



# Transfer Learning and Neural Networks for Graphs

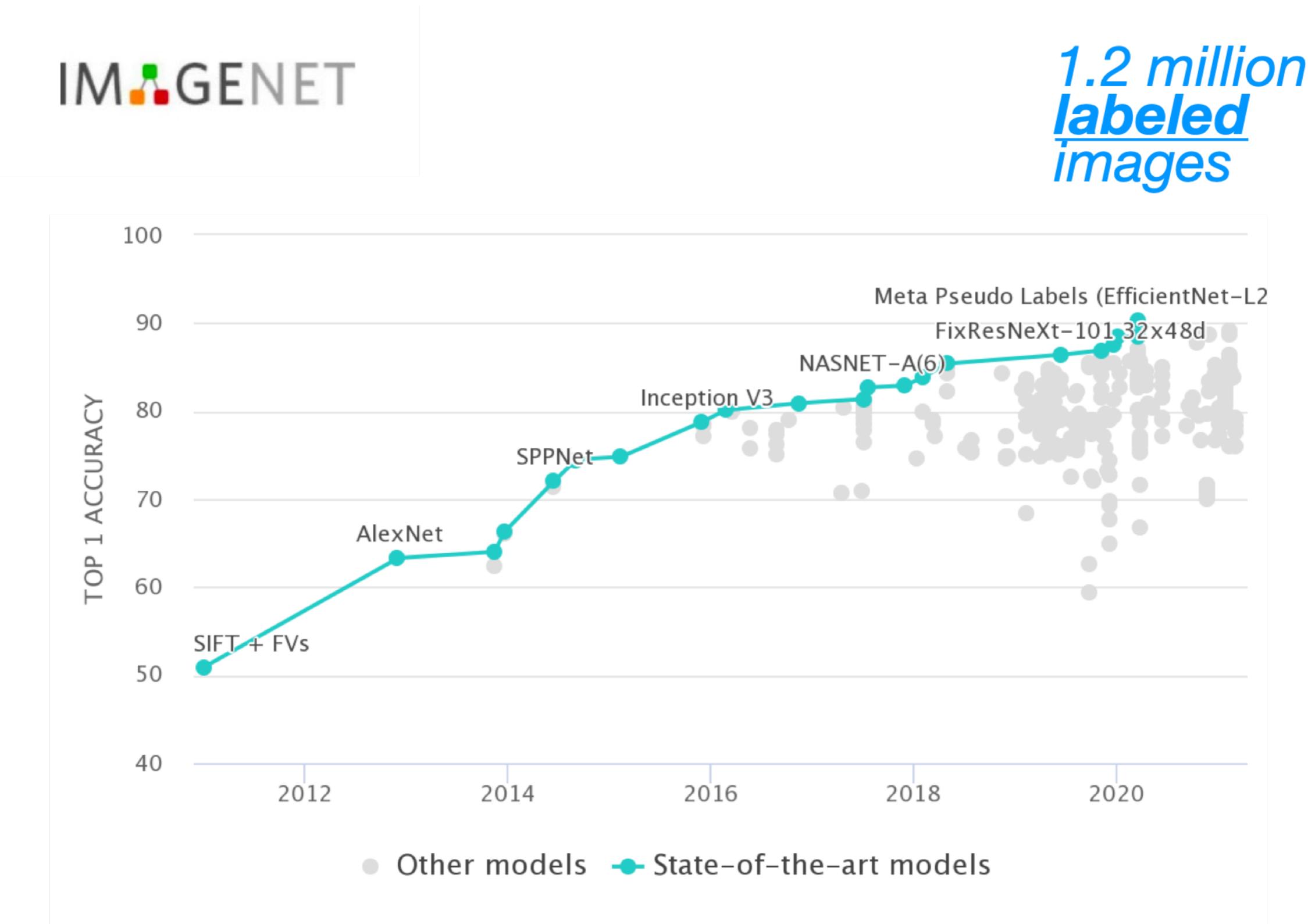
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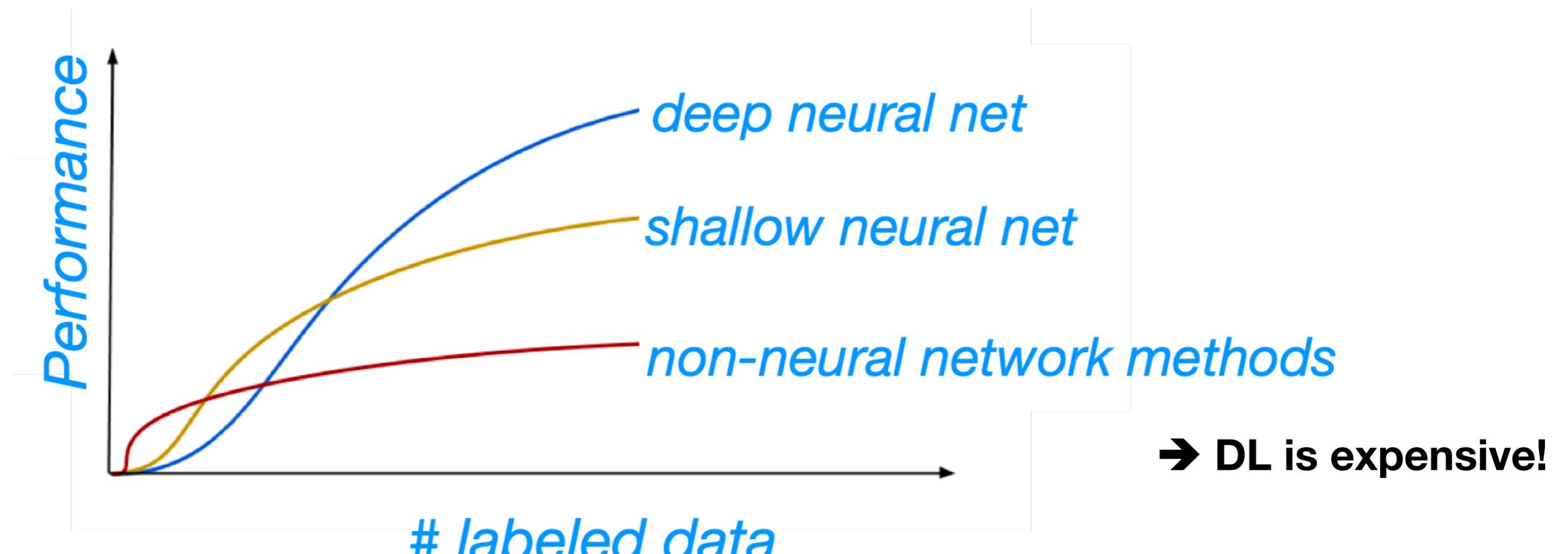
# Outline

- **Mon:** Feedforward neural networks
- **Wed:** Neural networks for images - convolutional neural networks (CNNs)
- **Today:**
  1. Transfer Learning
  2. Neural networks for graphs
    - Learning tasks with graphs: examples
    - Graph neural networks
    - Example application: predicting polypharmacy side effects

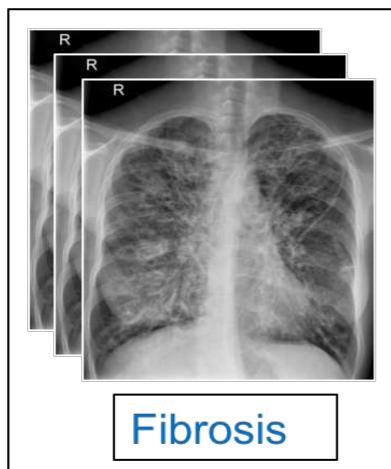
# Breakthroughs in deep learning required huge data



... otherwise...?

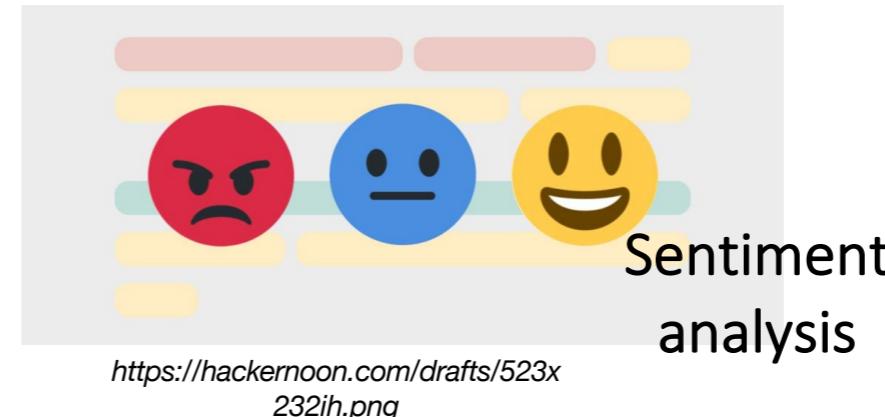


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Medical imaging

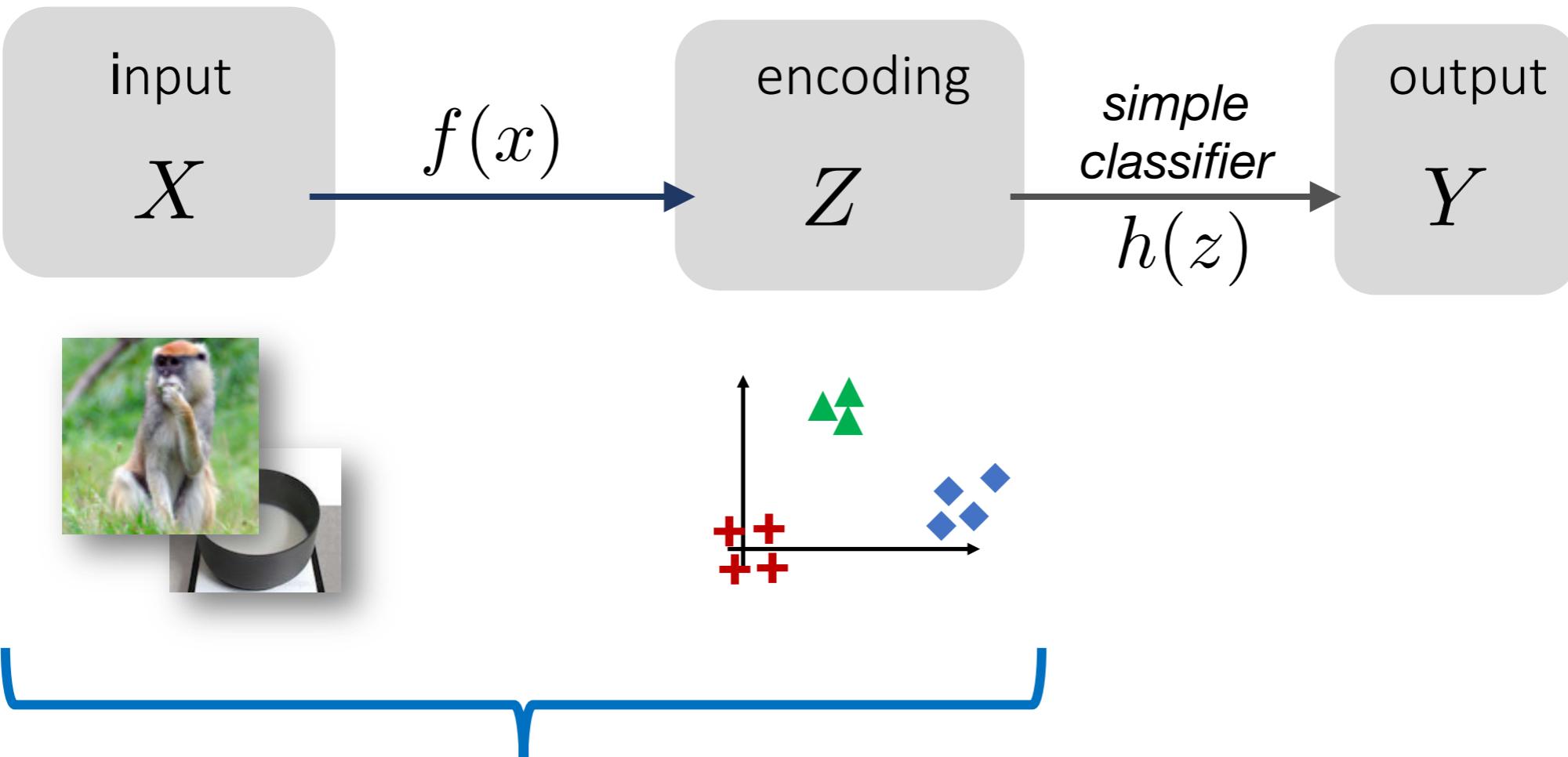
Xie & Richmond, ECCV 2018 workshop



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**But what if labels are scarce??**

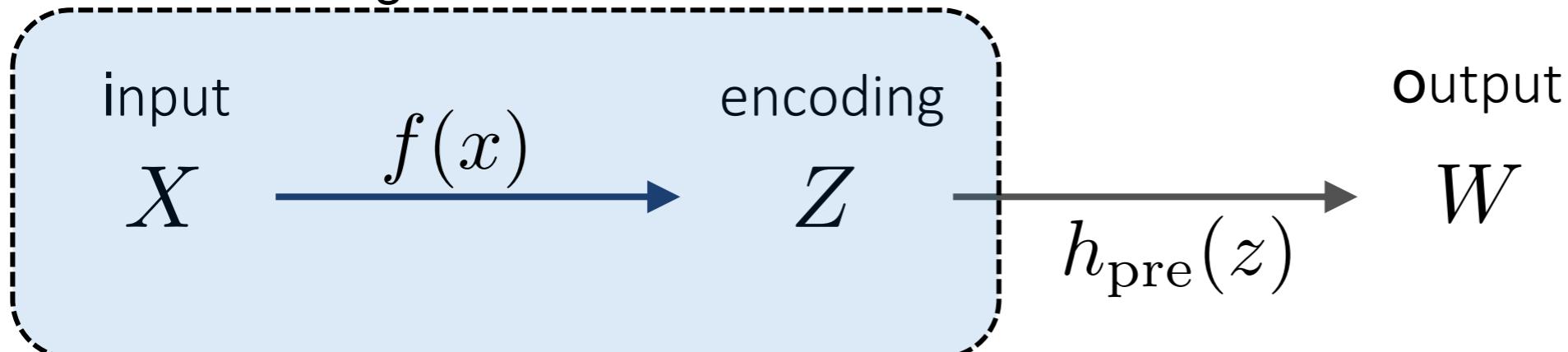
# A broad view on deep learning (again)



- With a good representation, a simple, data-efficient classifier can do well ☺

# Pre-training

*Pre-training*

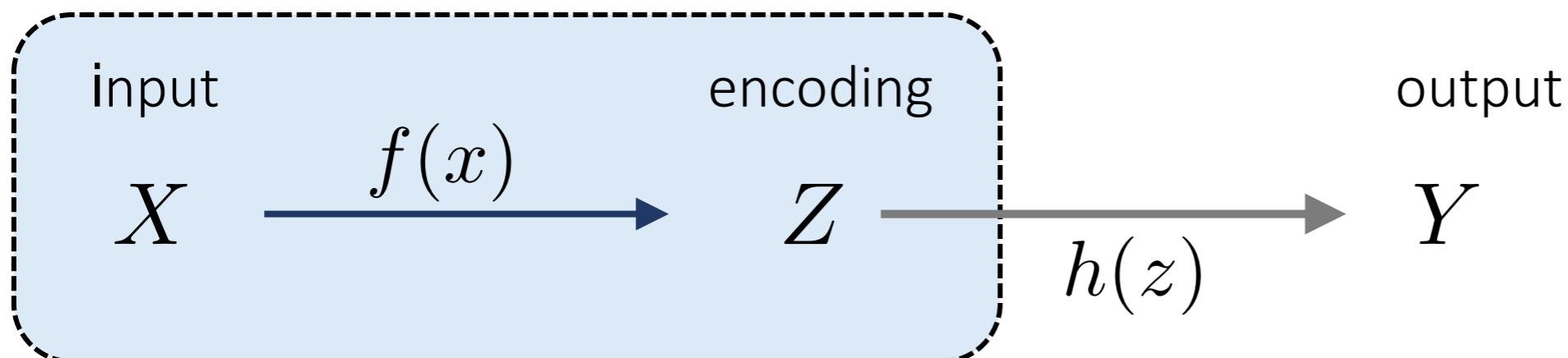


**Pretext task**  
 $m$  data points

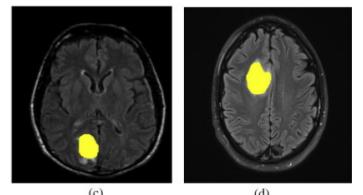
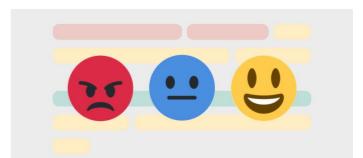


*Fine tuning*

Fix & transfer encoding function



**Target task**  
 $n \ll m$   
data points



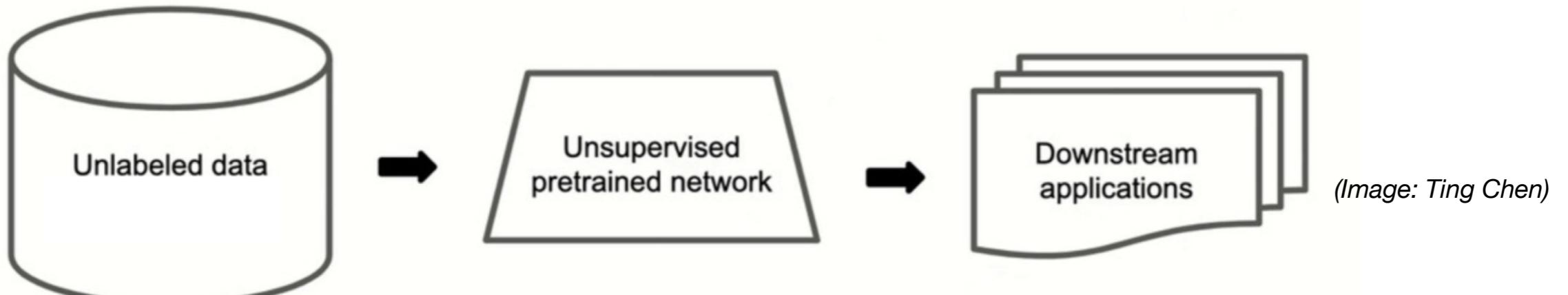
The same pre-trained encoding may work for multiple target tasks

# What is the pretext task?



**Or unsupervised?!**

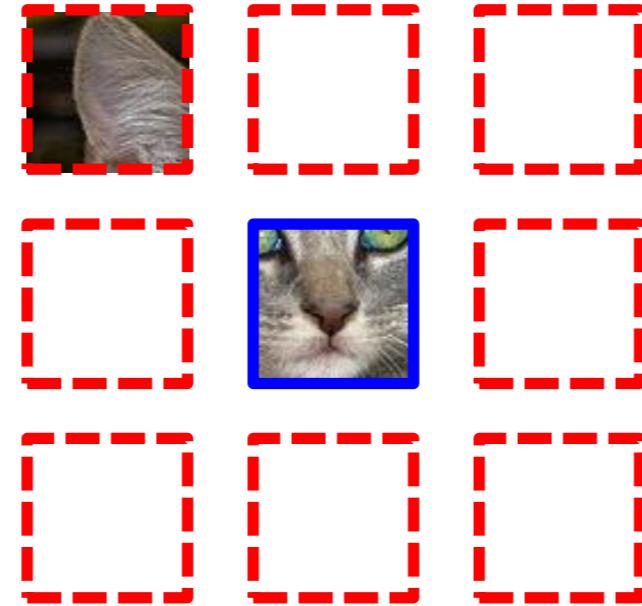
Idea: create labels  
automatically!  
*Self-supervised learning*



*“Fine tuning” is more data- and resource-efficient*

(Image: Ting Chen)

# Example pretext tasks for images



*Where does the patch belong?*

(Doersch, Gupta, Efros 2015)

**Self-supervision:**  
labels for the pretext  
task are generated  
*automatically*

Target Tasks:  
object detection,  
visual data mining, ...

