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Differential Deep Learning on Graphs and its Applications

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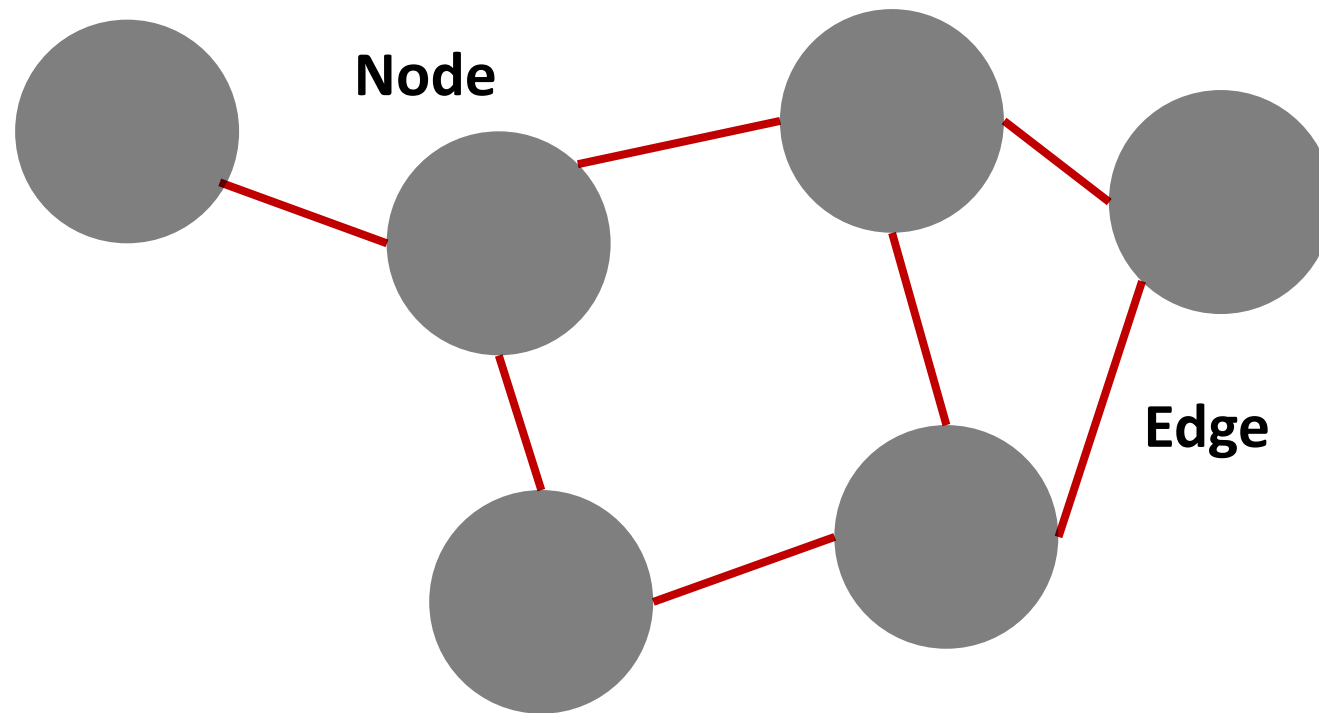
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Graph

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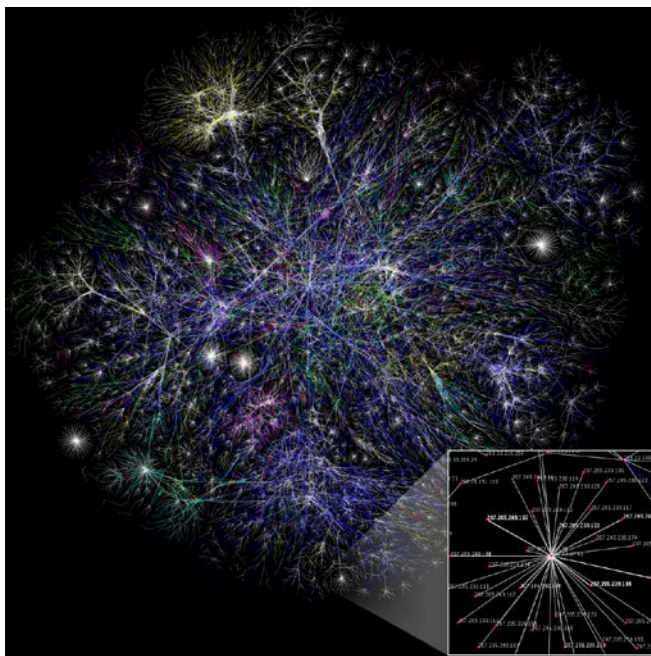
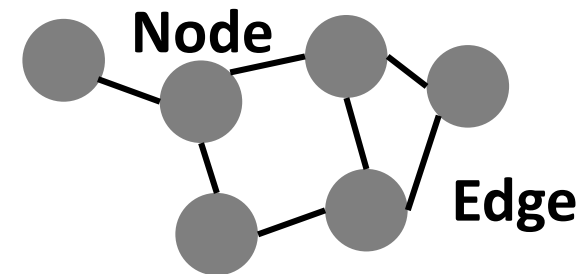
❑ **Network**



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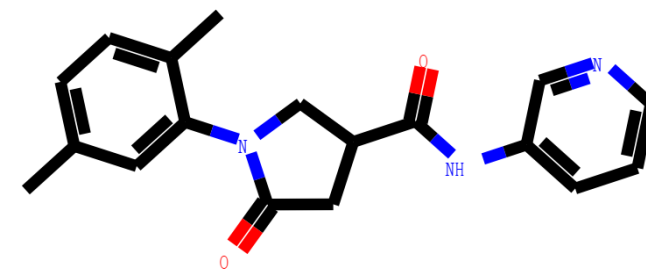
- E.g.: Internet, social networks, molecules, etc.



Node: IPs, Edge: Hyperlinks



Node: users, Edge: Social links



Node: Atoms, Edge: Bonds

Internet Images from

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Differential Equations

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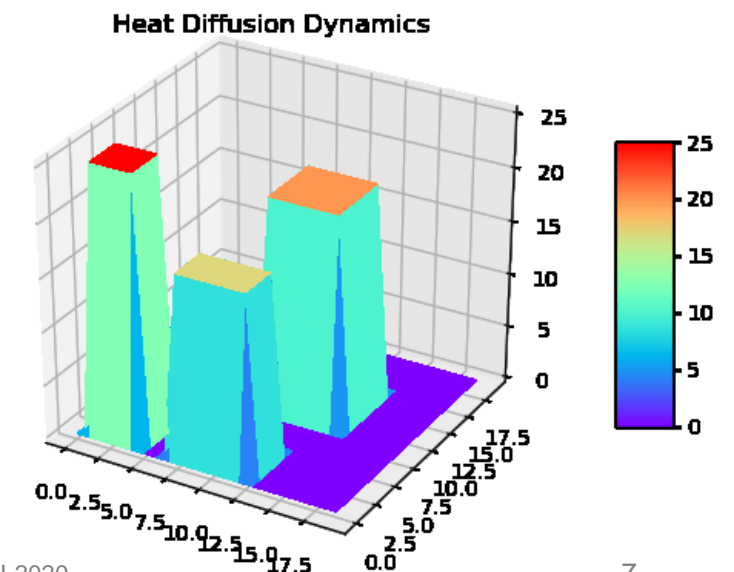
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□ Differential Equation System

