

# Learning-to-rank based compound virtual screening by using pairwise kernel with multiple heterogeneous experimental data

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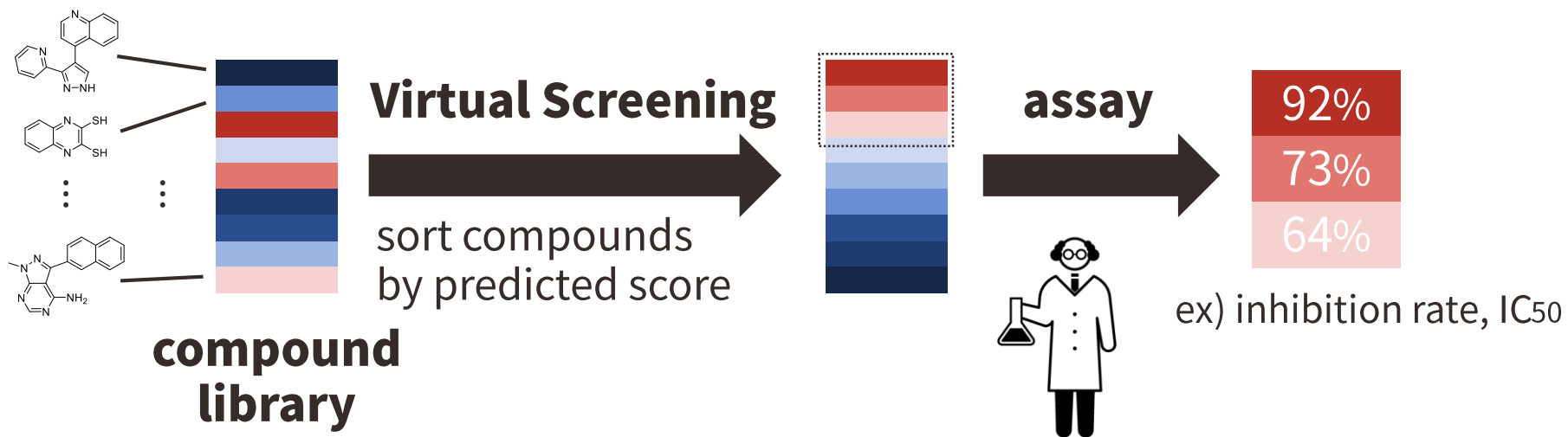
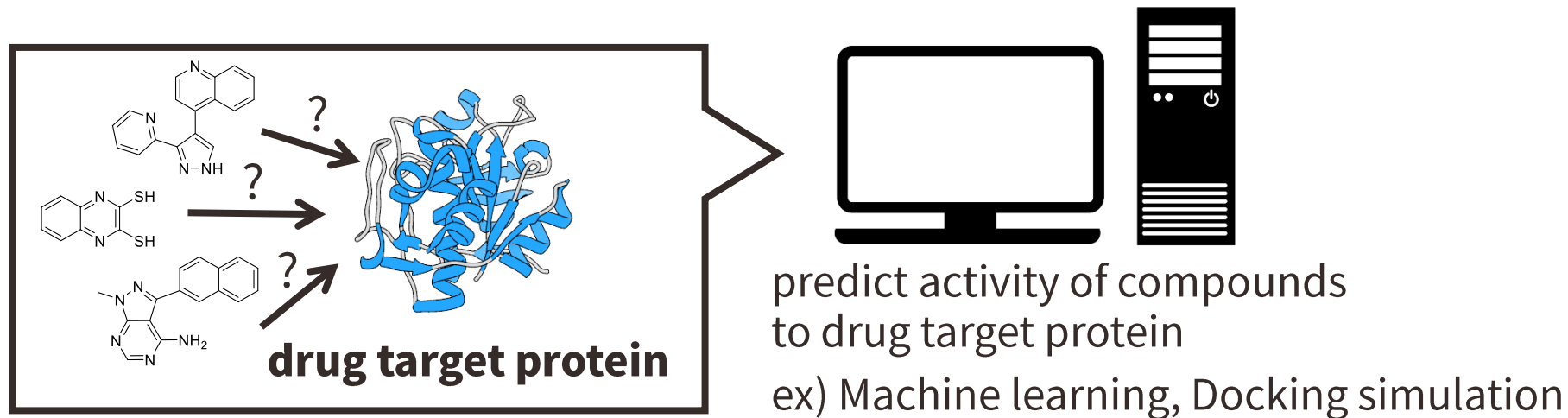
