

# Graph Neural Networks for Modeling Small Molecules

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# (Some) Deep Learning success stories

## Vision

IMAGENET



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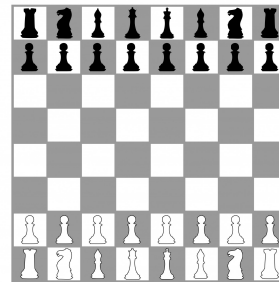
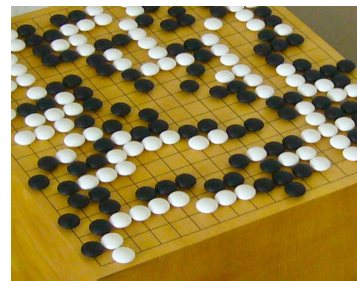
## Audio / Speech



## Language

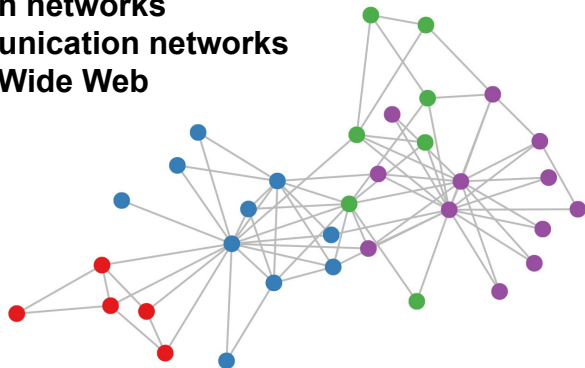
The cat sat on the mat.  
Die Katze saß auf der Matte.

## Grid-based games



# Graph-structured data

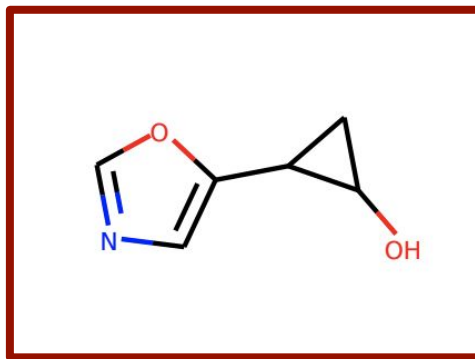
Social networks  
Citation networks  
Communication networks  
World Wide Web



Protein interaction networks

Challenging for standard deep neural network architectures (CNNs / RNNs)

Knowledge graphs



Road maps



# Talk overview

## 1) Introduction to Graph Neural Networks (GNNs)

- a) Convolution-based GNNs (“Graph Convolutional Networks”)
- b) GNNs with attention mechanisms
- c) Neural Message Passing formulation

## 2) Molecular property prediction with GNNs

## 3) Generative models for molecules

## 4) Modeling interactions between molecules

# Graph Neural Networks (GNNs)

Scarselli et al., The Graph Neural Network Model (2009)

**Graph**  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$

**Node features**  $\mathbf{h}_i$

**Edge features**  $\mathbf{h}_{(i,j)}$

**The bigger picture:**

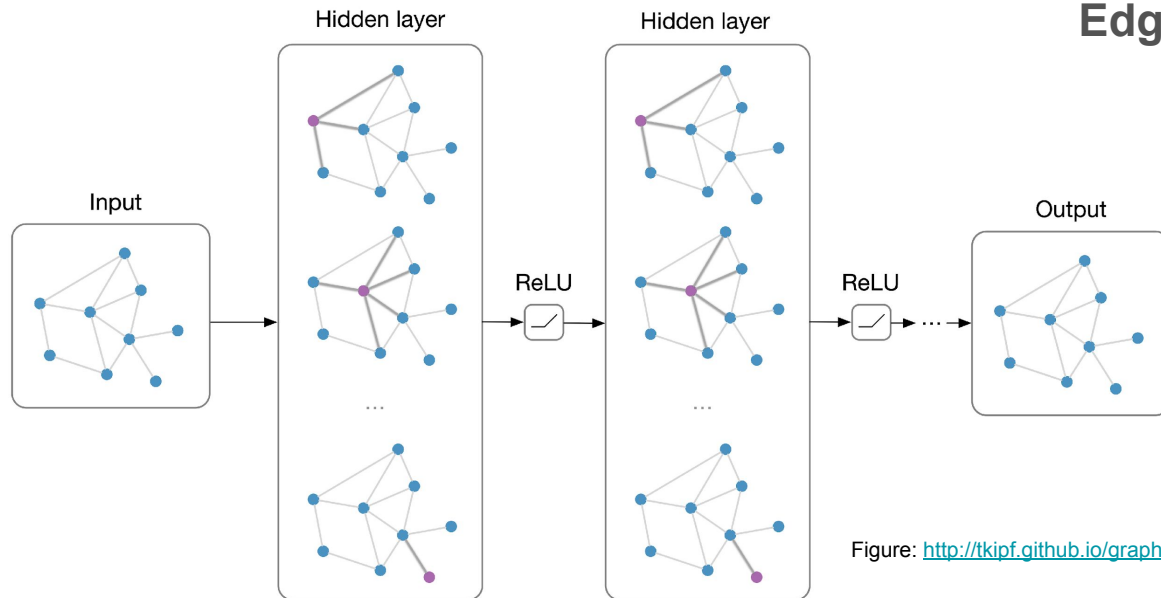
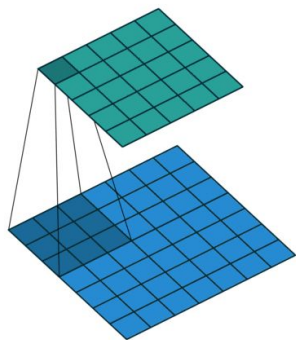


Figure: <http://tkipf.github.io/graph-convolutional-networks/>

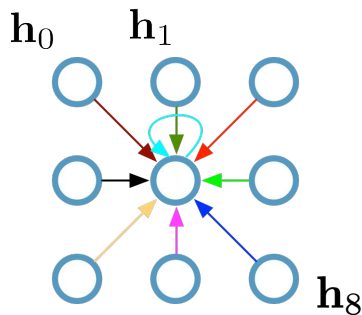
**Main idea:** Pass messages along edges of graph, agglomerate & transform

# CNNs (on grids) as message passing

## Single CNN layer with 3x3 filter:



(Animation by  
Vincent Dumoulin)



## Update for a single pixel:

- Transform messages individually  $\mathbf{W}_i \mathbf{h}_i$
- Add everything up  $\sum_i \mathbf{W}_i \mathbf{h}_i$

$\mathbf{h}_i \in \mathbb{R}^F$  are (hidden layer) activations of a pixel/node

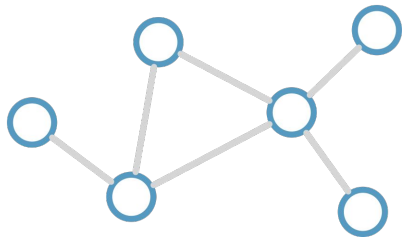
## Full update:

$$\mathbf{h}'_4 = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_0 \mathbf{h}_0 + \mathbf{W}_1 \mathbf{h}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{W}_8 \mathbf{h}_8)$$

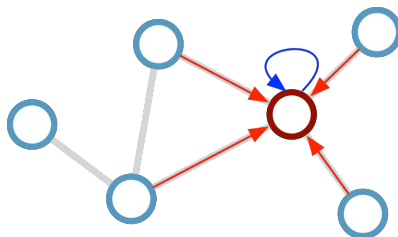
# Convolution-based Graph Neural Networks

**Neural FP:** Duvenaud et al. (NIPS 2015), **Graph Convolutional Networks (GCN):** Kipf & Welling (ICLR 2017)

Consider this  
undirected graph:



Calculate update  
for node in red:



$$\mathbf{h}'_i = \sigma \left( \mathbf{W}_0 \mathbf{h}_i + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \alpha_{ij} \mathbf{W}_1 \mathbf{h}_j \right)$$

Neighbor indices

(Optional) normalization constant

# More expressive GNN variants

## Adding support for **relation** types

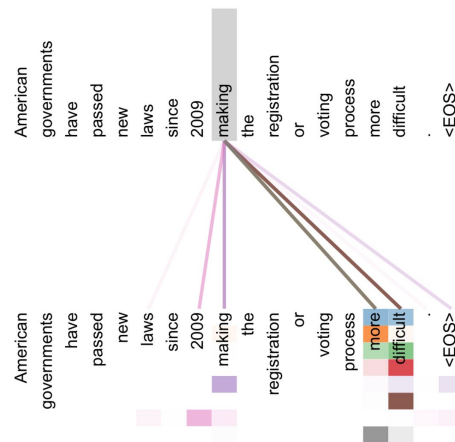
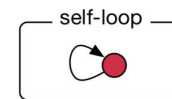
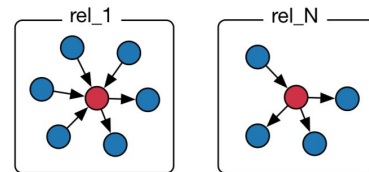
**GG-NN**: Li et al. (ICLR 2016), **R-GCN**: Schlichtkrull et al. (2017)

$$\mathbf{h}'_i = \sigma \left( \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \alpha_{ij}^r \mathbf{W}_r \mathbf{h}_j \right)$$