○ A system of differential equations

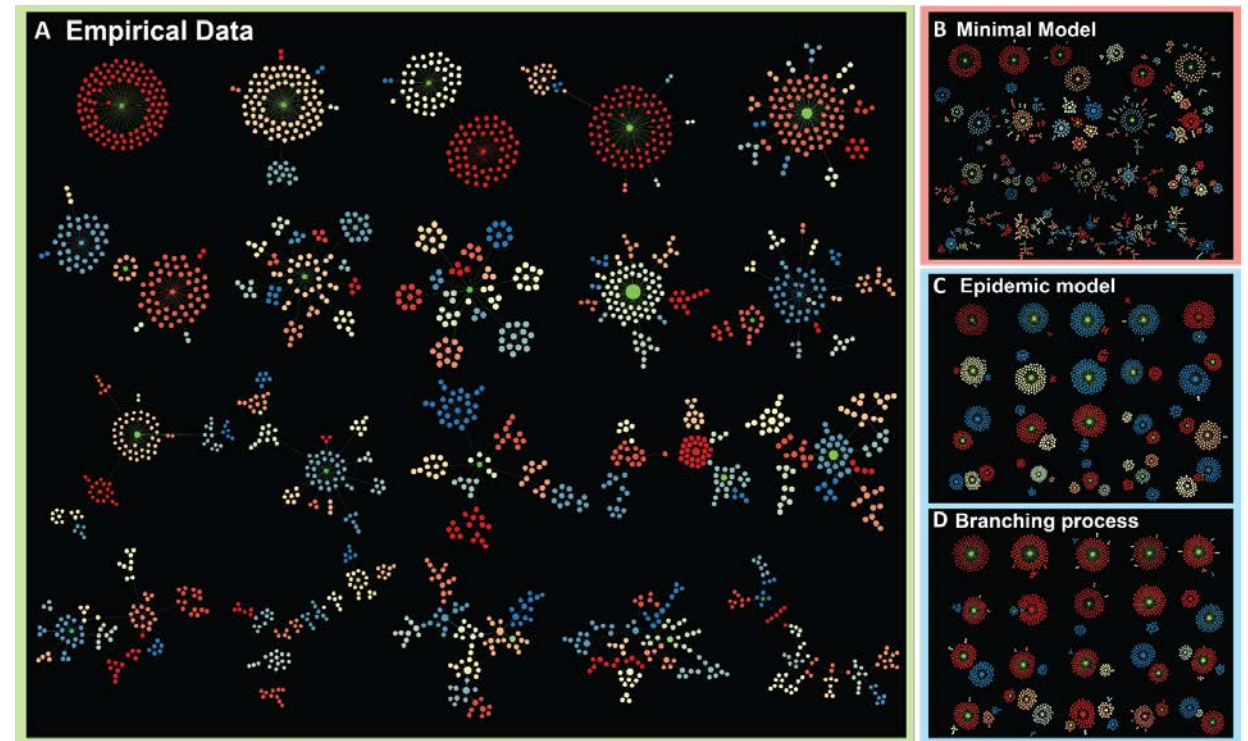
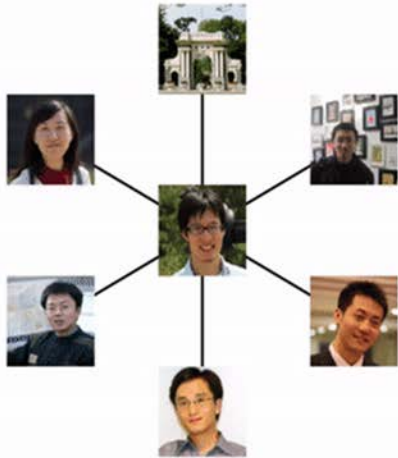
○ Newton's law of cooling: $\frac{dX}{dt} = -kLX$

❖ Laplacian matrix: $L=D-A$, A : adjacency matrix



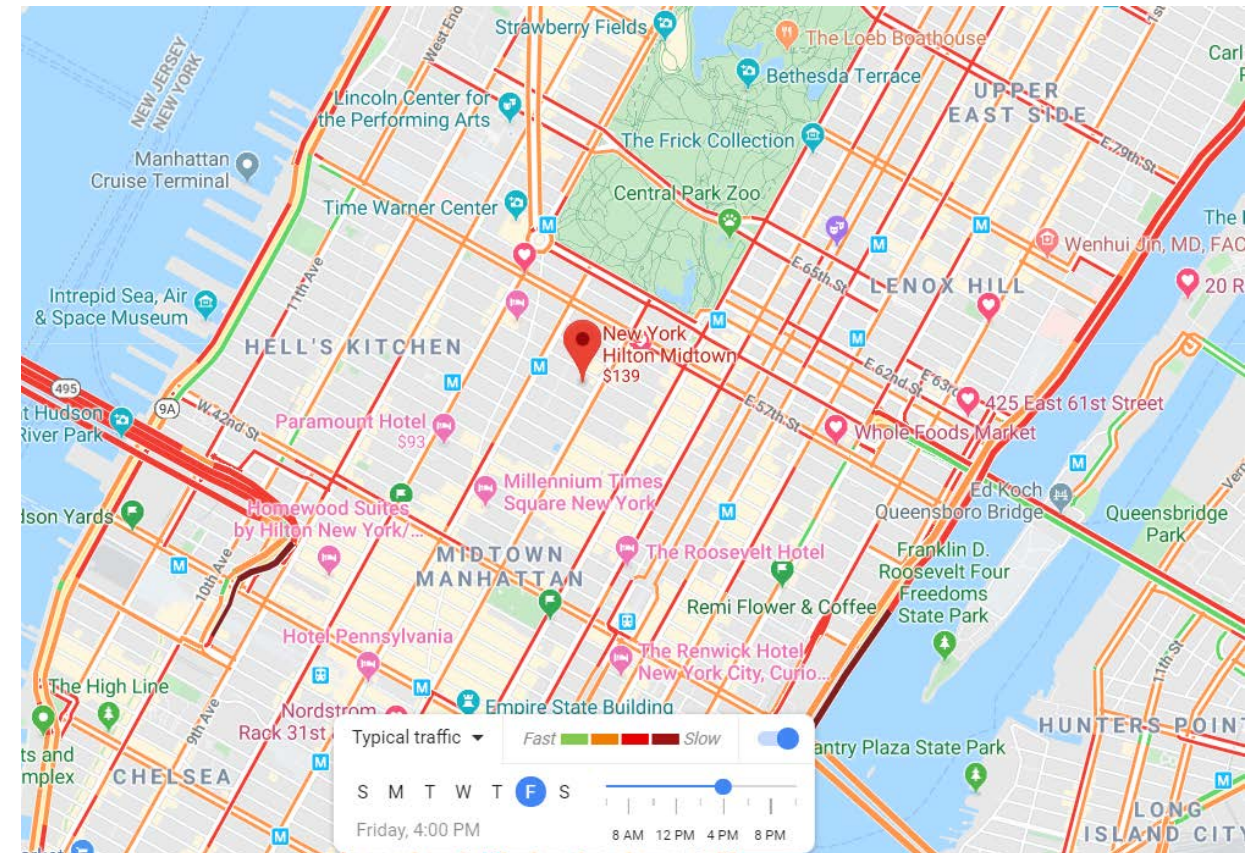
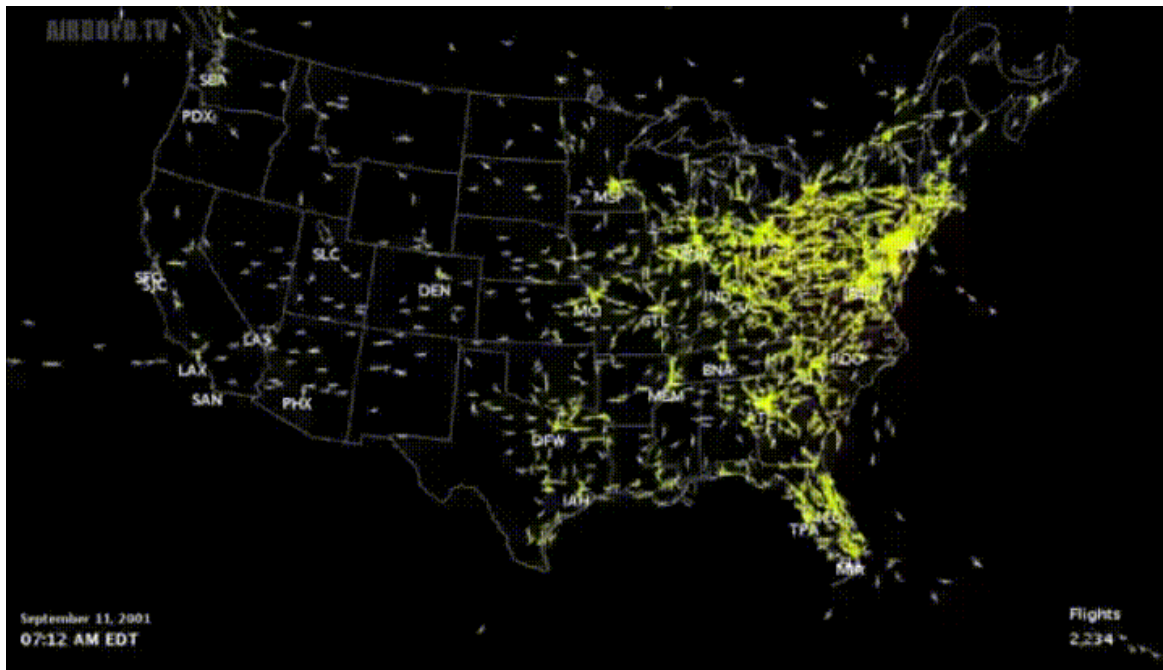
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- ❑ Question (Social network analysis): How does information spread in social networks? How does information flow form complex structural patterns?



