

# How Powerful are Graph Neural Networks

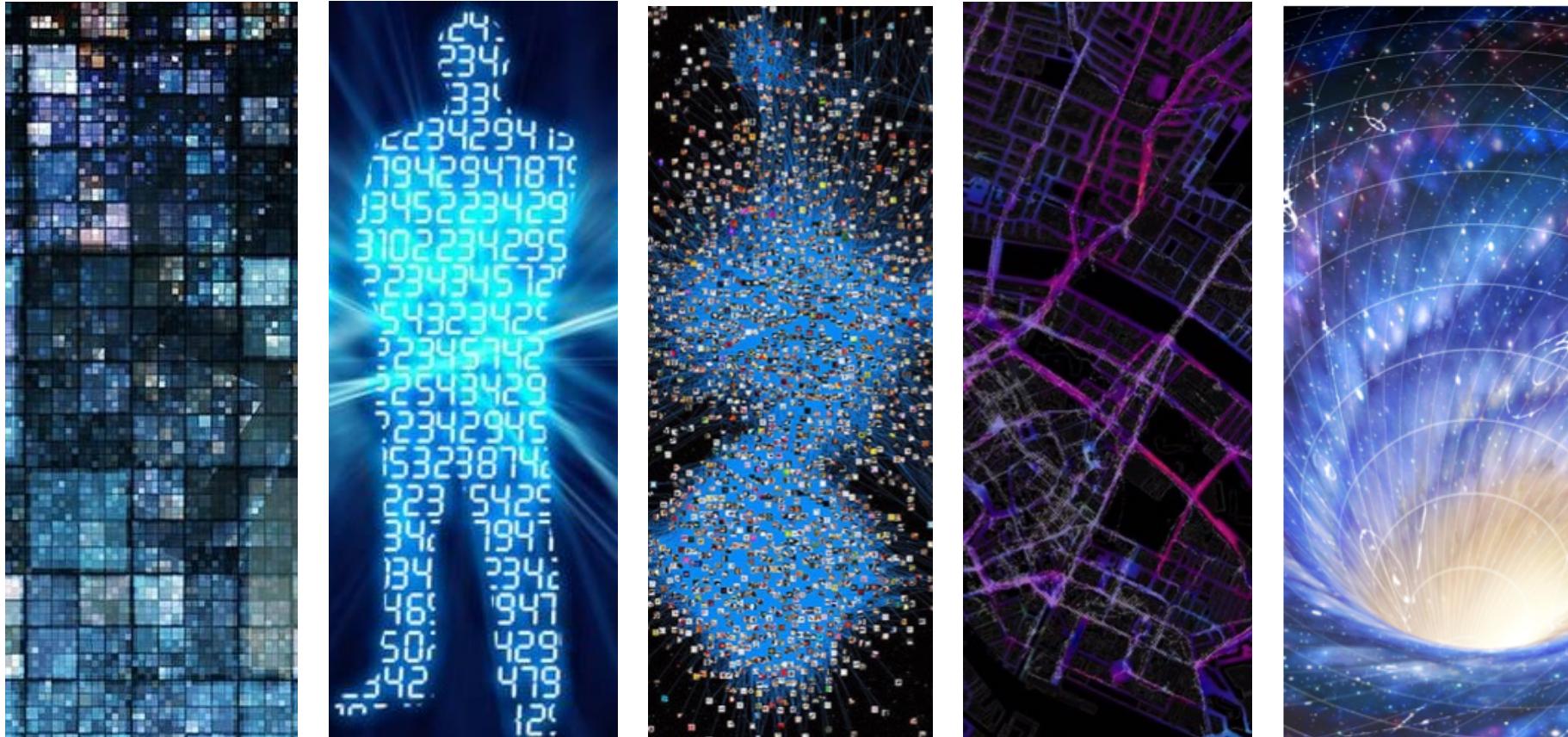
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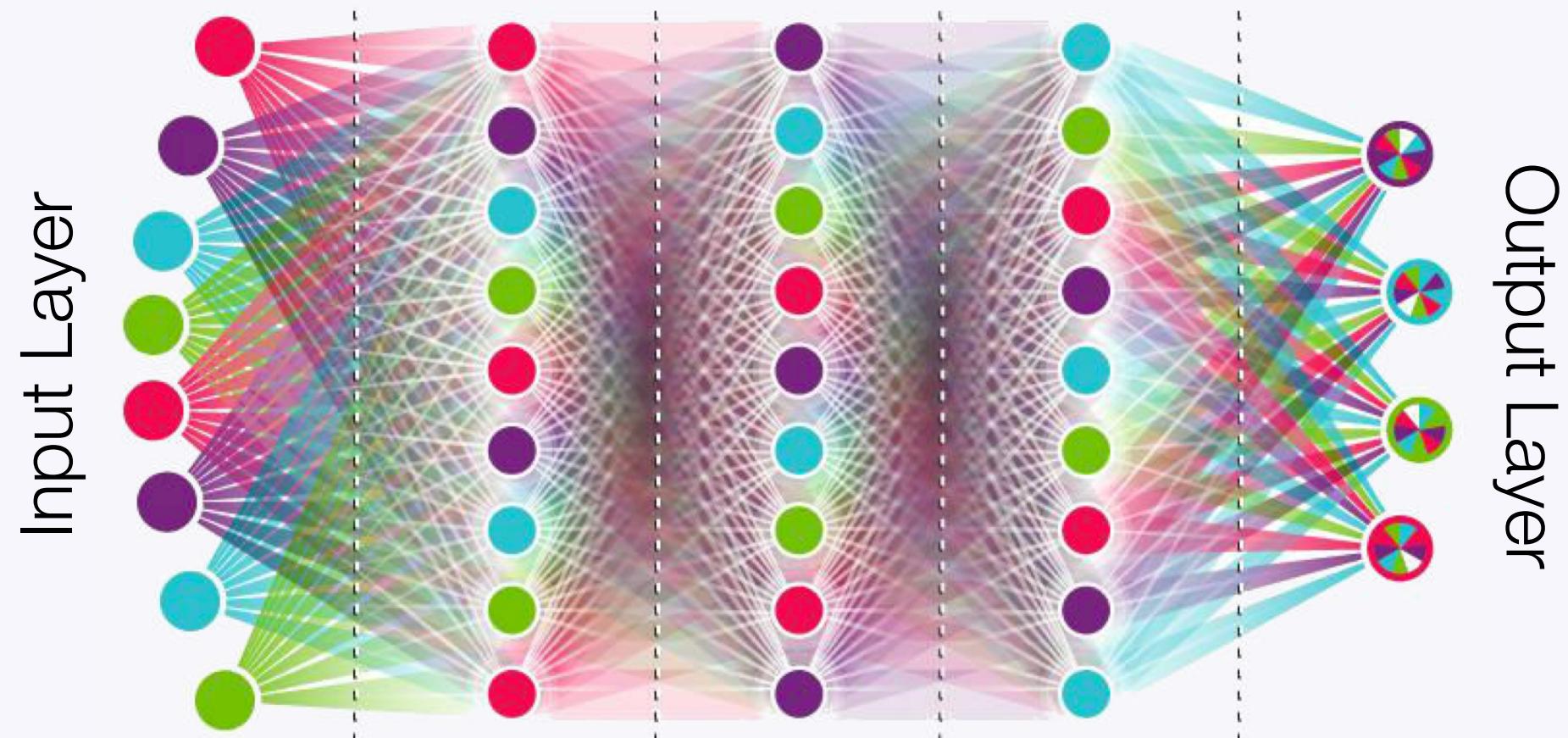
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# BIG Data



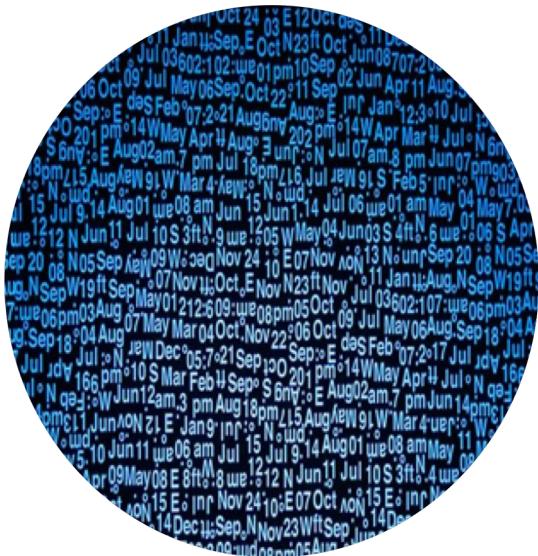
Digital transformation of  
science and society

