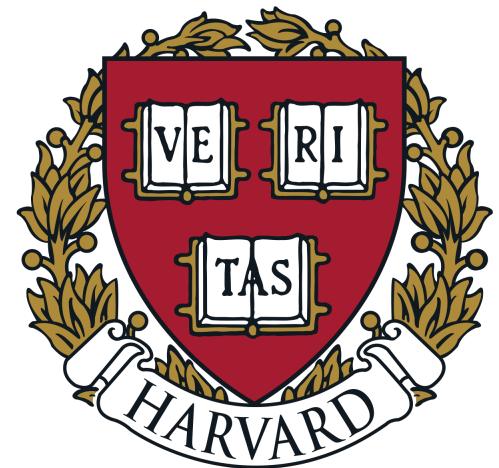


# Graph Neural Networks in Computational Biology

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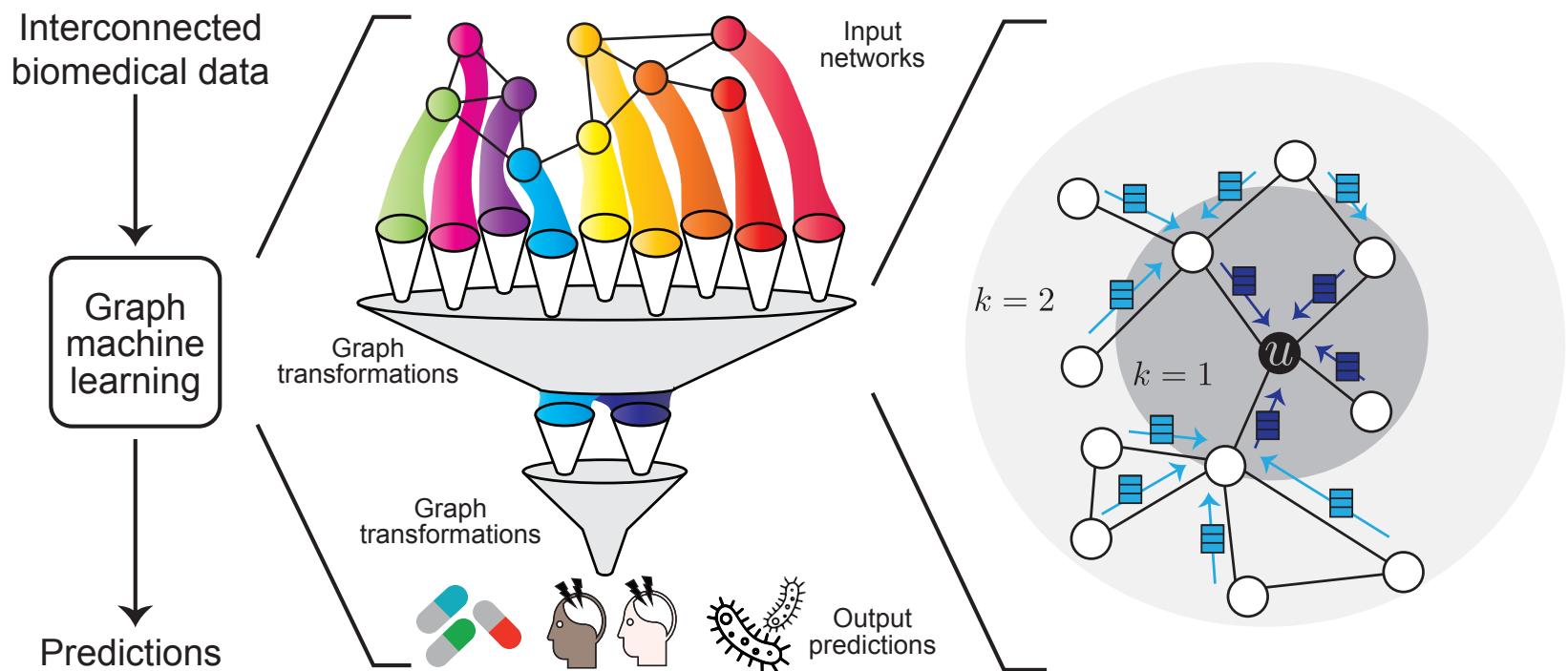
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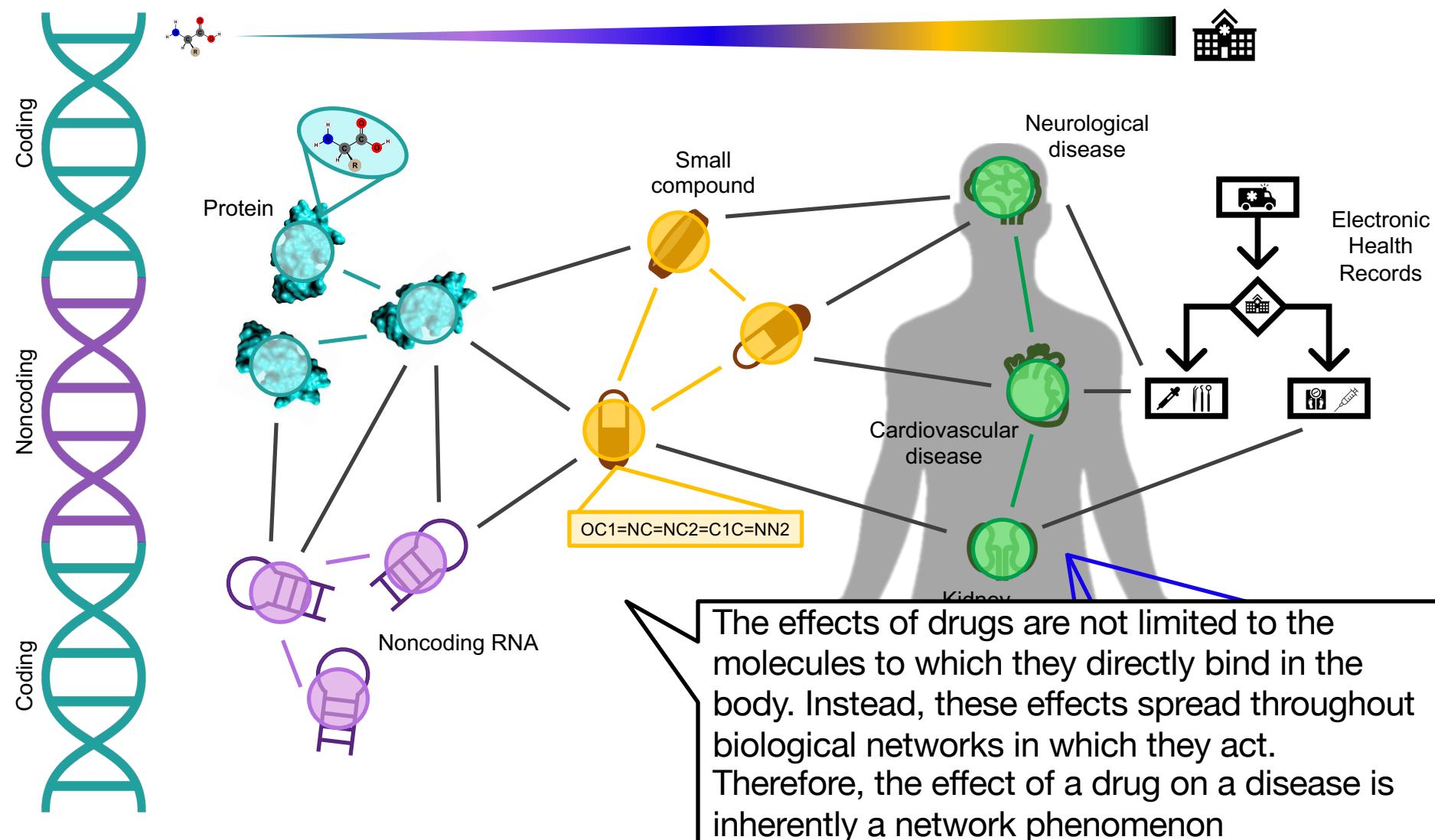


# Graph ML for Computational Biology

- There has been a surge of interest in leveraging GNNs for learning meaningful representations of biology
- GNNs have been used to learn representations that enabled critical predictions in downstream applications

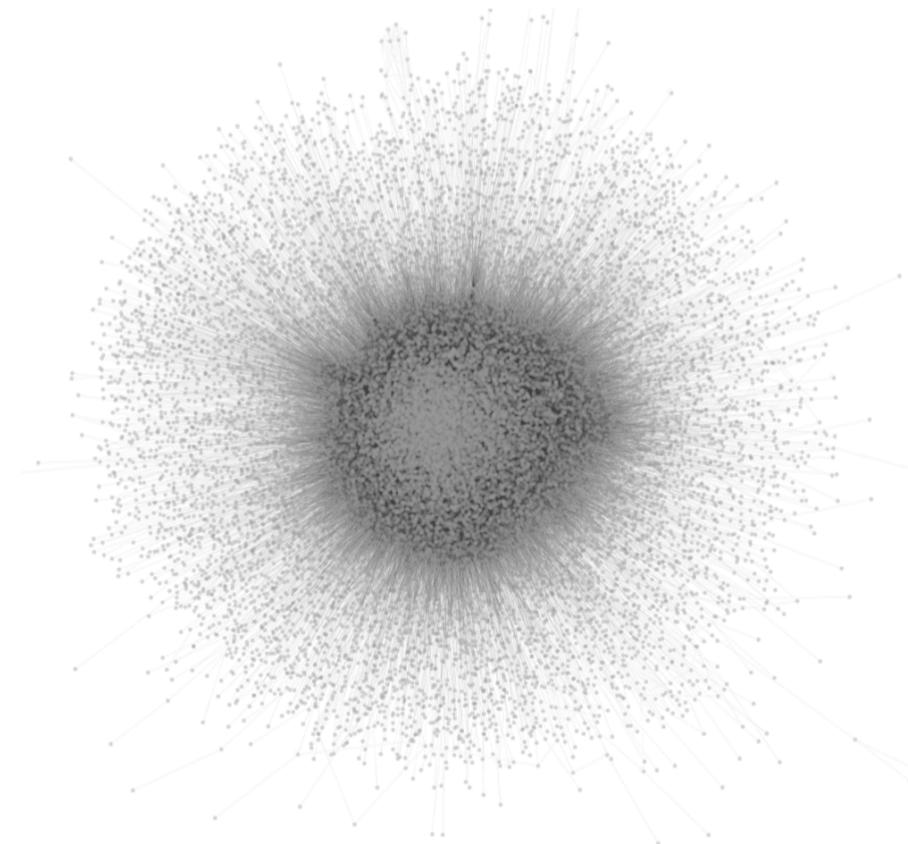
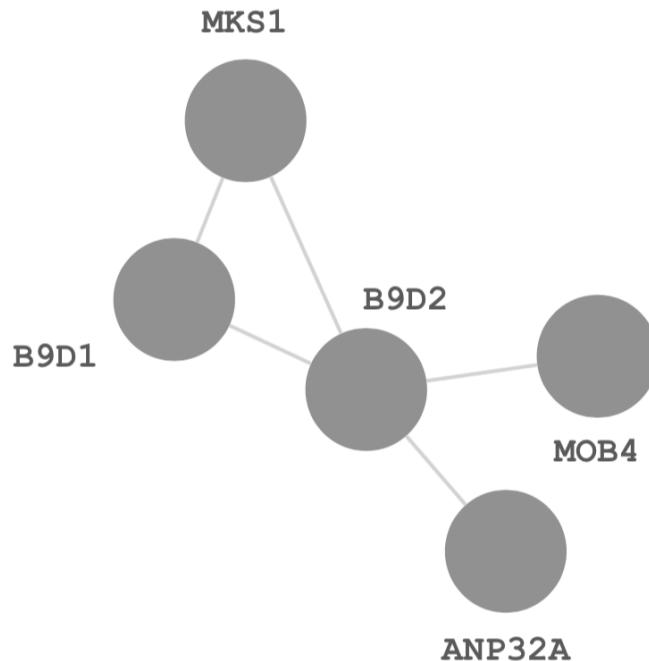


# Biology is Interconnected!



# Why Networks in Biology?

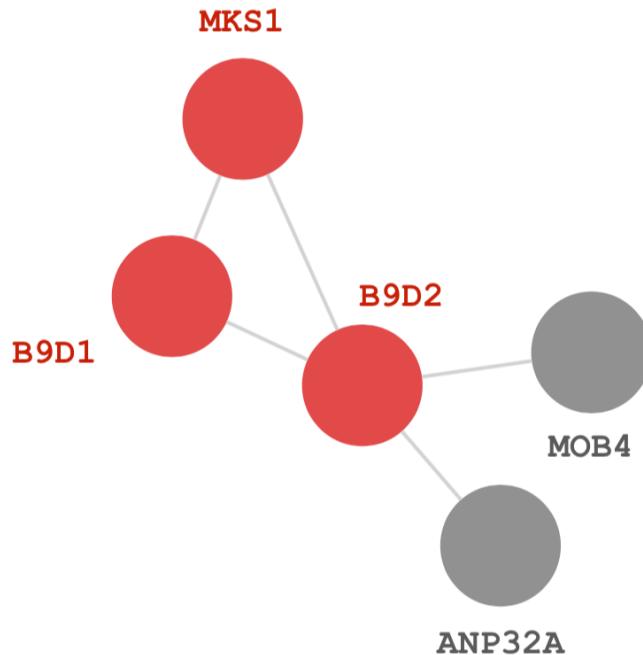
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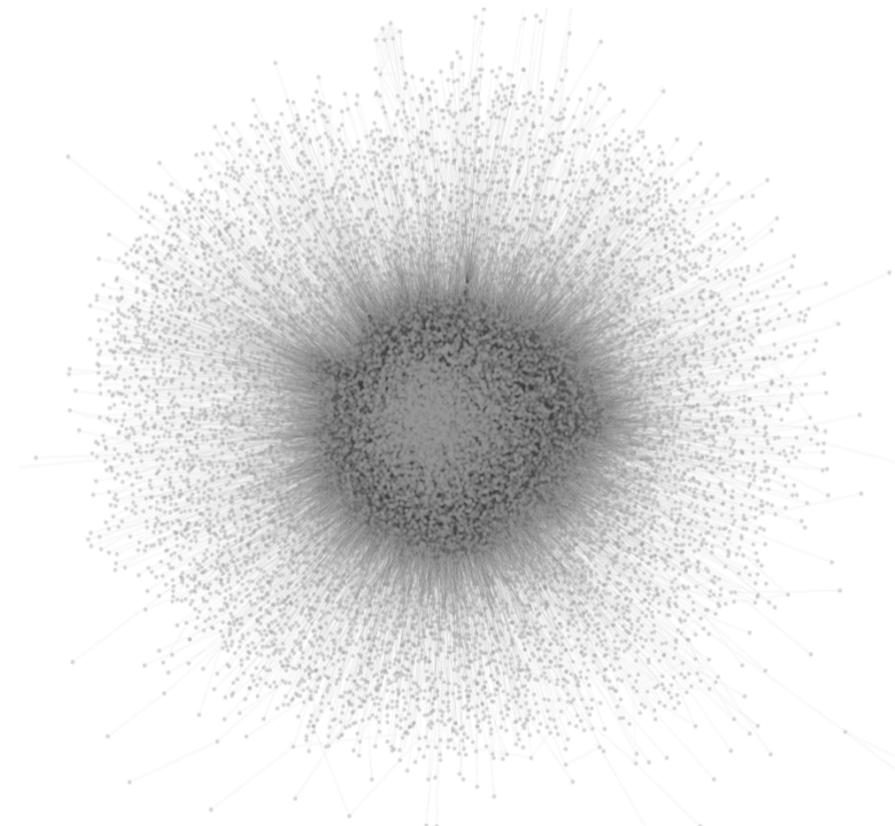
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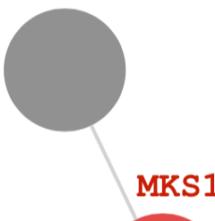


