

# Graph Filters

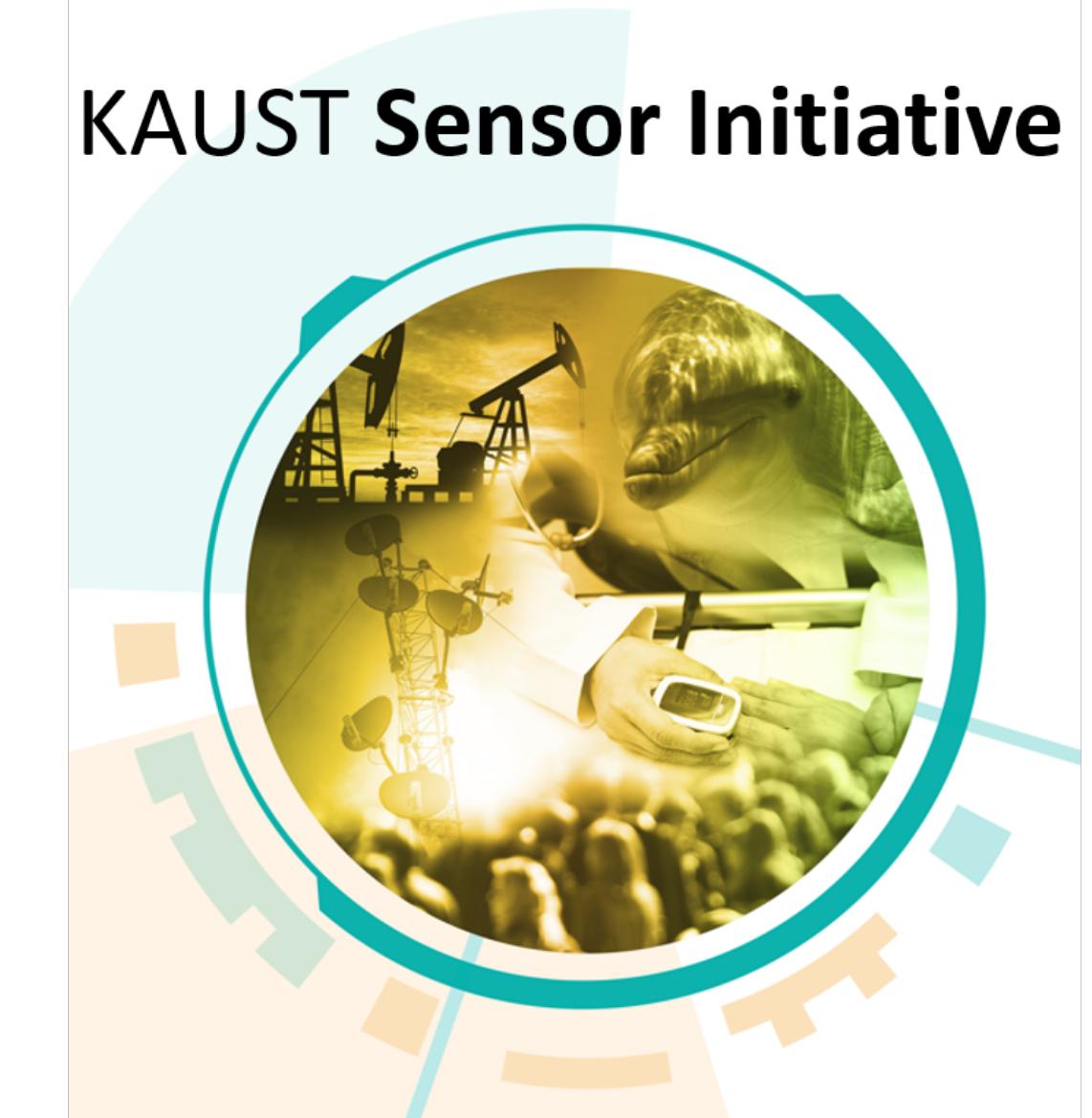
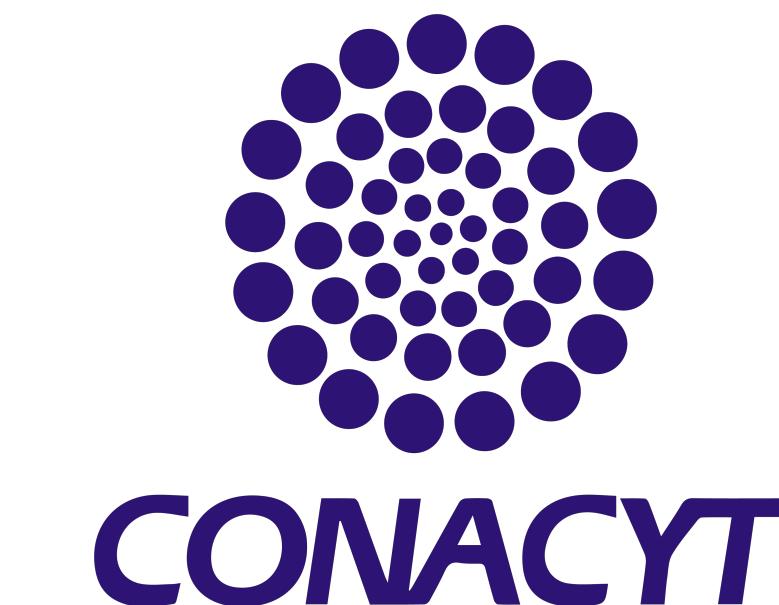
with applications to  
**Distributed Optimization**  
and **Neural Networks**

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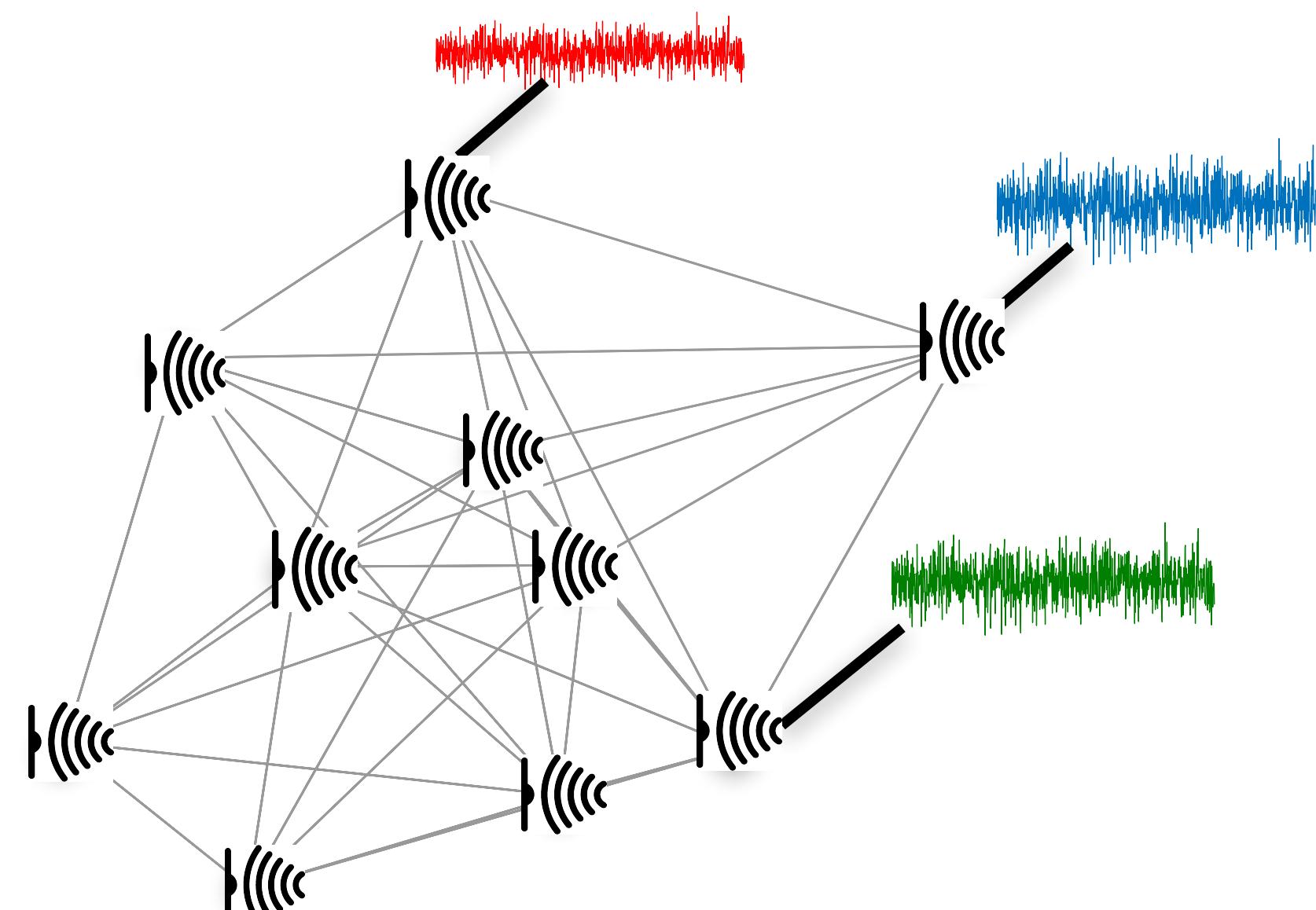
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## ○ Advanced graph filters (focus on FIR filters)

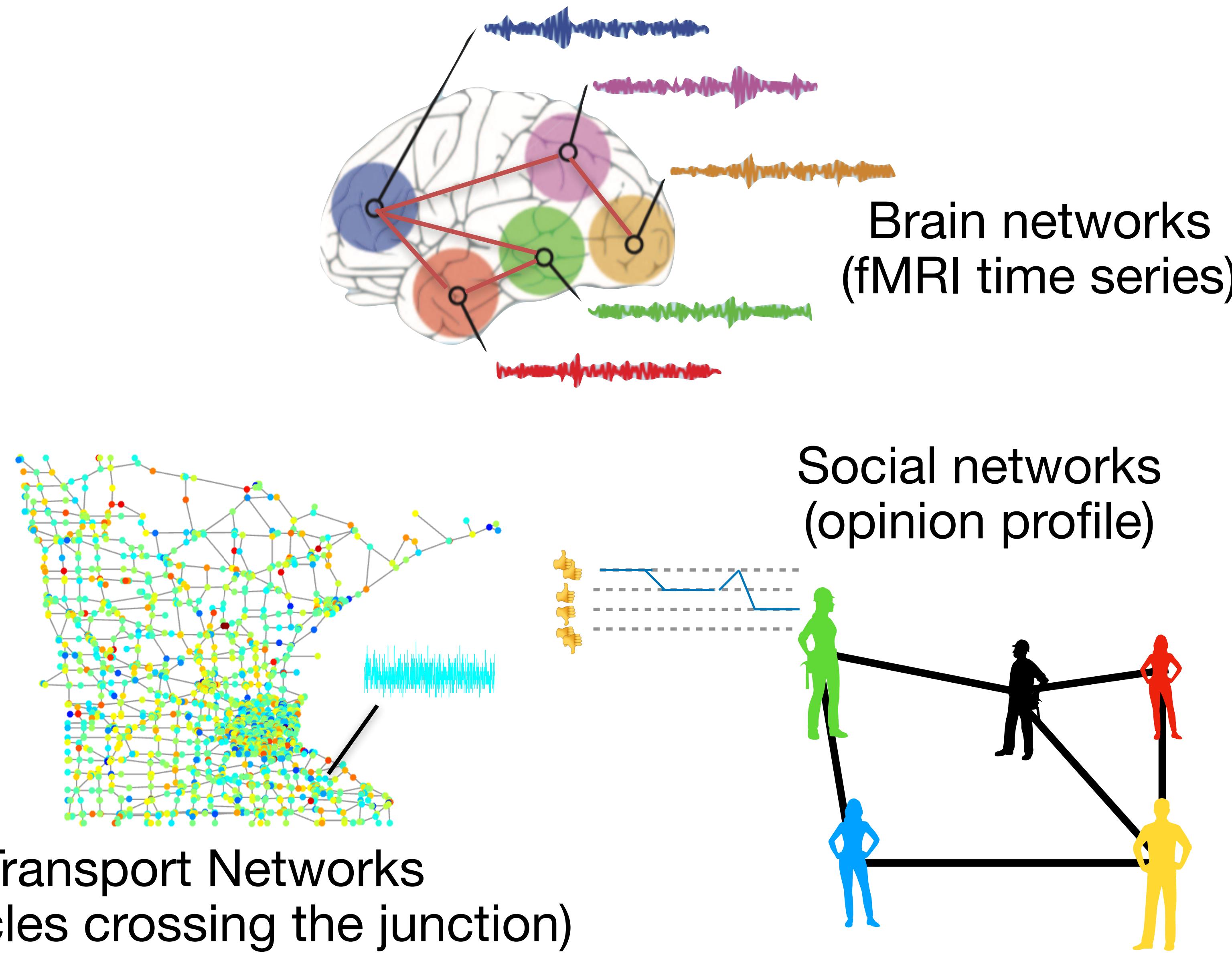
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# Signals on graphs?

# Motivation



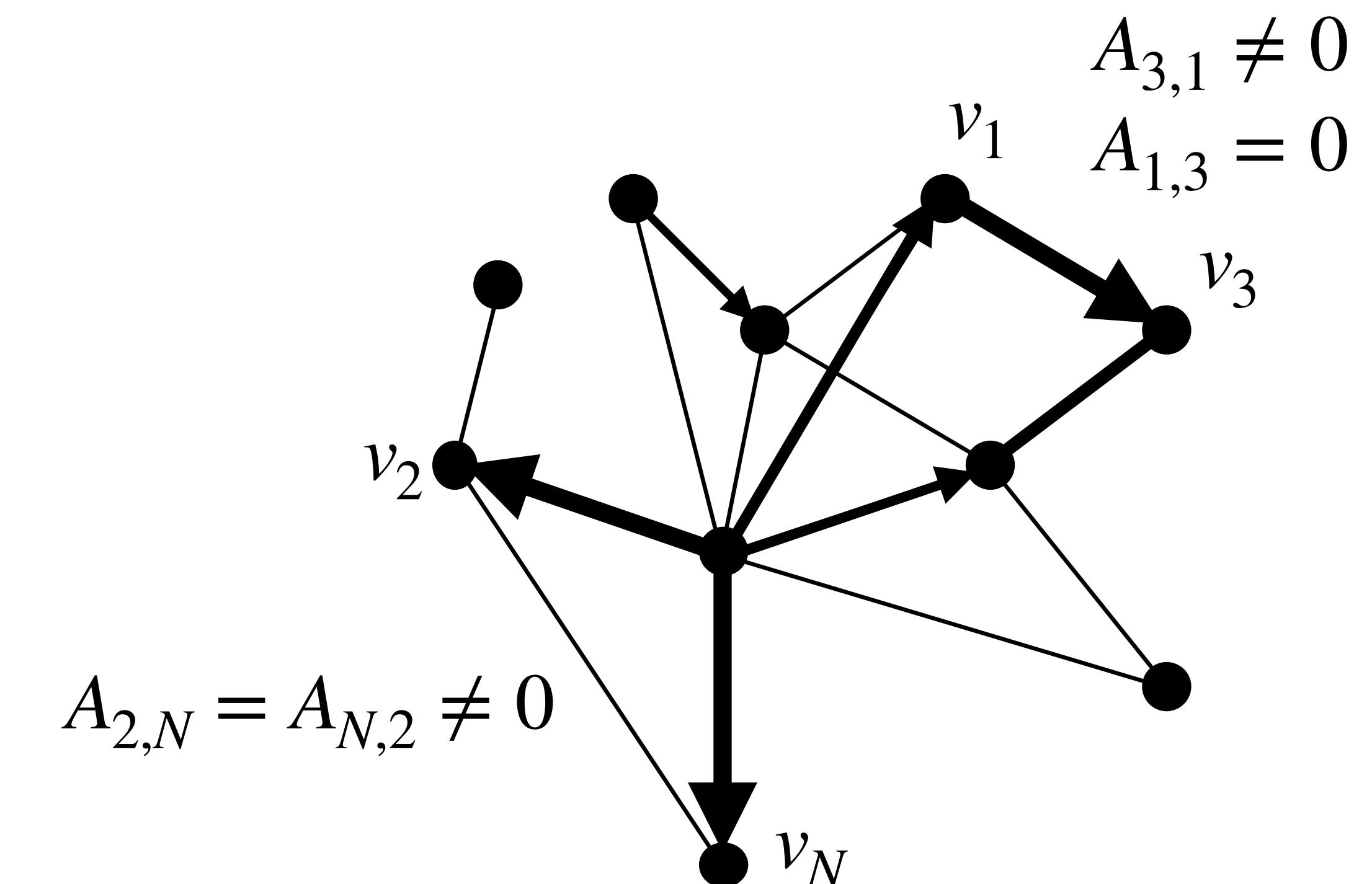
Sensor networks  
(temperatures)



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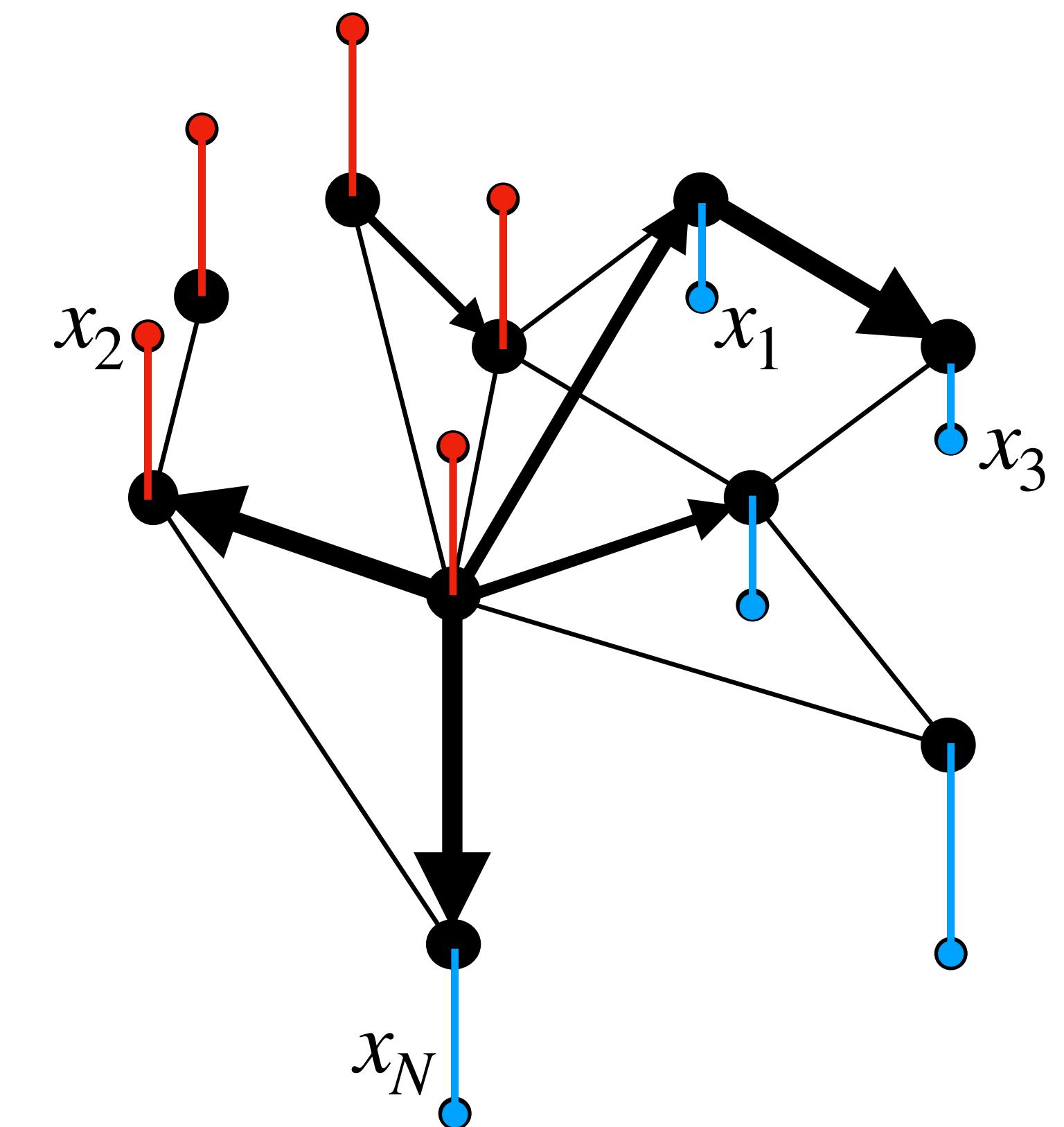


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- $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^N$  is the graph signal



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

# Spectral analysis of graph signals

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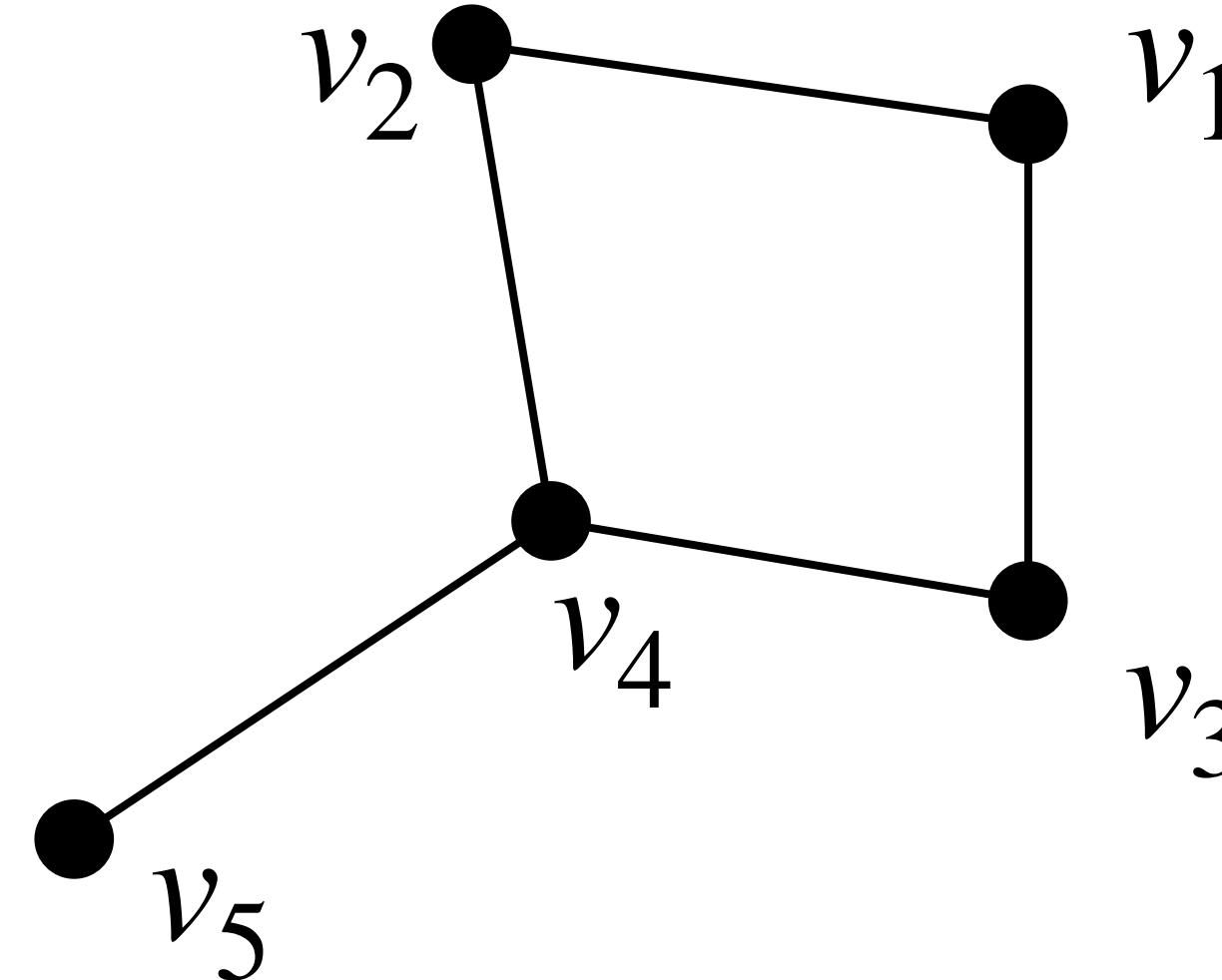
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**Example:** Laplacian of undirected graph



$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

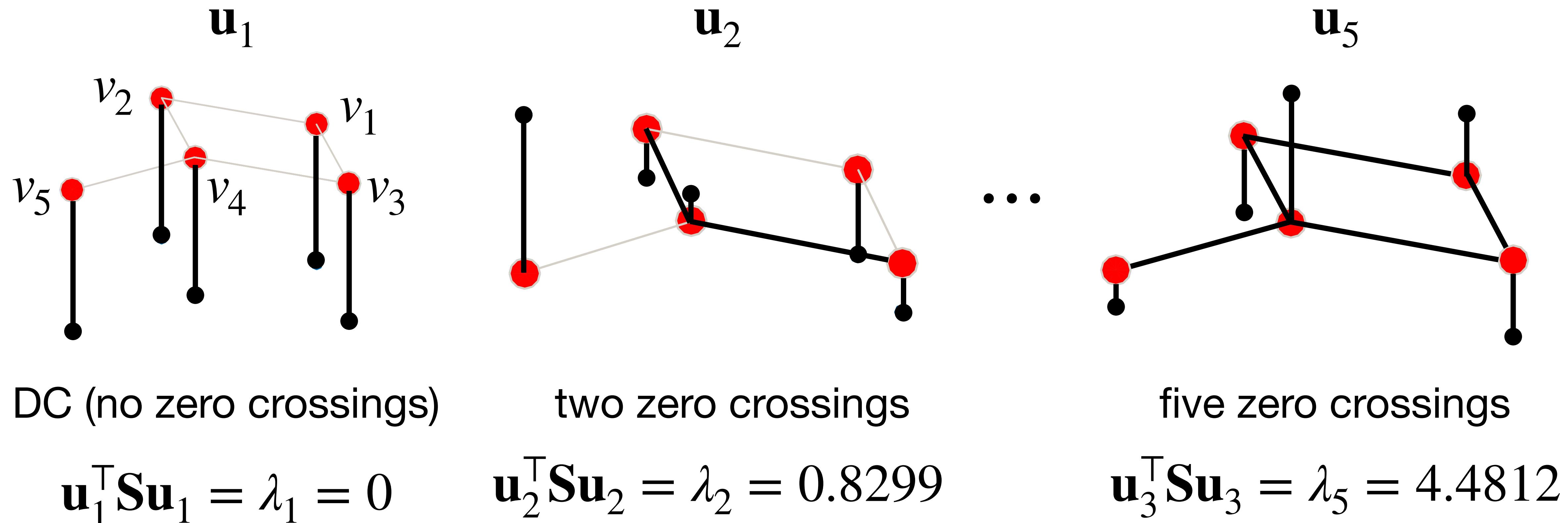
diagonal degree matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

adjacency matrix

# Graph Fourier basis

Individual eigenvectors of Laplacian of undirected graph



DC (no zero crossings)

$$u_1^\top \mathbf{S} u_1 = \lambda_1 = 0$$

two zero crossings

$$u_2^\top \mathbf{S} u_2 = \lambda_2 = 0.8299$$

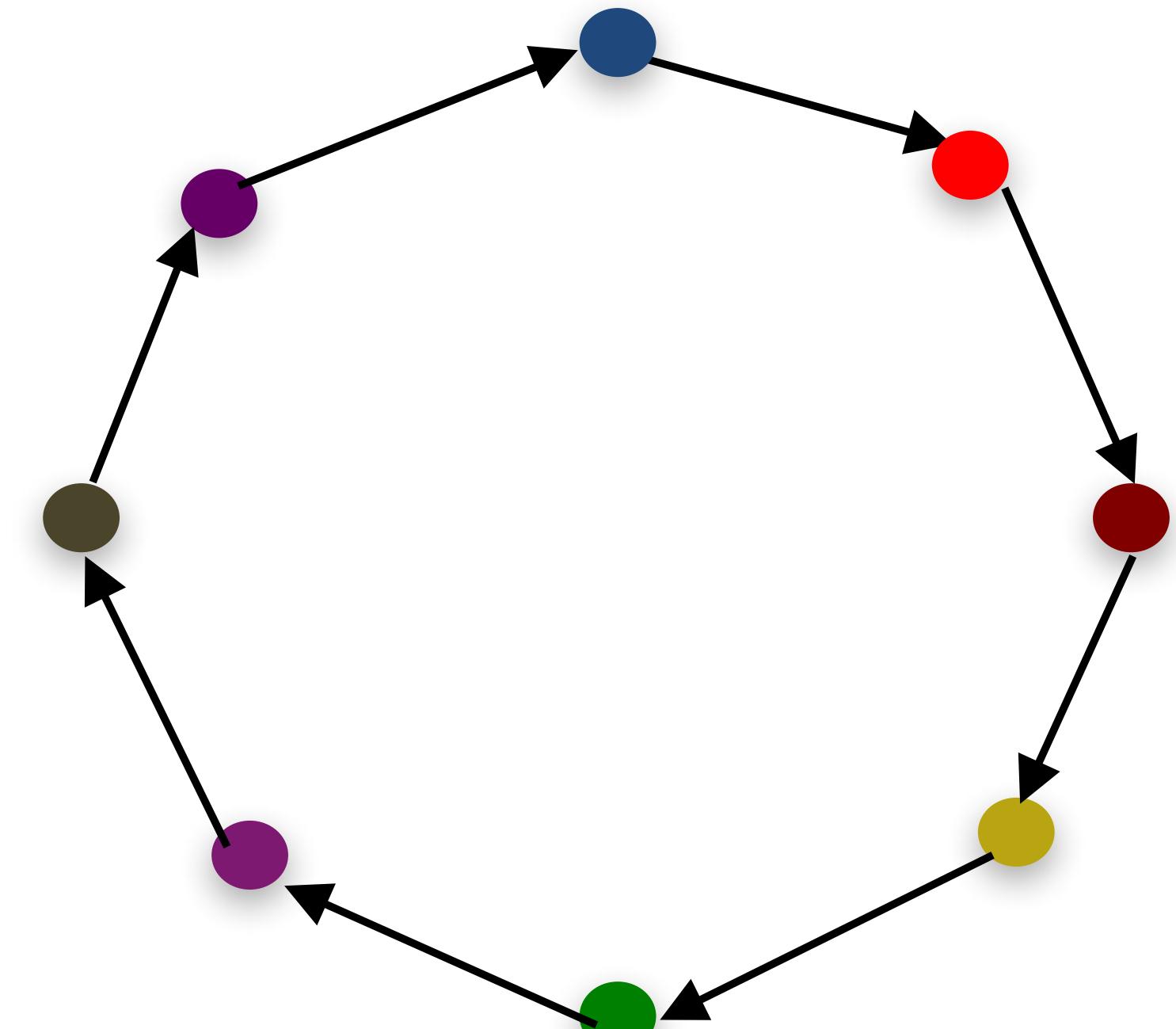
five zero crossings

$$u_5^\top \mathbf{S} u_5 = \lambda_5 = 4.4812$$

# Time-domain as a graph

The DFT matrix and the traditional frequency grid is obtained by the **adjacency matrix** of the **cycle graph**

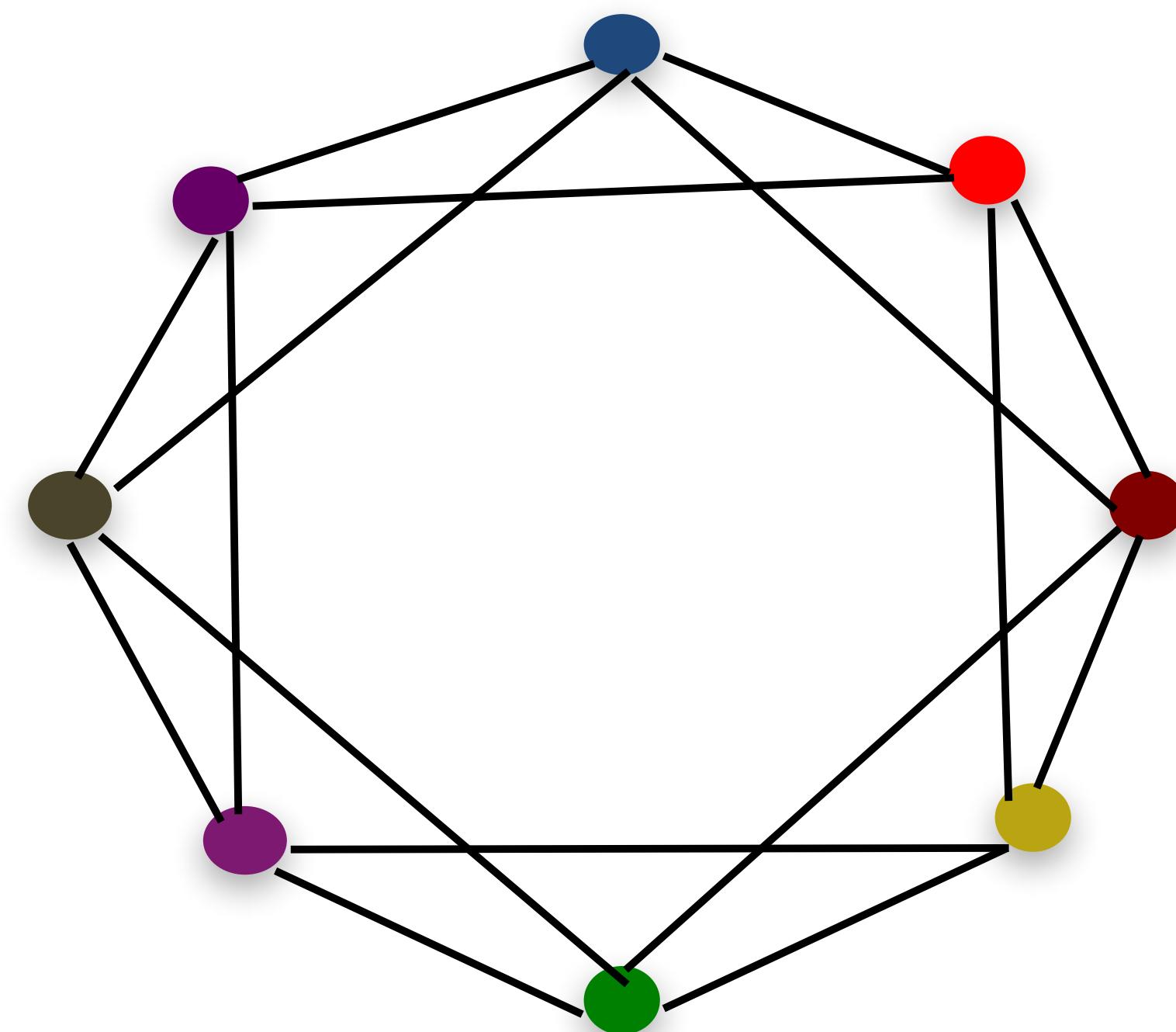
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Any **circulant graph** (directed or not) in principle leads to the DFT as the matrix that diagonalises the shift operator



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# How do we “spectrally” shape signals?

# Graph Fourier transform and graph filters

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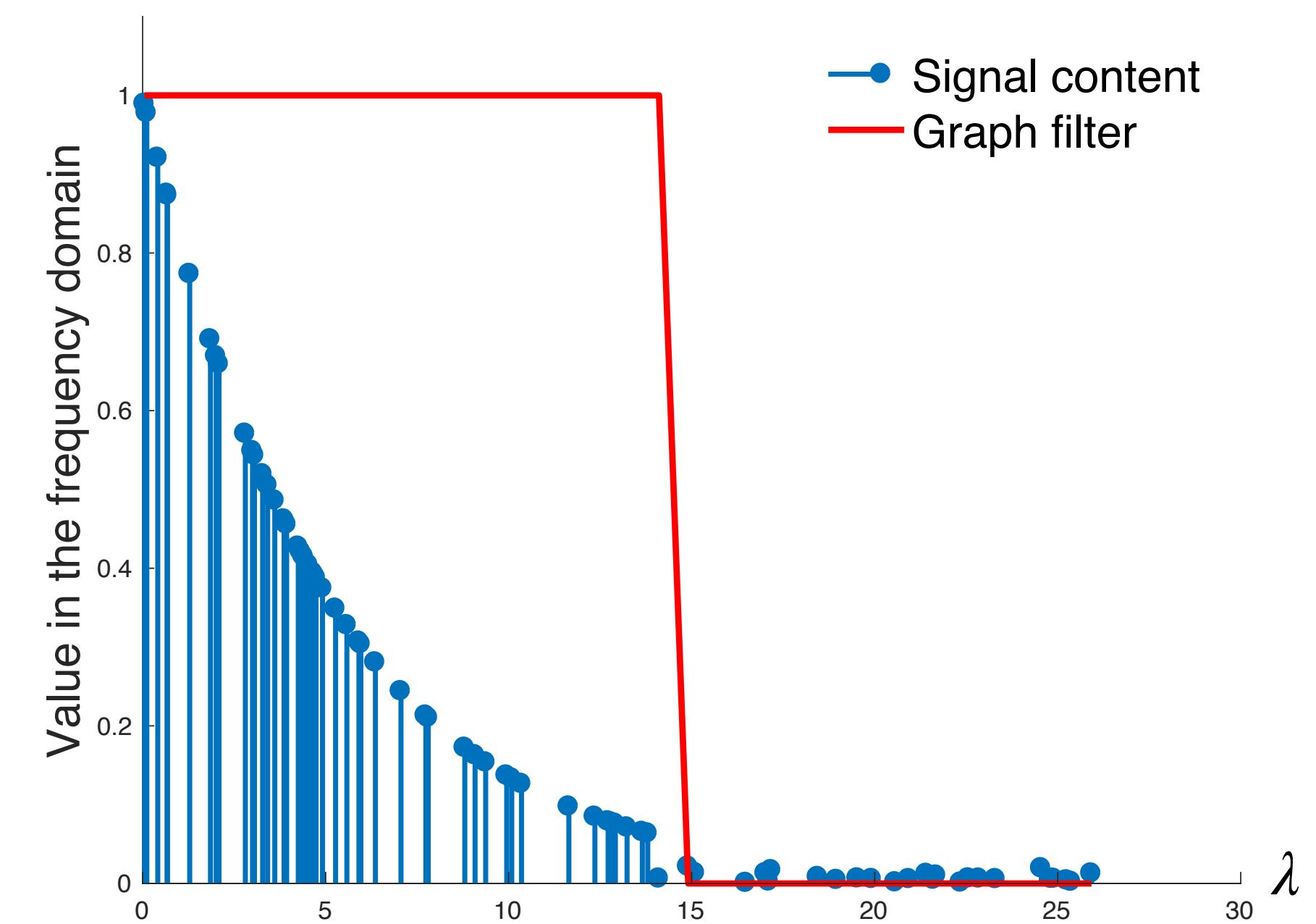
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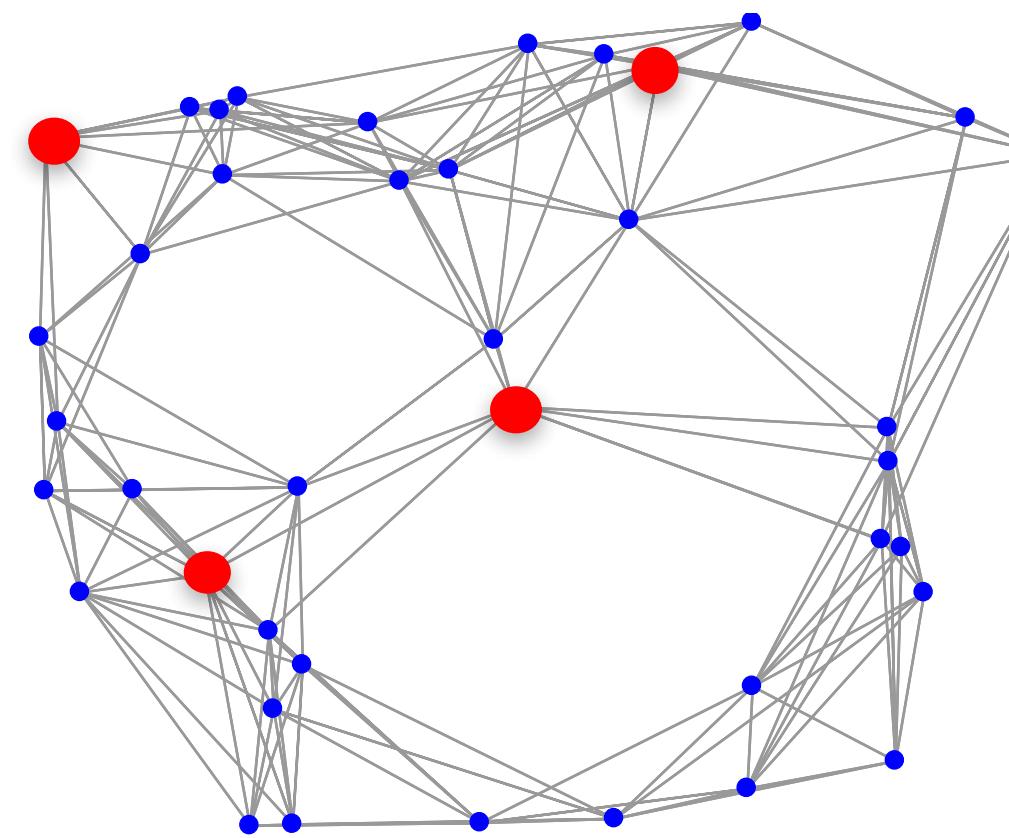
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Graph filters can be used to modify the frequency content of graph signals

- $\hat{y}_n = h(\lambda_n) \hat{x}_n$
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- $h(\Lambda) = \text{diag}\{h(\lambda_n)\}$
- $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{U} h(\Lambda) \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{x}$
- Shift invariance:  $\mathbf{H} \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{H}$

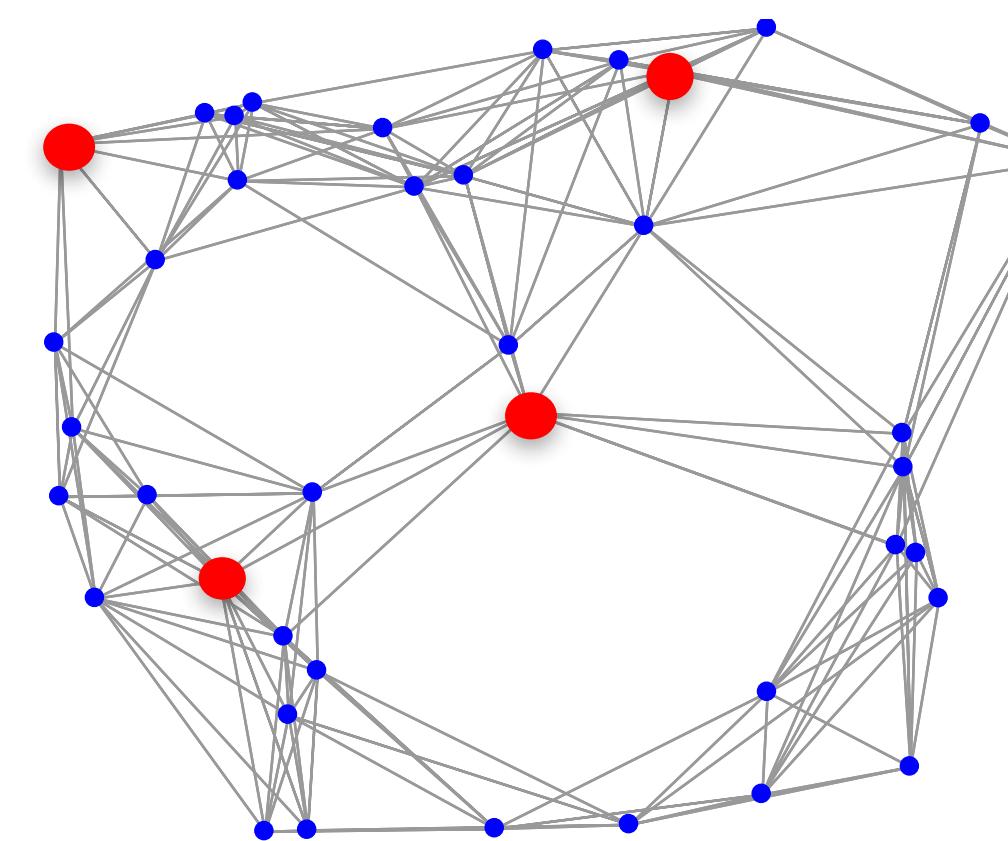


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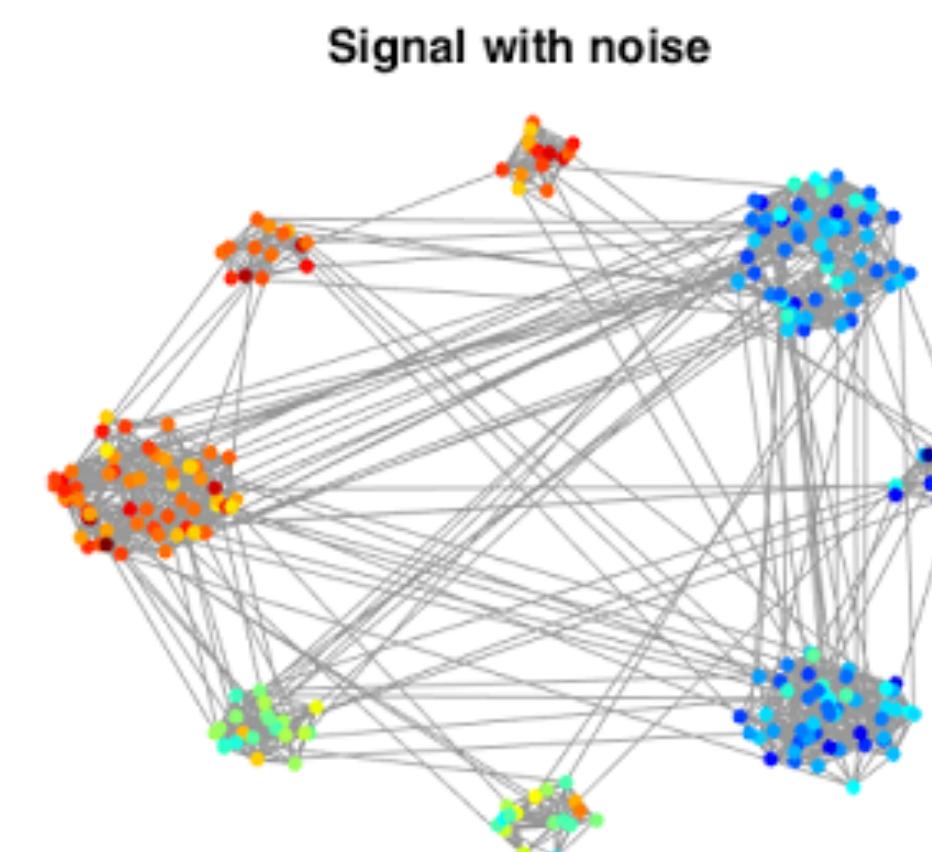


