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The presenter would like to emphasize the theory and applications of network in a biological or medical context instead of the disciplines themselves.



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- At Micro Level, Predict Possible Interactions in a/an
 - Protein-Protein Interaction (PPI) Network
 - RNA-Protein Network¹
 - Gene Regulatory Network (GRN)²
- At Macro Level, Predict
 - Future diseases on the base of a patient's current health status (aka comorbidity network)³
 - Side effects in drug-drug interaction network
 - Interactions among diseases, medicines and proteins

¹[Huan Hu et al.](#) "LPI-ETSLP: lncRNA–protein interaction prediction using eigenvalue transformation-based semi-supervised link prediction". In: *Molecular BioSystems* (2017).

²[Turki Turki and Jason TL Wang](#). "A new approach to link prediction in gene regulatory networks". In: *ICIDEAL*. 2015.

³[Francesco Folino and Clara Pizzuti](#). "Link prediction approaches for disease networks". In: *ICIT in Bio-and Medical Informatics*. 2012.



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How come?

Practical experiments are time-consuming, or the knowledge is rare and usually not observed.



Link Prediction Techniques⁴

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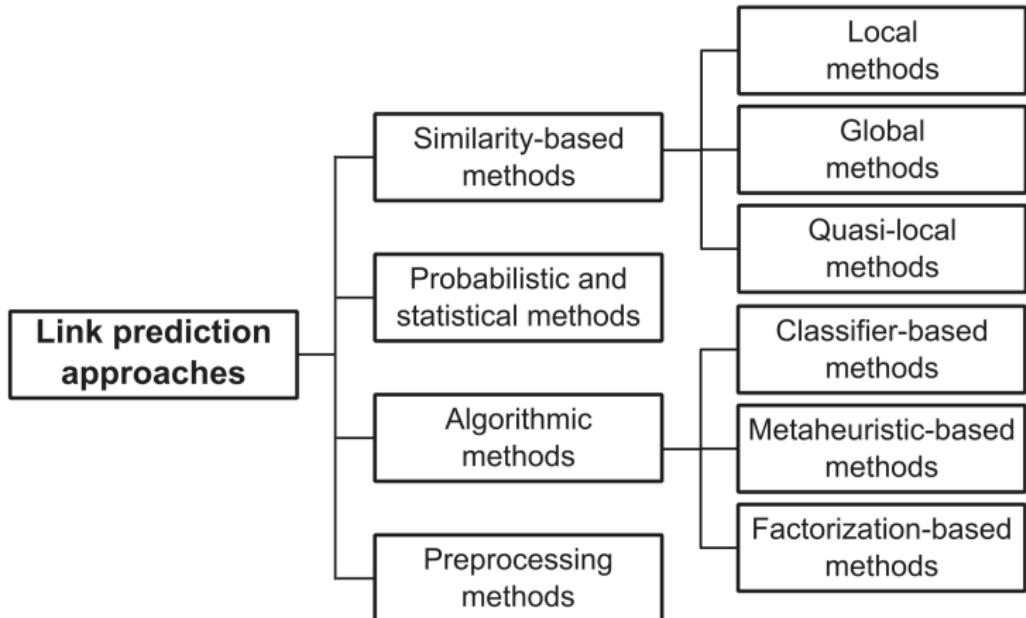
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⁴Victor Martínez et al. "A survey of link prediction in complex networks". In: ACM computing surveys (CSUR) (2016).



Node-Neighborhood-Based Approaches

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■ Common Neighbors (CN)

$$CN(x, y) = \Gamma(x) \cap \Gamma(y)$$

■ Jaccard (JC)

$$JC(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma(x) \cap \Gamma(y)}{\Gamma(x) \cup \Gamma(y)}$$

■ Resource Allocation (RA)

■ ...



Another Viewpoint

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In 2010, Yong-Yeol Ahn et al⁵ reconsidered communities in a network as **a group of links** rather than nodes which have identical characteristics.