Disease protein



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342,353 interactions

# Why Networks in Biology?



## 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

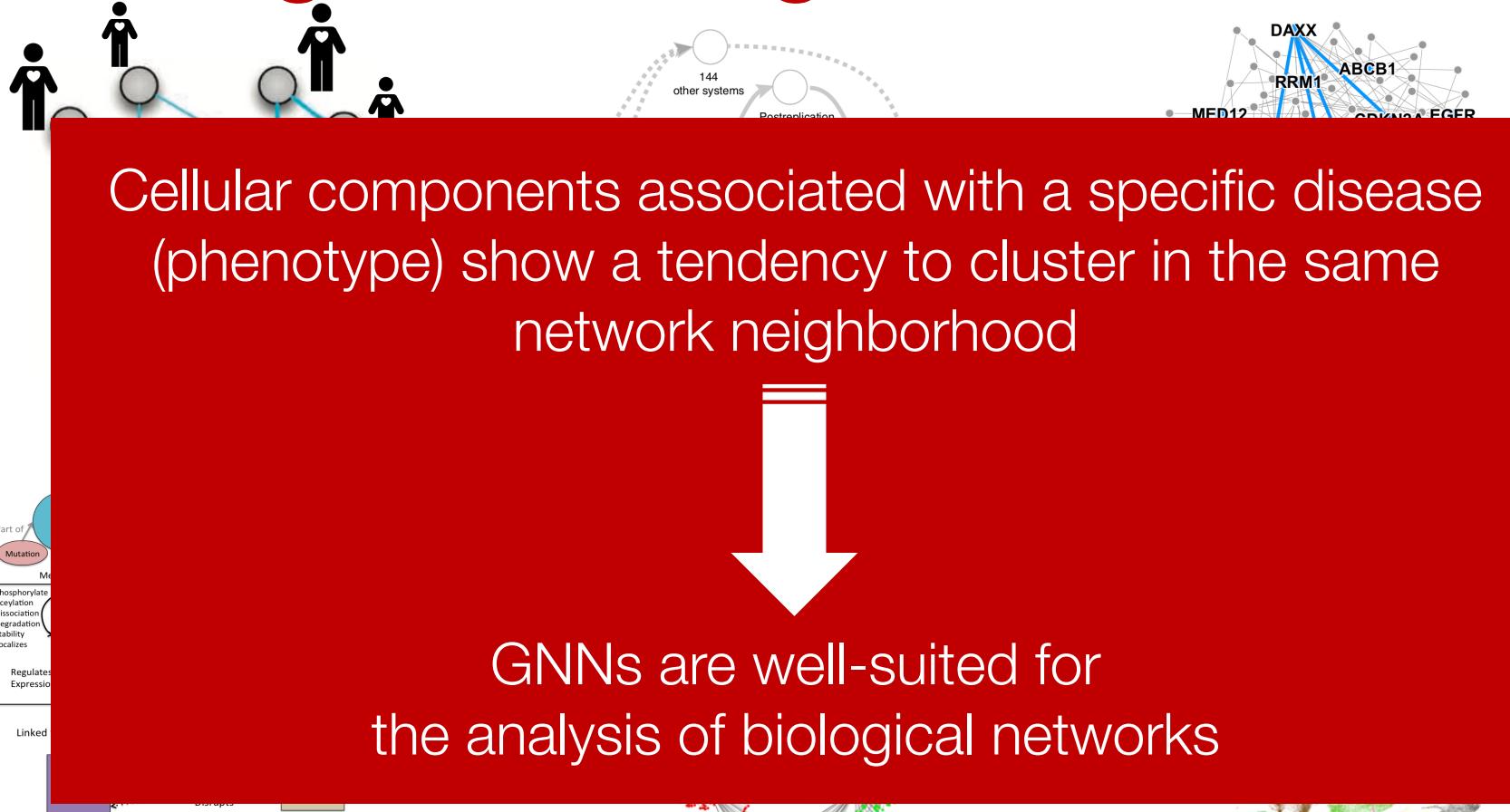


Known disease proteins



Predicted disease proteins

# Similar findings apply to a broad range of biological networks



Biomedical knowledge graphs

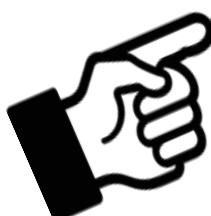
Gene interaction networks

Cell-cell similarity networks

# Why are Biological Networks Challenging?

1. Networks involve heterogeneous interactions that span from molecules to whole populations
  - The challenge is how to computationally operationalize these data and make them amenable to ML
2. Networks contain data from diverse sources, including experimental readouts, curated annotations, metadata
  - No single data type can capture all the factors necessary to understand a phenomenon such as a disease
3. Networks are noisy due to inherent natural variations and limitations of measurement platforms
  - Missing data, repeated measurements, and contradictory observations can plague the analysis

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# Poly-Therapy

Patients take multiple drugs to treat complex or co-existing diseases

46% of people over 65 years take more than 5 drugs

Many take more than 20 drugs to treat heart diseases, depression or cancer

15% of the U.S. population affected by unwanted side effects

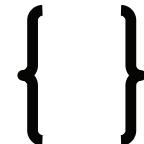
Annual costs in treating side effects exceed \$177 billion in the U.S. alone

# Unexpected Drug Interactions

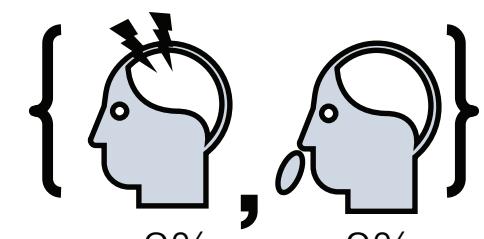
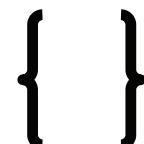
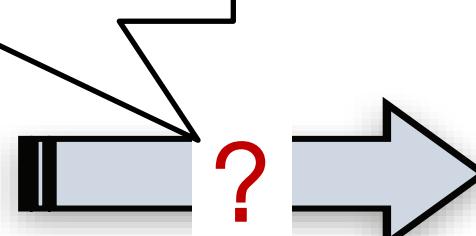
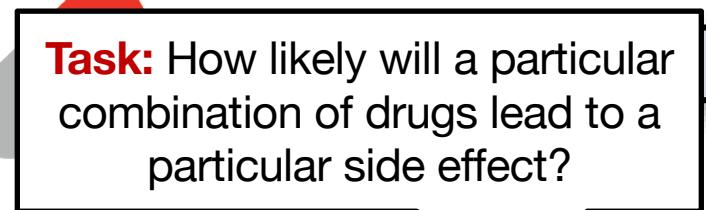
Co-prescribed drugs



Side Effects



**Task:** How likely will a particular combination of drugs lead to a particular side effect?



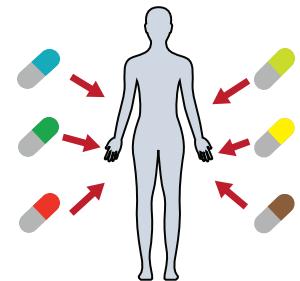
3%  
prob.

2%  
prob.

# Why is modeling drug combinations challenging?

## Combinatorial explosion

- >13 million possible combinations of 2 drugs
- >20 billion possible combinations of 3 drugs



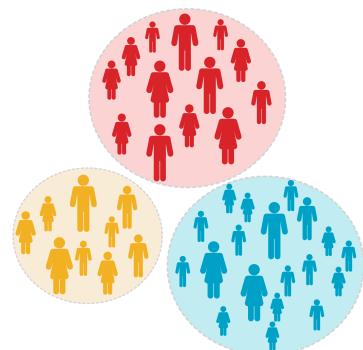
## Non-linear & non-additive interactions

- Different effect than the additive effect of individual drugs



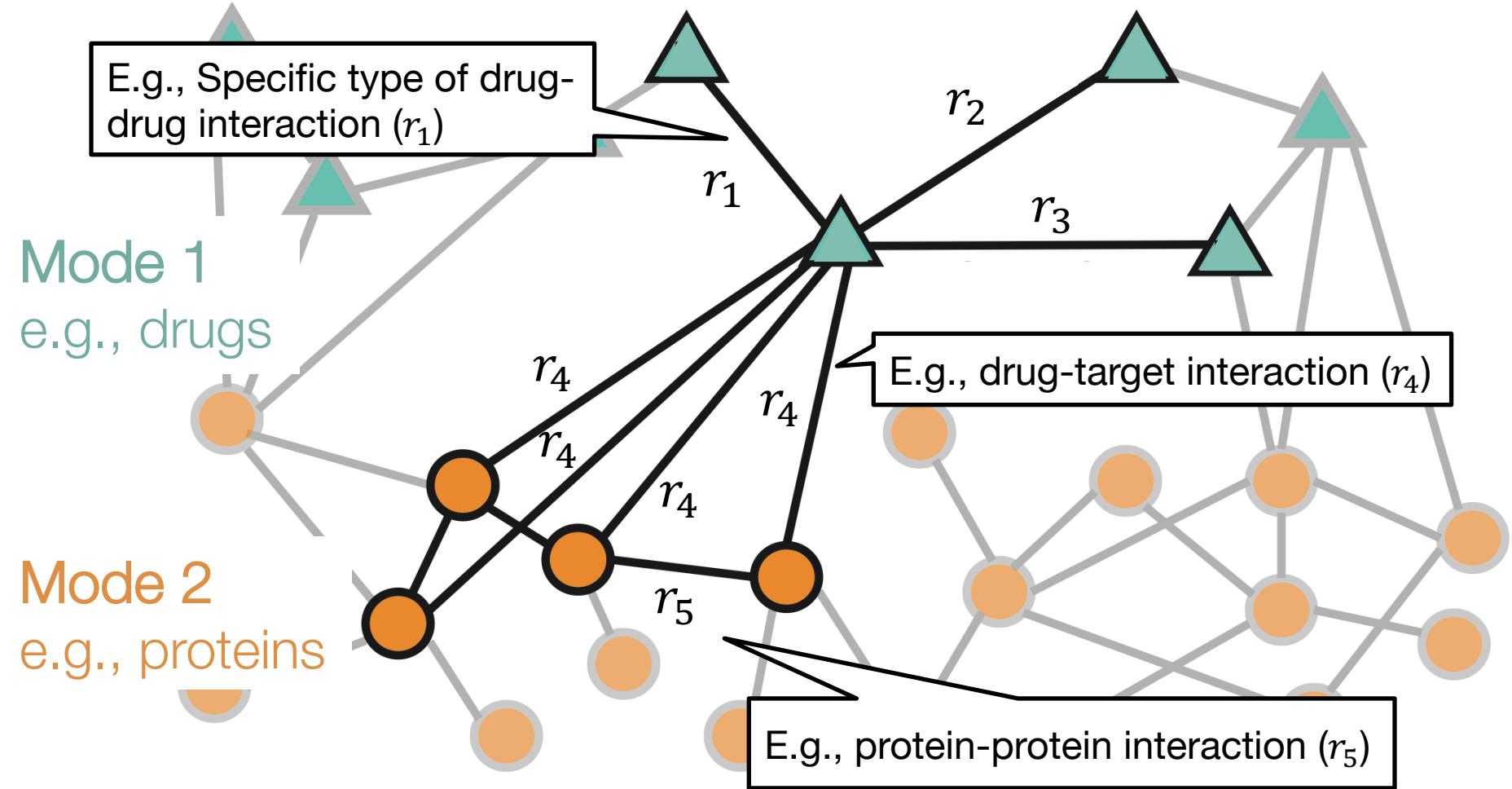
## Small subsets of patients

- Side effects are interdependent
- No info on drug combinations not yet used in patients



# Polypharmacy Knowledge Graph

$r_i$  Edge type  $i$   
 Node types

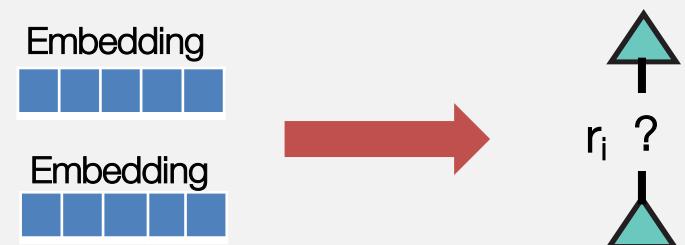


# Approach: Decagon

**1. Encoder:** Take a multimodal network and learn an *embedding* for every node



**2. Decoder:** Use the learned embeddings to predict labeled edges between nodes



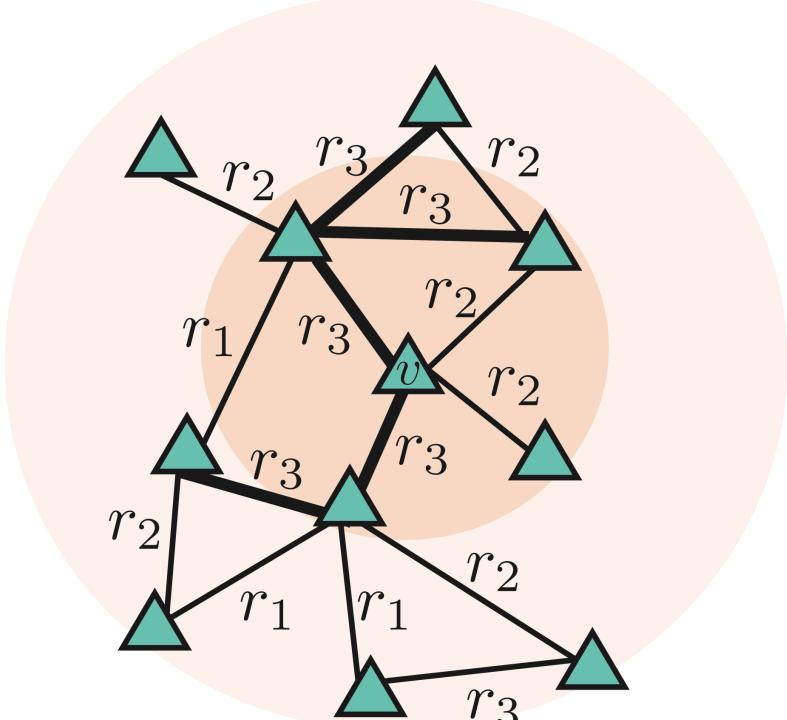
**Training the model:** Feed embeddings into any loss function and run stochastic gradient descent to train weight parameters:

- Use a loss based on e.g., random walks, node proximity in the graph
- Directly train the model for a supervised task (e.g., node classification)

# Key Idea: Aggregate Neighbors

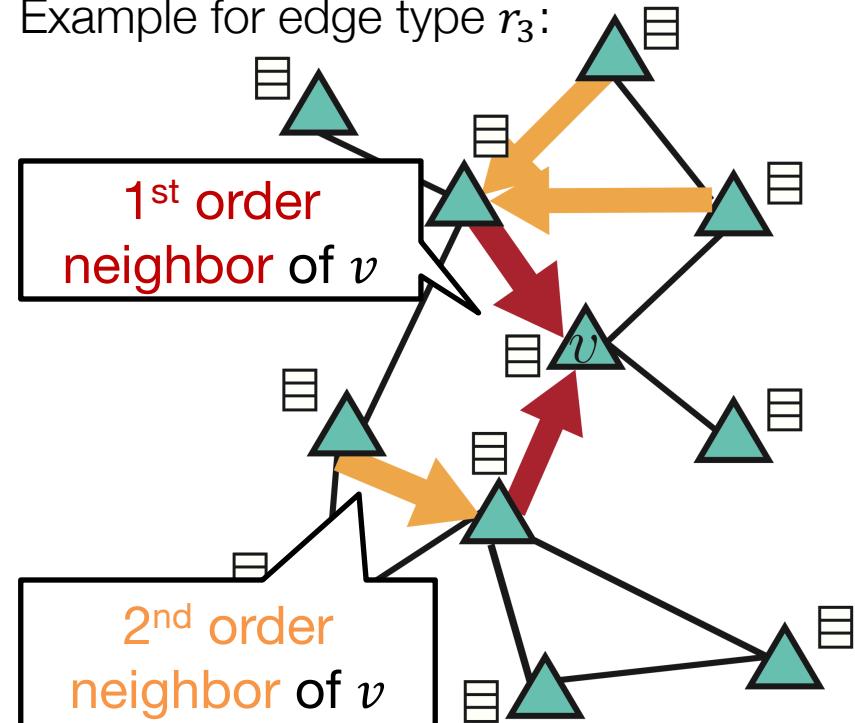
Generate embeddings based on **local network neighborhoods separated by edge type**

