

# Dynamic Graph Convolutional Neural Networks

From *DNN* → *CNN & RNN* → *Spectral GCN* → *DGCN*

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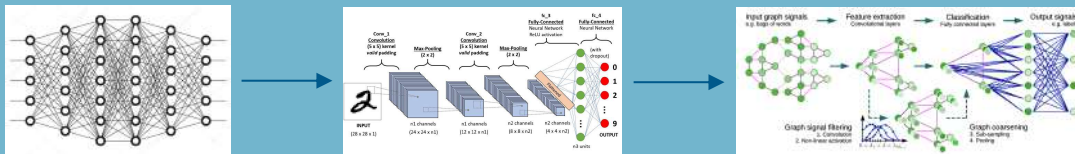
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# Learning Objectives: From **Static** to **Dynamic** Networks

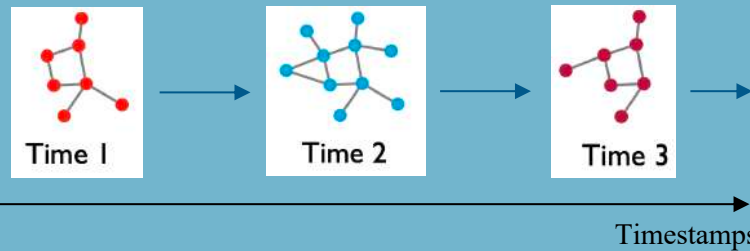
- From **DNN** → **CNN** → **GCN**



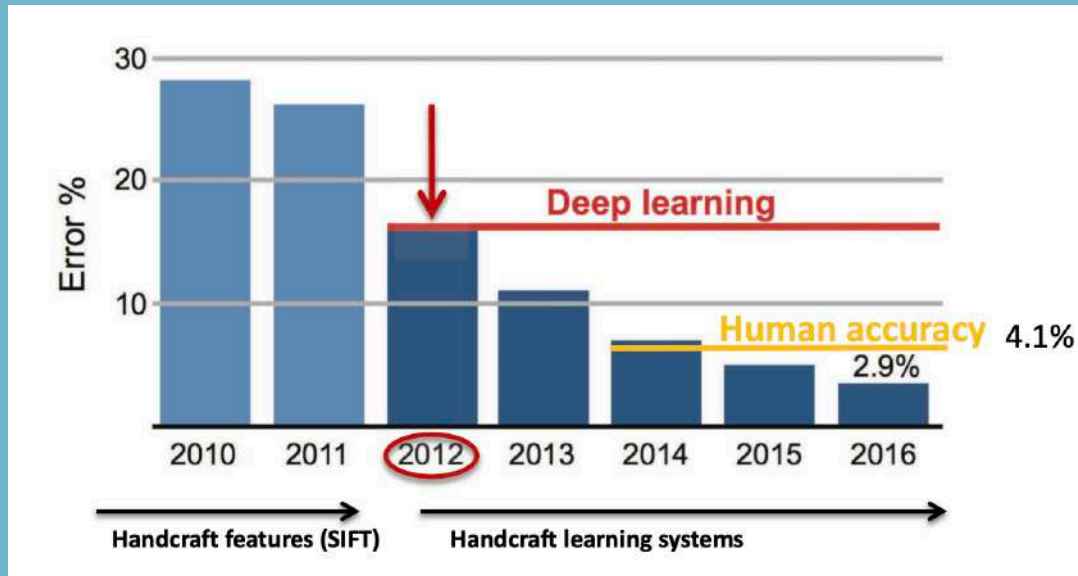
- How to extend **CNNs** to **graph-structured data**?  
(Traditional Approach, *Structural Patterns*)



- How to **dynamically evolve / learn** Graphs through **timestamps**?  
(Latest Approach, *Structural + Temporal Patterns*)

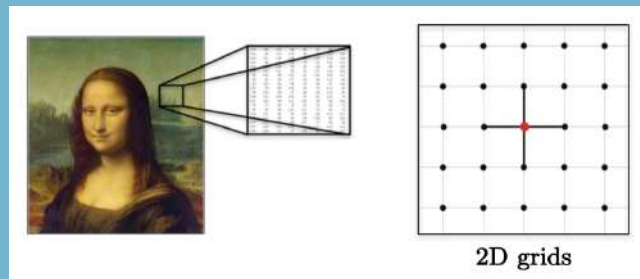
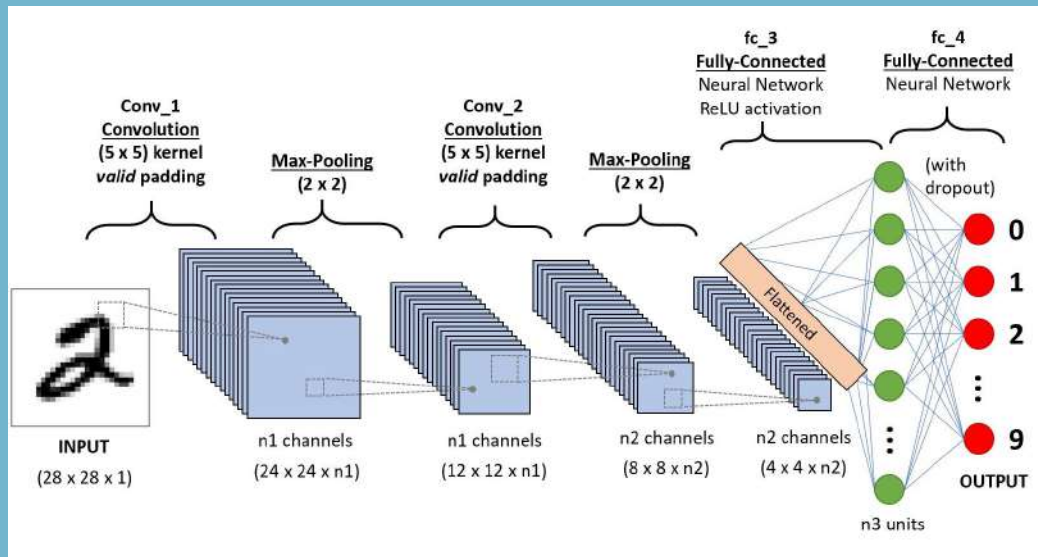


*Recall: Deep Learning (DL) - Neural Networks,  
Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) - for Local-matter Signals,  
Supervised Learning - Features Mapped to Labels*

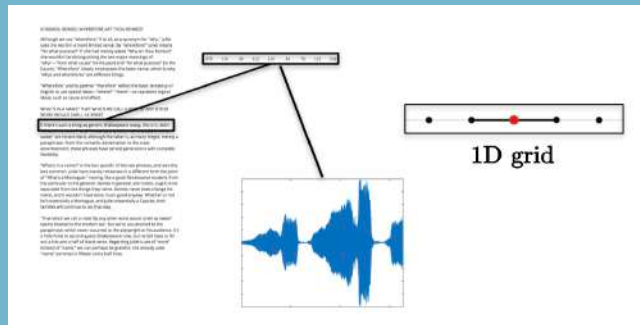


# Recall: Traditional CNNs (Local Matter)

## Automatic Feature Extraction for Signals in the Euclidean Domain



Image, volume, video: 2D, 3D → Euclidean domain



Sentence, word, sound: 1D → Euclidean domain

A Convolutional Neural Network (CNNs) Architecture includes:

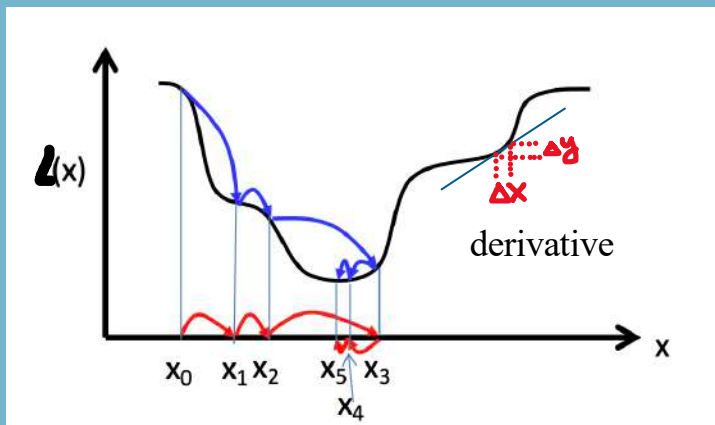
1. Convolutional Layer (Conv)
2. Pooling Layer (Pool)
3. Fully-connected Layer (FC)

These domains have nice regular spatial structures.

# Recall: CNNs' Fully-connected Layer (Gradient Descent Algorithm to update model parameters)

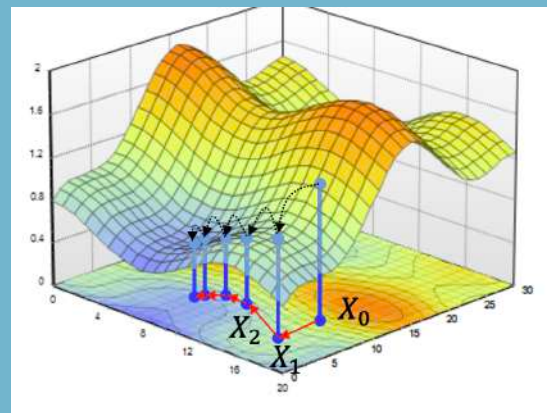
## Recall Gradient Descent Algorithm:

Loss Function =  $|g(x) - f(x)|$  minimize



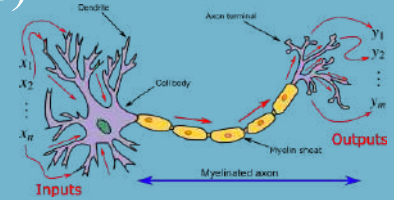
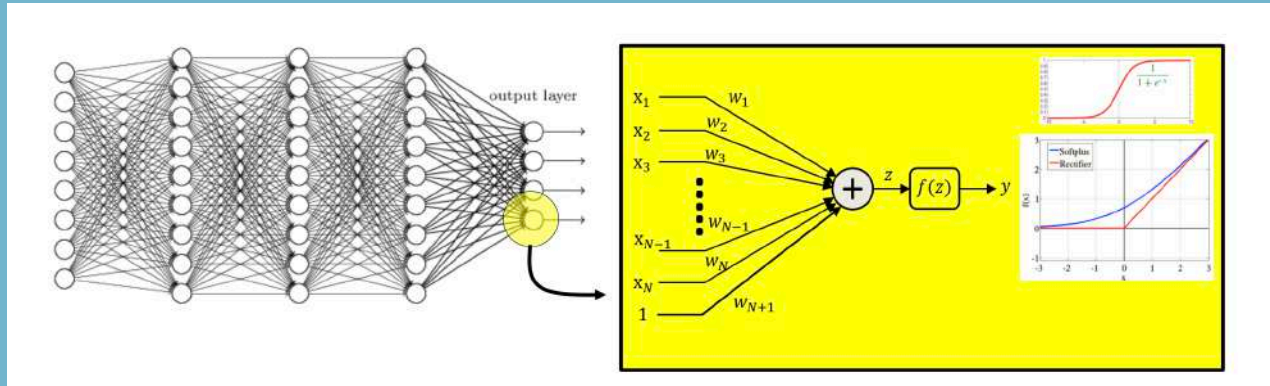
$$\alpha = \frac{\partial(|g(x) - f(x)|)}{\partial x}$$

$$x^{k+1} = x^k - \eta\alpha$$



# Recall: CNNs' Fully-connected Layer (Multi-layer Perceptron)

## (Gradient Descent Algorithm to update model parameters)

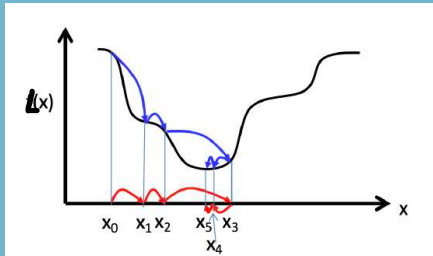


$$y = \sum_i w_i x_i + b$$

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-y}}$$

The parameters that we are training are

$W$  (weights) and  $b$  (biases).



