Protein Similarity

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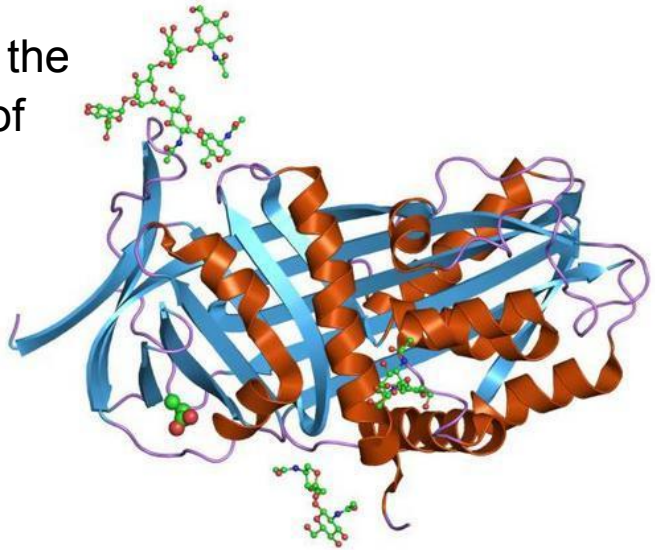
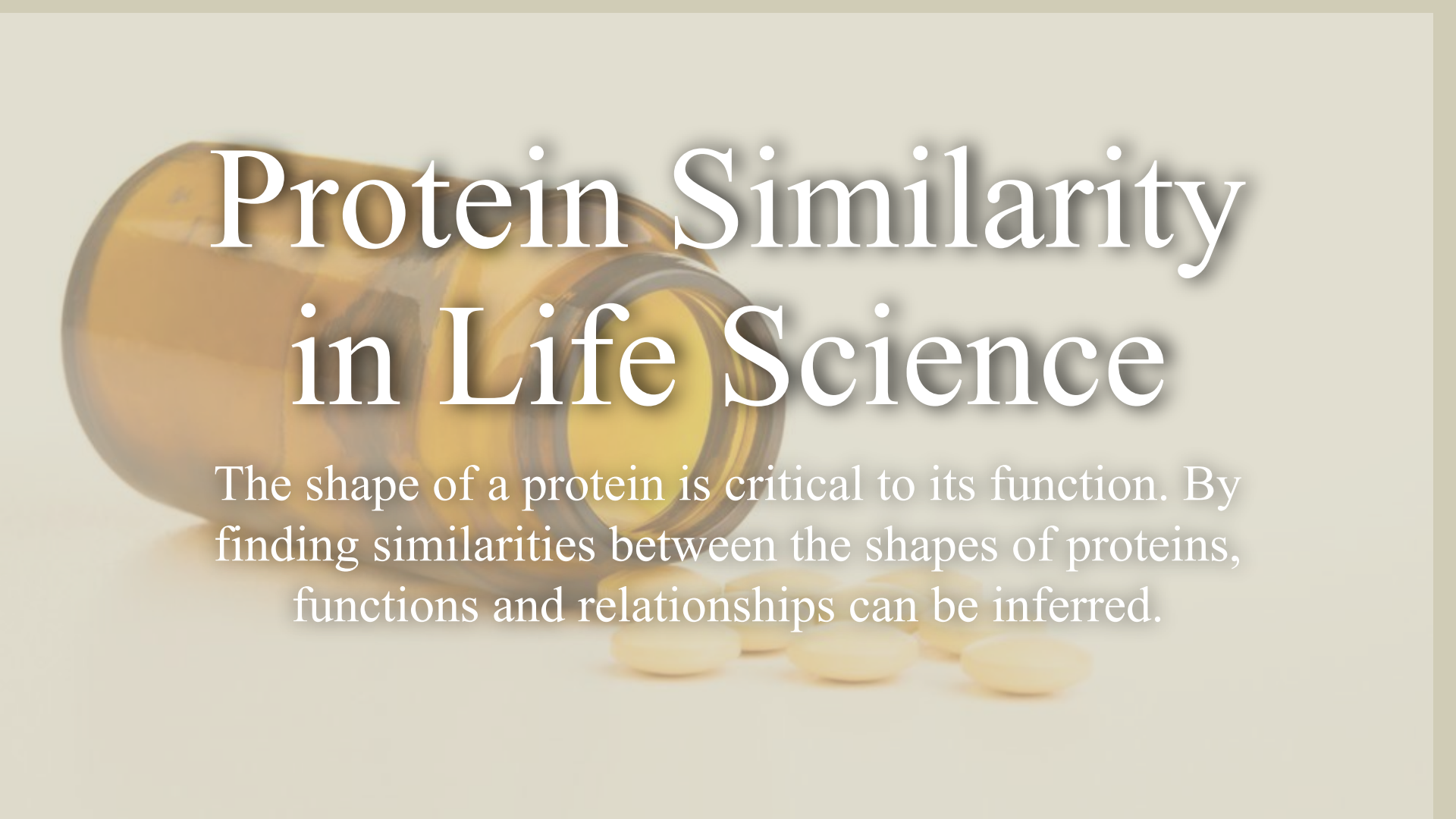
Combination of computational and experimental methods to understand the structure, interactions and evolution of proteins.





