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RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS' COMMENTS

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Response: We gratefully thank the referee for the careful review of our manuscript. We also thank the referee for recognizing the accomplishments of our work in incorporating symmetry requirements in neural network models and the novelty in extension to spin-orbit coupled systems. In the following we will make a point-to-point response to the comments raised.

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Response: We thank the referee for suggesting references. The mentioned two references are about equivariant methods of machine learning Hamiltonians, which are truly relevant to the research topic. In the Introduction part, we added a sentence "*People have already made attempts to model the Hamiltonian using equivariant methods*", cited the two references as Ref. [27] [J. Chem. Phys. 156, 014115 (2022)] and Ref. [28] [npj Comput. Mater. 8, 158 (2022)], and discussed them explicitly: "*Nigam et al. used rotationally equivariant N-center features in the kernel ridge regression method to fit molecular Hamiltonians [27]. Zhang et al. proposed an equivariant scheme to parameterize the Hamiltonians of crystals based on the atomic cluster expansion descriptor [28].*"

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Response: We fully agree with the referee that all data and code in scientific works should be transparent and accessible to fellow scientists. In order to comply with the editorial policies of Nature Communications, we will submit our code alongside the revised manuscript and they will be accessible to all reviewers during the review process, but it will only be available to public when the manuscript is published. The dataset will be uploaded to a zenodo public repository, which will include all the structure information and the corresponding Hamiltonian matrices for training. We will also upload detailed description to reproduce the neural network models based on the datasets using our code.

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Response: We thank the referee for the helpful comment. To make sure that our results can be reproduced by others, we revised the “Dataset” subsection in Methods, and presented all the necessary details of DFT calculations explicitly for each material systems we considered. In addition, all datasets used in this work will be made available upon publication, so any group interested in the data will easily access them from the website.

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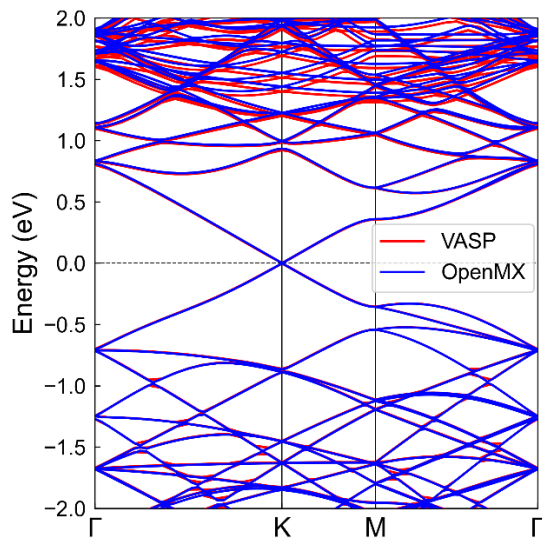


Figure R1. Band structures of twisted bilayer graphene with twist angle $\theta = 6.01^\circ$ calculated by VASP and OpenMX.

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Response: We thank the referee for the helpful suggestion. Following the referee's suggestion, we first generally introduced deep learning for physical systems, then discussed ENN models, introduced DeepH afterwards, and finally emphasized that we will try to integrate ENN models with DeepH in the Introduction part. As you can find by the colored revisions, we have significantly restructured the Introduction part to make it logically more straightforward.

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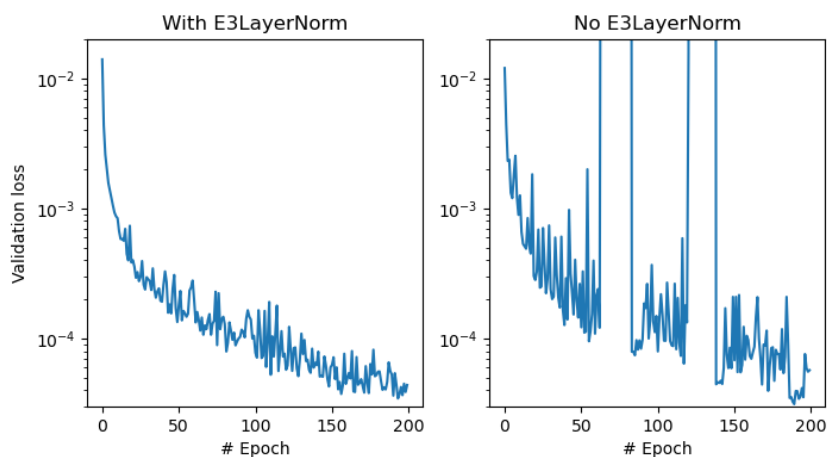


