



# Integrating multi-layered data and prior knowledge into machine learning

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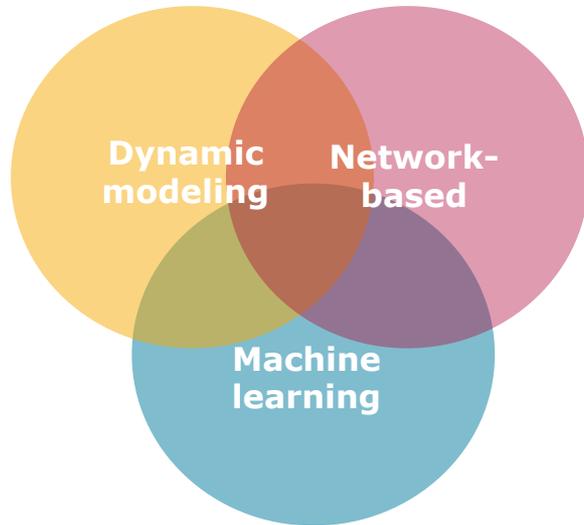
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# Overview: Network-based data analysis

- Draw from and combine different methods



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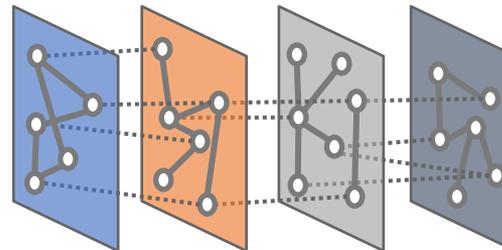


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Hradilak

- Develop methods to analyze data across layers

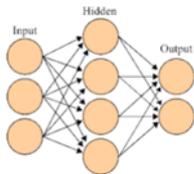
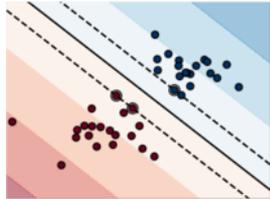


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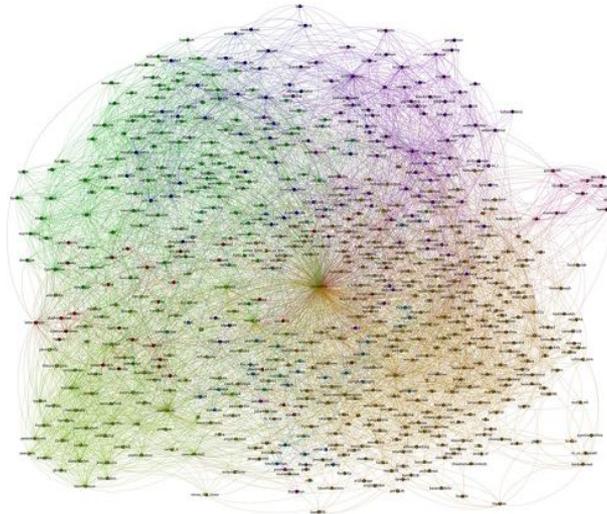
# ML, networks, dynamical models have different strengths and weaknesses

ML: predictions from unstructured data



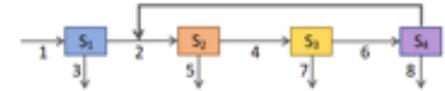
networks (graphs): capturing interactions

$$G = (V, E)$$



<https://www.flickr.com/photos/speedoflife/6924482682/>; Andy Wang

dynamical models: temporal properties

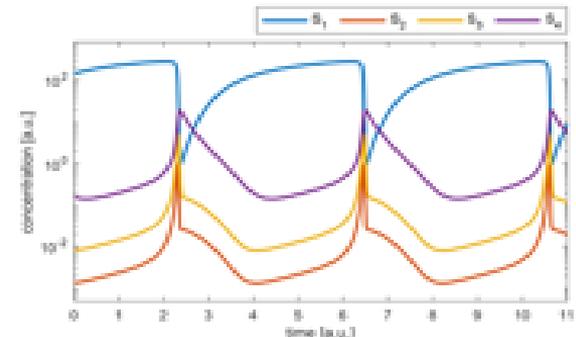


$$\frac{dS_1}{dt} = k_1 - k_2 \cdot S_1 - f \cdot b - k_3 \cdot S_1$$

$$\frac{dS_2}{dt} = k_2 \cdot S_1 - f \cdot b - k_4 \cdot S_2 - k_5 \cdot S_2$$

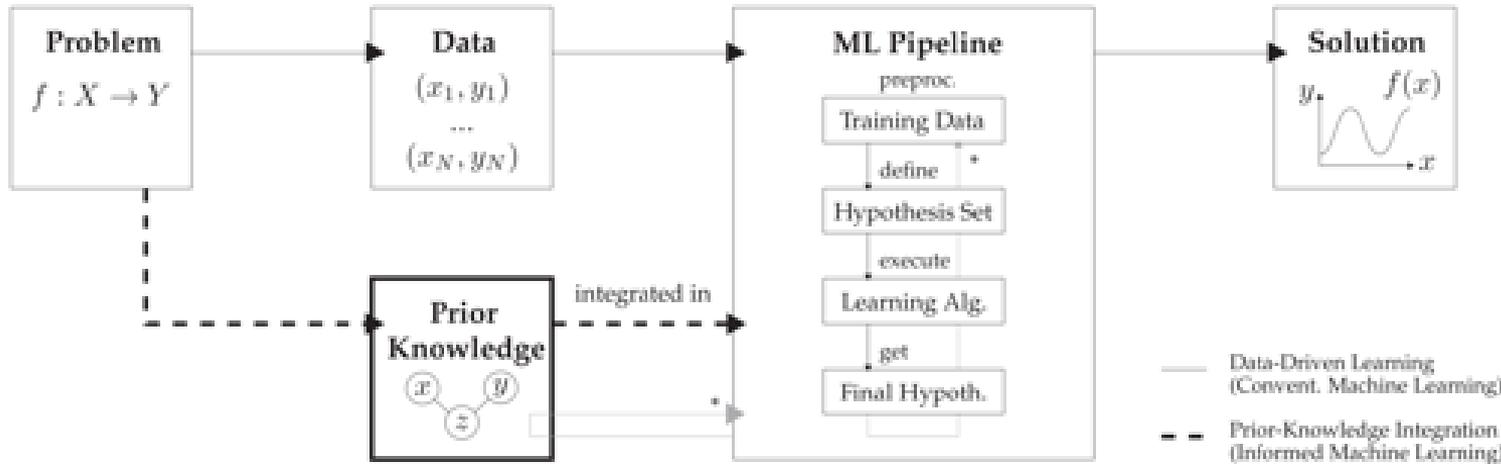
$$\frac{dS_3}{dt} = k_4 \cdot S_2 - k_6 \cdot S_3 - k_7 \cdot S_3$$