# Machine Learning



Advances in Machine Learning & Statistics

# New Paradigm For Discovery



Data



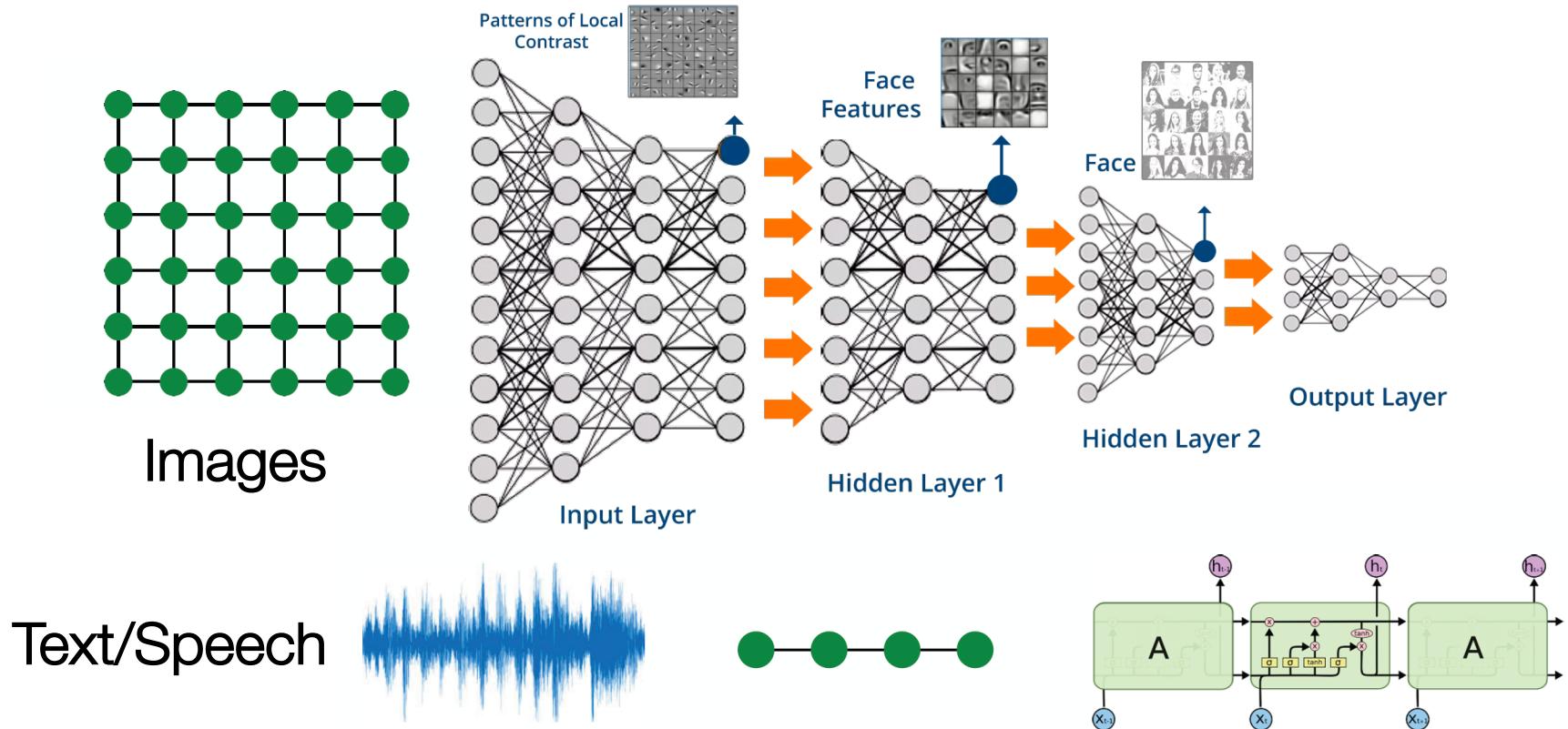
Data Science,  
Machine Learning



Models and  
insights

Massive data: Observe “invisible” patterns

# Modern ML Toolbox



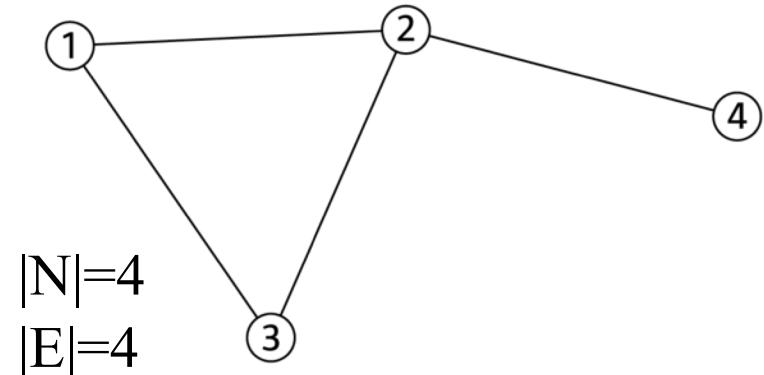
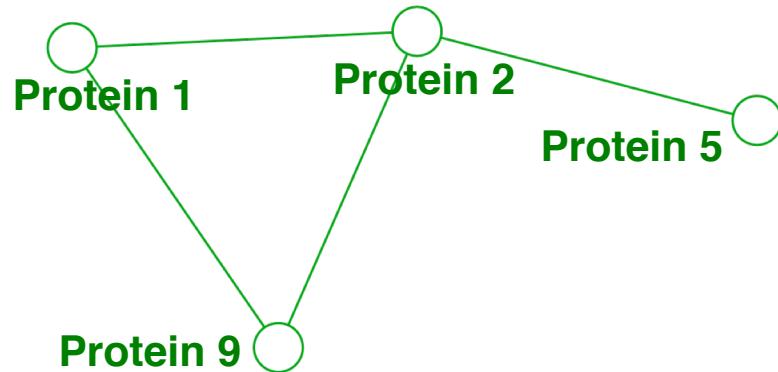
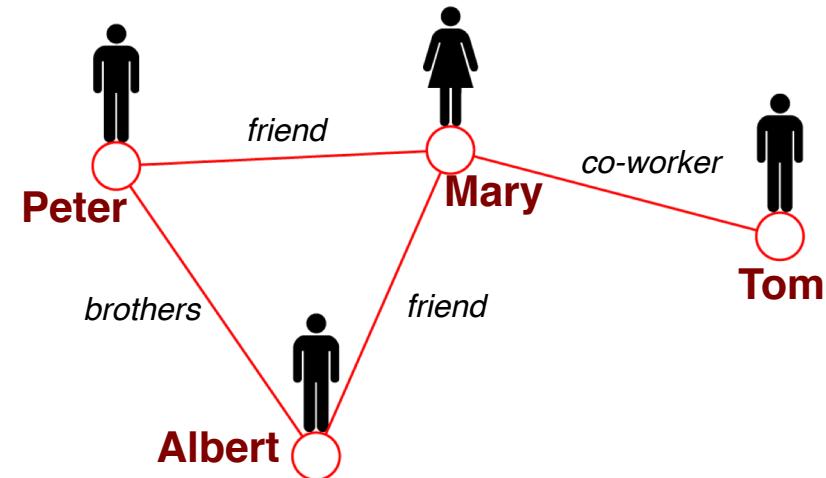
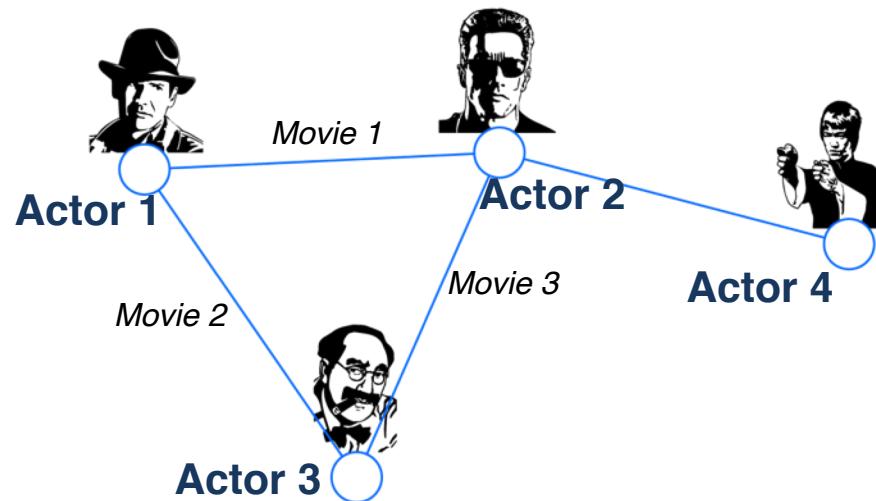
Modern deep learning toolbox is designed for simple sequences & grids

But not everything  
can be represented as  
a sequence or a grid

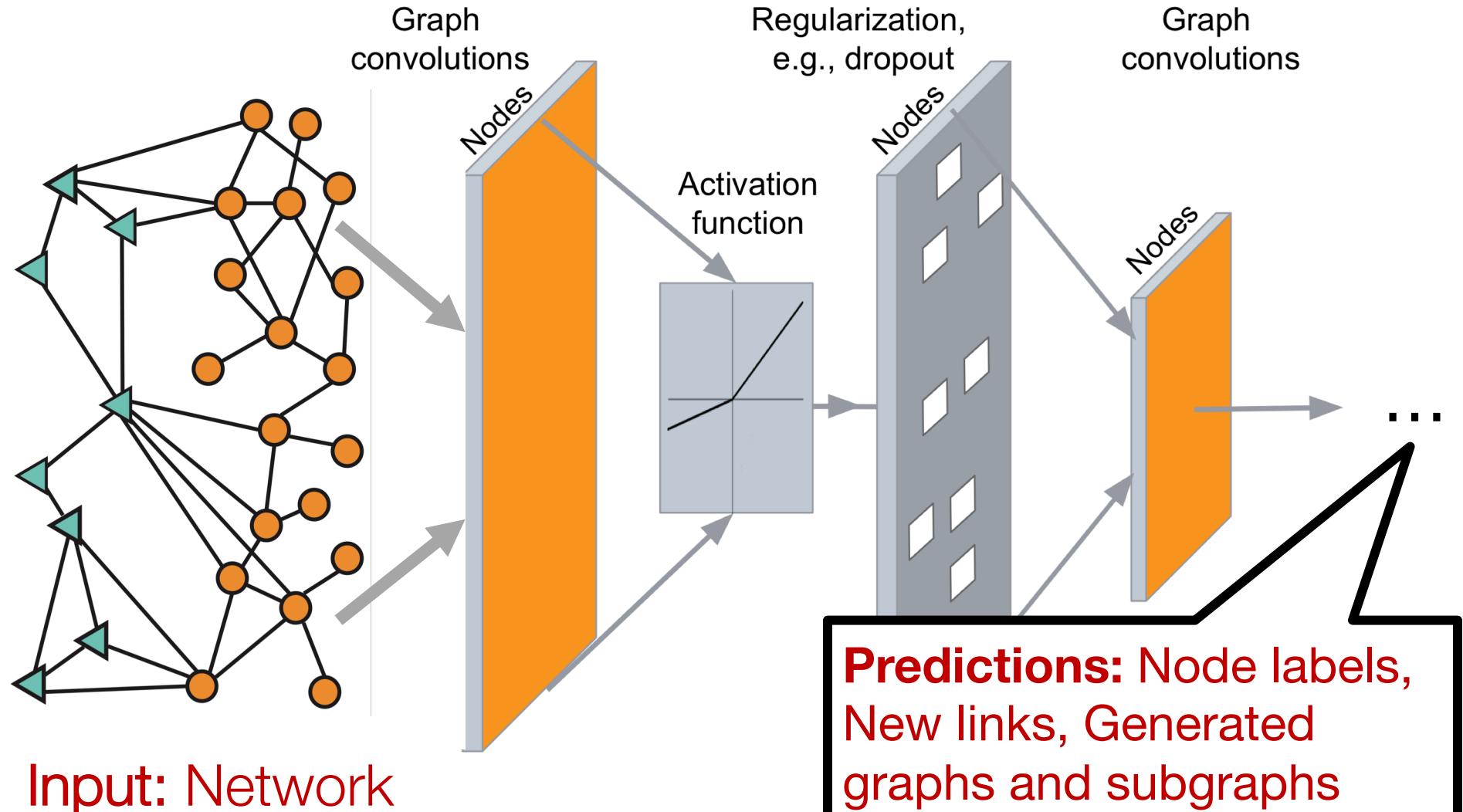
**How can we develop neural  
networks that are much more  
broadly applicable?**

New frontiers beyond classic neural  
networks that learn on images and  
sequences

# Networks: Common Language



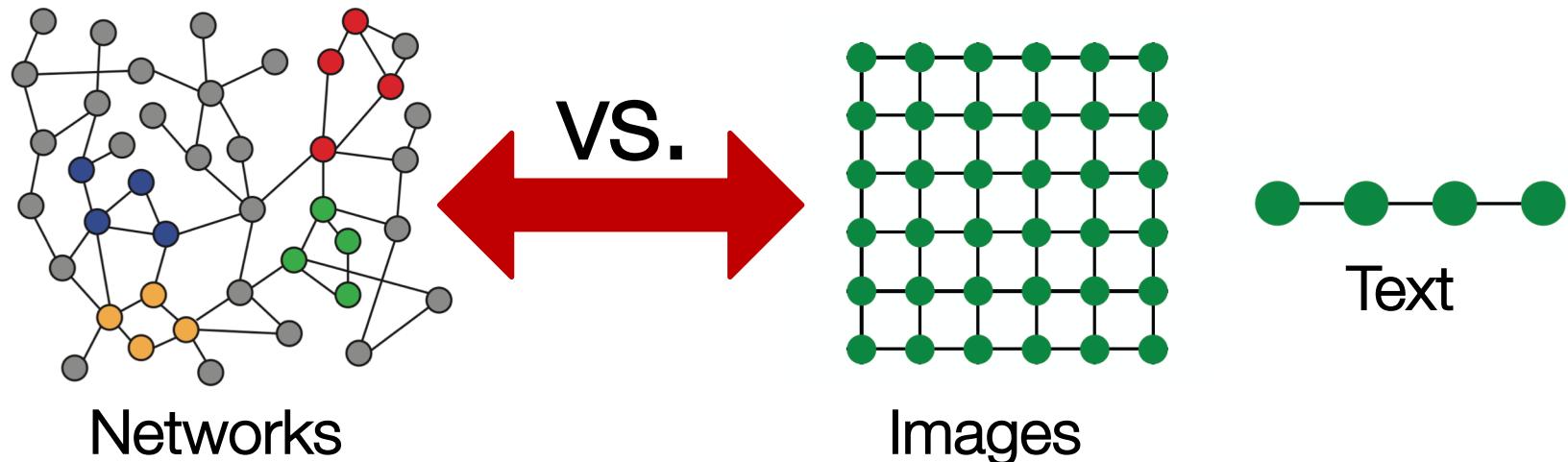
# Deep Learning in Graphs



# Why is it Hard?

**But networks are far more complex!**

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



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

# GraphSAGE: Graph Neural Networks

[Inductive Representation Learning on Large Graphs.](#)

W. Hamilton, R. Ying, J. Leskovec. Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS), 2017.

[Representation Learning on Graphs: Methods and Applications.](#)

W. Hamilton, R. Ying, J. Leskovec. IEEE Data Engineering Bulletin, 2017.

<http://snap.stanford.edu/graphsage>

# Setup

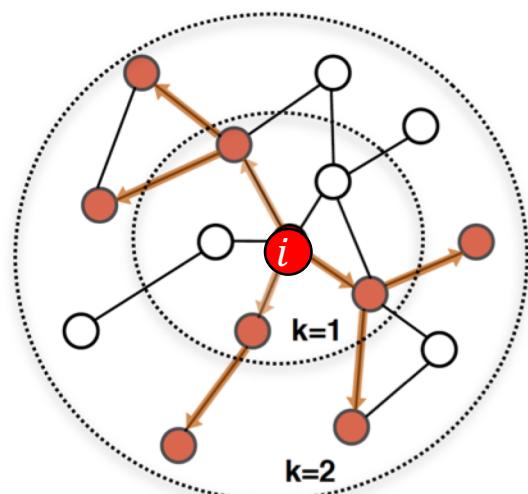
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We have a graph  $G$ :

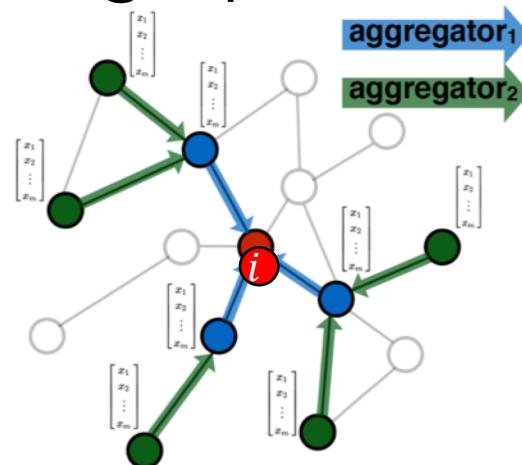
- $V$  is the **vertex set**
- $A$  is the (binary) **adjacency matrix**
- $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times |V|}$  is a matrix of **node features**
  - Meaningful node features:
    - Social networks: User profile
    - Biological networks: Gene expression profiles, gene functional information

