

# Low Pass Graph Signal Processing: Modeling Data, Inference, and Beyond

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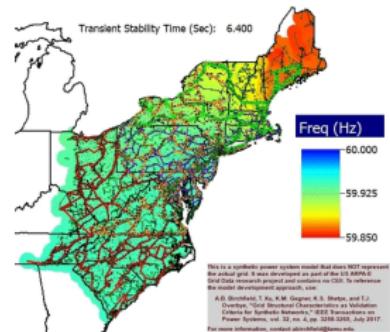
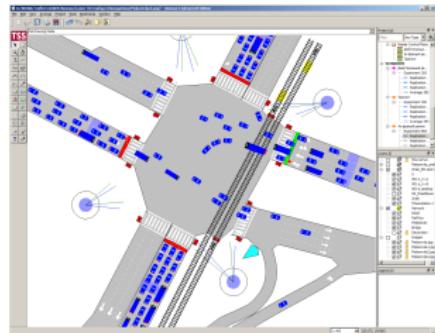
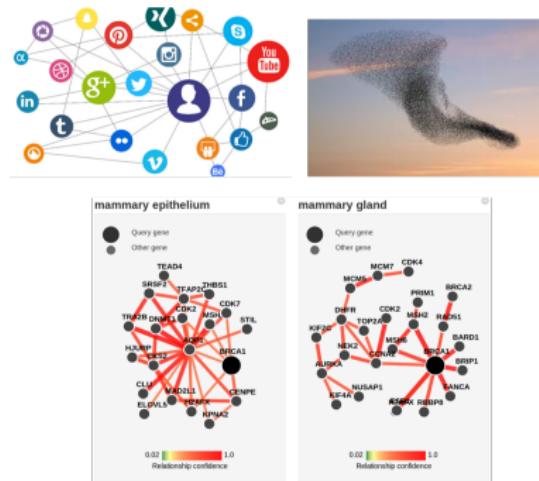
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# Motivation: Network (Graph) Data



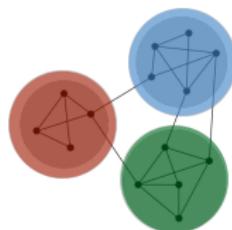
- ▶ Graph signal processing (GSP): tool to analyze **network data (graph signals)**.
- ▶ Processes affected by **irregular+relational** parameters: social, economic, biological, electric power, transportation, gas, etc.

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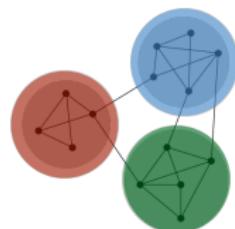


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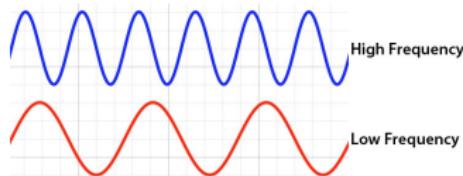


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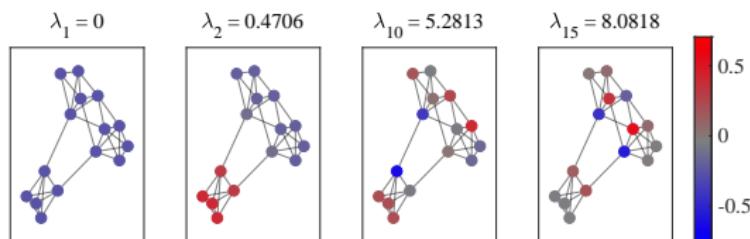


# Low Pass GSP

- ▶ SP cares about the **frequency content** in a (time domain) signal — *low frequency vs high frequency*:



- ▶ Similar notion carries over to **graph signal processing (GSP)** — *low pass graph signals vs non low pass graph signals*:



**Takehome Point:** *Low pass* graph signals are prevalent + entail structure that enables (blind) *graph topology learning*.

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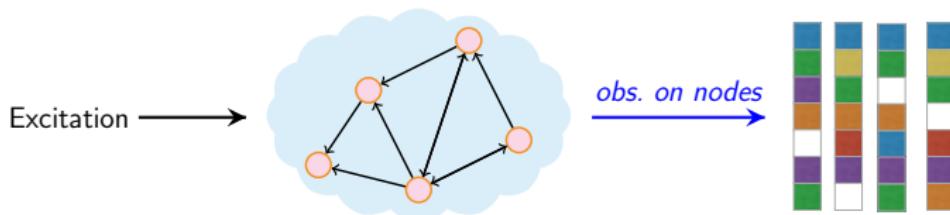
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# Network Data = Filter + Excitation

- ▶ Consider a *undirected graph*  $G = (V, E, \mathbf{A})$  with  $N$  nodes



- ▶ Graph signals = vectors defined on  $V$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ .

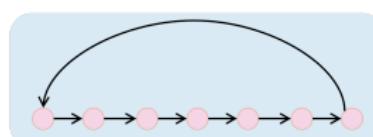
excitation  $\xrightarrow{\text{'filter'}}$  signal

†as in SP, filter encodes the **responses** of a system to excitation.

- ▶ As SP-ers, what is our favorite form of *filter*?
- ▶ *Linear time invariant* filter = ‘shifting’ + ‘linear combination’.

# Graph Shift Operator (GSO)

- ▶ Starting point: Periodic signals  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_N)$  is 'shifted' on a cycle



$$\rightarrow \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_N \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_{N-1} \end{pmatrix} \iff \text{Applying } \mathbf{A} \text{ is analogous to shifting the signal}$$

- ▶ Generalization to graphs: GSO mixes adjacent elements on  $G^1$ .
- ▶ Common choice of GSO: Laplacian matrix,  $\mathbf{L} = \text{Diag}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{1}) - \mathbf{A}$ .
  - for the rest of the talk, we focus on **undirected** graph.
- ▶ Denote the EVD  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{U}\Lambda\mathbf{U}^\top$  with  $0 = \lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_N$ .

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<sup>1</sup>[Sandryhaila and Moura, 2013] A. Sandryhaila, J. M. Moura. Discrete signal processing on graphs. TSP, 2013; also see [Püschel and Moura, 2003].