$$\frac{dS_4}{dt} = k_7 \cdot S_3 - k_8 \cdot S_4 \quad f \cdot b = 1 + \left( \frac{dS_1}{dt} \right)^{m_1}$$



# Informed machine learning

von Rueden et al., 2023



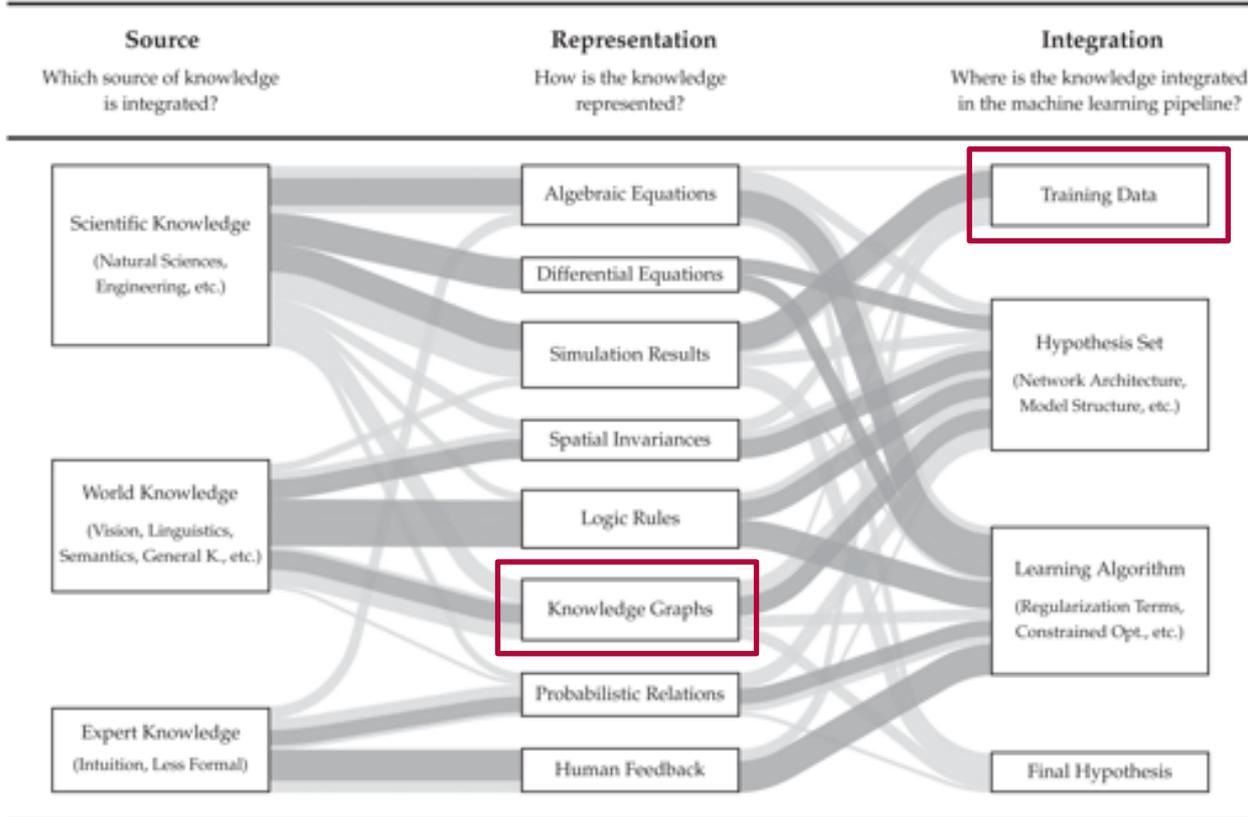
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Karniadakis et al., 2021 Nat Rev Phys

**observation bias**

**inductive bias**

**learning bias**

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# Including knowledge by feature engineering

Prediction task:

given a disease  $D$ , and two drugs - classify the combination of drugs as good (approved, 1) or bad (adverse, 0)

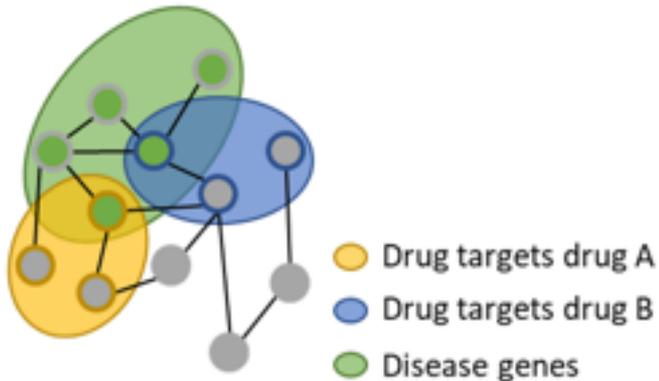
$$f_D: X \times X \rightarrow \{0,1\}$$



Pauline Hiort

molecular network

nodes: proteins, edges: their interactions



- prior knowledge/data
  - (1) molecular network: protein-protein interactions
  - (2) disease proteins
  - (3) known targets of drugs

- infer features: distances

$$\tilde{f}_D: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \{0,1\}$$

- prediction with simple ML approaches (decision tree, SVM,...)