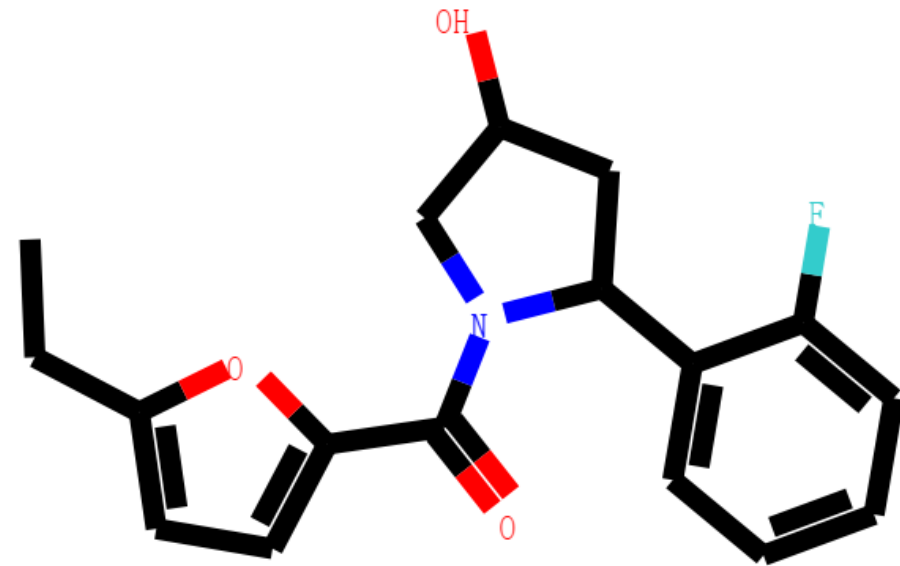
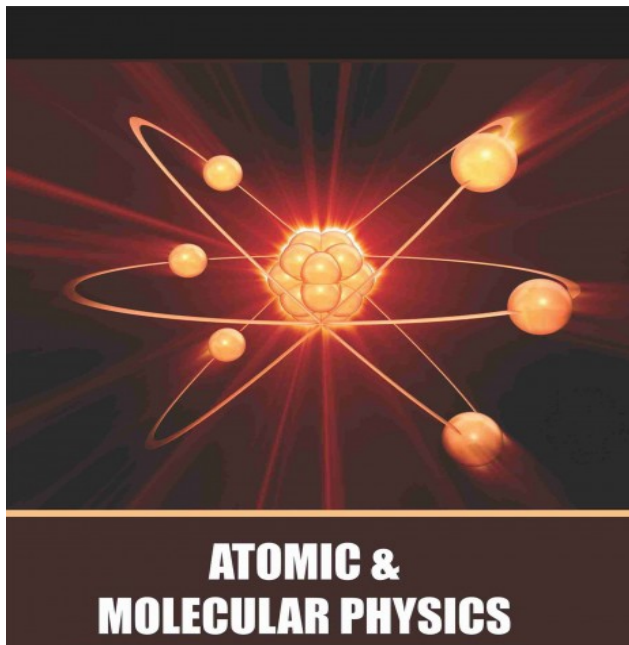
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❑ Question (Urban computing): Can we predict and control traffic flows on road networks?



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- ❑ Question (Drug discovery): Can we predict molecular properties? Can we design novel drug molecule with optimized properties?



Differential Deep Learning on Graphs

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- ❑ **Inspired by the differential equations, we can design and analyze deep models**

