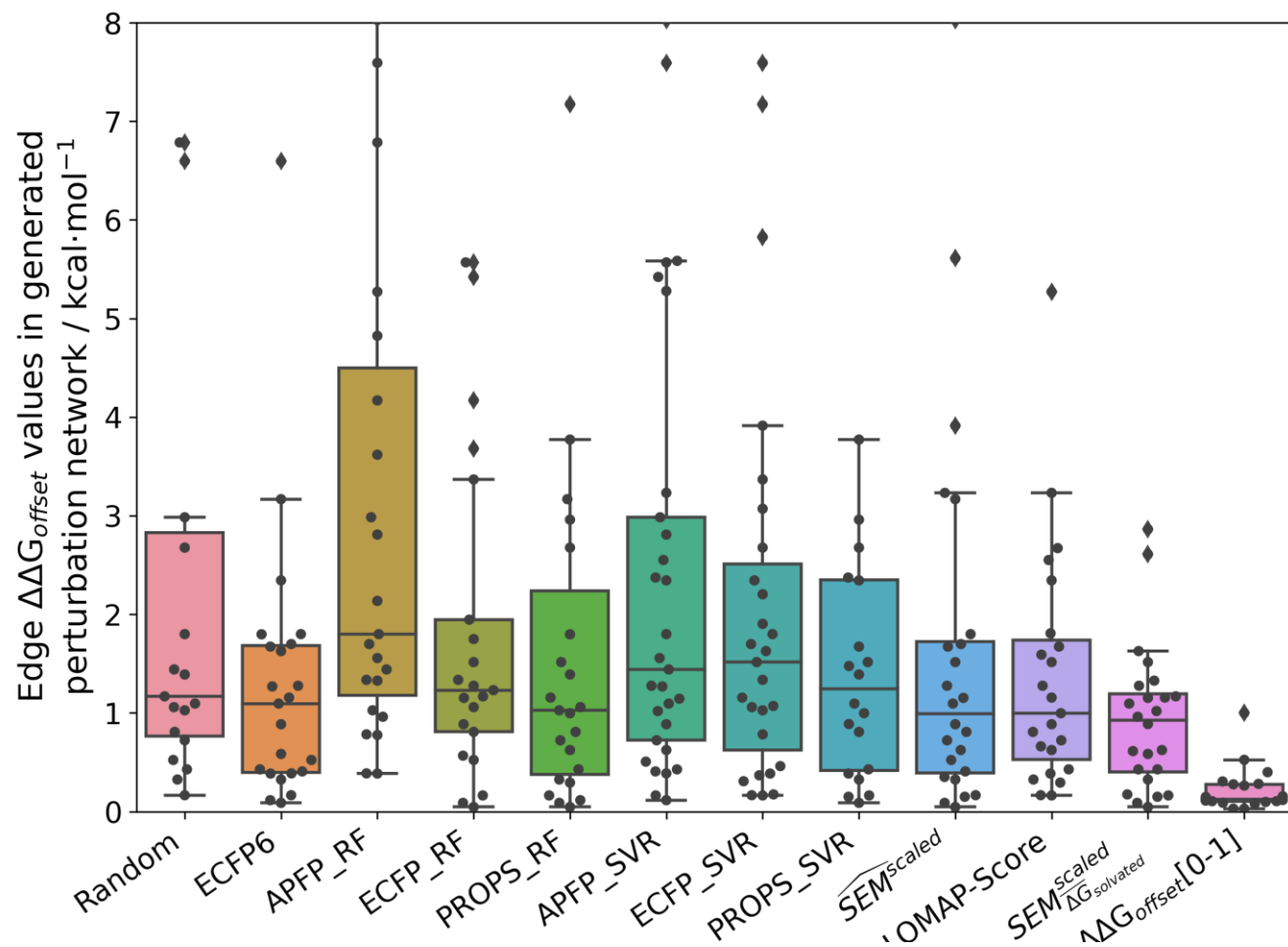
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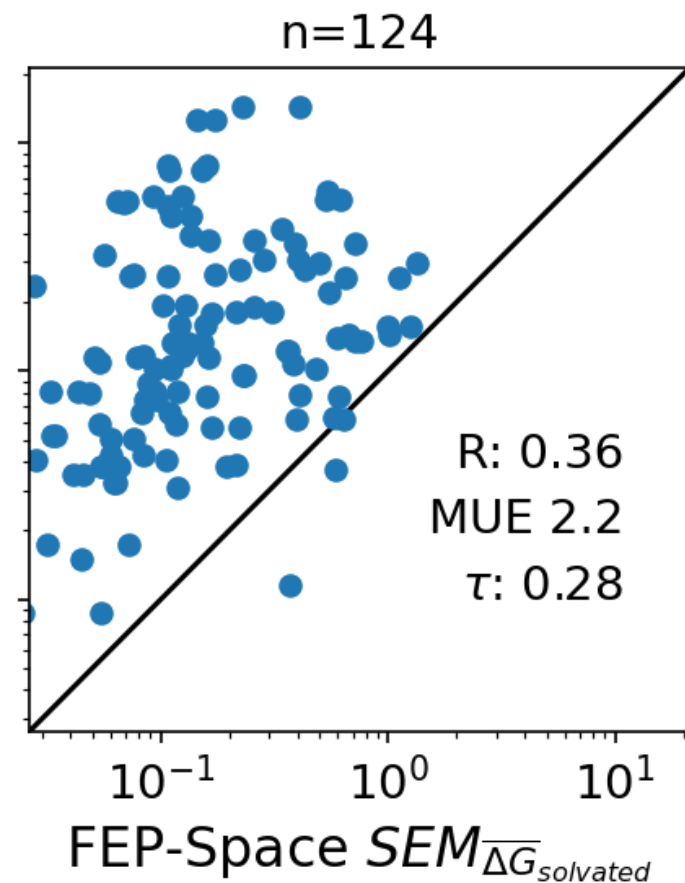
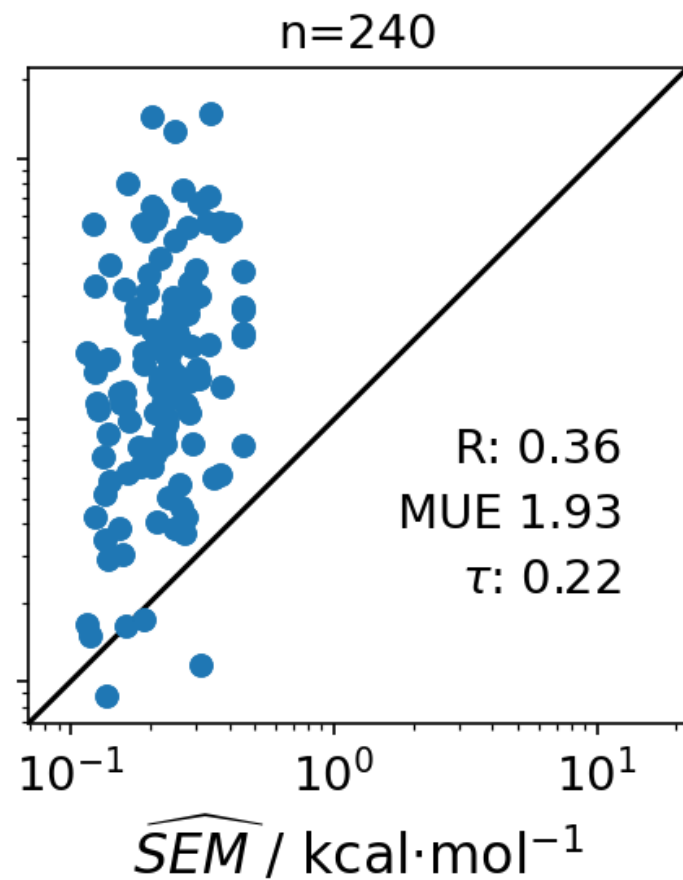
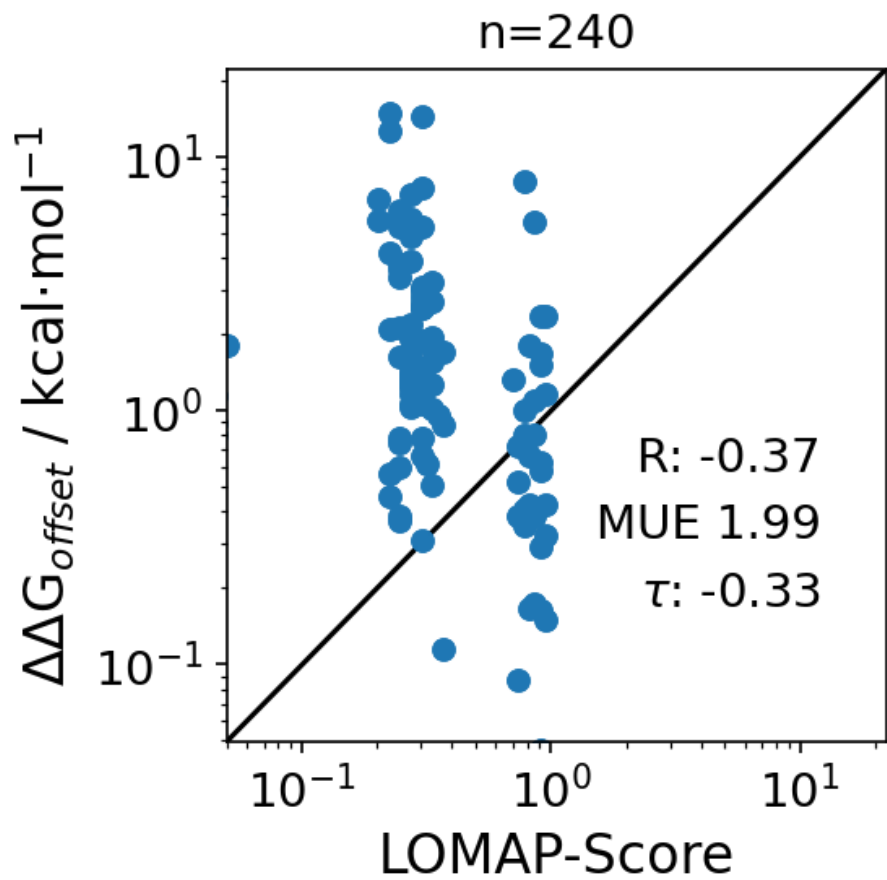


