

# Data-Efficient Molecular Generation with Hierarchical Textual Inversion

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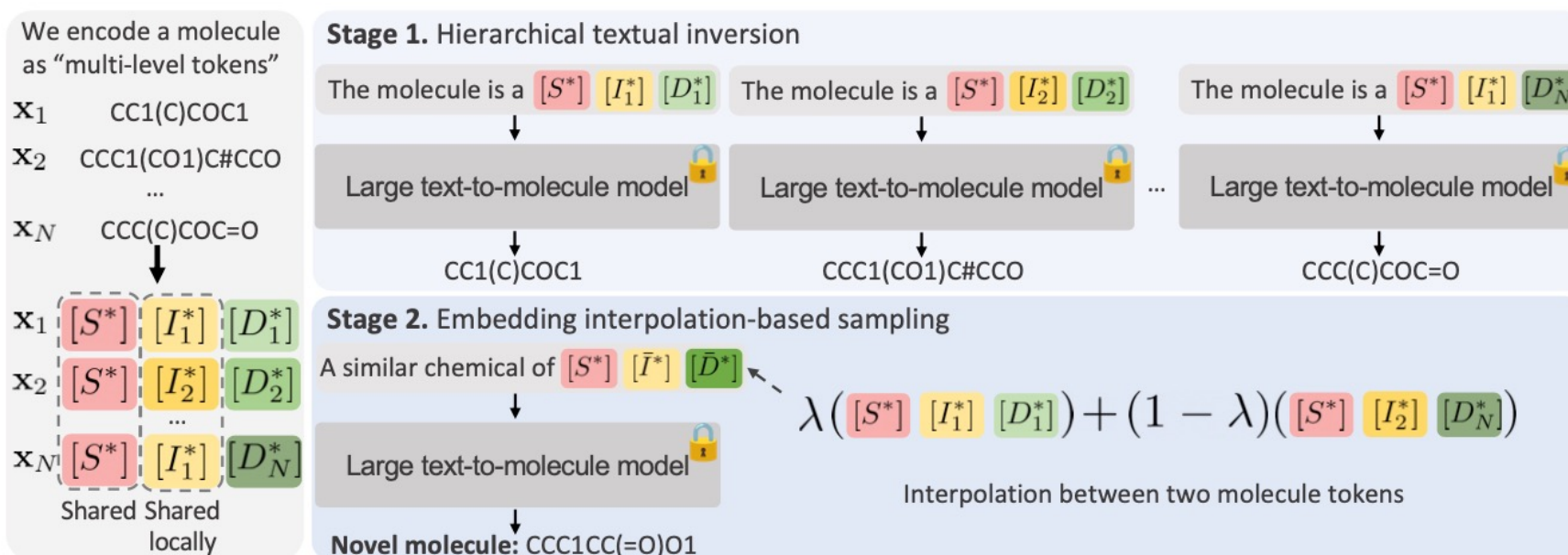
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# Data-Efficient Molecular Generation

**Data-efficient molecular generation is important** in chemical application:

- **Prior molecular generation approaches:** Assume abundant training data, e.g., QM9 contains 130k molecules
- **Difficulty of the collection from target distribution:** Require experimental verification, e.g., drug-likeness on HIV
- **Hi-Mol:** We propose **a novel framework for data-efficient molecular generation**

