

Automatic Biomedical Hypothesis Generation

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Problem

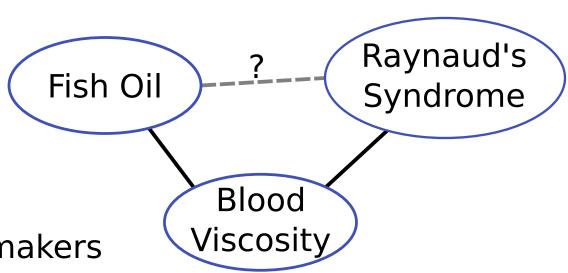
- Medical research needs early investment
- 2-4k bio papers published daily
- Missed connections lead to missed treatment options, costing lives

WSJ
Pfizer Ends Hunt for Drugs to
Treat Alzheimer's and Parkinson's

About 300 layoffs to take place after once-promising compounds failed during testing

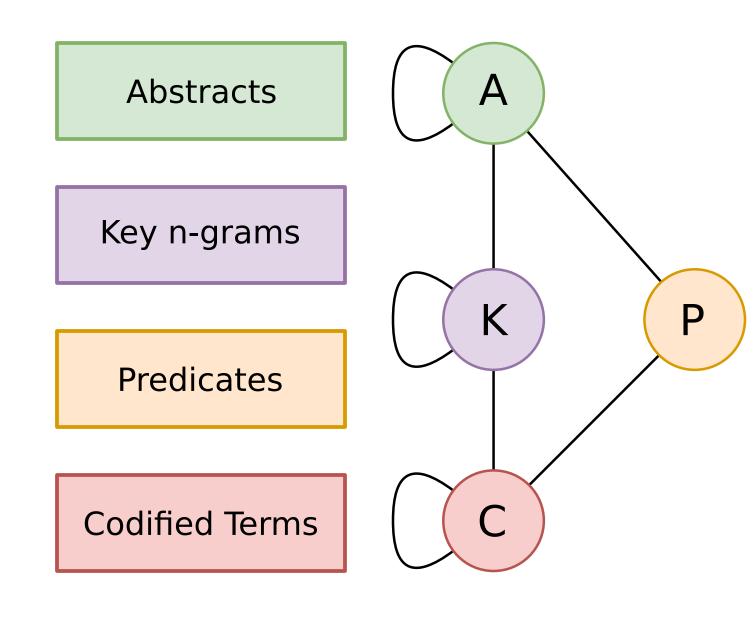
Hypothesis Generation

- Understand all available research
- Identify missed implicit connections
- Provide early information to decision makers