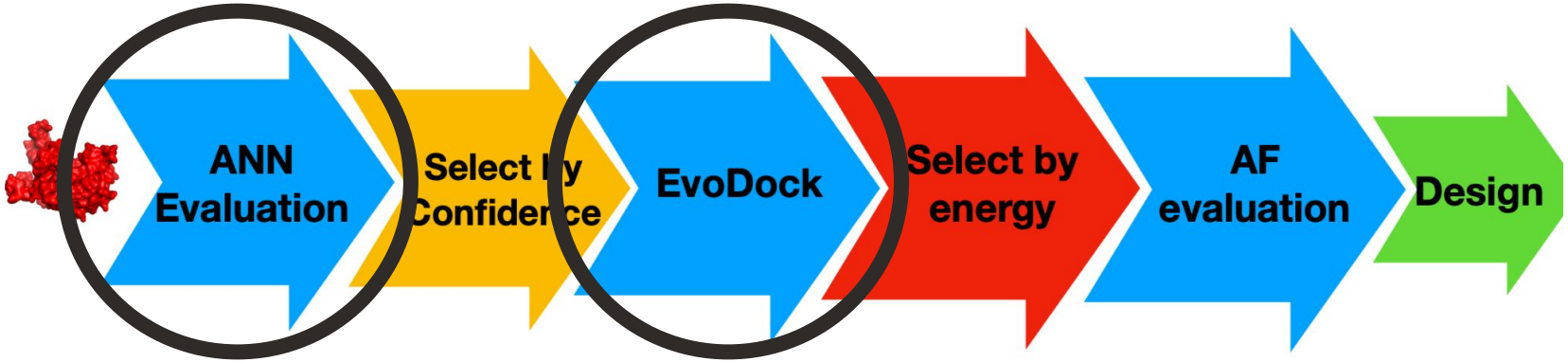
Protein Similarity in Life Science

The shape of a protein is critical to its function. By finding similarities between the shapes of proteins, functions and relationships can be inferred.

