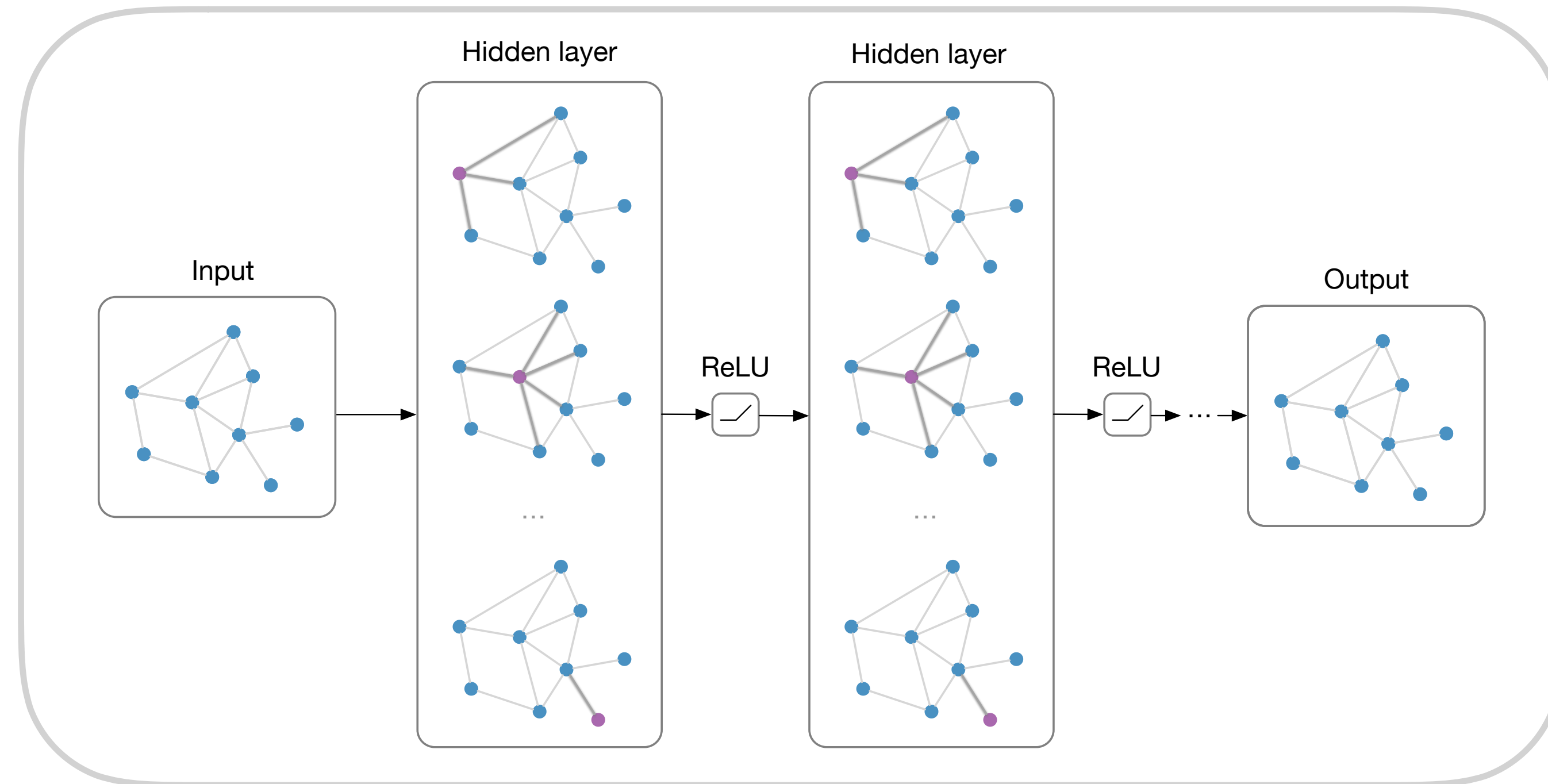


Unsupervised Learning with Graph Neural Networks



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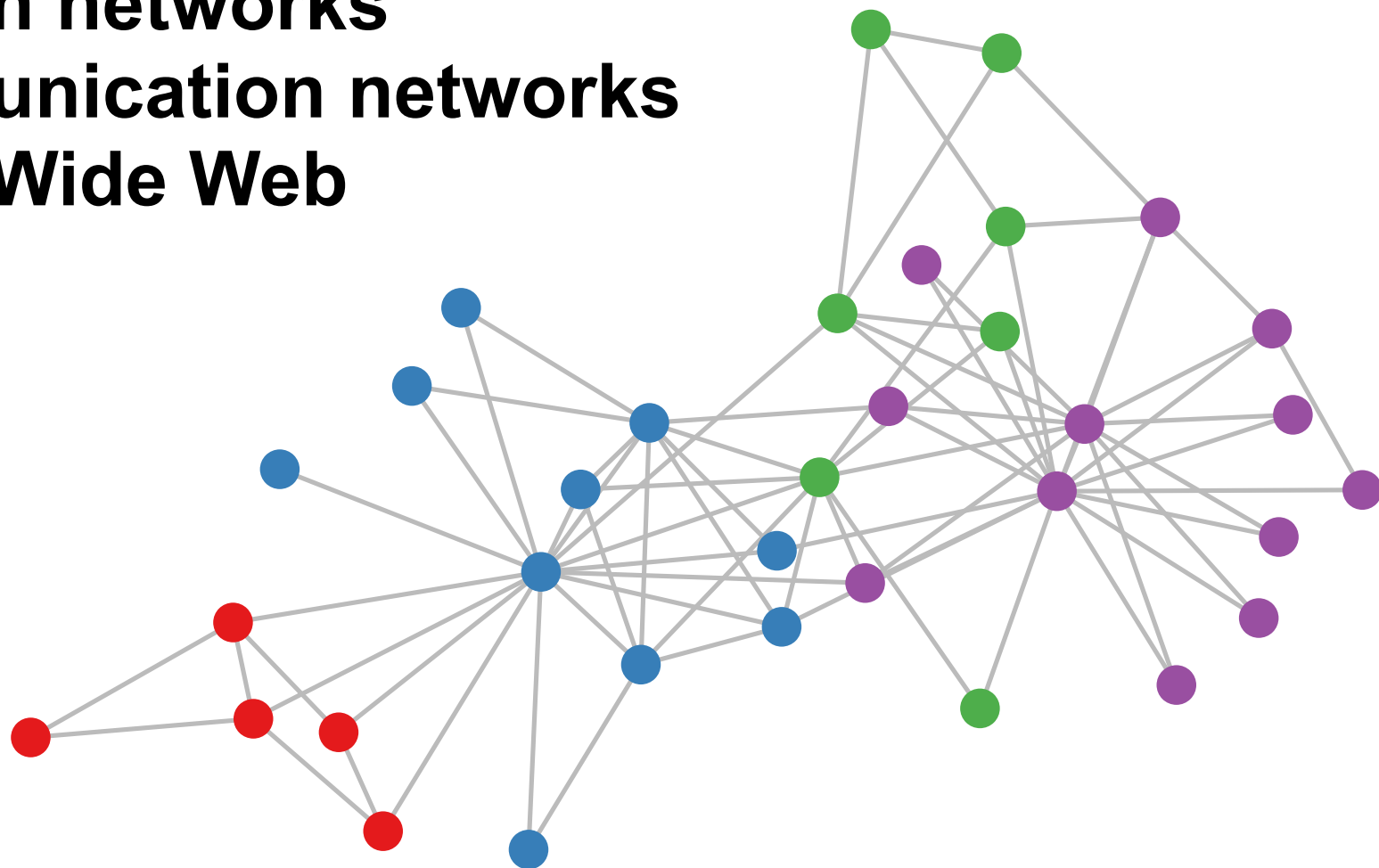


Implicit structure: objects & relations as useful abstraction

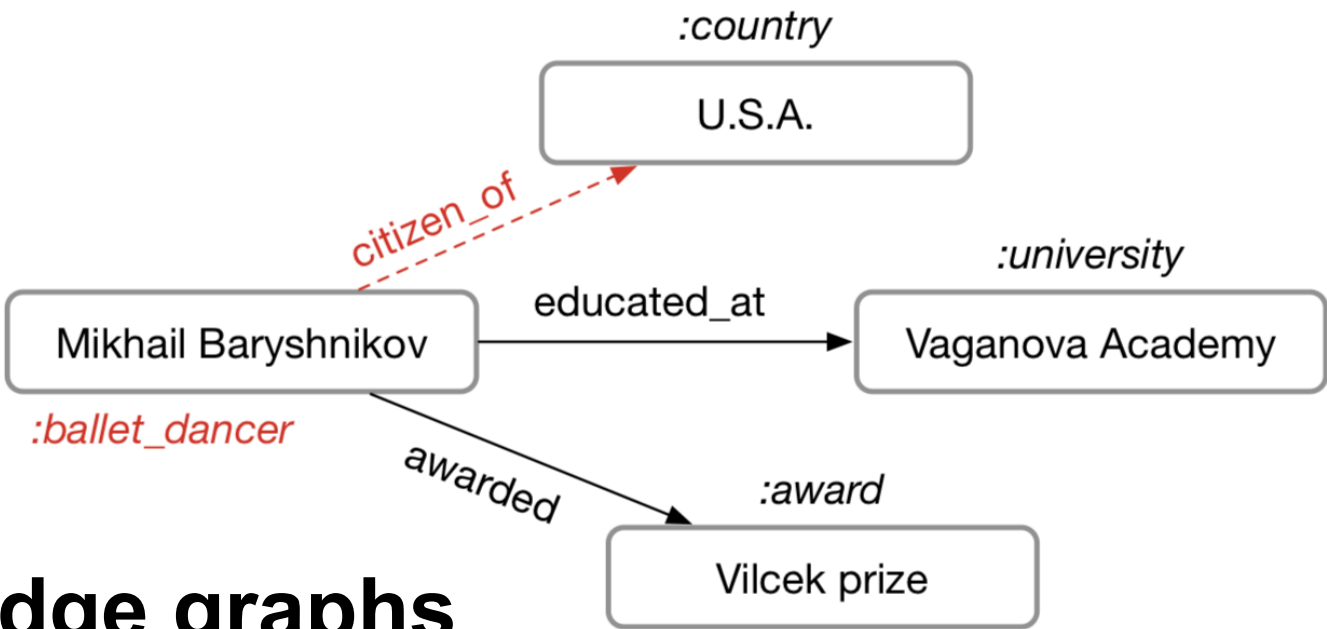


Explicitly graph-structured data

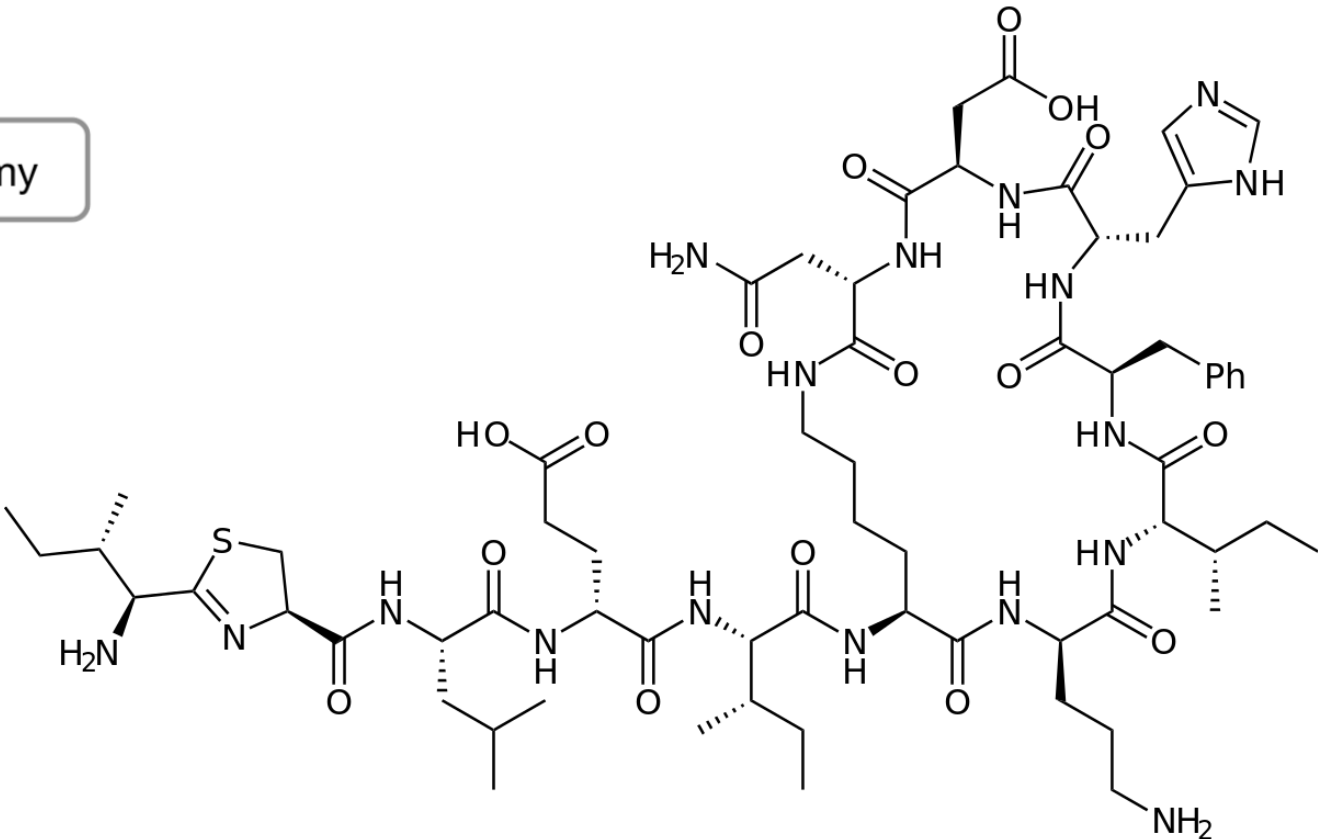
Social networks
Citation networks
Communication networks
World Wide Web



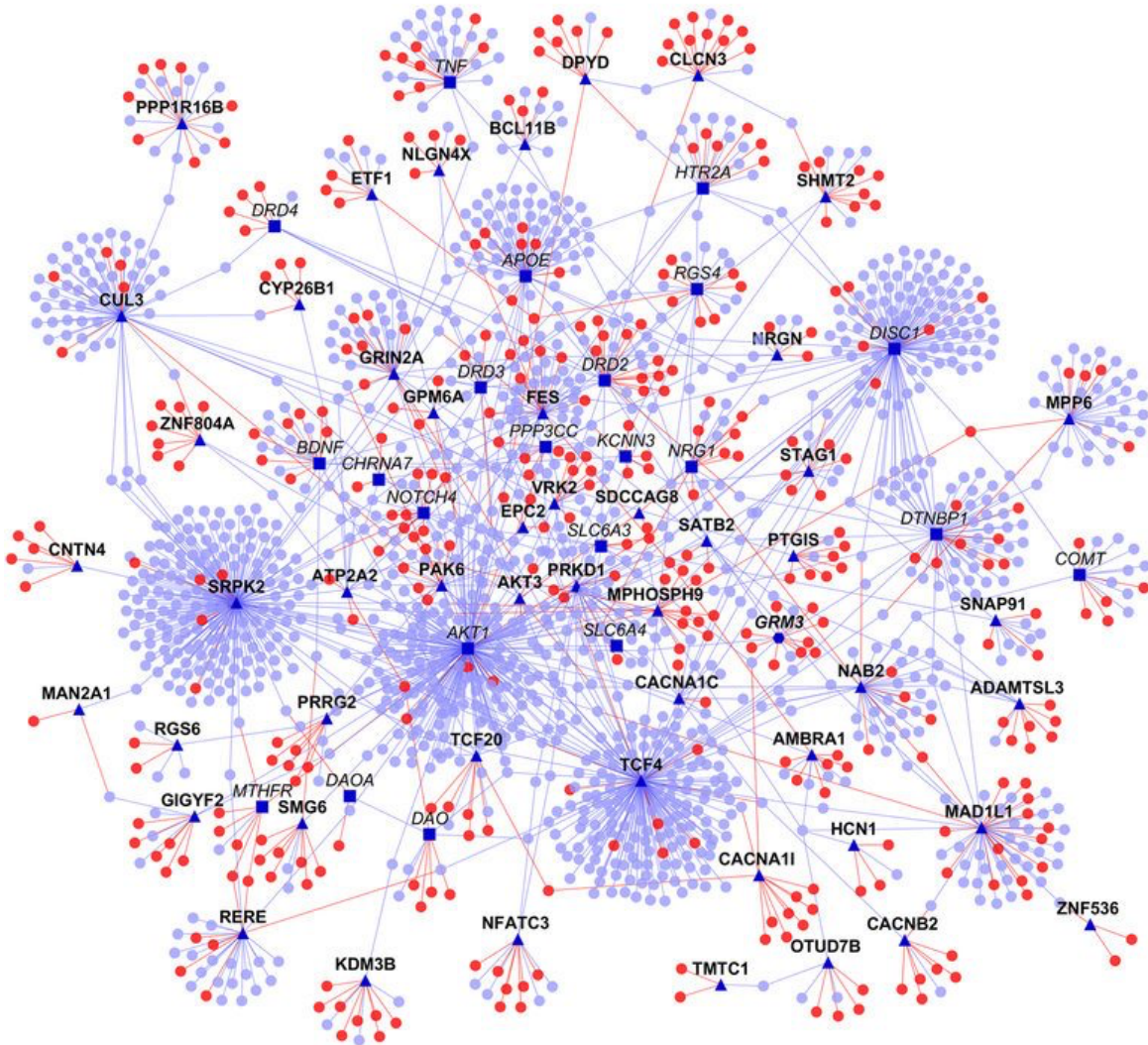
Knowledge graphs



Molecules

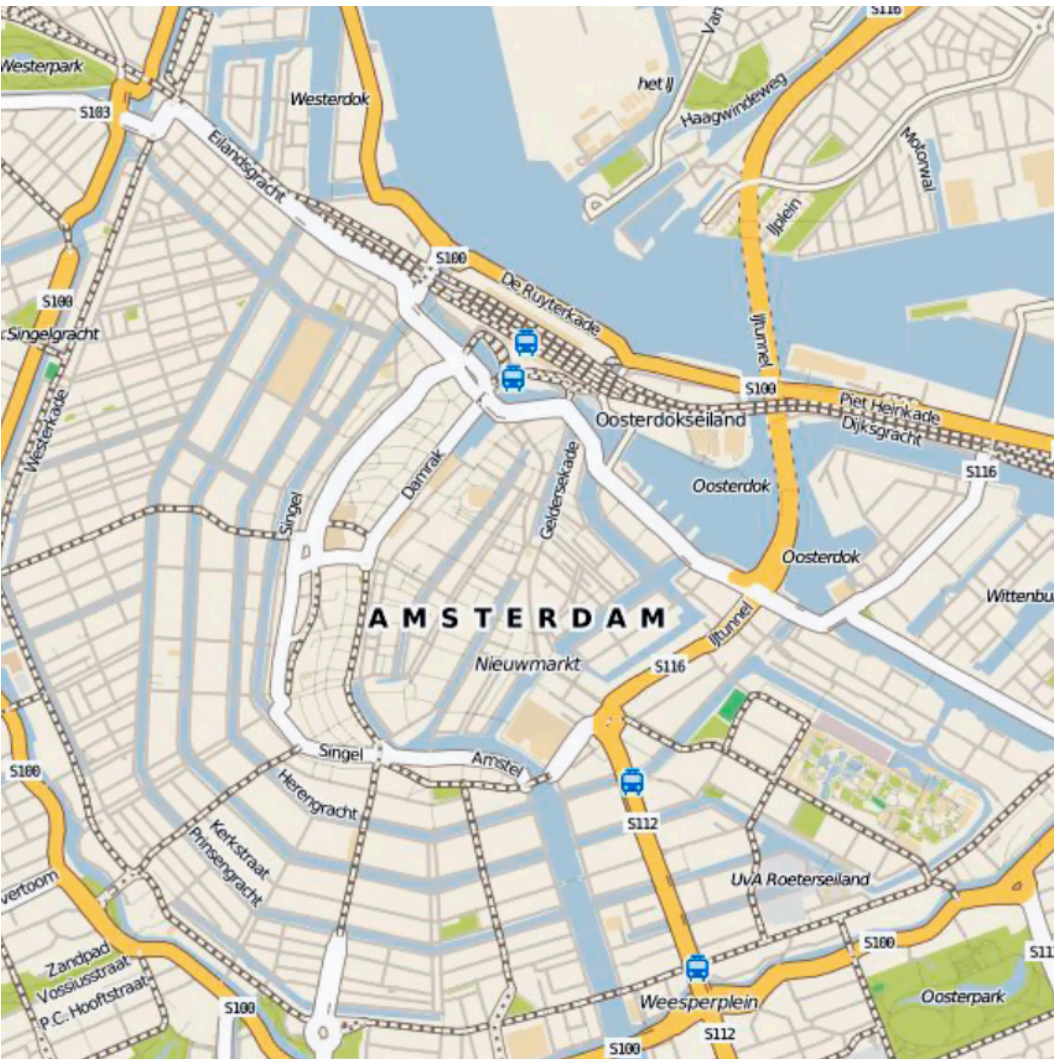


Protein interaction networks



Challenging for standard deep neural net architectures (CNNs / RNNs)

