



Introduction

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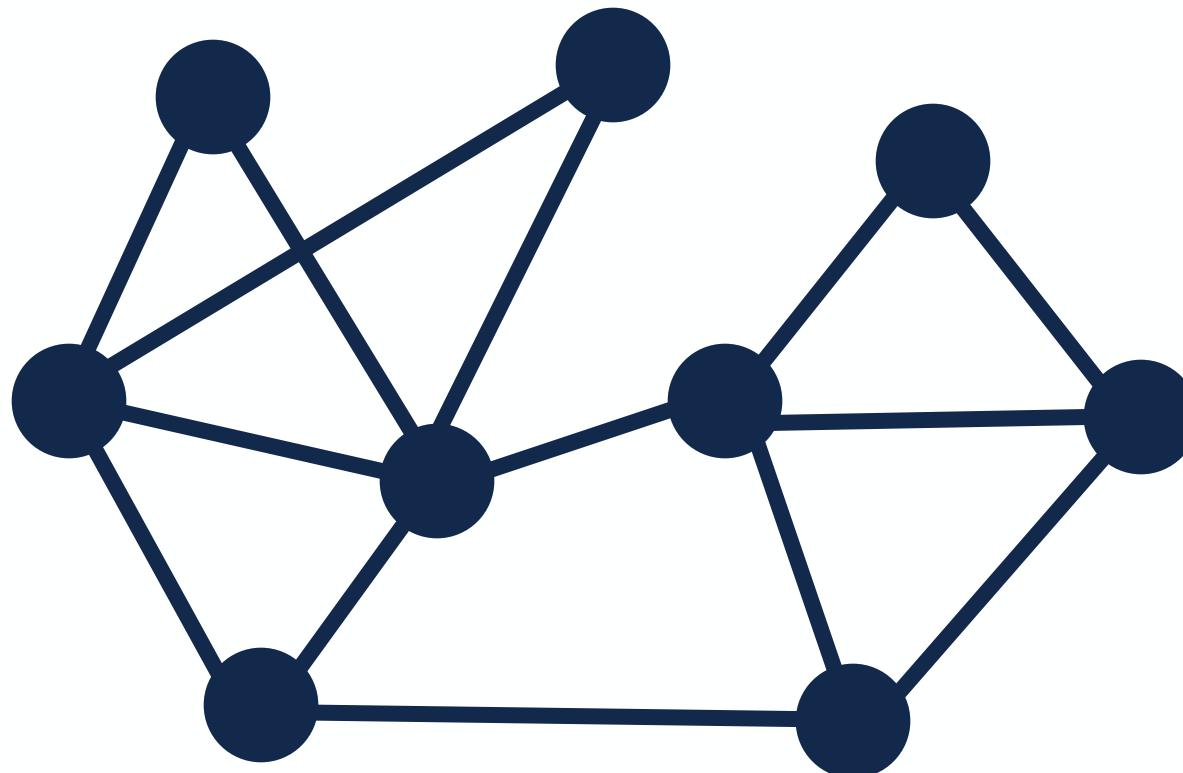


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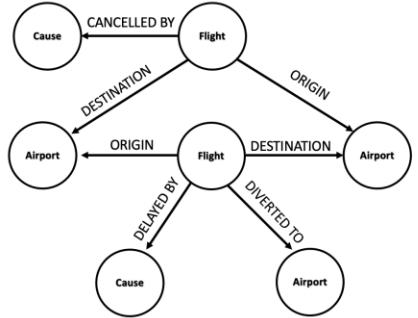
Deep Learning with Graphs

Why Graphs?

- **Graph: General language for describing and analyzing entities with relations or interactions.**



Many Types of Data are Graphs (1)



Event Graphs

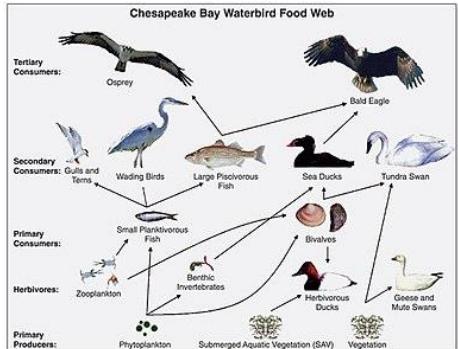


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Food Webs

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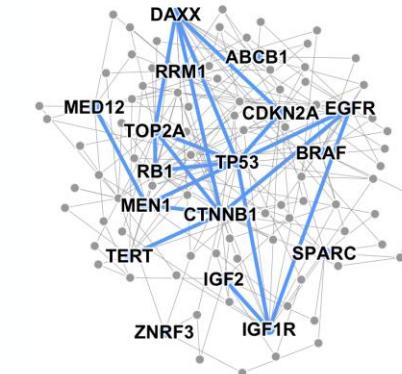
Computer Networks



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Particle Networks

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Disease Pathways

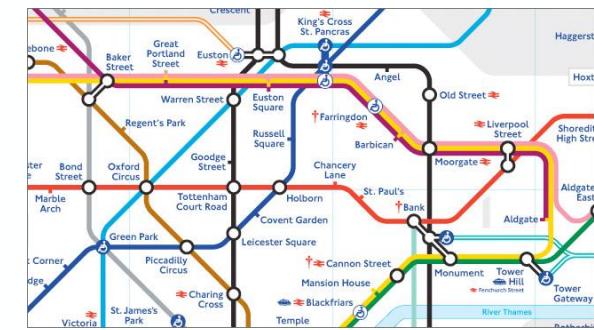


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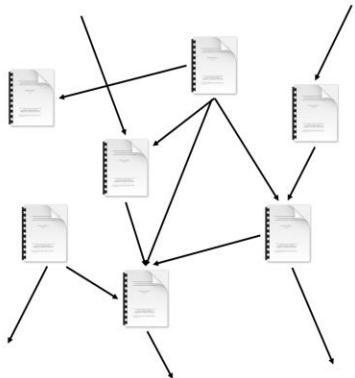
Underground Networks

Many Types of Data are Graphs (2)



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Social Networks



Citation Networks

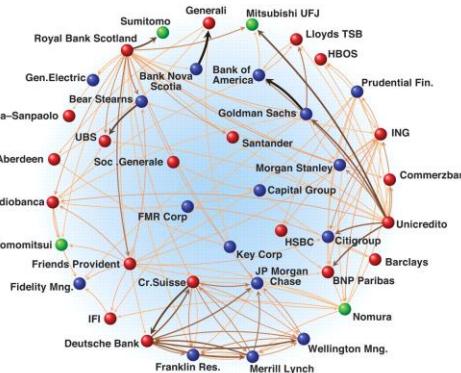


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Economic Networks



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Internet



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Communication Networks

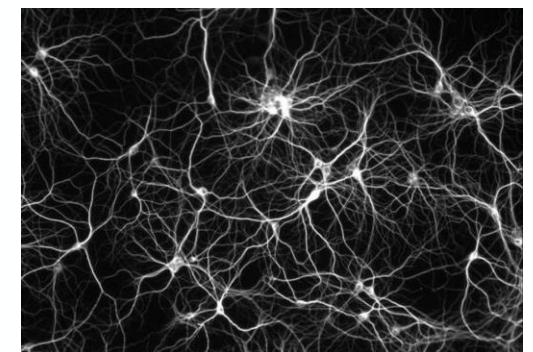


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Networks of Neurons

Many Types of Data are Graphs (3)

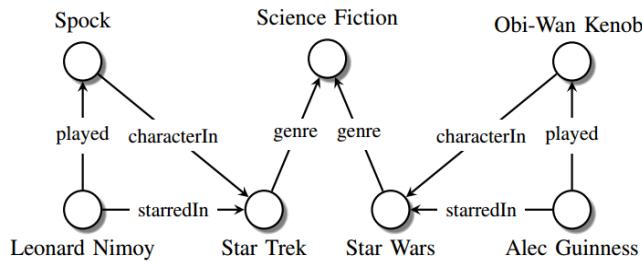


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Knowledge Graphs

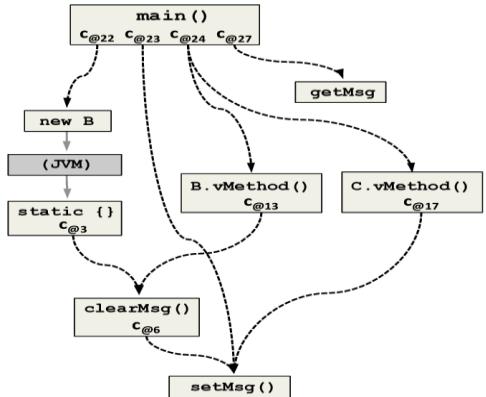


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Code Graphs

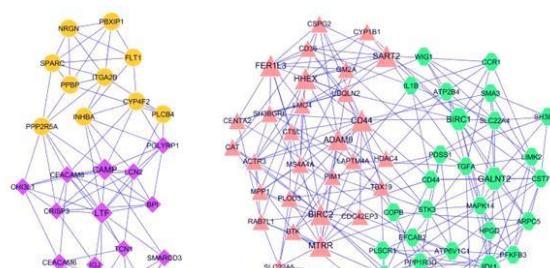


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Regulatory Networks

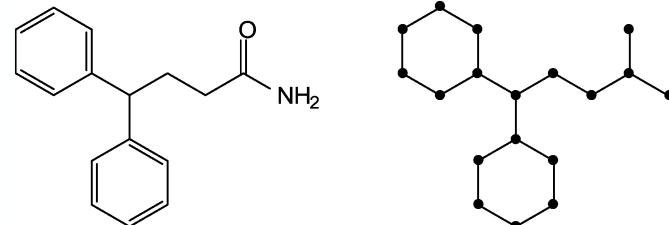


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Molecules

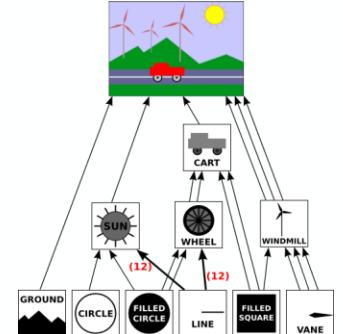


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Scene Graphs

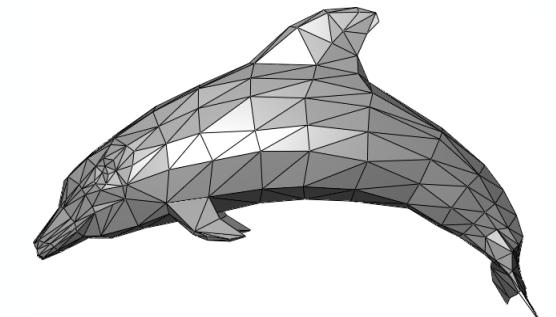


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3D Shapes



Graph Machine Learning

Machine learning: predict from data

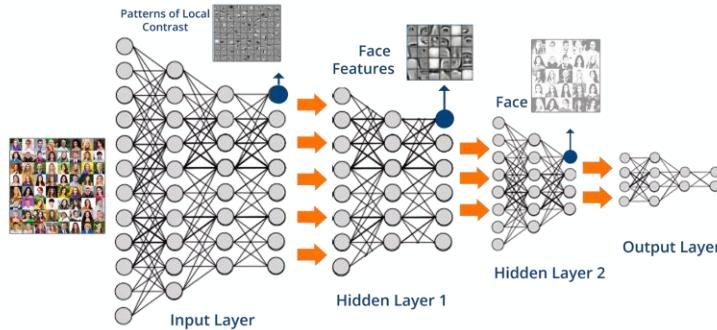
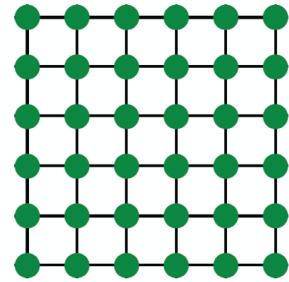
Observation:

