



Fighting Antibiotic Resistance with Deep Learning

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Motivation

The burden and state of Antibiotic Resistance drug pipeline

GLOBAL A failure to address the problem of antibiotic resistance could result in:



10m
deaths
by 2050

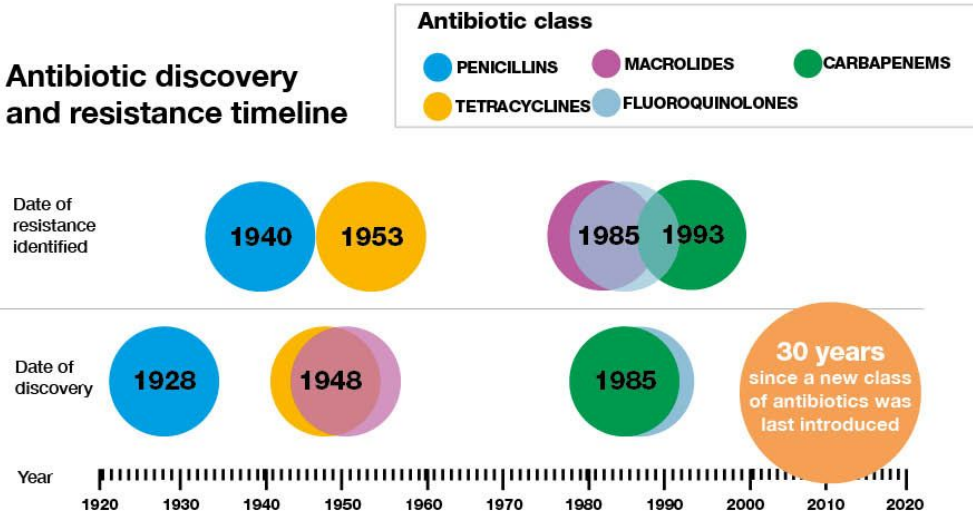
Costing
£66
trillion

Source: gov.uk

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Antibiotic discovery and resistance timeline



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Can we develop machine learning method which could help us **diagnose** and understand the **molecular mechanisms** leading to antibiotic resistance?

DNA defines antibiotic resistance levels



**Bacterial
strain**



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Bacterial DNA



...TTGACCGATGACCCCGGTTCTGGTCCTC...

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Antibiotic



Susceptible

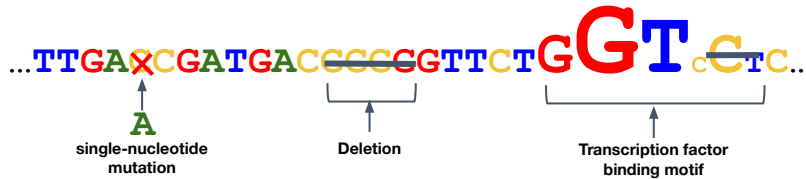


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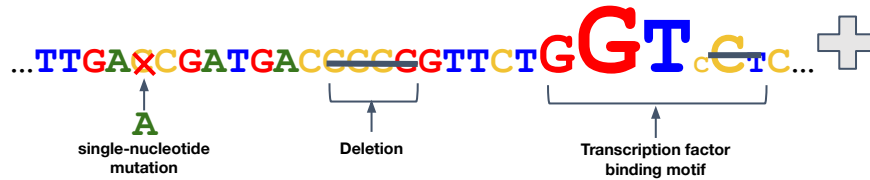


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Antibiotic



Resistant



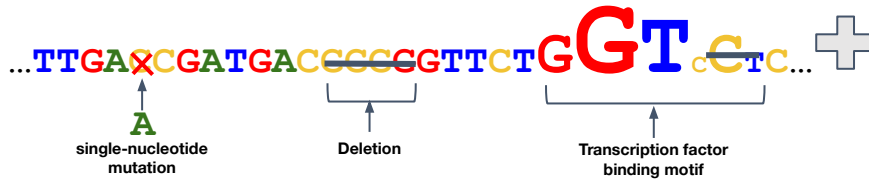
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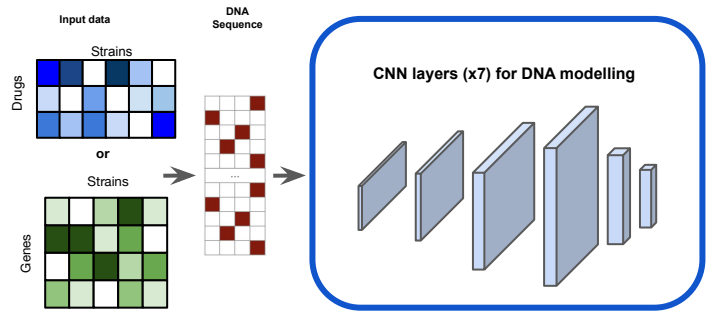
Resistant