Road maps



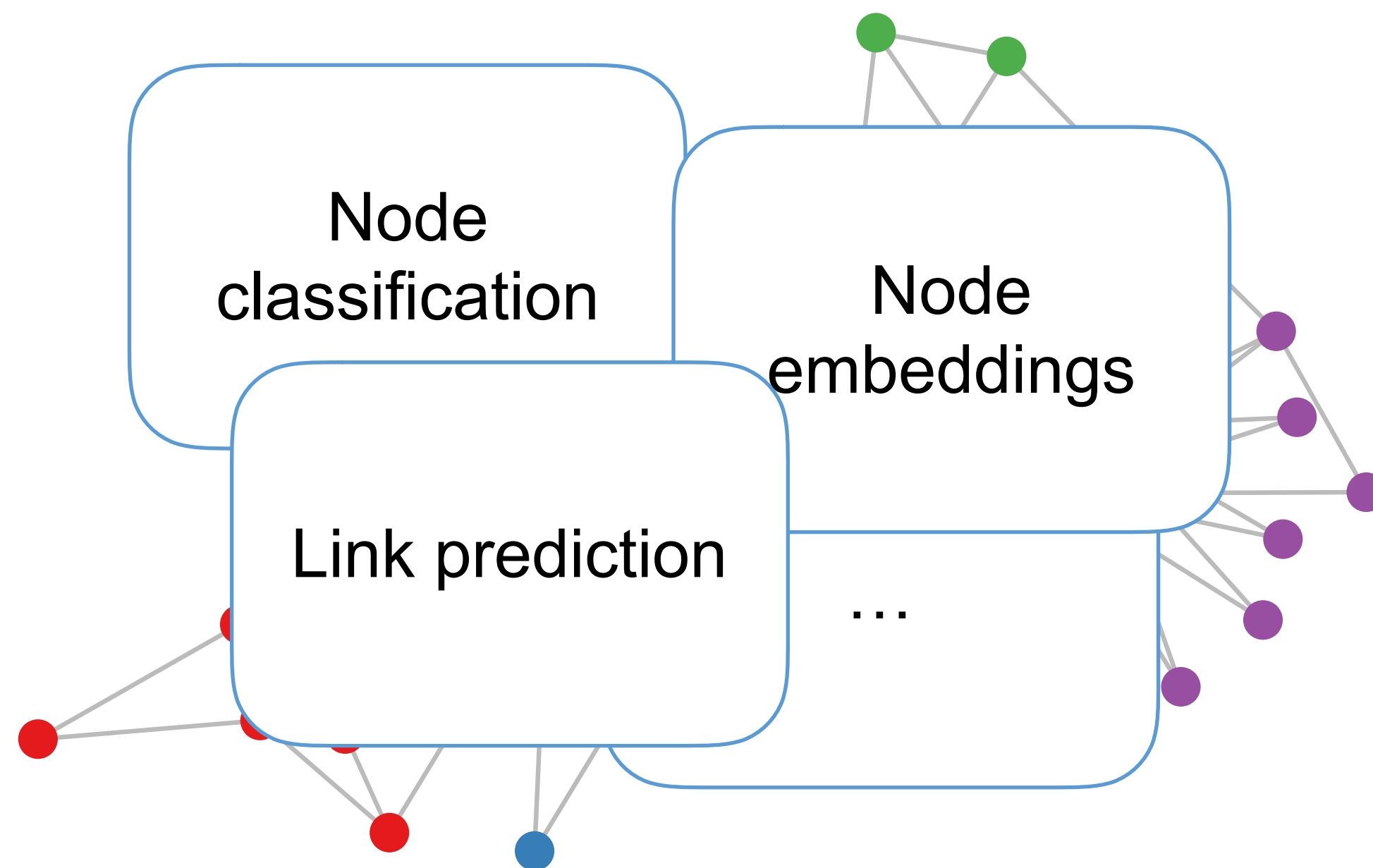
Talk overview

1) Graph neural networks (GNNs):

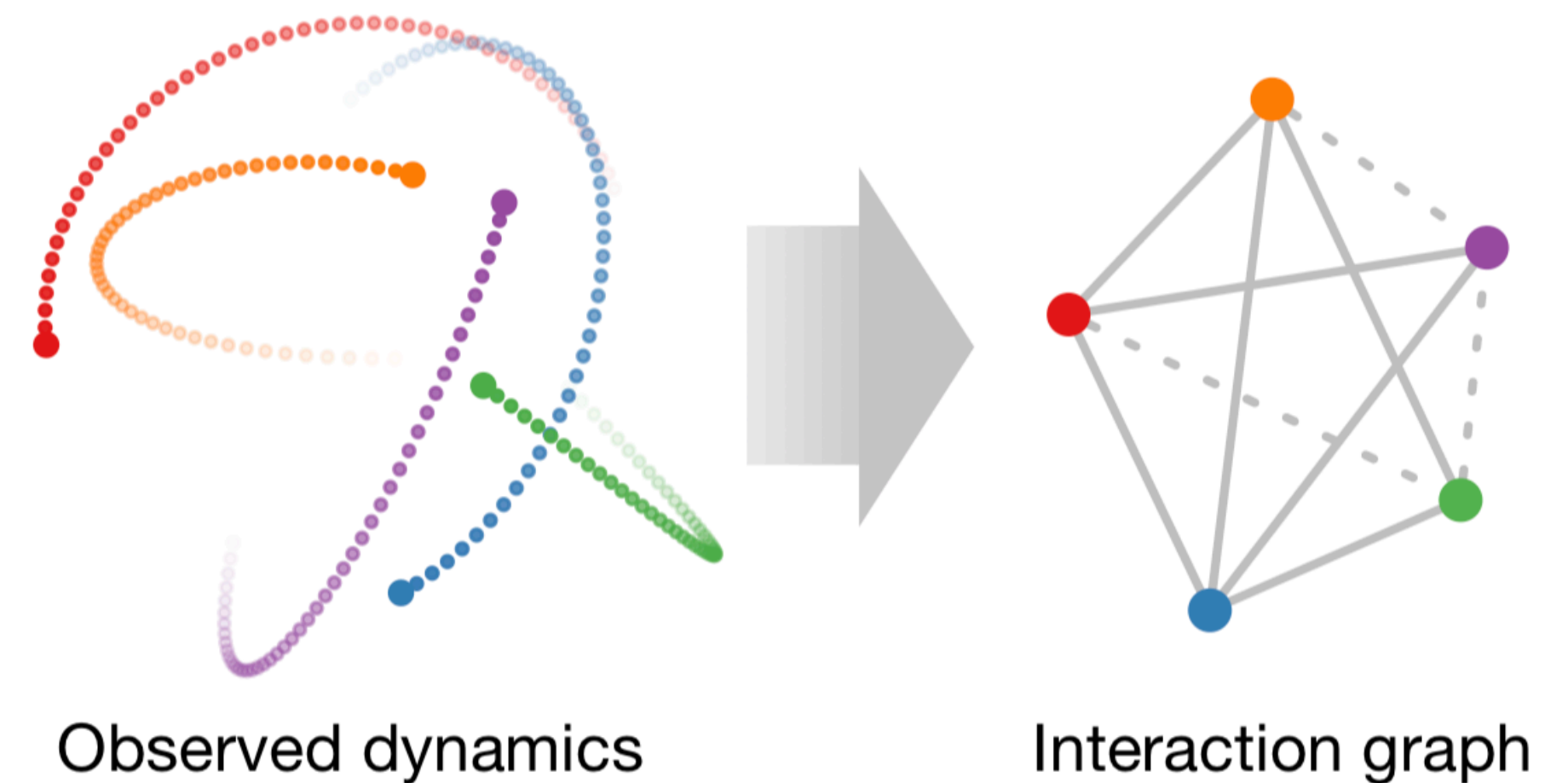
Introduction & model variants

2) GNNs for unsupervised learning

with graph structured data



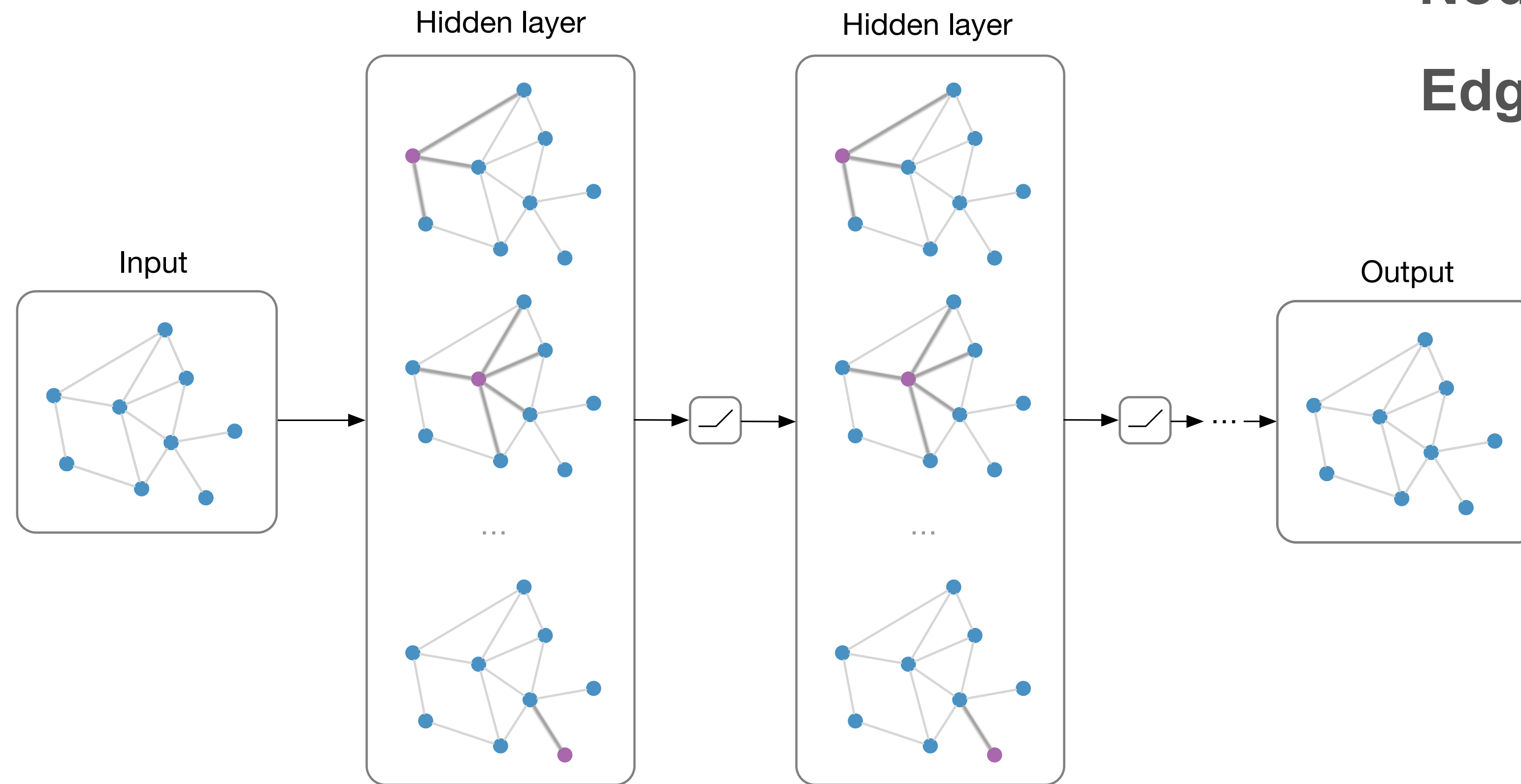
3) Modeling implicit structure with Neural Relational Inference



5) Outlook & Conclusion

Graph Neural Networks (GNNs)

The bigger picture:



Graph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$

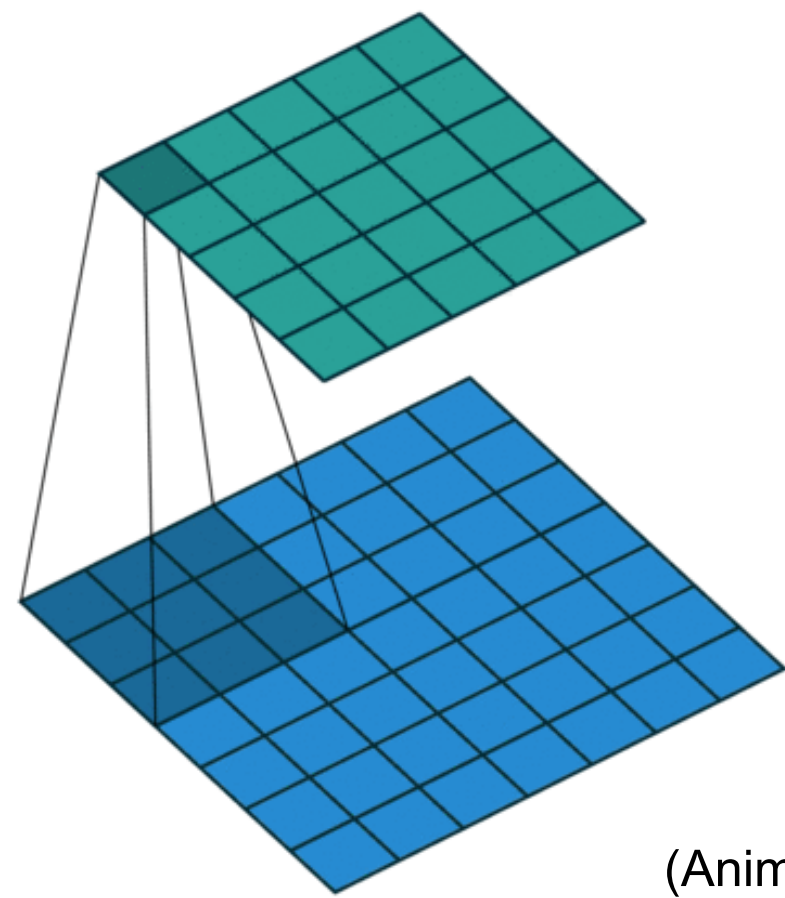
Node features $\mathbf{h}_i$

Edge features $\mathbf{h}_{(i,j)}$

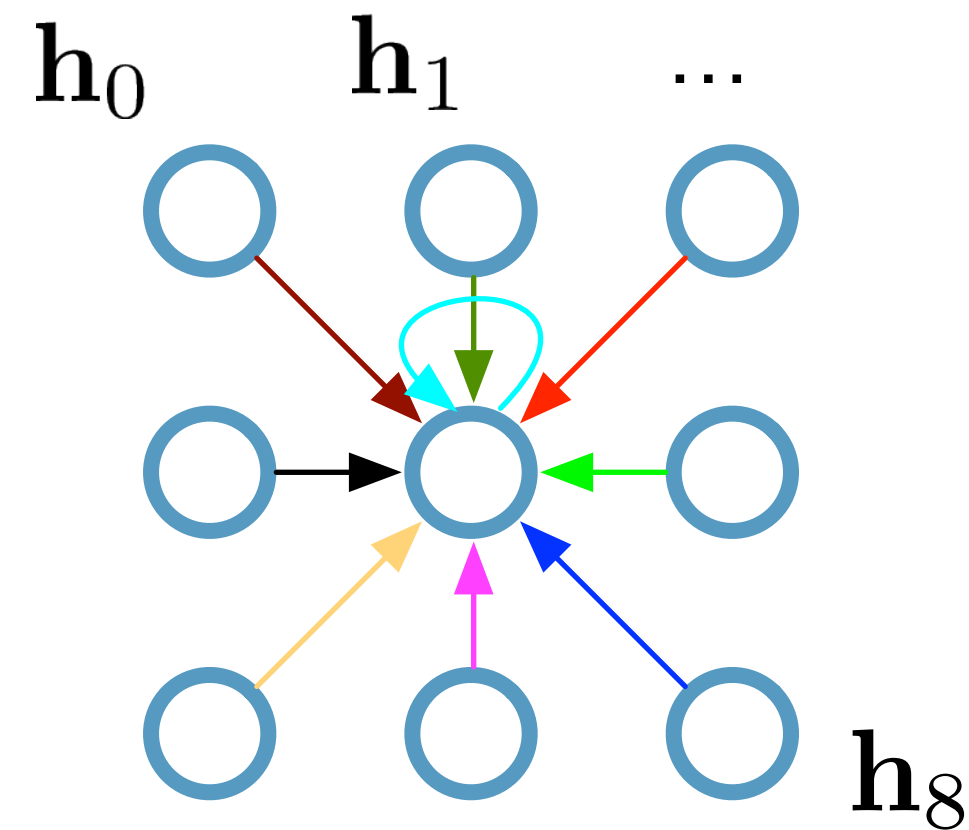
Main idea: Pass messages along edges of graph, agglomerate & transform

CNNs (on grids) as message passing

Single CNN layer with 3x3 filter:



(Animation by
Vincent Dumoulin)



Update for a single pixel:

- Transform messages individually $\mathbf{W}_i \mathbf{h}_i$
- Add everything up $\sum_i \mathbf{W}_i \mathbf{h}_i$

$\mathbf{h}_i \in \mathbb{R}^F$ are (hidden layer) activations of a pixel/node

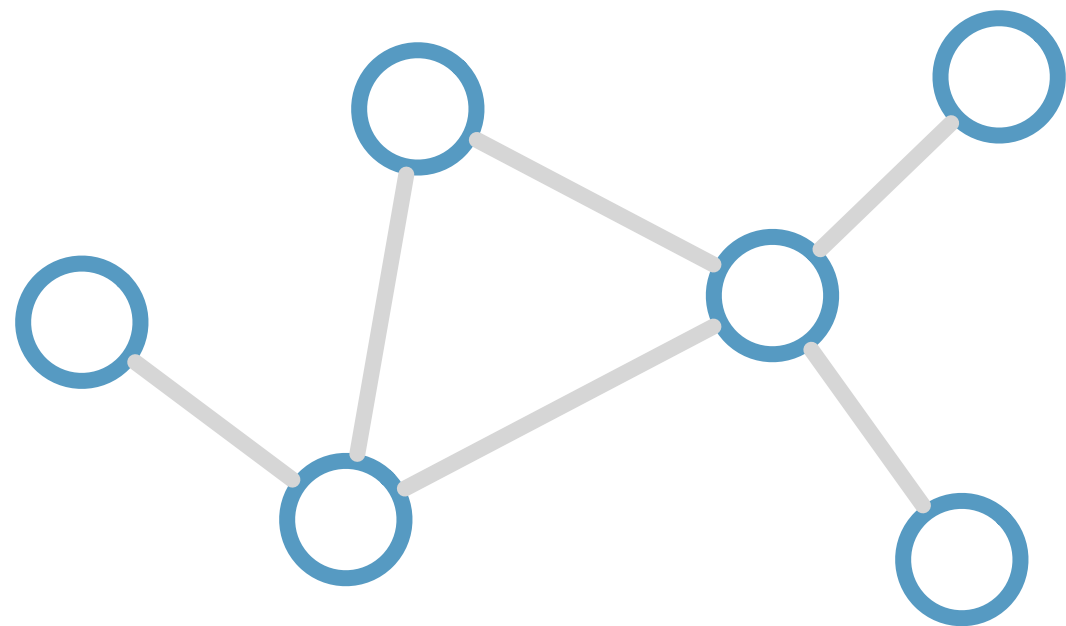
Full update:

$$\mathbf{h}'_4 = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_0 \mathbf{h}_0 + \mathbf{W}_1 \mathbf{h}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{W}_8 \mathbf{h}_8)$$