*Complete  
the image?*

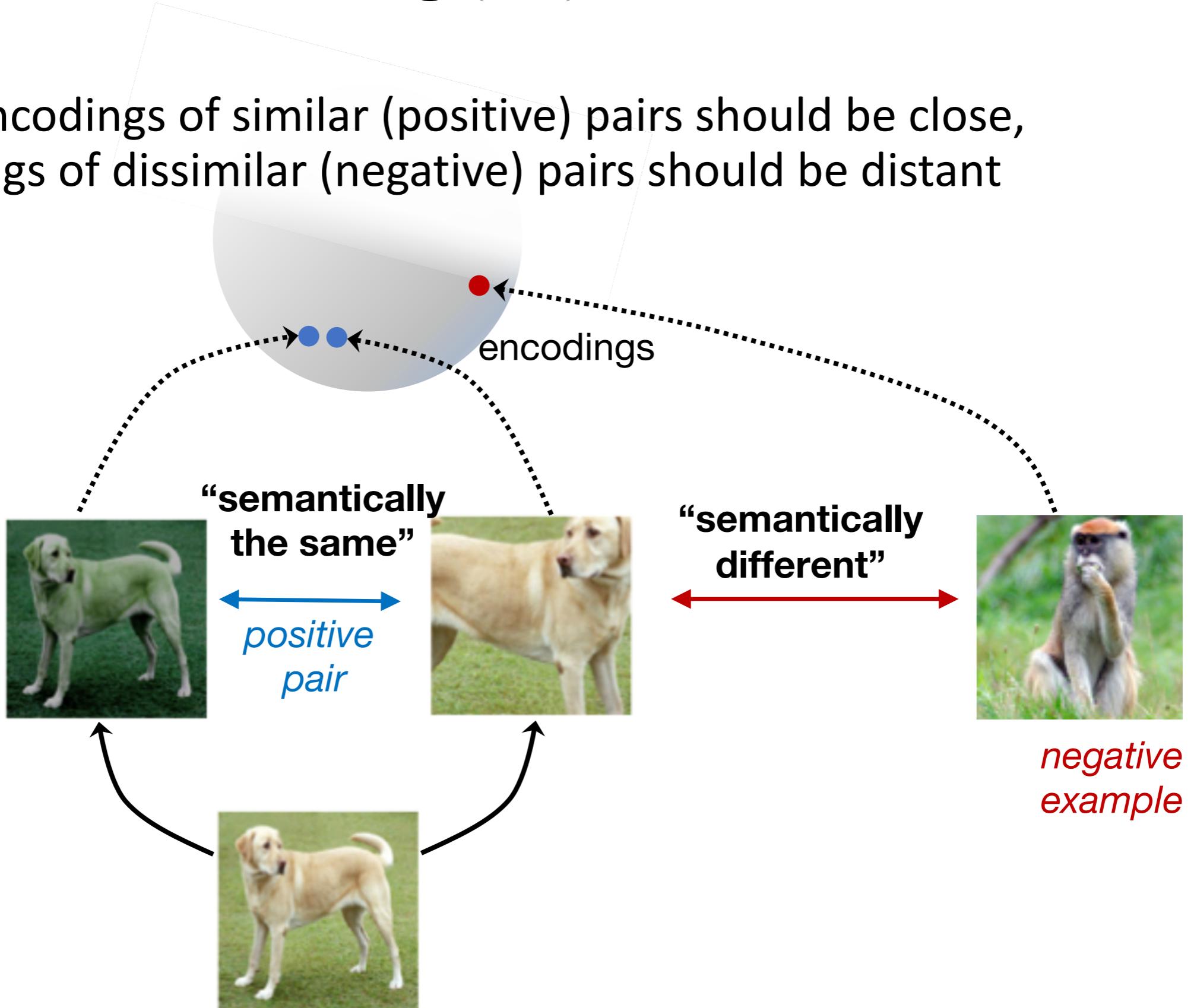


(Pathak et al. 2016)

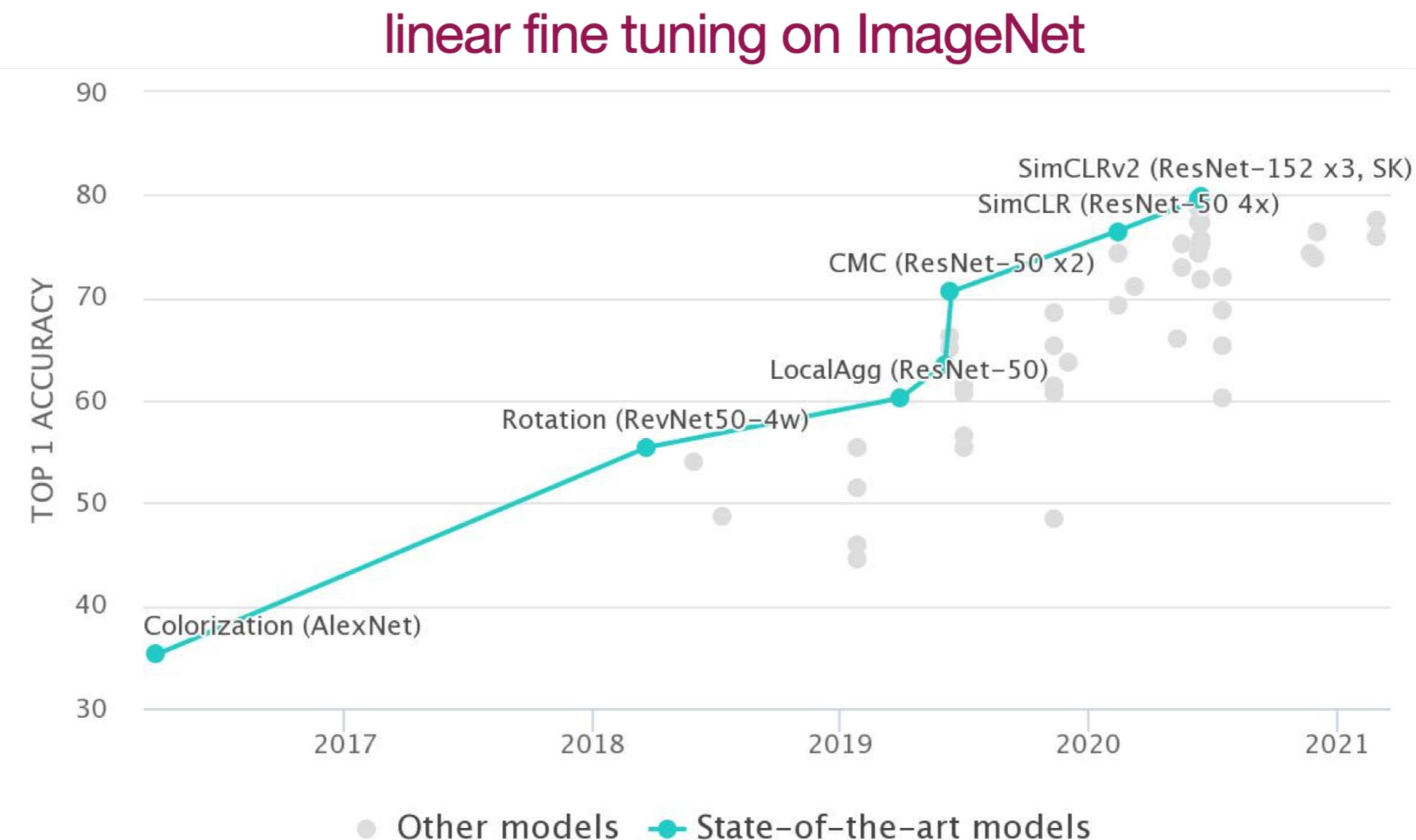
(Doersch et al 2015, Noroozi & Favaro 2016, Zhang et al 2016, Pathak et al 2016, Gidaris et al 2018, Chen et al 2019, Kolesnikov et al 2019, ...)

# Contrastive learning (CL)

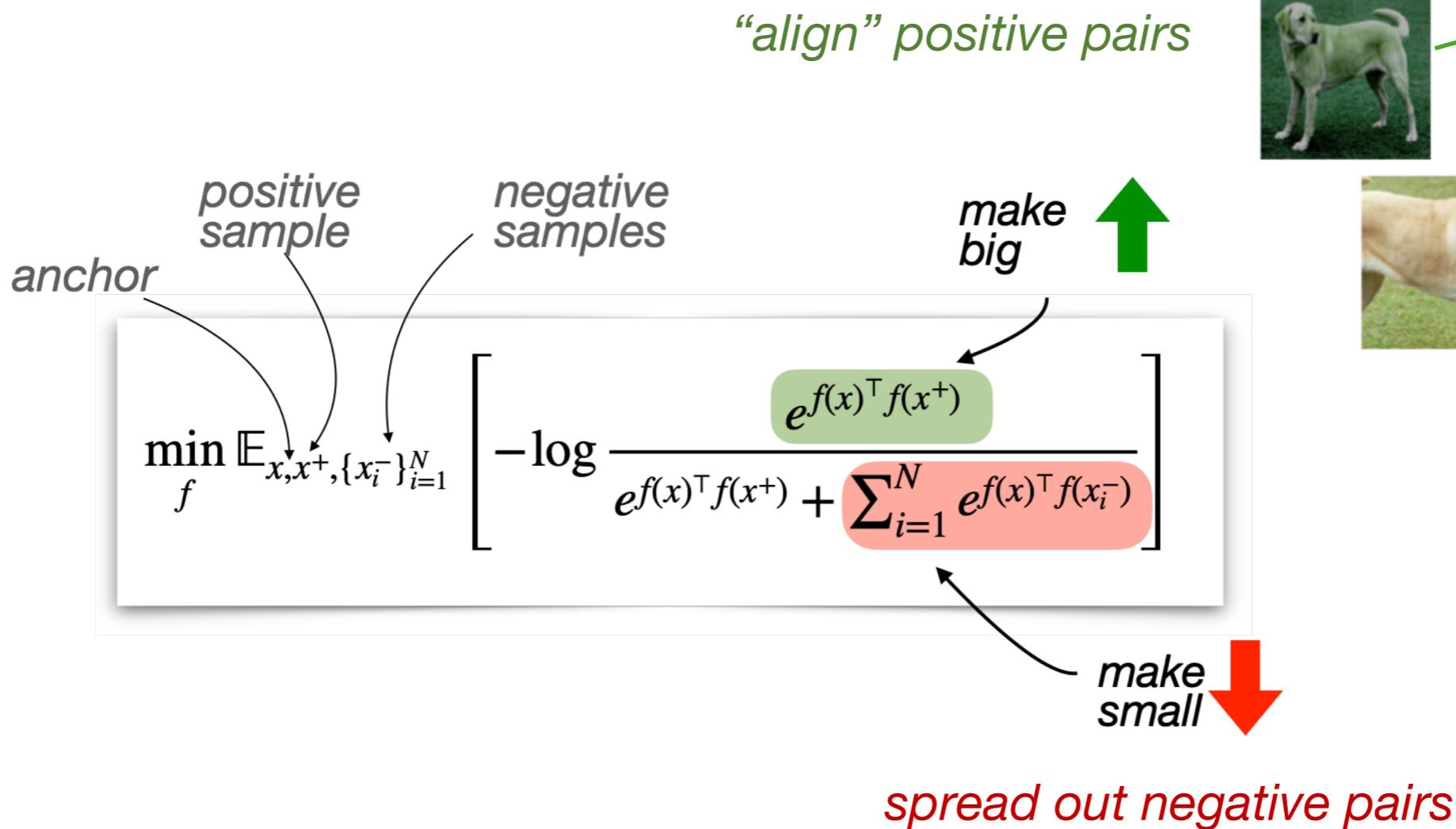
Goal: encodings of similar (positive) pairs should be close,  
encodings of dissimilar (negative) pairs should be distant



# Advances of self-supervised learning



# CL: Noise contrastive estimation loss



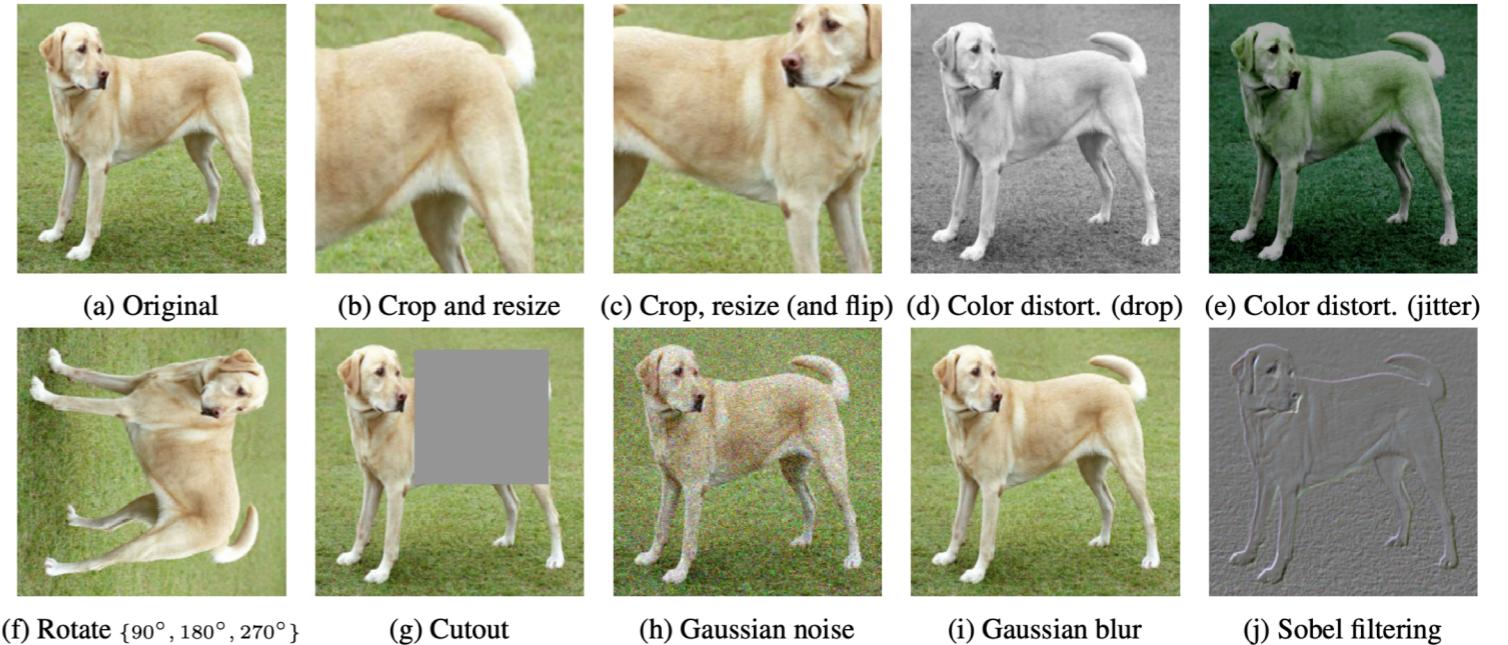
Can outperform supervised pretraining (*He et al 2020, Misra & van der Maaten 2020*)

But: how get positive/negative examples without labels?