# Graph Filters

- ▶ Consider the **graph filter** as a matrix polynomial:

$$\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L}) := \sum_{\ell=0}^{+\infty} h_\ell \mathbf{L}^\ell.$$

Shift-invariant prop:  $\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L})\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ly} = \mathbf{L}\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L})\mathbf{x} \equiv \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L})\mathbf{Lx}$

- ▶ **SP/GSP Perspective:** network data are **filtered** graph signals,

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L})\mathbf{x} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{+\infty} h_\ell \mathbf{L}^\ell \mathbf{x}.$$

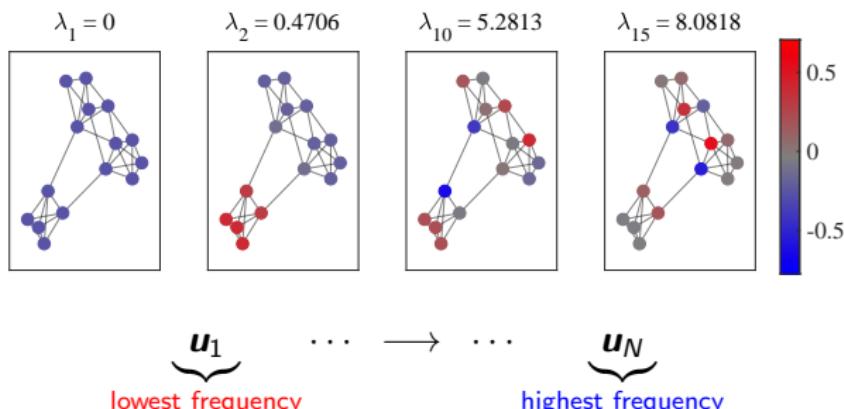
- ▶ The signal/observation is  $\mathbf{y}$  while  $\mathbf{x}$  is viewed as the **excitation**.

# What are low and high frequencies basis on graph?

- ▶ High frequency graph signal → *large variation* in adjacent entries:

$$S(\mathbf{x}) := \sum_{i,j} A_{ij} (x_i - x_j)^2 = \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x}.$$

- ▶ Intuition: if  $S(\mathbf{x})$  is small, the graph signal  $\mathbf{x}$  is *smooth*. It holds  $S(\mathbf{u}_i) = \mathbf{u}_i^\top \mathbf{L} \mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i$ , as seen:



$\implies \mathbf{U} = (\mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{u}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{u}_N)$  form the right basis for graph signals on  $G$ .

# Frequency Analysis via Graph Fourier Transform

- ▶ Graph Fourier Transform (GFT) calculates the frequency components of a signal:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{y} \leftarrow \tilde{y}_i = \langle \mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{y} \rangle.$$

- ▶ The transfer/frequency response function of the graph filter is:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{h}} = h(\lambda) \quad \text{where} \quad \tilde{h}_i = h(\lambda_i) := \sum_{\ell} h_{\ell} \lambda_i^{\ell}.$$

- ▶ We have the convolution theorem:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L})\mathbf{x} \iff \tilde{\mathbf{y}} = \tilde{\mathbf{h}} \odot \tilde{\mathbf{x}} \quad \leftarrow \odot \text{ is element-wise product.}$$

- ▶ Graph filter can be classified as either **low-pass**<sup>2</sup>, **band-pass**, or **high-pass**, depending on its graph frequency response, also see<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup>E.g., an ideal low-pass  $\tilde{h}_1, \dots, \tilde{h}_K = 1, \tilde{h}_{K+1}, \dots, \tilde{h}_N = 0$ .

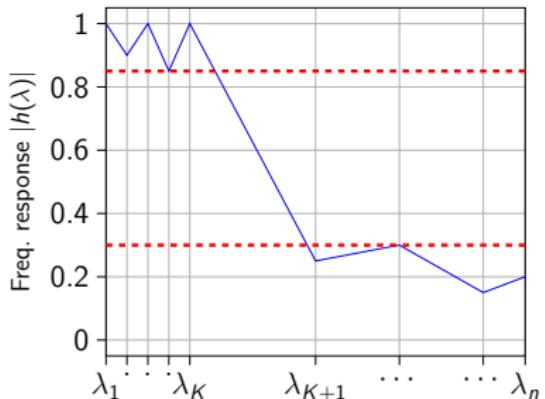
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# Low Pass Graph Filter (LPGF)

**Def.** For  $1 \leq K \leq N - 1$ , define

$$\eta_K := \frac{\max\{|h(\lambda_{K+1})|, \dots, |h(\lambda_N)|\}}{\min\{|h(\lambda_1)|, \dots, |h(\lambda_K)|\}}.$$

If the low-pass ratio satisfies  $\eta_K < 1$ , then  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L})$  is **K-low-pass**.



- ▶ Integer **K** characterizes the *bandwidth*, or the cut-off frequency.
- ▶ We say that **y** is **K low pass signal** provided that  
 $y = \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L})x$ , where  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L})$  is **K-low pass** &  $x$  satisfies some mild cond..
- ▶ Graph frequencies are **non-uniformly** distributed:  $\lambda_K \ll \lambda_{K+1}$  tends to induce **K-low-pass filters**, e.g., stochastic block model (SBM).

# Physical Models lead to Low Pass Signals

## Social Network Opinions<sup>4</sup>

- ▶  $V$  = individuals,  $E$  = friends.
- ▶ DeGroot model for opinions:
- $$\mathbf{y}_{t+1} = (1 - \beta)(\mathbf{I} - \alpha \mathbf{L})\mathbf{y}_t + \beta \mathbf{x}_t.$$
- ▶ **Observed** steady state:

$$\mathbf{y}_\infty = (\mathbf{I} + \tilde{\alpha} \mathbf{L})^{-1} \mathbf{x} = \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L}) \mathbf{x},$$

where  $\tilde{\alpha} = \beta(1 - \alpha)/\alpha > 0$ .

## Prices in Stock Market<sup>5</sup>

- ▶  $V$  = financial inst.,  $E$  = ties.
- ▶ Business performances evolve as:  
$$\mathbf{y}_{t+1} = (1 - \beta)\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L})\mathbf{y}_t + \beta \mathbf{Bx},$$
e.g., stock return.
- ▶ **Observed** steady state:

$$\mathbf{y}_\infty = \left(\frac{1}{\beta}\mathbf{I} - \frac{\bar{\beta}}{\beta}\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L})\right)^{-1} \mathbf{Bx}$$
$$= \tilde{\mathcal{H}}(\mathbf{L}) \mathbf{Bx}.$$

**Fact<sup>6</sup>:** Both  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L})$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}(\mathbf{L})$  are **low pass** graph filters.

<sup>4</sup>[DeGroot, 1974] M. H. DeGroot, Reaching a consensus. JASA, 1974.