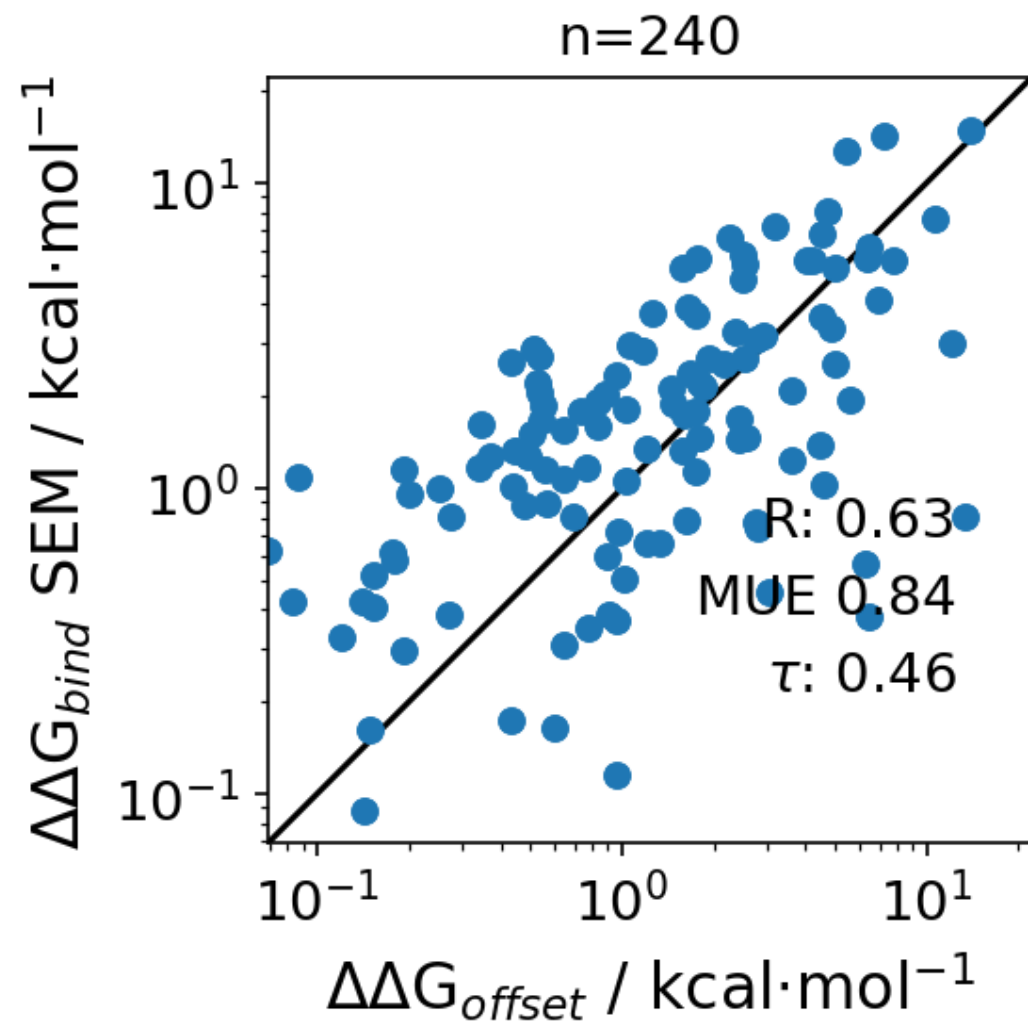




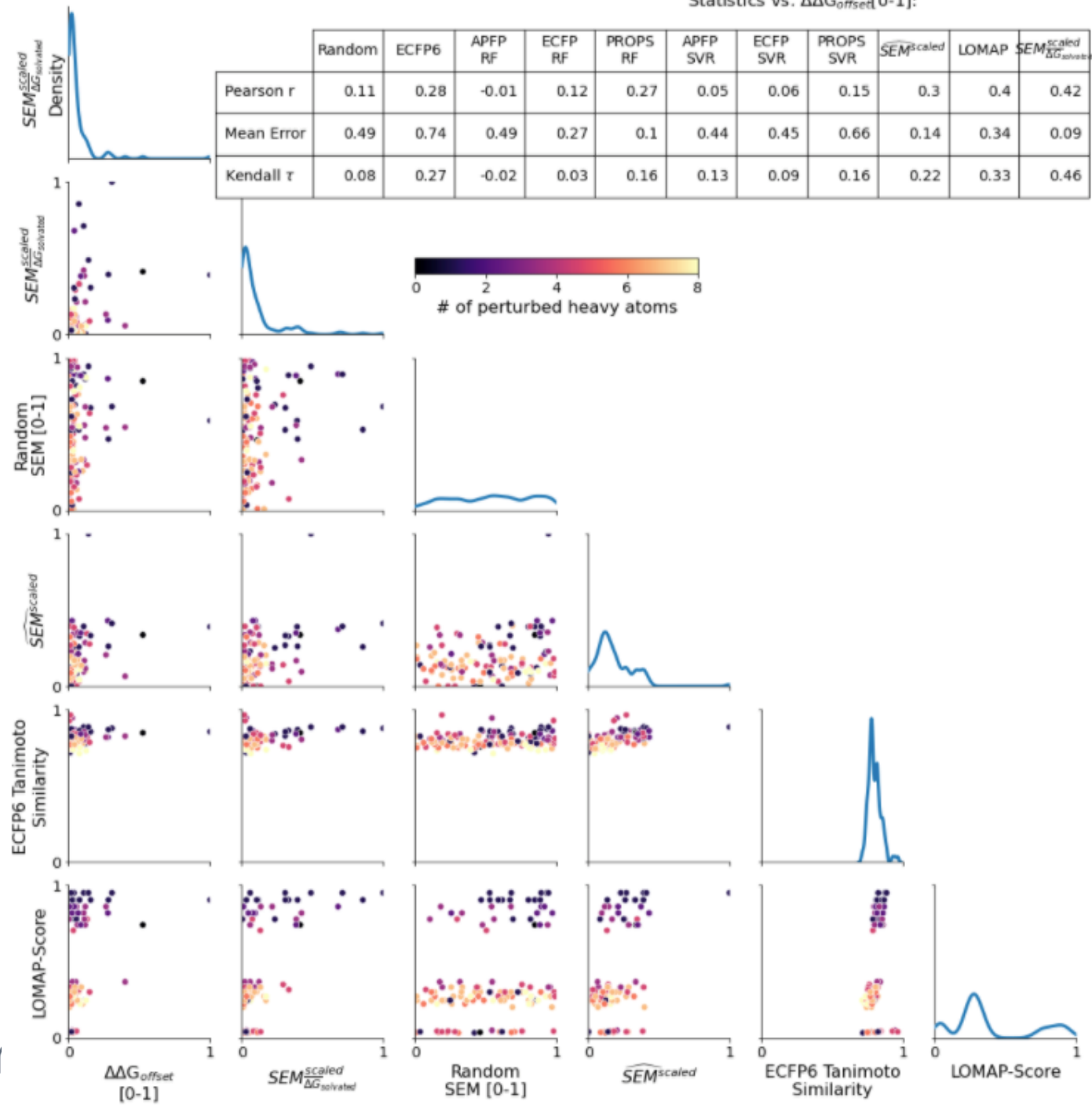


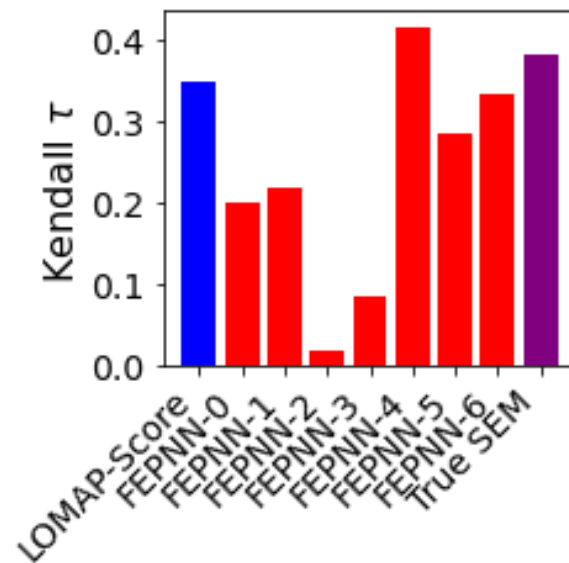
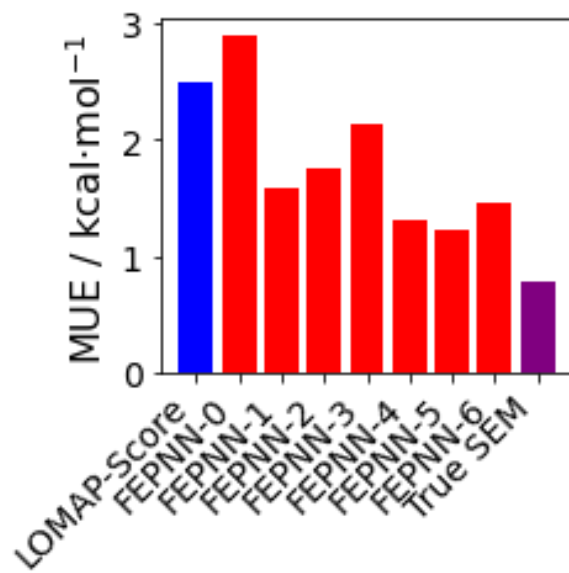
