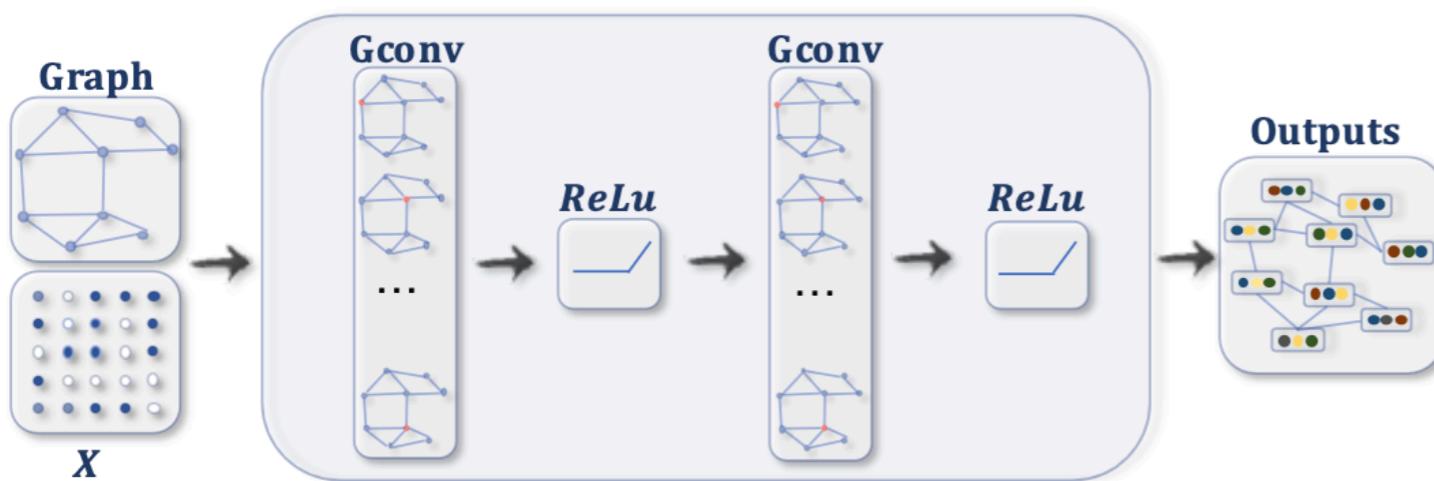


Graph Neural Networks with Diverse Spectral Filtering

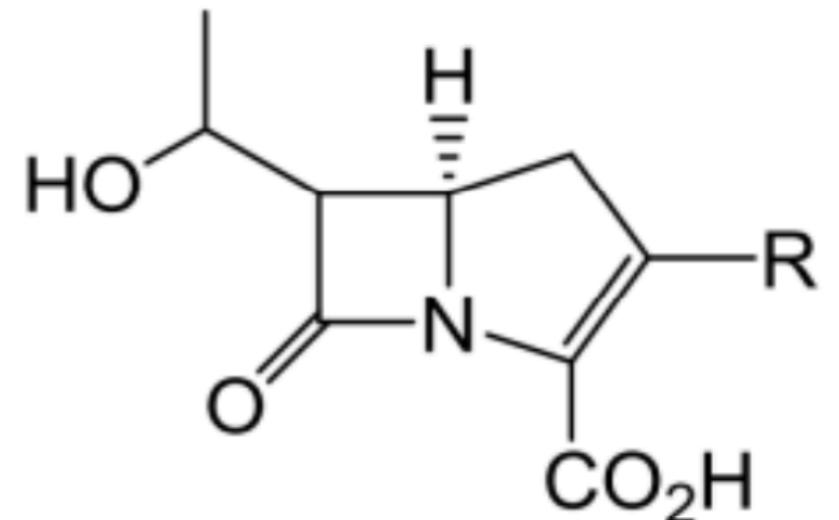


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Learning from Graph Structure Data



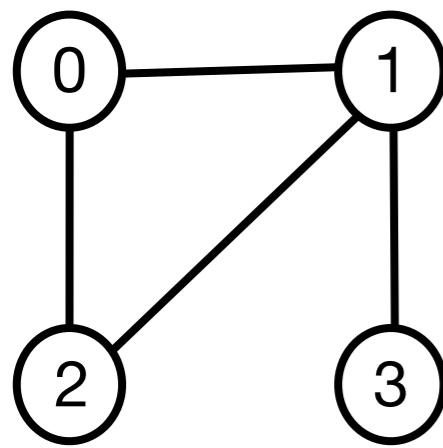
Graph Neural Networks
collectively exploiting graph
topology and node feature.



<https://web.stanford.edu/class/cs224w/slides/01-intro.pdf>

Wu et al. A Comprehensive Survey on Graph Neural Networks. In TNNLS, 2020.

Spectral GNNs: Graph Fourier Transform


$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Normalized Graph Laplacian

$$\hat{\mathbf{L}} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Eigendecomposition

λ_i : The i -th eigenvalue.

→ Frequency

\mathbf{U}_i : The i -th eigenvector.

→ Frequency Component

Graph
Domain

$$\tilde{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{x}$$

Frequency
Domain

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{U} \tilde{\mathbf{X}}$$

Spectral GNNs: Graph Spectral Filter

Define a filter function $g : [0,2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ in the frequency domain:



$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{X} \quad \mathbf{S}'_{[i,:]} = g(\lambda_i) \mathbf{S}_{[i,:]} \quad \mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{S}'$$

$$\mathbf{Z} = g(\hat{\mathbf{L}}) = \mathbf{U} g(\Lambda) \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{X}$$

The diagram illustrates the decomposition of the filtered matrix \mathbf{Z} into $\mathbf{U} \mathbf{S}'$ and $\mathbf{U} \mathbf{S}$. The matrix \mathbf{U} is shown as two separate blocks: one red dashed box labeled "New Coefficients" and one blue dotted box labeled "Old Coefficients". Arrows point from the terms $\mathbf{U} \mathbf{S}'$ and $\mathbf{U} \mathbf{S}$ to their respective parts of the matrix \mathbf{Z} .

