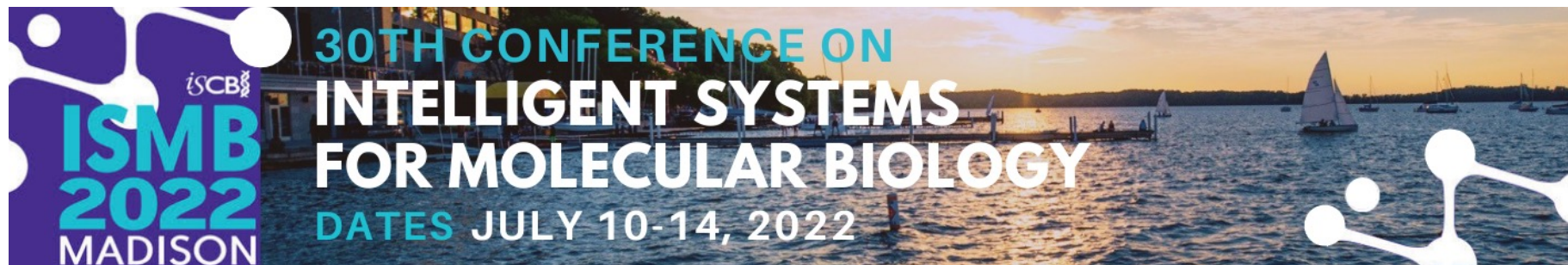# Towards Precision Medicine with Graph Representation Learning

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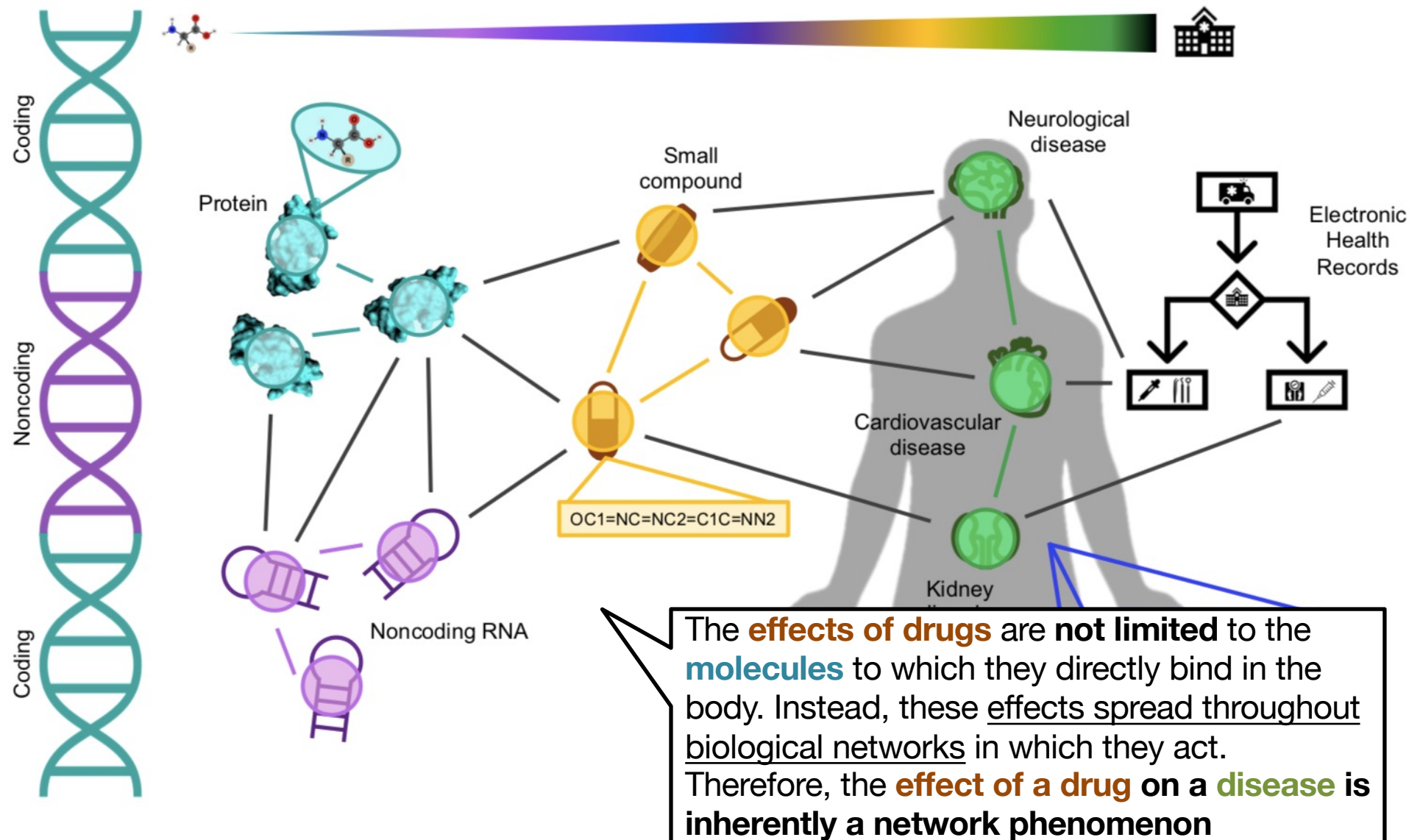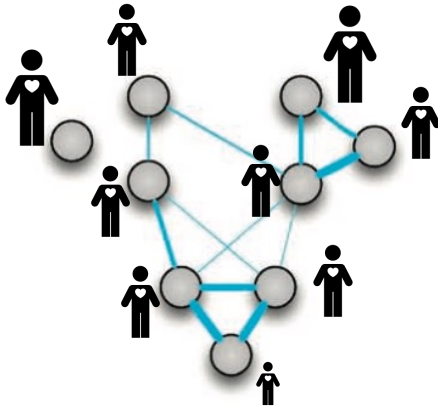Harvard Data Science

