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Machine Reading for Precision Medicine

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BAX
PROTEIN

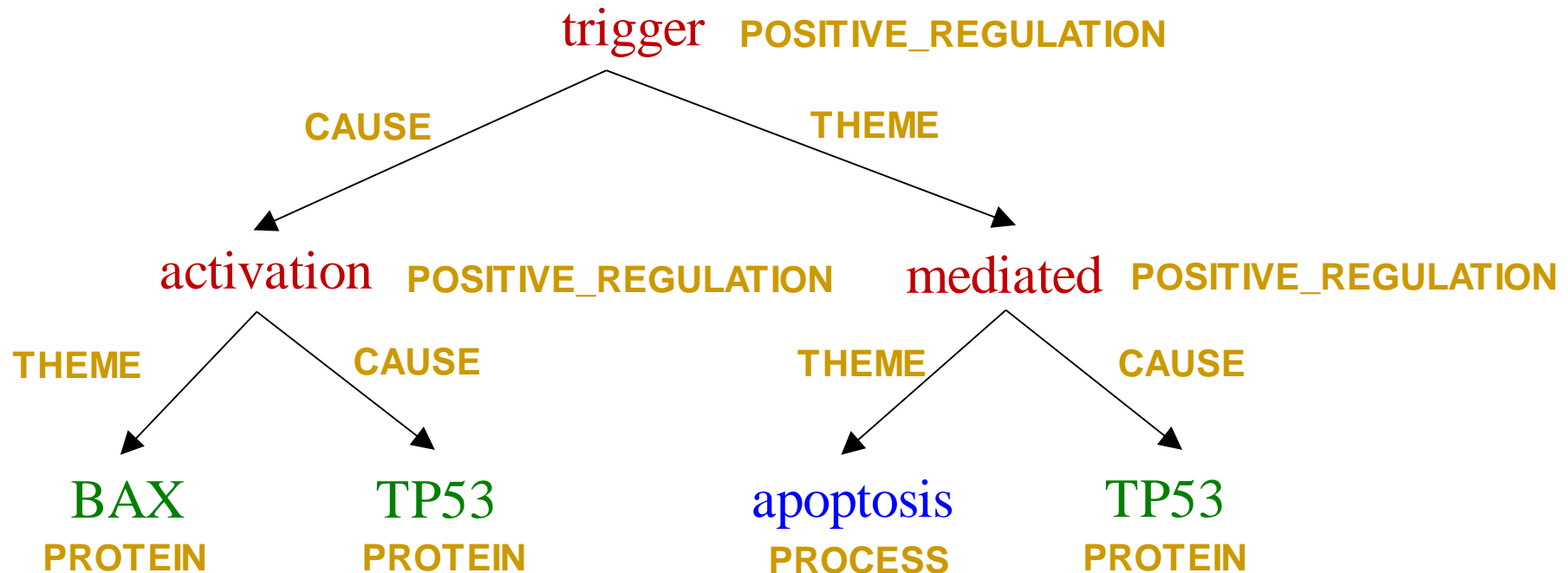
TP53
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apoptosis
PROCESS

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Machine Reading

- Prior work
 - Focused on Newswire / Web
 - Popular entities and facts
 - Redundancy → Simple methods often suffice
- High-value verticals
 - Healthcare, finance, law, etc.
 - Little redundancy: Rare entities and facts
 - Novel challenges require sophisticated NLP

Precision Medicine Challenges

Annotation Bottleneck



Distant Supervision

Complex Knowledge



Grounded Semantic Parsing

Reasoning



Neural Embedding

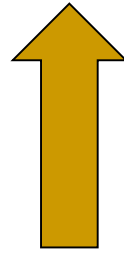
Beyond Sentence Boundary



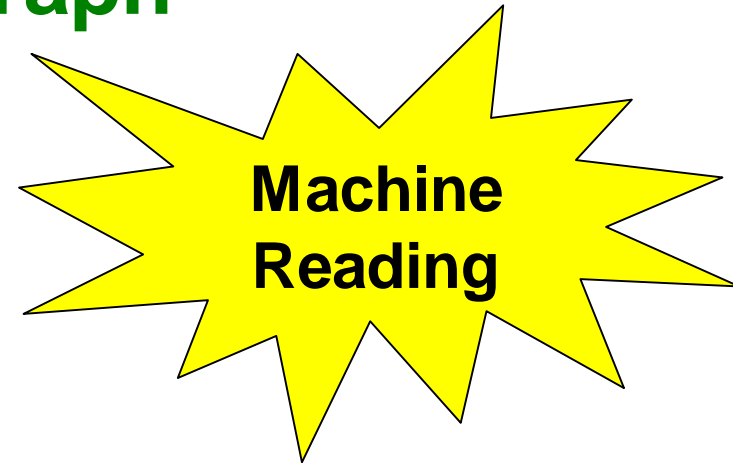
Distant Supervision with
Discourse Modeling