1) Determine a node's computation graph for each edge type



2) Learn how to transform and propagate information across computation graph

Example for edge type  $r_3$ :



# Multirelational Graph Encoder

**Key element:** Each node's computation graph defines a neural network with a different architecture

- Initial 0-th layer embeddings are equal to node features:

$$\mathbf{h}_v^{(0)} = \mathbf{x}_v$$

Aggregate neighbor's previous-layer embeddings, separated by edge type

Ability to integrate side information about nodes

- Per-layer update of node embeddings:

$$\mathbf{h}_v^{(k)} = \phi \left( \sum_r \sum_{u \in N_v^r} c_r^{uv} \mathbf{W}_r^{(k-1)} \mathbf{h}_u^{(k-1)} + c_r^v \mathbf{h}_v^{(k-1)} \right)$$

Previous-layer embedding of  $v$

$k = 1, \dots, K$

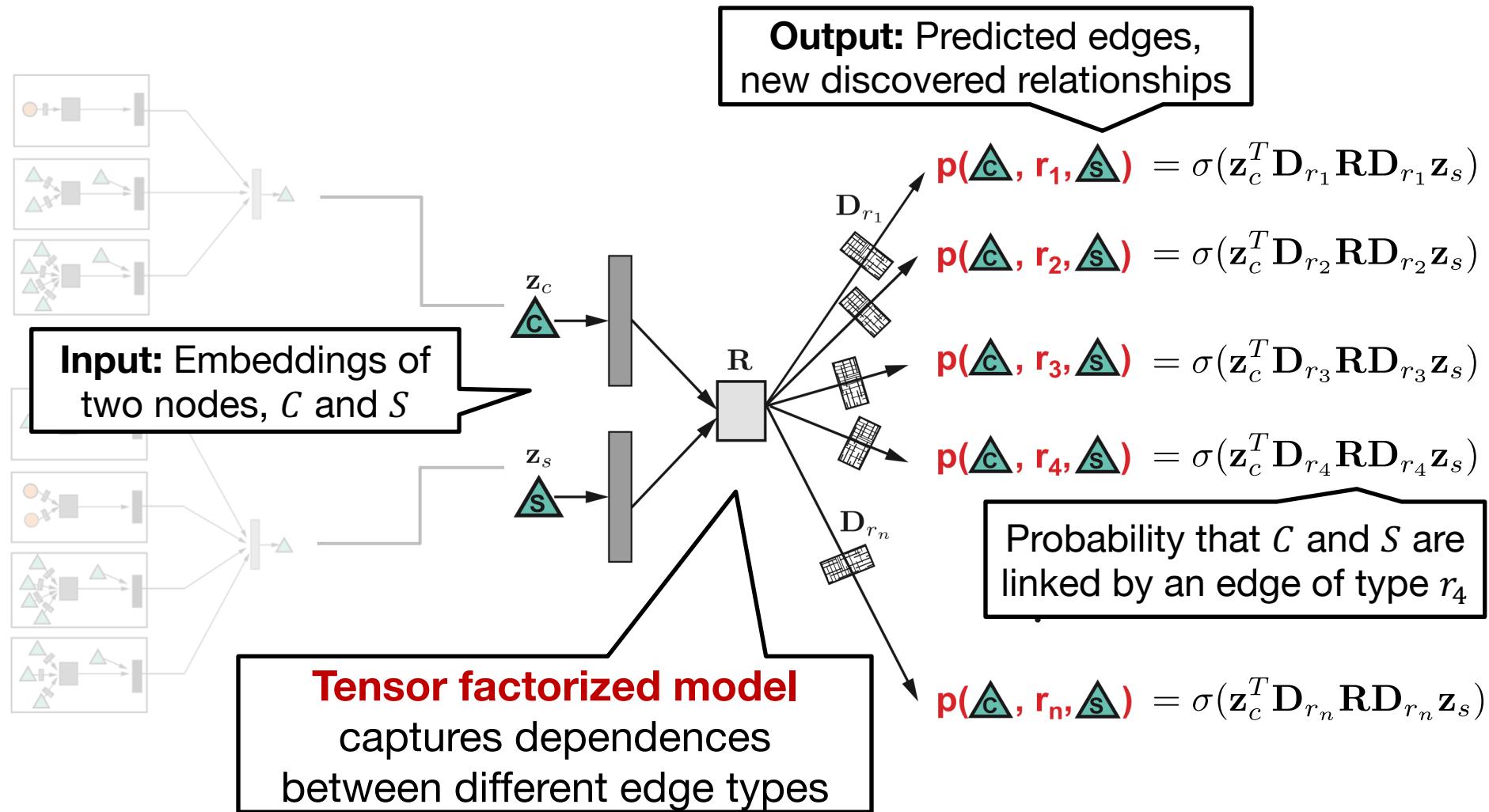
- Embeddings after  $K$  layers of neighborhood aggregation:

$$\mathbf{z}_v = \mathbf{h}_v^{(K)}$$

$$\mathbf{W}_r^{(k)} \text{ Par}$$

Normalization constant, fixed e.g.,  $1/|N_v^r|$ , or learned

# Heterogeneous Edge Decoder

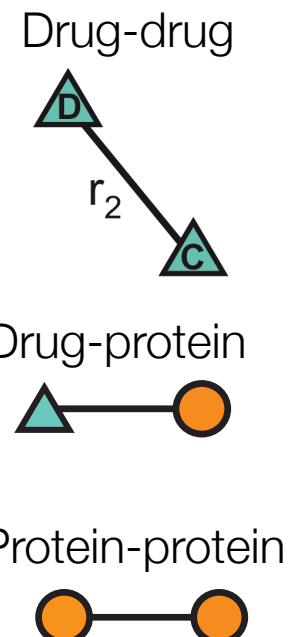


# We need Polypharmacy Dataset

Objective  
all drugs

We build

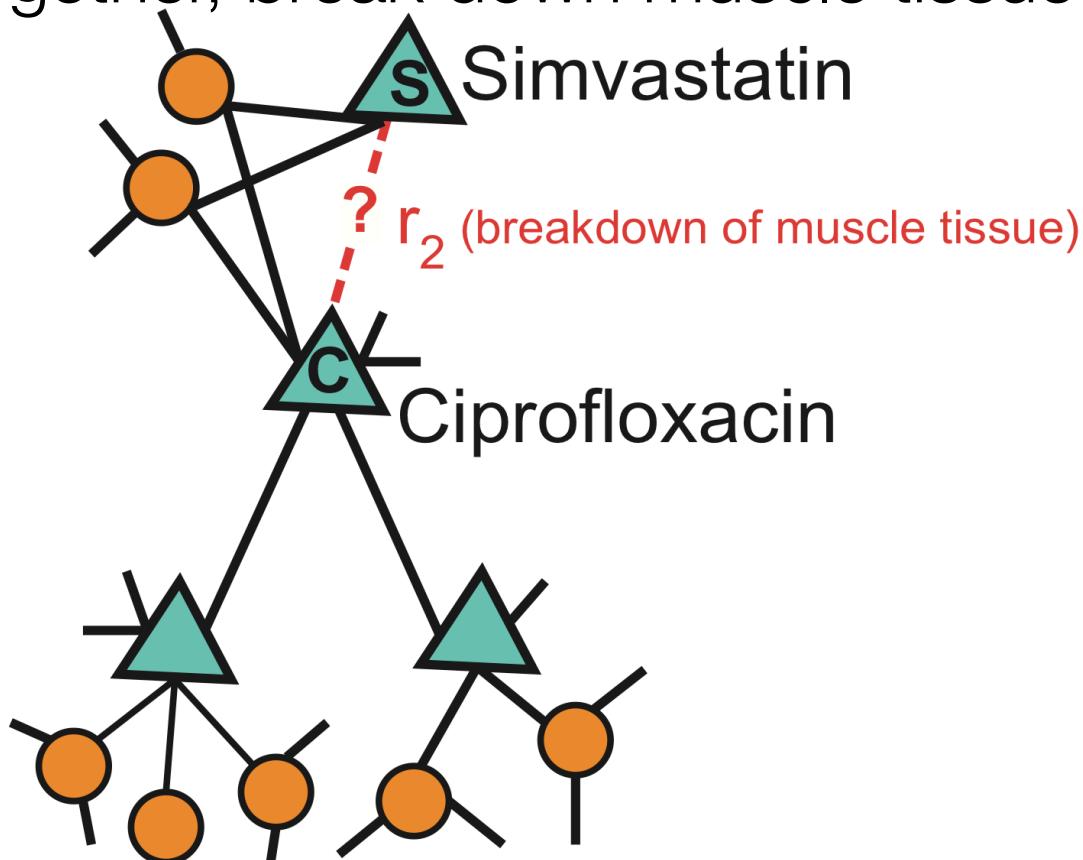
- 4,600,000 edges
  - 18,000 nodes
  - 719 side effects
  - Coupling between side effects
  - Drug-drug interaction probability
- 
- Legend:
- ▲ Drug   ● Protein
  - $r_1$  Gastrointestinal bleed side effect   ▲—● Drug-protein interaction
  - $r_2$  Bradycardia side effect   ●—● Protein-protein interaction



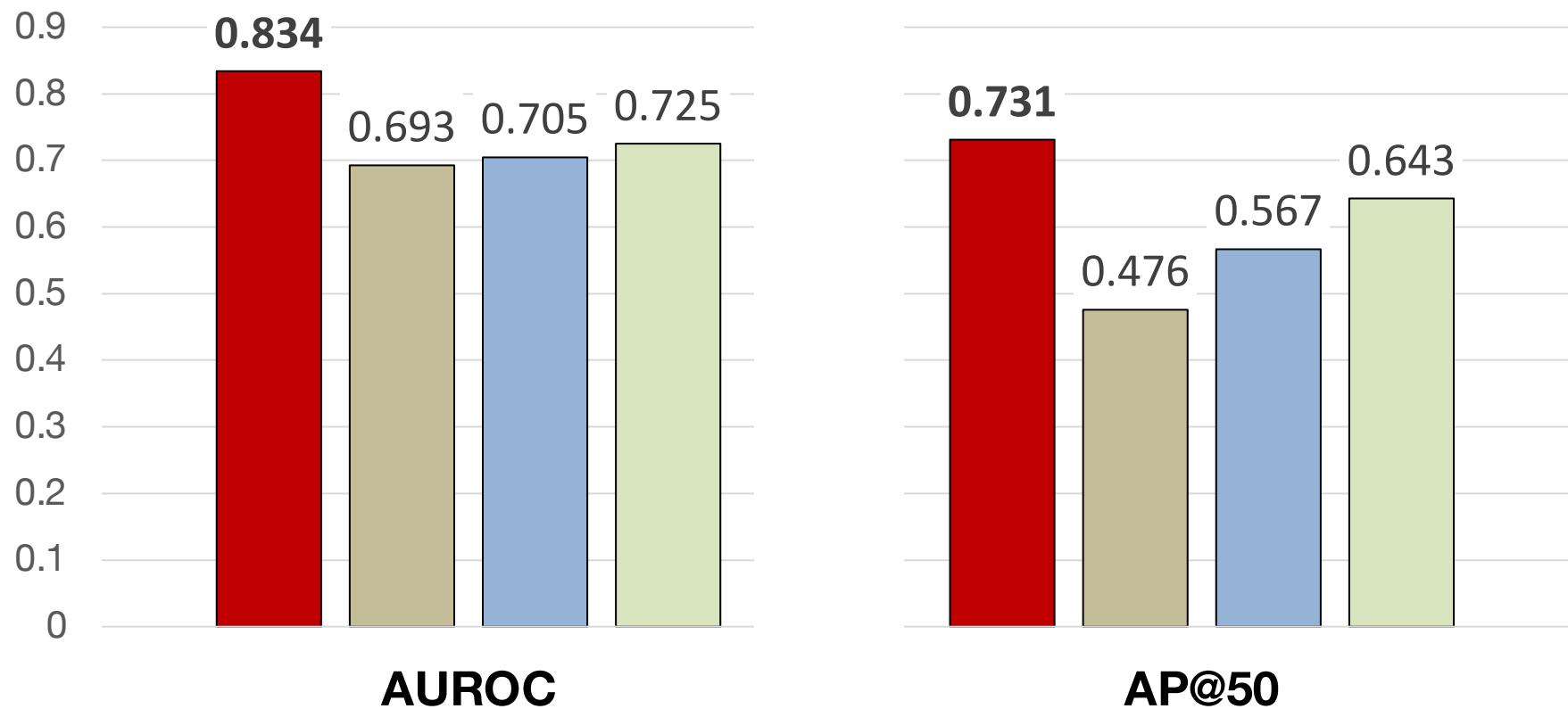
Gives multimodal network with over 5 million edges  
separated into 1,000 different edge types

# We apply Decagon to the polypharmacy network

E.g.: How likely will Simvastatin and Ciprofloxacin, when taken together, break down muscle tissue?



# Results: Side Effect Prediction

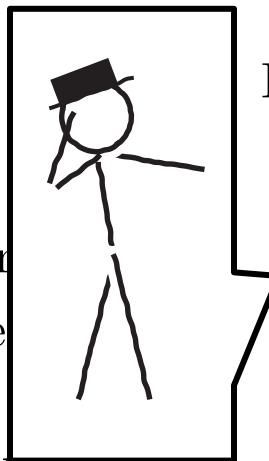


- Our method (Decagon)
- RESCAL Tensor Factorization [Nickel et al., ICML'11]
- Multi-relational Factorization [Perros, Papalexakis et al., KDD'17]
- Shallow Network Embedding [Zong et al., Bioinformatics'17]

# New Predictions

## Approach:

- 1) Train deep model on data generated prior to 2012
- 2) How many predictions have been confirmed after 2012?