⁵Yong-Yeol Ahn et al. "Link communities reveal multiscale complexity in networks". In: *nature* (2010).



A Local Community Approach to Link Prediction⁶

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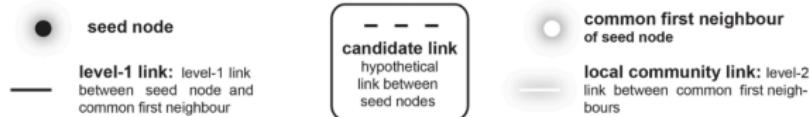
CAR-Index and Extensions

Explanatory example: how CAR-Index predicts the likelihood of candidate links



$\text{CN-Index} = \# \text{ common first neighbours}$

$\text{CAR-Index} = (\# \text{ common first neighbours}) \times (\# \text{ local community links})$



⁶Carlo Vittorio Cannistraci et al. "From link-prediction in brain connectomes and protein interactomes to the local-community-paradigm in complex networks". In: *Scientific reports* (2013).



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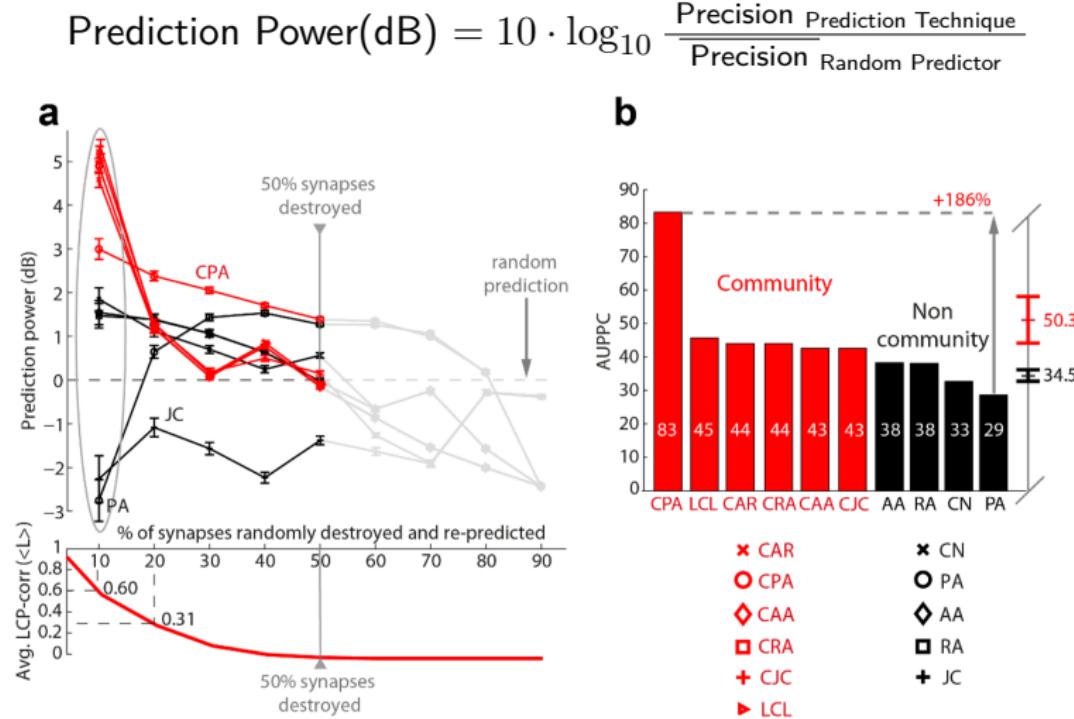
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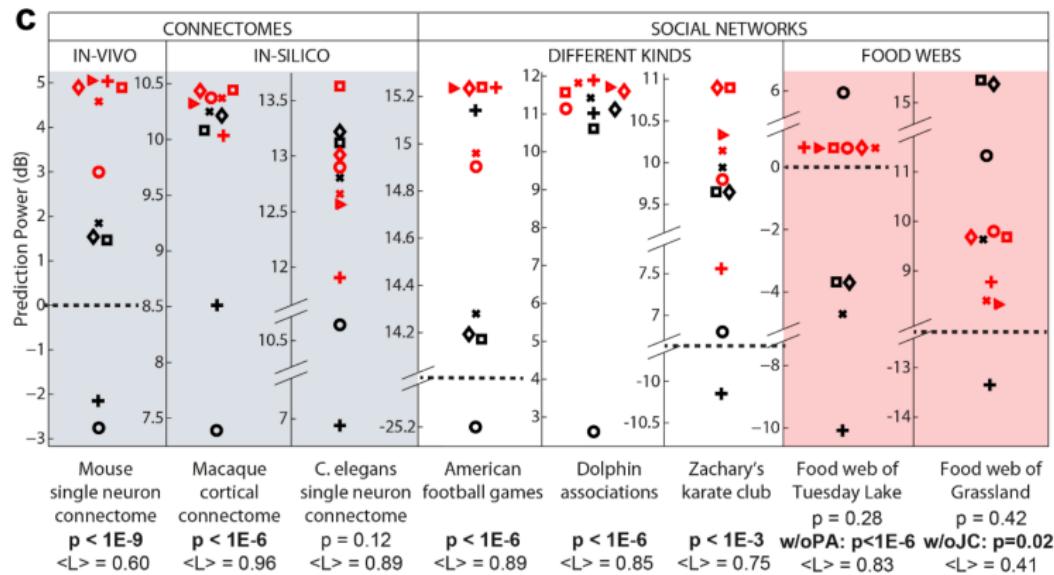
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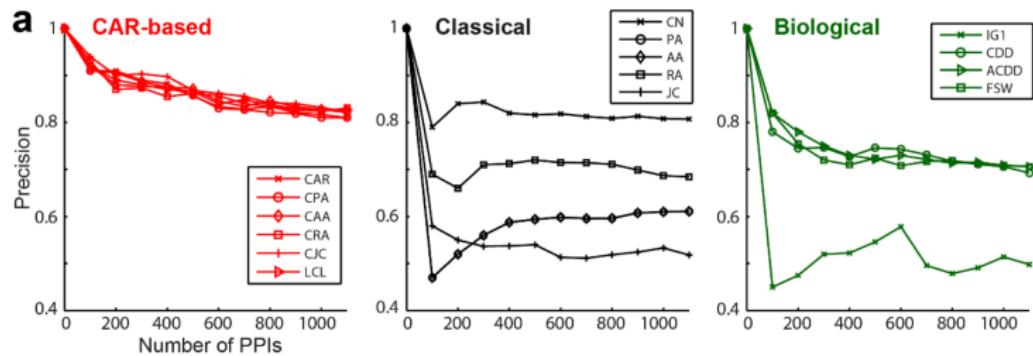
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Link prediction in a drug-drug interaction(DDI) network,

Argument

Whether there is a link or not?

This is a 0/1 question.

Shall apply classifiers.

⁷ Andrej Kastrin et al. "Predicting potential drug-drug interactions on topological and semantic similarity features using statistical learning". In: *PLoS one* (2018).