# Positive and negative examples

## Positives:

random combination  
of data augmentations



## Negatives:

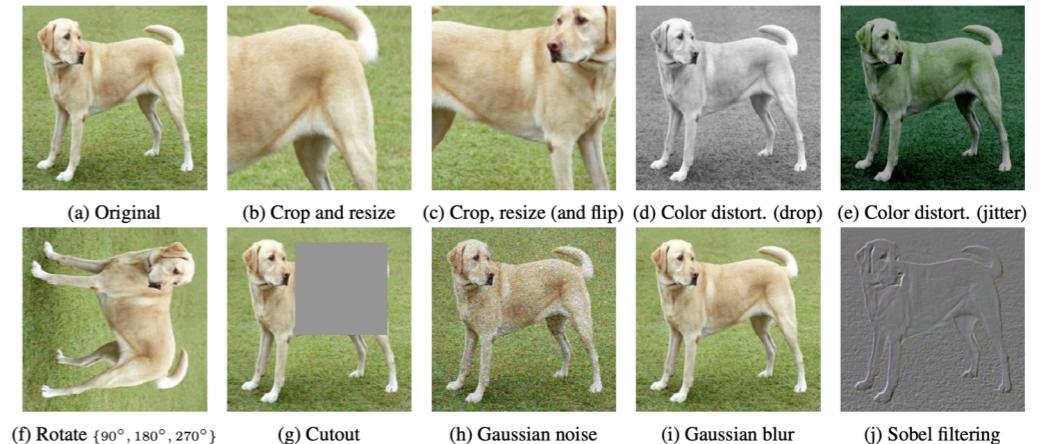
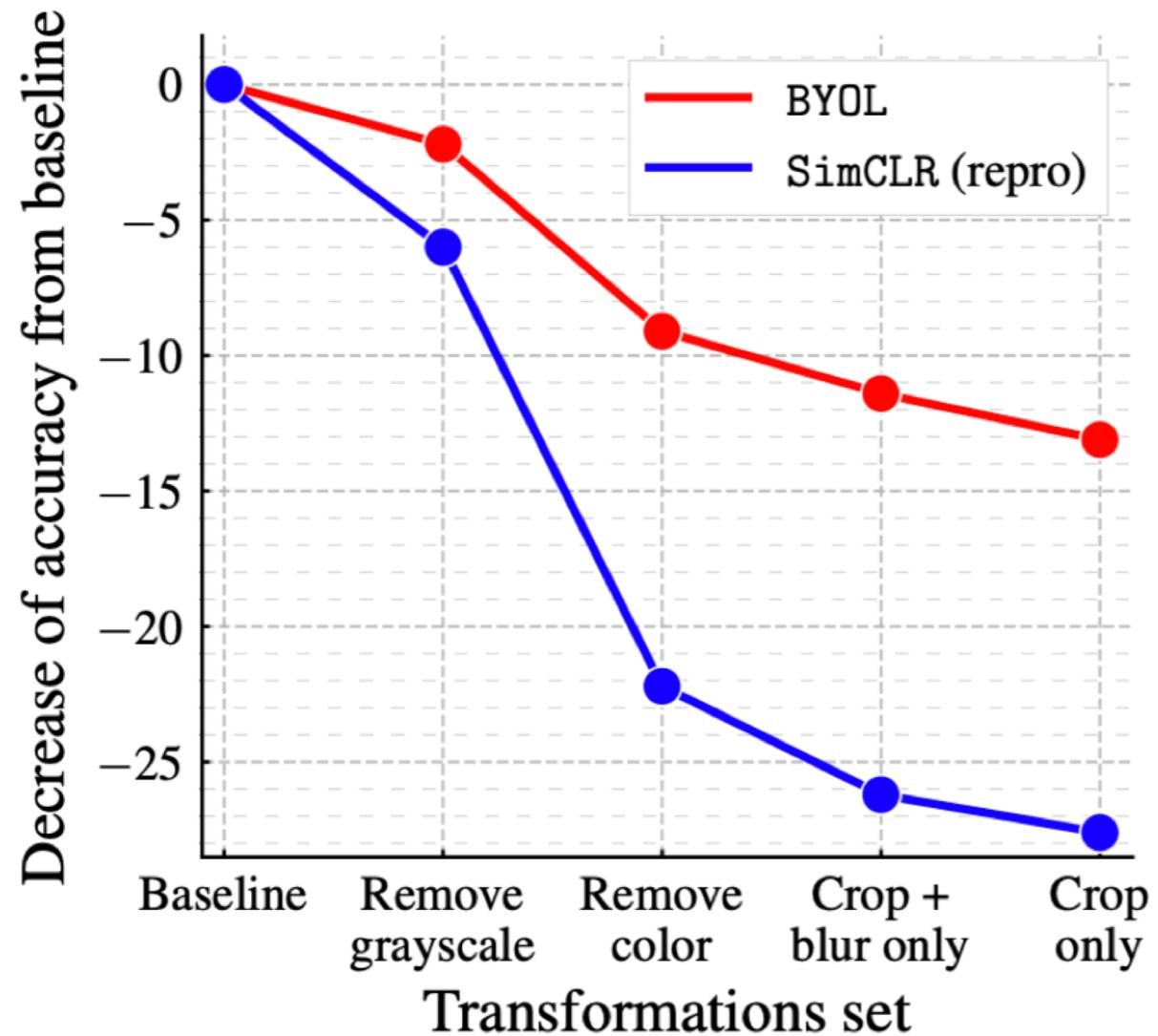
randomly drawn from  
dataset



# Improvements

- Good positive pairs: lots of data augmentation
- Good negative examples: “hard negative sampling”
- Large batch sizes in SGD
- ...

# Effect of data augmentation

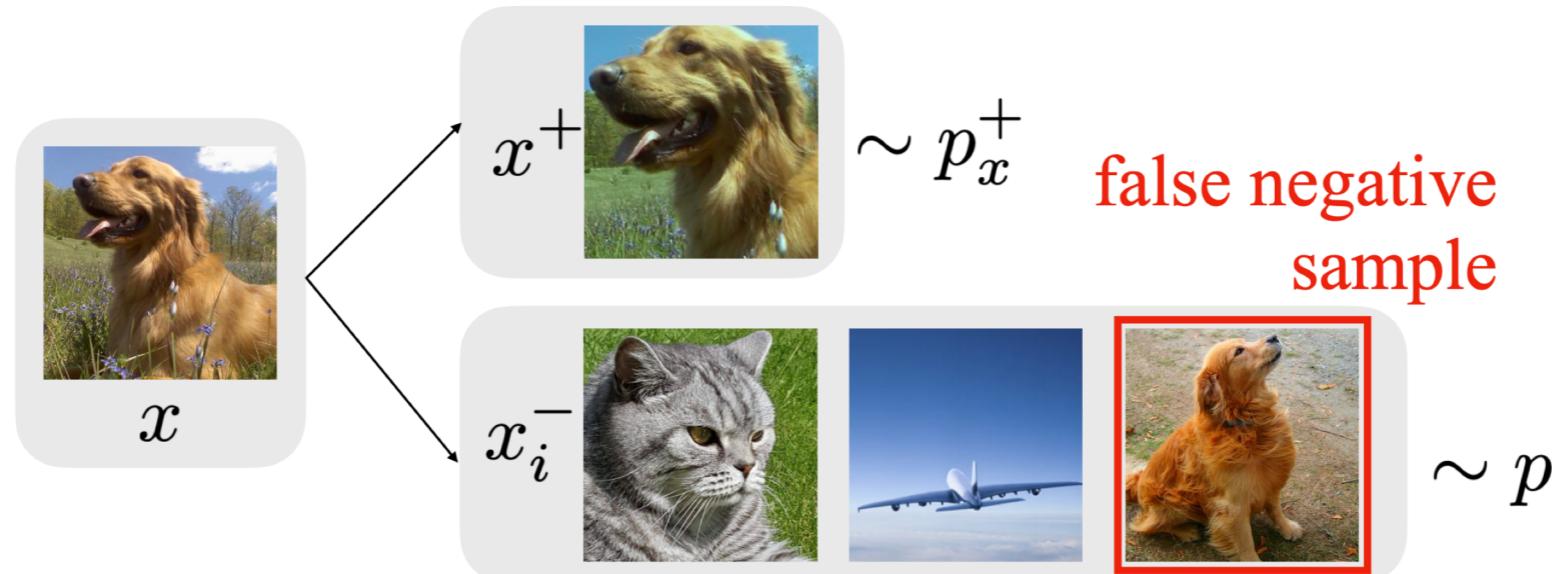


Impact of progressively removing transformations

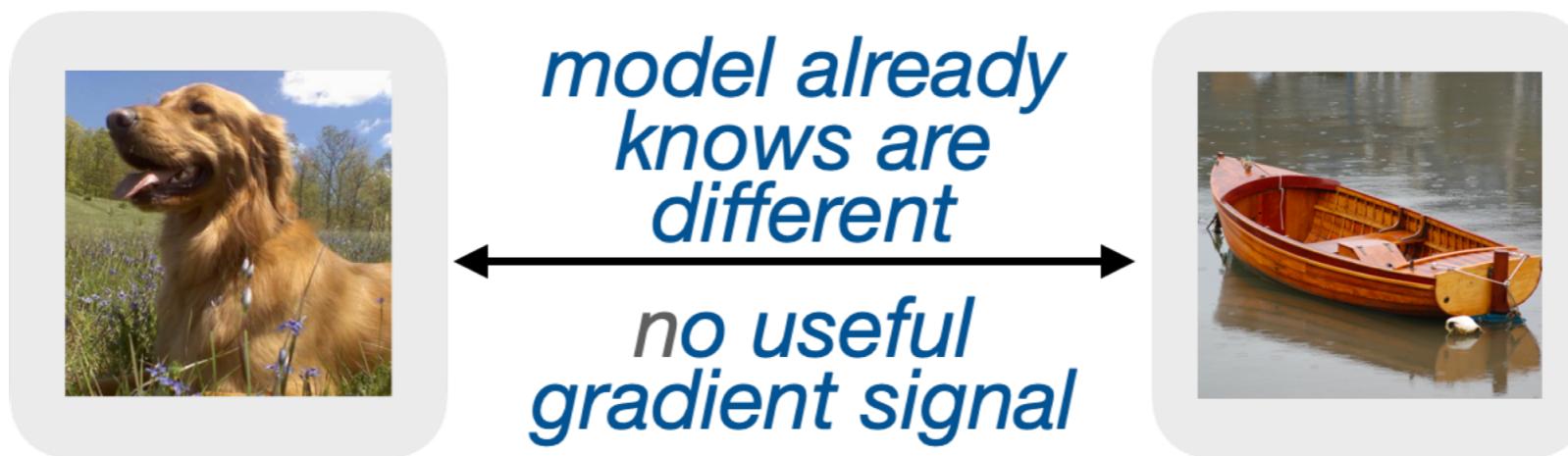
*(figure: Grill et al 2020)*

# More informative negative examples

- False negative examples → debiasing (*Chuang et al 2020*)

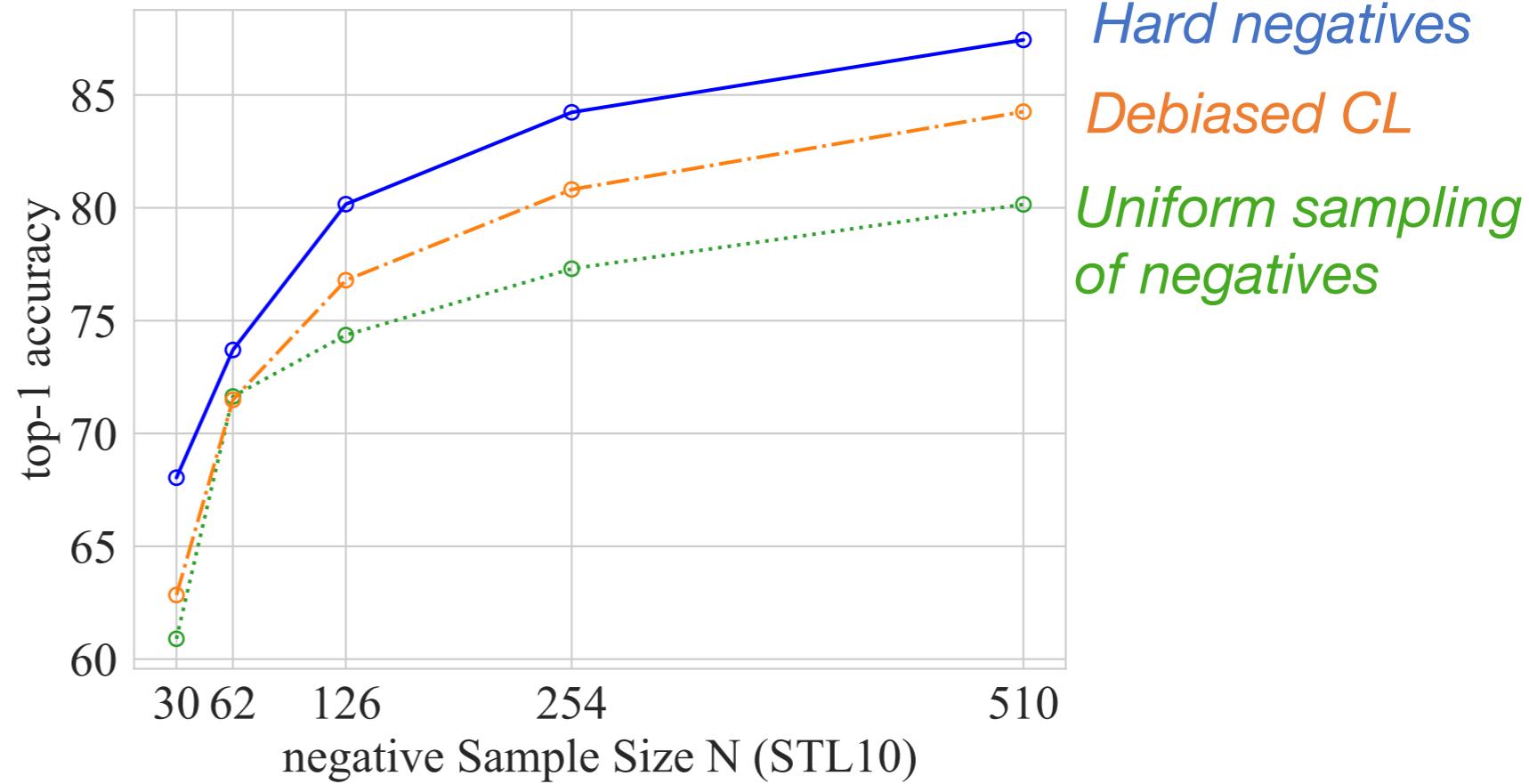


- Uninformative/easy negatives → focus on hard negatives  
(e.g. *Robinson et al 2021*)

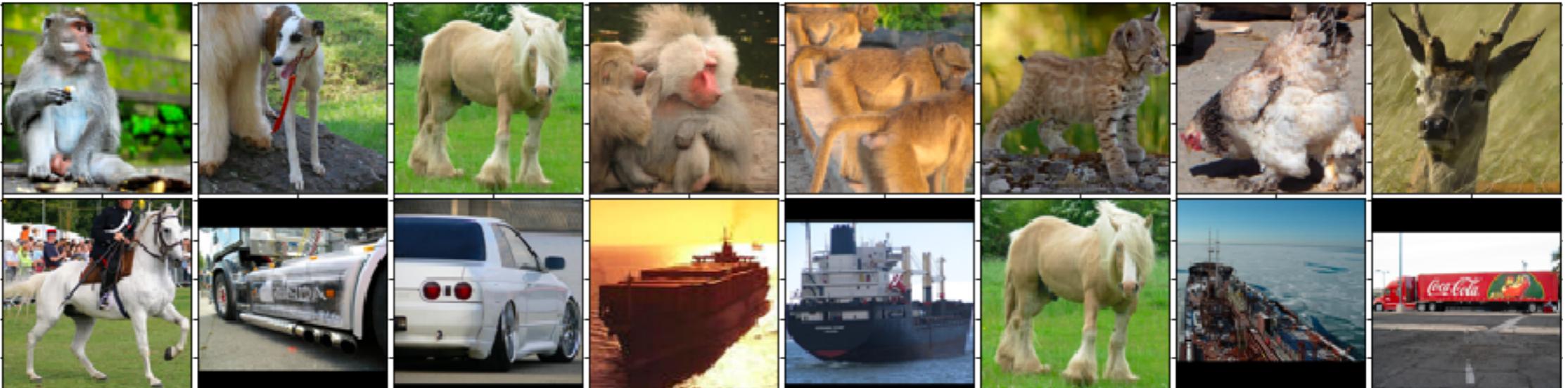


# Example hard negatives and effect

*Anchor*



*Hard  
negatives*



*Uniform  
Negatives*

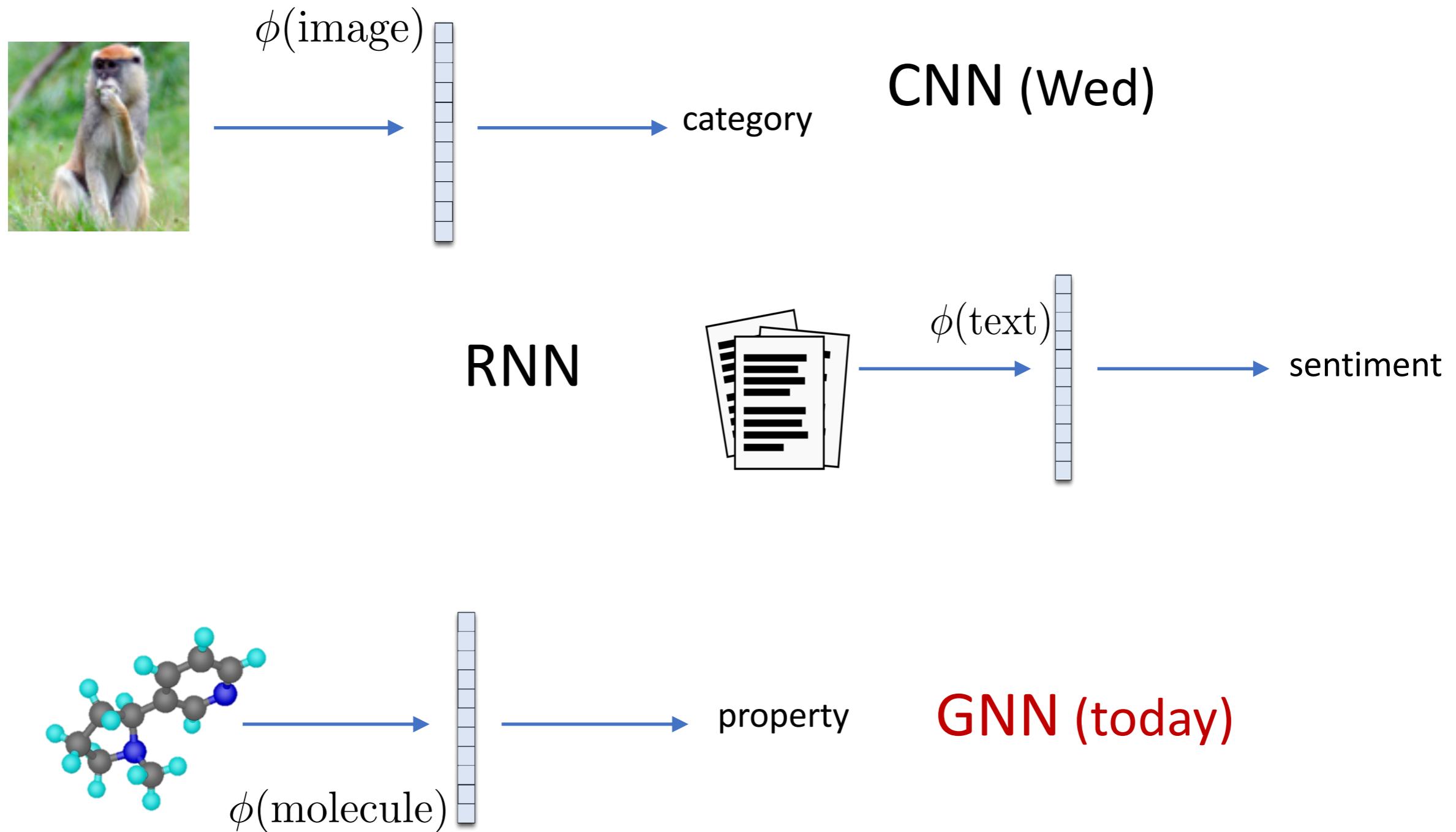
# Summary: self-supervised learning

- State of the art for vision and language tasks
- Idea: use auxiliary data to obtain a good data representation
- *Self-supervision*: pretext tasks uses automatically generated label
- Using pre-trained features saves data and computation
- Related to “metric learning”

