

# Symmetries in AI4Science

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# Symmetries in physics

$$SU(2) \times SU(3) \times U(1) \longleftrightarrow$$

## Standard Model of Elementary Particles

	three generations of matter (fermions)			interactions / force carriers (bosons)	
	I	II	III		
mass	$\approx 2.16 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.2730 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 172.57 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0	$\approx 125.20 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
charge	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	0
spin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0
	<b>u</b> up	<b>c</b> charm	<b>t</b> top	<b>g</b> gluon	<b>H</b> higgs
	<b>d</b> down	<b>s</b> strange	<b>b</b> bottom	<b><math>\gamma</math></b> photon	
	<b>e</b> electron	<b><math>\mu</math></b> muon	<b><math>\tau</math></b> tau	<b>Z</b> Z boson	
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QUARKS (rows 1-3)  
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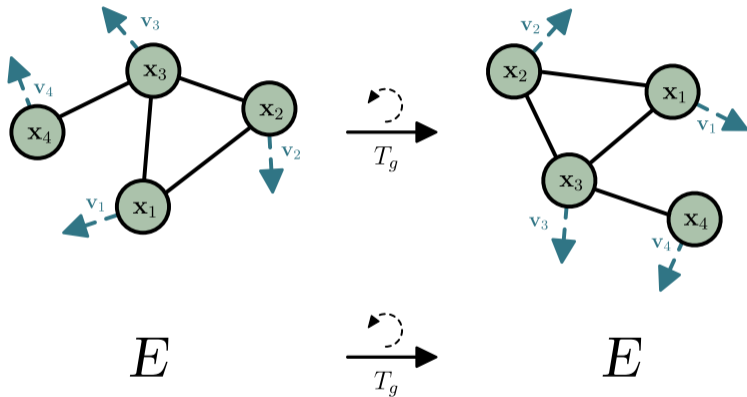
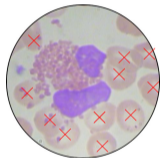


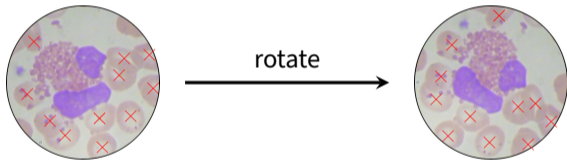
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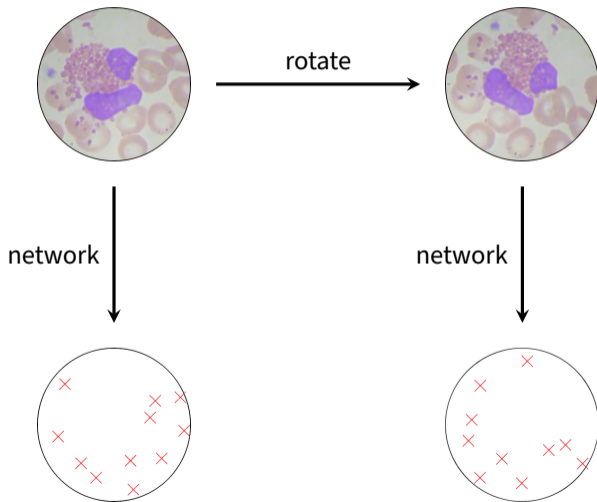
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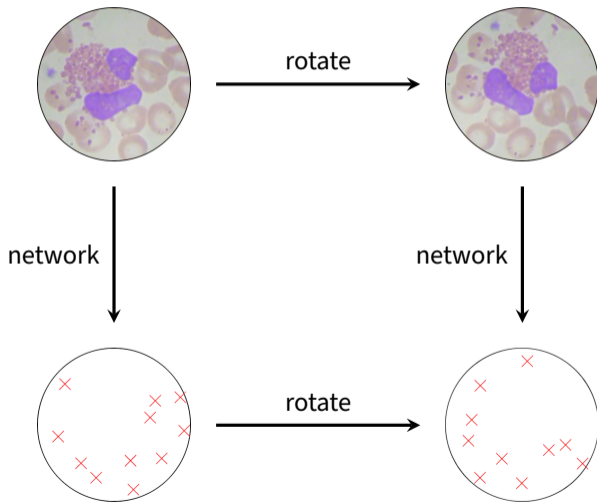
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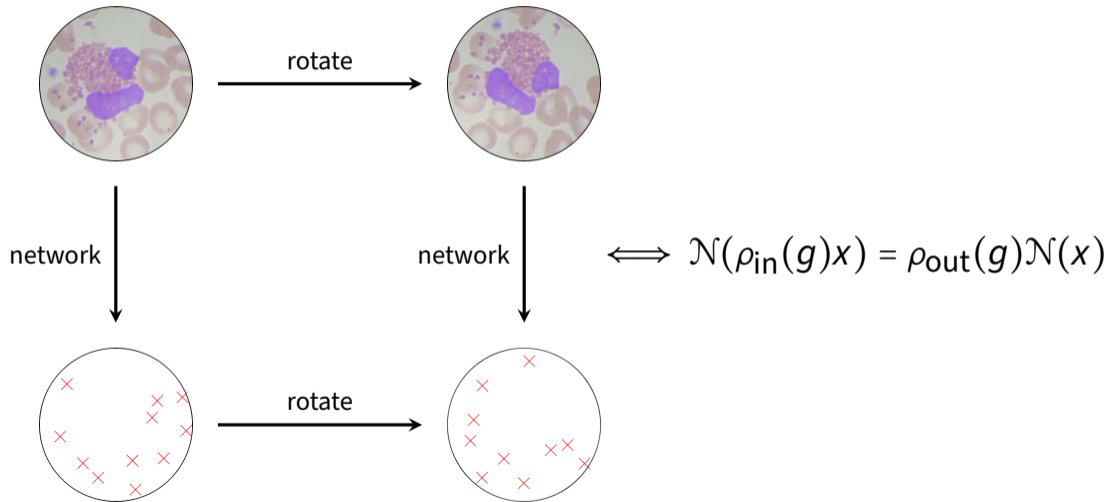


