

# Supporting Information:

## Toward Accelerating Rare-Earth Metal Extraction Using Equivariant Neural Networks

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Table S1: Charge of the four fundamental ligands present in the dataset: hydroxypyridinone (HOPO), hydroxypyridinone’s sulfur analogue (thio-HOPO), catecholamide (CAM) and catecholamide’s sulfur analogue (thio-CAM).

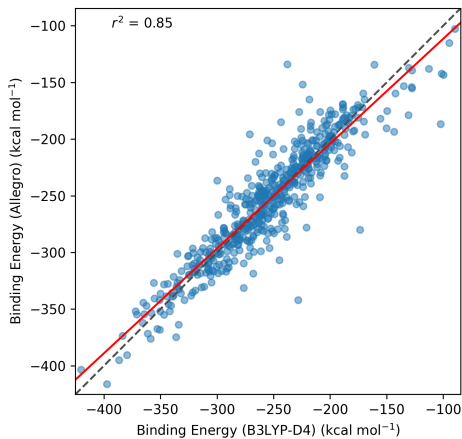
Ligand	Charge
HOPO	-1
Thio-HOPO	-1
CAM	-2
Thio-CAM	-2

Table S2: Spin multiplicity of the 16 rare-earth element metals (Sc, Y, and lanthanides (La–Lu)) present in the dataset.

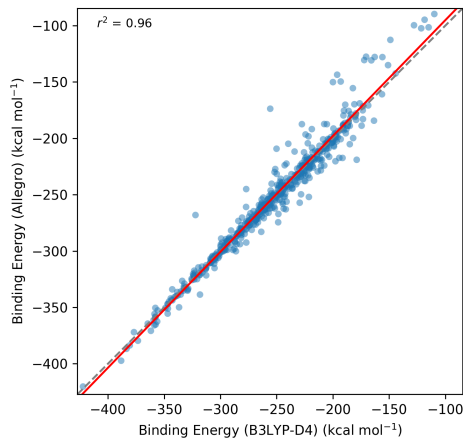
Metal Cation	Spin Multiplicity
La <sup>3+</sup>	1
Y <sup>3+</sup>	1
Ce <sup>3+</sup>	2
Pr <sup>3+</sup>	3
Nd <sup>3+</sup>	4
Pm <sup>3+</sup>	5
Sm <sup>3+</sup>	6
Eu <sup>3+</sup>	7
Gd <sup>3+</sup>	8
Tb <sup>3+</sup>	7
Dy <sup>3+</sup>	6
Ho <sup>3+</sup>	5
Er <sup>3+</sup>	4
Tm <sup>3+</sup>	3
Yb <sup>3+</sup>	2
Lu <sup>3+</sup>	1

Table S3: Hyperparameters used in the Allegro model trained on absolute energies, binding energies and delta-ML energies.

Hyperparameters	Allegro Model
Number of layers	2
$l_{\max}$	2
2-body latent multi-layer perceptron (MLP)	[8, 16, 32, 64]
Latent MLP	[8, 16, 32, 64]
Final edge-energy MLP	[16]
Tensor features (env embedded multiplicity)	2 / 4



(a)



(b)

Figure S1: Parity plots comparing binding energies predicted by the Allegro model (features = 2) against DFT-calculated values (B3LYP-D4) for the test set. (a) Results using strategy 1, where absolute energies were predicted first ( $r^2 = 0.85$ ). (b) Results using strategy 2, where binding energies were predicted directly ( $r^2 = 0.96$ ). Binding energies are in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. The dashed black line represents perfect correlation ( $y=x$ ), while the solid red line indicates the line of best fit.