- Relational information – graphs – are ubiquitous
- Standard ML methods do not (explicitly) model relations

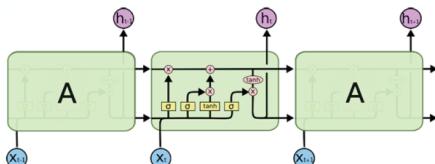
Graph machine learning:

- How do we take advantage of **relational information** for better prediction?

Modern ML Toolbox



Images



Text/Speech



Images

Modern deep learning toolbox is designed for simple sequences & grids.



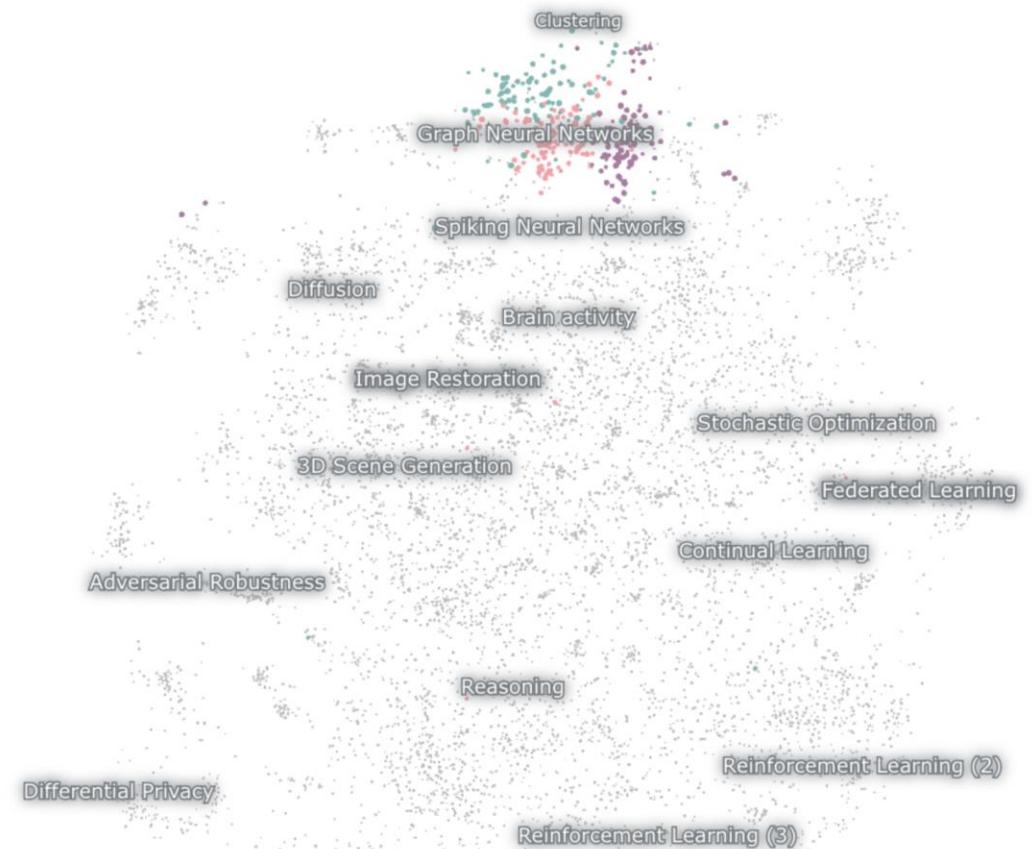
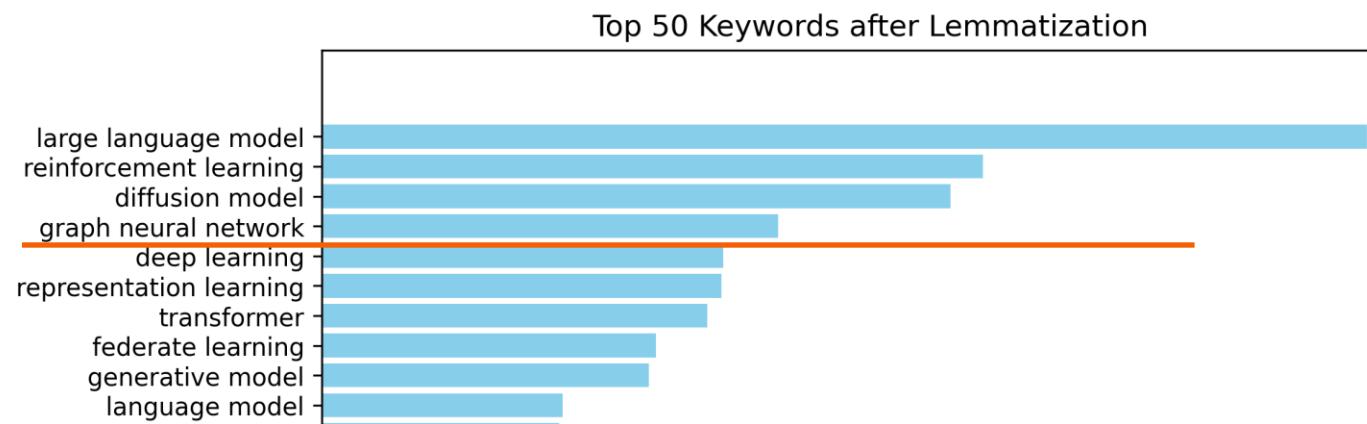
Modern ML Toolbox

- Not everything can be represented as a sequence or a grid.
- How can we develop neural networks that are much more broadly applicable, beyond sequences and images?
- **Graph neural network** is a new class of neural networks, representing a new frontier of deep learning



Hot Subfield in AI

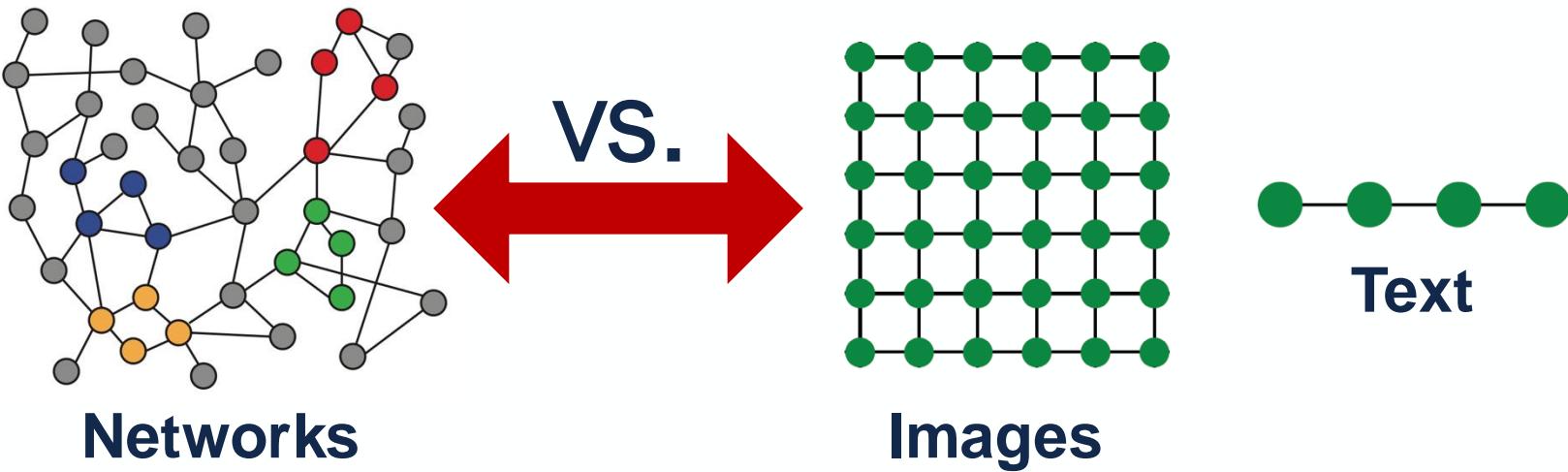
ICLR 2024 visualization



Why is Graph Deep Learning Hard?