$$x^{k+1} = x^k - \eta \alpha$$

Derivative (Gradient)

$$\alpha = \frac{\partial(\frac{1}{2}(g(x) - f(x))^2)}{\partial x}$$

$$y = \sum_i w_i x_i + b$$

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-y}}$$

Derivative of  $w$  and  $b$   
w.r.t. Loss Function (error)

$$dw = \frac{\partial(\frac{1}{2}(g(x) - f(x))^2)}{\partial w}$$

$$db = \frac{\partial(\frac{1}{2}(g(x) - f(x))^2)}{\partial b}$$

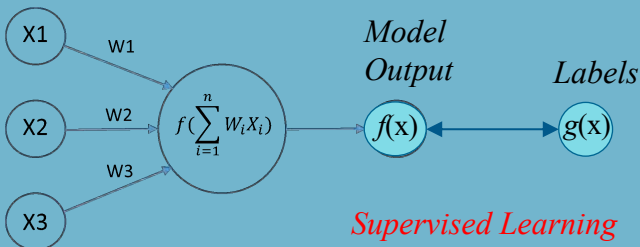
Gradient Descent  $\downarrow$  Update Parameters

$$w^{k+1} = w^k - \eta dw$$

$$b^{k+1} = b^k - \eta db$$

Learning Rate  $\eta$

# Recall: CNNs' Fully-connected Layer (Back-propagation (**error**) Algorithm for model converge)



$$y = \sum_i w_i x_i + b$$

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-y}} \quad \text{Sigmoid Activation Function}$$

Derivative of w and b w.r.t. Loss Function (error)

$$dw = \frac{\partial(\frac{1}{2}(g(x) - f(x))^2)}{\partial w}$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2}(g(x) - f(x))^2$$

$$y = \sum_i w_i x_i + b$$

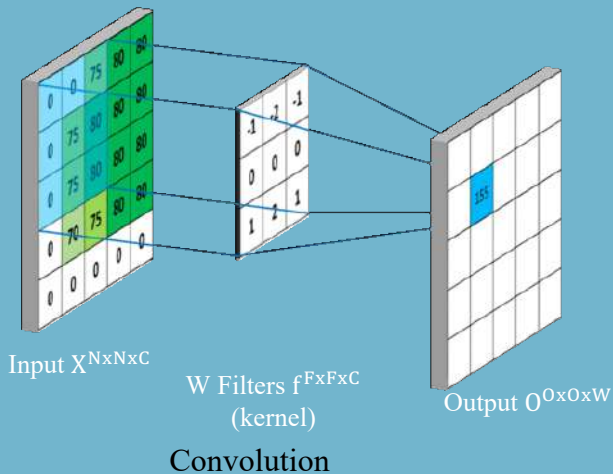
$$f(y) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-y}}$$

Chain Rule

$$dw = \frac{\partial L}{\partial f(y)} \times \frac{\partial f(y)}{\partial y} \times \frac{\partial y}{\partial w}$$

$$= [g(x) - f(y)] \times [f(y) \times (1 - f(y))] \times X$$

# Recall: CNNs' Convolutional Layer (Weighted Sum)



*Cross Correlation Function, implemented by FFT,  $O(n \log(n))$ :*

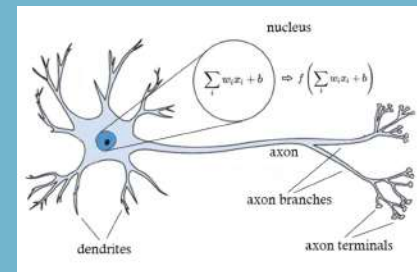
$$O(i, j) = (X * f)(i, j) = \sum_m \sum_n X(i + m, j + n) f(m, n)$$

*Activated by Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) with Batch Normalization:*

$$\text{neuron} = O(i, j) + b$$

$$\text{BN} = \frac{\text{neuron} - \text{batch mean}}{\text{batch Standard Deviation}}$$

$$\text{ReLU} = \max(\text{BN}, 0)$$



Mathematical Biomedical Neuron

**Convolution Output Shape:**

$$O = \frac{N + 2P - F}{S} + 1$$

**N:** Input 2D Signals Size

**P:** Padding (Zero) Size

**F:** Filter Size

**S:** Stride Size

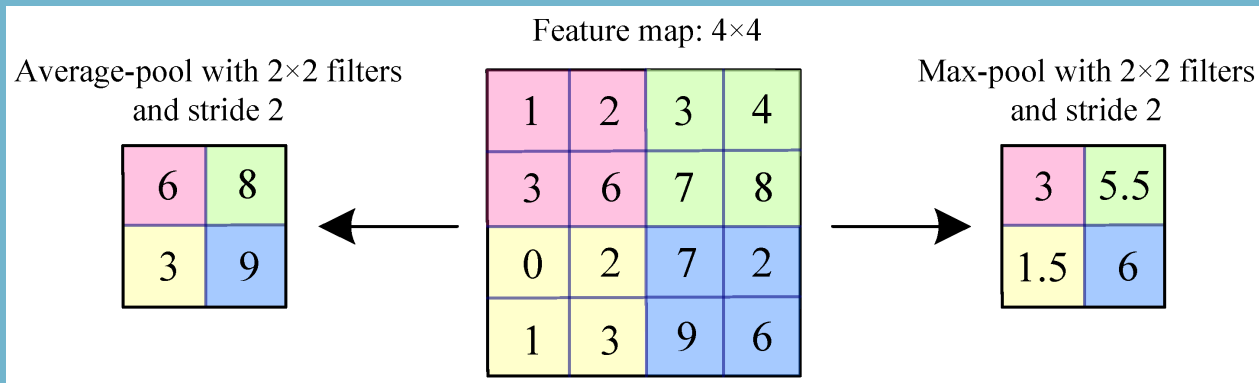
**Why Convolutions?**

1. Translation & Shift Invariance
2. Weights Sharing and Sparse Connectivity
3. Multi-scale (Hierarchical)

**Num of Model Parameters:**  $F \times F \times C \times W + W = F^2 \times C \times (W + 1)$  © Philips - Confidential



# Recall: CNNs' Pooling Layer



Averaged Pooling:

$$f_{X,Y} = \text{mean}_{a,b=0}^1 (S_{2X+a,2Y+b})$$

Max Pooling:

$$f_{X,Y} = \max_{a,b=0}^1 (S_{2X+a,2Y+b})$$

## Why Pooling?

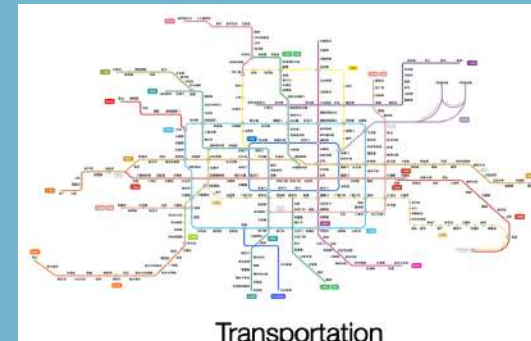
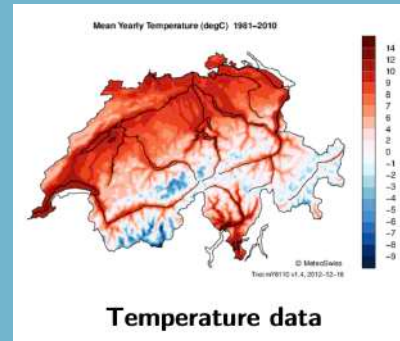
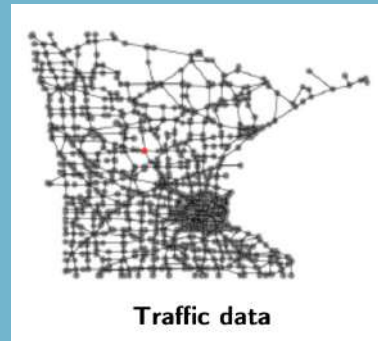
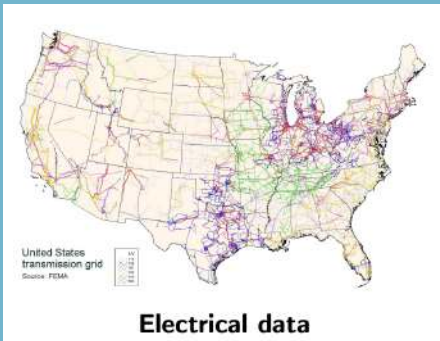
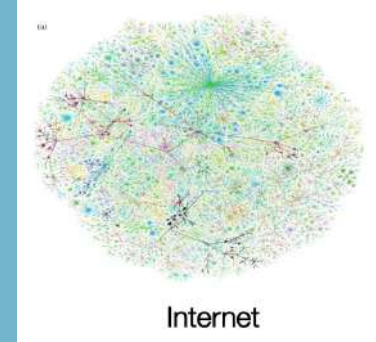
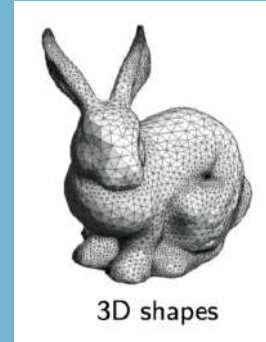
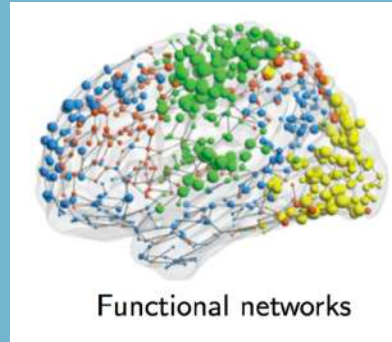
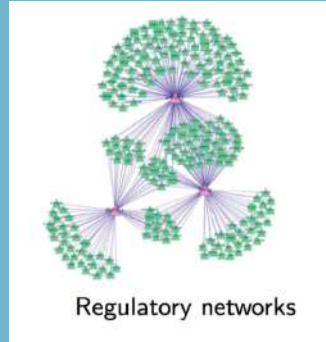
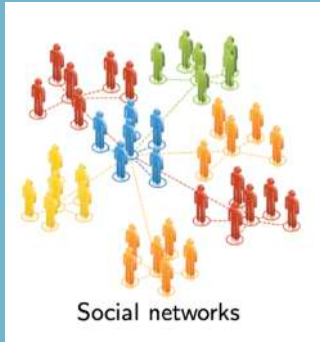
1. Down-sampling + Dimensionality Reduction
2. Enlarge Receptive Fields
3. Enhance Translation Invariance

# Non-Euclidean data

## Graph in the *Non-Euclidean Domain*



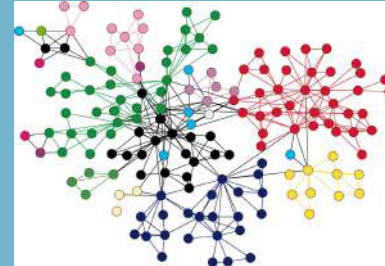
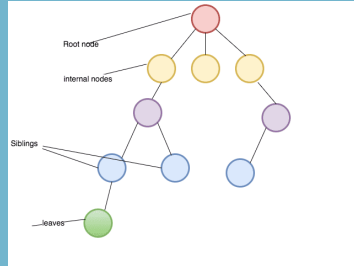
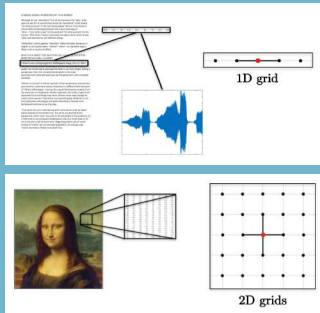
*Limitation of Traditional CNN: Cannot handle Graph-structured Signals*



