

# Graph Neural Networks and Diffusion PDEs

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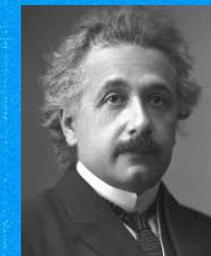


Why:

**We show a GNN can be seen as a discretisation of a PDE**

**The study of PDEs has existed far longer than GNNs**

**Many of histories greatest minds have helped develop tools to understand properties of PDEs**





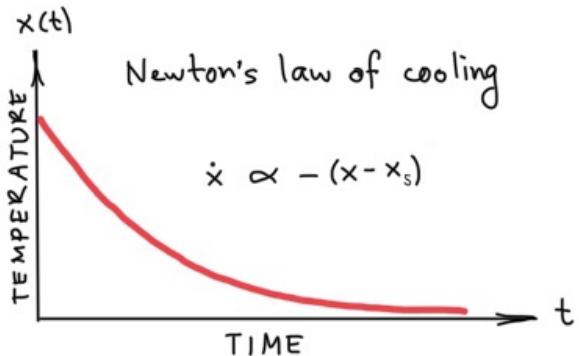
**Diffusion PDEs**  
**Connecting PDEs to GNNs**  
**Diffusion in image processing**

**GRAND**  
**Positional Encodings**  
**BLEND**



# Diffusion PDEs

**Newton Law of Cooling:** “the temperature a hot body loses in a given time is proportional to the temperature difference between the object and the environment”



Anonymous 1701

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with a little pressing, I took a drop thereof, and in it discover'd a mighty number of living Creatures. I repeated my observation the same evening with the same success, but the next day I could find none of them alive; and whereas I had laid that drop upon a small Copper Plate, I fancied to my self that the exhalation of the moisture might be the cause of their death, and not the cold weather, which at that time was very moderate.

In the beginning of April I took the Male seed of a Jack or Pike, but could discover nothing more than that of a Cod-fish, but having added about four times as much Water in quantity as the matter itself was, and then making my remarks, I could perceive that the *Animacula* did not only wax stronger and swifter, but, to my great amazement, I saw them move with that celerity, that I could compare it to nothing more than what we have seen with our naked Eye, a River Fish chafed by its powerful Enemy, which is just ready to devour it: You must observe that this whole Course was not longer than the Diameter of a single Hair of ones Head.

#### VII. Scala graduum Caloris.

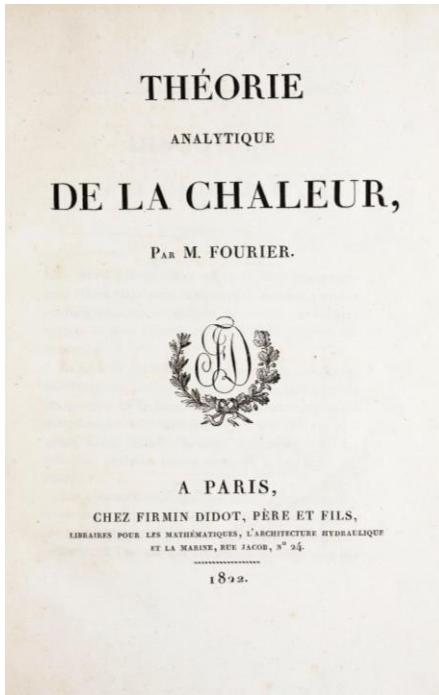
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Isaac Newton

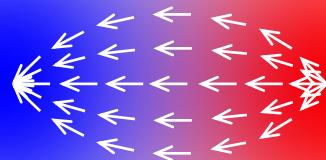
**Fourier Heat Conduction Law:**  
“heat flux resulting from thermal conduction is proportional to the magnitude of the temperature gradient and opposite to it in sign”



Joseph Fourier

# Diffusion Equation

heat flux  $h \propto -\nabla x$



Adolf Eugen Fick

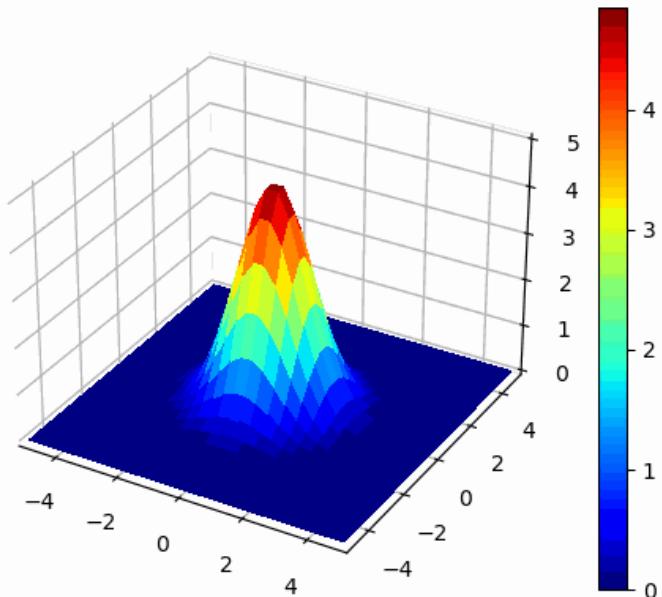
conservation condition:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}x = -\operatorname{div}(h)$   
("no heat created or disappears")

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}x = -\operatorname{div}(\nabla x)$$



# Diffusion takes many forms:

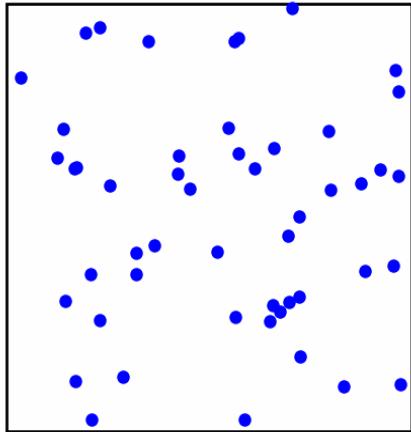
Heat diffusion:



Joseph Fourier

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial t} = \Delta x$$

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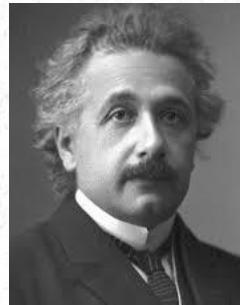
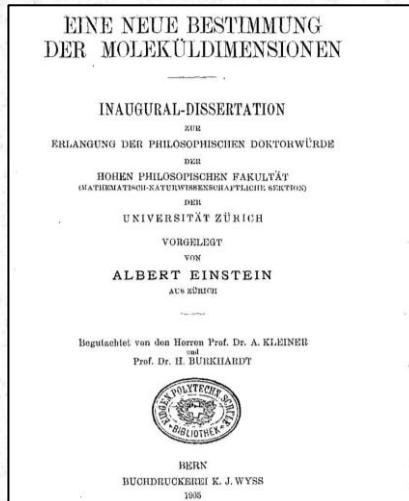


Particle random walk:

$$dx_t = \mu dt + \sigma dW_t$$

Particle density diffusion:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = c \Delta \rho$$



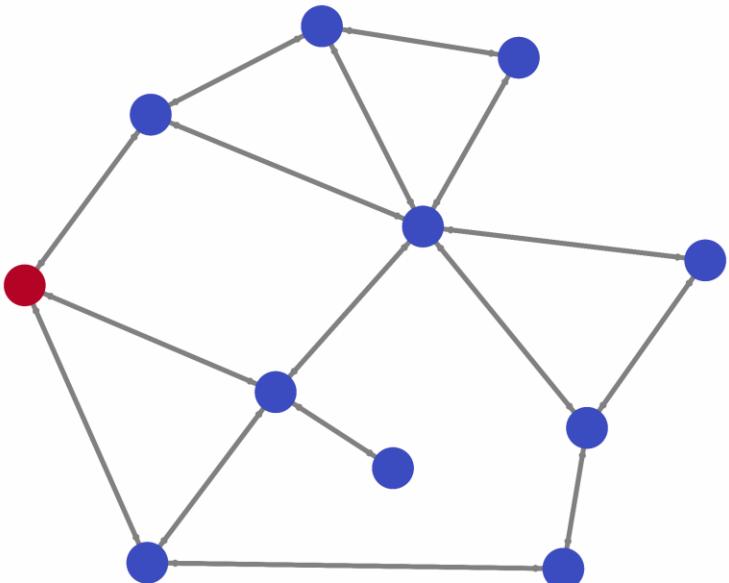
Albert Einstein

# Diffusion takes many forms



Laplacian diffusion on graphs:

$$X_t = L X_{t-1}$$



Pierre-Simon Laplace



# Diffusion Equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}x = \Delta x$$

Homogeneous  
Isotropic

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}x = -\operatorname{div}(a\nabla x)$$

Non-homogeneous  
Isotropic

Position-dependent diffusivity

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}x = -\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{A}\nabla x)$$

Non-homogeneous  
Anisotropic

Position & direction dependent  
diffusivity



# Connecting PDEs to GNNs



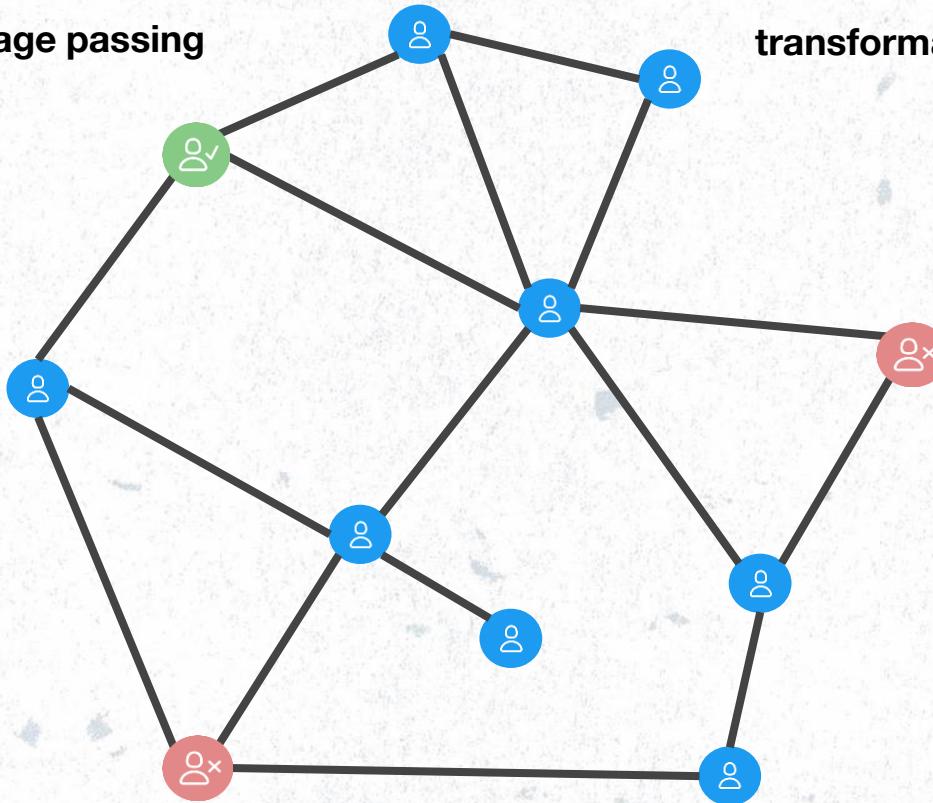
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input

