

# GraphSAGE: Deep Learning for Relational Data

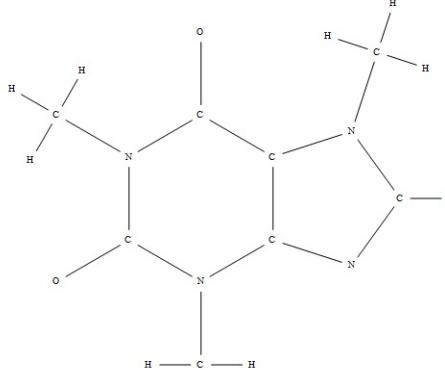
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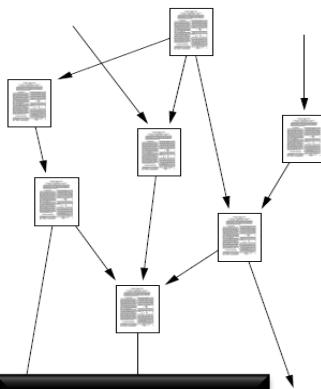
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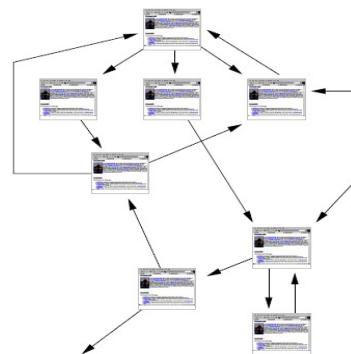
# Networks around us!



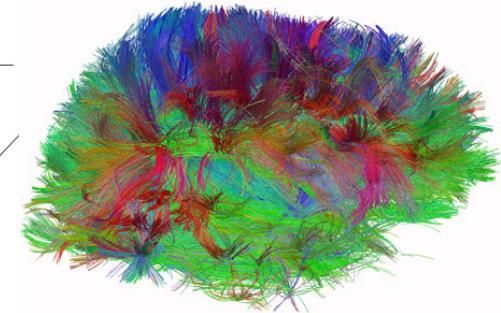
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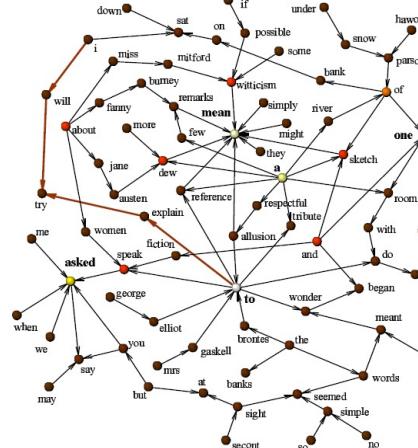
Knowledge



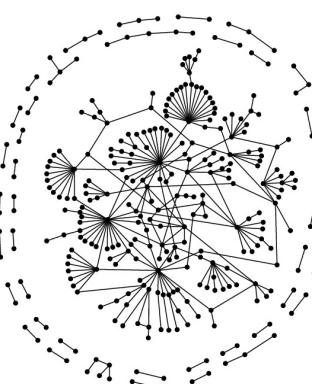
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Brain/neurons

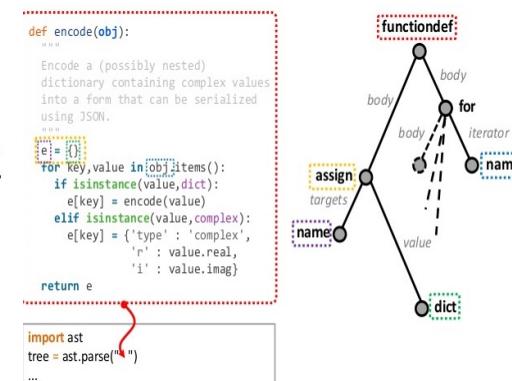


Genes



Communication

```
def encode(obj):
    e = {}
    for key,value in obj.items():
        if isinstance(value,dict):
            e[key] = encode(value)
        elif isinstance(value,complex):
            e[key] = {'type' : 'complex',
                      'r' : value.real,
                      'i' : value.imag}
    return e
```



Software



Social

# Applications of DL on Graphs



Computer graphics



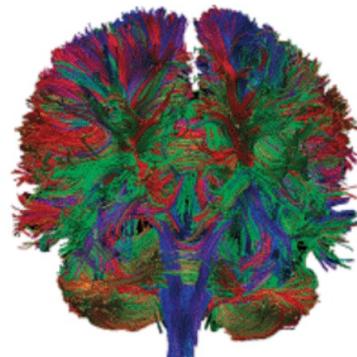
Virtual/augmented reality



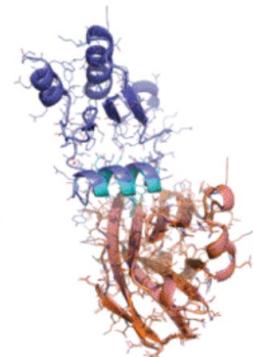
Robotics



Autonomous driving

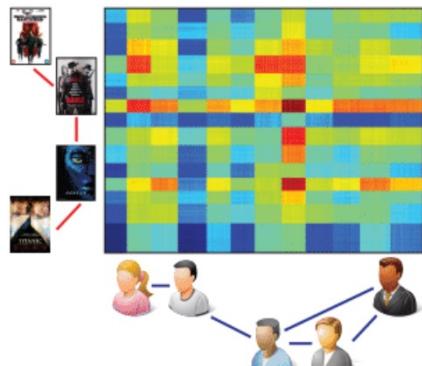


Medicine

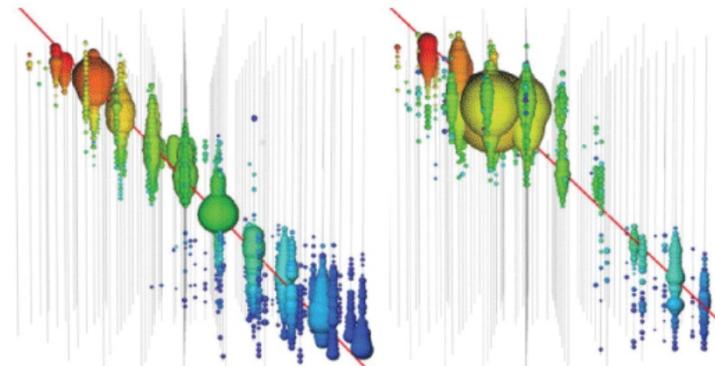


Drug design

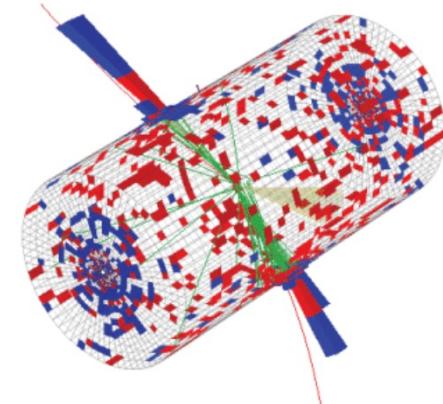
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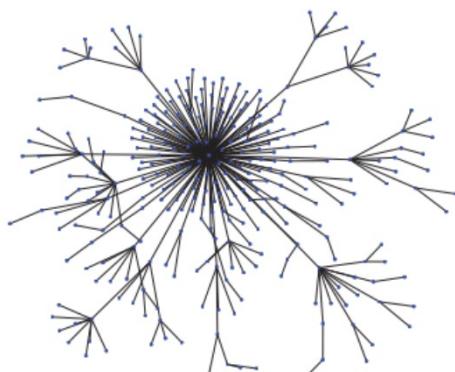
Recommender system



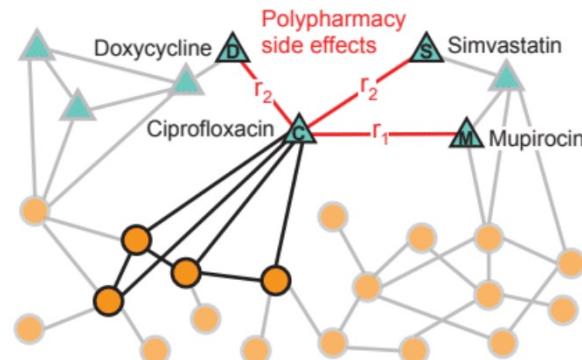
Neutrino detection



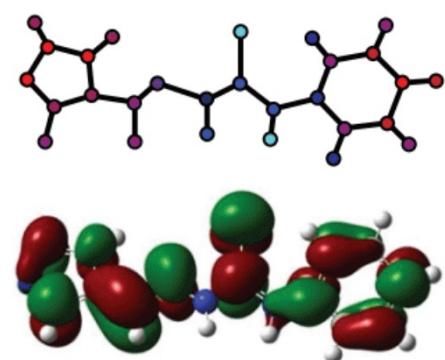
LHC



Fake news detection

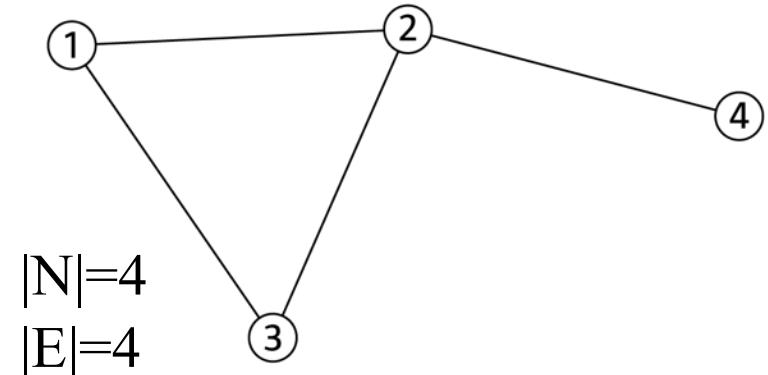
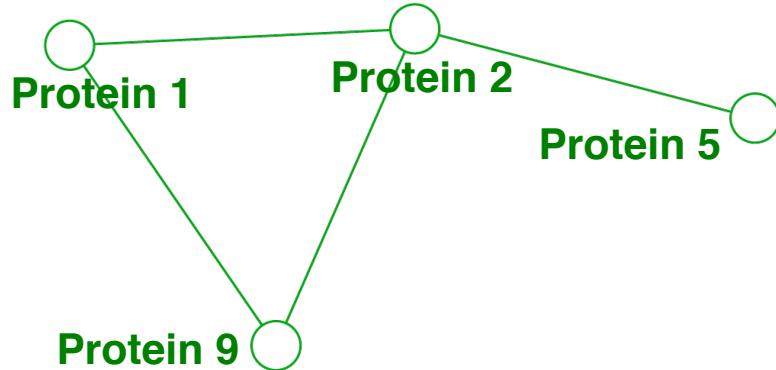
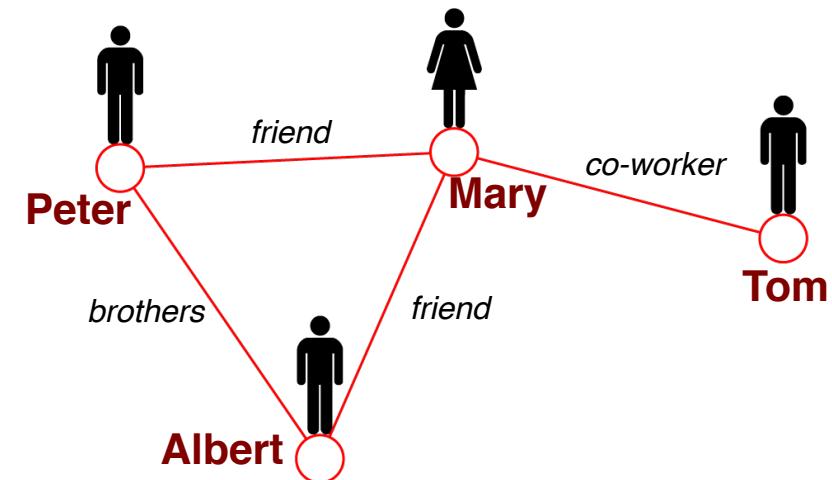
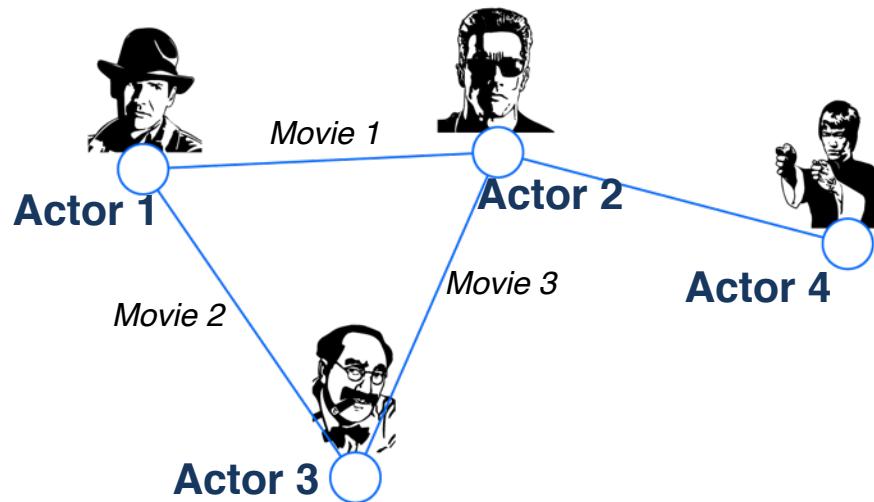