Literome

Knowledge Graph

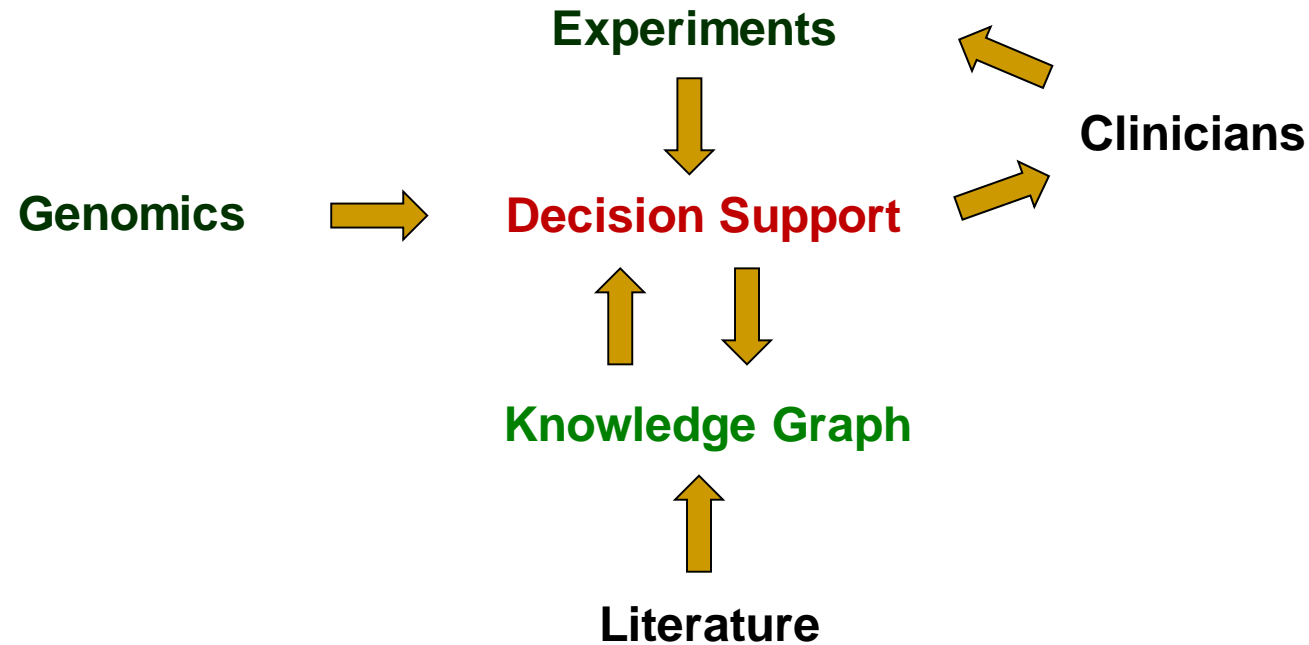


Literature



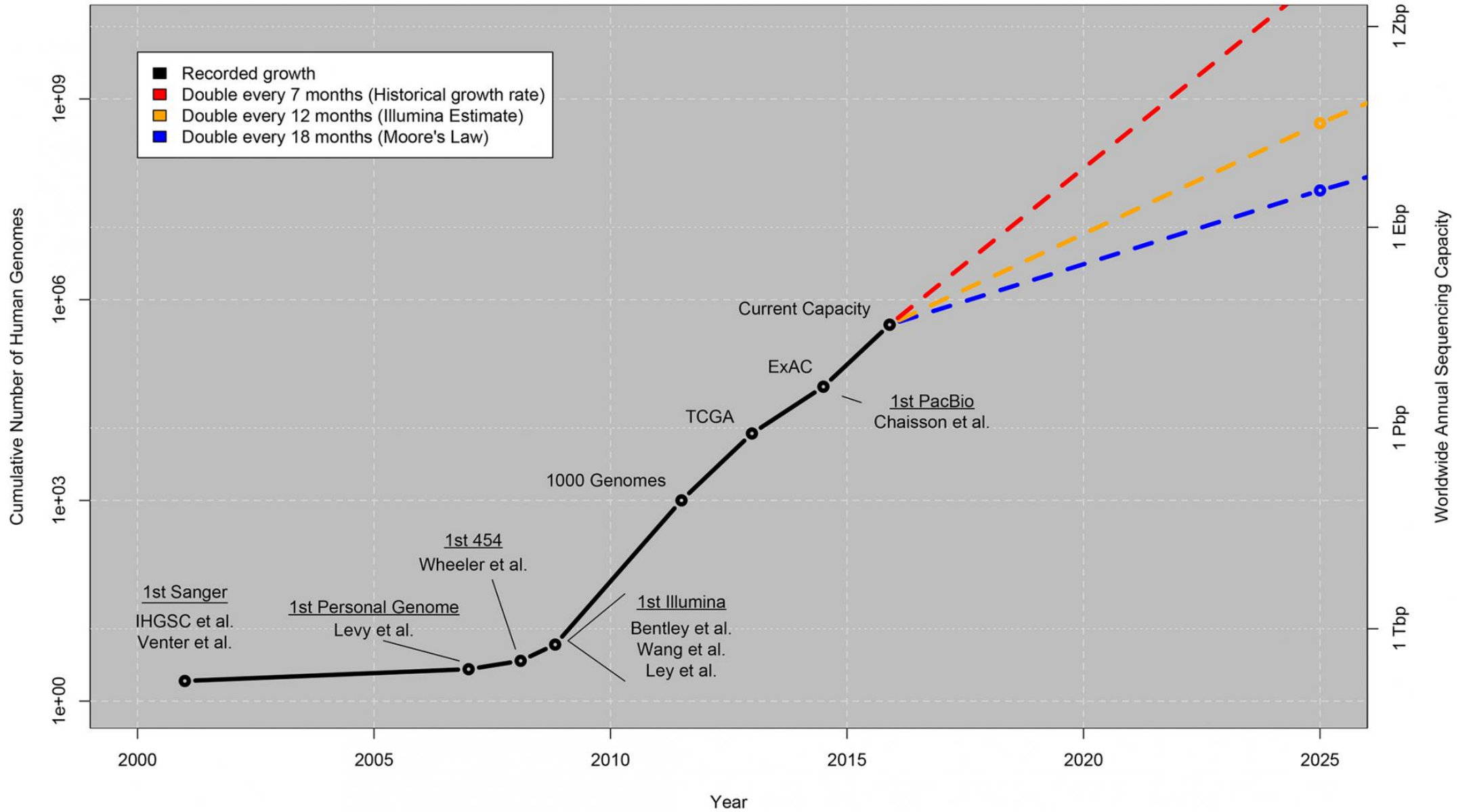
Orders of magnitude more extracted knowledge
E.g., 10,000 → 1.5 million gene regulations

Cancer Precision Medicine



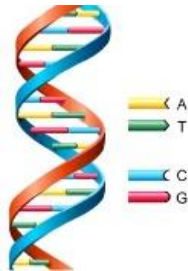
Literome doubles accuracy in cancer drug prediction

Growth of DNA Sequencing

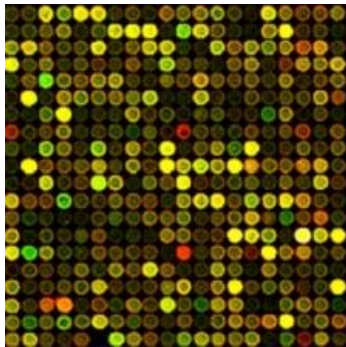


Panomics

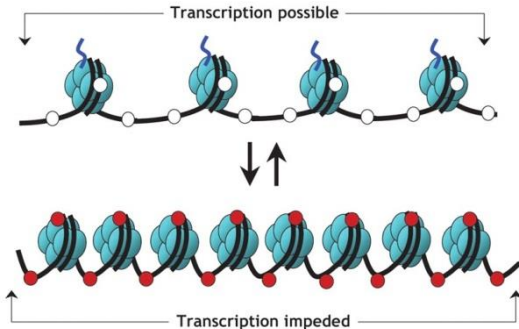
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Genome



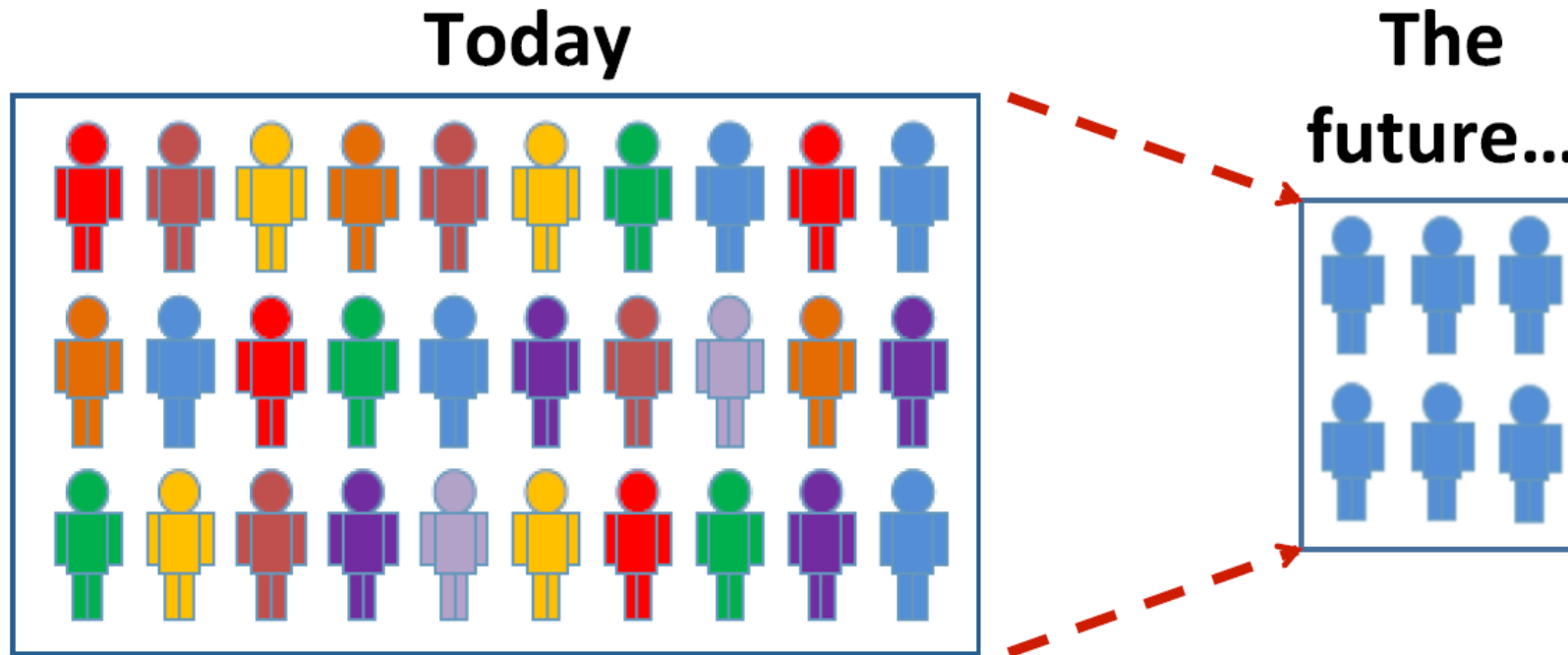
Transcriptome



Epigenome

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Precision Medicine



Cancer

- **Caused by genetic mutations**
- **22.5% deaths: Top killer for age under 85**
- **Expected in 2030:**
 - Increase by 45%
 - 2.3 million new cases annually
 - No. 1 killer for all

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Before Treatment



15 Weeks

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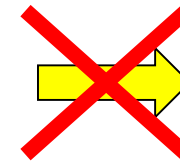
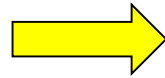


