Drug target identification by maximizing information flow

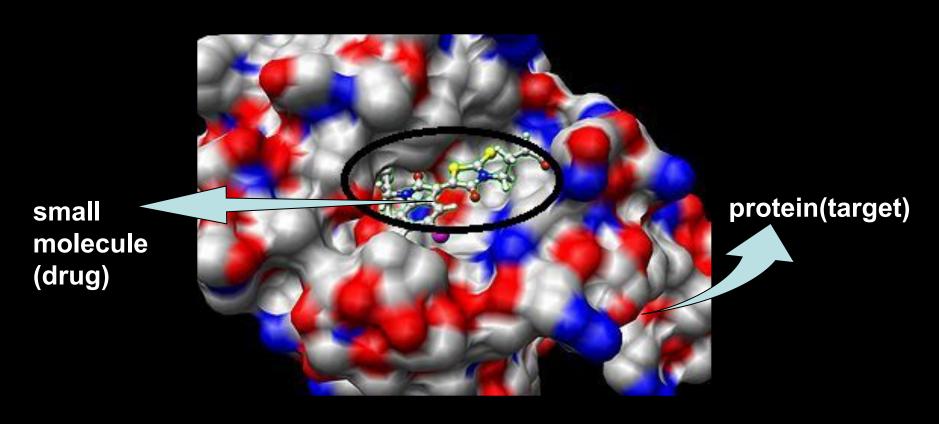
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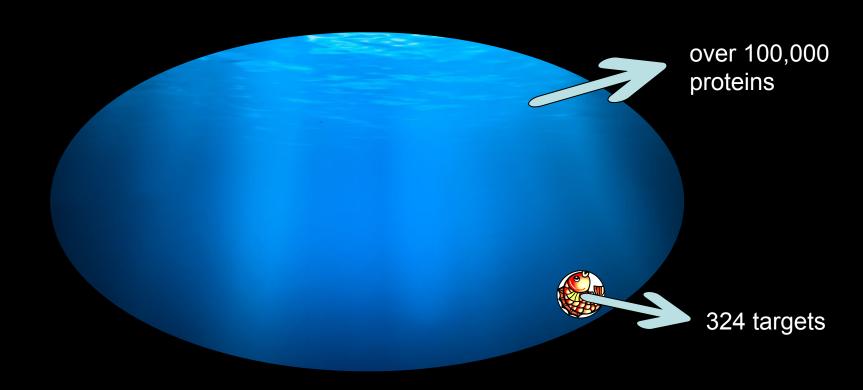
Drug target

Native protein in the body whose activity is modified by a drug resulting in a specific effect



Current situation

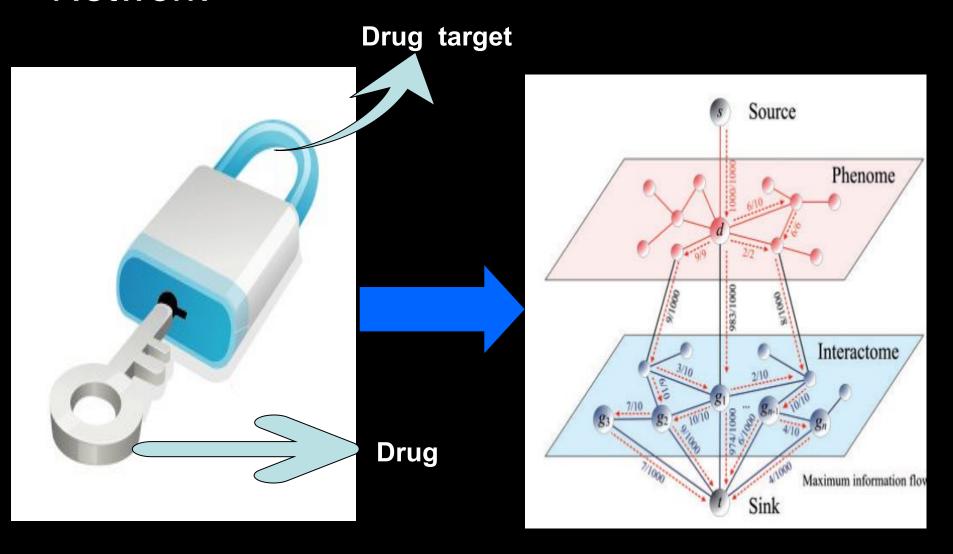
Up to now, only 324 targets have been known for clinical drugs.