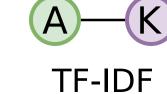


Generating Hypotheses Automatically

- Construct network with NLM sources



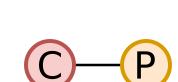






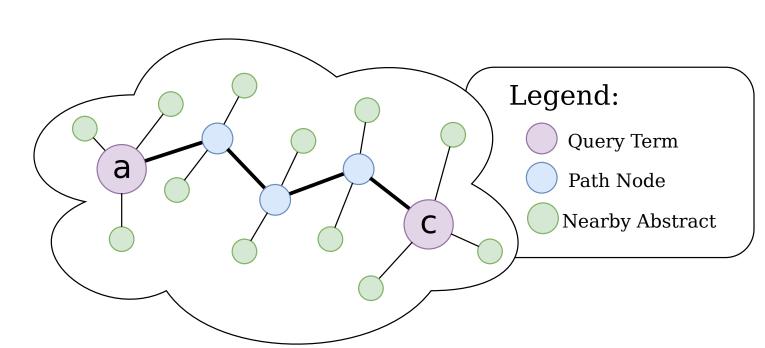
Unified Medical Language System



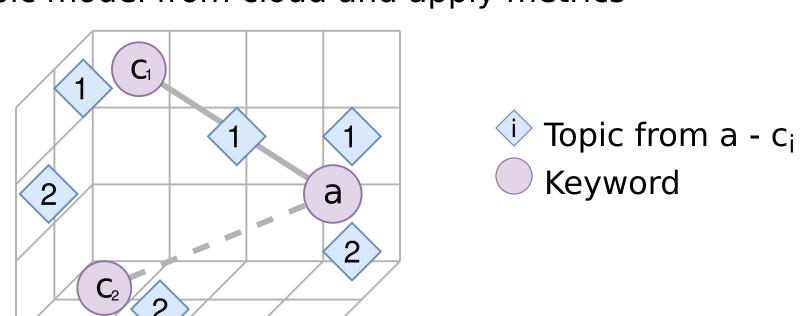


Semantic Medical Database

- Describe potential connections through shortest-paths

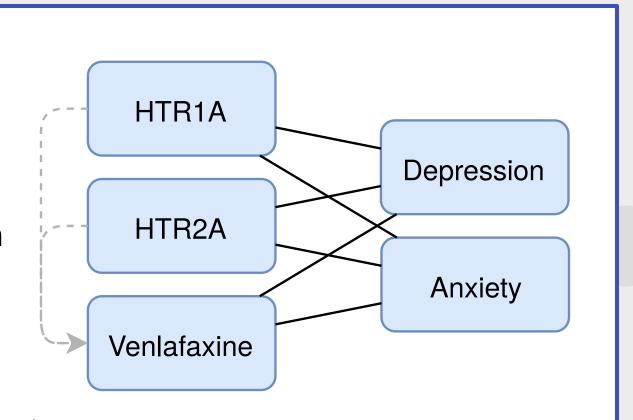


- Generate topic model from cloud and apply metrics



HTR[12]A & Venlafaxine

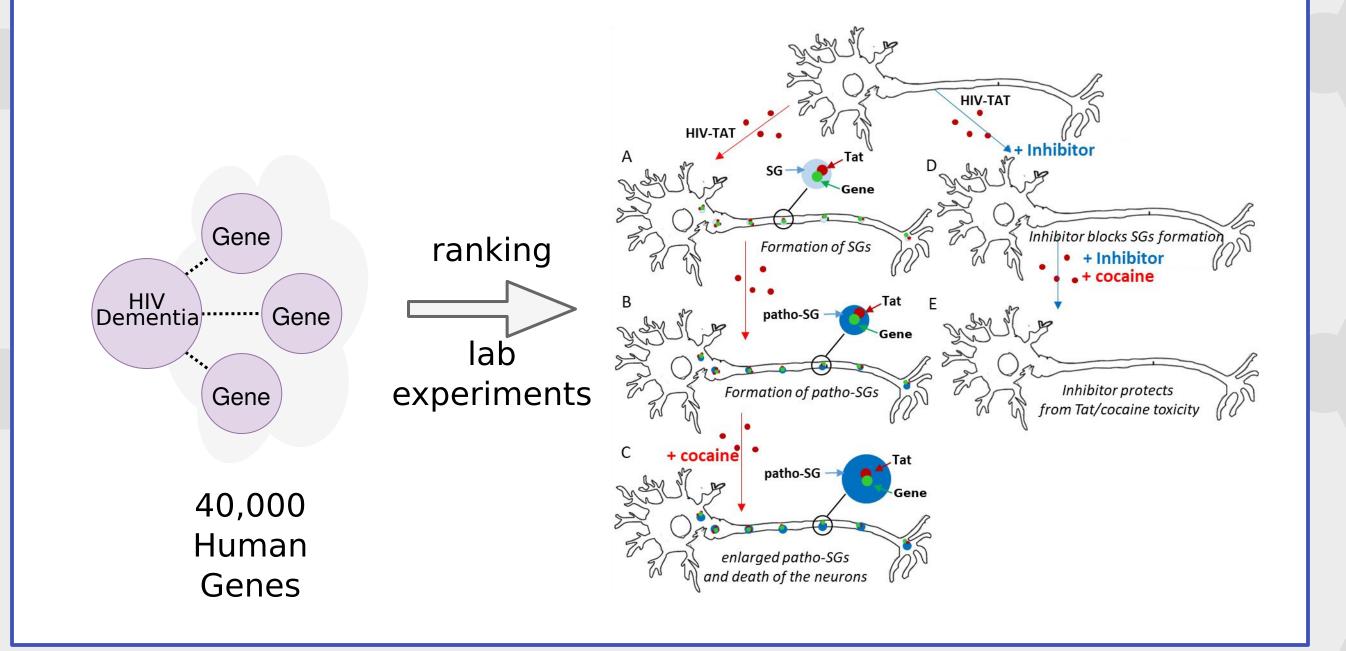
- Initial validation example
- Rediscover exsiting HRT1A connection
- Detect lack of HTR2A connection
- Uses pre-2010 data