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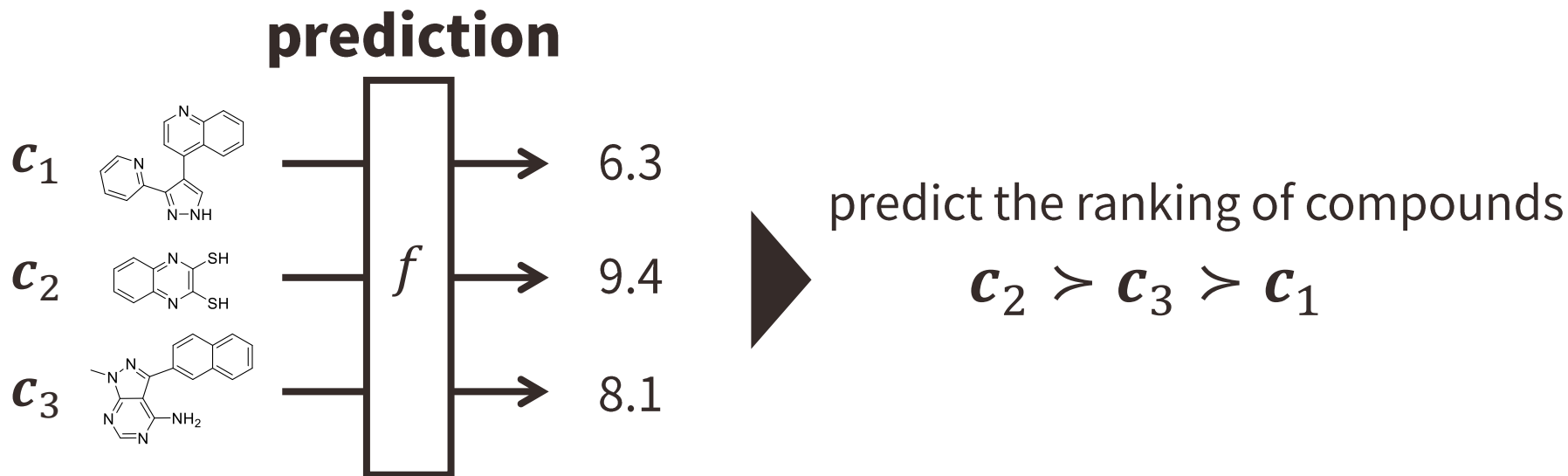
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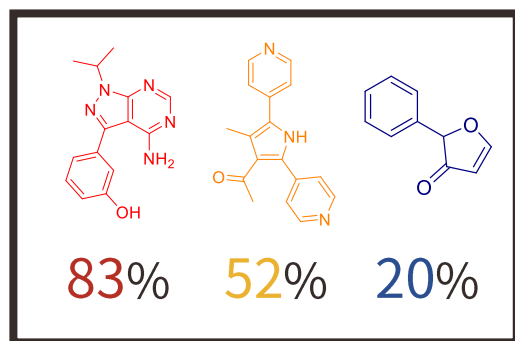
**Virtual Screening (VS):** computational technique for drug discovery