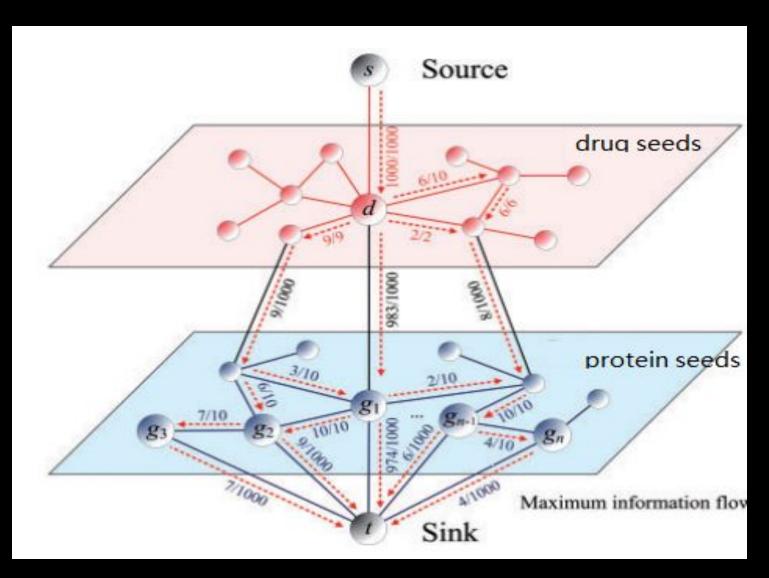
Application

- Identify new drug targets efficiently
- New applications of existing drugs/create new drugs
- Understand side effects and toxicity
- Reduction of time and experiments costs in drug development

Network



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Collect Data

- Drug-drug similarity
- Protein-protein interaction
- Drug-protein interaction

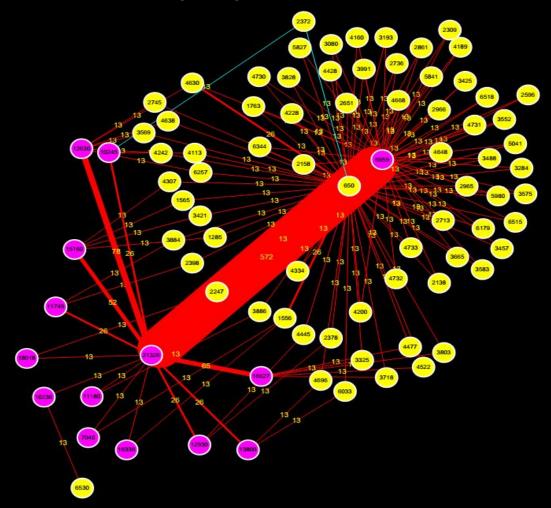
Data resources

Type of interaction	Drug-drug similarity	Drug-target interaction	Protein-protein interaction
Data source	www.drugbank.ca	www.string-db.org	www.drugbank.ca
Website version	Version 4.3	Version 10	Version 4.3

Drug-drug similarity

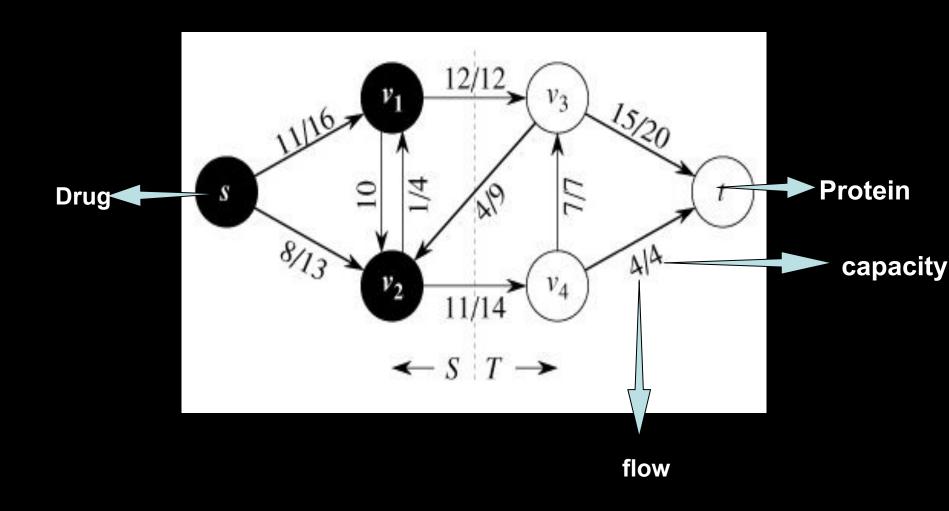
Assumption: drugs with more similar chemical structure have stronger associations

