



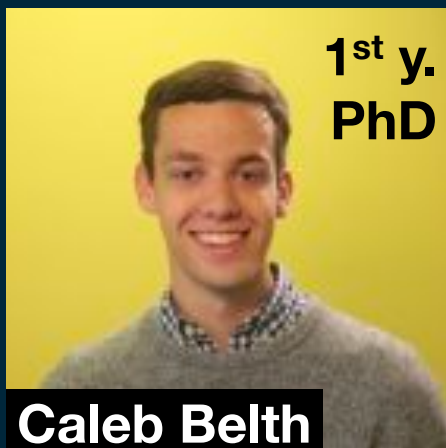
# (Pocket-size) Structural Embeddings in Large-scale Networks

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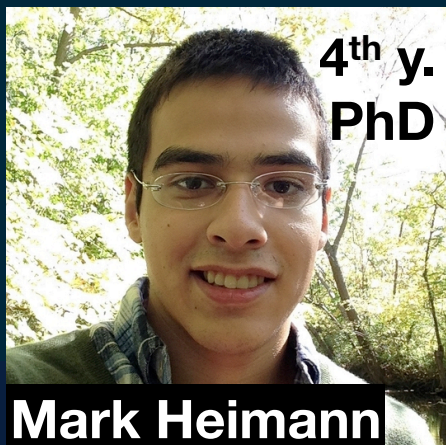
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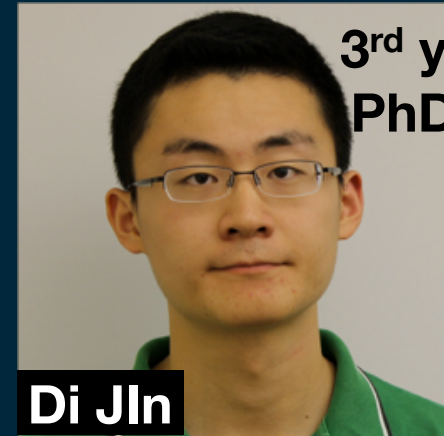


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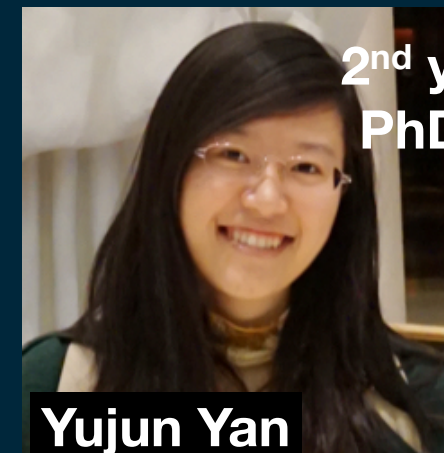
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## Welcome!

We are the **Graph Exploration and Mining at Scale (GEMS)** lab at the [University of Michigan](#), founded and led by [Danai Koutra](#). Our [team](#) researches important data mining and machine learning problems involving interconnected data: in other words, *graphs or networks*.

From airline flights to traffic routing to neuronal interactions in the brain, graphs are ubiquitous in the real world. Their properties and complexities have long been studied in fields ranging from mathematics to the social sciences. However, many pressing problems involving graph data are still open. One well-known problem is *scalability*. With continual advances in data generation and storage capabilities, the size of graph datasets has dramatically increased, making scalable graph methods indispensable. Another is the changing nature of data. Real graphs are almost always *dynamic*, evolving over time. Finally, many important problems in the social and biological sciences involve analyzing not one but *multiple* networks.

## So, what do we do?

The problems described above call for **principled, practical, and highly scalable graph mining methods**, both theoretical and application-oriented. As such, our work connects to fields like linear algebra, distributed systems, deep learning, and even neuroscience. Some of our ongoing [projects](#) include:

- Algorithms for [multi-network tasks](#), like matching nodes across networks
- Learning [low-dimensional representations of networks](#) in metric spaces
- Abstracting or “[summarizing](#)” a graph with a smaller network
- Analyzing [network models of the brain](#) derived from fMRI scans
- [Distributed graph methods](#) for iteratively solving linear systems
- Network-theoretical [user modeling](#) for various data science applications

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## News

**May 2019**  
Welcome new PhDs!

**May 2019**  
Tara passes her prelim

**April 2019**  
3 papers accepted to KDD 2019

**March 2019**  
Danai receives NSF CAREER award

**January 2019**  
Danai awarded an Amazon research grant

**December 2018**  
Yujun and Marlena selected for CRA-W Grad Cohort 2019

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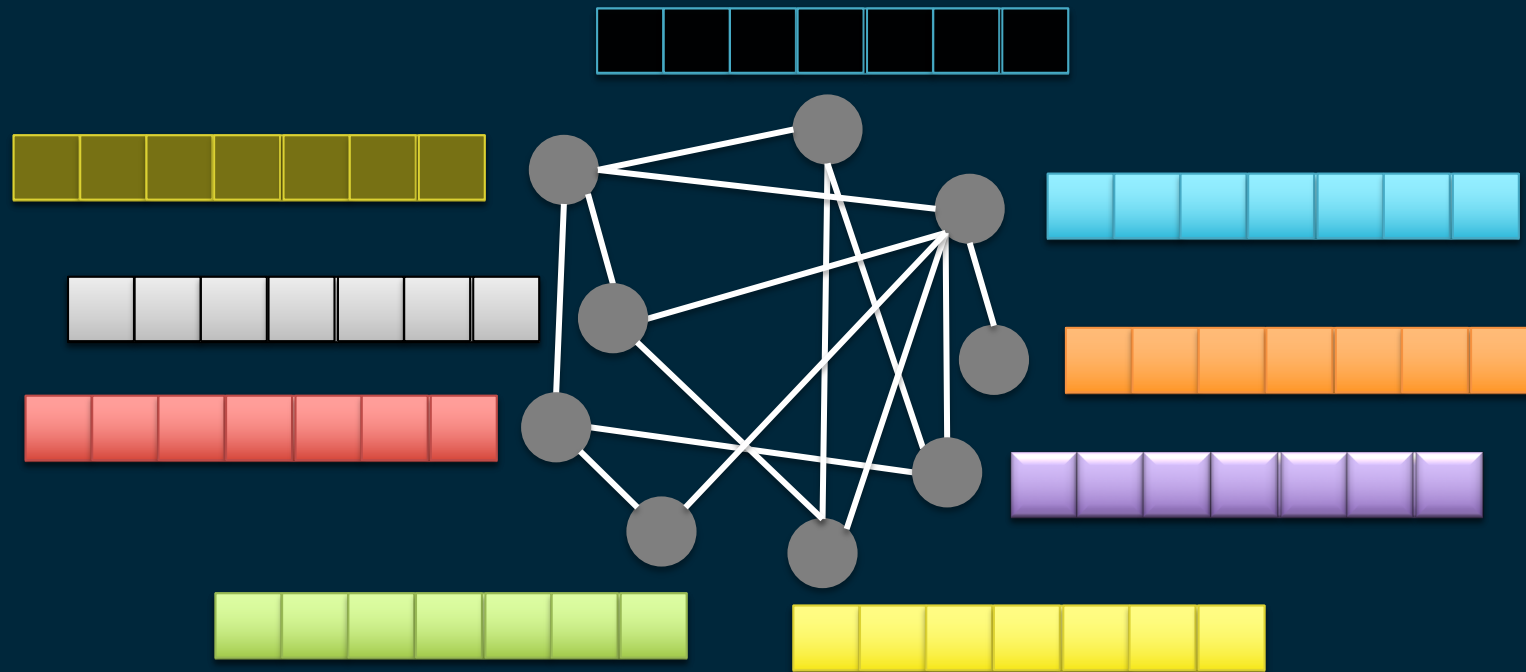
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# Representation Learning: Goal

- Given a graph  $G$
- Automatically learn a feature vector representation for each node



# A lot of work on network representation learning!

## Must-read papers on NRL/NE.

NRL: network representation learning. NE: network embedding.

Contributed by [Cunchao Tu](#), Yuan Yao and Zhengyan Zhang.

We release [OpenNE](#), an open source toolkit for NE/NRL. This repository provides (1) training and testing framework. Currently, the framework supports DeepWalk, LINE, node2vec, GraRep, TADW and GCN.

### Survey papers:

1. Representation Learning on Graphs: Methods and Applications. W. L. R. 2017. [paper](#)
2. Graph Embedding Techniques, Applications, and Performance: A Survey. W. L. R. 2017. [paper](#)
3. A Comprehensive Survey of Graph Embedding: Problems, Techniques, and Applications. Zheng, Kevin Chen-Chuan Chang. 2017. [paper](#)
4. Network Representation Learning: A Survey. Daokun Zhang, Jie Yi. 2017. [paper](#)
5. A Tutorial on Network Embeddings. Haochen Chen, Bryan Perozzi, Michael Schenker. 2017. [paper](#)
6. Network Representation Learning: An Overview. (In Chinese) Cuncu Tu. 2017. [paper](#)
7. Relational inductive biases, deep learning, and graph networks. P. Bapst, Alvaro Sanchez-Gonzalez, Vinicius Zambaldi, Mateusz Malino Santoro, Ryan Faulkner, Caglar Gulcehre, Francis Song, Andrew Ballke Kelsey Allen, Charles Nash, Victoria Langston, Chris Dyer, Nicolas Hebbel, Botvinick, Oriol Vinyals, Yulia Li, Razvan Pascanu. 2018. [paper](#)

54. Link Prediction via Subgraph Embedding-Based Convex Matrix Completion. Zhu Cao, Linlin Wang, Gerard De Melo. AAAI 2018.

55. Generative Adversarial Network based Heterogeneous Bibliographic Network Representation for Personalized Citation Recommendation. J. Han, Xiaoyan Cai, Libin Yang. AAAI 2018.

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57. Structural Deep Embedding for Hyper-Networks. K. He, Y. He, Y. He, Y. He. IJCAI 2018. [paper](#)

58. TIMERS: Error-Bounded SVD Restart on Dynamic Networks. Zhu. AAAI 2018. [paper](#)

59. Community Detection in Attributed Graphs: An Embedding-based Approach. Zhang. AAAI 2018.

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61. Distance-aware DAG Embedding for Proximity Search. Zhou Zhao, Fanwei Zhu, Kevin Chen-Chuan Chang, M. Zhu. IJCAI 2018.

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101. Integrative Network Embedding via Deep Joint Reconstruction. Di Jin, Meng Ge, Liang Yang, Dongxiao He, Longbiao Wang, Weixiong Zhang. IJCAI 2018.

102. Scalable Multiplex Network Embedding. Hongming Zhang, Liwei Qiu, Lingling Yi, Yangqiu Song. IJCAI 2018. [paper](#)

103. Adversarially Regularized Graph Autoencoder for Graph Embedding. Shirui Pan, Ruiqi Hu, Guodong Long, Jing Jiang, Lina Yao, Chengqi Zhang. IJCAI 2018.

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107. Active Discriminative Network Representation Learning. Li Gao, Hong Yang, Chuan Zhou, Jia Wu, Shirui Pan, Yue Hu. IJCAI 2018.

108. ANRL: Attributed Network Representation Learning via Deep Neural Networks. Zhen Zhang, Hongxia Yang, Jiajun Bu, Sheng Zhou, Pinggang Yu, Jianwei Zhang, Martin Ester, Can Wang. IJCAI 2018.

109. Feature Hashing for Network Representation Learning. Qixiang Wang, Shanfeng Wang, Maoguo Gong, Yue Wu. IJCAI 2018.

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111. Deep Inductive Network Representation Learning. Ryan A. Rossi, Rong Zhou, Nesreen K. Ahmed. WWW 2018. [paper](#)

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# A lot of work on network representation learning!



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## DEEP LEARNING DAY

### DOOCN-XII: Network Representation Learning

#### Dynamics On and Of Complex Networks 2019

Frank Room of the UVM Davis Center  
University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont, USA  
Tuesday, May 28th 2019 1:45pm–5:30pm

The Dynamics On and Of Complex Networks (DOOCN) workshop series, aims on exploring statistical dynamics on and of complex networks. *Dynamics on networks* refers to the different types of processes that take place on networks, like spreading, diffusion, and synchronization. Modeling such processes is strongly affected by the topology and temporal variation of the network structure, i.e., by the *dynamics of networks*. Recently, machine learning techniques have been used to model dynamics of massively large complex networks generated from big data, and the various functionalities resulting from the networks. This motivates us to focus on **"Network Representation Learning"** as the significant topic of interest in the 2019 edition.

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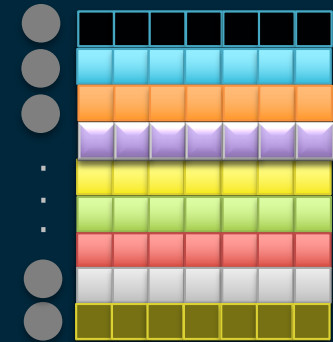
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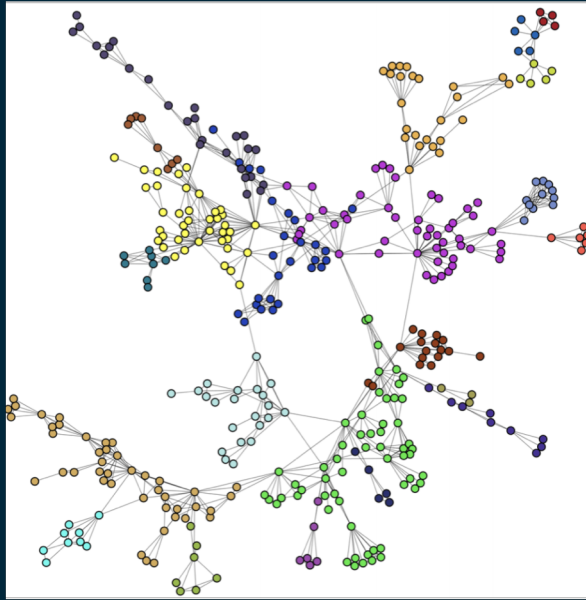
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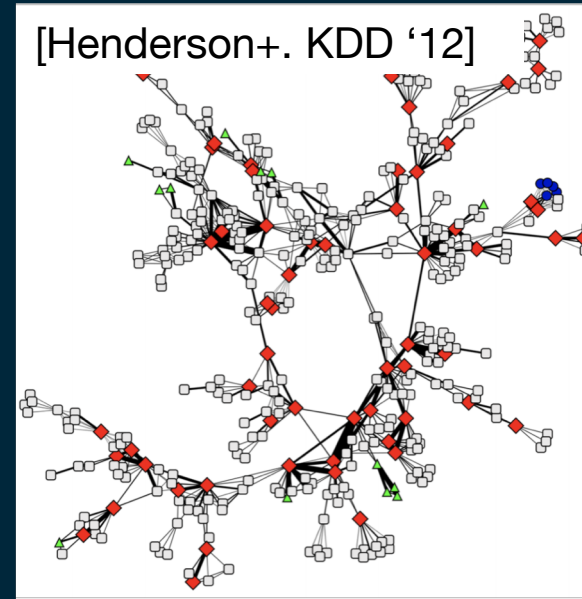
# Proximity vs. Structural Similarity



Find similar nodes in the **same part** of the network

Useful for link prediction, clustering, classification assuming **homophily**

[Grover+ '16; Perozzi+ '14, ...]



Find nodes with similar roles **all over** the network

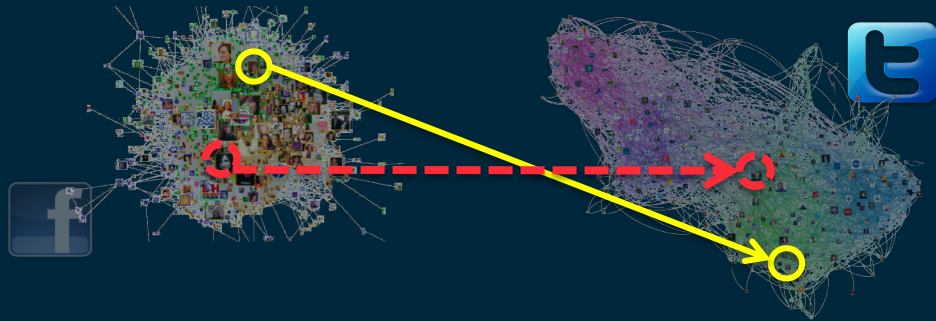
Useful for **role-based** classification, transfer learning, ...

