

# Injecting Hamiltonian Architectural Bias into Deep Graph Networks

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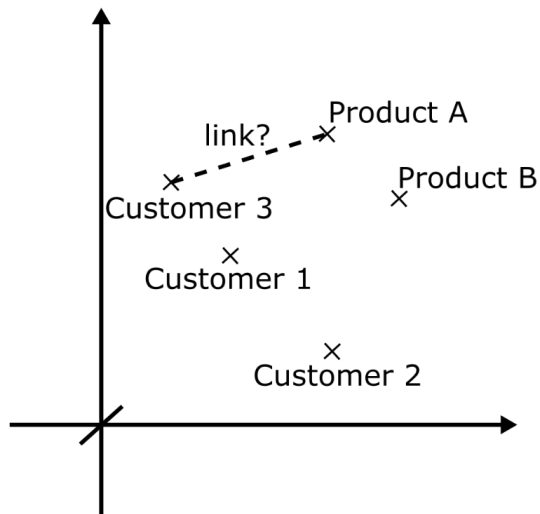
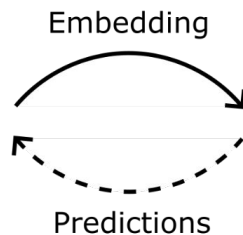
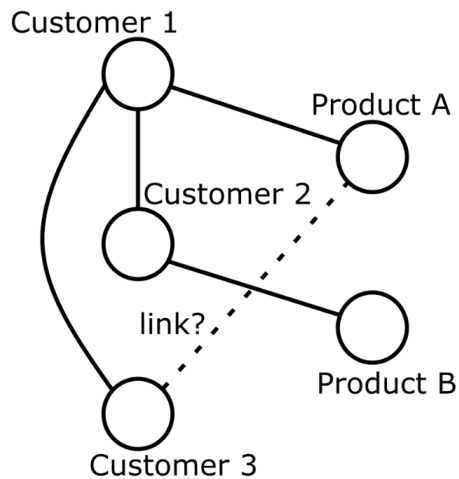
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# Outline

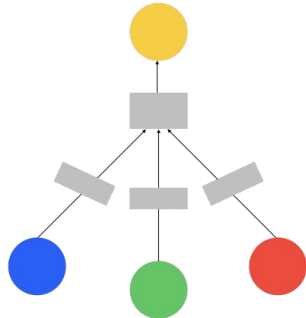
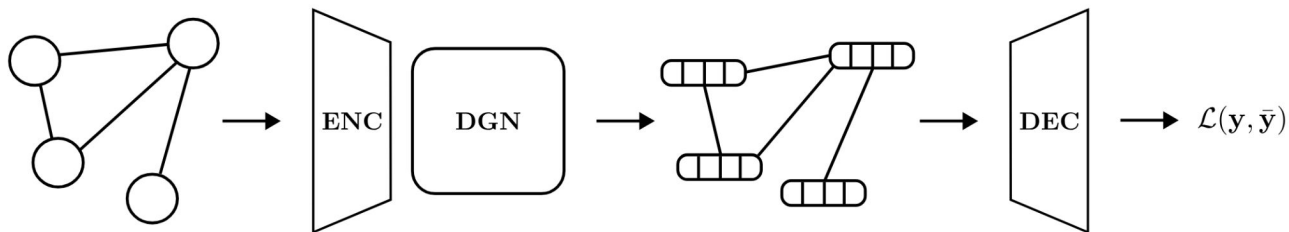
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# Background

# Motivation: ML on Graphs



# Message Passing Neural Networks



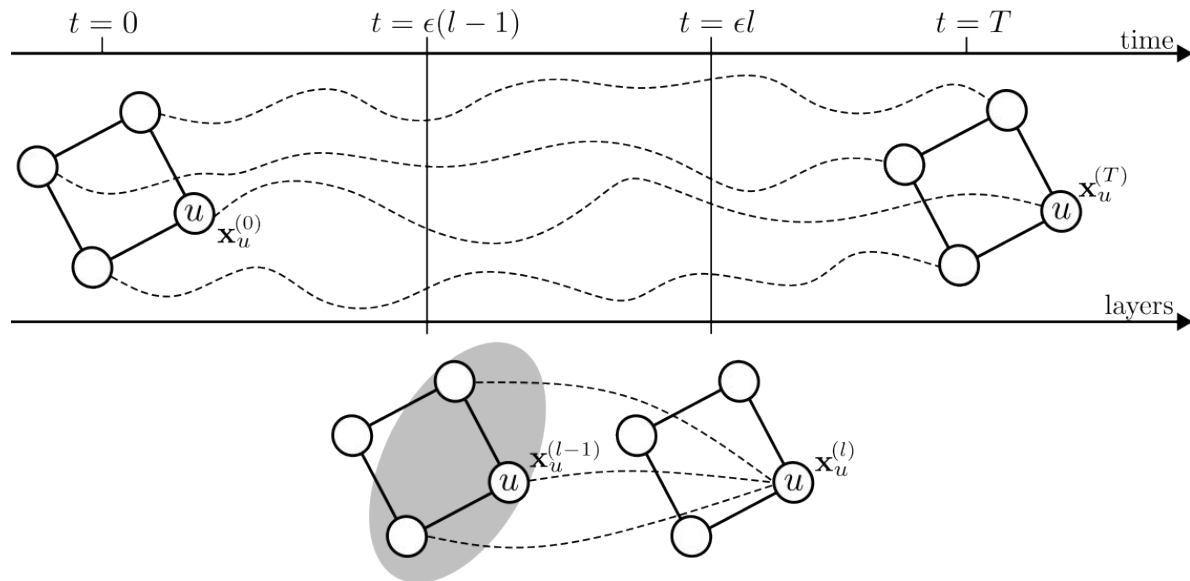
$$\mathbf{x}_u^{(l+1)} = \text{UP}^{(l+1)} \left( \mathbf{x}_u^{(l)}, \text{AGG}^{(l+1)} \left( \left\{ \mathbf{x}_v^{(l)} : v \in \mathcal{N}_u \right\} \right) \right)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_u^{(l+1)} = \sigma \left( \mathbf{W}_{\text{self}}^{(l+1)} \mathbf{x}_u^{(l)} + \sum_{v \in \mathcal{N}_u} \mathbf{W}_{\text{msg}}^{(l+1)} \mathbf{x}_v^{(l)} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{X}^{(l+1)} = \mathbf{X}^{(l)} + \sigma \left( -\mathbf{X}^{(l)} \mathbf{W}_{\text{self}}^{(l+1)} + \mathbf{A}_{\text{agg}} \mathbf{X}^{(l)} \mathbf{W}_{\text{msg}}^{(l+1)} - \mathbf{X}^{(0)} \mathbf{W}_{\text{skip}}^{(l+1)} \right)$$

