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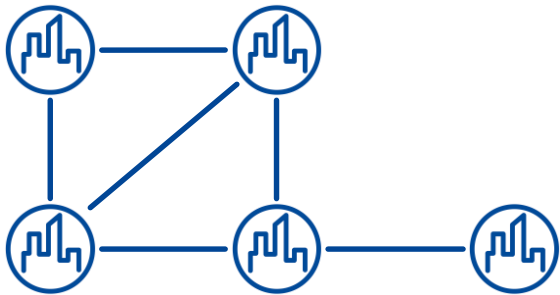
Edge Contraction Pooling for Graph Neural Networks

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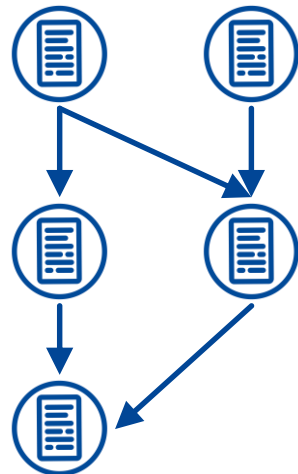


Many Real-World Problems are non-Euclidian

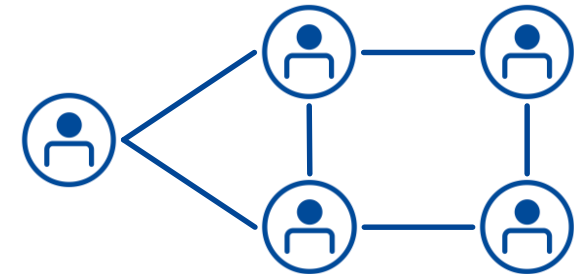
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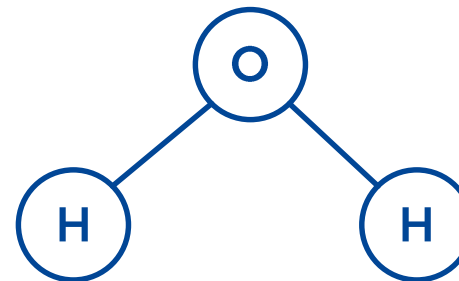
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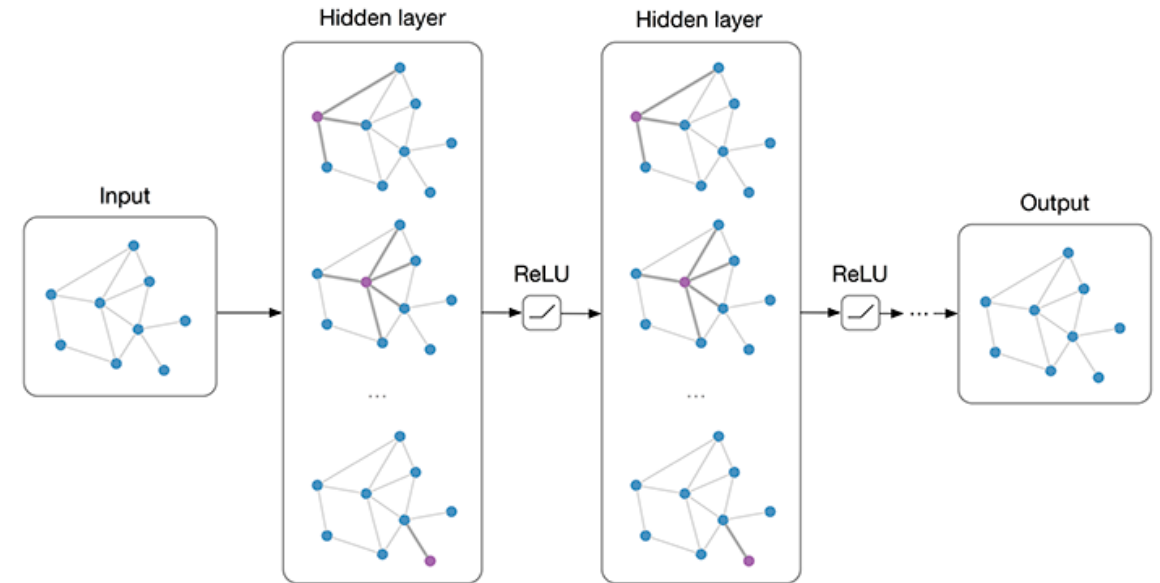


