



# Topics in AI (CPSC 532S): Multimodal Learning with Vision, Language and Sound



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**Lecture 18: Graph Neural Networks**

# Logistics

- All **slides** will be up **today!**
- Last **lecture** by me
- **Paper list** is up (volunteers)?

# Traditional Neural Networks

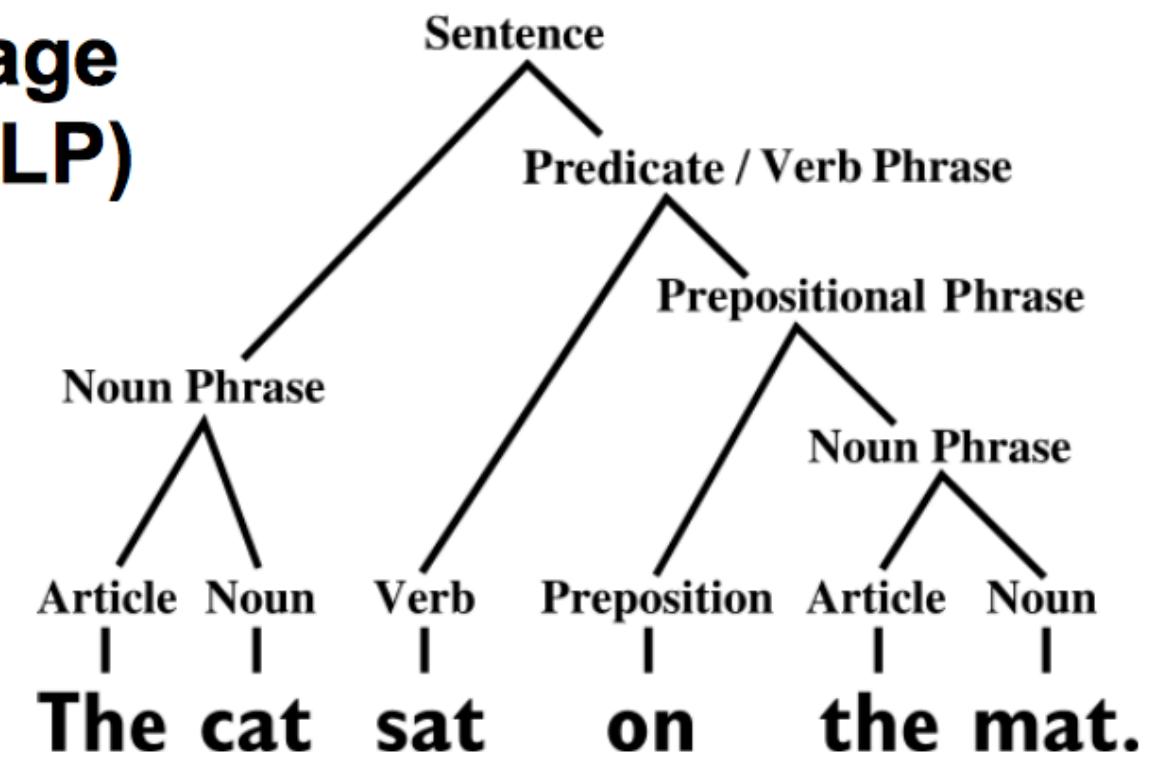
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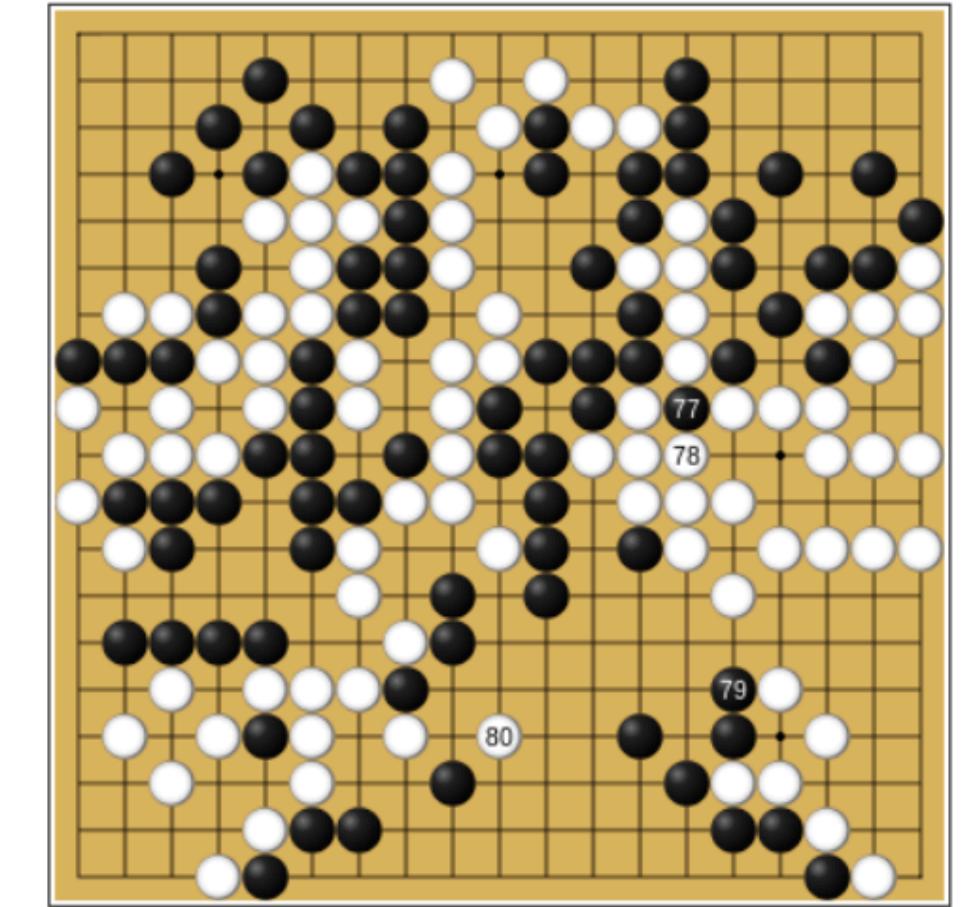


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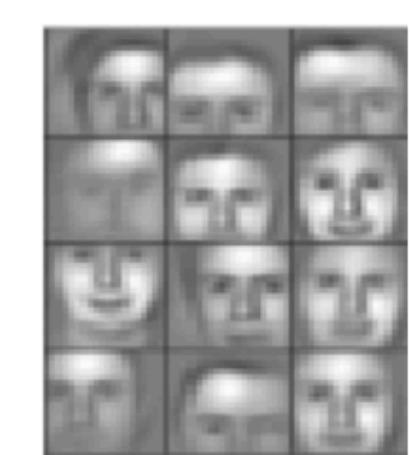
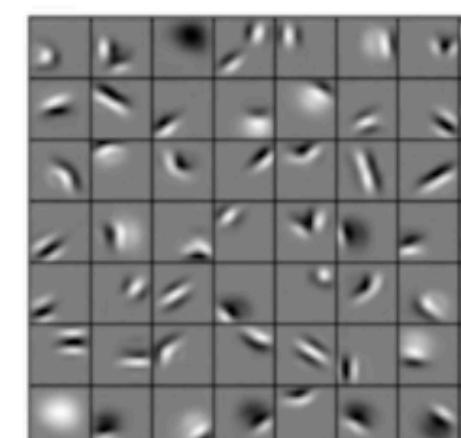
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Grid games



Deep neural nets that exploit:

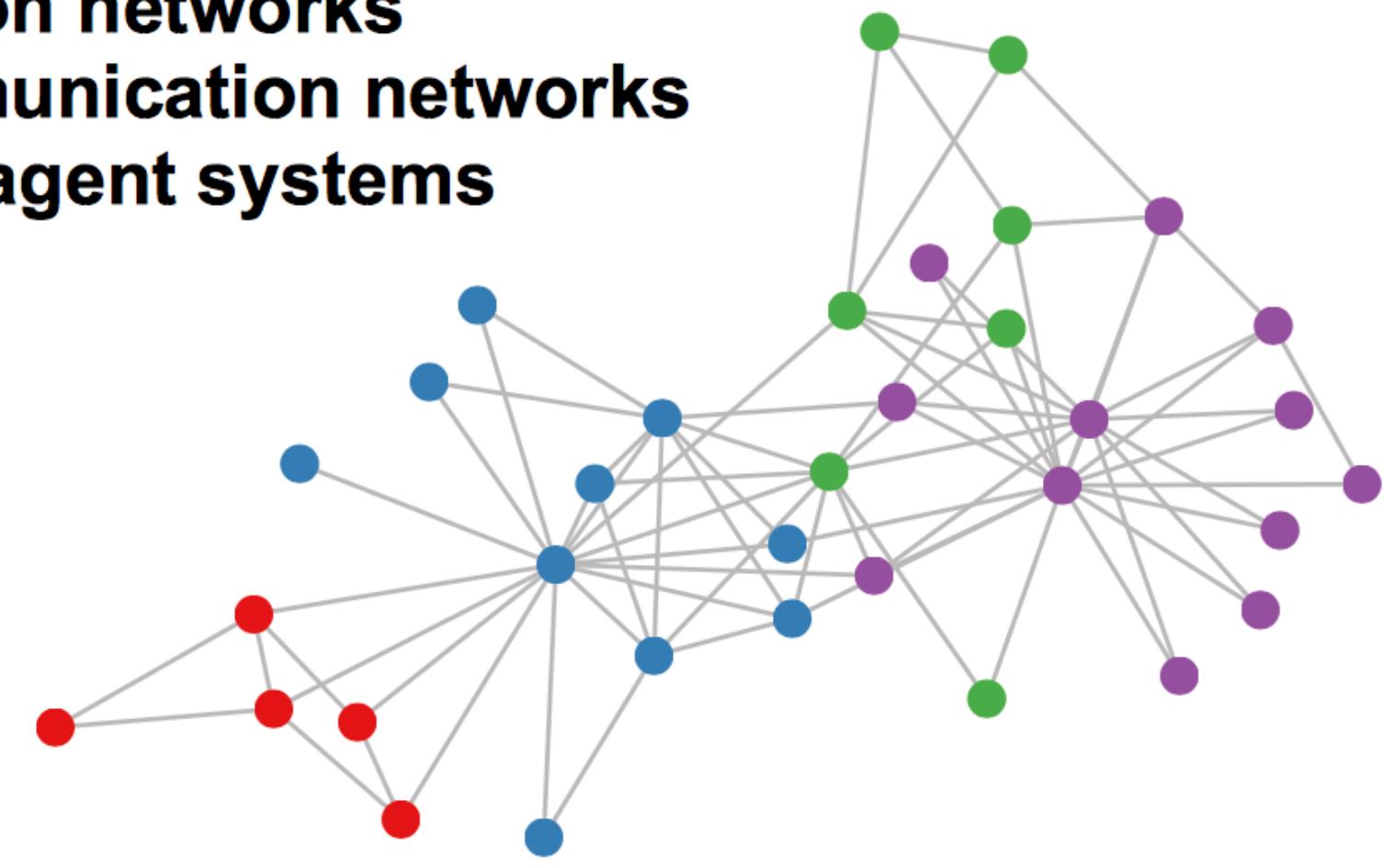
- translation equivariance (weight sharing)
- hierarchical compositionality