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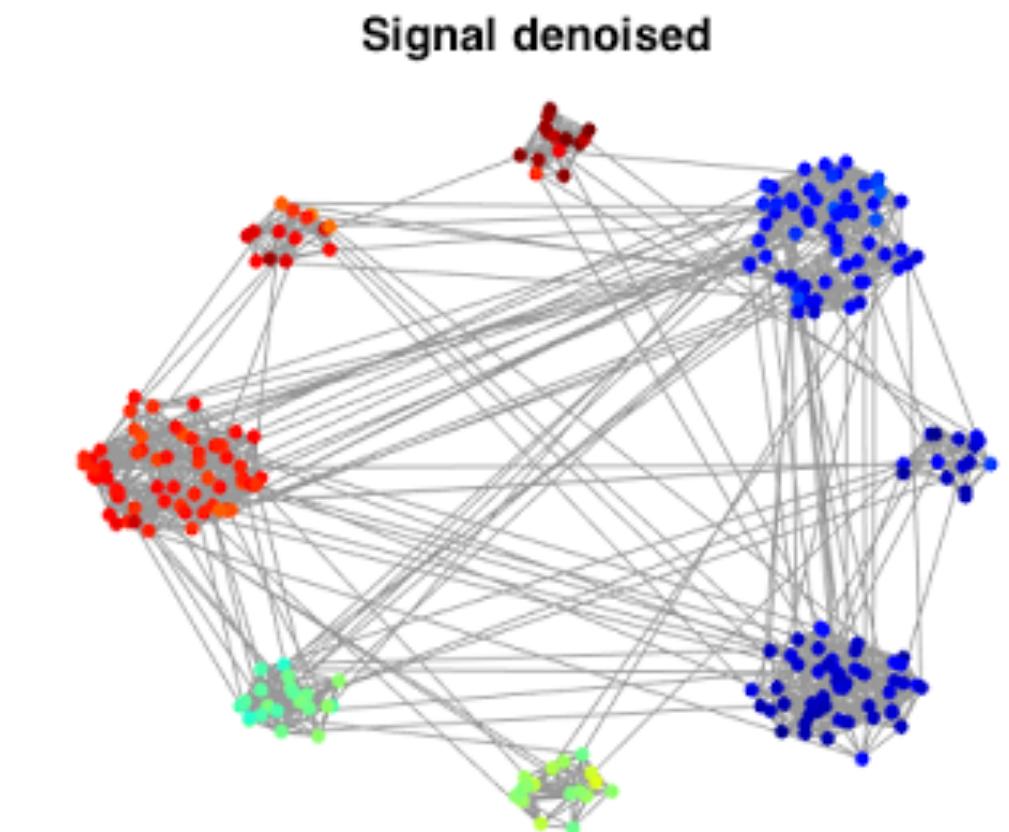
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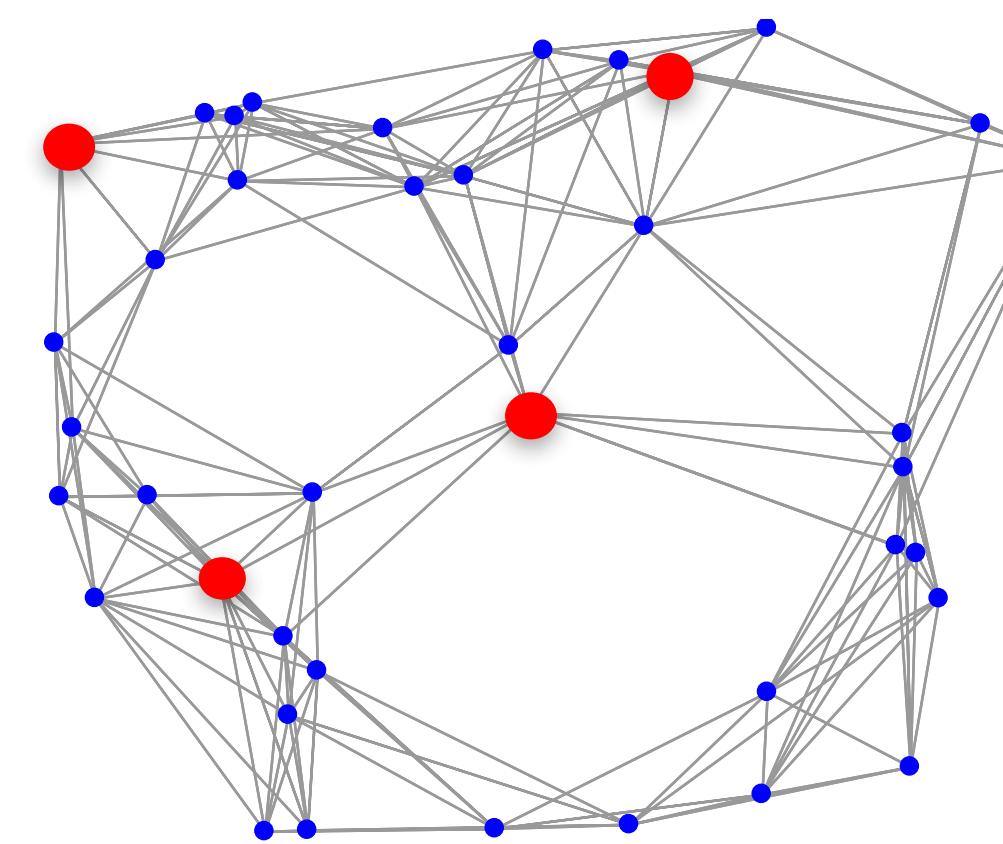
Signal with noise



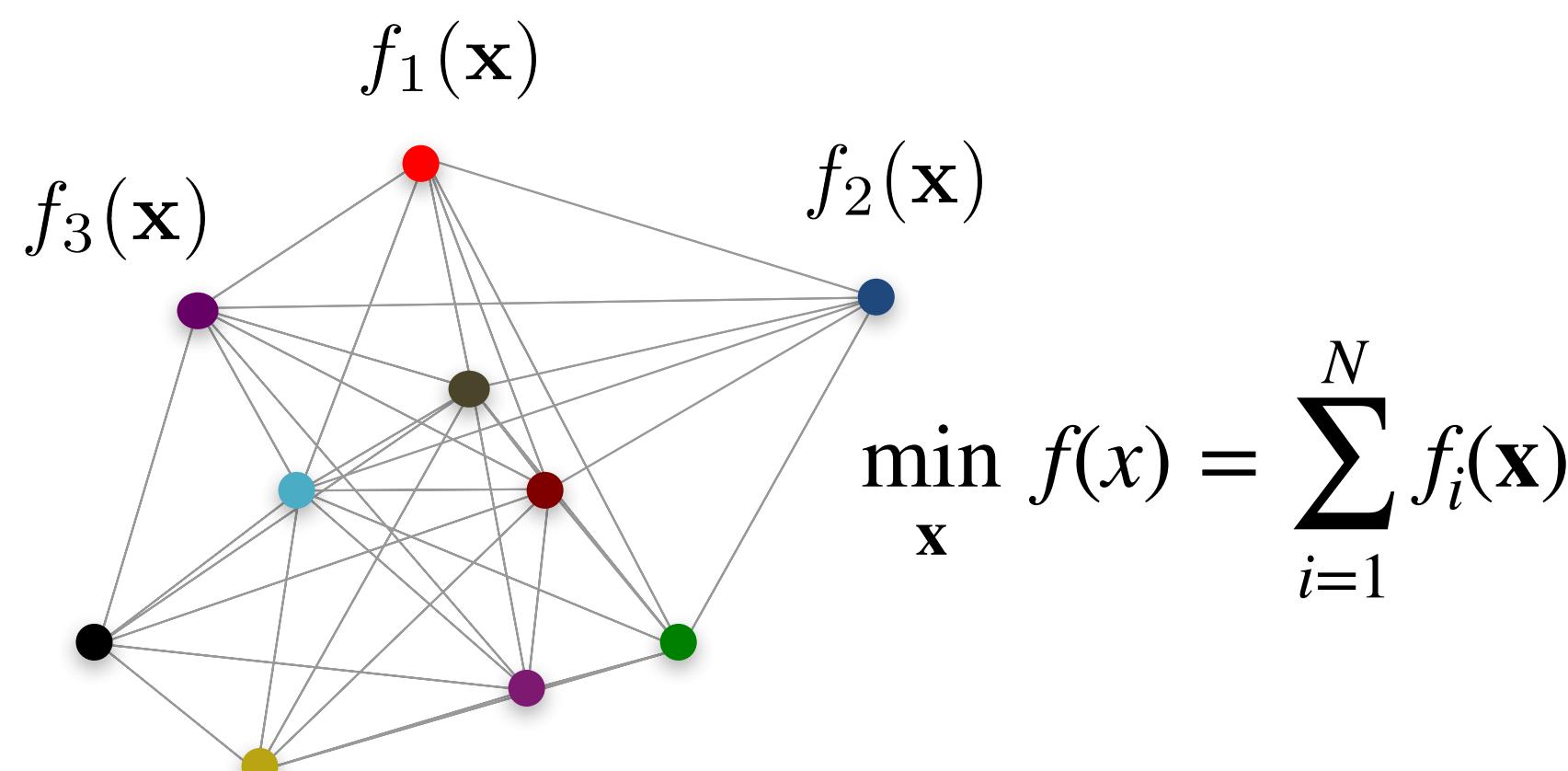
Signal denoised

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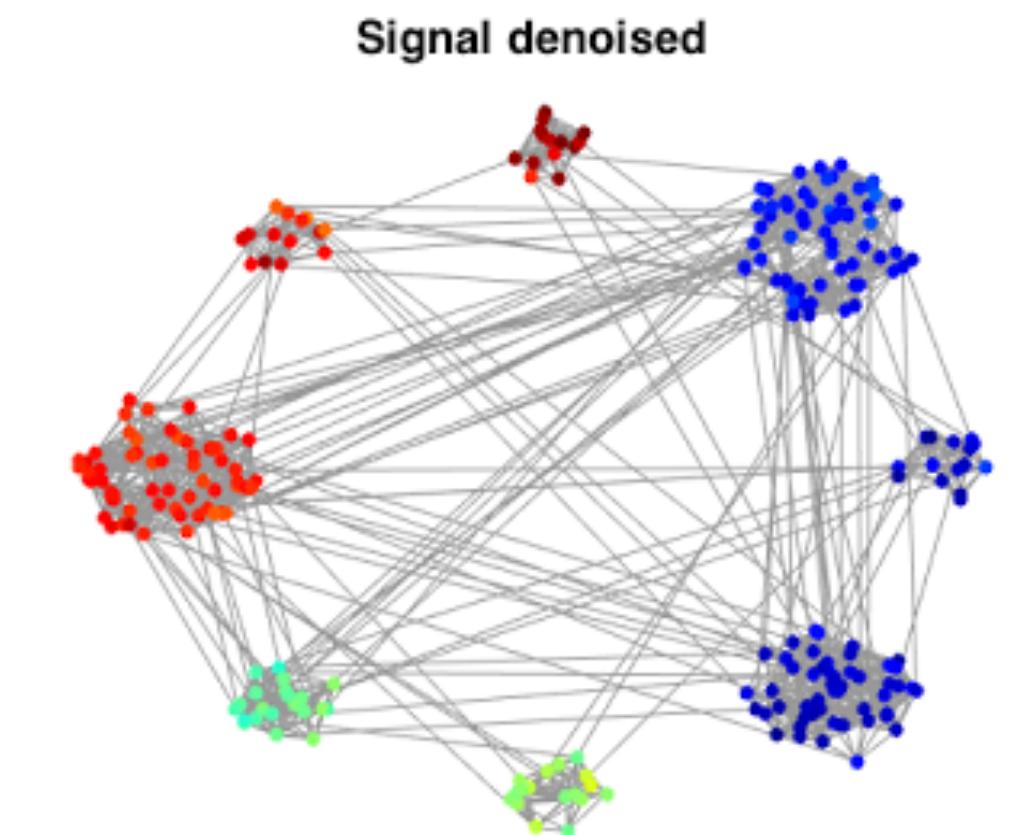
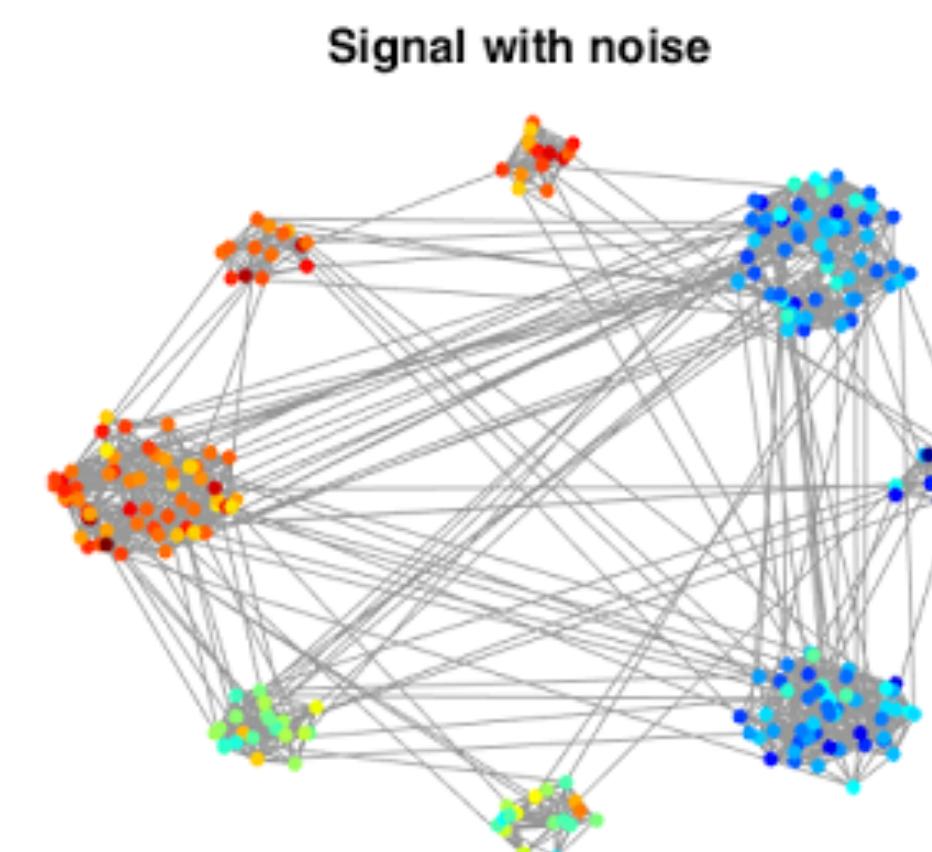
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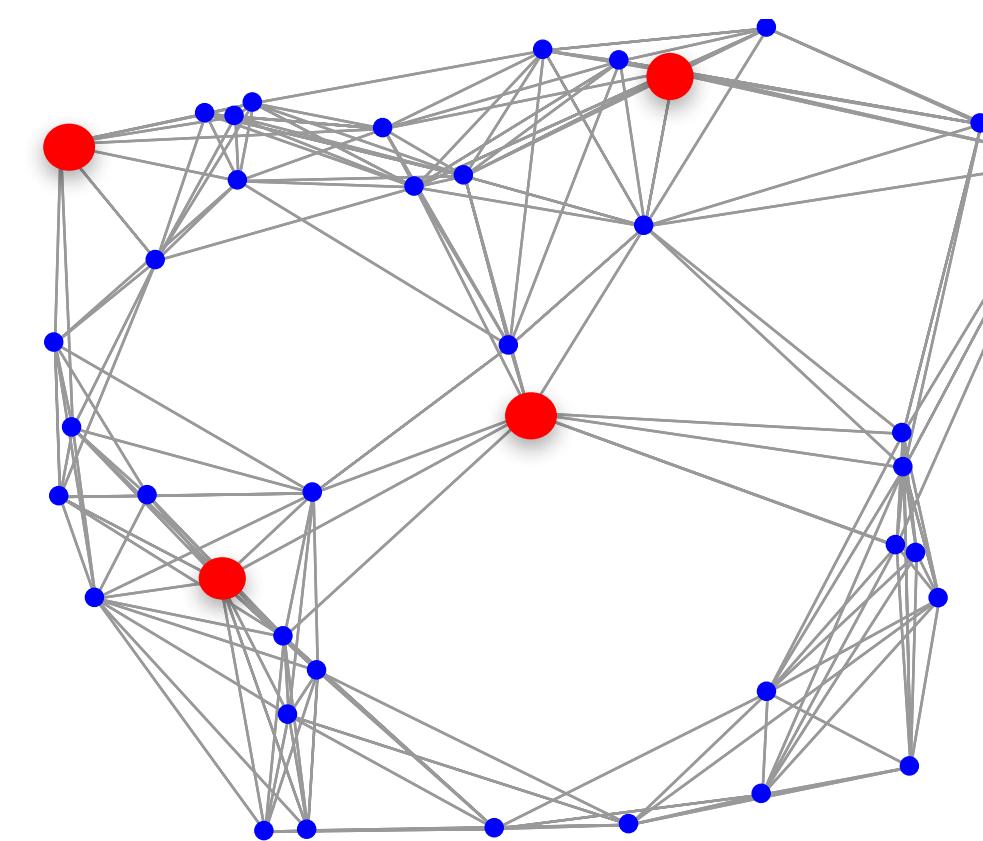


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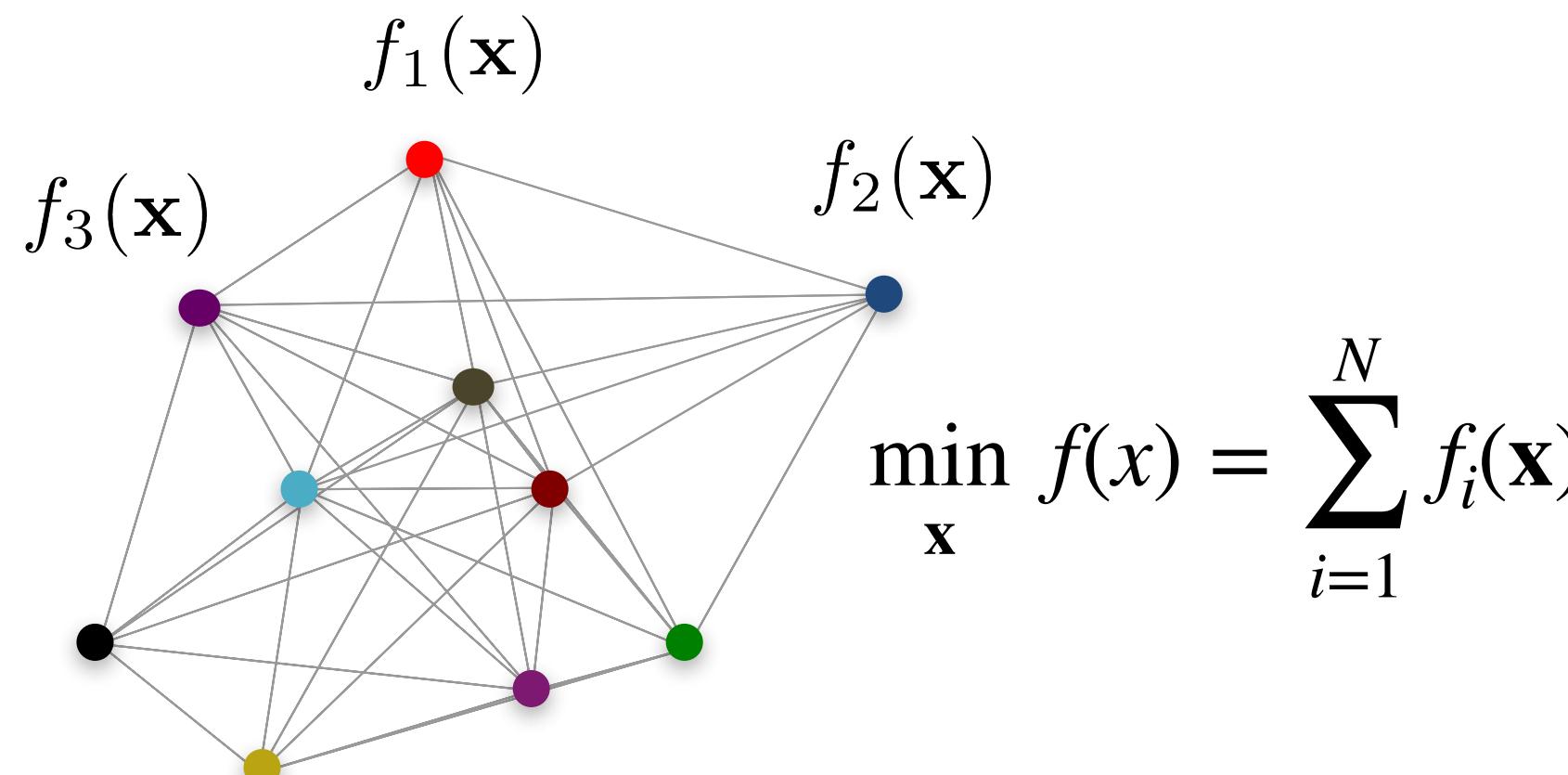


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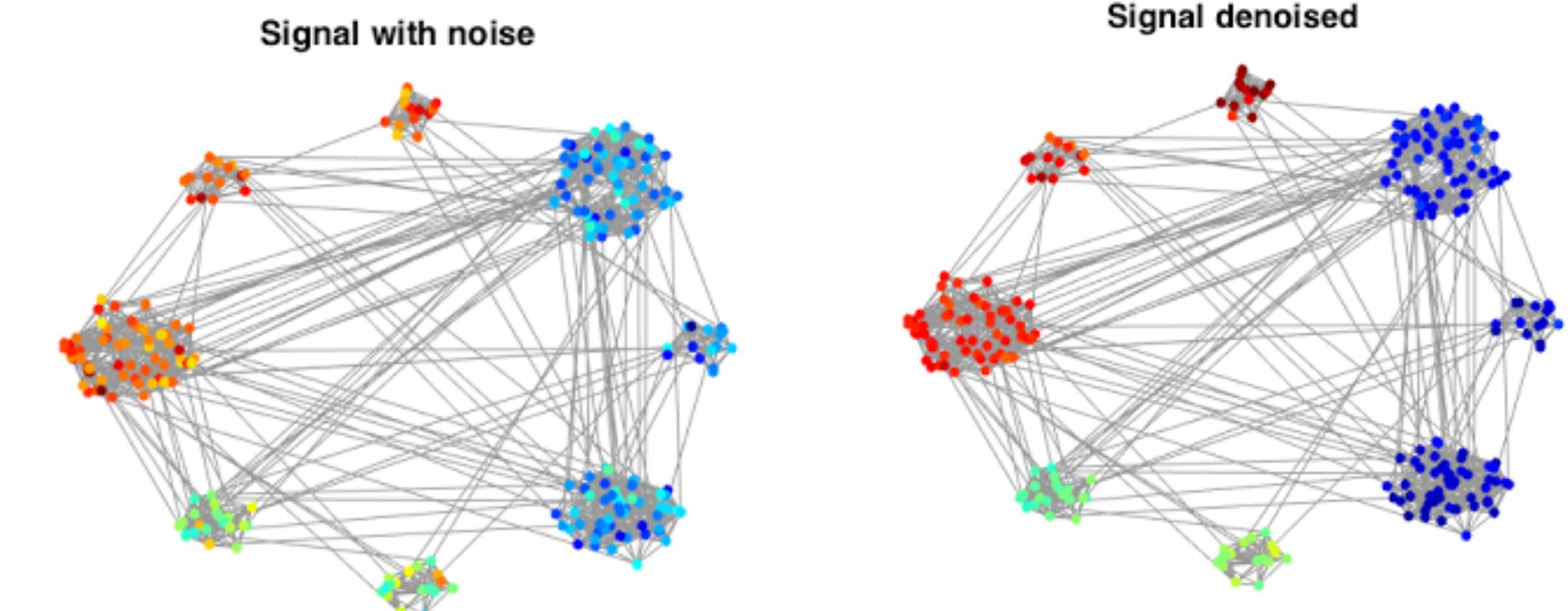
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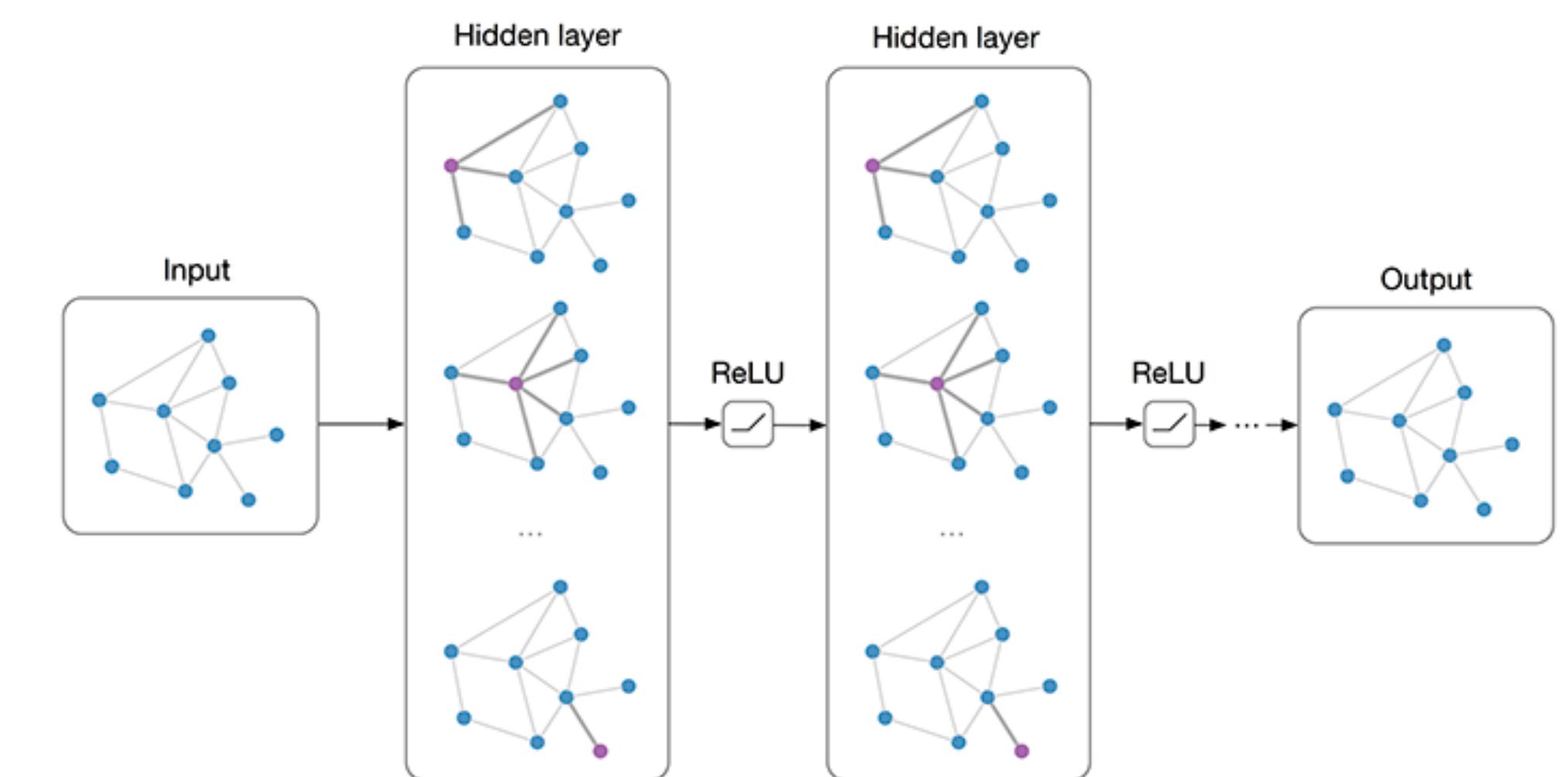
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Graph convolutional neural networks

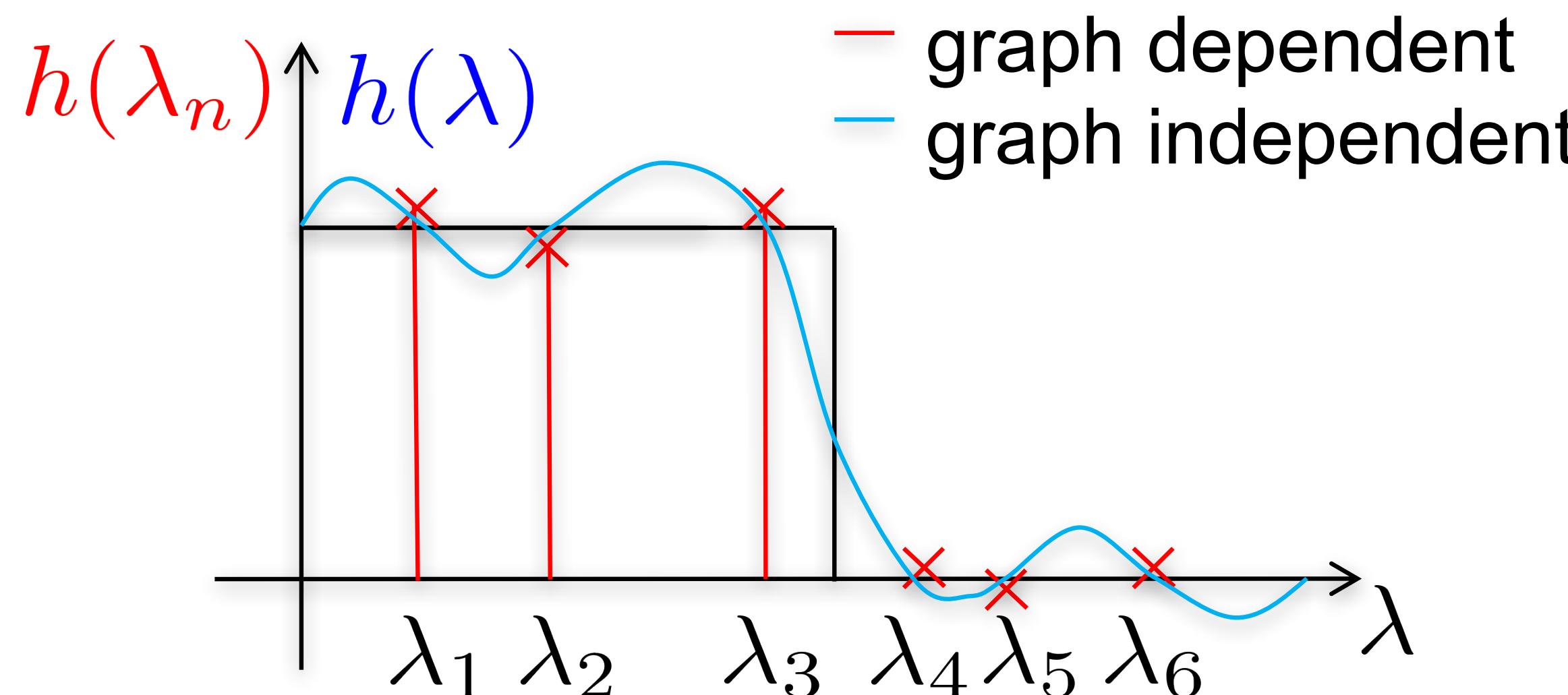
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Graph-dependent vs graph-independent (universal) filter design



[Shuman'11, DCOSS]  
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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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carries the notion of  
convolution

(shift-and-sum)

[graph convolution neural networks]

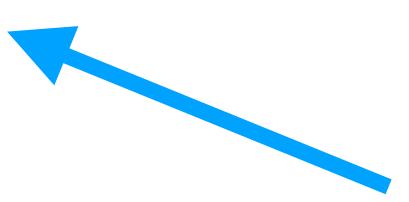
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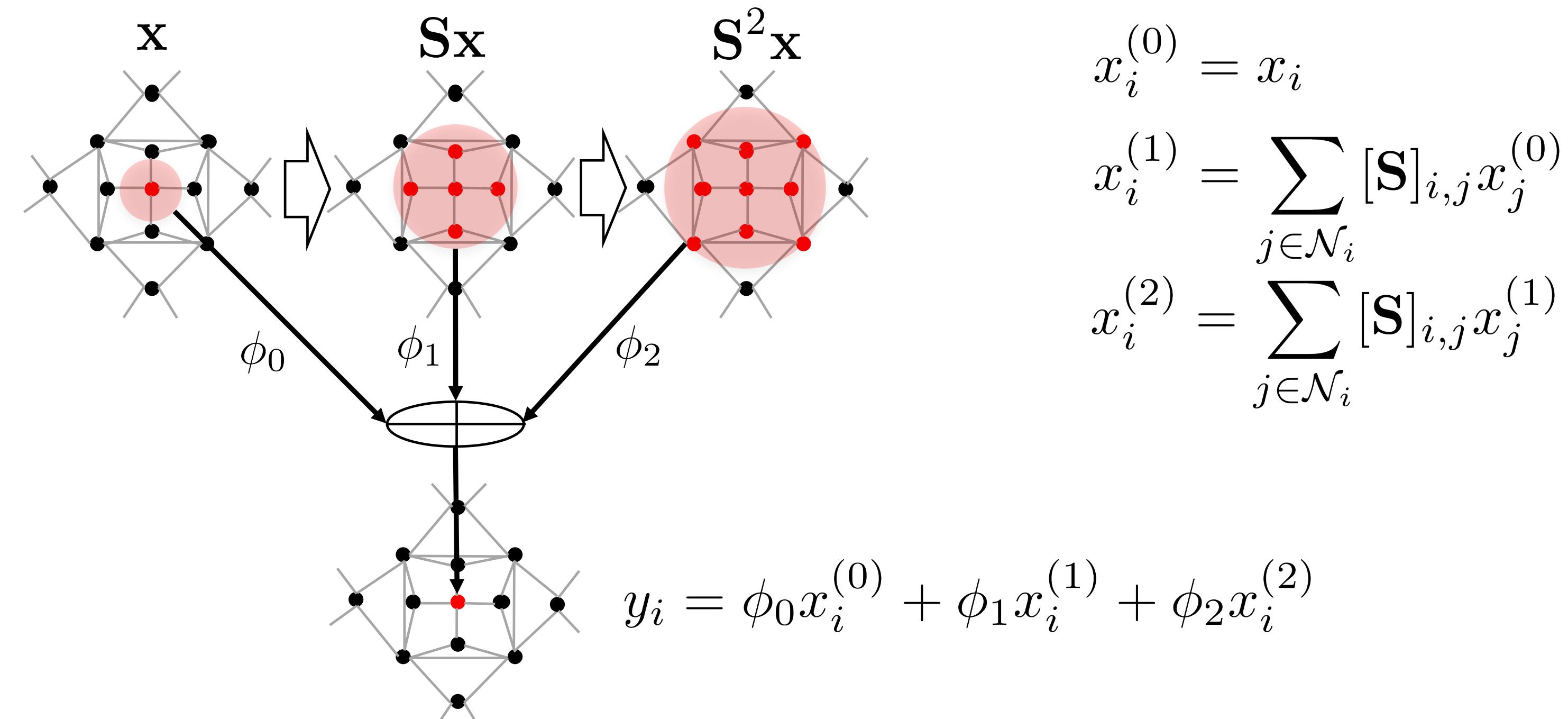


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**Example:**  $\mathbf{y} = \phi_0 \mathbf{x} + \phi_1 \mathbf{Sx} + \phi_2 \mathbf{S}^2 \mathbf{x}$



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

- 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 😞

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○ Least squares [Sandryhaila'13, TSP]

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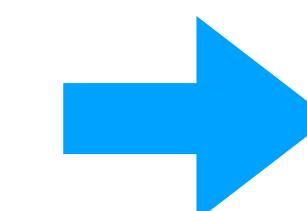
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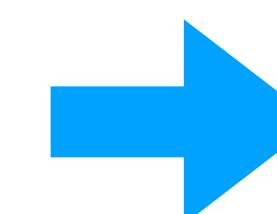
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alternative data-driven  
design

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



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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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- 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 😞
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- **Autoregressive part:**
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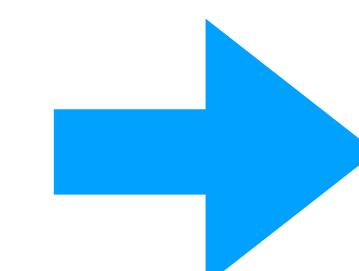
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○ Prony's method



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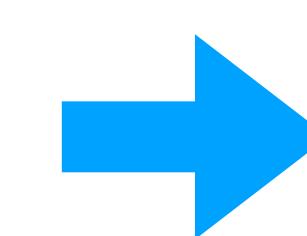
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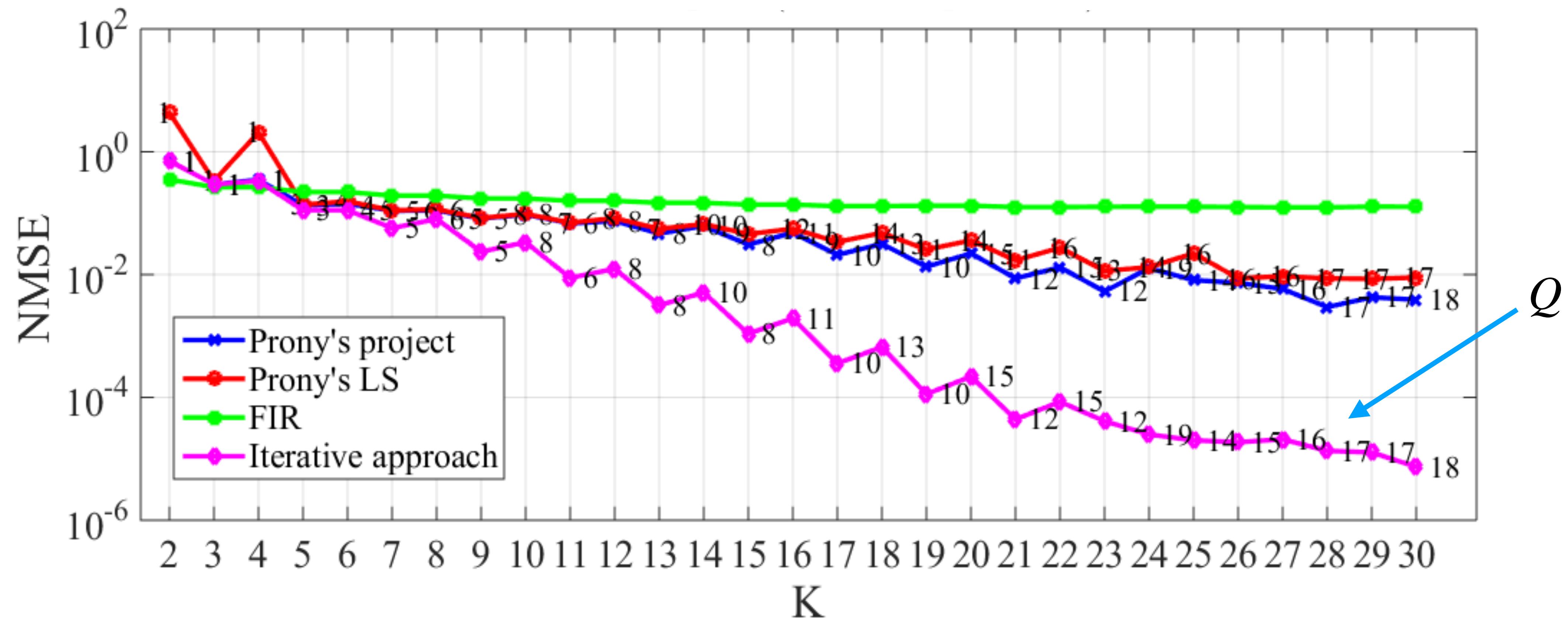
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# ARMA design results

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]