Ref: [1]

# Graph Coupled Neural ODEs

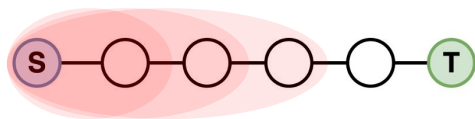


$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}_u(t)}{dt} = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_{\text{self}}(t)\mathbf{x}_u(t) + \Phi_{\mathcal{G}}(\{\mathbf{x}_v(t) : v \in \mathcal{N}_u\}, t) + \mathbf{b}(t))$$

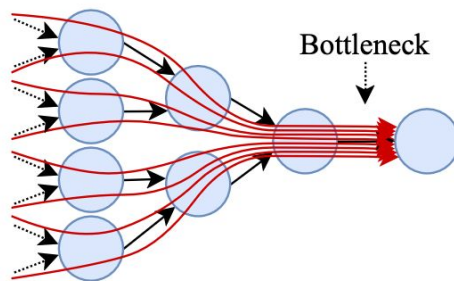
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# The Long-Range Regime

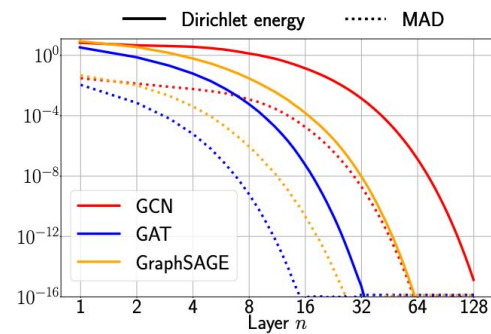
## Under Reaching



## Over Squashing



## Over Smoothing



# Hamiltonian Dynamics

## Example (Equations of Motion )

$$H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = T(\mathbf{p}) + U(\mathbf{q}), \quad \text{with } T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1, \dots, n} \frac{\|\mathbf{p}_i\|^2}{m_i}, U = - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{Gm_i m_j}{\|\mathbf{q}_j - \mathbf{q}_i\|}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^{3n}$$

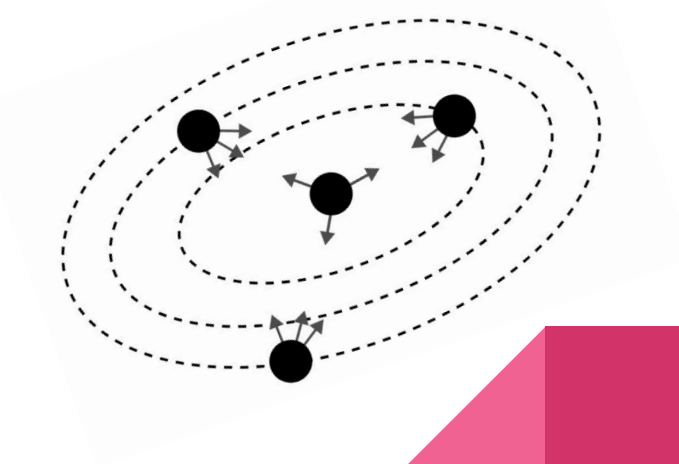
## Definition (Hamiltonian Dynamics)

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{q}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}), \quad \frac{d\mathbf{q}}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{y}(t)}{dt} = \mathcal{J} \nabla_{\mathbf{y}} H(\mathbf{y}(t)),$$

where  $\mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{2d}$  and  $\mathcal{J} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{I}_d \\ \mathbf{I}_d & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}$



Ref: [5]



# (Port-)Hamiltonian DGN

# Hamiltonian Inspired Message Passing

Step 1)

$$\mathbf{y} := \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{p}_n \\ \mathbf{q}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{q}_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p} \\ \mathbf{q} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{nd}, \text{ with } \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_u \\ \mathbf{q}_u \end{pmatrix} := \mathbf{x}_u \in \mathbb{R}^d, \text{ and } H_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{y}) := \sum_{u \in \mathcal{V}} \tilde{\sigma}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}_u + \Phi_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{y}, \mathcal{N}_u) + \mathbf{b})^\top \mathbf{1}_d$$