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Precision Medicine



High-Throughput Measurements

Discovery

Bottleneck #1: Knowledge

Bottleneck #2: Reasoning

Example: Molecular Tumor Board



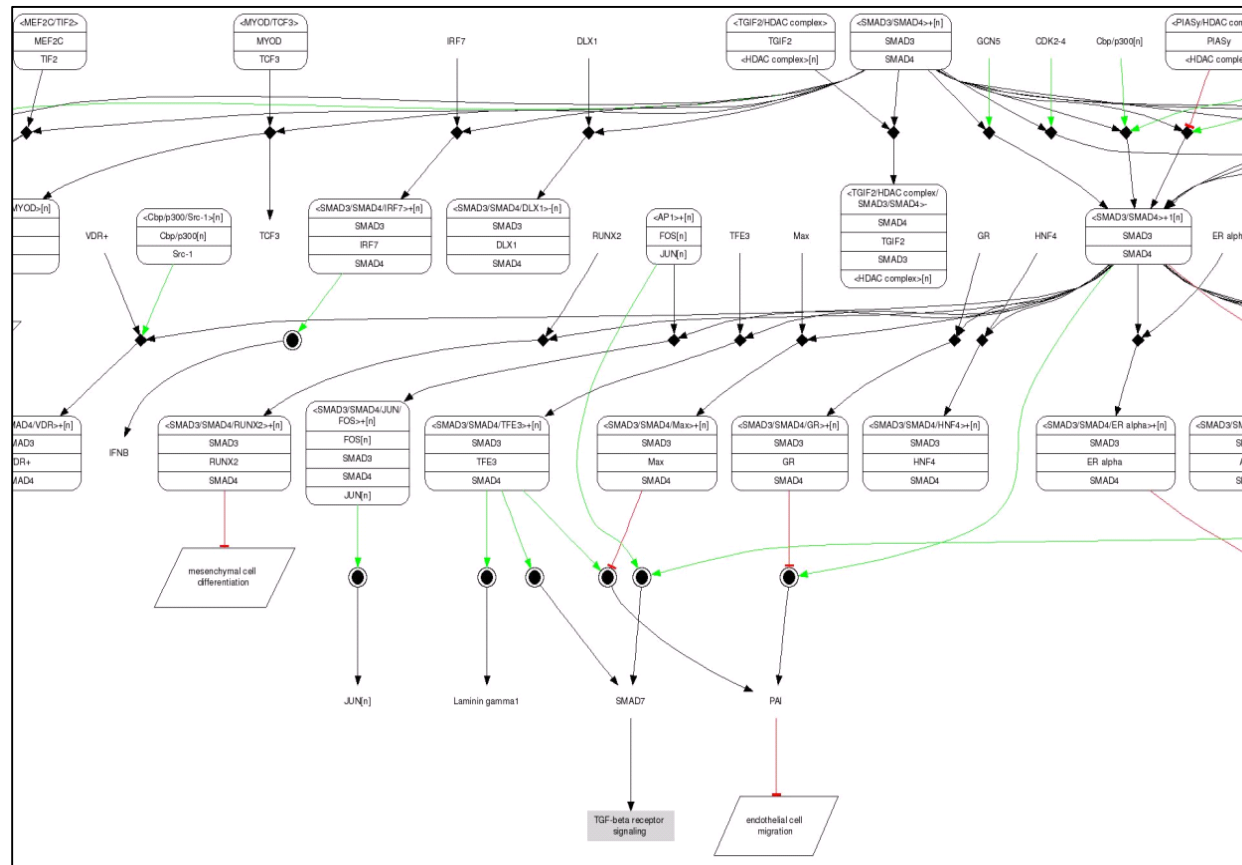
Example: Molecular Tumor Board

- **Problem: Hard to scale**
 - U.S. 2015: 1.6 million new cases, 600K deaths
- 902 cancer hospitals
- Memorial Sloan Kettering 2016:
 - Sequence ~ 60,000
 - Board can review ~ 200

Wanted: Decision support for cancer precision medicine

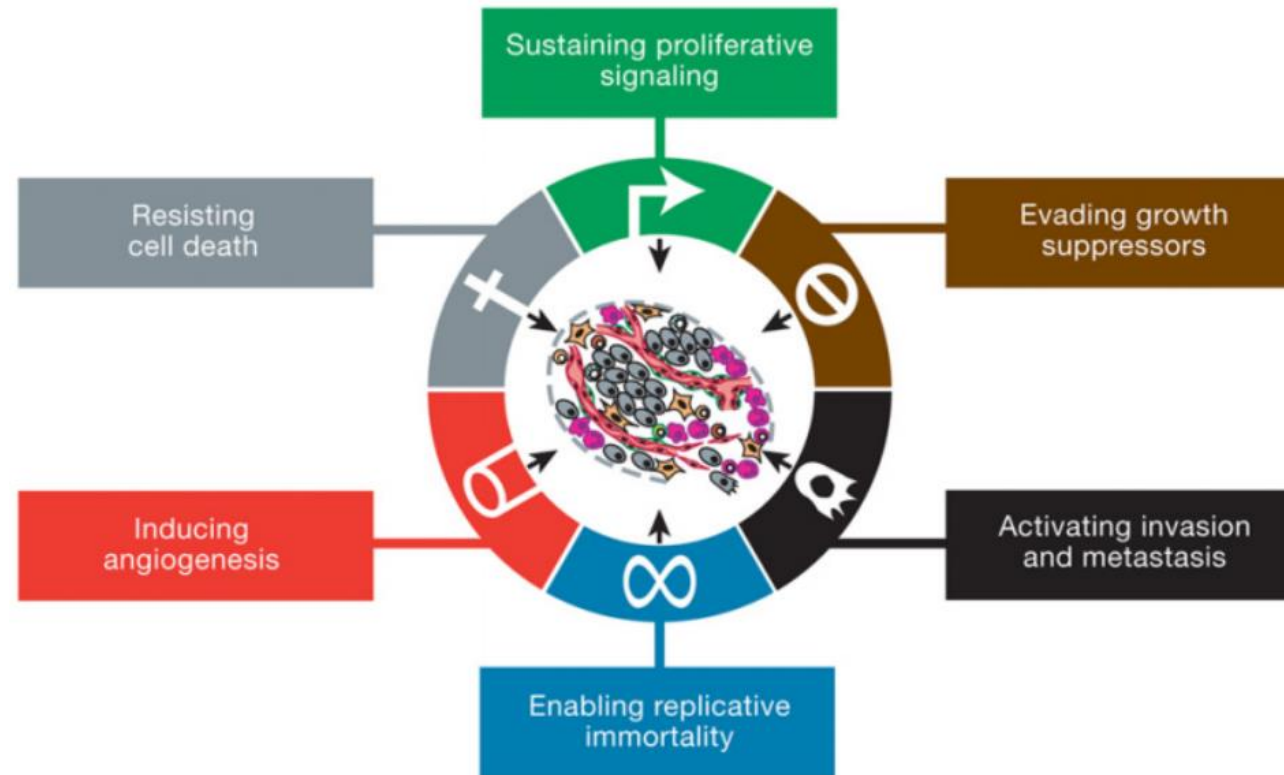
Network Knowledge

Genes work synergistically in pathways



Why Hard to Identify Drivers?

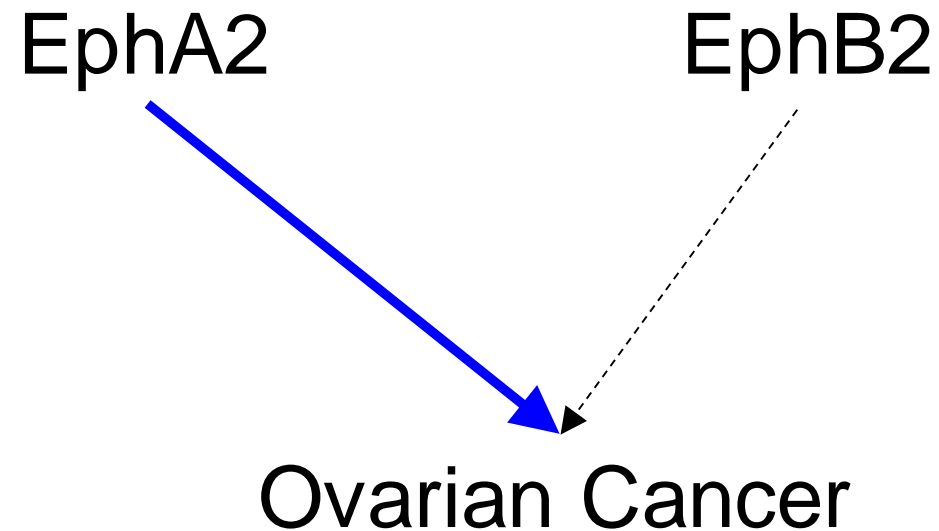
Complex diseases ← Perturb multiple pathways



Hanahan & Weinberg [Cell 2011]

