

# Machine learning to identify pathways in Parkinson Disease?

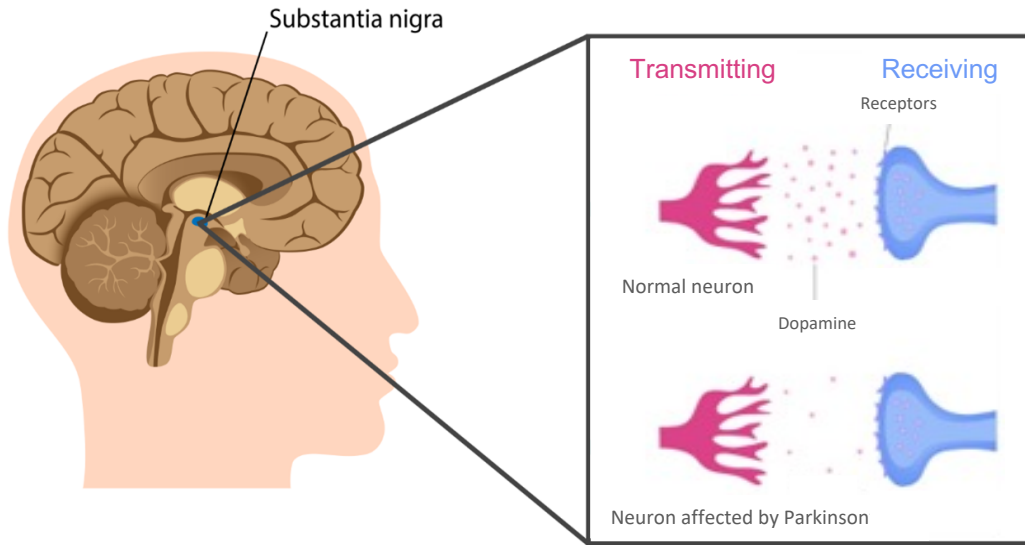
*Poster SOM\_3: Machine learning applied to higher order functional representations of omics data reveals biological pathways associated with Parkinson Disease*

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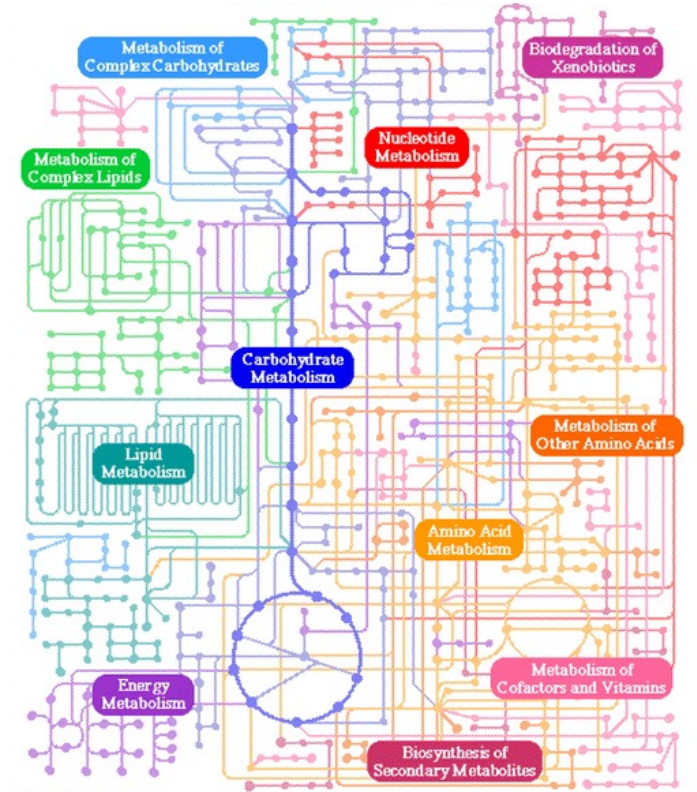
# Parkinson's Disease & higher order functional representations