# Why Graphs?



1/2/3D tensor → Tree (Treebank) → Graph



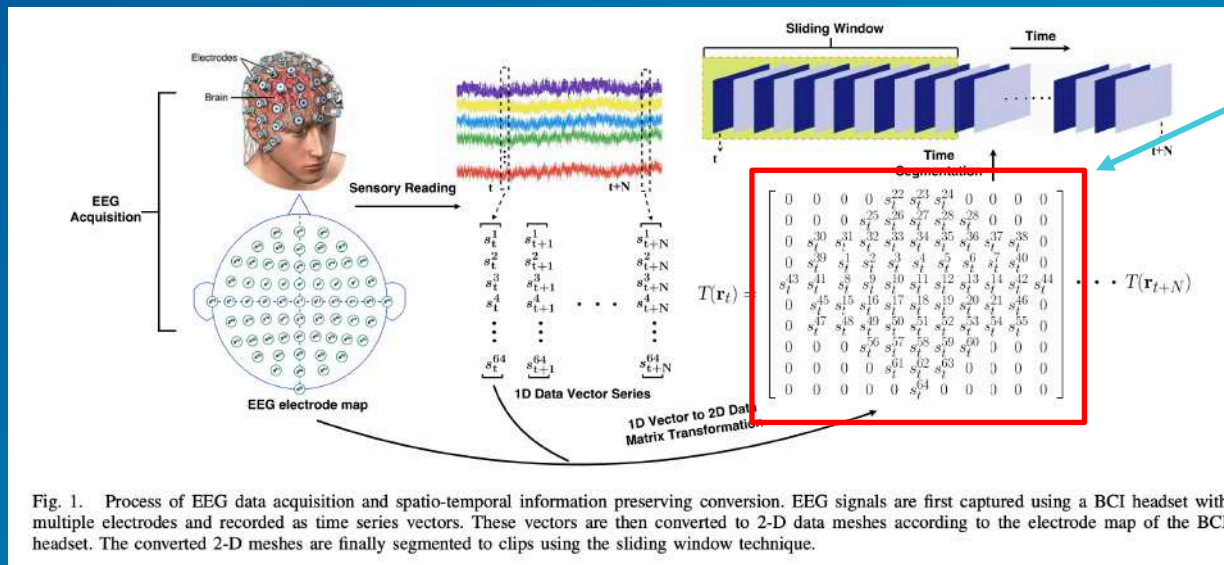
1. Represent *complex relationships* of data
2. Contain *more features* of data
3. Contain *topology information* of data

# Key Question:

→ Can we use **Traditional CNNs on Graphs** directly?

**Answer 1: YES, we can!**

- Represent **Graph Signals as 2D Mesh** ← Signals in the Euclidean Domain
- then use **Traditional CNNs or RNNs**



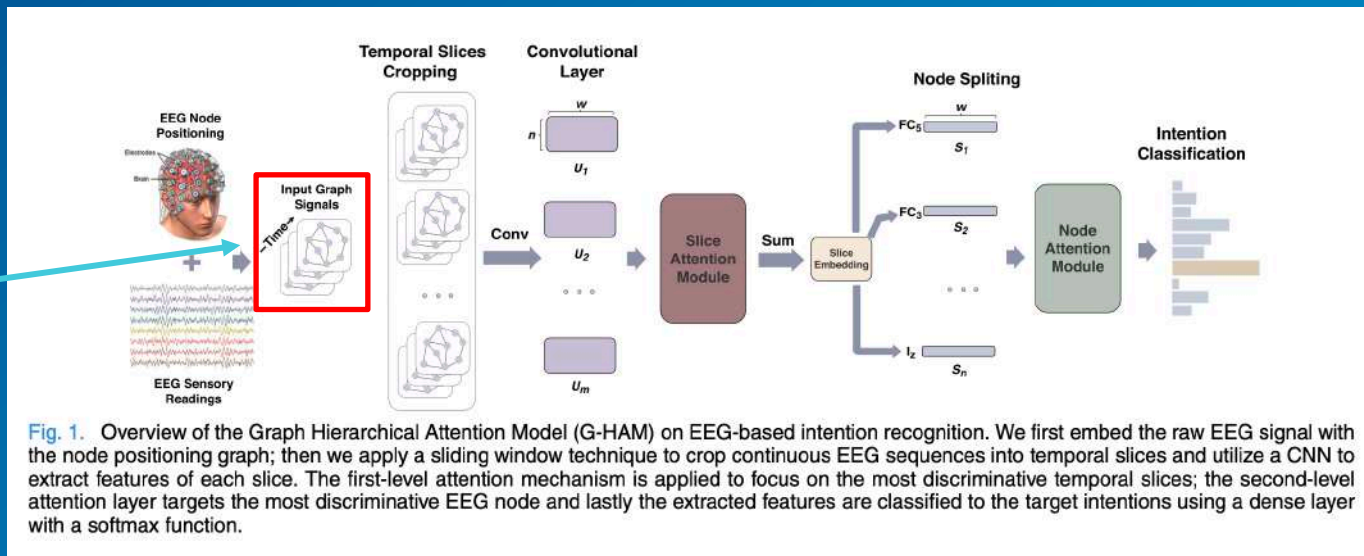
**2D Mesh**

# Key Question:

→ Can we use **Traditional CNNs on Graphs** directly?

Answer 2: **YES**, we can!

- Use *Graph Theory* to represent *Graph Signals* ← *Signals in the Euclidean Domain*
- then use *Traditional CNNs or RNNs* e.g., Adjacency Matrix, Laplacian Matrix



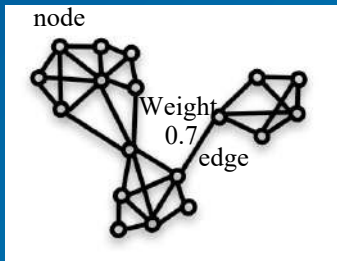
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→ Can we use **Traditional CNNs on Graphs** directly?

*Answer 3: **NO**, we cannot!*

- *Graphs are irregular! (1. unordered 2. vary in size)*

→ Convolution *cannot* keep **translation invariance** on the *non-Euclidean signals*



## OUR QUESTION

Can we *intrinsically* and *mathematically*  
**implement CNNs on Graph**  
to learn the node(s) and edge(s) representations?

**That's why we discuss GCN here!!!**

# Problem Definition



## Definitions

- *Graph Representation* → Graph Laplacian
- *Graph Convolution* → Spectral Graph Theory
- Vertex-focused V.S. Graph-focused

## Temporally fine-grained Model Taxonomy:

- *Static Networks* → **Static** Network without temporal information
- *Edge Weighted Networks* → **Static** Network with temporal information as labels on the edge(s) / Node(s)
- *Discrete Networks* → **Dynamic** Networks in discrete time intervals
- *Continuous Networks* → **Dynamic** Networks without temporal aggregation

## Measurements (for Classification)

- *Metrics*: Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, Confusion Matrix, ROC Curve, AUC, Kappa Coefficient, .....
- *Loss function*: Cross-entropy, Negative Log-likelihood (NLL), .....

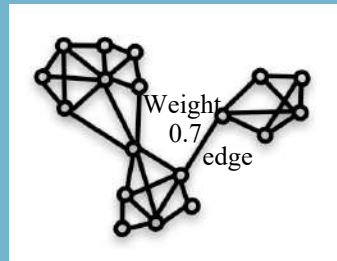
## Keywords

- Graph Convolutional Neural Networks, Graph CNN, GCN, GNN, ...
- Dynamic Graph Convolutional Neural Networks, Dynamic GCN, Dynamic GNN, DGNN, DGCN, ...

# Graph Representation: Laplacian Matrix in Graph Theory

**Graph Description:** Undirected and Weighted Graph:  $G = \{V, E, A\}$

- V: **nodes (vertices)**,  $|V| = N$
  - E: **edges (links)** that connected nodes
  - A: weights / correlations between nodes
- } 1. Weights  
2. Degrees



**Nodes:** different sensors, observations, or data points.

**Edges:** connections, similarities, or correlations among those points.

**Correlations representation:** Pearson Matrix

- Measure the linear correlations between nodes

- Below,  $\mu$  is the expectation,  $\sigma$  is the standard deviation, and  $P_{x,y}$  is the Pearson Correlation Coefficient (PCC) between two nodes

$$P_{x,y} = \frac{E((x - \mu_x)(y - \mu_y))}{\sigma_x \sigma_y}$$

- Absolute Pearson Matrix:  $|P_{x,y}| \Rightarrow X \in R^{|V| \times d}$  (**Vertex-features Matrix**)

**Graph Weights representation:** Adjacency Matrix:  $A \in R^{|V| \times |V|} = |P_{x,y}| - I$ , I is an Identity Matrix

**Graph Degrees representation:** Degree Matrix

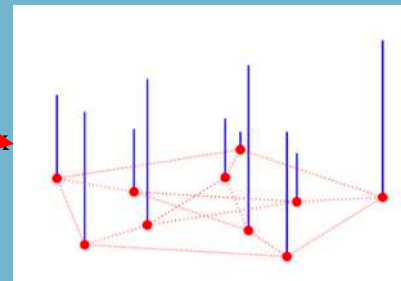
$$D_{ii} = \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij}$$

**Graph representation:** Graph Laplacian (Laplacian Matrix, Combinatorial Laplacian)

$$L = D - A$$

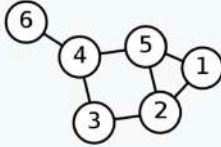
Normalized Graph Laplacian:

$$L = I_N - D^{-\frac{1}{2}} A D^{\frac{1}{2}}$$





# Why use Laplacian Matrix?

Labelled graph	Degree matrix	Adjacency matrix	Laplacian matrix
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- Contain Graph Weights and Degrees → **Represent Graph**
- Non-zero: central node and its 1-hop neighbors; The others are all zeros!
- Laplacian Matrix = Discrete Laplace Operator  $\vec{\nabla}^2 f = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} f)$

## Mathematically

### **Semi-definite Matrix**

- »  $n^{\text{th}}$  orthogonal eigenvectors → **Spectral Decomposition** → Extract graph' Spatial Info from Spectral domain
- » Eigenvectors = Discrete Laplace Operator's characteristic function (Ch.f.):  $e^{-i\omega t}$
- » All eigenvalues are positive

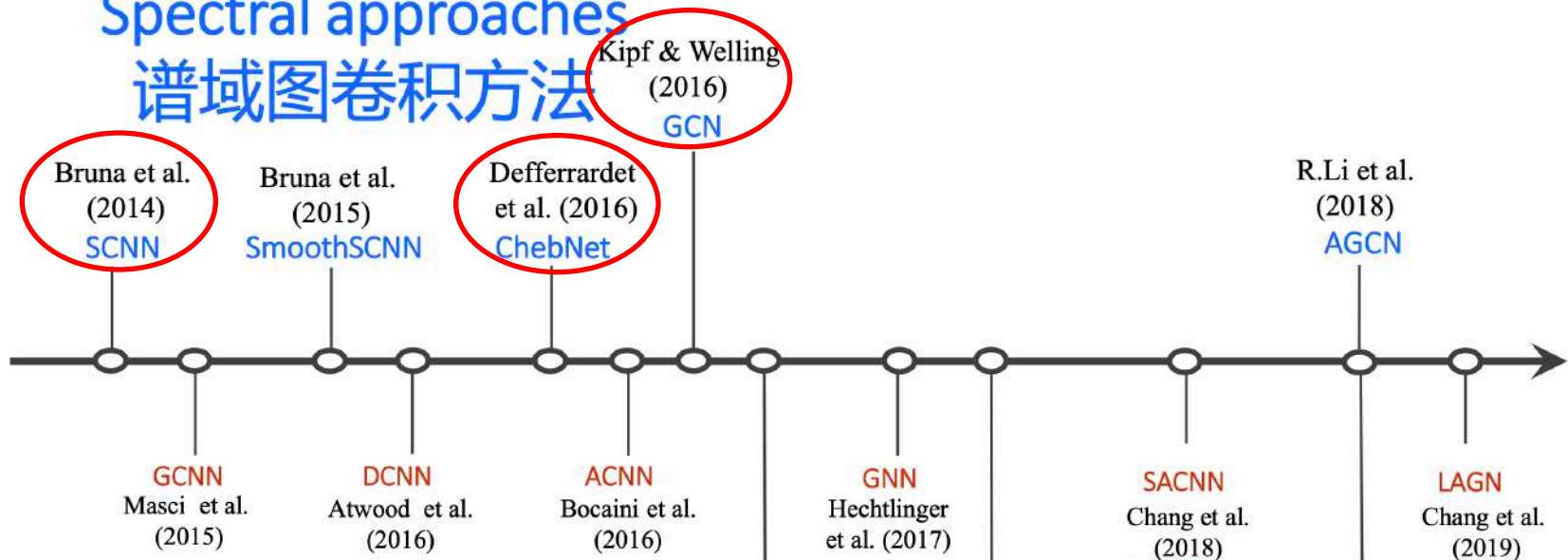
### **Symmetric Matrix**

- » Eigenvectors  $U$  → Definite Matrix  $U^T U = E$

# Graph Convolution Timeline



## Spectral approaches 谱域图卷积方法



## 空域图卷积方法 Spatial approaches

# *Spatial* Convolution V.S. *Spectral* Convolution

*Spatial Convolution* (Vertex / Spatial Domain) → *Mainstream* (Until 10/07/2020)