message passing

transformation

output





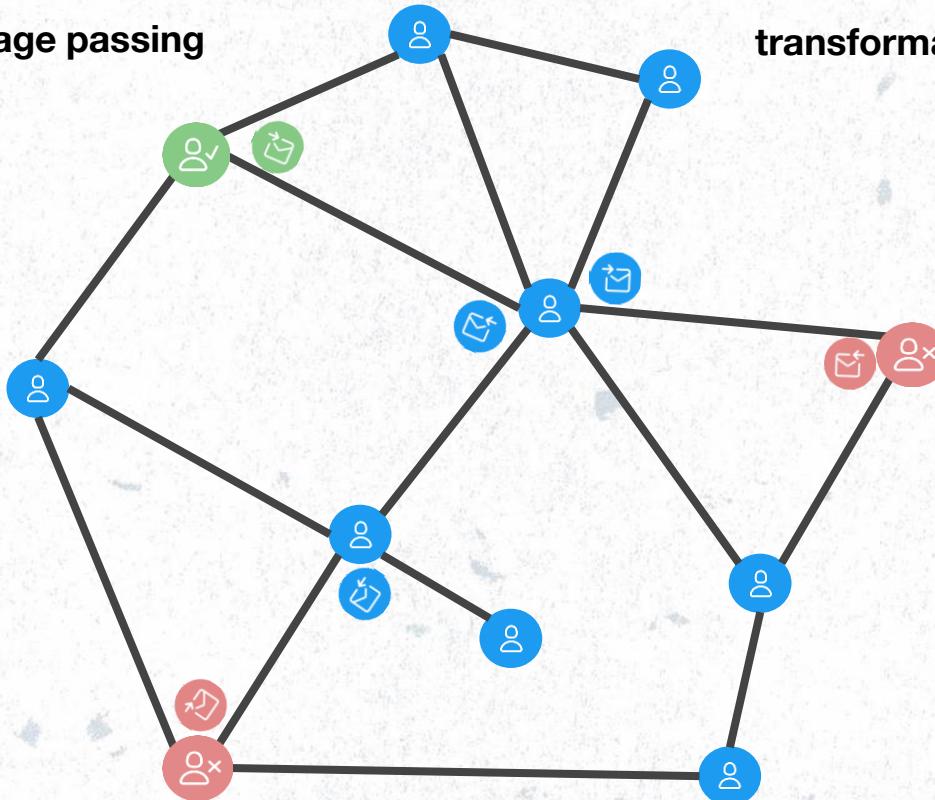
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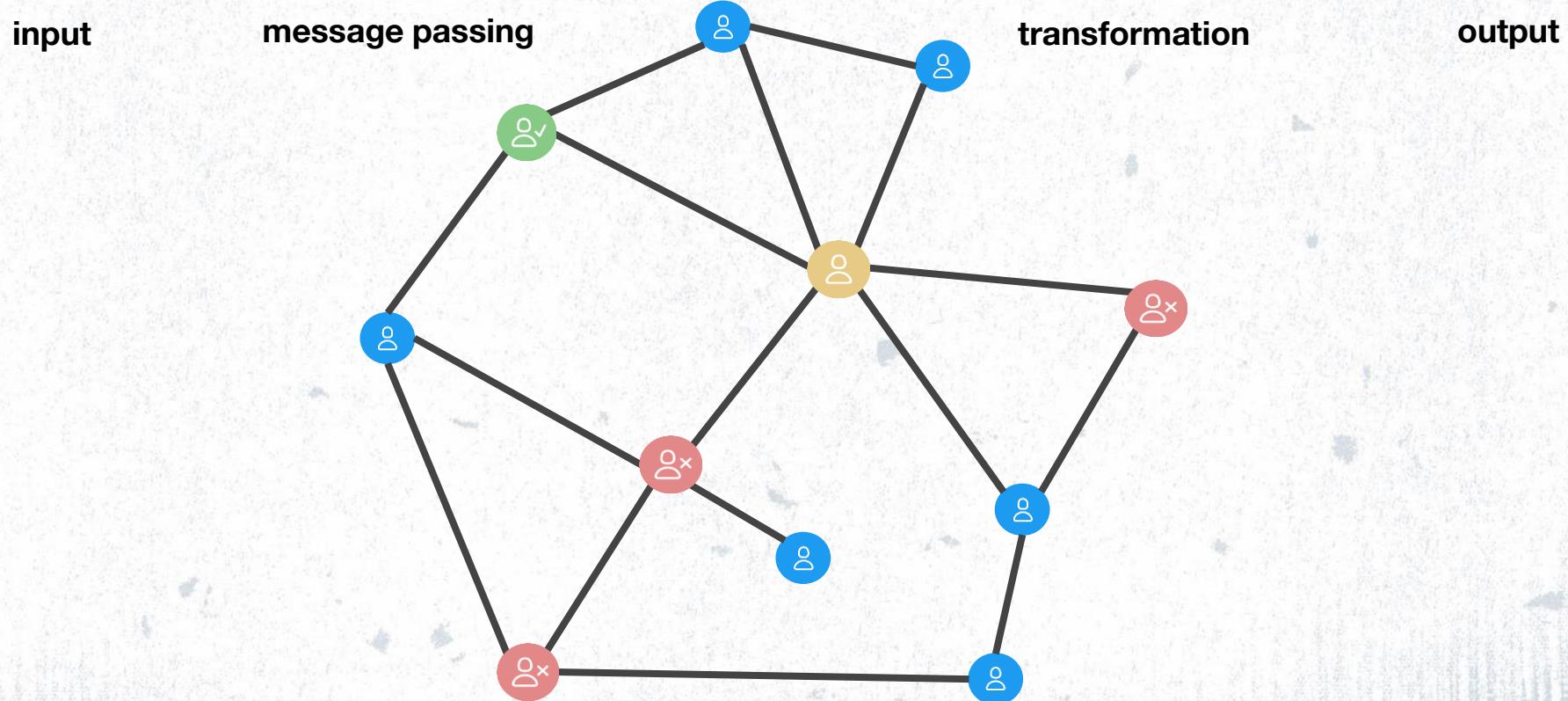
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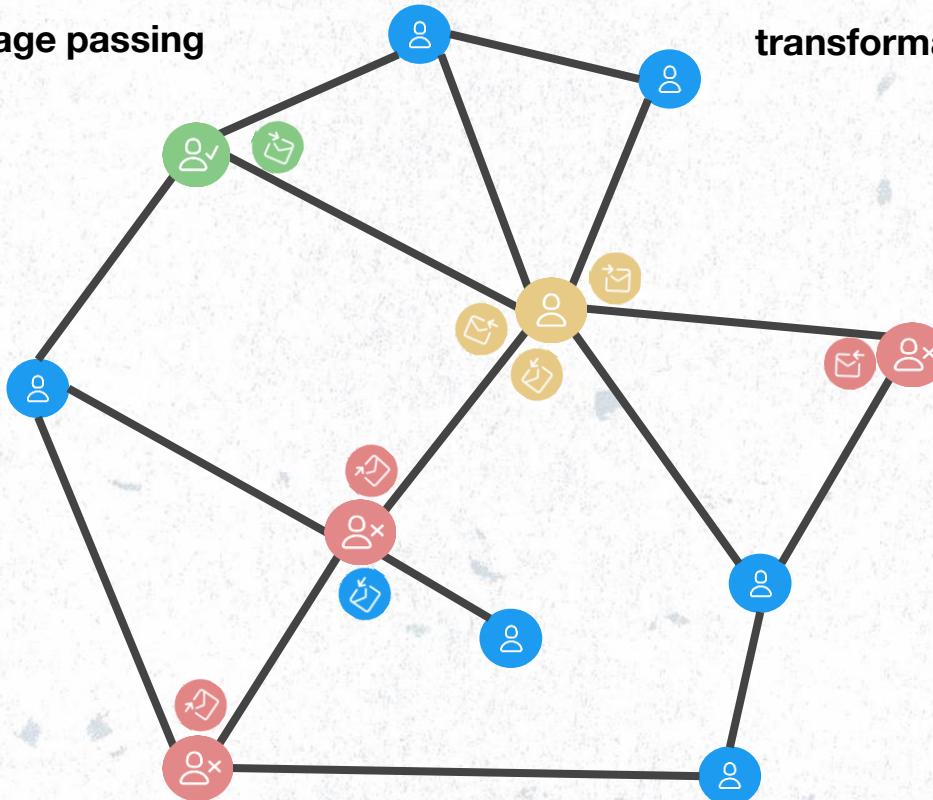
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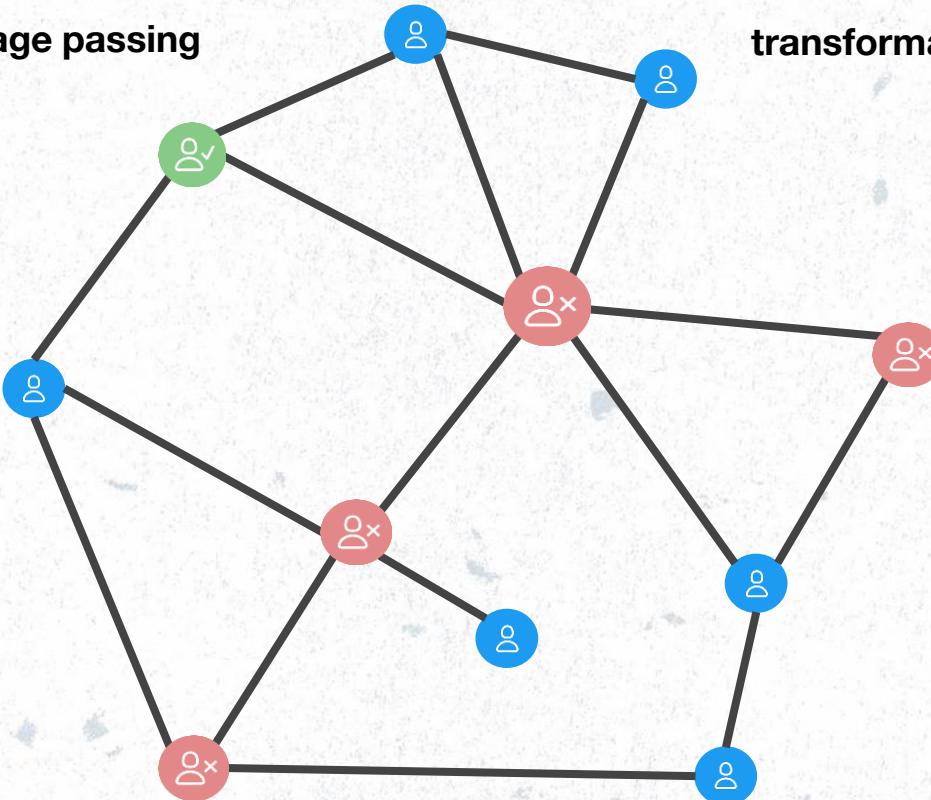
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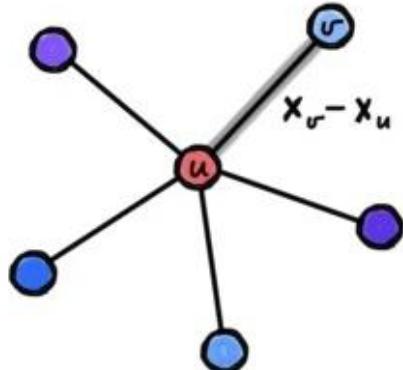


## Spatial discretisation

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(u,t)}{\partial t} = \operatorname{div}[\nabla \mathbf{x}(u, t)] \quad (1)$$

