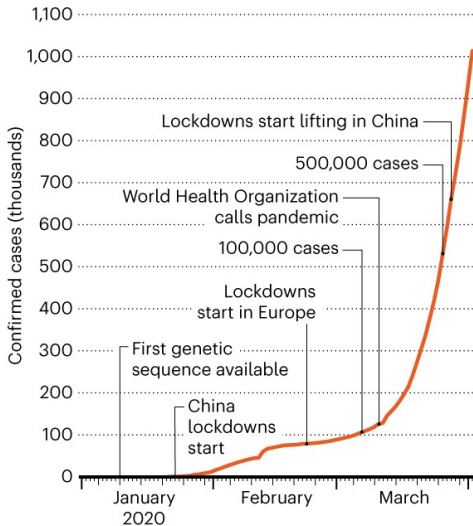


ONE MILLION INFECTIONS

There have now been more than one million confirmed cases of the coronavirus worldwide.



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Hundreds of Scientists Scramble to Find a Coronavirus Treatment

In an ambitious international collaboration, researchers have “mapped” proteins in the coronavirus and identified 50 drugs to test against it.



By **Carl Zimmer**

March 17, 2020



Dr. Krogan and his colleagues set about finding proteins in our cells that the coronavirus uses to grow. Normally, such a project might take two years. But the working group, which includes 22 laboratories, completed it in a few weeks.

As the Bay Area went into lockdown on Monday, Dr. Krogan and his colleagues were finishing their map. They are now preparing a report to post online by the end of the week, while also submitting it to a journal for publication.

Article | Published: 30 April 2020

A SARS-CoV-2 protein interaction map reveals targets for drug repurposing

David E. Gordon, Gwendolyn M. Jang, [...] Nevan J. Krogan 

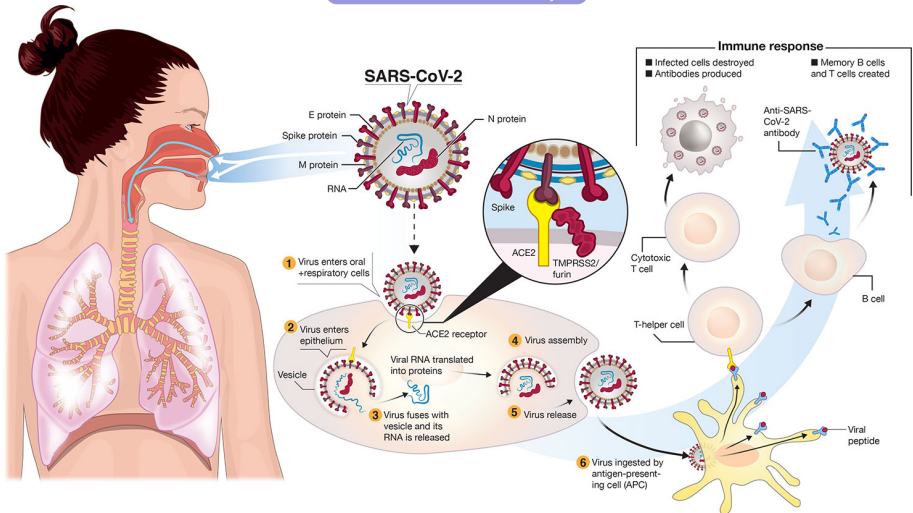
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- Supplementary file contained list of 332 human proteins that interact with SARS-CoV-2.

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SARS-CoV-2 Life Cycle

▶ Video on SARS-CoV-2 life cycle



Funk, Laferrière, Ardakani, "A Snapshot of the Global Race for Vaccines Targeting SARS-CoV-2 and the COVID-19 Pandemic," *Frontiers in Pharmacology*, 11, 937, 2020

Vaccines

ANTIBODY PREPARATION

The vaccine version of a SARS-CoV-2 virus presents various molecules called antigens that belong to the real virus. Antigen-presenting cells grab them and provide them to helper T cells and B cells. The T cells help B cells turn on to produce antibodies that could bind to the actual virus. The helper T cells also tell killer T cells to devise ways to destroy lung cells that are infected.

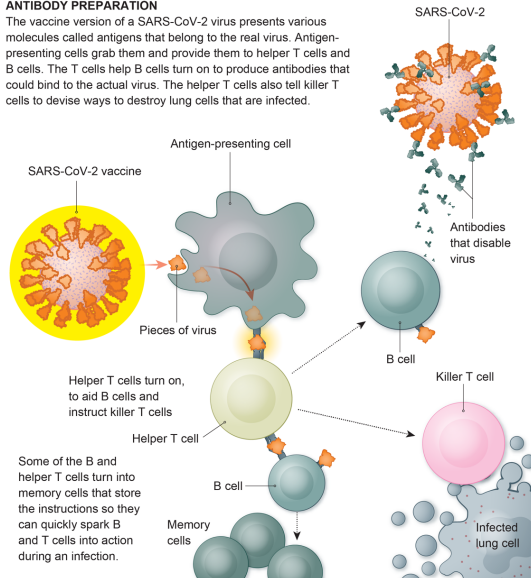


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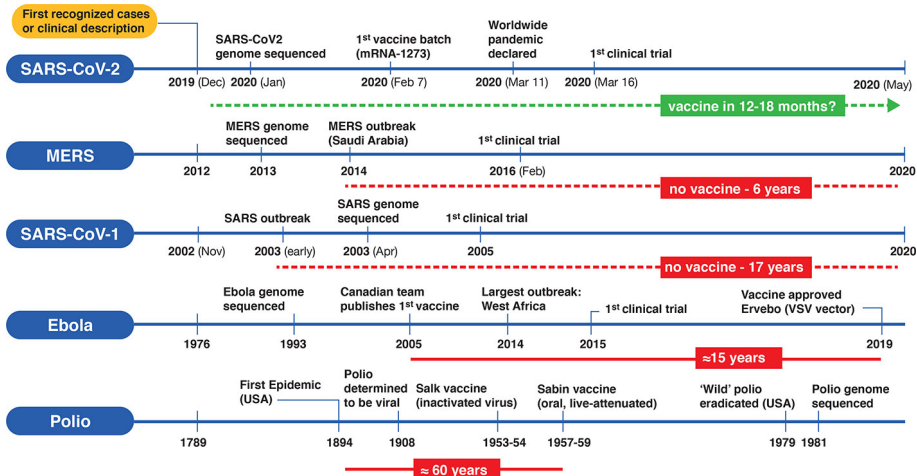
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“Unless you have a perfect vaccine, which very few are, you’ll always have people who end up getting sick,” Dr. Anthony Fauci, the federal government’s top infectious disease expert, told Dr. Khullar. “With or without a vaccine, we’re going to need other treatments.”

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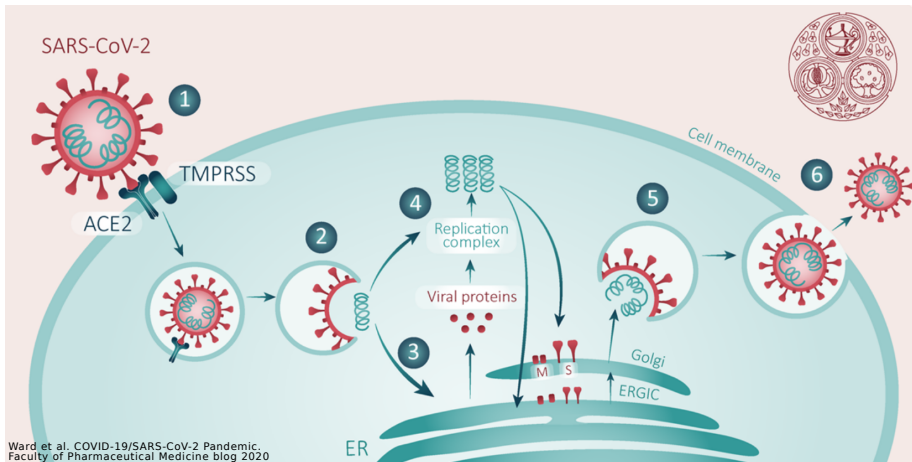
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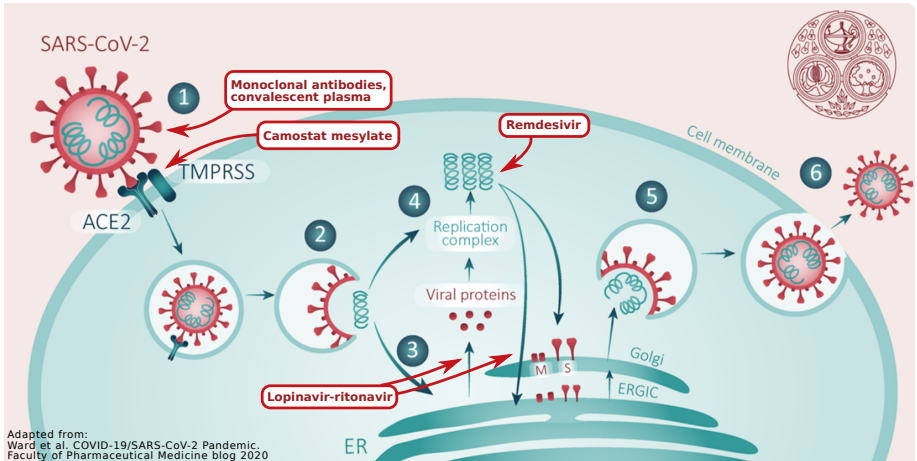
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SARS-CoV-2 Life Cycle



Drugs for COVID-19



- Administered after the body has already been infected.

Antiviral Drugs

ENCOURAGE DEFECTIVE VIRUSES

A drug could interfere with the viral RNA polymerase enzyme, which works with another enzyme called ExoN (*not shown*) to fix mistakes in copied viruses that would disable those viruses, leading to more bad copies and fewer good ones.