# Graph Neural Networks

**Idea:** Node's neighborhood defines a computation graph



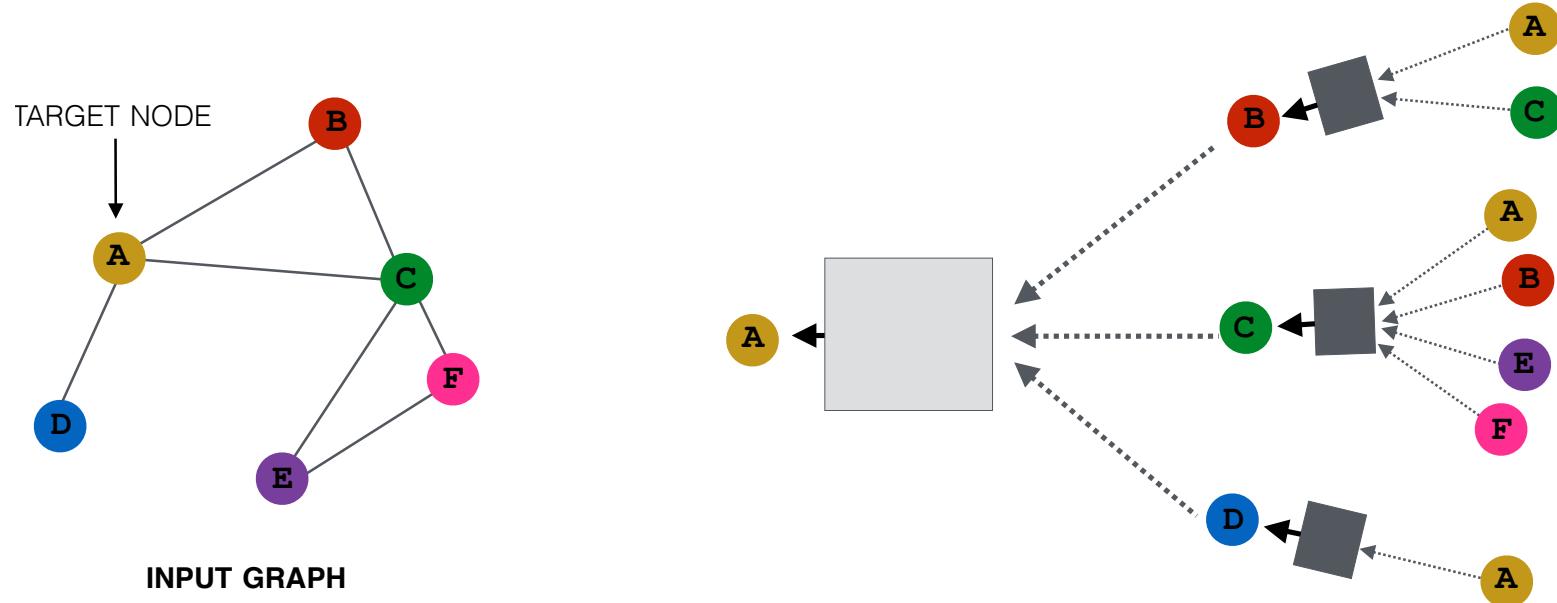
Determine node  
computation graph



Propagate and  
transform information

Learn how to propagate information across  
the graph to compute node features

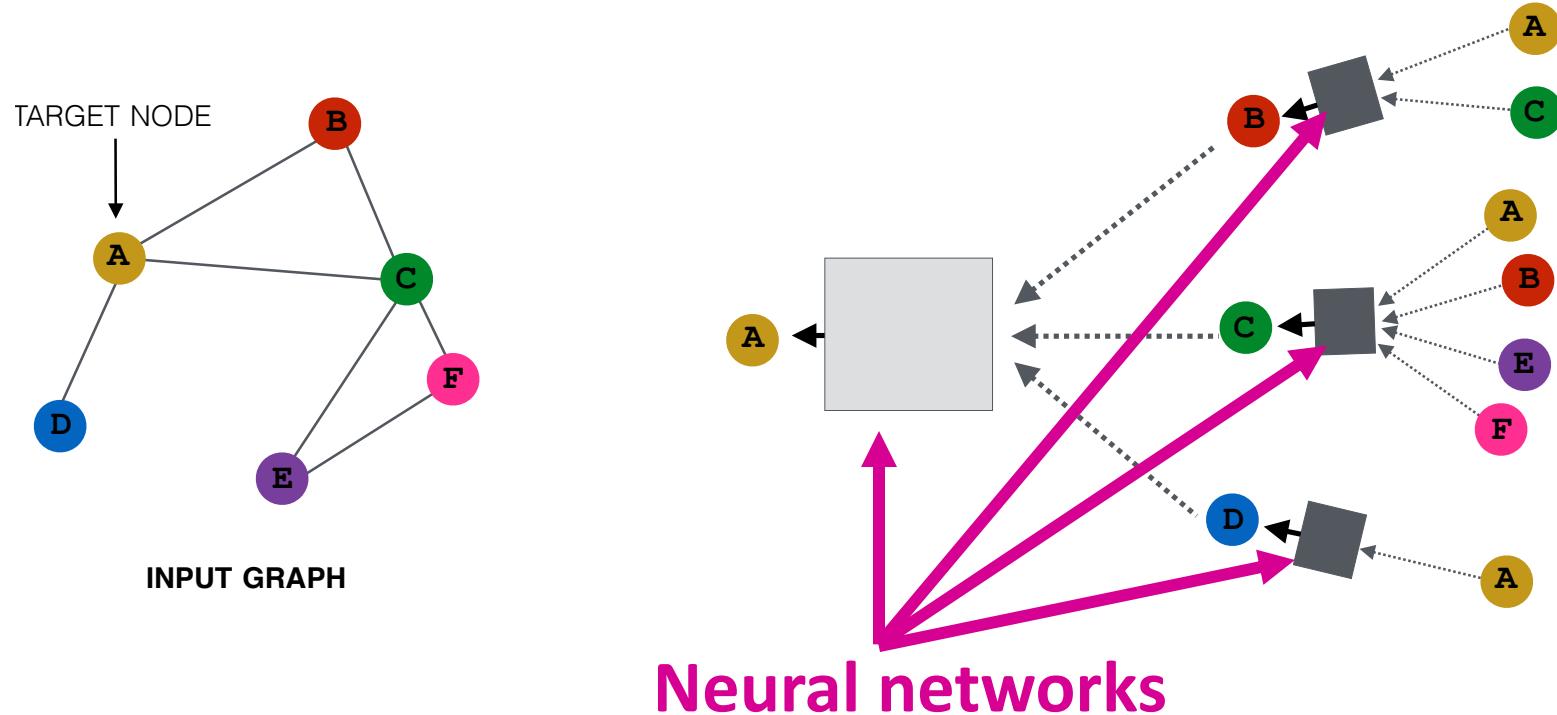
# Graph Neural Networks



Each node defines a computation graph

- Each edge in this graph is a transformation/aggregation function

# Graph Neural Networks

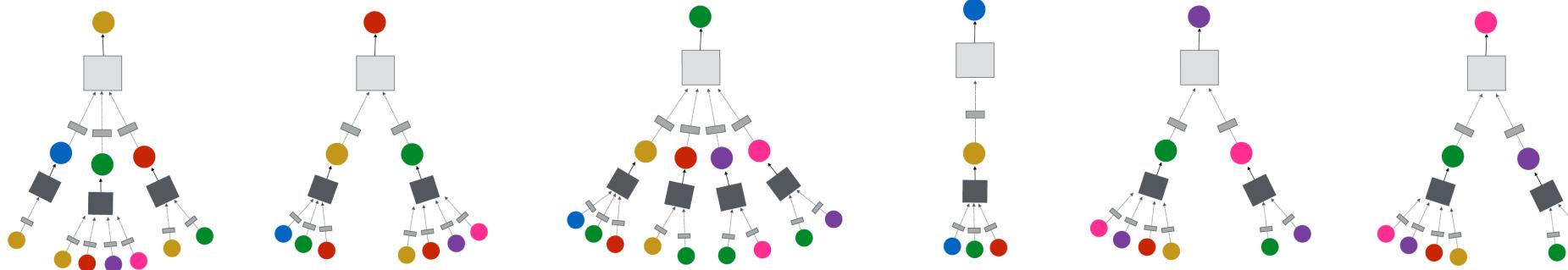
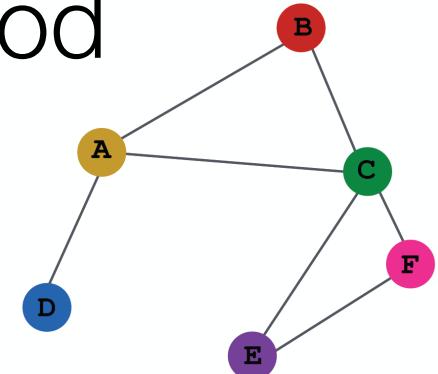


**Intuition:** Nodes aggregate information from their neighbors using neural networks

# Idea: Aggregate Neighbors

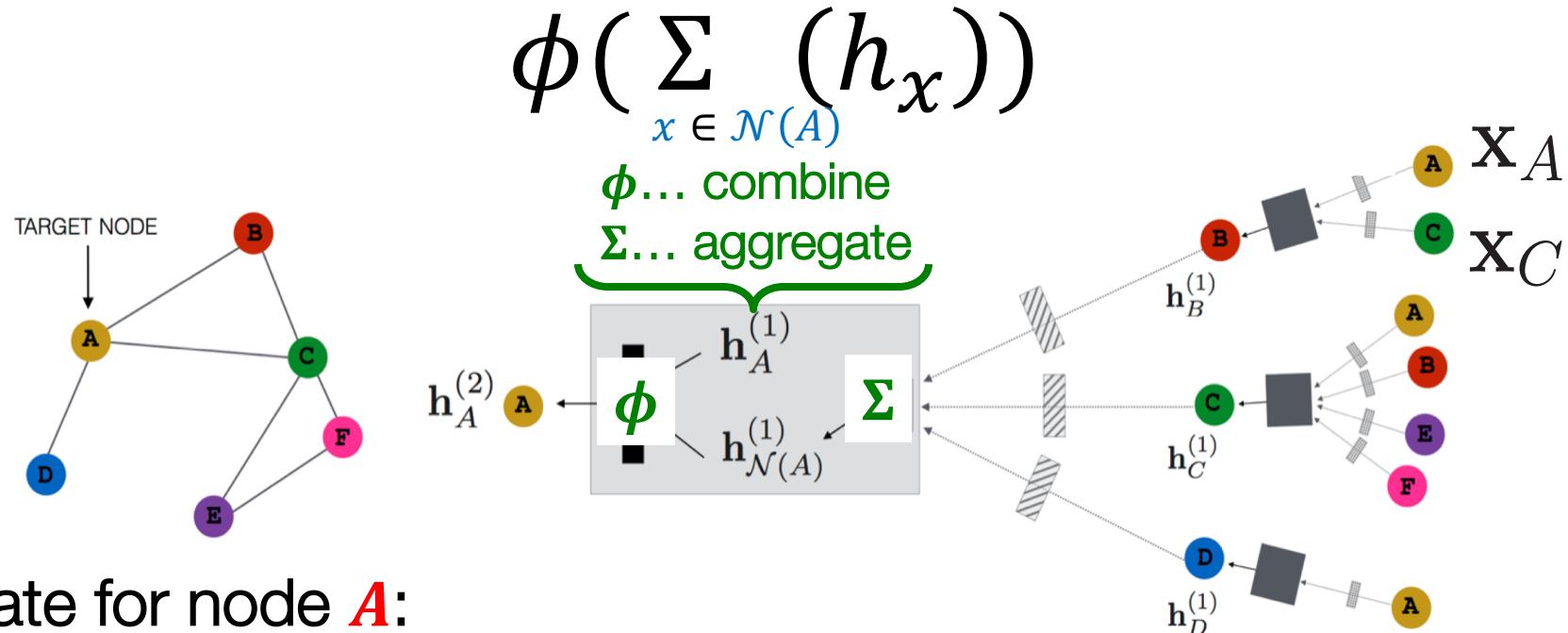
**Intuition:** Network neighborhood defines a computation graph

Every node defines a computation graph based on its neighborhood!



Can be viewed as learning a generic linear combination of graph low-pass and high-pass operators

# Our Approach: GraphSAGE



Update for node  $A$ :

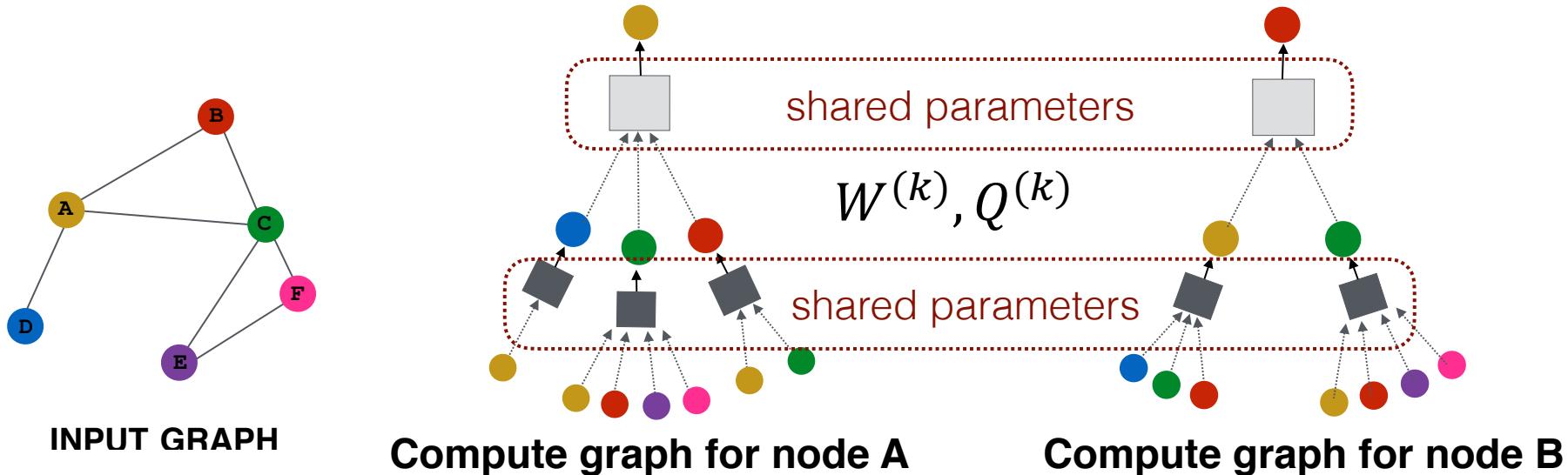
$$h_A^{(k+1)} = \sigma\left(W^{(k)} h_A^{(k)}, \sum_{x \in \mathcal{N}(A)} \left(\sigma(Q^{(k)} h_x^{(k)})\right)\right)$$

Annotations explain the components:

- $h_A^{(k+1)}$  is the  $k + 1^{\text{st}}$  level embedding of node  $A$ .
- $W^{(k)} h_A^{(k)}$  is the transformed version of node  $A$ 's own embedding from level  $k$ .
- $\sum_{x \in \mathcal{N}(A)} (\sigma(Q^{(k)} h_x^{(k)}))$  is the transformed and aggregated embeddings of neighbors  $n$ .