[Ribeiro+ '17; Donnat+ '18]

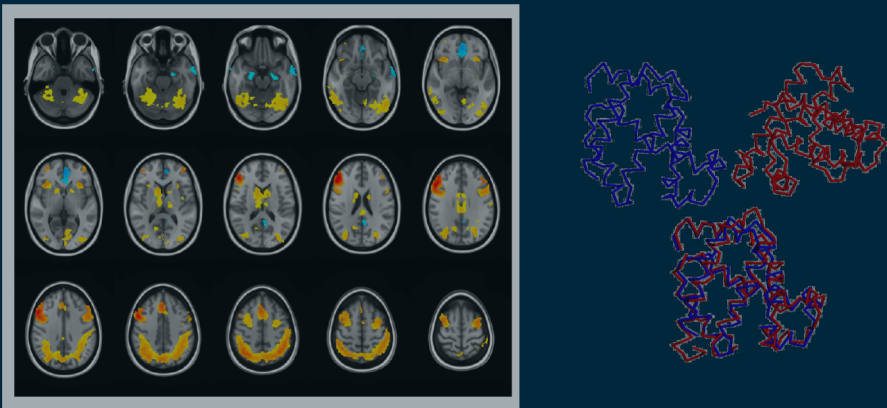
# Sometimes structural similarity is more appropriate than proximity

Multiple networks

Alignment or matching

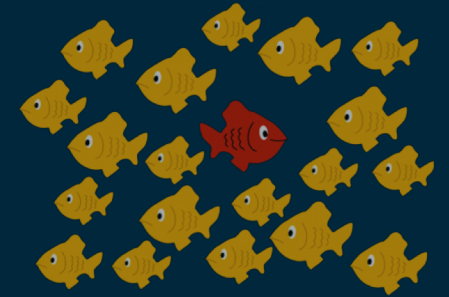
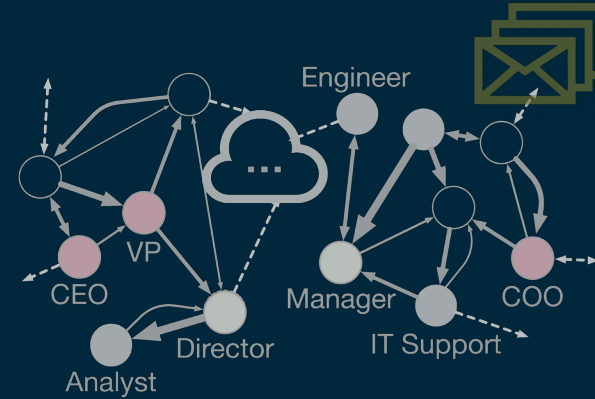


Graph similarity / classification



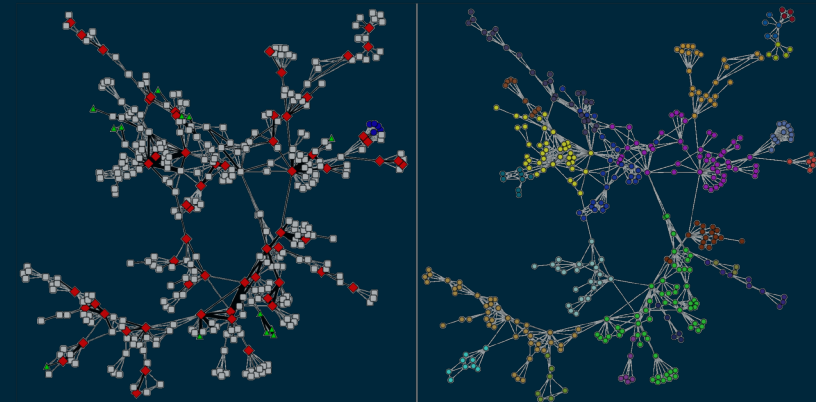
Node classification

Anomaly detection



Single network

Roles vs. communities





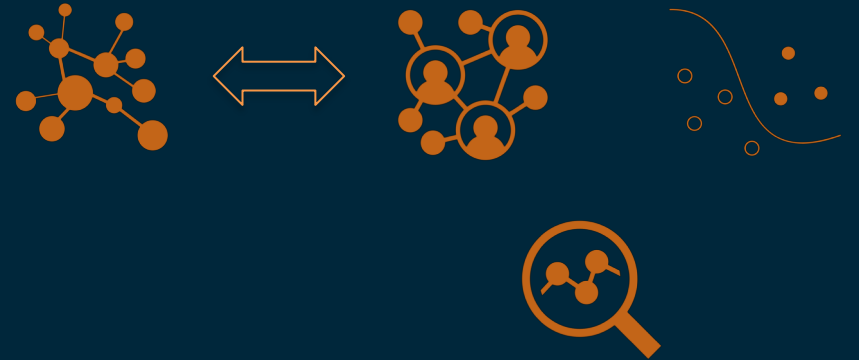
# What we've found to be powerful...

- Histogram representations as a way to encode neighborhood information (instead of RWR)
  - ✧ Capture structural properties or features/attributes that generalize
- (Implicit) Matrix factorization instead of SGNS
  - ✧ Removes randomness
  - ✧ Speed / scalability



# Talk Outline: Structural Embeddings for...

- Cross-network tasks [ACM CIKM'18]
  - ✧ Node (role) classification [ACM KDD'19]
- Latent summarization [ACM KDD'19]



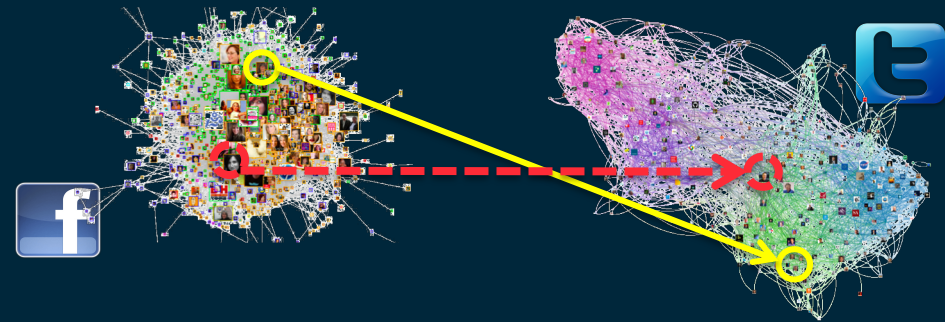
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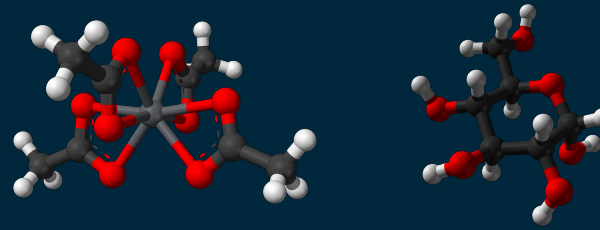


# Task: Network Alignment

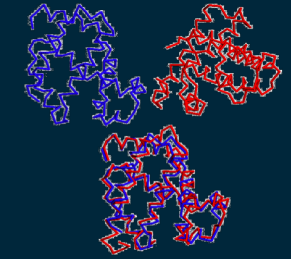
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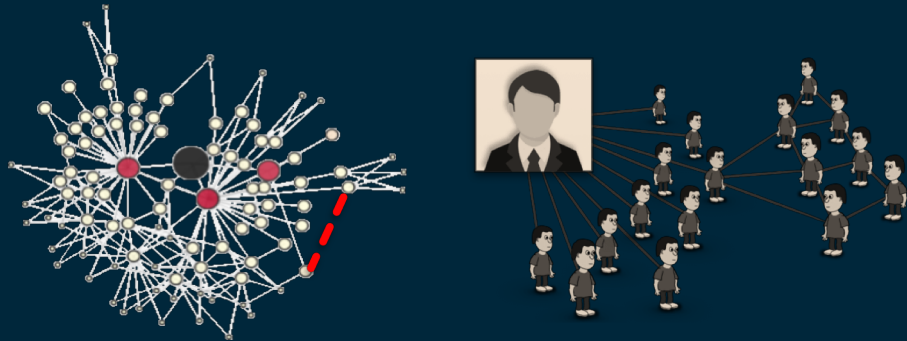
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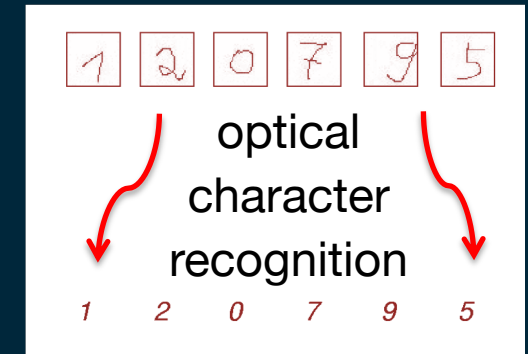
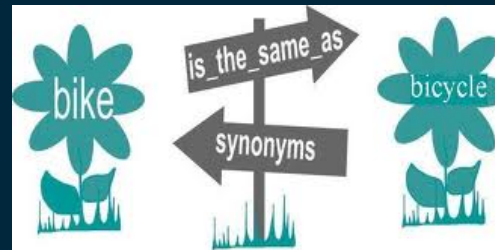
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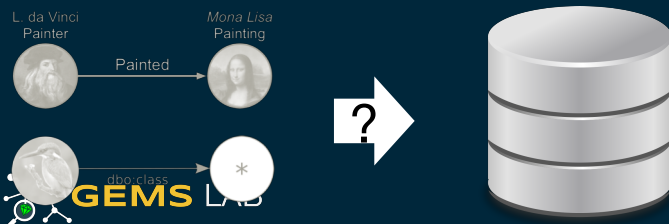
link prediction & viral marketing



IR: synonym extraction



structure matching in DB



wiki translation

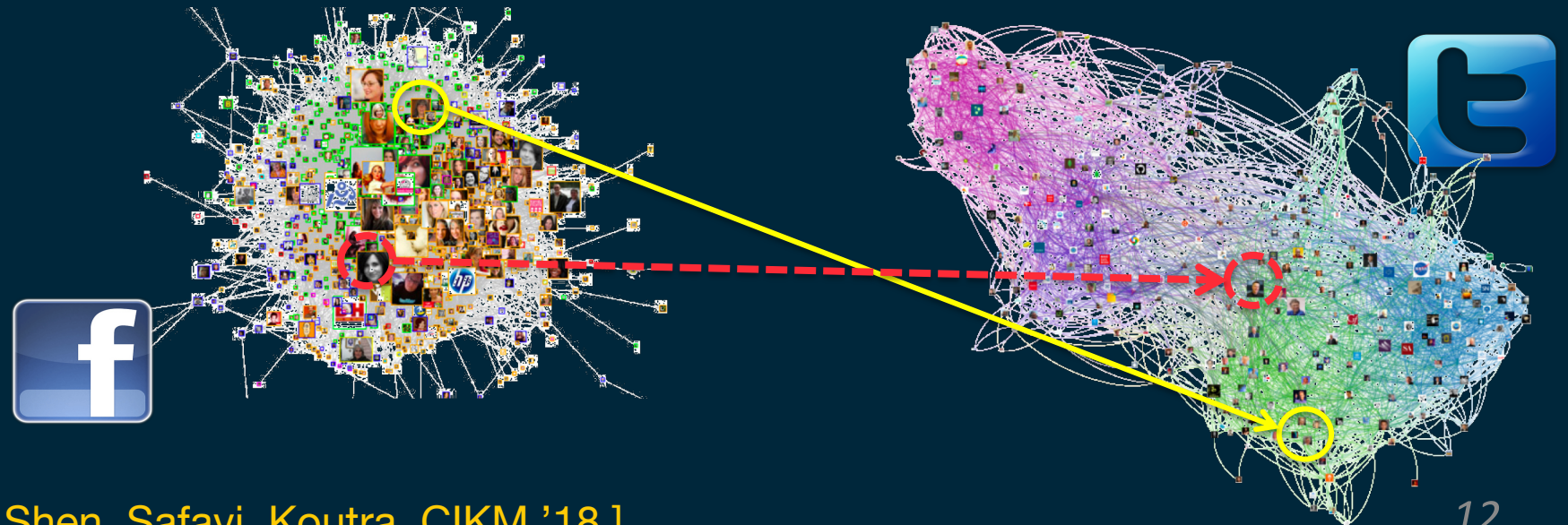


... and many more applications

# Network Alignment



- **Given:**  $\geq 2$  unweighted, undirected, potentially labeled graphs
- **Find:** the correspondence between their nodes
  - Efficiently
  - Using node embeddings



# Traditional vs. Proposed Approach

- Classic optimization (+ variants)

$$\min_{\mathbf{P}} \|\mathbf{PAP}^T - \mathbf{B}\|_F$$

- Potential drawbacks

(-) Computationally expensive

✧ e.g.  $O(n^3)$  Hungarian algorithm

(-) 1-to-1 or hard mappings

(-) Require different formulation for attributed graphs, different sizes

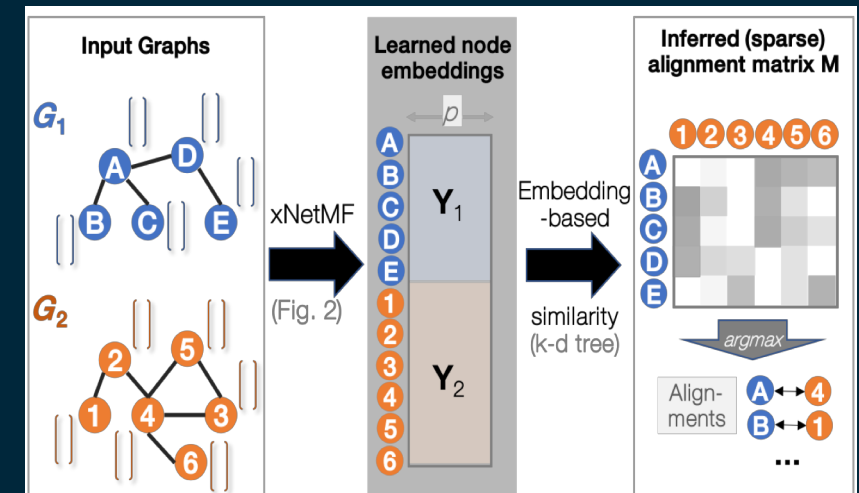
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- Our idea: match nodes with similar (learned) embeddings

- Challenges:

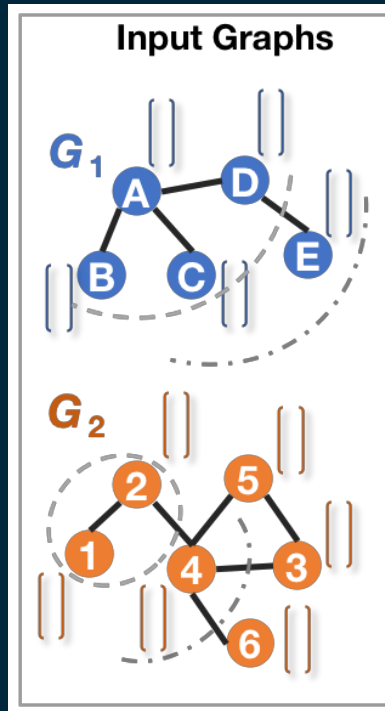
✧ Comparability of embeddings across networks

✧ Scalability





# REGAL: Graph Alignment Framework



~~Idea 1: capture **structure + labels** for **comparability**~~ Most embedding methods effectively factorize a similarity matrix [Qiu+'18]




XNetMF node embeddings

Idea 2: **implicit** matrix factorization  
(Nystrom low-rank) for **scalability**

# Step 1: Comparable Node Identity

### Step 1. Node Identity Extraction

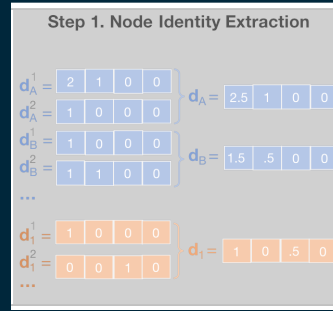
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- Proximity to other nodes 
  - ✧ Common for single-network tasks
  - ✧ Not *comparable* across networks
- Structural Identity 
  - ✧ Used for transfer learning in graphs [Henderson+ '12]
- Attribute Information 
  - ✧ Used for graph alignment [Zhang+ '16]



Use *node-ID invariant* quantities  
for cross-network comparison

# Step 1: Structural Identity Intuition



- Requirement: comparability
- Solution: Capture **degrees** of neighbors
  - ✧ Typical Assumption: aligning nodes have similar degrees
  - ✧ Used in structural node representation learning (struc2vec)