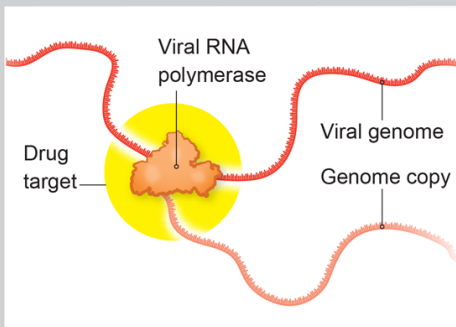


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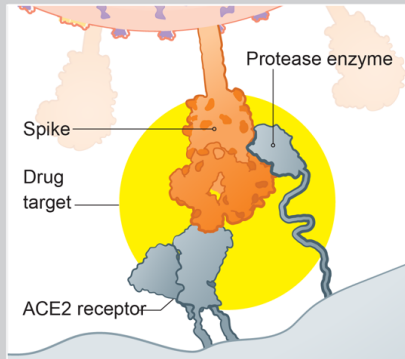


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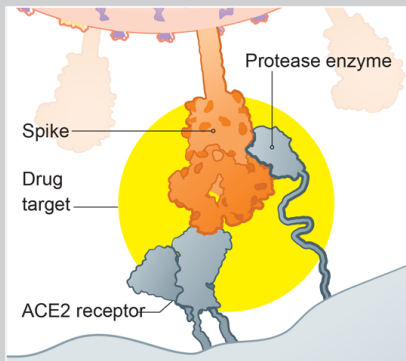


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Host-Oriented Drugs

REDUCE HYPERIMMUNE RESPONSE

Immune cells can destroy too many lung cells, creating enough mucuslike waste to suffocate the lungs, forcing victims onto ventilators.

Overproduction of an alarm protein, or cytokine, such as interleukin-6 can put immune cells into overdrive. Drugs could inhibit some of the cytokines by binding to them.

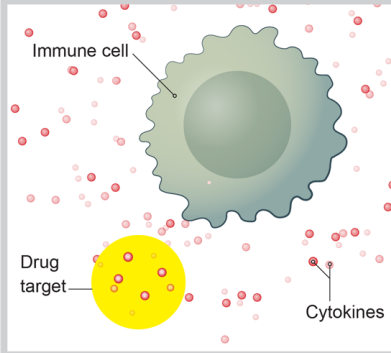


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Host-Oriented Drugs

SHUT DOWN VIRUS

A drug could interfere with lung cell proteins the virus needs, such as those involved in making virus proteins or in making the vesicles the virus uses to copy its genome.

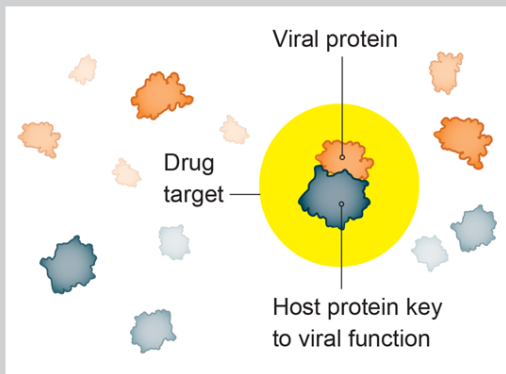
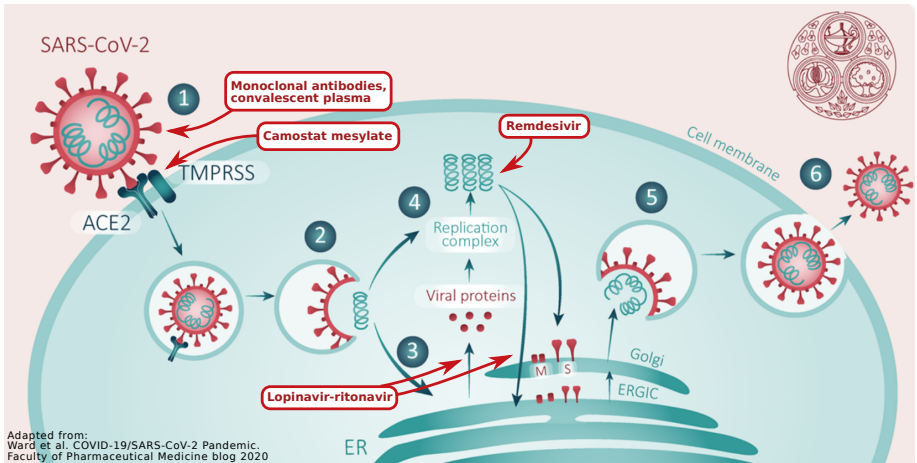


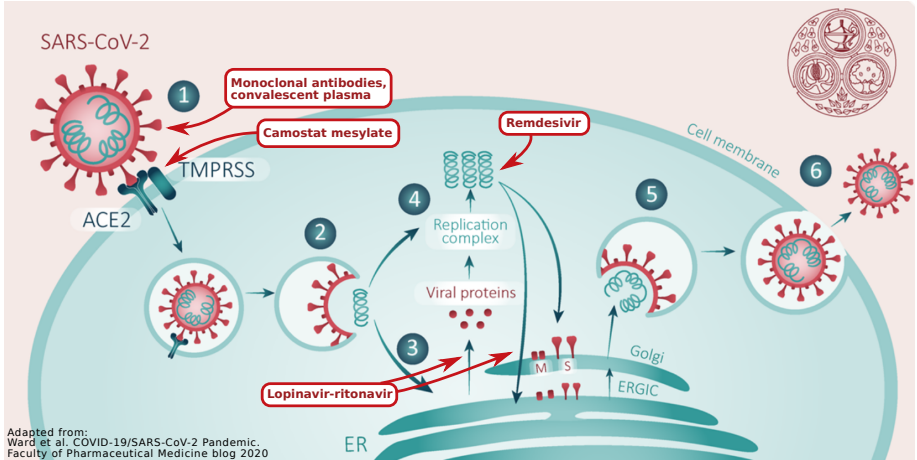
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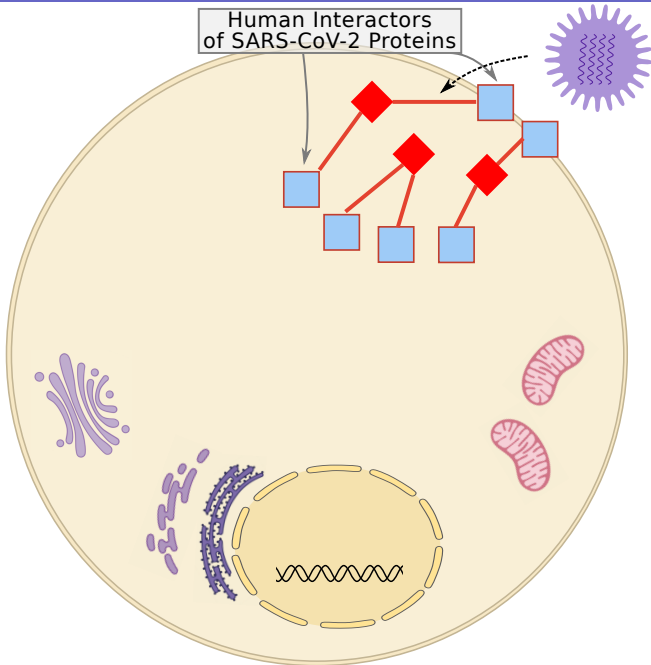
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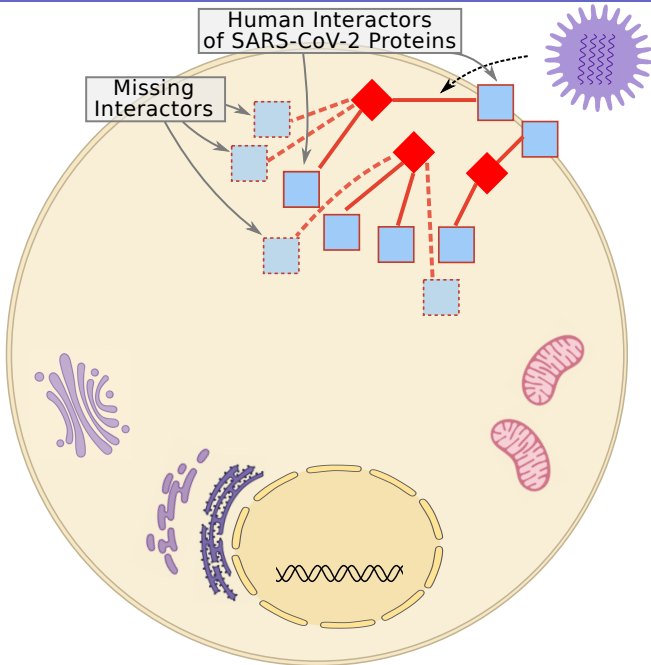
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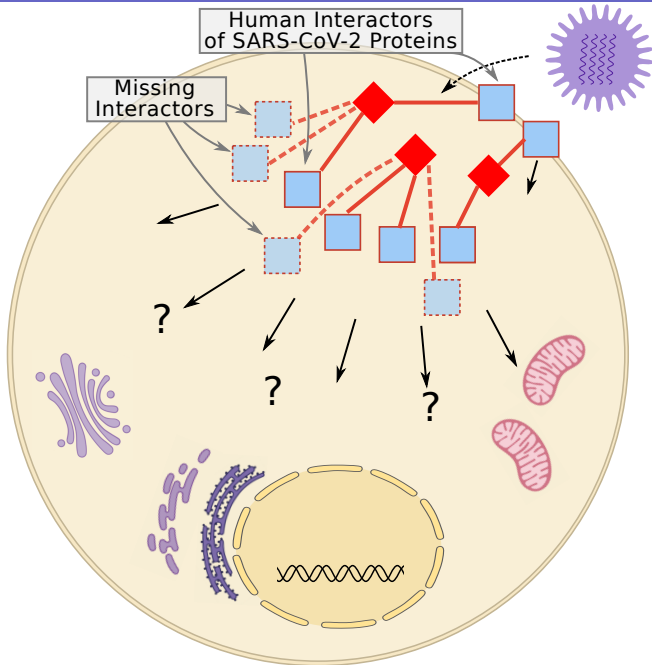