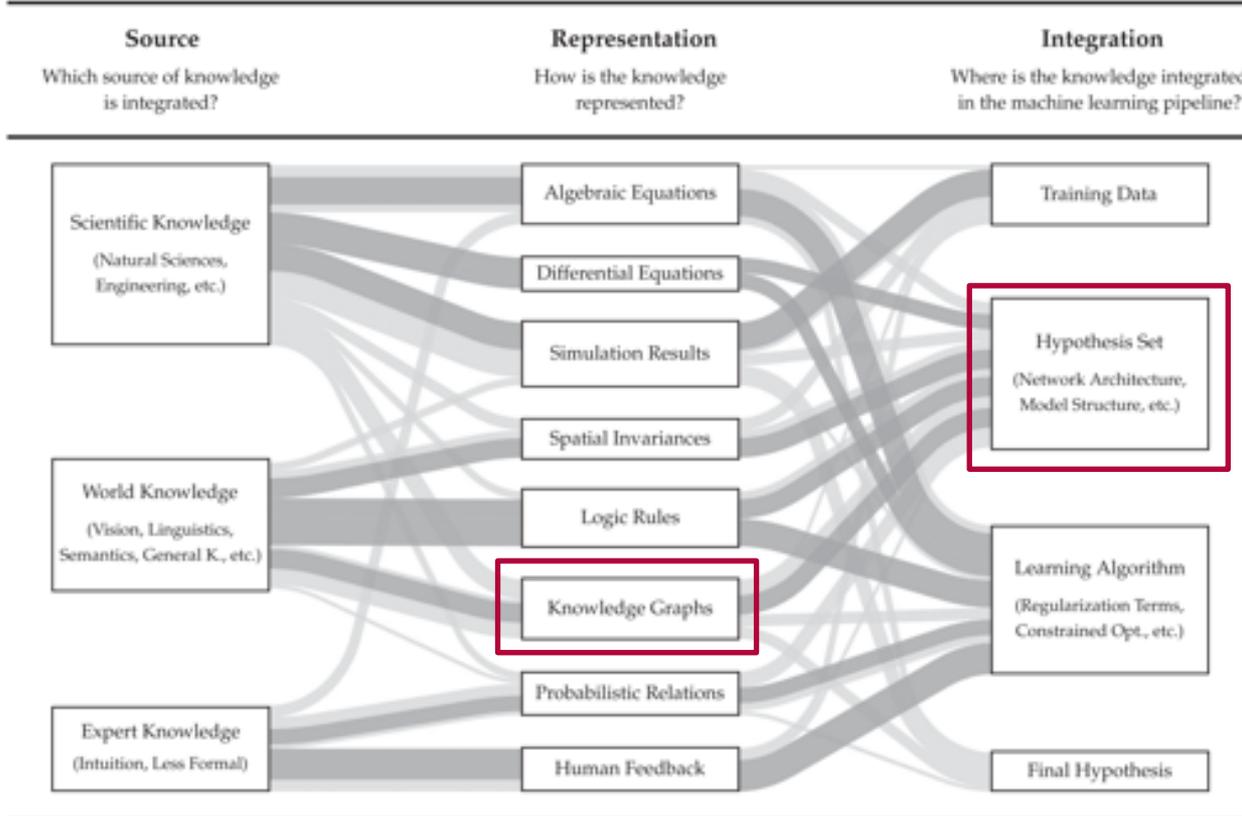
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# Graph-convolutional neural networks – bringing prior knowledge on proximity into ML

We have a graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $|V| = N$  with adjacency matrix  $A$

We have node feature vectors  $x_i$  of dimension  $F$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ ,  
i.e. an  $N \times F$ -dimensional node feature matrix  $X$

Kipf & Welling,  
ICLR 2017

The update rule for hidden layer  $l+1$  is given by

$$H^{(l+1)} = f(H^{(l)}, A) = \sigma \left( \hat{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \hat{A} \hat{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} H^{(l)} W^{(l)} \right)$$

with  $H^{(0)} = X$

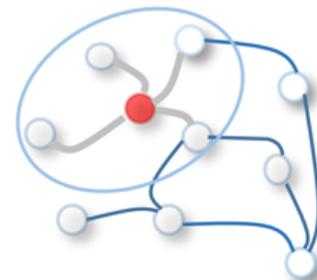
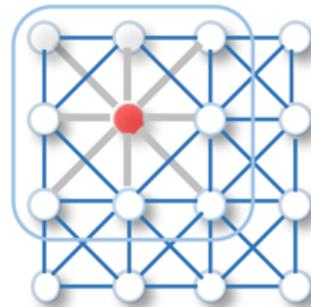
$\hat{A} = A + I$

$\hat{D}$  degree diagonal matrix of  $\hat{A}$

$W^{(l)}$  weight matrix of the  $l$ th neuronal layer

$\sigma(\cdot)$  nonlinear activation function

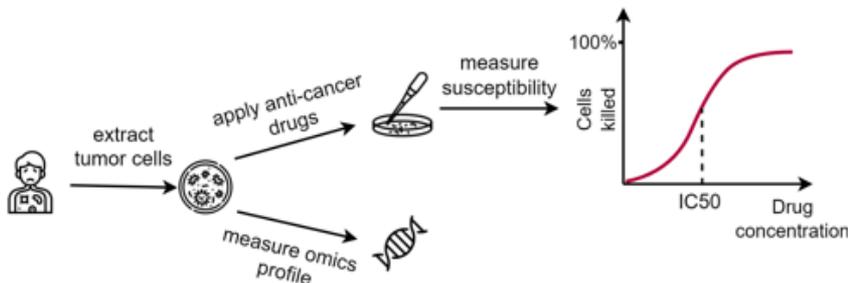
convolution over neighbours in the graph  
instead of over neighbouring pixels