Residual Net. → Differential Equations

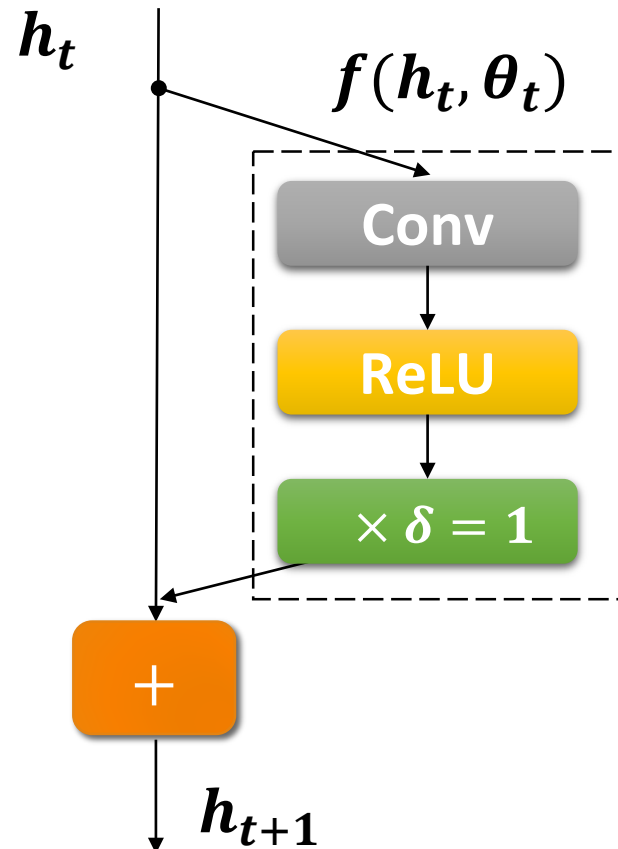
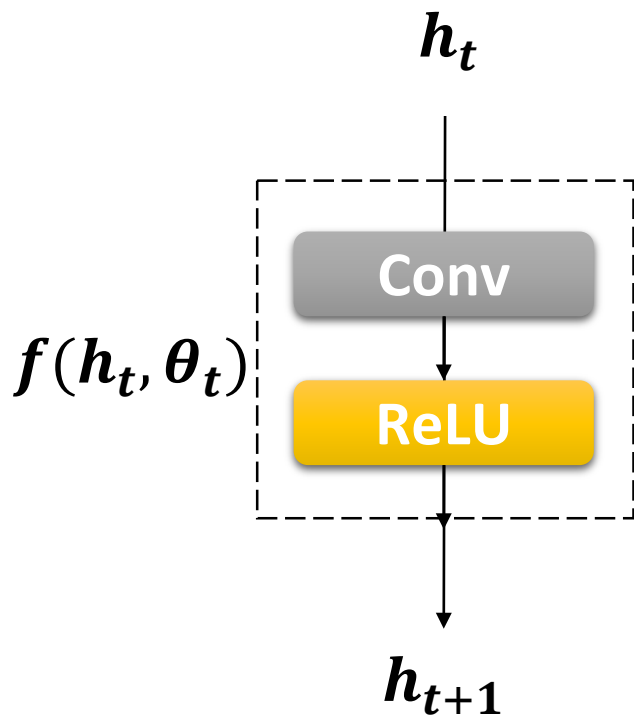
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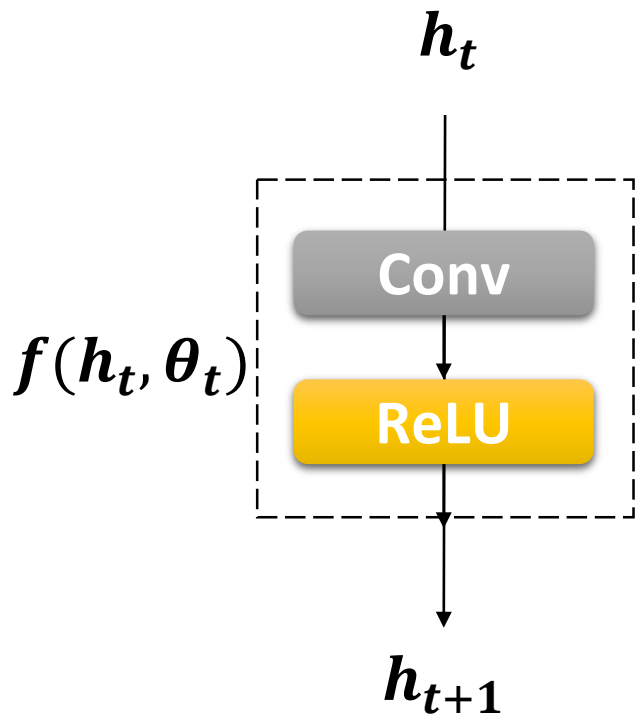
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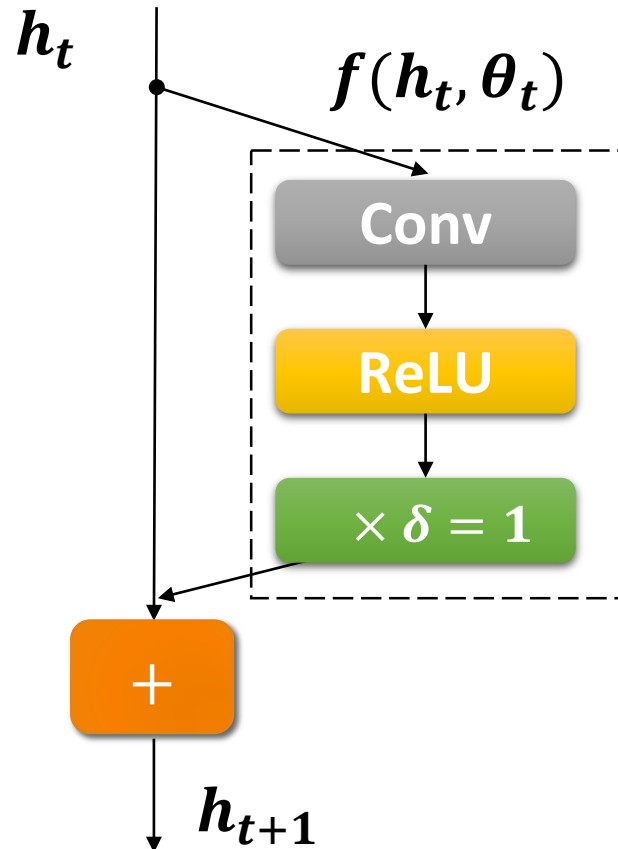
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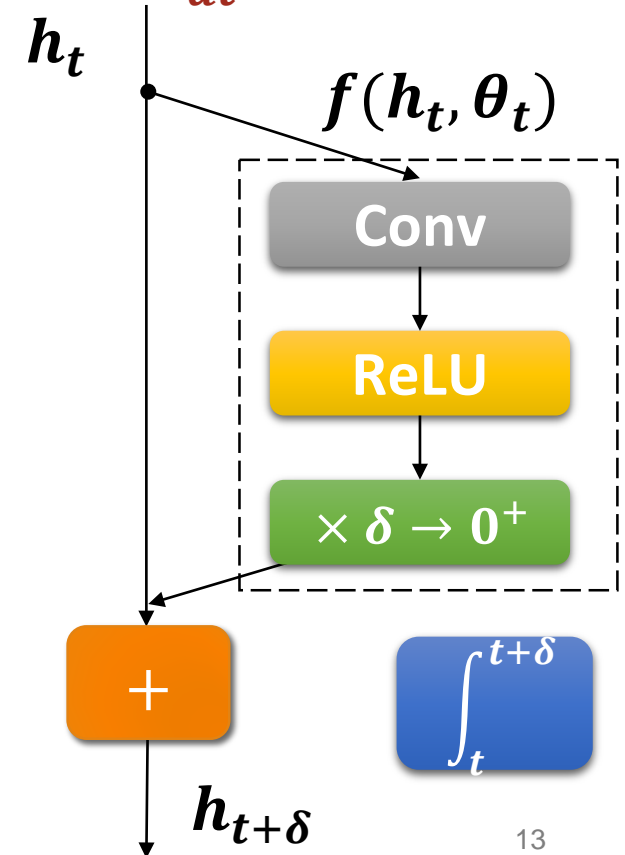
$$\frac{h_{t+1} - h_t}{\delta} = f(h_t, \theta_t), \delta = 1$$



Differential Equation Net.

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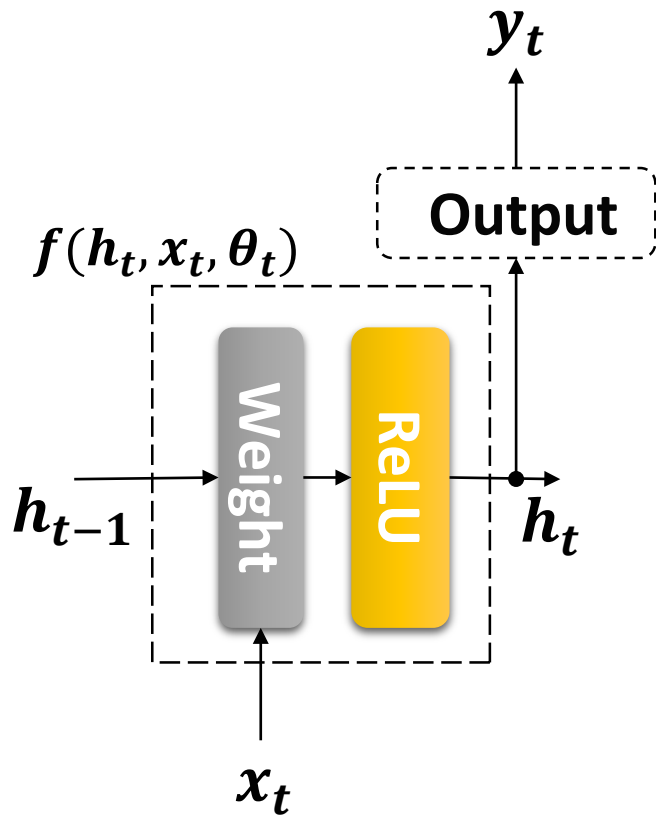
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RNN → Differential Equations

