

# Knowledge Graph Embedding for Ecotoxicological Effect Prediction

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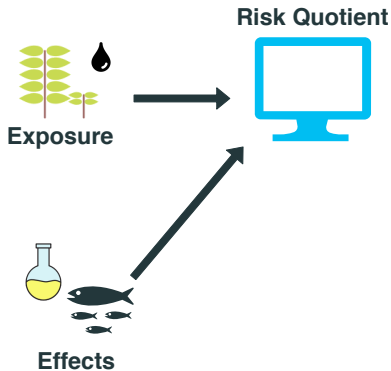
Risk assessment is an estimation of cumulative risk on individuals, populations, communities, and ecosystems from chemical pollutants.

# Ecological Risk Assessment



Effect concentrations are found using organism experiments.

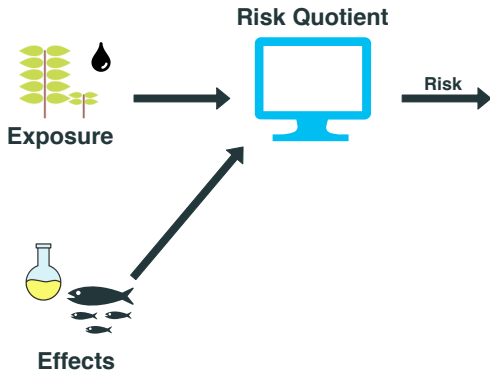
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$$RQ = \frac{\text{environmental concentration}}{\text{effect concentration}}$$

RQs coverage is limited by effect concentration experiments.

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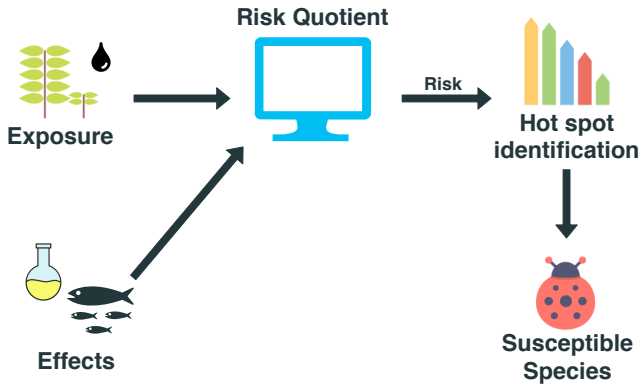


$$\text{risk}_{\text{group}} \approx \sum^{\text{chemicals}} RQ$$

Risk for a group of species.

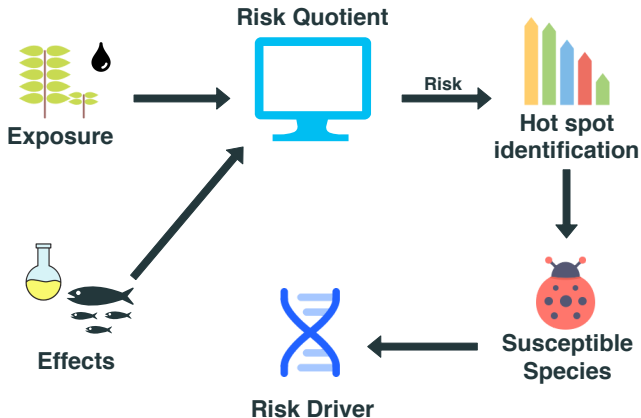
The group can contain all species in the ecosystem.

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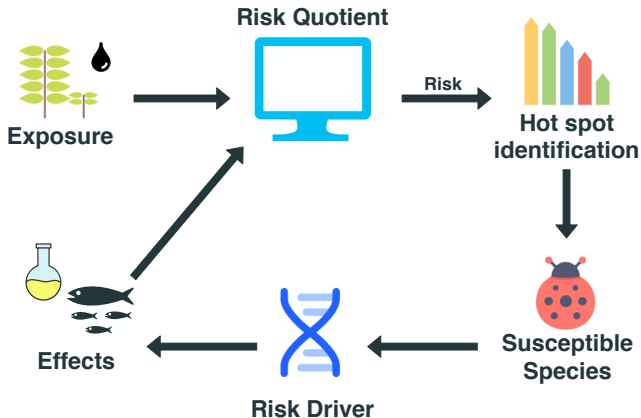
The risk is used to find further susceptible species.