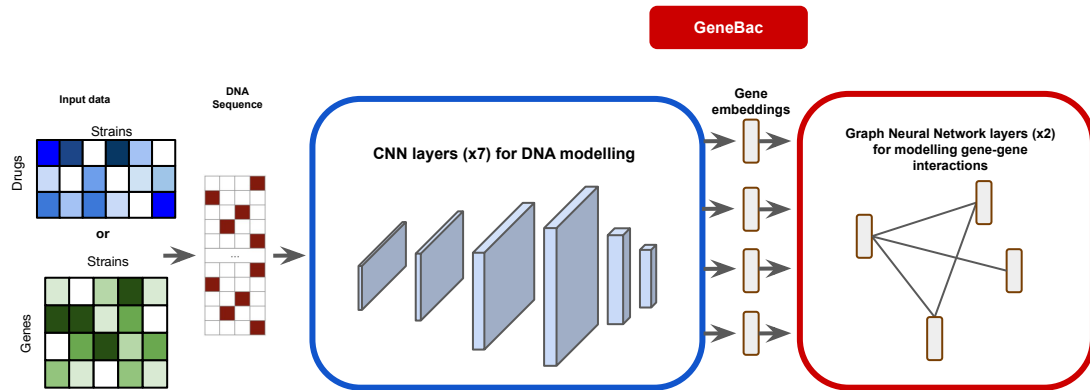


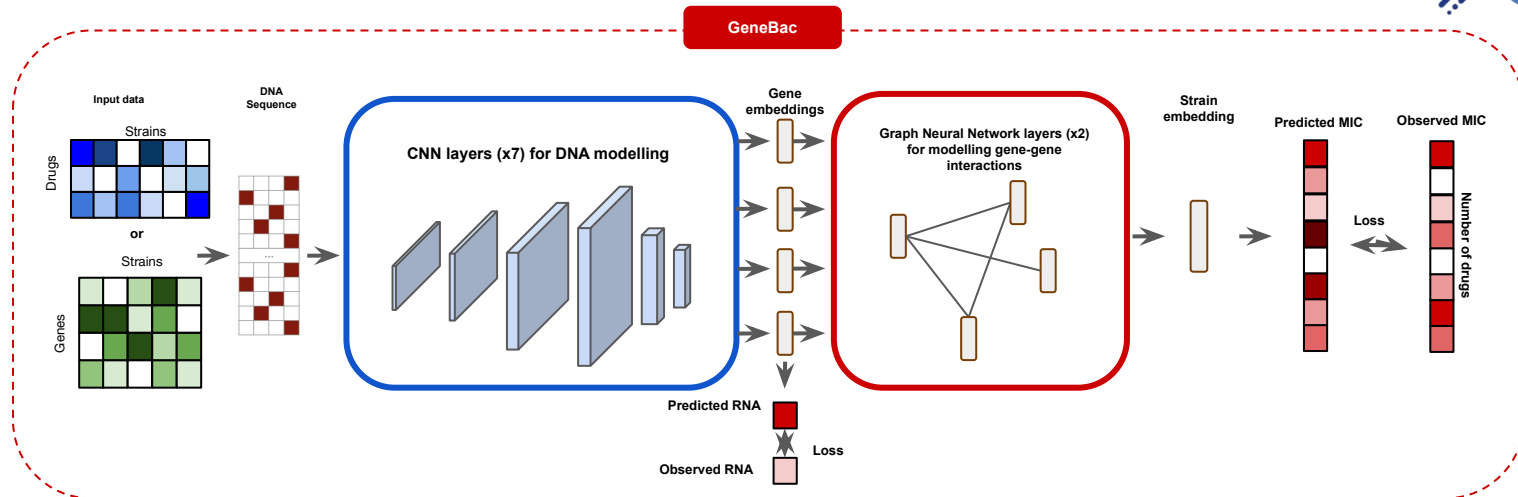
DNA is a full of patterns!