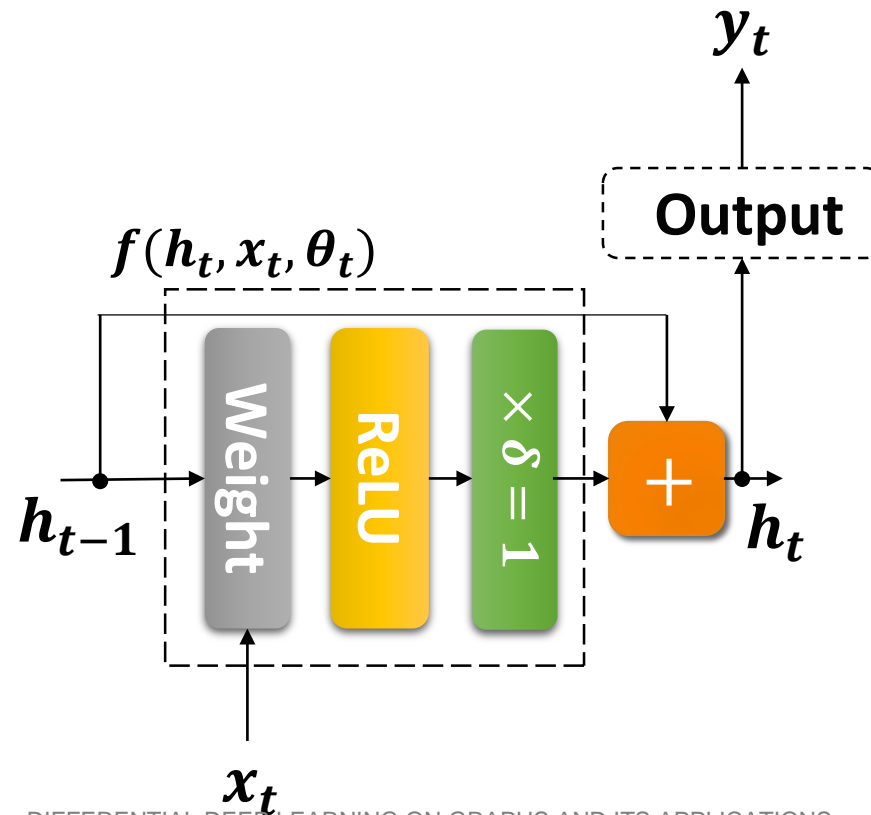
RNN

$$h_t = f(h_{t-1}, x_t, \theta_t)$$
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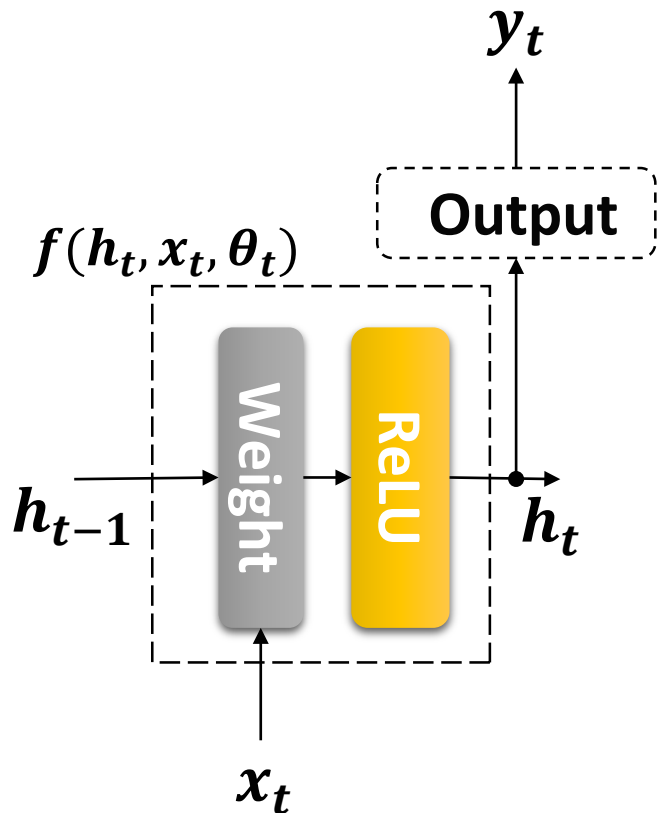


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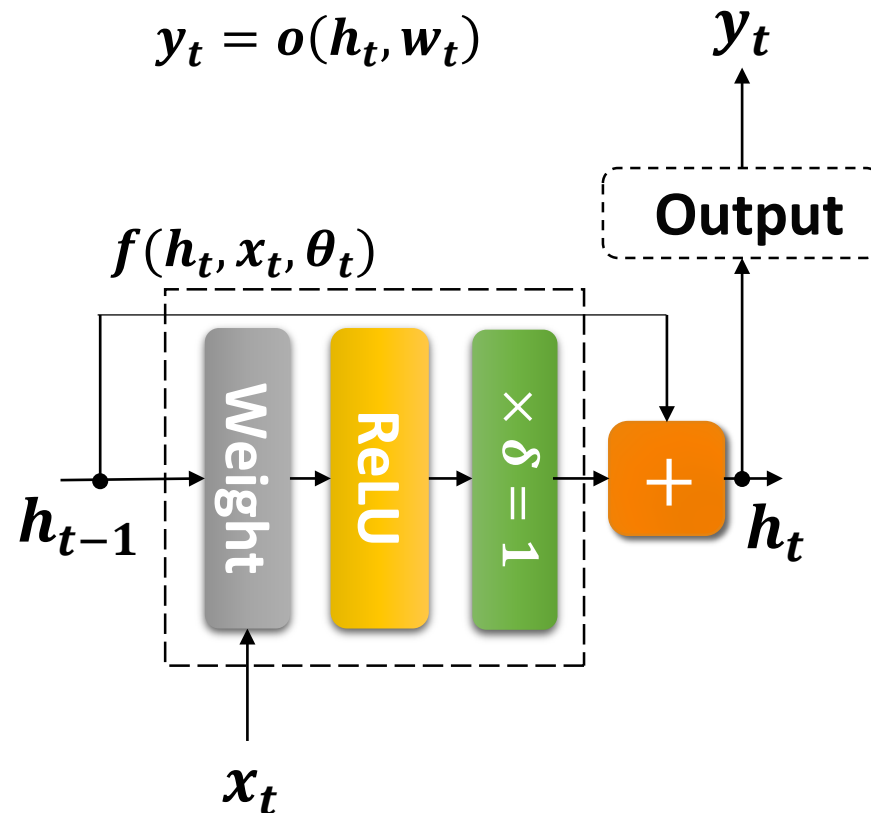


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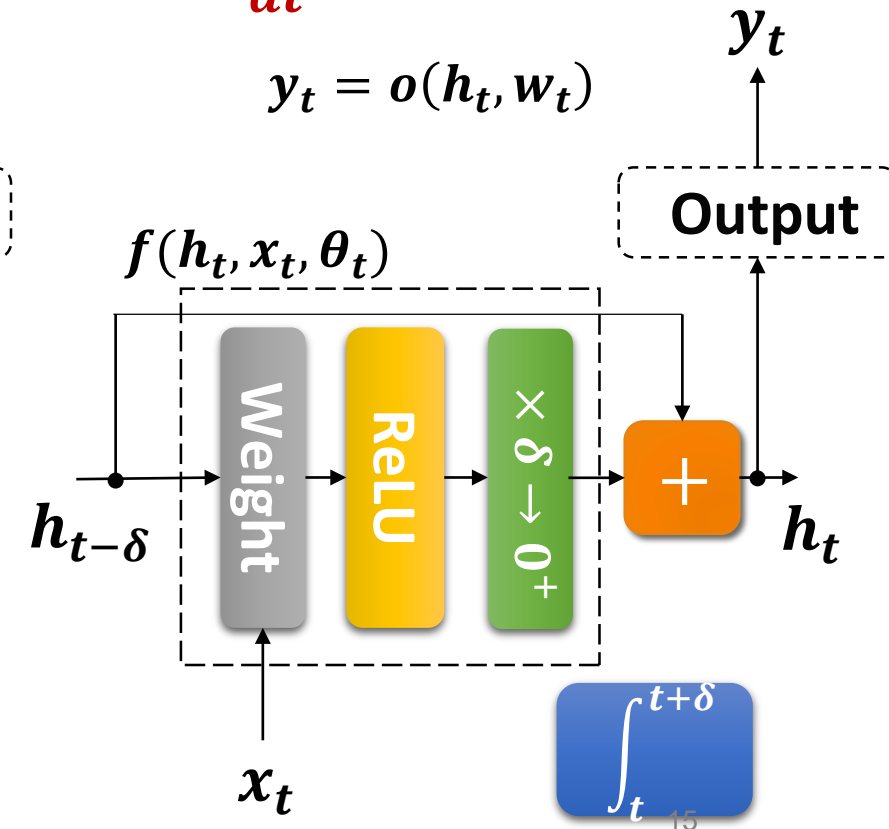


