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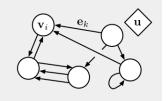
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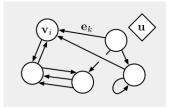
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A GN block is a "graph-to-graph module" which:

- 1 takes a graph as input
- performs computation over the structure
- returns a graph as output

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take a set as an input and reduce it to a single element which represent the aggregated information

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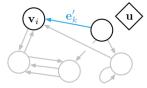
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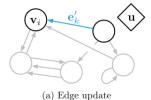
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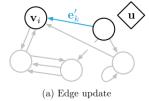


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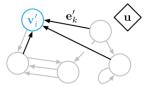


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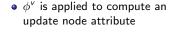
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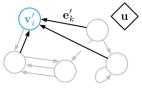
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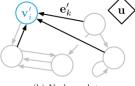
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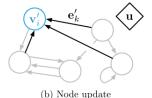
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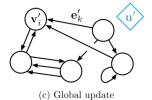
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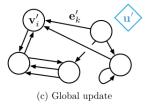
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- GN's per-edge and per-node functions are reused across all edges and nodes
  - ⇒ GNs automatically support a form of *combinatorial generalization*
  - $\Rightarrow$  A single GN can operate on graphs of **different size** (number of edges/nodes) and **different shapes** (edge connectivity)

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- @ GRAPH STRUCTURE when defining how input data are represented as a graph there are two possibilities:
  - input explicitly specifies the relational structure
    - \* social network
    - optimization problems
    - chemical graphs
    - ★ road networks
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  - ▶ the relational structure must be inferred or assumed

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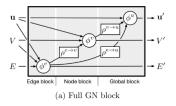
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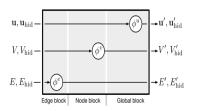
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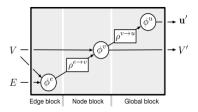


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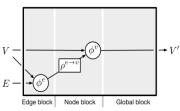
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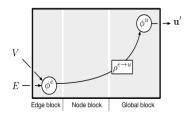
(b) Independent recurrent block



(c) Message-passing neural network



(d) Non-local neural network



(e) Relation network

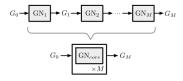
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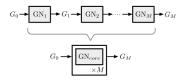
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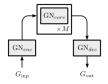


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  - nodes corresponds to particles
  - edges corresponds to pairwise relations among particles



Tanks to this correspondence we can define  $d_{\theta}$  based on GNs

Let's see GNS implementation details, i.e.

- INPUT AND OUTPUT representations
- ENCODER details
- PROCESSOR details
- DECODER details

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The prediction targets for supervised learning are the per-particle average acceleration  $\ddot{p}_i$ 

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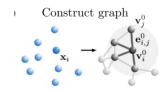
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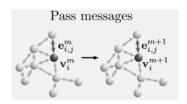
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The processors use a stack of M GNs

- with identical structure
- MLPs as internal edge and node update functions



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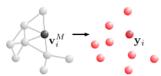
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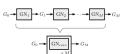
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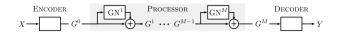




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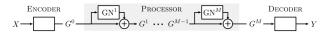
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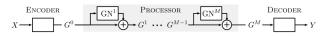


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