Spectral GNNs: Polynomial Approximation

Polynomial approximation to the filter function g :

$$g(\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^K \omega_k \lambda^k = \sum_{k=0}^K \alpha_k P_k(\lambda)$$

GCN: fixed filter with $g(\lambda) = 2 - \lambda$

BernNet: learnable α_k with Bernstein polynomial basis $P_k(\lambda) = B_{k,K}(\lambda)$

Theoretical expressive power in learning arbitrary filter function.

Kipf & Welling. Semi-supervised Classification with Graph Convolutional Networks. In ICLR 2017.

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Motivations: Homogenous Spectral Filtering

- Local modeling nature within K-hop neighborhood

$$\mathbf{Z} = \sum_{k=0}^K \alpha_k P_k(\hat{\mathbf{L}}) \mathbf{X} \text{ while practically } K \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \alpha_k \rightarrow 0$$

- All nodes share the identical transforming coefficient

$$\mathbf{Z} = \sum_{k=0}^K \alpha_k P_k(\hat{\mathbf{L}}) \mathbf{X} = \sum_{n=1}^N S'_n \cdot \mathbf{U}_n$$

where S'_n is a scalar in case of one-channel \mathbf{X} as an example

Existing spectral filtering scheme implicitly assumes the homogenous distributions between different graph parts.

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Motivations: Heterogeneous Mixing Pattern

Definition 1 (Local Label Homophily). We define the Local Label Homophily as a measure of the local homophily level surrounding each node v_i :

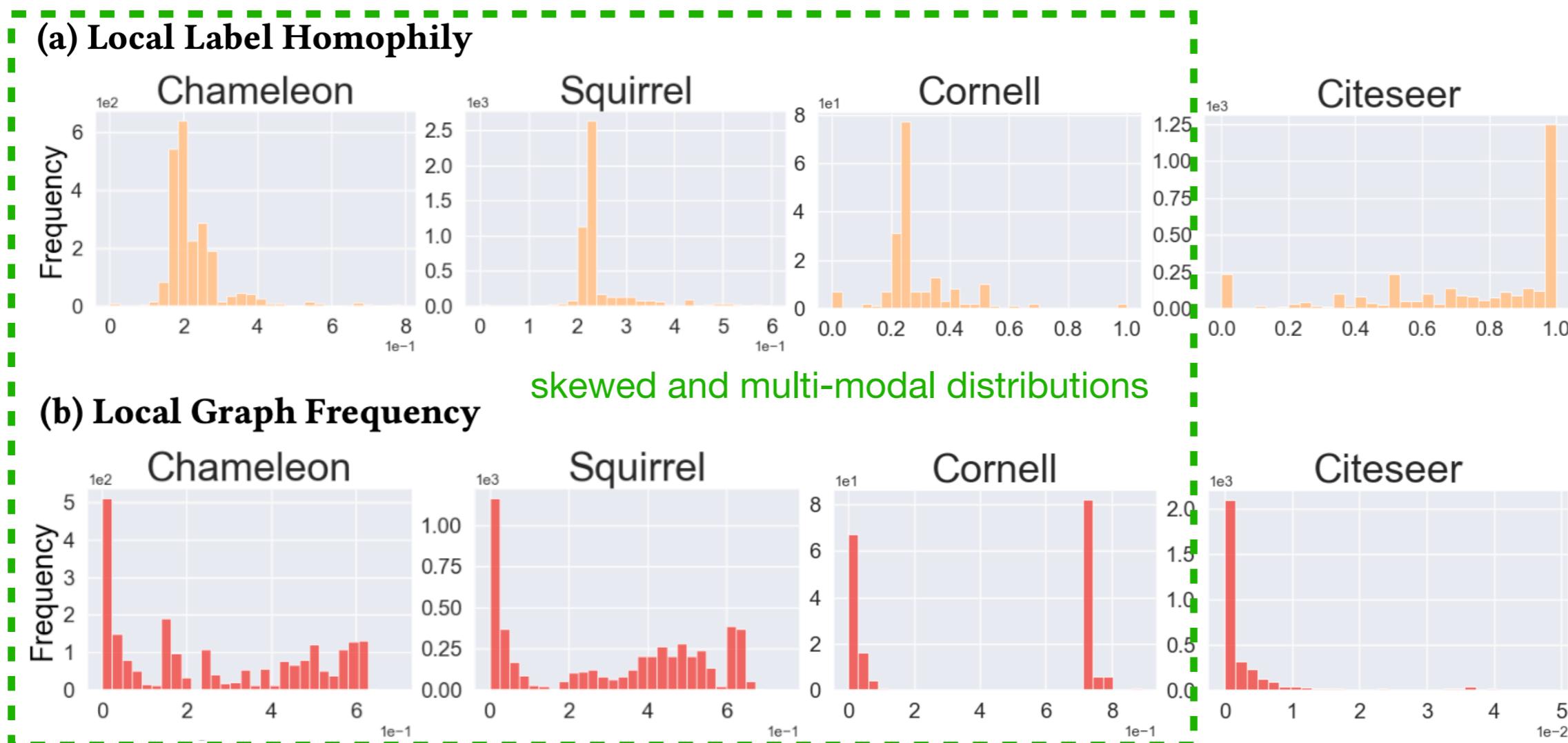
$$h_i = \frac{|\{(v_p, v_q) | y_p = y_q \wedge (v_p, v_q) \in \mathcal{E}_{i,k}\}|}{|\mathcal{E}_{i,k}|}$$

Here, h_i directly computes the edge homophily ratio [50] on the subgraph made up of the k -hop neighbors, and $\mathcal{E}_{i,k} = \{(v_p, v_q) | v_p, v_q \in \mathcal{N}_{i,k} \wedge (v_p, v_q) \in \mathcal{E}\}$ denotes its edge set.