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Risk driver describes *how* the chemical affects an organism.

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New effect hypotheses are then tested in the laboratory.



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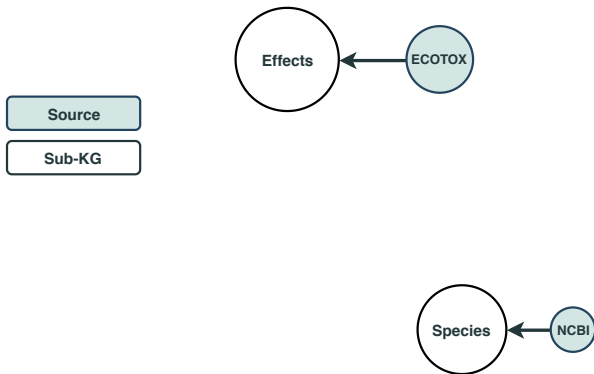
The Toxicological and Risk Assessment (TERA) knowledge graph integrates data sources varying in format.

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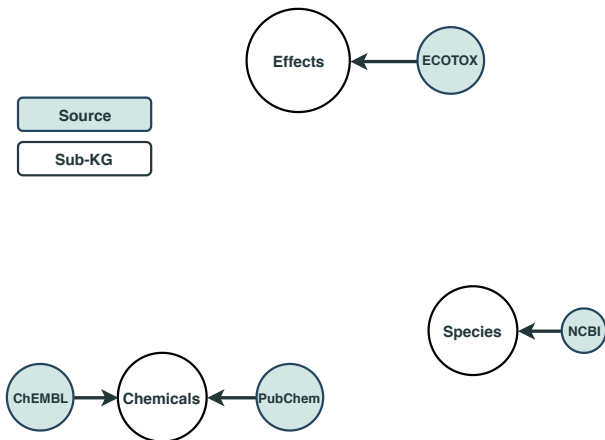
ECOTOX is the largest (public) source of effect data.

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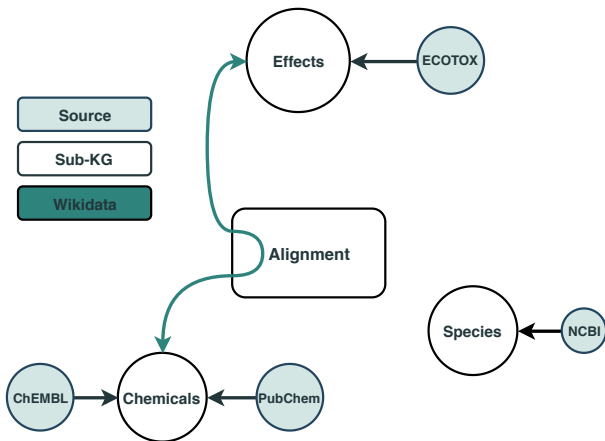
NCBI's tabular taxonomy is converted to a hierarchy.

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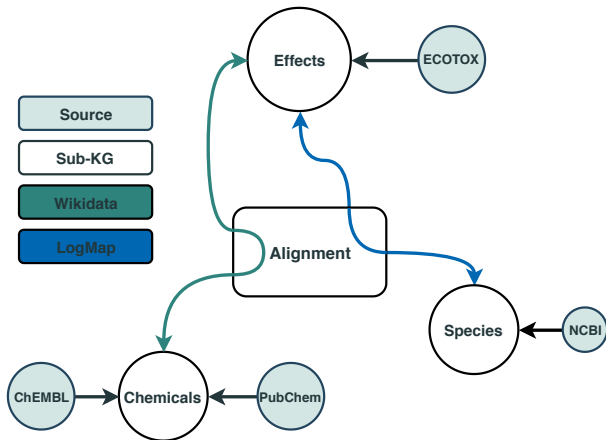
Importing the ChEMBL and PubChem knowledge graph.