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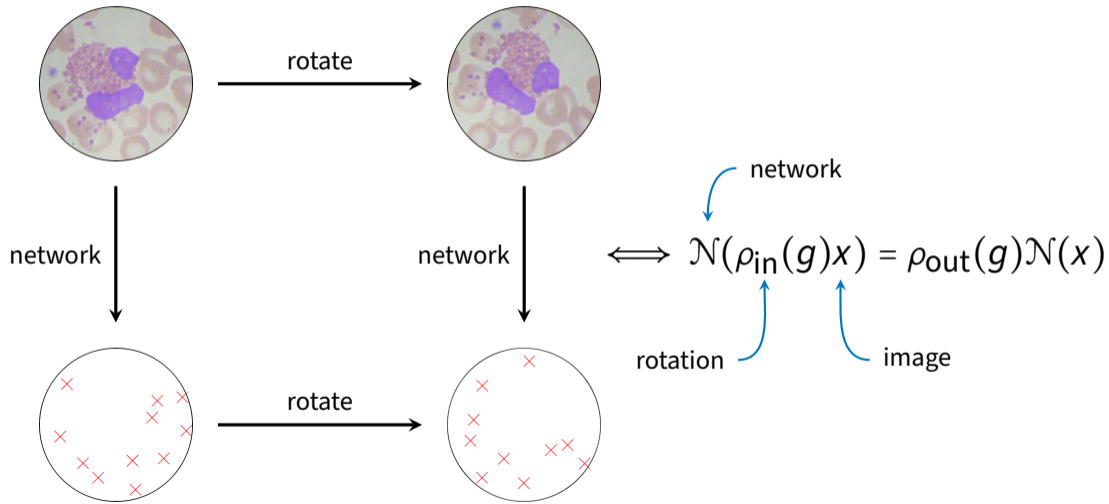




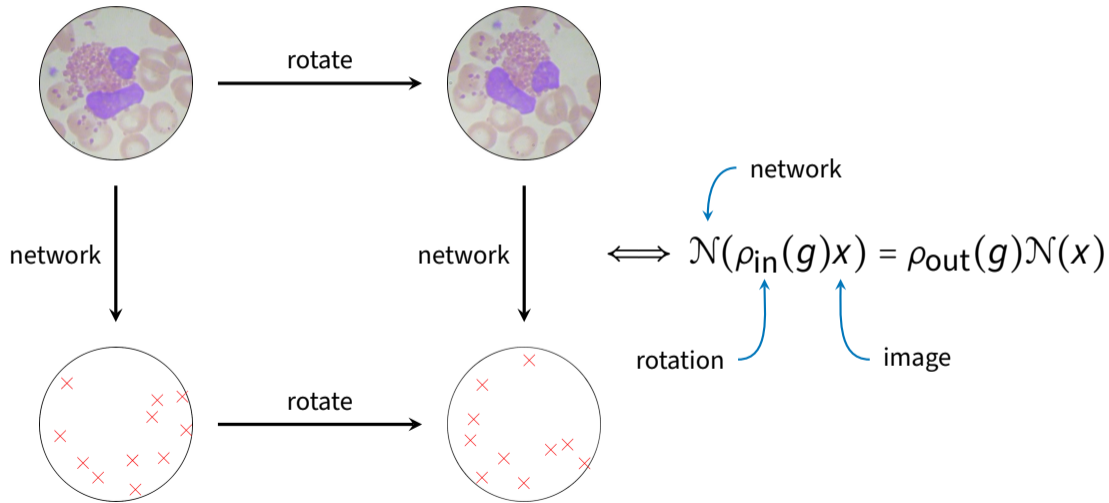
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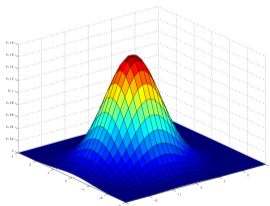
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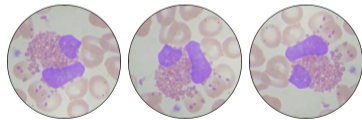
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- For latent variable models:



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equivariant model →



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[Review: Weiler et al. 2023]

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[Cheng et al. 2019]

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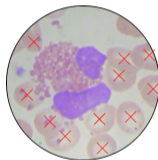
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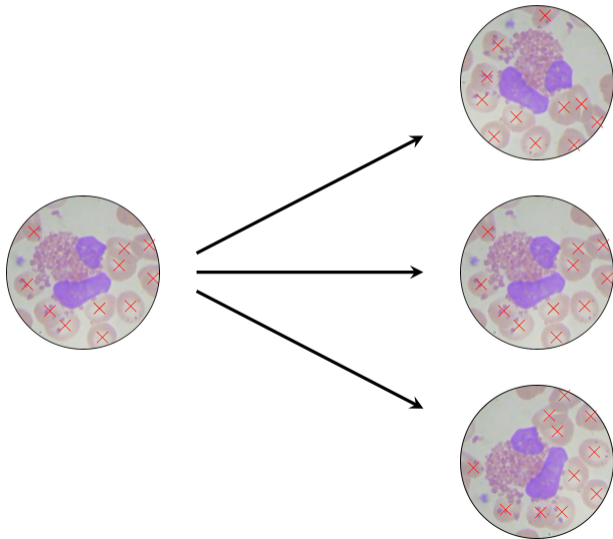
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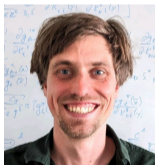
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# Emergent Equivariance in Deep Ensembles

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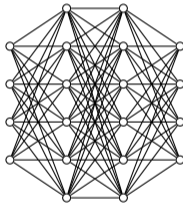
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with the **empirical neural tangent kernel (NTK)**

