



## How to explain a prediction?

What is being explored? Global property vs. local property.

What is the relation between the model and the interpretation? Intrinsic (ante-hoc) vs. extrinsic (post-hoc).

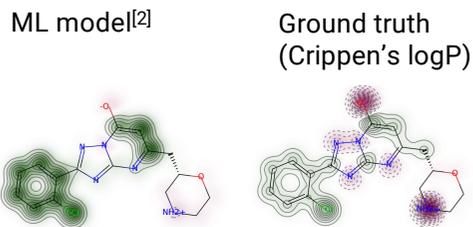
- Proposed Evaluation:<sup>[1]</sup>

Actionable, Complete, Correct, Domain Applicable, Fidelity/Faithful, Robust, Sparse/Succinct

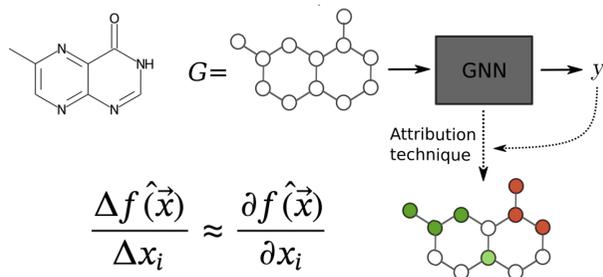
Subjective, as they depend on “complex human factors and application scenarios”

- Explanation technique

### Self-Explaining Models



### Attribution Methods<sup>[3]</sup>



[1] *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* **2023**, *19*, 2149.

[2] *SciPost Chemistry* **2023**, *2*, 002. OA (CC BY license).

[3] Preprint DOI: 10.26434/chemrxiv-2022-v5p6m-v3. OA (CC BY license).

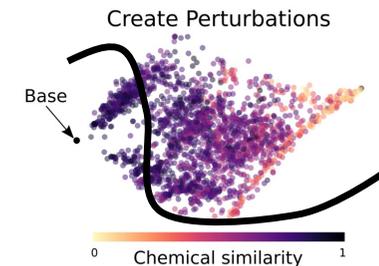
### Surrogate Models<sup>[3]</sup>

$$\xi(\vec{x}) = \arg \min_{g \in G} \mathcal{L}(f, g, \pi_x) + \Omega(g)$$

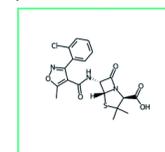
### Counterfactual Explanations<sup>[4]</sup>

$$\text{minimize } d(x, x')$$

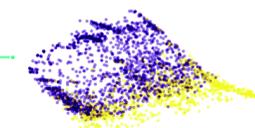
$$\text{such that } f(\hat{x}) \neq f(\hat{x}')$$



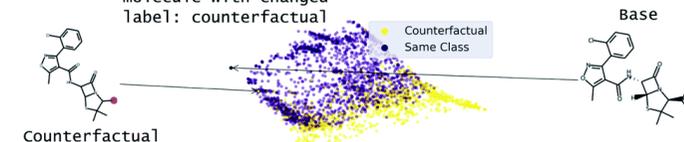
1. Molecule being predicted: base



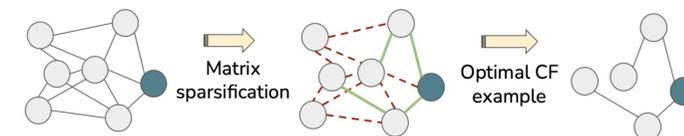
2. Expand chemical space around base



3. Identify most similar molecule with changed label: counterfactual



### CF-GNN Explainer<sup>[5]</sup>



[4] *Chem. Sci.* **2022**, *13*, 3697. OA (CC BY license).

[5] *PMLR* **2022**, *151*, 4499. Copyright 2022 by the author(s).