Definition 2 (Local Graph Frequency). The Local Graph Frequency is defined by measuring the local smoothness level of the decomposed Laplacian eigenbases, and for each node v_i we have:

$$\lambda_{n,i} = \sum_{(v_p, v_q) \in \mathcal{E}_{i,k}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\deg_p}} \mathbf{u}_{n,p} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\deg_q}} \mathbf{u}_{n,q} \right)^2$$

where $\lambda_{n,i}$ denotes the frequency or smoothness level of each Laplacian eigenbasis \mathbf{u}_n upon the subgraph induced by the k -hop neighbors. Since all summed elements in Eq. 1 are positive and $\mathcal{E}_{i,k} \subseteq \mathcal{E}$, we can always have a $\xi_i \in (0, 1)$ such that $\lambda_{n,i} = \xi_i \lambda_n$.



Our Solution: Diverse Spectral Filtering

Homogenous spectral filtering:

$$\mathbf{Z} = \sum_{n=1}^N S'_n \cdot \mathbf{U}_n$$

Dot product
↓

$$S'_n = \sum_{k=0}^K \alpha_k P_k(\lambda_n) \mathbf{U}_n^T \mathbf{X}$$

Scalar coefficient
↓

Diverse spectral filtering:

$$\mathbf{Z} = \sum_{n=1}^N S'_n \odot \mathbf{U}_n$$

Hadamard product
↓

$$S'_n(i) = \sum_{k=0}^K \alpha_k P_k(\lambda_{n,i}) \mathbf{U}_n^T \mathbf{X}$$

The i -th element of vector coefficients
↓

Our Solution: Diverse Spectral Filtering

Substitution using $\lambda_{n,i} = \xi_i \lambda_{n,i}$ s.t. $0 < \xi_i < 1$

Proposition 1. Suppose a K-order polynomial function $f : [0, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with polynomial basis $P_k(\cdot)$ and coefficients $\{\alpha_k\}_{k=0}^K$ in real number. For any pair of variables $x, \hat{x} \in [0, 2]$ satisfying $x = \xi \hat{x}$ where ξ is a constant real number, we always have a function $g : [0, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with the same polynomial basis but a different set of coefficients $\{\beta_k\}_{k=0}^K$ such that $f(x) = g(\hat{x})$.

It allows $\mathbf{S}'_n(i) = \sum_{k=0}^K \alpha_k P_k(\lambda_{n,i}) \mathbf{U}_n^T \mathbf{X} = \sum_{k=0}^K \beta_{k,i} P_k(\lambda_i) \mathbf{U}_n^T \mathbf{X}$

Diverse spectral filtering:

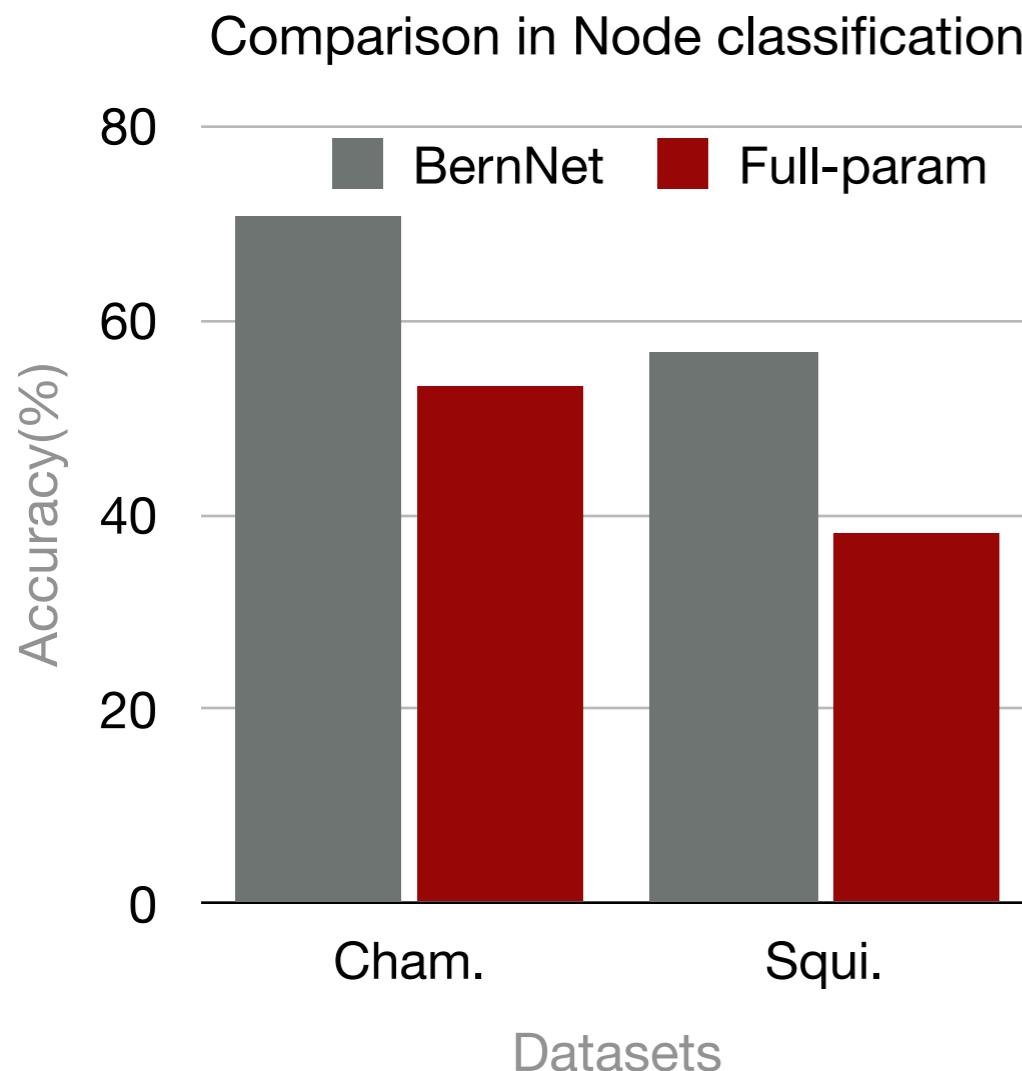
$$\mathbf{Z} = \sum_{k=0}^K \begin{pmatrix} \beta_{k,1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \beta_{k,2} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \beta_{k,N} \end{pmatrix} P_k(\hat{\mathbf{L}}) \mathbf{X}$$

