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## Neural-Symbolic Integration of Knowledge Extraction and Reasoning on Graph Data

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# Deep Learning led to breakthroughs in many different domains....



**ImageNet Challenge: Advancement in deep learning and computer vision**

**Deep Learning In Health Care -A Ray of Hope in the Medical World**

**AlphaGo defeats world Go champion Ke Jie**

AlphaGo, the AI created by Alphabet's DeepMind, has beaten world champion Ke Jie at the ancient game of Go

200 languages within a single AI model: A breakthrough in high-quality machine

**How NVIDIA enabled GPU-accelerated deep learning and revolutionized the AI field**

January 11, 2022

**Big Growth Forecasted for Big Data**

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High-level symbolic representations of problems

Based on tools such as Logic Programming, Production Rules, Semantic Nets

Example applications: Ontologies, Automated theorem provers, Expert systems

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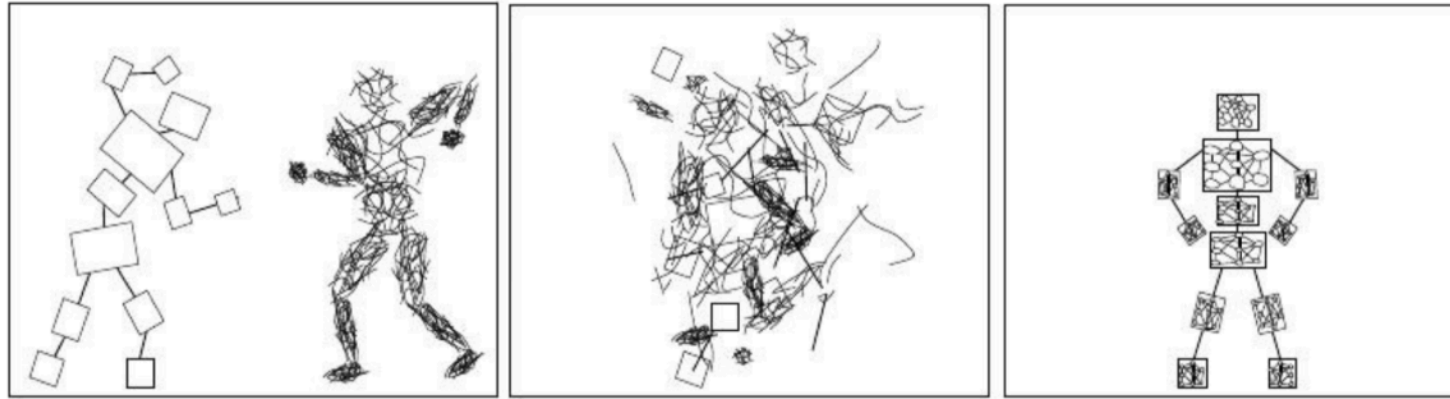
non-iterative  
consciously

eg. learning vocabulary,  
learning how to read  
music

**Most learning activities in humans involve both components!**

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**Neural-Symbolic Integration is a field where classic symbolic knowledge mechanisms are combined with neural networks**

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## Goals of Neural-Symbolic Approaches

👍 Increased performance

👍 Data efficiency

👍 Interpretability

👍 Generalisation capacity



# Knowledge in Neural-Symbolic Approaches - Symbolic vs. Numeric Knowledge

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## Symbolic Knowledge

First-Order Logic

$$\forall x, y : \text{Horse}(x) \wedge \text{Stripes}(x) \implies \text{Zebra}(x)$$