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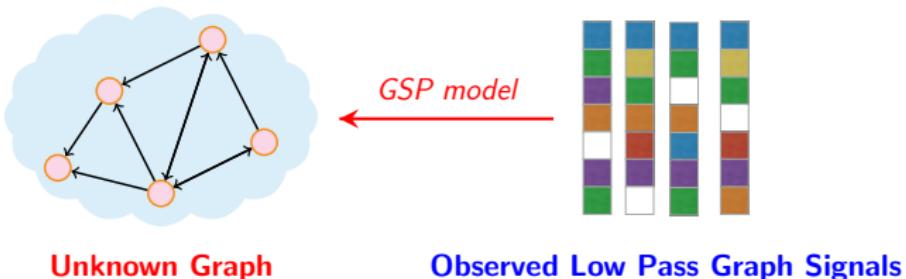
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# Graph Learning from Network Data

- ▶ **Goal:** estimate  $\mathbf{L}$  or some information about it.
- ▶ **Working hypothesis:** a number of graph signals  $\mathbf{y}^{(t)}$  are available as



**Observed graph signals:**  $\mathbf{y}^{(t)} \approx \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L}) \mathbf{B} \mathbf{z}^{(t)}, t = 0, \dots, T - 1$

–  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L})$  is low pass,  $\mathbf{z}^{(t)}$  is 0-mean,  $\mathbf{B}$  is **pattern** of (low rank) excitation

- ▶ Graph learning relies on **two properties** of low pass signals:
  - ▶ **Smoothness** → graph topology learning.
  - ▶ **Low-rankness** → graph feature learning (e.g., community, centrality)

# Smoothness and Graph Learning

- **Insight:** For  $K$ -low-pass graph signals ( $\eta_K \ll 1$ ) with **full-rank** excitation satisfying  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}$ , we observe that

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{y}_\ell^\top \mathbf{L} \mathbf{y}_\ell] \approx \sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i |h(\lambda_i)|^2 + \sigma^2 \text{Tr}(\mathbf{L}) \stackrel{\text{low pass filter}}{\approx} 0,$$

i.e., the low pass filtered graph signals are *smooth* w.r.t.  $\mathbf{L}$ .

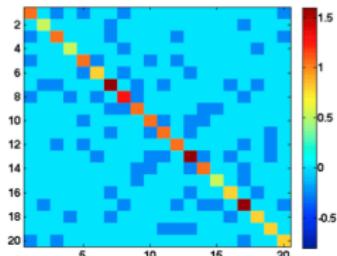
- **Idea:** Fit a **graph** optimizing for **smoothness** (GL-SigRep)<sup>7</sup>:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{z}_\ell, \ell=1, \dots, m, \widehat{\mathbf{L}}} \quad & \frac{1}{m} \sum_{\ell=1}^m \left\{ \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{z}_\ell - \mathbf{y}_\ell\|_2^2 + \mathbf{z}_\ell^\top \widehat{\mathbf{L}} \mathbf{z}_\ell \right\} \leftarrow \text{note } \mathbf{z} \approx \mathbf{y} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \text{Tr}(\widehat{\mathbf{L}}) = N, \quad \widehat{L}_{ji} = \widehat{L}_{ij} \leq 0, \quad \forall i \neq j, \quad \widehat{\mathbf{L}} \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{0}, \end{aligned}$$

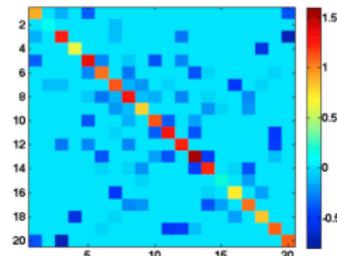
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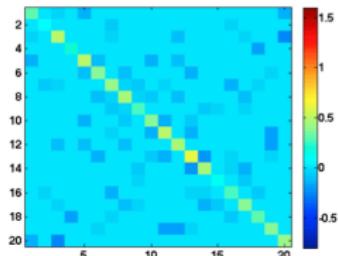
# Numerical Experiment: GL-SigRep



(f) ER: Groundtruth



(g) ER: GL-SigRep



(h) ER: GL-LogDet

- Topology learnt<sup>8</sup> using **GL-SigRep** from the synthetic data generated through a low pass graph filter:

$$\mathbf{y}_\ell = \sqrt{\mathbf{L}}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_\ell, \quad \mathbf{x}_\ell \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}),$$

- Alternative approaches:

- [Friedman et al., 2008] Graphical LASSO: ML estimation for GMRF.
- [Segarra et al., 2017] Spectral template: stationary graph signals.
- [Mei and Moura, 2016] Causal modeling: time series data

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<sup>8</sup>Image credits: [Dong et al., 2016].

# Low-rank-ness and Graph Feature Learning

**Issue:** with low-rank excitation ( $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times R}$  with  $R < N$ )  $\rightarrow$  graph learning = difficult  $\because$  data is nearly rank deficient...

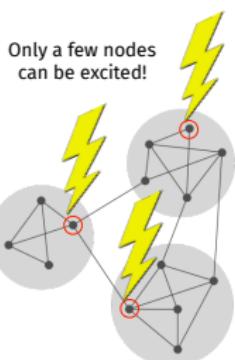
- ▶ **Insight:** Suppose  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L})$  is  $(\eta, K)$  **low pass**, then

$$\mathbf{C}_y = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{y}\mathbf{y}^\top] = \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L})\mathbf{U}\mathbf{C}_x\mathbf{U}^\top\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L})^\top \approx \mathbf{U}_K\mathbf{C}_{\tilde{x}}\mathbf{U}_K^\top.$$

Thus  $\mathbf{C}_y$  is also **low rank!**

- ▶ *Approximation holds if  $\eta \ll 1 \Rightarrow$  low rank  $\mathcal{H}(\cdot)$ ,*  
 $\text{rank}(\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L})) \approx K \ll N$  and range space  $\approx \mathbf{U}_K$ .
- ▶ **Idea:** spectral method to extract principal components in  $\mathbf{U}_K$  from  $\mathbf{C}_y$ .

$\implies$  Can (still) learn **communities** and **centrality** of the graph.



# Blind community detection (Blind CD)

Idea: spectral clustering applied on empirical covariance  $\widehat{\mathbf{C}}_y \approx \mathbf{C}_y$ :

- (i) find the **top- $k$**   $\widehat{\mathbf{U}}_K \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times K}$  of  $\widehat{\mathbf{C}}_y = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{\ell=1}^m \mathbf{y}_{\ell} \mathbf{y}_{\ell}^T$ ;
- (ii) apply  **$k$ -means** on the rows of  $\widehat{\mathbf{U}}_K$ .

- **Theorem:** Denote the detected clusters as  $\widehat{\mathcal{N}}_1, \dots, \widehat{\mathcal{N}}_K$ , then<sup>9</sup>

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{K}(\widehat{\mathcal{N}}_1, \dots, \widehat{\mathcal{N}}_k; \mathbf{U}_K)}_{K\text{-means obj. based on } \mathbf{U}_K} - \underbrace{\mathbb{K}^*}_{\text{Optimal } K\text{-means obj.}} = \mathcal{O}(\eta_k + m^{-1/2}).$$

$\dagger \rightarrow$  performance of *spectral clustering (with known topology)* if  $\eta_k \rightarrow 0$ .