Step 2)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathbf{y}(t)}{dt} = \mathcal{J} \nabla_{\mathbf{y}} H_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{y}(t)) &\Leftrightarrow \frac{d\mathbf{p}(t)}{dt} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{q}} H_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{y}(t)), \frac{d\mathbf{q}(t)}{dt} = \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} H_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{y}(t)) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \\ \frac{d\mathbf{x}_u(t)}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} -\nabla_{\mathbf{q}_u} H_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{y}(t)) \\ \nabla_{\mathbf{p}_u} H_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{y}(t)) \end{pmatrix} &= \mathcal{J}_u \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_u} H_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{y}(t)) \quad , \forall u \in \mathcal{V} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dH_{\mathcal{G}}}{dt} = 0$$

# Continuous and Discrete Perspective

## The Continuous Dynamic

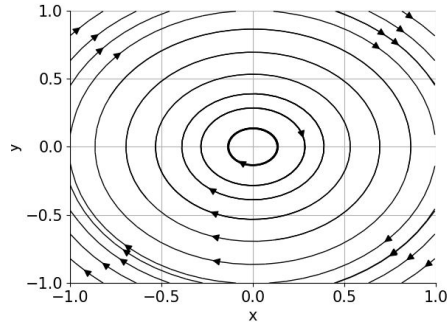
$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}_u(t)}{dt} = \mathcal{J}_u \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_u} H_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{y}(t)) = \mathcal{J}_u \left[ \mathbf{W}^\top \sigma(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}_u(t) + \Phi_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{y}, \mathcal{N}_u) + \mathbf{b}) + \sum_{v \in \mathcal{N}_u \cup \{u\}} \frac{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{y}, \mathcal{N}_v)}{\partial \mathbf{x}_u(t)}^\top \sigma(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}_v(t) + \Phi_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{y}, \mathcal{N}_v) + \mathbf{b}) \right]$$

## Symplectic Integration

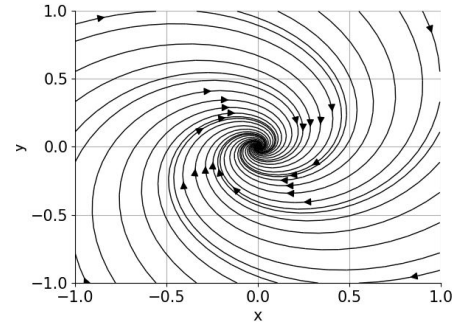
$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_u^{(n+1)} \\ \mathbf{q}_u^{(n+1)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_u^{(n)} \\ \mathbf{q}_u^{(n)} \end{pmatrix} + \epsilon \mathcal{J}_u \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\mathbf{p}_u} H_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{p}^{(n+1)}, \mathbf{q}^{(n)}) \\ \nabla_{\mathbf{q}_u} H_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{p}^{(n+1)}, \mathbf{q}^{(n)}) \end{pmatrix}, \forall u \in \mathcal{V}$$

Assumptions on  $\mathbf{W}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  for  $\Phi_{\mathcal{G}}((\mathbf{p}^{(n+1)}, \mathbf{q}^{(n)}), \mathcal{N}) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \mathbf{V} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_i^{(n+1)} \\ \mathbf{q}_i^{(n)} \end{pmatrix}$ :  $\mathbf{W} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{W}_p & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{W}_q \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{V}_p & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{V}_q \end{pmatrix}$

# Conservation and Dissipation



VS.

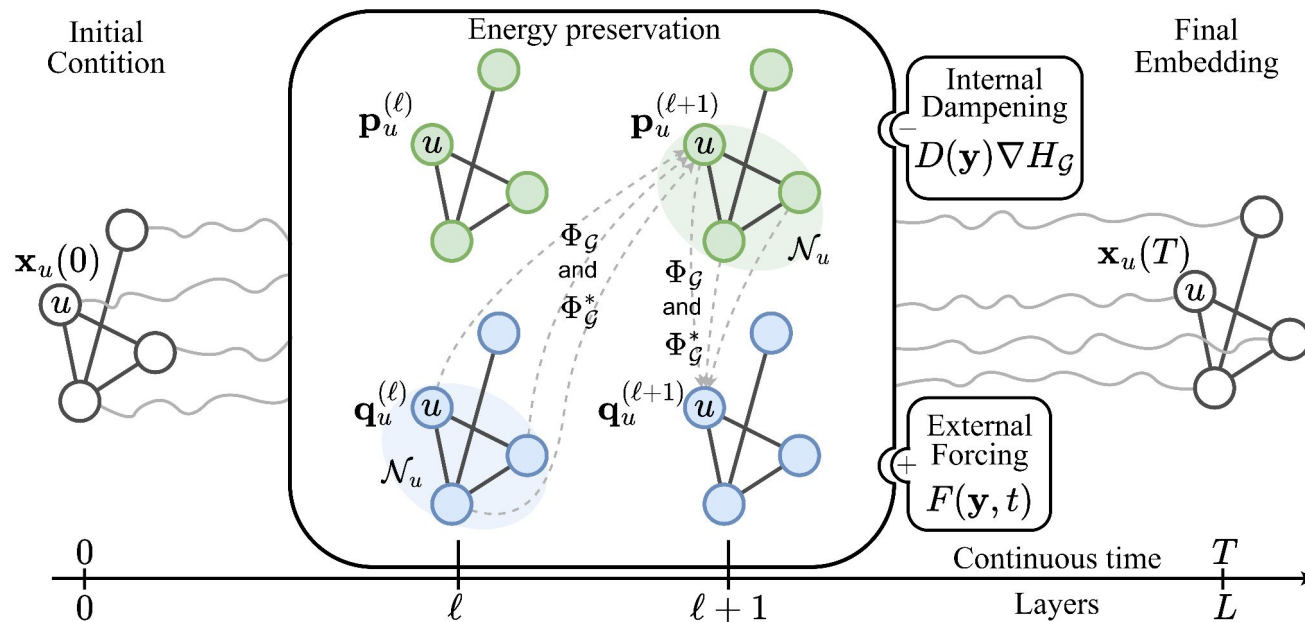


## Port-Hamiltonian Dynamics

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}_u(t)}{dt} = \left( \mathcal{J}_u - \begin{bmatrix} D(\mathbf{q}) & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \right) \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_u} H_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{y}) + \begin{bmatrix} F(\mathbf{q}, t) \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{V}.$$