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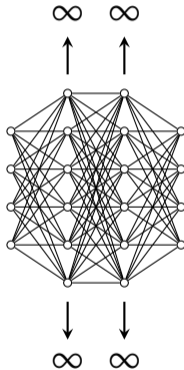
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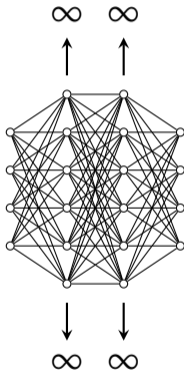
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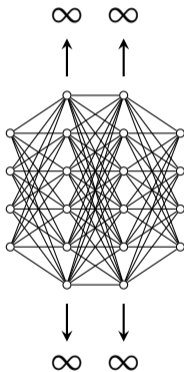
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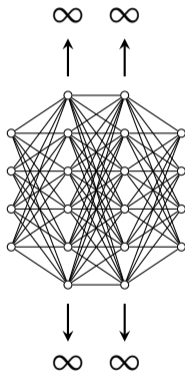
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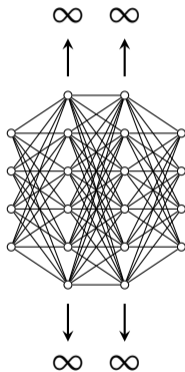
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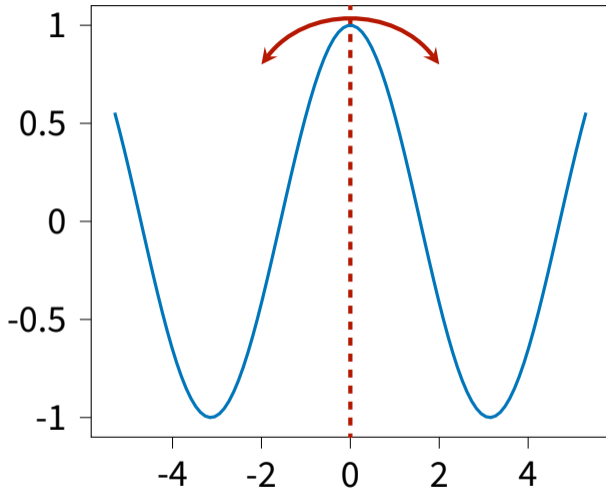
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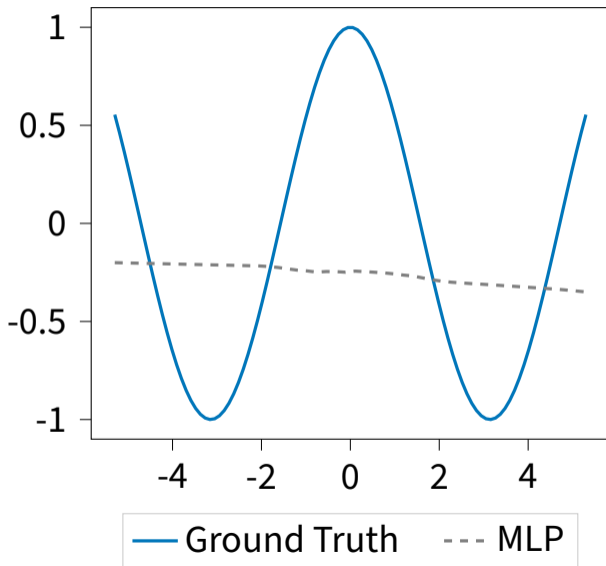
⇒ Training with full data augmentation leads to an equivariant function.

# Toy example

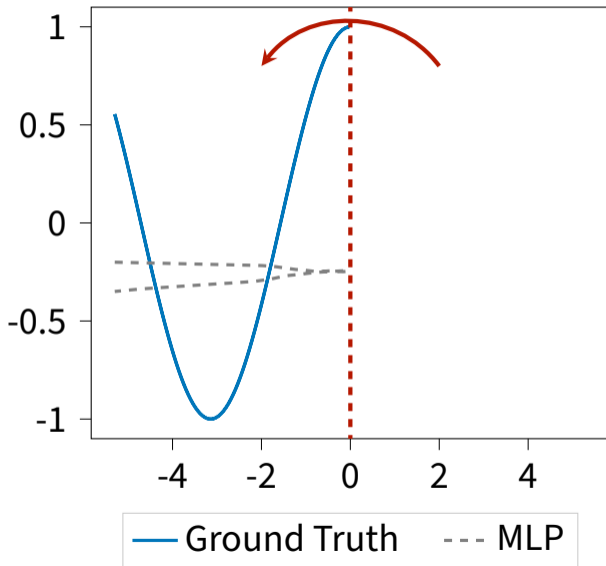


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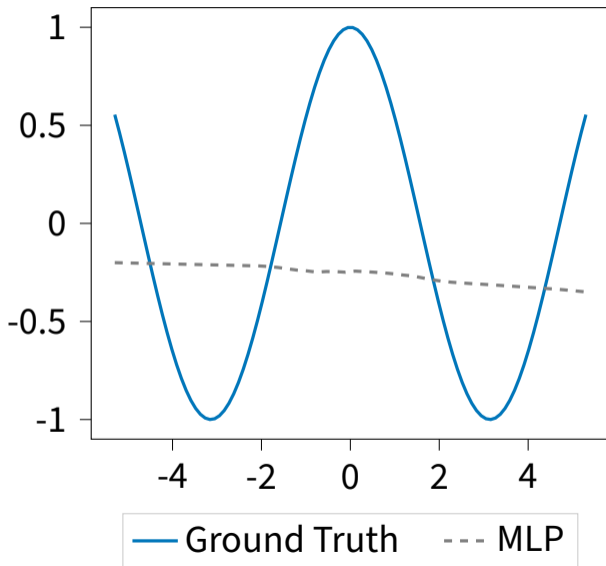


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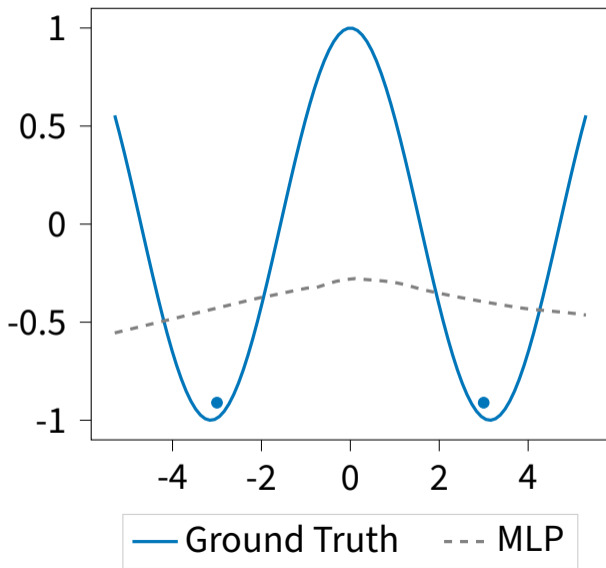