- **Networks are complex.**

- Arbitrary size and complex topological structure (i.e., no spatial locality like )



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



★Reminder: Use Graphs Wisely

- Graph is a general language, but don't over-use it!
 - E.g., graphs subsumes lattices/sequences
- Suggested checklist
 - Will representing my data as graphs bring more information?
 - If your graph can be fully induced from existing data, think twice
 - E.g., construct K nearest neighbor graph from your embeddings, worth it?
 - Will representing my data as graphs lose information?
 - Graphs are unordered. Graph nodes/edges need features
 - E.g., molecule as graphs -> lose the distance information -> add as edge feature
 - Are there more efficient alternative representations?
 - Understand the trade-off between expressiveness & efficiency. How important is the relational info?
 - E.g., images as grids, text as sequences

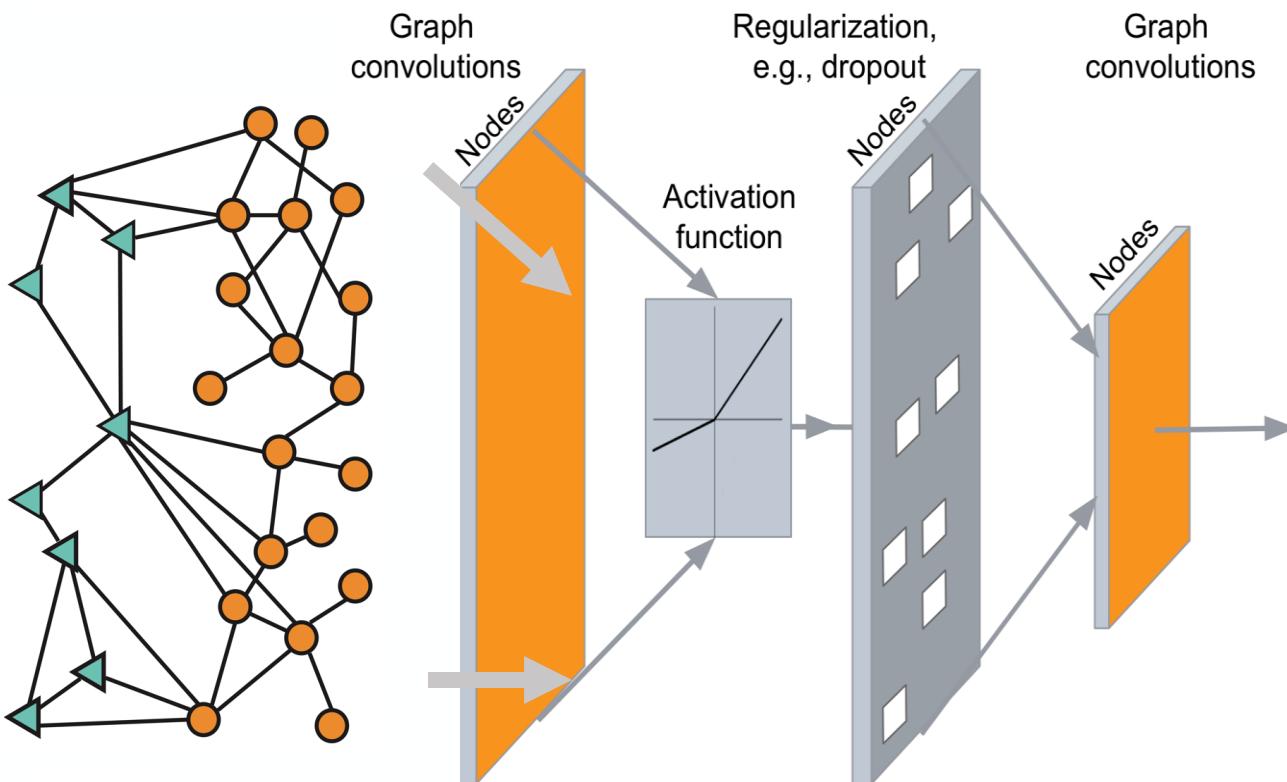


This Course

- How can we develop neural networks that are much more broadly applicable?
- **Graphs** are the new frontier of deep learning.

Deep Learning with Graphs

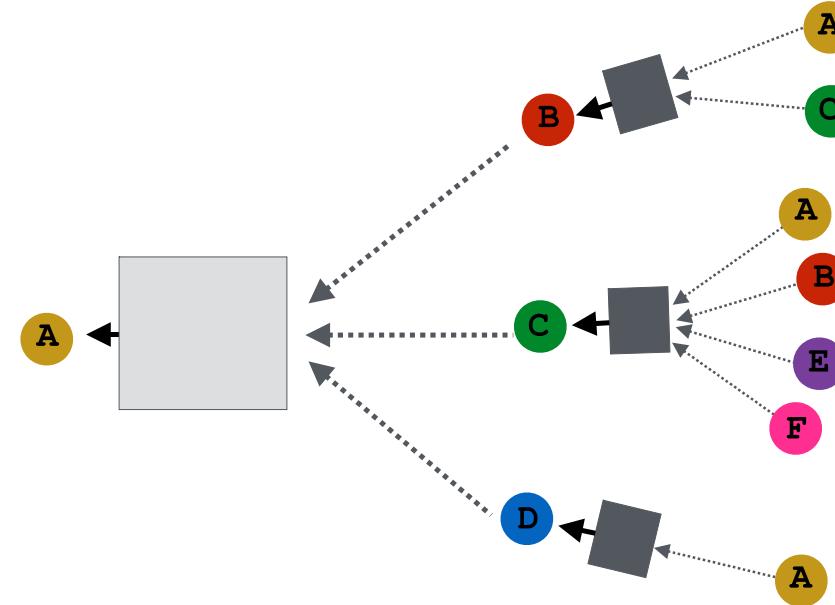
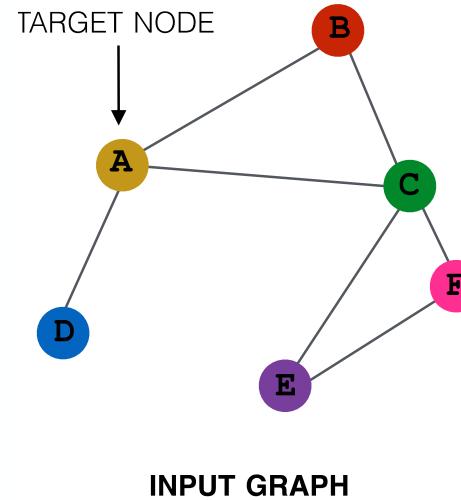
Input:
Network



Predictions:
... Node labels,
New links,
Generated
graphs and
subgraphs

Graph Neural Networks

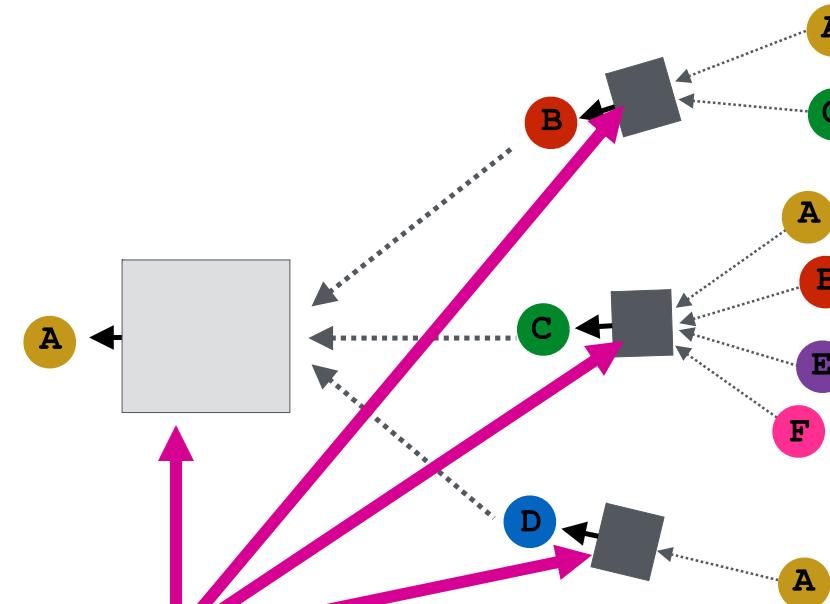
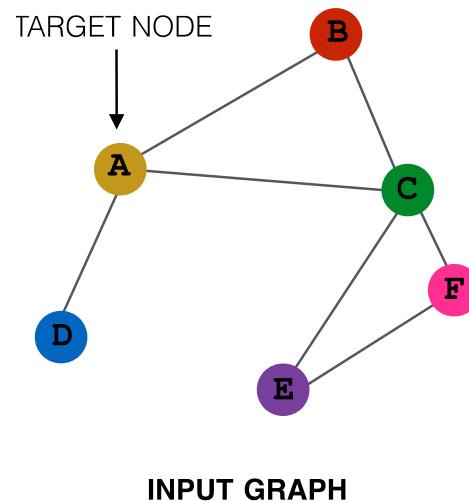
- Each node defines a computation graph.
 - Each edge in this graph is a transformation/aggregation function



Scarselli et al. 2005. The Graph Neural Network Model. *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks*.

Graph Neural Networks

- Intuition: Nodes aggregate information from their neighbors using neural networks.

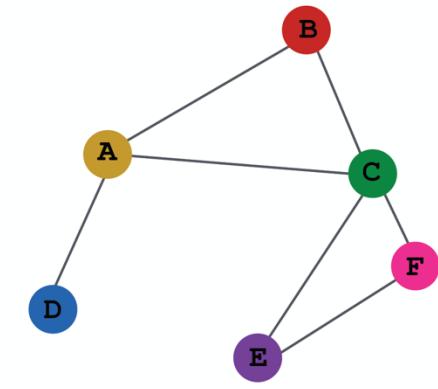


Inductive Representation Learning on Large Graphs. W. Hamilton, R. Ying, J. Leskovec. NIPS, 2017.

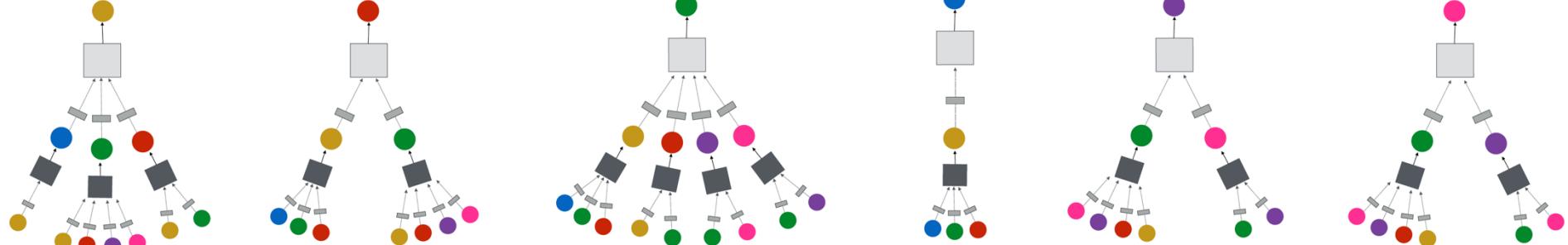
Idea: Aggregate Neighbors

- Intuition: Network neighborhood defines a computation graph.

Every node defines a computation graph based on its neighborhood!

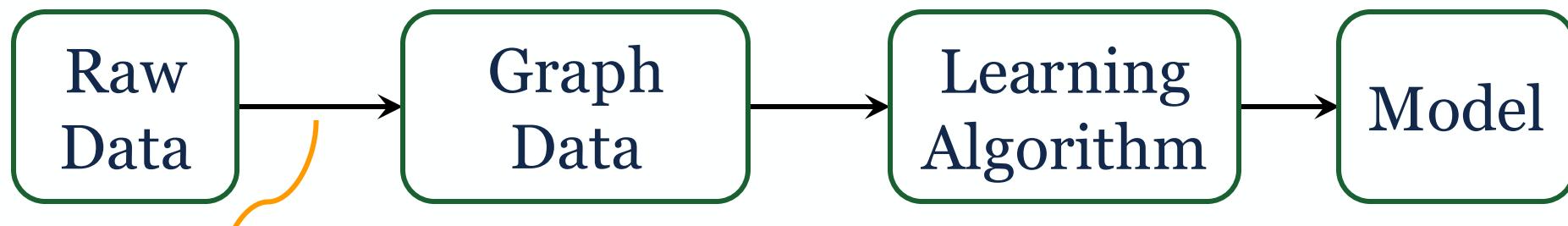


INPUT GRAPH



Representation Learning

- (Supervised) Machine Learning Lifecycle: This feature, that feature. Every single time!