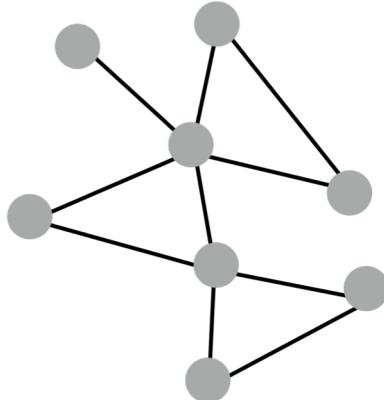
■  $h_A^{(0)} = \text{attributes } X_A \text{ of node } A$ ,  $\sigma(\cdot)$  is a sigmoid activation function

# GraphSAGE: Training

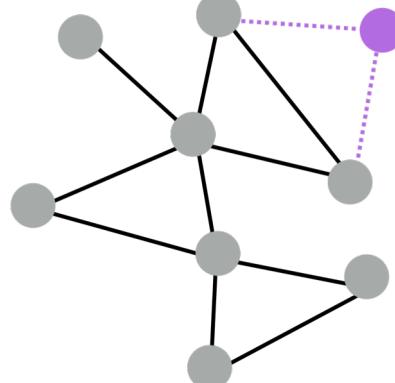


- Aggregation parameters are shared for all nodes
- Number of model parameters is independent of  $|V|$
- Can use different loss functions:
  - Classification/Regression:  $\mathcal{L}(h_A) = \|y_A - f(h_A)\|^2$
  - Pairwise Loss:  $\mathcal{L}(h_A, h_B) = \max(0, 1 - dist(h_A, h_B))$

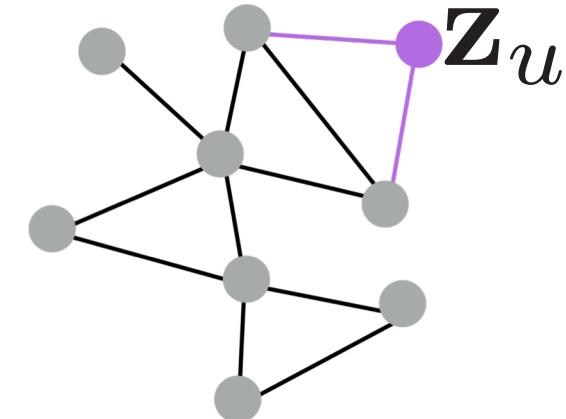
# Inductive Capability



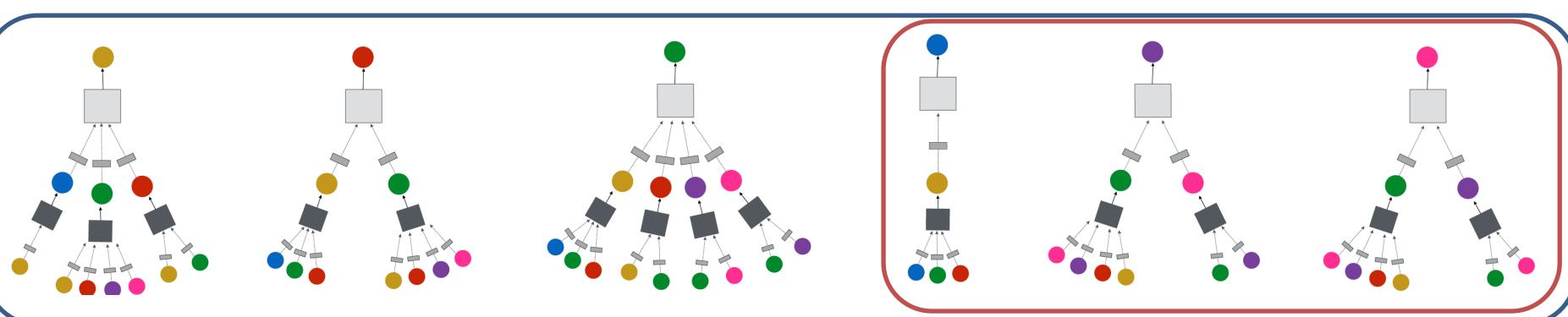
train with a snapshot



new node arrives

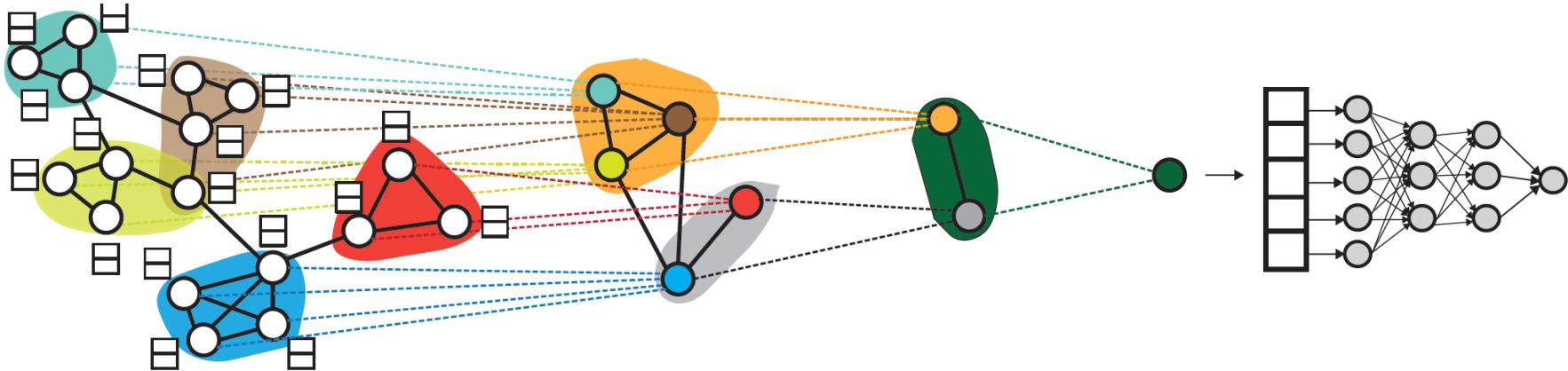


generate embedding  
for new node



Even for nodes we  
never trained on!

# Embedding Entire Graphs



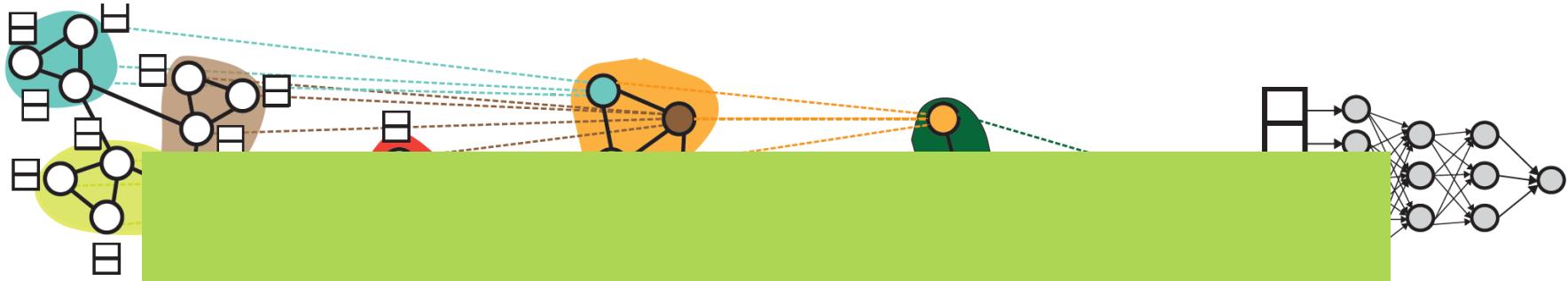
Don't just embed individual nodes.  
Embed the entire graph.

**Problem:** Learn how to hierarchical pool the nodes to embed the entire graph

**Our solution: DIFFPOOL**

- Learns hierarchical pooling strategy
- Sets of nodes are pooled hierarchically

# Embedding Entire Graphs



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How expressive are  
Graph Neural Networks?

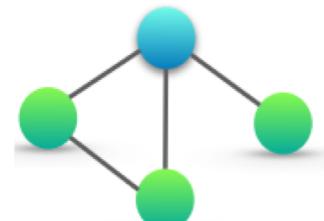
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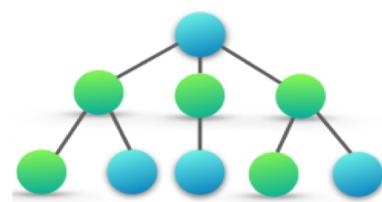
# How expressive are GNNs?

**Theoretical framework:** Characterize GNN's discriminative power:

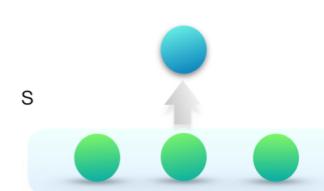
- Characterize upper bound of the discriminative power of GNNs
- Propose a maximally powerful GNN
- Characterize discriminative power of popular GNNs



GNN tree:

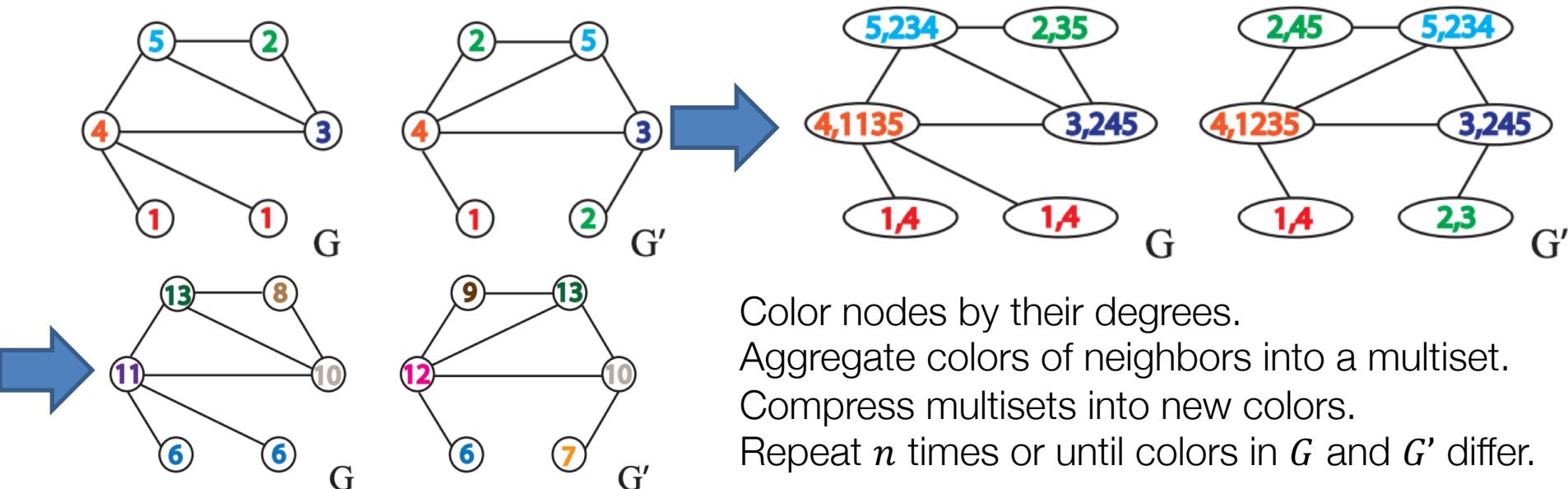


[How Powerful are Graph Neural Networks?](#) K. Xu, et al. ICLR 2019.



# Discriminative Power of GNNs

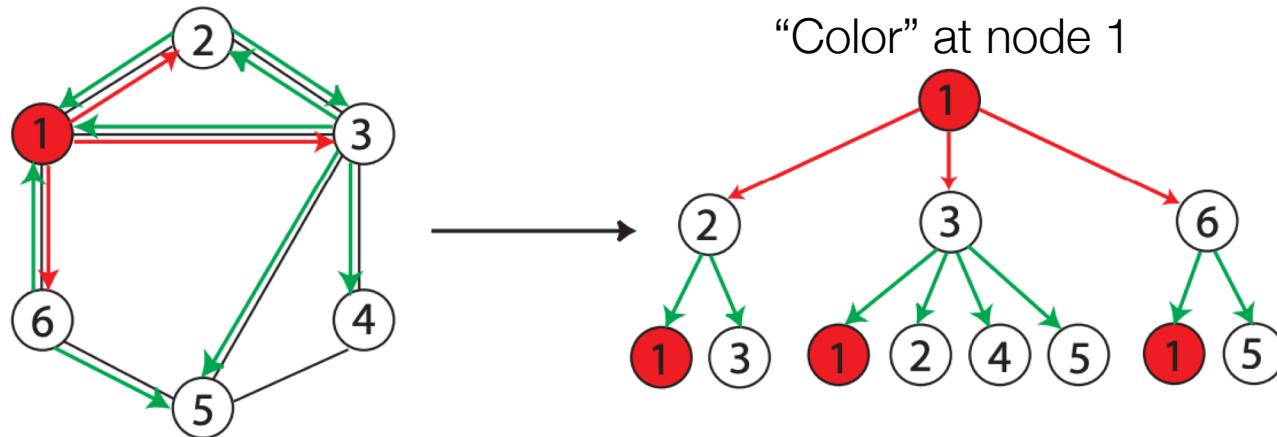
**Theorem:** GNNs can be at most as powerful as the Weisfeiler-Lehman graph isomorphism test (a.k.a. canonical labeling or color refinement)



# Discriminative Power of GNNs

**Theorem:**  $\text{Power(GNNs)} \leq \text{Power(WL)}$

**Why?**



So, to distinguish 2 nodes, GNN needs to distinguish structure of their rooted subtrees

We develop GIN – provably most powerful GNN!

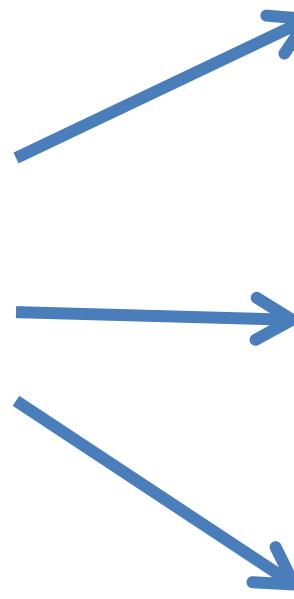
# PinSAGE for Recommender Systems

[Graph Convolutional Neural Networks for Web-Scale Recommender Systems.](#) R. Ying, R. He, K. Chen, P. Eksombatchai, W. L. Hamilton, J. Leskovec. *KDD*, 2018.



# Pinterest

A screenshot of a Pinterest pin. The main image shows a vintage-style kitchen with a large black wood-burning stove, a copper still, and various blue ceramic pieces. A blue island with a white countertop is visible. The pin includes a red 'Save' button at the top right, a photo viewer icon, and a 'Visit' button at the bottom right. Below the image, it says 'Saved from therecipeblog.com'. At the bottom, there's a '9 people tried it' section with a '90%' completion bar, and a note that 'Christina saved to Kitchen'.