## Attention-based aggregation

**GAT**: Veličković et al. (ICLR 2018), **Transformers**: Vaswani et al. (NIPS 2017)

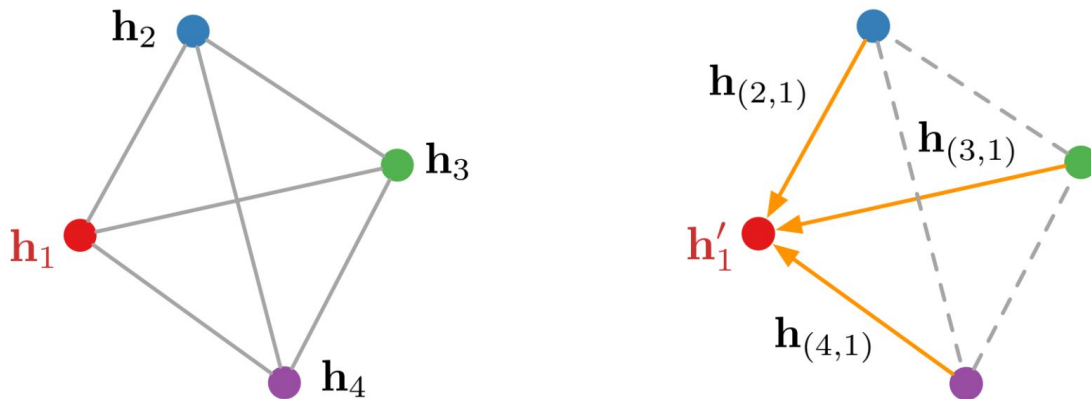
$$\alpha_{ij}^r = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{h}_i^T \mathbf{W}'_r \mathbf{h}_j)}{\sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_i} \exp(\mathbf{h}_i^T \mathbf{W}'_r \mathbf{h}_k)}$$





# Neural Message Passing formulation of GNNs

**Message Passing Neural Networks (MPNN):** Gilmer et al. (ICML 2017), **GraphNets:** Battaglia et al. (2018)



**Edge update (message)**

$$\mathbf{h}_{(i,j)} = f_{\text{edge}}(\mathbf{h}_i, \mathbf{h}_j, \mathbf{x}_{(i,j)})$$

**Node update**

$$\mathbf{h}'_i = f_{\text{node}}(\mathbf{h}_i, \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \mathbf{h}_{(j,i)}, \mathbf{x}_i)$$

Node features

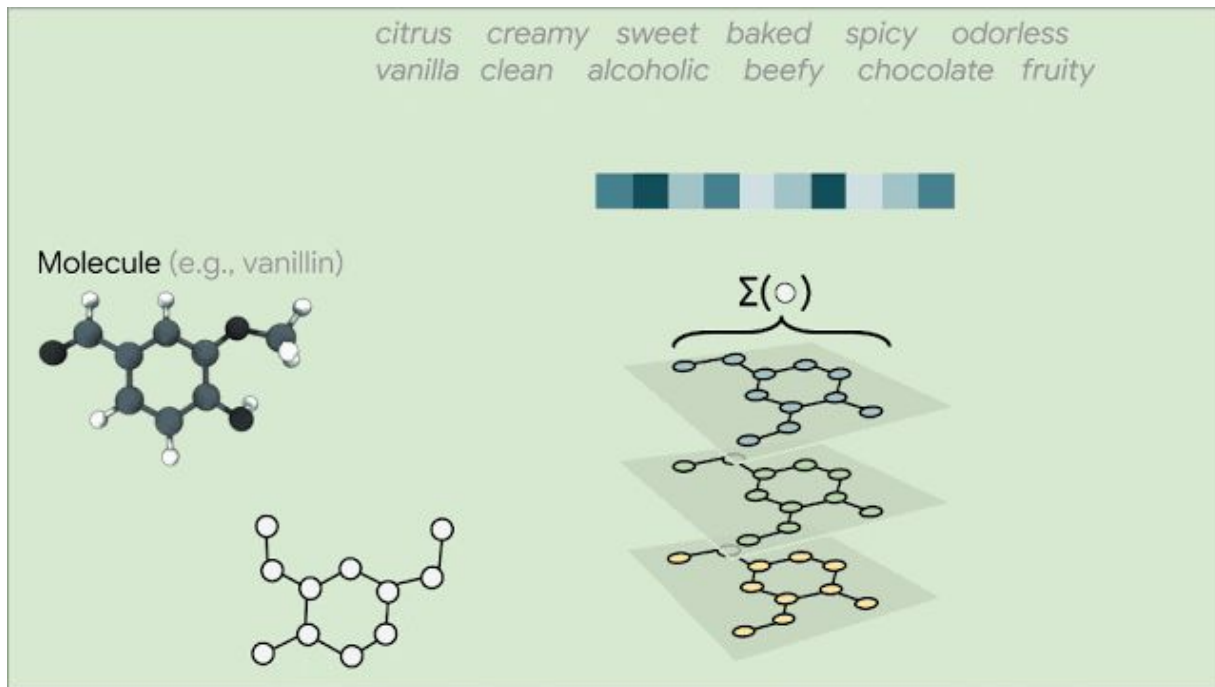
# Code repositories

- Graph Convolutional Networks (Kipf and Welling, ICLR 2017)
  - <https://github.com/tkipf/gcn> (TensorFlow)
- Graph Attention Networks (Veličković *et al.*, ICLR 2018)
  - <https://github.com/PetarV-/GAT> (TensorFlow)
- Message Passing Neural Networks (Gilmer *et al.*, ICML 2017)
  - <https://github.com/brain-research/mpnn> (TensorFlow)

# Molecular property prediction with GNNs

# GNNs applied to molecular data

Sanchez-Lengeling et al., **Machine Learning for Scent: Learning Generalizable Perceptual Representations of Small Molecules** (2019)



Animation: <https://ai.googleblog.com/2019/10/learning-to-smell-using-deep-learning.html>

# GNNs on molecules for discovery of antibiotics

Stokes et al., A Deep Learning Approach to Antibiotic Discovery (Cell 2020)

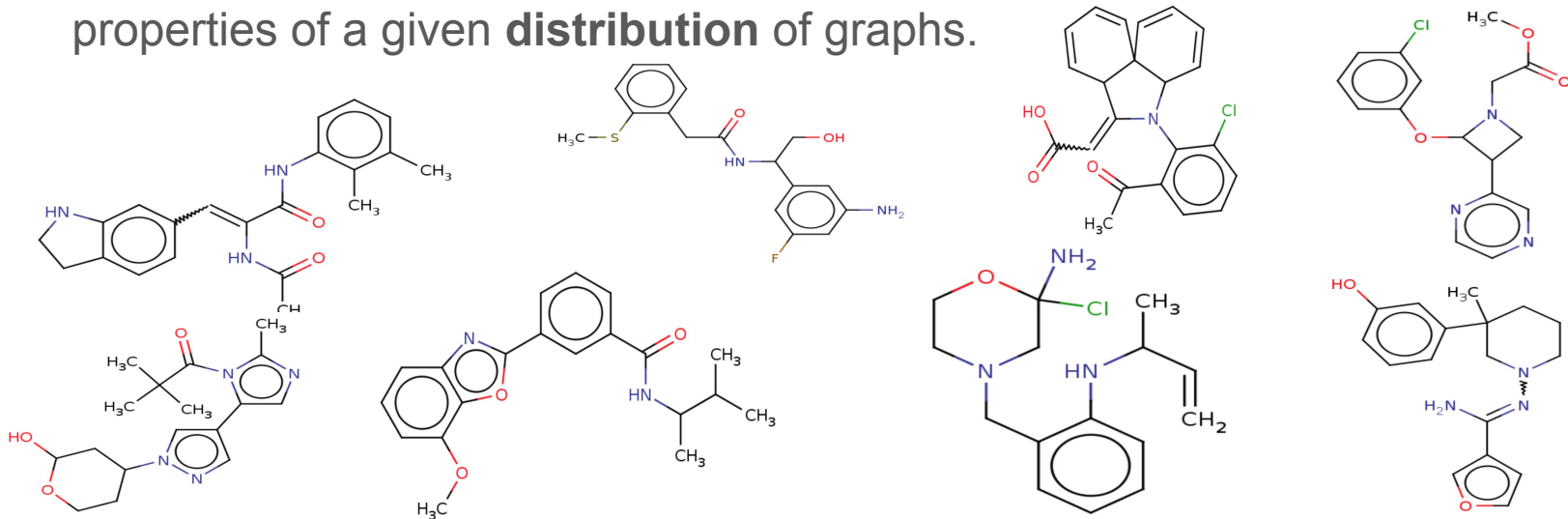
## Simple recipe:

- 1) Train GNN (simple GCN, termed “ChemNet”) on database of molecules with known antibiotic properties
- 2) Evaluate GNN on a much larger database of molecules
- 3) Rank molecules by predicted property
- 4) Top-ranked molecules are good candidates for antibiotics!

# Generative models of molecule graphs

# Graph generation

- We seek a model capable of producing graphs that “capture” the empirical properties of a given **distribution** of graphs.



- **Very** challenging! (*discrete* decisions)
  - Until recently, most results in domain of *small chemicals* (< 50 nodes!)

See “Efficient Graph Generation with Graph Recurrent Attention Networks” (Liao *et al.*, NeurIPS’19): recent large-scale results.