## Numeric Knowledge

Vectors/Tensors in

in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

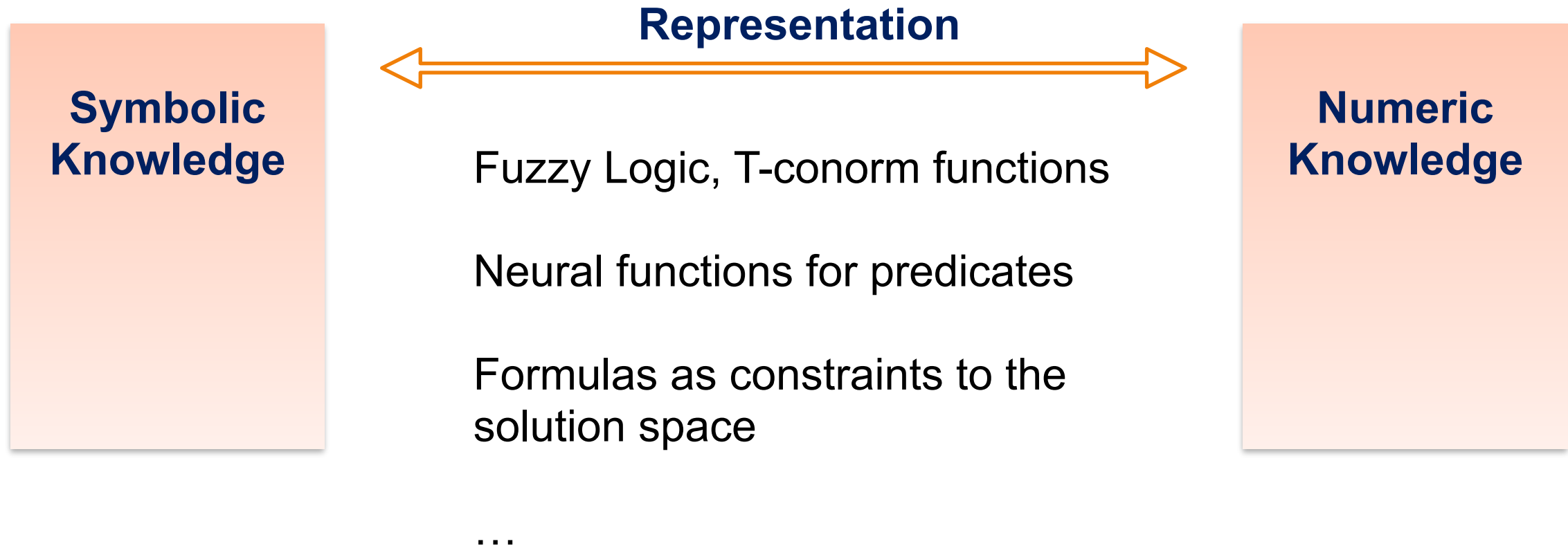
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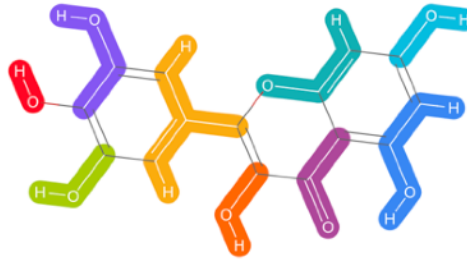
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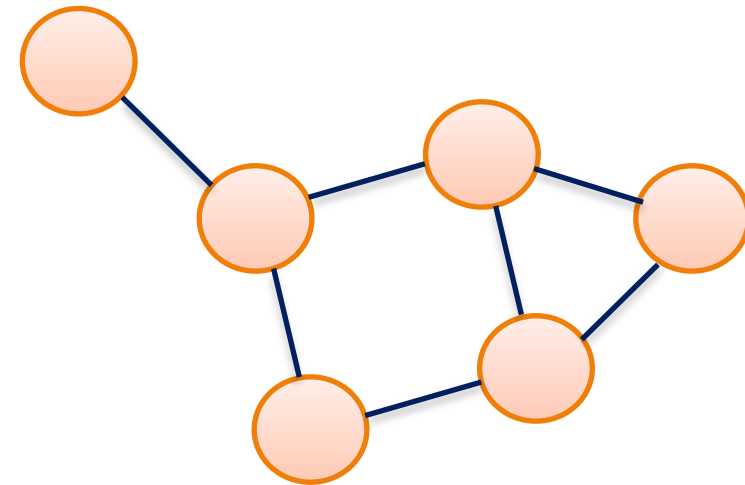
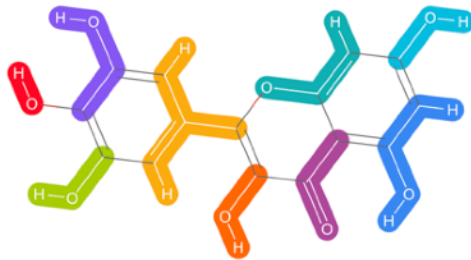
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Graph: Set of related objects