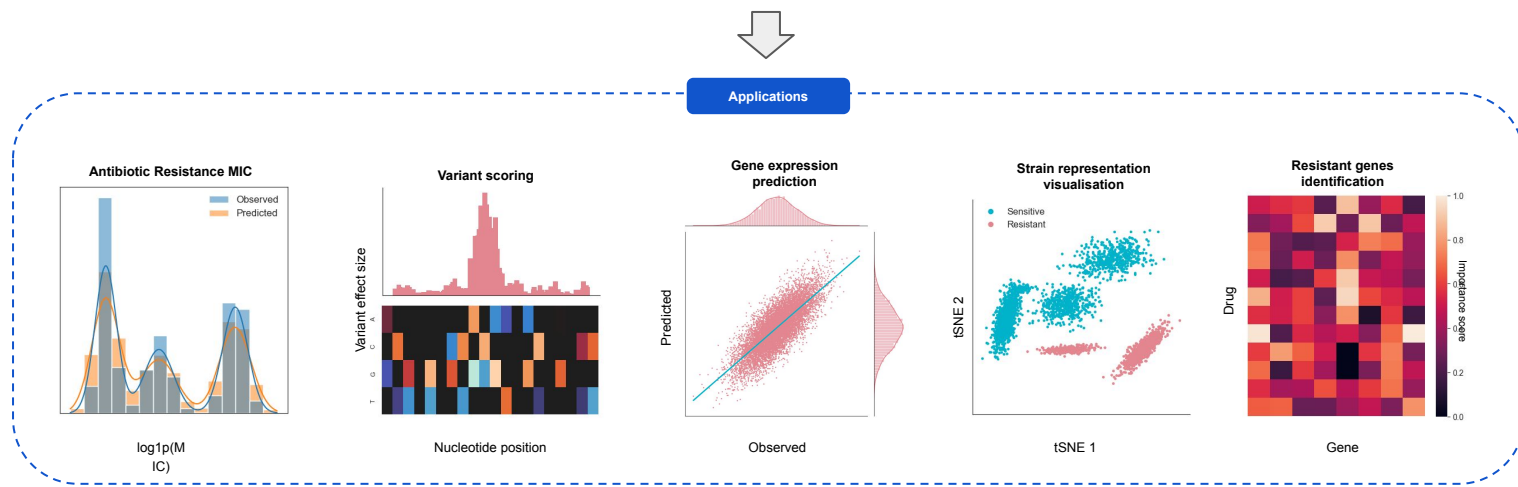
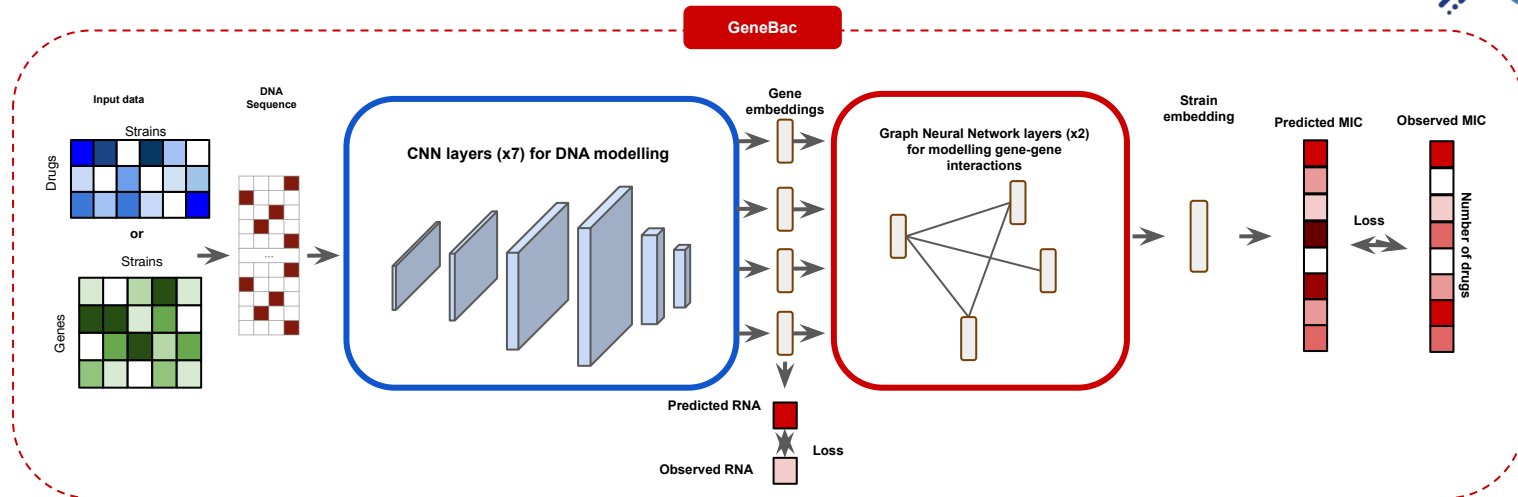
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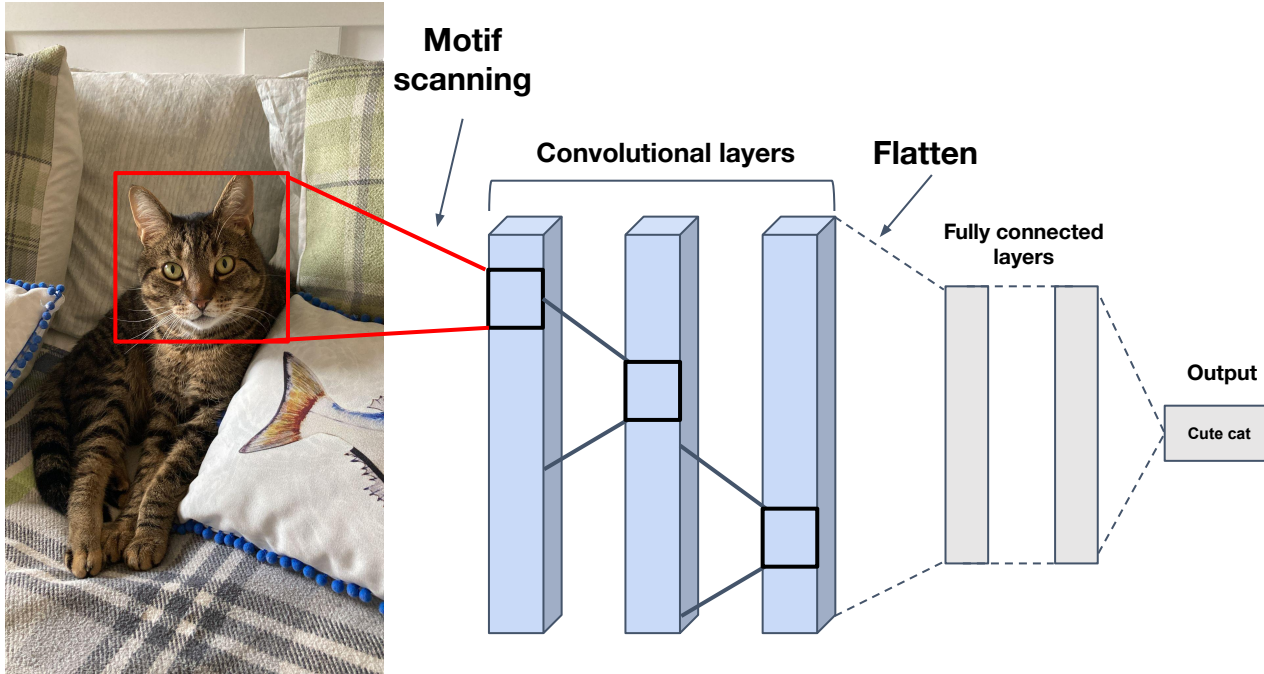




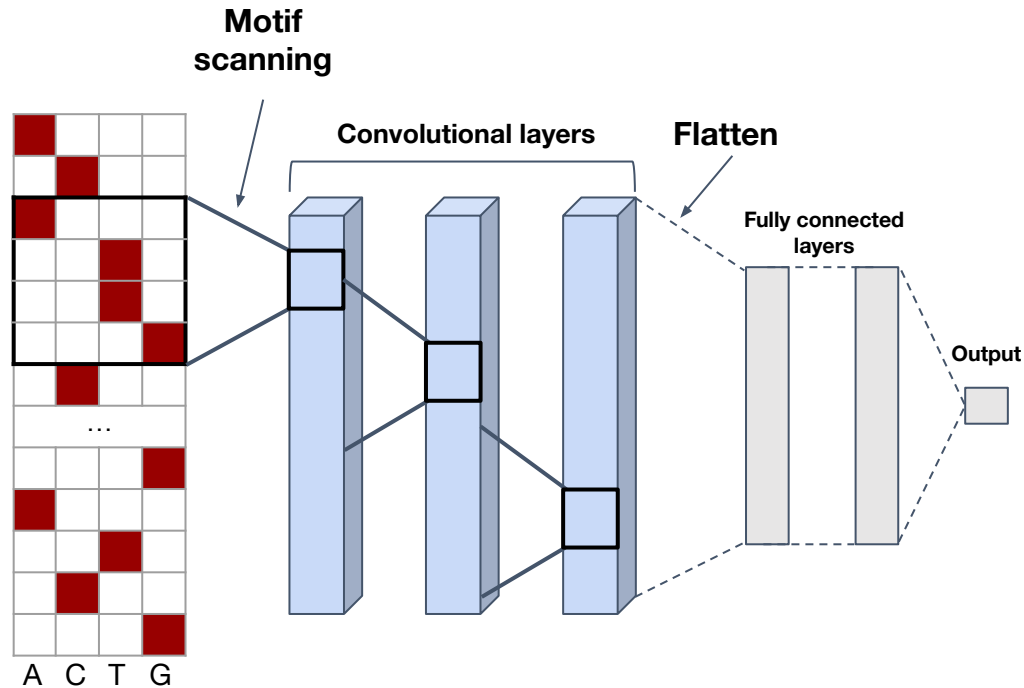




Convolutional Neural Networks



Convolutional Neural Networks for DNA Sequence learning

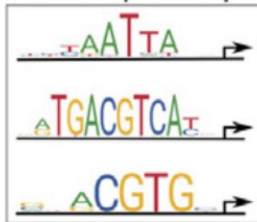


DNA sequence models learn DNA grammar



What do DNA sequence models learn?

