

# GNNs: Overview

# ***Outline***

1). The function space of  
GNNs

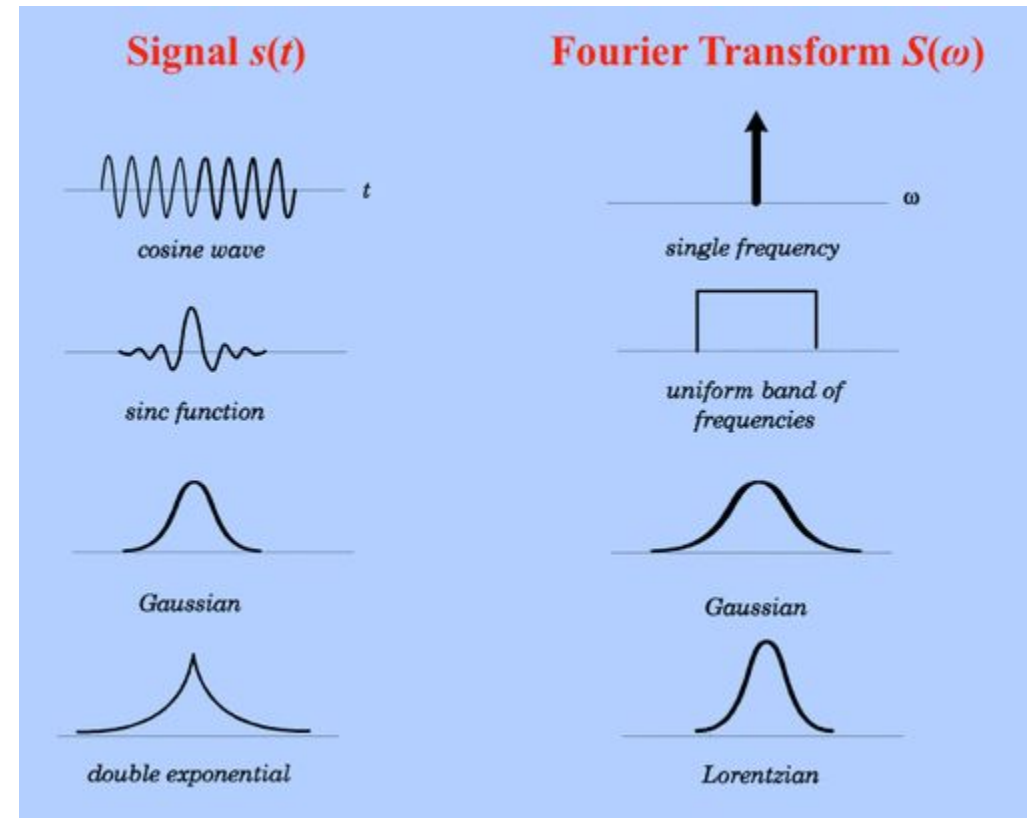
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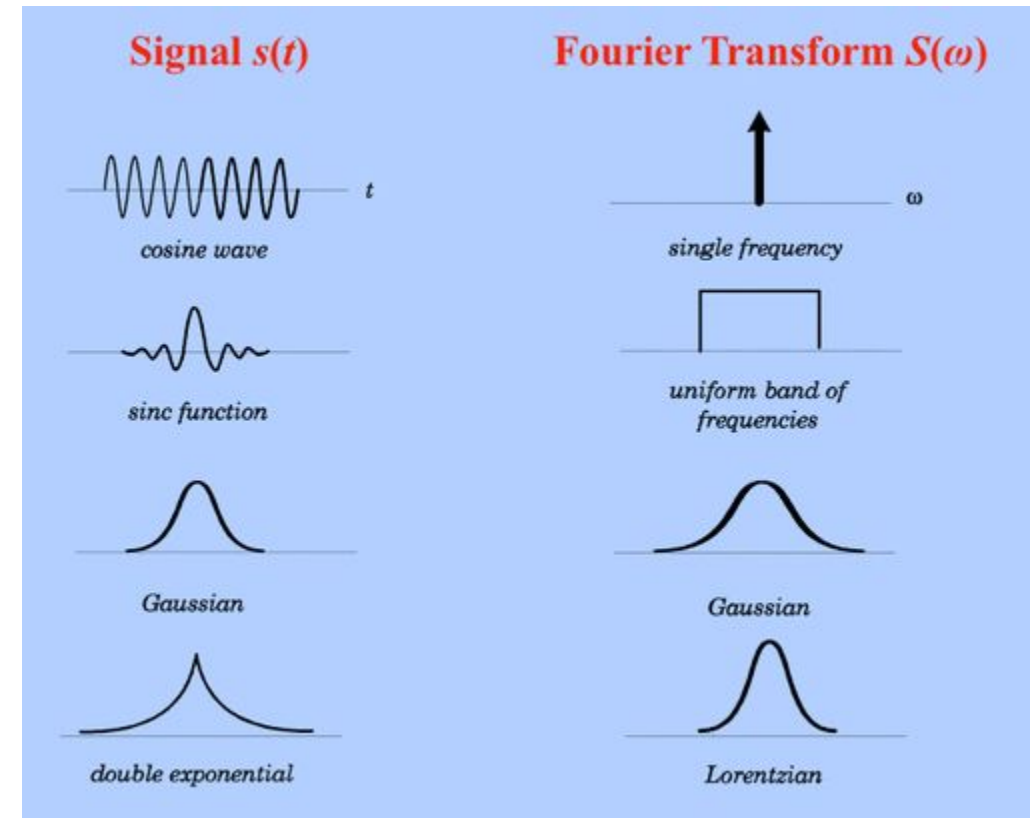
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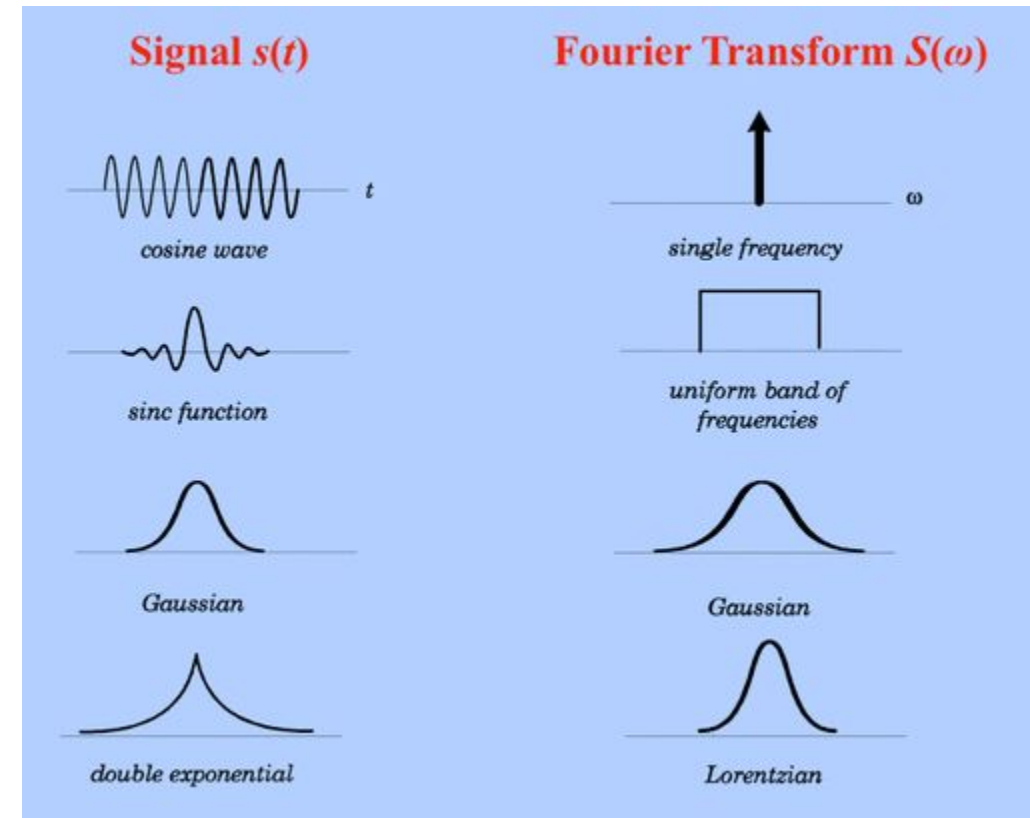
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- Or instead, as a set of  $N$  discrete

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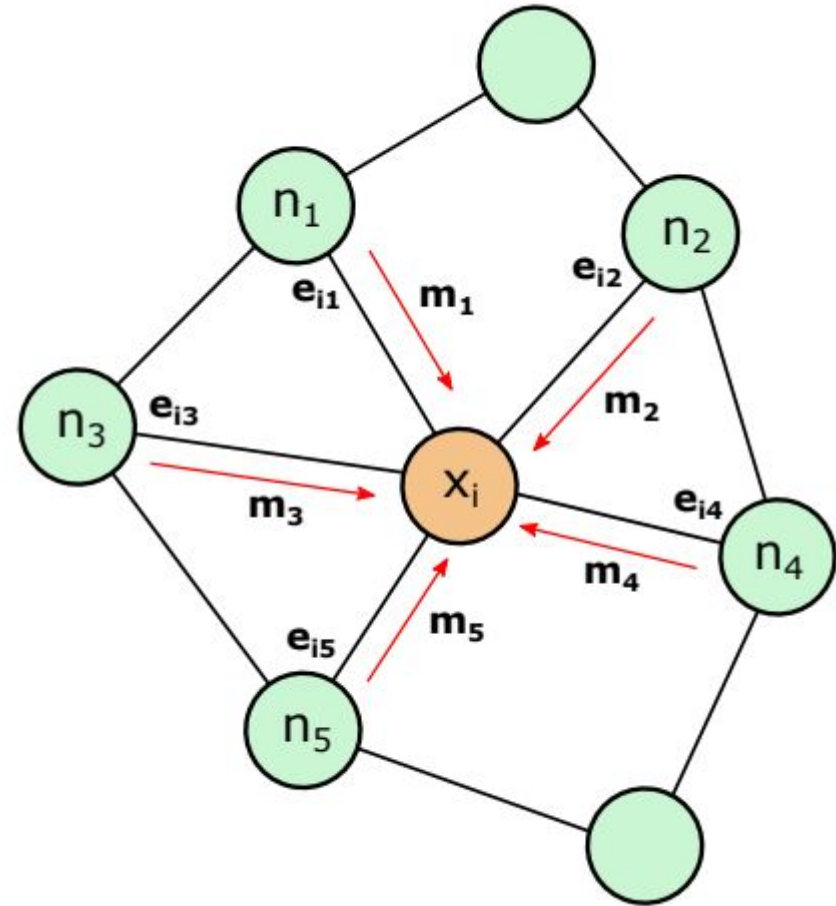


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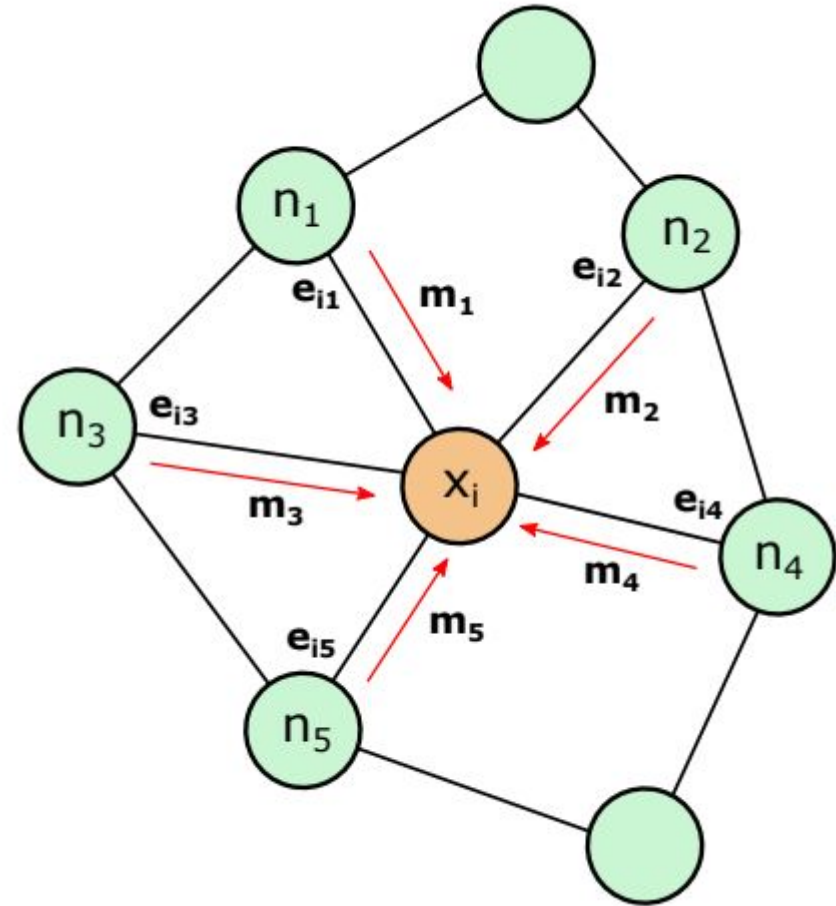
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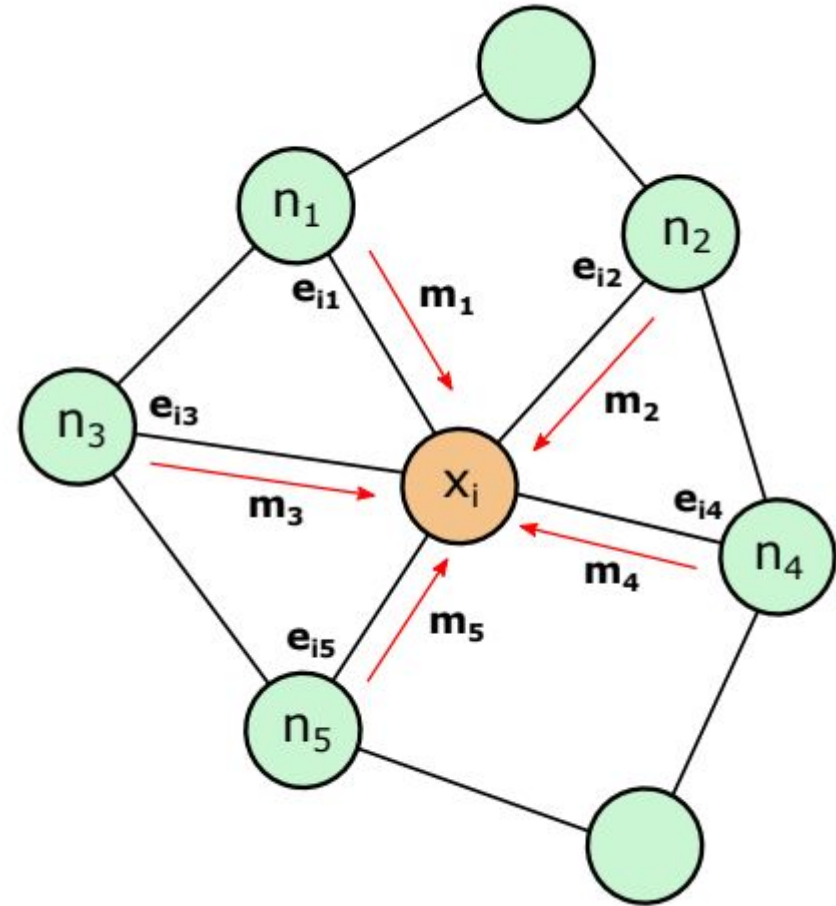
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- This makes no use of edges (structure)
- Can't use FFT directly, since now "adjacent points" are no longer linearly ordered



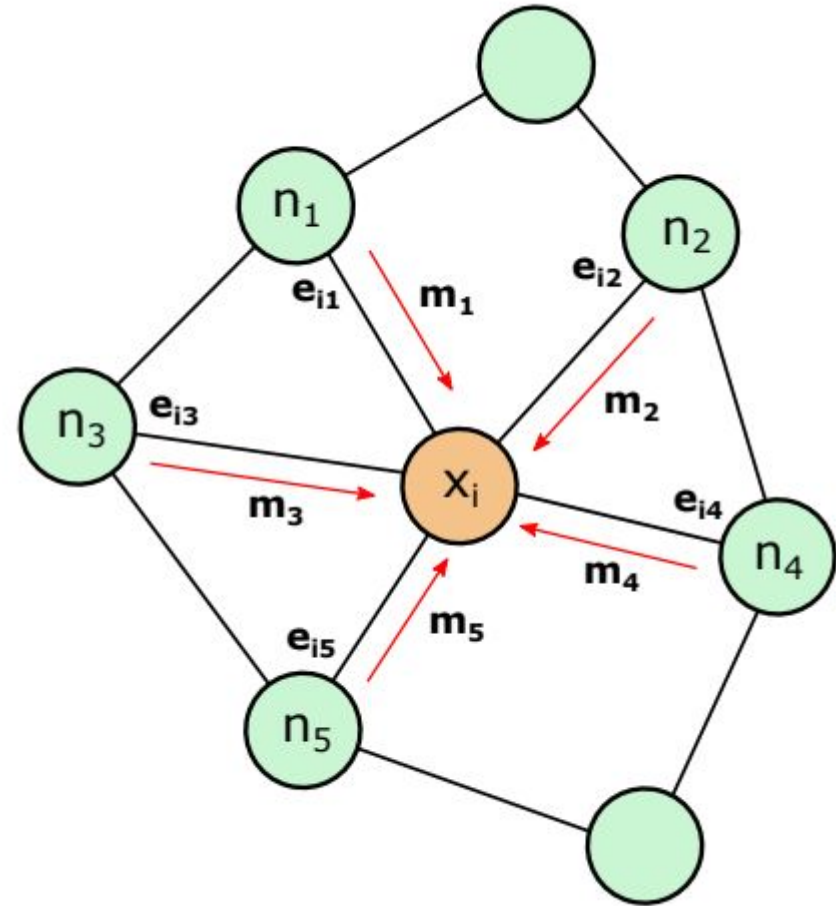
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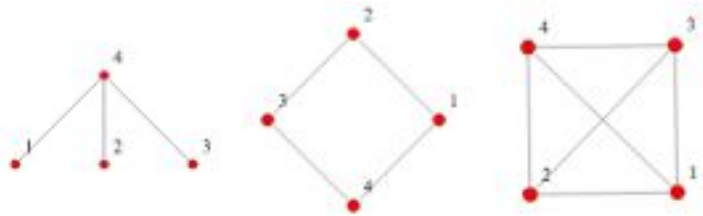
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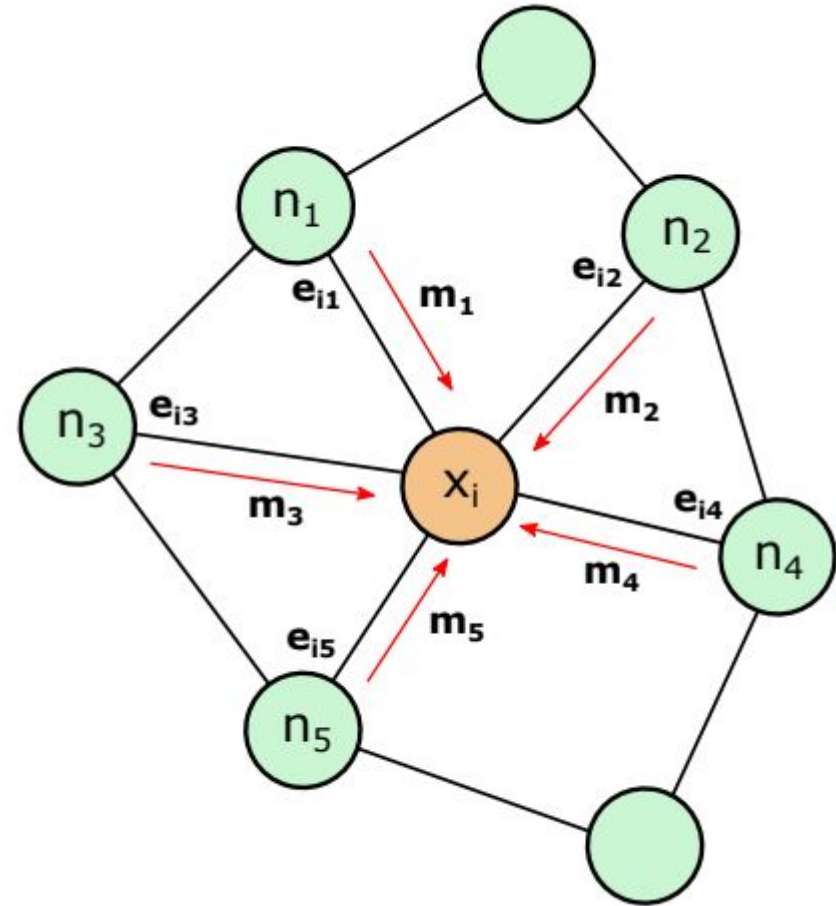
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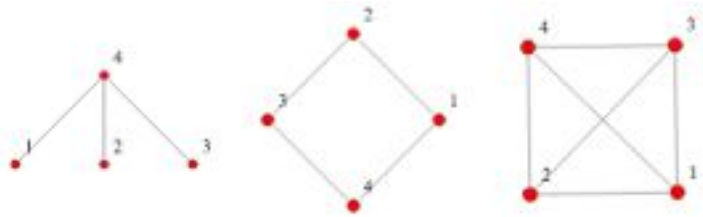
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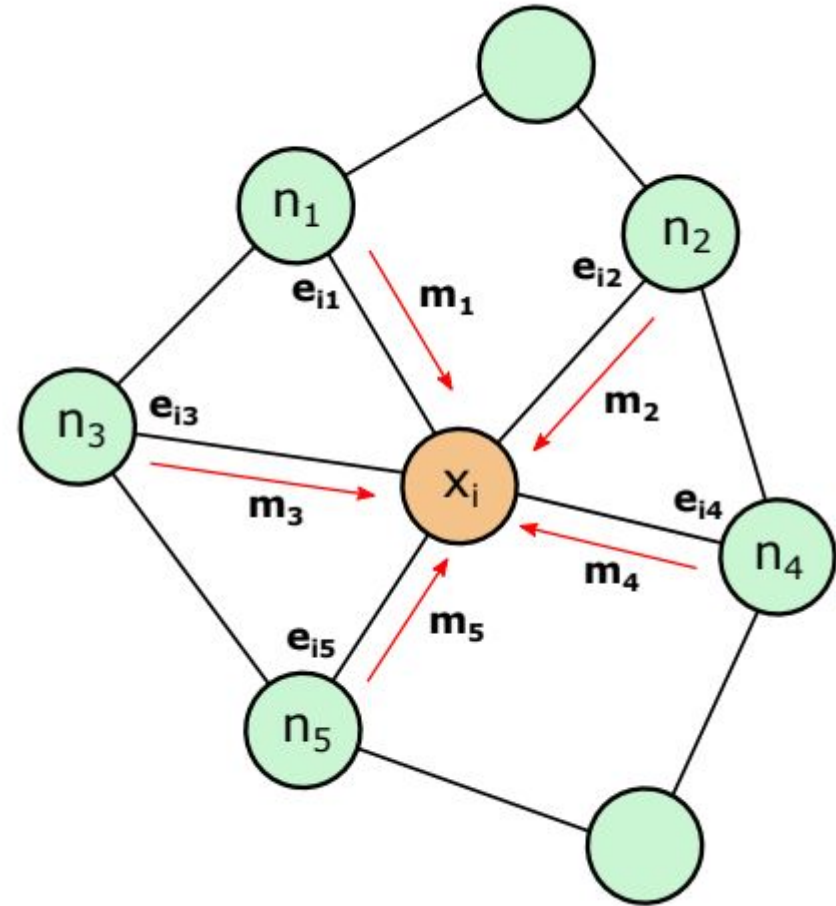
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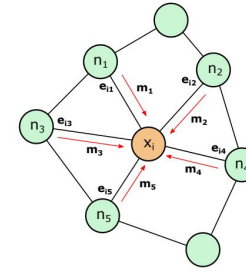
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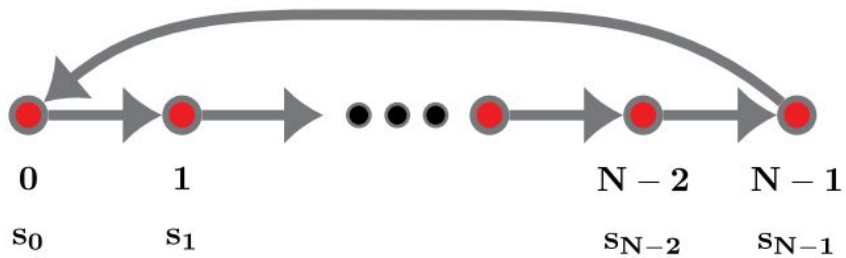
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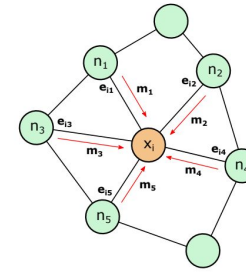