Beyond grid-structured data



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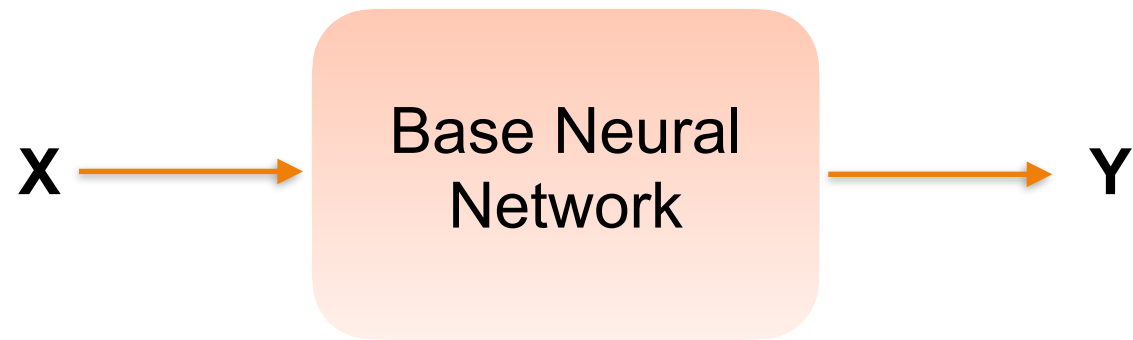
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**Scalable Graph Neural Networks**