# Including knowledge by using graph neural networks

Prediction task:  
given a cell line, and a drug –  
predict how strongly the cell line  
responds to the drug

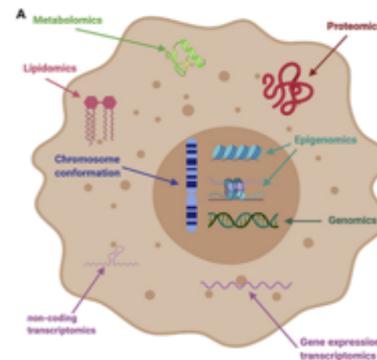
$$f: C \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$



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- molecular properties of a cell line + number of features

Transcript-omics	Mutation	Methylation	Copy Nb Variation
17,737	30,333	14,726	20,669



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- drug properties: targets, molecule structure, induced differential expression

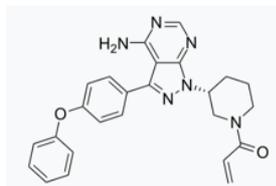


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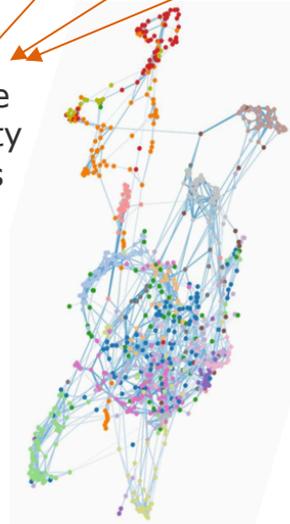
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cell line similarity graphs



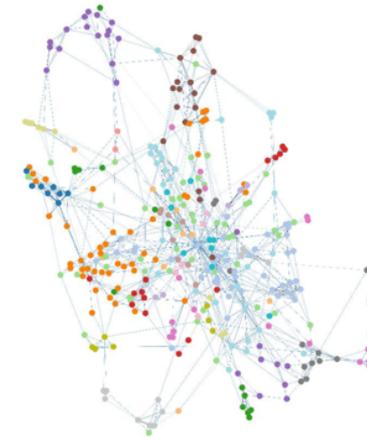
- lung\_NSCLC
- large\_intestine
- leukemia
- pancreas
- digestive\_system
- lung\_SCLC
- lymphoma
- neuroblastoma
- lung
- urogenital\_system
- soft\_tissue
- skin
- aero\_dig\_tract
- kidney
- thyroid
- nervous\_system
- myeloma
- breast

features

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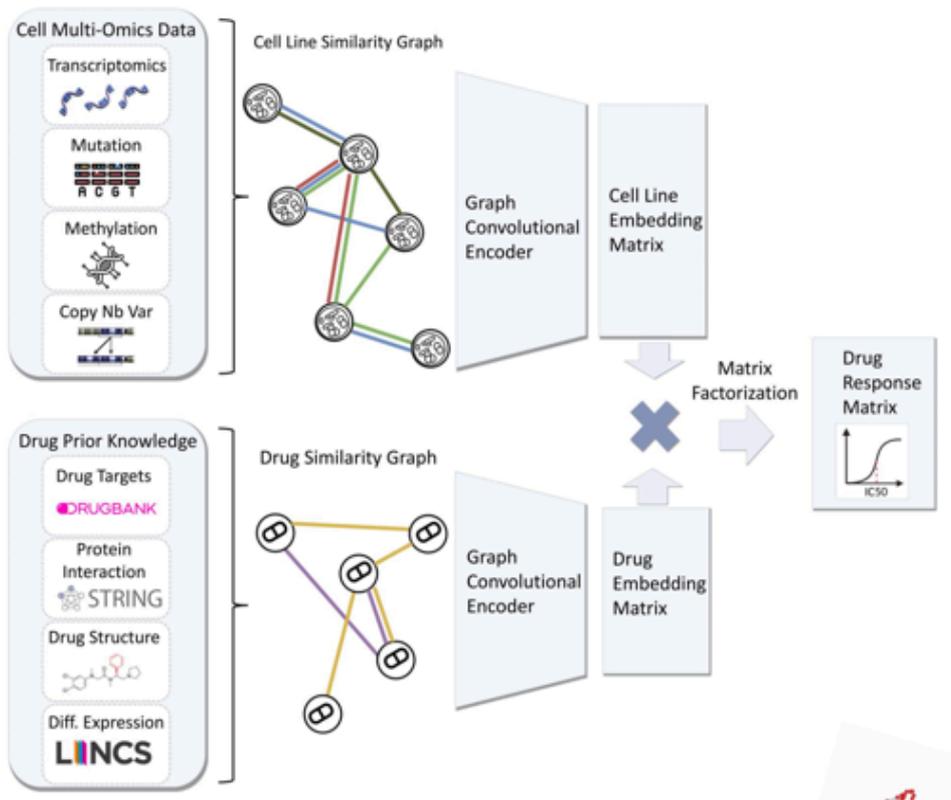
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drug similarity graphs



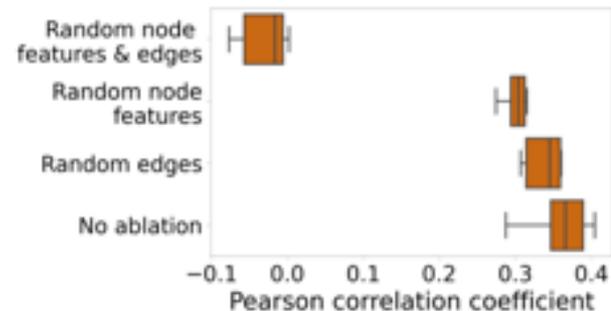
- EGFR signaling
- PI3K/MTOR signaling
- RTK signaling
- Protein stability and degradation
- Mitosis
- Other
- ERK MAPK signaling
- ABL signaling
- Cell cycle
- IGF1R signaling
- Chromatin histone acetylation
- Cytoskeleton
- DNA replication
- Hormone-related
- Genome integrity
- WNT signaling
- JNK and p38 signaling
- Chromatin other
- Metabolism
- Apoptosis regulation
- Chromatin histone methylation
- p53 pathway