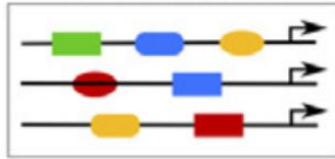
Motif specificity



Whole motifs



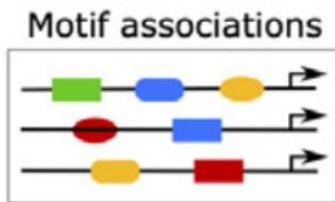
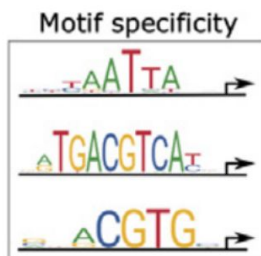
Motif associations



DNA sequence models learn DNA grammar



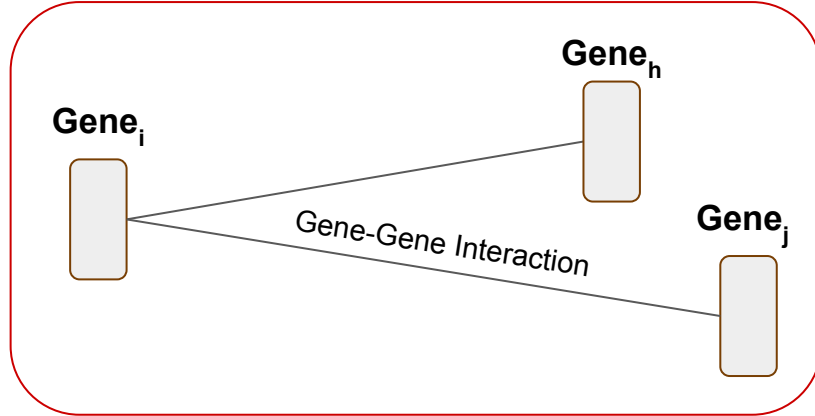
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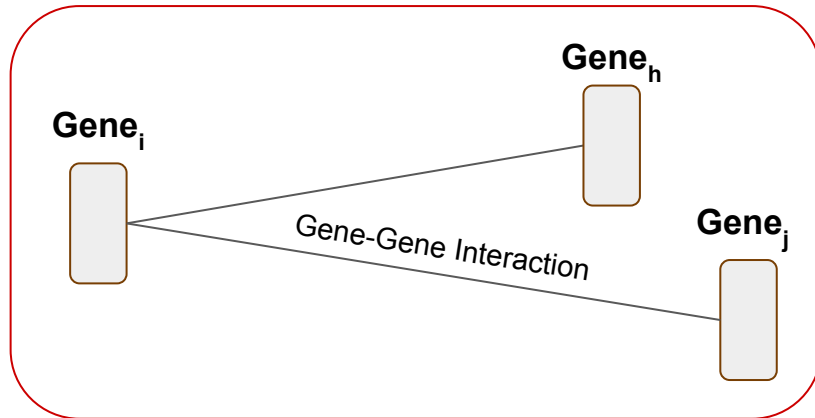
Some DNA sequence models applications:

- **TF-DNA binding discovery and prediction**
 - BpNet
- **Gene expression prediction**
 - Enformer
- **Chromatin accessibility prediction**
 - scBasset

Graph Neural Network



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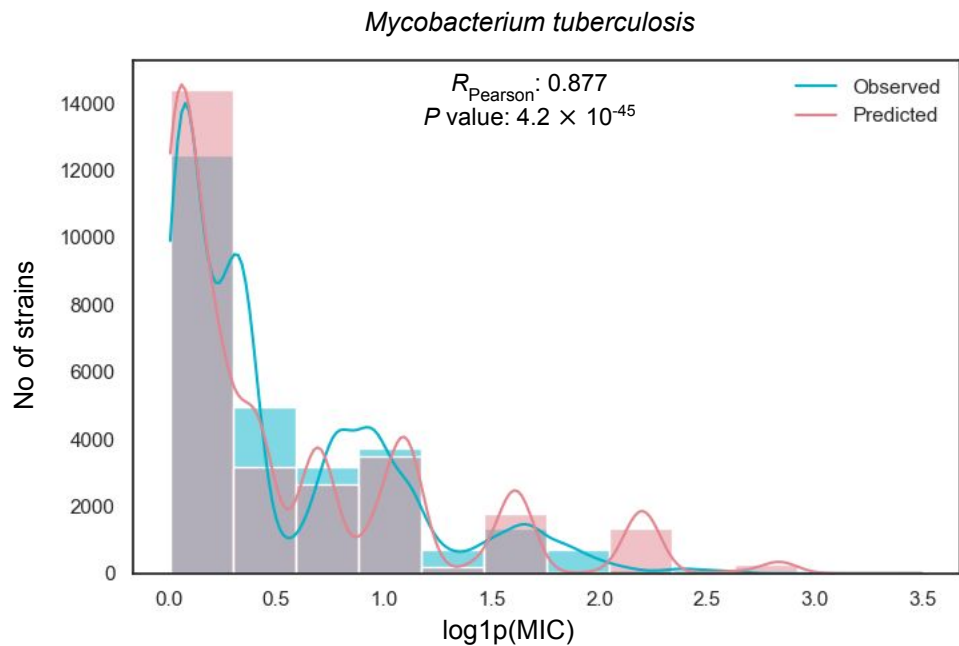


- Accounts for interactions between genes
- Incorporates prior knowledge on protein-protein interactions
- Learns to weight the interactions between genes depending on the gene-gene relationship and the DNA sequence