# Introduction | VS with Machine Learning 4



How to construct prediction model  $f$ ?  $\longrightarrow$  Machine Learning approach



**train dataset**  
(known assay data)



## Learning to Rank

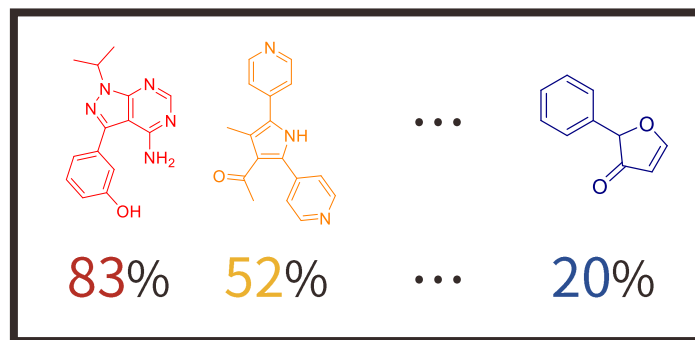
training the order of items  
ex) web page ranking

$$f(\text{red}) > f(\text{yellow}) > f(\text{blue})$$

# Introduction | difficulty of VS

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For some drug target proteins, there are **few or no** known assayed compounds.



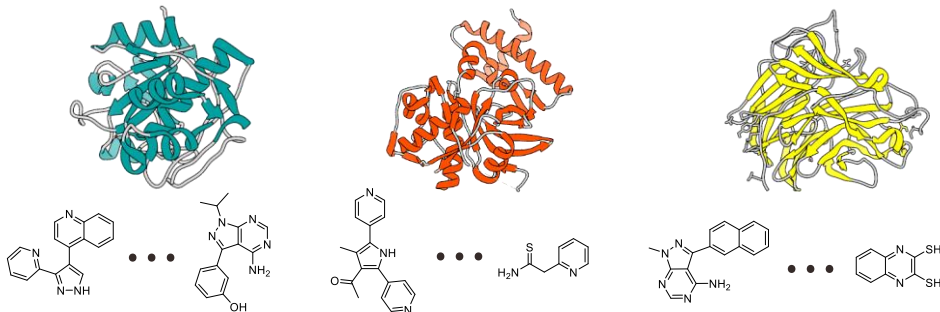
**drug target protein**

**few** known assayed compounds (~100)

**Problem:** It's hard to make good prediction model  $f$

**Solution:** Use assay data whose target protein is related to drug target.

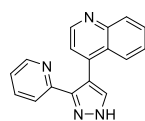
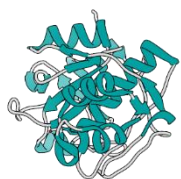
**assay data for related proteins**



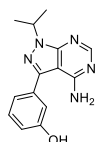
**Zhang+ (2015) approach:** Learning to Rank + using multiple data

**tensor product** of feature vectors of protein and compound

protein: 1



$$\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \mathbf{c}_{11}$$

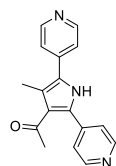


$$\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \mathbf{c}_{12}$$

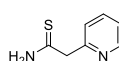


$\mathbf{p}_i$ : protein feature vector  
 $\mathbf{c}_{ij}$ : compound feature vector

protein: 2



$$\mathbf{p}_2 \otimes \mathbf{c}_{21}$$



$$\mathbf{p}_2 \otimes \mathbf{c}_{22}$$



$$\begin{aligned} &(2, 3) \otimes (2, 4, 5) \\ &= (2 \times 2, 2 \times 4, 2 \times 5, 3 \times 2, 3 \times 4, 3 \times 5) \\ &= (4, 8, 10, 6, 12, 15) \end{aligned}$$

