



Graph Filters

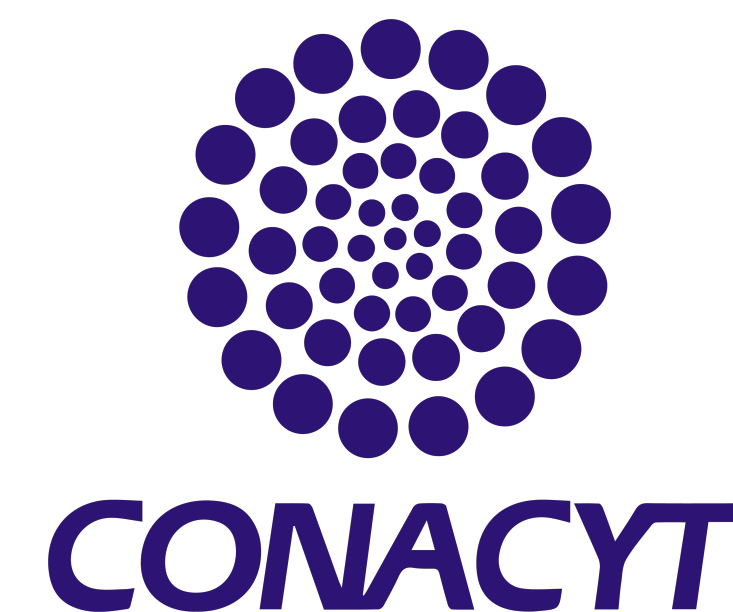
with applications to
Distributed Optimization
and Neural Networks

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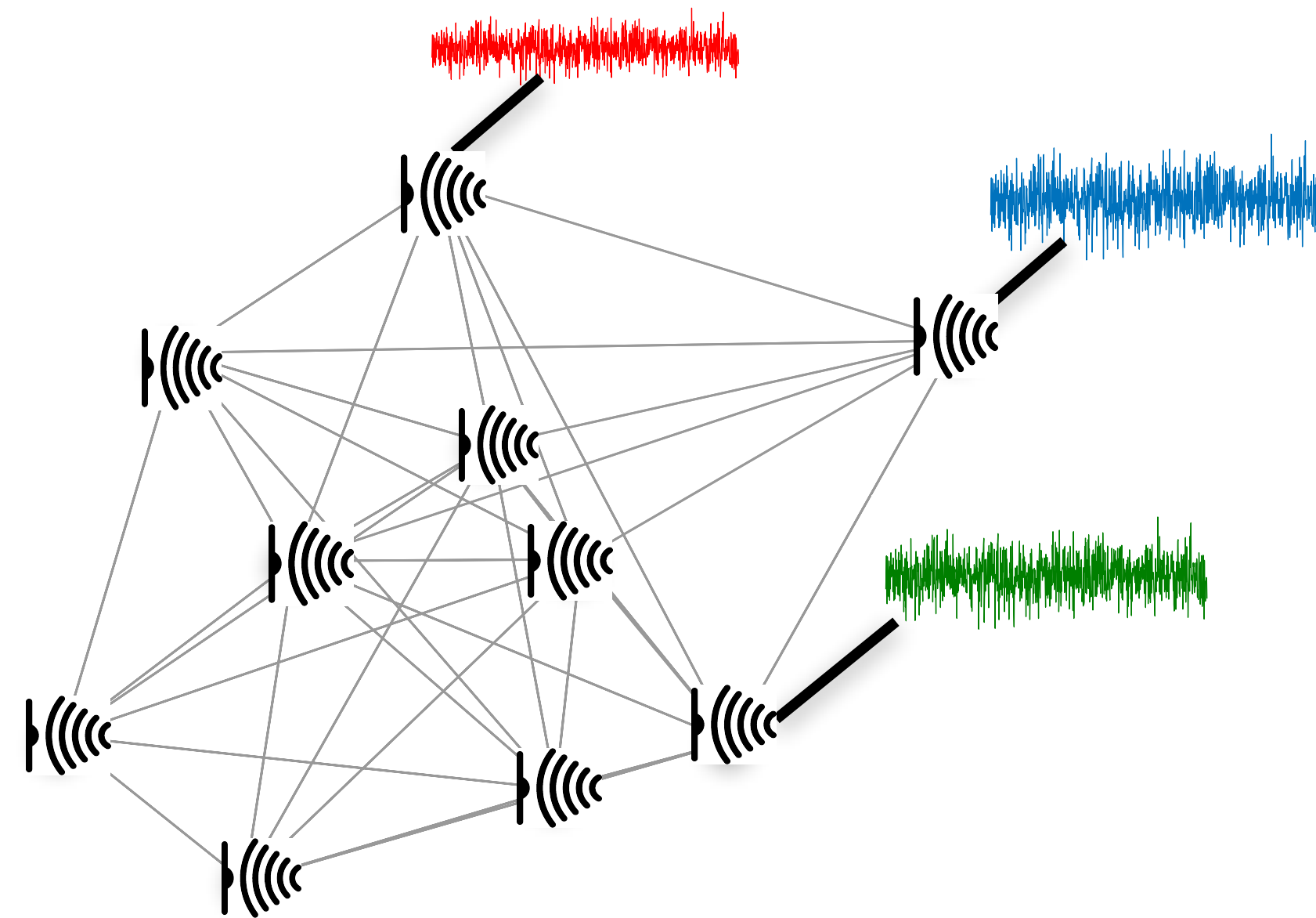
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● Advanced graph filters (focus on FIR filters)

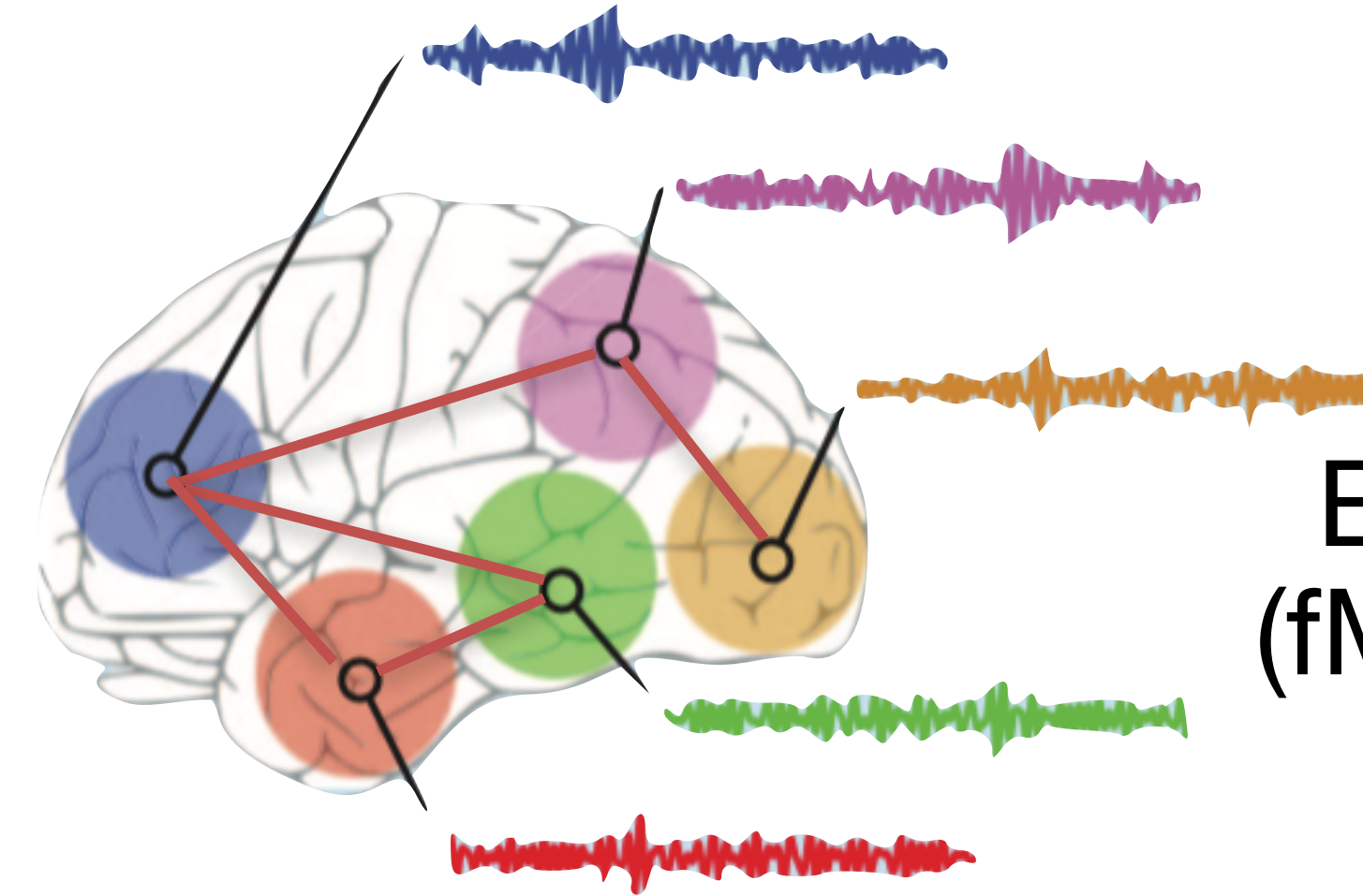
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Signals on graphs?

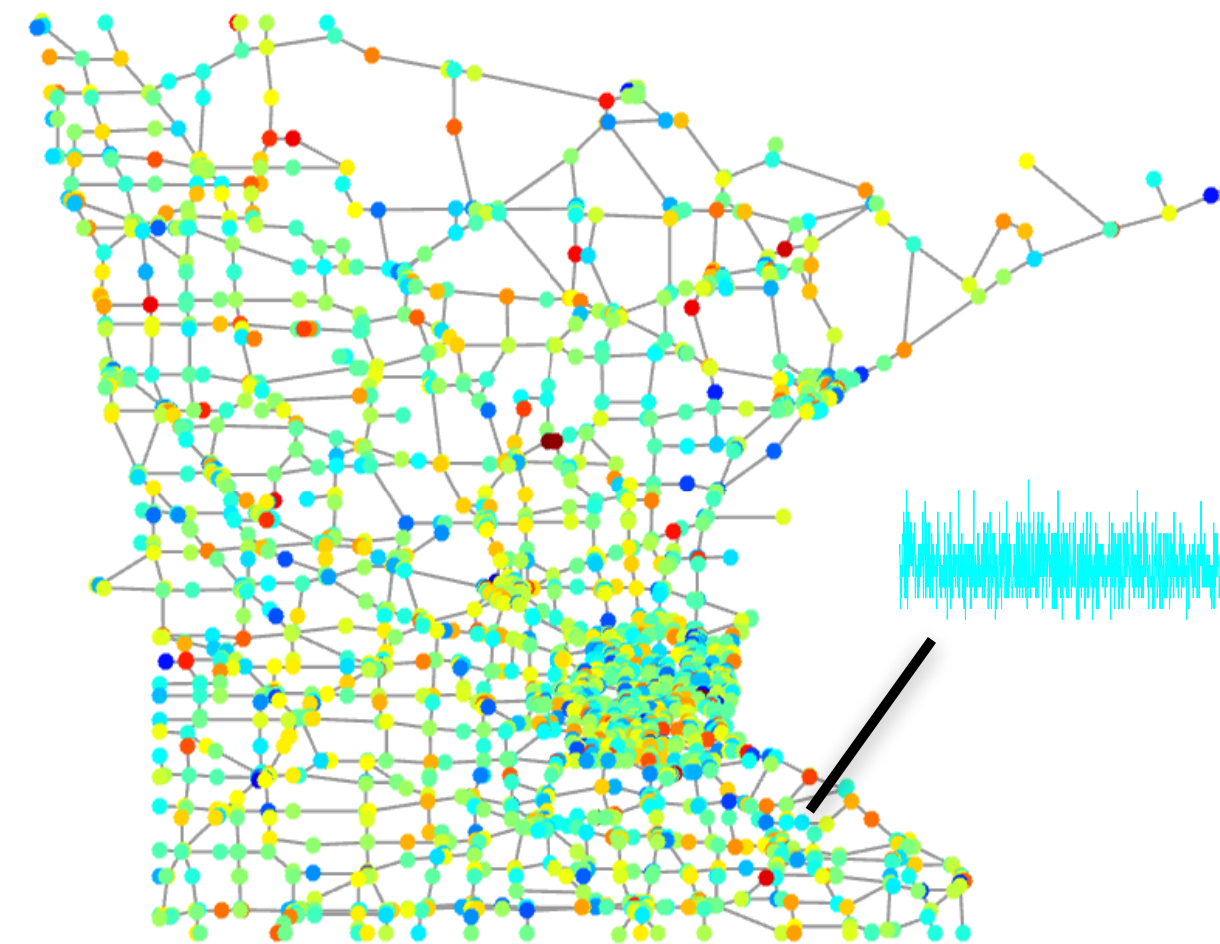
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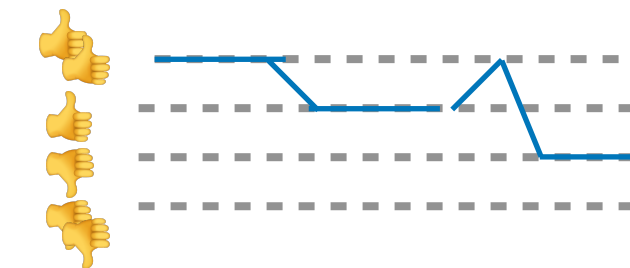
Sensor networks
(temperatures)



Brain networks
(fMRI time series)



Transport Networks
(# vehicles crossing the junction)

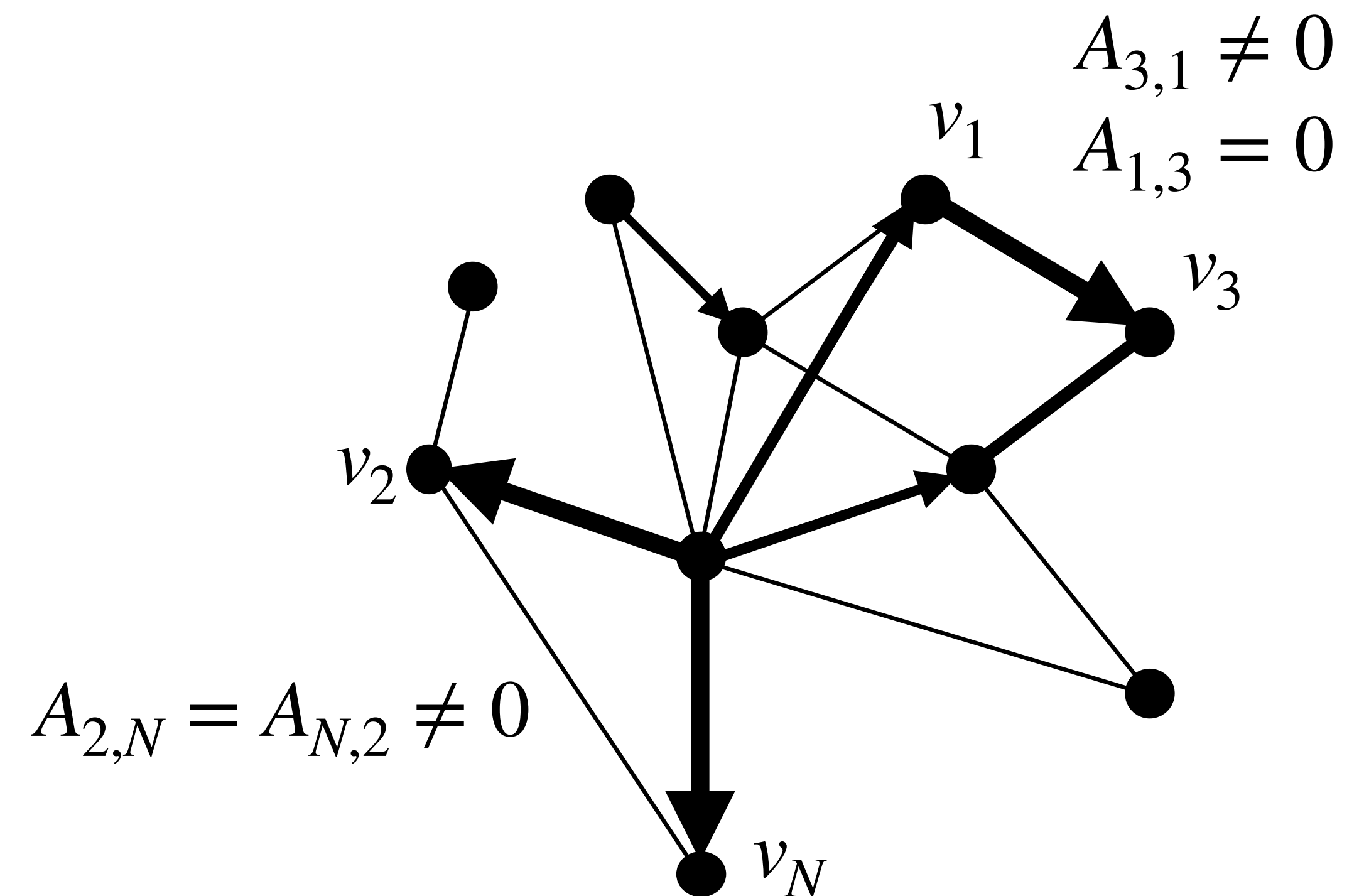


Social networks
(opinion profile)

Signal processing on graphs

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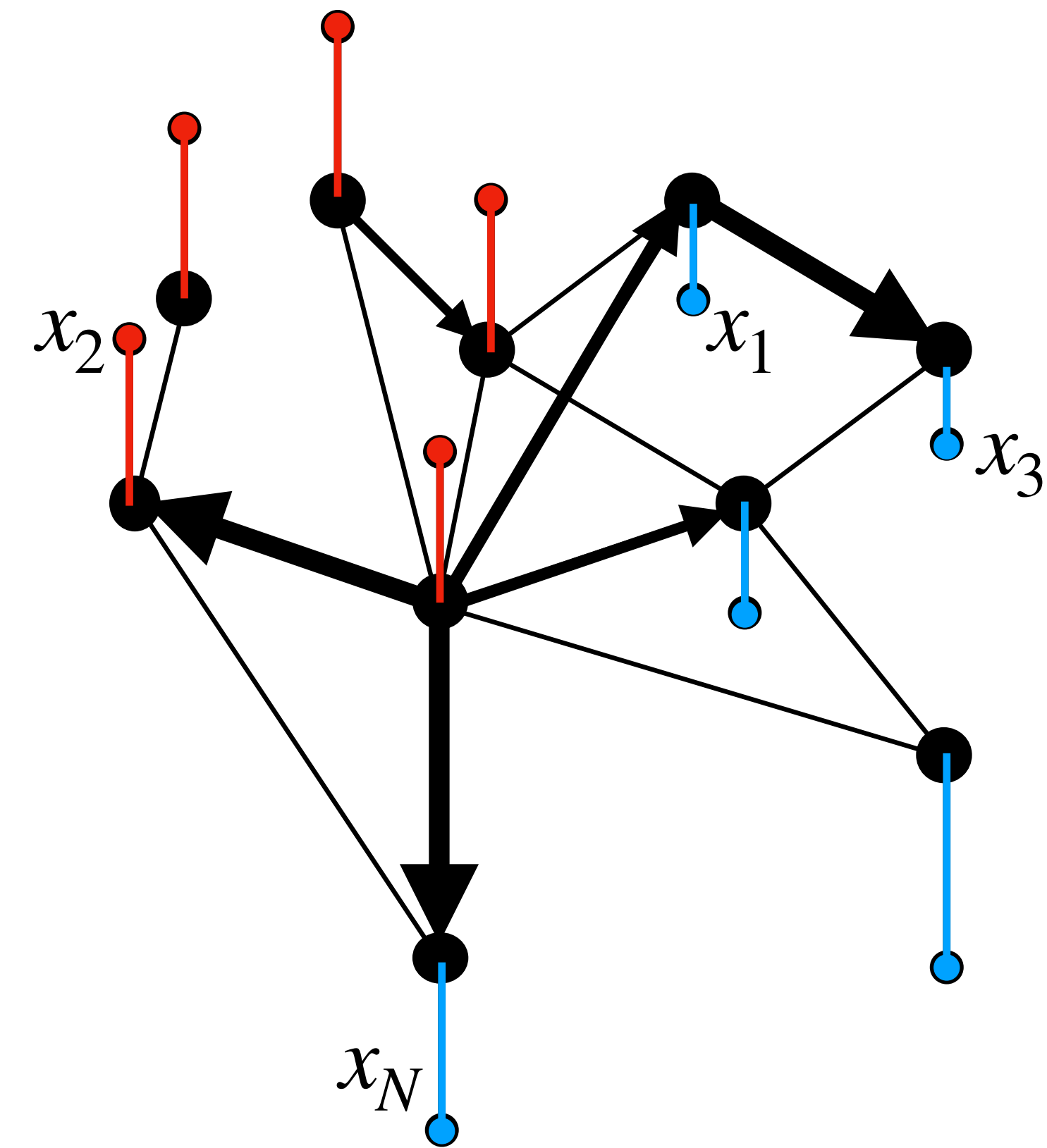


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- Smoothness: $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i,j=1}^N [\mathbf{A}]_{i,j} (x_i - x_j)^2$

Spectral analysis of graph signals

Graph Fourier basis

Eigenvectors of graph shift represent frequency modes (\mathbf{S} assumed to be normal)

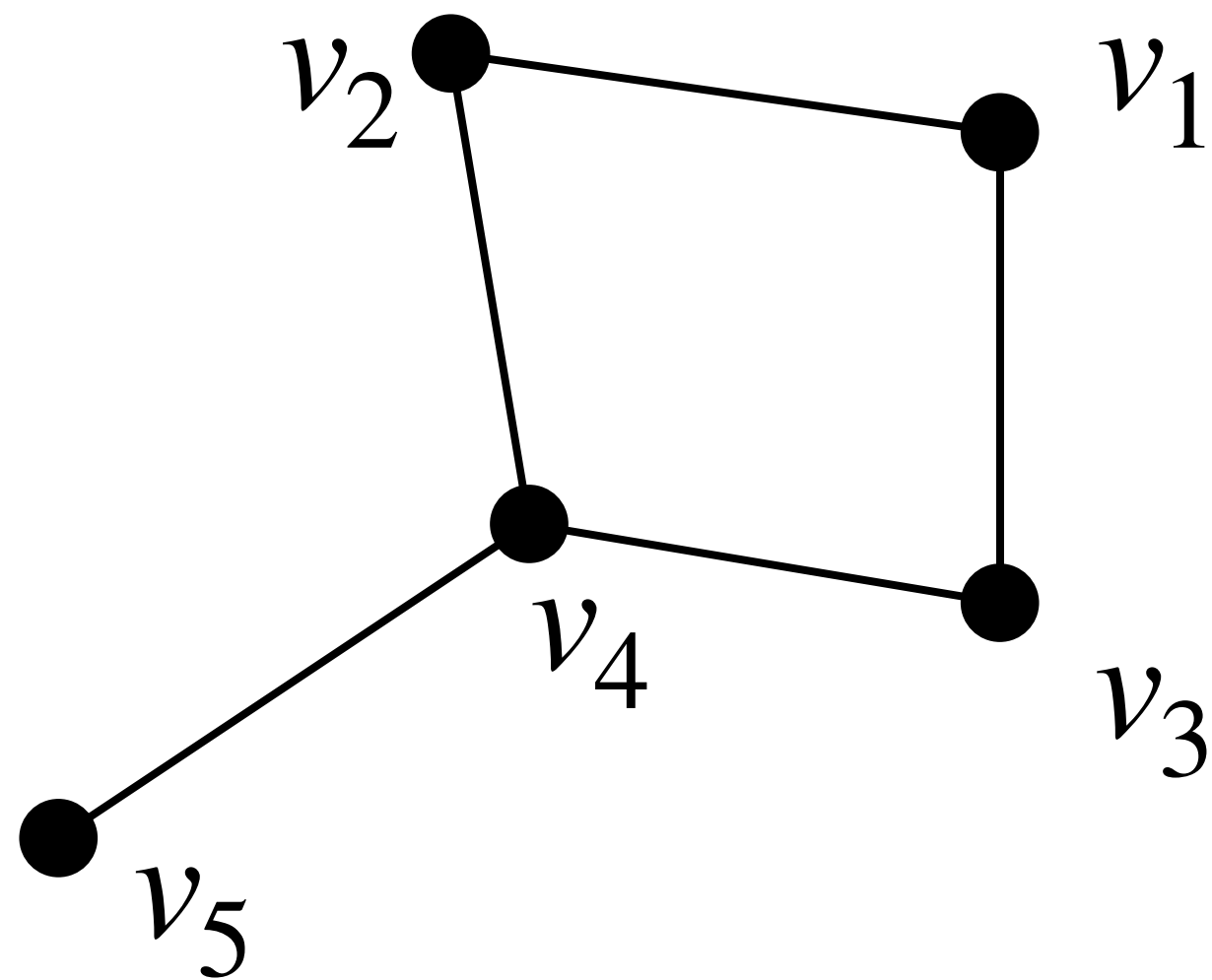
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Example: Laplacian of undirected graph

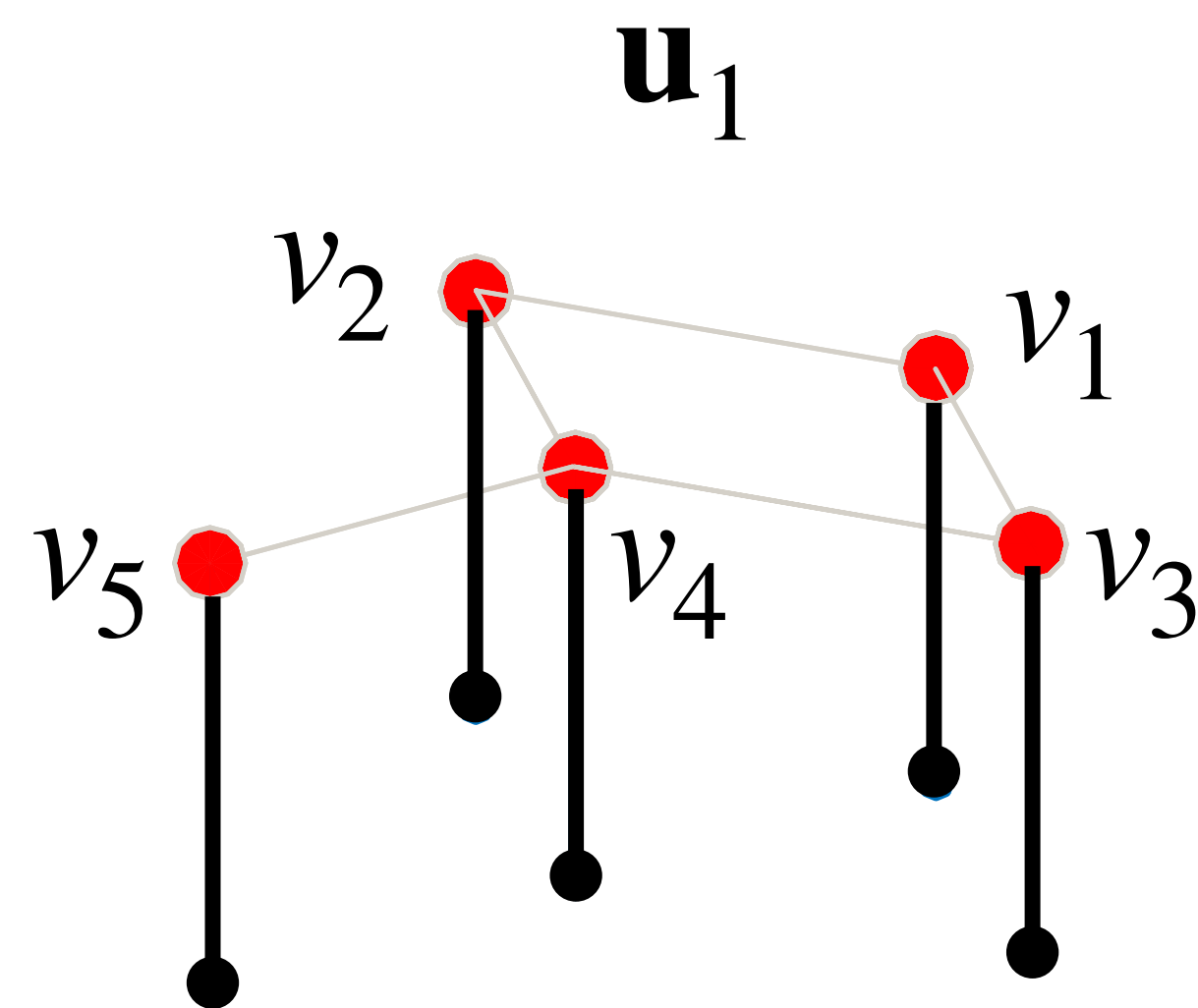


$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{matrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & v_4 & v_5 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \\ v_5 \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

diagonal degree matrix adjacency matrix

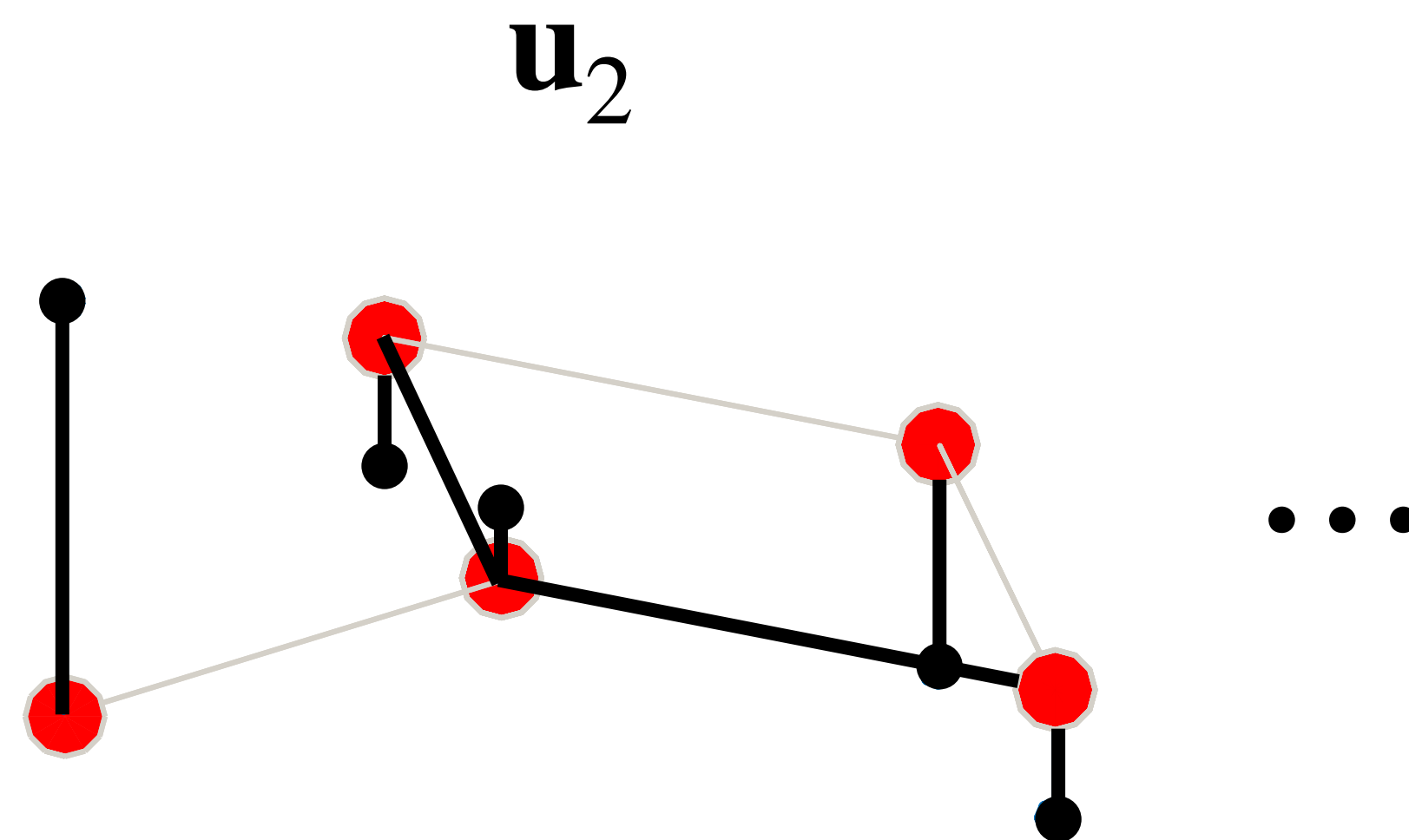
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Individual eigenvectors of Laplacian of undirected graph



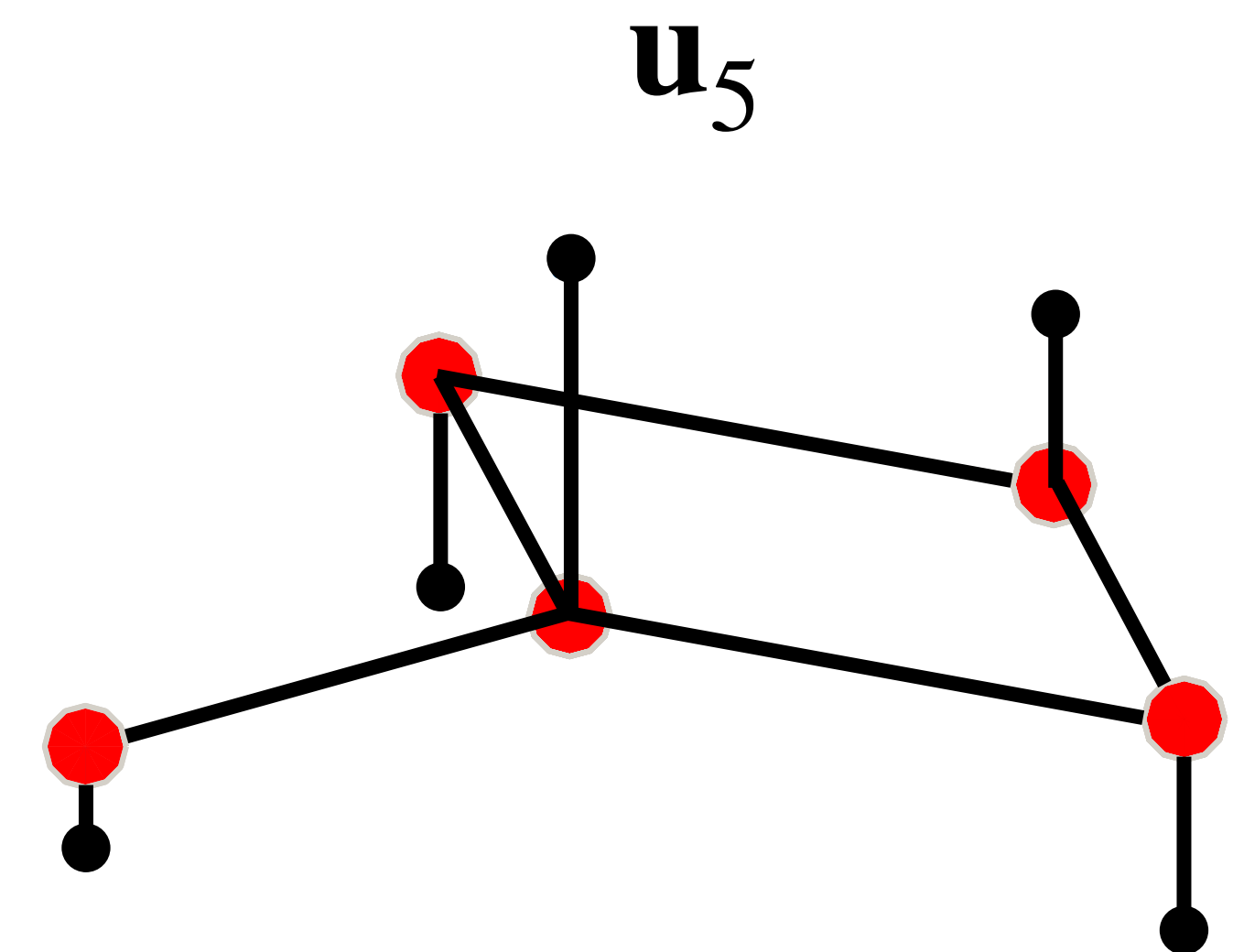
DC (no zero crossings)

$$\mathbf{u}_1^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{u}_1 = \lambda_1 = 0$$



two zero crossings

$$\mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{u}_2 = \lambda_2 = 0.8299$$



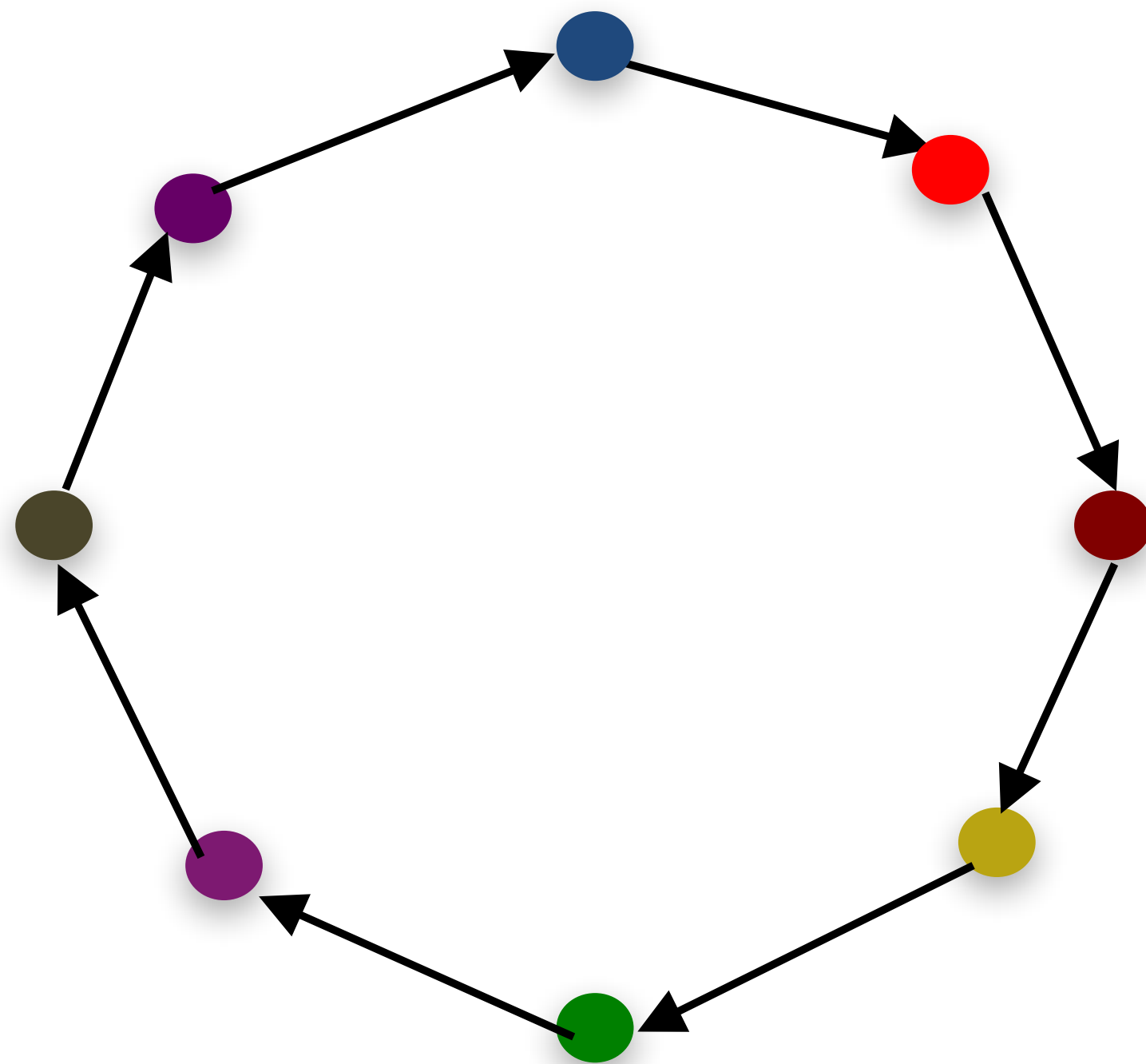
five zero crossings

$$\mathbf{u}_3^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{u}_3 = \lambda_5 = 4.4812$$

Time-domain as a graph

The DFT matrix and the traditional frequency grid is obtained by the [adjacency matrix](#) of the [cycle graph](#)

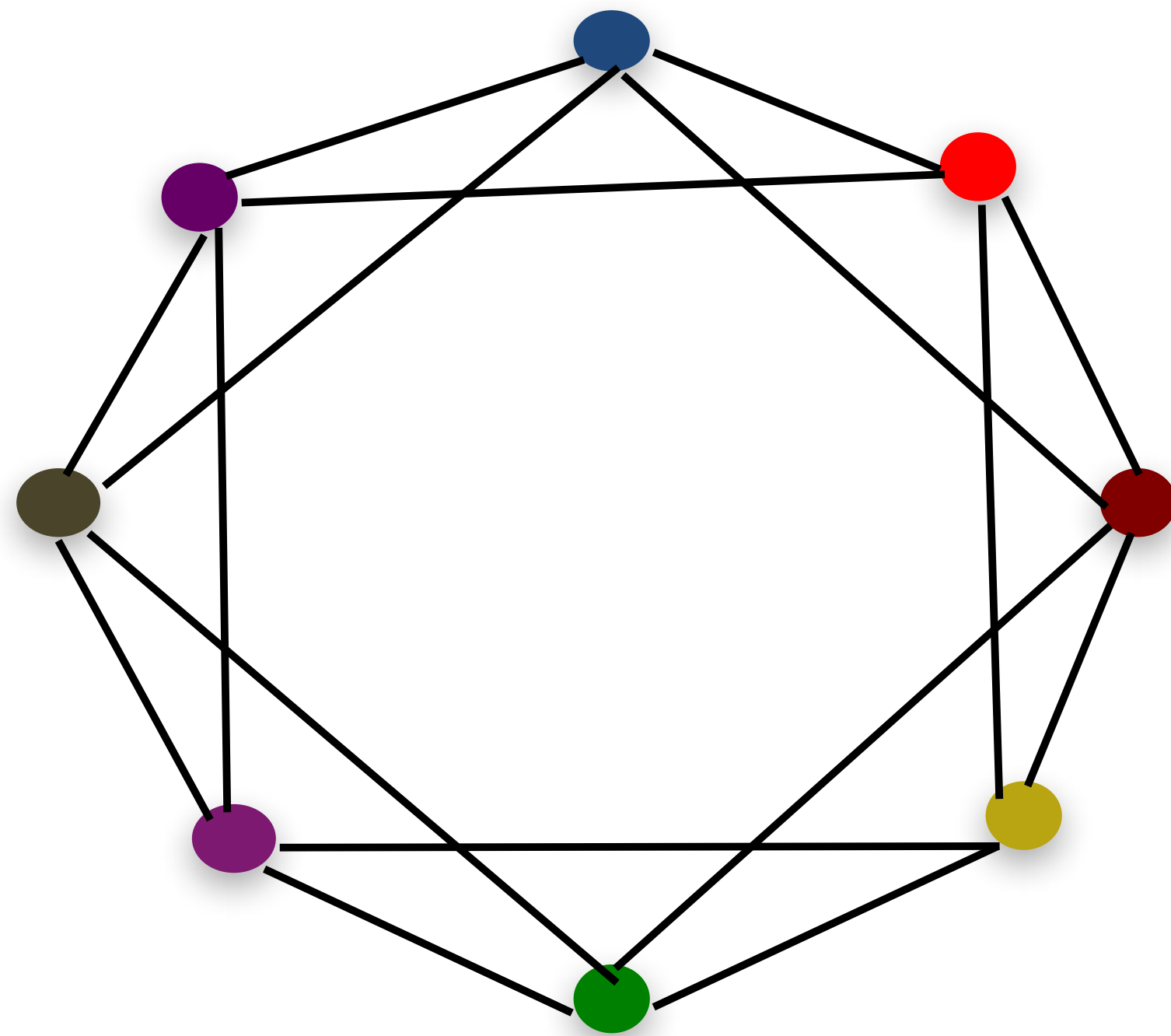
$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{F}^{-1} \mathbf{\Omega} \mathbf{F} : [\mathbf{\Omega}]_{i,i} = e^{2j\pi(i-1)/N}$$



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Any **circulant graph** (directed or not) in principle leads to the DFT as the matrix that diagonalises the shift operator



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How do we “spectrally” shape signals?

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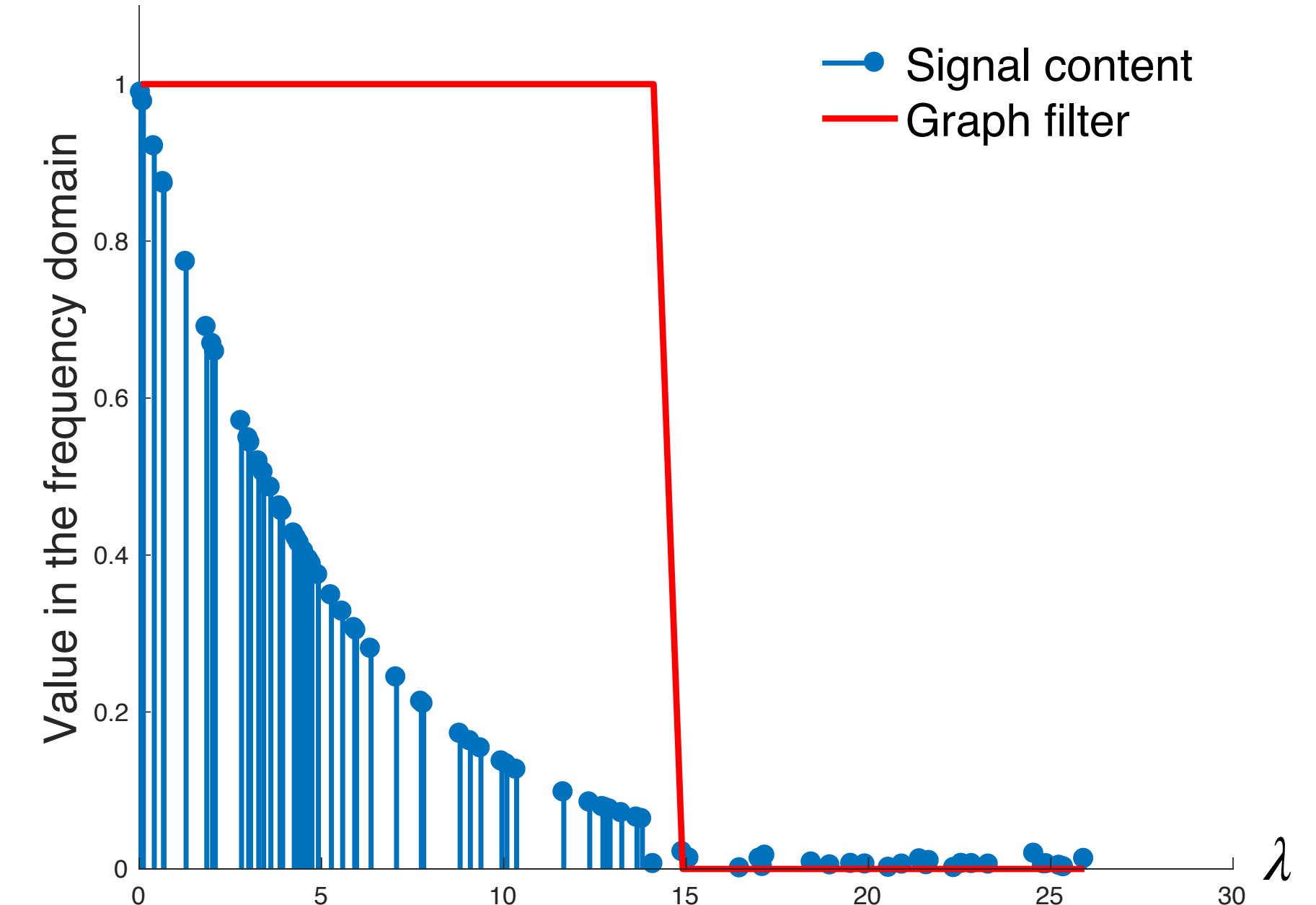
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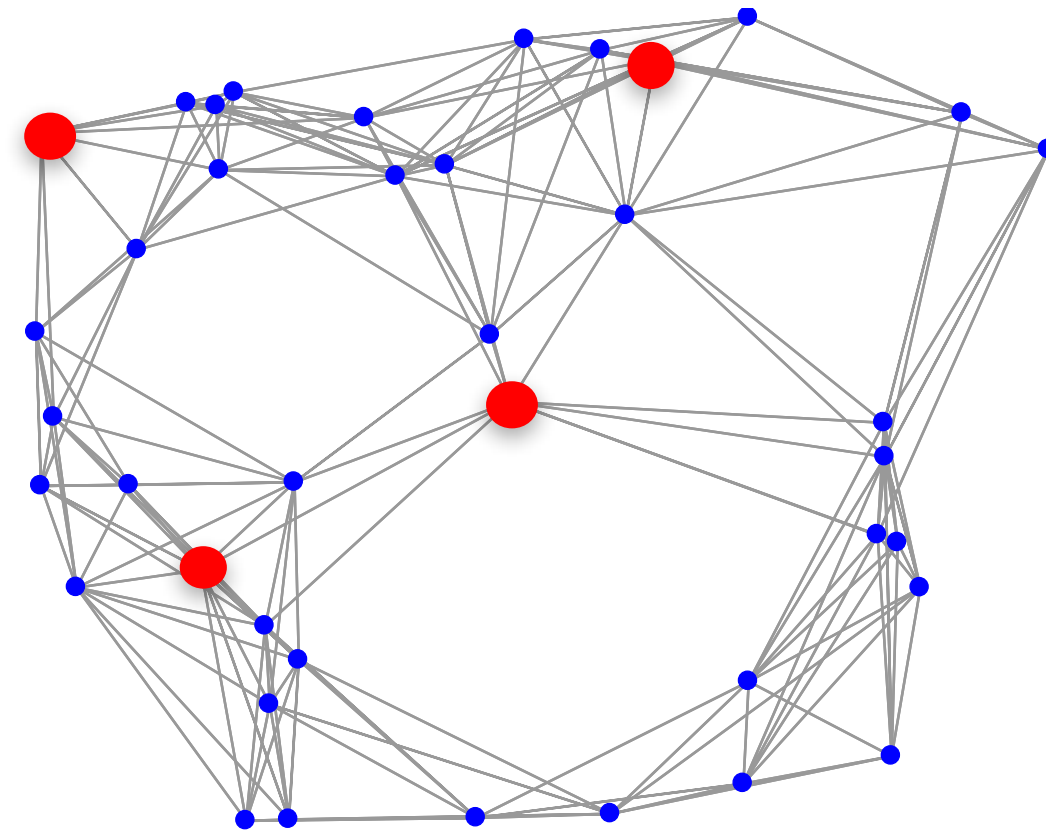
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Graph filters can be used to modify the frequency content of graph signals

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{y}_n &= h(\lambda_n) \hat{x}_n \\ \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{\mathbf{y}} = h(\Lambda) \hat{\mathbf{x}} \\ h(\Lambda) = \text{diag}\{h(\lambda_n)\} \end{array} \right. \\ \Rightarrow \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{U} h(\Lambda) \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{x} \\ \Rightarrow \text{Shift invariance: } \mathbf{H} \mathbf{S} &= \mathbf{S} \mathbf{H} \end{aligned}$$

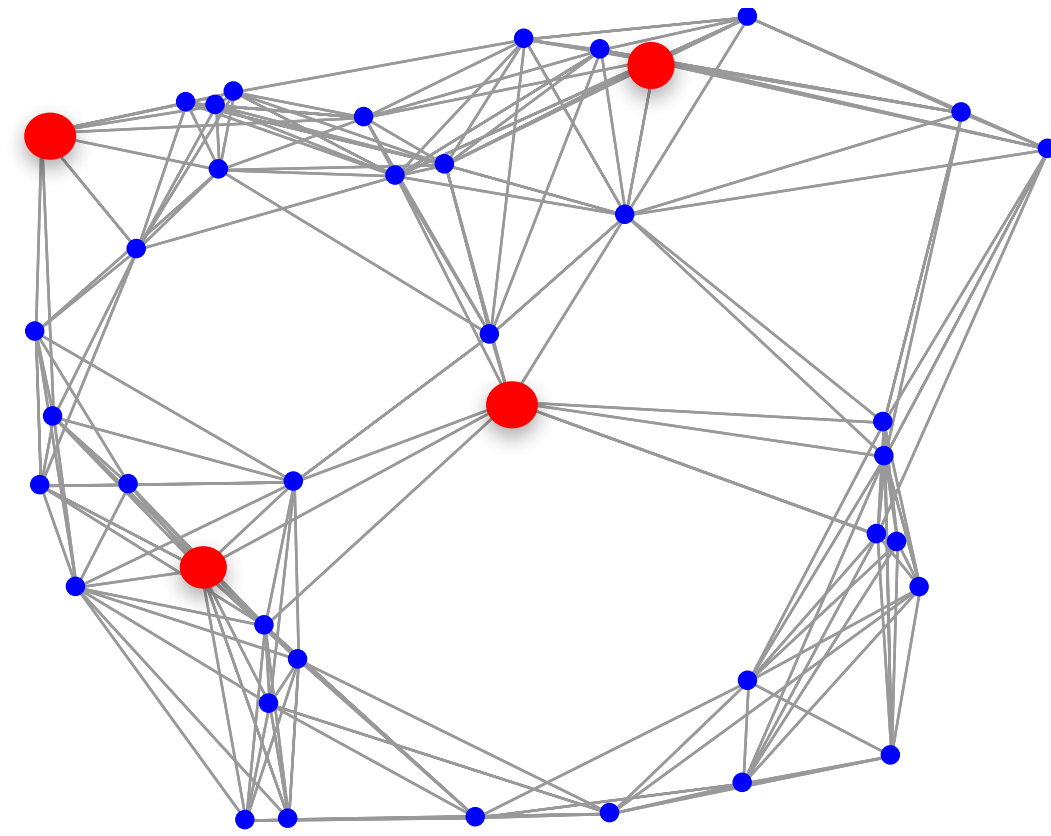


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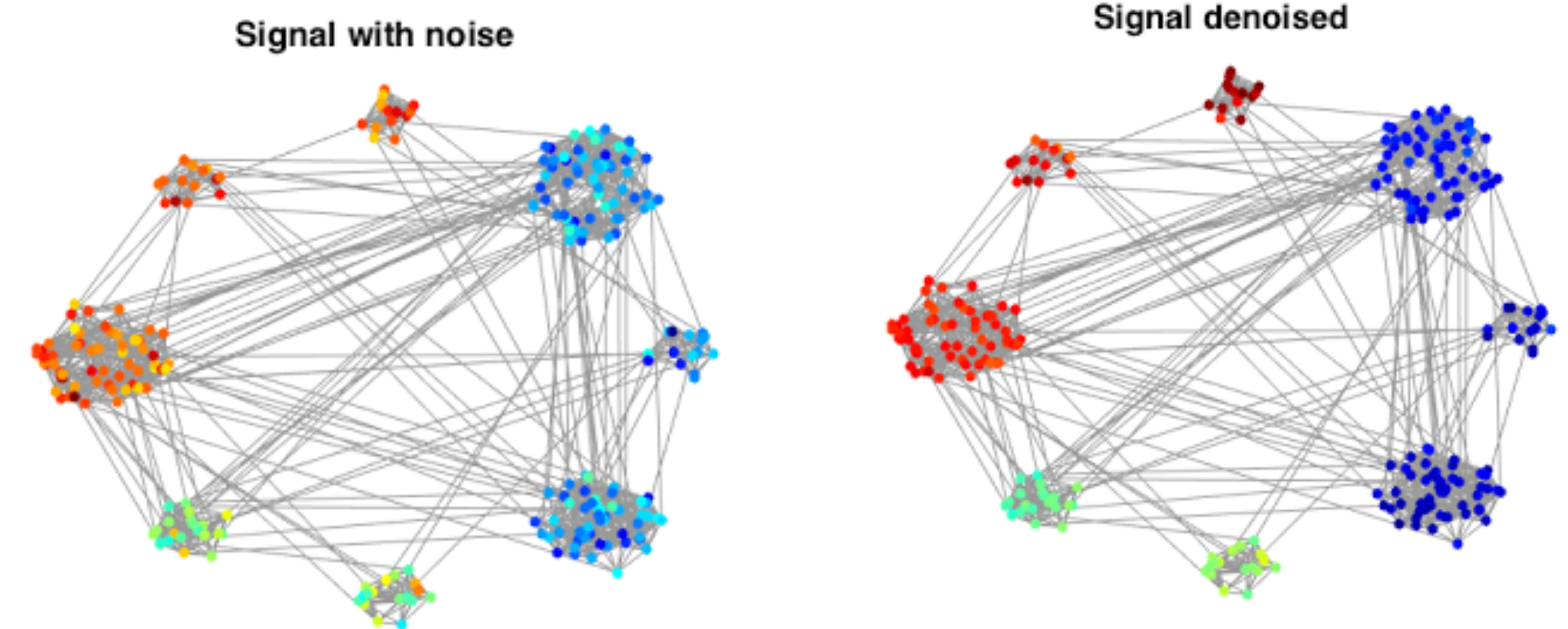


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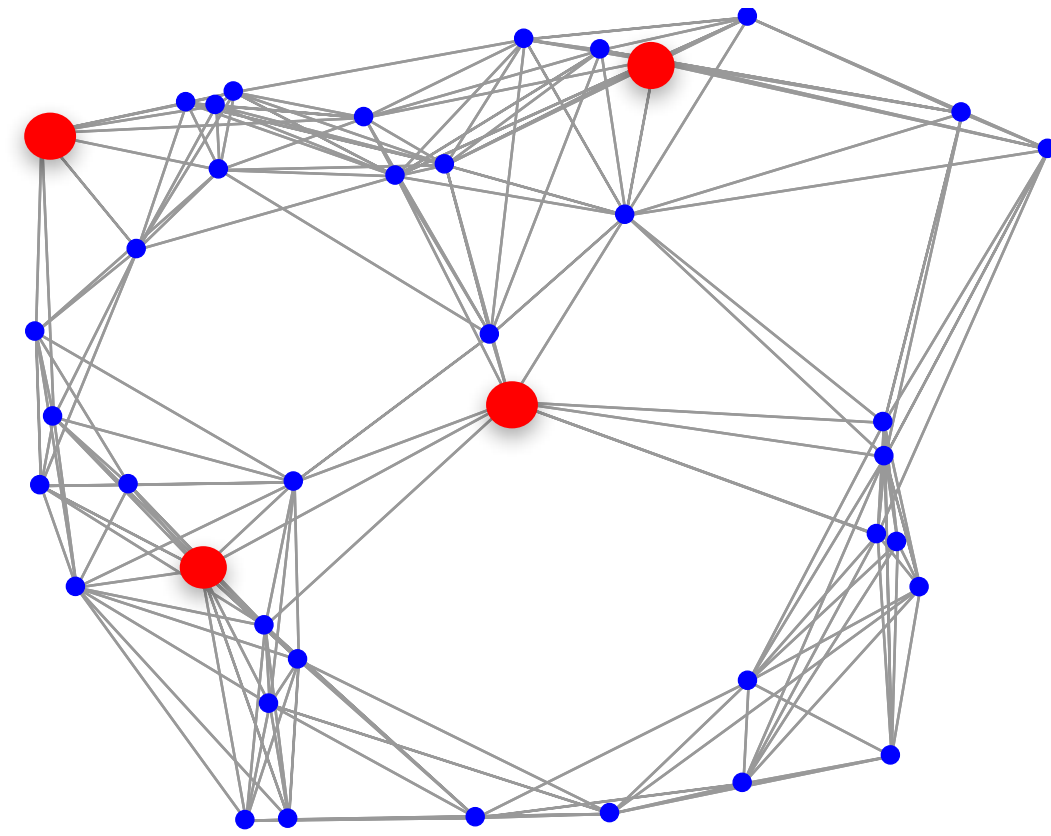


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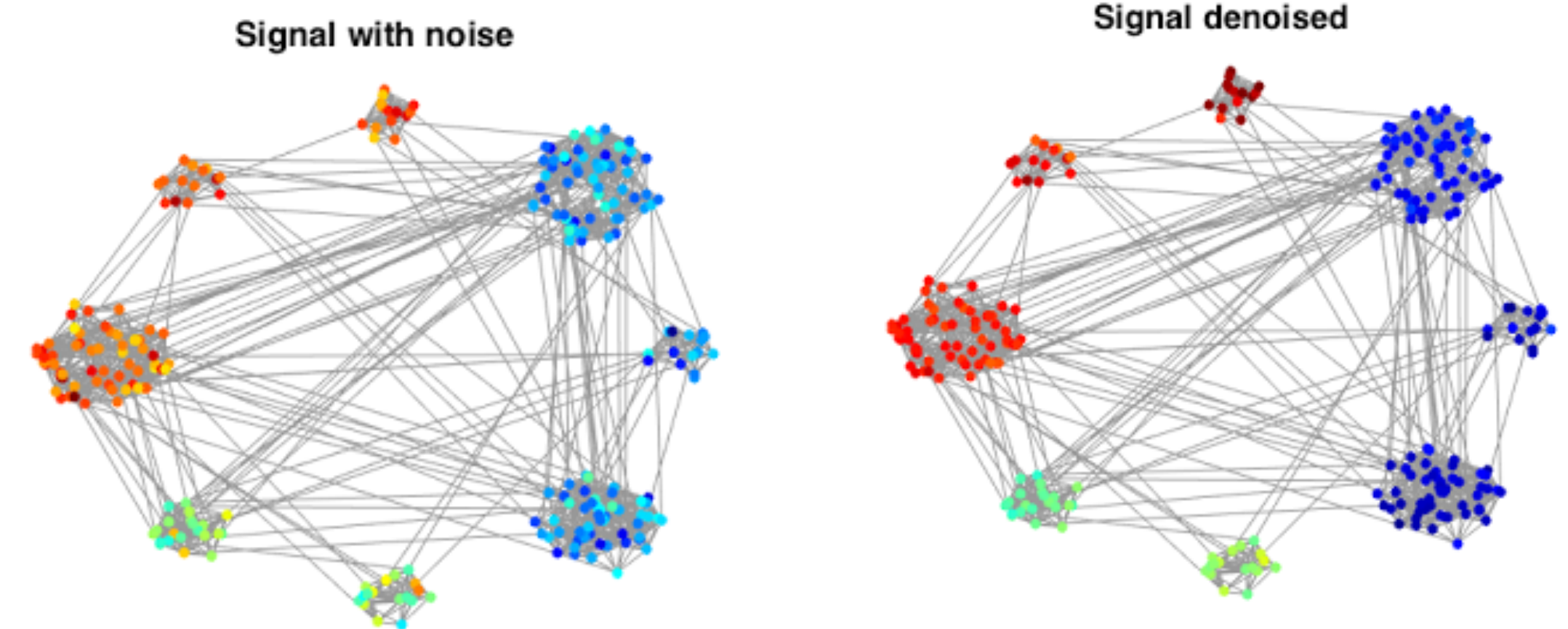