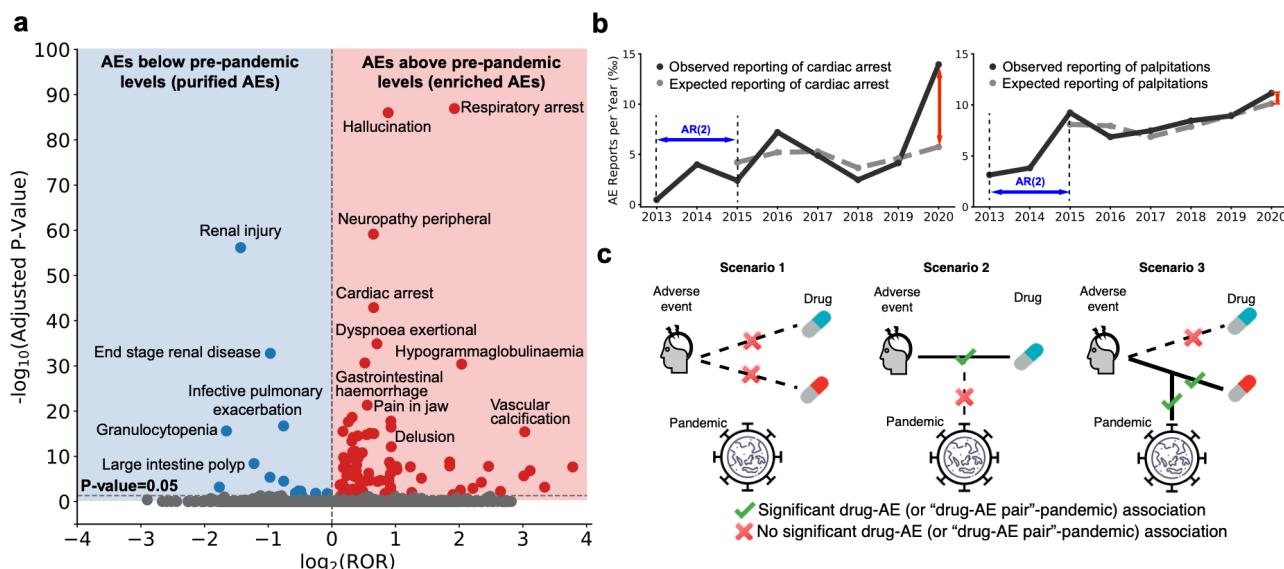
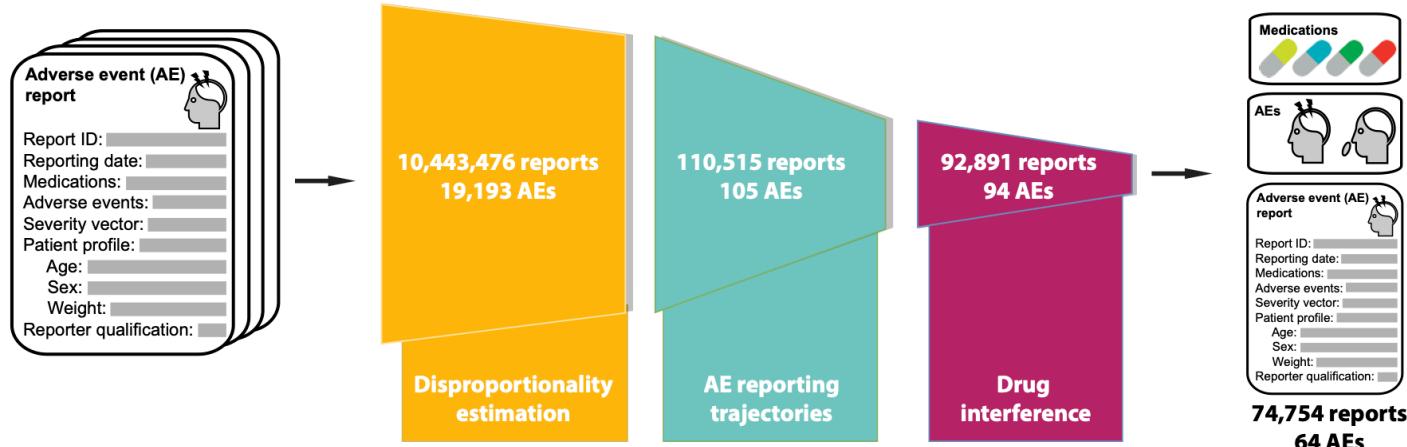
Rank	Drug	Drug	Side effect	Evidence found
1	Pyrimethamine	Aliskiren	Sarcoma	
2	Tigecycline	Bimatoprost	Autonomic n.	
3	Telangiectases	Omeprazole	Dacarbazine	
4	Tolcapone	Pyrimethamine	Blood brain	

### Case Report

**Severe Rhabdomyolysis due to Presumed Drug Interactions between Atorvastatin with Amlodipine and Ticagrelor**

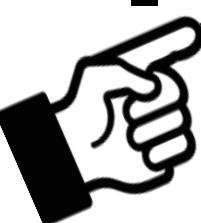
7	Anagrelide	Azelaic acid	Cerebral thrombosis
8	Atorvastatin	Amlodipine	Muscle inflammation
9	Aliskiren	Tioconazole	Breast inflammation
10	Estradiol	Nadolol	Endometriosis

# Follow-Up: Adverse Events for Patient Groups



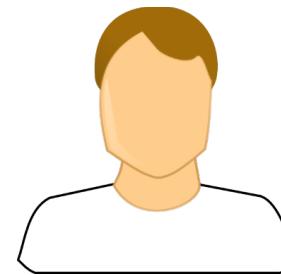
Population-scale patient safety data reveal inequalities in adverse events before and during COVID-19 pandemic, *medRxiv*: 2021.01.17.21249988

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# Disease Diagnosis

- Phenotypes are observable characteristics resulting from interactions between genotypes, as well as environment
  - Physicians utilize standardized vocabulary of phenotypes to describe human diseases.
  - By modeling **diseases as collections of associated phenotypes**, we can diagnose patients based on their presenting symptoms

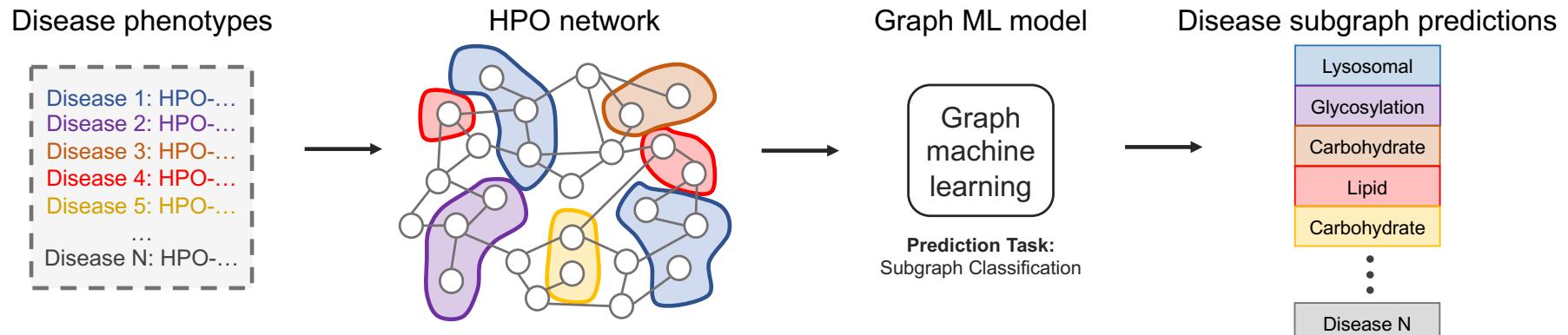


**Medical History:**  
Has asthma?  
Other chronic issues?  
.....

**Symptoms:**  
Severe Cough  
Wheezing  
.....

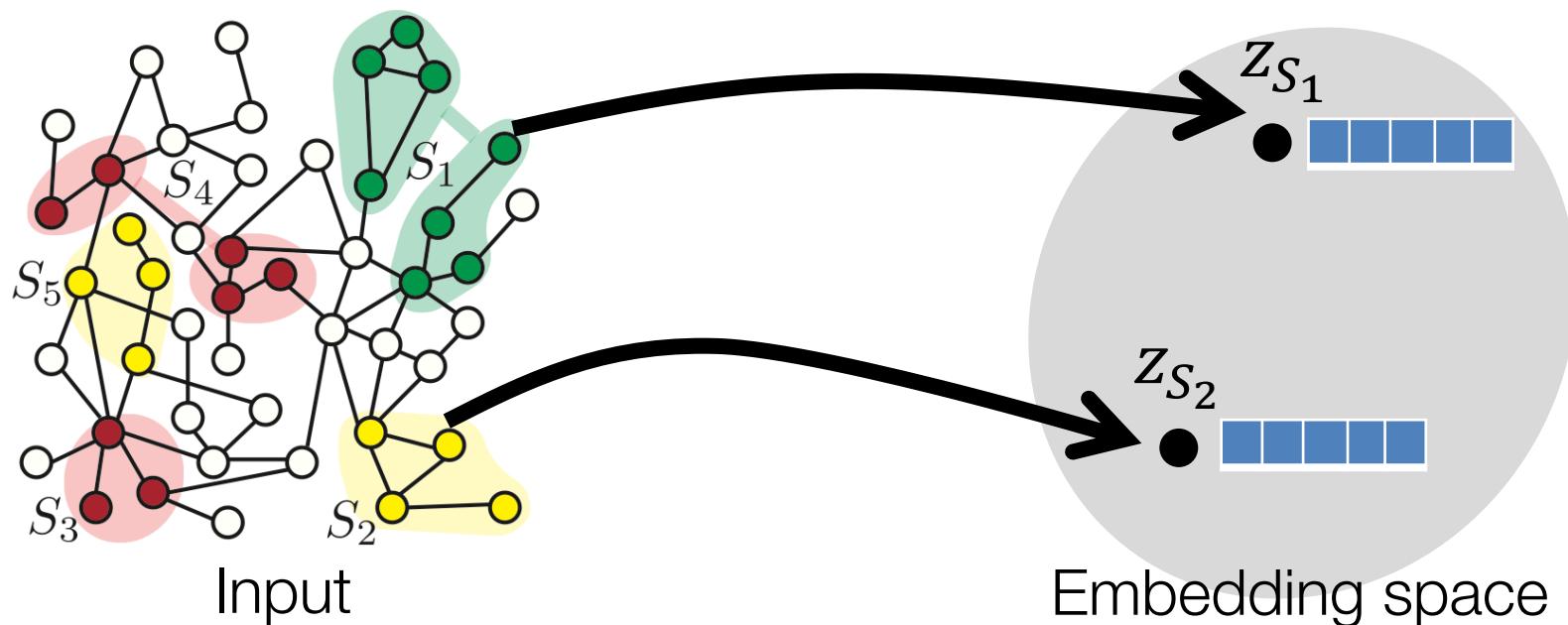
# Diagnosis Task

- **Graph:** Consider a graph  $G$  built from the standardized vocabulary of phenotypes:
  - Nodes: phenotypes; edges: relationships between phenotypes
  - Patient is a set of phenotypes, a subgraph  $S$  in  $G$
- **Learning Task:** Predict the **disease (label)** most consistent with the **phenotype subgraph  $S$**



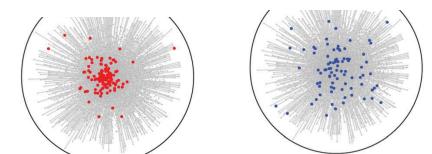
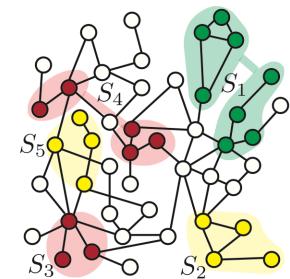
# Problem Formulation

- Goal: Learn subgraph embeddings such that the likelihood of preserving subgraph topology is maximized in the embedding space
  - $S_i$  and  $S_j$  with similar subgraph topology should be embedded close together in the embedding space



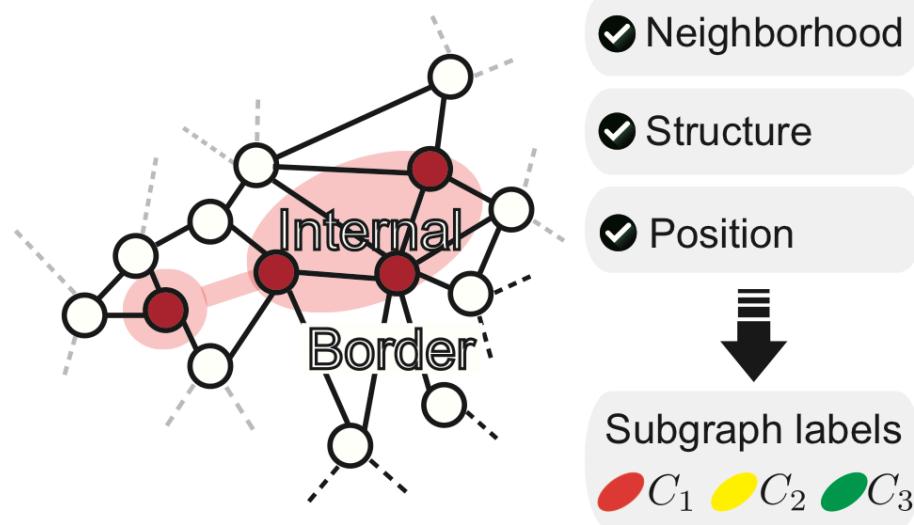
# Why are subgraphs challenging?

- Need to predict over structures of **varying size**:
  - How to represent subgraphs that are not  $k$ -hop neighborhoods?
- Rich connectivity patterns, both **internally** and **externally** through interactions with the rest of  $G$ :
  - How to inject this information into a GNN?
- Subgraphs can be:
  - **Localized** and reside in our region of the graph
  - **Distributed** across multiple local neighborhoods



# Subgraph Neural Networks

**Problem (Subgraph Representations and Property Prediction).** Given subgraphs  $\mathcal{S} = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n\}$ , SUBGNN specifies a neural message passing architecture  $E_S$  that generates a  $d_s$ -dimensional subgraph representation  $\mathbf{z}_S \in \mathbb{R}^{d_s}$  for every subgraph  $S \in \mathcal{S}$ . SUBGNN uses the representations to learn a subgraph classifier  $f : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, C\}$  for subgraph labels  $f(S) = \hat{y}_S$ .



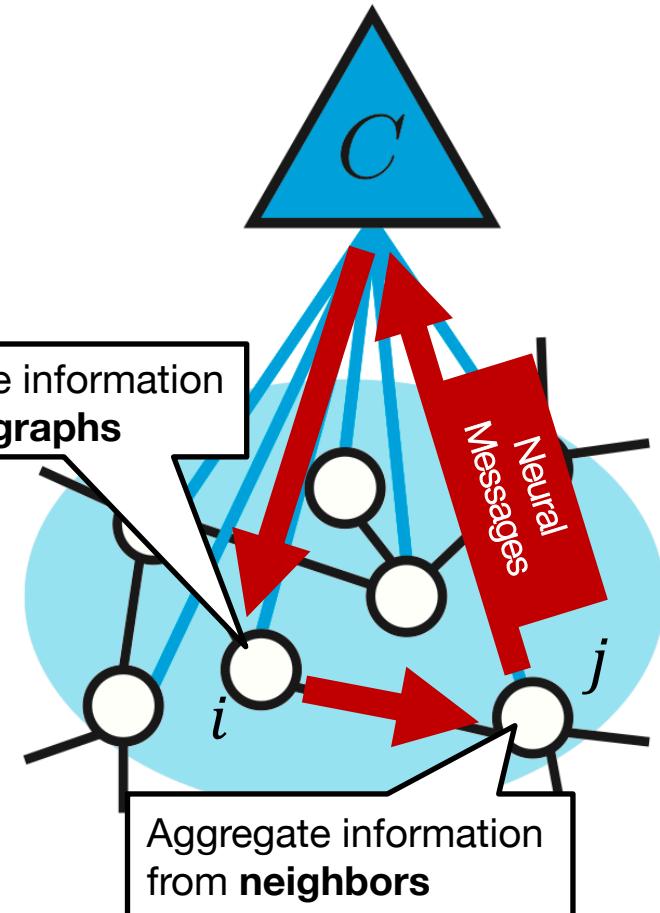
SUB-GNN Channel	SUB-GNN Subchannel	
	Internal (I)	Border (B)
Position (P)	Distance between $S_i$ 's components	Distance between $S_i$ and rest of $G$
Neighborhood (N)	Identity of $S_i$ 's internal nodes	Identity of $S_i$ 's border nodes
Structure (S)	Internal connectivity of $S_i$	Border connectivity of $S_i$