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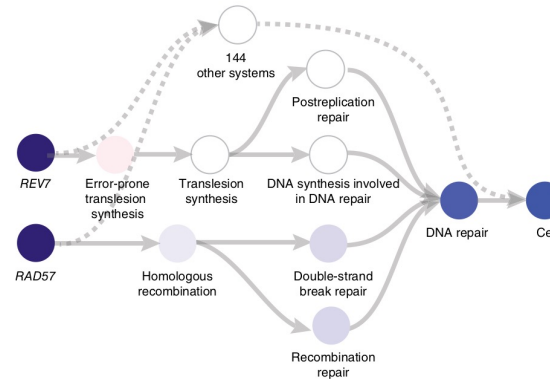
Tutorial VT4

July 7, 2022 at 9am – 1pm CDT

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Biology is interconnected

The **effects of drugs** are **not limited** to the **molecules** to which they directly bind in the body. Instead, these effects spread throughout biological networks in which they act. Therefore, the **effect of a drug** **on a disease** is **inherently a network phenomenon**

Networks are a general language for describing and modeling complex systems
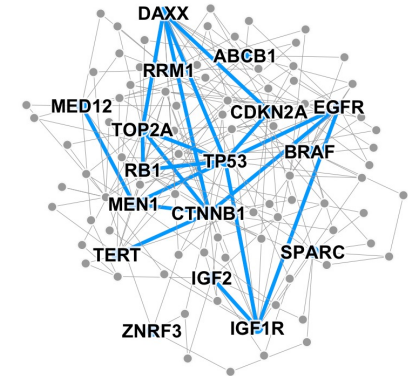

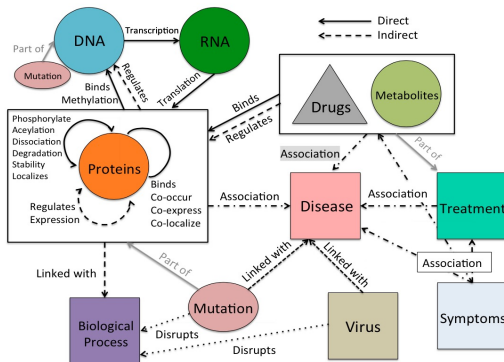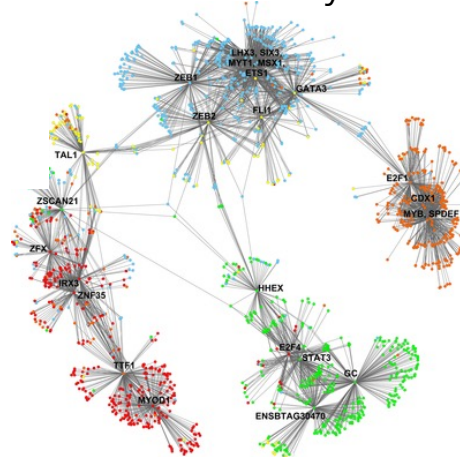Patient networks

Hierarchies of cell systems

Disease pathways

Biomedical knowledge graphs

Gene interaction networks

Cell-cell similarity networks
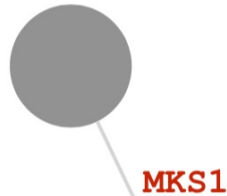
Why networks in biology?

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Long-standing paradigm: "local hypothesis"

Proteins involved in the same disease have an increased tendency to interact with each other

Corollary of the local hypothesis

Mutations in interacting proteins often lead to similar diseases

Network medicine: a network-based approach to human disease, *Nature Reviews Genetics, 2011*

● Known disease proteins

● Predicted disease proteins

Why are biological networks challenging?