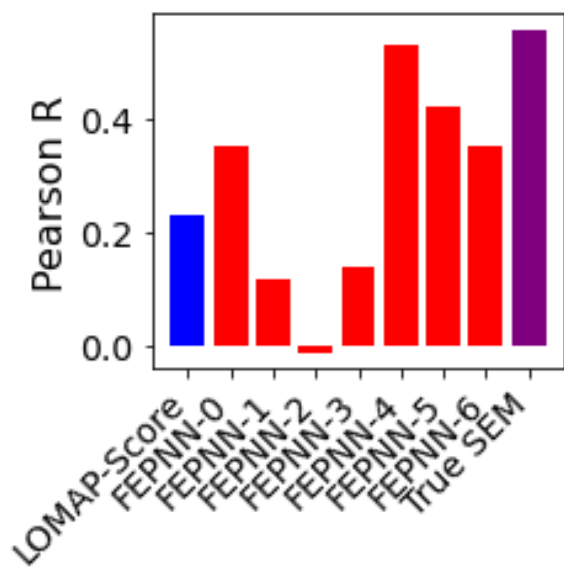


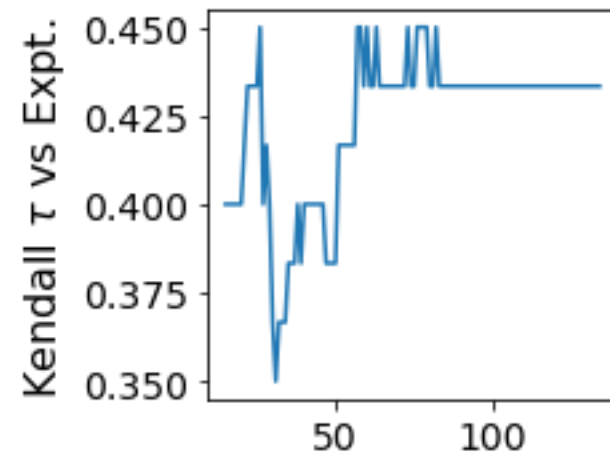
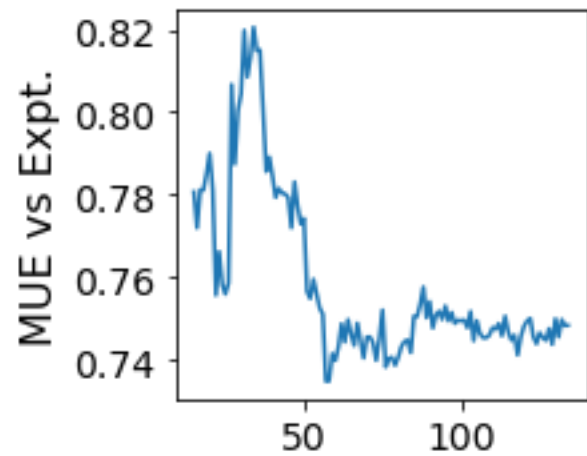
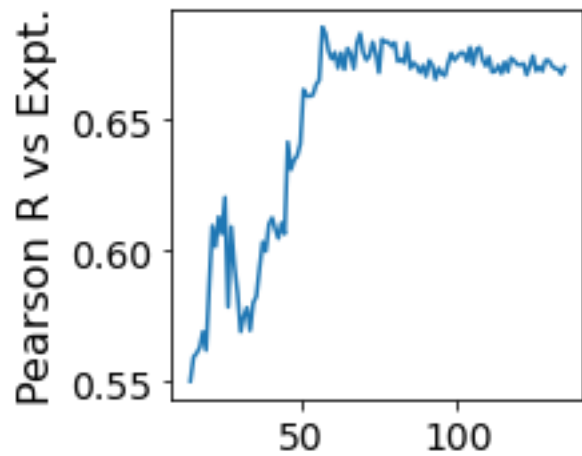