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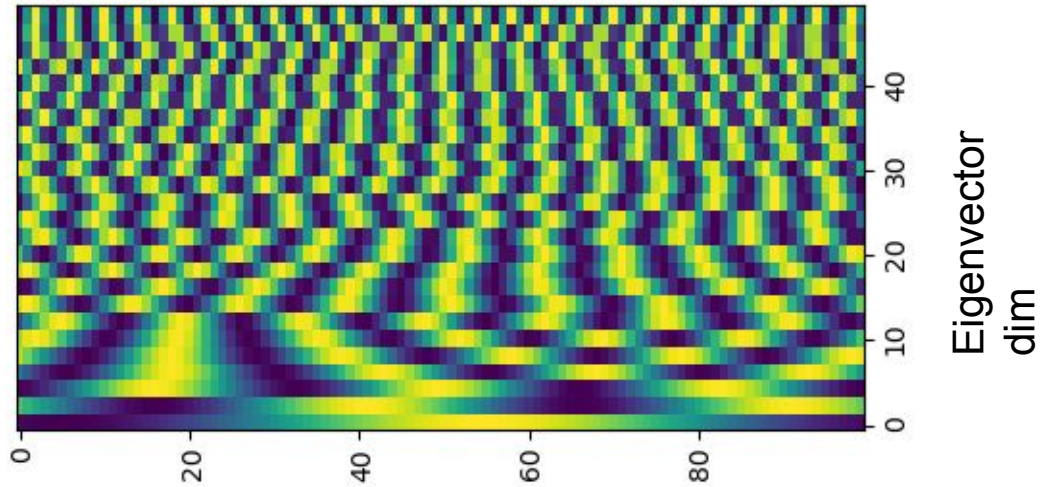
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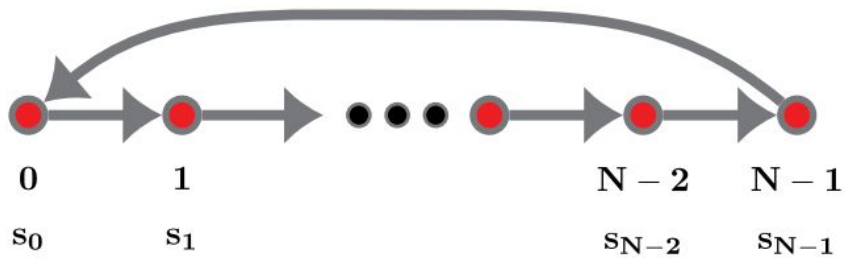
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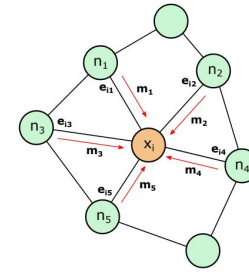
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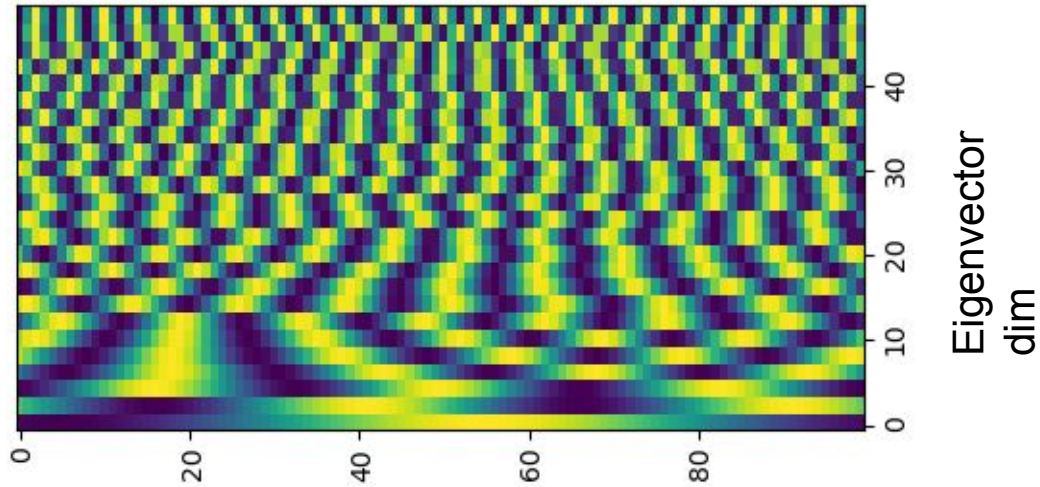
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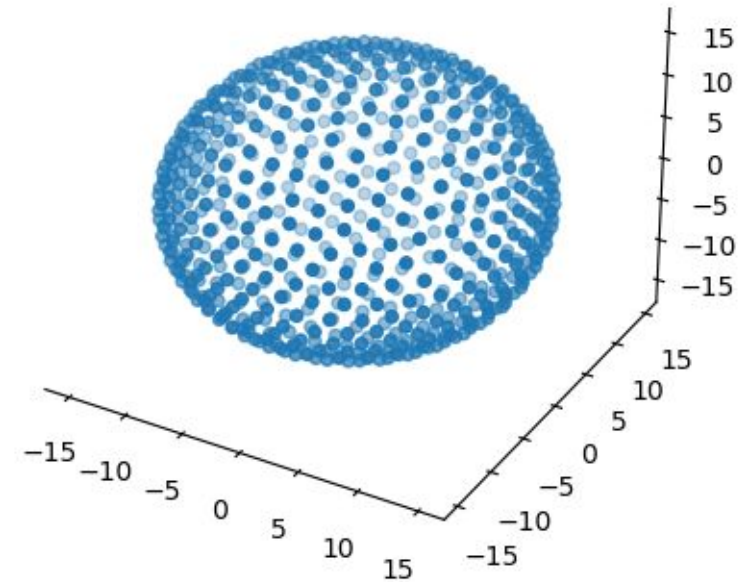
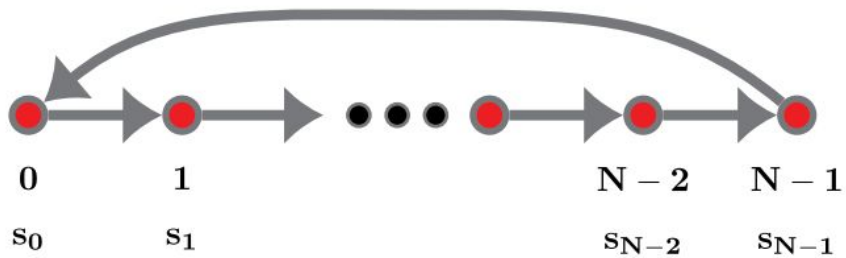
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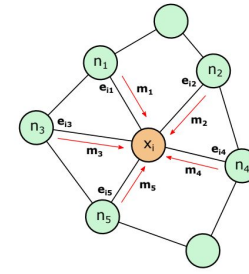
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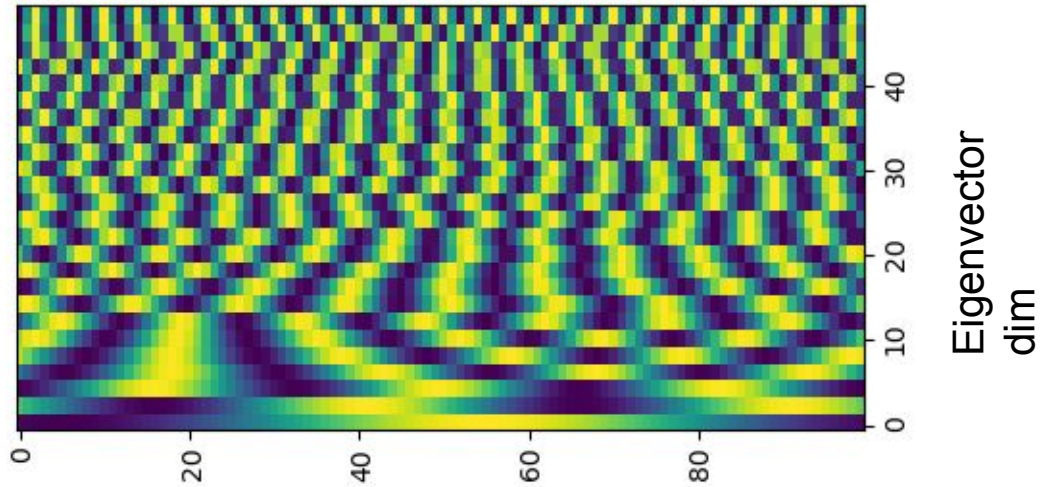
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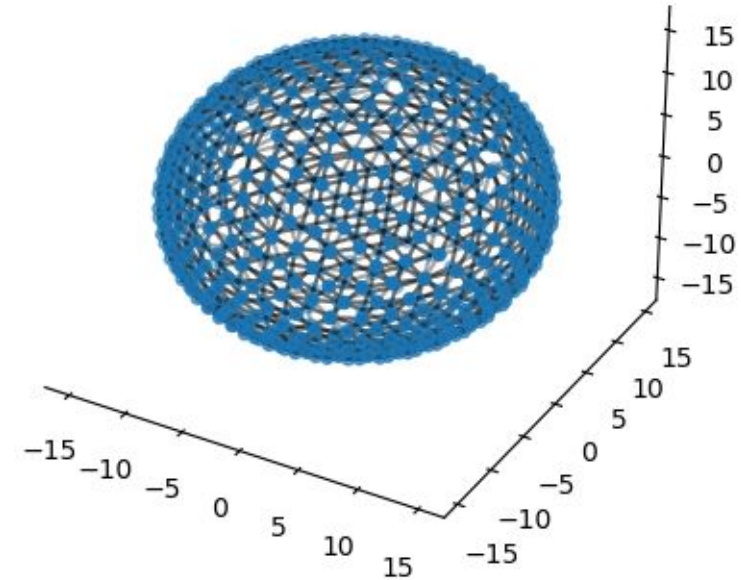
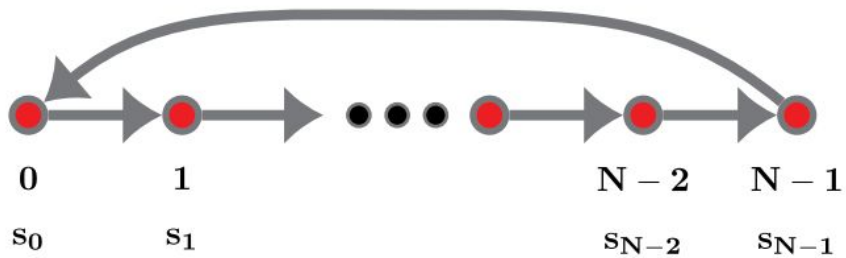
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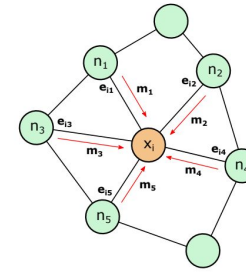


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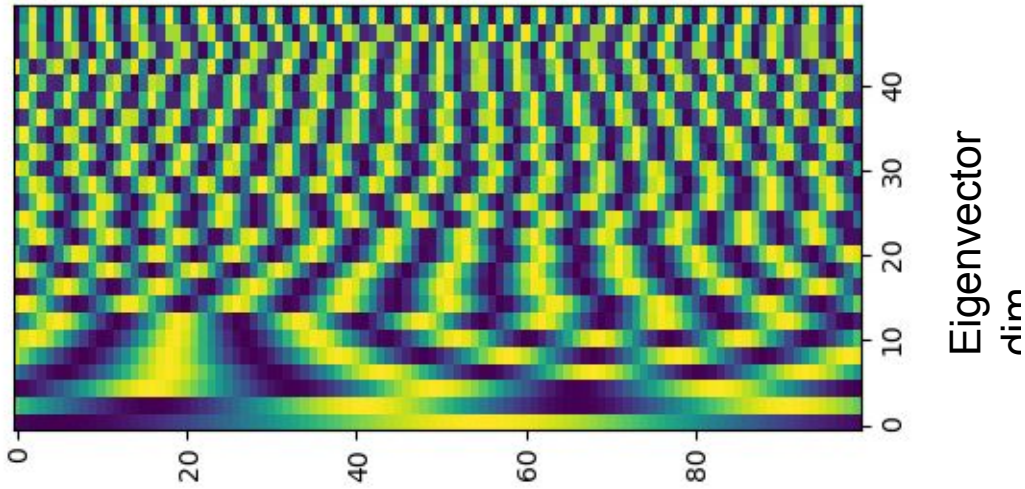
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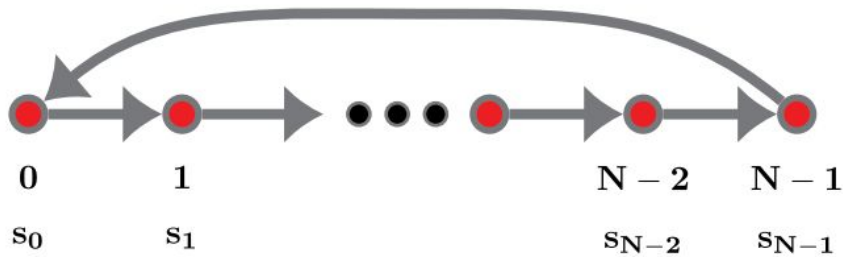
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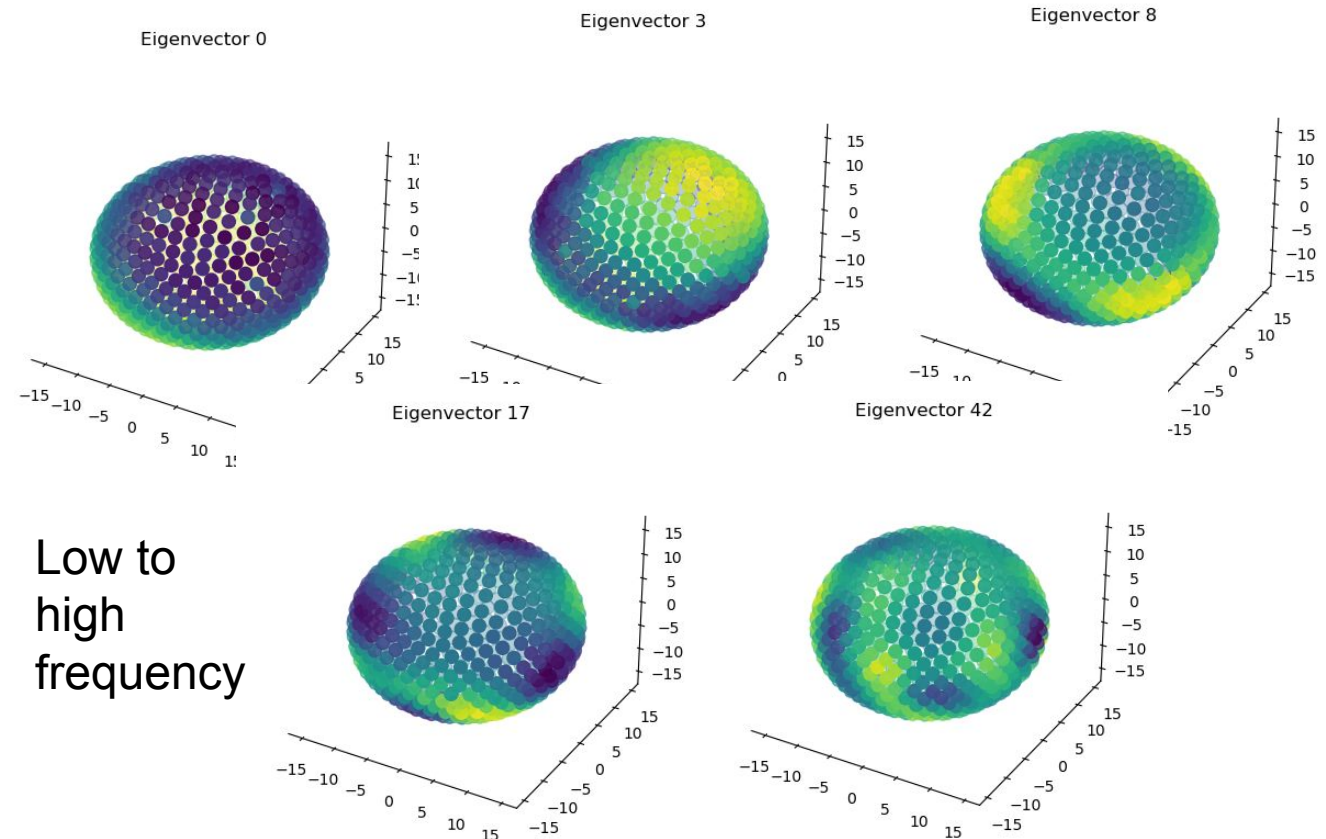