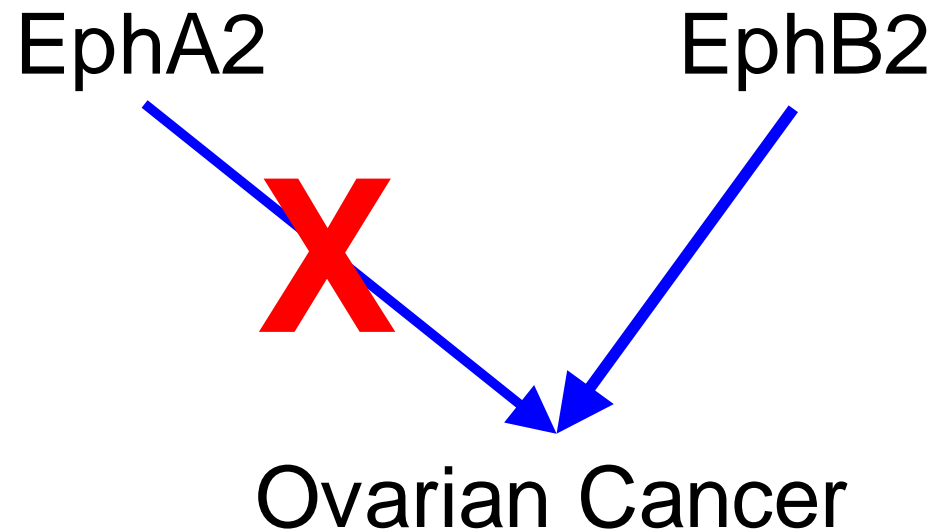
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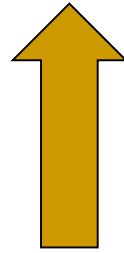
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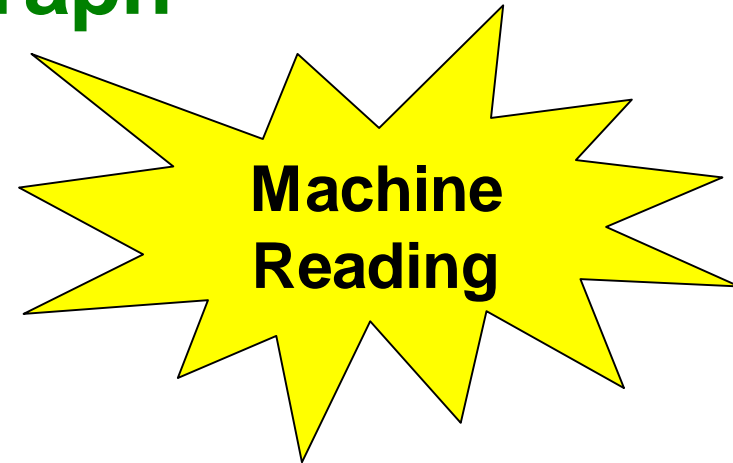


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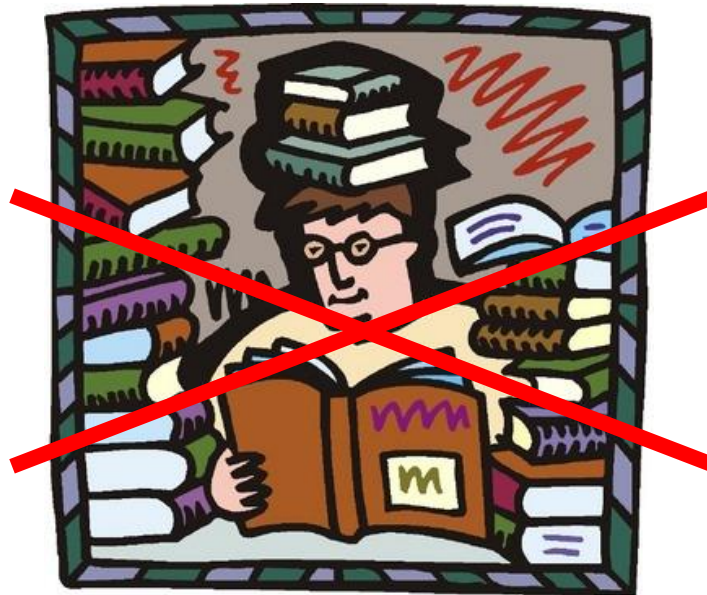
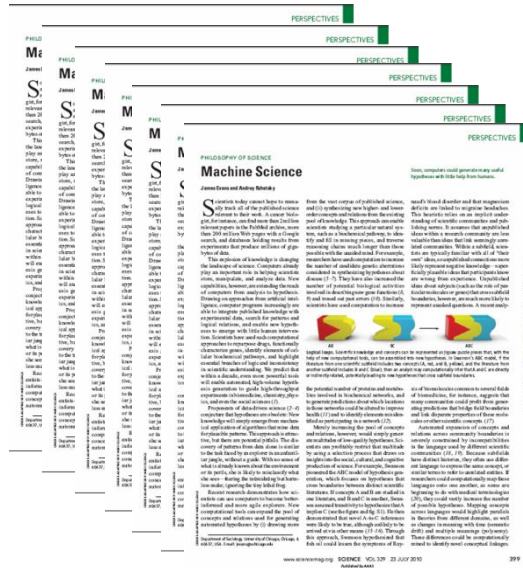


Literature



PubMed

- 24 millions abstracts
- Two new abstracts every minute
- Adds over one million every year



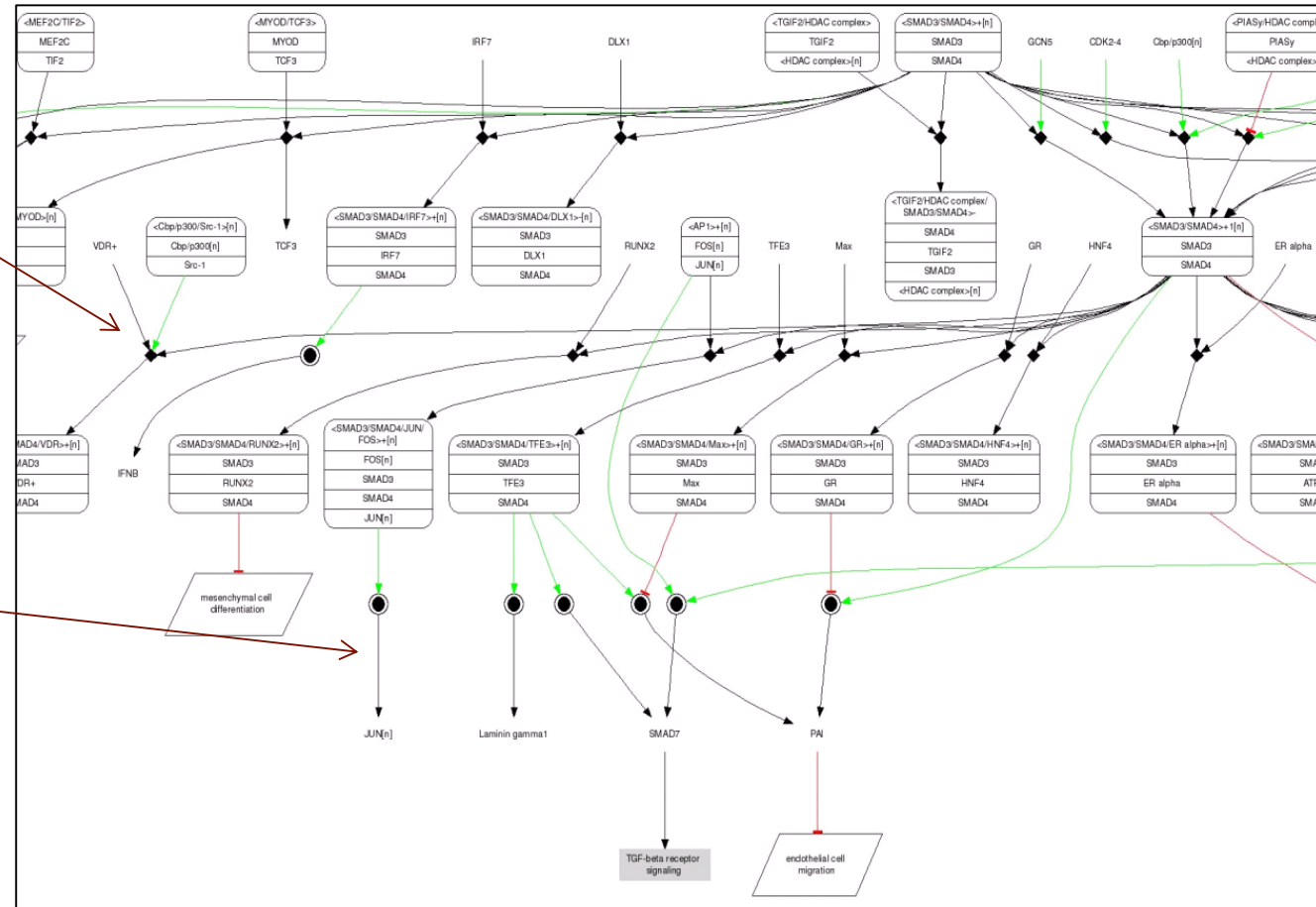
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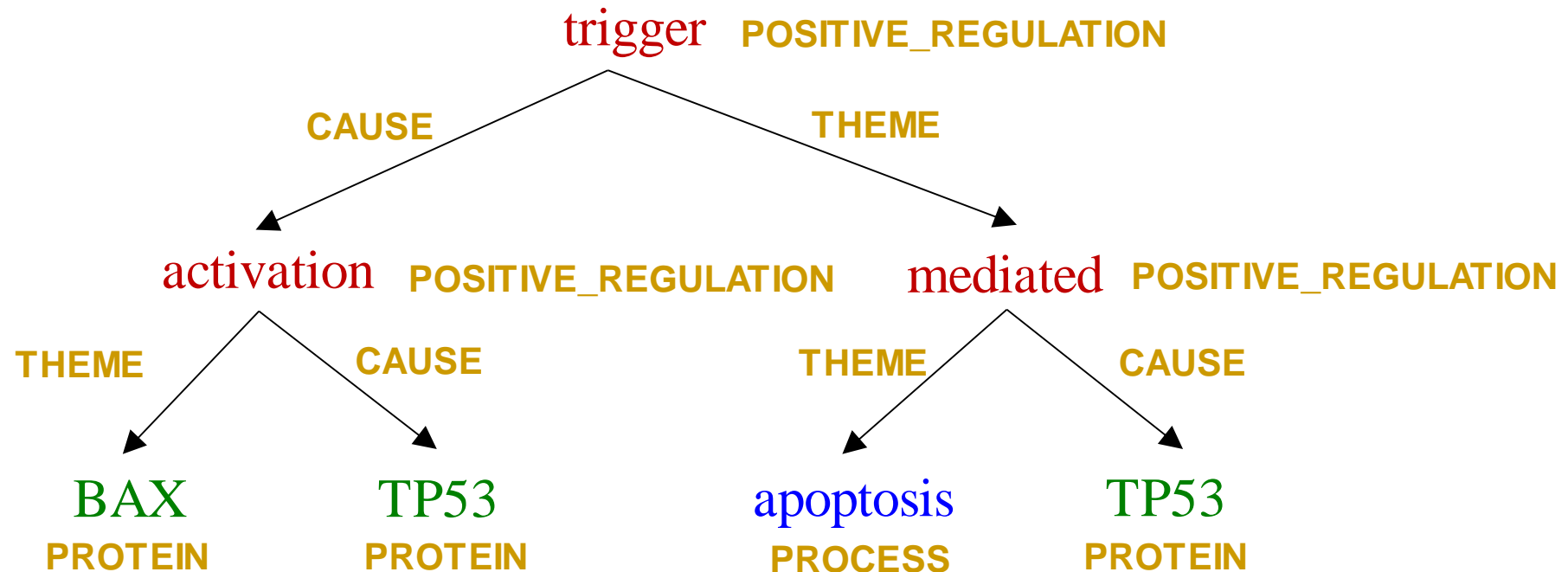
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JUN expression is induced by SMAD3/4
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Long Tail of Variations