# Drug discovery

**Application:** drug design is very *important*:

- Drug discovery is costly, time-expensive;
- Use drug databases and machine learning models to support searching the complex space of candidates ( $10^{23}$  --  $10^{60}$ )

Want **targeted** molecules that optimise for specific **properties**.



# Taxonomy of related work

Data	Model	RNN	GNN	RL	GAN	VAE	Seq	At-once
Fingerprint	MolDQN [55]			✓			✓	
SMILES	GrammarVAE [31]	✓				✓	✓	
	G-B et al. [15]	✓				✓	✓	
	ORGAN [17]	✓		✓	✓		✓	
	SSVAE [25]	✓				✓	✓	
Graph	<u>GCPN [53]</u>		✓	✓	✓		✓	
	GraphRNN [54]	✓	✓				✓	
	GraphVAE [46]		✓			✓		✓
	<u>JTVAE [22]</u>		✓			✓	✓	
	MolGAN [7]		✓	✓	✓			✓
	MolRNN [35]	✓	✓				✓	
	Li et al. [37]	✓	✓				✓	

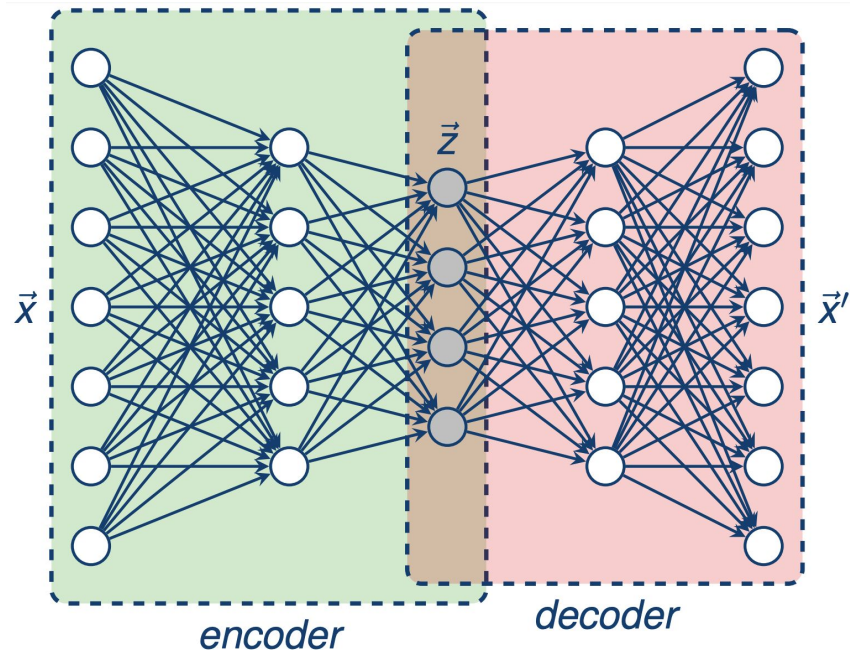
# JTVAE

- Junction Tree Variational Autoencoder (Jin *et al.*, ICML 2018)
- Generate molecular graphs **iteratively**, guided by the molecule's **substructures**, from a **variational representation**.
- Perform targeted optimisation within the *representation space*.



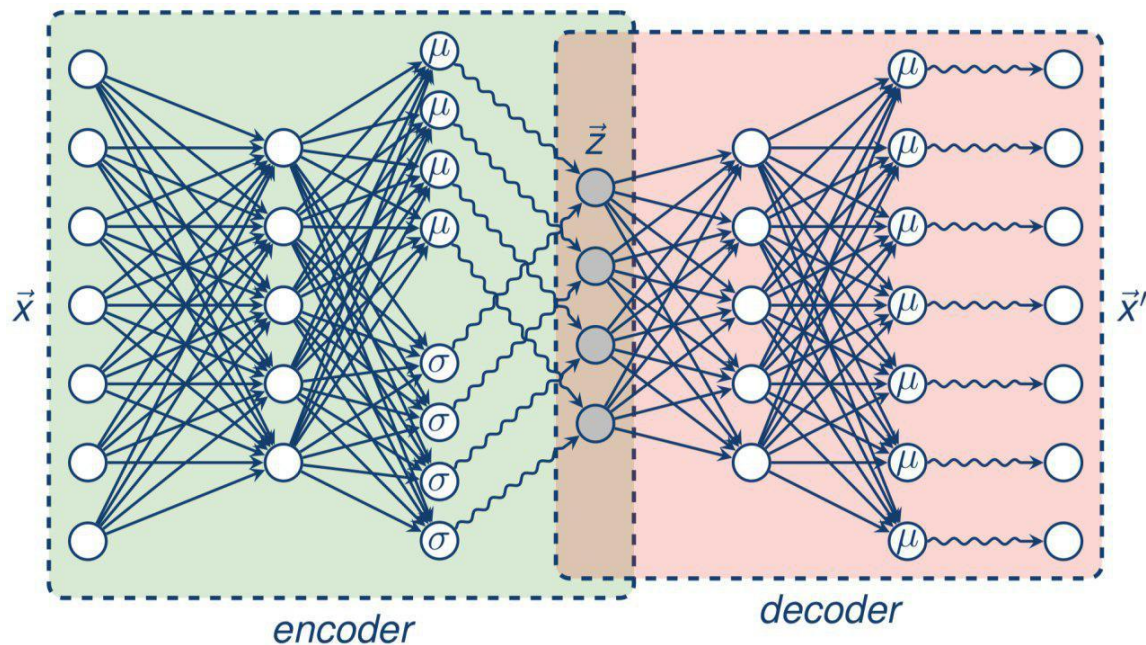
# JTVAE components

- Junction Tree Variational **Autoencoder** (Jin *et al.*, ICML 2018)

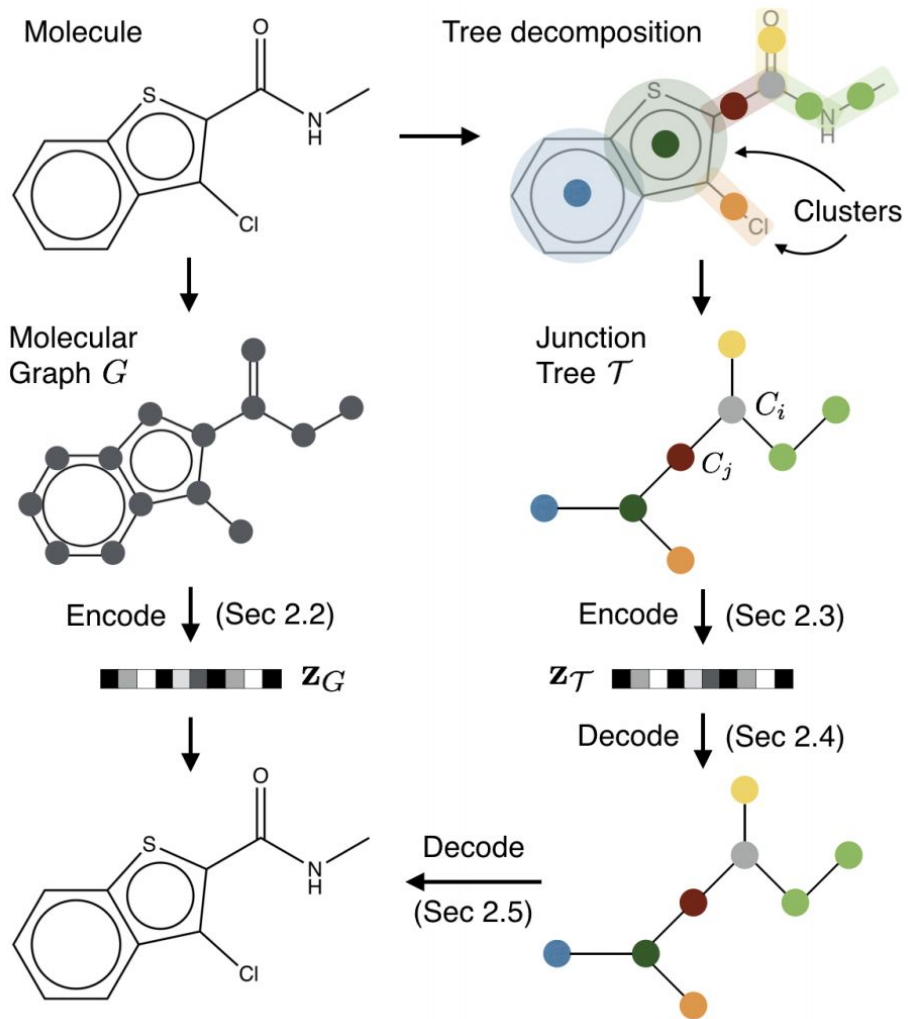


# JTVAE components

- Junction Tree **Variational Autoencoder** (Jin *et al.*, ICML 2018)