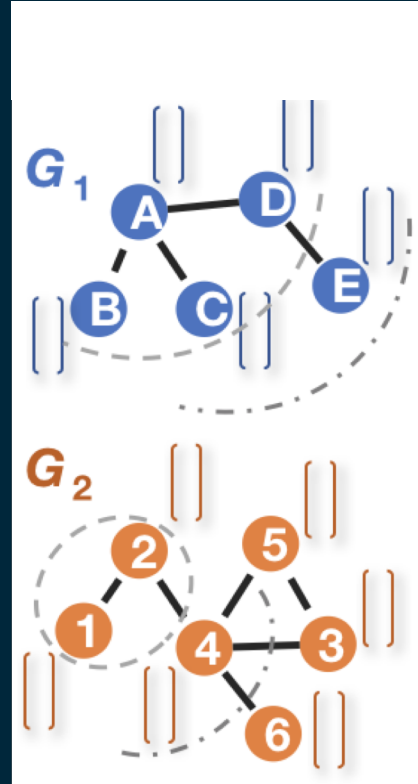
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# Step 1: Node Identity Extraction

- Requirement: comparability
- Solution: Degree histograms of the  $k$ -hop neighbors
  - ✧ Naive approach:  $j^{\text{th}}$  entry is # neighbors with degree  $j$
  - ✧ Robust & compact approach: logarithmic binning

$$\mathbf{d}_u = \sum_{k=1}^K \delta^{k-1} \mathbf{d}_u^k$$

combine across  $K$  hops    discount distant hops



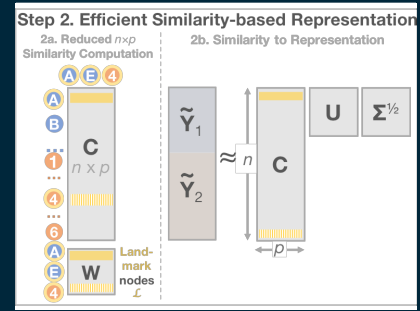
$K = 2$  hops, discount  $\delta = 0.5$ , no logarithmic binning

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# Step 2: Node Similarity Representation



- Requirement: scalability
  - ✧ Avoid expensive RW
- Solution: matrix factorization
  - ✧ Most embedding methods effectively factorize a similarity matrix [Qiu+'18]
  - ✧ Cross-network similarity matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  from node identities (+ attributes)

$$\mathbf{S}_{uv} = \text{sim}(u, v) = \exp \left[ -\underbrace{\gamma_s \cdot ||\mathbf{d}_u - \mathbf{d}_v||_2^2}_{\text{structural distance}} - \underbrace{\gamma_a \cdot \text{dist}(\mathbf{f}_u, \mathbf{f}_v)}_{\text{attribute distance}} \right]$$

f: attribute vectors

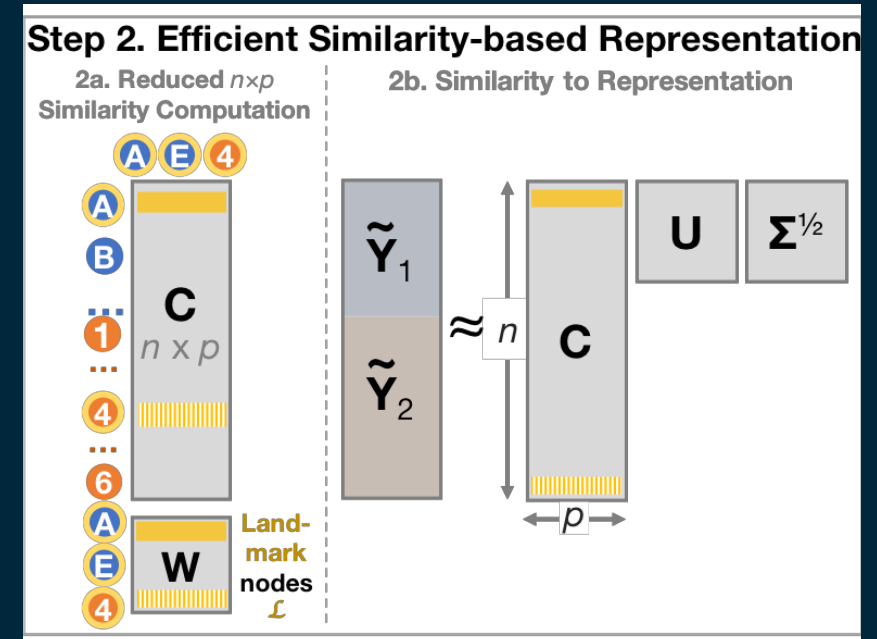
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- Solution: **implicit** matrix factorization
  - ✧ Based on the Nystrom low-rank approximation

**THEOREM 3.1.** Given graphs  $G_1(\mathcal{V}_1, \mathcal{E}_1)$  and  $G_2(\mathcal{V}_2, \mathcal{E}_2)$  with  $n \times n$  joint combined structural and attribute-based similarity matrix  $S \approx YZ^T$ , its node embedding matrix  $Y$  can be approximated as

$$\tilde{Y} = CU\Sigma^{1/2},$$

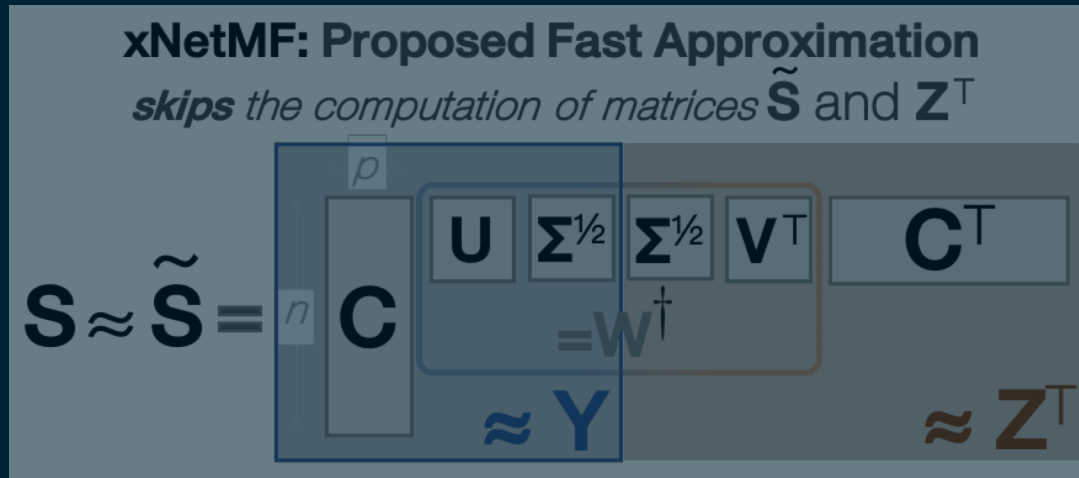
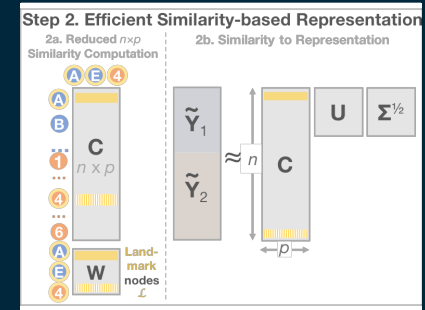
where  $C$  is the  $n \times p$  matrix of similarities between the  $n$  nodes and  $p$  randomly chosen landmark nodes, and  $W^\dagger = U\Sigma V^T$  is the full rank singular value decomposition of the pseudoinverse of the small  $p \times p$  landmark-to-landmark similarity matrix  $W$ .



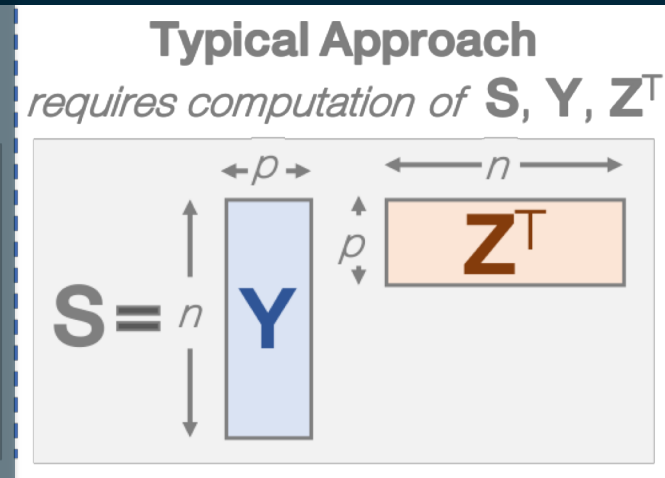
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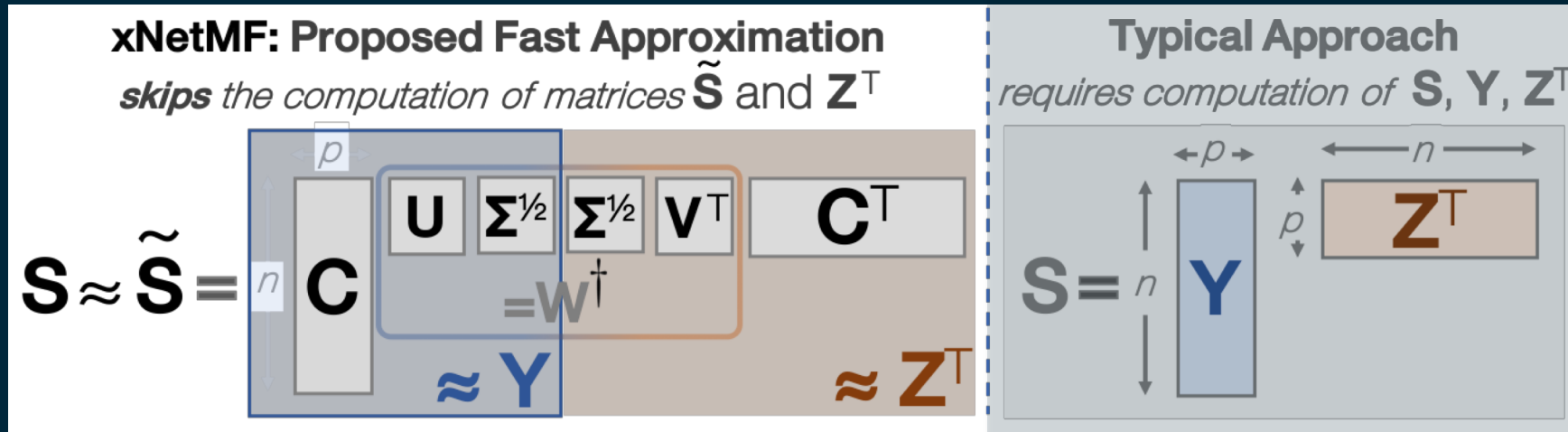
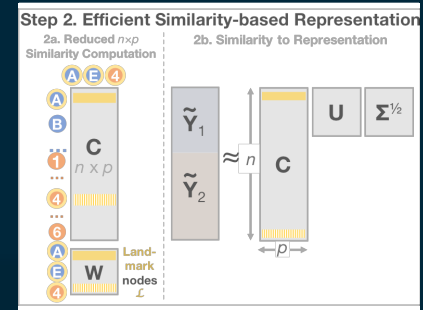


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# Step 3: Fast Embedding Matching



- **Given:** structural embeddings of nodes in  $G_1$  and  $G_2$
- **Find:** the node correspondence
- **Requirement:** scalability
  - ✧ avoid computing all pairwise node embedding comparisons
- **Solution:** use a  $k$ - $d$  tree to find top- $\alpha$  most similar embeddings
  - ✧ Can find “soft” or “hard” alignments

Simple greedy approach, but works well with *comparable* features

# Experiments: Baselines & Setup

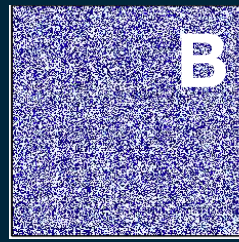
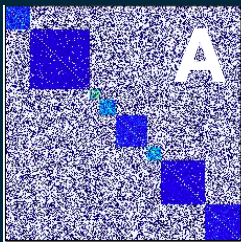
- **Baselines:** Classic, spectral and optimization-based alignment methods
  - ✧ NetAlign, FINAL, IsoRank, Klau

- Our **embedding-based** methods



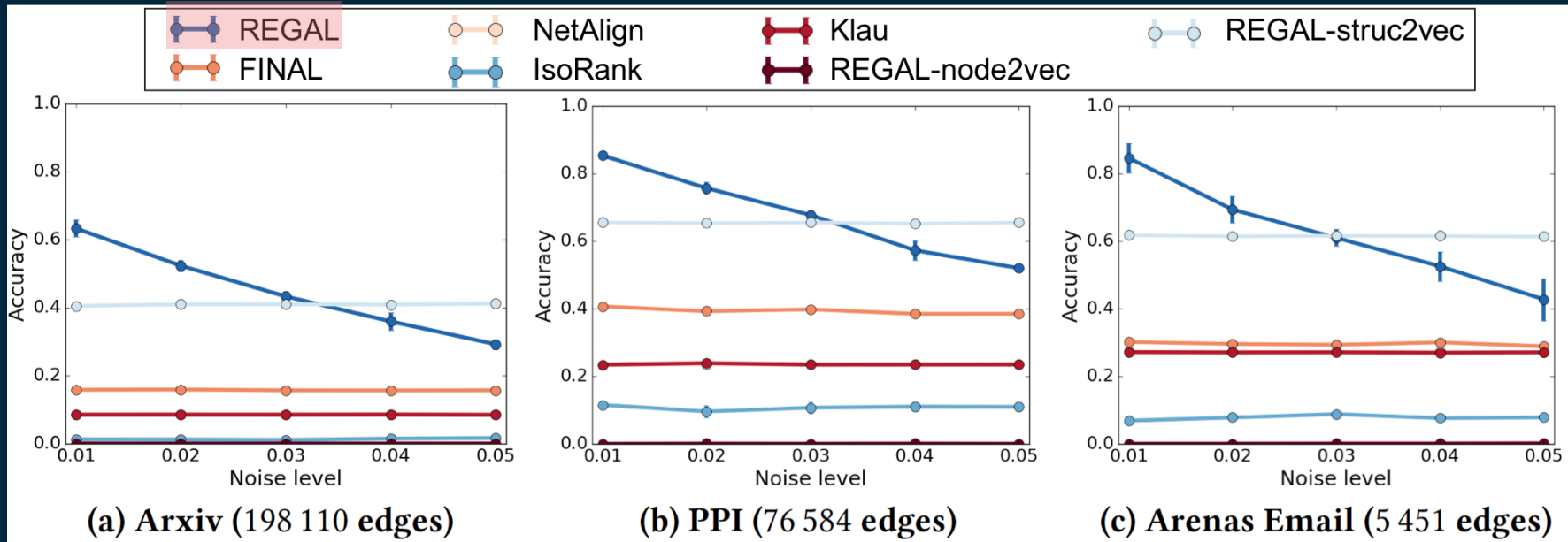
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- ✧ REGAL
- ✧ REGAL-node2vec (node2vec +  $k$ -d tree)
- ✧ REGAL-struc2vec (struc2vec +  $k$ -d tree)
- **Setup:** Align graphs with adj matrices **A** and **B = PAP<sup>T</sup> + noise**



+ structural and attribute noise  
with probability  $p_s$  and  $p_a$

# Non-attributed Graphs

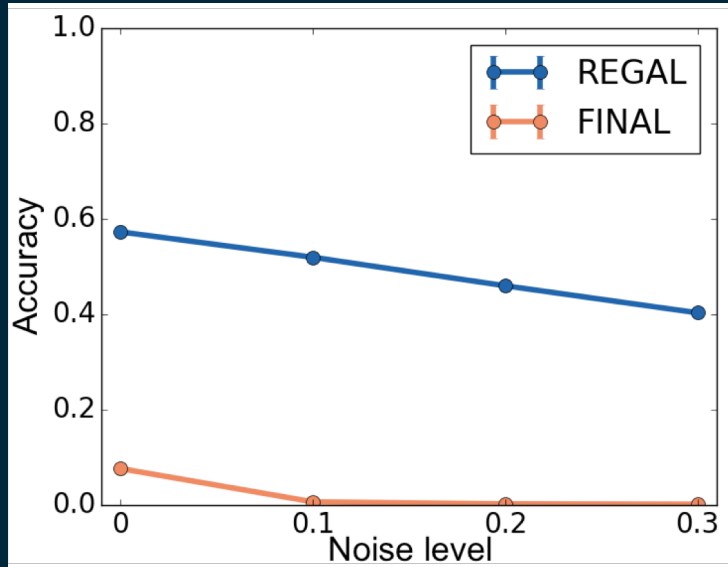


- REGAL variants are **more accurate** than traditional alignment methods.
- Structural embeddings outperform the proximity-based ones.