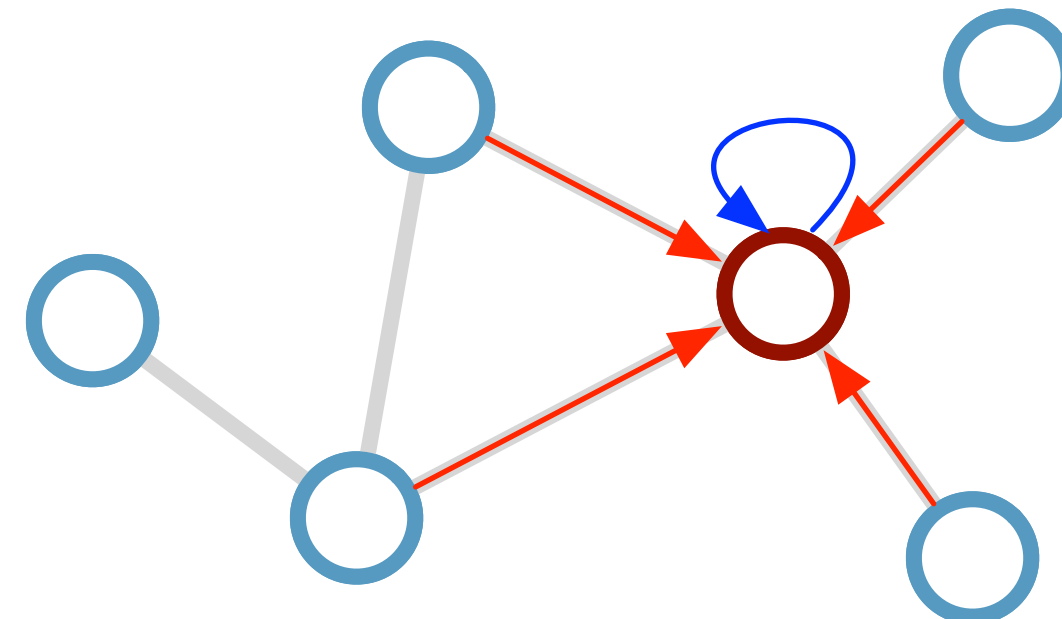
Graph convolutional networks (GCNs)

Kipf & Welling (ICLR 2017), based on work by Gori et al. (2005), Bruna et al. (ICLR 2015), Li et al. (ICLR 2016)

Consider this undirected graph:



Calculate update for node in red:



Update rule:

$$\mathbf{h}'_i = \sigma \left(\mathbf{W}_0 \mathbf{h}_i + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \alpha_{ij} \mathbf{W}_1 \mathbf{h}_j \right)$$

Desirable properties:

- Weight sharing over all locations
- Linear complexity $O(E)$
- Applicable in inductive settings (new nodes/edges)

Limitations:

- Does not consider pairwise interactions
- No support for edge features

$\mathcal{N}_i$: neighbor indices α_{ij} : norm. constant

More expressive GNN variants

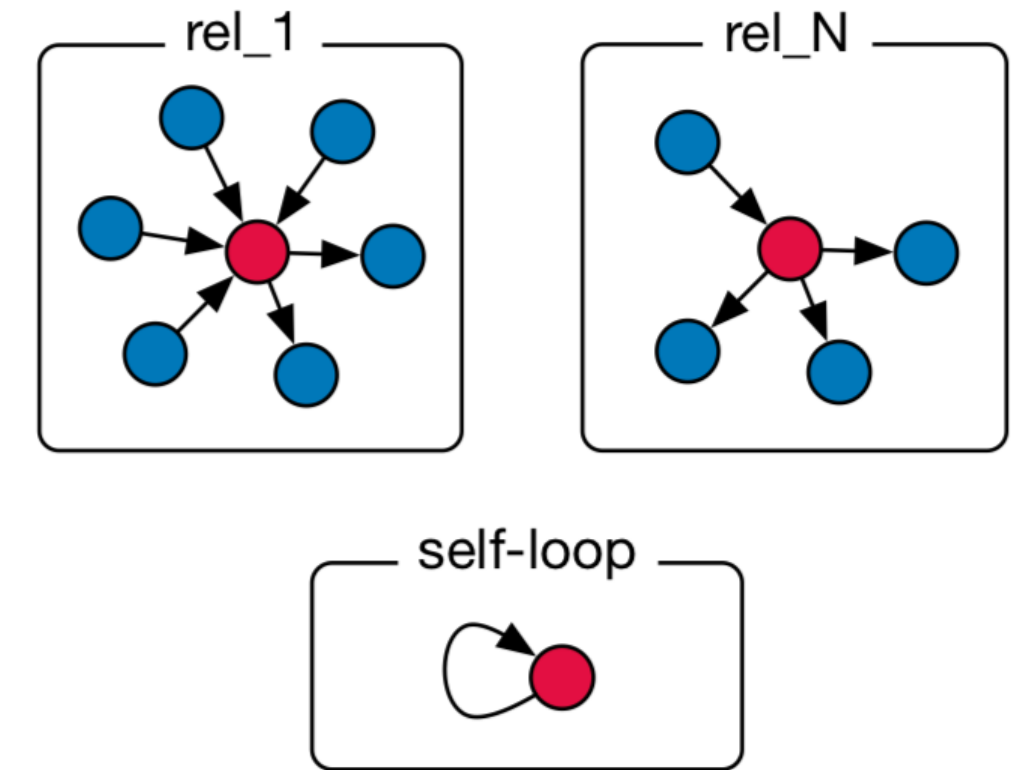
MoNet & Relational GCN for modeling relational data

Monti et al. (CVPR 2017), Schlichtkrull & Kipf et al. (arXiv 2017, ESWC 2018)

$$\mathbf{h}'_i = \sigma \left(\sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \alpha_{ij}^r \mathbf{W}_r \mathbf{h}_j \right)$$

α_{ij}^r based on:

- Edge type (Relational GCN)
- Auxiliary features (MoNet), e.g. node degree



Self-attention and Graph Attention Networks

Vaswani et al. (NIPS 2017), Veličković et al. (ICLR 2018)

$$\alpha_{ij}^r = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{h}_i^T \mathbf{W}'_r \mathbf{h}_j)}{\sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_i} \exp(\mathbf{h}_i^T \mathbf{W}'_r \mathbf{h}_k)}$$

Multi-head dot product attention:

- Activation-dependent α_{ij}^r
- Bi-linear scoring

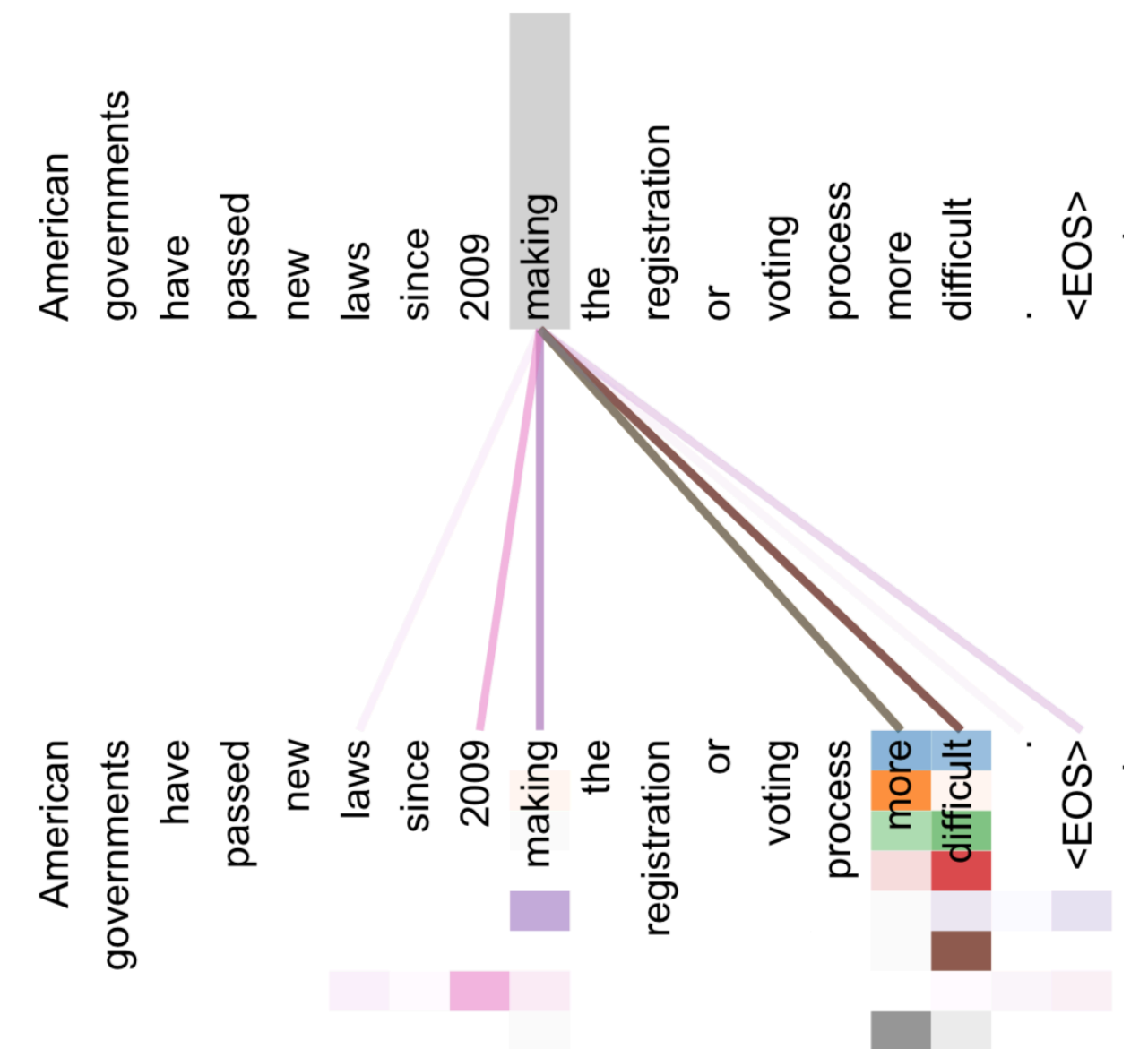
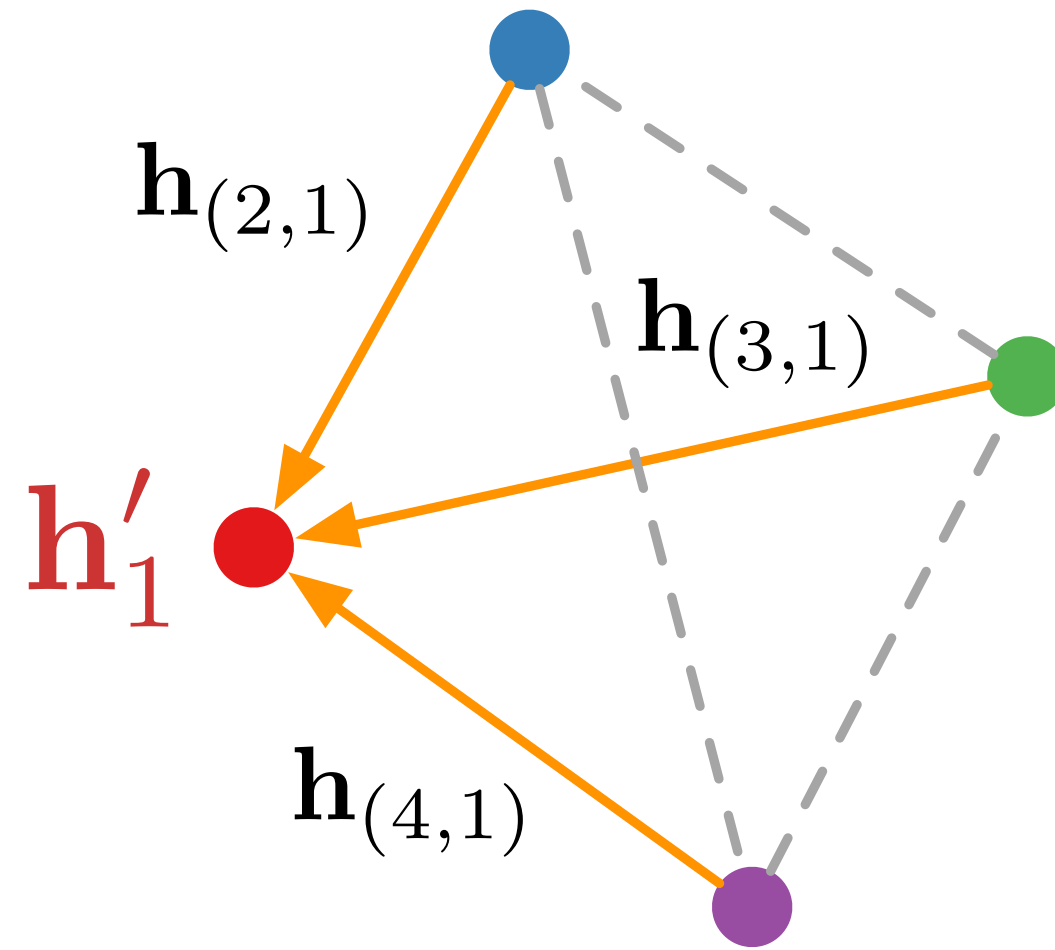


Figure from Vaswani et al. (NIPS 2017)

GNNs with edge embeddings (Neural message passing)

Battaglia et al. (NIPS 2016), Gilmer et al. (ICML 2017), Kipf et al. (ICML 2018)



Pros:

- Support for edge features
- Very flexible / expressive parameterization
- Supports sparse ops

Cons:

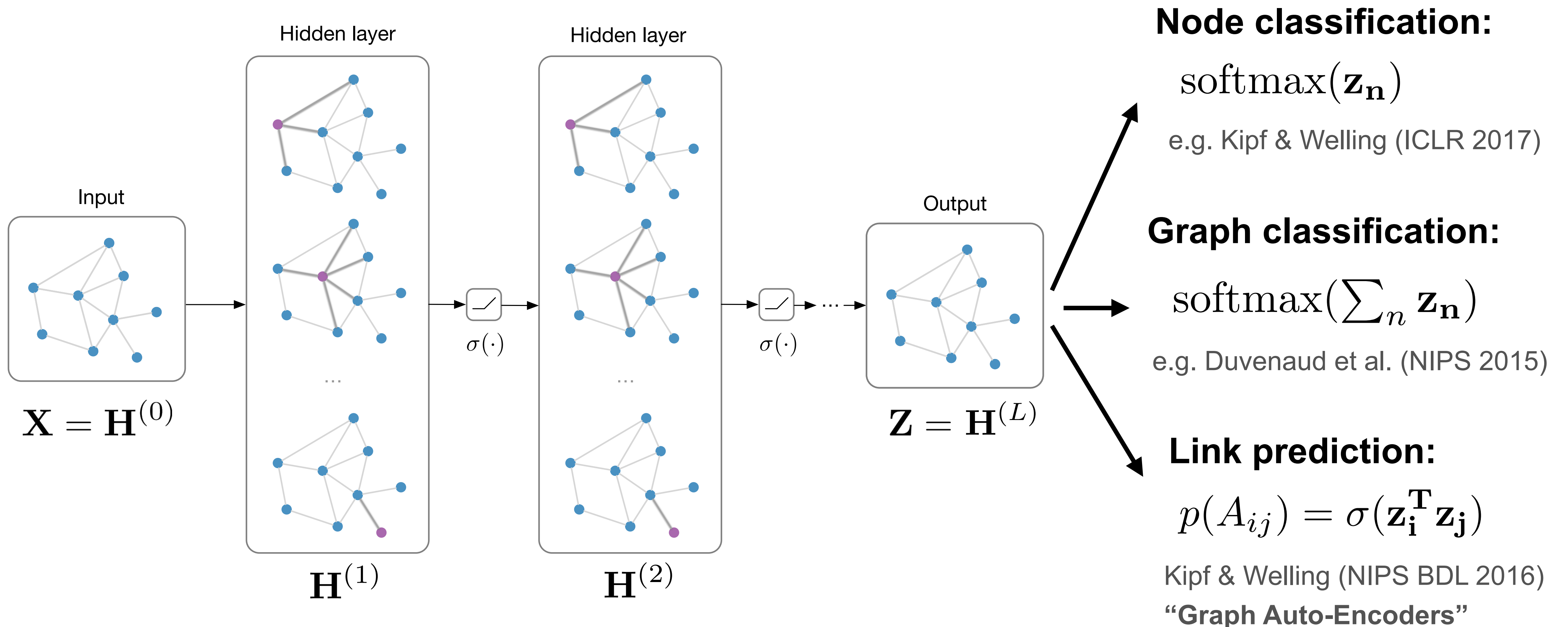
- Need to store intermediate edge-based activations
- In practice significantly slower than GCN / self-attention models

Formally:

$$v \rightarrow e : \mathbf{h}_{(i,j)} = f_e([\mathbf{h}_i, \mathbf{h}_j])$$
$$e \rightarrow v : \mathbf{h}'_j = f_v(\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_j} \mathbf{h}_{(i,j)})$$

GNNs for (semi-)supervised learning on graphs

Input: Feature matrix $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times F}$, graph adjacency matrix $\mathbf{A}$



Unsupervised learning with GNNs

Objective: Learn node embeddings for downstream tasks

Most approaches follow a contrastive learning approach:

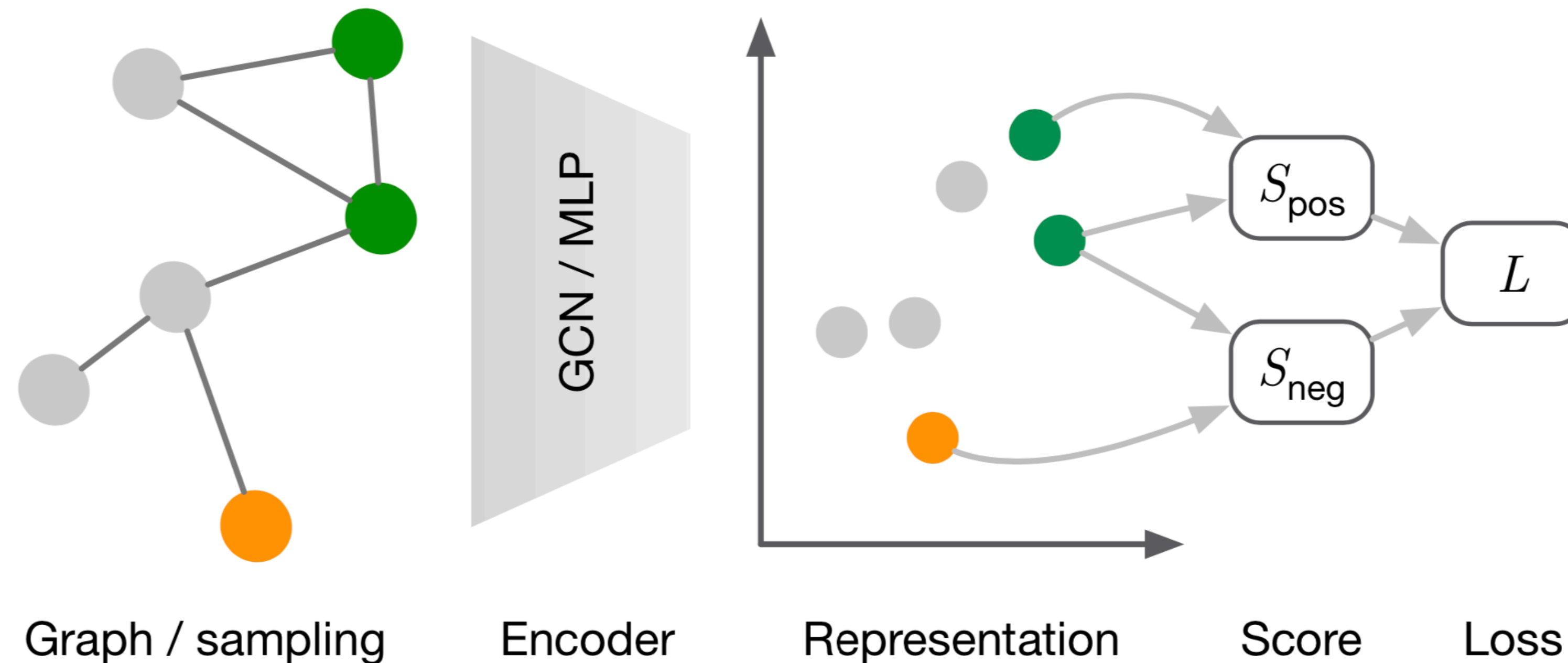


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Unsupervised learning with GNNs

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Most approaches follow a contrastive learning approach:

- Sampling strategies
(e.g. pos: neighbor; neg: random node)
- Encoder variants
(GCN, GAT, MLP, Lookup table)
- Node representations
(Geometry of latent space, distributional embeddings)
- Score functions (Energy-based, inner / bilinear product, local vs. global)
- Loss (Cross-entropy, hinge, square-exponential)

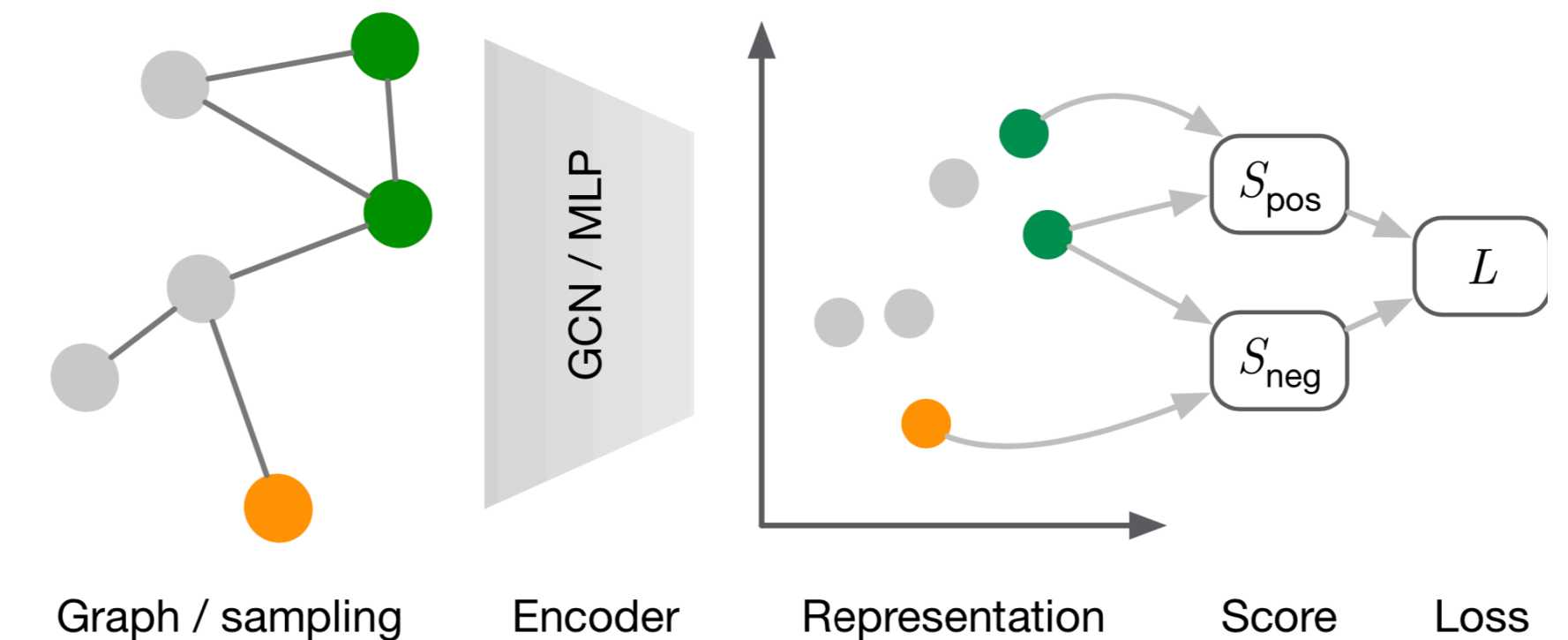


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Examples in literature

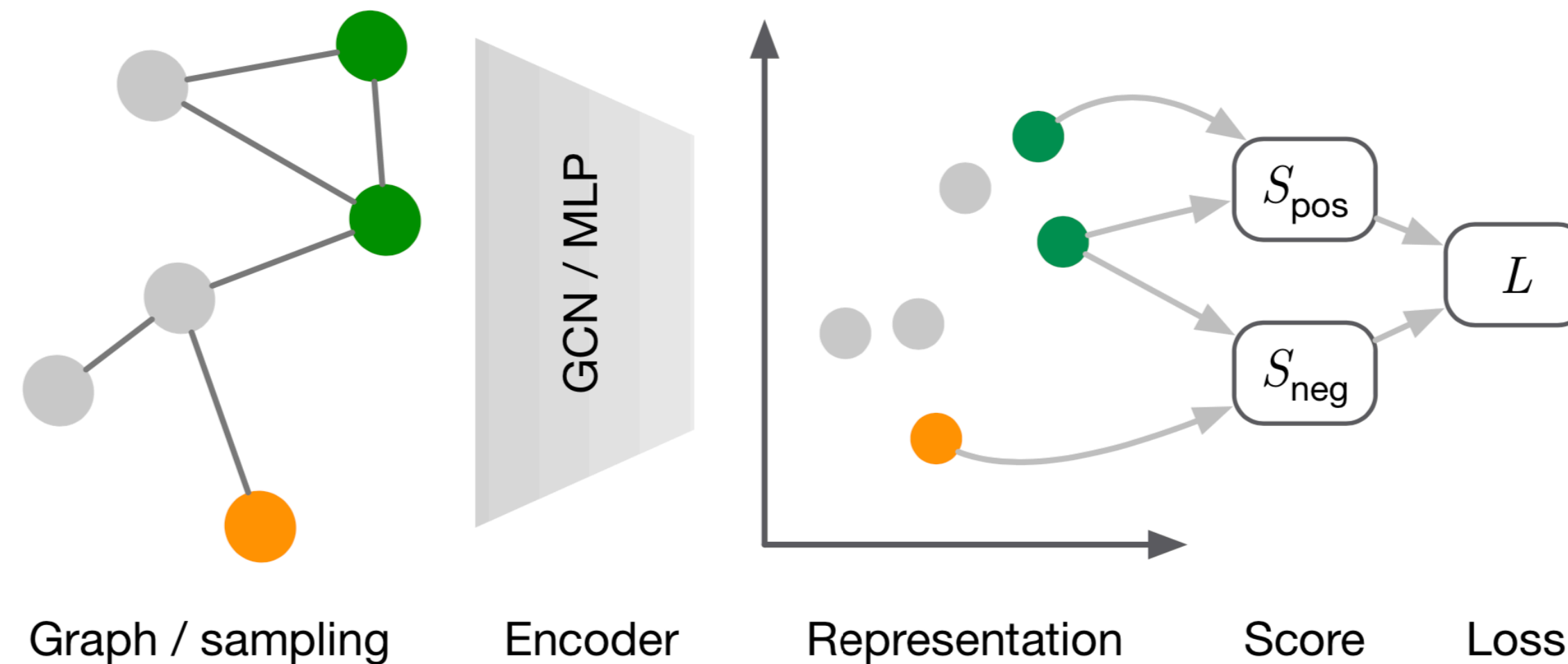
Table 1. Components of unsupervised learning methods on graphs in existing algorithms: DeepWalk (Perozzi et al., 2014), GAE (Kipf & Welling, 2016b), $\mathcal{S}$ -VGAE (Davidson et al., 2018), DGI (Veličković et al., 2018), and G2G (Bojchevski & Günnemann, 2017).

Method	Encoder	Representation	Score	Loss	Sampling
DeepWalk	LUT	$\mathbf{z}_i \in \mathbb{R}^D$	$\sigma(\mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{z}_j)$	$-\log S - \log(1 - \tilde{S})$	(+) random walk neighbors (-) non-neighbors
GAE	GCN	$\mathbf{z}_i \in \mathbb{R}^D$	$\sigma(\mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{z}_j)$	$-\log S - \log(1 - \tilde{S})$	(+) 1st order neighbors (-) non-neighbors
$\mathcal{S}$ -VGAE	GCN	$\mathbf{z}_i \sim \text{vMF}(\mathbf{z})$	$\sigma(\mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{z}_j)$	$-\log S - \log(1 - \tilde{S})$	(+) 1st order neighbors (-) non-neighbors
DGI	GCN	$\mathbf{z}_i \in \mathbb{R}^D$	$\sigma(\mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{s})$	$-\log S - \log(1 - \tilde{S})$	(+) original graph (-) corrupted graph
G2G	MLP	$\mathbf{z}_\mu \in \mathbb{R}^D$ $\mathbf{z}_\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^D$	$\exp(-\text{KL}(\mathcal{N}_i \ \mathcal{N}_j))$	$(\log S)^2 + \tilde{S}$	(+) 1st order neighbors (-) higher order neighbors

GAE: Graph Auto-Encoders, G2G: Graph2Gauss, DGI: Deep Graph Infomax $\mathbf{s} = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{z}_i$

Daza & Kipf, A modular framework for unsupervised graph representation learning (work in progress)

(Early) take-aways for unsupervised learning



- Graph-based encoders often improve performance
- Neighbor-based scoring (GAE) effective for both link prediction & node classification
- Local-global scoring (DGI) especially effective for node classification
- Ideal node representation (distributional, hyperspherical, etc.) heavily data-dependent

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ModGraph: PyTorch library — to be released soon

Graph Autoencoders (Kipf and Welling, 2016):

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encoder = GCNEncoder(dataset.num_features, hidden_dims=[256, 128])
representation = EuclideanInnerProduct()
loss = bceloss
sampling = FirstNeighborSampling
```

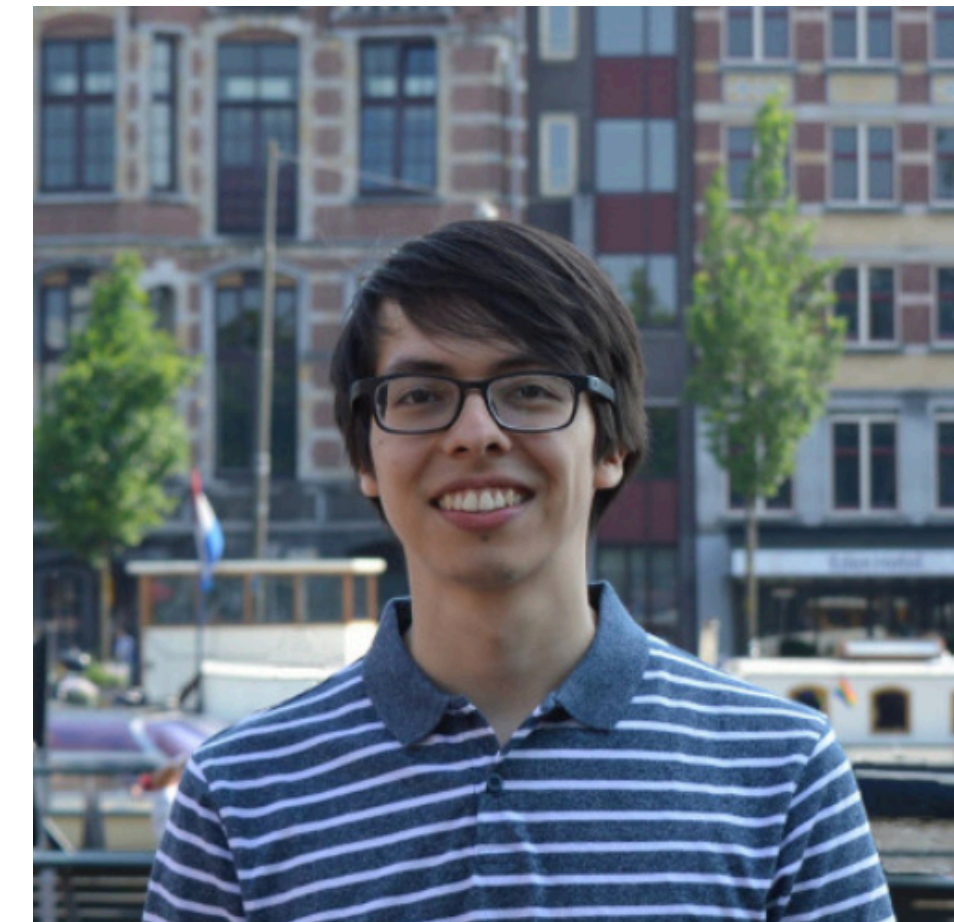
Deep Graph Infomax (Veličković et al., 2018):

```
encoder = GCNEncoder(dataset.num_features, hidden_dims=[256, 128])
representation = EuclideanBilinear()
loss = bceloss
sampling = GraphCorruptionSampling
```

Graph2Gauss (Bojchevski and Günnemann, 2017):