 **Few-shot adaptation of molecular foundation models** generates high-quality molecules in a data-efficient manner



# Textual Inversion in Text-to-Image Foundation model

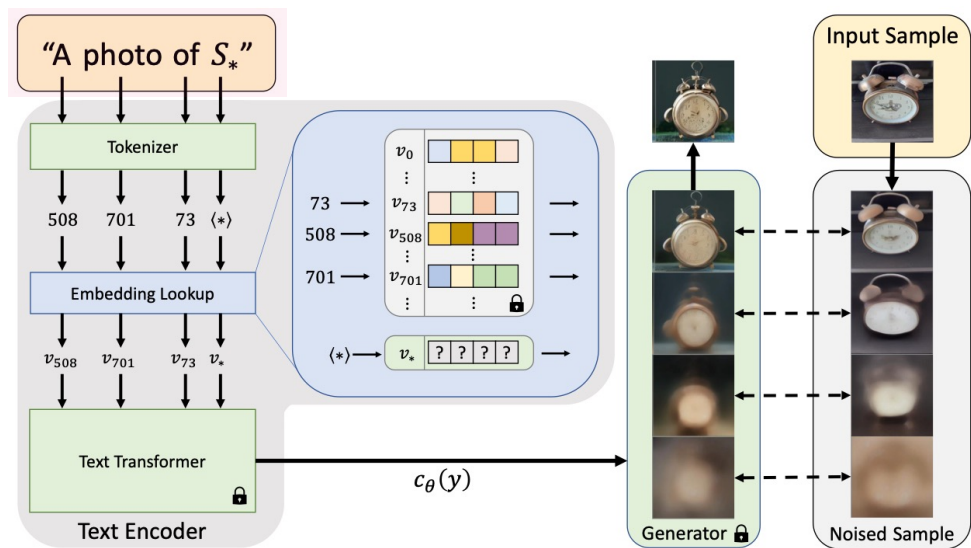
**Textual inversion** introduces a **new word** that represents a **common concept** from a few images:

- The **embedding of new word**  $[S^*]$  is optimized to **reconstruct** given **images of a common concept**

- Hi-Mol**: We propose a **novel textual inversion framework** for **data-efficient molecular generation**



Hi-Mol effectively captures the distribution of **limited number of molecules** with molecular foundation model



$$v_* = \arg \min_v \mathbb{E}_{z \sim \mathcal{E}(x), y, \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1), t} \left[ \|\epsilon - \epsilon_\theta(z_t, t, c_\theta(y))\|_2^2 \right]$$

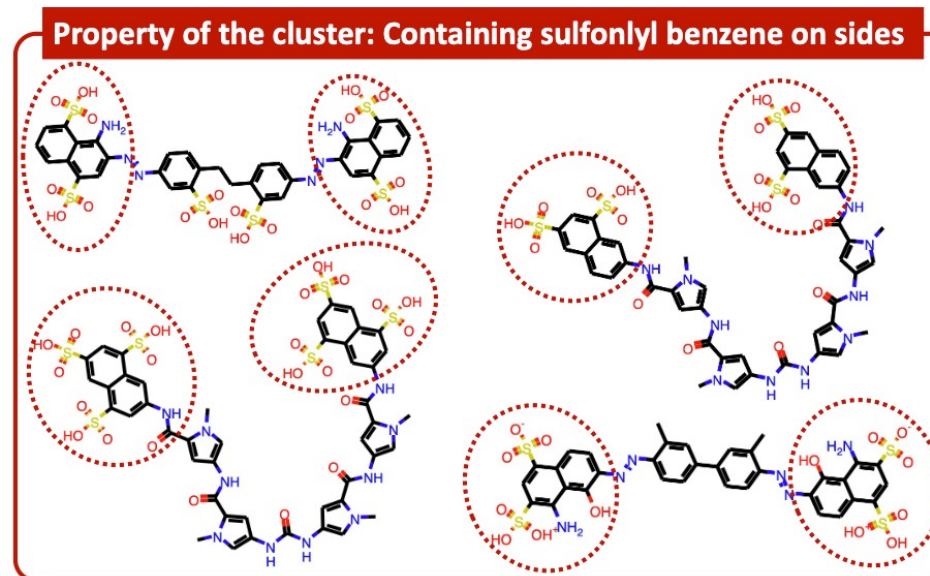
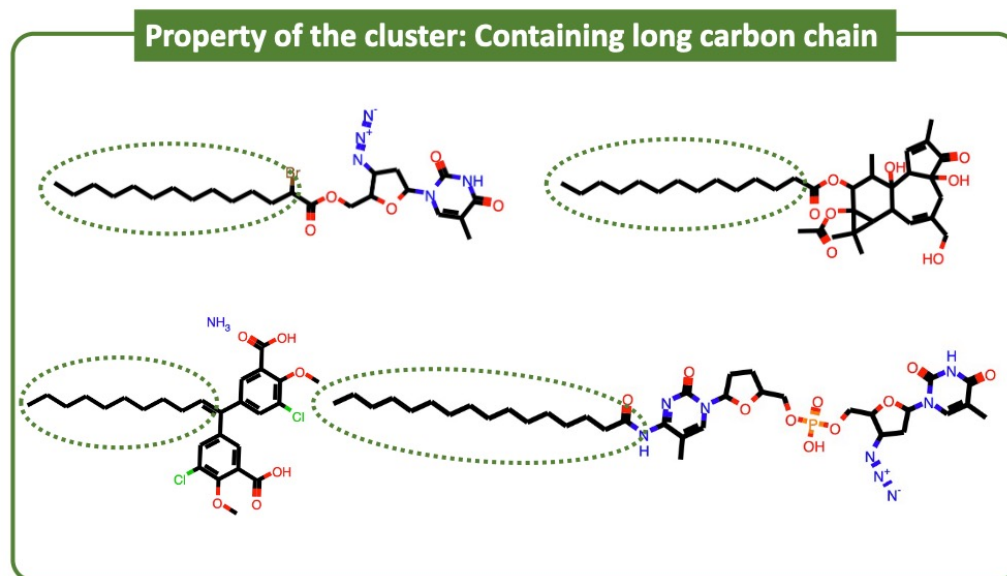