- Applied to *Nodes' Neighbors directly in the Spatial domain* to aggregate features
- Cons:
  1. No static neighbors' structure
  2. Nodes unordered
  3. Output dimension changed, hard to process later
- Representation Model: *GNN, GraphSAGE, GAT, PGC*

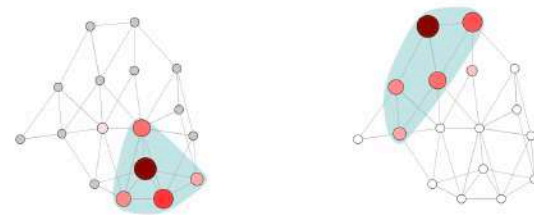


Figure 1: Visualization of the graph convolution size 5. For a given node, the convolution is applied on the node and its 4 closest neighbors selected by the random walk. As the right figure demonstrates, the random walk can expand further into the graph to higher degree neighbors. The convolution weights are shared according to the neighbors' closeness to the nodes and applied globally on all nodes.

# *Spatial* Convolution V.S. *Spectral* Convolution

## *Spectral Convolution* (Spectral / Frequency Domain)

• Signals (*Spatial*) → Signals (*Frequency*) → Signals (*Spatial*)

• Cons:

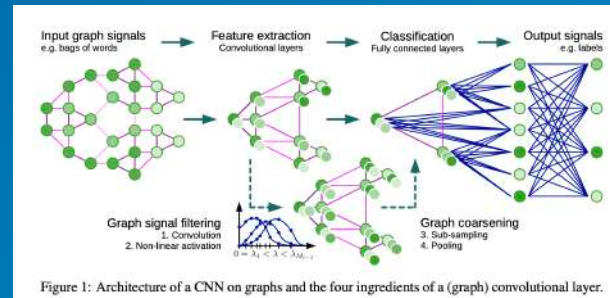
1. Only *undirected graphs* are applicable → Cannot use Spectral Convolution

Lots of scenarios are directed graphs →  $W_{ij} \neq W_{ji}$

2. Cannot change *Graph Structure* (Graph Laplacian) during Training

3. SCNN high Time Complexity  $O(n^3)$ , and ChebNet and GCN few parameters weaken model performance

• Representation Model: *SCNN*, *ChebNet*, *GCN*



## Recall: *Spectral Theorem*

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be **symmetric**, and  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ ),  $n$  be the eigenvalues of  $A$ . There exists a set of **orthonormal vectors**  $u_i \in \mathbb{R}_n$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ ), such that  $Au_i = \lambda_i u_i$ . Equivalently, there exists an **orthonormal matrix**  $U = [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , such that  $UU^T = U^T U = I_n$

$$A = U\Lambda U^T = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i u_i u_i^T$$

$$\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$$

Recall: *Fourier Transform*  $F(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[f(t)] = \int f(t)e^{-i\omega t} dt$

- A function  $f : [-\pi, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  can be written as **Fourier series**:

$$f(x) = \sum_{k \geq 0} \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x') e^{-ikx'} dx'}_{\hat{f}_k = \langle f, e^{-ikx} \rangle_{L^2([-\pi, \pi])}} e^{-ikx}$$

$$f \quad \text{[square wave]} = \hat{f}_1 \text{[constant]} + \hat{f}_2 \text{[sine wave]} + \hat{f}_3 \text{[cosine wave]} + \dots$$

- **Fourier basis**  $e^{-ikx} =$  **Laplace-Beltrami eigenfunctions**:

$$-\Delta \phi_k = k^2 \phi_k$$

$$\begin{cases} \phi_k & = \text{Fourier mode} \\ k & = \text{frequency of Fourier mode} \end{cases}$$

## Spectral Theorem for Graph Laplacian

$$L = U\Lambda U^T$$

$$LU = \Lambda U$$

- $U$ : Fourier modes, which are *real* and *orthonormal eigenvectors* of  $L$  (self-adjointness)
- $\Lambda$ : Fourier Frequencies, where the diagonal is the *ordered real nonnegative eigenvalues* of  $L$  (positive-semidefiniteness)

## Graph Fourier Transform

$$F[f(\lambda_k)] = \hat{f}(\lambda_k) = \langle f, U_k \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n f(i) * U_k(i)$$

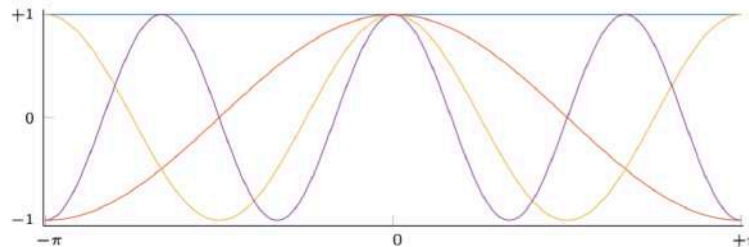
can be seen as  $e^{-i\omega t}$

$$\hat{f}(\lambda) = U^T f \Leftrightarrow f = U \hat{f}(\lambda)$$

$\hat{f}(\lambda_k)$  is the projection value of Fourier basis  $U_k$  w.r.t.  $f$

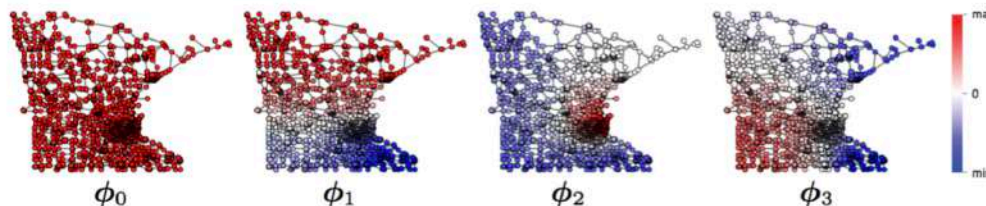
# Illustration Fourier Basis

- **Euclidean domain:**



First eigenvectors of 1D Euclidean Laplacian = standard Fourier basis

- **Graph domain:**



First Laplacian eigenvectors of a graph

Lap eigenvectors related to **graph geometry**  
(s.a. communities, hubs, etc), spectral clustering<sup>[10]</sup>



*Graph Convolution*  $F((f * h)_G) = \hat{f}(w) \times \hat{h}(w)$

$$(f * h)_G = F^{-1}(\hat{f}(w) \times \hat{h}(w))$$

$$\hat{f}(\lambda) = U^T f$$

Hamada Product  
Element-wise Multiplication

$$(f * h)_G = F^{-1}((U^T f) \odot (U^T h))$$

$$f = U \hat{f}(\lambda)$$

$$(f * h)_G = U ((U^T f) \odot (U^T h))$$

If  $d=1$ :

*Output Shape:*  $[n \times n]$

otherwise:

*Output Shape:*  $[n \times d]$  or  
 $[n \times n \times d]$

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$$(f * h)_G = U \text{diag}[\hat{h}(\lambda_1), \hat{h}(\lambda_2), \dots, \hat{h}(\lambda_n)] U^T f$$

Graph Convolution  
“prototype”

# Spectral Graph Convolution Timeline



$$(f * h)_G = U \text{diag}[\hat{h}(\lambda_1), \hat{h}(\lambda_2), \dots, \hat{h}(\lambda_n)] U^T f$$

NIPS 2014

NIPS 2016

ICLR 2017

Timeline

1<sup>st</sup> Generation: *SCNN*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y} &= \sigma(\mathbf{U} \mathbf{g}_\theta \mathbf{U}^T \chi) \\ \mathbf{g}_\theta &= \text{diag}[\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n] \end{aligned}$$

2<sup>nd</sup> Generation: *ChebNet*

$$\mathbf{y} = \sigma \left( \sum_{k=0}^K \theta_k \mathbf{L}^k \chi \right)$$

3<sup>rd</sup> Generation: *ChebNet*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y} &= \sigma \left( \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \theta_k \mathbf{T}_k(\hat{\mathbf{L}}) \chi \right) \\ \hat{\mathbf{L}} &= \frac{2}{\lambda_{\max}} \mathbf{L} - \mathbf{I}_N \end{aligned}$$

4<sup>th</sup> Generation: *GCN*

$$\mathbf{y} = \sigma \left( \theta \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \hat{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \chi \right)$$

# 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Graph Convolution: SCNN



$$(f * h)_G = U \text{diag}[\hat{h}(\lambda_1), \hat{h}(\lambda_2), \dots, \hat{h}(\lambda_n)] U^T f$$

Activation Function

$$y = \sigma(U g_\theta U^T \chi)$$
$$g_\theta = \text{diag}[\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n]$$

## Cons:

1. Global Convolution → No Local Connection, no Weights Sharing
2.  $O(n^3)$  Spectral Decomposition

**Model Parameters:**  $n \times \text{Input\_size} \times \text{num\_filter} + \text{num\_filter} = n \times \text{Input\_size} \times (\text{num\_filter} + 1)$

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Graph Convolution



$$(f * h)_G = U \text{diag}[\hat{h}(\lambda_1), \hat{h}(\lambda_2), \dots, \hat{h}(\lambda_n)] U^T f$$

Activation Function

$$y = \sigma(U g_\theta U^T \chi)$$

K<sup>th</sup> Polynomial Function

$$y = \sigma(U g_\theta(\Lambda) U^T \chi)$$
$$\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$$

Approximate

$$g_\theta(\Lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^K \theta_k \Lambda^k$$

$$y = \sigma\left(U \sum_{k=0}^K \theta_k \Lambda^k U^T \chi\right) = \sigma\left(\sum_{k=0}^K \theta_k (U \Lambda^k U^T) \chi\right) = \sigma\left(\sum_{k=0}^K \theta_k (U \Lambda U^T)^k \chi\right) = \sigma\left(\sum_{k=0}^K \theta_k L^k \chi\right)$$

$$y = \sigma\left(\sum_{k=0}^K \theta_k L^k \chi\right)$$

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Graph Convolution



“Node Aggregation”  
K is Filter Size

$$y = \sigma \left( \sum_{k=0}^K \theta_k L^k \chi \right)$$

Weights Sharing → Translation Invariance

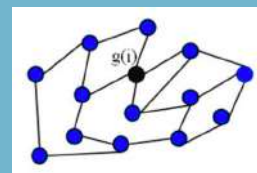
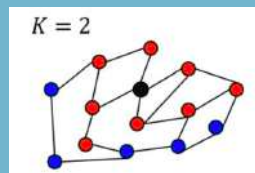
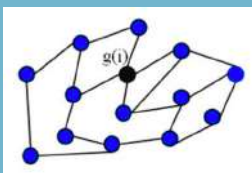
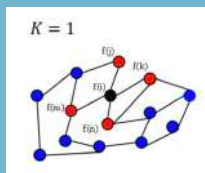
Convolution:  
Weighted Sum