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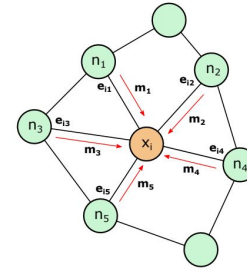
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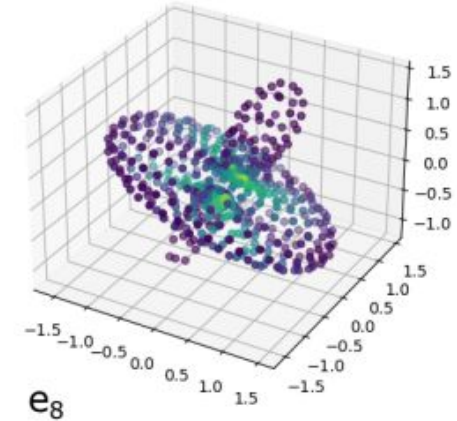
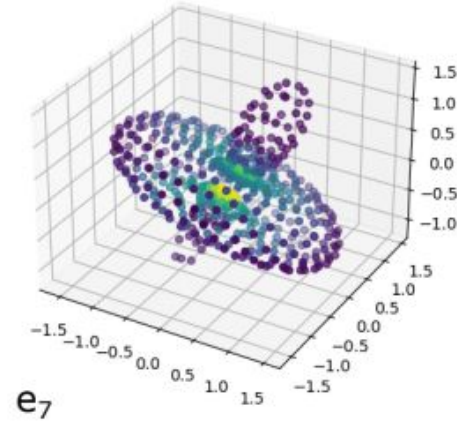
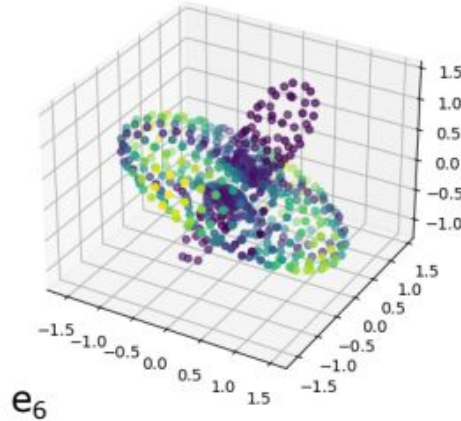
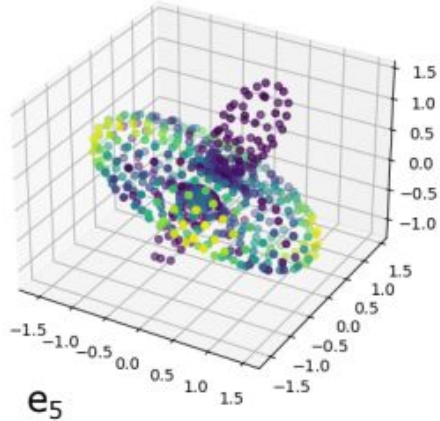
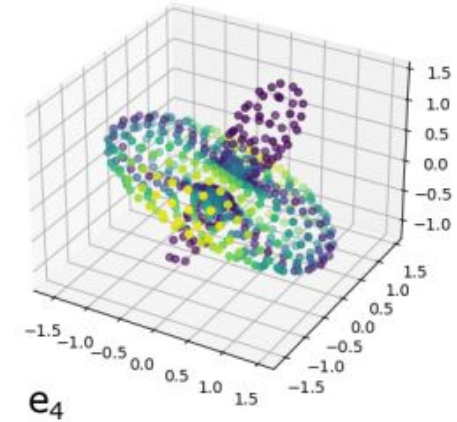
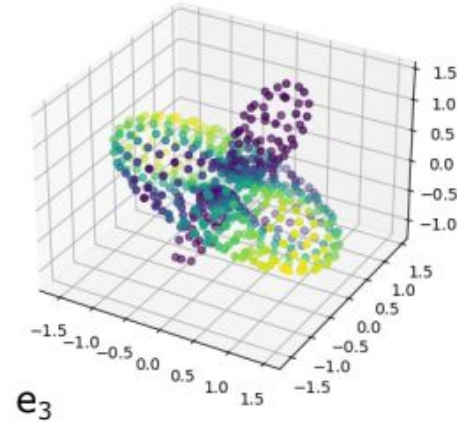
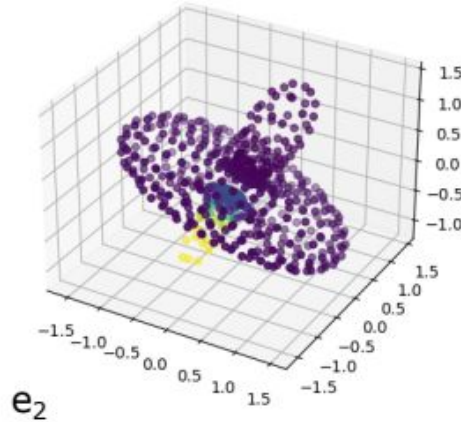
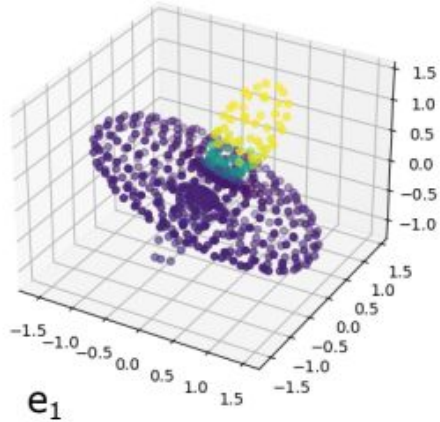
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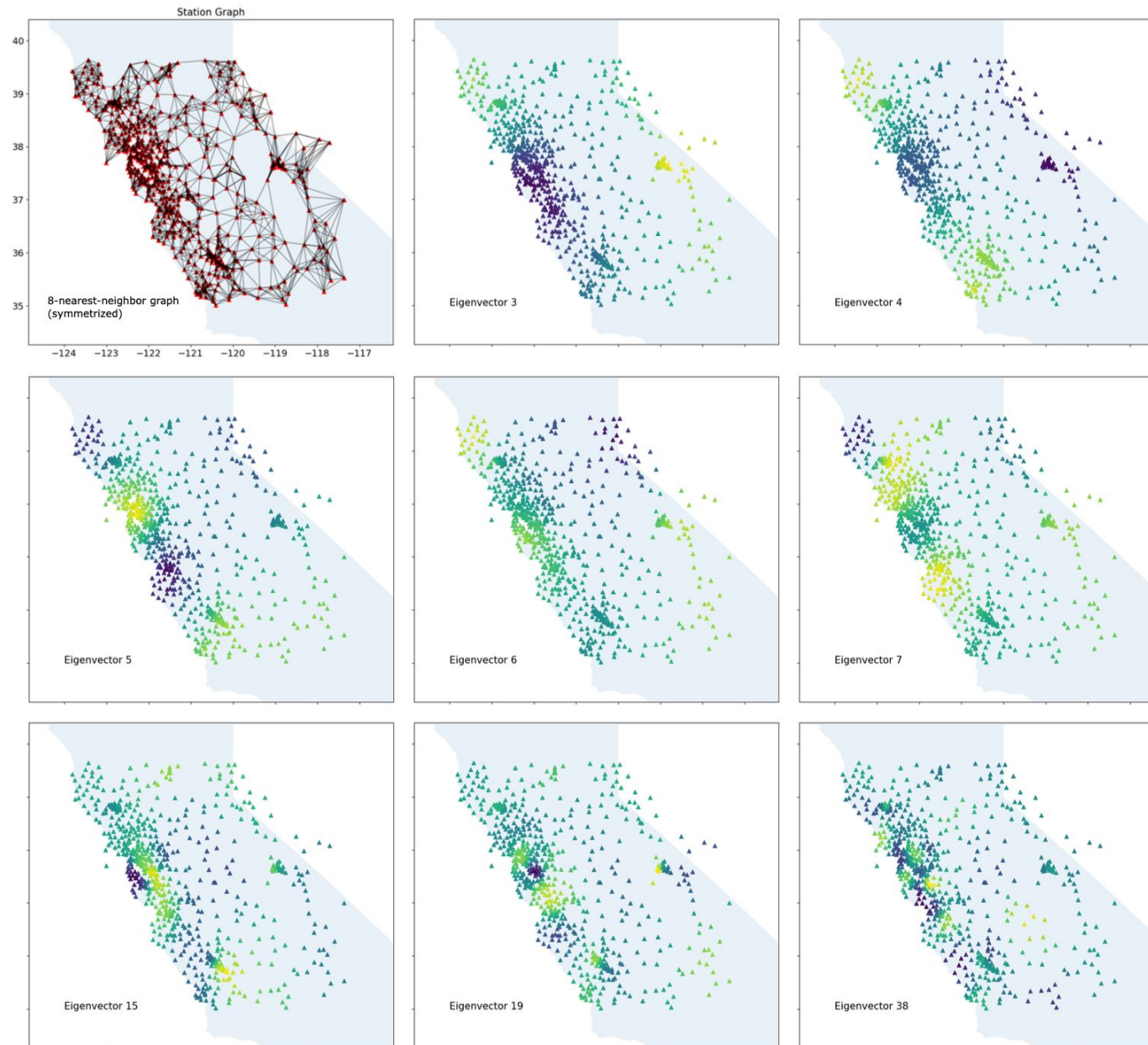


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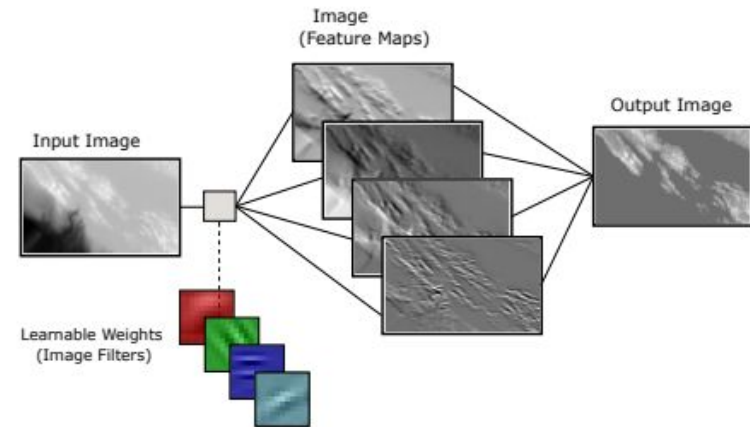
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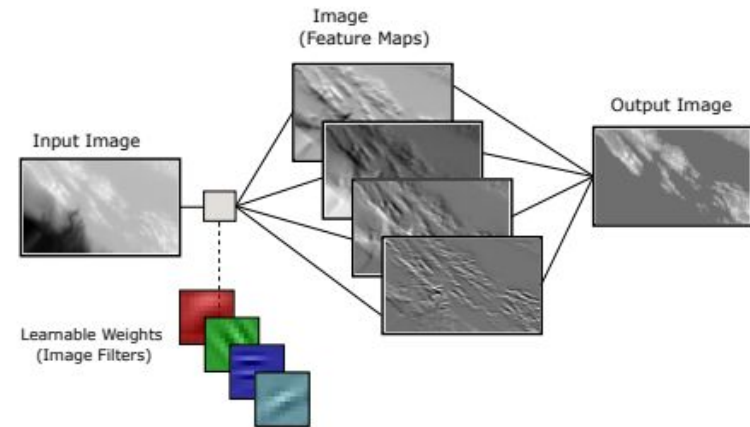
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- Assumption: multiple layers of “convolution” permits functions that are expressible with ~low order frequency content in Fourier basis

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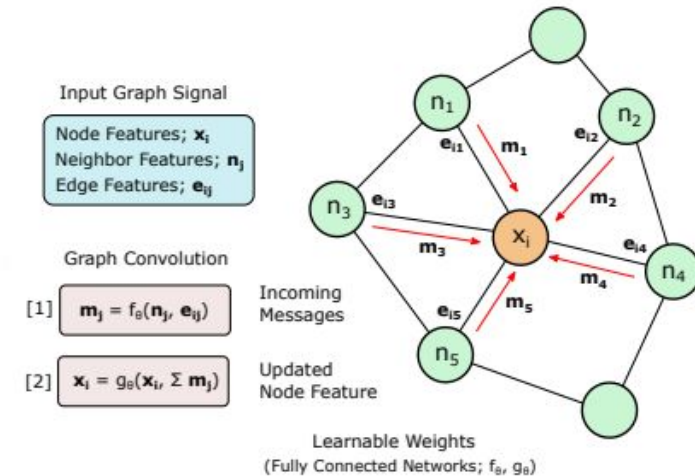
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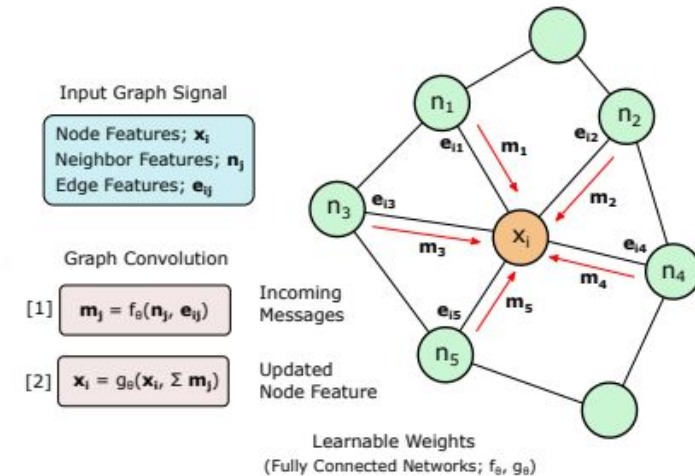
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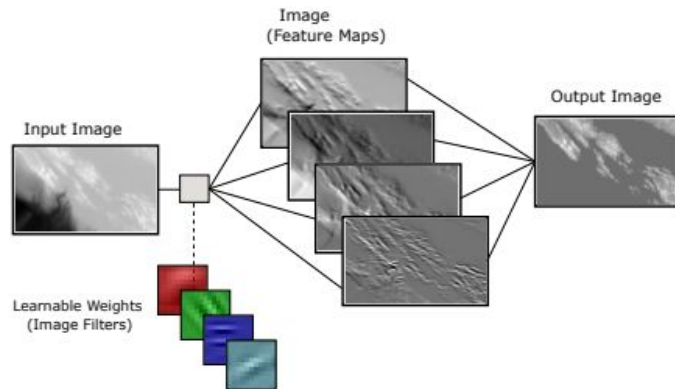
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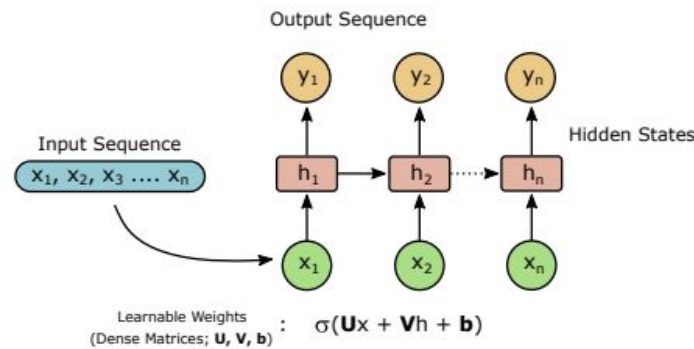
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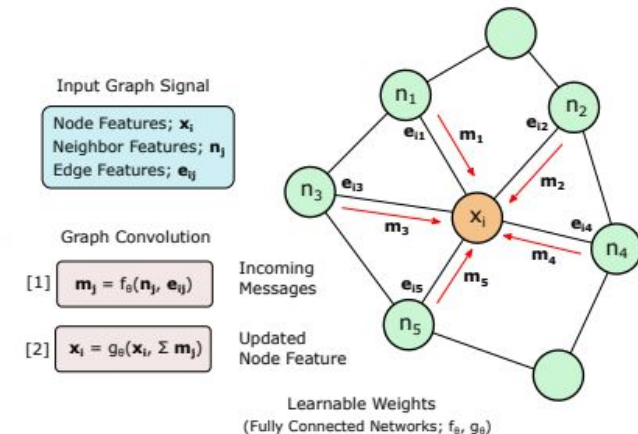
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Relies on the timing/sequencing and strength of temporal signals.

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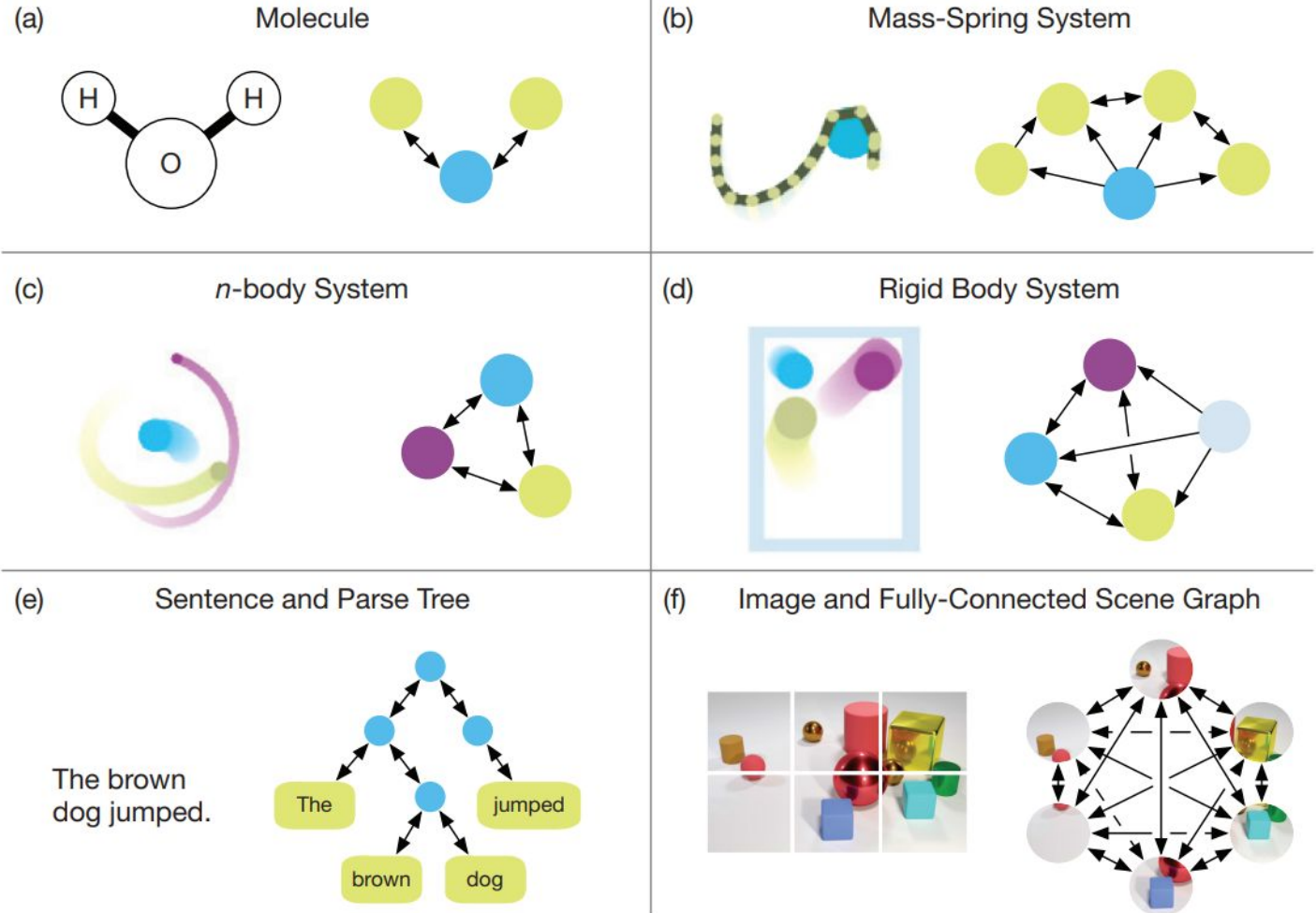
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# Graph Examples



## Common examples:

Sensor networks, social networks, smooth irregular surfaces

## Less common examples:

Molecules, multi-particle simulation, sparse matrices, etc.

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- Technically, could choose fixed “filters” to apply for graph convolution, but would be hard to hand engineer
- Rather, it’s easier to “learn” filters, and process data in a higher-dimensional (lifted) space

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### Node and edge features:

$$\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{R}^K$$

$\mathbf{h}$ : node feature vector

$\mathbf{e}_{ij}$ : edge feature (e.g., offset vector)

### Learnable weights:

$$\phi_{msg} : \mathbb{R}^{K_1} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{K_2}$$

$$\phi_{agg} : \mathbb{R}^{K_1+K_2} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{K_3}$$

$\phi$ : Shallow fully connected neural networks

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- (1). For each node  $i$ , “collect” all neighboring nodes of node  $i$
- (2). Transform each neighboring latent vectors by  $\phi_{msg}$
- (3). POOL (mean, max, or sum pool) over node dimension
- (4). Concatenate with latent vector of node  $i$  from previous layer
- (5). Transform concatenated vector with  $\phi_{agg}$

# ***GNN: Properties***

## **Message Passing:**

$$\mathbf{X}' = \hat{\mathbf{D}}^{-1/2} \hat{\mathbf{A}} \hat{\mathbf{D}}^{-1/2} \mathbf{X} \Theta, \quad (\text{GCN; Kipf and Welling, 2016})$$

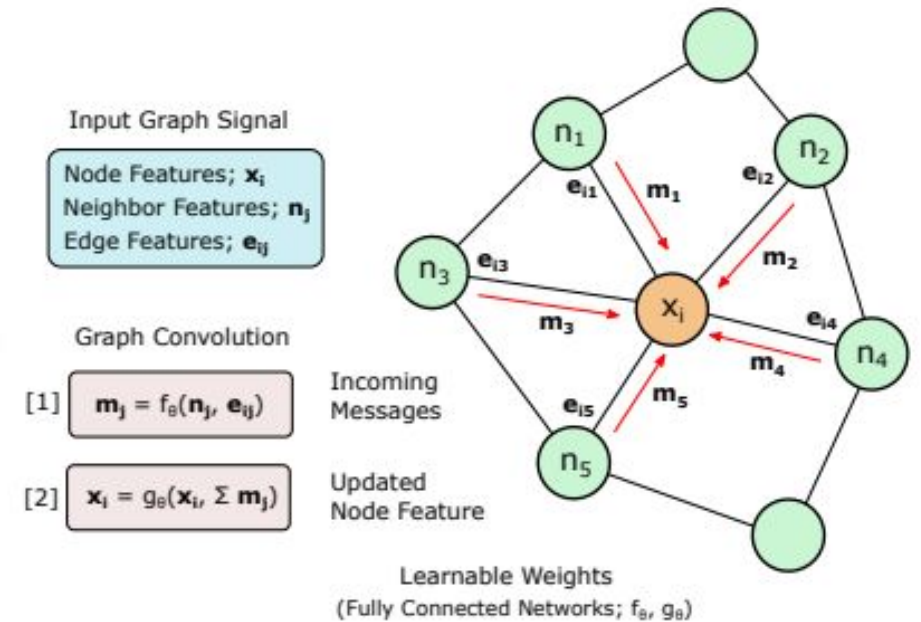
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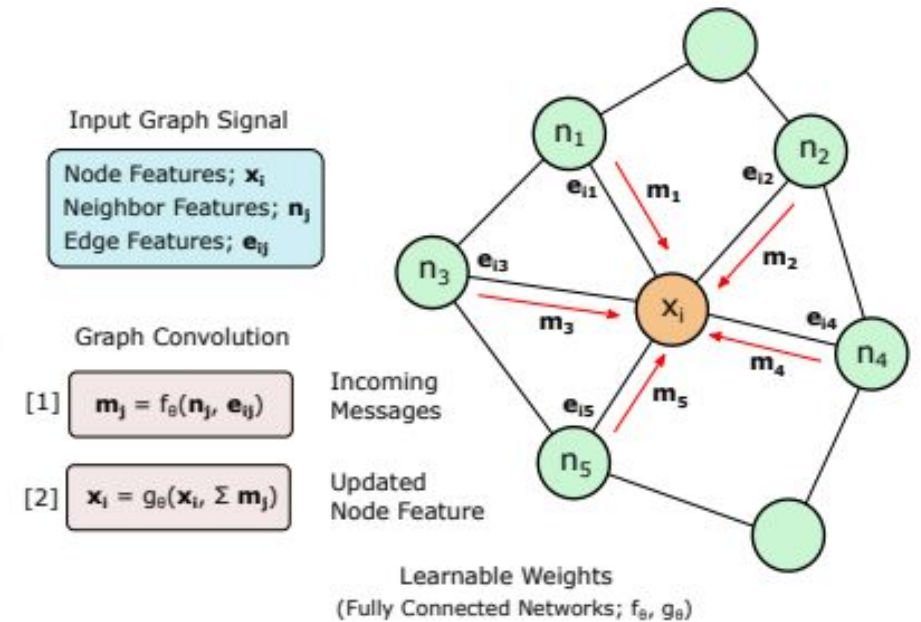
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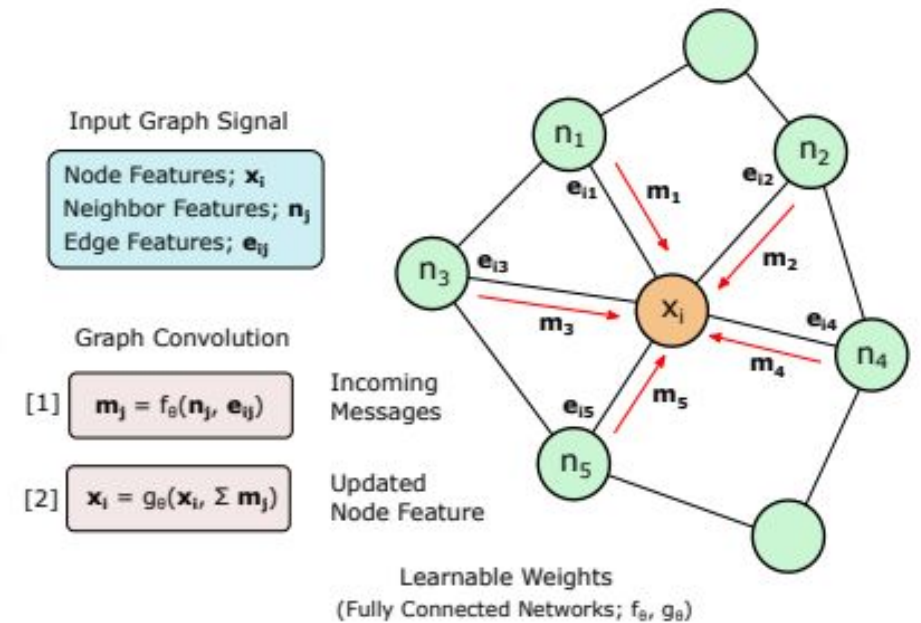
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Pagerank	Importance of the node in the network based on its links and the significance of its neighboring nodes	1
Phase	Representation for phase (Solid = 1, Pore = 0, and vice versa)	1