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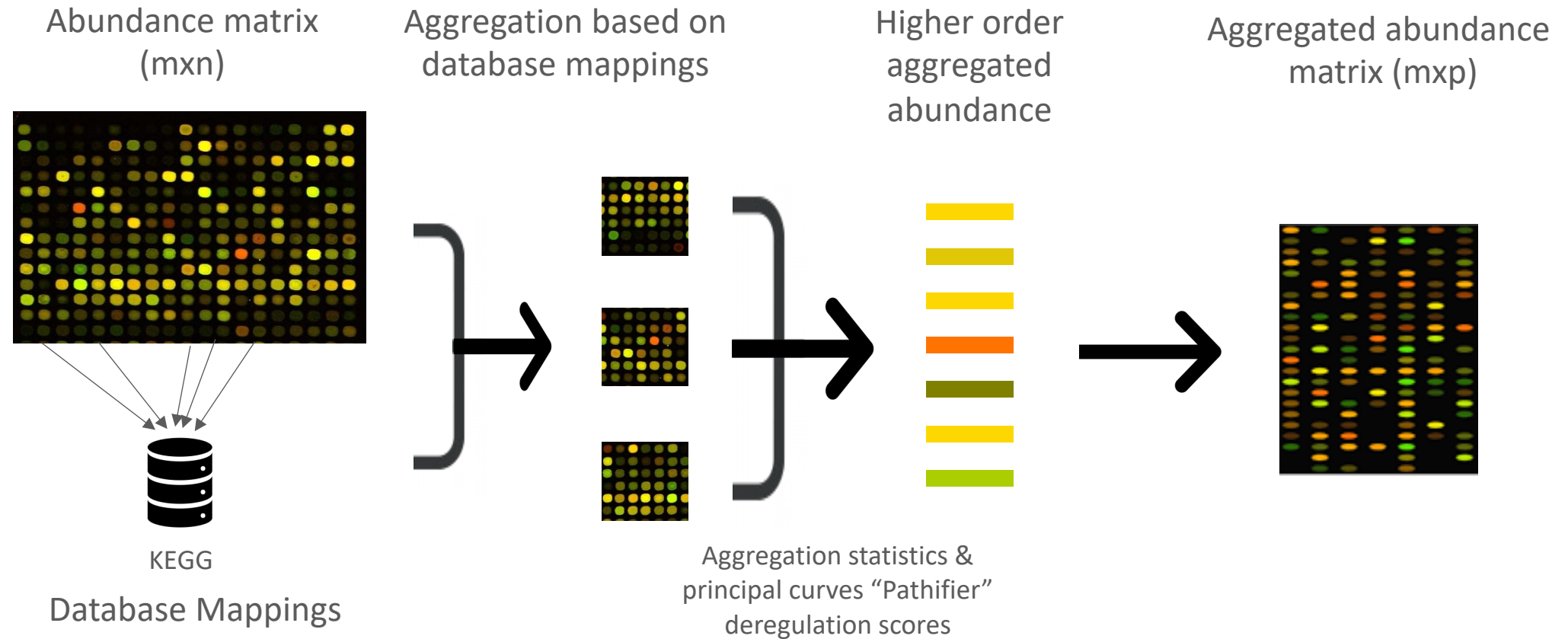
- Single gene mutations?
- Mitochondrial genetics?
- Environmental factors (toxins)?

Diagnosis is clinical & difficult



Schematic representation of metabolic networks  
Source: *The Origin and Evolution of Metabolic Pathways: Why and How did Primordial Cells Construct Metabolic Routes?*

