

Graph Neural Networks as Application of Distributed Algorithms



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Concurrency
& Consensus

Applications?
Tons!

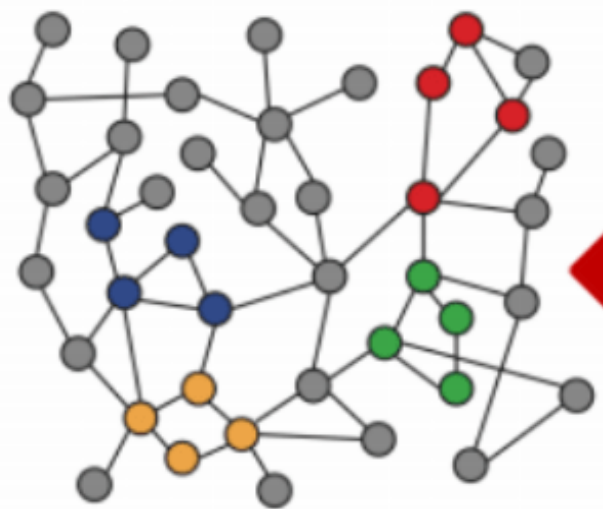
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Sensor Nets?
Biology?!?

Graph Neural Networks

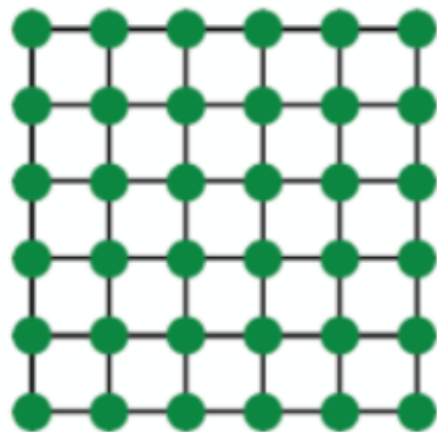


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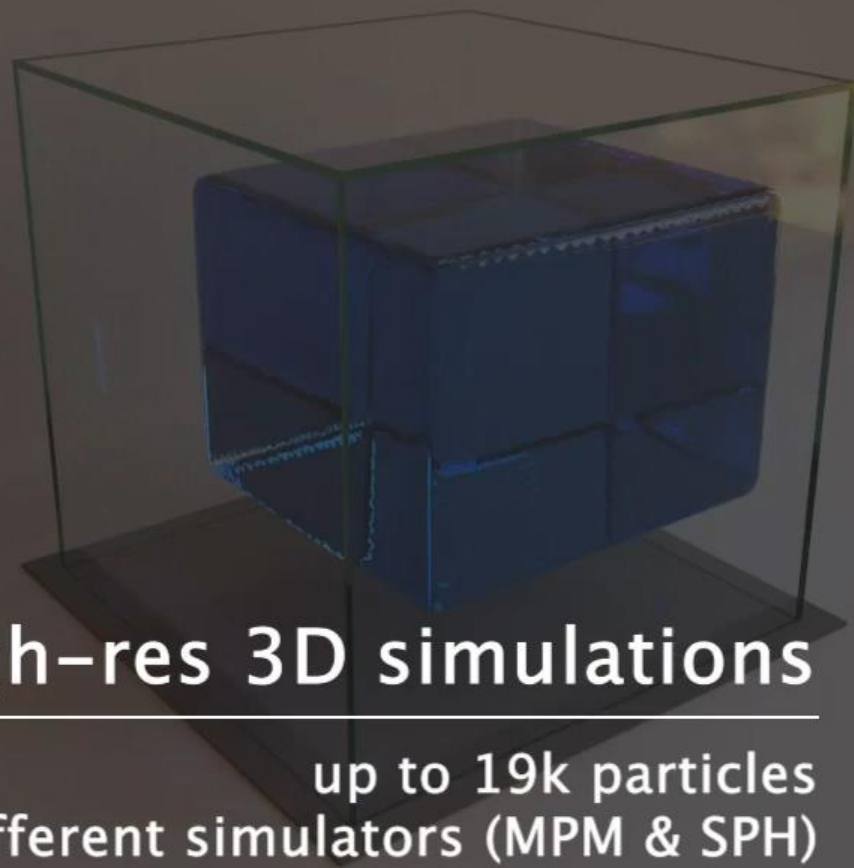
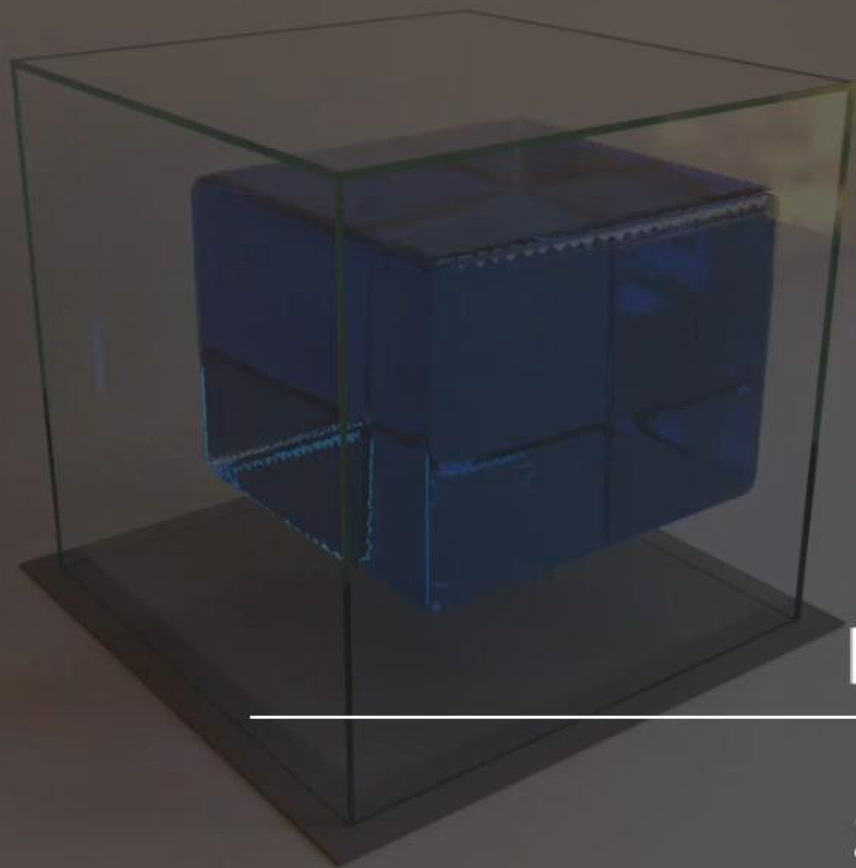


Networks

VS.