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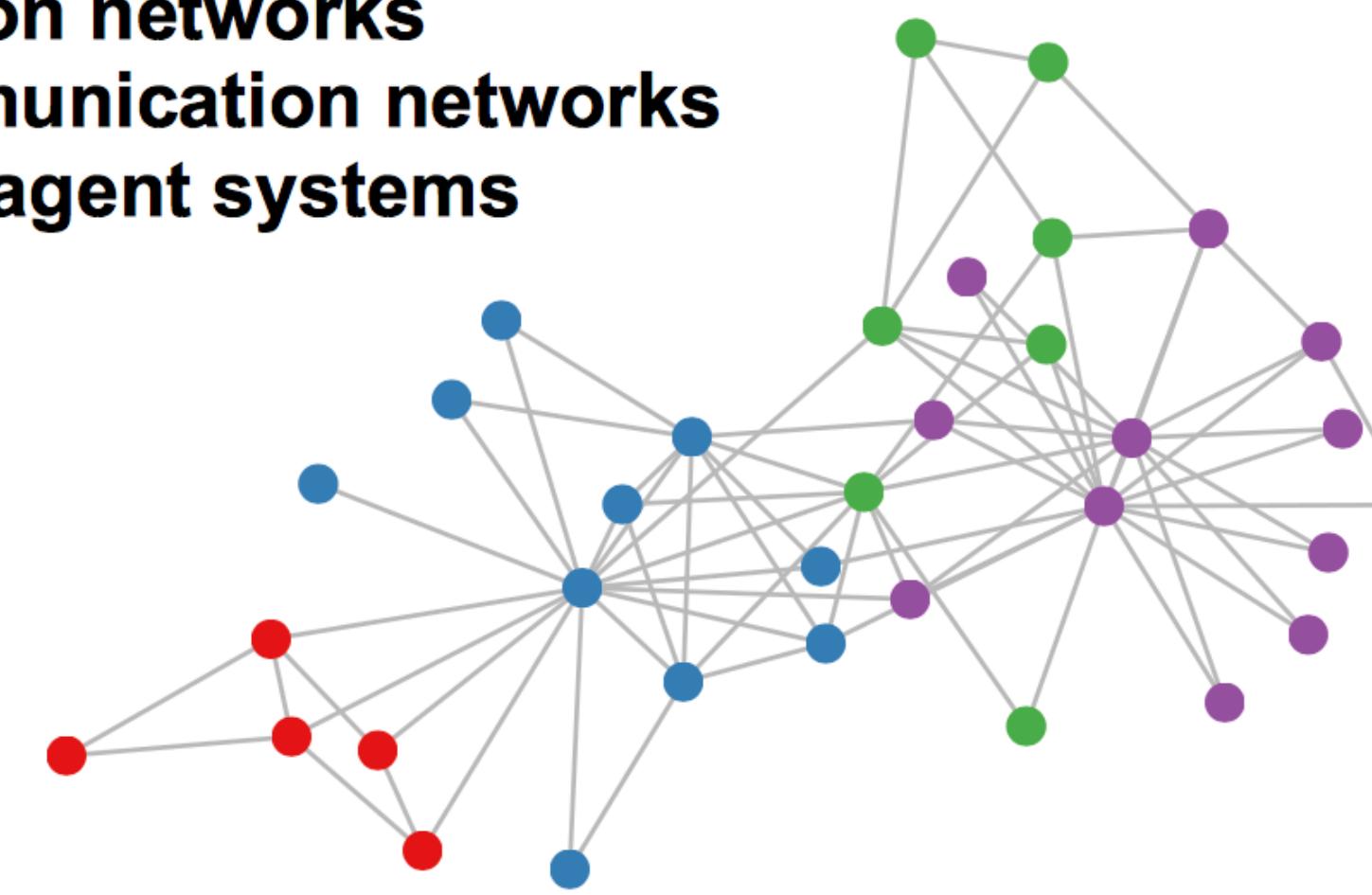
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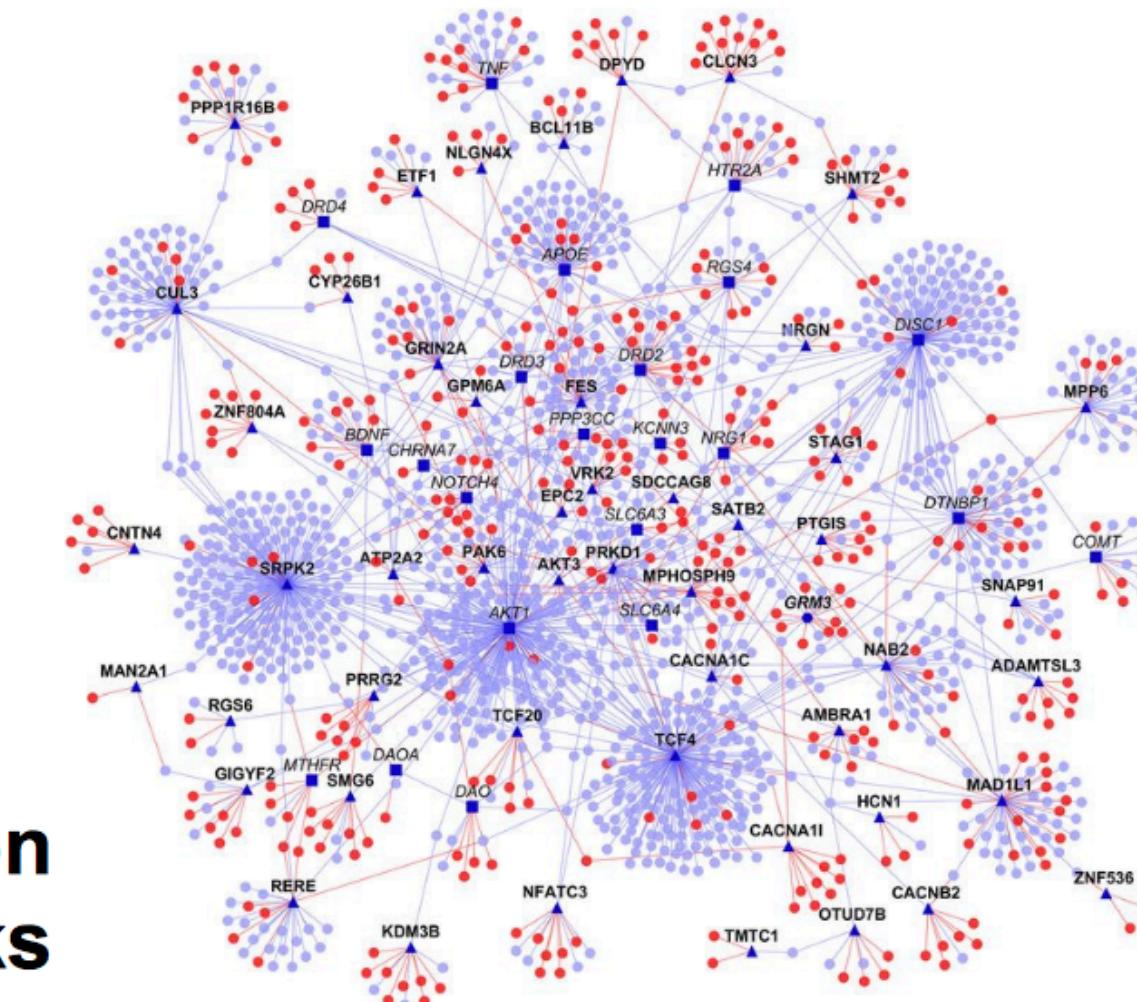
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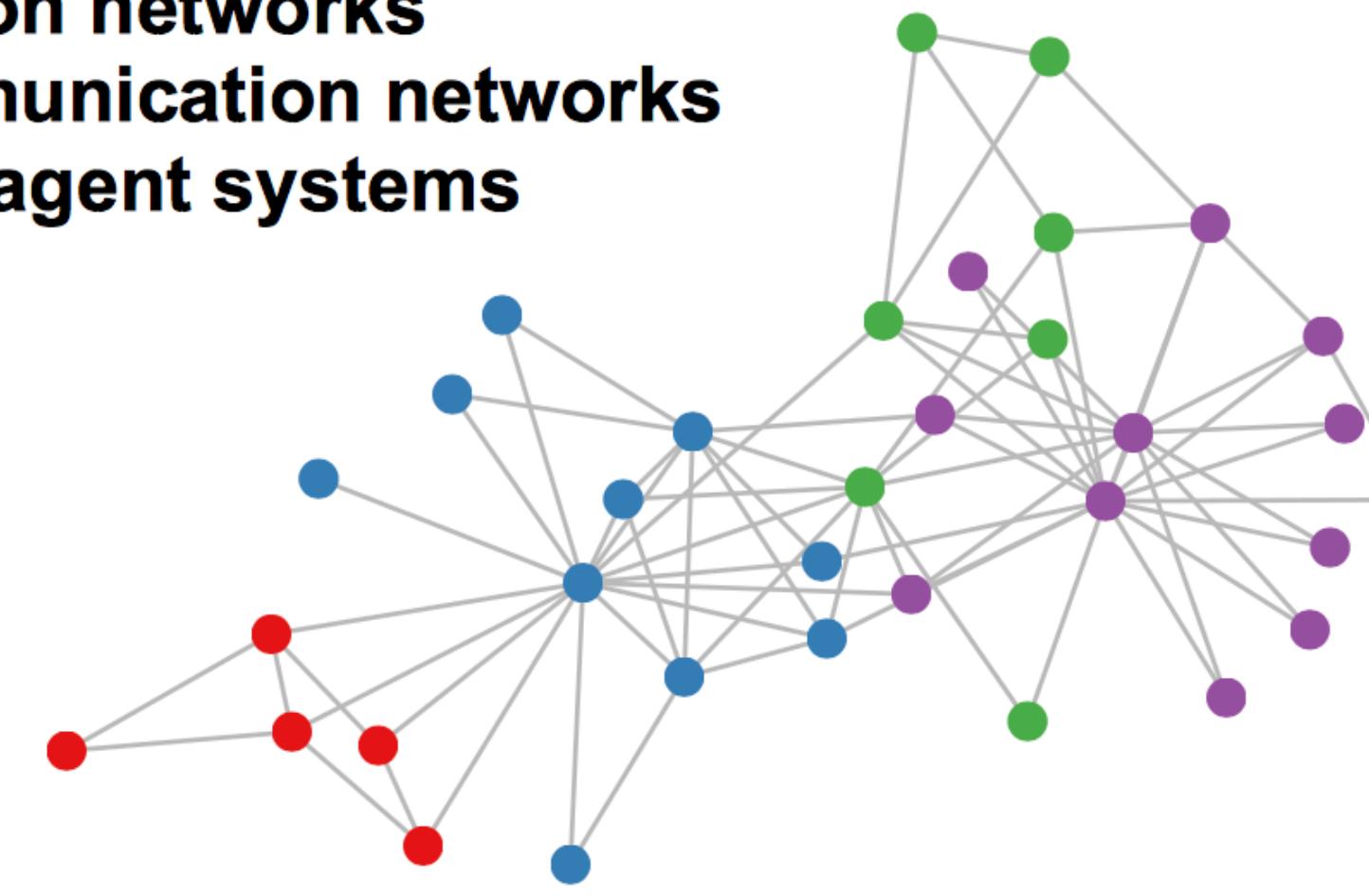
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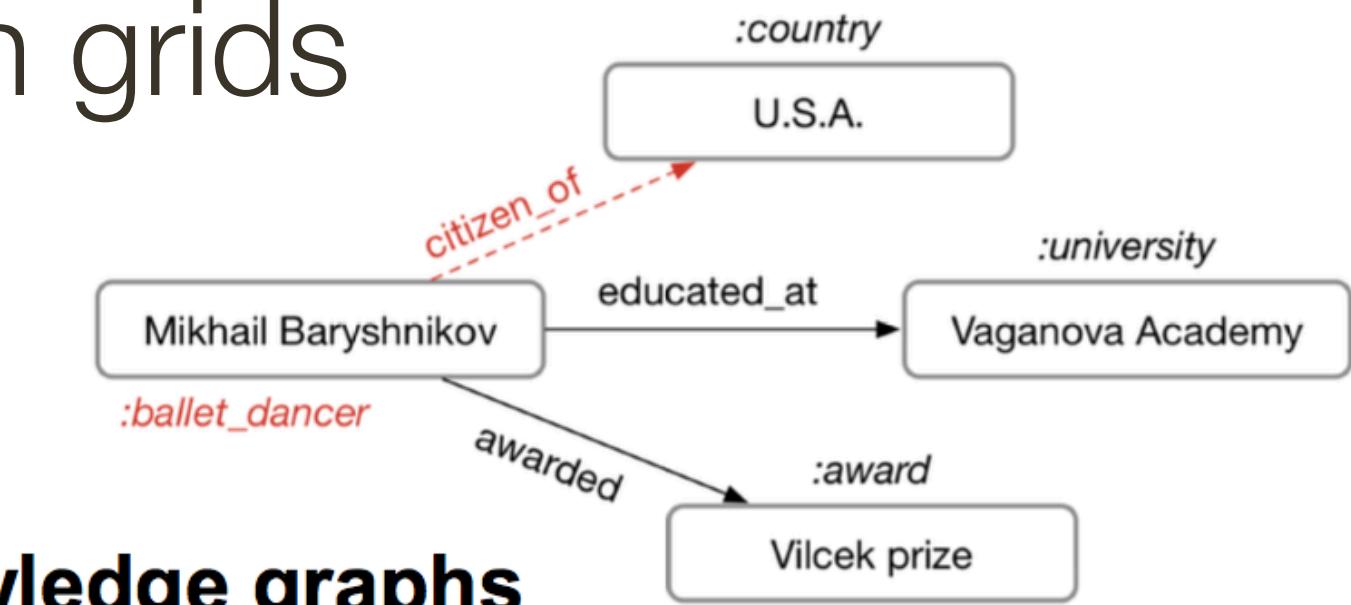
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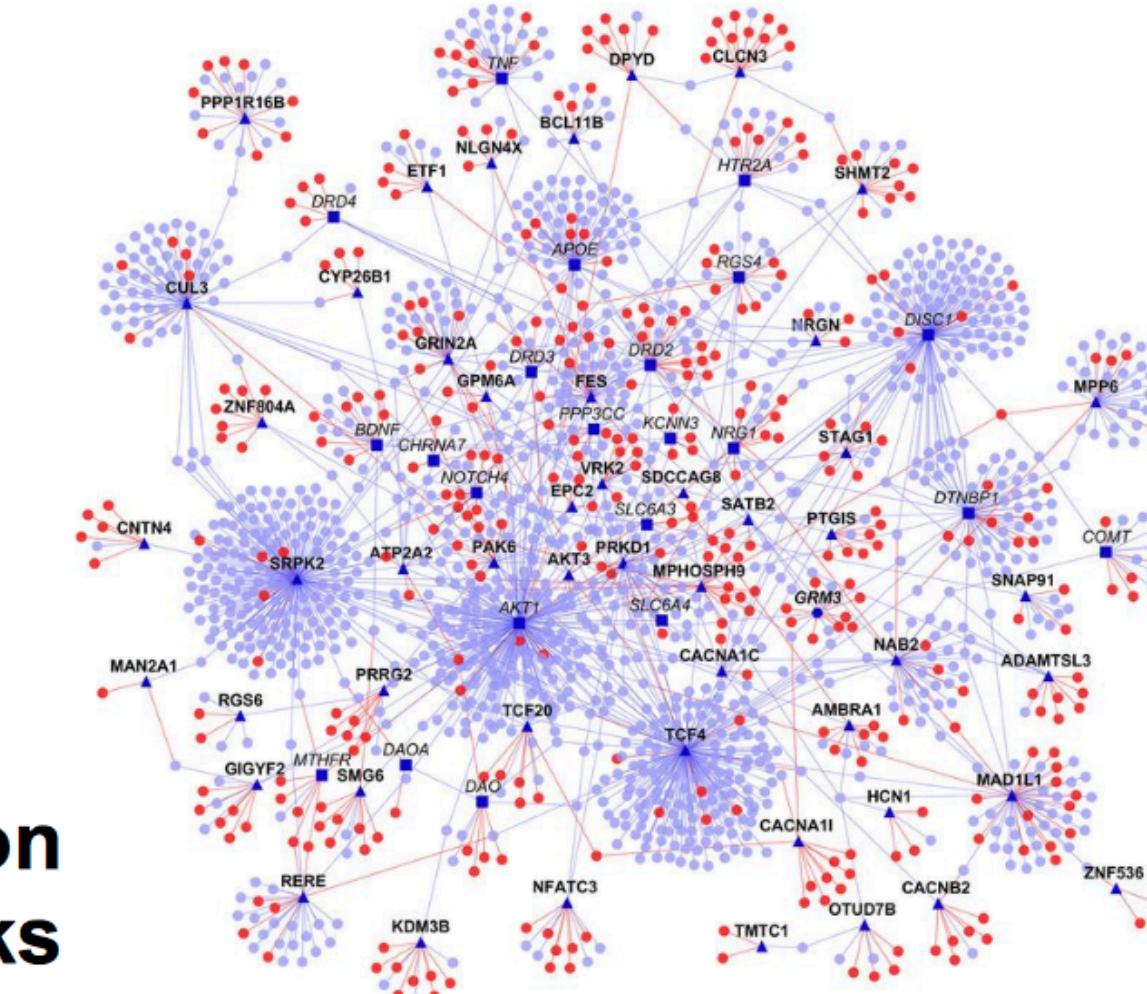
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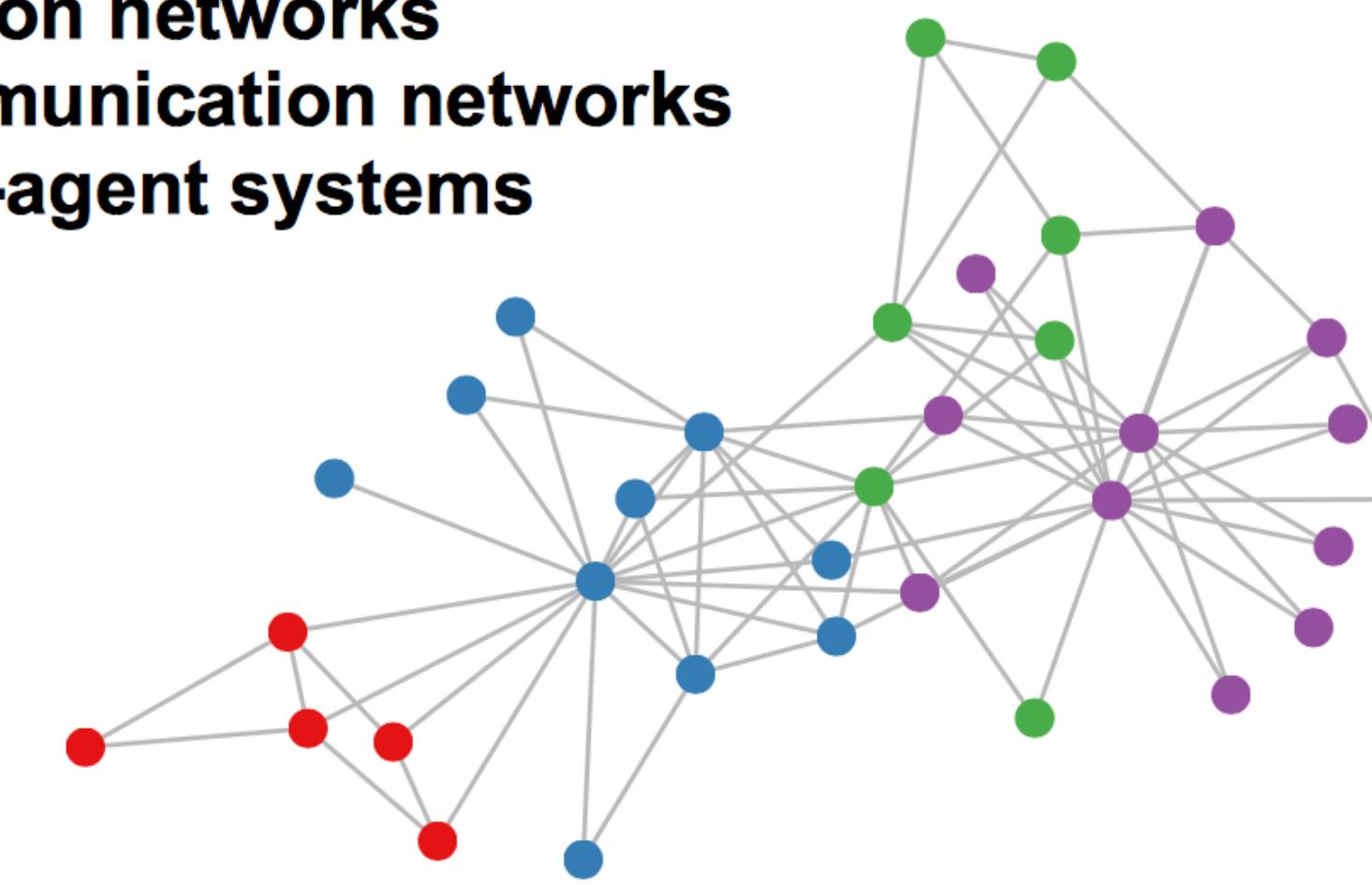
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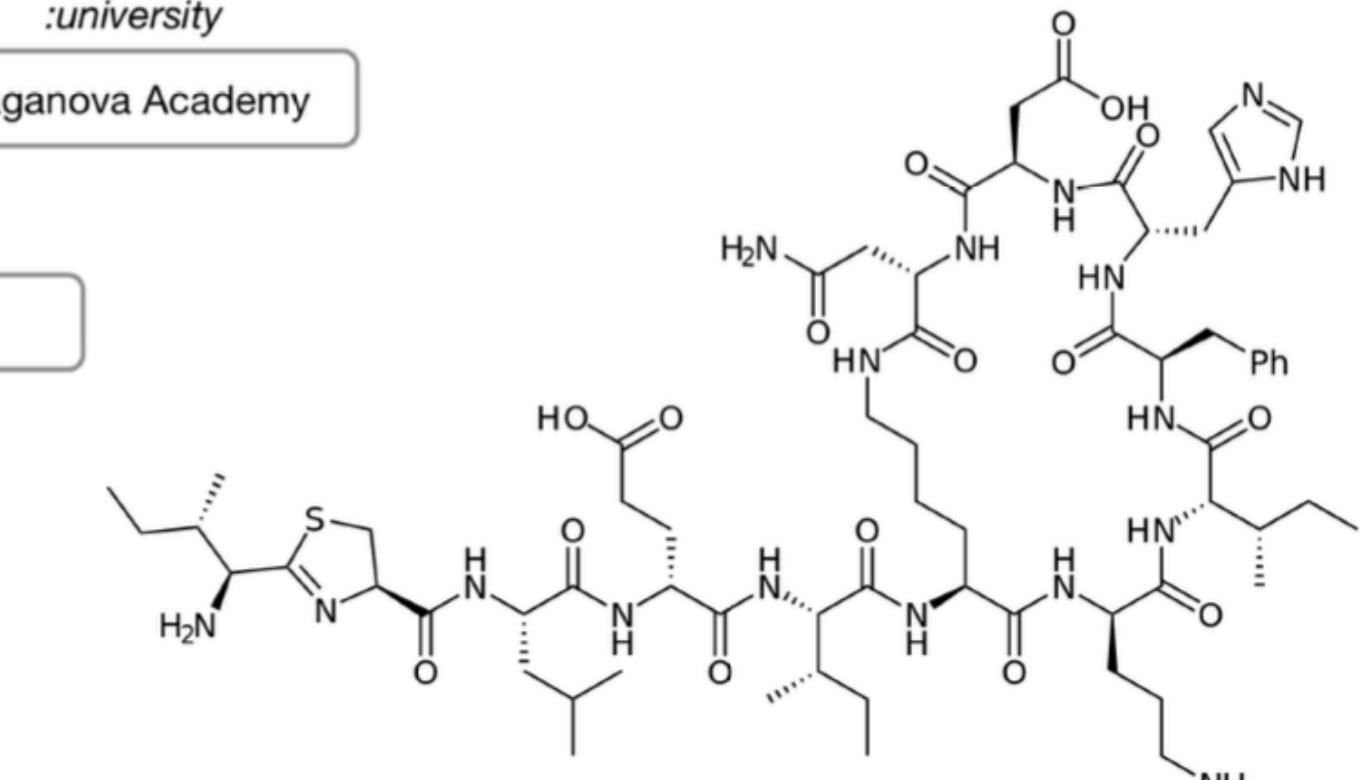
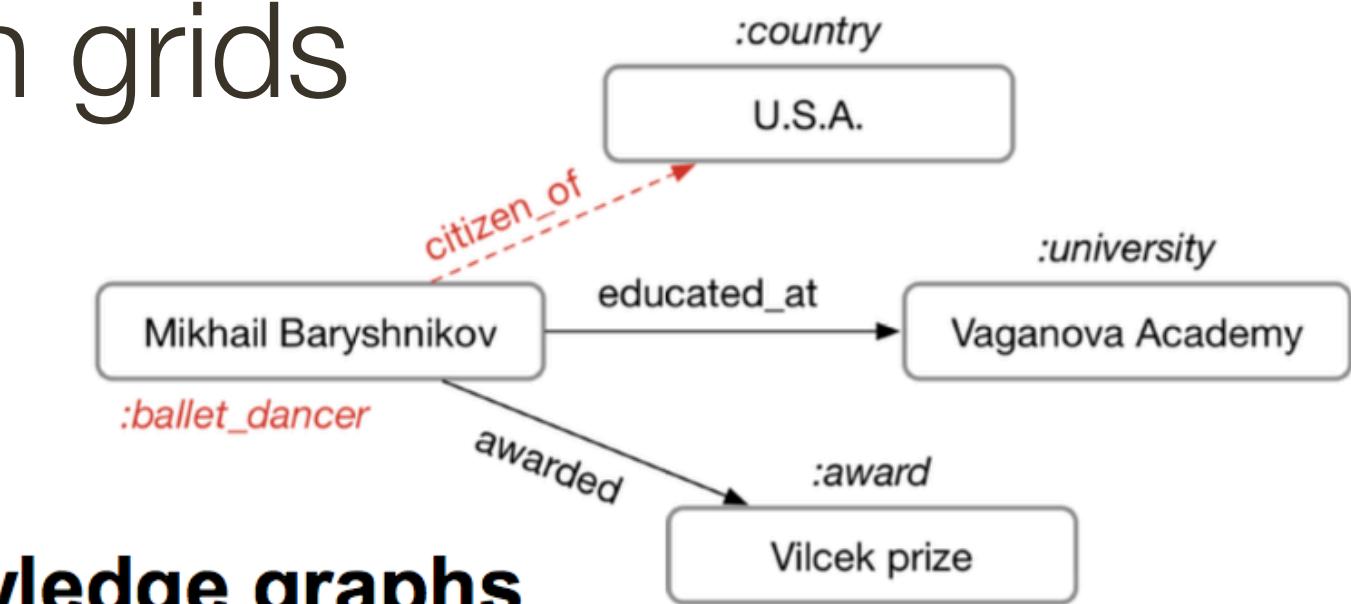
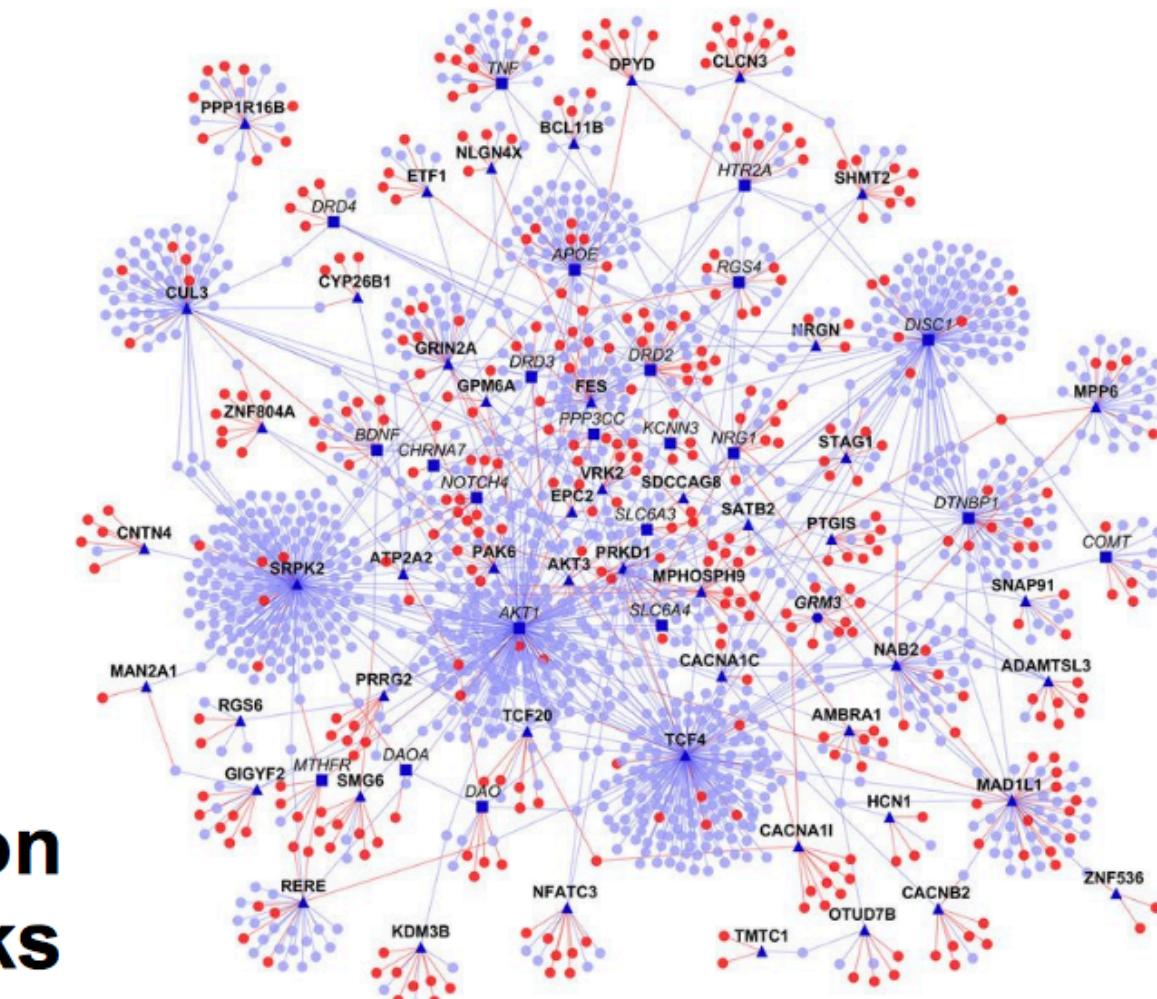
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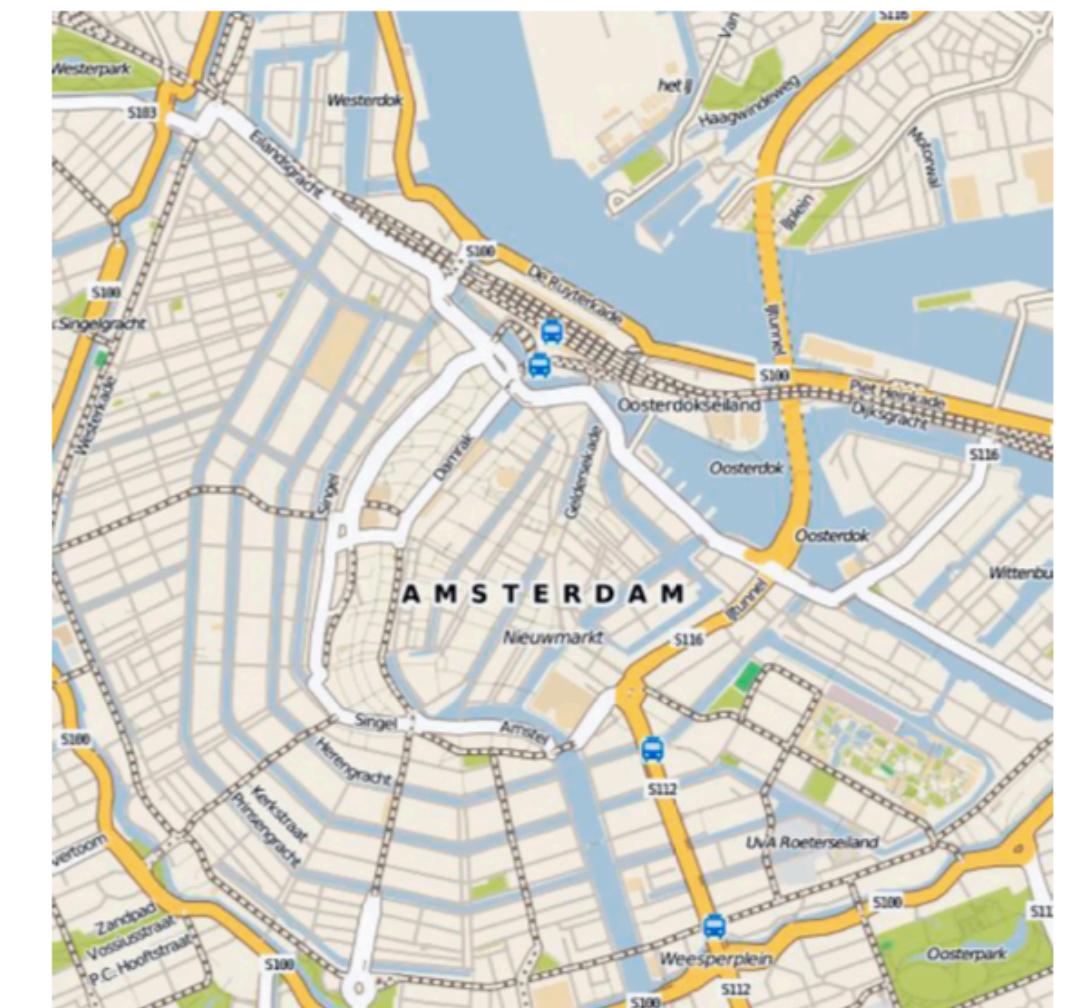


