# Scattering Priors for Graph Neural Networks

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## Main Idea

Create a graph neural network based on scattering priors to improve classification accuracy.

### **Problem Statement**

Graph neural networks typically uses cascades of low pass filters.

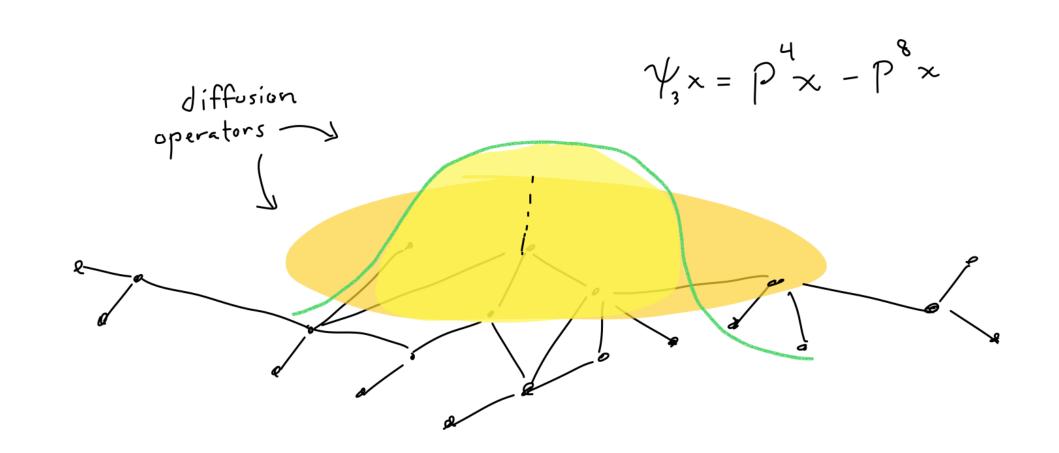
Low pass filters work well in simple data domains but poorly in more complex domains such as are found in biology and chemistry.

Can we improve graph classification with the addition of long range and band pass signals found in scattering transforms?

## Background

Graph Diffusion Wavelets [1] Generalizes averaging of points to averaging of distributions based on a ground distance between points.

Allows interpolation of a distribution from a weighted set of distributions.



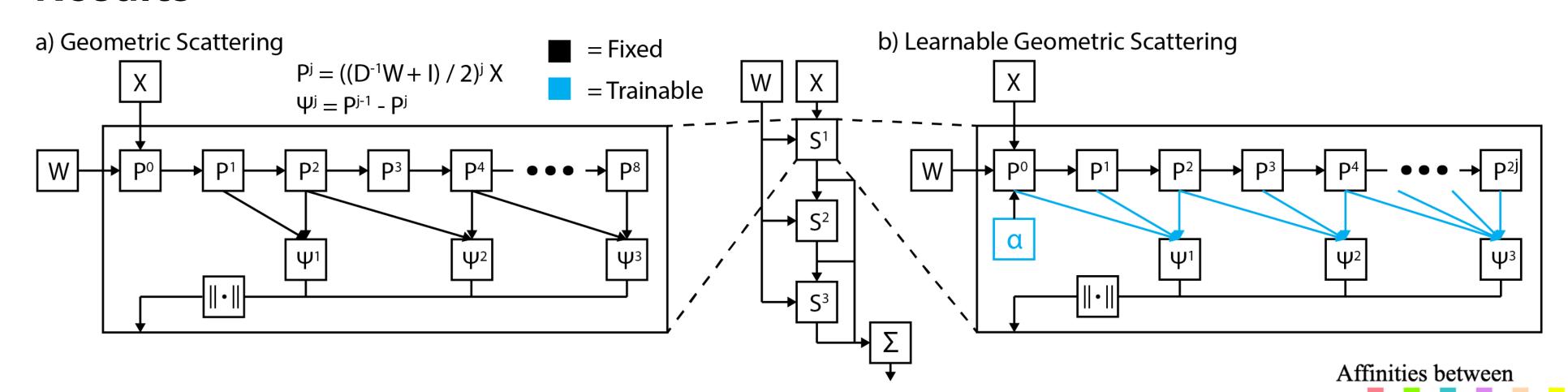
Geometric Scattering Transform A cascade of diffusion wavelets followed by absolute value non-linearities and averaging operators transforms a graph with features to an embedding space.