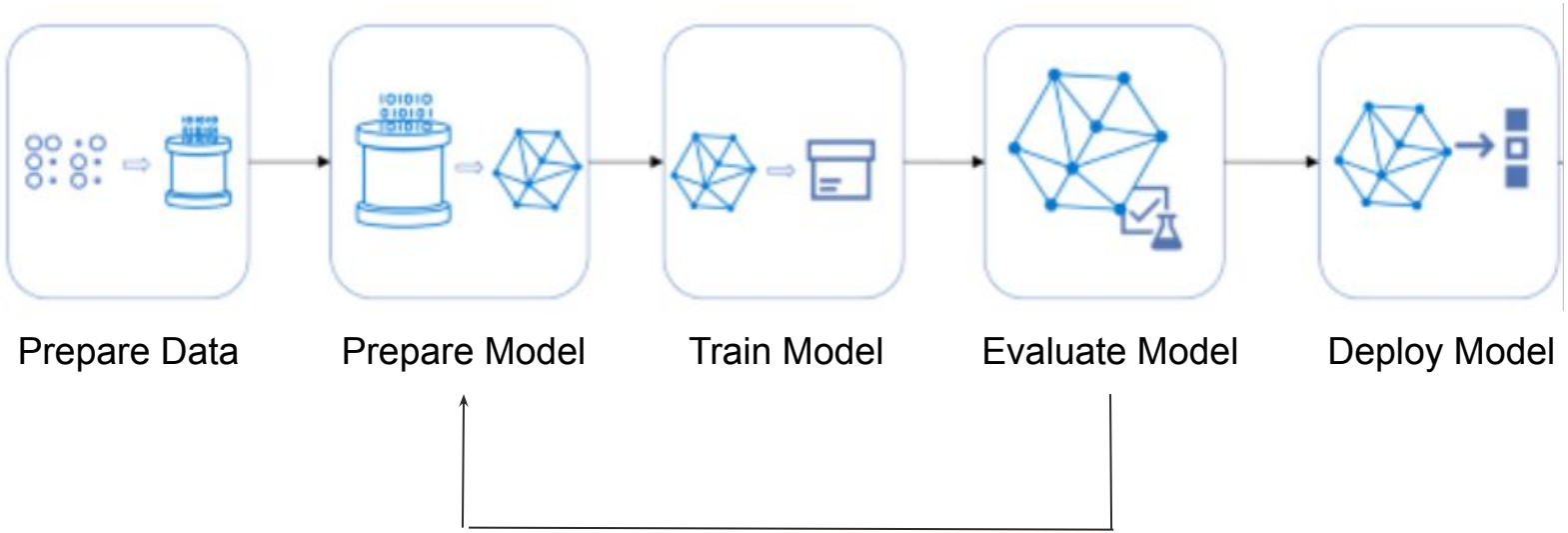
Predicting protein structure: Challenges

- Large dataset of proteins (500.000)
- Computationally expensive (300 seconds comparing proteins!)