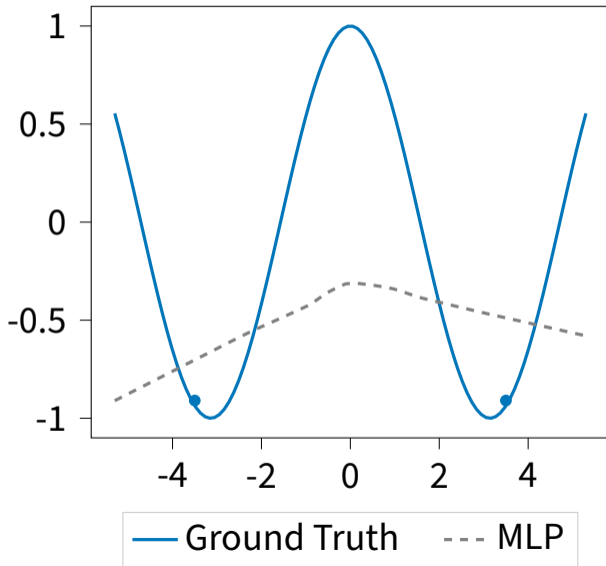
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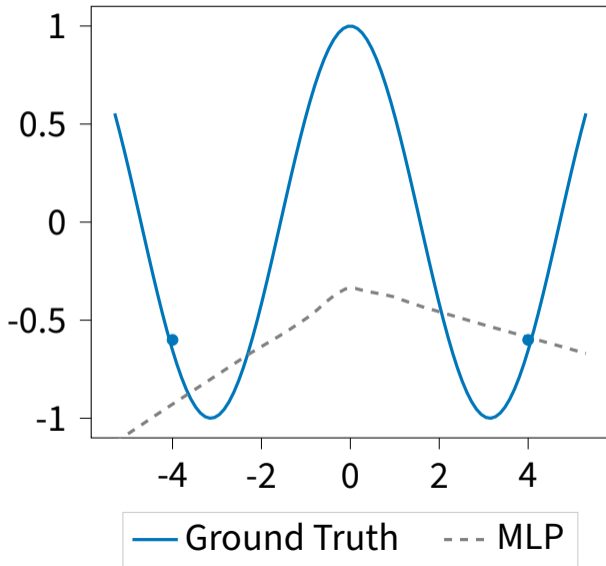
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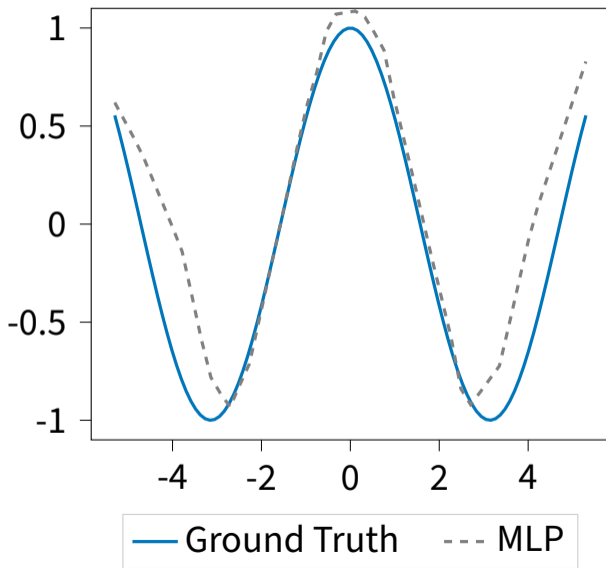
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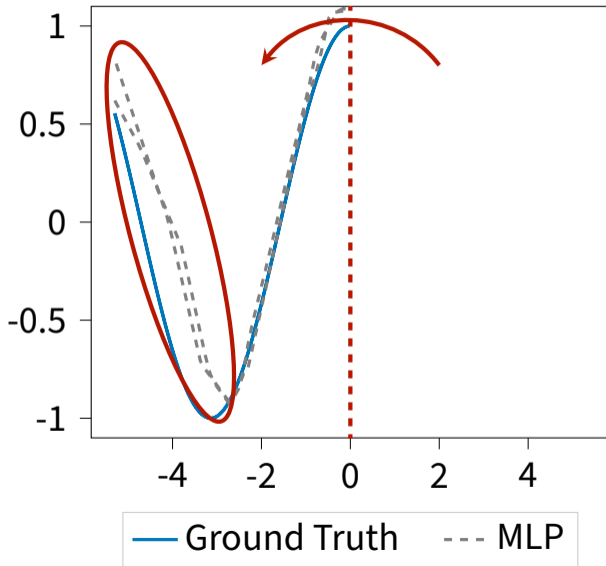
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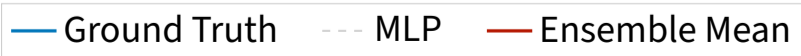
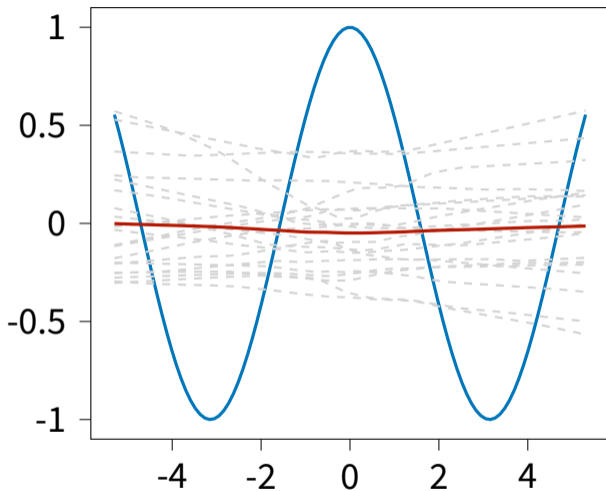
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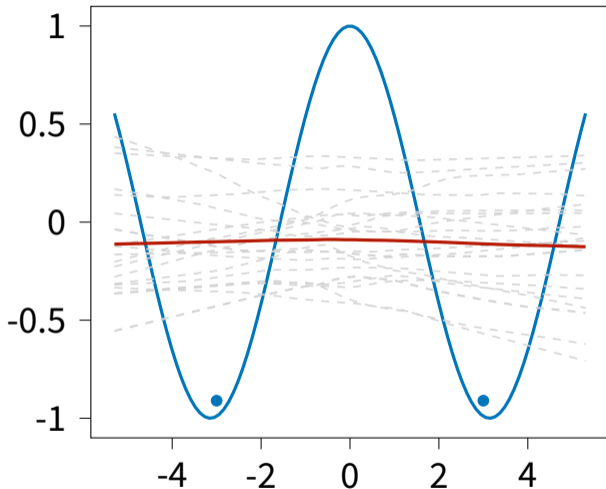
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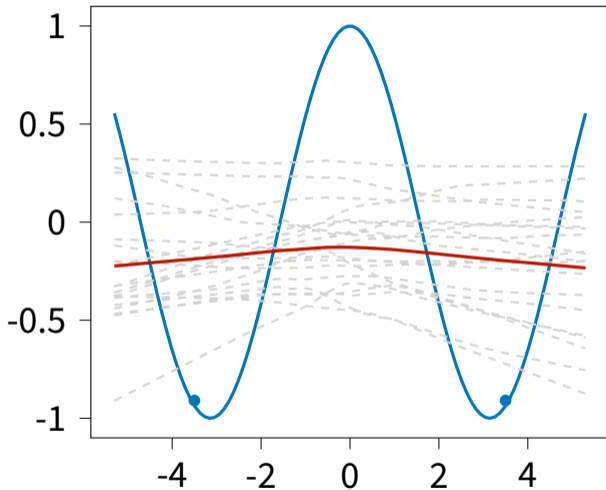
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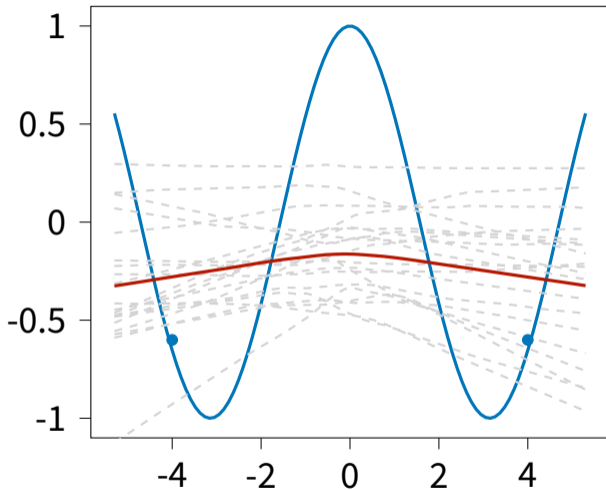