$$egin{aligned} oldsymbol{\Psi}_0 \coloneqq oldsymbol{I}_n - oldsymbol{P}, \ oldsymbol{\Psi}_j \coloneqq oldsymbol{P}^{2^{j-1}} - oldsymbol{P}^{2^j} = oldsymbol{P}^{2^{j-1}} ig( oldsymbol{I}_n - oldsymbol{P}^{2^{j-1}} ig), \quad j \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$oldsymbol{U}_p oldsymbol{x} \coloneqq oldsymbol{\Psi}_{j_m} | oldsymbol{\Psi}_{j_{m-1}} \ldots | oldsymbol{\Psi}_{j_2} | oldsymbol{\Psi}_{j_1} oldsymbol{x} | | \ldots |$$

$$oldsymbol{S}_{p,q}oldsymbol{x}\coloneqq \sum_{i=1}^n |oldsymbol{U}_poldsymbol{x}[v_i]|^q.$$

## Results



	# Graphs	# Classes	Diameter	Nodes	Edges	Clust. Coeff
DD	1178	2	19.81	284.32	715.66	0.48
ENZYMES	600	6	10.92	32.63	62.14	0.45
MUTAG	188	2	8.22	17.93	19.79	0.00
NCI1	4110	2	13.33	29.87	32.30	0.00
NCI109	4127	2	13.14	29.68	32.13	0.00
PROTEINS	1113	2	11.62	39.06	72.82	0.51
PTC	344	2	7.52	14.29	14.69	0.01
COLLAB	5000	3	1.86	74.49	2457.22	0.89
IMDB-BINARY	1000	2	1.86	19.77	96.53	0.95
IMDB-MULTI	1500	3	1.47	13.00	65.94	0.97
<b>REDDIT-BINARY</b>	2000	2	8.59	429.63	497.75	0.05
REDDIT-MULTI-12K	11929	11	9.53	391.41	456.89	0.03
REDDIT-MULTI-5K	4999	5	10.57	508.52	594.87	0.03

Statistics of seven biomedical and six social network datasets. Biomedical datasets tend to have a higher ratio of diameter to number of nodes as well as fewer edges for a given size graph.

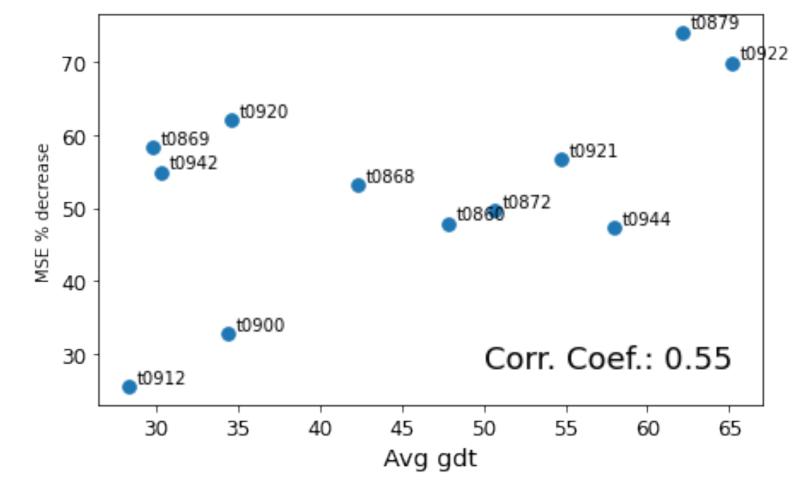
	LEGS-RBF	LEGS-FCN	LEGS-FIXED	GCN	GraphSAGE	GS-SVM	Baseline
DD	$72.58 \pm 3.35$	$72.07 \pm 2.37$	$69.09 \pm 4.82$	$67.82 \pm 3.81$	$66.37 \pm 4.45$	$72.66 \pm 4.94$	$\textbf{75.98} \pm \textbf{2.81}$
ENZYMES	$36.33 \pm 4.50$	$\textbf{38.50} \pm \textbf{8.18}$	$32.33 \pm 5.04$	$31.33 \pm 6.89$	$15.83 \pm 9.10$	$27.33 \pm 5.10$	$20.50 \pm 5.99$
MUTAG	$33.51 \pm 4.34$	$82.98 \pm 9.85$	$81.84 \pm 11.24$	$79.30 \pm 9.66$	$81.43 \pm 11.64$	$\textbf{85.09} \pm \textbf{7.44}$	$79.80 \pm 9.92$
NCI1	$\textbf{74.26} \pm \textbf{1.53}$	$70.83 \pm 2.65$	$71.24 \pm 1.63$	$60.80 \pm 4.26$	$57.54 \pm 3.33$	$69.68 \pm 2.38$	$56.69 \pm 3.07$
NCI109	$\textbf{72.47} \pm \textbf{2.11}$	$70.17 \pm 1.46$	$69.25 \pm 1.75$	$61.30 \pm 2.99$	$55.15 \pm 2.58$	$68.55 \pm 2.06$	$57.38 \pm 2.20$
PROTEINS	$70.89 \pm 3.91$	$71.06 \pm 3.17$	$67.30 \pm 2.94$	$\textbf{74.03} \pm \textbf{3.20}$	$71.87 \pm 3.50$	$70.98 \pm 2.67$	$73.22 \pm 3.76$
PTC	$\textbf{57.26} \pm \textbf{5.54}$	$56.92 \pm 9.36$	$54.31 \pm 6.92$	$56.34 \pm 10.29$	$55.22 \pm 9.13$	$56.96 \pm 7.09$	$56.71 \pm 5.54$
COLLAB	$75.78 \pm 1.95$	$75.40 \pm 1.80$	$72.94 \pm 1.70$	$73.80 \pm 1.73$	$\textbf{76.12} \pm \textbf{1.58}$	$74.54 \pm 2.32$	$64.76 \pm 2.63$
IMDB-BINARY	$64.90 \pm 3.48$	$64.50 \pm 3.50$	$64.30 \pm 3.68$	$47.40 \pm 6.24$	$46.40 \pm 4.03$	$\textbf{66.70} \pm \textbf{3.53}$	$47.20 \pm 5.67$
IMDB-MULTI	$41.93 \pm 3.01$	$40.13 \pm 2.77$	$41.67 \pm 3.19$	$39.33 \pm 3.13$	$39.73 \pm 3.45$	$\textbf{42.13} \pm \textbf{2.53}$	$39.53 \pm 3.63$
REDDIT-BINARY	$\textbf{86.10} \pm \textbf{2.92}$	$78.15 \pm 5.42$	$85.00 \pm 1.93$	$81.60 \pm 2.32$	$73.40 \pm 4.38$	$85.15 \pm 2.78$	$69.30 \pm 5.08$
REDDIT-MULTI-12K	$38.47 \pm 1.07$	$38.46 \pm 1.31$	$39.74 \pm 1.31$	$\textbf{42.57} \pm \textbf{0.90}$	$32.17 \pm 2.04$	$39.79 \pm 1.11$	$22.07 \pm 0.98$
PEDDIT-MIII TI-5K	$47.83 \pm 2.61$	$46.07 \pm 3.06$	$47.17 \pm 2.03$	$52.70 \pm 2.11$	$45.71 \pm 2.88$	$48.70 \pm 2.05$	$36.41 \pm 1.80$