Figure R2. Comparison of the training process with or without E3LayerNorm, using the monolayer MoS₂ dataset. The vertical axis measures the MSE of Hamiltonian matrix elements in unit of eV². Computational details are described in [Supplementary Note 5](#).

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Response: We thank the referee for the expert comment. We chose to compare DeepH-E3 with DeepH based on the following considerations: (i) The only available code that can use deep neural networks to learn DFT Hamiltonians of crystalline materials and make predictions on large-size materials by learning from smaller ones, as far as we know, is DeepH. (ii) DeepH-E3 and DeepH share essentially the same neural network architecture, except that they apply distinct strategies to deal with the rotational covariance of Hamiltonian. The advantages of using equivariant neural networks thus can be clearly demonstrated by comparing the performance of these two methods using the same training datasets.

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the atomic cluster expansion descriptor [npj Comput. Mater. 8, 158 (2022)]. The applied equivariant scheme is interesting from the theoretical point of view. The method also has high computational efficiency. However, its prediction accuracy is not comparable with deep-learning methods, whose predicted band structure show significant discrepancies with DFT results for the relatively simple materials (see Fig. 5 of the reference). The reference only used 4 structures for training, which, of course, cannot be compared to a deep neural-network based approach on a fair basis. We thus prefer not comparing with this work. Instead, we cited and briefly discussed the reference in the Introduction part.

The work of Unke et al. [arXiv:2106.02347] was originally cited in the manuscript, which developed an ENN method named PhiSNet for predicting the Hamiltonian of molecular systems. This work achieved significant improvements over the predecessor SchNOrb [Nat. Commun. 10, 5024 (2019)], which employs data augmentation to inexplicitly introduce rotational equivariance. The performance of DeepH has been compared with these two methods before [Nat. Comput. Sci. 2, 367 (2022)]. Here we chose a molecular data set of ethanol (C_2H_6O), and performed deep learning studies by DeepH-E3.

The comparison of performance with DeepH, SchNOrb, and PhiSNet are presented in [Tab. R1](#). The obtained MAE of DeepH-E3 is larger than DeepH and PhiSNet. It should be noted that the neural network models of DeepH-E3 are not fully optimized in our preliminary test. The performance of DeepH-E3 is expected to be better than DeepH, but the test is out of expectation. Moreover, DeepH-E3 is designed for studying large-size material systems. For instance, the neural network ensures strict locality by employing the message passing scheme in order to reach linear scaling and good generalizability to large-scale materials. Such kind of consideration, however, is not necessary for neural networks for small molecules. This might explain why DeepH-E3 is more efficient and less accurate than PhiSNet in the study of molecules. Therefore, careful design and optimization would be required if DeepH-E3 is to be applied to molecular systems.

Table R1. Comparison of the performance of DeepH-E3 with other deep-learning methods on the ethanol (C_2H_6O) dataset. Performance data of other methods are extracted from Ref. [Nat. Comput. Sci. 2, 367 (2022)].

	Inference time (ms)	Number of parameters	Test MAE (meV)
DeepH-E3	3.5	$\sim 10^6$	1.100
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PhiSNet	27	$\sim 10^7$	0.331

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Response: To take advantage of the nearsightedness property of the Hamiltonian under localized basis, all the DFT Hamiltonian matrices used for deep learning in this work are computed by the OpenMX code using the pseudo-atomic orbital (PAO) basis. We added a sentence in the beginning paragraph of the section “Capability of DeepH-E3” to explicitly specify the fact.