Drug repurposing



Chemistry

# Graphs: Common Language



# Our Collaborations



**TOSHIBA**

**CHASE** 

**HITACHI**



**JD.COM**



**Pinterest**

**NTT docomo**



**NVIDIA**



**Viaduct**

 **BOEING®**



**SAFE GRAPH**



**UnitedHealth Group**

 **gsk**

**GlaxoSmithKline**

- We work with many external organizations
  - Discuss and identify big problems
  - Obtain and anonymize data, get consent/IRB
- Fundamental research, results in public domain

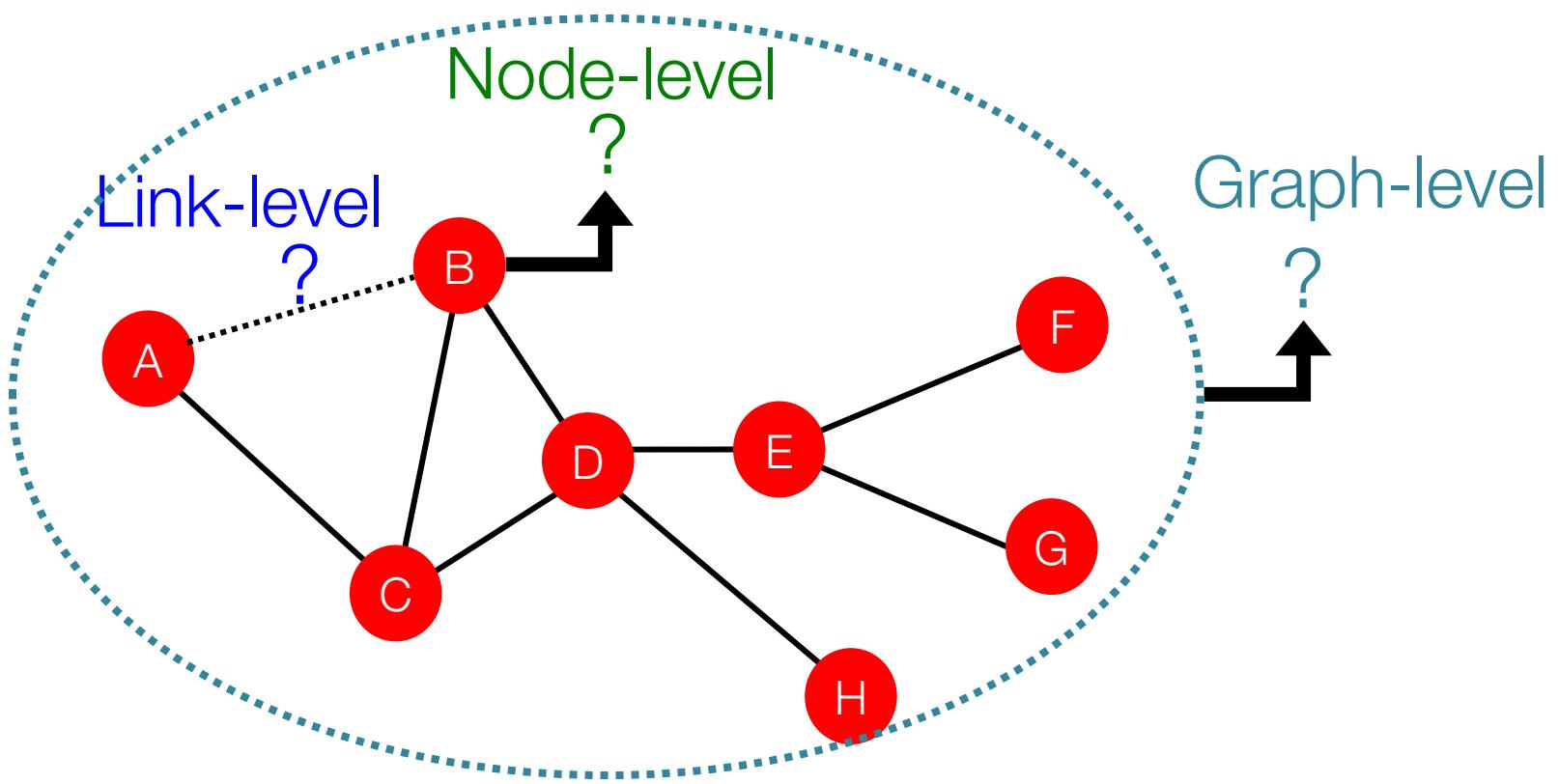
# New Ways of Thinking

Working on real-world problems leads to new ways of thinking:

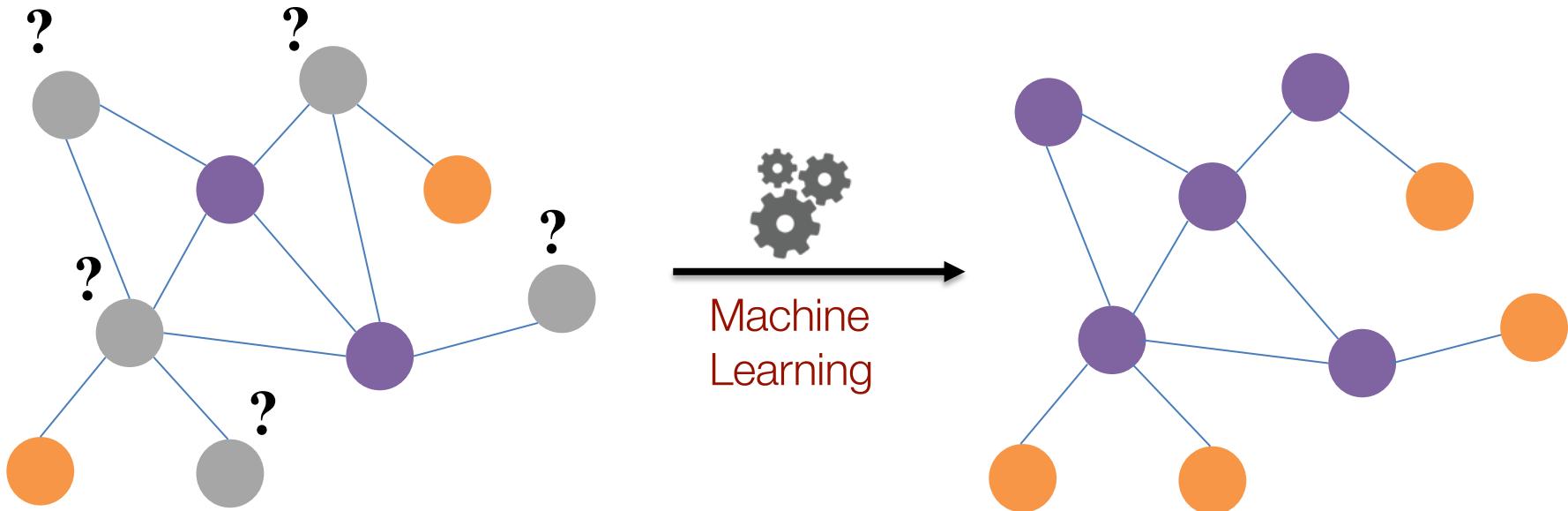
- Incremental algorithmic improvements turn out not to be so important
- More important is methodology and computational modeling of the domain

Leads to new research that would be impossible in isolation

# Machine Learning Tasks

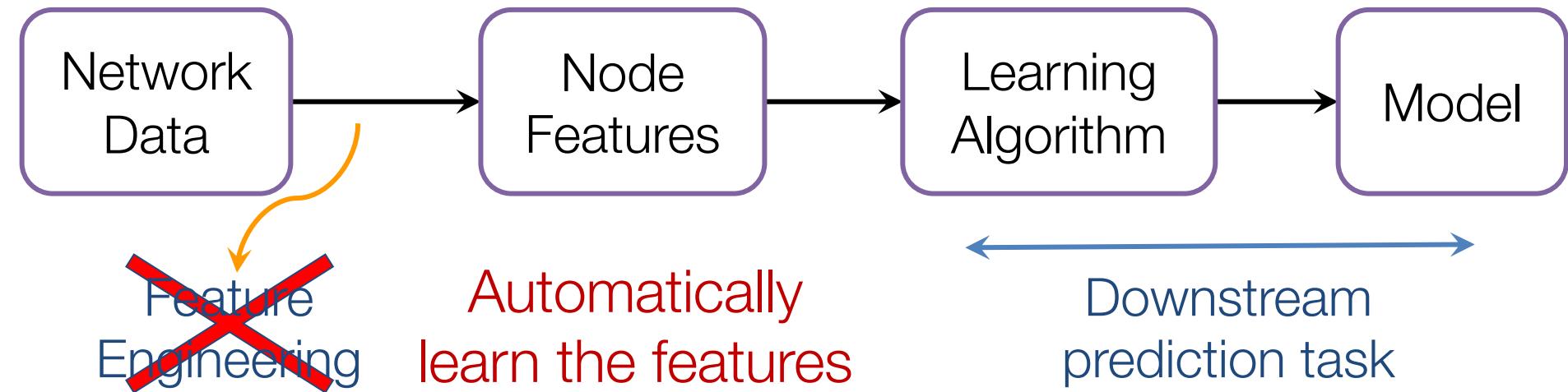


# Example: Node Classification



- What users are going to churn?
- What is the disease of a patient?
- What are functions of proteins?