Test set accuracy mean +- std. over 10 seeds for 3 LEGS nets and 4 baseline methods.

$(\mu \pm \sigma)$	Train MSE	Test MSE
LEGS-FCN	$\textbf{134.34} \pm \textbf{8.62}$	$144.14 \pm 15.48$
<b>LEGS-RBF</b>	$140.46 \pm 9.76$	$152.59 \pm 14.56$
<b>LEGS-FIXED</b>	$136.84 \pm 15.57$	$160.03 \pm 1.81$
GCN	$289.33 \pm 15.75$	$303.52 \pm 18.90$
GraphSAGE	$221.14 \pm 42.56$	$219.44 \pm 34.84$
Baseline	$393.78 \pm 4.02$	$402.21 \pm 21.45$

Performance on the critical assessment of structure prediction (CASP) challenge regressing against global distance test (GDT) score. LEGS outperforms on this task by a significant margin on this difficult task.

Performance split by (14) target structures. Y axis is the increase of LEGS-FCN over GCN baseline. LEGS improves the most on targets that are the most complicated as measured by average



(a) Observed

(c) LEGS-FIXED

baseline.

Enzymes dataset class exchange

preferences vs. experimentally

observed. LEGS-FCN learns a

function which still preserves

classes. Better than the GCN

exchange preferences between

#### Method

We learn some portions of the geometric scattering transform using standard training methods.

We propose and compare the following models:

**LEGS-FIXED** – A fixed geometric scattering transform followed by a two layer fully connected network.

LEGS-FCN – A learnable geometric scattering transform followed by a fully connected network.

LEGS-RBF – A learnable geometric scattering transform followed by a custom radial basis network. [1] showed that a radial basis kernel SVM was more effective in classifying from a fixed geometric scattering transform than a linear kernel.

#### Learnable Geometric Scattering (LEGS net)

- (1) the random walk laziness  $\alpha$
- (2) The set of scales from dyadic to softmax based
- (3) (optionally) add the radial basis network

#### **LEGS Theory**

(b) LEGS-FCN

(d) GCN

LEGS maintains permutation invariance and robustness to small smooth signal perturbations (shown by non-expansive frame bound) as in the fixed geometric scattering transform as is similarly shown in [3].

## Conclusions

Our results show a network based on graph scattering priors outperforms standard GNN architectures particularly on biomedical graph classification datasets.

Our model allows for long range connections with many fewer parameters and maintains useful theoretical properties from fixed geometric scattering transforms.

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