Depression Related Keywords Per Topic 20 15 10 5 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 Topic Number HTR1A HTR2A

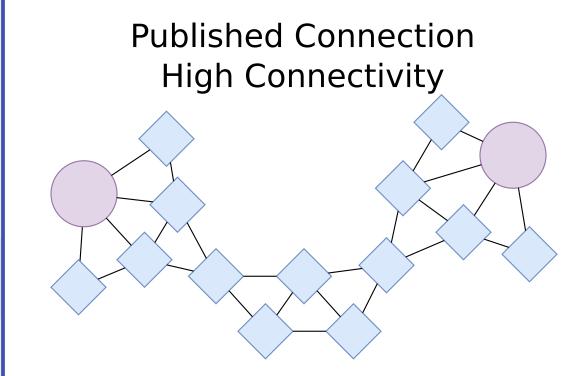
Discovering New Treatments

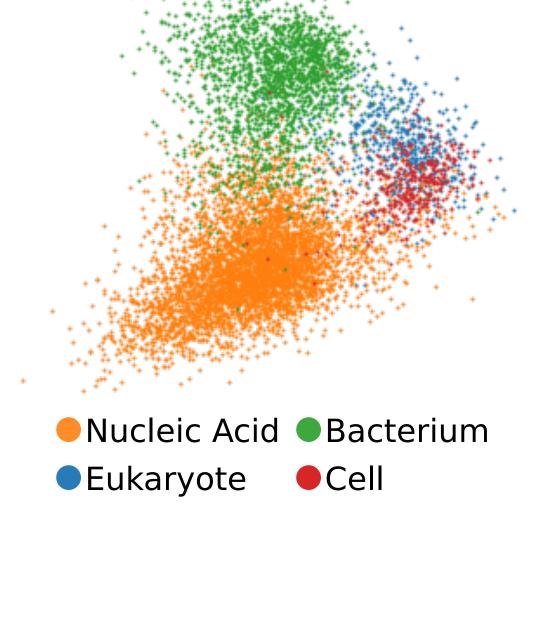
- 25-33% of HIV+ patients develop HIV-Associated Dementia
- Apply MOLIERE to identify treatment options
- Rank all human genes & create candidate set
- Discover treatment option via lab experiments

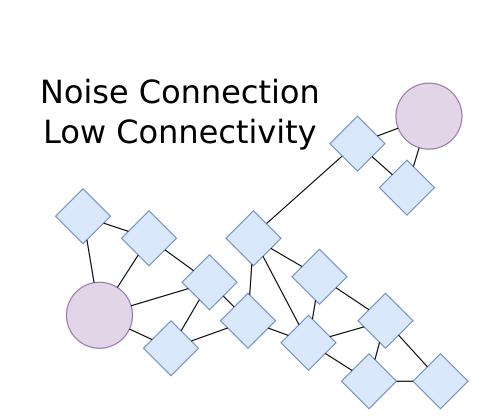


Ranking Hypotheses

- Quantify connections through heuristics
- Derived via embeddings & topic network
- Example Metrics:
 - Distance between terms
 - Distance to topic centroids
 - Correlation w.r.t. topic model
 - Betweenness of topic networkTopic network clustering coef.
 - Polynomial combination







Large-Scale Validation

- Evaluate system without expert input
- Holdout experiment with historical data
- Evaluate thousands of potential hypotheses
- Rank via above metrics