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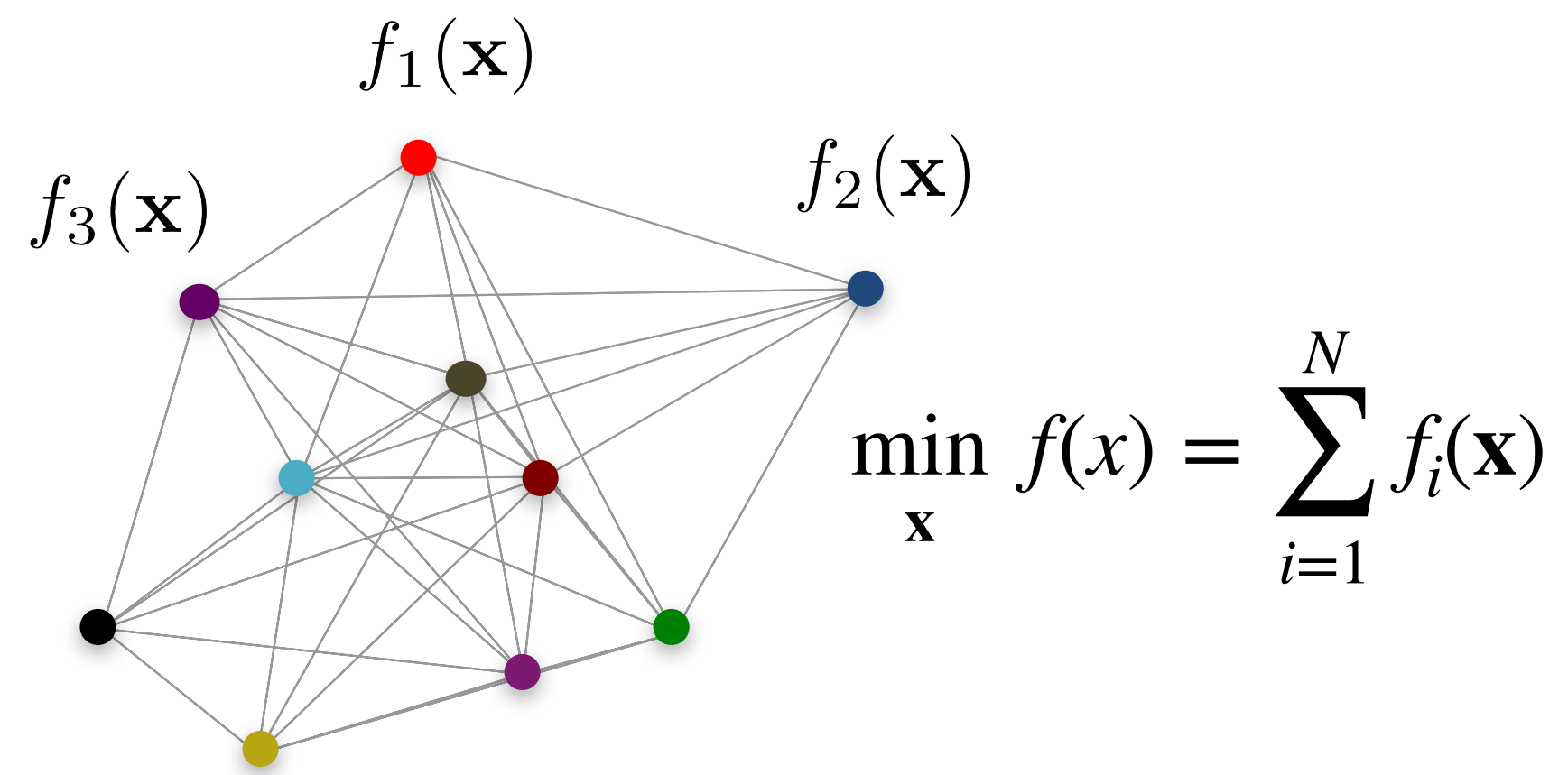
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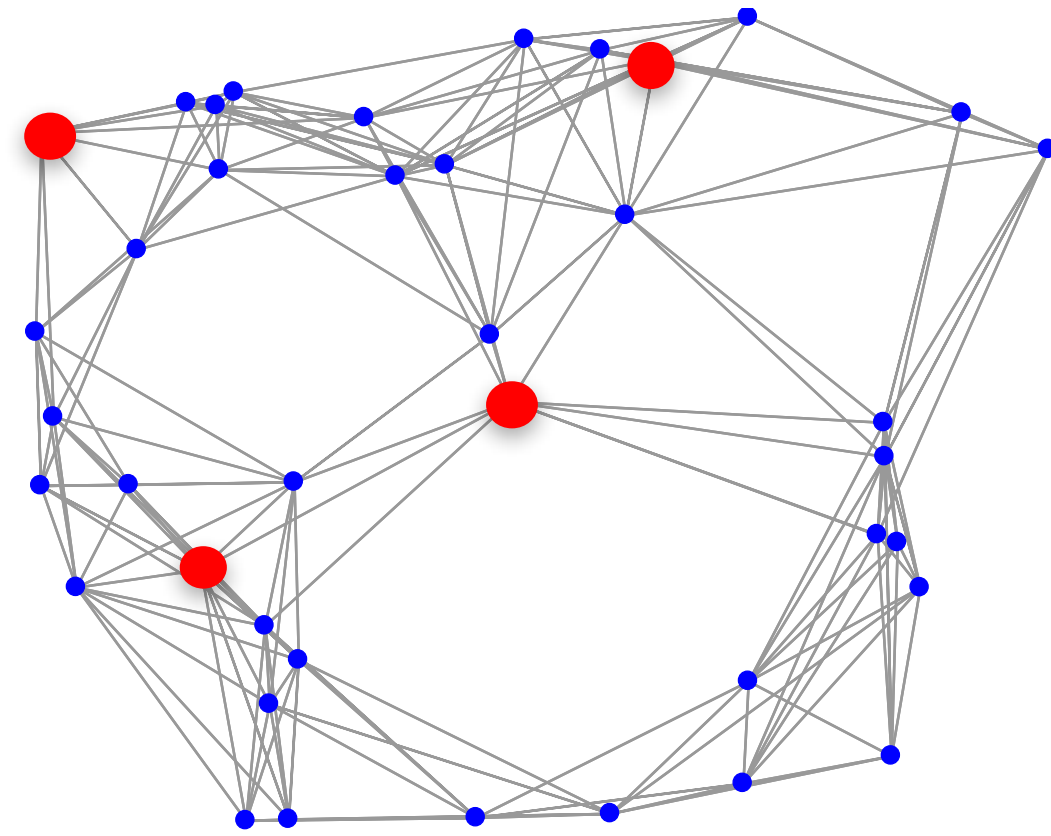


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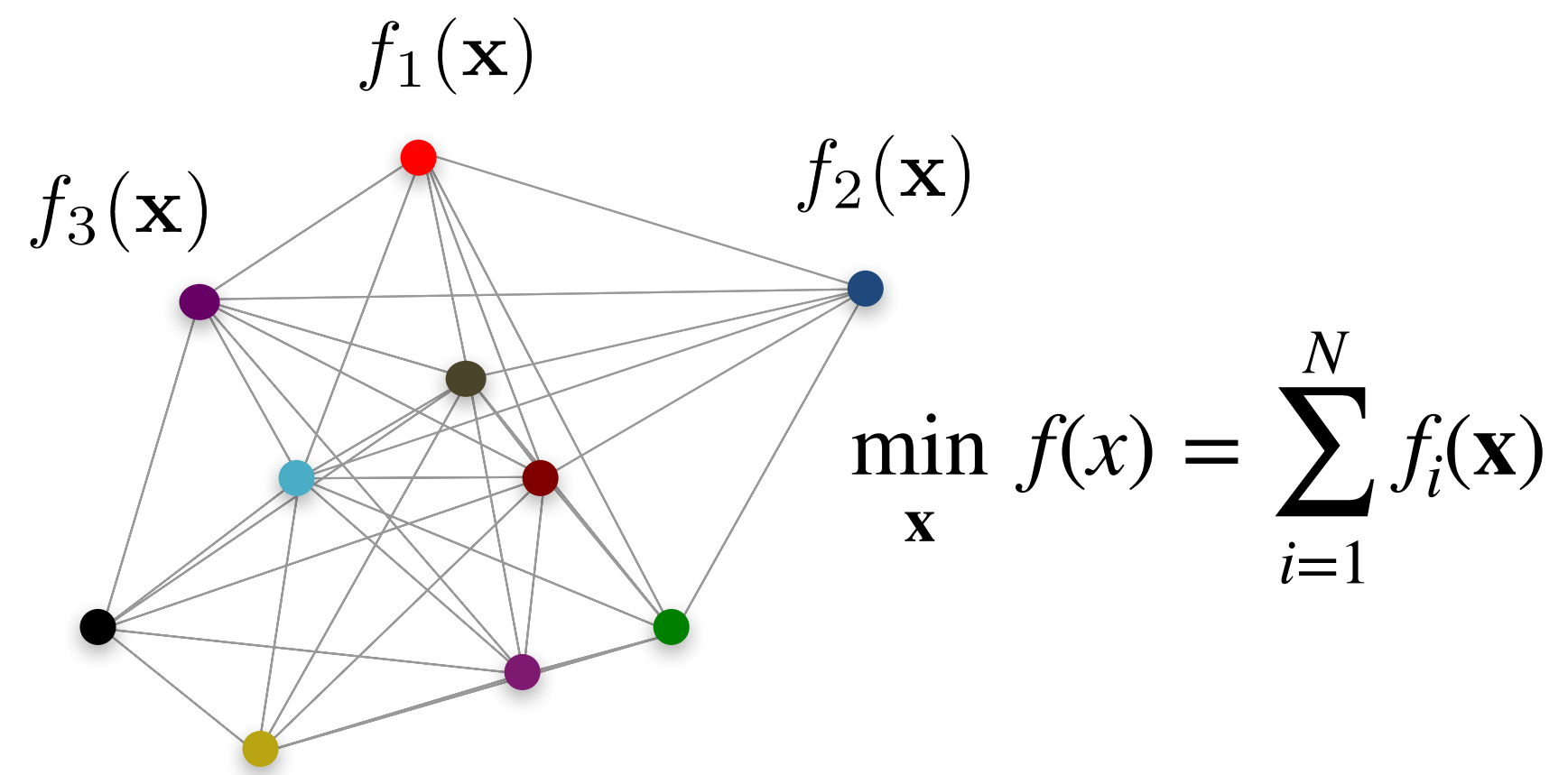


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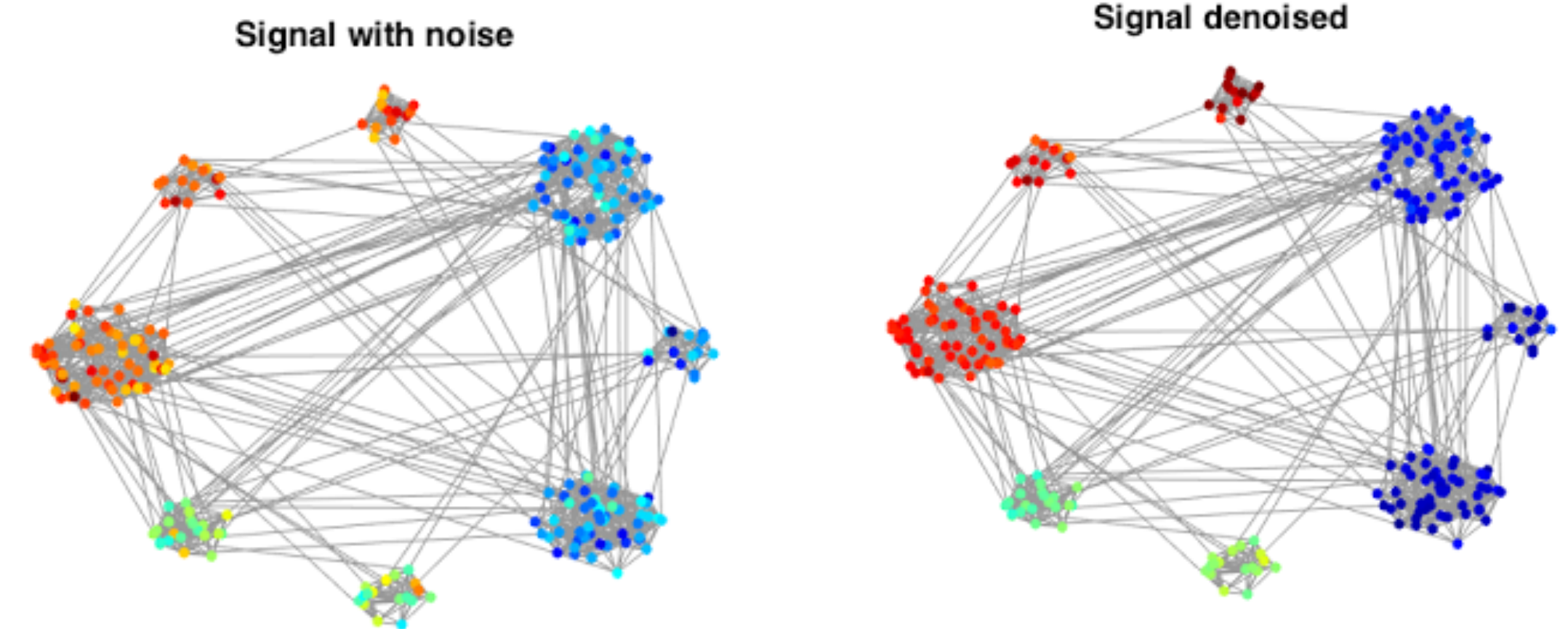
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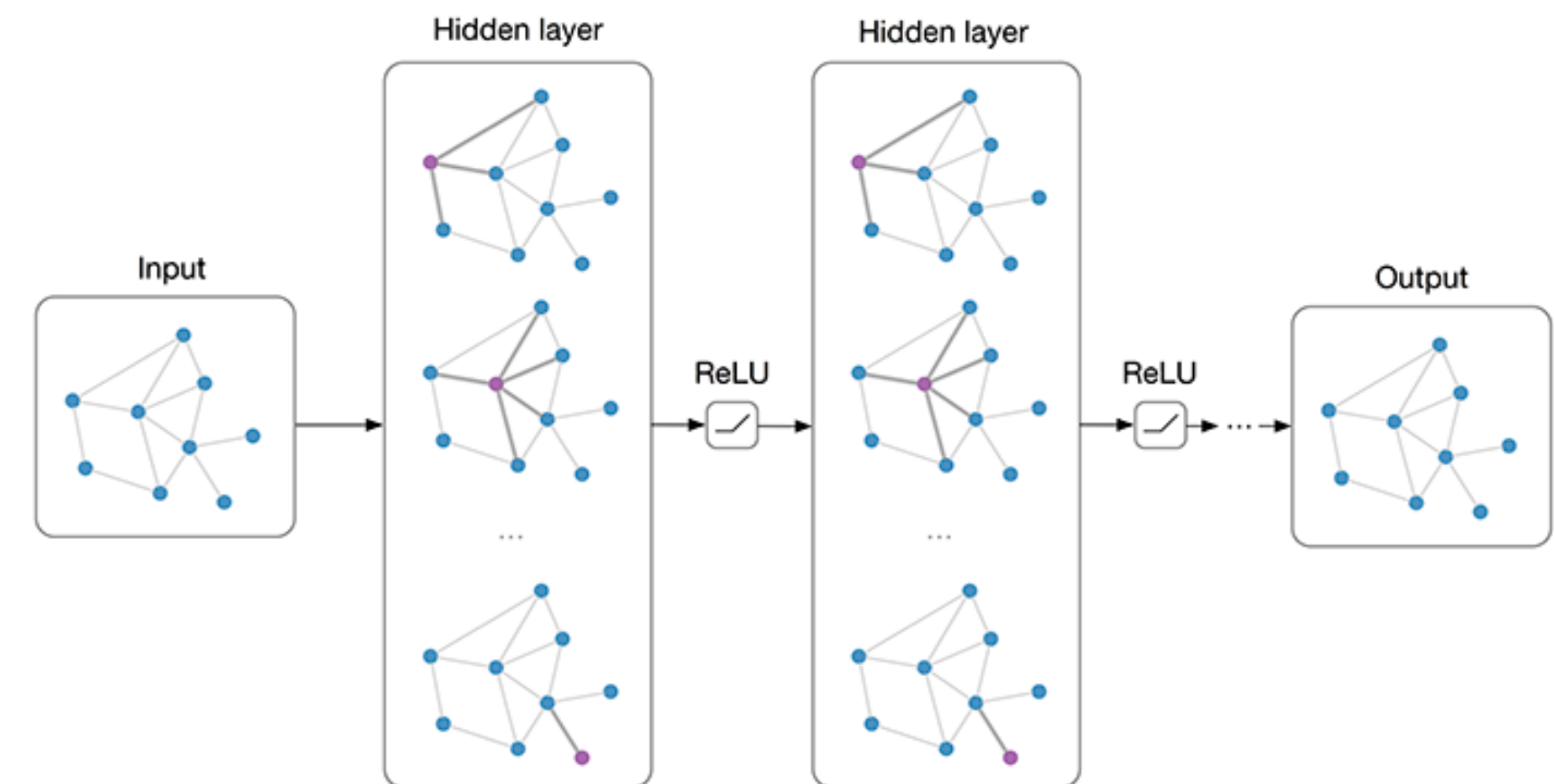
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Graph convolutional neural networks

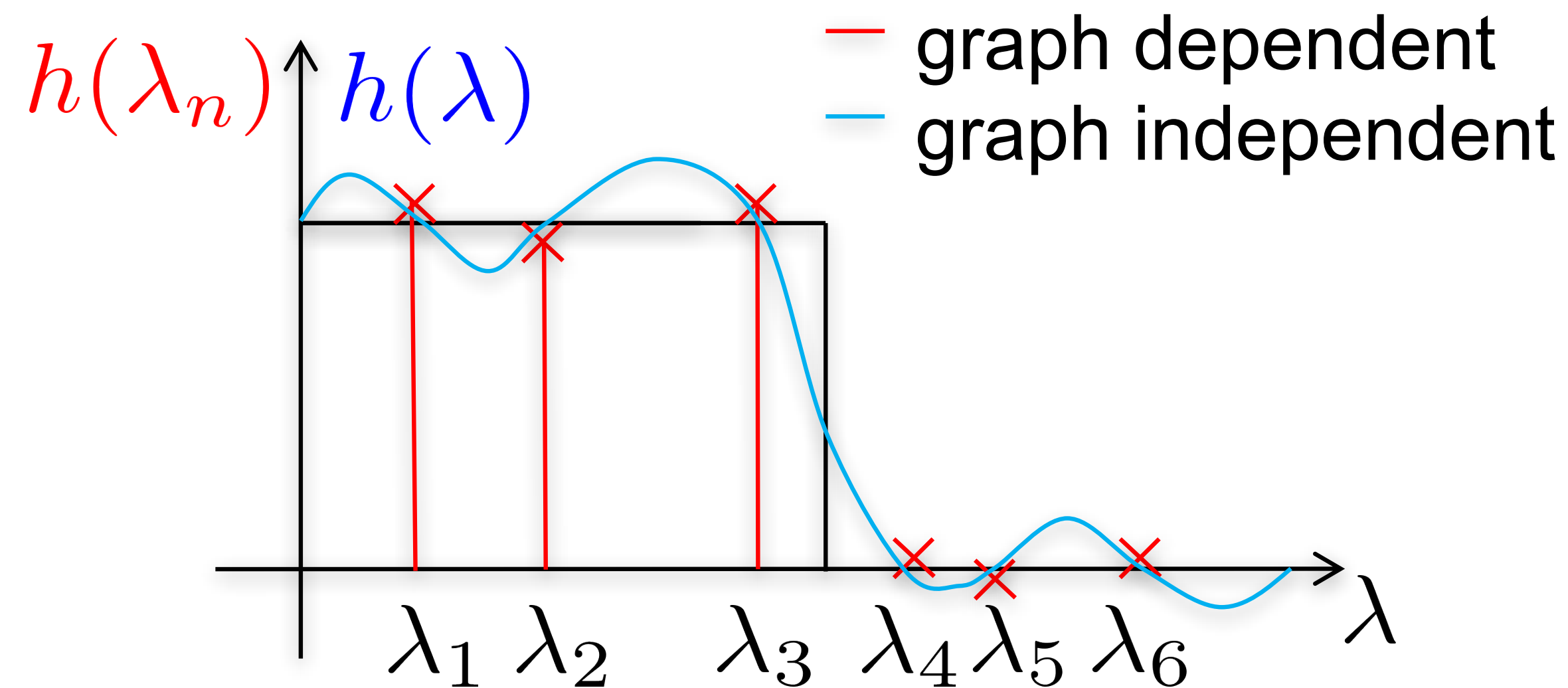
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Graph-dependent vs graph-independent (universal) filter design



[Shuman'11, DCOSS]
[Sandryhaila'13, TSP]
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Frequency-domain vs vertex-domain implementation

- ⦿ No **fast GFT** implementations
- ⦿ Need for **parametrized filters** in the vertex domain

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number of parameters: $\mathcal{O}(K)$

computational complexity: $\mathcal{O}(MK)$

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shifted graph signal

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time-delayed signal

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(shift-and-sum)

[graph convolution neural networks]

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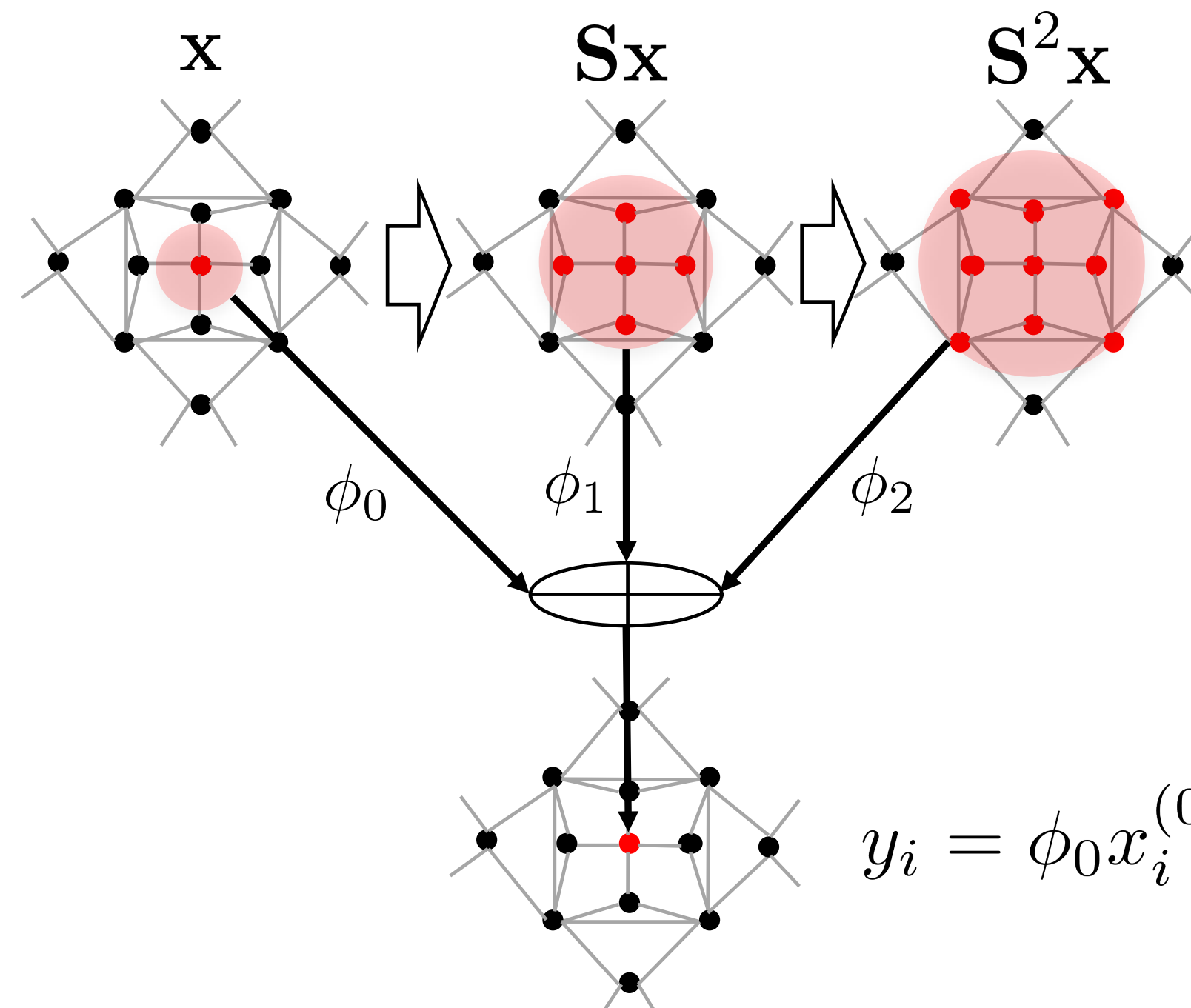


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Example: $\mathbf{y} = \phi_0 \mathbf{x} + \phi_1 \mathbf{S} \mathbf{x} + \phi_2 \mathbf{S}^2 \mathbf{x}$



$$\begin{aligned} x_i^{(0)} &= x_i \\ x_i^{(1)} &= \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} [\mathbf{S}]_{i,j} x_j^{(0)} \\ x_i^{(2)} &= \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} [\mathbf{S}]_{i,j} x_j^{(1)} \end{aligned}$$

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FIR graph filters

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{FIR}} \triangleq \sum_{k=0}^K \phi_k \mathbf{S}^k$$

- Efficient and distributed implementation 😊

$$\begin{cases} x_i^{(0)} = x_i \\ x_i^{(k)} = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} [\mathbf{S}]_{i,j} x_j^{(k-1)}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, K \\ y_i = \sum_{k=0}^K \phi_k x_i^{(k)} \end{cases}$$

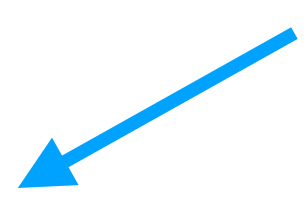
- Computational and communication cost of $\mathcal{O}(MK)$ 😊
- Good approximation requires high filter orders 😞

FIR design

Minimization of error

$$e_n = \hat{h}_n - \sum_{k=0}^K \phi_k \lambda_n^k$$

frequency-domain design

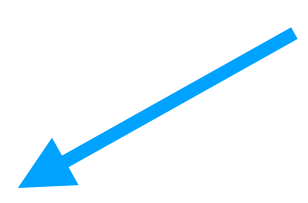


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⦿ Least squares [Sandryhaila'13, TSP]

➡

$$\mathbf{e} = \hat{\mathbf{h}} - \mathbf{\Xi}_{K+1} \boldsymbol{\phi}$$

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$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \|\hat{\mathbf{h}} - \mathbf{\Xi}_{K+1} \boldsymbol{\phi}\|_2^2$$

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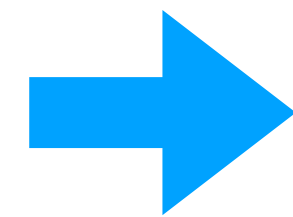
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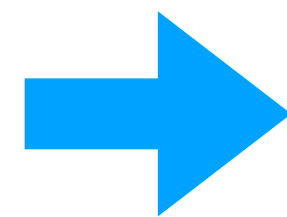
Least squares [Sandryhaila'13, TSP]

alternative data-driven
design

$$\min_{\{\phi_k\}} \sum_i \|\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{H}(\{\phi_k\})\mathbf{x}_i\|_2^2$$



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FIR design

- ⦿ Chebyshev [Shuman'11, DCOSS]

$$\hat{h}(\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k T_k(\lambda) \approx \sum_{k=0}^K c_k T_k(\lambda)$$

- ✦ $T_k(\lambda)$: modified Chebyshev polynomials; orthogonal over desired range
- ✦ Closed form expression for $\{c_k\}_{k=0}^K$

ARMA graph filters

Autoregressive moving average graph filters implement a fractional matrix polynomial of the shift operator

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{H}_{\text{ARMA}} \mathbf{x} \quad \text{for} \quad \mathbf{H}_{\text{ARMA}} = \left(\mathbf{I} - \sum_{p=1}^P \psi_p \mathbf{S}^p \right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{q=0}^Q \varphi_q \mathbf{S}^q \right)$$

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number of parameters: $\mathcal{O}(P + Q)$

computational complexity: $\mathcal{O}(M)$ per it.

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shifted graph signal

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- Stability is guaranteed by invertibility 😊
- Good approximation for low filter orders 😊
- Exact solution for denoising/interpolation/diffusion 😊
- Filter design is more involved than for FIR 😞
- Does not admit trivial efficient/distributed implementation 😞

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⦿ Moving average part: similar to FIR

⦿ Autoregressive part:

◆ Gradient descent [Shi'15, SPL][Loukas'15, SPL]

◆ Conjugate gradient [Liu'17, GlobalSIP]

◆ Any other Krylov-based inversion can be used

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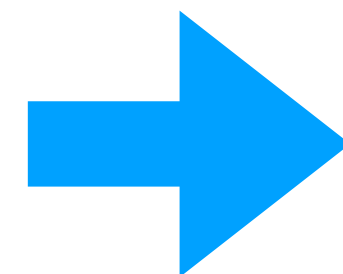
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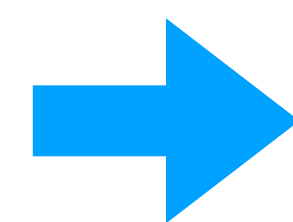
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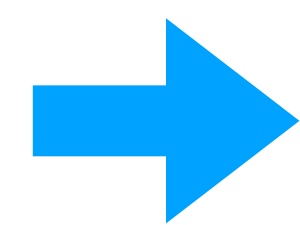


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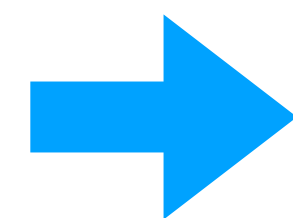
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ARMA design

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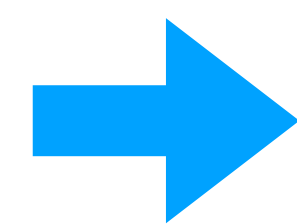
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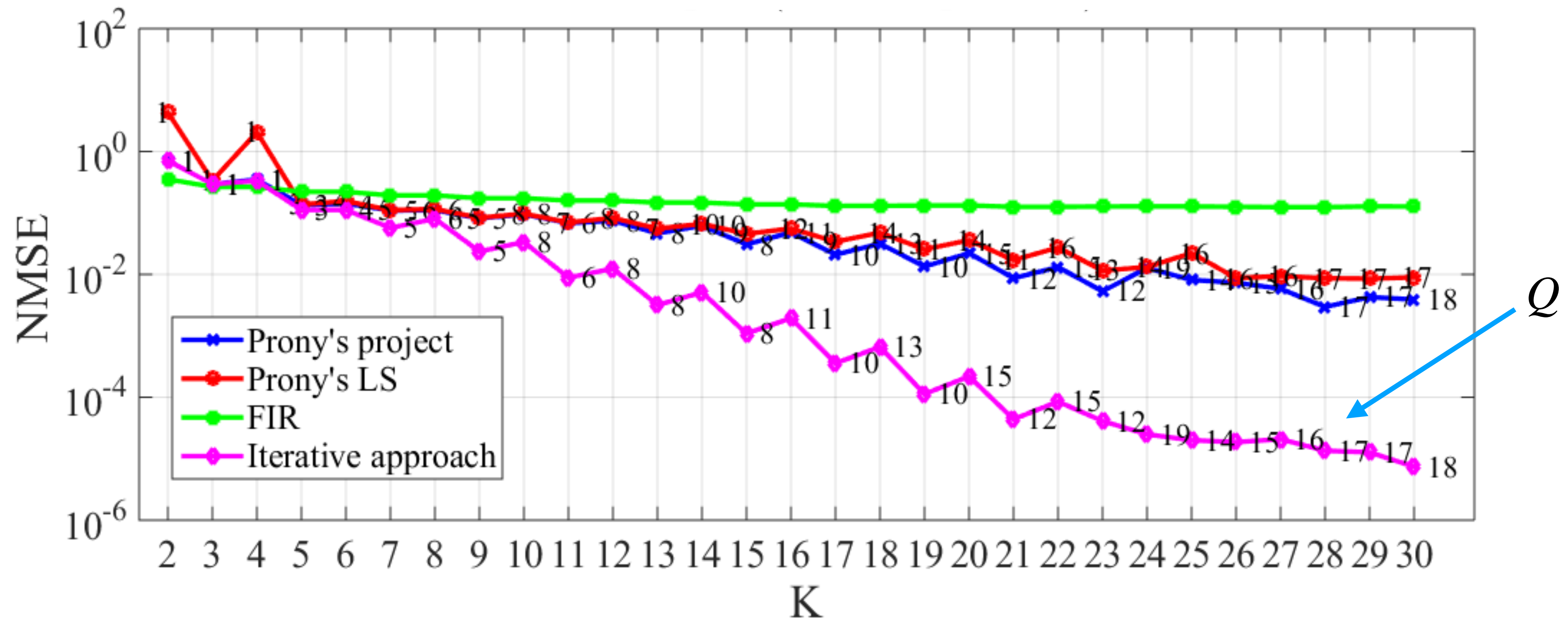
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ARMA design results

Approximate an **ideal filter** with $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{L}_n$, $\lambda_c = 1$, $P + Q \leq K$
 e.g., graph spectral clustering [Tremblay'16, ICASSP]



Beyond classical graph filtering

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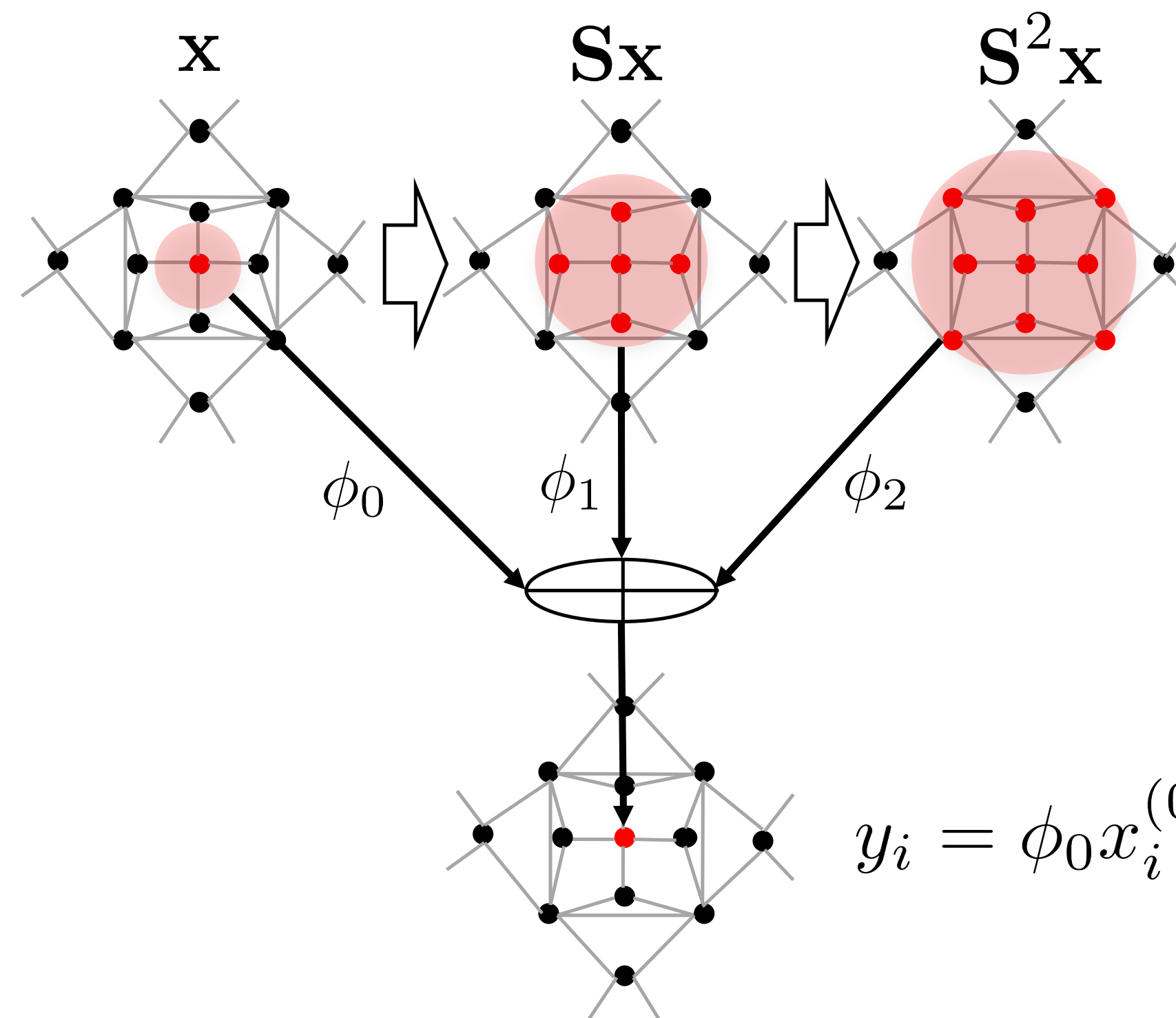
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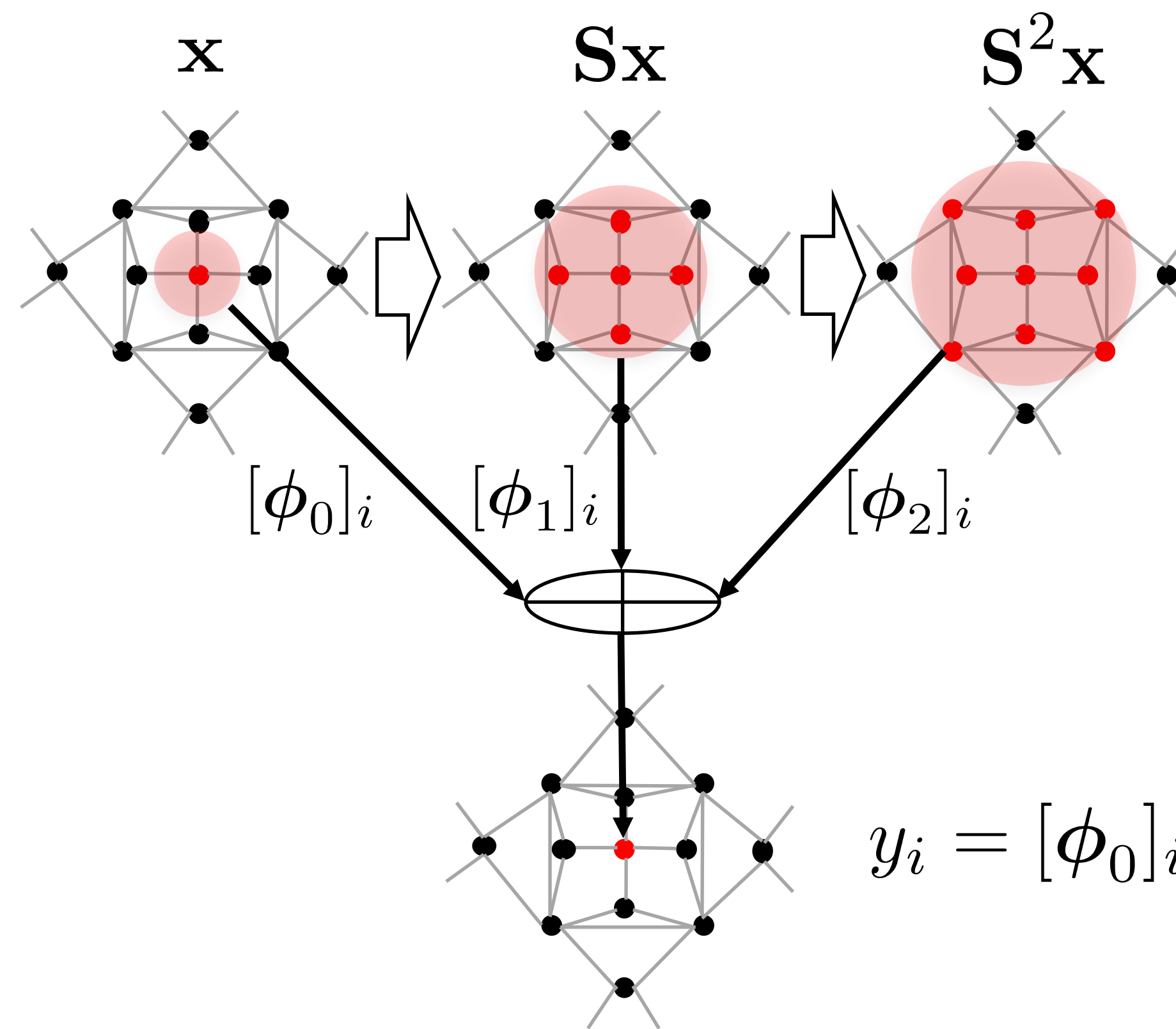
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- Linear in scalar coefficients $\{\phi_k\}$ 😊
- Good approximation requires high filter orders 😞

Node-varying graph filters

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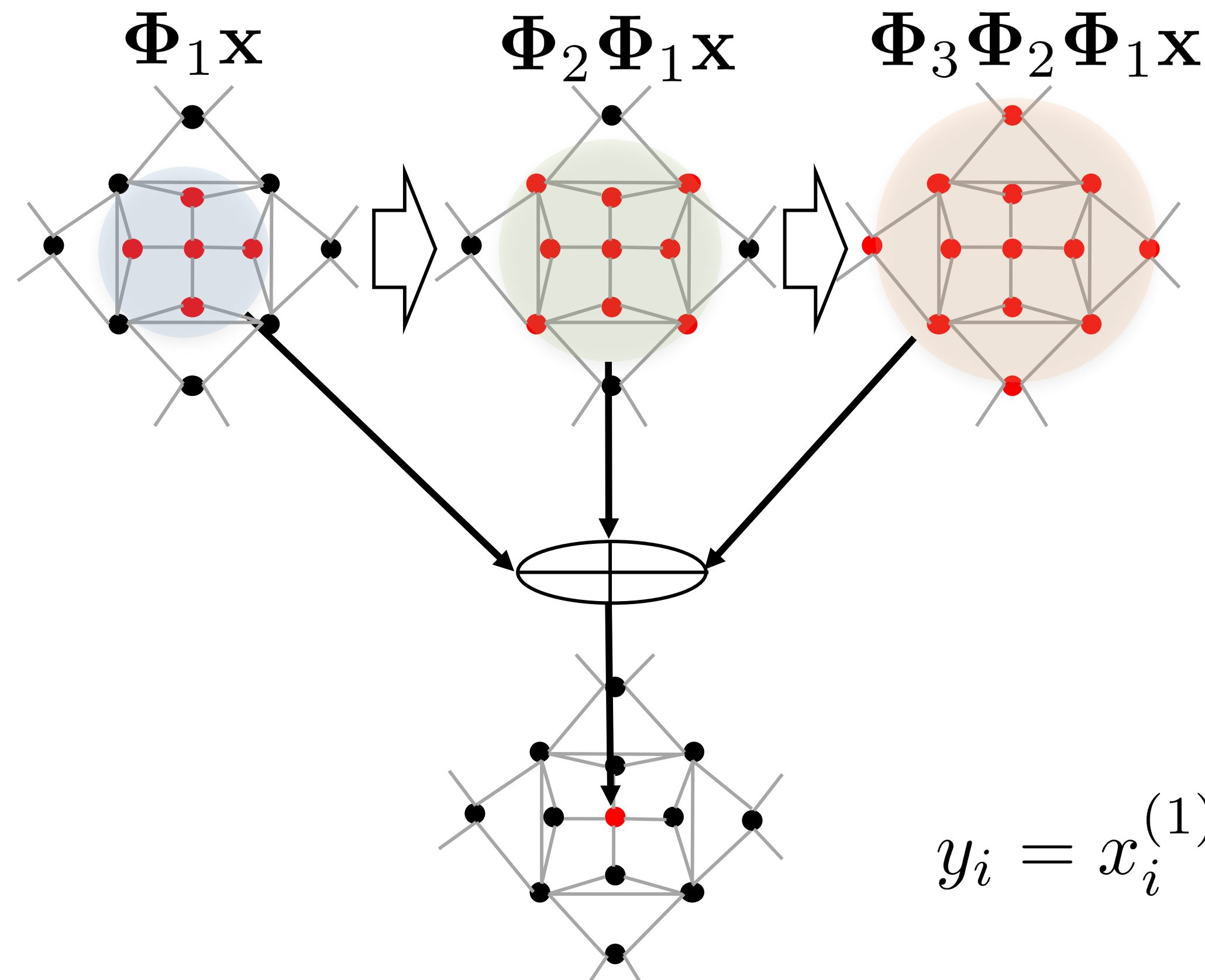
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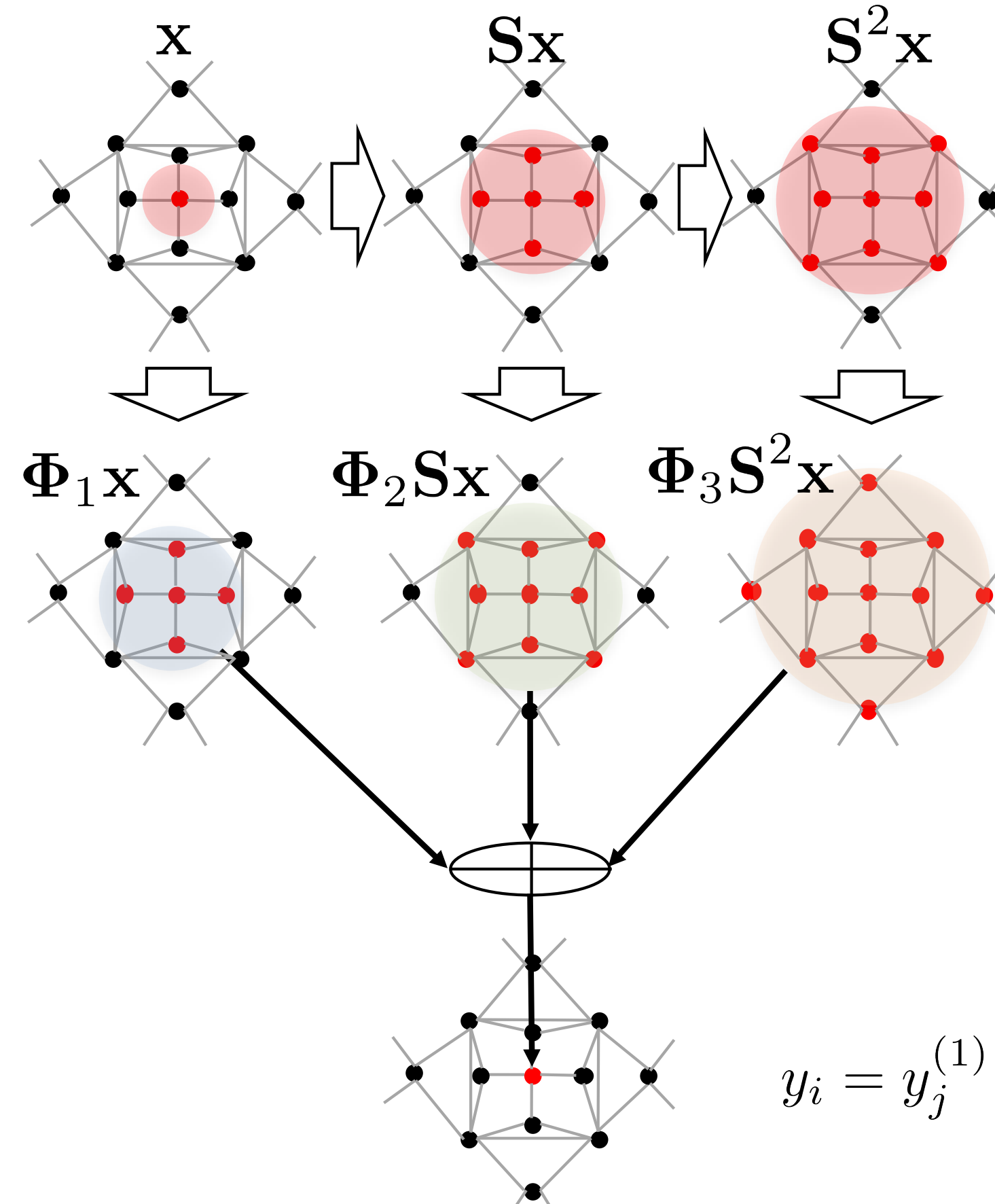
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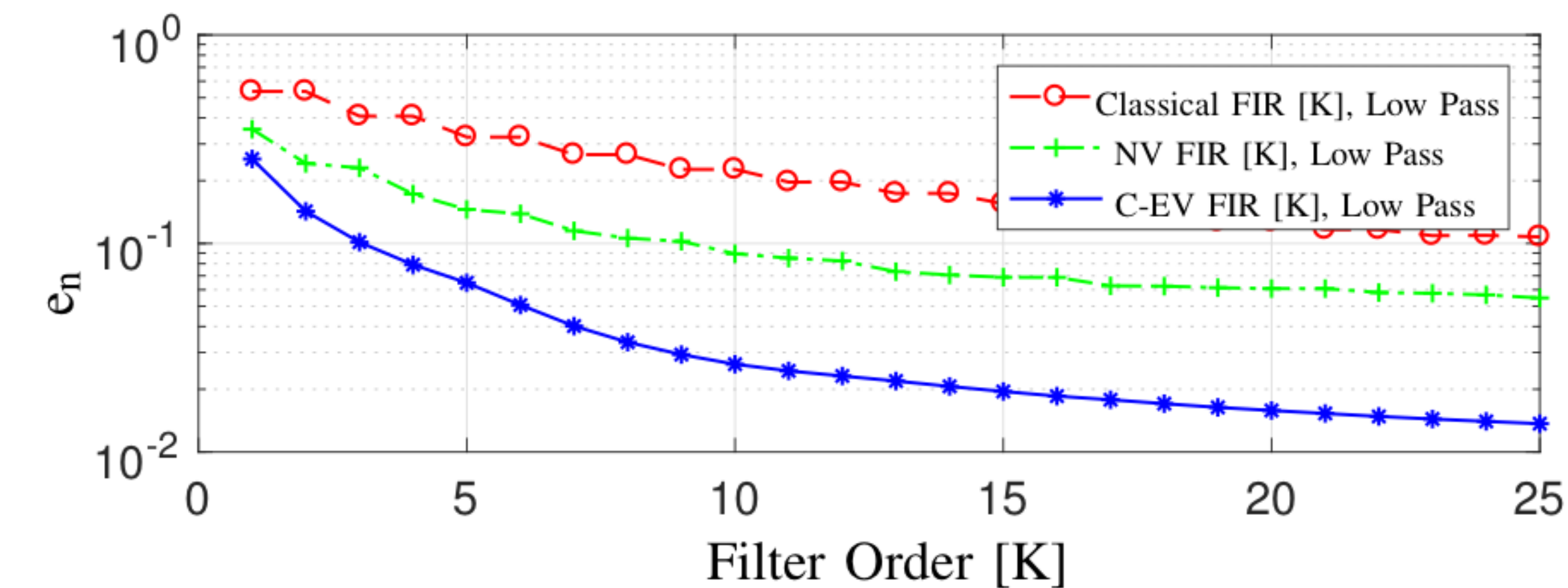
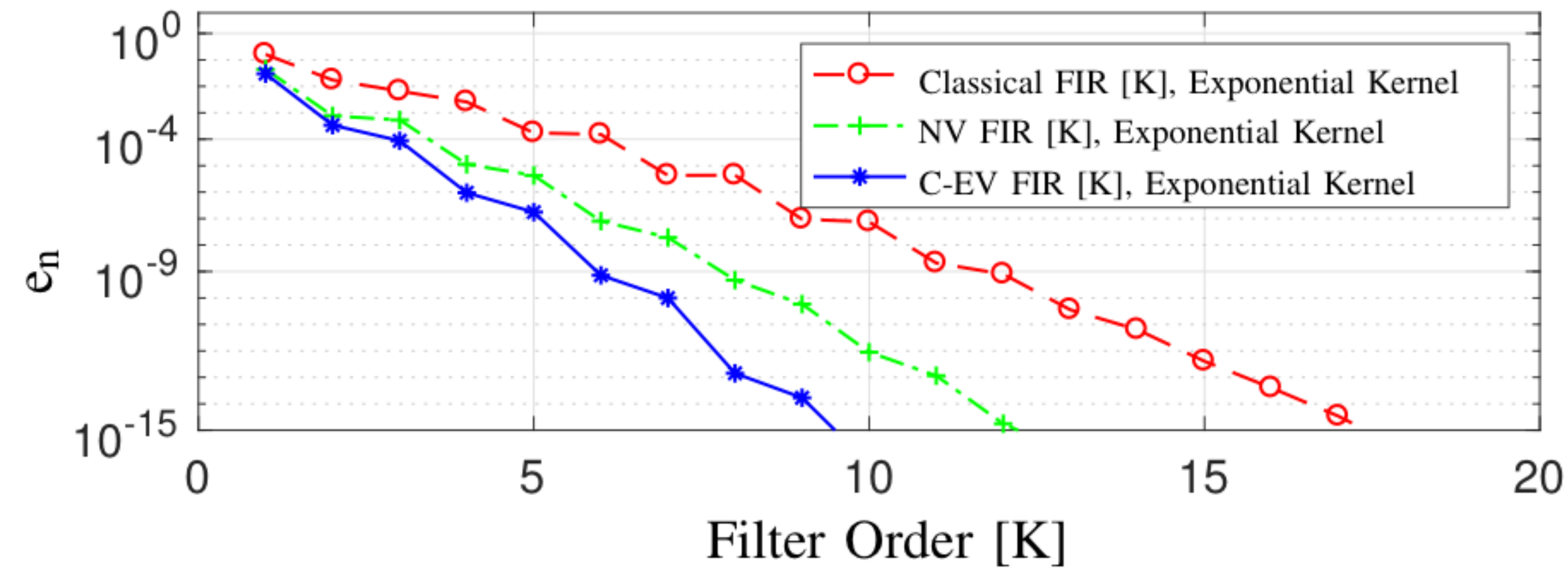
Fitting graph frequency response

Exponential kernel

$$\tilde{h}(\lambda) = e^{-3(\lambda-0.75)^2}$$

Ideal low-pass filter

$$\tilde{h}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq \lambda \leq \lambda_c \\ 0 & \text{otw} \end{cases}$$



$$e_n = \|\tilde{\mathbf{H}} - \mathbf{H}_{\text{fit}}\|_F^2 / \|\tilde{\mathbf{H}}\|_F^2$$

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part 2

graph filters for distributed optimization [1]