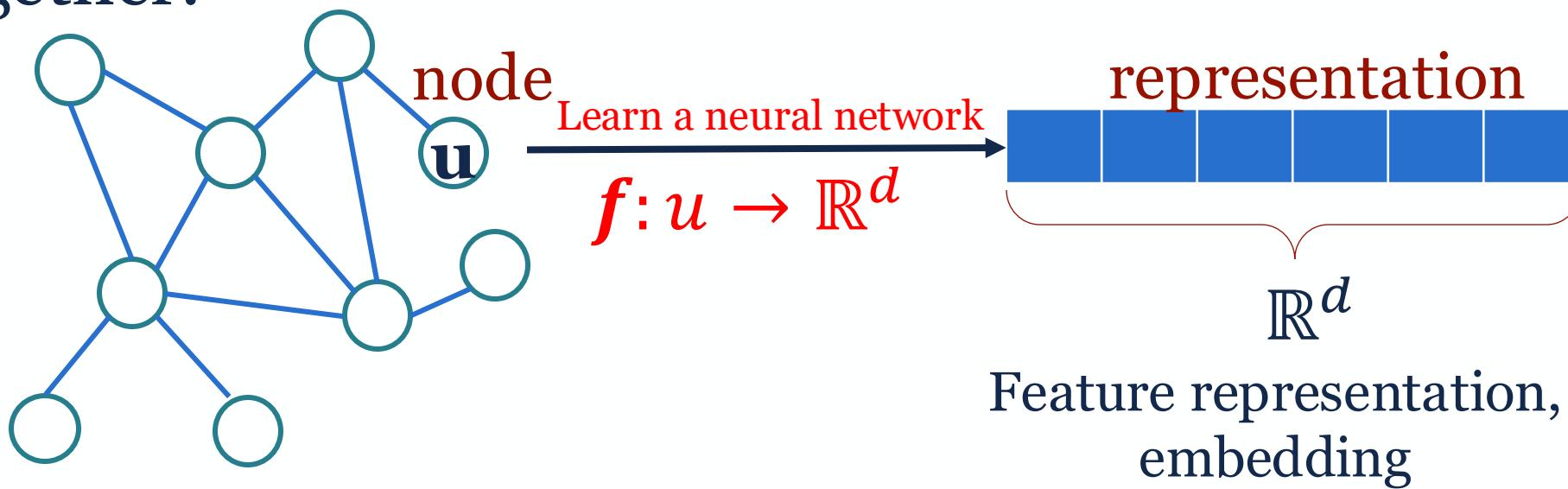
~~Feature
Engineering~~

Representation
Learning --
Automatically
learn the features

Downstream
prediction task

Representation Learning

- Map nodes to d -dimensional embeddings such that similar nodes in the network are embedded close together.





Course Outline

- We are going to explore Machine Learning and Representation Learning for graph data:
 - Traditional methods: Graphlets, Graph Kernels
 - Methods for node embeddings: DeepWalk, Node2Vec
 - Graph Neural Networks: GCN, GraphSAGE, GAT, Theory of GNNs
 - Knowledge graphs and reasoning: TransE, BetaE
 - Deep generative models for graphs: GraphRNN, GCPN
 - Applications to Biomedicine, Science, Technology

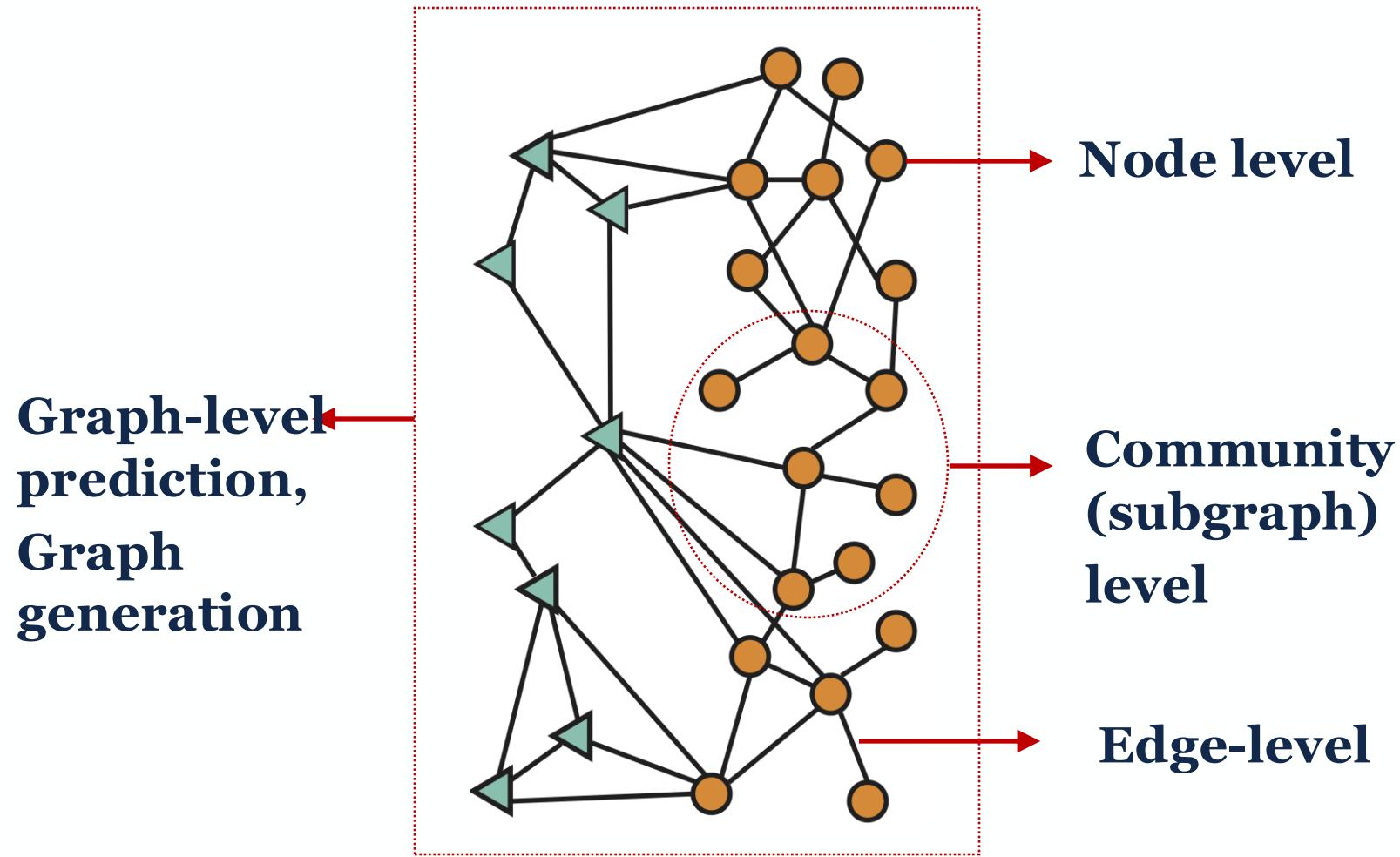


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Applications of Graph ML



Different Types of Tasks





Classic Graph ML Tasks

- **Node classification:** Predict a property of a node
 - Example: Categorize online users / items
- **Link prediction:** Predict whether there are missing links between two nodes
 - Example: Knowledge graph completion
- **Graph classification:** Categorize different graphs
 - Example: Molecule property prediction
- **Clustering:** Detect if nodes form a community
 - Example: Social circle detection
- Other tasks:
 - **Graph generation:** Drug discovery
 - **Graph evolution:** Physical simulation



Classic Graph ML Tasks

- **Node classification:** Predict a property of a node
 - Example: Classification of nodes based on their neighbors
- **Link prediction:** Predict the existence of edges between two nodes
 - Example: Knowing if two people will become friends
- **Graph classification:** Predict a property of a graph
 - Example: Machine learning on graphs
- **Clustering:** Group nodes into clusters
 - Example: Social network clustering
- Other tasks:
 - **Graph generation:** Drug discovery
 - **Graph evolution:** Physical simulation

These Graph ML tasks
lead to high-impact
applications!



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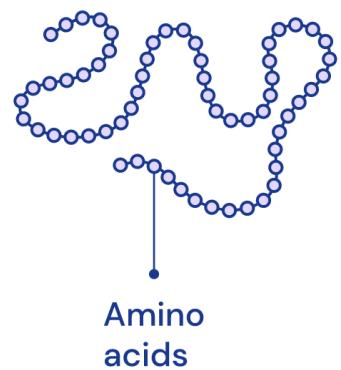
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Example of Node-level ML Tasks

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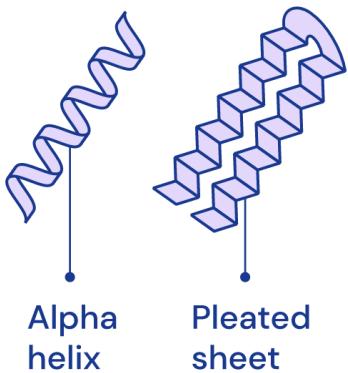
- A protein chain acquires its native 3D structure.

Every protein is made up of a sequence of amino acids bonded together



Amino acids

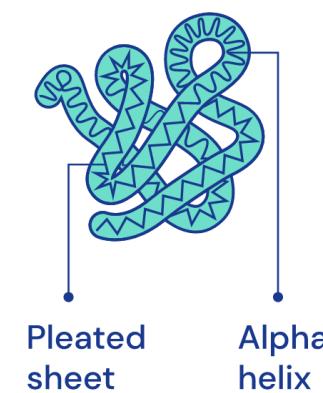
These amino acids interact locally to form shapes like helices and sheets



Alpha helix

Pleated sheet

These shapes fold up on larger scales to form the full three-dimensional protein structure



Pleated sheet

Alpha helix

Proteins can interact with other proteins, performing functions such as signalling and transcribing DNA

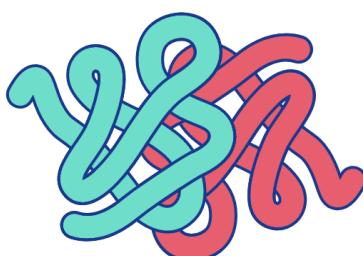


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Example (1): Protein Folding

- The Protein Folding Problem: Computationally predict a protein's 3D structure based solely on its amino acid sequence.