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In training set,
Unsupervised Random Forest & k-nearest-neighbor, Supervised Gradient Boosting Machine outperformed Supervised Support Vector Machine & Classification Tree

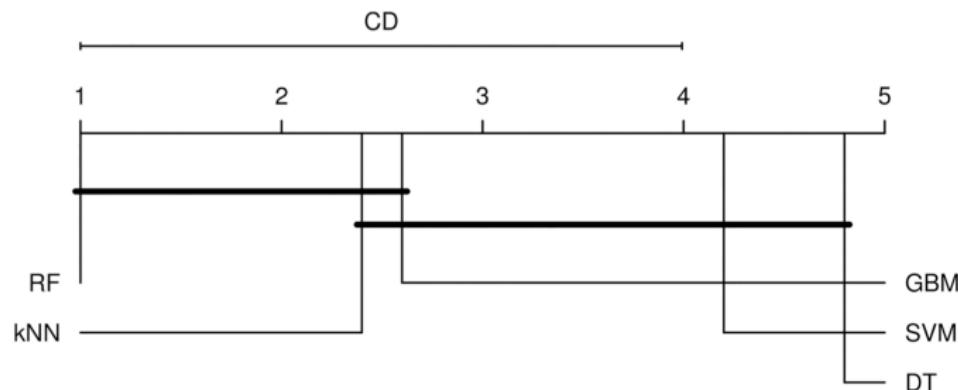


Fig 1. Critical difference (CD) plot for training data. Plot shows the pairwise differences in performance among classifiers. The horizontal scale shows the average rank of each classifier, with smaller ranks indicating better performance. Classifiers connected by a dark line had statistically identical performance at the $p = 0.05$ level.



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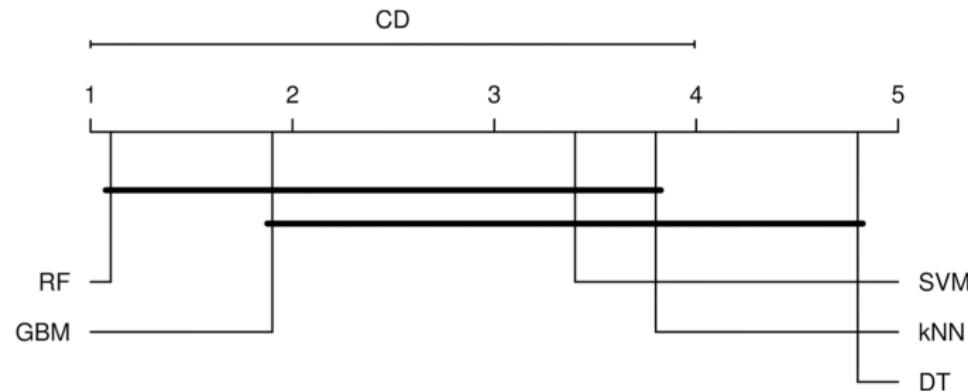


Fig 2. Critical difference (CD) plot for test data. Plot shows the pairwise differences in performance among classifiers. The horizontal scale shows the average rank of each classifier, with smaller ranks indicating better performance. Classifiers connected by a dark line had statistically identical performance at the $p = 0.05$ level.



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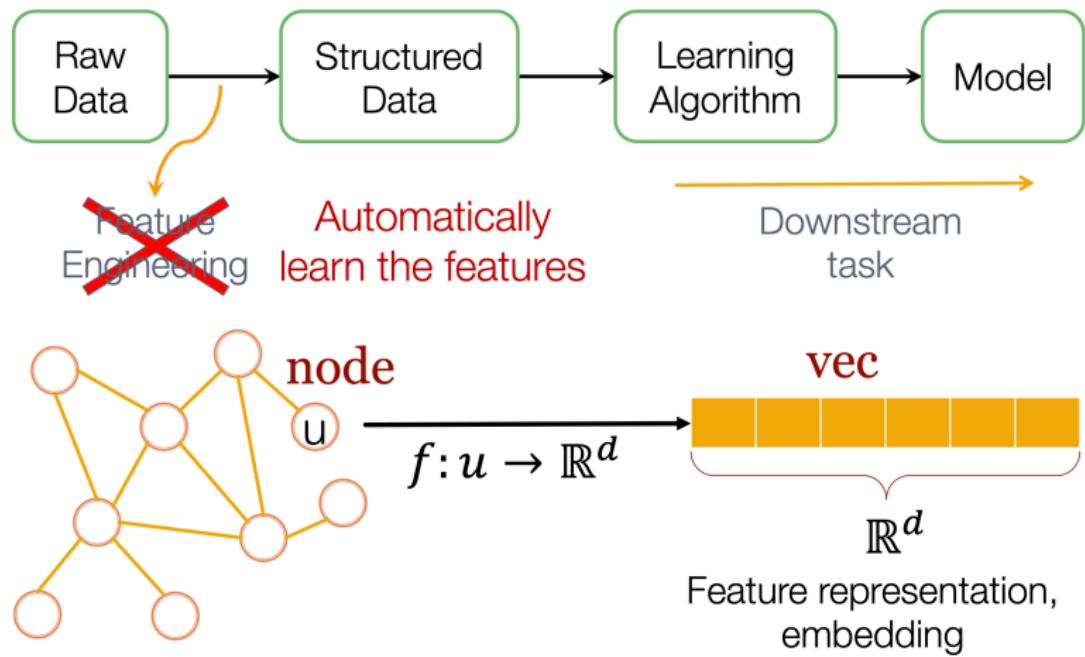