# Textual Inversion for Molecular Generation?

**Naïve application** of **textual inversion** into **molecular foundation models** does **not work** well in general

- Molecules with the **common property** do **not necessarily share** visually **similar molecular structures**
- Modeling such molecules with **only “shared” word** cannot effectively capture the **common concept** of molecules

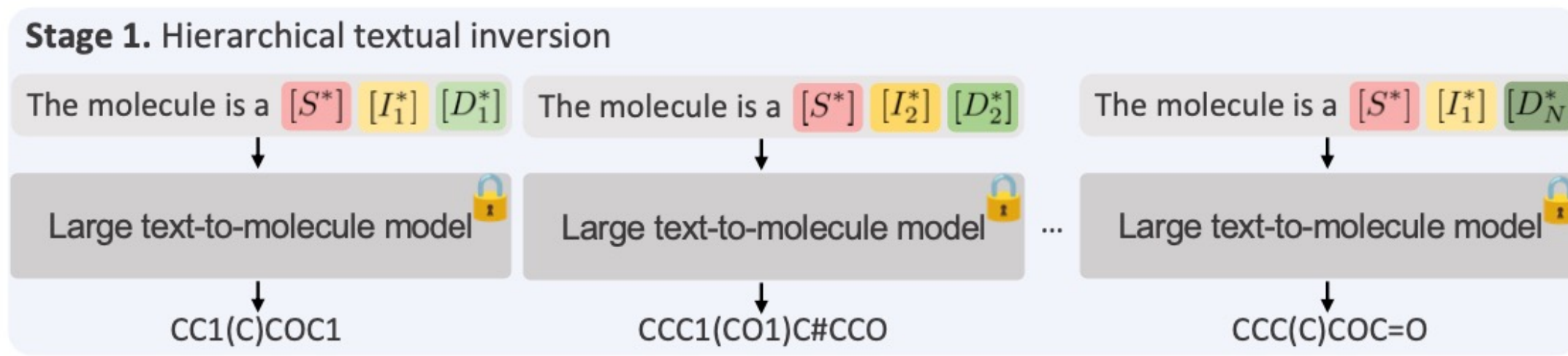
Training prompt	FCD ↓	NSPDK ↓	Valid. ↑	Unique. ↑	Novelty ↑
The molecule is a $[S^*]$ .	7.913	0.041	<b>96.2</b>	19.3	39.5
The molecule is a $[S^*][D_n^*]$ .	0.486	0.002	93.8	70.8	72.3
The molecule is a $[S^*][I_{c_n}^*][D_n^*]$ .	<b>0.434</b>	<b>0.001</b>	90.7	<b>75.8</b>	<b>73.5</b>