Model “zoo”:

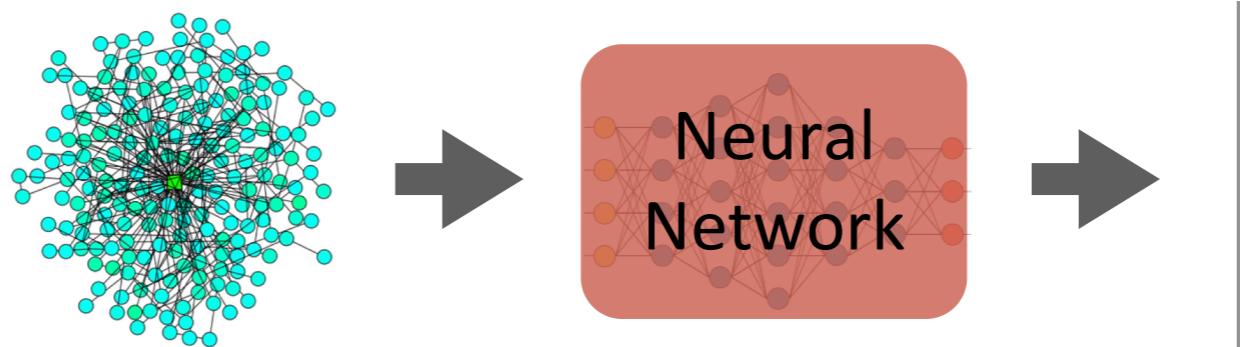
<https://lilianweng.github.io/lil-log/2021/05/31/contrastive-representation-learning.html>

# Specialized methods to encode data



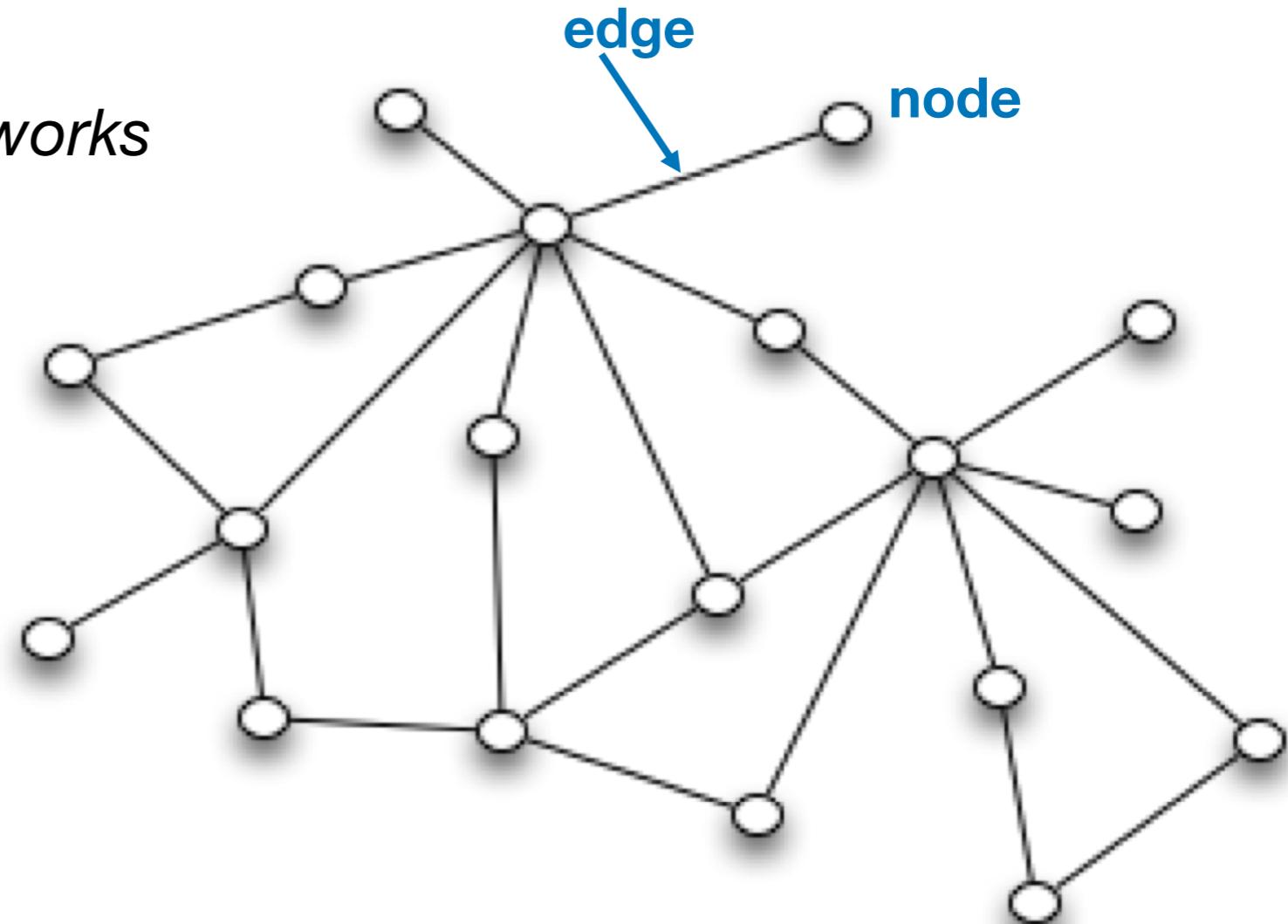
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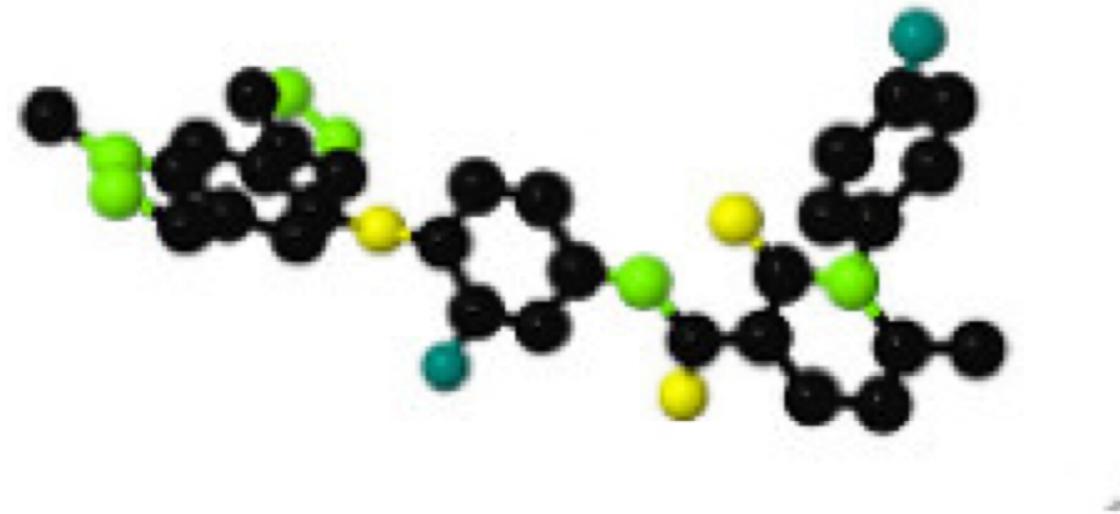


# Networks / Graphs

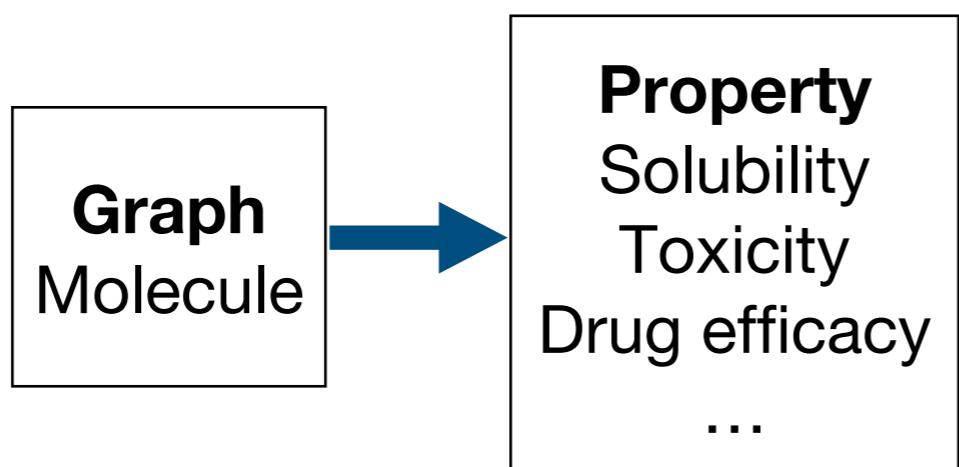
- nodes and connections (edges)
- possibly side information (attributes) for each node
- many examples:
  - ◆ *social networks*
  - ◆ *traffic networks*
  - ◆ *protein interaction networks*
  - ◆ *climate networks*
  - ◆ *brain*
  - ◆ *citation networks*
  - ◆ *internet ...*



# Example: molecule property prediction

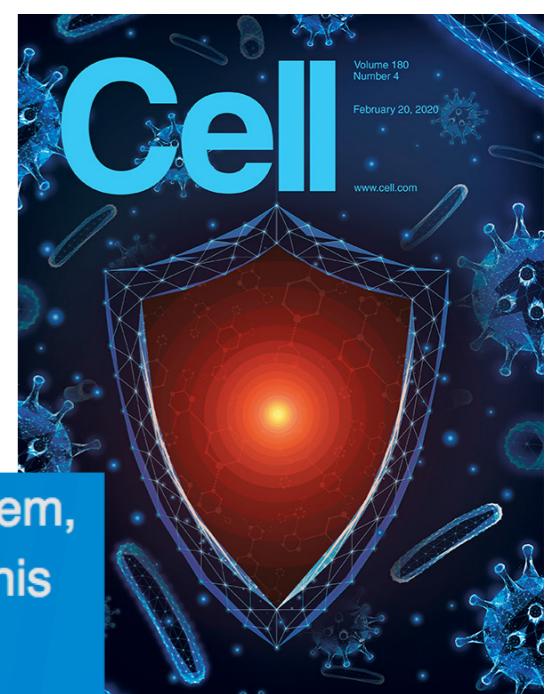


Predict a label for  
the entire graph



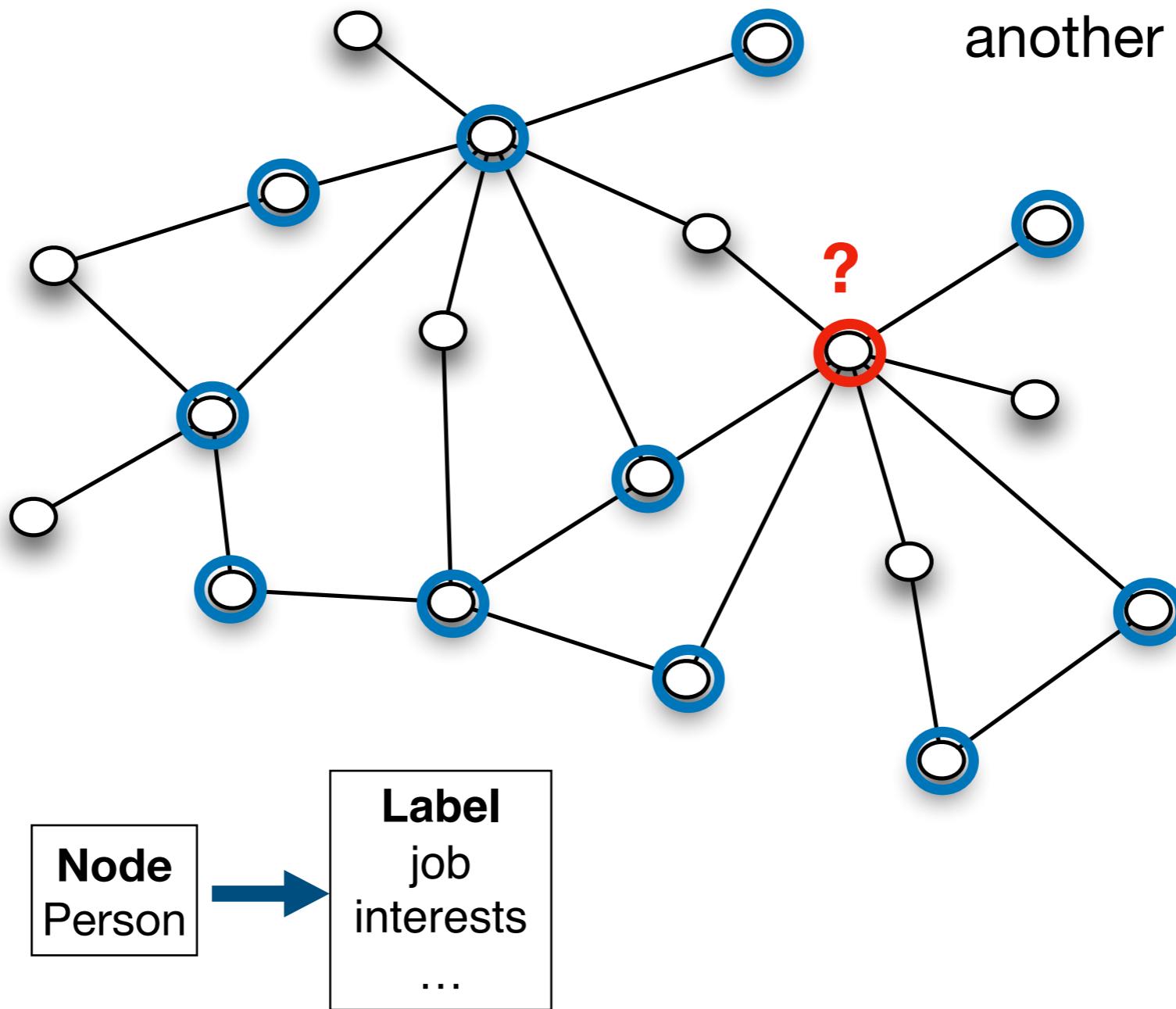
(Duvenaud et al, 2015, Stokes et al 2020,...)