Graph Neural Network⁸ & Embedding

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⁸Jure Leskovec and Michele Catasta. Stanford CS224W.
<http://web.stanford.edu/class/cs224w/>



GNN: Orientation

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- Node Ordering Invariant
- Applicable to Graphs of Different Sizes
- Computationally Inexpensive



GNN: Intuition

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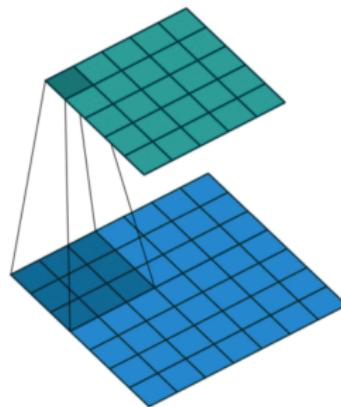
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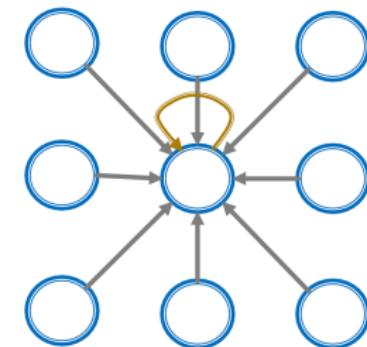
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Regular Convolutional Filter, Now We Generalize to Graphs



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GCNN: Aggregation

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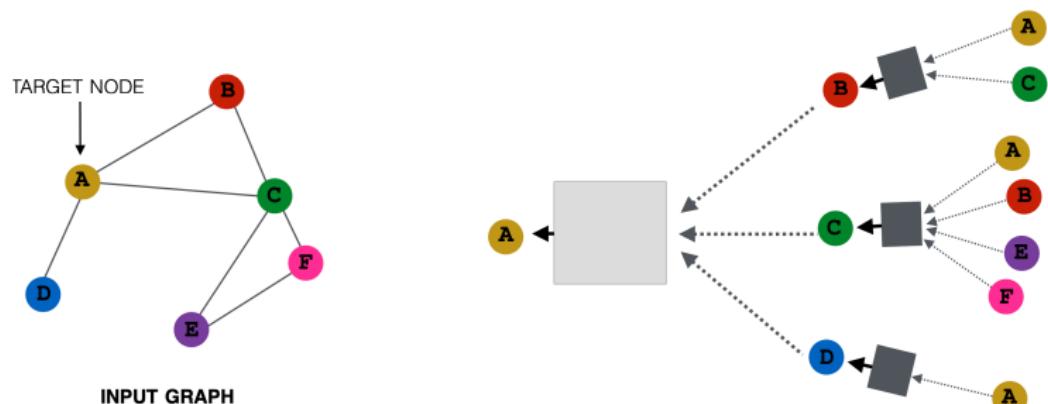
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Decagon: Polypharmacy & Side Effects⁹