Ref: [2]

# Big Picture: Port-Hamiltonian DGN



# Stability Analysis

## Lemma (Eigenvalues of the Jacobian)

*The local dynamics possess an Jacobian with eigenvalues purely on the imaginary axis, i.e.*

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \lambda_i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}_u} \mathcal{J}_u \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_u} H_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{y}(t)) \right) \right) = 0, \forall i$$

## Lemma (Divergence-Free Hamiltonian Vector Field)

*The vector field defined by the local dynamics is divergence-free everywhere, which means:*

$$\nabla \cdot \mathcal{J}_u \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_u} H_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{y}(t)) = 0, \text{ everywhere}$$

*Hence, no sources or sinks can exist in the nonlinear dynamic.*



Allows for long-range propagation!

# Sensitivity Analysis I

## Theorem (Lower Bound)

*Given a Hamiltonian graph ODE, the BSM for each node can not vanish. In particular, for any sub-multiplicative matrix norm  $\| \cdot \|$ , the lower bound is:*

$$\left\| \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}_u(T)}{\partial \mathbf{x}_u(T-t)} \right\| \geq 1, \forall t \in [0, T].$$

*Given a discrete Hamiltonian graph ODE obtained by a symplectic discretization scheme, the BSM can not vanish:*

$$\left\| \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}_u^{(L)}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_u^{(L-j)}} \right\| \geq 1, \forall j = 0, \dots, L-1.$$

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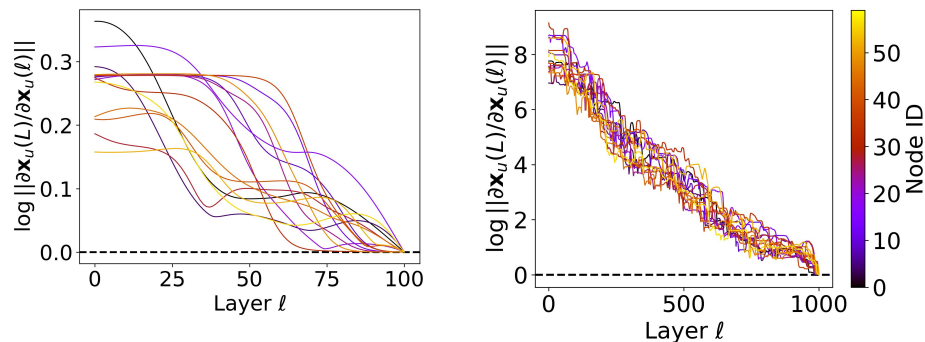
# Sensitivity Analysis II

## Theorem (Upper Bound)

Given a Hamiltonian graph ODE, with a nonlinearity whose derivative is bounded globally, i.e.,  $\exists M > 0, |\sigma'(x)| \leq M$ , and a neighborhood coupling of the form  $\Phi_{\mathcal{G}} = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{N}_u} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x}_v$ , the BSM can be bounded above as:

$$\left\| \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}_u(T)}{\partial \mathbf{x}_u(T-t)} \right\|_2 \leq \sqrt{d} \exp(QT), \quad \forall t \in [0, T]$$

Where  $Q = \sqrt{d} M \|\mathbf{W}\|_2^2 + \sqrt{d} M \max_{i \in [n]} |\mathcal{N}_i| \|\mathbf{V}\|_2^2$ .





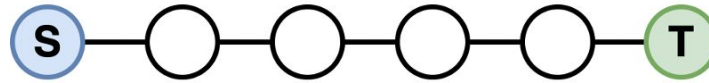
# Experiments

# Experimental outline

- Assess the efficacy in **preserving long-range information** between nodes
  - Graph transfer tasks
  - Graph property prediction tasks
  - Long Range Graph Benchmark

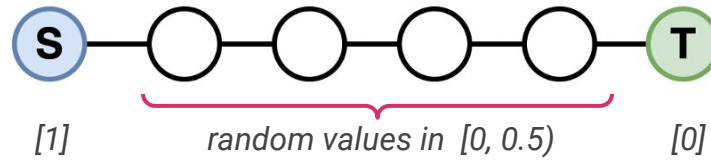
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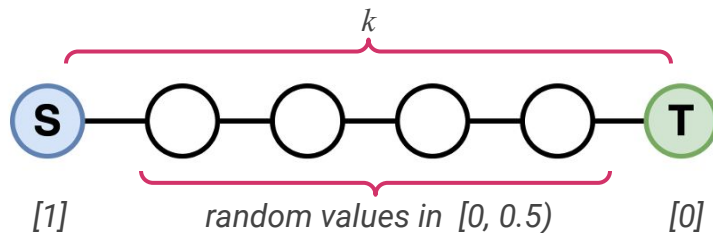
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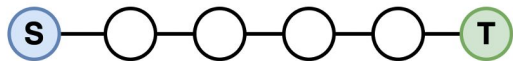
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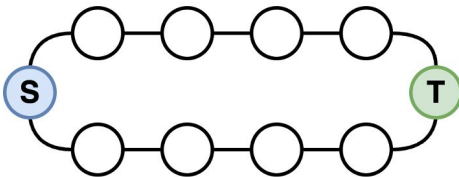