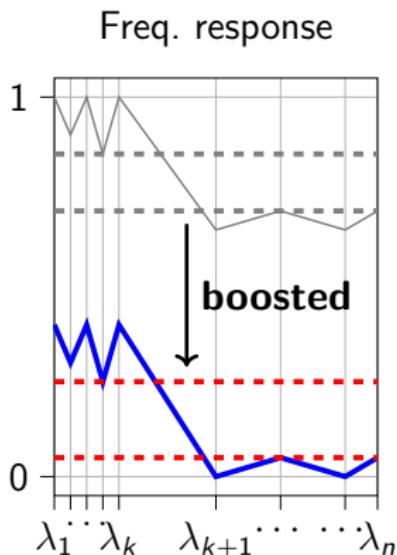
- Learning of high-level structure is **robust** to low-rank excitation.
- **Extensions:** exact community recovery on multi-graphs  
[Roddenberry et al., 2020], dynamic observations [Schaub et al., 2020], ...

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<sup>9</sup>[Wai et al., 2019] H.-T., S. Segarra, A. Ozdaglar, A. Scaglione, A. Jadbabaie, "Blind community detection from low-rank excitations of a graph filter," TSP, 2019.

# Blind community detection (Blind CD)

**Problem:** What if  $\eta_K \approx 1$ ? Let's try  $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_\rho(\mathbf{L}) := \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L}) - \rho\mathbf{I}$  ( $\rho > 0$ ).



- ▶ Original ratio:  $\eta_K = \frac{0.7}{0.85} \approx 0.82$ .
- ▶ **Boosted** ratio:  $\tilde{\eta}_K = \frac{0.05}{0.25} = 0.2$ .

Suppose that  $\mathbf{Z}$  is known,

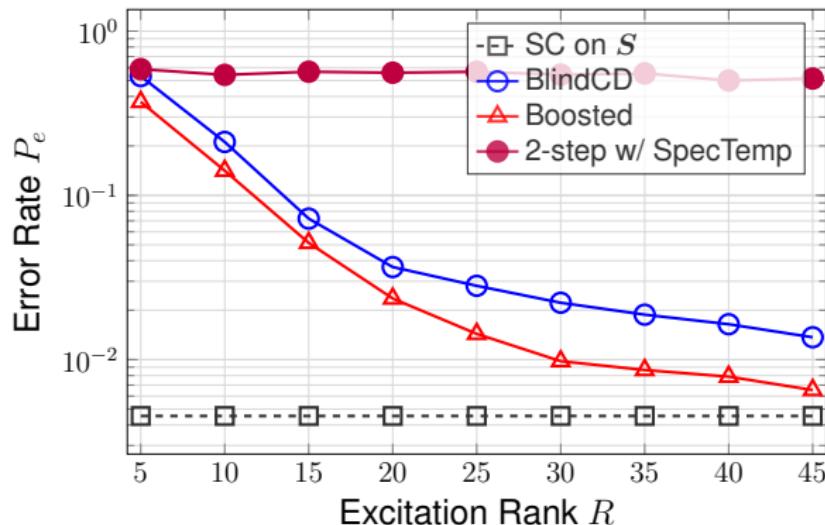
$$\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Z}^\dagger = \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L})\mathbf{B} = \underbrace{\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_\rho(\mathbf{L})\mathbf{B}}_{\text{low-rank}} + \rho\mathbf{B}$$

- ▶ Typically,  $\mathbf{B}$  is sparse  
⇒ **low-rank** + **sparse** decomposition!

Robust PCA formulation:

$$\min_{\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{B}} \|\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Z}^\dagger - \mathbf{L} - \mathbf{B}\|_F^2 + \gamma\|\mathbf{L}\|_* + \mu\|\mathbf{B}\|_1$$

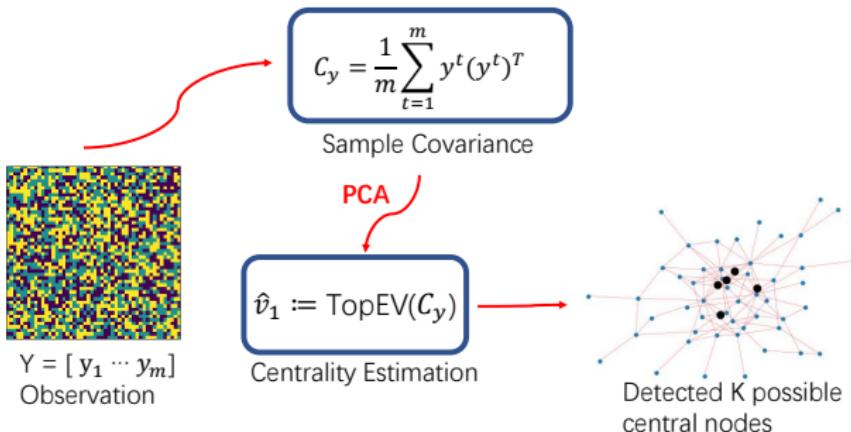
# Numerical Experiment: Blind CD (+Boosting)



- (a) As  $R = \text{rank}(\mathbf{C}_x)$  increases, Blind CD approaches the performance of spectral clustering on the true GSO.

# Blind Centrality Learning

- Eigen-centrality =  $\text{TopEV}(\mathbf{A})$  is revealed by  $\text{TopEV}(\mathbf{C}_y)$  for **1-low pass** signals  $\Rightarrow$  a simple PCA procedure suffices:



- **Theorem<sup>10</sup>:** let  $v_1$  be the true eig. centrality,

$$\|\hat{v}_1 - v_1\|_2 = \mathcal{O}(\eta_1 + m^{-1/2}).$$

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<sup>10</sup>[He and Wai, 2022] Y. He, H.-T., "Detecting central nodes from low-rank excited graph signals via structured factor analysis," TSP, 2022 ← note GSO =  $\mathbf{A}$  in this case.

## Blind Centrality Learning (cont'd)

- ▶ To obtain a robust formulation against  $\eta_1 \approx 1$ , assume that  $\mathbf{B}$  is *sparse* and use similar idea as Blind CD:

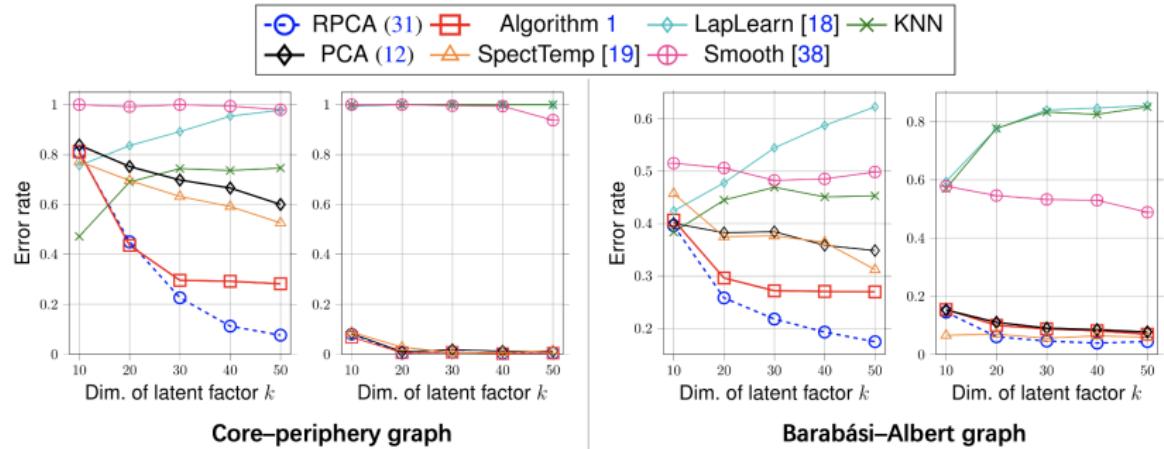
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Y} = \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{A})\mathbf{BZ} &= ((\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{A}) - \rho\mathbf{I})\mathbf{B} + \rho\mathbf{B})\mathbf{Z} \\ &= (\text{Low-rank} + \text{Sparse}) \times \mathbf{Z}\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ **Structured factor analysis:** if  $\mathbf{Z}$  is *unknown*,

Step 1. decompose  $\mathbf{Y}$  via **NMF**, Step 2. **Robust PCA**.

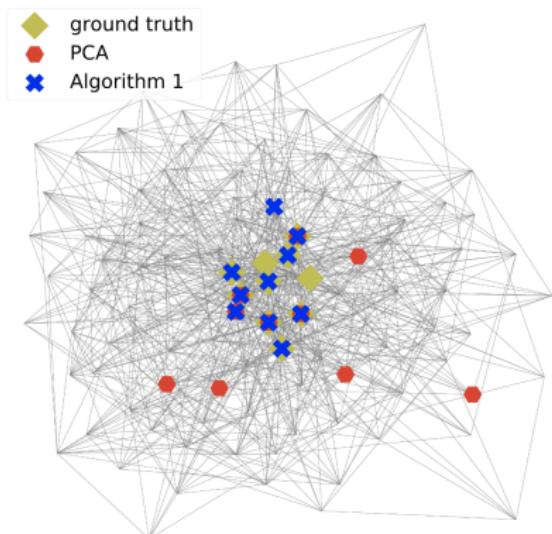
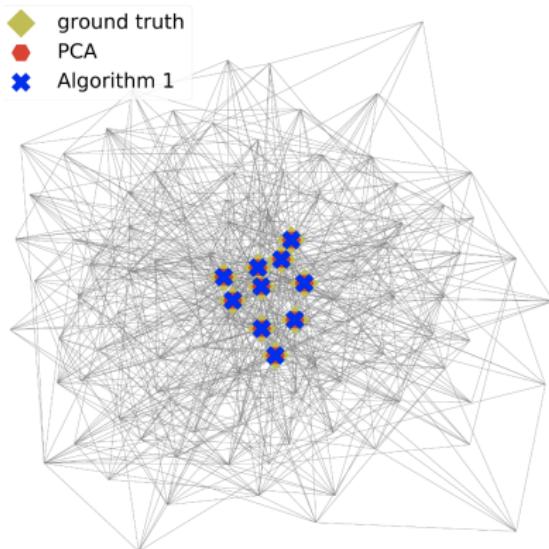
- ▶ **Theoretical analysis** (for NMF): good performance if (i)  $N/\text{rank}(\mathbf{Z})$  is large, (ii)  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{Z})$  is large.
  - trade-off between low-pass-ness and NMF performance.
  - derived from [Fu et al., 2019].
- ▶ **Related Works:** centrality ranking [Roddenberry and Segarra, 2021].

# Numerical Experiment: Blind Centrality Learning



- ▶ Graph filter  $\mathcal{H}(\cdot)$  is (left) ‘weak’ low pass, i.e.,  $\eta \approx 1$ ; (right) ‘strong’ low pass, i.e.,  $\eta \ll 1$ .
- ▶ Proposed **Algorithm 1** with NMF outperforms SOTA in the considered setting for ‘weak’ low pass; and similarly as PCA for ‘strong’ low pass.

# Numerical Experiment: Blind Centrality Learning



(left) 'Strong' low pass, (right) 'Weak' low pass

# Numerical Experiment: Blind Centrality Learning

(a) Stock Dataset<sup>†</sup>

| Method   | Top-10 Estimated Central Stocks (sorted left-to-right) |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|--|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Algorithm 1  | ALL  | ACN  | HON  | AXP  | IBM  | DIS  | ORCL | MMM  | BRKB | COST  |
|  | 0.43   | 0.56 | 0.51 | 0.72 | 0.50 | 0.36 | 0.70 | 0.33 | 0.52 | 0.64  |
| Average Correlation Score: $0.53 \pm 0.133$  |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
| PCA [11]   | NVDA   | NFLX | AMZN | ADBE | PYPL | CAT  | MA   | GOOG | BA   | GOOGL |
|  | 0.56   | 0.60 | 0.68 | 0.63 | 0.65 | 0.27 | 0.67 | 0.63 | 0.28 | 0.63  |
| Average Correlation Score: $0.56 \pm 0.154$  |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
| GL-SigRep [13]   | GOOGL  | GOOG | LLY  | USB  | EMR  | DUK  | ORCL | GD   | VZ   | V     |
|  | 0.63   | 0.63 | 0.17 | 0.43 | 0.59 | 0.11 | 0.70 | 0.53 | 0.27 | 0.71  |
| Average Correlation Score: $0.48 \pm 0.22$   |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
| KNN  | ACN  | HON  | ALL  | BRKB | IBM  | AXP  | EMR  | MMM  | CSCO | XOM   |
|  | 0.56   | 0.51 | 0.43 | 0.52 | 0.50 | 0.72 | 0.59 | 0.33 | 0.63 | 0.55  |
| Average Correlation Score: $0.53 \pm 0.107$  |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
| SpecTemp [14]  | ACN  | ORCL | PG   | LLY  | SUBX | PYPL | MDLZ | FB   | PFE  | MRK   |
|  | 0.56   | 0.70 | 0.36 | 0.17 | 0.58 | 0.65 | 0.41 | 0.61 | 0.14 | 0.20  |
| Average Correlation Score: $0.44 \pm 0.211$  |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
| Kalofolias [44]  | ACN  | HON  | BRKB | ALL  | AXP  | IBM  | XOM  | KO   | USB  | COST  |
|  | 0.56   | 0.51 | 0.52 | 0.43 | 0.72 | 0.50 | 0.55 | 0.32 | 0.43 | 0.64  |
| Average Correlation Score: $0.52 \pm 0.112$  |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
| Information Technology/ Communication Services/ Industrials/ Financials/other sectors. |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |