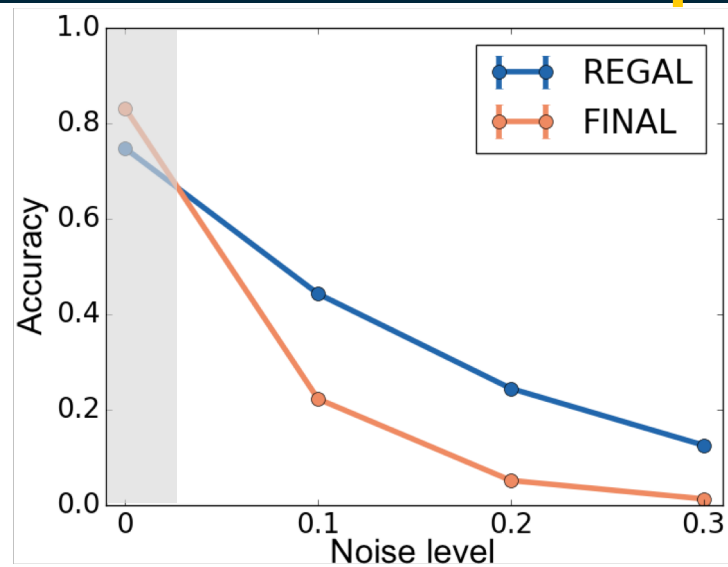
- REGAL is **up to 22-31× faster** than other representation-learning-based alignment methods.
  - Avoids the expense of RW

Dataset	Arxiv	PPI	Arenas
FINAL	4182 (180)	62.88 (32.20)	3.82 (1.41)
NetAlign	149.62 (282.03)	22.44 (0.61)	<b>1.89 (0.07)</b>
IsoRank	<b>17.04 (6.22)</b>	<b>6.14 (1.33)</b>	<b>0.73 (0.05)</b>
Klau	1291.00 (373)	476.54 (8.98)	43.04 (0.80)
REGAL-node2vec	709.04 (20.98)	139.56 (1.54)	15.05 (0.23)
REGAL-struct2vec	1975.37 (223.22)	441.35 (13.21)	74.07 (0.95)
REGAL	<b>86.80 (11.23)</b>	<b>18.27 (2.12)</b>	2.32 (0.31)

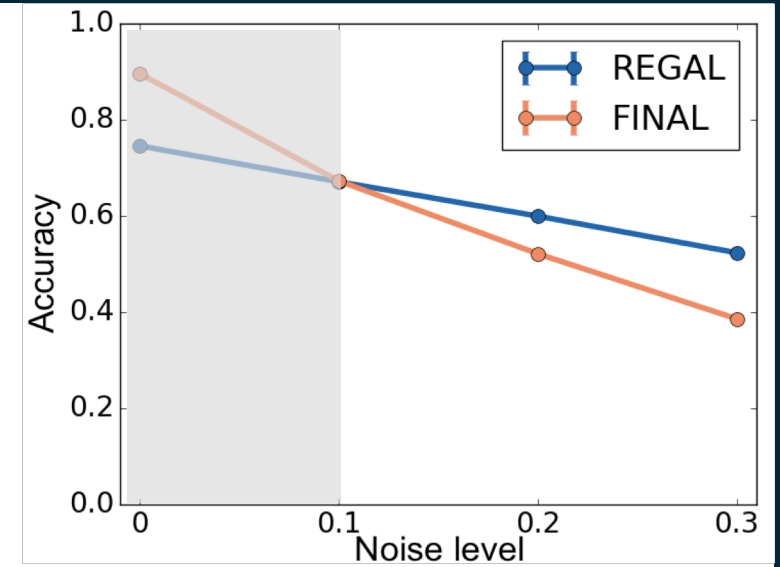
# Attributed Graphs



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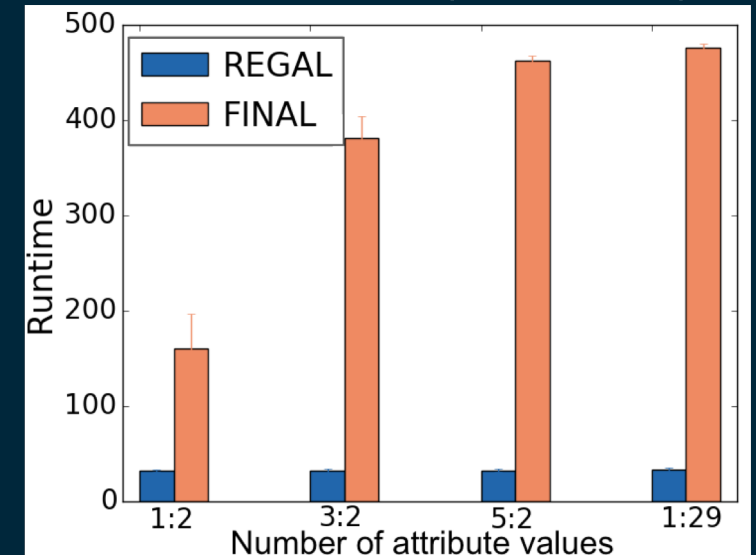


5 synthetic binary attributes



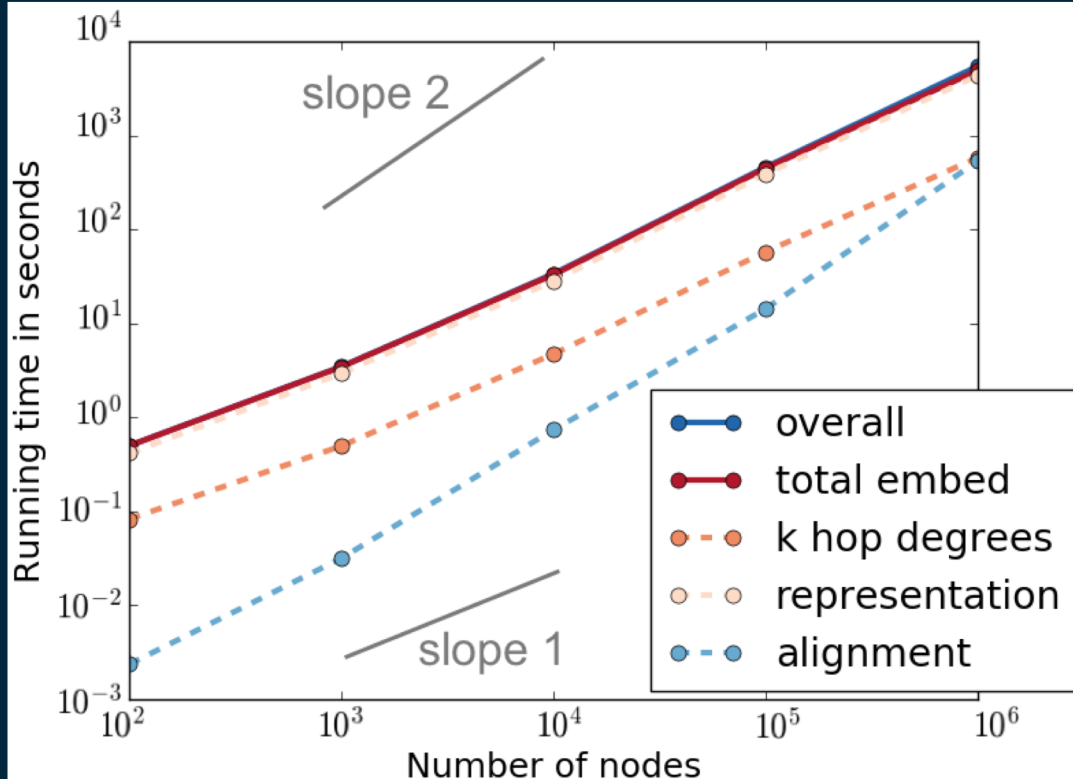
1 real attribute (29 values)

- REGAL **outperforms** FINAL without extensive, reliable attribute information.
- REGAL is **significantly faster** than FINAL, especially with more attribute information.





# Experiments: Scalability



Erdős-Renyi  
random graphs

- Dominant factors:  $O(n p)$  node similarities, forming embeddings.
- REGAL is **subquadratic** in practice.



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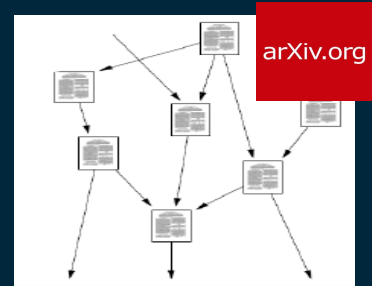
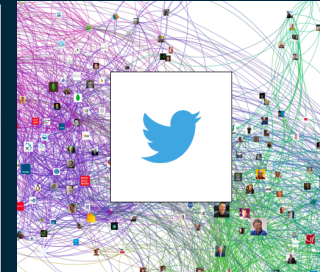
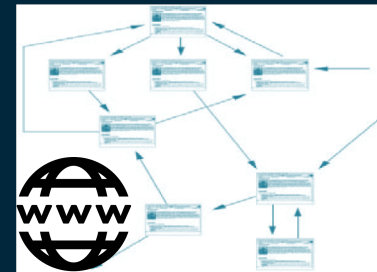
# Extension to weighted, directed graphs



- Analyze incoming & outgoing neighborhoods **separately**

$$b_u^+ = \sum_{k=0}^K \delta^k b_u^{k+}$$

combine across  $K$  hops    discount distant hops



- ✧ Concatenate incoming/outgoing histograms  $b_u = [b_u^+, b_u^-]$
- ✧ “Weighted” histograms: capture a node’s contribution to another node’s structural identity

# Predicting professional roles in email networks



	SNA	RoIX	LinBP	LINE	DeepWalk	node2vec	struc2vec	DNGR	Graphwave	EMBER-U	EMBER-D	EMBER-W	EMBER
Trove-318	.7605	.5670	.6908	.6618	.7602	.7648	.7799	.7131	.7685	.7749	.7563	.7625	.8045*
Trove-183	.7648	.5787	.7718	.5657	.8071	.8223	.8264	.4925	.6391	.7986	.7838	.8186	.8241
Trove-141	.6738	.5591	.7409	.7102	.7191	.7474	.7391	.6235	.7112	.7291	.7309	.6971	.7568*
Trove-98	.6676	.5177	.6323	.6872	.5587	.6198	.6498	.5329	.7177*	.6040	.5857	.6333	.6911
Trove-19	.5429	.6981	.6248	.7184	.5531	.5959	.6102	.6089	.7157	.6837	.7204	.6939	.7337*
Trove-2K	.6305	.5212	.6622	.6771	.6769	.6780	.6802	.6527	.6594	.6689	.6345	.6677	.6745
Trove	.6633	.5280	.5454	—	.6866	.6951	—	—	—	.6905	.7141	.7122	.7162*
Enron	.6205	.5197	.5000	.6931	.7201	.7389	—	.5709	—	.7393	.7347	.7305	.7305

EMBER outperforms its unweighted/undirected variants → importance of accounting for the volume + reciprocity in email exchanges.

## Professional Roles:

- Officers (“C-Suite” employees)
- Middle-level managers
- Workers

# Comparing academic & industrial roles

- Academic email network with 3,078 users and 231,470 email exchanges
- Employee  $u$  at a **university** “maps” to employee  $v$  at **organization X**

✧ if  $\operatorname{argmin}_{v \in X} ||b_u - b_v||_2$

bigger  
size

Trove-318	0.13	0.62	0.25
Trove-183	0.24	0.51	0.26
Trove-141	0.17	0.69	0.15
Trove-98	0.57	0.31	0.11
Trove-19	0.75	0.11	0.13
	Officer	Mgmt.	Worker

**Professors** are similar to:

- CEOs of smaller companies (Trove-98 and Trove-19), and
- more like managers in bigger companies (Trove-318 through Trove-141).



# Talk Outline: Structural Embeddings for...

- Cross-network tasks [ACM CIKM'18]
  - ✧ Node (role) classification [ACM KDD'19]



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- Latent summarization [ACM KDD'19]



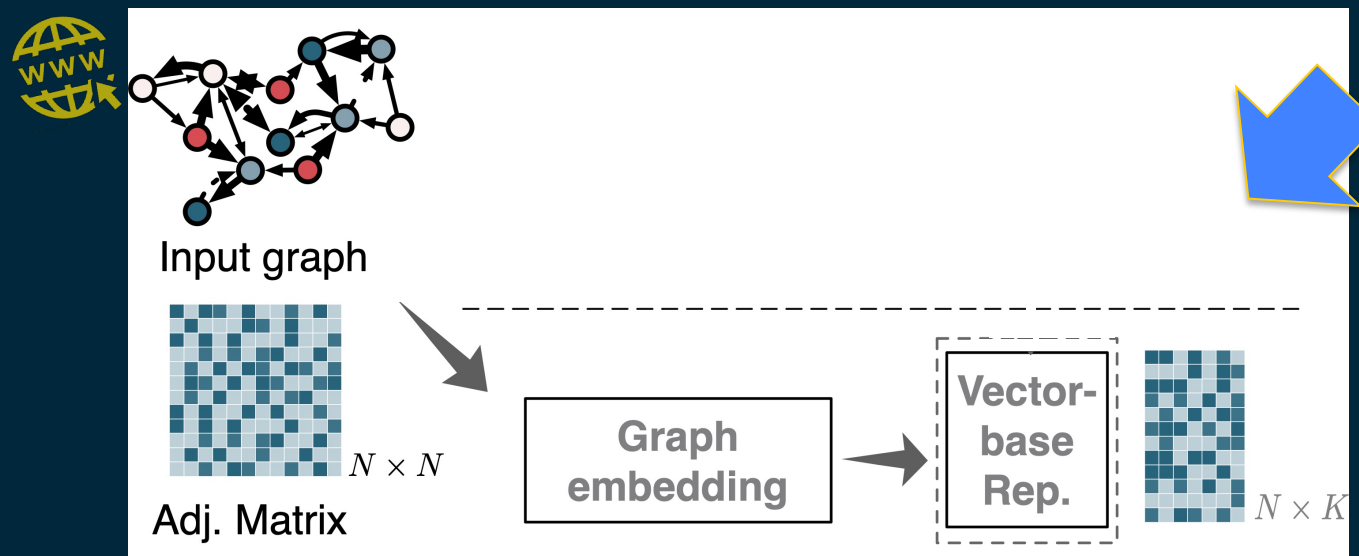
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# Embeddings are powerful, but can take up a lot of space!

- For 1B nodes and  $K=128 \rightarrow 1\text{TB}$  to store the embeddings!
- Can we summarize them?