Blue accents

219 Pins



Vintage kitchen

377 Pins



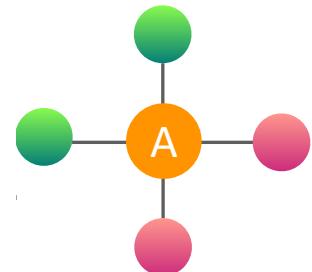
- 300M users
- 4+B pins, 2+B boards



# Application: Pinterest

## PinSage graph convolutional network:

- **Goal:** Generate embeddings for nodes in a large-scale Pinterest graph containing billions of objects
- **Key Idea:** Borrow information from nearby nodes
  - E.g., bed rail Pin might look like a garden fence, but gates and beds are rarely adjacent in the graph



- Pin embeddings are essential to various tasks like recommendation of Pins, classification, ranking
  - Services like “Related Pins”, “Search”, “Shopping”, “Ads”



# Pinterest Graph

## Human curated collection of pins



Very ape blue  
structured coat

Nitty Gritty

Picked for you  
Street style



Hans Wegner chair  
Room and Board

Promoted by  
Room & Board



This is just a beautiful  
image for thoughts.  
Yay or nay, your choice.

Annie Teng  
Plantation

**Pins:** Visual bookmarks someone has saved from the internet to a board they've created.

**Pin features:** Image, text, links



mid century modern ...

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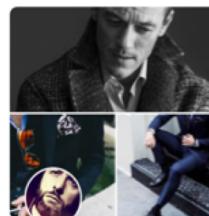
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Gavin Jones



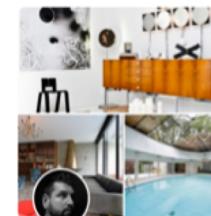
men + style I  
FIG + SALT



Plants  
HelloSandwich



Men's Style  
Andrea Sempi



Mid century modern  
Tyler Goodro



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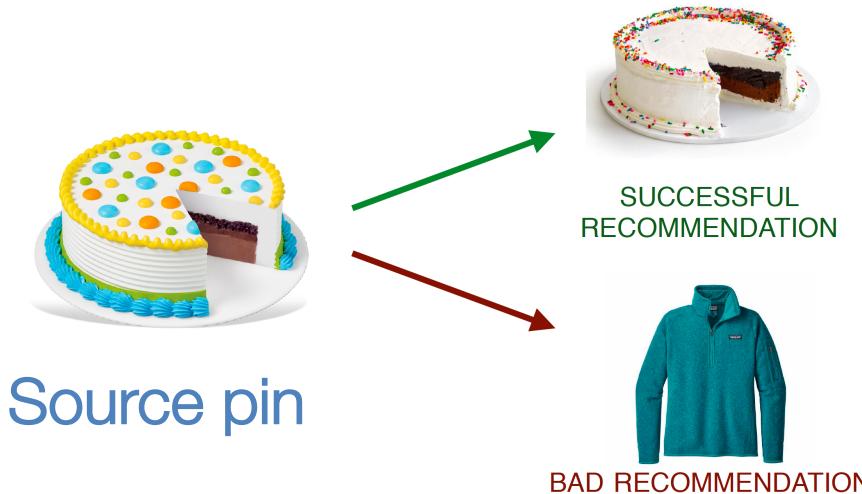
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Boards

# Pin Recommendation



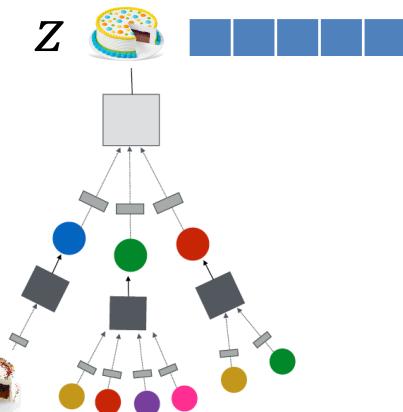
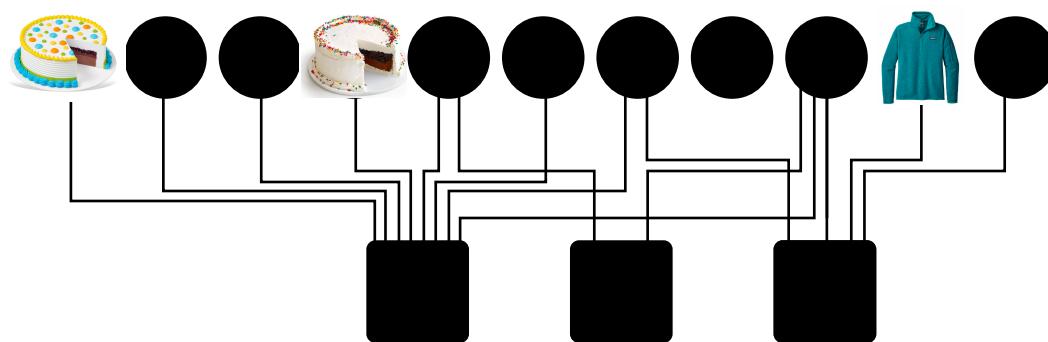
**Task:** Recommend related pins to users



**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**



# PinSAGE Training



**Goal:** Identify target pin among 3B pins

- **Issue:** Need to learn with resolution of 100 vs. 3B
- **Massive size:** 3 billion nodes, 20 billion edges
- **Idea:** Use harder and harder negative samples



Source pin



Positive



Easy negative



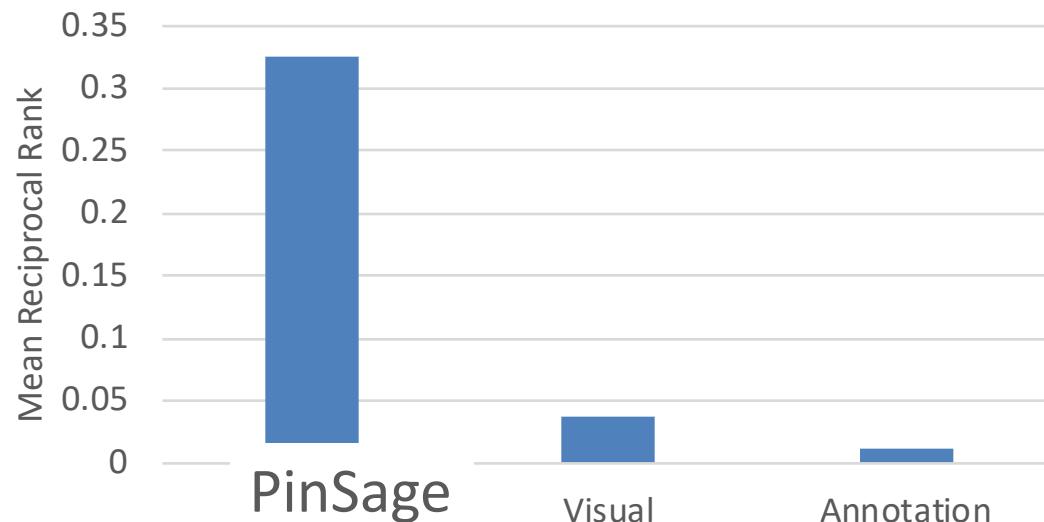
Hard negative

# PinSAGE Performance



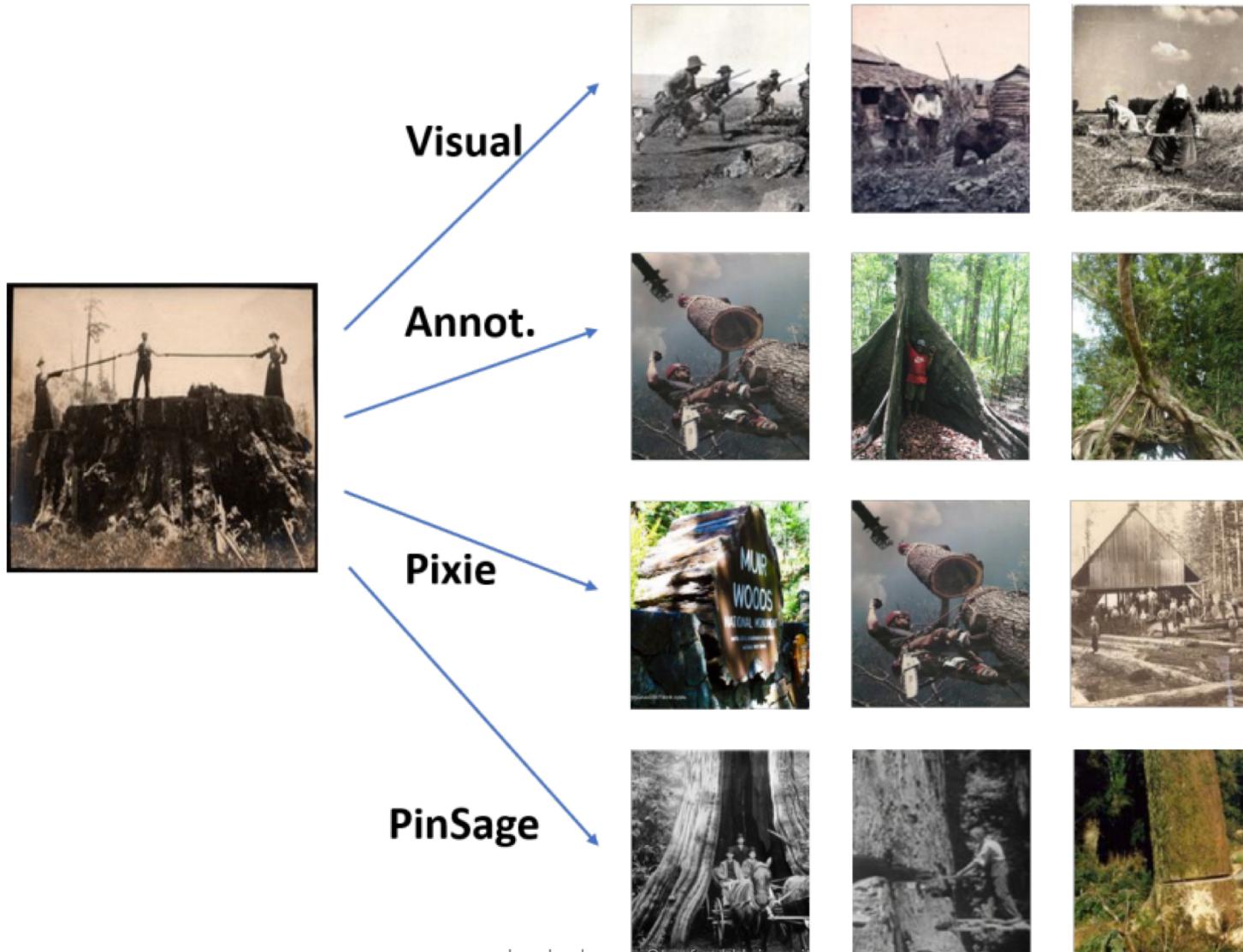
## Related Pin recommendations

- Given a user is looking at pin Q, predict what pin X are they going to save next
- Setup: Embed 3B pins, perform nearest neighbor to generate recommendations





# PinSAGE Example



# Computational Drug Discovery: Drug Side Effect Prediction

[Modeling Polypharmacy Side Effects with Graph Convolutional Networks](#). M. Zitnik, M. Agrawal, J. Leskovec. Bioinformatics, 2018.

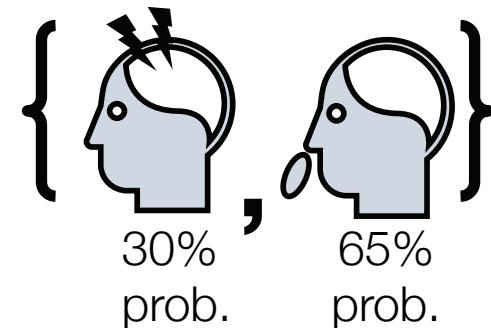
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# Polypharmacy side effects

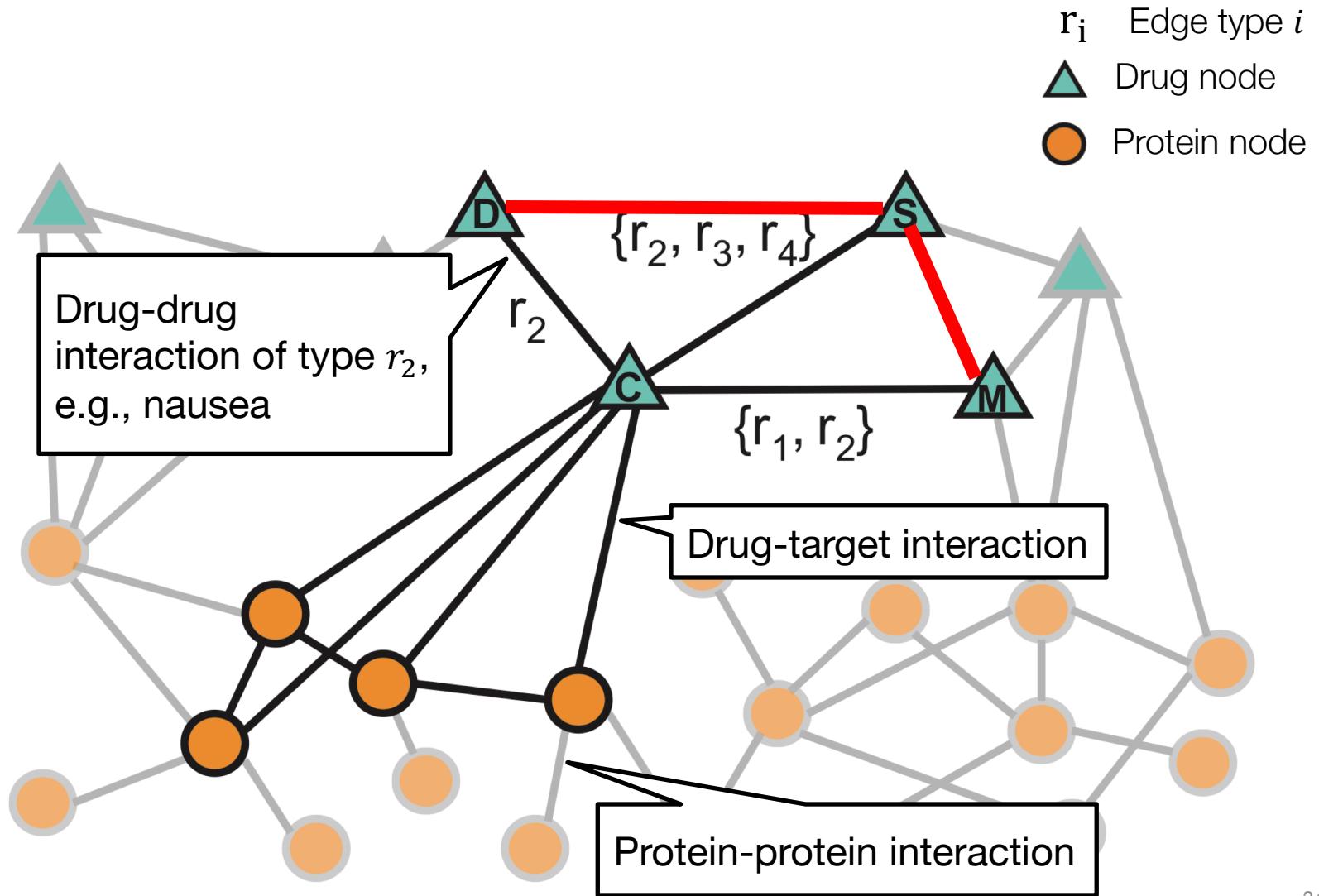
Many patients take multiple drugs to treat **complex** or co-existing diseases:

- 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**



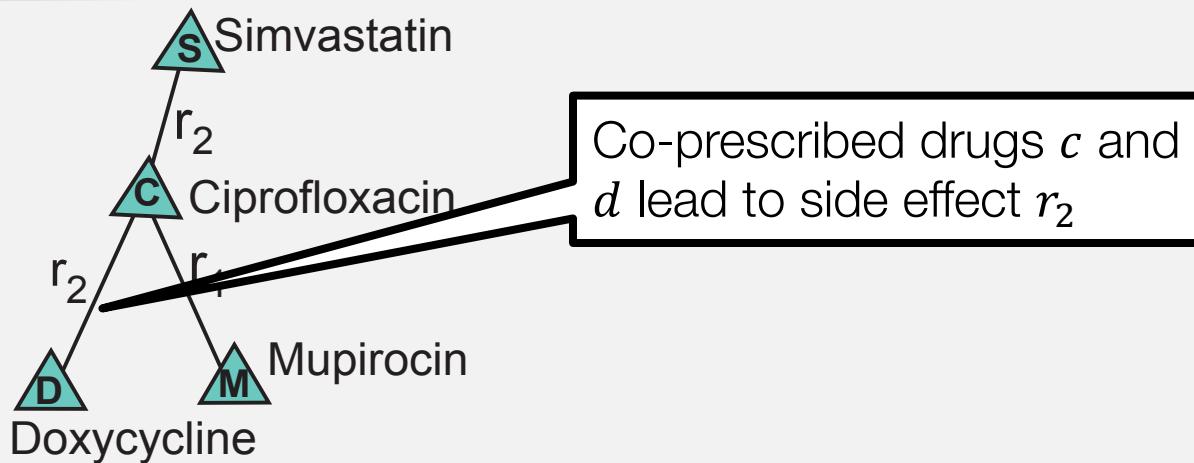
# Approach: Build a Graph



# Task: Link Prediction

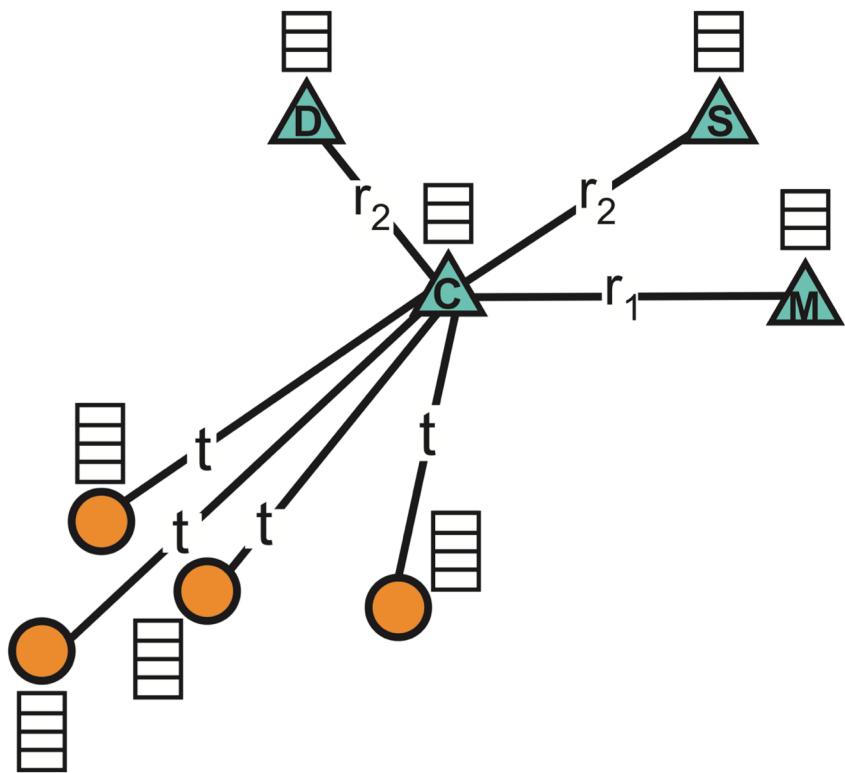
**Task:** Given a partially observed graph, predict labeled edges between drug nodes

Example query: Given drugs  $c, d$ , how likely is an edge  $(c, r_2, d)$ ?

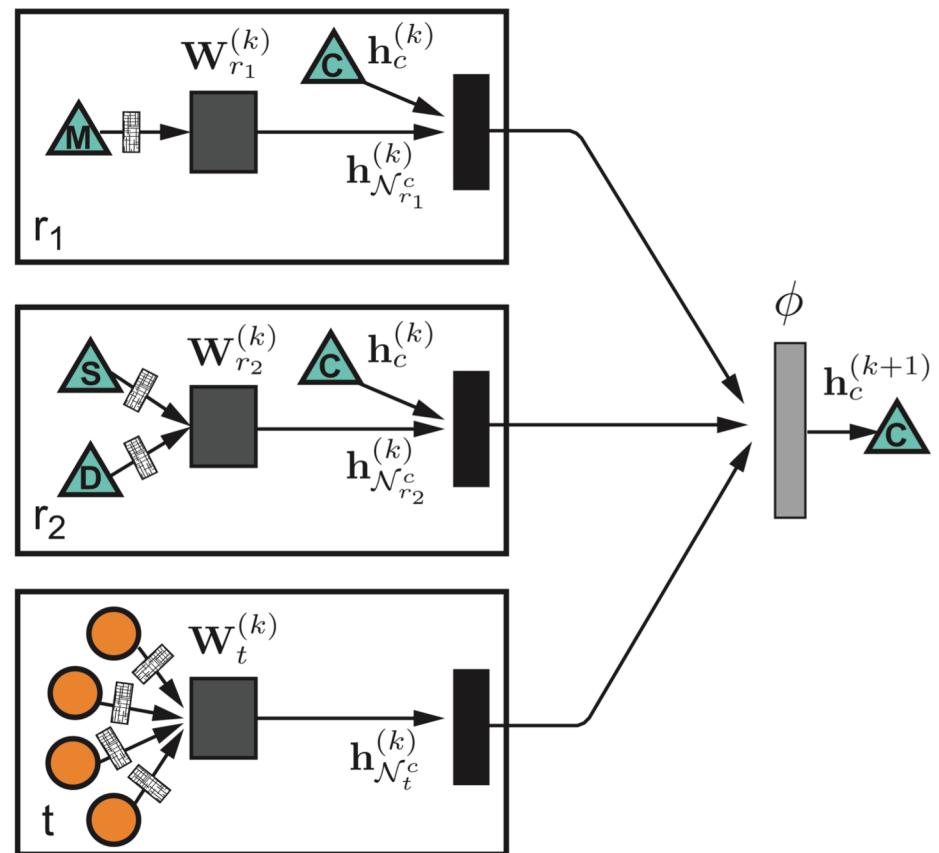


# Decagon: Graph Neural Net

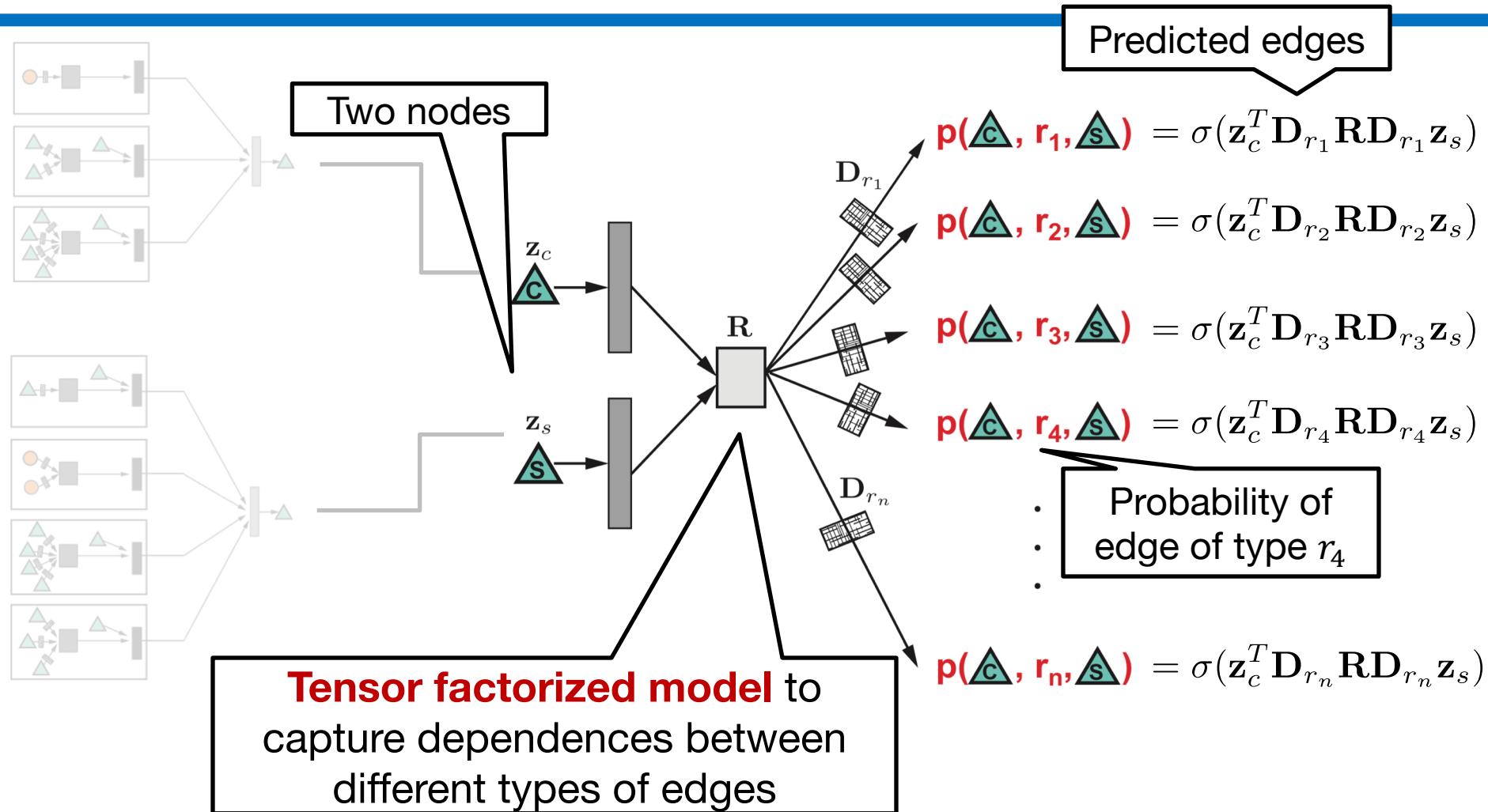
Network neighborhood of node  $C$



Node  $C$ 's computation graph

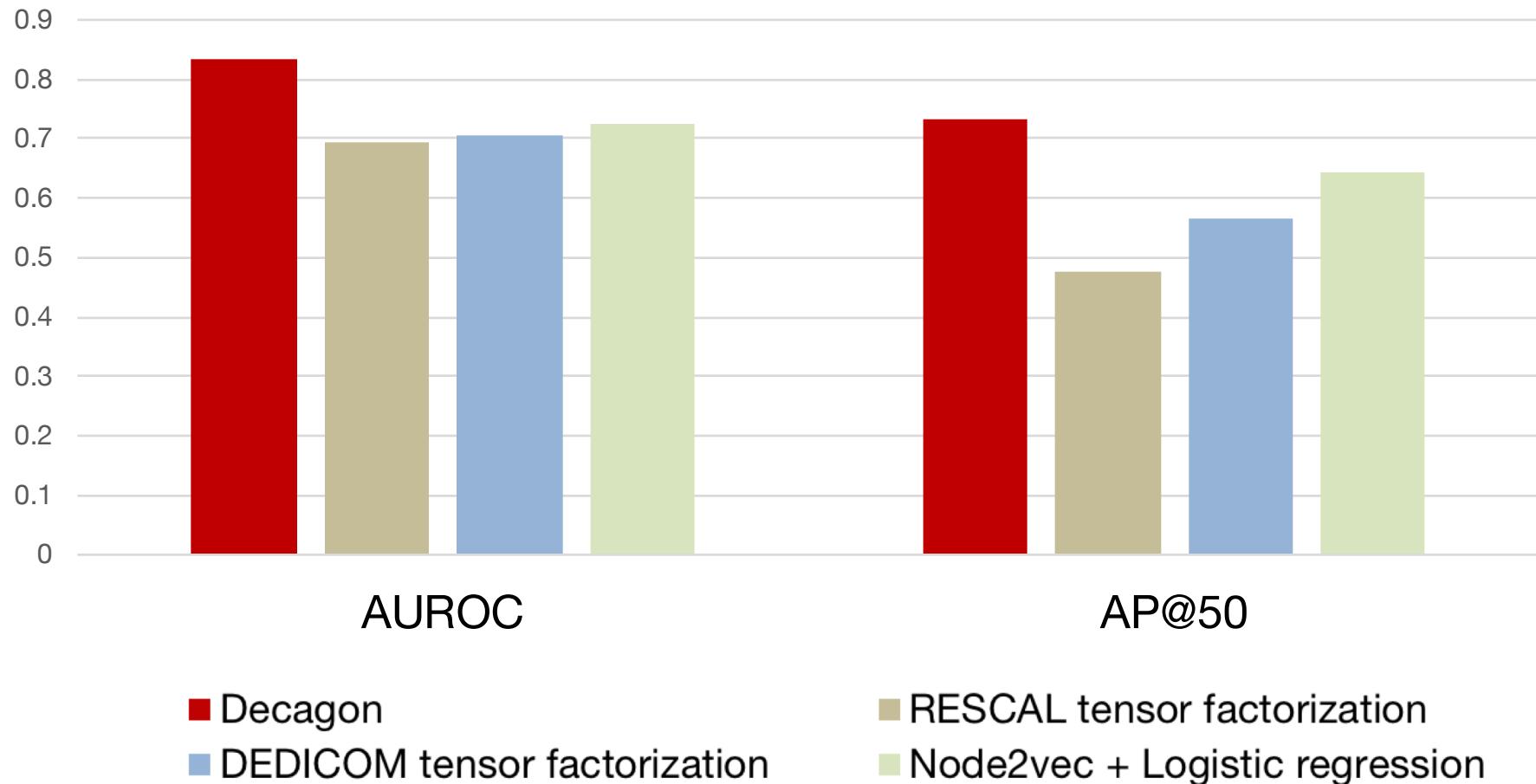


# Decoder: Link Prediction



$\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{D}_{r_i}$  Parameter weight matrices