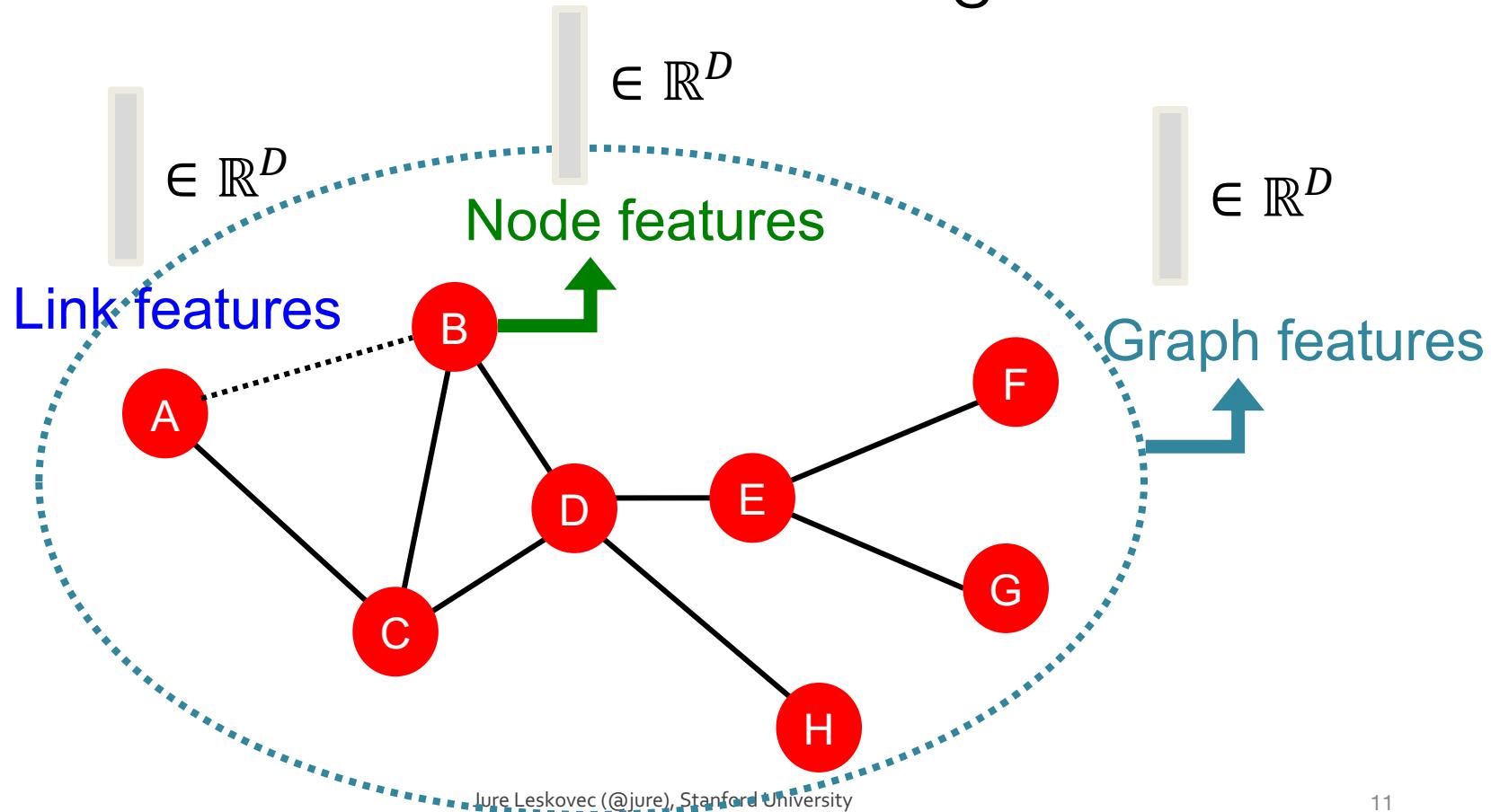
# Machine Learning Lifecycle



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

# Graph Feature Engineering

- Design features for nodes/links/graphs
- Obtain features for all training data



# Two Pain Points: One

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## **Data Scientist's pain point #1:**

- Data scientists have to hand encode features to solve prediction problems.
- Hand encoding graph features is...
  - ... complex and involves expensive queries
  - ... error prone
  - ... suboptimal
  - ... labor intensive

# Two Pain Points: Two

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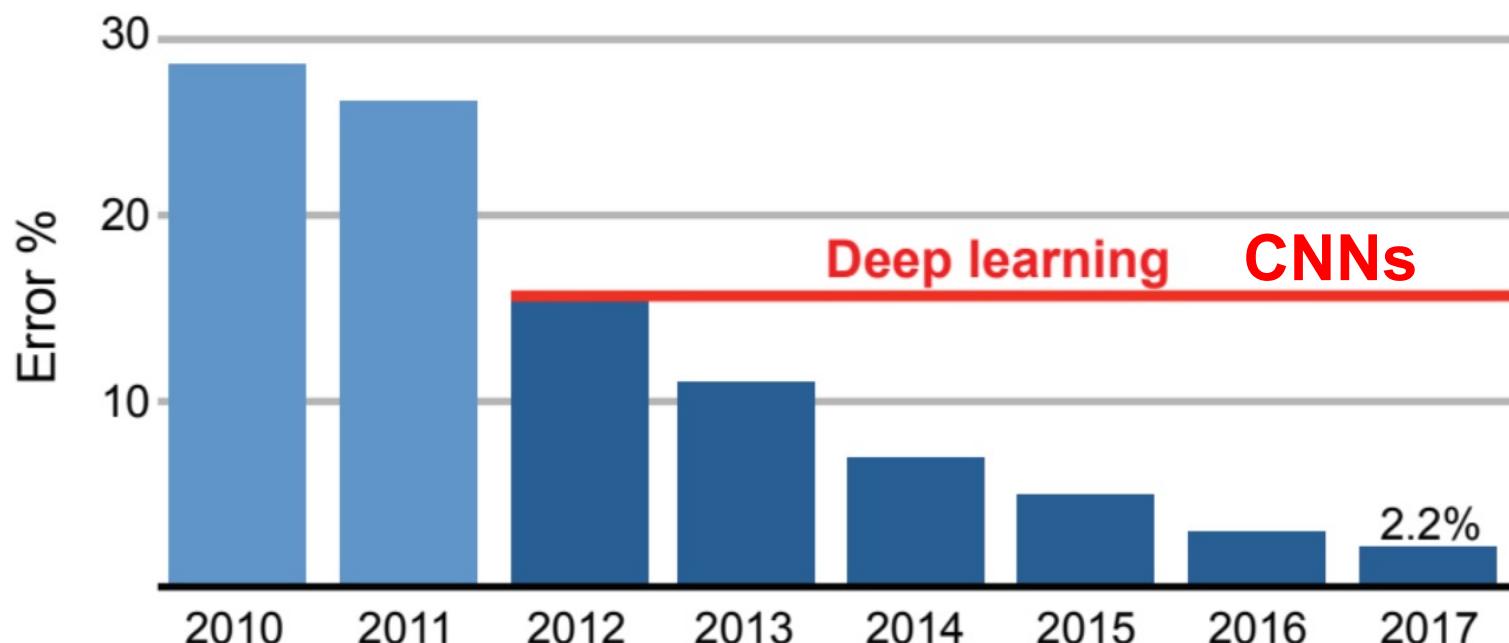
## Data Scientist's pain point #2:

- Data is often incomplete.
  - Address Books, Follows, Interests, Protein Protein Interaction, Ancestry
- Entity information is incomplete.
- Predictions often entail completing the “missing information”.
  - Relational structure is often not leveraged due to scalability issues.

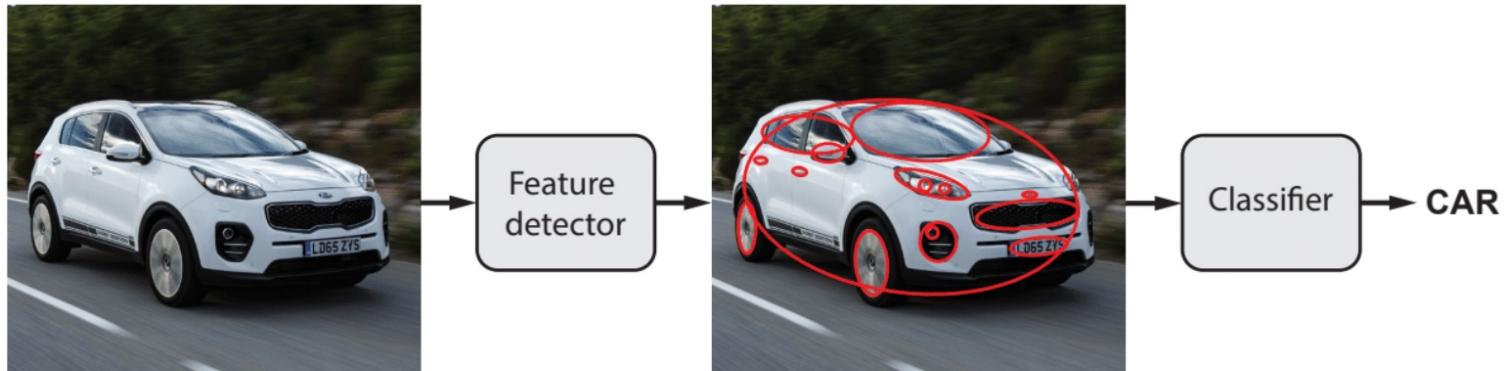
**We are in the middle of  
a big revolution...**

# The Deep Learning Revolution

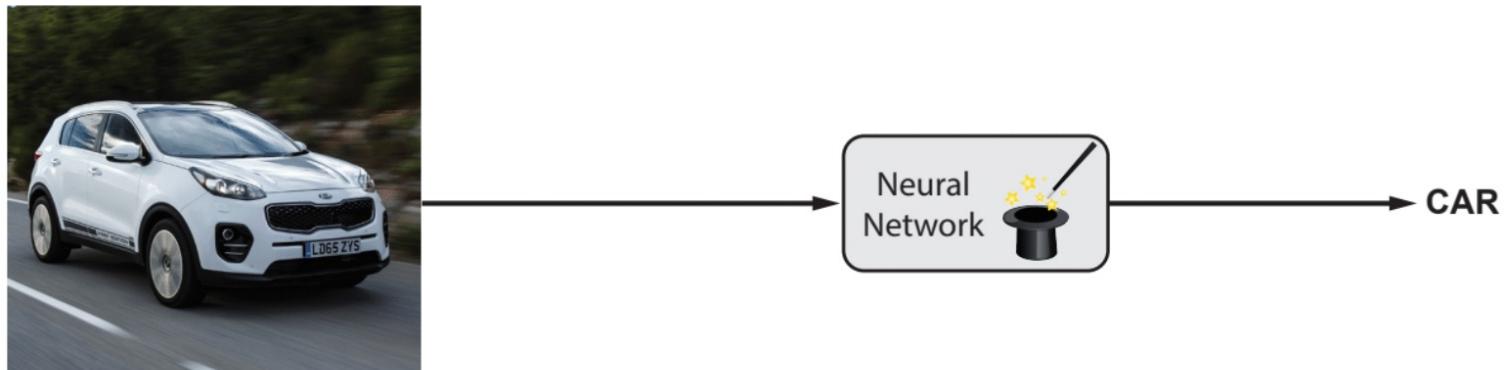
Breakthroughs in image recognition fueled by Convolutional Neural Networks.



# Representation Learning



Classical computer vision: hand-crafted features (e.g. SIFT)  
+ simple classifier (e.g. SVM)



Modern computer vision: data-driven end-to-end systems

Doubt thou the stars are fire,  
Doubt that the sun doth move;  
Doubt truth to be a liar;  
But never doubt I love...