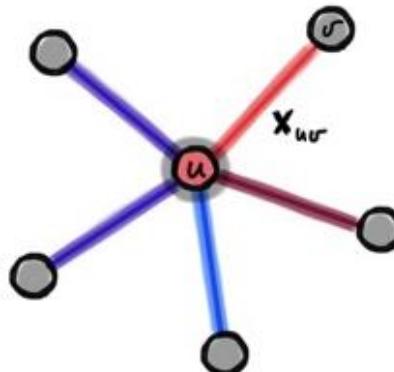
gradient - flow along edges

$$(\nabla \mathbf{X})_{uv} = \mathbf{x}_u - \mathbf{x}_v$$



divergence - aggregation of edges

$$(\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{X}))_u = \sum_v w_{uv} x_{uv}$$



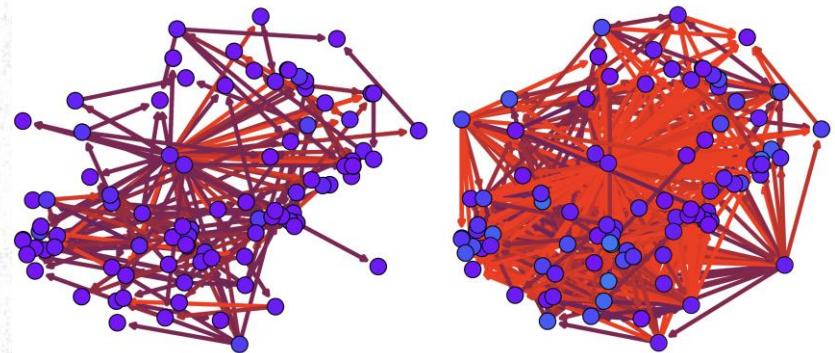
$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = (\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{X}(t)) - \mathbf{I})\mathbf{X}(t) \quad (2)$$



# Graph Rewiring

Decouple **input graph** from **information propagation graph**

- Neighbourhood sampling (**GraphSAGE**)<sup>1</sup>
- Multi-hop filters (**SIGN**)<sup>2</sup>
- Complete graph<sup>3</sup>
- Topology diffusion (**DIGL**)<sup>4</sup>
- Learnable graph (**Dynamic Graph CNN**)<sup>5</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Hamilton et al. 2017; <sup>2</sup>Rossi, Frasca, et B. 2020; <sup>3</sup>Alon, Yahav 2020; <sup>4</sup>Klicpera et al. 2019; <sup>5</sup>Wang et B 2018; Kazi, Cosmo, et B. 2020



# Temporal discretisation

**Neural ODEs:**

**ResNet:**

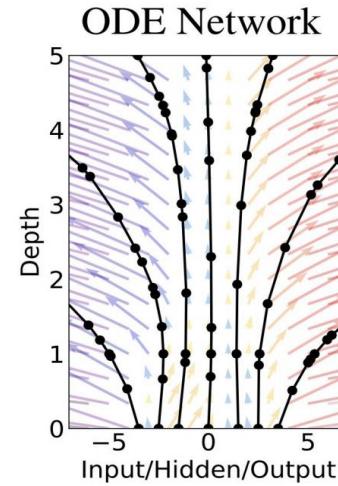
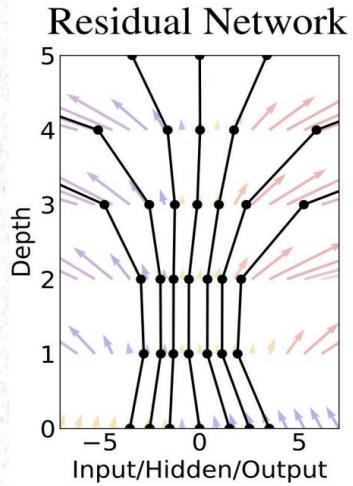
$$\mathbf{h}_{t+1} = \mathbf{h}_t + f(\mathbf{h}_t, \theta_t)$$

**Dynamics:**

$$\frac{d\mathbf{h}(t)}{dt} = f(\mathbf{h}_t, \theta_t, t)$$

**ODE Solvers:**

$$\mathbf{z}(t_1) = \mathbf{z}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^T f(\mathbf{z}(t), t, \theta) dt = \text{ODESolve } (\mathbf{z}(t_0), f, t_0, t_1, \theta)$$





**PDEs are intimately related to GNNs, so what do we get:**

- New perspectives on old problems like over-smoothing**

- New architectures inspired by numerical ODE solvers**

- Stability conditions**

- Access to new domains inspired by PDEs**



# Diffusion in image processing



## Two perspectives on image processing continuous and discrete

### Continuous:

- the real world is continuous as are high definition images

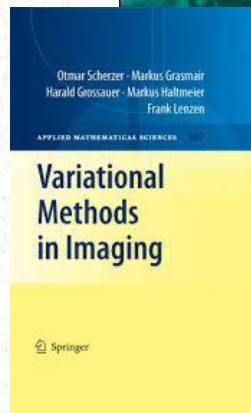
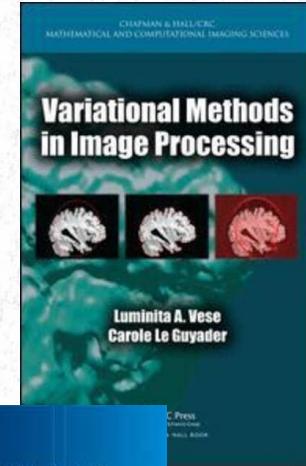
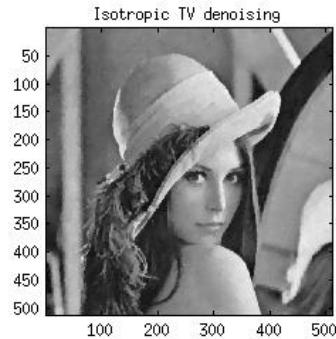
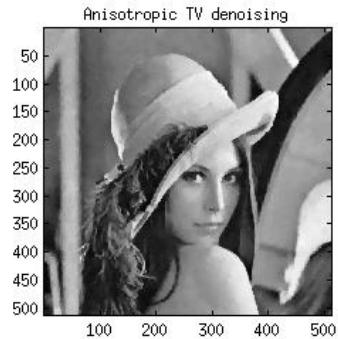
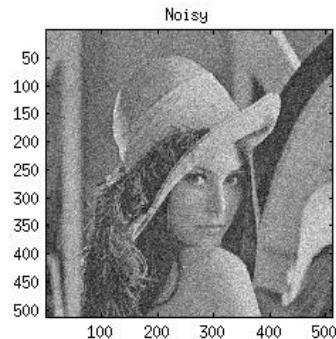
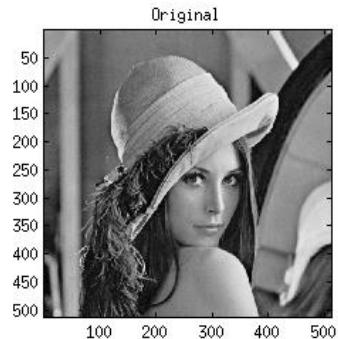
Treat an image as a function, evolve it using PDEs

### Discrete:

- a computer will always model an image as a tensor

Treat an image as a tensor and evolve it using linear algebra

# Variational methods in image processing



Perona, Malik 1990; Sochen et al. 1998; Tomasi, Manduchi 1998; Weickert 1998; Buades et al. 2005

# Diffusion in Image Processing



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}x = c\Delta x$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}x = \operatorname{div}\left[\frac{1}{1 + (|\nabla x|/\lambda)^2} \nabla x\right]$$



Homogeneous  
diffusion

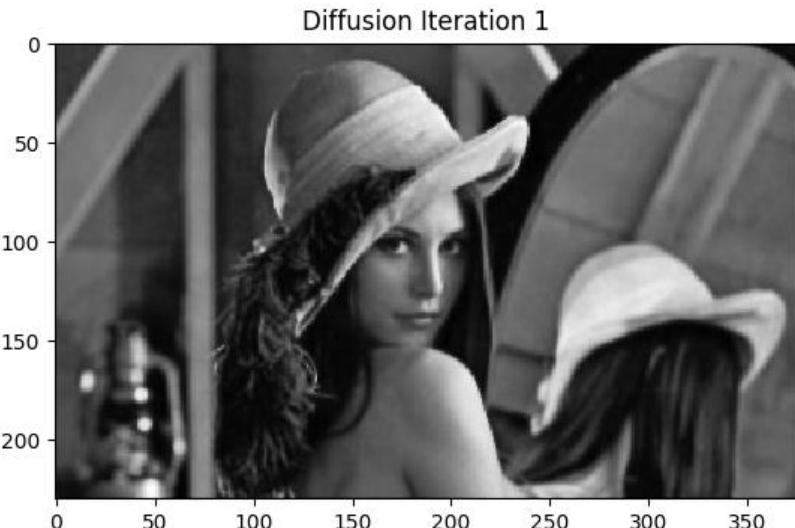
Non-homogeneous  
diffusion



# Variational methods in image processing – 50 frame diffusion

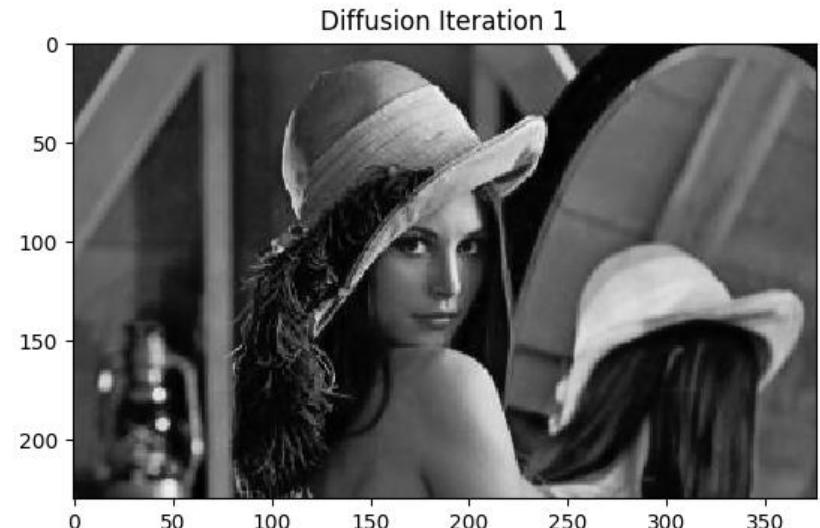
Gaussian:

