

Neural Topological Representation Learning

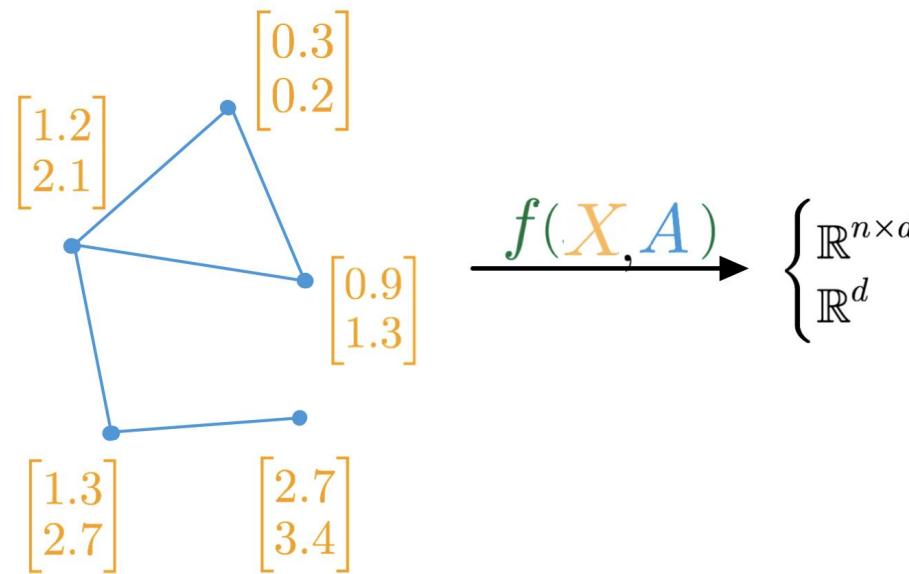
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Graph Representation Learning

The aim is to learn **data-driven representations** of nodes or entire graphs. These can be used for node/graph regression/classification.

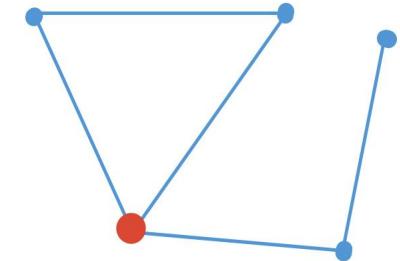
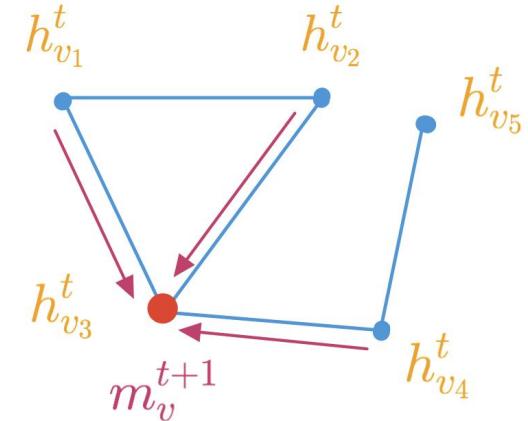


Graph Neural Networks (GNNs)

Message from neighborhood $\rightarrow m_v^{t+1} = \text{AGG}_{w \in \mathcal{N}(v)} \left(M(h_v^t, h_w^t, h_{e(v,w)}^t) \right)$

Updated node representation $\rightarrow h_v^{t+1} = U(h_v^t, m_v^{t+1})$

Graph-level representation $\rightarrow h_G = \text{READOUT}(\{h_v^L | v \in G\})$



$$h_{v_3}^{t+1} := U(h_{v_3}^t, m_v^{t+1})$$

Pooling in GNNs

GNN layers can be interleaved with graph coarsening (i.e. pooling) layers. But what does it mean to perform pooling in a graph?

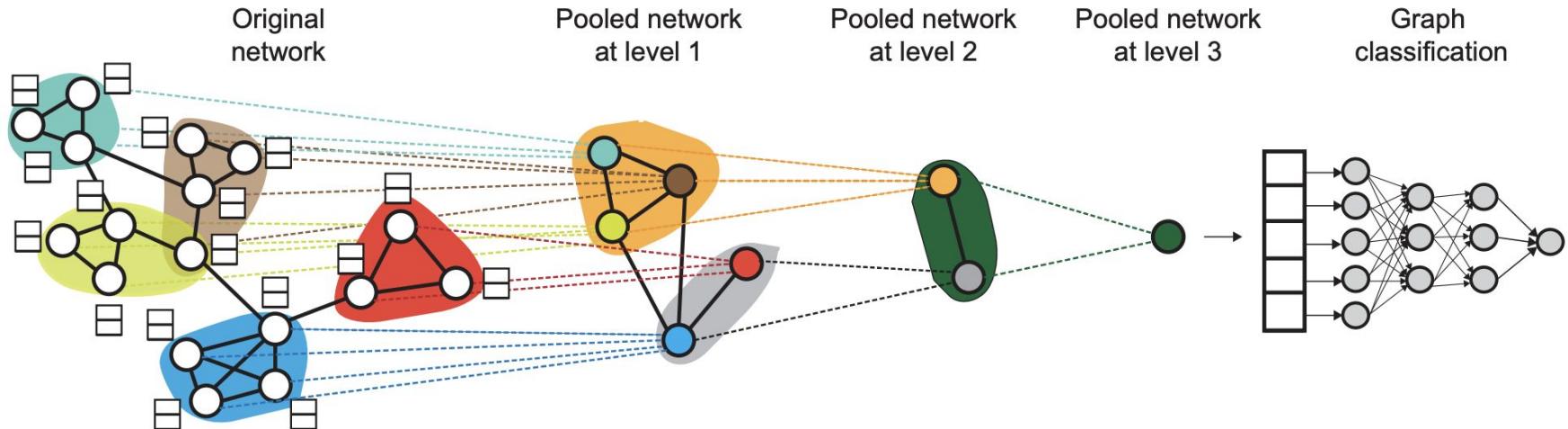


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[1]: Hierarchical Graph Representation Learning with Differentiable Pooling (Ying et al., 2018)

Deep Graph Mapper: Seeing Graphs through the Neural Lens

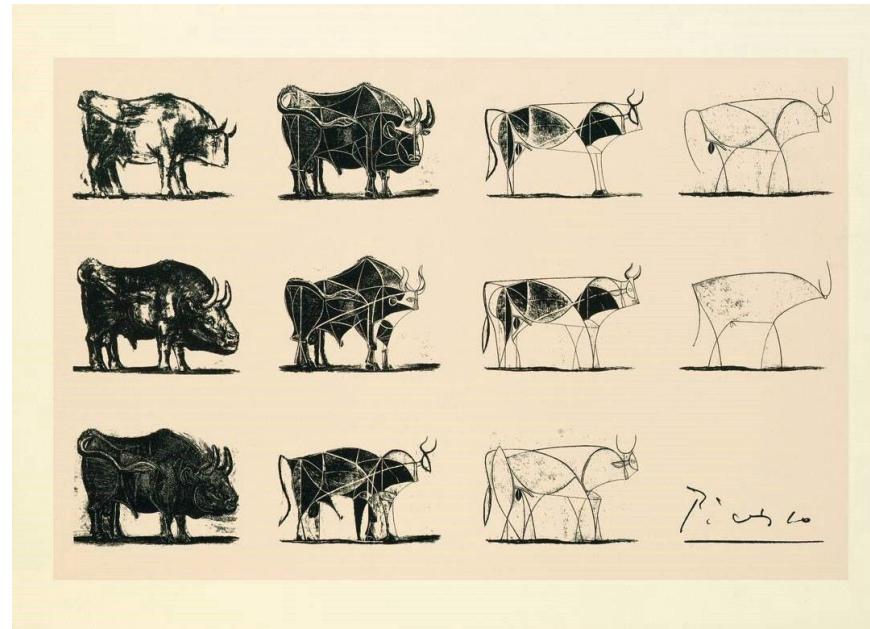
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Desirable properties of pooling