Graph Filter Weights
↓
 $\alpha_k \rightarrow \text{diag}(\beta_{k,1}, \beta_{k,2}, \dots, \beta_{k,N})$
↑
Node-specific Filter Weights

Challenge: Complexity & Noise Overfitting

Issue 1: Large number of Learnable filter weights ($\propto \# \text{ nodes}$)

Issue 2: Overfitting to local noises in training



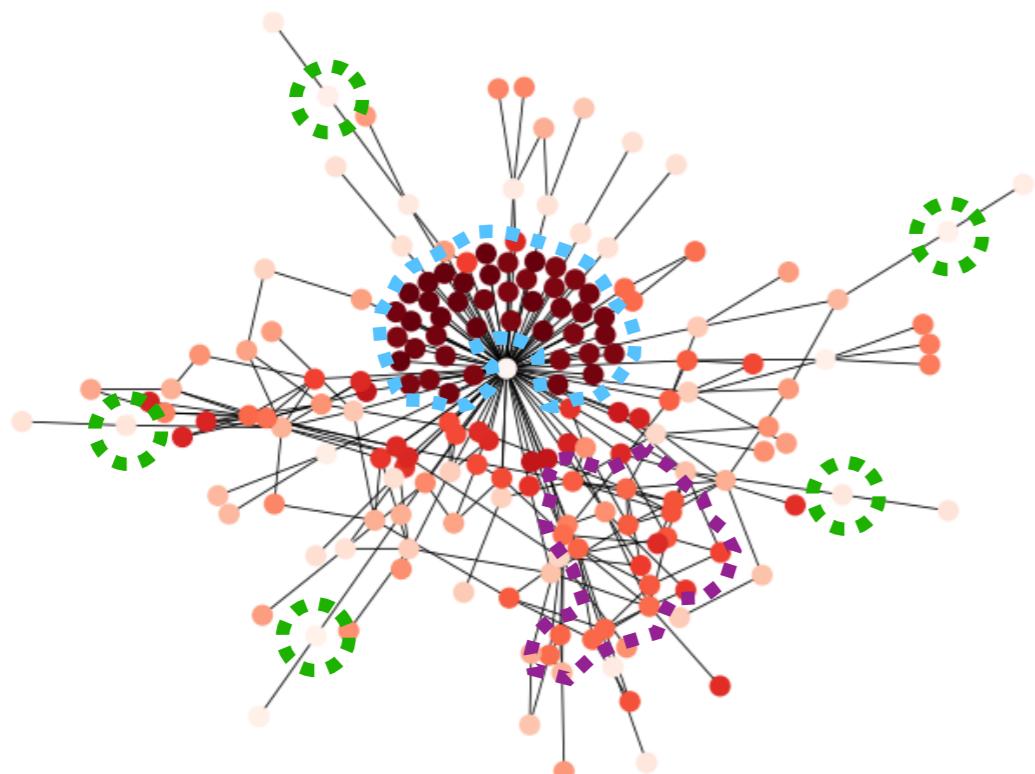
Learning with full-parametrization leads a clear accuracy drop.

“A reason design should be built upon a shared global model whilst locally adapted to each node with awareness of its graph position.”

Challenge: Complexity & Noise Overfitting

Observ. 1: Nearby nodes display similar local structures due to their overlapped neighborhoods.

Observ. 2: Distant nodes may still posses alike local context because of the global graph characteristics.



- Observ. 1 → ■ ■
- Observ. 2 → ■ in • - • - •

Cornell (webpage network): similar color means akin local structure

DSF: Positional-aware Filter Weights & LGWD

Position-aware Filter Weights

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{P}} \mathcal{L}_P = \|\mathbf{P}^{(0)} - \mathbf{P}\|_2^2 + \kappa_1 \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}^T \hat{\mathbf{L}} \mathbf{P}) + \kappa_2 \|\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{I}\|_2^2$$

$\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times d}$ is a matrix of node positional embeddings

Iterative gradient method with stepwise b :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}^{(k)} &= \mathbf{P}^{(k-1)} - b \cdot \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_P}{\partial \mathbf{P}} \Big|_{\mathbf{P}=\mathbf{P}^{(k-1)}} \\ &= \eta_1 \mathbf{P}^{(0)} + (1 - \eta_1) \left((1 + \eta_2) \hat{\mathbf{A}} - \eta_2 \left(\mathbf{P}^{(k-1)} \mathbf{P}^{(k-1)^T} \right) \right) \mathbf{P}^{(k-1)} \end{aligned}$$

where $b = 1/(2 + 2\kappa_1 - 4\kappa_2)$, $\eta_2 = 2\kappa_2/(\kappa_1 - 2\kappa_2)$, $\eta_1 = 1/(1 + \kappa_1 - 2\kappa_2)$.