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Aligning proprietary chemical identifiers in ECOTOX to open identifiers in PubChem.

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Aligning taxonomies using ontology alignment tool LogMap.

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$C_1$



$C_2$



$C_3$

**Chemicals**



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$C_2$



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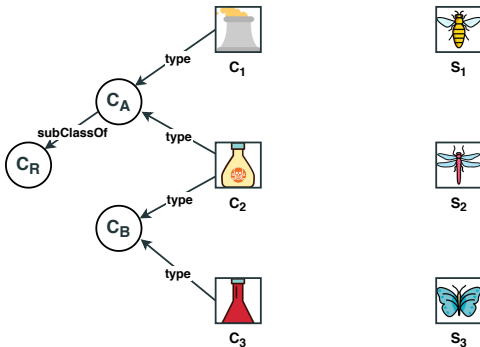
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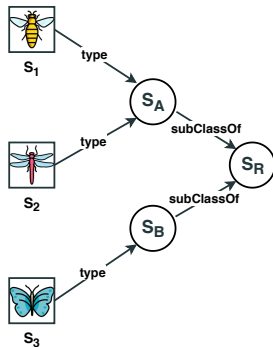
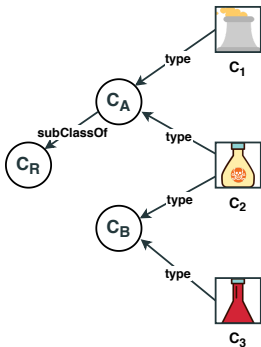
Species

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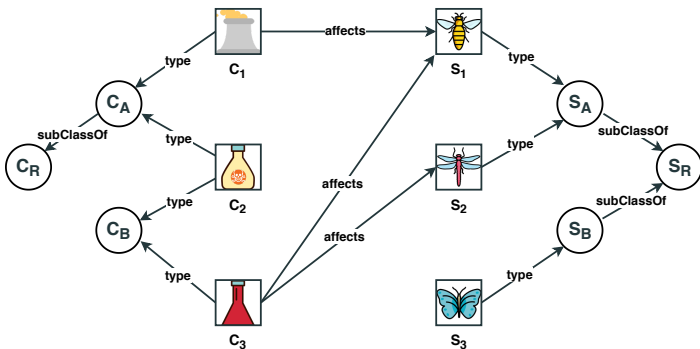
Chemical classification

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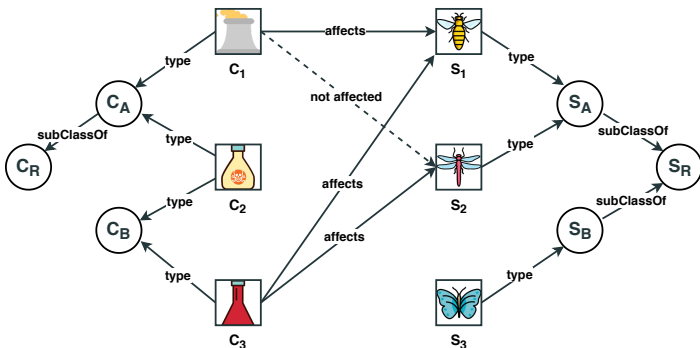
Taxonomy

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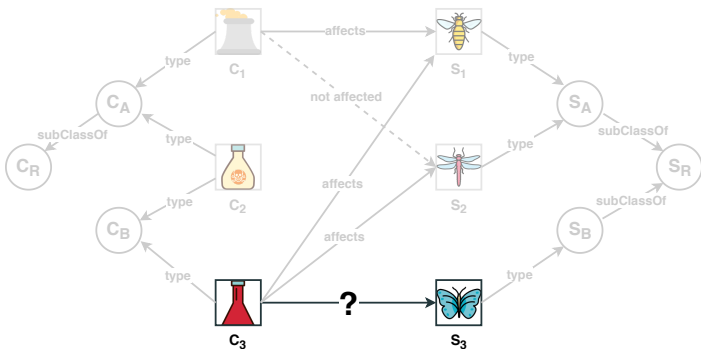
**Positive samples**