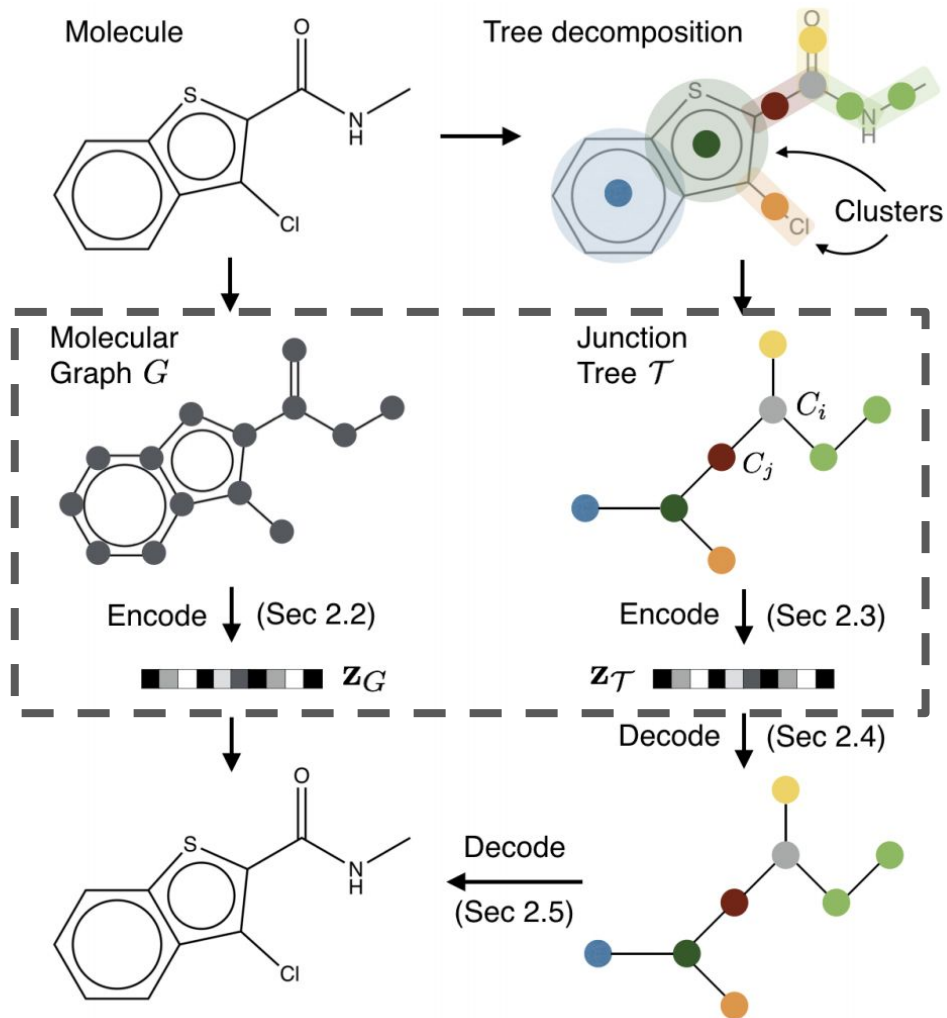
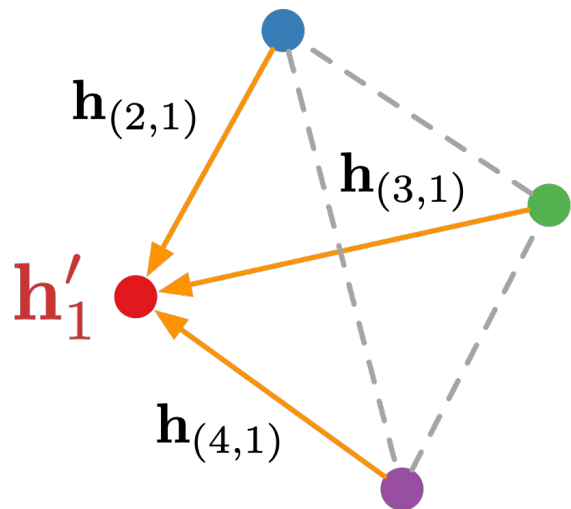


# Putting it all together



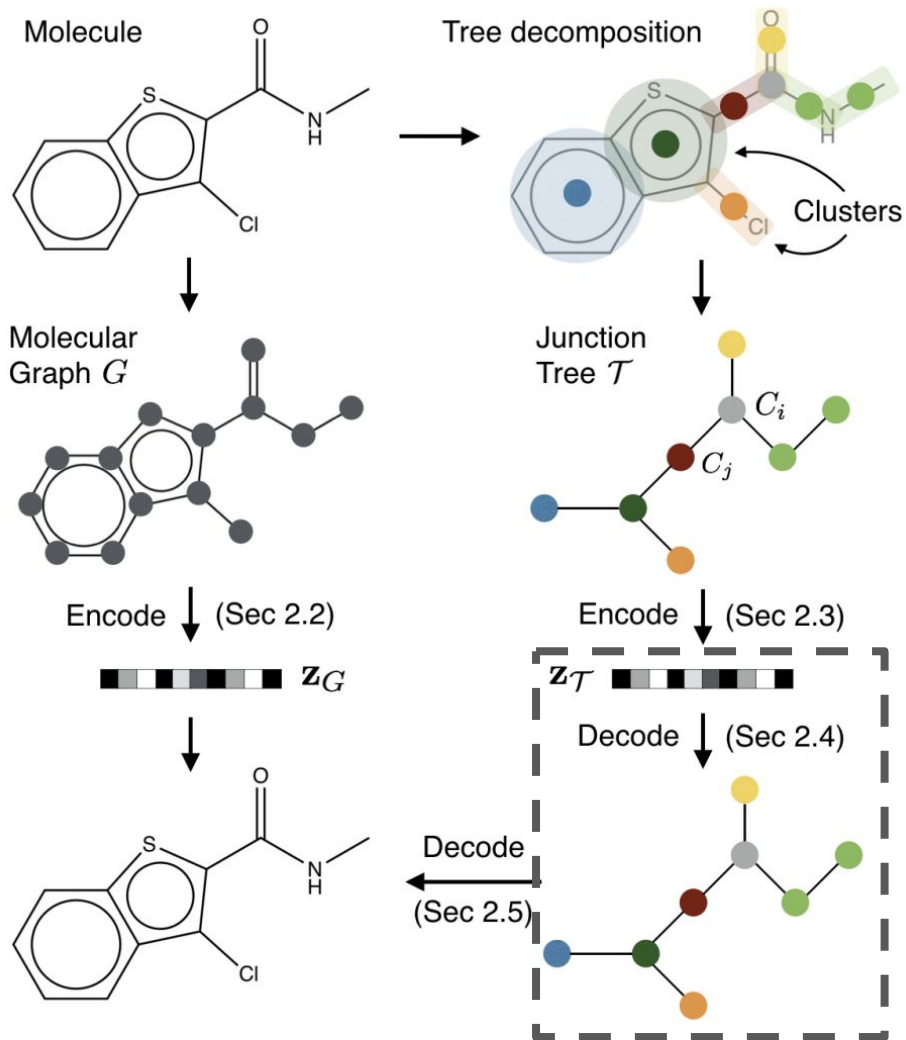
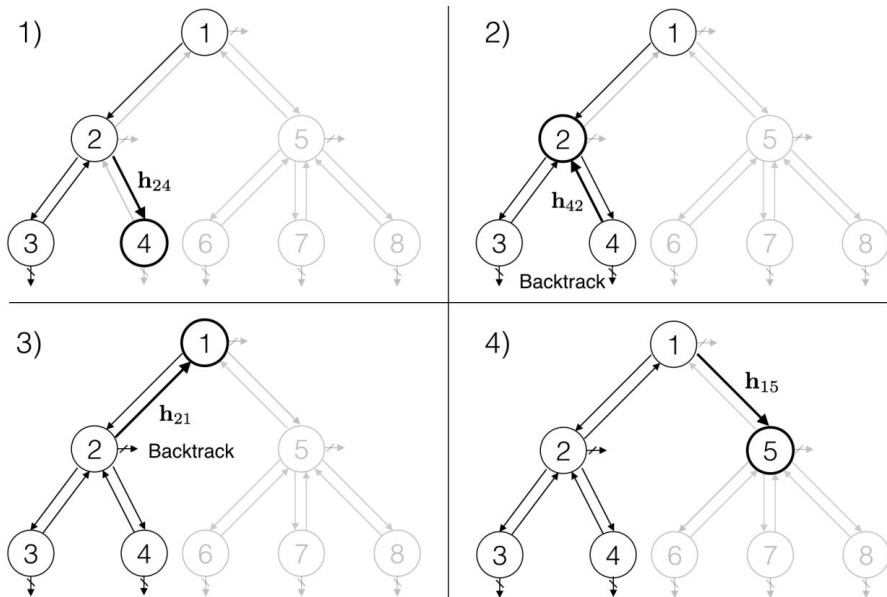
# Putting it all together