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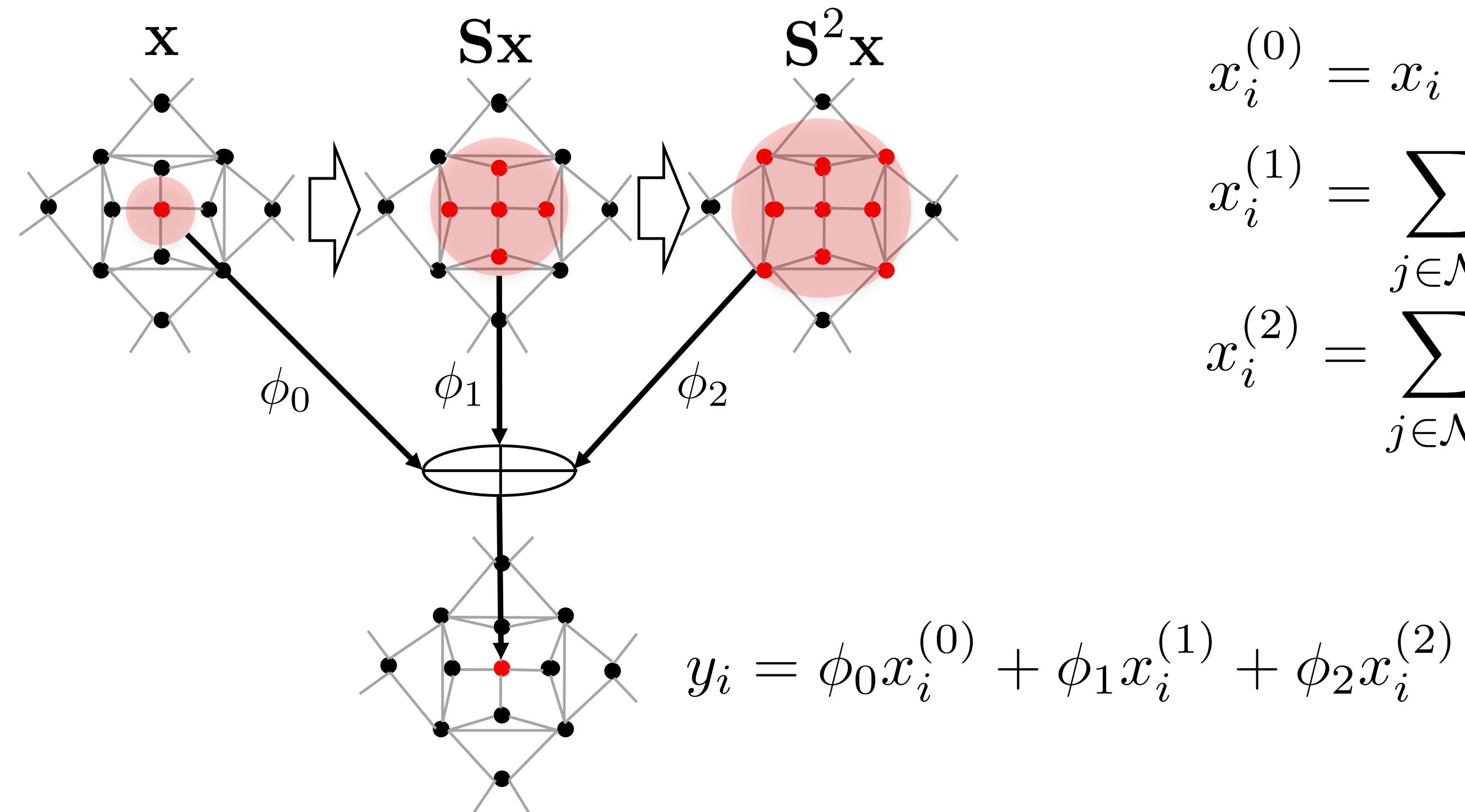
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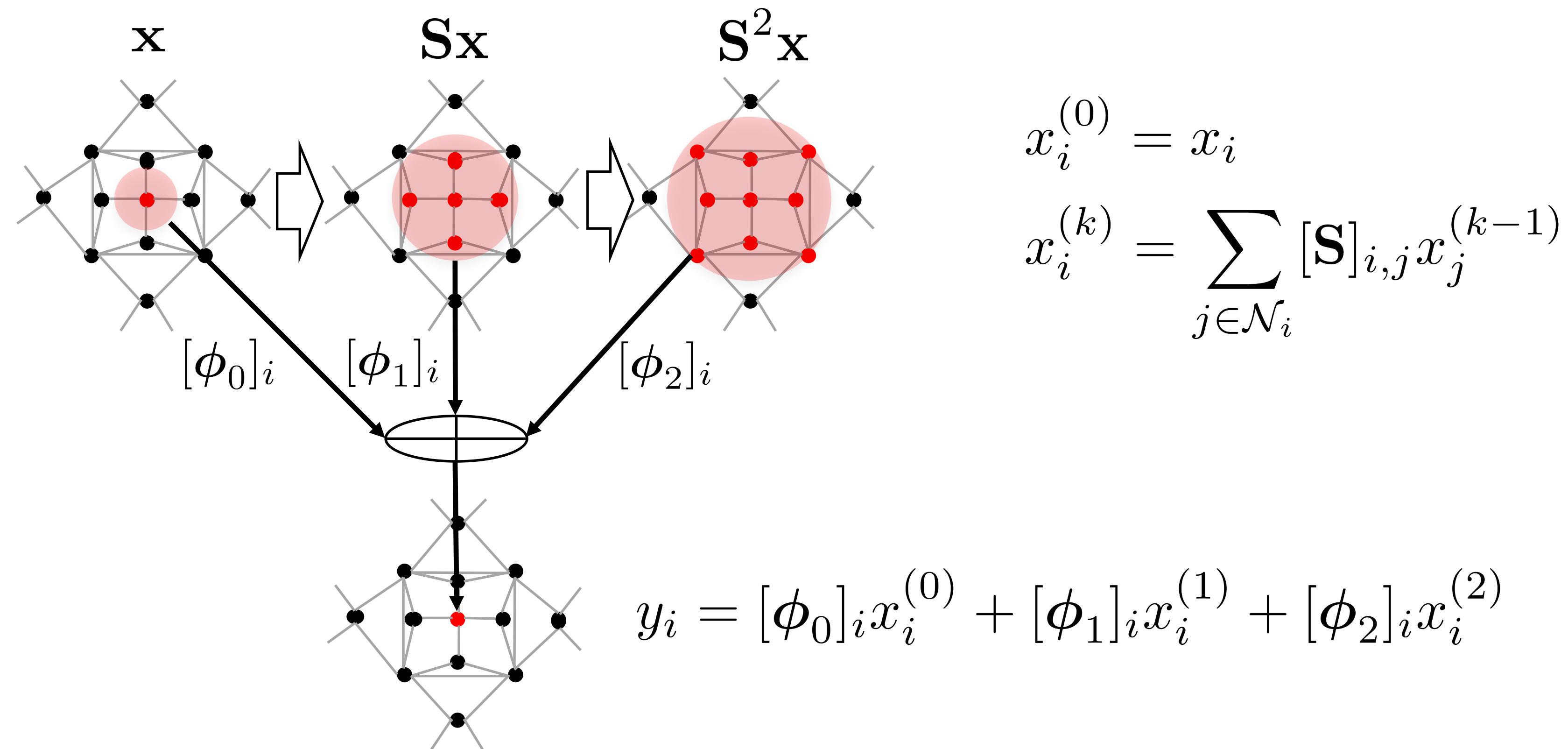
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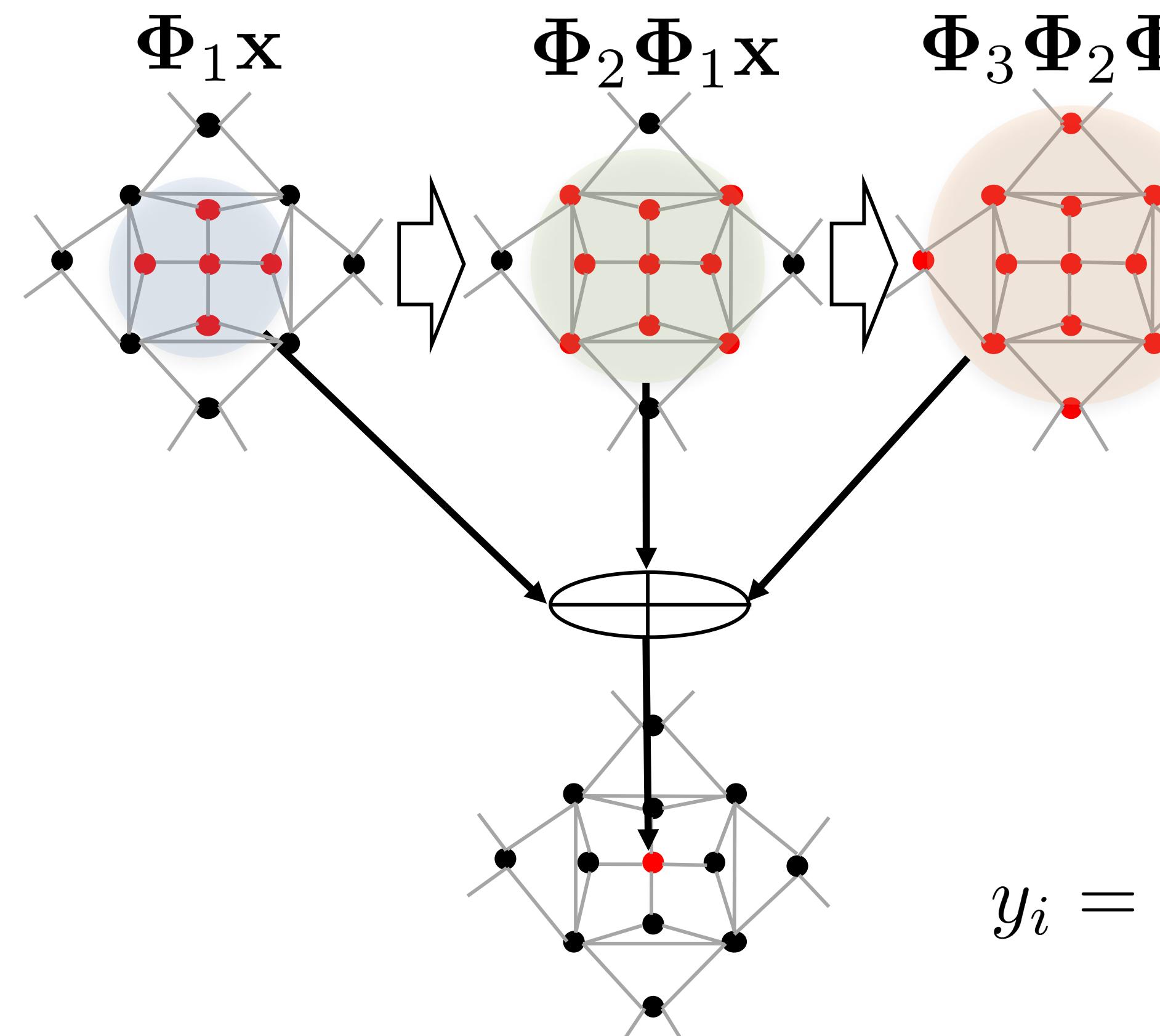
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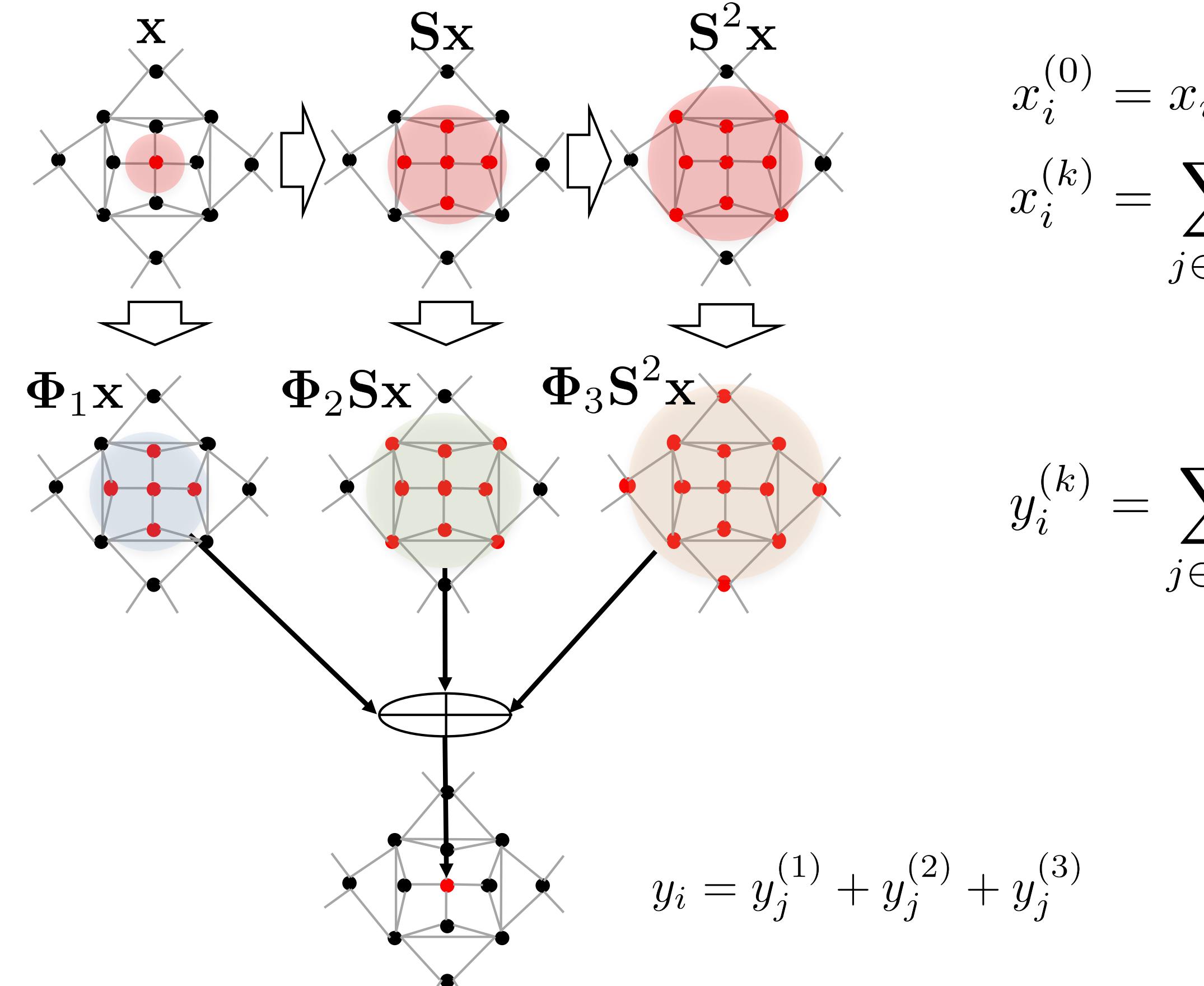
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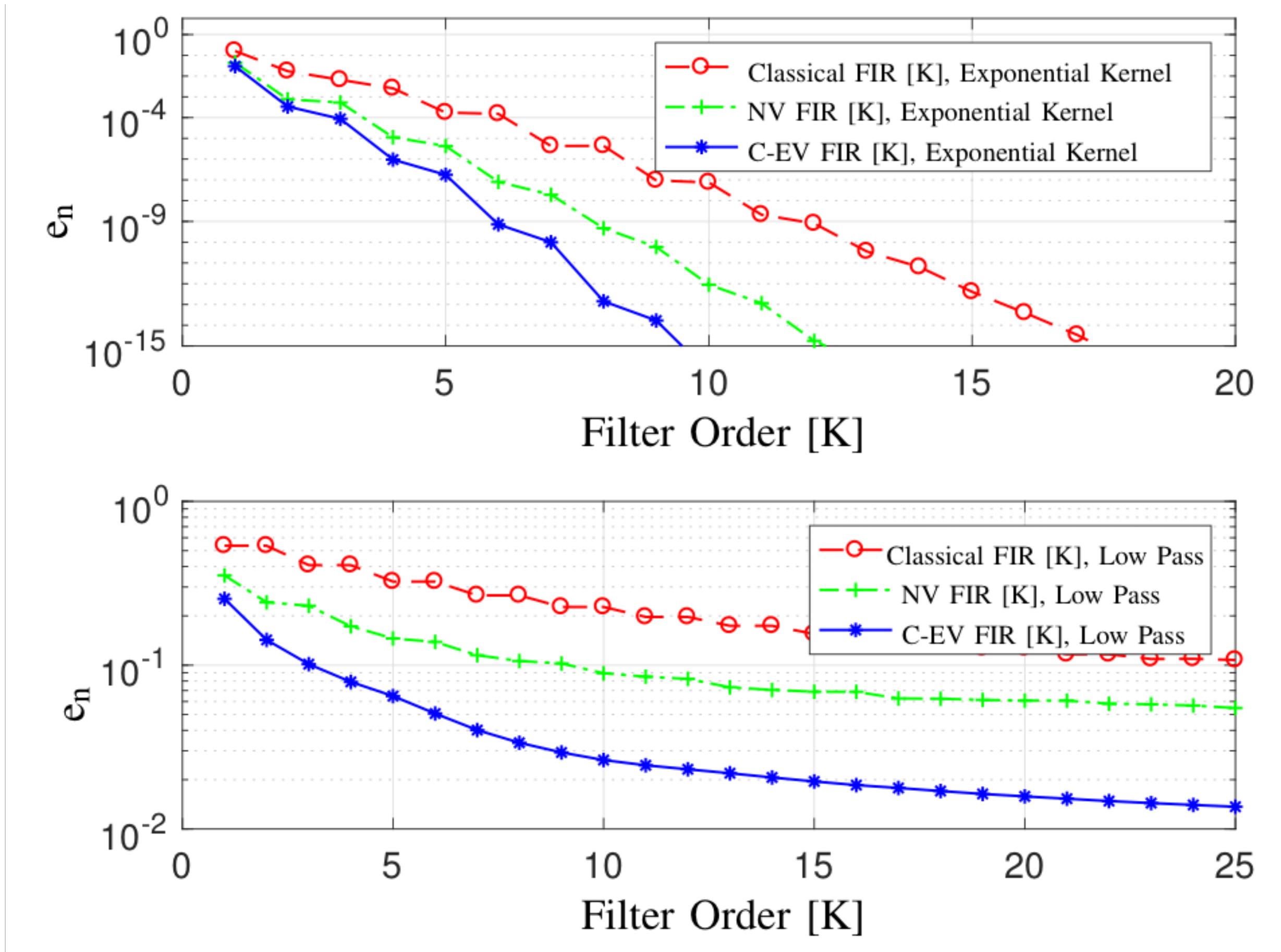
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$$\tilde{h}(\lambda) = e^{-3(\lambda-0.75)^2}$$

Ideal low-pass filter

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# graph filters for distributed

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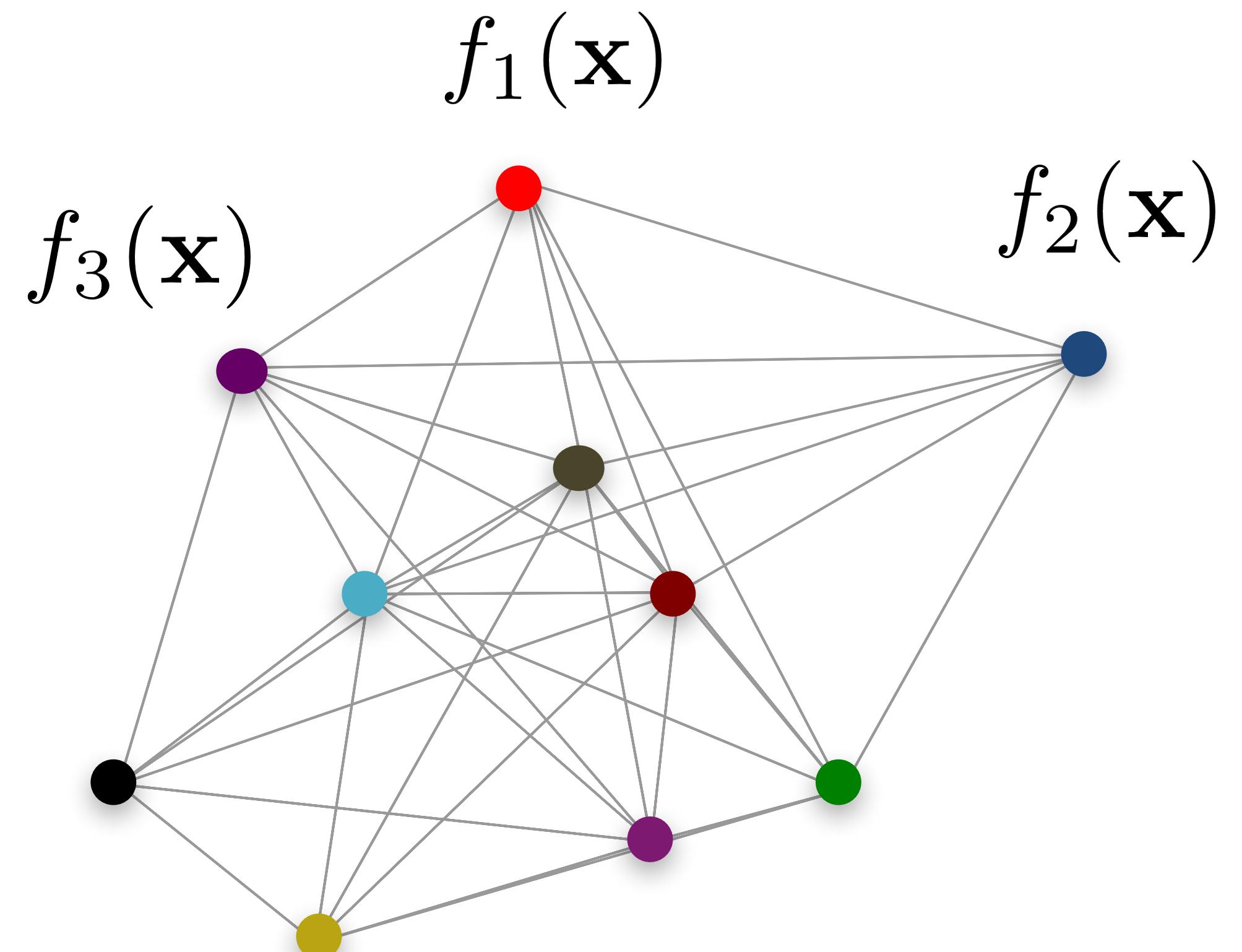
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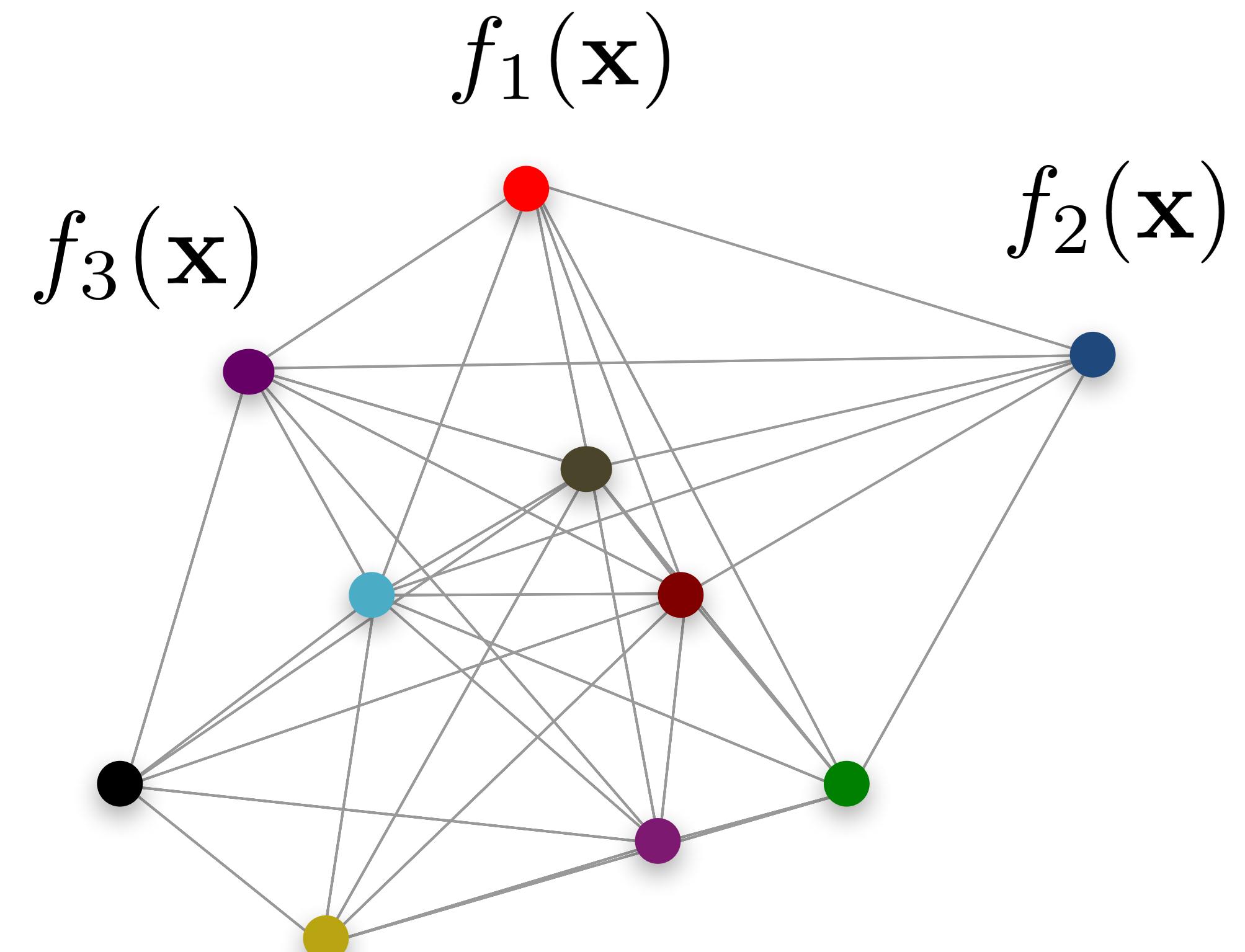
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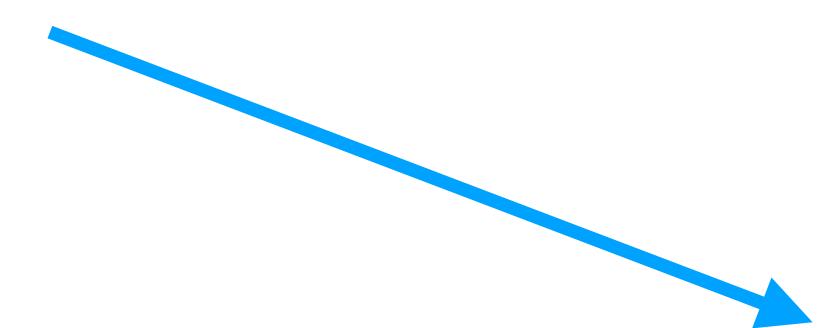
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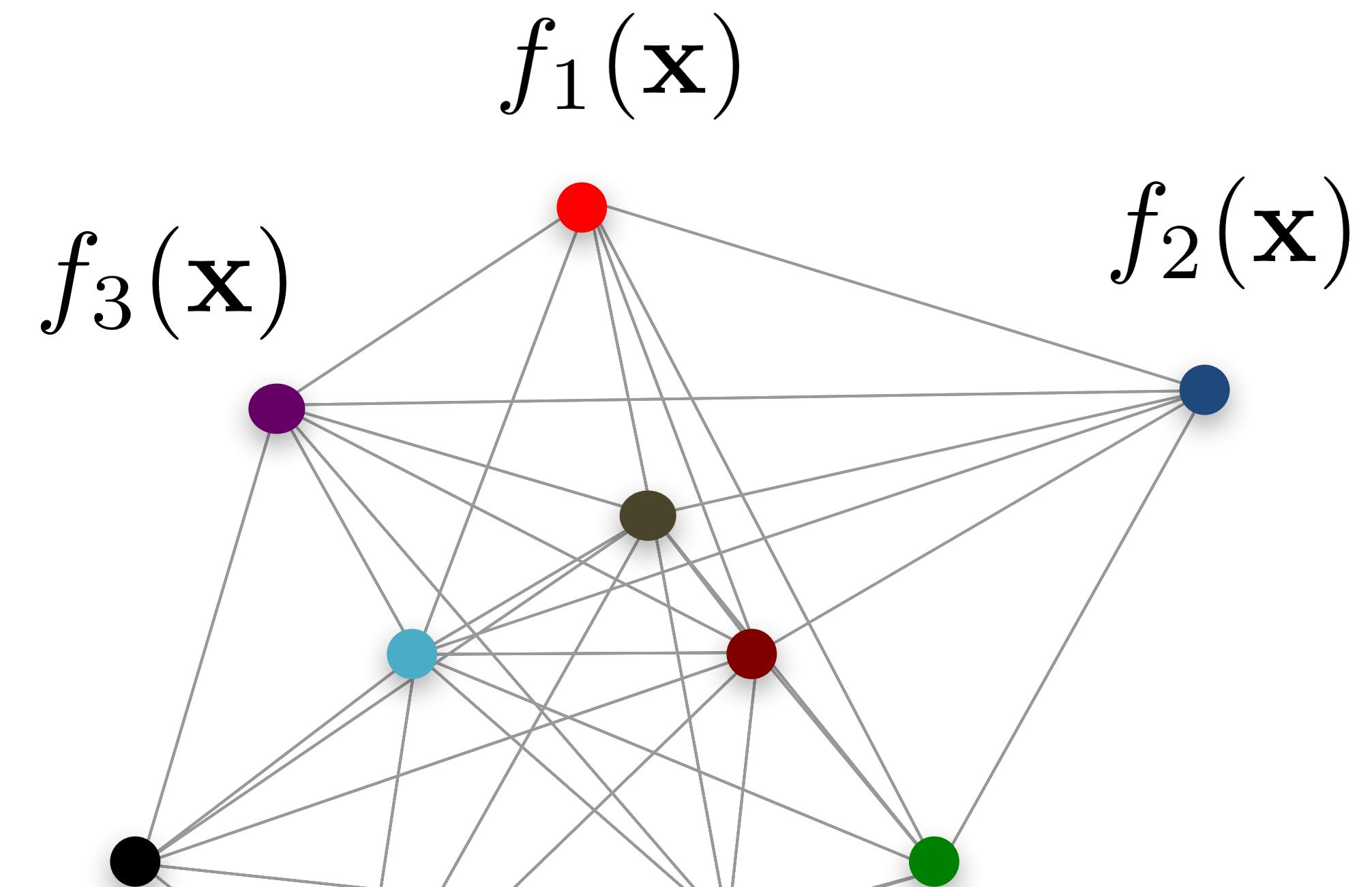
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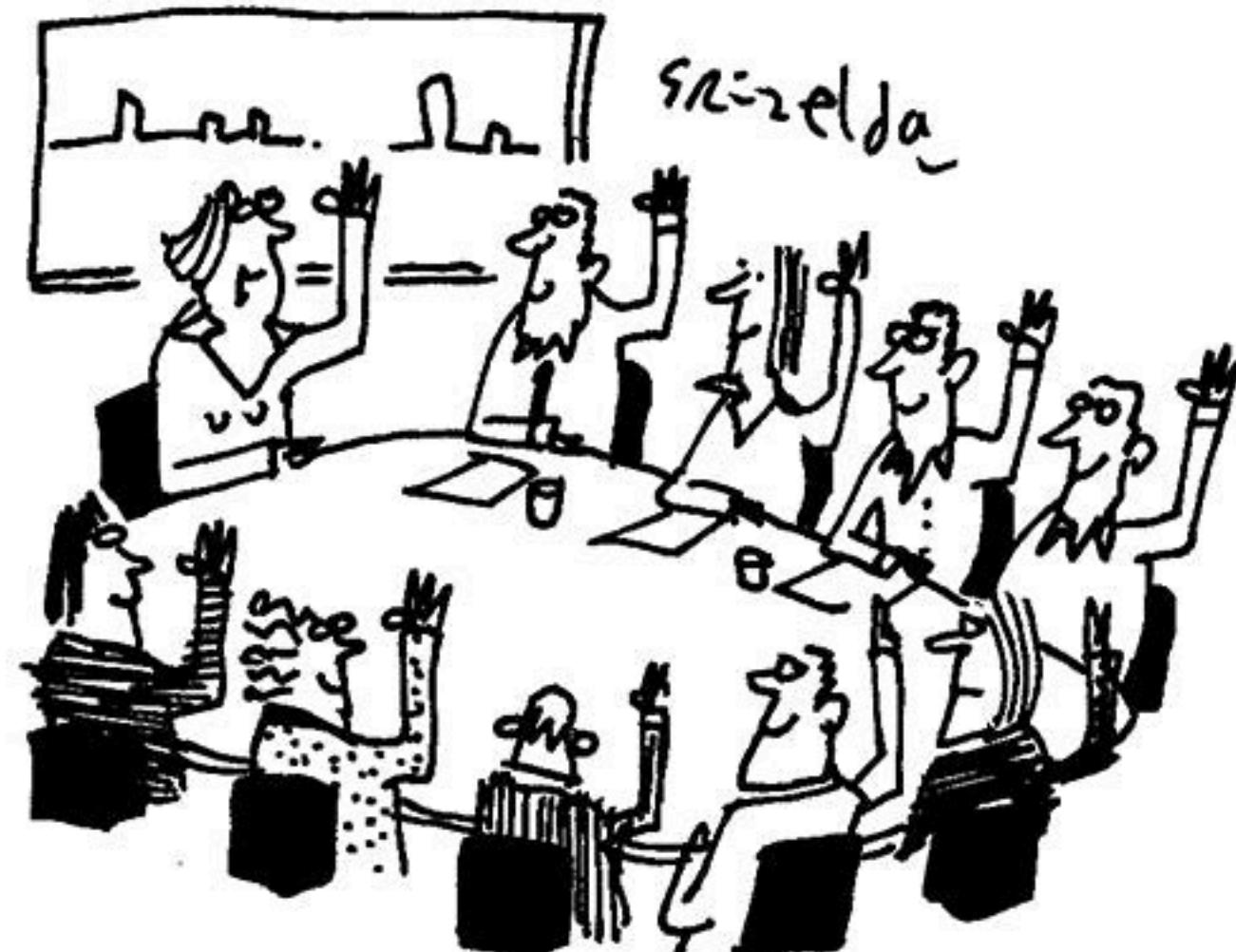
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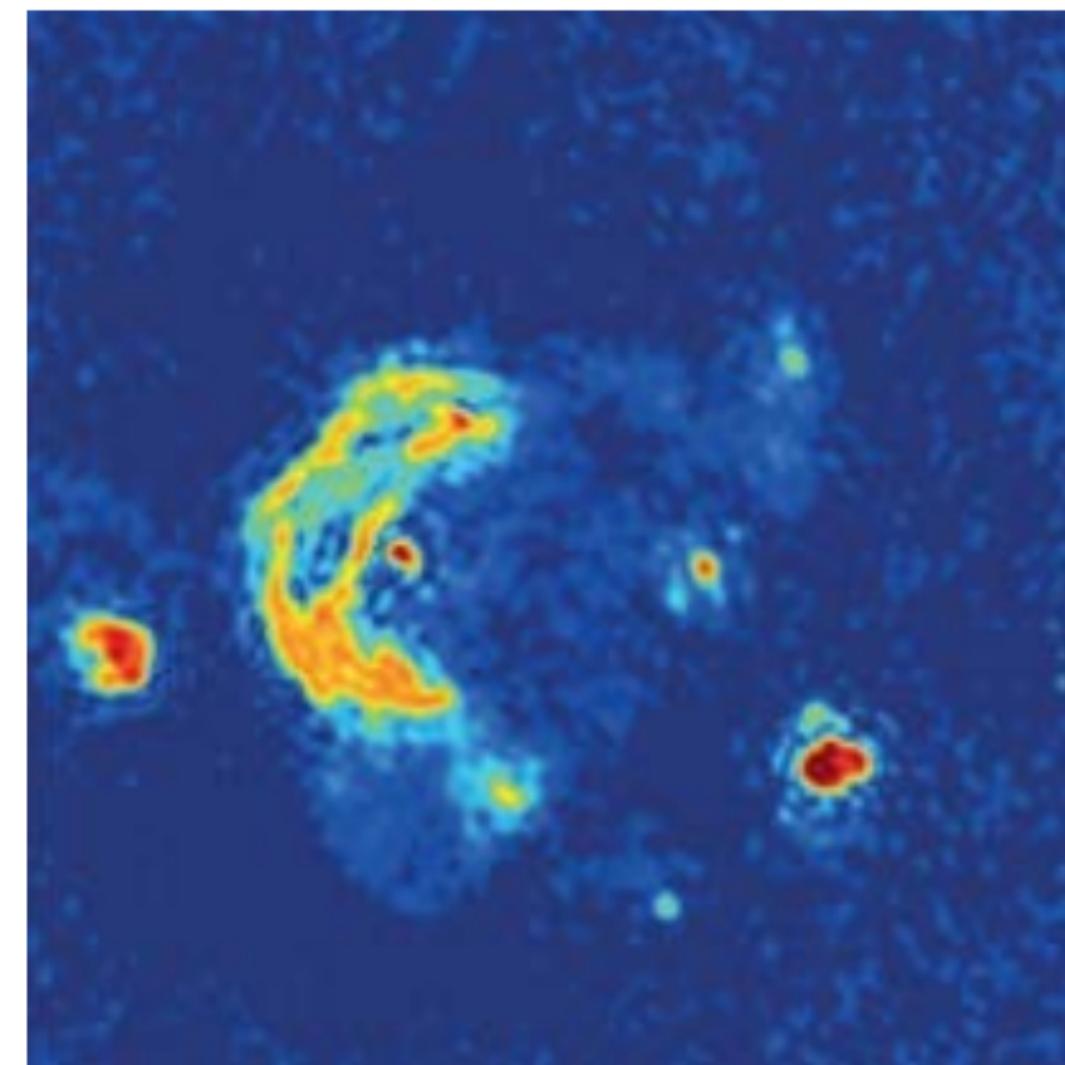
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[Naghizadeh, '19]



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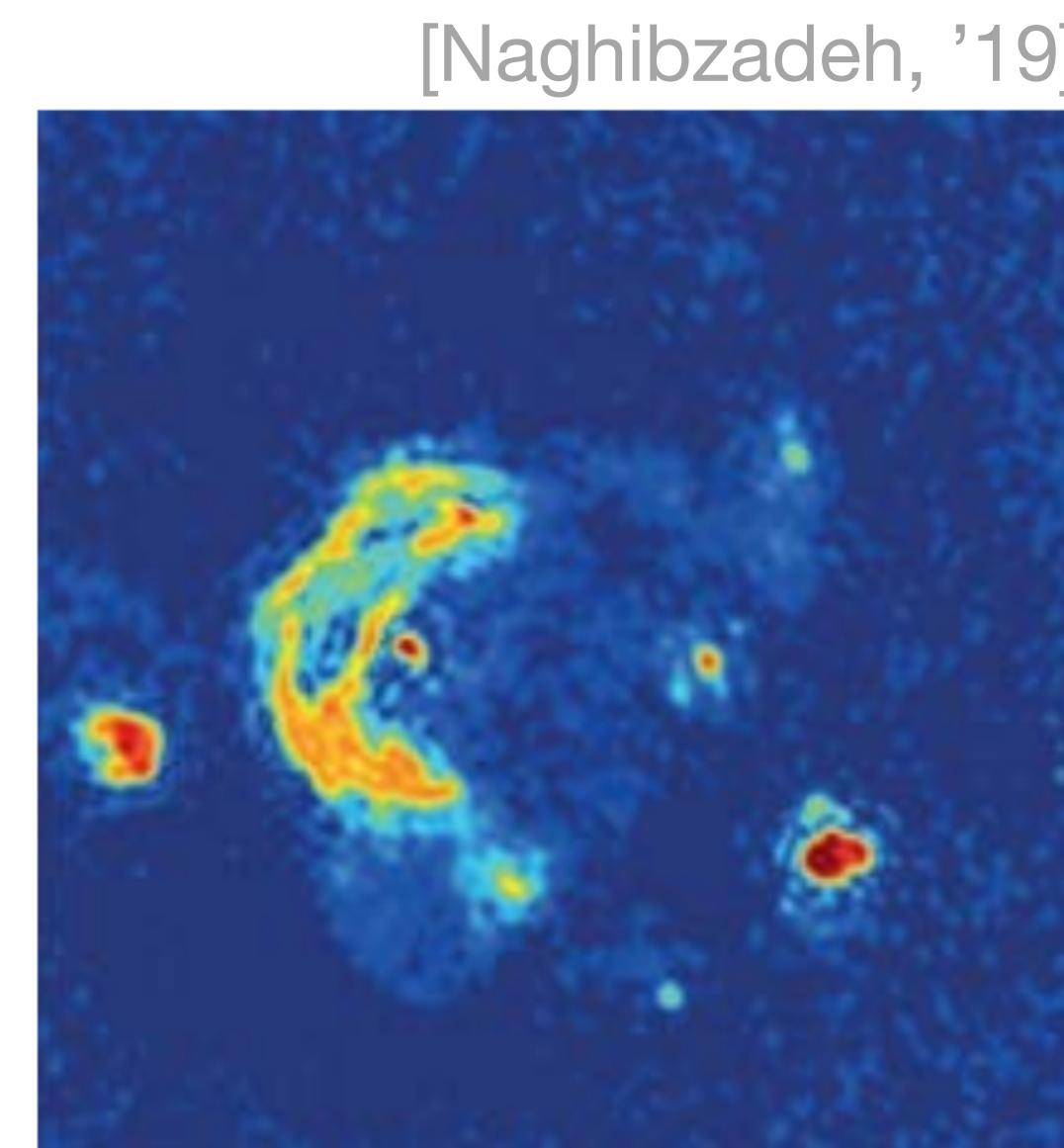
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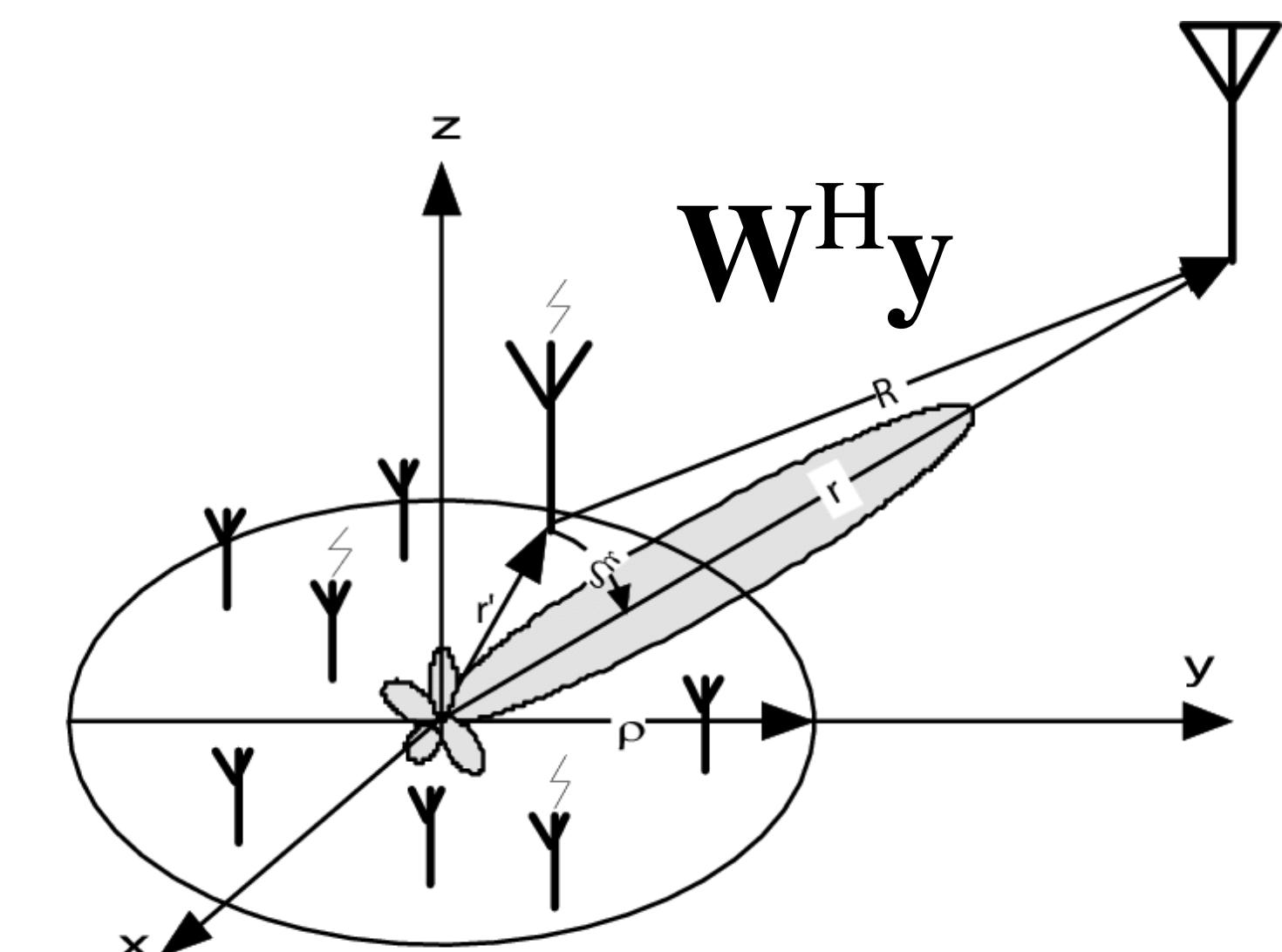
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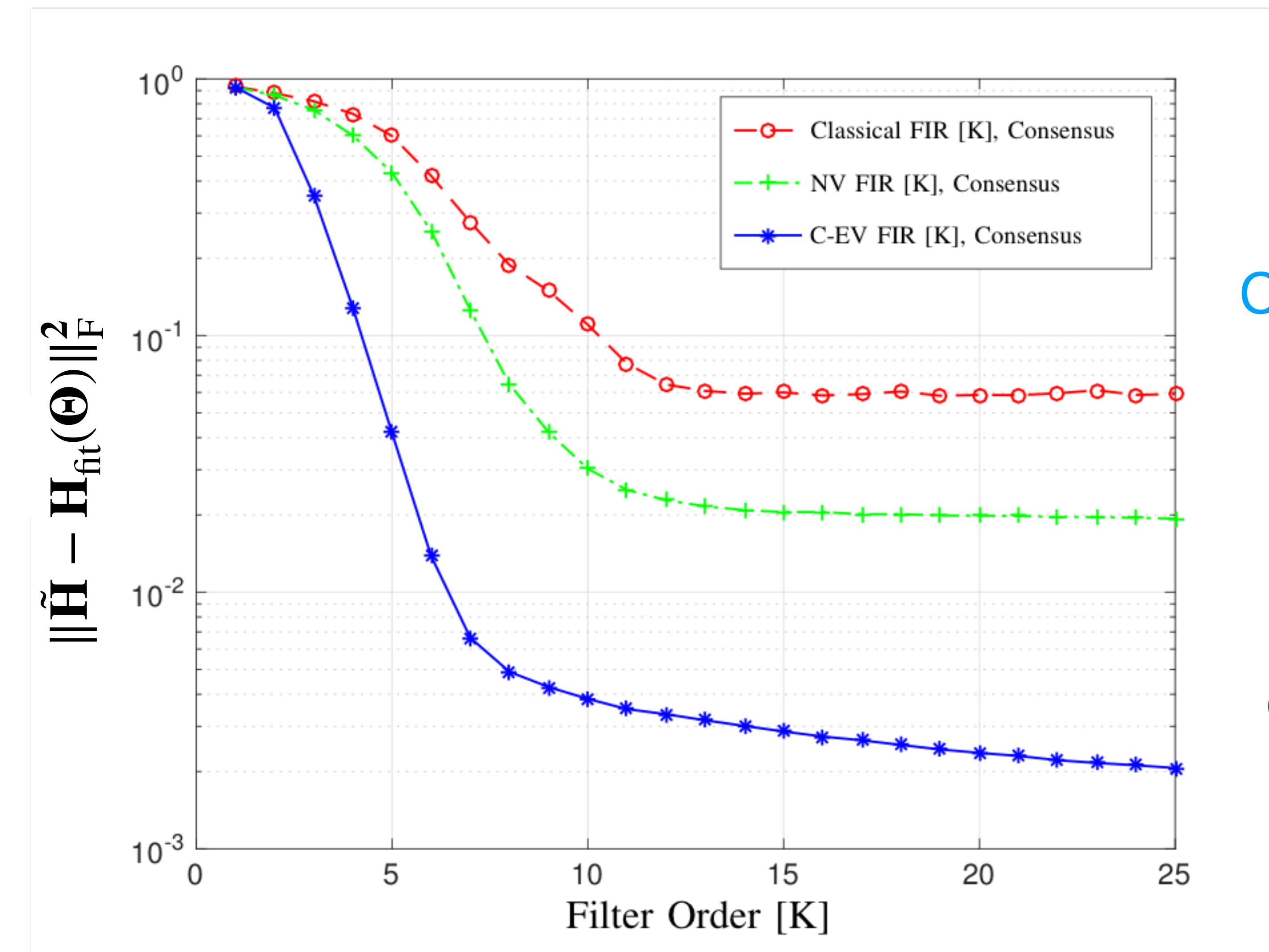
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  - ◆ The nodes themselves carry out the filter design which requires knowledge of the global operator and the total graph

# Some applications

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Consensus matrix

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

$$N = 256$$

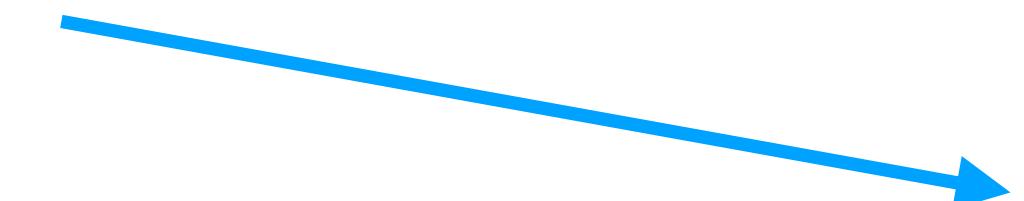
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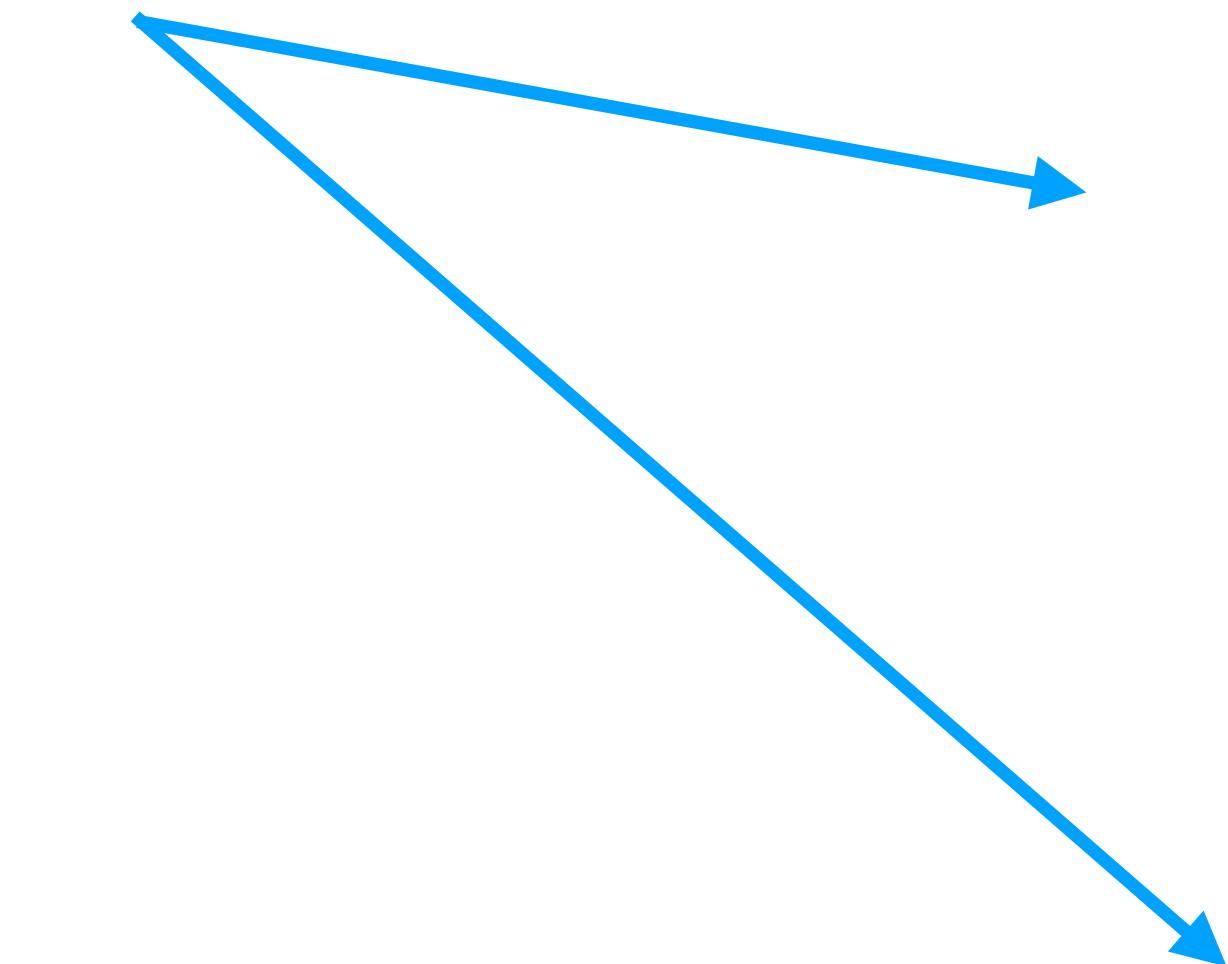