Images

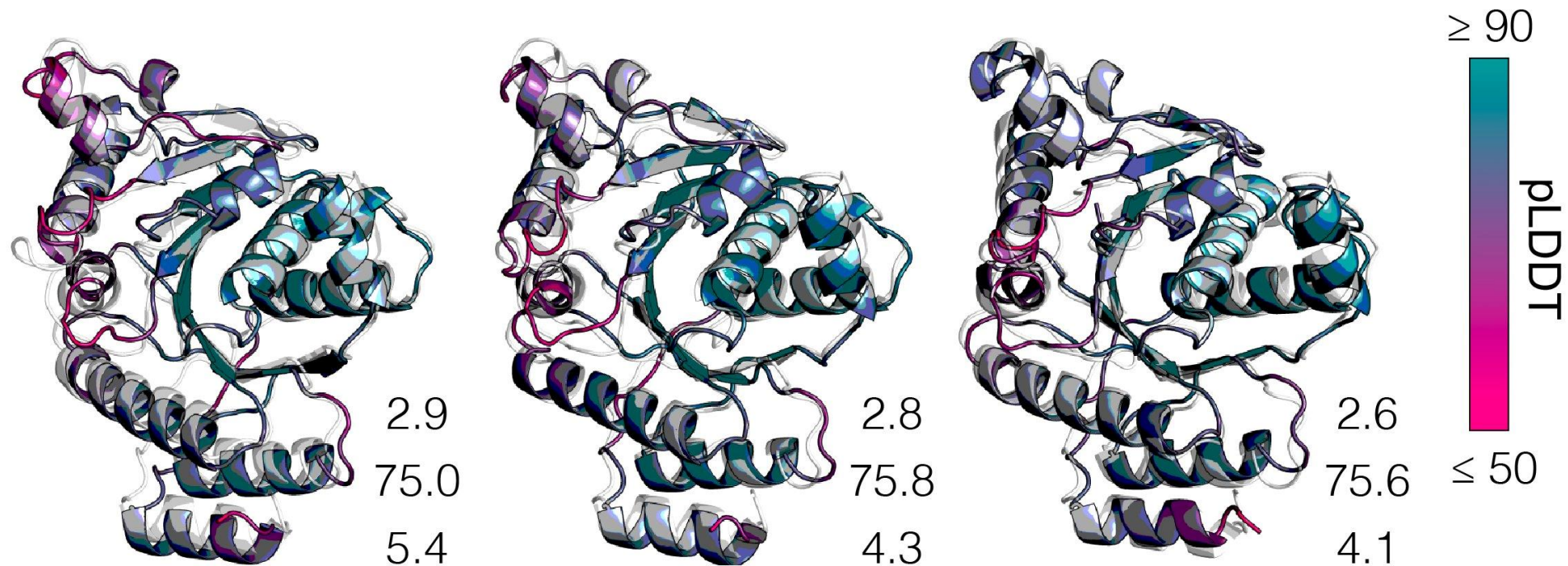


High-res 3D simulations

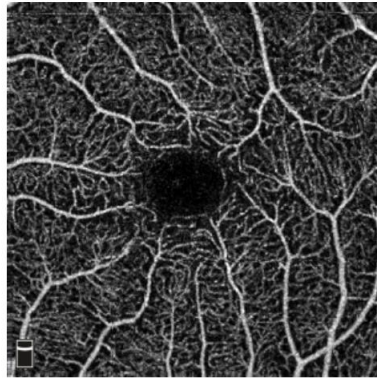
up to 19k particles
2 different simulators (MPM & SPH)

Language models of protein sequences at the scale of evolution enable accurate structure prediction

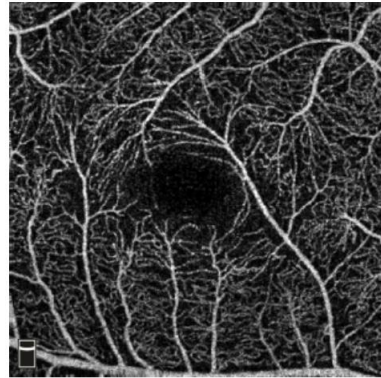
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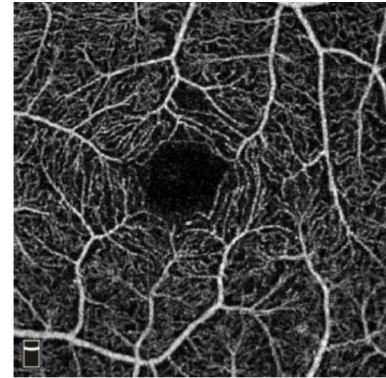
EULER CHARACTERISTIC SURFACES



(a) Control: No disease

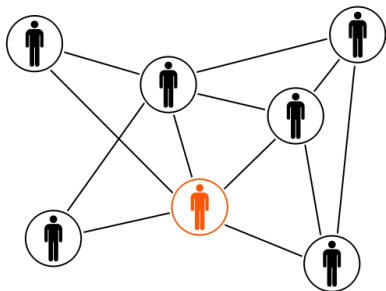


(b) NoDR: Diabetes, but no retinopathy.

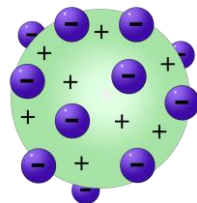


(c) DR: Diabetes with retinopathy.

social networks



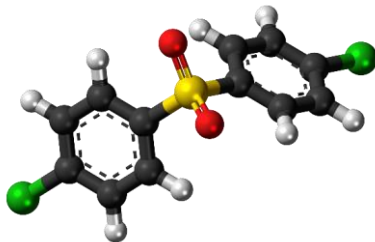
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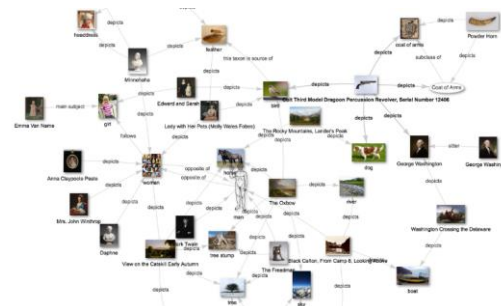
molecule recognition



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knowledge graphs



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An Introduction to Graph Neural Networks from a Distributed Computing Perspective

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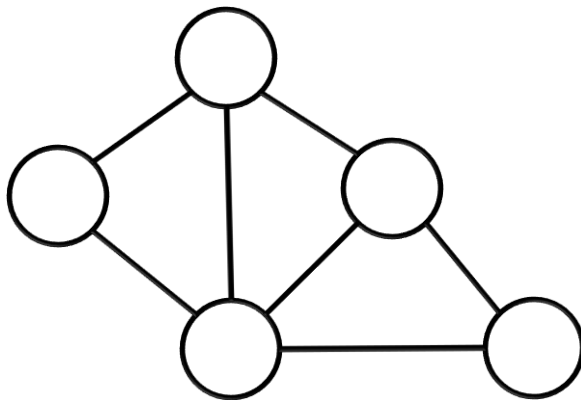
Abstract. The paper provides an introduction into the theoretical expressiveness of graph neural networks. We discuss the basic properties and main applications of standard GNN models, and we show how these constructions are both upper and lower bounded in expressive power by the Weisfeiler-Lehman test. We then outline a wide variety of approaches to increase the expressiveness of GNNs above this theoretical limit, and discuss the strengths and weaknesses of these methods.

GNNs vs. Distributed Computing

Distributed Computing (Message Passing)

Nodes communicate with neighbors by **sending messages**.

In each **synchronous round**, every node sends a message to its neighbors.