On the cover: Antibiotic resistance is a pervasive public health problem, requiring the adoption of creative approaches to drug discovery. In this issue, ... [Show more](#)



# Example: social network

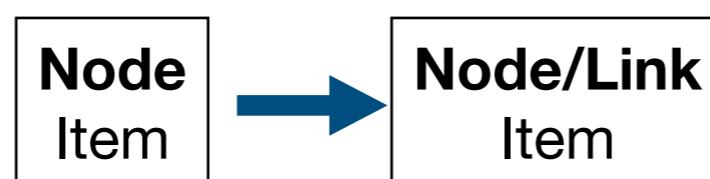
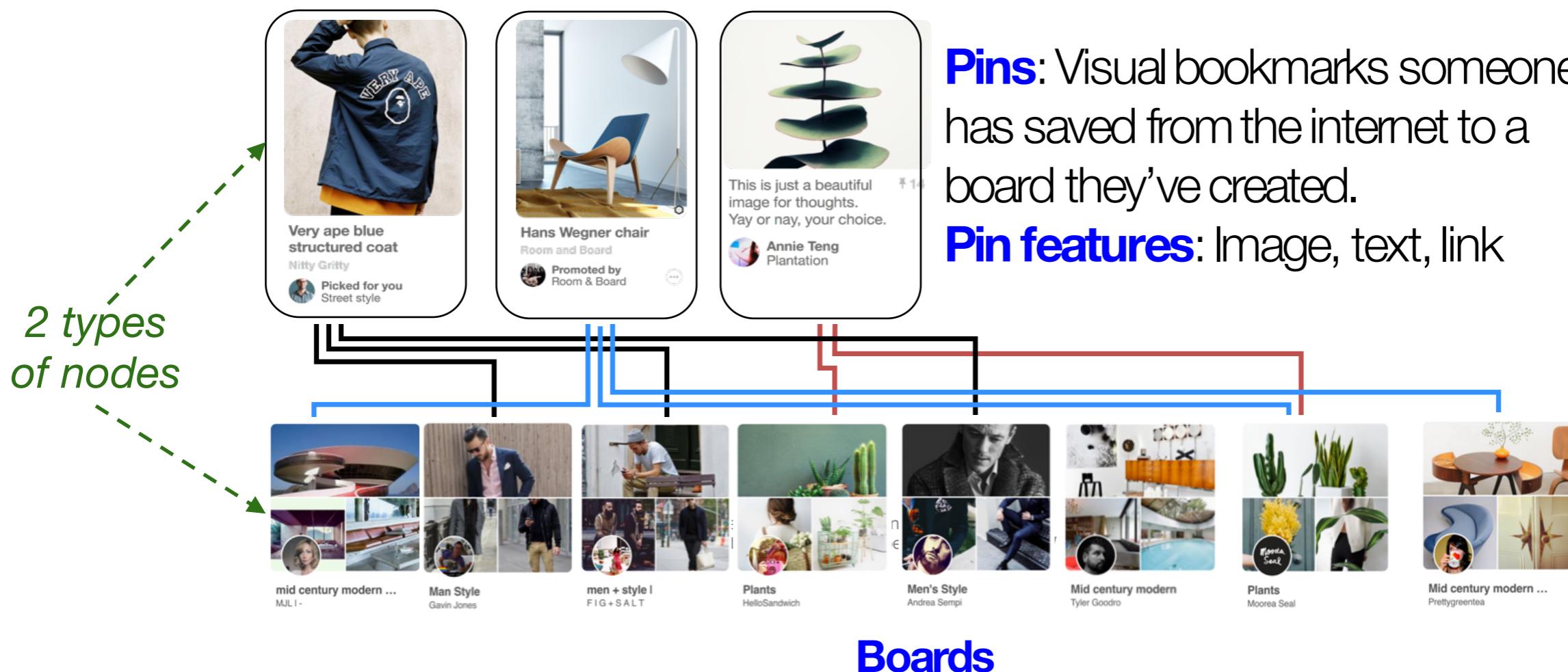
Observe some nodes,  
predict a label for  
another node



# Example: recommender system

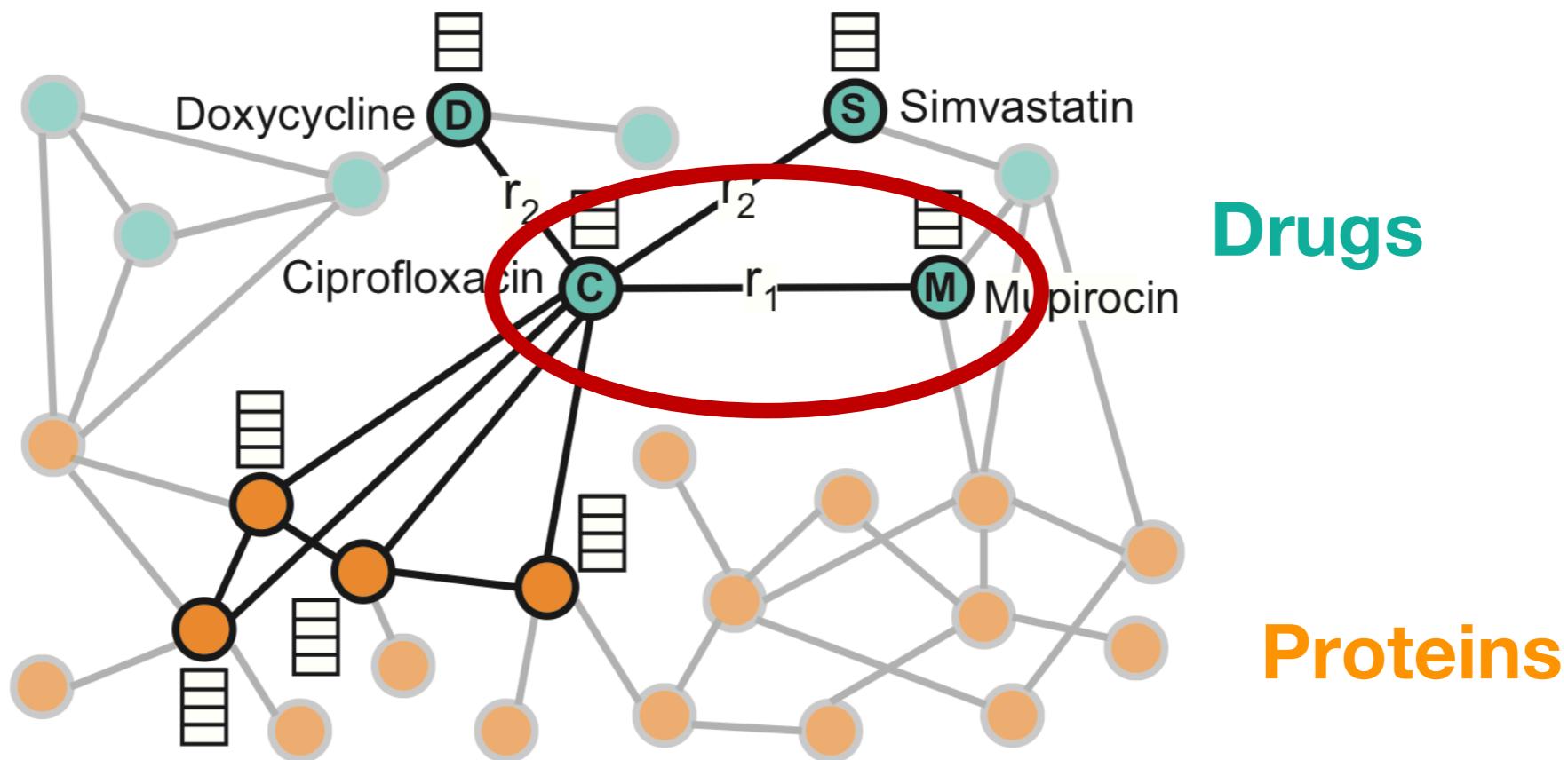


Given a node,  
predict other  
(similar) nodes



# Example: Polypharmacy side effects

Predict if there is an edge between two nodes

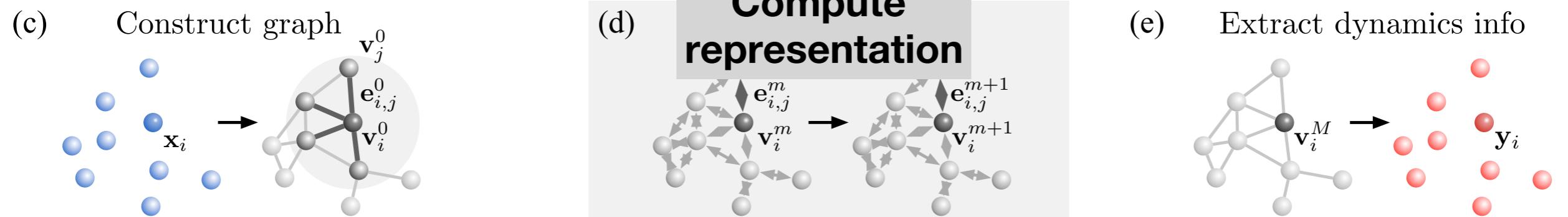
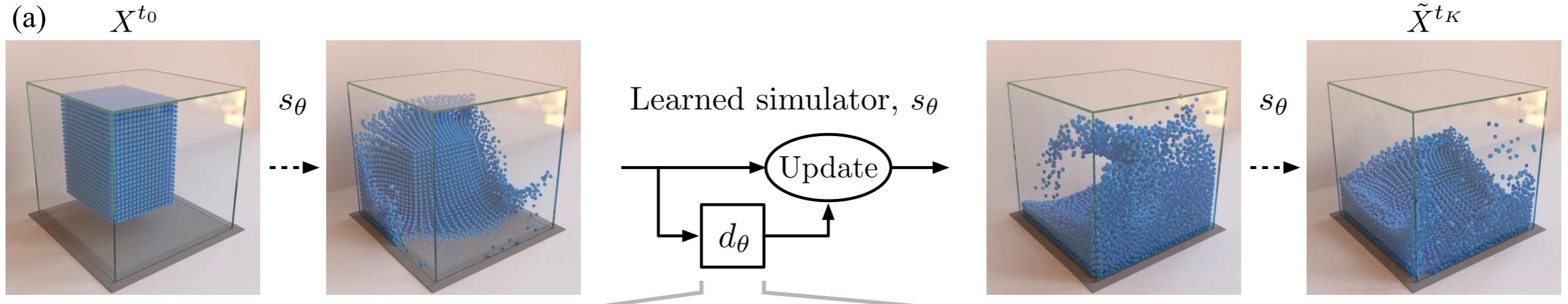


**Pair of Nodes**  
Drugs



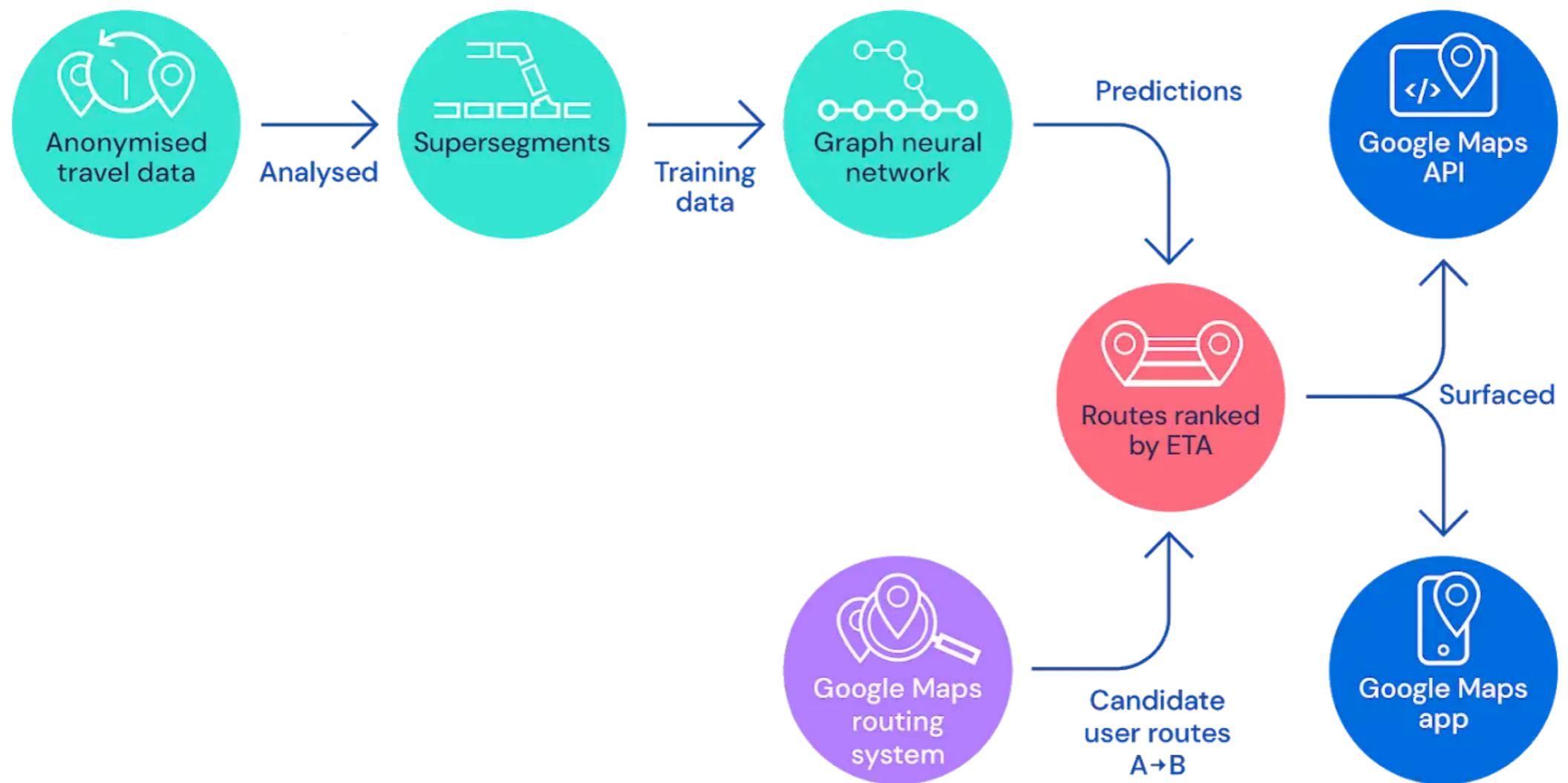
**Edge**  
Interaction type

# Learning to Simulate Physics



(Sanchez-Gonzalez et al, 2020)

# Predicting traffic times



# And more ...

## Web Image Search Gets Better With Graph Neural Networks

A new approach to image search uses images returned by traditional search methods as nodes in a graph neural network through which similarity signals are propagated, achieving improved ranking in cross-modal retrieval.

Machine Learning



Irene Maxwell from NAVER LABS Europe  
01 Dec, 2020

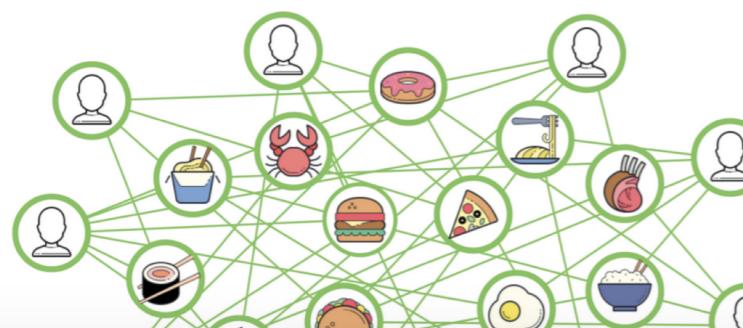
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## Food Discovery with Uber Eats: Using Graph Learning to Power Recommendations

Ankit Jain, Isaac Liu, Ankur Sarda, and Piero Molino



## Traffic forecasting for every city?

BY GCN STAFF | NOV 23, 2020

Researchers from Argonne National Laboratory are using a graph neural network and a new transfer learning approach to more accurately forecast large-scale traffic patterns.

## The next big thing: the use of graph neural networks to discover particles

September 24, 2020 | Zack Savitsky



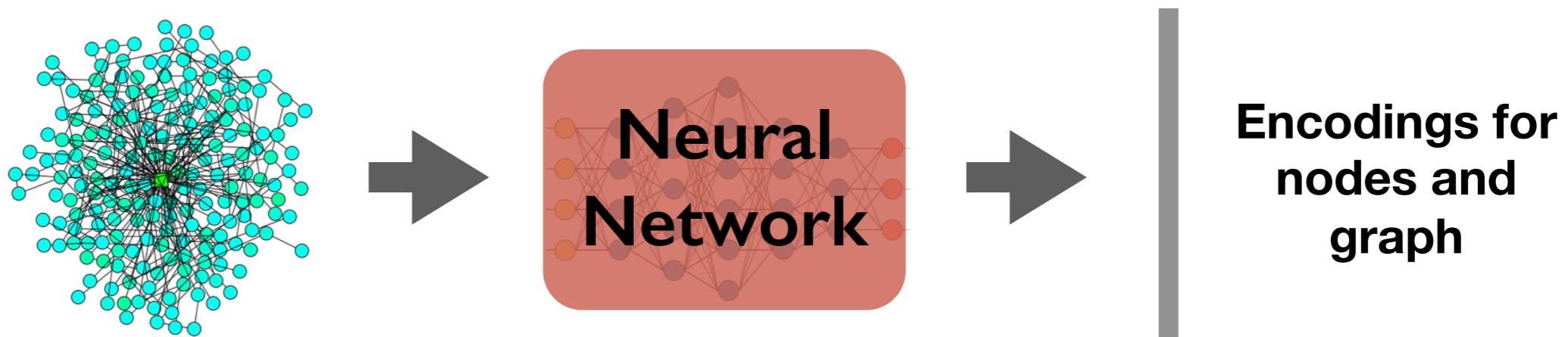
Machine learning algorithms can beat the world's hardest video games in minutes and solve complex equations faster than the collective efforts of generations of physicists. But the conventional algorithms still struggle to pick out stop signs on a busy street.

Object identification continues to hamper the field of machine learning — especially when the pictures are multidimensional and complicated, like the ones particle detectors take of collisions in high-energy physics experiments. However, a new class of neural networks is helping these models boost their pattern recognition abilities, and the technology may soon be implemented in particle physics experiments to optimize data analysis.

This summer, Fermilab physicists made an advance in their effort to embed graph neural networks into the experimental systems. Scientist Lindsey Gray updated software that allows these cutting-edge algorithms to be deployed on data from the Large Hadron Collider at CERN. For the first time, these networks will be integrated into particle physics experiments to process detector data directly — opening the flood gates for a major jump in efficiency that will yield more precise insight from current and future detectors.

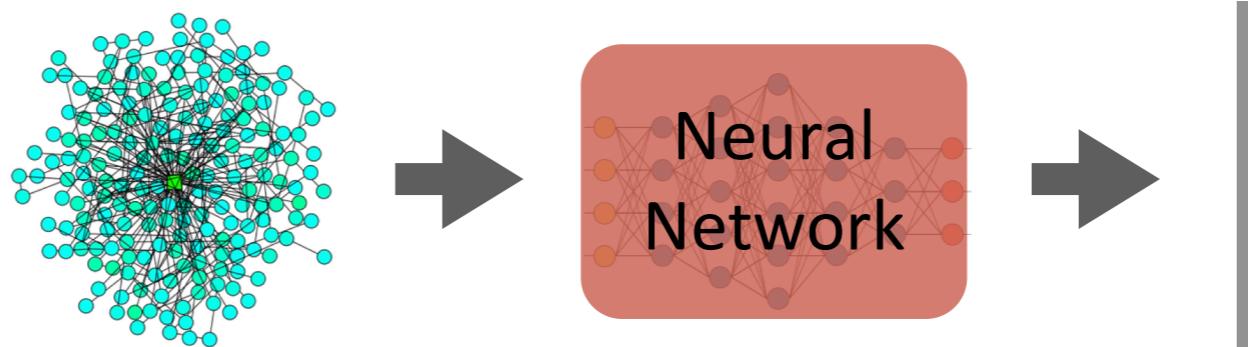
# Neural Networks for graphs?