# Drug response prediction with similarity graphs



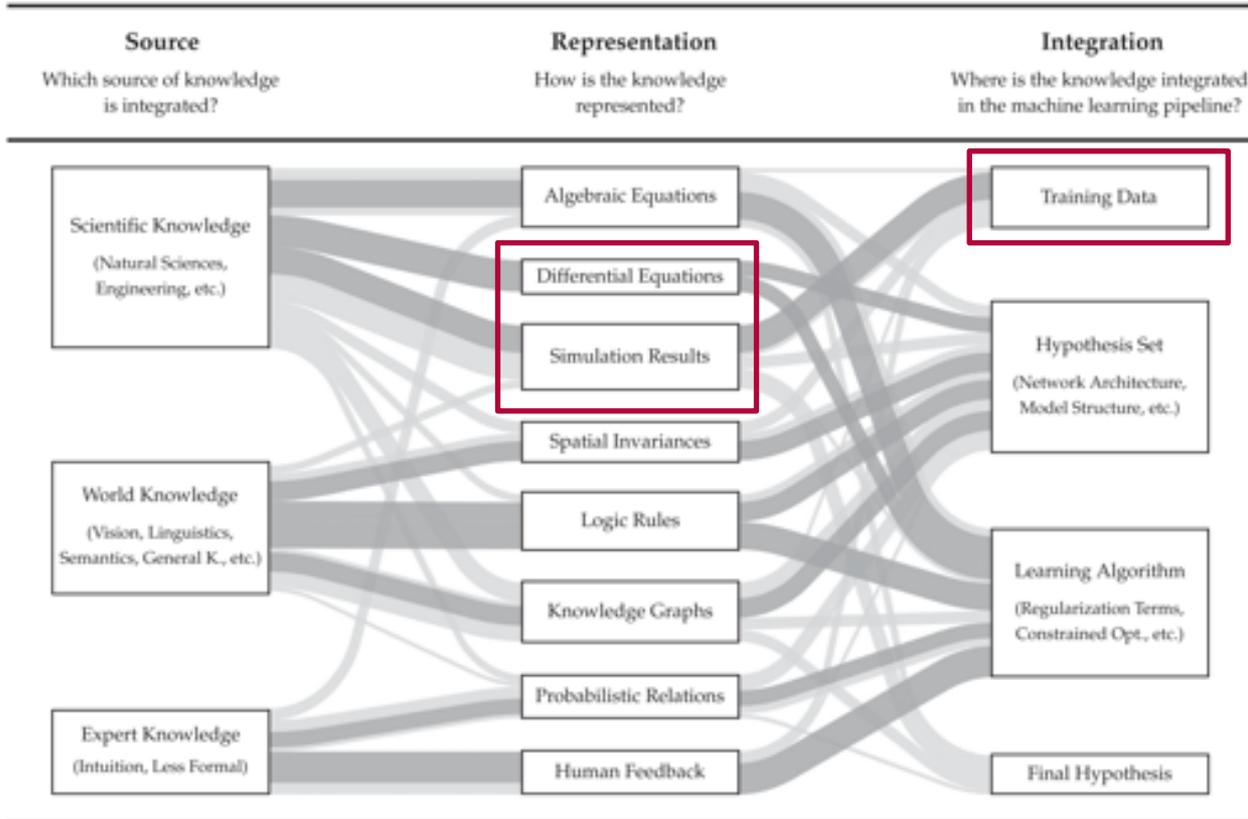
Model	Pearson	MSE
<b>GCMF</b>	<b>0.36 ± 0.04</b>	<b>0.88 ± 0.03</b>
<b>U-GCMF</b>	0.34 ± 0.06	0.90 ± 0.04
<b>PaccMann<sup>3</sup></b>	0.35 ± 0.02	0.97 ± 0.10
<b>Ridge</b>	0.32 ± 0.02	0.94 ± 0.02
<b>SRMF<sup>4</sup></b>	0.01 ± 0.02	1.11 ± 0.03

## Ablation study



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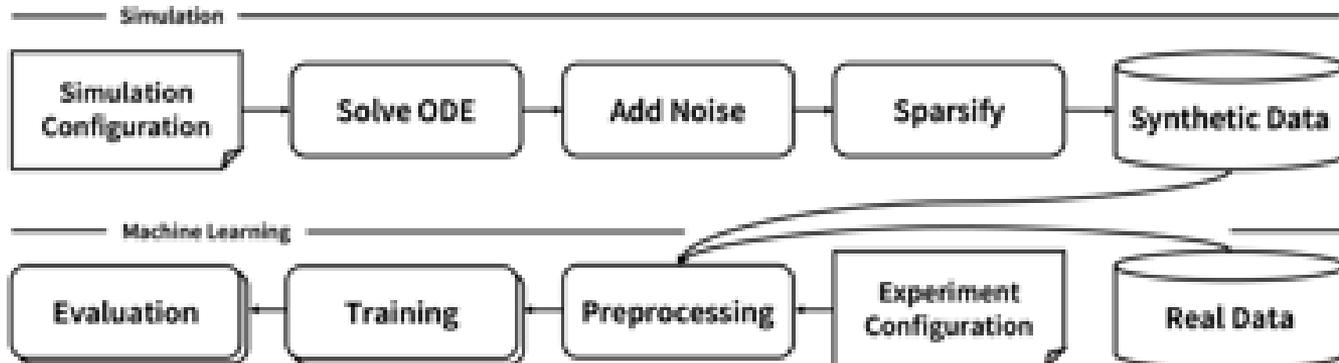
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- Maximilian Kleissl,  
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by Pascal  
Iversen