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- We introduce 3 kinds of words:  $[S^*]$  (shared),  $[I^*]$  (intermediate),  $[D^*]$  (detail)
- **Shared word  $[S^*]$ :** A **single word** for whole dataset, captures **overall semantic** of target molecules

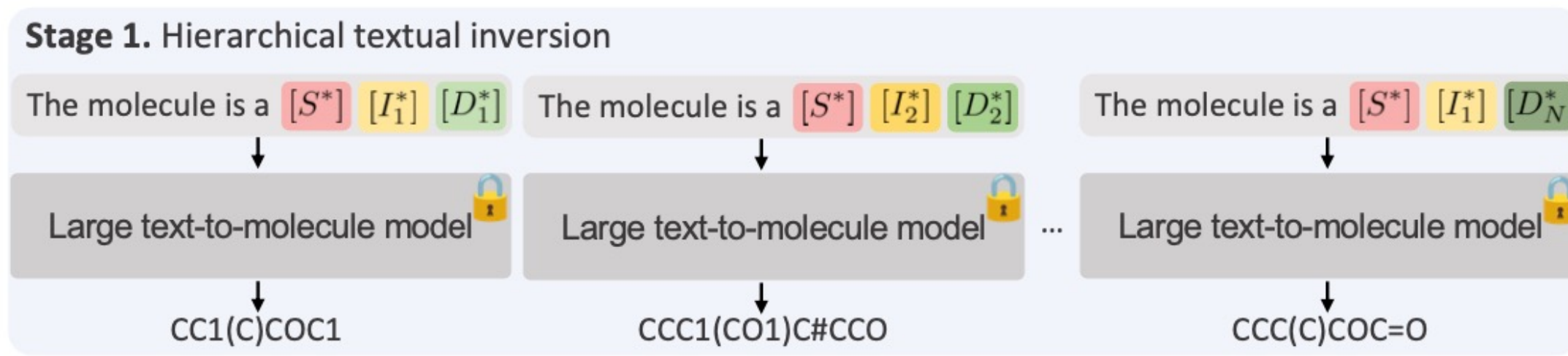


$$\mathcal{L}(\theta; \mathbf{x}_n) := \min_{k \in [1, K]} \mathcal{L}_{\text{CE}} \left( \text{softmax} \left( f \left( \text{"The molecule is a } [S^*] [I_k^*] [D_n^*] \text{"} \right) \right), \text{SMILES}(\mathbf{x}_n) \right)$$

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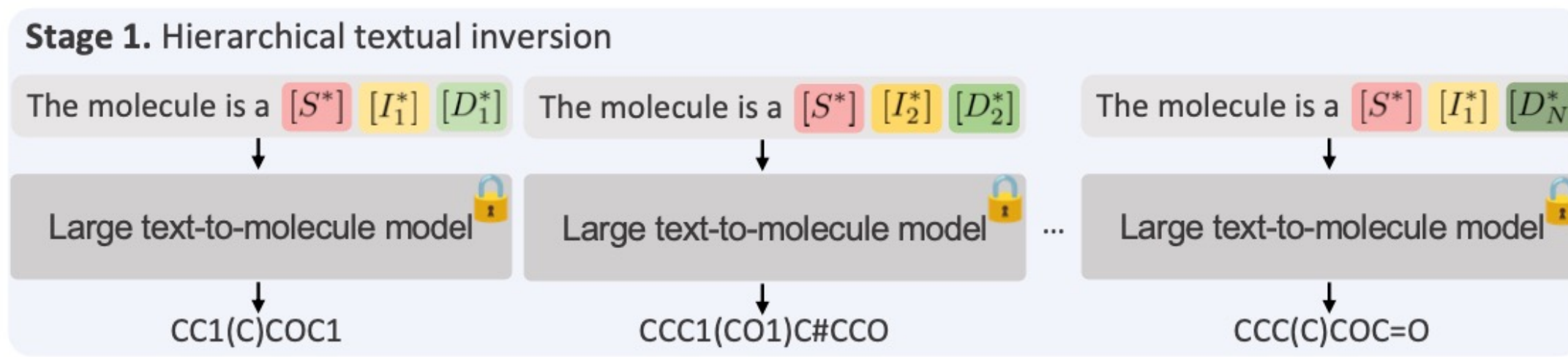
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$k$  is automatically assigned by multiple-choice learning