# Results: Side Effect Prediction



36% average in AP@50 improvement over baselines

# *De novo* Predictions

Rank	Drug $c$	Drug $d$	Side effect $r$
1	Pyrimethamine	Aliskiren	Sarcoma
2	Tigecycline	Bimatoprost	Autonomic neuropathy
3	Omeprazole	Dacarbazine	Telangiectases
4	Tolcapone	Pyrimethamine	Breast disorder
5	Minoxidil	Paricalcitol	Cluster headache
6	Omeprazole	Amoxicillin	Renal tubular acidosis
7	Anagrelide	Azelaic acid	Cerebral thrombosis
8	Atorvastatin	Amlodipine	Muscle inflammation
9	Aliskiren	Tioconazole	Breast inflammation
10	Estradiol	Nadolol	Endometriosis

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*Case Report*

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

# Predictions in the Clinic

**Clinical validation** via drug-drug interaction markers, lab values, and

Medication List											Simple List	Timeline	Back to the Book	Feedback	Task List
Medication	Brand	Dose	Frequency	Quantity	Refills	Condition	Provider	Prescribed	2011	2012	2013	2014	Renew by		
beclomethasone HFA	QVAR HFA	2 puffs	bid	12	Asthma	Barnes	19 Feb 2011						19 Sep 2013		
chlorothalidone		25 mg	1 daily	90	3	Hypertension	Barnes	19 Sep 2006					19 Sep 2013		
insulin glargine	Lantus	28 u	daily	90	11	Diabetes	Ballard	19 Nov 2012					19 Sep 2013		
metformin		1000 mg	1 bid	180	3	Diabetes	Barnes	4 Mar 2008					19 Sep 2013		
naproxen	Aleve	500 mg	1 bid	90	0	Rheumatoid arthritis	Barnes	4 Mar 2008					19 Sep 2013		
prednisone		20 mg	2 d x5d prn	84	0	Asthma	Barnes	12 Sep 2010					19 Sep 2013		
zolpidem		5 mg	1 hs	90	0	Insomnia	Barnes	15 Mar 2012					22 Sep 2013		
simvastatin		40 mg	1 daily	84	0	High cholesterol	Belden	19 Mar 2010					30 Sep 2013		
terbinafine		250 mg	1 daily	84	0	Onychomycosis	Foote	30 Jul 2013					19 Oct 2013		



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GENERAL HOSPITAL



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MEDICINE



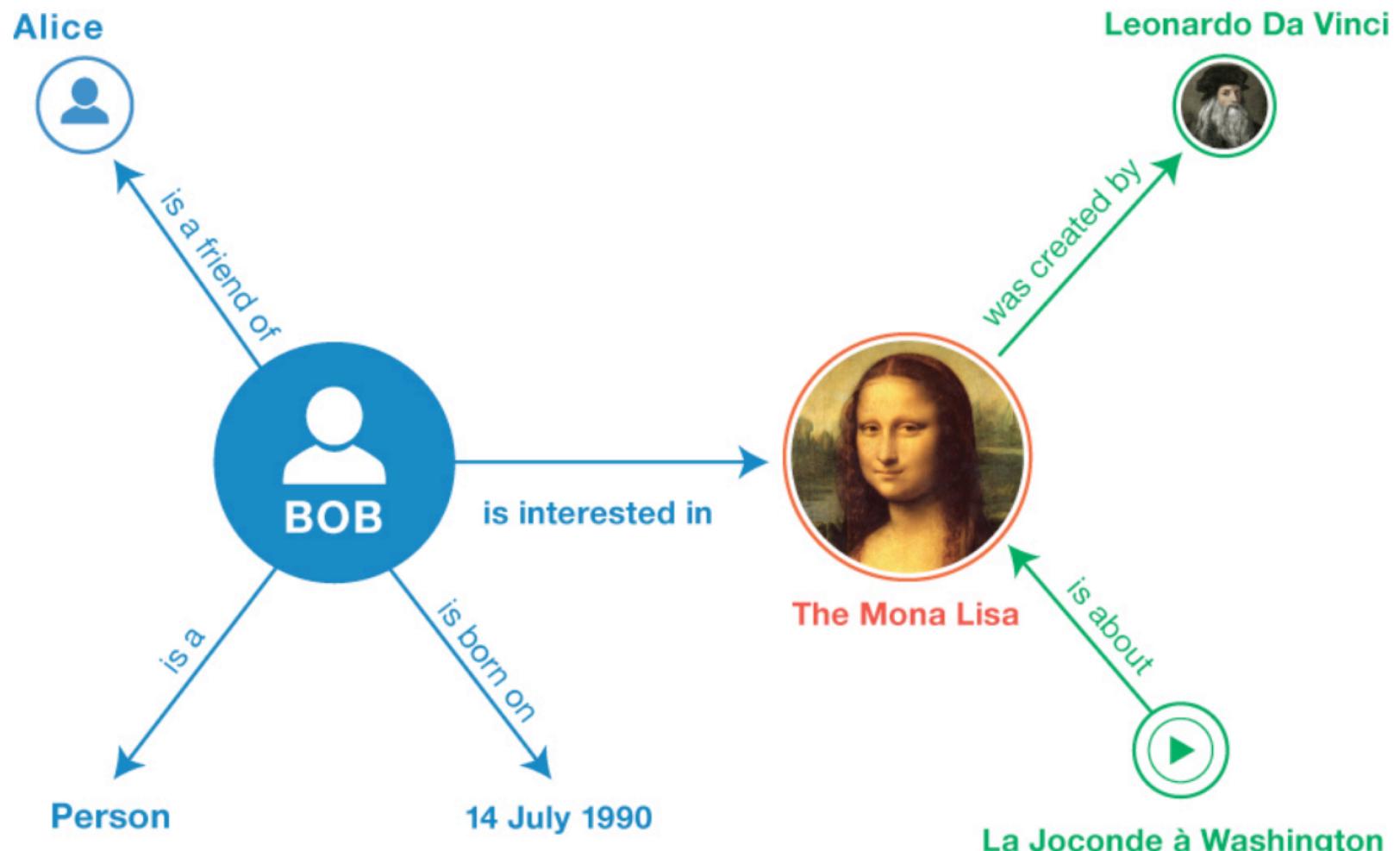
HARVARD  
MEDICAL SCHOOL

First method to predict side effects of drug pairs, even for drug combinations not yet used in patients

# Reasoning in Knowledge Graphs

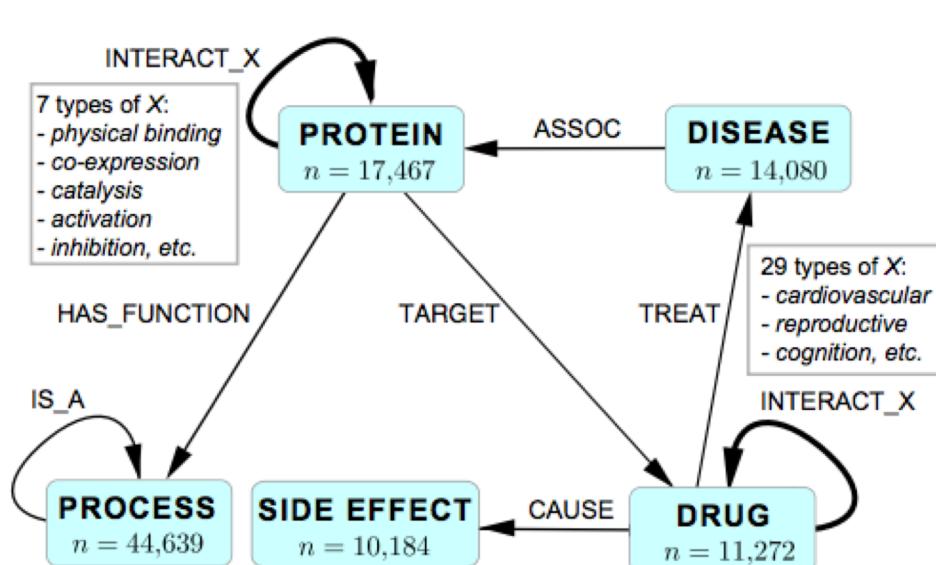
[Embedding Logical Queries on Knowledge Graphs](#). W. Hamilton, P. Bajaj, M. Zitnik, D. Jurafsky, J. Leskovec. *Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)*, 2018.

# Knowledge as a Graph

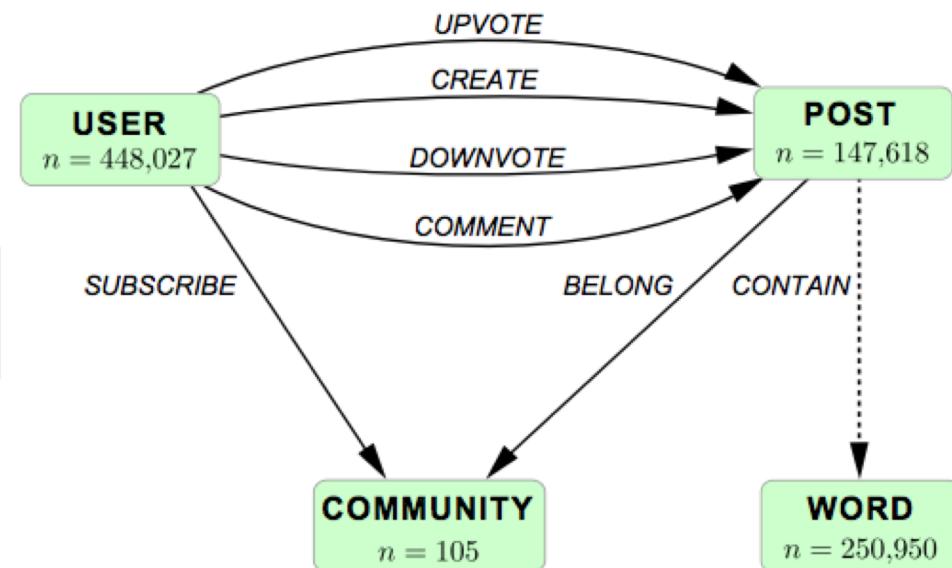


# Knowledge Graph

## Heterogeneous Knowledge Graphs



Biological interactions



Online communities

# Conjunctive Graph Queries

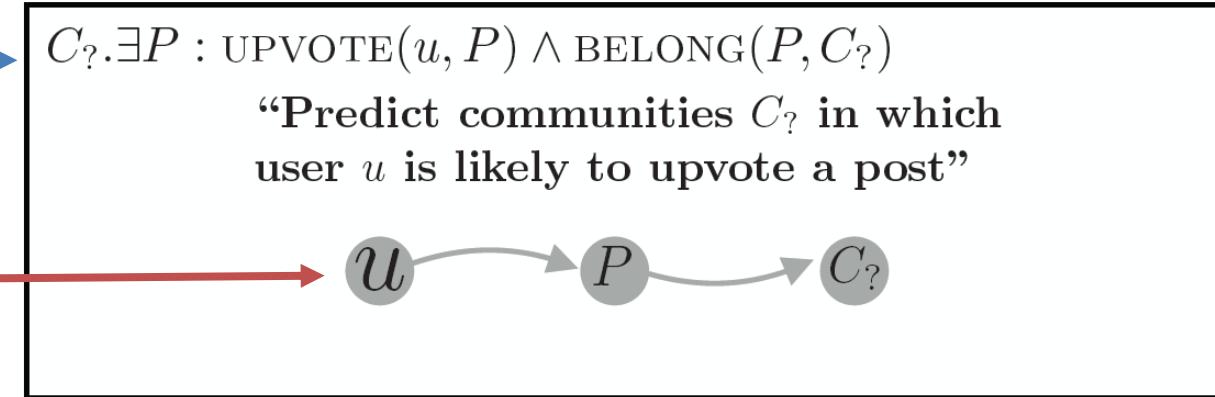
Query formula



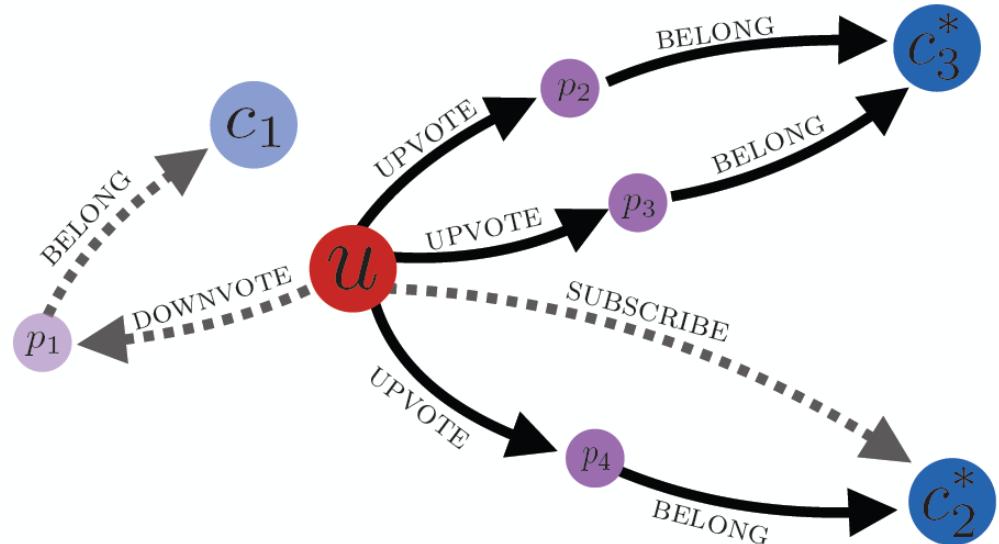
$$C_?. \exists P : \text{UPVOTE}(u, P) \wedge \text{BELONG}(P, C_?)$$