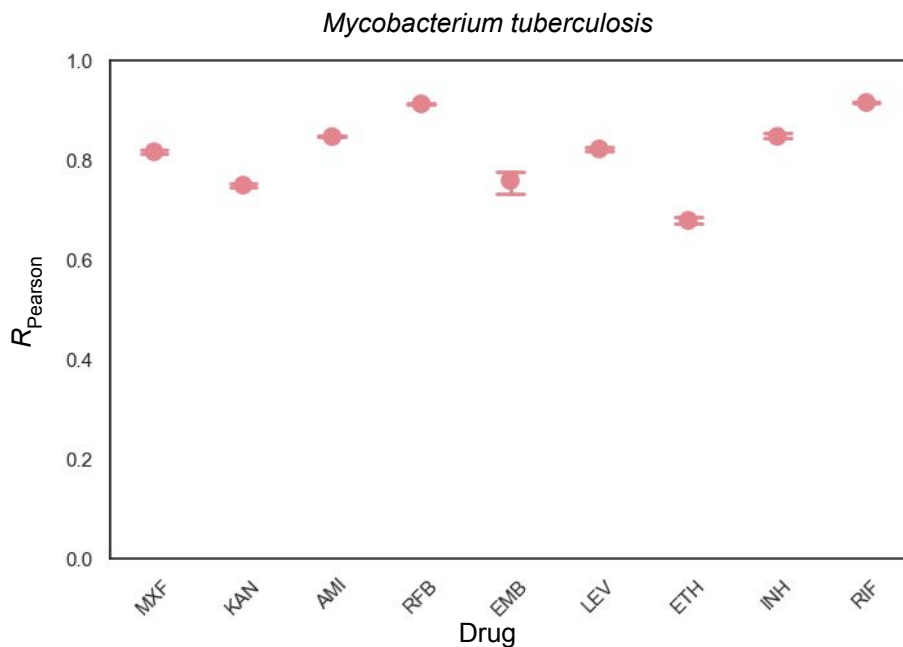


**Can we predict antibiotic resistance
based on the DNA sequence?**

GeneBac predicts antibiotic resistance



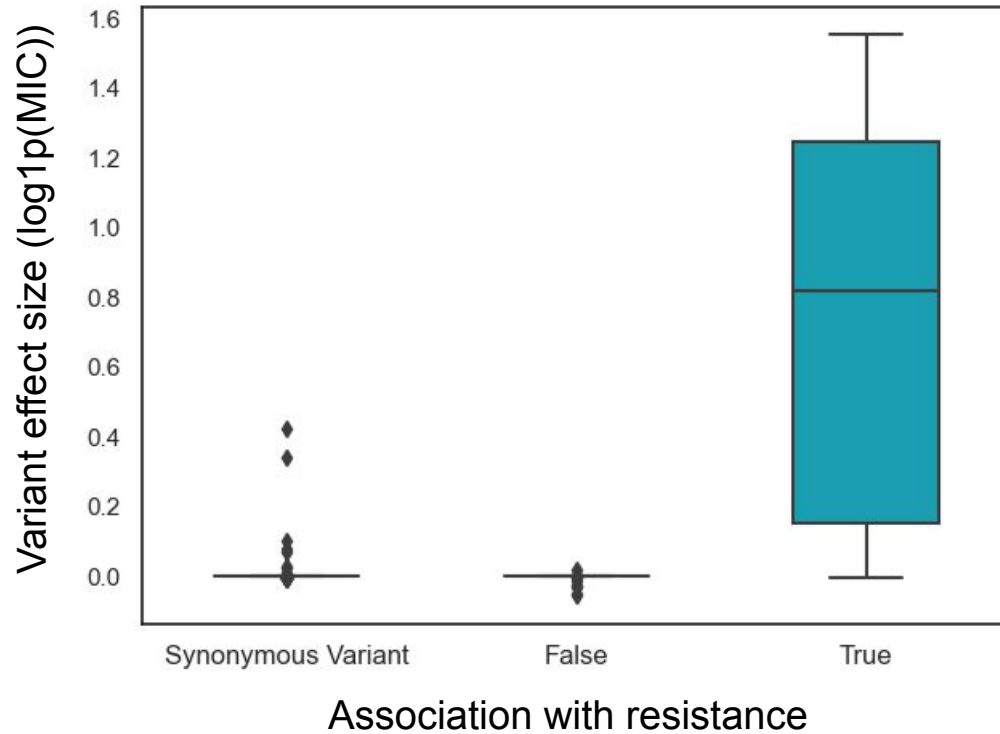
GeneBac predicts antibiotic resistance across distinct drugs