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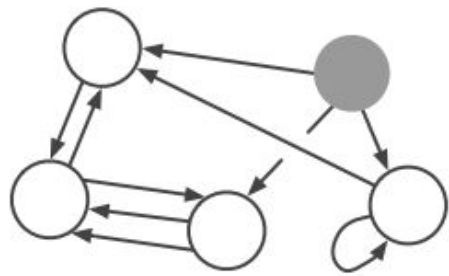
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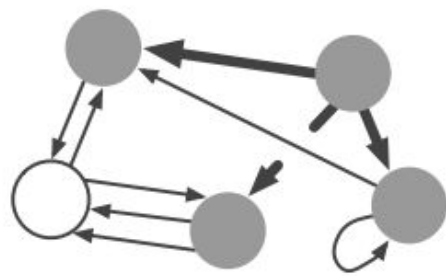
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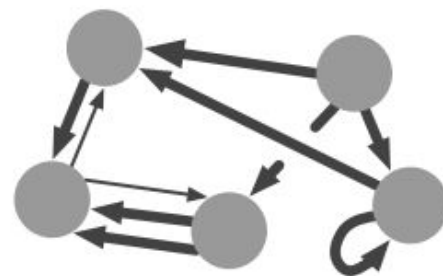
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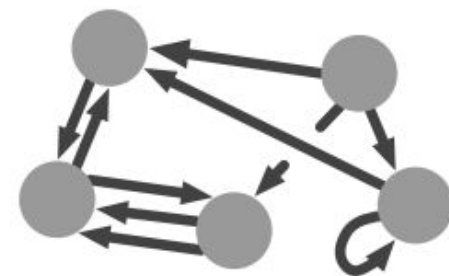
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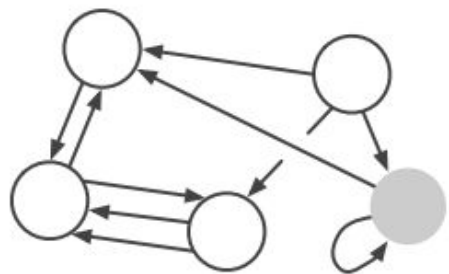
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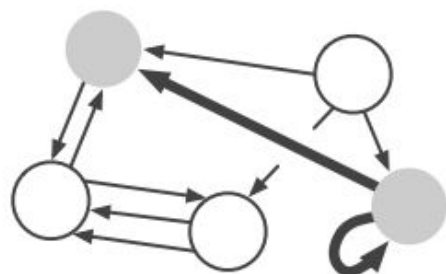
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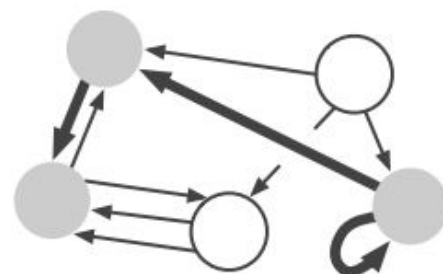
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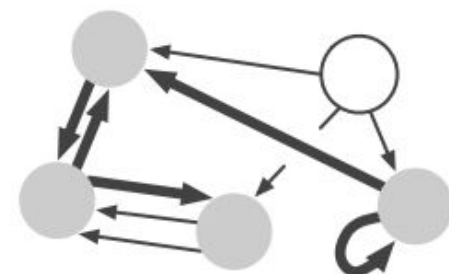
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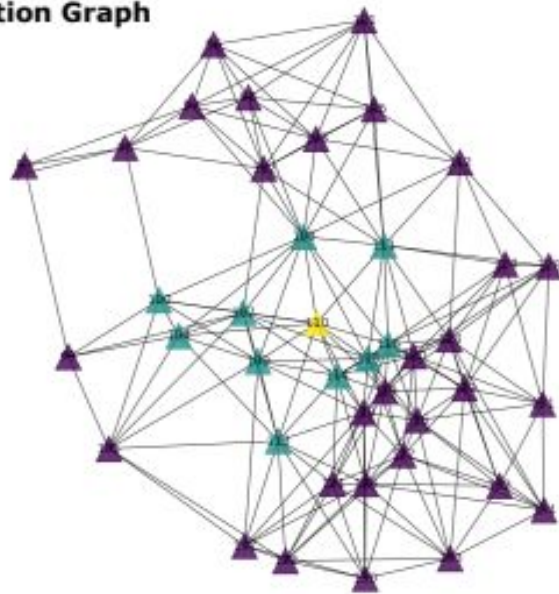
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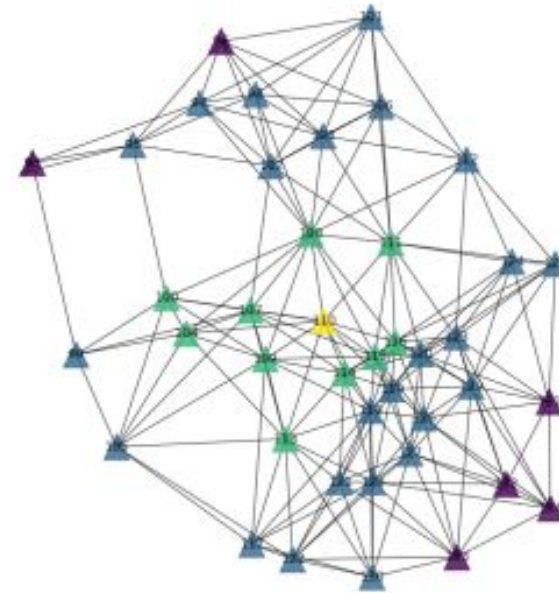
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**Station Graph**



**1 Hop Neighborhood**

Each convolution  
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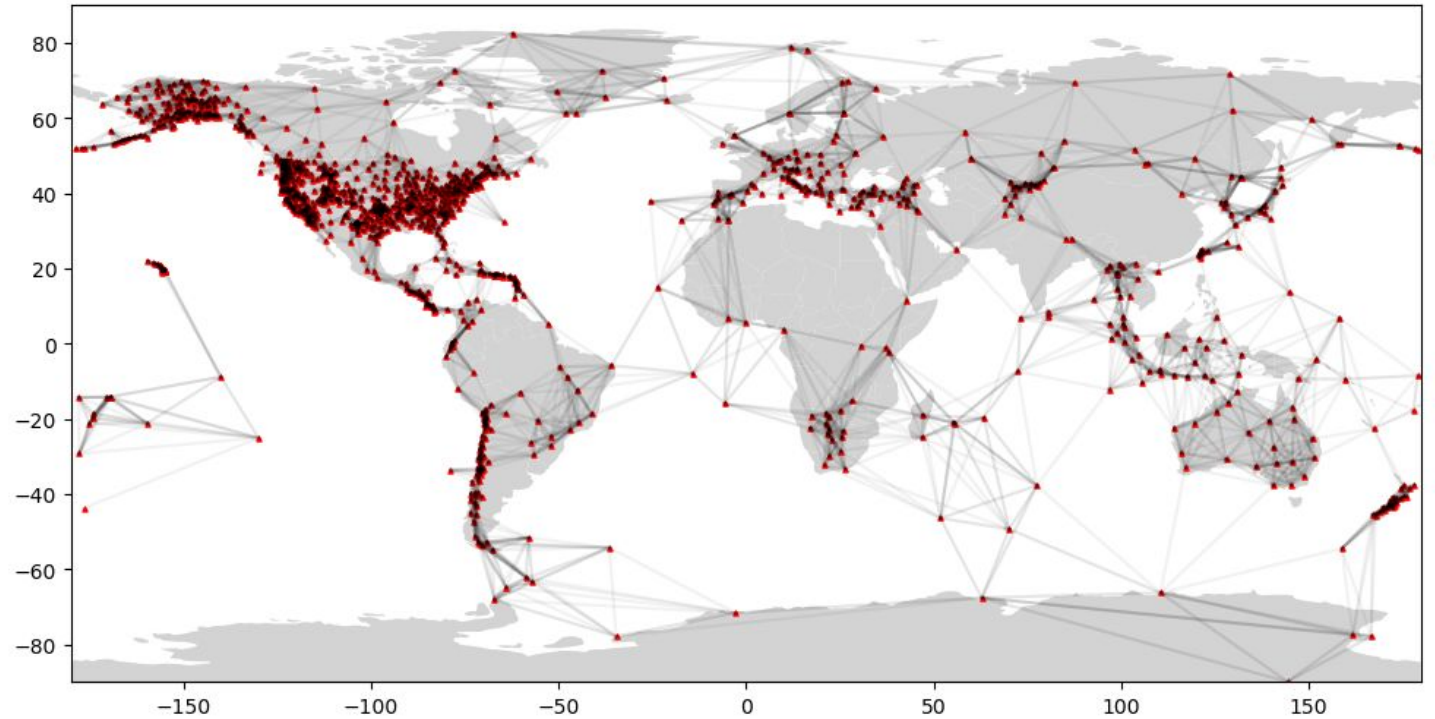


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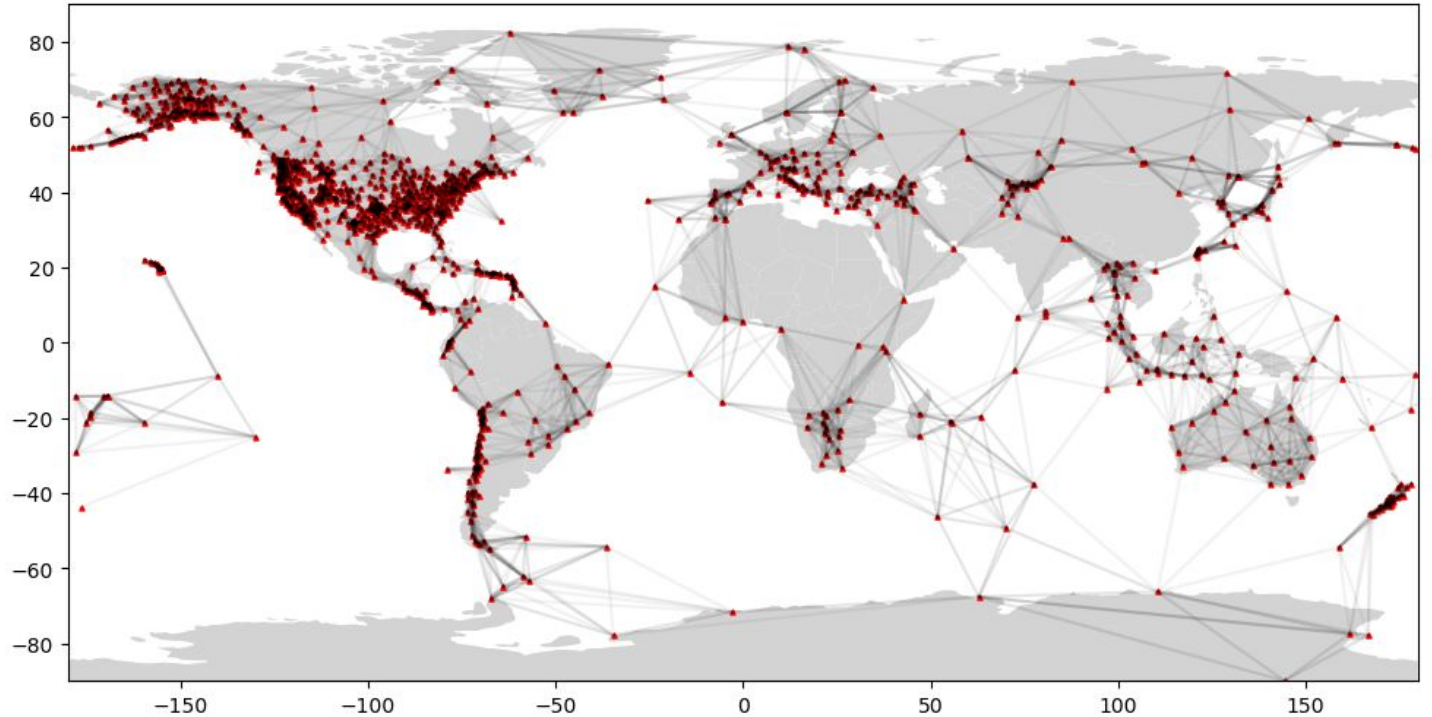
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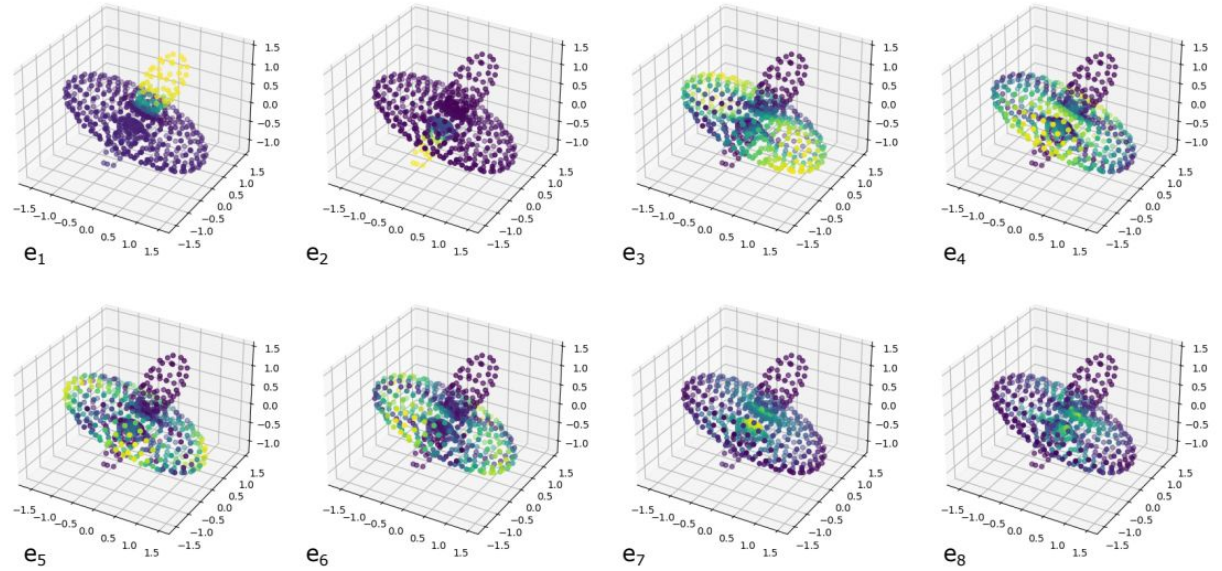
(i). Add “virtual nodes” connected to all nodes, (ii). Use global summary features, (iii). Add more edges to adjacency (e.g., expander graphs), (iv). Create multi-scale, multi-resolution graphs...



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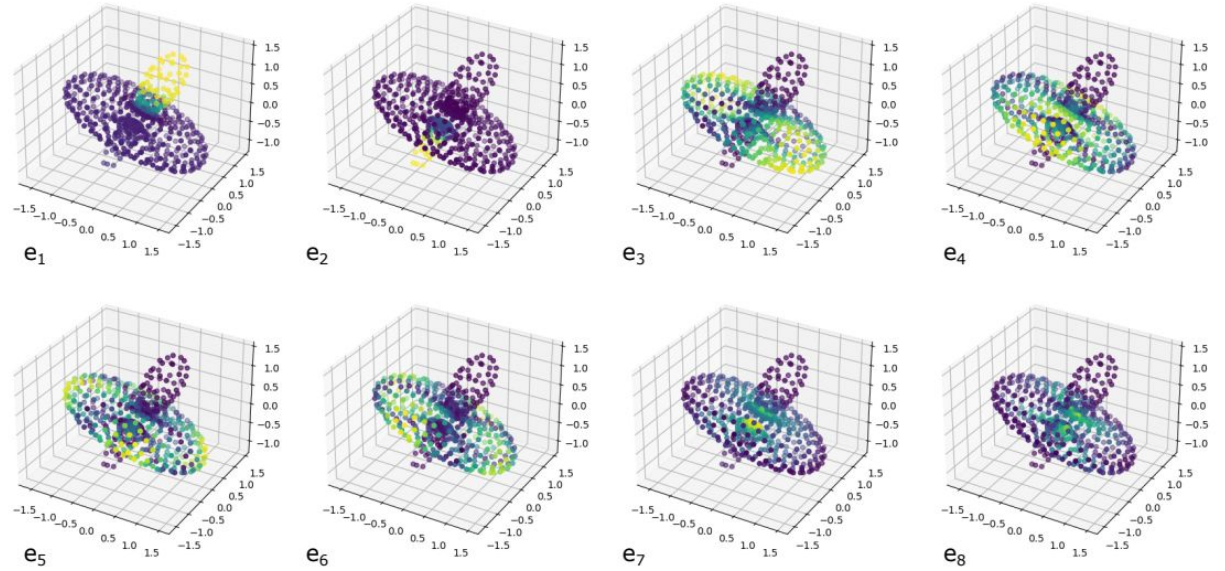
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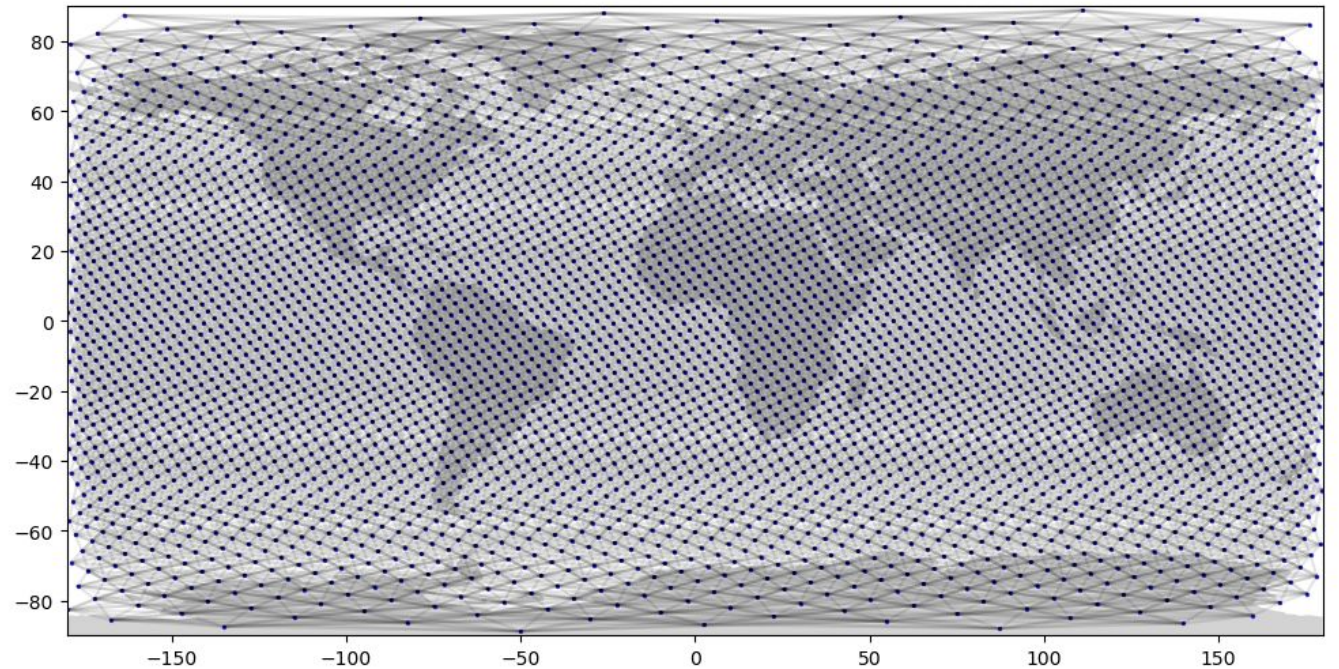


# ***GNN: Considerations***

## **3). Absolute node positions and extra features**

“Position aware GNNs” (You et al., 2019) – nodes “know” absolute position

“Identity aware GNNs” (You et al., 2021) – nodes “know” their unique type; access different learnable GNN message passing functions