“Predict communities  $C_?$  in which user  $u$  is likely to upvote a post”

Query DAG



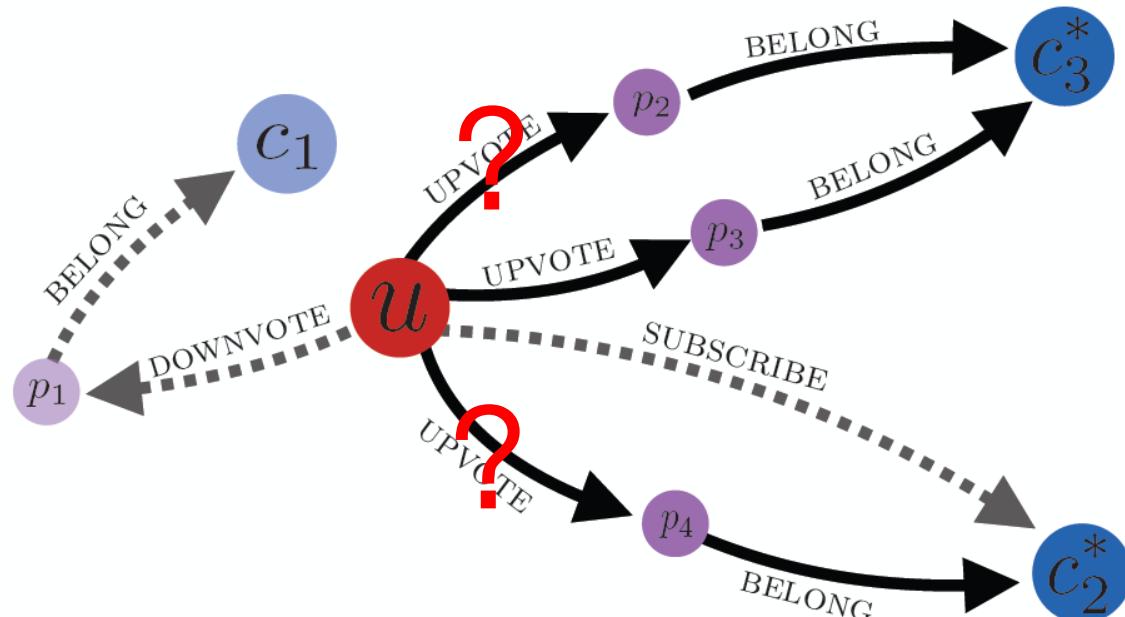
Example subgraphs  
that satisfy the query



# Predictive Graph Queries

**Key challenges:** Big graphs and queries can involve noisy and unobserved data!

Some links might be noisy or unobserved or haven't occurred yet



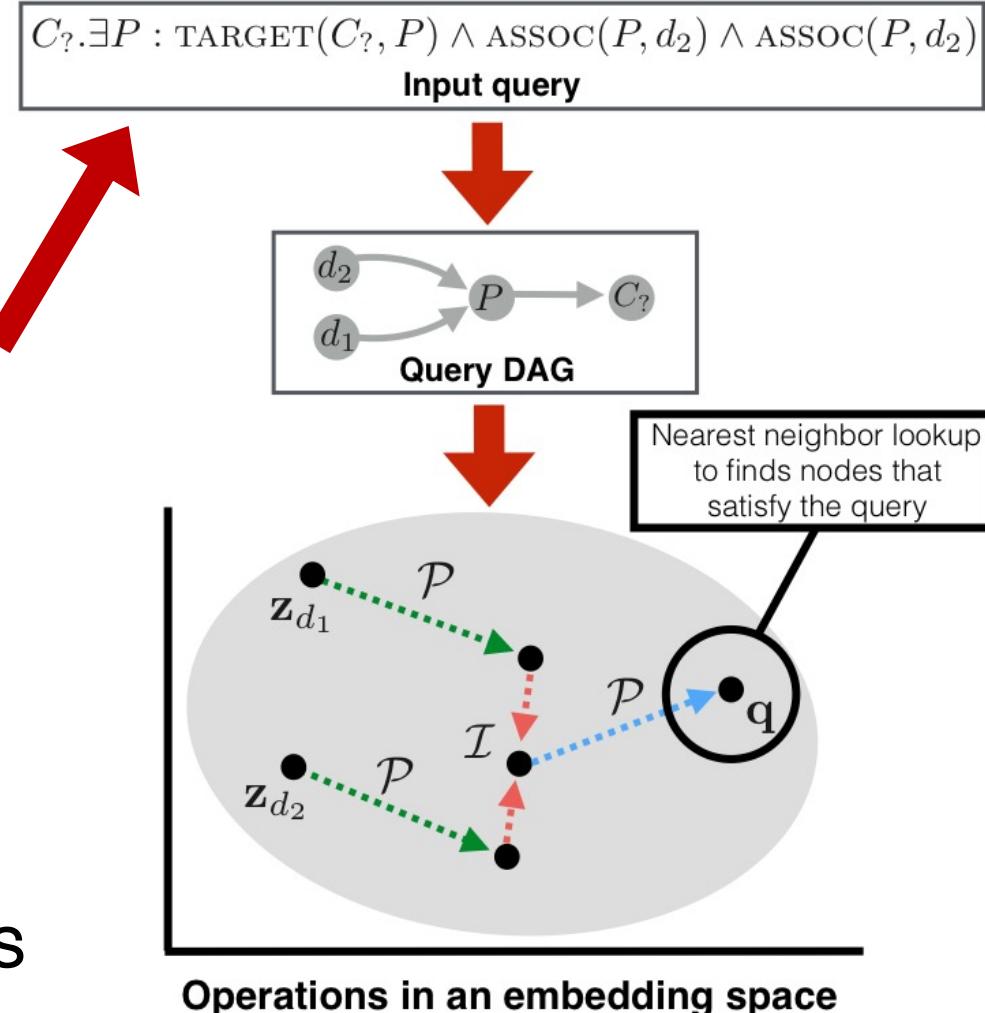
**Problem:** Naïve link prediction and graph template matching are too expensive

# Overview of Our Framework

**Goal:** Answer complex logical queries

E.g.: “**Predict drugs C** likely target proteins P associated with diseases d<sub>1</sub> and d<sub>2</sub>”

**Idea:** Logical operators become spatial operators



# Model Specification

**Given:** Knowledge graph

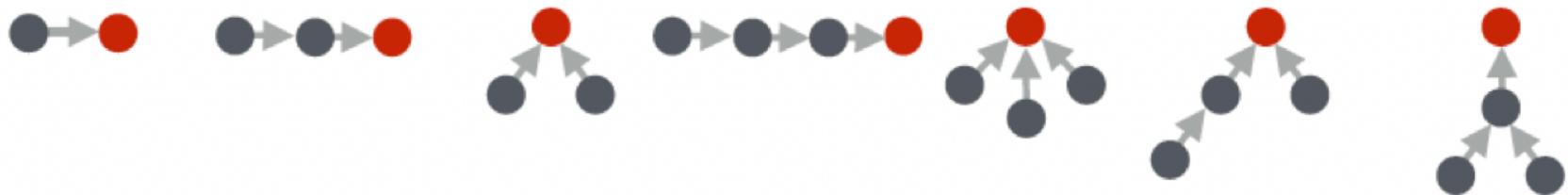
**Find:**

- Node embeddings
- Projection operator  $P$ :  $P(q, \tau) = R_\tau \cdot z_q$ 
  - Applies transition  $R_\tau$  of relation  $\tau$  to  $q$
- Intersection operator  $I$ :  
$$I(q_{1..n}) = W_\gamma \cdot \text{AGG}_{j=1..n}(\text{NN}(q_i))$$
  - Set intersection in the embedding space

$\tau$ ... edge type  
 $\gamma$ ... node type  
 $R_\tau$ ... matrix  
 $W_\gamma$ ... matrix  
 $\Psi$ ... aggregator  
NN... neural net

# Model Training

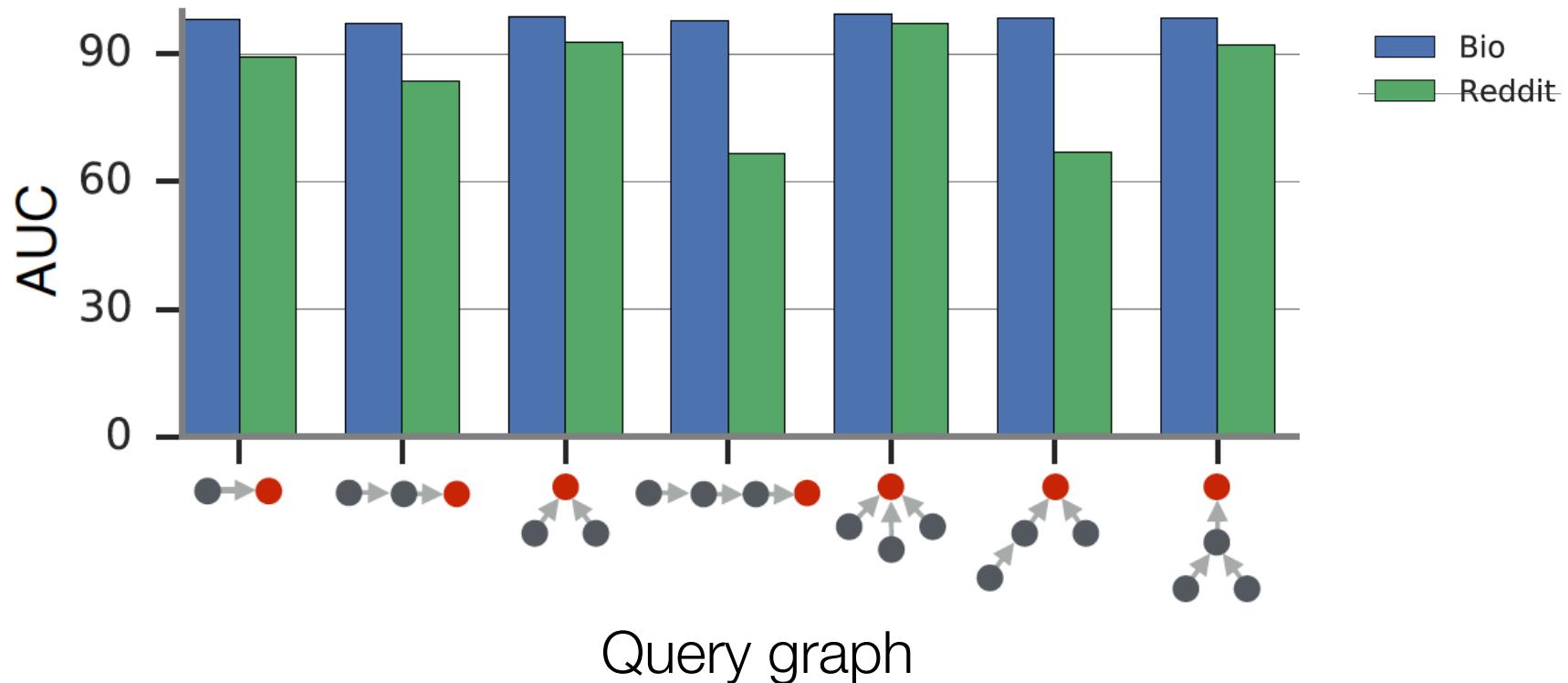
Training examples: Queries on the graph



- **Positives:** Path with a known answer
- **“Standard” negatives:** Random nodes of the correct answer type
- **“Hard” negatives:** Correct answers if a logical conjunction is relaxed to a disjunction
- Loss:  $\mathcal{L}(q) = \max(0, 1 - \text{score}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{z}_{v^*}) + \text{score}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{z}_{v_N}))$

# Performance

- Performance on different query types:



# How can this technology be used for other problems?

**We can now apply neural networks  
much more broadly**

New frontiers beyond classic neural networks  
that learn on images and sequences

## **Many other applications:**

- **Nodes:** Predict tissue-specific protein functions
- **Subgraphs:** Predict which drug treats what disease
- **Graphs:** Predict properties of molecules/drugs

# Summary

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- Graph Convolutional Neural Networks
  - Generalize beyond simple convolutions
- Fuses node features & graph info
  - State-of-the-art accuracy for node classification and link prediction
- Model size independent of graph size; can scale to billions of nodes
  - Largest embedding to date (3B nodes, 20B edges)
- Leads to significant performance gains

# Conclusion

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Results from the past 2-3 years have shown:

- Representation learning paradigm can be extended to graphs
- No feature engineering necessary
- Can effectively combine node attribute data with the network information
- State-of-the-art results in a number of domains/tasks
- Use end-to-end training instead of multi-stage approaches for better performance

## Industry Partnerships



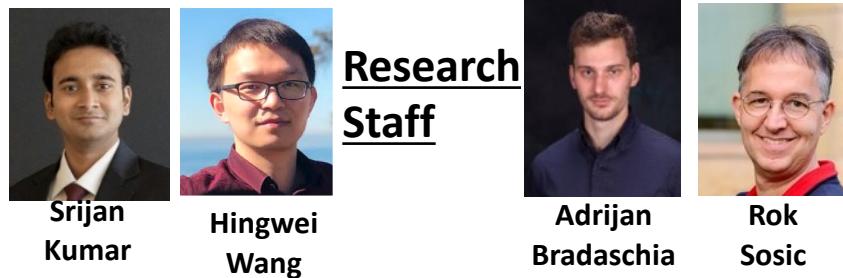
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