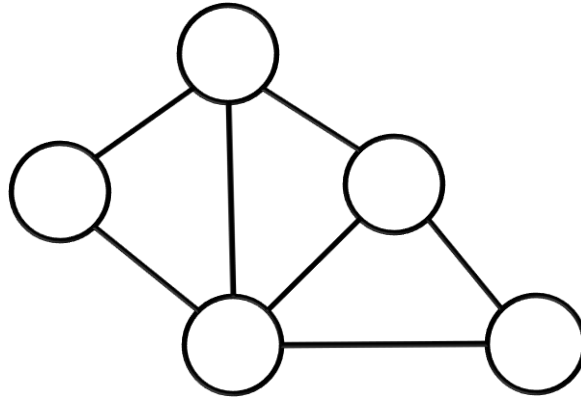


each round:
every node:
1. send msgs
2. rcv msgs
3. compute

Graph Neural Networks

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DC Track

“Designed” algorithm

Usually node IDs

Individual messages

Solve graph problems
like coloring or routing

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ML Track

“Learned” parameters

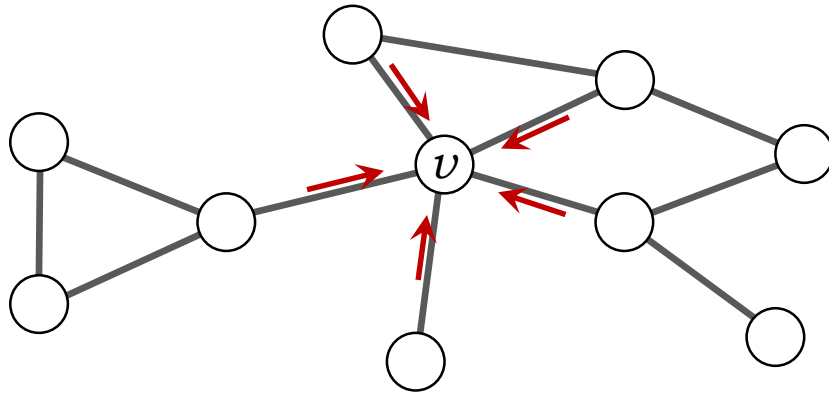
Usually node features

Aggregated messages

Solve classification
(node, edge, graph)

How Do GNNs Work?

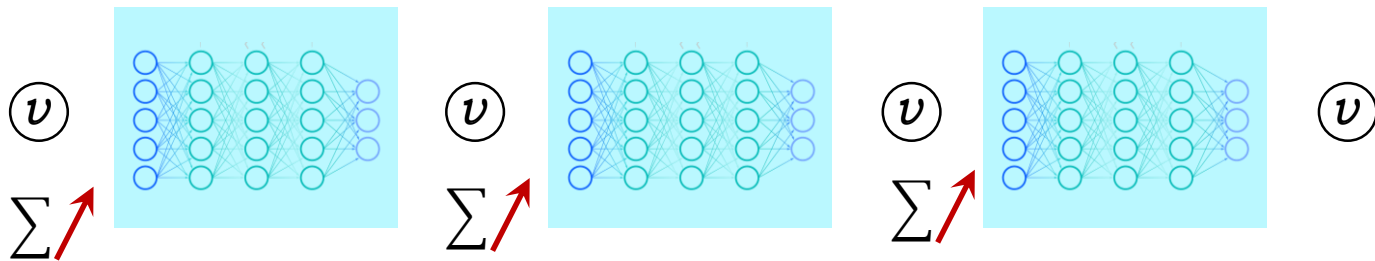
Graph Neural Networks



$$a_v = \text{AGGREGATE} (\{ \{ h_u \mid u \in N(v) \} \})$$

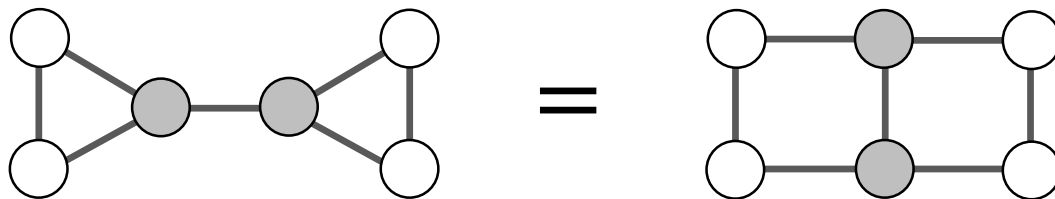
$$h_v^{(t+1)} = \text{UPDATE} (h_v, a_v)$$

Graph Neural Networks

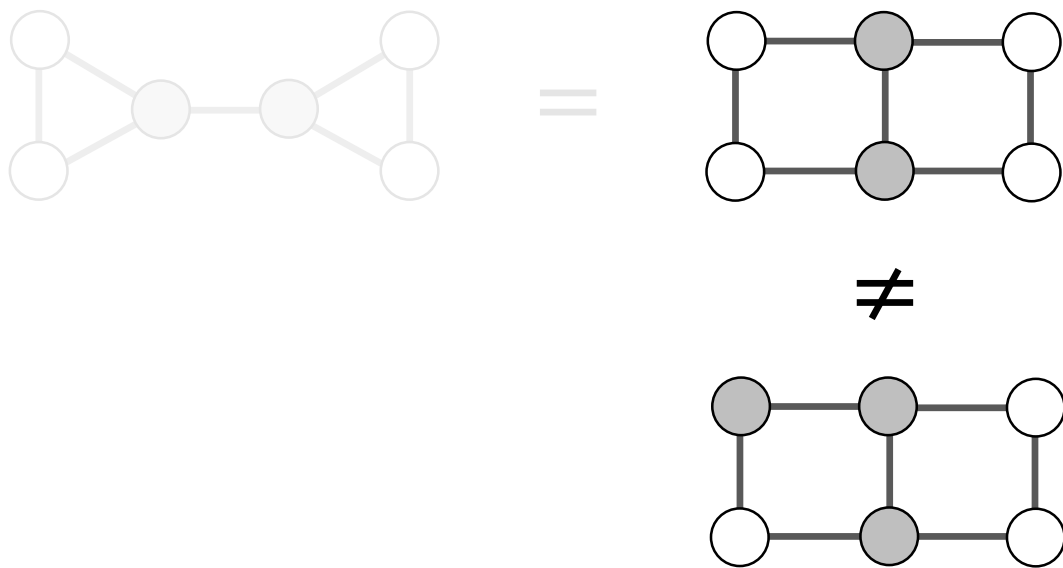


Any Limitations?

Graph Neural Networks

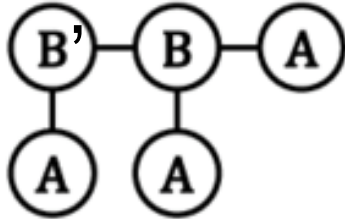


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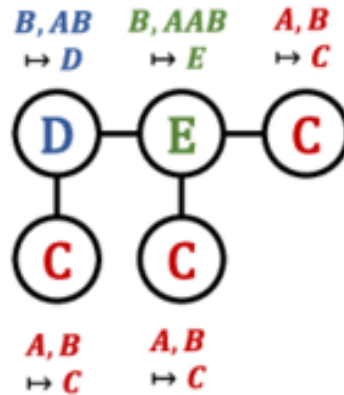
Weisfeiler-Lehman Graph Isomorphism Test