DSF: Positional-aware Filter Weights & LGWD

Position-aware Filter Weights

$$\mathbf{P}^{(k)} = \eta_1 \mathbf{P}^{(0)} + (1 - \eta_1) \left((1 + \eta_2) \hat{\mathbf{A}} - \eta_2 \sigma \left(\mathbf{P}^{(k-1)} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{P}^{(k-1)^T} \right) \right) \mathbf{P}^{(k-1)}$$

$$\mathbf{P}^{(k)} \leftarrow \tanh(\mathbf{P}^{(k)})$$

$$\beta_{k,i} = \sigma_p(\mathbf{W}^{(k)} \mathbf{P}_i^{(k)} + \mathbf{b}^{(k)}) \text{ for each node } v_i \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, K$$

Local and Global Weight Decomposition (LGWD)

$$\beta_{k,i} \leftarrow \gamma_i \cdot \theta_{k,i}$$

↳ invariant graph properties

↳ diverse node contexts

DSF: Overall Algorithm

Original Design → DSF- x -I:

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{P}} \mathcal{L}_P = \|\mathbf{P}^{(0)} - \mathbf{P}\|_2^2 + \kappa_1 \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}^T \hat{\mathbf{L}} \mathbf{P}) + \kappa_2 \|\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{I}\|_2^2$$

Complexity Overhead with $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$

$$\mathbf{P}^{(k)} = \eta_1 \mathbf{P}^{(0)} + (1 - \eta_1) \left((1 + \eta_2) \hat{\mathbf{A}} - \eta_2 \sigma \left(\mathbf{P}^{(k-1)} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{P}^{(k-1)^T} \right) \right) \mathbf{P}^{(k-1)}$$

Orthogonal Regularization → DSF- x -R:

$$\eta_2 = 0 \quad \& \quad \mathcal{L}_{Orth} = \|\hat{\mathbf{P}}^{(K)} \hat{\mathbf{P}}^{(K)} - \mathbf{I}\|_2^2 \quad \hat{\mathbf{P}}^{(K)} \xleftarrow{\text{normalization}} \mathbf{P}^{(K)}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{task} + \lambda_{orth} \mathcal{L}_{orth}$$

$x \in \{\text{GPR}^{[1]}, \text{Bern}^{[2]}, \text{Jacobi}^{[3]}\}$

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DSF: Overall Algorithm

Original Design → DSF-*x*-I:

Table 1: Average running time per epoch (ms)/average total running time (s). Although DSF-GPR-I is less efficient on large networks, DSF-GPR-R, (our major model) can reduce it by more than 75% on average (though reasonably slower than GPR-GNN).

Datasets	Small-scale	Large-scale	Average
GPR-GNN	1.10/2.24	0.98/5.01	1.08/2.74
DSF-GPR-I	5.96/12.19	40.34/131.77	12.21/33.93
DSF-GPR-R	2.49/6.29	3.02/14.48	2.59/7.78

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DSF effectively improves SOTAs spectral GNNs.

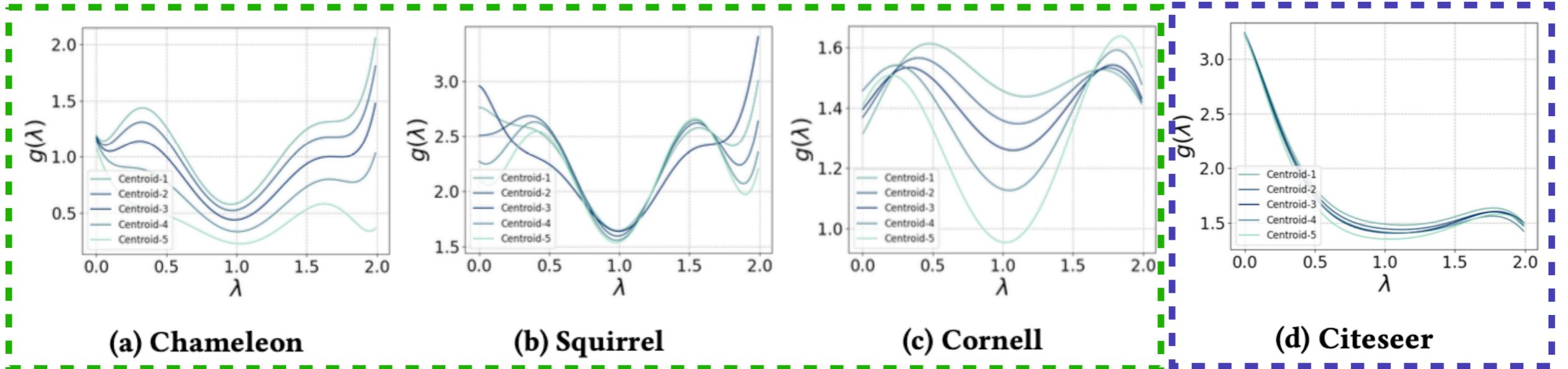
Table 2: Node classification accuracies (%) \pm 95% confidence interval over 100 runs. The row of PA-GNN [49]* lists the relative improvements of PA-GNN upon GPR-GNN based on the results obtained from its paper, where – denotes values not provided. Our Improv. gives the best relative improvements between our DSF variants over their common underlying model.

