

# Simulating Aerosol Chemistry with Graph Neural Networks

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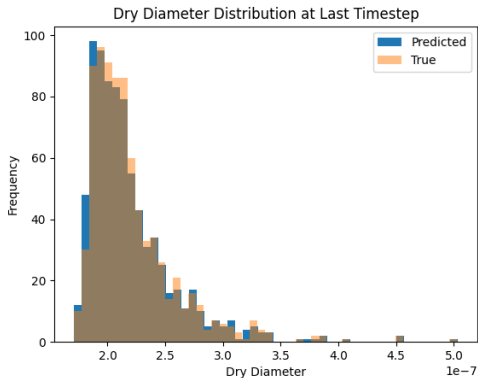
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# Graph Neural Networks (Scarselli et al. 2008)

Let  $G = (V, E)$ . Each node  $v_i \in V$  has an associated feature vector  $x_i$ , and each edge  $(v_i, v_j) \in E$  has an associated weight  $w_{ij}$ . At each message passing step  $t$ , the state of each node  $v_i$  is updated based on information from its neighbors.

$$m_i^{(t)} = \sum_{j \in N(i)} \text{MessageFunction}(x_i, x_j, w_{ij}) \quad (1)$$

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# GNN Schematics

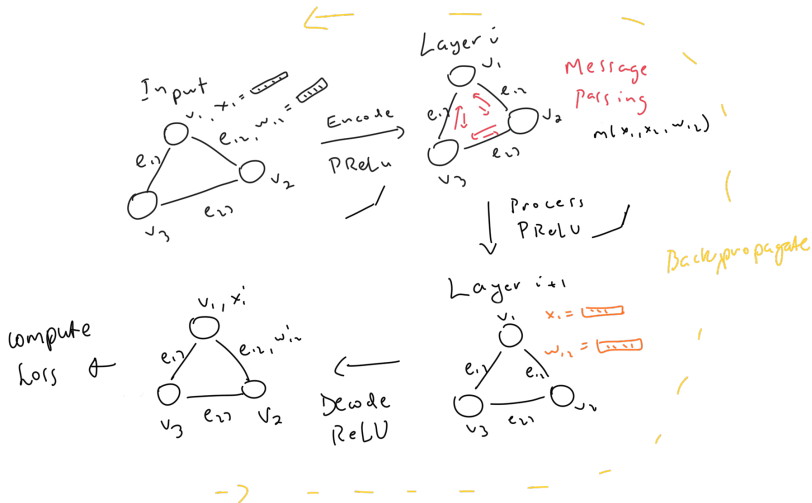


Figure: GNN scheme for Chem GNS

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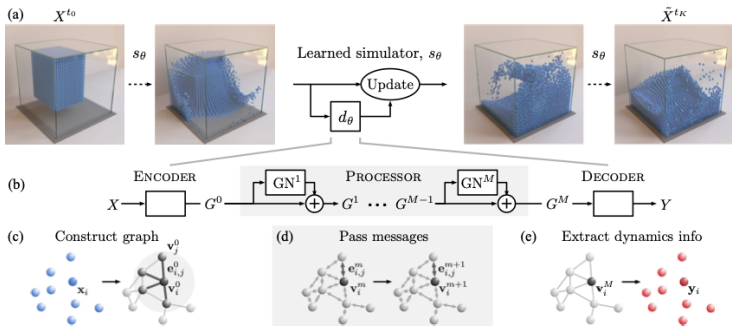
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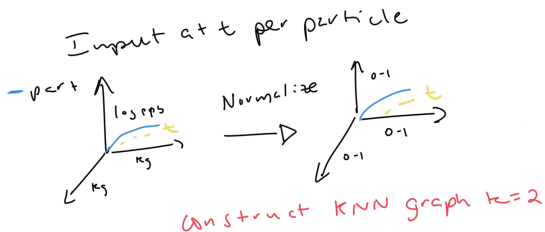
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
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# Graph Network Simulator (GNS) by Sanchez-Gonzalez et al. 2020



**Figure:**  $d_\theta$  uses an “encode-process-decode” scheme, which computes dynamics information,  $Y$ , from input state,  $X$



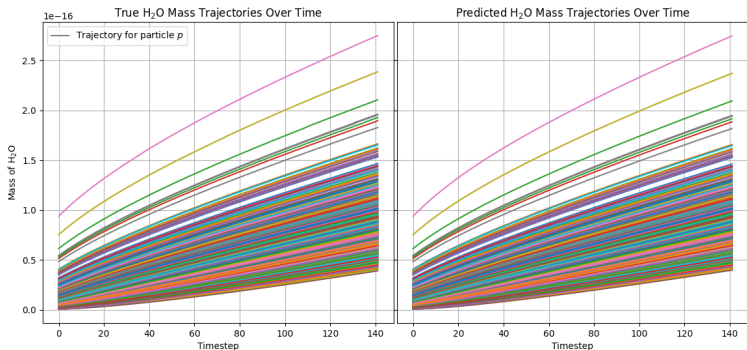
node   $\rightarrow$  "particle"

node feature  $\rightarrow$  change from  $t-1 \rightarrow t$ ,  
differences from know  
mixmax, node type,  
normalized material properties

edge  $\rightarrow$  "displacements" and "distance"  
from neighbors Euclidean!