Local connectivity  
No need for Fourier

“Laplace Operator”

$$x_{\text{new}} \leftarrow Lx_i = \sum_j A_{ij}(x_i - x_j)$$

**GCN Key Idea:** Use "edge information" to "aggregate" "node information" to generate a new "node representation"



Pros:

1. No need for Spectral Decomposition
2. Less number of parameters (decrease model complexity) →  $K \ll n$

Cons:

Model Parameters:

Need to compute  $L^k$ ,  $O(n^2)$

$$K \times \text{Input\_size} \times \text{num\_filter} + \text{num\_filter} = K \times \text{Input\_size} \times (\text{num\_filter} + 1)$$

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Graph Convolution (ChebNet)



$$(f * h)_G = U \text{diag}[\hat{h}(\lambda_1), \hat{h}(\lambda_2), \dots, \hat{h}(\lambda_n)] U^T f$$

$$y = \sigma(U g_\theta U^T \chi)$$

$$g_\theta \approx \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \theta_k T_k(\hat{\Lambda})$$

Approximate

K<sup>th</sup> Chebyshev polynomial

$$T_k(x) = 2xT_{k-1}(x) - T_{k-2}(x)$$

$$T_0 = 1$$

$$T_1 = x$$

$$\hat{\Lambda} = \frac{2}{\lambda_{\max}} \Lambda - I_N$$

$$y = \sigma \left( \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \theta_k T_k(\hat{L}) \chi \right) \quad \hat{L} = \frac{2}{\lambda_{\max}} L - I_N$$

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Graph Convolution: ChebNet



$$y = \sigma \left( \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \theta_k T_k(\hat{L}) \chi \right)$$
$$\hat{L} = \frac{2}{\lambda_{\max}} L - I_N$$

## Pros:

1. No need for Spectral Decomposition
2. No need for  $L^k$
3. Less number of parameters (decrease model complexity)  $\rightarrow K \ll n$
4.  $O(n)$  Time Complexity

**Model Parameters:**  $K \times \text{Input\_size} \times \text{num\_filter} + \text{num\_filter} = K \times \text{Input\_size} \times (\text{num\_filter} + 1)$

# 4<sup>th</sup> Generation Graph Convolution: GCN



$$y = \sigma \left( \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \theta_k T_k(\hat{L}) \chi \right)$$
$$\hat{L} = \frac{2}{\lambda_{\max}} L - I_N$$

K<sup>th</sup> Chebyshev polynomial

$$T_k(x) = 2xT_{k-1}(x) - T_{k-2}(x)$$
$$T_0 = 1$$
$$T_1 = x$$

**Assume K=1:** ← Only consider 1<sup>th</sup> order Chebyshev Approximation

→ *Two Parameters per filter*

$$y = \sigma \left( \sum_{k=0}^1 \theta_k T_k(\hat{L}) \chi \right) = \sigma(\theta_0 T_0(\hat{L}) \chi + \theta_1 T_1(\hat{L}) \chi) = \sigma(\theta_0 \chi + \theta_1 \hat{L} \chi)$$

**Assume  $\lambda_{\max}=2$ :**

$$y = \sigma(\theta_0 \chi + \theta_1 \hat{L} \chi) = \sigma(\theta_0 \chi + \theta_1 (L - I_N) \chi)$$
$$L = D^{-\frac{1}{2}} (D - A) D^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$



# 4<sup>th</sup> Generation Graph Convolution: GCN



Assume  $K=1$ :

$$y = \sigma \left( \sum_{k=0}^1 \theta_k T_k(\hat{L})\chi \right) = \sigma(\theta_0 T_0(\hat{L})\chi + \theta_1 T_1(\hat{L})\chi) = \sigma(\theta_0 \chi + \theta_1 \hat{L}\chi)$$

Assume  $\lambda_{\max}=2$ :

$$y = \sigma(\theta_0 \chi + \theta_1 \hat{L}\chi) = \sigma(\theta_0 \chi + \theta_1 (L - I_N)\chi)$$
$$L = D^{-\frac{1}{2}}(D - A)D^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\longrightarrow y = \sigma \left( \theta_0 \chi + \theta_1 (-D^{-\frac{1}{2}}AD^{-\frac{1}{2}})\chi \right)$$

Assume  $\theta = \theta_0 = -\theta_1$  : *One Parameter*

Eigenvalues  $\in [0, 2]$

$$y = \sigma \left( \theta (I_N + D^{-\frac{1}{2}}AD^{-\frac{1}{2}})\chi \right)$$

Assume  $\hat{A} = I_N + A$ :  
(renormalization trick)

$$y = \sigma \left( \theta D^{-\frac{1}{2}}\hat{A}D^{-\frac{1}{2}}\chi \right)$$

$$H^{(1+1)} = D^{-\frac{1}{2}}\hat{A}D^{-\frac{1}{2}}H^{(1)}W^{(1)}$$

# 4<sup>th</sup> Generation Graph Convolution: GCN



$$H^{(l+1)} = D^{-\frac{1}{2}} \hat{A} D^{-\frac{1}{2}} H^{(l)} W^{(l)}$$

## Pros:

1. Few trainable parameters: *one parameter per filter*
2. Only concern *one-hop neighbor*: Stacked GCN layer  $\rightarrow$  enlarge receptive fields

## Cons:

Few trainable parameters  $\rightarrow$  Weaken the capability of the model

**Model Parameters:**  $\text{Input\_size} \times \text{num\_filter} + \text{num\_filter} = \text{Input\_size} \times (\text{num\_filter} + 1)$



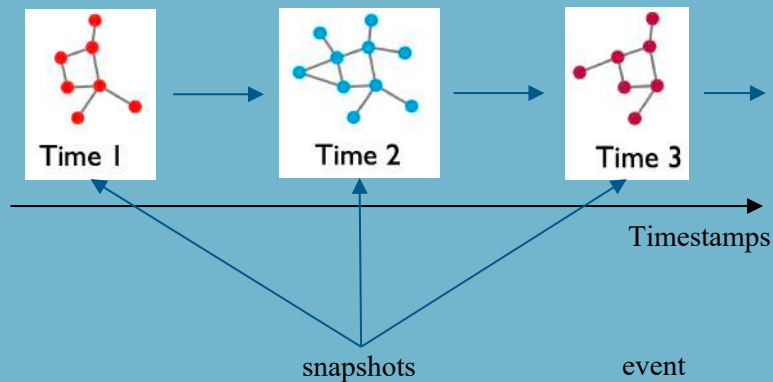
# Problem Definition



## *Definitions*

- *Dynamic Network*: a network that changes over **time (Time-Varying)**
- *Dynamic Graph Neural Networks*: Graph Nodes (**Node Dynamics**) and Edges (**Link Duration**)  
appear and/or disappear over **time**

*Exploit graph **spatial** and dynamic (**temporal**) information about data*



# Problem Definition



*Dynamic GNN*: Graph Nodes (**Node Dynamics**) and Edges (**Link Duration**) appear and/or disappear over **time**

**Graph Description**: Undirected and unweighted Graph:  $G = \{V, E\}$

–  $V$ : **nodes (vertices)**,  $V = \{(v, t_s, t_e)\}$

–  $E$ : **edges (links)** that connected nodes,  $E = \{(u, v, t_s, t_e)\}$

–  $t_s$ : start timestamp,  $t_e$ : end timestamp

–  $u, v \in V$

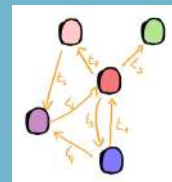
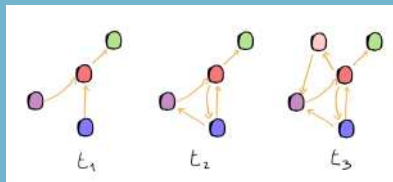
## **Taxonomy**

1. *Temporal Networks*: highly dynamic

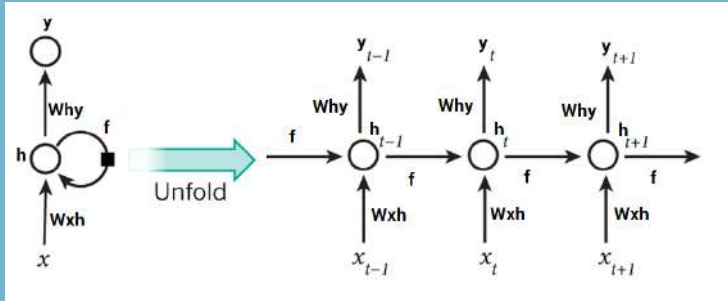
2. *Evolving Networks*: Links persist longer

1. *Continuous Networks*: sequence of snapshots

2. *Discrete Networks*: sequence of time-events



# Recall: RNN-based Model (**Order Matter**) for Time-series (Sequence) Signals



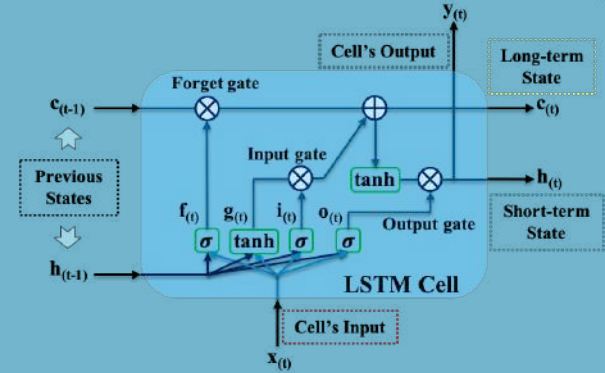
RNN-based Architecture

**Input:** [max\_time x Input\_dim]

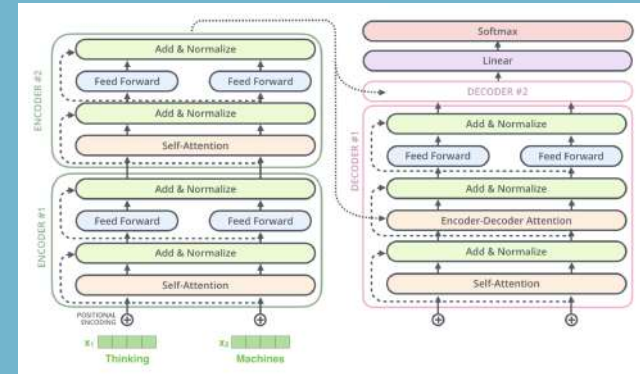
$$\begin{aligned}
 i &= \sigma(W_{xi}x_t + W_{hi}h_{t-1} + w_{ci} \odot c_{t-1} + b_i), \\
 f &= \sigma(W_{xf}x_t + W_{hf}h_{t-1} + w_{cf} \odot c_{t-1} + b_f), \\
 c_t &= f_t \odot c_{t-1} + i_t \odot \tanh(W_{xc}x_t + W_{hc}h_{t-1} + b_c), \\
 o &= \sigma(W_{xo}x_t + W_{ho}h_{t-1} + w_{co} \odot c_t + b_o), \\
 h_t &= o \odot \tanh(c_t),
 \end{aligned}$$

LSTM Equations

**Num of Parameters:**  $4 \times (\text{Input\_Size} \times h + h^2 + h)$



LSTM Model



Current Popular Model  
Transformer

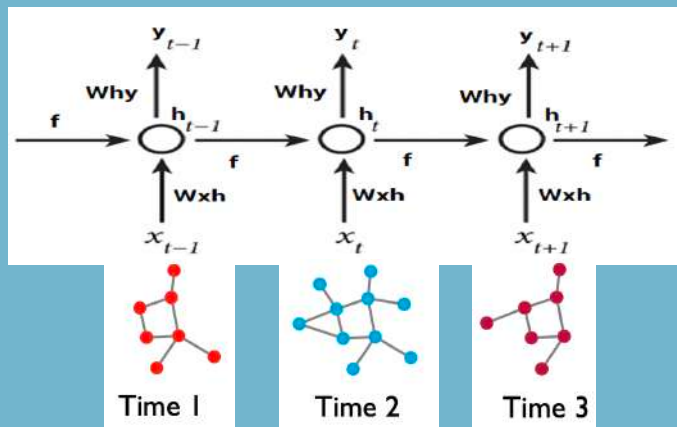
**Pros:** finding long and short range sequence dependencies

**Cons:** lack the ability to explicitly exploit graph-structured information

# Problem Definition



*Dynamic GNN*: Graph Nodes (**Node Dynamics**) and Edges (**Link Duration**) appear and/or disappear over **time**



Can we combine them??

