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# Differential Deep Learning on Graphs and its Applications

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# This Tutorial

- ❑ **Molecular Graph Generation:** to generate novel molecules with optimized properties
  - Graph generation
  - Graph property prediction
  - Graph optimization
- ☑ **Learning Dynamics on Graphs:** to predict temporal change or final states of complex systems
  - Continuous-time dynamics prediction
  - Structured sequence prediction
  - Node classification/regression
- ❑ **Mechanism Discovery:** to find dynamical laws of complex systems
  - Density Estimation vs. Mechanism Discovery
  - Data-driven discovery of differential equations



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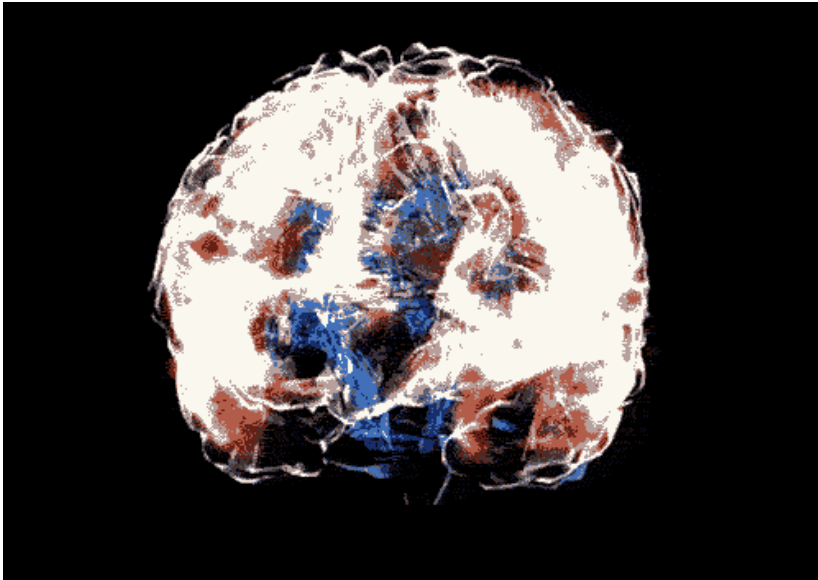
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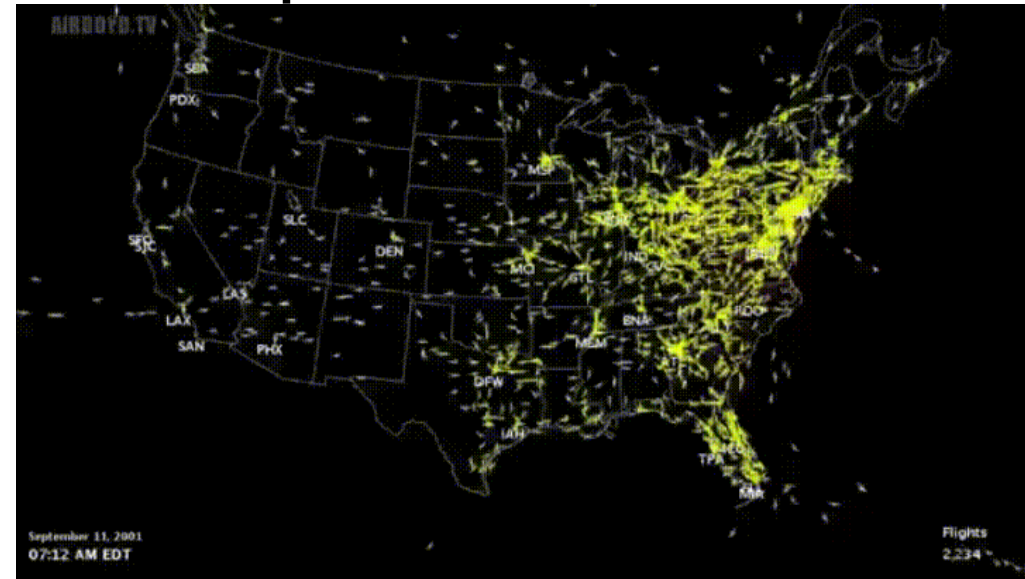
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# Structures and Dynamics of Complex Systems

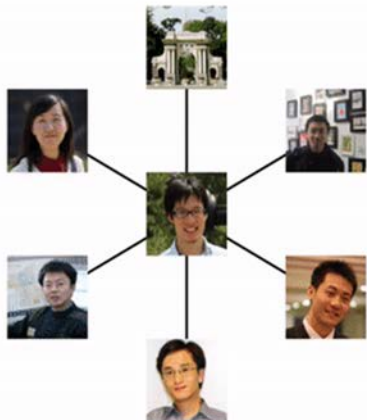
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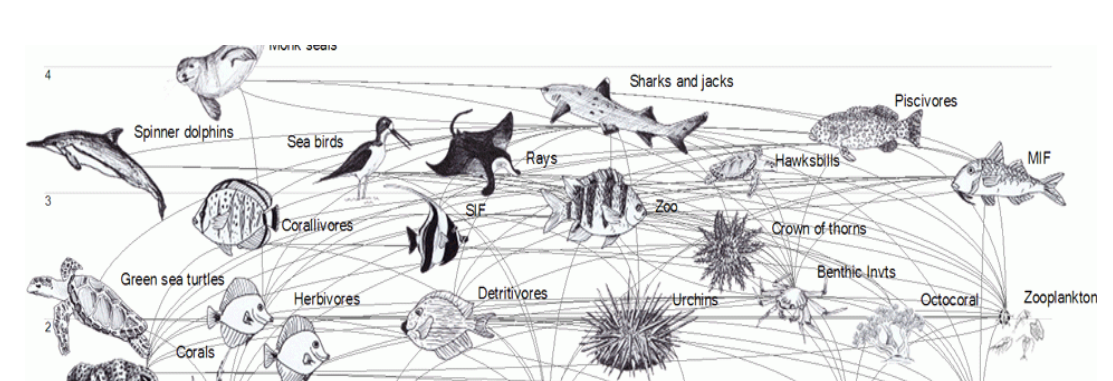
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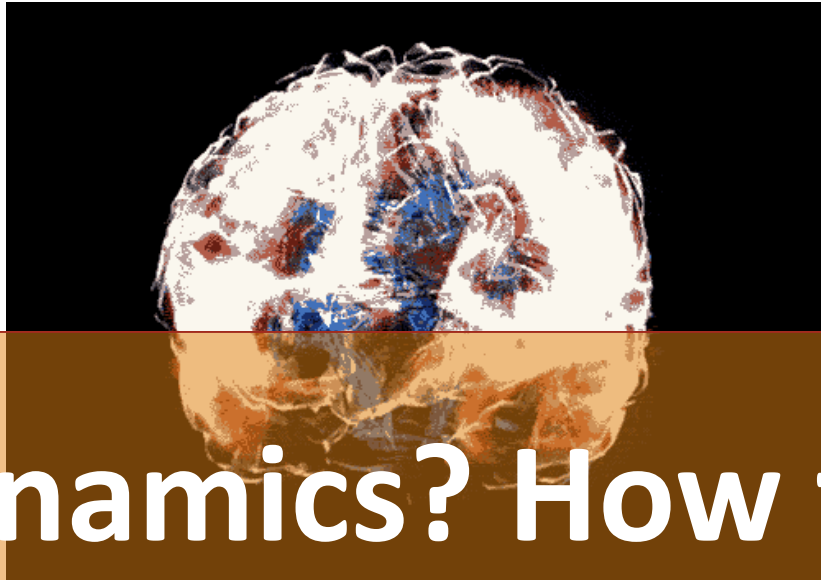


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# Problem: Learning Dynamics of complex systems

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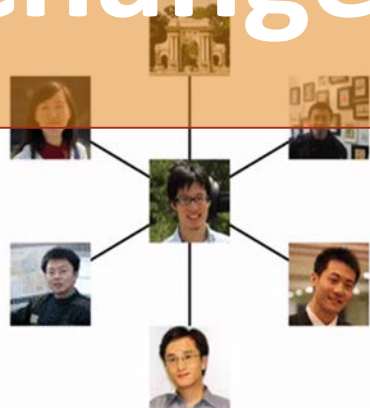


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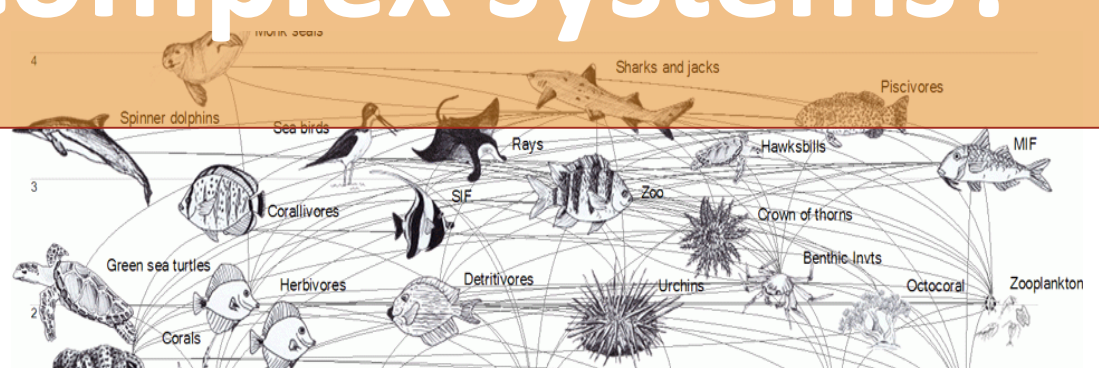


Dynamics? How to predict the temporal change of these complex systems?

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# Problem: Math Formulation

## □ Learning Dynamics on Graph

- Dynamics of nodes:  $X(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n*d}$  at  $t$ , where  $n$  is number of nodes,  $d$  is number of features,  $X(t)$  changes over continuous time  $t$ .
- Graph:  $G = (V, E)$ ,  $V$  are nodes,  $E$  are edges.
- How dynamics  $\frac{dX(t)}{dt} = f(X(t), G, \theta, t)$  change on graph?

