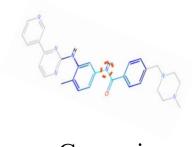
# Machine Learning to Prioritize Drug Combinations in Cancers

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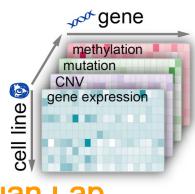


## Predict which combination of small molecules is effective in treating cancers.

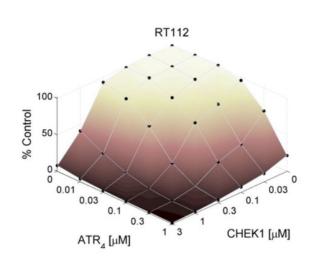
#### Chemical Structure



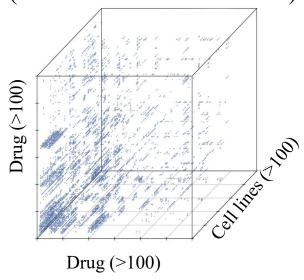
Genomics



Drug Synergy



The challenge
Vast searching space
(>1 million combinations!)





#### Benchmarked by the DREAM Challenge

#### The AstraZeneca-Sanger Drug Combination Prediction Challenge





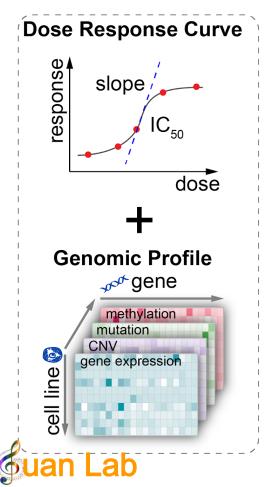
- 86 cancer cell lines
- 118 drugs
- 11,500 drug combinations
- 117 team submissions
- Blind evaluation

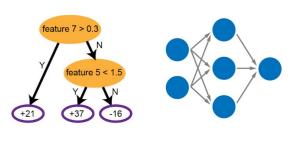
We have approached accuracy of experimental replicates.

Li et al., 2018 Cancer Research. Sep 15;78(18):5446-5457.



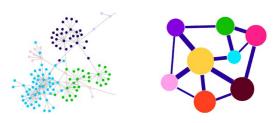
#### Machine Learning Predicts Drug Response & Synergy