Original labels
 $i = 0$



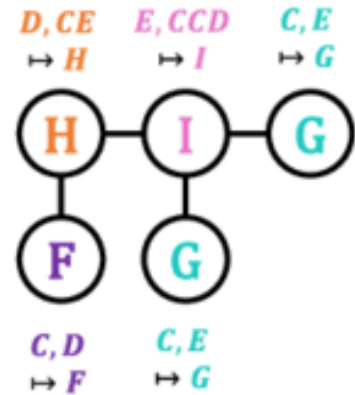
$\Sigma = \{A, B\}$

Relabeled
 $i = 1$



$\Sigma = \{A, B, C, D, E\}$

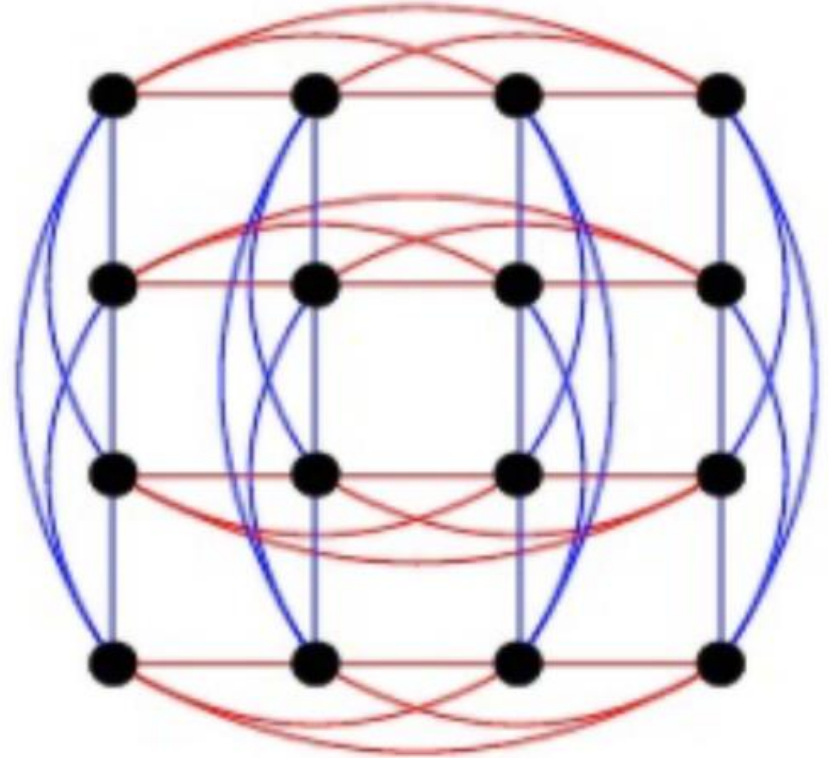
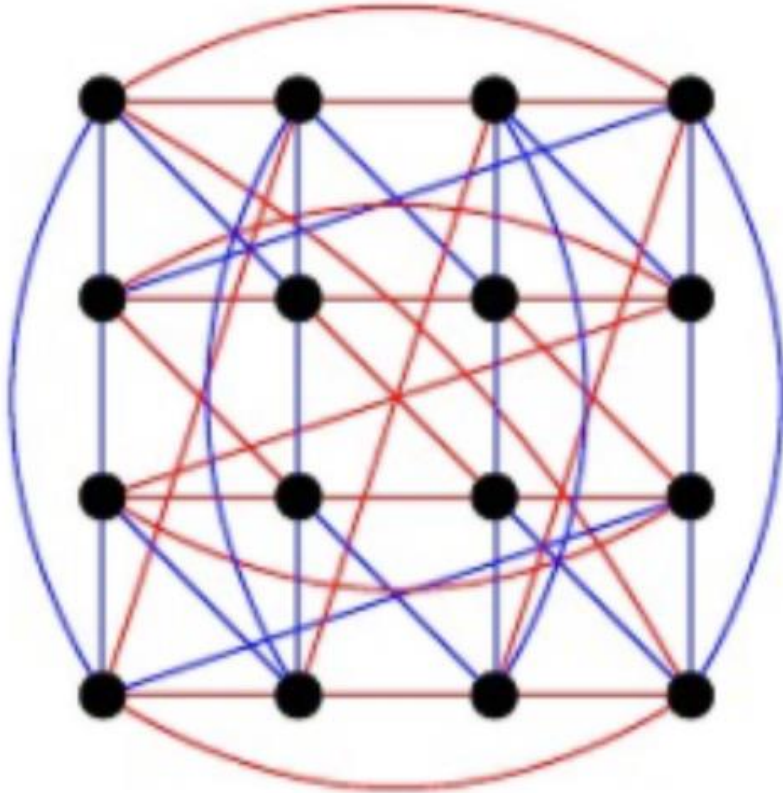
Relabeled
 $i = 2$



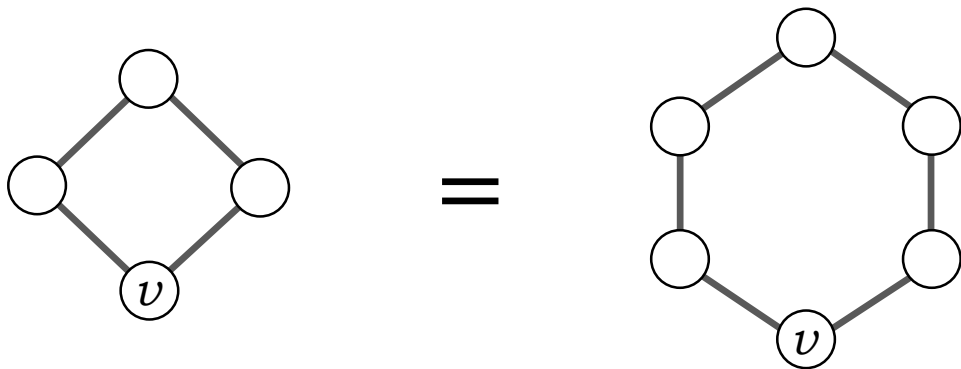
$\Sigma = \{A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I\}$

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Shrikande vs. Rooks



GNNs Fail on e.g. Cycles



DC Track

aggregation

local

congest

each round:
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ML Track

oversmoothing

underreaching

oversquashing

More Expressive GNNs?

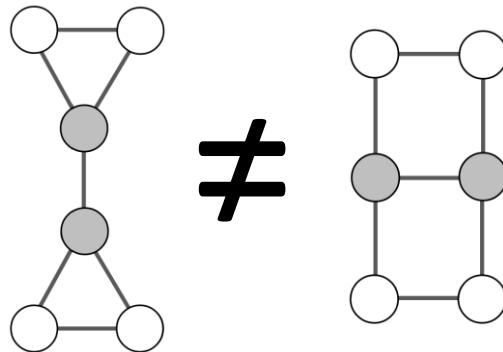
DropGNN: Random Dropouts Increase the Expressiveness of Graph Neural Networks

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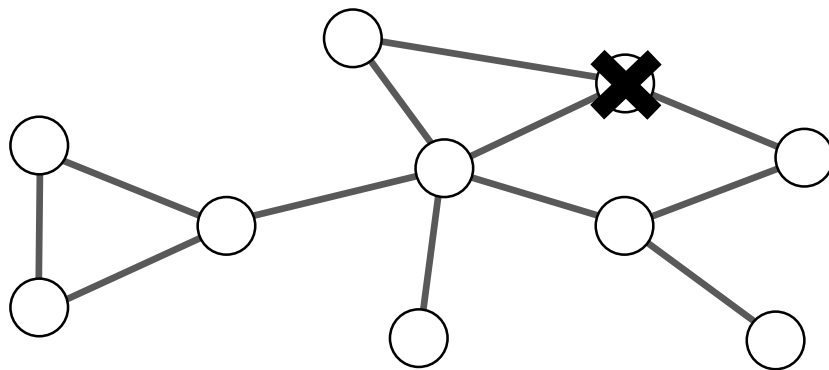
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GNNs with Dropouts