AndreLab protein design approach



Standard ML pipelining

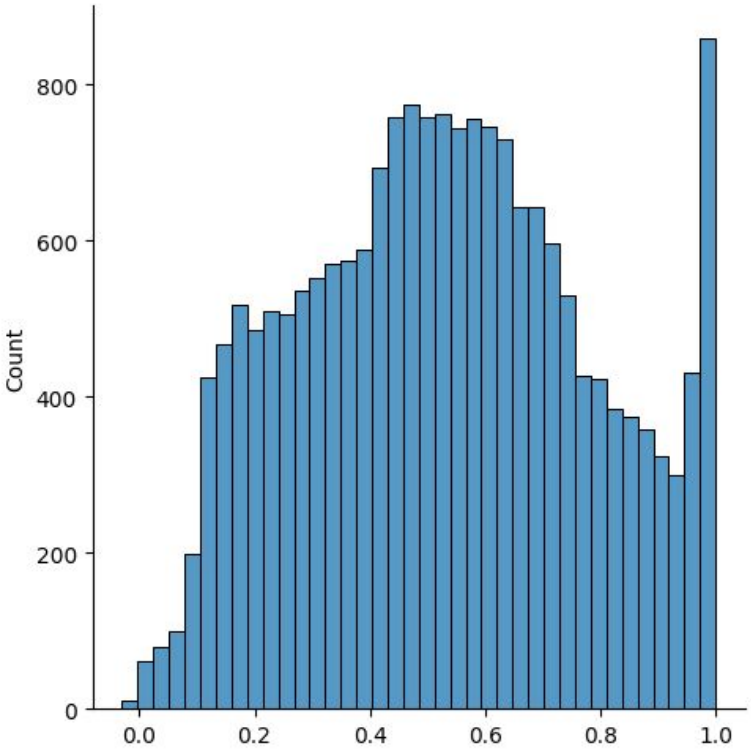


Data Generation

- Random selection
- Zernike-Canterakis shape descriptor
- ZEAL score

How to create one sample

ZEAL score distribution



Features and targets

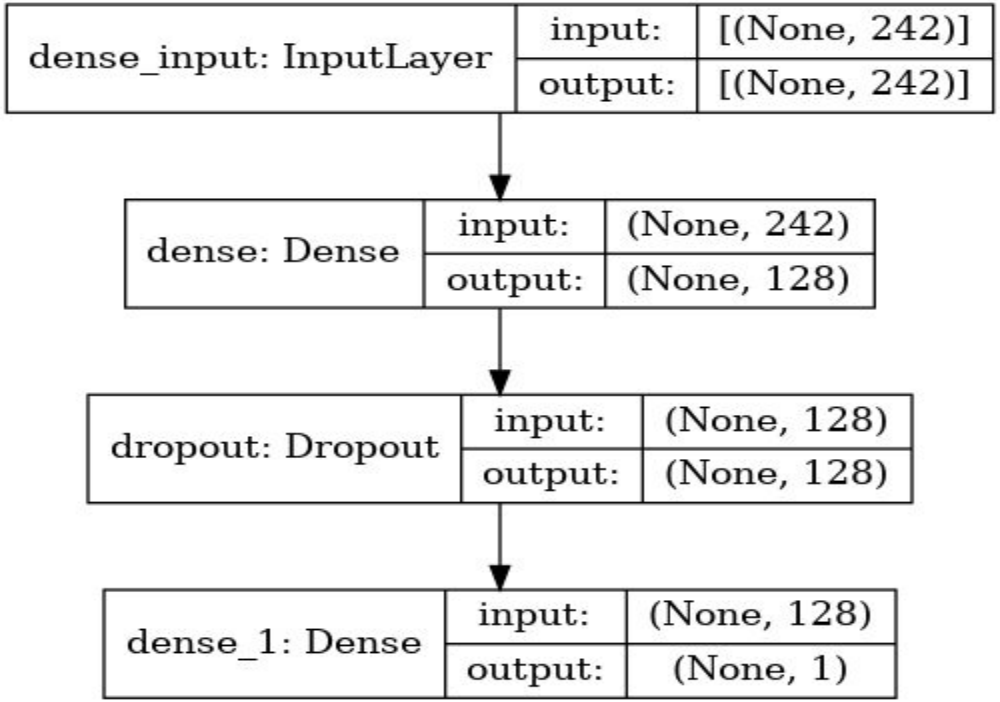
$$X = \begin{bmatrix} zd^1{}_{T0} & zd^1{}_{T1} & \cdots & zd^1{}_{T120} & zd^1{}_{R0} & \cdots & zd^1{}_{R120} \\ zd^2{}_{T0} & zd^2{}_{T1} & \cdots & zd^2{}_{T120} & zd^2{}_{R0} & \cdots & zd^2{}_{R120} \\ zd^3{}_{T0} & & \cdots & & \ddots & & \\ \vdots & & & & & \ddots & \\ zd^n{}_{T0} & & \cdots & & & & zd^n{}_{R120} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} zeal_1 \\ zeal_2 \\ \vdots \\ zeal_n \end{bmatrix}$$