```
encoder = MLP Encoder(dataset.num_features, hidden_dims=[256, 128])
representation = Gaussian()
loss = square_exponential
sampling = RankedSampling
```

Developed by
Daniel Daza



<https://dfdazac.github.io>

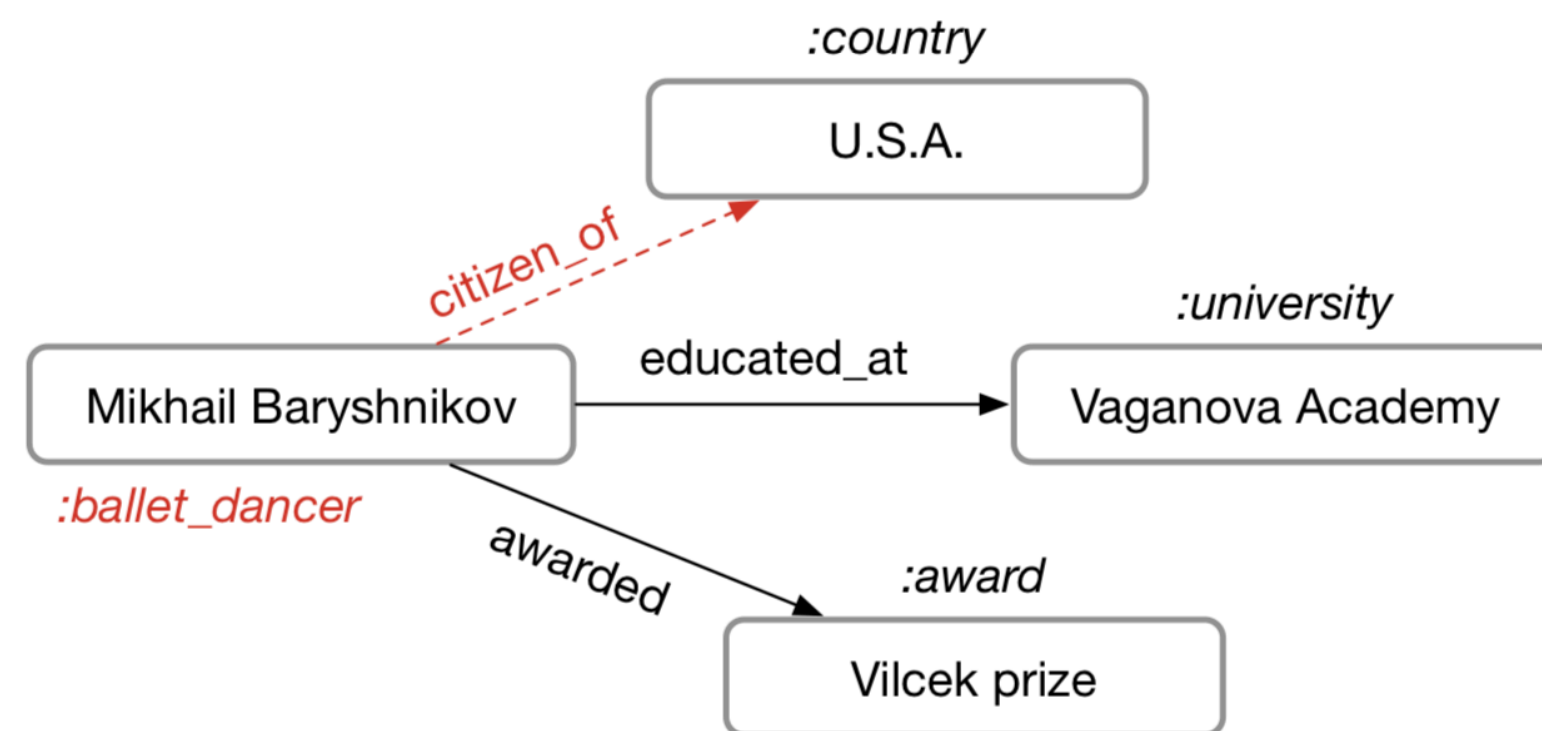
Other GNN/GCN applications

Recommender systems



Ying et al., (2018); vd Berg, Kipf & Welling (2017), Monti et al. (2017)

Knowledge base completion

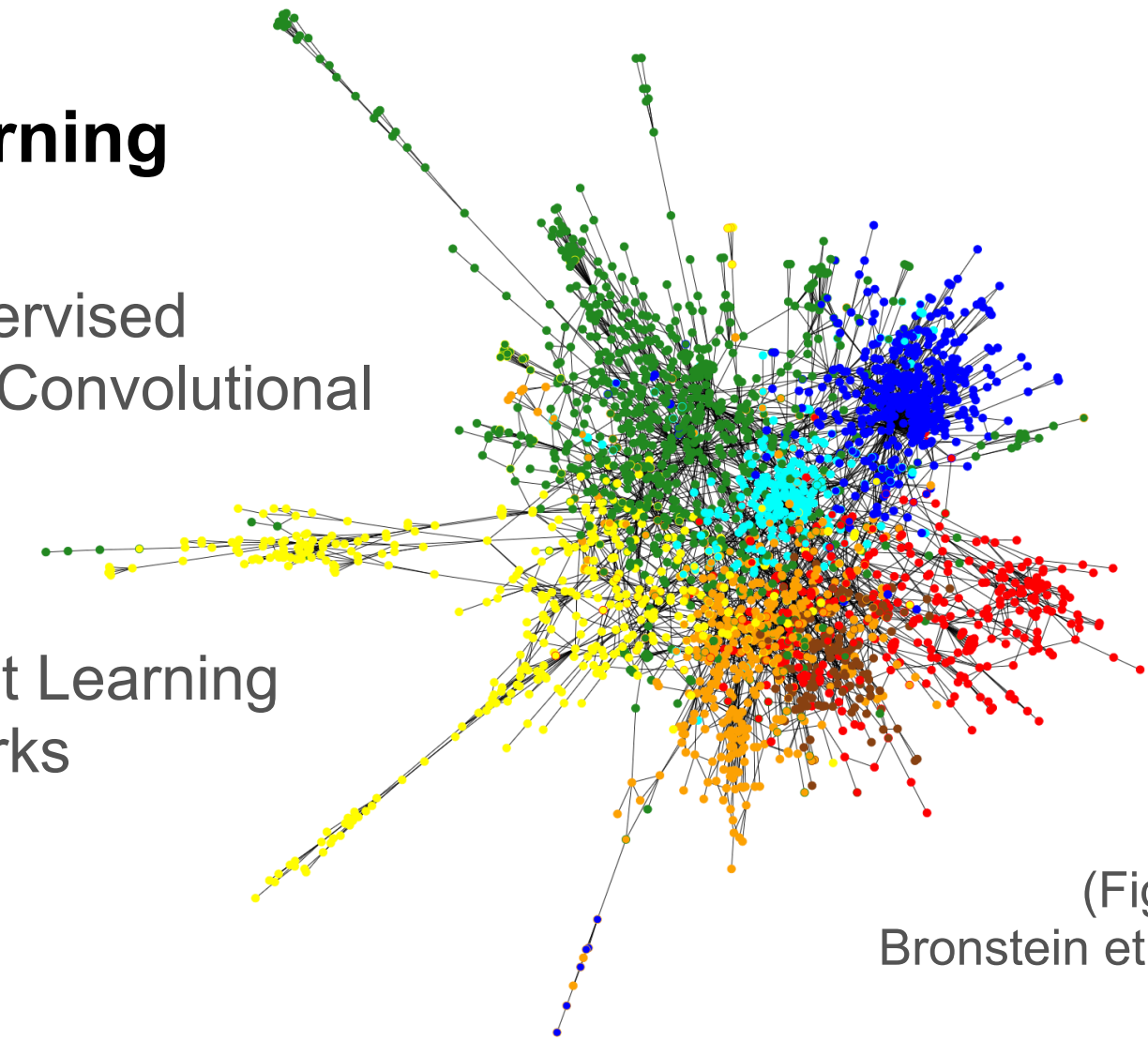


Schlichtkrull & Kipf et al. (ESWC 2018)

Semi-supervised learning

Kipf & Welling, Semi-Supervised Classification with Graph Convolutional Networks (ICLR 2017)

Garcia & Bruna, Few-Shot Learning with Graph Neural Networks (ICLR 2018)



(Figure from: Bronstein et al., 2016)

Visual question answering



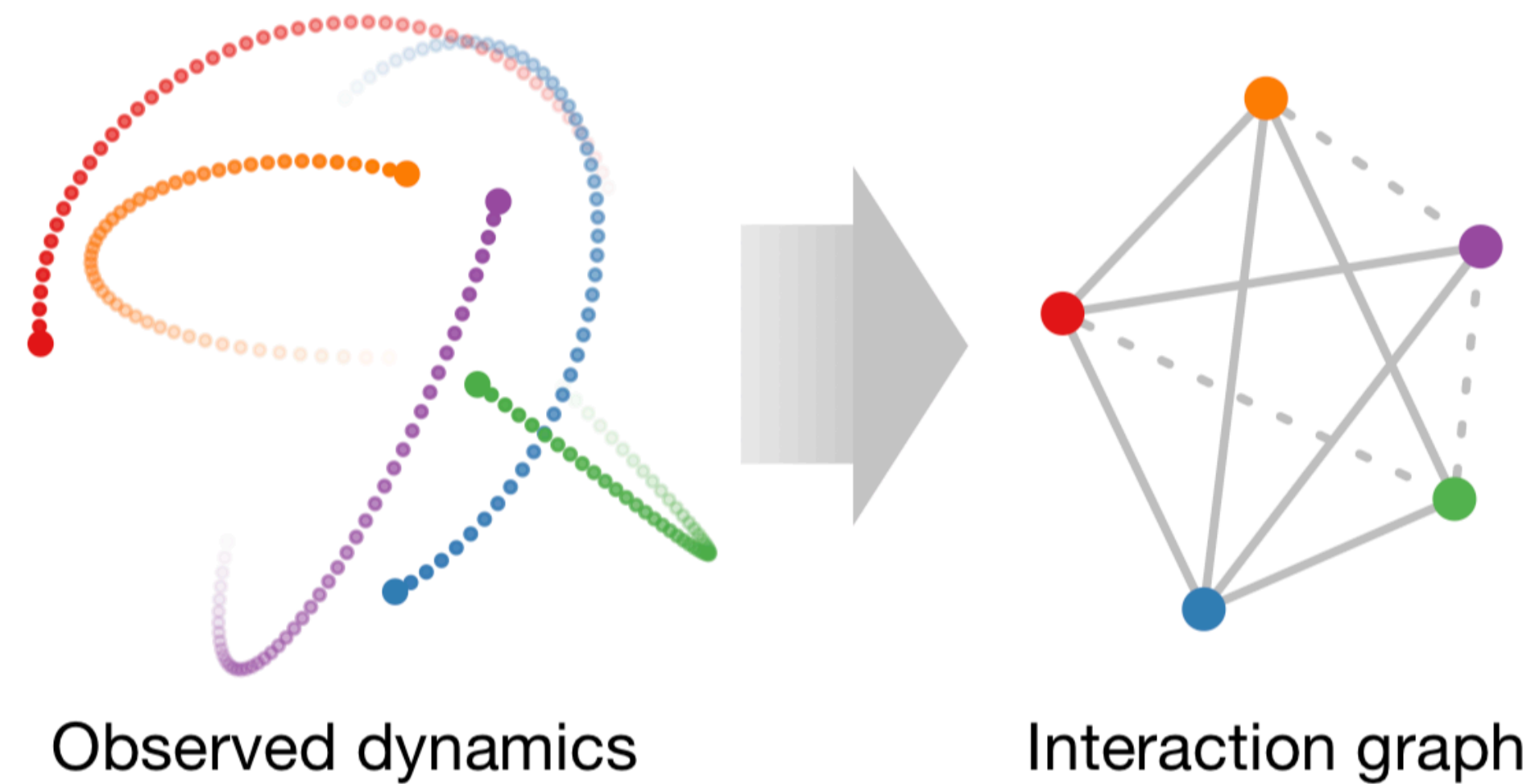
Norcliffe-Brown et al., Learning Conditioned Graph Structures for VQA, (NeurIPS 2018)

Q: Are all these animals the same colour?

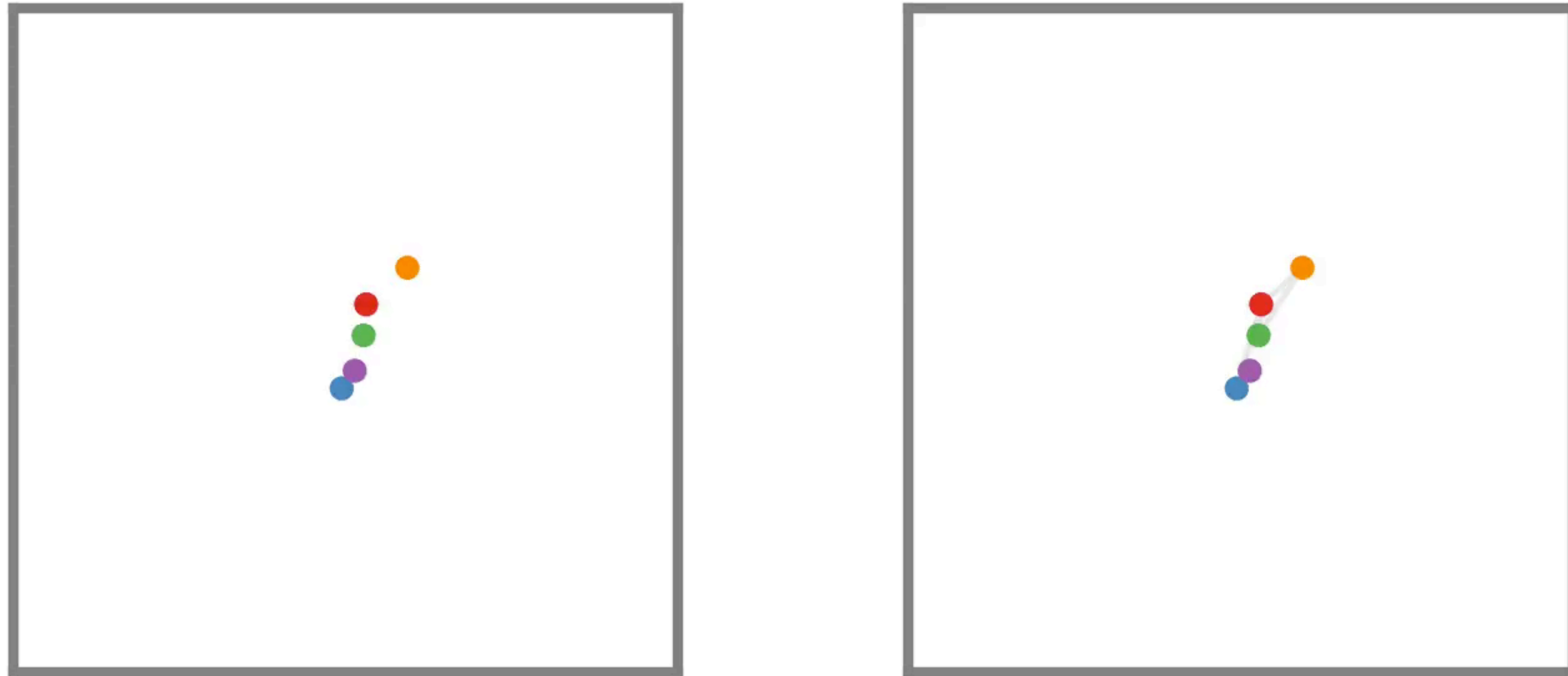
Prediction: Yes

Answer: Yes

Modeling implicit / hidden structure with Neural Relational Inference

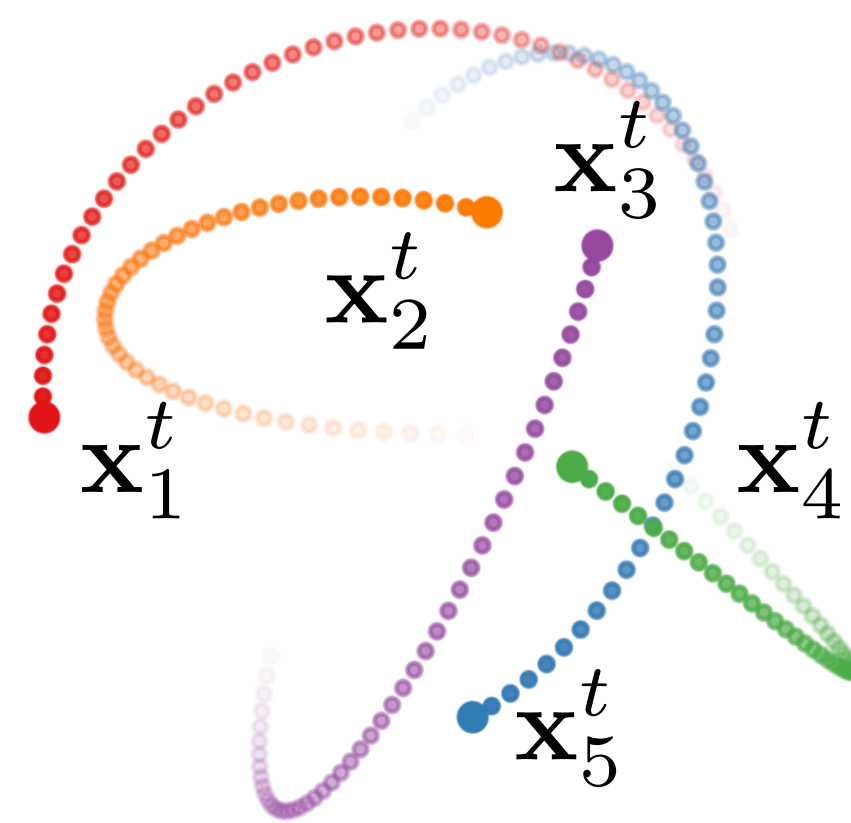


Motivation: Learning multi-object dynamics



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Need to model **interactions** and their **effect on dynamics**



Observed dynamics

- 5 particles + their trajectories $\mathbf{x}_i^t$
- Concatenate feature vectors

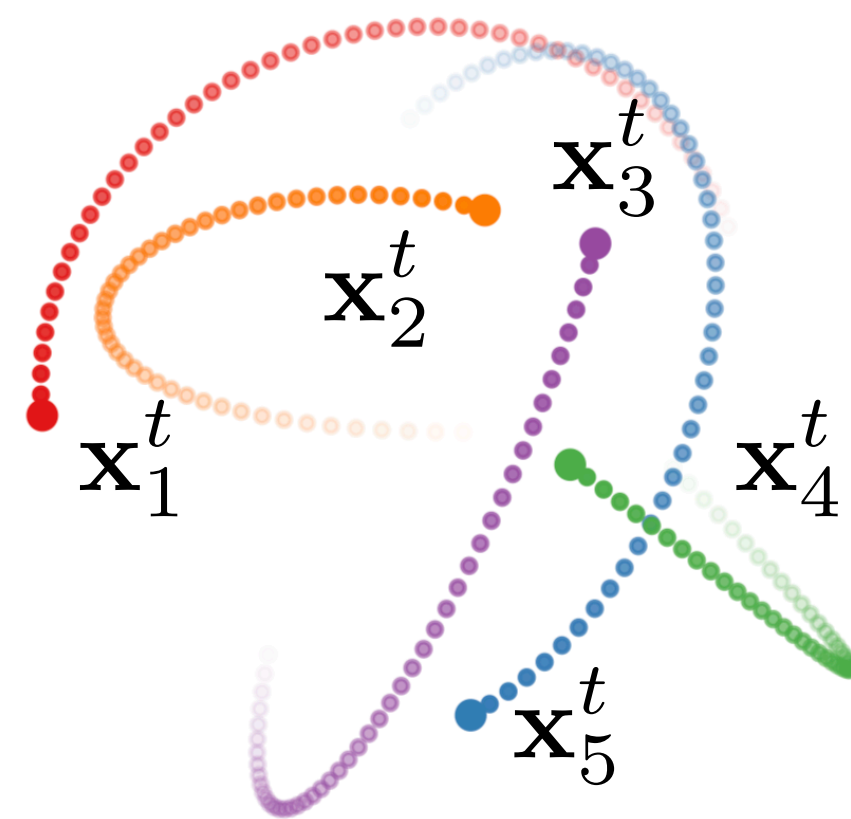
$$\mathbf{x}^t = [\mathbf{x}_1^t, \mathbf{x}_2^t, \dots, \mathbf{x}_5^t]$$

- Feed into neural net

$$\mathbf{x}^{t+1} = \text{MLP}(\mathbf{x}^t) \quad (\text{or RNN})$$

- Done?

Motivation: Learning multi-object dynamics



Observed dynamics

Problems:

- Arbitrary ordering of nodes
 - ➡ Need permutation invariance
- Model doesn't know about **structure** of interactions
 - ➡ Often, interactions are **pairwise**

Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) are an ideal candidate.

GNNs for interacting systems

Using GNNs, we can learn to model physical dynamics of interacting systems with very high precision

if we know about the underlying **structure** of the interactions and their **types** (should there be different types)

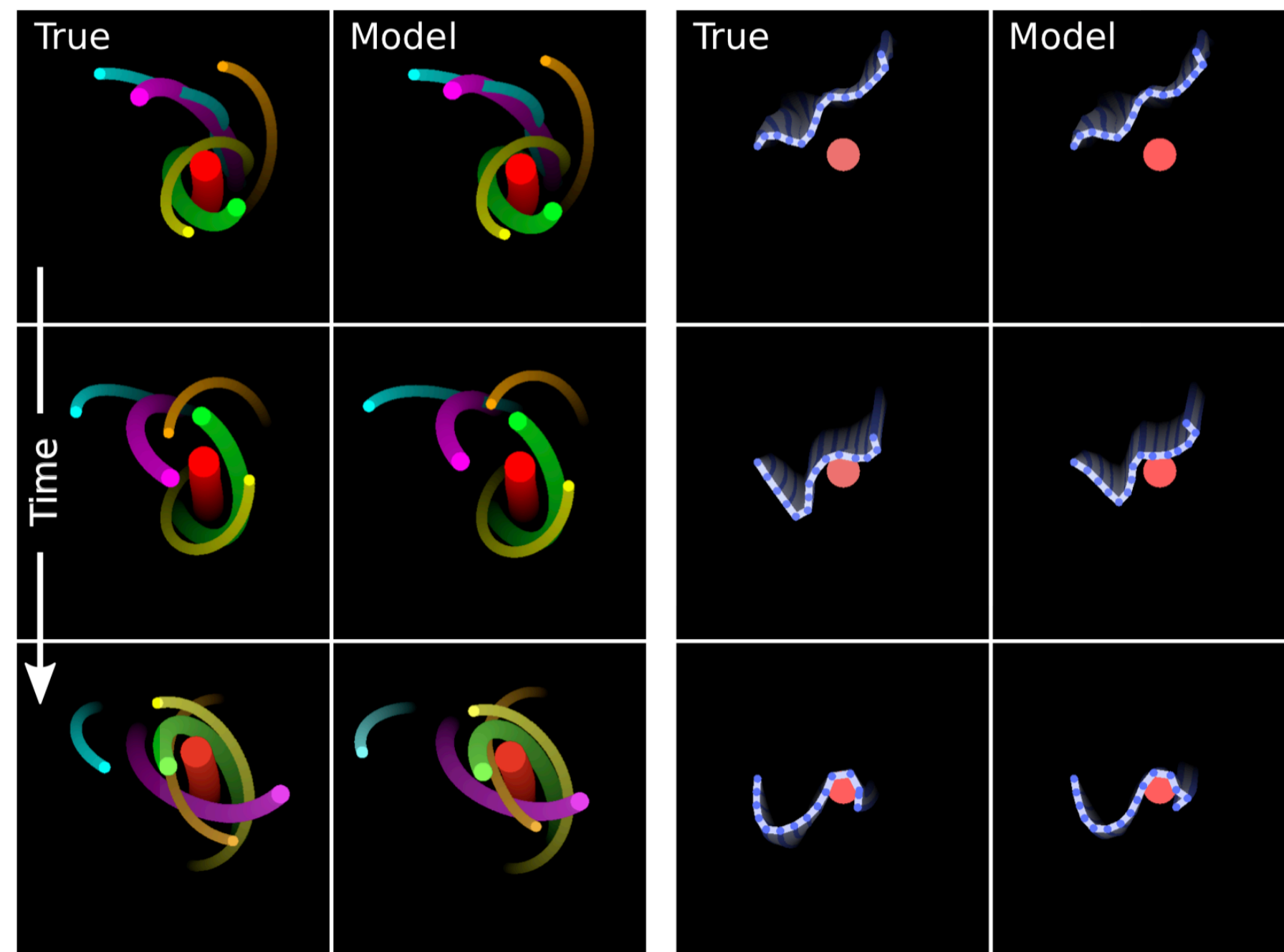
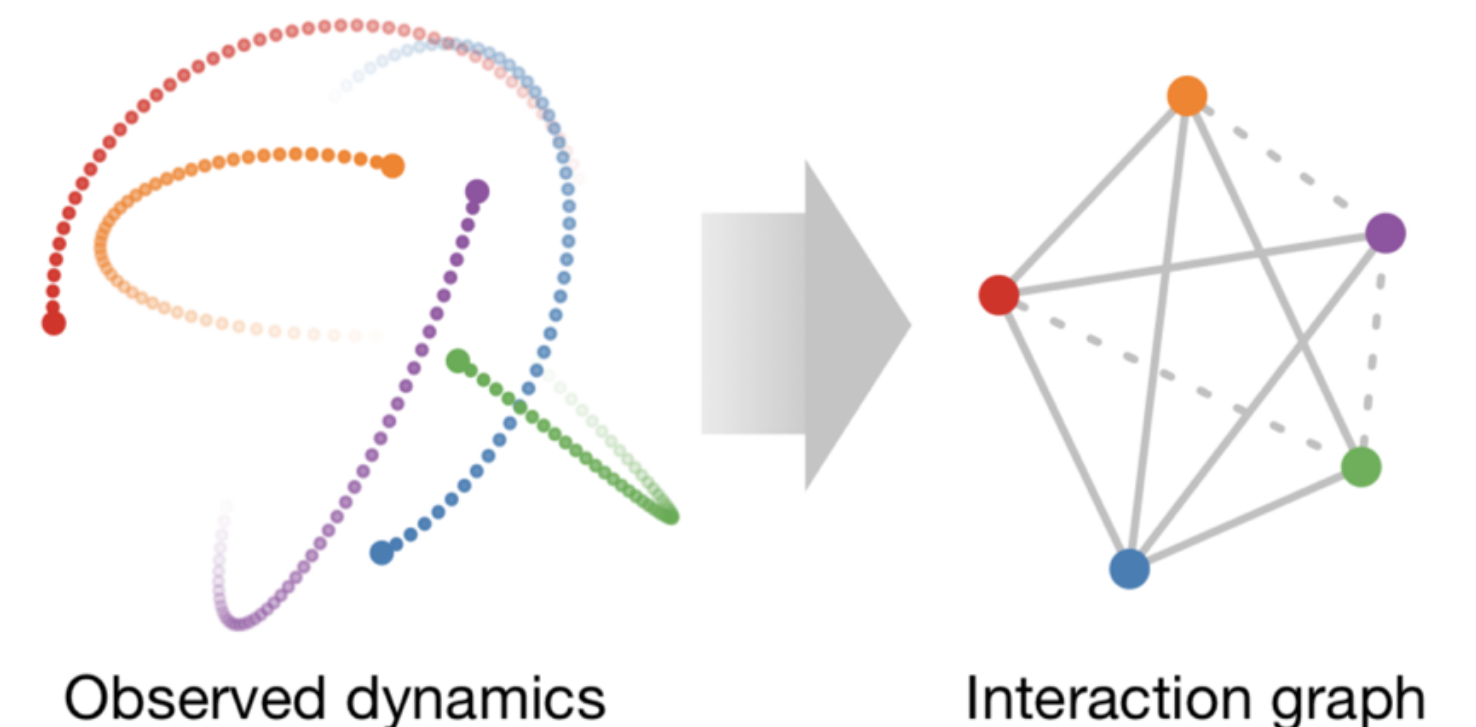