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negative regulation

532 inhibited, 252 inhibition, 218 inhibit, 207 blocked, 175 inhibits, 157 decreased, 156 reduced, 112 suppressed, 108 decrease, 86 inhibitor, 81 Inhibition, 68 inhibitors, 67 abolished, 66 suppress, 65 block, 63 prevented, 48 suppression, 47 blocks, 44 inhibiting, 42 loss, 39 impaired, 38 reduction, 32 down-regulated, 29 abrogated, 27 prevents, 27 attenuated, 26 repression, 26 decreases, 26 down-regulation, 25 diminished, 25 downregulated, 25 suppresses, 22 interfere, 21 absence, 21 repress

Event Annotation

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T1	PROTEIN	BAX	19	22	Bax
T2	PROTEIN	TP53	30	58	tumor suppressor protein p53
T3	PROTEIN	TP53	83	86	p53
T4	PROCESS	apoptosis	96	105	apoptosis
T5	POSITIVE_REGULATION		5	15	activation
T6	POSITIVE_REGULATION		71	78	trigger
T7	POSITIVE_REGULATION		87	95	mediated
E1	T5	Theme:T1	Cause:T2		
E2	T6	Theme:E3	Cause:E1		
E3	T7	Theme:T4	Cause:T3		

Bottleneck: Annotated Examples

- Challenge for supervised learning
- Hard to crowd-source
- Complex semantics
- Can we breach this bottleneck?

Free Lunch: Indirect Supervision

Poon & Domingos, “Unsupervised Semantic Parsing”.
EMNLP-09. **Best Paper Award**.

Poon, Toutanova, Quirk, “Distant Supervision for Cancer
Pathway Extraction from Text”. *PSB-15*.

Parikh, Poon, Toutanova. “Grounded Semantic Parsing for
Complex Knowledge Extraction”, *NAACL-15*.

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Distant Supervision

PubMed-Scale Extraction

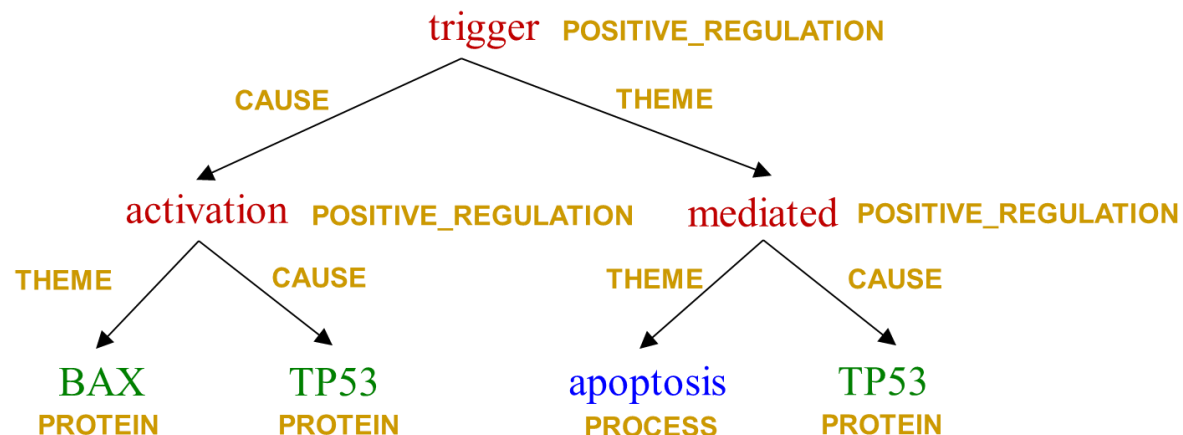
- Preliminary pass:
 - 3 million instances
 - 15,000 genes, 1.5 million unique regulations
- Applications:
 - UCSC Genome Browser, MSR Interactions Track
 - Validate *de novo* pathway prediction
 - Breast cancer study
 - Etc.

Poon, Toutanova, Quirk, “Distant Supervision for Cancer Pathway Extraction from Text”. *PSB-15*.

Extract Complex Knowledge

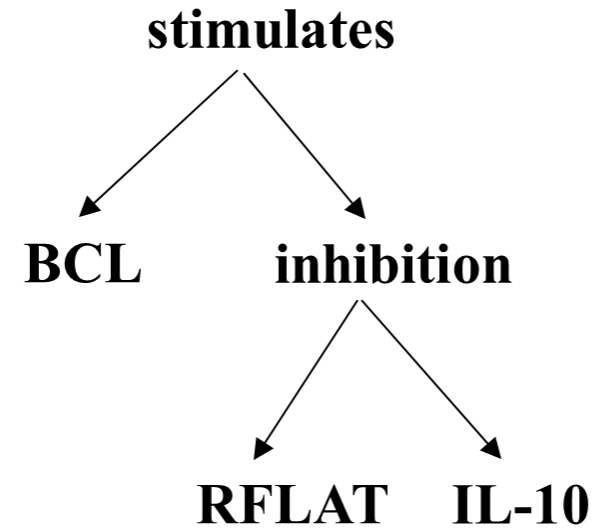
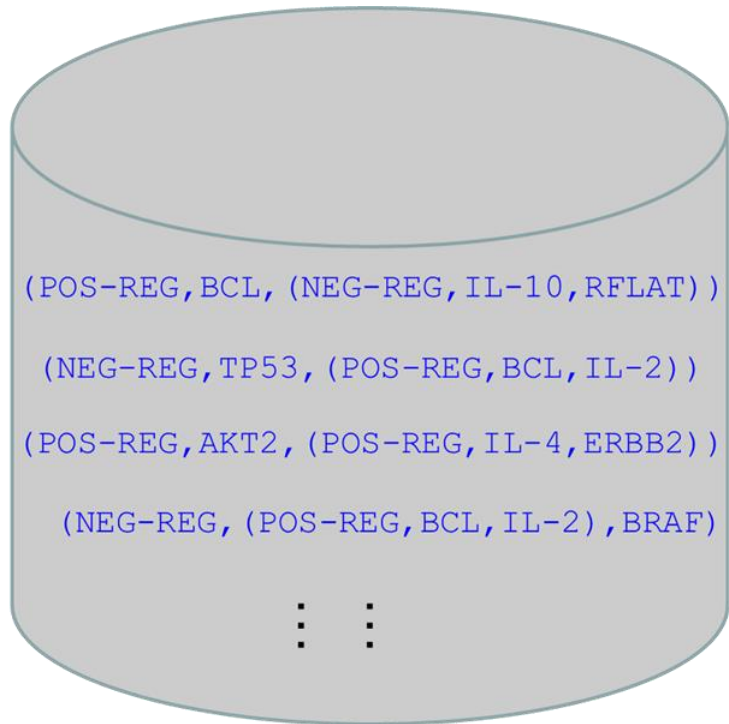
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Outperform 19 out of 24 supervised participants in GENIA Shared Task