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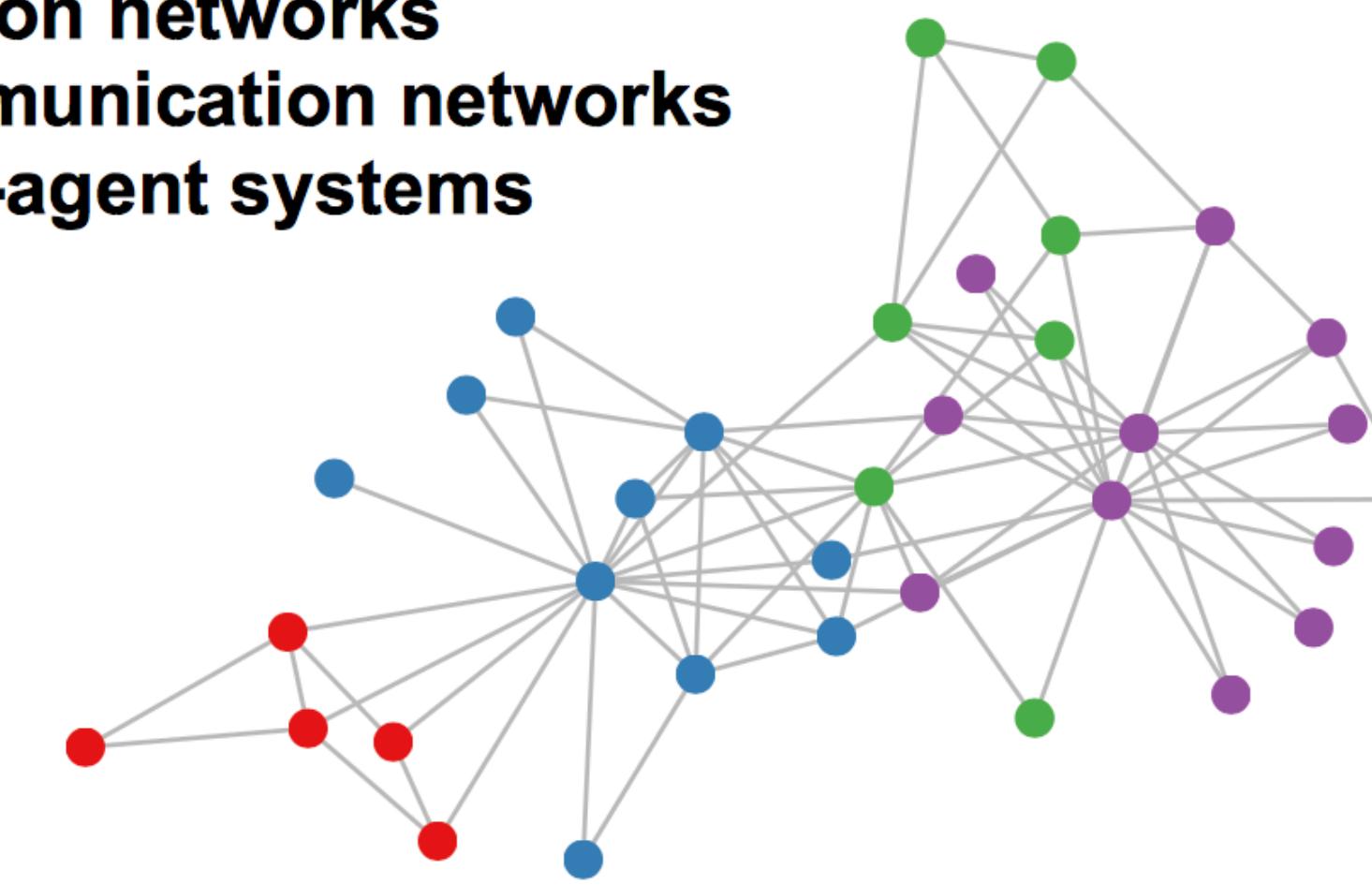


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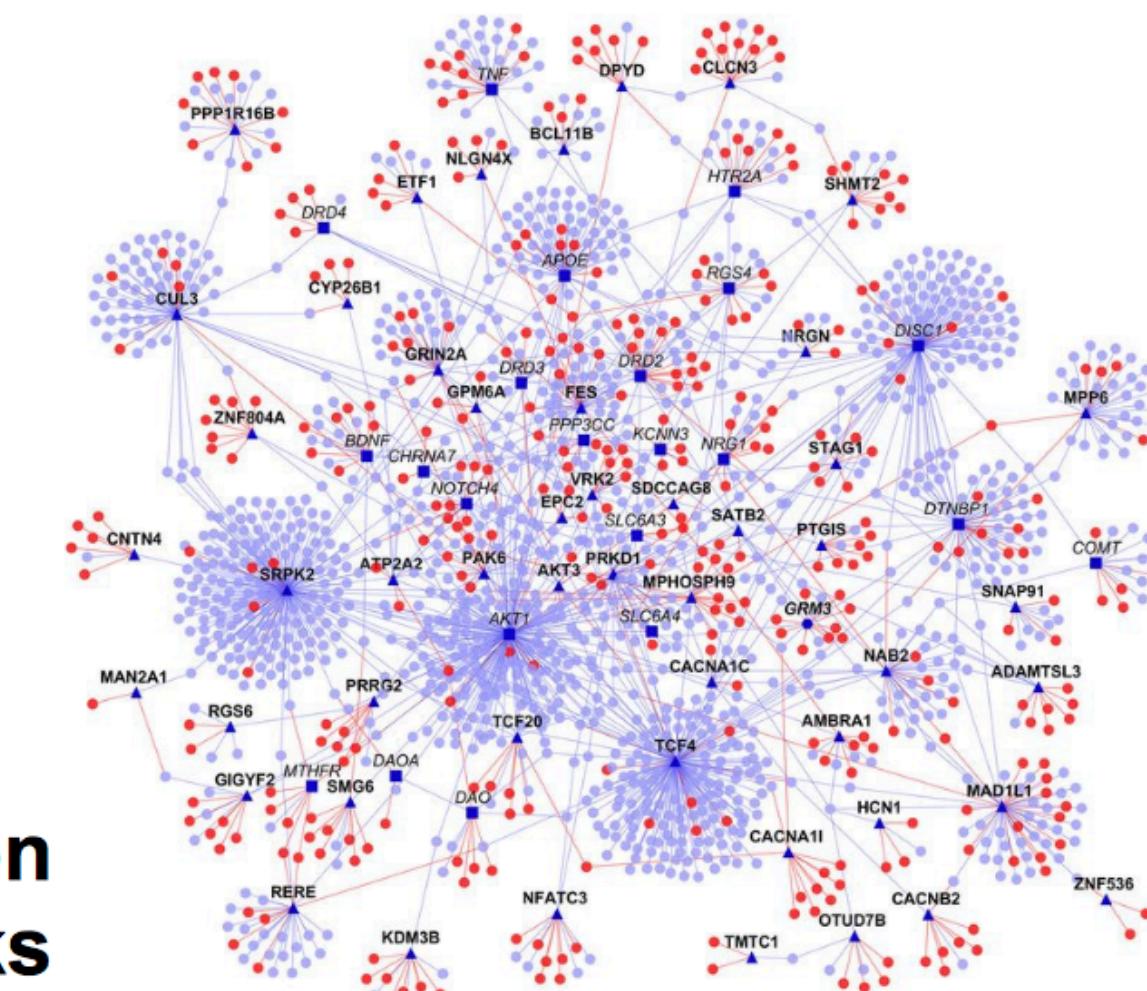
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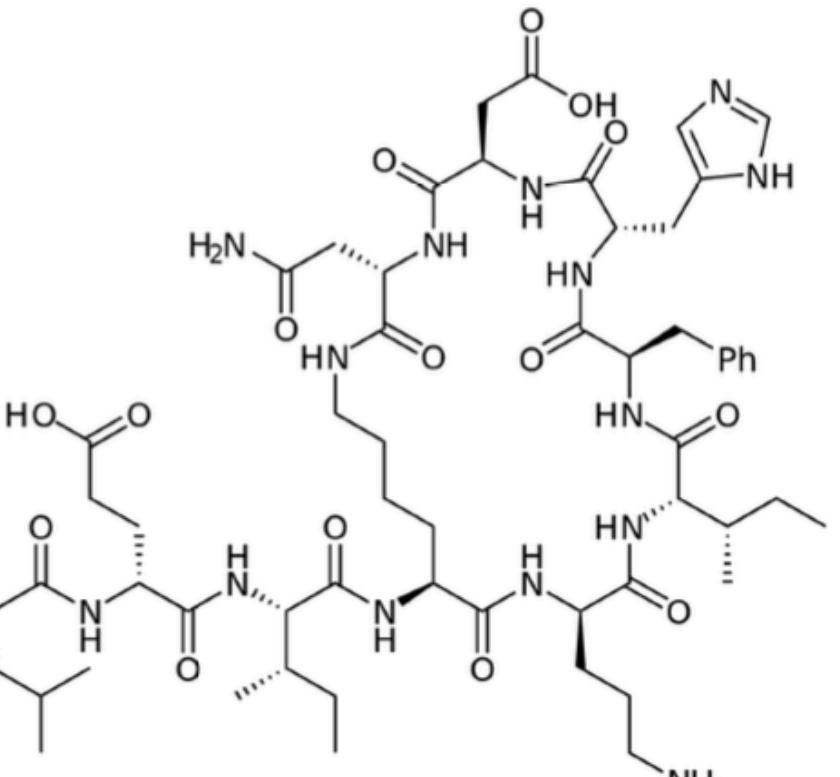
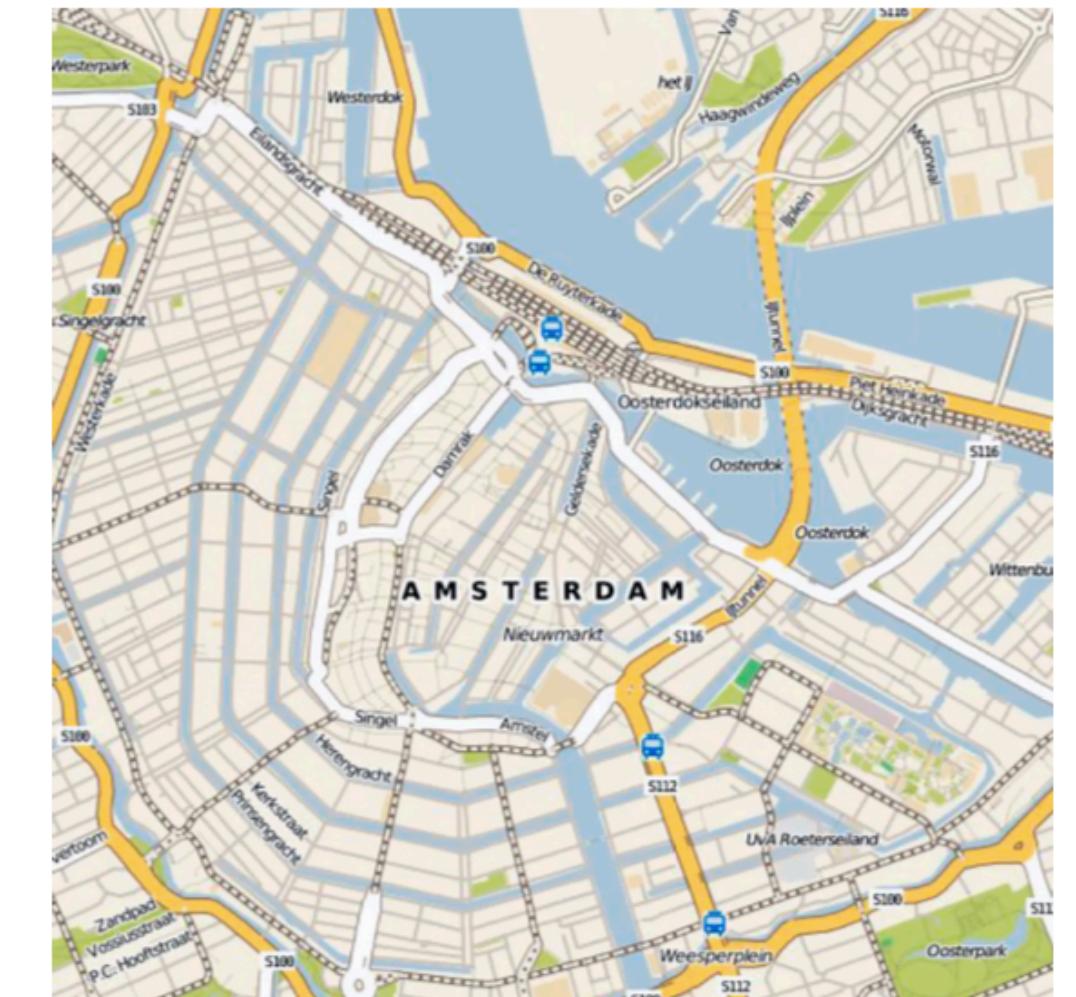