Figure from Battaglia et al. (NIPS 2016)

But what if we don't know the interactions?

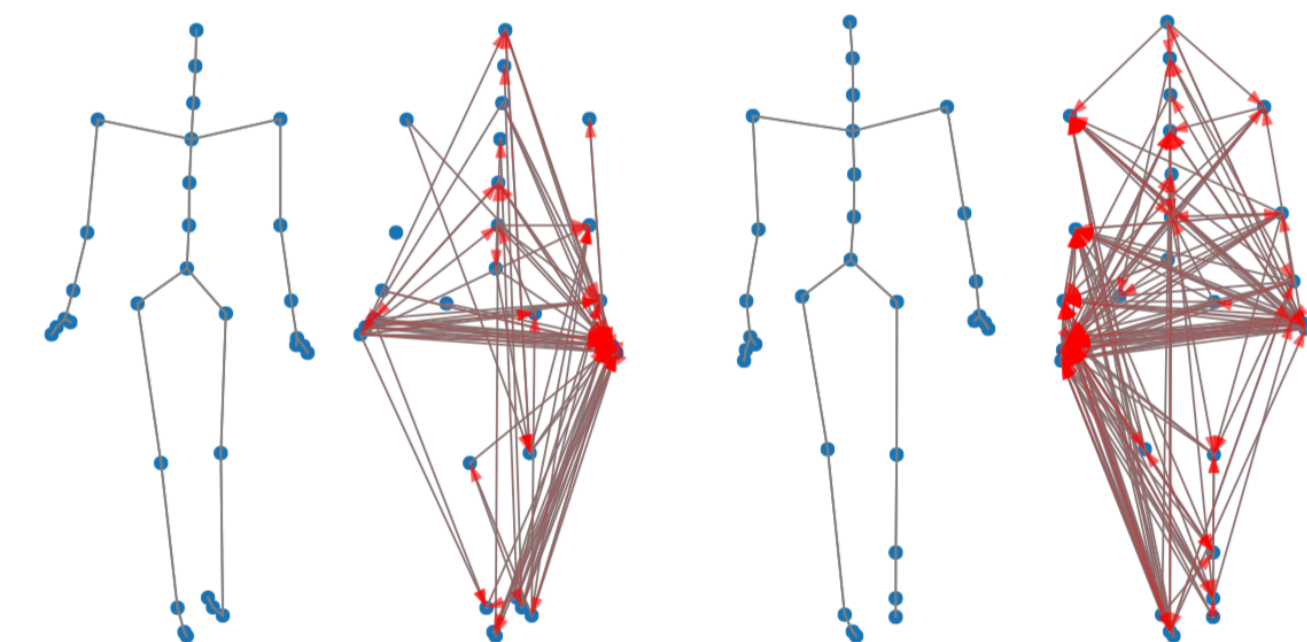
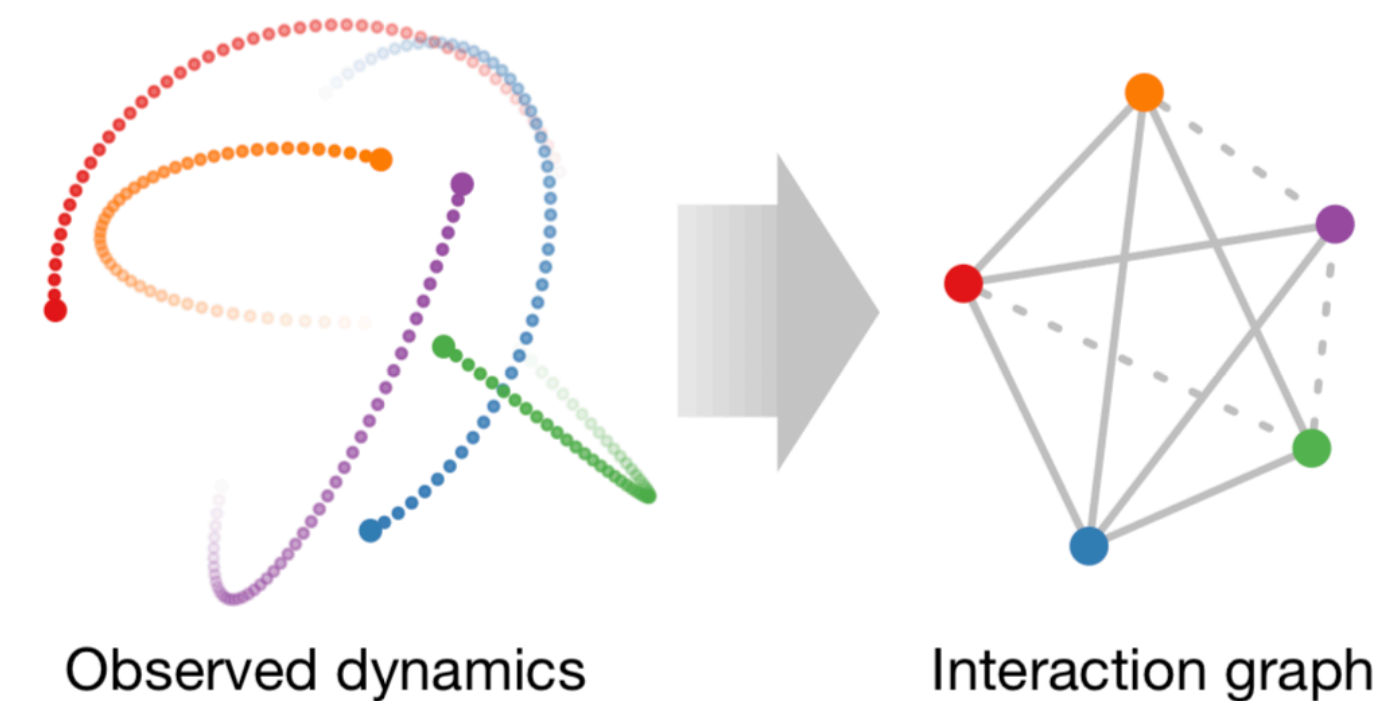


Neural Relational Inference for Interacting Systems

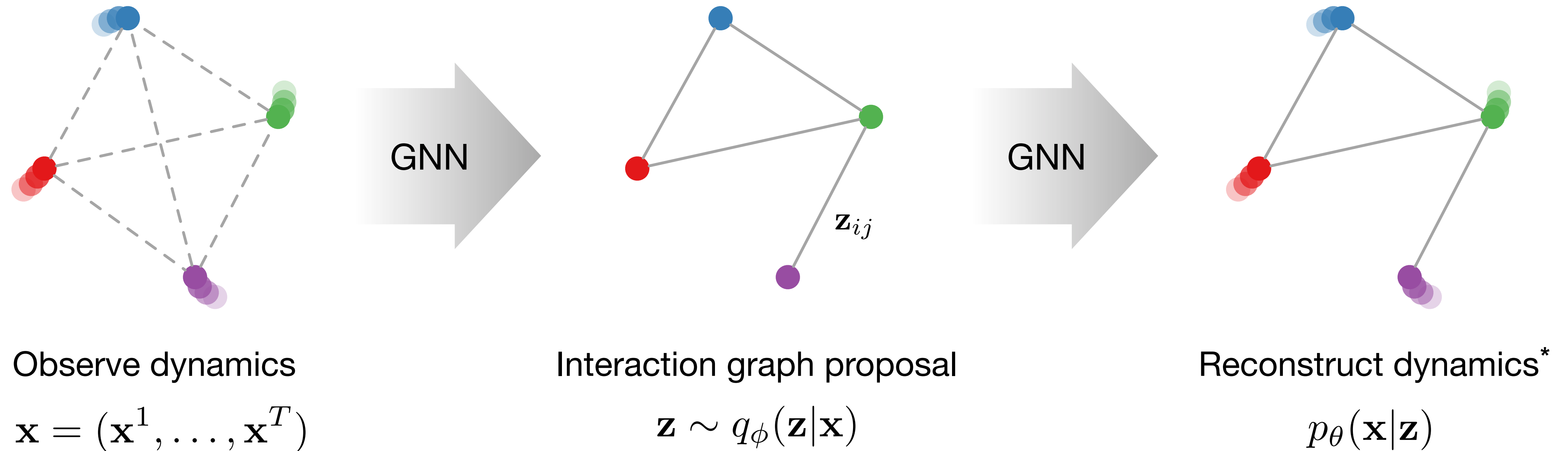
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Our work (ICML 2018):

1. Learn dynamics of interacting system **without** knowing structure of interactions
2. Infer **latent interaction graph** (plus edge types) using a variational auto-encoder
3. Applications for **interacting systems**, **motion capture data** and **multi-agent systems**



Neural Relational Inference with Graph Neural Networks



VAE Objective (ELBO)

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})} [\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})] - \text{KL}[q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) || p(\mathbf{z})]$$

Reconstruction

Regularization

* or predict future dynamics; technically, we have to condition decoder on at least one time step of $\mathbf{x}$

Encoder in detail

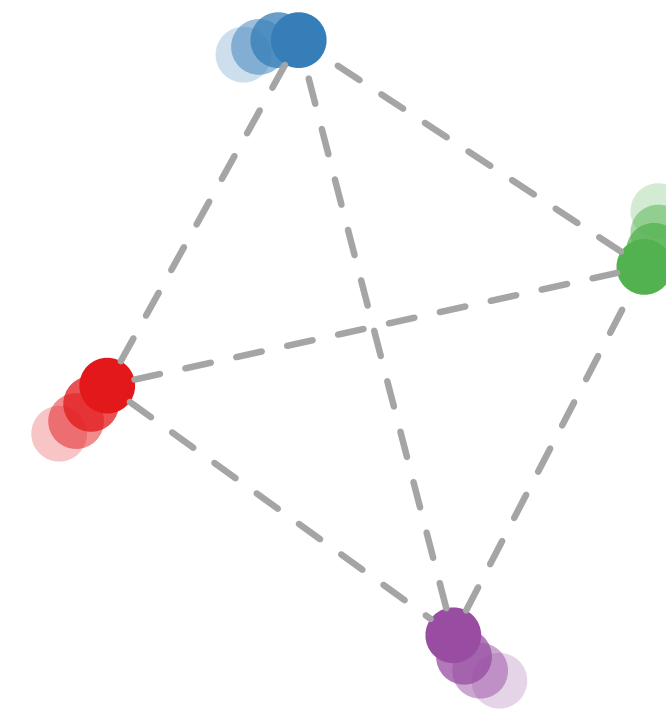
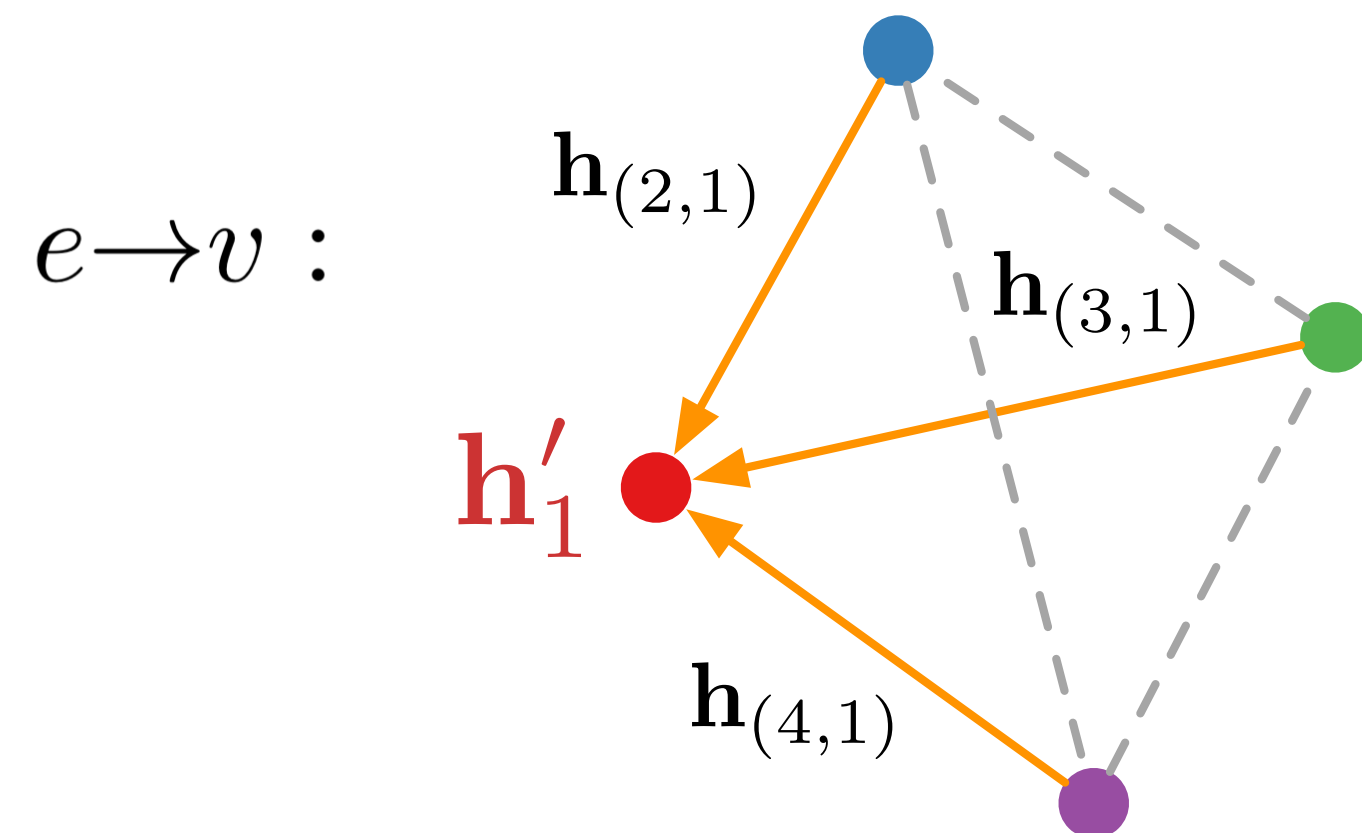
Graph Neural Net on full graph:

$$\mathbf{h}_j = f_{\text{emb}}(\mathbf{x}_j)$$

$$v \rightarrow e : \quad \mathbf{h}_{(i,j)} = f_e^1([\mathbf{h}_i, \mathbf{h}_j])$$

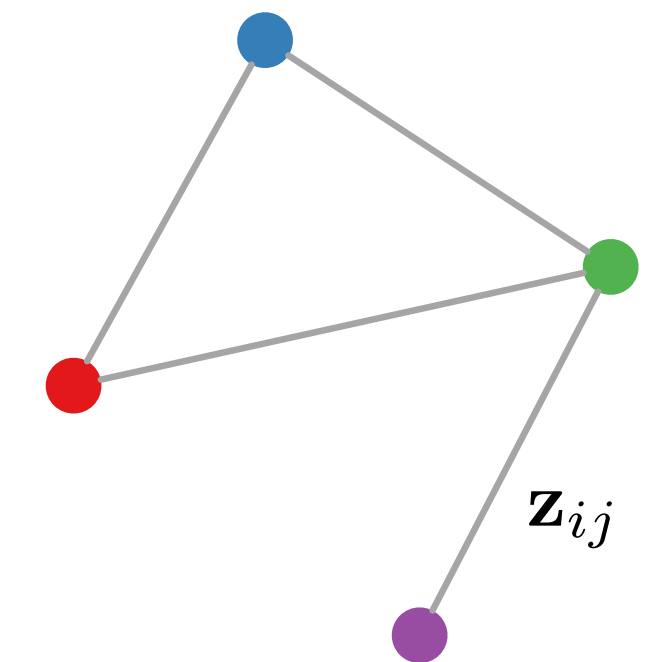
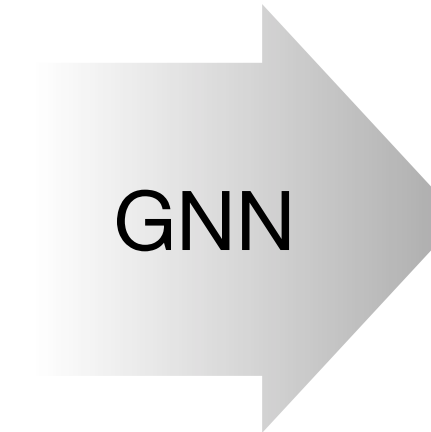
$$e \rightarrow v : \quad \mathbf{h}'_j = f_v^1(\sum_{i \neq j} \mathbf{h}_{(i,j)})$$

$$v \rightarrow e : \quad \mathbf{h}'_{(i,j)} = f_e^2([\mathbf{h}'_i, \mathbf{h}'_j])$$



Observe dynamics

$$\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{x}^1, \dots, \mathbf{x}^T)$$



Interaction graph proposal

$$\mathbf{z} \sim q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})$$

What about $\mathbf{z}$?

$\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N \times K}$: binary adjacency tensor

$\mathbf{z}_{ij}$: edge type (one-hot vector)

$$\mathbf{z}_{ij} \sim \text{Categorical}(\text{softmax}(\mathbf{h}'_{(i,j)}))$$

Sampling $\mathbf{z}$ at training time

During training, use samples from relaxed categorical distribution

(concrete / Gumbel softmax*)