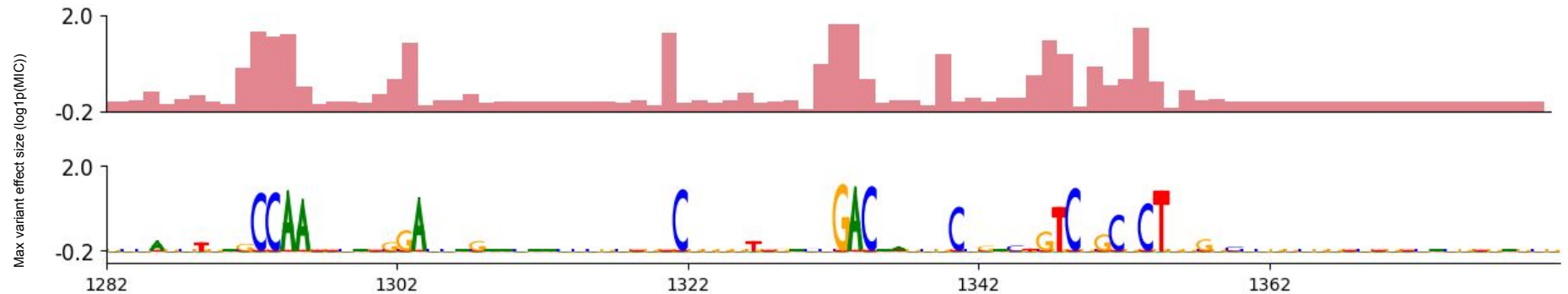


**Can we uncover genetic variants
driving the change in antibiotic
resistance level?**

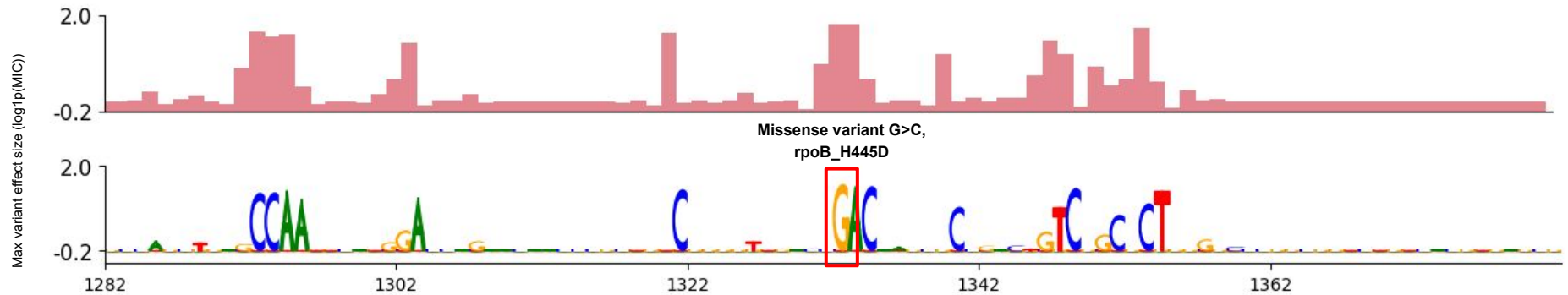
GeneBac predicts variant effect



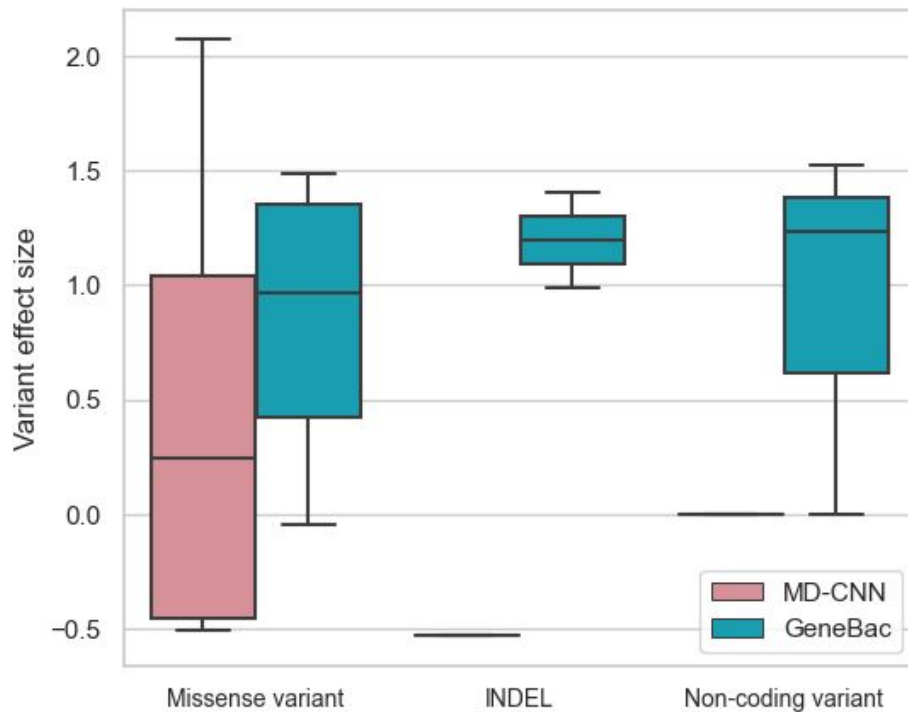
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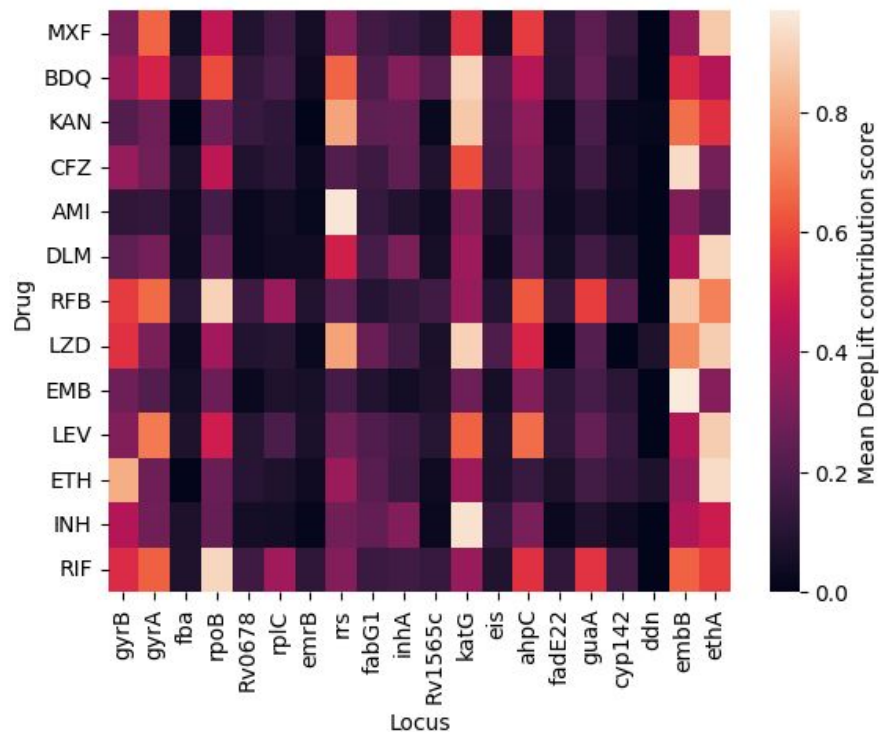
GeneBac improves variant effect scoring