# A Note on Problem Formulation

- SubGNN puts forward a definition of a **subgraph prediction learning task**
- It is different from other canonical tasks on graphs:
  - **Node prediction:** Predict property of a node
  - **Link prediction:** Predict property of a node pair
  - **Graph prediction:** Predict property of an entire graph

# SubGNN: Overview

- Part 1: Hierarchically propagate messages in  $G$ :
  - Propagate messages from anchor patches to subgraphs
  - Aggregate messages into a final subgraph embedding
- Part 2: Route messages through 3 channels to capture subgraph topology: position, neighborhood, structure



# #1: Subgraph Message Passing

- Property  $x$ -specific messages  $m_x$  are propagated from **anchor patches** to subgraph components
- Anchor patches** are helper subgraphs randomly sampled from  $G$ ; patches  $A_P$ ,  $A_N$ , and  $A_S$  for **position**, **neighborhood** and **structure**

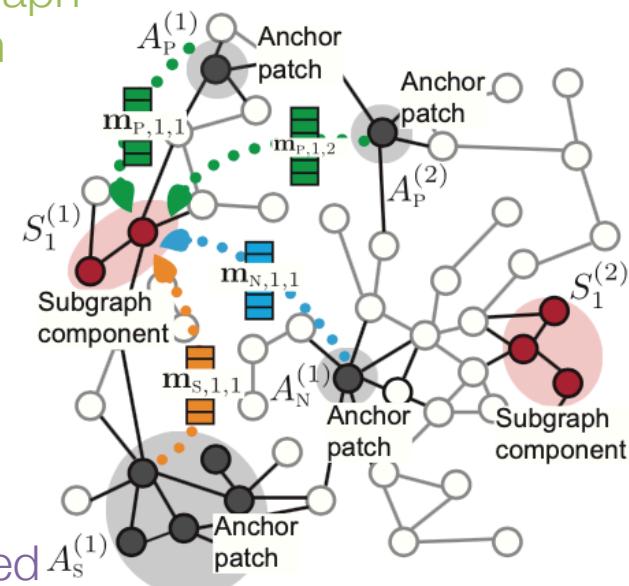
similarity function between subgraph component and an anchor patch

$$\text{MSG}_x^{A \rightarrow S} = \boxed{\gamma_x}(S^{(c)}, A_x) \cdot \mathbf{a}_x$$

$$\mathbf{g}_{x,c} = \text{AGG}_M(\{\text{MSG}_x^{A_x \rightarrow S^{(c)}} \quad \forall A_x \in \mathcal{A}_x\}),$$

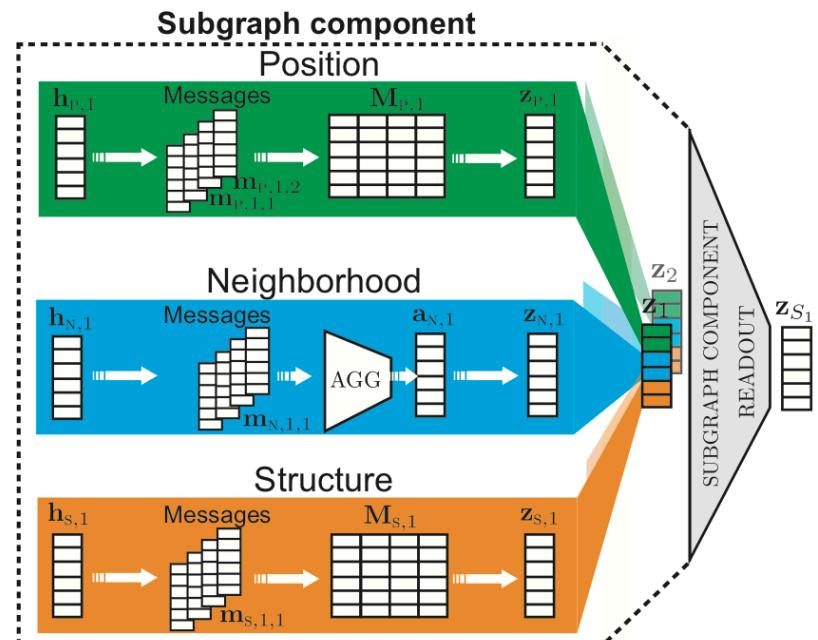
$$\boxed{\mathbf{h}_{x,c}} \leftarrow \sigma(\mathbf{W}_x \cdot [\mathbf{g}_{x,c}; \mathbf{h}_{x,c}]),$$

property-specific representation of subgraph component at the previous layer that gets updated



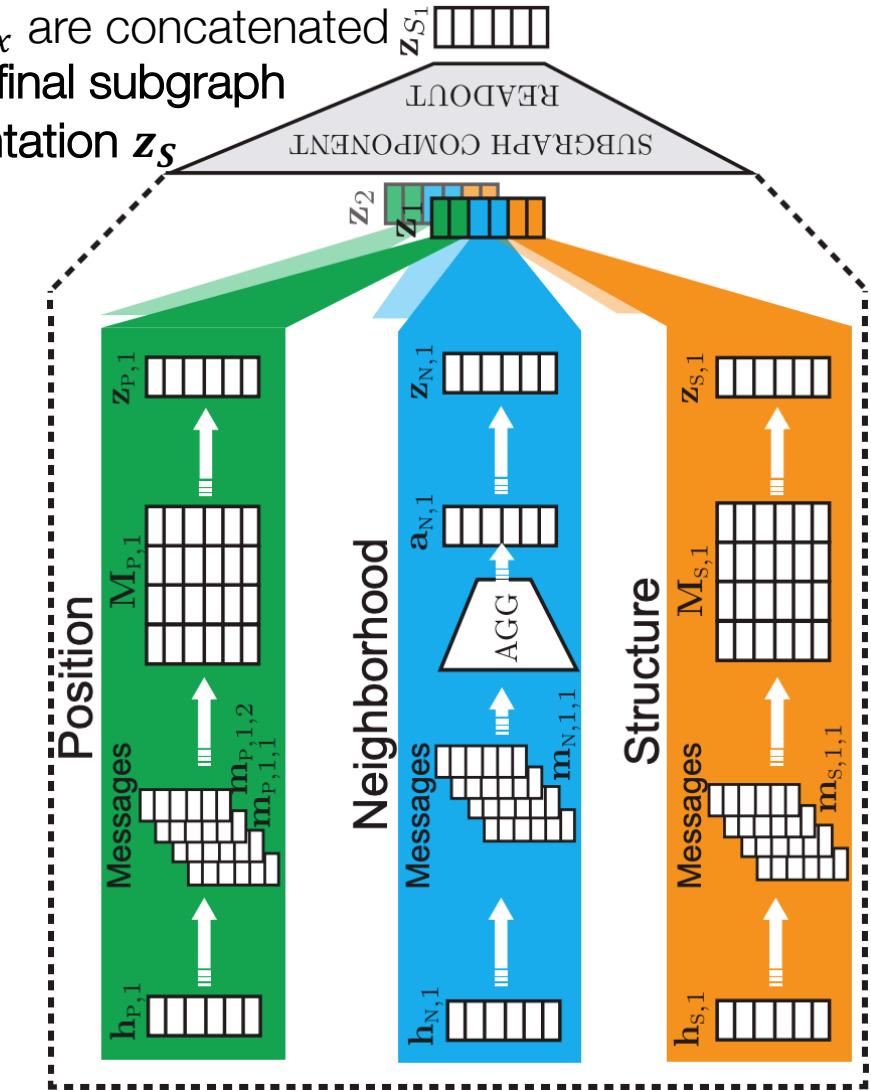
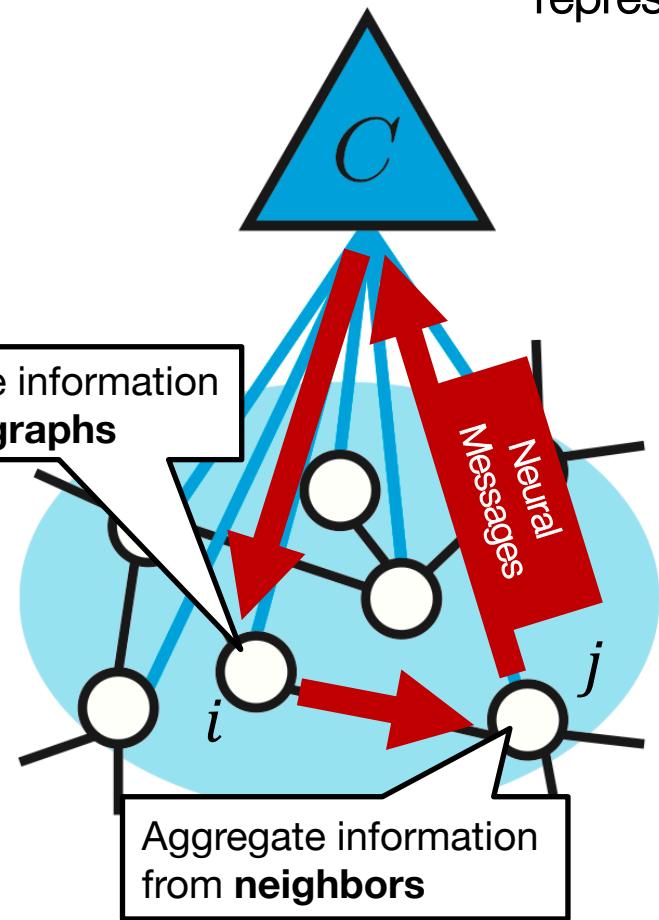
# #2: Property-aware Routing

- SubGNN specifies three channels for position, neighborhood, and structure
- Each channel  $x$  has three key elements:
  - Similarity function  $\gamma_x: (S^{(c)}, A_x) \rightarrow [0,1]$  to weigh messages exchanged between patches and subgraph components
  - Anchor patch sampling function  $\varphi_x: (G, S^{(c)}) \rightarrow A_x$  to sample patches from underlying graph
  - Anchor patch encoder  $\psi_x: A_x \rightarrow a_x$  to encode patches into embeddings  $a_x$
- These functions can be learned or pre-defined



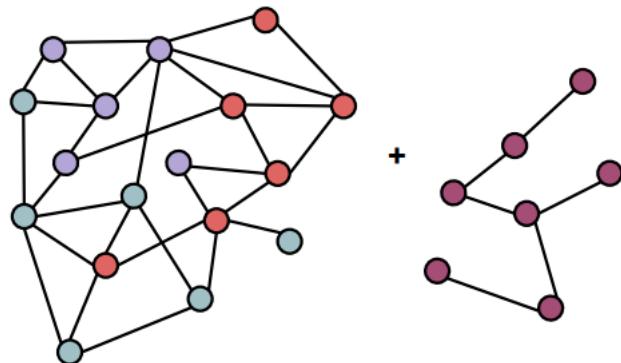
# SubGNN: Recap

Channel outputs  $\mathbf{z}_x$  are concatenated to produce a final subgraph representation  $\mathbf{z}_S$

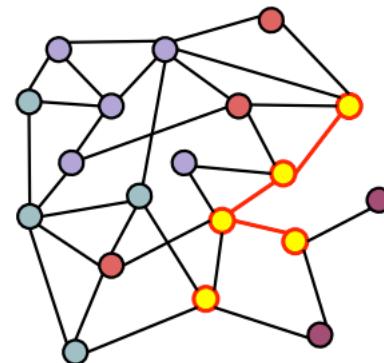


# Setup: Subgraph Datasets

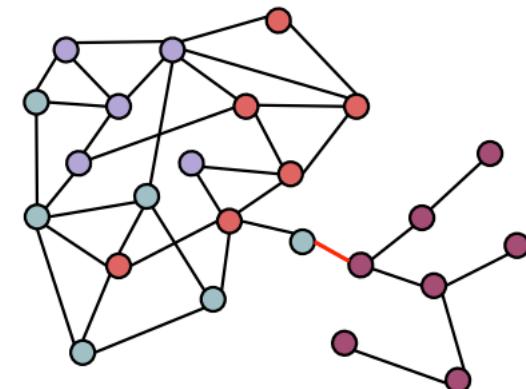
(a) Base graph and new subgraph



(b) Planting



(c) Stapling



- ● ● ● Nodes in graph (colors corresponding to a different subgraph)
- Edges in graph
- Shared nodes between base graph and new subgraph
- Shared edges between base graph and new subgraph

**Subgraph labels:** Binned values of a **metric** act as subgraph labels

**Metrics:**

- DENSITY tests if a method can capture the internal structure of subgraphs
- CUT RATIO tests if a method can capture border structure
- CORENESS tests if a method can capture border structure and position
- COMPONENT tests if a method can capture internal and external position

# Results: Synthetic Data

Method	DENSITY	CUT RATIO	CORENESS	COMPONENT
<b>SUB-GNN (Ours)</b>	<b>0.919±0.016</b>	<b>0.629±0.039</b>	<b>0.659±0.092</b>	<b>0.958±0.098</b>
Node Averaging	0.429±0.041	0.358±0.055	0.530±0.050	0.516±<0.001
Meta Node (GIN)	0.442±0.052	0.423±0.057	0.611±0.050	0.784±0.046
Meta Node (GAT)	0.690±0.021	0.284±0.052	0.519±0.076	0.935±<0.001
Sub2Vec				:0.039
Sub2Vec				:0.013
Sub2Vec				:0.021
Graph2Vec				:0.081

**Conclusion:** SubGNN can capture well different aspects of subgraph topology (position, neighborhood, structure)

- Shown are Micro-F1 scores + std across 100 runs
- SubGNN outperforms baselines by 75.4%; the strongest baseline by 17%
- Graph classification (GC) methods:
  - perform quite well on DENSITY (internal structure), as expected
  - perform poorly on datasets requiring a notion of position or border connectivity
- Meta-node methods:
  - perform well on COMPONENT dataset

# Real-World Datasets

- Four real world datasets
- Each consists of **a base graph** and **subgraphs with associated labels**
  - HPO-METAB and HPO-NEURO are clinical diagnostic tasks
  - They ask the following: **What is the subcategory of metabolic/neurological disease consistent with the phenotypes (i.e., phenotype subgraph)?**

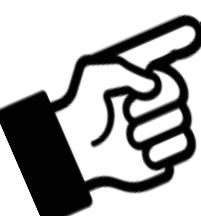
# Results: Real-World Datasets

Method	PPI-BP	HPO-NEURO	HPO-METAB	EM-USER
<b>SUBGNN (+ GIN)</b>	<b>0.599±0.024</b>	0.632±0.010	<b>0.537±0.023</b>	0.814±0.046
<b>SUBGNN (+ GraphSAINT)</b>	0.583±0.017	<b>0.644±0.019</b>	0.428±0.035	0.816±0.040
Node Averaging	0.297±0.027	0.490±0.059	0.443±0.063	0.808±0.138
Meta Node (GIN)	0.306±0.025	0.233±0.086	0.151±0.073	0.480±0.089
Meta Node (GAT)	0.307±0.021	0.259±0.063	0.138±0.034	0.471±0.048
Sub2Vec Neighborhood	0.306±0.009	0.211±0.068	0.132±0.047	0.520±0.090
Sub2Vec Structure	0.306±0.021	0.223±0.065	0.124±0.025	<b>0.859±0.014</b>
Sub2Vec N & S Concat	0.309±0.023	0.206±0.073	0.114±0.021	0.522±0.043
Graph-level GNN	0.398±0.058	0.535±0.032	0.452±0.025	0.561±0.059

- SubGNN outperforms baselines by an average of 77% on synthetic and **125% on real-world datasets**
- SubGNN channels encode their intended properties