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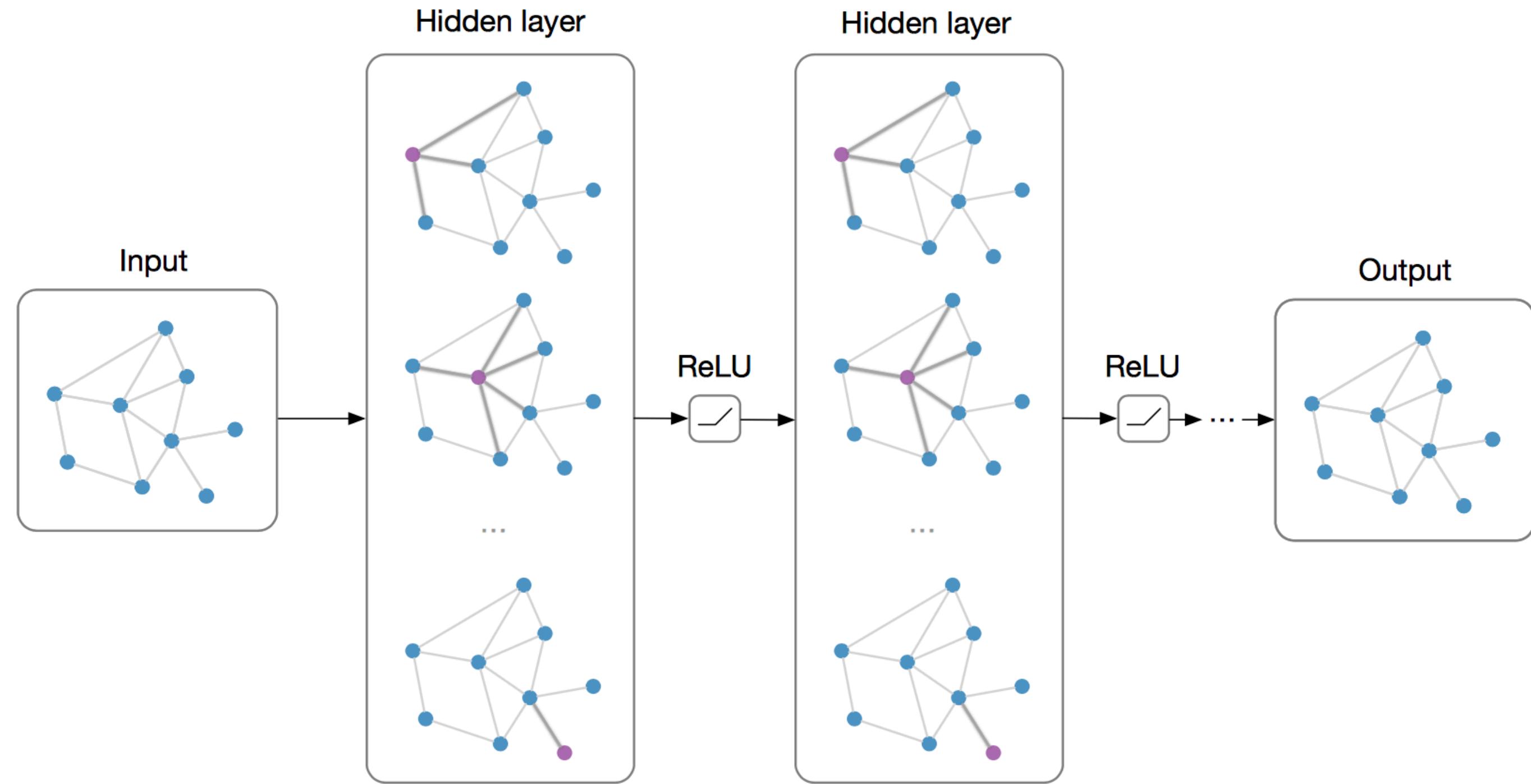
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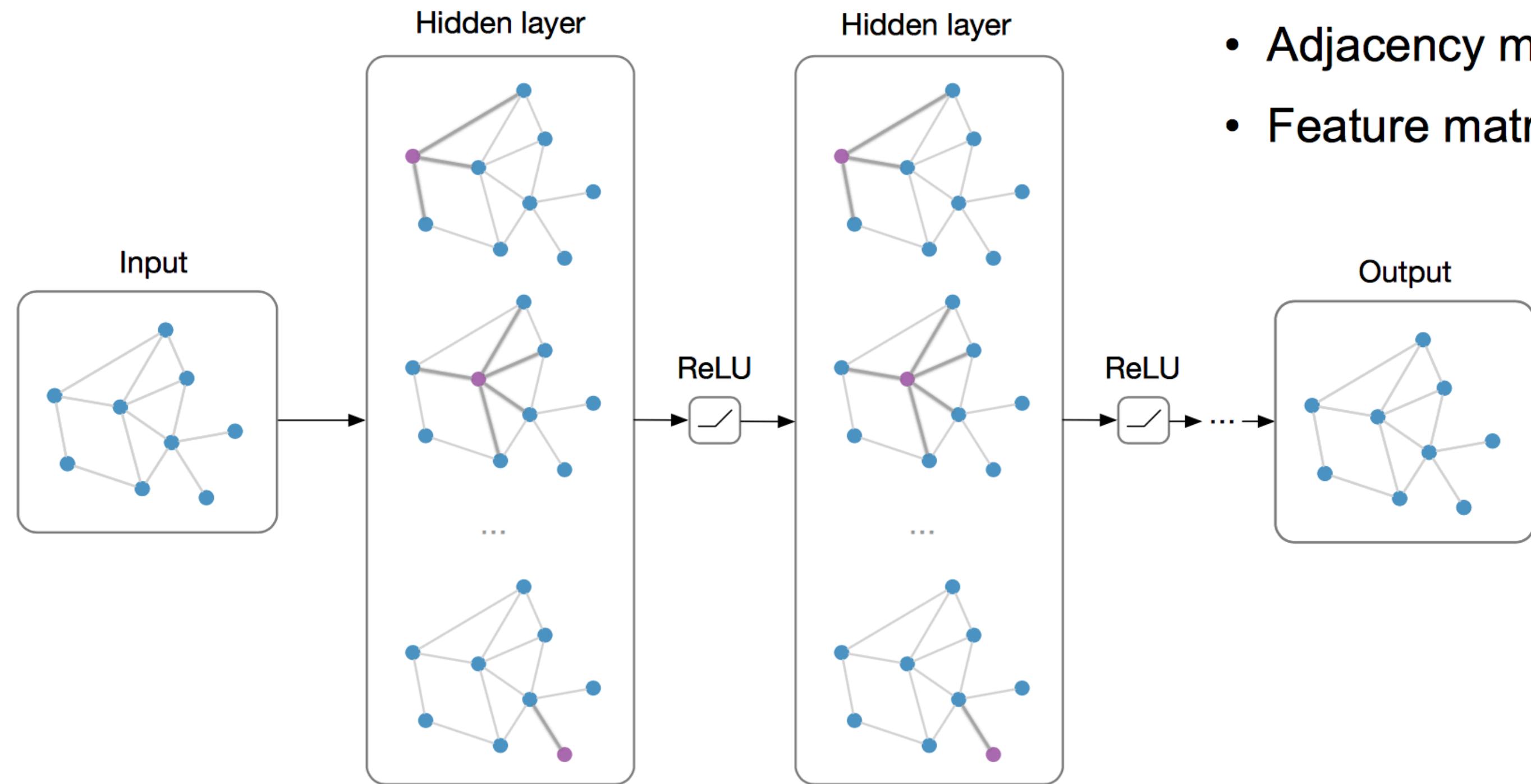
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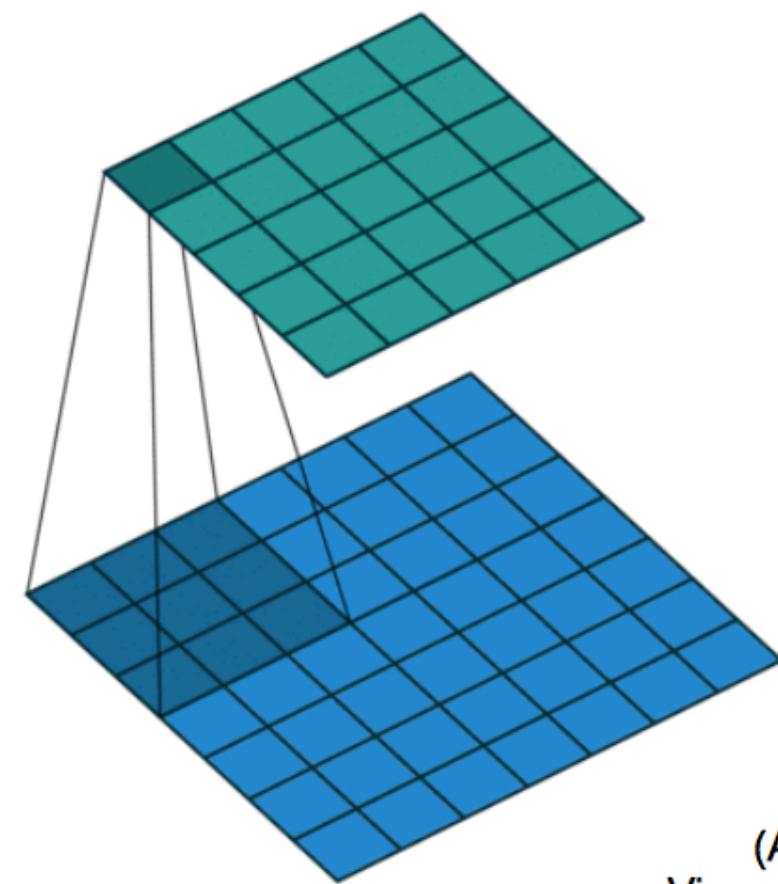


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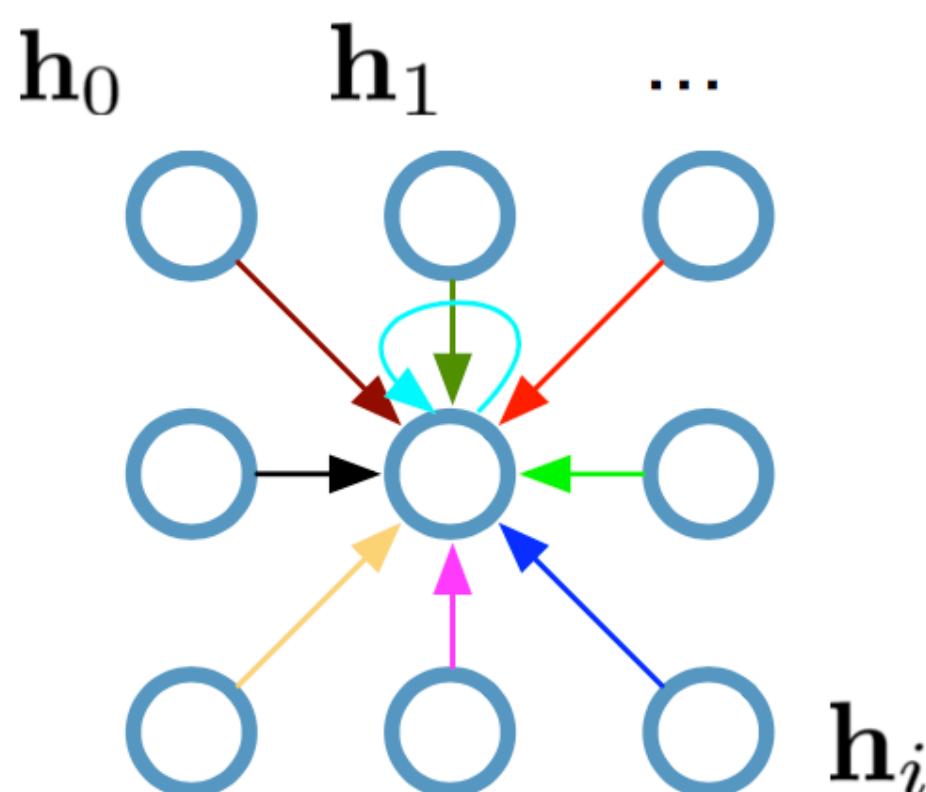
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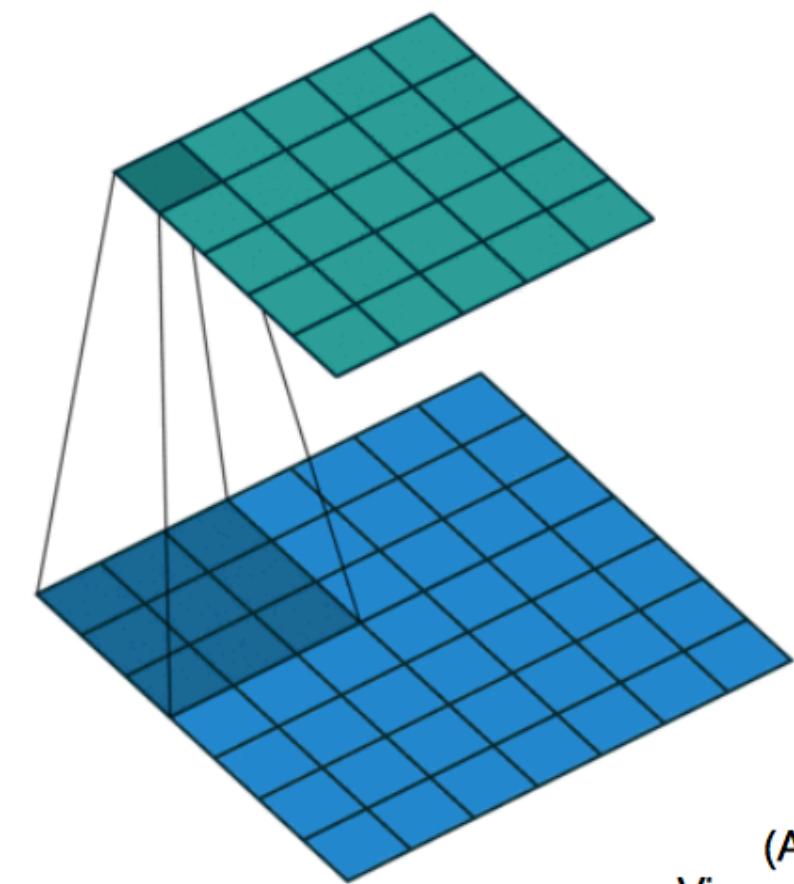


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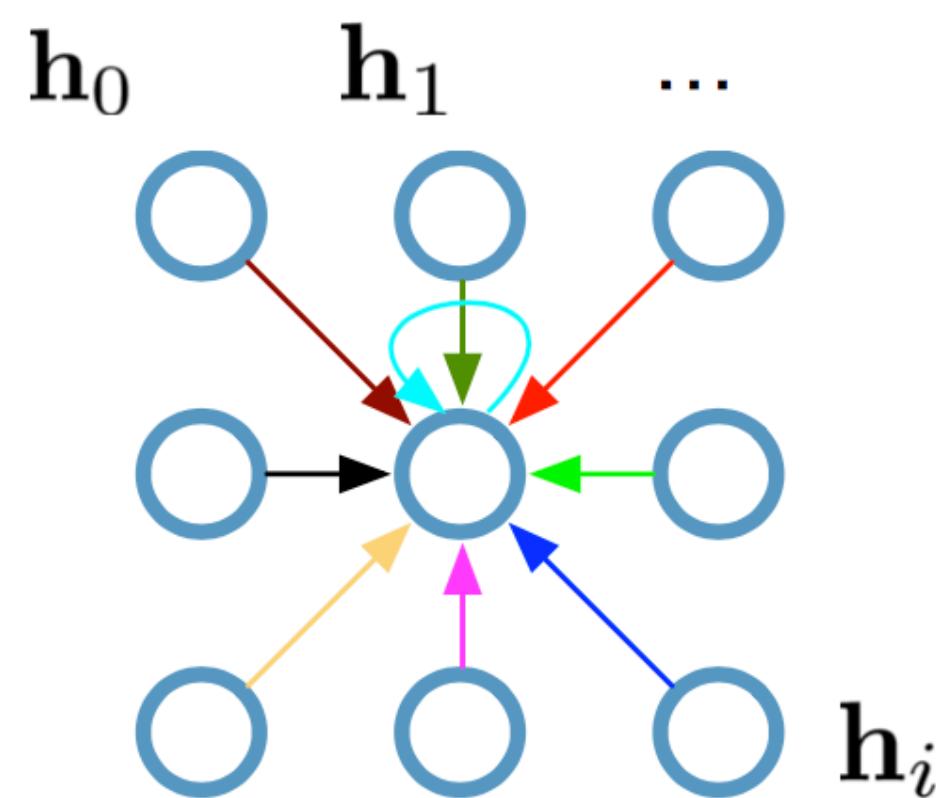