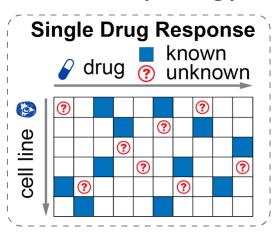


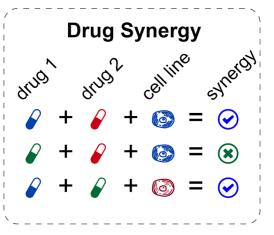


Machine Learning

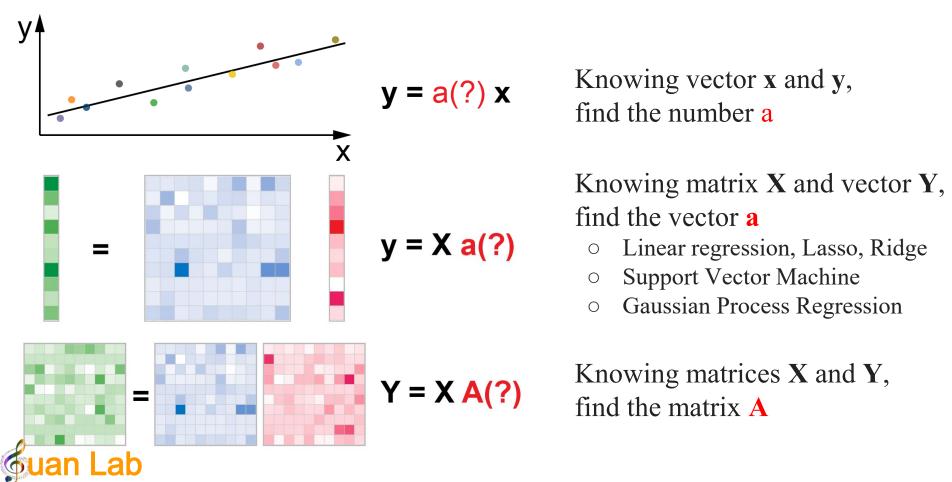
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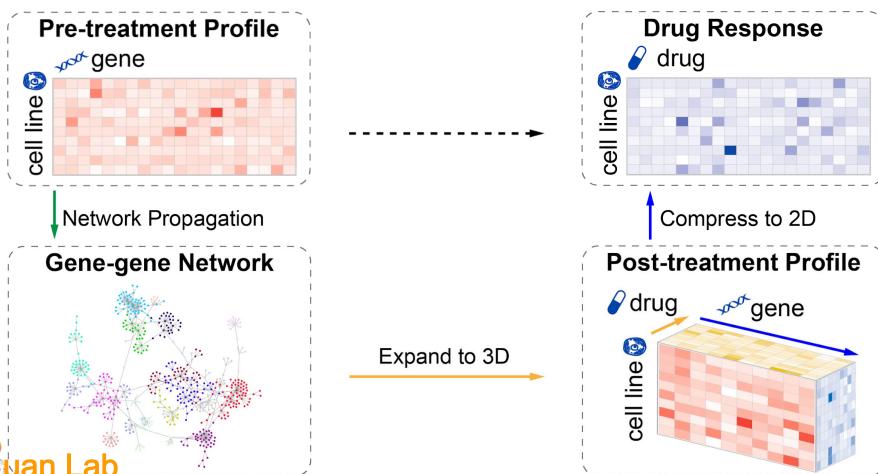