$$g(x) = c$$

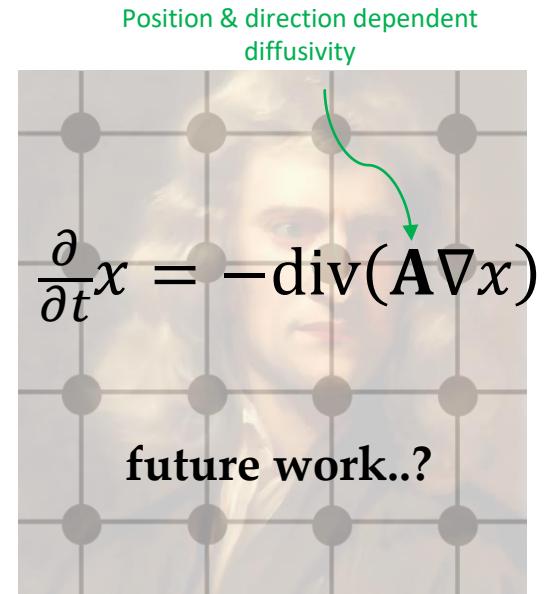
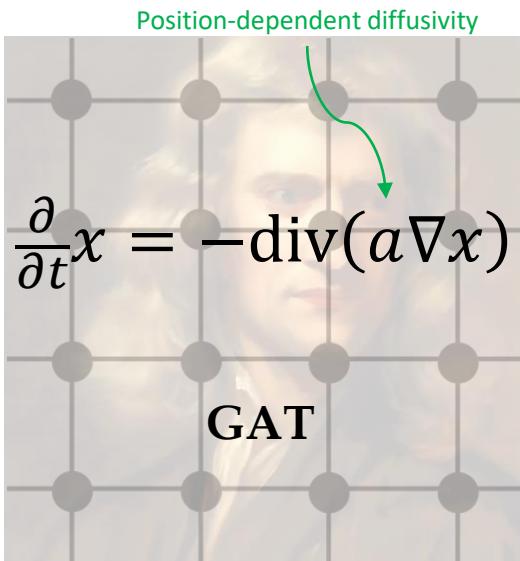
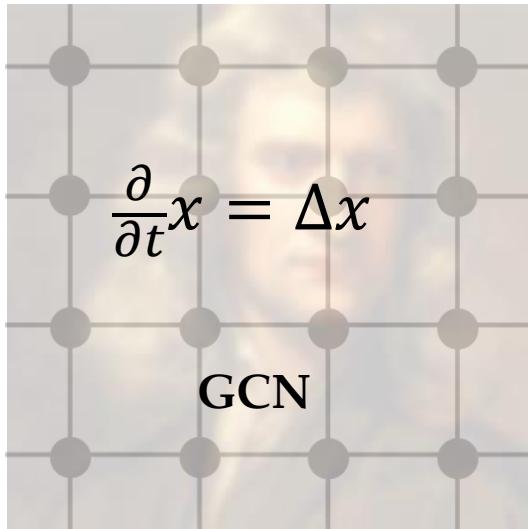


Perona & Malik:

$$g(|\nabla x|) = \frac{1}{1 + (|\nabla x|/\lambda)^2}$$



## Attentional diffusivity for GNNs



## GRAND: Graph Neural Diffusion

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### Abstract

We present Graph Neural Diffusion (GRAND) that approaches deep learning on graphs as a continuous diffusion process and treats Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) as discretisations of an underlying PDE. In our model, the layer structure and topology correspond to the discretisation choices of temporal and spatial operators. Our approach allows a principled development of a broad new class of GNNs that are able to address the common plights of graph learning models such as depth, oversmoothing, and bottlenecks. Key to the success of our models are stability with respect to perturbations in the data and this is addressed for both implicit and explicit discretisation schemes. We develop linear and nonlinear versions of GRAND, which achieve competitive results on many standard graph benchmarks.

PDEs are among the most studied mathematical constructions, with a vast literature dating back at least to Leonhard Euler in the eighteenth century. This includes various discretisation schemes, numerical methods for approximate solutions, and theorems for their existence and stability. Historically, PDE-based methods have been used extensively in signal and image processing (Perona & Malik, 1990), computer graphics (Sun et al., 2009), and more recently, in machine learning (Chen et al., 2018).

Our goal is to show that the tools of PDEs can be used to understand existing GNN architectures and as a principled way to develop a broad class of new methods. We focus on GNN architectures that can be interpreted as information diffusion on graphs, modelled by the diffusion equation. In doing so, we show that many popular GNN architectures can be derived from a single mathematical framework by different choices of the form of diffusion equation and discretisation schemes. Standard GNNs are equivalent to the explicit single-step Euler scheme that is inefficient and



# New architectures



## Simple GNN by discretising time in the graph diffusion equation:

$$\dot{X}(t) = (\mathbf{A}(X(t)) - \mathbf{I}) X(t) \quad (2)$$

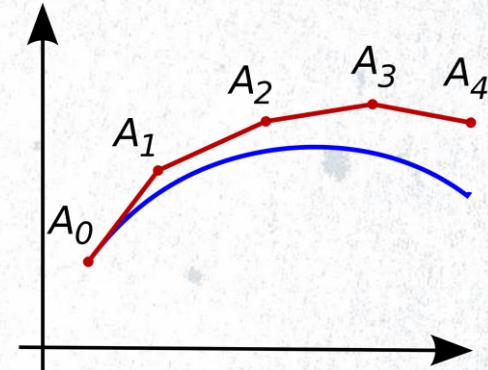
Explicit Euler temporal discretisation

$$X(k+1) = X(k) + \tau [\mathbf{A}(X(k)) - \mathbf{I}] X(k)$$

Set time step  $\tau = 1$  get simplified GCN

$$X(k+1) = \mathbf{A}(X(k))X(k)$$

without feature channel mixing and non-linearities



# Better ODE Solvers



## Multi-step methods:

$$x_{n+1} + \sum_{i=1}^s \alpha_i x_{n+1-i} = \tau \sum_{i=0}^s \beta_i f_{n+1-i}$$

## Adaptive step-size solvers:

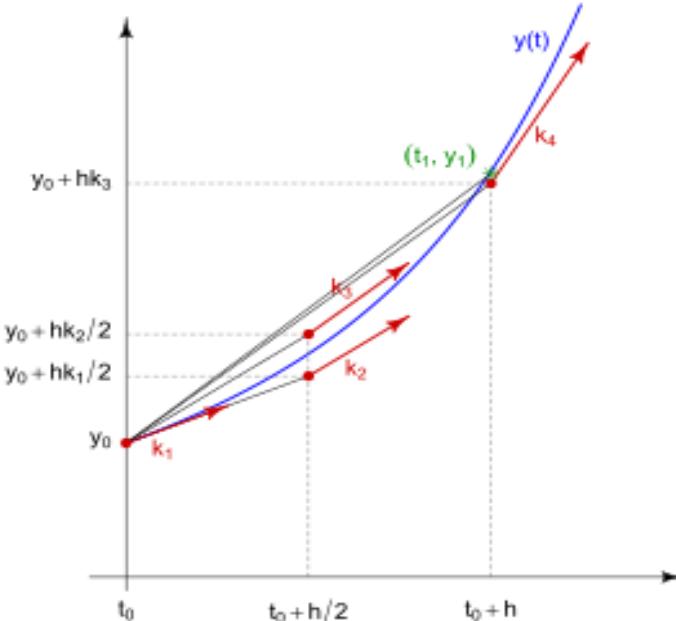
order p:  $x_p(\tau)$

order p-1:  $x_{p-1}(\tau)$

error:  $\varepsilon = x_p(\tau) - x_{p-1}(\tau)$

tolerance:  $etol = atol + rtol * \max(|x_0|, |x_1|)$

## Eg: Runge-Kutta 4



If  $\varepsilon > etol$   
then decrease step-size  $\tau$



## Implicit Versus Explicit Euler's Methods

- **Explicit Euler's Method:**

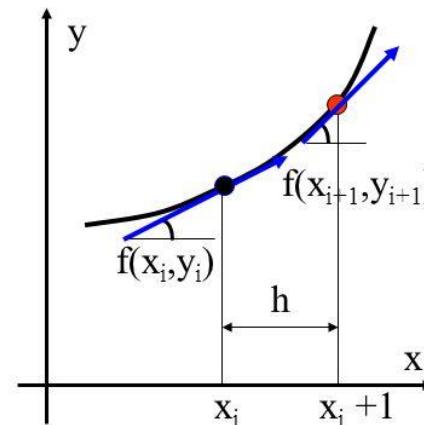
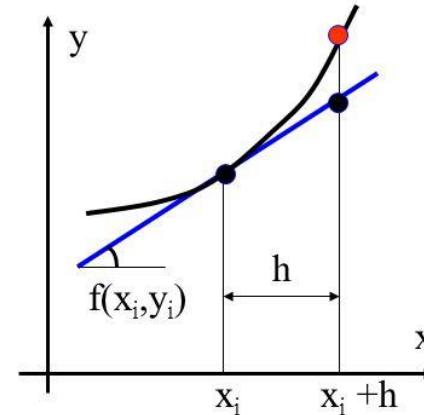
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + f(x_i, y_i) \cdot h$$

- **Implicit Euler's Method:**

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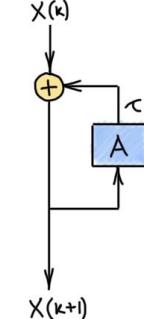
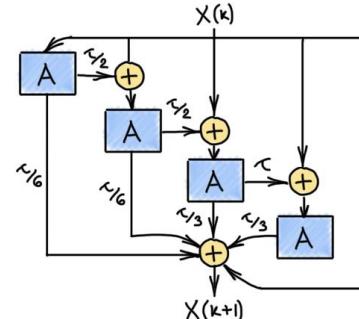
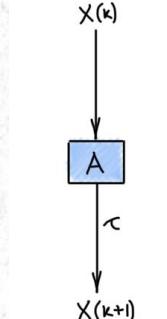




## Explicit ODE Schemes:

$$\frac{x^{(k+1)} - x^{(k)}}{\tau} = \bar{A}(x^{(k)})x^{(\textcolor{red}{k})}$$

$$x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} + \tau \bar{A}(x^{(k)})x^{(\textcolor{red}{k})}$$

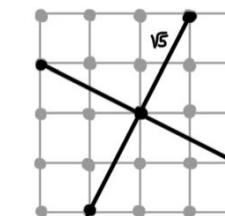
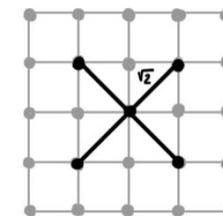
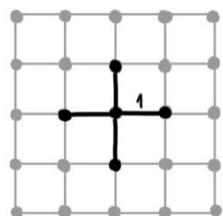


## (Semi)-Implicit ODE Schemes:

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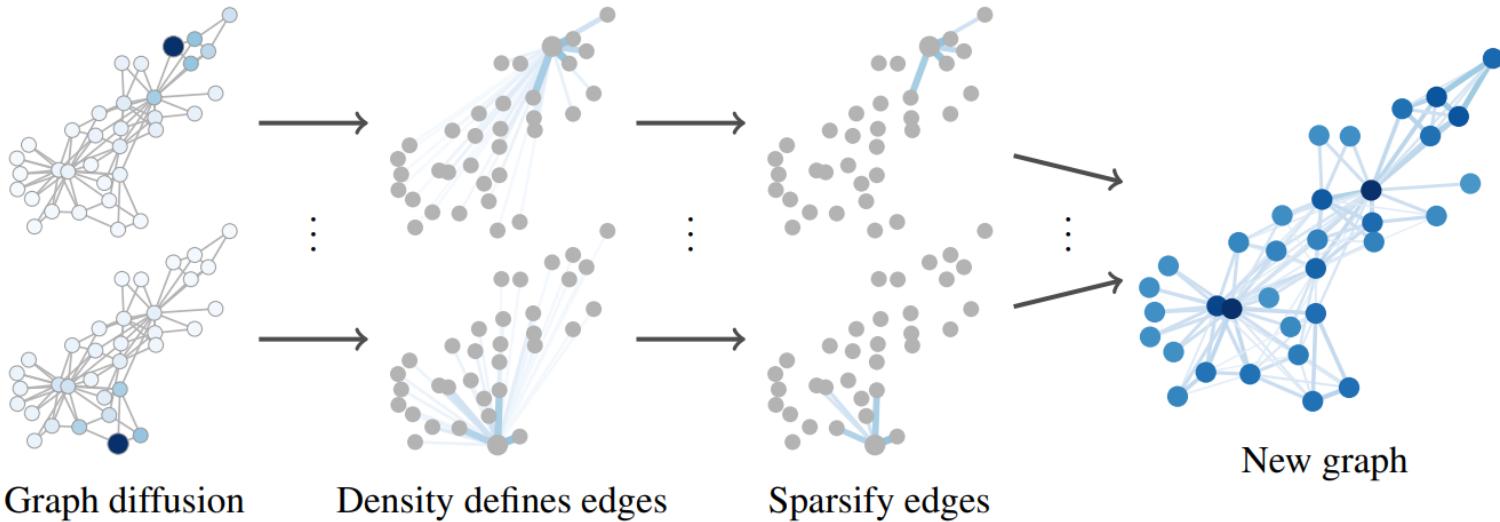
$$[I - \tau \bar{A}(x^{(k)})]x^{(\textcolor{red}{k+1})} = x^{(k)}$$

$$x^{(\textcolor{red}{k+1})} = B(x^{(k)})^{-1}x^{(k)}$$





## Rewiring – Diffusion Improves Graph Learning



Klicpera et al. 2019

**Threshold attention:**

$$\mathcal{E}' = \{(i,j) : (i,j) \in \mathcal{E} \text{ and } a_{ij} > \rho\}$$



# Stability



# If you treat a GNN as a PDE you can explain instability

Well posedness of the differential equation:

$\varepsilon$ - $\delta$  definition:

Given any  $\varepsilon > 0$

$\exists \delta > 0$ :

$|x(t) - \hat{x}(t)| < \varepsilon$

if  $|x(0) - \hat{x}(0)| < \delta$

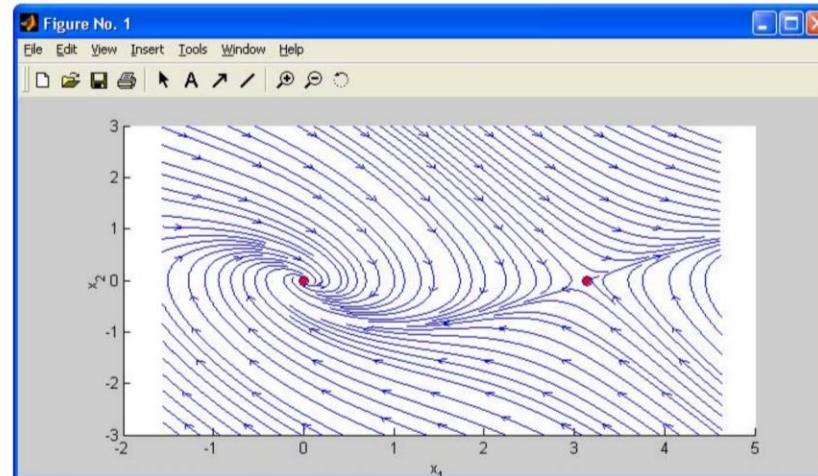
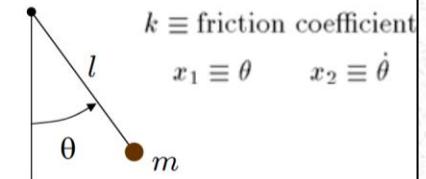
Robustness of the machine learning problem:

“small perturbations in the input data..”

## Example #1: Pendulum

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -\frac{g}{l} \sin x_1 - \frac{k}{m} x_2$$



$x_{eq} = (0,0)$   
stable

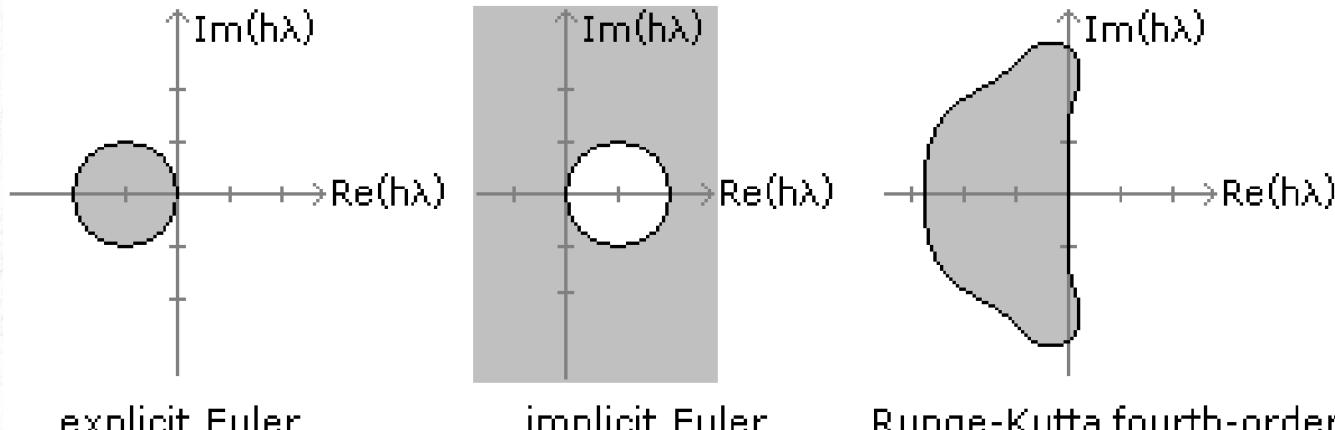
$x_{eq} = (\pi, 0)$   
unstable

pend.m



# Stability results for the numerical approximations:

Linking step size and eigenvalues



David Eberly

**GRAND has special case results due to stochastic attention matrix A**

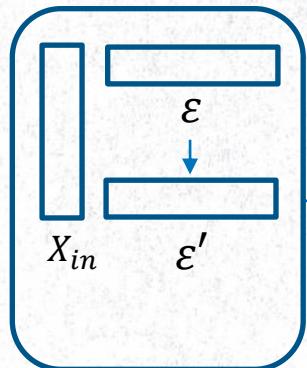


## GRAND architecture:

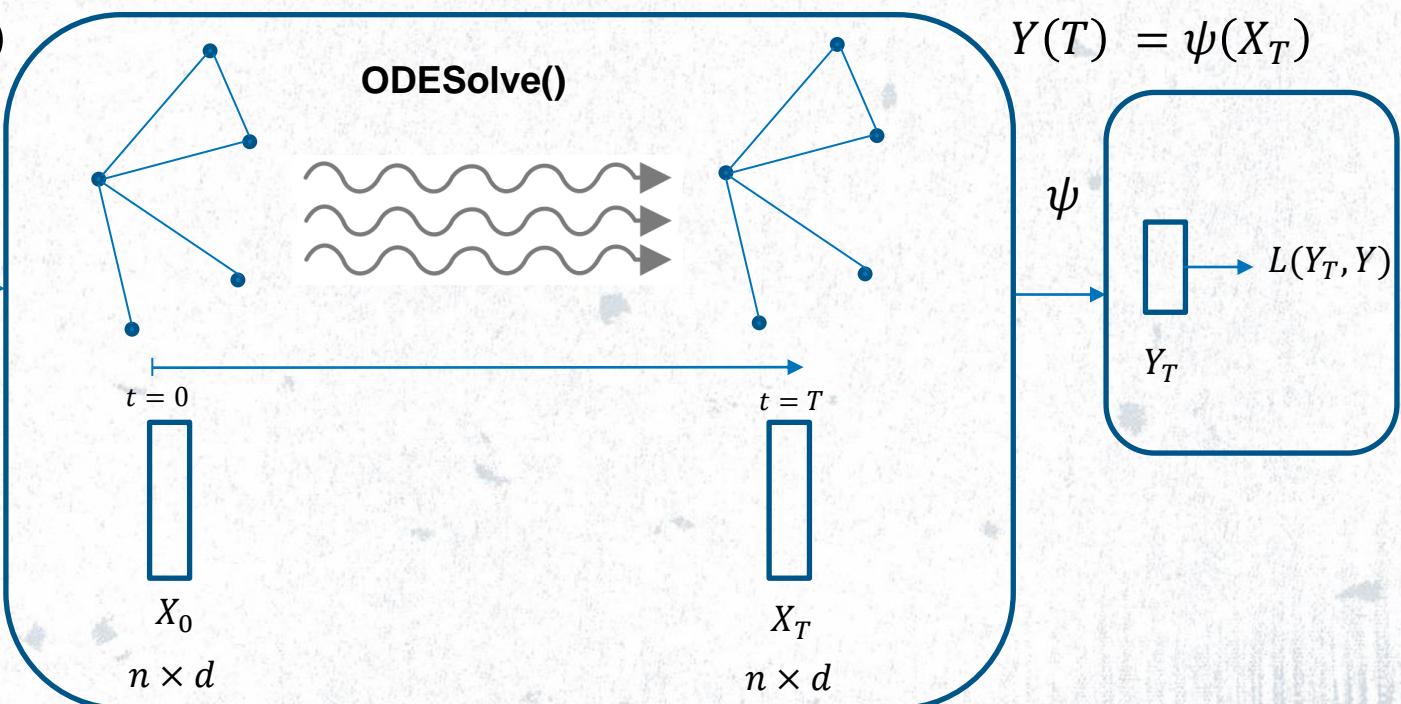
**Layers:**  $k = \frac{T}{\tau}$

### Encoder:

$$X_0 = \phi(X_{in})$$

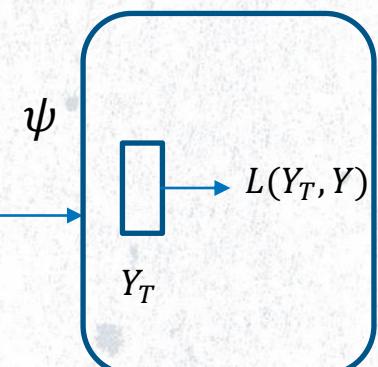


Rewiring:  $\varepsilon'$



### Decoder:

$$Y(T) = \psi(X_T)$$





The features are evolved via the system of ODEs

$$\mathbf{X}(T) = \psi \left( \phi(\mathbf{X}_{in}) + \int_0^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}(t)}{\partial t} dt \right) = \text{ODESolve } (\mathbf{X}_0, f, t_0, T, \theta)$$

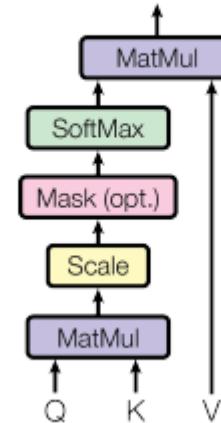
the dynamics are learnt via the diffusivity  $a(,)$

$$f = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{X}(t) = (\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{X}(t)) - \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{X}(t)$$

We use scaled dot-product attention

$$\mathbf{A}_{ij} = a(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{X}_j) = \text{softmax} \left( \frac{(\mathbf{W}_K \mathbf{X}_i)^\top \mathbf{W}_Q \mathbf{X}_j}{\sqrt{d_k}} \right)$$