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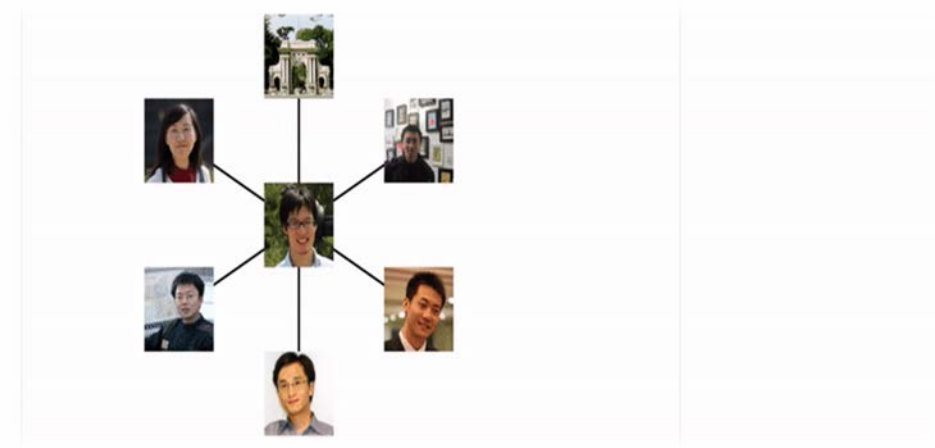
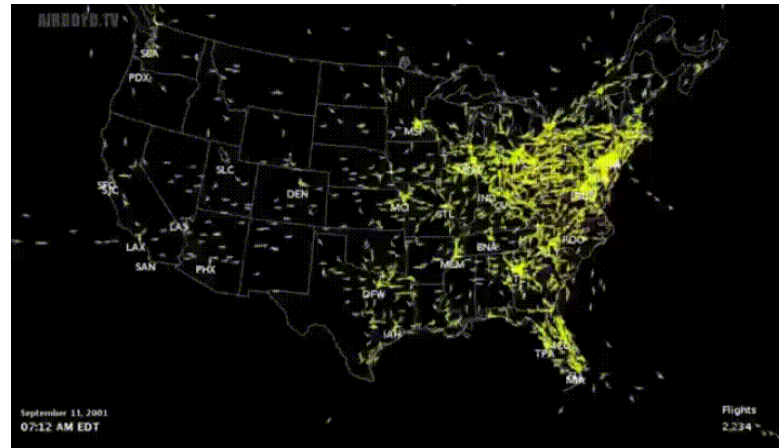
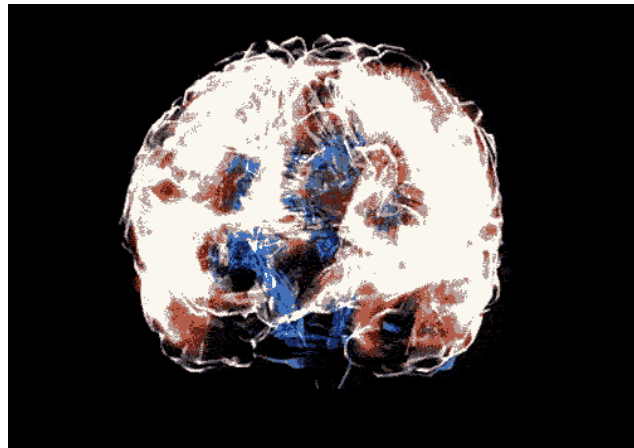
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# Why Dynamics Matter?

- To understand, predict, and control real-world dynamic systems in engineering and science.
  - Brain dynamics, traffic dynamics, social dynamics



# Challenges: Dynamics of Complex Systems

## ❑ Complex systems:

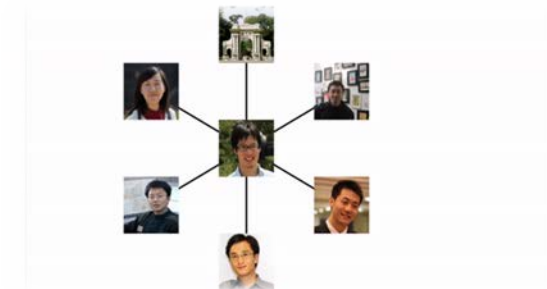
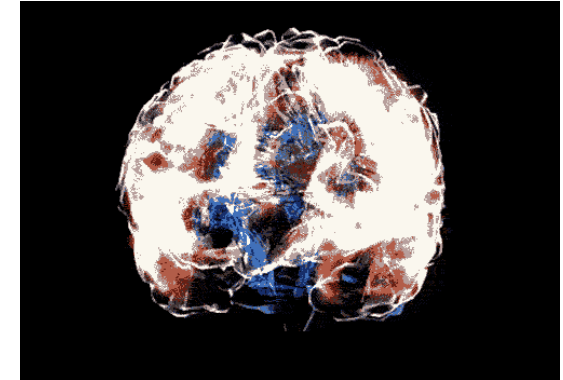
- High-dimensionality and Complex interactions
- $\geq 100$  nodes,  $\geq 1000$  interactions

## ❑ Dynamics:

- Continuous-time, Nonlinear

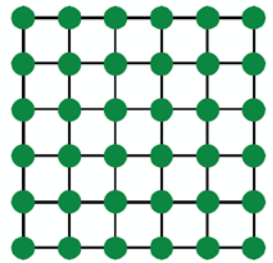
## ❑ Structural-dynamic dependencies:

- Difficult to be modeled by simple mechanistic models

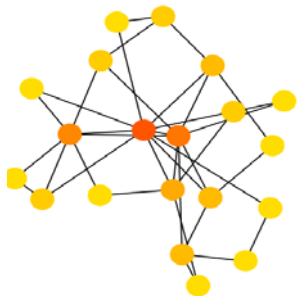
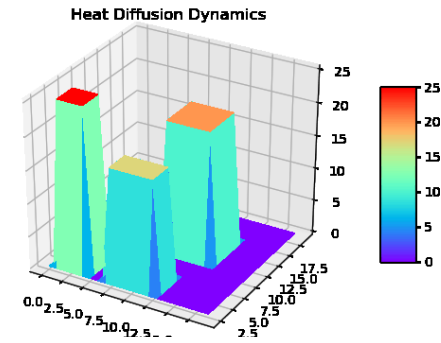
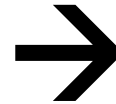


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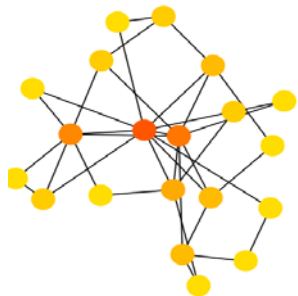
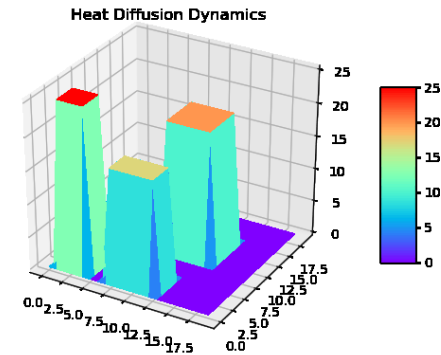
## □ Examples of dynamics on graphs



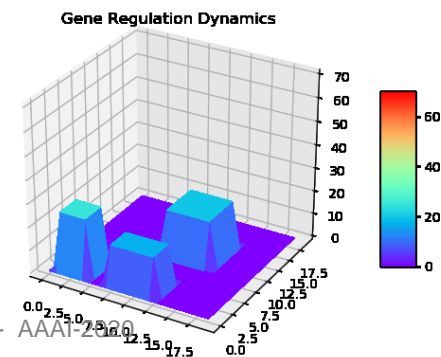
+ Linear Dynamics



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+ Non-Linear Dynamics



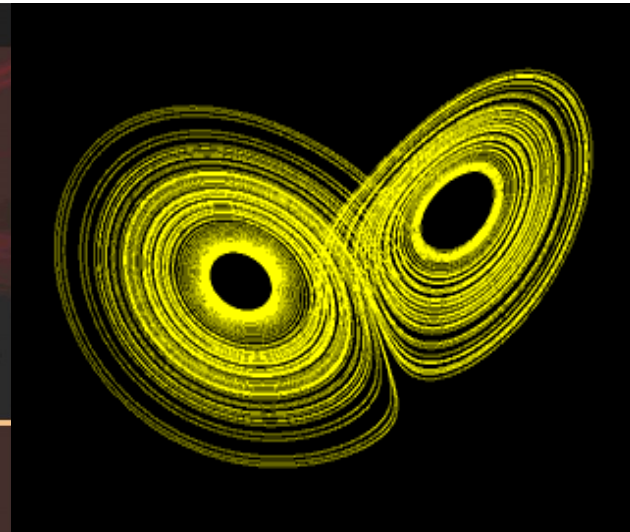
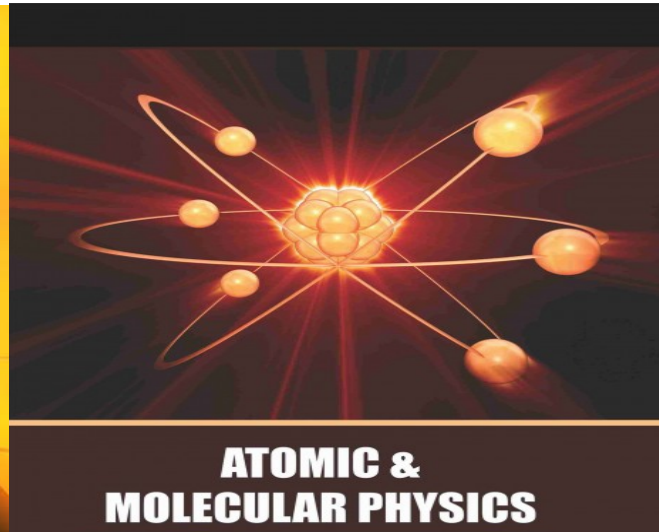
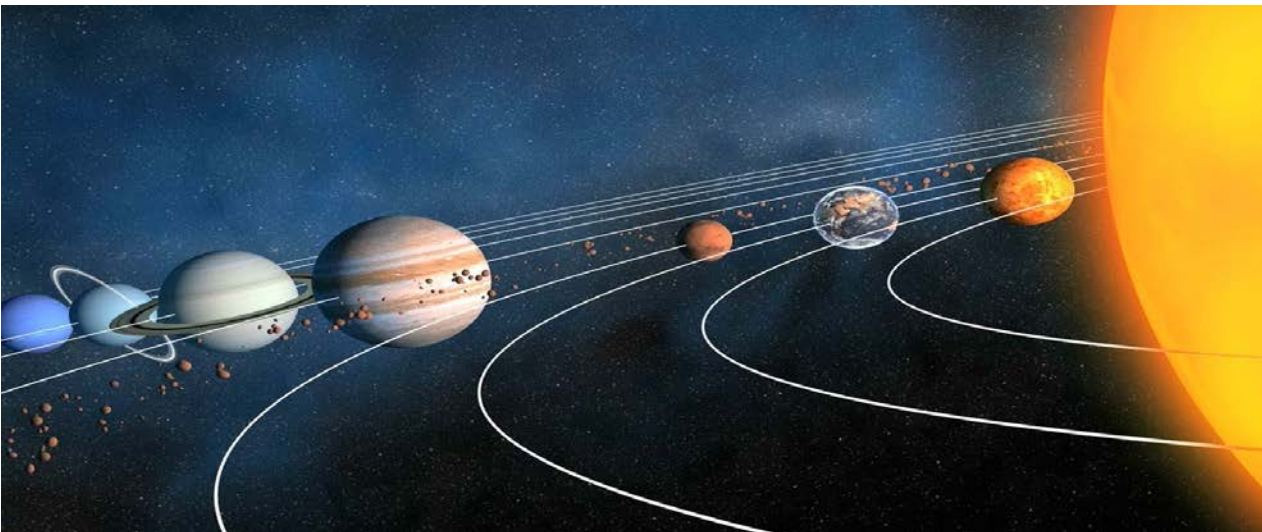
$f(X(t), G, \theta, t)$