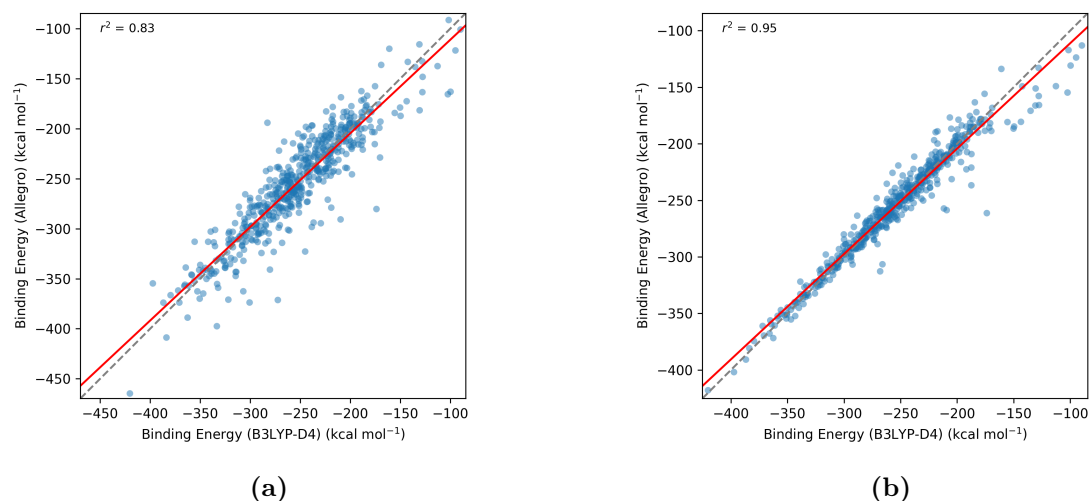


Figure S2: Parity plots comparing binding energies predicted using the Allegro (features = 2)  $\Delta$ -ML approach against DFT-calculated values (B3LYP-D4) for the test set. (a) Results using  $\Delta$ -ML strategy 1, where the correction was learned on absolute energies ( $r^2 = 0.83$ ). (b) Results using  $\Delta$ -ML strategy 2, where the correction was learned directly on binding energies ( $r^2 = 0.95$ ). Binding energies are in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. The dashed black line represents perfect correlation ( $y=x$ ), while the solid red line indicates the line of best fit.

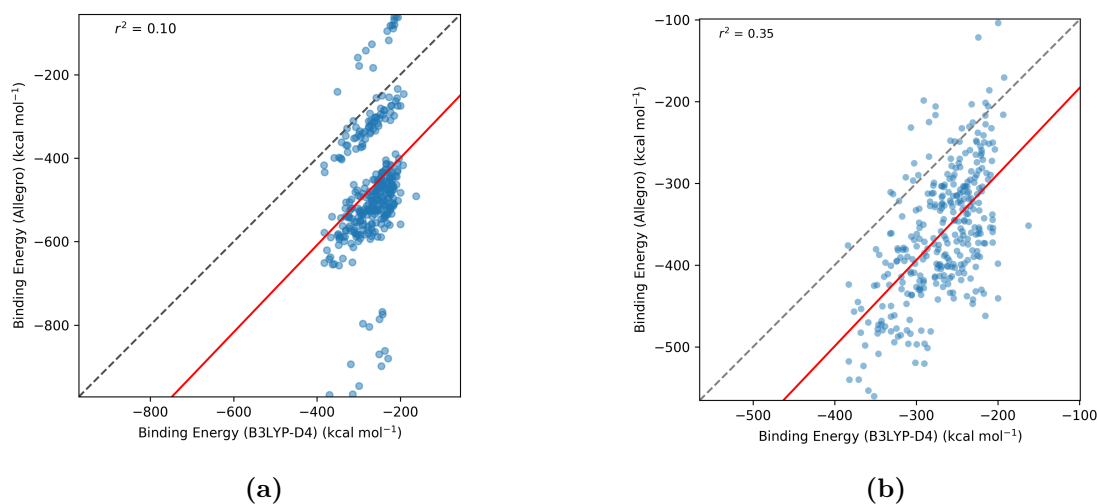
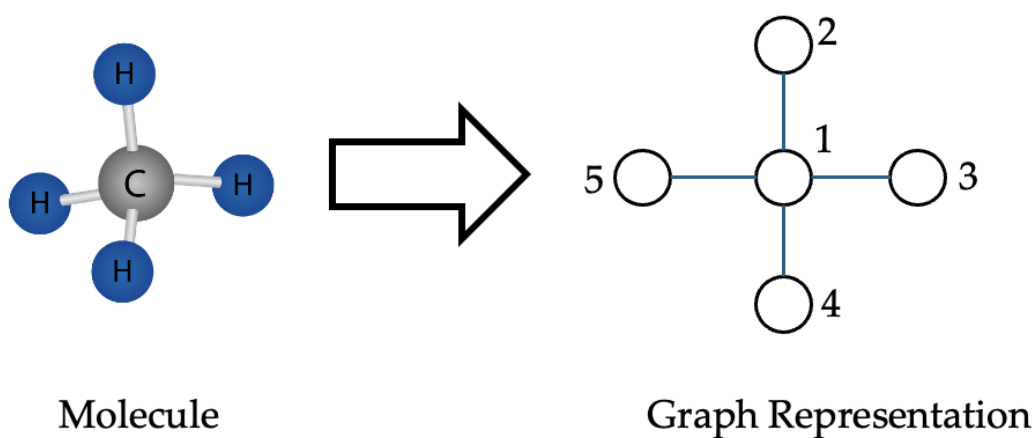


Figure S3: Parity plots comparing binding energies for the out-of-sample HDEV test set predicted using Allegro (features = 4) against DFT-calculated values (B3LYP-D4). (a) Results using strategy 1, where absolute energies were predicted first ( $r^2 = 0.10$ ). (b) Results using  $\Delta$ -ML strategy 1, where the correction was learned on absolute energies ( $r^2 = 0.35$ ). Binding energies are in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. The dashed black line represents perfect correlation ( $y=x$ ), while the solid red line indicates the line of best fit.



Conventional GNN per-atom:  $E = \sum_i E_i$

Allegro per-pair:  $E = \sum_i \sum_j E_{ij}$

Figure S4: Schematic of a Graph Neural Network (GNN) for chemistry. A molecule (methane, left) is represented as a graph (right), where atoms are treated as nodes and bonds as edges. The figure also contrasts the common per-atom energy decomposition ( $E = \sum_i E_i$ ) with the per-pair energy decomposition ( $E = \sum_i \sum_j E_{ij}$ ) used by the Allegro architecture.