Text



Audio signals



Images

But, modern  
deep learning toolbox  
is designed for  
sequences & grids

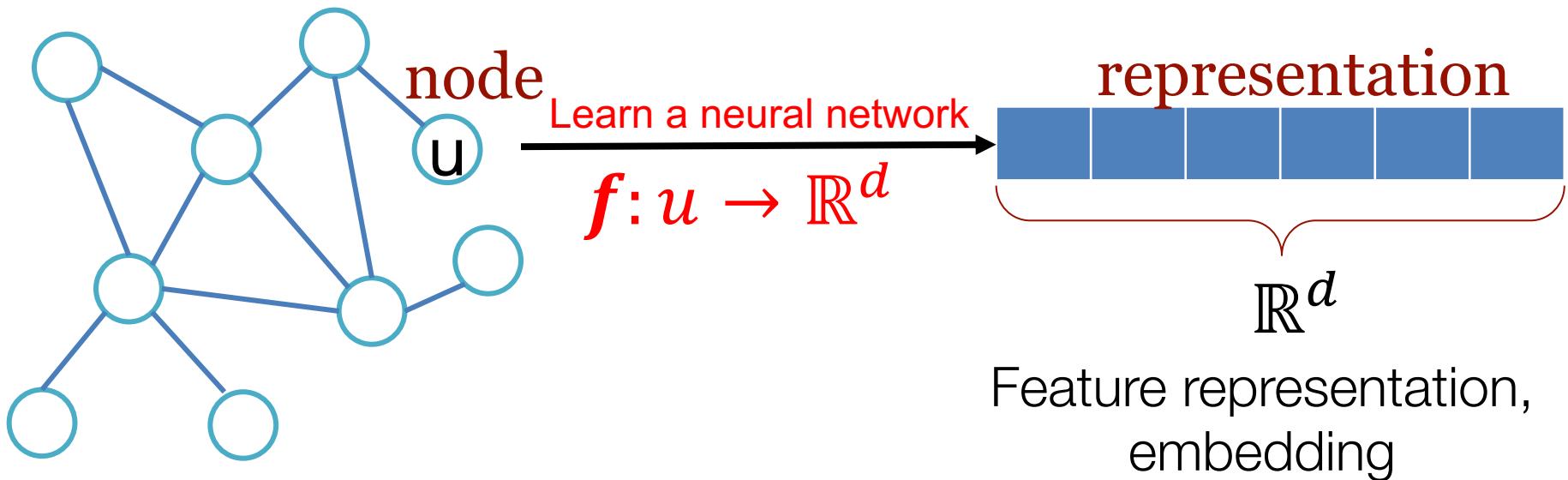
# My Research

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

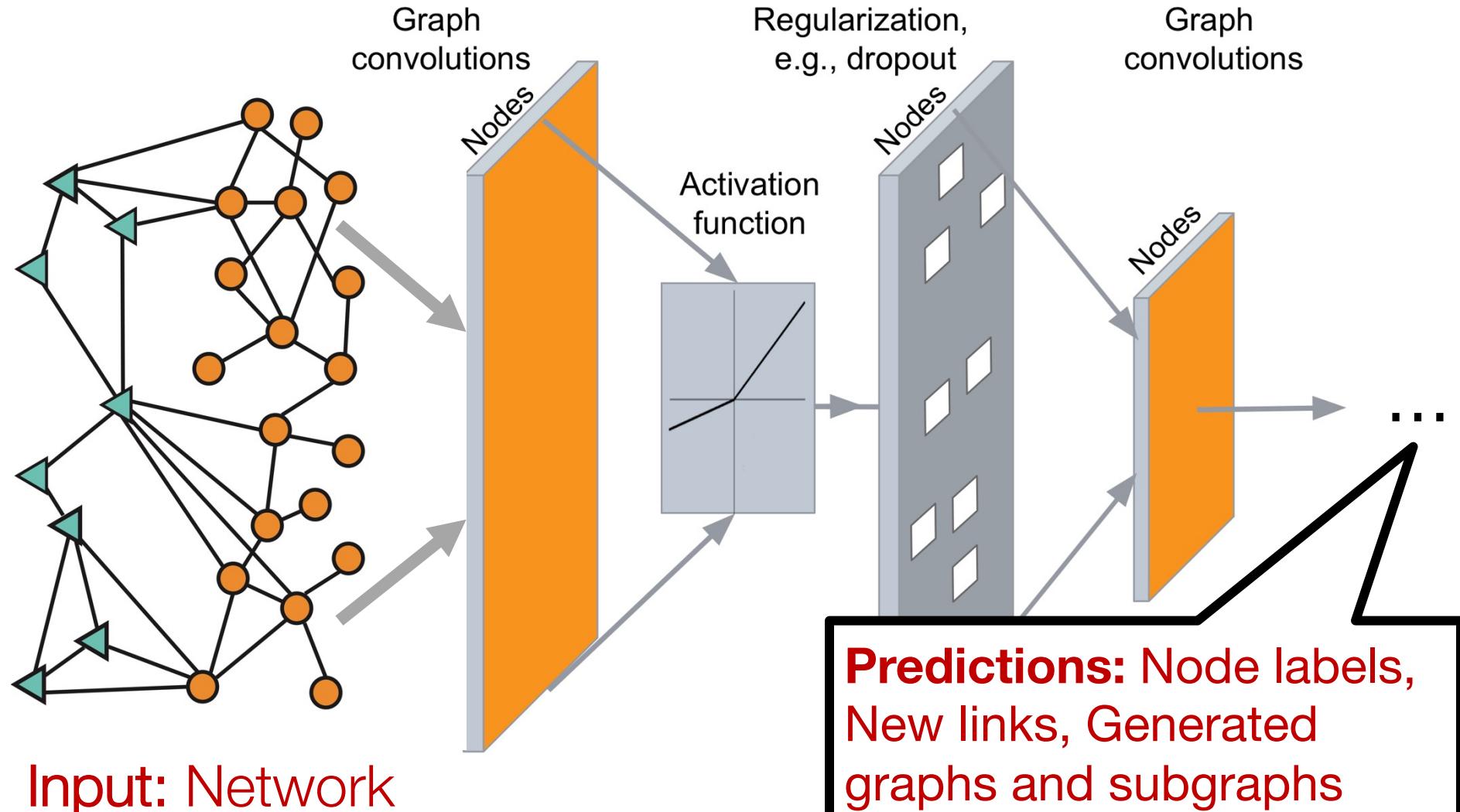
Graphs are the new frontier of deep learning

# Goal: Representation Learning

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



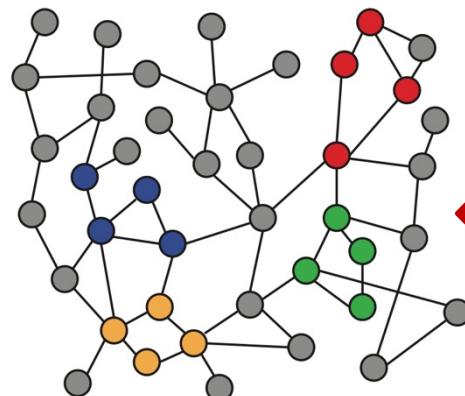
# Deep Learning in Graphs



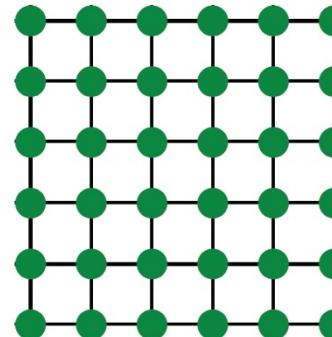
# Why is it Hard?

## Networks are complex!

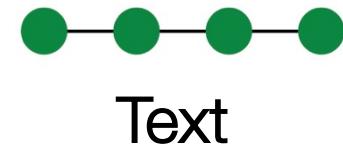
- Arbitrary size and complex topological structure (i.e., no spatial locality like grids)



