

# A hierarchical geometry-to-semantic fusion GNN framework for earth surface anomalies detection

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# Background and Motivation

- Various earth's surface anomalies caused by natural or human factors (natural disasters, ecological damage, etc.) occur on a global scale and are characterized by **high frequency, high impact** and **heavy losses**.
- **Timely monitoring and early warning** of earth surface anomalies has become a major need to ensure healthy and stable social and economic development.





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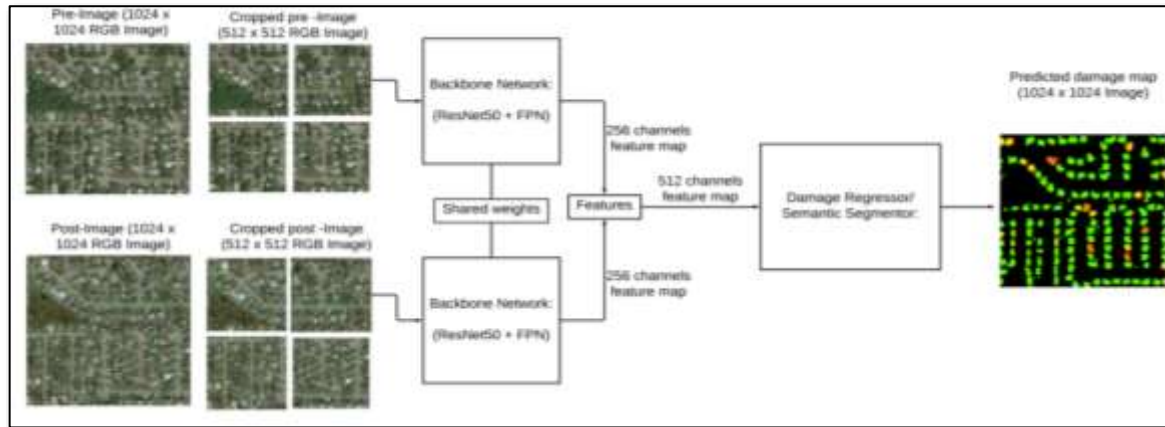
- Remote Sensing Detection
- **Real-time, Large-scale, Non-contact, Dynamic**, etc.



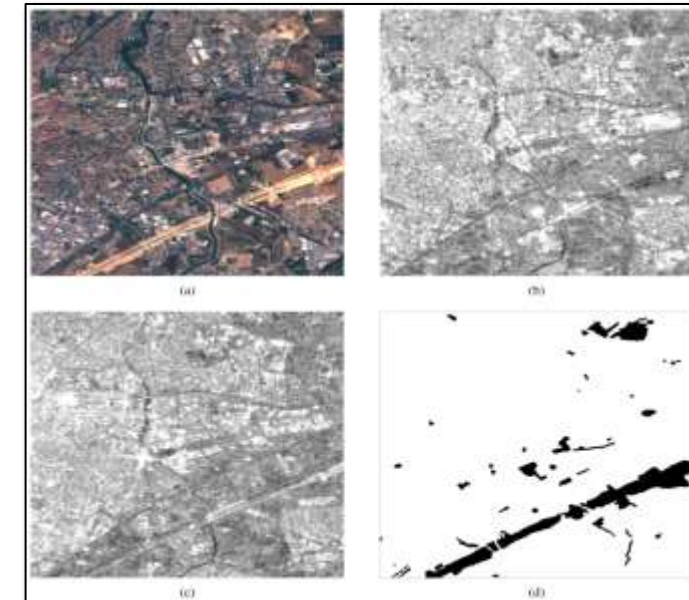
Before and After Satellite Images of the Earthquake-Affected Areas in Turkey

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- The current research mainly focus on **post-doc analysis** and has shown promising results by incorporating additional temporal and modal data, leading to significant performance improvements.
- Data availability, data preprocessing, and data labeling pose challenges for rapid response to earth's surface anomalies.



Assessment of Building Damage Using Multi-Temporal Method



Extracting Disaster-Affected Areas Using Multi-Modal Method

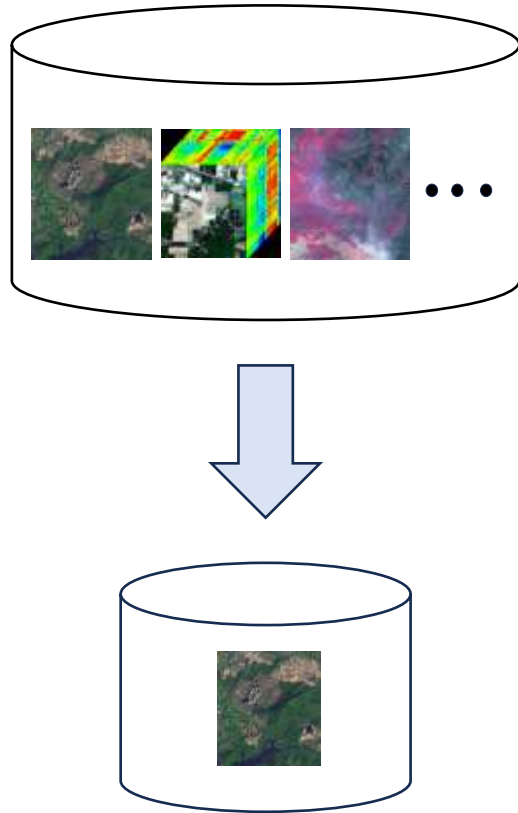
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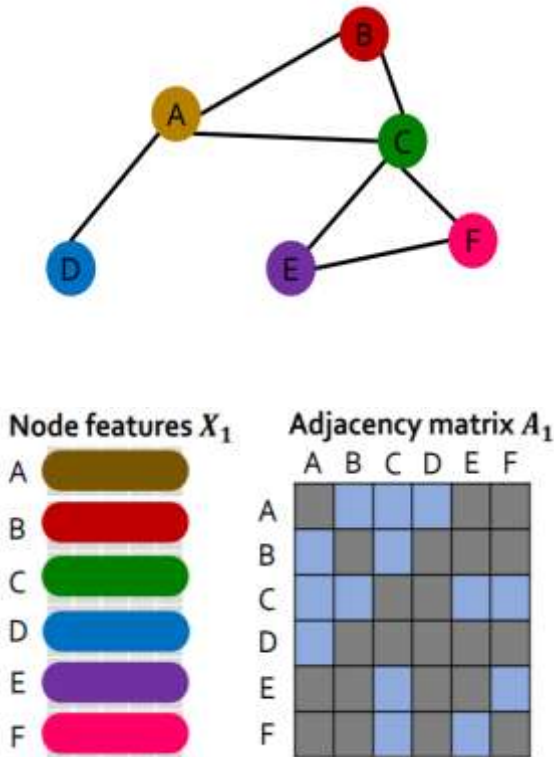


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- Reduce detection time and save valuable time for response.