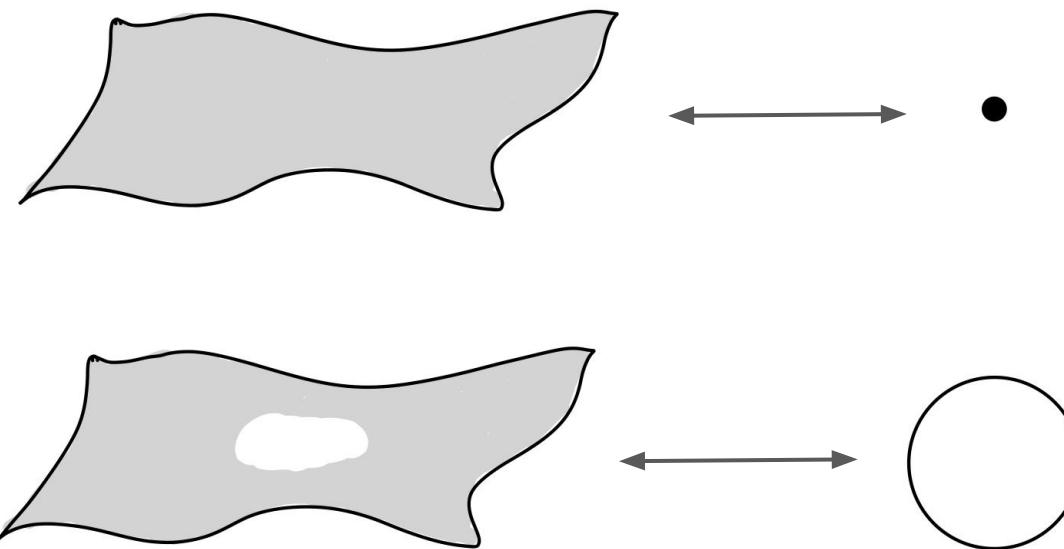
A simplified space that maintains some **resemblance** to the original space.



Pablo Picasso, The Bull — 1945

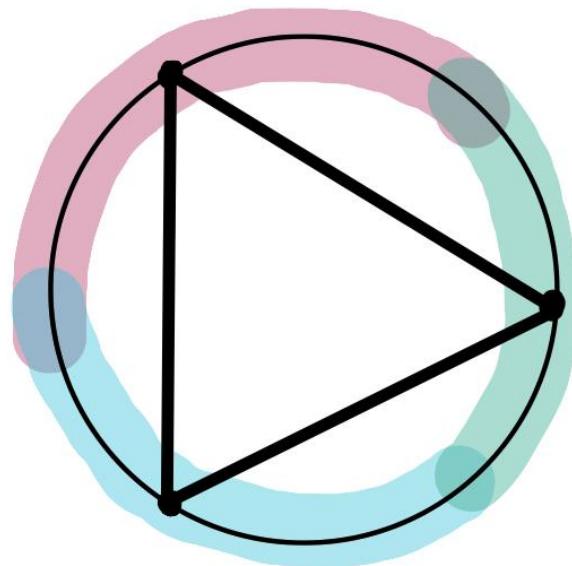
Pooling and Homotopy Equivalence

Spaces that can be transformed into each other by bending, stretching and **contracting**.

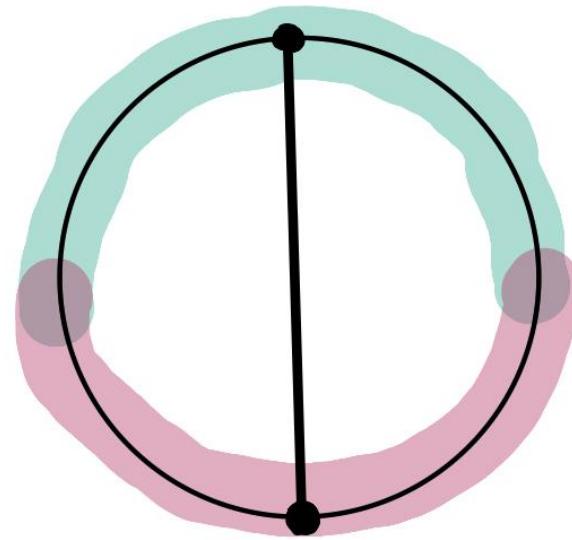


Nerve Theorem (simplified)

If we have a **good cover** of a topological space, then we can construct a simplicial complex based on this cover that is homotopy equivalent to that space.



A good cover



A bad cover

Mapper [1]

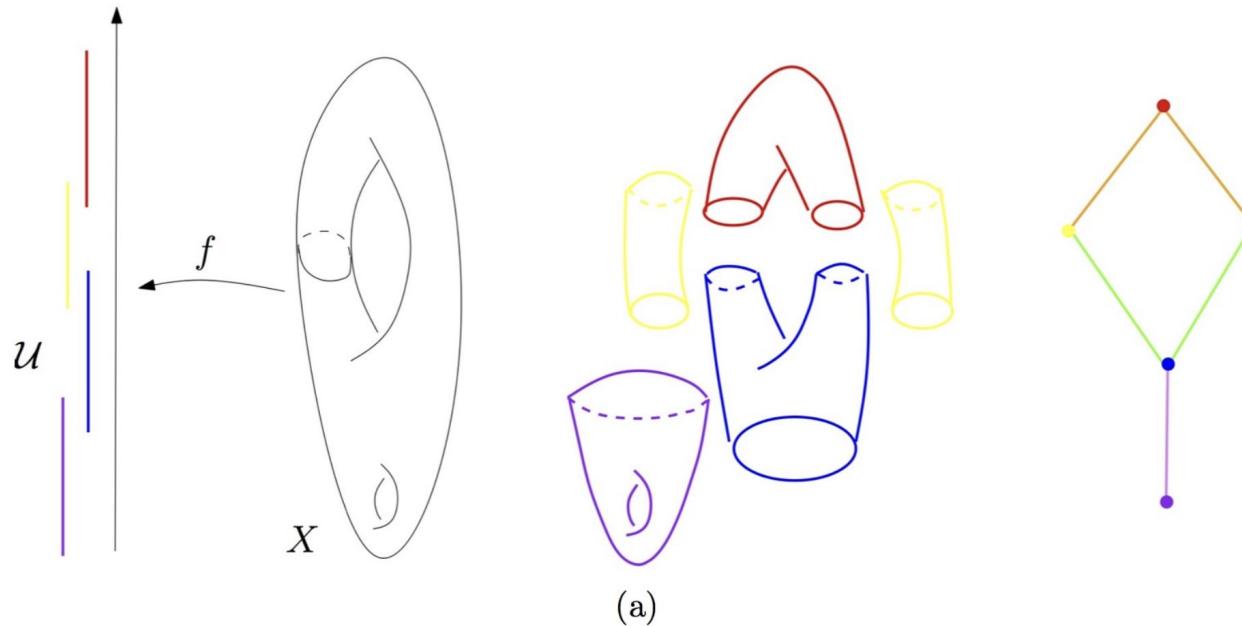


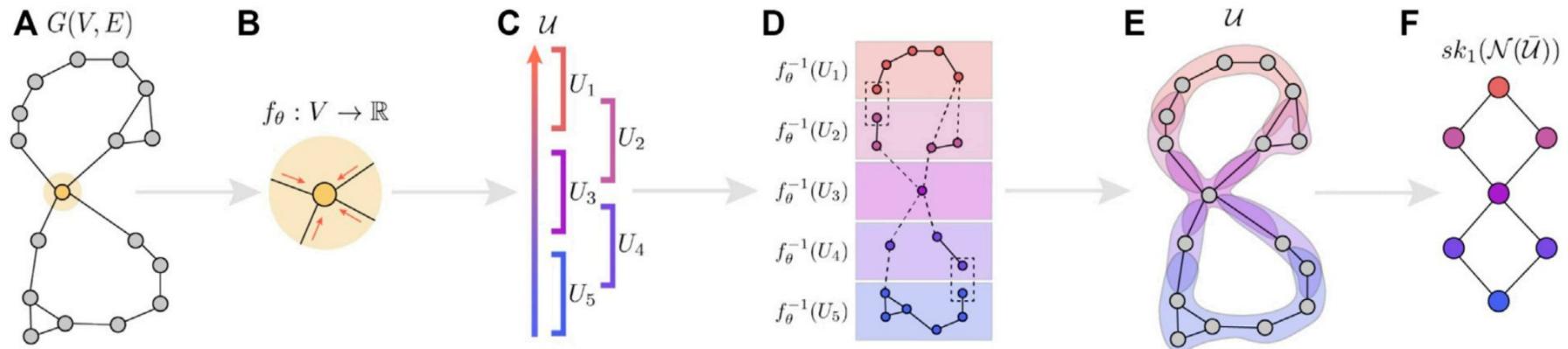
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[1]: Topological methods for the analysis of high dimensional data sets and 3d object recognition (Singh et al., 2007)