- Need a good representation of nodes or of the entire graph
- Capture node features and neighborhood relations
- Graph Neural Networks (GNNs)

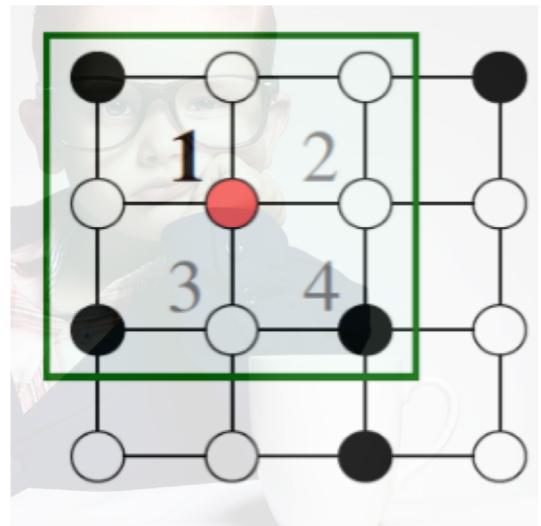


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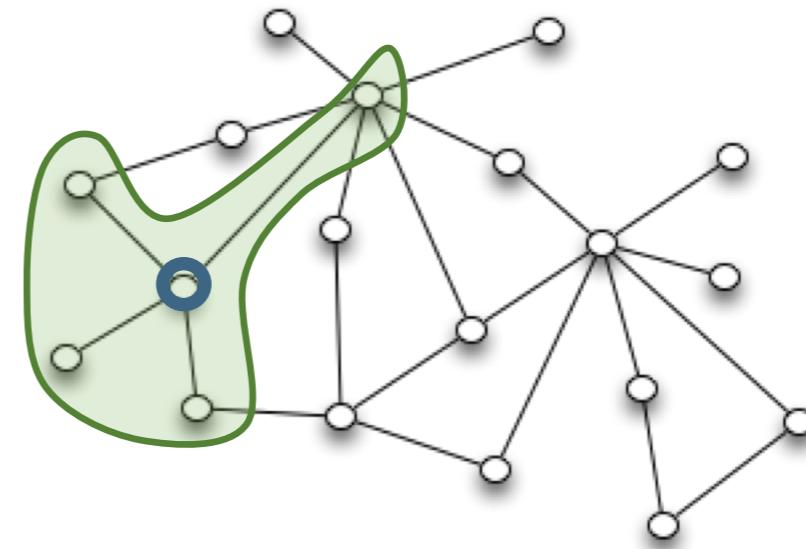
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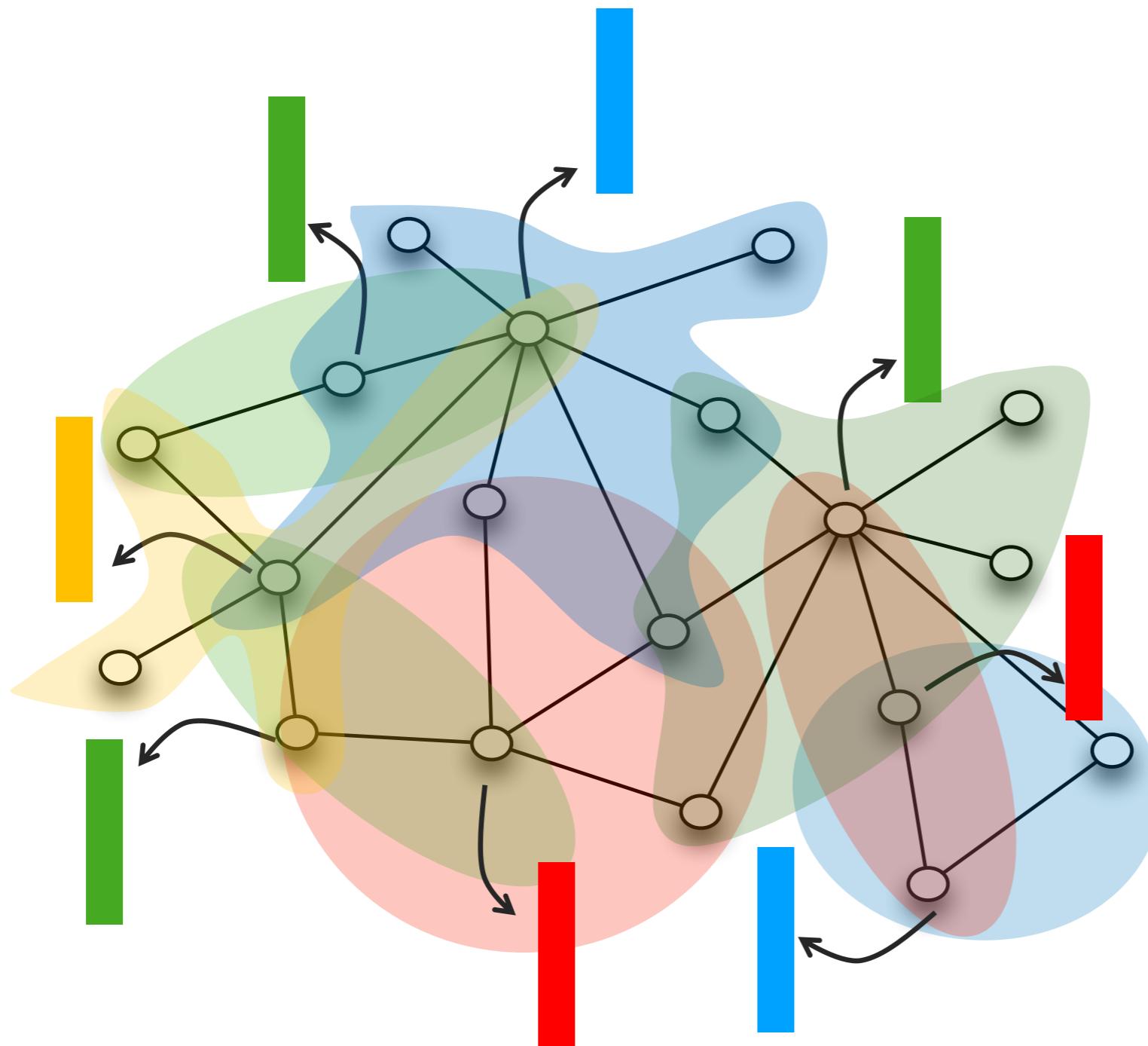


Encode local  
neighborhoods  
(patches)



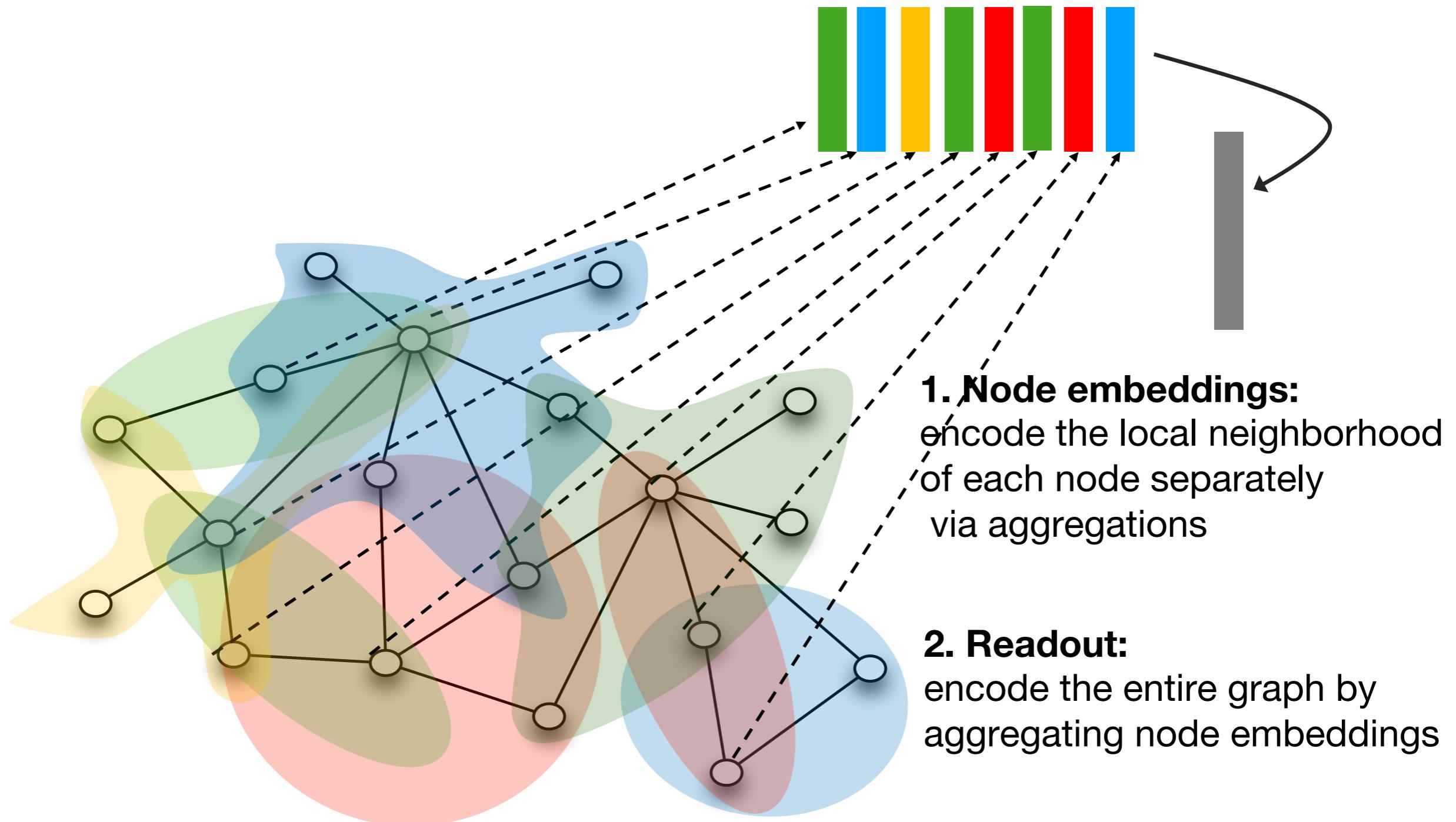
Encode local  
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(nodes that can  
be reached within  
 $K$  hops)

# Big picture of Graph Neural Networks (GNNs)

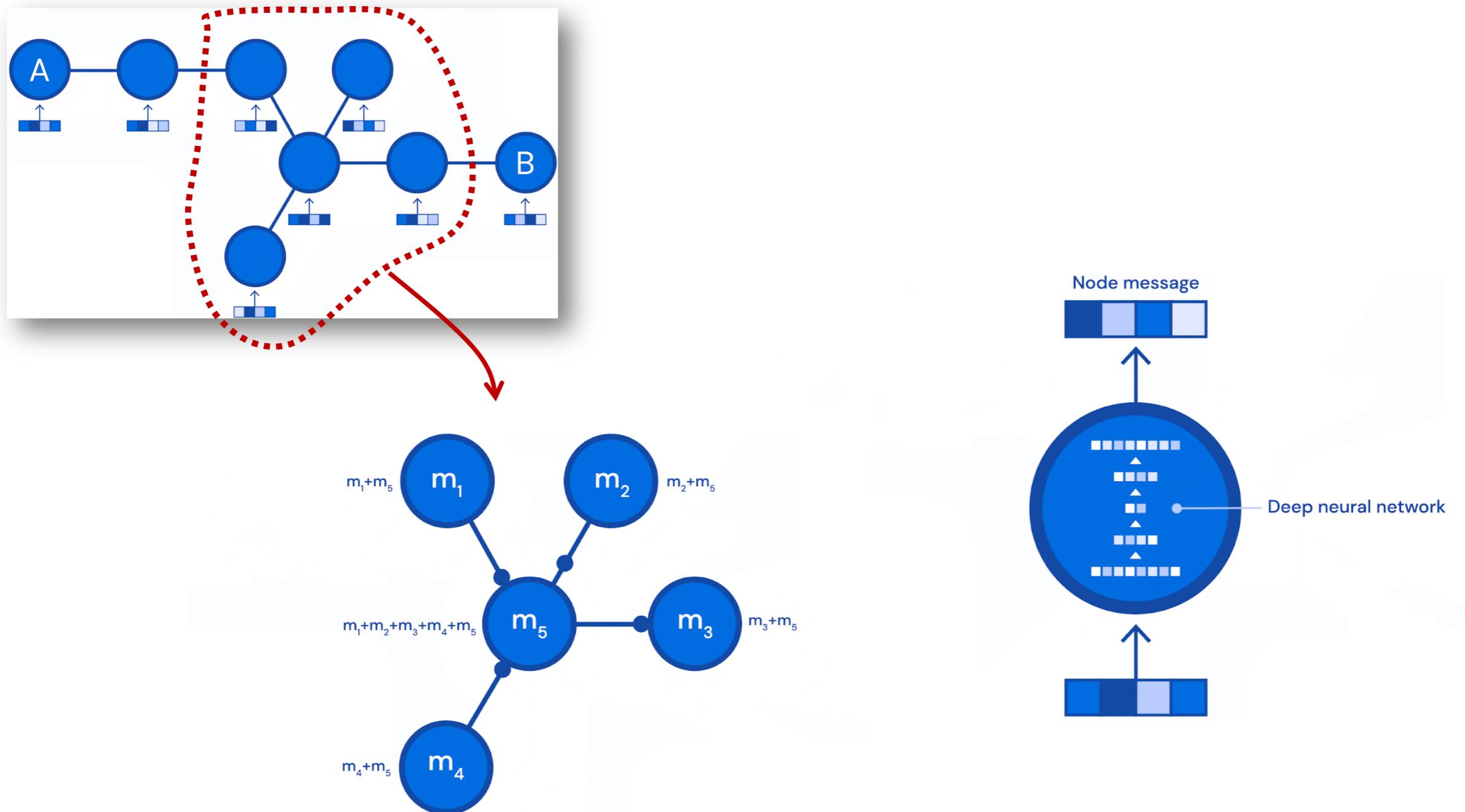


**1. Node embeddings:**  
encode the local neighborhood  
of each node separately  
via aggregations

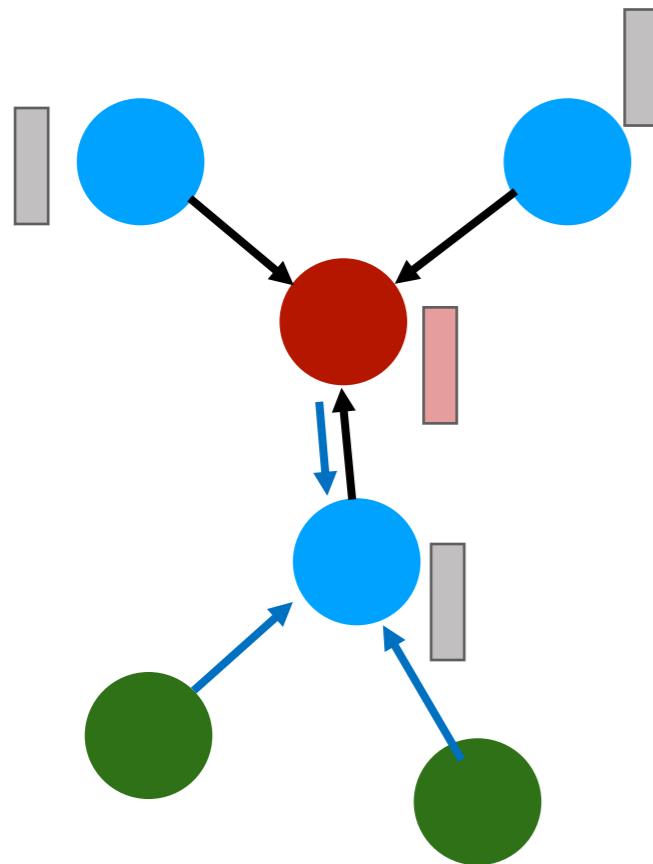
# Big picture of GNNs



# Encoding neighborhoods: message passing



# Encoding neighborhoods: general form



In each round  $k$ :

**Aggregate** over neighbors

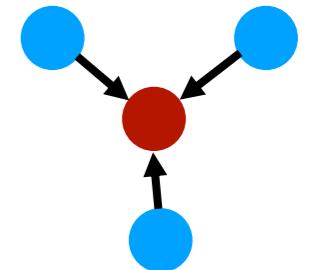
$$m_{\mathcal{N}(v)}^{(k)} = \text{AGGREGATE}^{(k)} \left( \{ h_u^{(k-1)} : u \in \mathcal{N}(v) \} \right)$$

feature description  
of node  $u$  in round  $k-1$

**Update: Combine** with current node

$$h_v^{(k)} = \text{COMBINE}^{(k)} \left( h_v^{(k-1)}, m_{\mathcal{N}(v)}^{(k)} \right)$$

# Examples of aggregations



- Sum, average:

$$m_{\mathcal{N}(v)} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{N}(v)|} \sum_{u \in \mathcal{N}(v)} h_u$$

*Input node attribute  
of neighbors*

- Coordinate-wise min/max
- General form (with small neural networks = MLPs):

$$m_{\mathcal{N}(v)} = \text{MLP}_{\theta} \left( \sum_{u \in \mathcal{N}(v)} \text{MLP}_{\phi}(h_u) \right)$$