Simpler Data



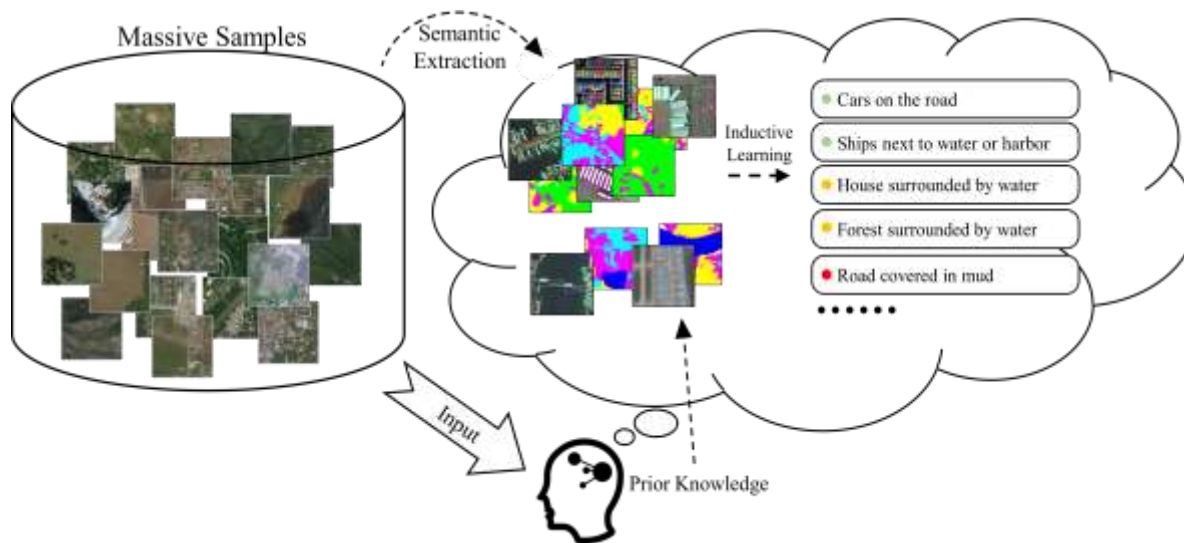
Lightweight and tailored model

Anomaly	Flood
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	Hurricane
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	Earthquake
	Volcano
	Tornado
	Tsunami
Normal	Fire
	Bushfire

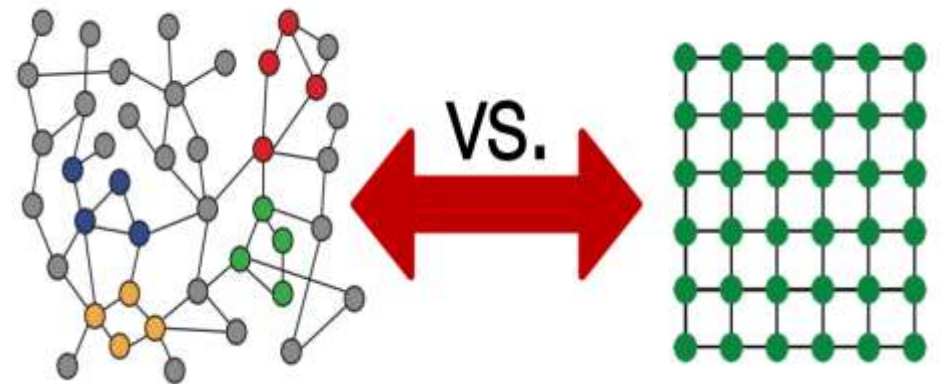
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- We use **graph neural networks** as the core model, aiming to enable the model to explicitly capture semantic relationships between different geoentities and use them for inference.
- Irregular structure, Explicitly modeling relationships, Flexibility, etc.