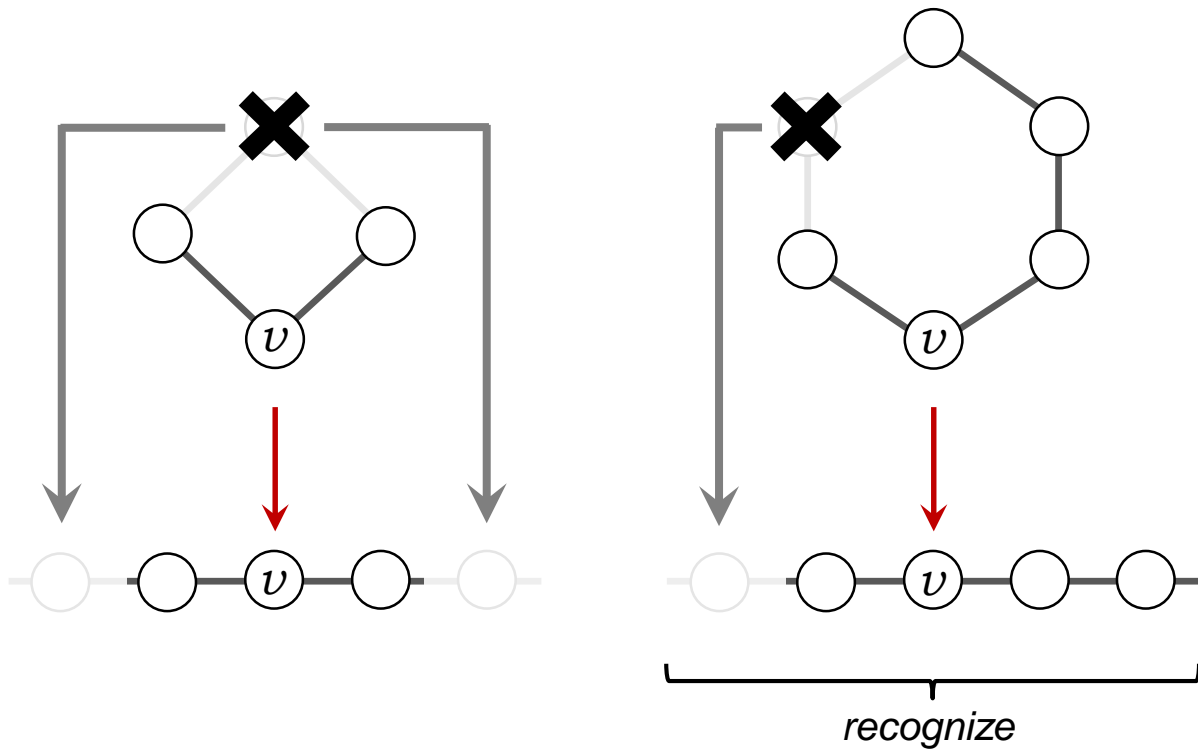
Multiple runs of the GNN

Each node removed with probability p independently

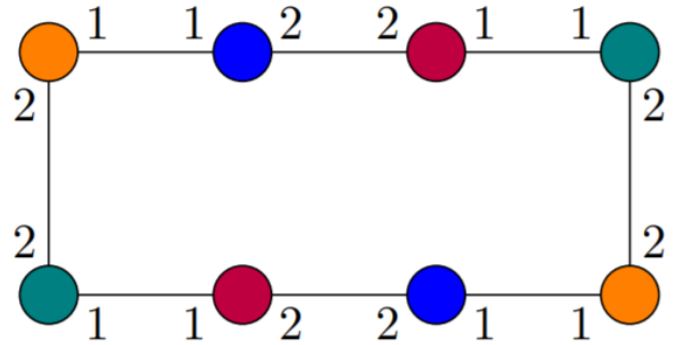
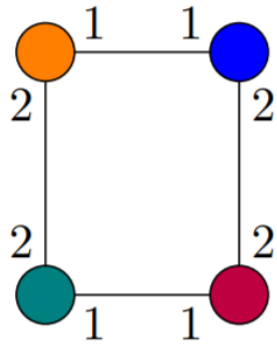
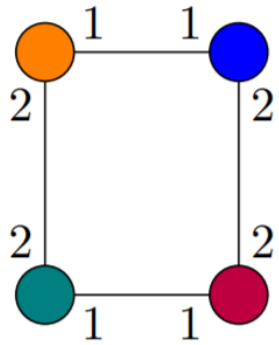


Run #1

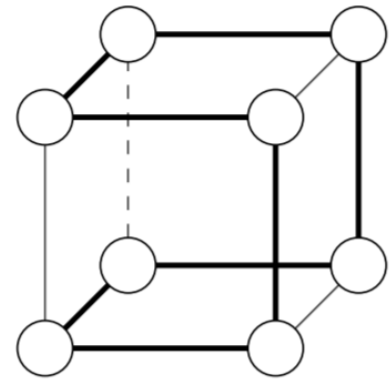
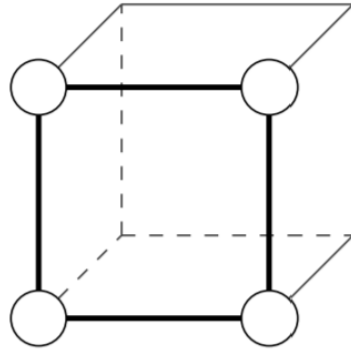
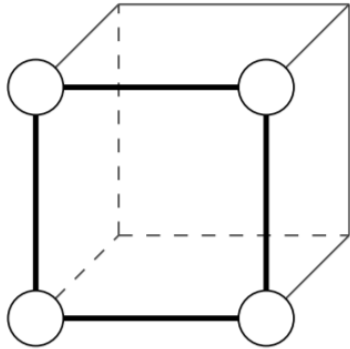
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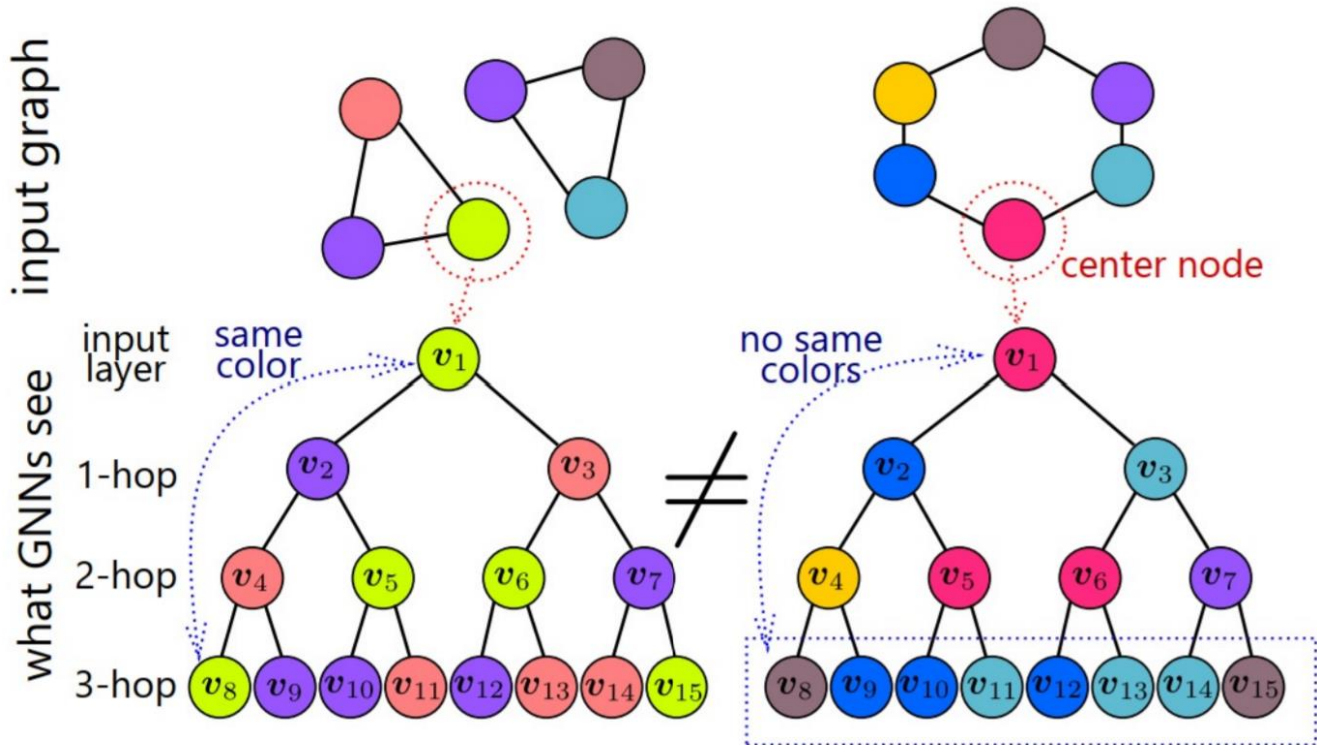
Port Numbers