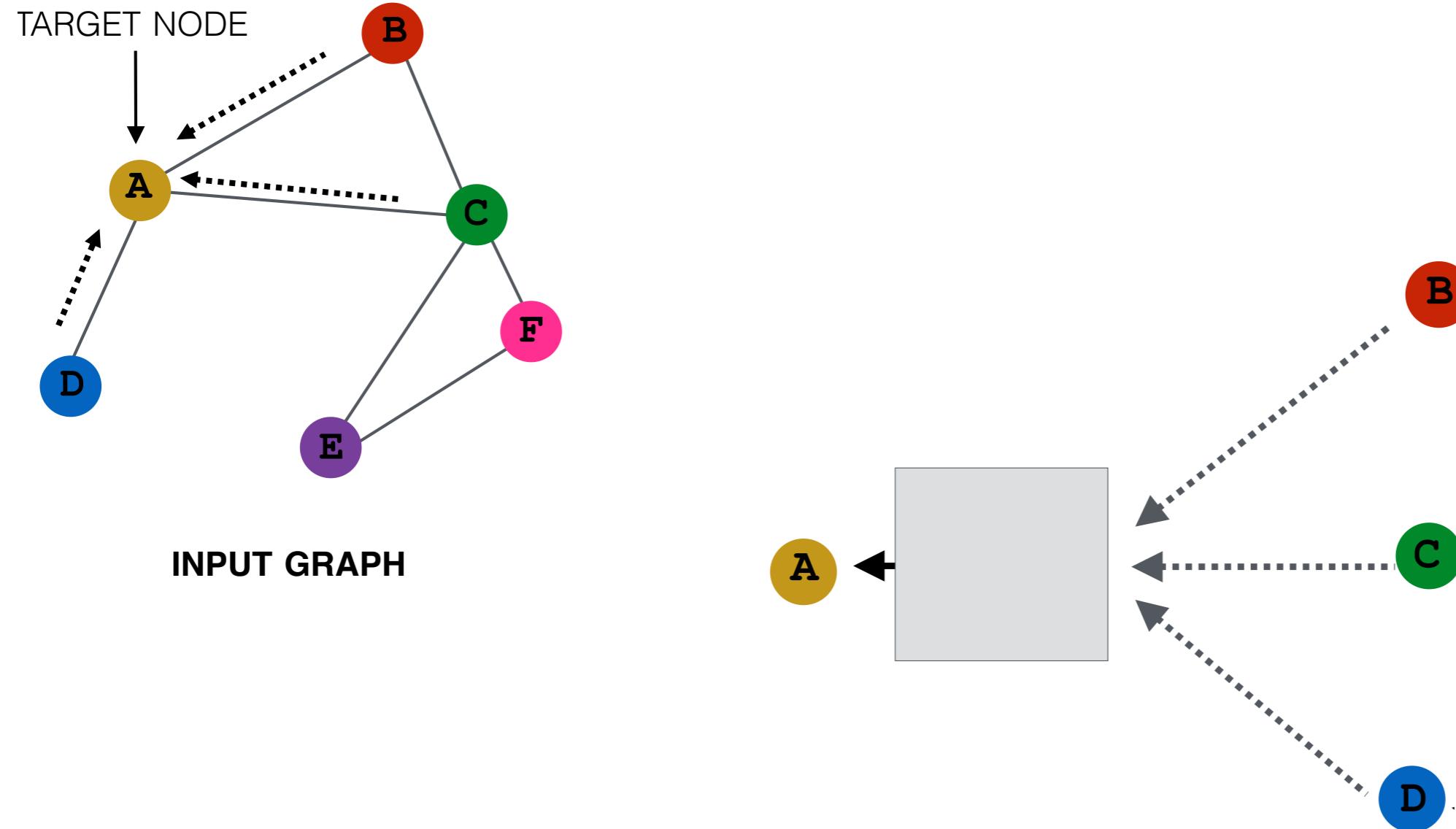
*Learned  
aggregation  
function*

- Update (combine):

$$h_v^{(k)} = \sigma \left( W_{\text{self}} h_v^{(k-1)} + W_{\text{neigh}} m_{\mathcal{N}(v)}^{(k)} + b \right)$$

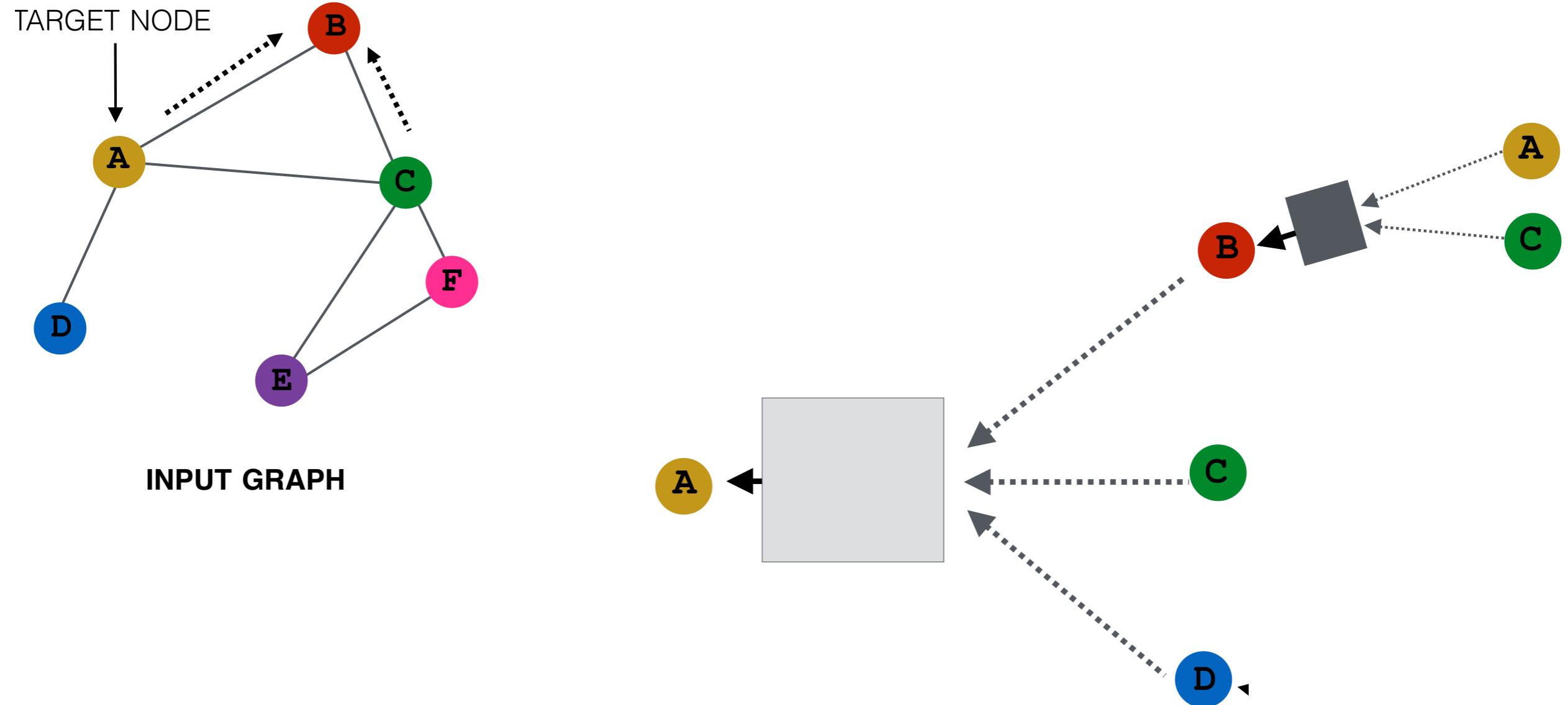
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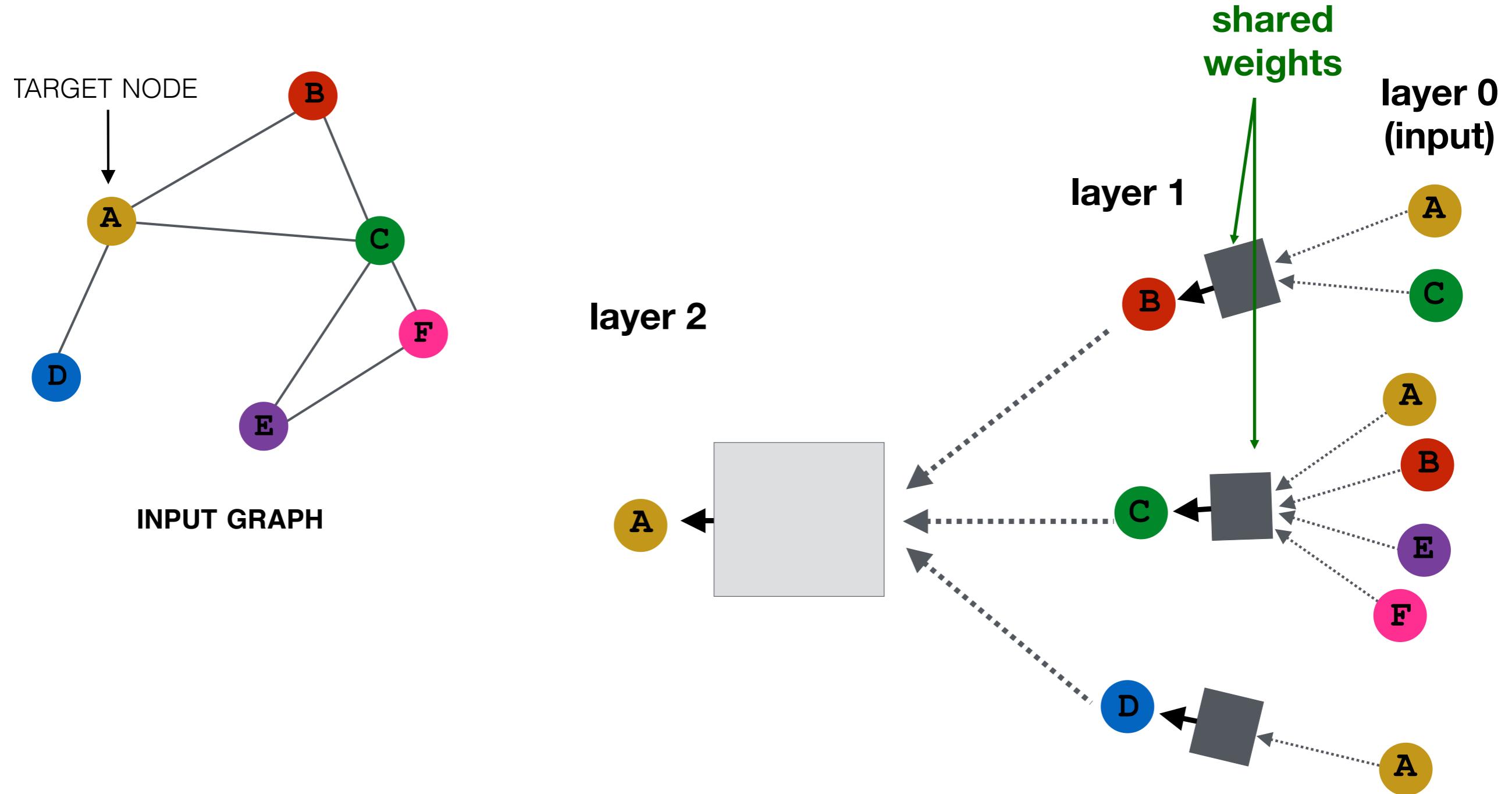
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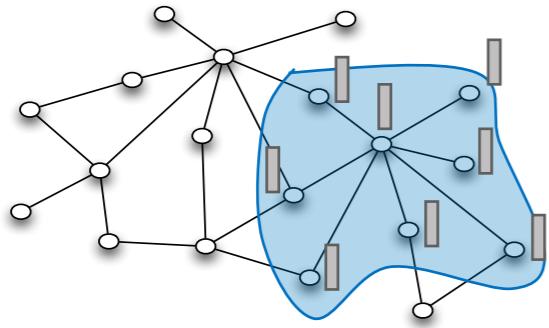
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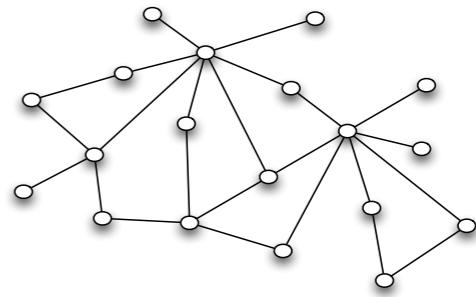
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# Training a GNN

- **What is a data point?**



*Node + its neighborhood  
(computation tree)*



*Full graph*

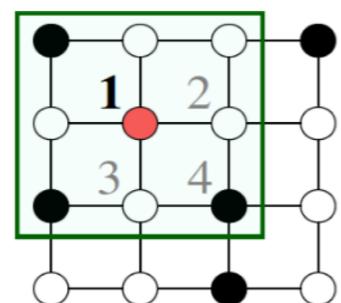
- **What to specify?**
  - Aggregate, combine and readout functions
  - Loss function on prediction
- **Train with SGD**

# Summary: GNN model

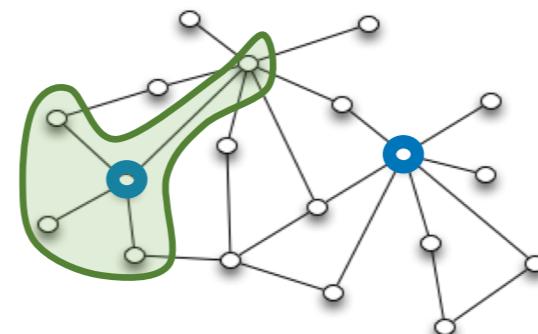
- For many graph prediction problems, information about local neighborhoods adds important information
- Encode local neighborhoods via a general form of “averaging”: aggregation
- We learn the aggregation function via Stochastic Gradient Descent

Comparison to CNN:

- Image = a graph where each node has the same number of neighbors
- Both encode local neighborhoods
- CNN does weighted average, GNN treats each neighbor the same



vs.



# Implementing GNNs



- **PyTorch Geometric:**

[https://github.com/rusty1s/pytorch\\_geometric](https://github.com/rusty1s/pytorch_geometric)

Introductory code example:

<https://pytorch-geometric.readthedocs.io/en/latest/notes/introduction.html>

- **Deep Graph library:**

<https://www.dgl.ai>

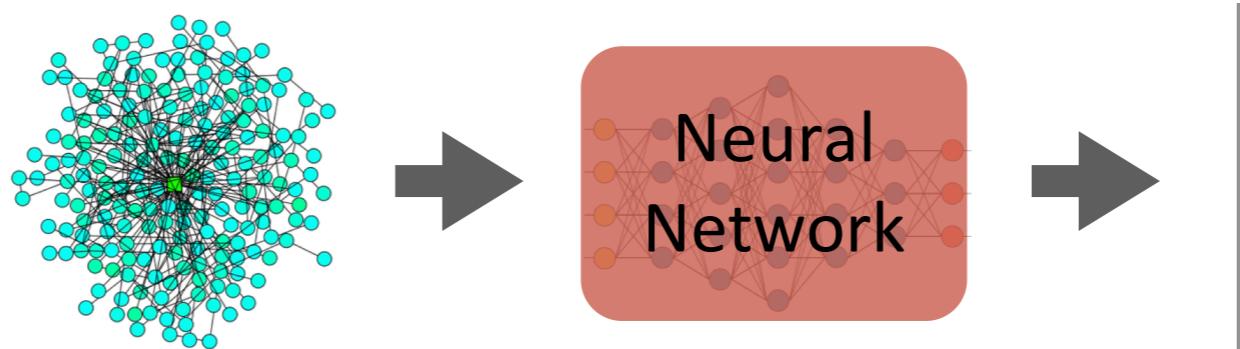
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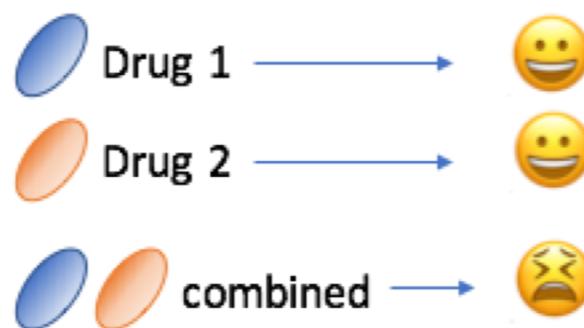
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# Example: Polypharmacy



- high risks of side effects
- 15% of US population affected, annual cost > \$177 billion
- difficult to identify:  
rare occurrence, not observed in clinical testing
- Given a pair of drugs, can we predict what types of side effects can occur (if any)?

**Modeling Polypharmacy Side Effects with  
Graph Convolutional Networks**

Marinka Zitnik<sup>1</sup>, Monica Agrawal<sup>1</sup> and Jure Leskovec<sup>1,2,\*</sup>

# What information could we use?

- Data on drug-drug interactions (types of side effects)
- Side effects of individual drugs

*Side effects are rare. What else can we use?*

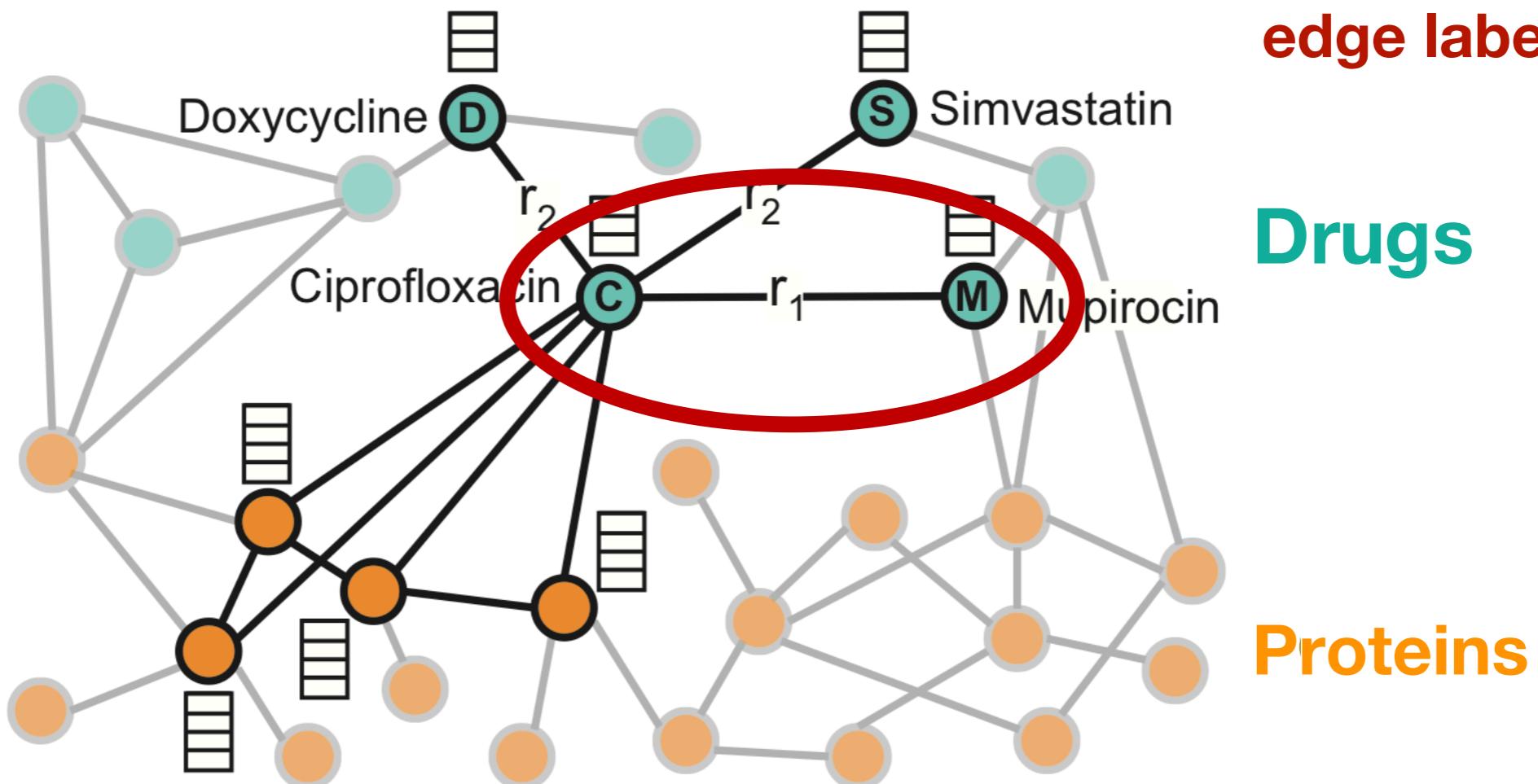
- Input: feature vectors of 2 drugs
- Output: probabilities for different types of side effects