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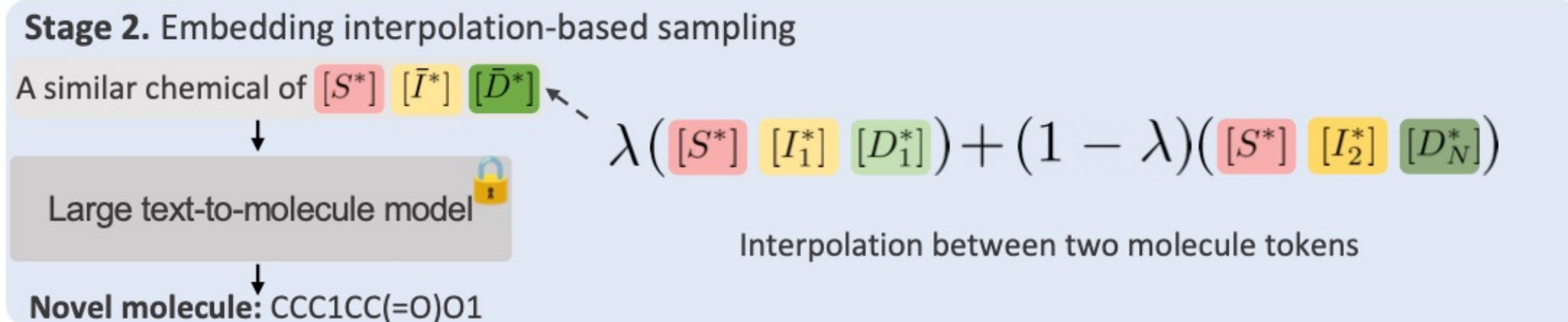


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**Embedding interpolation-based sampling:** Generation via **interpolation** of learned word **embeddings**

- We randomly interpolate **detail token** embeddings and the corresponding **intermediate token** embeddings
- Then, we forward obtained **interpolated token embeddings** into the original **molecular foundation model**



$$(\bar{\mathbf{i}}, \bar{\mathbf{d}}) := \lambda(\mathbf{i}_{c_i}, \mathbf{d}_i) + (1 - \lambda)(\mathbf{i}_{c_j}, \mathbf{d}_j),$$
$$\mathbf{x} := f(\text{"A similar chemical of } [S^*][\bar{I}^*][\bar{D}^*]\text{"})$$



# Experiments: HI-Mol is effective for limited training samples

We report the [molecular generation performance](#) of active (label-1) molecules in MoleculeNet benchmark

- MoleculeNet contains [limited active molecules](#) compared to conventional datasets, e.g., 1,232 molecules in HIV.
- Best scores are marked bold; Grammar is marked when the method forces the validity of generated molecules.