Networks



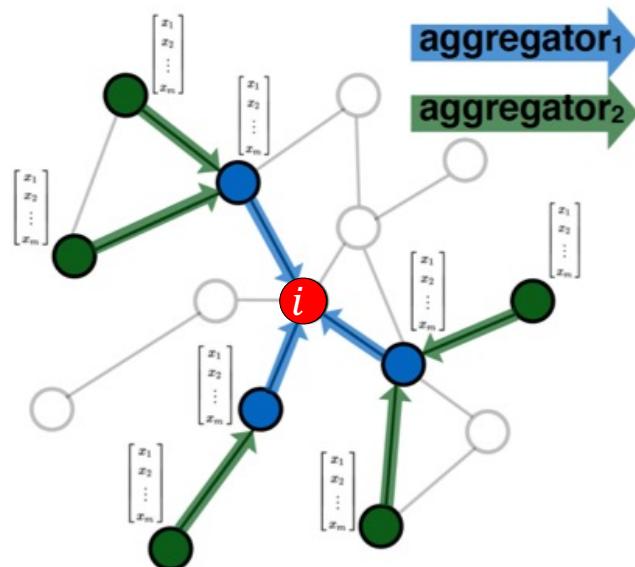
Images



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

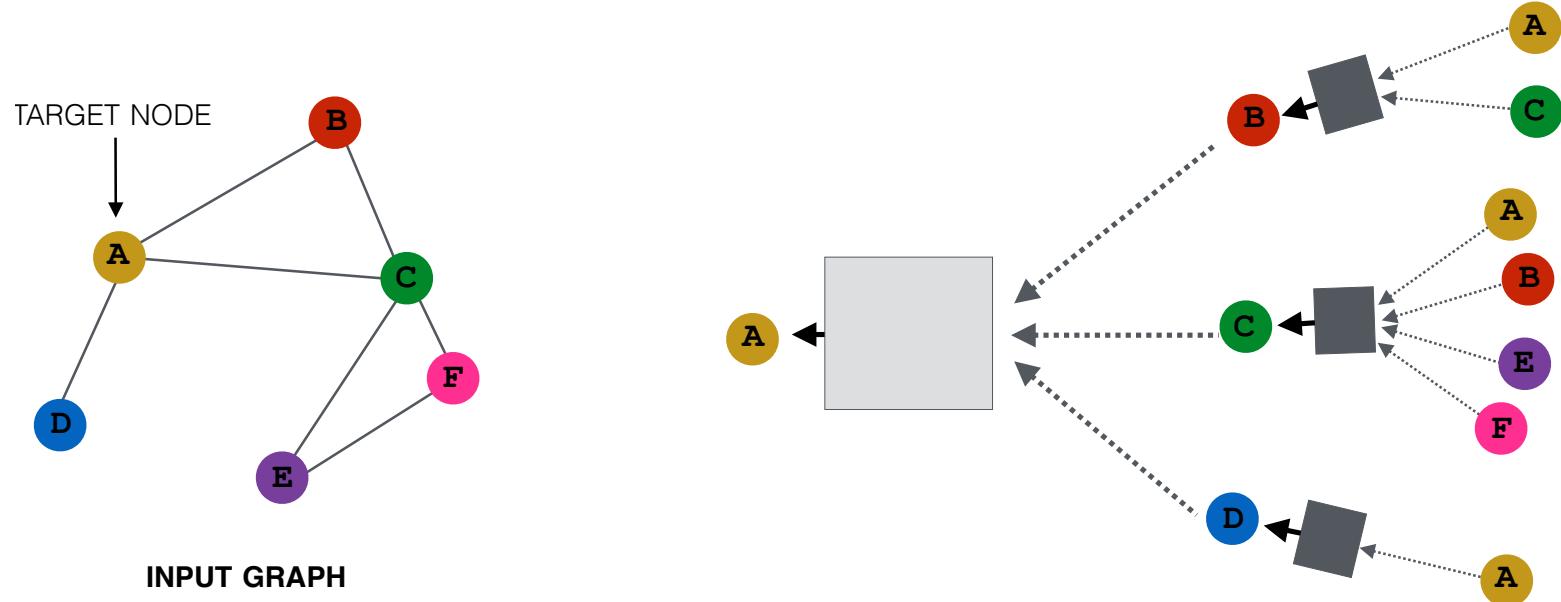
# Networks as computation graphs

**Key idea: Network is a computation graph**



Learn how to propagate  
information across the network

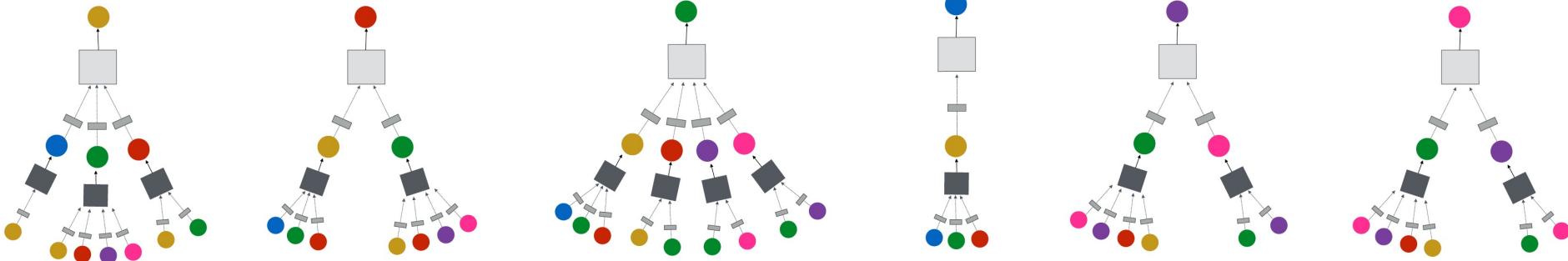
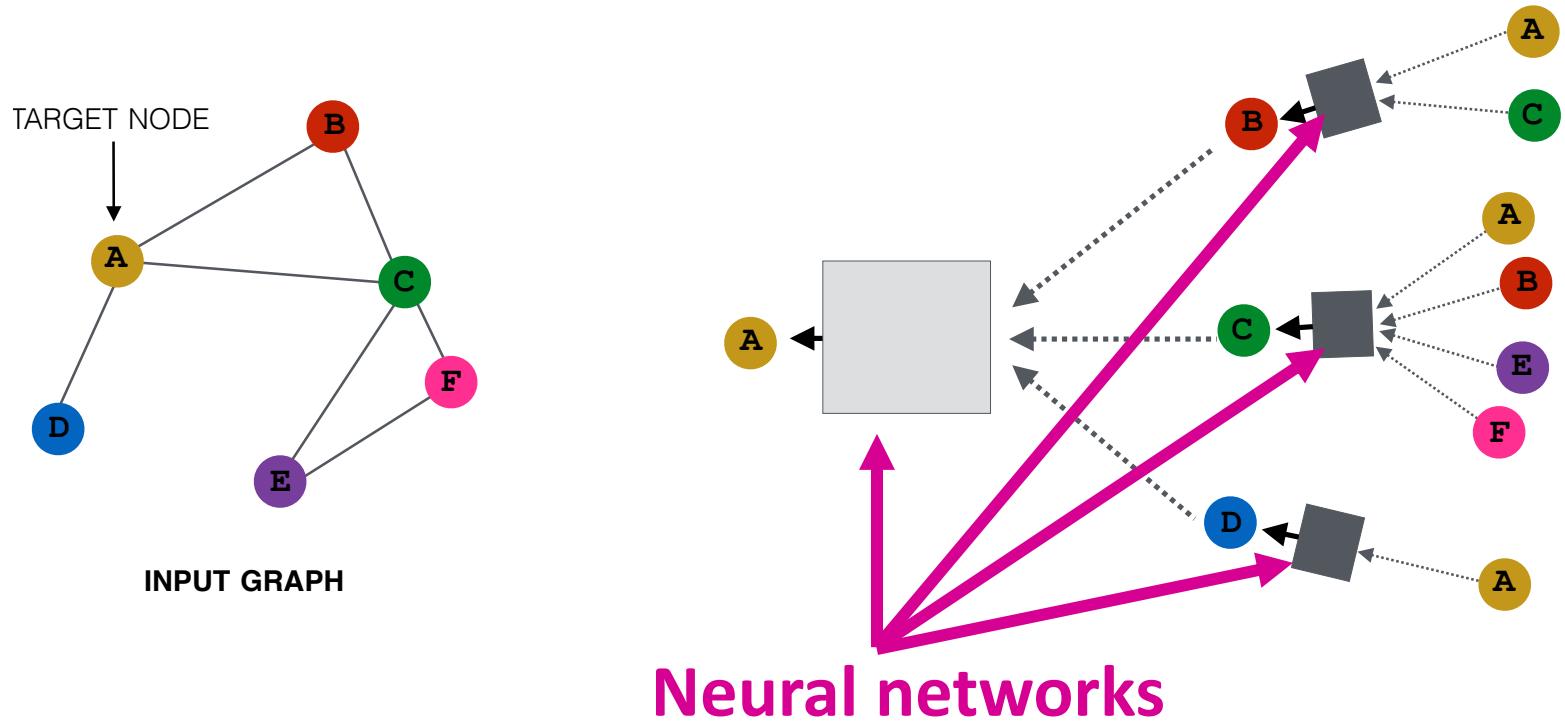
# GraphSAGE



Each node defines a computation graph

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

# GraphSAGE



# Key Benefits of GraphSAGE

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- No manual feature engineering needed
- End-to-end learning results in optimal features.
- Any graph machine learning task:
  - Node-level, link-level, entire graph-level prediction
- Scalable to billion node graphs!



What are some  
applications of  
GraphSAGE?

# Computational Drug Discovery: Drug Side Effect Prediction

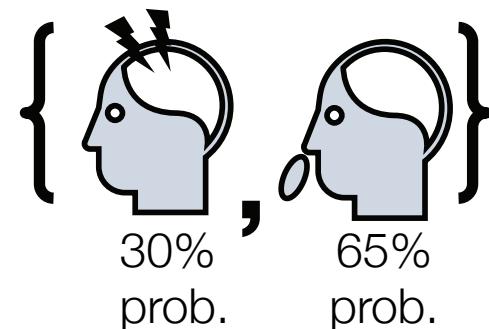
[Modeling Polypharmacy Side Effects with Graph Convolutional Networks](#).  
M. Zitnik, M. Agrawal, J. Leskovec. *Bioinformatics*, 2018.

# Polypharmacy side effects

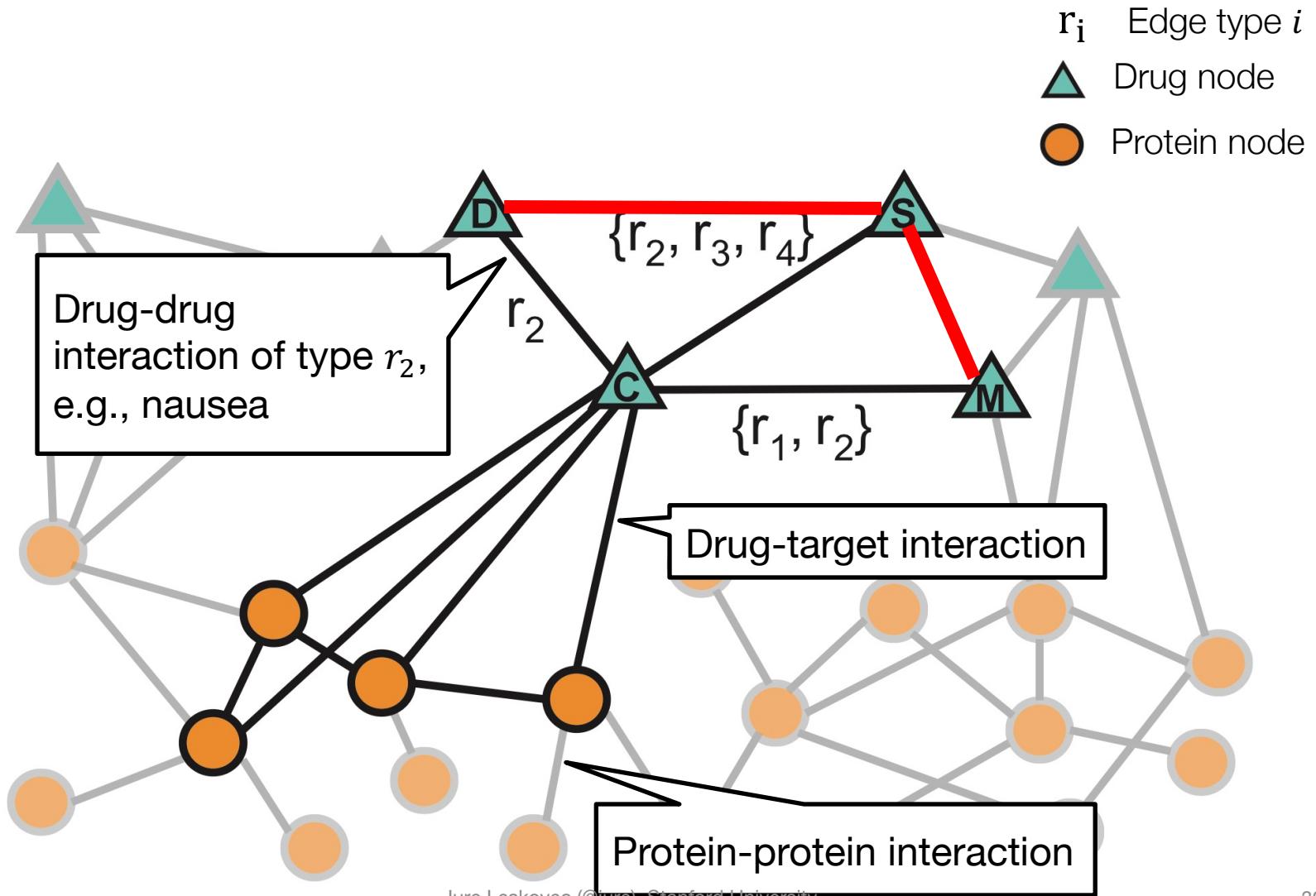
Many patients take multiple drugs to treat **complex** or co-existing diseases:

- 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.

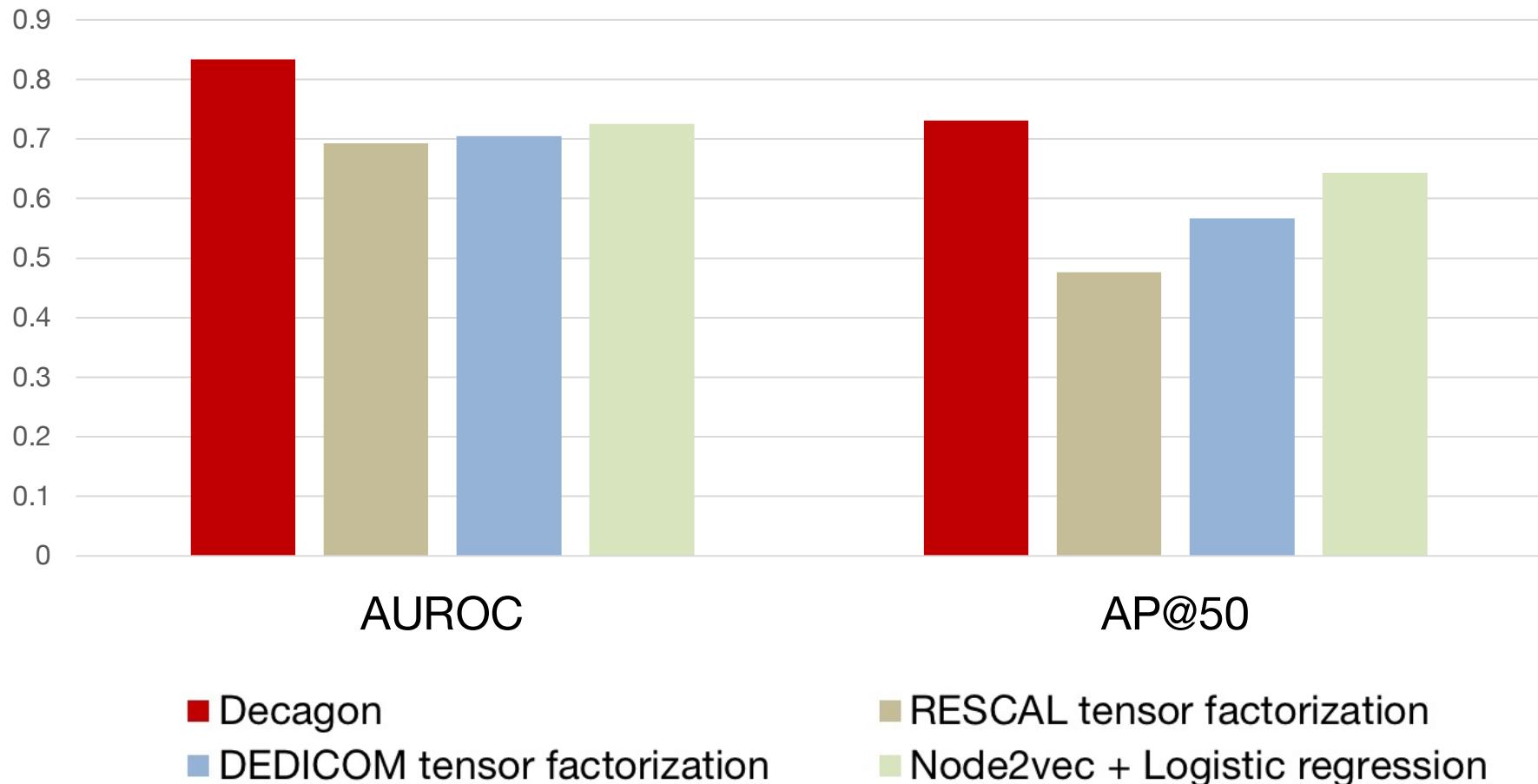
**Task: Given a pair of drugs predict adverse side effects**