Distributed optimization approach

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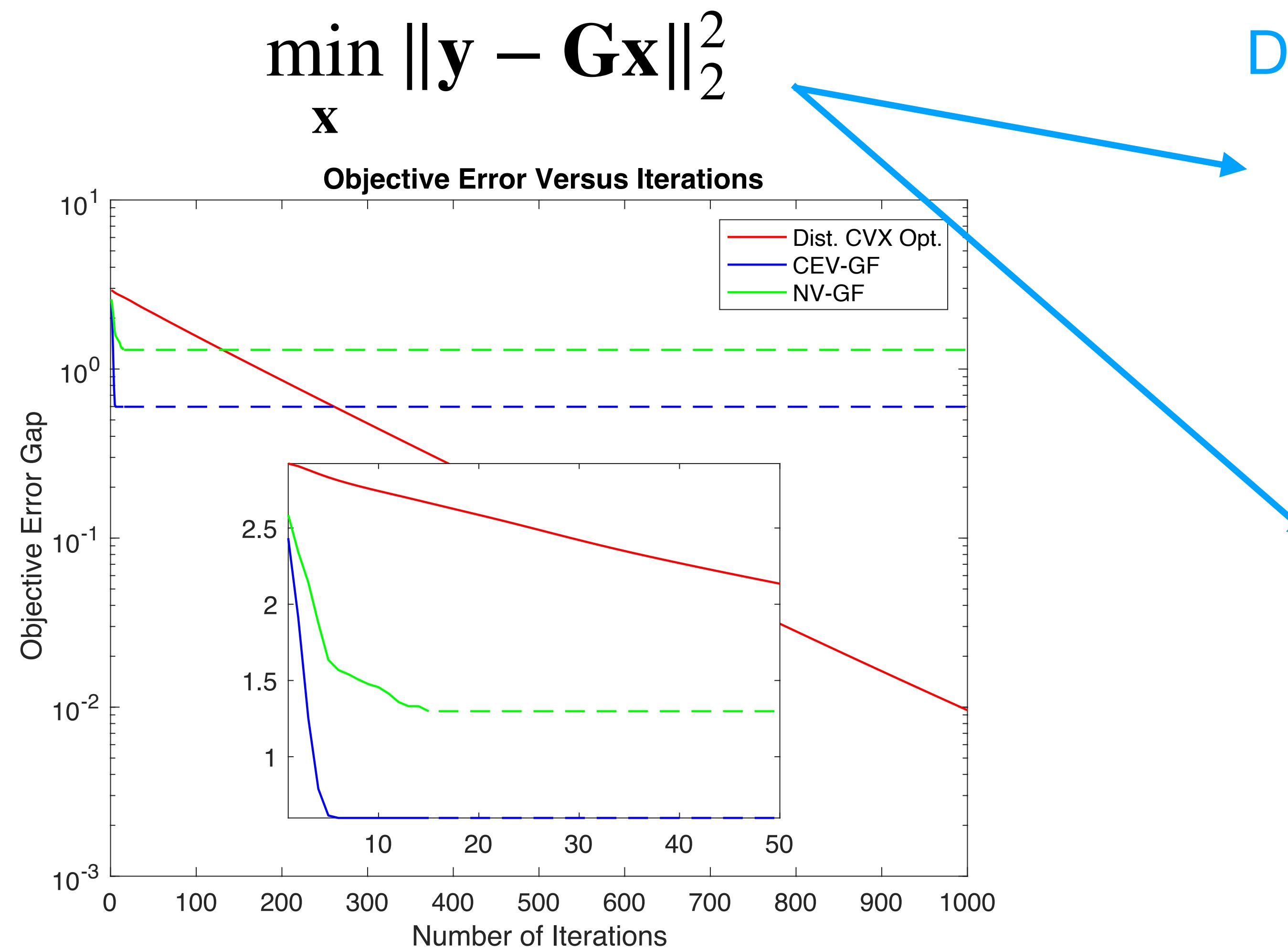
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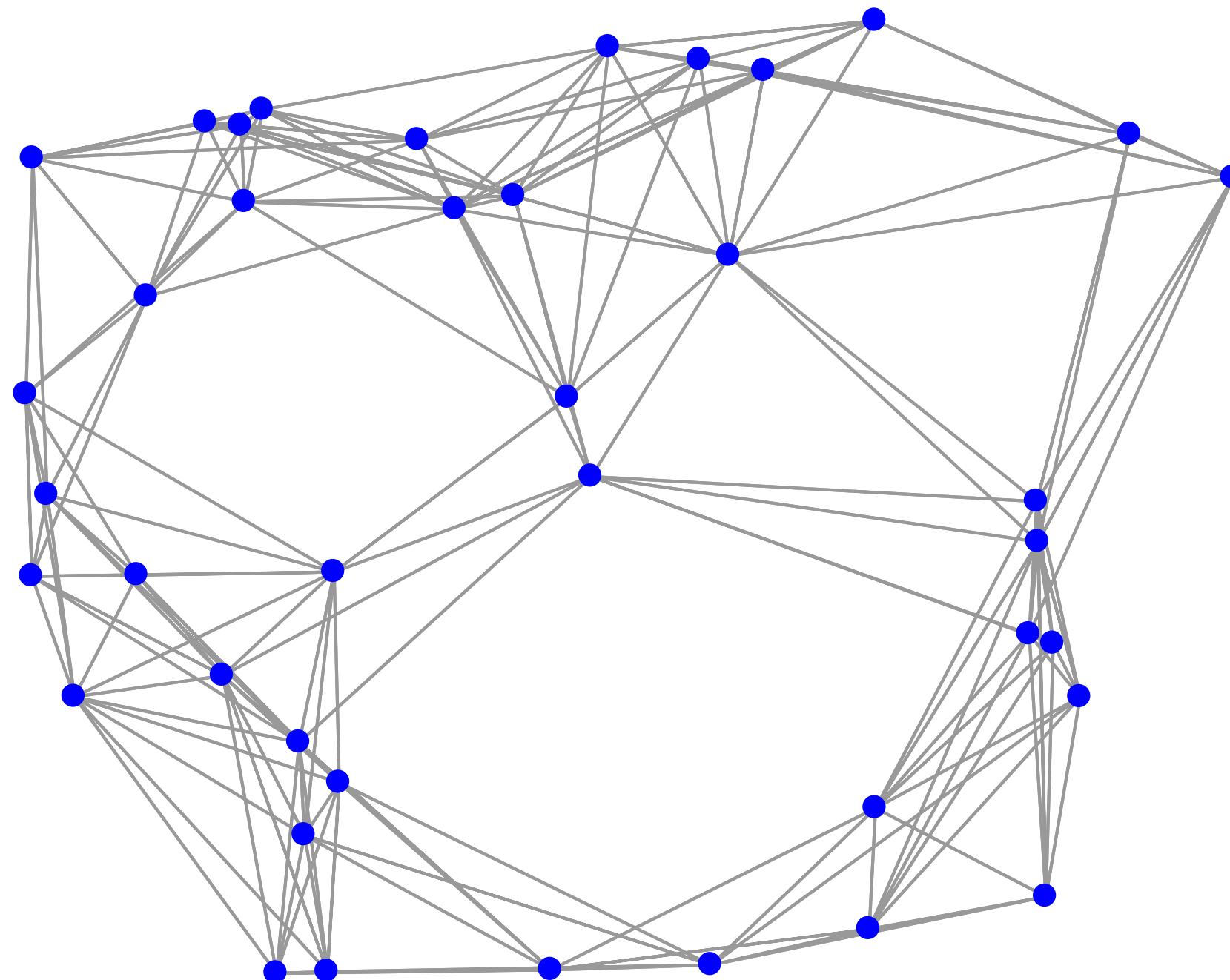
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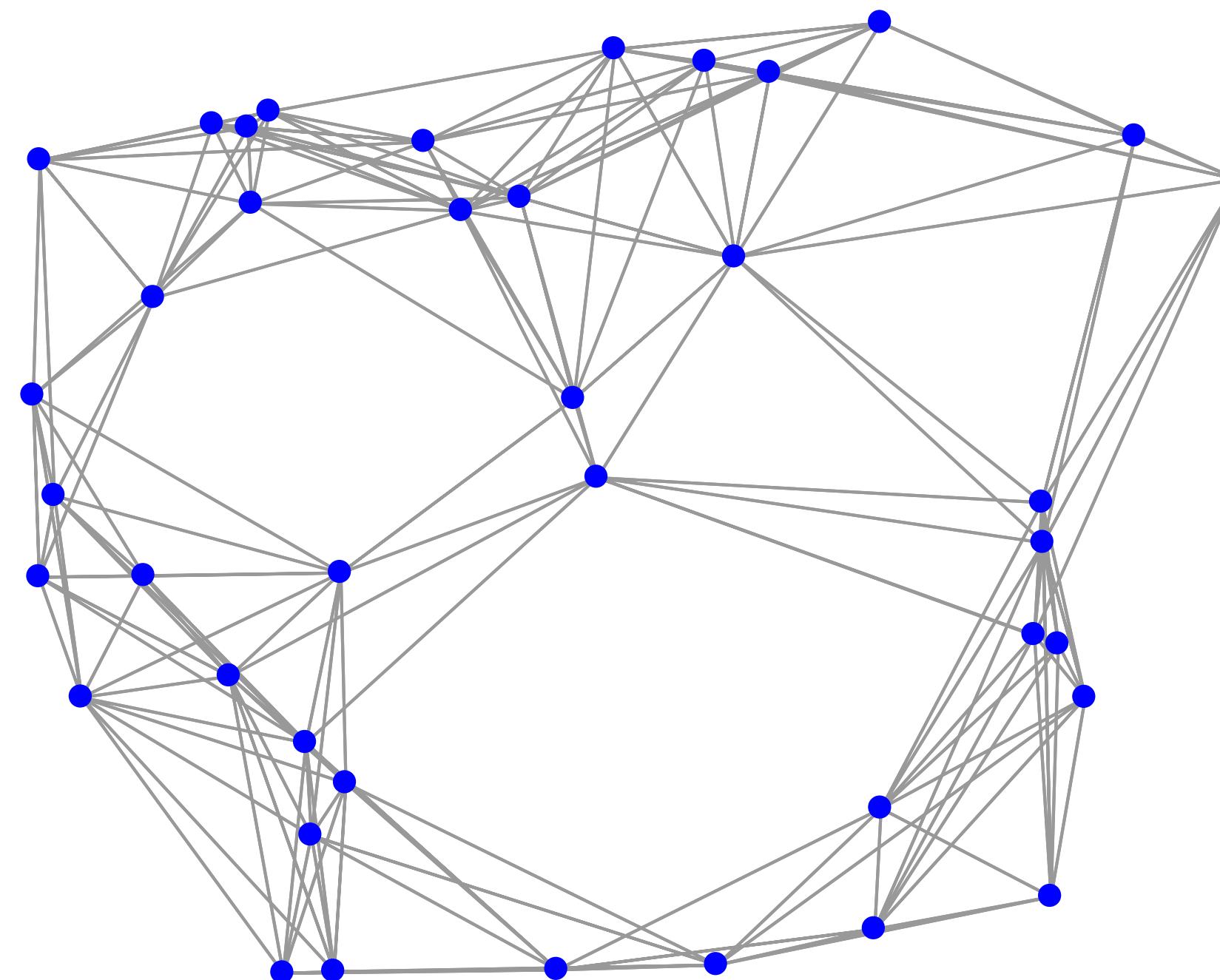


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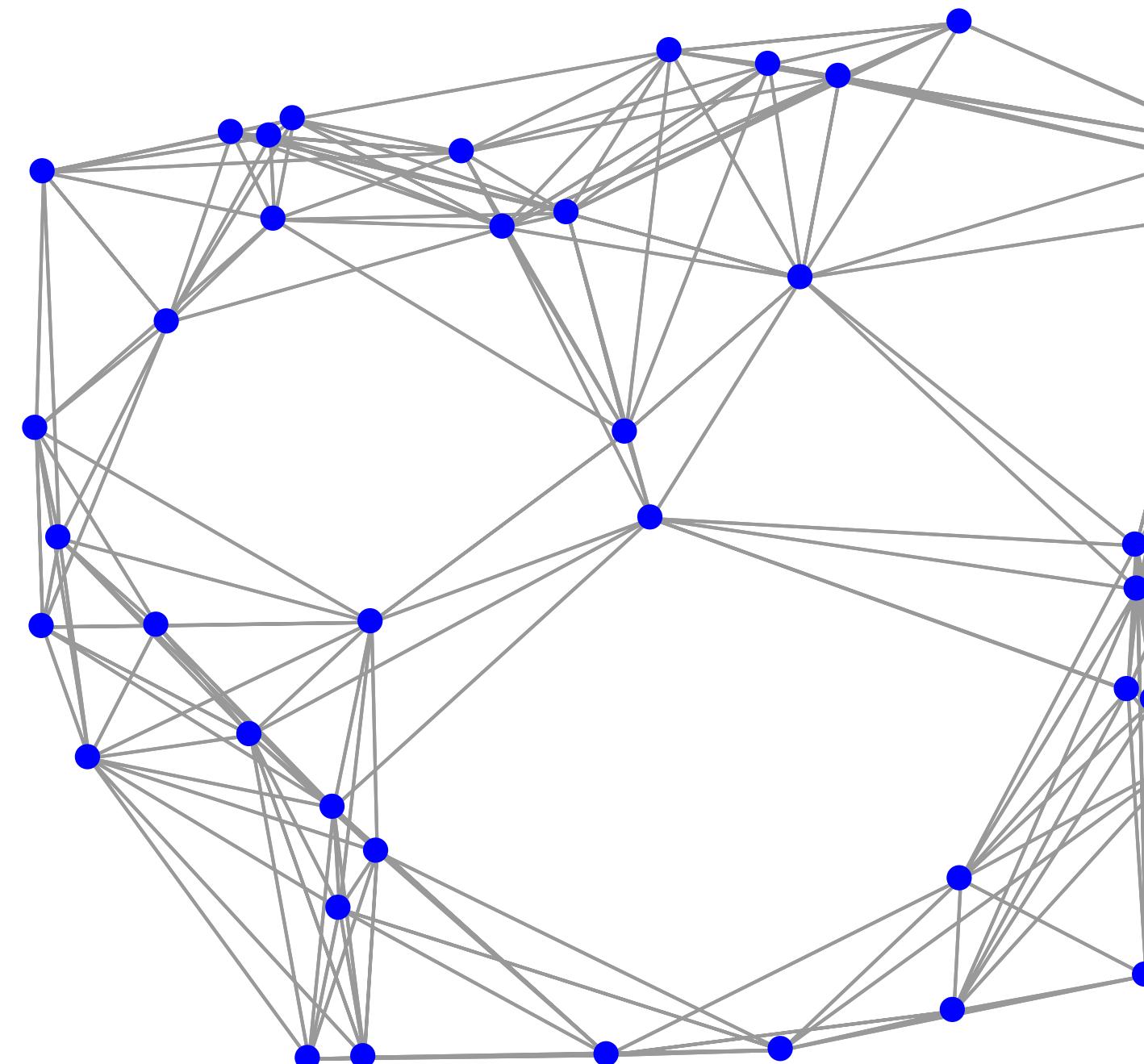
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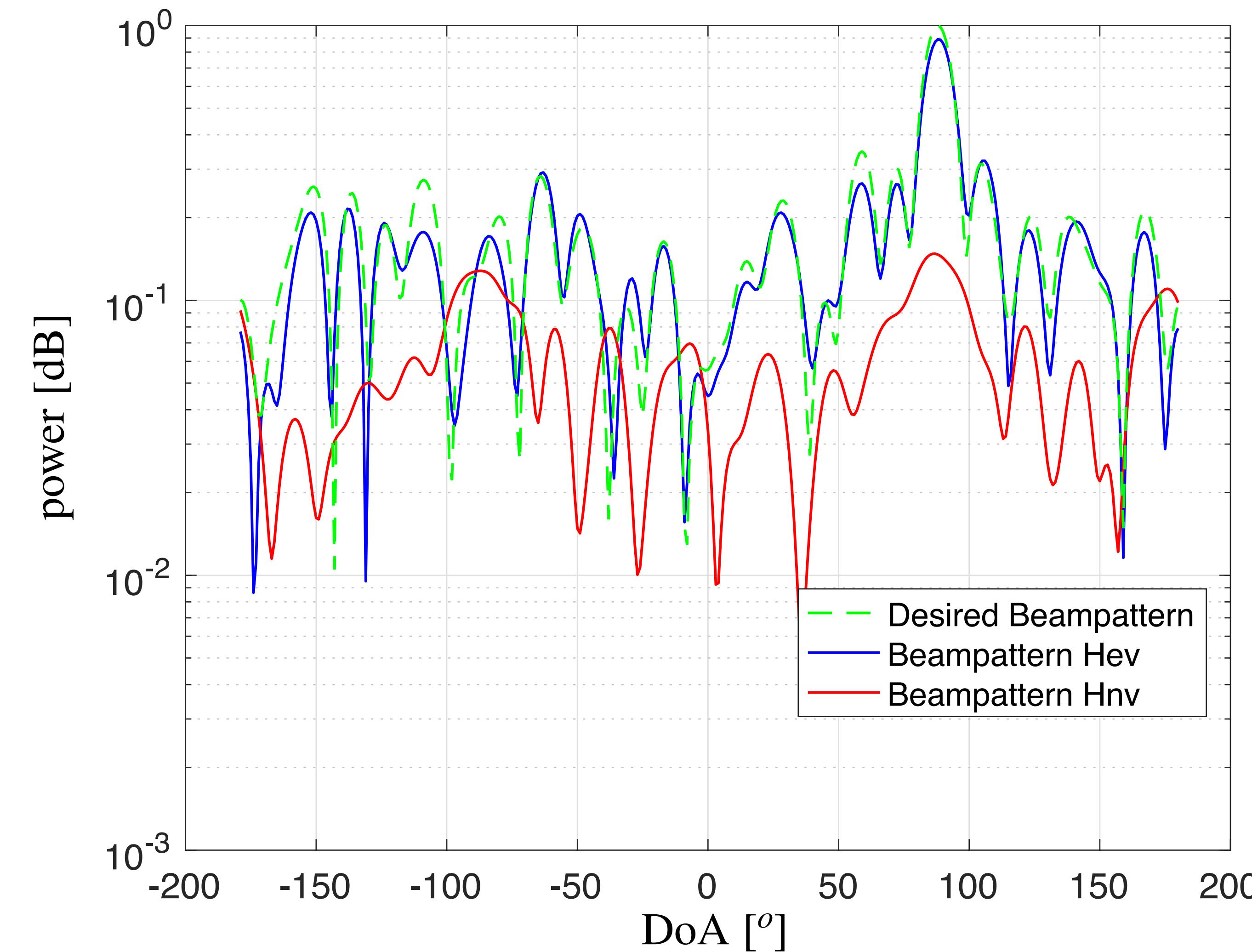
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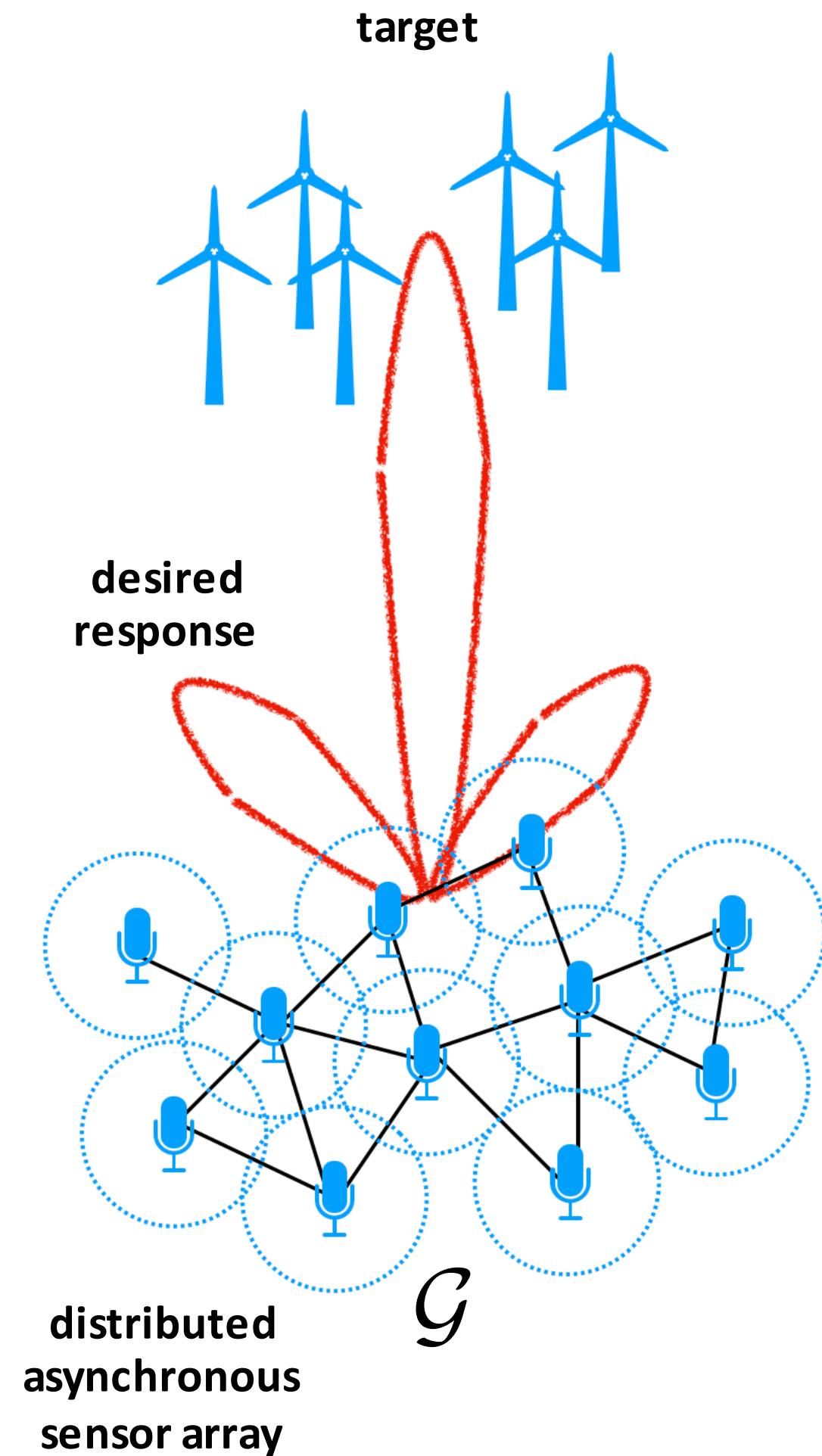
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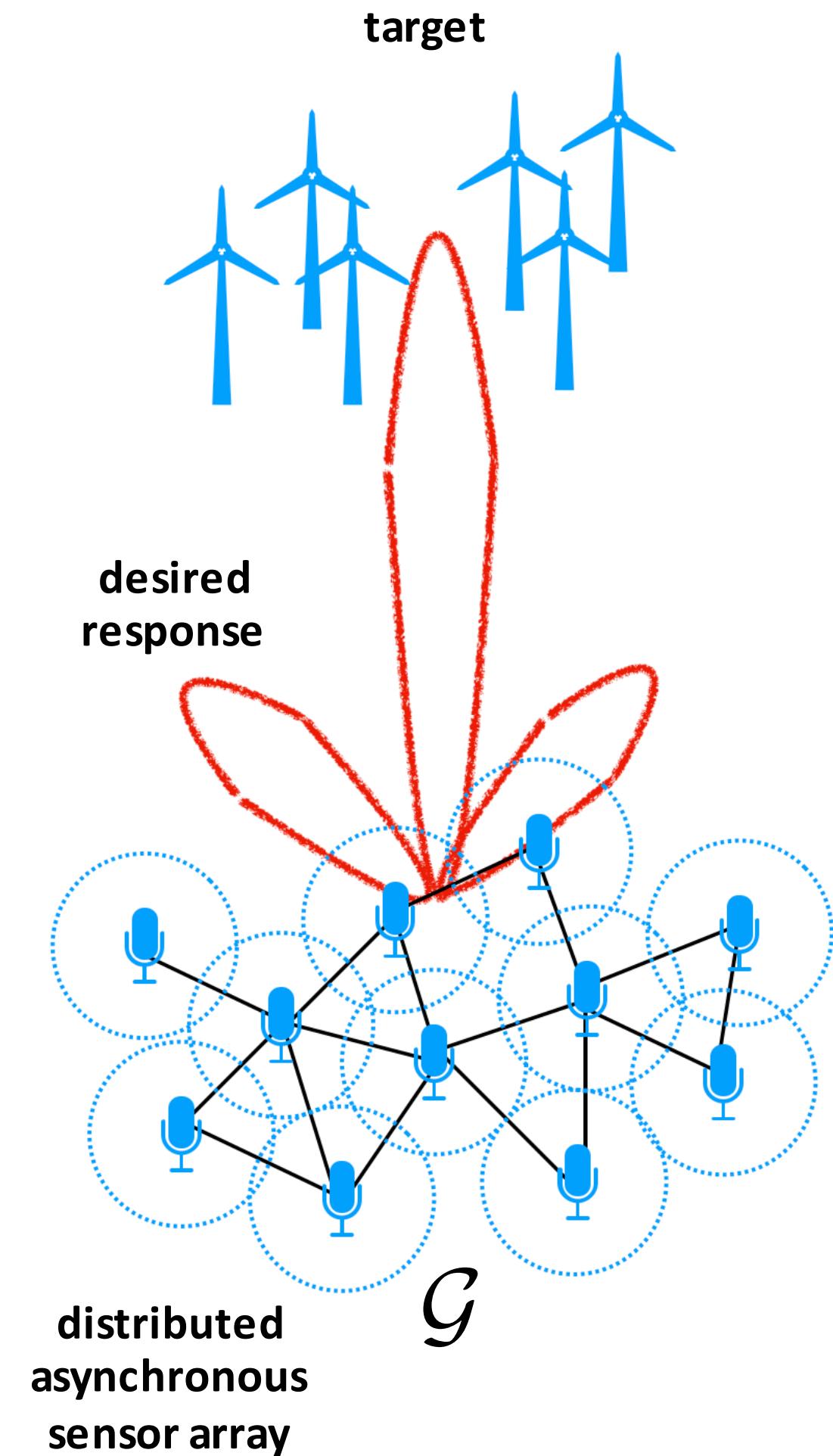
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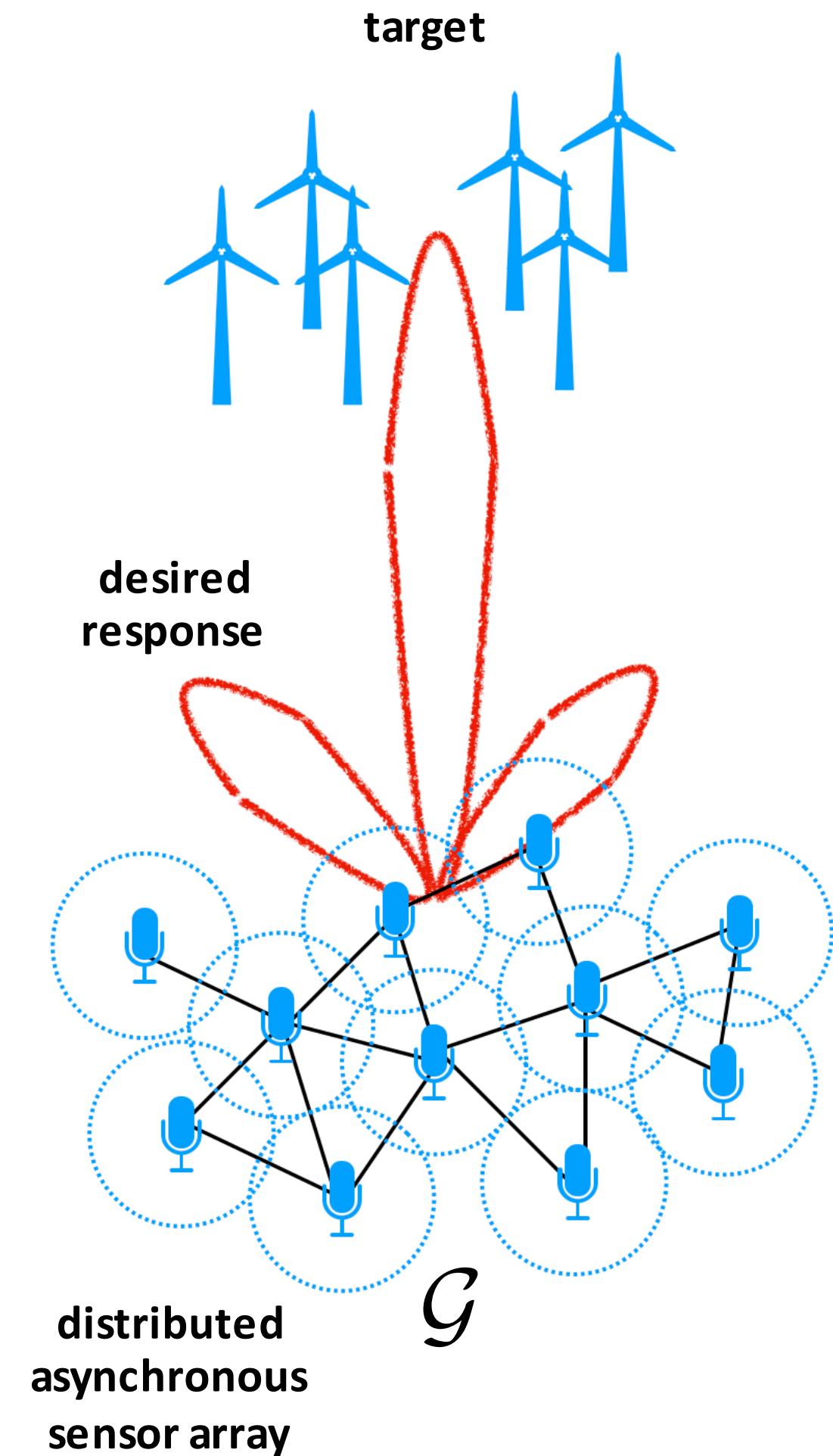
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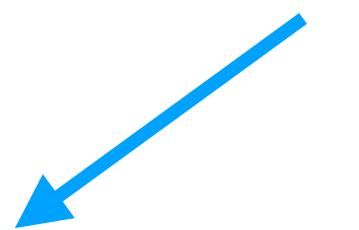
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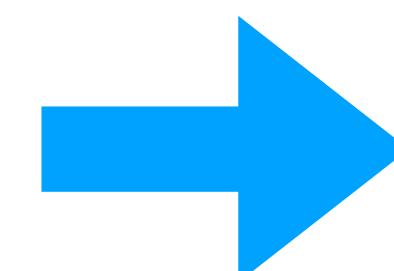
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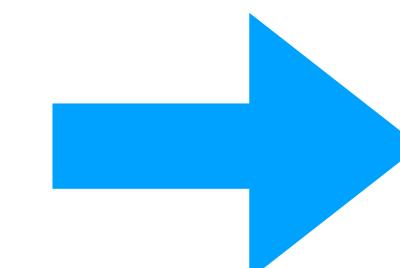
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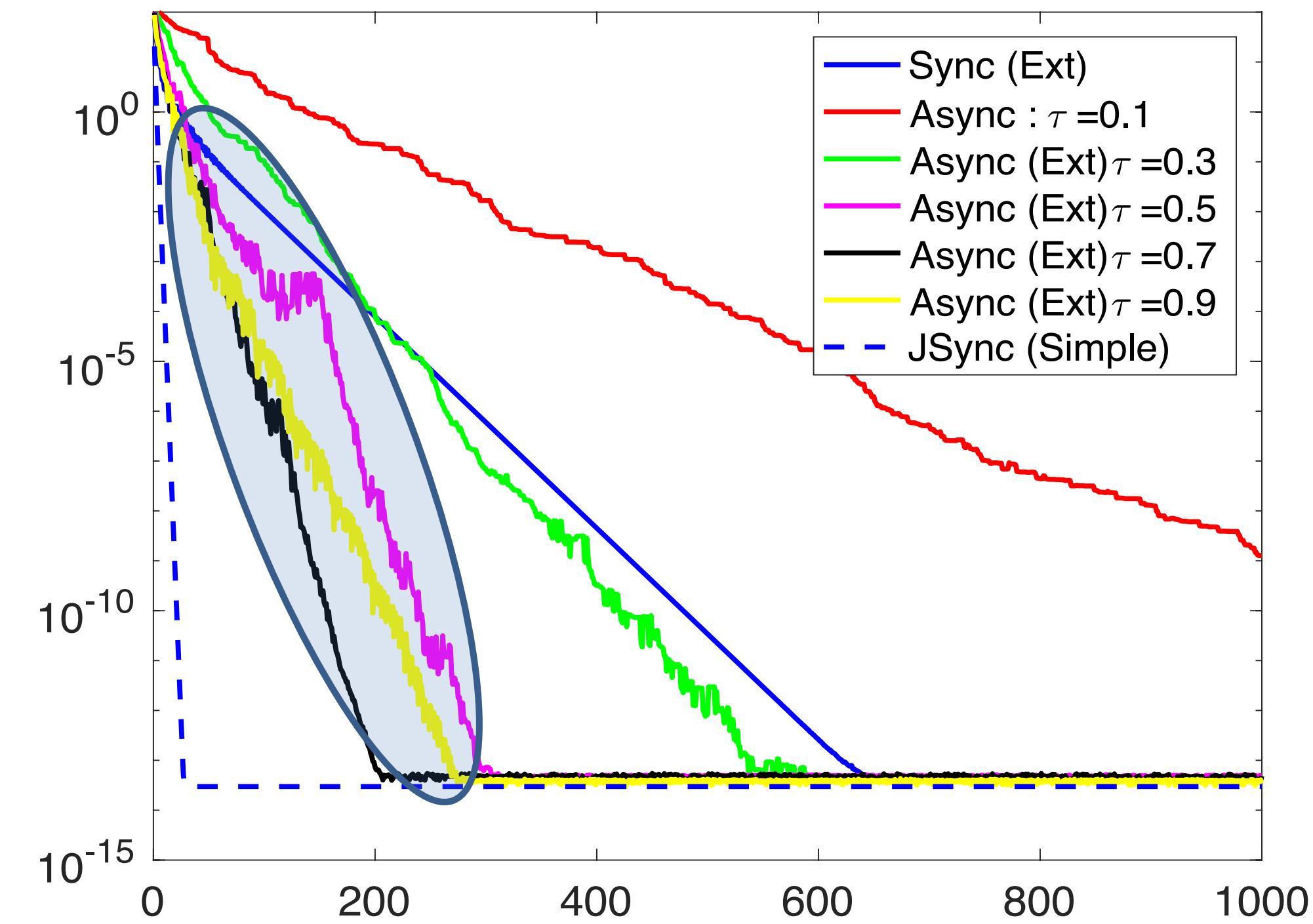
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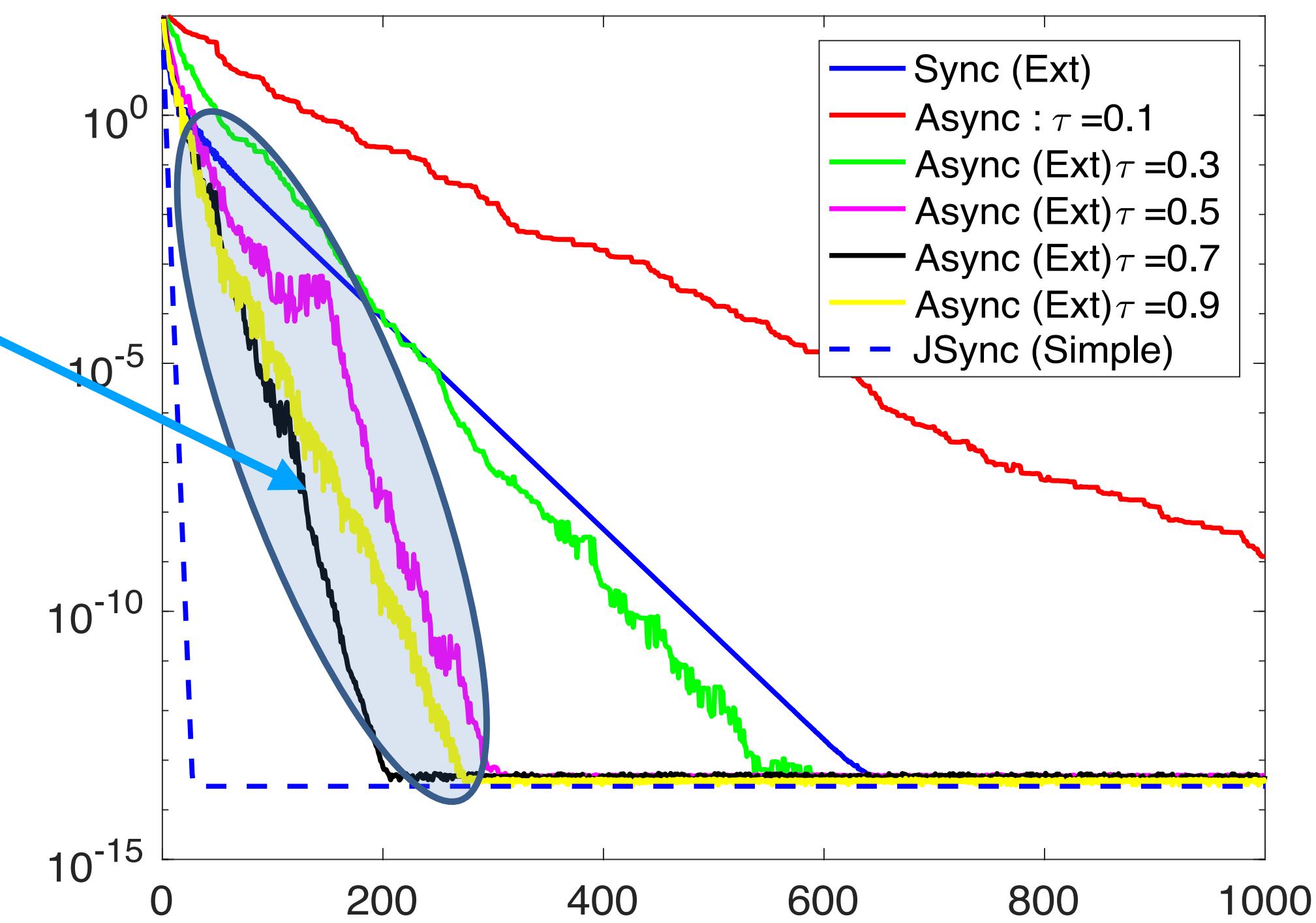
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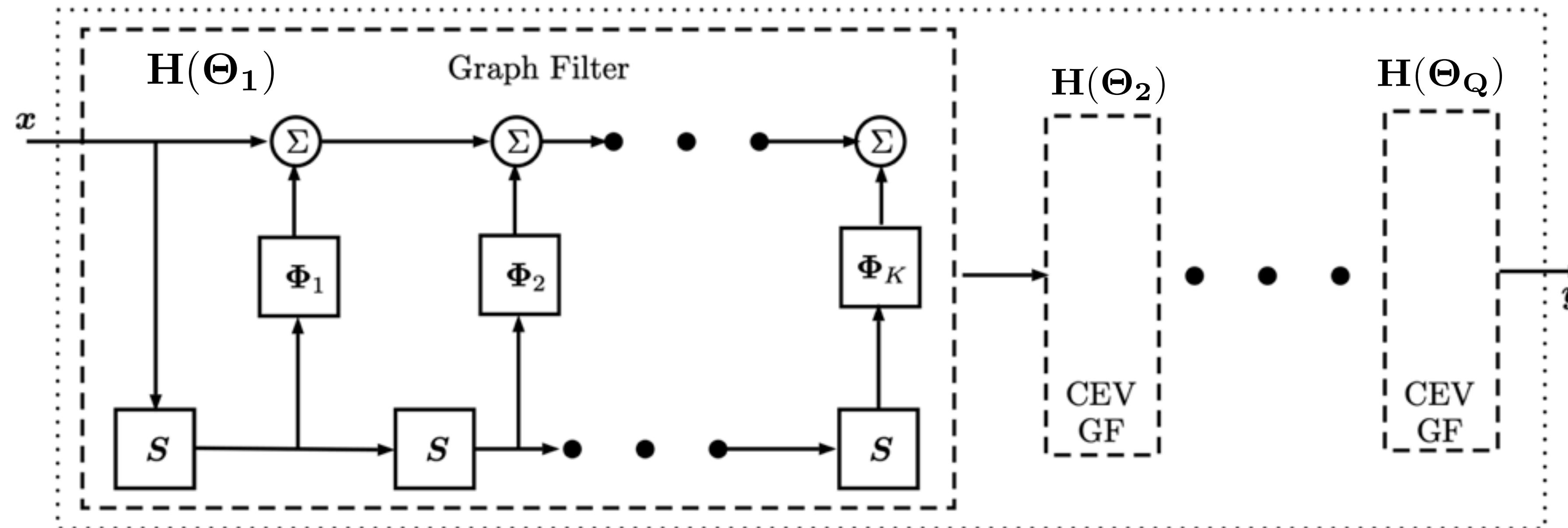
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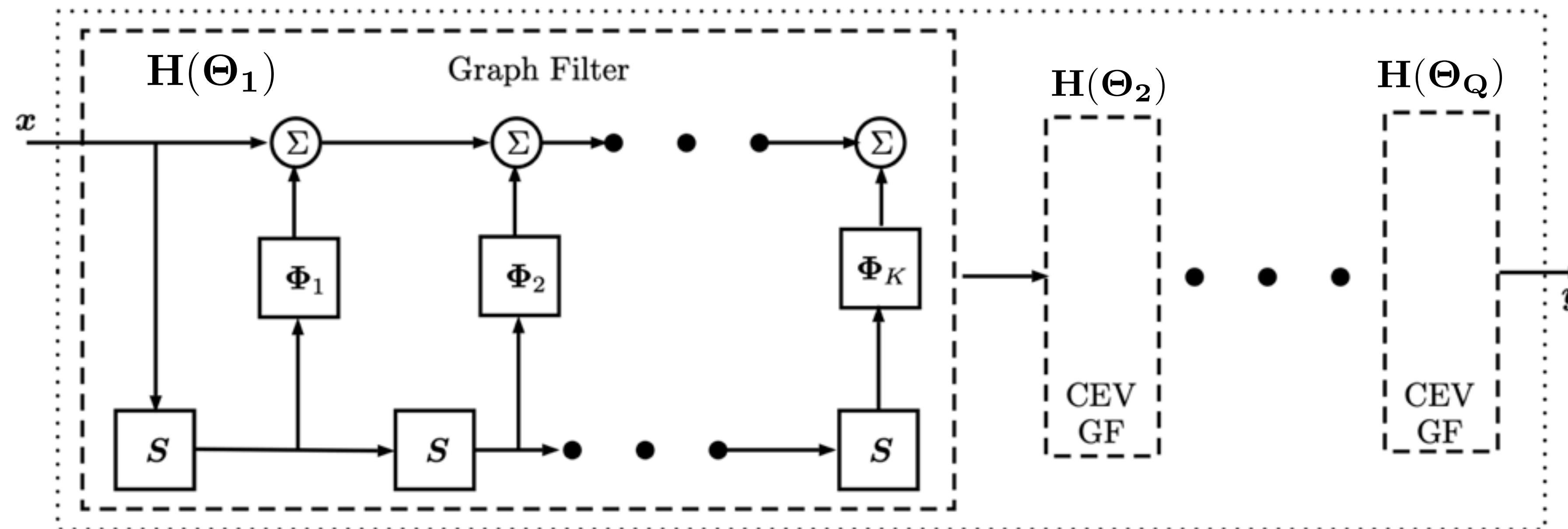
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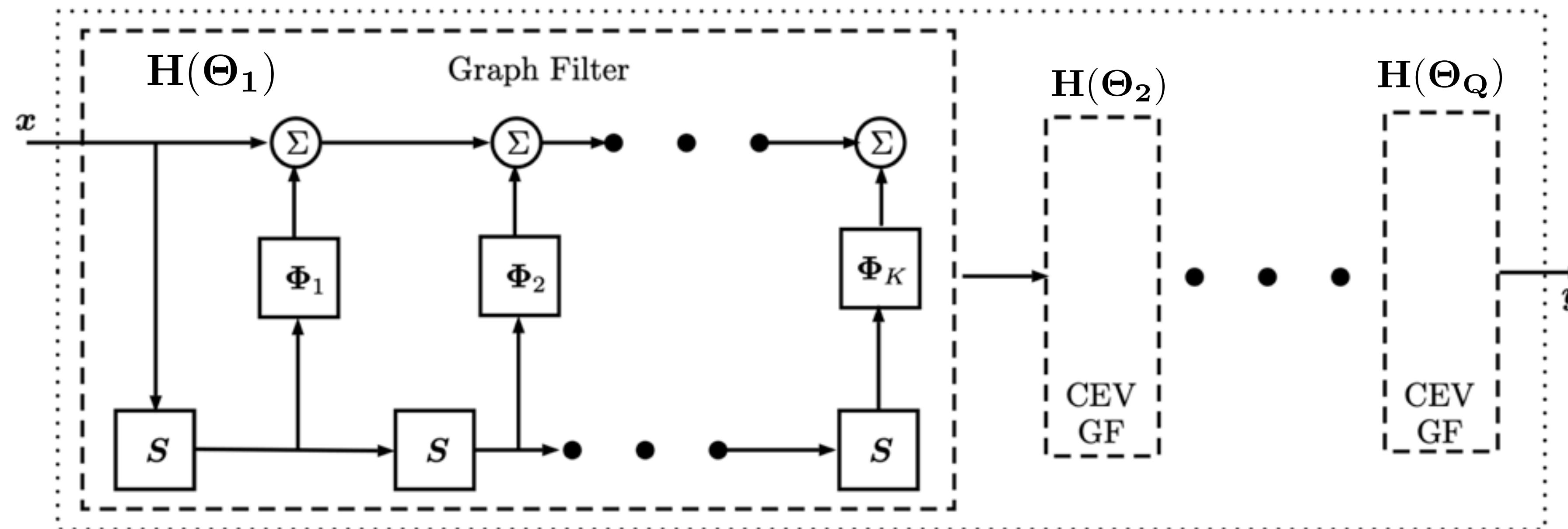
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Linear solver exploiting such characteristics are readily available [Paige, '82] [Fong, '11]

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**Result:**  $(\theta_l, \theta_r)$  : filter parameters  
**Input:**  $H^*, \Psi, H_l, H_r, M, \text{maxIt}, \epsilon_{\text{tol}}$   
initialization: numIt = 0,  $\mathbf{h}^* = \text{vec}(H^*)$ ;  
**while**  $(\epsilon > \epsilon_{\text{tol}}) \& (\text{numIt} < \text{maxIt})$  **do**  
    numIt = numIt + 1;  
     $H_r \leftarrow \text{linSparseSolve}([I \otimes H_l M] \Psi, \mathbf{h}^*)$ ;  
     $H_l \leftarrow \text{linSparseSolve}([H_r^T M^T \otimes I] \Psi, \mathbf{h}^*)$ ;  
     $\epsilon \leftarrow \|H_l M H_r - H^*\|_F^2$ ;  
**end**

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# Cascaded graph filter implementation

## ○ Summary of the procedure :: Right-Left Iterative Fitting [RELIEF]

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### Algorithm 1: RELIEF Algorithm

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initialization:  $\theta_i = \mathbf{0} \forall i \in [Q]$ ,  $q = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{H}_1 = \mathbf{I}$ ,  
 $\mathbf{h}^* = \text{vec}(\mathbf{H}^*)$ ;

**while**  $(\epsilon > \epsilon_{\text{tol}}) \& (q < Q)$  **do**

$q = q + 1$ ;

$\mathbf{H}_q \leftarrow \text{linSparseSolve}([\mathbf{H}_1^T \mathbf{M}^T \otimes \mathbf{I}] \Psi, \mathbf{h}^*)$ ;