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Response: We thank the referee for the constructive suggestion. To make the section “Capability of DeepH-E3” easier to understand, we split it into several shorter sections and described the experiments on one kind of material system in each section. Moreover, the referee suggested to put the discussion on computational cost of DeepH-E3 into a separate paragraph. Considering that the advantage of using DeepH-E3 is well illustrated by the study of twisted vdW materials, we chose to put discussions about the improvement of computational cost by DeepH-E3 into the last paragraph of the section “Application to twisted vdW materials”.

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Response: According to the referee’s suggestion, we have summarized the hyperparameters in supplemental Tab. S2. Any interested reader could easily look up the hyperparameters of any model for the different materials that are studied. In our experiments, we find that most of the hyperparameters have minor influence on the final model performance as long as they are within a reasonable range. We select the optimal hyperparameters by the following strategies. On the learning rate, we find that too large learning rate might cause instability in the training process: the loss function might suddenly blow up to a very high value. Too small learning rate will make the training slow and increase the probability of overfitting. Therefore, we first restrict the learning rate within a reasonable range to avoid these two situations, and then select the learning rate that gives the best model. On the batch size, it is usually limited by the computer memory. One single crystalline structure can have as many as $\sim 10^6$ Hamiltonian matrix elements, so the batch size is usually chosen to be 1. When studying relatively simple materials, the batch sizes will be increased in order to

speed up the training process. On hyperparameters that are related to the expressive power of the model, such as the length of the internal vertex and edge features, the maximum angular momentum of spherical harmonics and the number of message-passing layers, there is a tradeoff between the network performance and the training time. Usually, more complex neural networks could realize smaller prediction error. We choose those parameters to make sure that we could produce the best results within an affordable training time.

As a response, we added [Supplementary Note 4](#) in the supplementary material, presented the above discussion in it, and added supplemental [Tab. S2](#) to summarize network hyperparameters.

Summary of changes (Revisions are colored blue in the revised manuscript.)

- The first two paragraphs of the Introduction part were restructured following the suggestion of Reviewer #3.
- In the third paragraph on page 1, three sentences together with two references (i.e., Refs. [27,28]) were added.
- The part discussing issues related to SOC in the section “Realization of equivariance” on page 3 were moved to a new section “Equivariance of the spin-orbital Hamiltonian” on page 4.
- In the section “Capability of DeepH-E3” on page 6, one sentence “*All the DFT Hamiltonian matrices used for deep learning in this work are computed by the OpenMX code using the PAO basis*” was added.
- The original section “Capability of DeepH-E3” was split up into four sections: “Capability of DeepH-E3”, “Study of monolayer graphene and MoS₂”, “Application to twisted vdW materials”, and “Study of twisted vdW materials with strong SOC”.
- Discussions about improvement of computational cost by DeepH-E3 was put into the last paragraph of the section “Application to twisted vdW materials” on pages 7-8.
- The “Datasets” section in Methods on page 10 was revised to present more details of DFT calculations.
- Specific statements on code availability and data availability were made.
- Three Supplementary Notes (Notes 2, 4, 5), two supplemental figures (Figs. S2 and S4) and one supplemental table (Tab. S2) were added in the supplementary material. One sentence was added on page 8 to cite Supplementary Note 2. One sentence was added on page 11 to cite Supplementary Note 4. Description of neural network hyperparameters on page 11 was moved to supplemental Tab. S2. One sentence was added on page 5 to cite Supplementary Note 5.

REVIEWERS' COMMENTS

Reviewer #1 (Remarks to the Author):

I have reviewed the revised manuscript in detail. The authors have responded fully to all the comments raised by myself and the other reviewers. I am now happy to recommend publication.

Reviewer #2 (Remarks to the Author):

The authors have satisfactorily addressed my previous comments. In particular, the datasets uploaded on zenodo (see data availability section) are thoroughly structured so that it is possible to reproduce the results. I therefore recommend the present version of the manuscript for publication on Nature Communications.

Reviewer #3 (Remarks to the Author):

My comments and questions have been addressed and I recommend the work for publication.