# Aggregating omics data into higher order functional features



*KEGG = Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes*

*m = number of samples*

*n = number of single-level features (i.e. genes, metabolites, etc)*

*p = number of higher order functional aggregates (e.g. number of pathways)*

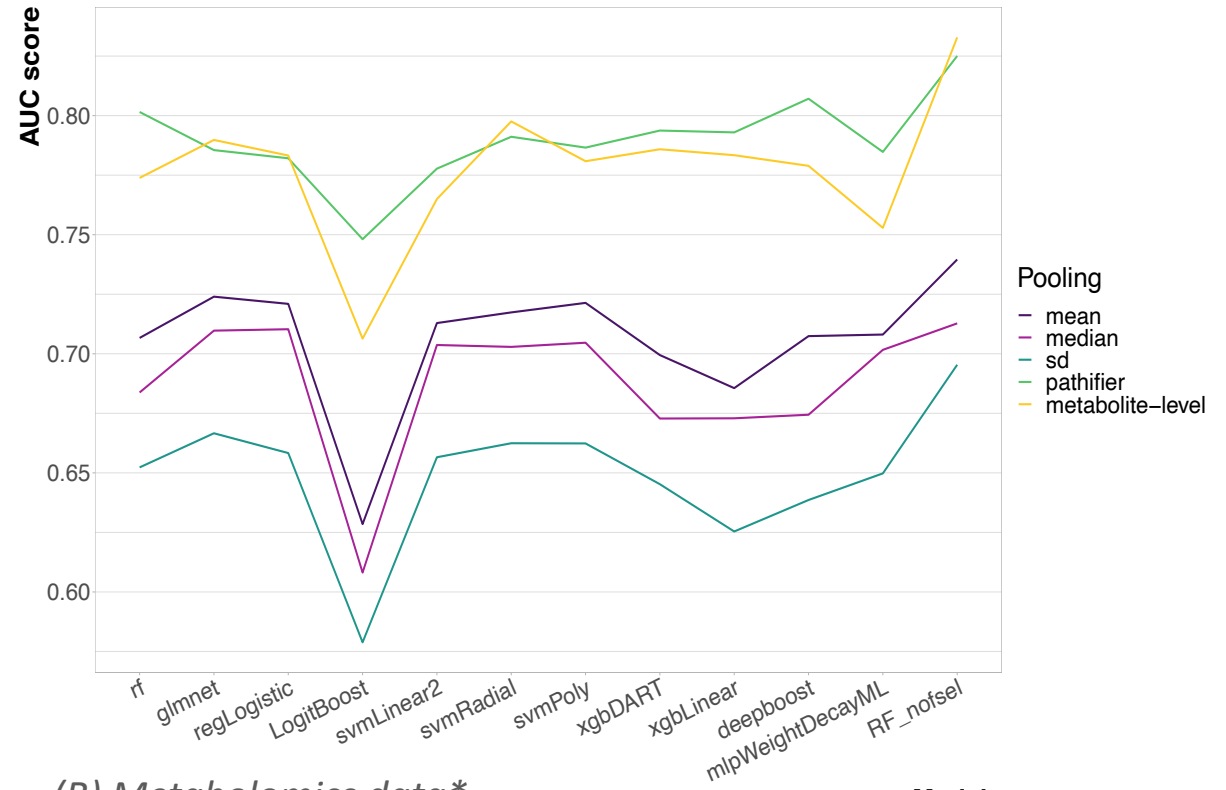
# Results: Predictive PD diagnosis with ML models

Line charts of crossvalidated AUC scores from models & pooling types on transcriptomics (A) and metabolomics (B) data