**MPNN** for encoding graphs and trees



# Putting it all together

**Decode tree in *depth-first* fashion**

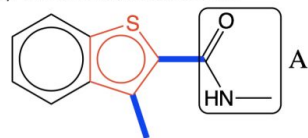




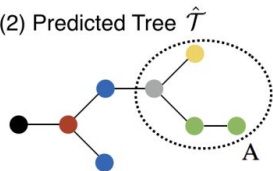
# Putting it all together

**Decode** graph by reassembling from tree

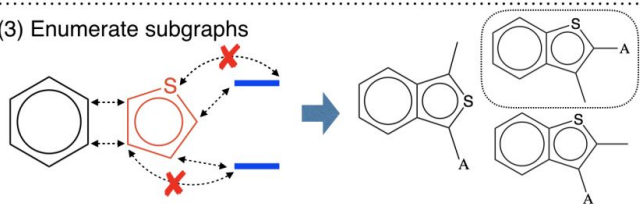
(1) Ground truth molecule



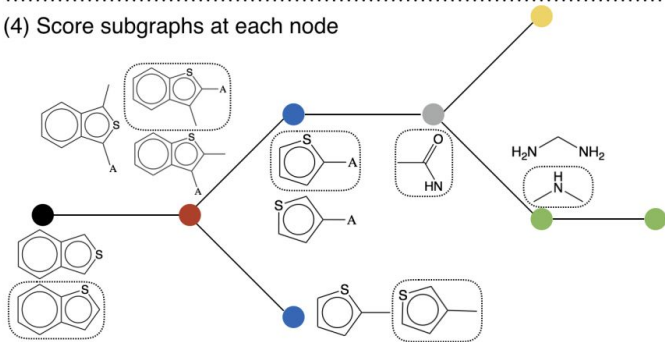
(2) Predicted Tree  $\hat{T}$



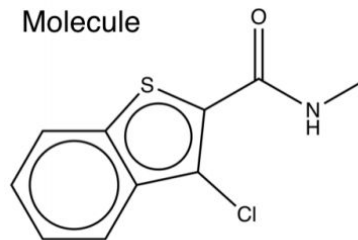
(3) Enumerate subgraphs



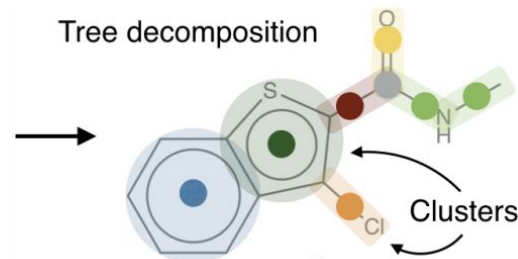
(4) Score subgraphs at each node



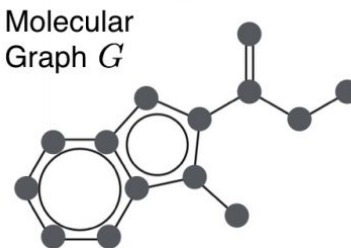
Molecule



Tree decomposition



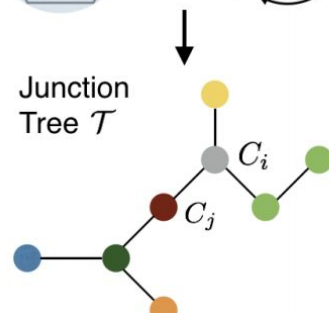
Molecular Graph  $G$



Encode  $\downarrow$  (Sec 2.2)

$\mathbf{z}_G$

Junction Tree  $\mathcal{T}$

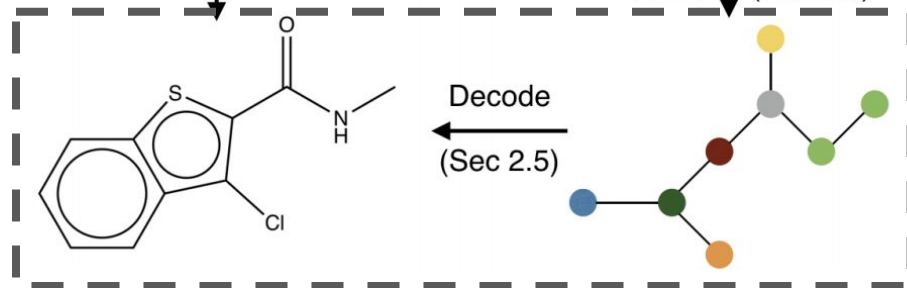


Encode  $\downarrow$  (Sec 2.3)

$\mathbf{z}_{\mathcal{T}}$

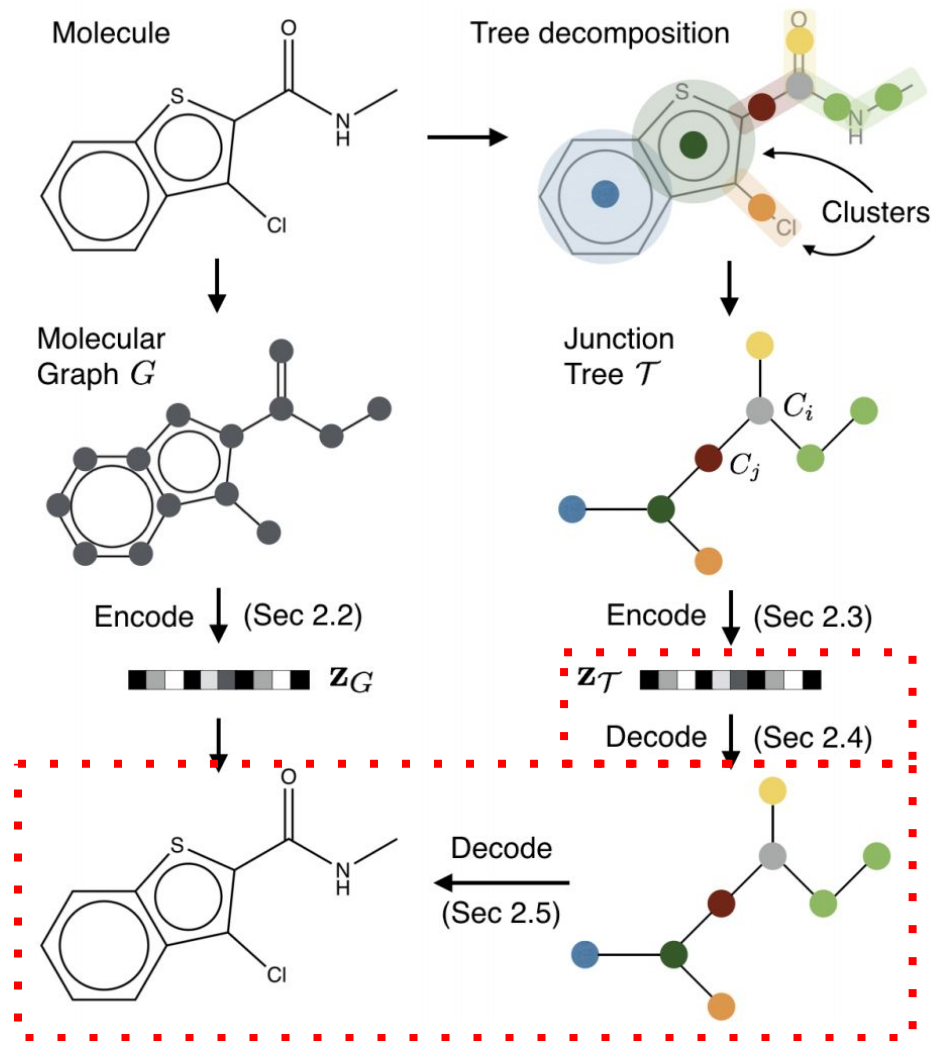
Decode  $\downarrow$  (Sec 2.4)

Decode  
(Sec 2.5)



# Once trained...

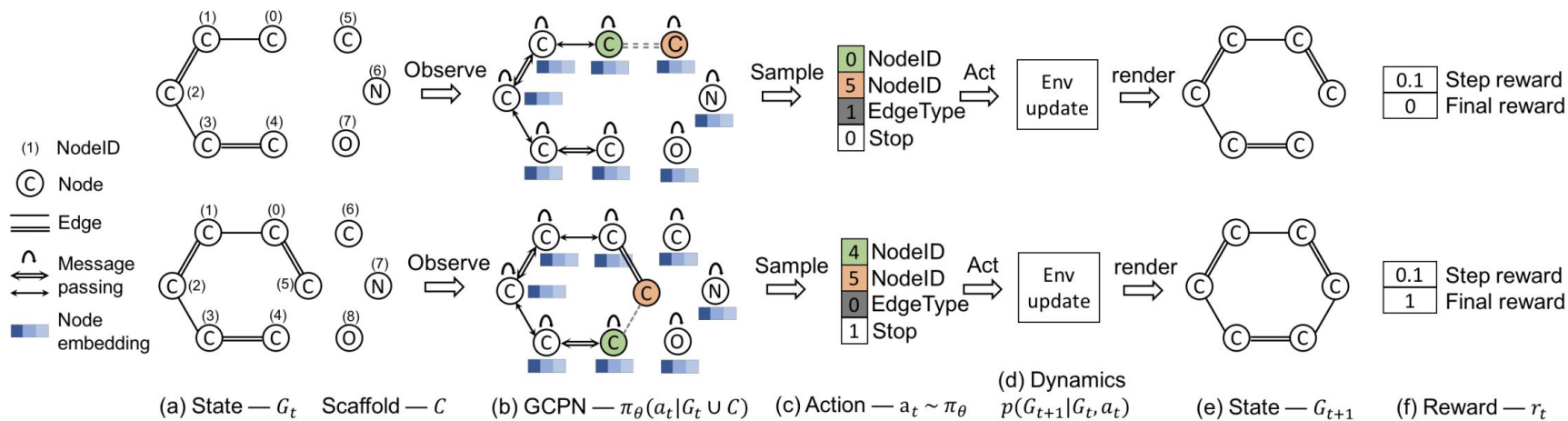
1. Sample tree codes  $z_T$
2. Decode junction tree
3. Decode graph from junction tree
4. Repeat to keep generating :)