# Graph Summarization Survey

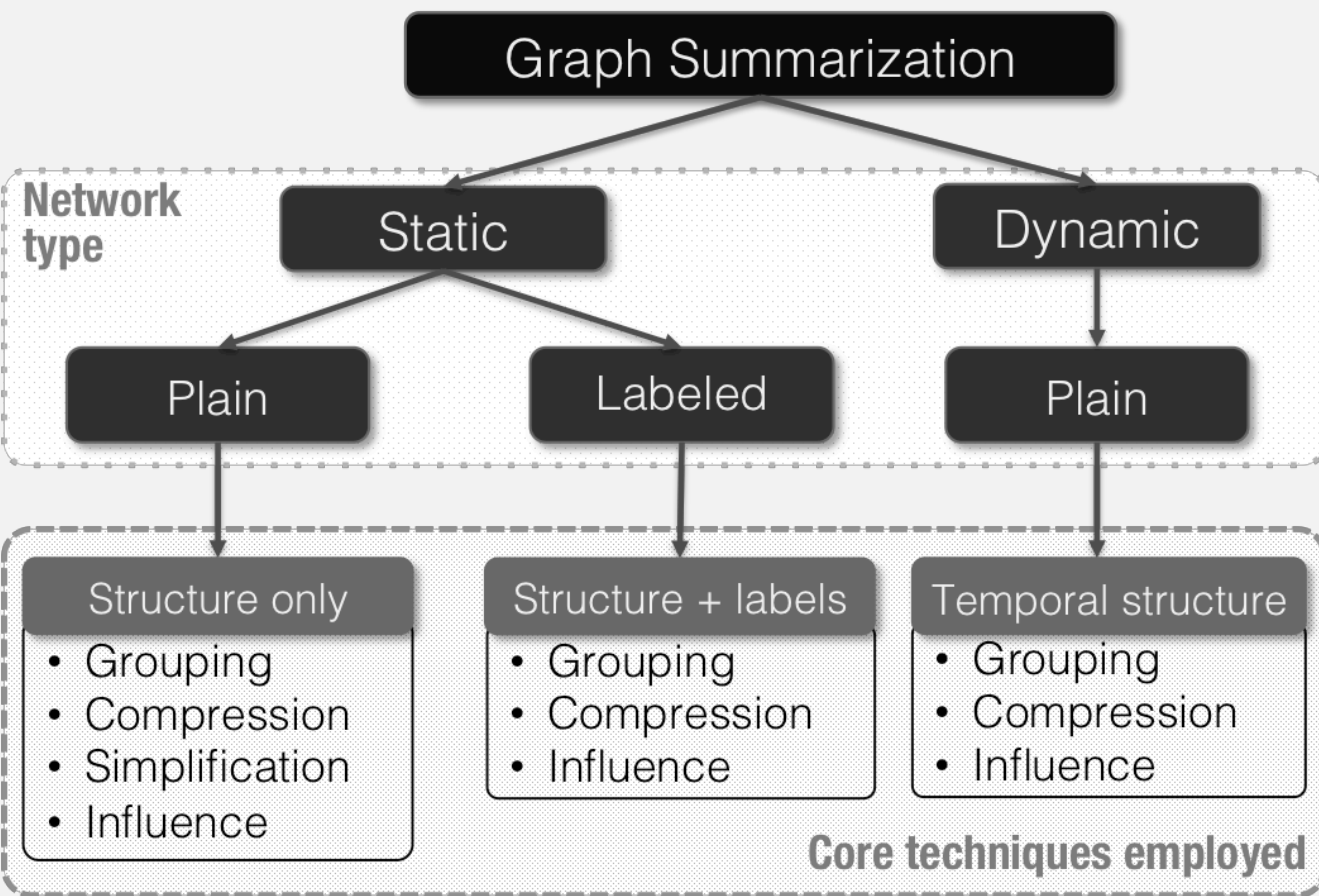
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Additional Key Words and Phrases: Graph mining, graph summarization

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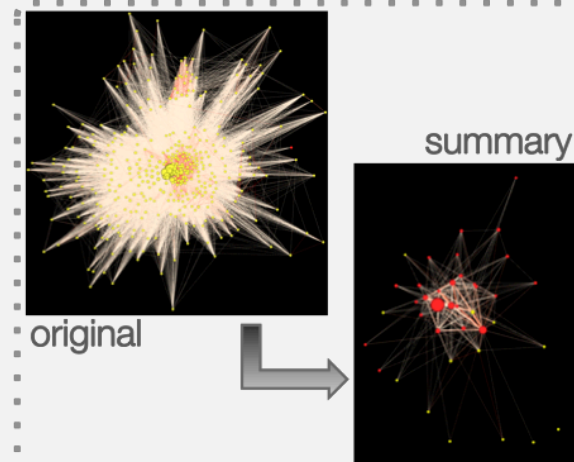


## Applications

- Query Efficiency
- Compression
- Visualization
- Pattern Discovery
- Influence Analysis

## Open Problems

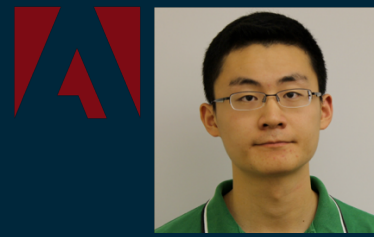
- Richer Data
- Streaming / Incremental Summarization
- Automated Insight Extraction
- Evaluation



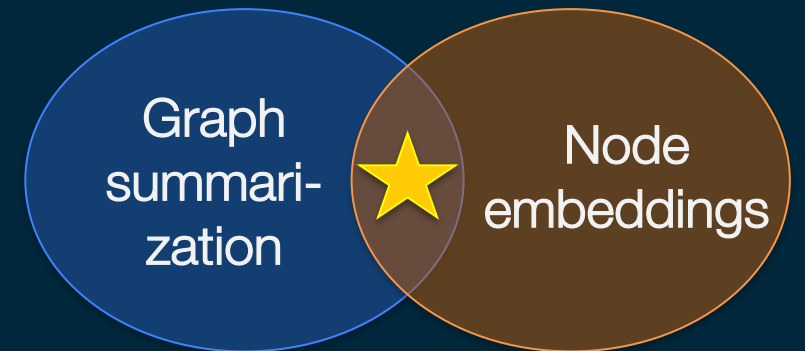
## Related Research Areas:

graph clustering,  
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detection, sampling,  
sparsification, sketches,  
compression

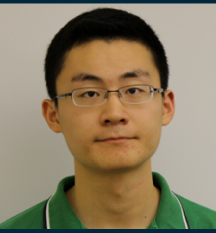
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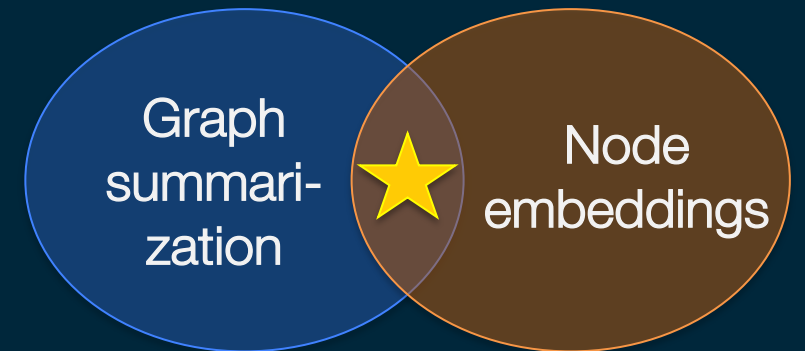
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  - ✧ (P2) high compression rate
  - ✧ (P3) natural support of inductive learning
  - ✧ (P4) ability to on-the-fly derive node embeddings

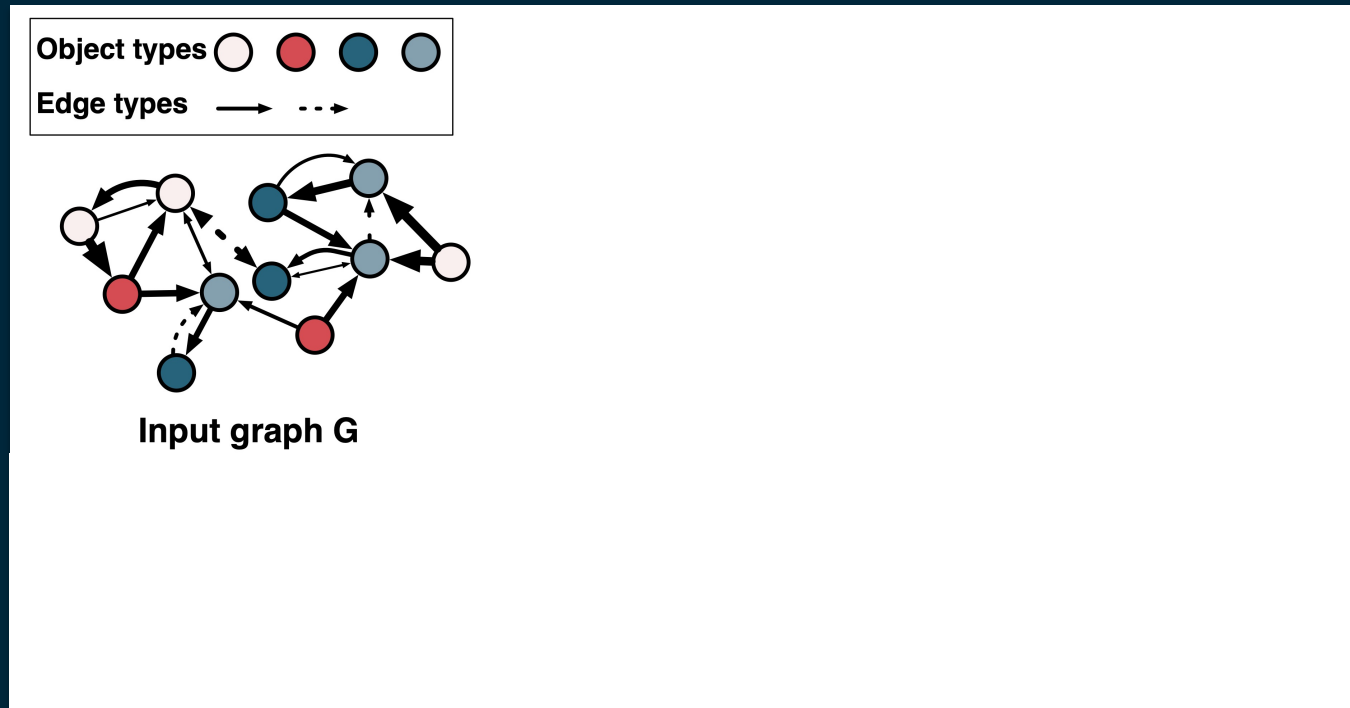


# Comparison to Related Work

	INPUT	REPRESENTATIONS / OUTPUT			METHOD	
	Hetero- geneity	Size indep.	Node specific	Proxim. indep.	Scalable	Induc.
Aggregation [2]	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
Cosum [34]	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
AspEm [31]	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
metapath2vec [8]	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
n2vec [11], LINE [32]	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
struc2vec [26]	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
DNGR [6]	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
GraphSAGE [12]	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
MULTI-LENS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