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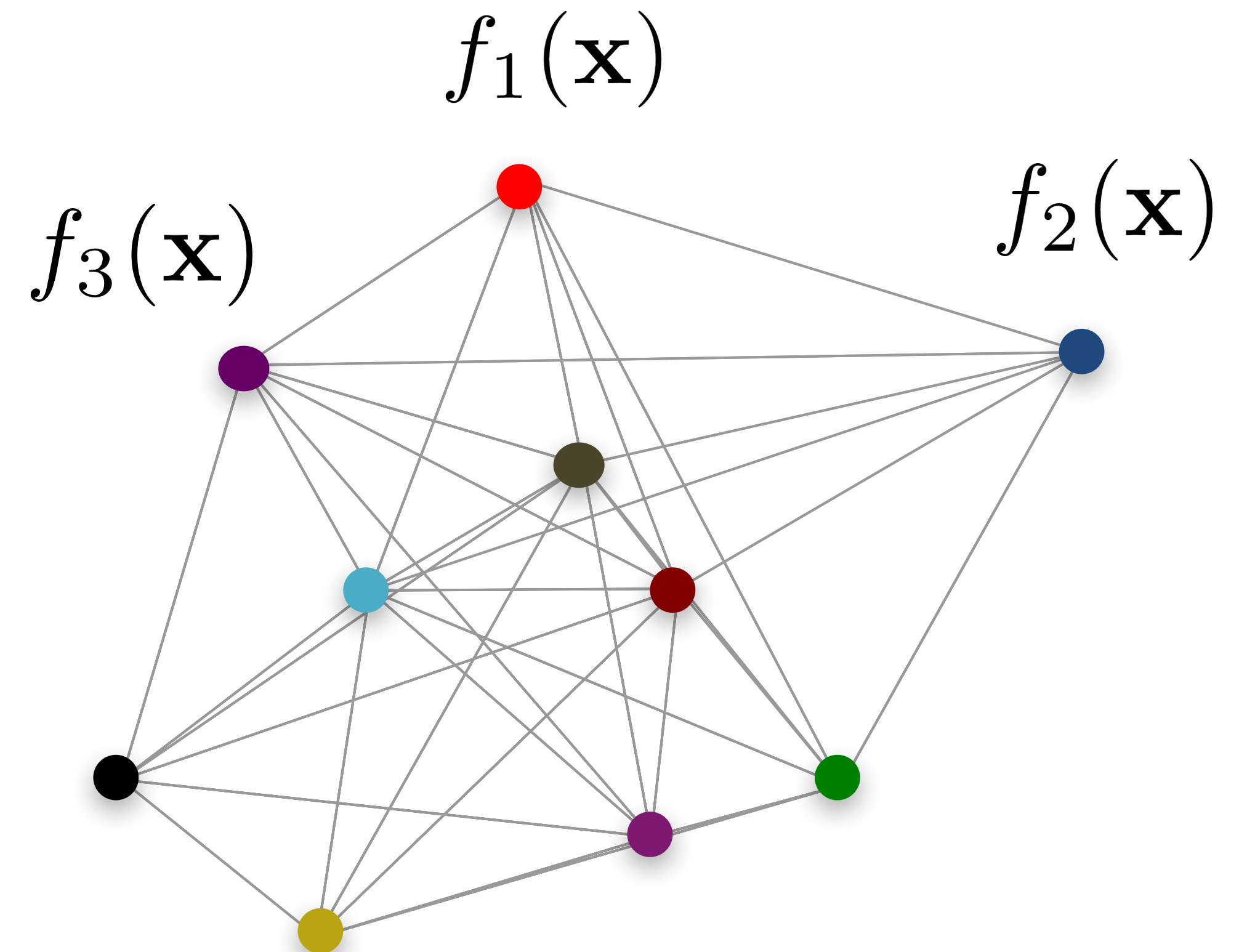
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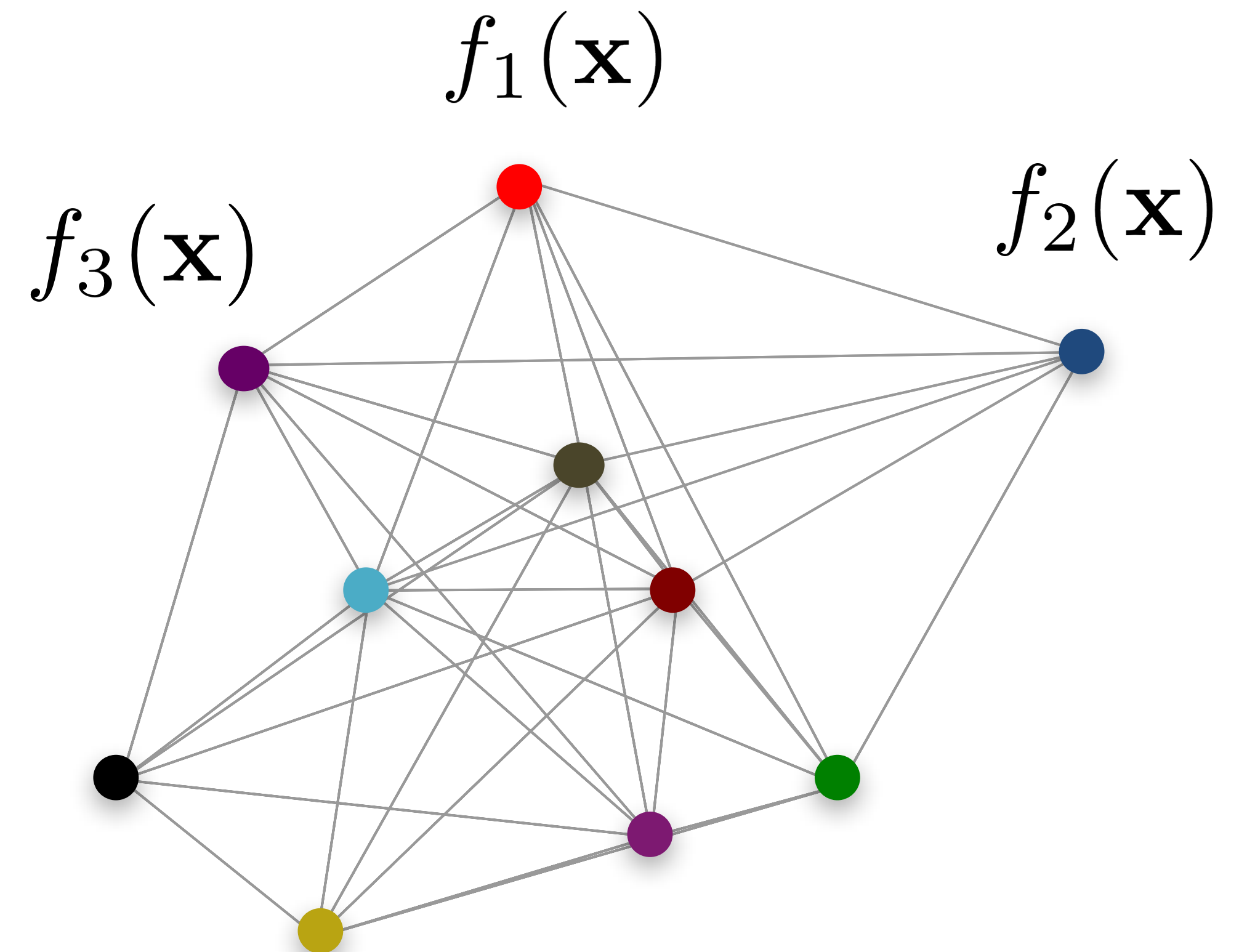
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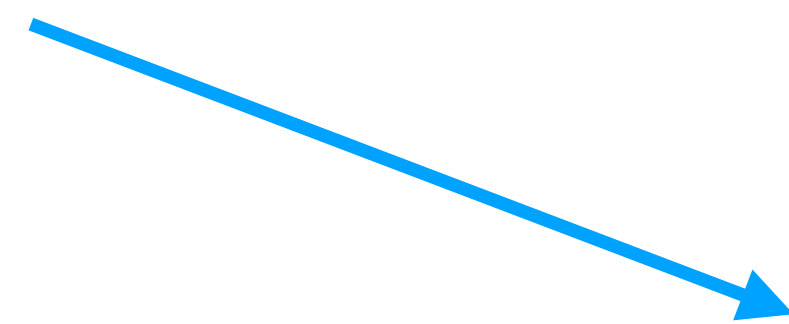
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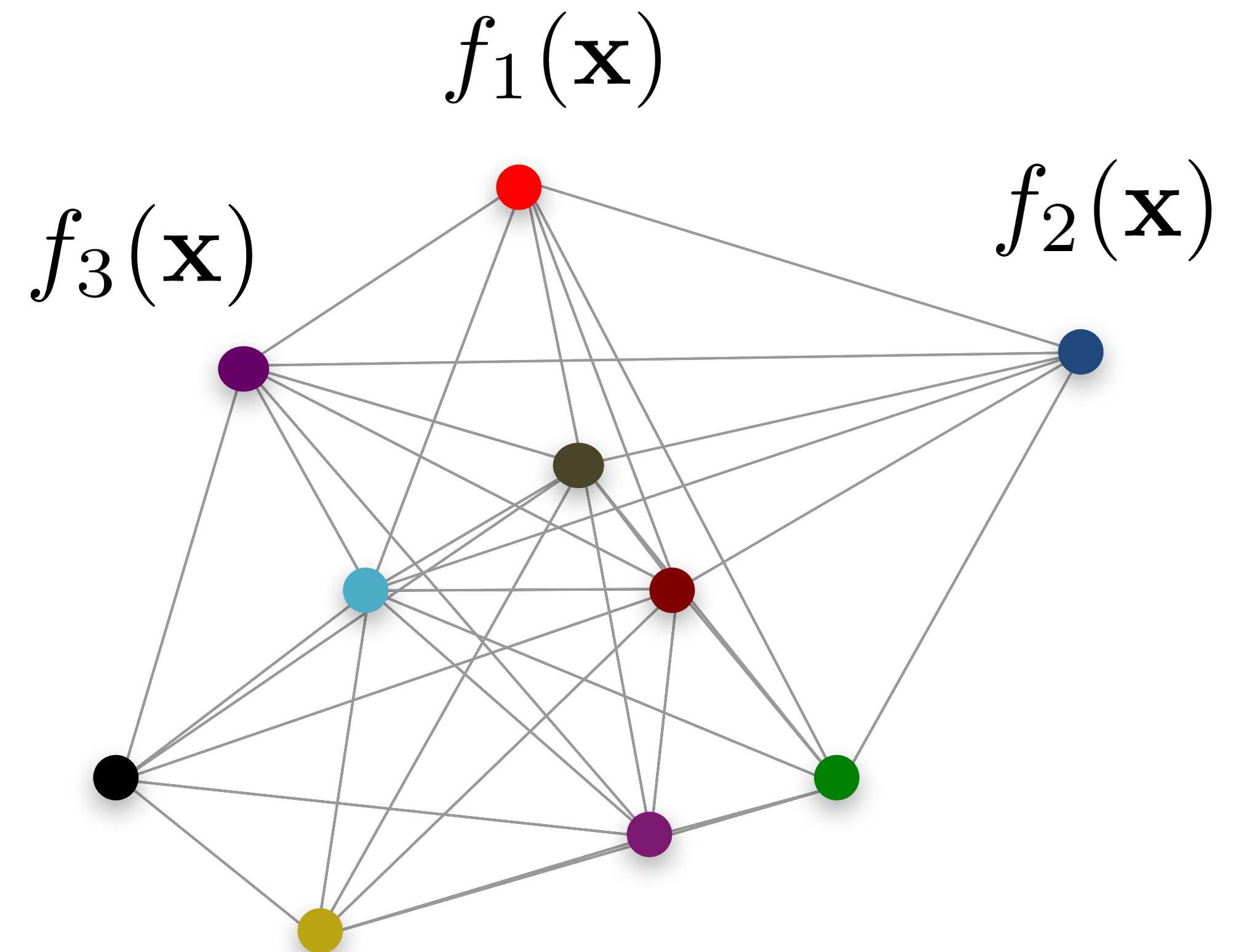
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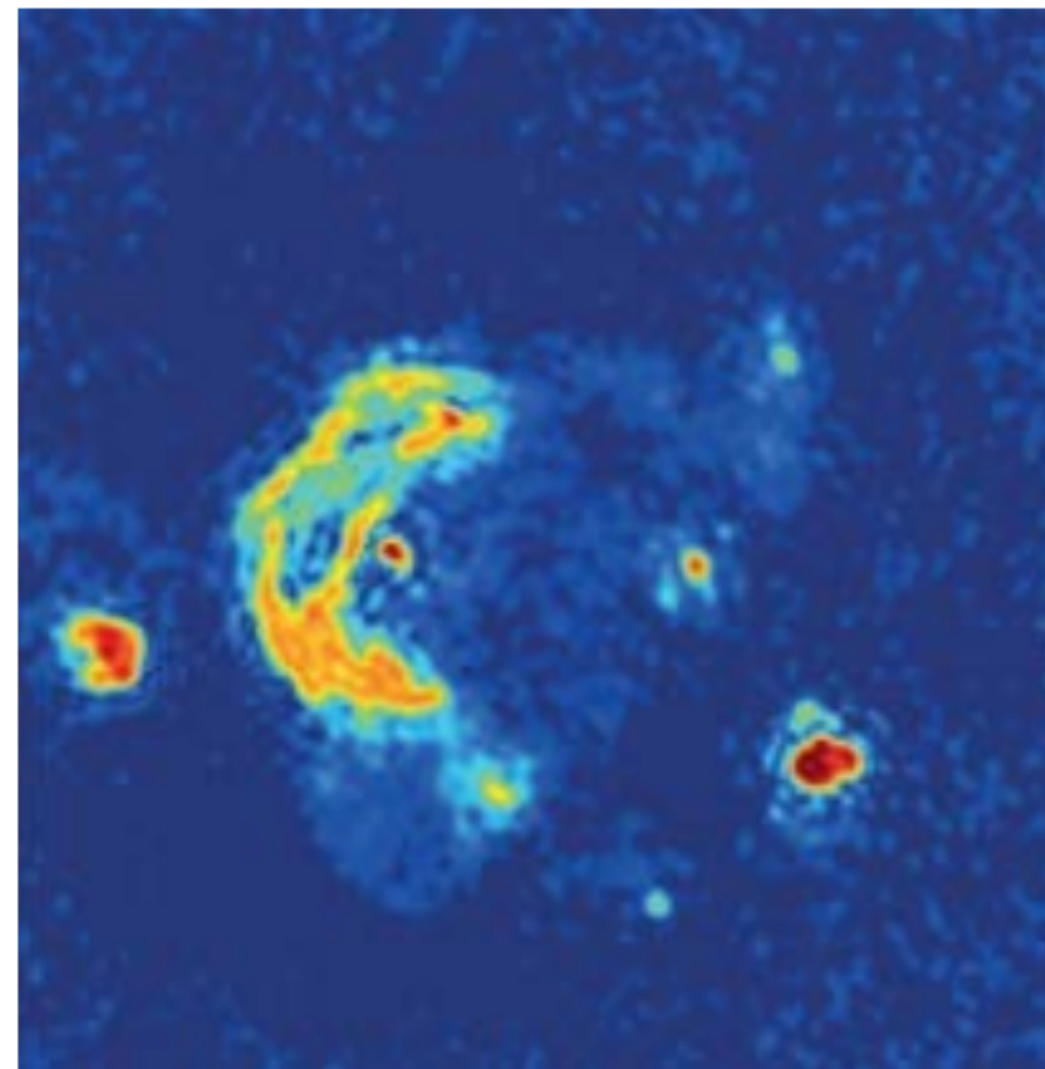
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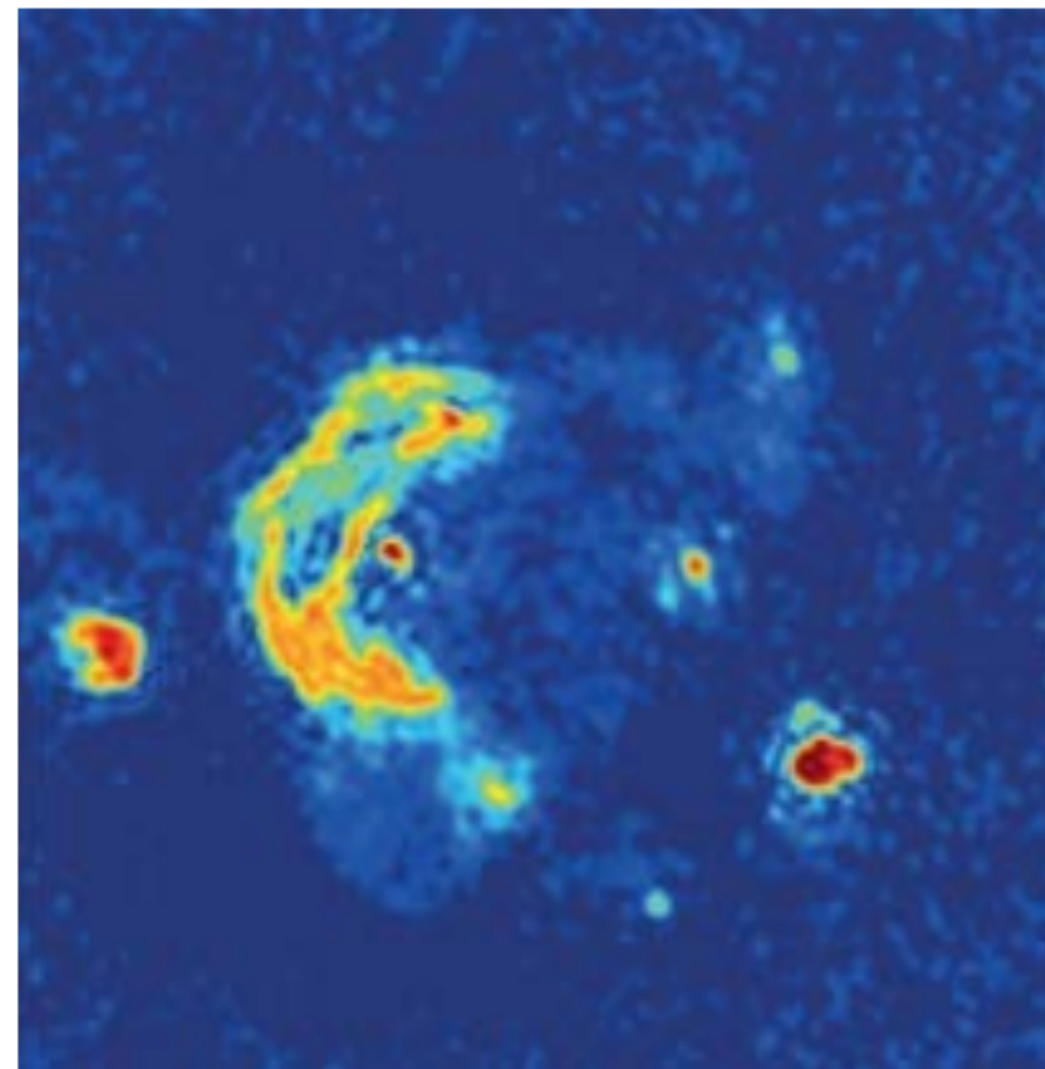
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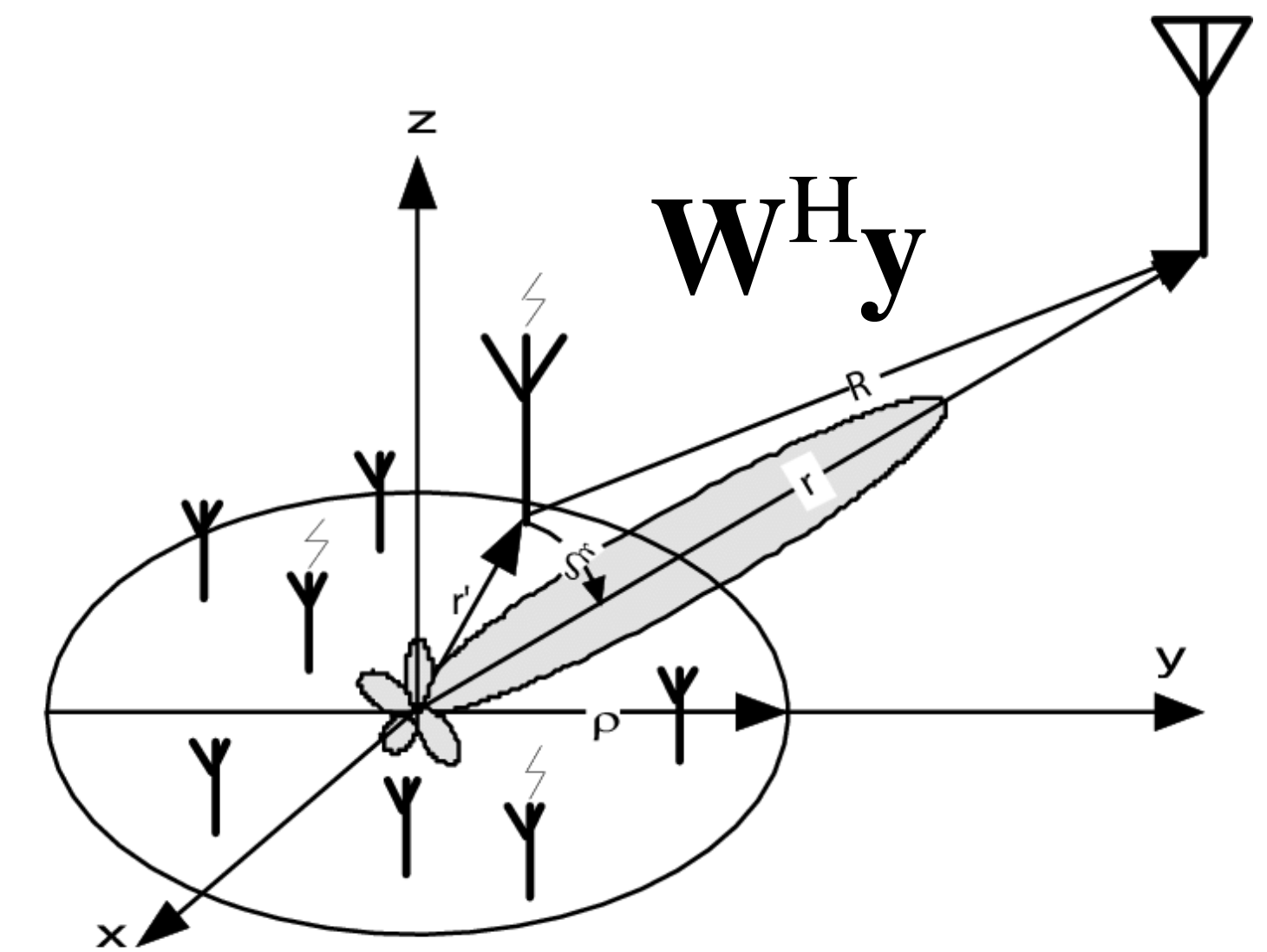
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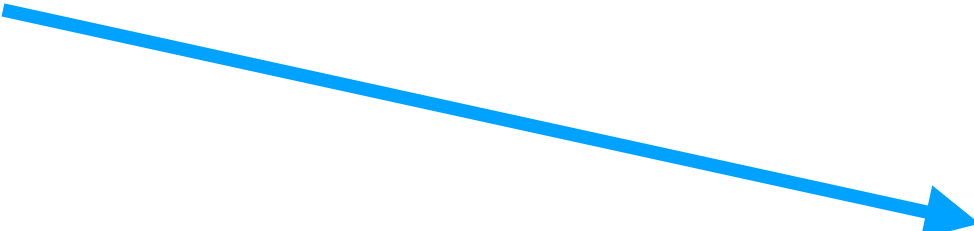


$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{y} - (\mathbf{W}^H)^{\dagger} \mathbf{x}\|_2^2$$

How to leverage graph filters for distributed optimization?

Connection with graph filters

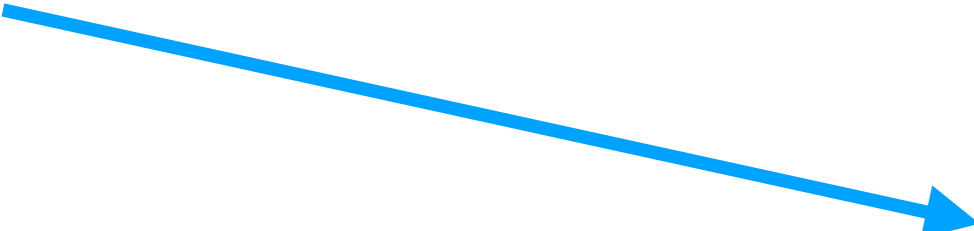
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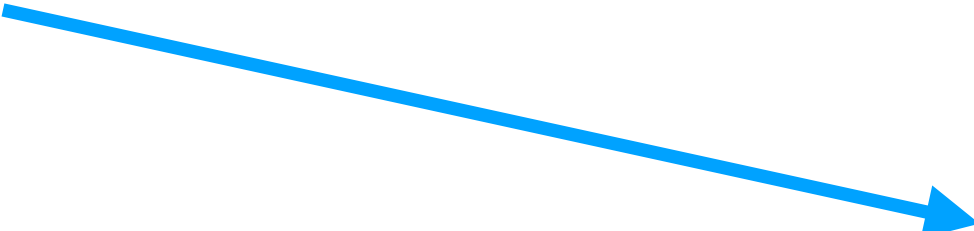


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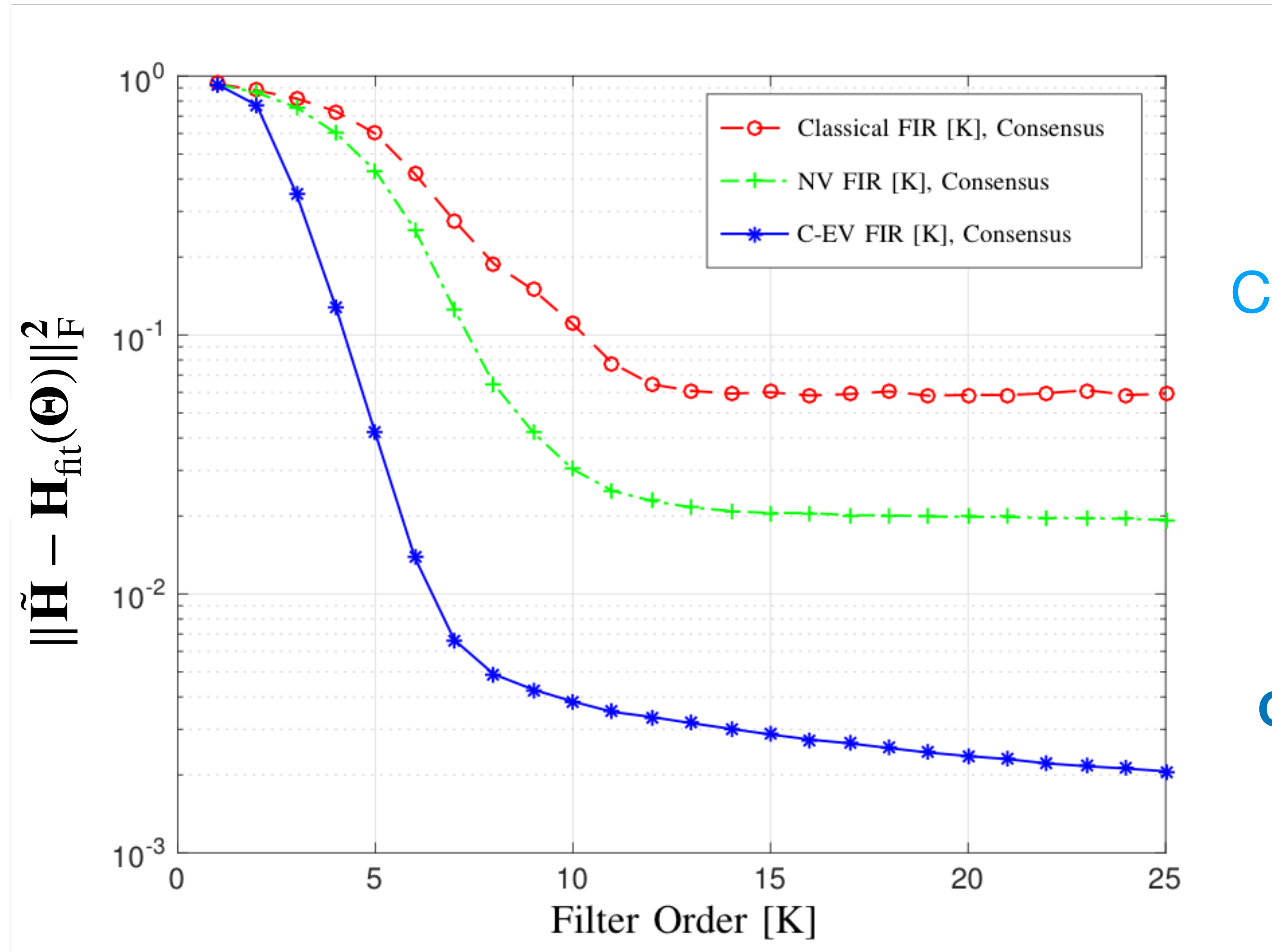
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- ⦿ Two possible **design approaches**
 - ✦ A fusion centre designs the filter and distributes the coefficients
 - ✦ The nodes themselves carry out the filter design which requires knowledge of the global operator and the total graph

Some applications

Average consensus



Consensus matrix

$$\tilde{\mathbf{H}} = \mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^\top / N$$

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Community graph

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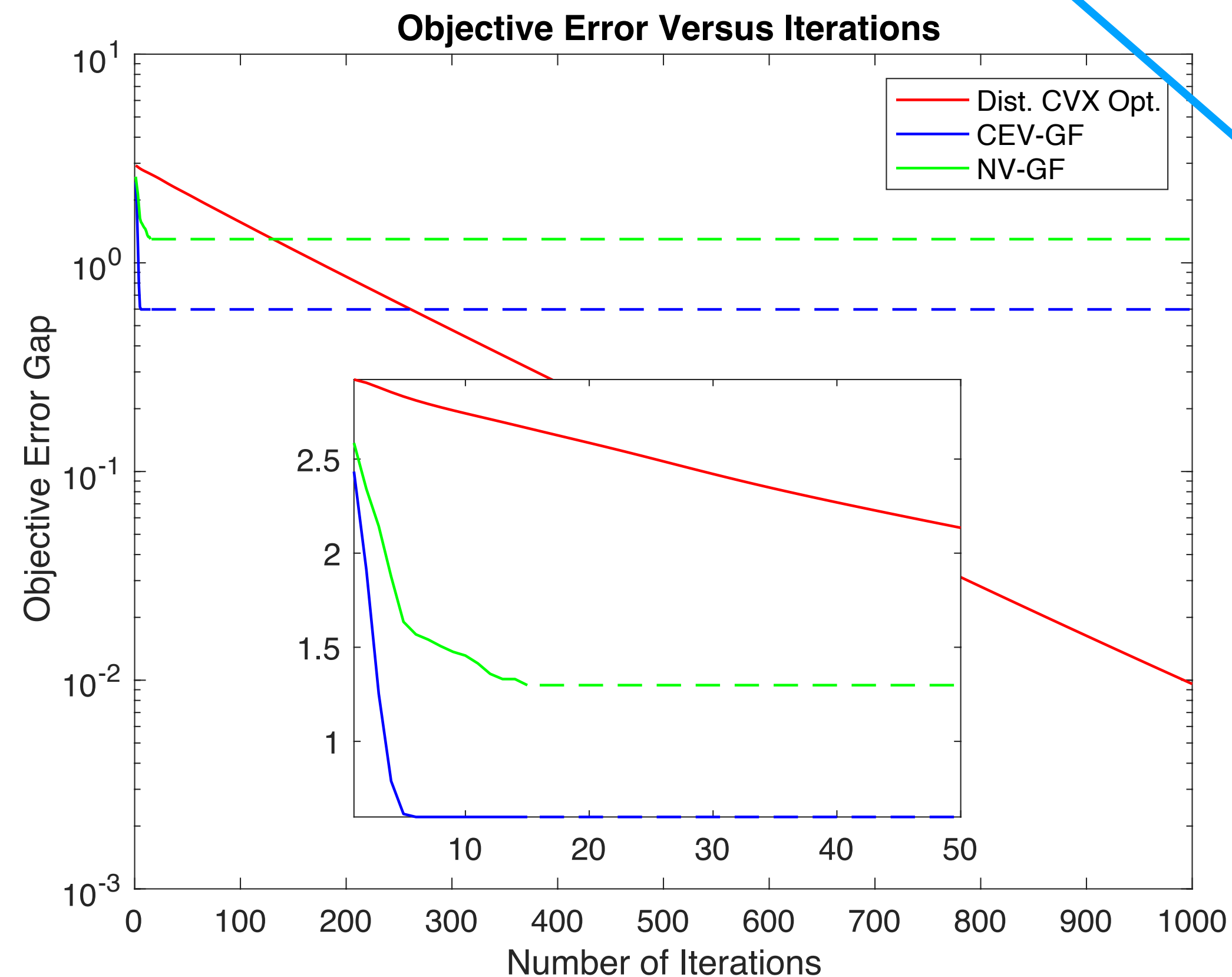
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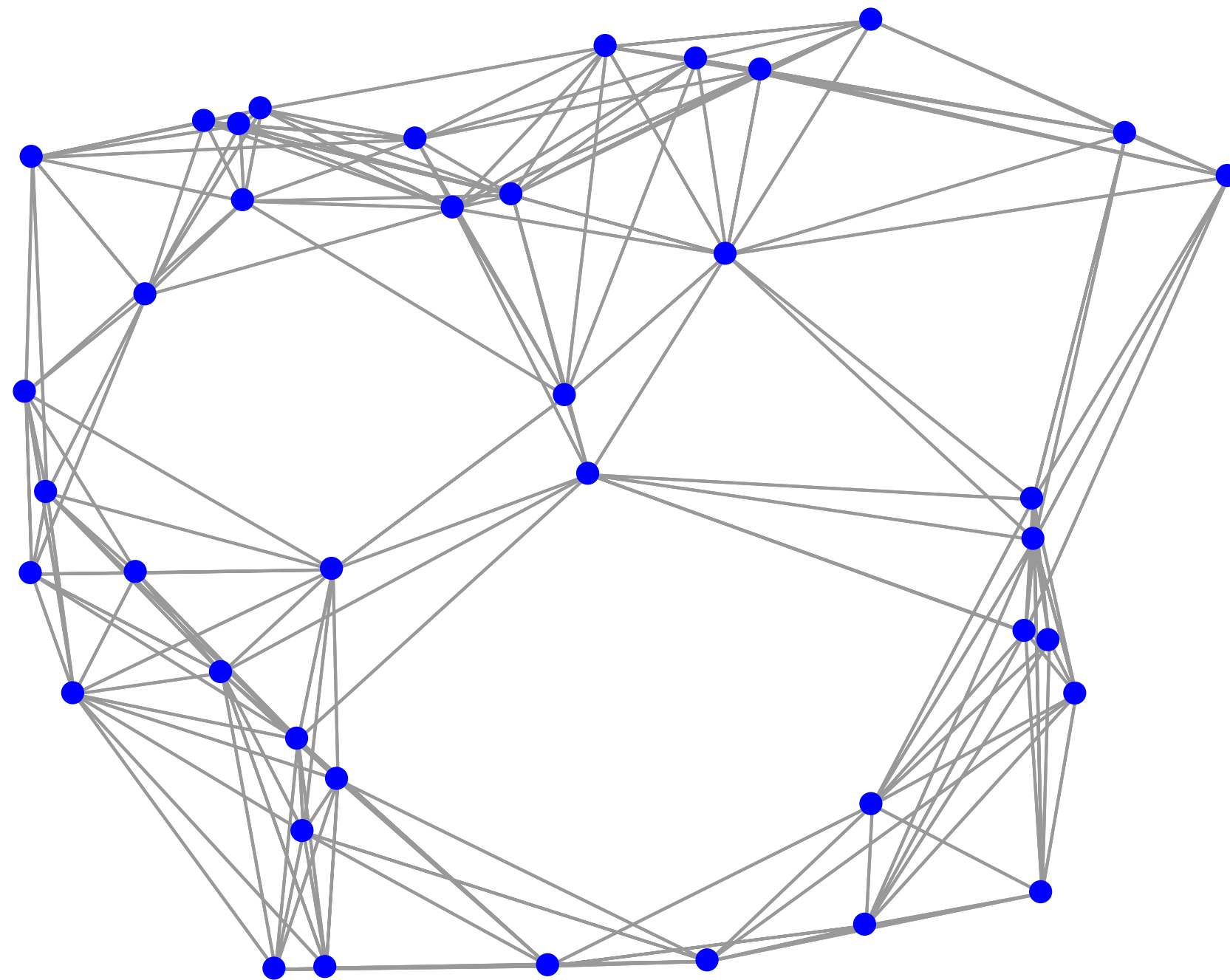
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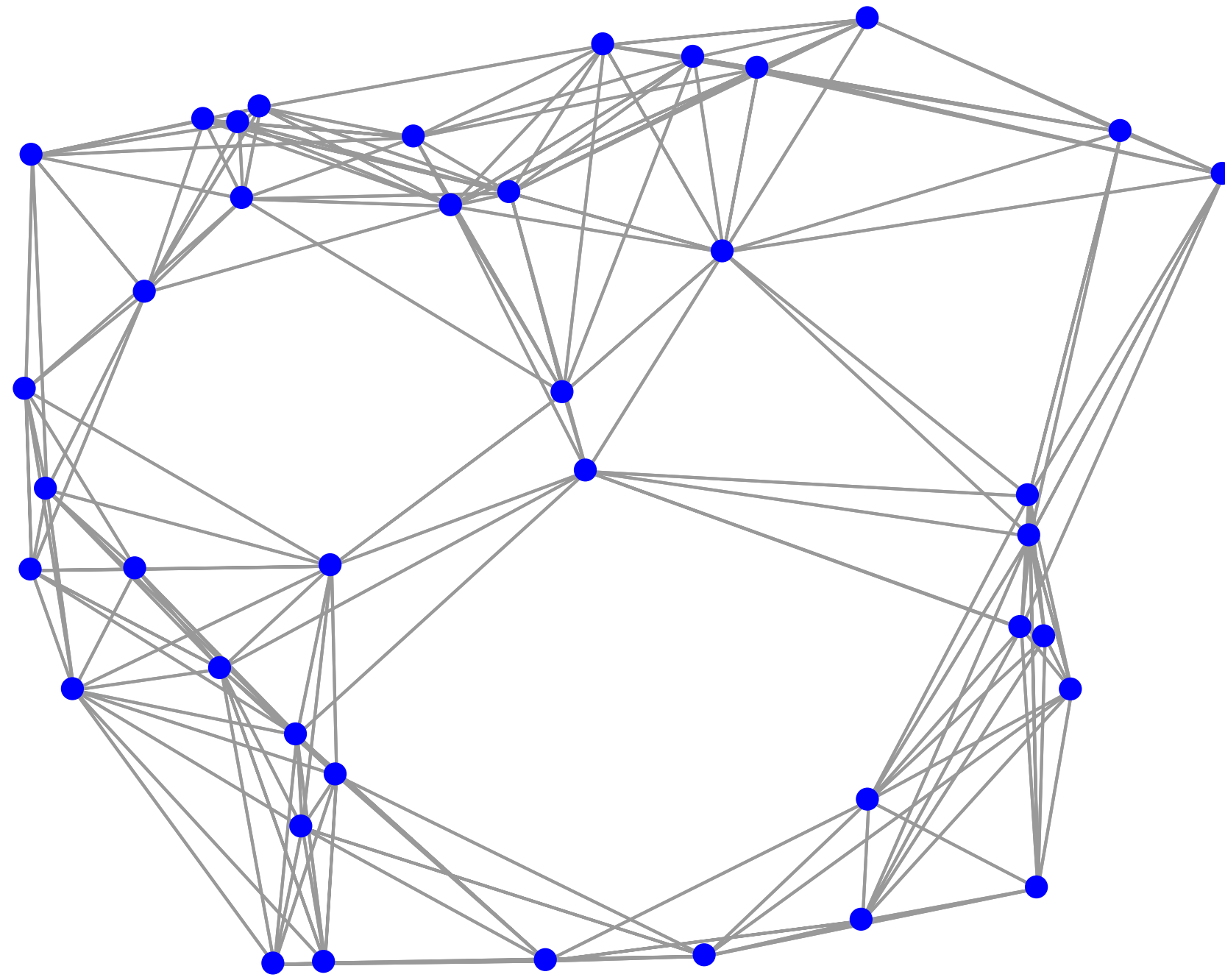
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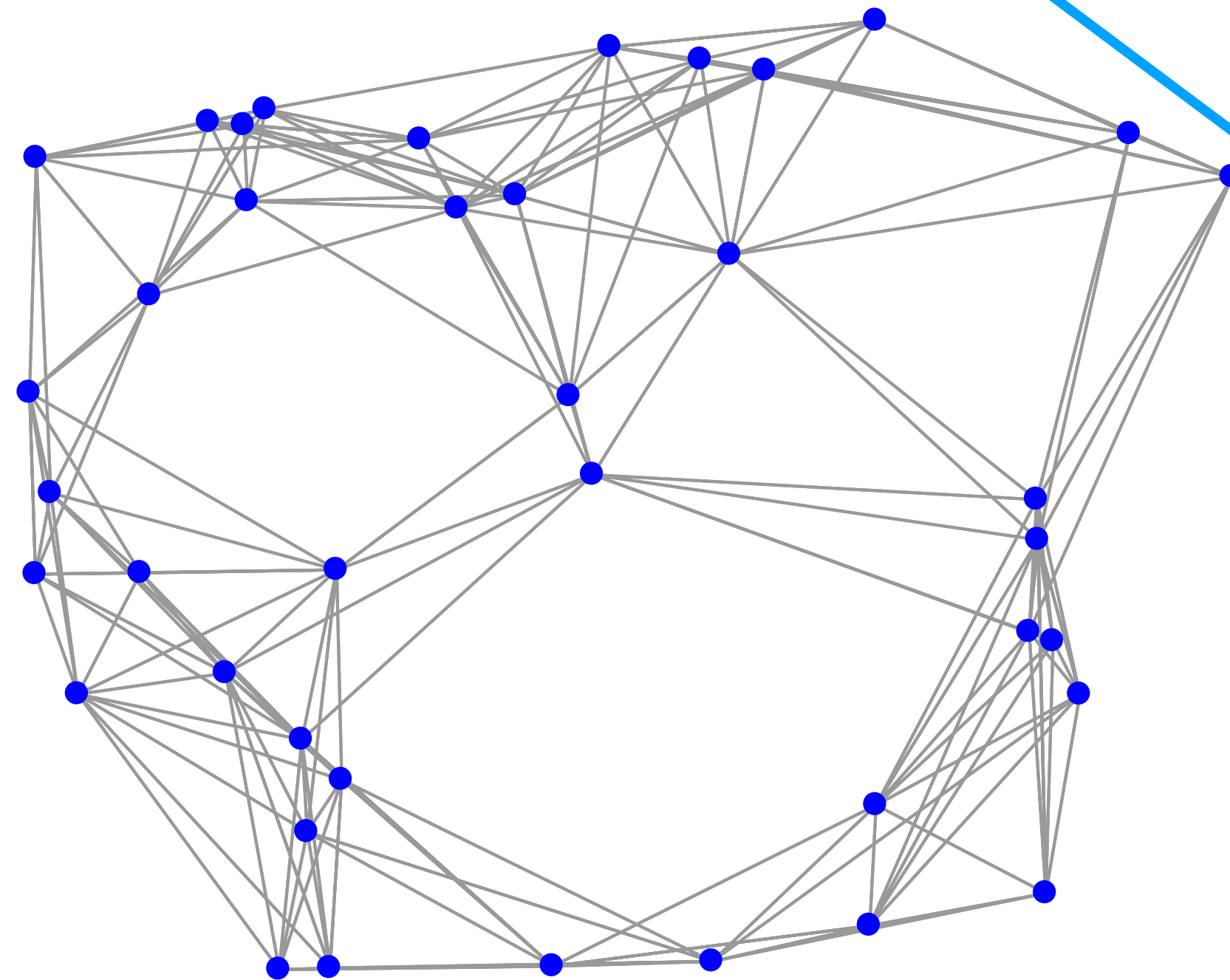
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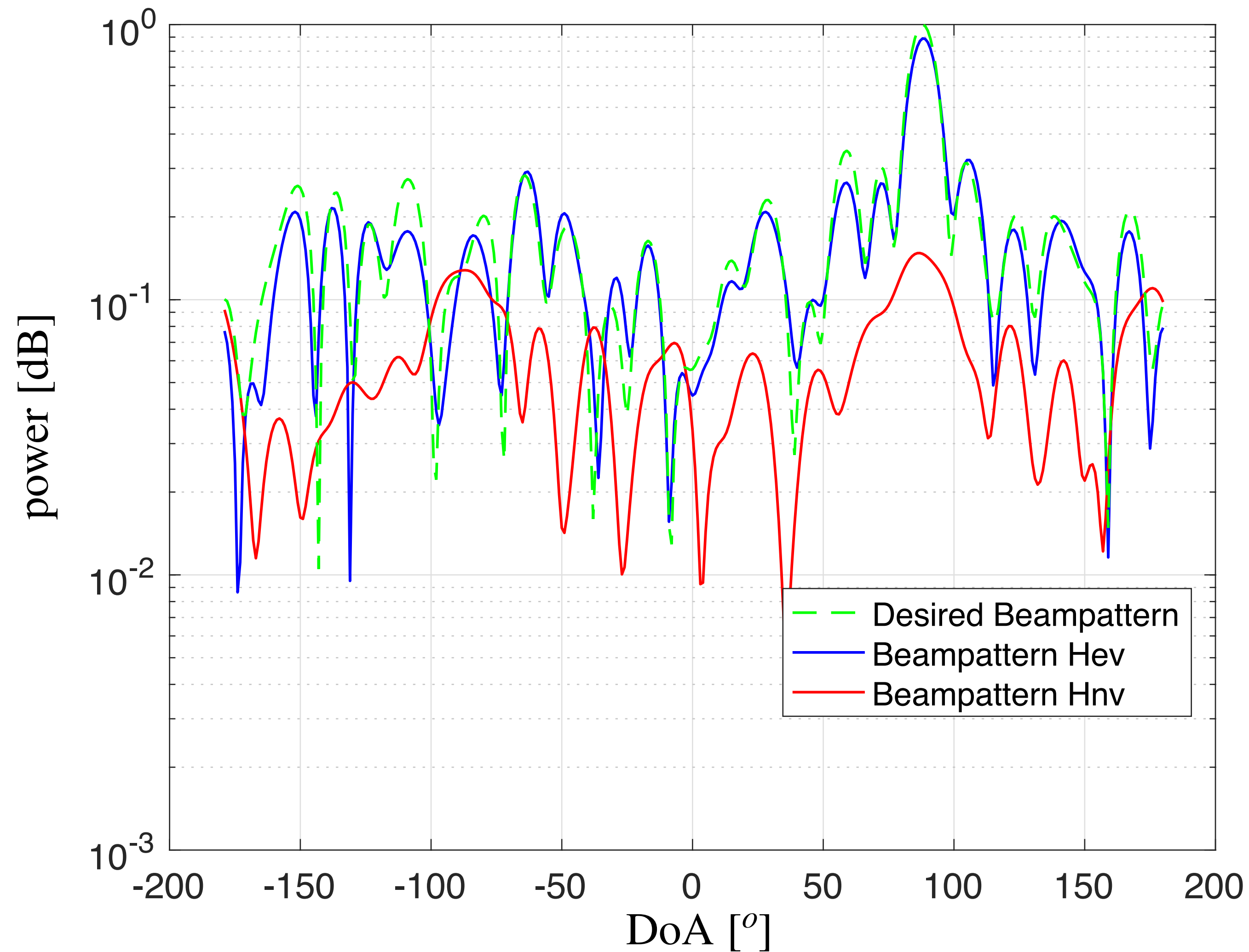
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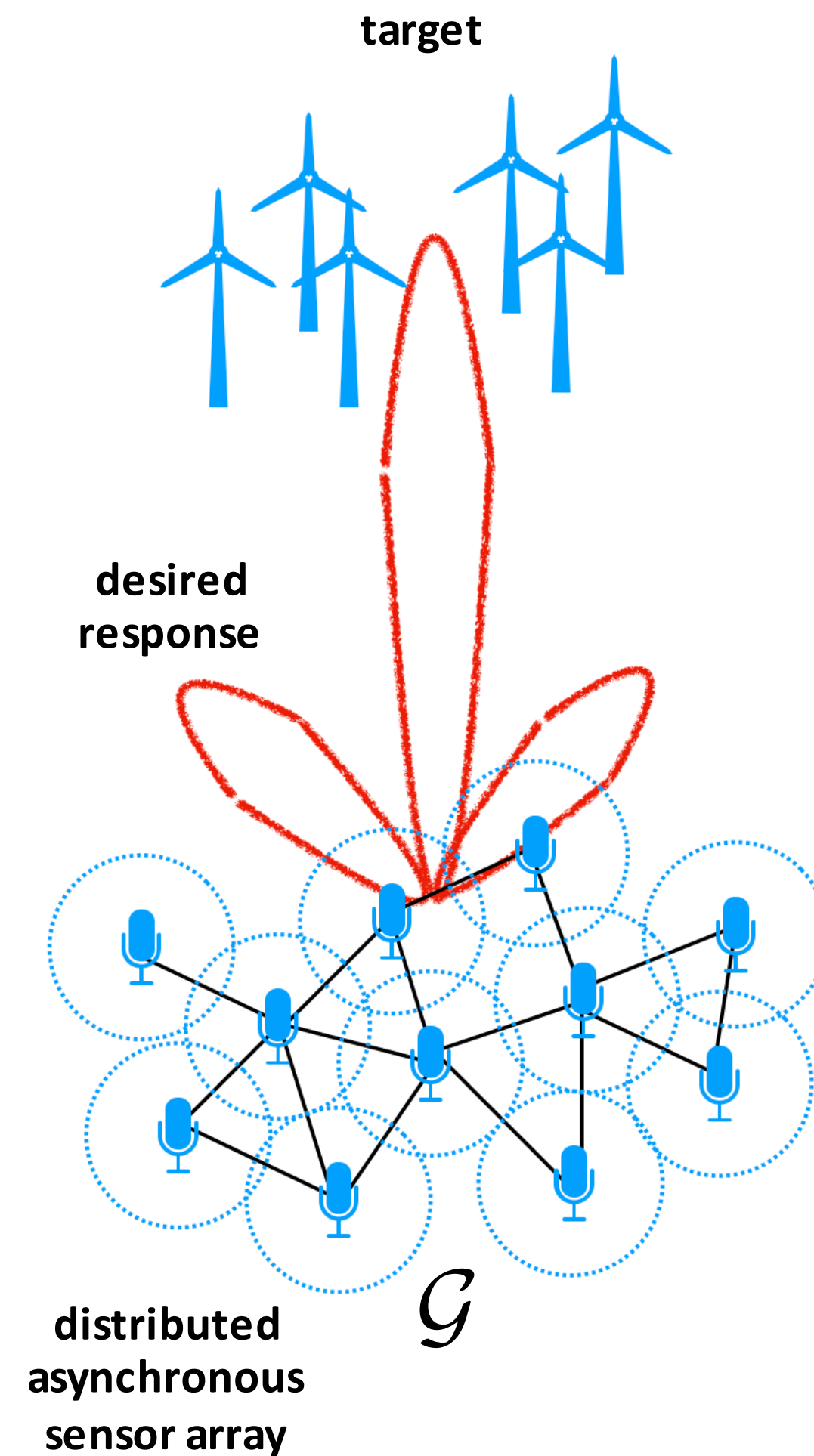
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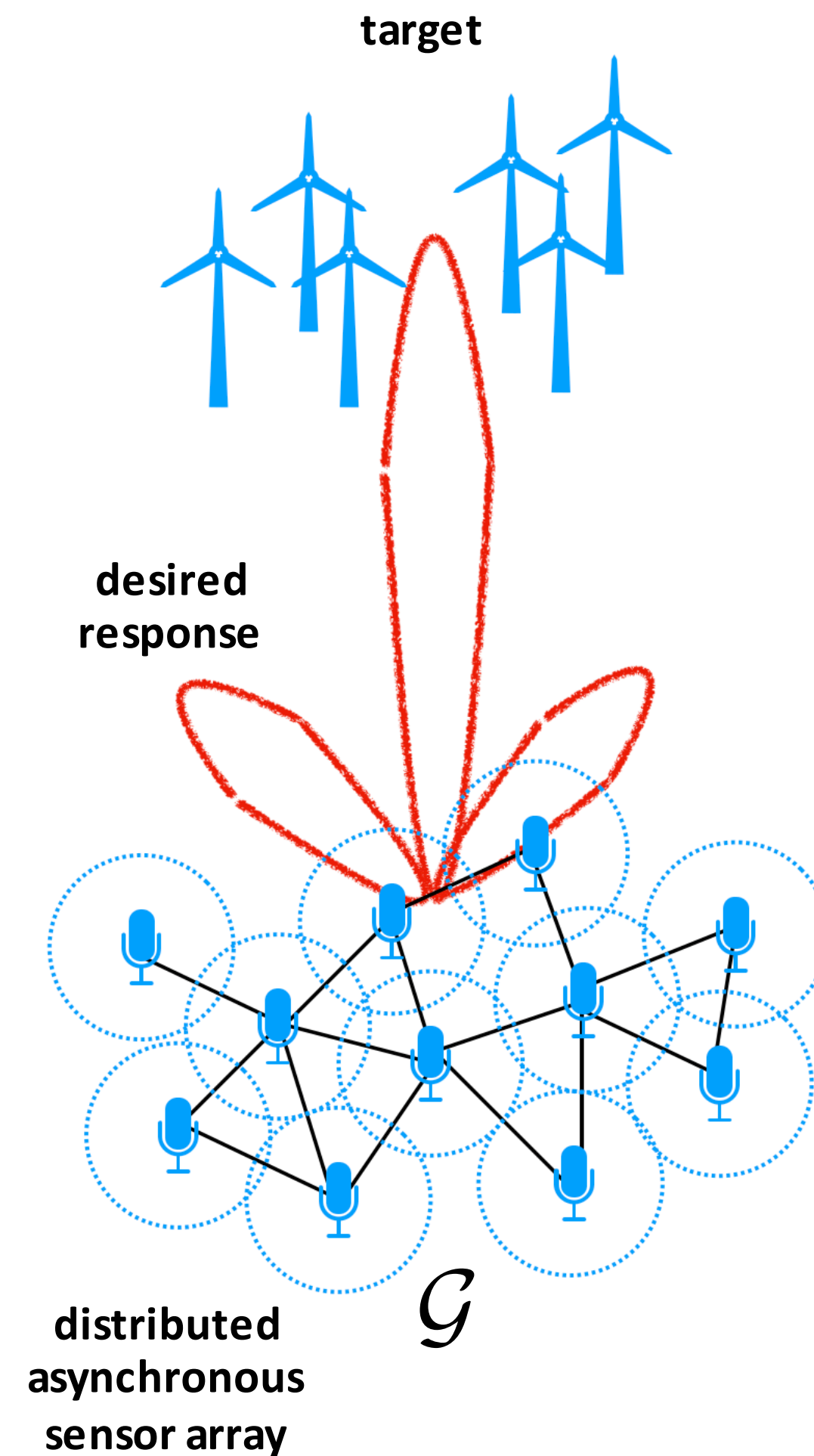
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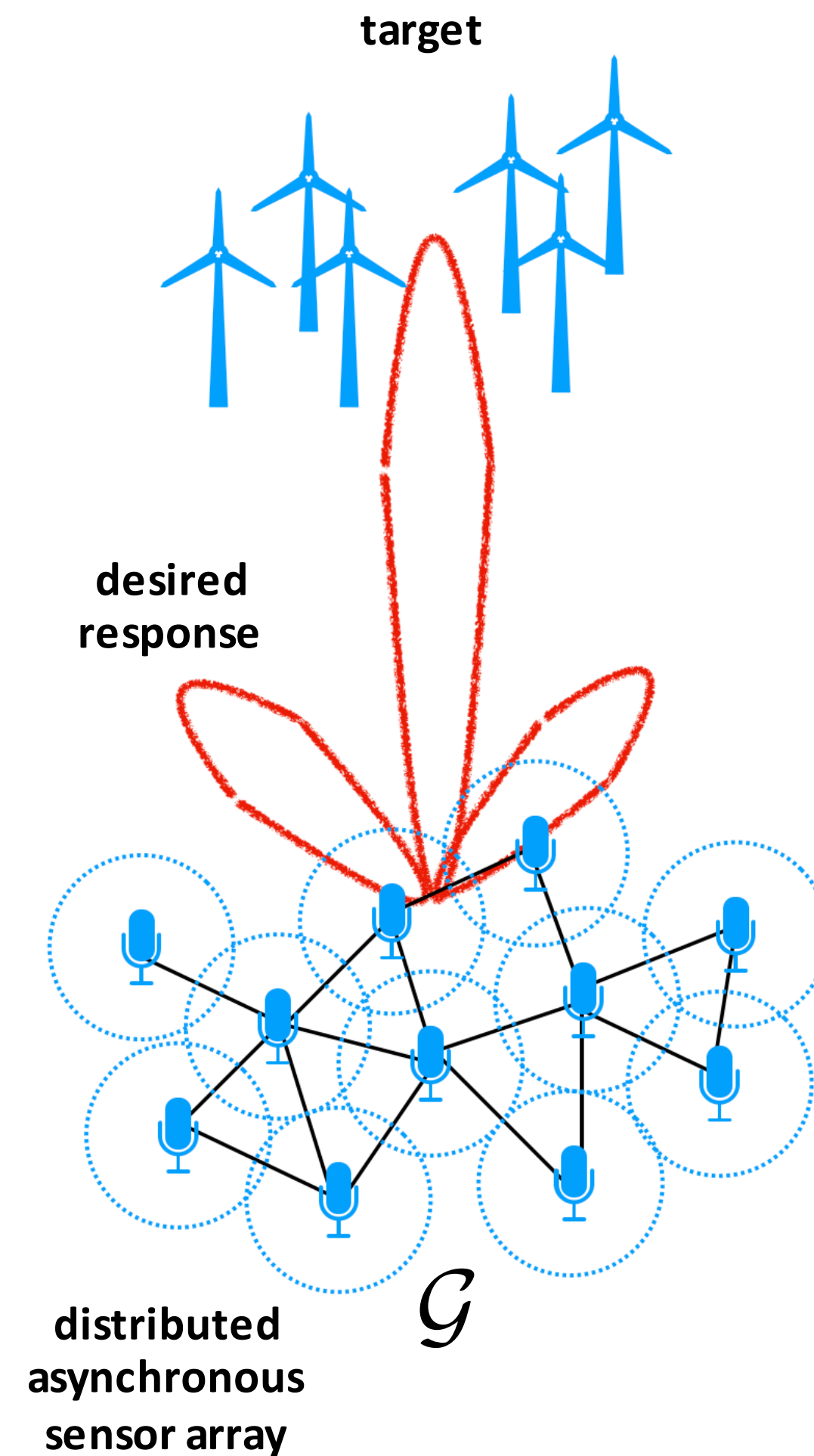
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[O. Teke, '19]

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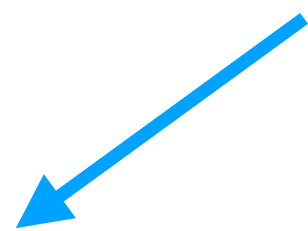
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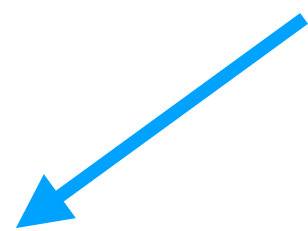
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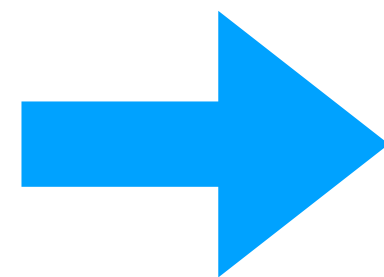
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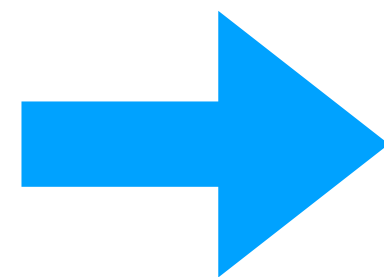
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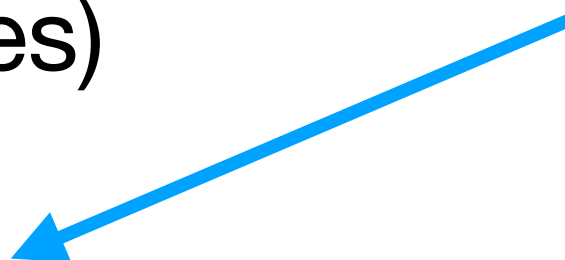
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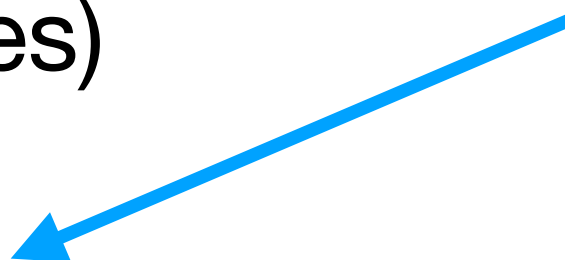
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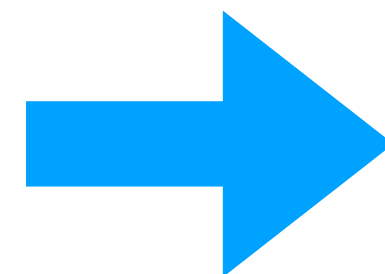
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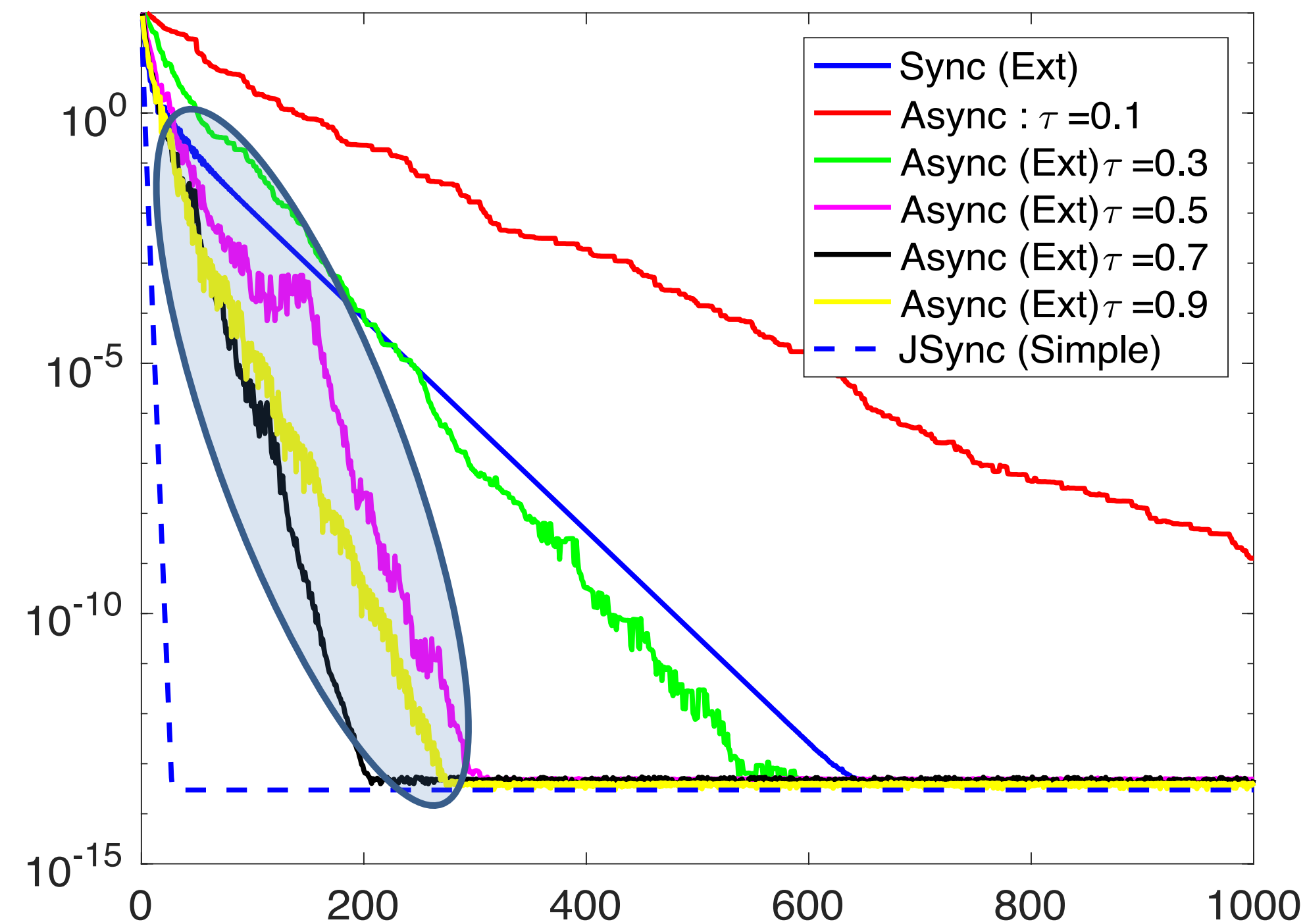
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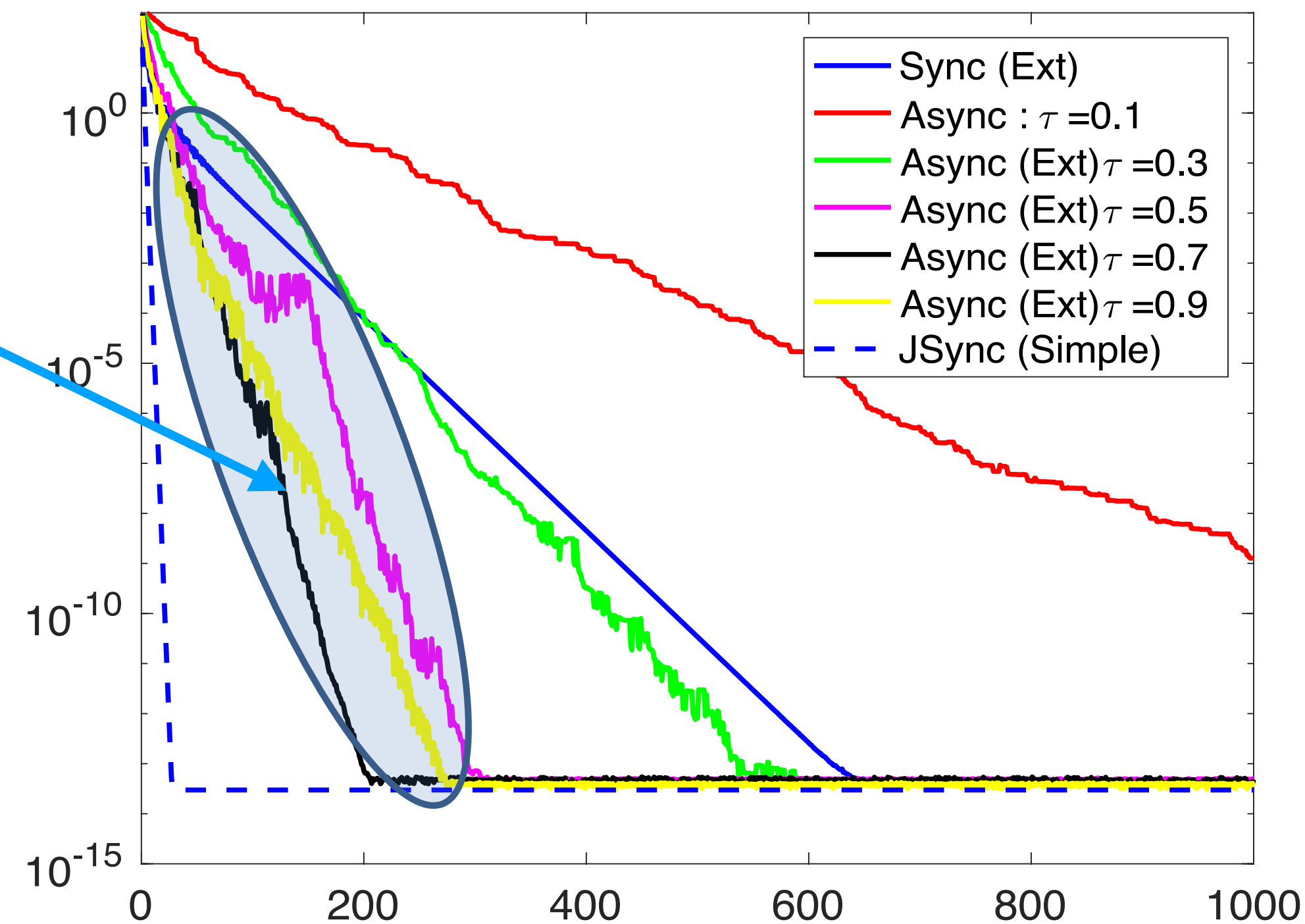
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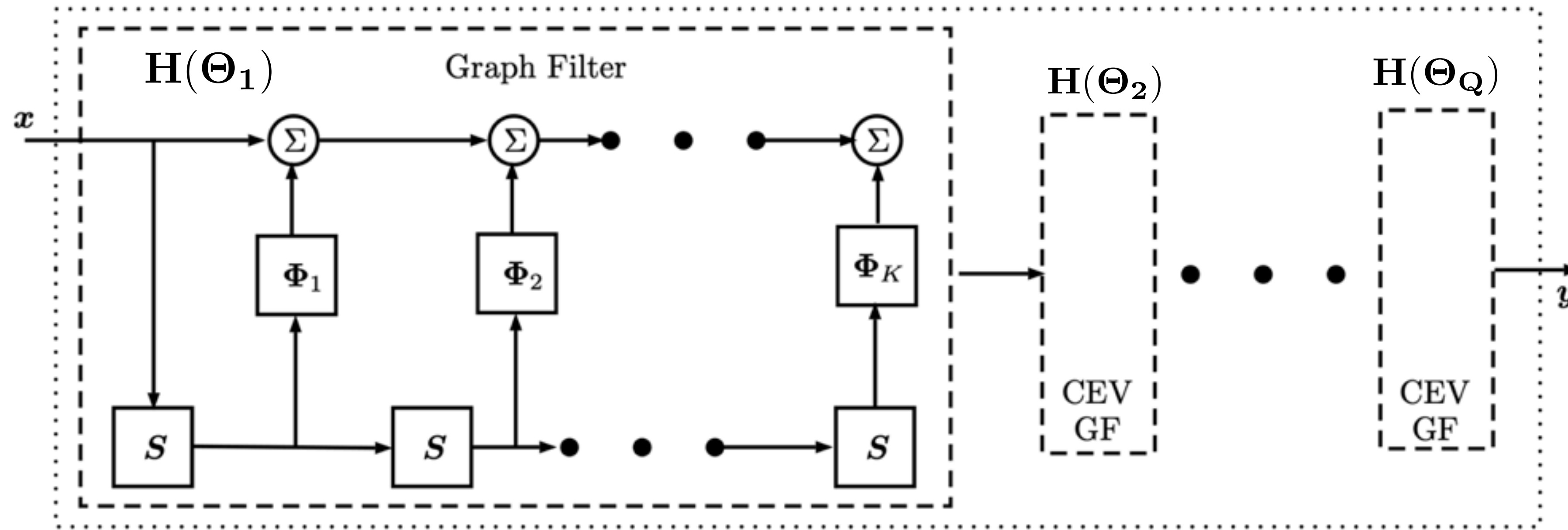


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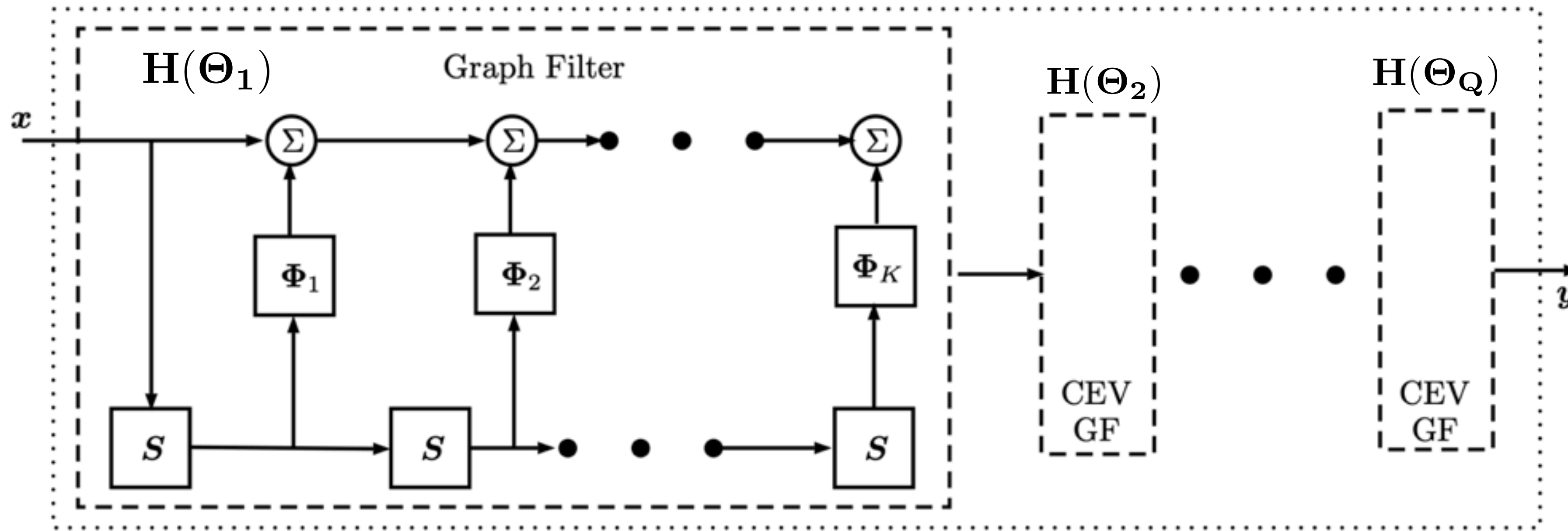
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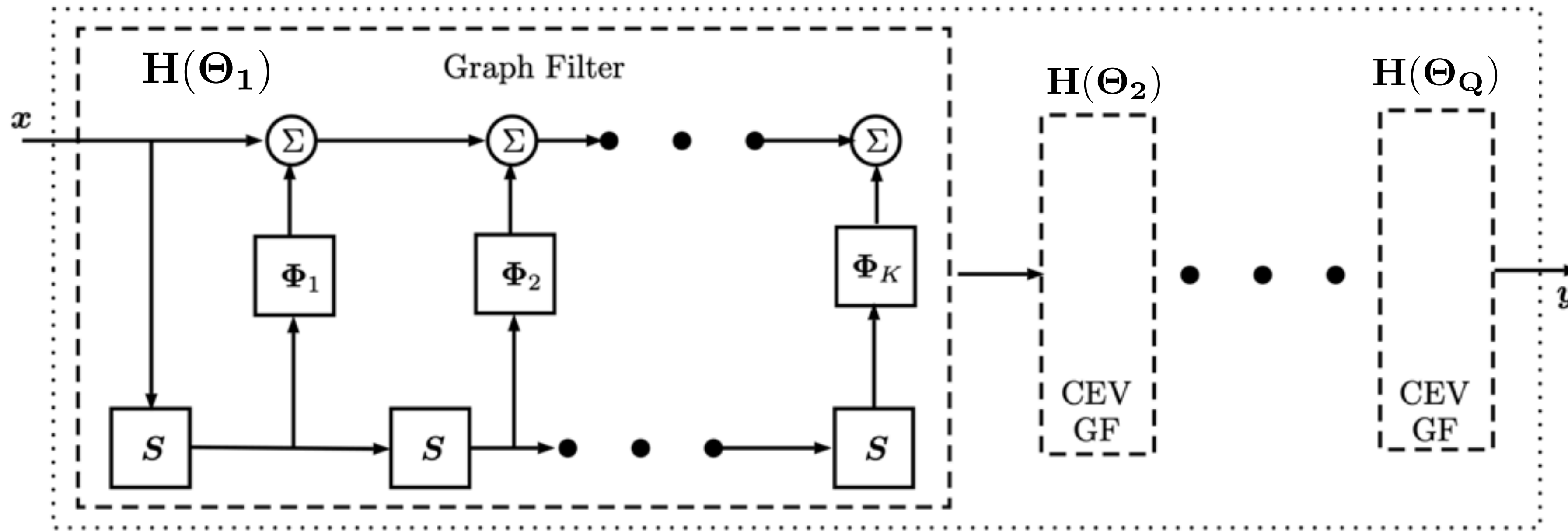
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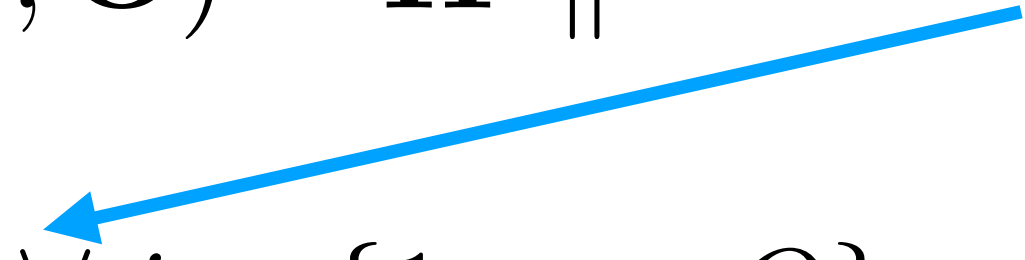
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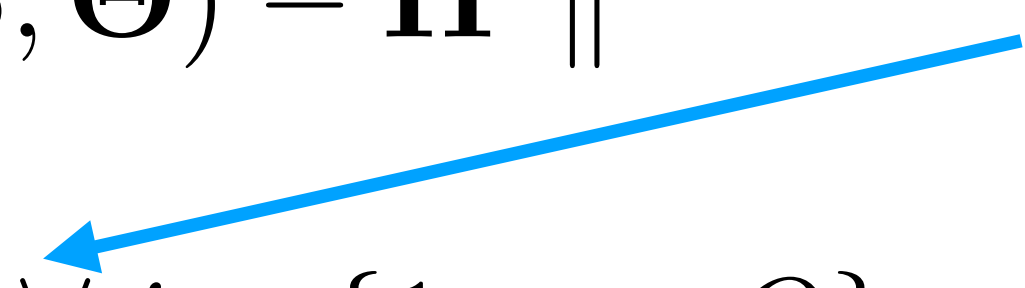
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Linear solver exploiting such characteristics are readily available [Paige, '82] [Fong, '11]

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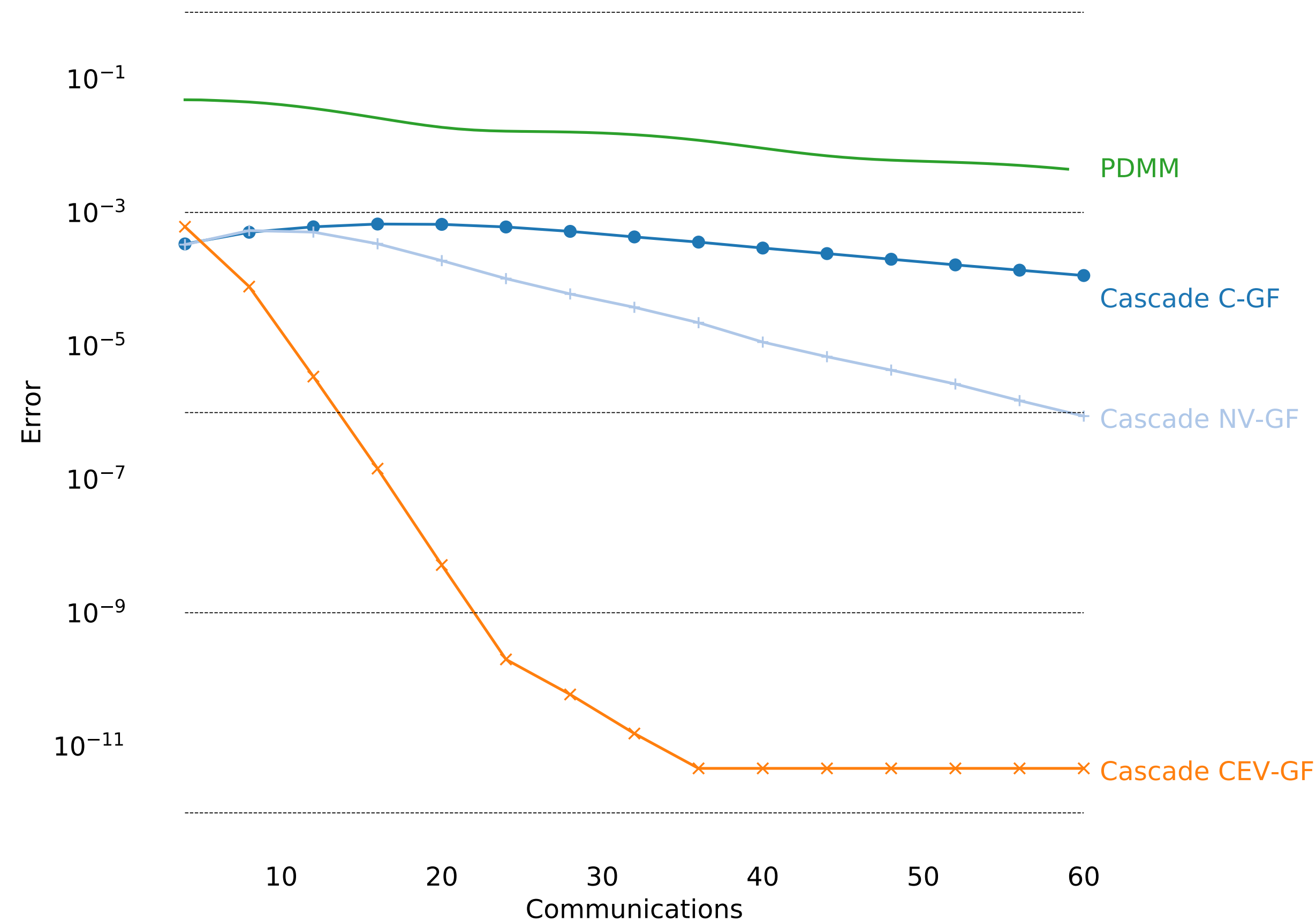
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Example: Consensus over a network with 500 nodes



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part 4:: overview

- ⦿ Role of **graph filters** in graph neural networks (GNNs)
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 - ✦ T-9: Graph Neural Networks (F. Gama and A. Ribeiro)

Why we use filters in neural networks?