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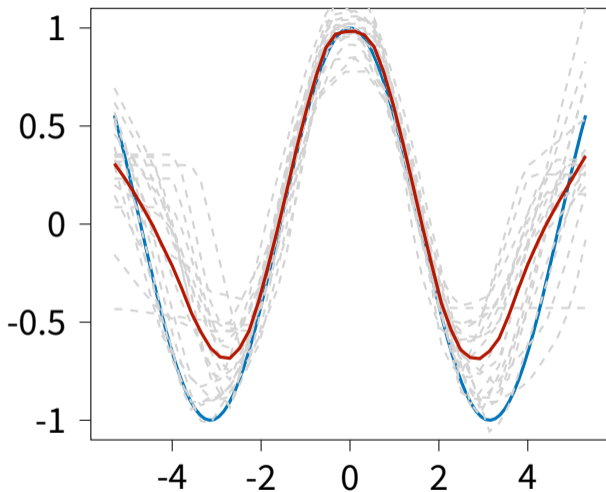
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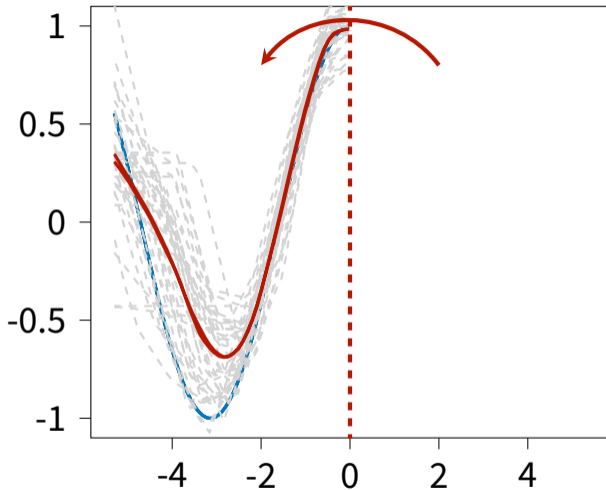
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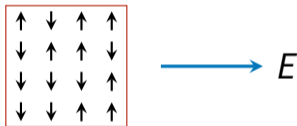
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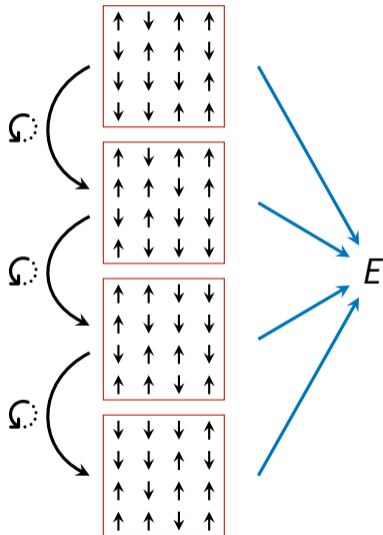
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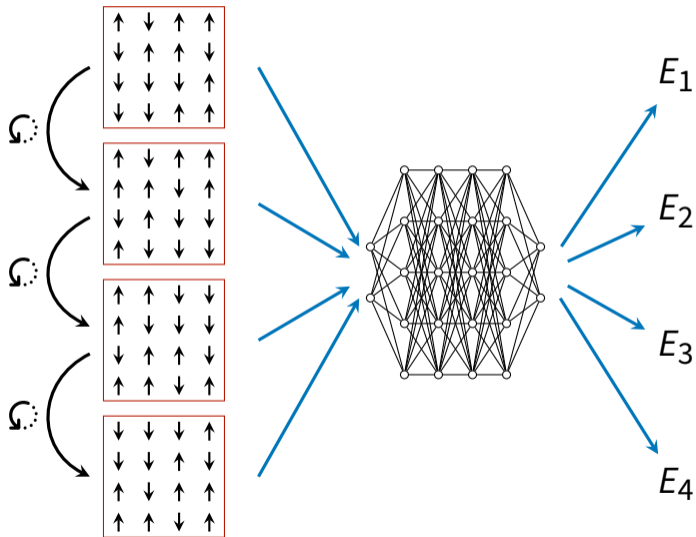
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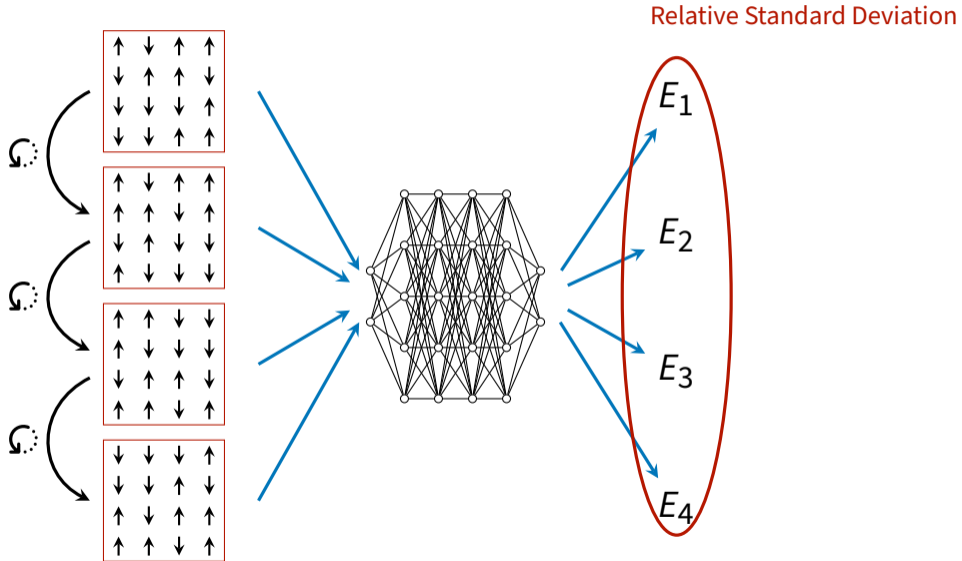