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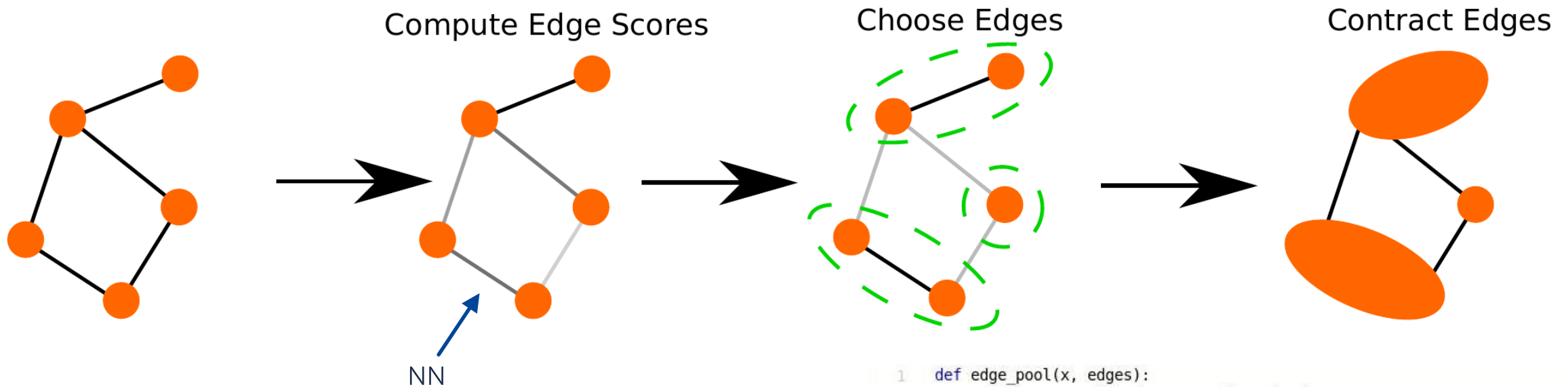


Graph Neural Networks

- ▶ Generalize convolutional networks to non-Euclidian data
- ▶ Usually based on a message-passing framework



EdgePool



Code: Available in pytorch-geometric

```
1 def edge_pool(x, edges):
2     scores = compute_edge_scores(x, edges)
3     edges = sort_edges_by_score(edges, scores)
4     expanded = set()
5     for edge in edges:
6         if not (edge.node_from in expanded or edge.node_to in expanded):
7             expanded.add(edge)
8
9     new_edges = expanded
10    new_x = compute_node_features(x, edges)
11    return new_x, new_edges
```

EdgePool – Advantages and Limitations

Advantages

- ▶ Local, hard pooling
- ▶ Sparse
- ▶ Scales in $O(e \log(e))$

Limitations

- ▶ Slow and hard to parallelize
- ▶ Restricted to pair-wise pooling

Results

EdgePool Results

Graph Classification

	PROTEINS	RDT-B	RDT-12K	COLLAB
Base Model	71.4 ± 3.2	69.9 ± 3.7	35.1 ± 1.6	65.4 ± 1.5
DiffPool [*]	72.3 ± 5.8	82.9 ± 3.4	34.8 ± 1.9	70.1 ± 1.5
TopKPool	70.6 ± 4.8	68.9 ± 3.2	28.7 ± 1.8	64.6 ± 2.1
SAGPool	71.8 ± 6.0	84.7 ± 4.4	41.9 ± 3.3	63.9 ± 2.5
EdgePool	72.5 ± 3.2	87.3 ± 4.1	45.6 ± 1.8	67.1 ± 2.7

+2 p.p.