Supervised learning

- Relies on a **dataset of R training** examples

$$\mathcal{R} = \{(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), (\mathbf{x}_2, y_2), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_R, y_R)\}$$

- ◆ \mathbf{x}_r the r th input data in space \mathcal{X}

- ◆ y_r the r th output data in space \mathcal{Y} (labels)

- Goal:** learn a function f that maps \mathbf{x}_r to y_r

- we want f parametric: $f(\boldsymbol{\theta}) : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$

Supervised learning

⦿ Design parameters θ such that

◆ **minimize** a cost distance between $f(\theta, \mathbf{x}_r)$ and \mathbf{y}_r (e.g., MSE)

$$\underset{\theta}{\text{minimize}} \frac{1}{R} \sum_{r=1}^R (f(\theta, \mathbf{x}_r) - y_r)^2$$

◆ **generalize** well for test data $\mathbf{x}_r \notin \mathcal{R}$

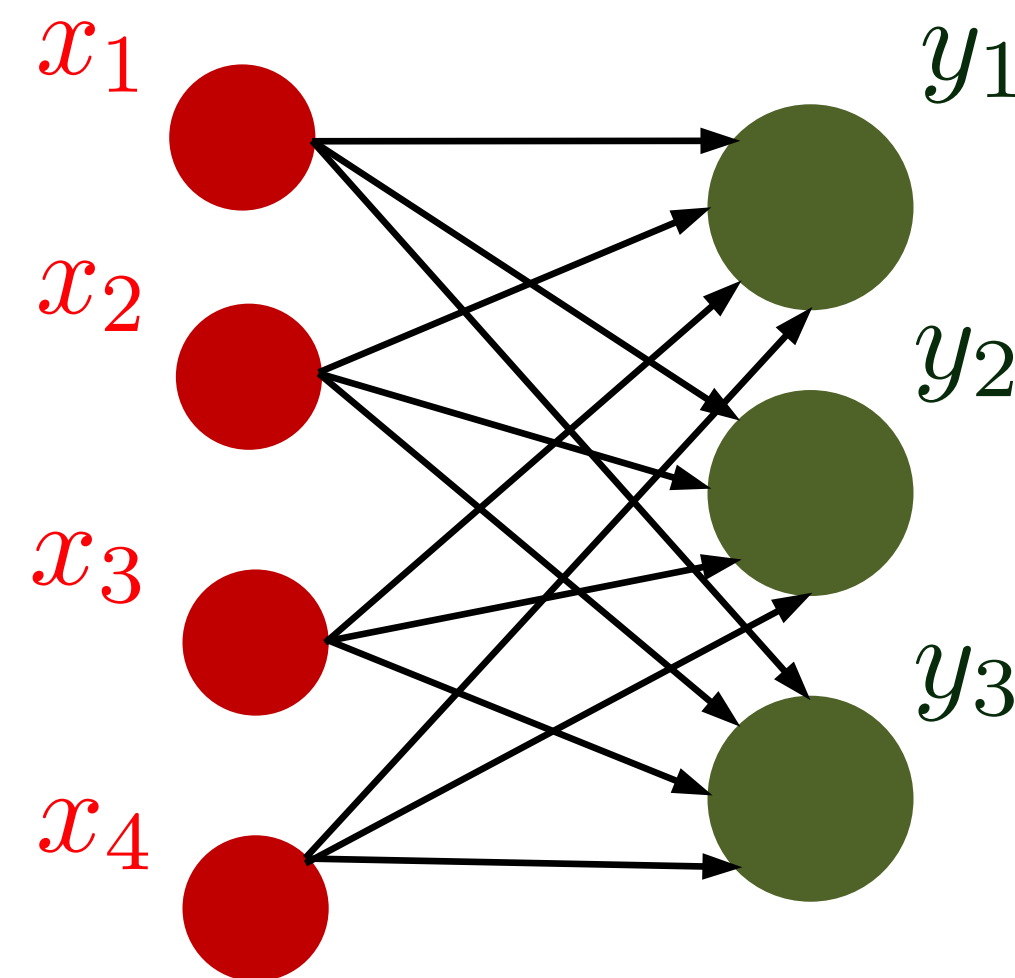
Neural networks

- Express function f as a cascade of layered functions

$$f(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{x}) = f^3(\boldsymbol{\theta}^3, f^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}^2, f^1(\boldsymbol{\theta}^1, \mathbf{x})))$$

layer 1: parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}^1$
 layer 2: parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}^2$
 layer 3: parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}^3$

- No structure in the data; perceptron



$$\mathbf{y} = \sigma(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b})$$

- Parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{b}\}$

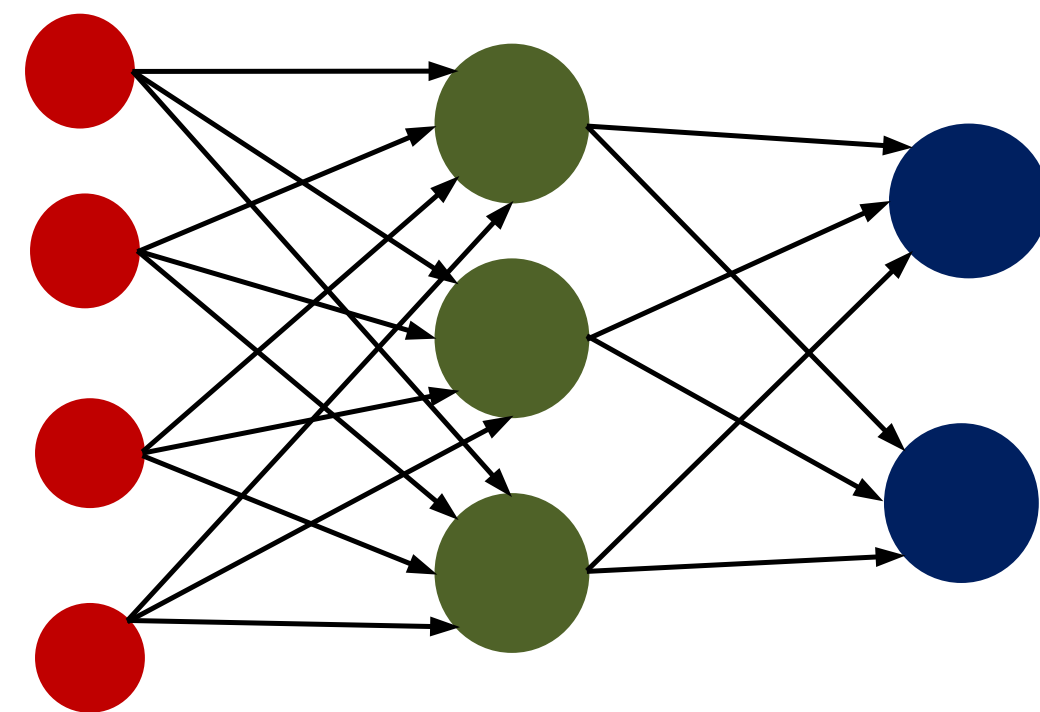
- Pointwise nonlinearity $\sigma(\cdot)$

$$\text{ReLU}(x) = \begin{cases} x & x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otw} \end{cases}$$

Neural networks

⦿ No structure in the data: multi-layer perceptron

✦ Improves expressivity



\mathbf{x}_0 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_2

$$\mathbf{x}^l = \sigma(\mathbf{W}^l \mathbf{x}^{l-1} + \mathbf{b}^l)$$

⦿ Input features $\mathbf{x}^0 = \mathbf{x}_r$

⦿ Output features \mathbf{x}^L

⦿ Propagation rule at layer l

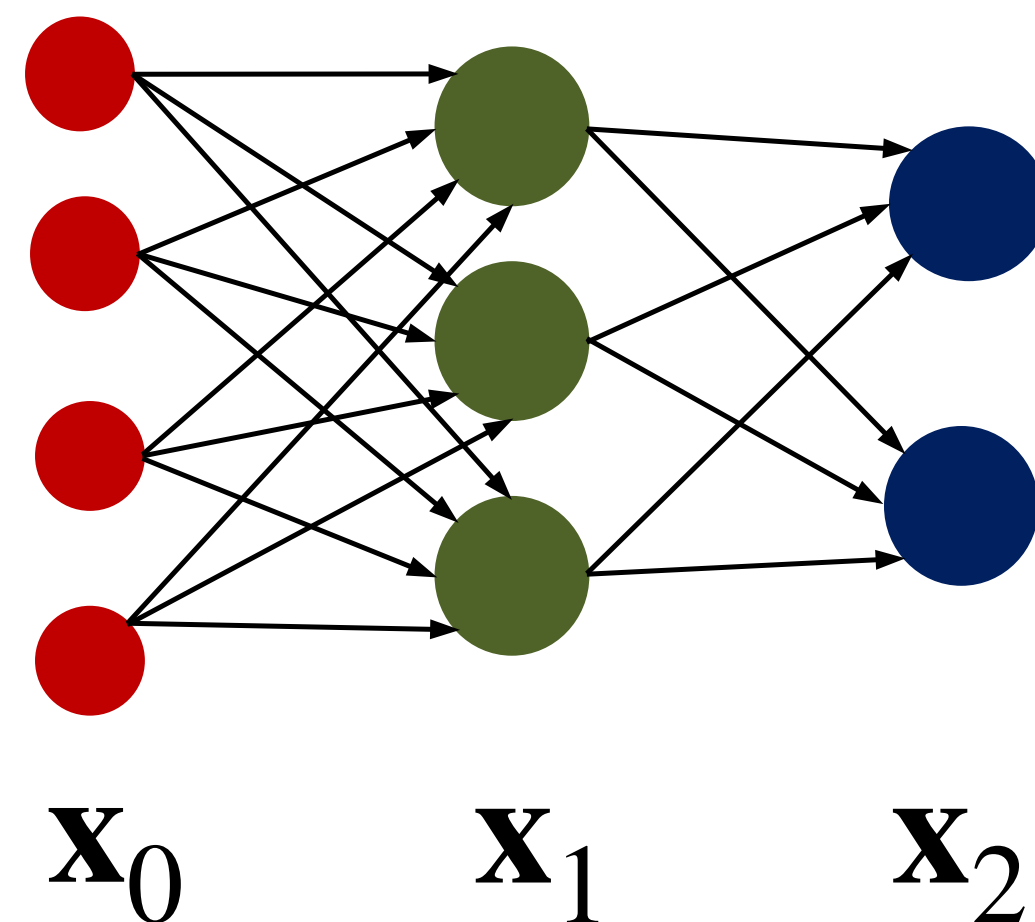
\mathbf{x}^{l-1} : input layer l = output layer $l - 1$

\mathbf{x}^l : output layer l

$\theta^l = \{\mathbf{W}^l, \mathbf{b}^l\}$: parameters layer l

Neural networks

- Unrolling recursion $\mathbf{x}^L = \sigma(\mathbf{W}^L \mathbf{x}^{L-1} + \mathbf{b}^L)$



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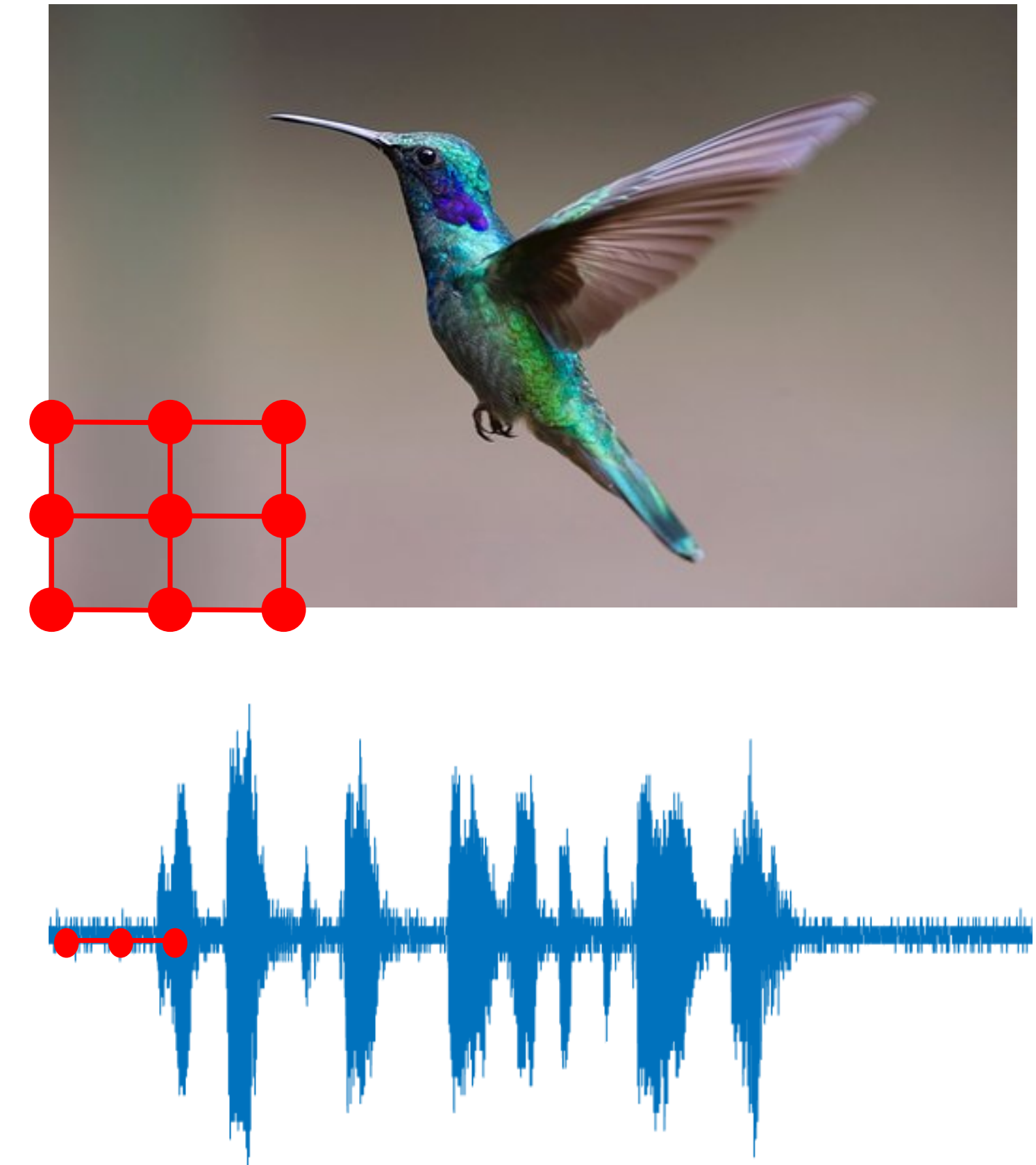
- \mathbf{x}^L depends on \mathbf{x}^0 through a composition of linear functions and pointwise nonlinearities

Neural networks

- ⦿ MLP fails in high dimensional data $\mathbf{x}^l = \sigma(\mathbf{W}^l \mathbf{x}^{l-1} + \mathbf{b}^l)$
 - ✦ if layers have dimensions $\dim(\mathbf{x}^l) = \dim(\mathbf{x}^{l-1}) \sim \mathcal{O}(N)$
 - $\dim(\mathbf{W}^l) \sim \mathcal{O}(N^2)$ parameters, e.g., $N = 1000 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(10^6)$
 - complexity $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$
- ⦿ need to exploit structure in data

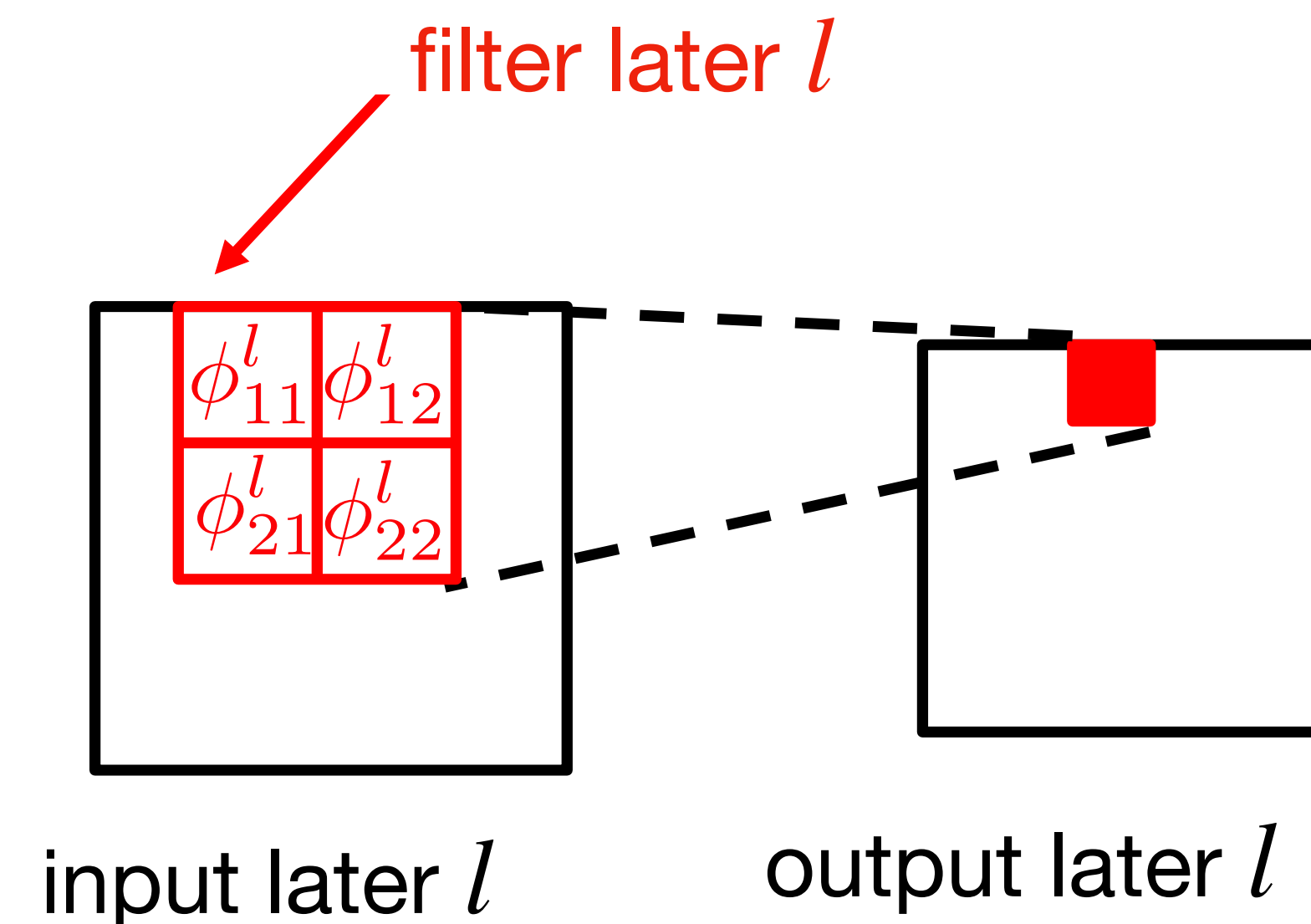
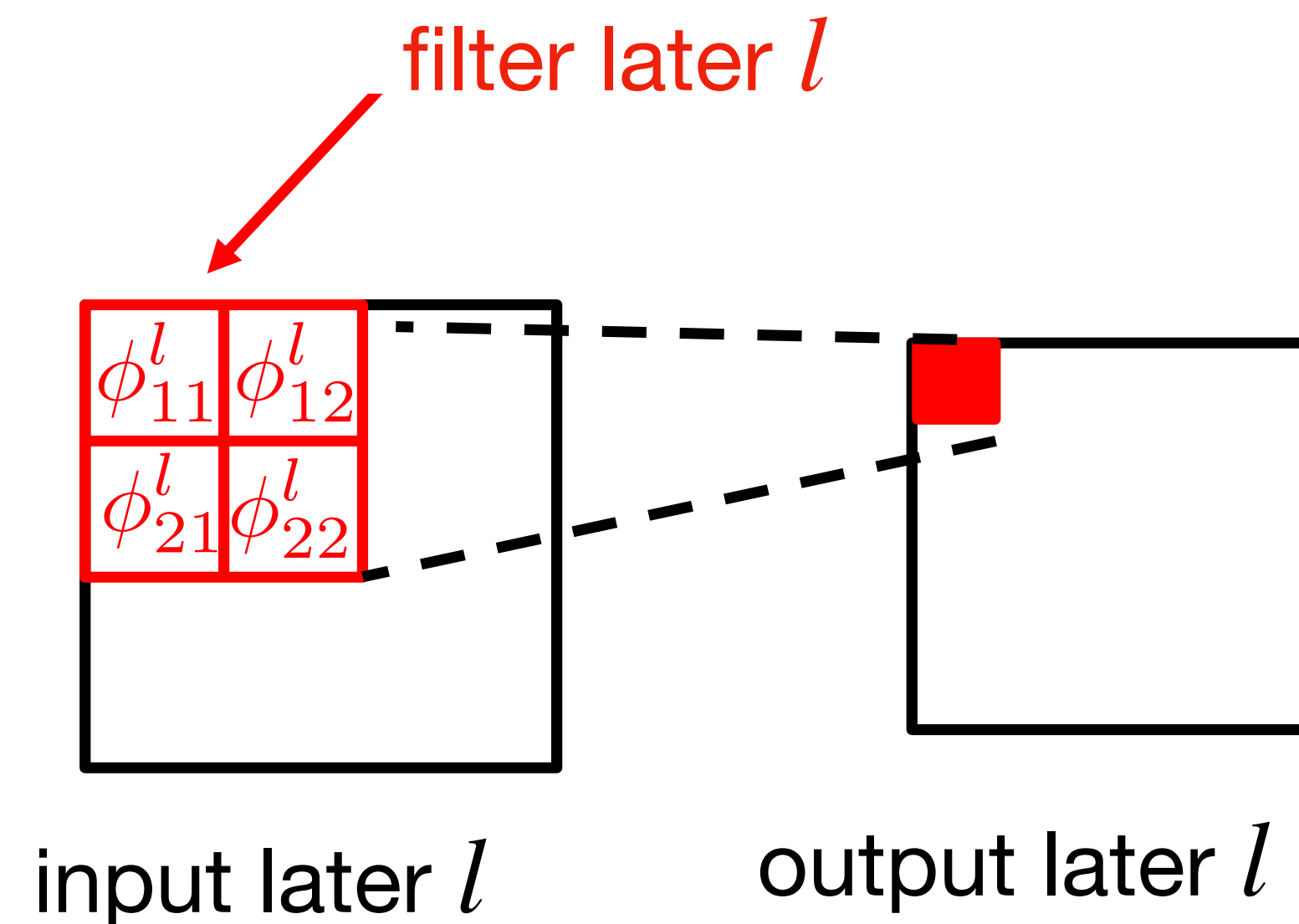
Neural networks

- ◎ structure in data
 - ◆ spatial data: pixel neighbors
 - ◆ temporal data: signal proximity
- ◎ reduce parameters by effective sharing
- ◎ reduce complexity by efficient implementation
- ◎ use spatial and temporal filters
 - ◆ no loose of discriminatory power



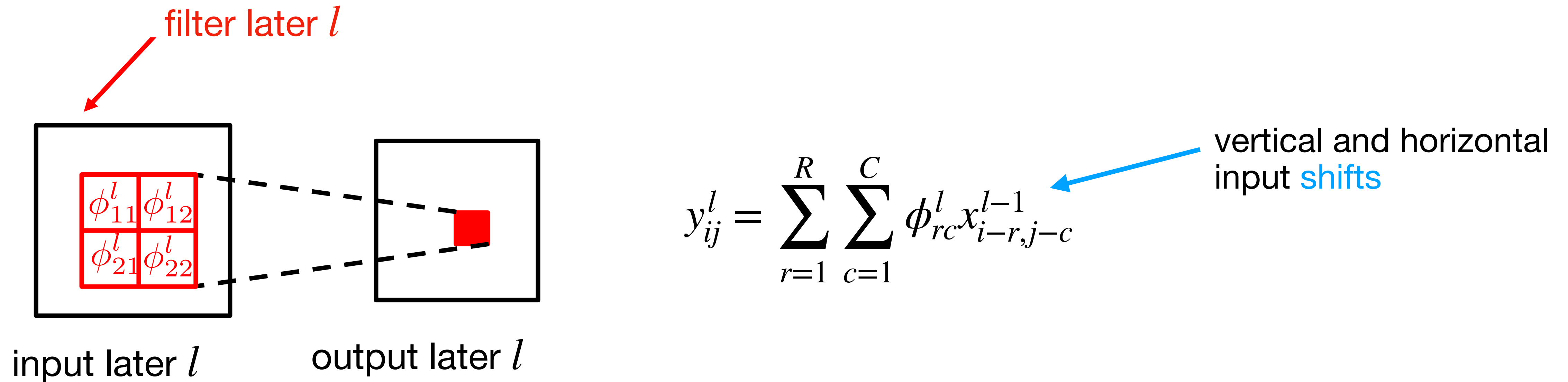
Filters in spatial convolutional layer

- MLP propagation rule $\mathbf{x}^l = \sigma(\mathbf{W}^l \mathbf{x}^{l-1} + \mathbf{b}^l)$
- Spatial data: spatial convolution filter bank substitutes \mathbf{W}^l
 - filters apply the same parameters to different locations
 - bias \mathbf{b}^l can be ignored or shared $\mathbf{b}^l = b^l \mathbf{1}$



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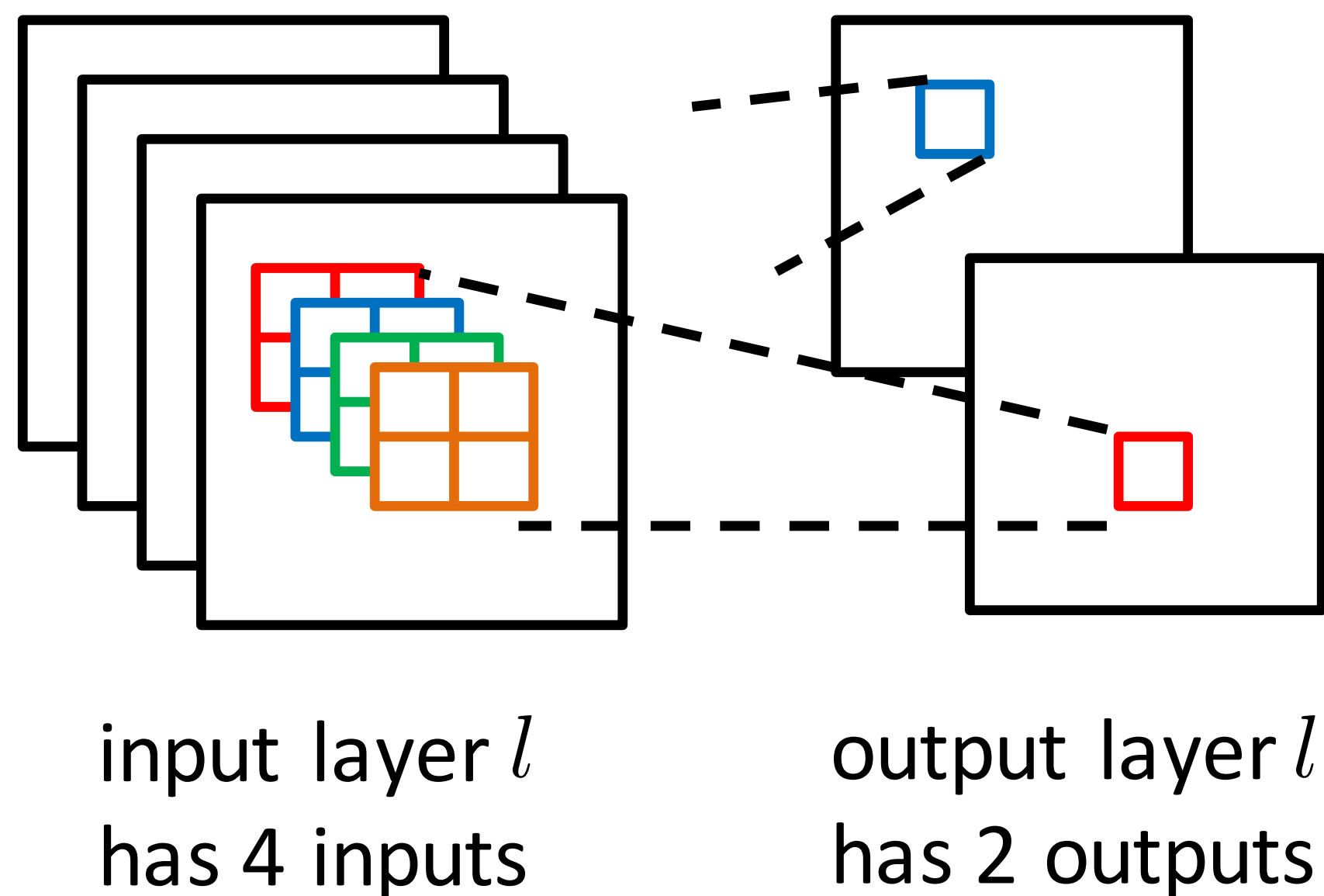
- **shift-and-sum** convolves filter with input image



- spatial FIR convolutional filtering

Convolutional neural networks

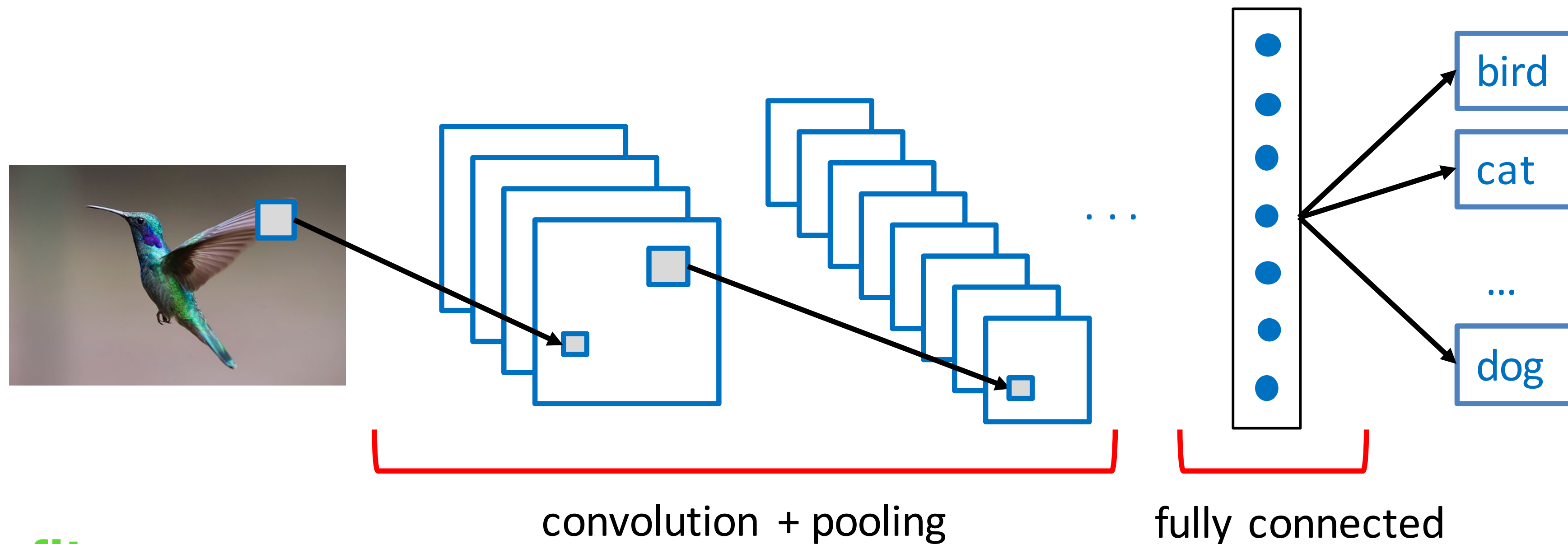
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- ◆ input F images
- ◆ process each with a **parallel bank of filters**
- ◆ sum filter outputs to obtain higher-level features
- ◆ **parameters** are **filter coefficients**
- ◆ train with back propagation

CNN full stack

- Cascade of spatial filter bank and nonlinearities



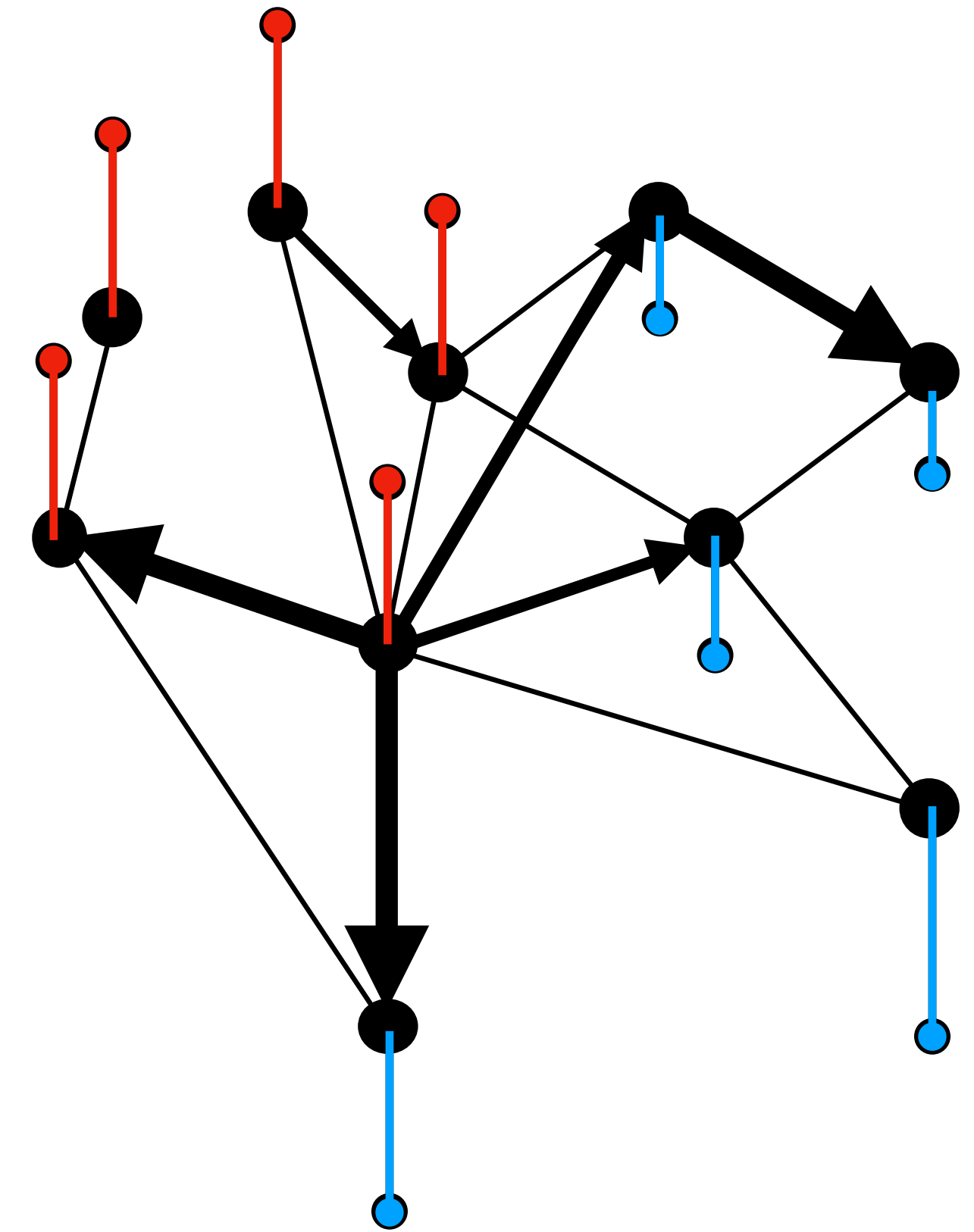
Benefits

- Parameters - independent on the image dimensions
- Complexity - spatial convolution (efficient)

What about data on graphs?

Learning from (ir)regular graph data

- ⦿ Training samples $\mathbf{x}_r \in \mathbb{R}^N$ are **graph signals**
- ⦿ Non-Euclidean structure
 - ◆ conventional **CNNs** are **inapplicable**
- ⦿ MLP can apply $\mathbf{x}^l = \sigma(\mathbf{W}^l \mathbf{x}^{l-1} + \mathbf{b}^l)$
 - ◆ ignores the structure
 - ◆ data demanding

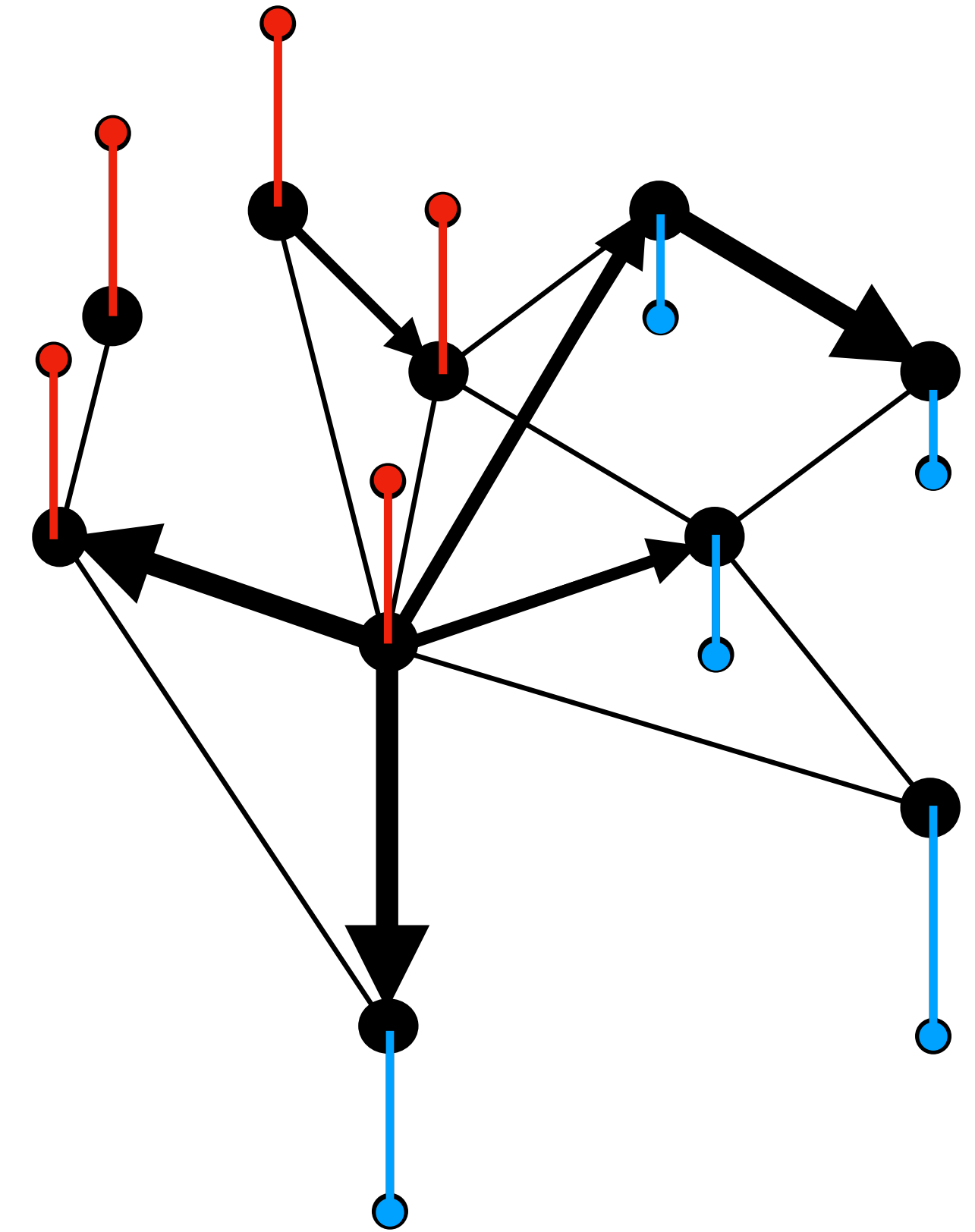


Learning from (ir)regular graph data

- Need a **neural network** solution to account to account for coupling **signal-topology**
- Graph as prior to estimate a parametric function

$$f(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{S}) : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$$

- ◆ \mathbf{S} is the graph shift operator
- ◆ $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ trainable parameters (i.e., filter coefficients)



Graph neural networks

- Graph neural networks substitute \mathbf{W}^l with graph filter bank
- Propagation rule through graph filters

$$\mathbf{x}^l = \sigma(\mathbf{H}^l \mathbf{x}^{l-1})$$

- \mathbf{H}^l graph filter at layer l for any shift operator \mathbf{S}
 - Edge-variant filter: EdgeNets
 - Node-variant filter: Node-variant GNNs [Gama'18 - DSW]
 - FIR filters: Graph convolutional neural networks [Gama'18 - TSP]
 - Chebyshev form: ChebNets [Defferrard'16 - NeurIPS]
 - ARMA filters: ARMANets
 - Direct, parallel, cascade [Wijesinghe'19 - NeurIPS] [Bianchi'19-arXiv]
 - Cayley form: CayleyNets [Levie'18 - TSP]

Isufi, Gama, Ribeiro, *EdgeNets: Edge Varying Graph Neural Networks*, arXiv: 2001.07620

Graph convolutional neural networks

- Graph convolutional neural networks use a graph convolutional filter (FIR - ARMA)

Example: FIR

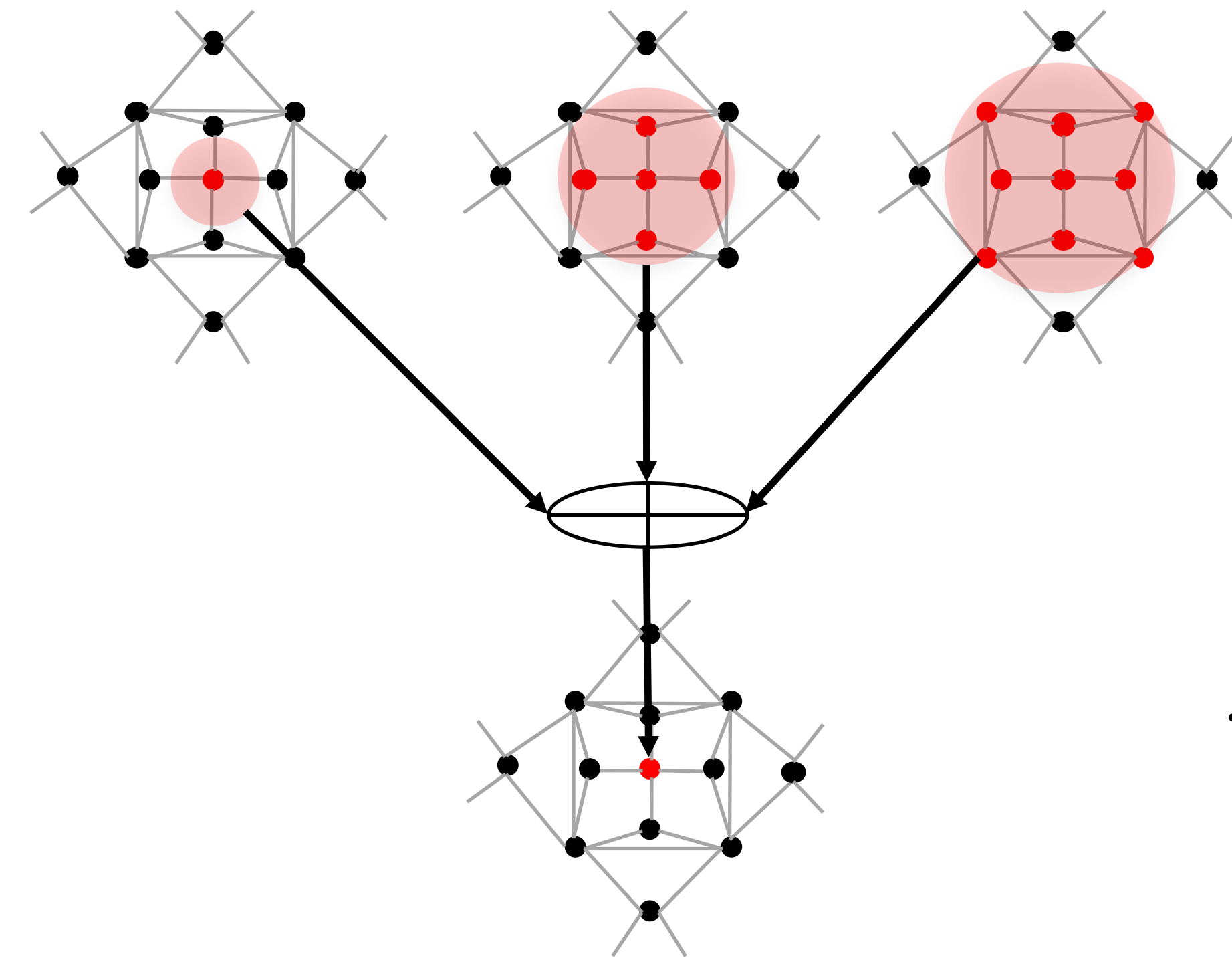
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- parameters shared among all nodes and edges
- shift-and-sum** convolves filter with graph signal

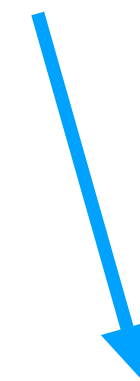
Graph convolutional neural networks

- GCNN: shift-and-sum & shared parameters

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shift over the nodes

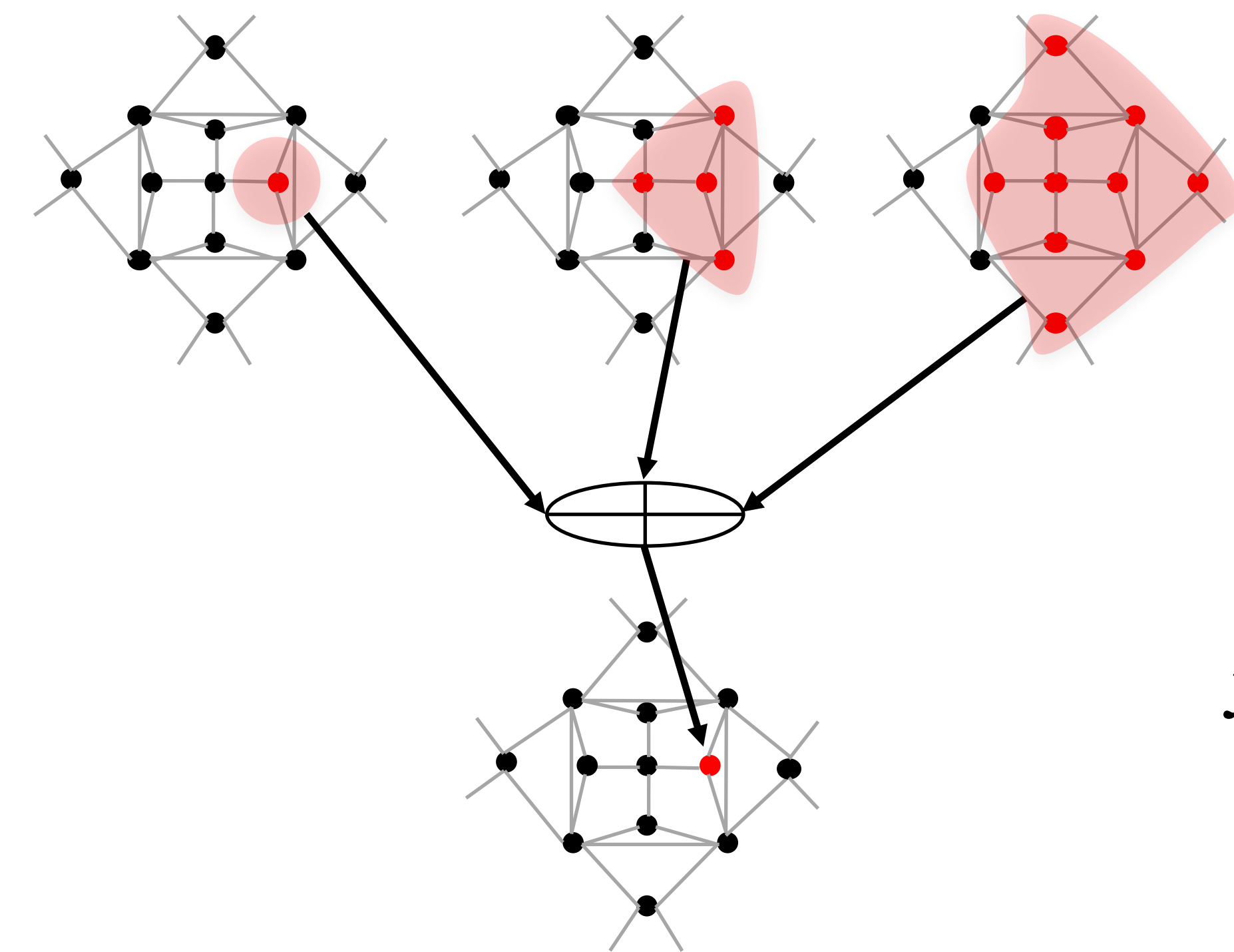


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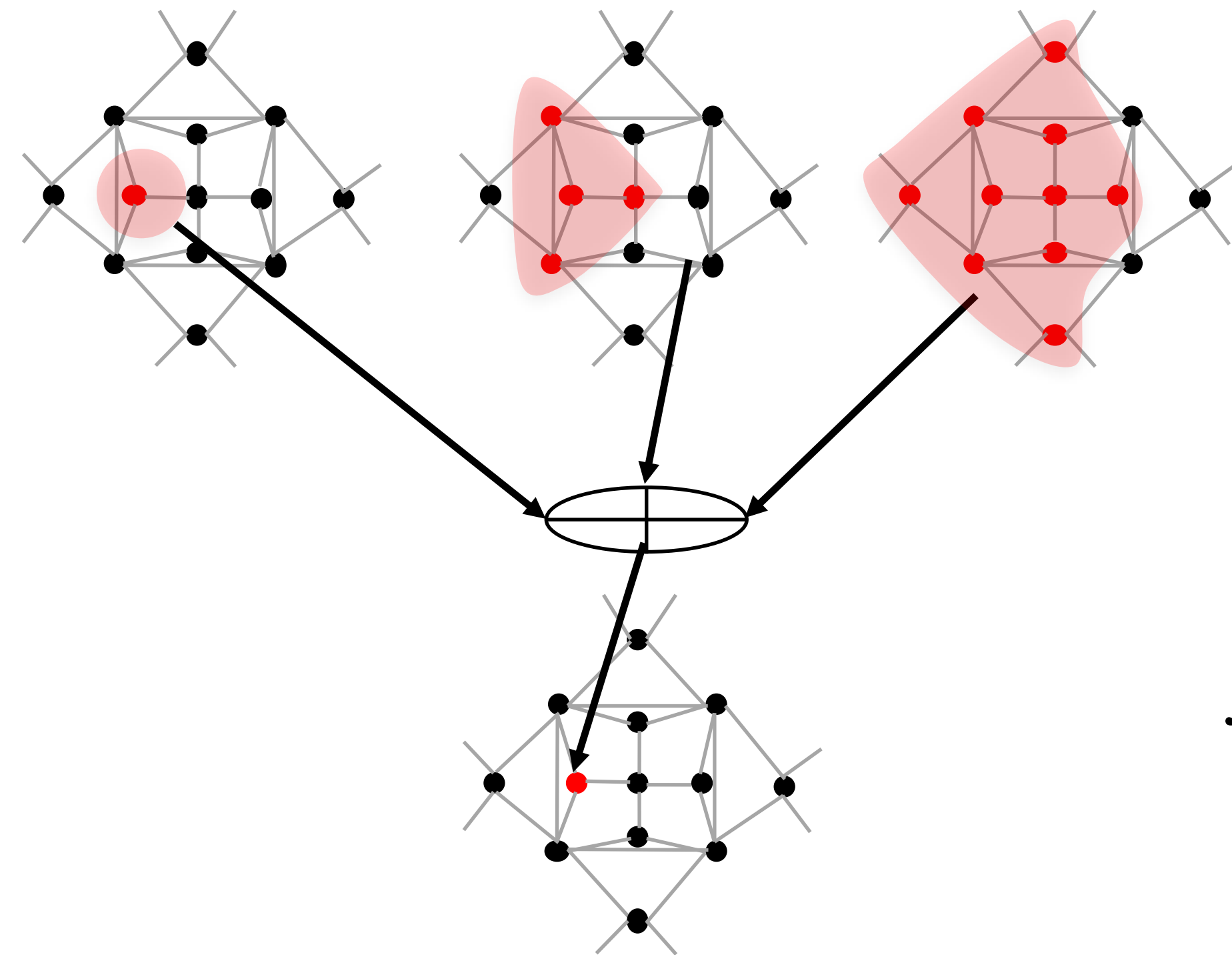
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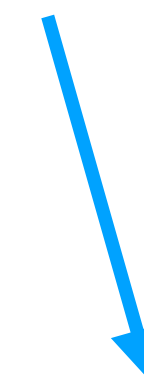
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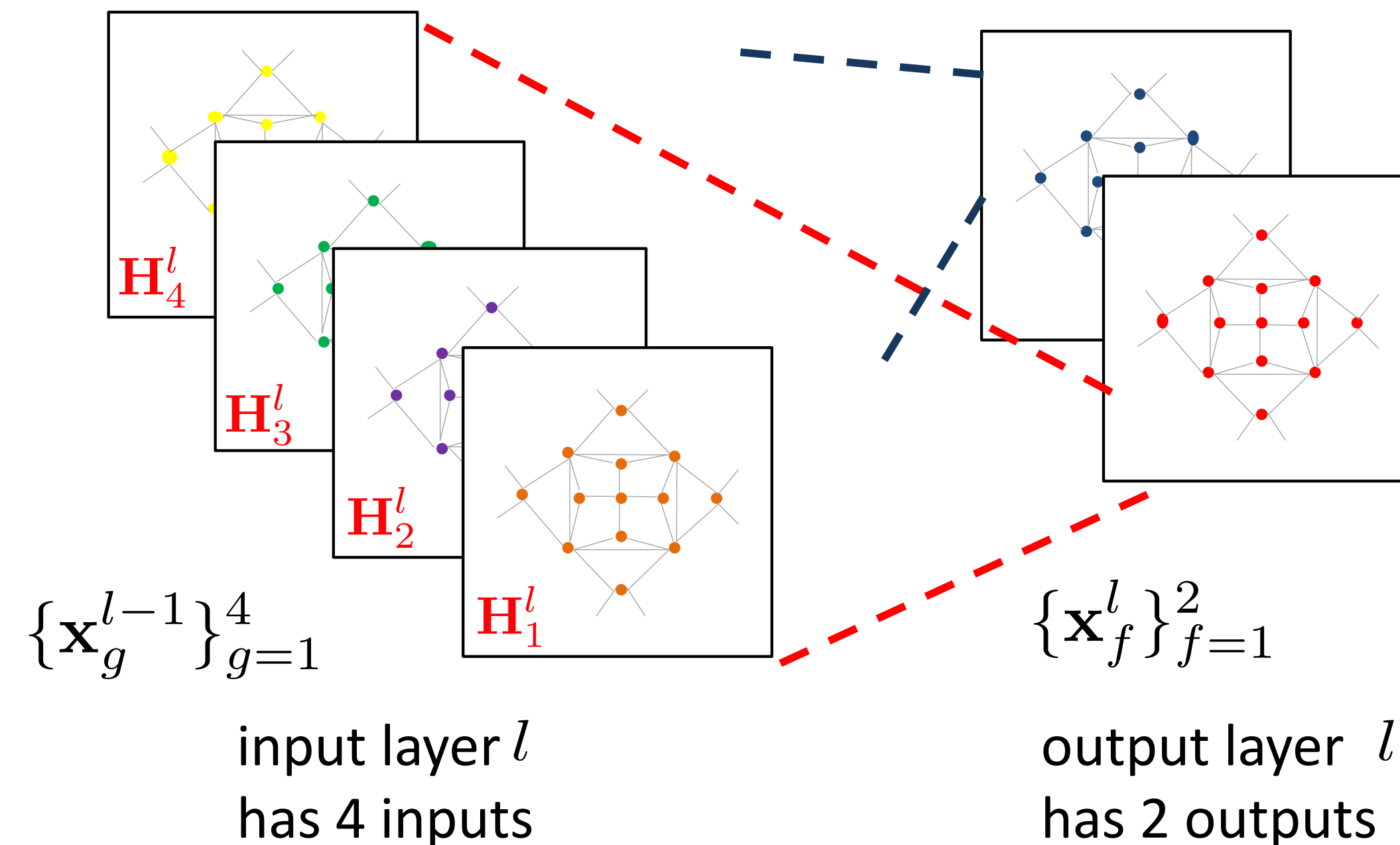
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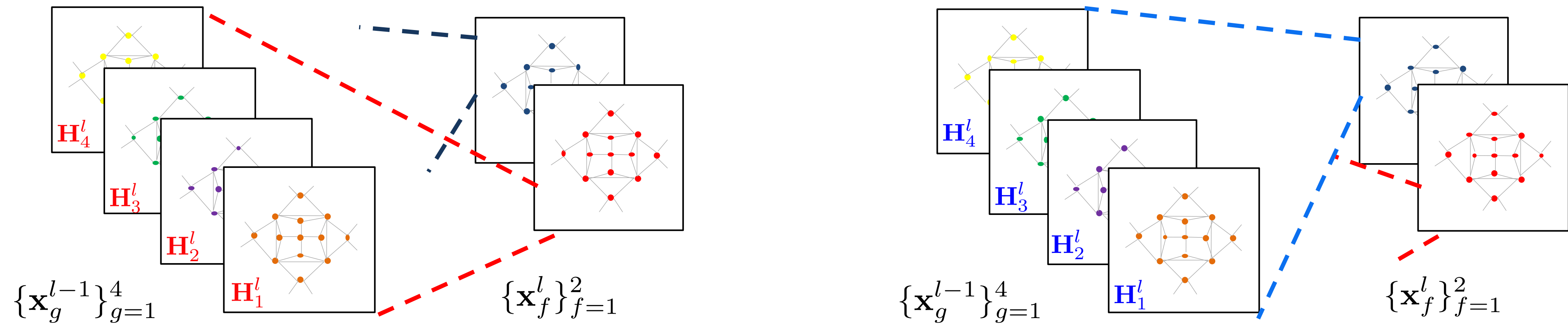
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- ◆ F input graph signals $\{\mathbf{x}_g^{l-1}\}_{g=1}^F$
- ◆ process **each signal** with a **graph filter**
- ◆ sum filter outputs
- ◆ parameter are filter coefficients (backprop.)

