

PhD Spotlight 2024



### Learning the Dynamics of Biological Networks with Deep Graph Networks Alessandro Dipalma – alessandro.dipalma@phd.unipi.it

**Problem** Biological systems can be described by complex networks. As this graph data grows in size, modeling the dynamics of the underlying dynamical system in terms of chemical reactions becomes a tougher challenge. High level networks, like Protein–Protein interaciton Networks (PPIN), are described and analyzed as static objects, but the systems biology community calls for methods that are able to model them taking into account their dynamical nature.

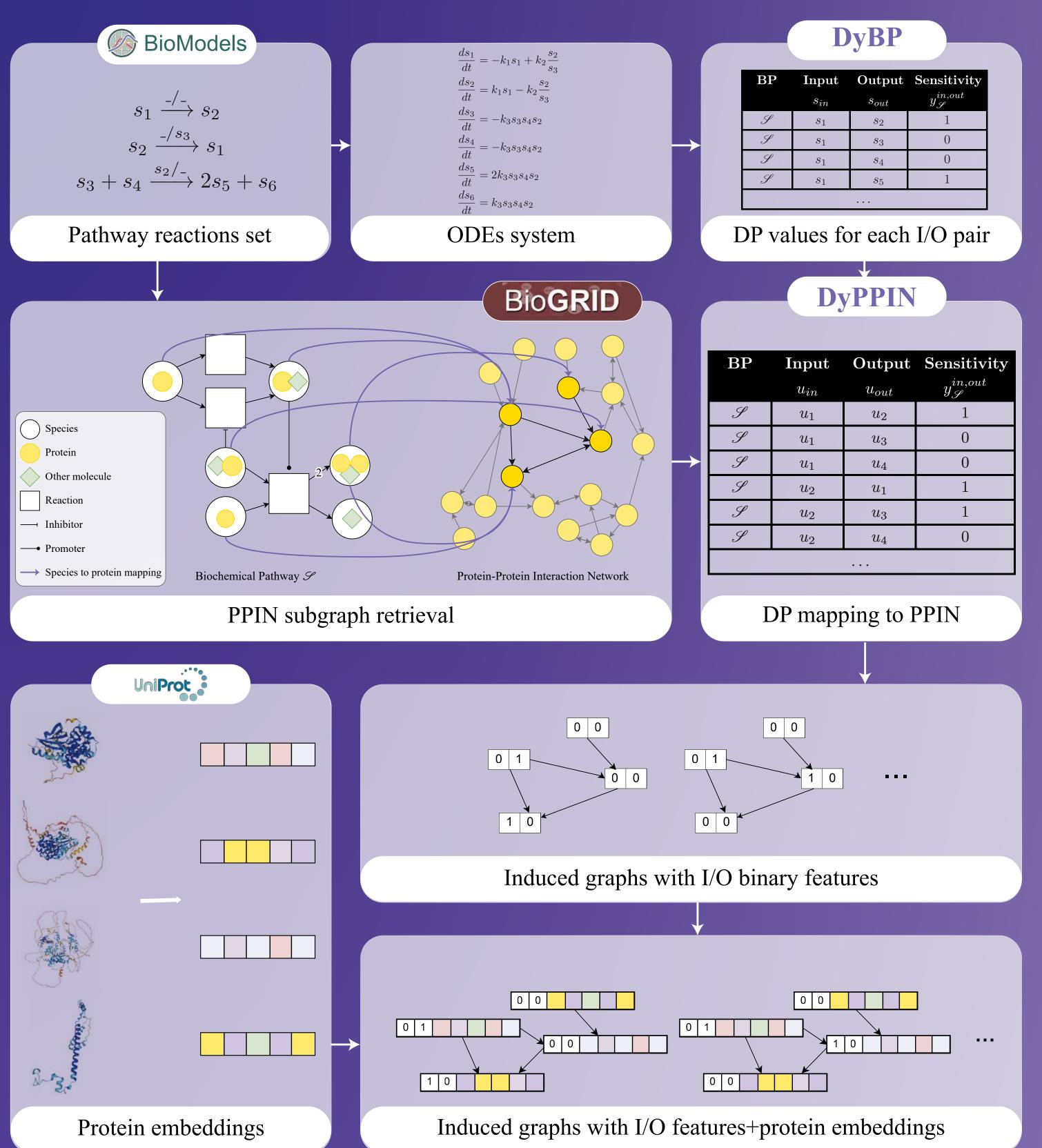
### Can we learn a model to study dynamics of large scale networks?