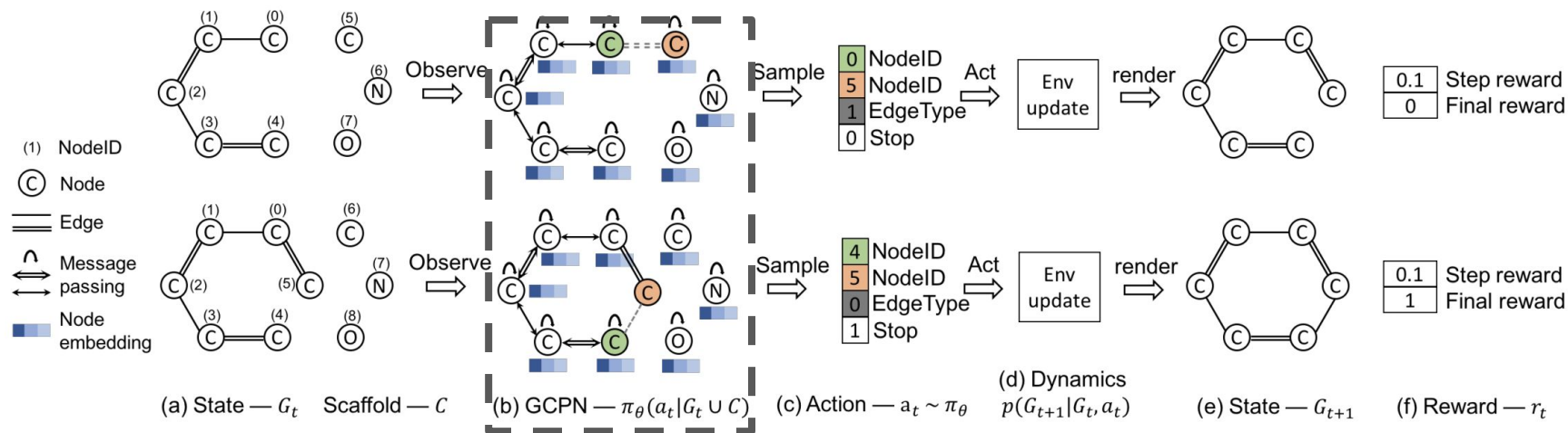
# GCPN

- Graph Convolutional Policy Network (You *et al.*, NeurIPS 2018)
- At each step, take a *partially constructed molecule*, and a set of *motifs*, and discretely decide on:
  - **Two atoms** to connect (one must be in molecule);
  - **Bond type** between them;
  - Whether to **stop**.
- Evaluate decisions via *reinforcement learning* framework.

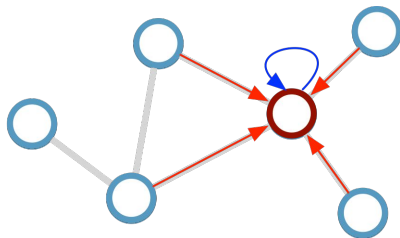
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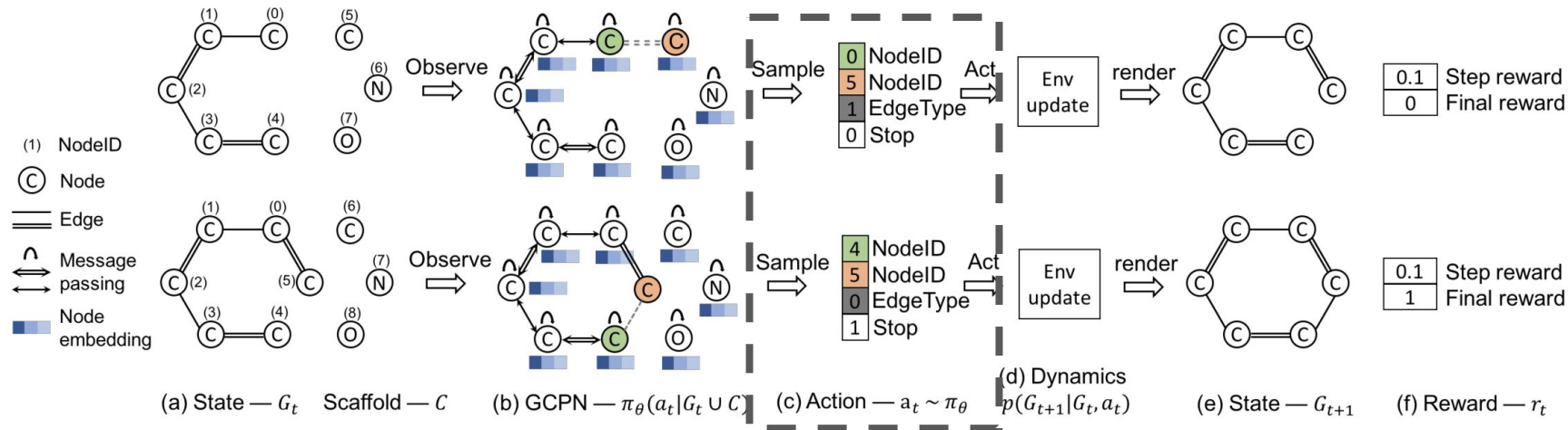


**GCN** (parametrised by bond type) for encoding graphs



$$\mathbf{h}'_i = \sigma \left( \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \alpha_{ij}^r \mathbf{W}_r \mathbf{h}_j \right)$$

# GCPN Pipeline



Sample actions by **scoring** appropriate tuples of inputs

$$f_{\text{first}}(s_t) = \text{SOFTMAX}(m_f(X)),$$

$$f_{\text{second}}(s_t) = \text{SOFTMAX}(m_s(X_{a_{\text{first}}}, X)),$$

$$f_{\text{edge}}(s_t) = \text{SOFTMAX}(m_e(X_{a_{\text{first}}}, X_{a_{\text{second}}}),$$

$$f_{\text{stop}}(s_t) = \text{SOFTMAX}(m_t(\text{AGG}(X))),$$

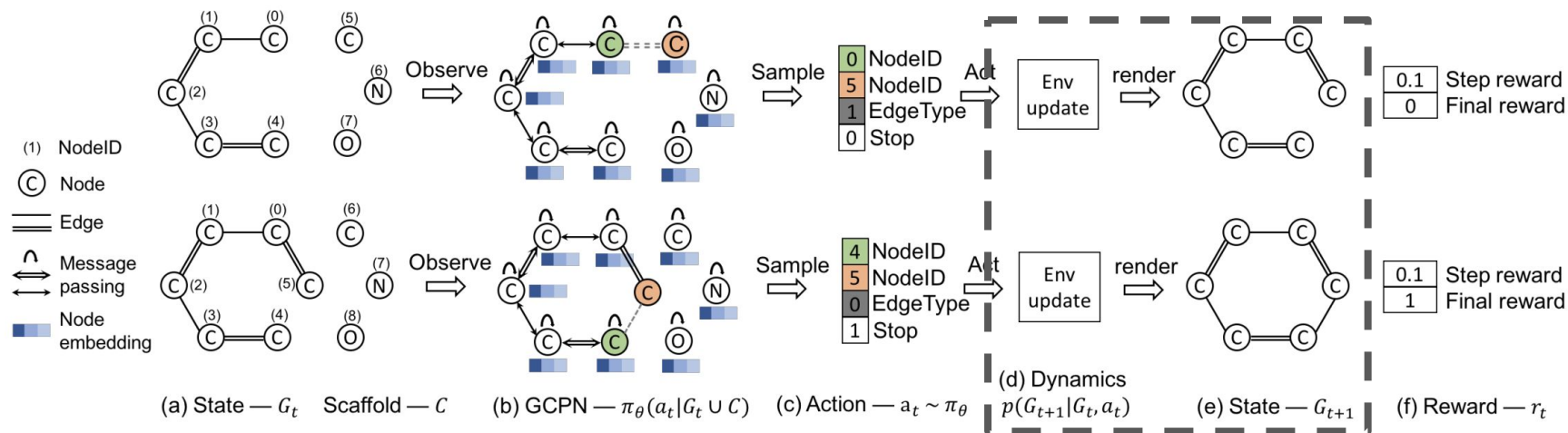
$$a_{\text{first}} \sim f_{\text{first}}(s_t) \in \{0, 1\}^n$$