# Related Works 1: Learning Continuous Time Dynamics

## □ To learn continuous-time dynamics

- A clear knowledge of the mechanisms, small systems, few interaction terms, first principle from physical laws, mechanistic models,



**Macro:**  $F = \frac{d(mv)}{dt}$

**Micro:**  $i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \left[ \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\mathbf{r}, t) \right] \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)$

**Chaos:**  $\frac{dx}{dt} = \sigma(y - x),$   
 $\frac{dy}{dt} = x(\rho - z) - y,$   
 $\frac{dz}{dt} = xy - \beta z.$

# Data-driven Dynamics for Small Systems

## □ Data-driven discovery of ODEs/ PDEs

- Sparse Regression
- Residual Network
- Etc.

## □ Small systems!

- <10 nodes & interactions
- Combinatorial complexity
- Not for complex systems

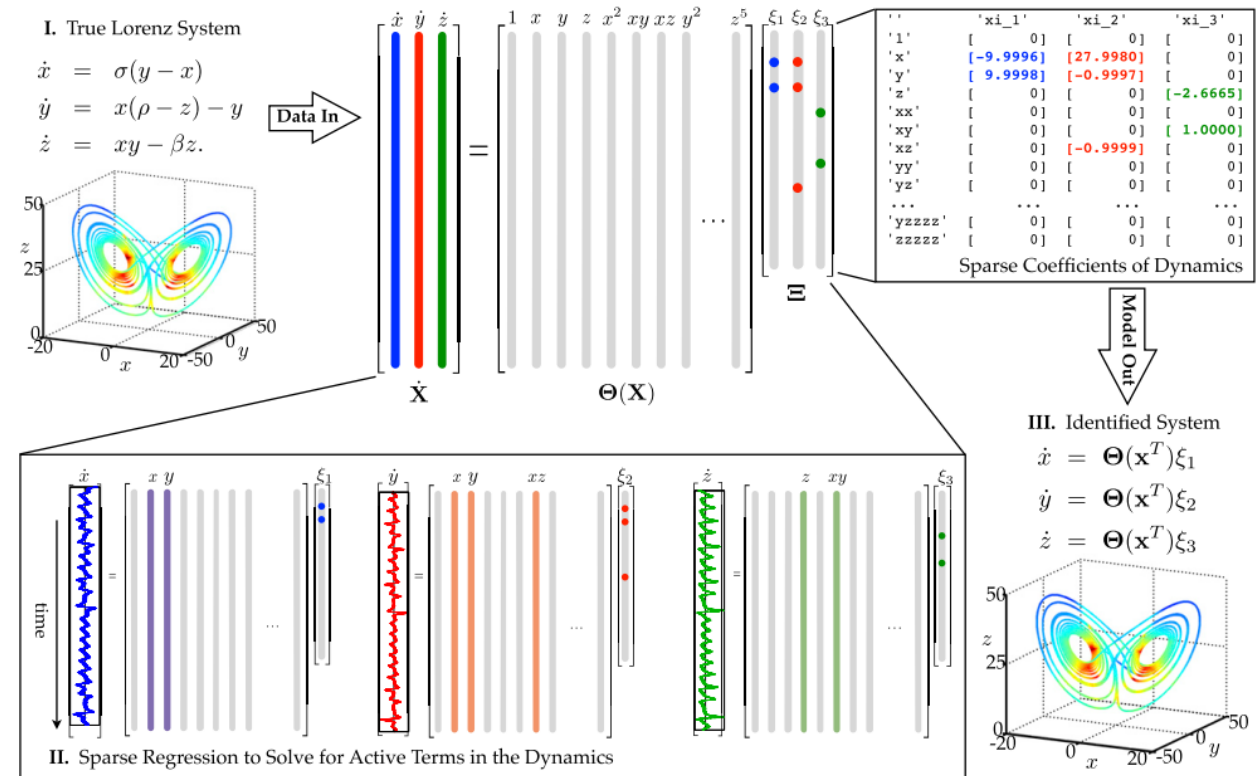


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# Related Works 2: Structured Sequence Learning

## ❑ Defined characteristics

- Dynamics on graphs are regularly-sampled with same time intervals

## ❑ Temporal Graph Neural Networks

- RNN + CNN
- RNN + GNN
  - ❖  $X[t+1]=\text{LSTM}(\text{GCN}([t], G))$

## ❑ Limitations:

- Only ordered sequence instead of continuous physical time

# Related Works 3: Node (Semi-supervised) Classification/Regression

## □ Defined characteristics

- One-snapshot features and some labels on graphs
- Goal: to assign labels to each node

## □ Graph Neural Networks

- GCN,
- GAT, etc.

$$Z = f(X, A) = \text{softmax}\left(\hat{A} \text{ReLU}\left(\hat{A}XW^{(0)}\right) W^{(1)}\right)$$

$$\vec{h}'_i = \sigma\left(\frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \alpha_{ij}^k \mathbf{W}^k \vec{h}_j\right)$$

## □ Limitations

- 1 or 2 layers
- Lacking a continuous-time dynamics view
  - ❖ To spread features or labels on graphs
  - ❖ Continuous-time: more fine-grained control on diffusion

Kipf et al. 2016. [Semi-Supervised Classification with Graph Convolutional Networks](#)

Velickovic et al. 2017. [Graph Attention Networks](#)



# Goal: A Unified Framework for All?

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# Our Ideas

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## □ Differential Equation Systems

- Graphs and Differential Equations are general tools to describe structures and dynamics of complex systems

## □ Deep Learning

- RNN, GNN, Temporal GNN, Res-Net etc. are the state-of-the-art computational tools driven by data

## □ How to leverage Differential equation systems and Deep Learning?

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- Learned as following optimization problem:

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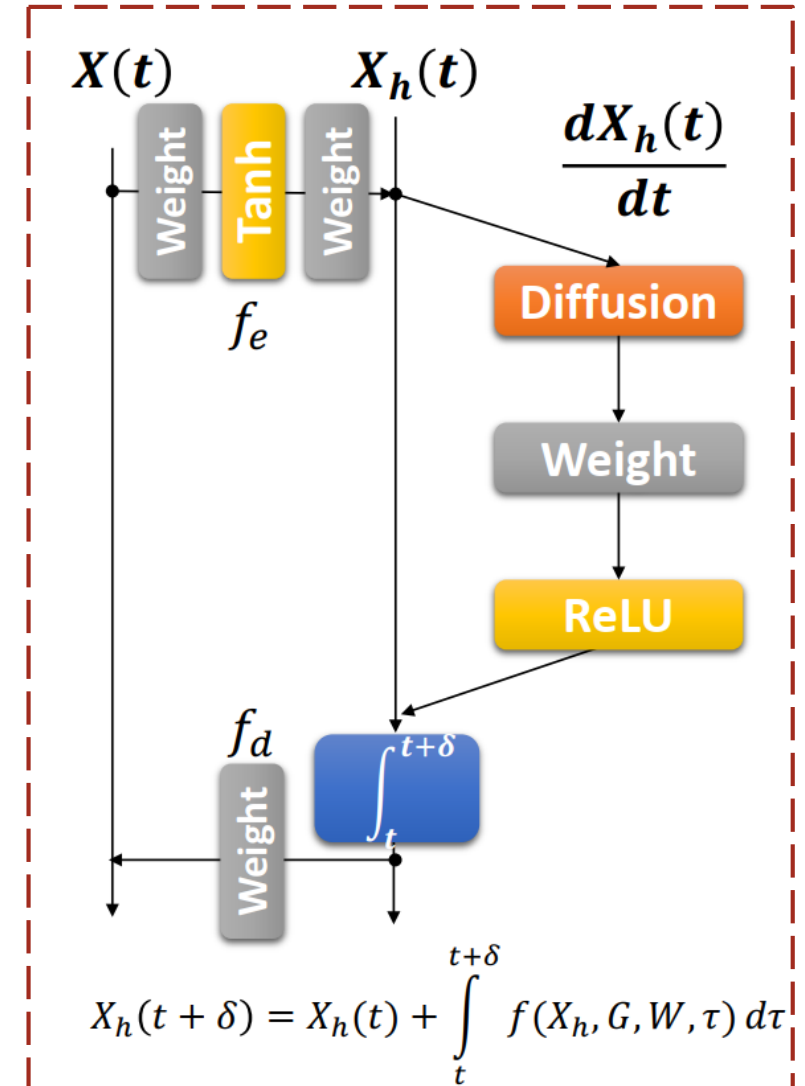
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# Interpretation from Residual Learning