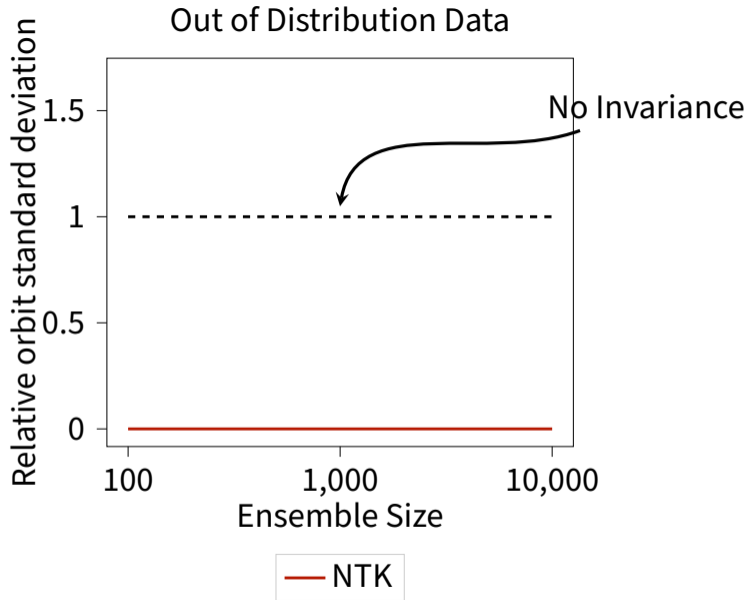
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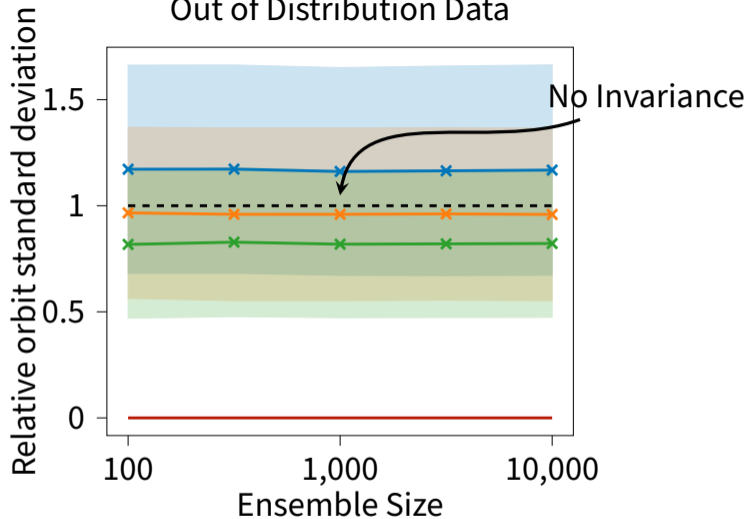


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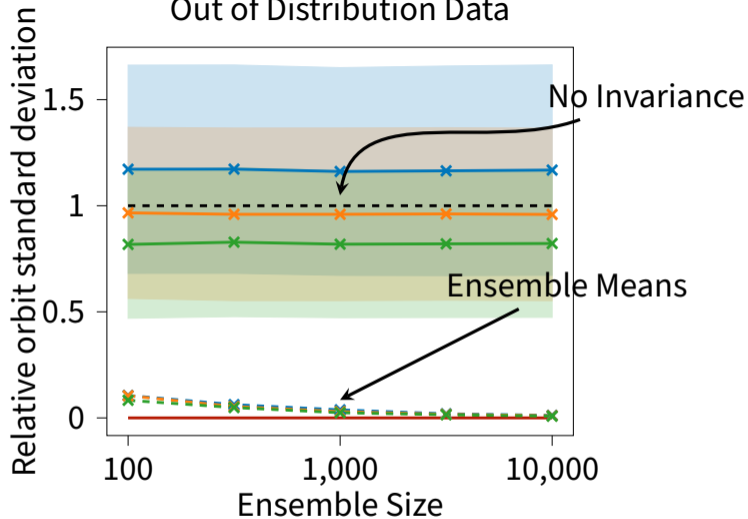


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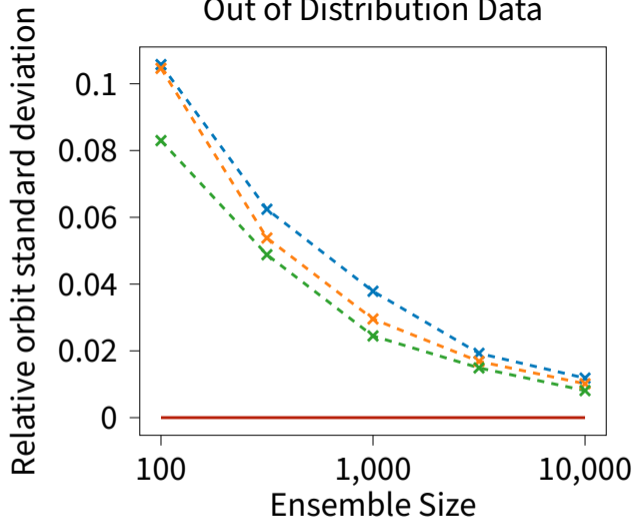