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output feature

input feature

for all output features

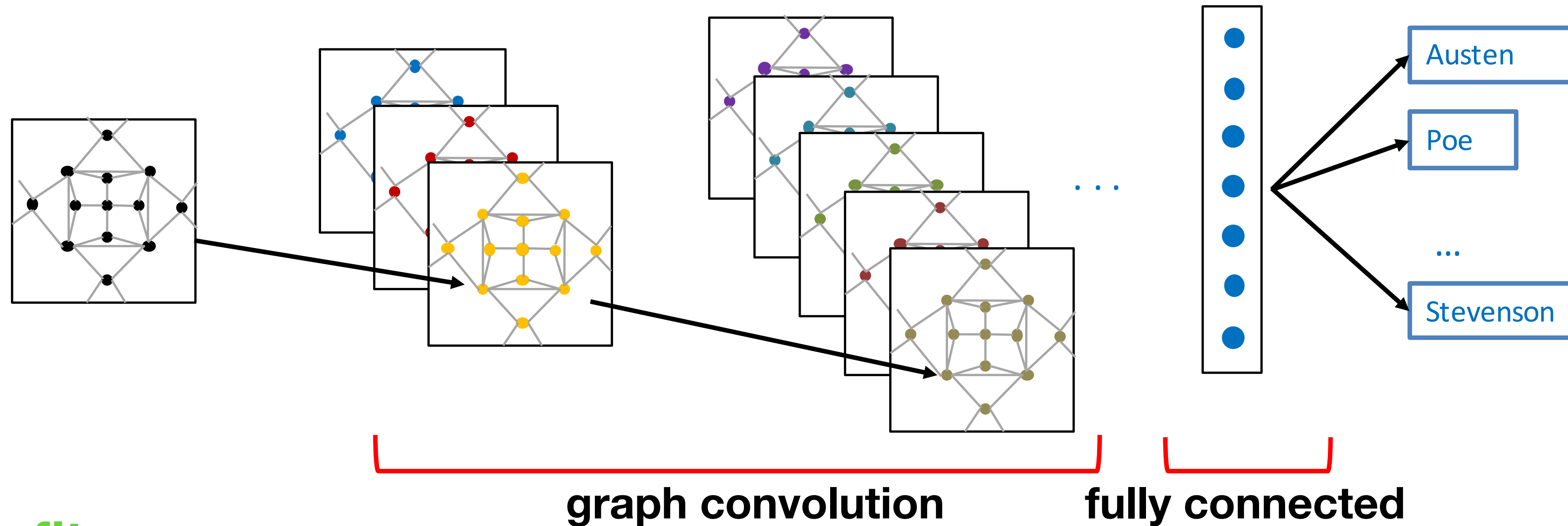
$$\mathbf{x}^l = \sigma \left(\sum_{g=1}^F \mathbf{H}_{fg}^l \mathbf{x}_g^{l-1} \right) = \sigma \left(\sum_{g=1}^F \sum_{k=0}^K \phi_{kfg}^l \mathbf{S}^l \mathbf{x}_g^{l-1} \right) \quad \forall f \in \{1, \dots, F\}$$

sum over all inputs

FIR filter

GCNN full stack

- Cascade graph filters and nonlinearities

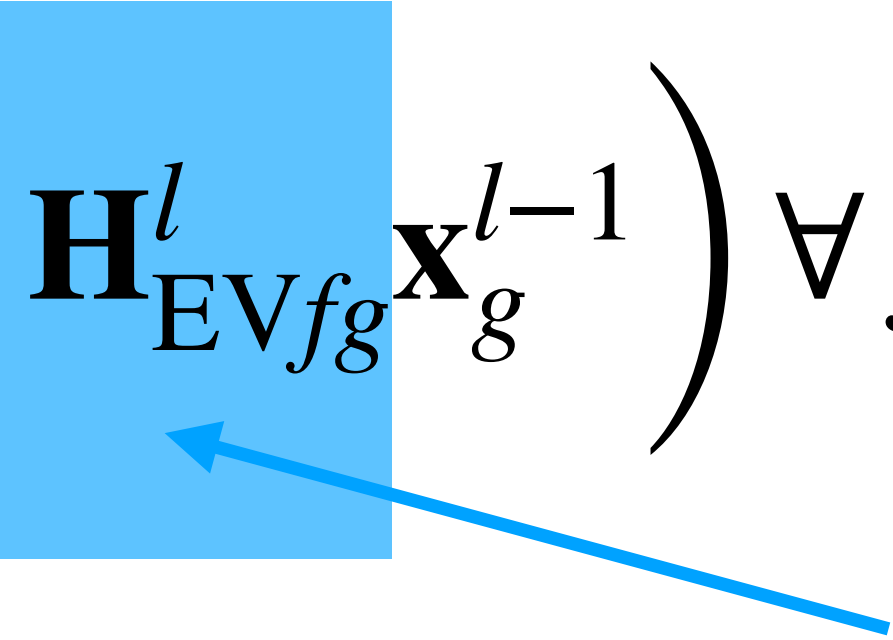


Benefits

- Parameters $\mathcal{O}(KF^2L)$ - independent on the graph dimensions
- Complexity $\mathcal{O}(KMF^2L)$ - linear in number of edges

EdgeNet

- Substitutes FIR filters with edge-variant graph filter
- Propagation rule

$$\mathbf{x}_f^l = \sigma \left(\sum_{g=1}^F \mathbf{H}_{\text{EV}fg}^l \mathbf{x}_g^{l-1} \right) \forall f \in \{1, \dots, F\}$$


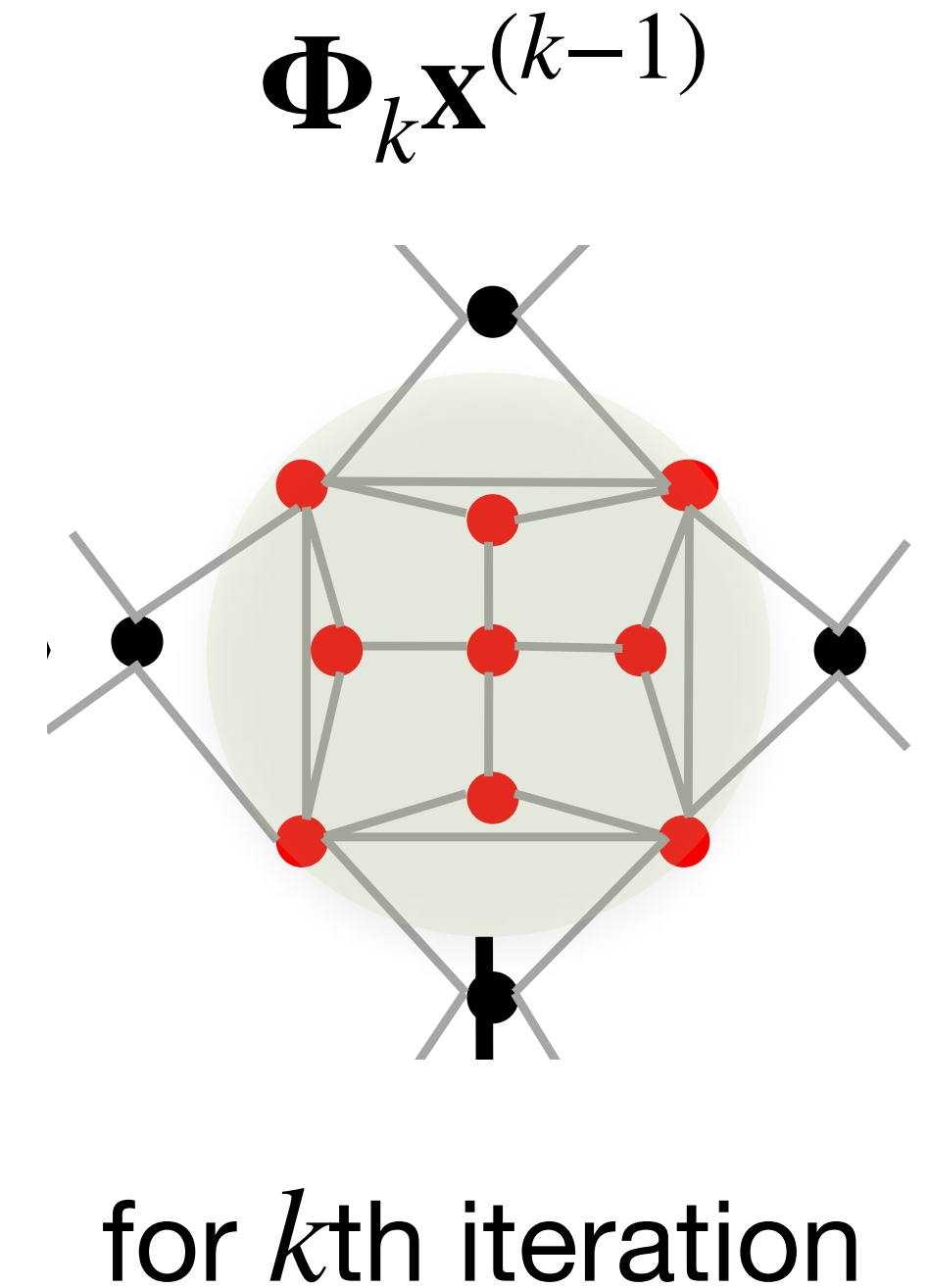
Edge-variant filter

- The most general GNN
 - Includes all GCNN, all ARMANet, GIN, GAT

Isufi, Gama, Ribeiro, *Generalizing Graph Convolutional Neural Networks with Edge-Variant Recursions on Graphs*, EUSIPCO, 2019.

EdgeNet properties

- ⦿ Different parameters per edge and node
 - ✦ Order $\mathcal{O}(MKF^2L)$
 - ✦ More flexibility
 - ✦ Requires only the support of \mathbf{S}
 - Adapts the edge weights to the task
 - Robust to uncertainties in edge weights
 - ✦ Requires fewer parallel filters and shallower networks
 - ✦ Can overfit and require more data than GCNN (FIR-filters)
- ⦿ Complexity $\mathcal{O}(MKF^2L)$ - depends on edges

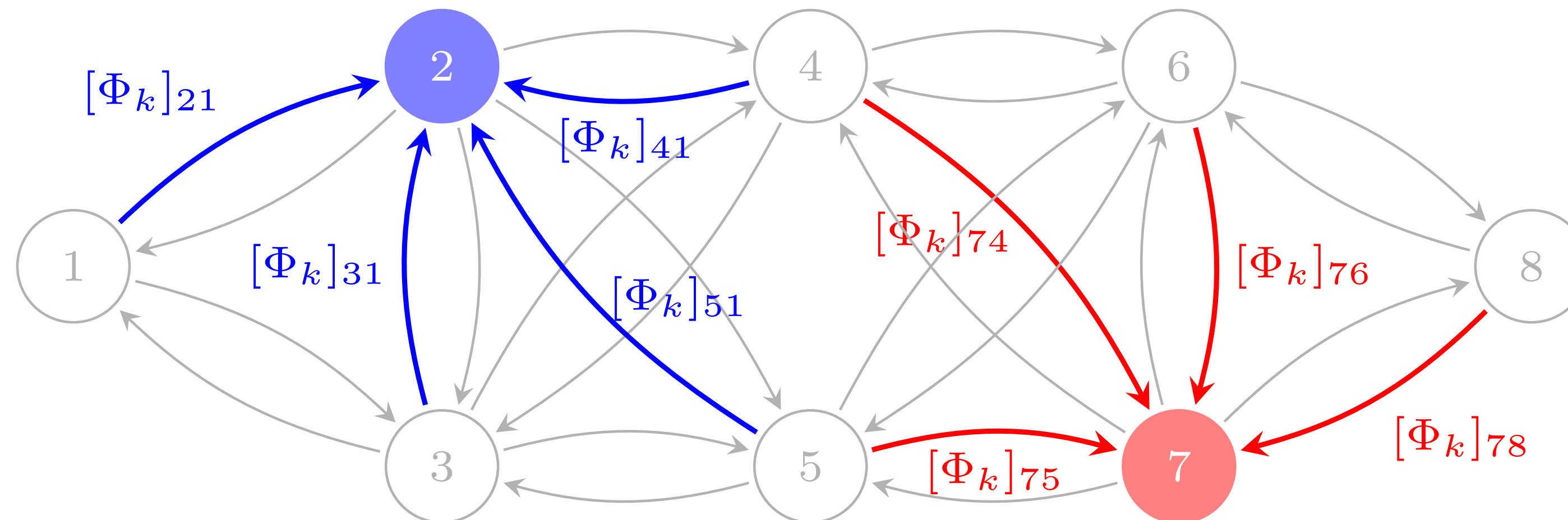


How to use EdgeNets?

- ⦿ The full form may sometimes **overfit**
 - ✦ **Penalize** coefficients to sparse (i.e., $\|\Phi\|_1$)
 - ✦ Impose parameter **sharing**
 - **FIR** : all nodes all edges same parameter
 - **Node-variant** : all edges same parameter for a node
 - **Attention** mechanism [Velickovic'18 - ICLR]
 - **Hybrid** : FIR + EV to particular nodes

How to use EdgeNets?

Example: **Hybrid** (FIR + EV)



- Nodes 2 and 7 use EV filter
- All other nodes use FIR filter
- More flexibility than GCNN
- Parameters independent on the graph dimensions

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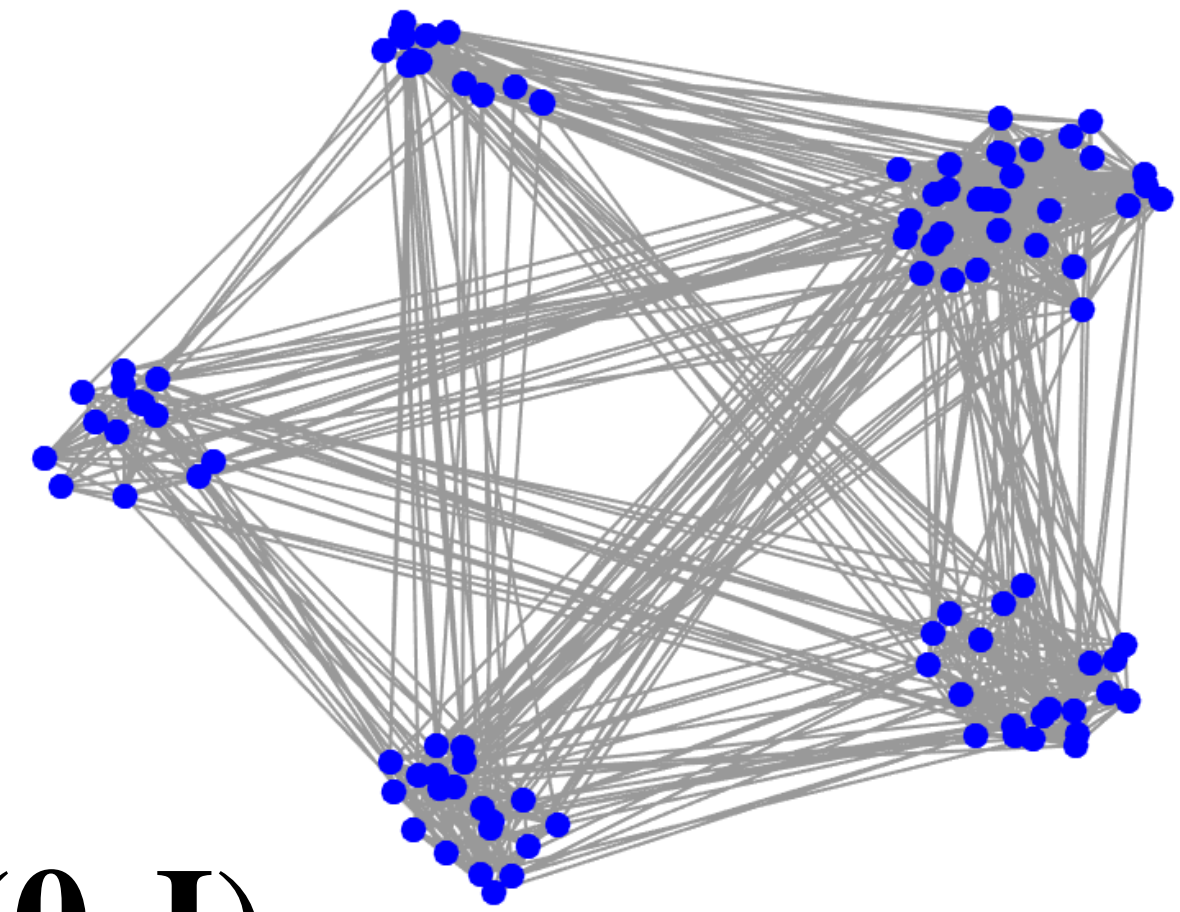
Where are GNNs useful?

Applications

- ⦿ Distributed finite-time consensus
 - ⦿ Distributed regression
 - ⦿ Authorship attribution
 - ⦿ Recommender systems
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- ⦿ For control, resource allocation and other SP applications [T-9]
 - ⦿ For semi-supervised learning, graph classification [Wu'20 -TNNLS]

Learning finite-time consensus

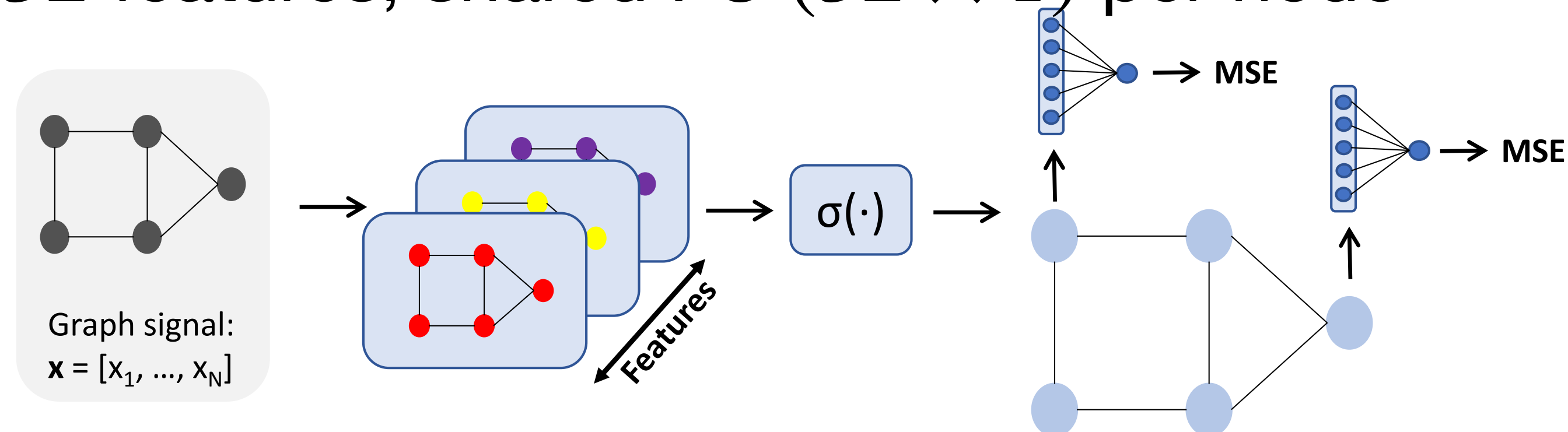
- Learn the consensus function for a specific graph
- EV can do the job but all nodes need to know all graph
 - Feasible only in small setups



Stochastic block model

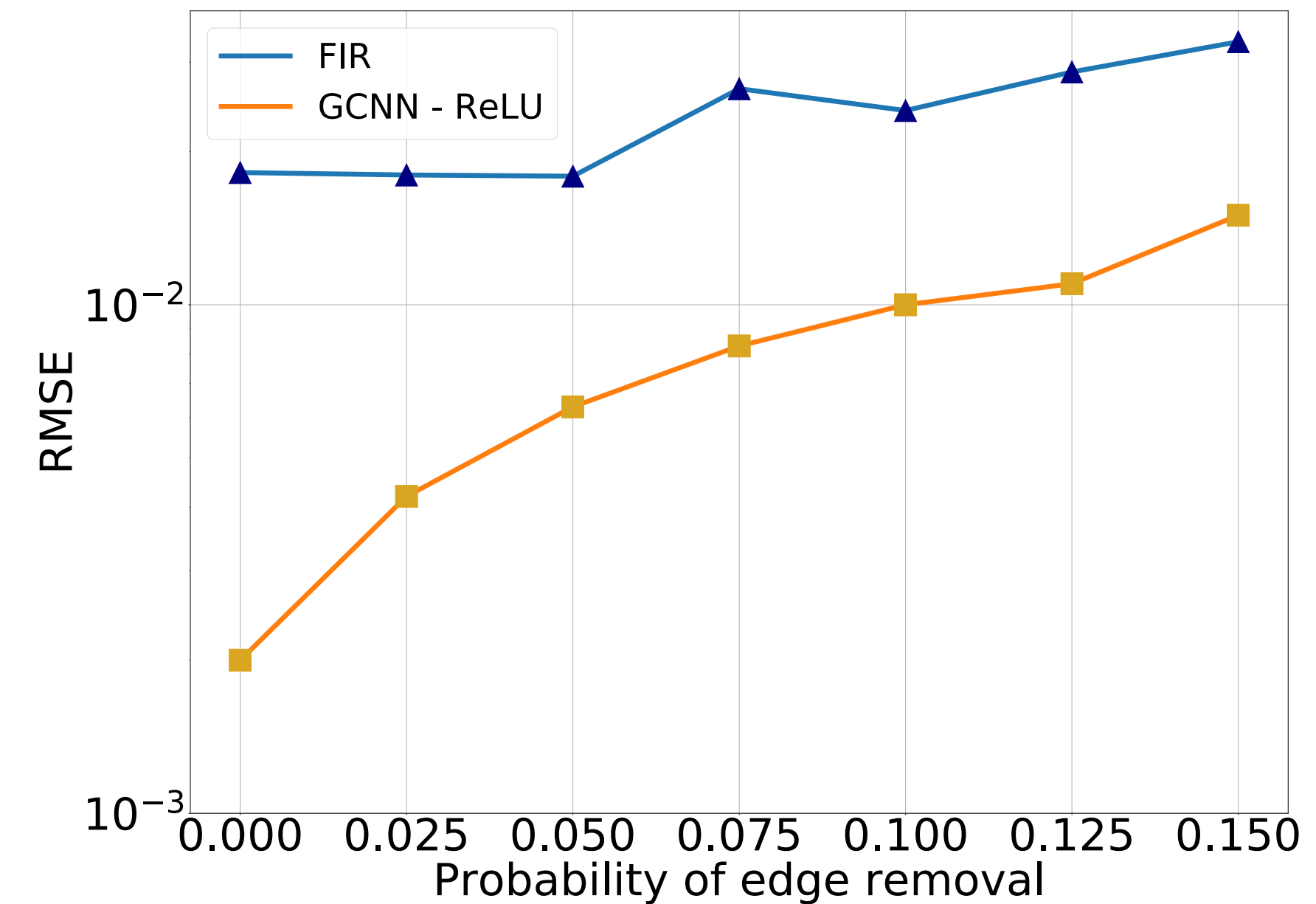
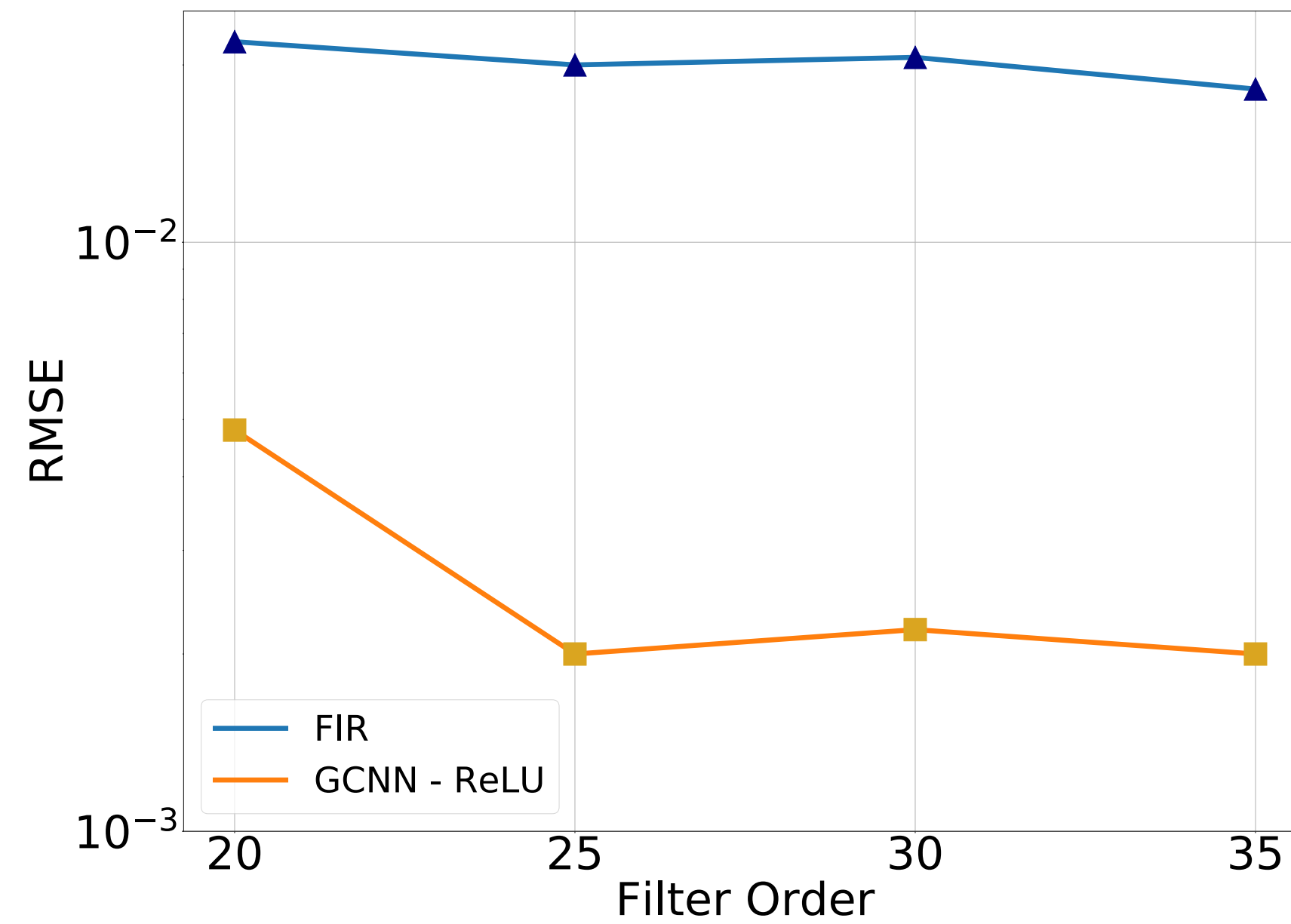
$N = 100$ and $C = 5$ communities; graph signals $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$

1 Layer, $F = 32$ features, shared FC (32×1) per node



Iancu, Isufi, *Towards Finite-Time Consensus with Graph Convolutional Neural Networks*, EUSIPCO 2020 (submitted)

Learning finite-time consensus



- Consensus is **strictly** low pass
- Better performance for high orders
- Machine precision needs EV
- Train and test on different graphs
- GCNN exploits better the connectivity
- GCNNs are better transferable

Levie, Isufi, Kutyniok, *On the Transferability of Spectral Graph Filters*, SAMPTA 2019.

Distributed regression

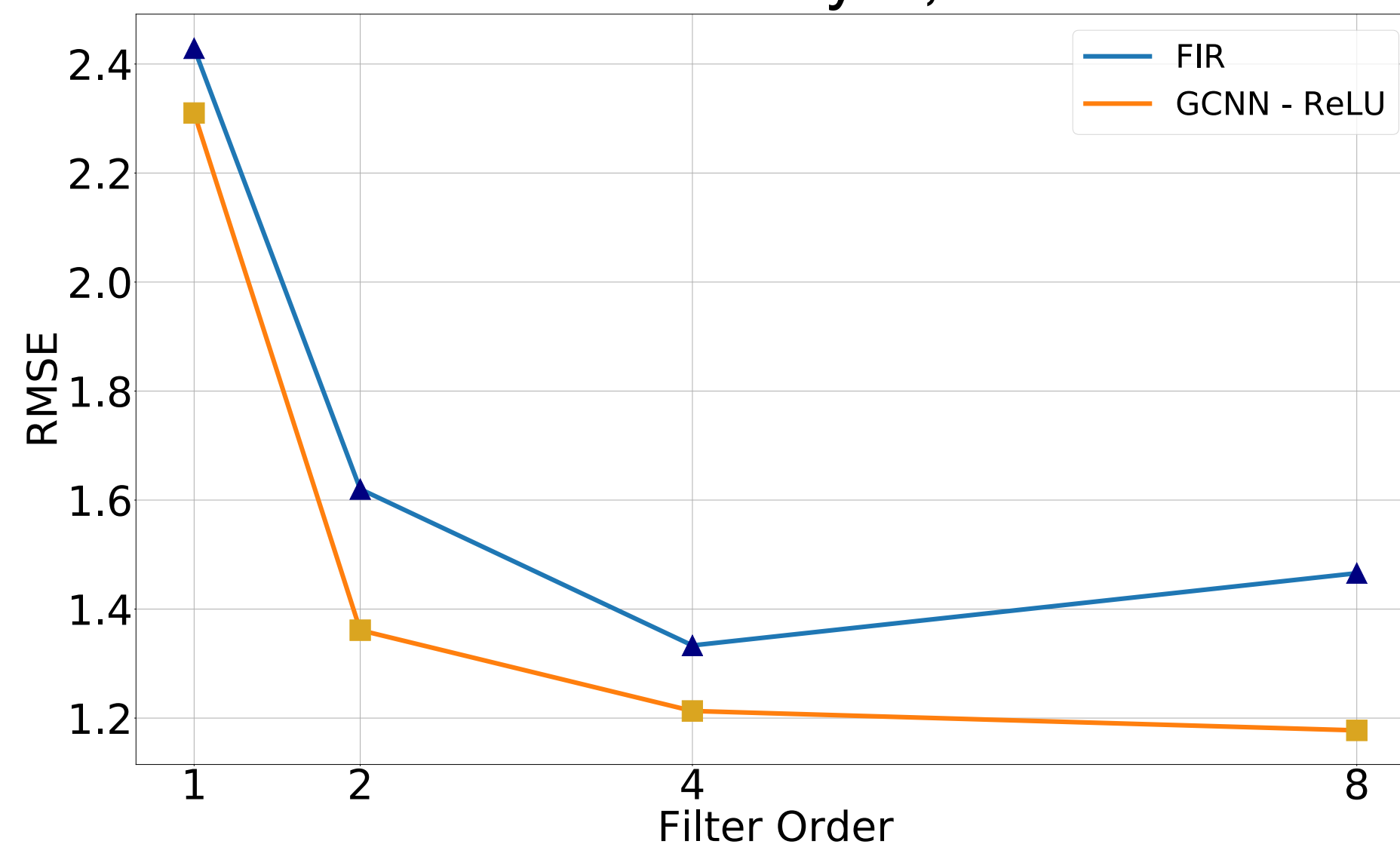
Retrieve signal distributively from noisy measurements

Molene weather dataset

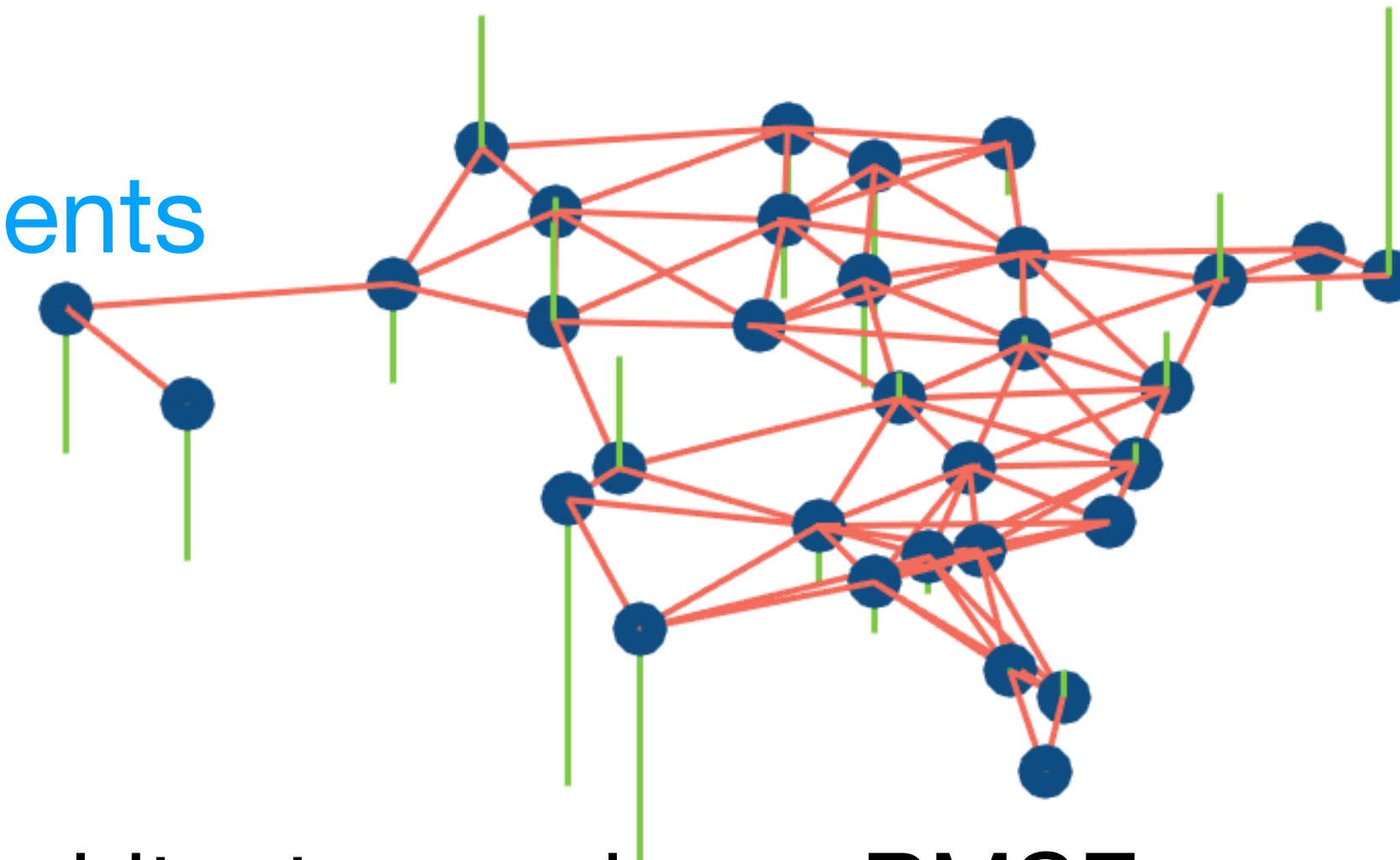
Build a graph between stations $N = 32$

Graph signal: 744 temperature recording

$SNR = 3\text{dB}$ 1 layer; 4 features



Iancu, Ruiz, Ribeiro Isufi, *Distributed Localized Nonlinearities For Graph Neural Networks*, MLSP 2020 (submitted)



- **Nonlinear** architecture reduces RMSE
- 4 times more communications
- Regression more **challenging** than classification
- Needs: **more data**/**more graph prior**

Authorship attribution

Attribute texts to an author [Segarra'15-TSP]

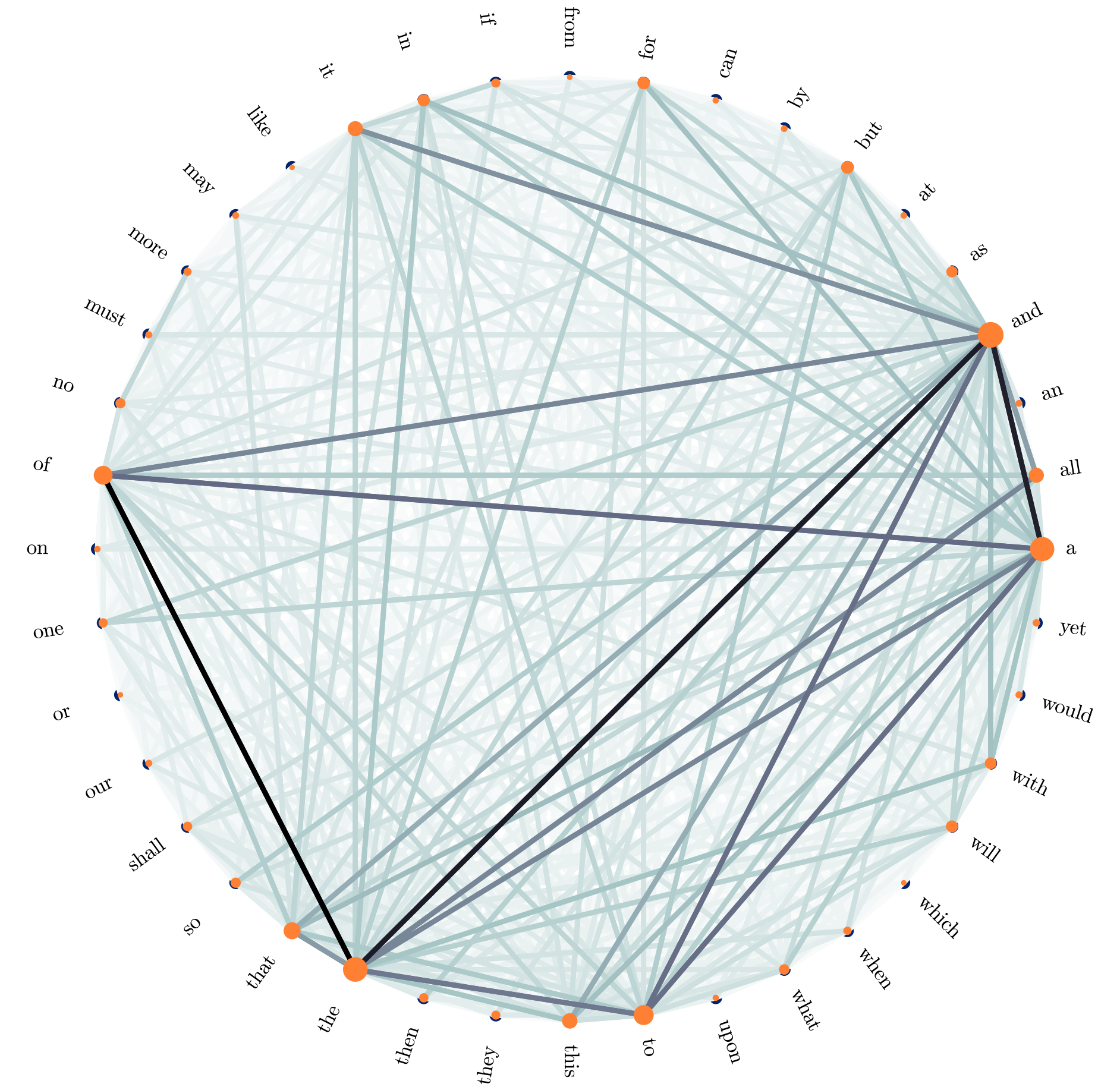
Build a word adjacency network

$N = 190 - 211$

Graph signal: word frequency count

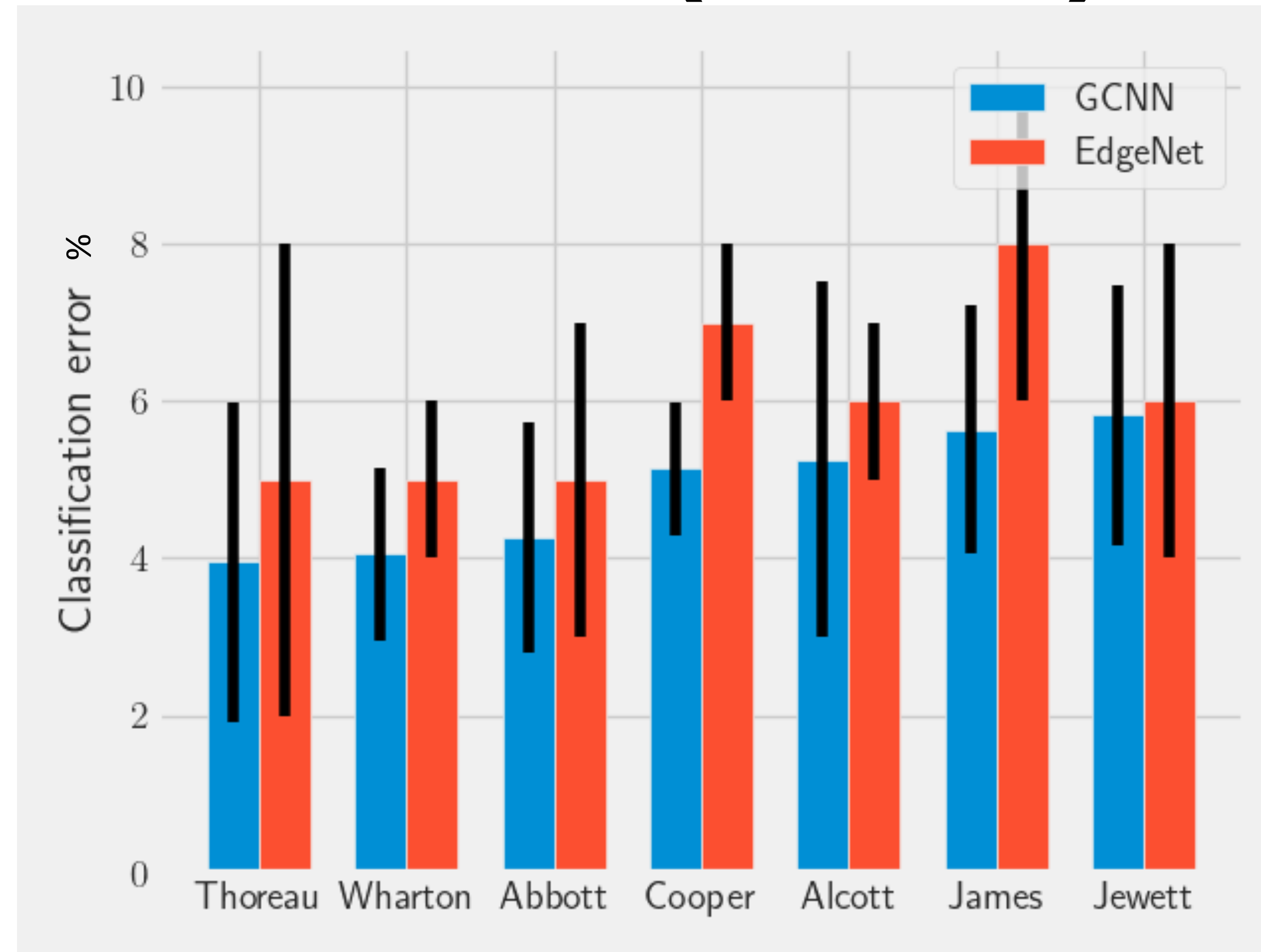
~ 1000 texts from the author of interest

~ 1000 from others



[© figure Ruiz'19-TSP]

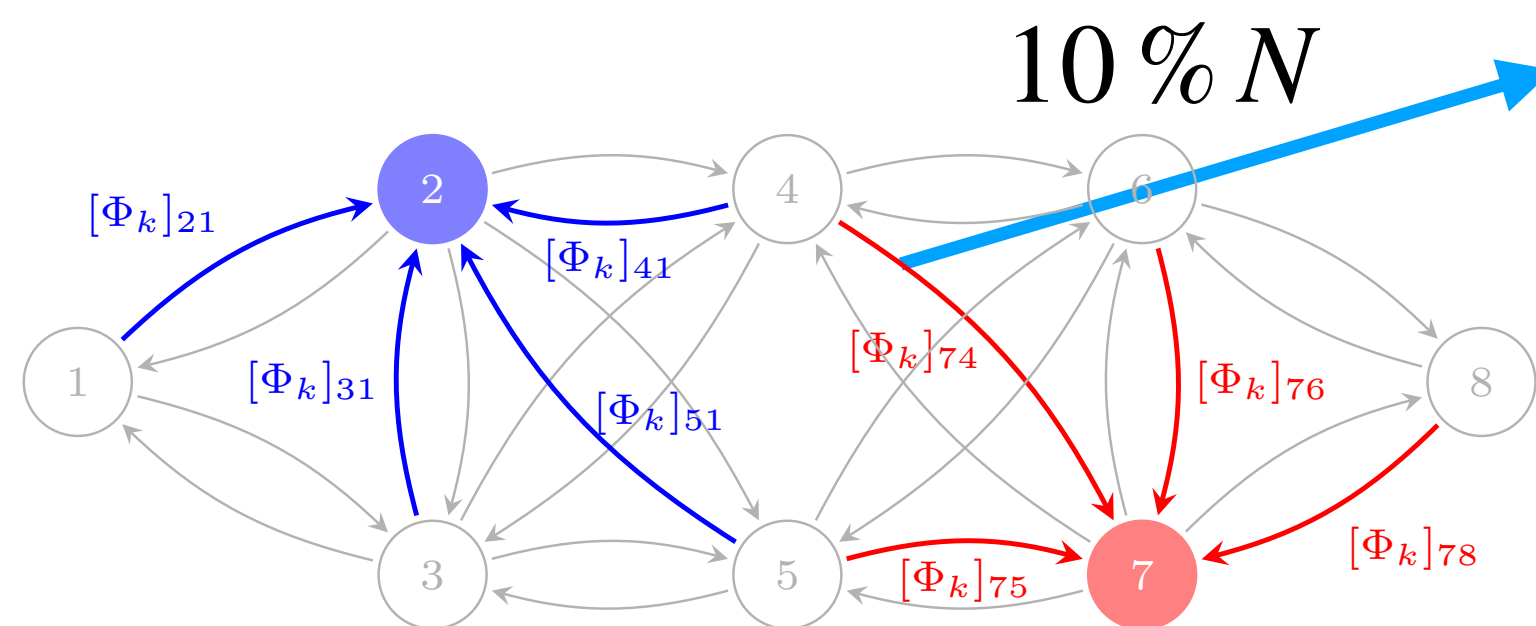
Authorship attribution (easier)



- EV hyperparameters (K, F, L) taken from the FIR
- Parameter sharing is beneficial
1 layer, $K \in [2, 10]$, $F \in \{16, 32, 64\}$

Authorship attribution (difficult)

Classification error			
Architecture	Austen	Brontë	Poe
GCNN	7.2(± 2.0)%	12.9(± 3.5)%	14.3(± 6.4)%
Edge varying	7.1(± 2.2)%	13.1(± 3.9)%	10.7(± 4.3)%
Node varying	7.4(± 2.1)%	14.6(± 4.2)%	11.7(± 4.9)%
Hybrid edge var.	6.9(± 2.6)%	14.0(± 3.7)%	11.7(± 4.8)%
ARMANet	7.9(± 2.3)%	11.6(± 5.0)%	10.9(± 3.7)%



1 layer, $F = 32$, $K = 4$

- EdgeNet requires its own hypertuning
- Better for more **difficult** scenarios
- **Subclasses** of the **EV** can perform better depending on problem difficulty

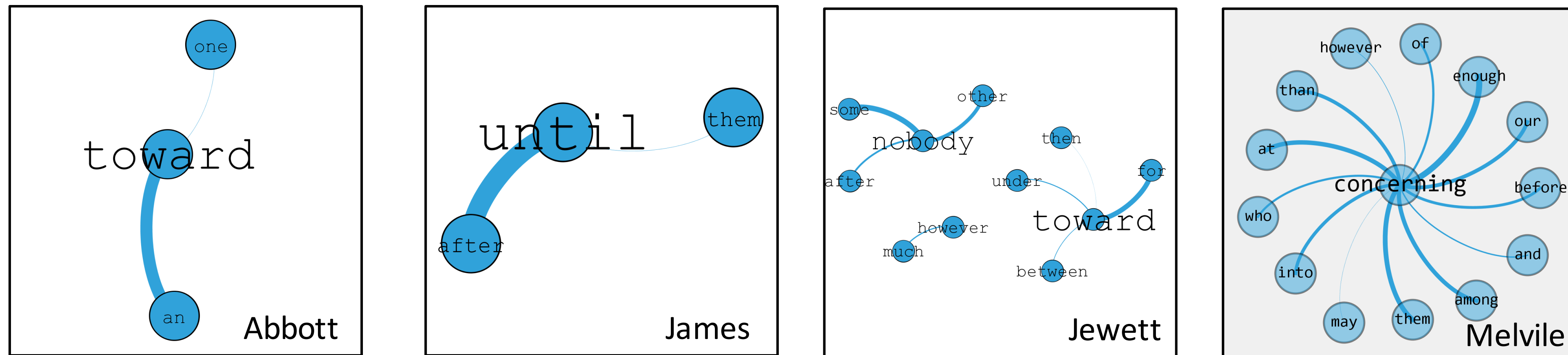
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Authorship attribution (explain)

● Explain GNNs with EdgeNets

- ◆ One layer EdgeNet with order $K = 1$
- ◆ Training the EdgeNet = learning graph weights
 - removed small weight edges = accuracy drop $< 5\%$
 - identifies most relevant function words per author

$$\mathbf{x}_1^1 = \sigma(\Phi \mathbf{x}_1^0)$$



- identify an author from 3 words

Authorship attribution

Identifying author gender from texts

- ◆ **No NLP**: shallow and fast training, no pretraining/corpus
- ◆ Graphs + signals from female and male authors in train - test

Classification error

	EdgeNet	GCNN	EV-GCNN
Mean	8.6%	10.1%	7.8%
Std	6×10^{-3}	6×10^{-3}	5×10^{-3}

1 layer architectures, $F = 64$

Sparse WANs help classification

Sparse EV shift operator + GCNN

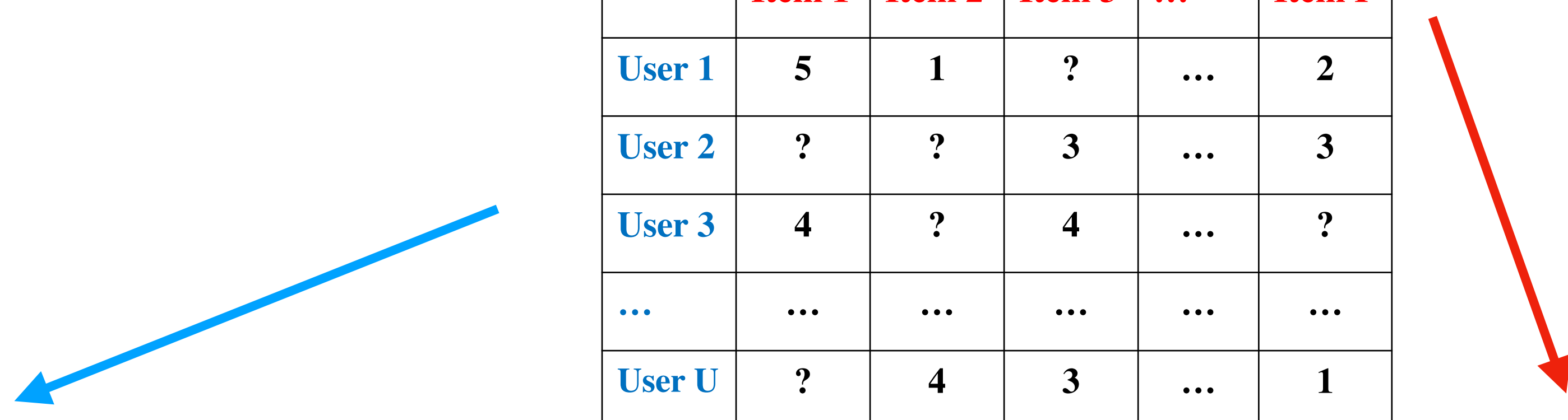


Recommender systems

● Fill missing entries in a user-item matrix

Movielens 100K dataset $U = 943; I = 1,582$

Build a similarity graph (principle of collaborative filter)



	Item 1	Item 2	Item 3	...	Item I
User 1	5	1	?	...	2
User 2	?	?	3	...	3
User 3	4	?	4	...	?
...
User U	?	4	3	...	1

user similarity graph

nodes : users

edges : Pearson/cosine similarity

between pairs of users

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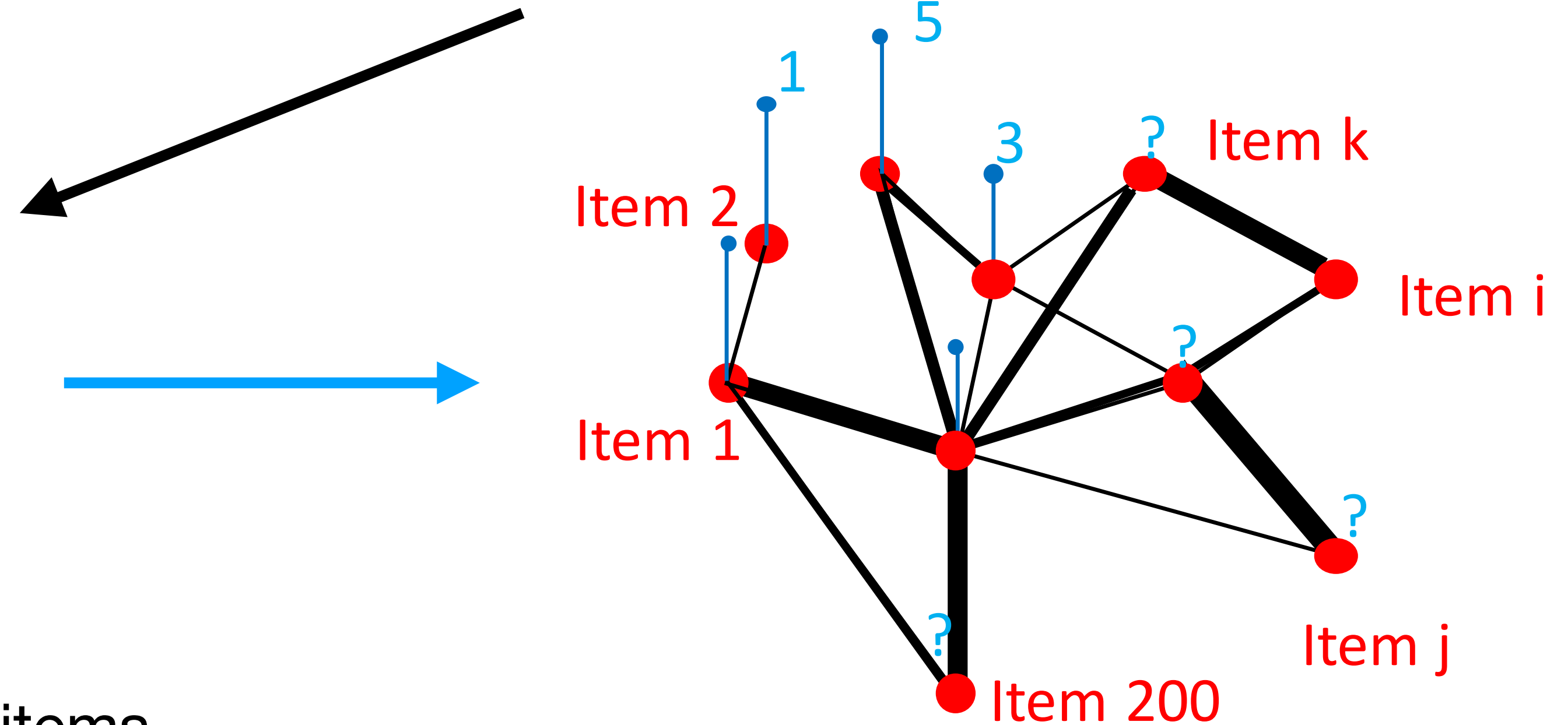
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- Here **item** similarity graph

$N = 200$ most rated items

subset of user ratings
to build the graph

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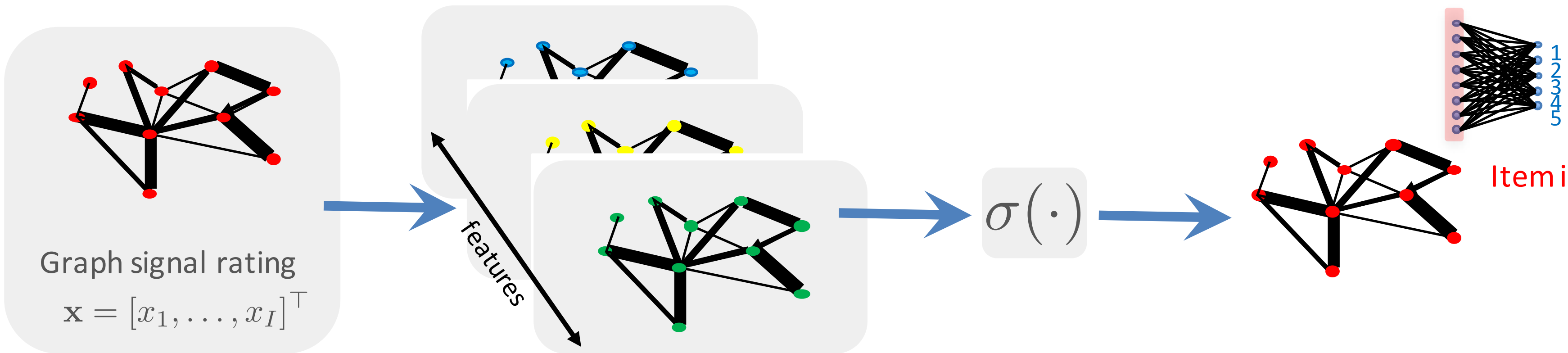
Graph signal : rating of **user** u to all items

- interpolation problem on graphs

Goal: find rating **all** users give to item i (fii i th column of matrix)

Recommender systems

- Use locality of the filters to build a GNN **specific** to **item I**



Frame as signal classification problem per node

1 layer, 32 features

EdgeNet suffers in general -requires parameterization

Archit./Movie-ID	50	258	100	181	294	Average
GCNN	0.82	1.08	0.95	0.86	1.04	0.95
Edge var.	0.93	1.03	1.00	0.88	1.24	1.02
Node var.	0.78	1.04	1.00	0.87	1.00	0.94
Hybrid edge var.	0.75	1.02	0.98	0.82	1.08	0.93

part 4 :: conclusions

- ◎ Graph filter are the **building block** of graph neural network (GNN)
 - ◆ Incorporate effectively the **graph signal - graph topology** into learning
 - ◆ Serve as a **prior** to reduce parameters and complexity
 - ◆ Graph convolutions through graph filters
- ◎ Different filter = different graph neural networks
 - ◆ FIR = GCNNs
 - ◆ ARMA = ARMANets
 - ◆ Edge varying = EdgeNets

part 4 :: conclusions

- ⦿ EdgeNets provide the broadest GNN family
 - ✦ Particularize to **all** the others including GINs and GATs
 - ✦ Help **explainability**
- ⦿ Applications in signal classification & regression
 - ✦ Authorship attribution
 - ✦ Recommender systems

GNN - next challenges

- ◎ More graph prior instead of more data
- ◎ Explainability
 - ◆ What topological information is more relevant?
 - ◆ What spectral information is more relevant?
 - ◆ EdgeNet can be a strong tool in this regard
- ◎ Robustness/Transferability
 - ◆ To topological perturbations
 - ◆ To input perturbations
- ◎ Distributed learning
 - ◆ Graph filters are distributable

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- ⦿ For GNN **pooling**, **transferability**, and applications in **control** and **resource allocation**
 - ✦ T-9: Graph Neural Networks (F. Gama and A. Ribeiro)

Why we use filters in neural networks?