Datasets	Heterophilic Graphs						Homophilic Graphs					
	Chameleon	Squirrel	Wisconsin	Cornell	Texas	Twitch-DE	Cora	Citeseer	Pubmed	Computers	Photo	
GCN [24]	67.22 \pm 0.43	54.21 \pm 0.41	59.45 \pm 0.72	52.76 \pm 1.17	61.66 \pm 0.71	73.94 \pm 0.15	88.13 \pm 0.25	77.00 \pm 0.27	89.07 \pm 0.11	91.06 \pm 0.12	93.99 \pm 0.12	
GAT [40]	67.72 \pm 0.41	52.26 \pm 0.58	57.94 \pm 0.89	50.20 \pm 0.93	55.37 \pm 1.10	73.00 \pm 0.15	88.47 \pm 0.22	77.23 \pm 0.27	88.30 \pm 0.11	91.69 \pm 0.11	94.55 \pm 0.11	
ChebNet [11]	64.85 \pm 0.44	48.14 \pm 0.33	80.93 \pm 0.72	77.98 \pm 1.00	75.83 \pm 1.20	73.73 \pm 0.14	87.64 \pm 0.21	76.93 \pm 0.24	89.91 \pm 0.11	91.65 \pm 0.12	95.27 \pm 0.07	
APPNP [15]	53.66 \pm 0.33	36.08 \pm 0.36	81.23 \pm 0.64	81.29 \pm 0.78	79.42 \pm 1.05	72.65 \pm 0.11	88.70 \pm 0.21	77.77 \pm 0.24	89.93 \pm 0.09	91.62 \pm 0.10	94.92 \pm 0.09	
GNN-LF [51]	54.29 \pm 0.36	36.87 \pm 0.33	59.85 \pm 0.60	62.90 \pm 0.98	61.88 \pm 0.95	73.03 \pm 0.13	88.90 \pm 0.25	77.35 \pm 0.29	88.89 \pm 0.10	91.12 \pm 0.11	95.13 \pm 0.08	
GNN-HF [51]	55.22 \pm 0.42	35.45 \pm 0.30	68.17 \pm 0.72	72.98 \pm 1.02	66.66 \pm 1.34	71.92 \pm 0.13	89.01 \pm 0.19	77.74 \pm 0.23	89.53 \pm 0.10	90.73 \pm 0.10	95.26 \pm 0.09	
FAGCN [6]	68.38 \pm 0.51	50.08 \pm 0.60	82.11 \pm 0.85	79.00 \pm 0.93	81.00 \pm 0.95	74.15 \pm 0.13	88.82 \pm 0.20	77.65 \pm 0.29	90.13 \pm 0.11	91.90 \pm 0.11	95.25 \pm 0.10	
GPR-GNN [9]	69.01 \pm 0.50	55.39 \pm 0.33	82.72 \pm 0.85	80.81 \pm 0.78	81.66 \pm 1.02	74.07 \pm 0.18	89.03 \pm 0.20	77.63 \pm 0.28	90.10 \pm 0.44	92.34 \pm 0.13	95.34 \pm 0.09	
DSF-GPR-I	71.18 \pm 0.52	57.08 \pm 0.29	87.64 \pm 0.79	84.76 \pm 0.90	85.44 \pm 1.05	74.58 \pm 0.16	89.64 \pm 0.20	78.03 \pm 0.26	90.26 \pm 0.08	92.49 \pm 0.12	95.64 \pm 0.07	
DSF-GPR-R	71.64 \pm 0.55	58.44 \pm 0.30	87.43 \pm 0.74	84.93 \pm 0.90	85.56 \pm 0.93	74.81 \pm 0.14	89.63 \pm 0.17	78.22 \pm 0.29	90.51 \pm 0.07	92.80 \pm 0.12	95.73 \pm 0.08	
Our Improv.	2.63%	3.05%	4.92%	4.12%	3.9%	0.74%	0.61%	0.59%	0.41%	0.46%	0.39%	
PA-GNN [49]*	0.66%	1.28%	–	–	–	–	-0.09%	-0.74%	-0.03%	1.03%	0.02%	
BernNet [20]	70.59 \pm 0.42	56.63 \pm 0.32	85.00 \pm 0.94	82.10 \pm 0.95	82.20 \pm 0.98	74.45 \pm 0.15	88.72 \pm 0.23	77.52 \pm 0.29	90.21 \pm 0.46	92.57 \pm 0.10	95.42 \pm 0.08	
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JacobiConv [42]	73.71 \pm 0.42	57.22 \pm 0.24	83.21 \pm 0.68	82.34 \pm 0.88	82.42 \pm 0.90	74.34 \pm 0.12	89.24 \pm 0.19	77.81 \pm 0.29	89.50 \pm 0.47	92.26 \pm 0.10	95.62 \pm 0.06	
DSF-Jacobi-I	74.88 \pm 0.39	58.26 \pm 0.26	85.34 \pm 0.74	84.54 \pm 0.81	83.68 \pm 1.12	74.65 \pm 0.13	89.54 \pm 0.19	78.18 \pm 0.26	89.78 \pm 0.09	92.38 \pm 0.11	95.76 \pm 0.07	
DSF-Jacobi-R	75.00 \pm 0.38	59.23 \pm 0.27	86.13 \pm 0.70	84.39 \pm 0.88	84.46 \pm 0.81	74.75 \pm 0.15	89.66 \pm 0.19	78.23 \pm 0.25	90.07 \pm 0.10	92.44 \pm 0.11	95.75 \pm 0.08	
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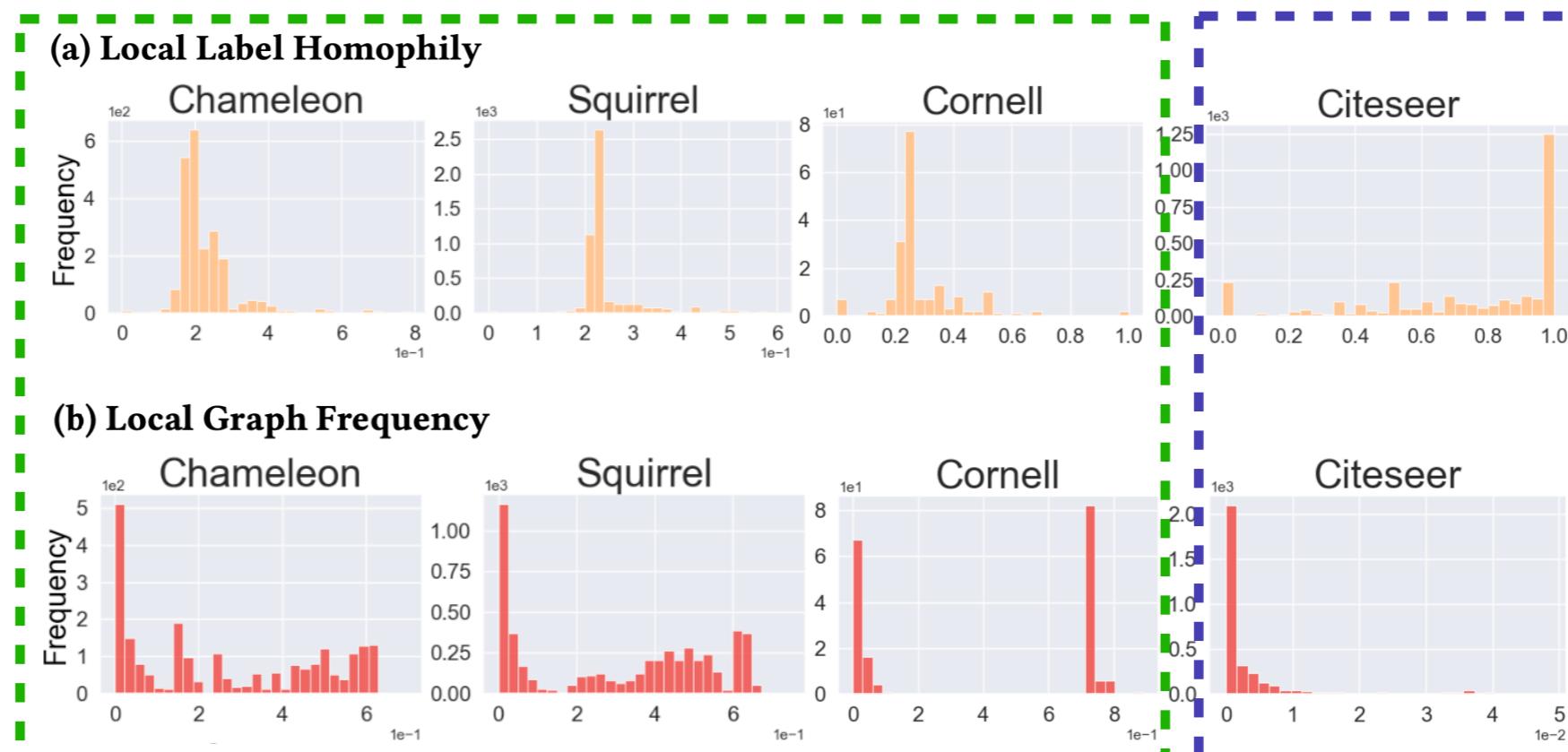
Het. graphs: tend to showcase heterogeneous graph pattern