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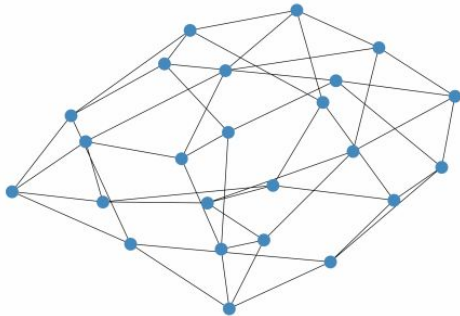
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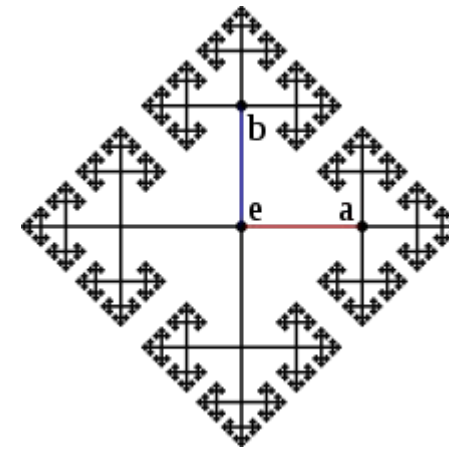
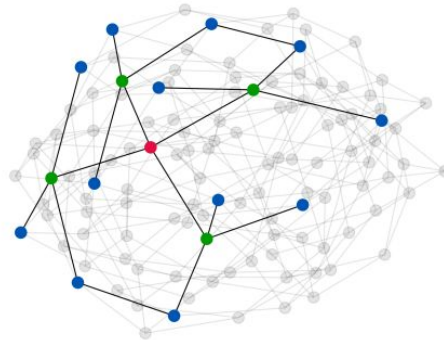
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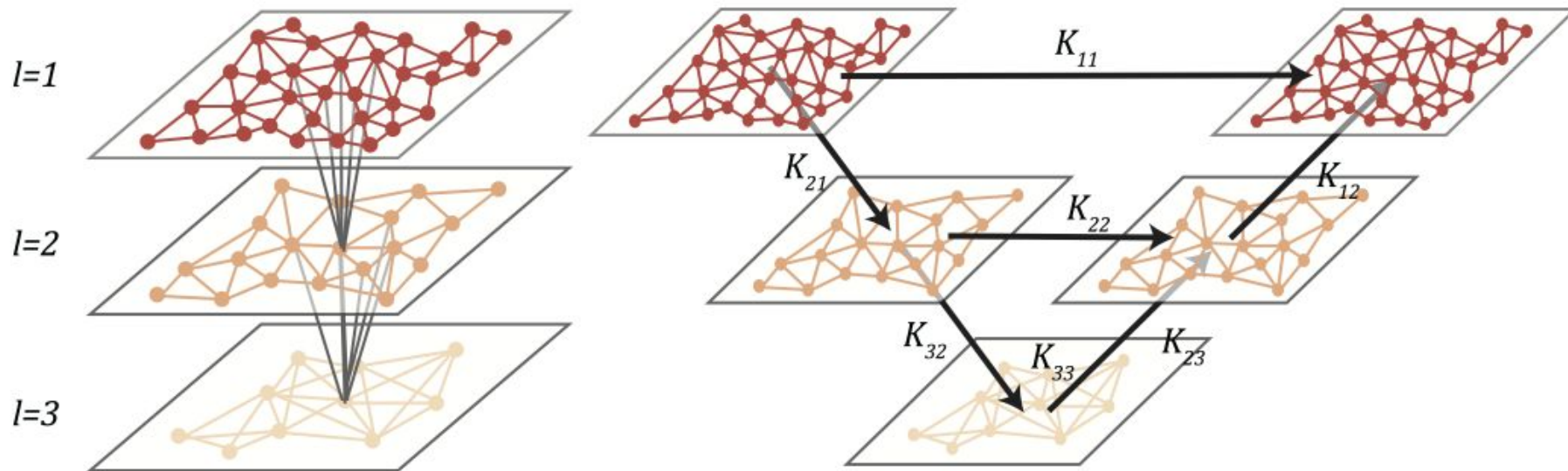


Cayley graphs, wikipedia



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Hierarchical  
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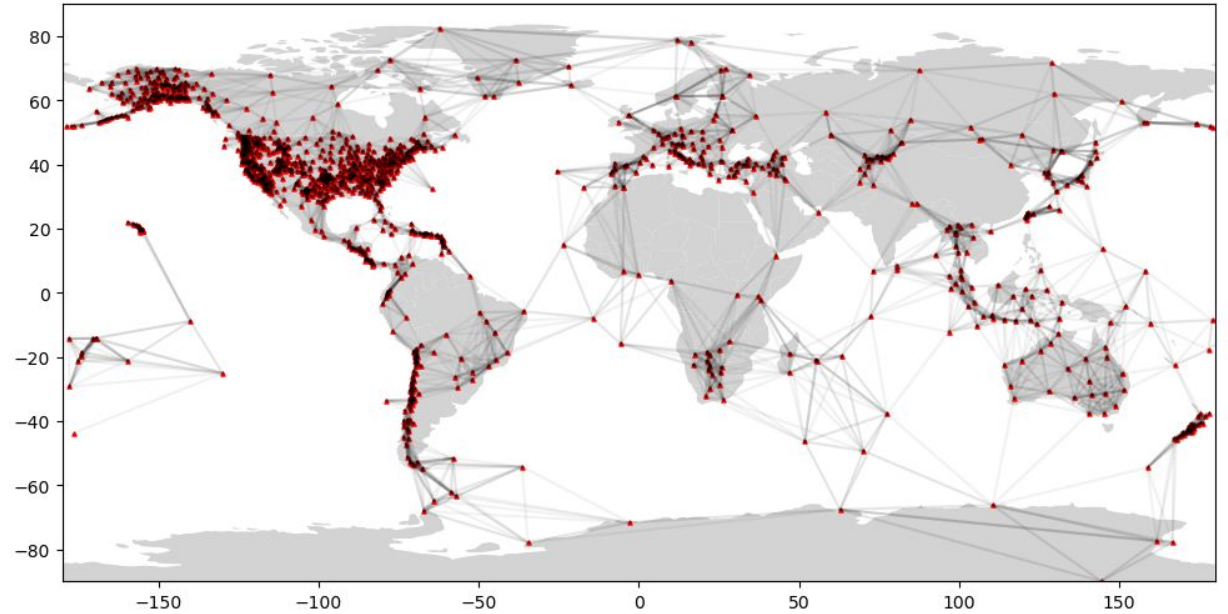
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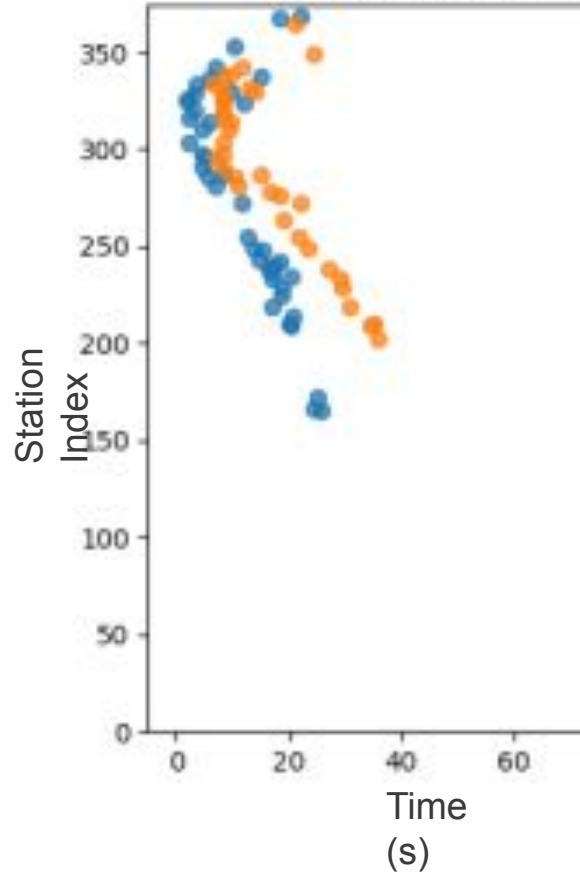
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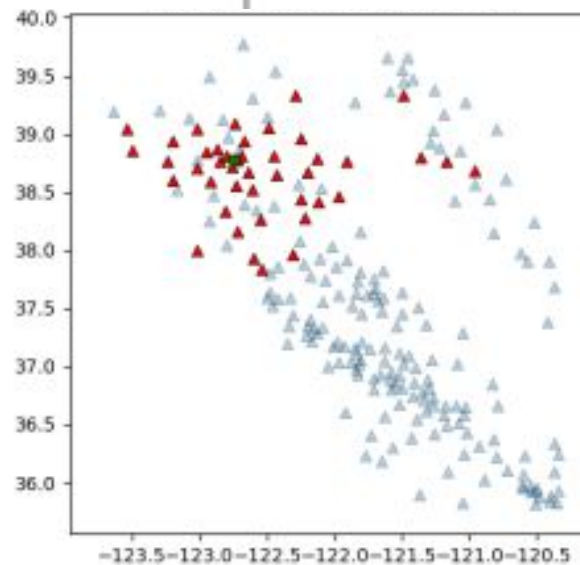
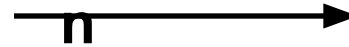


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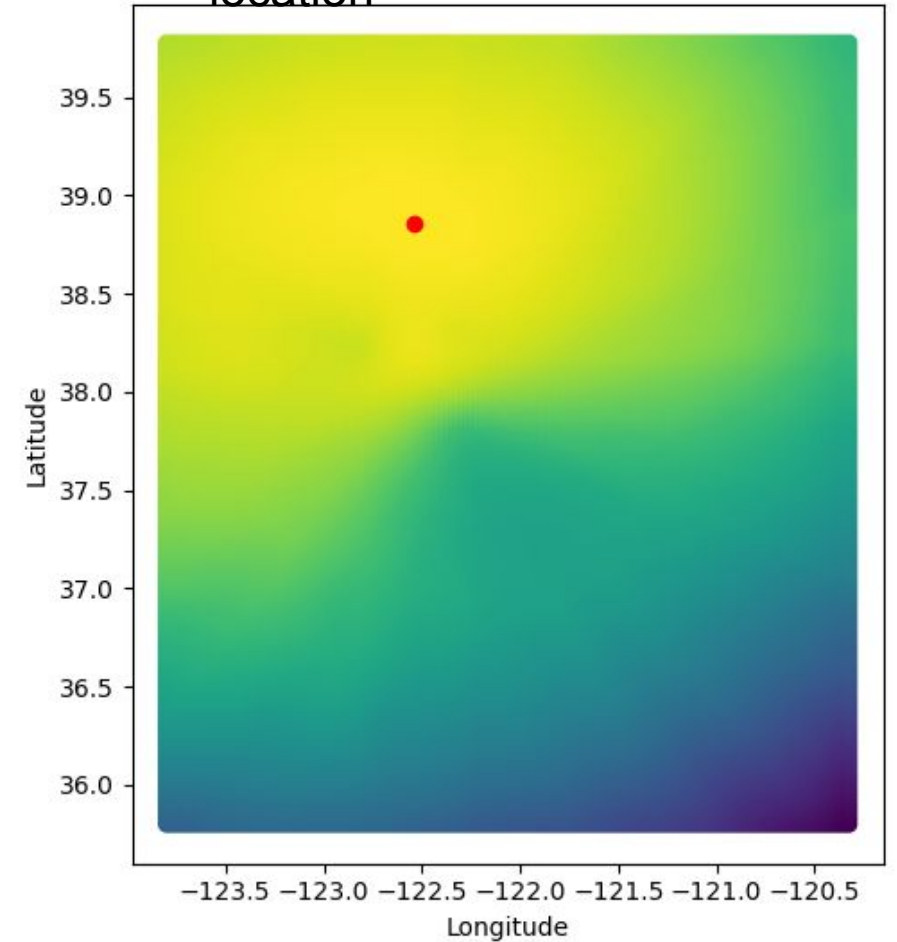
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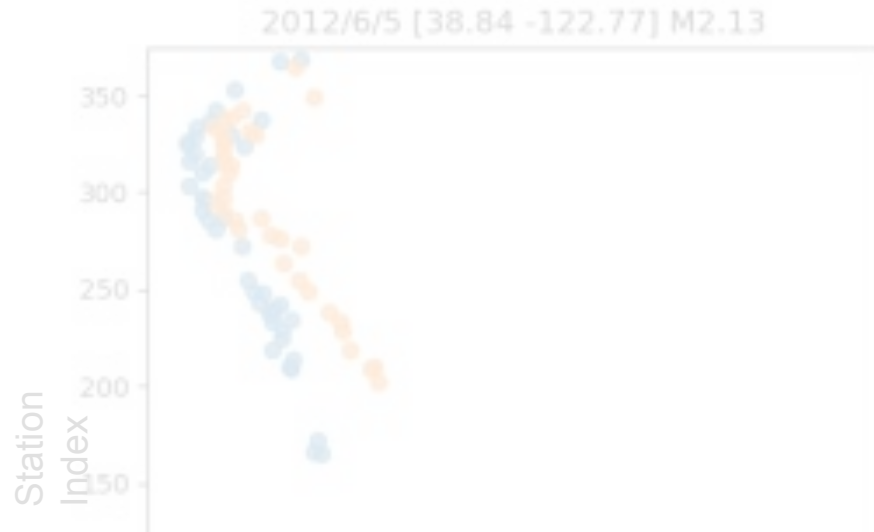
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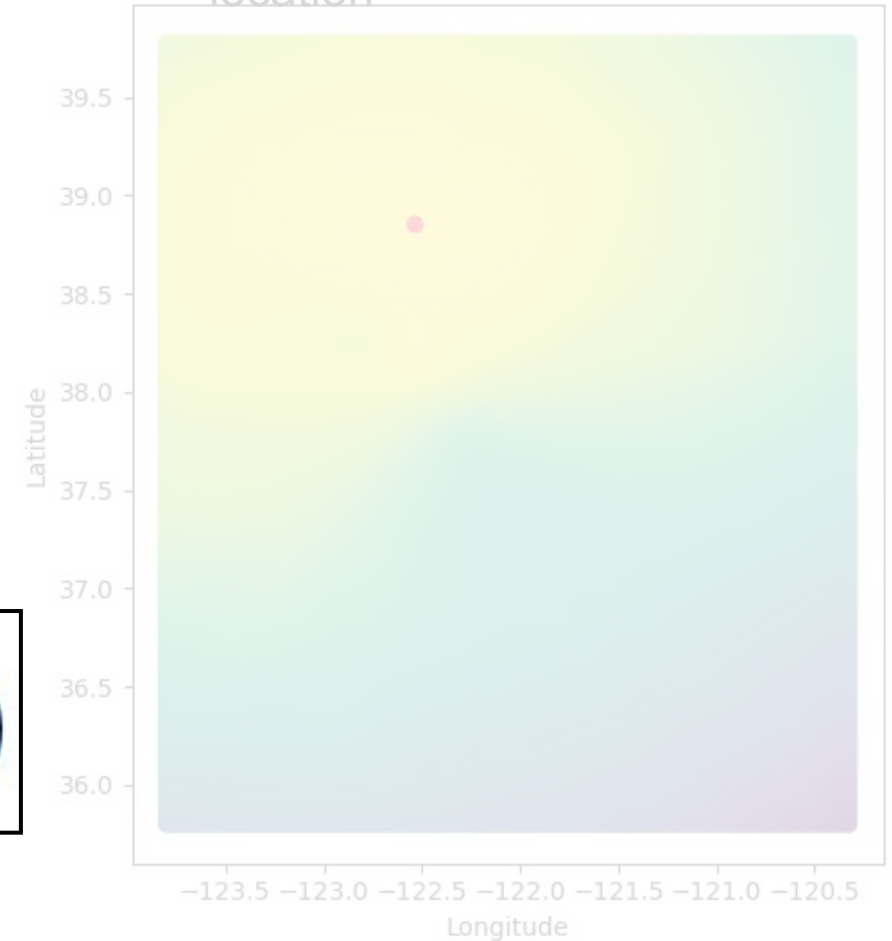
Maximize posterior  
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$$p(\mathbf{x}, t) = \exp\left(-\frac{(t + T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s}_i) - \tau_i)^T C_{cov}^{-1} (t + T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s}_i) - \tau_i)}{2}\right)$$

$\mathbf{x}$ : source location       $\mathbf{s}_i$ :  $i^{th}$  station

$t$ : origin time       $\tau_i$ : pick time on  $i^{th}$  station

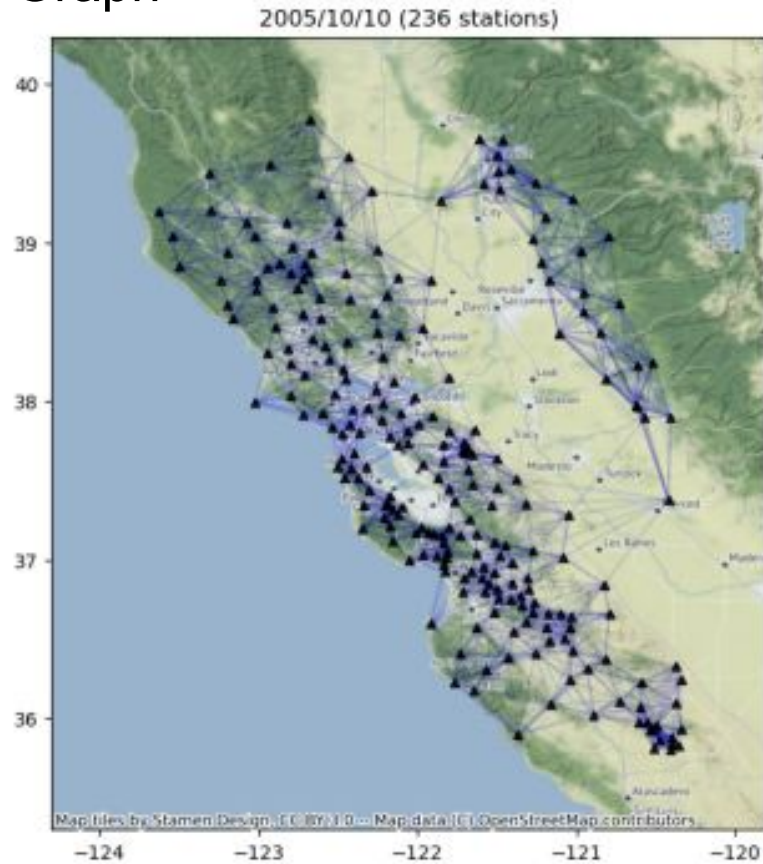
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# Input Graphs

Station  
Graph



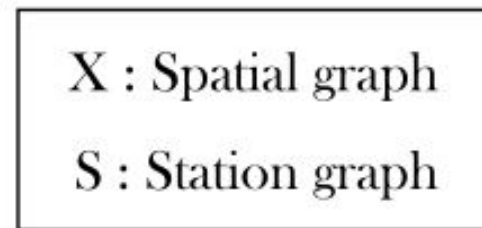
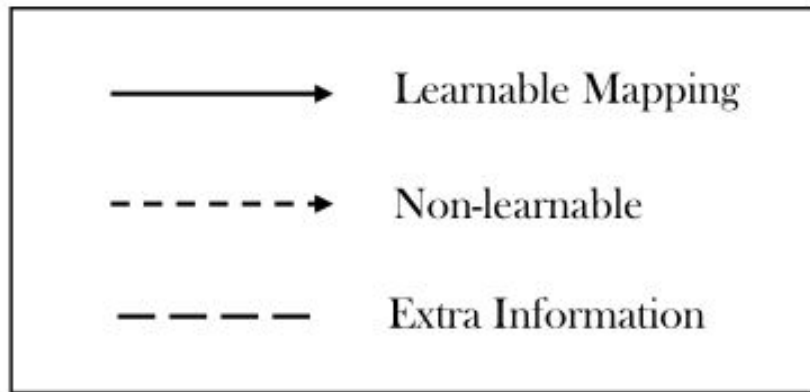
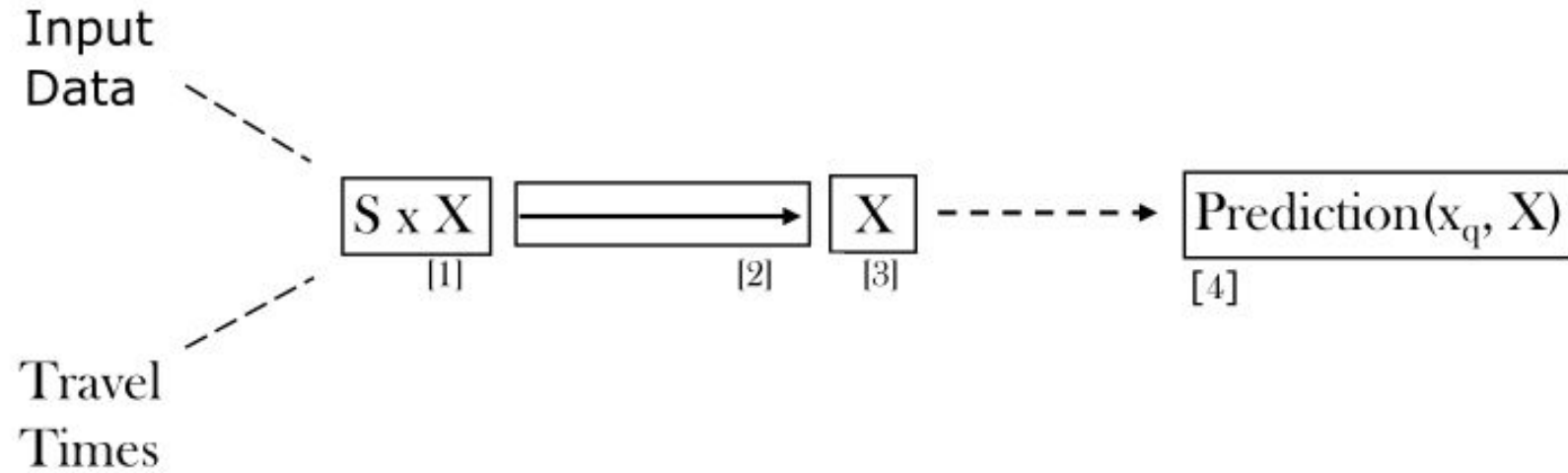
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Spatial  
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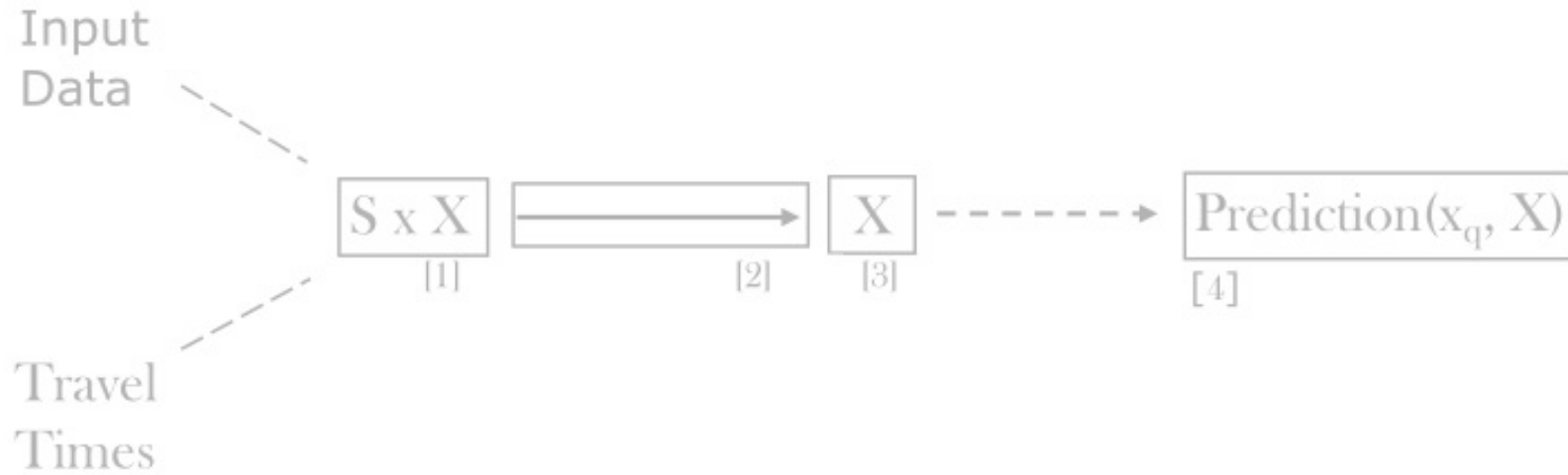
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Input  
feature:

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Mapping

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pre-stack BP  
metric

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Cartesian Product  
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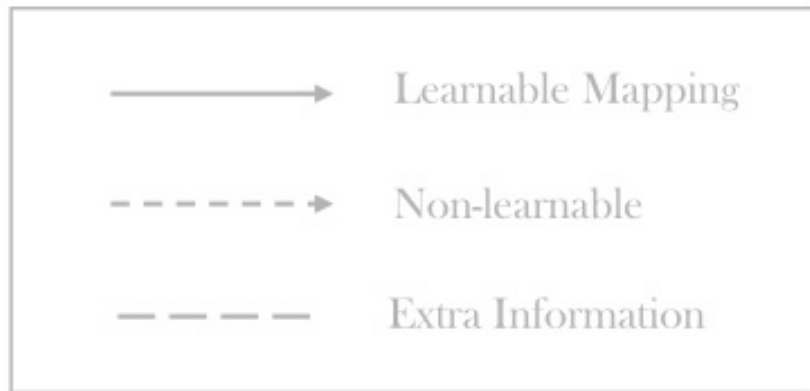
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Edge  
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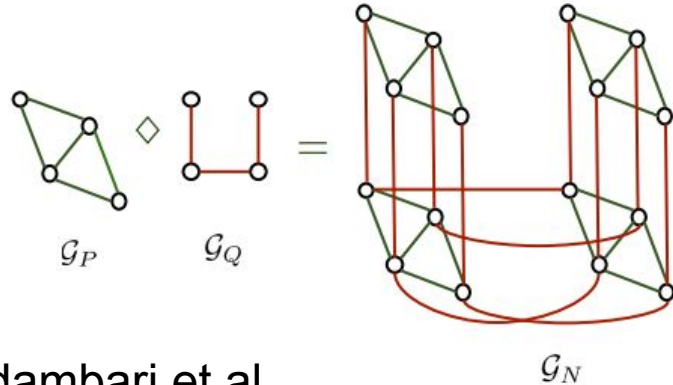
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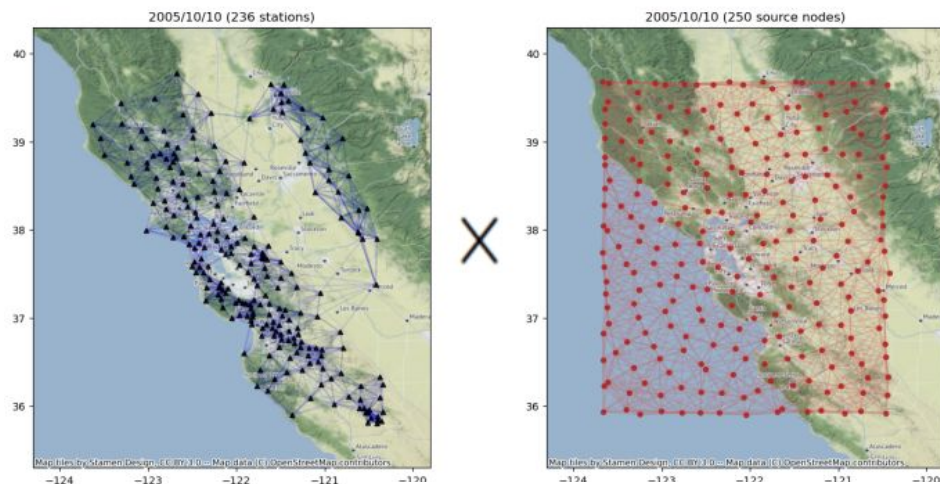


Kadambari et al.,  
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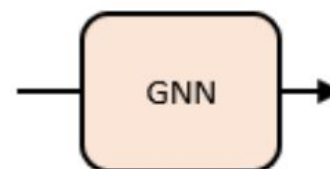
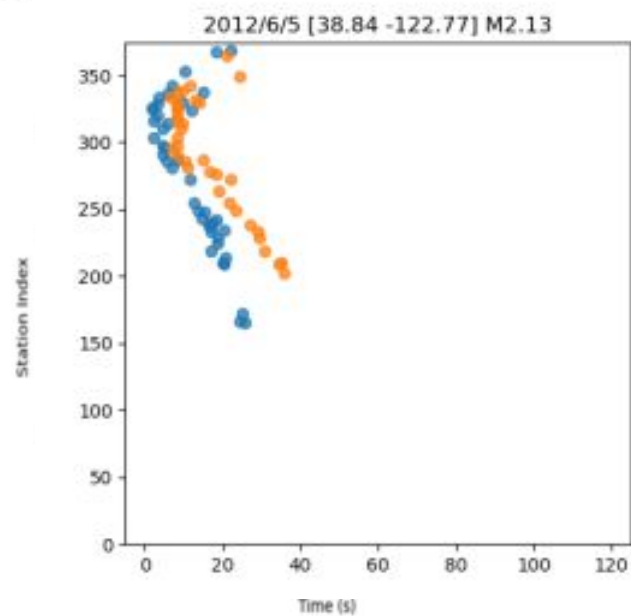
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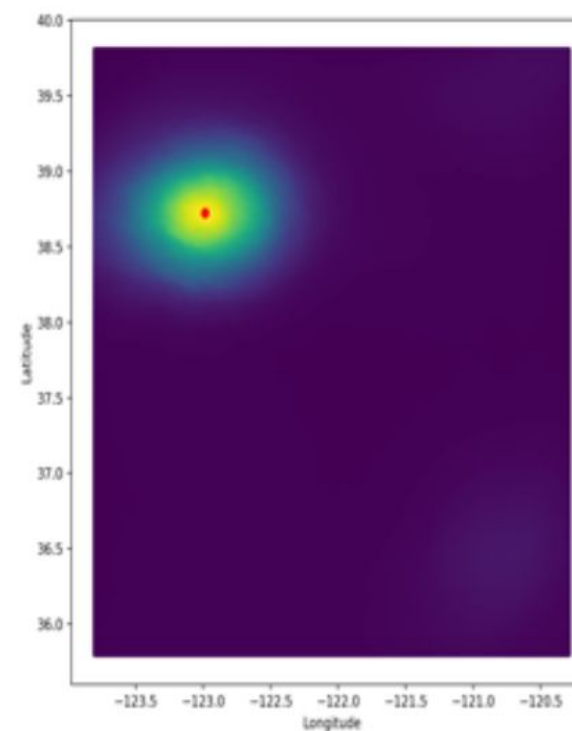
Cartesian Product Graph



Pick data



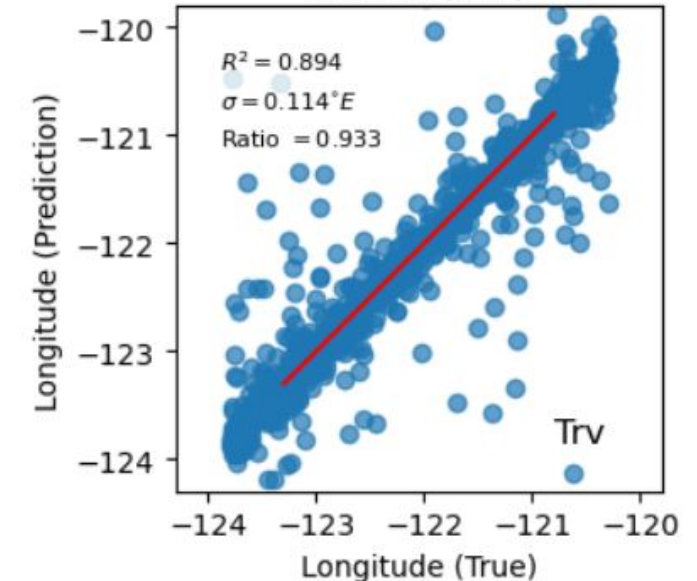
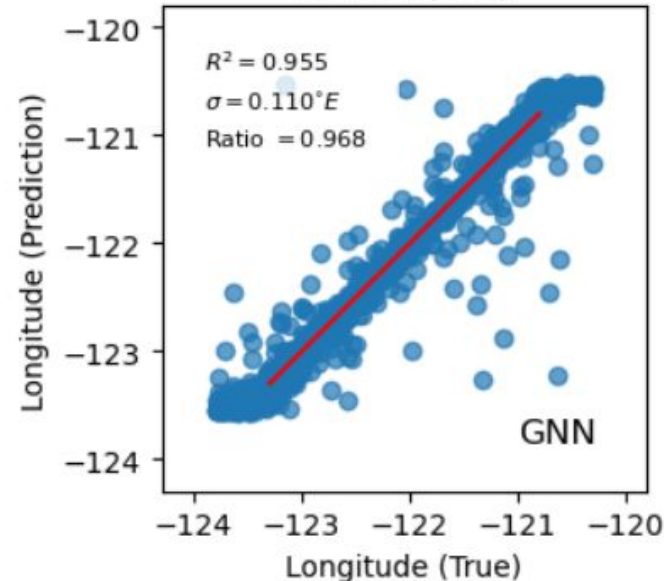
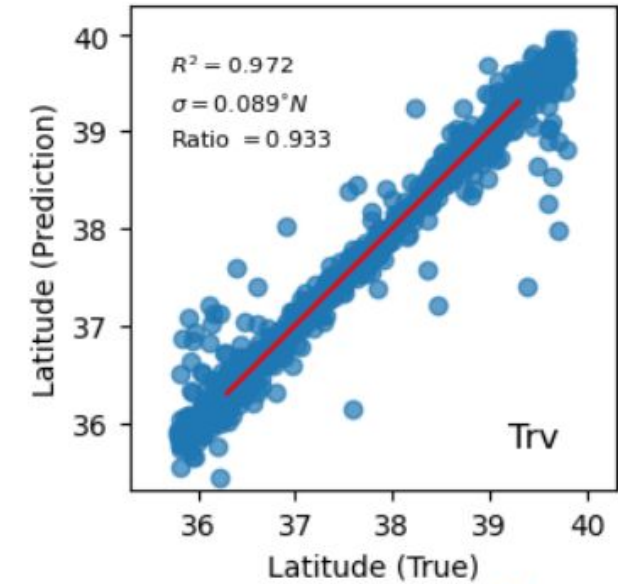
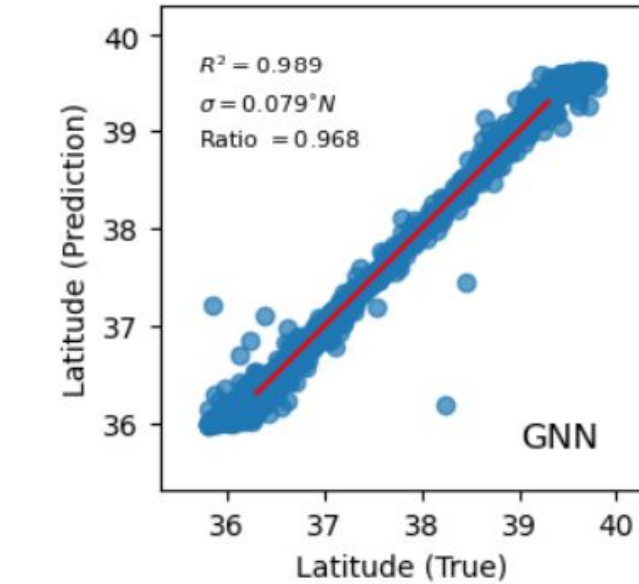
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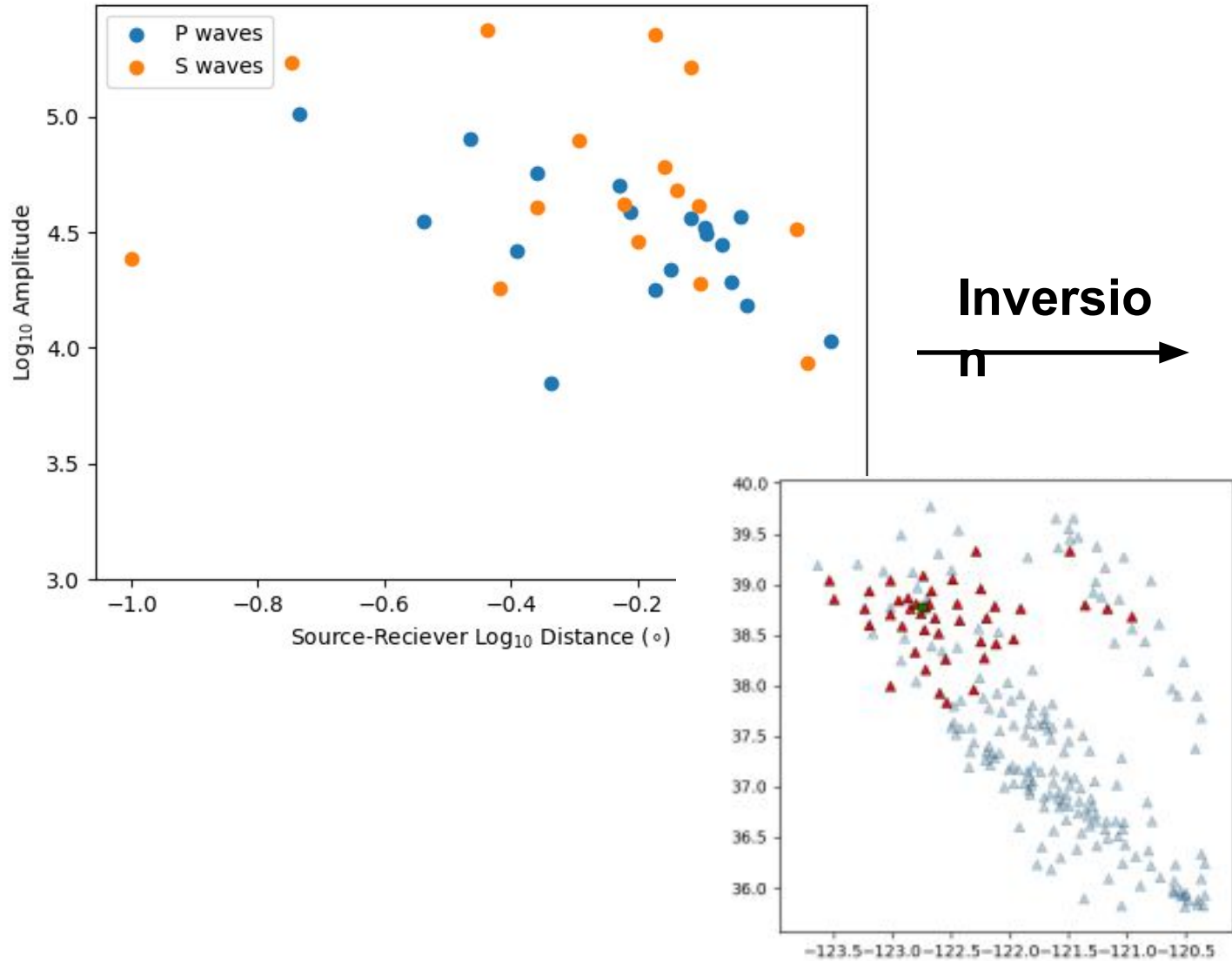
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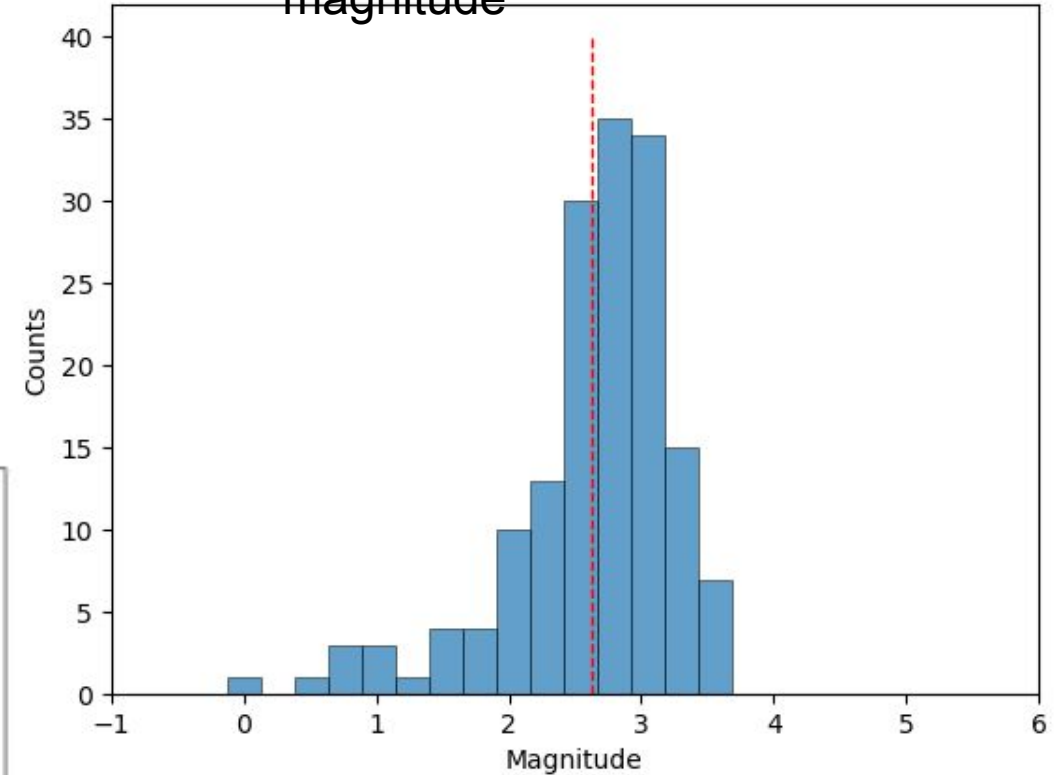
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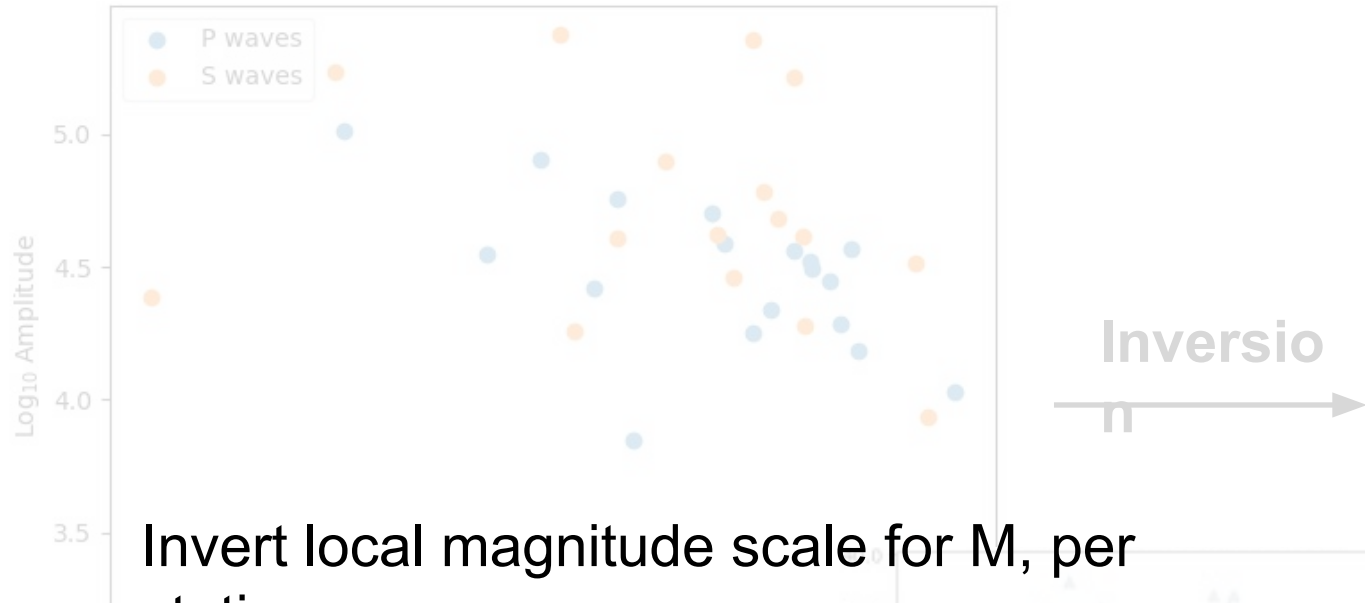
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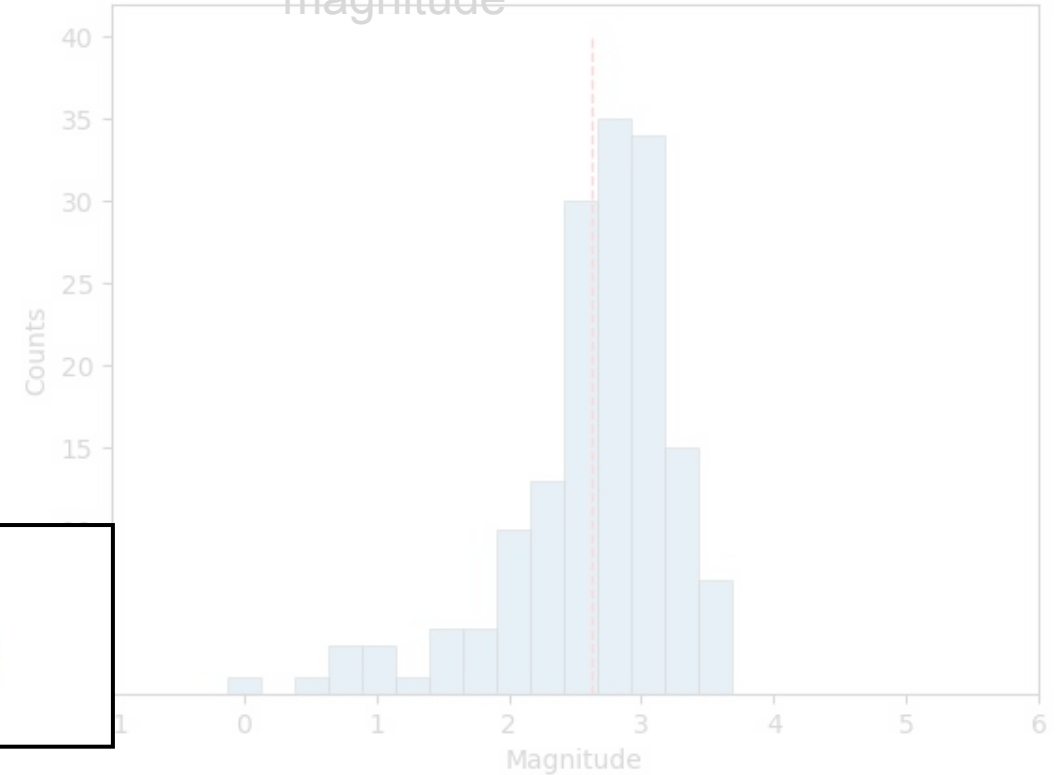