# Approach: Link Prediction



# 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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5	Minoxidil	Paricalcitol	Cluster headache	
6	Omeprazole	Amoxicillin	Renal tubular acidosis	<a href="#">Russo <i>et al.</i> 2016</a>
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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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MASSACHUSETTS  
GENERAL HOSPITAL



Stanford  
MEDICINE



HARVARD  
MEDICAL SCHOOL

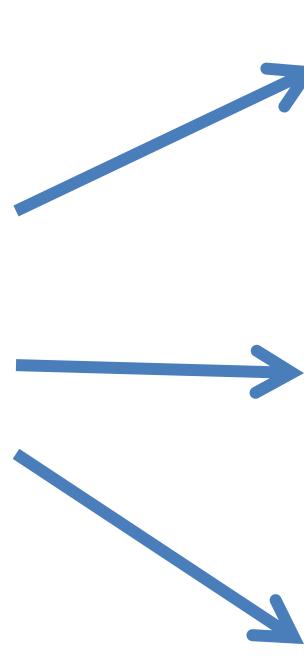
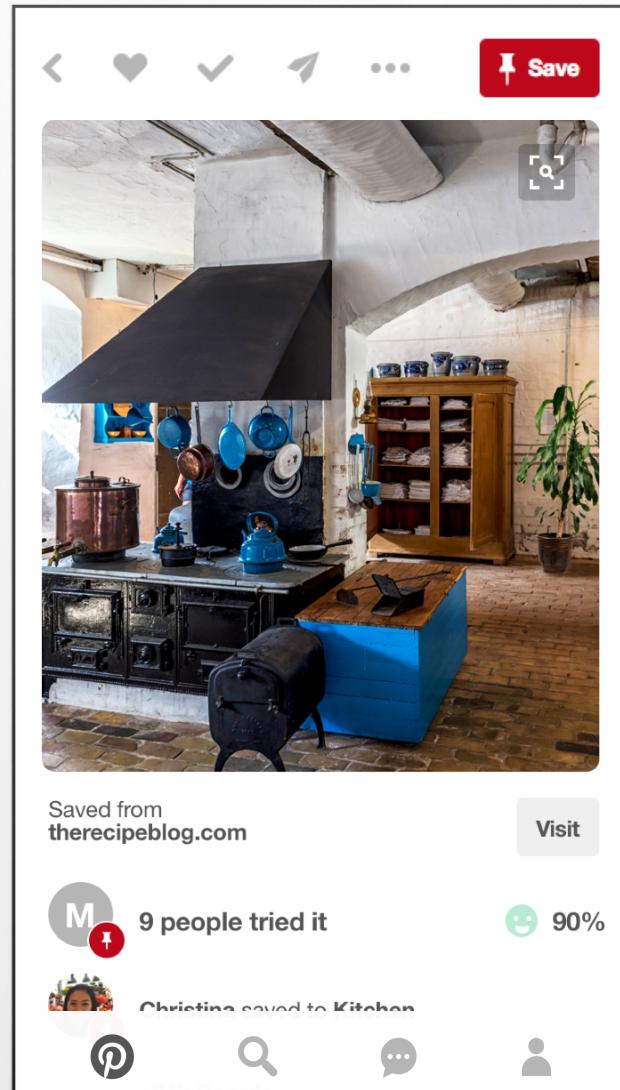
First method to predict side effects of drug pairs, even for drug combinations not yet used in patients

# Massive Social Networks: Example of Pinterest

[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



Blue accents  
219 Pins



Vintage kitchen  
377 Pins



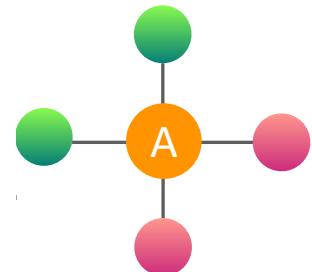
- 300M users
- 4+B pins, 2+B boards



# 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

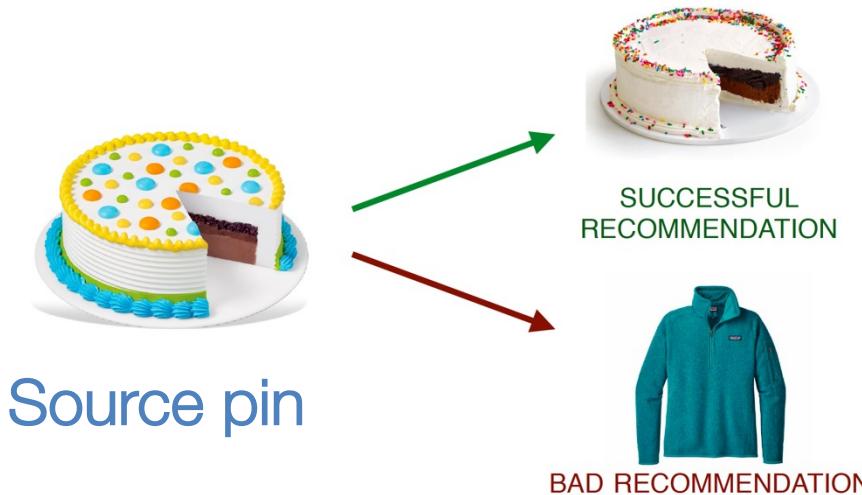


- Pin embeddings are essential to various tasks like recommendation of Pins, classification, ranking
  - Services like “Related Pins”, “Search”, “Shopping”, “Ads”

# Pin Recommendation



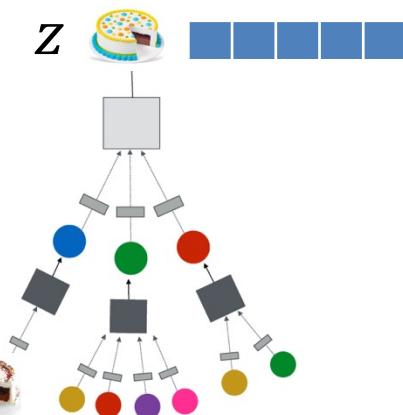
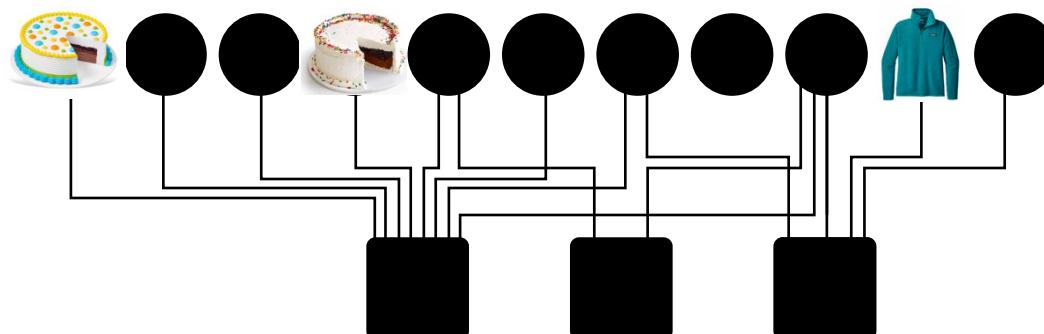
**Task:** Recommend related pins to users



**Task:** Learn node embeddings  $z_i$  such that

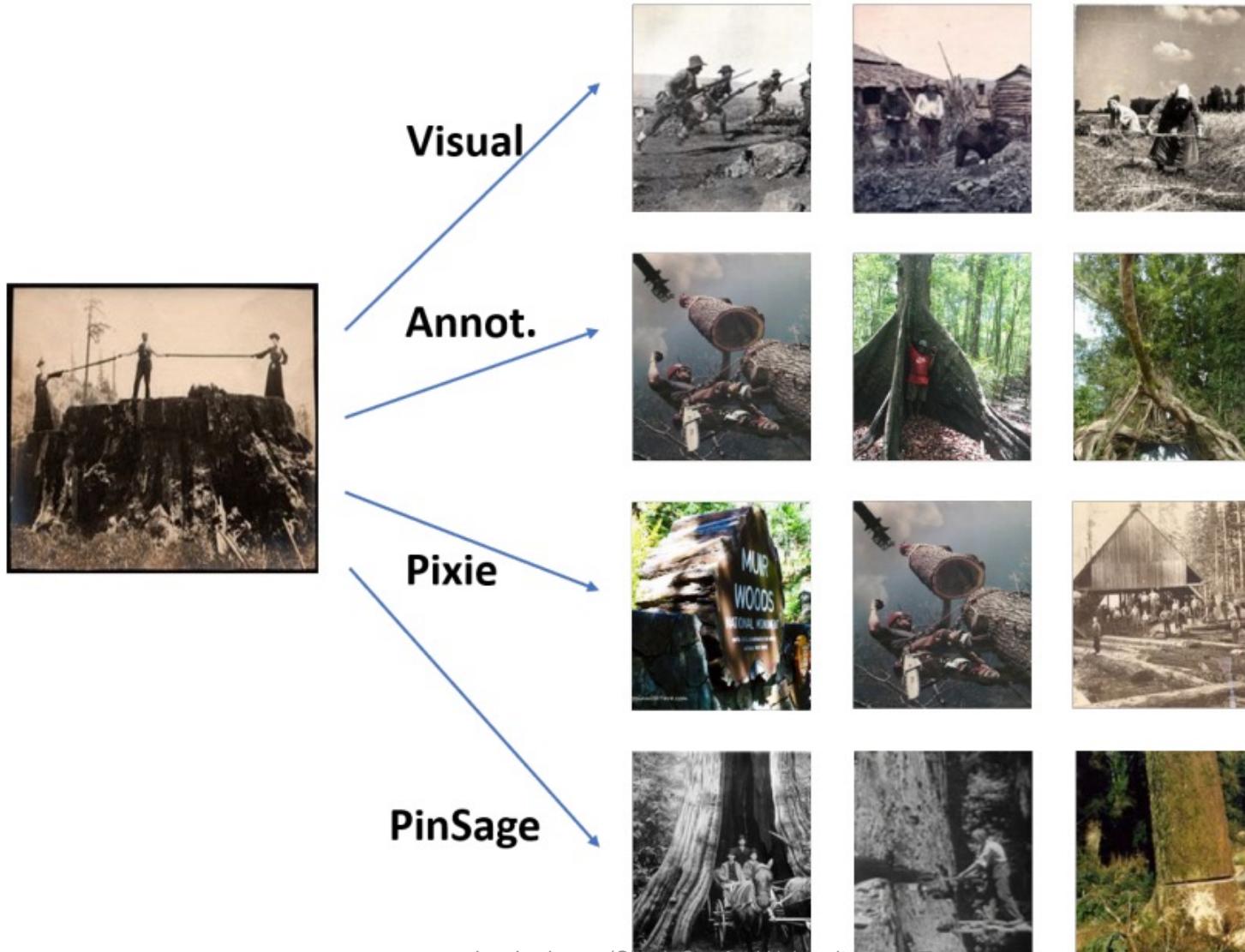
$$d(z_{cake1}, z_{cake2}) < d(z_{cake1}, z_{sweater})$$

**Predict whether two nodes in a graph are related**





# PinSAGE Example





# Results

## Query



A Shih Tzu recipe  
"Nobody knows how the ancient  
cuckoo managed to mix together  
... a dash of lion, several teaspoons  
of rabbit, a couple of ounces of  
domestic cat, one part court  
jester, a dash of ballerina, a pinch  
of old man, a bit of beggar, a piece  
of monkey, one tablespoon of monkey, one part  
baba seal, and a dash of teddy  
bear."