## Deep Learning: $f_*$ is a neural layer

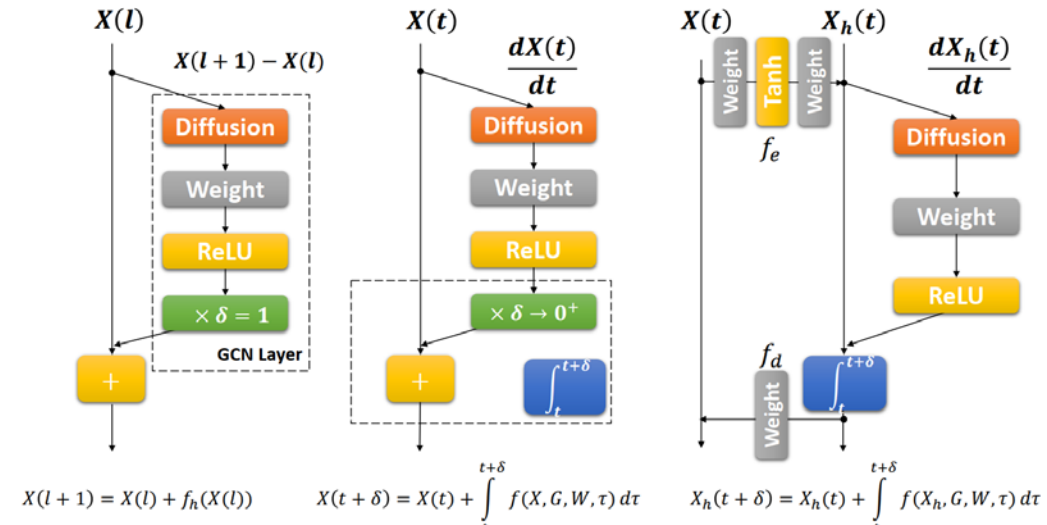
- Each layer:  $X[l + 1] = f_{l+1}(X[l])$
- Deep Model:  $X[L] = f_L \circ \dots \circ f_1(X[0])$ ,

## Residual Learning: deep

- Each layer:  $X[l + 1] = X[l] + f_{l+1}(X[l])$
- Deep Model:  $X[L] = (f_L + I) \circ \dots \circ (f_1 + I)(X[0])$

## Differential Deep Learning:

- Each time moment (“layer”): Instantaneous rate at  $t$ :  $\frac{dX}{dt} = f(X(t))$ 
  - Each Discrete layer vs. continuous time moment
  - Neural mapping vs. Neural Differential Equation Systems
- Continuous-time (“Deep”) Model:  $X(t) = X(0) + \int_0^t f(X(\tau), W, \tau) d\tau$  Integration over continuous-time
  - A sequence of mappings vs. continuous integration
  - Trajectory of dynamics



Residual

DE system

NDCN

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subject to

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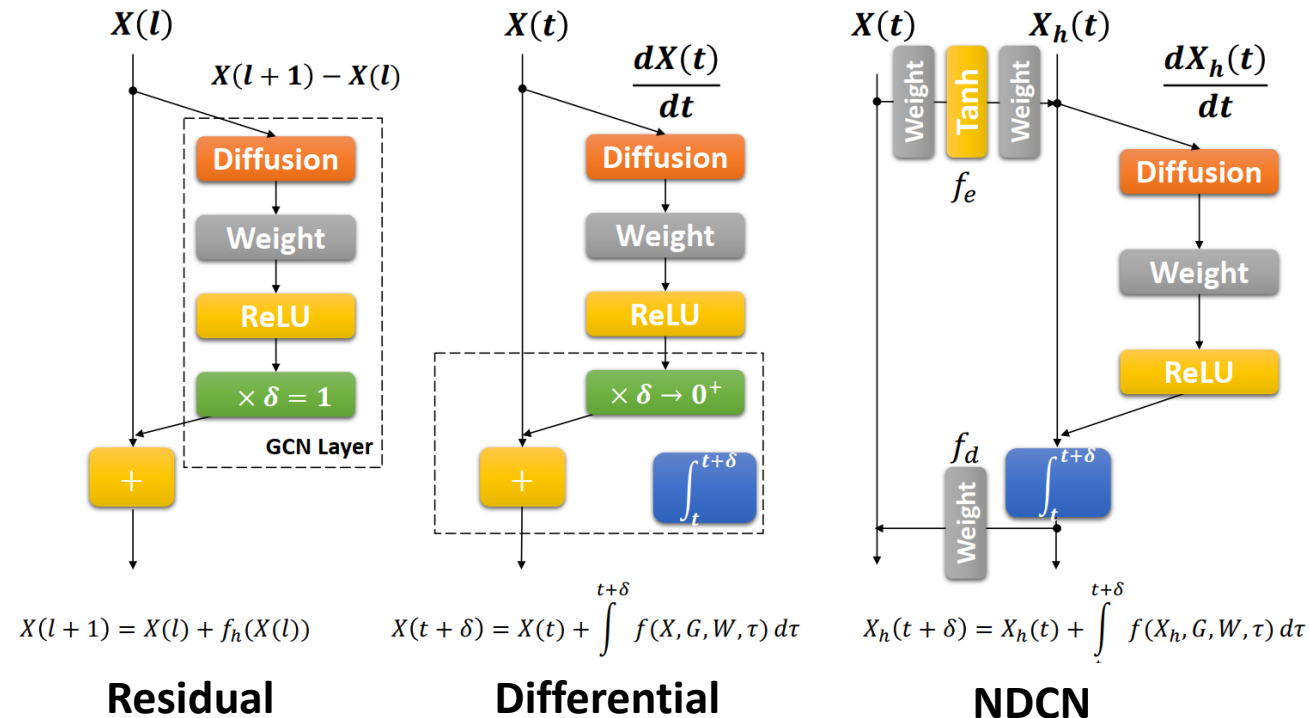
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# Interpretation from Graph Neural Networks

## □ GNN, Residual-GNN, ODE-GNN, NDCN

- GNN:  $X_{t+1} = f(G, X_t, \theta_t)$
- Residual-GNN:  $X_{t+1} = X_t + f(G, X_t, \theta_t)$
- Differential-GNN:  $X_{t+\delta} = X_t + \delta f(G, X_t, \theta_t), \delta \rightarrow 0$   
 $\diamond \frac{dX}{dt} = f(G, X_t, \theta_t)$

## □ Our model is an Differential-GNN with continuous layer with real number depth.



# Interpretation from RNN and Temporal GNN

## □ RNN, Temporal GNN and our model

### ○ RNN or Temporal GNN

$$\diamond h_t = f(h_{t-1}, x_t, \theta_t) \quad \text{or} \quad h_t = f(h_{t-1}, G * x_t, \theta_t)$$

$$\diamond y_t = o(h_t, w_t)$$

### ○ Residual RNN or Temporal GNN with skip connection

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## □ Our model is an Differential GNN

❖ Learning continuous-time network dynamics

❖ Encompassing Temporal GNN by discretization

❖ Encompassing RNN by not using graph convolution

# Exp1: Learning Continuous-time Network Dynamics

## □ The Problem:

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- Output:  $X(t)$ ,  $t$  is an arbitrary time moment
  - ❖ **interpolation** prediction:  $t < t_T$  and  $\neq \{t_1 < \dots < t_T\}$
  - ❖ **extrapolation** prediction:  $t > t_T$

## □ Setups:

- 120 irregularly sampled snapshots of network dynamics
- First 100: 80 for train 20 for testing interpolation
- Last 20: testing for extrapolation



# Canonical Dynamics on Graphs in Physics and Biology

## Real-world Dynamics on Graph (adjacency matrix A)

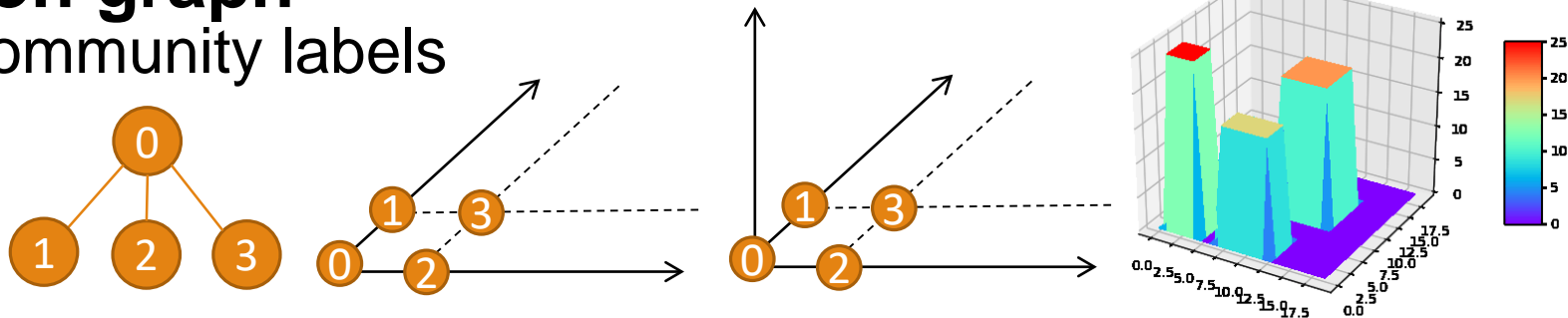
- Heat diffusion:  $\frac{dx_i(t)}{dt} = -k_{i,j} \sum_{j=1}^n A_{i,j} (\overrightarrow{x_i(t)} - \overrightarrow{x_j(t)})$
- Mutualistic interaction:  $\frac{dx_i(t)}{dt} = b_i + \overrightarrow{x_i(t)} \left(1 - \frac{x_i(t)}{k_i}\right) \left(\frac{x_i(t)}{c_i} - 1\right) + \sum_{j=1}^n A_{i,j} \frac{\overrightarrow{x_i(t)*x_j(t)}}{d_i + e_i x_i(t) + h_j x_j(t)}$
- Gene regulatory:  $\frac{dx_i(t)}{dt} = -b_i \overrightarrow{x_i(t)}^f + \sum_{j=1}^n A_{i,j} \frac{\overrightarrow{x_j(t)}^h}{x_j(t)^{h+1}}$

## Graphs

- Grid, Random, power-law, small-world, community, etc.