Standard deviations from runs with 10 random seeds

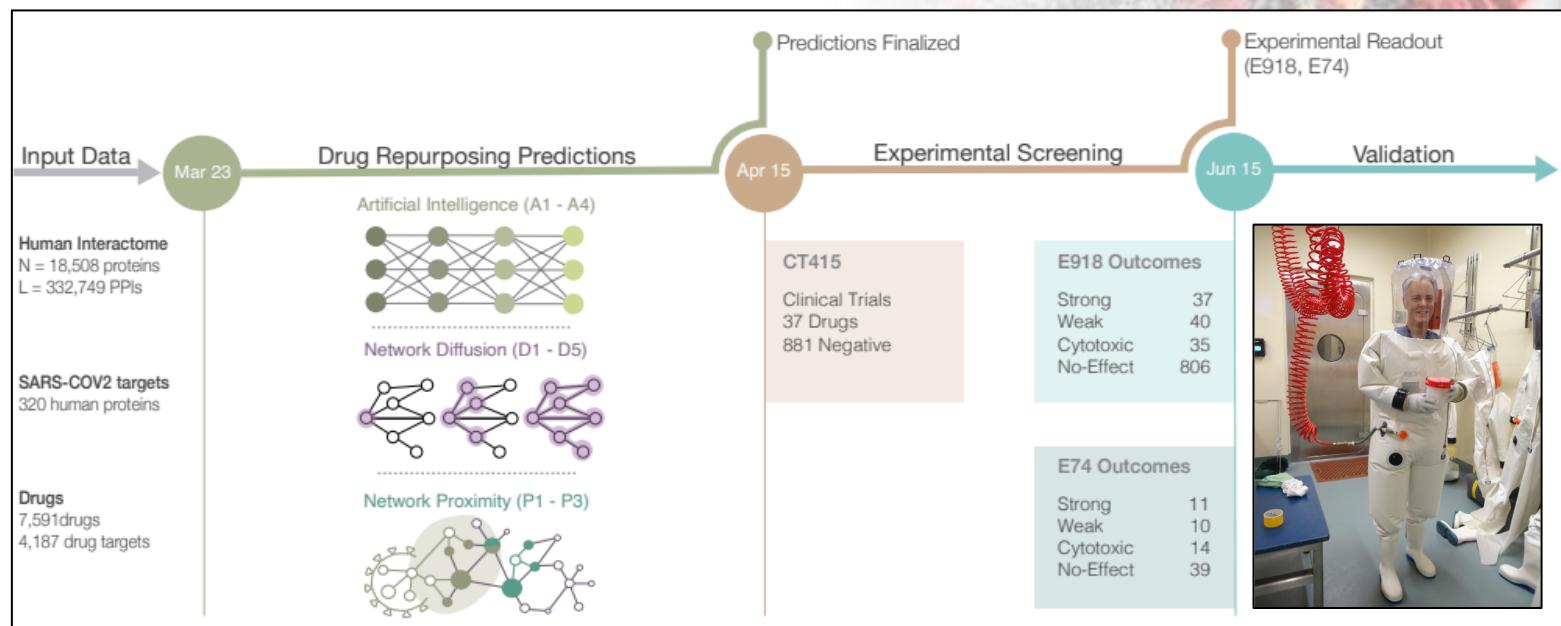
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 Methods: Few-shot learning for graphs

# Finding Cures for Emerging Diseases

The traditional approach of iterative development, experimental testing, clinical validation, and approval of new drugs are not feasible.

A more realistic strategy relies on drug repurposing, requiring us to identify clinically approved drugs that have a therapeutic effect in COVID-19 patients.



# New tricks for old drugs

*Faced with skyrocketing costs for developing new drugs, researchers are looking at ways to repurpose older ones — and even some that failed in initial trials.*



12–16 years, ~\$1 billion to \$2 billion

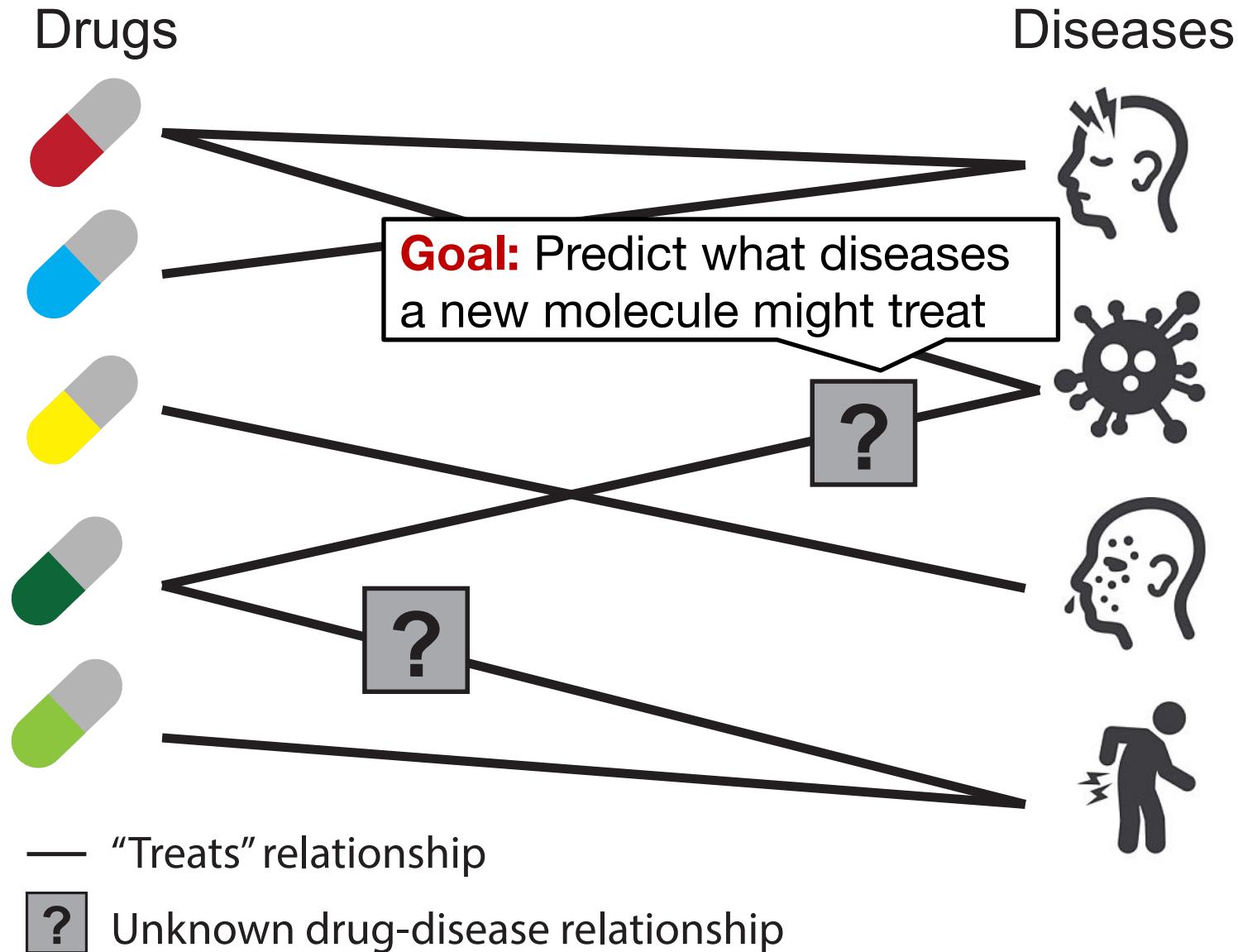
## A SHORTER TIMESCALE

Because most repositioned drugs have already passed the early phases of development and clinical testing, they can potentially win approval in less than half the time and at one-quarter of the cost.

## Drug repositioning

~6 years, ~\$300 million

# What drug treats what disease?

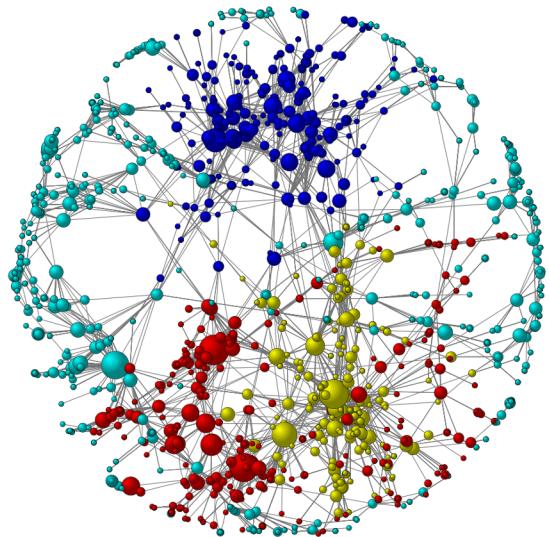


# Why is finding treatments for a new disease challenging?

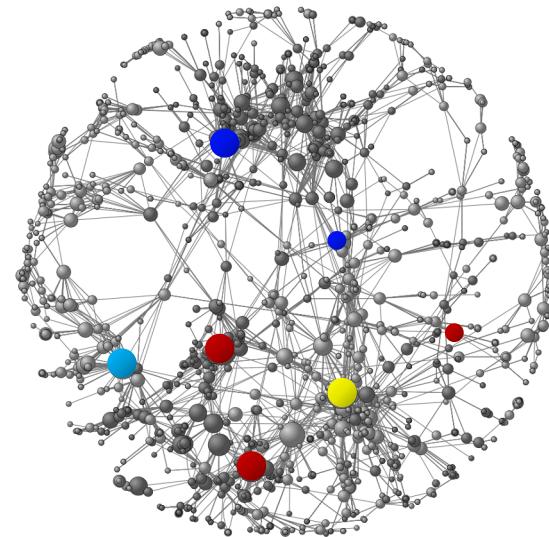
Generalizing to new phenomena is hard:

- Prevailing methods require **abundant label information**
- However, **labeled examples** are scarce
- Examples: Novel drugs in development, emerging diseases, rare diseases, hard-to-diagnose patients

**What prevailing  
methods assume**



**What happens in  
real world**



# Background: Meta Learning

- Meta-learning model
  - Trained over a variety of learning tasks
  - Optimized for best performance on a distribution of tasks, including potentially unseen tasks

- Each task is associated with a dataset  $D$ , containing both feature vectors and true labels
- The optimal model parameters are:

$$\theta^* = \arg \min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{D \sim p(D)} [\mathcal{L}_{\theta}(D)]$$

- It looks very similar to a normal learning task, but **one dataset** is considered as **one data sample**

# Background: Few-Shot Learning

Meta-Training

Training task 1

Support set

Training task 2

Support set

At test time, we need to build a “duck vs. dolphin vs. chicken” classifier. **However, we only 2 examples of ducks, 2 examples of dolphins, and 2 examples of chicken!**  
Few-shot learning makes this possible.

K=2

Goal: How to make predictions on a new graph or a new label set when we have only a handful of labels?

Query set



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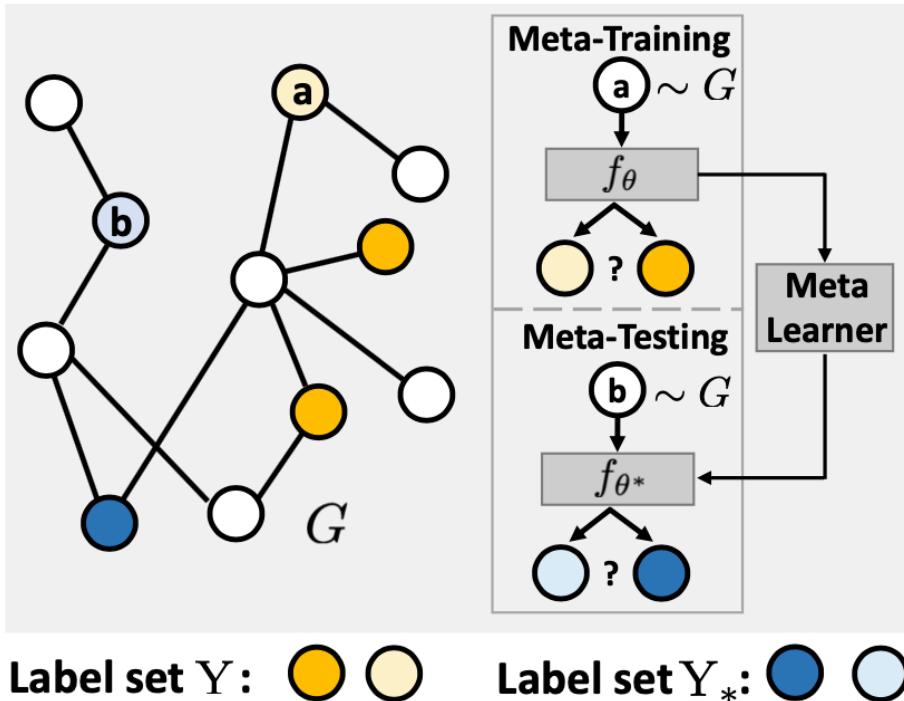
An example of 2-shot 3-way image classification

**Few-shot learning:** Instantiation of meta learning in the field of supervised learning

**K-shot N-class classification:** K labeled examples for each of N classes

# Problem Formulation: G-Meta

## A Single graph & disjoint labels

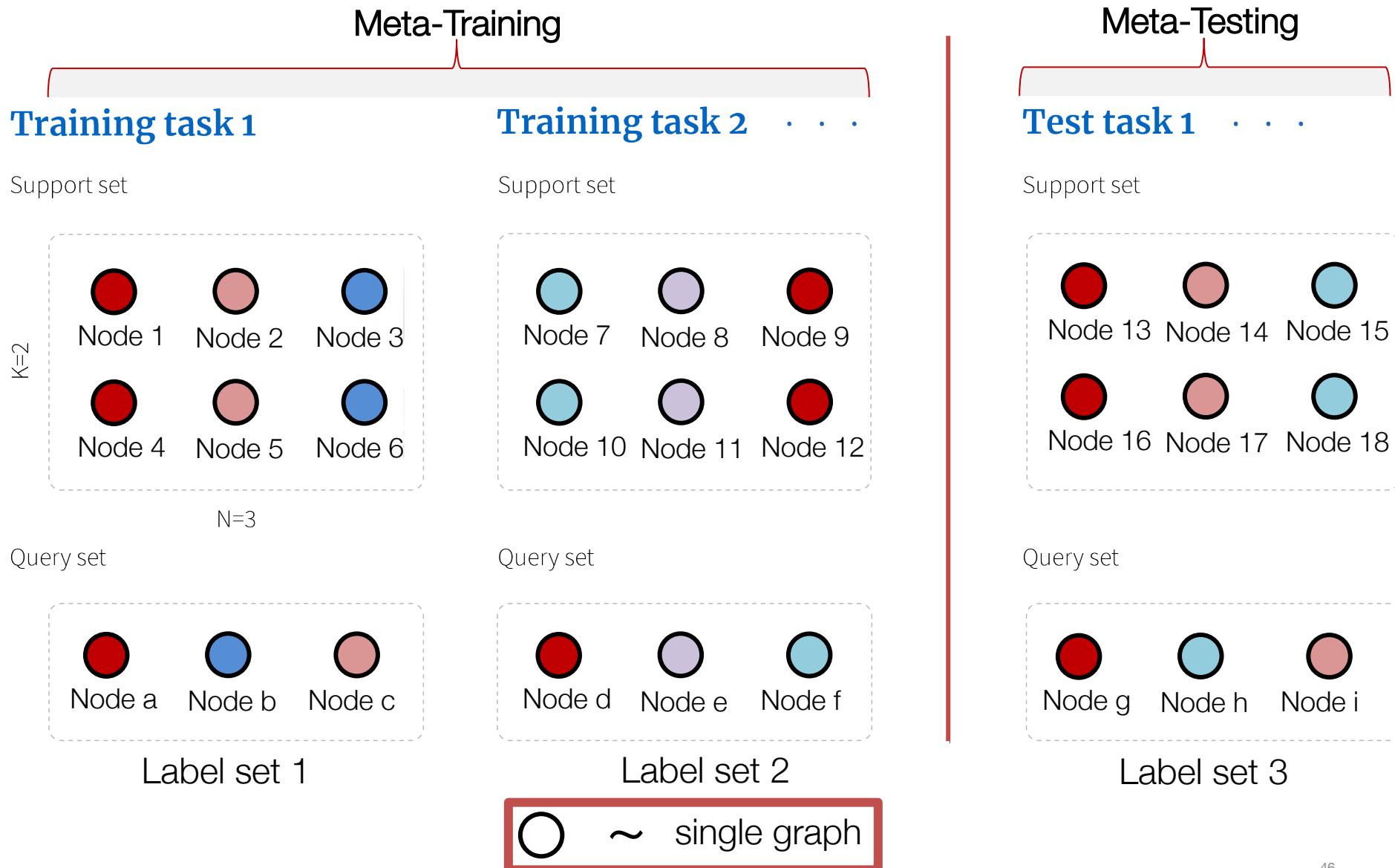


**Meta-learner** needs to classify an unseen label set by observing other label sets in the same graph

Each task is a batch of a few nodes/edges from a different label set in the same graph