Differential Equation RNN

$$h_t = h_{t-\delta} + \int_{t-\delta}^t f(h, x, \theta, \tau) d\tau$$

$$\frac{dh_t}{dt} = f(h_t, x_t, \theta_t)$$

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Normalizing flow \rightarrow Differential Equations

□ An invertible generative model

- Goal: $X \sim P(X)$

□ Inference: $Z = f_\theta(X)$

- From complex to simple

□ Generation: $X = f_\theta^{-1}(Z)$

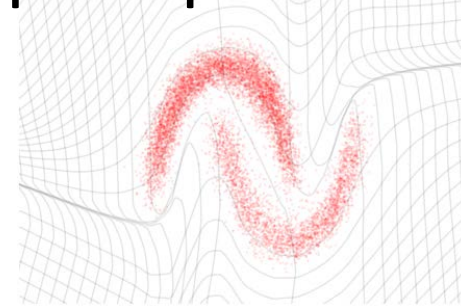
- Generate complex by invertible mapping

□ $\log P(X) = \log P(Z) + \log \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f_\theta}{\partial Z} \right) \right|$

- Change of variable formula

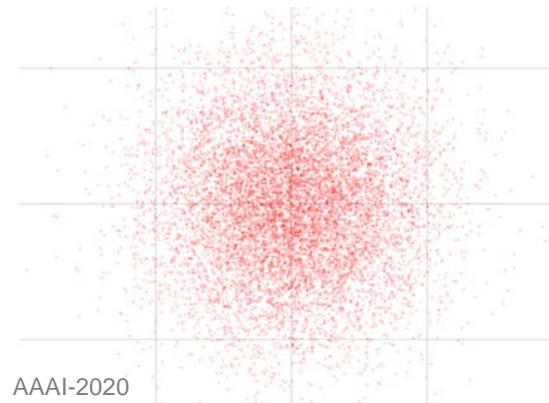
- Exact maximum likelihood training

$P(X)$:
Complex empirical distribution



Inference \downarrow \uparrow Generation

$P(Z)$:
Simple latent distribution



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□ Flow

- Inference: $Z_{t+1} = f_{\theta}(Z_t)$, Generation: $Z_t = f_{\theta}^{-1}(Z_{t+1})$
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□ Residual Flow

- Inference: $Z_{t+1} = Z_t + \delta f_{\theta}(Z_t)$, Generation: $Z_t = (I + \delta f_{\theta})^{-1}(Z_{t+1})$, $\delta=1$
- $\log P_M(Z_t) = \log P_Z(Z_{t+1}) + \log \left| \det\left(\frac{\partial(I+\delta f_{\theta})}{\partial Z}\right) \right|$

□ Differential Eq. Flow

- Inference: $\frac{dZ(t)}{dt} = f_{\theta}(Z, t)$, Generation: $Z(0) = Z(t) - \int_0^t f_{\theta}(Z, \tau) d\tau$
- $\frac{d \log P(Z(t))}{dt} = -\text{tr}\left(\frac{df}{dZ(t)}\right)$

An example: NICE v.s. Differential NICE

□ NICE or RealNVP

- splitting dimensions + residual flow updated alternately

□ Split:

- $X = (X_1, X_2)$
- $Z = (Z_1, Z_2)$

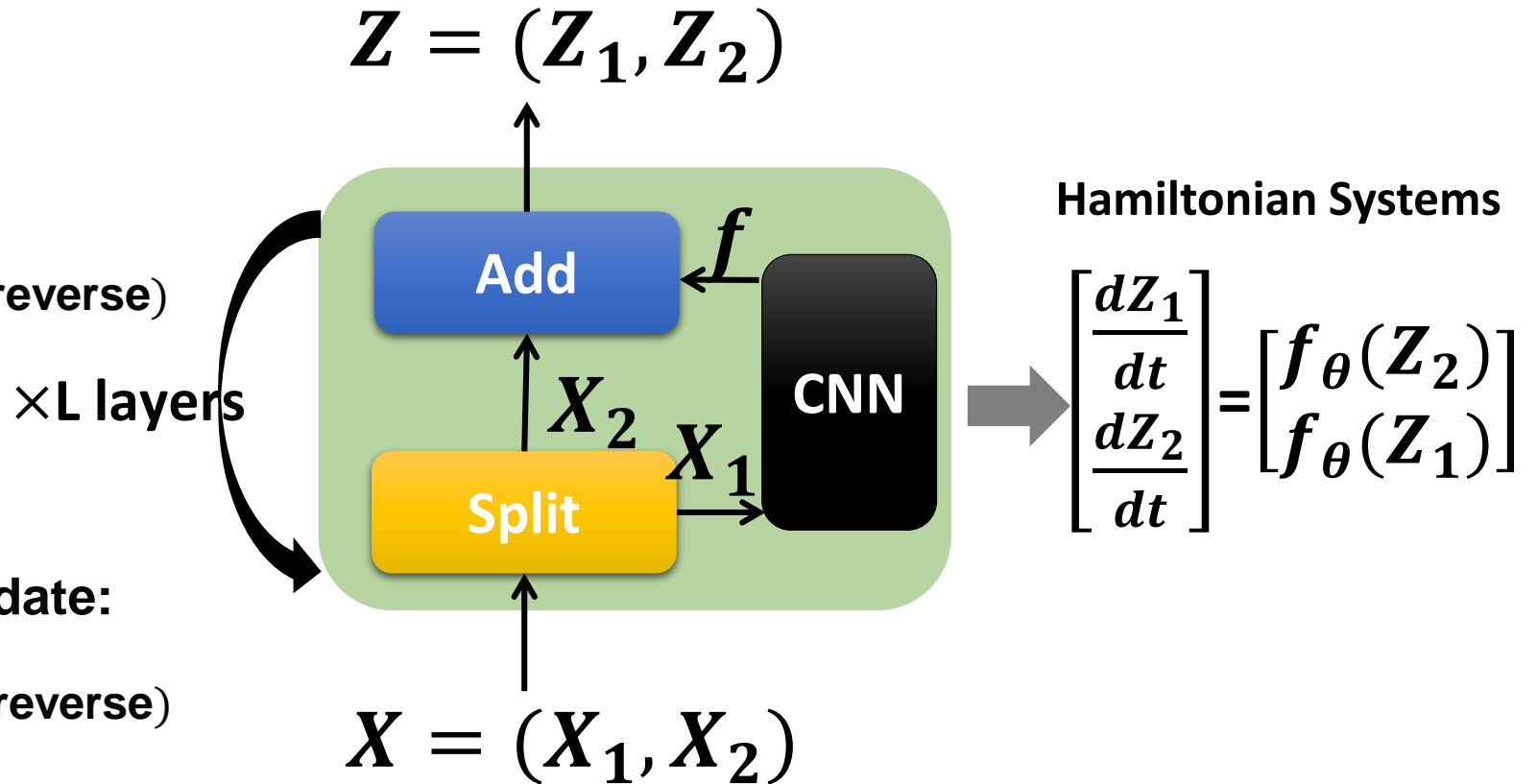
□ Add:

- $Z_1 = X_1$ (save information for reverse)
- $Z_2 = X_2 + f_\theta(X_1)$ (Residual)
- Reverse mapping:
 - ❖ $X_1 = Z_1$
 - ❖ $X_2 = Z_2 - f_\theta(Z_1)$

□ Next layer by alternating update:

- $Z_1 = X_1 + f_\theta(X_2)$ (Residual)
- $Z_2 = X_2$ (save information for reverse)

□ ...