$$\mathbf{z}_{ij} = \text{softmax}((\mathbf{h}'_{(i,j)} + \mathbf{g})/\tau)$$

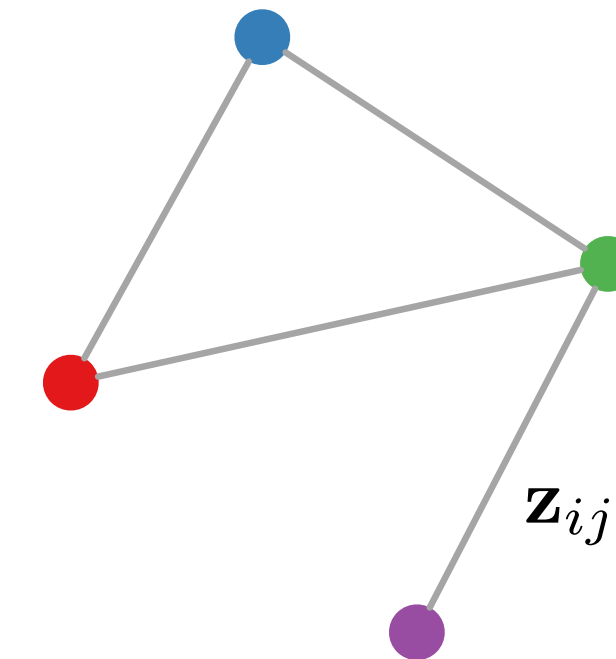
Gumbel noise:

$$\mathbf{g} \in \mathbb{R}^K \text{ with } g_k \sim \text{Gumbel}(0, 1)$$

Temperature: τ (e.g. 0.5)

➡ Gradients via reparameterization trick

(Kingma & Welling, ICLR 2014)



Interaction graph proposal

$$\mathbf{z} \sim q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})$$

Prior $p(\mathbf{z}) = \prod_{i,j \neq i} p(\mathbf{z}_{ij}) :$

1) Uniform categorical distribution

2) Sparsity-inducing prior

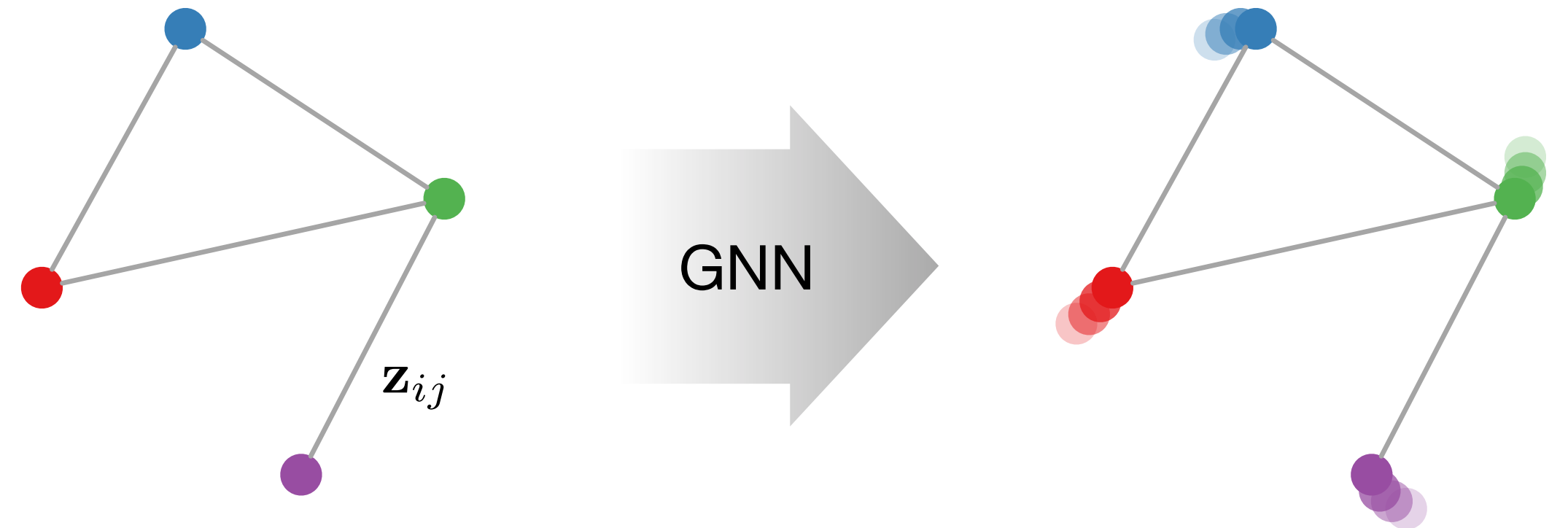
(if one edge type is hard-coded as “no interaction”)

* Jang et al. (ICLR 2017), Maddison et al. (ICLR 2017)

Decoder in detail

Main idea:

Run GNN on latent graph $\mathbf{z}$,
predicted by encoder.



Interaction graph proposal

$$\mathbf{z} \sim q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})$$

Reconstruct dynamics

$$p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})$$

For Markovian dynamics:

$$v \rightarrow e : \quad \tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{(i,j)}^t = \sum_k z_{ij,k} \tilde{f}_e^k([\mathbf{x}_i^t, \mathbf{x}_j^t])$$

$$e \rightarrow v : \quad \boldsymbol{\mu}_j^{t+1} = \mathbf{x}_j^t + \tilde{f}_v(\sum_{i \neq j} \tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{(i,j)}^t)$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}_j^{t+1}|\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{z}) = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_j^{t+1}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$$

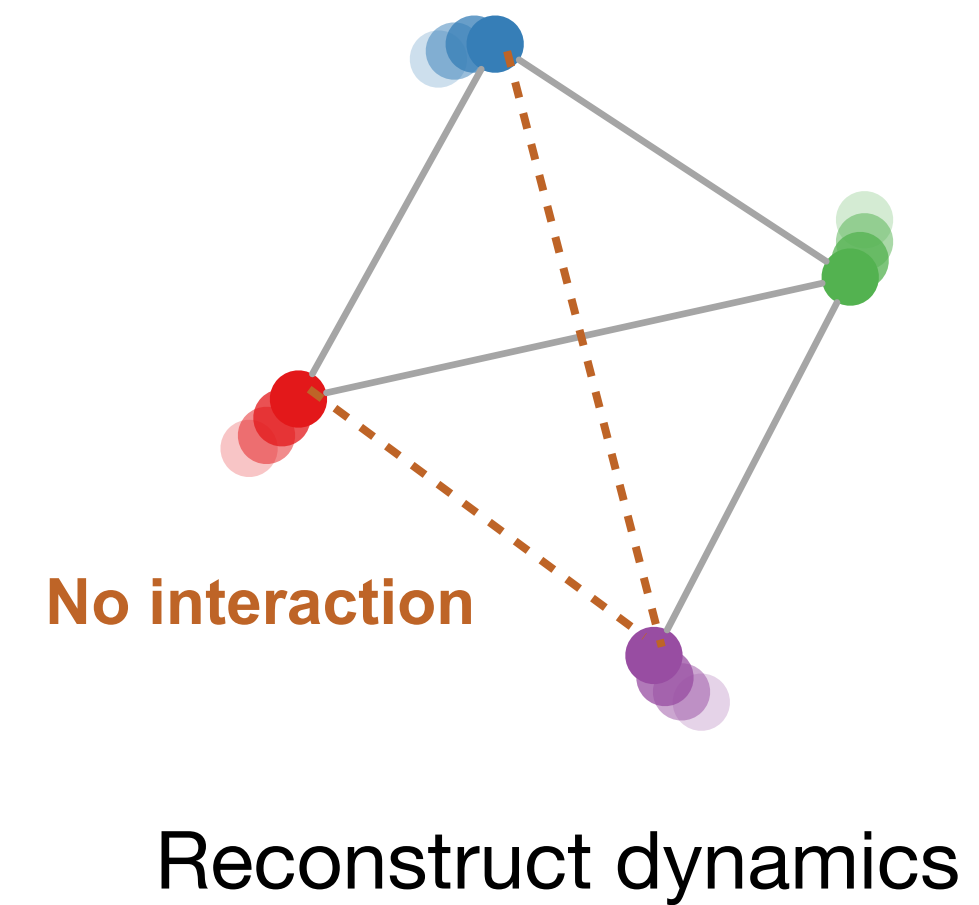
Weigh messages by edge type

Predict location difference

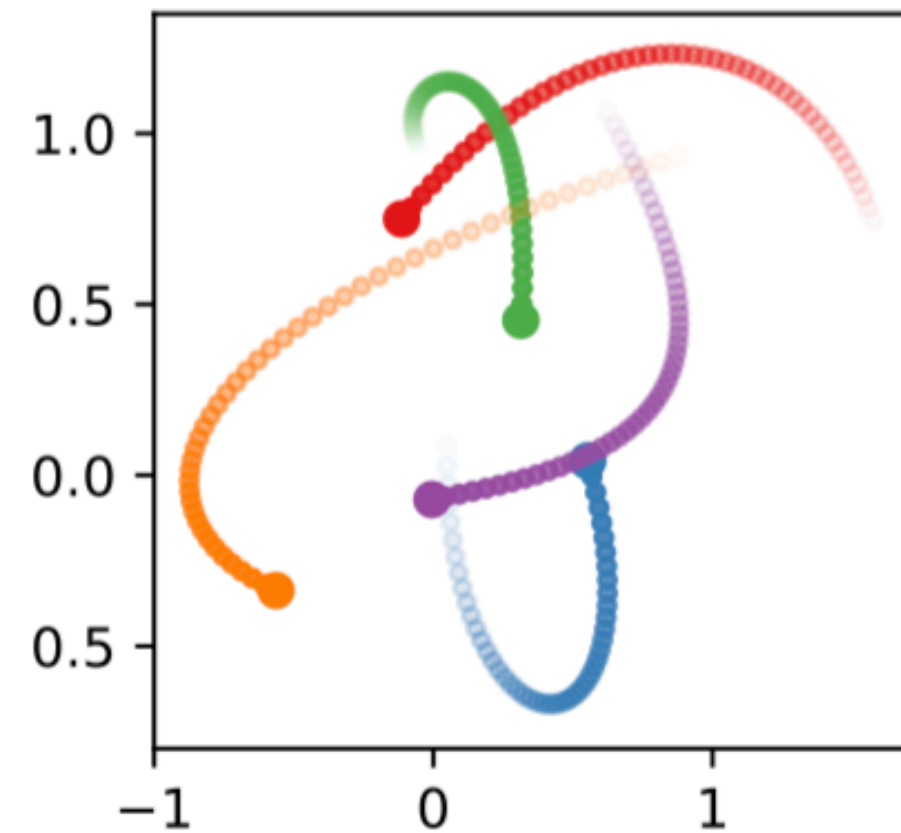
Predictive distribution (fixed variance)

Decoder variants

- Teacher forcing only every M-th time step (e.g. $M = 10$)
- Hard-code certain edge types (e.g. “no interaction”)
- **Recurrent decoder** (non-Markovian dynamics)
- (Differentiable) **Physics simulation decoder**
- **True graph** (if known) as input to decoder
- **Fully-connected graph** as input to decoder
- **Dynamic graph** re-estimation at test time

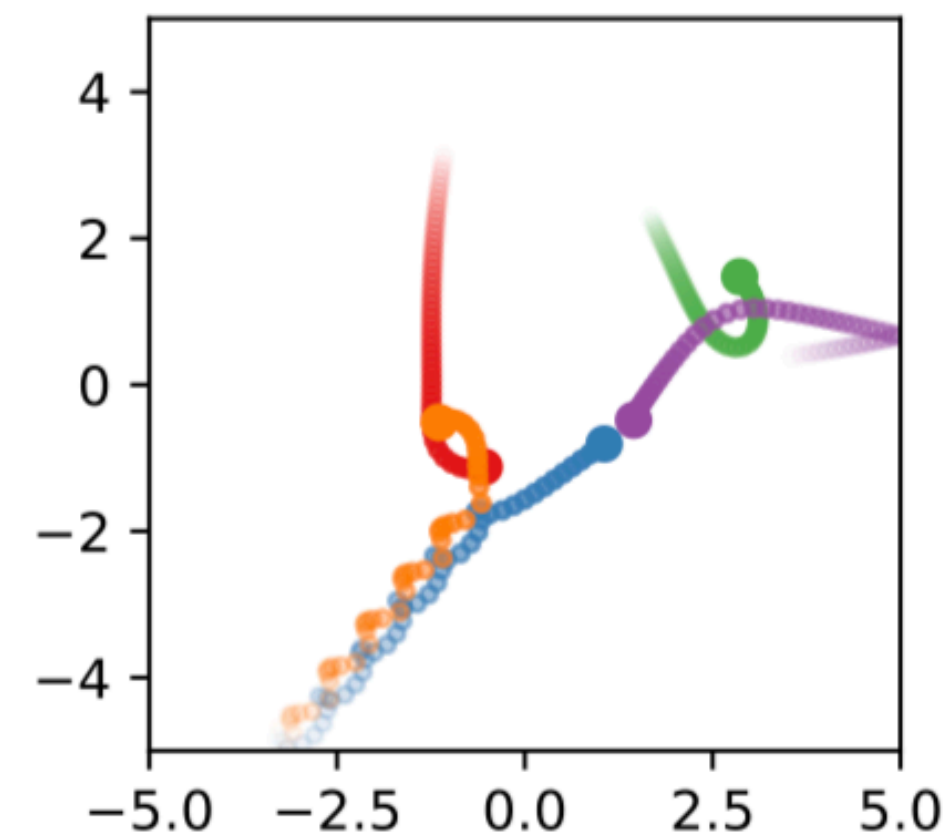


Environments



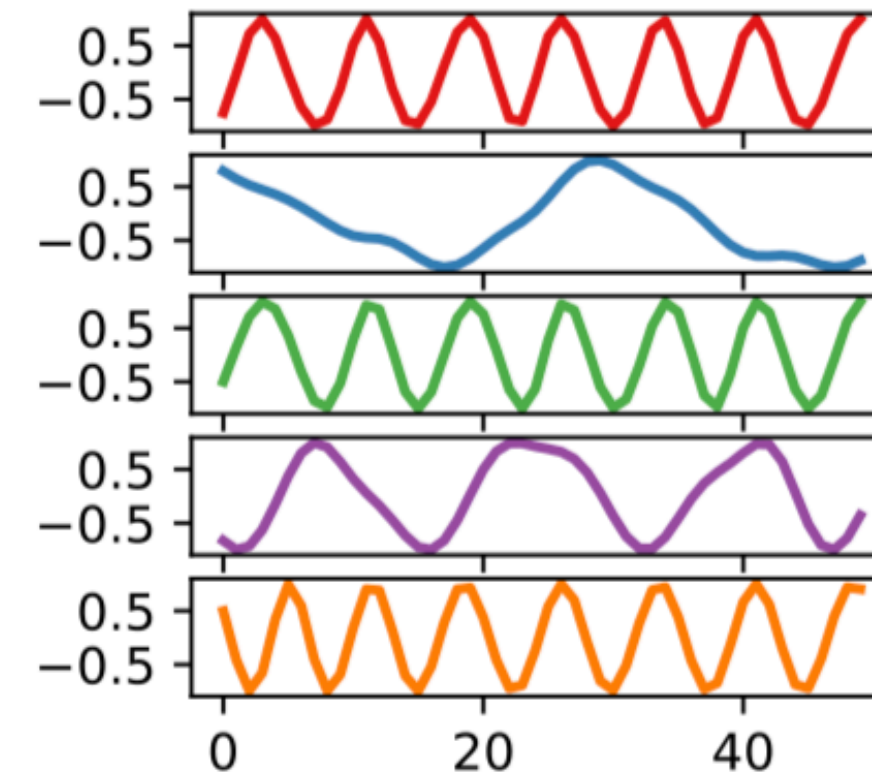
Balls connected by springs