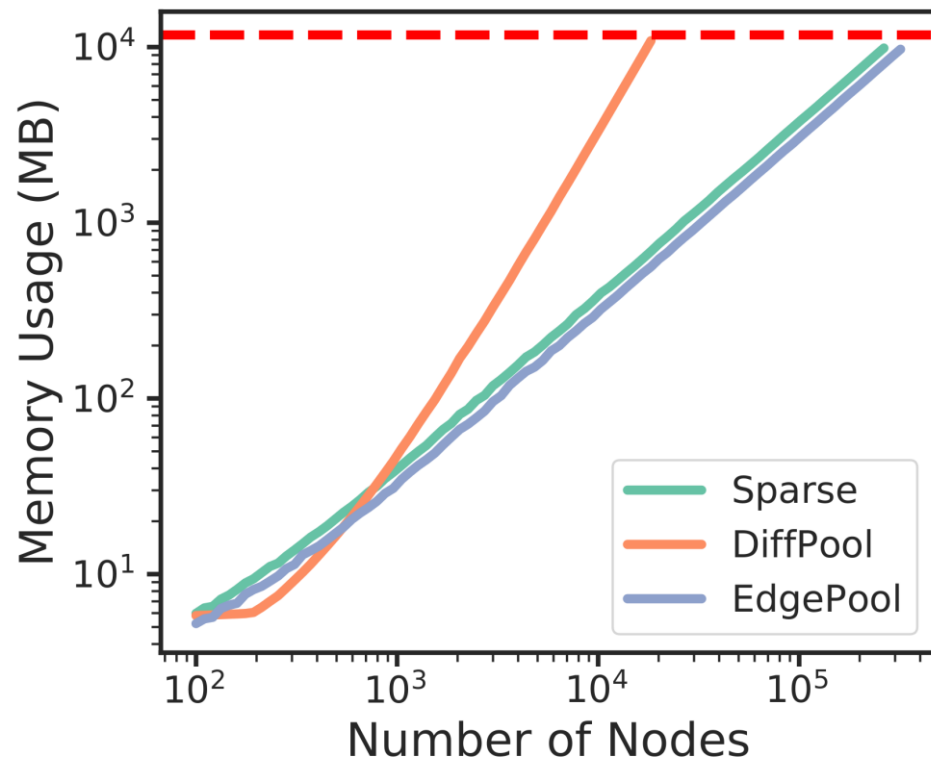
Node Classification

CORA	GCN	GIN	GIN0	GAT	MLP
No Pooling	71.8 ± 3.4	52.1 ± 4.7	55.9 ± 4.4	68.0 ± 4.5	35.6 ± 2.6
EdgePool	72.8 ± 1.9	63.0 ± 5.4	61.3 ± 3.9	70.3 ± 3.3	58.3 ± 3.6
CITESEER					
No Pooling	62.9 ± 2.9	40.9 ± 4.6	41.4 ± 3.8	58.9 ± 2.8	35.5 ± 3.2
EdgePool	65.3 ± 2.7	50.6 ± 3.9	49.9 ± 5.7	61.0 ± 3.4	50.0 ± 3.7
PUBMED					
No Pooling	74.2 ± 1.7	60.8 ± 6.8	61.0 ± 4.4	73.0 ± 2.0	62.4 ± 4.1
EdgePool	74.1 ± 2.1	61.0 ± 6.4	61.9 ± 4.9	72.0 ± 4.7	64.8 ± 3.2
PHOTO					
No Pooling	88.4 ± 2.2	69.9 ± 3.2	71.9 ± 4.0	78.5 ± 4.5	59.6 ± 4.9
EdgePool	86.5 ± 0.8	77.1 ± 1.8	78.1 ± 1.5	81.0 ± 4.2	81.4 ± 2.3
COMPUTER					
No Pooling	80.0 ± 2.6	53.1 ± 5.5	52.4 ± 3.6	60.6 ± 12.4	43.0 ± 6.7
EdgePool	77.9 ± 2.2	58.1 ± 4.8	60.4 ± 4.3	62.5 ± 13.0	69.4 ± 2.3

+3.5 p.p.