## Visualizing dynamics on graph

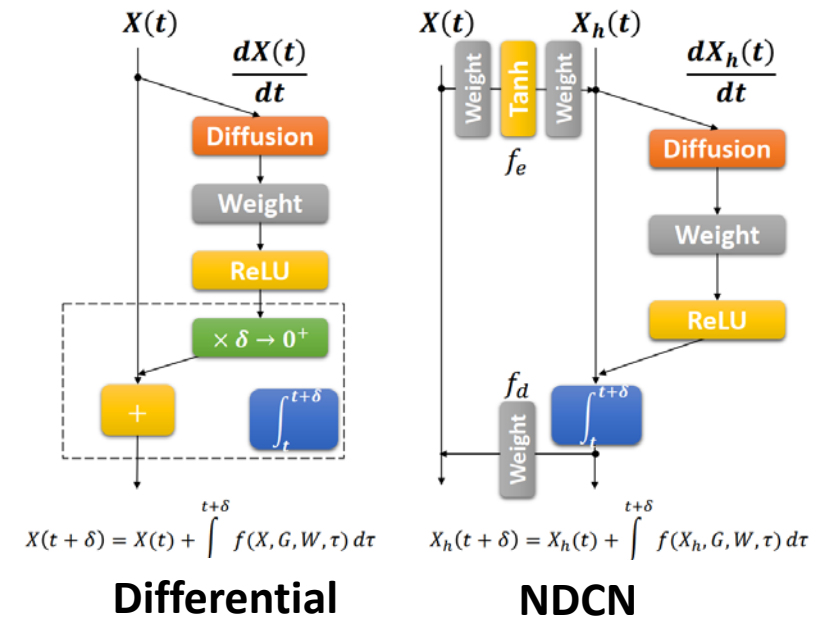
- Nodes are numbered by community labels
- Mapped into a  $\mathbb{N}^2$  grid
- $X(t)^{n*1}: \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$



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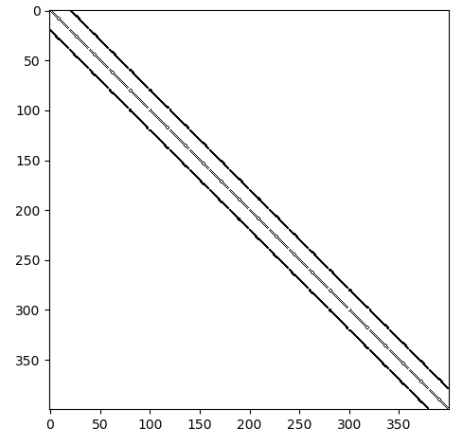
## Baselines: ablation models

- Differential-GNN
  - ❖ No encoding layer
- Neural ODE Network
  - ❖ No graph diffusion
- NDCN without control parameter  $W$ 
  - ❖ Determined dynamics