Scaled Dot-Product Attention



Vaswani et al. 2017



## Three types of GRAND:

### GRAND linear:

attention from initial conditions

$$\frac{dX(t)}{dt} = (A(X(0)) - I)X(t)$$
$$X(t) = e^{\bar{A}t}X(0)$$

### GRAND non-linear:

attention recalculated at each step in solver

$$\frac{dX(t)}{dt} = (A(X(t)) - I)X(t)$$

### GRAND non-linear with rewiring:

decouple the given and computational graph

$$\mathcal{E}' = \{(i,j) : (i,j) \in \mathcal{E} \text{ and } a_{ij} > \rho\}$$



## GRAND depth analysis:

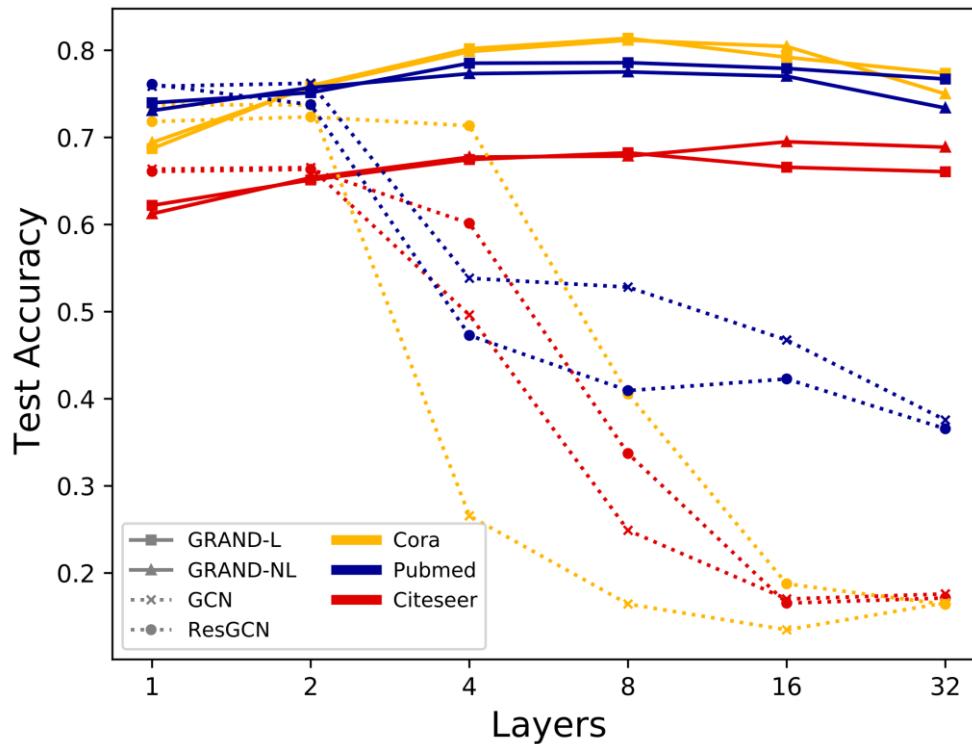
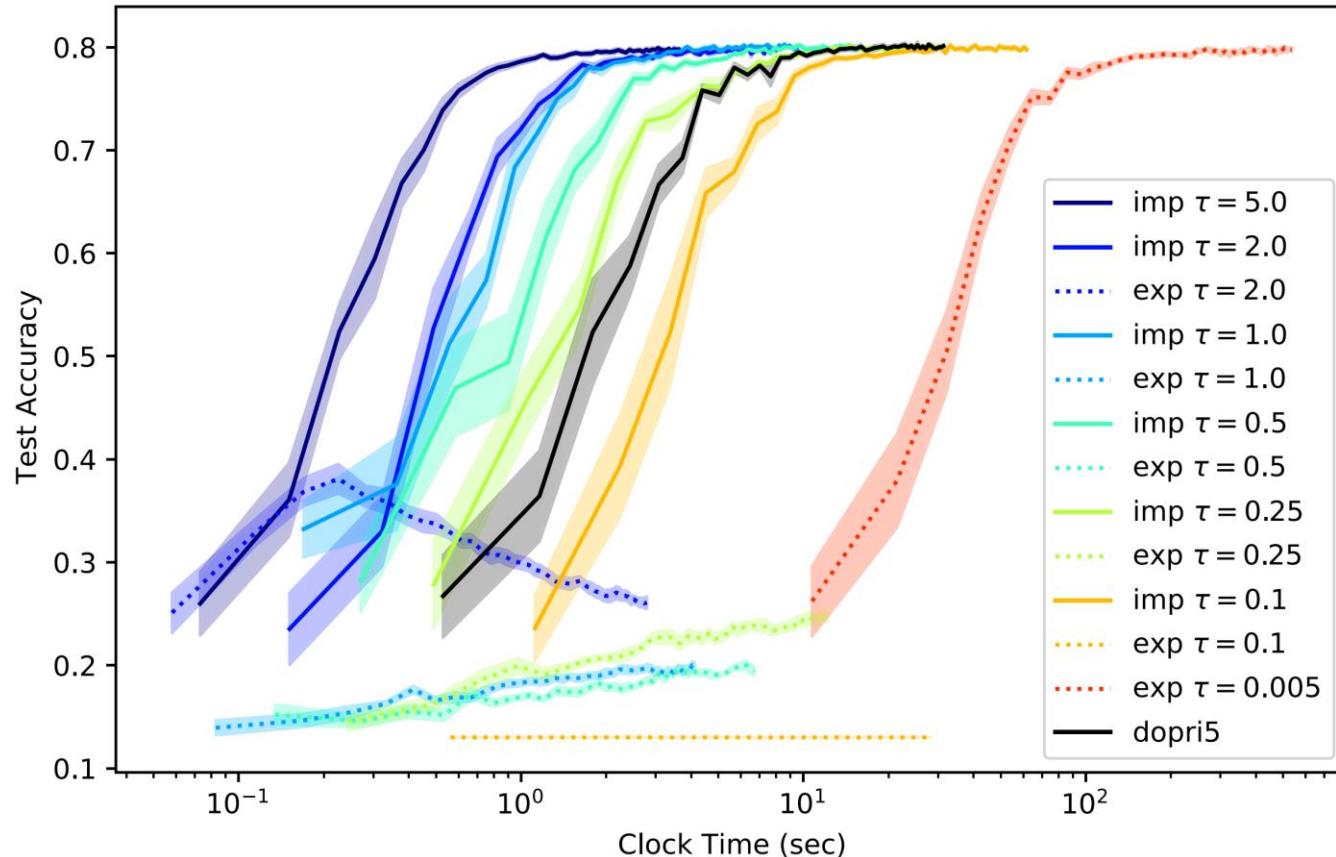


Figure 2. Performance of architectures of different depth.



# GRAND: implicit and explicit solvers





# Advantages and disadvantages of GRAND

## Advantages:

- Learned diffusivity enables edge detection allowing for a deeper more expressive network
- Advanced ODE solvers reduces error, improves stability and offers new GNN architectures

## Disadvantages :

- The spatial discretisation is heuristic with apriori graph rewiring and attention thresholding

We would like a more principled way to rewire the graph and spatially discretise the PDE



## Beltrami Flow and Neural Diffusion on Graphs

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### Abstract

We propose a novel class of graph neural networks based on the discretised *Beltrami flow*, a non-Euclidean diffusion PDE. In our model, node features are supplemented with positional encodings derived from the graph topology and jointly evolved by the Beltrami flow, producing simultaneously continuous feature learning and topology evolution. The resulting model generalises many popular graph neural networks and achieves state-of-the-art results on several benchmarks.

### 1 Introduction

The majority of graph neural networks (GNNs) are based on the message passing paradigm [30], wherein node features are learned by means of a non-linear propagation on the graph. Multiple recent works have pointed to the limitations of the message passing approach. These include; limited expressive power [7, 9, 80, 95], the related oversmoothing problem [60, 62] and the bottleneck phenomena [1, 93], which render such approaches inefficient, especially in deep GNNs. Multiple alternatives have been proposed, among which are higher-order methods [7, 54] and decoupling the propagation and input graphs by modifying the topology, often referred to as *graph rewiring*. Topological modifications can take different forms such as graph sampling [32],  $k$ NN [43], using the complete graph [1, 86], latent graph learning [36, 89], or multi-hop filters [73, 92]. However, there is no agreement in the literature on when and how to modify the graph, and a single principled framework for doing so.

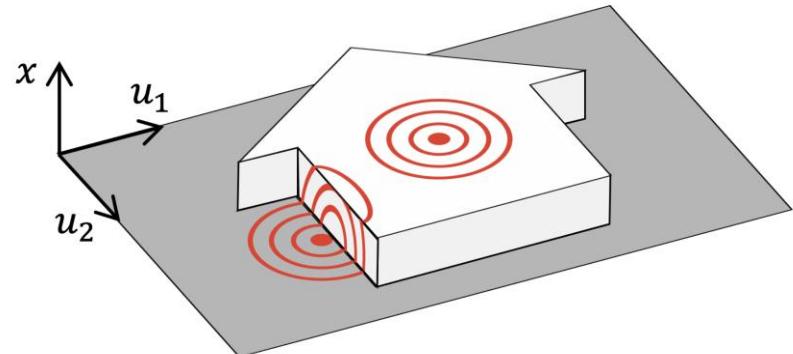


# Images as embedded manifolds



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{x} = -\operatorname{div}(a(\mathbf{x}) \nabla \mathbf{x})$$

Non-linear diffusion



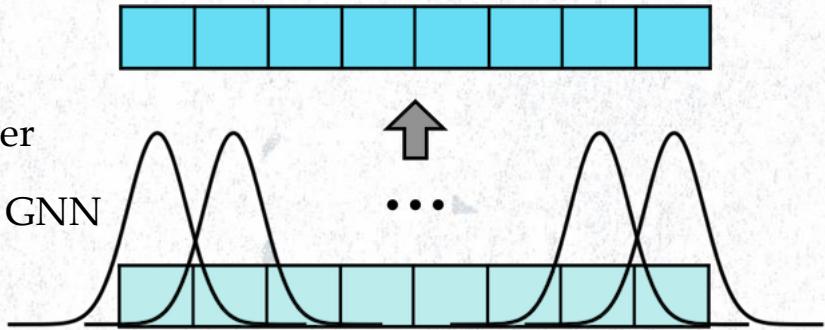
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{z} = \Delta_{\mathbf{G}} \mathbf{z}$$

Non-Euclidean diffusion

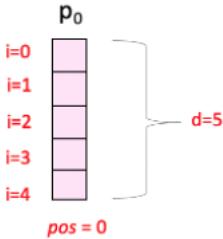


# Intro to positional encodings

- An idea that was first popularized in the transformer
- Now widely used to increase the expressiveness of GNN
- Many options
  - Random node features<sup>1</sup>
  - Graph Laplacian eigenvectors<sup>2</sup>
  - Graph substructure counts<sup>3</sup>
  - Bags of subgraphs<sup>4</sup>



$$PE_{(pos,2i)} = \sin\left(\frac{pos}{10000} \frac{2i}{d}\right)$$



<sup>1</sup>Sato et al. 2020; <sup>2</sup>Vaswani et al. 2017; Qiu et al. 2020; Dwivedi et al. 2020; <sup>3</sup>Bouritsas, Frasca, et B. 2020; <sup>4</sup>Bevilacqua, Frasca, Lim, et B., Maron 2021



# *What to do with the positional encodings*

- In computer vision they are just for edge detection and then thrown away
- The graph approach is more elegant as the evolved positional encodings can be used to rewire the graph?
- Why rewire the graph?
  - Already popular to do decouple the given and computational graph in the GNN literature