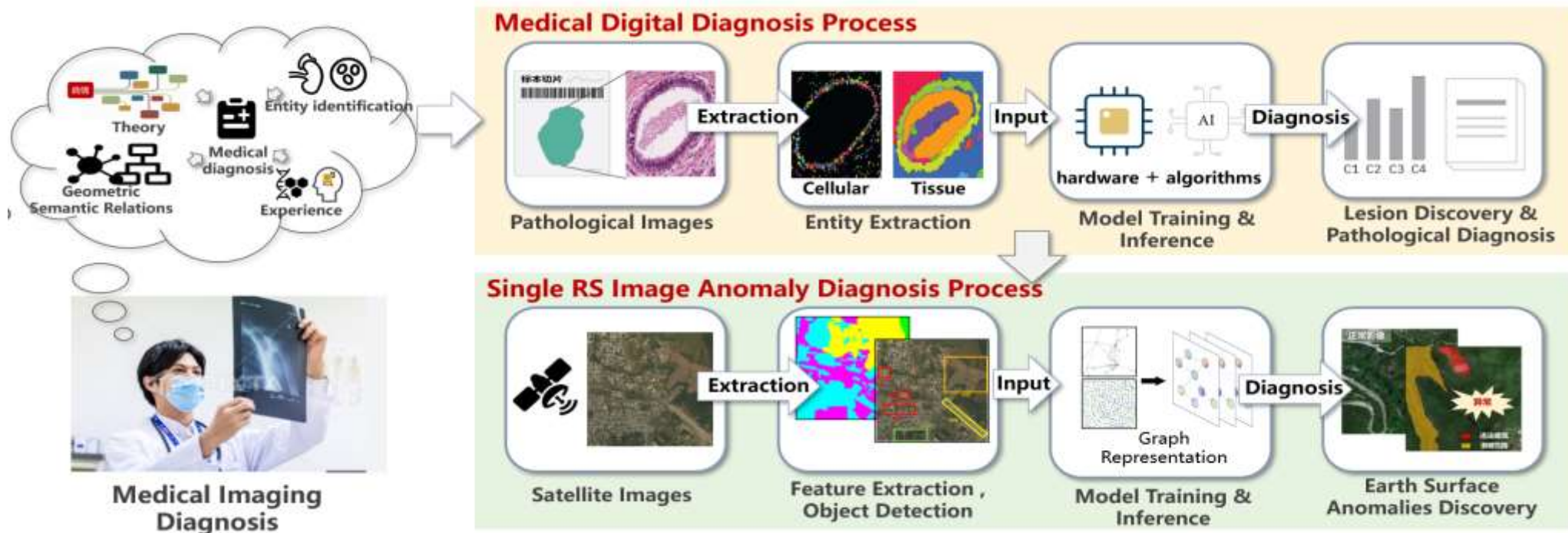
Simulated Process of Human Brain Interpret Satellite Images



Comparison of Graph and Regular Grid Image

# Background and Motivation

- Inspired by the **AI-based synergistic** approach of doctors in diagnosing diseases at the cellular and tissue levels. We process satellite remote sensing images into graph structures at different levels, including geometric and semantic, facilitating earth surface anomaly detection.