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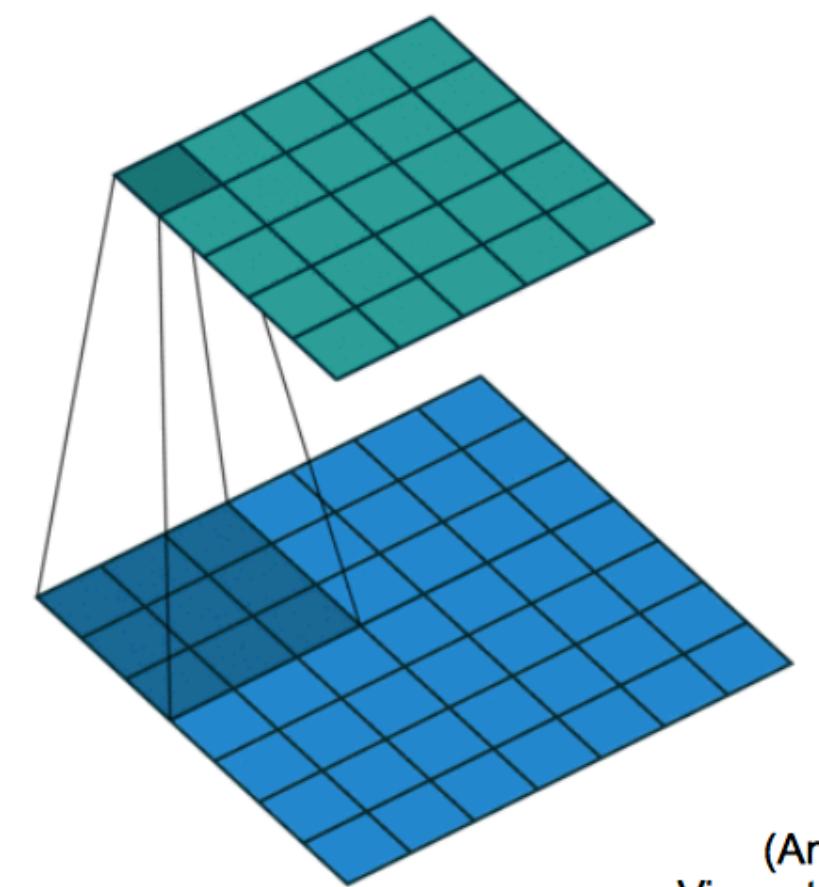
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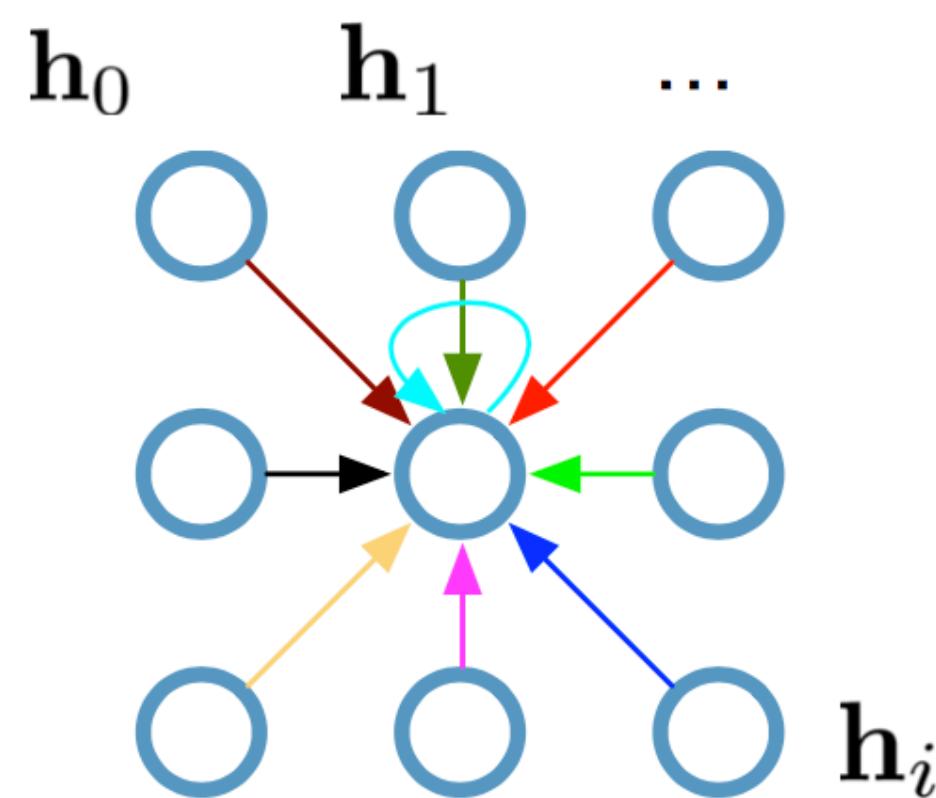
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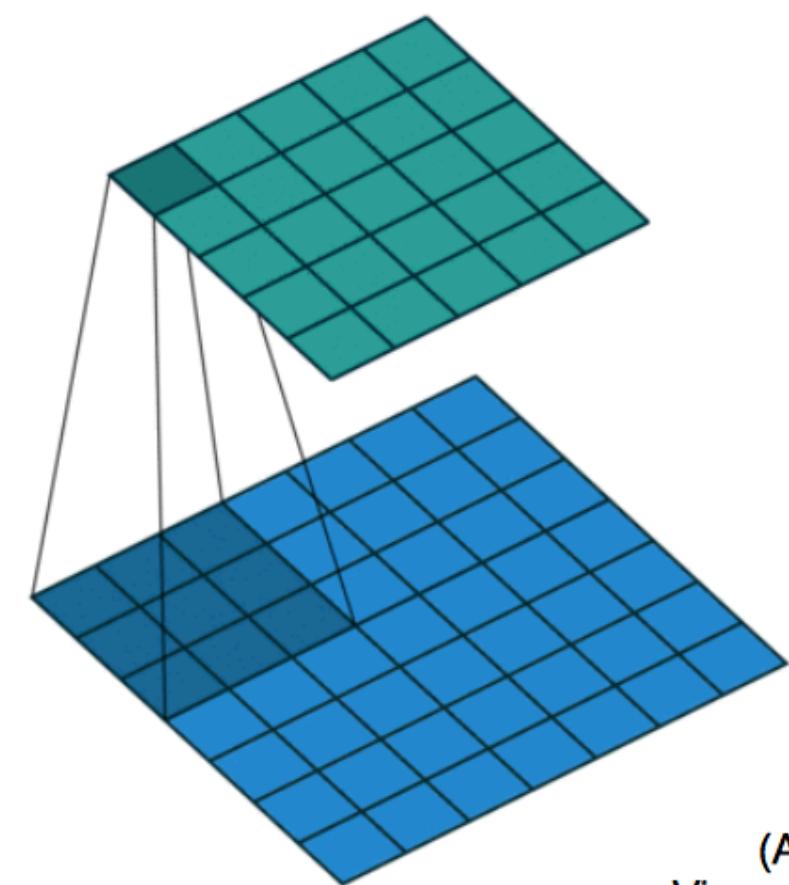
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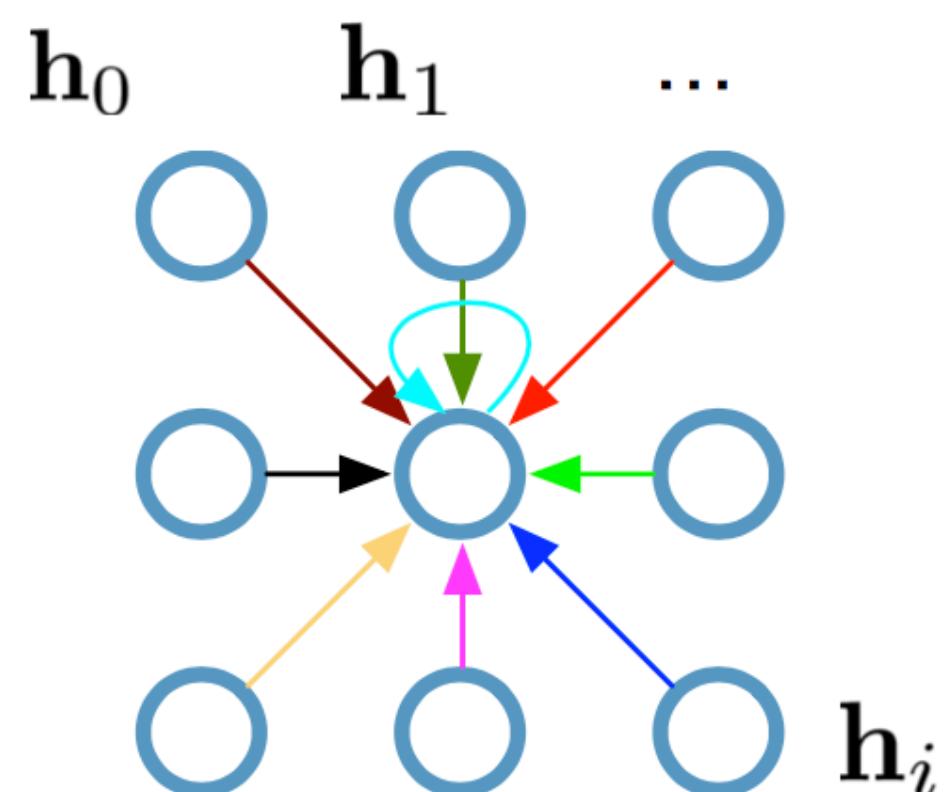
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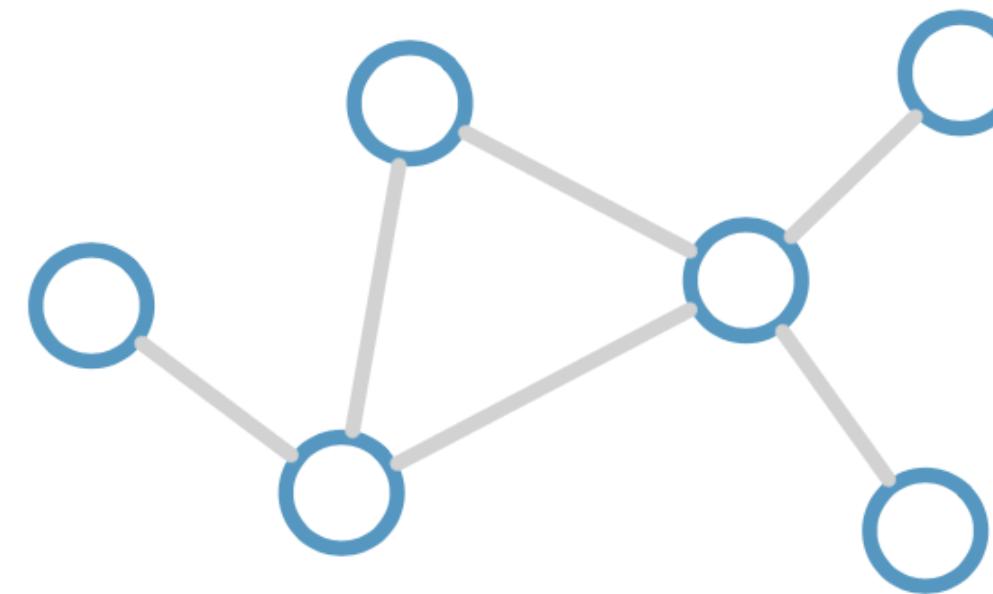
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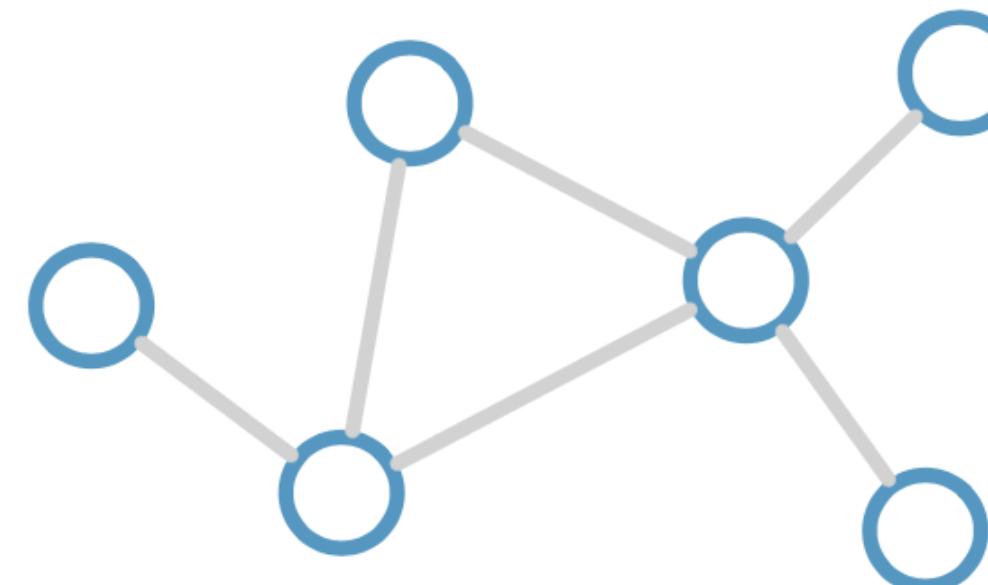
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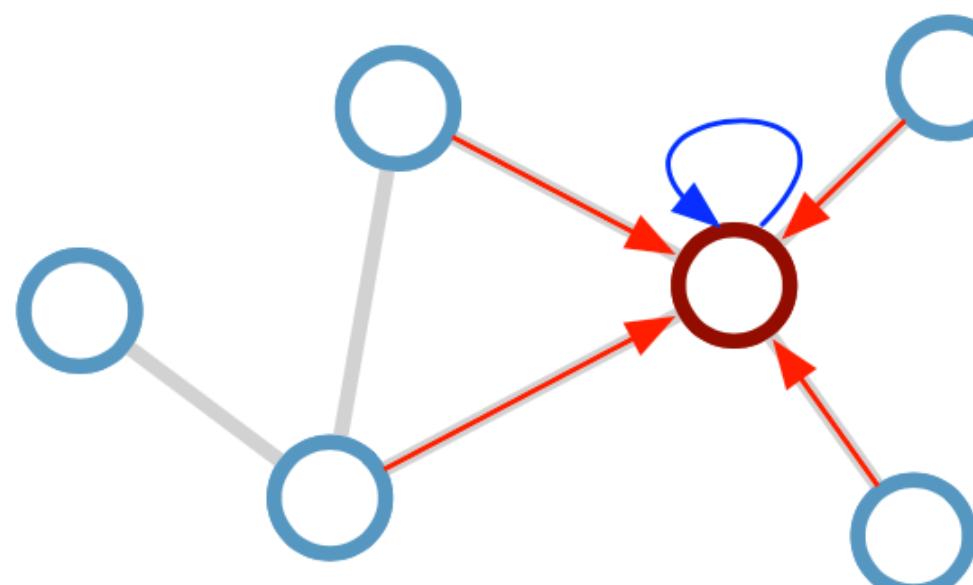
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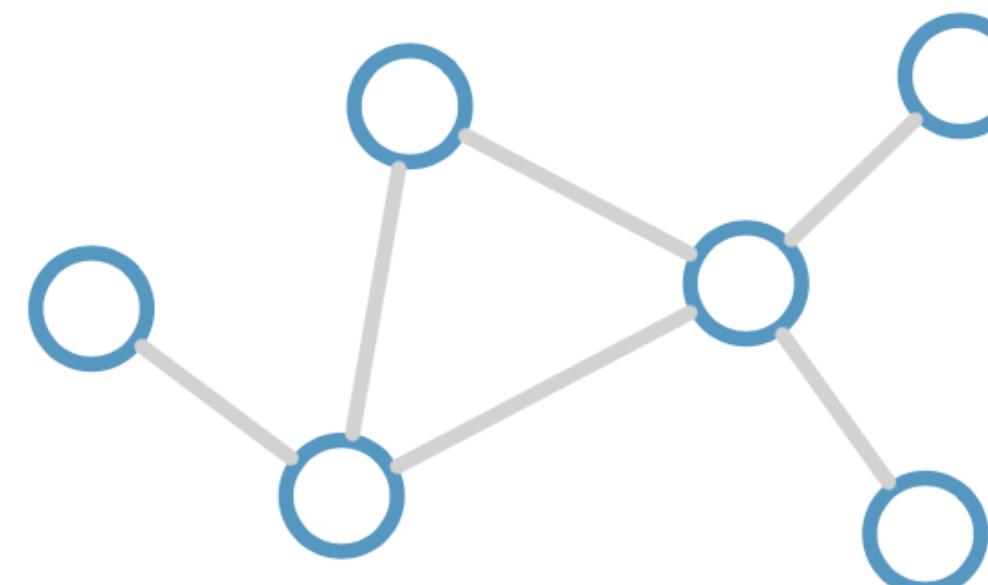
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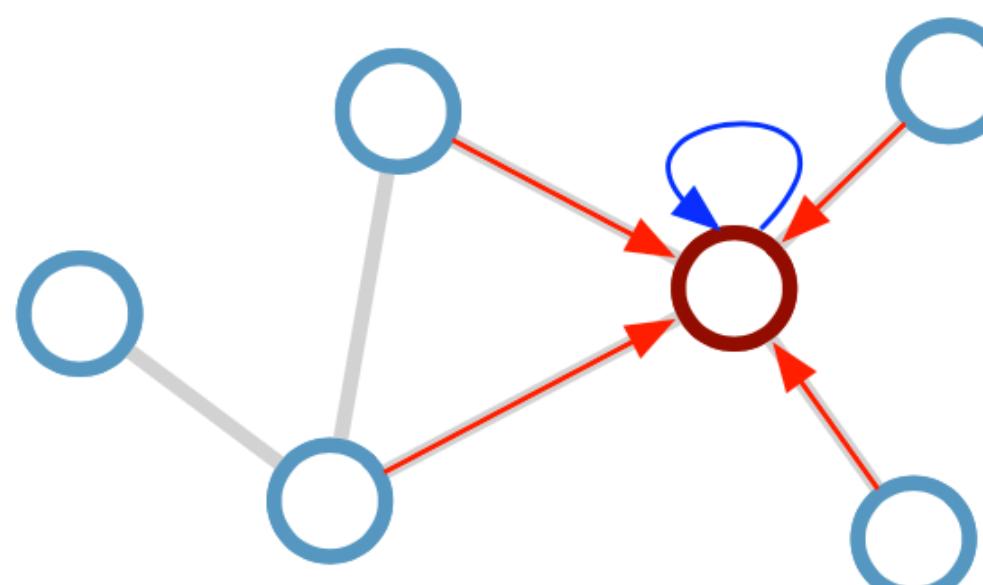
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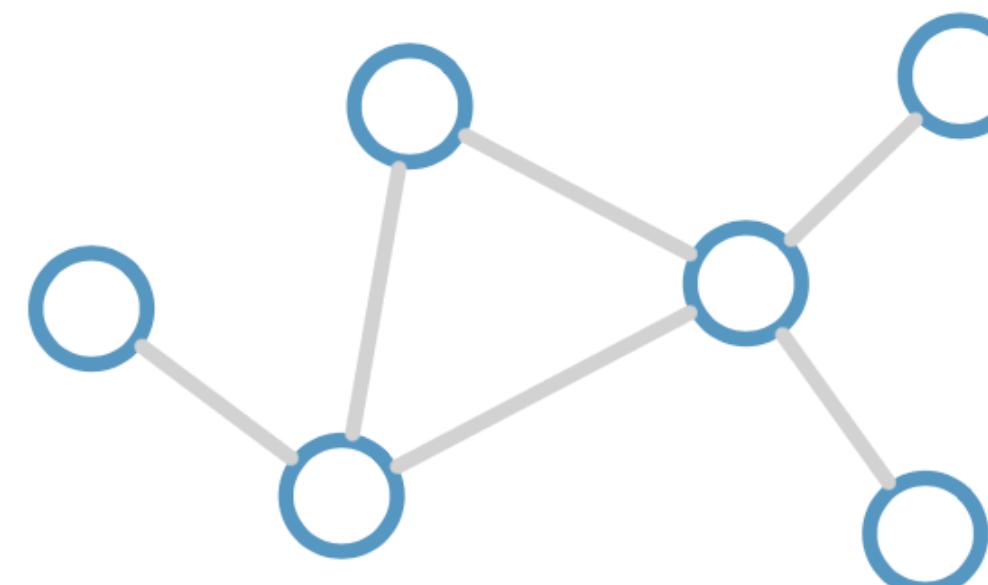
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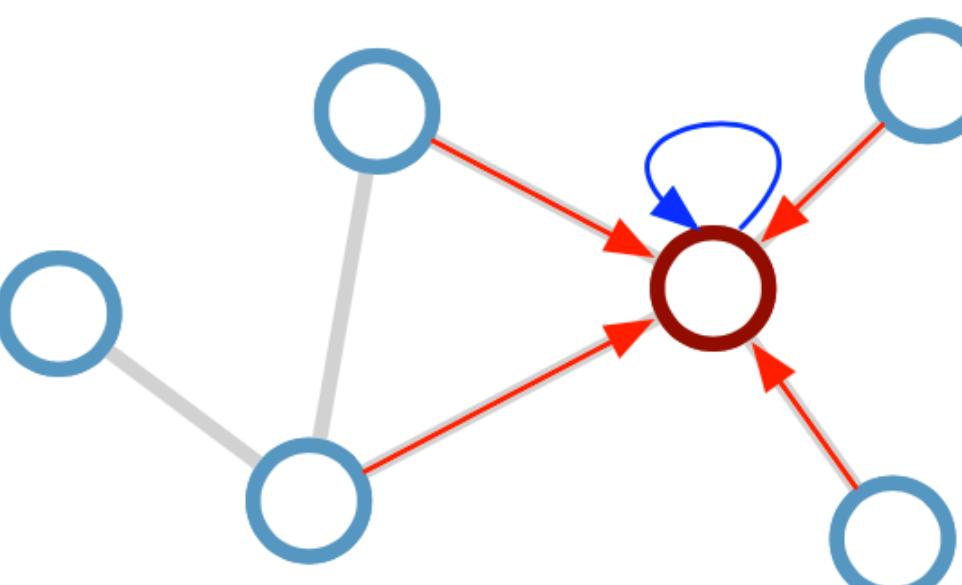
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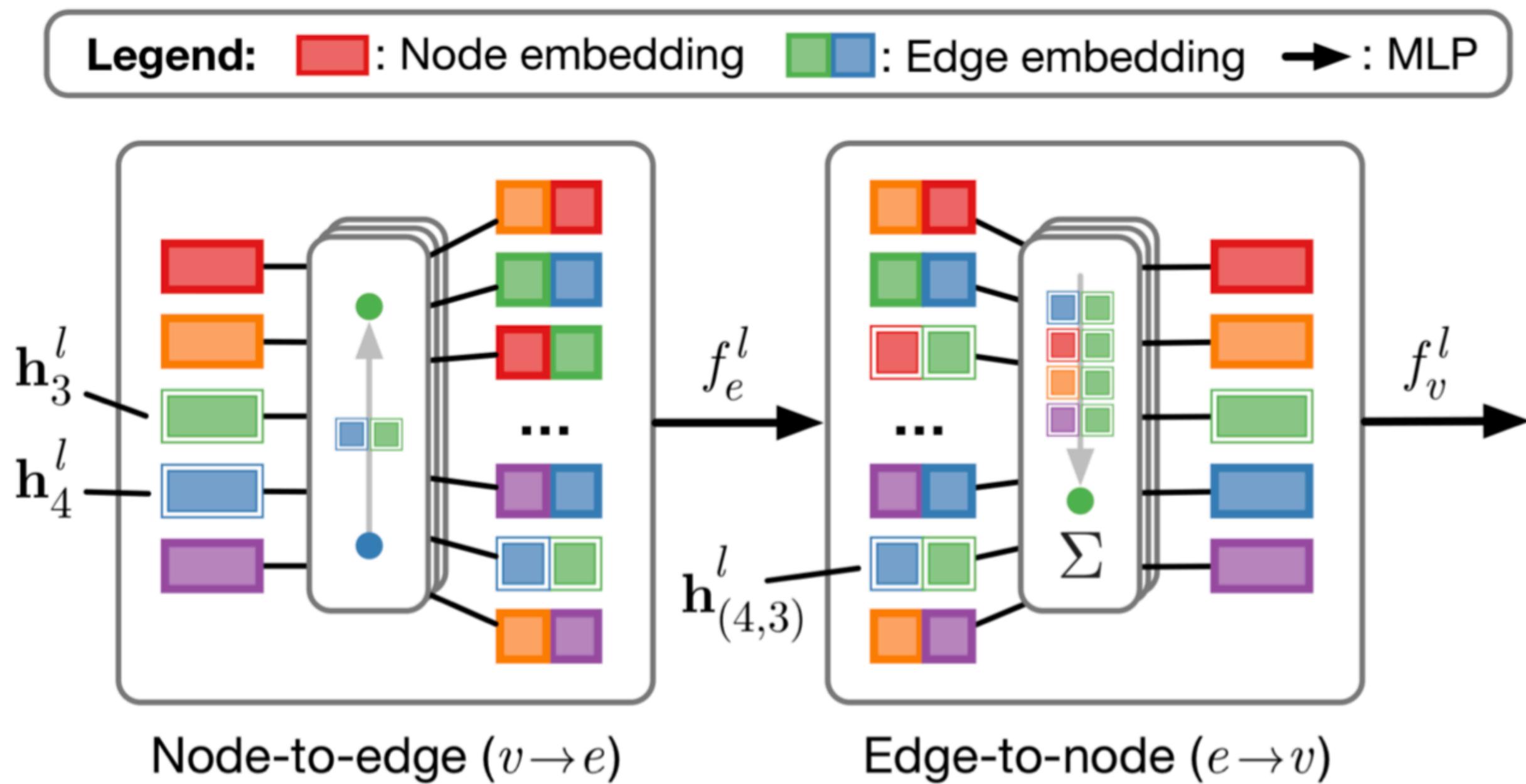
- Weight sharing over all locations
- Invariance to permutations
- Linear complexity  $O(E)$
- Applicable both in transductive and inductive settings