Dataset	Method	Class	Grammar	Active. $\uparrow$	FCD $\downarrow$	NSPDK $\downarrow$	Valid. $\uparrow$	Unique. $\uparrow$	Novelty $\uparrow$
HIV	JT-VAE [13]	Fragment	✓	0.0	38.8	0.221	<b>100</b>	25.4	<b>100</b>
	PS-VAE [33]	Fragment	✓	3.7	21.8	0.053	<b>100</b>	91.4	<b>100</b>
	STGG [8]	SMILES	✓	1.6	20.2	0.033	<b>100</b>	95.8	<b>100</b>
	CRNN [3]	SMILES	✗	3.3	29.7	0.064	30.0	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
	GDSS [9]	Graph	✗	0.0	34.1	0.080	69.4	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
	GSDM [27]	Graph	✗	0.0	32.7	0.124	52.0	90.4	<b>100</b>
	DiGress [7]	Graph	✗	0.0	26.2	0.067	17.8	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
	<b>HI-Mol (Ours)</b>	SMILES	✗	<b>11.4</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>0.019</b>	60.6	94.1	<b>100</b>
BBBP	JT-VAE [13]	Fragment	✓	80.6	37.4	0.202	<b>100</b>	10.8	<b>100</b>
	PS-VAE [33]	Fragment	✓	84.9	17.3	0.039	<b>100</b>	91.6	<b>100</b>
	STGG [8]	SMILES	✓	89.1	14.4	0.019	99.8	95.8	<b>100</b>
	CRNN [3]	SMILES	✗	88.8	20.2	0.026	54.0	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
	GDSS [9]	Graph	✗	0.0	35.7	0.065	88.4	99.2	<b>100</b>
	GSDM [27]	Graph	✗	11.6	26.4	0.086	64.0	94.3	<b>100</b>
	DiGress [7]	Graph	✗	8.2	17.4	0.033	43.8	94.6	<b>100</b>
	<b>HI-Mol (Ours)</b>	SMILES	✗	<b>94.4</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>0.011</b>	78.8	92.9	<b>100</b>

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We report the [molecular generation performance](#) on small subset of QM9 dataset

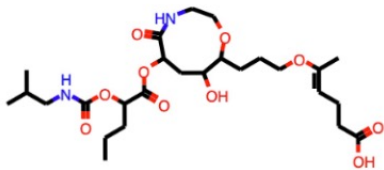
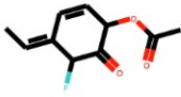
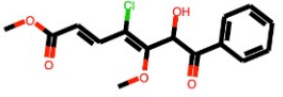
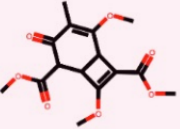
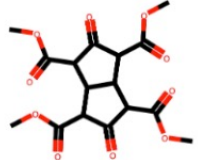
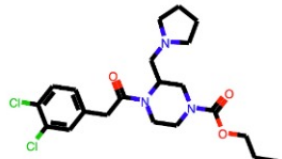
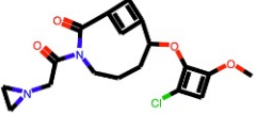
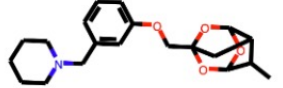
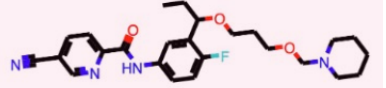
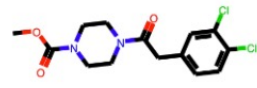
- Hi-Mol [outperforms](#) prior methods when trained **only with 2%** of the [entire training set](#) of QM9 dataset.
- Best scores are marked bold; Grammar is marked when the method forces the validity of generated molecules.

Method	Class	Grammar	FCD ↓	NSPDK ↓	Valid. ↑	Unique. ↑	Novelty ↑
STGG <sup>†</sup> [8]	SMILES	✓	0.585	-	<b>100</b>	95.6	69.8
CG-VAE <sup>†</sup> [34]	Graph	✓	1.852	-	<b>100</b>	98.6	94.3
GraphAF [28]	Graph	✗	5.268	0.020	67	94.5	88.8
GraphDF [29]	Graph	✗	10.82	0.063	82.7	97.6	<b>98.1</b>
MoFlow [30]	Graph	✗	4.467	0.017	91.4	98.7	94.7
EDP-GNN [31]	Graph	✗	2.680	0.005	47.5	<b>99.3</b>	86.6
GraphEBM [32]	Graph	✗	6.143	0.030	8.22	97.8	97.0
GDSS [9]	Graph	✗	2.900	0.003	95.7	98.5	86.3
GSDM* [27]	Graph	✗	2.650	0.003	99.9	-	-
<b>HI-Mol (Ours; 2%)</b>	SMILES	✗	0.434	<b>0.001</b>	90.7	75.8	73.5
<b>HI-Mol (Ours; 5%)</b>	SMILES	✗	<b>0.412</b>	<b>0.001</b>	89.4	85.8	70.4