Simulating Doctor's Diagnostic Process for Earth's Surface Anomaly Detection

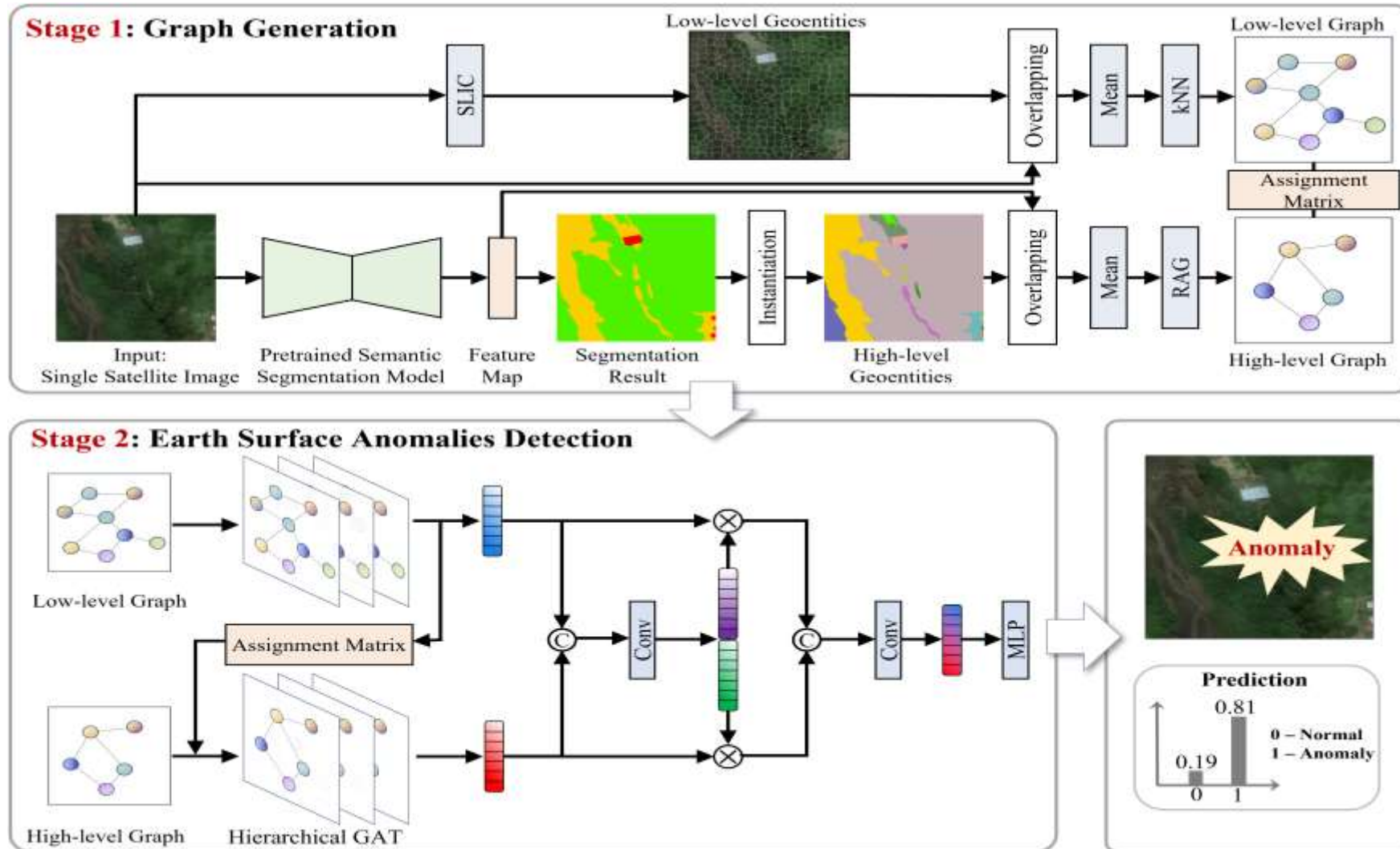


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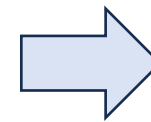
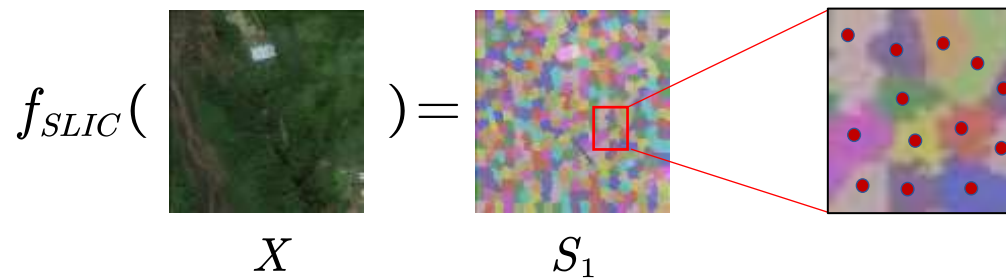
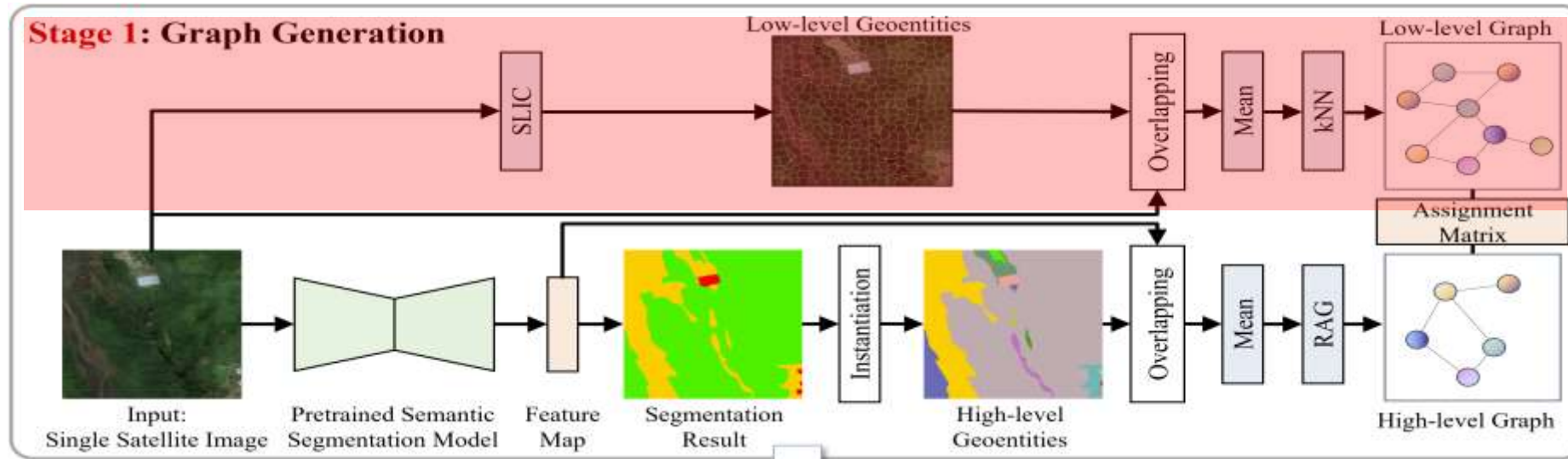
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- A hierarchical geometry-to-semantic fusion GNN framework



# Method

- How to generate hierarchical graph?

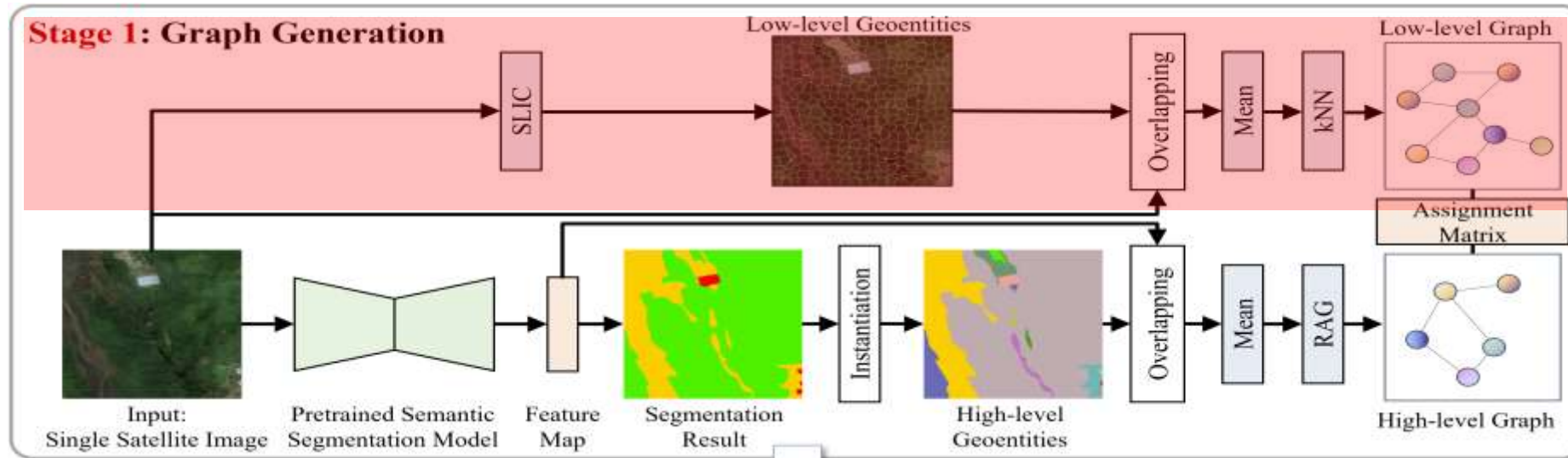


$$N(v_i) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m \begin{bmatrix} R_j \\ G_j \\ B_j \end{bmatrix}, v_i \in V_{low}$$