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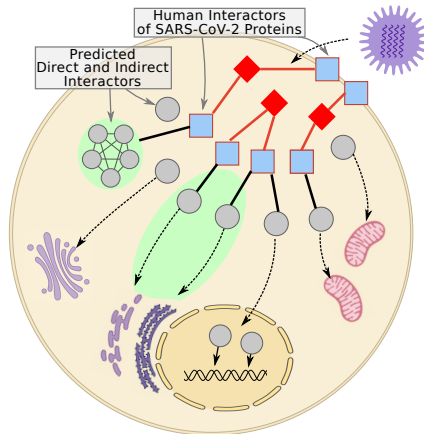
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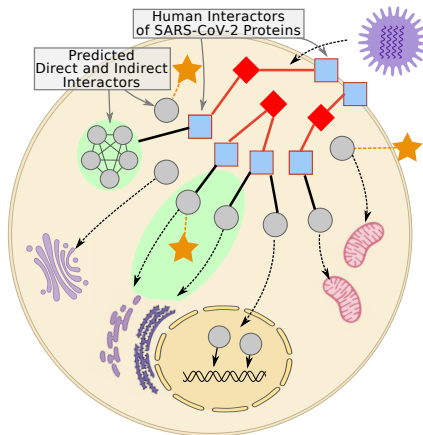


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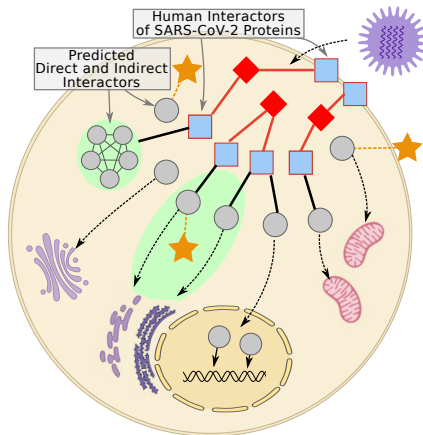
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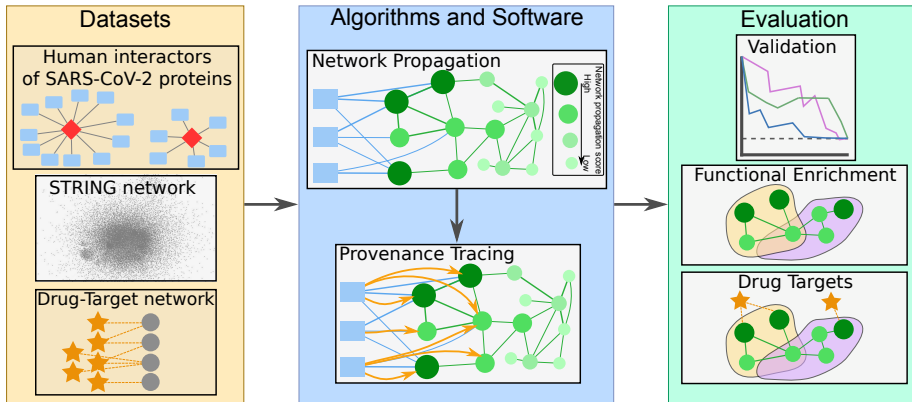
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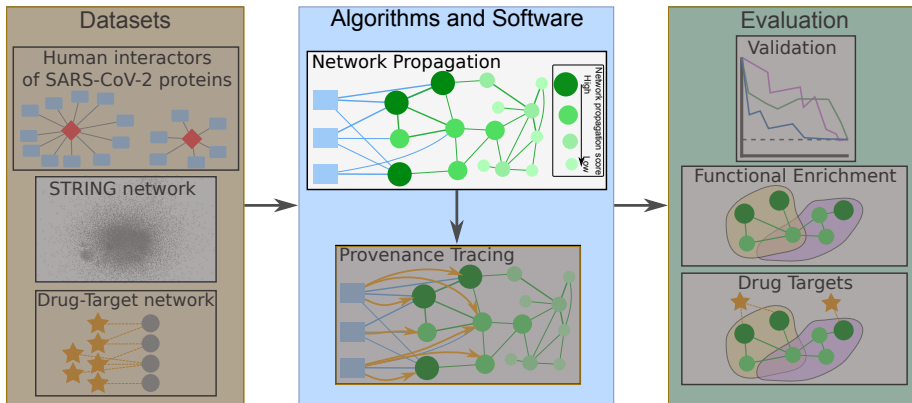


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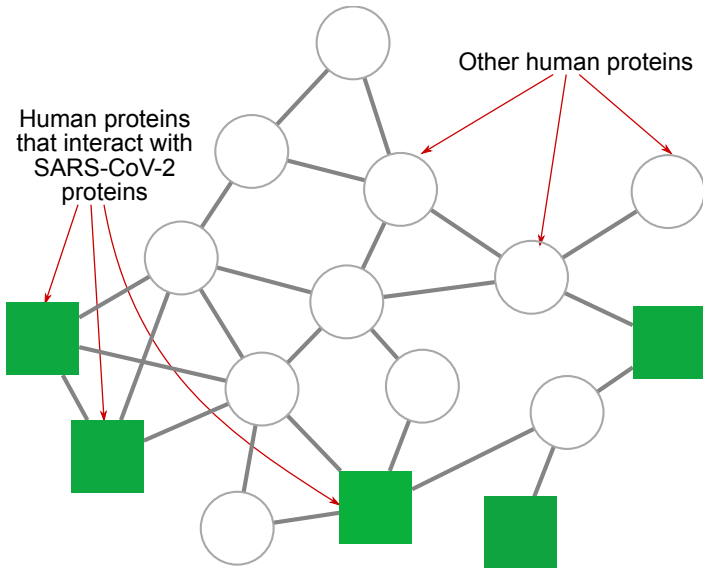
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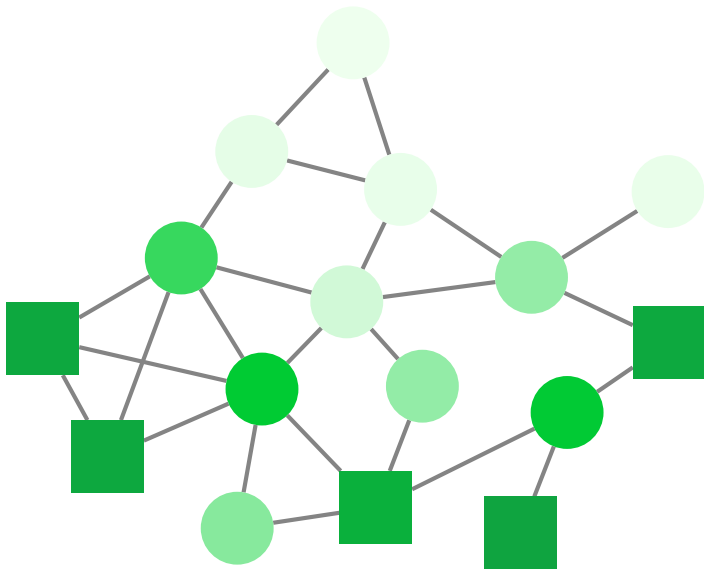
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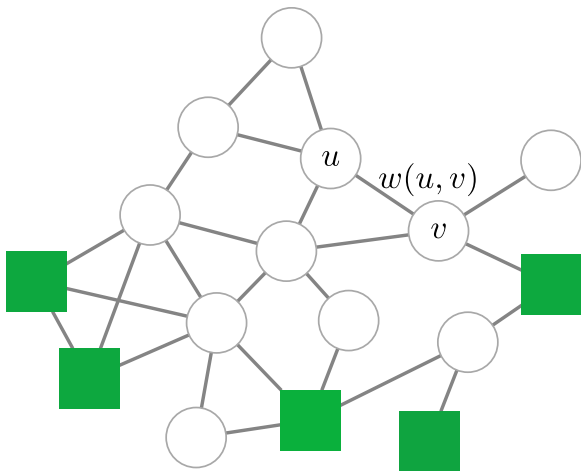


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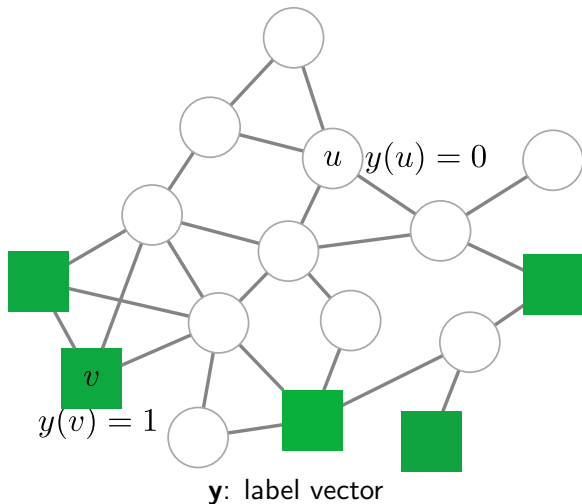
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Network Propagation: Regularized Laplacian (RL)



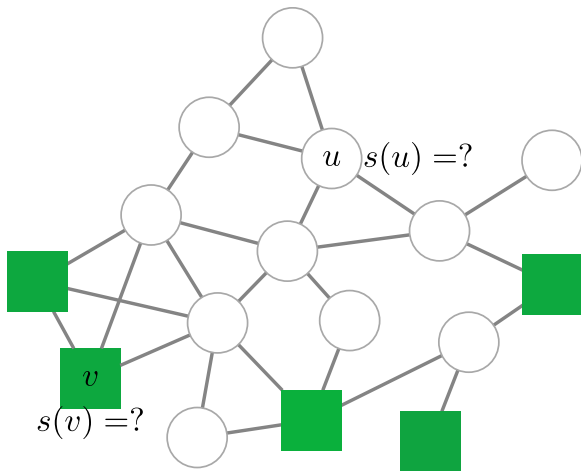
$G = (V, E, w)$: undirected, weighted network of human proteins