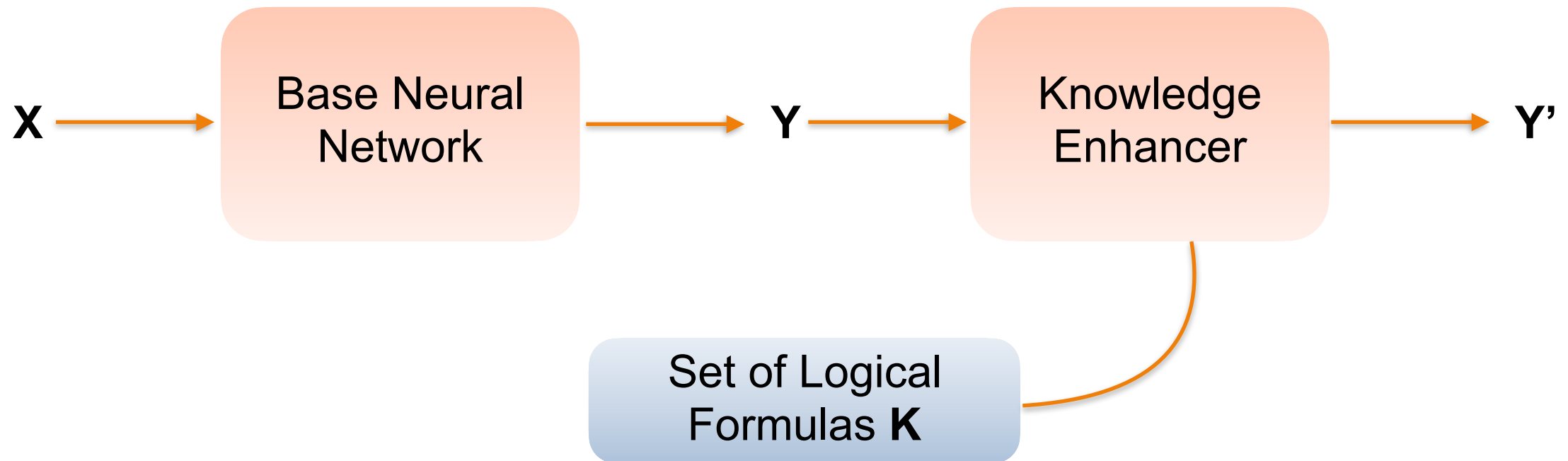
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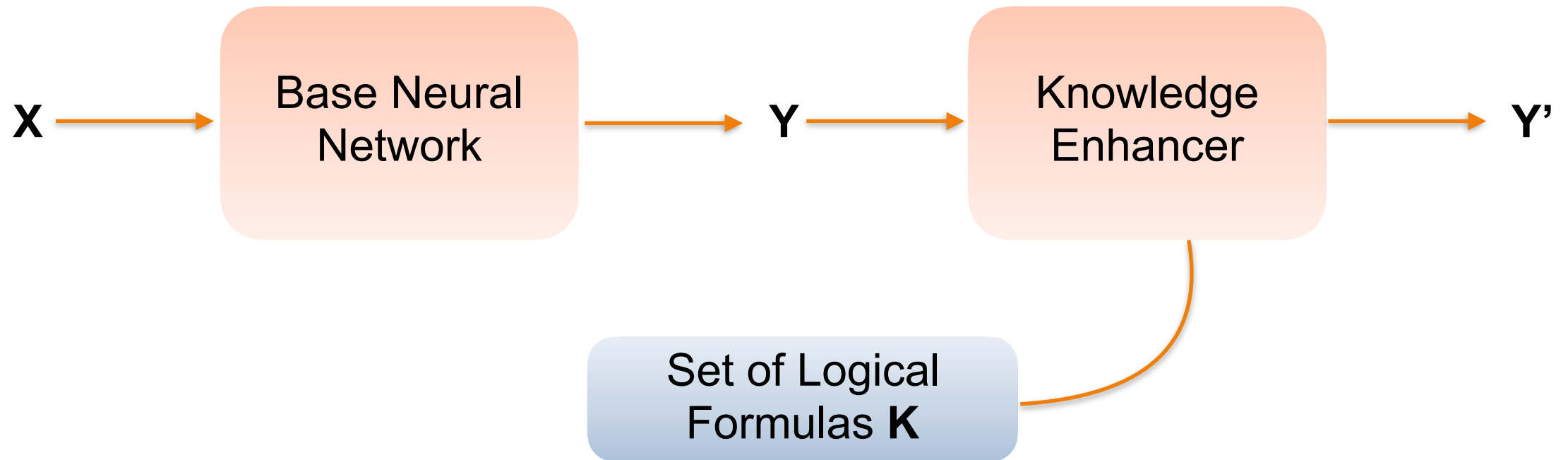
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# Relational KENN [2]

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**Binary predicates  $P(x,y)$  to encode relations**

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## Use Case: Citeseer Citation Graph

**Task** Classify scientific publications in categories

### Background Knowledge

“Documents that cite each other have the same category”

$$\forall x, y : \textit{Class}(x) \wedge \textit{Cite}(x, y) \implies \textit{Class}(y)$$

### Results

- 👍 Performance improvement through Knowledge Enhancers
- 👍 Particularly helpful when training data is scarce

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Apply KENN to Datasets from Open Graph Benchmark [4]