⋮

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training

**RankSVM** (Learning to Rank method)

## Purpose

obtain more accurate prediction model than tensor product method

## Approach

**PKRank**: Pairwise Kernel + Kernel RankSVM

generalize tensor product method with pairwise kernel



construct more flexible prediction model

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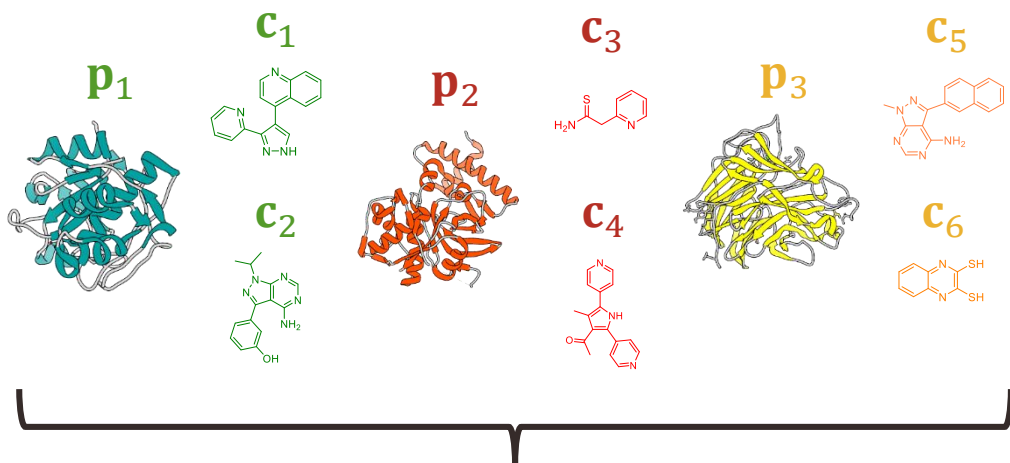
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## 1. Generate Gram matrix of pairwise kernel



|                      |                      | <b>p<sub>1</sub></b> | <b>p<sub>2</sub></b> | <b>p<sub>3</sub></b> |                      |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                      |                      | <b>c<sub>1</sub></b> | <b>c<sub>2</sub></b> | <b>c<sub>3</sub></b> | <b>c<sub>4</sub></b> | <b>c<sub>5</sub></b> | <b>c<sub>6</sub></b> |
| <b>p<sub>1</sub></b> | <b>c<sub>1</sub></b> |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |
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pairwise kernel

$$k((\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{p}), (\mathbf{c}', \mathbf{p}')) = k_{\text{com}}(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{c}') \times k_{\text{pro}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}')$$

## 2. training (kernel RankSVM)

[Kuo+ 2014]

$$\min_{\alpha} \frac{1}{2} \alpha^T \hat{Q} \alpha - \mathbf{e}^T \alpha$$

subject to  $0 \leq \alpha_{i,j} \leq C$

$$\hat{Q}_{(i,j),(u,v)} = K(x_i, x_u) + K(x_j, x_v) - K(x_i, x_v) - K(x_j, x_u)$$

**Pairwise Kernel:** kernel function between two pairs of compounds and proteins

Pairwise kernel is obtained from **compound kernel** and **protein kernel**

$$\underbrace{k((\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{p}), (\mathbf{c}', \mathbf{p}'))}_{\text{pairwise kernel}} = \underbrace{k_{\text{com}}(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{c}')}_{\text{compound kernel}} \times \underbrace{k_{\text{pro}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}')}_{\text{protein kernel}}$$

$\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{c}'$ : compound feature  
 $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}'$ : protein feature

If both  $k_{\text{com}}$  and  $k_{\text{pro}}$  are represented as a linear kernel,  
**PKRank** is equivalent to the **tensor product method**.

※the detail in my proceeding

## 1. PKRank can treat high dimensional feature vector

tensor product method:  $d(\mathbf{c}) \times d(\mathbf{p})$

If  $d(\mathbf{c})$  or  $d(\mathbf{p})$  is large, tensor product feature is **too large**.

PKRank can avoid  $d(\mathbf{c}) \times d(\mathbf{p})$  feature with kernel method.

$d(\cdot)$ : dimension

## 2. PKRank can treat various kernels

tensor product method: equivalent to PKRank with linear kernel.

Other kernels can be used for compound kernel and protein kernel.