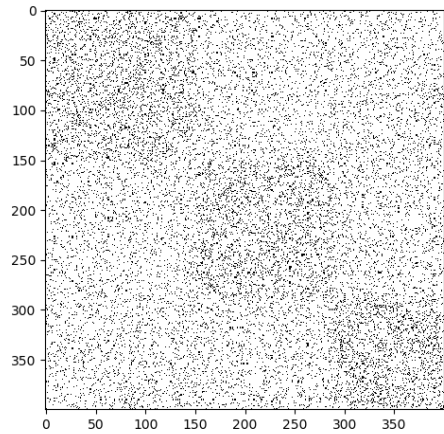


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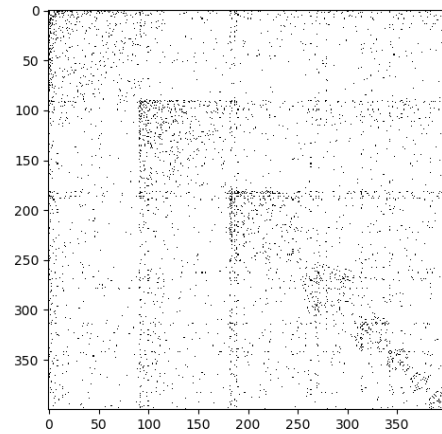
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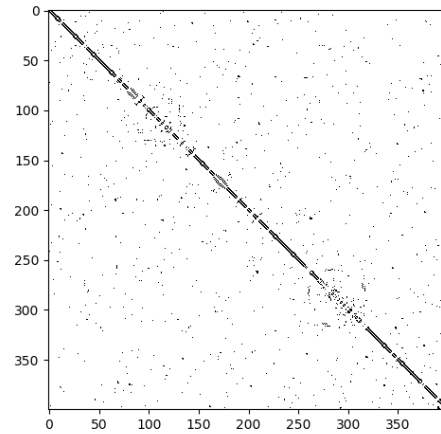
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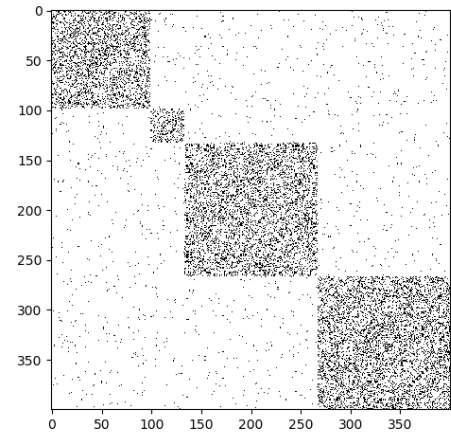
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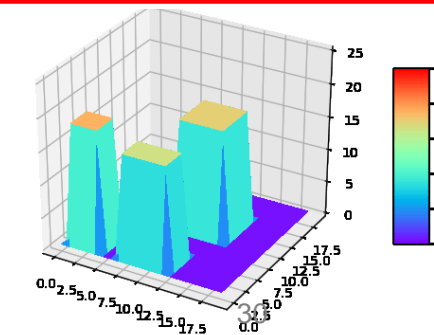
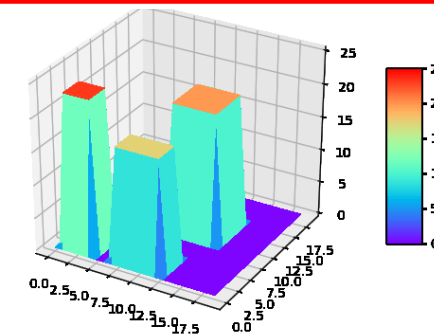
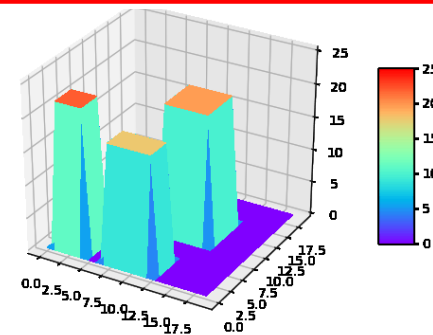
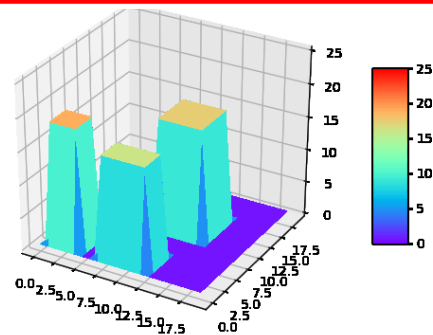
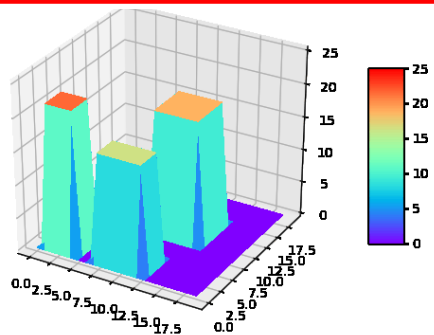
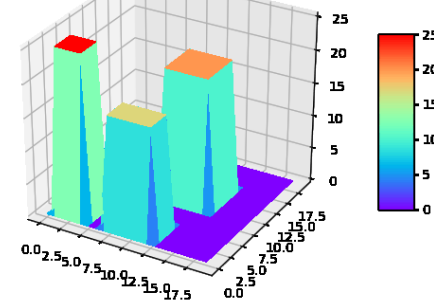
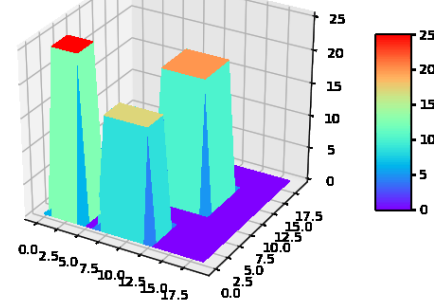
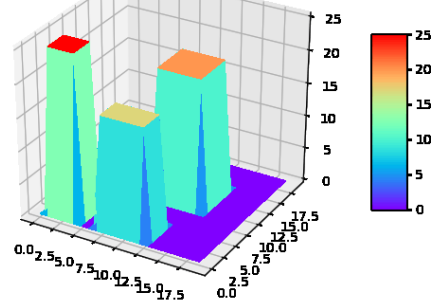
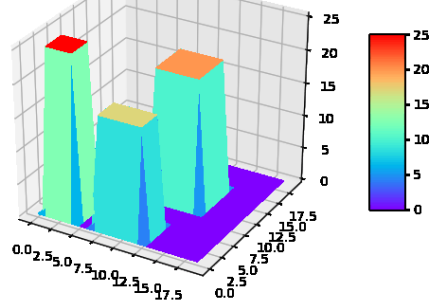
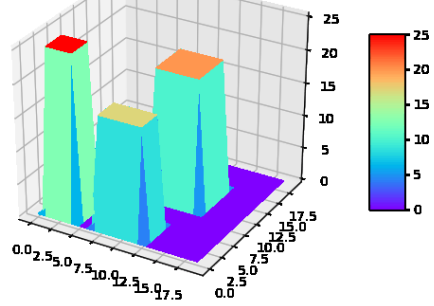
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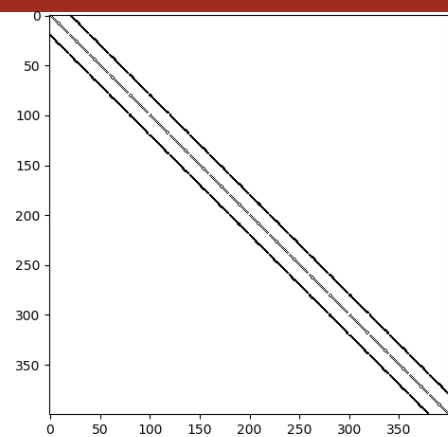
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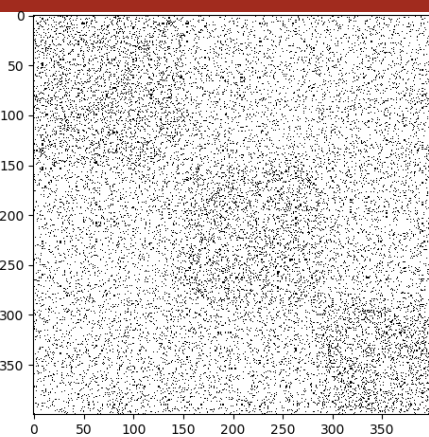
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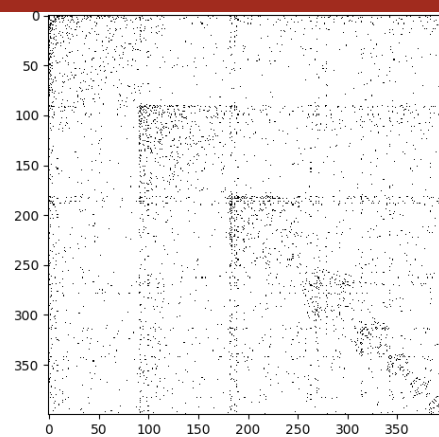
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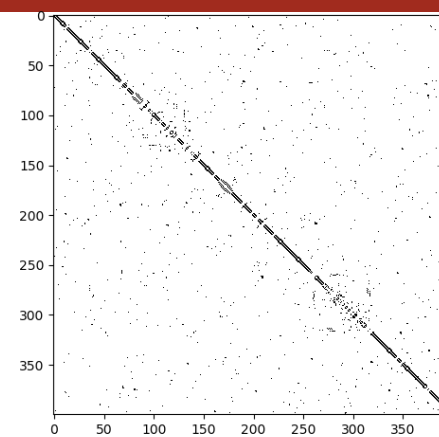
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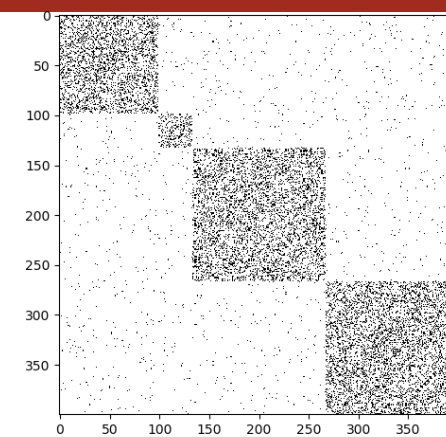
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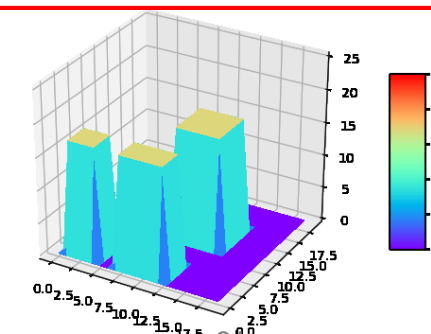
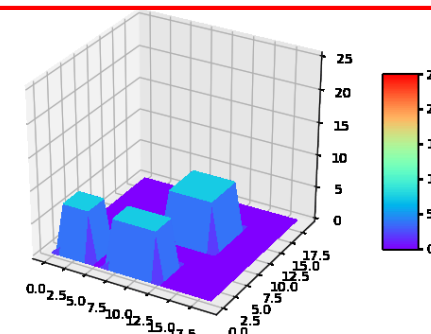
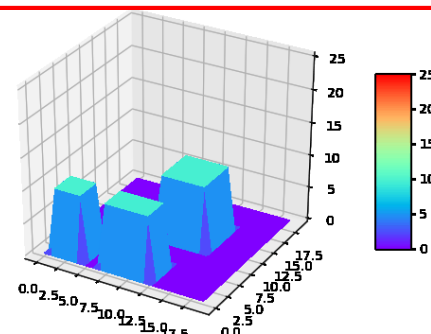
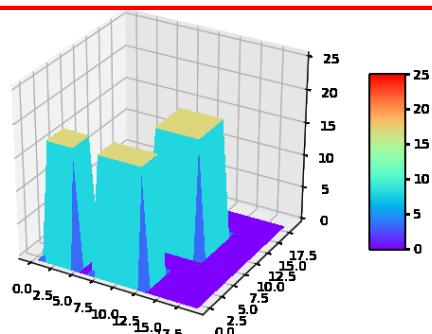
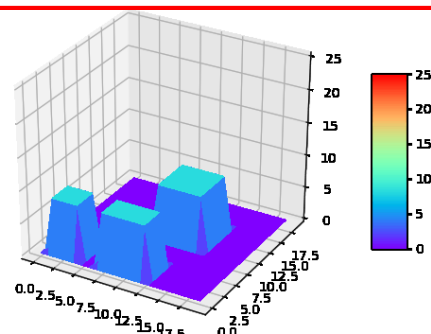
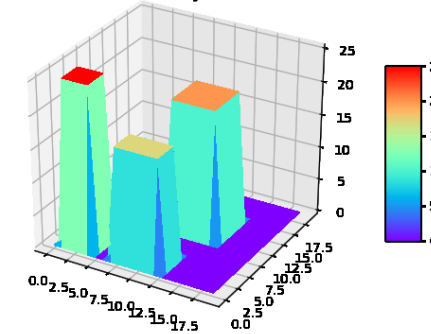
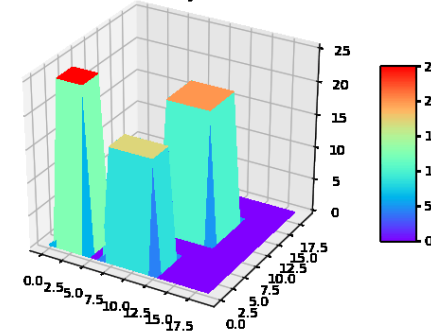
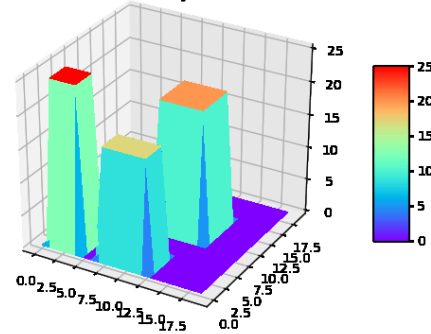
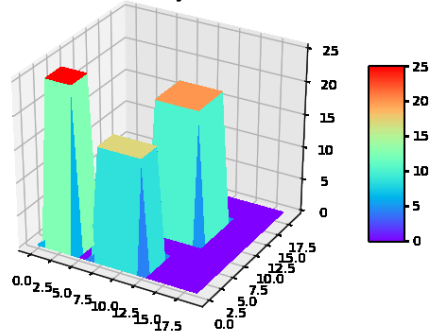
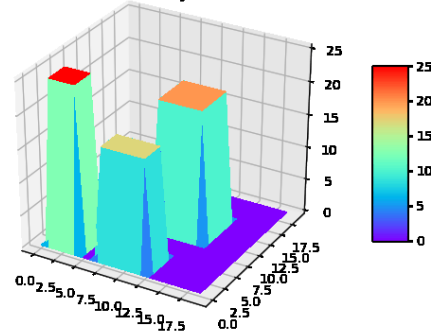
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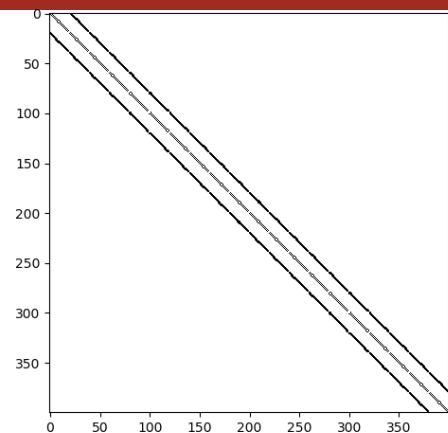
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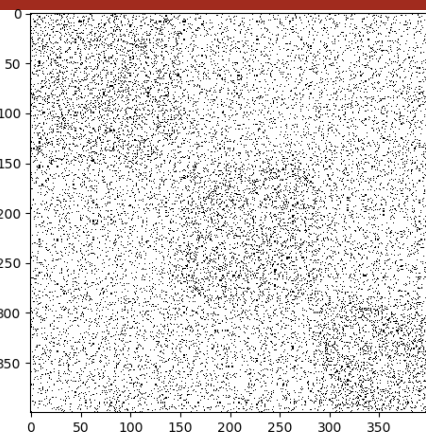
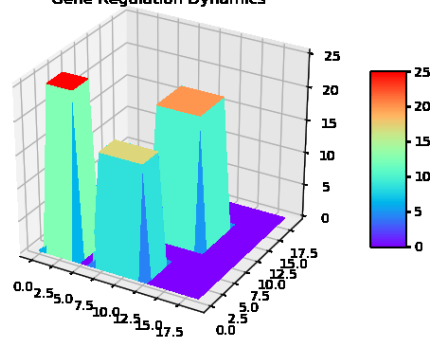
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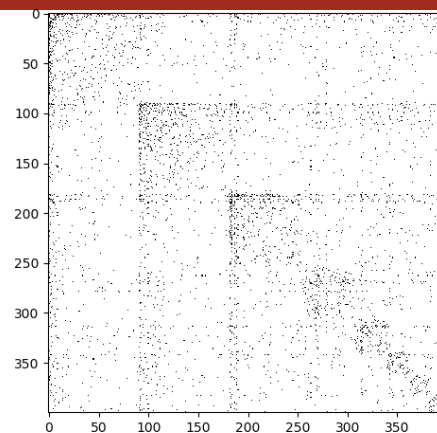
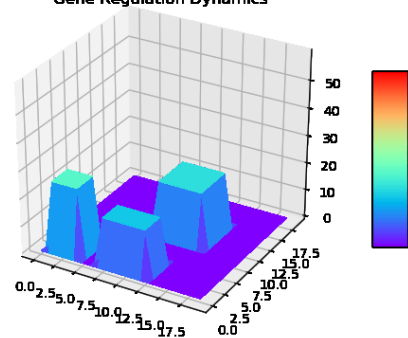
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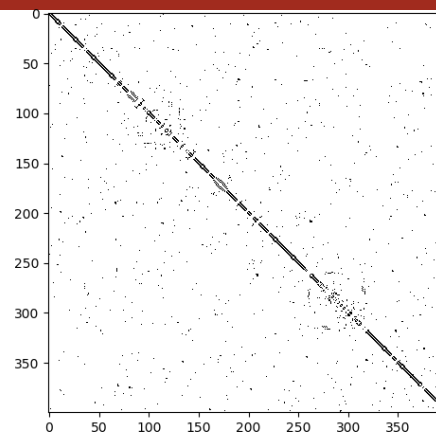
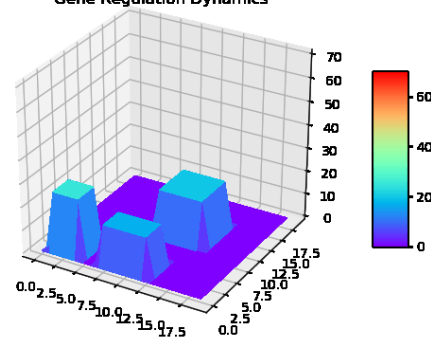
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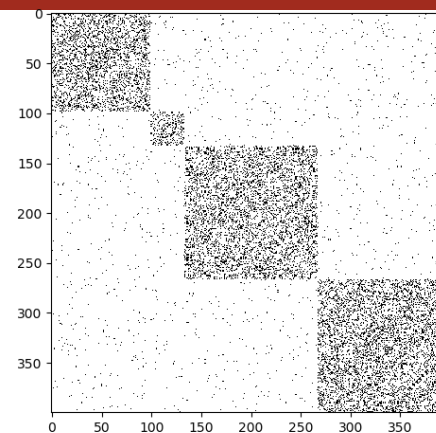
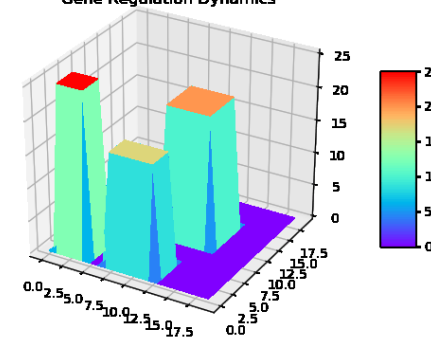
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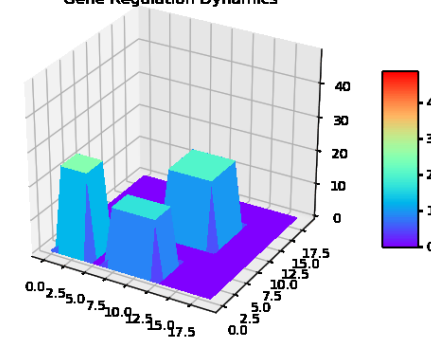
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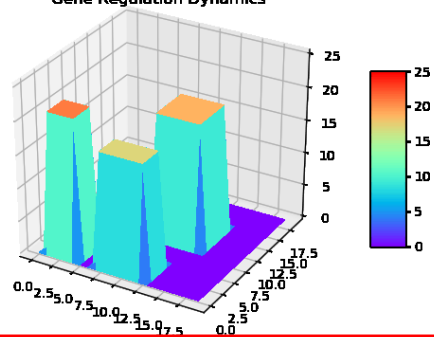
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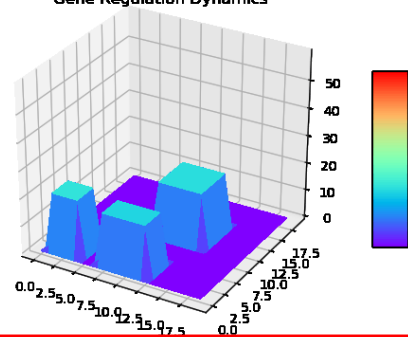
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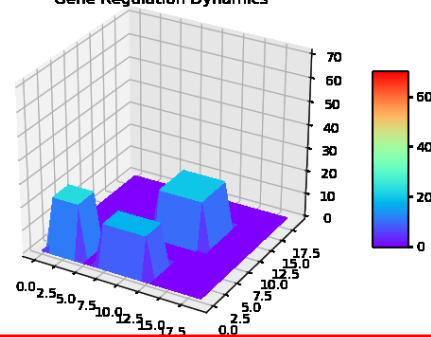
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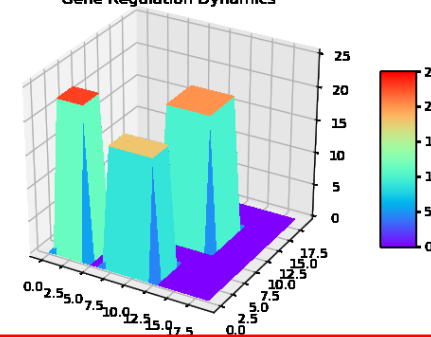
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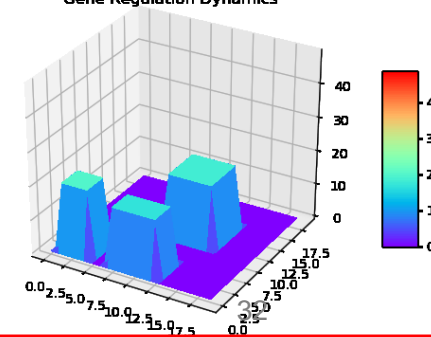
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# Exp1: Results for Continuous-time Extrapolation