(A) Transcriptomics data

Models



(B) Metabolomics data\*

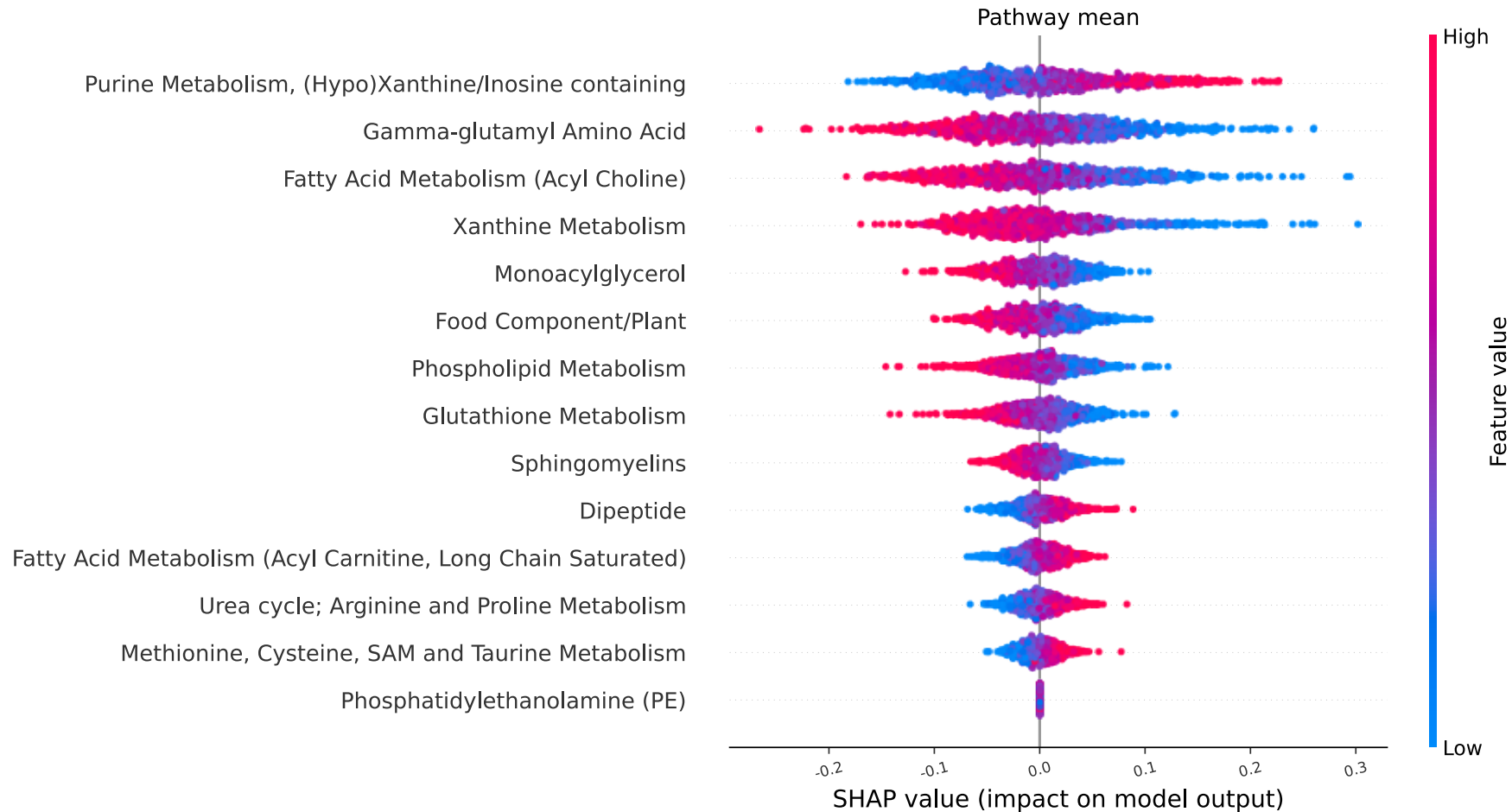
Models

\*Pooling aggregations based on KEGG

External two-level cross-validation was used including nested feature selection

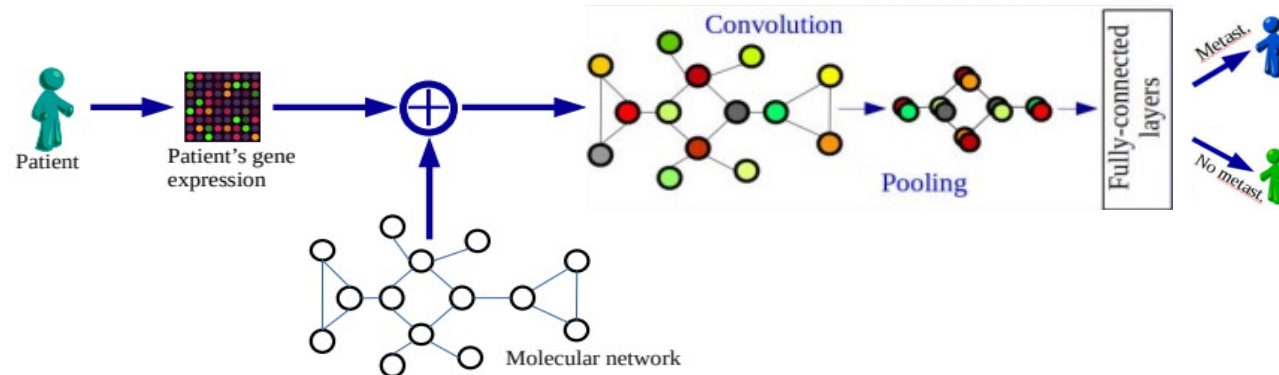
# Results: Relevant features from predictive diagnosis PD/HC

*Shap values of (pooled mean -aggregated) KEGG metabolic pathways predictors on regularized logistic regression model*



# Limitations & outlook for future analyses

- ✗ Unknown confounders
- ✗ Large variability among PD patients makes identifying common trends difficult
- ✗ Data represents late stages of the disease
- ➔ Modelling other PD prognostic outcomes (e.g. motor dysfunction scores)
- ➔ Use a graph representation of the data via protein-protein interactions and metabolic networks



Gene expression profile as a graph signal of the molecular network  
Source: Chereda, H., 2022. Explaining decisions of graph convolutional neural networks for analyses of molecular subnetworks in cancer [Doctoral thesis, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen]

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