[2]: An introduction to Topological Data Analysis: fundamental and practical aspects for data scientists (Chazal et al., 2017)

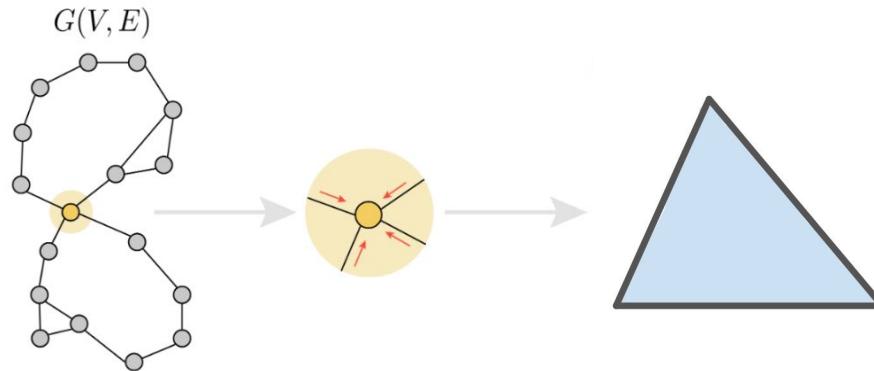
Structural Deep Graph Mapper

We use **GNNs** to compute a **pull-back cover** of the nodes and edges. The output is the **nerve** of the pull-back cover.



A framework for pooling

Proposition. SDGM generalises all approaches based on soft-cluster assignments (e.g. DiffPool [1], minCUT [2]).



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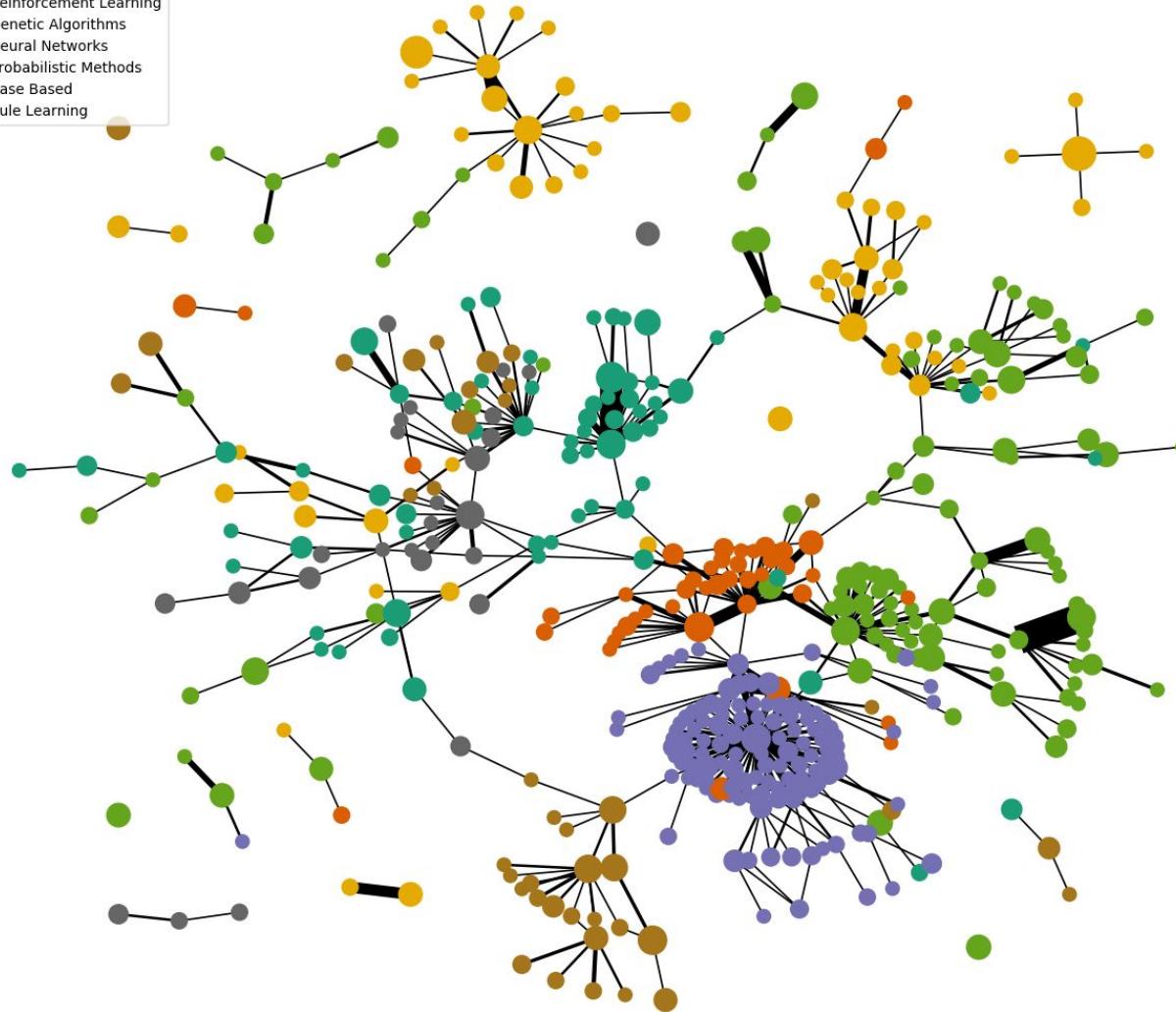
[2]: Spectral Clustering with Graph Neural Networks for Graph Pooling (Bianchi et al., 2019).

Graph Classification Results

We propose a **differentiable** pooling operator (DMP) and a **fixed** one based on PageRank (MPR).

Model	Molecular					Social				
	D&D	Mutag	NCI1	Proteins		Collab	IMDB-B	IMDB-M	Reddit-B	Reddit-5k
DMP (Ours)	77.3 ± 3.6	84.0 ± 8.6	70.4 ± 4.2	75.3 ± 3.3		81.4 ± 1.2	73.8 ± 4.5	50.9 ± 2.5	86.2 ± 6.8	51.9 ± 2.1
MPR (Ours)	78.2 ± 3.4	80.3 ± 6.0	69.8 ± 1.8	75.2 ± 2.2		81.5 ± 1.0	73.4 ± 2.7	50.6 ± 2.0	86.3 ± 4.8	52.3 ± 1.6
Top- k	75.1 ± 2.2	82.5 ± 6.8	67.9 ± 2.3	74.8 ± 3.0		75.0 ± 1.1	69.6 ± 3.8	45.0 ± 2.8	79.4 ± 7.4	48.5 ± 1.1
minCUT	77.6 ± 3.1	82.9 ± 6.0	68.8 ± 2.1	73.5 ± 2.9		79.9 ± 0.8	70.7 ± 3.5	50.6 ± 2.1	87.2 ± 5.0	52.9 ± 1.3
DiffPool	77.9 ± 2.4	94.7 ± 7.1	68.1 ± 2.1	74.2 ± 0.3		81.3 ± 0.1	72.4 ± 3.1	50.3 ± 1.8	79.0 ± 1.1	50.4 ± 1.7
WL	77.4 ± 2.6	74.5 ± 6.5	76.4 ± 2.7	74.7 ± 3.2		78.5 ± 1.1	72.1 ± 3.1	50.7 ± 2.9	66.7 ± 10.4	49.2 ± 1.4
Flat	69.9 ± 2.2	71.8 ± 4.3	65.5 ± 1.7	70.2 ± 2.6		80.9 ± 1.4	73.6 ± 4.2	48.5 ± 2.4	70.0 ± 10.8	49.5 ± 1.7
avg-MLP	63.7 ± 1.4	69.1 ± 5.8	55.7 ± 2.8	61.8 ± 1.7		74.8 ± 1.3	71.5 ± 2.9	49.5 ± 2.2	53.6 ± 6.2	45.9 ± 1.6