Idea: a toolbox for model-informed machine learning



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# Simulation with SimbaML: SIR model

SIR: susceptible, infected, recovered

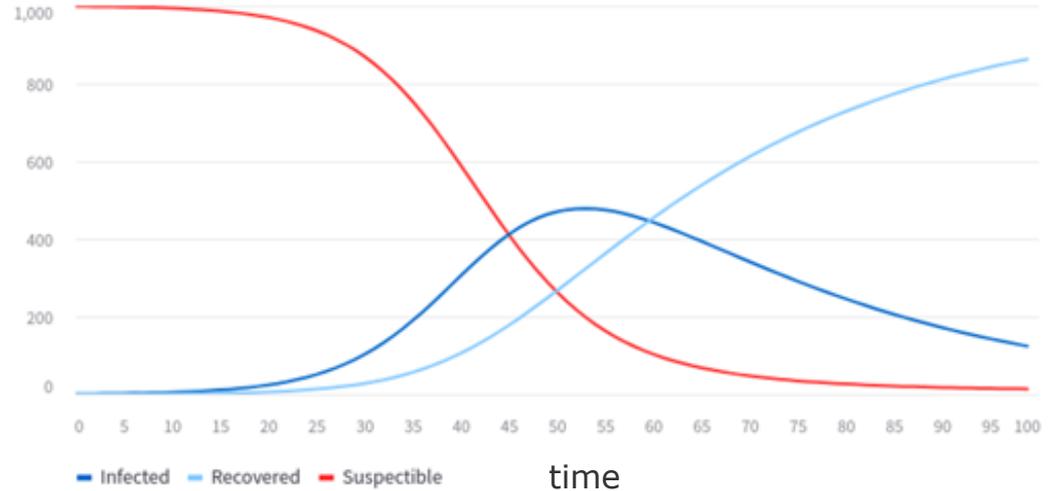
$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -\frac{\beta IS}{N},$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \frac{\beta IS}{N} - \gamma I,$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \gamma I,$$

config:

- ranges or distributions of initial conditions
- ranges or distributions of kinetic parameters
- solver, error, time series or steady state
- noise, constraints,...



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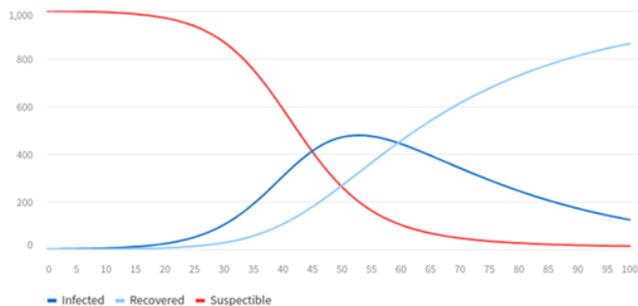
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# Different noise options

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$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \gamma I,$$