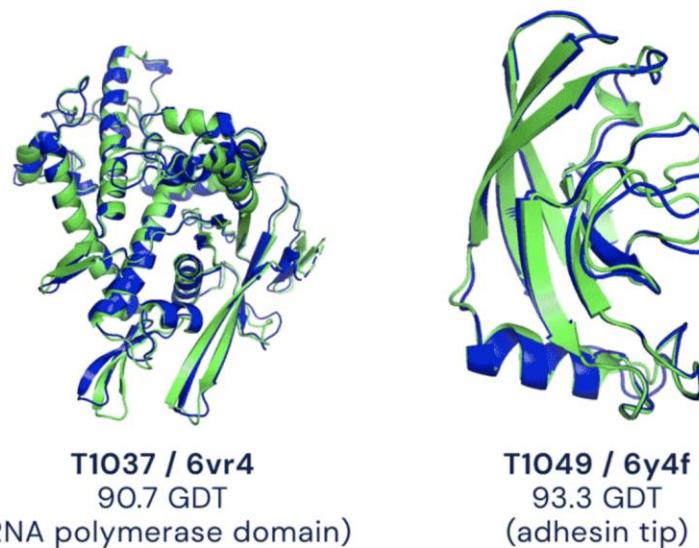
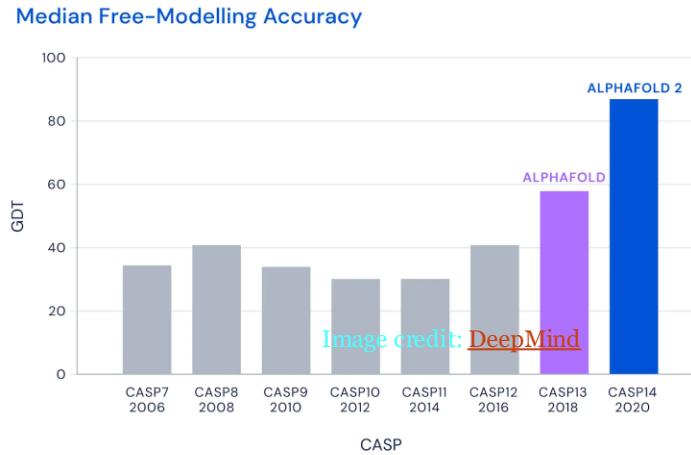


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AlphaFold: Impact



DeepMind's latest AI breakthrough can accurately predict the way proteins fold

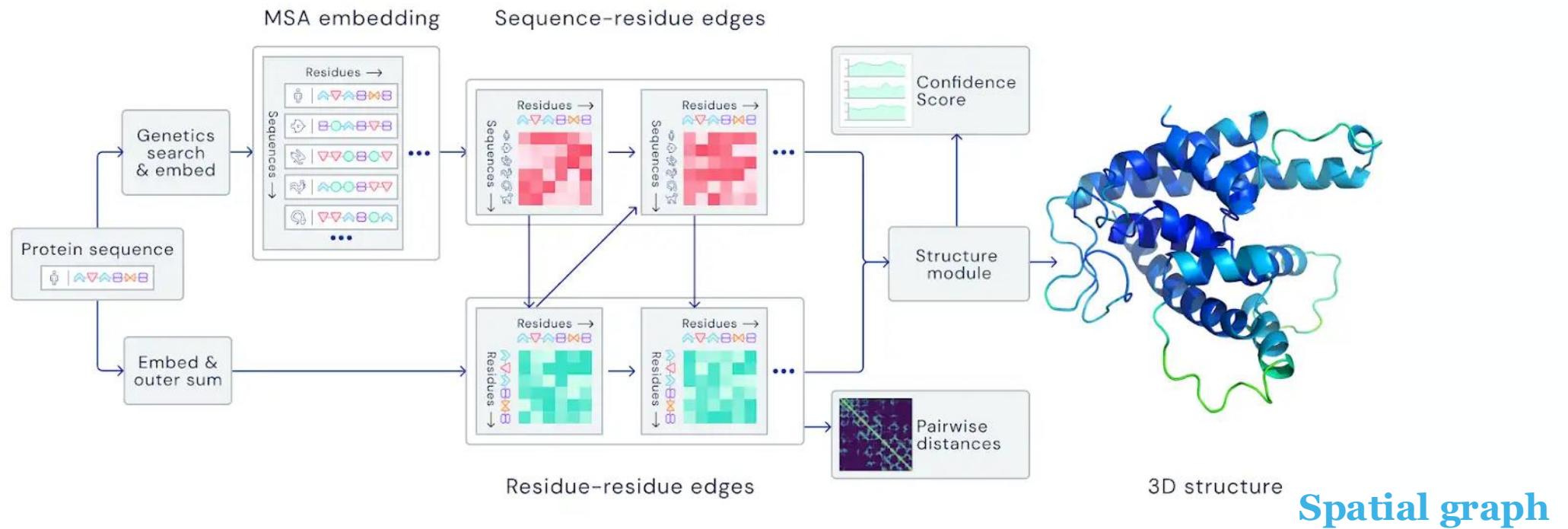
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DeepMind's latest AI breakthrough could turbocharge drug discovery

Has Artificial Intelligence 'Solved' Biology's Protein-Folding Problem?

AlphaFold: Solving Protein Folding

- Key idea: “Spatial graph”
 - **Nodes:** Amino acids in a protein sequence
 - **Edges:** Proximity between amino acids (residues)





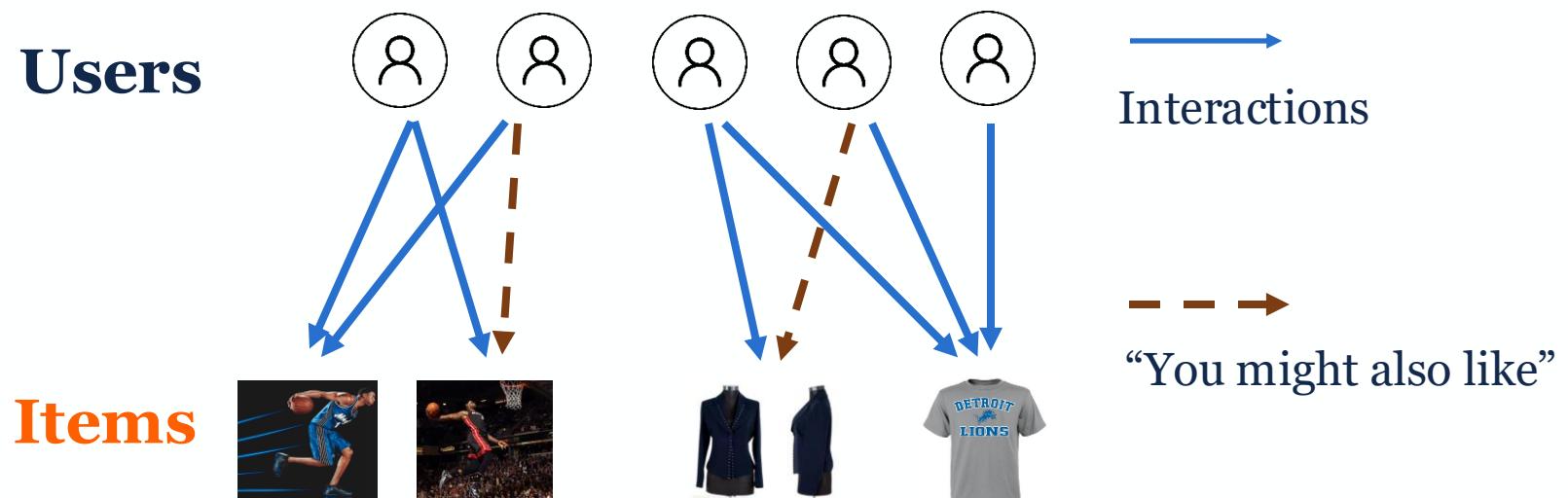
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Example of Edge-level ML Tasks

Example (2): Recommender Systems

- **Users interacts with items**
 - Watch movies, buy merchandise, listen to music
 - **Nodes:** Users and items
 - **Edges:** User-item interactions
- **Goal: Recommend items users might like**



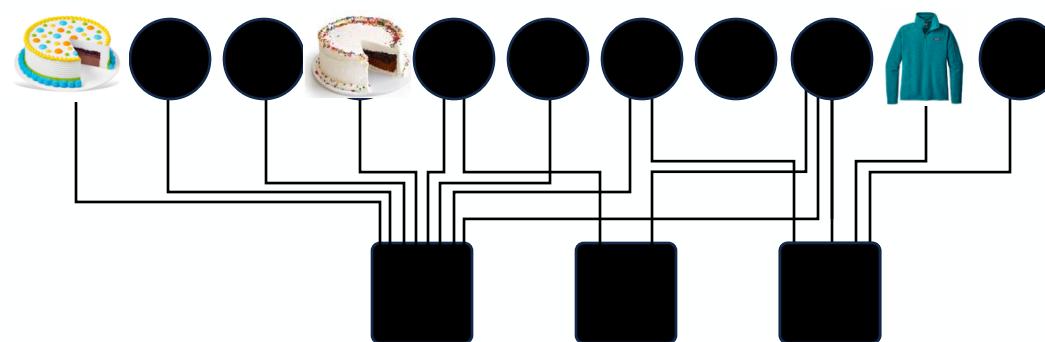
PinSage: Graph-based Recommender

- Task: Recommend related pins to users



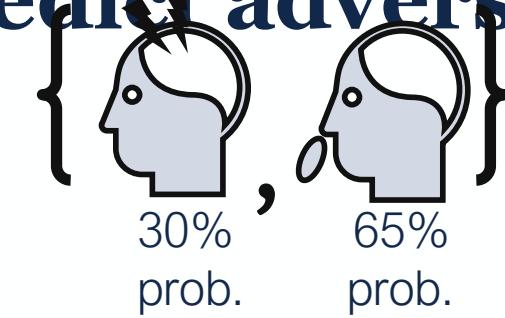
Task: Learn node embeddings z_i such that $d(z_{cake1}, z_{cake2}) < d(z_{cake1}, z_{sweater})$