- **Heterogeneous interactions** that span from molecules to whole populations
  - **Challenge:** Computationally operationalize these data & make them amenable to ML

- **Requires data from diverse sources**, including experimental readouts, curated annotations, metadata
  - **Challenge:** Capture all factors necessary to understand a phenomenon (e.g. disease)

- **Noisy** due to inherent natural variations & limitations of measurement platforms
  - **Challenge:** Handle missing data, repeated measurements, and contradictory observations
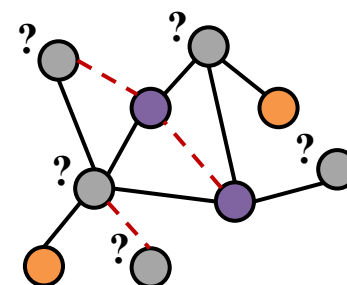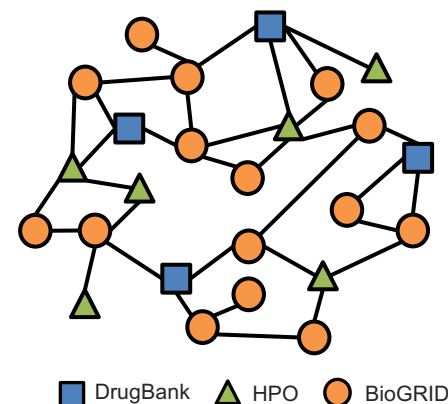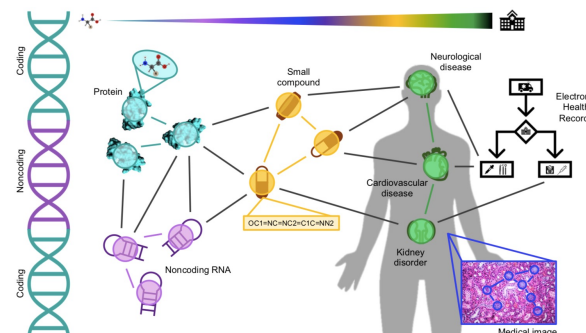
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- Primarily designed for grids or simple sequences:
  - CNNs for fixed-size images/grids…
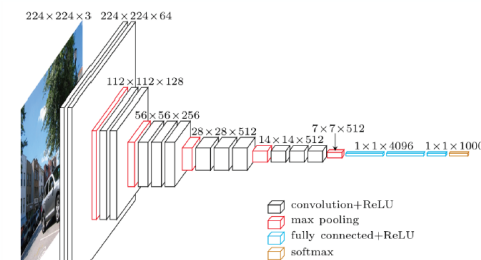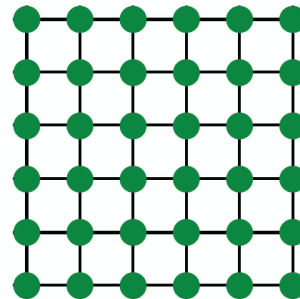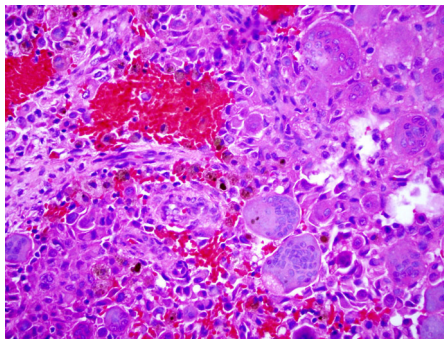
  - RNNs for text and sequences…
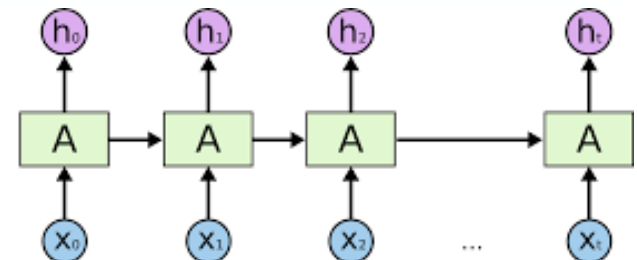
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- ## Networks are far more complex!
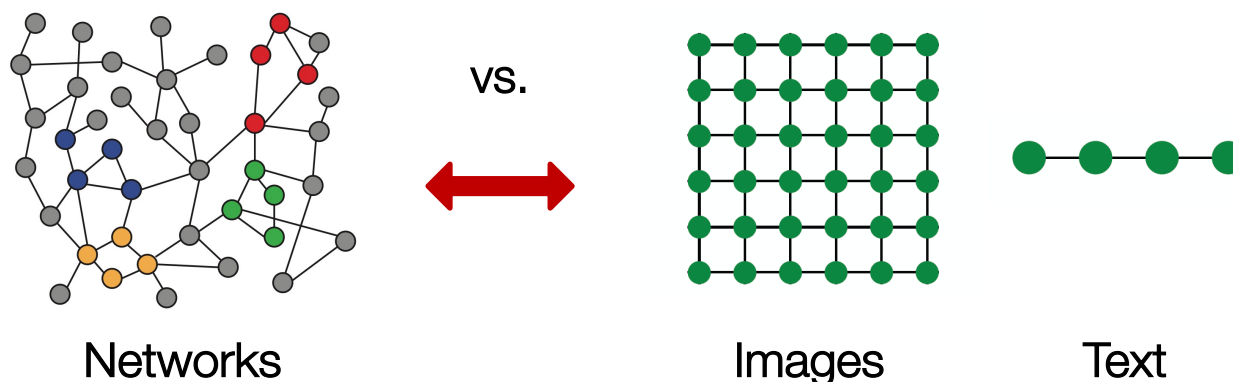
  - ### Arbitrary size and complex topological structure (i.e., no spatial locality like grids)