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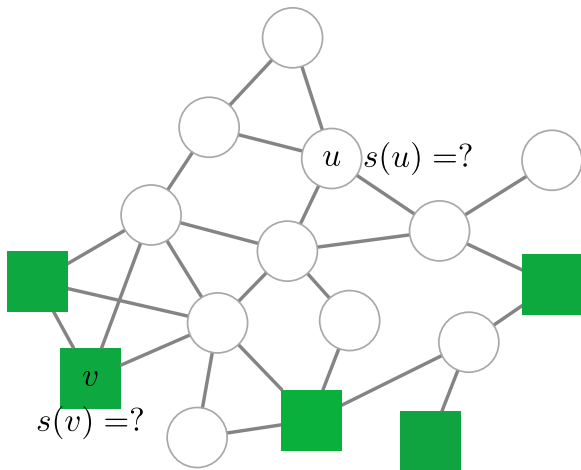
$$y(u) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } u \text{ is a human interactor of virus (positive example)} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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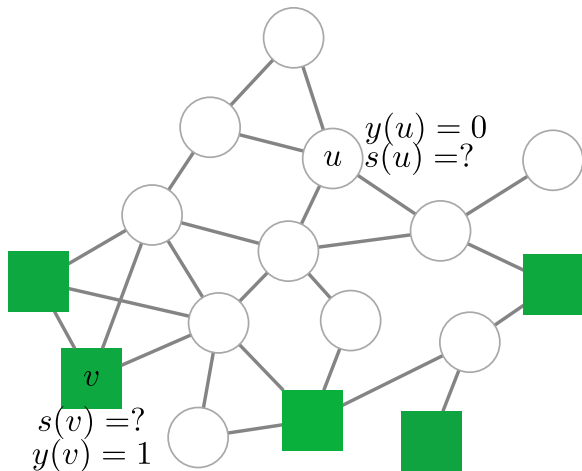
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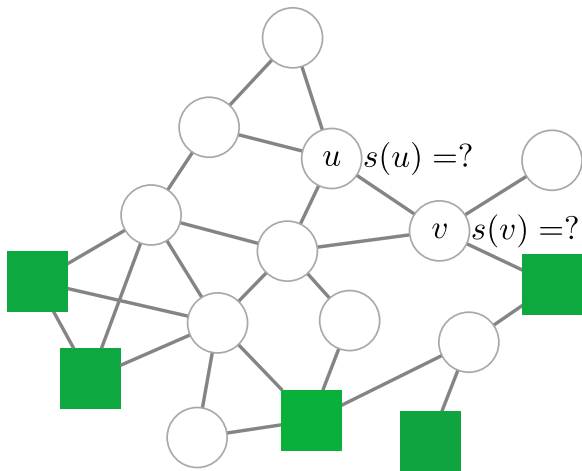
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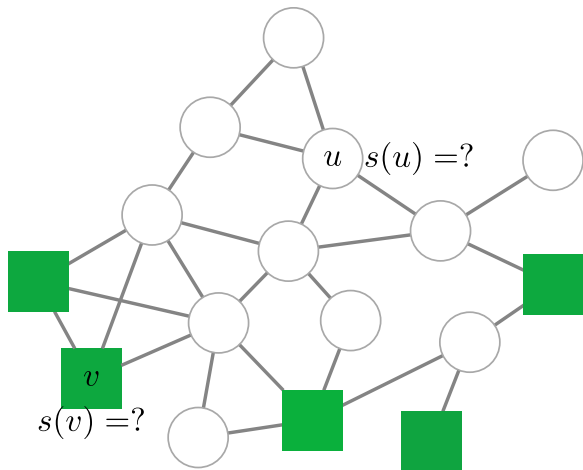
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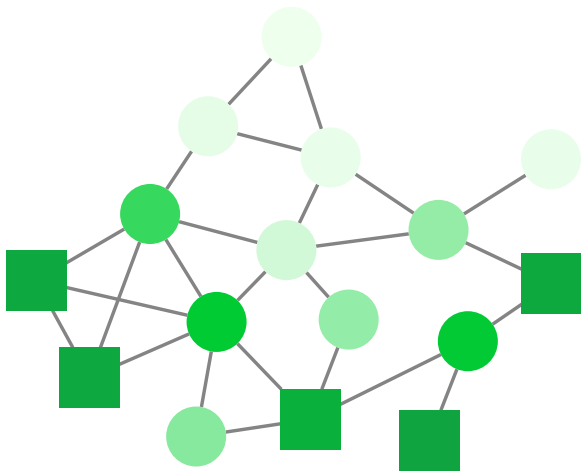


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$\alpha = 0$: set $s(u) = y(u)$

α very large: set $s(u) = s(v)$

Network Propagation: Regularized Laplacian (RL)



Solve linear system of equations:
$$s(v) = \frac{\alpha \sum_{u \in N(v)} w(u, v) s(u) + y(v)}{\alpha d(v) + 1}$$

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- $(I + \alpha \tilde{L})^{-1}$ is the *regularized Laplacian*.
- Inverse exists if G is connected.
- Each entry records propagation between pair of nodes.

Algorithms

Network propagation:

- Regularized Laplacian¹ (RL)
- GeneMANIA²: RL with negative examples.
- SinkSource³: Like RL but fixes score of positive examples.

Supervised classification:

- Linear SVM, Logistic Regression
 - ▶ Feature vector = adjacency vector
 - ▶ L2 regularization

Deep learning:

- deepNF⁴: Autoencoder + Linear SVM

Guilt-by-association:

- Local: weighted average of neighbors

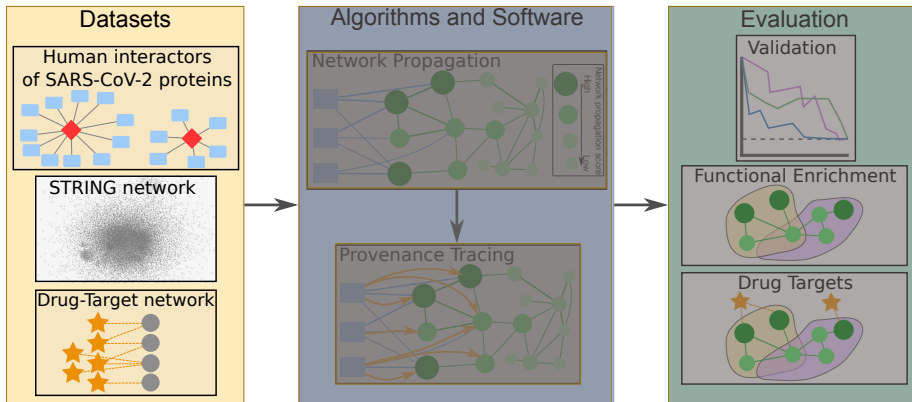
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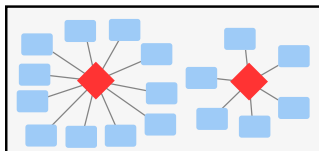
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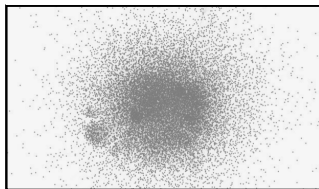
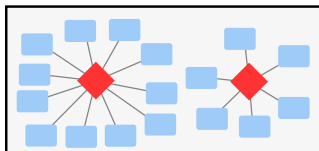
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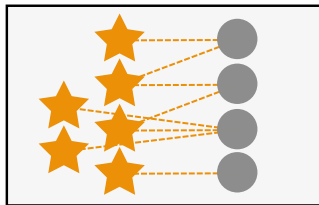
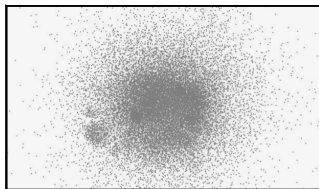
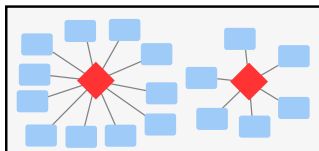


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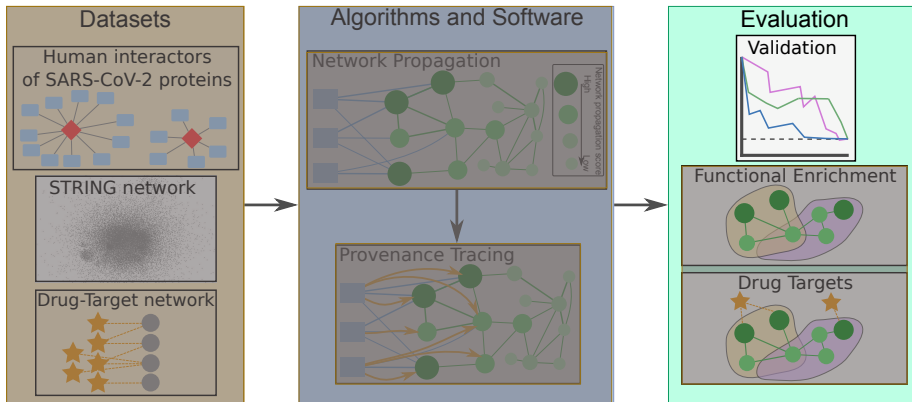
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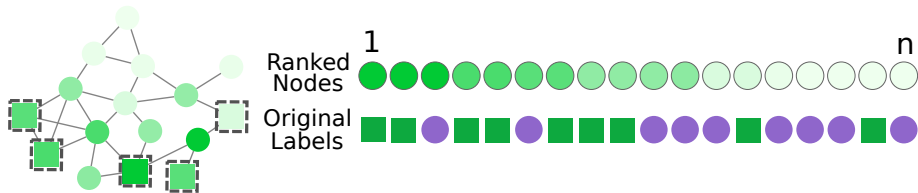