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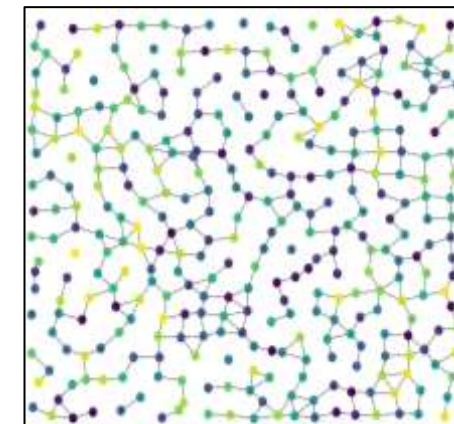
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k-Nearest Neighbors Algorithm:

$$u \in \{w | D(v, w) \leq d_k \wedge D(v, w) < \tau_{dist}, \forall w, v \in V_{low}\}$$

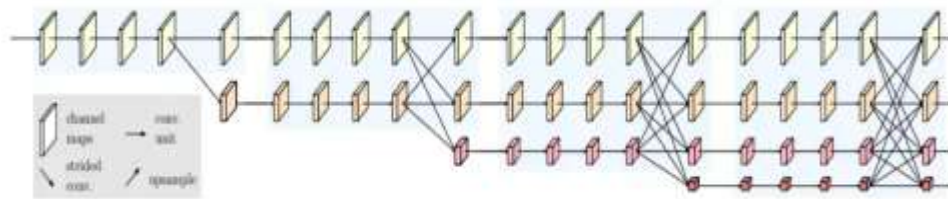
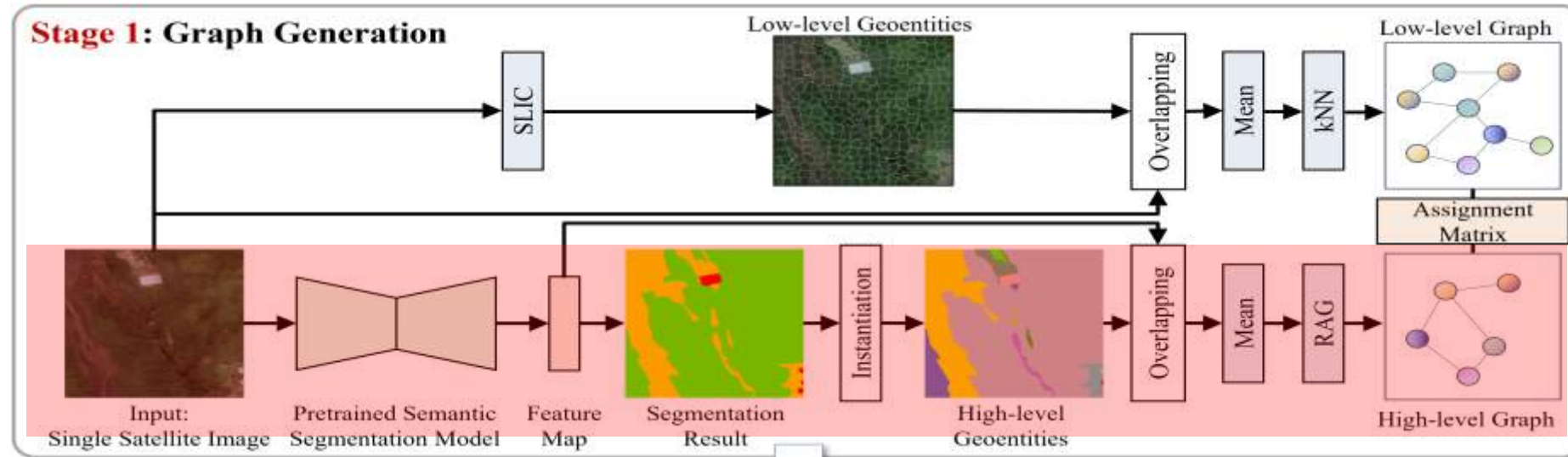


$G_{low}$

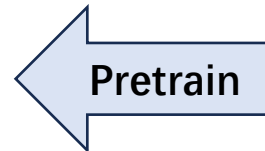


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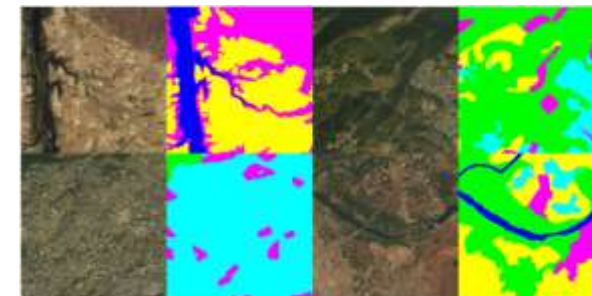
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HRNet



Pretrain

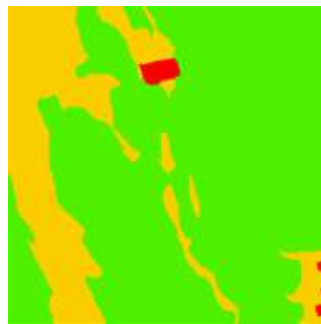
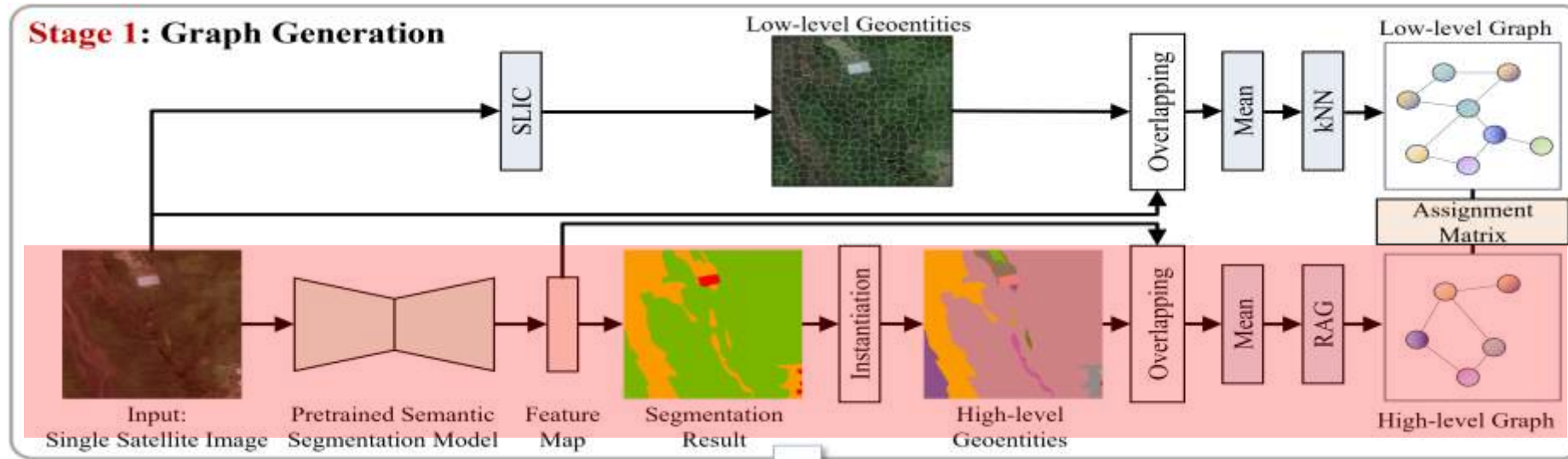