# What information could we use?

## Exploratory analysis reveals:

- Co-prescribed drugs tend to have more target proteins in common than random drug pairs
- In general, >68% of drugs have no target protein in common
  - *Use drug-drug, drug-protein and protein-protein interactions as information: network*
  - *Use multiple data sources*
- Wide range of how frequently certain side effects occur in combinations (>53% of side effects in <3% of combinations). Little data on rarer side effects
- Side effects do not occur independently of each other (e.g. hypertension co-occurs with anxiety, but negatively correlated with fever)
  - *Model and predict side effects jointly*

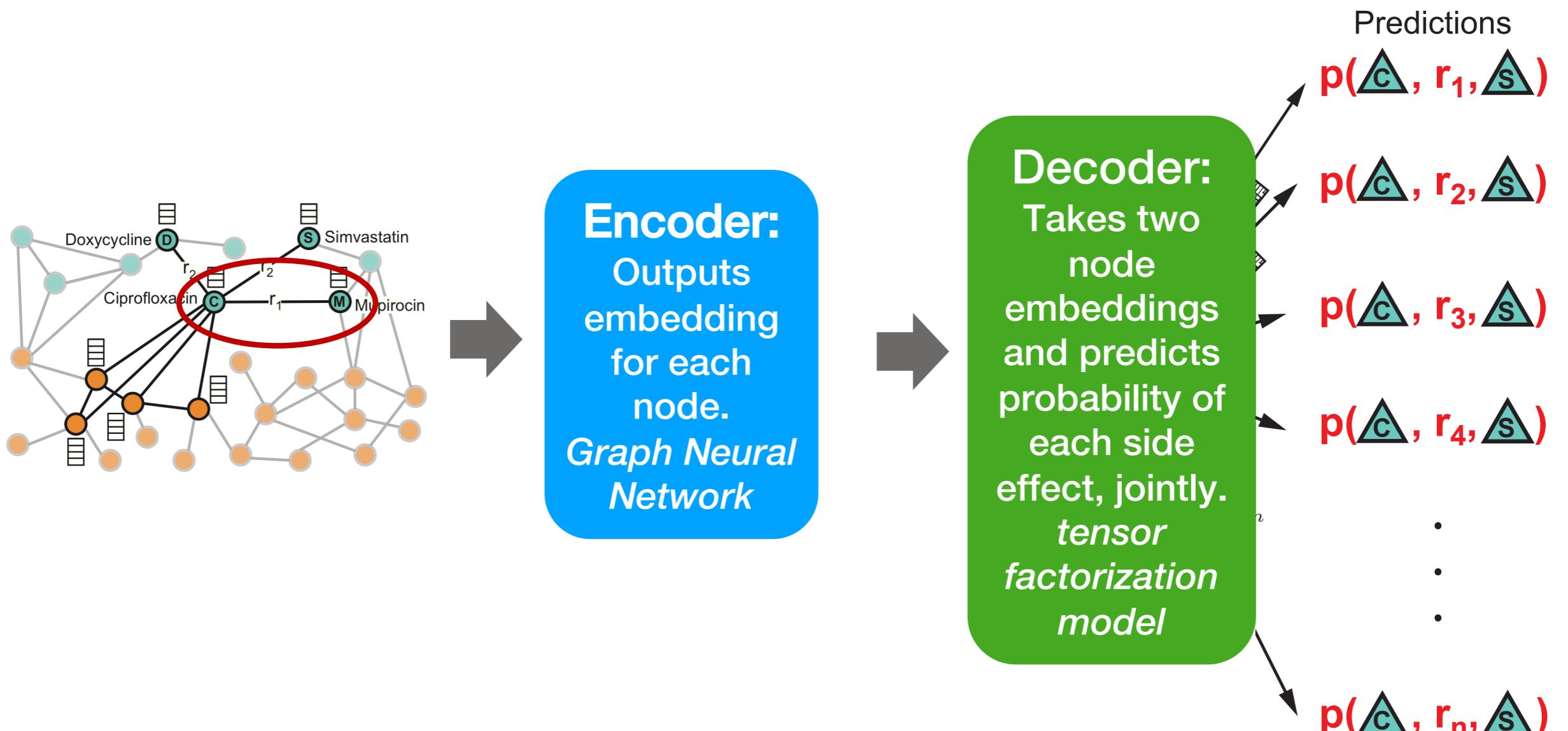
# Data



- 964 types of polypharmacy side effects
- 645 drug nodes, 19,085 protein nodes
- edges: 715,612 prot-prot, 4,651,131 drug-drug, 18,596 drug-protein

**Goal:** we want an encoding of (drug) nodes -- use a Graph Neural Network

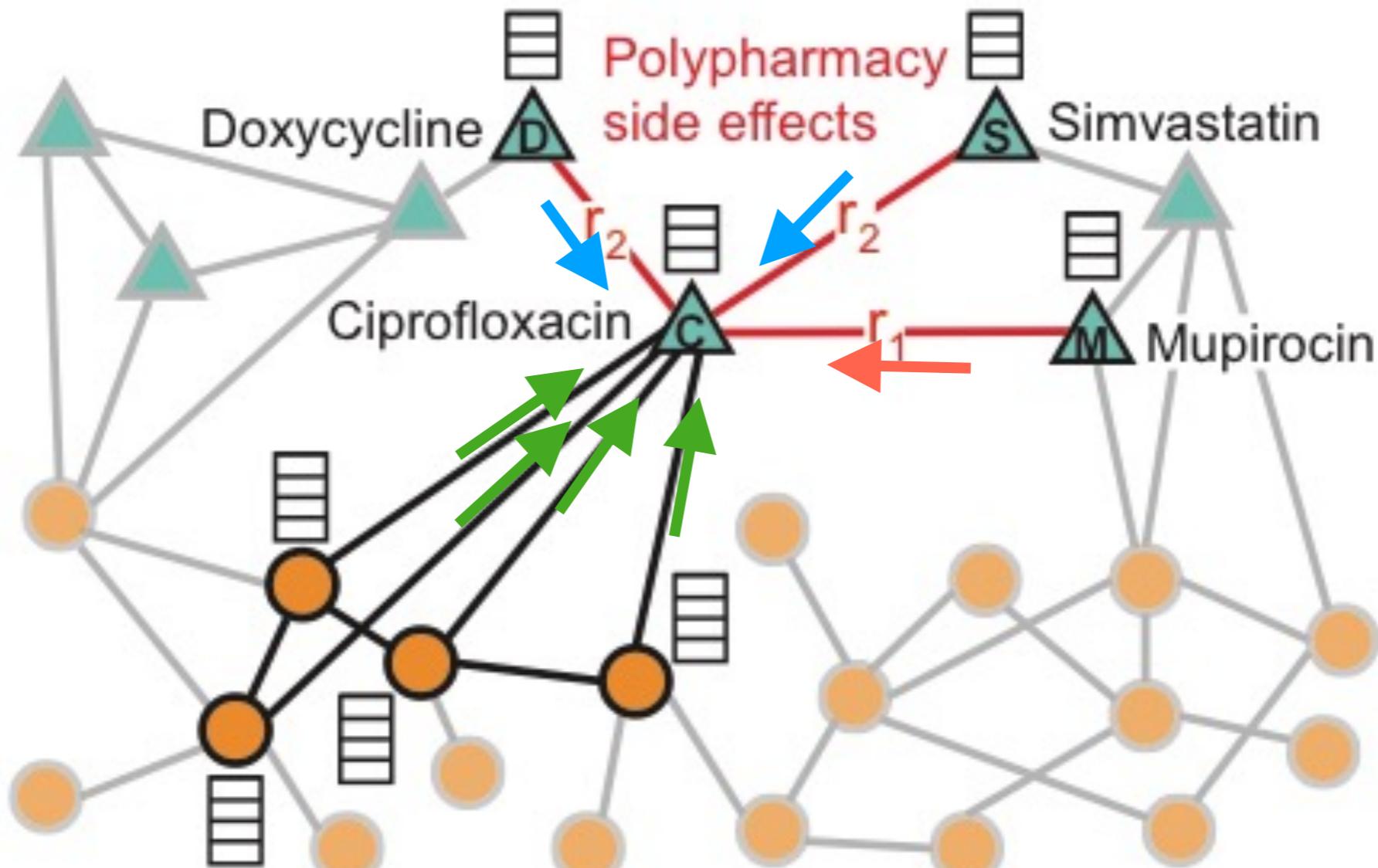
# Model: overview



Full model trained “end to end”  
(= all at once)

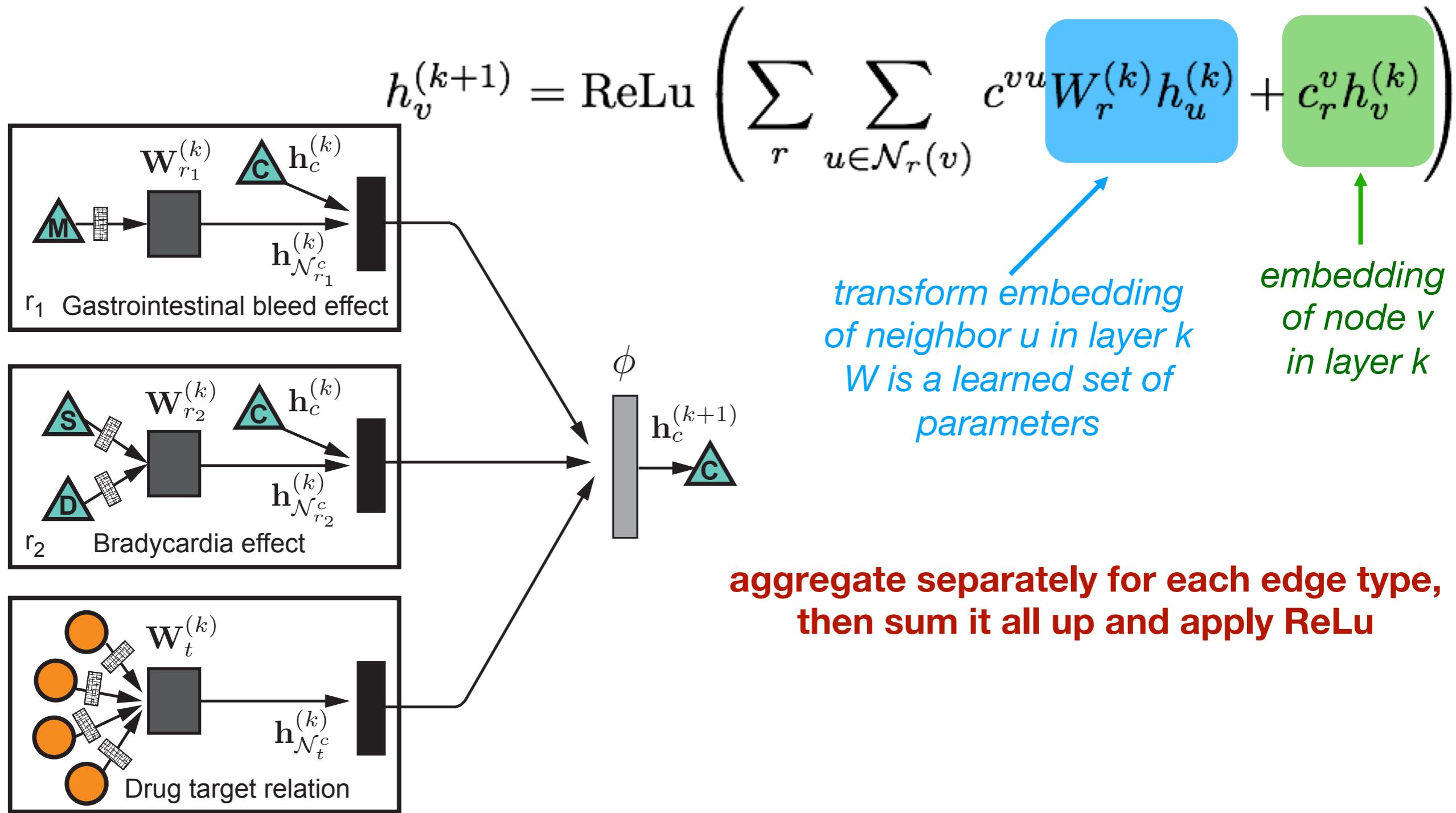
*Recommender system  
(such models will be  
discussed by Prof Shah)*

# How do we aggregate from neighbors?



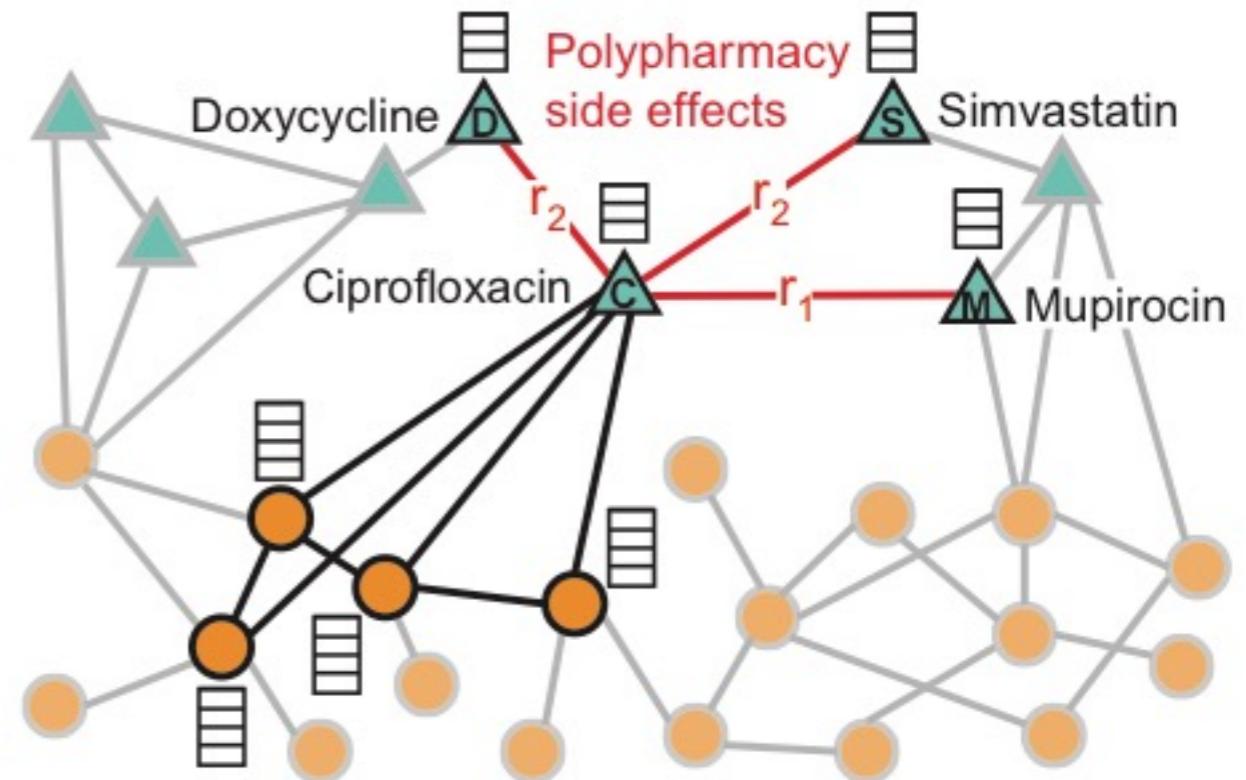
- Different **types of edges**: one for each type of side effect, one for drug-protein
- Aggregate for each edge type **separately**

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# Training

- What are training data points here?
- *edge queries  $(u,r,v)$   
(node pair  $u,v$  and relation  $r$ )*
- Label imbalance: side effects are rare (more “no” than “yes”)
- *“negative sampling”  
(subsample no’s)*
- *Optimization algorithm:  
Adam*



# Evaluation

- 1. Prediction performance:** much better than state of the art
- 2. Which are the best/worst predictions?**  
Performs especially well for side effects with molecular underpinnings
- 3. literature-based evaluation** of new predicted edges

$k$	Polypharmacy effect $r$	Drug $i$	Drug $j$	Evidence
1	Sarcoma	Pyrimethamine	Aliskiren	<a href="#">Stage et al.</a>
4	Breast disorder	Tolcapone	Pyrimethamine	<a href="#">Bicker et al.</a>
6	Renal tubular acidosis	Omeprazole	Amoxicillin	<a href="#">Russo et al.</a>
8	Muscle inflammation	Atorvastatin	Amlodipine	<a href="#">Banakh et al.</a>
9	Breast inflammation	Aliskiren	Tioconazole	<a href="#">Parving et al.</a>

# Summary

- Networks/graphs: ubiquitous data type with many applications
- **Graph NNs**: find a vector encoding (embedding) for nodes and the entire graph
- Core: learned **aggregation operation** over neighbors
- Example modeling application: polypharmacy side effects
  - Prior exploratory analysis / prior knowledge can help design better models
  - Accumulating data from multiple sources can be useful
- More reading / toolboxes:
  - <https://www.dgl.ai/>
  - [https://github.com/rusty1s/pytorch\\_geometric](https://github.com/rusty1s/pytorch_geometric)
  - <https://github.com/thunlp/GNNPapers>