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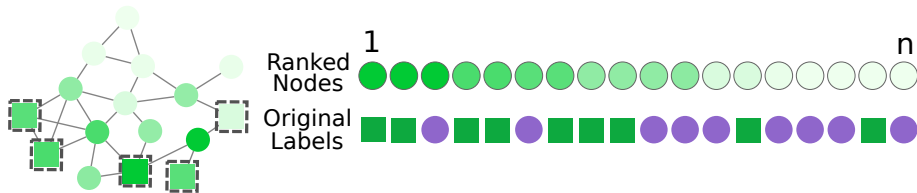
Evaluations



Five-Fold Cross-Validation



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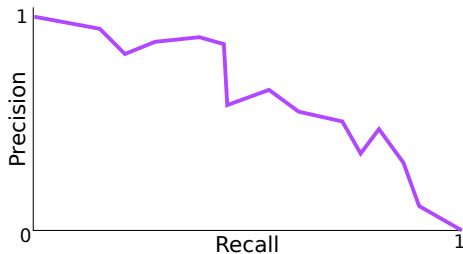


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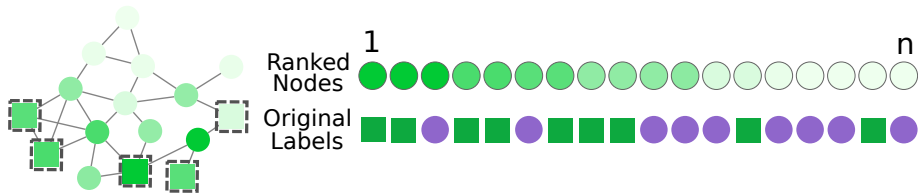
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Precision:

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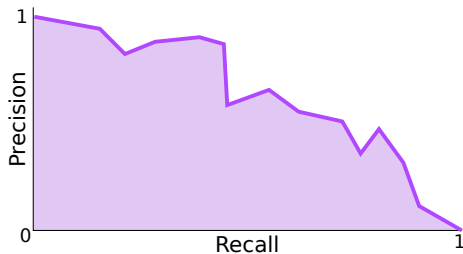
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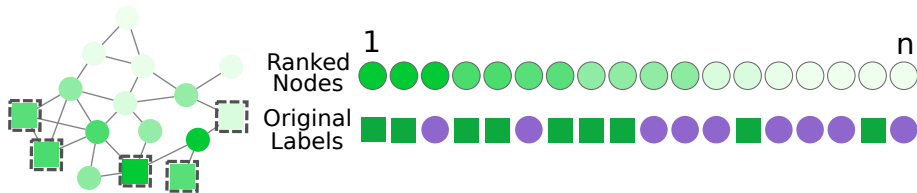
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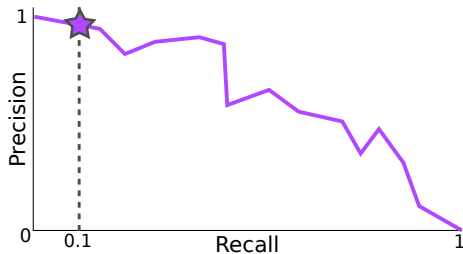
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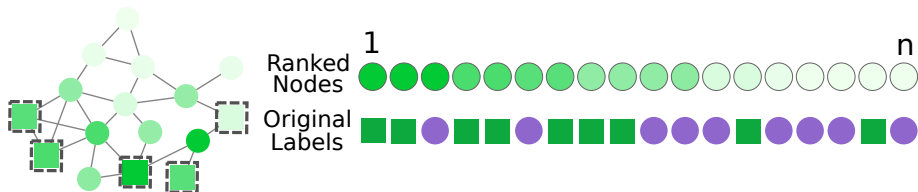
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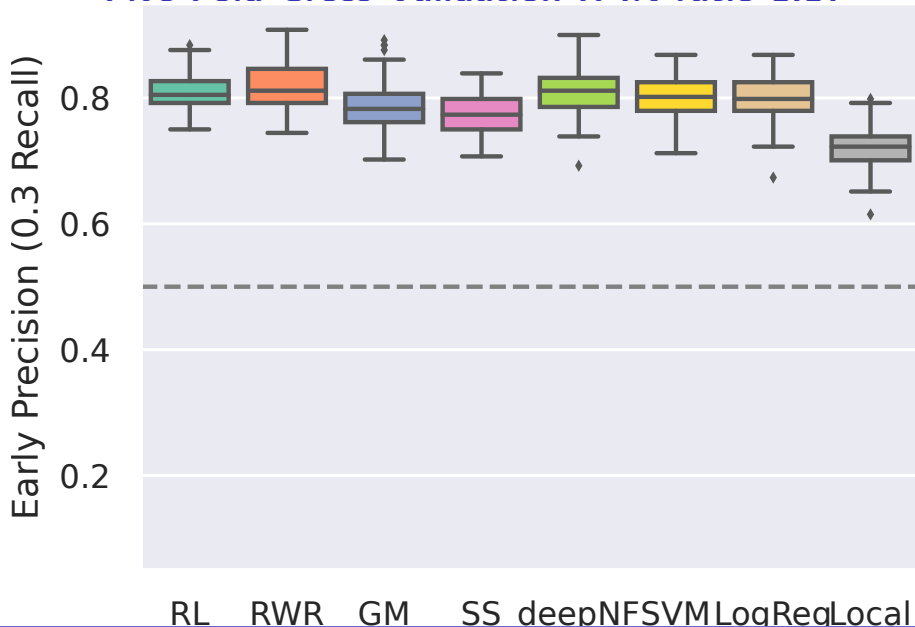


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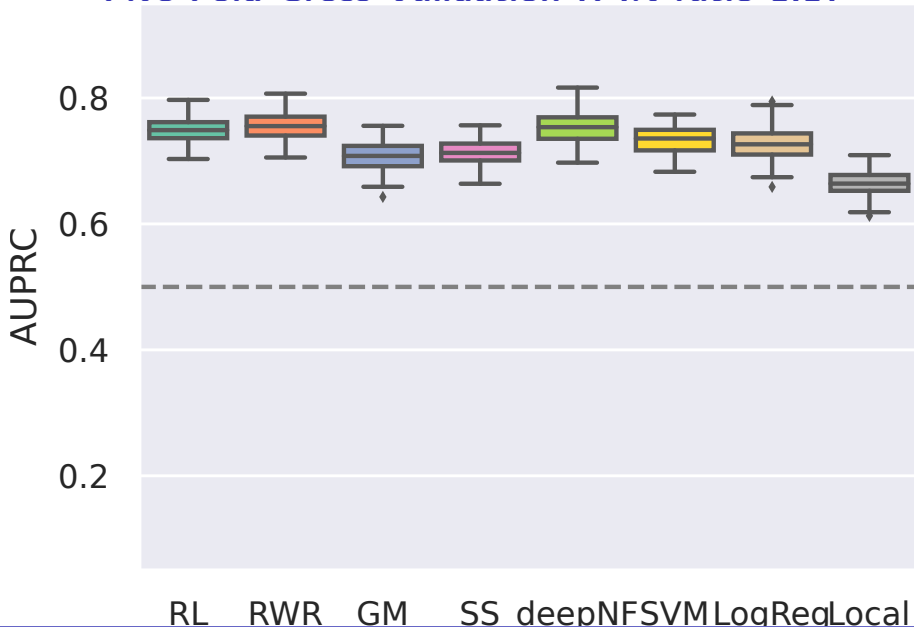


- 1 Required by methods
 - ▶ GeneMANIA, SVM, Logistic Regression
 - ▶ Averaged scores over 100 sets of randomly sampled negative examples
- 2 Needed to evaluate predictions
 - ▶ Early Precision, Area Under the Precision Recall Curve (AUPRC)
 - ▶ Repeated cross-validation 100 times
 - ▶ Positive:Negative (P:N) ratios 1:1, 1:5, and 1:10

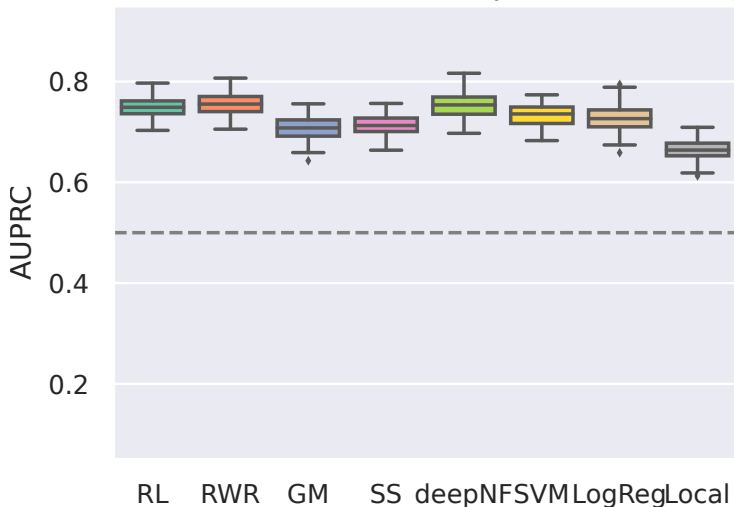
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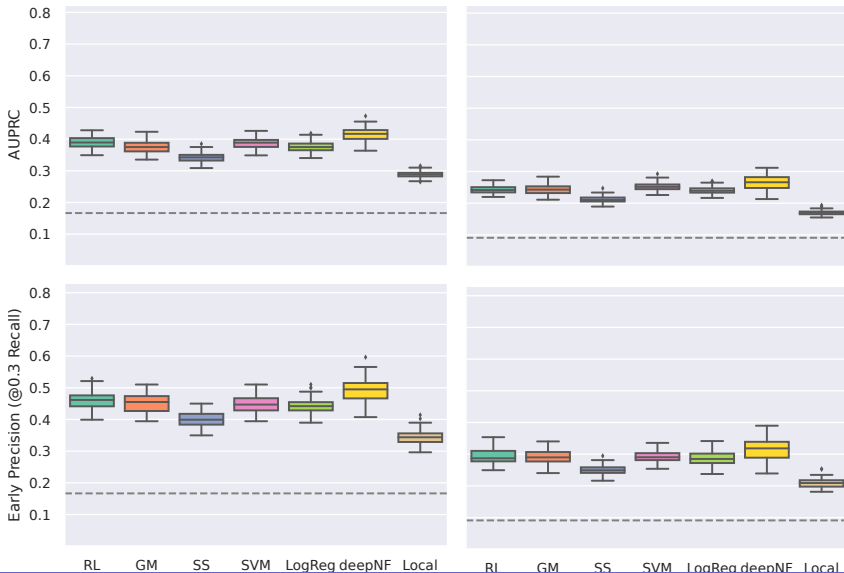