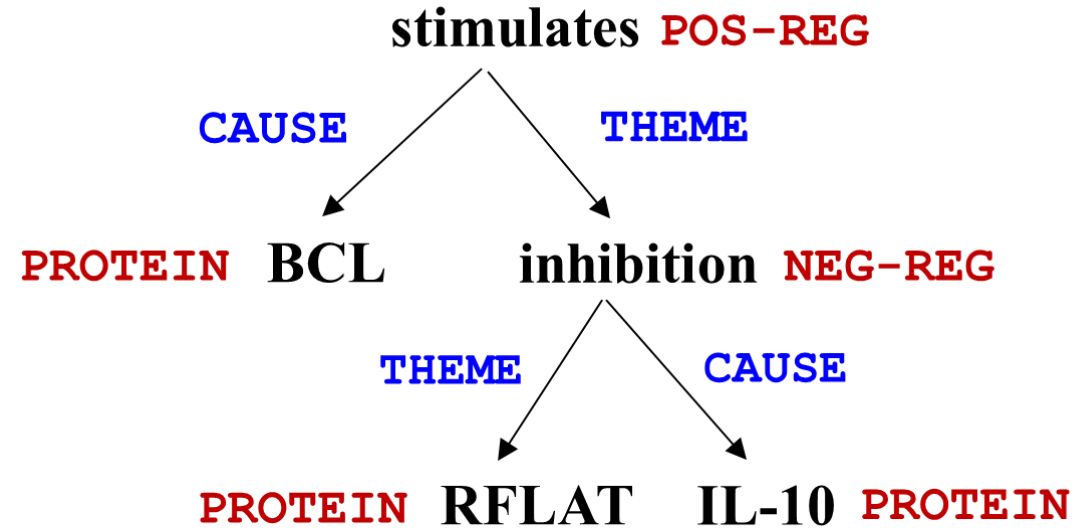
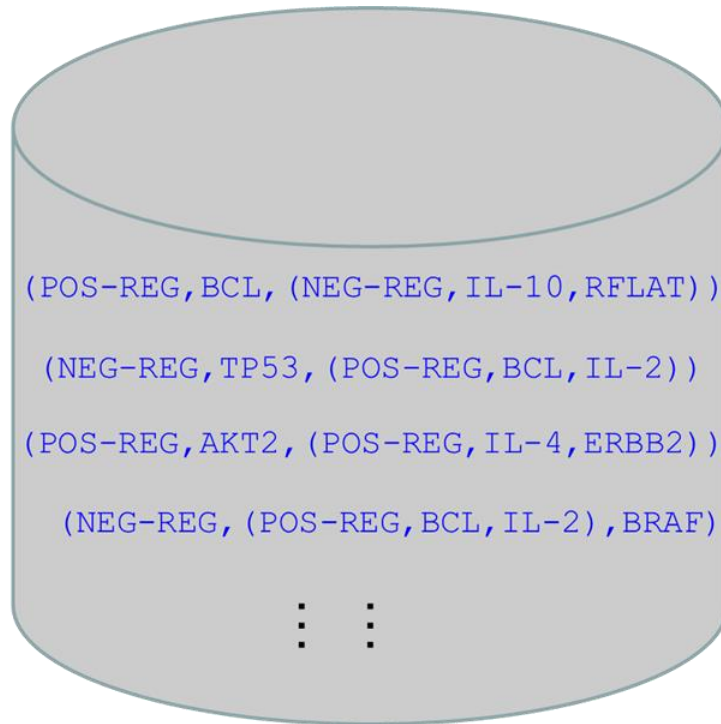
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Tree HMM



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$$P_{\theta}(z, t) = \prod_m P_{\text{EMIT}}(t_m | z_m, \theta) \cdot P_{\text{TRANS}}(z_m | z_{\pi(m)}, \theta)$$

Expectation Maximization

$$\theta^* = \arg \max_{\theta} \log P_{\theta}(T|K)$$

$$= \arg \max_{\theta} \sum_{t \in T} \log \sum_z P_{\theta}(z, t) \cdot \phi_K(z)$$

Virtual Evidence



Reasoning

- Extraction: Limited to explicitly stated facts
- Wanted: Reasoning
- Challenge: Inference is expensive

Neural Embedding

- Entity / Relation $\rightarrow (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$
- Relation candidate $\langle \text{subj}, \text{rel}, \text{obj} \rangle \rightarrow \text{Score}$
- Distant sup.: Known relations score higher
- Increased recall by 20 points on held-out

Toutanova *et al.*, “Representing Text for Joint Embedding of Text and Knowledge Bases”, *EMNLP-15*.

Toutanova *et al.*, “Compositional Learning of Embeddings for Relation Paths in Knowledge Bases and Text”, *ACL-16*.

Drug-Gene Interaction

- Sensitivity or resistance to drugs
 - ALK (L1196M): Resistant to crizotinib
 - ALK (R1275Q): Sensitive to crizotinib
- State of the art: GDKD
 - Oncologists read reviews for years
 - 162 drug-gene interactions
- Can we automate extraction?

Drug-Gene Interaction

- **Problem: Need discourse modeling**

- Usually appear in full text
- Often span multiple sentences

We studied the effect of crizotinib on lung cancer cells.

Cells with ALK variant L1196M are not sensitive.

However, we observed a strong response on cells with variant R1275Q.

- **Distant supervision w. discourse modeling**

- **Orders of magnitude increase: 162 → 79,952**

Literome: Genomic KB on Azure

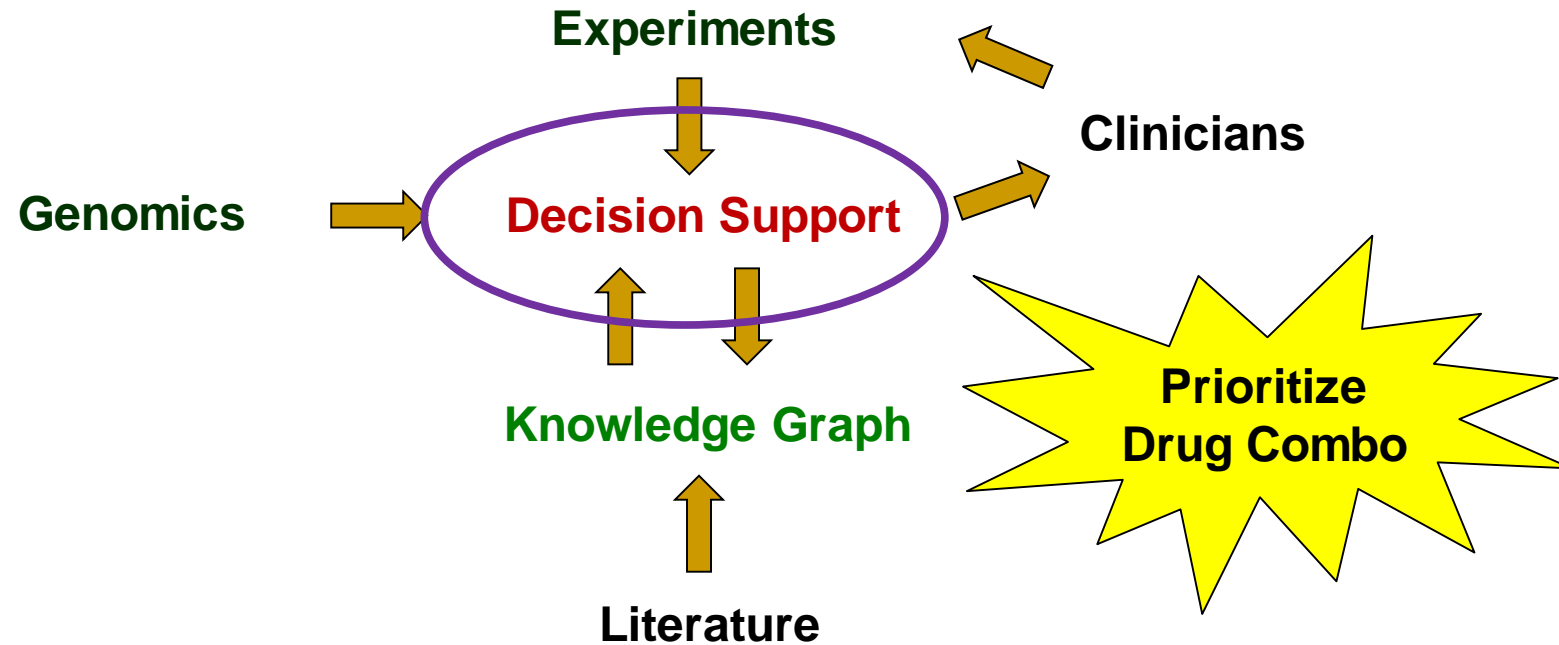
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Poon *et al.*, "Literome: PubMed-Scale Genomic Knowledge Base in the Cloud", *Bioinformatics-14*.