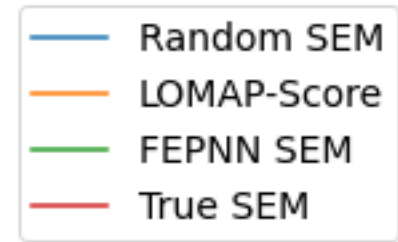
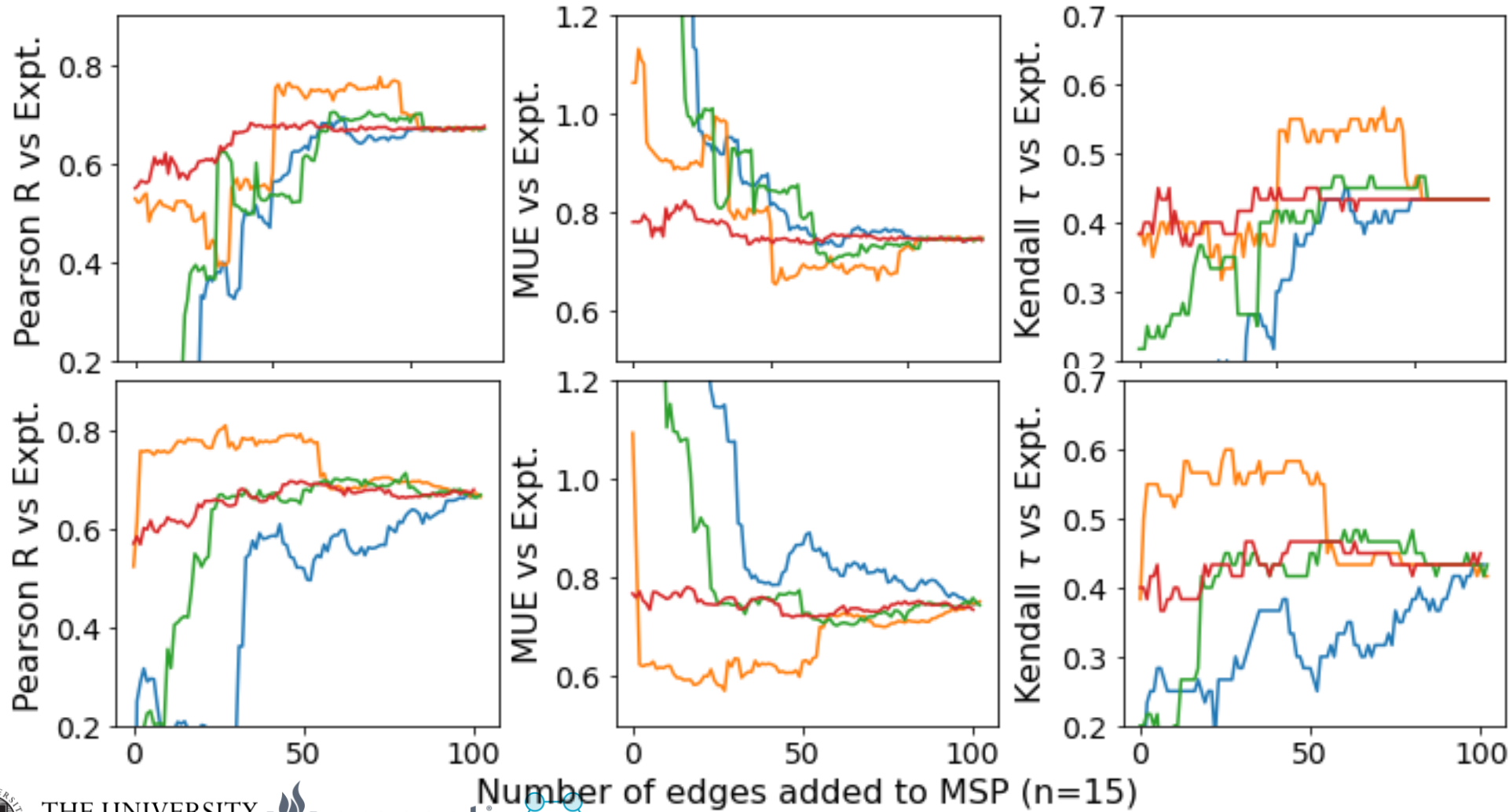
Statistics vs.  $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{offset}}[0-1]$ :





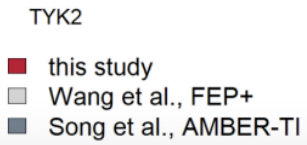
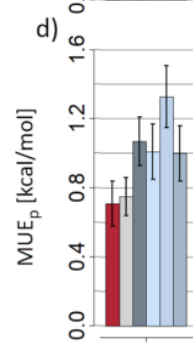
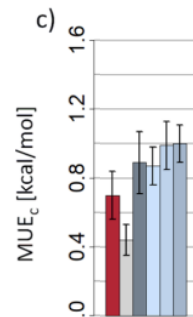
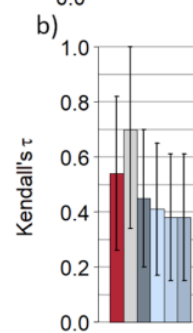
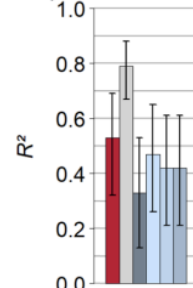


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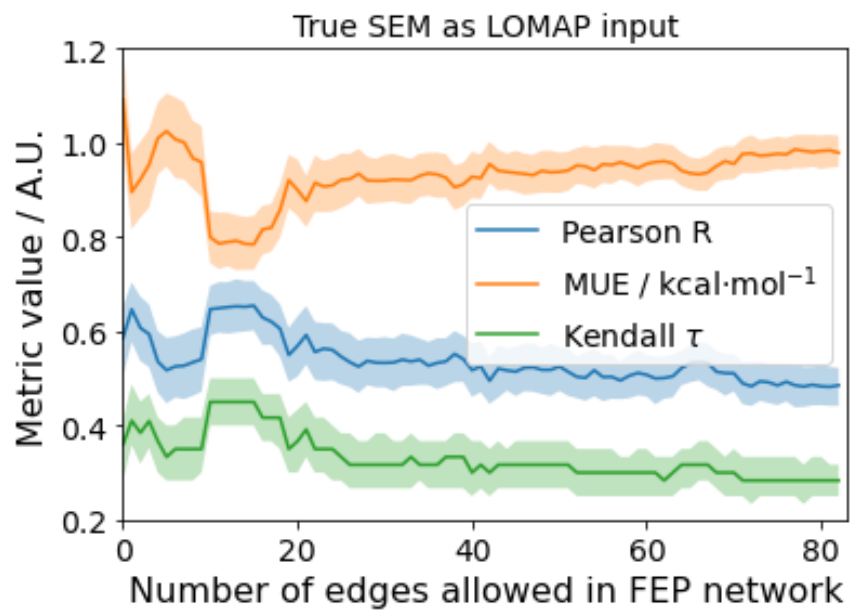
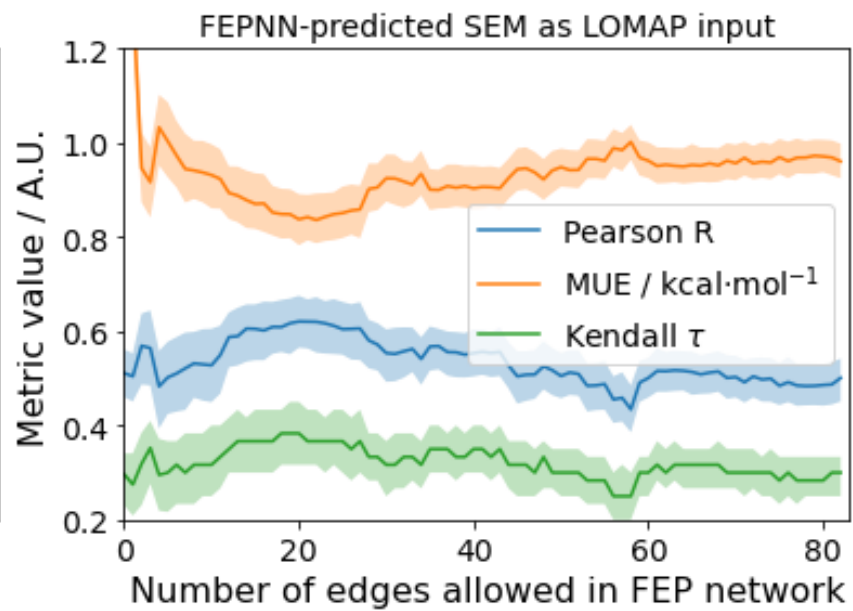
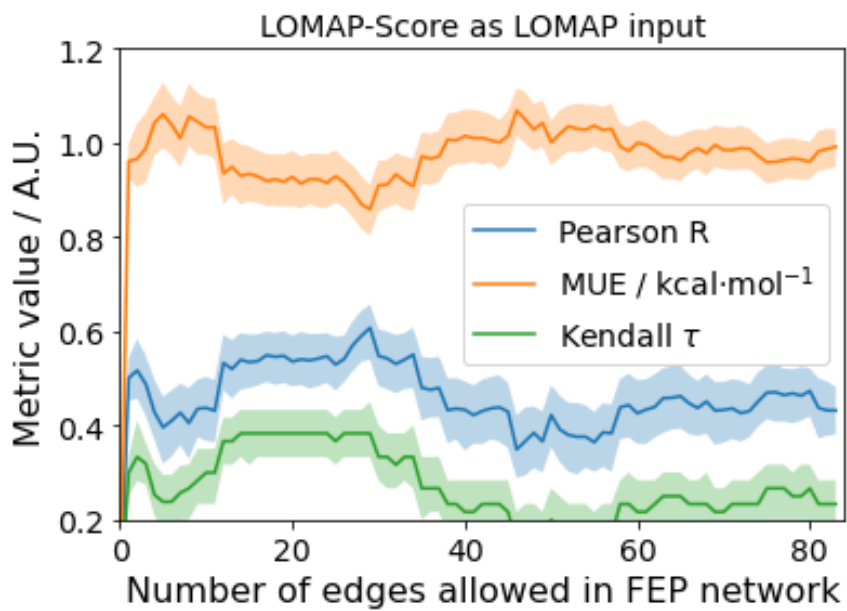