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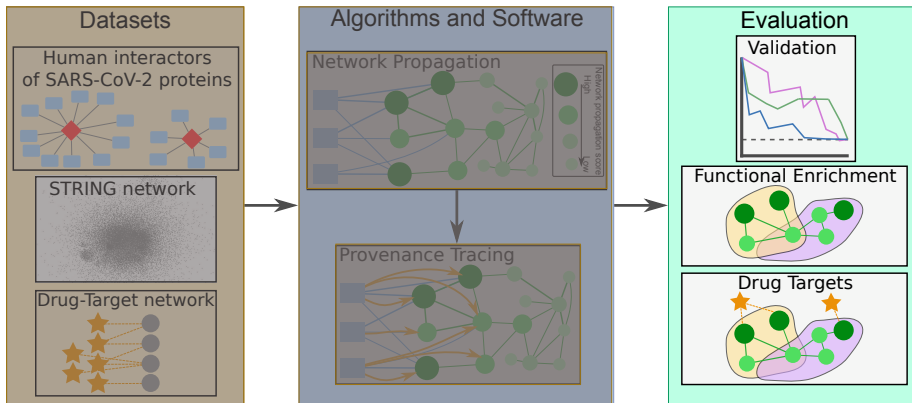
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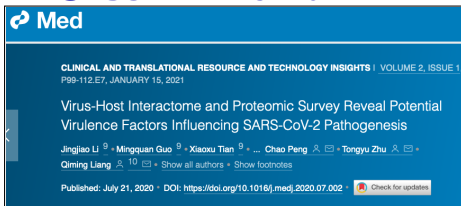
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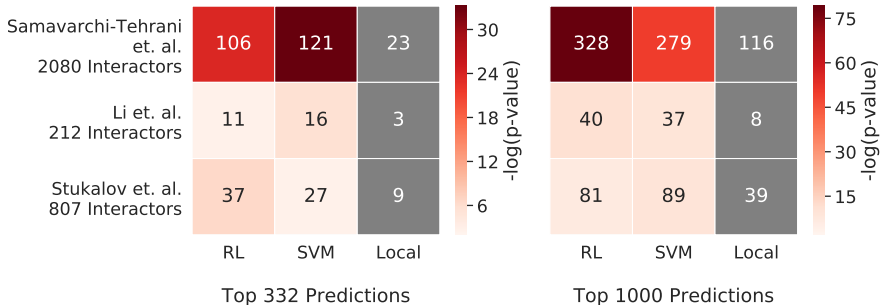
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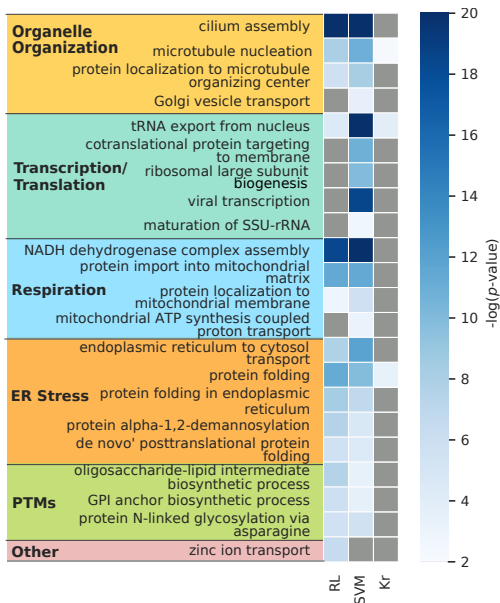
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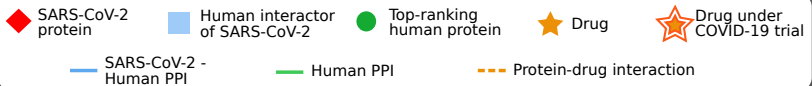
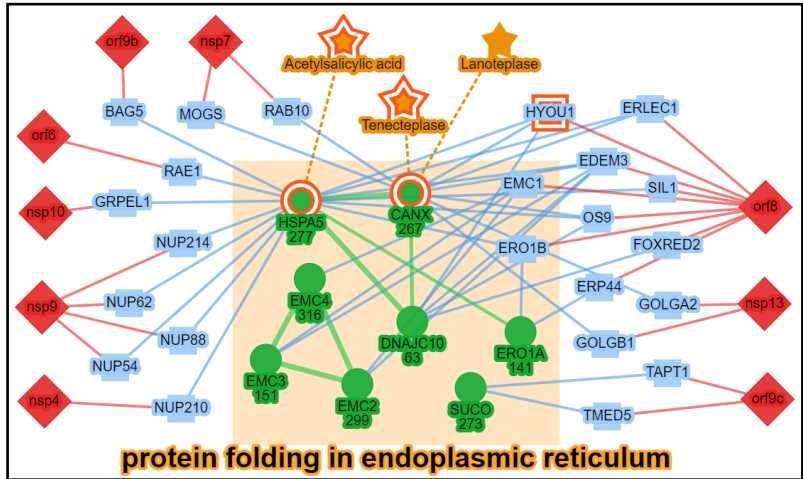
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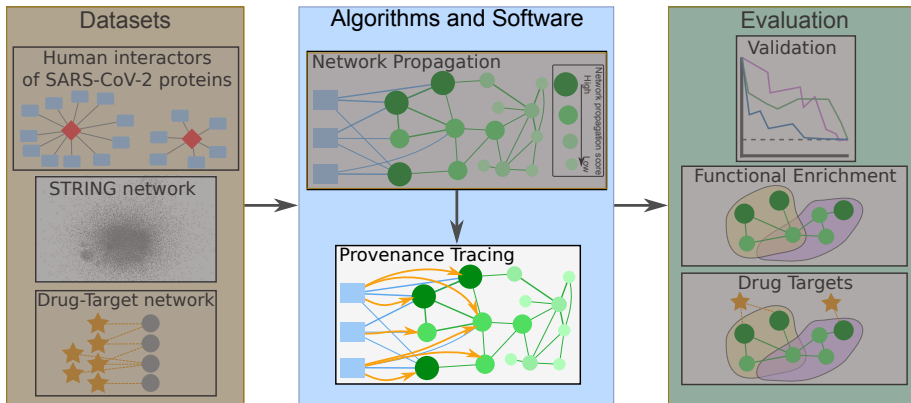
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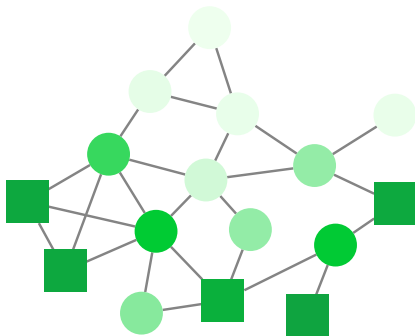
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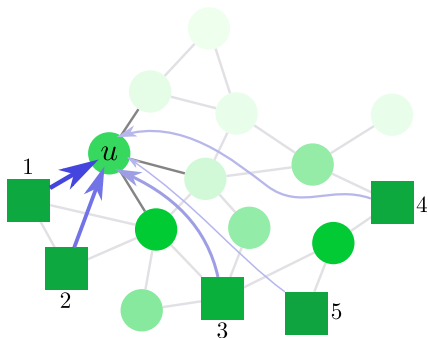