- Theory
- Reinforcement Learning
- Genetic Algorithms
- Neural Networks
- Probabilistic Methods
- Case Based
- Rule Learning



Weisfeiler and Lehman Go Cellular: CW Networks

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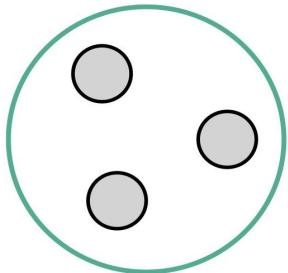
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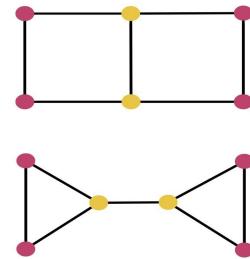


Motivation: Limitations of GNNs

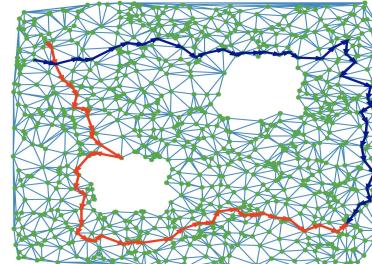
Groupwise interactions



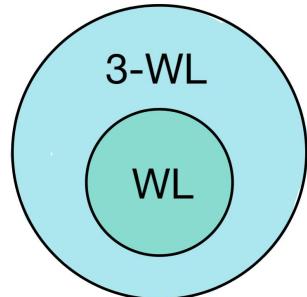
Higher-order structures



Higher-order signals



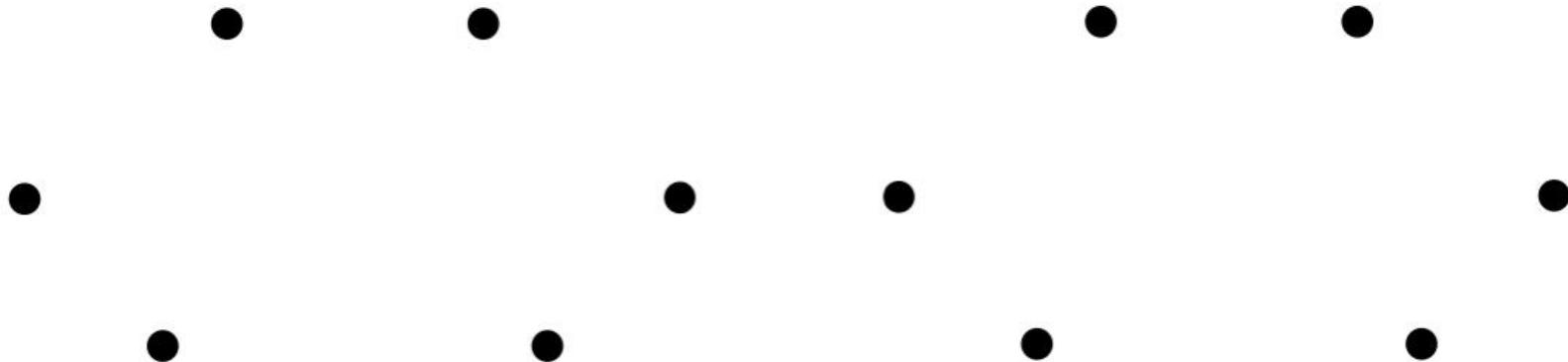
Expressive power



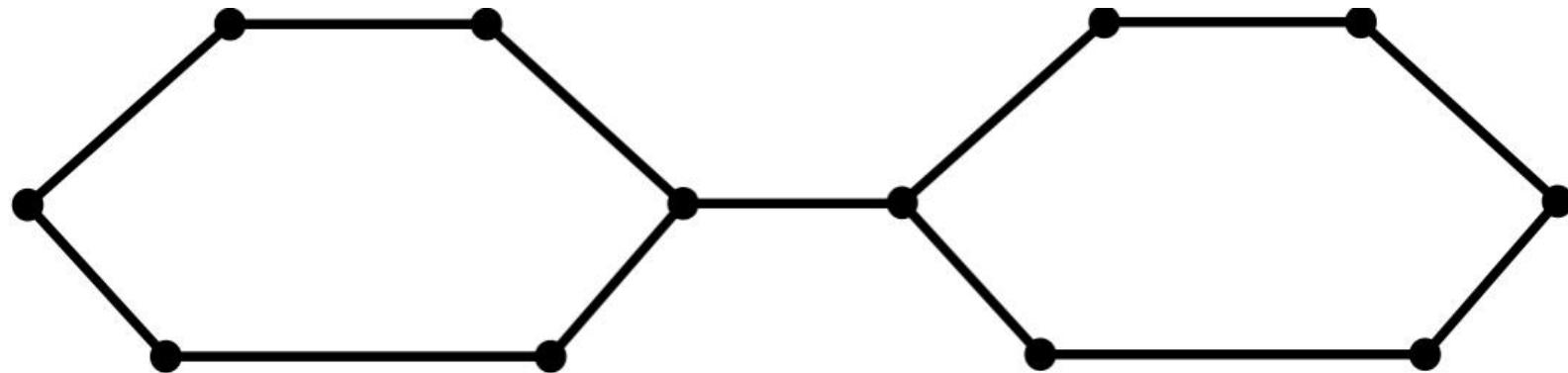
Long-range interactions