**(Paper in submitted and in review)**

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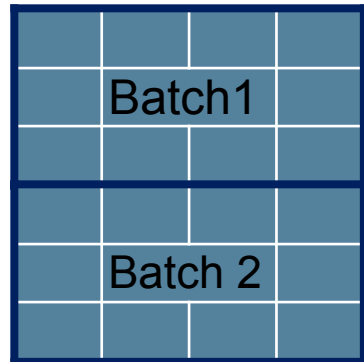
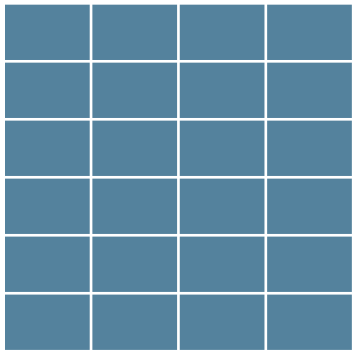
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## (3) Relational KENN is not applicable to large graphs.

Mini-batching on  
non-relational data



Mini-batching on  
relational data

Objects are not independent: Tradeoff  
Feasibility vs. Information Loss



**Apply graph-specific batching  
algorithms<sup>[5]</sup> to Relational KENN**



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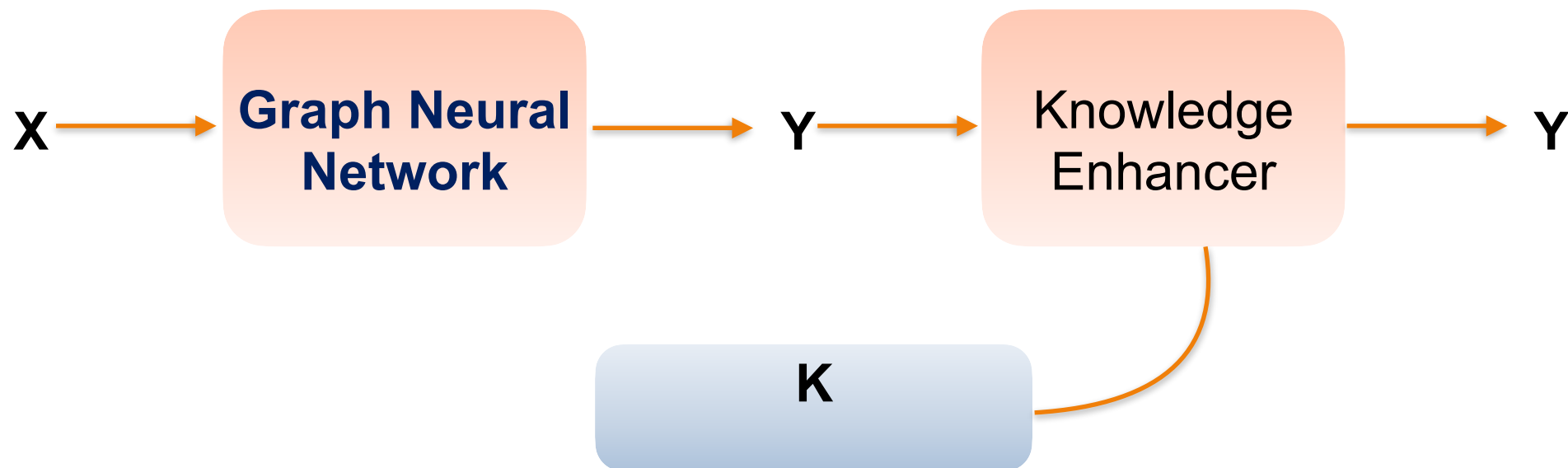
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Use State-of-the-Art Graph Neural Networks [5] as Base Neural Networks and test them on multiple Node classification benchmark datasets

# Future Work - Neural Symbolic Learning on Knowledge Graphs

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## Knowledge Graphs

- 📌 Knowledge base that uses graph-structured data
- 📌 Collection of various heterogeneous data sources AND underlying semantics (ontologies)
- 📌 **Examples:** YAGO, DBPedia, Freebase
- 📌 **Applications:** search engines, question-answering systems
- 📌 **Tasks to solve with Neural-Symbolic approaches:** KG completion, KG verification

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**Thanks for your Attention! 😊**

**Questions?**

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