Angle Features

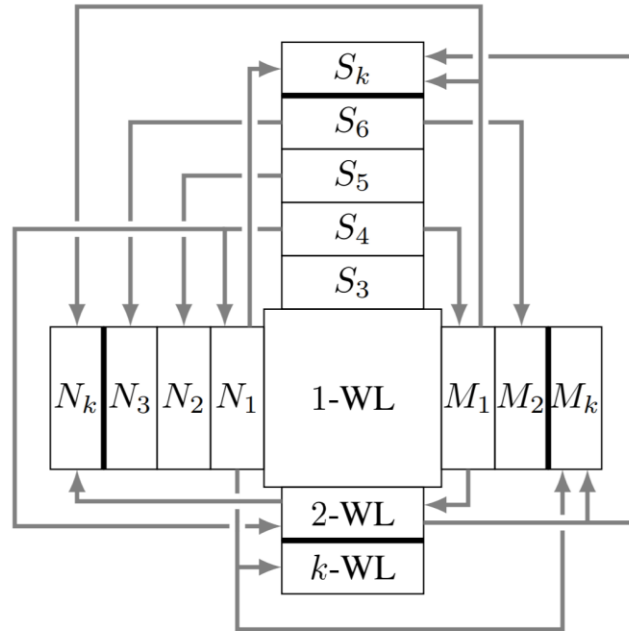


Random Features



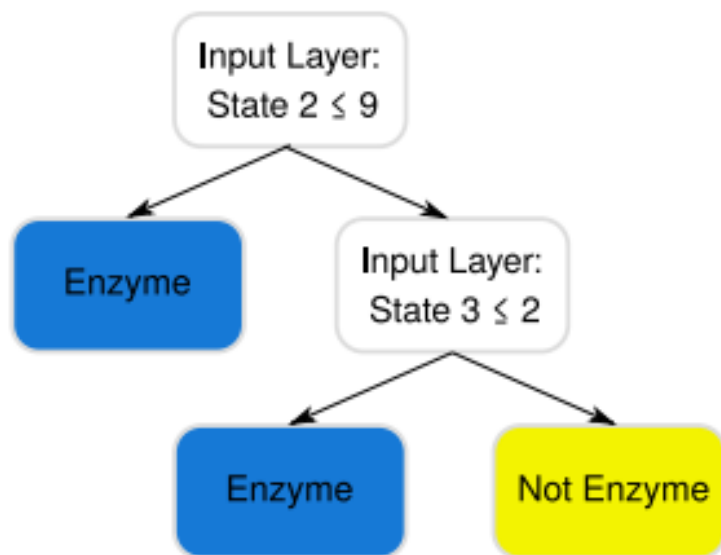
A Theoretical Comparison of Graph Neural Network Extensions

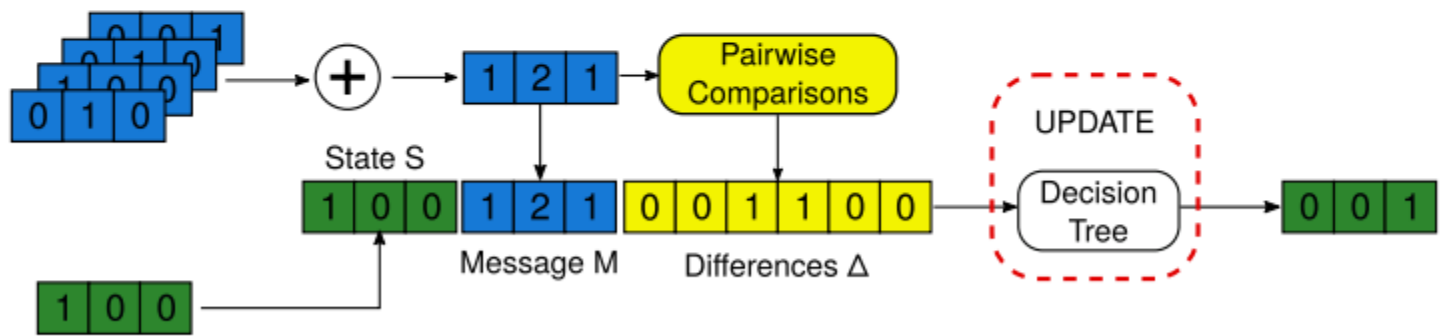
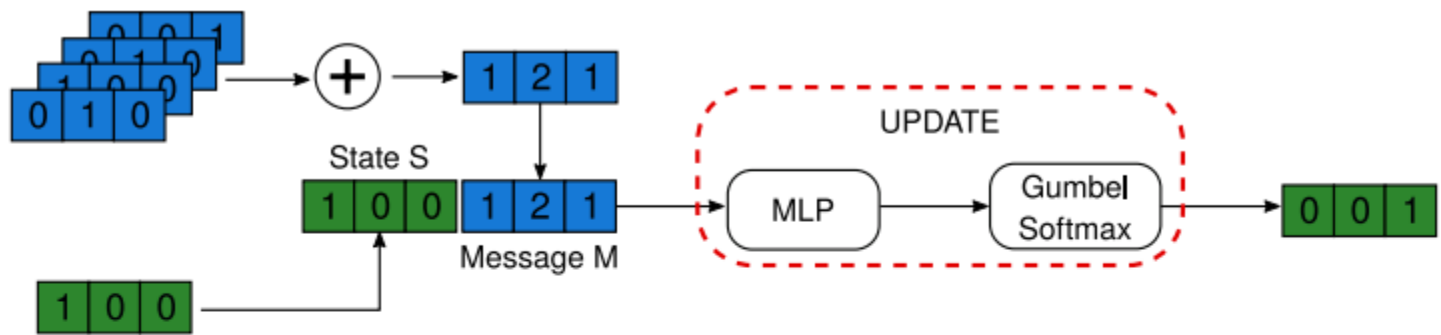
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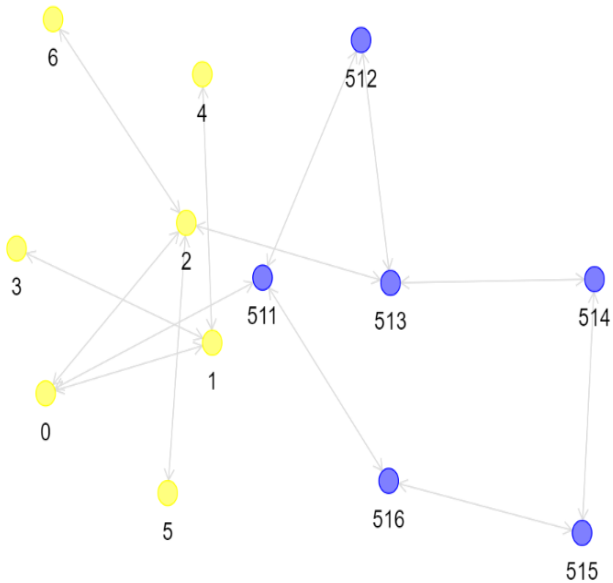