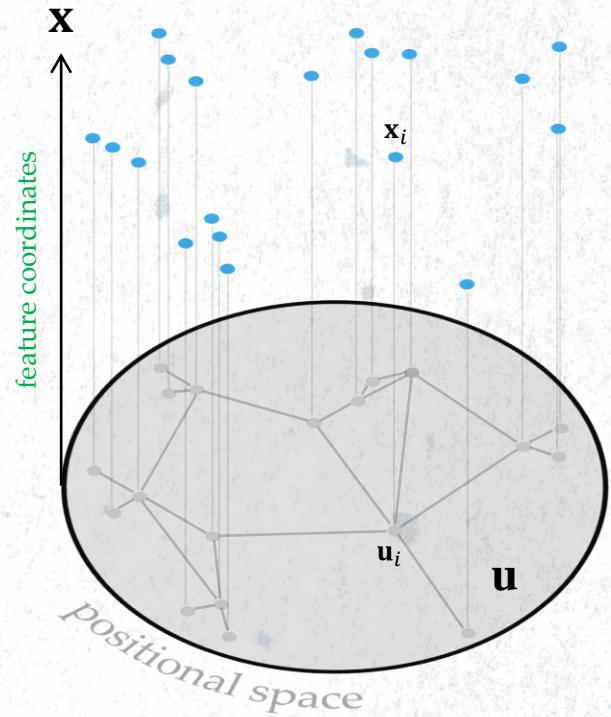
<sup>1</sup>Hamilton et al. 2017; <sup>2</sup>Rossi, Frasca, et B. 2020; <sup>3</sup>Alon, Yahav 2020; <sup>4</sup>Klicpera et al. 2019; <sup>5</sup>Wang et B 2018; Kazi, Cosmo, et B. 2020



# Graph Beltrami flow

- Graph with positional and feature node coordinates  $\mathbf{z}_i = (\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{x}_i)$
- **Graph Beltrami flow**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{z}_i = \sum_{j:(i,j) \in E} a(\mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{z}_j)(\mathbf{z}_j - \mathbf{z}_i)$$



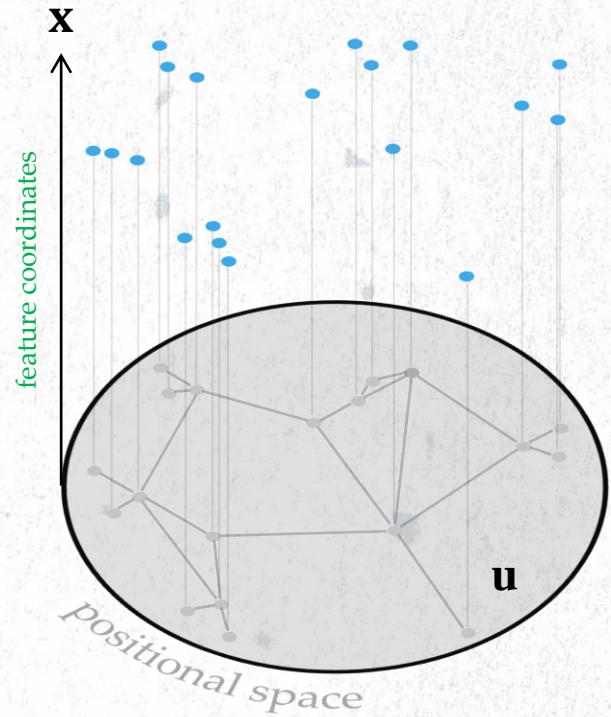


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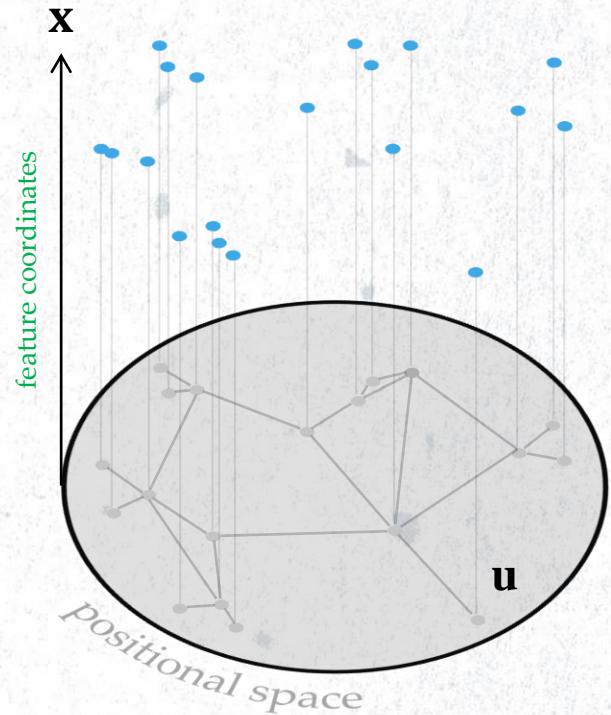


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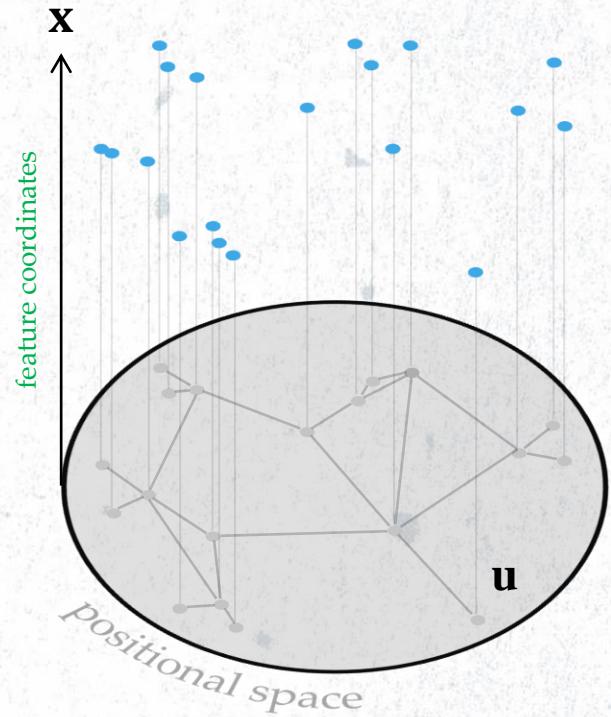


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- Evolution of  $\mathbf{x}$  = feature diffusion
- Evolution of  $\mathbf{z}$  = graph rewiring





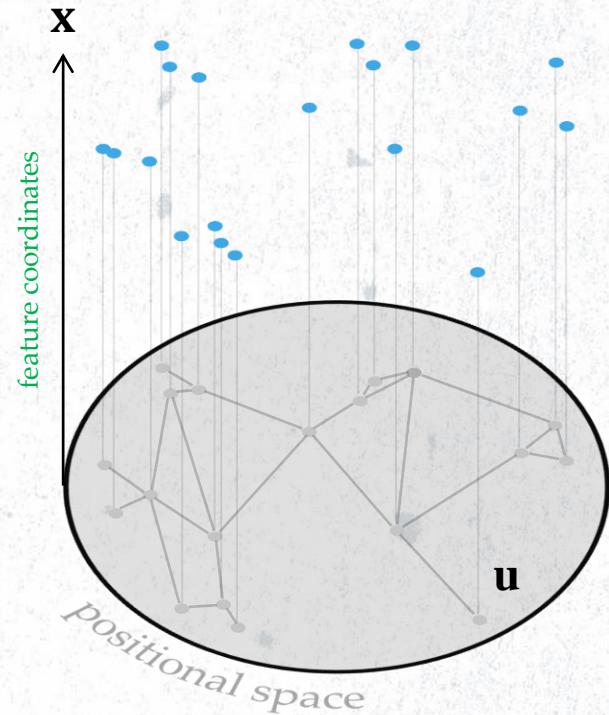
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- **Graph Beltrami flow**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{z}_i = \sum_{j:(i,j) \in E'} a(\mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{z}_j)(\mathbf{z}_j - \mathbf{z}_i)$$

rewired graph

- Evolution of  $\mathbf{x}$  = feature diffusion
- Evolution of  $\mathbf{z}$  = graph rewiring





# GNN Architectures as instances of BLEND

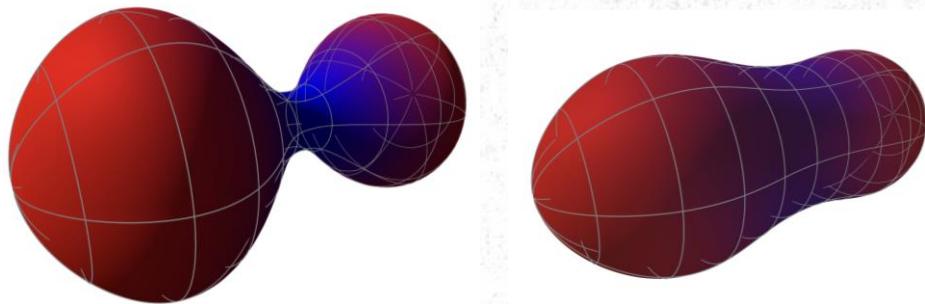
$$\mathbf{Z}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{Z}^{(k)})\mathbf{Z}^{(k)}$$

Method	Evolution	Diffusivity	Graph	<u>Discretisation</u>
ChebNet	X	Fixed $\mathbf{A}$	Fixed $E$	Explicit Fixed step
GAT	X	$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{X})$	Fixed $E$	Explicit Fixed step
MoNet	X	$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{U})$	Fixed $E$	Explicit Fixed step
Transformer	X	$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{X})$	Fixed $E = V^2$	Explicit Fixed step
DIGL	X	$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{X})$	Fixed $E(\mathbf{U})$	Explicit Fixed step
DGCNN	X	$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{X})$	Adaptive $E(\mathbf{X})$	Explicit Fixed step
BLEND	U, X	$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{X})$	Adaptive $E(\mathbf{U})$	Explicit Adaptive step / Implicit

# Ricci flow

- Ricci flow: “diffusion of the Riemannian metric”

$$\frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial t} = R_{ij}$$



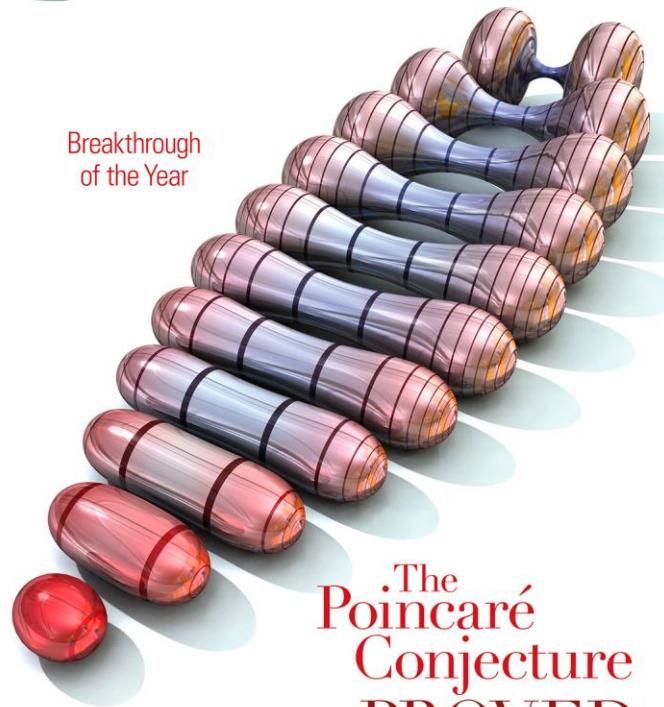
Evolution of a manifold under Ricci flow