**if**  $q > 1$  **then**

$(\mathbf{H}_1, \mathbf{H}_q) \leftarrow \text{refitPair}(\mathbf{H}^*, \Psi, \mathbf{H}_1, \mathbf{H}_q, \mathbf{M}, \epsilon_{\text{tol}})$ ;

$\mathbf{M} \leftarrow \mathbf{H}_q \mathbf{M}$

**end**

$\mathbf{H}_{\text{total}} \leftarrow \mathbf{M} \mathbf{H}_1$ ;

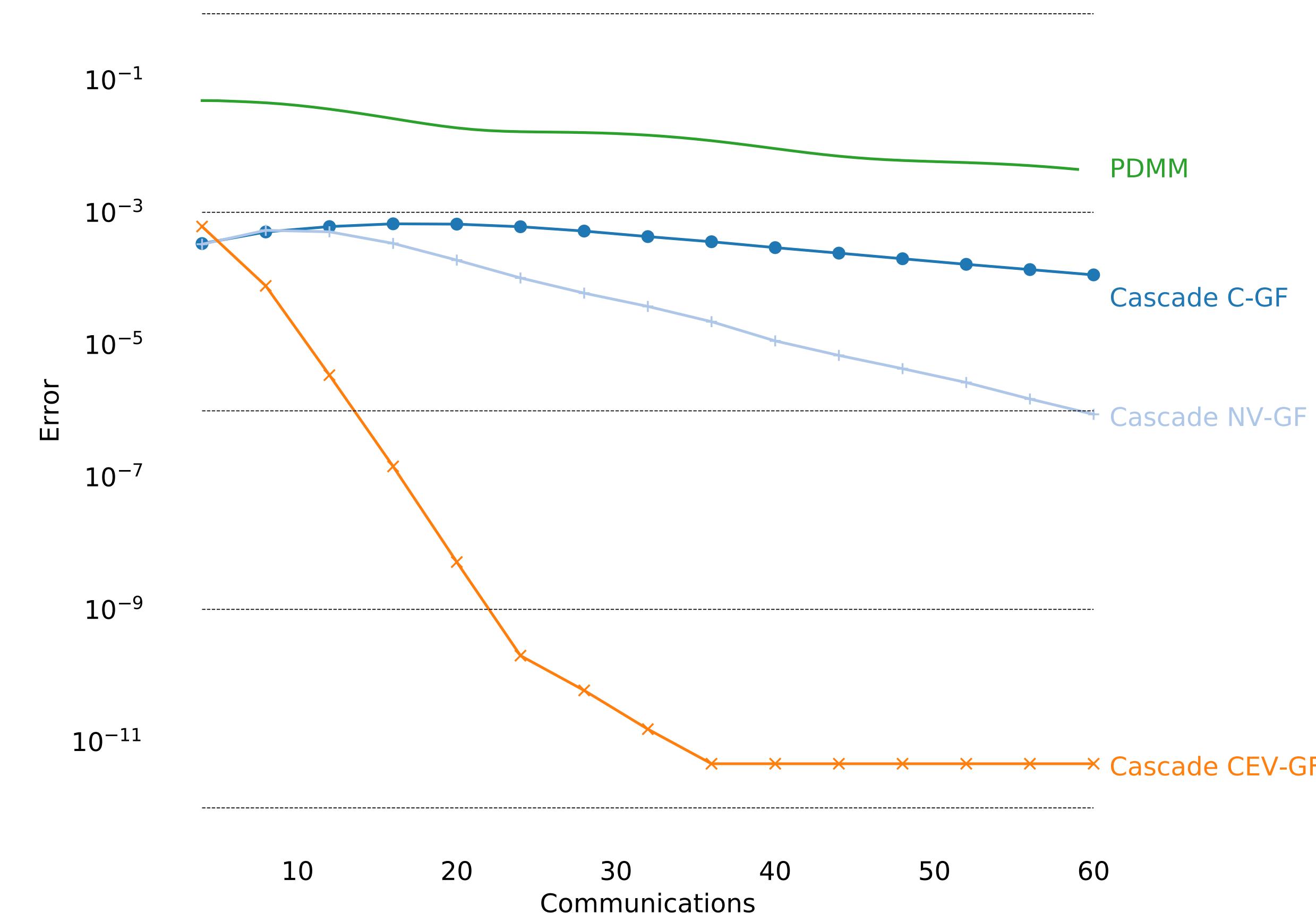
$\epsilon \leftarrow \|\mathbf{H}_{\text{total}} - \mathbf{H}^*\|_{\text{F}}^2$ ;

**end**

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# Cascaded graph filter implementation

**Example:** Consensus over a network with 500 nodes



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- Allows for an efficient sparse least squares design
- Reduction in communication and computational cost
- Implements only linear data transformations

# part 4:: overview

- Role of **graph filters** in graph neural networks (GNNs)
  - ◆ GNNs ~ **nonlinear graph filters**
- For simplicity will discuss supervised learning
- How to go from neural networks to GNNs?
- Types of GNNs
  - ◆ What are graph convolutional neural networks?
  - ◆ How use edge varying GNNs?
- How to use GNNs for graph signal processing applications?
- 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

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

- ◆  $\mathbf{x}_r$  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:  $f(\theta) : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$

# Supervised learning

- Design parameters  $\theta$  such that

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

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

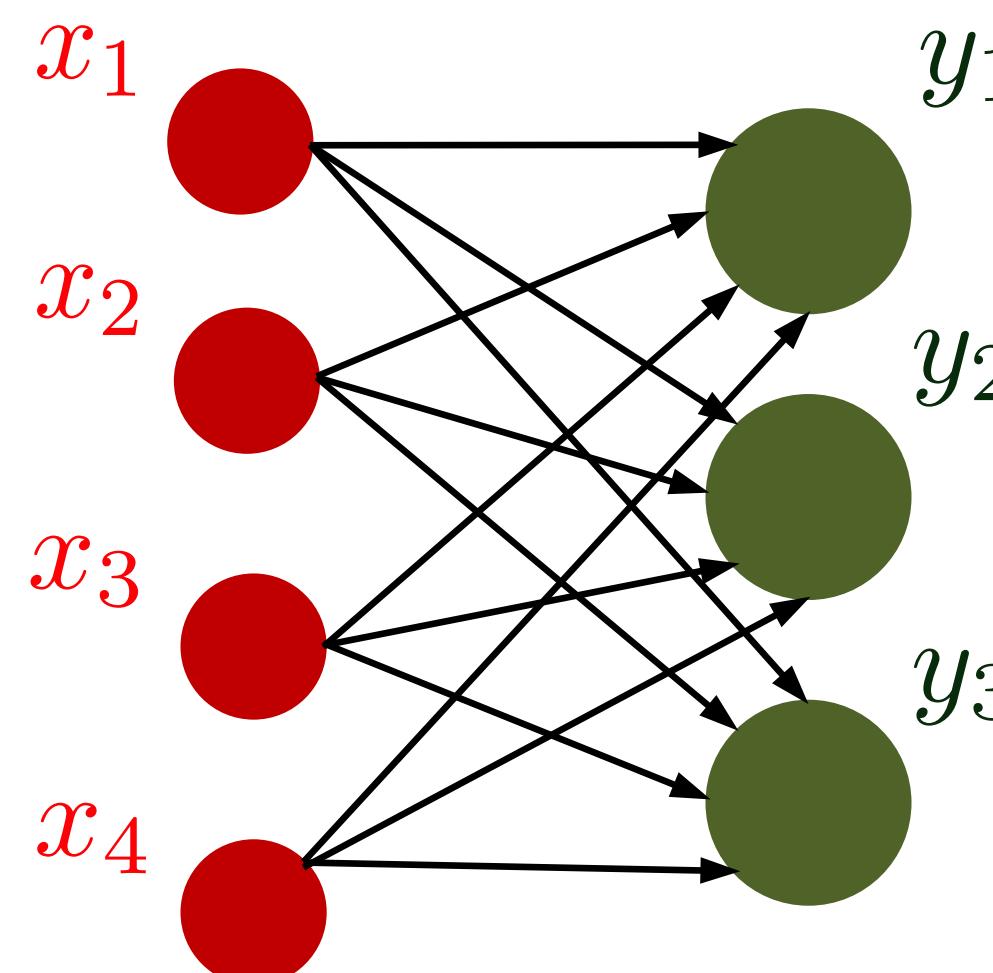
- ◆ **generalize** well for test data  $\mathbf{x}_r \notin \mathcal{R}$

# Neural networks

- Express function  $f$  as a cascade of layered functions

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

- No structure in the data; perceptron



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

- Parameters  $\theta = \{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{b}\}$
- Pointwise nonlinearity  $\sigma(\cdot)$

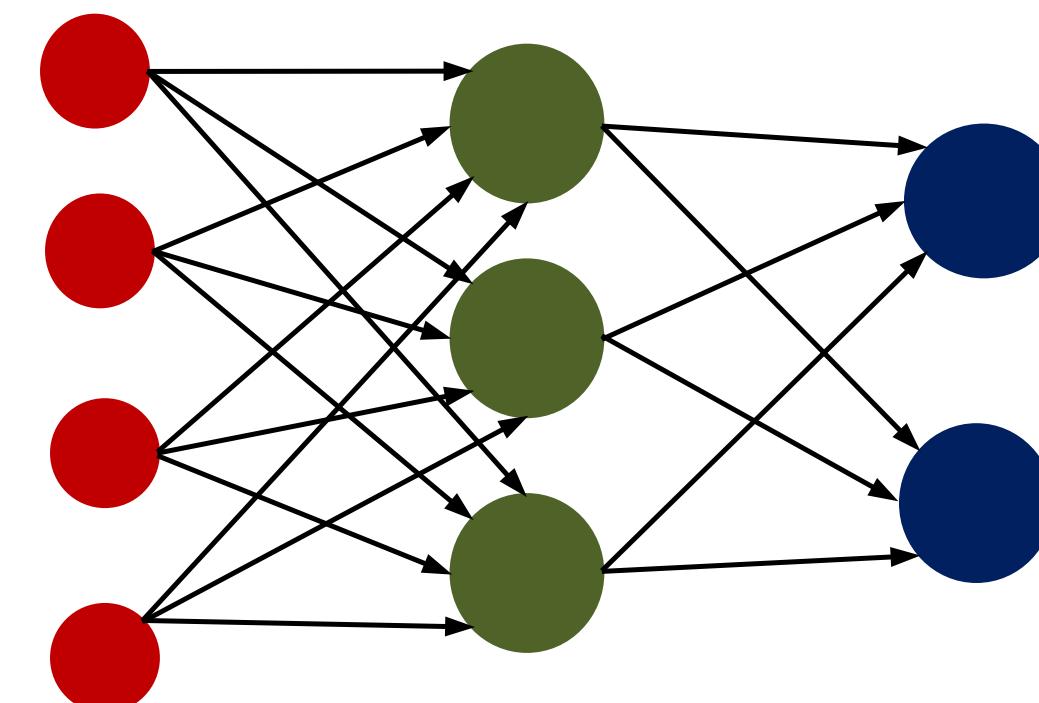
layer 1: parameters  $\theta^1$   
 layer 2: parameters  $\theta^2$   
 layer 3: parameters  $\theta^3$

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

# Neural networks

● No structure in the data: multi-layer perceptron

◆ Improves expressivity



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

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

- Input features  $\mathbf{x}^0 = \mathbf{x}_r$
- Output features  $\mathbf{x}^L$
- Propagation rule at layer  $l$

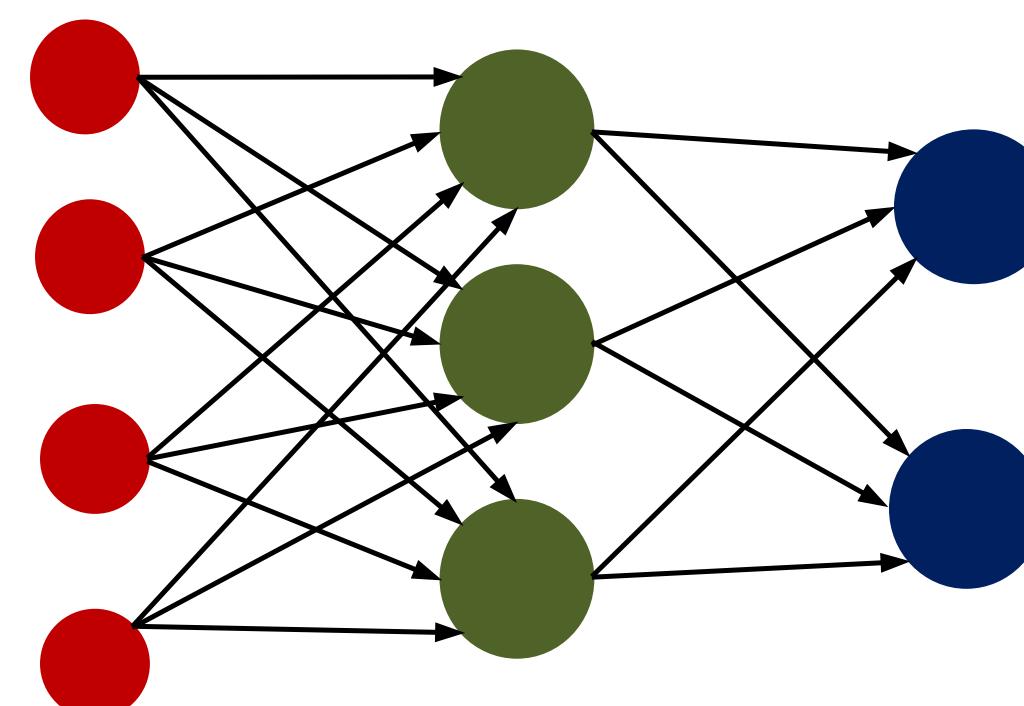
$\mathbf{x}^{l-1}$  : input layer  $l =$  output layer  $l - 1$

$\mathbf{x}^l$  : output layer  $l$

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

# Neural networks

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



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

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}^L &= \sigma(\mathbf{W}^L \mathbf{x}^{L-1} + \mathbf{b}^L) \\ &= \sigma(\mathbf{W}^L \sigma(\mathbf{W}^{L-1} \mathbf{x}^{L-2} + \mathbf{b}^{L-1}) + \mathbf{b}^L) \\ &= \sigma(\mathbf{W}^L \sigma(\mathbf{W}^{L-1} \sigma(\dots \sigma(\mathbf{W}^1 \mathbf{x}^0 + \mathbf{b}^0) + \mathbf{b}^{L-1}) + \mathbf{b}^L)\end{aligned}$$

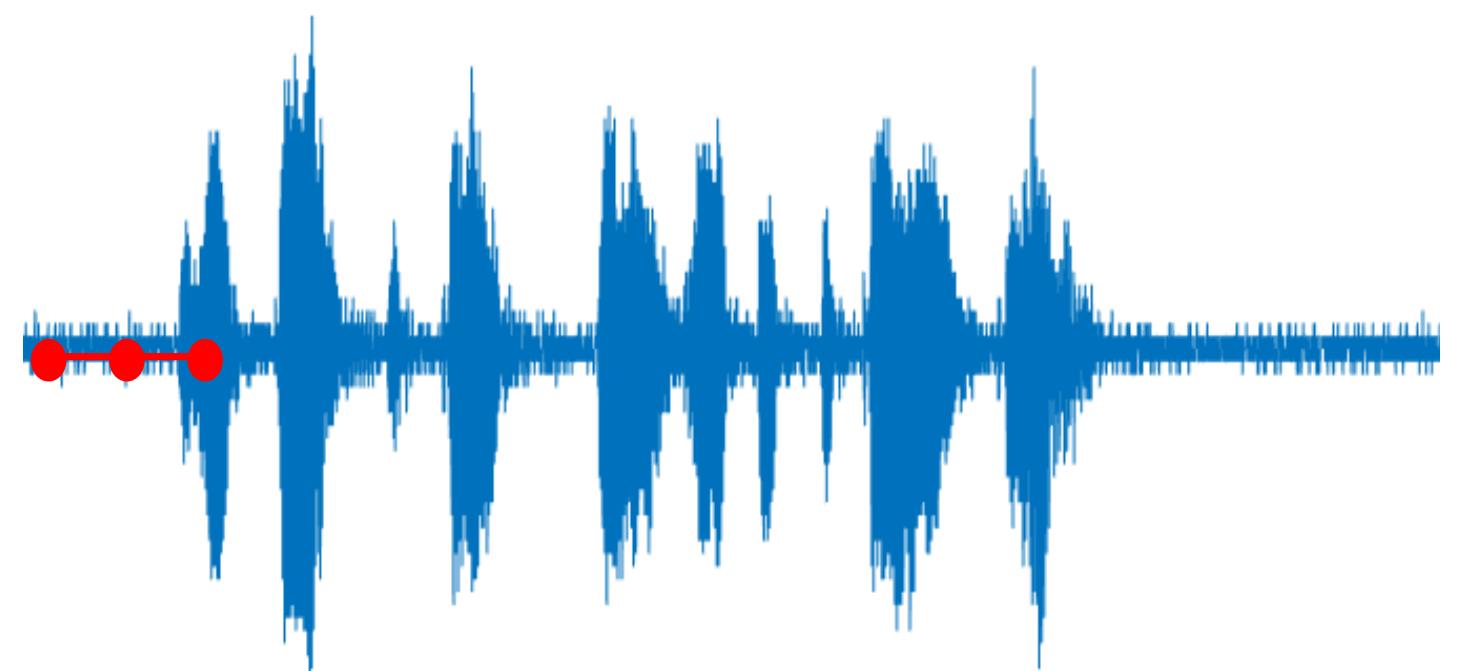
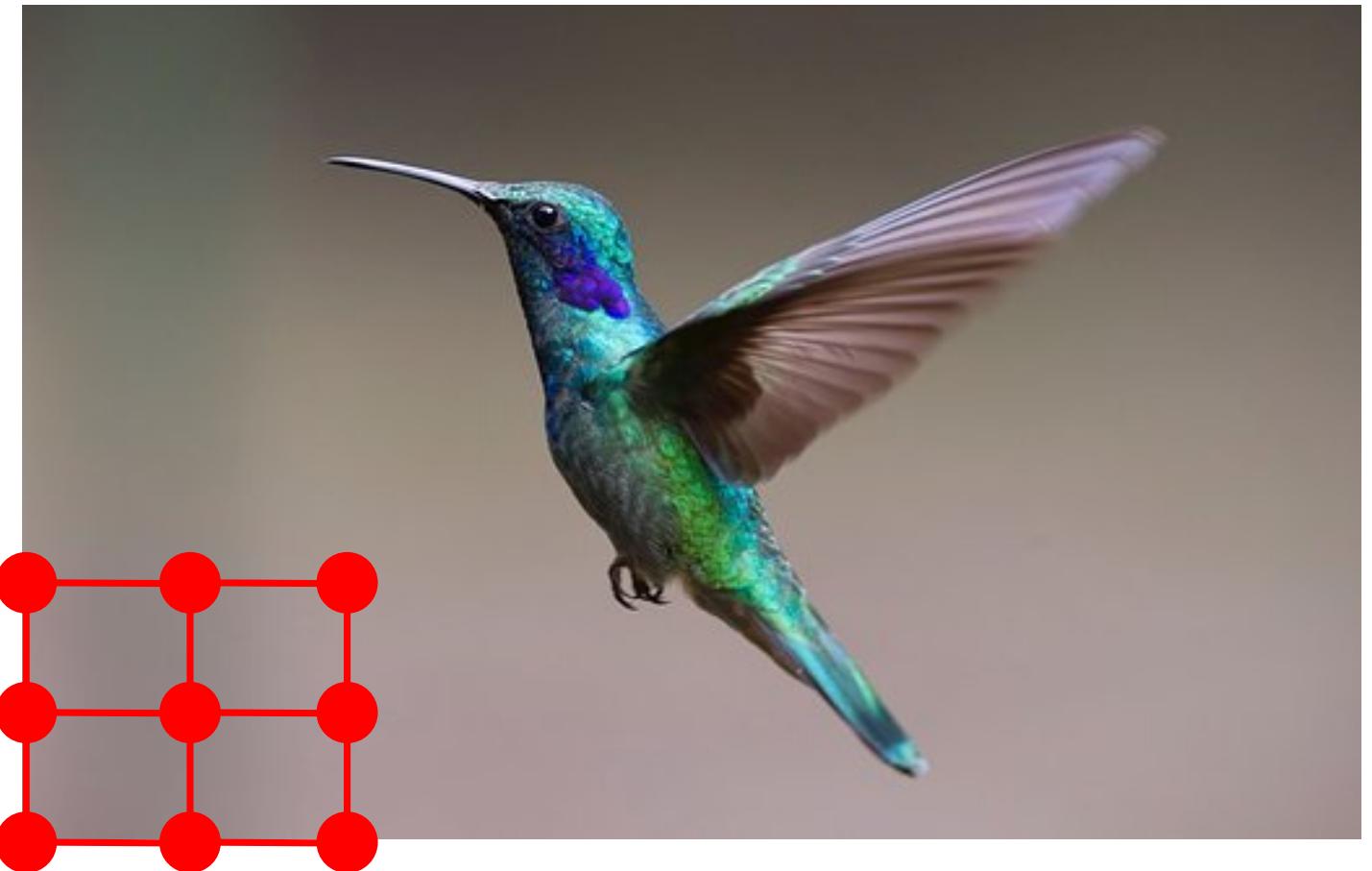
- $\mathbf{x}^L$  depends on  $\mathbf{x}^0$  through a composition of linear functions and pointwise nonlinearities

# 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

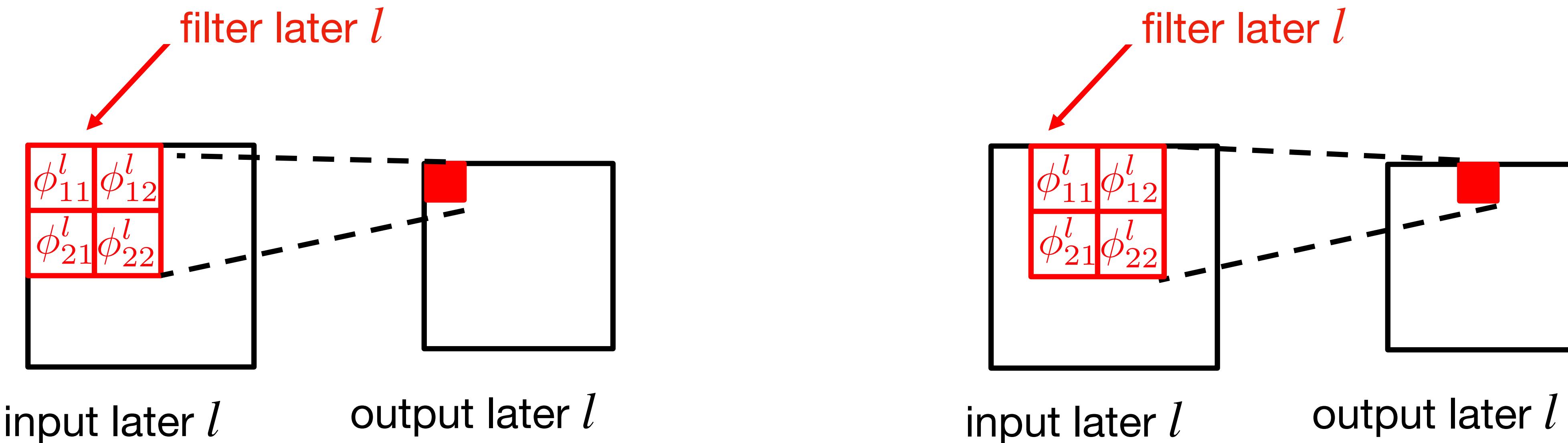
# Neural networks

- 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 loss of discriminatory power



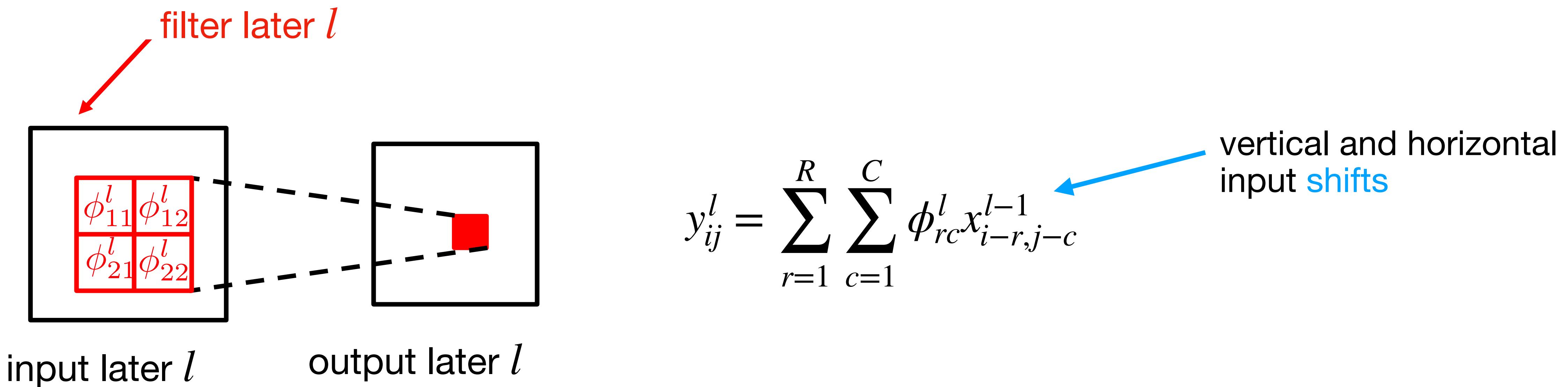
# Filters in spatial convolutional layer

- 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  $\mathbf{b}^l = b^l \mathbf{1}$



# Filters in spatial convolutional layer

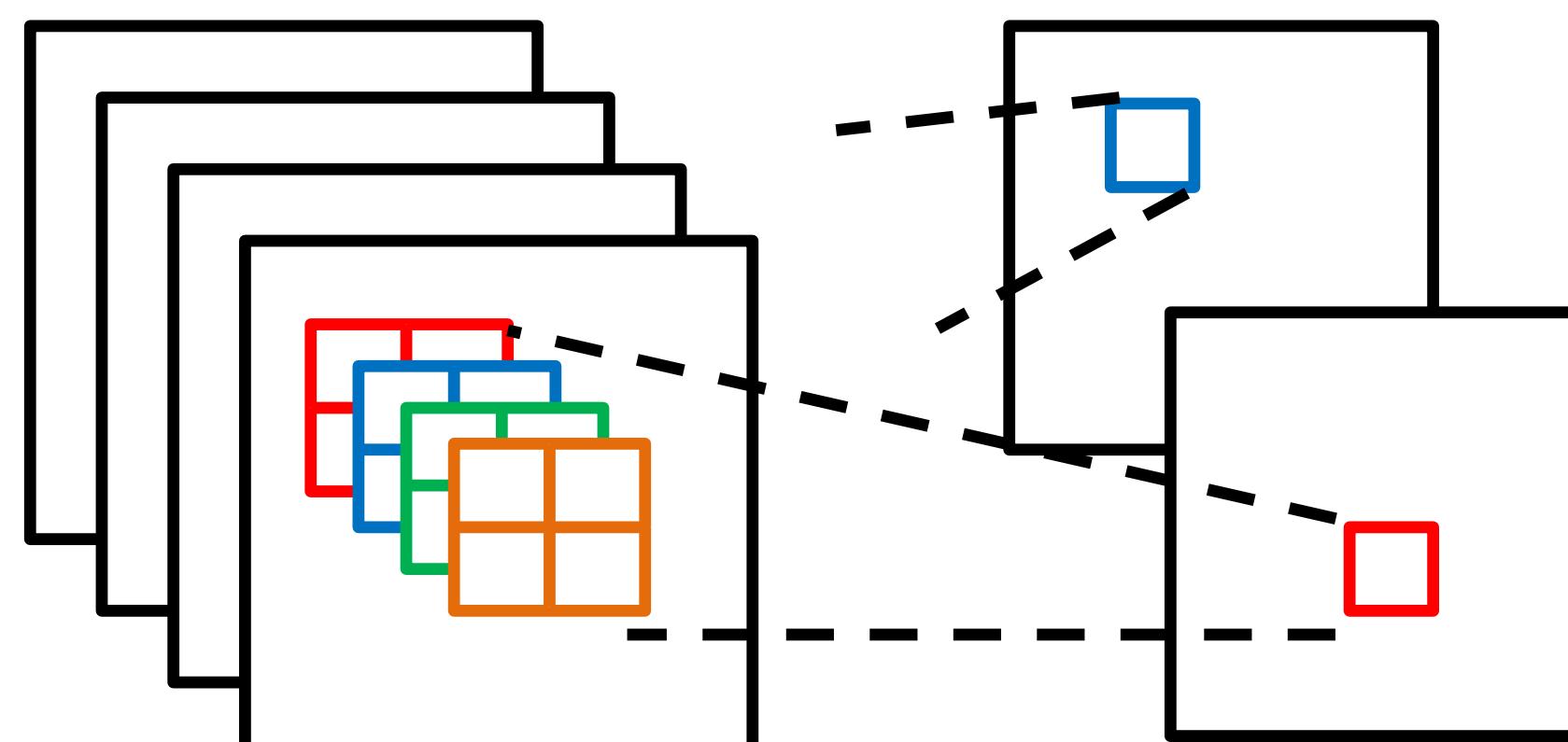
- shift-and-sum convolves filter with input image



- spatial FIR convolutional filtering

# Convolutional neural networks

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



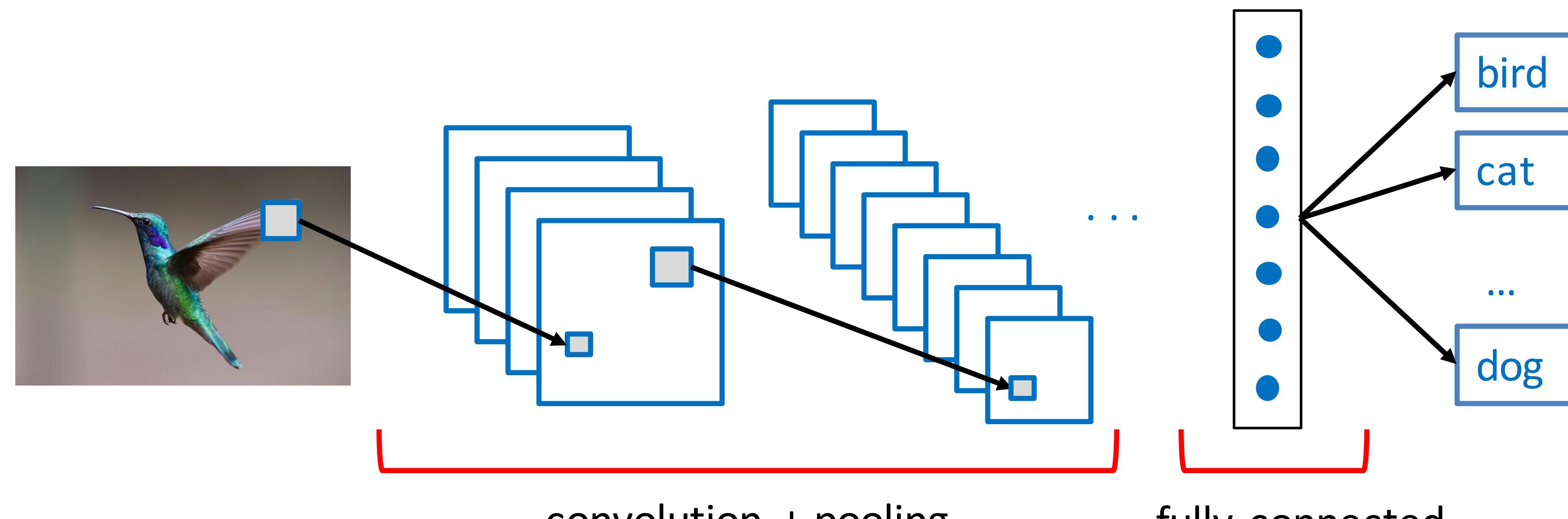
input layer  $l$   
has 4 inputs

output layer  $l$   
has 2 outputs

- ◆ 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



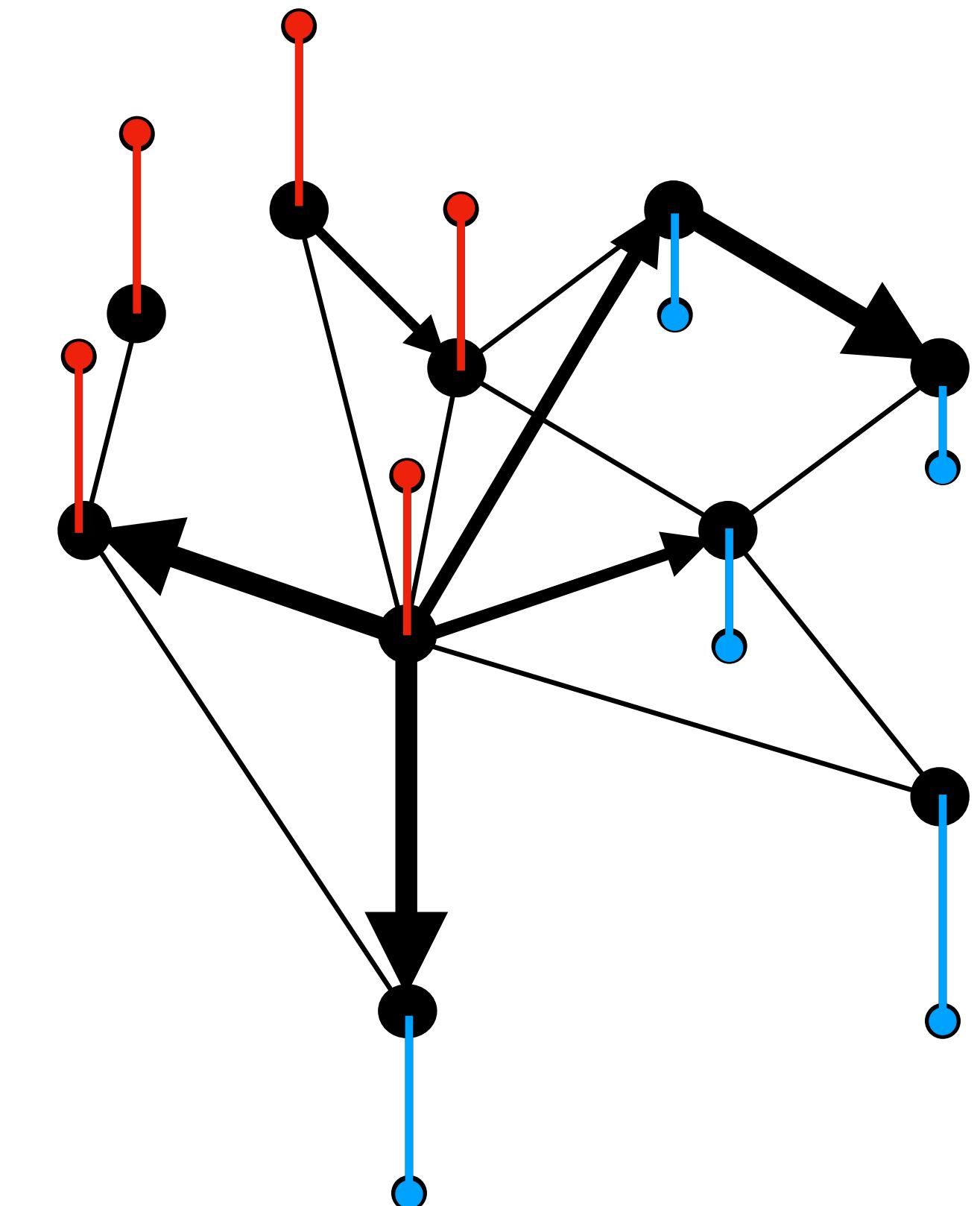
## Benefits

- 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

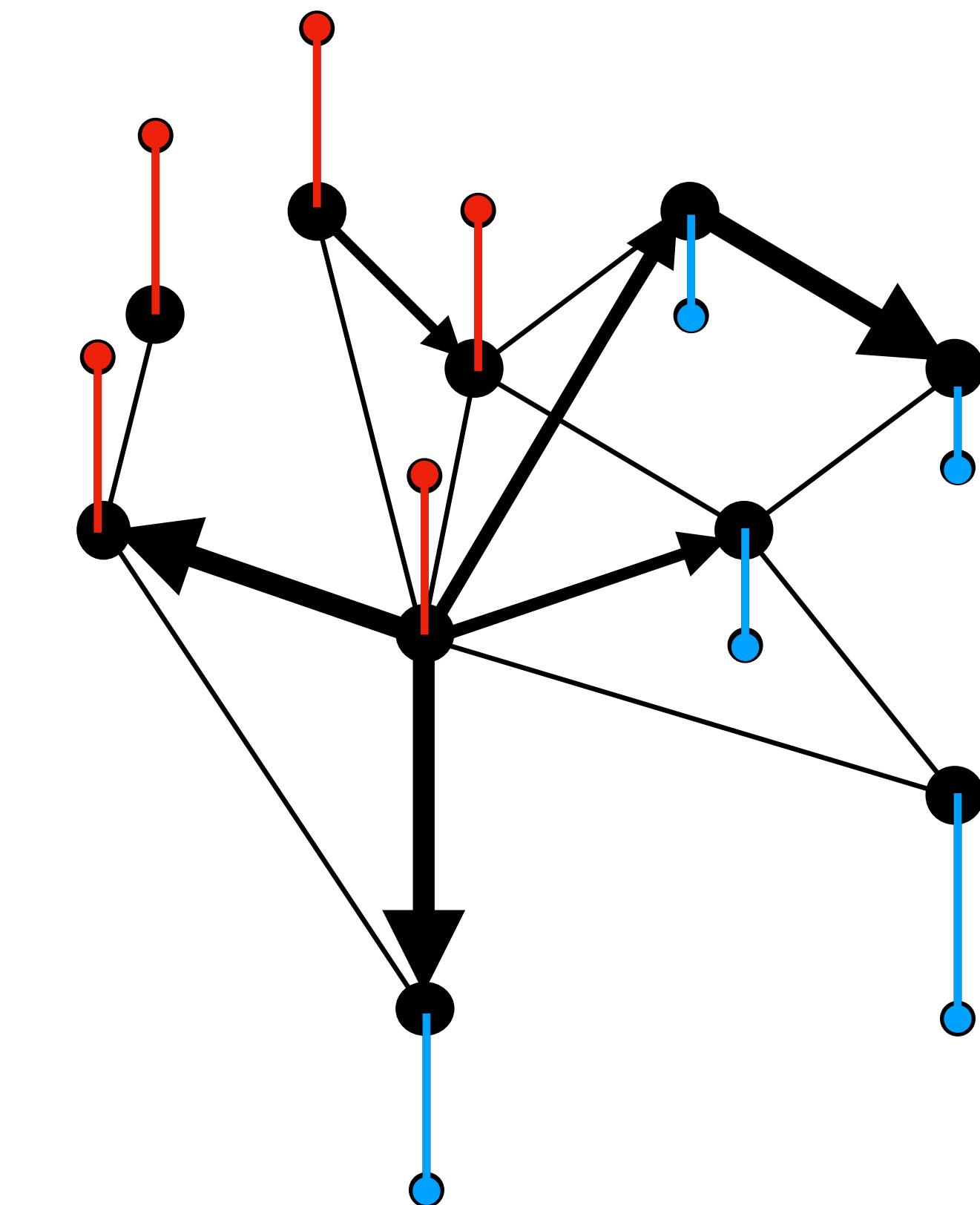


# Learning from (ir)regular graph data

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

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

- ◆  $\mathbf{S}$  is the graph shift operator
- ◆  $\theta$  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]

# Graph convolutional neural networks

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

## Example: FIR

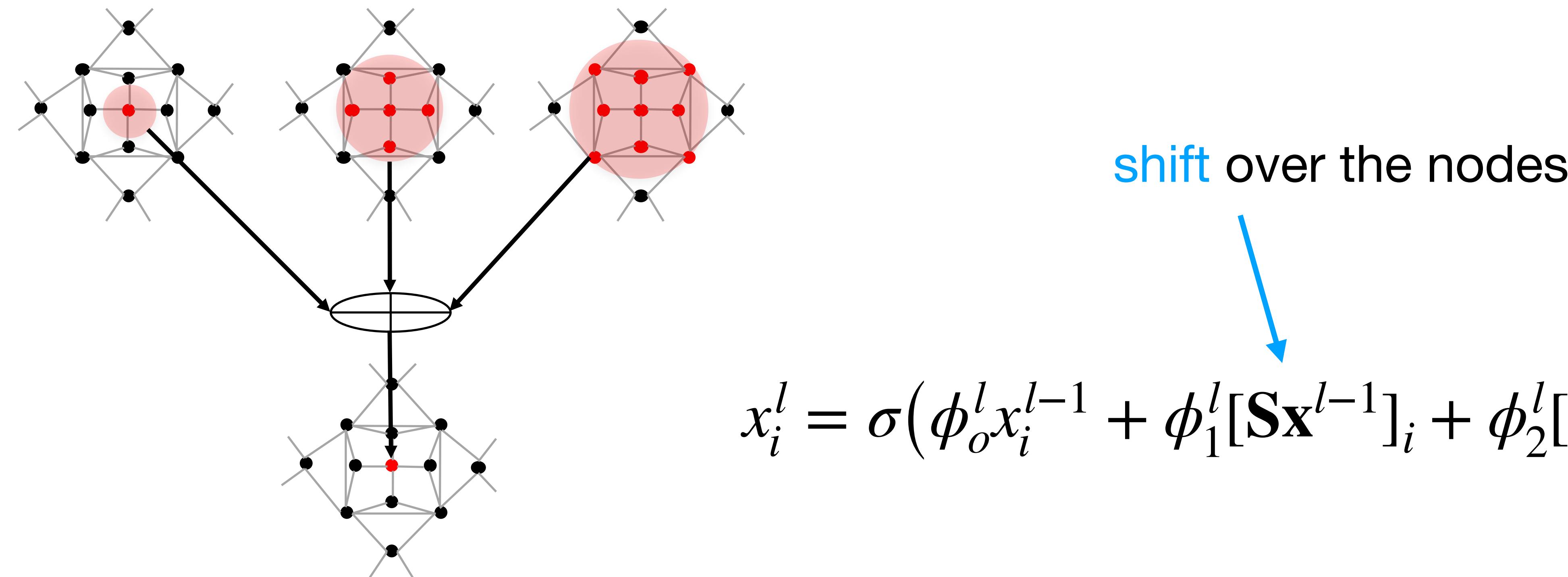
$$\mathbf{x}^l = \sigma \left( \sum_{k=0}^K \phi_k^l \mathbf{S}^k \mathbf{x}^{l-1} \right)$$

- 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

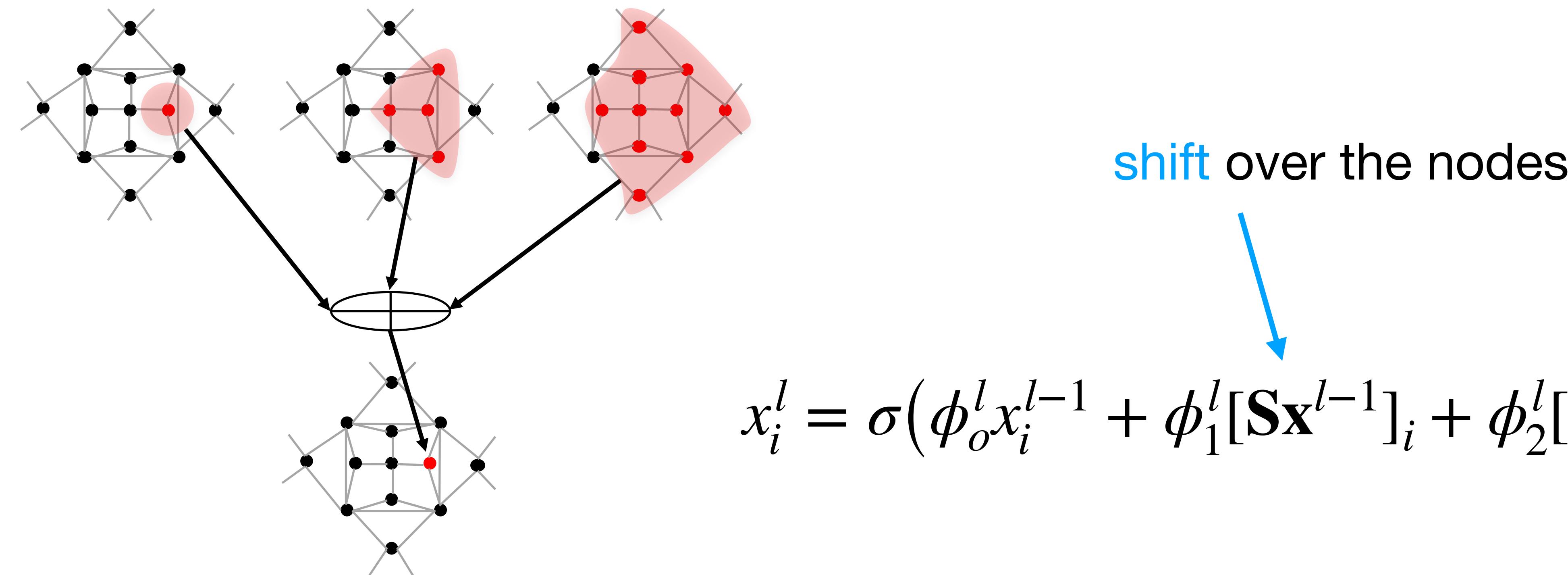
$$\mathbf{x}^l = \sigma(\phi_o^l \mathbf{x}^{l-1} + \phi_1^l \mathbf{S} \mathbf{x}^{l-1} + \phi_2^l \mathbf{S}^2 \mathbf{x}^{l-1})$$