Supervised learning

- Relies on a dataset of R training examples

$$\mathcal{R} = \{(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), (\mathbf{x}_2, y_2), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_R, y_R)\}$$

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- Goal: learn a function f that maps \mathbf{x}_r to y_r

- we want f parametric: $f(\theta) : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$

Supervised learning

⦿ Design parameters θ such that

◆ **minimize** a cost distance between $f(\theta, \mathbf{x}_r)$ and y_r (e.g., MSE)

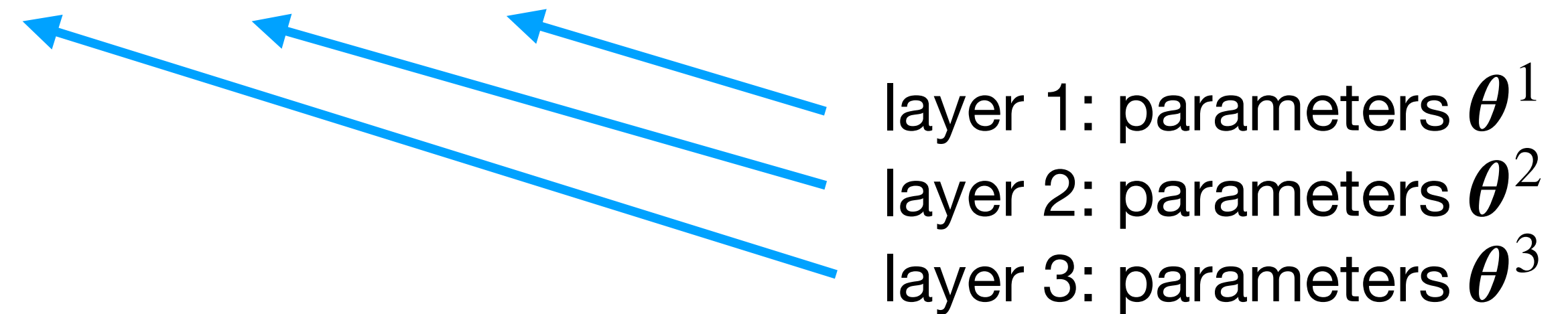
$$\underset{\theta}{\text{minimize}} \frac{1}{R} \sum_{r=1}^R (f(\theta, \mathbf{x}_r) - y_r)^2$$

◆ **generalize** well for test data $\mathbf{x}_r \notin \mathcal{R}$

Neural networks

- Express function f as a cascade of layered functions

$$f(\theta, \mathbf{x}) = f^3(\theta^3, f^2(\theta^2, f^1(\theta^1, \mathbf{x})))$$



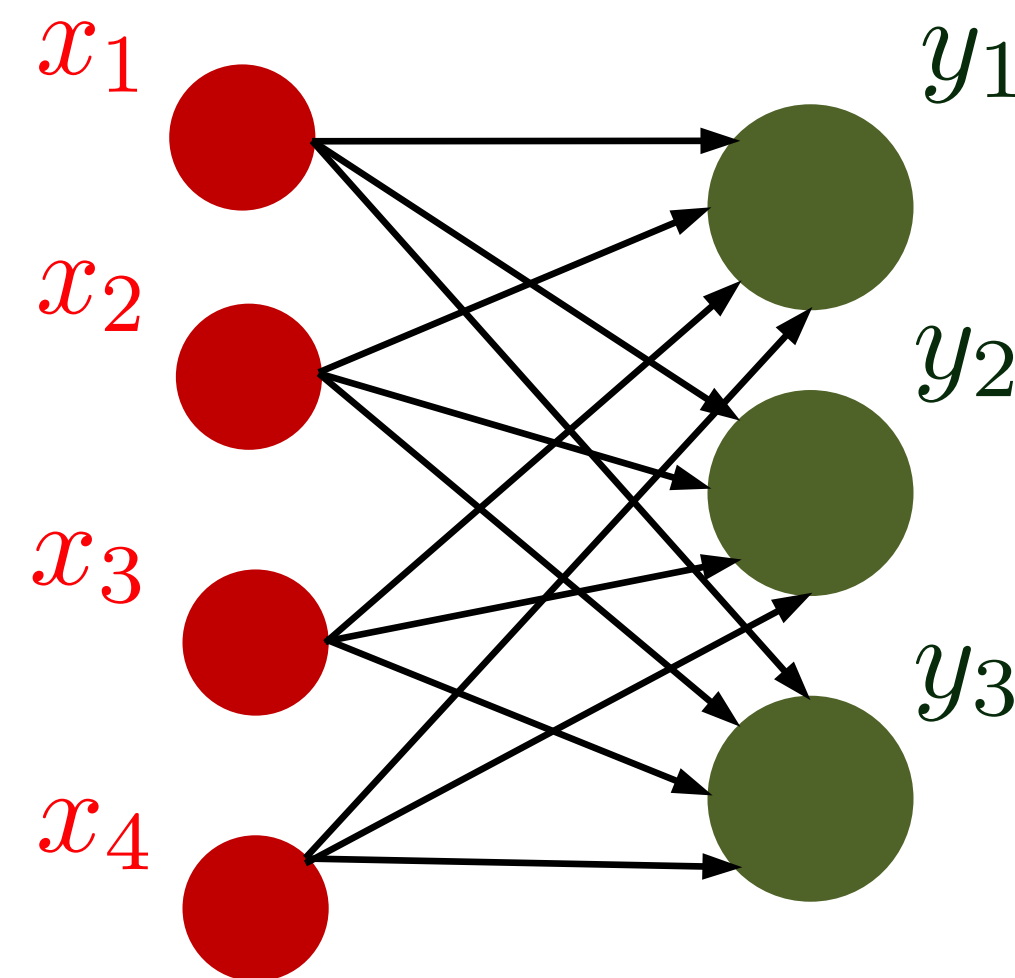
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layer 1: parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}^1$
 layer 2: parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}^2$
 layer 3: parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}^3$

- No structure in the data: perceptron



$$\mathbf{y} = \sigma(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b})$$

- Parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{b}\}$

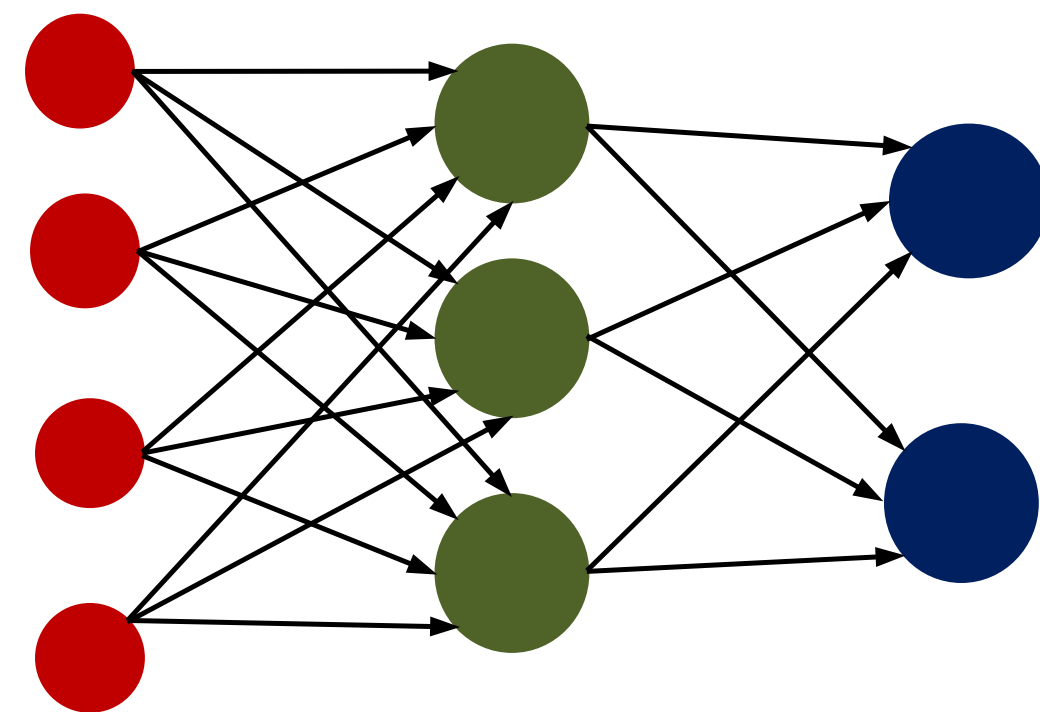
- Pointwise nonlinearity $\sigma(\cdot)$

$$\text{ReLU}(x) = \begin{cases} x & x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otw} \end{cases}$$

Neural networks

⦿ No structure in the data: multi-layer perceptron

✦ Improves expressivity



\mathbf{x}_0 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_2

$$\mathbf{x}^l = \sigma(\mathbf{W}^l \mathbf{x}^{l-1} + \mathbf{b}^l)$$

⦿ Input features $\mathbf{x}^0 = \mathbf{x}_r$

⦿ Output features \mathbf{x}^L

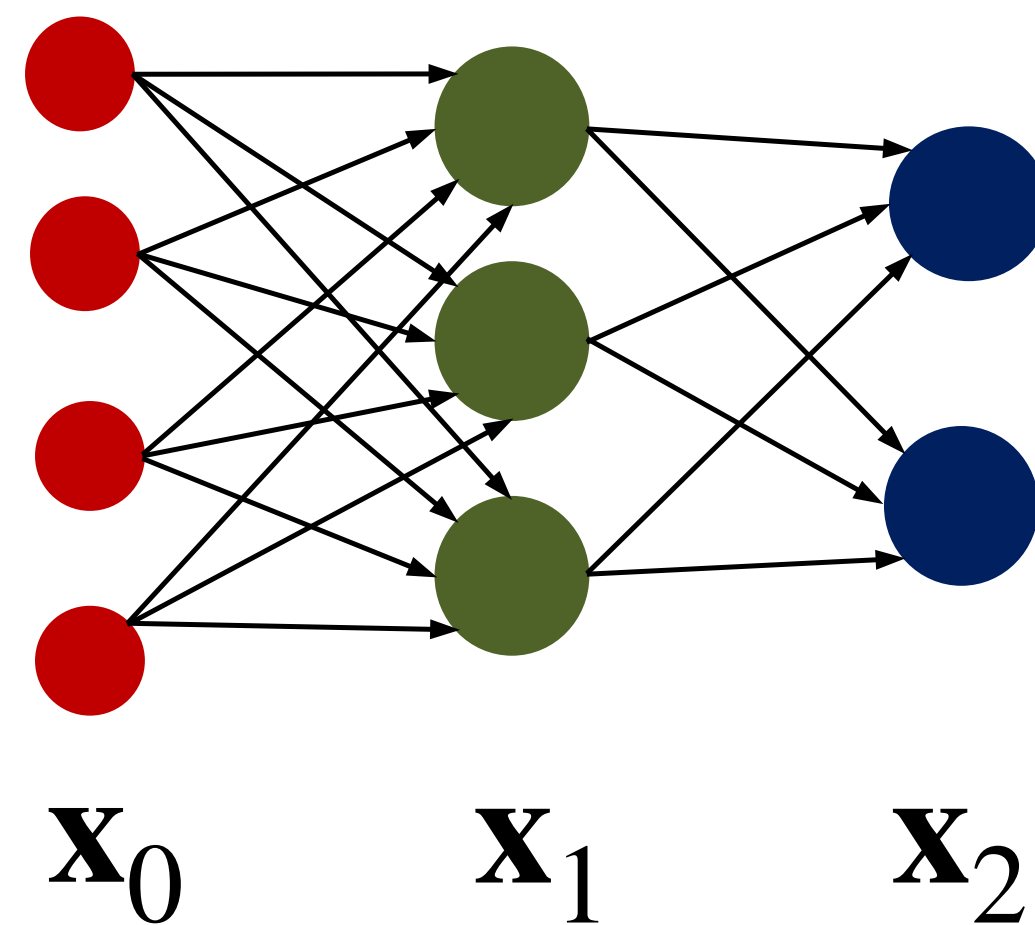
\mathbf{x}^{l-1} : input layer $l = \text{output layer } l - 1$

\mathbf{x}^l : output layer l

$\theta^l = \{\mathbf{W}^l, \mathbf{b}^l\}$: parameters layer l

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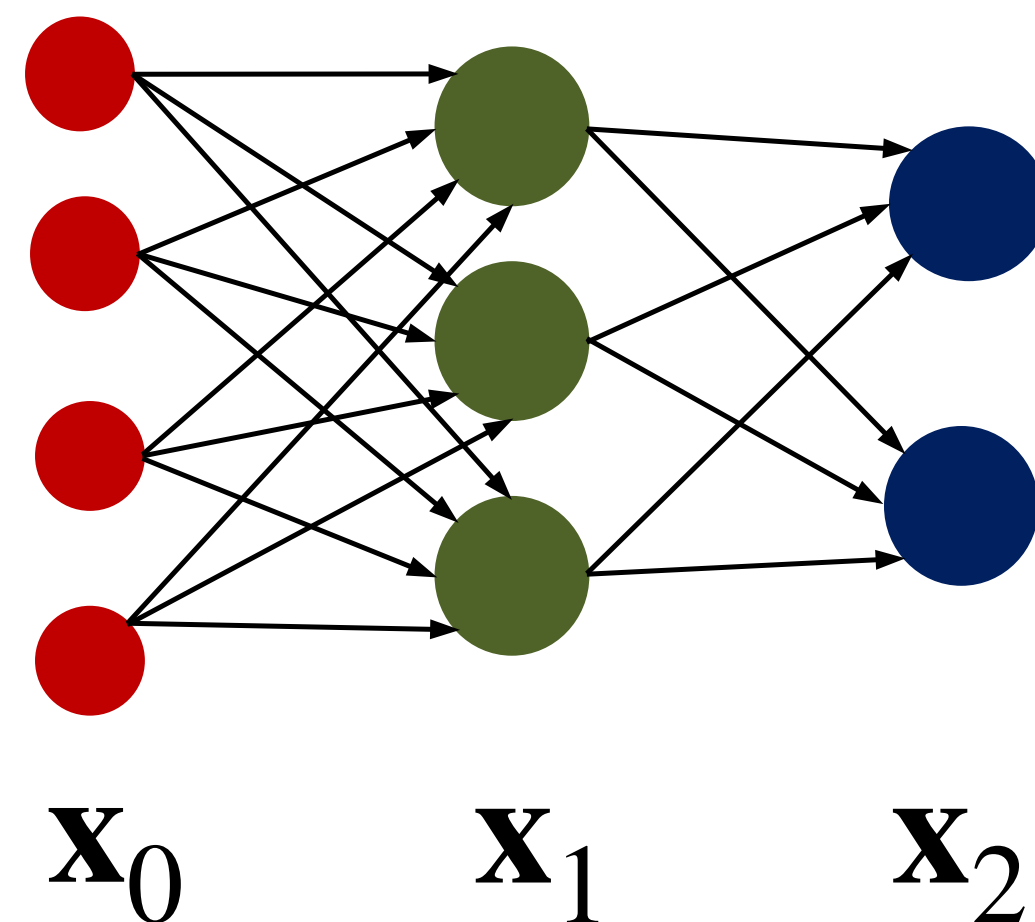
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- \mathbf{x}^L depends on \mathbf{x}^0 through a composition of linear functions and pointwise nonlinearities

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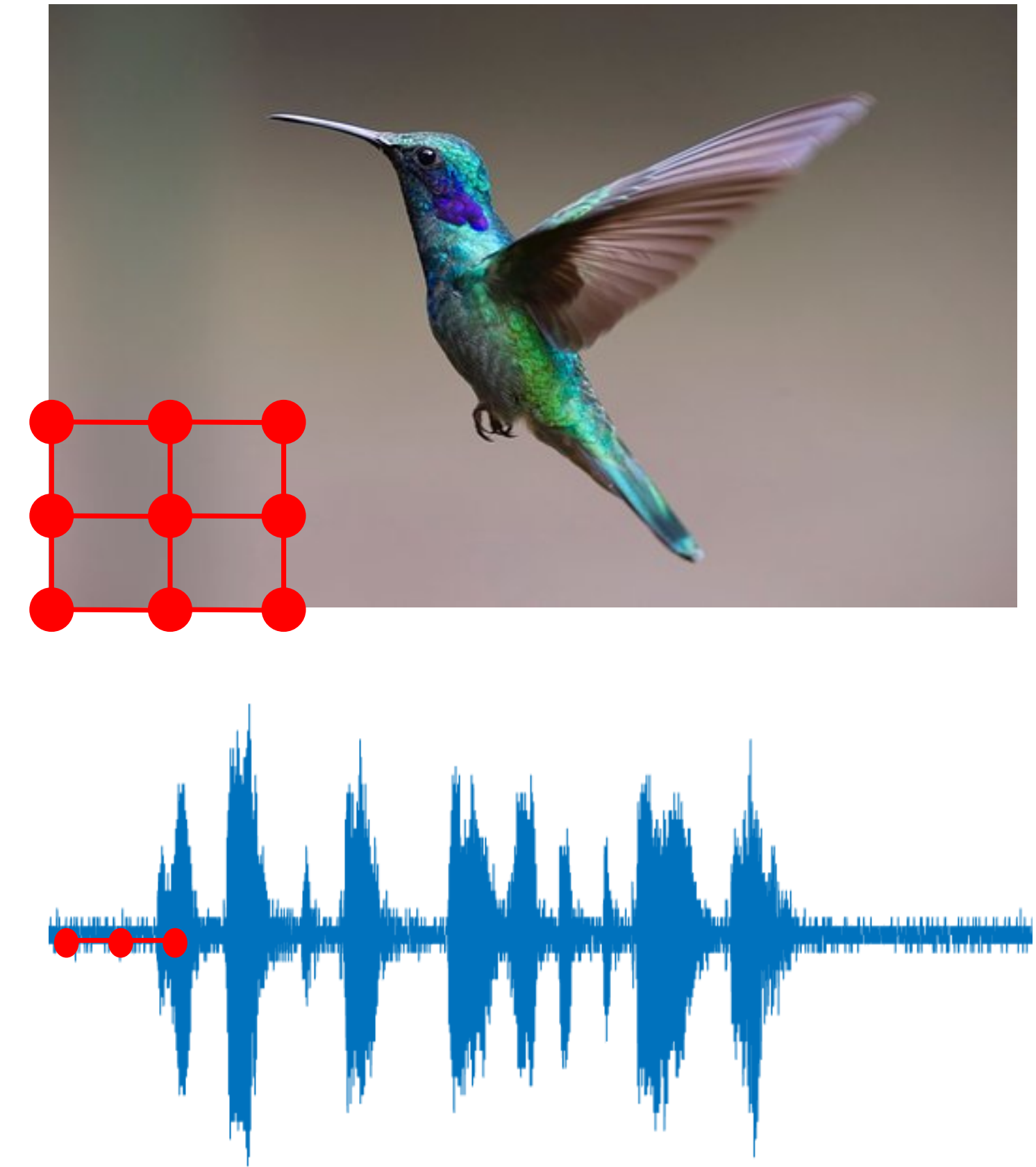
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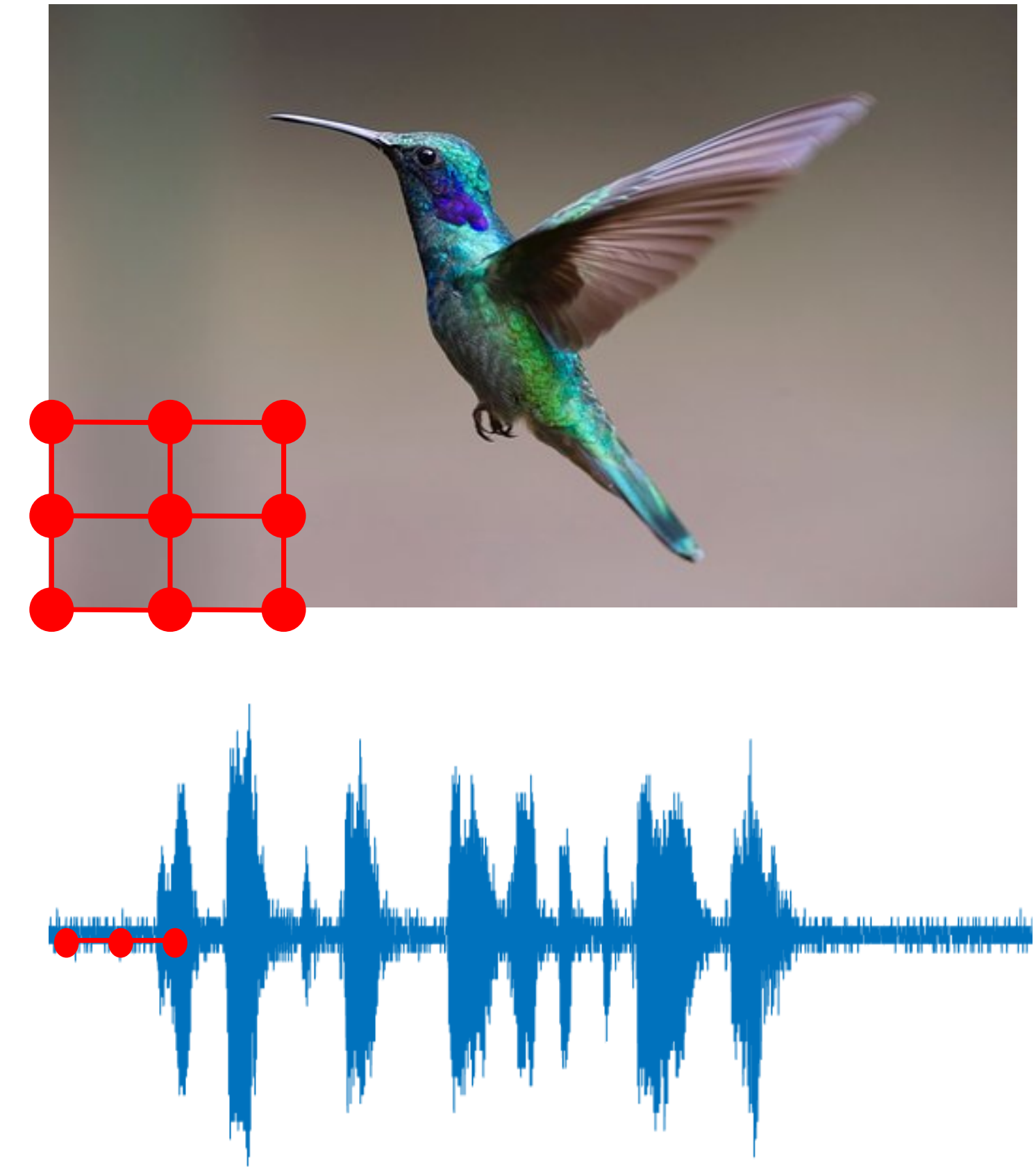
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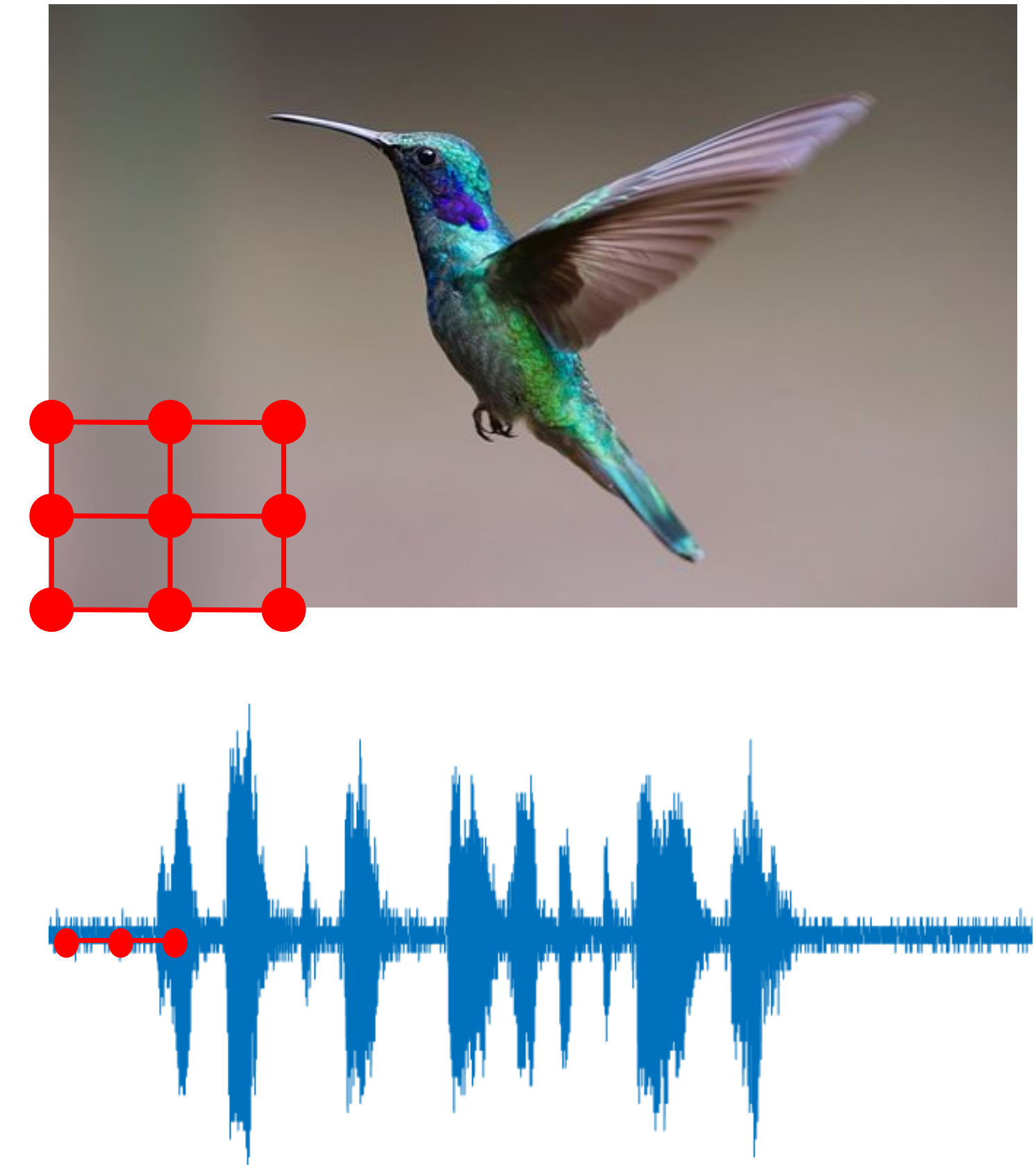
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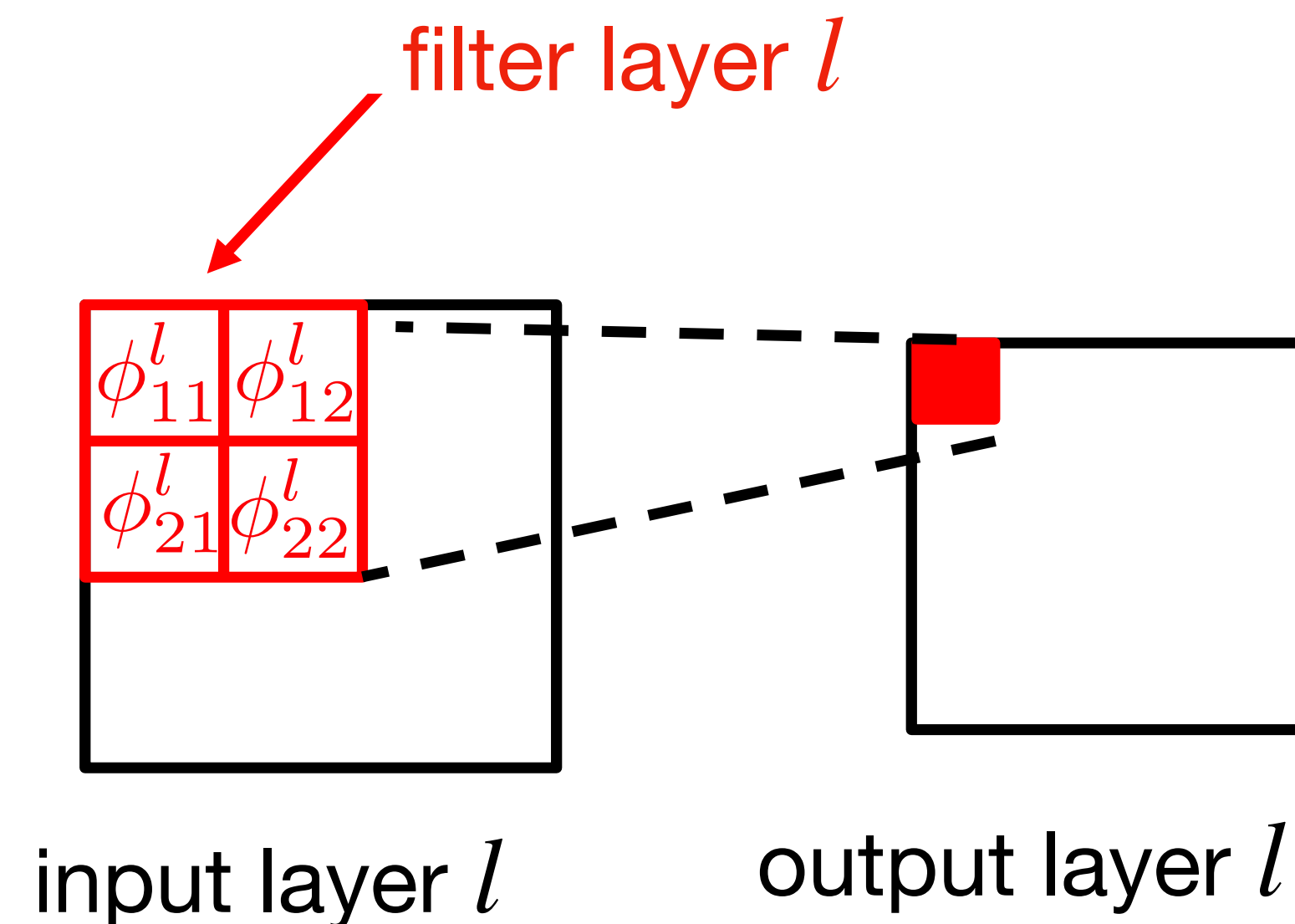
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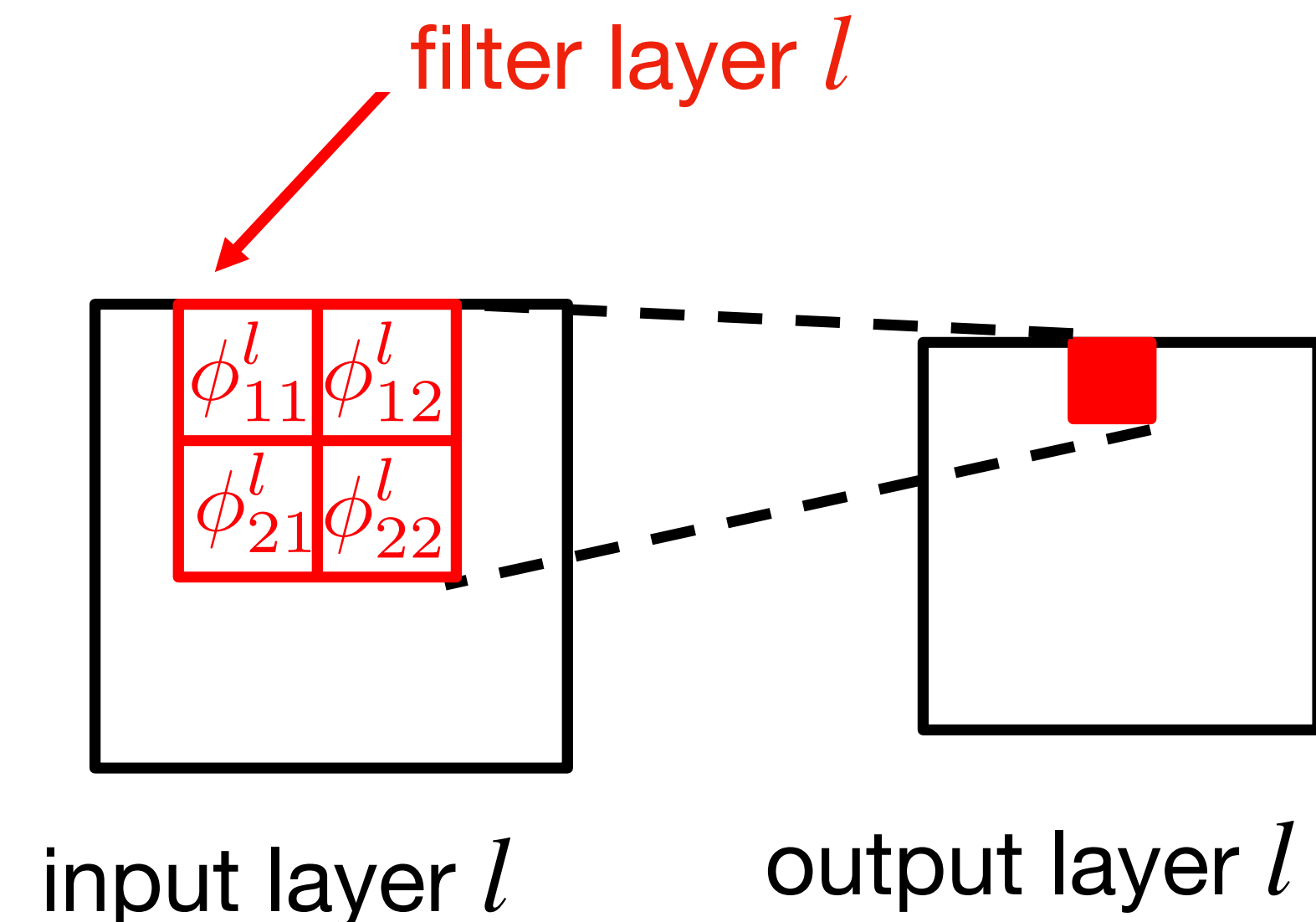
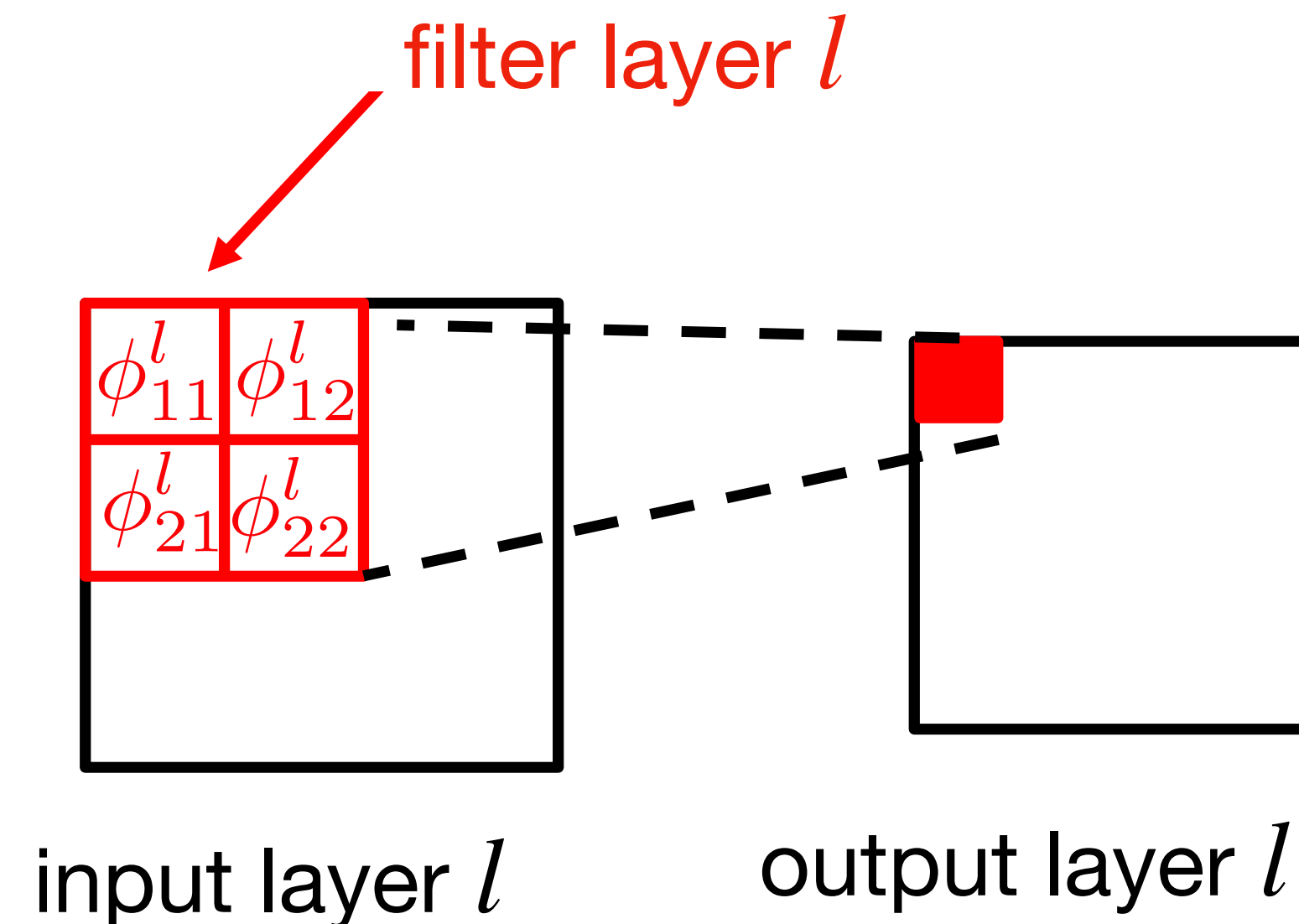
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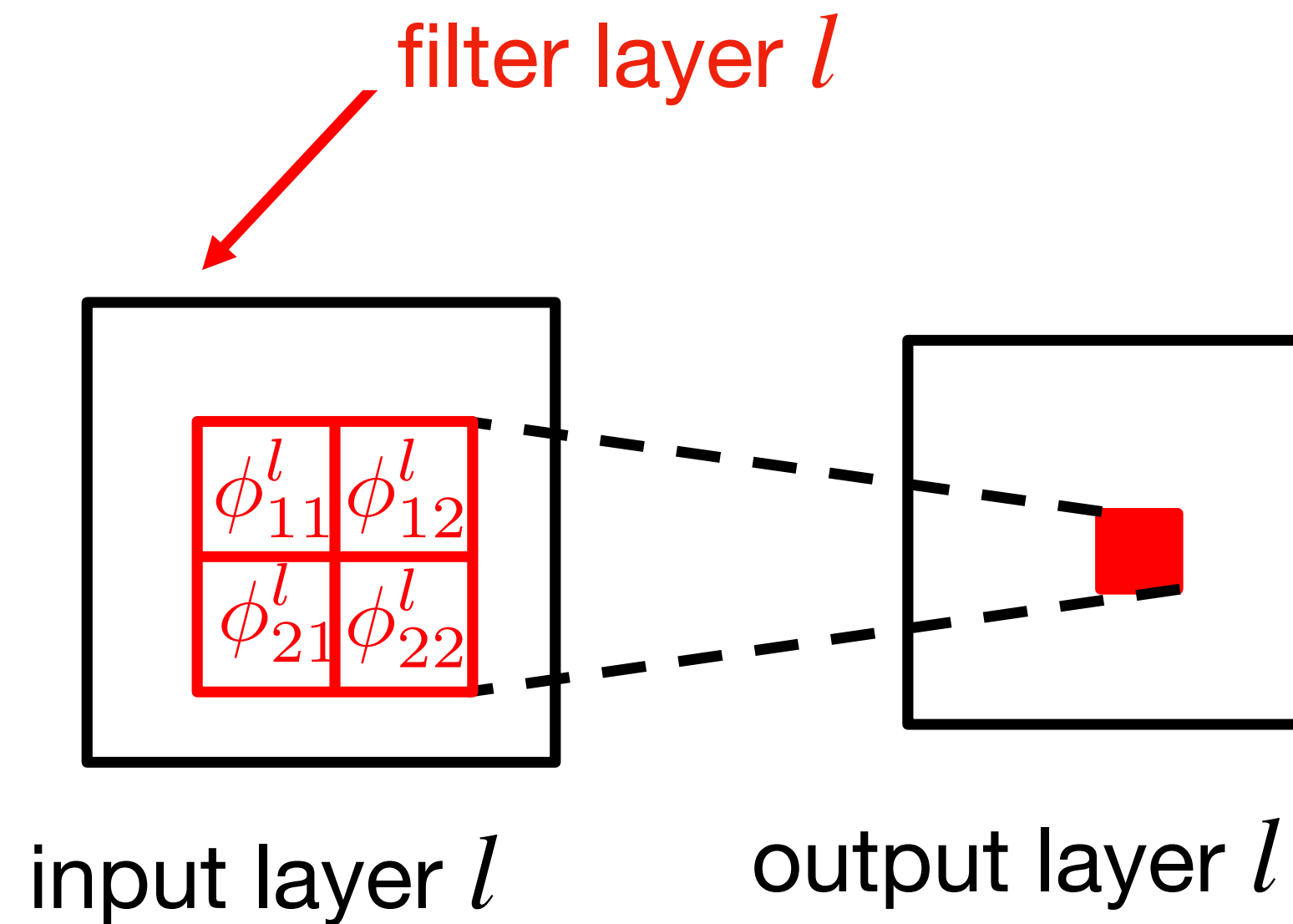
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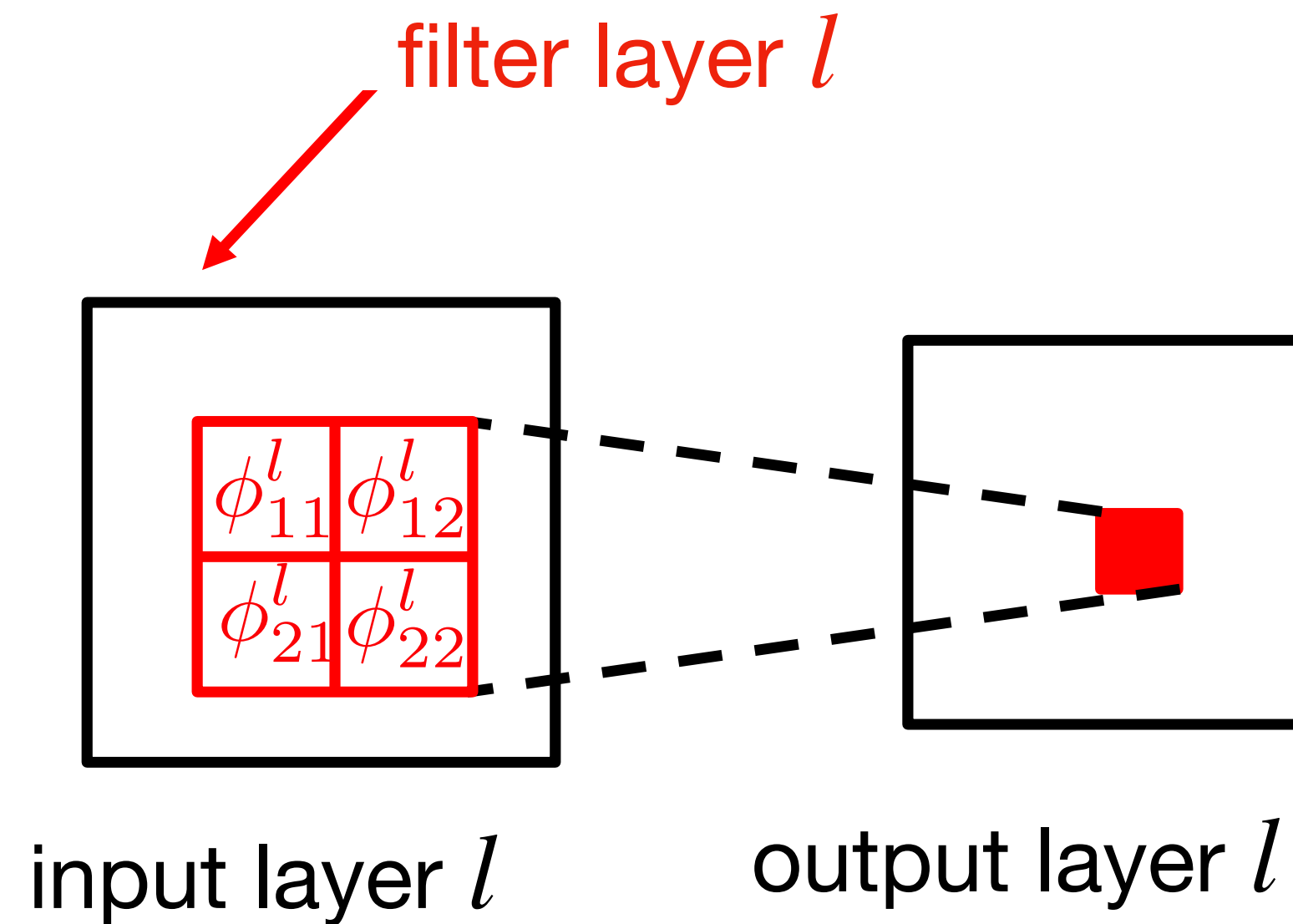
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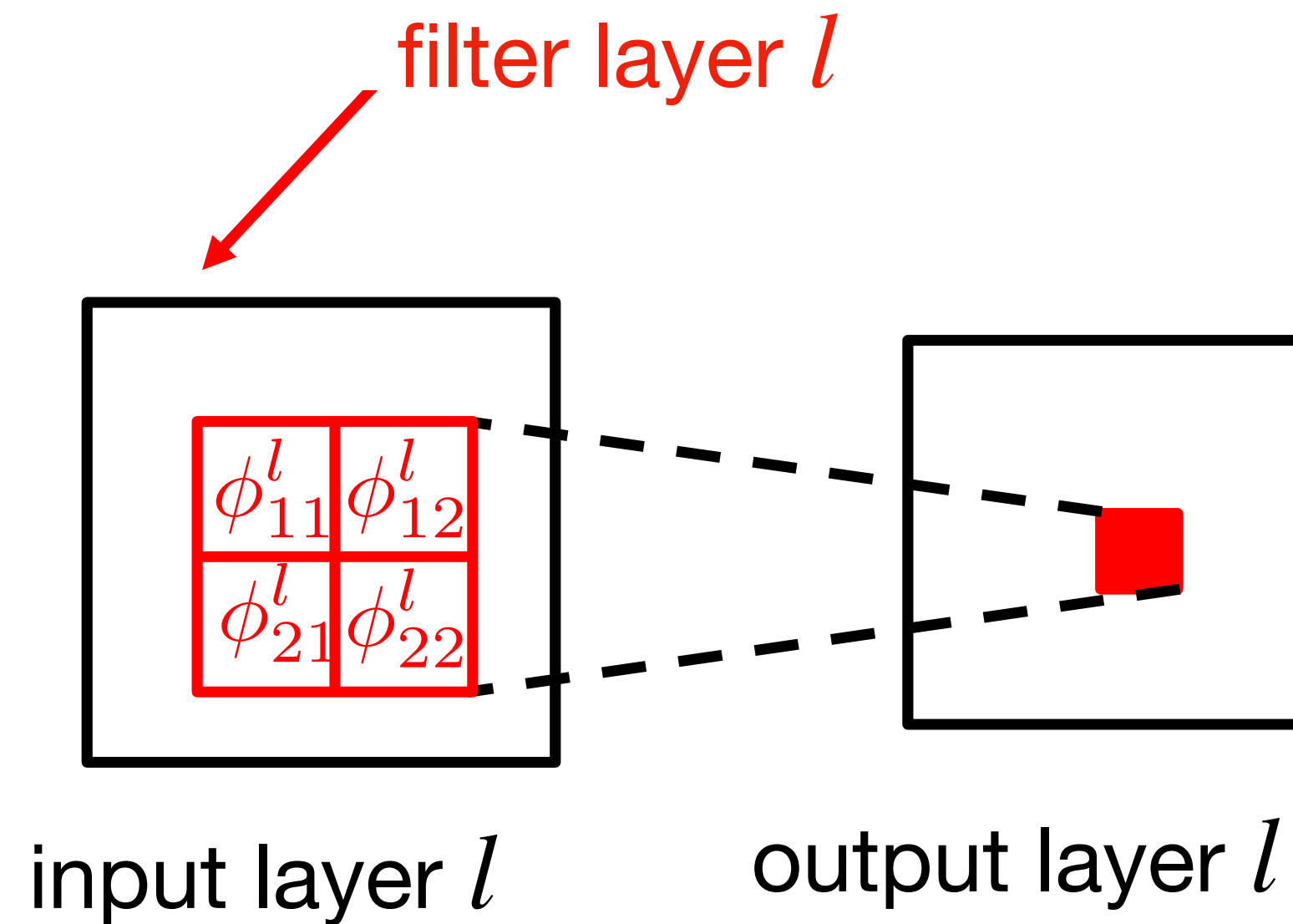


$$y_{ij}^l = \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{c=1}^C \phi_{rc}^l x_{i-r, j-c}^{l-1}$$

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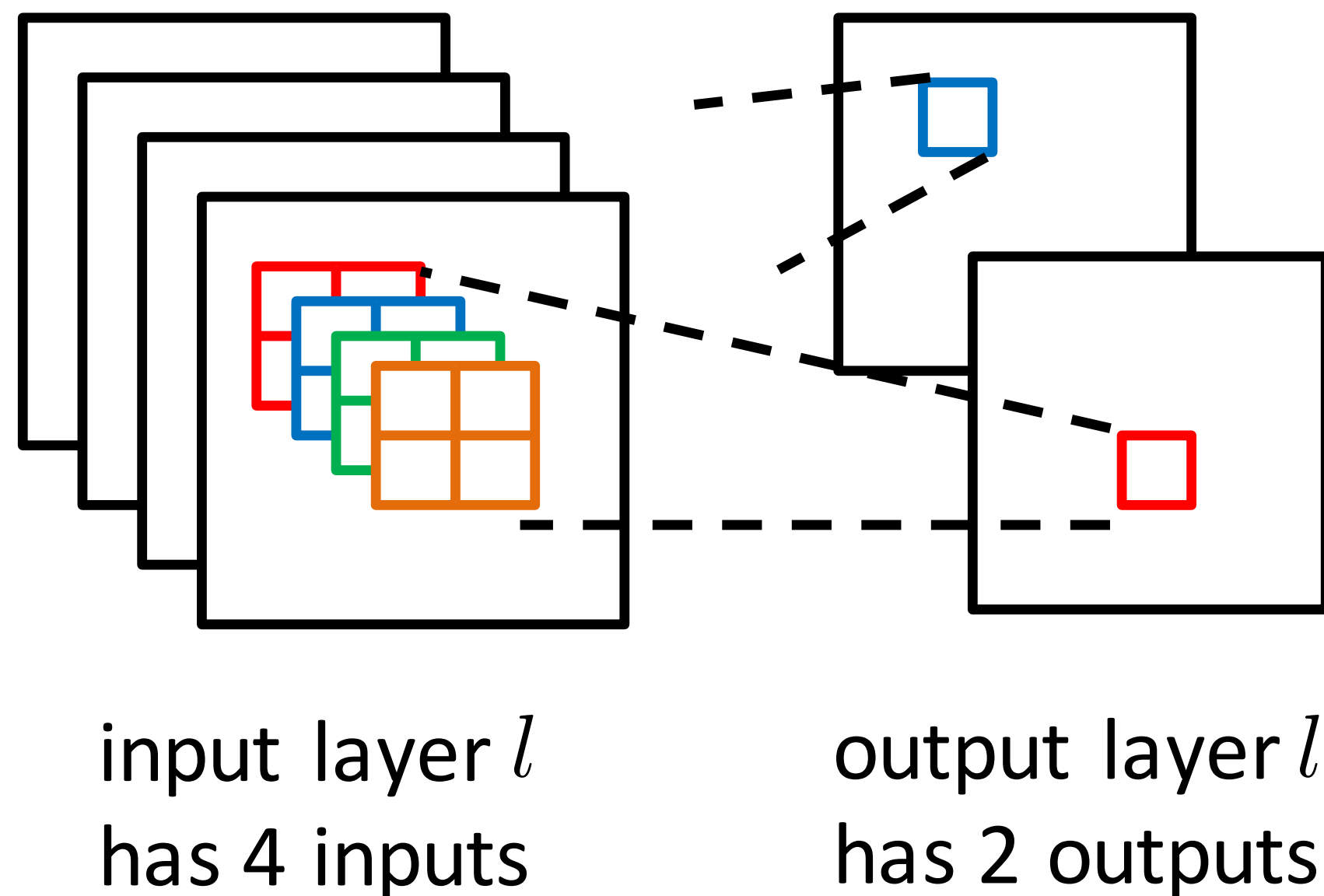
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Convolutional neural networks

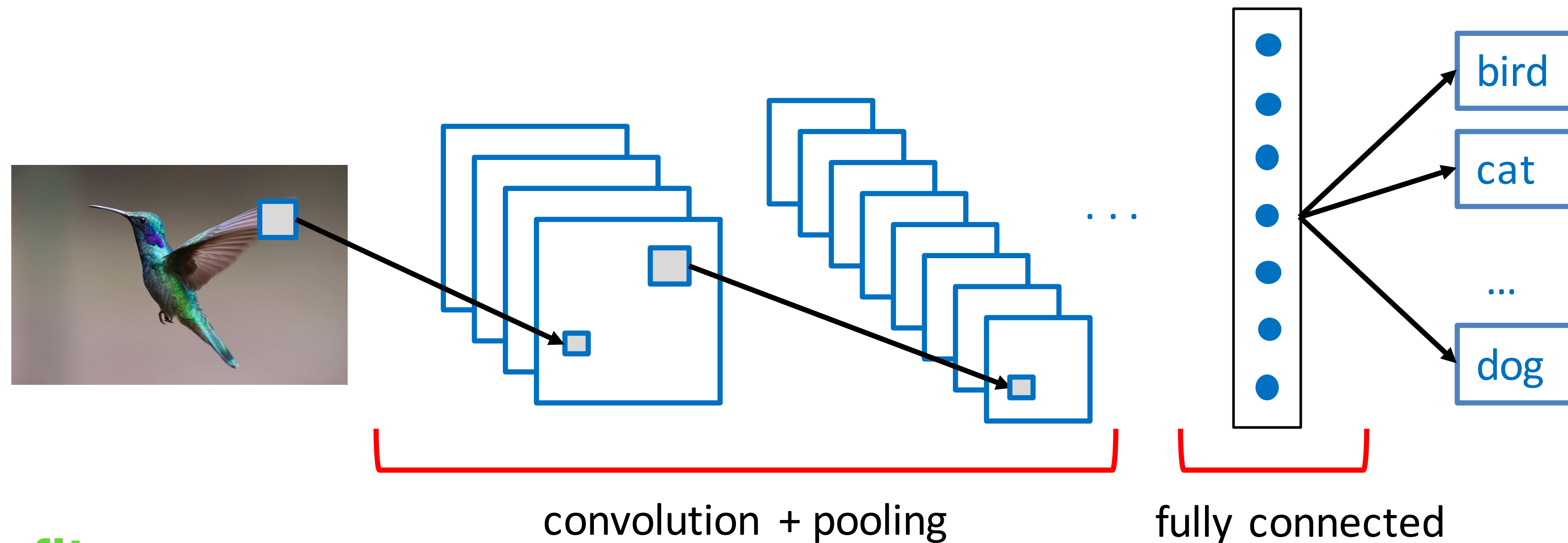
- CNNs increase descriptive power with a **parallel filter bank**



- ◆ input F images
- ◆ process each with a **parallel bank of filters**
- ◆ sum filter outputs to obtain higher-level features
- ◆ **parameters** are **filter coefficients** (backprop.)

CNN full stack

- Cascade of spatial filter bank and nonlinearities



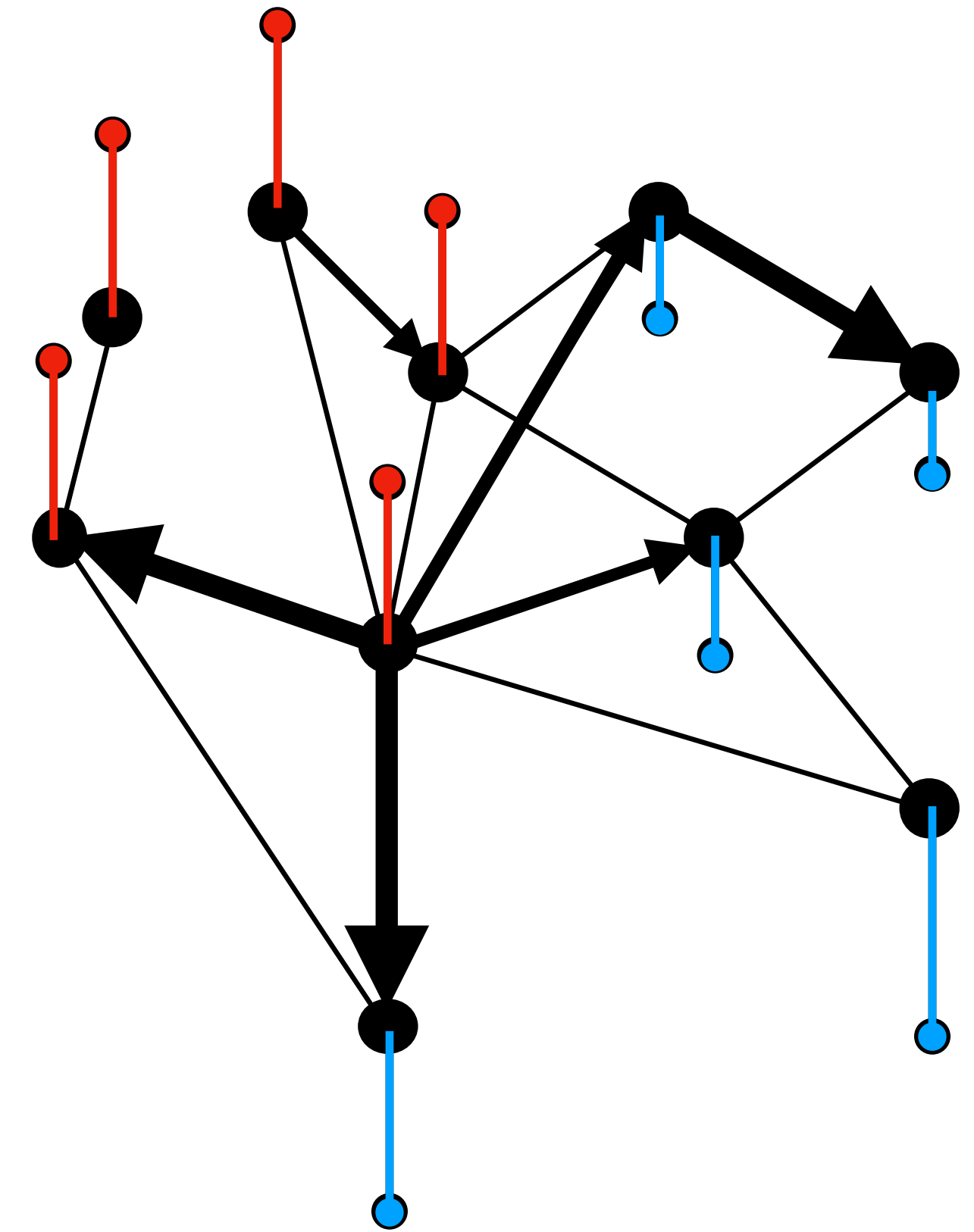
Benefits

- Parameters - independent on the image dimensions
- Complexity - spatial convolution

What about data on graphs?