# Experiments: Hi-Mol generates more faithful molecules

Molecules from Hi-Mol framework introduces **novel substructures** preserving some **original substructures**

- For example, Hi-Mol introduces **4- and 6- membered rings** while **preserving several ester groups**
- We report the most similar molecule with given query molecule in terms of Tanimoto similarity

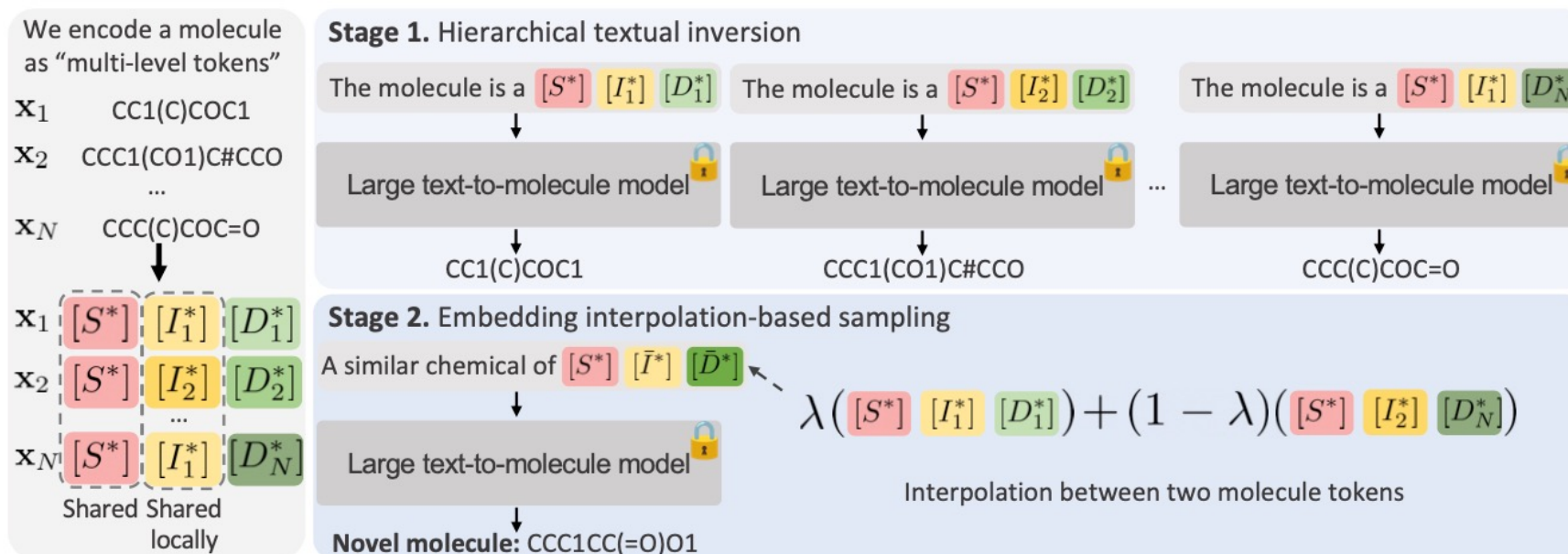
Dataset	DiGress [7]	PS-VAE [33]	STGG [8]	Hi-Mol (Ours)	Train
HIV	 0.154	 0.141	 0.157	 <b>0.326</b>	
BBBP	 0.238	 0.238	 0.246	 <b>0.505</b>	

# Hi-Mol: Data-Efficient Framework for Molecular Generation

Summary: We propose a simple yet effective **data-efficient** framework for **molecular generation**

We propose Hi-Mol = **Hierarchical textual inversion for molecular generation**

1. Hierarchical textual inversion with text-to-molecule model and embedding interpolation sampling
2. Molecular generation: Hi-Mol shows superior performance even with smaller number of training samples
3. Compositionality: Can be used to generate molecules with more flexibility



Thank you