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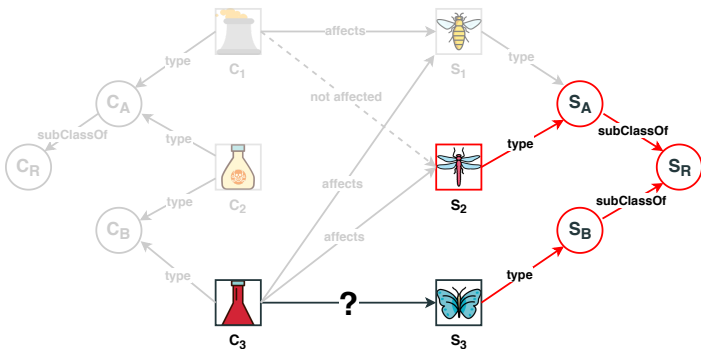
**Negative samples**

# Taxonomic Distance Model - Baseline (BL)



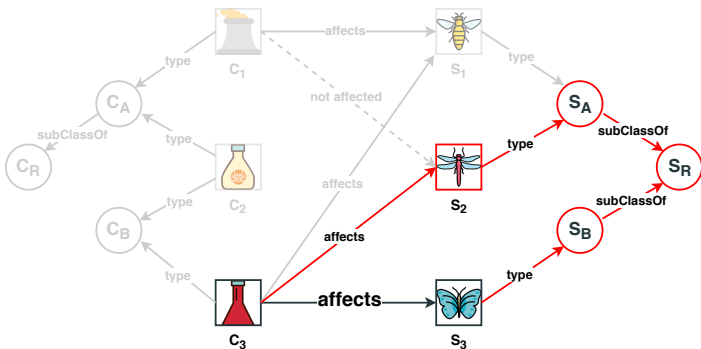
Does  $C_3$  affect  $S_3$ ?

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$$\text{dist}(S_3, S_2) = 4$$

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*Yes,  $C_3$  affects  $S_3$*