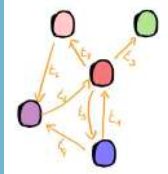
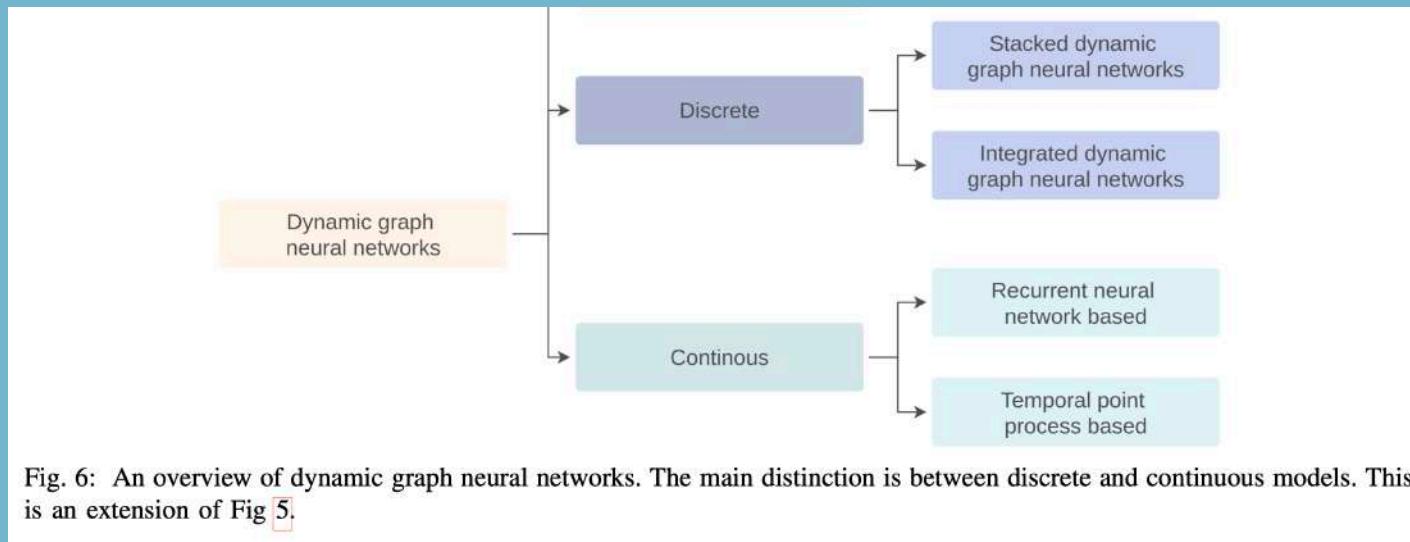
**GCN + RNN**

**Our Question**: Can we use **GCN**  $\rightarrow$  encode graph structures

**RNN**  $\rightarrow$  process temporal information

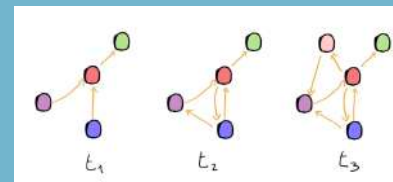
**Leverage structural and temporal patterns**

# Dynamic GCN Models:



1. *Continuous Networks*: sequence of time-events

2. *Discrete Networks*: sequence of snapshots





# Basic Idea:

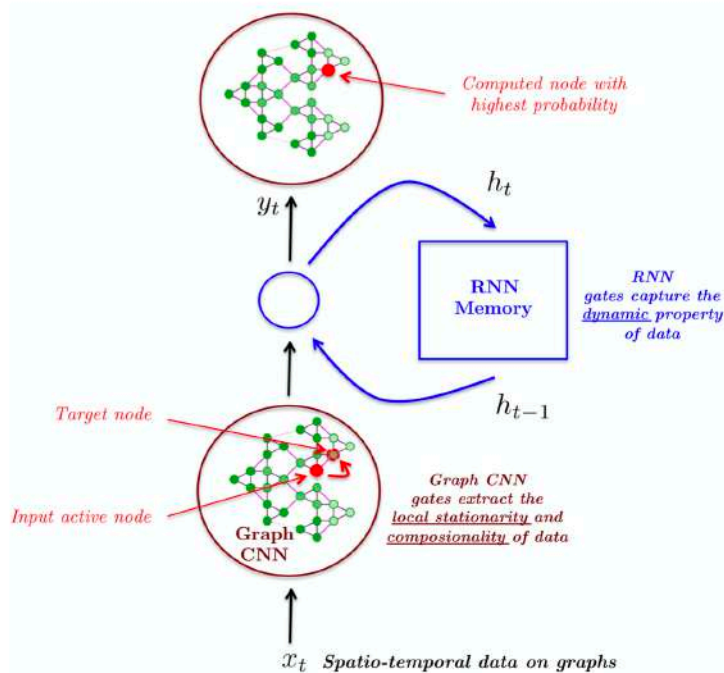


Figure 1: Illustration of the proposed GCRN model for spatio-temporal prediction of graph-structured data. The technique combines **at the same time CNN on graphs and RNN**. RNN can be easily exchanged with LSTM or GRU networks.

# Discrete Model 1:

Be advised that, theoretically,

this “GC” can be **any Graph Convolution** we discussed before!!

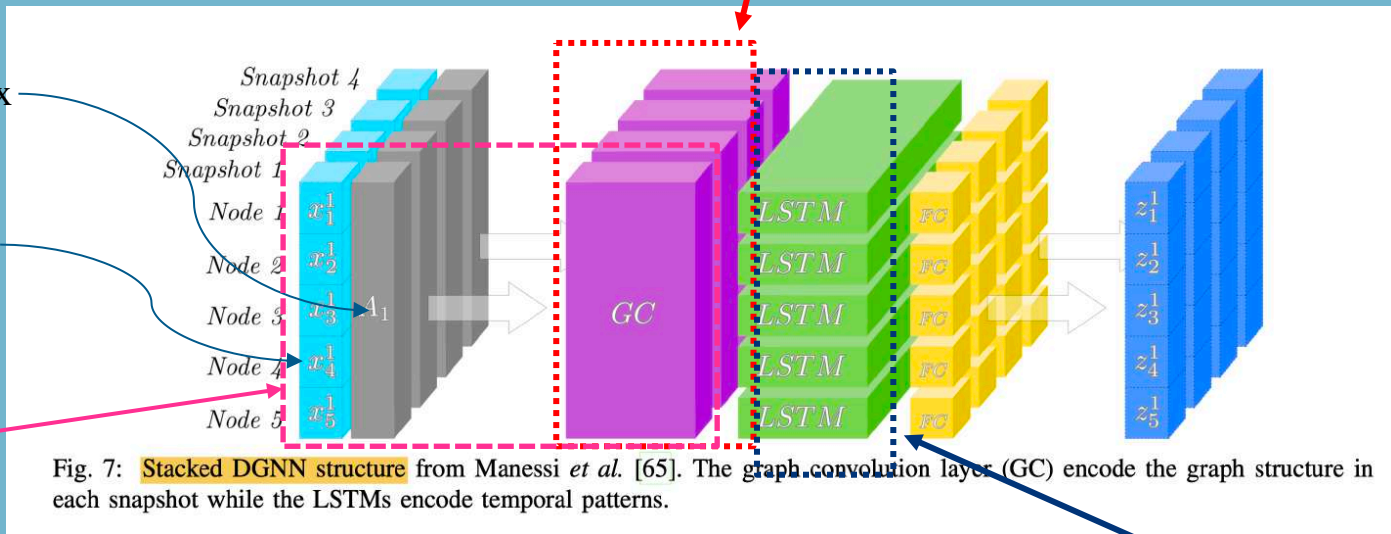


**Stacked DGNNs** (Conv + RNN) : **GNN** → Graph Structural Patterns; **RNN** → Temporal Patterns

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ : Adjacency Matrix

$x \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ : Nodes' Features

Filters are learning the structural patterns of each snapshot!



$$Z \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times l}$$

$$Z_1, \dots, Z_t = \text{GNN}(A_1, X_1), \dots, \text{GNN}(A_t, X_t)$$

$$H \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times n \times t} \quad H = \text{vLSTM}_k(Z_1, \dots, Z_t) = \begin{pmatrix} \text{LSTM}_k(V_1'Z_1, \dots, V_1'Z_t) \\ \dots \\ \text{LSTM}_k(V_n'Z_1, \dots, V_n'Z_t) \end{pmatrix}$$

**RNN Model**

(RNN, LSTM,

GRU, Transformer,...)

# Discrete Model 1: *Stacked DGNNs* (Conv + RNN)

The mathematics of the GC layer [14] and the LSTM [16] are here briefly recalled, since they are the basic building blocks of the contribution of this paper. Given a graph with adjacency matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{V}| \times |\mathcal{V}|}$  and vertex-feature matrix  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{V}| \times d}$ , the GC layer with  $M$  output nodes and  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times M}$  weight matrix is defined as the function:

$$\text{GC}_{M,\mathbf{A}}^{\mathbf{B}}: \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{V}| \times d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{V}| \times M} \xrightarrow{\text{Reshape}} \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{V}| \times M \times 1}$$

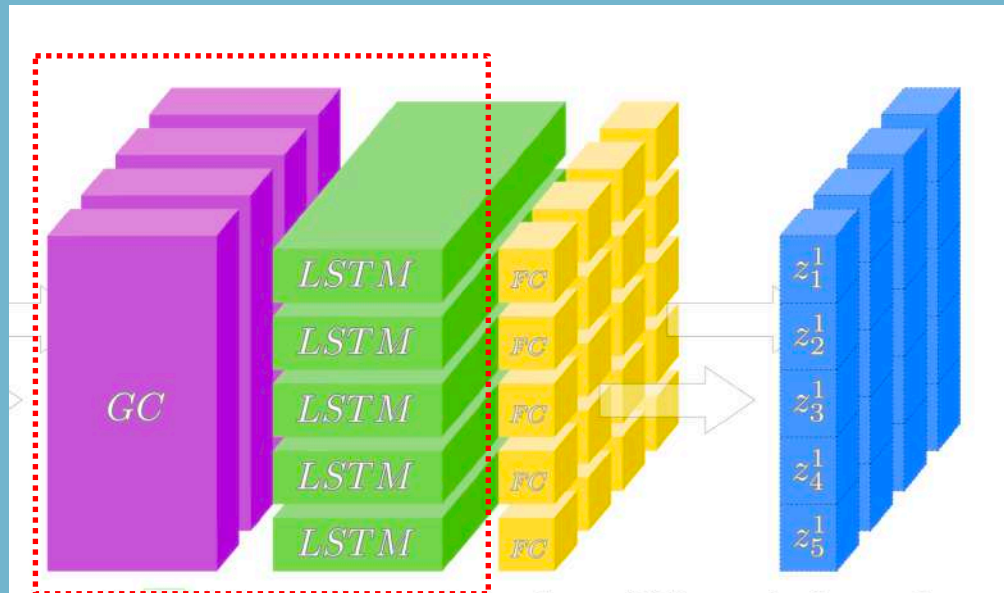
$$\text{GC}_{M,\mathbf{A}}^{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{X}) := \text{ReLU}(\hat{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}), \quad (1)$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$  is the re-normalized adjacency matrix, i.e.  $\hat{\mathbf{A}} := \tilde{\mathbf{D}}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\tilde{\mathbf{D}}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  with  $\tilde{\mathbf{A}} := \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{I}_{|\mathcal{V}|}$  and  $[\tilde{\mathbf{D}}]_{kk} := \sum_l [\tilde{\mathbf{A}}]_{kl}$ . Note that the GC layer can be seen as localized first-order approximation of spectral graph convolution [34], with the additional *renormalization trick* in order to improve numerical stability [14].