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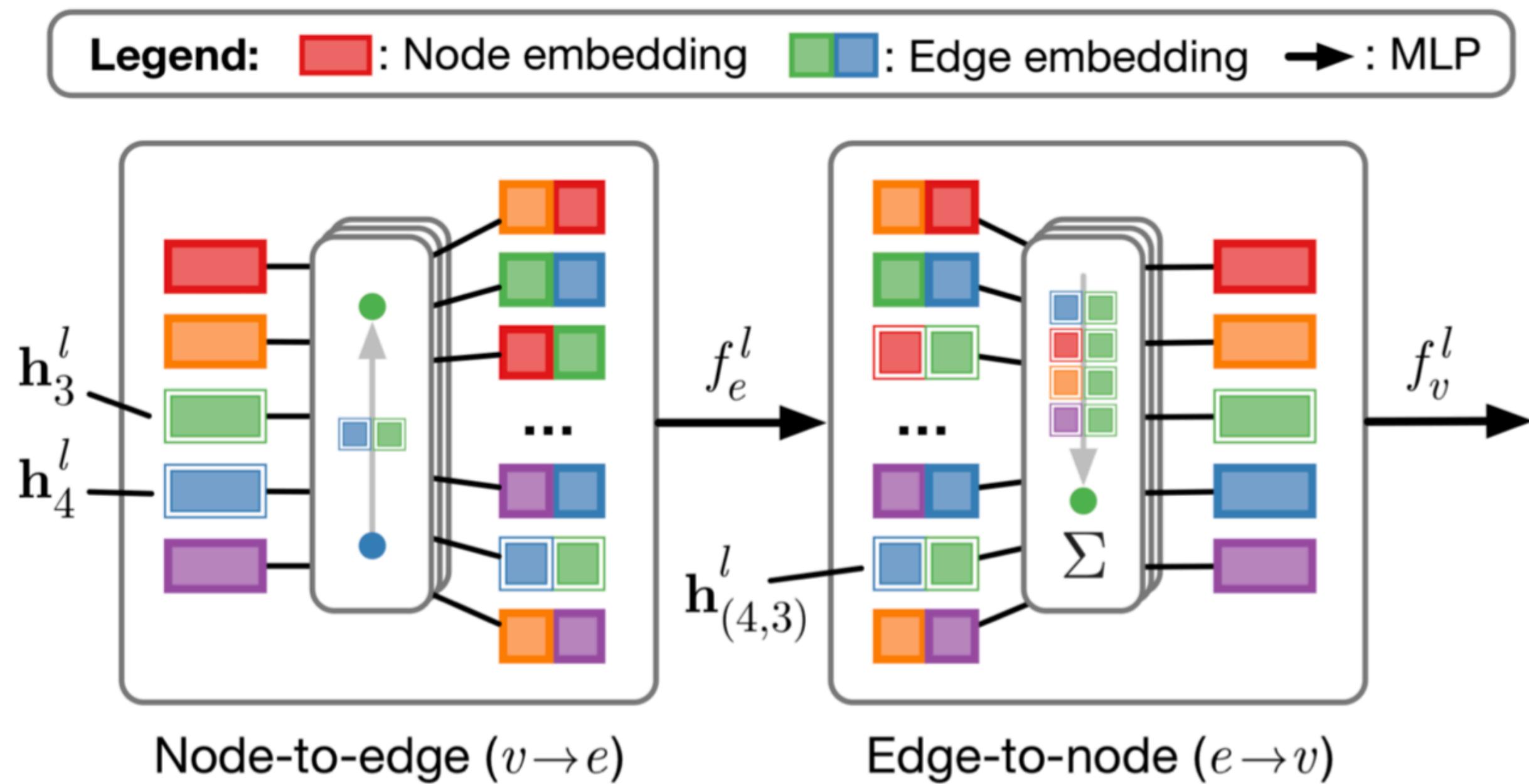


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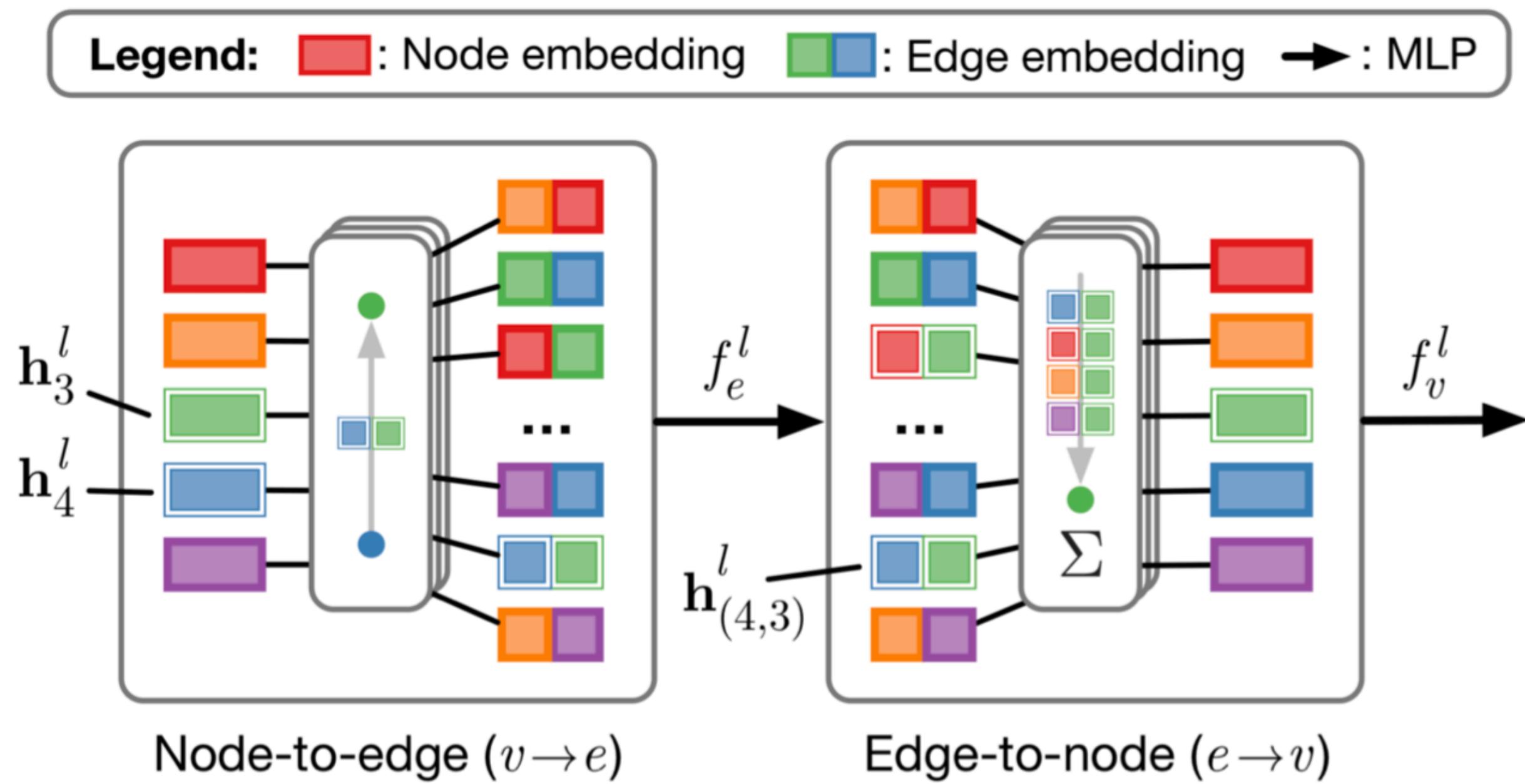
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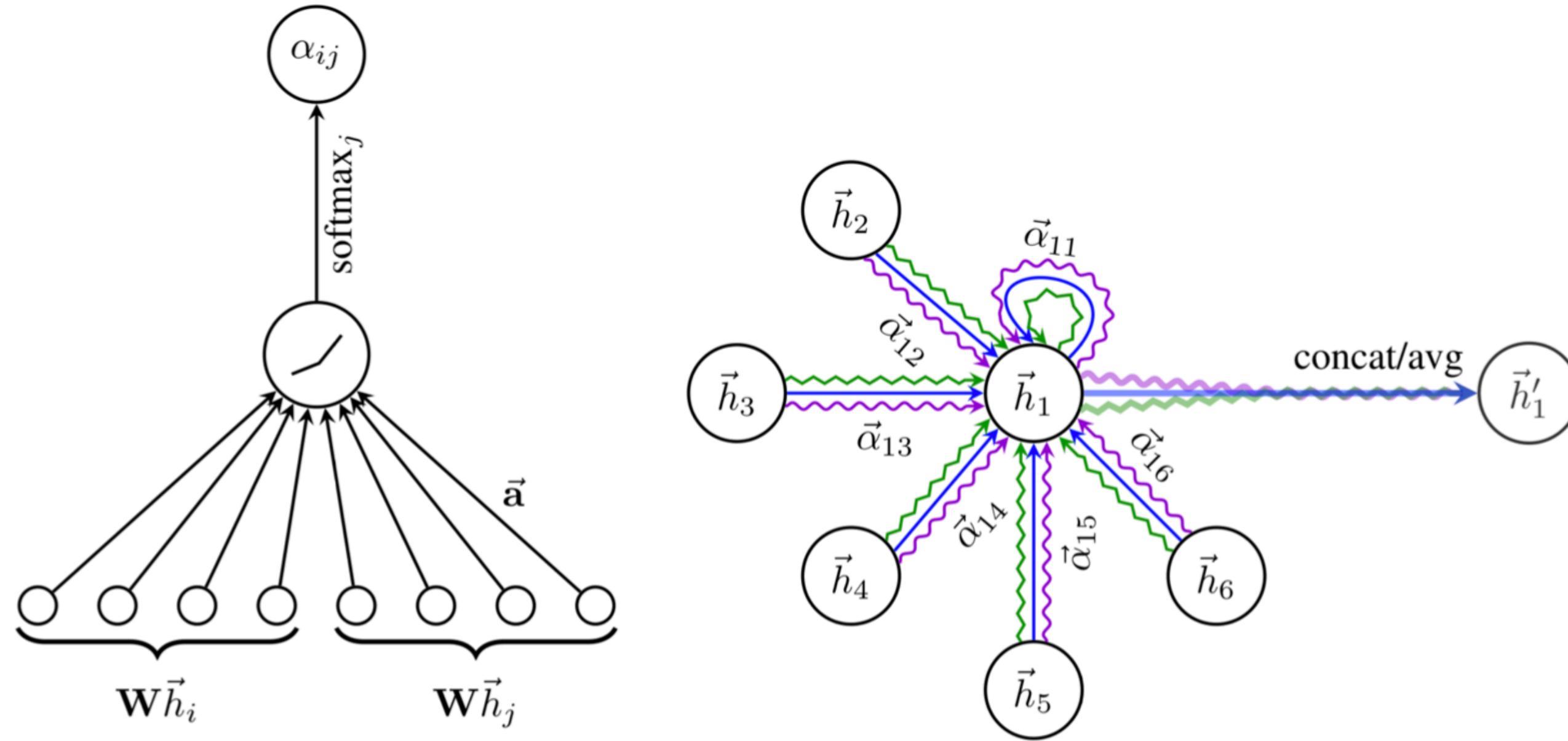
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## Cons:

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- Difficult to implement with subsampling  
→ In practice limited to small graphs

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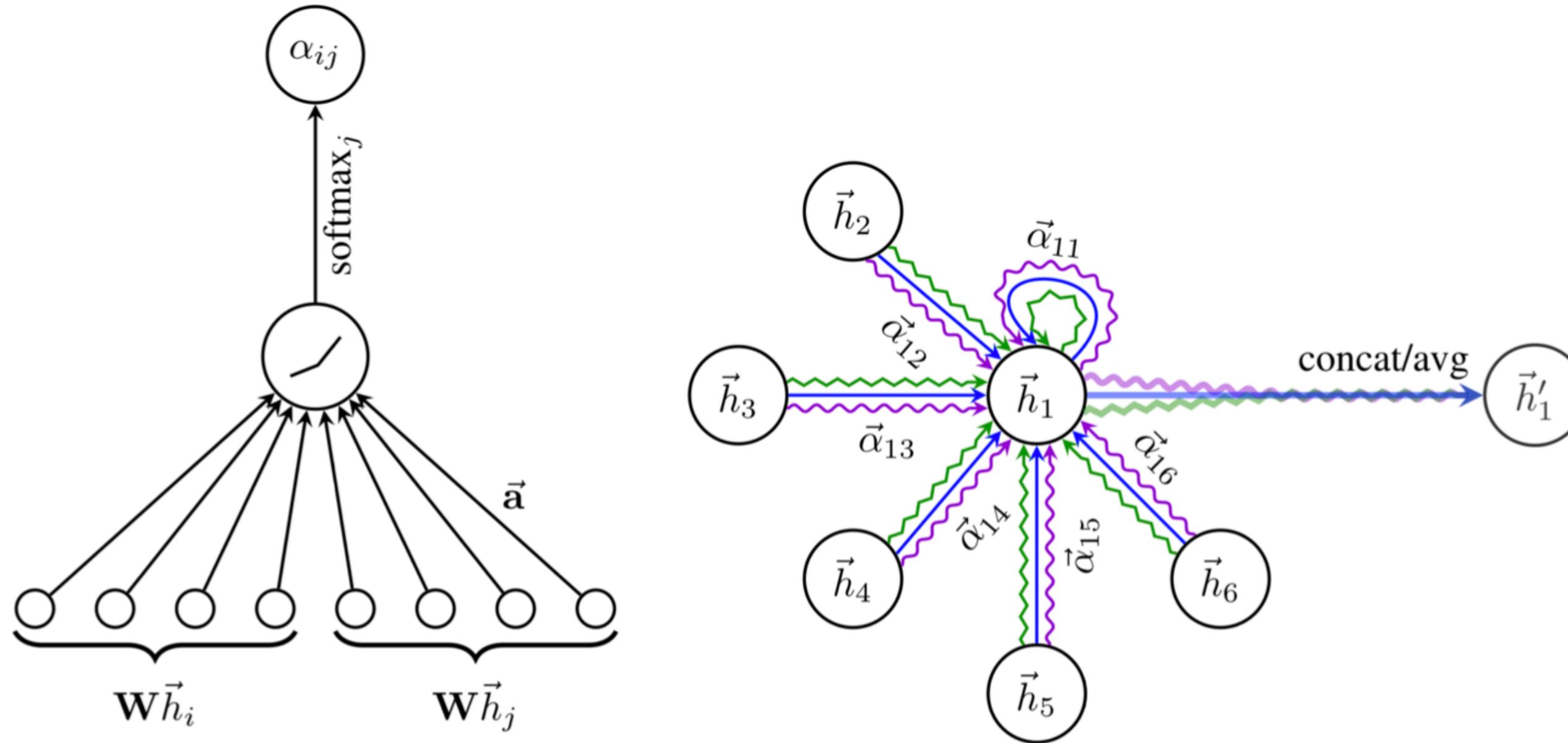