Predict whether two nodes in a graph are related



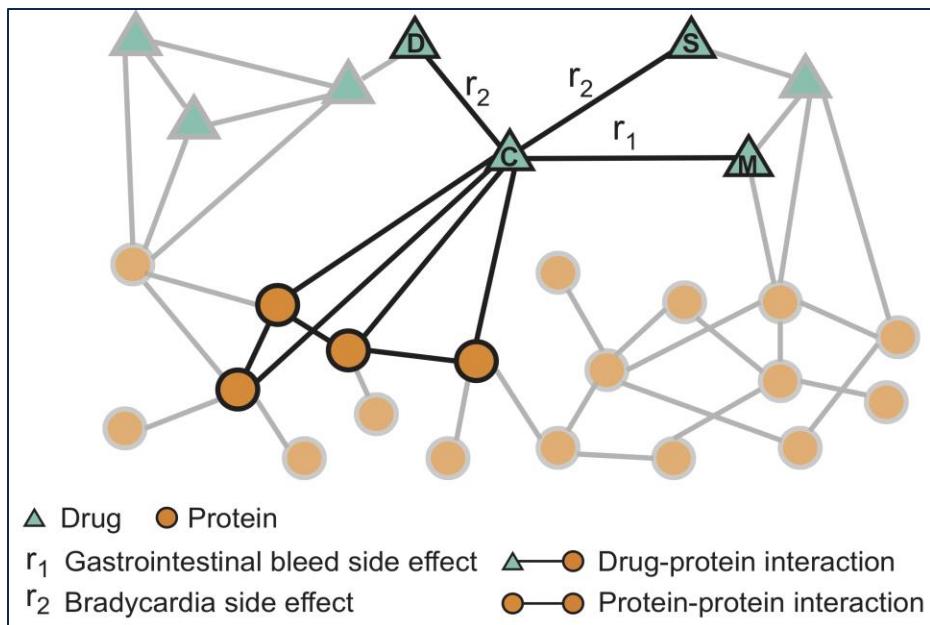
Example (3): Drug Side Effects

- Many patients take multiple drugs to treat complex or co-existing diseases:
 - 46% of people ages 70-79 take more than 5 drugs
 - Many patients take more than 20 drugs to treat heart disease, depression, insomnia, etc.
- Task: Given a pair of drugs predict adverse side effects

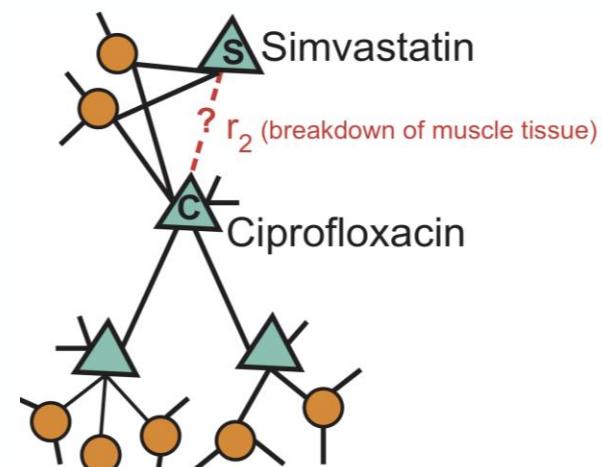


Biomedical Graph Link Prediction

- **Nodes:** Drugs & Proteins
- **Edges:** Interactions



- **Query:** How likely will Simvastatin and Ciprofloxacin, when taken together, break down muscle tissue?



Zitnik et al., [Modeling Polypharmacy Side Effects with Graph Convolutional Networks](#), Bioinformatics 2018



Results: *De novo* Predictions

Rank	Drug c	Drug d	Side effect r	Evidence found
1	Pyrimethamine	Aliskiren	Sarcoma	Stage et al. 2015
2	Tigecycline	Bimatoprost	Autonomic neuropathy	
3	Omeprazole	Dacarbazine	Telangiectases	
4	Tolcapone	Pyrimethamine	Breast disorder	Bicker et al. 2017
5	Minoxidil	Paricalcitol	Cluster headache	
6	Omeprazole	Amoxicillin	Renal tubular acidosis	Russo et al. 2016
7	Anagrelide	Azelaic acid	Cerebral thrombosis	
8	Atorvastatin	Amlodipine	Muscle inflammation	Banakh et al. 2017
9	Aliskiren	Tioconazole	Breast inflammation	Parving et al. 2012
10	Estradiol	Nadolol	Endometriosis	

Case Report

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



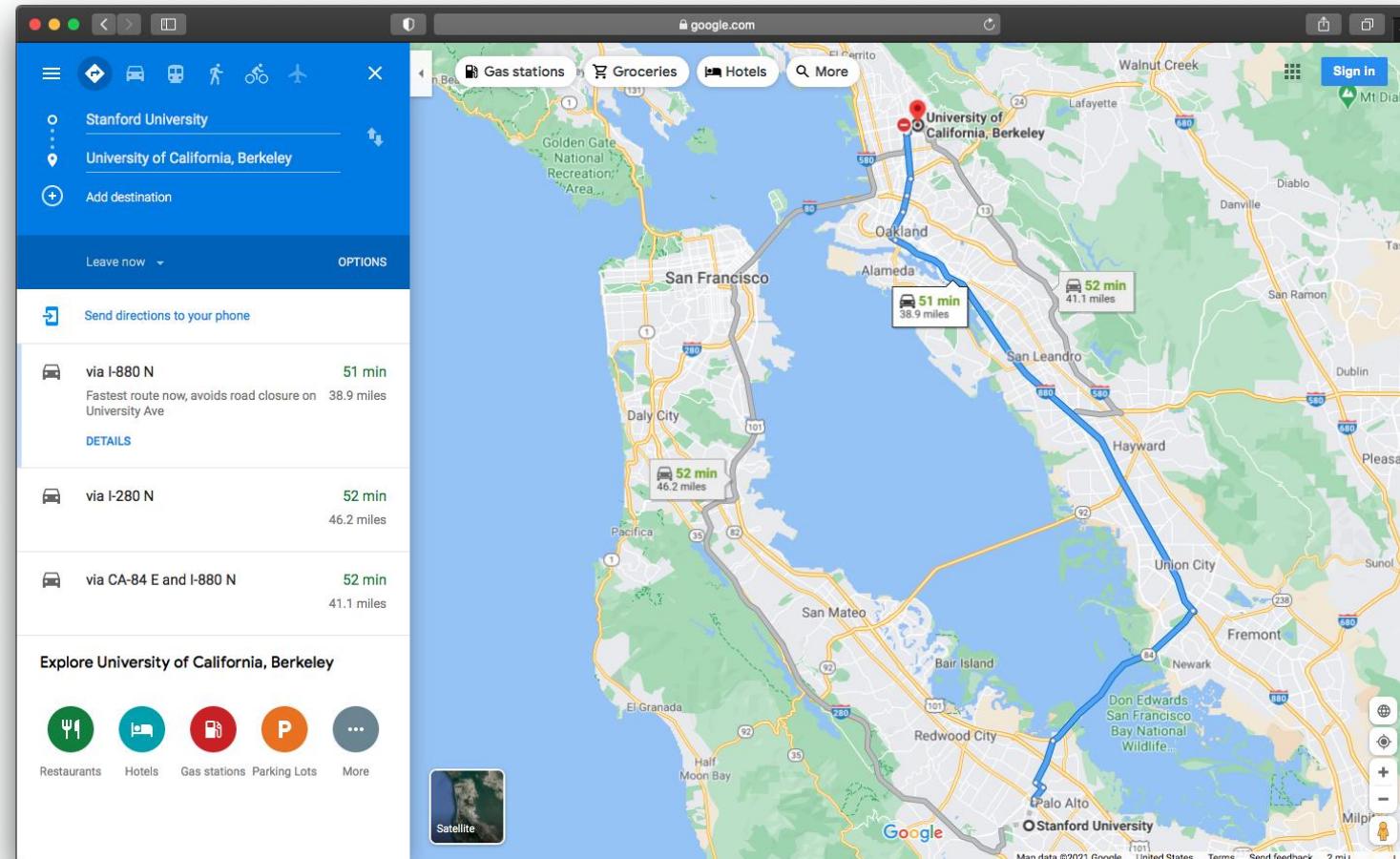
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Example of Subgraph-level ML Tasks