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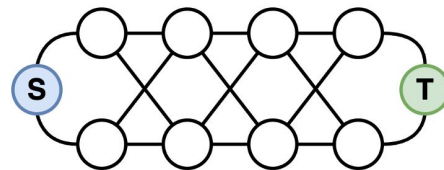
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*Line graph*



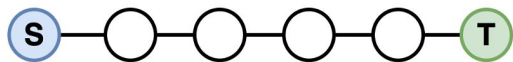
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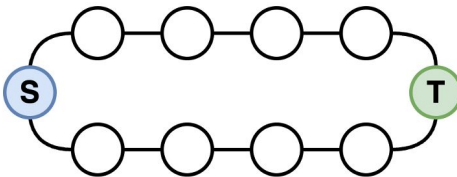
*Crossed-Ring graph*

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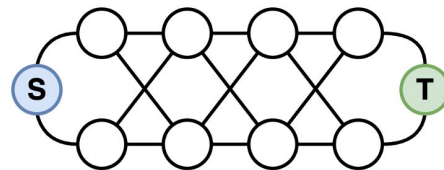
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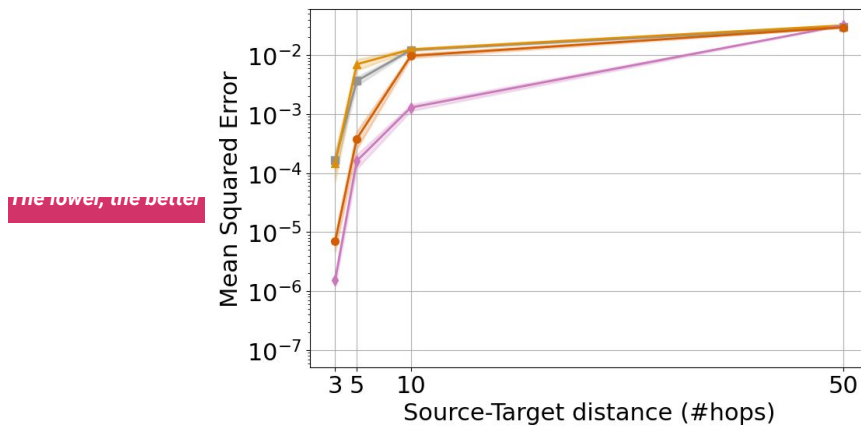


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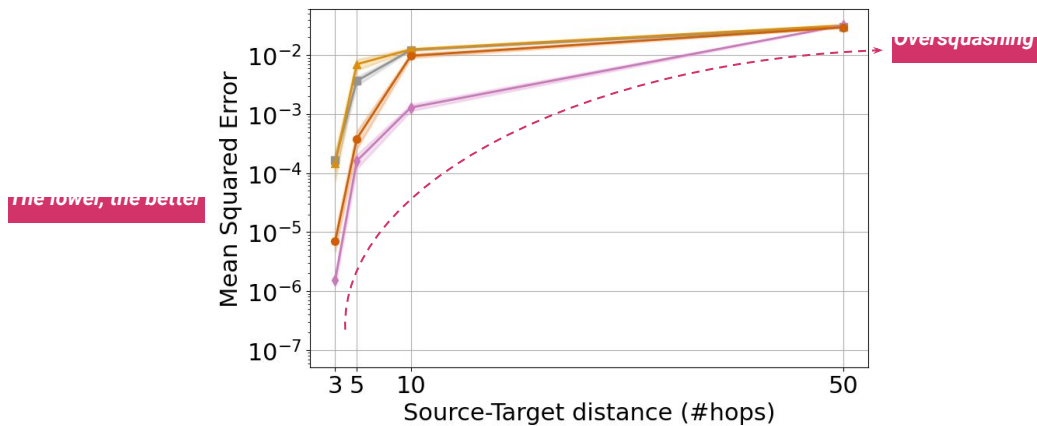
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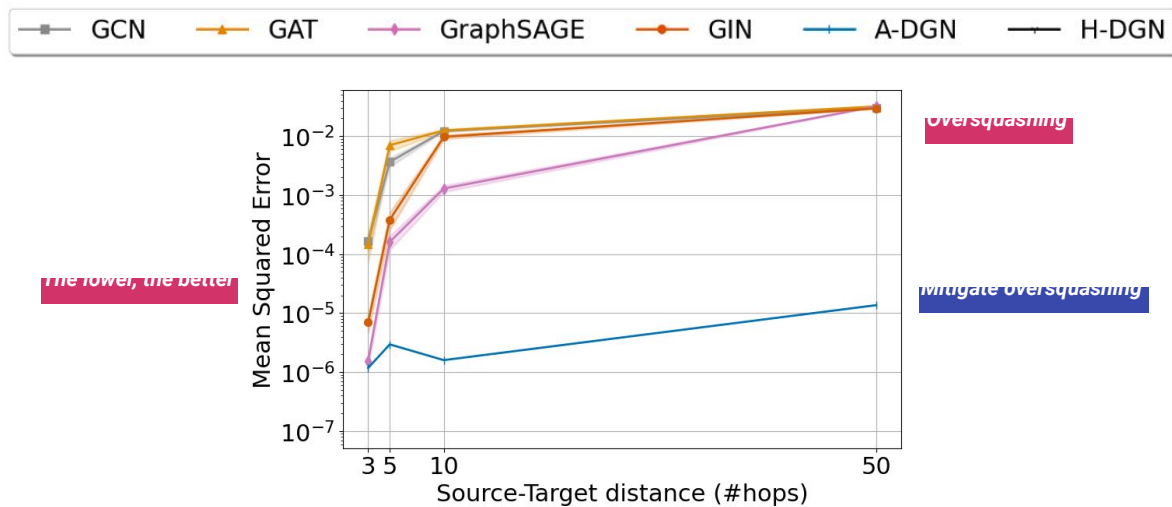