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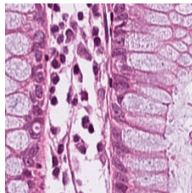
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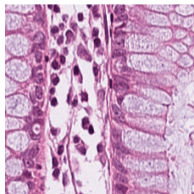
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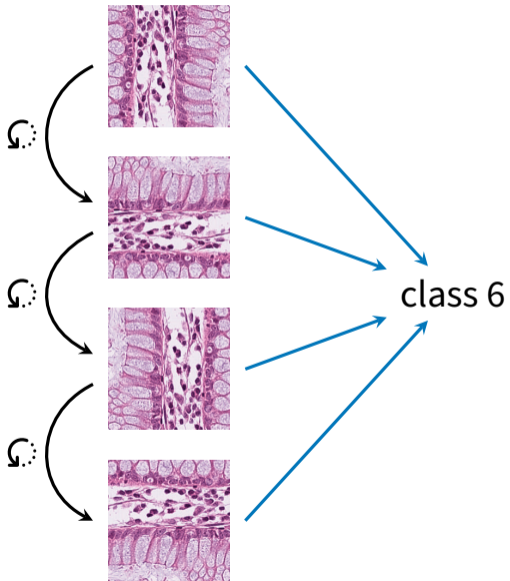
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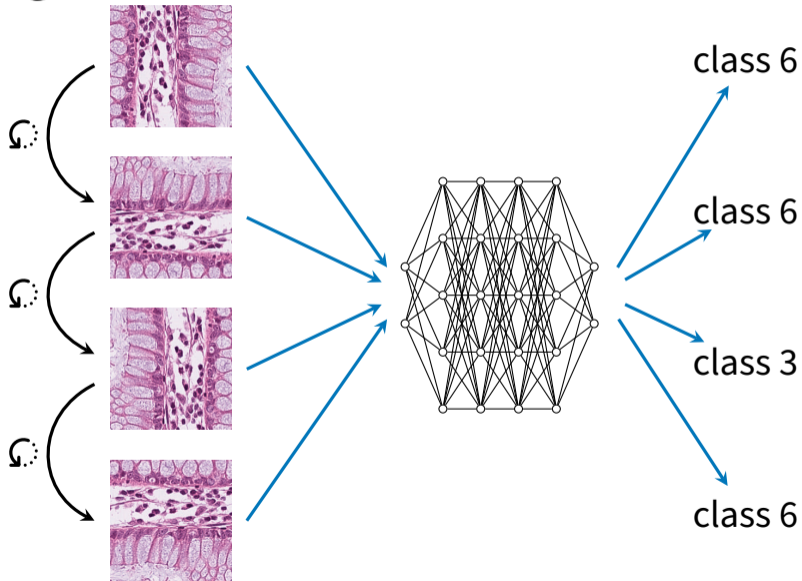
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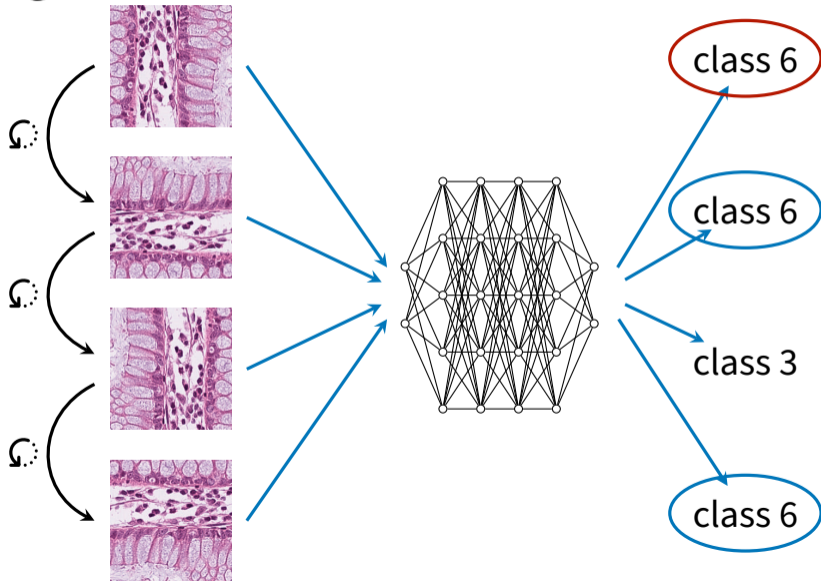