**Proposed solution** We designed a pipeline that enables the prediction of sensitivity over Protein–Protein Interaction Networks.

### What's next?

**Computational Biology applications** 

#### Dataset Extraction

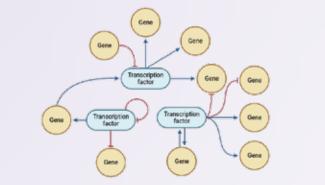


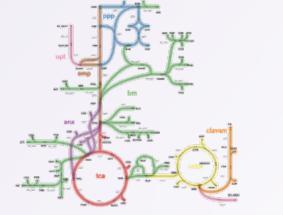
## Dynamics modeling and prediction over whole interactome

#### Embedd information from non-simulable pathways

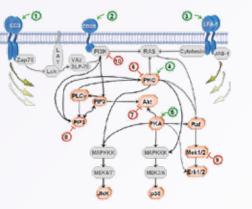


# Extension to more biological networks



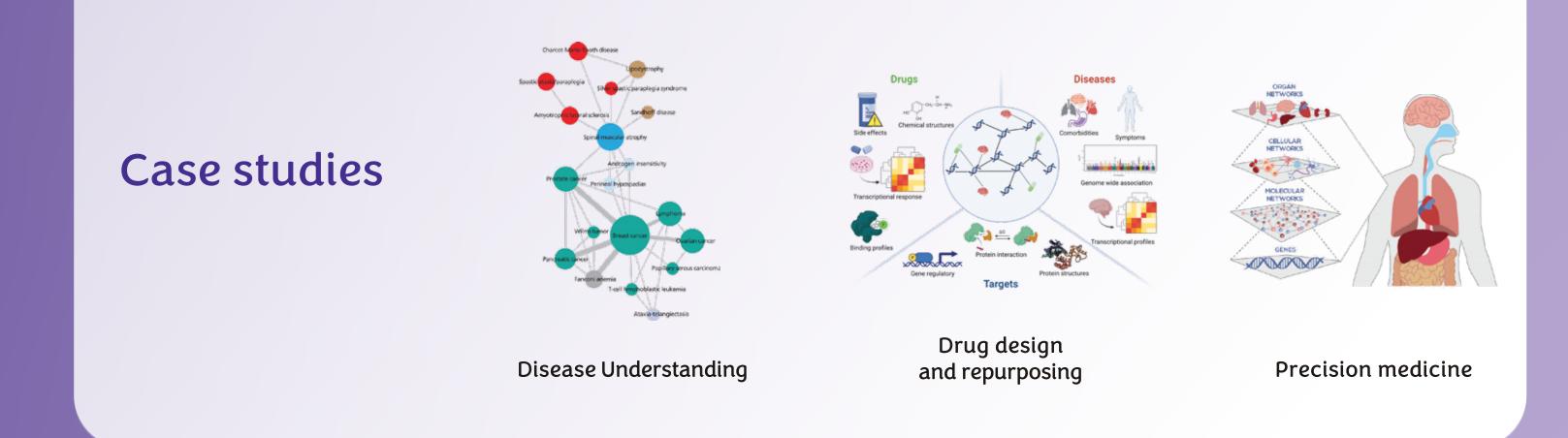