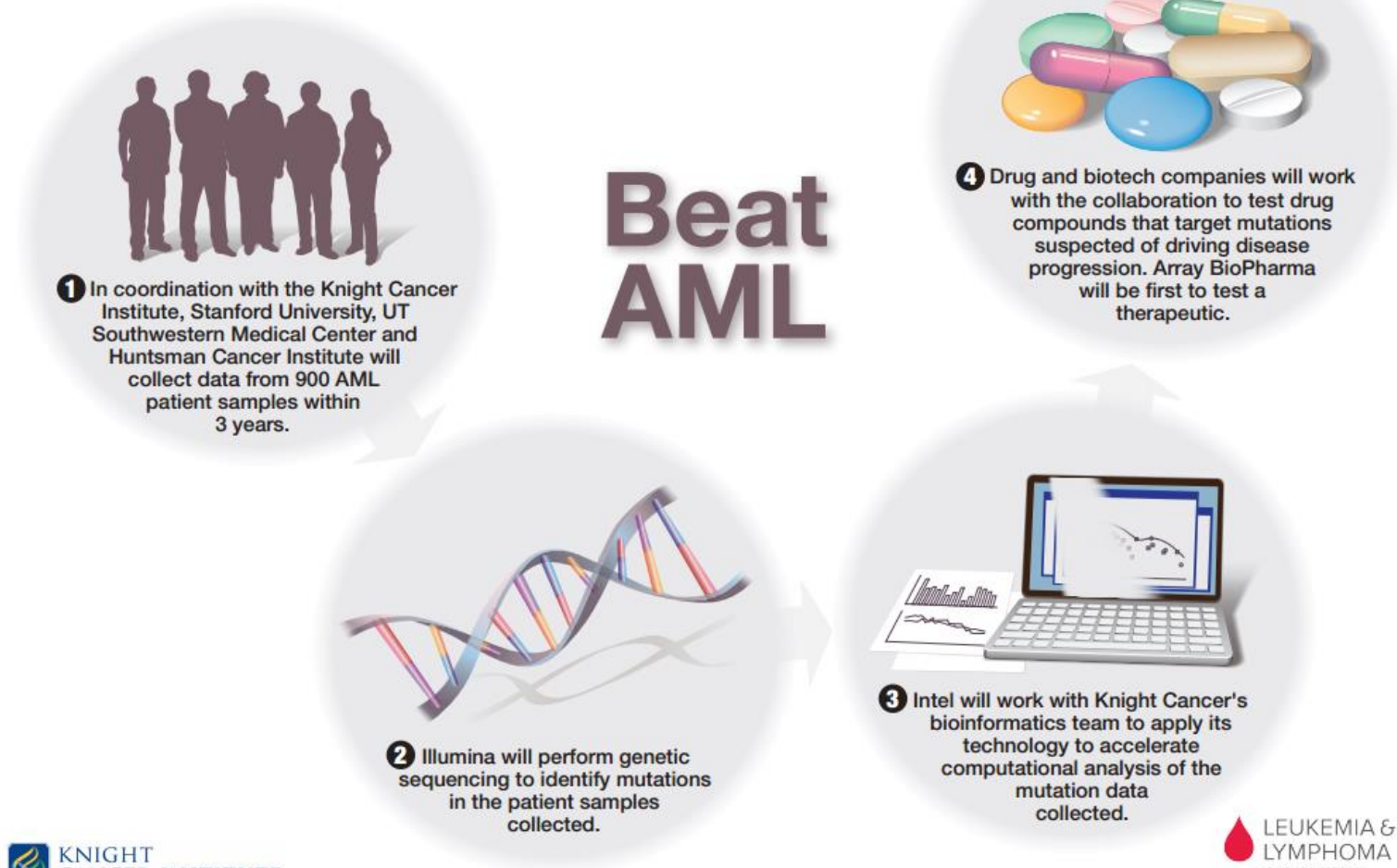
<http://literome.azurewebsites.net>

Cancer Precision Medicine



Personalized medicine approach to treating AML

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) and the Knight Cancer Institute at Oregon Health & Science University are leading a pioneering collaboration to develop a personalized medicine approach to improve outcomes for patients with acute myeloid leukemia (AML), a particularly devastating cancer of the blood and bone marrow. LLS provided \$8.2 million to fund Beat AML and here is how the collaboration will work:



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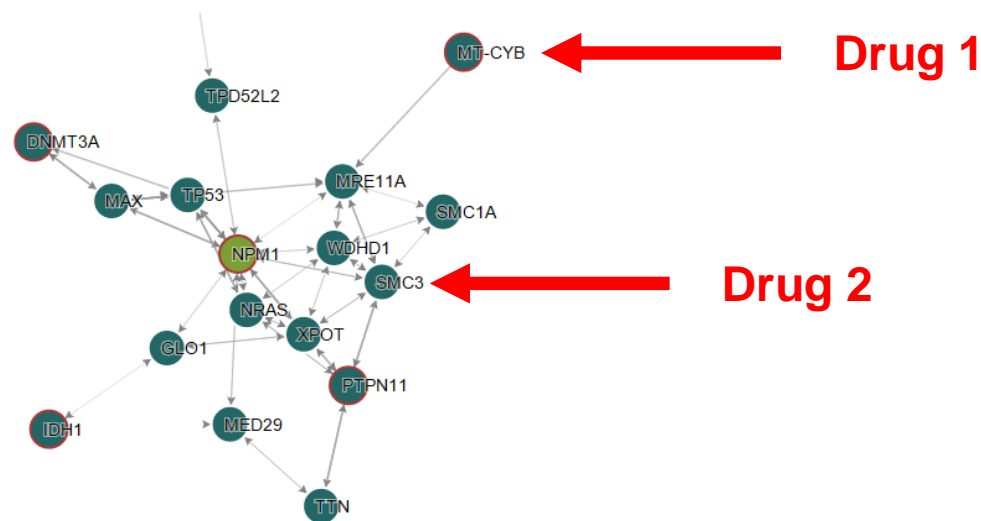
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Related Work

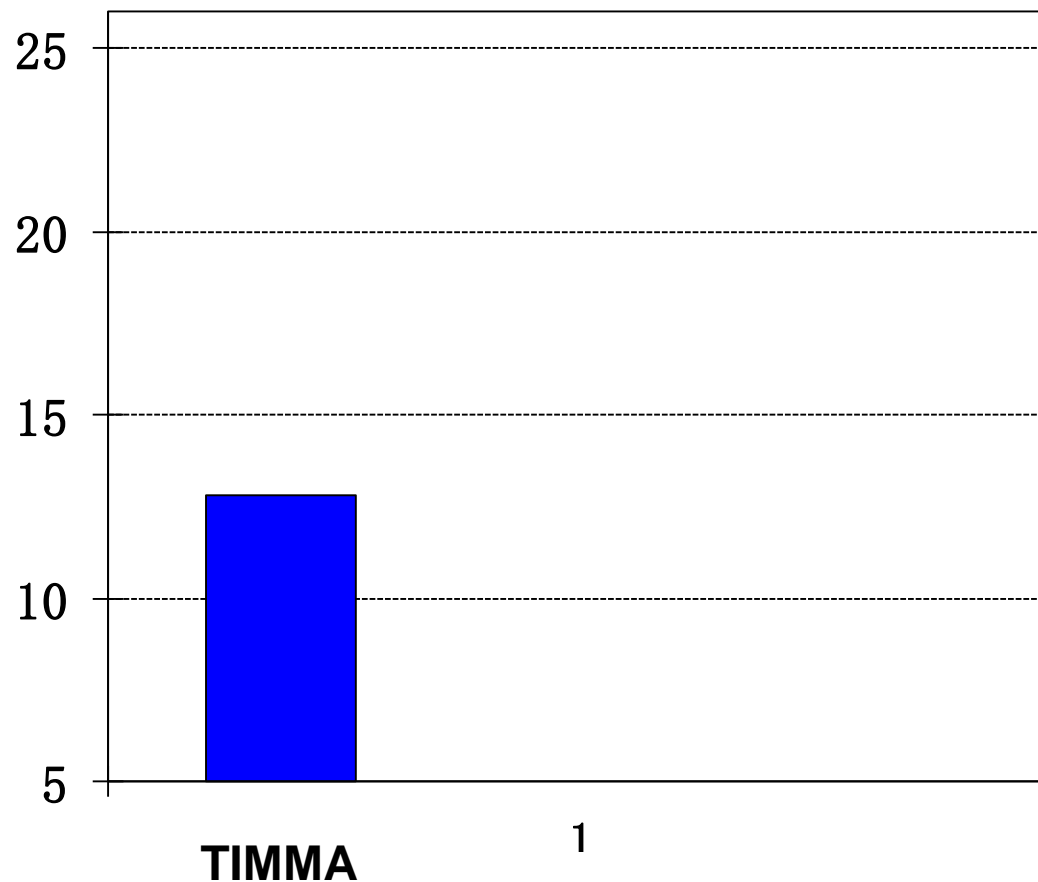
- Drug → Rank patients
- Drug / target / patient → Find similar ones
- **Our focus:**
 - Patient → Rank drugs
 - Target combination
 - Network knowledge