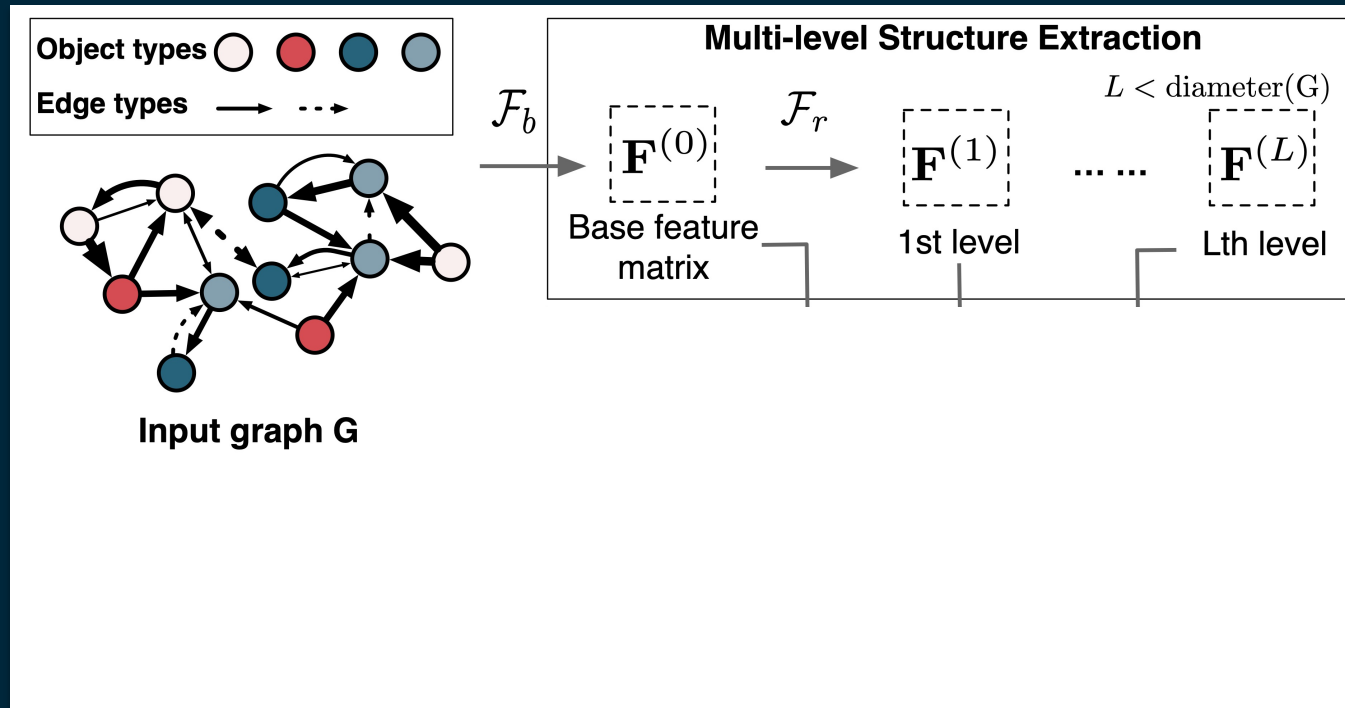


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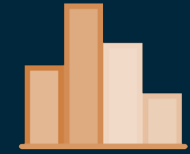
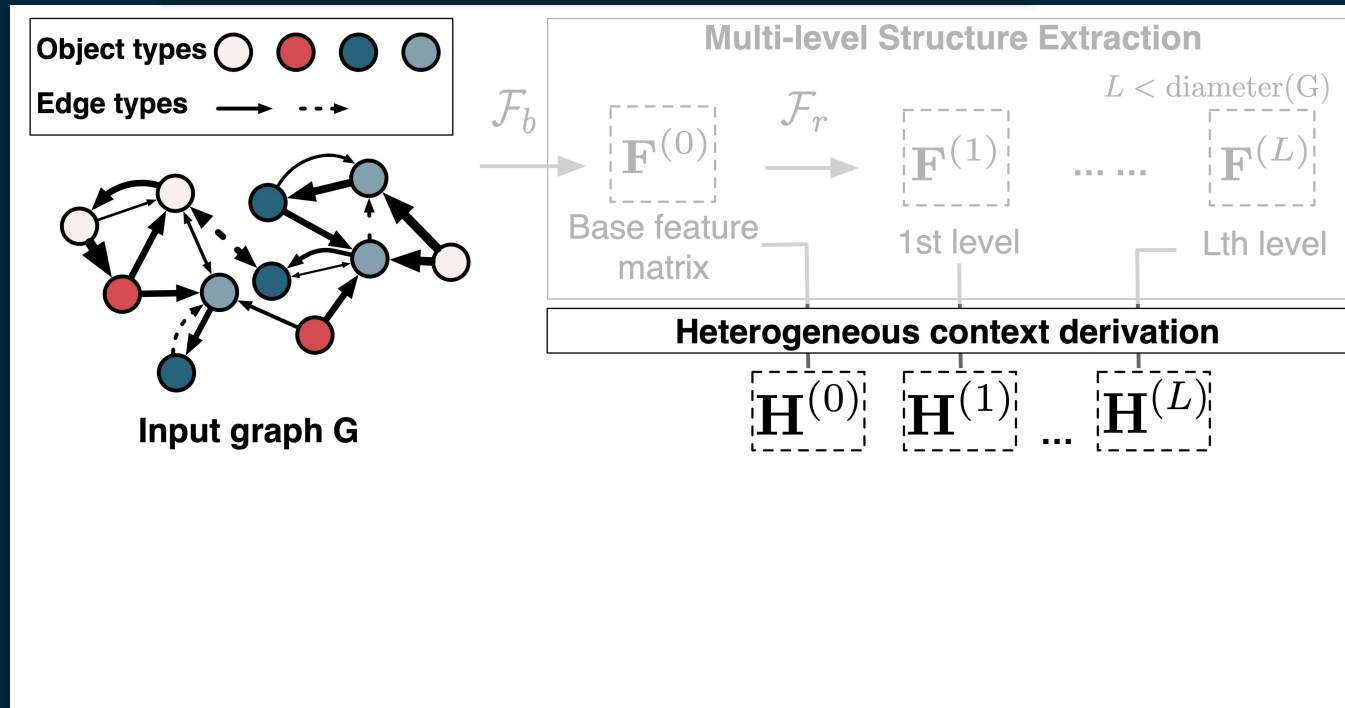
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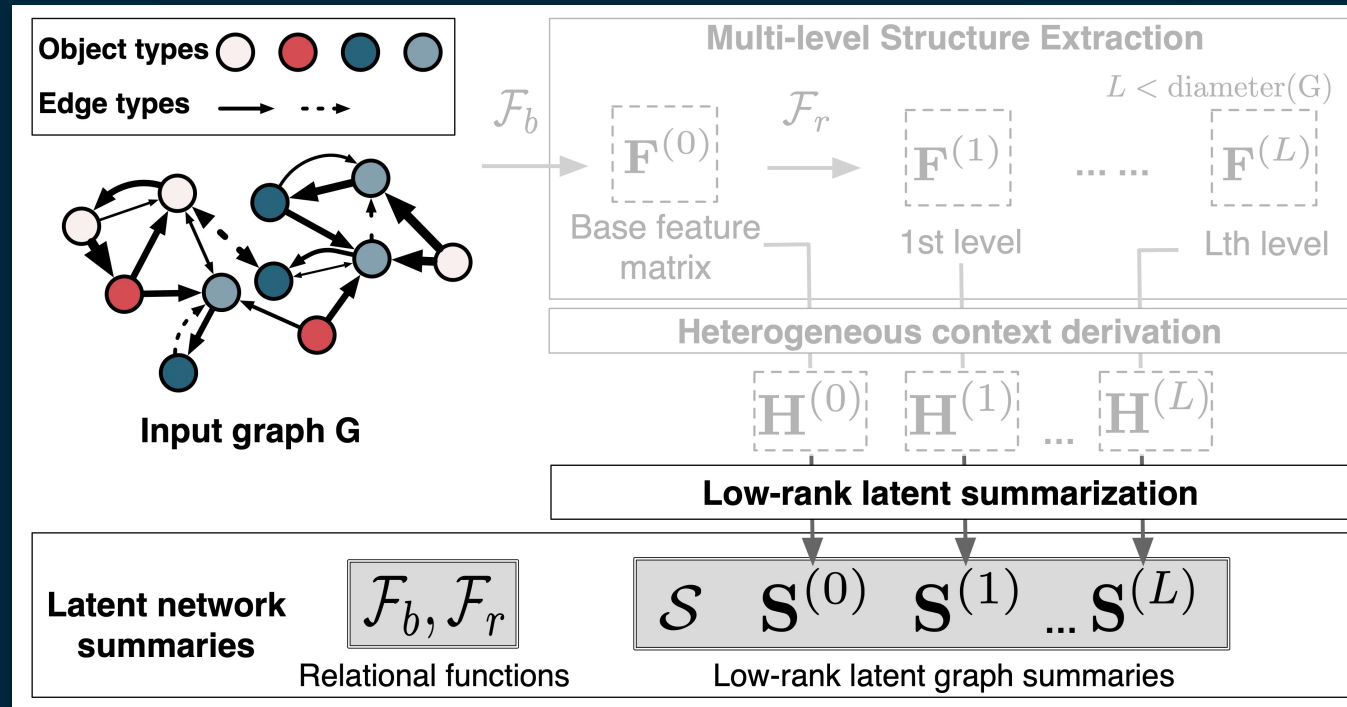
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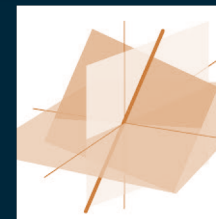
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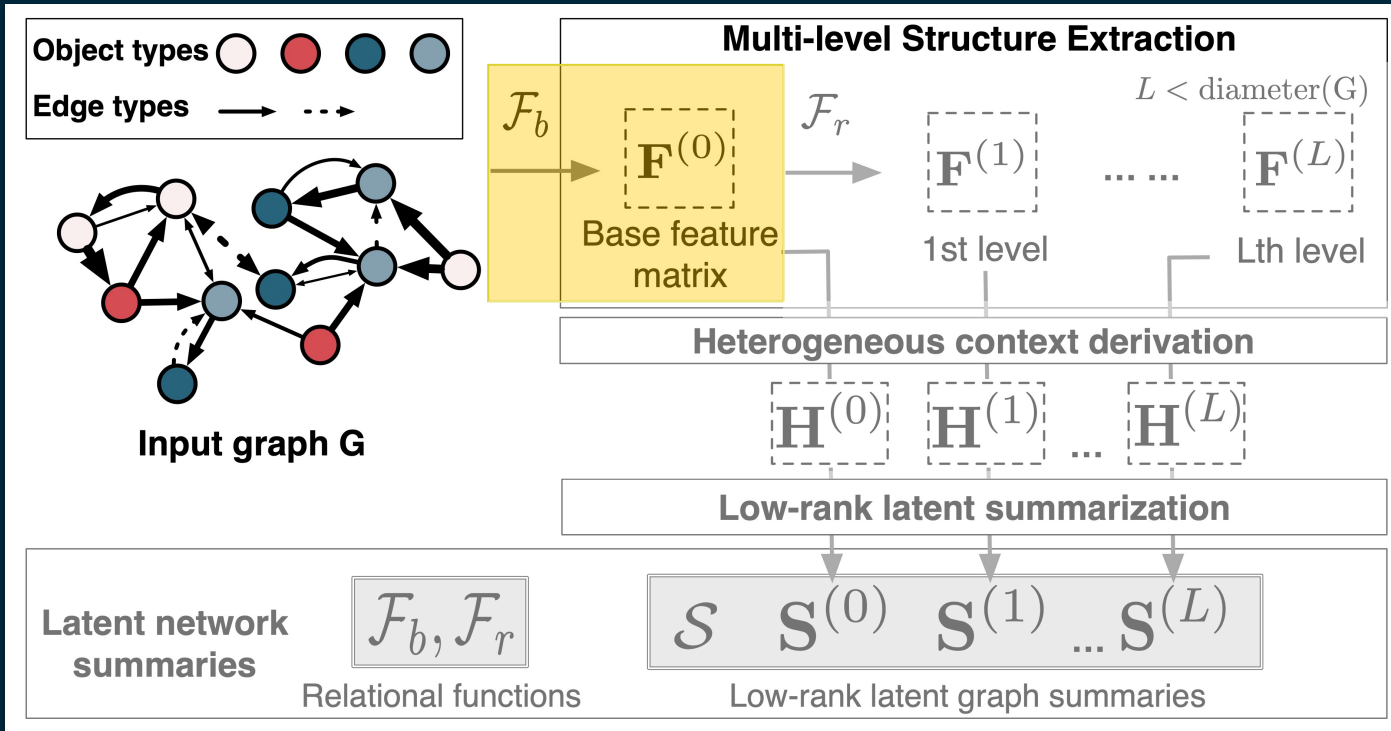
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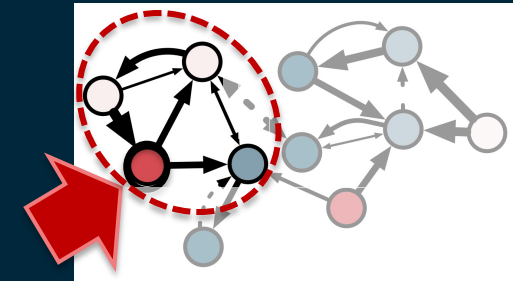
# Multi-LENS: Base functions



- $\mathcal{F}_b$ : base graph functions that operate on the adjacency matrix
  - e.g., sum  $\Sigma$  on egonets
  - In-/out-/total degree

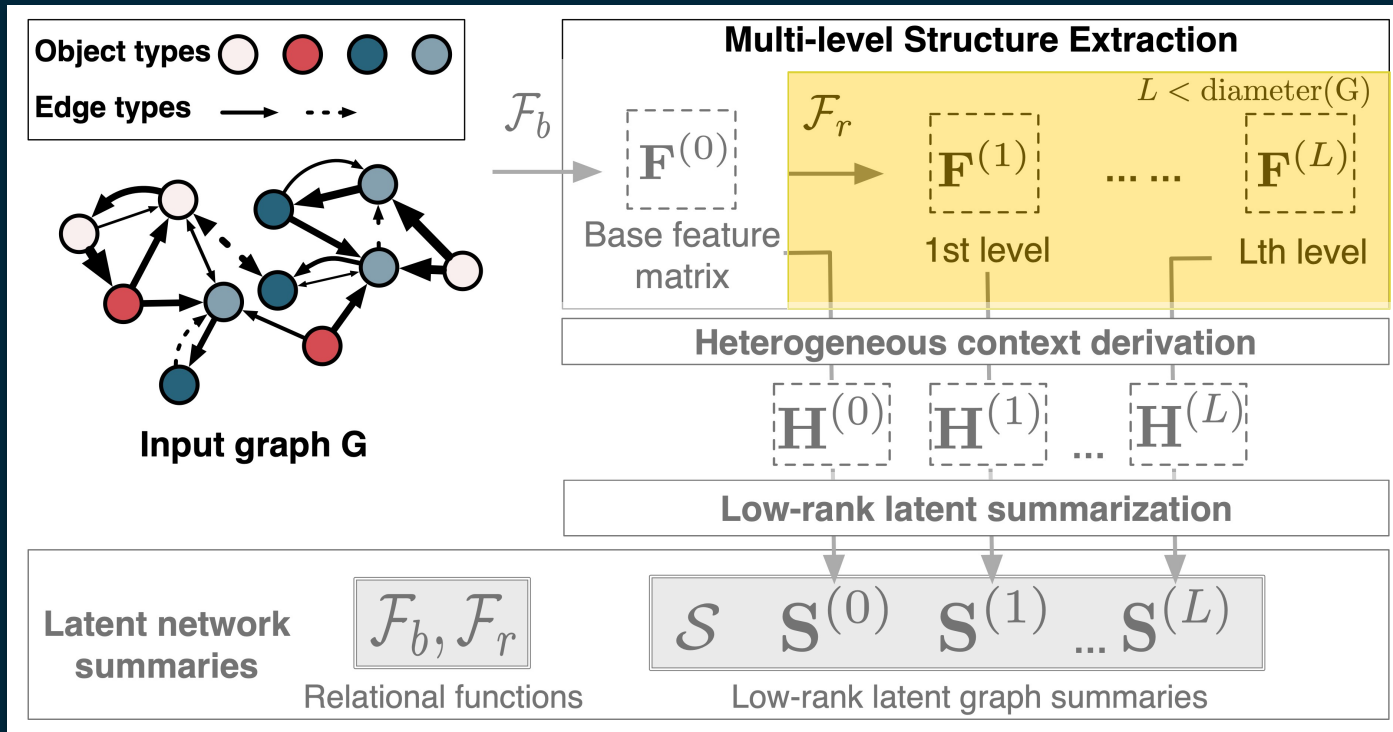
$\mathbf{F}^{(0)} =$

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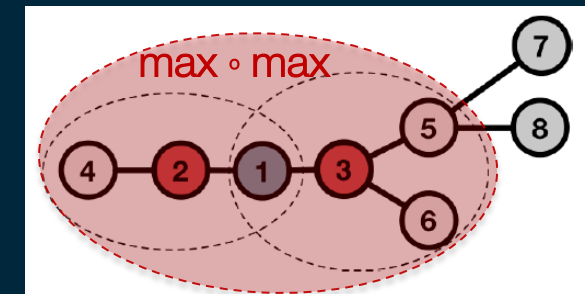




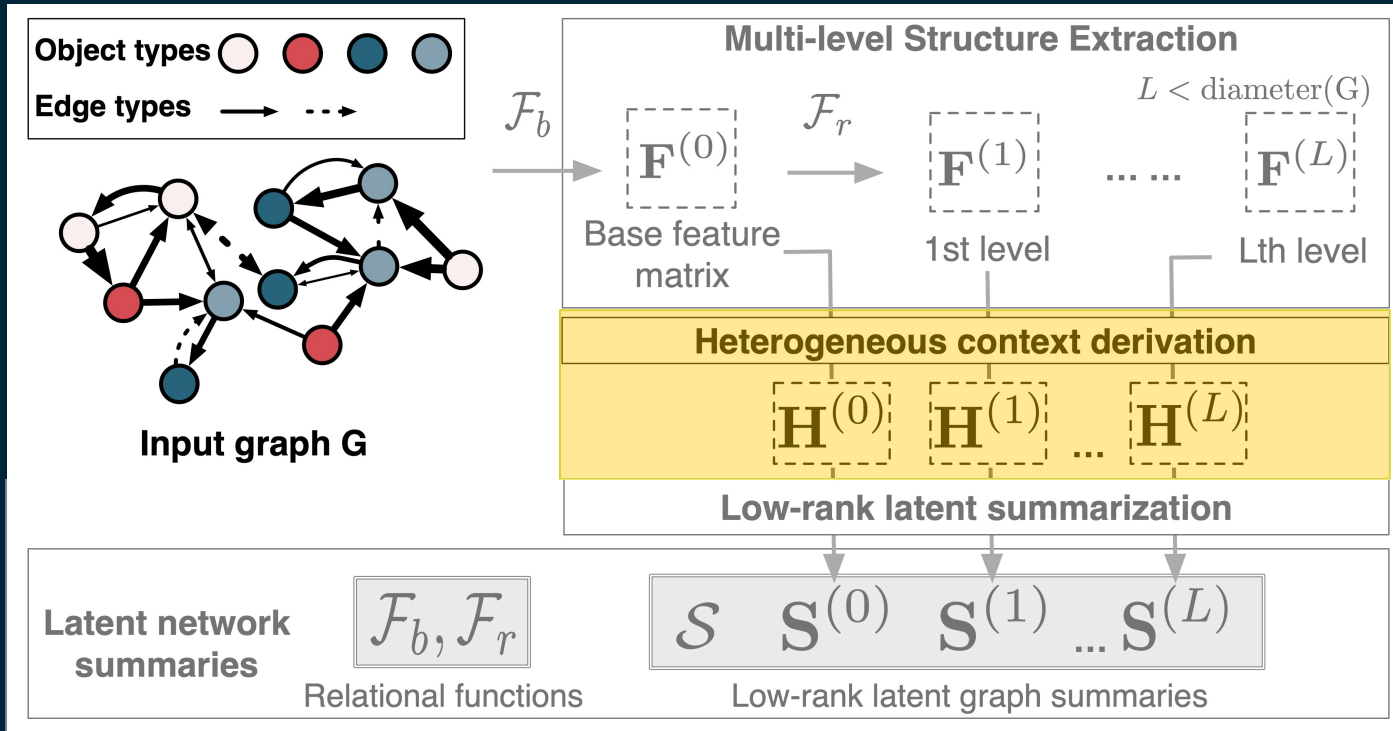
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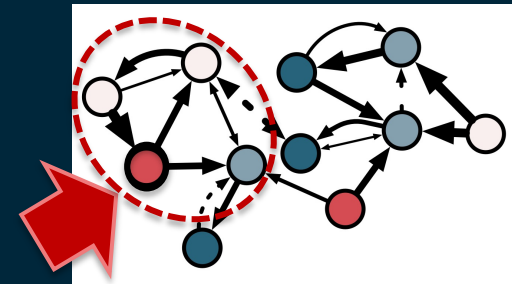
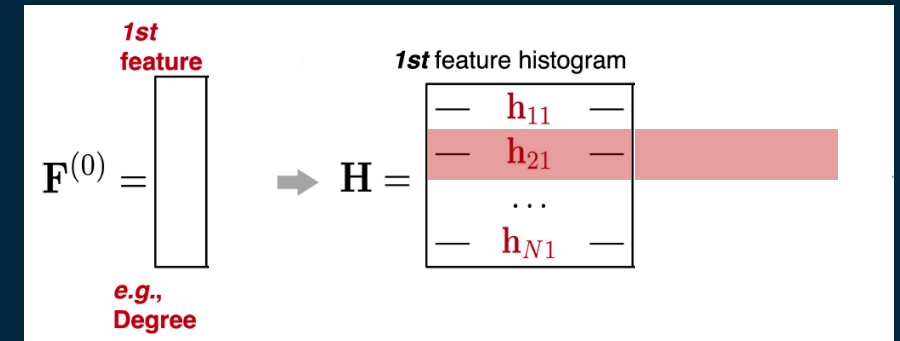
- Recursively apply the relational operators
  - max, min, sum, mean, variance, l1-dist, l2-dist*
  - Derive **complex, non-linear features** automatically
- $l$  **compositions** over a node's neighborhood = **higher-order** structural features in the  $l$ -hop neighborhoods