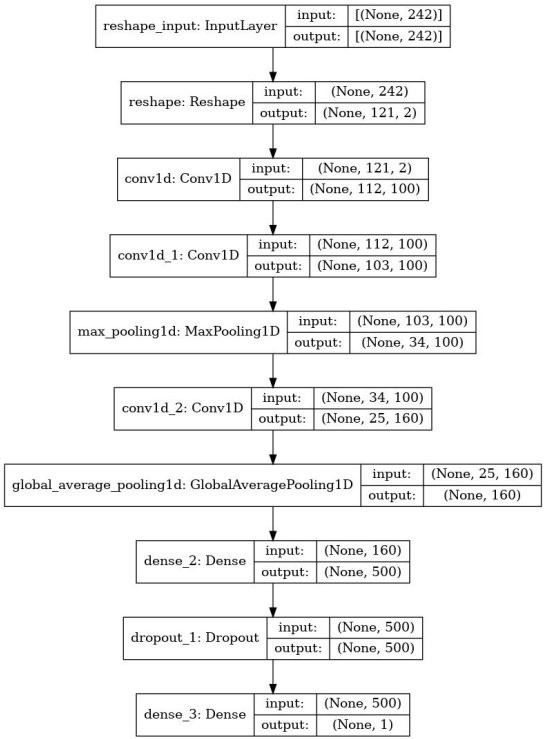
Model Selection

- Regression
  - Linear Regression
  - Random Forest Regressor
- Neural Networks
  - Feed-Forward Network
  - 1D Convolutional Neural Network
  - 1D Fully-Convolutional Network