Explainable GNN

DT+GNN: A Fully Explainable Graph Neural Network using Decision Trees







● **Layer 2: State $2 \leq 0.5$**

samples = 2115

gini = 0.481

Class:
In Cycle

samples = 849

Class:
Not in Cycle

samples = 1266

Input — GNN Layer 0 — GNN Layer 1 — GNN Layer 2 — GNN Layer 3 — GNN Layer 4 — 7 Output



Show Node State:

Input

Output

Prune Trees:

Acc. Train:

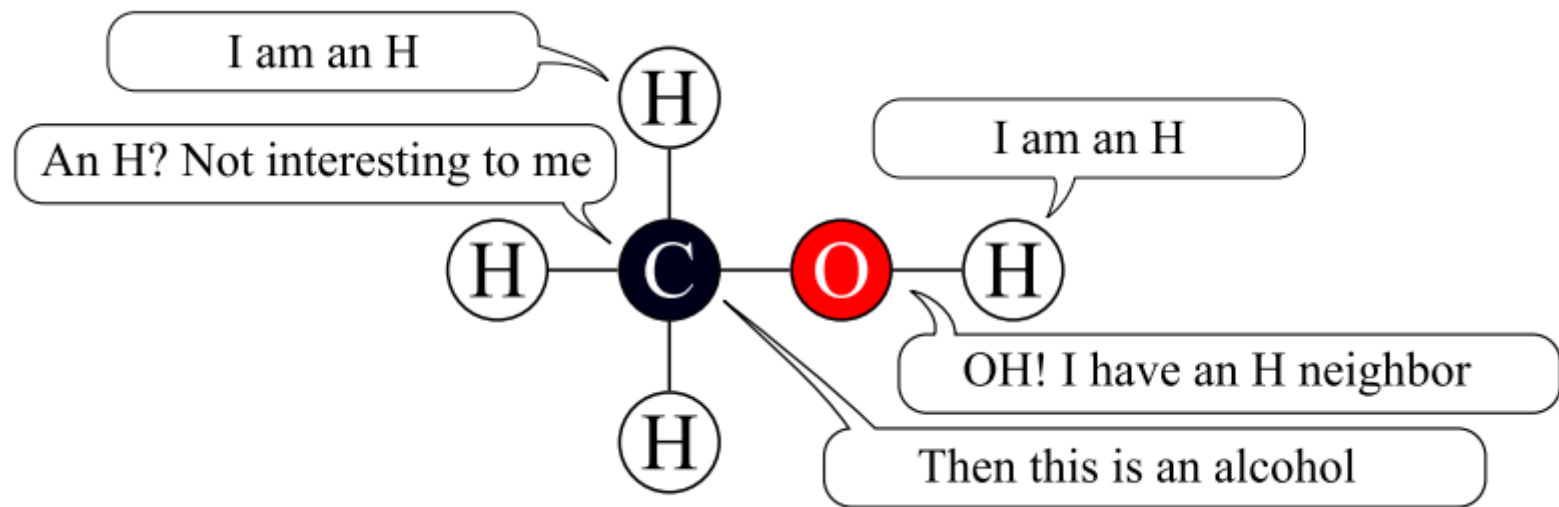
Dataset: Tree Cycle

Sample: Subgraph #0 (13 Nodes) - Node: 511

Test:

Asynchronous GNN

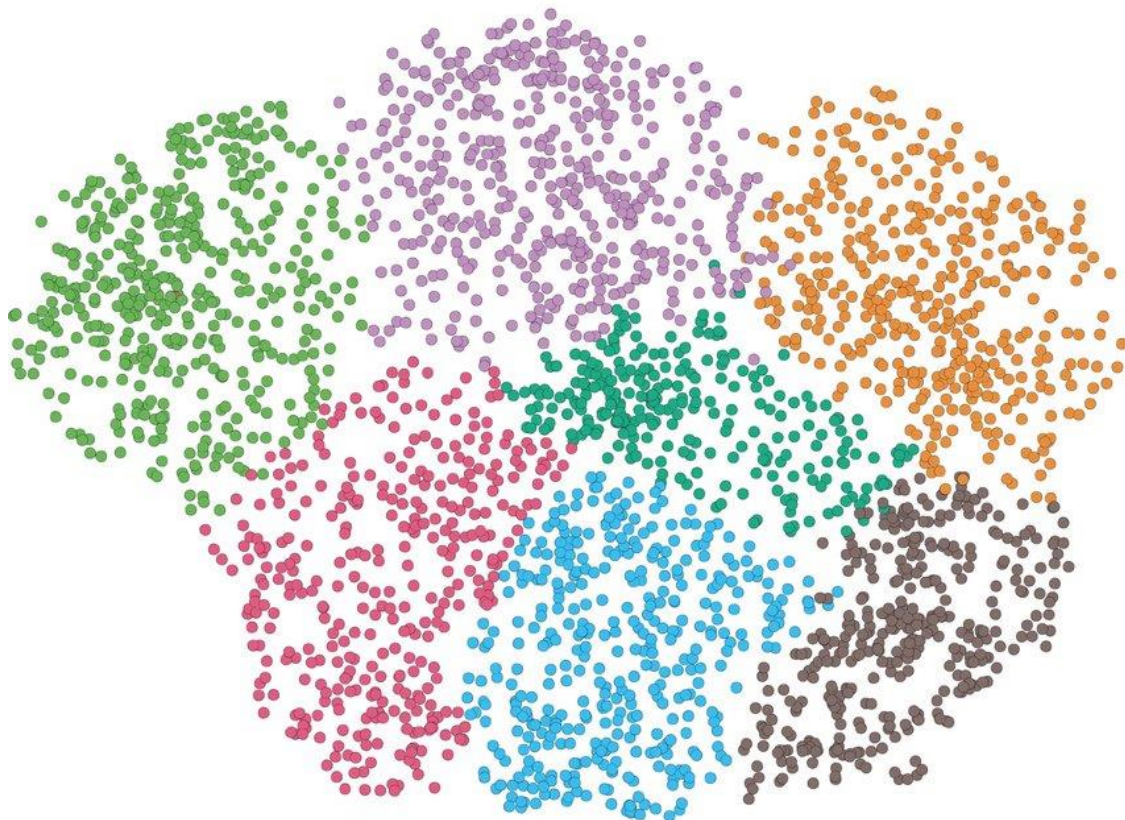
Asynchronous Neural Networks for Learning in Graphs



Benchmarks



Example: CORA Benchmark

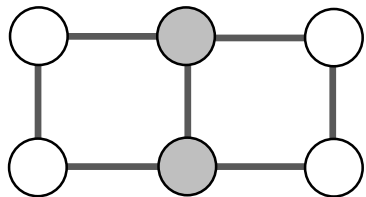
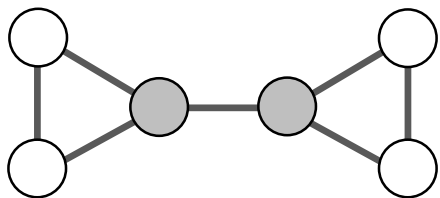