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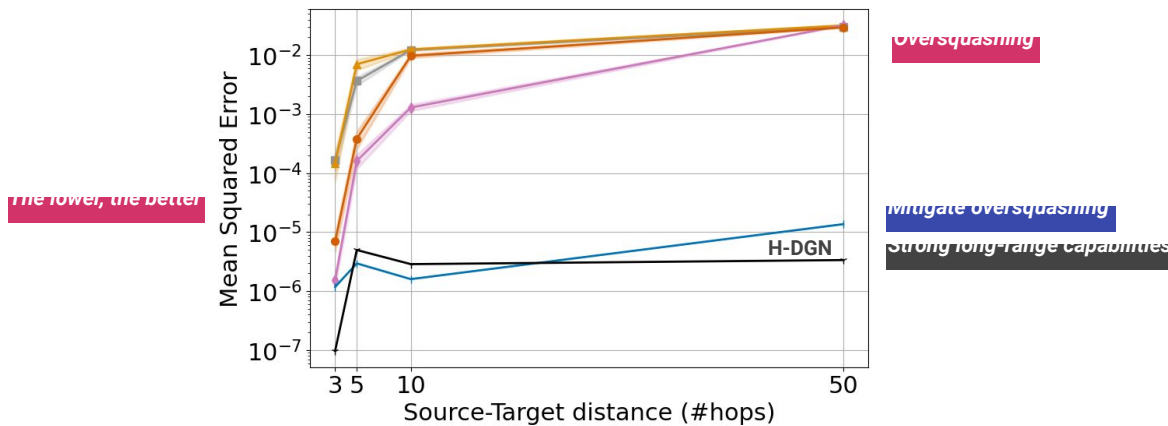
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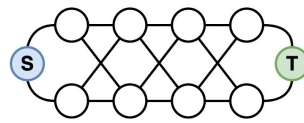
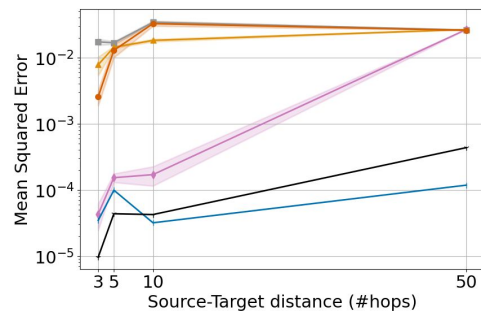
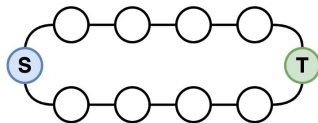
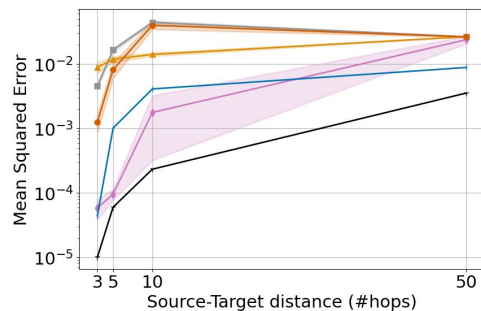
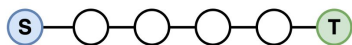
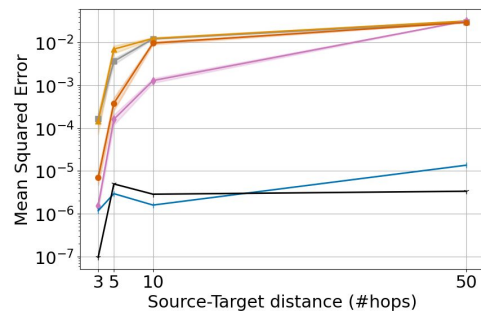
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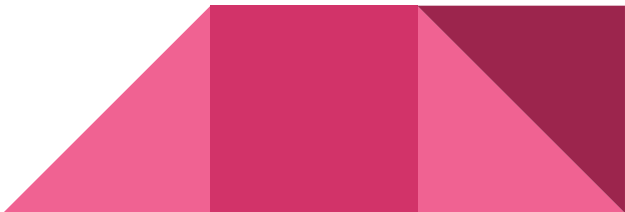
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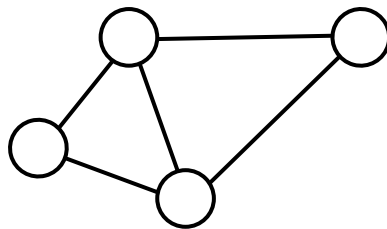
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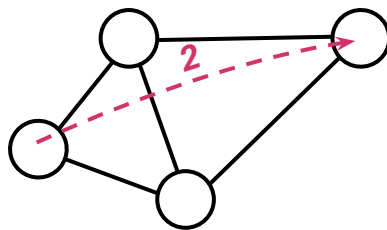
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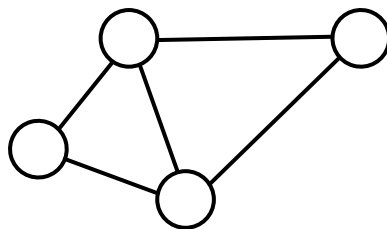
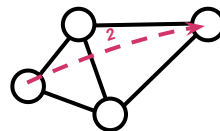
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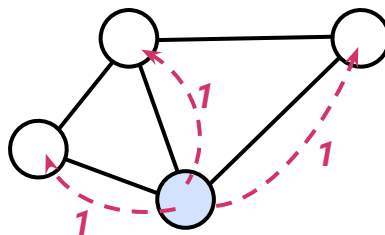
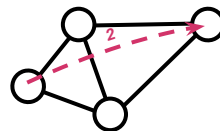
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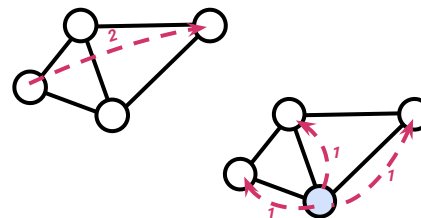
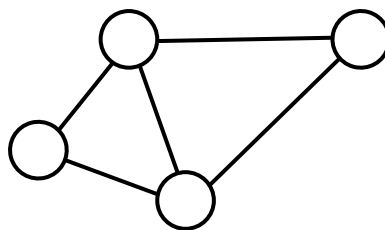
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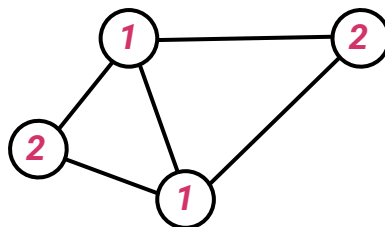
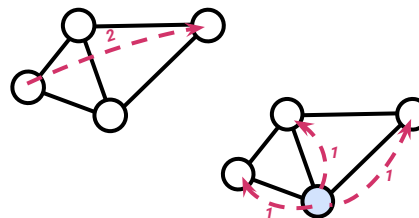
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GRAND	$0.6602 \pm 0.1393$	$0.6715 \pm 0.0490$	$-0.0942 \pm 0.3897$
A-DGN	<b><math>-0.4296 \pm 0.1003</math></b>	<b><math>-0.5188 \pm 0.1812</math></b>	<b><math>-3.2417 \pm 0.0751</math></b>
<b>Ours</b>			
H-DGN	<b><math>-0.7248 \pm 0.1068</math></b>	<b><math>-0.5473 \pm 0.1074</math></b>	<b><math>-3.0467 \pm 0.1615</math></b>
PH-DGN	<b><math>-0.9348 \pm 0.2097</math></b>	<b><math>-0.5385 \pm 0.0187</math></b>	<b><math>-4.2993 \pm 0.0721</math></b>