Ricci 1903; Hamilton 1988; Perelman 2003

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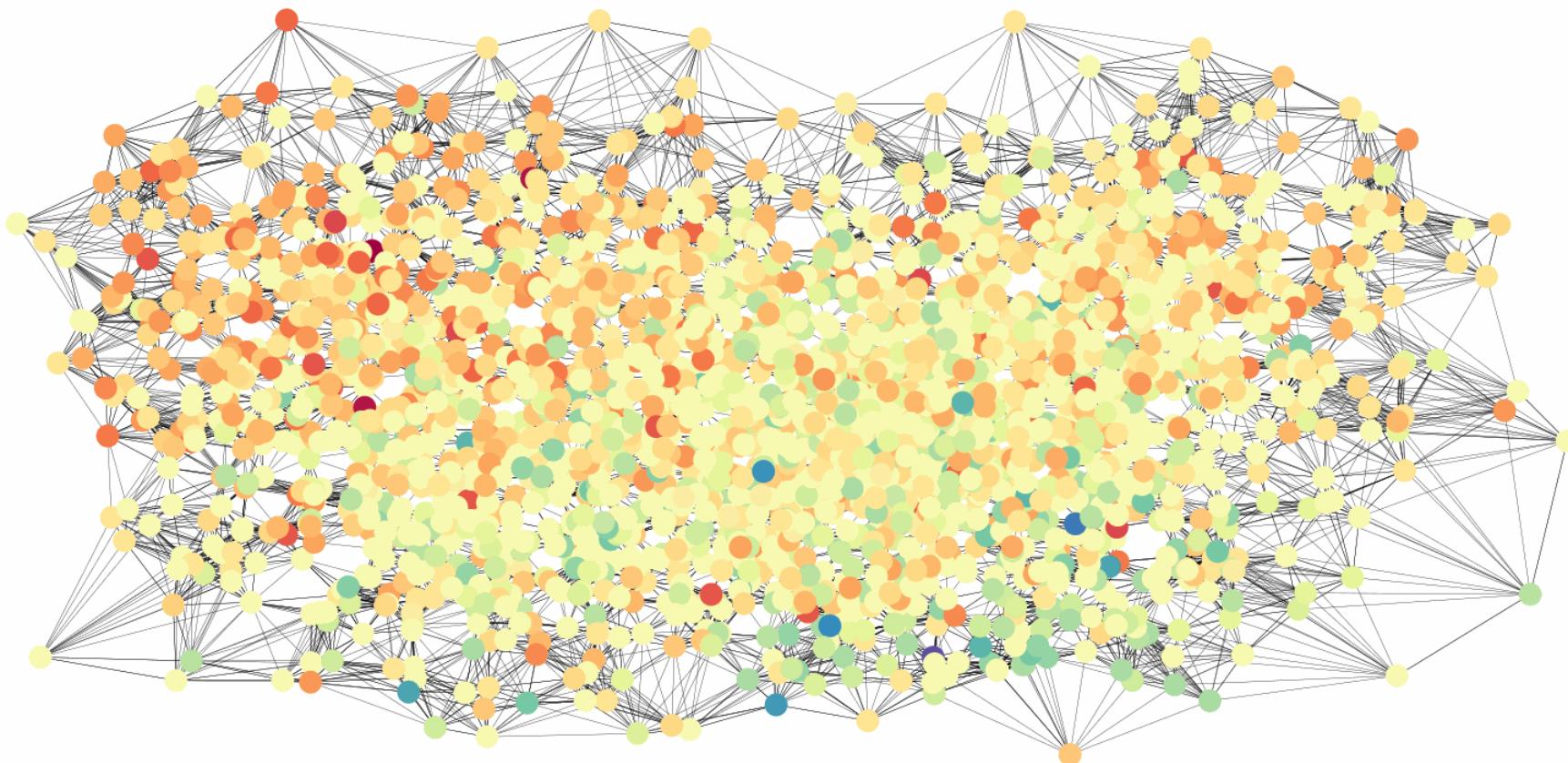
Breakthrough  
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The  
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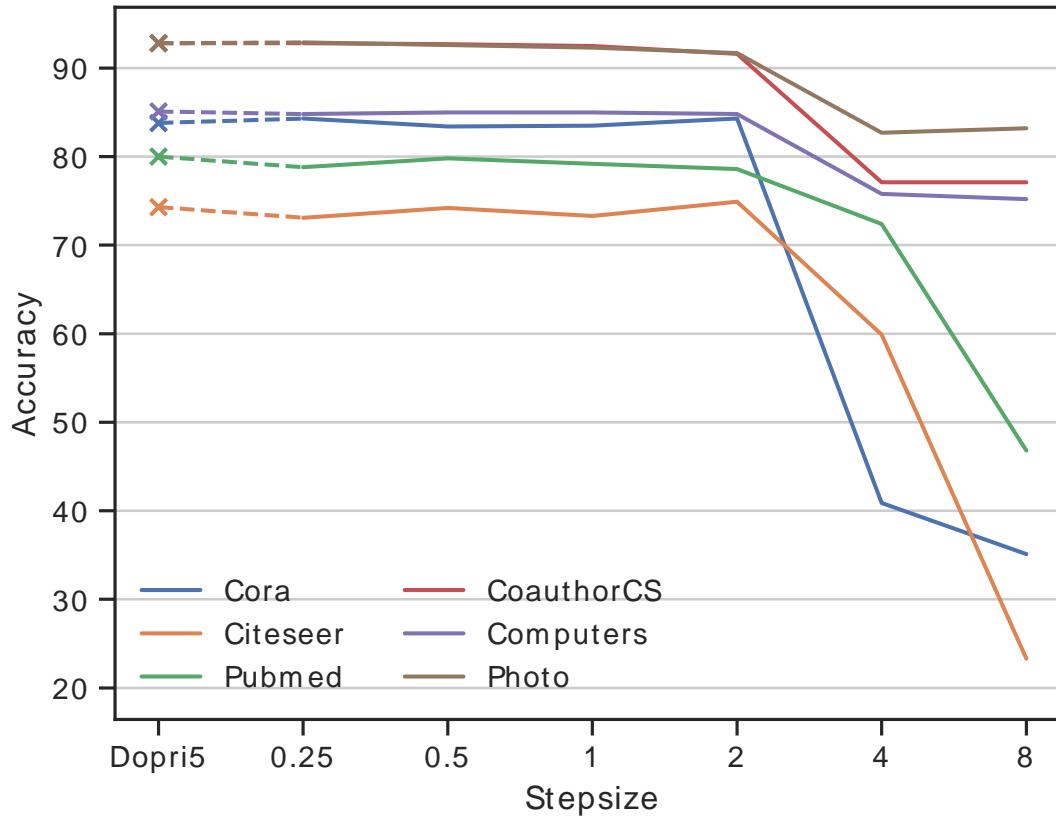
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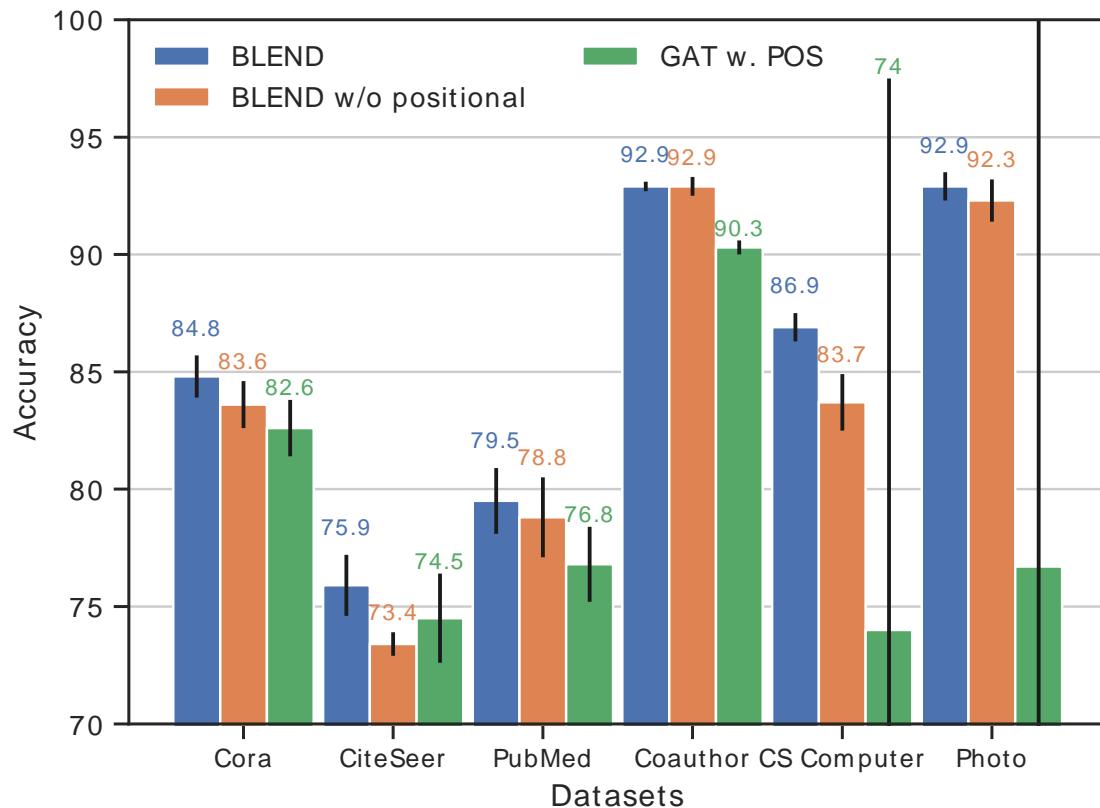
Beltrami Flow, diffusion time=0





Method	CORA	CiteSeer	PubMed	Coauthor CS	Computer	Photo	ogb-arxiv
<i>GCN</i>	81.5±1.3	71.9 ±1.9	77.8±2.9	91.1±0.5	82.6±2.4	91.2±1.2	71.74±0.29
<i>GAT</i>	81.8±1.3	71.4±1.9	78.7±2.3	90.5±0.6	78.0±19	85.7±20	<b>73.01</b> ±0.19*
<i>GAT-ppr</i>	81.6±0.3	68.5±0.2	76.7±0.3	91.3±0.1	85.4±0.3	90.9±0.3	—
<i>MoNet</i>	81.3±1.3	71.2±2.0	78.6±2.3	90.8±0.6	83.5±2.2	91.2±2.3	—
<i>GS-mean</i>	79.2±7.7	71.6±1.9	77.4±2.2	91.3±2.8	82.4±1.8	91.4±1.3	71.49±0.27
<i>GS-maxpool</i>	76.6±1.9	67.5±2.3	76.1±2.3	85.0±1.1	—	90.4±1.3	—
<i>CGNN</i>	81.4±1.6	66.9±1.8	66.6±4.4	<b>92.3</b> ±0.2	80.3±2.0	91.4±1.5	58.70±2.50
<i>GDE</i>	78.7±2.2	71.8±1.1	73.9±3.7	91.6±0.1	82.9±0.6	92.4±2.0	56.66±10.9
<b>BLEND</b>	<b>84.8</b> ±0.9	<b>75.9</b> ±1.3	<b>79.5</b> ±1.4	<b>92.9</b> ±0.2	<b>86.9</b> ±0.6	<b>92.9</b> ±0.6	<b>72.56</b> ±0.1
<b>BLEND-kNN</b>	<b>82.5</b> ±0.9	<b>73.4</b> ±0.5	<b>80.9</b> ±0.7	<b>92.3</b> ±0.1	<b>86.7</b> ±0.6	<b>93.5</b> ±0.3	—







## Extensions

- Time dependent diffusivity
- Onsager diffusion



**Graph Neural Diffusion provides a principled mathematical framework for studying many popular architectures for deep learning on graphs as well as a blueprint for developing new ones**



# Thank You

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