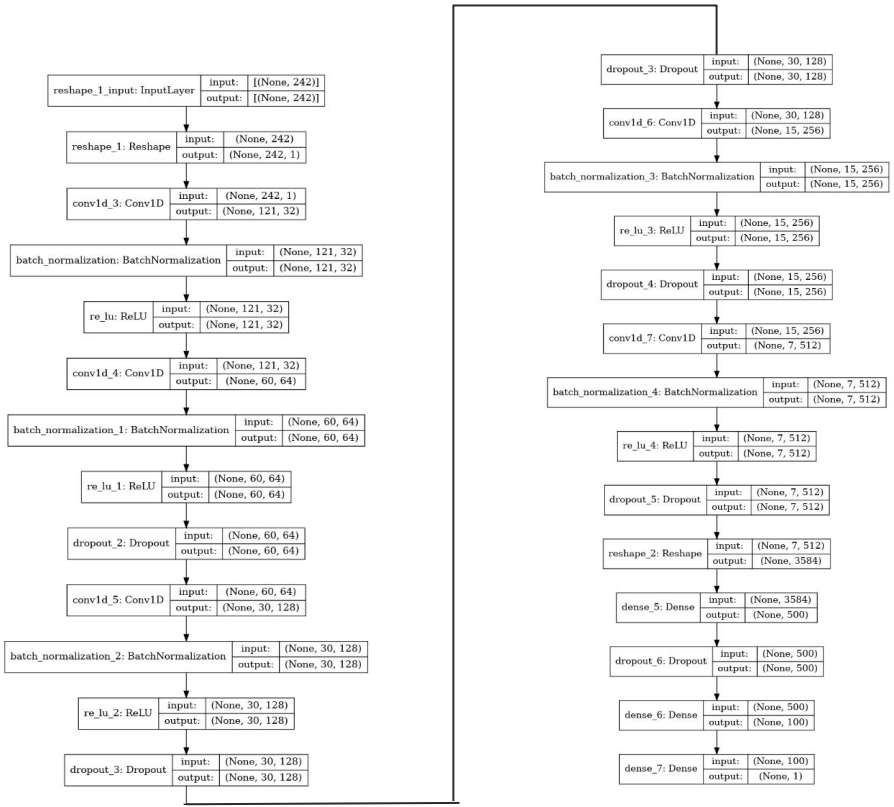
Feed Forward Network



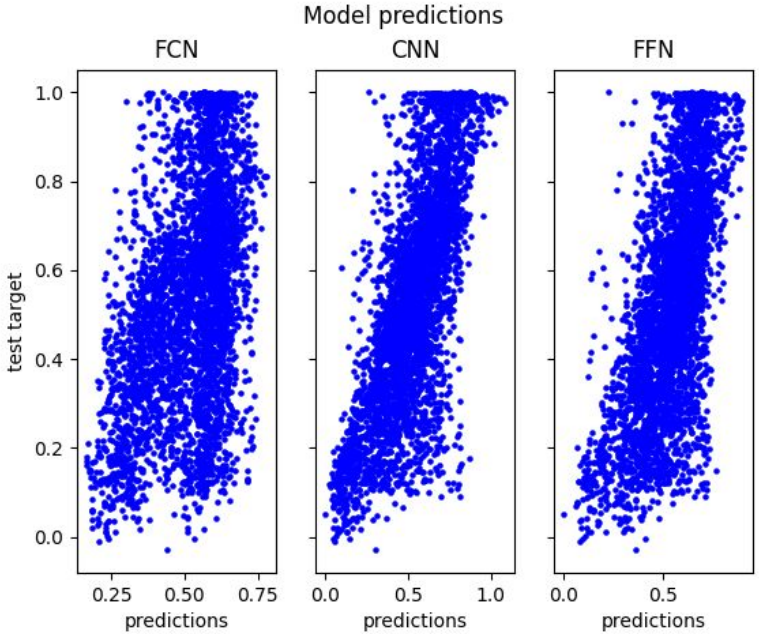
Convolutional Neural Network



Fully Convolutional Network



Evaluation


Model predictions
FCN
CNN
FFN
test target
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0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0
0.25
0.50
0.75
0.0
0.5
1.0
0.0
0.5
predictions
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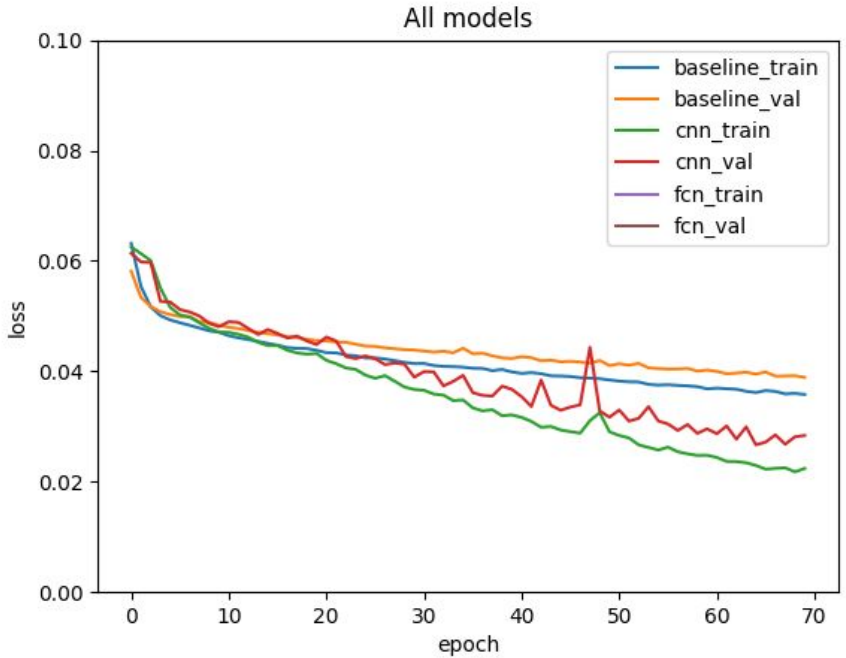
Evaluation


All models
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baseline_val
cnn_train
cnn_val
fcn_train
fcn_val
loss
epoch
0.10
0.08
0.06
0.04
0.02
0.00
0
10
20
30
40
50
60
70

Conclusions and further work

- Applicating the classical steps of ML pipelines on biology research

- Data generation was very tedious (surprise!)
  - No previous data
  - Data distribution (ZEAL)

- We are working on testing the model on a much larger data set that we will include in our report.

- Models results

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