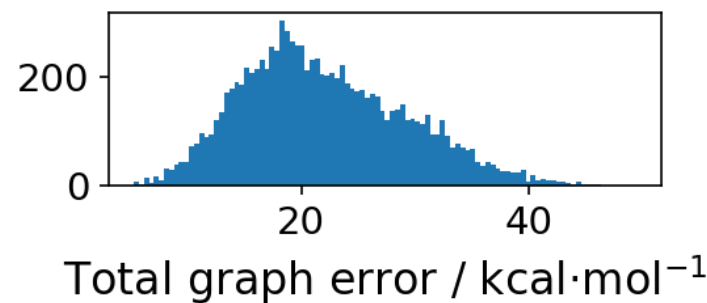
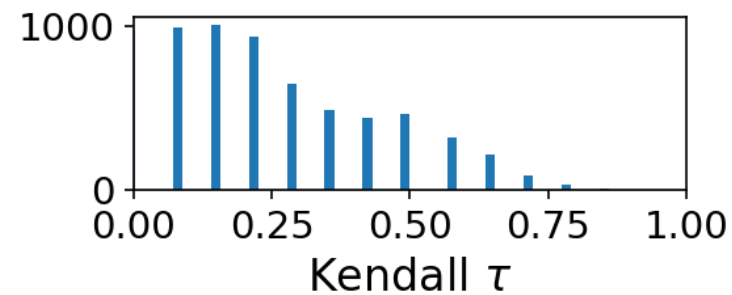
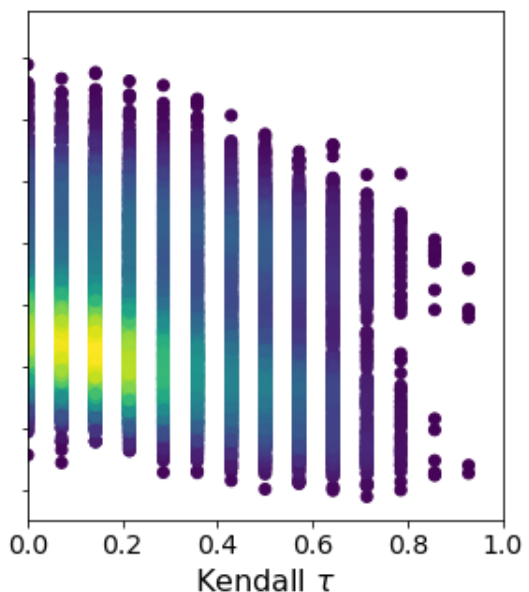
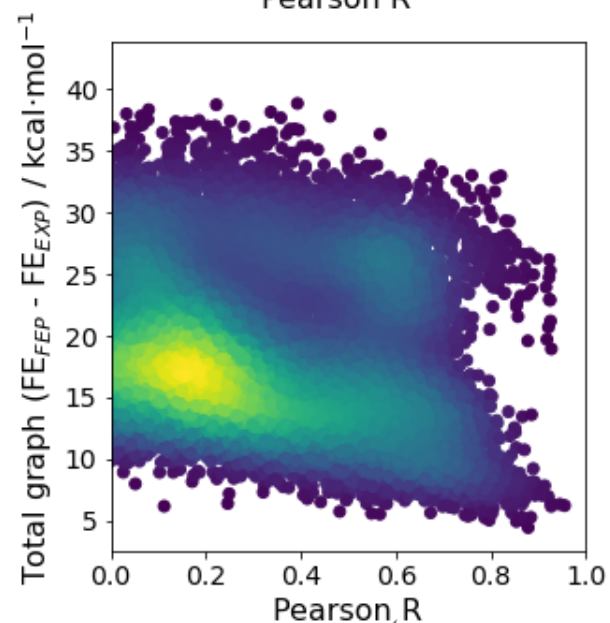
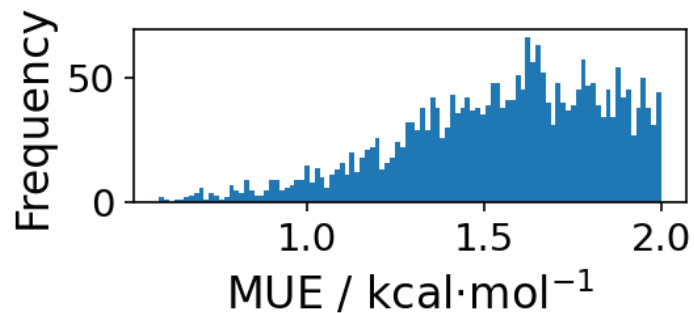
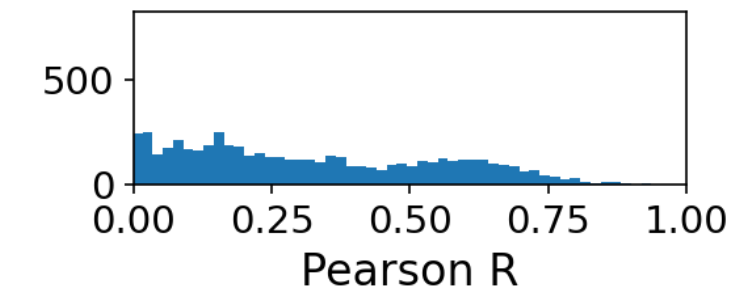
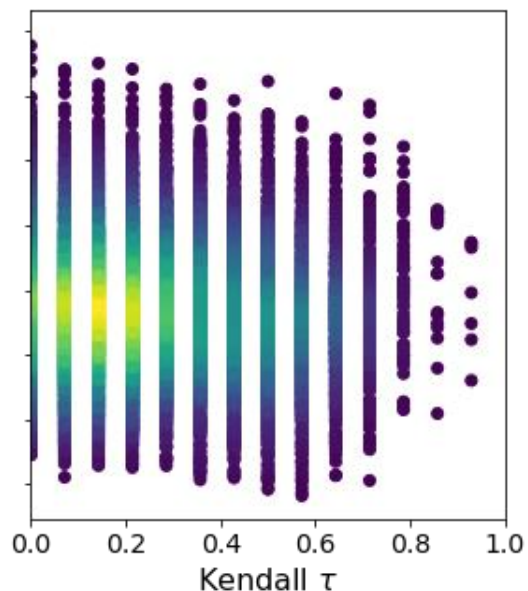
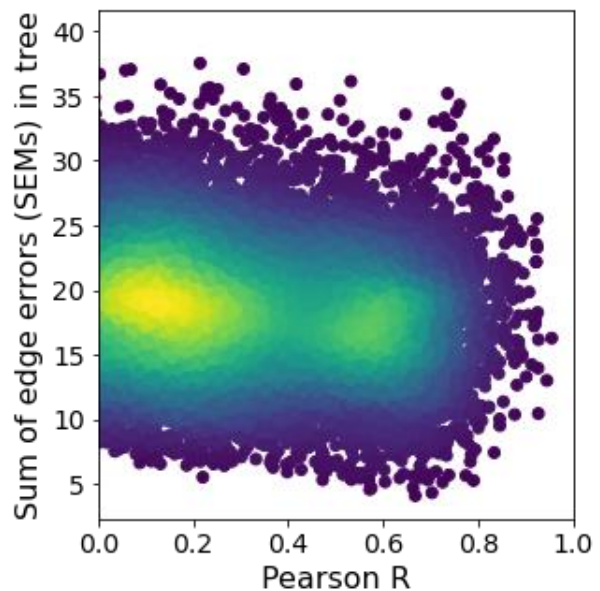
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for i in range(105):
    - find strongest link
      not in MSP
    - connect it to graph
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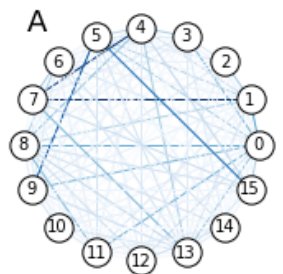
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for i in range(105):
    - find most uncertain node
    - reconnect it to graph at
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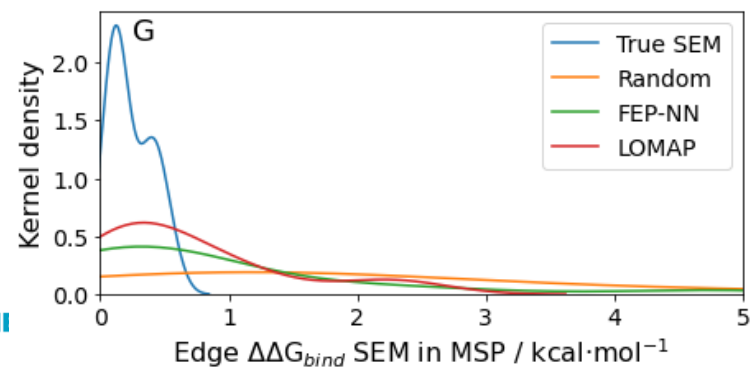
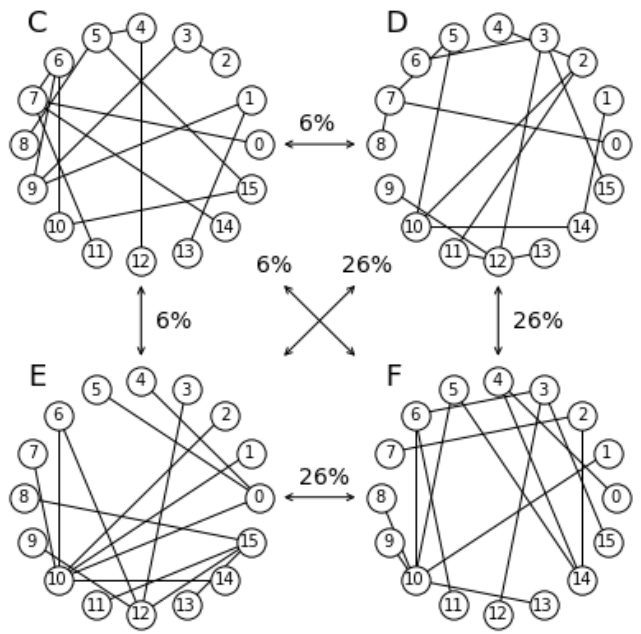