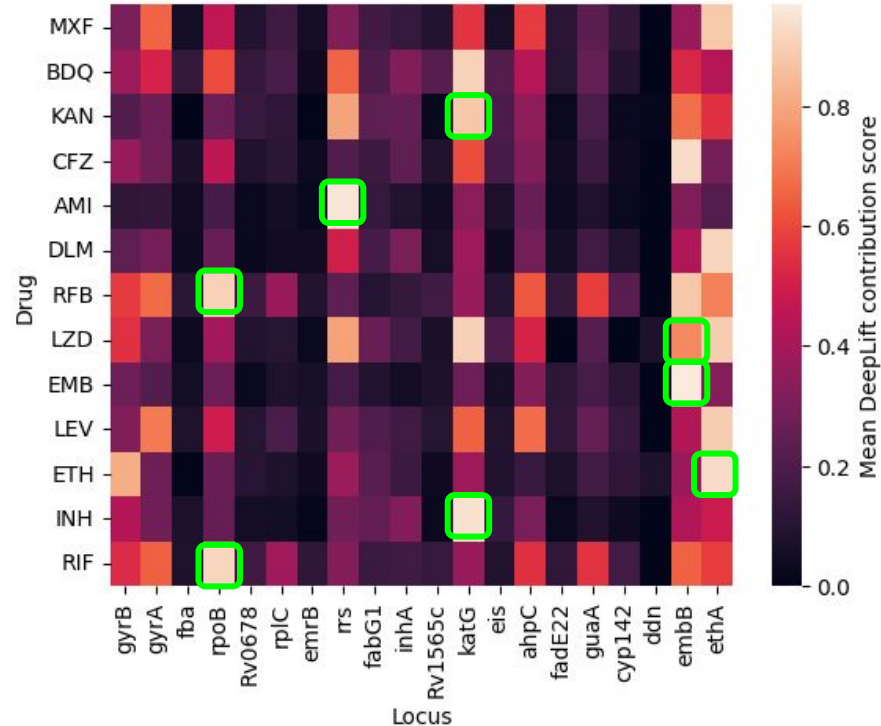


**Can we identify drug resistant
genes?**

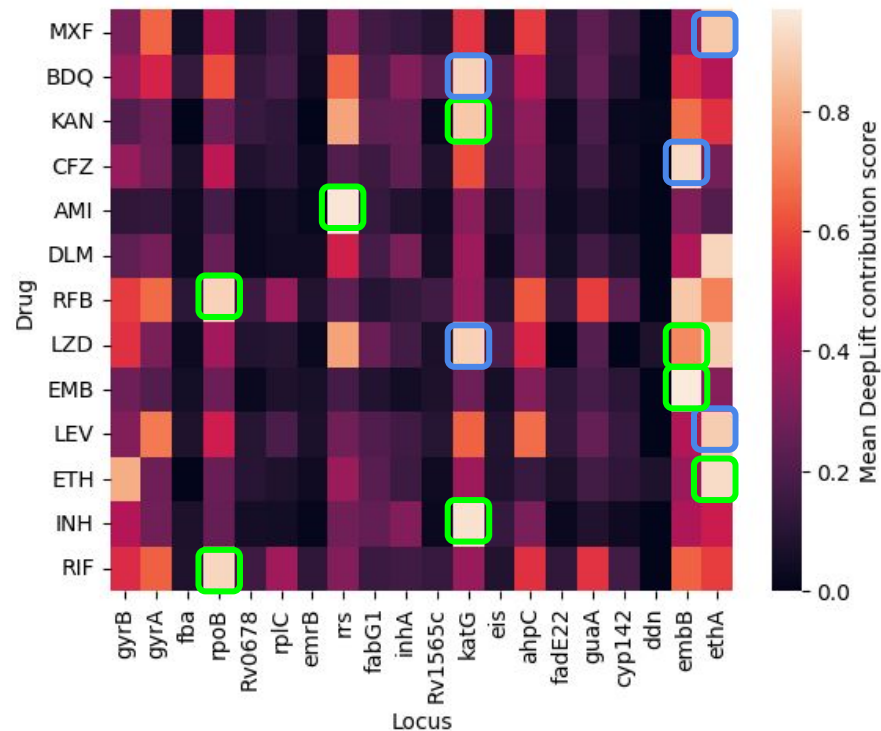
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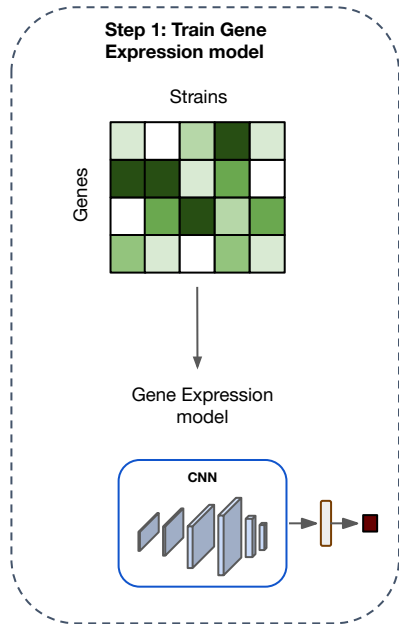
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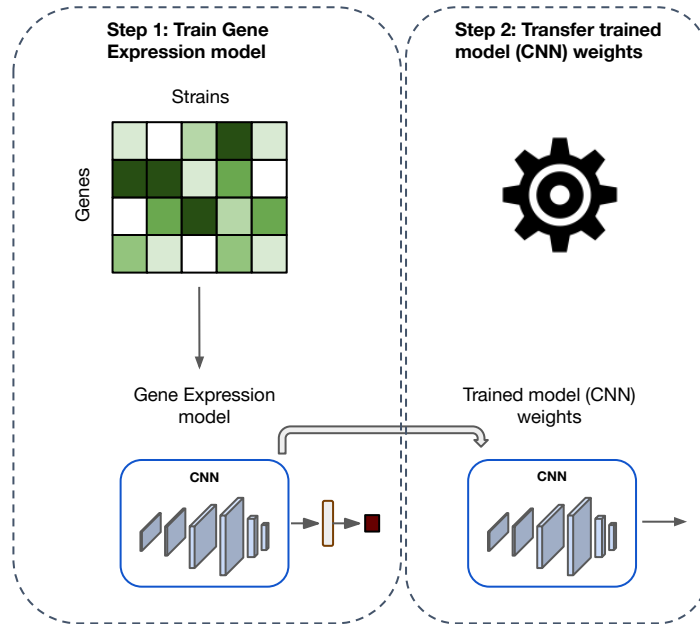