$$\mathbf{F}_{ij} = -C(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)$$



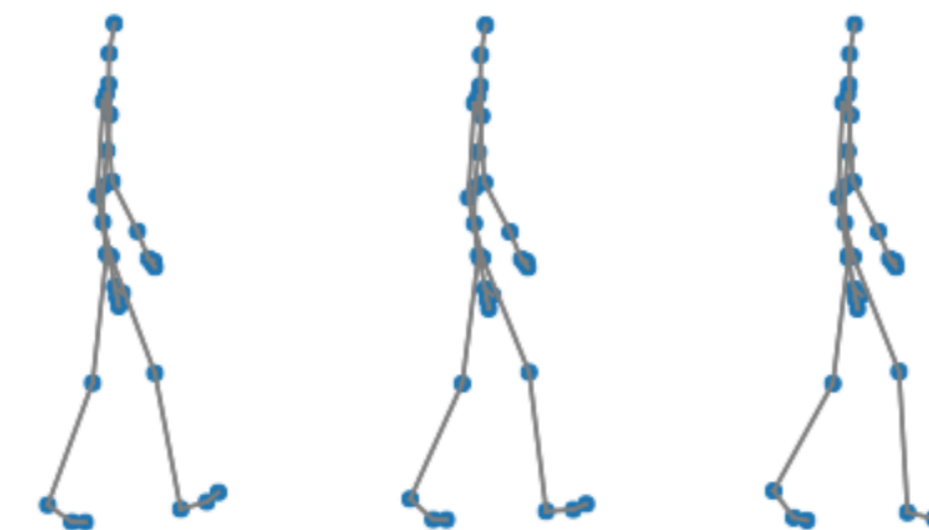
Charged particles

$$\mathbf{F}_{ij} = C \cdot \text{sign}(q_i \cdot q_j) \frac{\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j}{\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|^3}$$

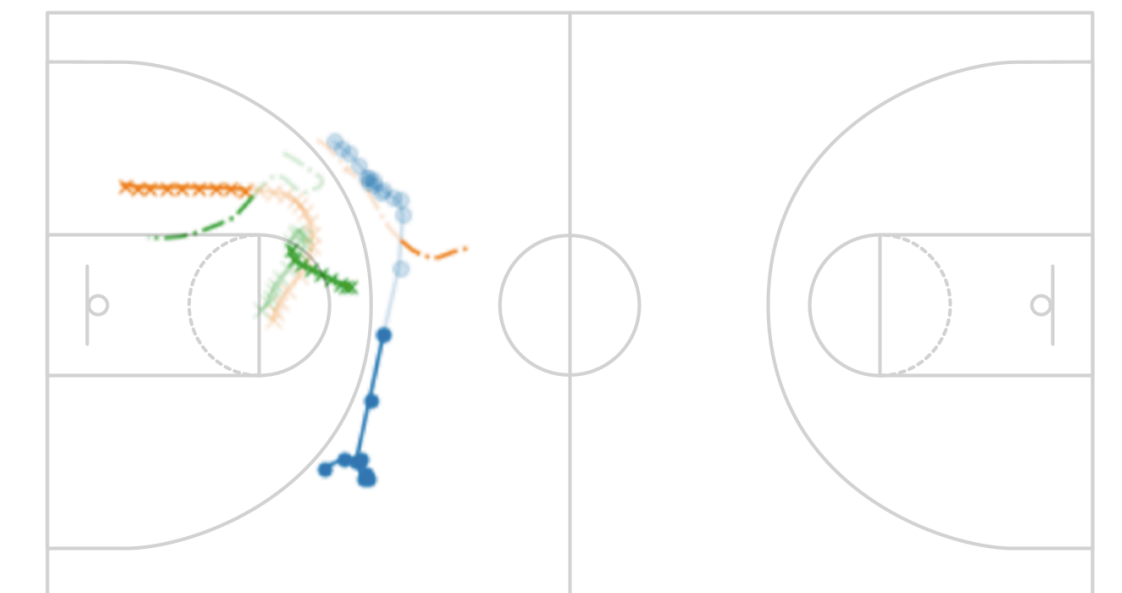


Phase-coupled oscillators (Kuramoto model)

$$\frac{d\phi_i}{dt} = \omega_i + \sum_{j \neq i} k_{ij} \sin(\phi_i - \phi_j)$$



Motion capture

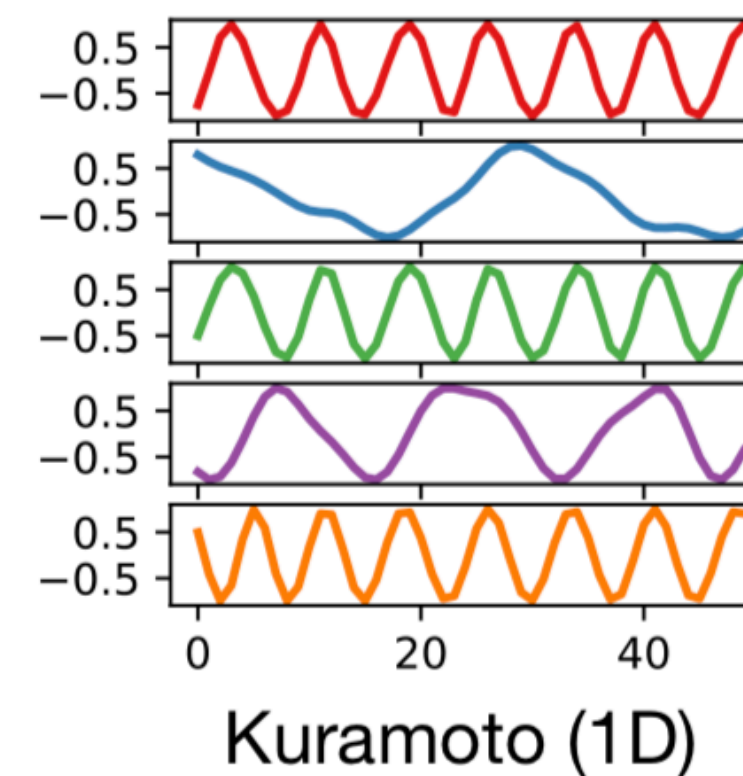
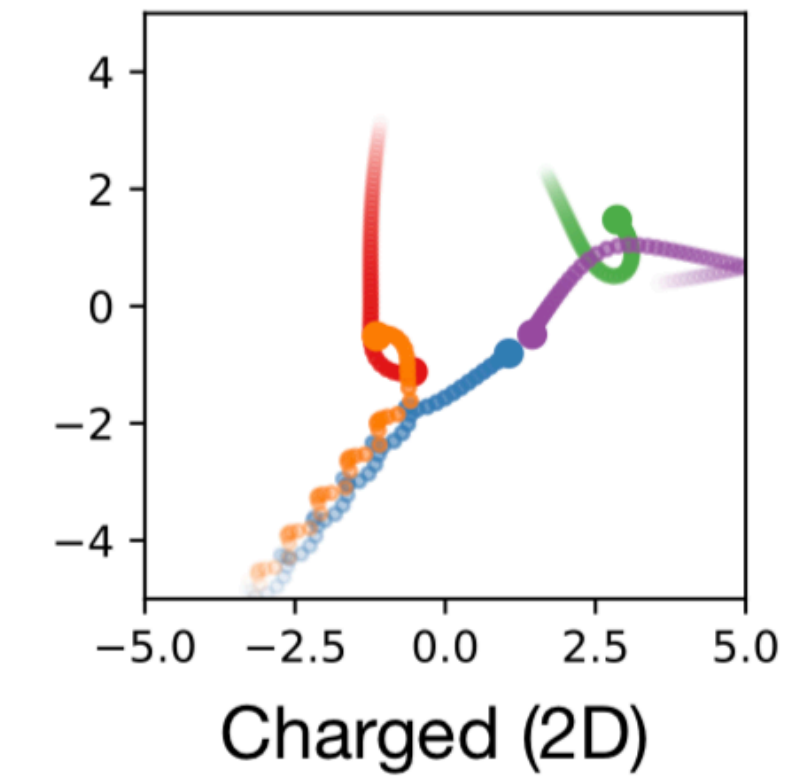
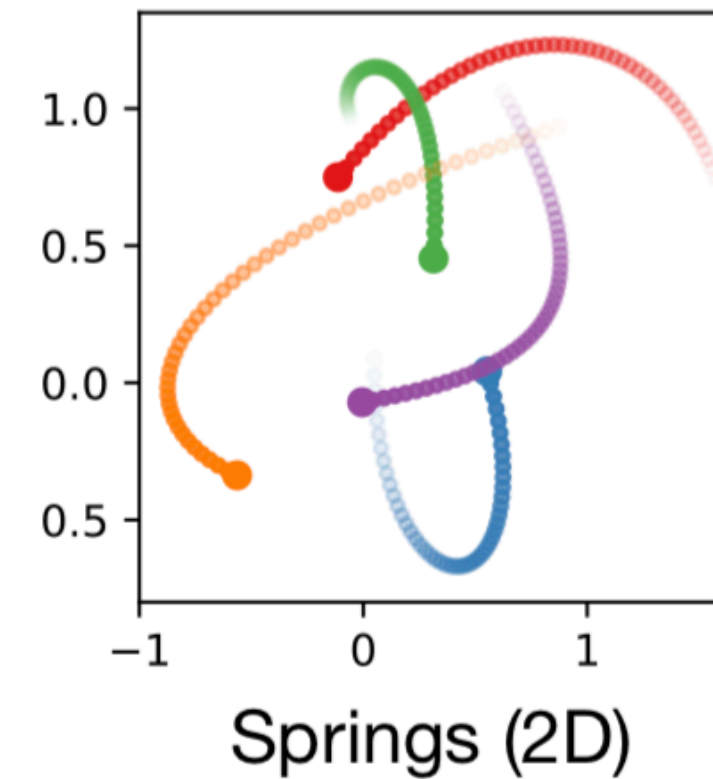


NBA sports tracking

Learning latent interaction graphs

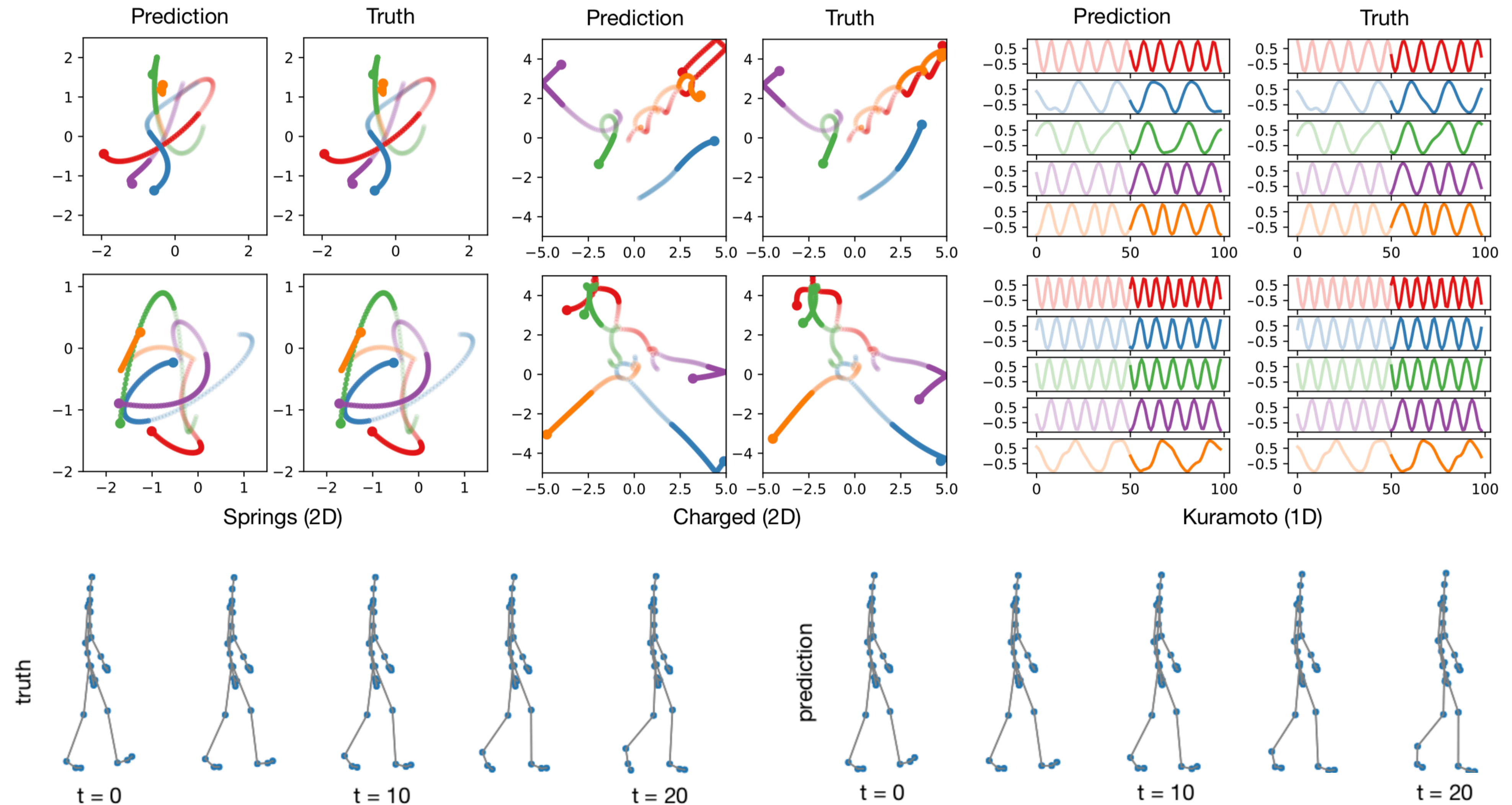
Table 1. Accuracy (in %) of unsupervised interaction recovery.

Model	Springs	Charged	Kuramoto
5 objects			
Corr. (path)	52.4 $\pm$ 0.0	55.8 $\pm$ 0.0	62.8 $\pm$ 0.0
Corr. (LSTM)	52.7 $\pm$ 0.9	54.2 $\pm$ 2.0	54.4 $\pm$ 0.5
NRI (sim.)	99.8 $\pm$ 0.0	59.6 $\pm$ 0.8	—
NRI (learned)	99.9 $\pm$ 0.0	82.1 $\pm$ 0.6	96.0 $\pm$ 0.1
Supervised	99.9 $\pm$ 0.0	95.0 $\pm$ 0.3	99.7 $\pm$ 0.0



**NRI can learn to discover
ground-truth relations
with very high accuracy!**

Qualitative results

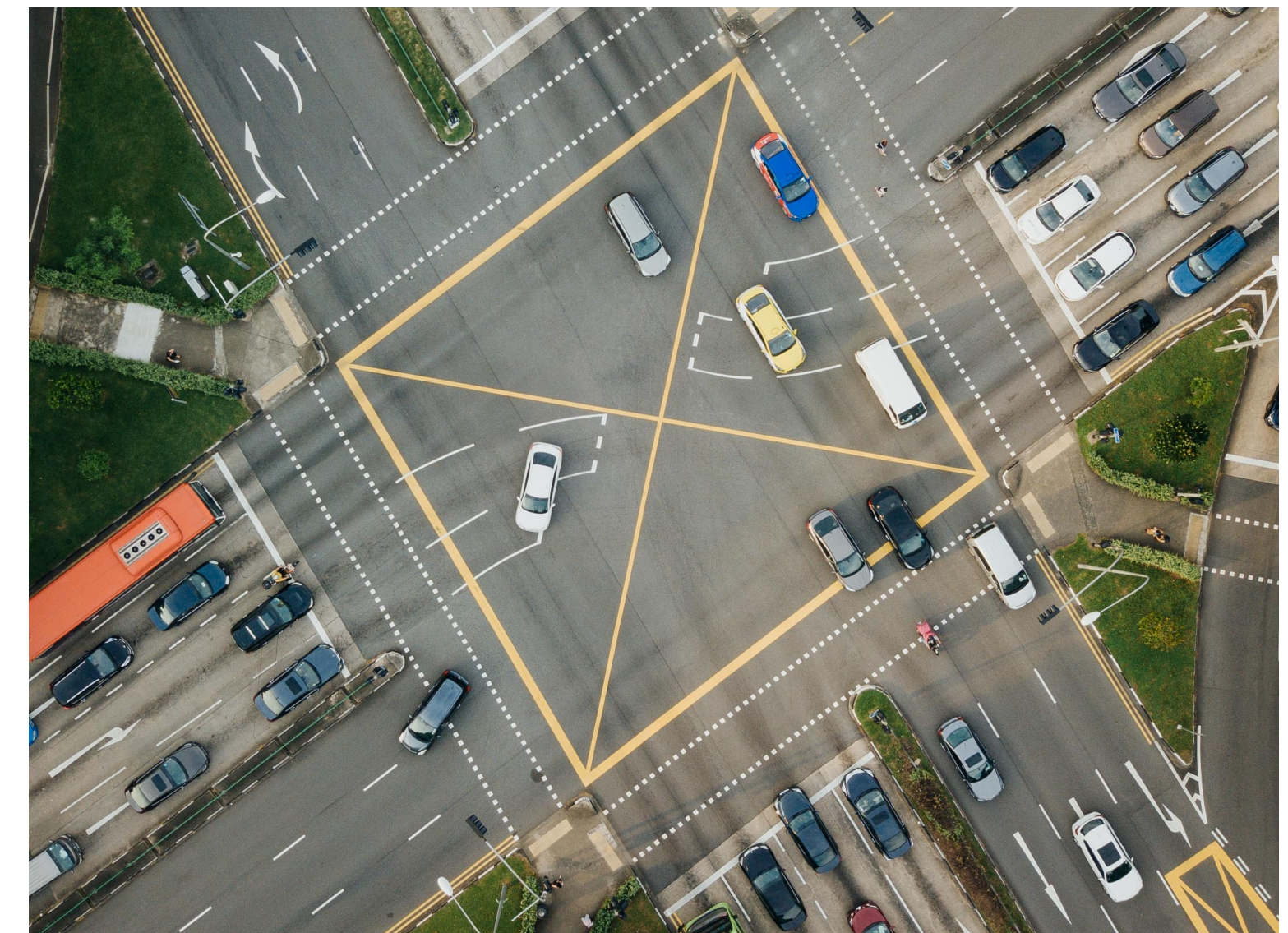
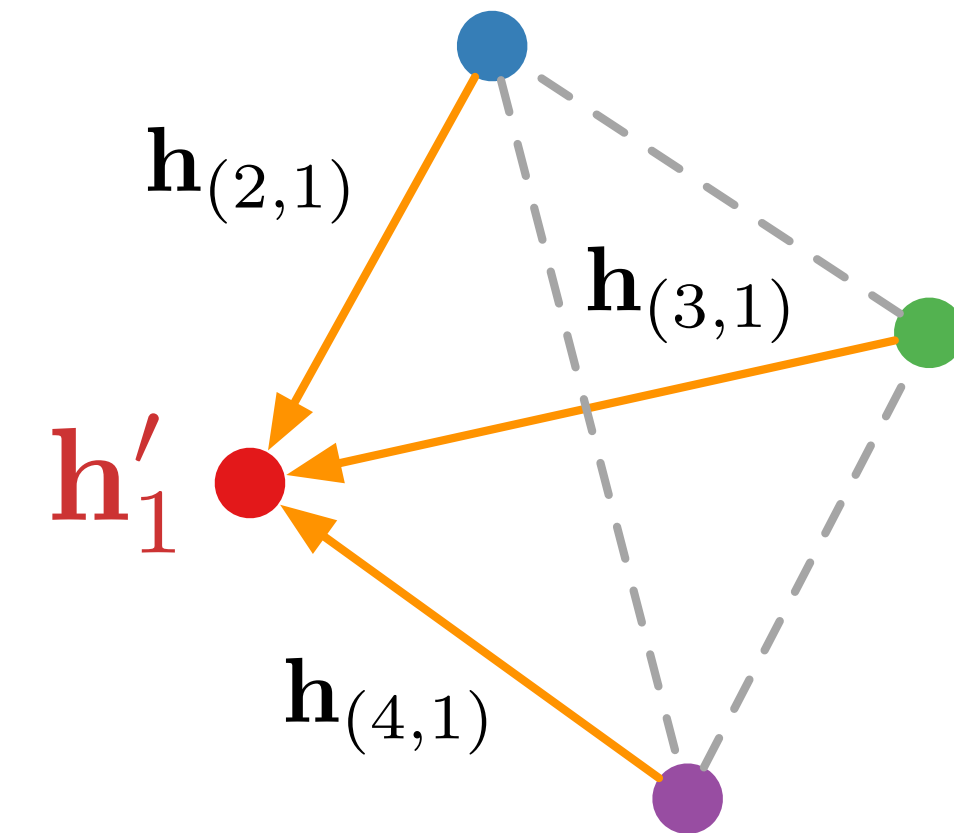


Summary and outlook

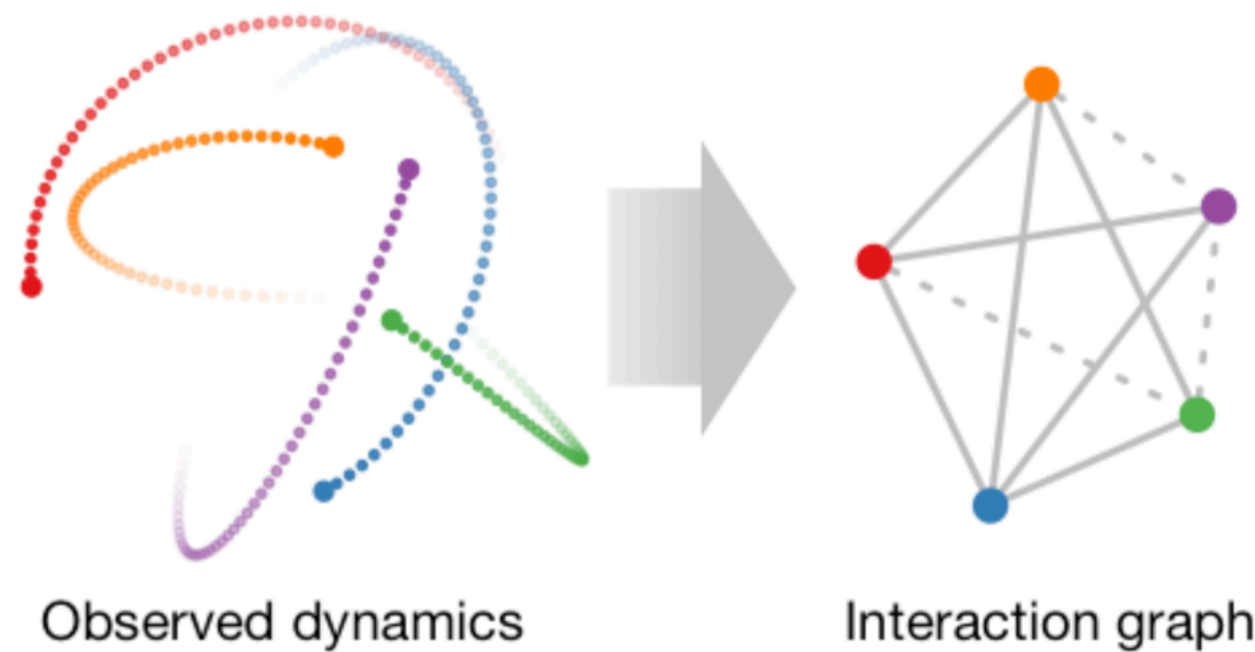
- **GNNs** are a powerful class of models for data with explicit or implicit relational structure
- Exciting new research field with massive growth (methods and applications) in past 3 years

Next steps:

- Systematic exploration of GNN variants
- Joint discovery of entities / objects and relational structure from raw data
- Other structure-informed inductive biases: e.g., compositionality & hierarchy



Further reading



Neural relational inference for interacting systems (ICML 2018)

Thomas Kipf*, Ethan Fetaya*, Kuan-Chieh Wang, Max Welling, Richard Zemel.

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.04687> (*: equal contribution)

Blog post: <https://medium.com/@tkipf>

Other material:

Blog post on GCNs

<https://tkipf.github.io/graph-convolutional-networks>

Code on Github

<http://github.com/tkipf>

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