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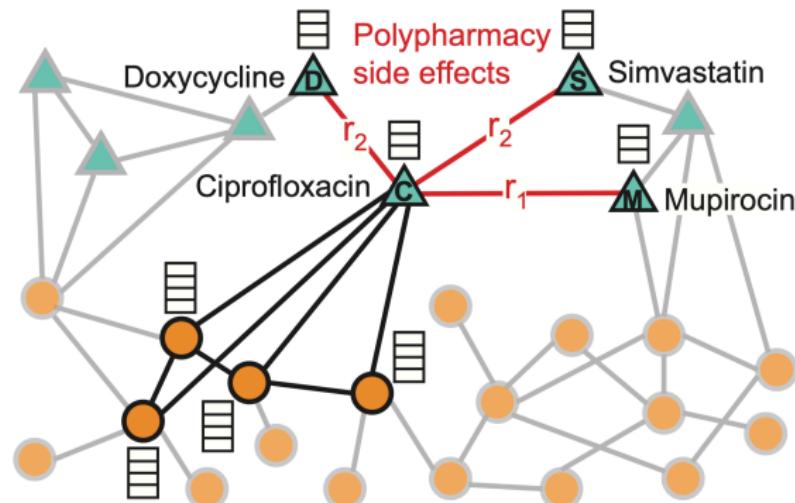
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Types of Nodes, Types of Edges



▲ Drug ● Protein

r_1 Gastrointestinal bleed side effect r_2 Bradycardia side effect

■ Node feature vector

■ Node feature vector

● Drug-protein interaction

● Protein-protein interaction

⁹Marinka Zitnik et al. "Modeling polypharmacy side effects with graph convolutional networks". In: *Bioinformatics* (2018).



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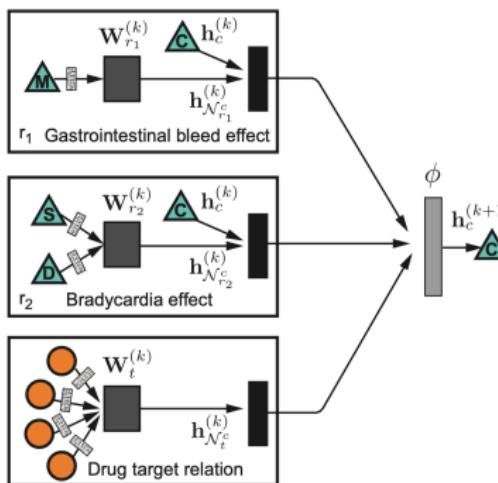
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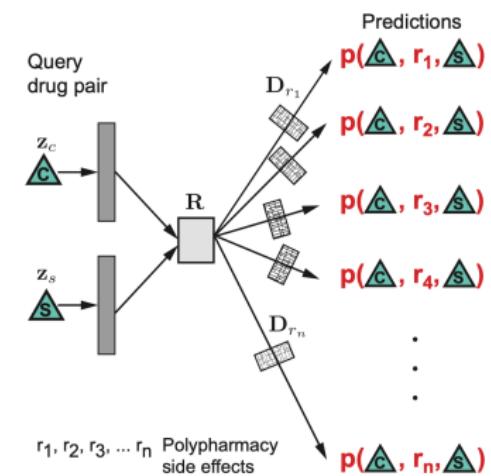
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A GCN per-layer update for a single drug node (in blue)



B Polypharmacy side effect prediction





Decagon: Results

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Approach	AUROC	AUPRC
<i>Decagon</i>	0.872	0.832
RESCAL tensor factorization	0.693	0.613
DEDICOM tensor factorization	0.705	0.637
DeepWalk neural embeddings	0.761	0.737
Concatenated drug features	0.793	0.764