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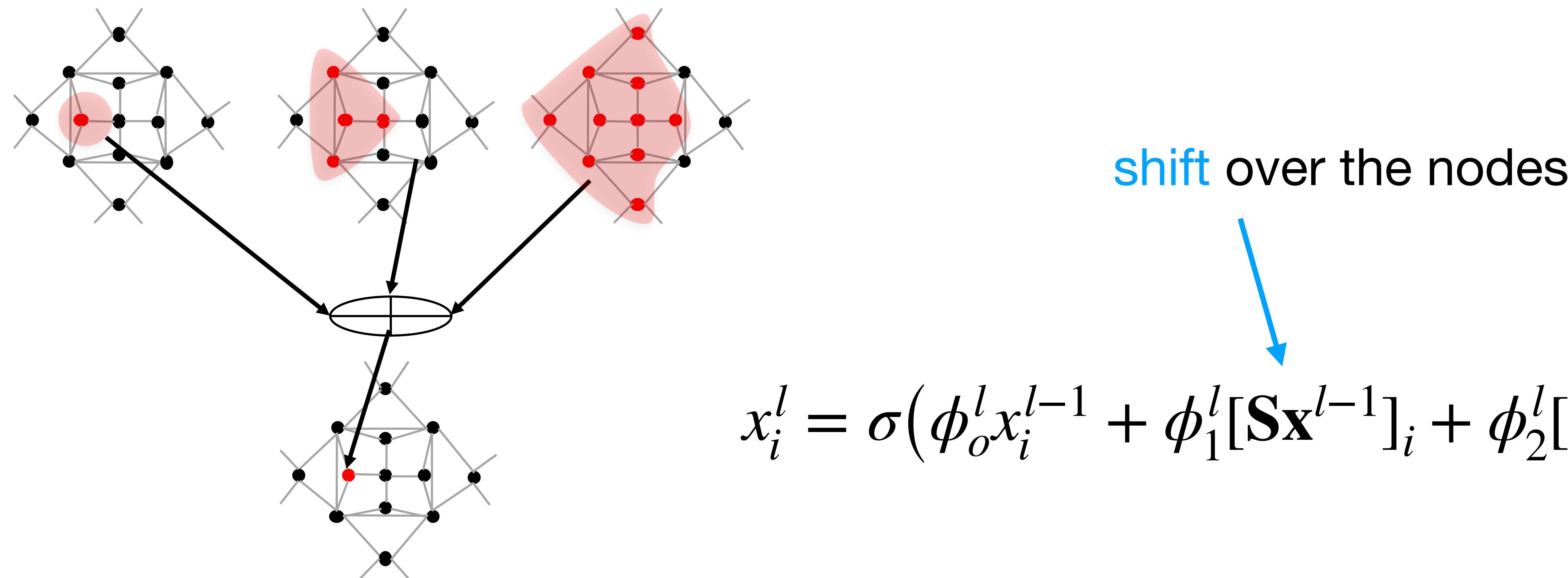
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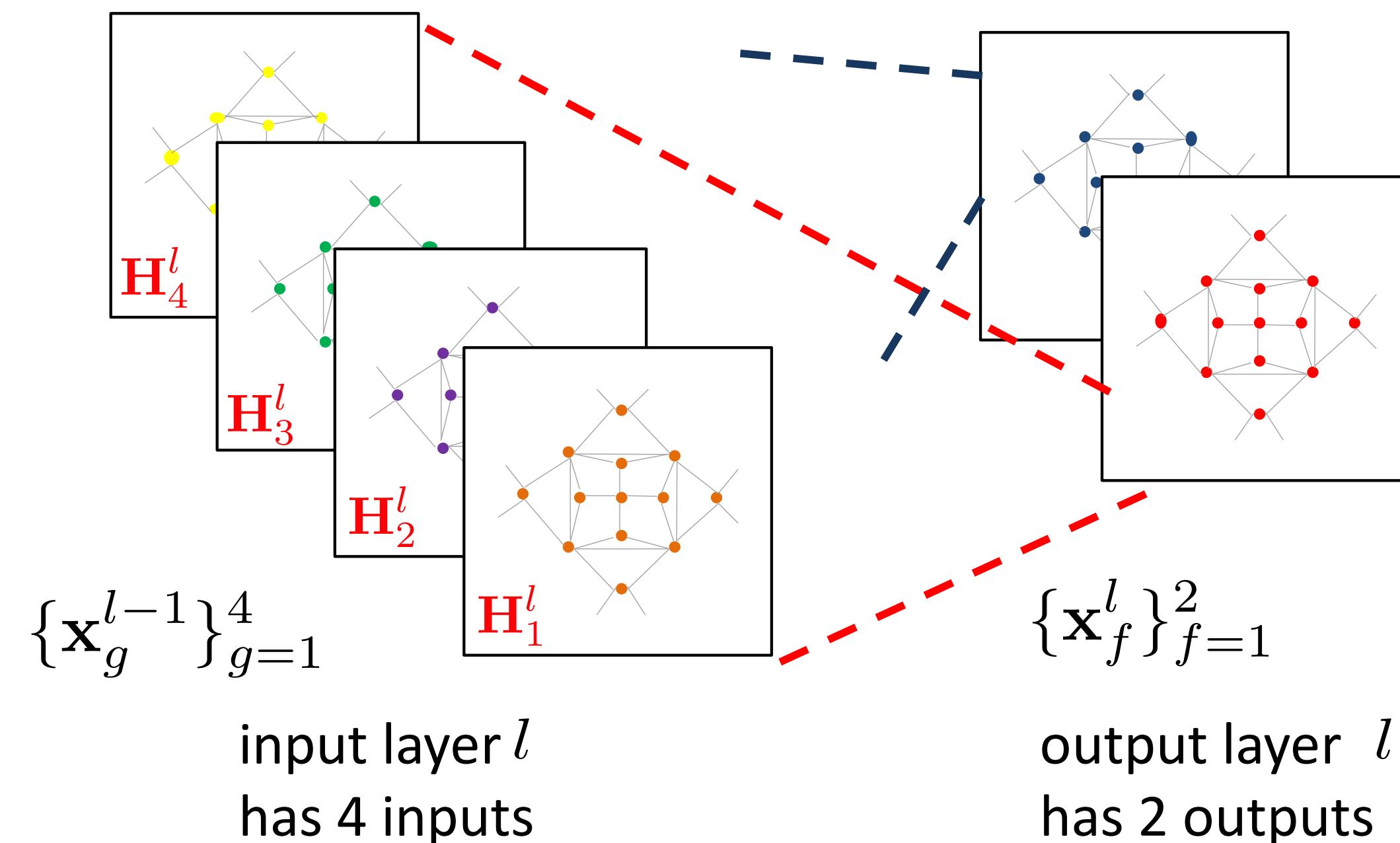
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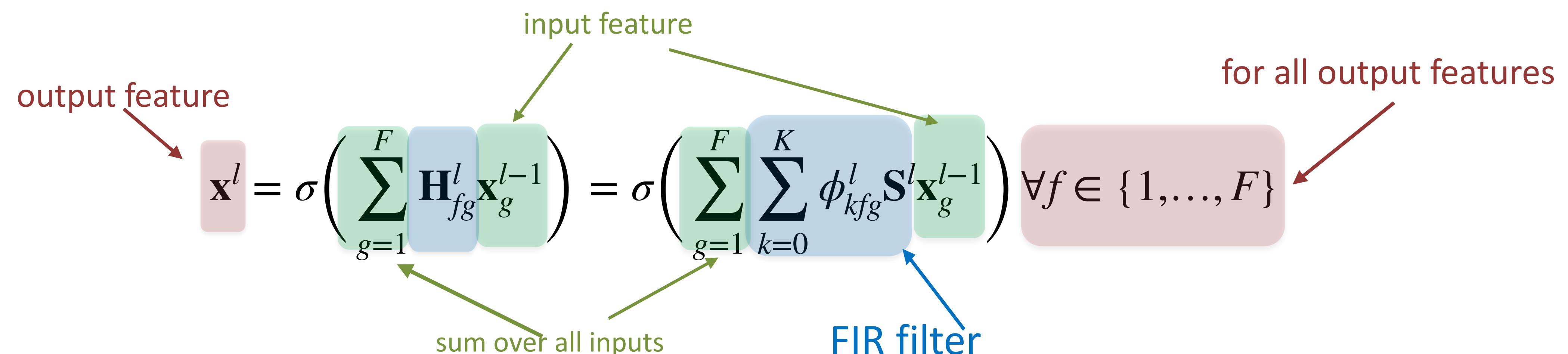
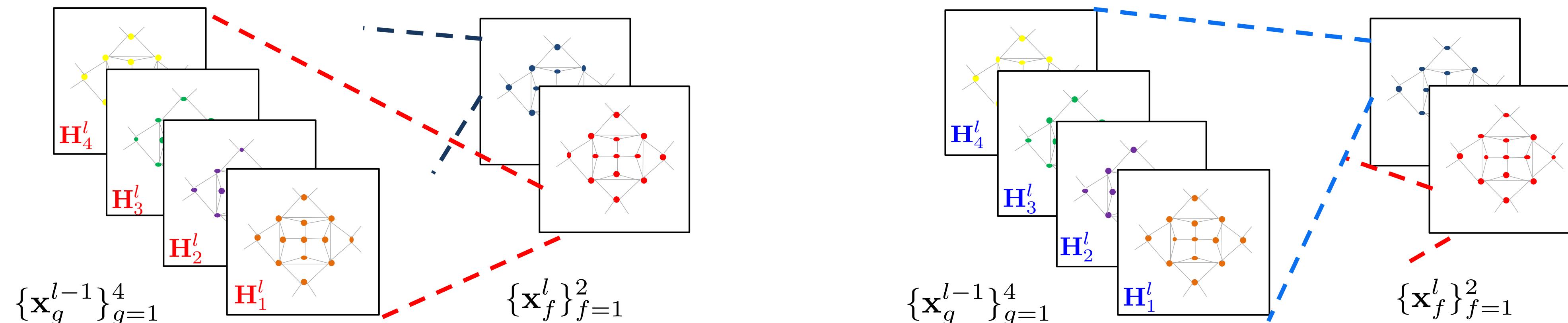
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- ◆ parameter are filter coefficients (backprop.)

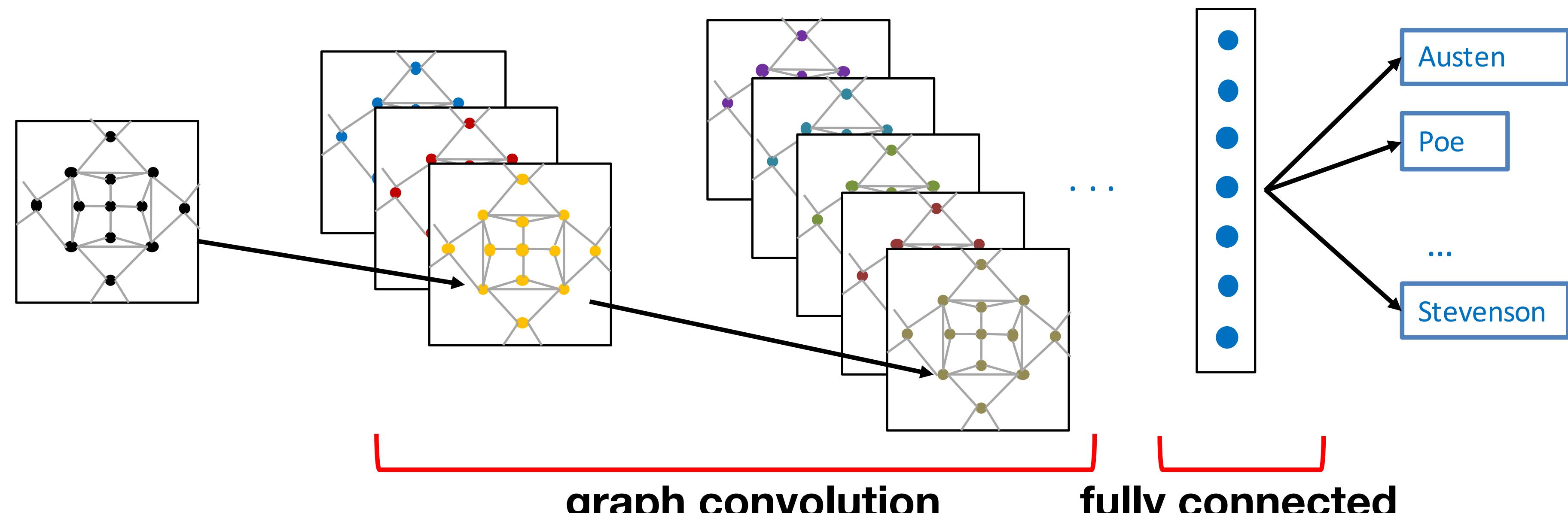
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# GCNN full stack

- 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

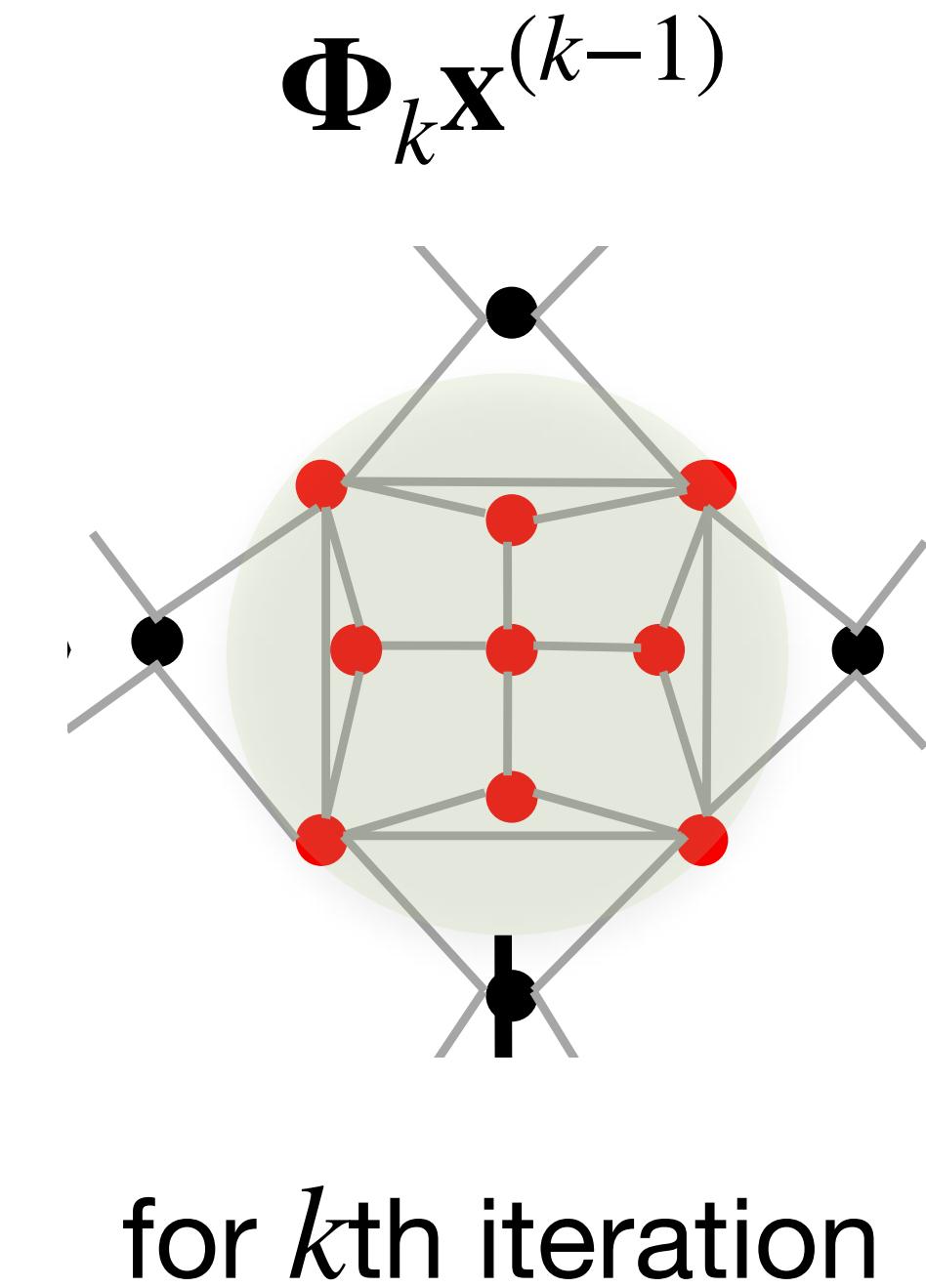
$$\mathbf{x}_f^l = \sigma \left( \sum_{g=1}^F \mathbf{H}_{\text{EV}fg}^l \mathbf{x}_g^{l-1} \right) \forall f \in \{1, \dots, F\}$$

**Edge-variant filter**

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

# EdgeNet properties

- **Different** parameters per **edge** and **node**
  - ◆ Order  $\mathcal{O}(MKF^2L)$
  - ◆ More flexibility
  - ◆ Requires **only the support** of **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

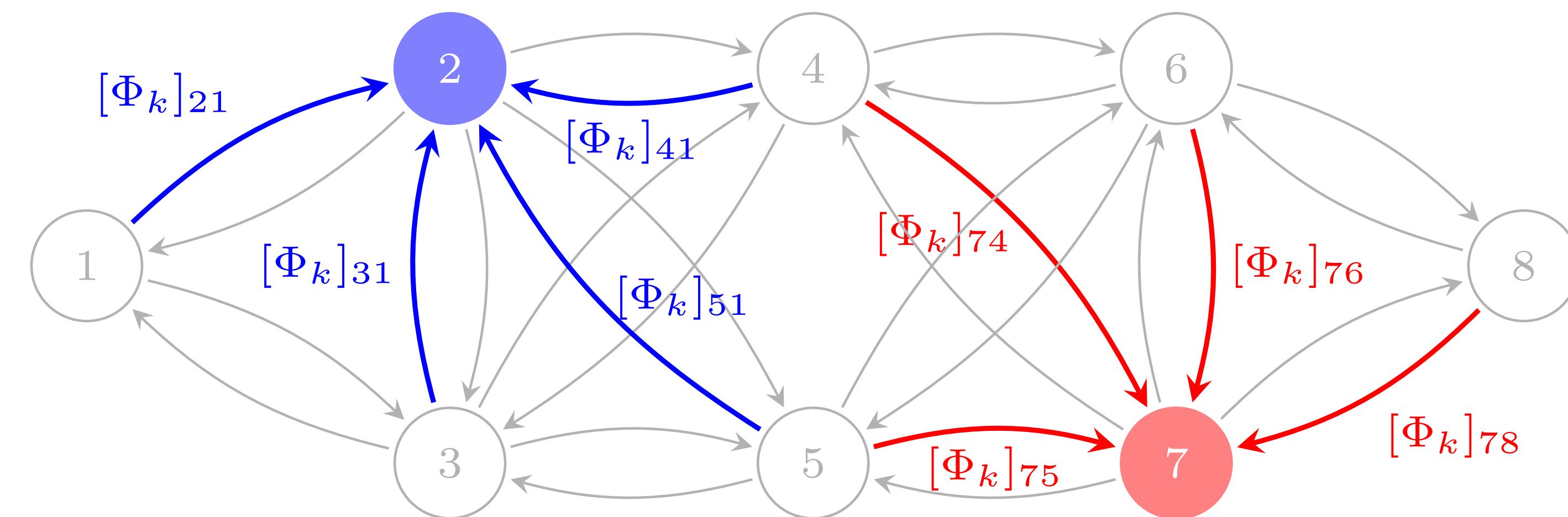


# How to use EdgeNets?

- 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

# Where are GNNs useful?

# Applications

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

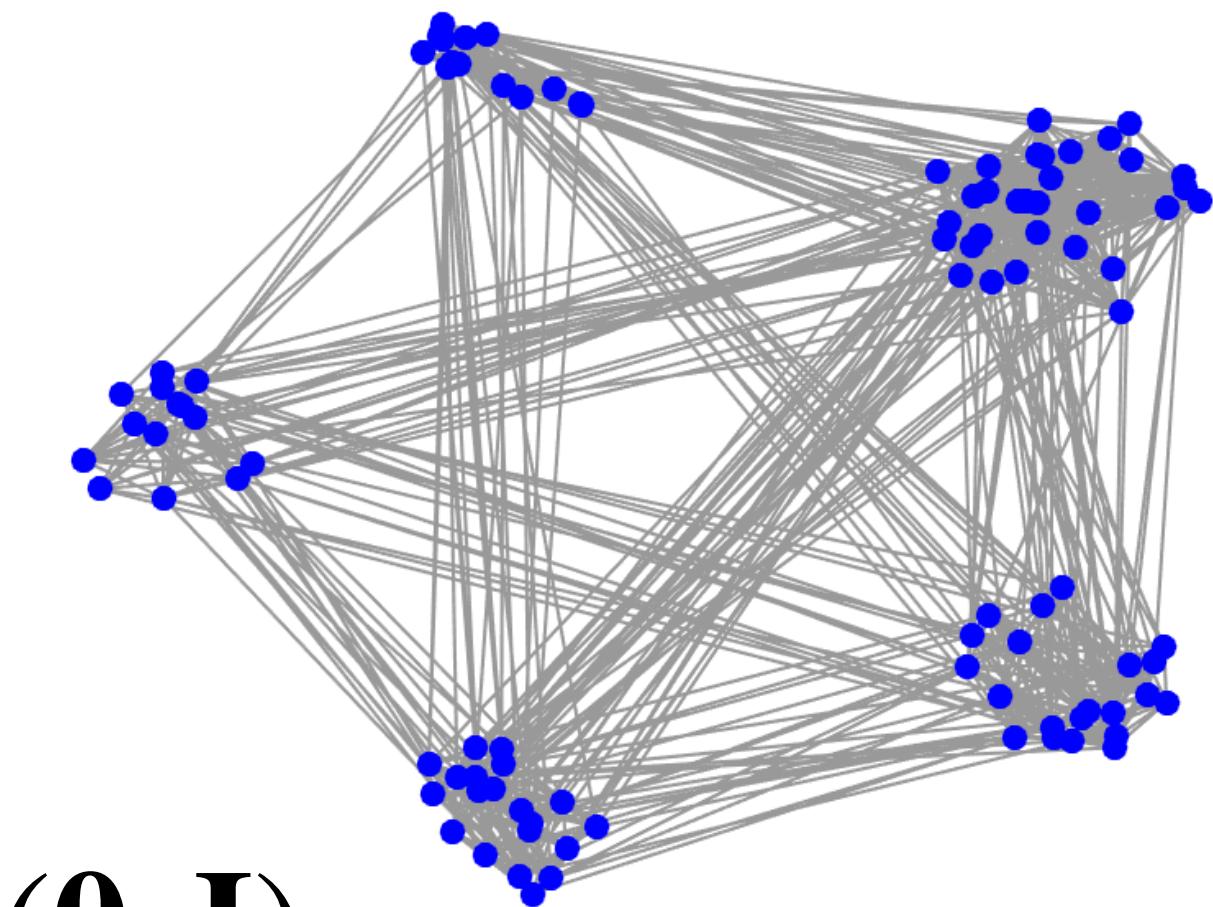
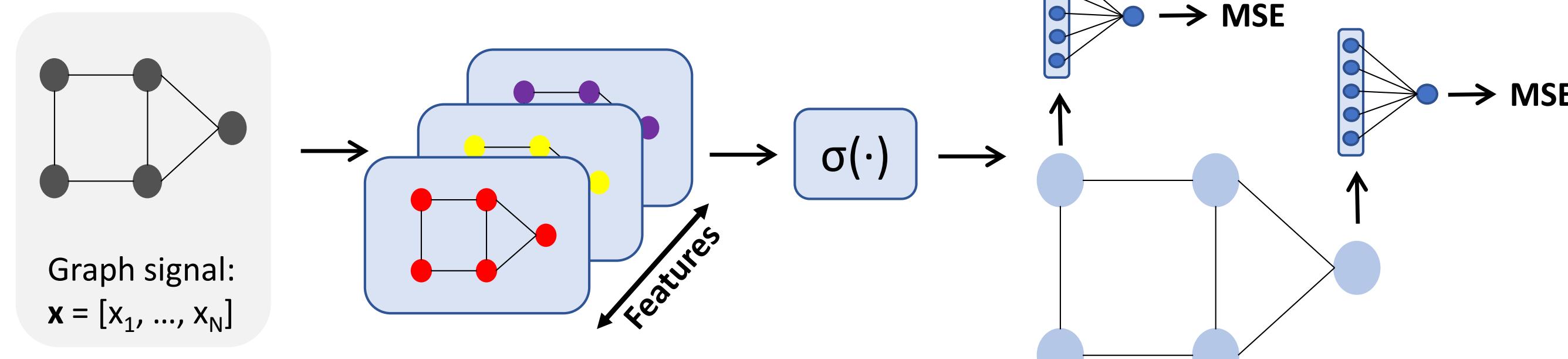
# Learning finite-time consensus

- 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

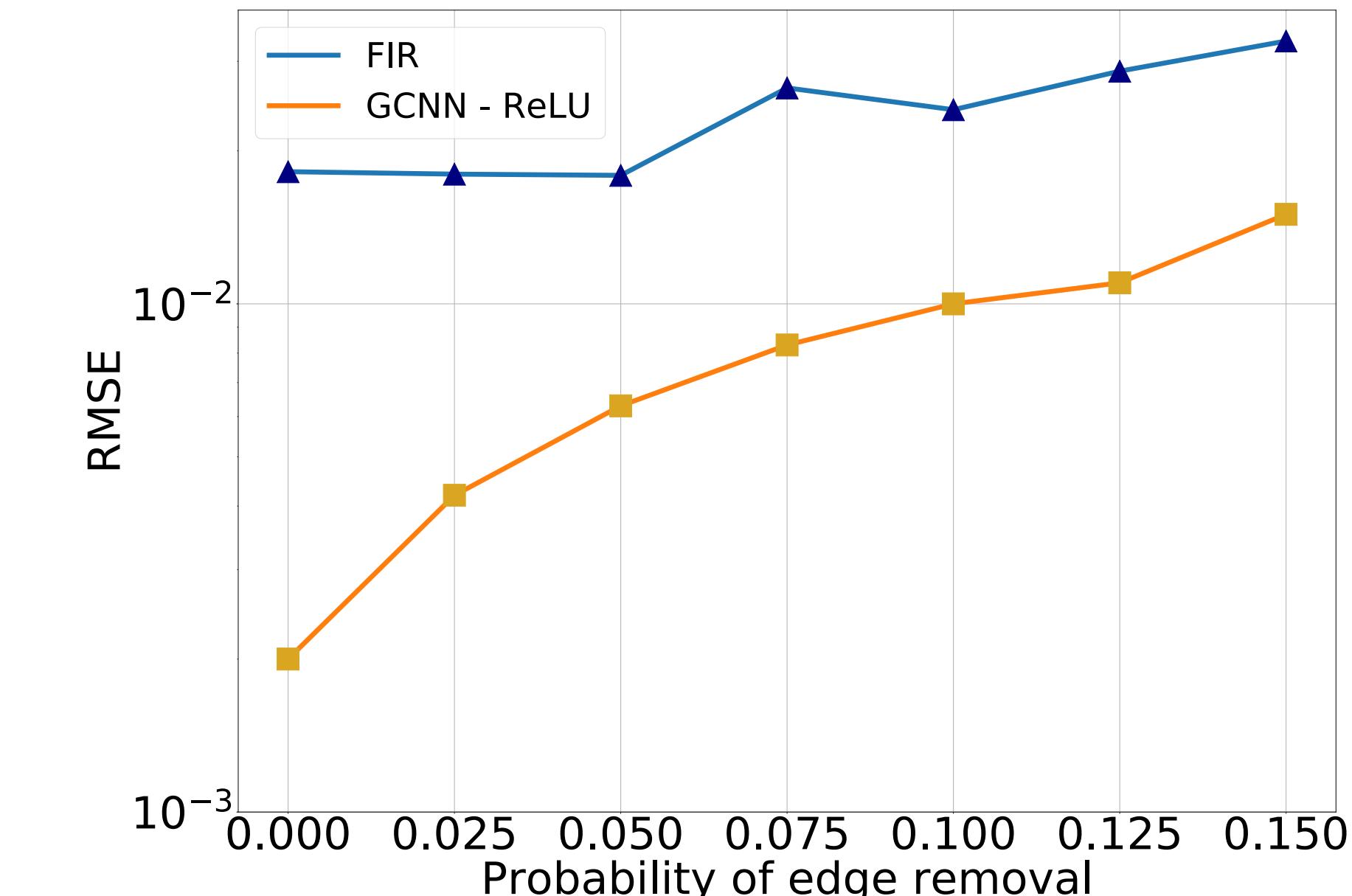
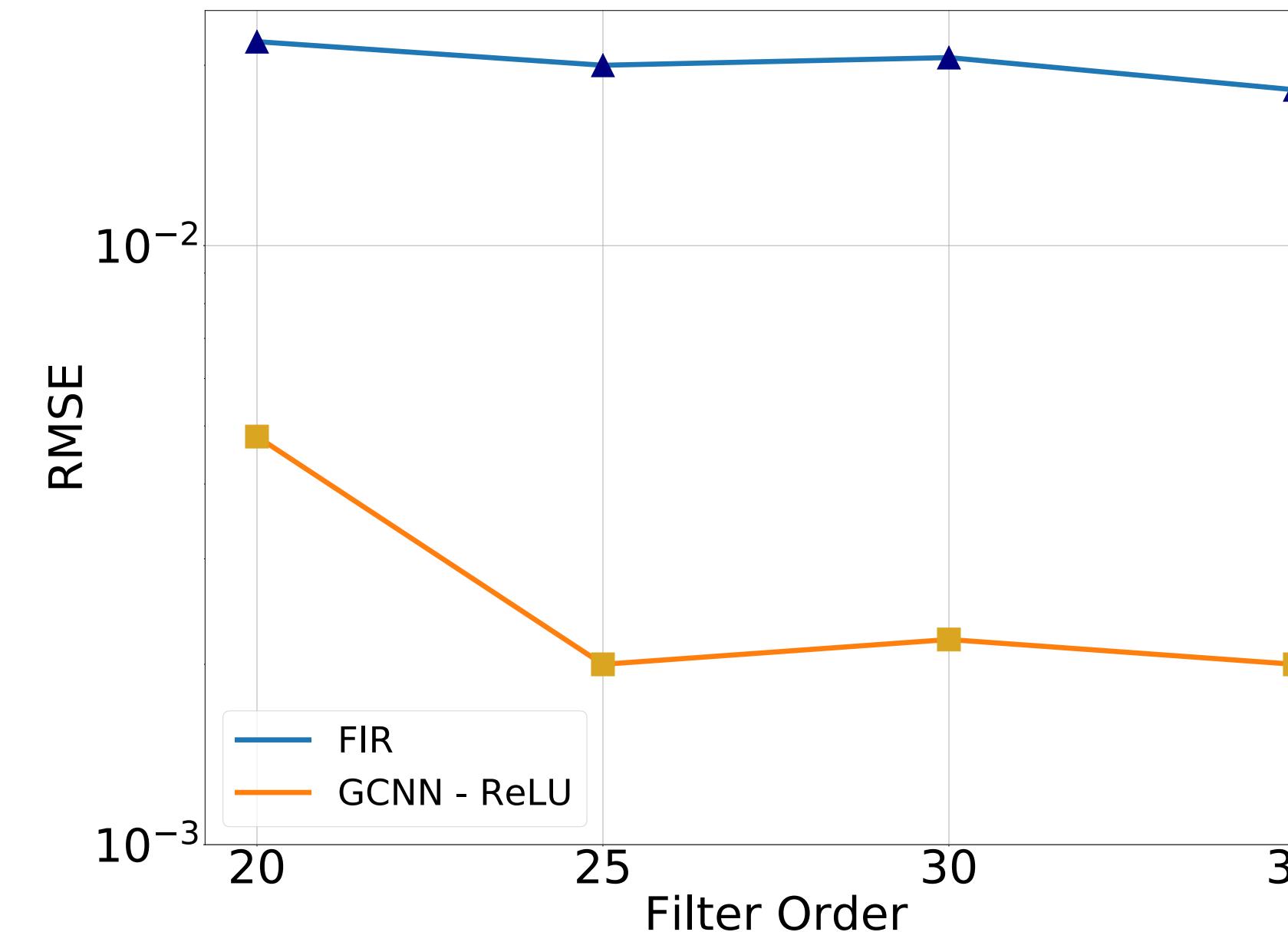
$N = 100$  and  $C = 5$  communities; graph signals  $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$

1 Layer,  $F = 32$  features, shared FC ( $32 \times 1$ ) 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

# Distributed regression

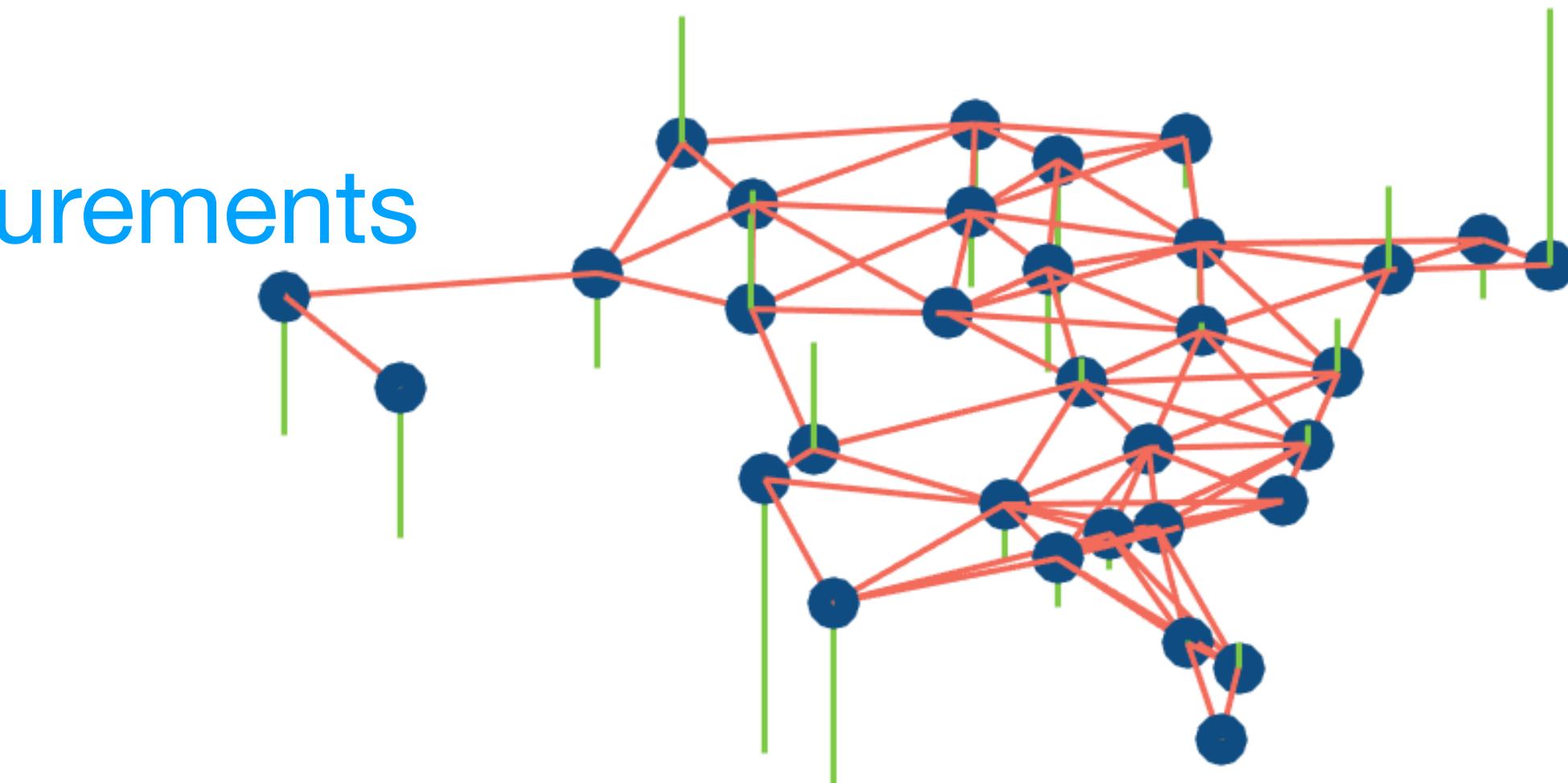
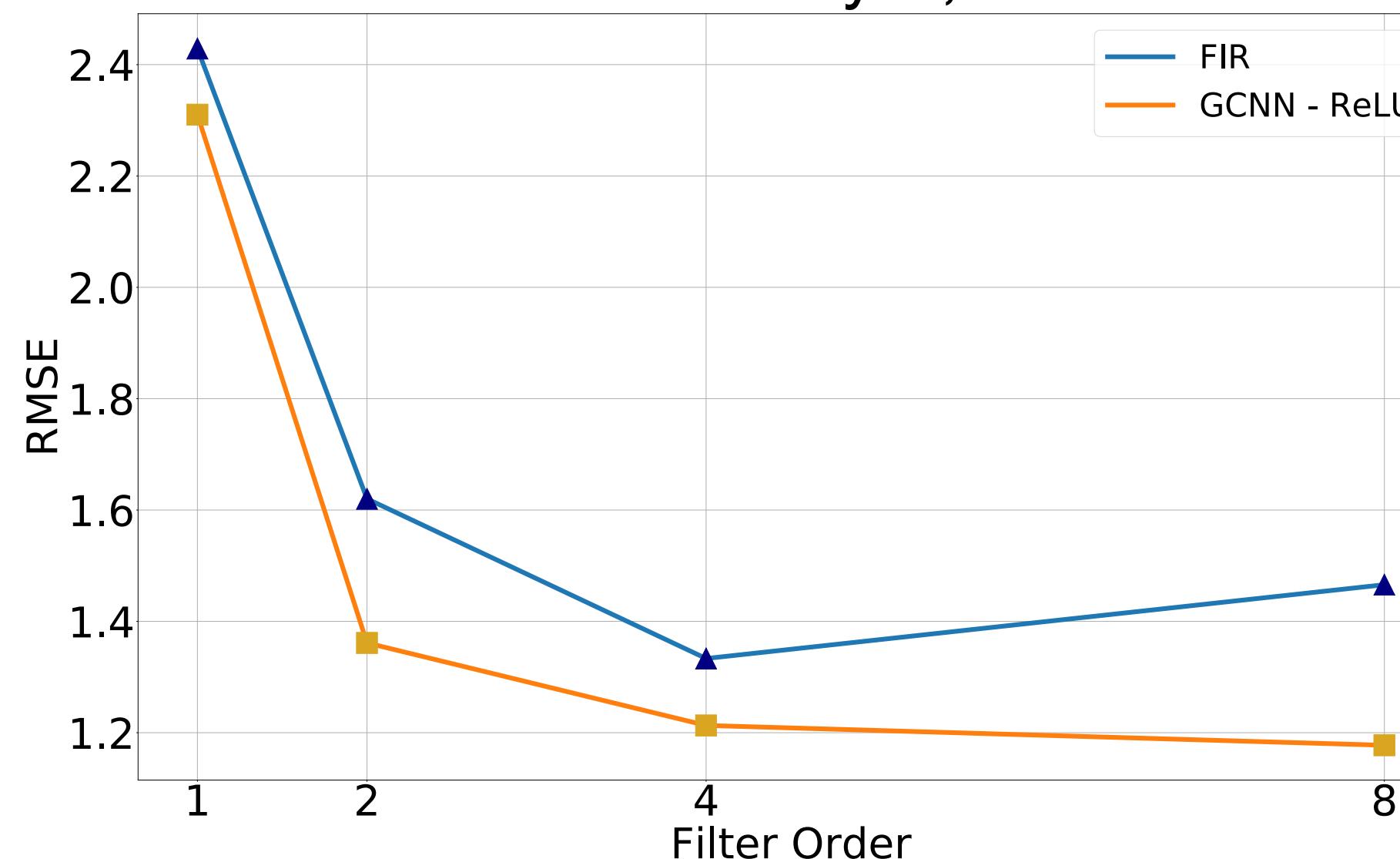
Retrieve signal distributively from noisy measurements

Molene weather dataset

Build a graph between stations  $N = 32$

Graph signal: 744 temperature recording

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



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

# Authorship attribution

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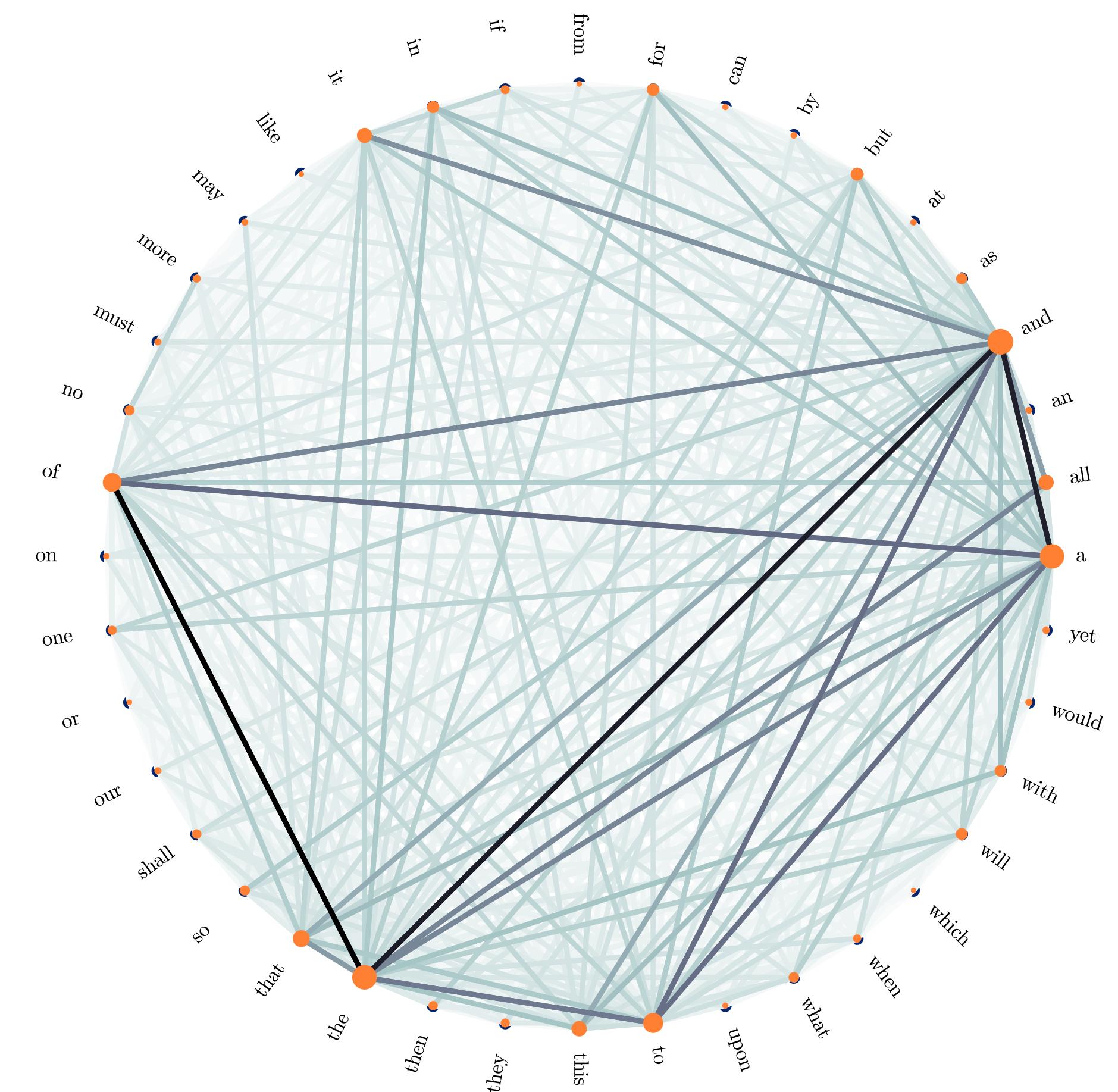
# Build a word adjacency network

$$N = 190 - 211$$

# Graph signal: word frequency count

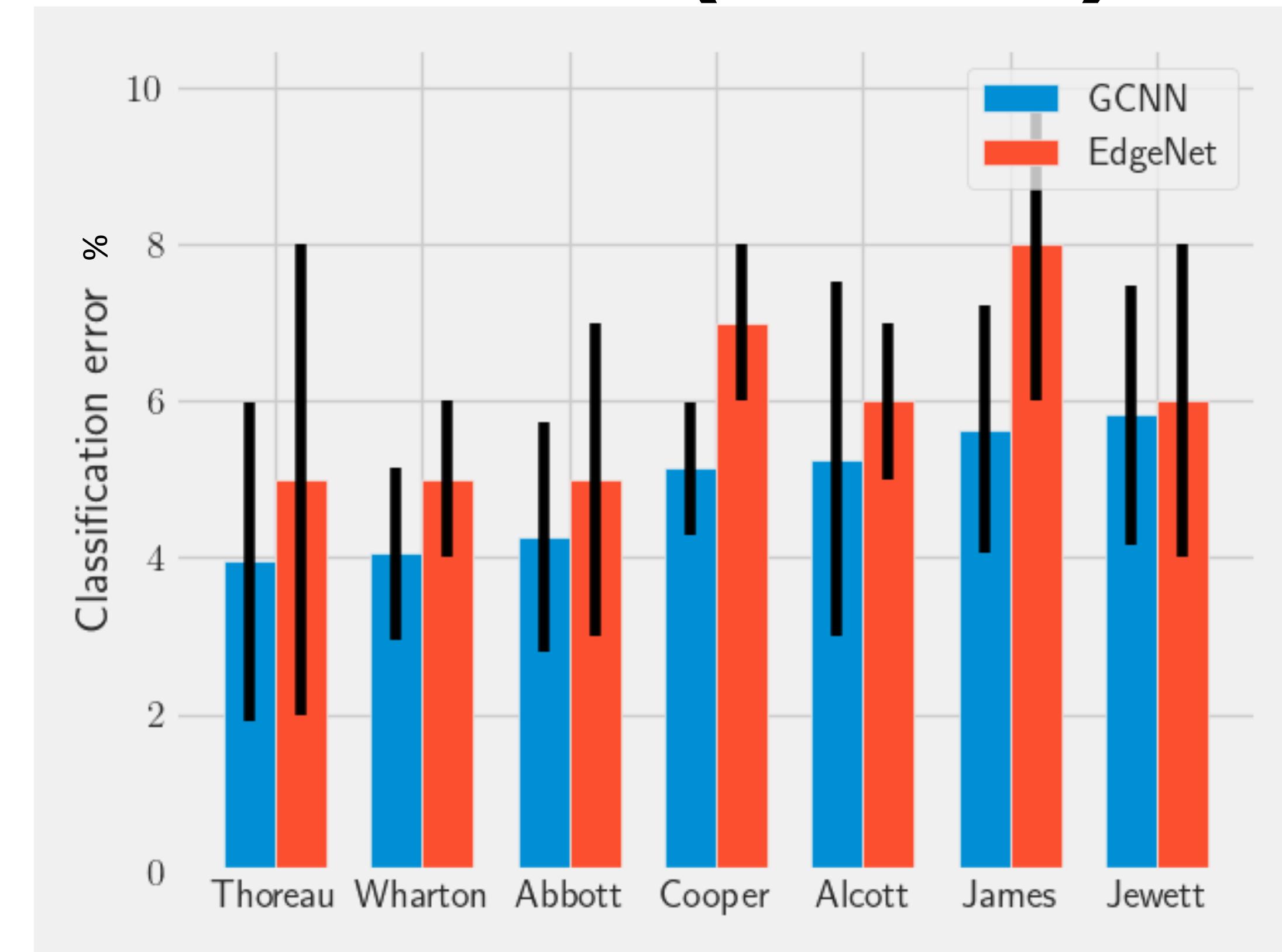
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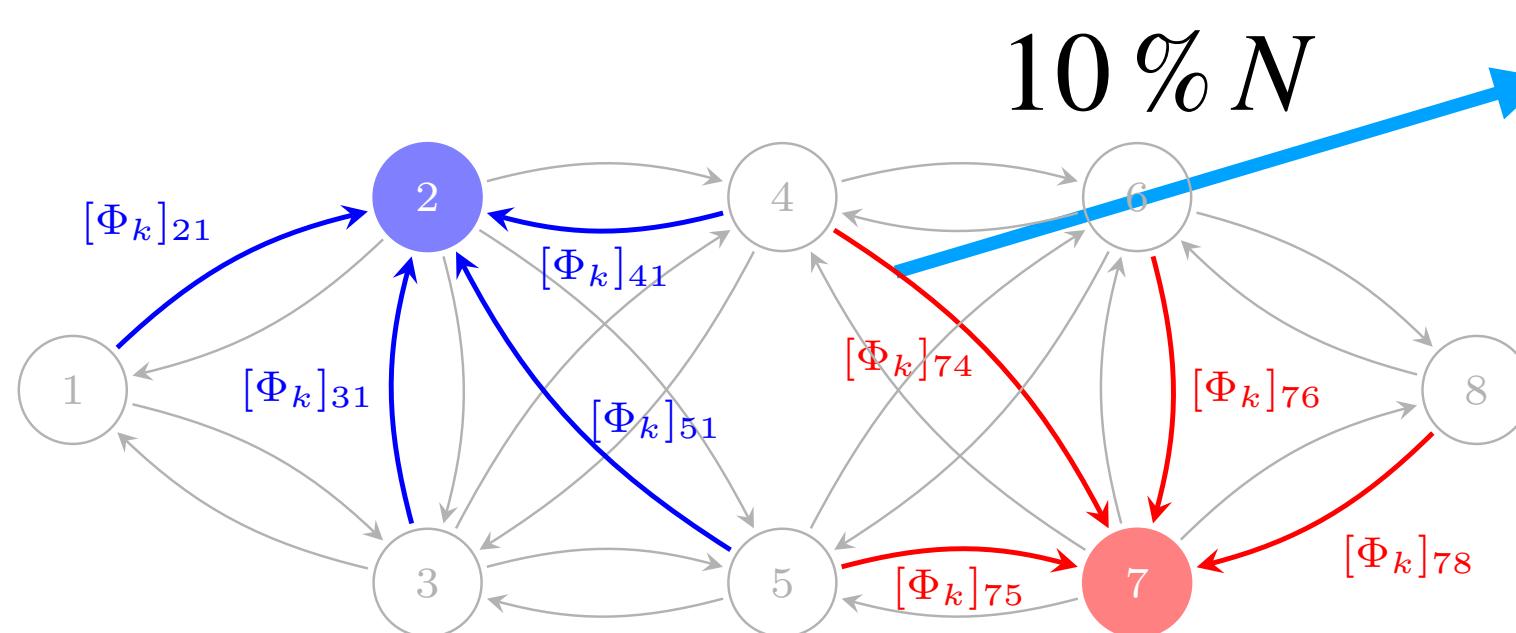
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# Authorship attribution (easier)