- Mean Absolute Percentage Error
- 20 runs for 3 dynamics on 5 graphs
- Our model achieves lowest error

Table 1: **Continuous-time Extrapolation Prediction.** Our NDCN predicts different continuous-time network dynamics accurately. Each result is the normalized  $\ell_1$  error with standard deviation (in percentage %) from 20 runs for 3 dynamics on 5 networks by each method.

		Grid	Random	Power Law	Small World	Community
Heat Diffusion	No-Encode	29.9 $\pm$ 7.3	27.8 $\pm$ 5.1	24.9 $\pm$ 5.2	24.8 $\pm$ 3.2	30.2 $\pm$ 4.4
	No-Graph	30.5 $\pm$ 1.7	5.8 $\pm$ 1.3	6.8 $\pm$ 0.5	10.7 $\pm$ 0.6	24.3 $\pm$ 3.0
	No-Control	73.4 $\pm$ 14.4	28.2 $\pm$ 4.0	25.2 $\pm$ 4.3	30.8 $\pm$ 4.7	37.1 $\pm$ 3.7
	<b>NDCN</b>	<b>4.1 <math>\pm</math> 1.2</b>	<b>4.3 <math>\pm</math> 1.6</b>	<b>4.9 <math>\pm</math> 0.5</b>	<b>2.5 <math>\pm</math> 0.4</b>	<b>4.8 <math>\pm</math> 1.0</b>
Mutualistic Interaction	No-Encode	45.3 $\pm$ 3.7	9.1 $\pm$ 2.9	29.9 $\pm$ 8.8	54.5 $\pm$ 3.6	14.5 $\pm$ 5.0
	No-Graph	56.4 $\pm$ 1.1	6.7 $\pm$ 2.8	14.8 $\pm$ 6.3	54.5 $\pm$ 1.0	9.5 $\pm$ 1.5
	No-Control	140.7 $\pm$ 13.0	10.8 $\pm$ 4.3	106.2 $\pm$ 42.6	115.8 $\pm$ 12.9	16.9 $\pm$ 3.1
	<b>NDCN</b>	<b>26.7 <math>\pm</math> 4.7</b>	<b>3.8 <math>\pm</math> 1.8</b>	<b>7.4 <math>\pm</math> 2.6</b>	<b>14.4 <math>\pm</math> 3.3</b>	<b>3.6 <math>\pm</math> 1.5</b>
Gene Regulation	No-Encode	31.7 $\pm$ 14.1	17.5 $\pm$ 13.0	33.7 $\pm$ 9.9	25.5 $\pm$ 7.0	26.3 $\pm$ 10.4
	No-Graph	13.3 $\pm$ 0.9	12.2 $\pm$ 0.2	43.7 $\pm$ 0.3	15.4 $\pm$ 0.3	19.6 $\pm$ 0.5
	No-Control	65.2 $\pm$ 14.2	68.2 $\pm$ 6.6	70.3 $\pm$ 7.7	58.6 $\pm$ 17.4	64.2 $\pm$ 7.0
	<b>NDCN</b>	<b>16.0 <math>\pm</math> 7.2</b>	<b>1.8 <math>\pm</math> 0.5</b>	<b>3.6 <math>\pm</math> 0.9</b>	<b>4.3 <math>\pm</math> 0.9</b>	<b>2.5 <math>\pm</math> 0.6</b>

# Exp1: Results for Continuous-time Interpolation

- ❑ Interpolation is easier than extrapolation
- ❑ Our model achieves lowest error

Table 2: **Continuous-time Interpolation Prediction.** Our NDCN predicts different continuous-time network dynamics accurately. Each result is the normalized  $\ell_1$  error with standard deviation (in percentage %) from 20 runs for 3 dynamics on 5 networks by each method.

		Grid	Random	Power Law	Small World	Community
Heat Diffusion	No-Encode	32.0 $\pm$ 12.7	26.7 $\pm$ 4.4	25.7 $\pm$ 3.8	27.9 $\pm$ 7.3	35.0 $\pm$ 6.3
	No-Graph	41.9 $\pm$ 1.8	9.4 $\pm$ 0.6	18.2 $\pm$ 1.5	25.0 $\pm$ 2.1	25.0 $\pm$ 1.4
	No-Control	56.8 $\pm$ 2.8	32.2 $\pm$ 7.0	33.5 $\pm$ 5.7	40.4 $\pm$ 3.4	39.1 $\pm$ 4.5
	<b>NDCN</b>	<b>3.2 <math>\pm</math> 0.6</b>	<b>3.2 <math>\pm</math> 0.4</b>	<b>5.6 <math>\pm</math> 0.6</b>	<b>3.4 <math>\pm</math> 0.4</b>	<b>4.3 <math>\pm</math> 0.5</b>
Mutualistic Interaction	No-Encode	28.9 $\pm$ 2.0	19.9 $\pm$ 6.5	34.5 $\pm$ 13.4	27.6 $\pm$ 2.6	25.5 $\pm$ 8.7
	No-Graph	28.7 $\pm$ 4.5	7.8 $\pm$ 2.4	23.2 $\pm$ 4.2	26.9 $\pm$ 3.8	14.1 $\pm$ 2.4
	No-Control	72.2 $\pm$ 4.1	22.5 $\pm$ 10.2	63.8 $\pm$ 3.9	67.9 $\pm$ 2.9	33.9 $\pm$ 12.3
	<b>NDCN</b>	<b>7.6 <math>\pm</math> 1.1</b>	<b>6.6 <math>\pm</math> 2.4</b>	<b>6.5 <math>\pm</math> 1.3</b>	<b>4.7 <math>\pm</math> 0.7</b>	<b>7.9 <math>\pm</math> 2.9</b>
Gene Regulation	No-Encode	39.2 $\pm$ 13.0	14.5 $\pm$ 12.4	33.6 $\pm$ 10.1	27.7 $\pm$ 9.4	21.2 $\pm$ 10.4
	No-Graph	25.2 $\pm$ 2.3	11.9 $\pm$ 0.2	39.4 $\pm$ 1.3	15.7 $\pm$ 0.7	18.9 $\pm$ 0.3
	No-Control	66.9 $\pm$ 8.8	31.7 $\pm$ 5.2	40.3 $\pm$ 6.6	49.0 $\pm$ 8.0	35.5 $\pm$ 5.3
	<b>NDCN</b>	<b>5.8 <math>\pm</math> 1.0</b>	<b>1.5 <math>\pm</math> 0.6</b>	<b>2.9 <math>\pm</math> 0.5</b>	<b>4.2 <math>\pm</math> 0.9</b>	<b>2.3 <math>\pm</math> 0.6</b>