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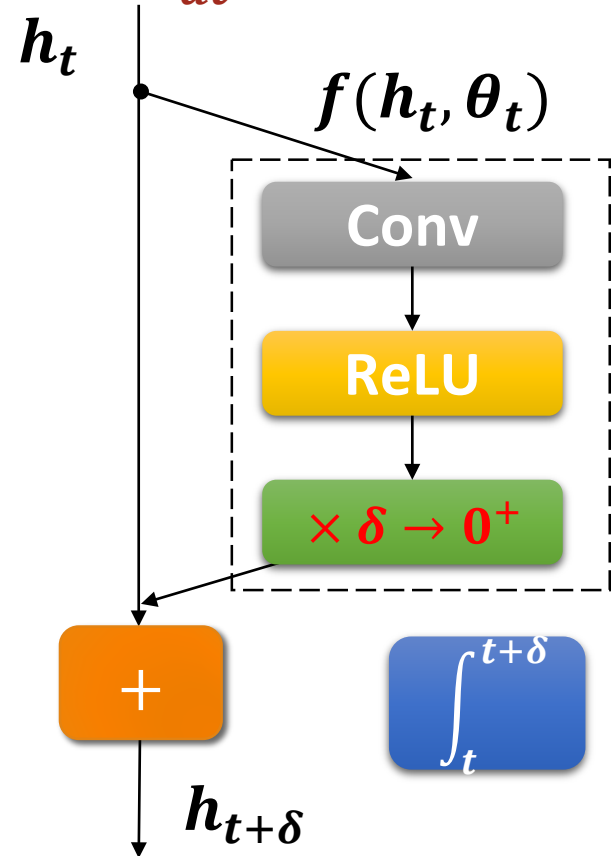
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DEs → DNNS by Numerical Methods

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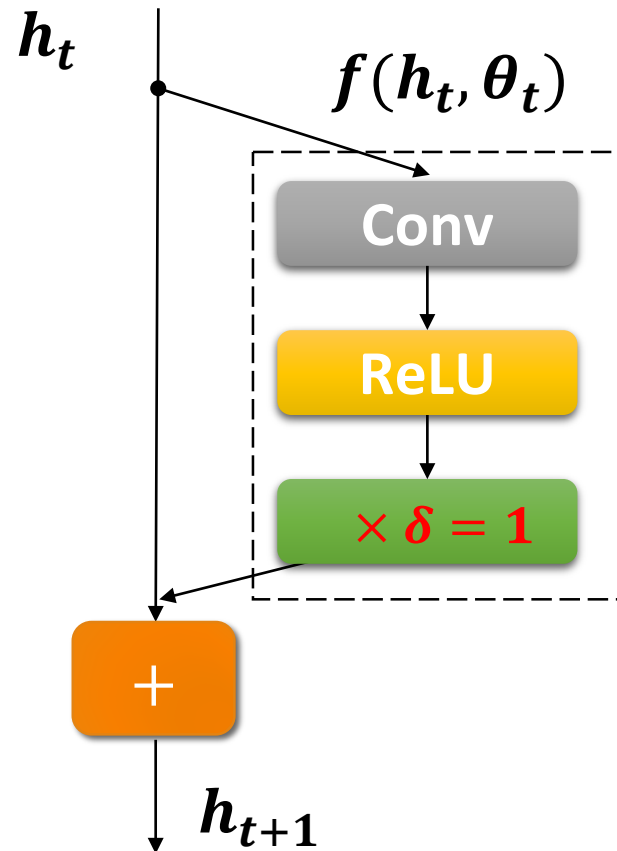


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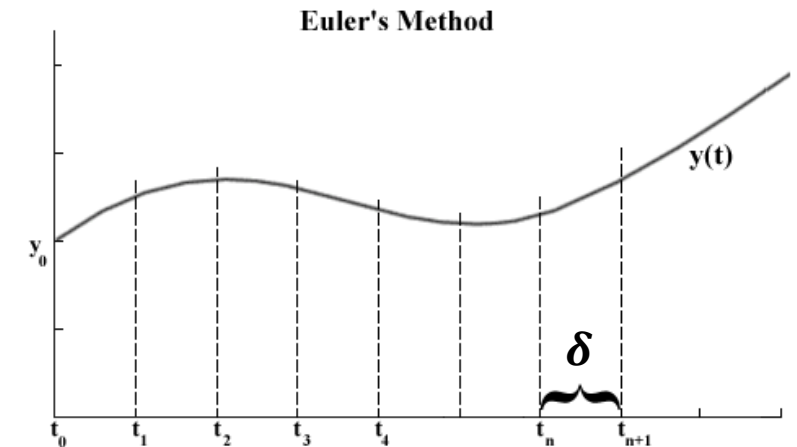
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output = input + step * rate of change



Numerical Methods: Integrating DEs by discretization



$$h_{n+1} = h_0 + \sum_{t=1}^n \delta f(h_t, \theta_t)$$

Gif image from
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Why Such Connections

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- Analysis

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- Design
 - ❖ There are many dynamical systems and differential equations.
 - ❖ Discretization of continuous time-varying dynamics → Deep Neural Networks
 - ❖ DNNs implemented by modern auto-differentiation softwares are more flexible, expressive and efficient
- Generative models and Invertible structures

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- ❑ **Graphs and Differential Equations are general tools to describe structures and dynamics of complex systems**
- ❑ **Inspired by the Differential Equations, we can design and analyze Deep Models**
- ❑ **For applications on graphs (our focus), including:**
 - Molecular graph generation
 - Learning dynamics on graphs
 - Mechanism discovery

in a data-driven manner

Molecular Graph Generation

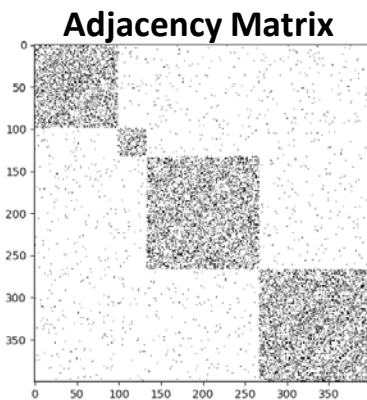
- **Goal:** To generate novel molecules with optimized properties
- **Graph Analysis tasks**
 - Graph generation: $G \sim P(G)$
 - Graph property prediction: $f(G)$
 - Graph optimization: $G \rightarrow G'$ and maximizing $f(G') - f(G)$



Learning Dynamics on Graphs

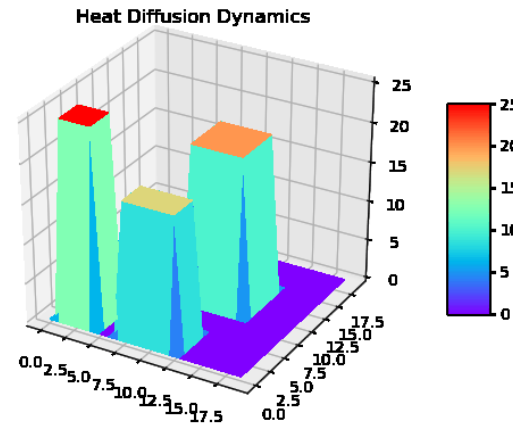
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 - Continuous-time network dynamics prediction $X(t)$
 - Structured sequence prediction $X[t + k]$
 - Node classification/regression $Y(X)$

Graph



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Dynamic Process



Dynamics of each nodes

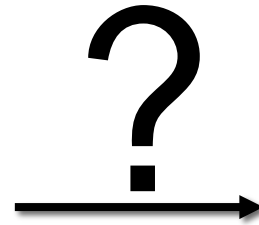
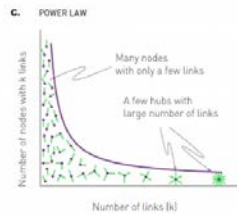
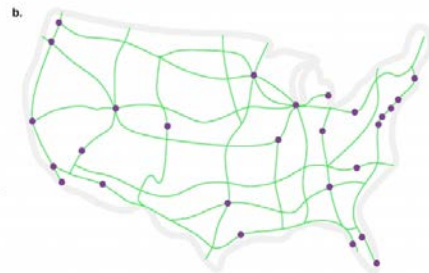
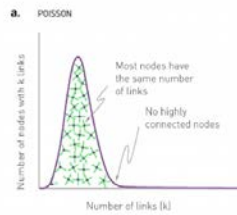