- 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)



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

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

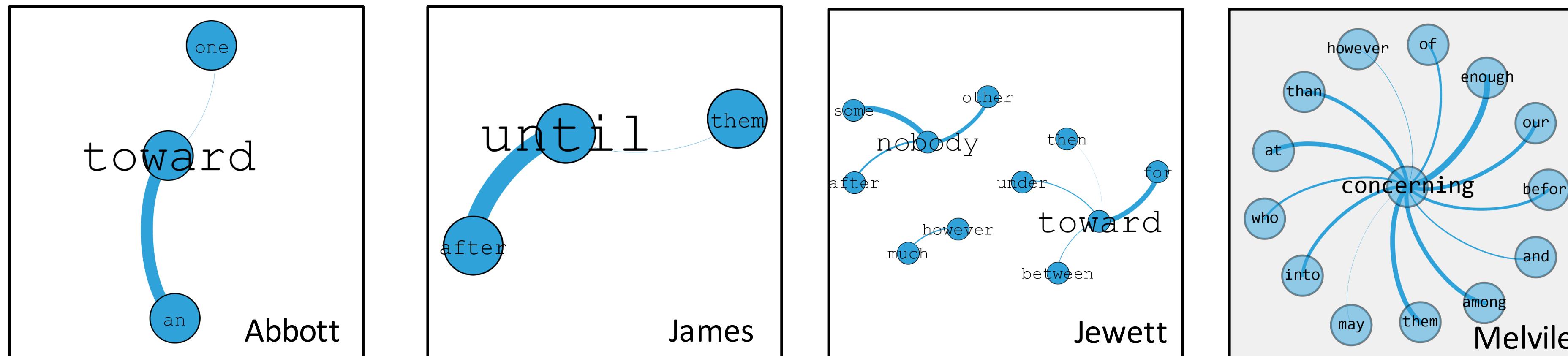
- EdgeNet requires its own hypertunning
- Better for more **difficult** scenarios
- **Subclasses** of the **EV** can perform better depending on problem difficulty

# 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	$6 \times 10^{-3}$	$6 \times 10^{-3}$	$5 \times 10^{-3}$

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)

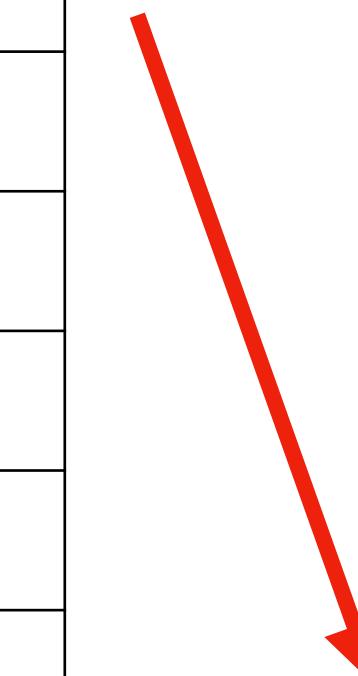
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user similarity graph

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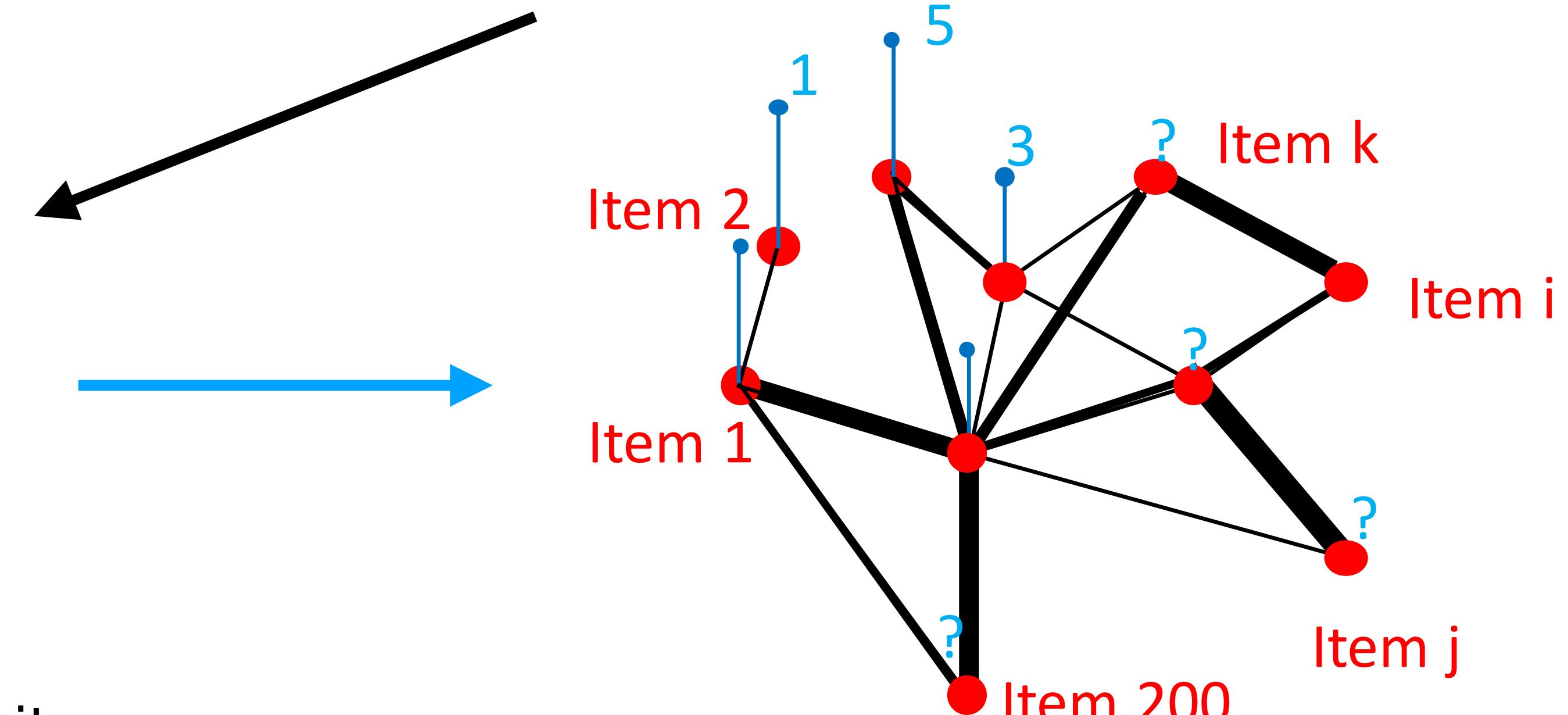
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$N = 200$  most rated items

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subset of user ratings  
to build the graph



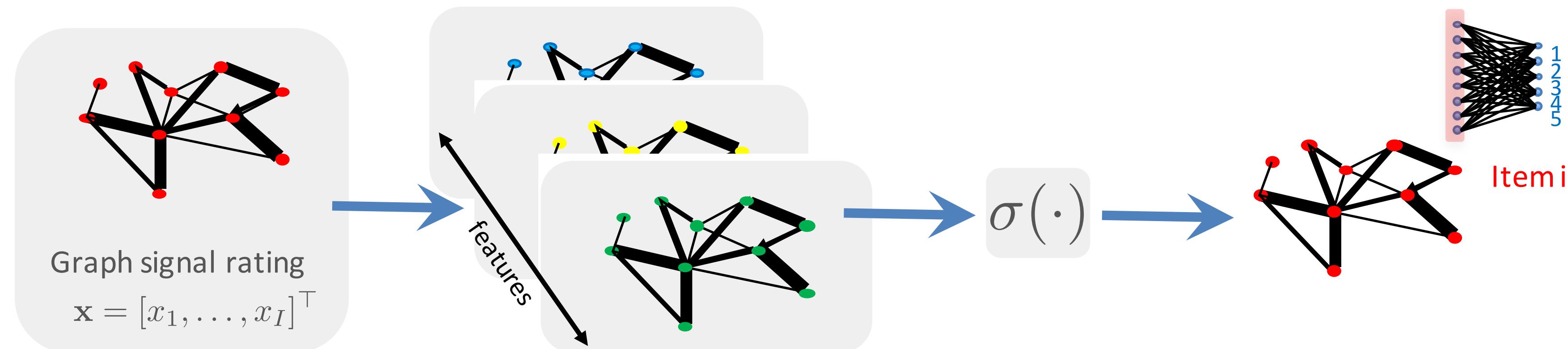
Graph signal : rating of user  $u$  to all items

- interpolation problem on graphs

Goal: find rating all users give to item  $i$  (fill  $i$ 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	<b>0.82</b>	1.08	<b>0.95</b>	0.86	1.04	0.95
Edge var.	0.93	<b>1.03</b>	1.00	0.88	1.24	1.02
Node var.	0.78	1.04	1.00	0.87	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.94</b>
Hybrid edge var.	0.75	<b>1.02</b>	0.98	<b>0.82</b>	1.08	<b>0.93</b>

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- 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

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  - ◆ Particularize to **all** the others including GINs and GATs
  - ◆ Help **explainability**
- Applications in signal classification & regression
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  - ◆ 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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  - ◆ T-9: Graph Neural Networks (F. Gama and A. Ribeiro)

# Why we use filters in neural networks?

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

# Supervised learning

- Design parameters  $\theta$  such that

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

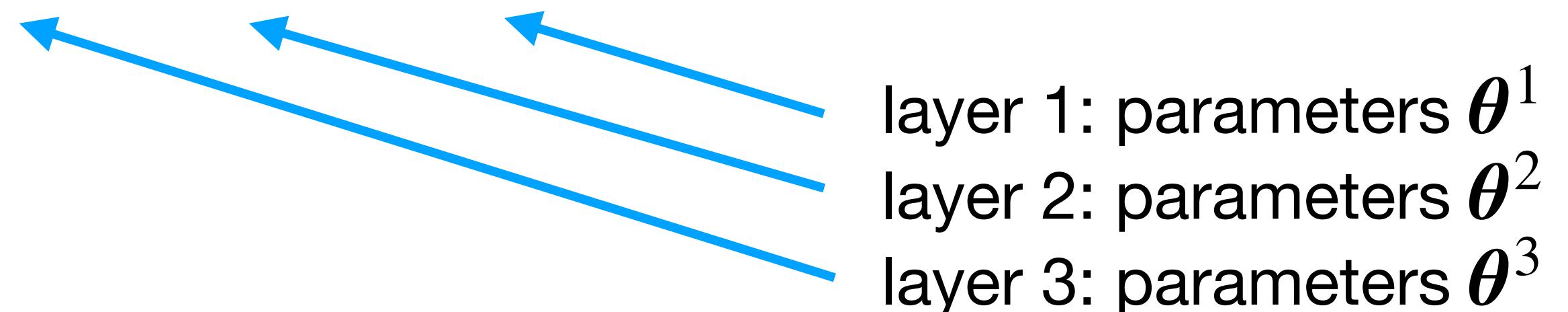
$$\underset{\theta}{\text{minimize}} \frac{1}{R} \sum_{r=1}^R (f(\theta, \mathbf{x}_r) - y_r)^2$$

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

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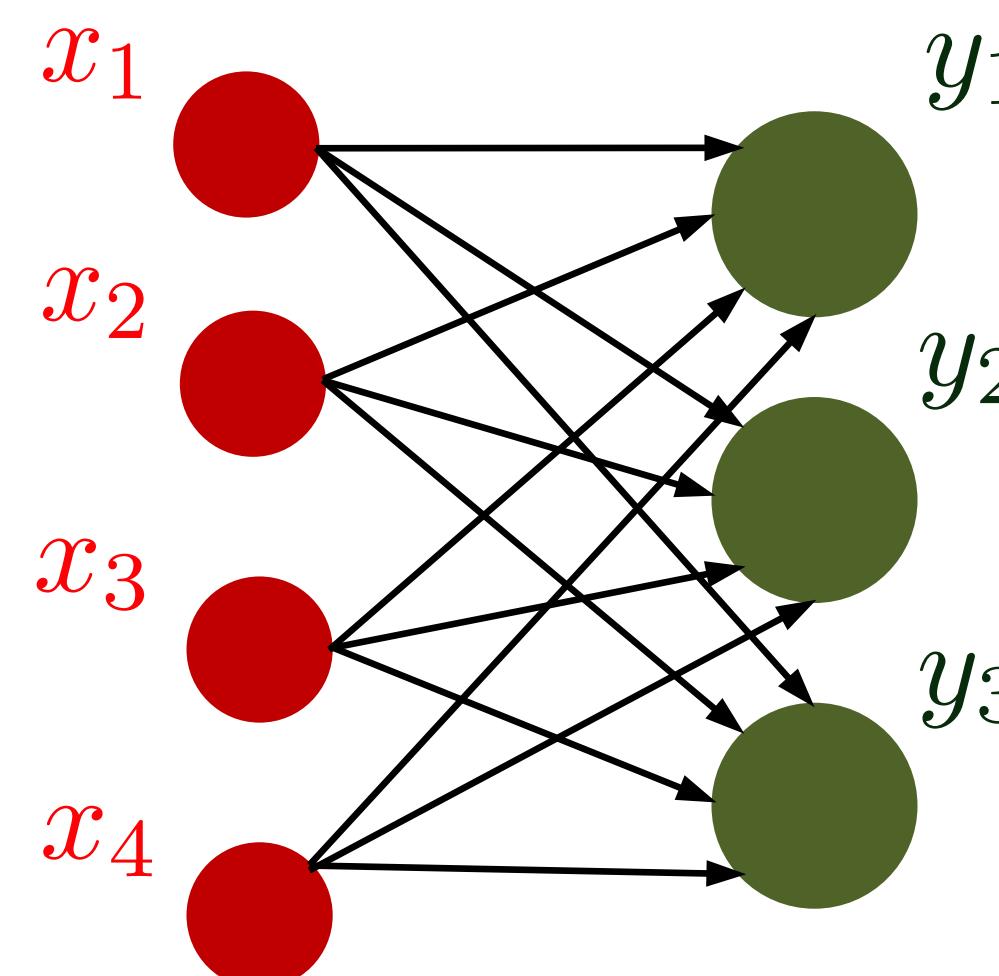


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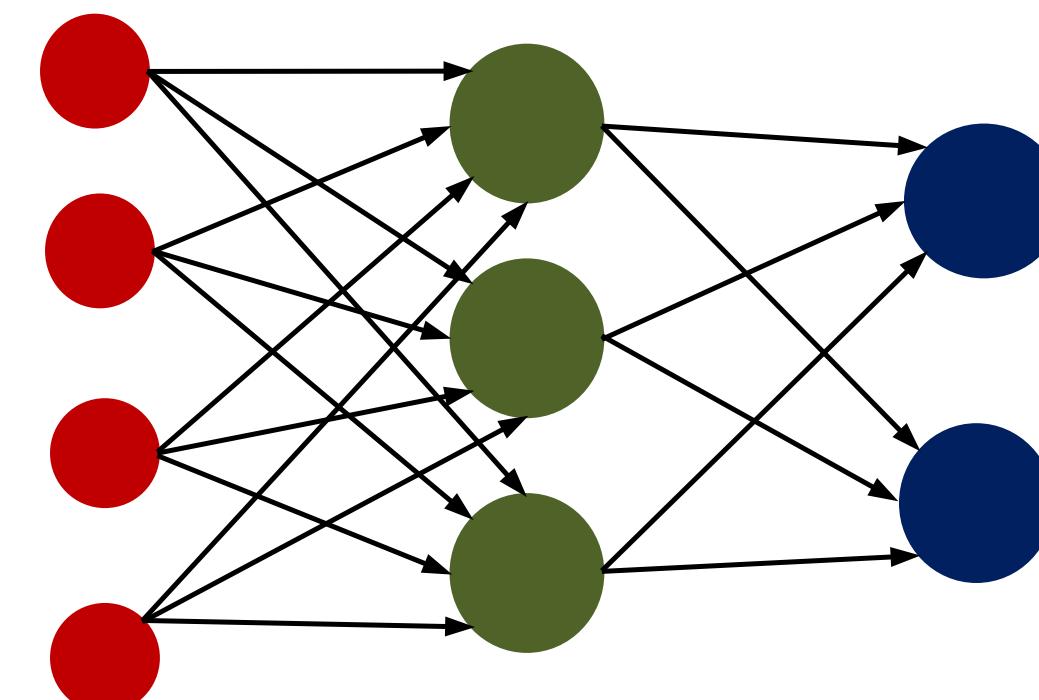
layer 1: parameters  $\theta^1$   
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 layer 3: parameters  $\theta^3$

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

# Neural networks

- No structure in the data: multi-layer perceptron

◆ Improves expressivity



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

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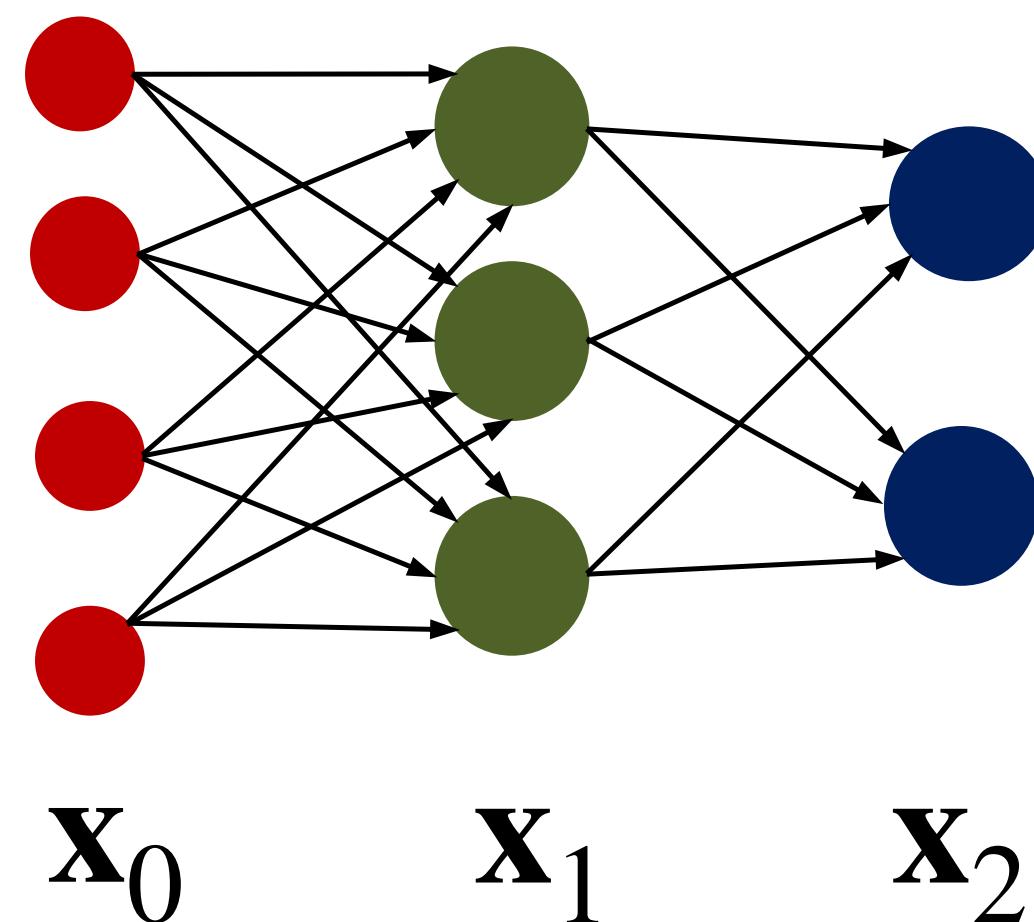
$\mathbf{x}^{l-1}$  : input layer  $l =$  output layer  $l - 1$

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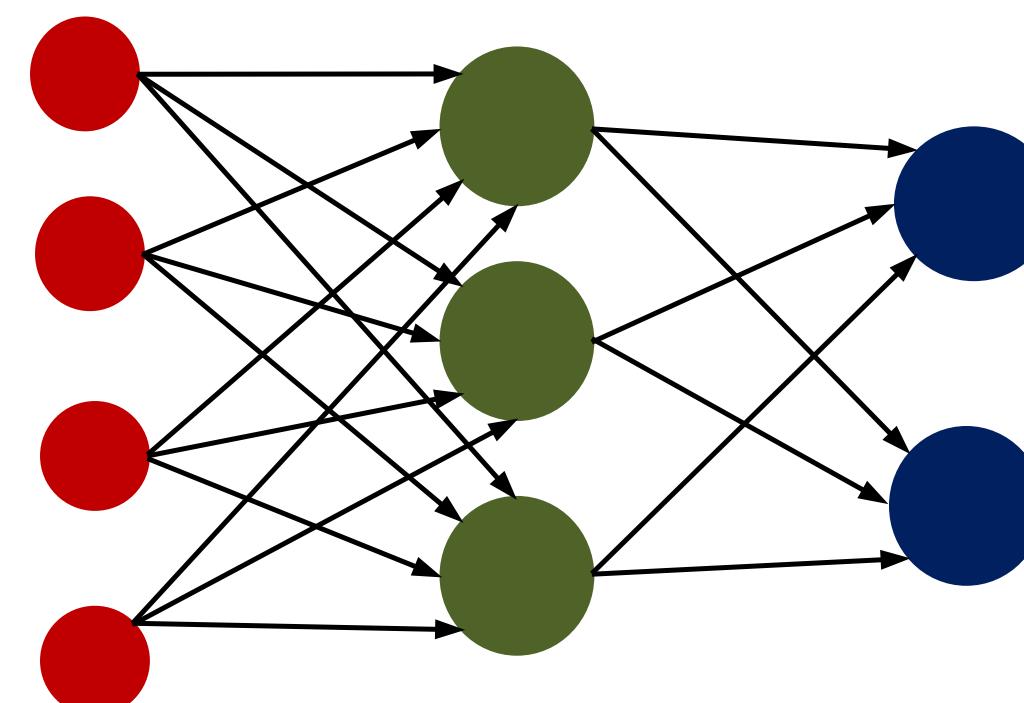
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- $\mathbf{x}^L$  depends on  $\mathbf{x}^0$  through a composition of linear functions and pointwise nonlinearities

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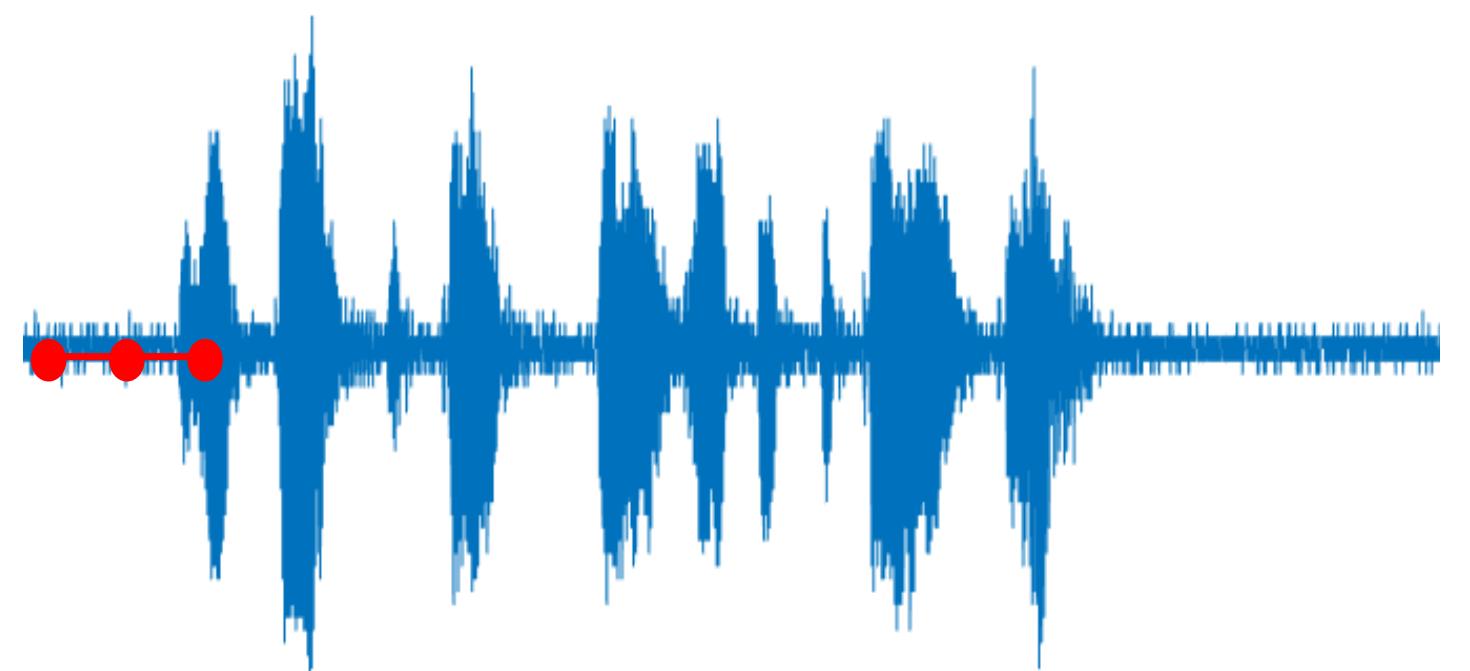
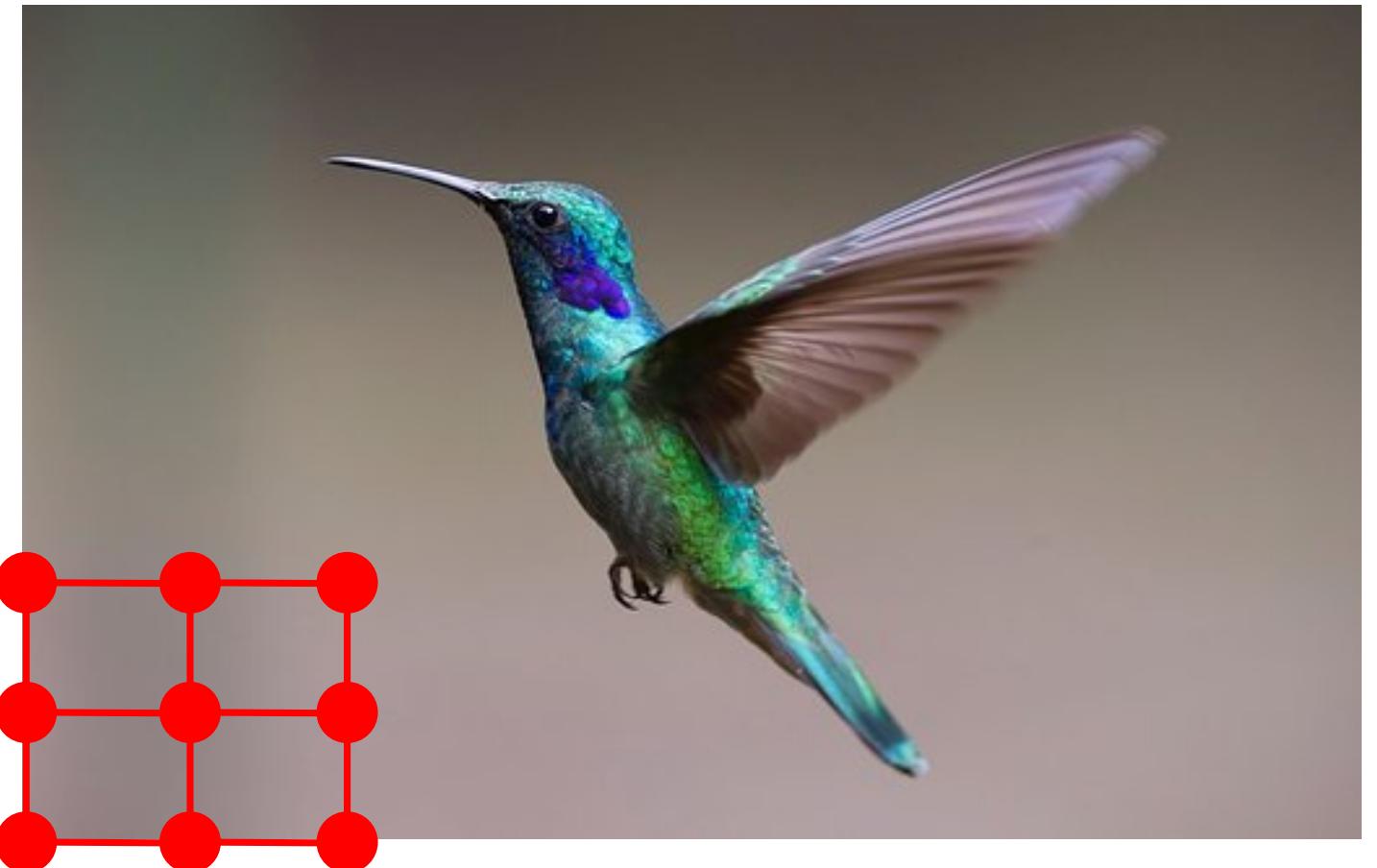
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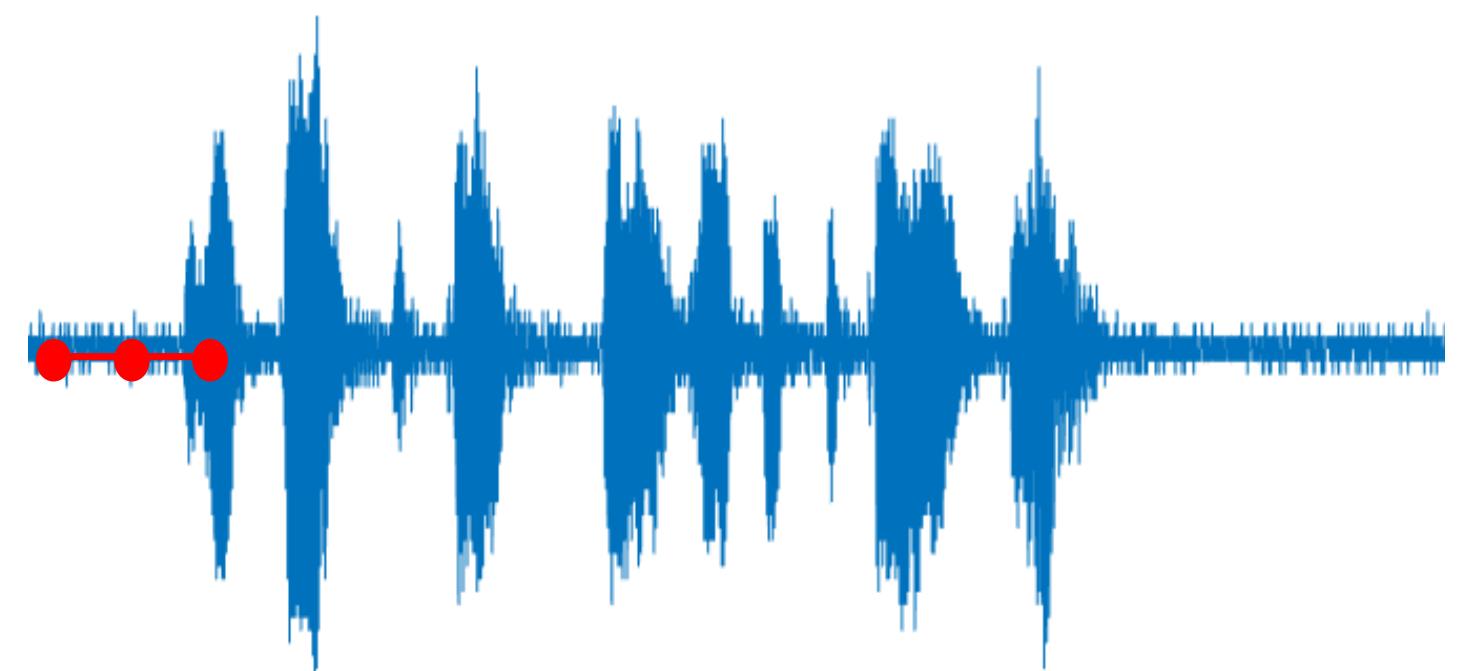
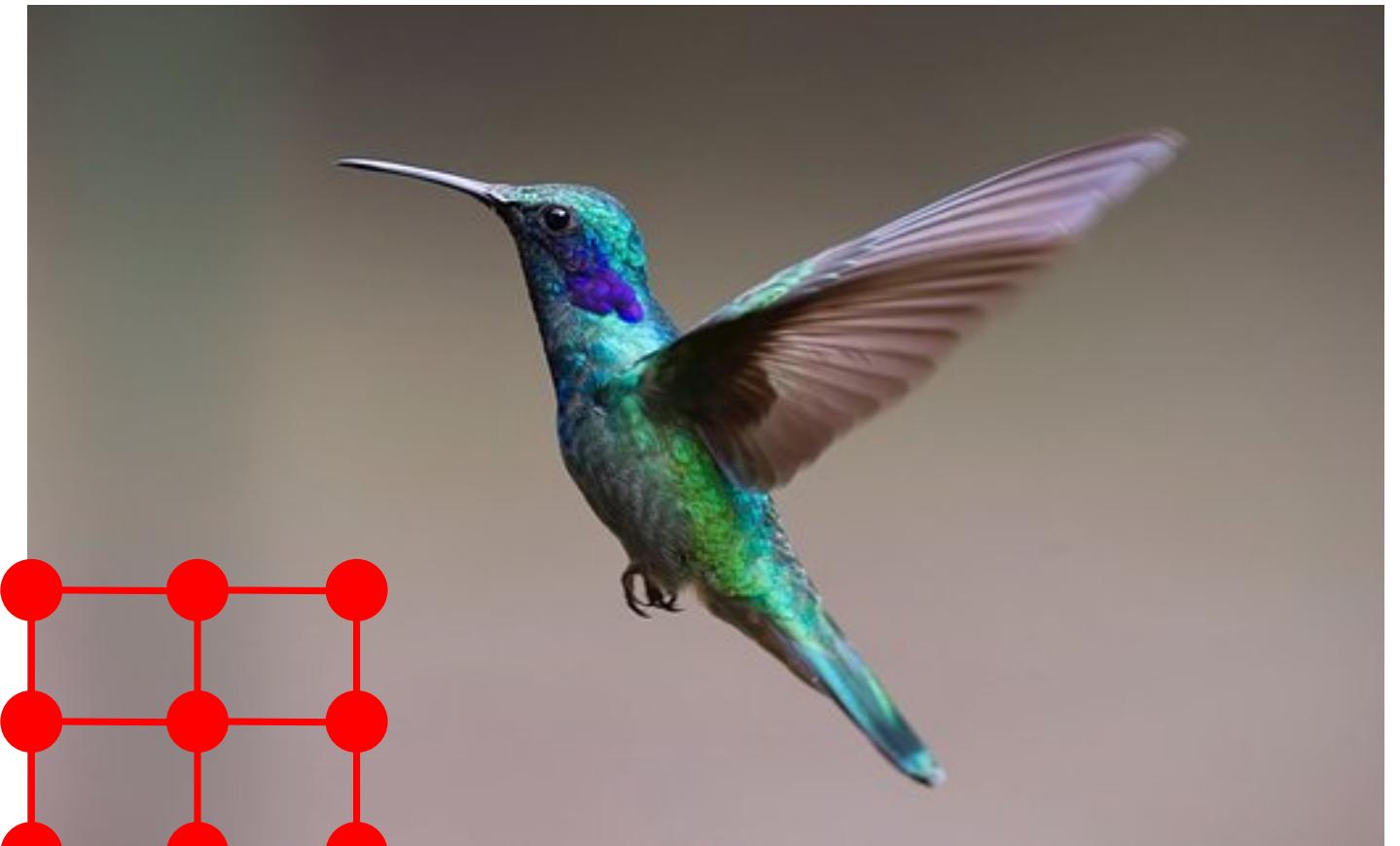
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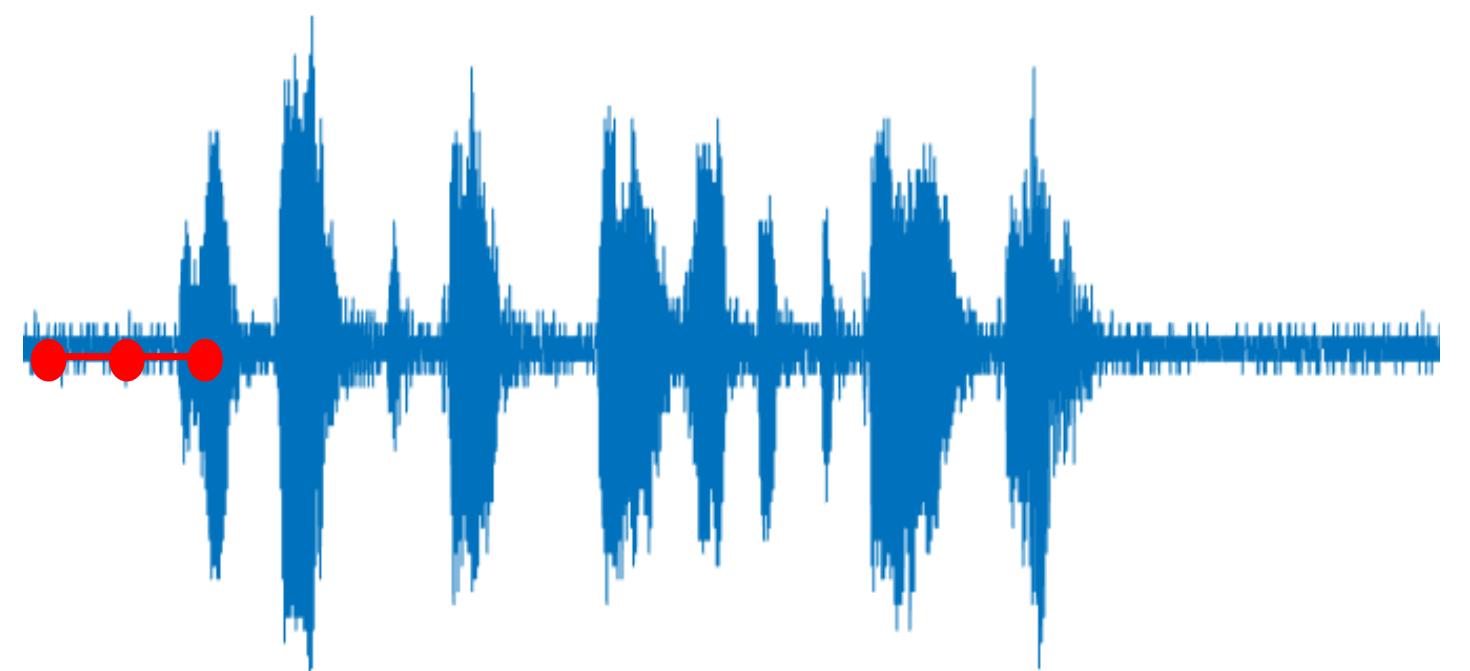
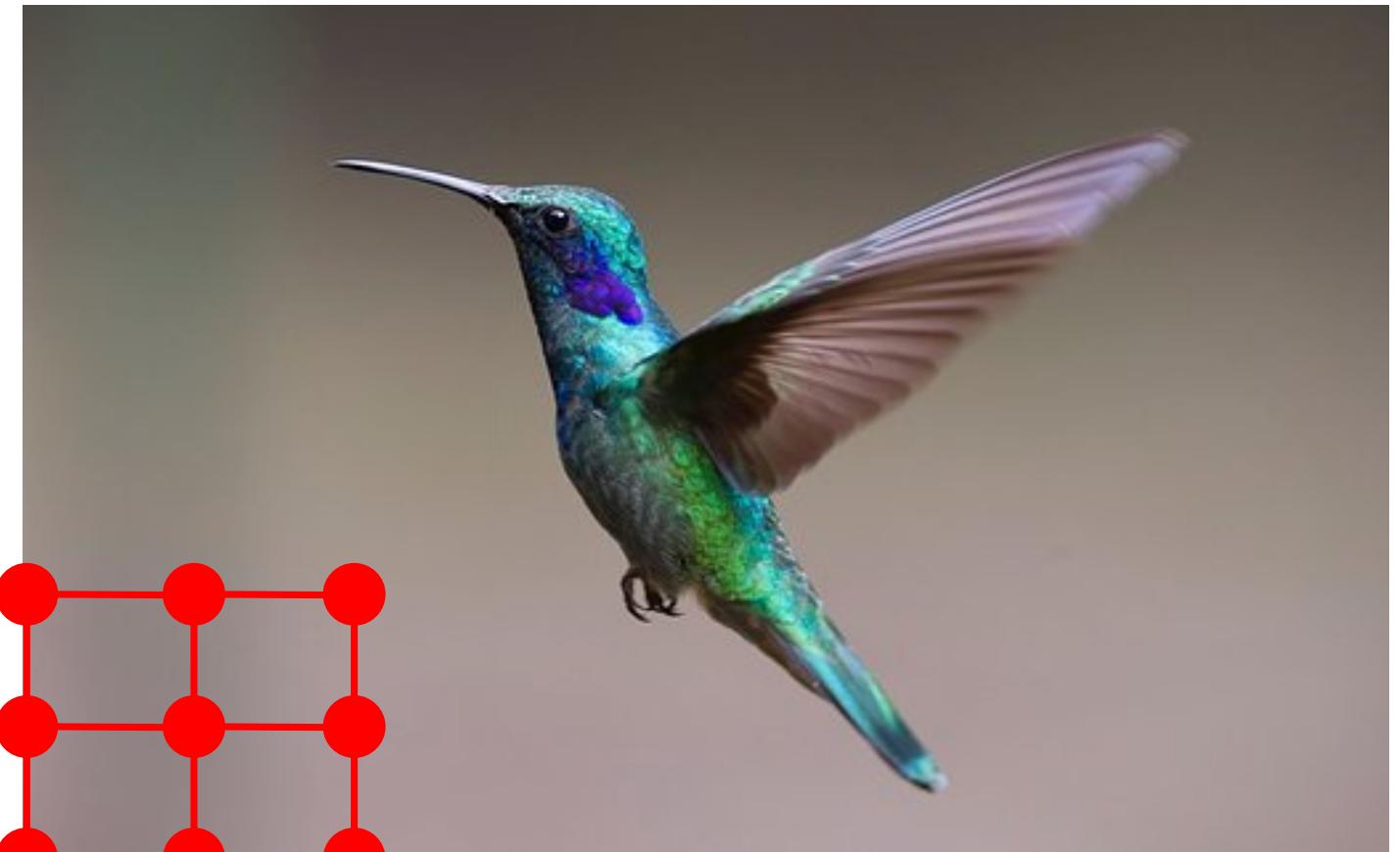
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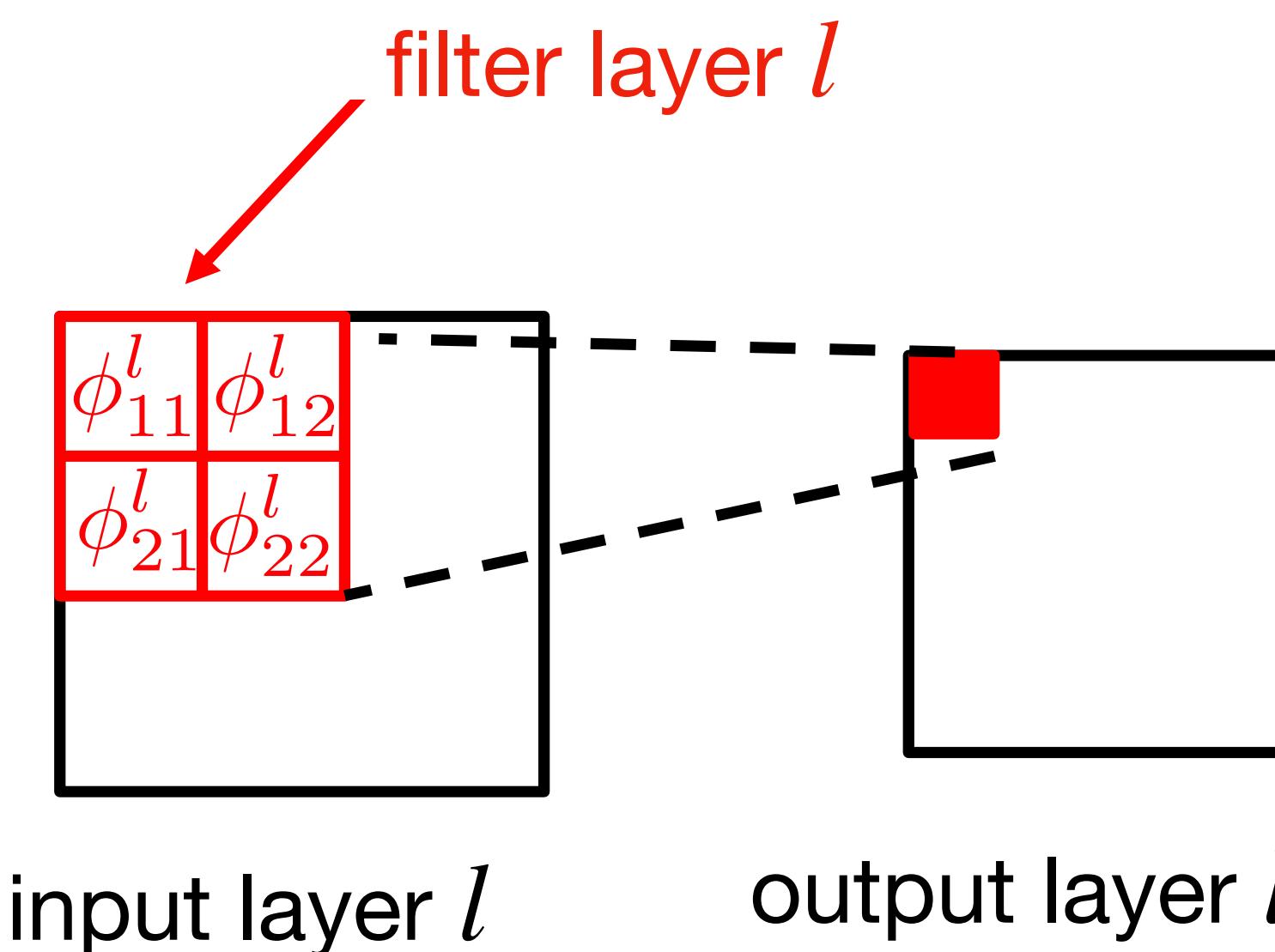
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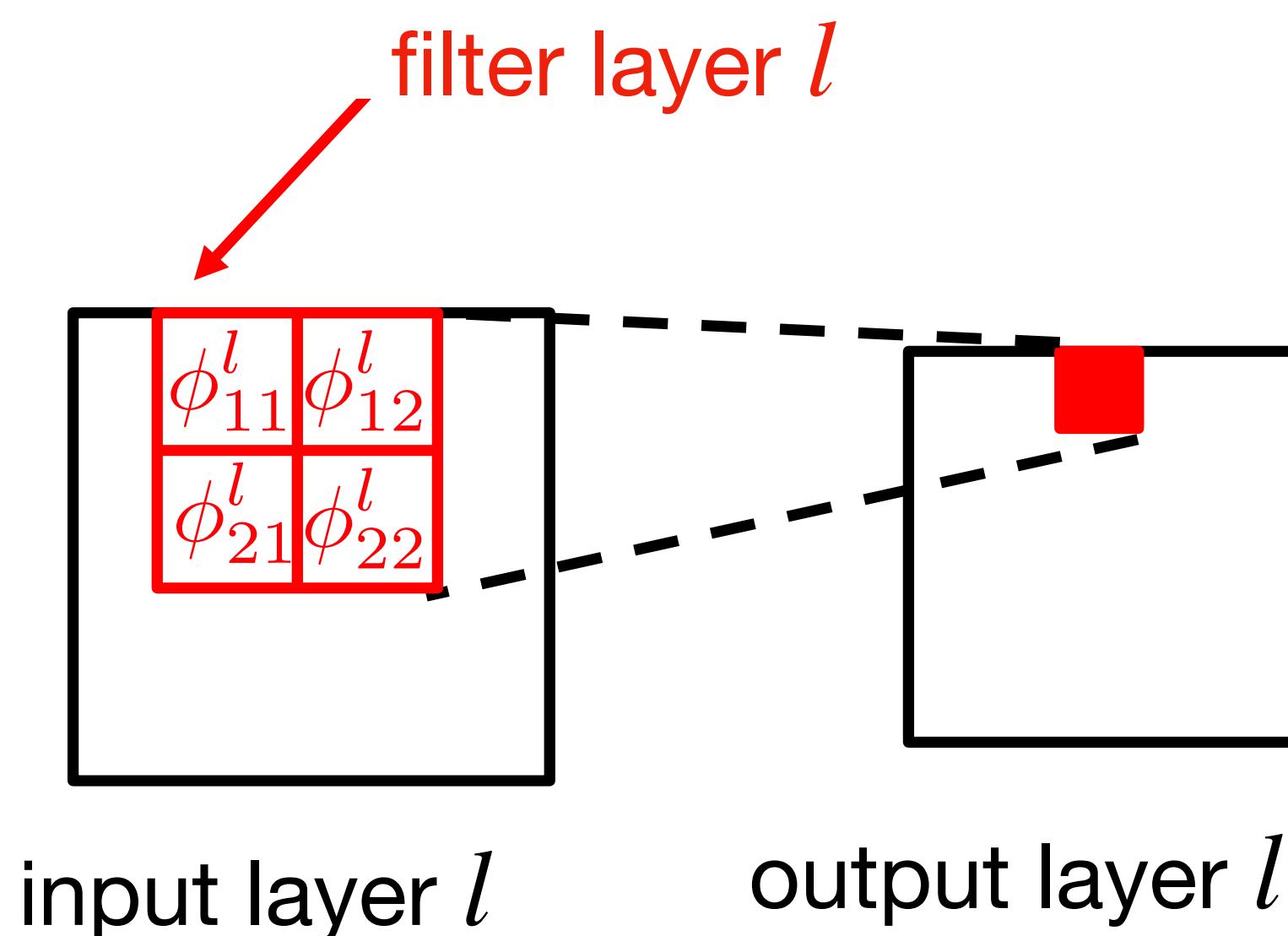
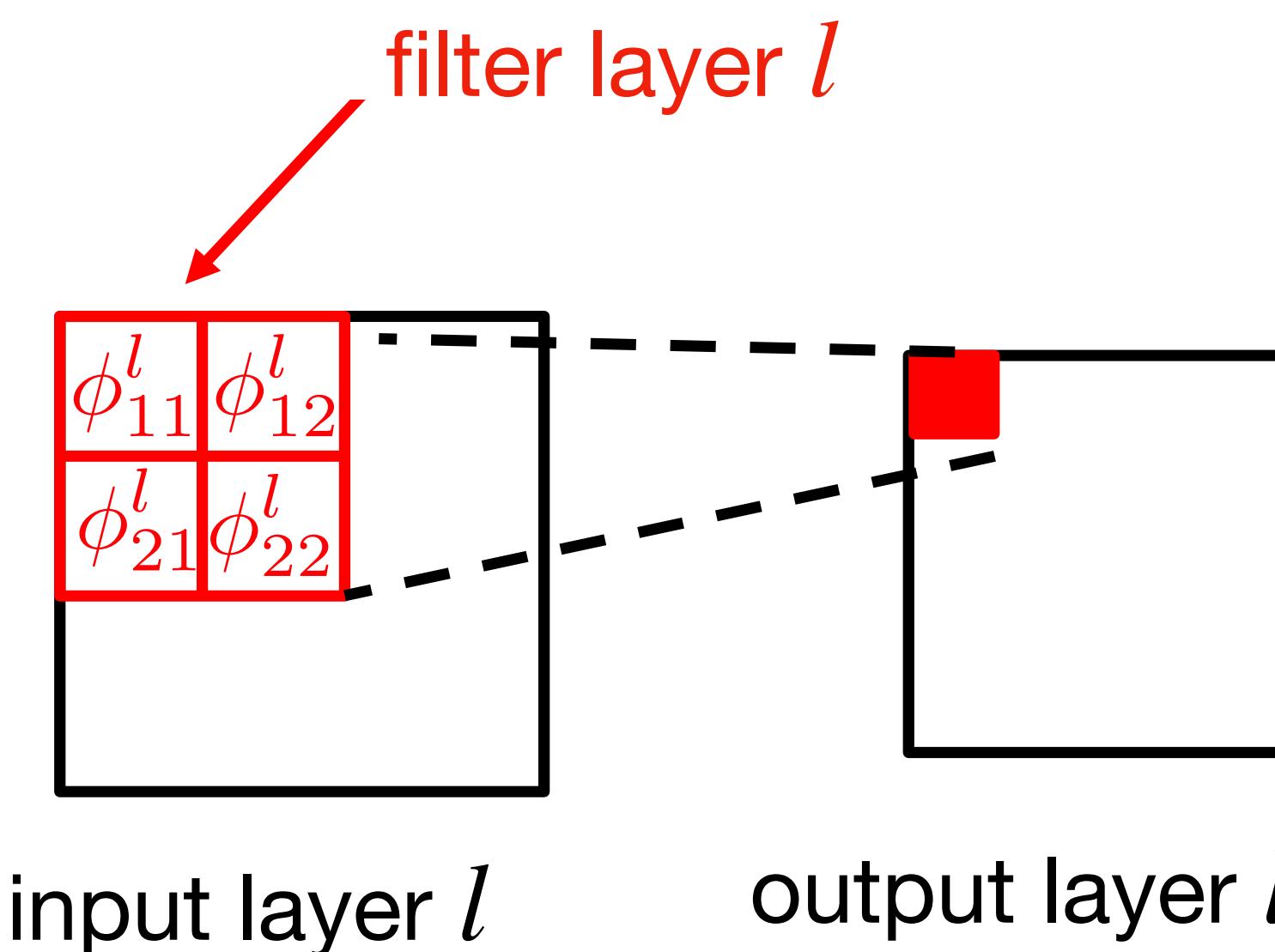
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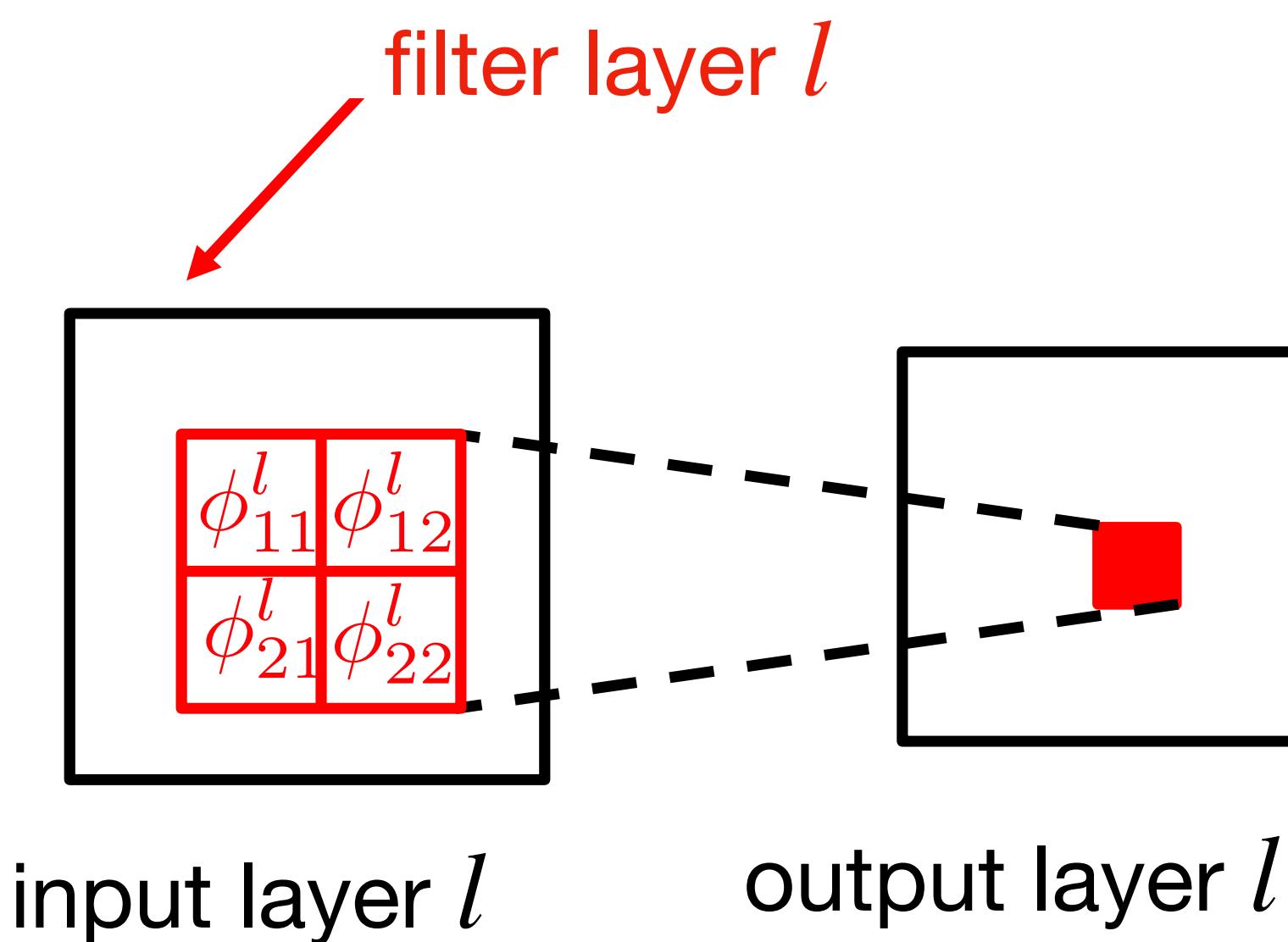
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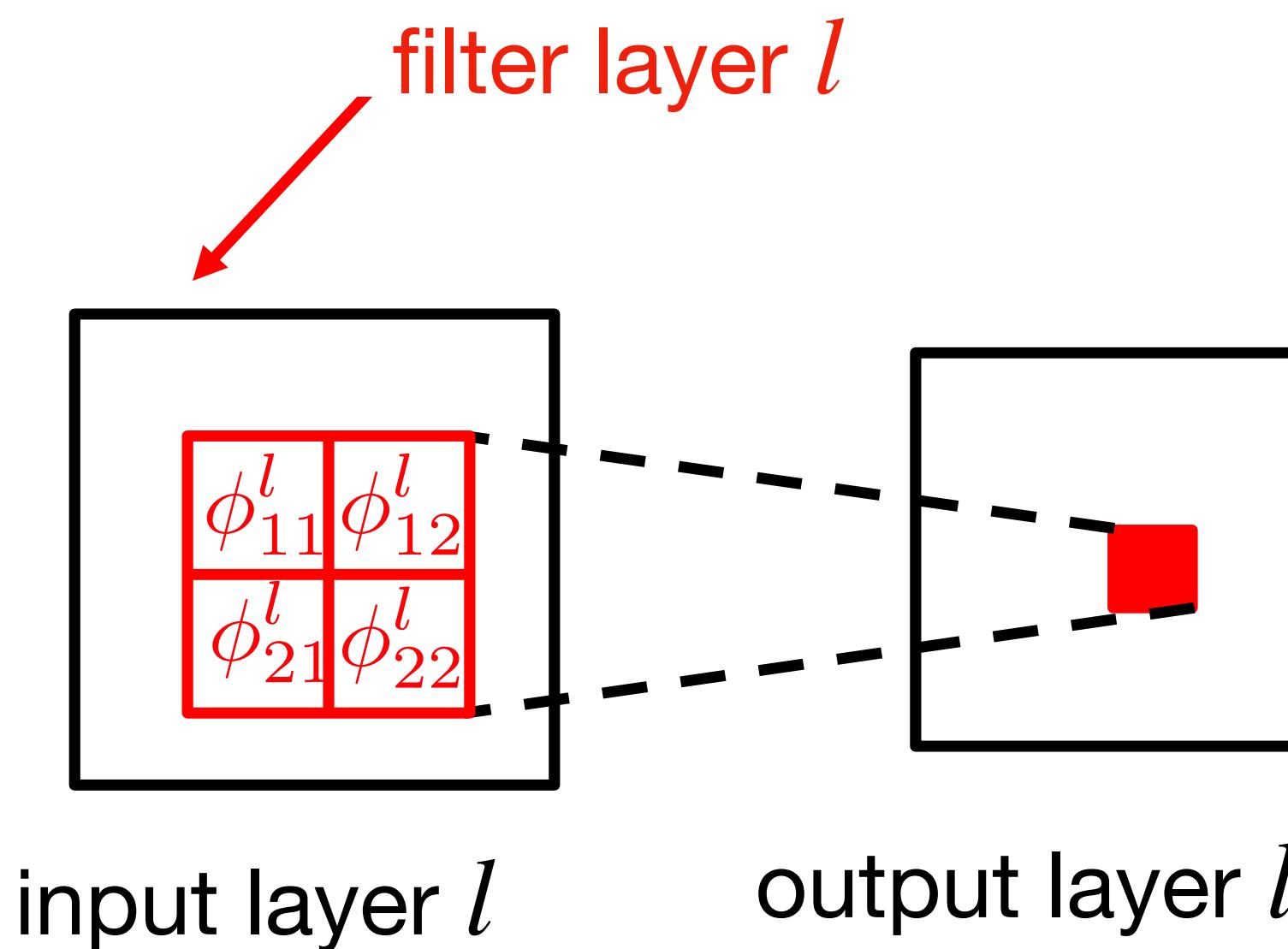
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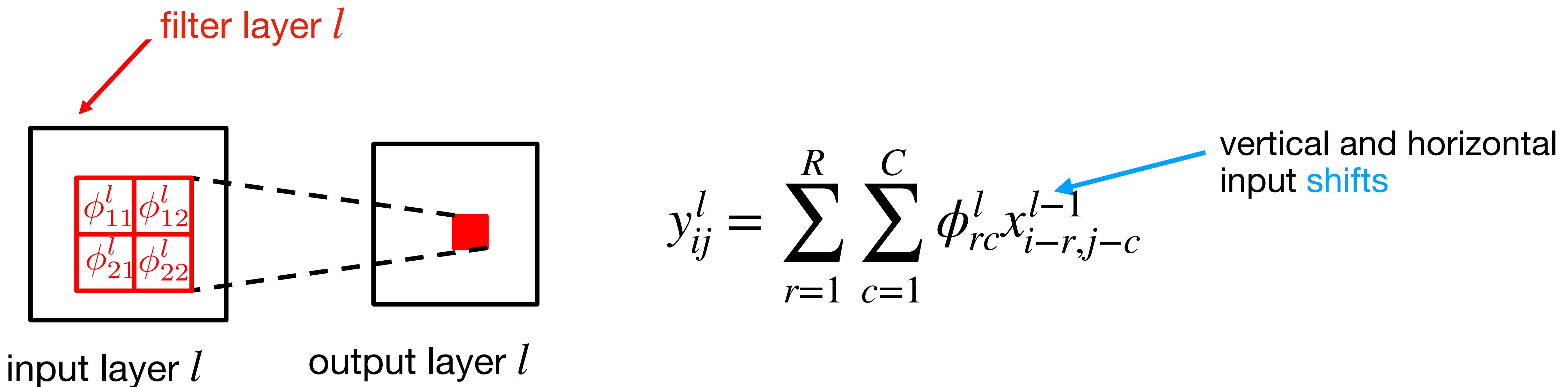