vs.

Networks   Images   Text

  - ## No fixed node ordering or reference point
  - ## Often dynamic and have multimodal features

Graph representation learning realizes key network principles for data-rich biomedicine

Cellular components associated with a specific disease (phenotype) show a tendency to cluster in the same network neighborhood

Deep graph representation learning methods are well-suited for the analysis of biological networks

Graph Representation Learning for Biomedicine, *Nature Biomedical Engineering* (in press), 2022, arXiv:2104.04883
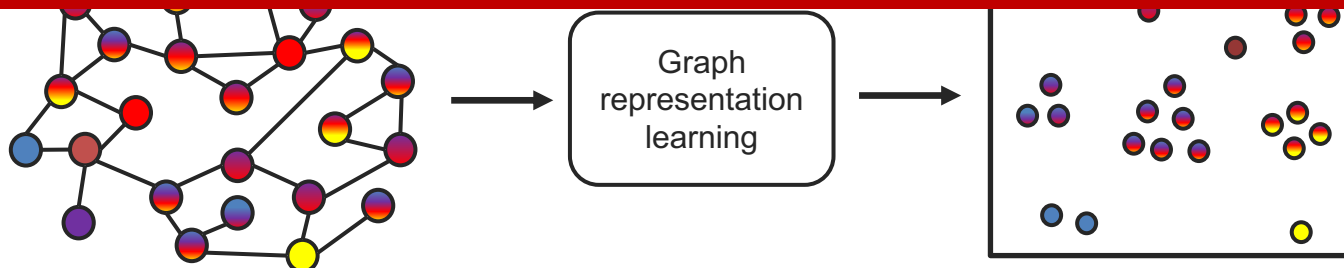
This Tutorial

1. <u>Methods</u>: Network diffusion, shallow network embeddings, and graph neural networks

2. <u>Applications</u>: Fundamental biological discoveries and precision medicine

3. <u>Outlook</u>: Future directions and Q&A session

4. <u>Hands-on exercises</u>: Demos, implementation details, tools, and tips

Resources

- ### Books & survey papers
  - William Hamilton, *Graph Representation Learning* (morganclaypool.com/doi/abs/10.2200/S01045ED1V01Y202009AIM046)
  - Li et al., Graph Representation Learning for Biomedicine (arxiv.org/abs/2104.04883)

- ### Keynotes
  - Michael Bronstein, "Geometric Deep Learning: The Erlangen Programme of ML" (ICLR 2021 keynote) (youtube.com/watch?v=w6Pw4MOzMuo)

- ### Software & packages
  - PyTorch Geometric
  - NetworkX
  - Stanford Network Analysis Platform (SNAP)

Resources

- ## Conferences & summer schools
  - London Geometry and Machine Learning Summer School (logml.ai)
  - Learning on Graphs Conference (logconference.github.io)

- ## Tutorials & code bases
  - Pytorch Geometric Colab Notebooks (pytorch-geometric.readthedocs.io/en/latest/notes/colabs.html)
  - Zitnik Lab Graph ML Tutorials (github.com/mims-harvard/graphml-tutorials)
  - Stanford University's CS224 (web.stanford.edu/class/cs224w)

- ## Datasets
  - Precision Medicine Oriented Knowledge Graph (PrimeKG) (zitniklab.hms.harvard.edu/projects/PrimeKG)
  - Therapeutic Data Commons (TDC) (tdcommons.ai)
  - BioSNAP (snap.stanford.edu/biodata/)
  - Open Graph Benchmark (OGB) (ogb.stanford.edu)