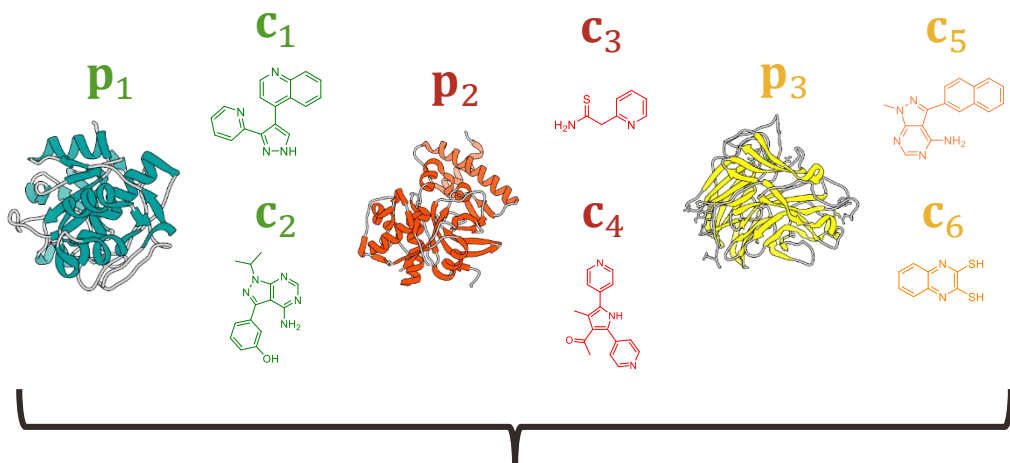
## 3. PKRank can treat similarity measurement for training

kernel function can be regarded as similarity measure.

tensor product method cannot treat similarity measurement.

ex) similarity between two proteins -> alignment score

## 1. Generate Gram matrix of pairwise kernel



|       | $p_1$ | $p_2$ | $p_3$ |       |       |       |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|       | $c_1$ | $c_2$ | $c_3$ | $c_4$ | $c_5$ | $c_6$ |
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## Dataset

test data: PDE5, CTSK, ADORA3

※number shows #compounds

### PDE family (15 subfamilies)

|            |             |             |              |                   |
|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| PDE1a (12) | PDE1b (132) | PDE1c (141) | PDE2a (324)  | PDE3a (177)       |
| PDE3b (22) | PDE4a (356) | PDE4b (514) | PDE4c (83)   | <b>PDE5 (835)</b> |
| PDE6a (32) | PDE6c (13)  | PDE9a (72)  | PDE10 (1307) | PDE11a (76)       |

### CTS family (10 subfamilies)

|            |                   |            |            |            |
|------------|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| CTSB (440) | CTSD (686)        | CTSE (20)  | CTSF (20)  | CTSG (186) |
| CTSH (15)  | <b>CTSK (735)</b> | CTSL (566) | CTSS (771) | CTSZ (6)   |

### ADOR family (4 subfamilies)

|              |               |               |                     |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|
| ADORA1 (390) | ADORA2a (141) | ADORA2b (199) | <b>ADORA3 (201)</b> |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|

## Evaluation

Normalized Discounted Cumulative Gain (NDCG)

NDCG1@100 • NDCG1@10 • NDCG2@10

※the detail in my proceeding

The result of PDE family dataset. The other results are in my proceeding.

| compound feature | compound kernel | protein feature | protein kernel | NDCG1@100     | NDCG1@10      | NDCG2@10      |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| GD               | linear          | CTD             | linear         | 0.821         | 0.729         | 0.258         |
| GD               | RBF             | CTD             | RBF            | *0.834        | *0.830        | *0.336        |
| ECFP4            | linear          | CTD             | linear         | 0.776         | 0.715         | 0.275         |
| ECFP4            | Tanimoto        | CTD             | RBF            | 0.827         | 0.740         | 0.313         |
| ECFP4            | RBF             | CTD             | RBF            | *0.838        | *0.811        | *0.390        |
| GD               | RBF             | sequence        | nSW            | <b>*0.855</b> | <b>*0.847</b> | *0.371        |
| ECFP4            | Tanimoto        | sequence        | nSW            | 0.827         | 0.745         | *0.329        |
| ECFP4            | RBF             | sequence        | nSW            | *0.849        | *0.835        | <b>*0.399</b> |

gray line correspond to [tensor product method](#) of Zhang+ (2015)

**bold** best score for each evaluation score

(\*) significantly improvement (paired t-test  $P < 0.05$ )

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## Future study

Will more assay data improve prediction accuracy ?  
Which combination of kernels works well ?