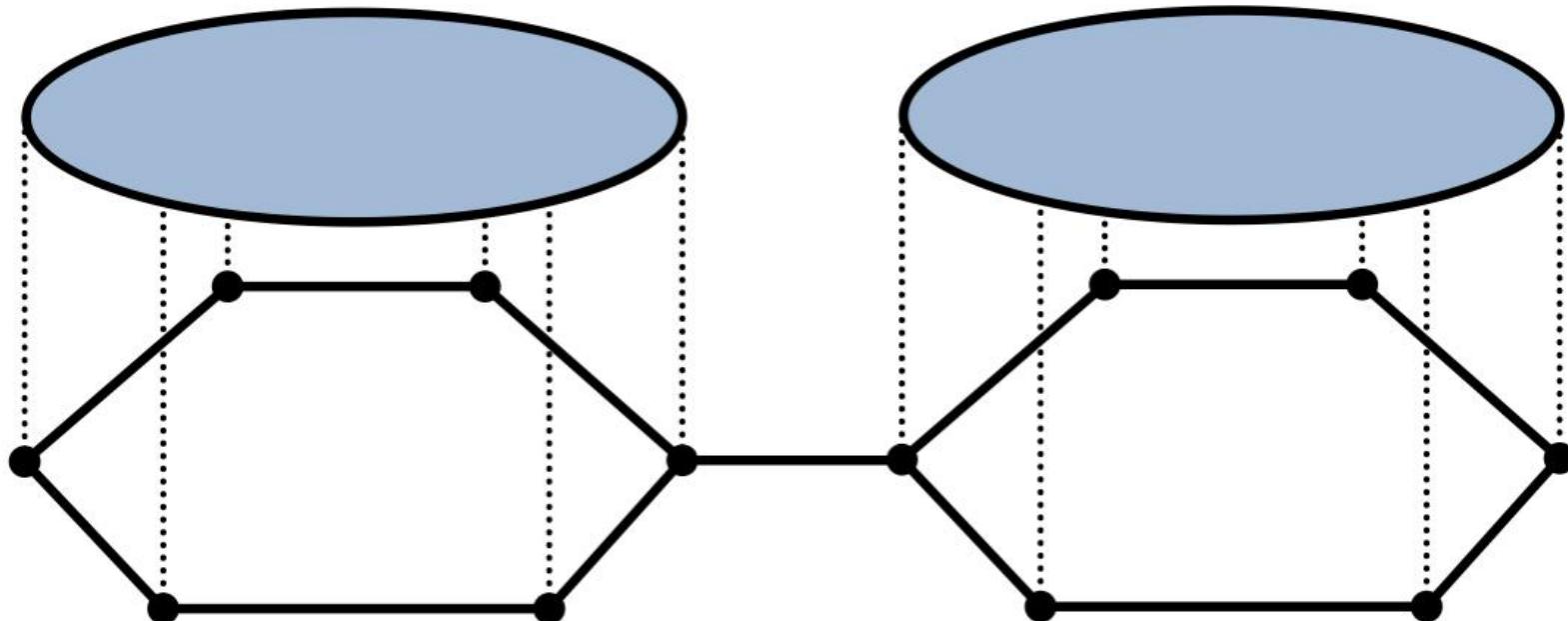
CW Complexes



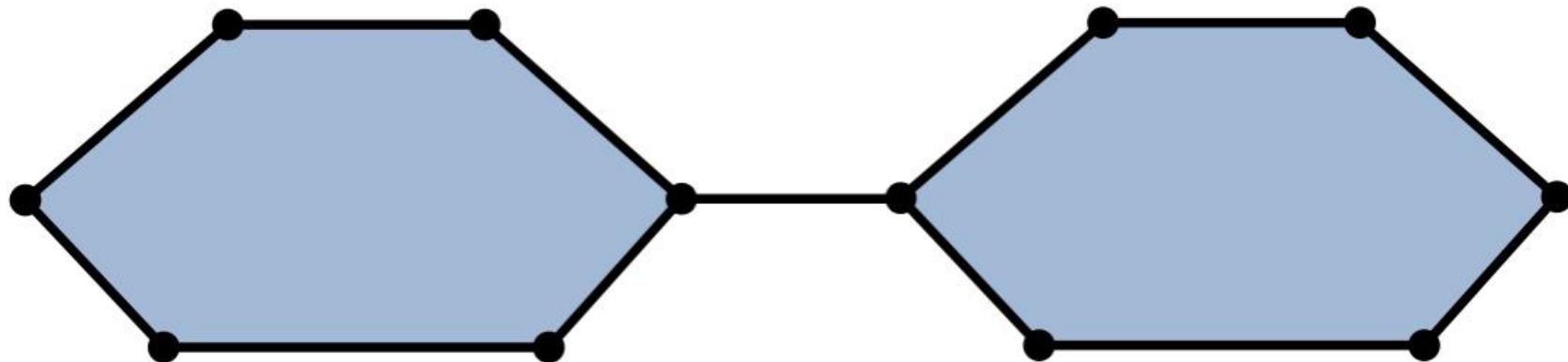
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$\tau \leq \sigma \Leftrightarrow$ Cell τ is on the boundary of cell σ

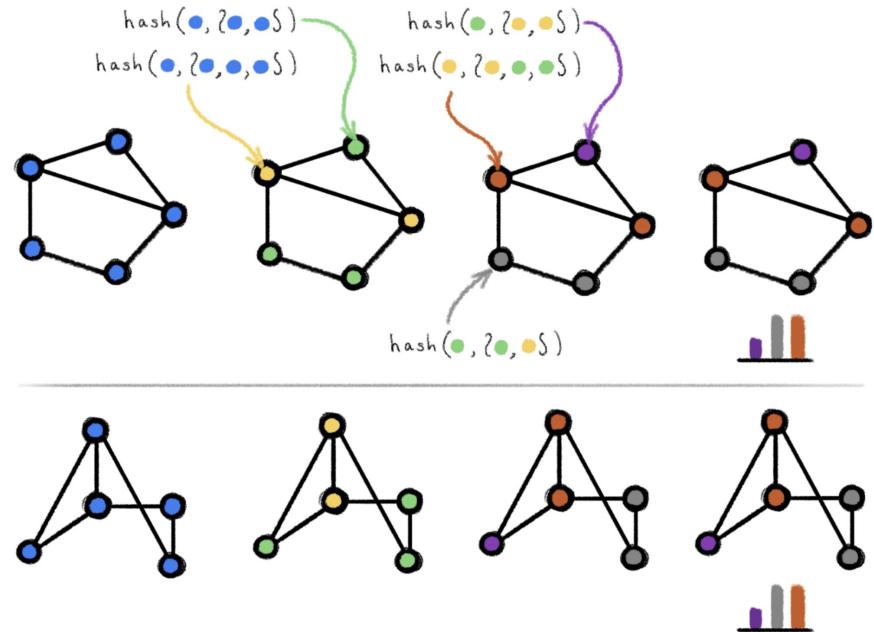
Background: The Weisfeiler-Lehman (WL) algorithm

The WL algorithm tests isomorphism between graphs [1].

It iterates *colour refinements* via hashing of neighboring colours:

$$c_v^{t+1} = \text{HASH}\left(c_v^t, \{c_u^t\}_{u \in \mathcal{N}(v)}\right)$$

The WL test cannot distinguish all graphs.

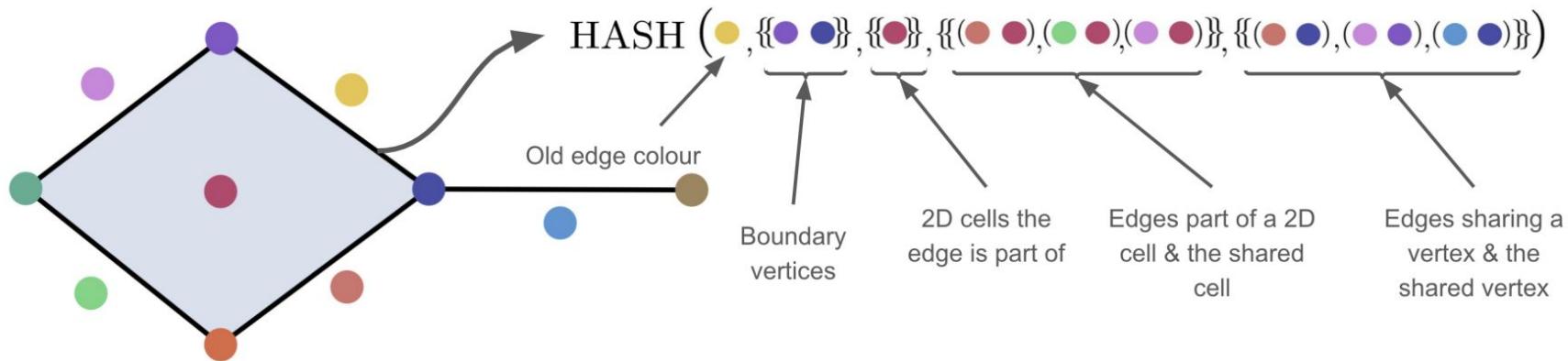


Example of execution of the WL test on two isomorphic graphs [2]