$\rightarrow$  learned GNN to get input at  $t+1$

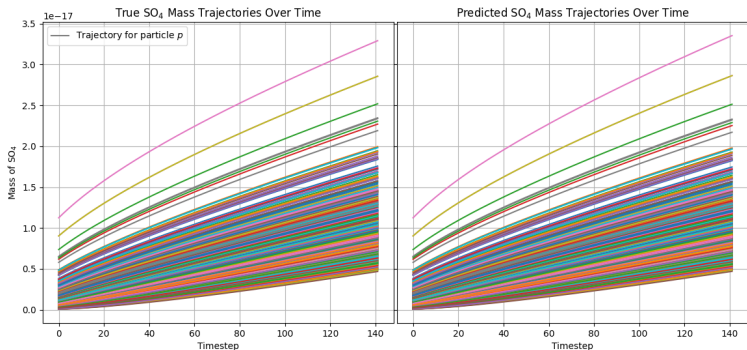
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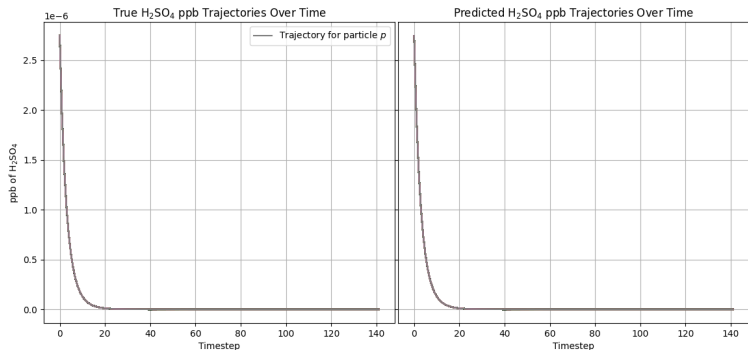


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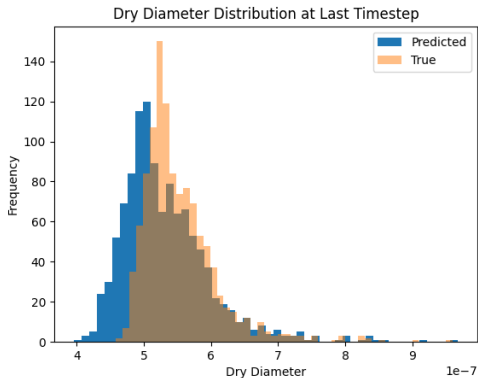
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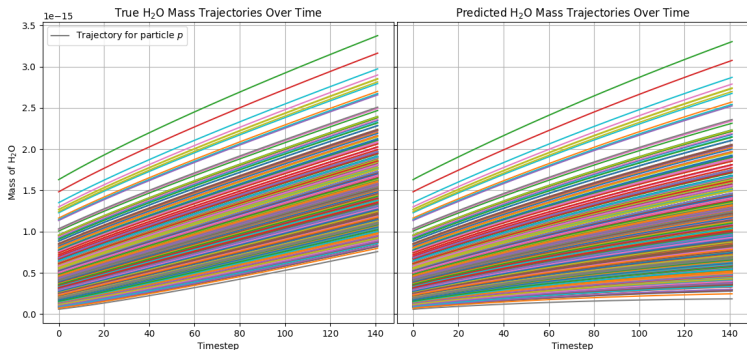
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# Training on Different Examples



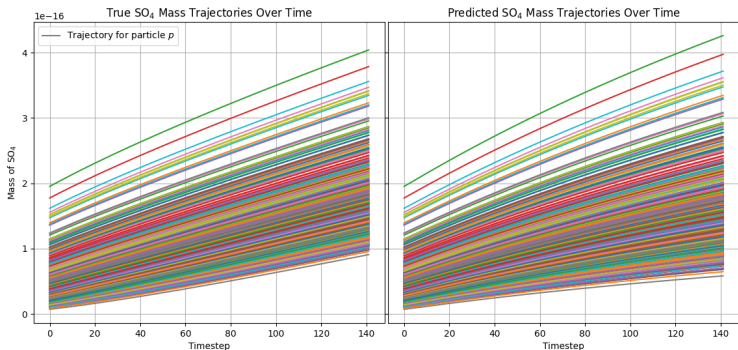
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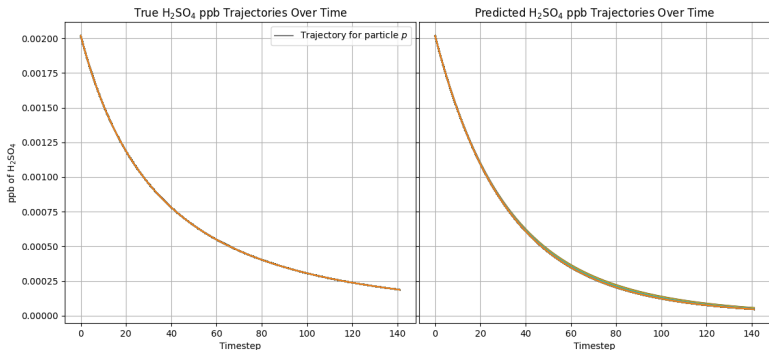
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- If fast speeds can be maintained, inclusion in climate models would be significant

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