EdgePool improves performance on many models and datasets

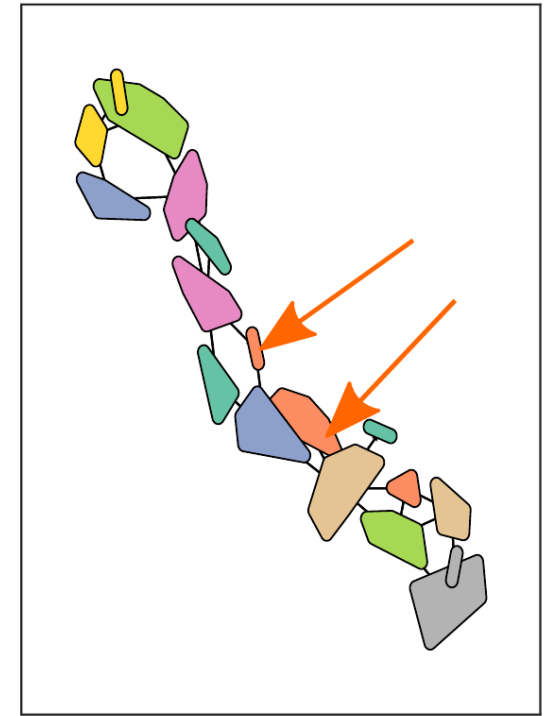
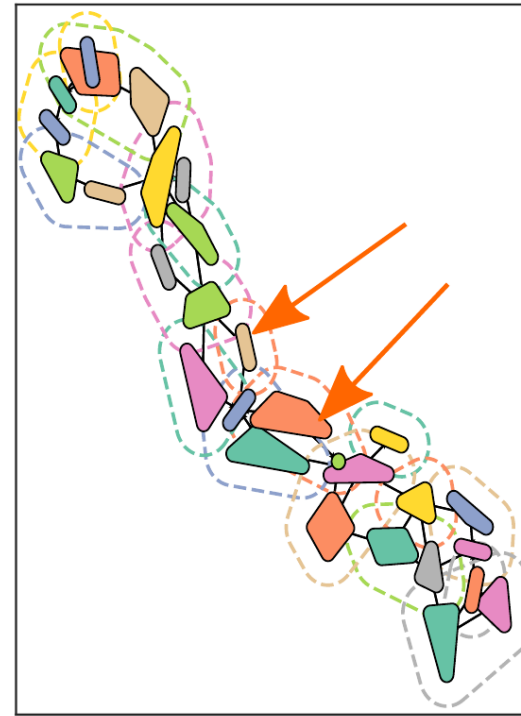
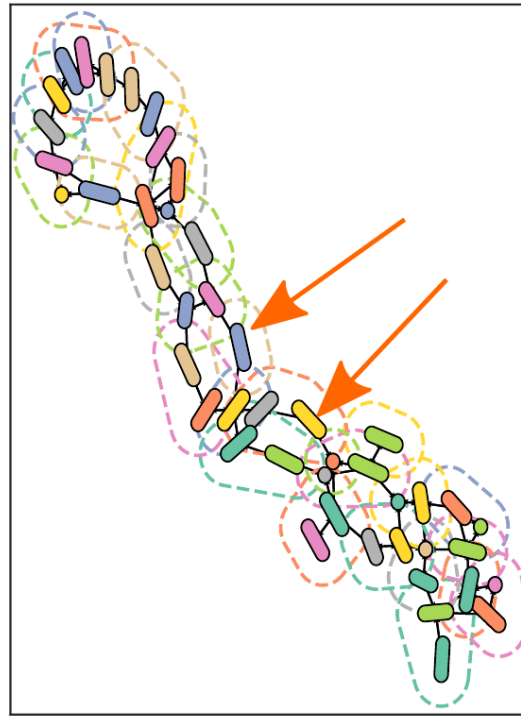
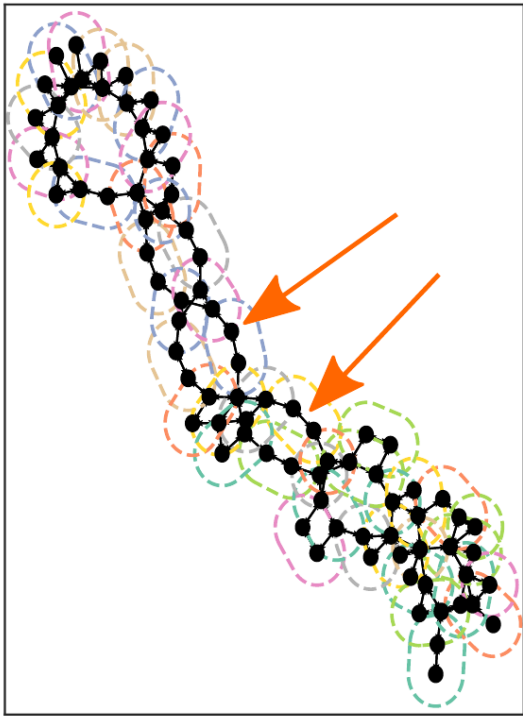
Memory Consumption



Limits

- ▶ DiffPool: 18k
- ▶ Sparse: 250k
- ▶ EdgePool: 300k

EdgePool Visualization



A large, modern glass building at night, reflecting in water, with a blue overlay. The building has a curved, multi-story structure with many windows. The text is centered over the image.

EdgePool is a local, hard and sparse graph pooling with improved performance on many datasets and models

Thank you.



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