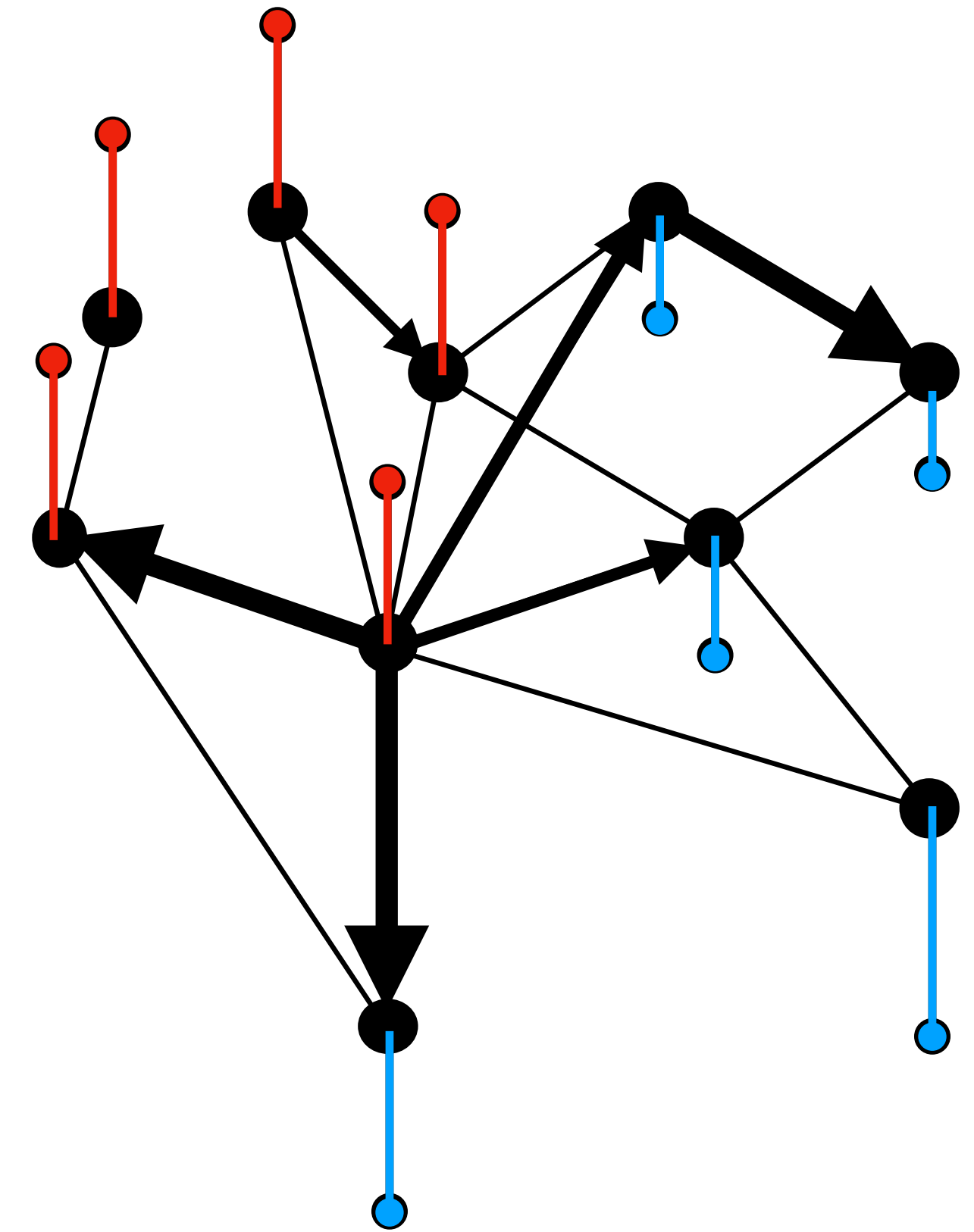
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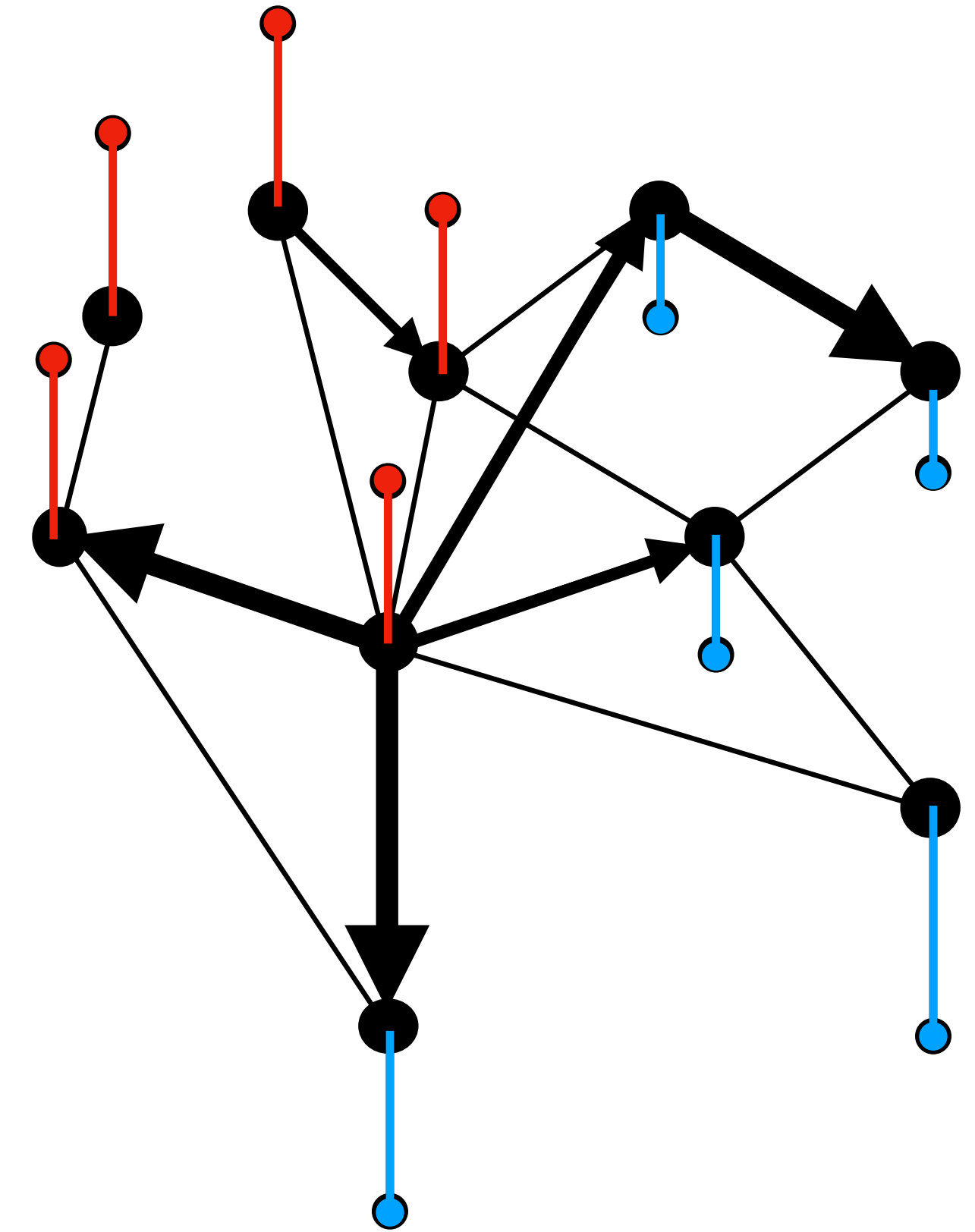
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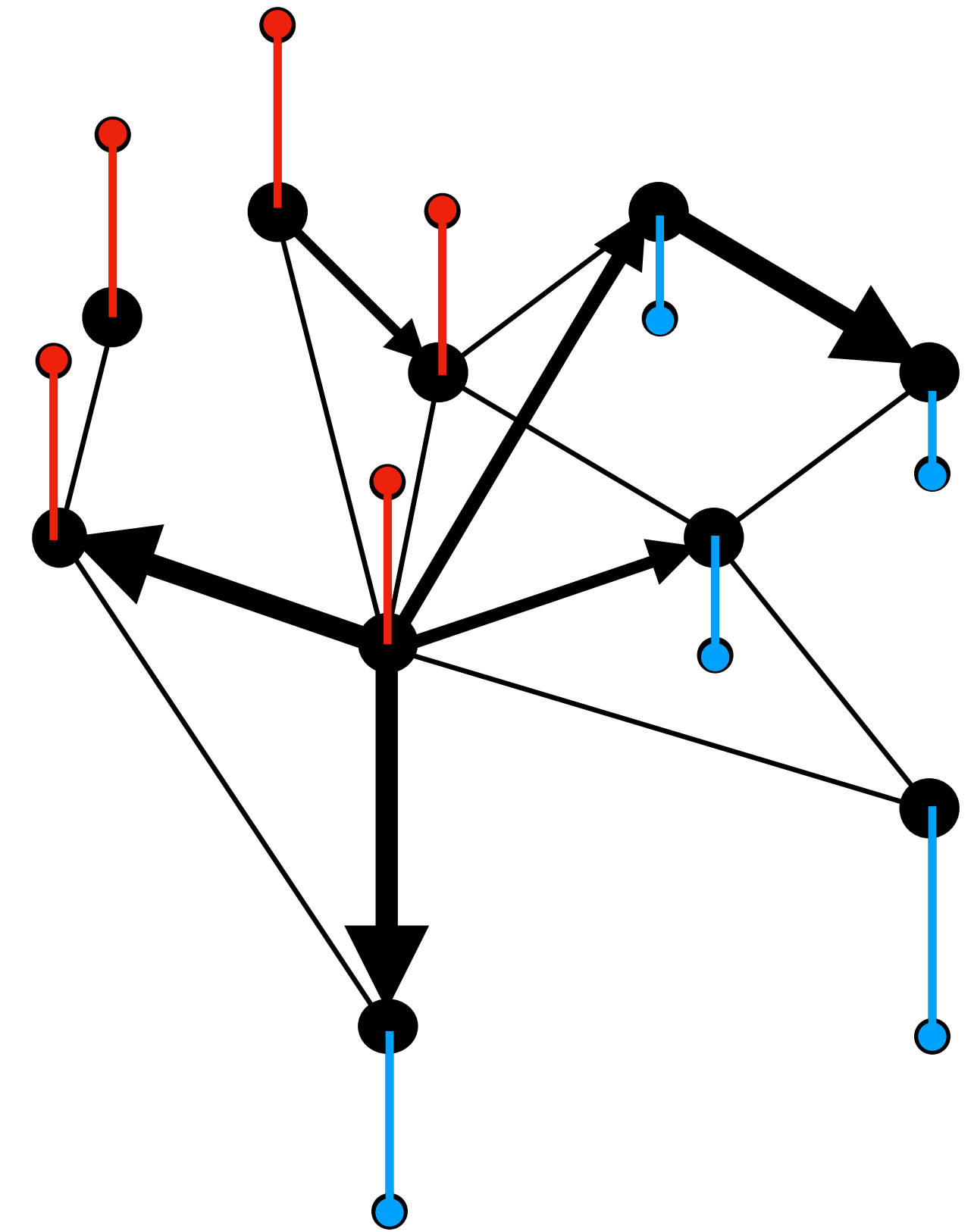


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- Graph as prior to estimate a parametric function

$$f(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{S}) : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$$

- ◆ \mathbf{S} is the graph shift operator
- ◆ $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ trainable parameters (i.e., filter coefficients)



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- \mathbf{H}^l graph filter at layer l for any shift operator \mathbf{S}

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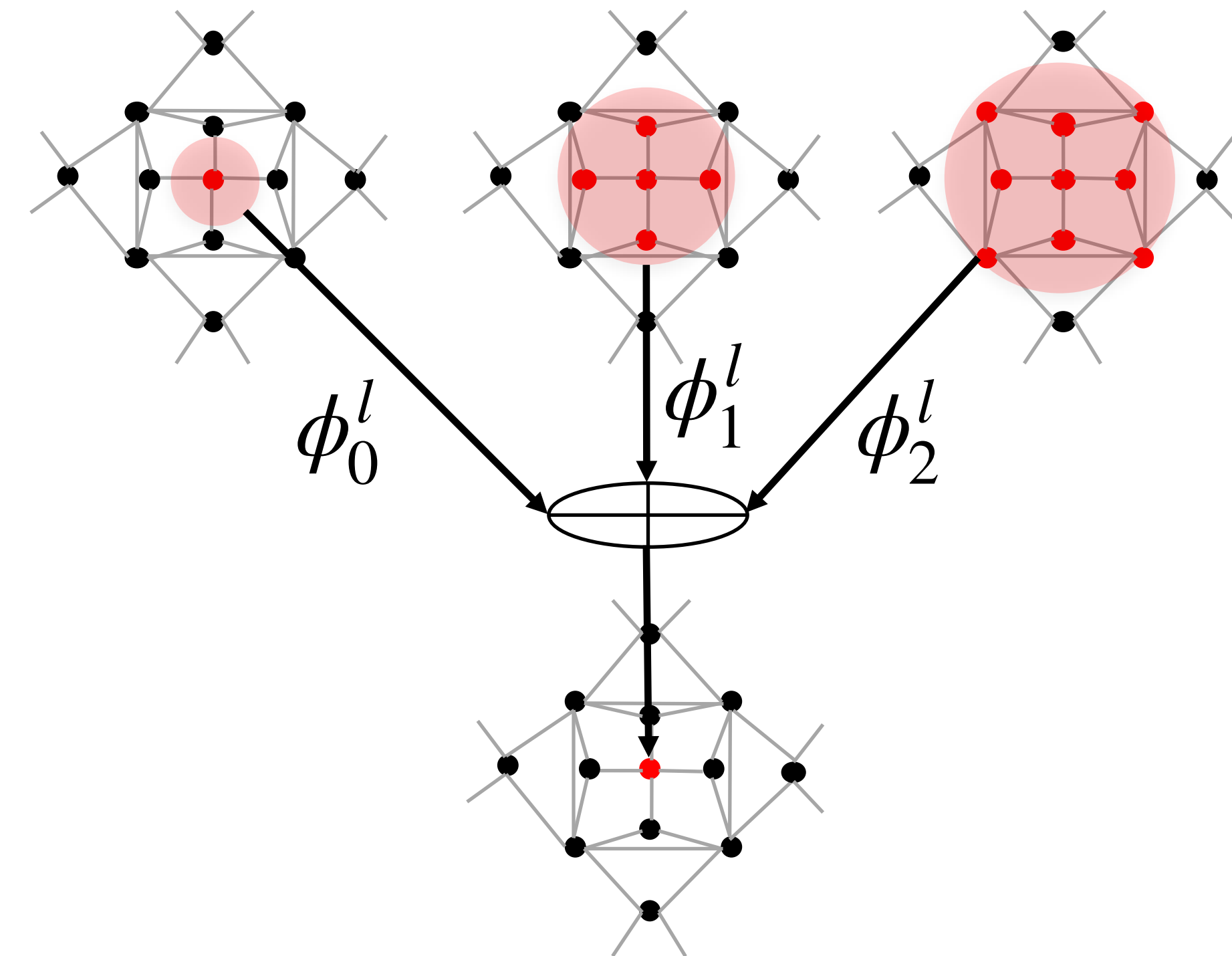
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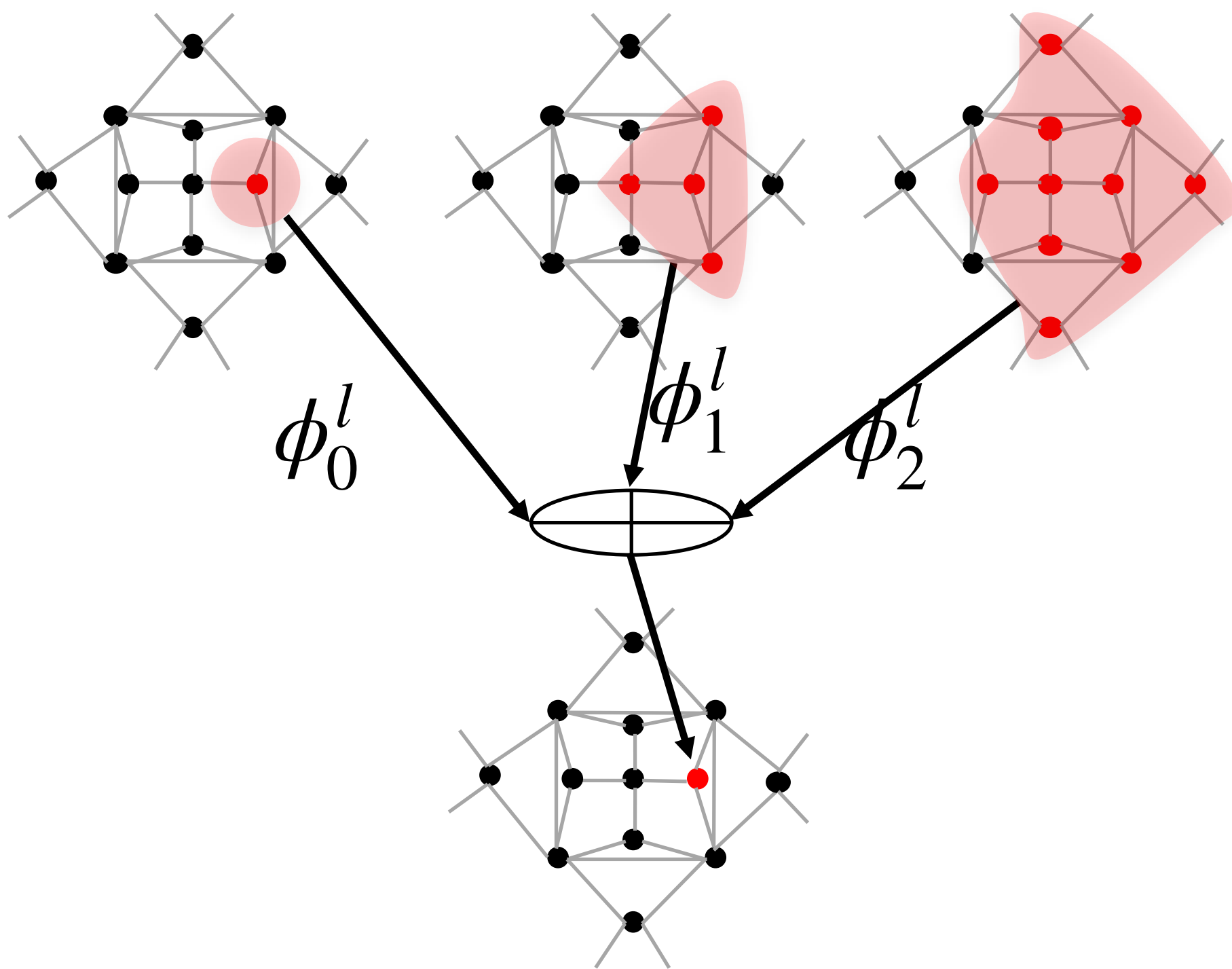
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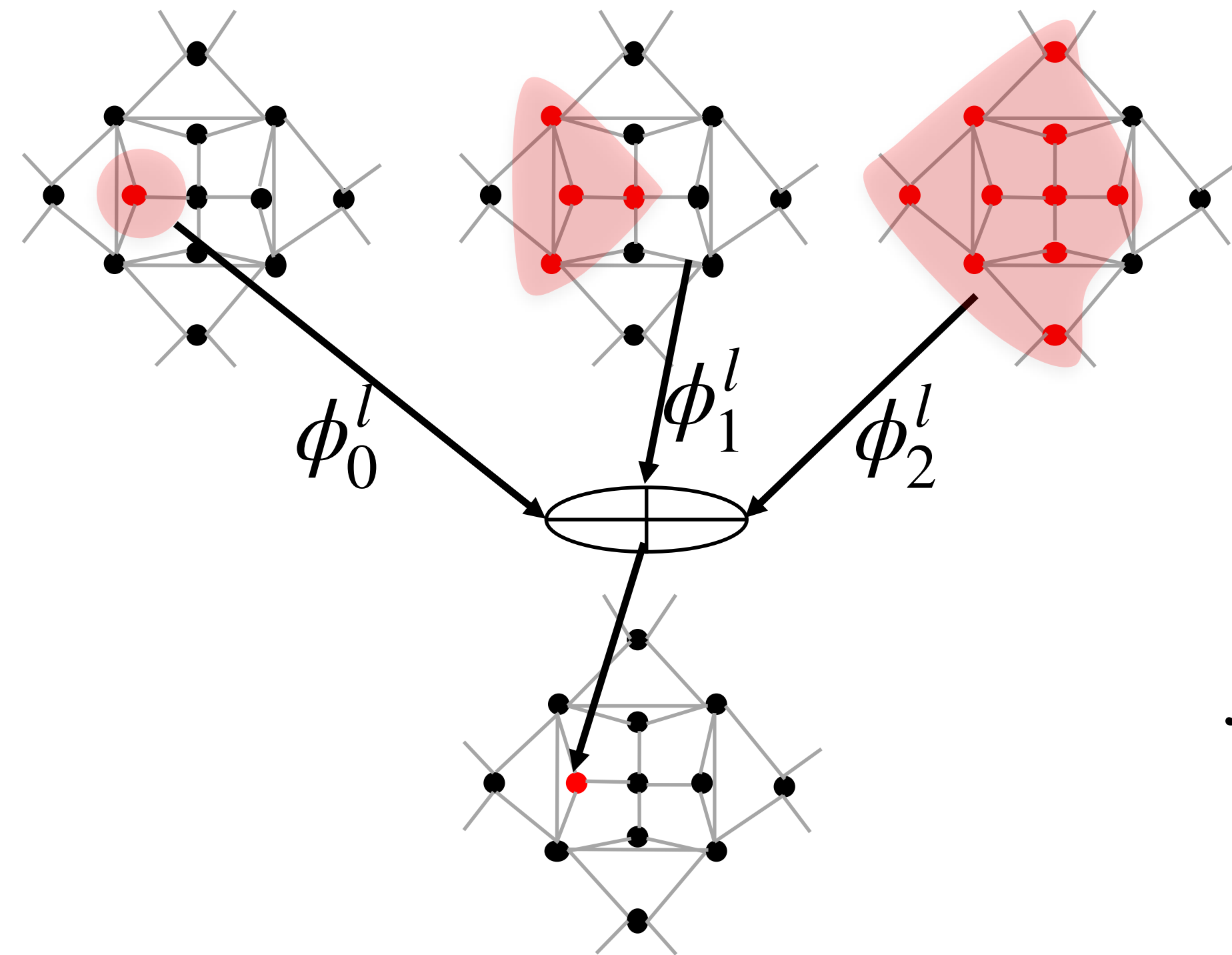
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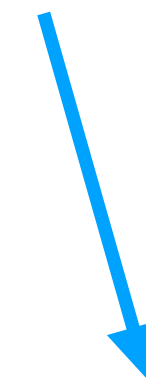
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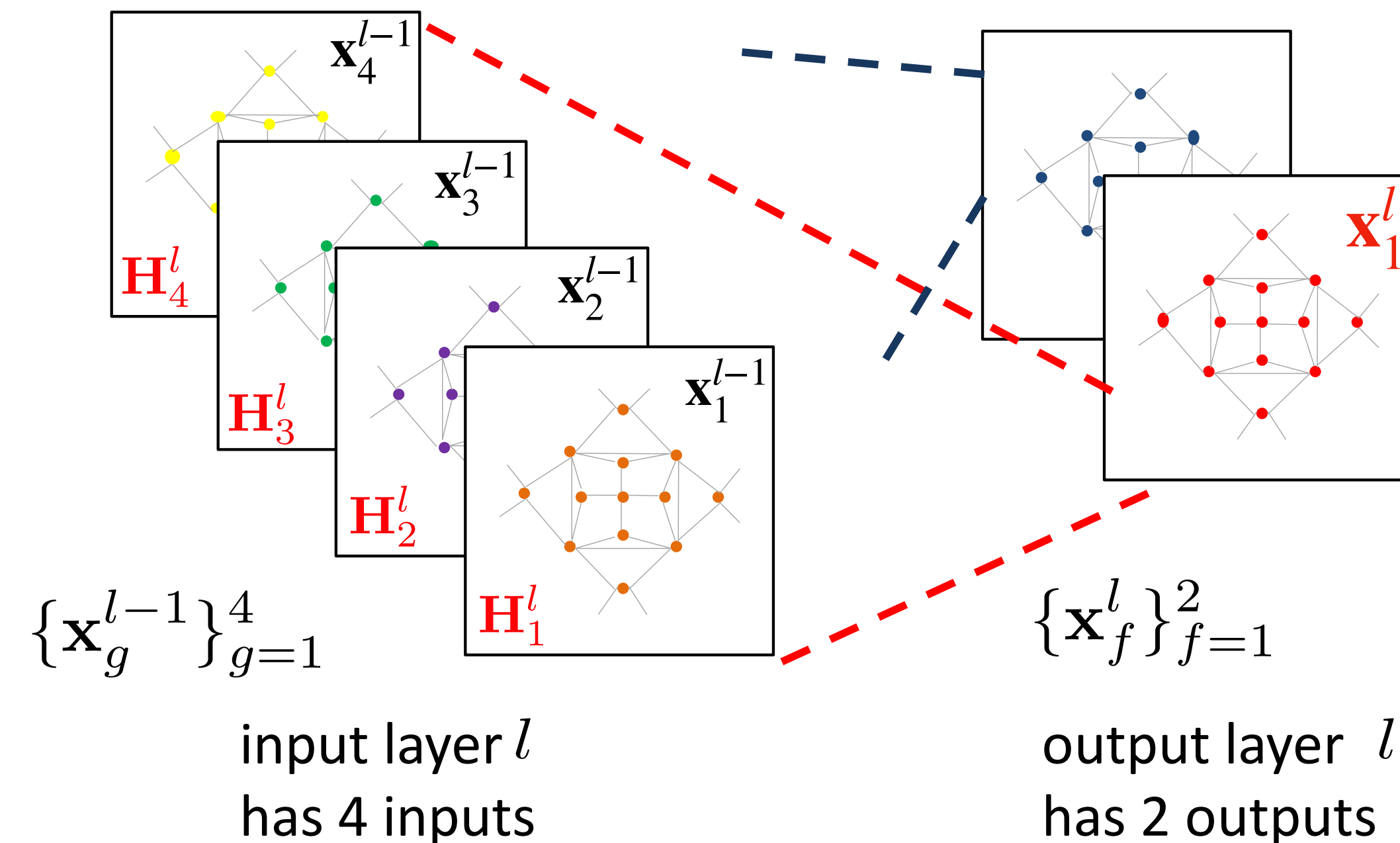
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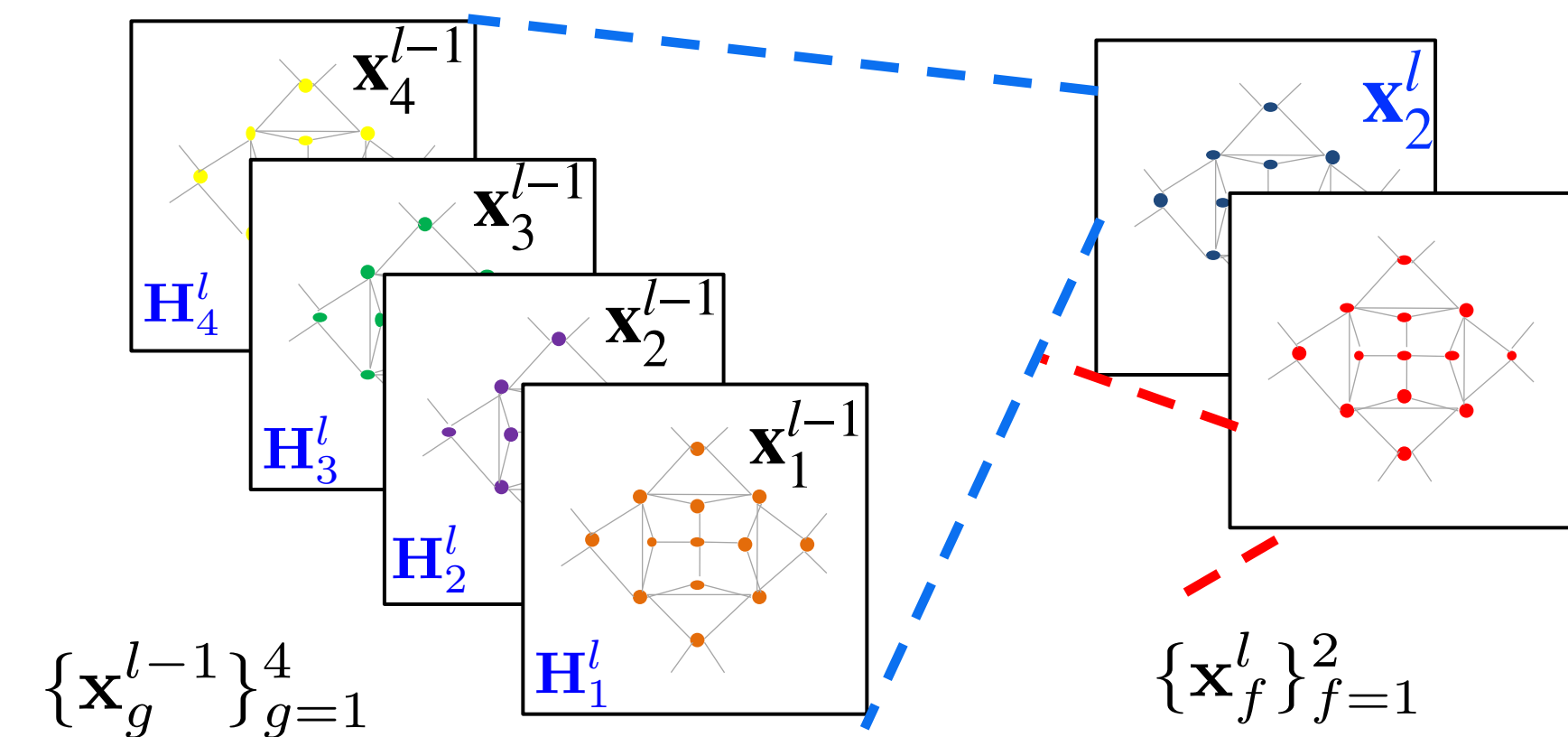
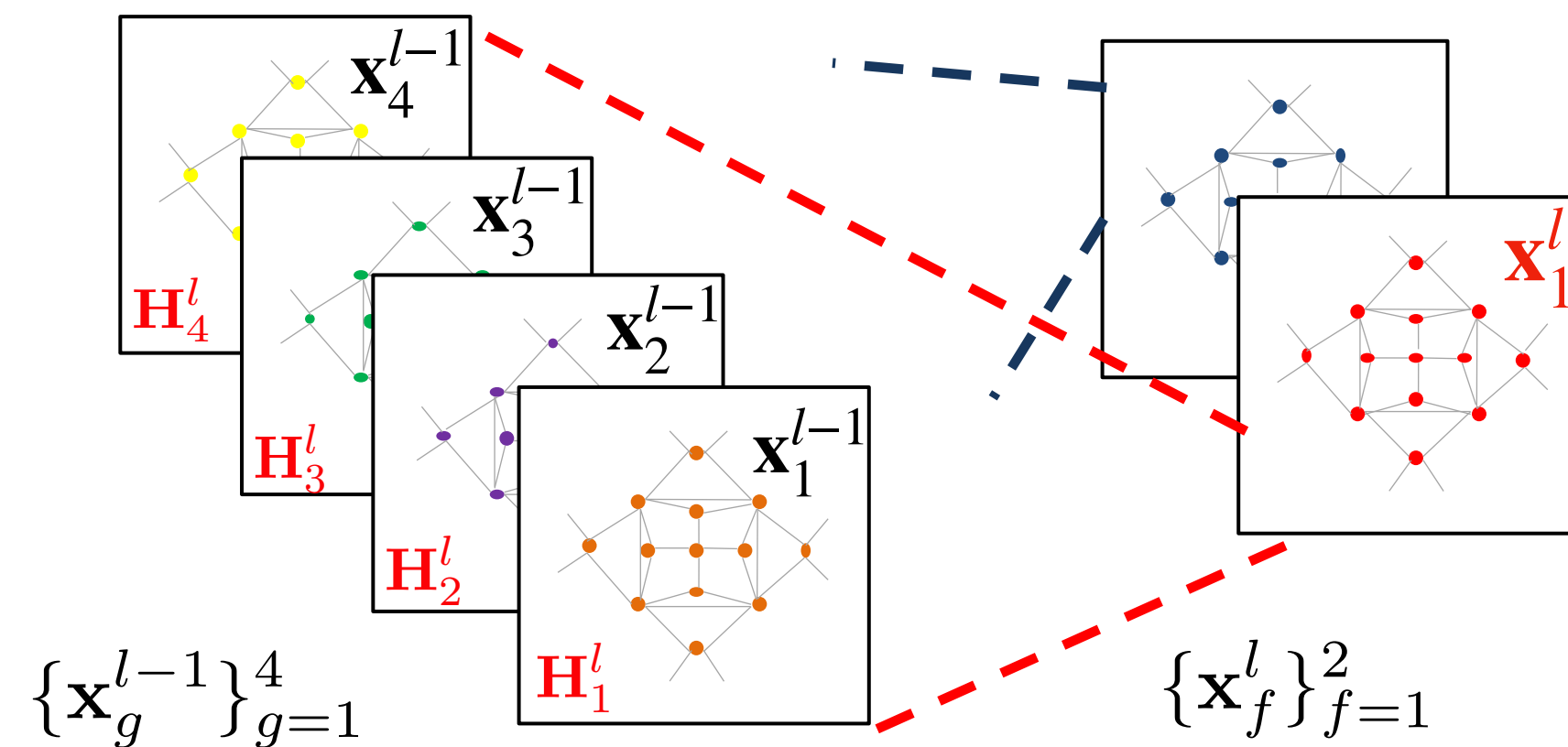
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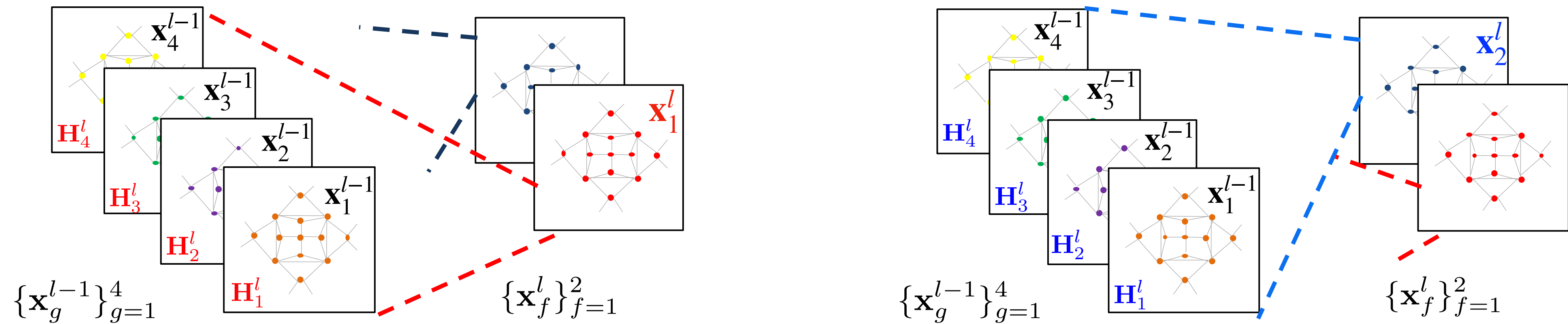
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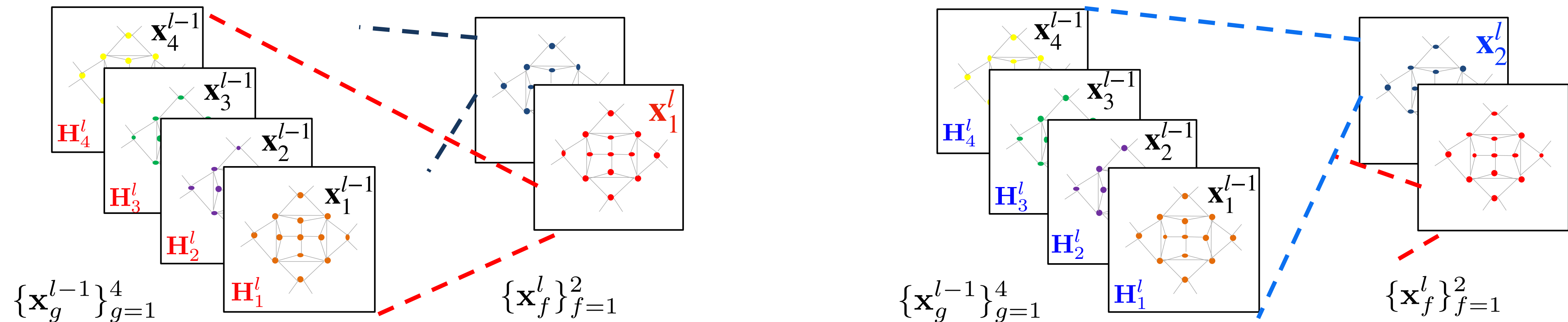


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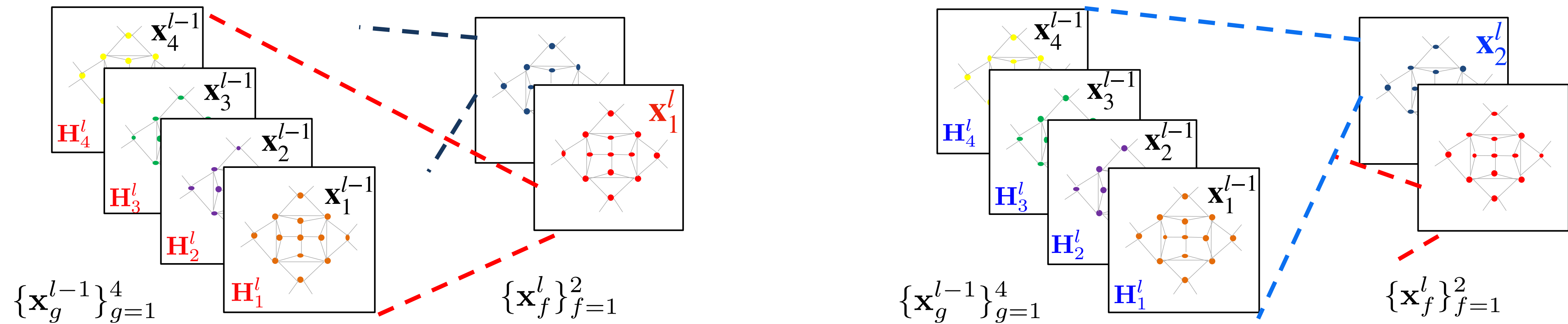
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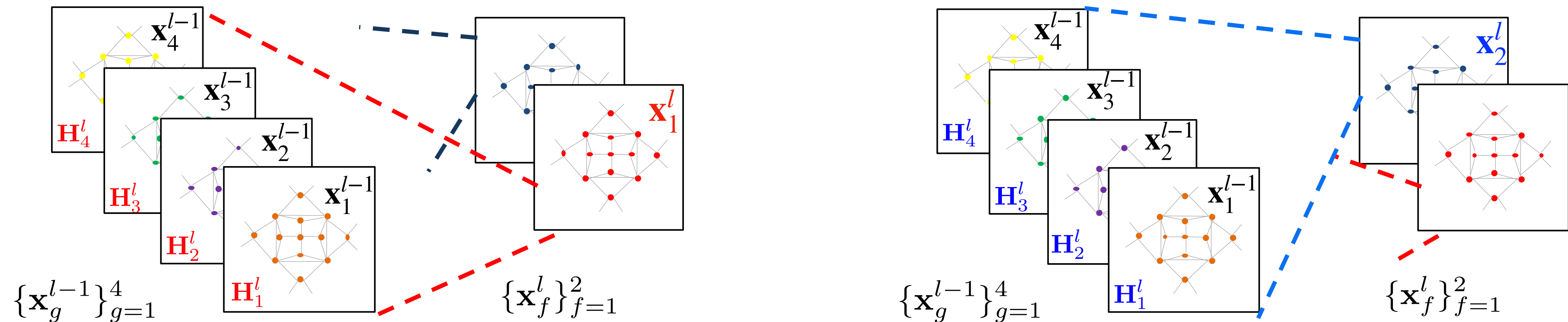
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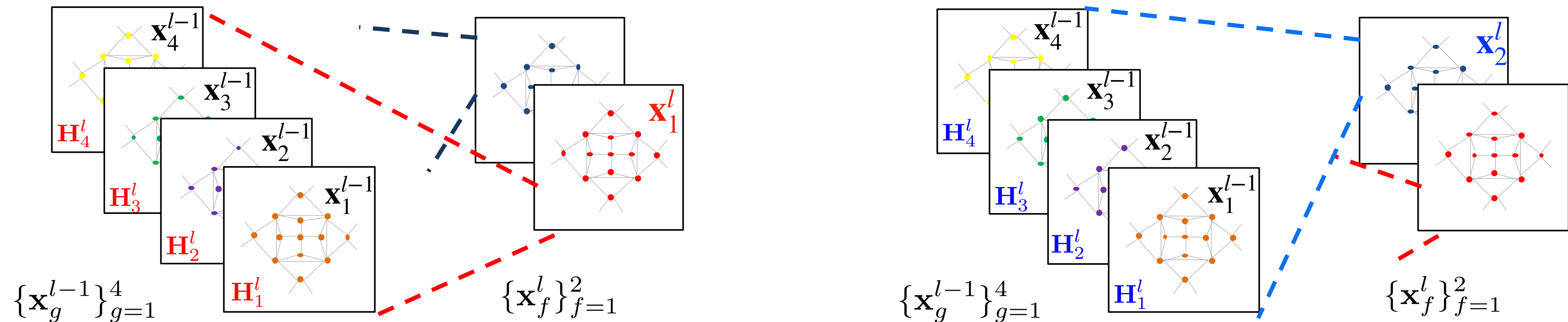
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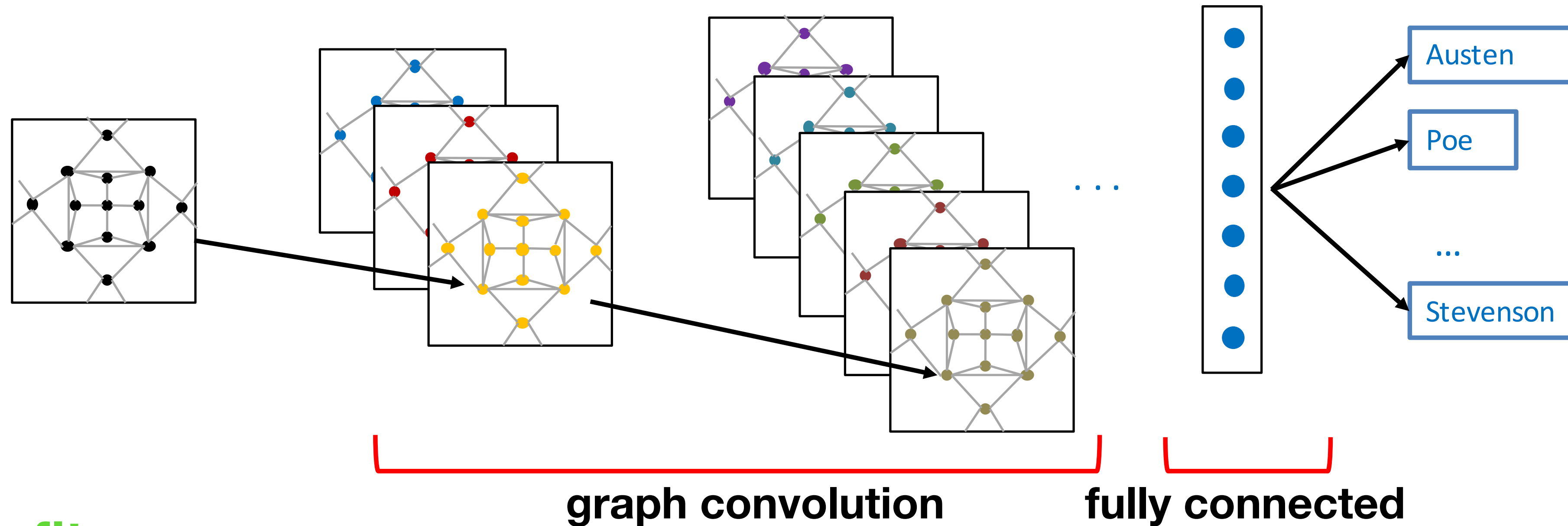
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- Cascade graph filters and nonlinearities



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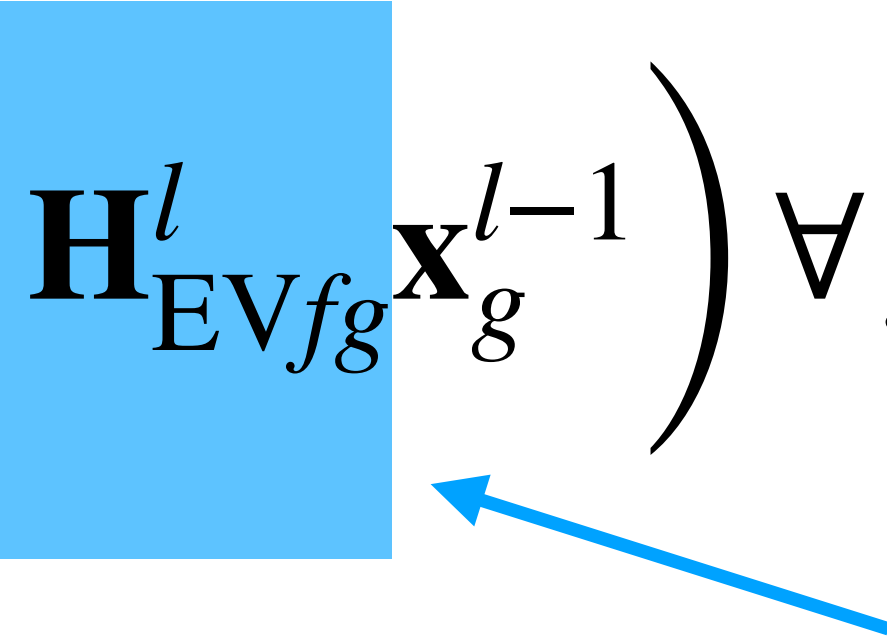
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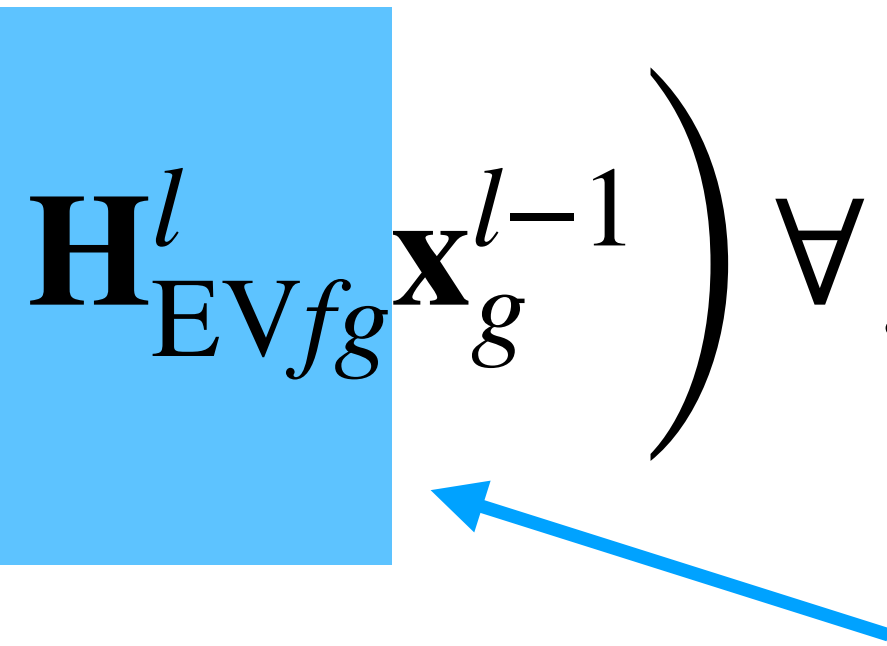


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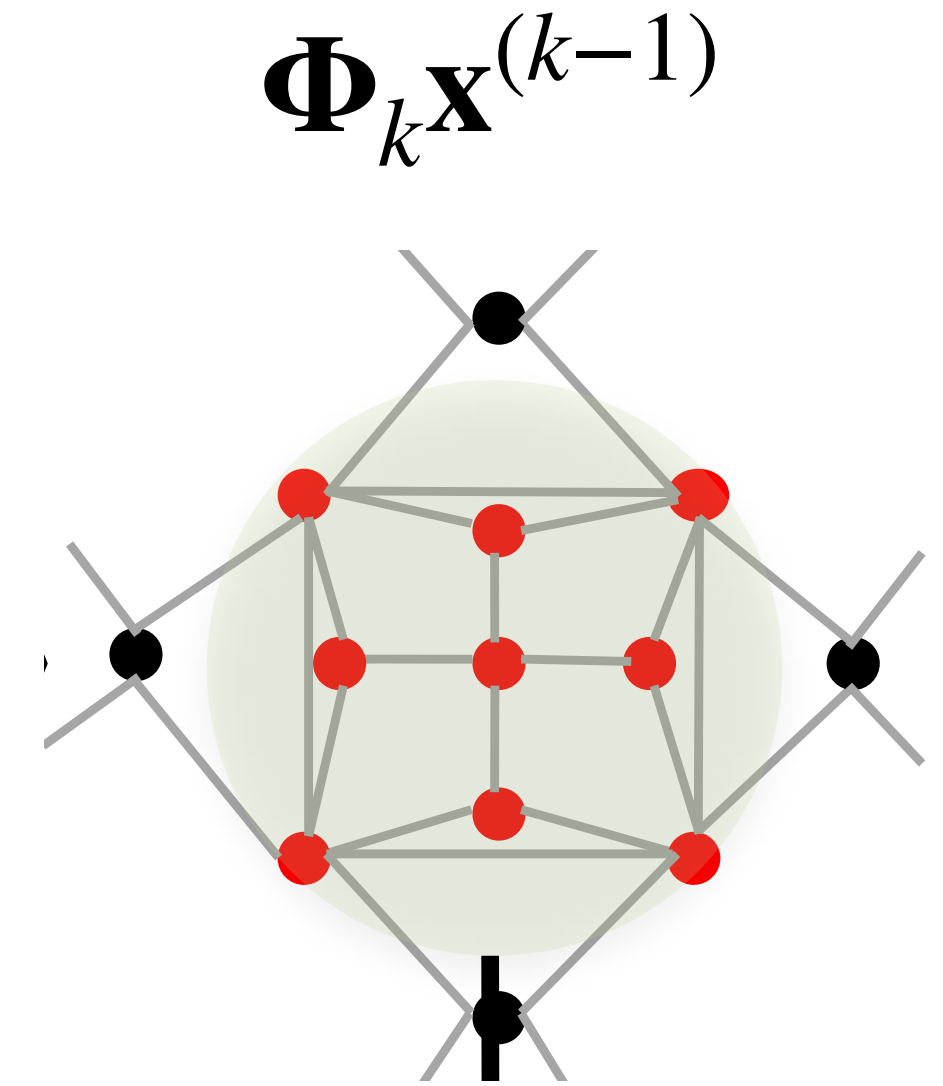


