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Van der Waals interactions in neural-networks

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In recent years, new methods, based on machine-learning techniques and neural networks, have been developed to calculate the thermodynamic and spectroscopic properties of various systems with high precision and low computational costs. However, current neural-networks have a significant limitation: they only take local short-range interactions between atoms and molecules into account, and largely ignore the long-range interactions that may strongly influence the properties of materials. This limitation may have significant consequences for predicting the physical properties of materials that are primarily determined by such long-range interactions. Using water as a case study, this contribution will discuss the extent to which long-range dispersive interactions can be taken into account in our neural-network NeuralIL, and how limitations affect the accuracy of predicted physical properties.