- 6810 drugs
- 14651 proteins
- 23177836 pairs of drug-drug similarities
- 650466 pairs of protein-protein interaction
- 5305 pairs of known drug-target links

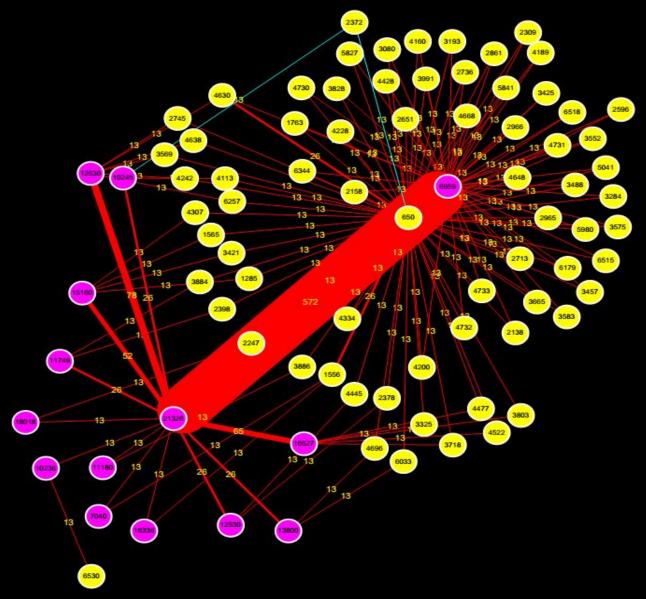


MAXIF

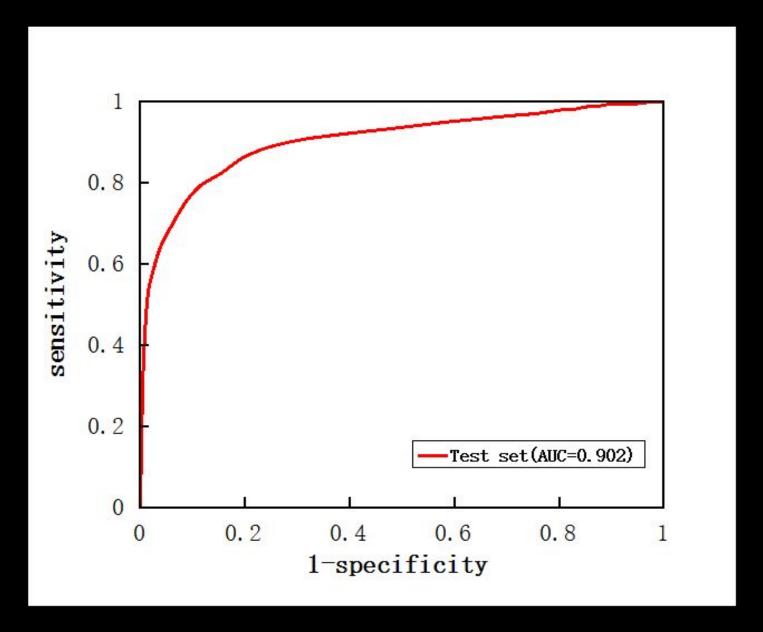
Maximizing information flow



Leave-one-out cross validation



Leave-one-out validation result



Conclusion

MAXIF has high level of sensitivity and specificity. Thus, the method could be applied to

- Predict drug targets efficiently
- Develope new applications of drugs
- Understand side effects
- Reduce time and cost of experiments

Discussion

- Other functional interaction between drugs
- Different levels of association between proteins
- Try different coefficients for different types of interaction

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