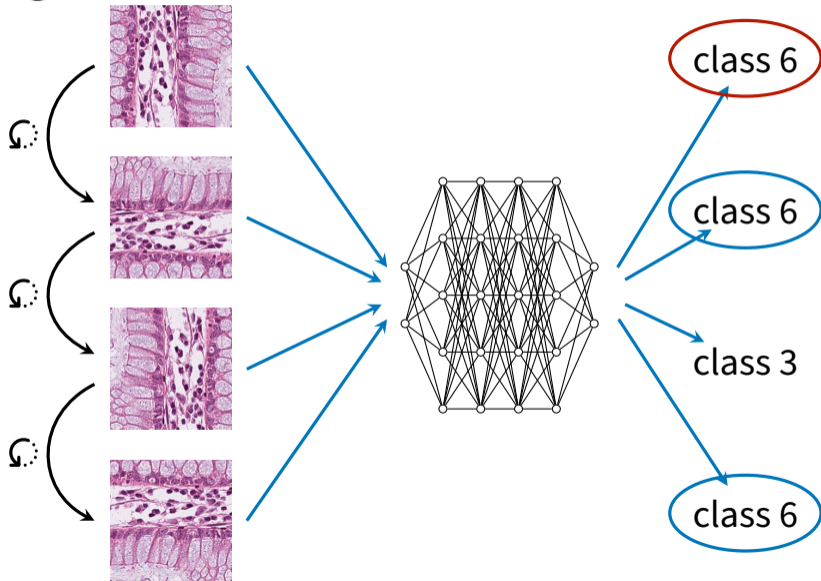
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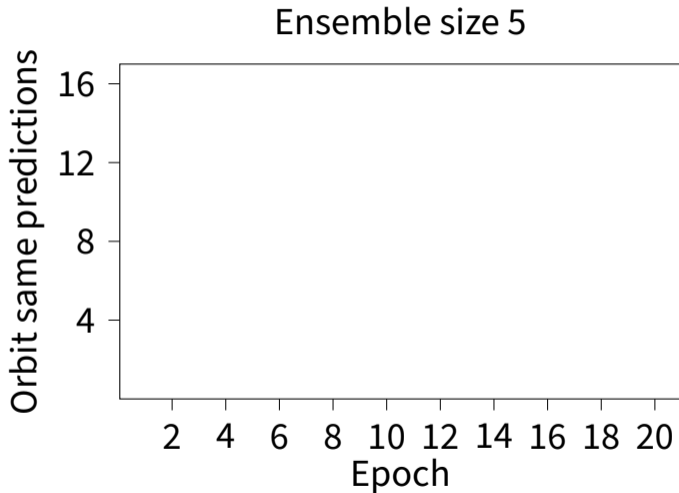
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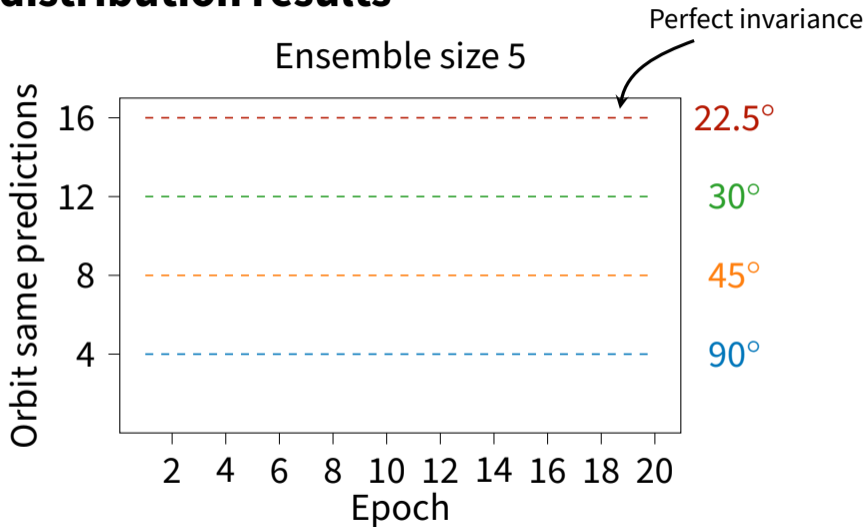
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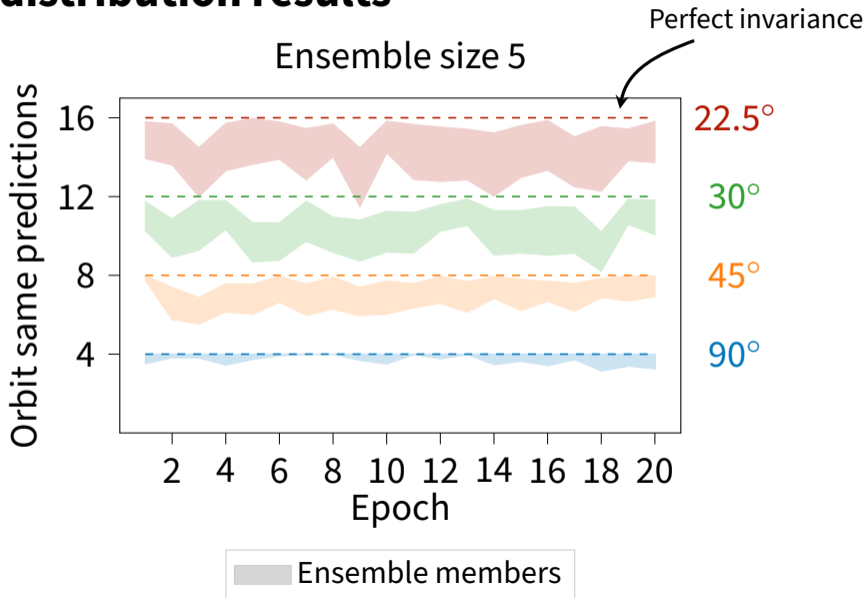
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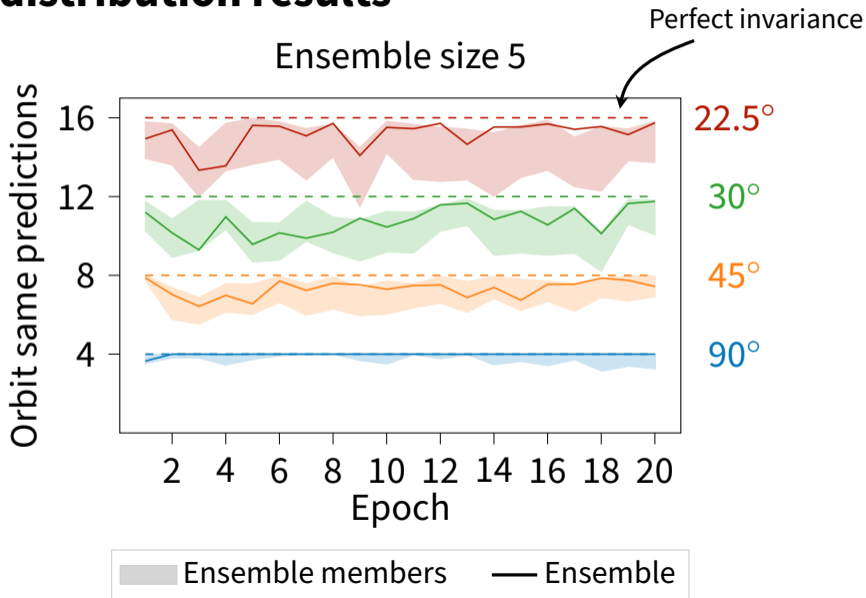
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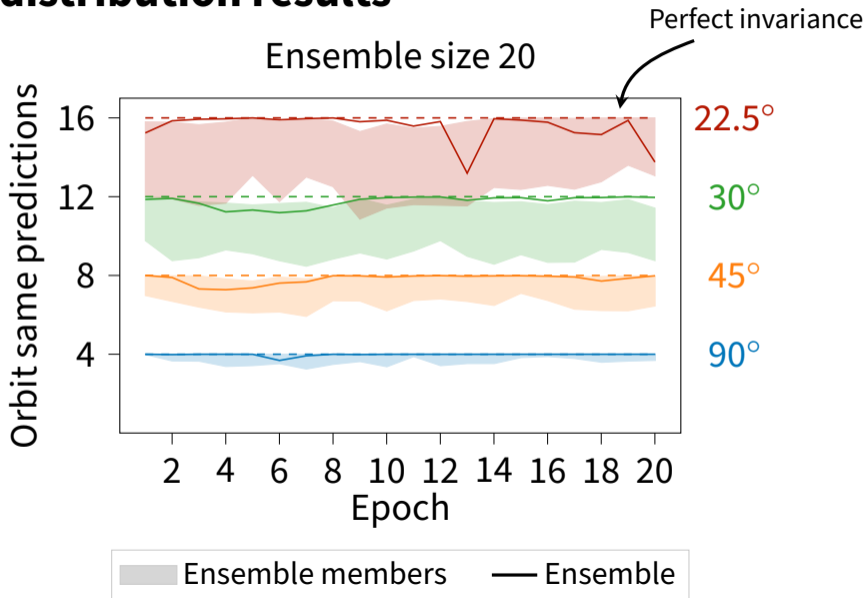
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# Papers

- **Geometric deep learning and equivariant neural networks**  
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- **Emergent Equivariance in Deep Ensembles**  
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