Hom. graphs: mostly exhibit homogeneous graph pattern

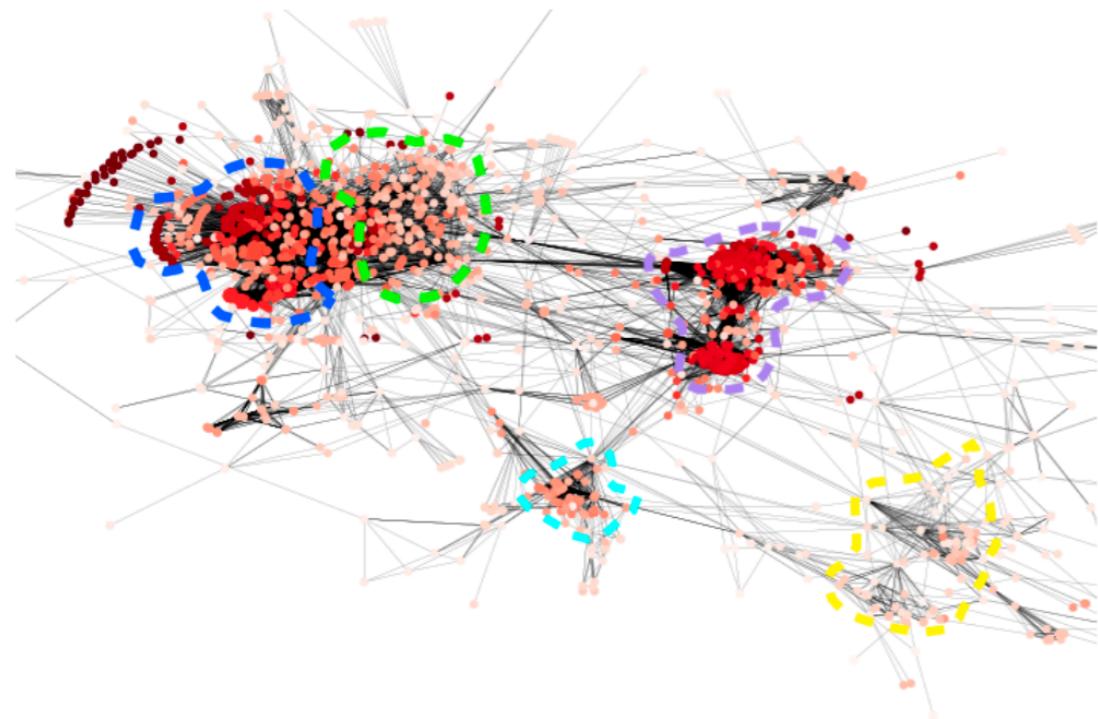
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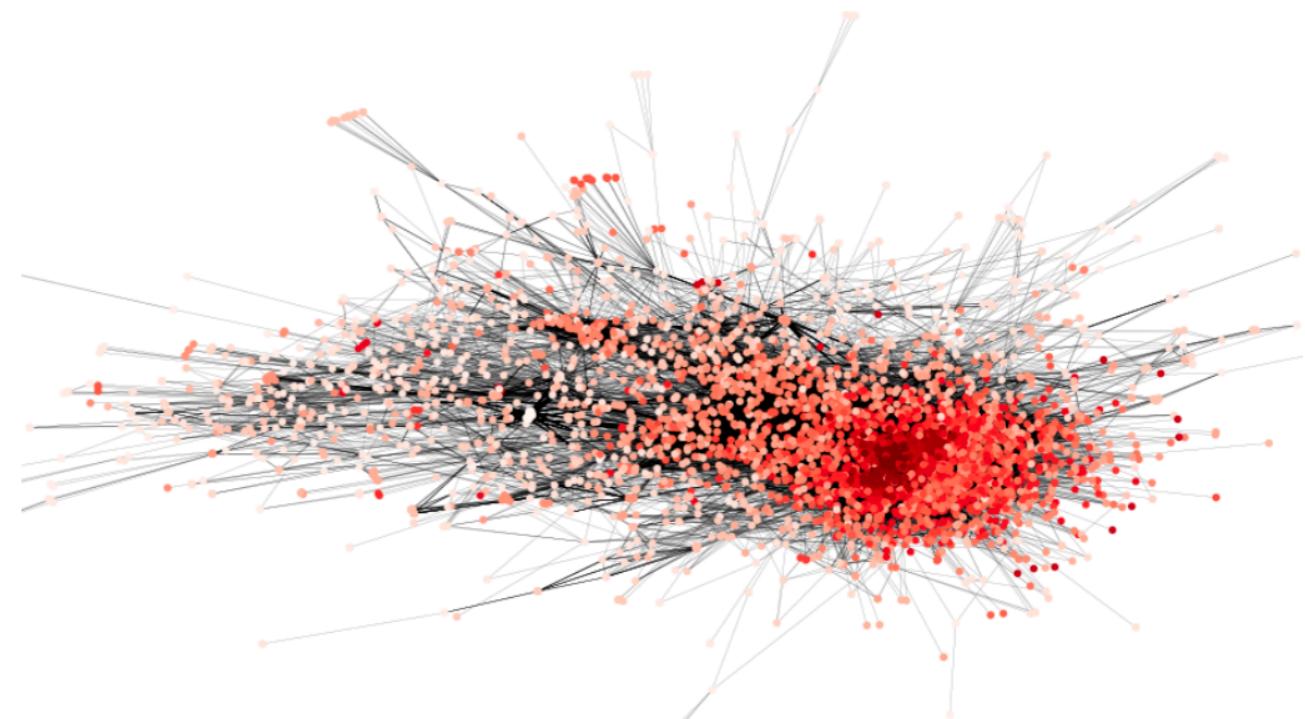
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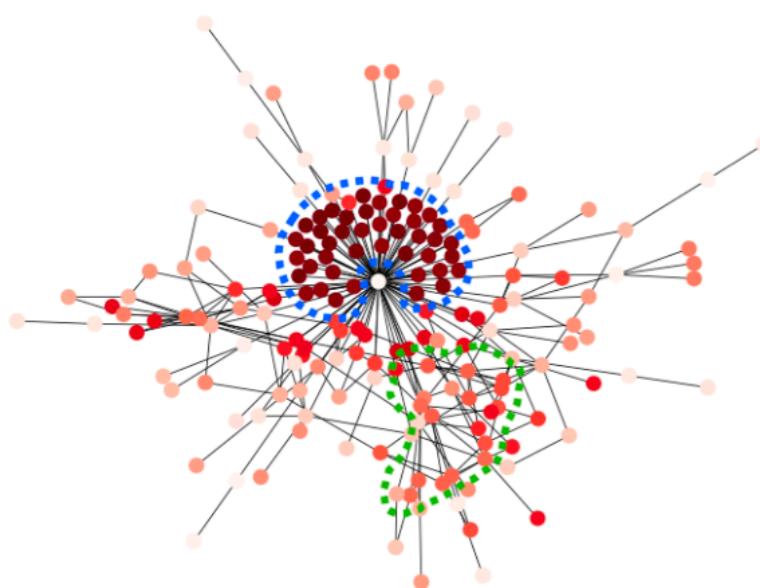