PinSAGE

# Reasoning in Incomplete Knowledge Graphs

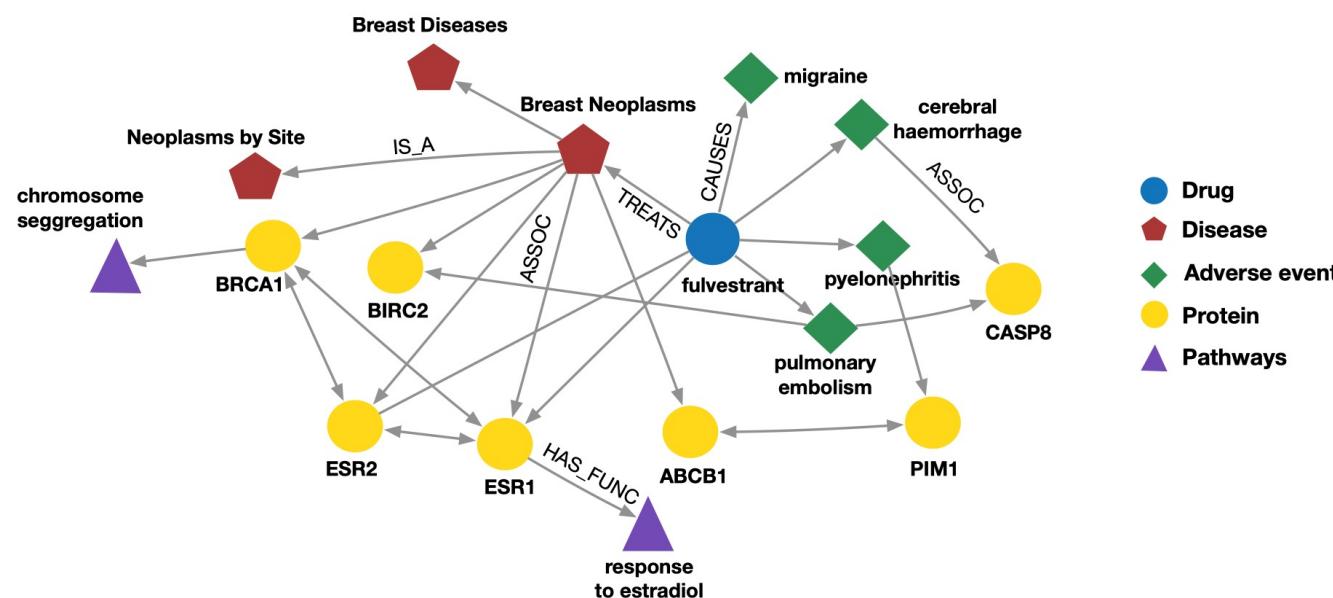
[Beta Embeddings for Multi-Hop Logical Reasoning in Knowledge Graphs.](#) H. Ren, J. Leskovec. *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2020.

[Identification Of Disease Treatment Mechanisms Through The Multiscale Interactome.](#) C. Ruiz, M. Zitnik, J Leskovec. *Nature Communications*, 2021.

# Knowledge Graphs

Knowledge in a graph form:

- Captures entities, types, and relationships



**Node types:** drug, disease, adverse event, protein, pathway  
**Relation types:** has\_func, causes, assoc, treats, is\_a

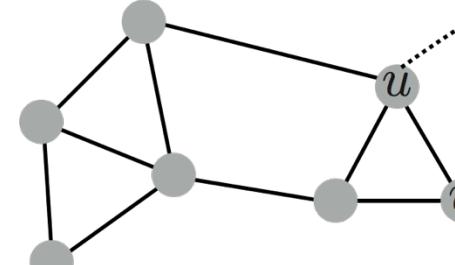
# Overview of Our Framework

**Goal:** Complex predictions in KGs

E.g.: “Predict drugs C

likely target proteins

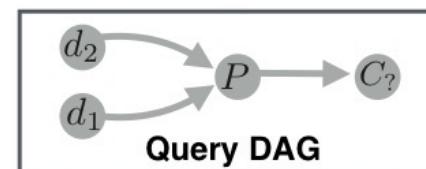
P associated with  
diseases  $d_1$  and  $d_2$ ”.



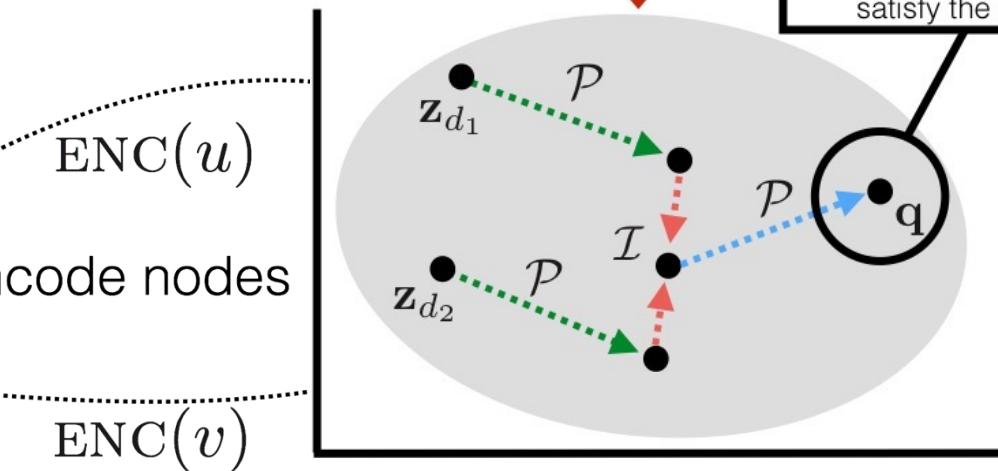
Knowledge graph



Predictive query



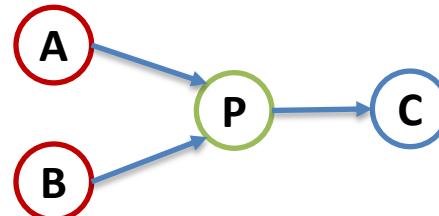
Nearest neighbor lookup  
to finds nodes that  
satisfy the query



Operations in an embedding space

# Example: Drug Discovery

**Query:** “Predict drugs **C** likely target proteins **P** associated with diseases **A** and **B**”



$z_A$



$z_B$

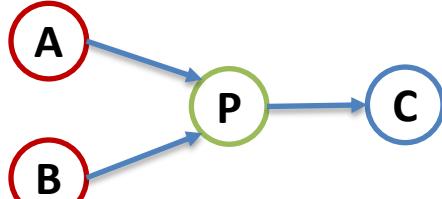
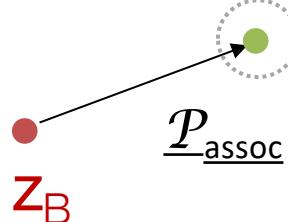
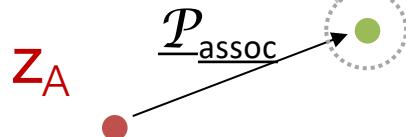


1. Start with embeddings of diseases **A** and **B**

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Proteins likely to  
be associated  
with disease A

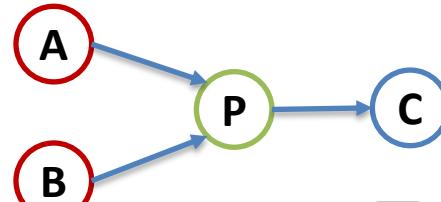


2. Project according to the  
“associated” relation

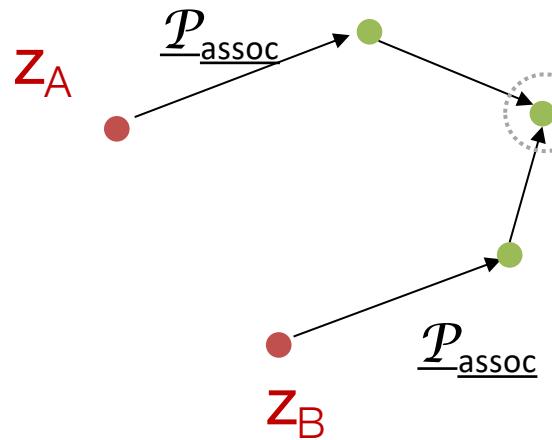
Proteins likely to  
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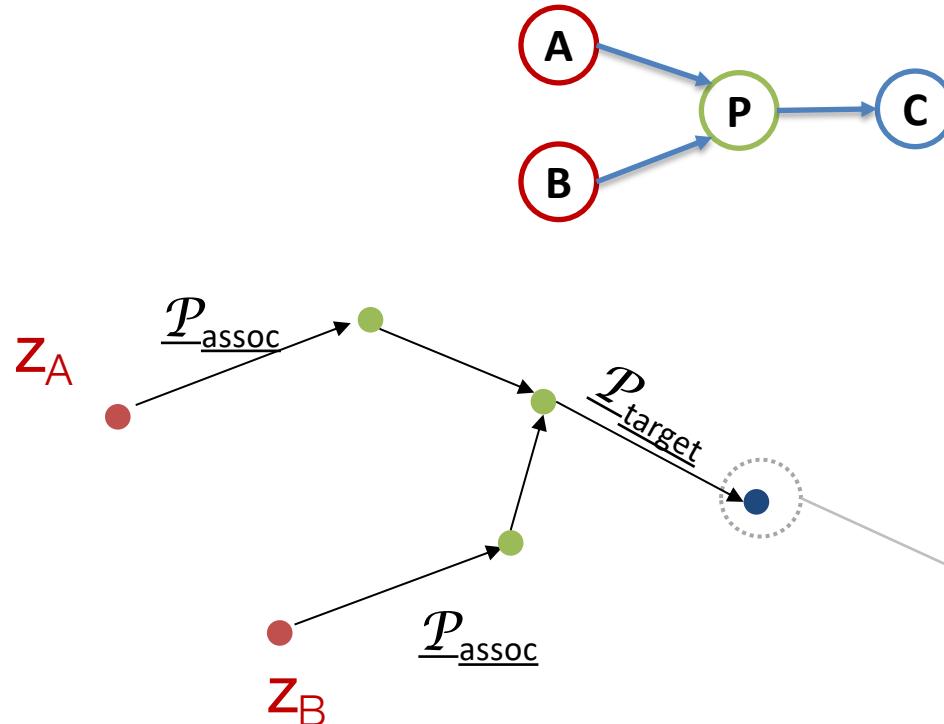


3. Take intersection of the  
tweet embeddings



# Example: Drug Discovery

**Query:** “Predict drugs **C** likely target proteins **P** associated with diseases **A** and **B**”



4. Project according to  
the “target” relation

Nearest neighbors are  
drugs likely to target  
proteins associated with  
both drugs A and B

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# 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:**