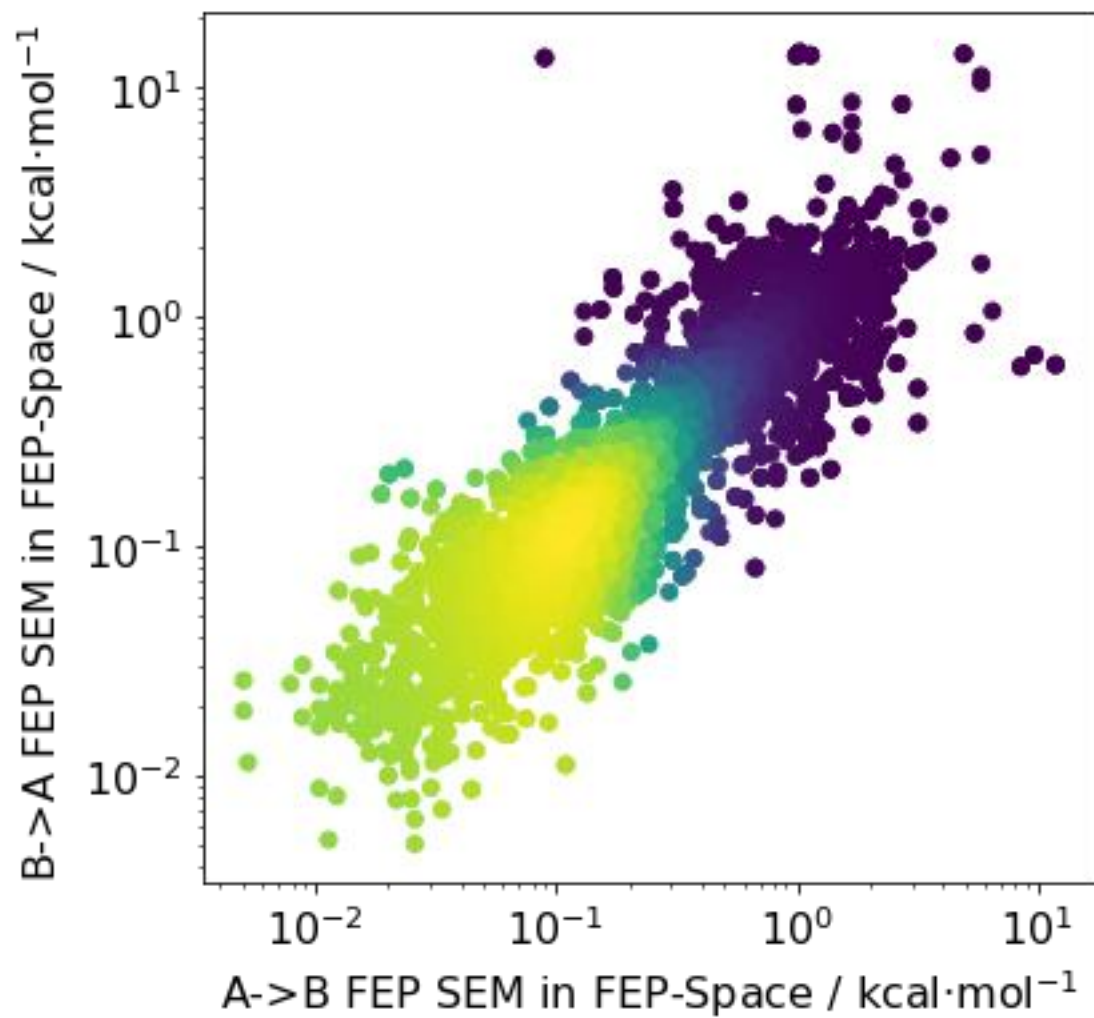
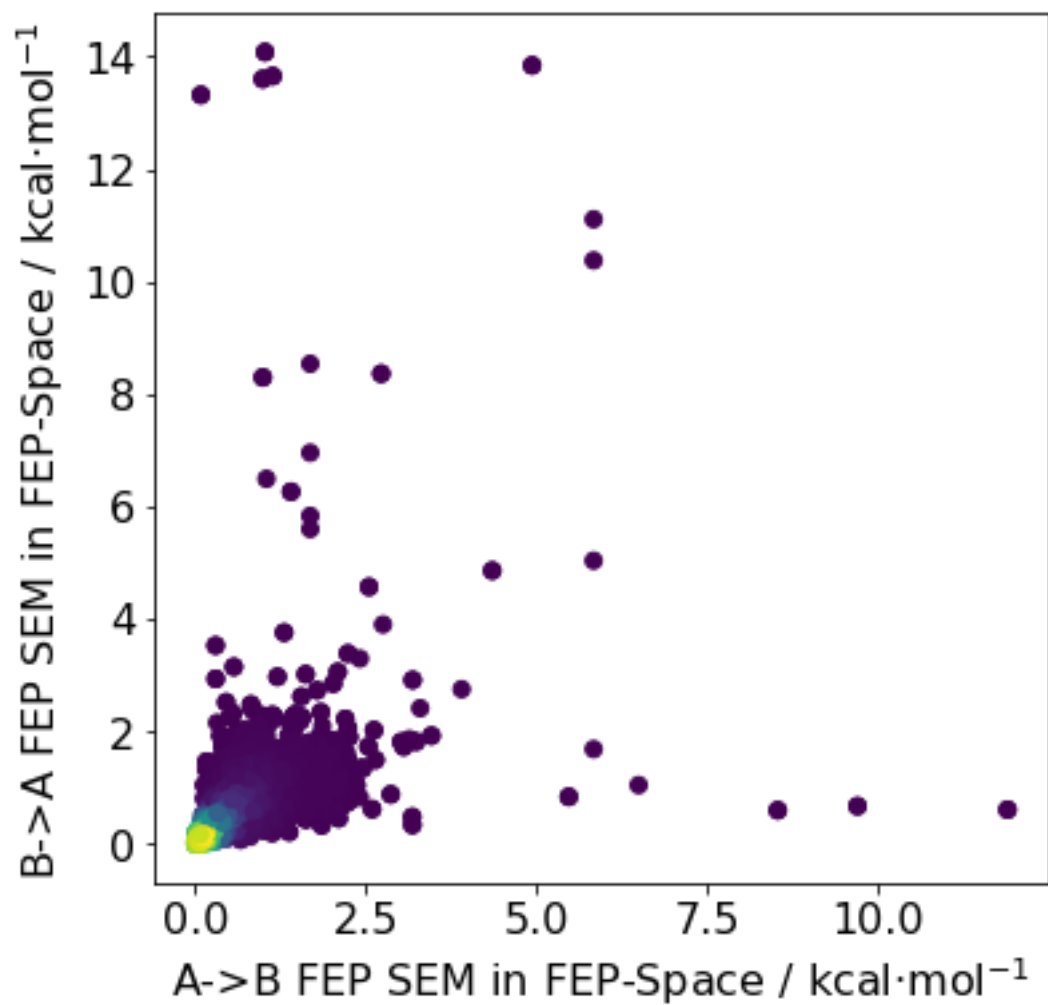