(b) Senate Dataset<sup>†</sup>

| Method                                      | Top-10 Estimated Central States (sorted left-to-right) |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|---|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--|
| Algorithm 1                                 | MI   | MT   | KS   | RI   | TN   | MN   | NV   | ME   | MD   | IN   |  |
|   | 0.79   | 0.66 | 0.74 | 0.67 | 0.68 | 0.74 | 0.43 | 0.67 | 0.6  | 0.62 |  |
| Average Correlation Score: $0.66 \pm 0.099$ |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |
| PCA [11]                                    | CA   | DE   | CO   | IL   | ND   | WV   | IA   | VA   | WY   | MA   |  |
|   | 0.55   | 0.46 | 0.54 | 0.63 | 0.72 | 0.52 | 0.51 | 0.56 | 0.59 | 0.58 |  |
| Average Correlation Score: $0.57 \pm 0.072$ |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |
| GL-SigRep [13]                              | CA   | DE   | WV   | CO   | IL   | VA   | ND   | IA   | WY   | AZ   |  |
|   | 0.55   | 0.46 | 0.52 | 0.54 | 0.63 | 0.56 | 0.72 | 0.51 | 0.59 | 0.31 |  |
| Average Correlation Score: $0.54 \pm 0.108$ |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |
| KNN   | ND   | CA   | IL   | WV   | DE   | VA   | AZ   | CO   | WY   | IA   |  |
|   | 0.72   | 0.55 | 0.63 | 0.52 | 0.46 | 0.56 | 0.31 | 0.54 | 0.59 | 0.51 |  |
| Average Correlation Score: $0.54 \pm 0.108$ |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |
| SpecTemp [14]                               | AL   | ND   | WV   | CA   | DE   | IL   | MO   | MA   | VA   | SD   |  |
|   | 0.61   | 0.72 | 0.52 | 0.55 | 0.46 | 0.63 | 0.57 | 0.58 | 0.56 | 0.56 |  |
| Average Correlation Score: $0.58 \pm 0.069$ |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |
| Kalofolias [44]                             | AL   | AK   | AZ   | AR   | WV   | VA   | CA   | CO   | CT   | DE   |  |
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<sup>†</sup>The number below each stock/state shows its normalized correlation score with the S&P100 index and number of ‘Yay’s in the voting result [cf. (36)]. The average correlation scores are taken over the set of central nodes found and the number after ‘±’ is the standard deviation.

- (a) Detected central nodes with performance measured on correlation of nodes with (left) S&P500 index, (right) voting outcomes.

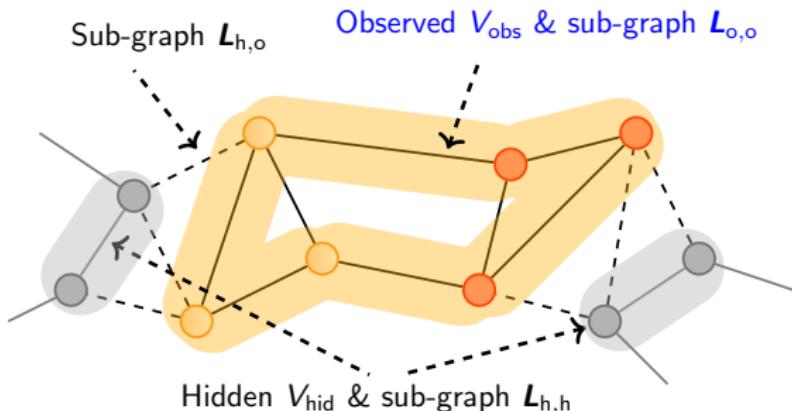
**Extension:** *Multiple graph learning from streaming data*<sup>11</sup>.

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# Leveraging Low-passness with Partial Observation

- ▶ In many settings, we do not observe **complete graph signals** on every nodes, e.g., **large social network, power network**, etc.
- ▶ Hidden nodes remain **influential** and affect the **observations**:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L})\mathbf{x} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}} \\ \mathbf{y}_{\text{hid}} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{L}_{\text{o,o}} & \mathbf{L}_{\text{o,h}} \\ \mathbf{L}_{\text{h,o}} & \mathbf{L}_{\text{h,h}} \end{bmatrix}$$



# Learning with Partial Observation

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$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{y}_\ell^\top L \mathbf{y}_\ell \approx \text{Tr}(\mathbf{C}_y^o L_{o,o}) + \underbrace{\text{Tr}(\underbrace{2\mathbf{C}_y^{o,h} L_{o,h}^\top}_{\text{low rank if } |V_{\text{hid}}| \ll N})}_{\geq 0} + \underbrace{\text{Tr}(\mathbf{C}_y^h L_{h,h})}_{\geq 0} \geq 0$$

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II. Leveraging Lowrank-ness: provided  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L})$  is  $(\eta, K)$  low pass,

$$\mathbf{C}_y^o = \mathbf{E}_o \mathbf{C}_y \mathbf{E}_o^\top \approx (\mathbf{E}_o \mathbf{U}_K) \mathbf{C}_{\tilde{x}} (\mathbf{E}_o \mathbf{U}_K)^\top$$

where  $\mathbf{E}_o$  is **row-selection** matrix for  $V_{\text{obs}}$ . ↑ can estimate  $\mathbf{E}_o \mathbf{U}_K \approx \mathbf{U}_{K,o}$

- Key observation: low-rankness of  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L})$  supersedes partial obs.
- Straightforward extension for graph feature learning: partial community detection<sup>12</sup>, partial centrality inference<sup>13</sup>

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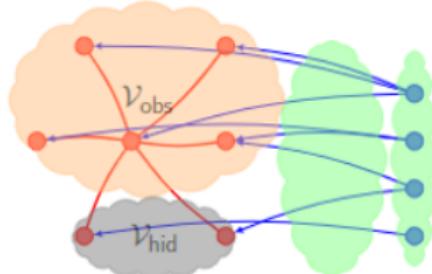
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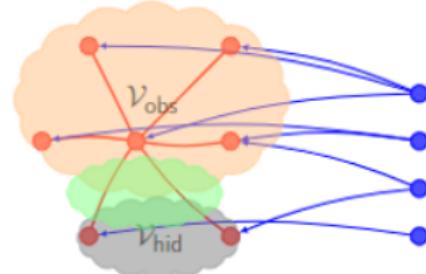
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- We rely on *low-rankness* and aim to learn community or centrality.