Mechanism Discovery

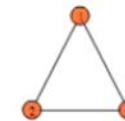
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□ **Graph Analysis tasks**

- Density estimation vs. mechanism discovery
- Data-driven discovery of differential equations



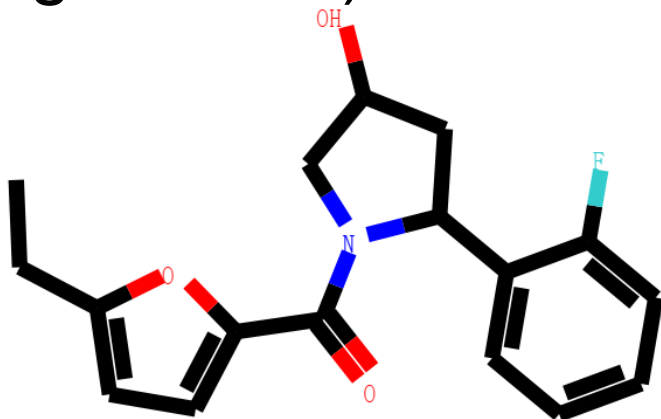
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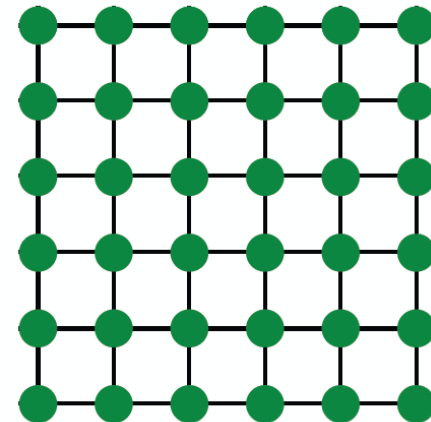
Why Is It Hard?

❑ Complex combinatorial structures of graphs

- Due to complex combinations of node and edge sets
- Nodes and edges can have multiple types
 - ❖ Node types: C, H, O, etc., Edge types: single, double, triple bond.
- Complexity: the scale of drug-like graphs $\sim 10^{60}$
- Deep models are majorly designed for regular grid structures (image or text)



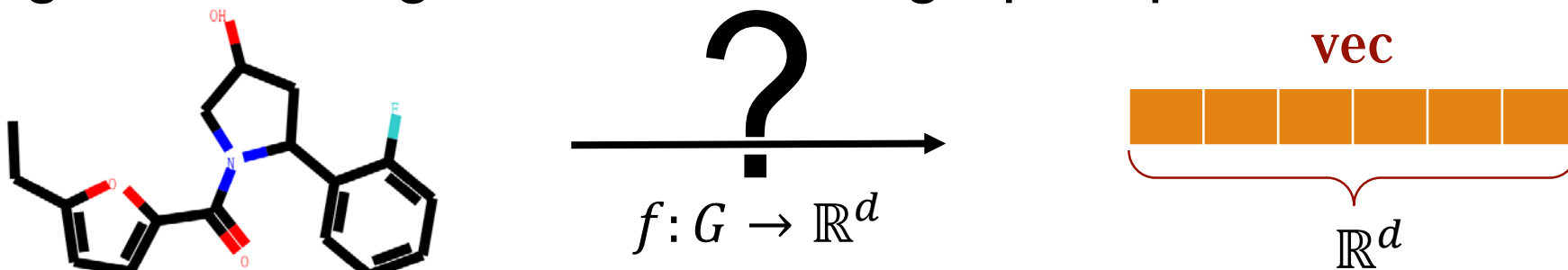
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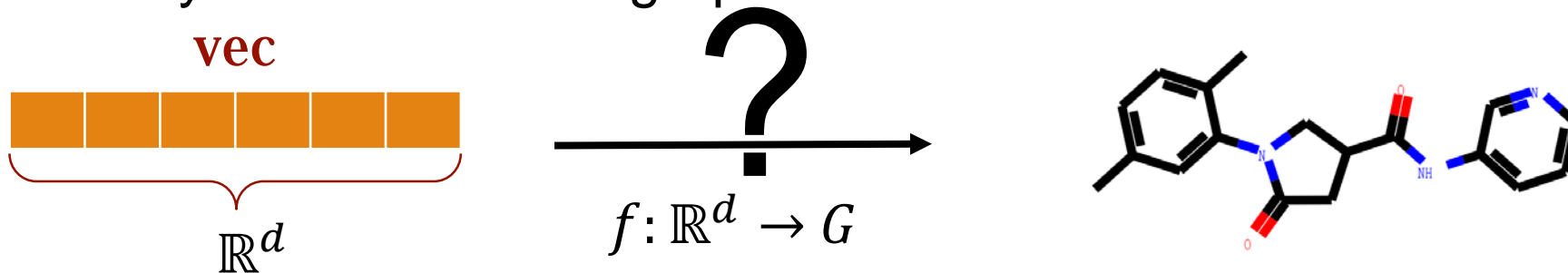
□ Encoding graph is hard, Decoding graph is much harder

- Encoding, embedding, inference with graph input



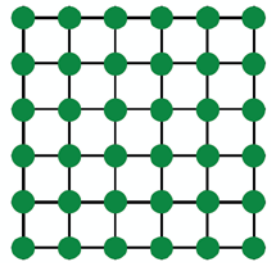
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- ❖ E.g. Chemically valid molecular graphs

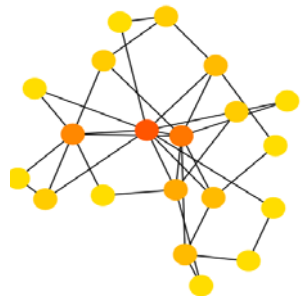
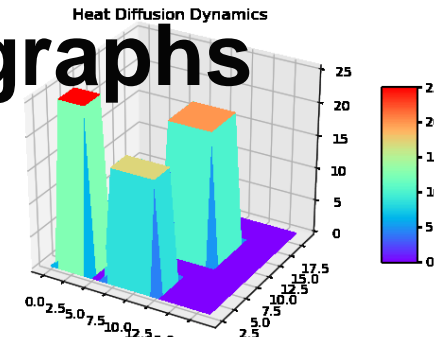
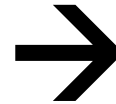


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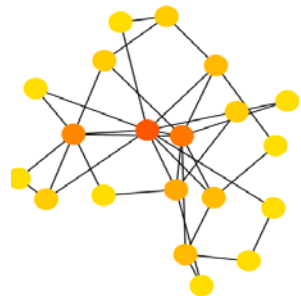
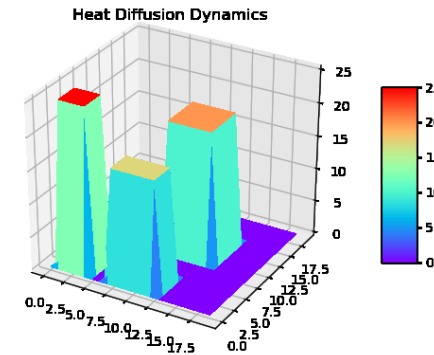
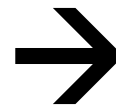
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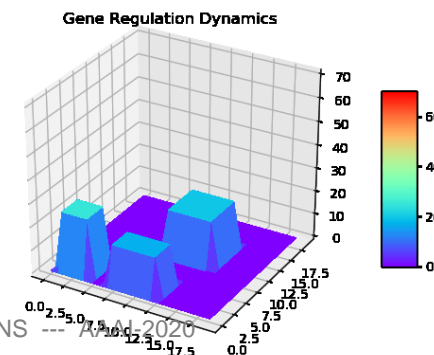
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$f(X(t), G, \theta, t)$



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