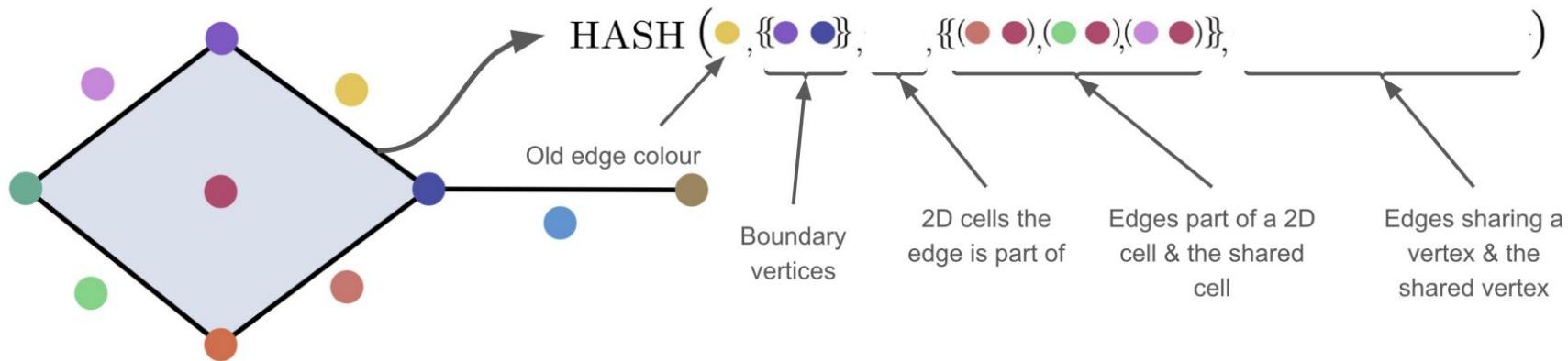
[1]: The reduction of a graph to canonical form and the algebra which appears therein (Weisfeiler and Lehman, NTI Series, 1968)

[2]: [Expressive power of graph neural networks and the Weisfeiler-Lehman test](#), blogpost

Cellular Weisfeiler-Lehman

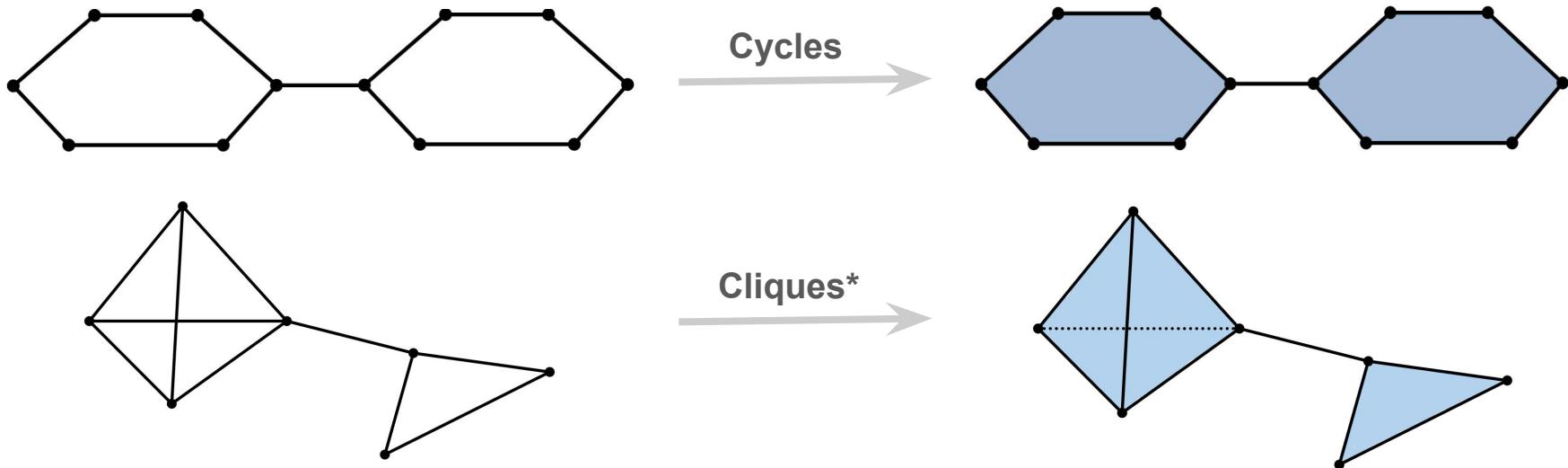


Cellular Weisfeiler-Lehman



Theorem 7. CWL without coboundary and lower-adjacencies has the same expressive power in distinguishing non-isomorphic cell complexes as CWL with the complete set of adjacencies.

Cellular Lifting Maps

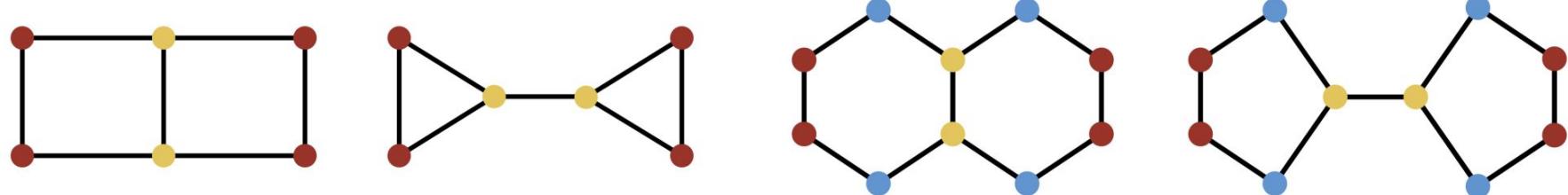


Theorem 13. *Let f be a skeleton-preserving lifting map. Then CWL using lifting f is at least as powerful as WL in distinguishing non-isomorphic graphs.*

*Studied in arxiv:2103.03212: Weisfeiler and Lehman Go Topological

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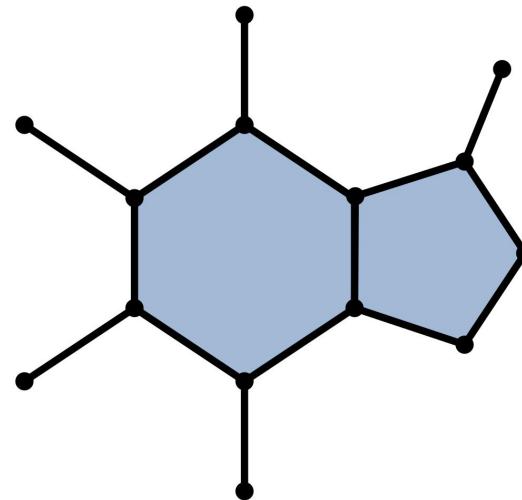
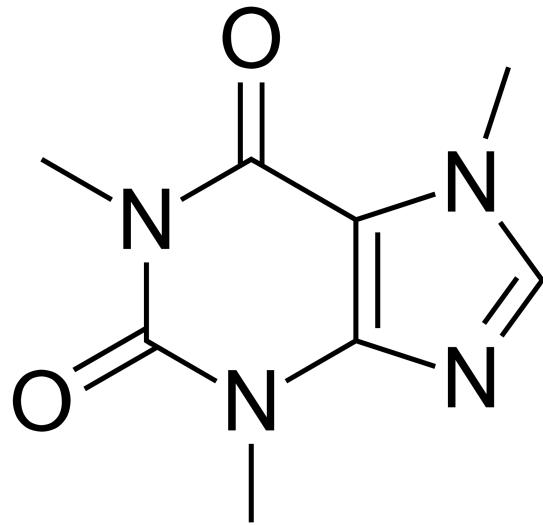
Corollary 14. *For all $k \geq 3$, the following lifting transformations make CWL strictly more powerful than the WL test. (1) The clique complex lifting considering cliques of size at most k . (2) The map that attaches 2-cells to all the simple cycles of size at most k . (3) The map that attaches 2-cells to all the induced cycles of size at most k . (4) The union of all the transformations above.*



Theorem 15. *For some finite k , there exists a pair of graphs indistinguishable by 3-WL but distinguishable by CWL with the lifting maps from Corollary 14. For the clique complex and induced cycle liftings, the statement holds for $k \geq 4$. For the simple cycle based lifting, it holds for $k \geq 8$.*

Molecules as Cell Complexes

Graph representations of molecules date back to the nineteenth century [1]. However, it is not necessarily the best representation. We propose modelling **molecules as cell complexes**.