DeepGlobe Dataset

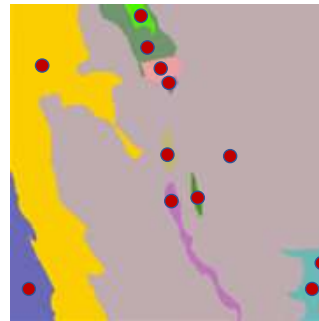
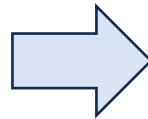
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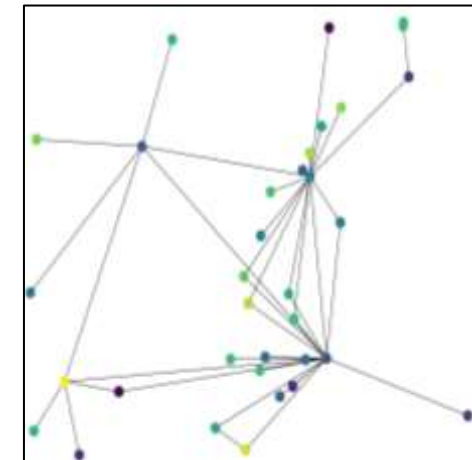
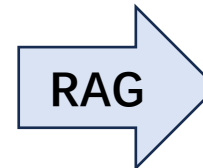
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$S_2$



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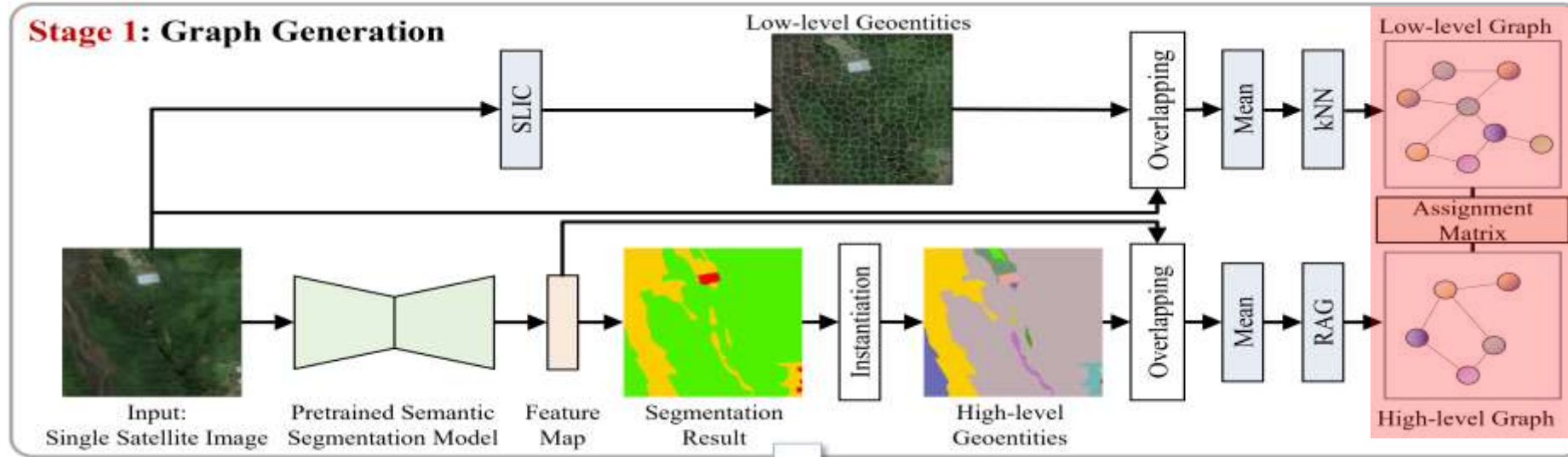


$G_{high}$

$$N(v_i) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m F_s^j, \quad v_i \in V_{high}$$