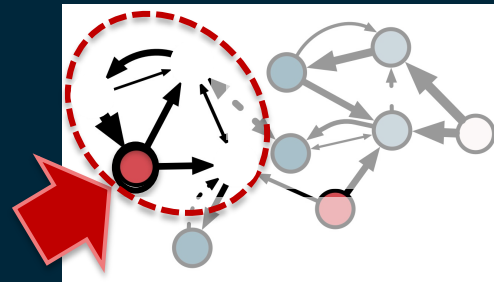
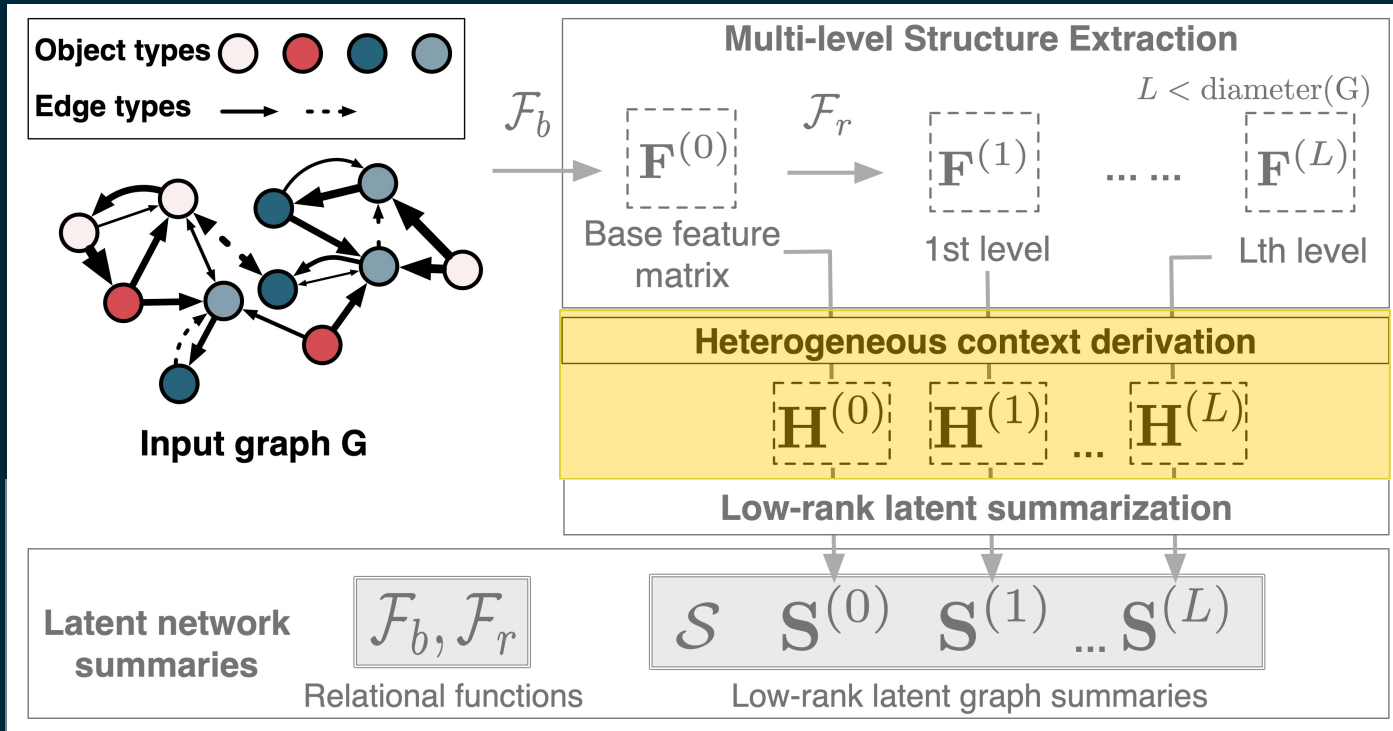
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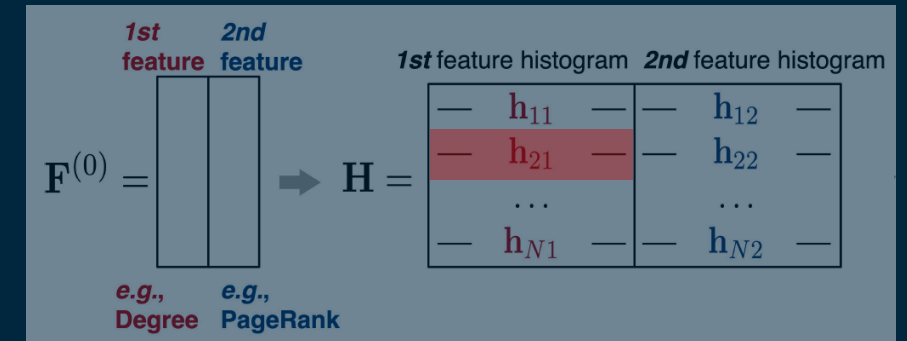
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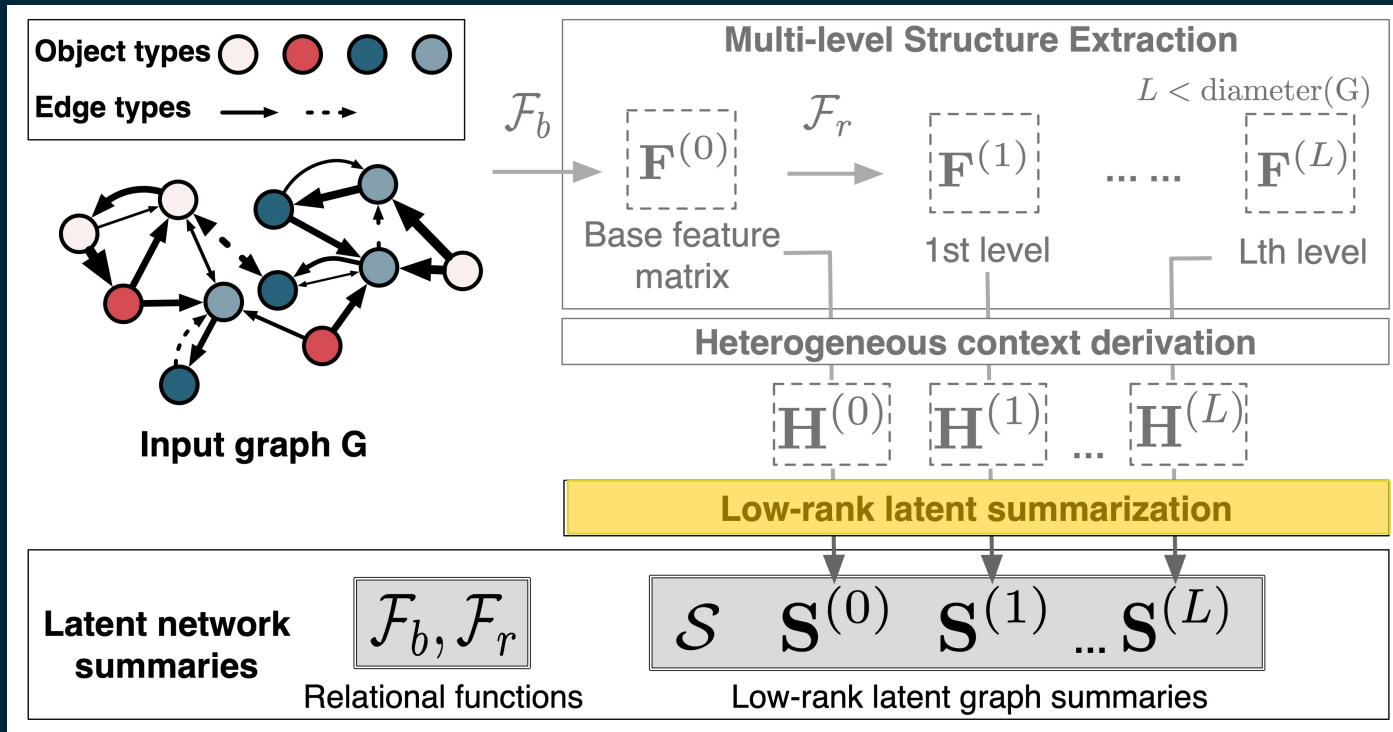


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- Node/edge types & directionality
  - Histograms in **different contexts**
  - e.g., restricted on neighborhoods of a specific node type

# Multi-LENS: Summarization



Node context at different neighborhoods

$$\mathbf{H}^{(l)} = \mathbf{U}^{(l)} \Sigma^{(l)} \mathbf{V}^{(l)}$$

Level- $l$  summarized representation

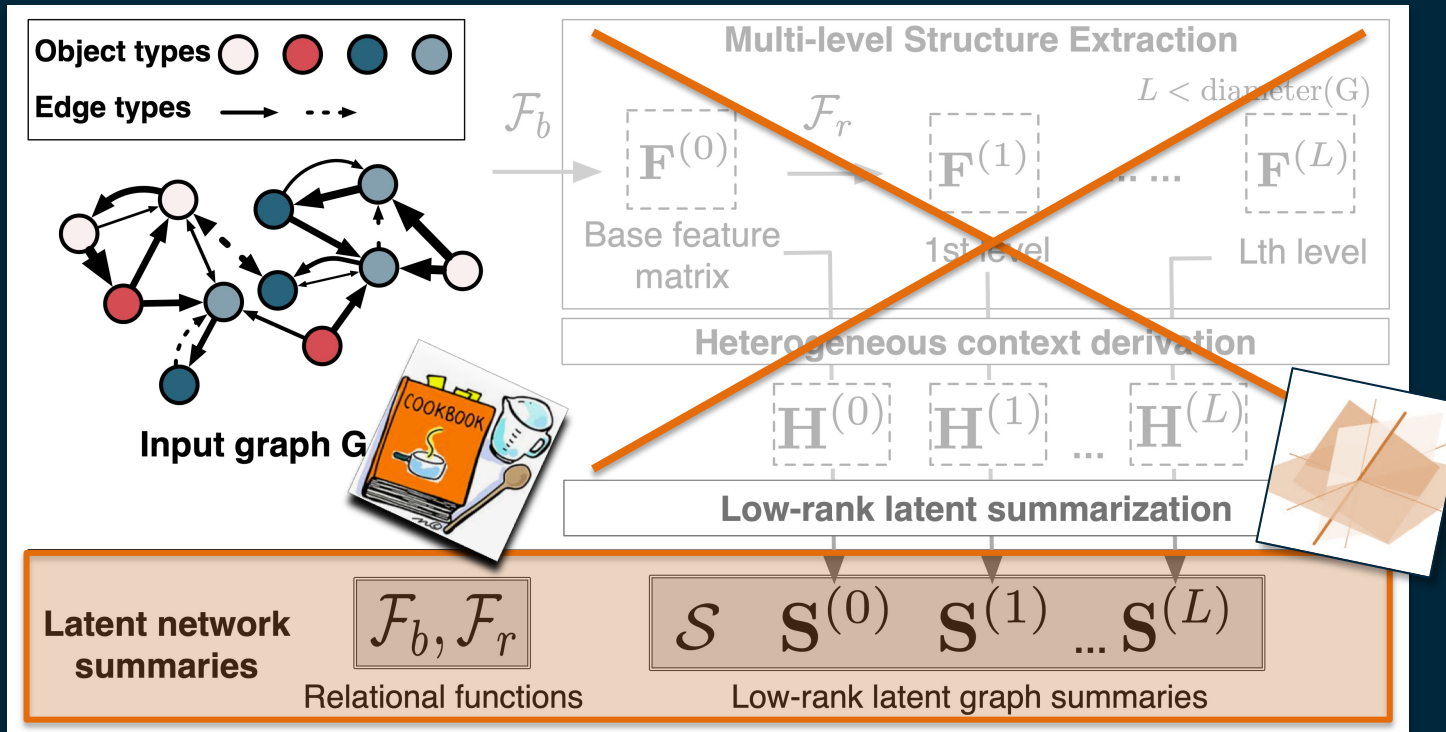
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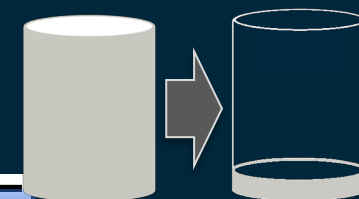
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- Higher-order features based on graph structure; independent of IDs  
 $\rightarrow$  they generalize across networks
- Inductively learn node embeddings in unseen  $G'$ :  $\mathbf{Y}'^{(l)} = \mathbf{H}'^{(l)} \boxed{(\mathbf{S}^{(l)})^\dagger}$



# Space comparison



Data	SE	LINE	n2vec	DW	m2vec	AspEm	G2G	ML (MB)
facebook								0.58
yahoo								0.62
dbpedia								0.81
digg								0.54
bibson.								0.75

Multi-LENS requires **4-2152x less output storage** space than the other embedding methods.

Data	#Nodes	#Edges	#Node Types	Graph Type
facebook	4 039	88 234	1	unweighted
yahoo-msg	100 058	1 057 050	2	weighted
dbpedia	495 936	921 710	4	unweighted
digg	283 183	4 742 055	2	unweighted
bibsonomy	977 914	3 754 828	3	weighted

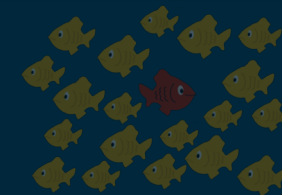
# Link Prediction



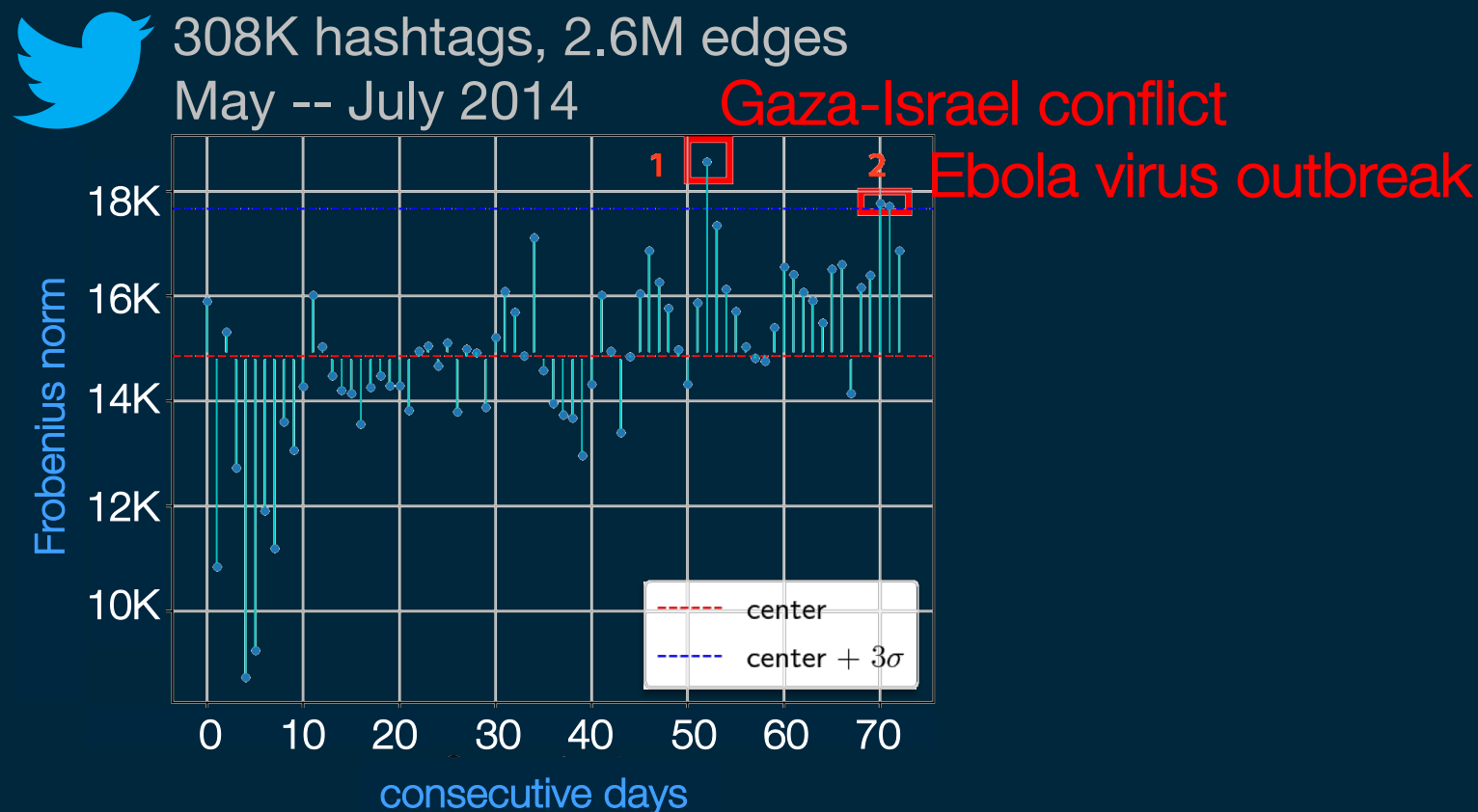
Data	Metric	NA	SE	LINE	DW	n2vec	GR	s2vec	DNGR	m2vec	AspEm	G2G	ML( $L = 1$ )	ML( $L = 2$ )
facebook	AUC	0.6213	0.6717	0.7948	0.7396	0.7428	0.8157	0.8155	0.7894	0.7495	0.5886	0.7968	0.8703	<b>0.8709*</b>
	ACC	0.5545	0.5995	0.7210	0.6460	0.6544	0.7368	0.7388	0.7062	0.7051	0.5628	0.7274	<b>0.7920*</b>	0.7904
	F1 macro	0.5544	0.5716	0.7210	0.6296	0.6478	0.7367	0.7387	0.7060	0.7041	0.5628	0.7273	<b>0.7920*</b>	0.7905
yahoo-msg	AUC	0.7189	0.5375	0.6745	0.7715	0.7830	0.7535	OOT	OOM	0.6708	0.5587	0.6988	0.8443	<b>0.8446*</b>
	ACC	0.2811	0.5224	0.6269	0.6927	0.7036	0.6825			0.6164	0.5379	0.6564	<b>0.7587*</b>	<b>0.7587*</b>
	F1 macro	0.2343	0.5221	0.6265	0.6897	0.7016	0.6821			0.6145	0.5377	0.6562	<b>0.7577*</b>	<b>0.7577*</b>
dbpedia	AUC	0.6002	0.5211	0.9632	0.8739	0.8774	OOM	OOT	OOM	OOT	0.6364	0.7384	<b>0.9820*</b>	0.9809
	ACC	0.3998	0.5399	0.9111	0.8436	0.8436					0.5869	0.6625	<b>0.9186</b>	0.9151
	F1 macro	0.2968	0.4539	0.9110	0.8402	0.8402					0.5860	0.6613	<b>0.9186</b>	0.9150
digg	AUC	0.7199	0.6625	0.9405	0.9664	0.9681	OOM	OOT	OOM	0.9552	0.5644	0.8978	<b>0.9894*</b>	0.9893
	ACC	0.2801	0.6512	0.8709	0.9023	0.9049				0.8891	0.5459	0.8492	<b>0.9596*</b>	0.9590
	F1 macro	0.2660	0.6223	0.8709	0.9019	0.9046				0.8890	0.5459	0.8492	<b>0.9595*</b>	0.9590
bibsonomy	AUC	0.7836	0.6694	0.9750	0.6172	0.6173	OOM	OOT	OOM	OOT	0.6127	OOM	<b>0.9909*</b>	0.9909
	ACC	0.2164	0.6532	0.9350	0.5814	0.5816					0.5790		<b>0.9485*</b>	0.9466
	F1 macro	0.2070	0.6064	0.9349	0.5781	0.5782					0.5772		<b>0.9485*</b>	0.9466

The Multi-LENS node embeddings **outperform all** the baselines by 3.5–34.3% in AUC.