Given the sequence  $(\mathbf{x}_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_T}$  with  $\mathbf{x}_i$   $d$ -dimensional row vectors for each  $i \in \mathbb{Z}_T$ , a *returning sequence-LSTM* with  $N$  output nodes, is the function  $\text{LSTM}_N: (\mathbf{x}_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_T} \mapsto (\mathbf{h}_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_T}$ , with  $\mathbf{h}_i \in \mathbb{R}^N$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{h}_i &= \mathbf{o}_i \odot \tanh(\mathbf{c}_i), & \mathbf{f}_i &= \sigma(\mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{W}_f + \mathbf{h}_{i-1} \mathbf{U}_f + \mathbf{b}_f), \\ \mathbf{c}_i &= \mathbf{j}_i \odot \tilde{\mathbf{c}}_i + \mathbf{f}_i \odot \mathbf{c}_{i-1}, & \mathbf{j}_i &= \sigma(\mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{W}_j + \mathbf{h}_{i-1} \mathbf{U}_j + \mathbf{b}_j), \\ \mathbf{o}_i &= \sigma(\mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{W}_o + \mathbf{h}_{i-1} \mathbf{U}_o + \mathbf{b}_o), & \tilde{\mathbf{c}}_i &= \sigma(\mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{W}_c + \mathbf{h}_{i-1} \mathbf{U}_c + \mathbf{b}_c), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $\odot$  is the Hadamard product,  $\sigma(x) := 1/(1 + e^{-x})$ ,  $\mathbf{W}_l \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times N}$ ,  $\mathbf{U}_l \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  are weight matrices and  $\mathbf{b}_l$  are bias vectors, with  $l \in \{o, f, j, c\}$ .



# Discrete Model 1:

**Stacked DGNNs** (Conv + RNN) : **GNN** → Graph Structural Patterns; **RNN** → Temporal Patterns

**Model 1.** The most straightforward definition is to stack a graph CNN, defined as (5), for feature extraction and an LSTM, defined as (2), for sequence learning:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_t^{\text{CNN}} &= \text{CNN}_{\mathcal{G}}(x_t) \\
 i &= \sigma(W_{xi}x_t^{\text{CNN}} + W_{hi}h_{t-1} + w_{ci} \odot c_{t-1} + b_i), \\
 f &= \sigma(W_{xf}x_t^{\text{CNN}} + W_{hf}h_{t-1} + w_{cf} \odot c_{t-1} + b_f), \\
 c_t &= f_t \odot c_{t-1} + i_t \odot \tanh(W_{xc}x_t^{\text{CNN}} + W_{hc}h_{t-1} + b_c), \\
 o &= \sigma(W_{xo}x_t^{\text{CNN}} + W_{ho}h_{t-1} + w_{co} \odot c_t + b_o), \\
 h_t &= o \odot \tanh(c_t).
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

In that setting, the input matrix  $x_t \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d_x}$  may represent the observation of  $d_x$  measurements at time  $t$  of a dynamical system over a network whose organization is given by a graph  $\mathcal{G}$ .  $x_t^{\text{CNN}}$  is the output of the graph CNN gate. For a proof of concept, we simply choose here  $x_t^{\text{CNN}} = W^{\text{CNN}} *_{\mathcal{G}} x_t$ , where  $W^{\text{CNN}} \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times d_x \times d_x}$  are the Chebyshev coefficients for the graph convolutional kernels of support  $K$ . The model also holds spatially distributed hidden and cell states of size  $d_h$  given by the matrices  $c_t, h_t \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d_h}$ . Peepholes are controlled by  $w_c \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d_h}$ . The weights  $W_h \in \mathbb{R}^{d_h \times d_h}$  and  $W_x \in \mathbb{R}^{d_h \times d_x}$  are the parameters of the fully connected layers. An architecture such as (8) may be enough to capture the data distribution by exploiting local stationarity and compositionality properties as well as the dynamic properties.

# Discrete Model 2:



## Integrated DGNNs (Idea is from ConvLSTM)

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  : Adjacency Matrix

$x \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$  : Nodes' Features

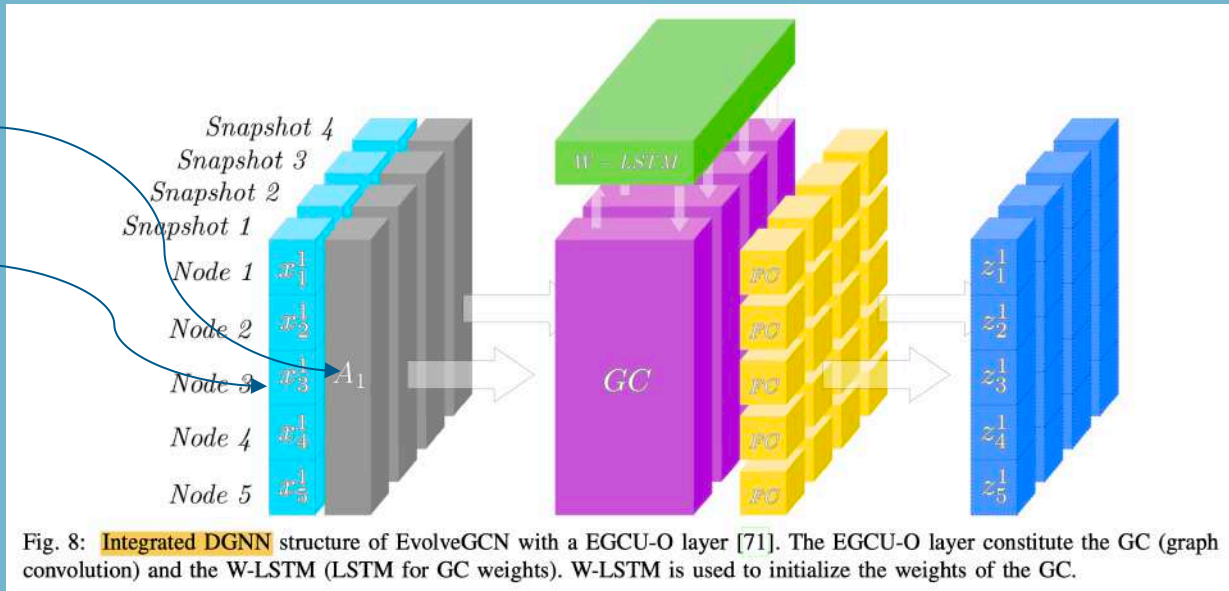


Fig. 8: **Integrated DGNN** structure of EvolveGCN with a EGCU-O layer [71]. The EGCU-O layer constitute the GC (graph convolution) and the W-LSTM (LSTM for GC weights). W-LSTM is used to initialize the weights of the GC.

Graph Convolution

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_t &= \sigma(W_f *_{\mathbb{G}} X_t + U_f *_{\mathbb{G}} h_{t-1} + w_f \odot c_{t-1} + b_f) \\
 i_t &= \sigma(W_i *_{\mathbb{G}} X_t + U_i *_{\mathbb{G}} h_{t-1} + w_i \odot c_{t-1} + b_i) \\
 c_t &= f_t \odot c_{t-1} + i_t \odot \tanh(W_c *_{\mathbb{G}} X_t + U_c *_{\mathbb{G}} h_{t-1} + b_c) \\
 o_t &= \sigma(W_o *_{\mathbb{G}} X_t + U_o *_{\mathbb{G}} h_{t-1} + w_o \odot c_t + b_o) \\
 h_t &= o_t \odot \tanh(c_t)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Discrete Model 2:

## *Integrated DGNNs* (Idea is from ConvLSTM)

**Model 2.** To generalize the convLSTM model (6) to graphs we replace the Euclidean 2D convolution  $*$  by the graph convolution  $*_{\mathcal{G}}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 i &= \sigma(W_{xi} *_{\mathcal{G}} x_t + W_{hi} *_{\mathcal{G}} h_{t-1} + w_{ci} \odot c_{t-1} + b_i), \\
 f &= \sigma(W_{xf} *_{\mathcal{G}} x_t + W_{hf} *_{\mathcal{G}} h_{t-1} + w_{cf} \odot c_{t-1} + b_f), \\
 c_t &= f_t \odot c_{t-1} + i_t \odot \tanh(W_{xc} *_{\mathcal{G}} x_t + W_{hc} *_{\mathcal{G}} h_{t-1} + b_c), \\
 o &= \sigma(W_{xo} *_{\mathcal{G}} x_t + W_{ho} *_{\mathcal{G}} h_{t-1} + w_{co} \odot c_t + b_o), \\
 h_t &= o \odot \tanh(c_t).
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

In that setting, the support  $K$  of the graph convolutional kernels defined by the Chebyshev coefficients  $W_h. \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times d_h \times d_h}$  and  $W_x. \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times d_h \times d_x}$  determines the number of parameters, which is independent of the number of nodes  $n$ . To keep the notation simple, we write  $W_{xi} *_{\mathcal{G}} x_t$  to mean a graph convolution of  $x_t$  with  $d_h d_x$  filters which are functions of the graph Laplacian  $L$  parametrized by  $K$  Chebyshev coefficients, as noted in (4) and (5). In a distributed computing setting,  $K$  controls the communication overhead, i.e. the number of nodes any given node  $i$  should exchange with in order to compute its local states.

# RNN-based Continuous Model: Streaming GNN

*Update Node Embedding from source to target*: Input Node Features  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$   $\rightarrow$  Node Embedding

1. **Compare: Node Embedding**: Process; **Node Vector**: Result

(Node Embedding = Node Vector = Node Representation)

1. **Compare: Input Node Features**: Sparse and High dimension; **Node Embedding**: Dense and Low dimension

2. **Streaming GNN**: maintain and update a Hidden Representation on each node (*Node Embedding*)

[source node Embedding  $\xrightarrow{\text{Update Node Embedding}}$  target node Embedding]

- Update component  $\rightarrow$  Update **Node Embedding**
- Propagation component  $\rightarrow$  propagate the update to the involved node neighbors

3. Each Component keeps Three States

- Interact Unit  $\rightarrow$  Interaction Node Embedding
- Update / Propagate Unit
- Merge Unit  $\rightarrow$  Update Node Embedding