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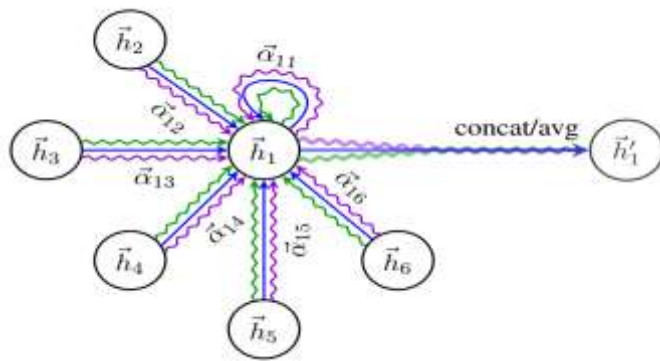
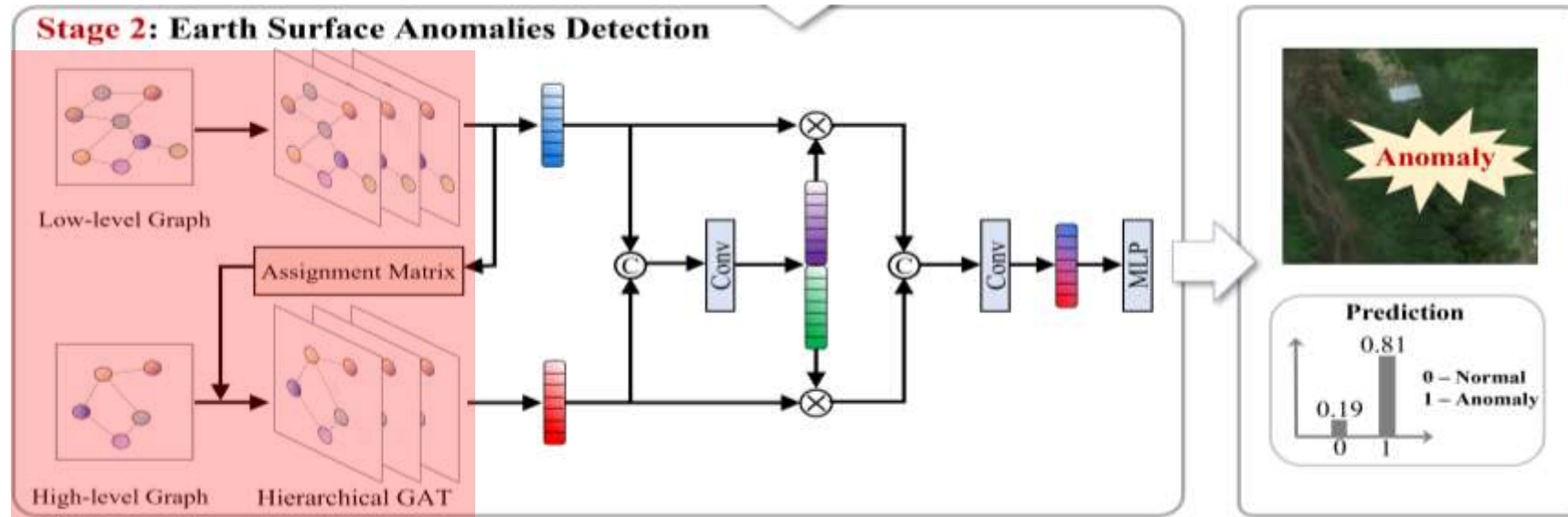


$$A_{low \rightarrow high}[i, j] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i^{\text{th}} \text{ low-level geoentity} \in j^{\text{th}} \text{ high-level geoentity} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$G_{joint} := \{G_{low}, G_{high}, A_{low \rightarrow high}\}$$

# Method

- How to learn from graph?



$$h_i^{(l)} = \sigma \left( \sum_{j \in N_i} \alpha_{ij}^{(l)} W^{(l)} h_j^{(l-1)} + b^{(l)} \right),$$

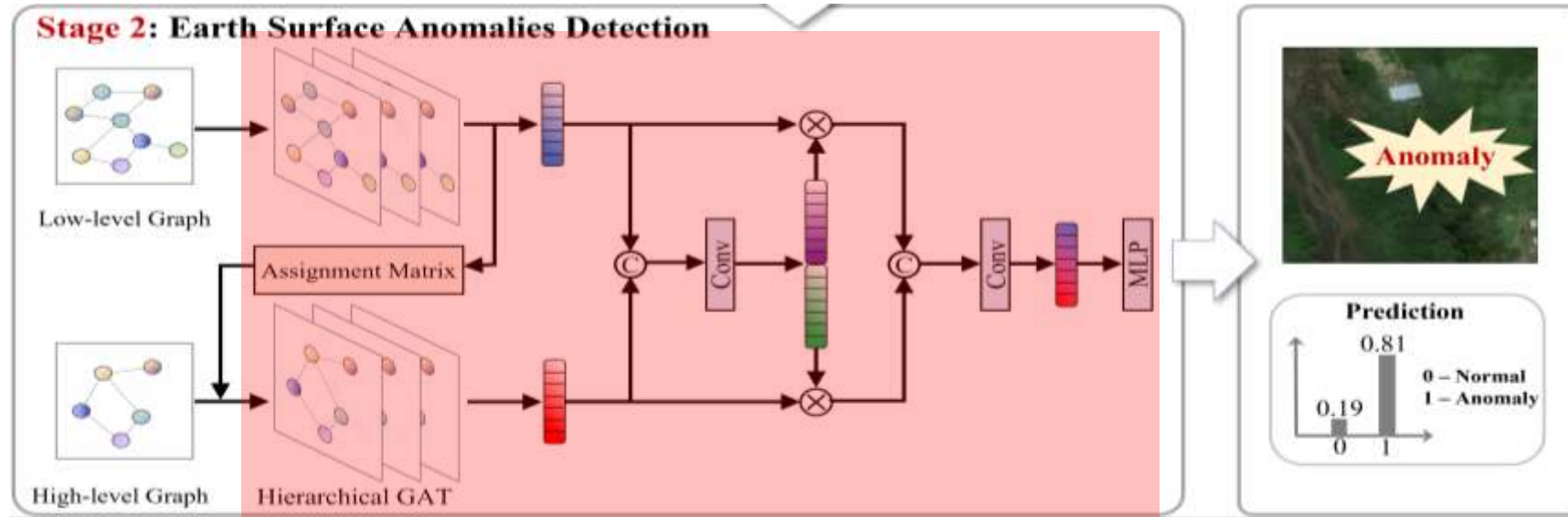
$$\alpha_{ij}^{(l)} = \frac{\exp \left( \text{LeakyReLU} \left( \mathbf{a}^{(l)T} \left[ W^{(l)} h_i^{(l-1)} \parallel W^{(l)} h_j^{(l-1)} \right] \right) \right)}{\sum_{k \in N_i} \exp \left( \text{LeakyReLU} \left( \mathbf{a}^{(l)T} \left[ W^{(l)} h_i^{(l-1)} \parallel W^{(l)} h_k^{(l-1)} \right] \right) \right)}$$