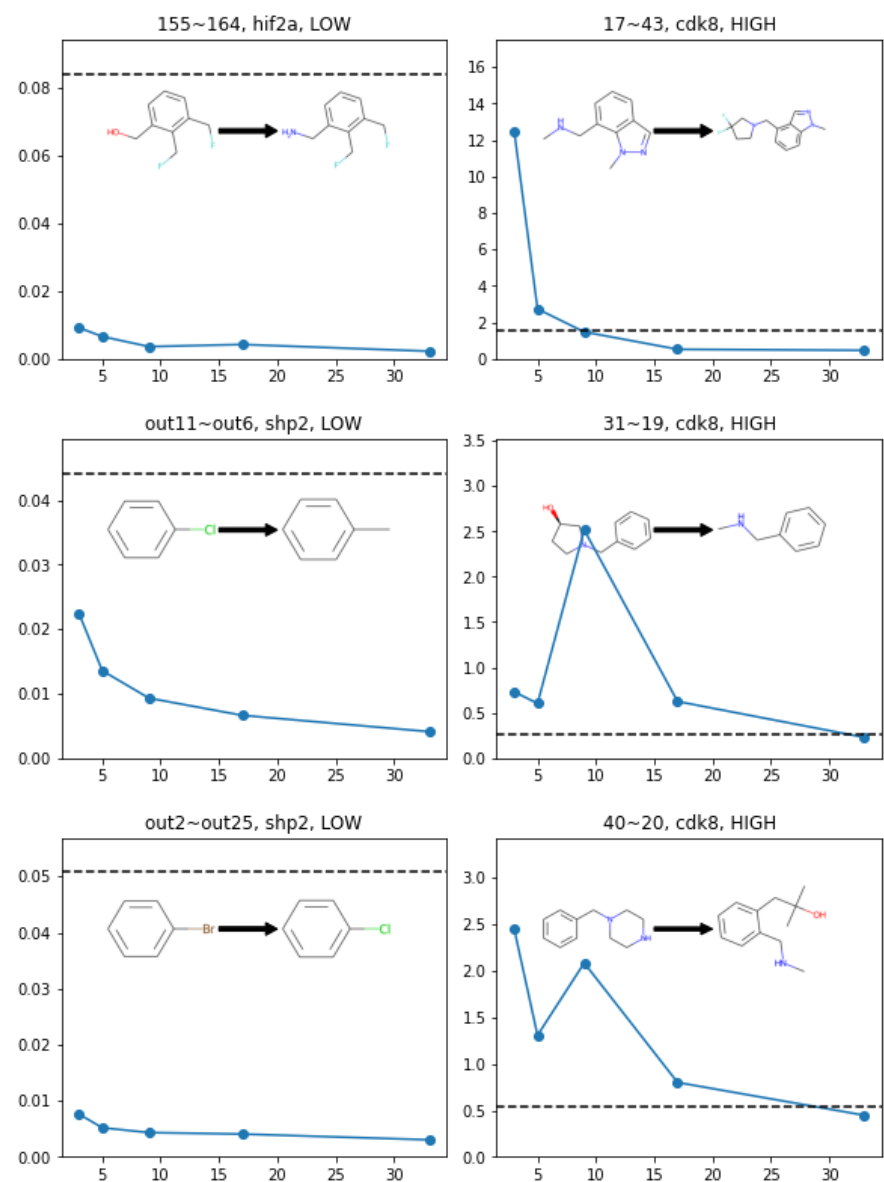
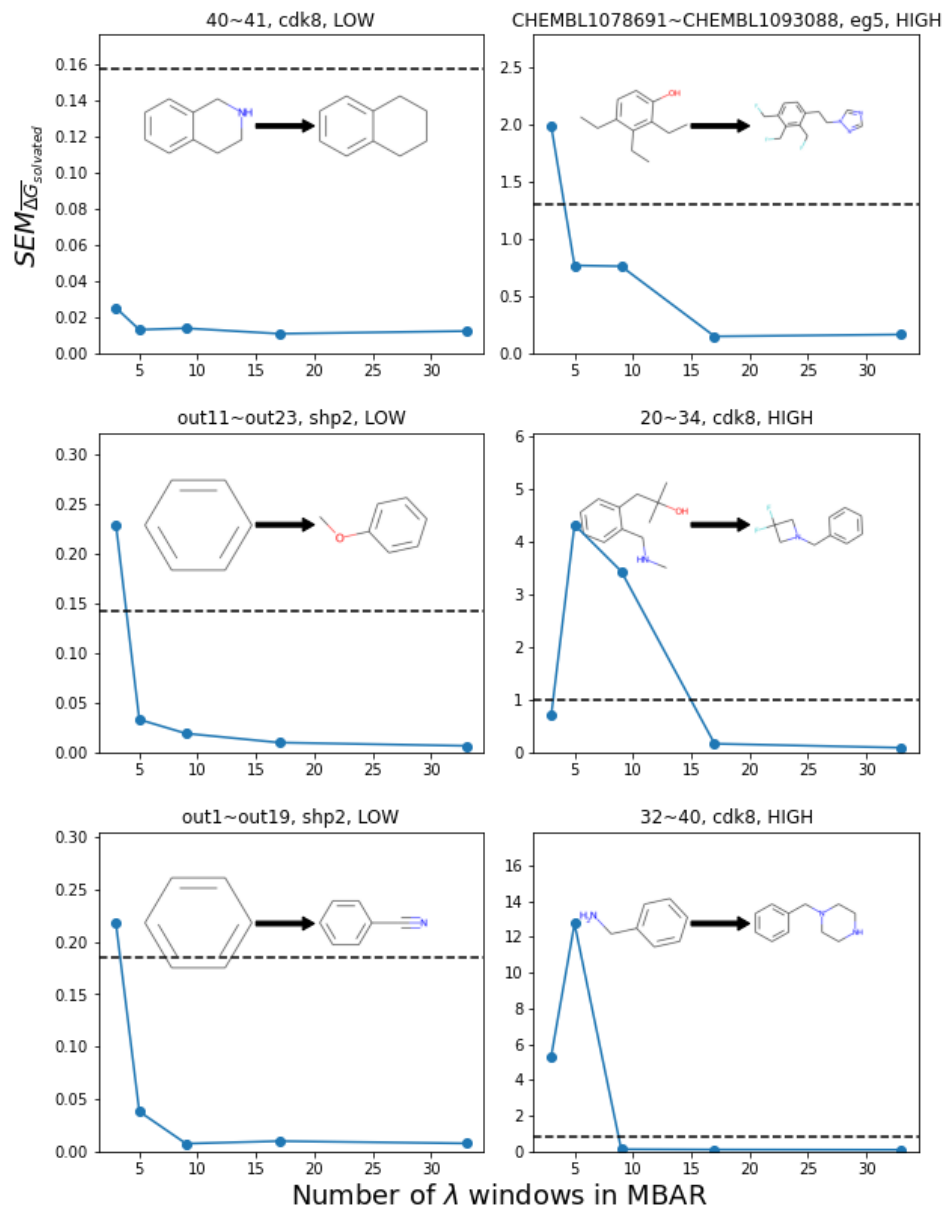