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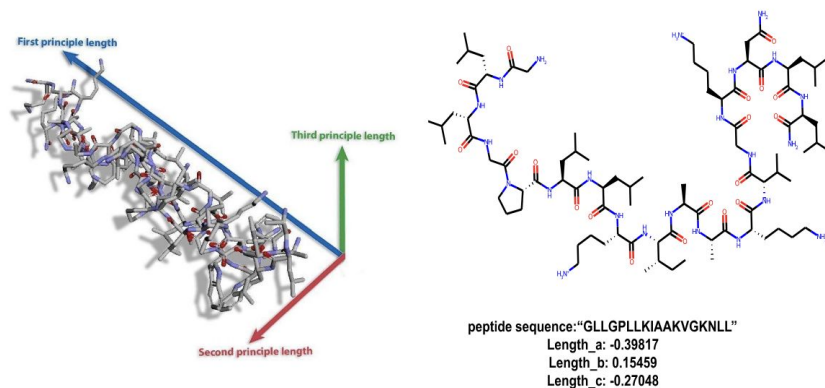
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# Long Range Graph Benchmark

- Real-world benchmark
  - **Peptide-func** and **Peptide-struct**

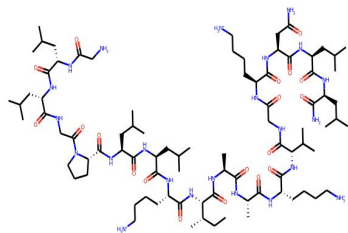




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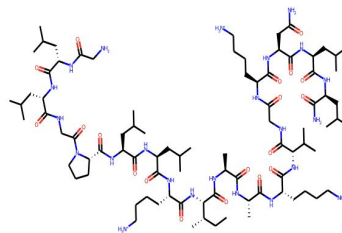
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- Predict the peptide **function**



Is it an antiviral peptide?  
Is it an antibacterial peptide?  
...