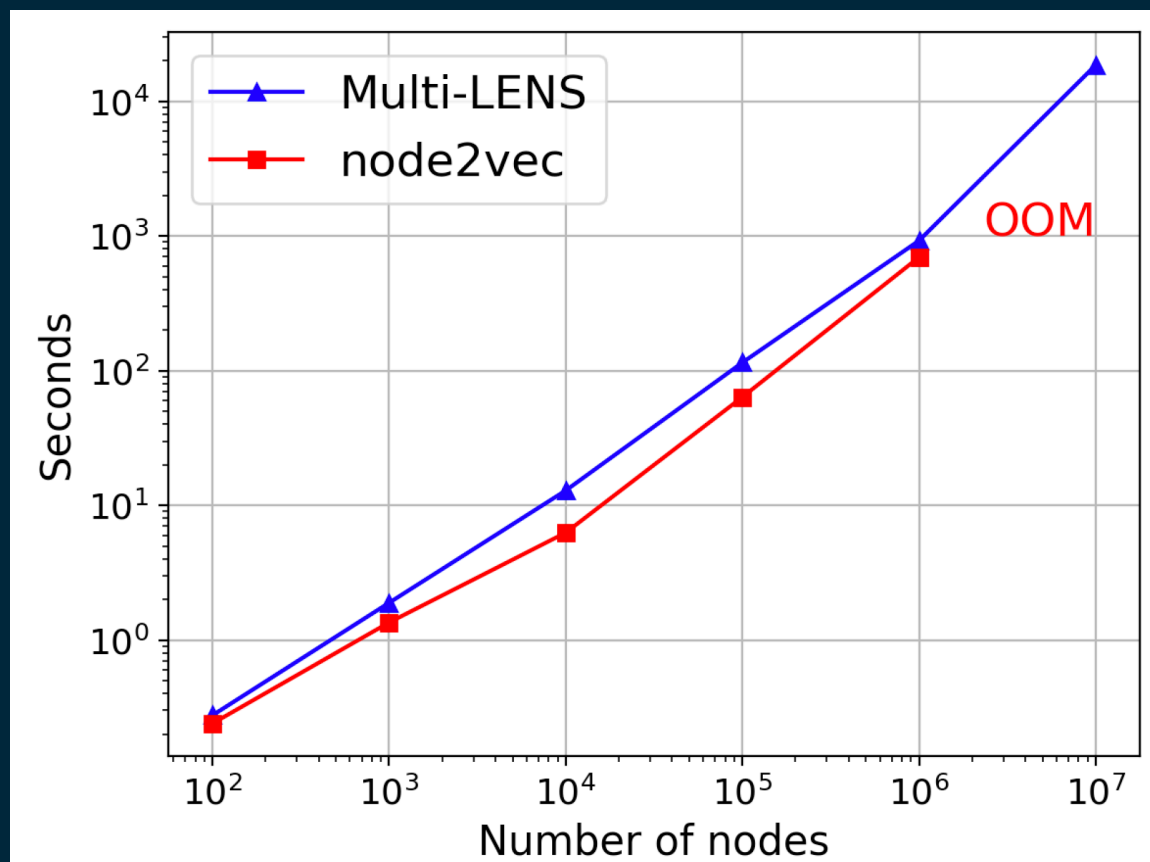
# Inductive Anomaly Detection



- Learn summary of  $G_{t-1}$ , apply to  $G_t$
- Compute the distance between the embeddings at  $t-1$  and  $t$



# Scalability of Multi-LENS



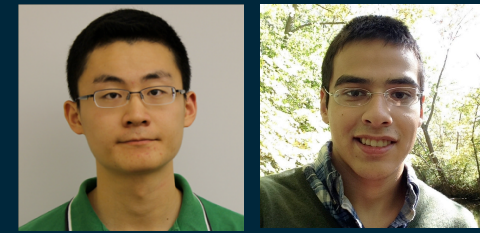
Erdos-Renyi  
networks;  
 $d_{avg}=10$

Multi-LENS is **scalable** to large graphs.

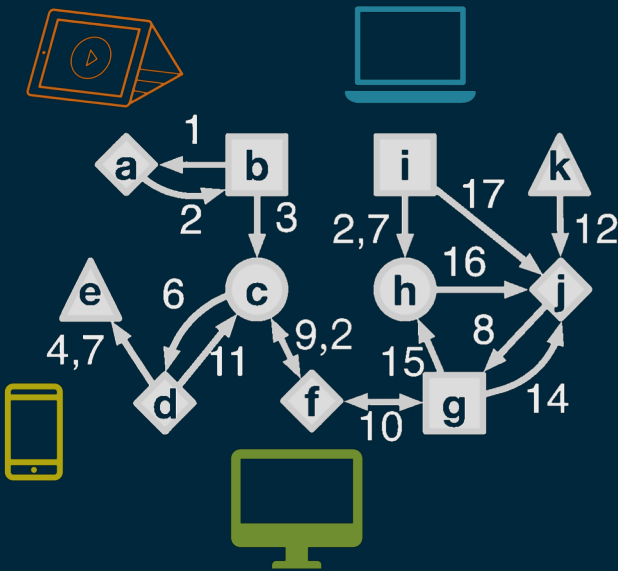
Can we capture  
structural roles  
with random walks?



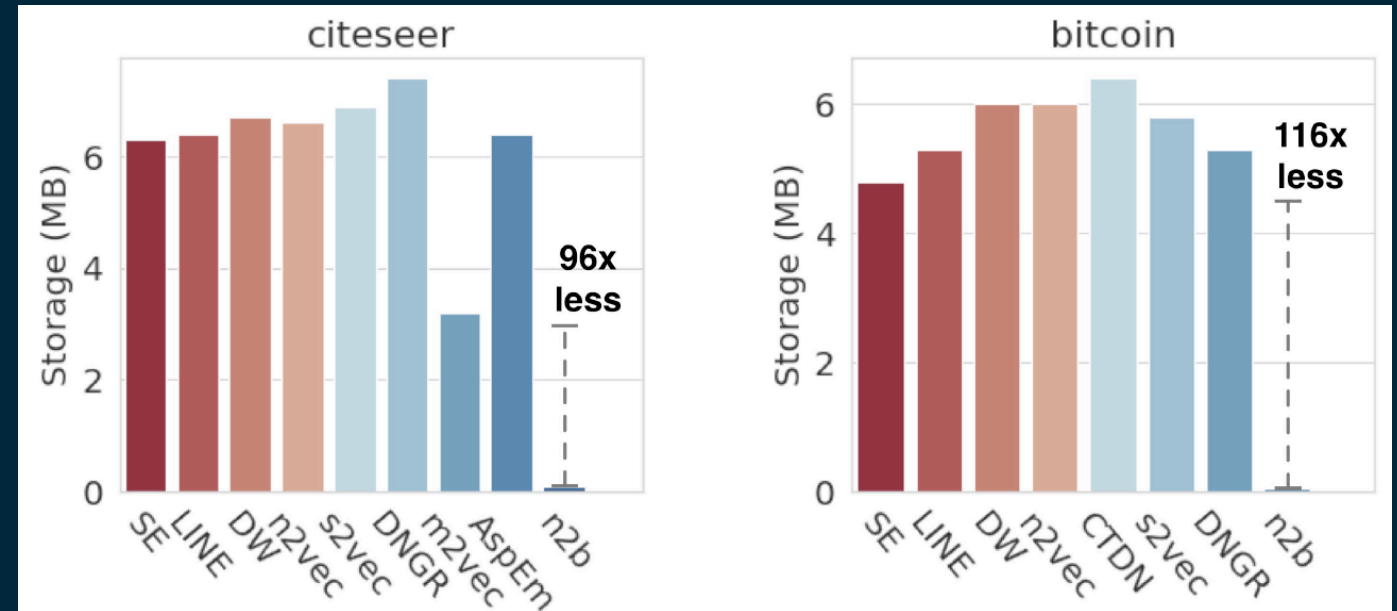
# Binary embeddings



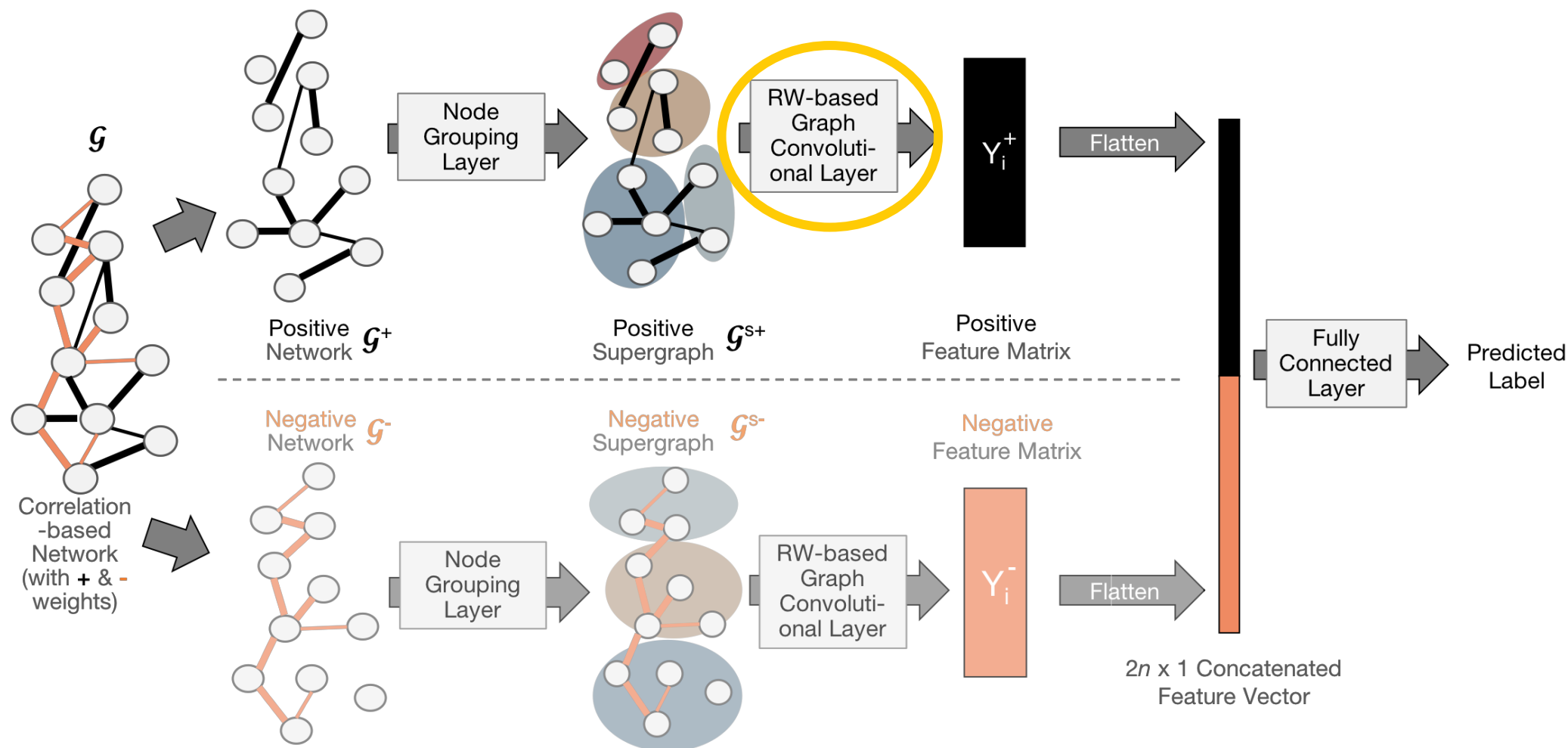
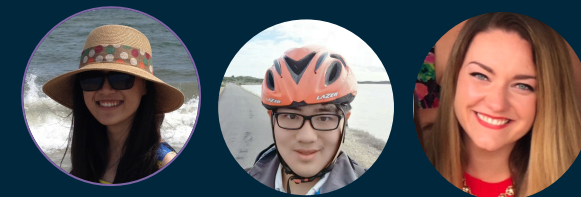
## Ideas



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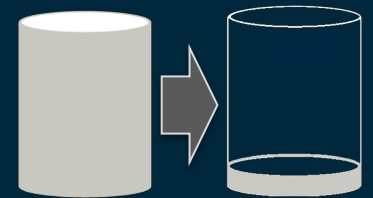
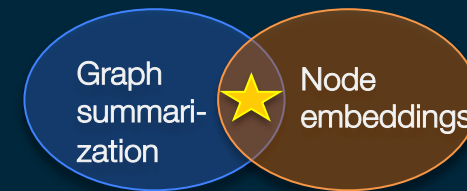


# GroupINN Architecture for Network Classification

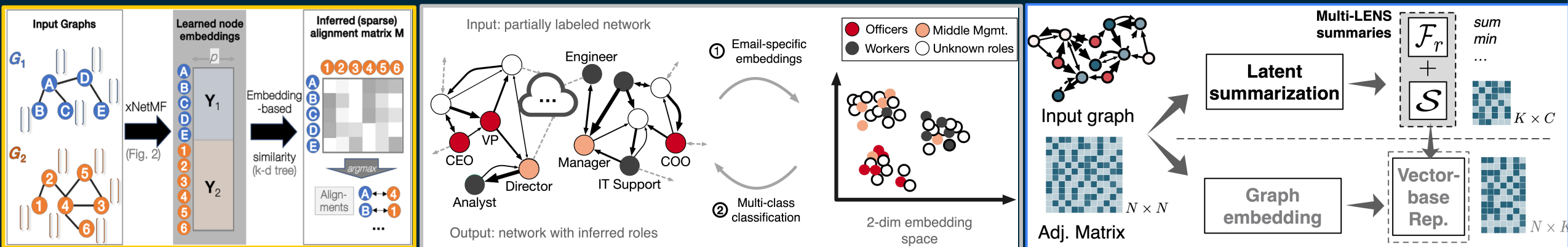


# Take-away Messages

- Structural embeddings are **less studied**, but are **appropriate / necessary in several tasks**
- **Histograms are powerful** in capturing the graph structure
  - ✧ **flexible**, versatile (heterogeneity, attributes, directionality, weights...), less info loss
- **Implicit matrix factorization** allows for speed
- **Summarization** for greater space efficiency
  - ✧ Global and local structures (graph summarization)
  - ✧ Individual element encoding (node embeddings)



## Structural Embeddings in Large-scale Networks



<https://github.com/GemsLab/REGAL>



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