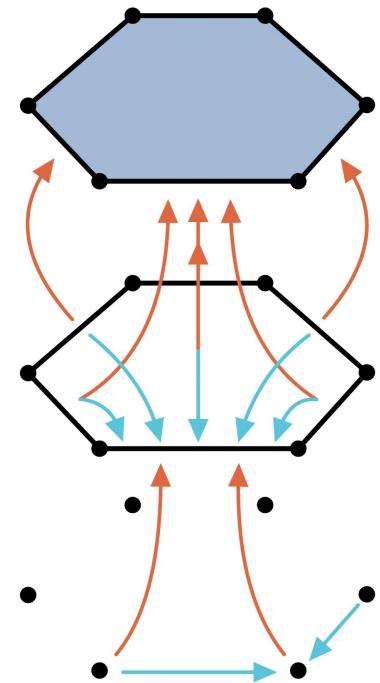
CW Networks and Molecular Message Passing

$$m_{\mathcal{B}}^{t+1}(\sigma) = \text{AGG}_{\tau \in \mathcal{B}(\sigma)} \left(M_{\mathcal{B}}(h_{\sigma}^t, h_{\tau}^t) \right)$$

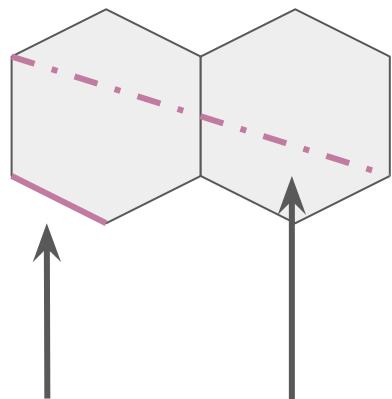
$$m_{\uparrow}^{t+1}(\sigma) = \text{AGG}_{\tau \in \mathcal{N}_{\uparrow}(\sigma), \delta \in \mathcal{C}(\sigma, \tau)} \left(M_{\uparrow}(h_{\sigma}^t, h_{\tau}^t, h_{\delta}^t) \right)$$

$$h_{\sigma}^{t+1} = U \left(h_{\sigma}^t, m_{\mathcal{B}}^t(\sigma), m_{\uparrow}^{t+1}(\sigma) \right)$$

$$h_X = \text{READOUT}(\{h_{\sigma}^L\}_{\dim(\sigma)=0}, \{h_{\sigma}^L\}_{\dim(\sigma)=1}, \{h_{\sigma}^L\}_{\dim(\sigma)=2})$$

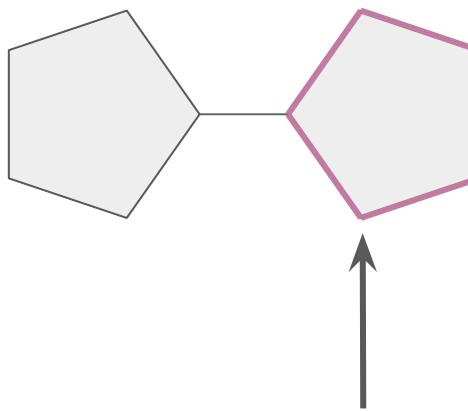


Practical Benefits of CWNs



Hierarchical:
Atom → Bond → Ring

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Superior expressive power

Easily capture
long-range interactions

Higher-order modeling:
Structure & Features

Computational Complexity

(Message passing)

$$\mathcal{O}\left(\sum_{p=1}^d \underbrace{B_p S_p}_{\text{Boundary msgs}} + 2 * \underbrace{\binom{B_p}{2} S_p}_{\text{Upper msgs}}\right)$$

In practice: B_p, d
fixed (small) constants

$$\Theta\left(\sum_{p=1}^d S_p\right)$$

Empirically, GIN is only 19% – 35%
faster at inference time (ZINC)

(Lifting)

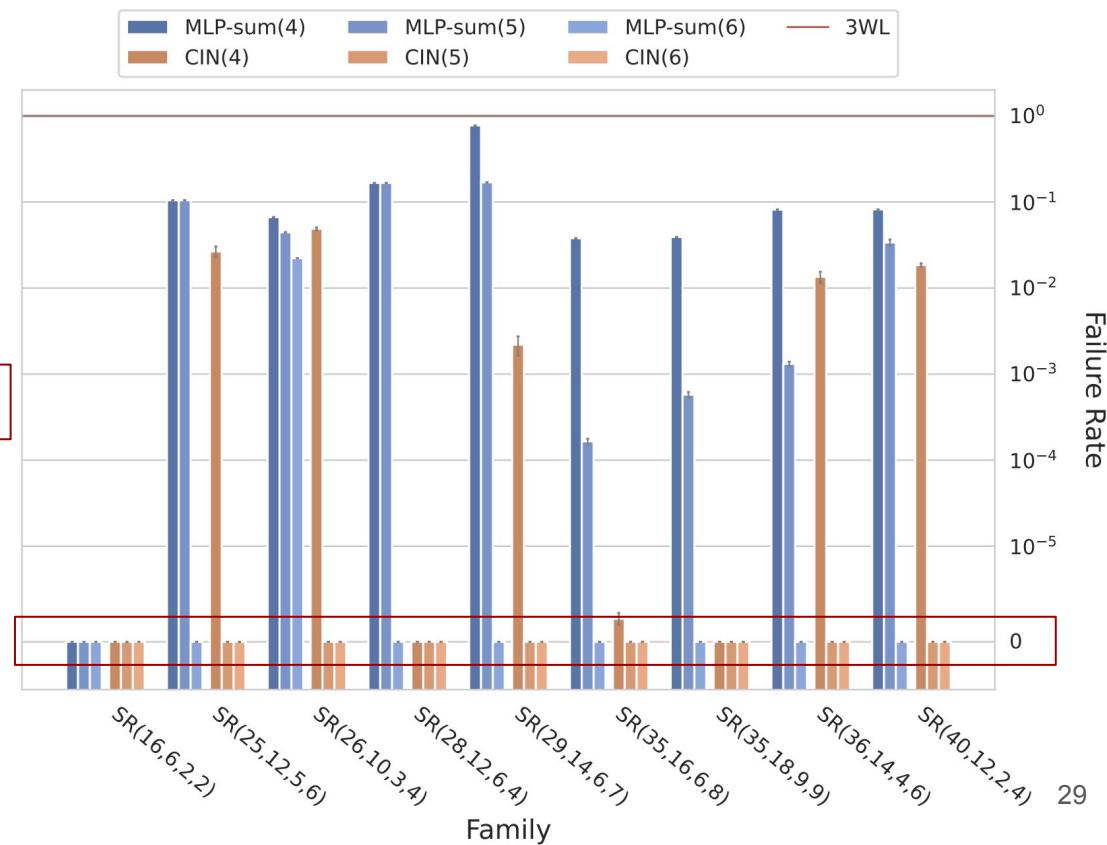
Dataset ↓ / Processes →	Seq.	linear trend →					32
		2	4	8	16		
ZINC (12k)	320.27 ± 0.54	169.95 ± 0.32	84.90 ± 0.21	43.38 ± 0.07	23.17 ± 0.68	18.59 ± 0.68	
Mol-HIV (41k)	1178.98 ± 3.90	635.58 ± 0.83	319.01 ± 0.40	164.26 ± 0.52	86.92 ± 0.77	60.62 ± 2.05	
ZINC-FULL (250k)	6805.35 ± 16.50	3549.16 ± 7.73	1782.41 ± 3.84	918.38 ± 3.46	492.77 ± 6.13	383.92 ± 3.30	