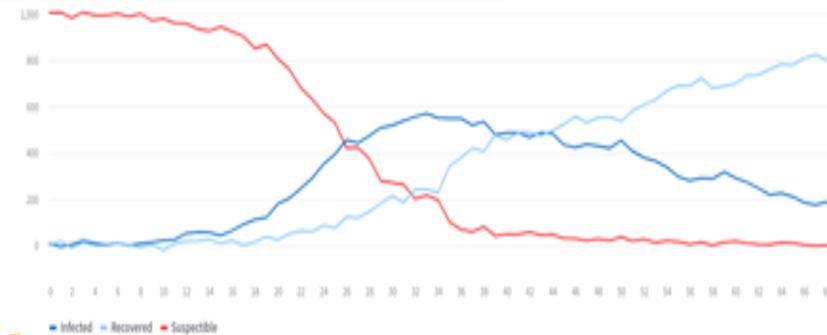
measurement errors

$$S(t) + \varepsilon_S(t)$$

$$R(t) + \varepsilon_R(t)$$

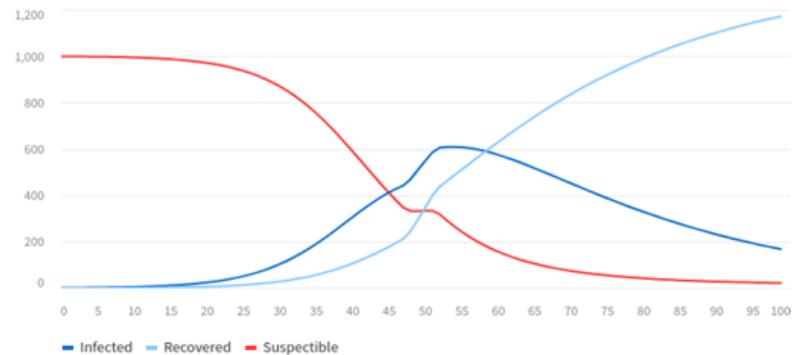
$$I(t) + \varepsilon_I(t)$$

$$\varepsilon_\alpha \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

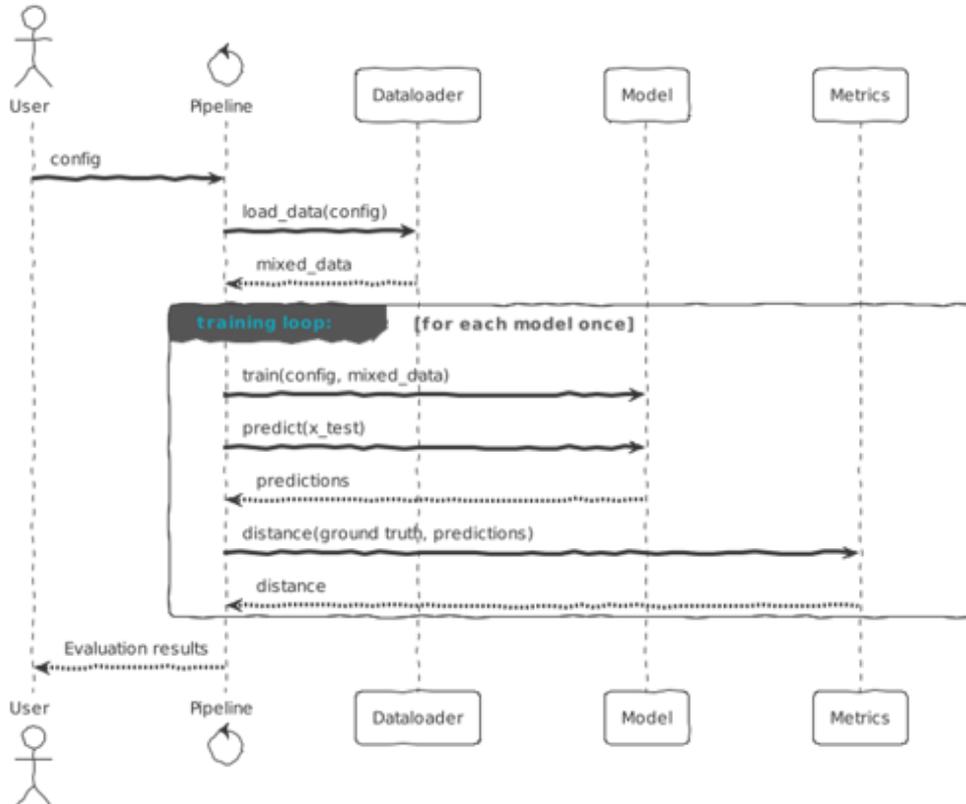


intrinsic errors

$$\frac{dS}{dt}(t) + \varepsilon_t$$



# Machine learning with SimbaML



SimbaML supports ML models from

- Keras,
- PyTorch Lightning, and
- scikit-learn.

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# Potential application of SimbaML: model pre-training in sparse data situations

prediction task: time series forecasting of the distribution parameters for the number of new infections,  $x$   
 $f: (x(t-6), \dots, x(t)) \rightarrow (\mu(t+1), \dots, \mu(t+7), v(t+1), \dots, v(t+7))$

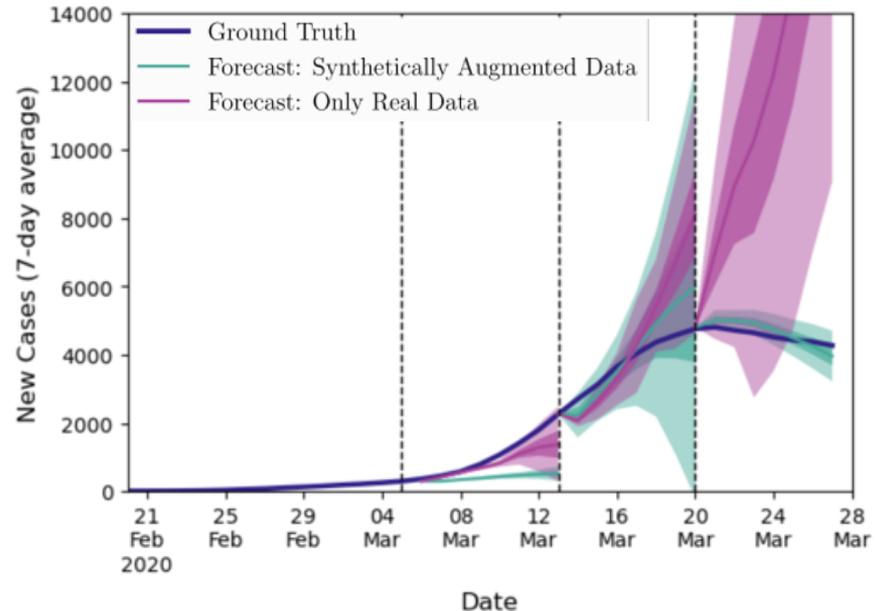
assuming

$$x(t+k) = \mu(t+k) + \varepsilon(t+k)$$

with  $\varepsilon(t+k) \sim T(v(t+k))$

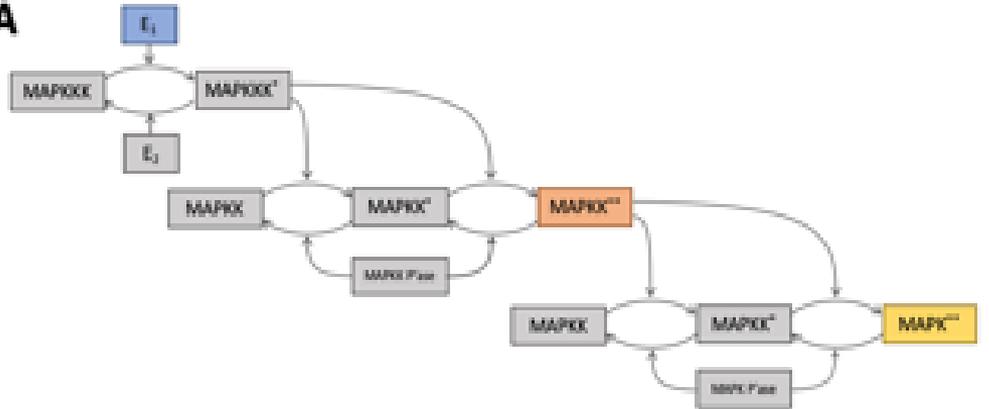
Can we supplement the model with simulated data from SimbaML?