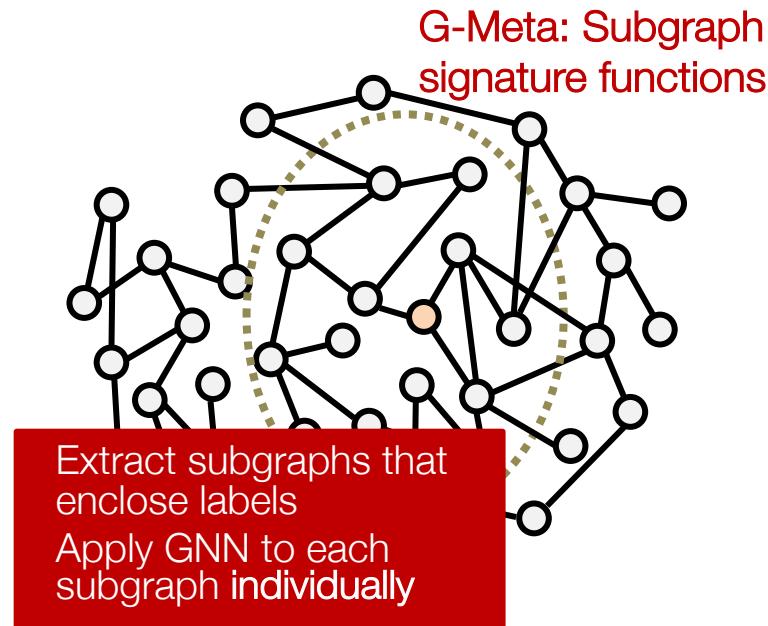
**Graph meta-learning problem 1: Single Graph and Disjoint Labels.** We have a graph  $G$  with a distribution of label set  $p(Y|G)$ . The goal is to adapt to an unseen label set  $Y_* \sim p(Y|G)$  by learning from tasks with other label sets  $Y_i \sim p(Y|G)$ , where  $Y_i \cap Y_* = \emptyset$  for every label set  $Y_i$ .

# G-Meta: Overview

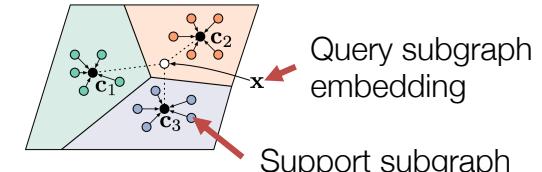


# Key Idea: Local Subgraphs

- Neural routing across subgraphs (not entire graphs!)
  - Subgraph signature functions learn how to map the structure of a sampled subgraphs to an effective initialization for a GNN
- We consider a distribution over subgraphs as the distribution over tasks from which a global set of parameters are learnt
- Deploy this strategy to train GNNs **few-shot link prediction**



# What is the value of subgraphs?



- Two sources of GNN power:
  - **Label propagation:** Nodes with the same label are nearby in the graph
  - **Structure similarity:** Nodes with the same label have similar network shapes in their local neighborhoods
- When labels are scarce:
  - **Label propagation** is not sufficient
    - When only a handful of nodes are labeled, it is challenging to efficiently propagate labels through the entire graph
    - Graph-level embeddings cannot capture structure of large graphs
  - Need to better leverage **structural equivalence**
    - Local subgraphs capture structural information
    - G-Meta learns a metric to classify query subgraph using the closest point from the support set [It compares query subgraph embedding to the support subgraph embedding]

# Theoretical Motivation for G-Meta

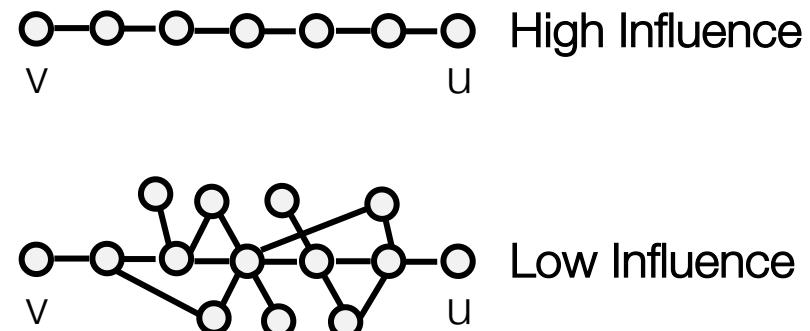
**Theorem 1 (Decaying Property of Node Influence).** Let  $t$  be a path between node  $u$  and node  $v$  and let  $D_{\text{GM}}^t$  be a geometric mean of node degrees occurring on path  $t$ . Let  $D_{\text{GM}}^{t_*} = \min_t \{D_{\text{GM}}^t\}$  and  $h_* = d(u, v)$ . Consider the node influence  $I_{u,v}$  from  $v$  to  $u$ . Then,  $I_{u,v} \leq C/(D_{\text{GM}}^{t_*})^{h_*}$ .

**Theorem 2 (Local Subgraph Preservation Property).** Let  $S_u$  be a local subgraph for node  $u$  with neighborhood size  $h$ . Let node  $v$  be defined as:  $v = \operatorname{argmax}_w (\{I_{u,w} | w \in \mathcal{V} \setminus \mathcal{V}^u\})$ . Let  $\bar{t}$  be a path between  $u$  and  $v$  and let  $D_{\text{GM}}^{\bar{t}}$  be a geometric mean of node degrees occurring on path  $\bar{t}$ . Let  $D_{\text{GM}}^{\bar{t}_*} = \min_{\bar{t}} \{D_{\text{GM}}^{\bar{t}}\}$ . The following holds:  $R_h(u) \leq C/(D_{\text{GM}}^{\bar{t}_*})^{h+1}$ .

The influence of a node on the target node decays exponentially as we go further away from the target

TL;DR:

- Local subgraphs around target nodes contain all the relevant information
- Local subgraphs preserve near the same feature information as the entire graph



# COVID-19 Repurposing Dataset

Viral-Human  
Protein-Protein Interaction



Human-Human  
Protein-Protein Interaction

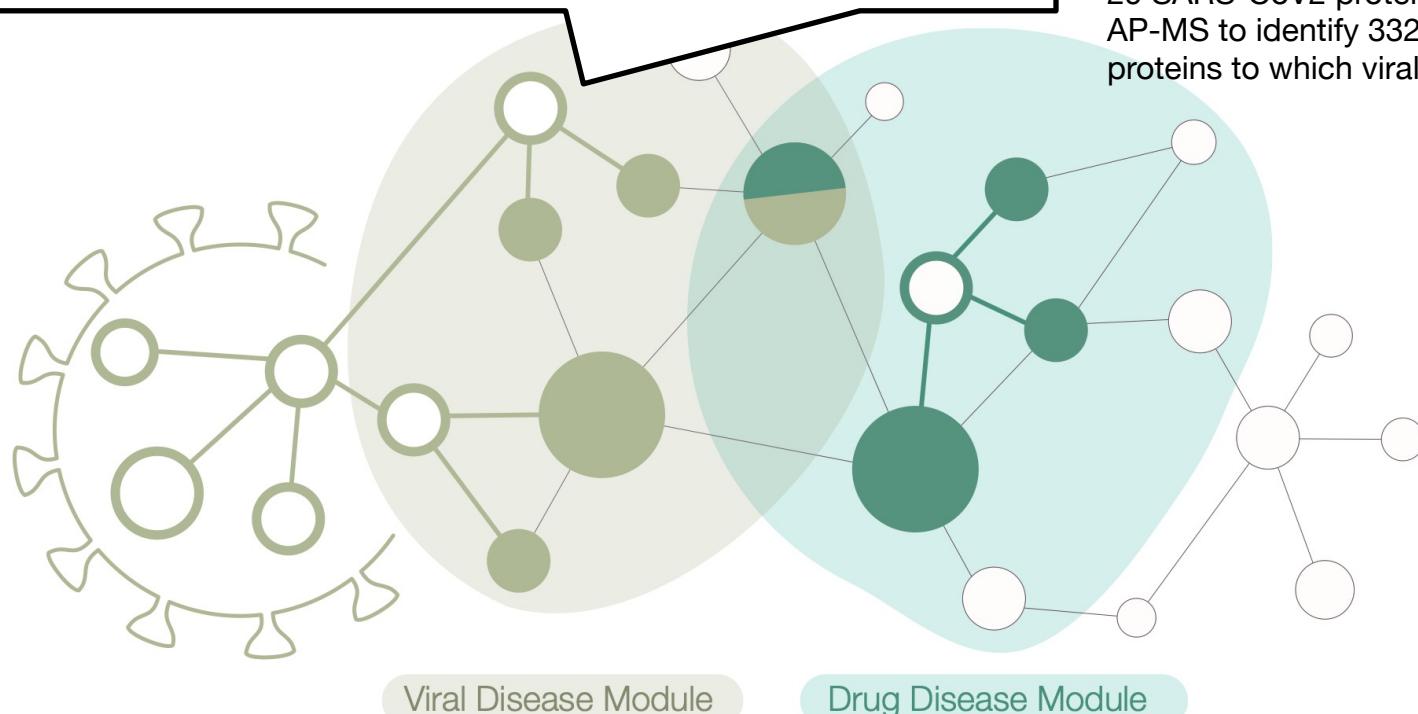


Drug-Human  
Protein-Protein Interaction

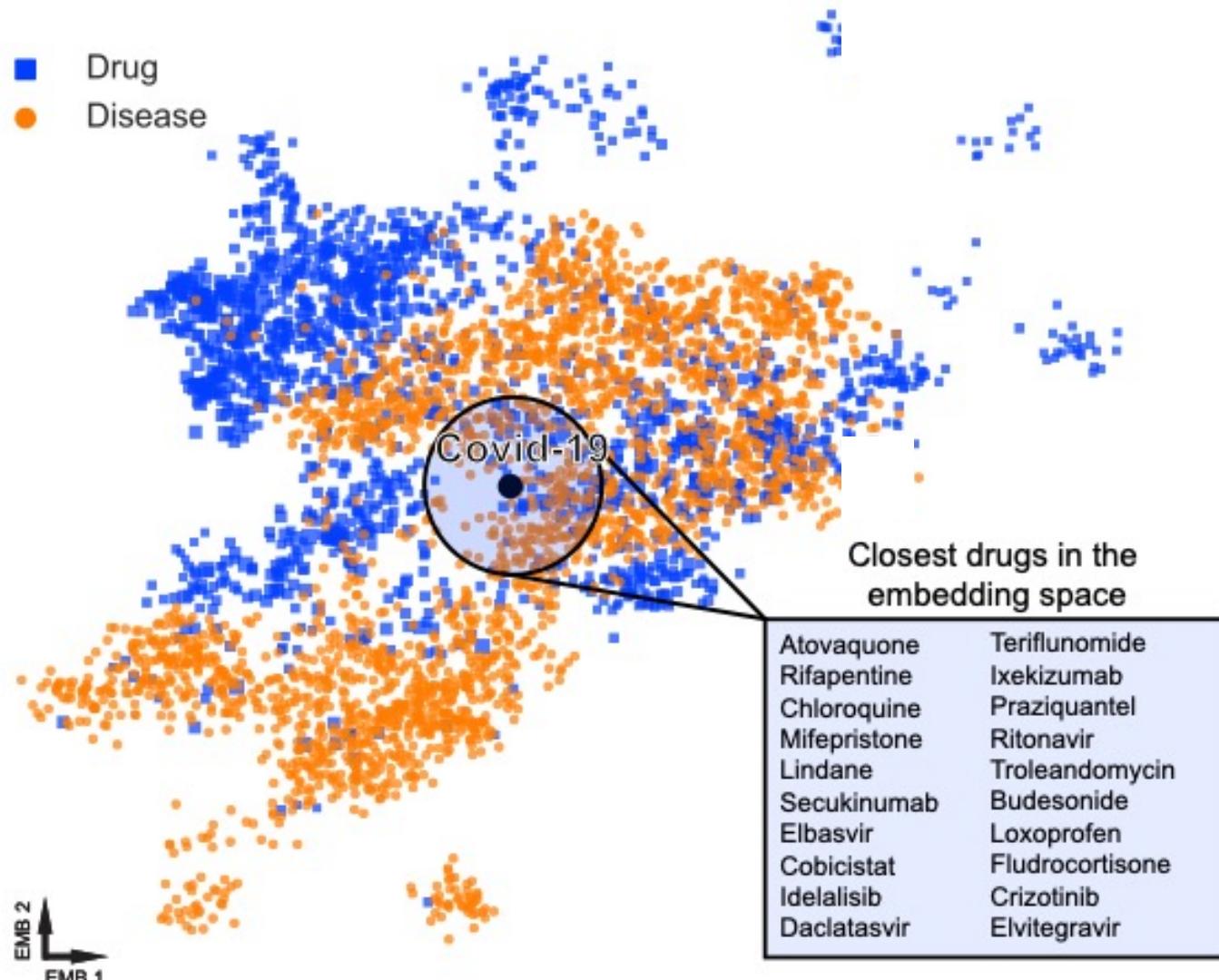


**How to represent COVID-19? Network neighborhood  
of human PPI network targeted by SARS-CoV2 virus**

**Viral Disease Module:** Gordon et al., Nature 2020 expressed 26 of the 29 SARS-CoV2 proteins and used AP-MS to identify 332 human proteins to which viral proteins bind

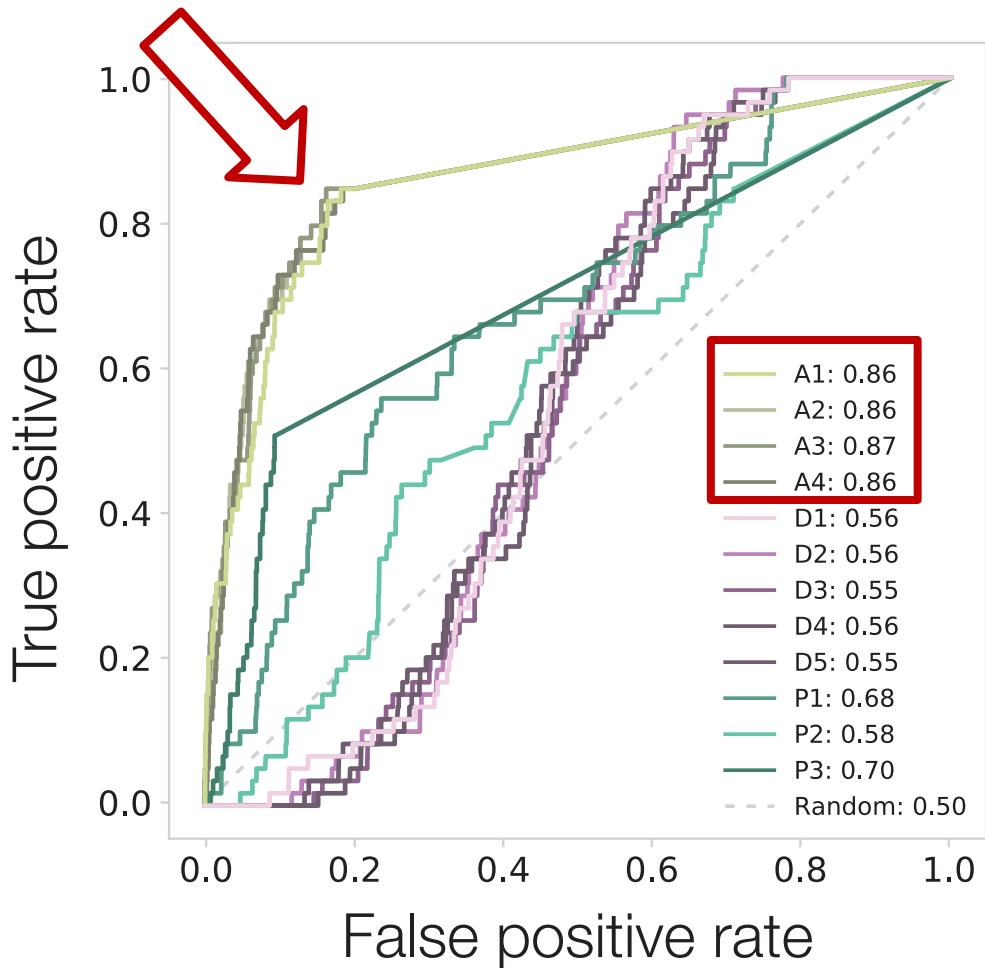


# Results: Embedding Space



# Results: COVID-19 Repurposing

## Individual ROC



We test each pipeline's ability to recover drugs currently in clinical trials for COVID-19 (67 drugs from ClinicalTrials.gov).