## Graph Attention Networks (GAT)



# Method

- How to learn from graph?



$$h_{\text{high}}(w) = \left[ H_{\text{high}}(w) \parallel \sum_{v \in M(w)} \hat{h}_{\text{low}}(v) \right]$$

$$\mathbf{z} = f\left( \left[ x_{\text{low}} \odot a_{\text{low}} \parallel a_{\text{high}} \odot a_{\text{high}} \right] \right)$$

$$[a_{\text{low}}, a_{\text{high}}] = [\sigma(f([x_{\text{low}}, x_{\text{high}}])), 1 - \sigma(f([x_{\text{low}}, x_{\text{high}}]))]$$

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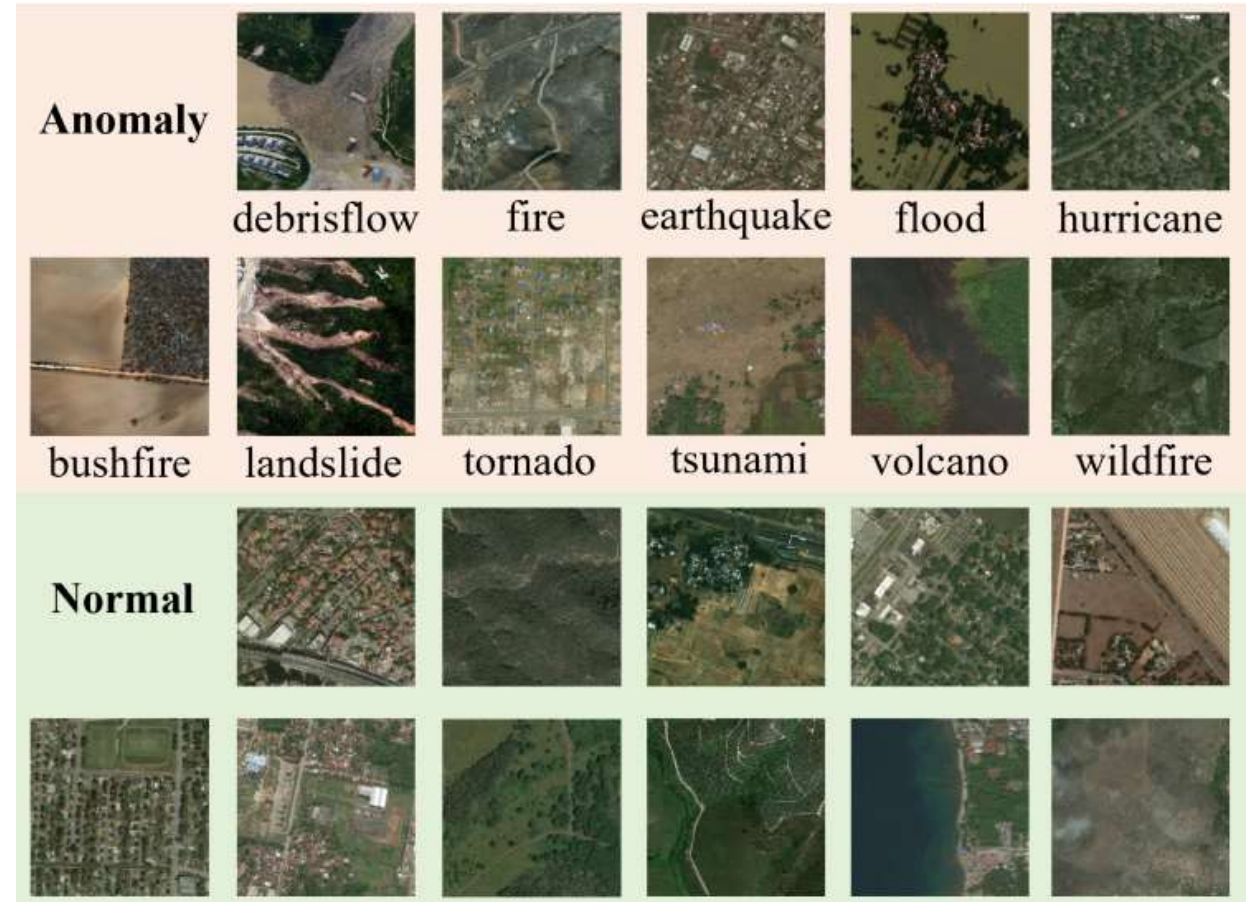
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# Experiments

- ESAD (Earth Surface Anomaly Detection) Dataset
- 13058 samples, 11 classes, high spatial resolution

Class		Num
Anomaly	Flood	647
	Landslide	59
	Debrisflow	48
	Hurricane	1296
	Wildfire	1201
	Earthquake	14
	Volcano	217
	Tornado	254
	Tsunami	107
	Fire	1548
	Bushfire	996
Normal		6671

Statistics of ESAD Dataset



Examples of ESAD Dataset

# Experiments

- Comparison with baselines

Quantitative result of comparison methods

Method	OA	Recall	AIT	Params
ResNet-50	91.05	90.42	16.63ms	25.61M
MobileNetV3	88.40	88.08	14.98ms	3.8M
ViT-B/32	93.71	93.40	16.67ms	88.21M
HGP-SL-Low	66.85	66.87	2.04ms	0.07M
HGP-SL-High	61.64	61.58	0.28ms	0.14M
HACT-Net	74.53	75.42	2.47ms	0.79M
Our method	83.89	83.86	6.04ms	1.01M



# Experiments

- Ablation Study

Ablation Study of Proposed Method

Method	OA	Recall	AIT	Params
GAT-Low	65.15	66.80	2.88ms	0.09M
GAT-High	62.32	68.06	3.42ms	0.21M
Concat-GAT	78.41	77.25	6.92ms	1.02M
Our method	83.89	83.86	6.04ms	1.01M

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# Conclusion and Future Work

- Better model performance
- Larger dataset
- Satellite in-orbit experiment

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