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Invert local magnitude scale for  $M$ , per station

$$\log_{10}(a_i) = C_1 M + C_2 \log_{10}(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{s}_i\|) + C_i$$

$a$ : arrival amplitude

$\mathbf{x}$ : source location

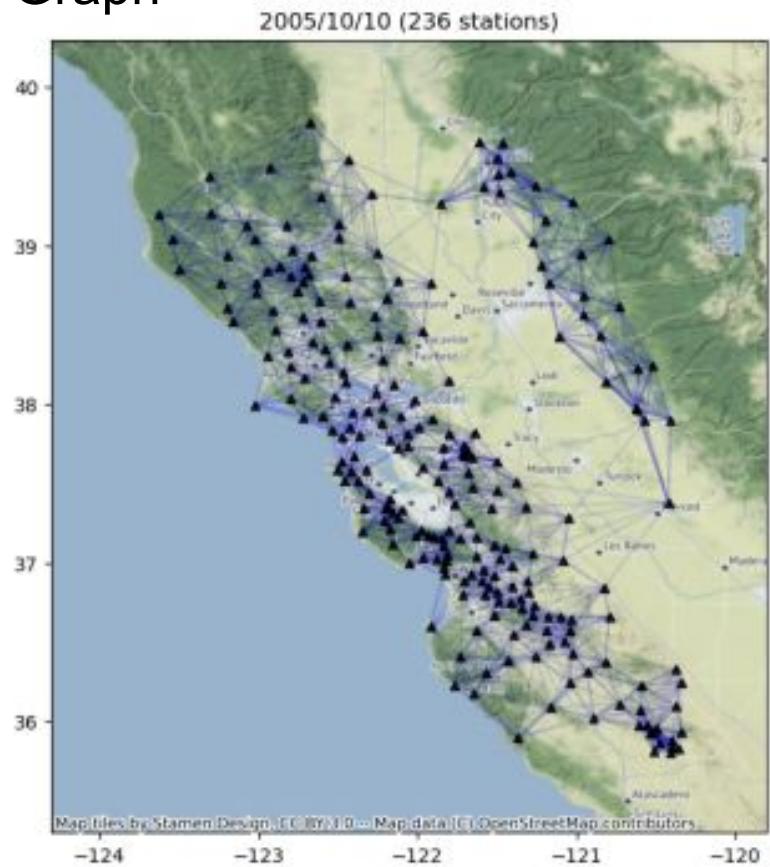
$C_1, C_2, C_i$ : coefficients

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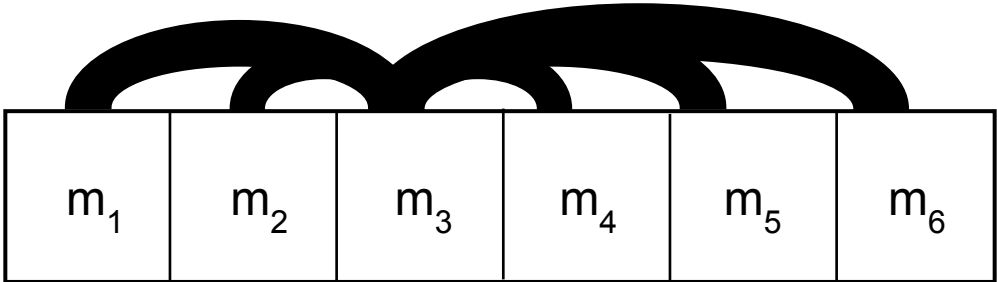
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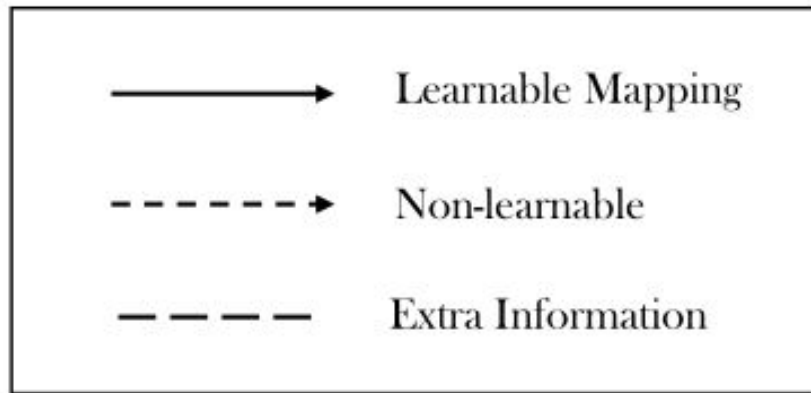
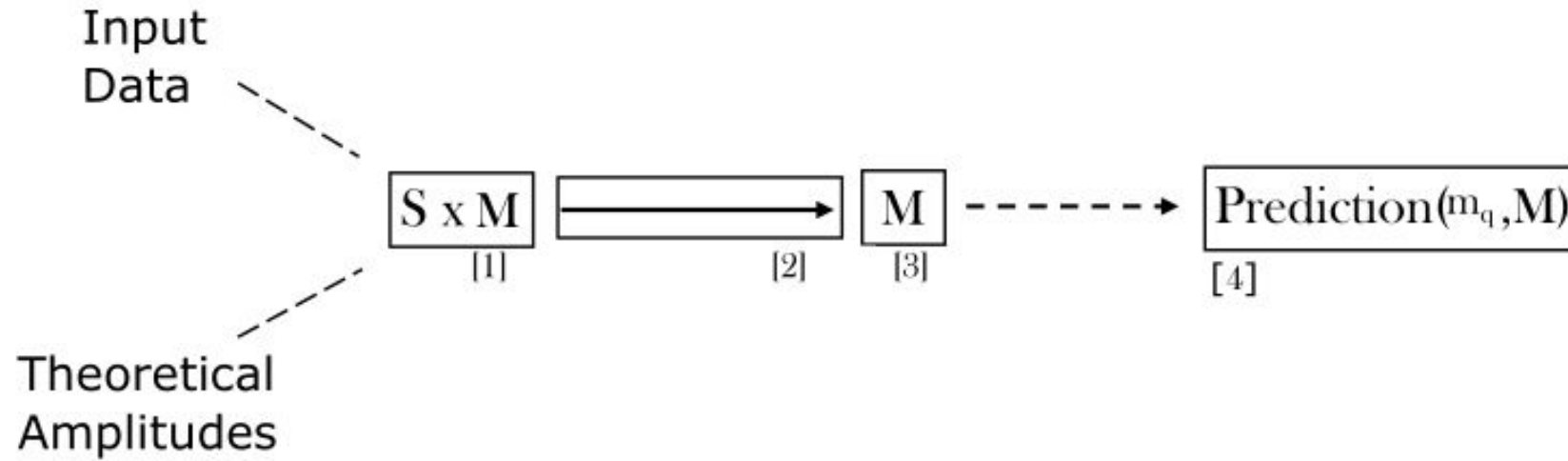
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M: -3 to 7, with 0.1 M  
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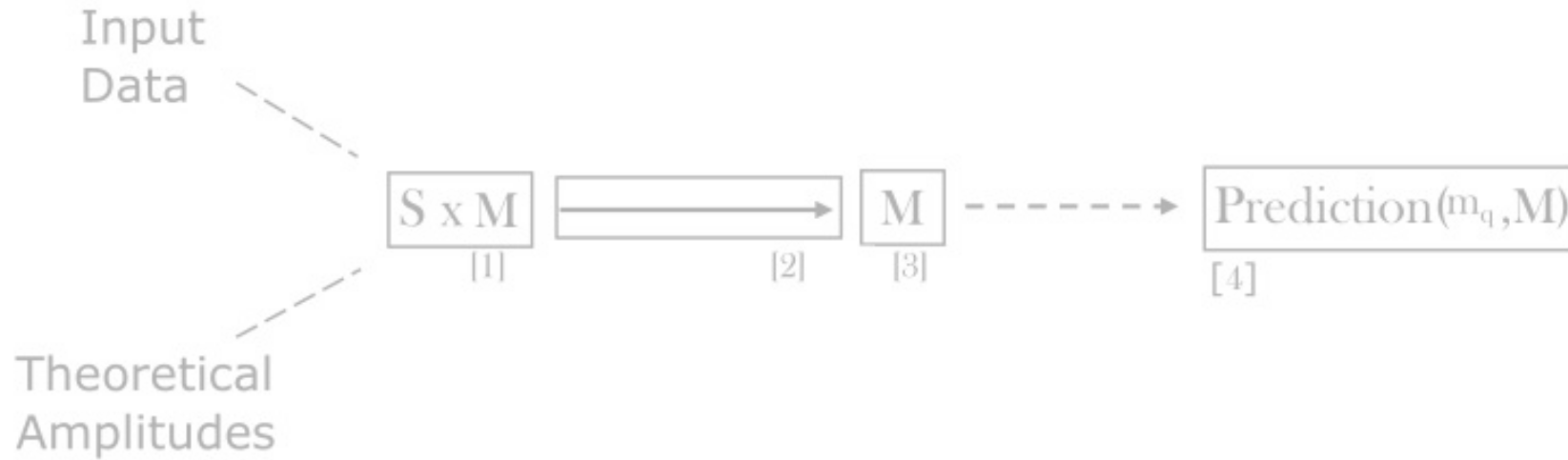
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Input  
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Mapping

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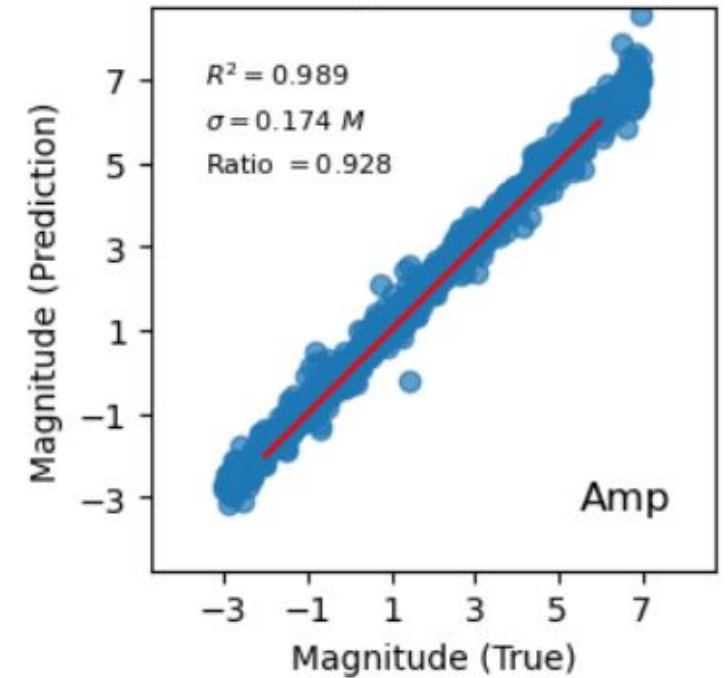
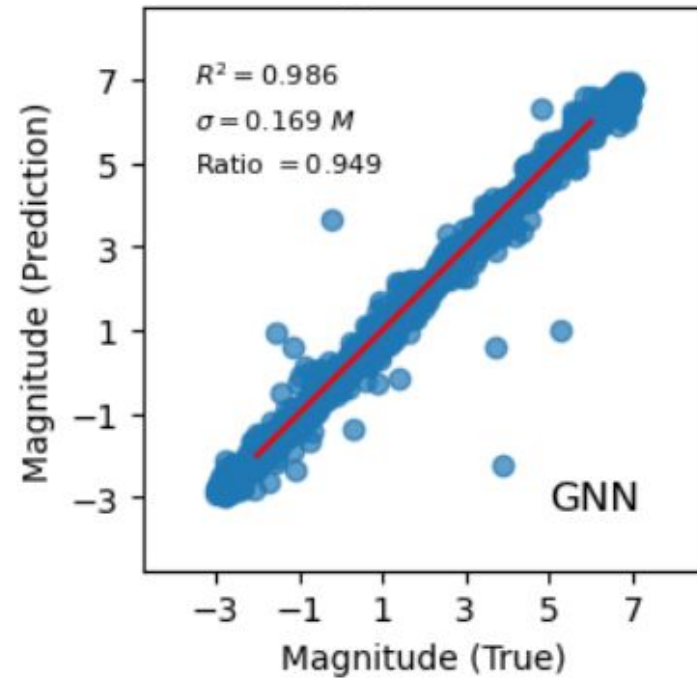
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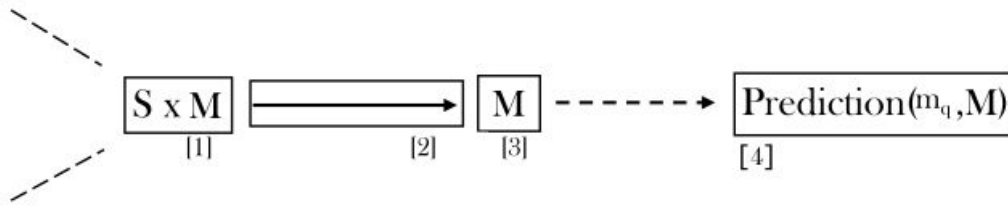
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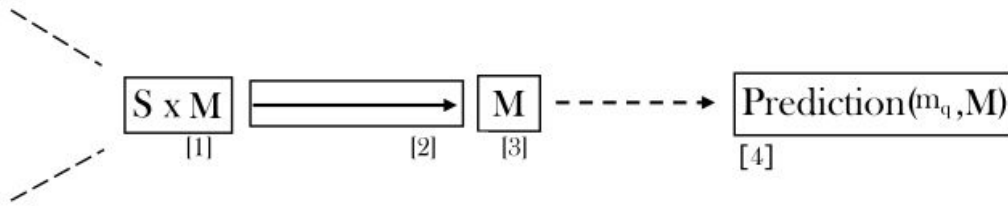
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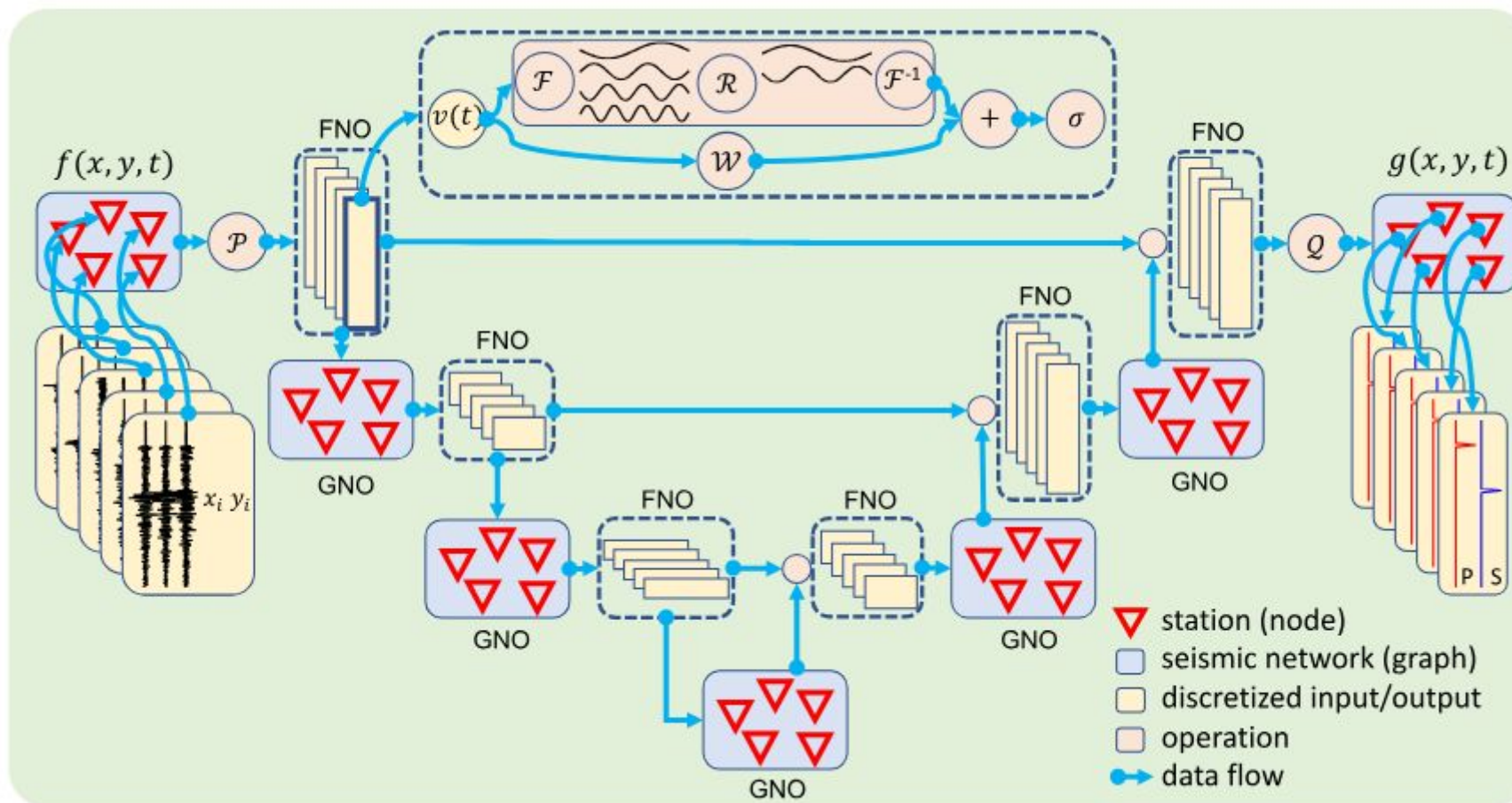
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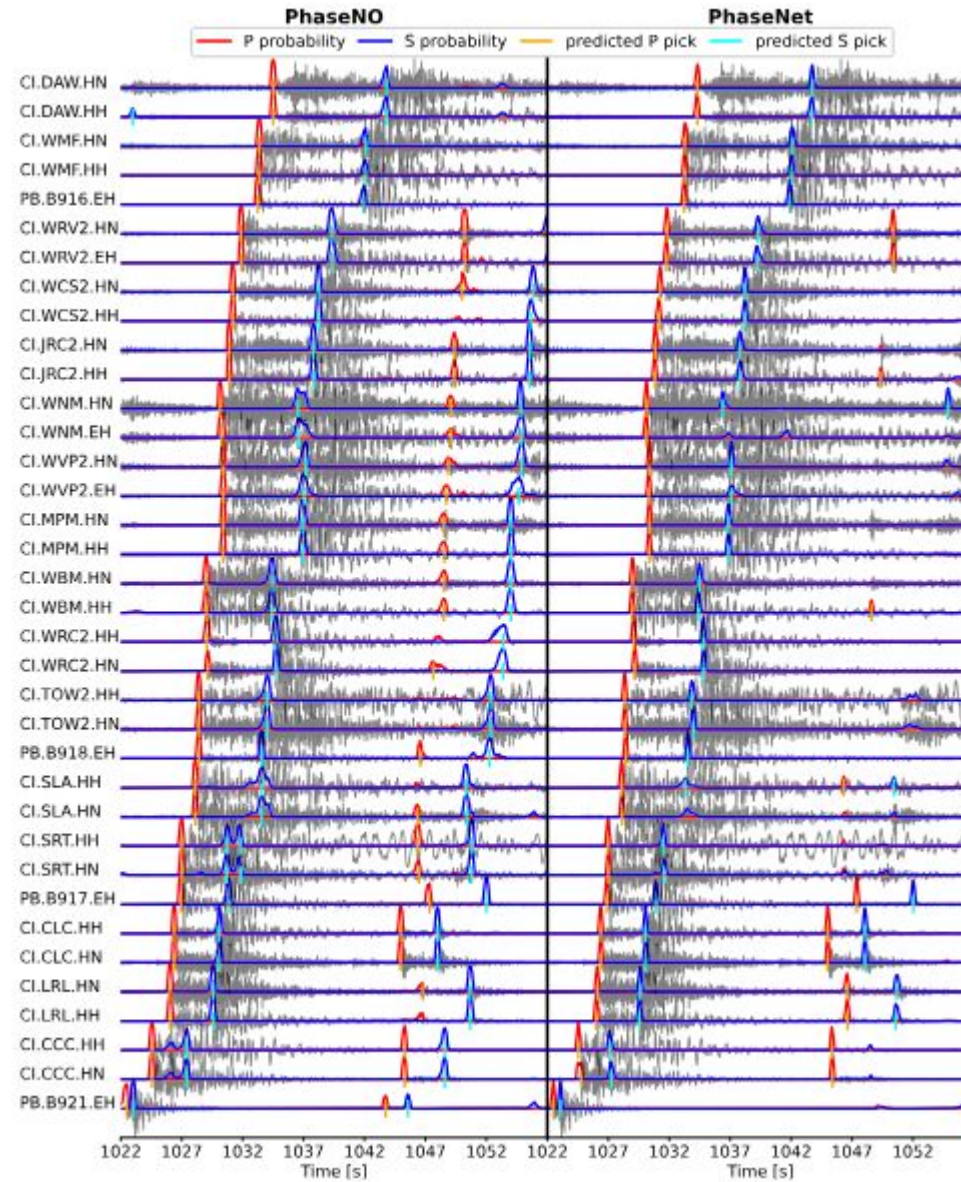