- simulate time series using an SIR model

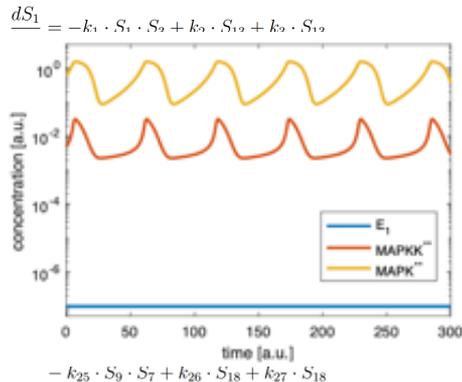


# Potential application of SimbaML: Determine the best ML prediction model

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ordinary differential equation (ODE) model  
(Huang & Ferrell 1996)



$$\frac{dS_8}{dt} = -k_{19} \cdot S_8 \cdot S_7 + k_{20} \cdot S_{17} + k_{24} \cdot S_{22}$$

$$\frac{dS_9}{dt} = k_{21} \cdot S_{17} - k_{22} \cdot S_9 \cdot S_{11} + k_{23} \cdot S_{22} - k_{25} \cdot S_9 \cdot S_7 + k_{26} \cdot S_{18} + k_{30} \cdot S_{21}$$

$$\frac{dS_{10}}{dt} = k_{27} \cdot S_{18} - k_{28} \cdot S_{10} \cdot S_{11} + k_{29} \cdot S_{21}$$

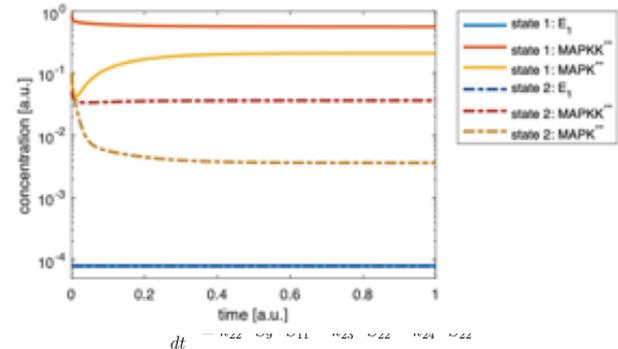
$$\frac{dS_{11}}{dt} = -k_{22} \cdot S_9 \cdot S_{11} + k_{23} \cdot S_{22} + k_{24} \cdot S_{22} - k_{28} \cdot S_{10} \cdot S_{11} + k_{29} \cdot S_{21} + k_{30} \cdot S_{21}$$

$$\frac{dS_{12}}{dt} = -k_{10} \cdot S_6 \cdot S_{12} + k_{11} \cdot S_{20} + k_{12} \cdot S_{20} - k_{16} \cdot S_7 \cdot S_{12} + k_{17} \cdot S_{19} + k_{18} \cdot S_{19}$$

$$\frac{dS_{13}}{dt} = k_1 \cdot S_1 \cdot S_3 - k_2 \cdot S_{13} - k_3 \cdot S_{13}$$

$$\frac{dS_{14}}{dt} = k_4 \cdot S_2 \cdot S_4 - k_5 \cdot S_{14} - k_6 \cdot S_{14}$$

$$\dots$$



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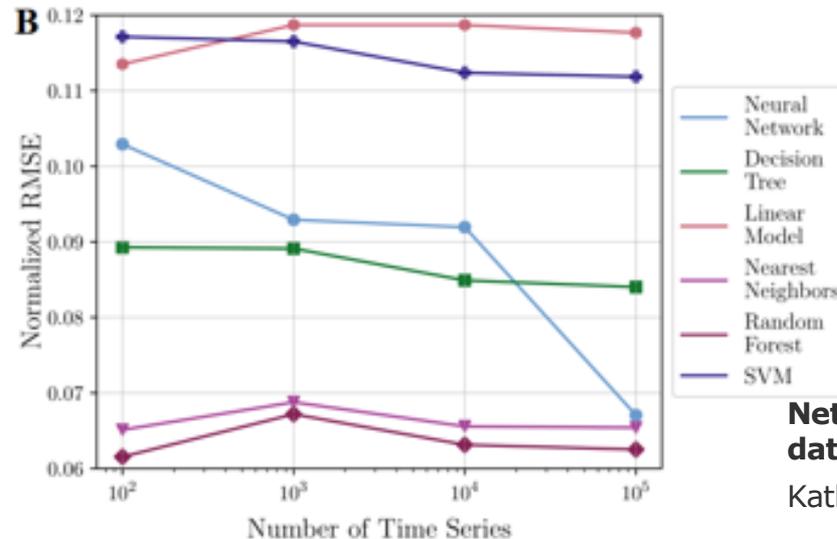
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# Potential application of SimbaML: Determine the best ML prediction model

prediction task: time series forecasting of a single observed variable of the system,  $x$   
 $f: (x(t-4), \dots, x(t)) \rightarrow (x(t+1), x(t+2), x(t+3))$

Which ML model performs best with the given amount of training data?

- synthesize different numbers of time series (20 time steps length) with SimbaML on the basis of the MAPK ODE model
- train using different ML models



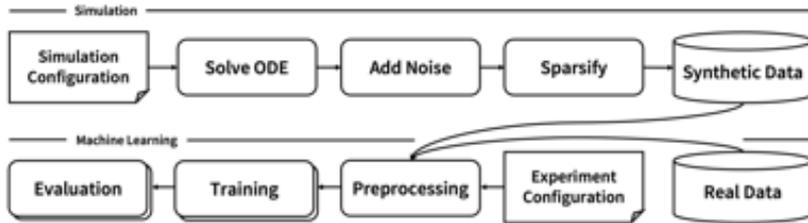
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# Outlook

## SimbaML



- examination of effects of different assumptions of noise
- explore transfer learning
- benchmark methods of explainability
- assess other informed ML approaches
- role of uncertainty, active learning

In general:  
transfer to clinically relevant settings  
(1) personalized predictions  
(2) transfer learning approaches  
(3) explainable predictions  
(4) include additional data



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