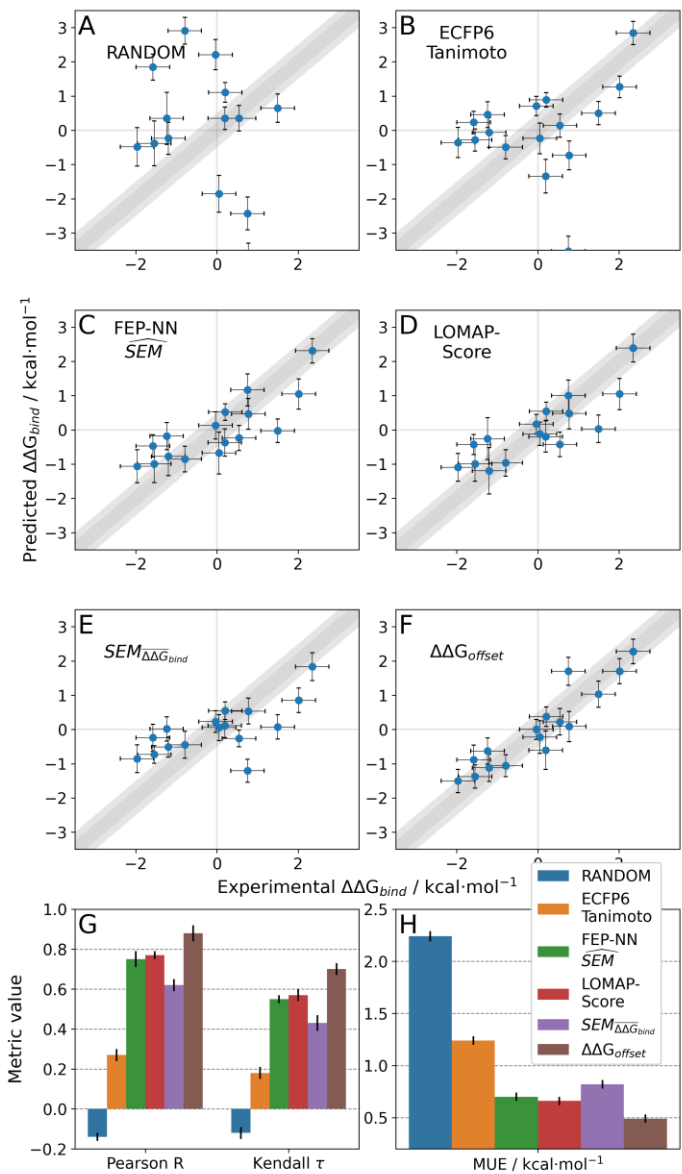
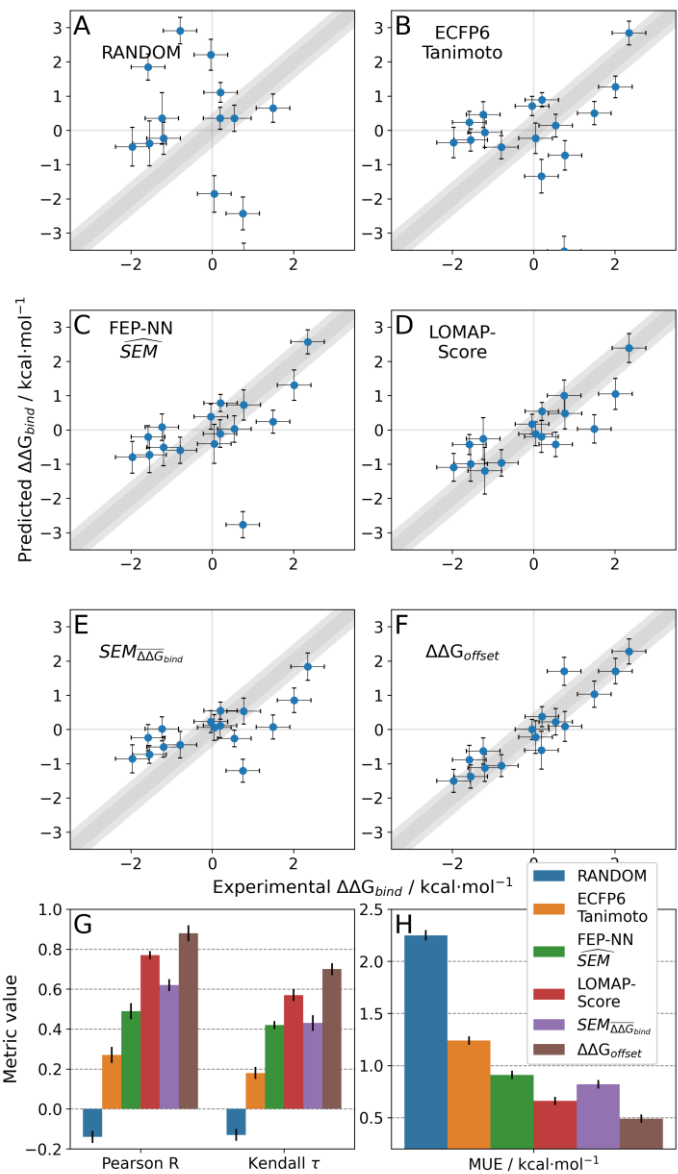
**B**

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14	ejm_42
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12	jmc_27
11	jmc_30
10	ejm_31
9	ejm_47
8	ejm_45
7	ejm_54
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0	ejm_44



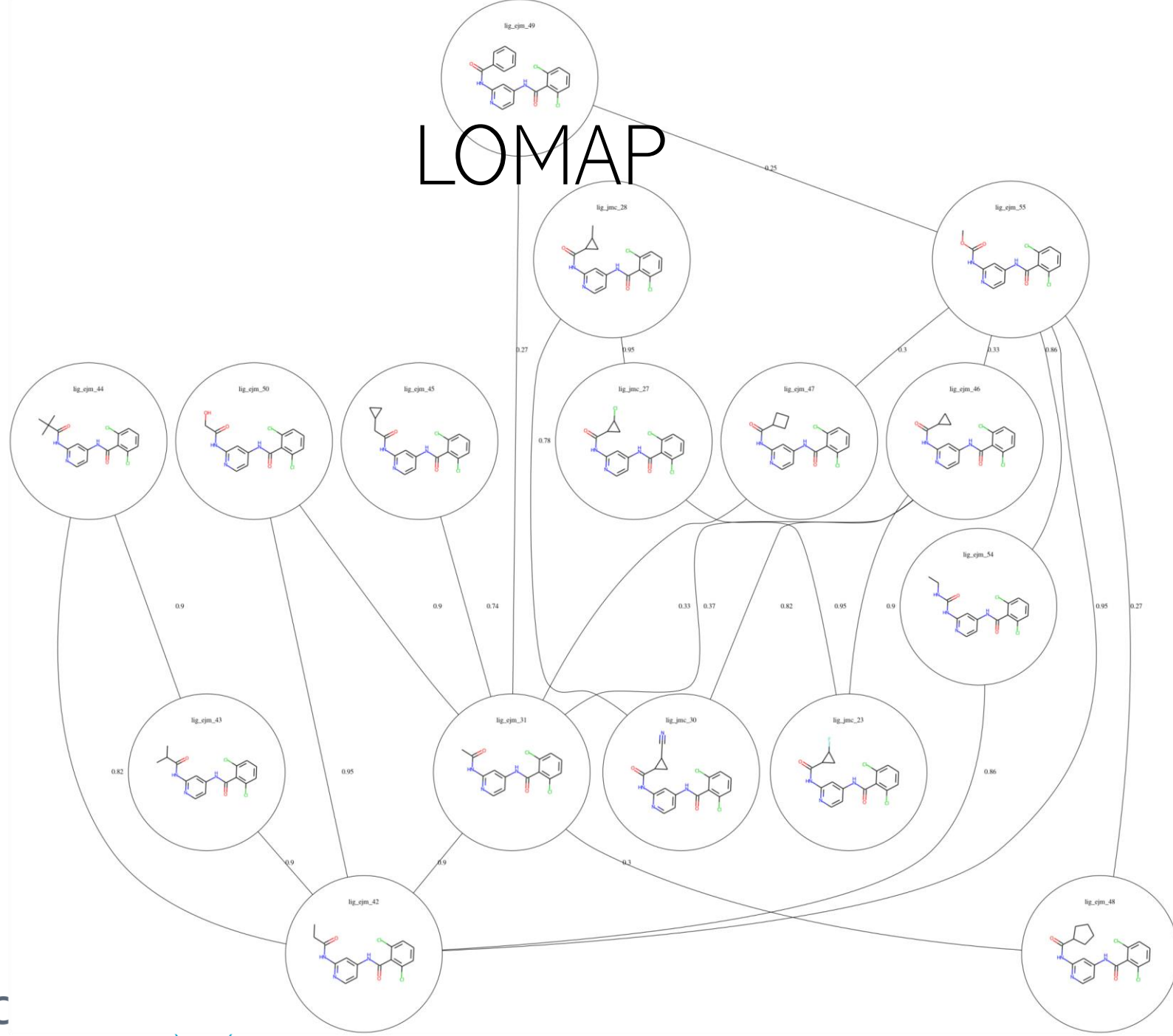








# LOMAP



# FEP-NN