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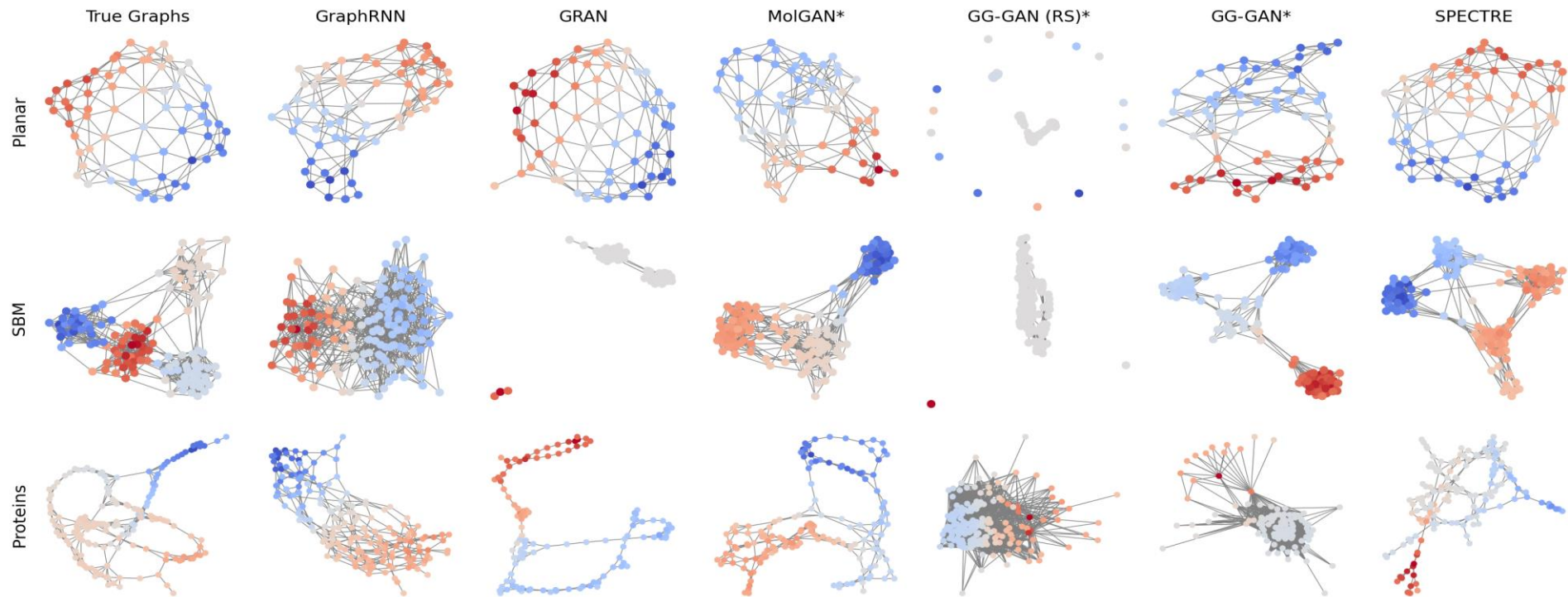


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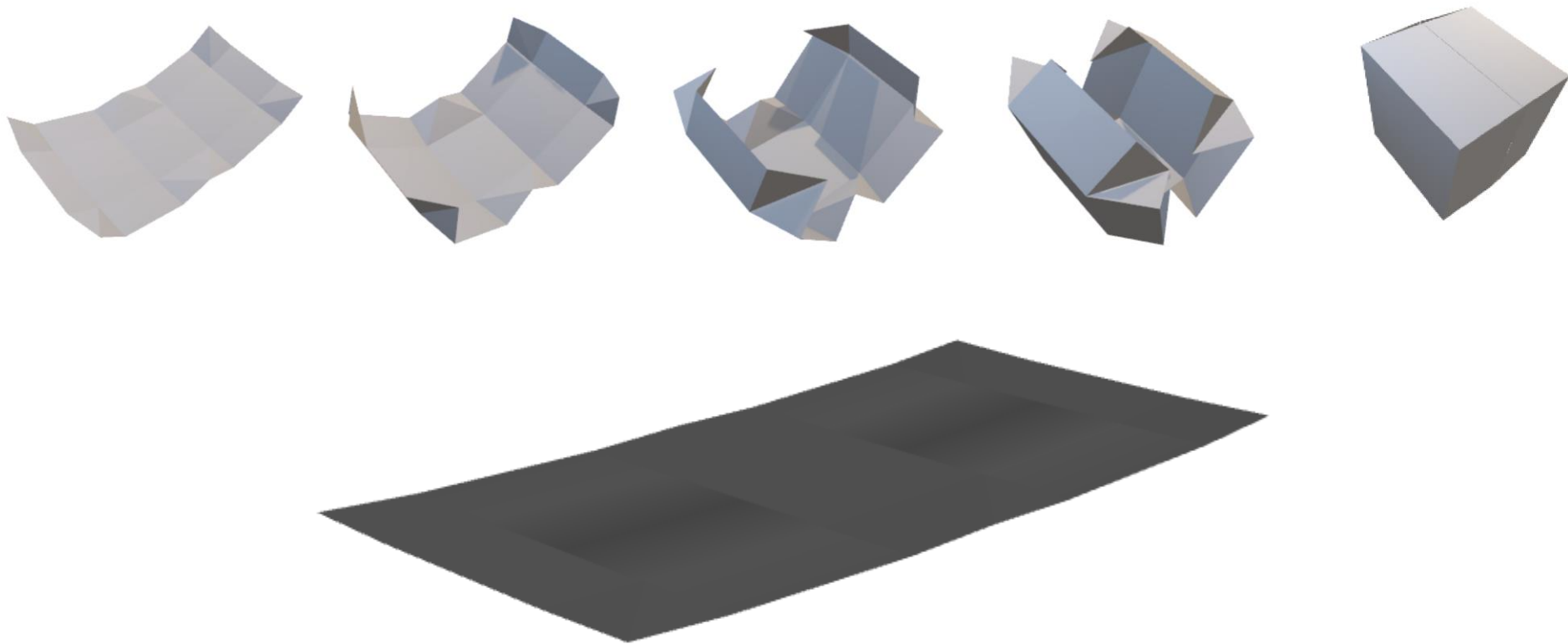
SPECTRE : Spectral Conditioning Helps to Overcome the Expressivity Limits of One-shot Graph Generators

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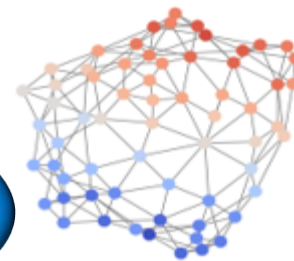
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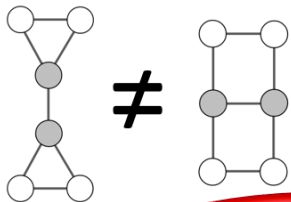


Summary

SPECTRE



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Graph
Isomorphism

Graph
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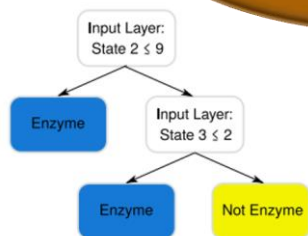
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