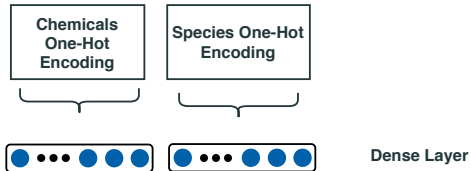


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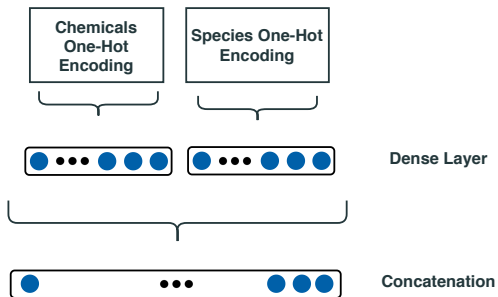
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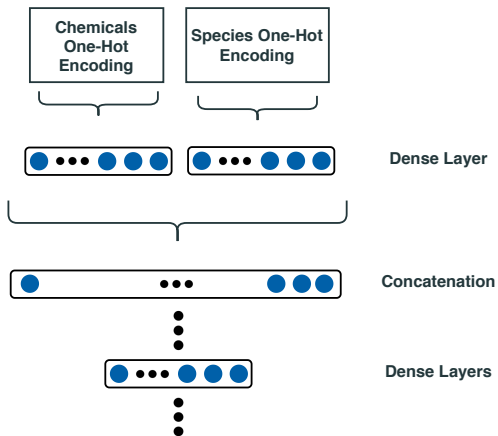
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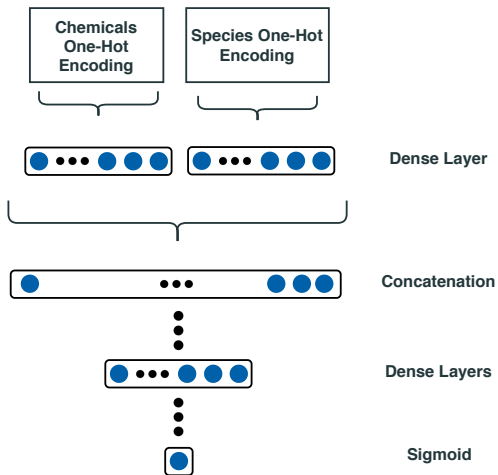
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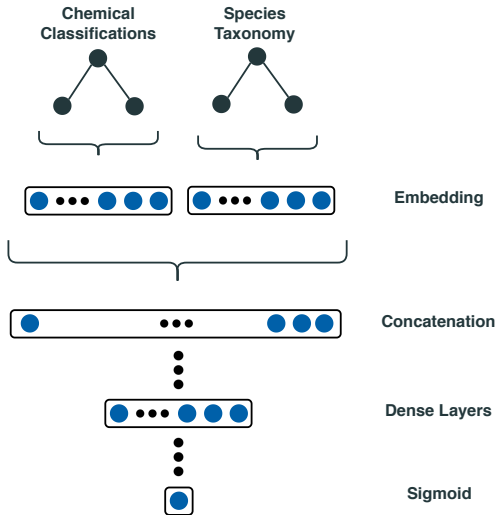
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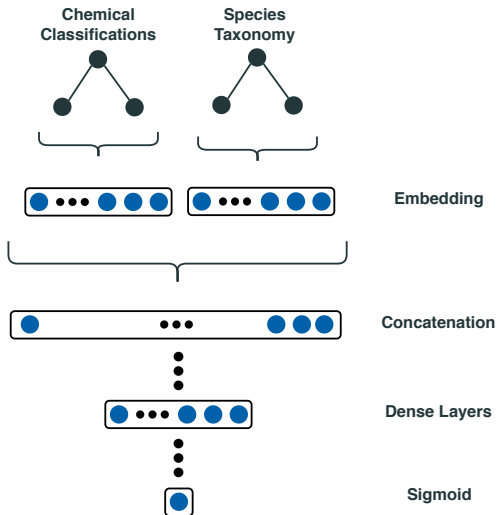
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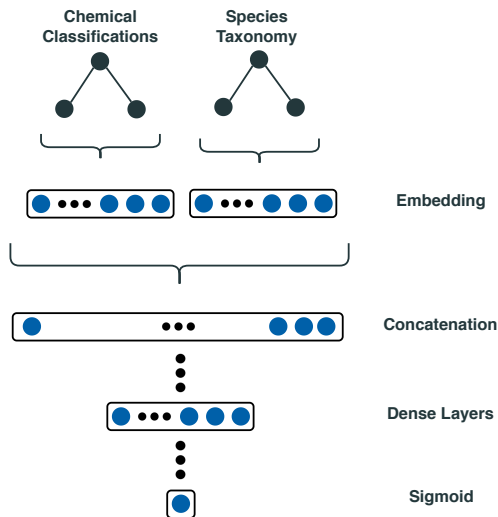