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The best individual ROC curves are obtained by the AI-based methods.

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The second-best performance is provided by the proximity P3. Close behind is P1 with AUC = 0.68 and AUC = 0.58.

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Diffusion methods offer ROC between 0.55-0.56.

# Results: Experimental Validation of Predictions



National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratories (NEIDL)

CRank	Drug Name
1	Ritonavir
2	Isoniazid
3	Troleandomycin
4	Cilostazol
5	Chloroquine
6	Rifabutin
7	Flutamide
8	Dexamethasone
9	Rifaximin
10	Azelastine
11	Crizotinib

17	Celecoxib
18	Betamethasone
19	Prednisolone
20	Mifepristone
21	Budesonide
22	Prednisone
23	Oxiconazole
24	Megestrol acetate
25	Idelalisib
26	Econazole
27	Dehorserole

Ranked lists of drugs

New algorithms:

Prioritizing Network Communities, *Nature Communications* 2018

Subgraph Neural Networks, *NeurIPS* 2020

Graph Meta Learning via Local Subgraphs, *NeurIPS* 2020

**Results:** 918 compounds screened for their efficacy against SARS-CoV-2 in VeroE6 cells:

- 77 showed strong/weak effect being active over a broad range of concentrations
- An order of magnitude higher hit rate among top 100 drugs than prior work

# Results: Network Drugs

- 76/77 drugs that successfully reduced viral infection do not bind proteins targeted by SARS-CoV-2:
  - These drugs rely on **network-based actions** that cannot be identified by docking-based strategies

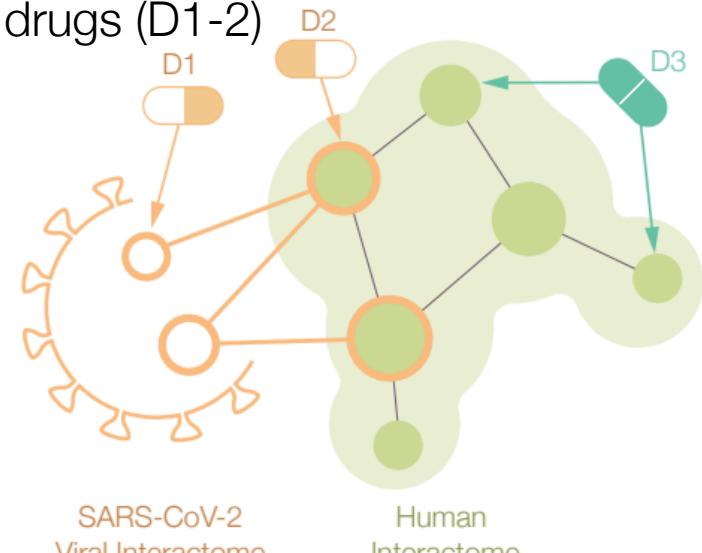
Strong  
Weak

CRank	Drug Name	CRank	Drug Name
5	Chloroquine	423	Pitavastatin
6	Rifabutin	431	Tenoxicam
9	Rifaximin	438	Quinidine
10	Azelastine	456	Sertraline
16	Folic acid	460	Ingenol mebutate
32	Methotrexate	463	Noregrestromin
33	Digoxin	493	Sildenafil
44	Hydroxychloroquine	499	Eliglustat
50	Omeprazole	518	Ulipristal
113	Clobetasol propionate	553	Cinacalcet
118	Auranofin	556	Perphenazine
120	Vinblastine	558	Idarubicin
199	Fluvastatin	564	Perhexiline
210	Clomifene	569	Amiodarone
233	Ibuprofen	577	Duloxetine
235	Ivermectin	585	Toremifene
243	Atorvastatin	586	Afatinib
253	Pralatrexate	601	Amitriptyline
263	Cobimetinib	626	Medcizine
269	Hydralazine	635	Valsartan
297	Propranolol	651	Eletriptan
317	Osimertinib	673	Sotalol
348	Vincristine	678	Thioridazine
367	Doxazosin	695	Chlorycyclizine
397	Rosiglitazone	707	Omacetaxine mepesuccinate
398	Aminolevulinic acid	721	Candesartan

58/77 drugs with positive experimental outcome are among top 750 ranked drugs

CRank	Drug Name
742	Mianserin
755	Clofazimine
767	Chlorpromazine
772	Imipramine
830	Promazine
900	L-Alanine
917	Moxifloxacin
933	Tasimelteon
995	Vandetanib
1000	Azilsartan medoxomil
1020	Frovatriptan
1034	Zolmitriptan
1035	Procarbazine
1093	Asenapine
1107	Dyclonine
1140.5	Clemastine
1194	Prochlorperazine
1222	Miglustat
1224	Prenylamine
1276	Dalfampridine
1314	Cinchocaine
1355	Methotriptazine
1396	Methylthioninium
1403	Metixene
1443	Trifluoperazine

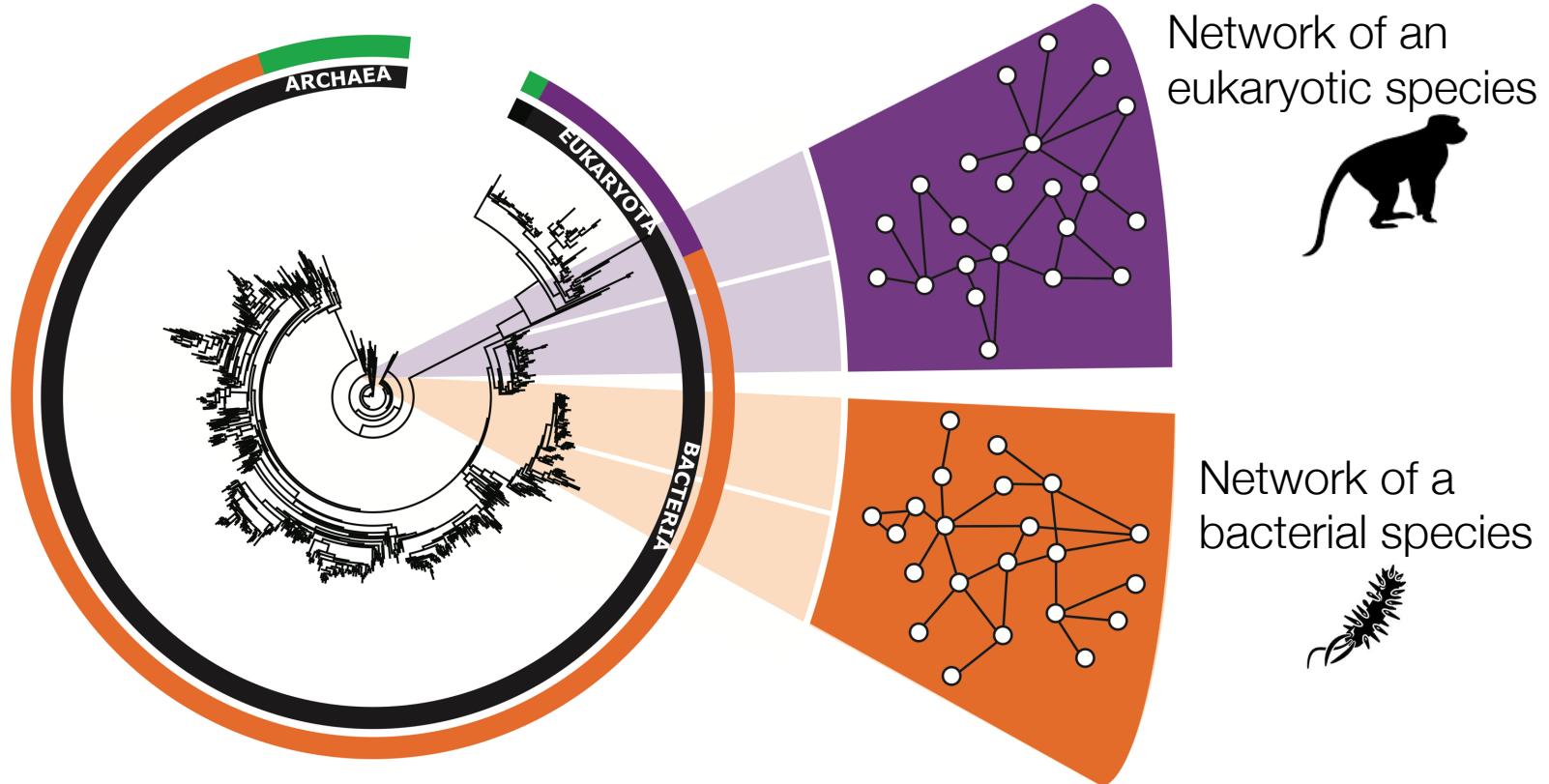
Direct target drugs (D1-2)



SARS-CoV-2  
Viral Interactome

Network drugs (D3)

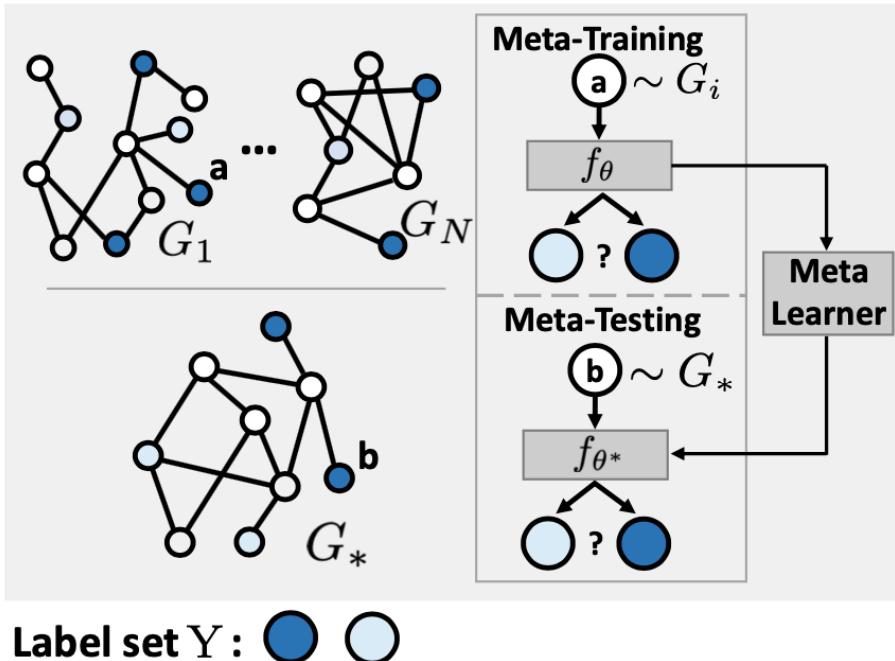
# Transfer Learning Across Graphs: Tree-of-Life Dataset



Motivation: How can we leverage PPI networks of model organisms to complete human PPI network?

# Problem Formulation: G-Meta

## B Multiple graphs & shared labels



Meta-learner needs to make predictions on a new graph by learning from other graphs with the same label set

Each task is a batch of a few nodes/edges from the **same** label set but from a **different** graph

**Graph meta-learning problem 2: Multiple Graphs and Shared Labels.** We have a distribution of graphs  $p(G)$  and one label set  $Y$ . The goal is to learn from graph  $G_j \sim p(G)$  and quickly adapt to an unseen graph  $G_* \sim p(G)$ , where  $G_j$  and  $G_*$  are disjoint. All tasks share the same labels.

# Few-Shot Learning across Graphs



# G-Meta: Results

Graph Meta-Learning Problem	Single graph Disjoint labels	Multiple graphs Shared labels	Multiple graphs Disjoint labels	Multiple graphs Shared labels	Multiple graphs Shared labels
Prediction Task	Node	Node	Node	Link	Link
Dataset	ogbn-arxiv	Tissue-PPI	Fold-PPI	FirstMM-DB	Tree-of-Life
<b>G-META (Ours)</b>	<b>0.451<math>\pm</math>0.032</b>	<b>0.768<math>\pm</math>0.029</b>	<b>0.561<math>\pm</math>0.059</b>	<b>0.784<math>\pm</math>0.028</b>	<b>0.722<math>\pm</math>0.032</b>
Meta-Graph	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.719 $\pm$ 0.020	0.705 $\pm$ 0.004
Meta-GNN	0.273 $\pm$ 0.122	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FS-GIN	0.336 $\pm$ 0.042	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FS-SGC	0.347 $\pm$ 0.005	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
KNN	0.392 $\pm$ 0.015	0.619 $\pm$ 0.025	0.433 $\pm$ 0.034	0.603 $\pm$ 0.072	0.649 $\pm$ 0.012
No-Finetune	0.364 $\pm$ 0.014	0.516 $\pm$ 0.006	0.376 $\pm$ 0.017	0.509 $\pm$ 0.006	0.505 $\pm$ 0.001
Finetune	0.359 $\pm$ 0.010	0.521 $\pm$ 0.013	0.370 $\pm$ 0.022	0.511 $\pm$ 0.007	0.504 $\pm$ 0.003
ProtoNet	0.372 $\pm$ 0.017	0.546 $\pm$ 0.025	0.382 $\pm$ 0.031	0.779 $\pm$ 0.020	0.697 $\pm$ 0.010
MAML	0.389 $\pm$ 0.021	0.745 $\pm$ 0.051	0.482 $\pm$ 0.062	0.758 $\pm$ 0.025	0.719 $\pm$ 0.012

- G-Meta can **successfully learn in challenging, few-shot learning settings**: up to 29.9 % over previous works and 16.3 % over other meta learning methods
- G-Meta **scales to large graphs**: on our new Tree-of-Life dataset comprising of 1,840 graphs, 100x increase in graph size relative to prior work

Reported is multi-class classification accuracy (five-fold average) and standard deviation. N/A means the method does not apply.

# Plan for Today

- ✓ Safe drugs and drug combinations  
Methods: Multi-relational link prediction on KGs
- ✓ Patient outcomes & disease classification  
Methods: Subgraph embeddings
- ✓ Effective disease treatments  
Methods: Few-shot learning for graphs