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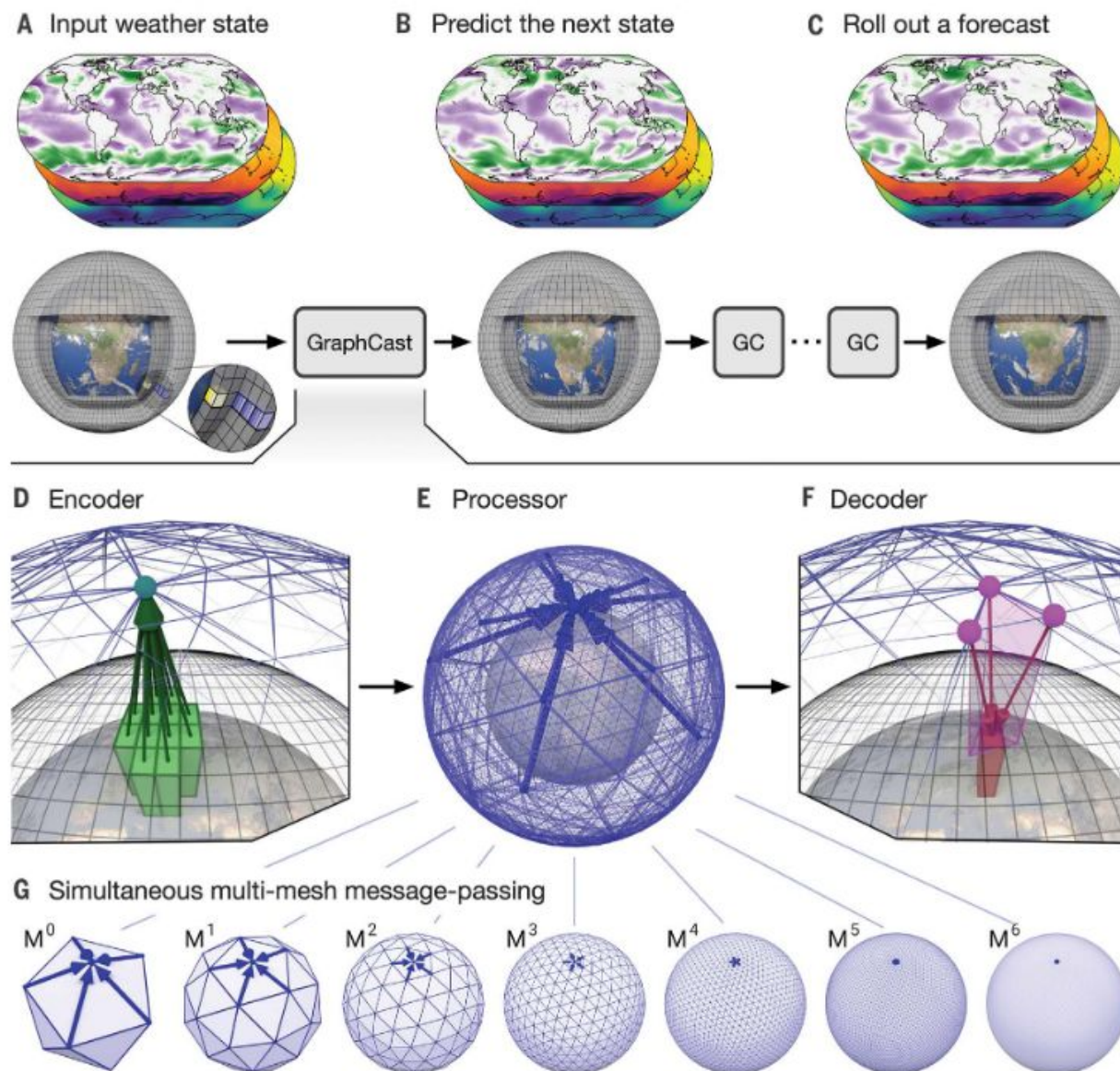
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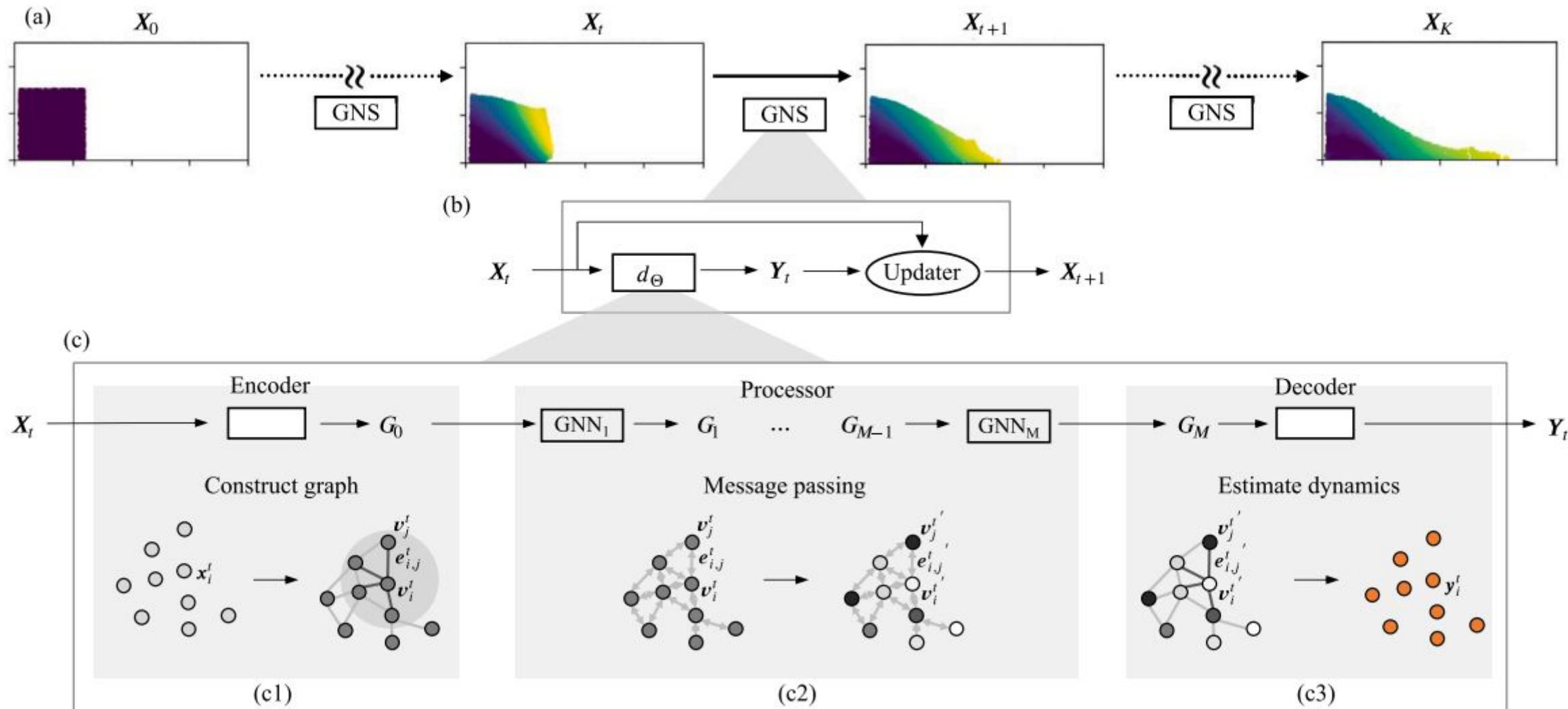


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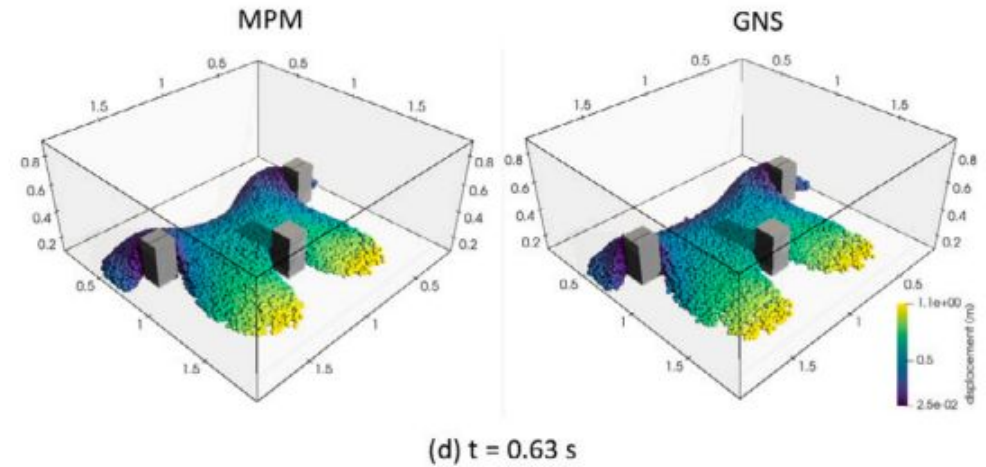
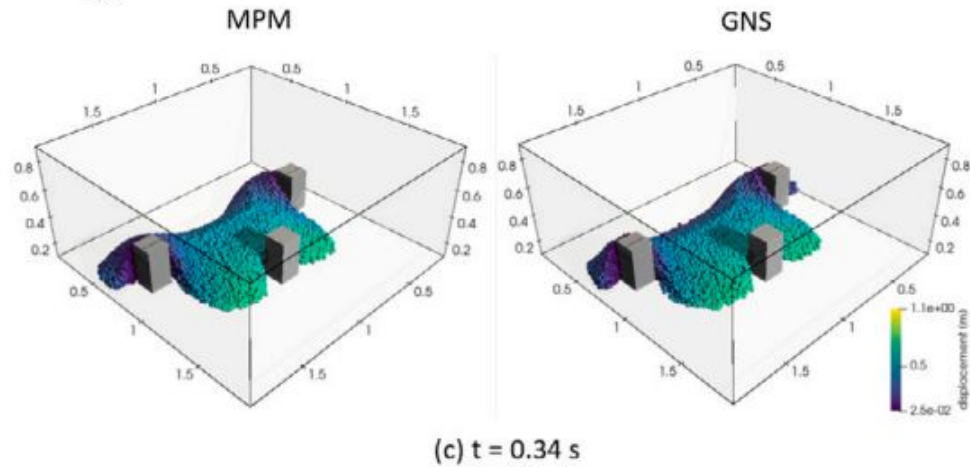
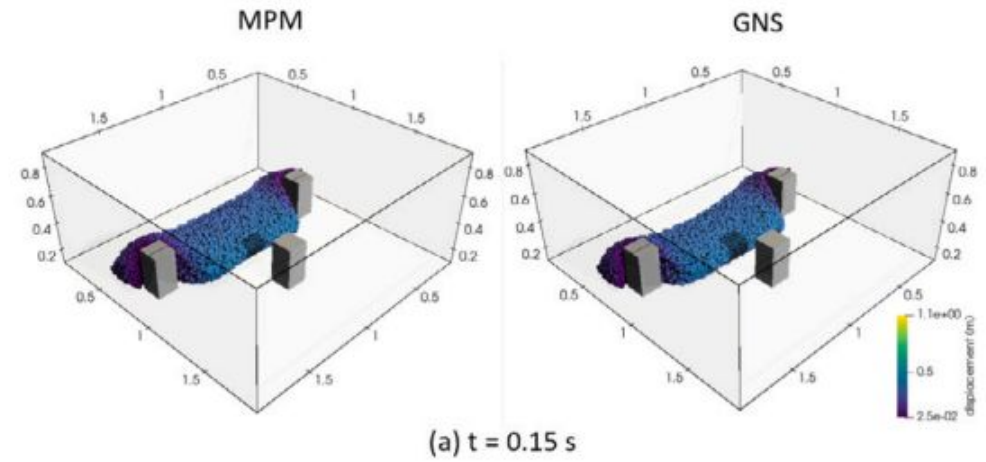
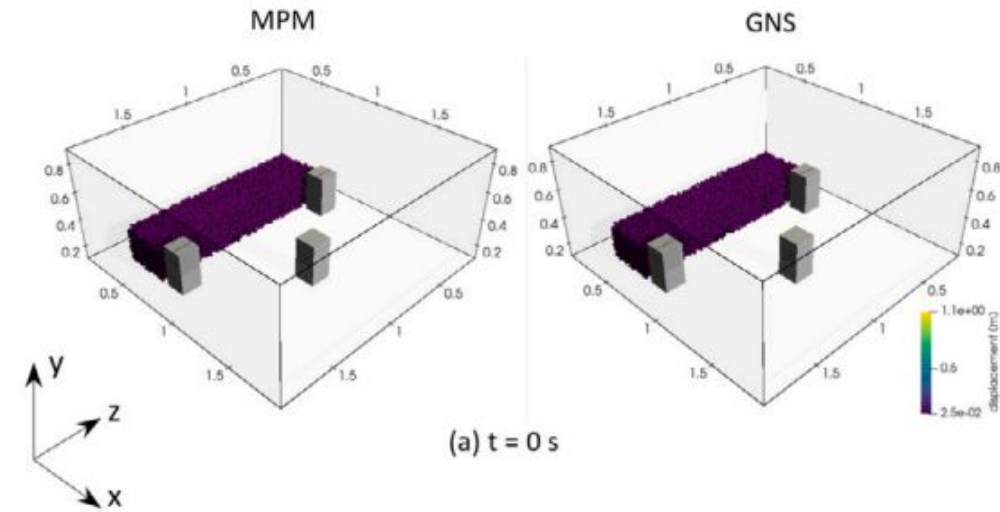


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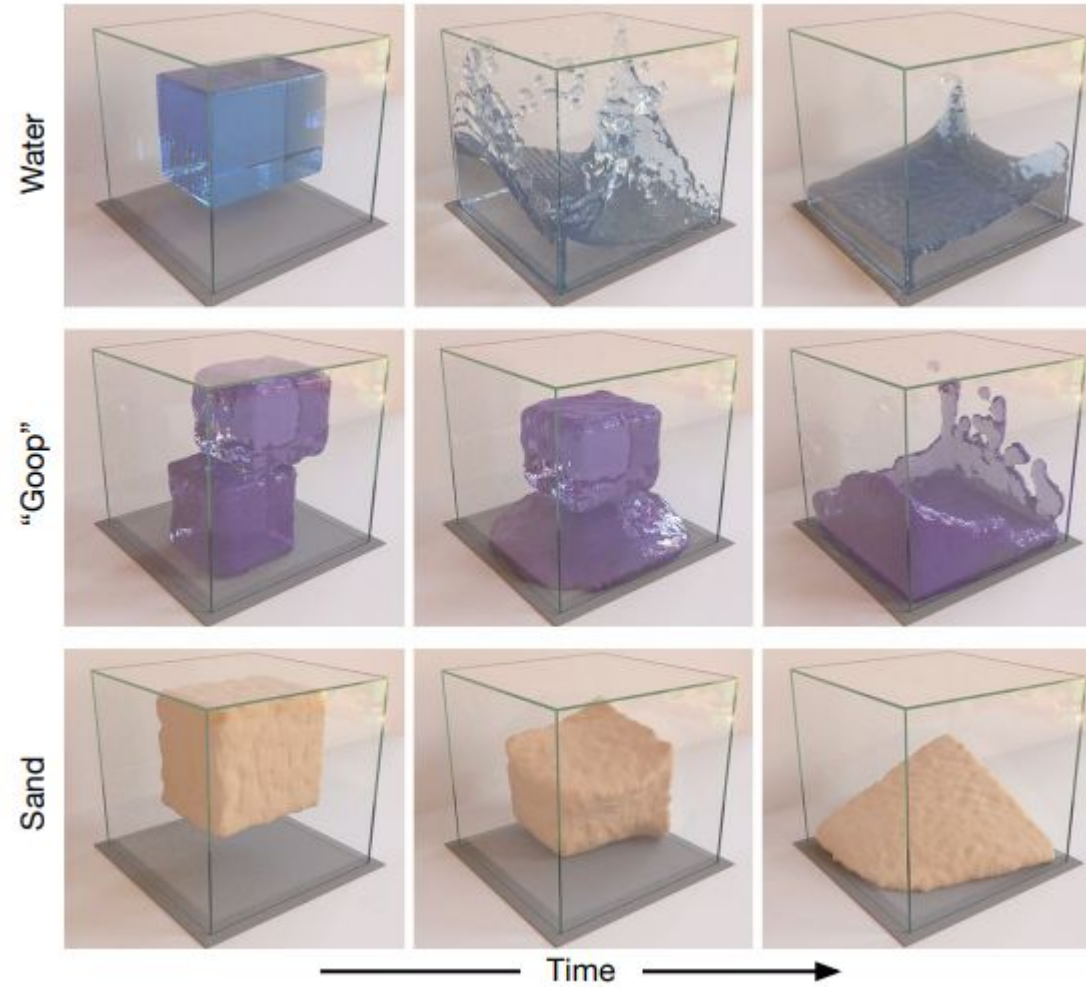
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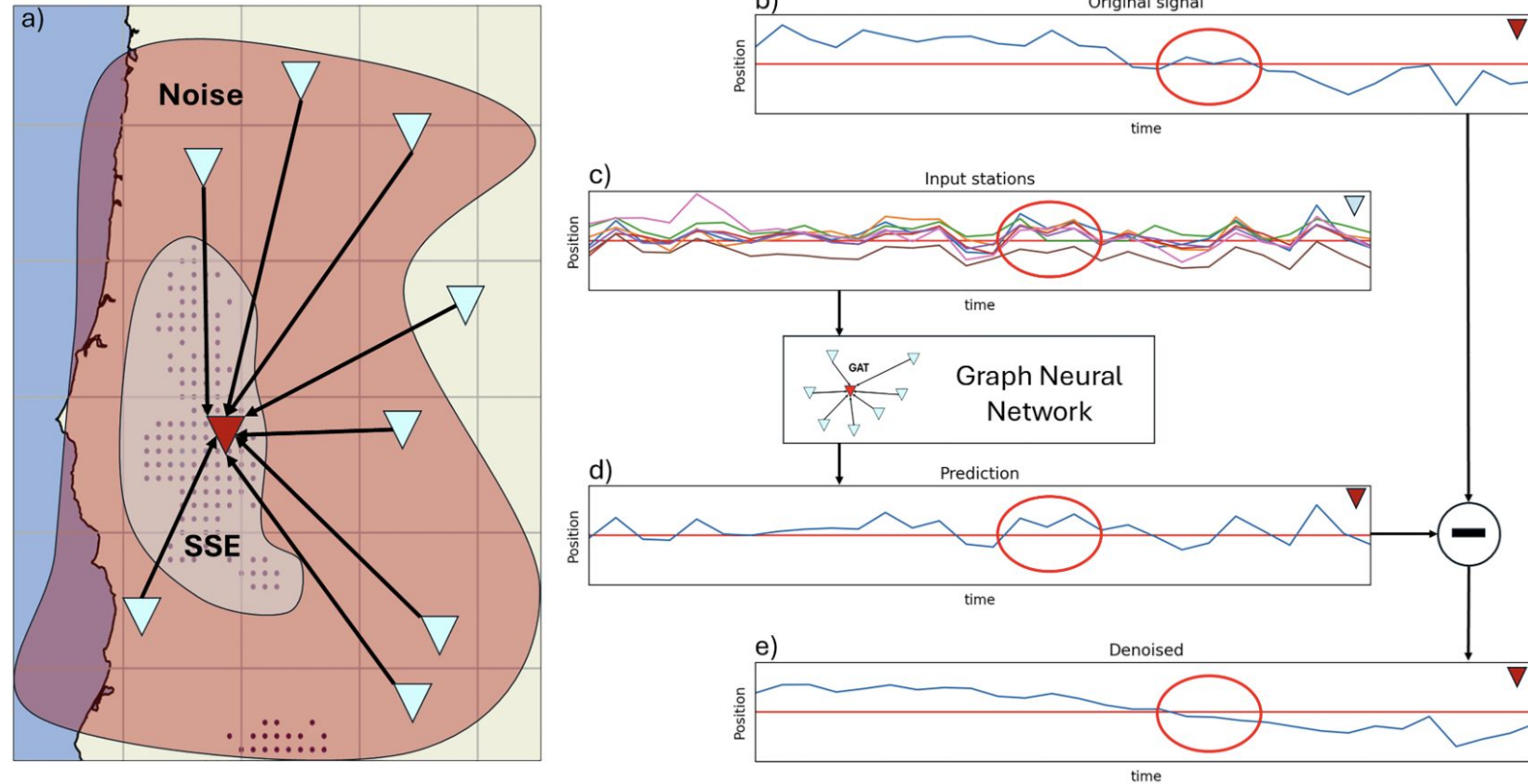
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