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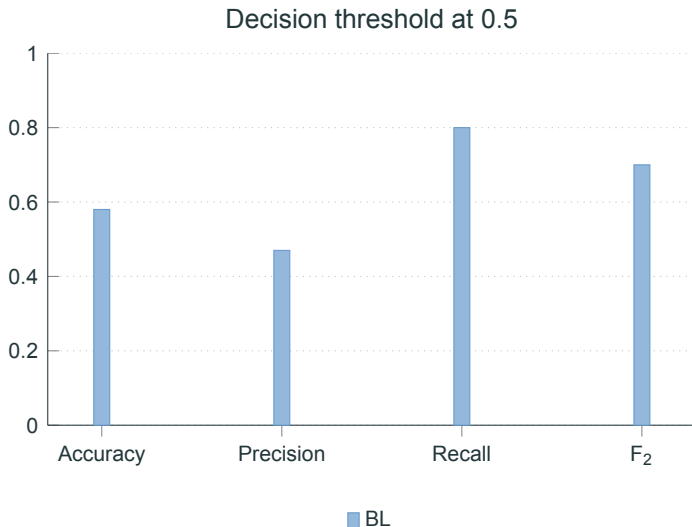
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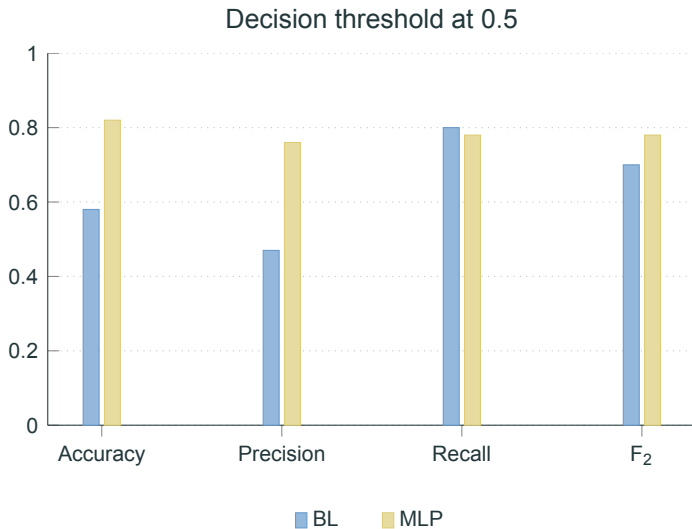
## Optimization:

Simultaneous optimization of prediction and embedding models.

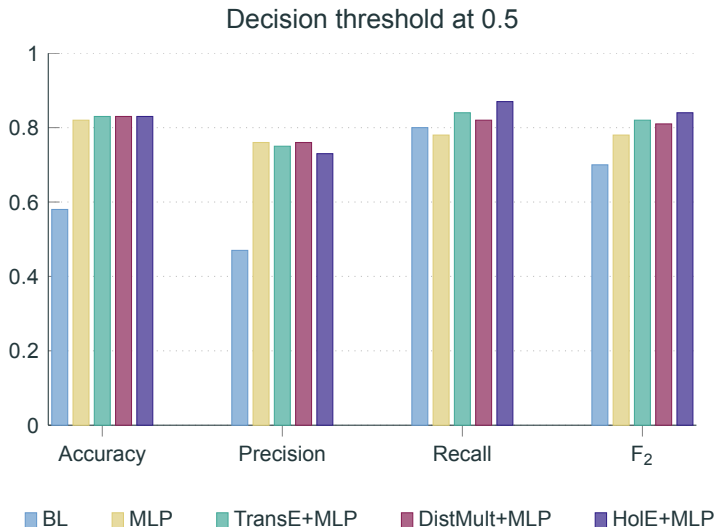
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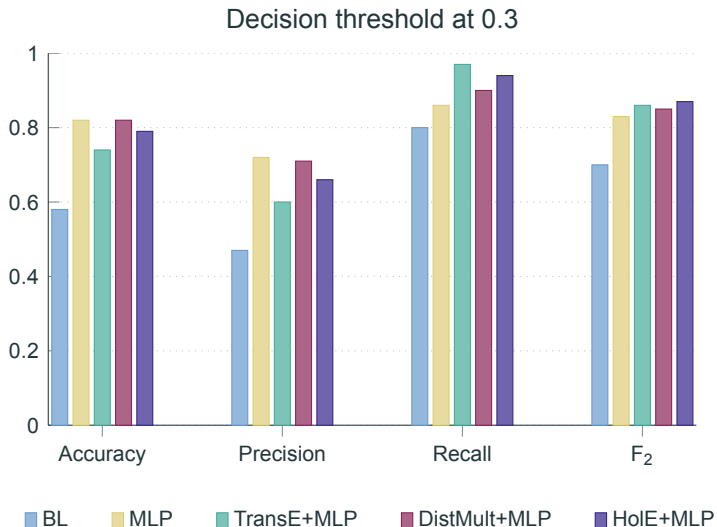
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- ☐ Move from binary labels to chemical concentrations.

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# Questions?

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