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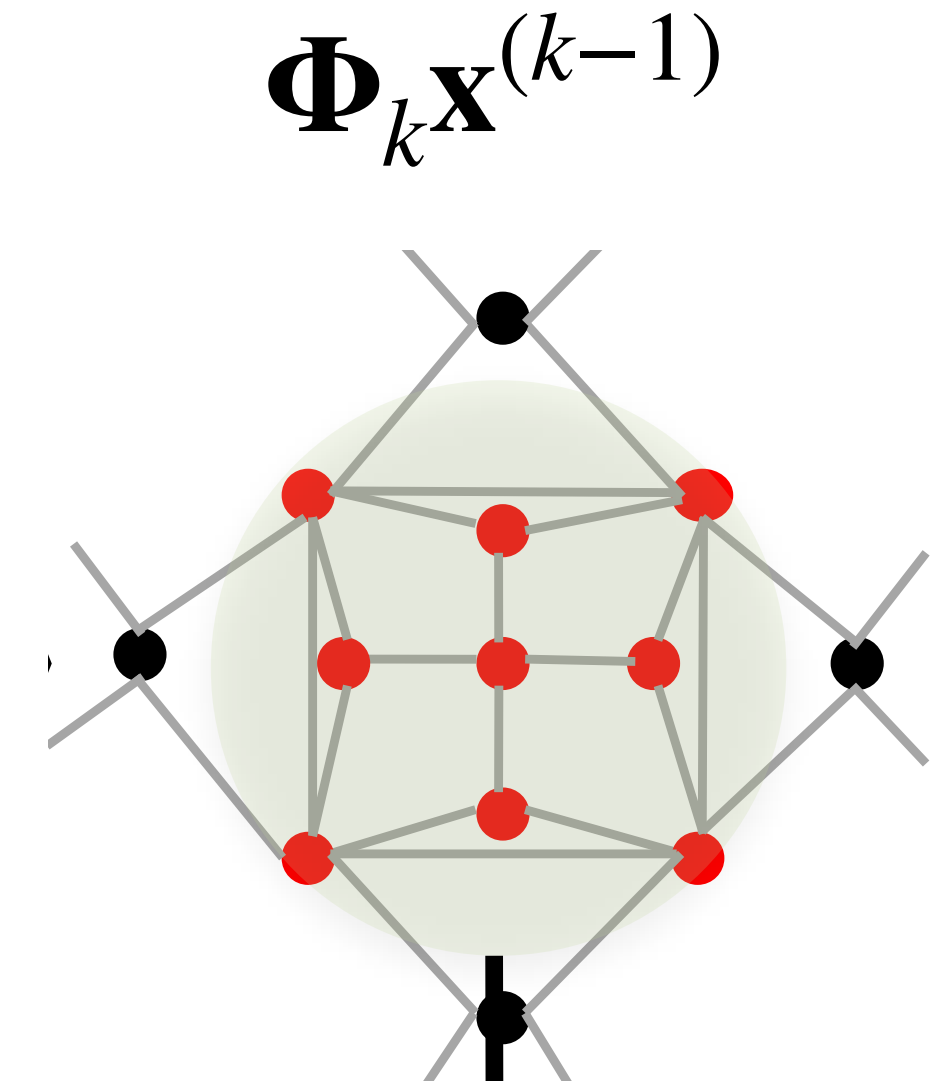
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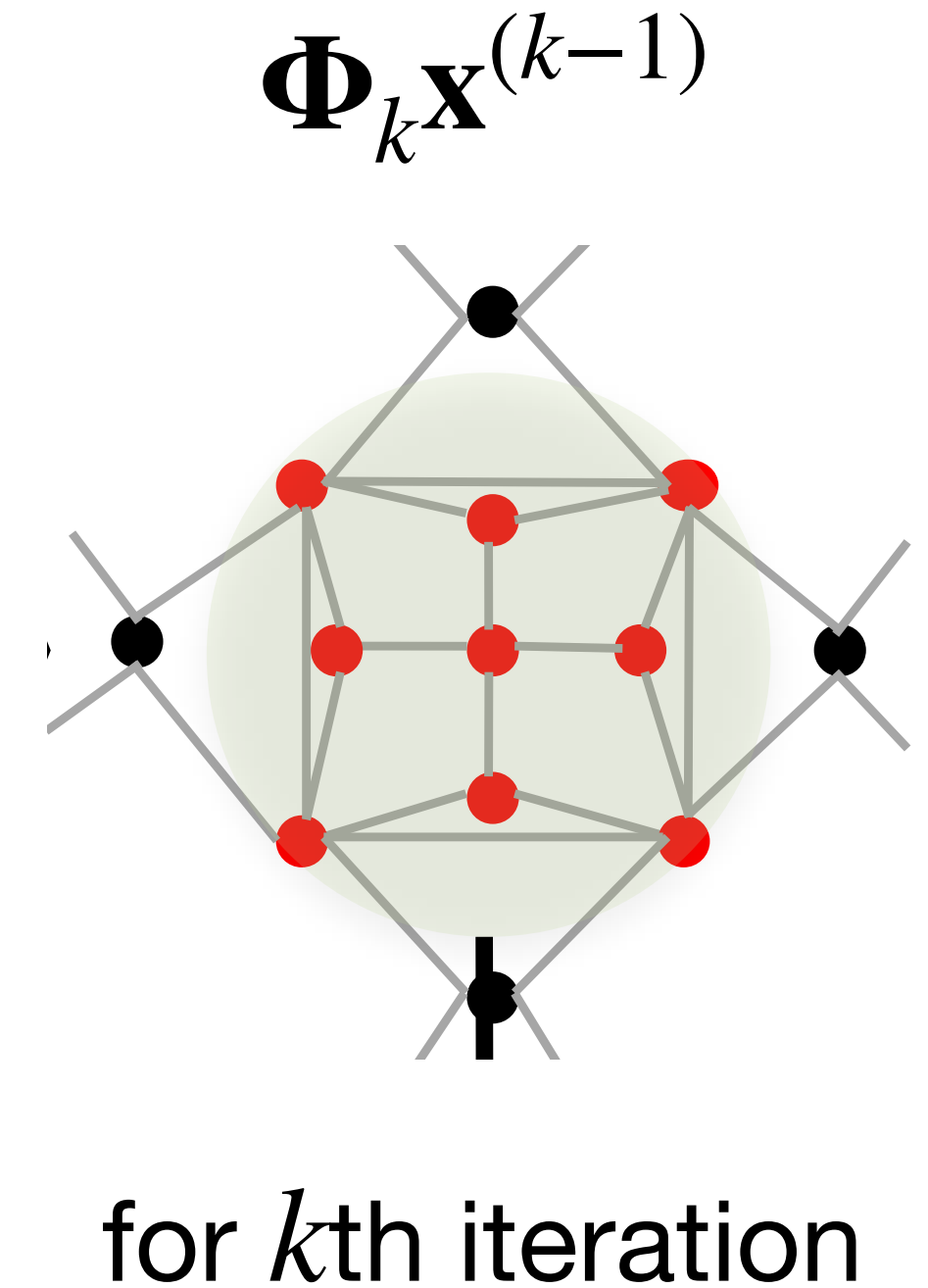
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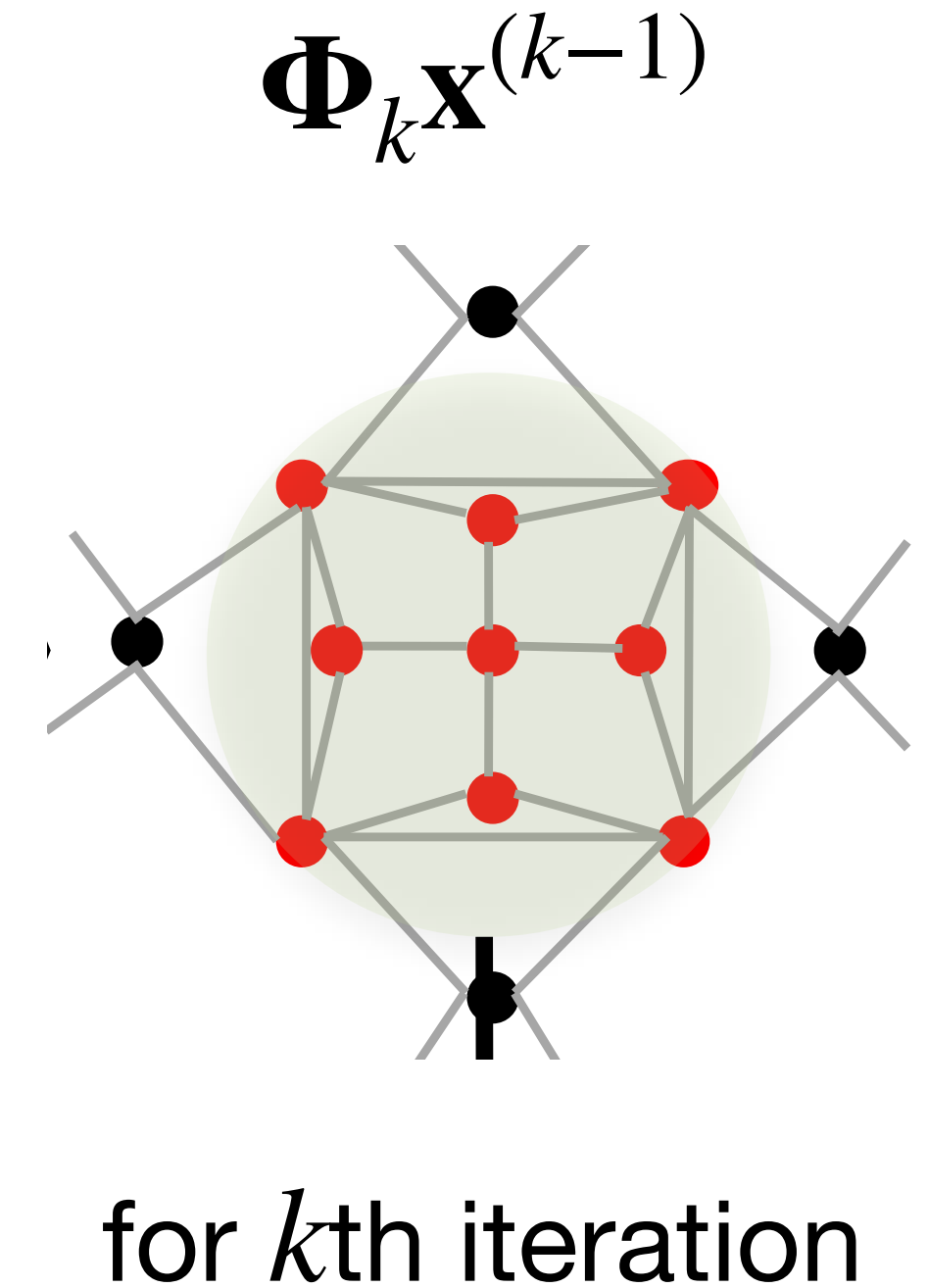
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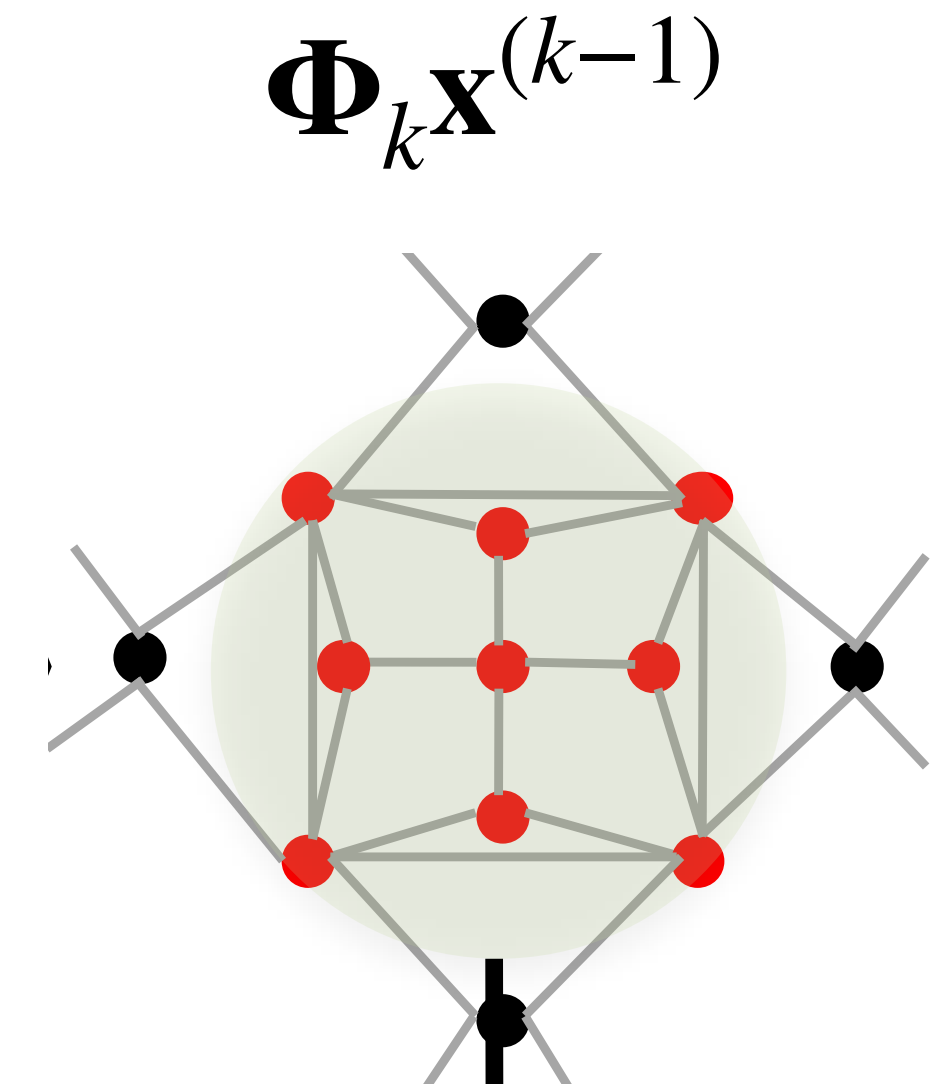
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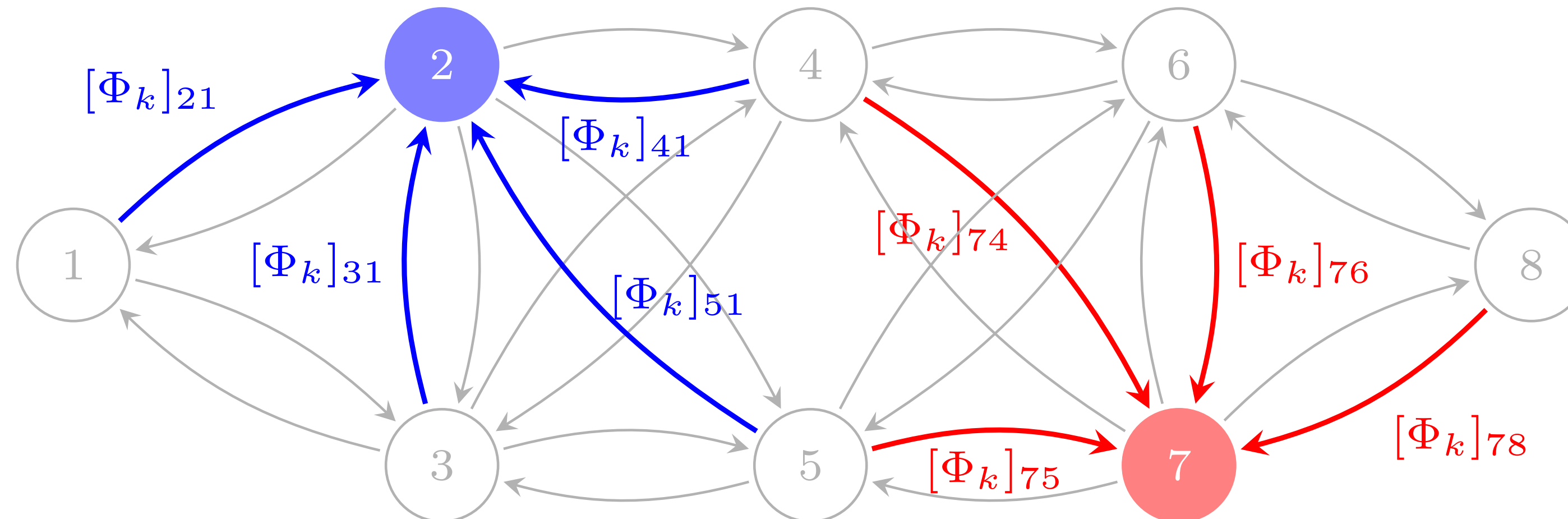
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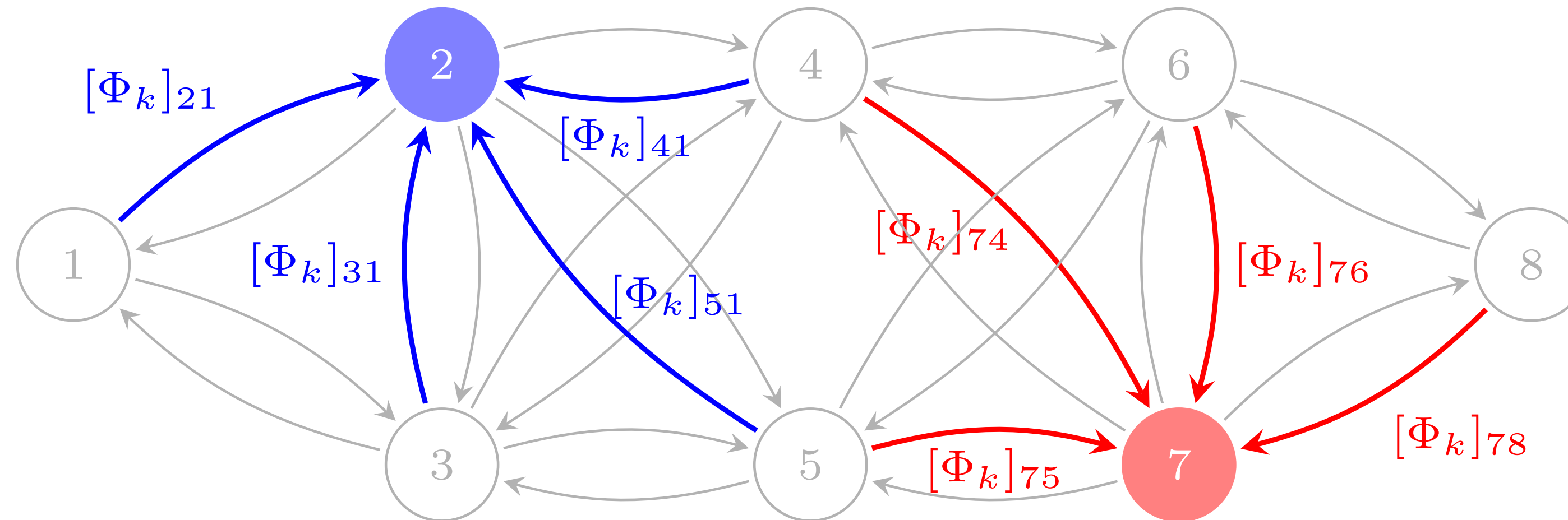
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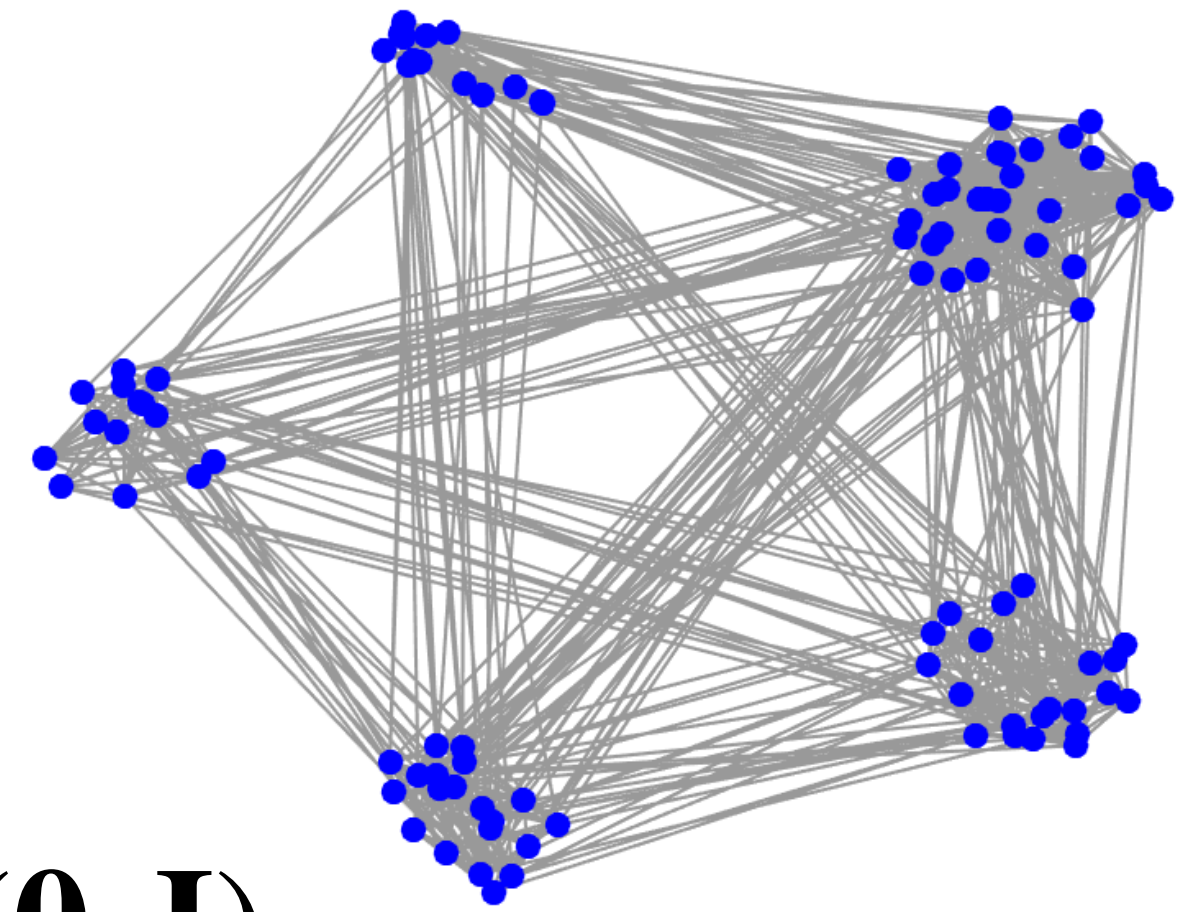
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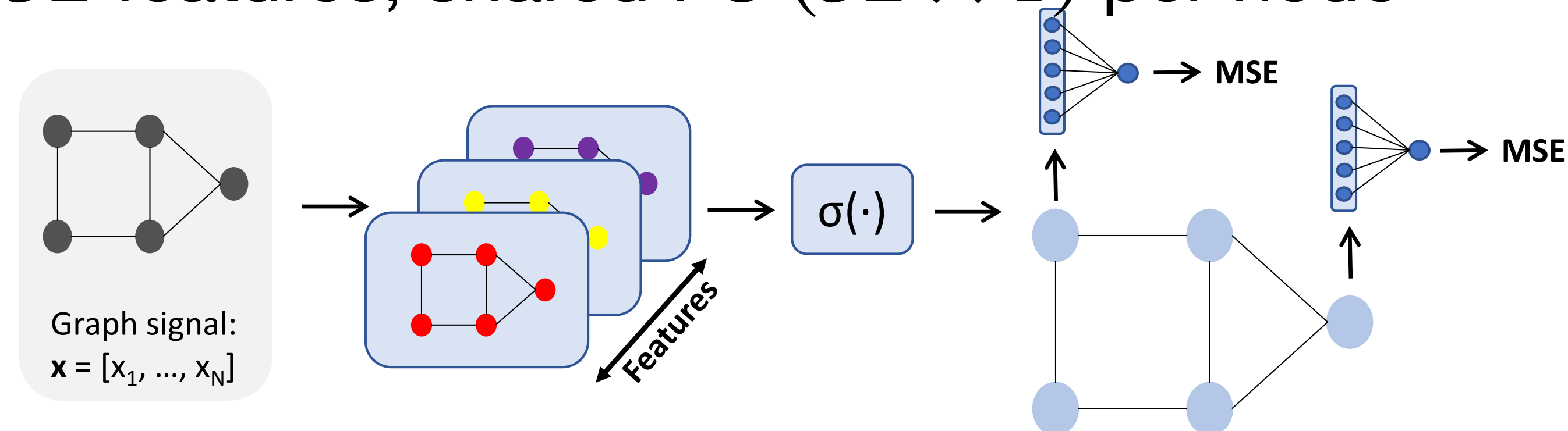
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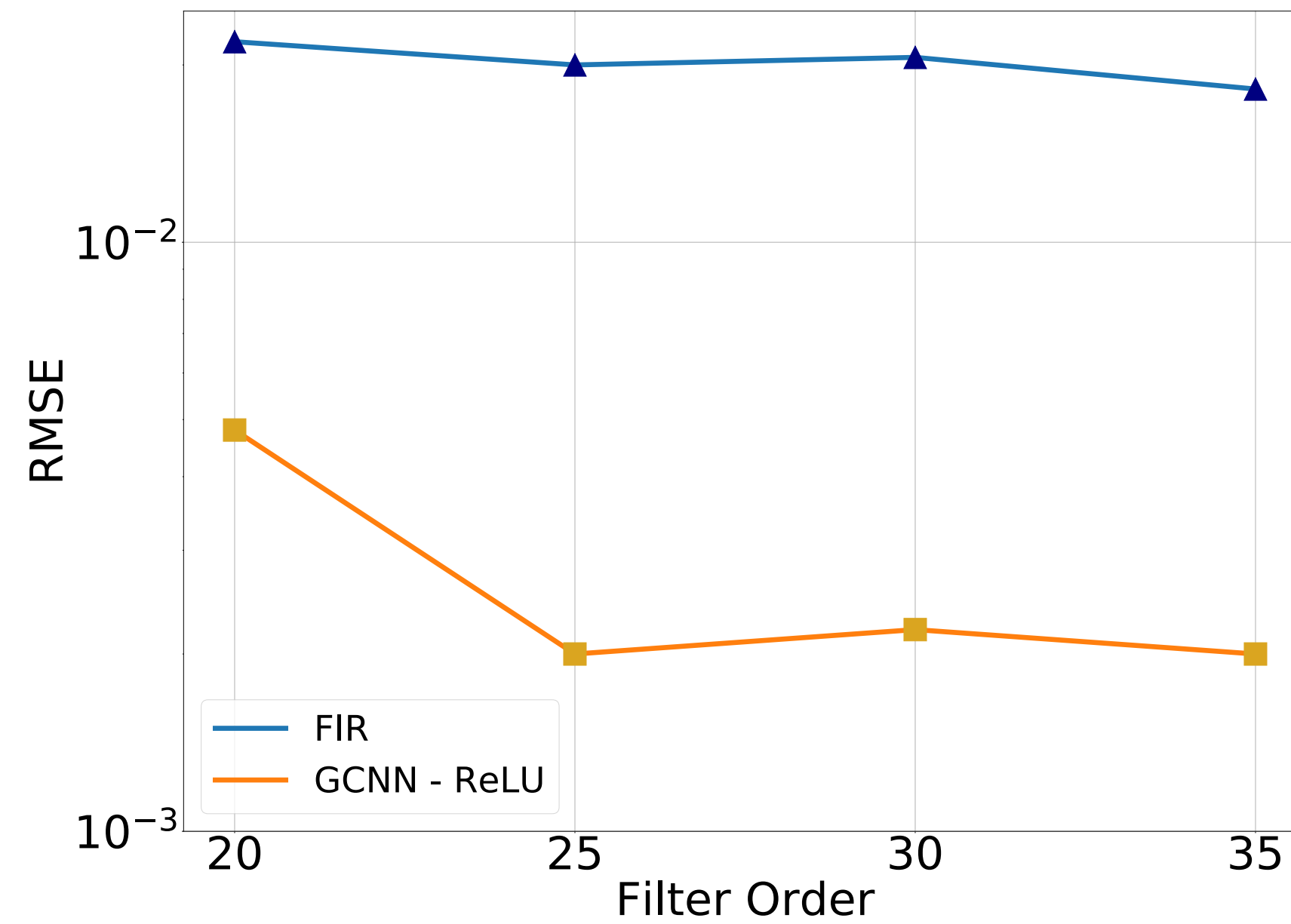
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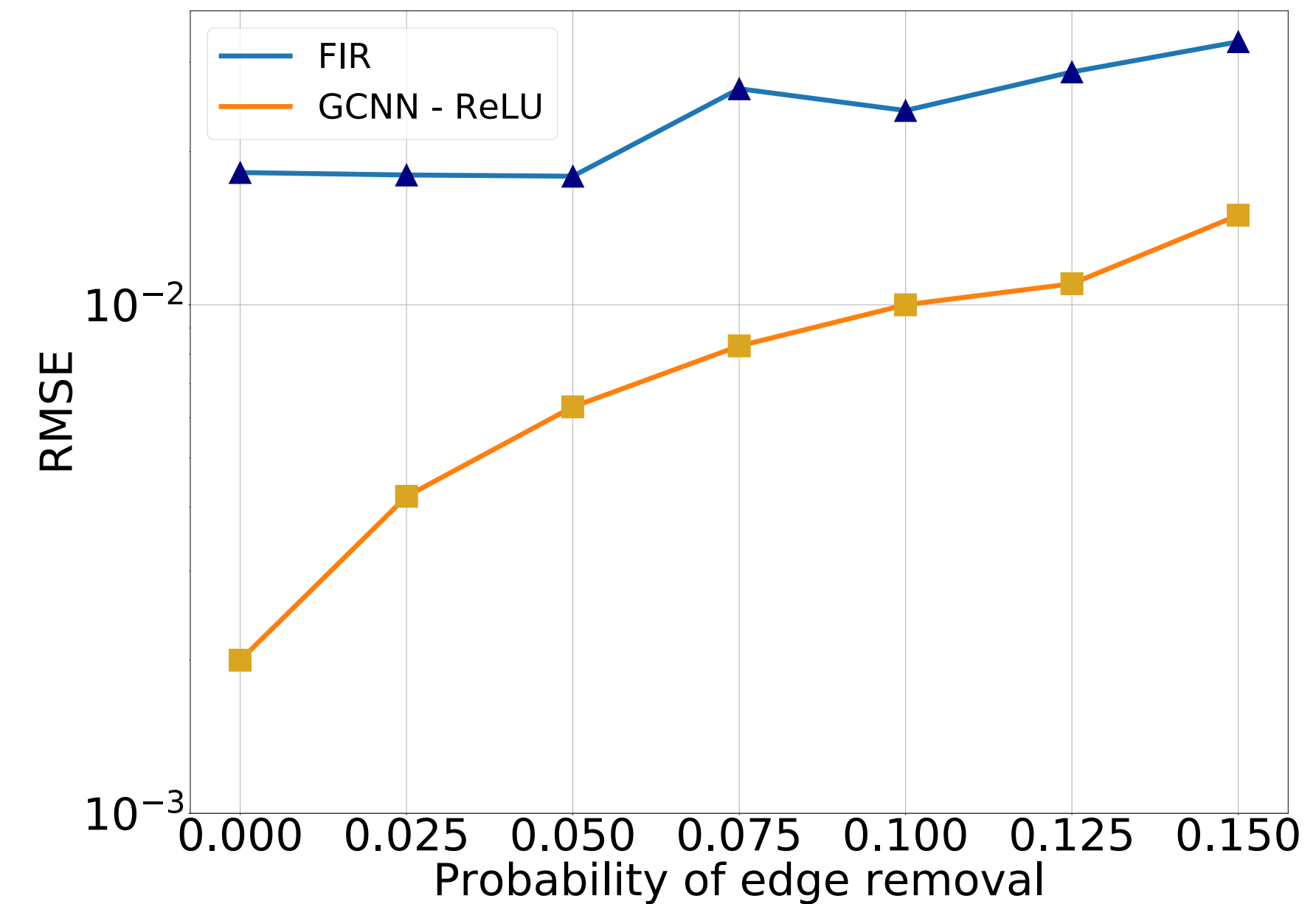
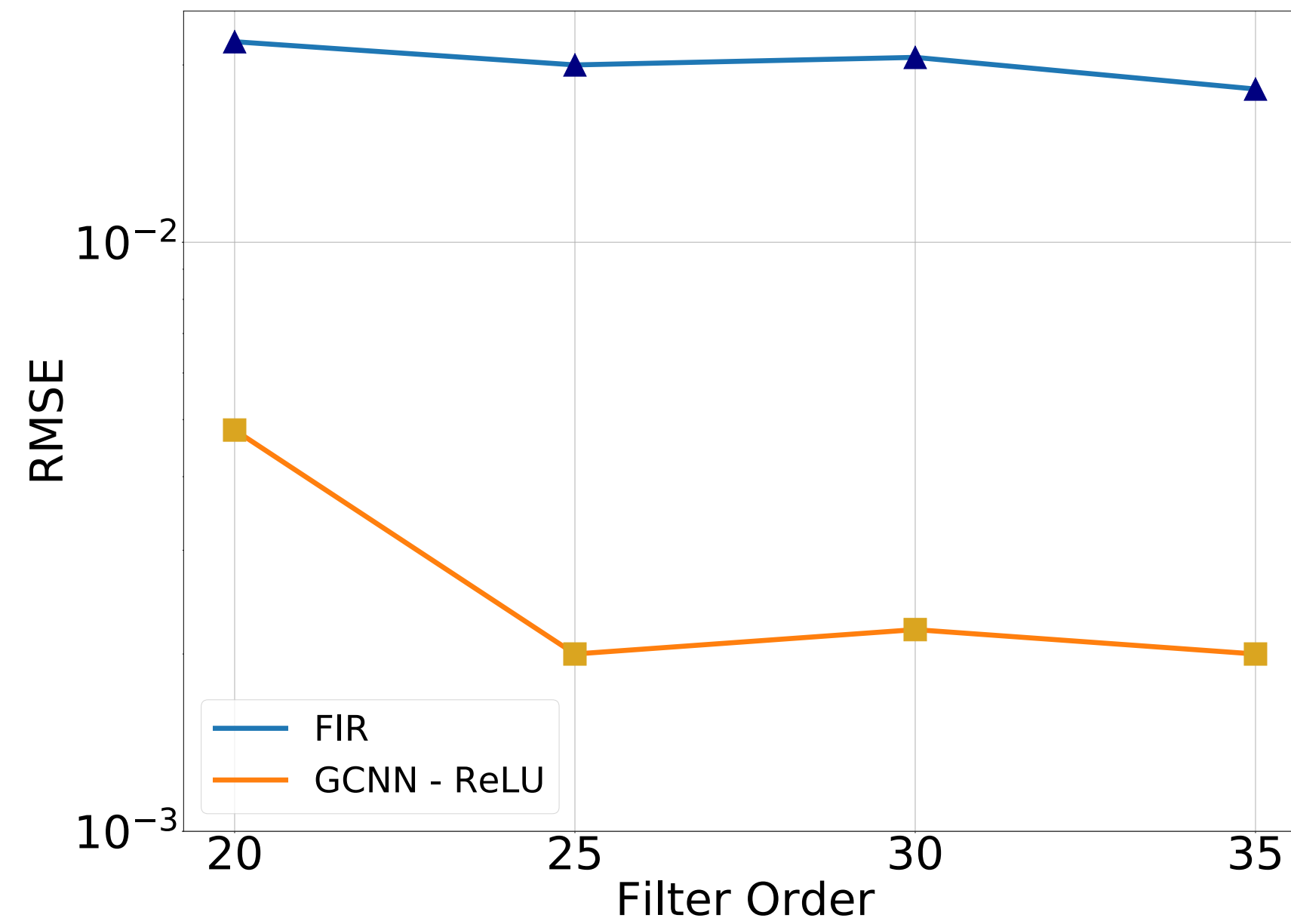
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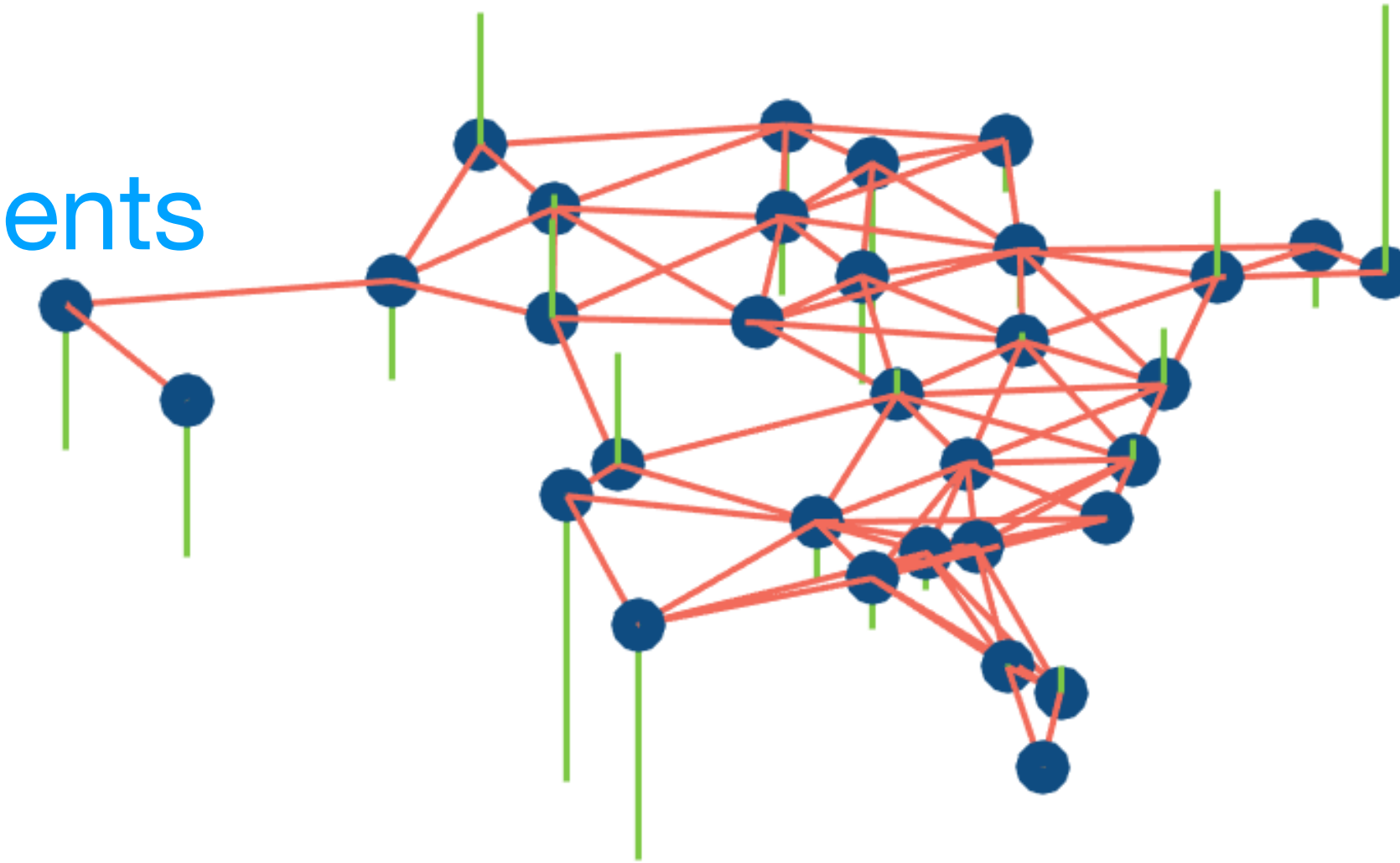
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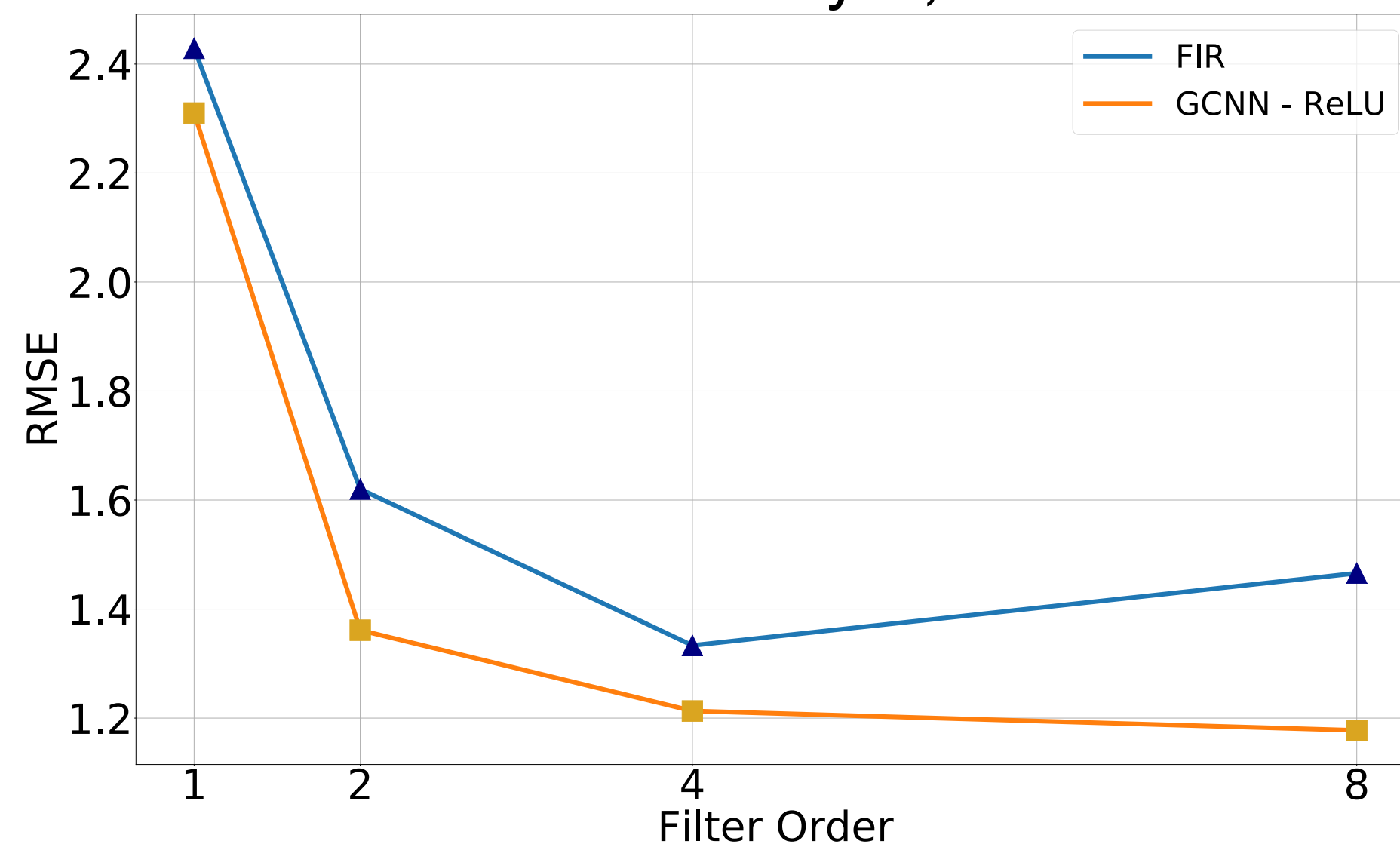
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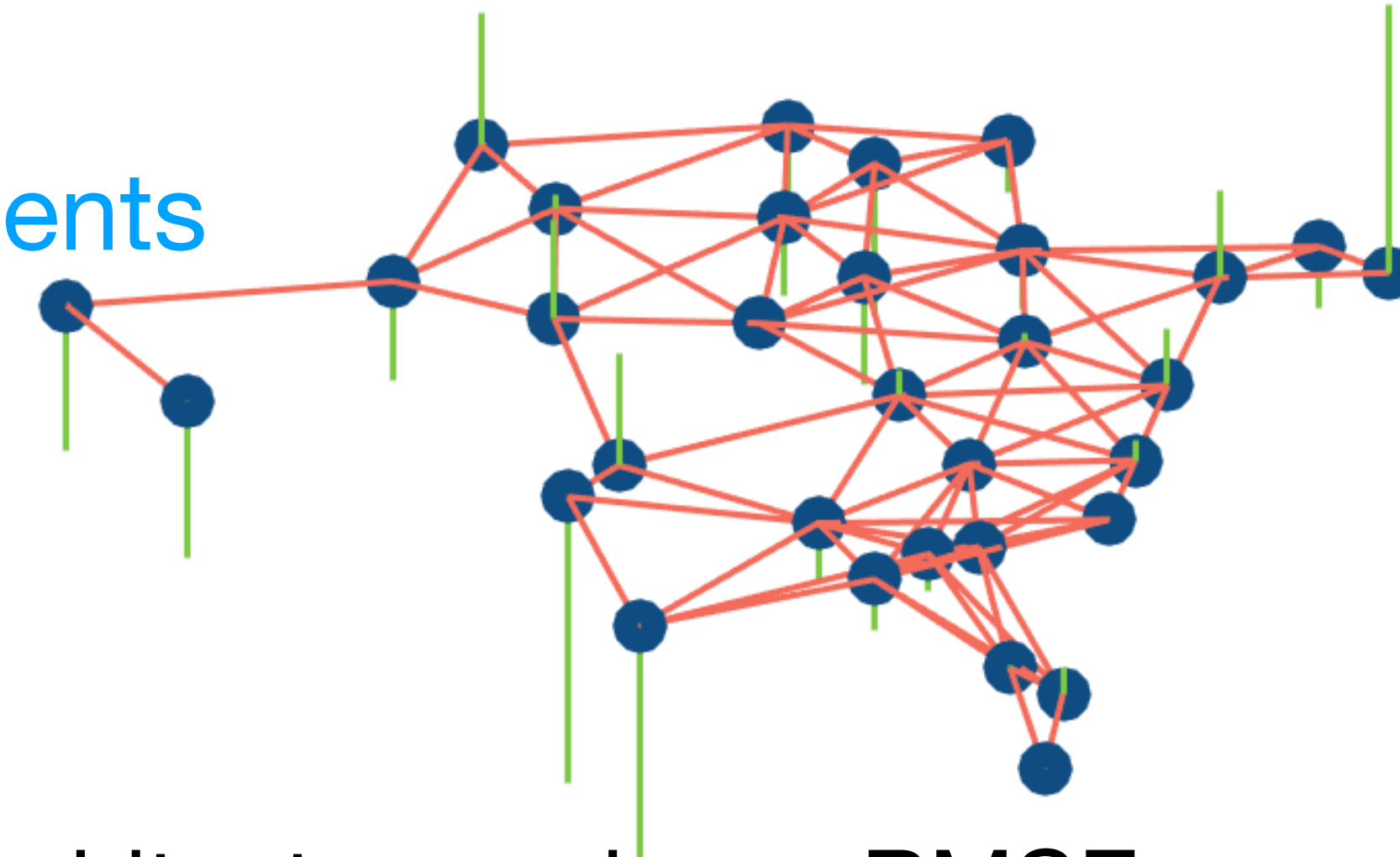
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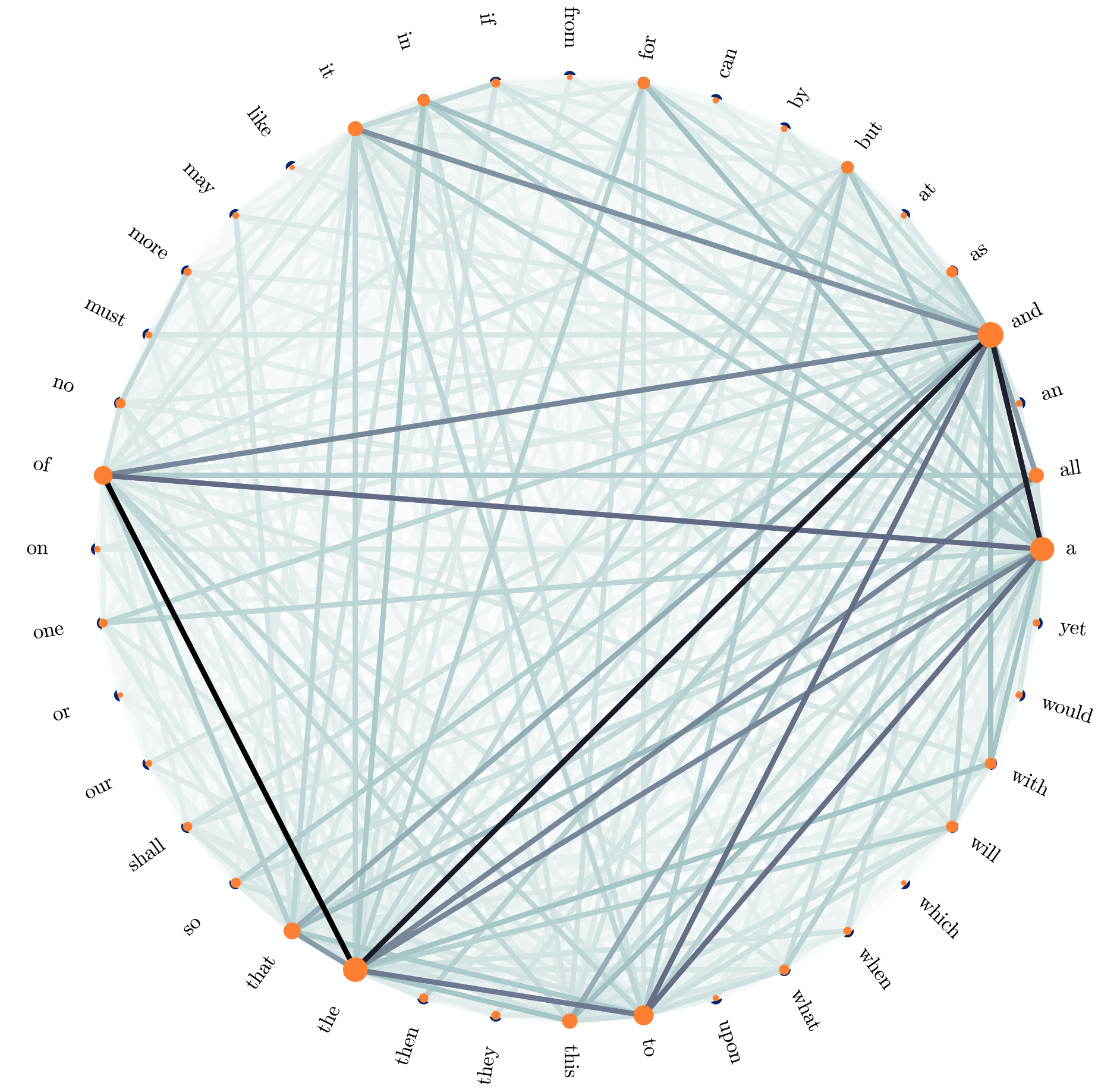


- **Nonlinear** architecture reduces RMSE
- 4 times more communications
- Regression more **challenging** than classification
- Needs: **more data**/**more graph prior**

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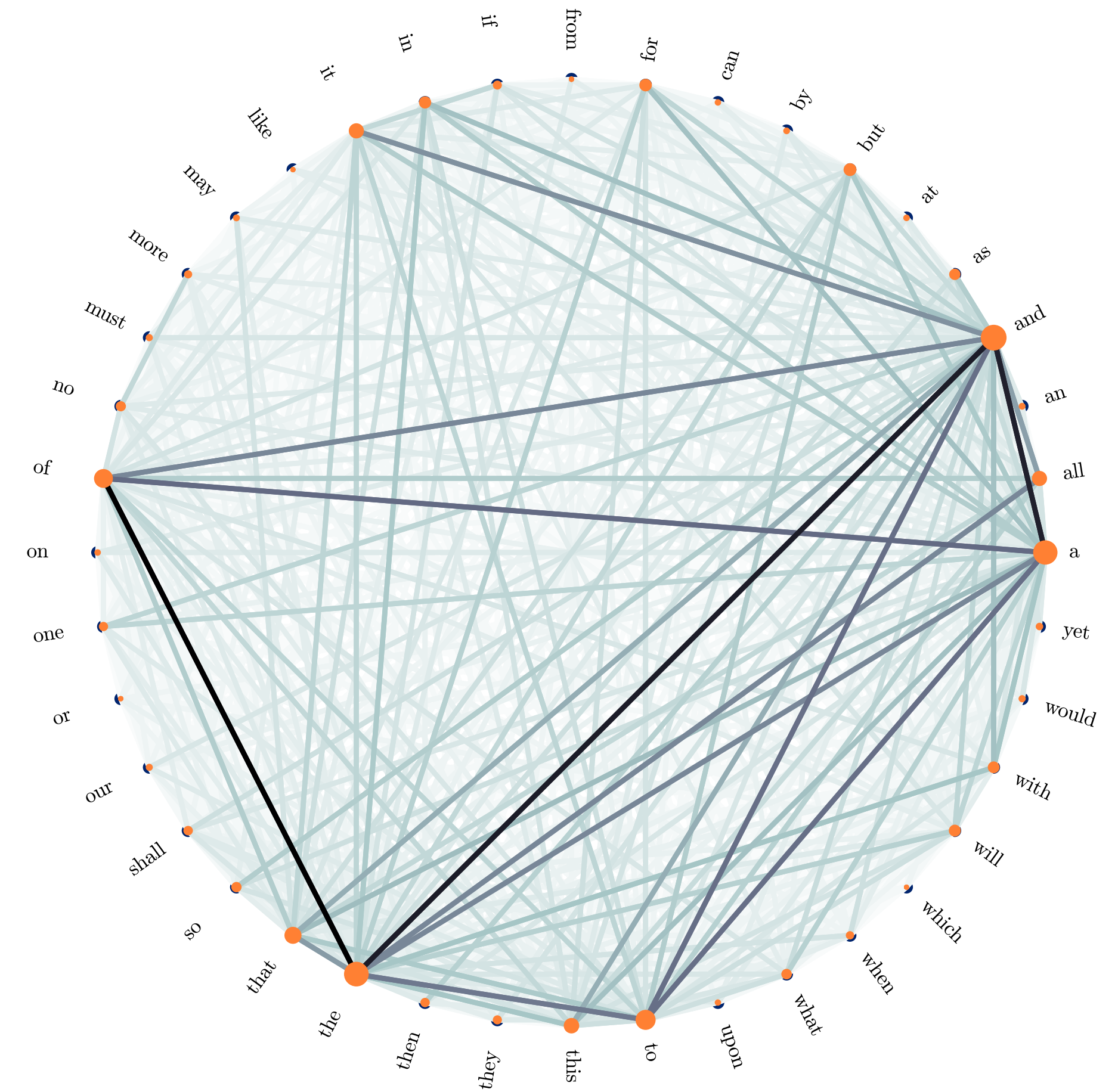
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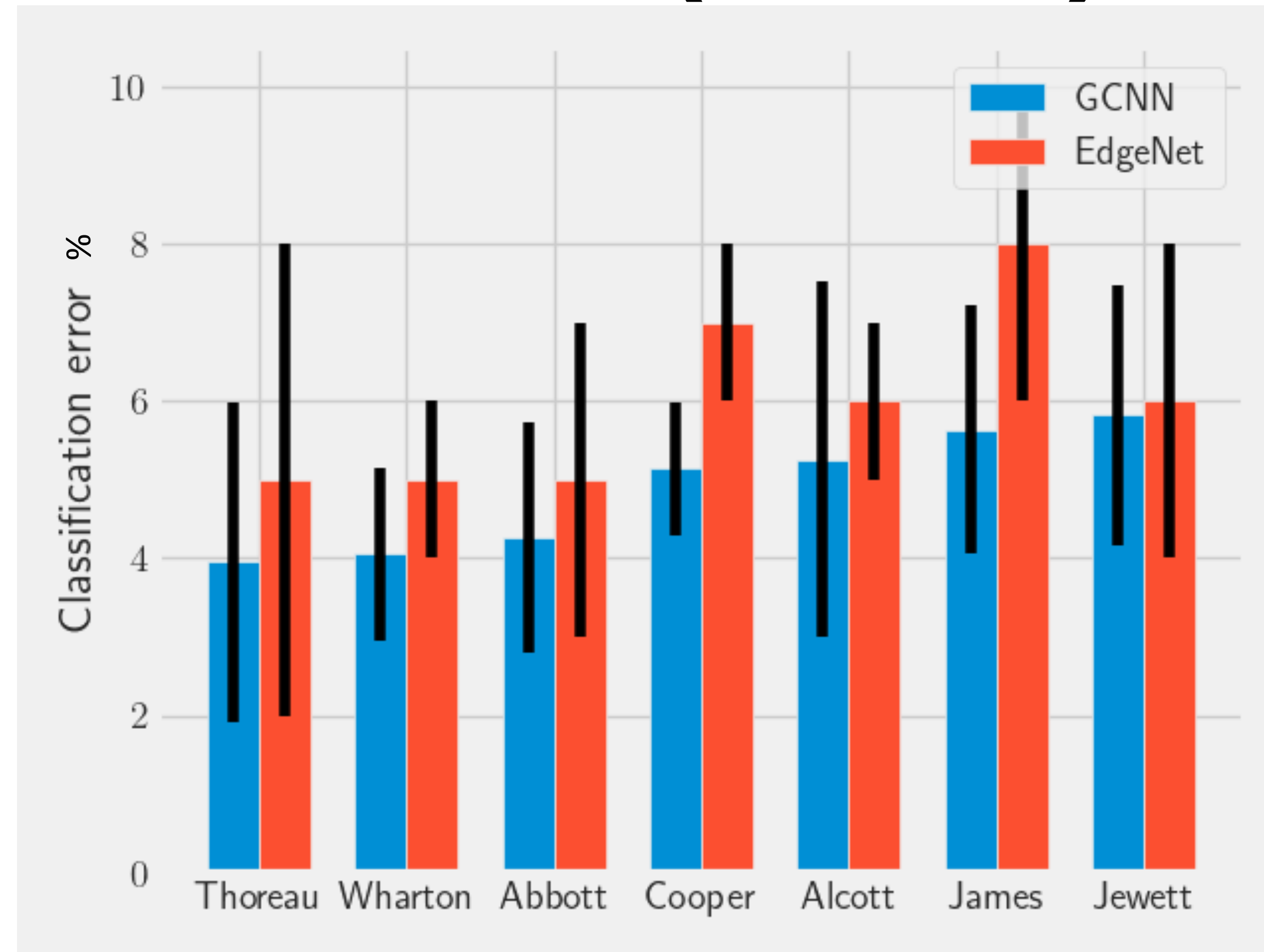
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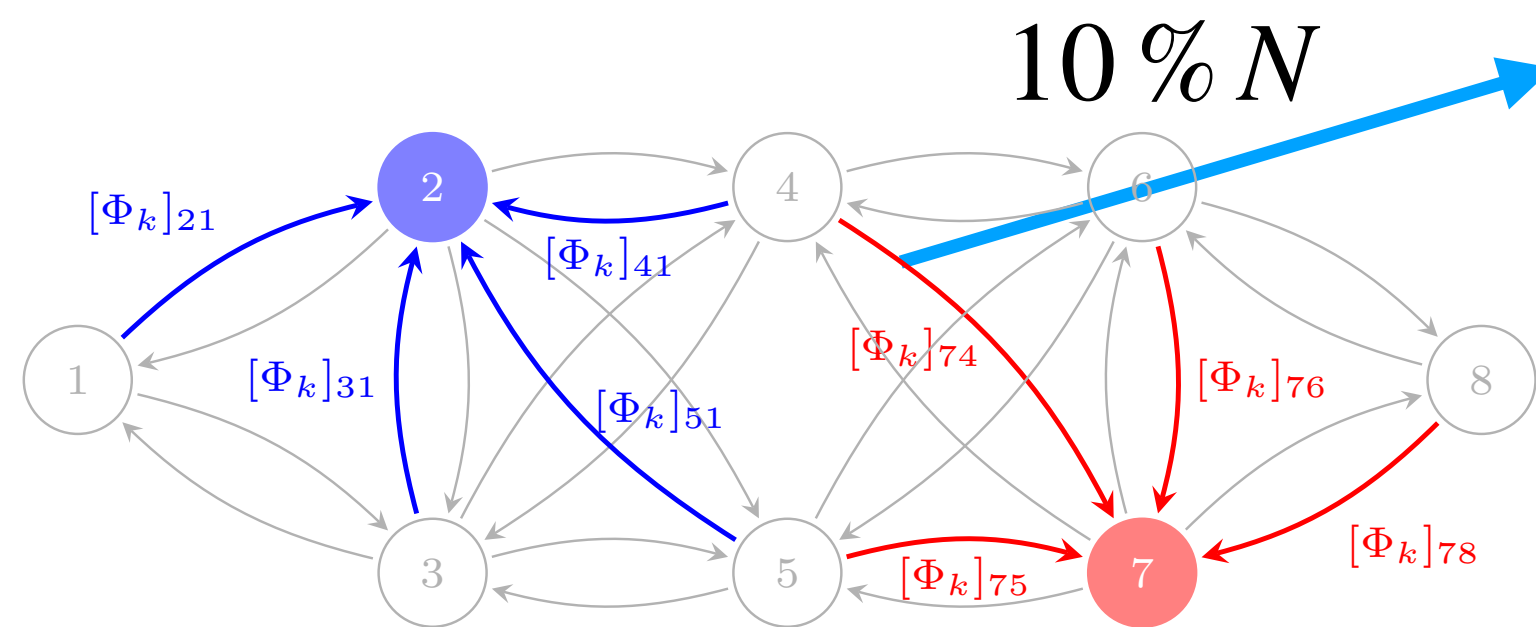
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1 layer, $K \in [2, 10]$, $F \in \{16, 32, 64\}$

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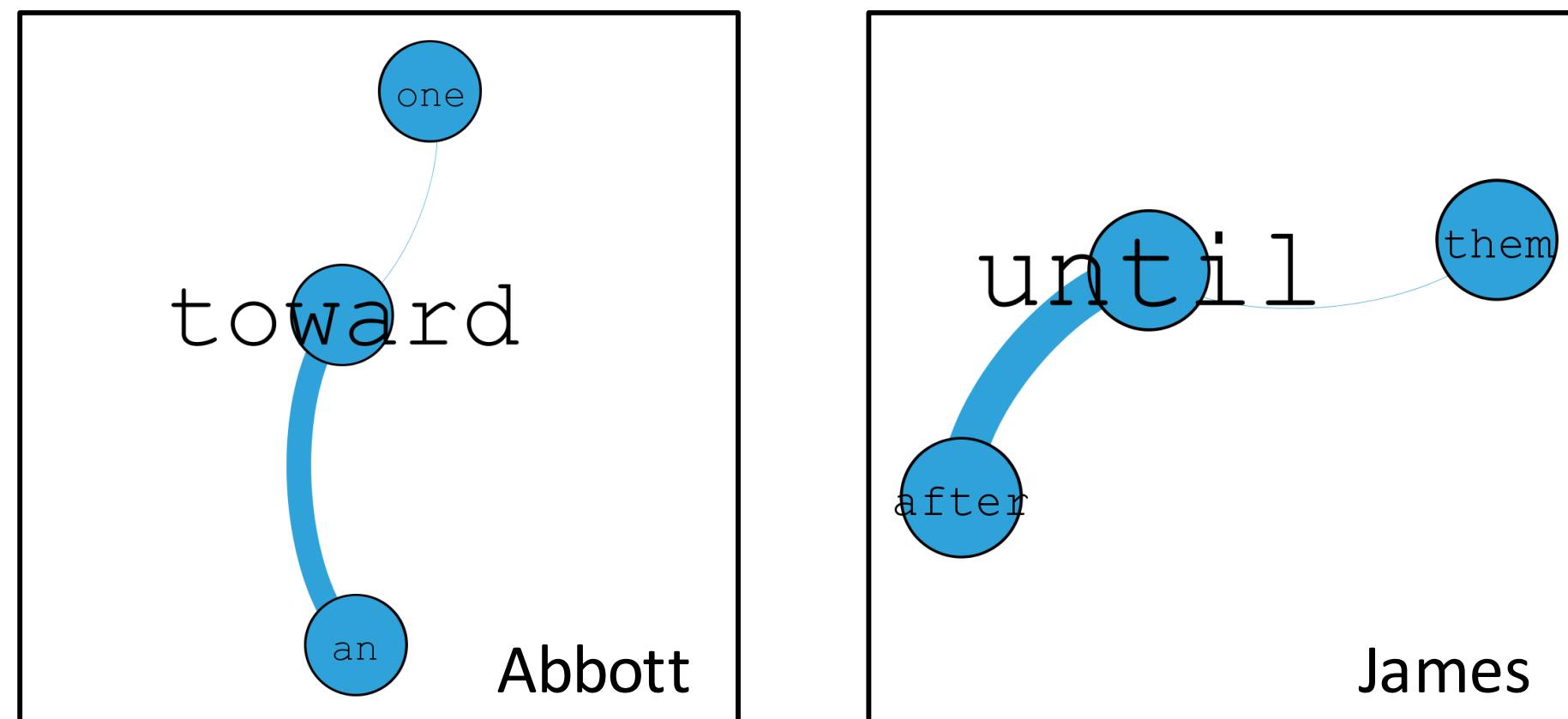
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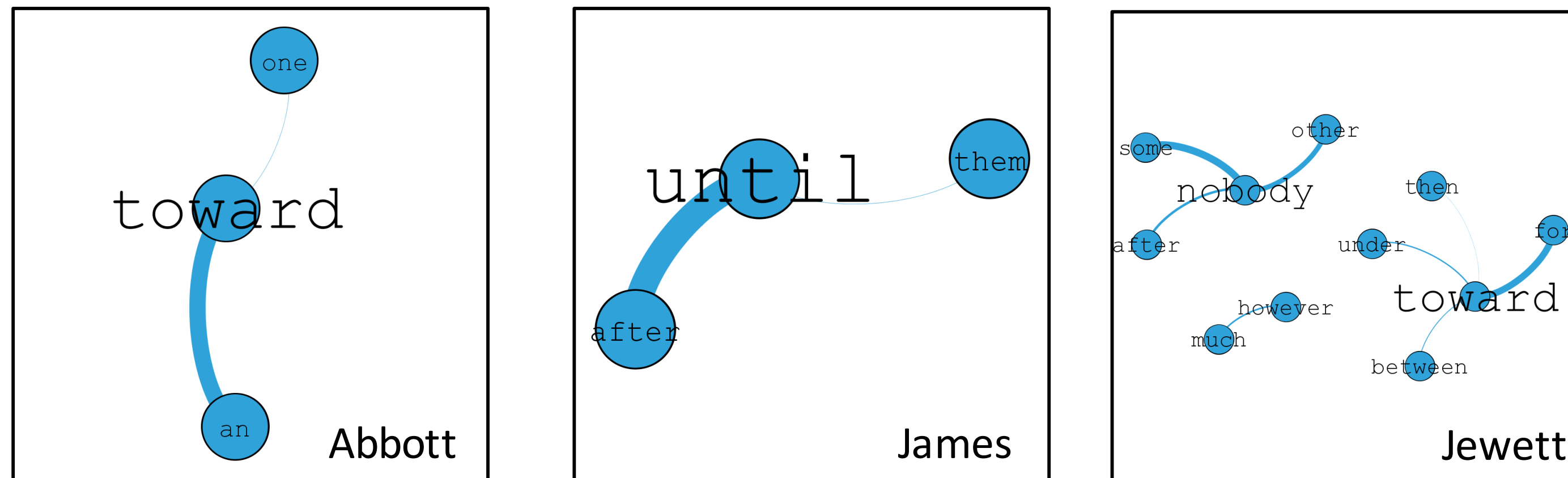
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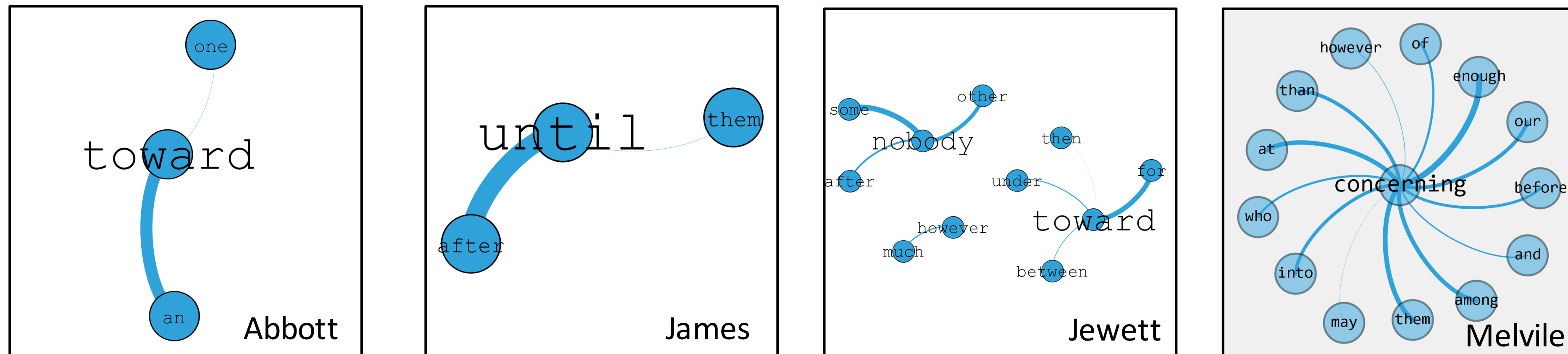
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1 layer architectures, $F = 64$

Sparse WANs help classification

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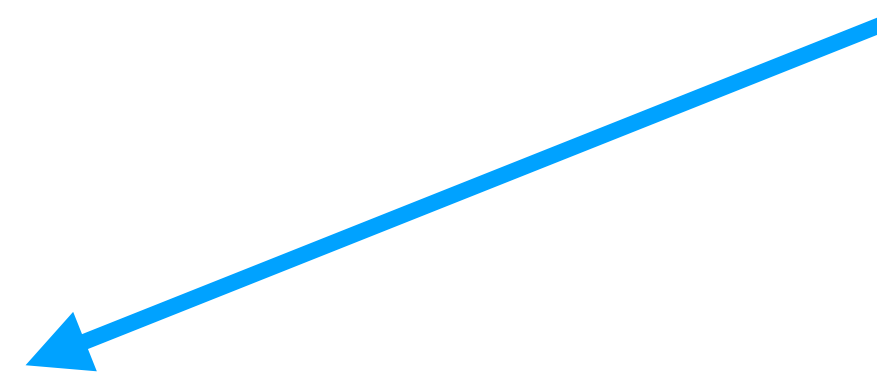
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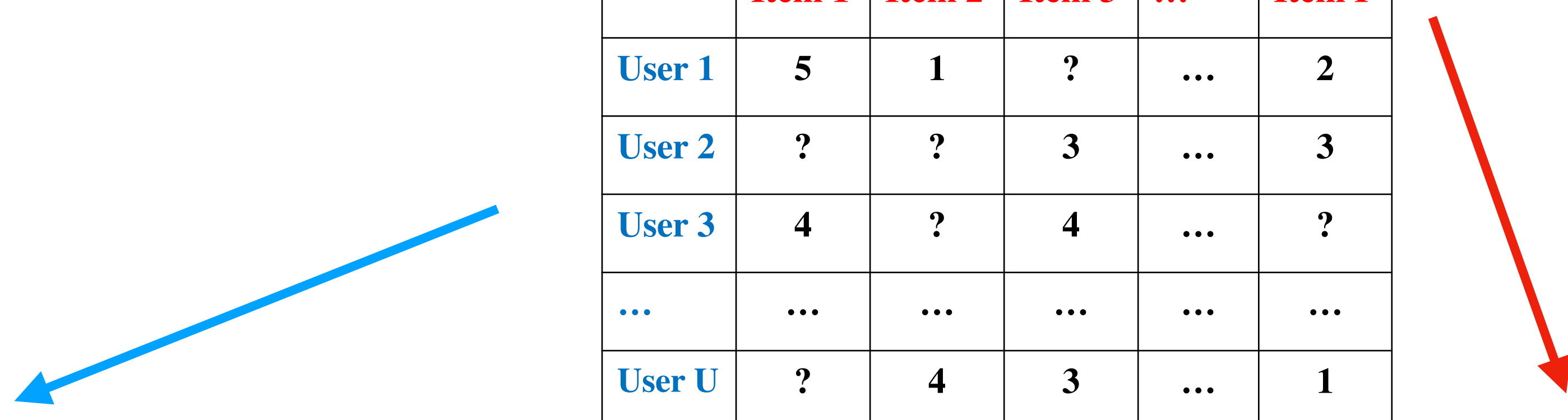
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● Fill missing entries in a user-item matrix

Movielens 100K dataset $U = 943; I = 1,582$

Build a similarity graph (principle of collaborative filter)



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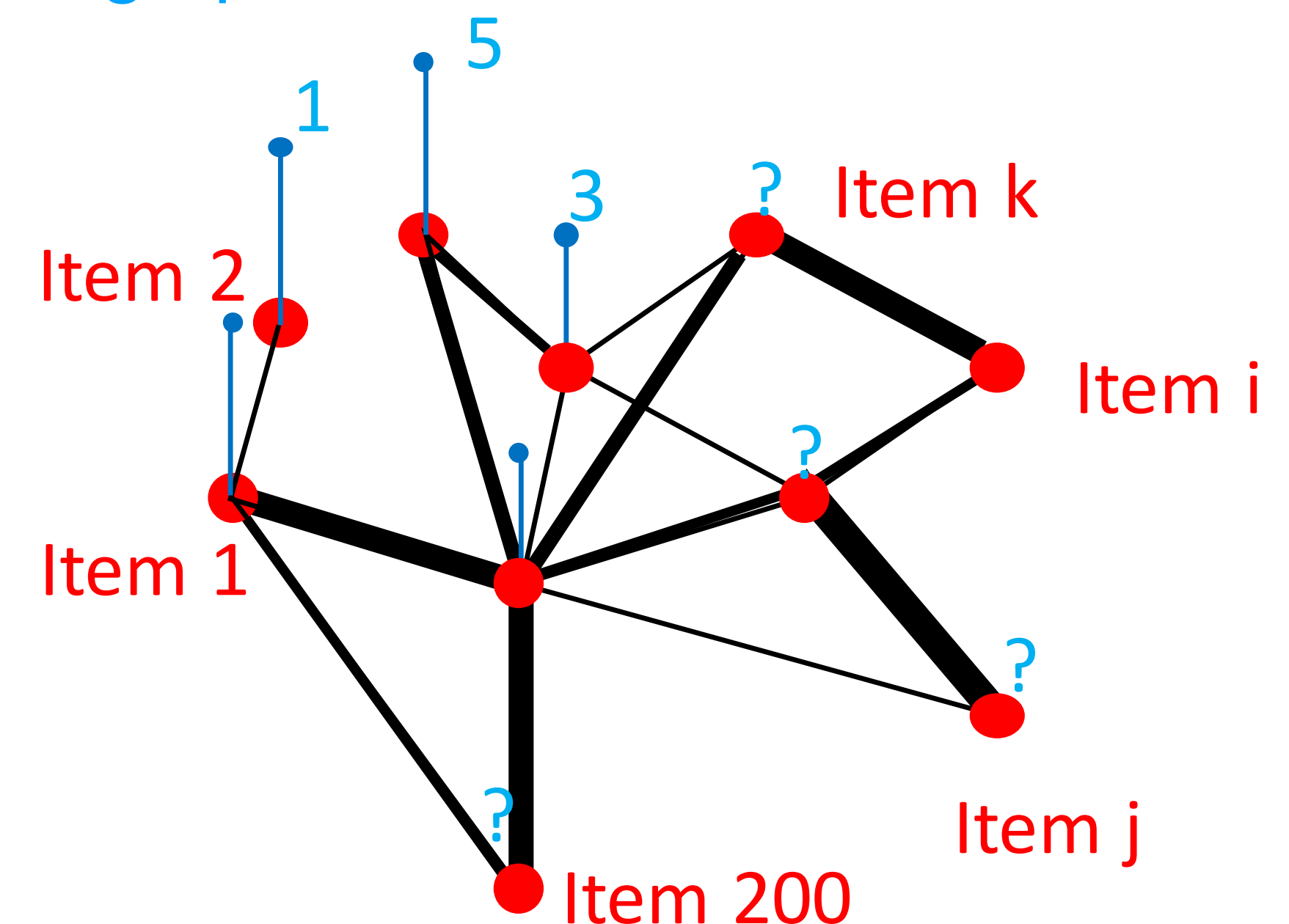
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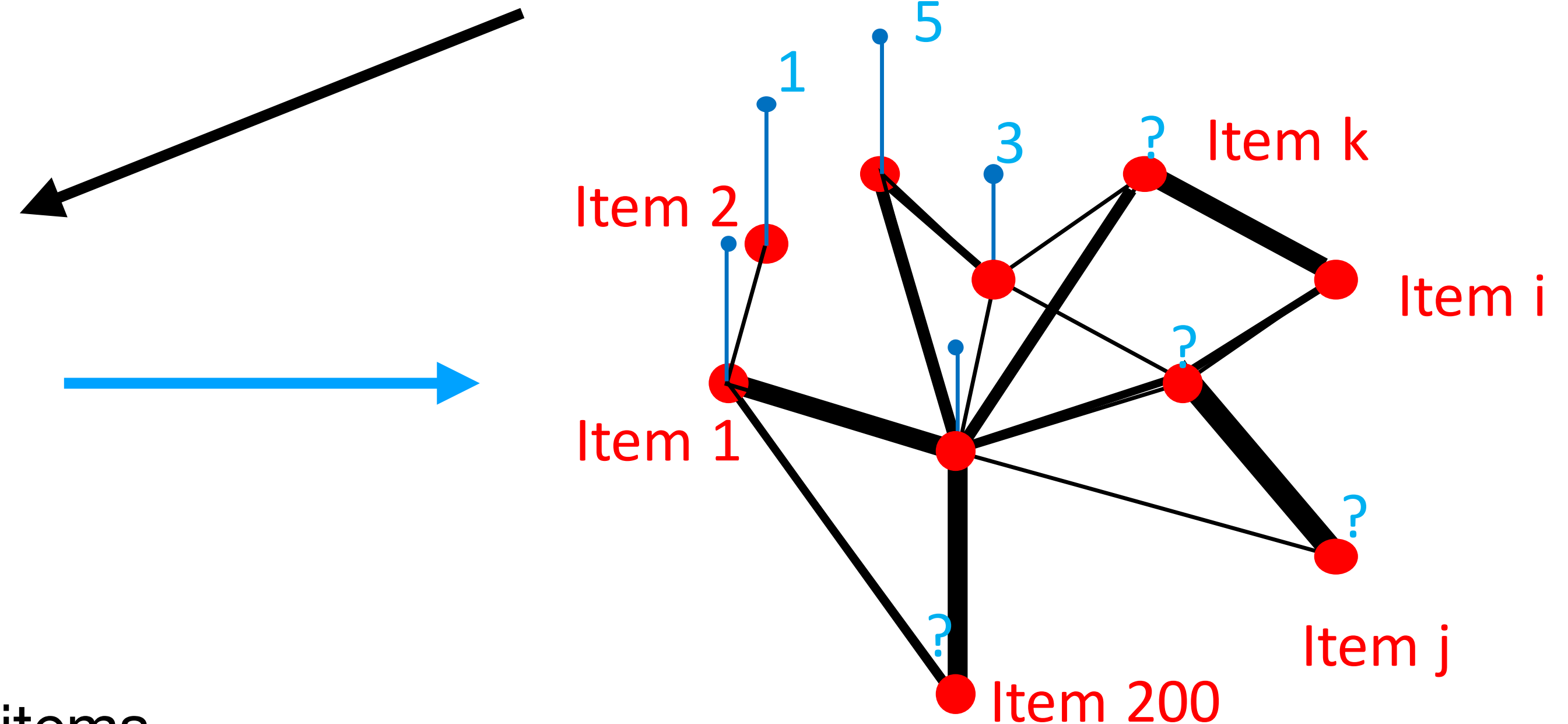
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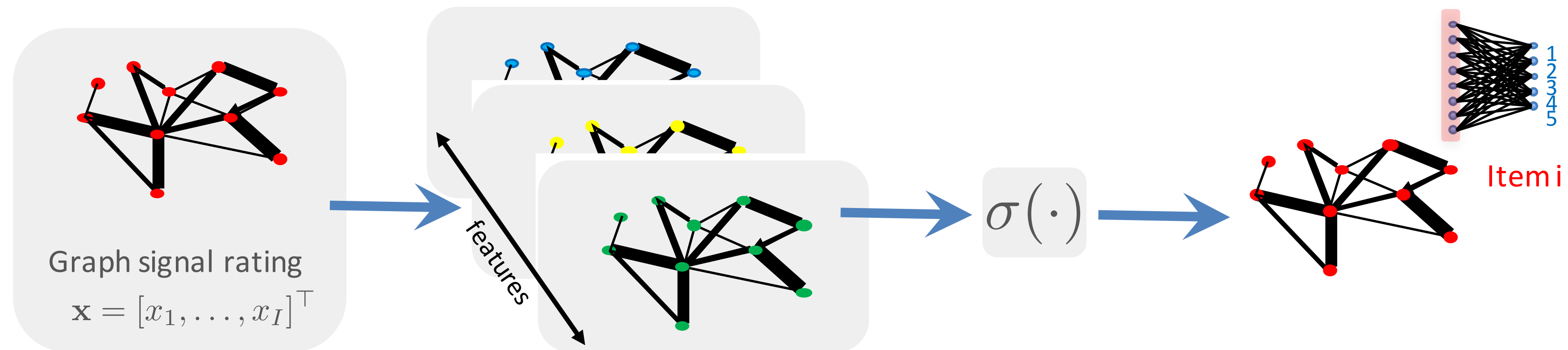
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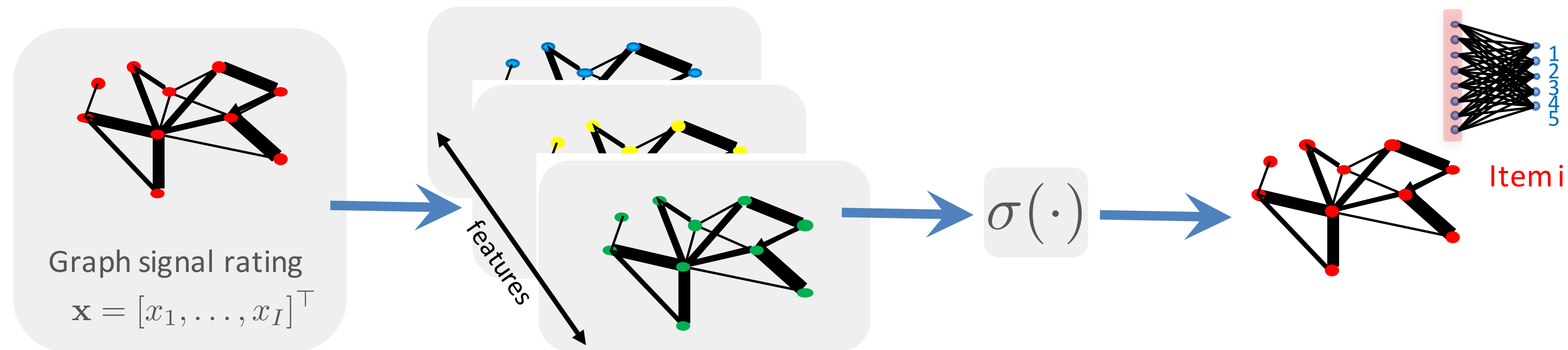
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1 layer, 32 features

EdgeNet suffers in general -requires parameterization

Archit./Movie-ID	50	258	100	181	294	Average
GCNN	0.82	1.08	0.95	0.86	1.04	0.95
Edge var.	0.93	1.03	1.00	0.88	1.24	1.02
Node var.	0.78	1.04	1.00	0.87	1.00	0.94
Hybrid edge var.	0.75	1.02	0.98	0.82	1.08	0.93

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Questions?



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