Polypharmacy effect r	Drug i	Drug j	Evidence
Sarcoma	Pyrimethamine	Aliskiren	Stage <i>et al.</i> (2015)
Breast disorder	Tolcapone	Pyrimethamine	Bicker <i>et al.</i> (2017)
Renal tubular acidosis	Omeprazole	Amoxicillin	Russo <i>et al.</i> (2016)
Muscle inflammation	Atorvastatin	Amlodipine	Banakh <i>et al.</i> (2017)
Breast inflammation	Aliskiren	Tioconazole	Parving <i>et al.</i> (2012)



Embedding: Schematic Representing¹⁰

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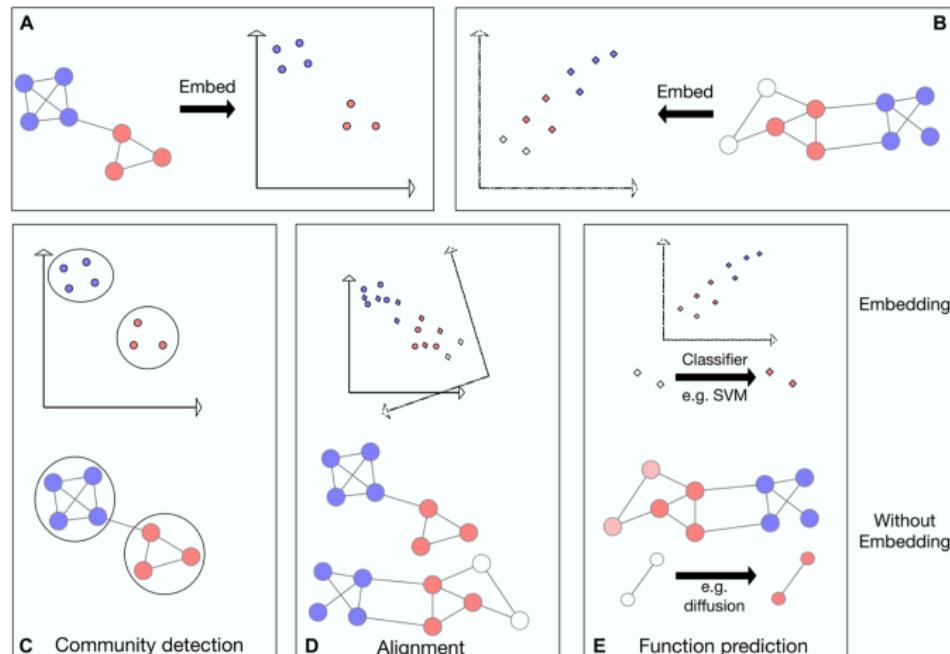
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¹⁰Walter Nelson et al. "To embed or not: network embedding as a paradigm in computational biology". In: *Frontiers in genetics* (2019).



Embedding vs. Graph-Based

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Function Prediction	GeneMANIA ¹¹	Mashup ¹²
AUPR		
MF	0.327	0.372
BP	0.213	0.222
CC	0.514	0.487

Conclusion

In the series of experiments, sometimes graph-based methods outperformed network tools embedding. However, sometimes the results are reversed.

¹¹ Sara Mostafavi et al. "GeneMANIA: a real-time multiple association network integration algorithm for predicting gene function". In: *Genome biology* (2008).

¹² Hyunghoon Cho et al. "Compact integration of multi-network topology for functional analysis of genes". In: *Cell systems* (2016).



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Future Research Directions¹³

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- Integrating domain knowledge of biological network to proposed algorithms
- Interpreting biological networks evolution using link prediction algorithms
- ...

¹³Sadegh Sulaimany et al. "Link prediction potentials for biological networks". In: *International Journal of Data Mining and Bioinformatics* (2018). A set of small, light-blue navigation icons typically used in Beamer presentations for navigating between slides and sections.



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