$$a_{\text{second}} \sim f_{\text{second}}(s_t) \in \{0, 1\}^{n+c}$$

$$a_{\text{edge}} \sim f_{\text{edge}}(s_t) \in \{0, 1\}^b$$

$$a_{\text{stop}} \sim f_{\text{stop}}(s_t) \in \{0, 1\}$$

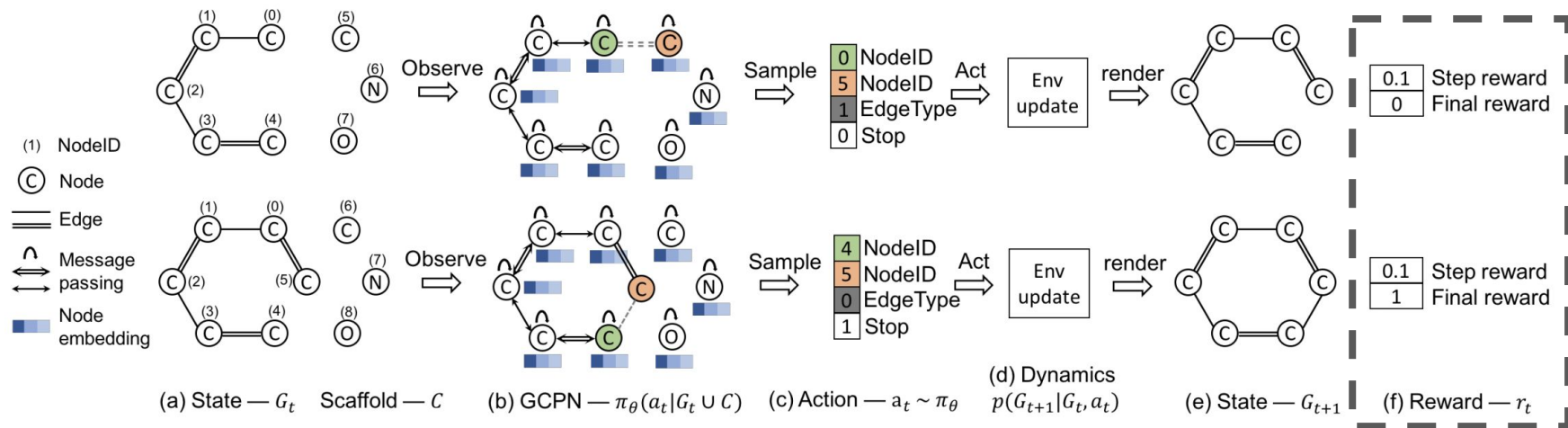
# GCPN Pipeline



Check whether new molecule breaks **valency constraints**

If so---**restart** and give reward of -1.

# GCPN Pipeline



Evaluate **reward** using *property scores* and *GAN score*

$$V(G_\theta, D_\phi) = \mathbb{E}_{\vec{x} \sim p_{data}} [\log D_\phi(\vec{x})] + \mathbb{E}_{\vec{x} \sim G_\theta} [\log (1 - D_\phi(\vec{x}))]$$

Optimise rewards using **reinforcement learning** (e.g. PPO).



# Code repositories

- Junction Tree Variational Autoencoders (Jin *et al.*, ICML 2018)
  - <https://github.com/wengong-jin/icml18-jtnn> (PyTorch)
- Graph Convolutional Policy Network (You *et al.*, NeurIPS 2019)
  - [https://github.com/bowenliu16/rl\\_graph\\_generation](https://github.com/bowenliu16/rl_graph_generation) (TensorFlow)

# GNN models of molecular interactions

“Drug-Drug Adverse Effect Prediction with Graph Co-Attention”

Deac *et al.*, ICML WCB 2019

“Modeling polypharmacy side effects with graph convolutional networks”

Žitnik *et al.*, Bioinformatics

Also see:

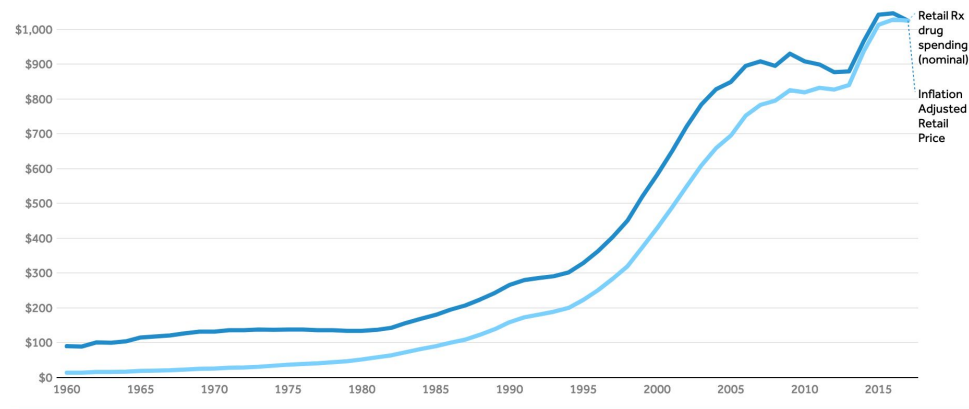
“Graph Matching Networks for Learning the Similarity of Graph Structured Objects”

Li *et al.*, ICML 2019

# Drug use is increasing

	2000	2011
Prescription Drug Use	51%	59%
>5 drugs	8.2%	15%

Nominal and inflation-adjusted per capita spending on retail prescription drugs, 1960-2017



# Polypharmacy

Polypharmacy is the concurrent use of multiple medications by a patient.

It is necessary for chronic, complex or multiple conditions and most of the increase in cost comes from treating these.

*“Hulk & Iron Man”* analogy: drugs correspond to ‘heroes’, but putting them together can **destroy** the surrounding city!

# Adverse side-effects

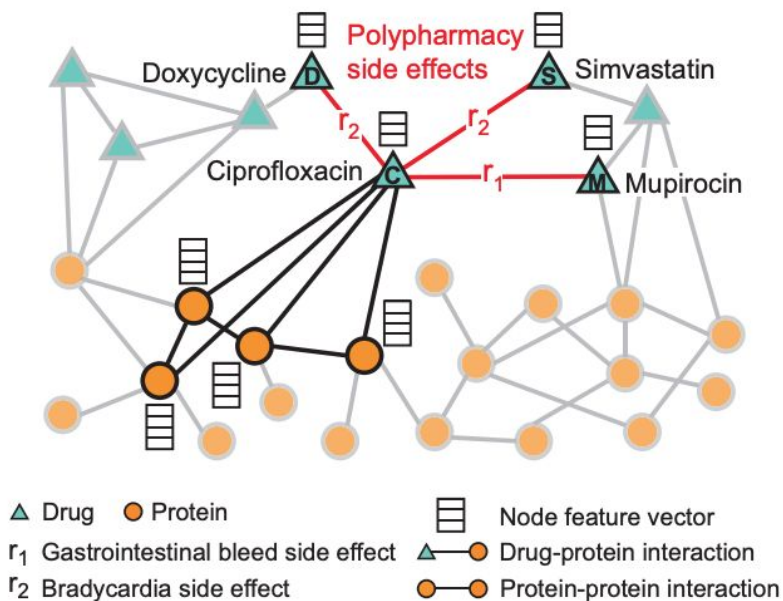
Side effects affecting 15% of the population, treatment costs exceeding \$177 billion/year

Some found in Phase IV of clinical trials

But plenty are undiscovered when the drugs are put on the market

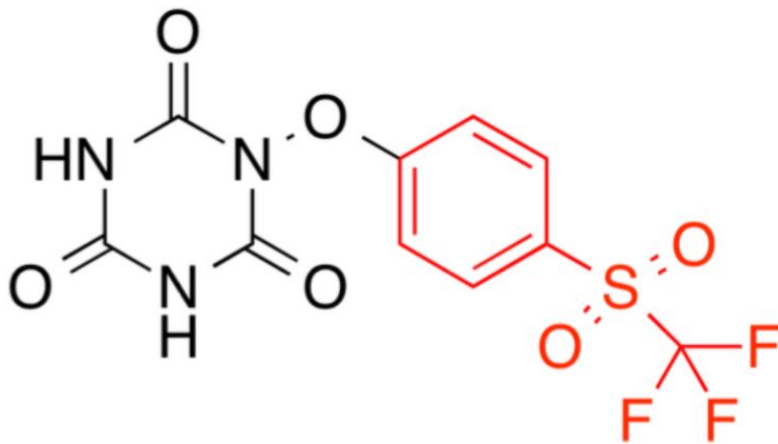
# Related work

- Most models predict if a side-effect exists or not (using drug-drug similarity: chemical substructures, individual drug side effects, interaction profile fingerprints)
- Others model the interactions between pairs of drugs, pairs of proteins and drug-protein pairs to predict “missing” links between them.

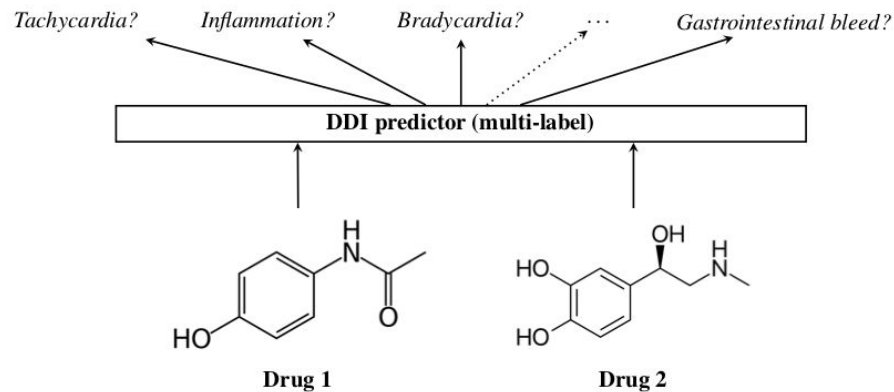
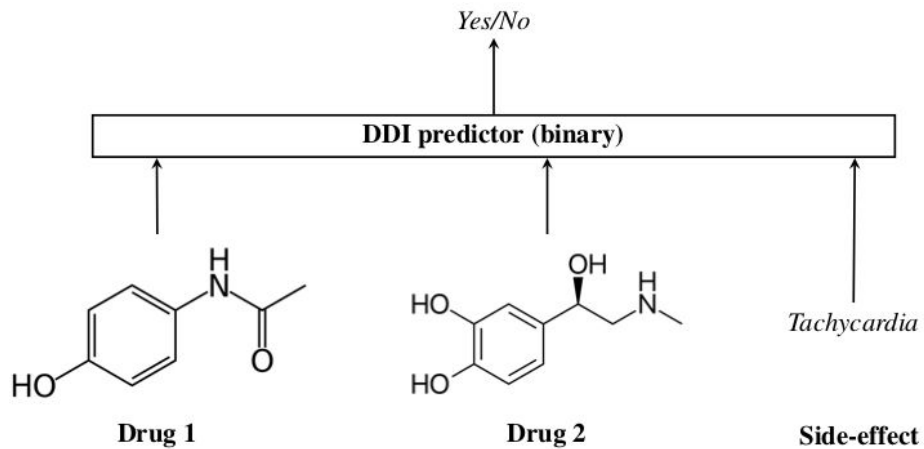


# Molecules as graphs

Represent the input drugs as graphs consisting of *atoms*  $a_i^{(d_x)}$  as nodes and bonds between these atoms  $(a_i^{(d_x)}, a_j^{(d_x)})$  as edges.