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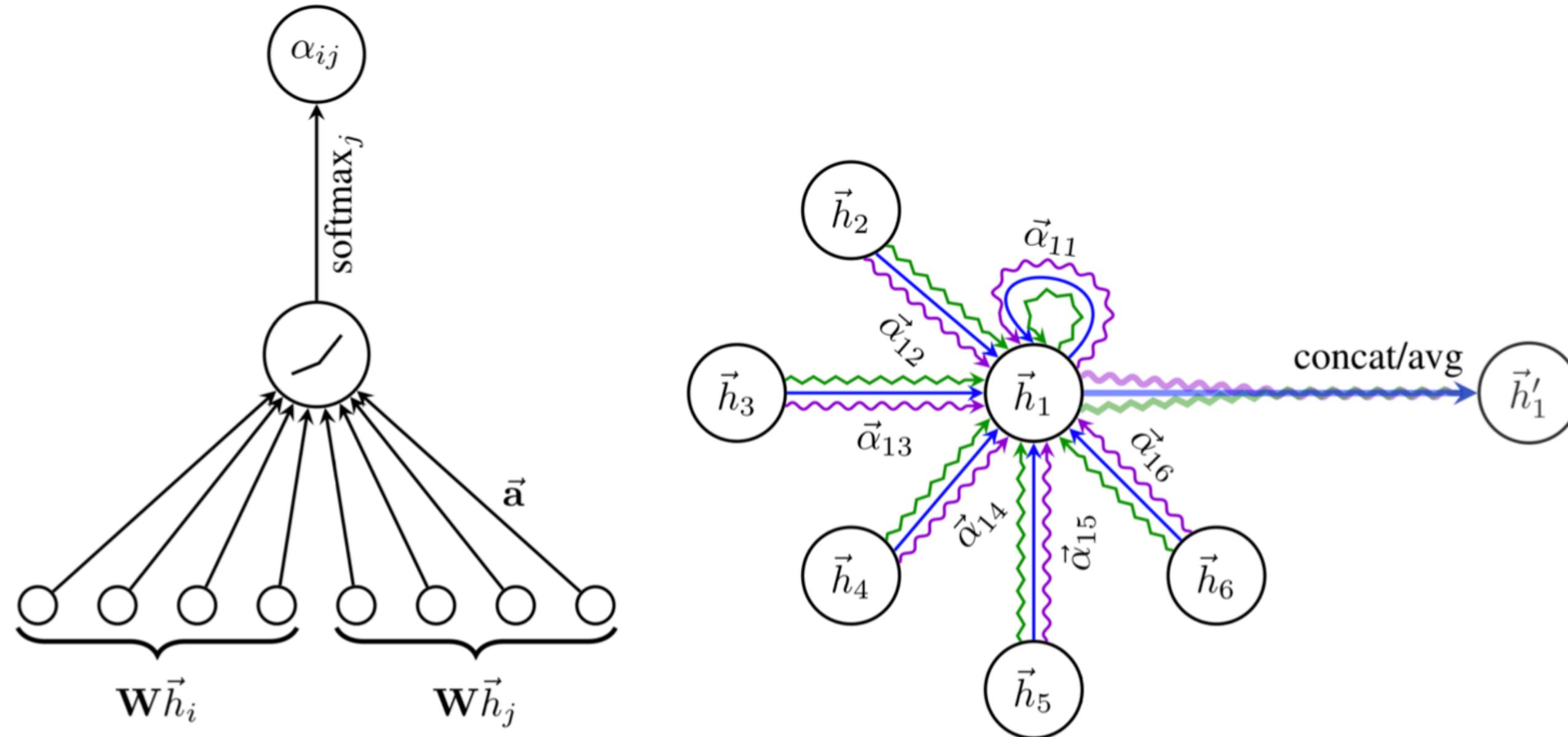
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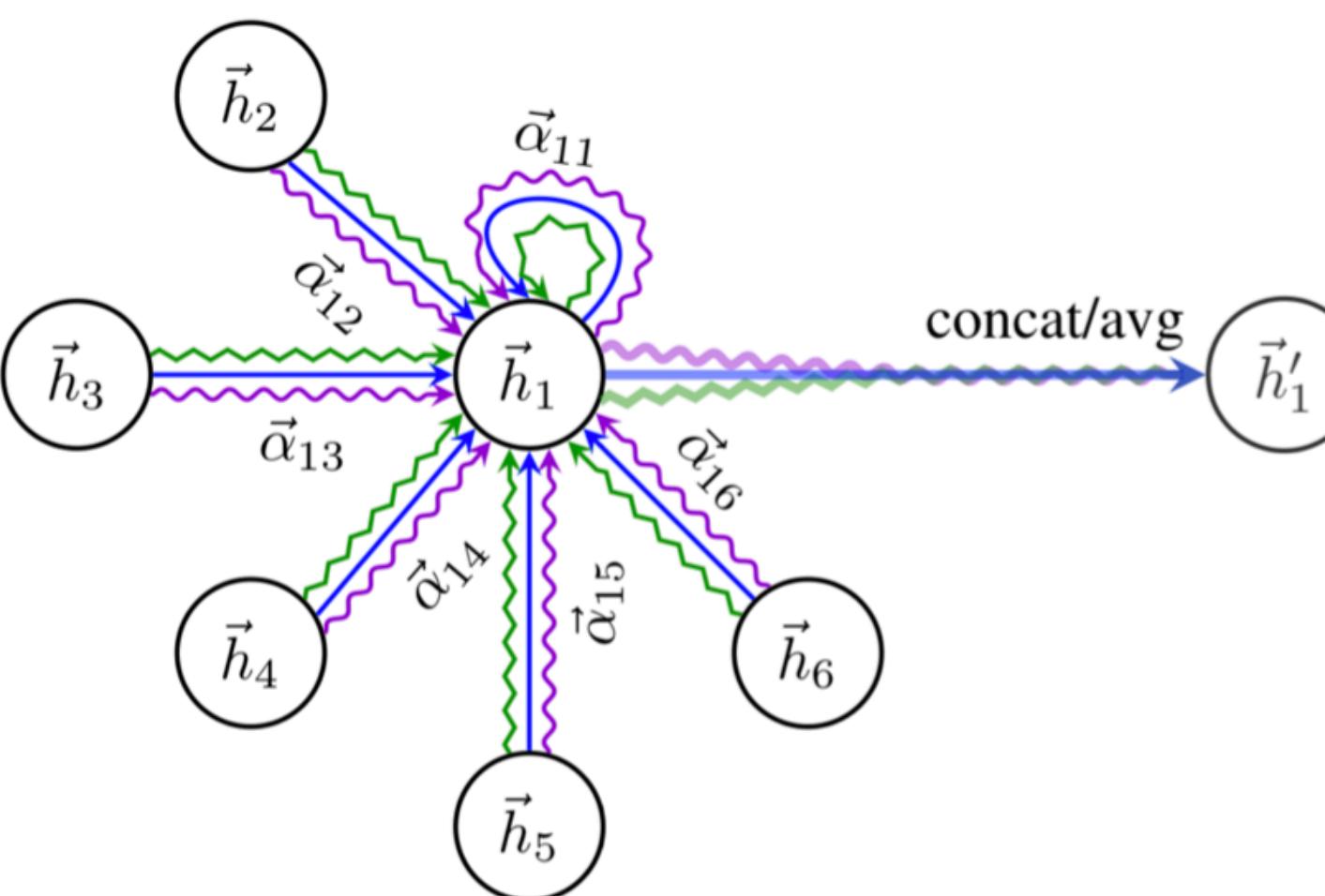
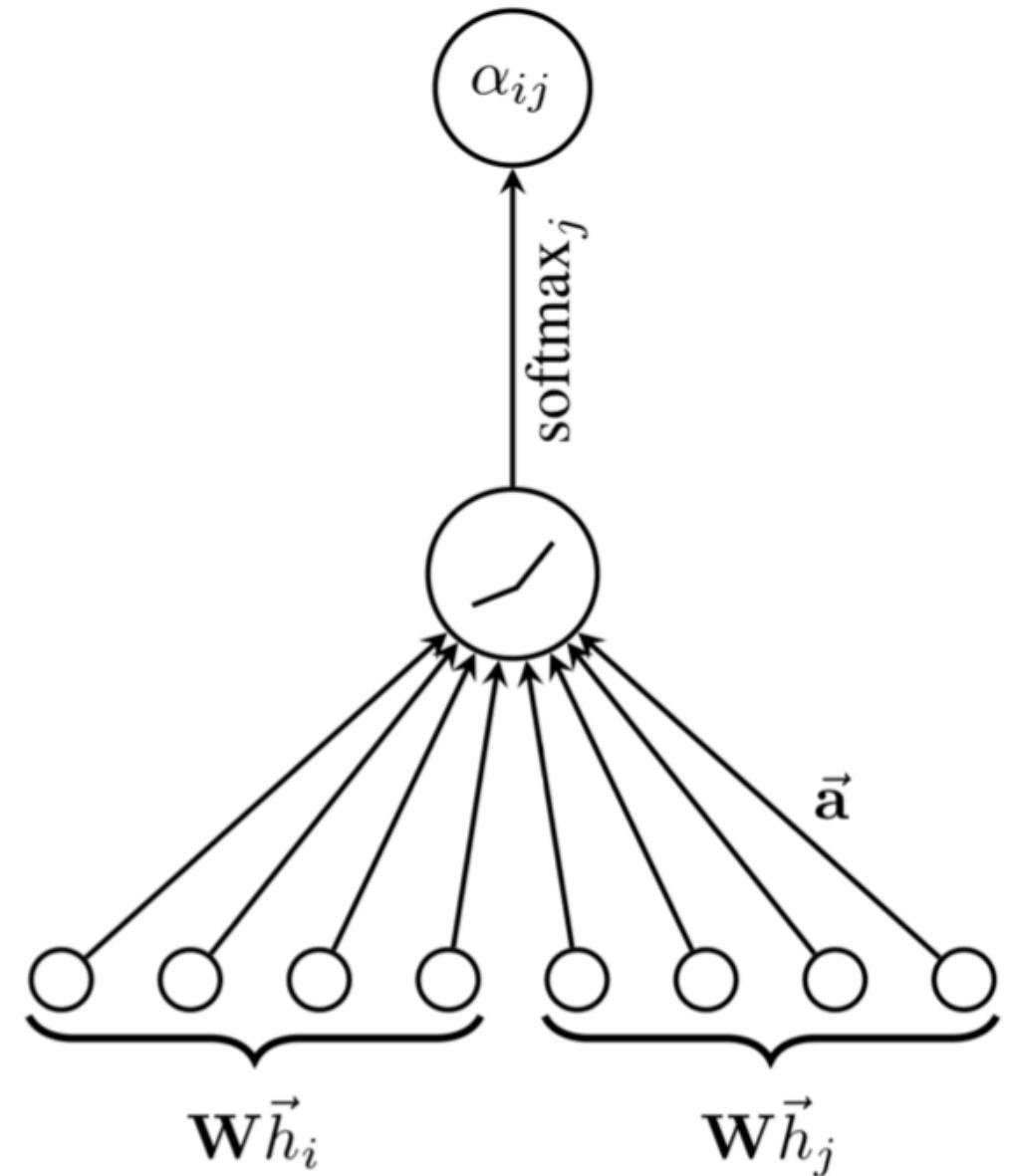
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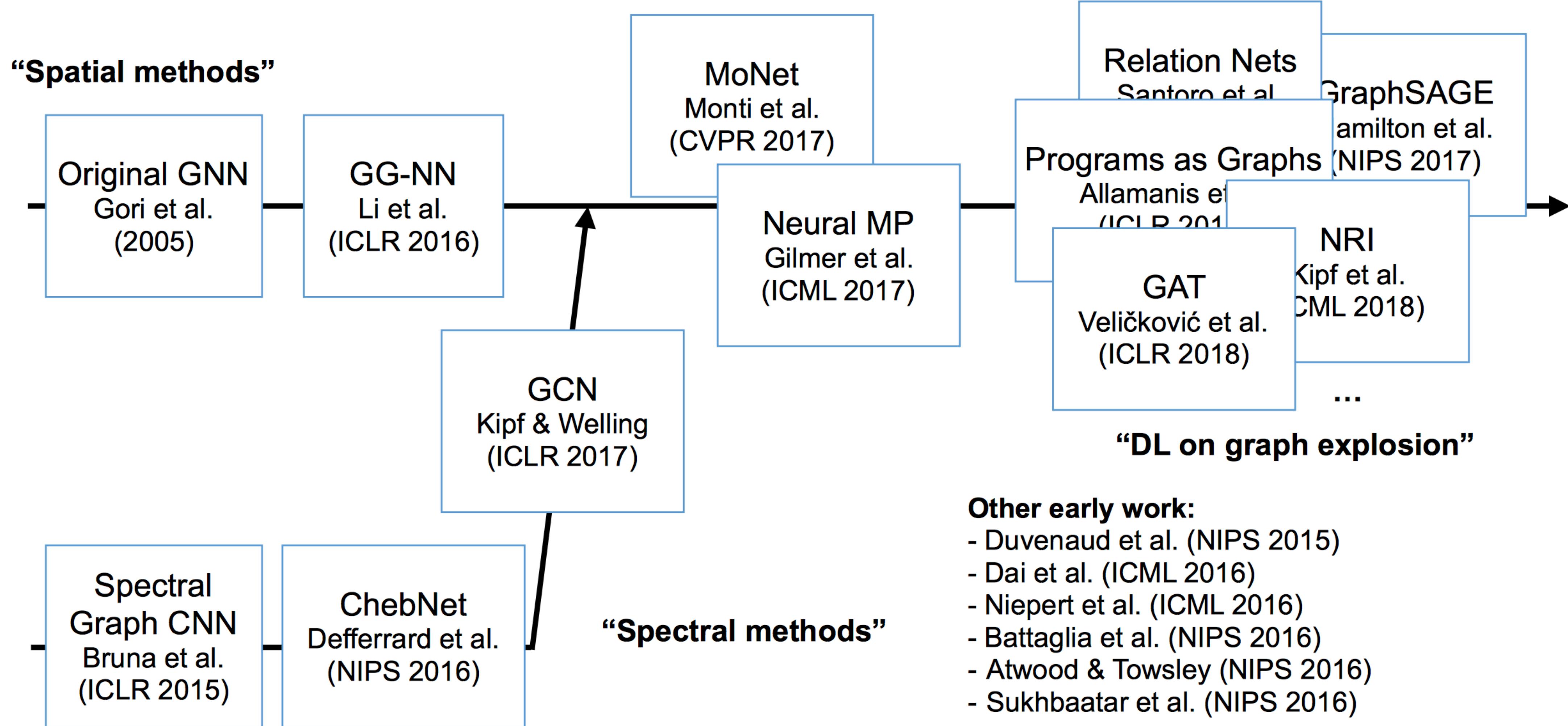
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# A Brief History of Graph Neural Nets



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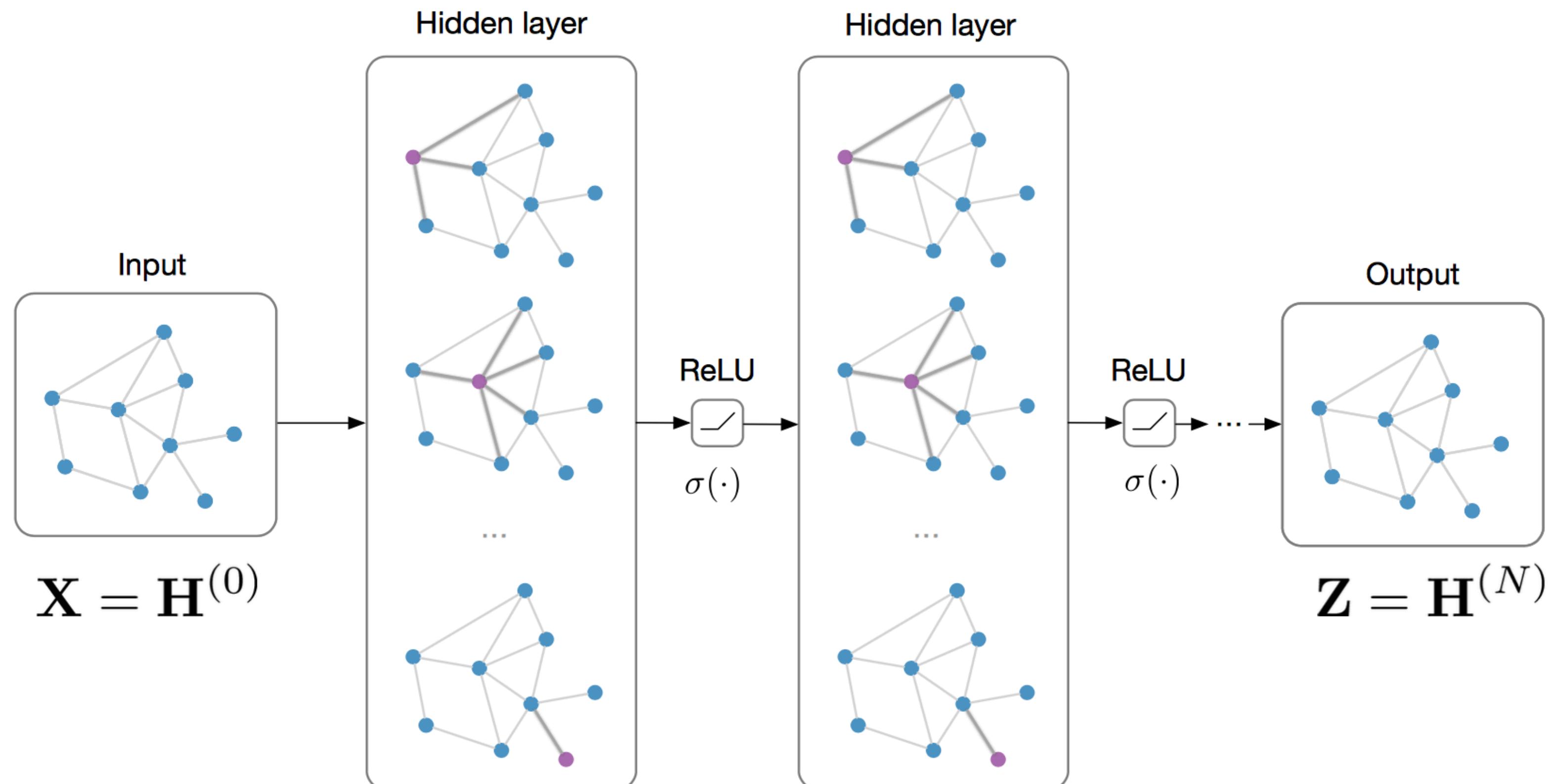
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(slide inspired by Alexander Gaunt's talk on GNNs)

How do we use GNN / GCN for real  
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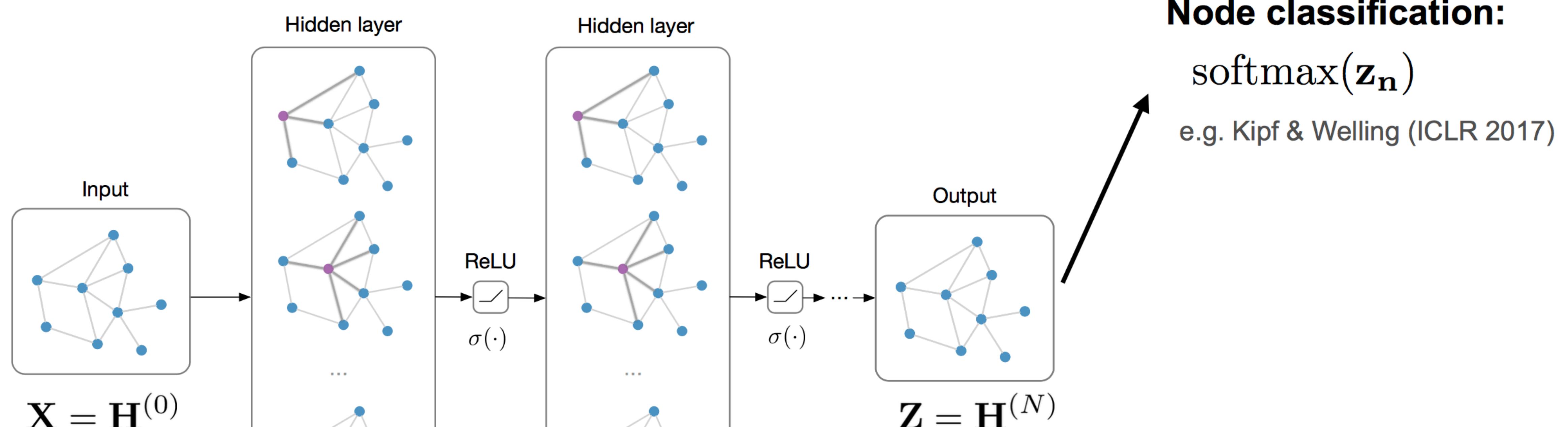
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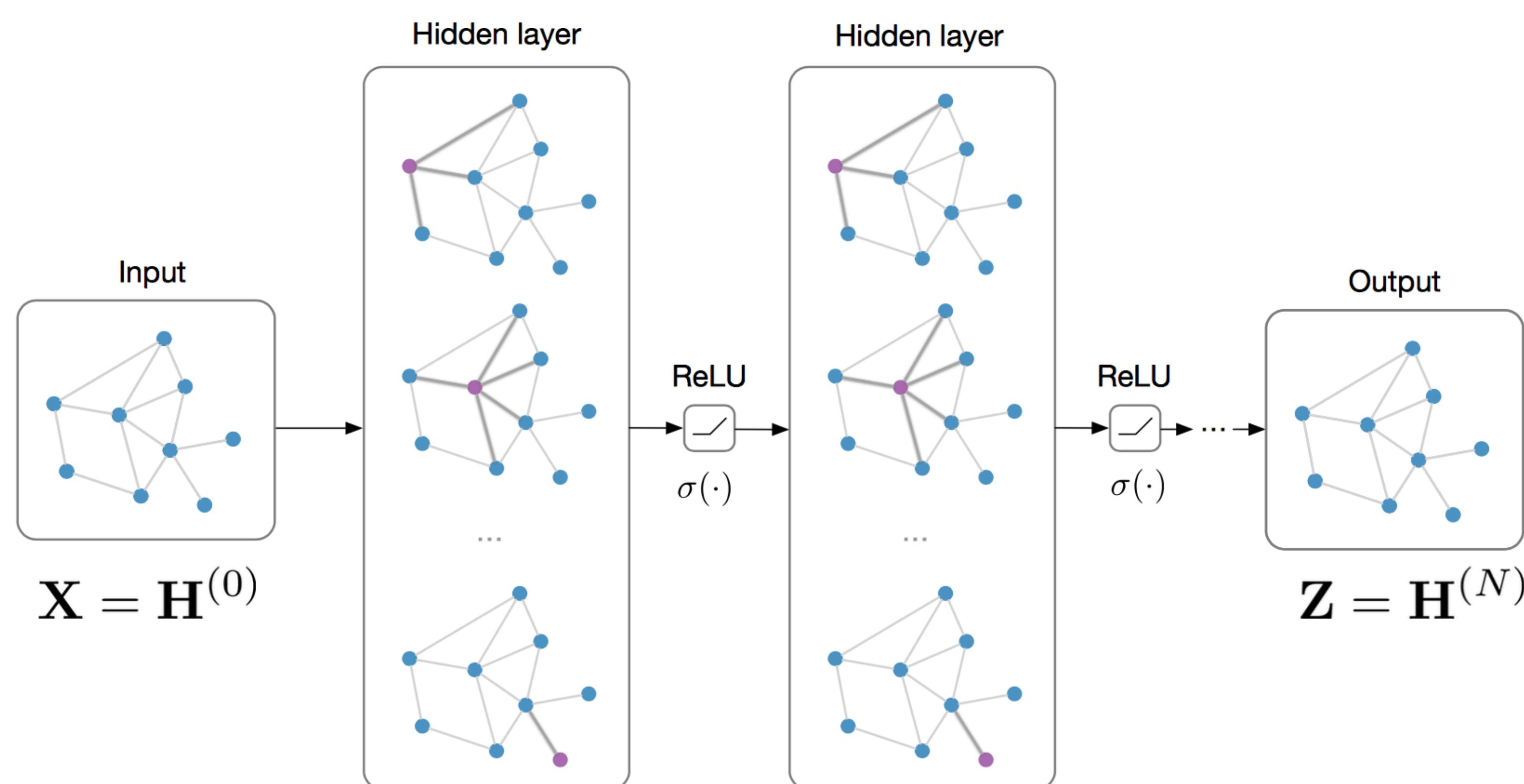
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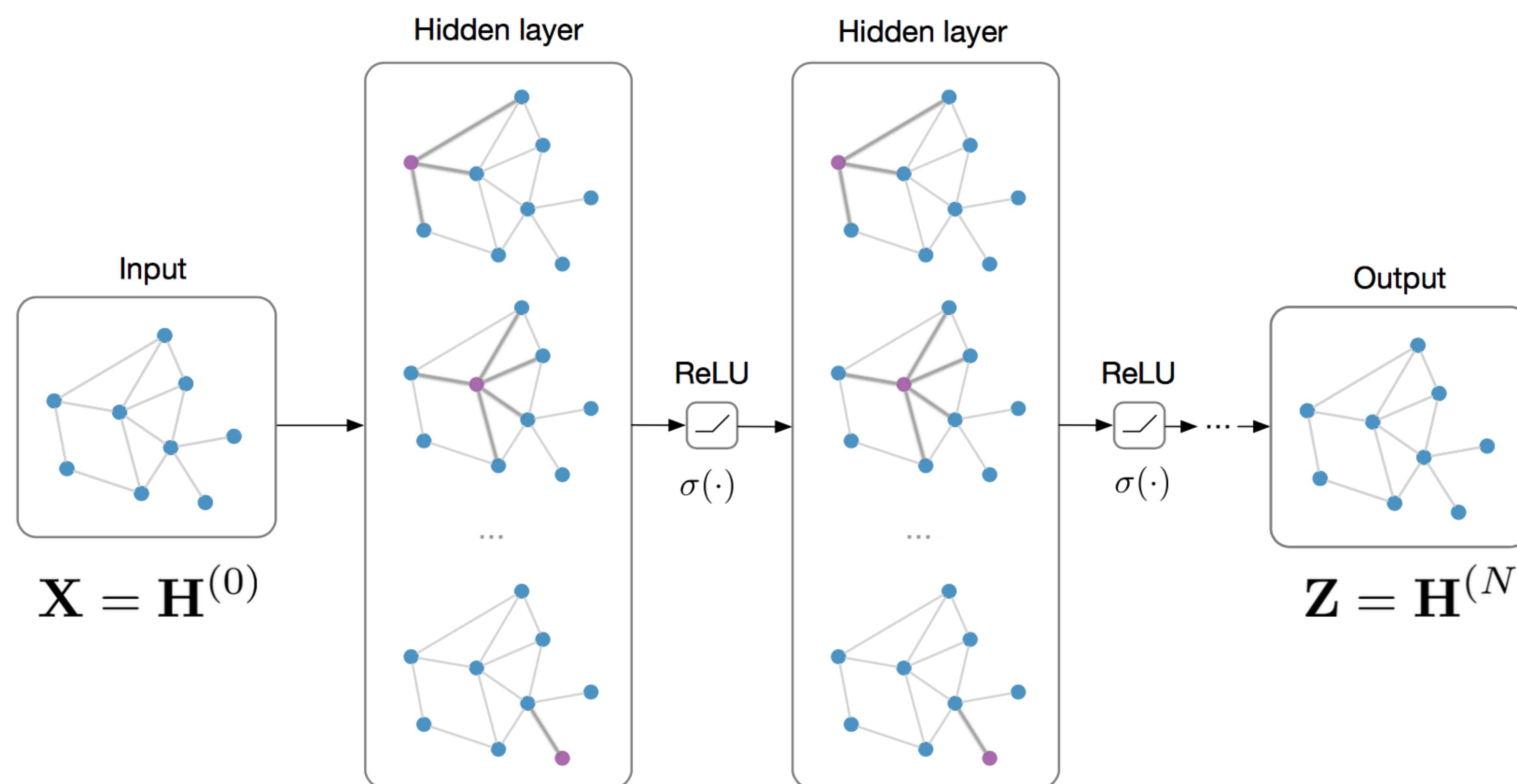
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**Link prediction:**