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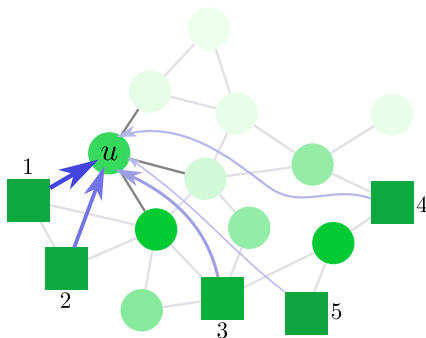
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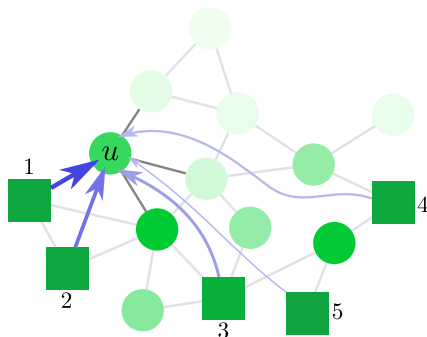
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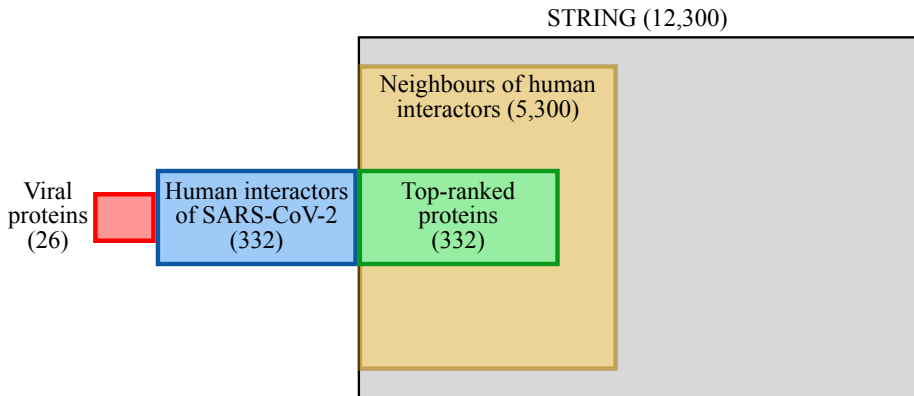
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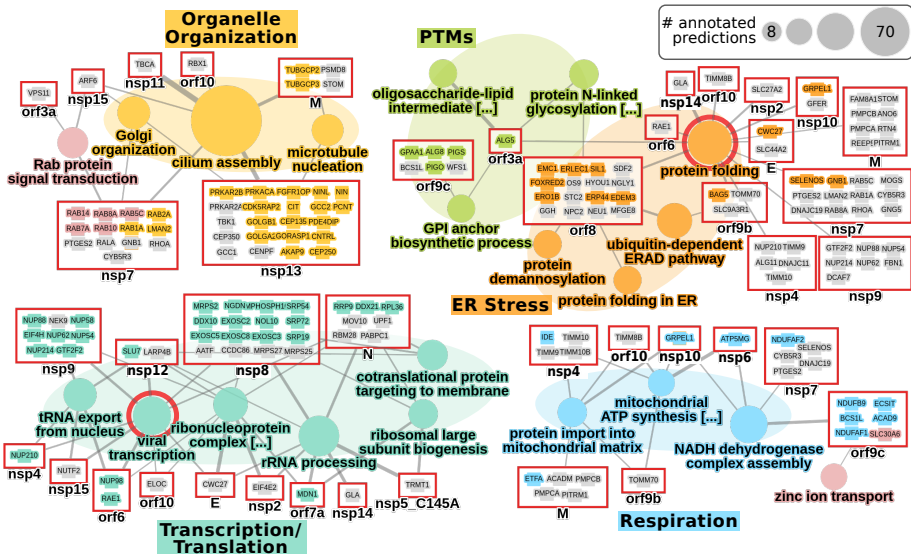
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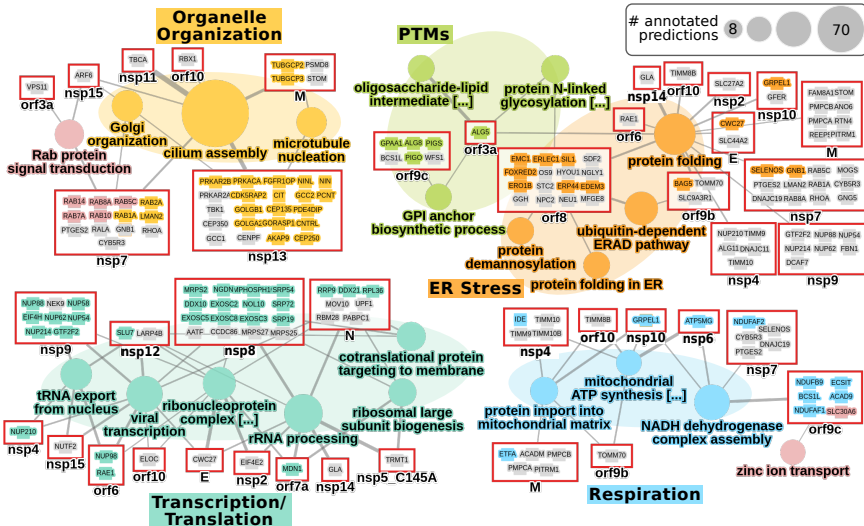
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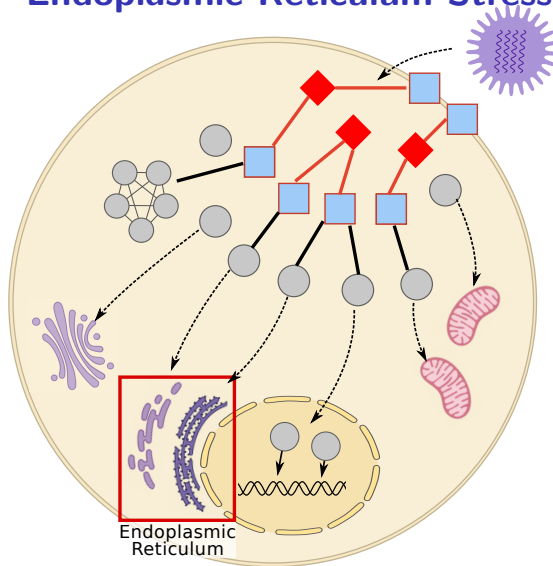


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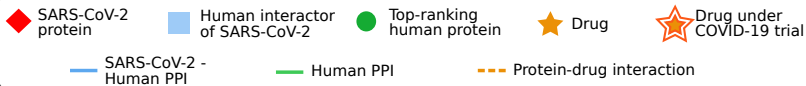
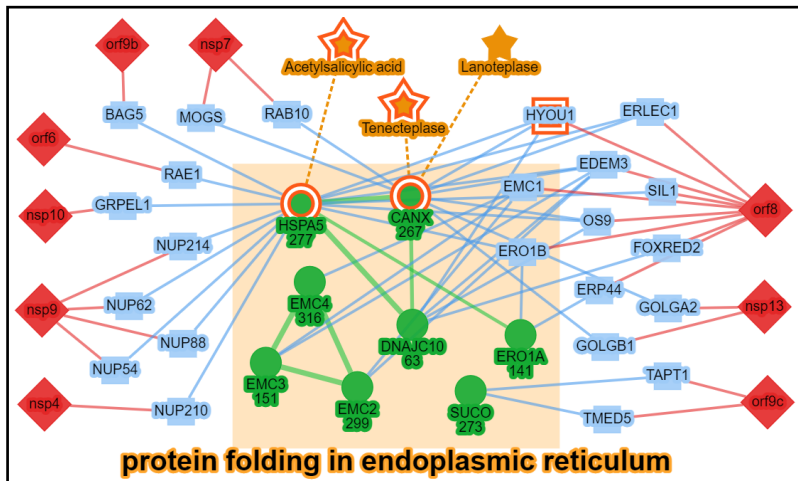
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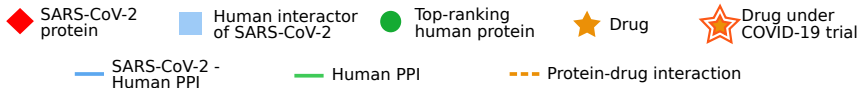
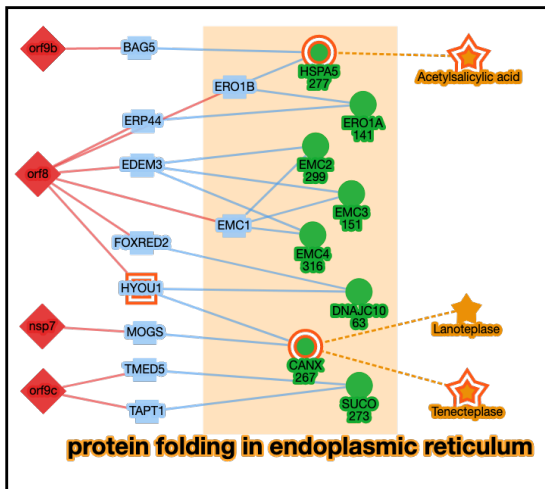


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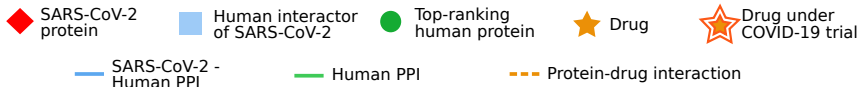
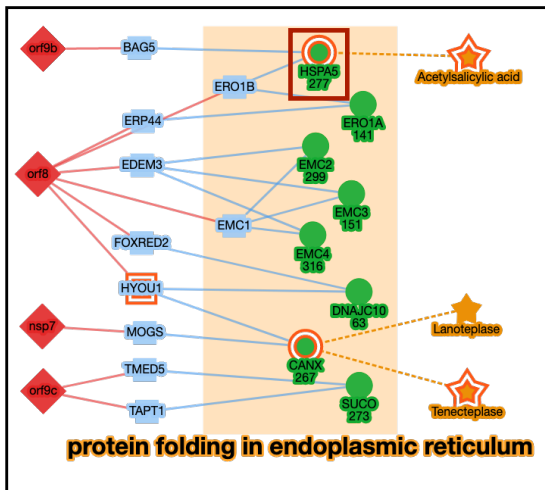
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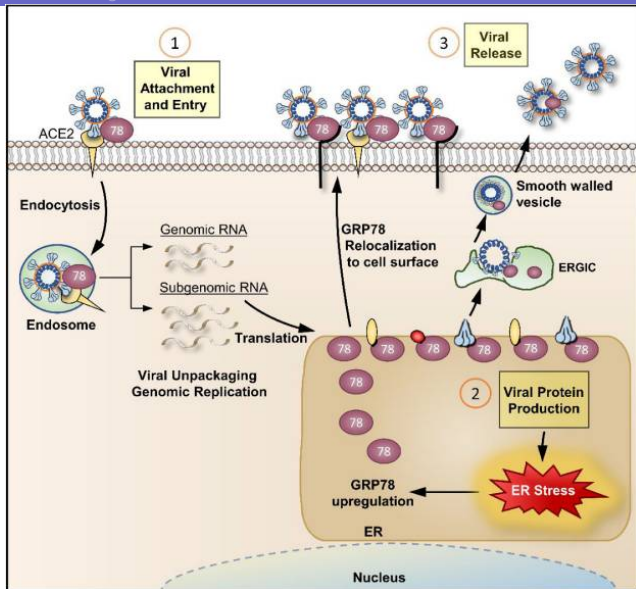
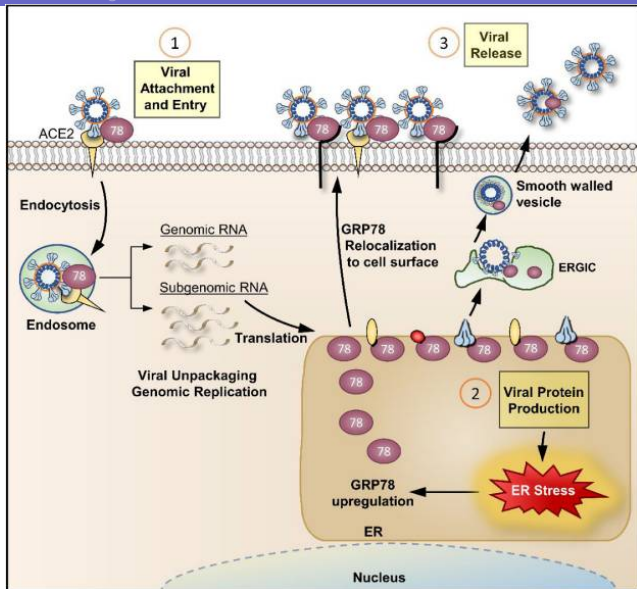