Synthetic Experiments: Expressive Power

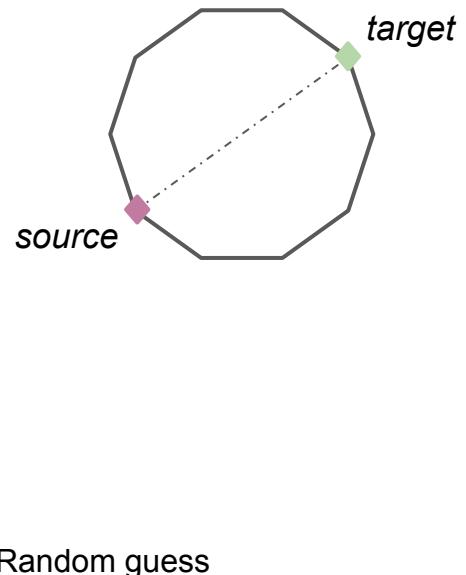
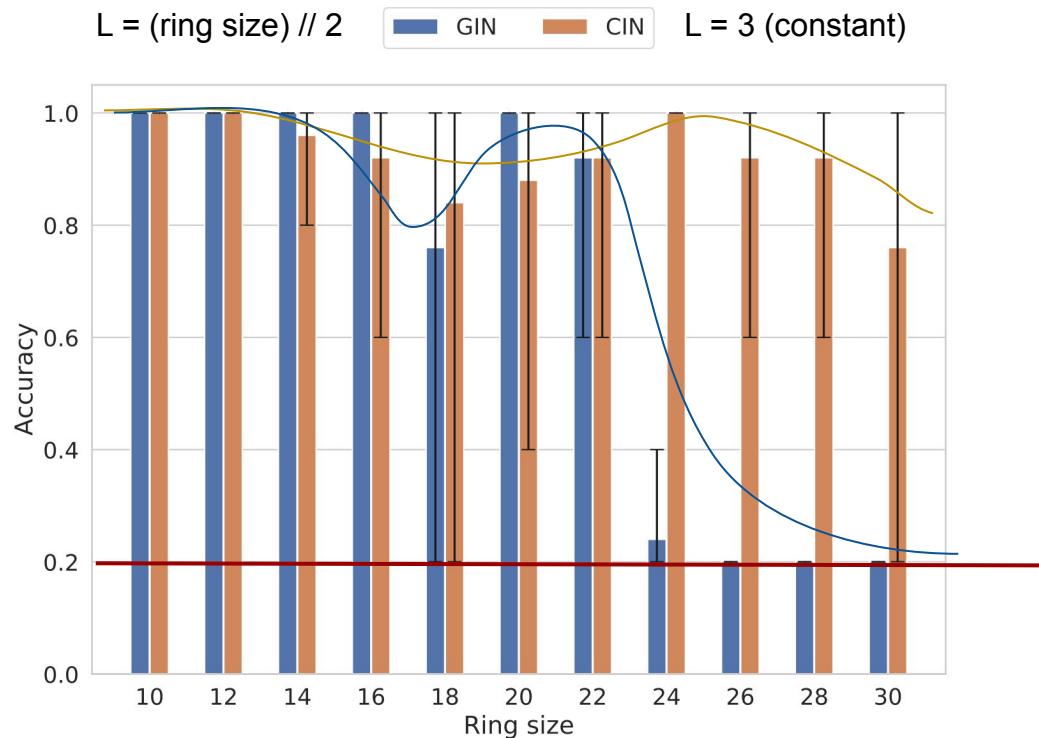
Strongly Regular

Circular Skip Links

Method	Mean	Min	Max
MP-GNNs	10.000±0.000	10.000	10.000
RingGNN	10.000±0.000	10.000	10.000
3WLGNN	97.800±10.916	30.000	100.000
CIN (Ours)	100.000±0.000	100.000	100.000



Synthetic Experiments: RingTransfer



Real-world Experiments: TUDatasets

Dataset	MUTAG	PTC	PROTEINS	NCI1	NCI109	IMDB-B	IMDB-M	RDT-B
RWK [28]	79.2±2.1	55.9±0.3	59.6±0.1	>3 days	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
GK ($k = 3$) [62]	81.4±1.7	55.7±0.5	71.4±0.31	62.5±0.3	62.4±0.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
PK [56]	76.0±2.7	59.5±2.4	73.7±0.7	82.5±0.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WL kernel [63]	90.4±5.7	59.9±4.3	75.0±3.1	86.0 ±1.8	N/A	73.8±3.9	50.9±3.8	81.0±3.1
DCNN [3]	N/A	N/A	61.3±1.6	56.6±1.0	N/A	49.1±1.4	33.5±1.4	N/A
DGCNN [74]	85.8±1.8	58.6±2.5	75.5±0.9	74.4±0.5	N/A	70.0±0.9	47.8±0.9	N/A
IGN [50]	83.9±13.0	58.5±6.9	76.6 ±5.5	74.3±2.7	72.8 ±1.5	72.0±5.5	48.7±3.4	N/A
GIN [72]	89.4±5.6	64.6±7.0	76.2±2.8	82.7±1.7	N/A	75.1±5.1	52.3±2.8	92.4 ±2.5
PPGNs [51]	90.6 ±8.7	66.2±6.6	77.2 ±4.7	83.2±1.1	82.2 ±1.4	73.0±5.8	50.5±3.6	N/A
Natural GN [20]	89.4±1.6	66.8 ±1.7	71.7±1.0	82.4±1.3	N/A	73.5±2.0	51.3±1.5	N/A
GSN [9]	92.2 ± 7.5	68.2 ± 7.2	76.6 ± 5.0	83.5 ± 2.0	N/A	77.8 ± 3.3	54.3 ± 3.3	N/A
SIN [7]	N/A	N/A	76.4 ± 3.3	82.7 ± 2.1	N/A	75.6 ± 3.2	52.4 ± 2.9	92.2 ± 1.0
CIN (Ours)	92.7 ± 6.1	68.2 ± 5.6	77.0 ± 4.3	83.6 ± 1.4	84.0 ± 1.6	75.6 ± 3.7	52.7 ± 3.1	92.4 ± 2.1

Real-world Experiments: ZINC + MolHIV

Table 3: ZINC (MAE), ZINC-FULL (MAE) and Mol-HIV (ROC-AUC).

Method	ZINC ↓		ZINC-FULL ↓	MOLHIV ↑
	No Edge Feat.	With Edge Feat.	All methods	All methods
GCN [45]	0.469±0.002	N/A	N/A	76.06±0.97
GAT [67]	0.463±0.002	N/A	N/A	N/A
GatedGCN [10]	0.422±0.006	0.363±0.009	N/A	N/A
GIN [72]	0.408±0.008	0.252±0.014	0.088±0.002	77.07±1.49
PNA [19]	0.320±0.032	0.188±0.004	N/A	79.05±1.32
DGN [5]	0.219±0.010	0.168±0.003	N/A	79.70±0.97
• HIMP [26]	N/A	0.151±0.006	0.036±0.002	78.80±0.82
• GSN [9]	0.139±0.007	0.108±0.018	N/A	77.99±1.00
CIN-small (Ours)	0.139±0.008	0.094±0.004	0.044±0.003	80.55±1.04
CIN (Ours)	0.115±0.003	0.079±0.006	0.022±0.002	80.94±0.57

Real-world Experiments: ZINC (ablation study)

Method	MAE	
GatedGCN [10]	0.363±0.009	● “Standard”
GIN [72]	0.252±0.014	● Updates edges
PNA [19]	0.188±0.004	● Captures rings
DGN [5]	0.168±0.003	
HIMP [26]	0.151±0.006	● ●
GSN [9]	0.108±0.018	
GIN-E Custom	0.196±0.007	●
CIN No-Rings small	0.174±0.006	● ●
CIN No-Rings	0.159±0.007	● ●
CIN-small	0.094±0.004	● ●
CIN	0.079±0.006	● ●

Importance of updating edges

Importance of capturing rings

Thanks!

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