$$p(A_{ij}) = \sigma(\mathbf{z}_i^T \mathbf{z}_j)$$

Kipf & Welling (NIPS BDL 2016)

**“Graph Auto-Encoders”**

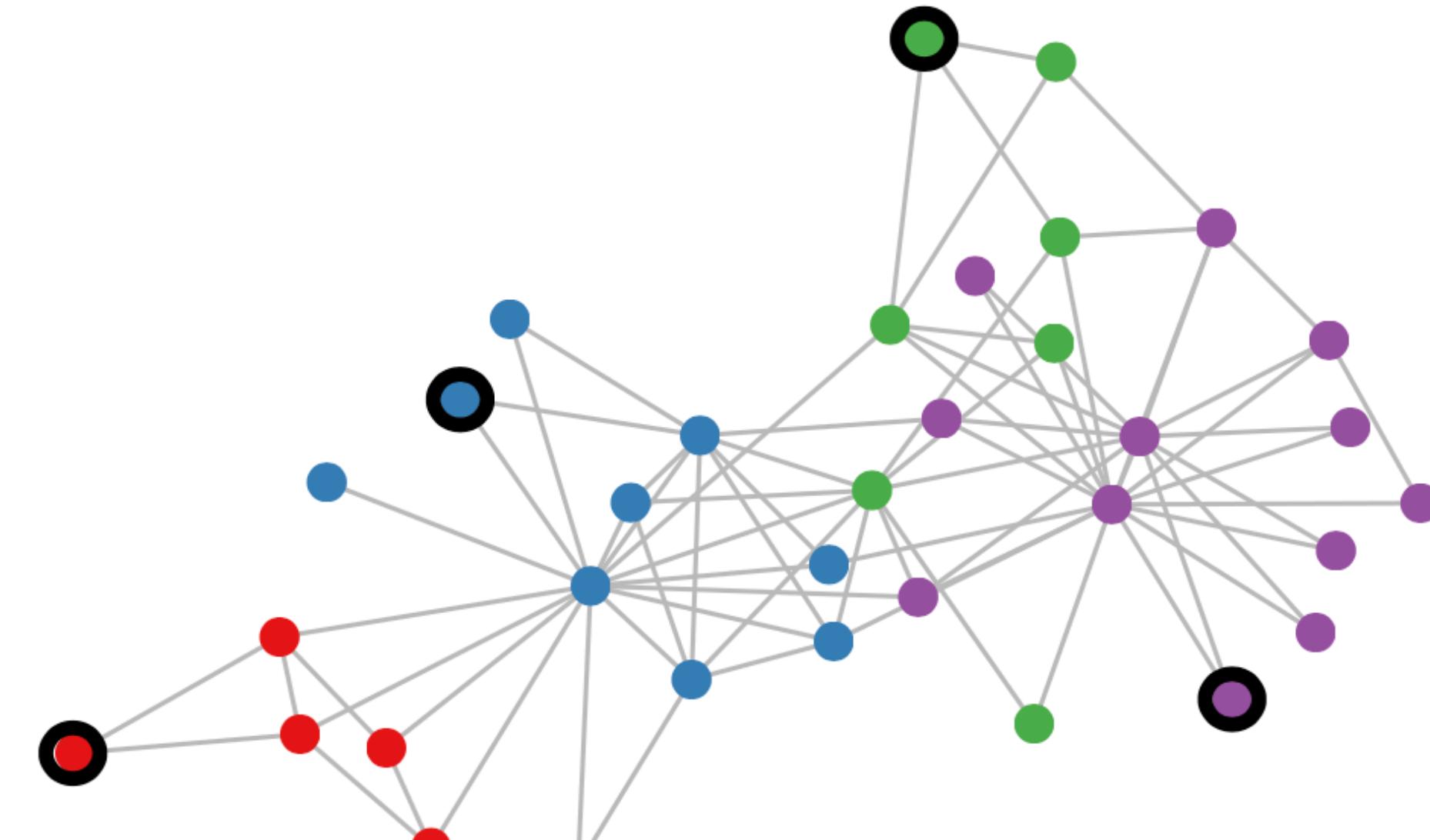
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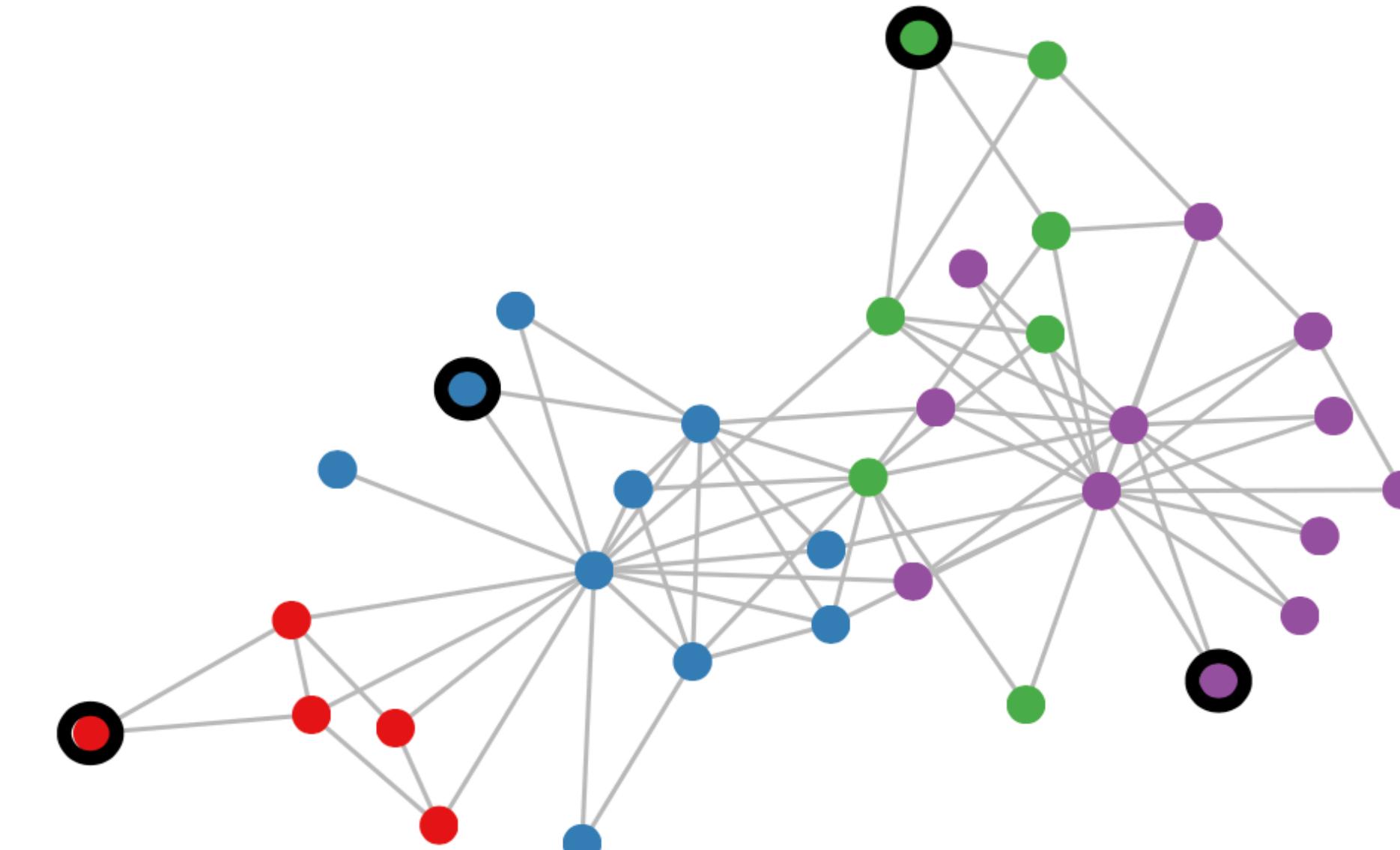
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Evaluate loss on labeled nodes only:

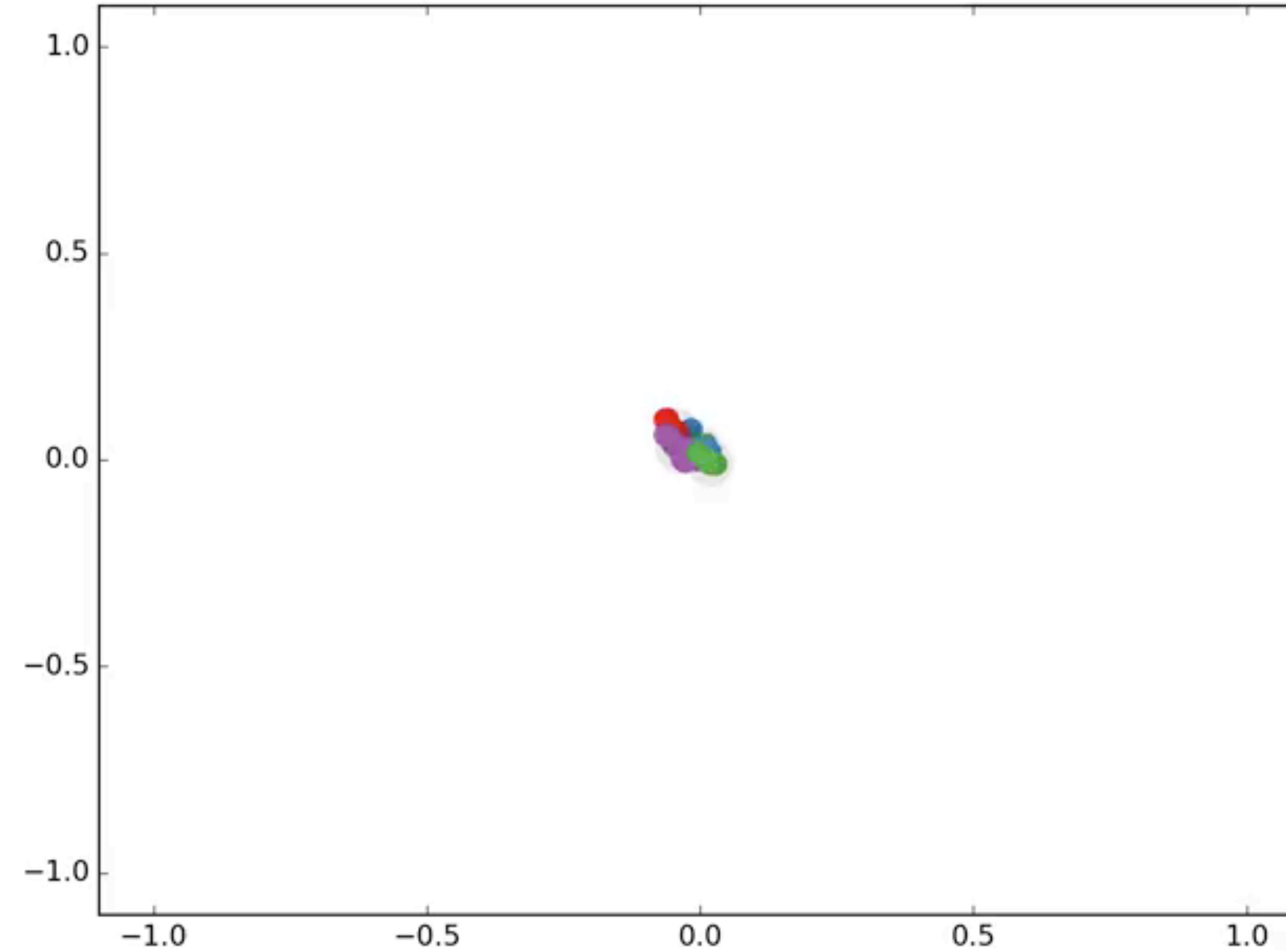
$$\mathcal{L} = - \sum_{l \in \mathcal{Y}_L} \sum_{f=1}^F Y_{lf} \ln Z_{lf}$$

$\mathcal{Y}_L$  set of labeled node indices

$\mathbf{Y}$  label matrix

$\mathbf{Z}$  GCN output (after softmax)

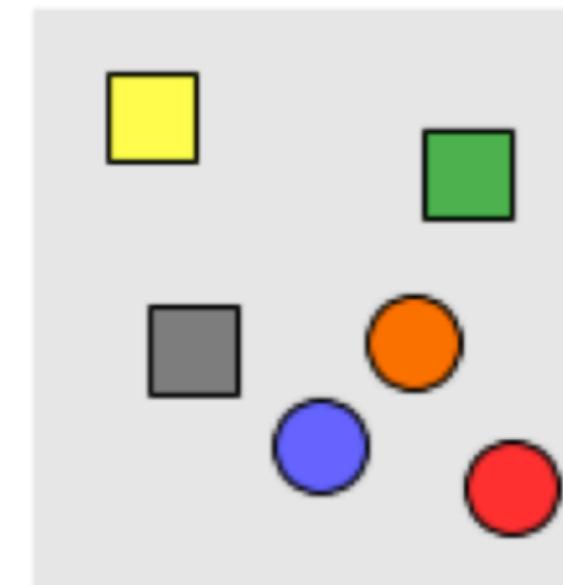
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# Conclusions

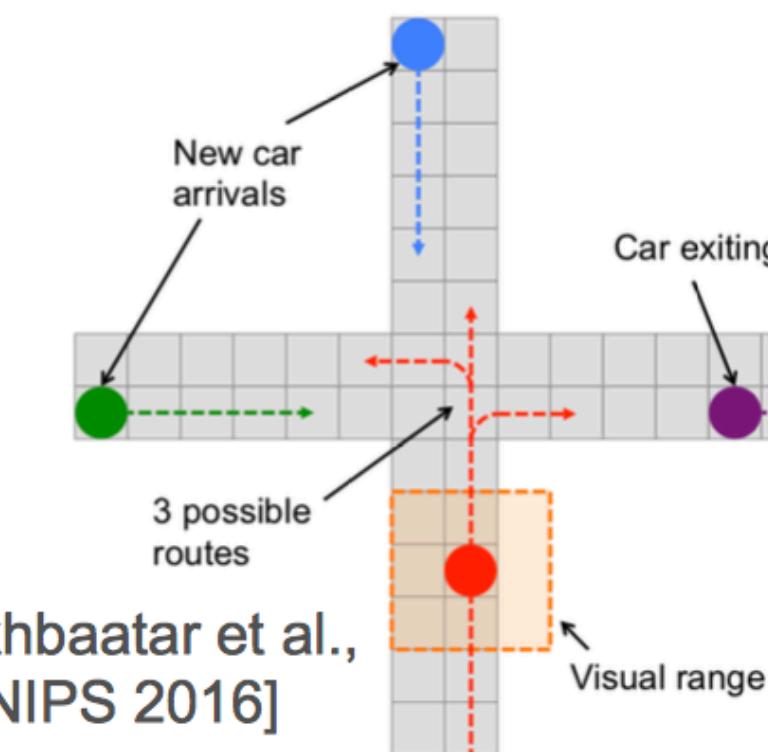
- Deep learning on graphs works and is very effective!
- Exciting area: lots of new applications and extensions (hard to keep up)

**Relational reasoning**



[Santoro et al., NIPS 2017]

**Multi-Agent RL**



[Sukhbaatar et al.,  
NIPS 2016]

**GCN for recommendation on 16 billion edge graph!**



**Source pin**

[Leskovec lab, Stanford]



## Open problems:

- Theory
- Scalable, stable generative models
- Learning on large, evolving data
- Multi-modal and cross-model learning (e.g., sequence2graph)

# **Graph Neural Nets (GNNs) are strict Generalizations of Traditional Neural Nets**

(CNNs / RNNs can be implemented using GNNs / GCNs, but this is inefficient)