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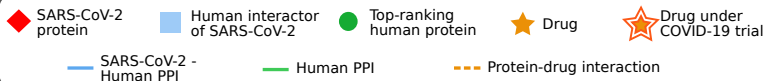
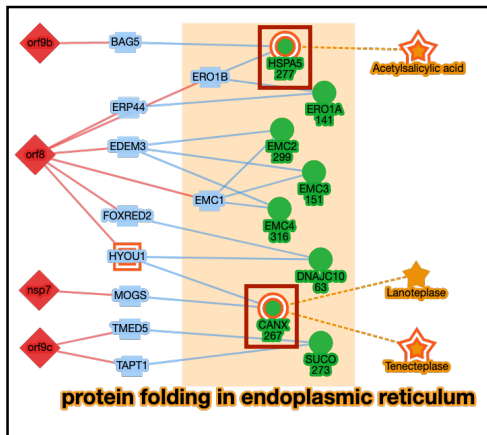
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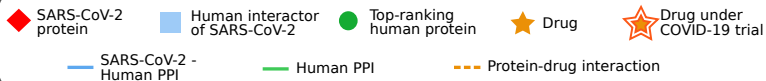
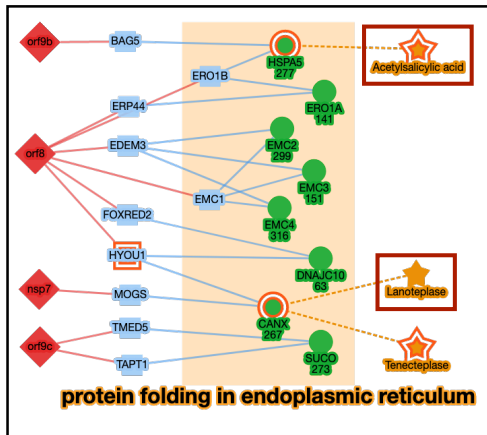


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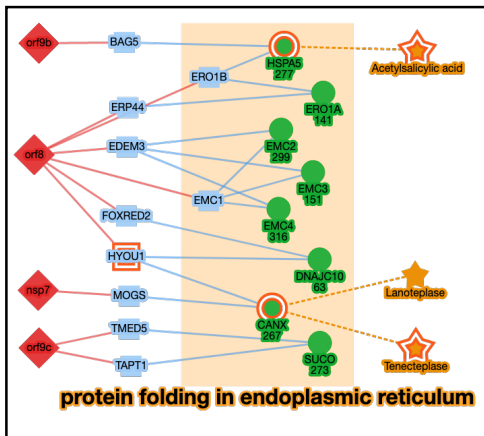
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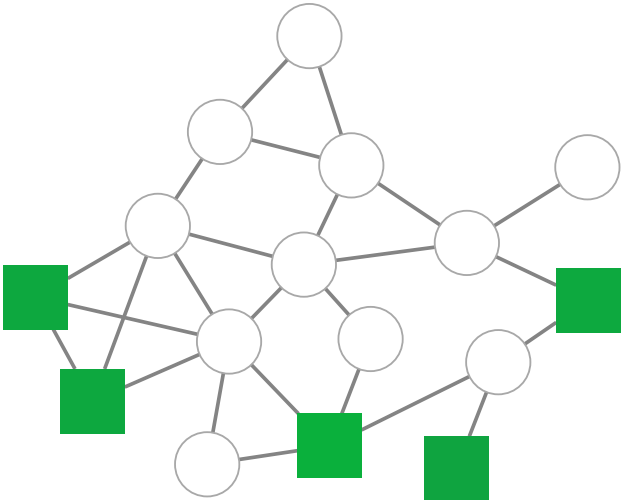
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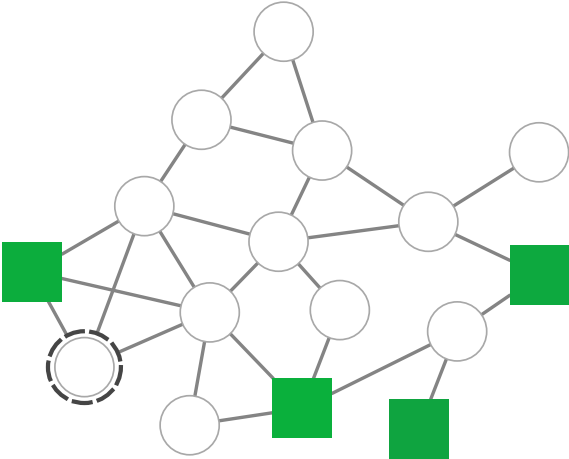
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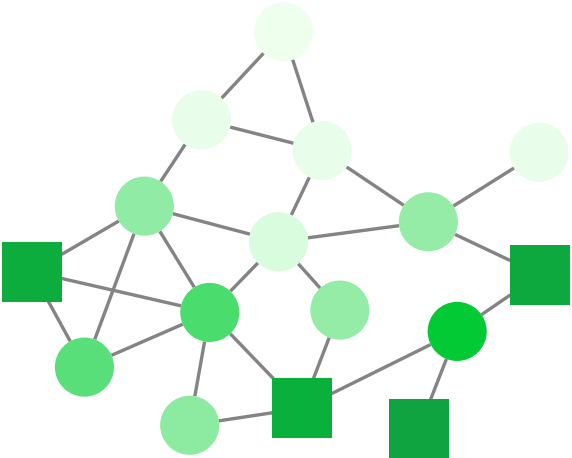
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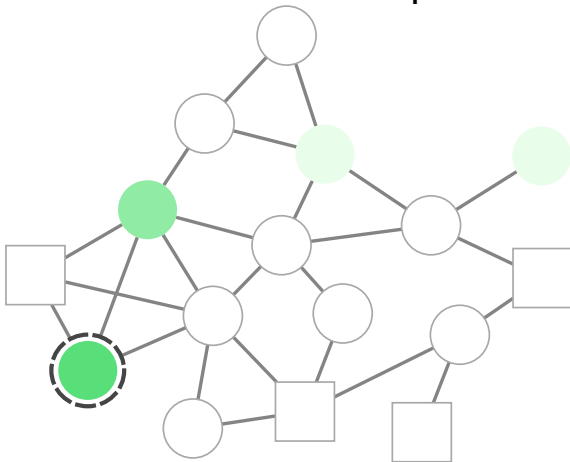
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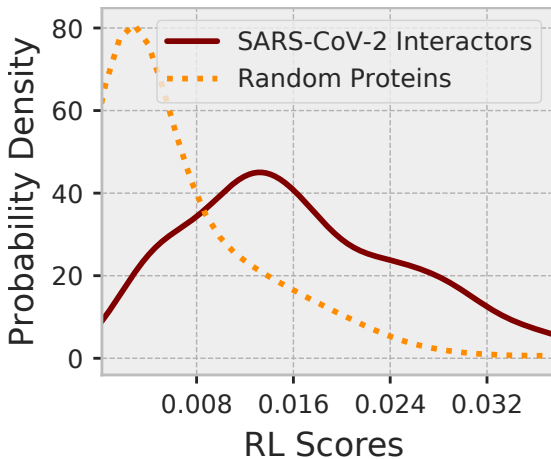


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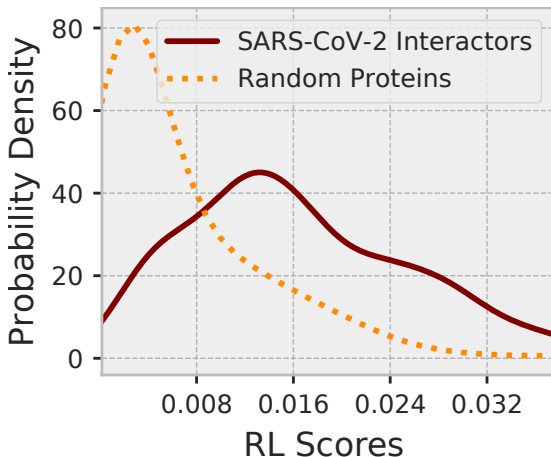
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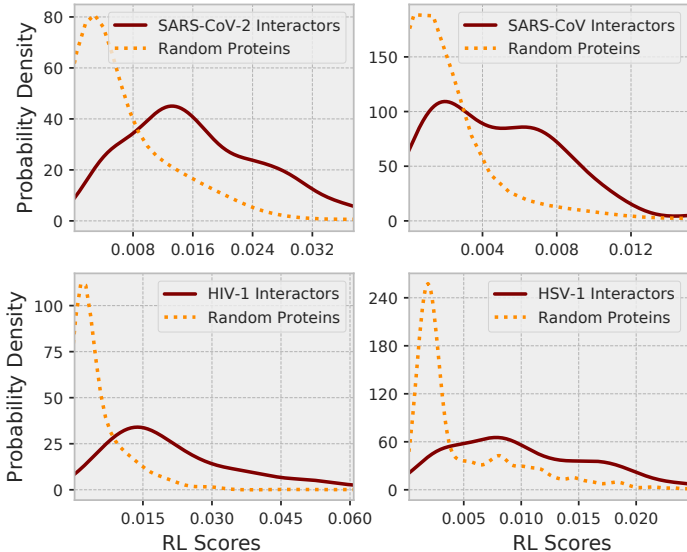
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