- Multi-dim graph **regression**
- Predict **structural properties** of peptides



Inertia mass?  
Length?  
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# Long Range Graph Benchmark

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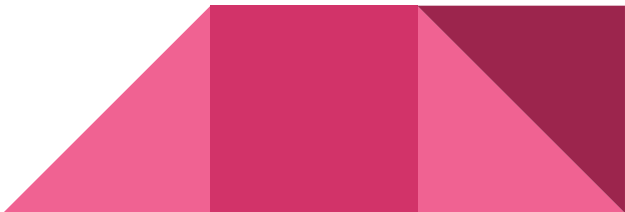
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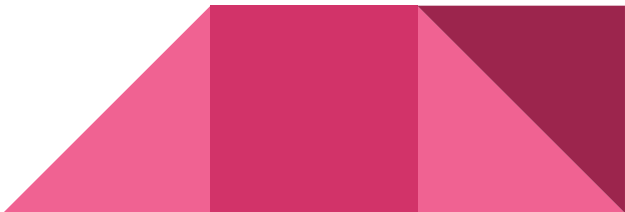
# Conclusions

- PH-DGN is a new framework for DGNs
  - **Non-dissipative** and **non-conservative** behaviors equilibrium
  - Effectively explore long-range dependencies
- PH-DGN can be used to reinterpret and extend any classical DGN
- Our results show that:
  - PH-DGN outperforms state-of-the-art models
  - Data-driven forces maximize long-range propagation efficacy



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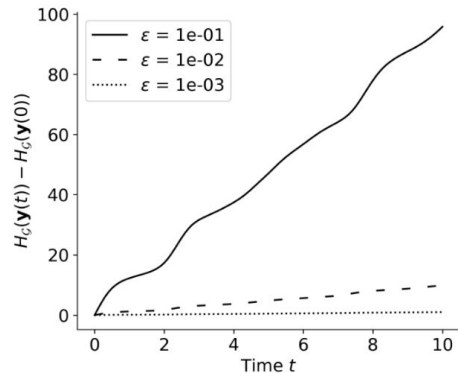
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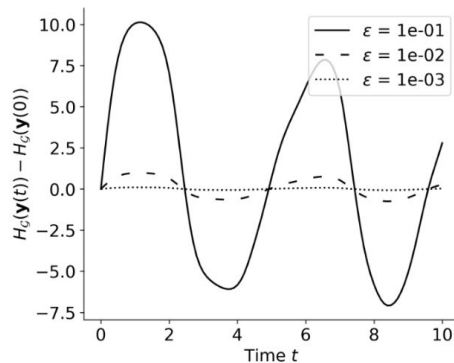
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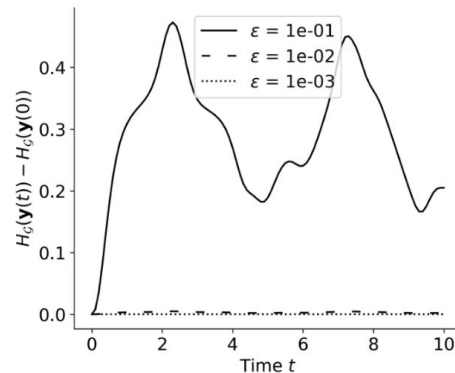
# Backup I



Forward Euler



Symplectic Euler



Strömer-Verlet

method	$H$ error	solution error
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Symplectic Euler	$\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$	$\mathcal{O}(t\epsilon)$
Strömer-Verlet	$\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$	$\mathcal{O}(t\epsilon^2)$



# Backup II

## Architecture

Coupling:  $\Phi_p, \Phi_q \in \{\text{Vanilla}, \text{GCN}\}$

Decoding:  $\{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}, (\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})\}$

Dimension:  $d \in \{10, 20, 30\}$

## Port-Hamiltonian

$$\text{Dampening: } D_u(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ \text{ReLU}(\mathbf{w}) \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ \text{lin}(\tilde{d}, d) \circ \text{ReLU} \circ \text{lin}(\tilde{d}, \tilde{d}) \circ \text{ReLU} \circ \text{lin}(\tilde{d}, \tilde{d}) \circ \text{ReLU} \circ \text{lin}(d, \tilde{d}) \\ \text{ReLU} \circ \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_v} \text{lin}(d, d) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{External Force: } F_u(\mathbf{q}, t) = \begin{cases} \text{lin}(\tilde{d}, d) \circ \sin \circ \text{lin}(\tilde{d}, \tilde{d}) \circ \sin \circ \text{lin}(\tilde{d}, \tilde{d}) \circ \sin \circ \text{lin}(d + 1, \tilde{d}) \\ \sigma \circ \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_v} \text{lin}(d + 1, d) \end{cases}$$

## Integration

Layers:  $L \in \{1, 5, 10, 20, 30\}$

Time:  $T \in \{0.1, 1, 2, 3\}$

# Backup III

H-DGN:  $\mathbf{x}_u^{(\ell+1)} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_u^{(\ell+1)} \\ \mathbf{q}_u^{(\ell+1)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_u^{(\ell)} \\ \mathbf{q}_u^{(\ell)} \end{pmatrix} + \epsilon \mathcal{J}_u \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\mathbf{p}_u} H_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{p}^{(\ell+1)}, \mathbf{q}^{(\ell)}) \\ \nabla_{\mathbf{q}_u} H_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{p}^{(\ell+1)}, \mathbf{q}^{(\ell)}) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{V}$

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PH-DGN:  $\mathbf{p}_u^{(\ell+1)} = \mathbf{p}_u^{(\ell)} + \epsilon \left[ -\nabla_{\mathbf{q}_u} H_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{p}^{(\ell)}, \mathbf{q}^{(\ell+1)}) \right. \\ \left. - D_u(\mathbf{q}^{(\ell+1)}) \nabla_{\mathbf{p}_u} H_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{p}^{(\ell)}, \mathbf{q}^{(\ell+1)}) + F_u(\mathbf{q}^{(\ell+1)}, t) \right].$