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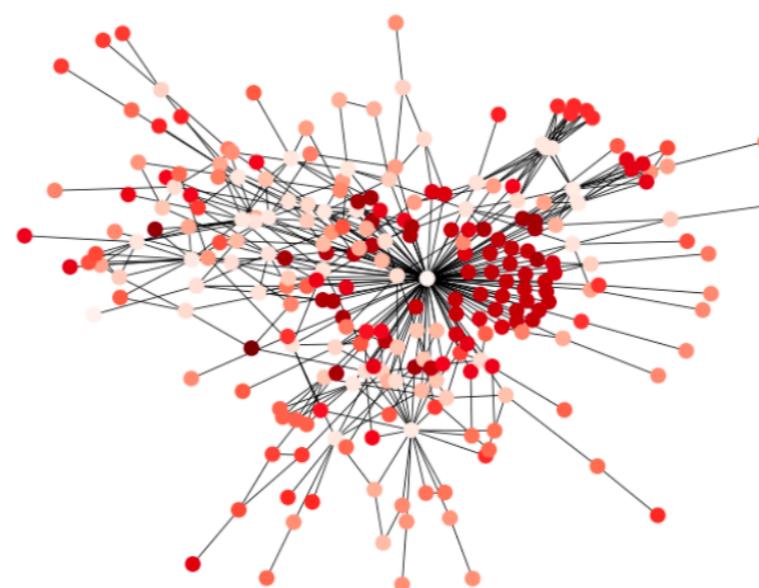
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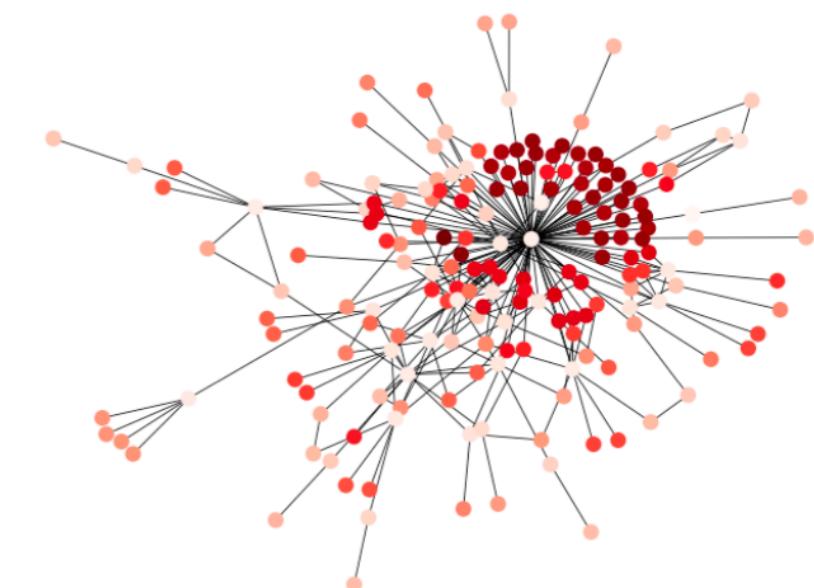
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