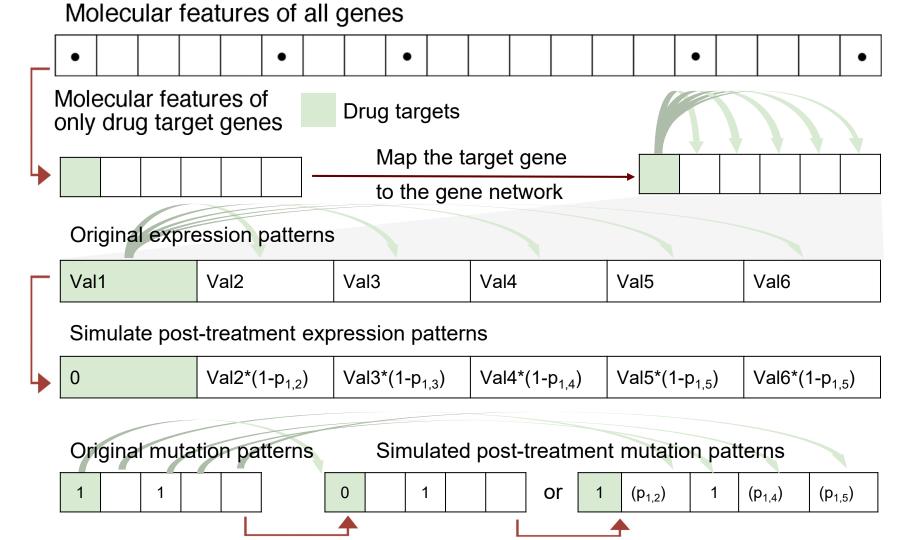


#### What are Machine Learning Problems

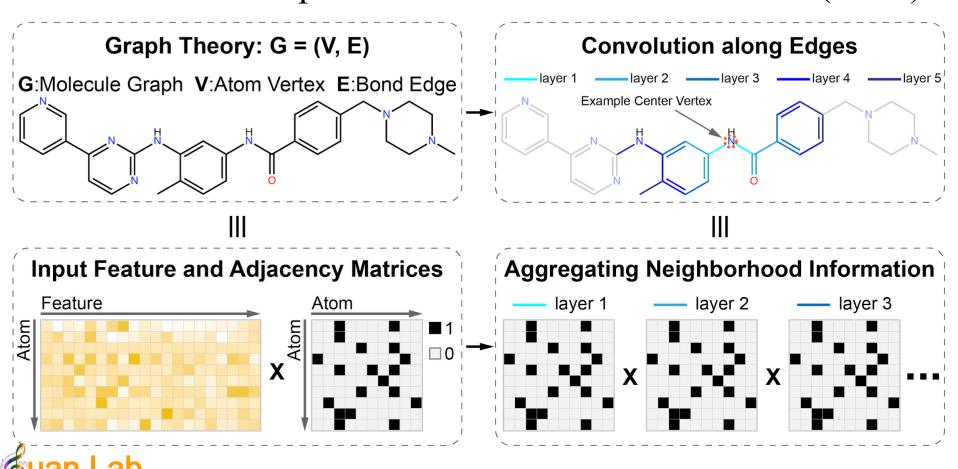


#### The solution: network propagation predicts drug synergy





#### Future work: Graph Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)



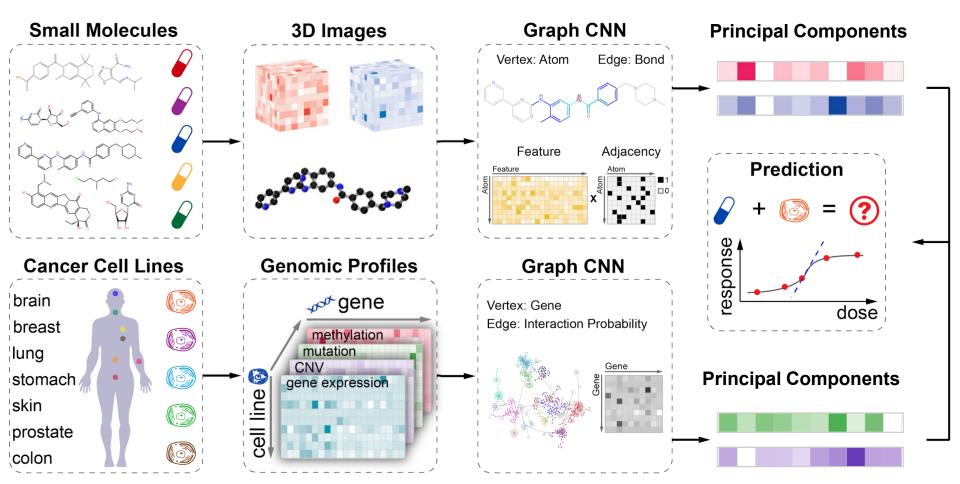
#### The Gene-Gene Network is also a Graph!





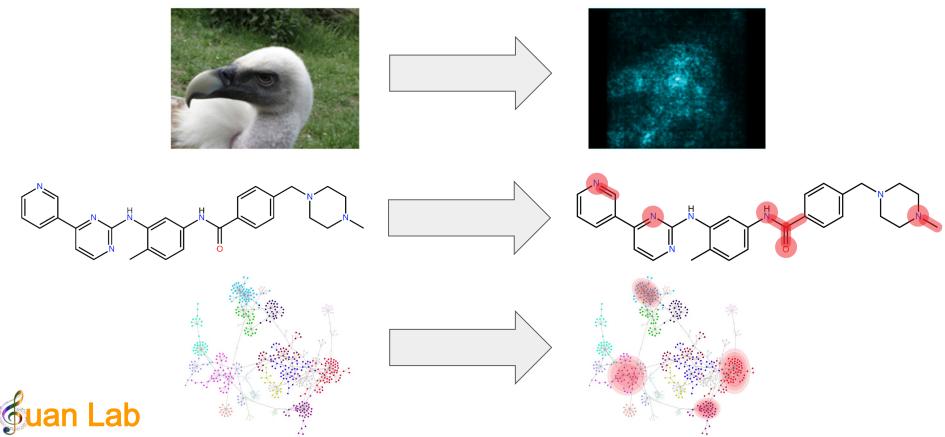


#### Integrating Gene-Gene Network into Deep Learning



#### Identifying Drug Synergy Biomarkers through Saliency Maps

Saliency maps visualize important features (e.g. pixels, genes, functional groups)



### Thank you and questions