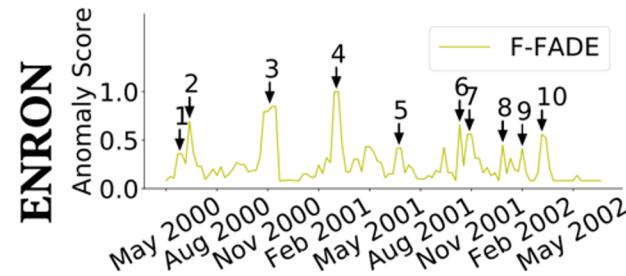
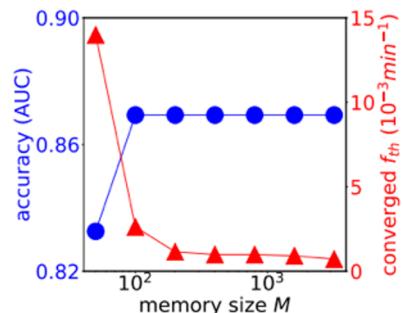
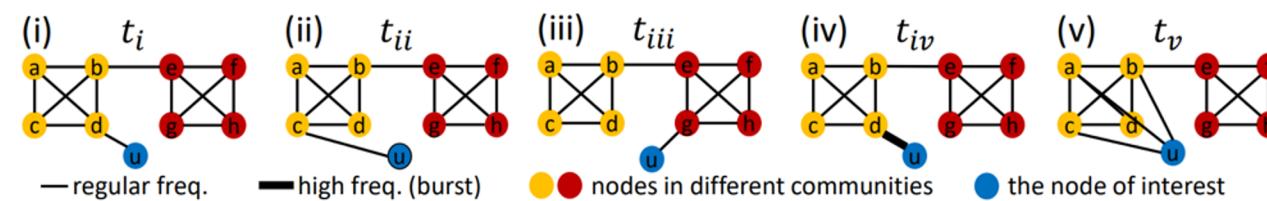
- Fraud and Anomaly Detection
- Graph generation
- Common sense reasoning

# (1) Fraud & Intrusion Detection

## Fraud and intrusion detection in dynamic transaction graphs

Financial networks

Communication networks

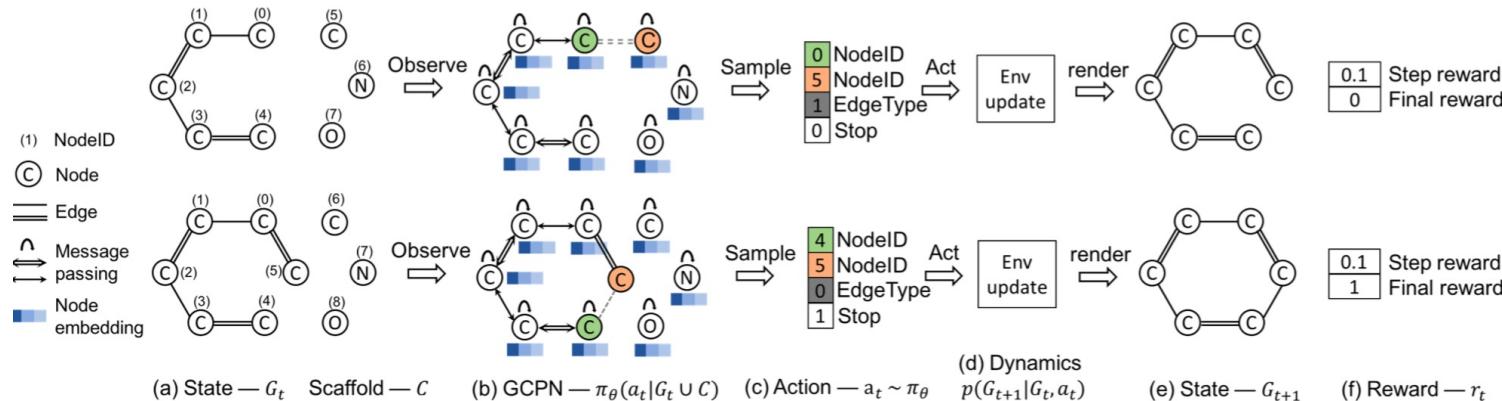


# (2) Targeted Molecule Generation

**Goal:** Generate molecules that optimize a given property (Quant. energy, solubility)

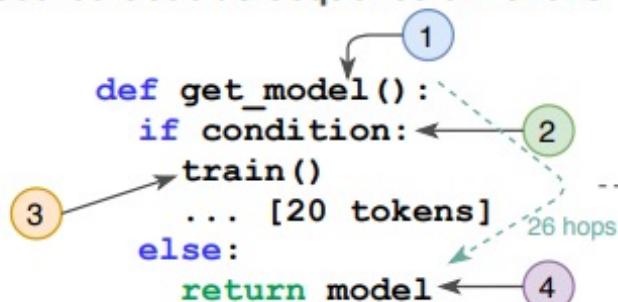
**Solution:** Combination of

- Graph representation learning
- Adversarial training
- Reinforcement learning

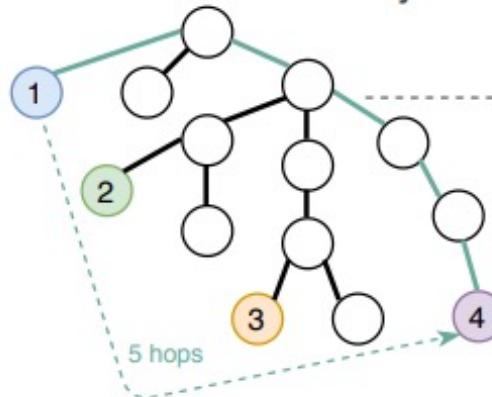


# (3) Reasoning with Programs

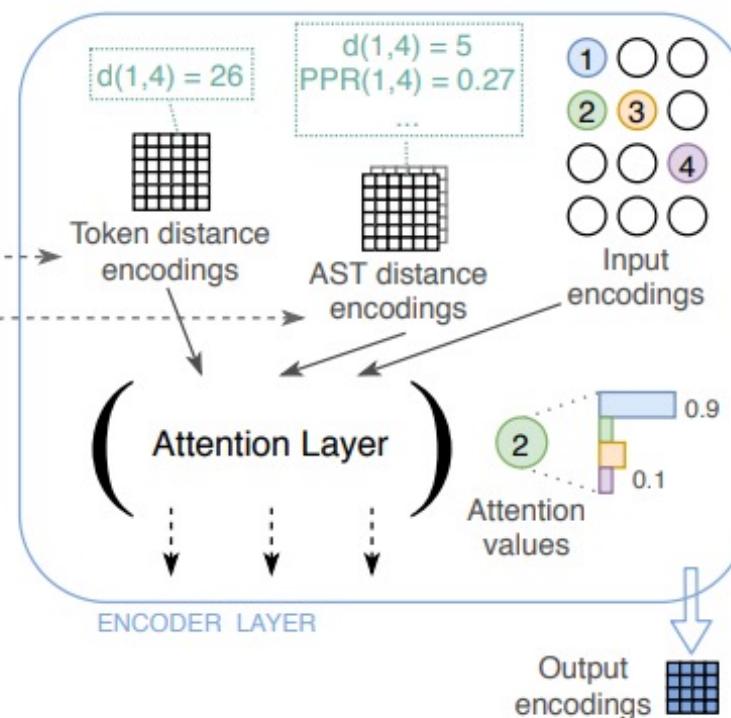
Source Code as Sequence of Tokens



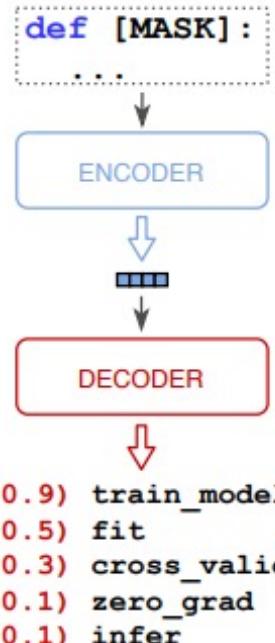
Source Code as Abstract Syntax Tree



Code Transformer

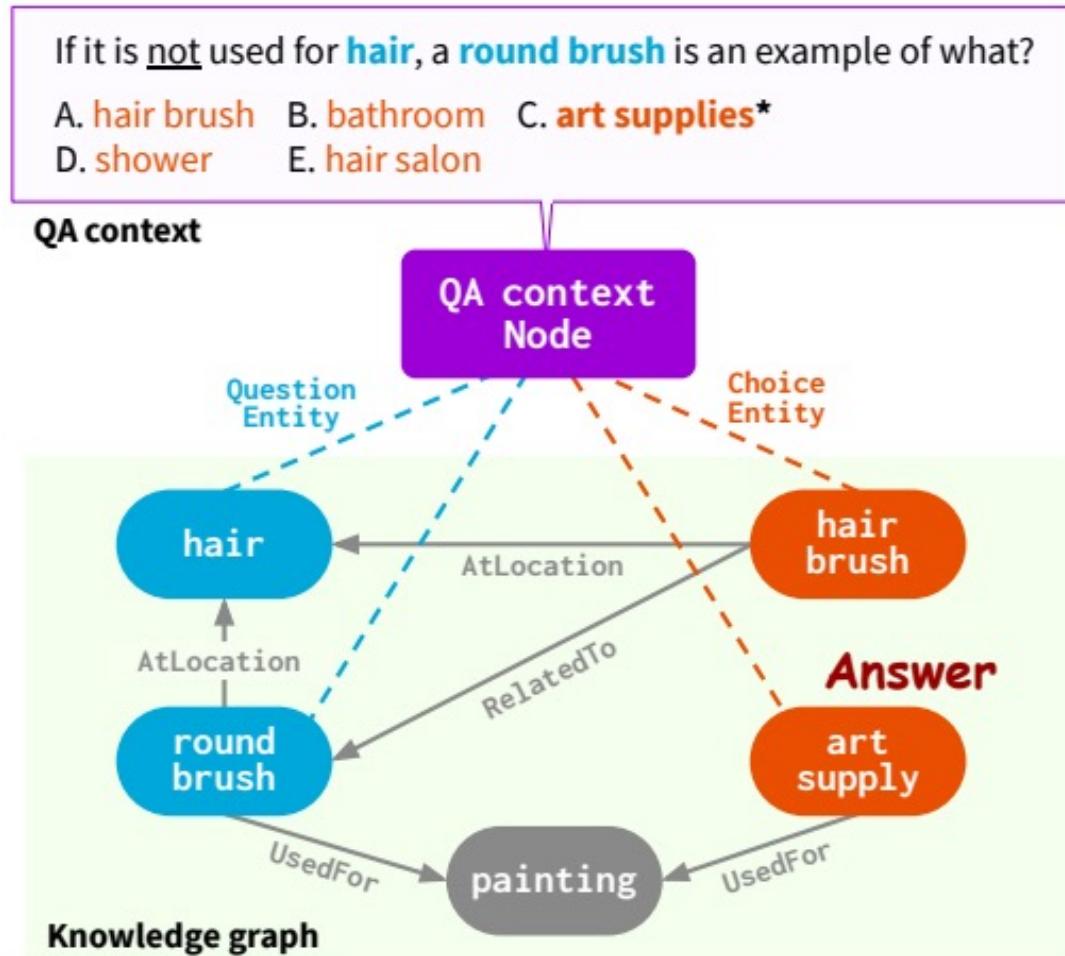


Code Summarization Task



[Language-agnostic Representation Learning Of Source Code From Structure And Context](#). D. Zugner, T. Kirschstein, M. Catasta, J. Leskovec, S. Gunnemann. *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2021.

# (4) Common Sense Reasoning



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# Summary

**GraphSAGE brings the power of deep learning to graphs!**

- Fuses node features & graph info
  - State-of-the-art accuracy graph machine learning tasks
- 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

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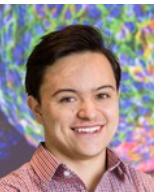
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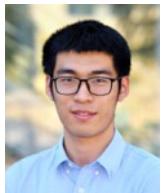
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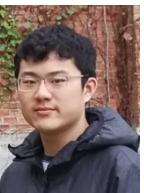
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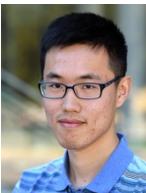
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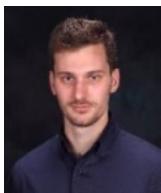


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