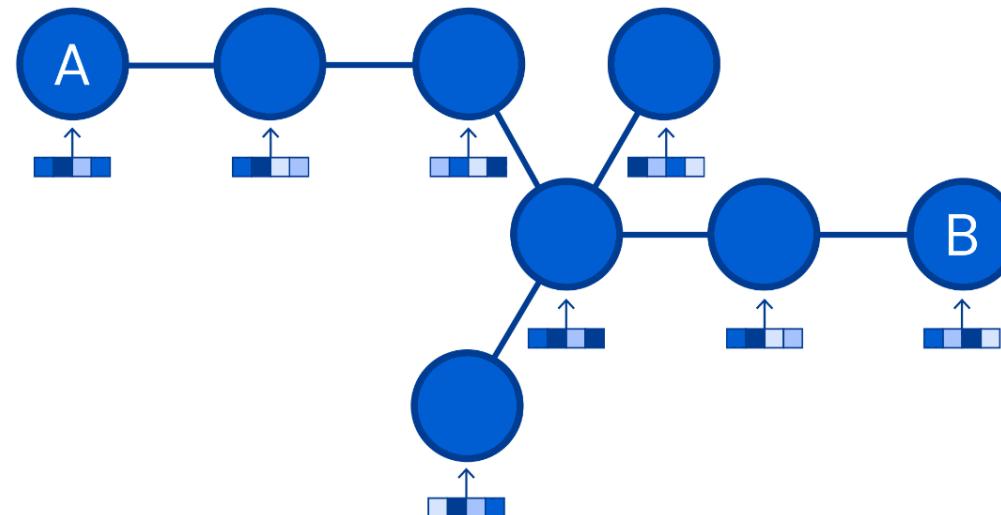
Example (4): Traffic Prediction





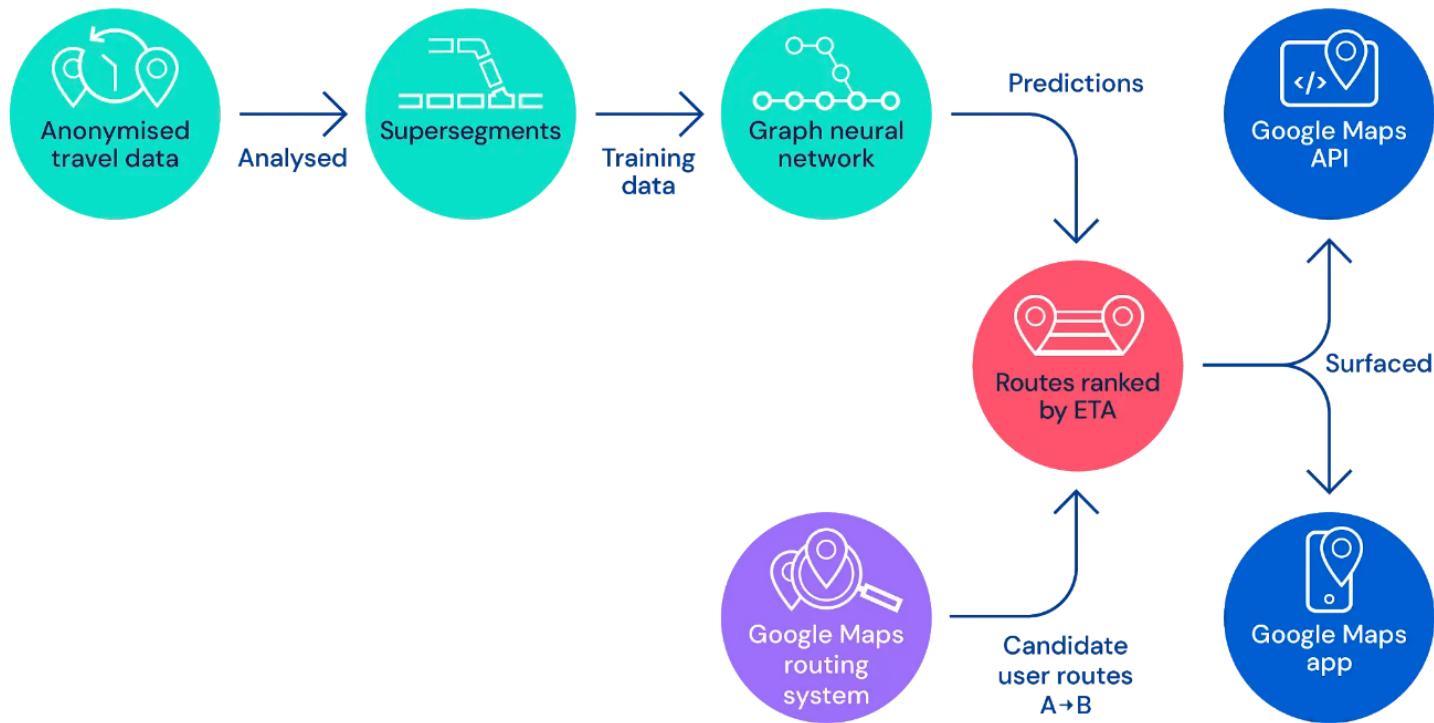
Road Network as a Graph

- **Nodes:** Road segments
 - **Edges:** Connectivity between road segments
 - **Prediction:** Time of Arrival (ETA)



Traffic Prediction via GNN

- Predicting Time of Arrival with Graph Neural Networks



THE MODEL ARCHITECTURE FOR DETERMINING OPTIMAL ROUTES AND THEIR TRAVEL TIME.

Used in Google Maps



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Example of Graph-level ML Tasks

Example (5): Drug Discovery

- Antibiotics are small molecular graphs
 - **Nodes:** Atoms
 - **Edges:** Chemical bonds

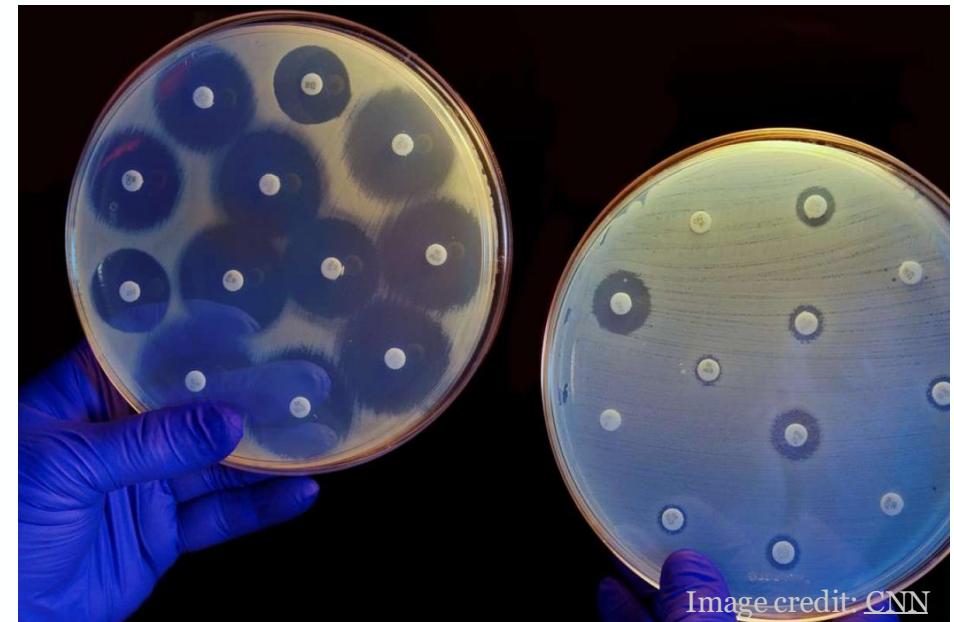
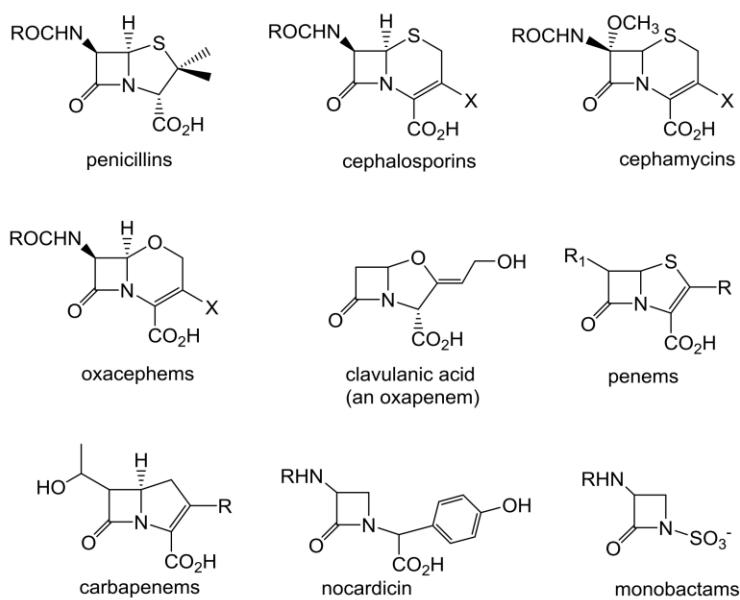
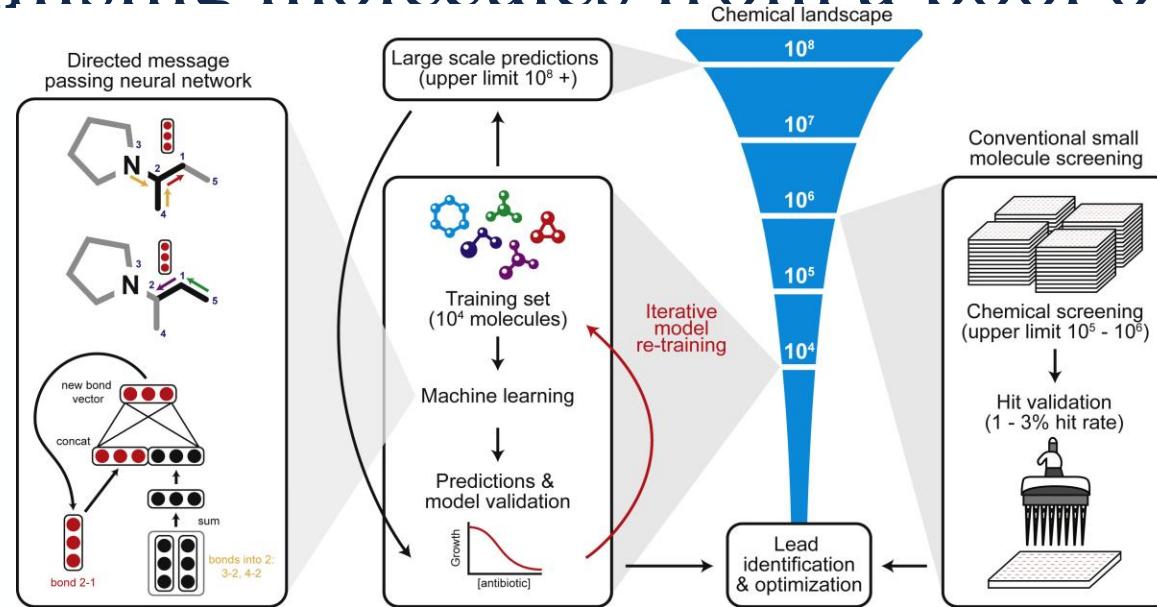


Image credit: CNN

Deep Learning for Antibiotic Discovery

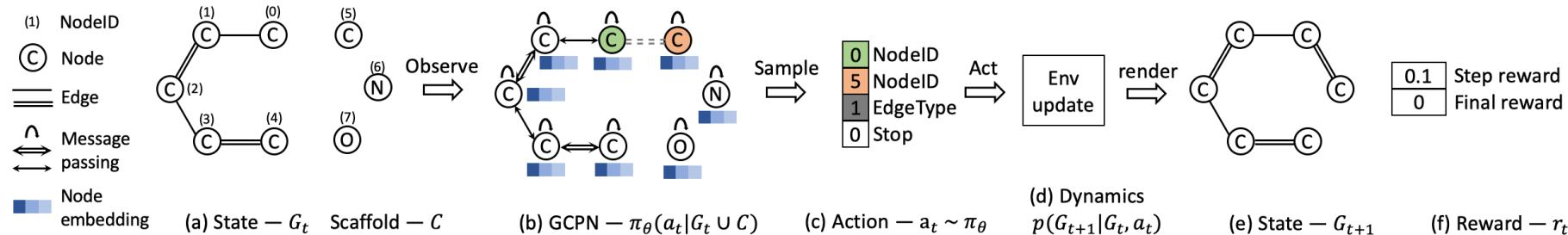
- A Graph Neural Network **graph classification model**
- Predict promising molecules from a pool of candidates



Stokes et al., [A Deep Learning Approach to Antibiotic Discovery](#), Cell 2020

Molecule Generation / Optimization

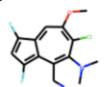
- **Graph generation:** Generating novel molecules



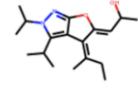
Use case 1: Generate novel molecules with high Drug likeness value



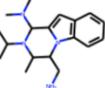
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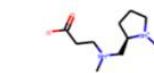
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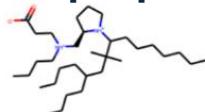
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Drug likeness

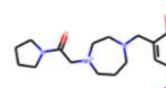
Use case 2: Optimize existing molecules to have desirable properties