# Exp2: Structured Sequence Prediction

## □ The Problem (Structured sequence prediction):

- Input:  $\{\widehat{X}[1], \widehat{X}[2], \dots, \widehat{X}[T] \mid 0 \leq 1 < \dots < T\}$ ,  $1, \dots, T$  are regularly-sampled with same time intervals
  - ❖ with an emphasis on ordered sequence rather than time
- Output:  $X(t_T + M)$ , next  $M$  steps
  - ❖ extrapolation prediction

## □ Setups:

- 100 regularly sampled snapshots of network dynamics
- First 80 for training, last 20 for testing



# Exp2: Structured Sequence Prediction

## □ Baselines: temporal-GNN models

### ○ LSTM-GNN

$$\diamond X[t+1]=\text{LSTM}(\text{GCN}([t], G))$$

### ○ GRU-GNN

$$\diamond X[t+1]=\text{GRU}(\text{GCN}([t], G))$$

### ○ RNN-GNN

$$\diamond X[t+1]=\text{RNN}(\text{GCN}([t], G))$$

# Exp2: Structured Sequence Prediction

## Results:

- Our model achieves lowest error with much less parameters

## The learnable parameters:

- LSTM-GNN: 84,890, GRU-GNN: 64,770, RNN-GNN: 24,530
- NDCN: 901

Table 3: **Regularly-sampled Extrapolation Prediction.** Our NDCN predicts different structured sequences accurately. Each result is the normalized  $\ell_1$  error with standard deviation (in percentage %) from 20 runs for 3 dynamics on 5 networks by each method.

		Grid	Random	Power Law	Small World	Community
Heat Diffusion	LSTM-GNN	12.8 ± 2.1	21.6 ± 7.7	12.4 ± 5.1	11.6 ± 2.2	13.5 ± 4.2
	GRU-GNN	11.2 ± 2.2	9.1 ± 2.3	8.8 ± 1.3	9.3 ± 1.7	7.9 ± 0.8
	RNN-GNN	18.8 ± 5.9	25.0 ± 5.6	18.9 ± 6.5	21.8 ± 3.8	16.1 ± 0.0
	<b>NDCN</b>	<b>4.3 ± 0.7</b>	<b>4.7 ± 1.7</b>	<b>5.4 ± 0.4</b>	<b>2.7 ± 0.4</b>	<b>5.3 ± 0.7</b>
Mutualistic Interaction	LSTM-GNN	51.4 ± 3.3	24.2 ± 24.2	27.0 ± 7.1	58.2 ± 2.4	25.0 ± 22.3
	GRU-GNN	49.8 ± 4.1	1.0 ± 3.6	12.2 ± 0.8	51.1 ± 4.7	3.7 ± 4.0
	RNN-GNN	56.6 ± 0.1	8.4 ± 11.3	12.0 ± 0.4	57.4 ± 1.9	8.2 ± 6.4
	<b>NDCN</b>	<b>29.8 ± 1.6</b>	<b>4.7 ± 1.1</b>	<b>11.2 ± 5.0</b>	<b>15.9 ± 2.2</b>	<b>3.8 ± 0.9</b>
Gene Regulation	LSTM-GNN	27.7 ± 3.2	67.3 ± 14.2	38.8 ± 12.7	13.1 ± 2.0	53.1 ± 16.4
	GRU-GNN	24.2 ± 2.8	50.9 ± 6.4	35.1 ± 15.1	11.1 ± 1.8	46.2 ± 7.6
	RNN-GNN	28.0 ± 6.8	56.5 ± 5.7	42.0 ± 12.8	14.0 ± 5.3	46.5 ± 3.5
	<b>NDCN</b>	<b>18.6 ± 9.9</b>	<b>2.4 ± 0.9</b>	<b>4.1 ± 1.4</b>	<b>5.5 ± 0.8</b>	<b>2.9 ± 0.5</b>

# Exp3. Node Semi-supervised Classification

## □ The Problem:

- One-snapshot case
- Input:  $G, X$ , part of labels  $Y(X)$
- Output: To Complete  $Y(X)$

## □ Datasets:

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Table 11: Statistics for three real-world citation network datasets. N, E, D, C represent number of nodes, edges, features, classes respectively.

Dataset	N	E	D	C	Train/Valid/Test
Cora	2,708	5,429	1,433	7	140/500/1,000
Citeseer	3,327	4,732	3,703	6	120/500/1,000
Pubmed	19,717	44,338	500	3	60/500/1,000

# Exp3. Node Semi-supervised Classification

## □ Baselines

- Graph Convolution Network (GCN)
- Attention-based GNN (AGNN)
- Graph Attention Networks (GAT)

$$Z = f(X, A) = \text{softmax}\left(\hat{A} \text{ReLU}\left(\hat{A}XW^{(0)}\right)W^{(1)}\right)$$

$$\vec{h}'_i = \sigma\left(\frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \alpha_{ij}^k \mathbf{W}^k \vec{h}_j\right)$$

# Exp3. Node Semi-supervised Classification

## □ Interpretation of model

- Input:  $G, [X, Mask \odot Y]$ , features and some node labels
- Output: To Complete  $Y$
- Model: A graph dynamics to spread features and labels over time  $T$

$$\diamond \frac{d[X, Y]}{dt} = f(G, X, Y, W)$$

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{W_e, b_e, W_d, b_d} \mathcal{L} = \int_0^T \mathcal{R}(t) dt - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^c \hat{Y}_{i,k}(T) \log Y_{i,k}(T)$$

$$\text{subject to } X_h(0) = \tanh(X(0)W_e + b_e)$$

$$\frac{dX_h(t)}{dt} = \text{ReLU}(\Phi X_h(t))$$

$$Y(T) = \text{softmax}(X_h(T)W_d + b_d)$$

# Exp3. Node Semi-supervised Classification

## Metrics

- Accuracy over 100 runs

## Results

- Continuous-time dynamics on graphs
- Best results at time  $T=1.2$ 
  - Continuous depth/time
- Not using dropout

Table 4: Test mean accuracy with standard deviation in percentage (%) over 100 runs. Our NDCN model gives very competitive results compared with many GNN models.

Model	Cora	Citeseer	Pubmed
GCN	81.5	70.3	79.0
AGNN	83.1 $\pm$ 0.1	71.7 $\pm$ 0.1	<b>79.9 <math>\pm</math> 0.1</b>
GAT	83.0 $\pm$ 0.7	72.5 $\pm$ 0.7	79.0 $\pm$ 0.3
<b>NDCN</b>	<b>83.3 <math>\pm</math> 0.6</b>	<b>73.1 <math>\pm</math> 0.6</b>	<b>79.8 <math>\pm</math> 0.4</b>

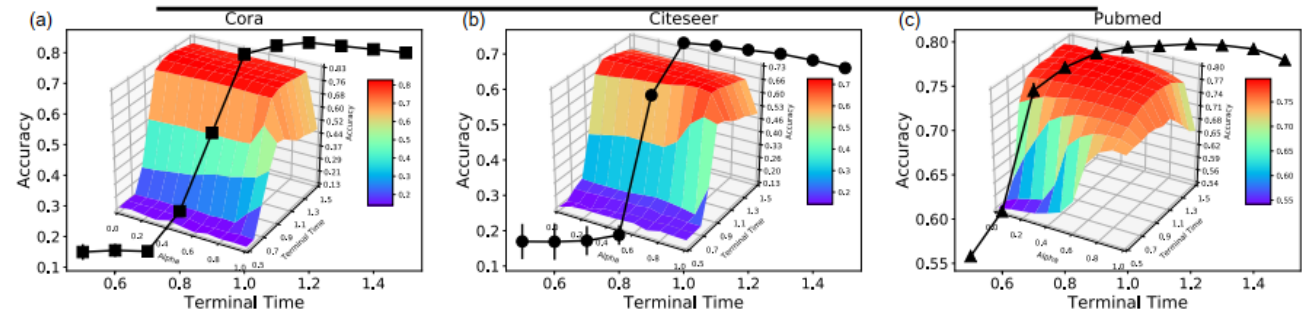


Figure 5: Our NDCN model captures continuous-time dynamics. Mean classification accuracy of 100 runs over terminal time when given a specific  $\alpha$ . Insets are the accuracy over the two-dimensional space of terminal time and  $\alpha$

# Summary

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## □ **Our NDCN, a unified framework to solve**

- Continuous-time network dynamics prediction:
  - Structured sequence prediction
  - Node regression/classification at final state
- good performance with less parameters.

## □ **Differential Deep Learning on Graphs**

- A potential data-driven method to model structure and dynamics of complex systems in a unified framework

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- ❑ **Molecular Graph Generation:** to generate novel molecules with optimized properties
  - Graph generation
  - Graph property prediction
  - Graph optimization
- ☑ **Learning Dynamics on Graphs:** to predict temporal change or final states of complex systems
  - Continuous-time dynamics prediction
  - Structured sequence prediction
  - Node classification/regression
- ❑ **Mechanism Discovery:** to find dynamical laws of complex systems
  - Density Estimation vs. Mechanism Discovery
  - Data-driven discovery of differential equations



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