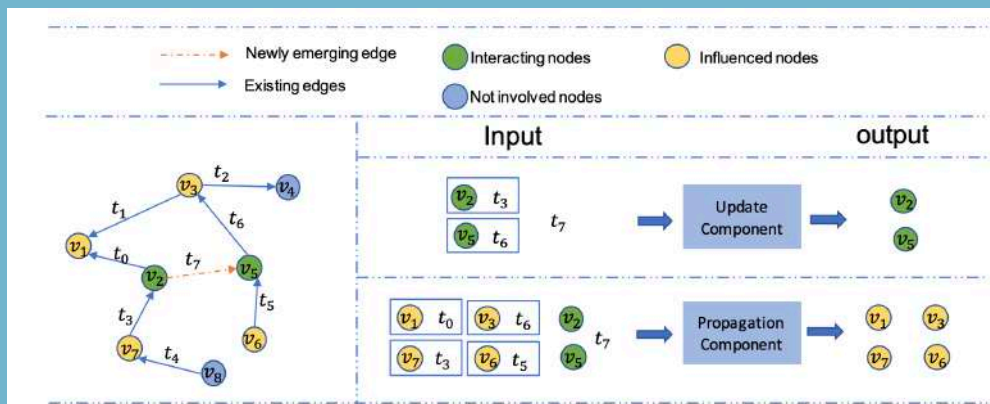
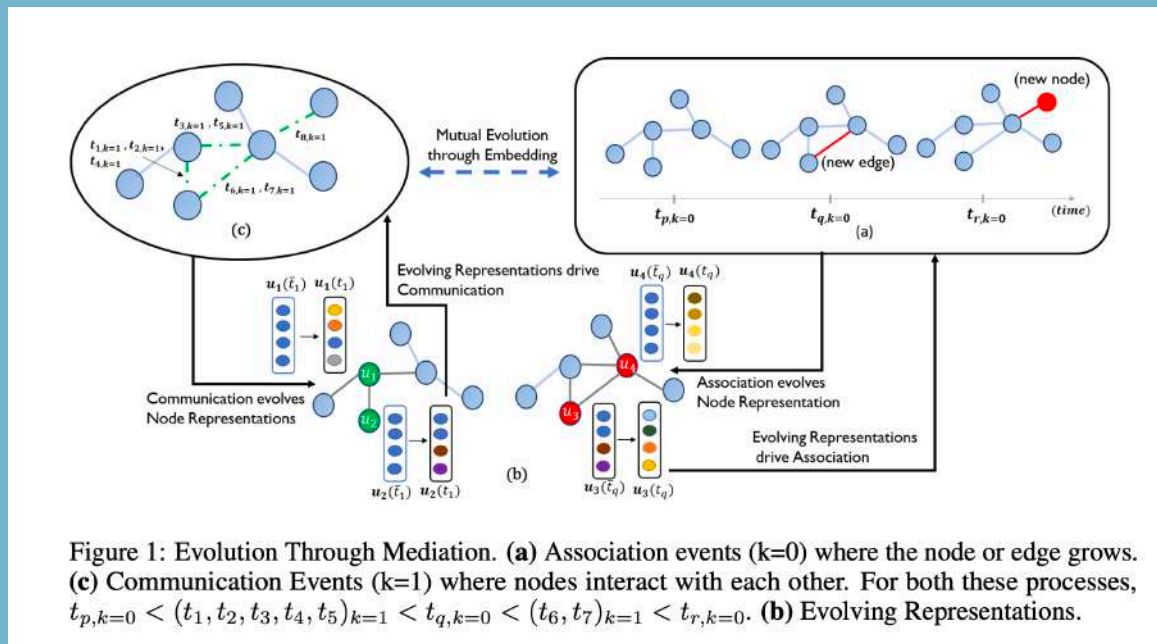


Figure 1: An overview of DGNN when a new interaction happened at time  $t_7$  from  $v_2$  to  $v_5$ . The two interacting nodes are  $v_2$  and  $v_5$ . The nodes  $\{v_1, v_3, v_6, v_7\}$  are assumed to be the influenced nodes.

# Temporal Point Process (TPP) - Continuous Model: DyREP

## Temporal Point Process (TPP)

1. dynamics "of the network" (topological evolution)
2. dynamics "on the network" (node communication)





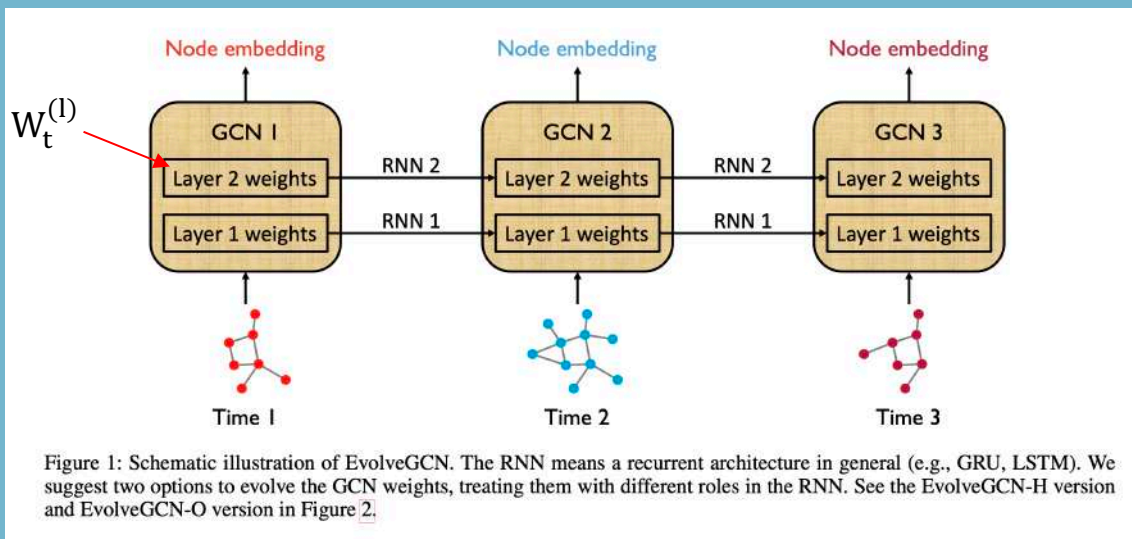
# EvolveGCN



*RNN*: Regulate GCN model (i.e., network parameters)

*Weight Evolution* for Node Embedding:

$$\underbrace{W_t^{(l)}}_{\text{hidden state}} = \text{GRU}\left(\underbrace{H_t^{(l)}}_{\text{input}}, \underbrace{W_{t-1}^{(l)}}_{\text{hidden state}}\right) + \underbrace{W_t^{(l)}}_{\text{output}} = \text{LSTM}\left(\underbrace{W_{t-1}^{(l)}}_{\text{input}}\right)$$

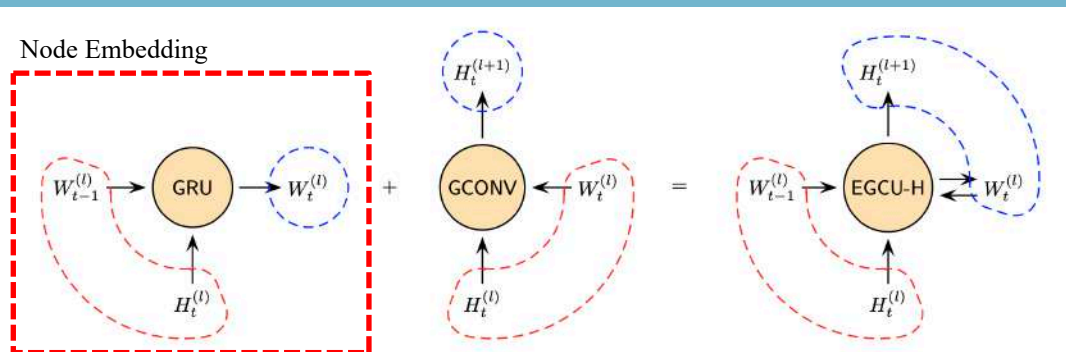


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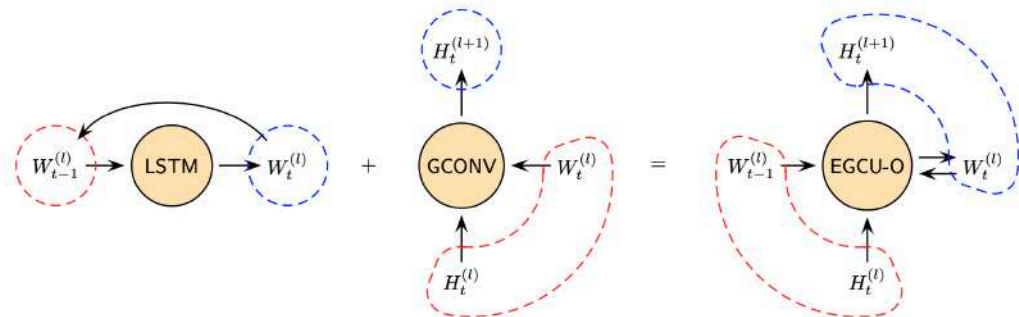


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(a) EvolveGCN-H, where the GCN parameters are hidden states of a recurrent architecture that takes node embeddings as input.



(b) EvolveGCN-O, where the GCN parameters are input/outputs of a recurrent architecture.

*Node features are informative:*

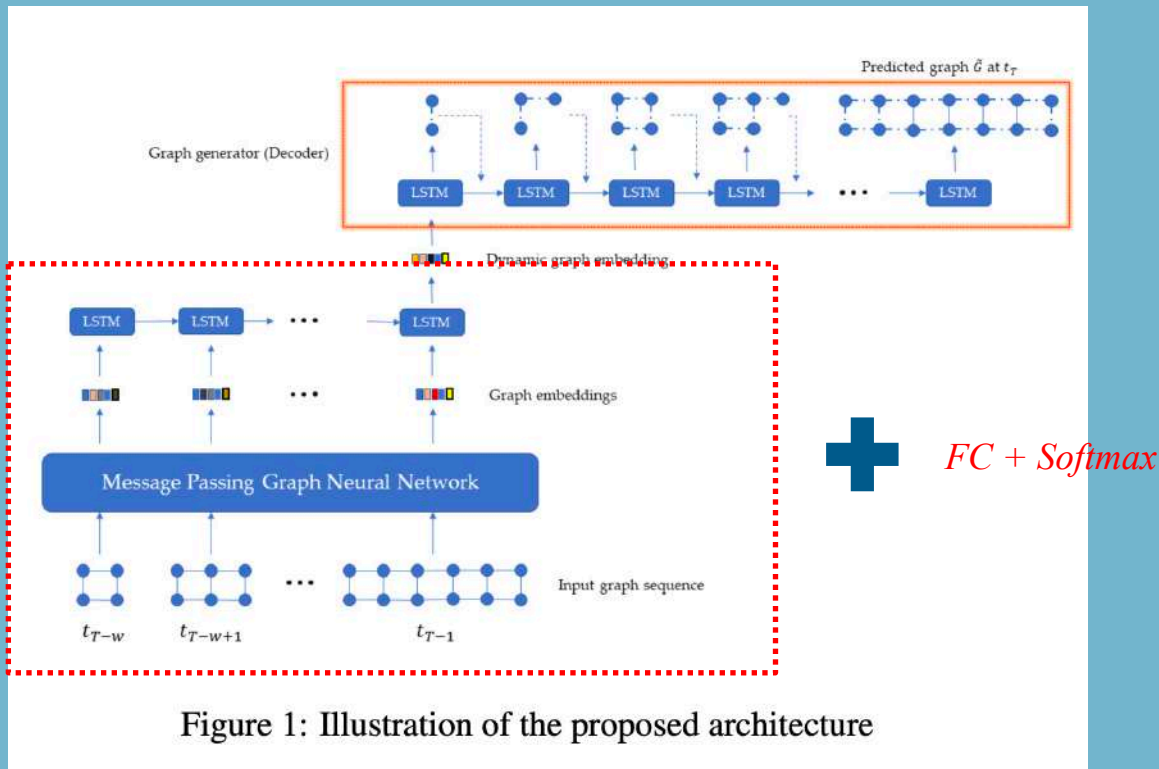
- 1: **function**  $[H_t^{(l+1)}, W_t^{(l)}] = \text{EGCU-H}(A_t, H_t^{(l)}, W_{t-1}^{(l)})$
- 2:  $W_t^{(l)} = \text{GRU}(H_t^{(l)}, W_{t-1}^{(l)})$
- 3:  $H_t^{(l+1)} = \text{GCONV}(A_t, H_t^{(l)}, W_t^{(l)})$
- 4: **end function**

*Change of the structure:*

- 1: **function**  $[H_t^{(l+1)}, W_t^{(l)}] = \text{EGCU-O}(A_t, H_t^{(l)}, W_{t-1}^{(l)})$
- 2:  $W_t^{(l)} = \text{LSTM}(W_{t-1}^{(l)})$
- 3:  $H_t^{(l+1)} = \text{GCONV}(A_t, H_t^{(l)}, W_t^{(l)})$
- 4: **end function**

# EvoNet – Predict the topology of future graphs

Sequence-to-sequence Model (Autoencoder)





# Our Perspective

1. Current Loop: [GCN + RNN] → Can we jump the loop?
2. Can we employ Dynamic GCN method to our filed, e.g., EEG Signals Classification
3. Virtualize the dynamic process of the Graphs.



Thanks and any Questions?