**Can we leverage modular
architecture of GeneBac to transfer
learn across data modalities?**

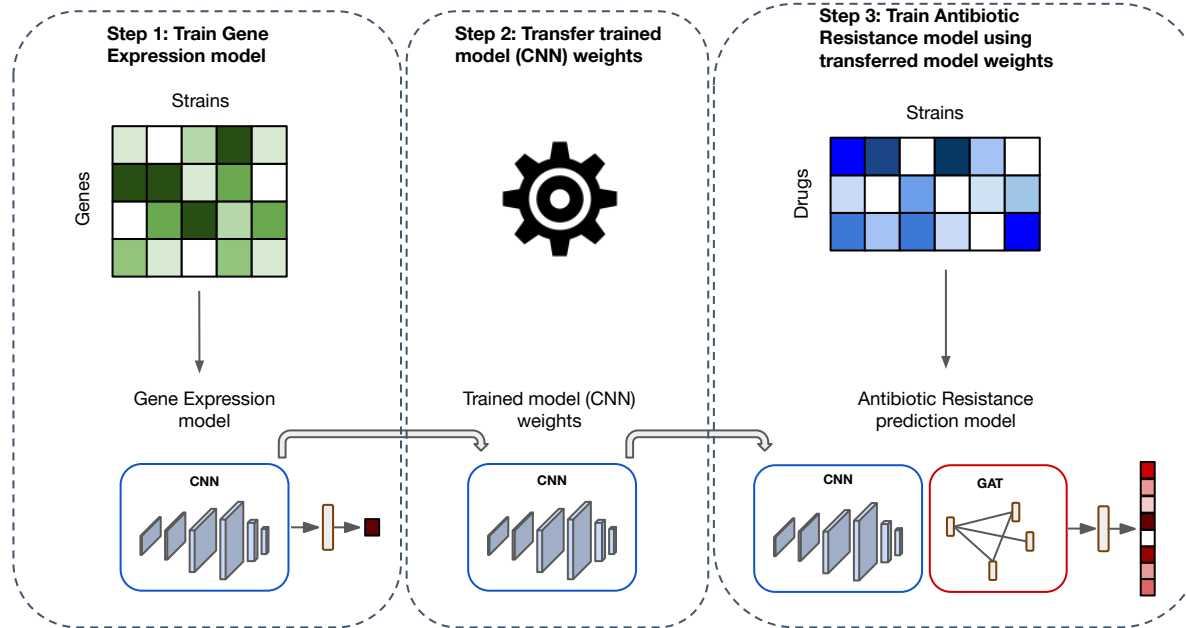
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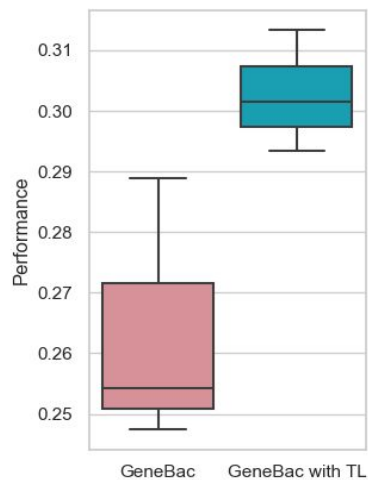
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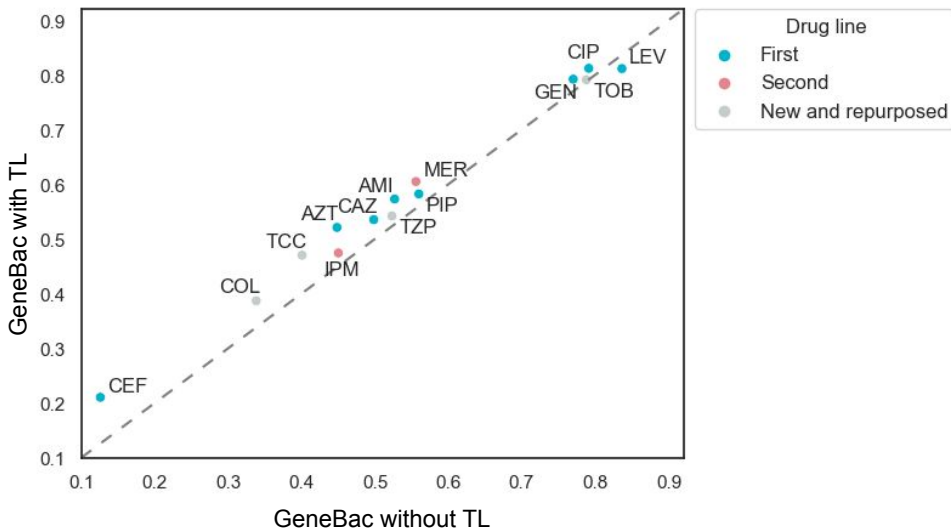
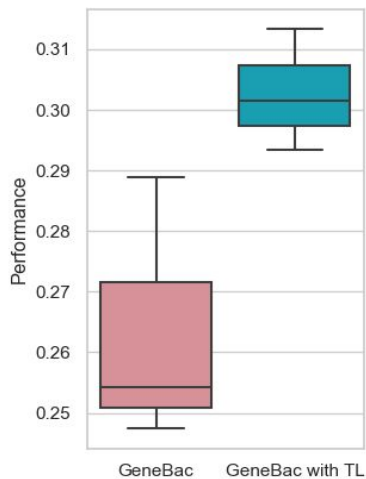
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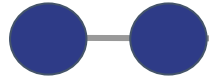


Conclusions

- **GeneBac predicts antibiotic resistance**
- **GeneBac predicts variant effect**
- **GeneBac recovers genes associated with drug resistance**
- **GeneBac transfer learns across modalities**

The Path Ahead for ML for AMR

Where we are
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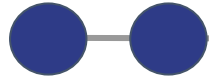
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We need more high quality and diverse data!

Thank you!

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