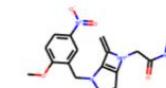
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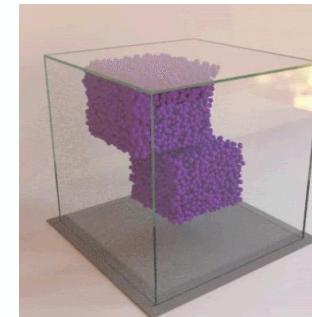
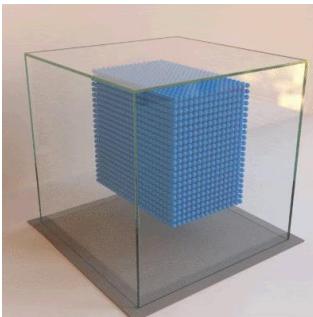
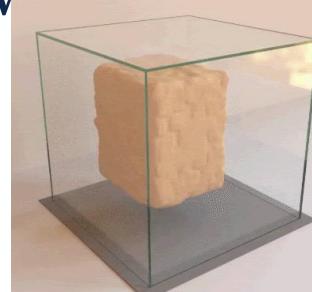
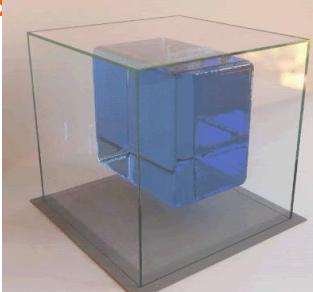


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You et al., [Graph Convolutional Policy Network for Goal-Directed Molecular Graph Generation](#), NeurIPS 2018

Example (6): Physics Simulation

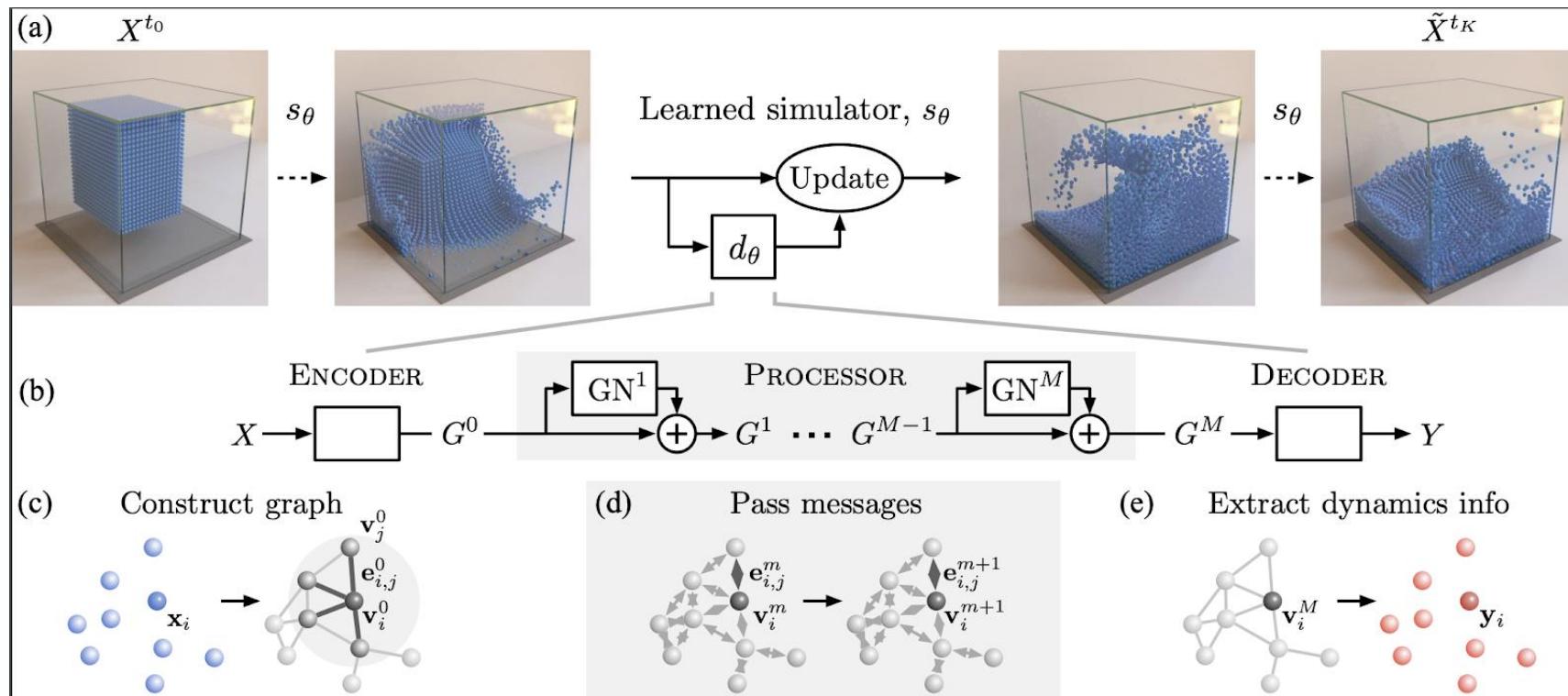
- Physical simulation as a graph:
 - **Nodes:** Particles
 - **Edges:** Interaction between particles



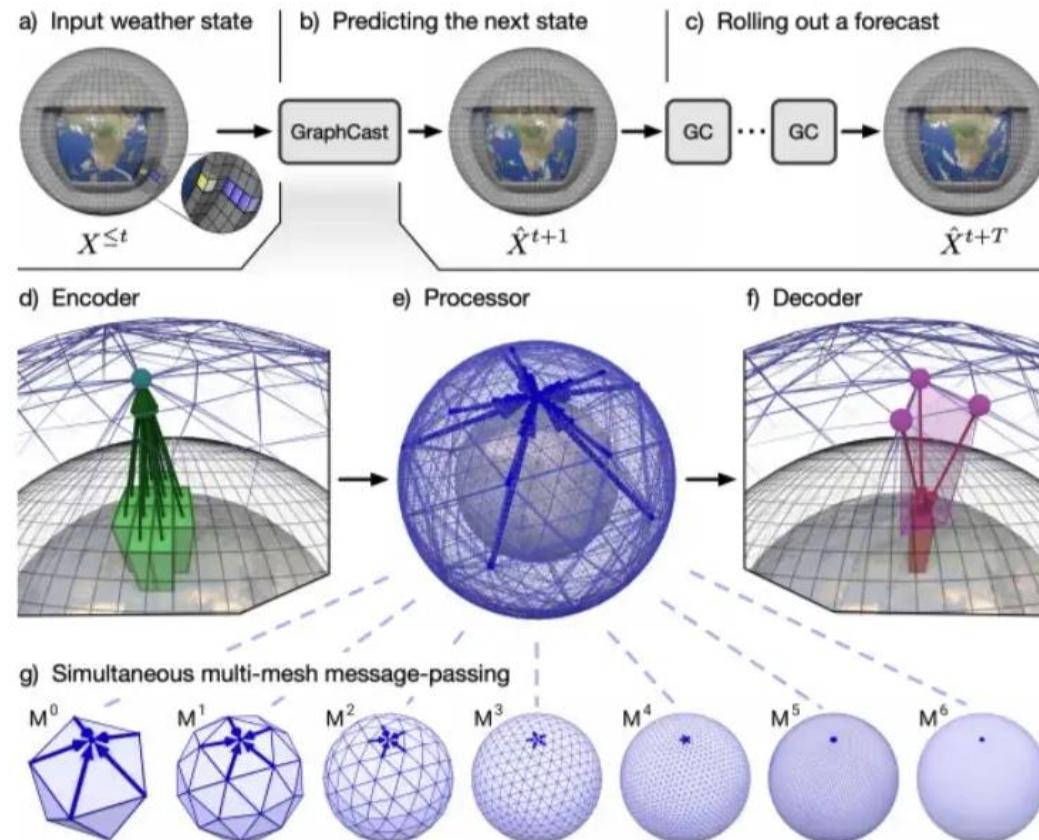
Sanchez-Gonzalez et al., [Learning to simulate complex physics with graph networks](#), ICML 2020

Simulation Learning Framework

- A graph evolution task:
 - **Goal:** Predict how a graph will evolve over time



Application: DeepMind weather forecasting



A blurry, low-light photograph of a modern, multi-story building with glass windows and a curved facade, possibly a library or academic building, set against a dark sky.

Course Logistics



Course Objective

Takeaways from this course:

- **Knowledge** about graph deep learning
 - Core knowledge: Insights, Coding, Math
 - Latest knowledge: Recent research papers
- **Training** for AI research
 - Experience the full lifecycle as an AI researcher
 - Read, Ideate, Discuss, Code, Write, Review, Present



Prerequisites

- The course is mostly self-contained
- Minimum prerequisites
 - Deep learning: basic concepts
 - Python programming
- Recommended background
 - Deep learning: PyTorch
 - Graph: data structure
 - Machine learning, Probability and statistics
 - Comfortable of using (free) LLM Tools:
ChatGPT/Gemini/Copilot/...

We Embrace "ChatGPT Moment"



- Fundamentally changed AI & beyond
- In this course, **we embrace LLMs**
 - **Lectures:** feel free to ask LLMs to help understand lecture materials
 - **Assignments:** feel free to use LLMs to help, but you *must include your prompt*
 - **Projects:** focus on ideas that naively applying LLMs would fail
- But we cherish **non-LLM-able** things
 - **Research training:** asking good questions is always more important than answering given questions





Course Logistics (1)

- Meeting Times:
 - 12:30 PM - 01:45 PM, Wednesday & Friday
 - Urbana-Champaign Campus | Siebel Center for Comp Sci | Room 1304
 - Videos of the lectures will be recorded and posted on Canvas
- Structure of lectures:
 - 70 minutes of a lecture
 - During this time, you can ask questions
 - 10 minutes of a live Q&A/discussion session at the end of the lecture
- Teaching Staff
 - Instruction: Jiaxuan You
 - Course TA: Zirui Cheng



Course Logistics (2)

- Readings:
 - Graph Representation Learning Book by Will Hamilton
 - Research papers
- Optional readings:
 - Papers and pointers to additional literature
 - This will be very useful for course projects
- Communication
- Office Hours



Course Logistics (3)

- Final grade will be composed of:
 - Assignments: 20%
 - 5 coding assignments using Google Colab, each worth 4%
 - Presentation: 20%
 - 5 min lightning presentation
 - Course project: 60%
 - Proposal: 20%; Final report: 70%; Poster: 10%
 - Extra credit: course participation
 - Used if you are on the boundary between grades



Thanks!

Deep Learning with Graphs
Jiaxuan You