Metabolic Networks



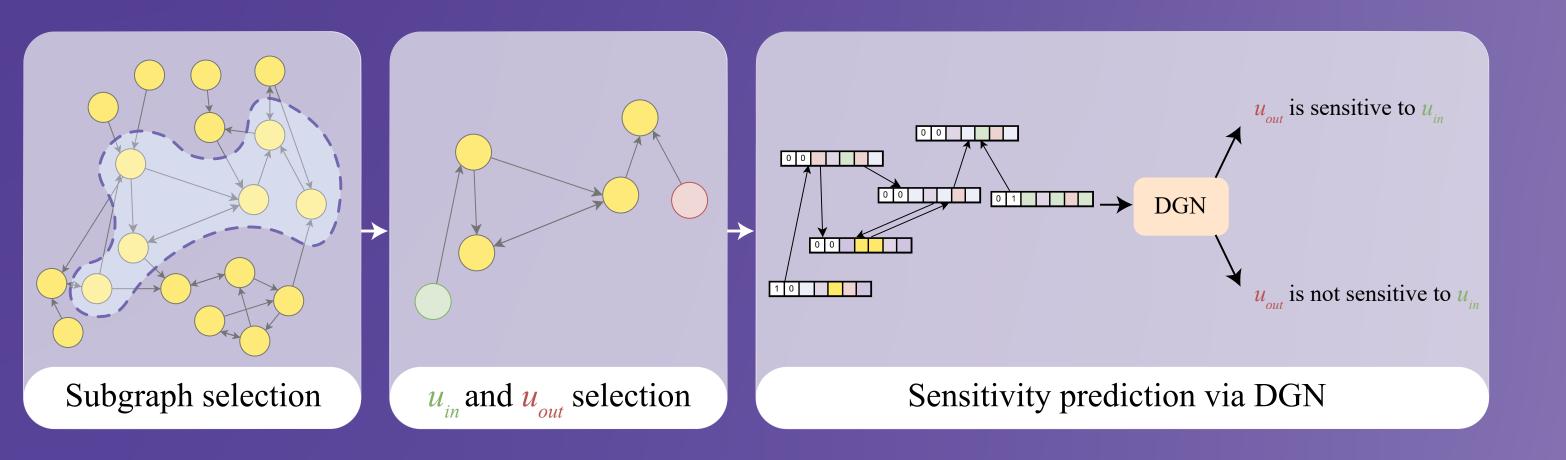
Gene Regulatory Networks

Signaling Networks

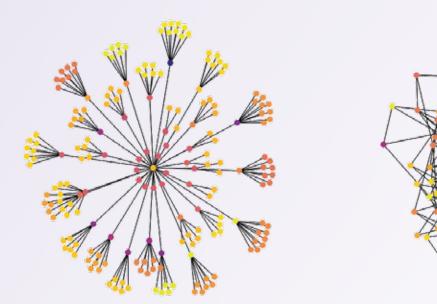


**Research on Deep Graph Networks** 

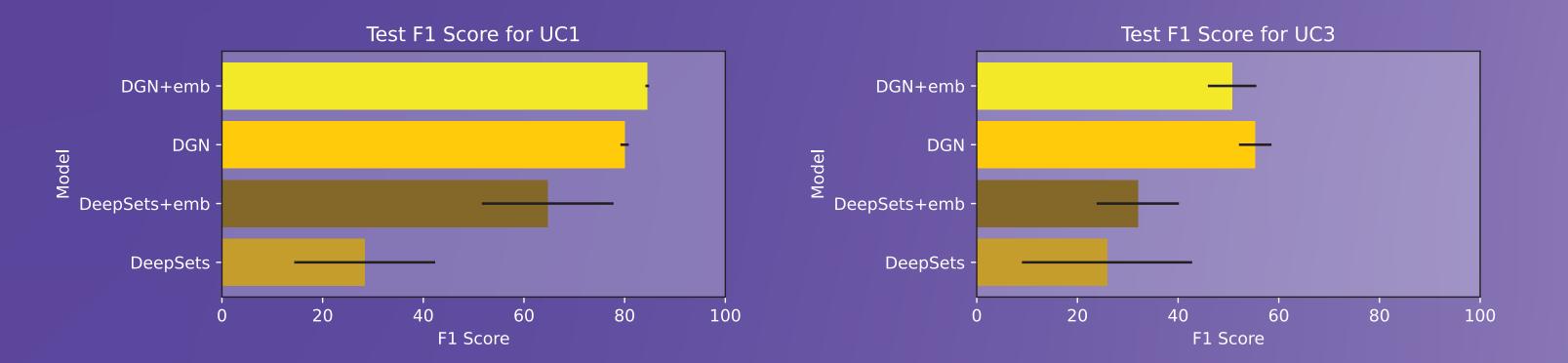
#### Dynamical property prediction



Deal with heterophily and long range dependencies within large and dense networks



**Results** The PPIN structure allows to predict the sensitivities derived from biochemical pathways with high accuracy.



# Probabilistic models to estimate multiple dynamics