Machine Learning

- **Prediction:** Classify top efficacy
- **Features**
 - **Panomics:** Gene expression, ...
 - **Pharmacology:** Drug targets
 - **Network knowledge:** TP53 inhibits BCL2, ...
- **Start with single-drug experiments**

Cancer Cell Line Encyclopedia

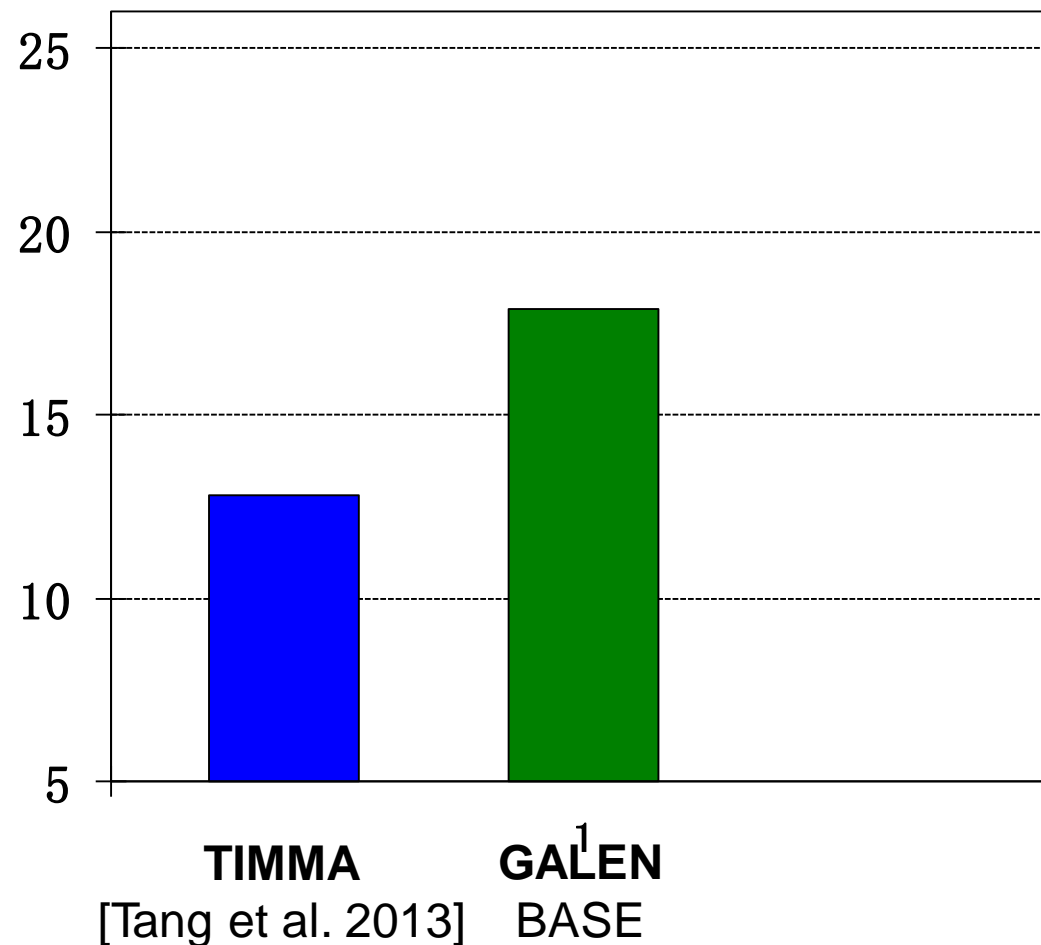
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[Tang et al. 2013]

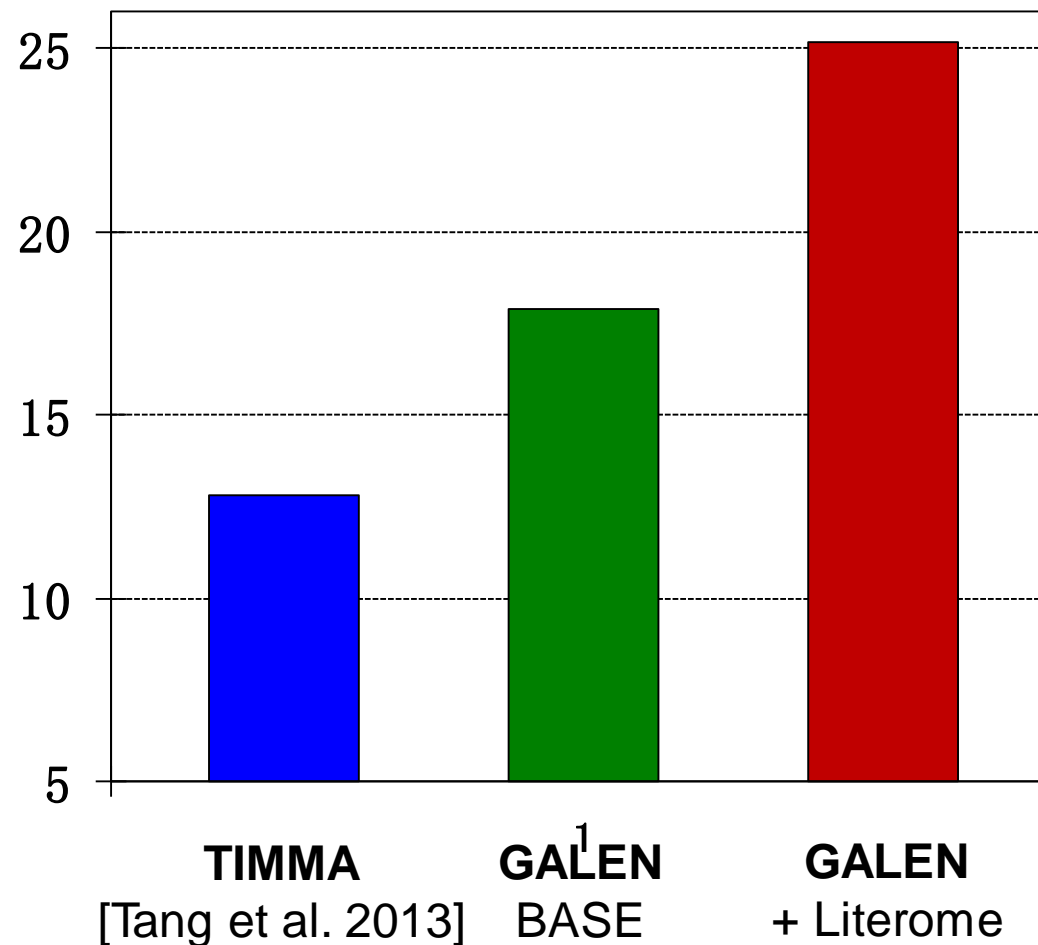
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Next: BeatAML

- Goal: Identify promising drug combos
- Symbiosis: Oncologist + Computer
 - Interpretable model
 - Learn from feedback
 - Exploitation + Exploration



Big Mechanism

- 42-million program
 - Reading, Assembly, Explanation
 - Domain: Cancer signaling pathways
- We are in
 - PI: Andrey Rzhetsky
 - Co-PI w. James Evans, Ross King

Emerging Frontier: Electronic Medical Record (EMR)

Cost to develop a drug > \$2.5 billion

Virtual clinical trial: “EMR as a lab”

Disruption: Pay-by-quality

Patientomics

000000011 Age: 62; Gender: Female

Week 27: 250.00, 272.4, 739.3

Week 32: 250.00, 715.90

Week 33: 250.00, 715.95

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Predict Progression

Patient was admitted with hypernatremia and acute mental status changes and right sided paralysis. Her corrected sodium on admission was about 170s and her free water deficit was 5.5L. She was volume repleted with normal saline. She also recieved D51/4 NS for free water repletion initially and this was changed to free water boluses through nasogastric tube. Her sodium gradually trended down with free water repletion. She also was in pre-renal renal failure and her creatinine trended down with hydration. With regards to the acute mental changes, this is partially explained by the hypernatrmic state.

Machine Reading

Summary

- Genomics disruption: Precision medicine
- Challenge: Knowledge + Reasoning
- Machine reading: Literome
- Prioritize cancer drug combos

Collaborators

- **Knight:** Brian Drucker, Jeff Tyner
- **U. Chicago:** Andrey Rzhetsky
- **Wisconsin:** Mark Craven, Anthony Gitter
- **UCSC:** Max Haeussler, David Haussler
- **Microsoft Research:** Chris Quirk, Kristina Toutanova, David Heckerman, Scott Yih, Lucy Vanderwende, Bill Bolosky, Ravi Pandya
- **Interns:** Ankur Parikh, Maxim Grechkin, Victoria Lin, Sheng Wang, Stephen Mayhew