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- If  $\mathbf{A}_{\text{o,h}}$  is known<sup>14</sup>: Nyström method [Fowlkes et al., 2004] to 'interpolate' eigenvectors,

$$(i) \text{ top-}K \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_K \text{ of } \widehat{\mathbf{C}}_y^{\text{obs}}, \quad (ii) \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_K := \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_K \\ \mathbf{A}_{\text{h,o}} \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_K / \widehat{\lambda} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (iii) \text{ k-means on } \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_K.$$

- Assume that  $V_{\text{obs}}$  is chosen at random, then w.h.p.,

$$\underbrace{F(\widehat{\mathcal{N}}_1, \dots, \widehat{\mathcal{N}}_k; \mathbf{V}_K)}_{K\text{-means obj. on whole graph.}} - F^* = \mathcal{O}\left(\eta K + \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{|V_{\text{obs}}|}} + \frac{|V_{\text{hid}}|}{|V|}\right).$$

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(II) Excitation signal is known<sup>14</sup>: recall  $\mathbf{x}^{(t)} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{z}^{(t)}$  and we know  $\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{z}^{(t)}$ .

$$\mathbf{Y}_{\text{obs}}\mathbf{Z}^\dagger = \underbrace{\tilde{h}_\rho(\lambda_1)\mathbf{c}_{\text{obs}}\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{B}}_{\text{rank-1 w/ eig.-centrality}} + \underbrace{\rho \mathbf{E}_o \mathbf{B}}_{\text{sparse}} + \mathcal{O}(\tilde{\eta}), \quad \text{holds} \quad \underbrace{\forall \rho > 0}_{\text{'boosting'}}$$

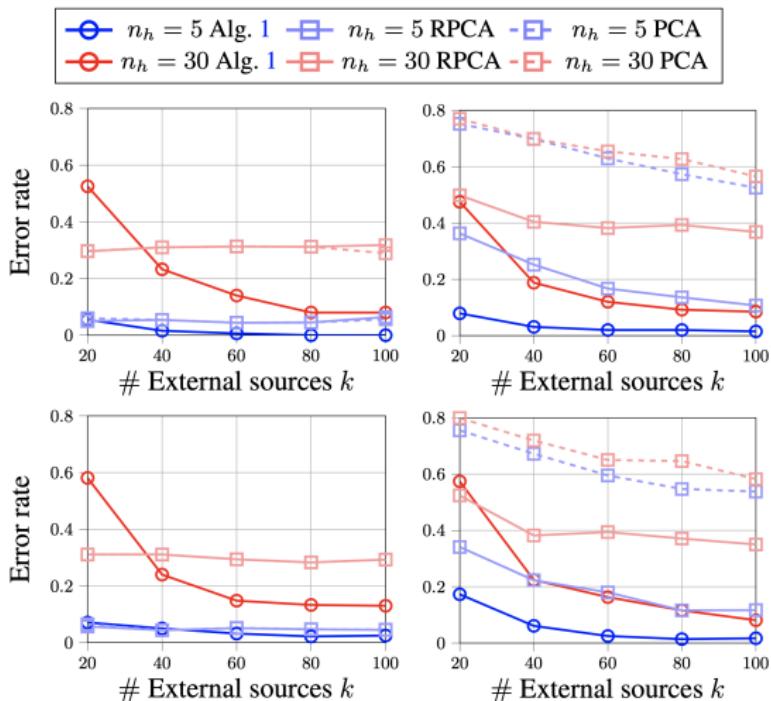
- Full eigen-centrality  $\mathbf{c}$  can be estimated if

$$\text{Excitation rank} = \text{rank}(\mathbf{B}) = K \geq |\mathbf{V}_{\text{hid}}| + 1$$

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# Numerical Experiment: Complete Graph Learning



- ▶ Increasing the excitation rank  $K$  improves the detection performances.

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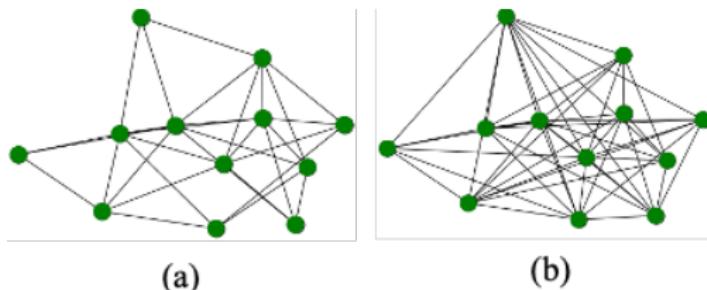
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# Detecting Low-pass Signals

**Question:** How do we know if a set of graph signals are low pass?

- Topology inferred from non low pass signals can be **deceptive**.

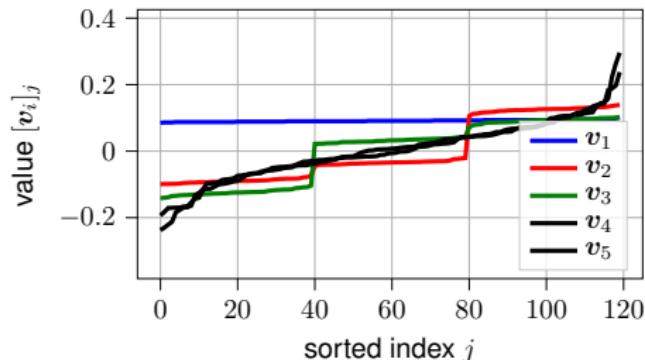


(a) Ground truth. (b) Topology learnt by GL-SigRep on **non-low-pass** signals.

- *Challenges:* graph topology  $\mathbf{A}$  and filter  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{A})$  are **unknown**.
- **Warning:** an **ill posed** problem – graph signals is *smooth* on one graph, but *non-smooth* on another.

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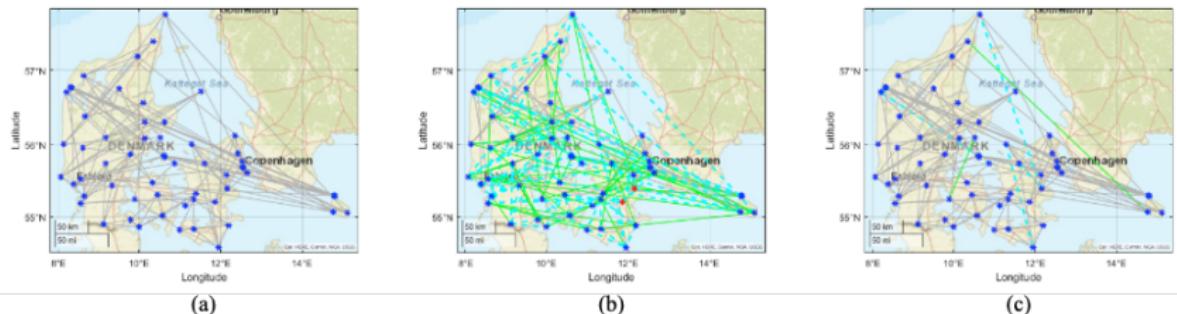
- ▶ **Assume:** no. of dense clusters,  $K$ , in the graph is known a-priori.  
 $\Rightarrow \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K \approx 0 \Rightarrow$  if the filter is low pass, it will be  $K$  low pass.
- ▶ **Observation:** graph signals from  $K$  low pass filter exhibit particular *spectral signature*. E.g., SBM graph with  $K = 3$  clusters,



**Idea:** Measure *clusterability* of principal eigenvectors.

# Application: Robustifying Graph Learning

What if graph signals are corrupted with non-low-pass observations?  $\Rightarrow$   
**screen them out** by a blind detector and apply [Dong et al., 2016].