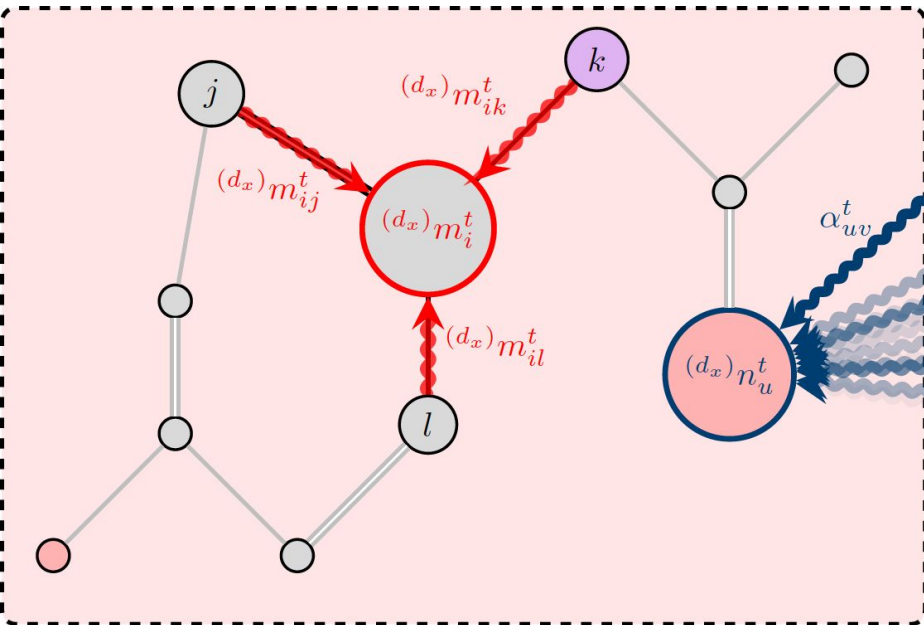


# DDI - Tasks



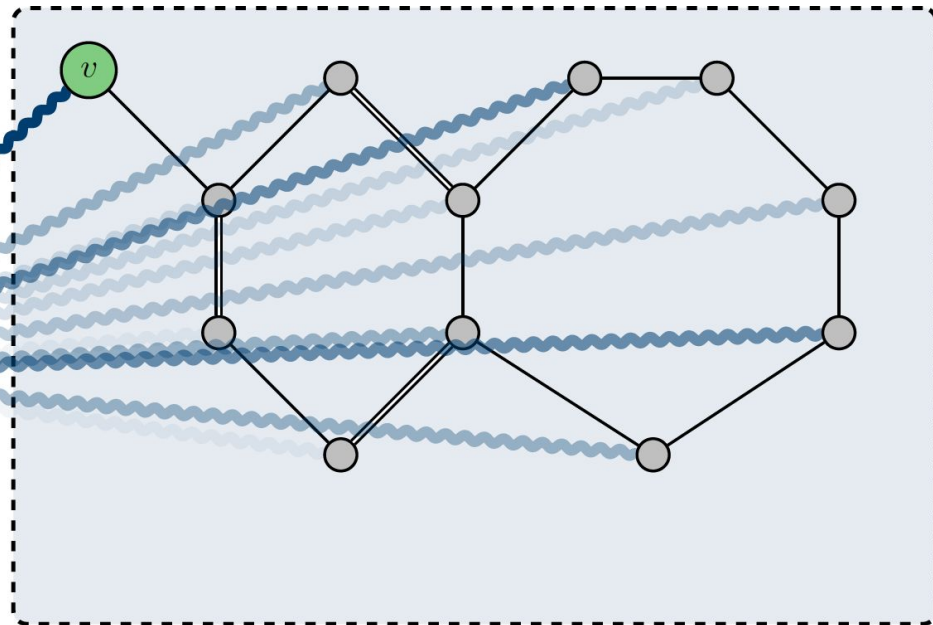


# Graph co-attention



**Drug  $x$**

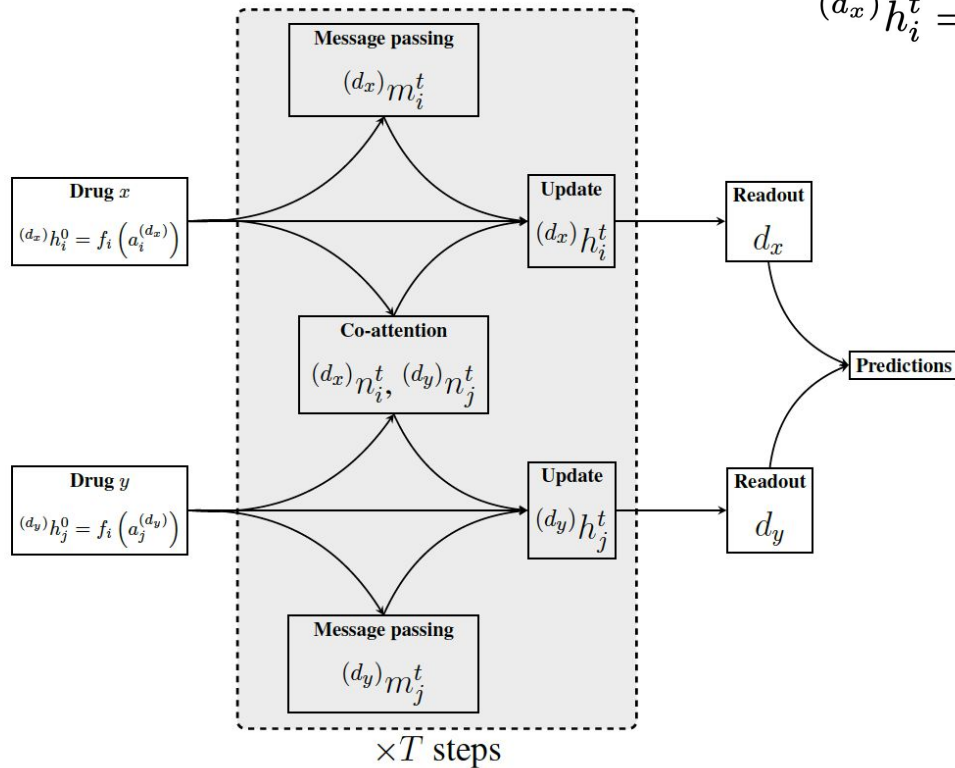
$$(d_x)m_{ij}^t = f_e^t \left( e_{ij}^{(d_x)} \right) \odot f_v^t \left( (d_x)h_j^{t-1} \right)$$



**Drug  $y$**

$$(d_x)n_i^t = f_o^t \left( \bigparallel_{k=1}^K \sum_{\forall j \in d_y} {}^{(k)}\alpha_{ij}^t \cdot {}^{(k)}\mathbf{W}_v^{t(d_y)} h_j^{t-1} \right)$$

# The architecture



$$(d_x)h_i^t = \text{LayerNorm} \left( (d_x)h_i^{t-1} + (d_x)m_i^t + (d_x)n_i^t \right)$$

$$d_x = \sum_{\forall j \in d_x} f_r \left( (d_x)h_j^T \right)$$

# Variants considered

- *MPNN-Concat*: removing co-attention, i.e. learning drug representations independently;
- *Late-Outer*: where co-attention messages are not aggregated until the last layer;
- *CADDI*: only  $K = 1$  attention head.

# Quantitative results

**Table 1: Comparative evaluation results after stratified 10-fold crossvalidation.**

	AUROC
<b>Drug-Fingerprints [21]</b>	0.744
<b>RESCAL [30]</b>	0.693
<b>DEDICOM [31]</b>	0.705
<b>DeepWalk [32]</b>	0.761
<b>Concatenated features [46]</b>	0.793
<b>Decagon [46]</b>	0.872
<b>MHCADDI (ours)</b>	<b>0.882</b>
<b>MHCADDI-ML (ours)</b>	0.819

**Table 2: Ablation study for various aspects of the MHCADDI model.**

	AUROC
<b>MPNN-Concat</b>	0.661
<b>Late-Outer</b>	0.724
<b>CADDI</b>	0.778
<b>MHCADDI</b>	<b>0.882</b>

# Code repositories

- Multi-head co-attentive drug-drug interactions (MHCADDI) (Deac *et al.*, ICML WCB 2019):
  - [https://github.com/andreeadeac22/graph\\_coattention](https://github.com/andreeadeac22/graph_coattention) (PyTorch)