- (a) Ground truth graph learnt from clean data.
- (b) Graph learnt from **corrupted** data (mixed w/ high-pass signals).
- (c) Graph learnt after the **pre-screening** procedure.

- ▶ **Other applications:** blind detection of network dynamics, blind anomaly detection, etc.<sup>15</sup>

<sup>15</sup>[Zhang et al., 2023a] C. Zhang, Y. He, H.-T.. Detecting Low Pass Graph Signals via Spectral Pattern: Sampling Complexity and Applications. ArXiv, 2023.

# Stability of Graph Filter with Edge Rewiring

- ▶ Graph filter is an important building block of *Graph Convolutional Neural Network (GCN)* → trained on  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L})$ , but applied on  $\mathcal{H}(\hat{\mathbf{L}})$ .
- ▶ **Stability<sup>16</sup>** is related to *transferability* of GCNs. Existing results require small no. of edge rewrites.

*Frequency-domain bound:* If  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L})$  is **low pass**, then

$$\|\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L}) - \mathcal{H}(\hat{\mathbf{L}})\| = \mathcal{O}(\eta + \|\mathbf{U}_k - \hat{\mathbf{U}}_k\| + \|\Lambda_k - \hat{\Lambda}_k\|),$$

where  $\mathbf{U}_k - \hat{\mathbf{U}}_k$ ,  $\Lambda_k - \hat{\Lambda}_k$  are perturbations of top eigenvectors/values.

- ▶ Residuals → 0 for edge rewiring on SBMs perturbations<sup>17</sup>.
  - Proof: depends on convergence of graph filter on SBM.

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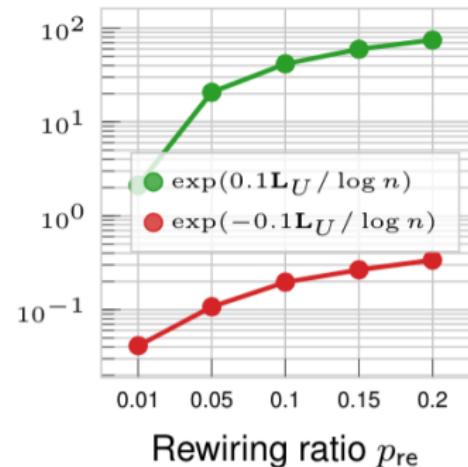
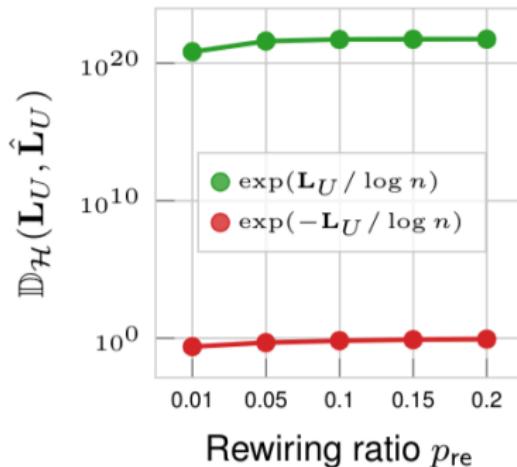
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- Low pass filters are *insensitive* to no. of rewiring vs. high pass filters.

# Generalization Bound

- ▶ Sample complexity of MPNN (GCN) learning<sup>18</sup> analyzed via

$$\mathcal{E}_m^n = \mathbb{E}_{\mu_G^m} \left[ \sup_{\Theta} \left( \underbrace{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \mathcal{L}(\Theta_{G^i}(x^i), y^i)}_{\text{empirical risk}} - \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{\mu_G} [\mathcal{L}(\Theta_G(x), y)]}_{\text{expected risk}} \right)^2 \right] \leq \frac{C}{m} n^{-\frac{1}{D_X+1}}$$

where  $m$  = no. of training sets,  $n$  = no. of nodes, and  $G^i, x^i, y^i$  is the  $i$ th training set of graph, attributes (signals), labels.

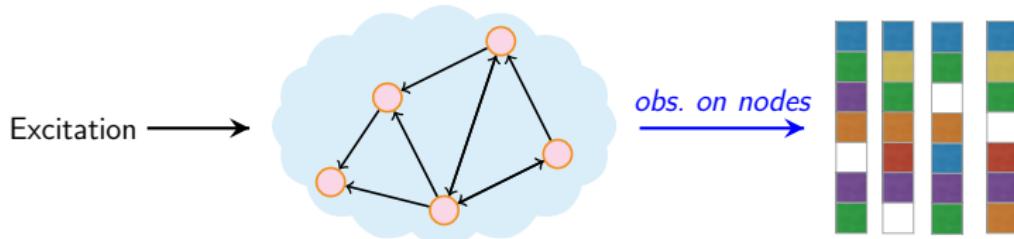
- ▶ Proof: MPNN  $\rightarrow$  graphon limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  [Keriven et al., 2020].
- ▶  $C$  depends on Lipschitz-ness of message (activation) functions, etc.  $\leftarrow$  no explicit dependence on graph filter.
- ▶ Recent work<sup>19</sup> provide transferability bound utilizing the spectrum of graph filter similar to [Keriven et al., 2020]  $\leftarrow$  open problem?

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<sup>18</sup>[Maskey et al., 2022] S. Maskey, R. Levie, Y. Lee, and G. Kutyniok. Generalization analysis of message passing neural networks on large random graphs. in NeurIPS, 2022.

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# Wrapping Up



- ▶ **Takehome Point:** *Low pass* graph signals are prevalent + entail structure that enables (blind) *graph topology learning*.
  - ▶ **Smoothness** → graph topology learning.
  - ▶ **Low-rankness** → topology **feature** learning (centrality, community).
  - ▶ also for learning from partial observation, ...
- ▶ Related problems: how to detect low pass signals, application to graph ML, ...

## Perspectives

- ▶ Graph learning from partial observations with **many hidden nodes**.
  - it is the case for observations on social/economics networks.
- ▶ Learning from **multi-attribute signal**: graphs do not live in isolation, e.g., multiplex networks in ecology, social systems, etc.
  - needs new notion for graph filter:

$$\text{Prod-Graph Filter : } \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{L}^C, \mathbf{L}^G) = \sum_{i,j} h_{ij} (\mathbf{L}^C)^i \otimes (\mathbf{L}^G)^j,$$

and **interpretation** for low pass multi-layer graph filter

[Zhang et al., 2023b, Kadambari and Chepuri, 2021, Einizade and Sardouie, 2022].

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