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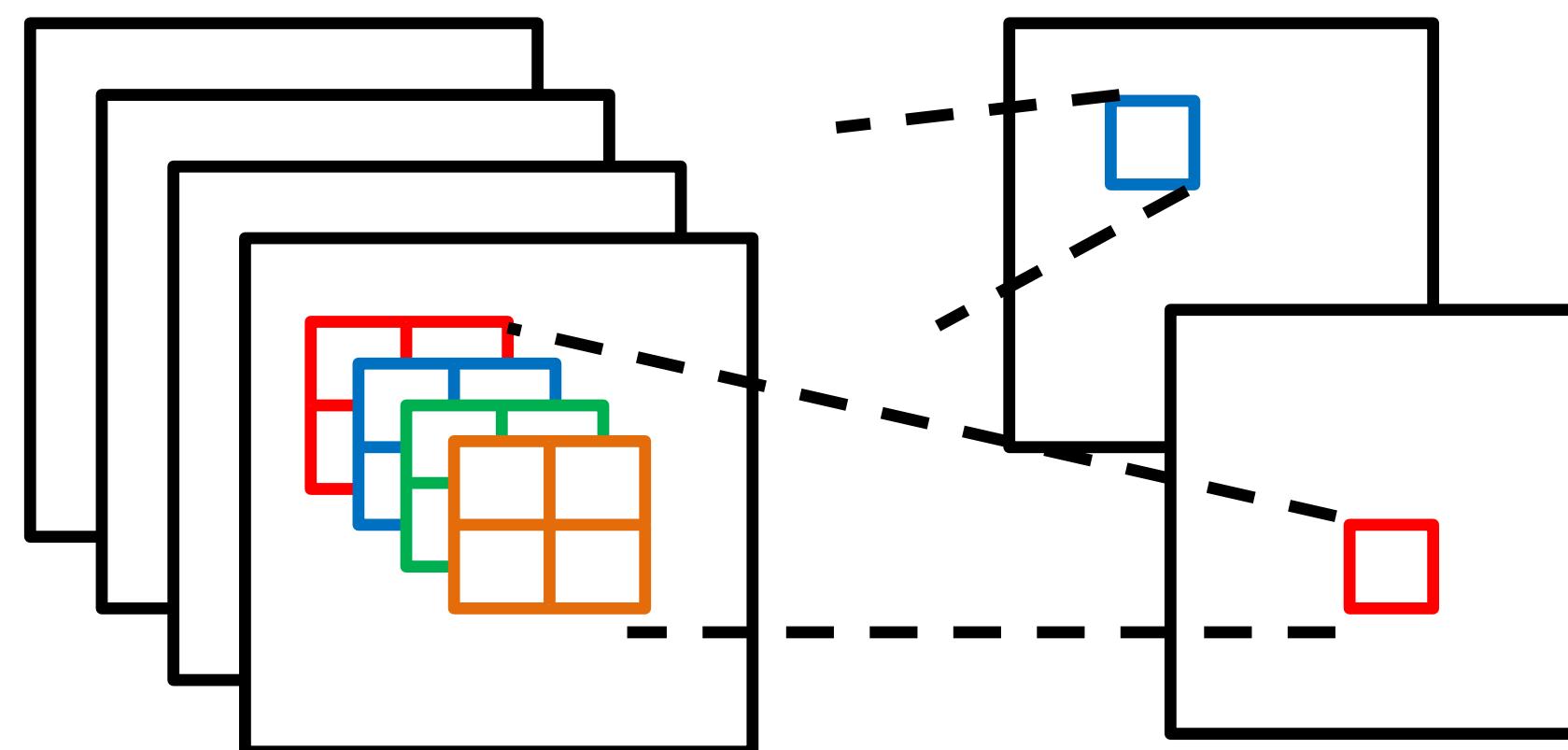
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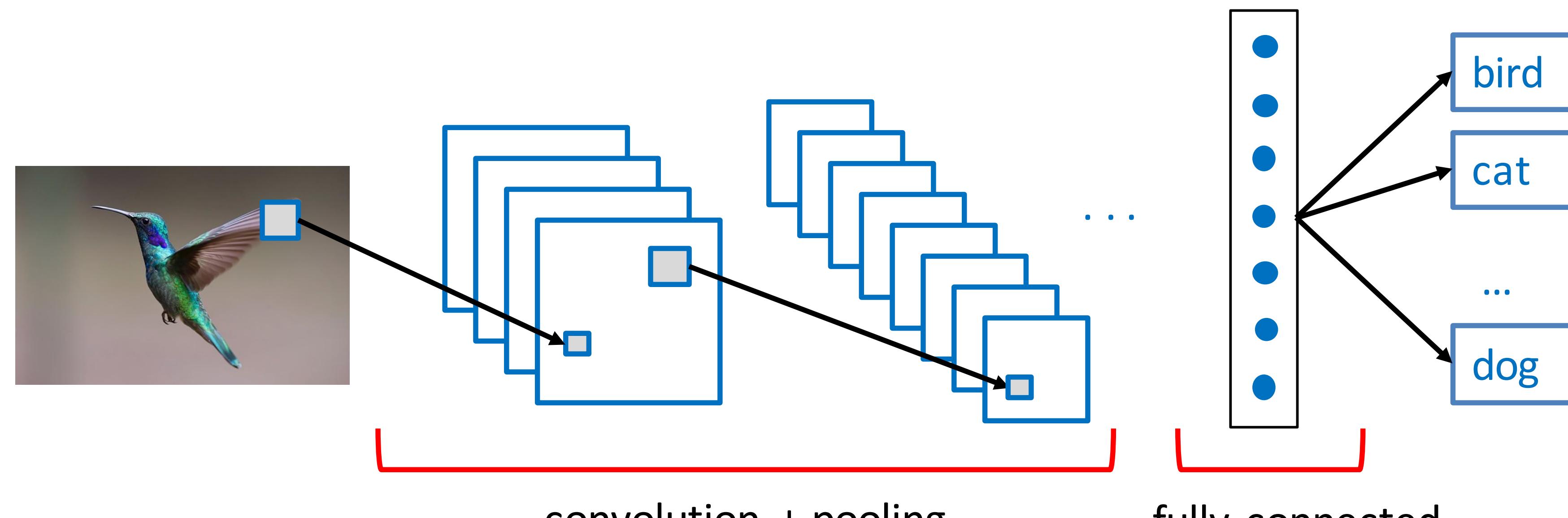
input layer  $l$   
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- ◆ input  $F$  images
- ◆ process each with a **parallel bank of filters**
- ◆ sum filter outputs to obtain higher-level features
- ◆ **parameters** are **filter coefficients** (backprop.)

# CNN full stack

- Cascade of spatial filter bank and nonlinearities



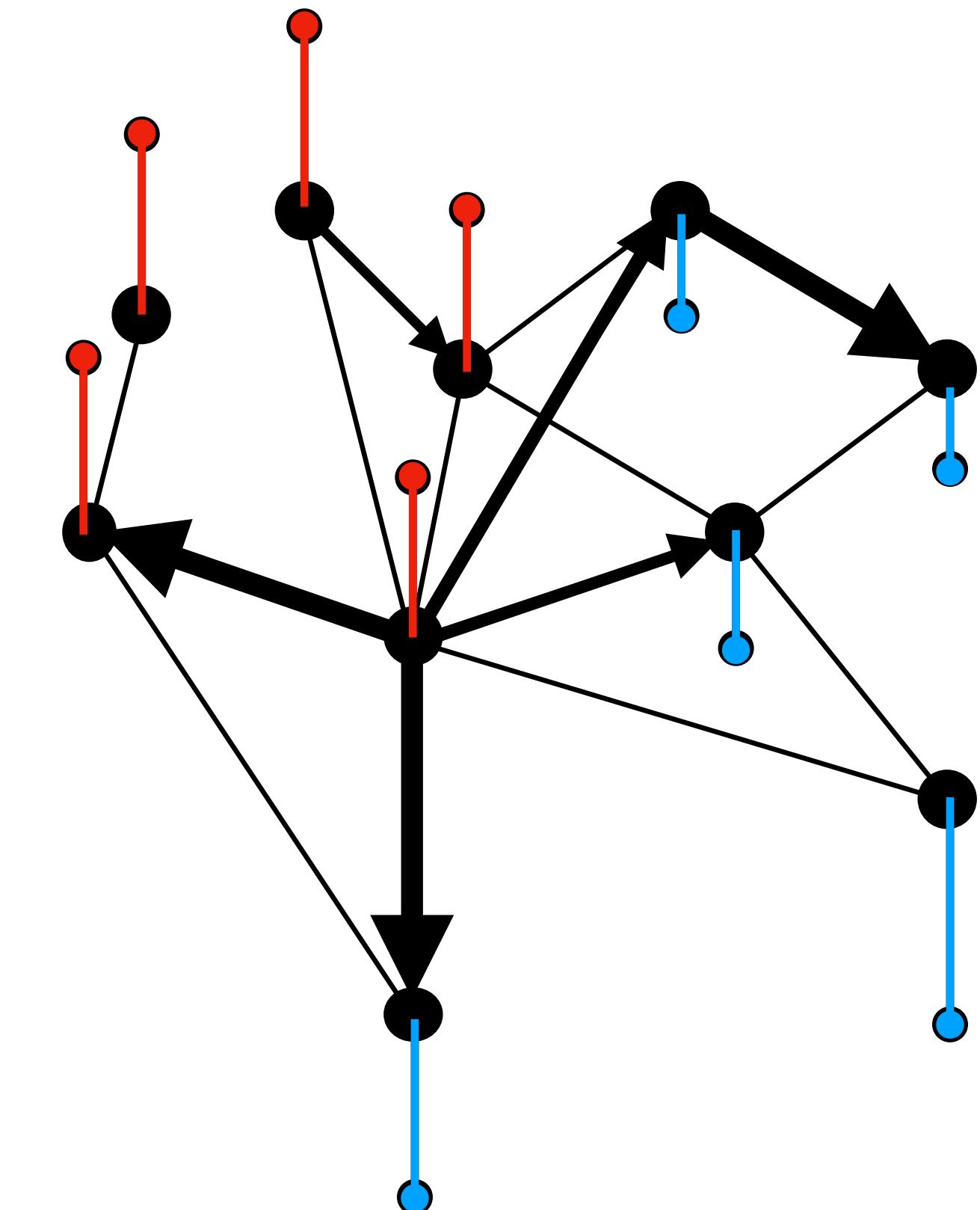
## Benefits

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

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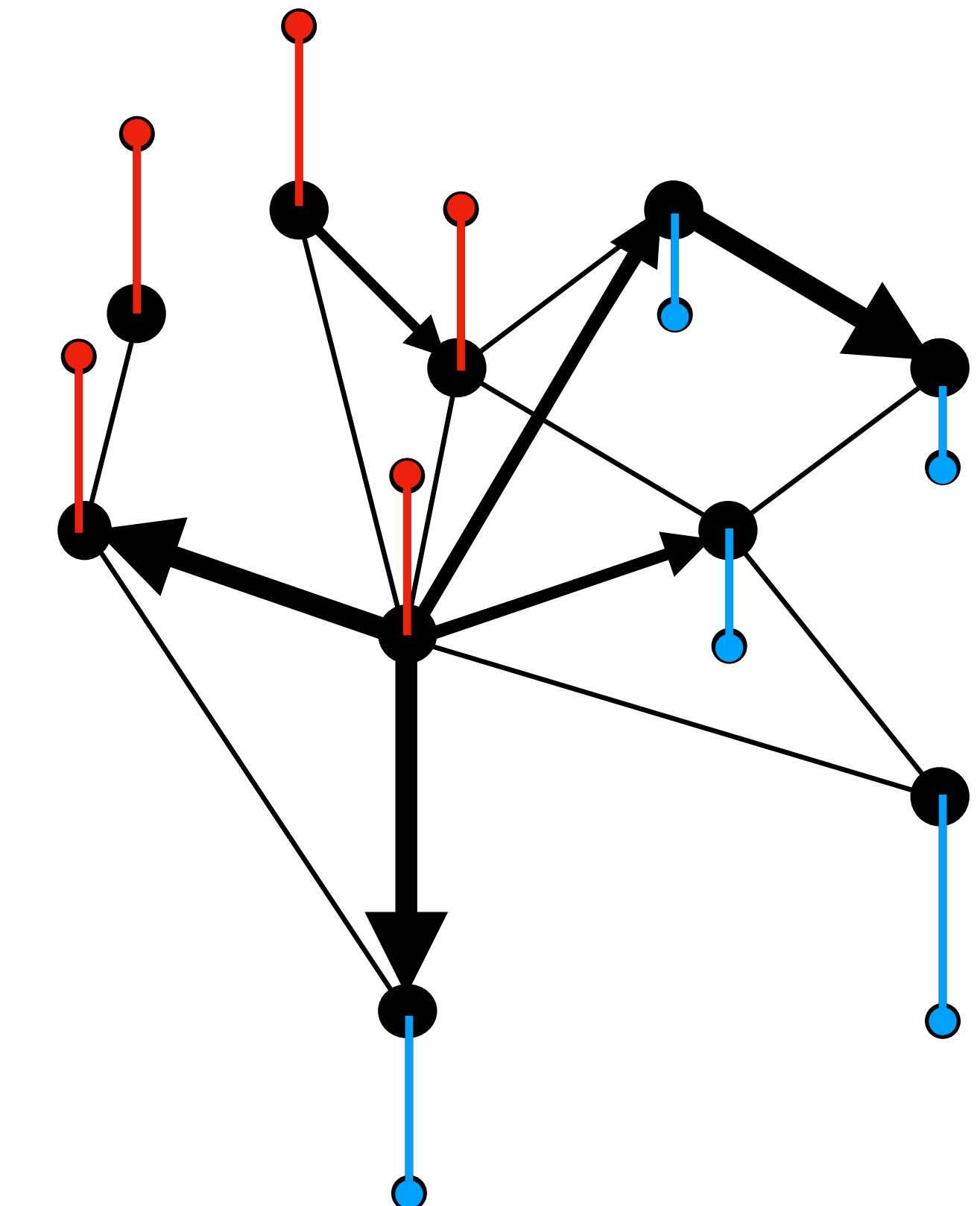
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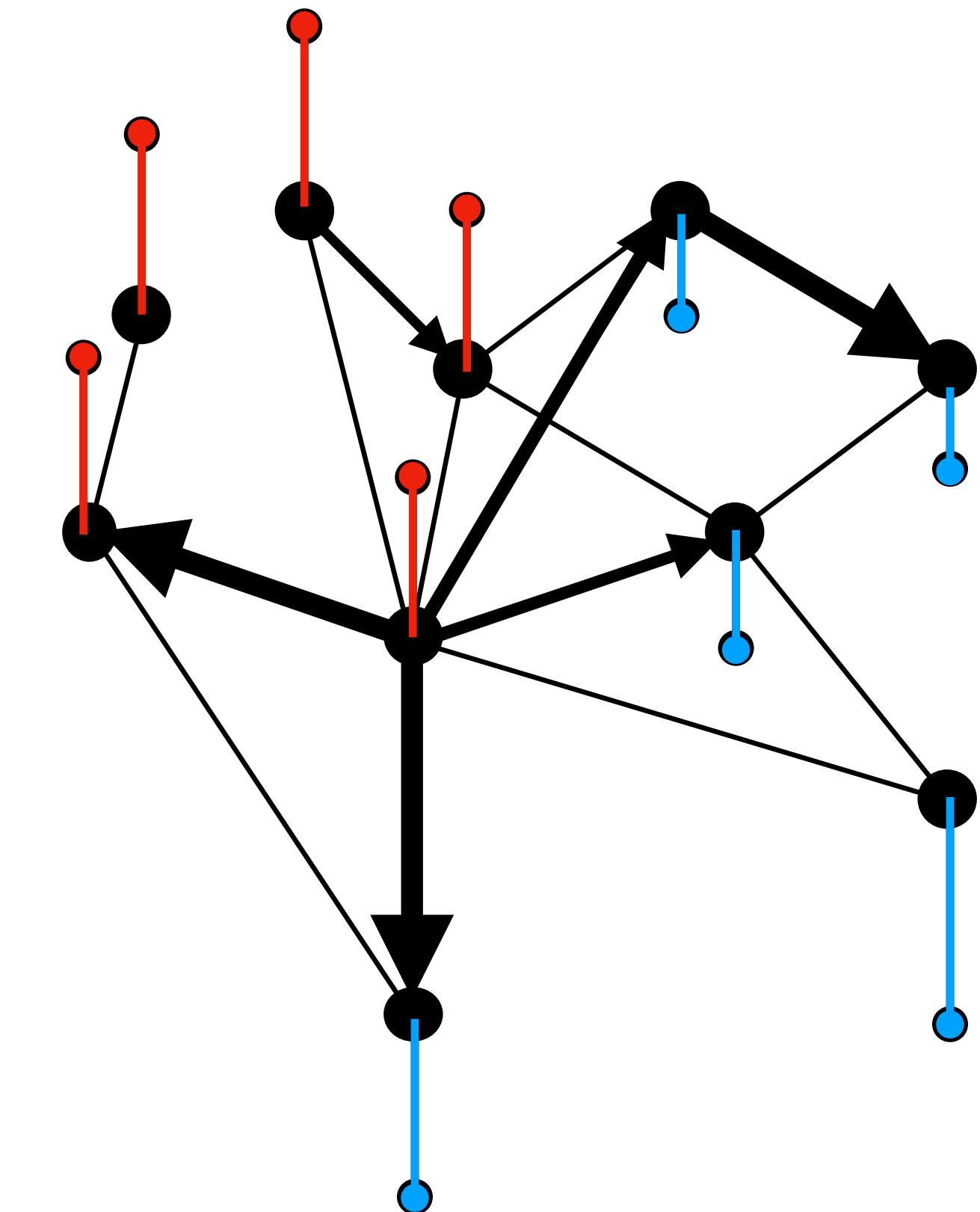
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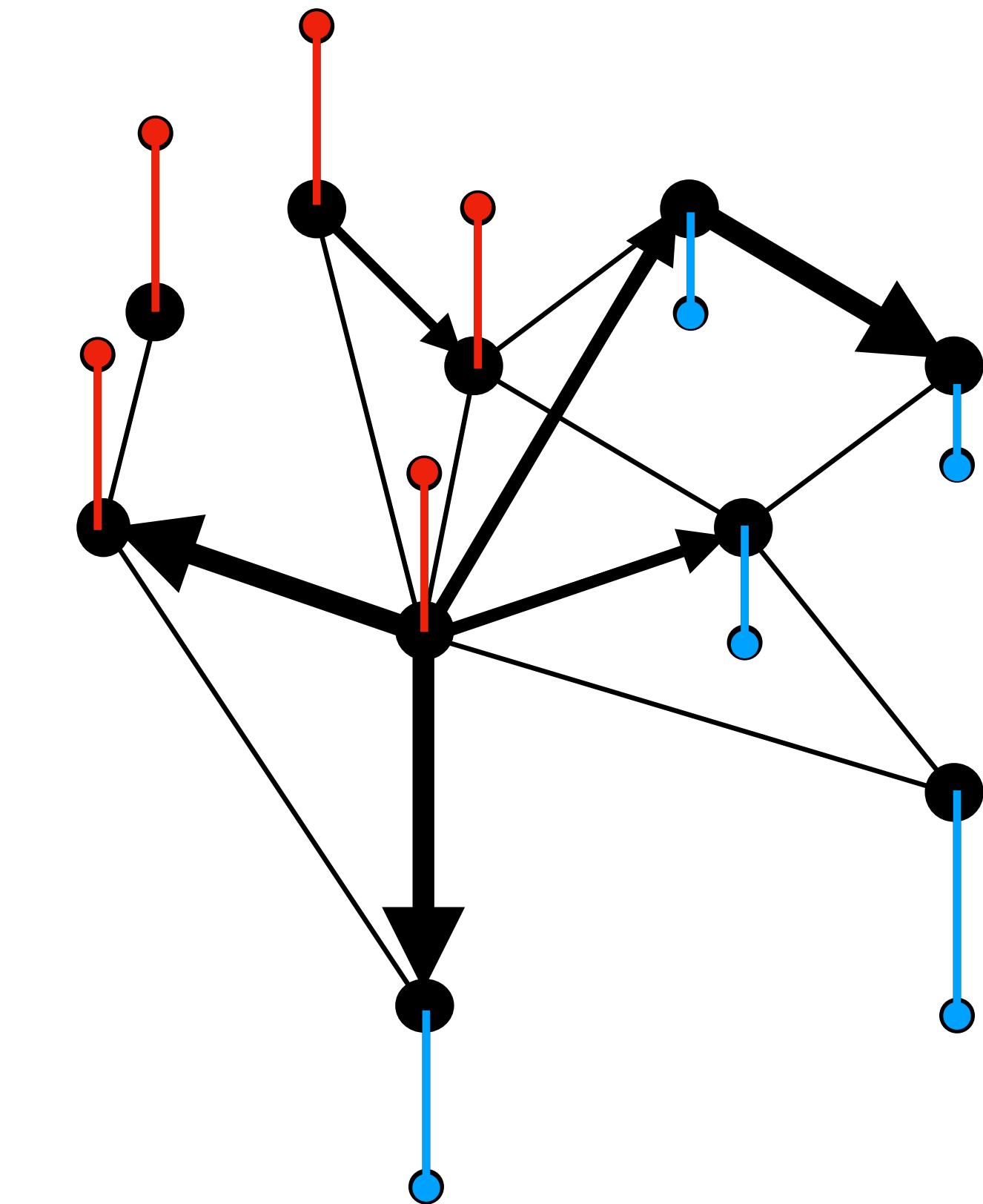
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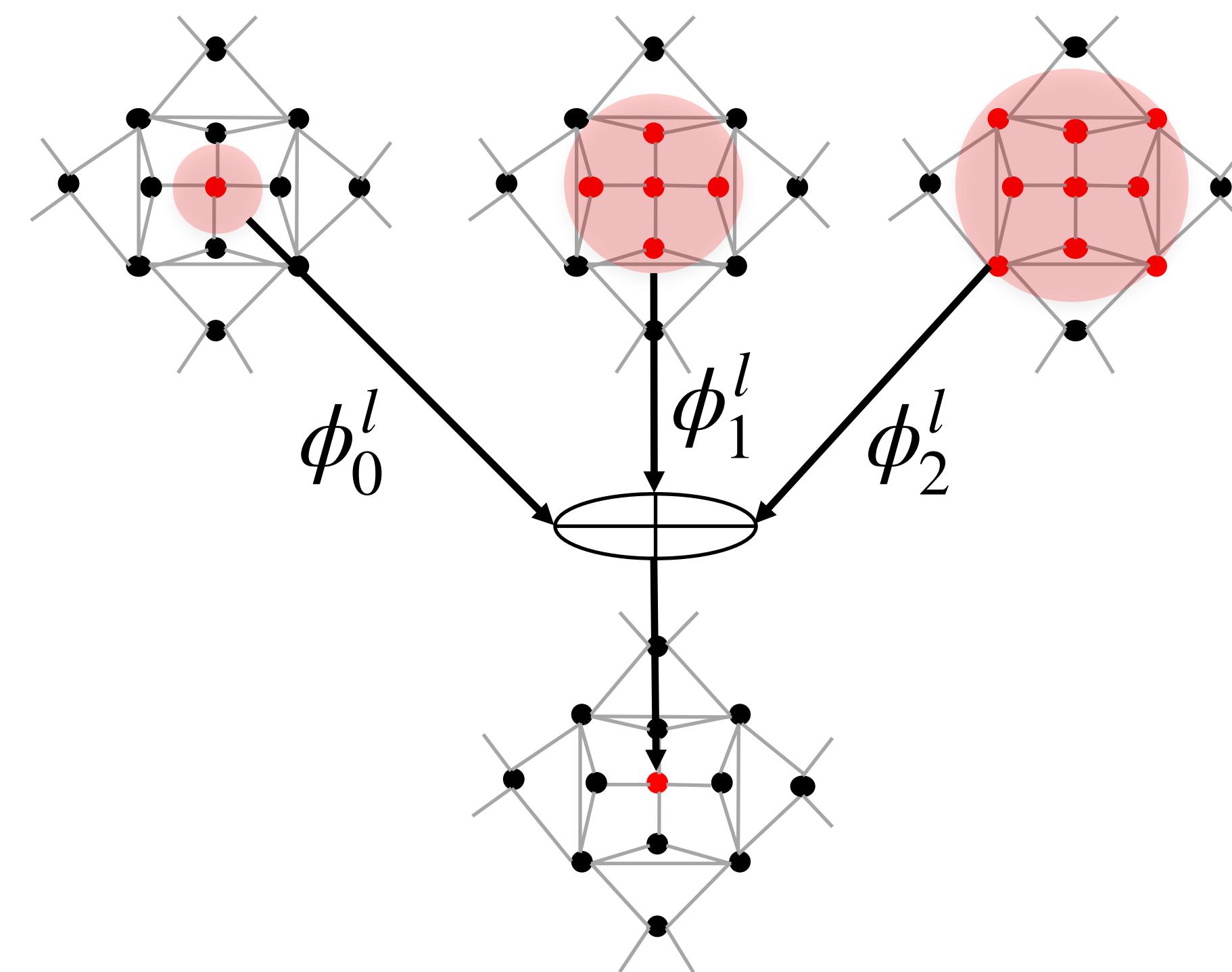
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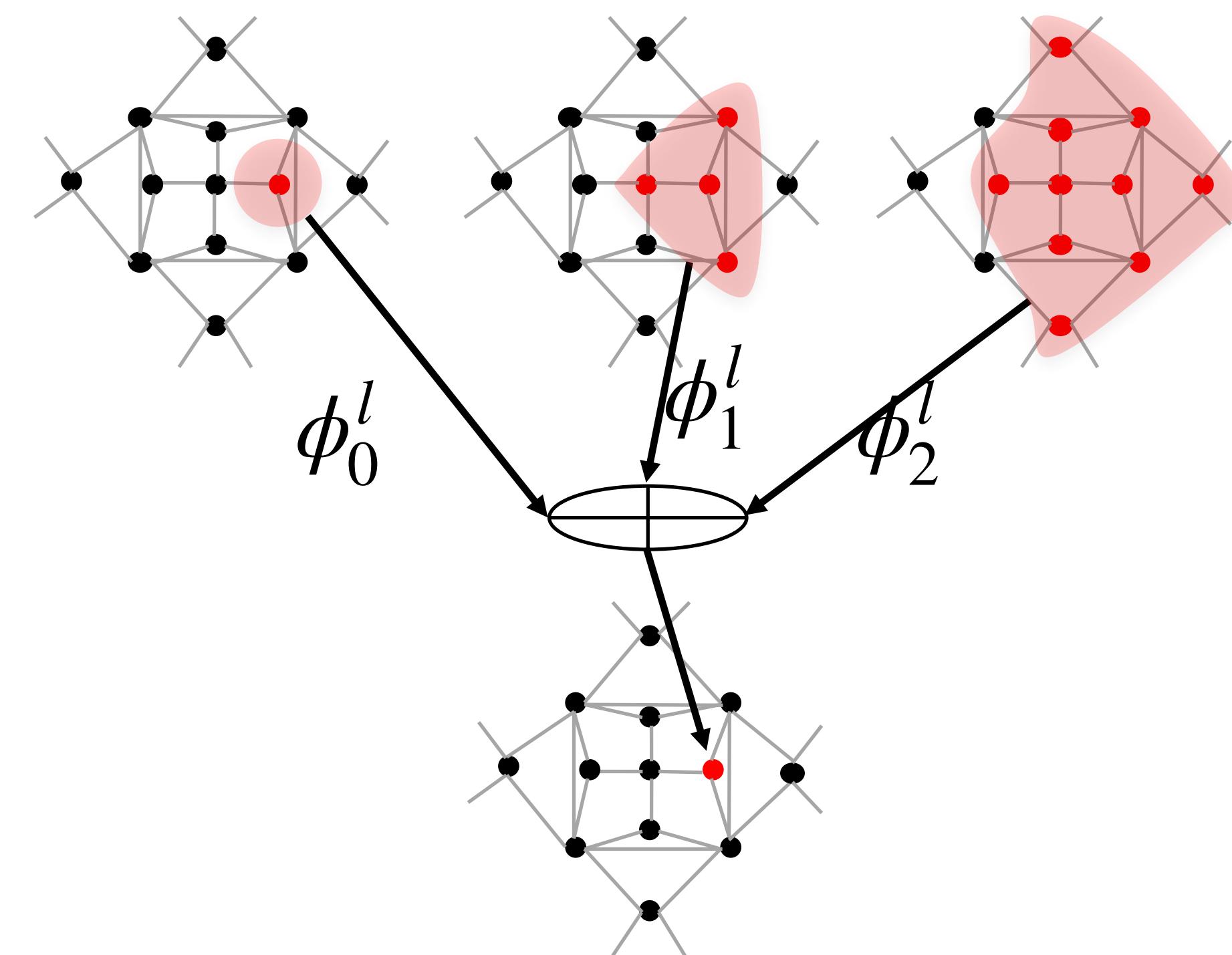
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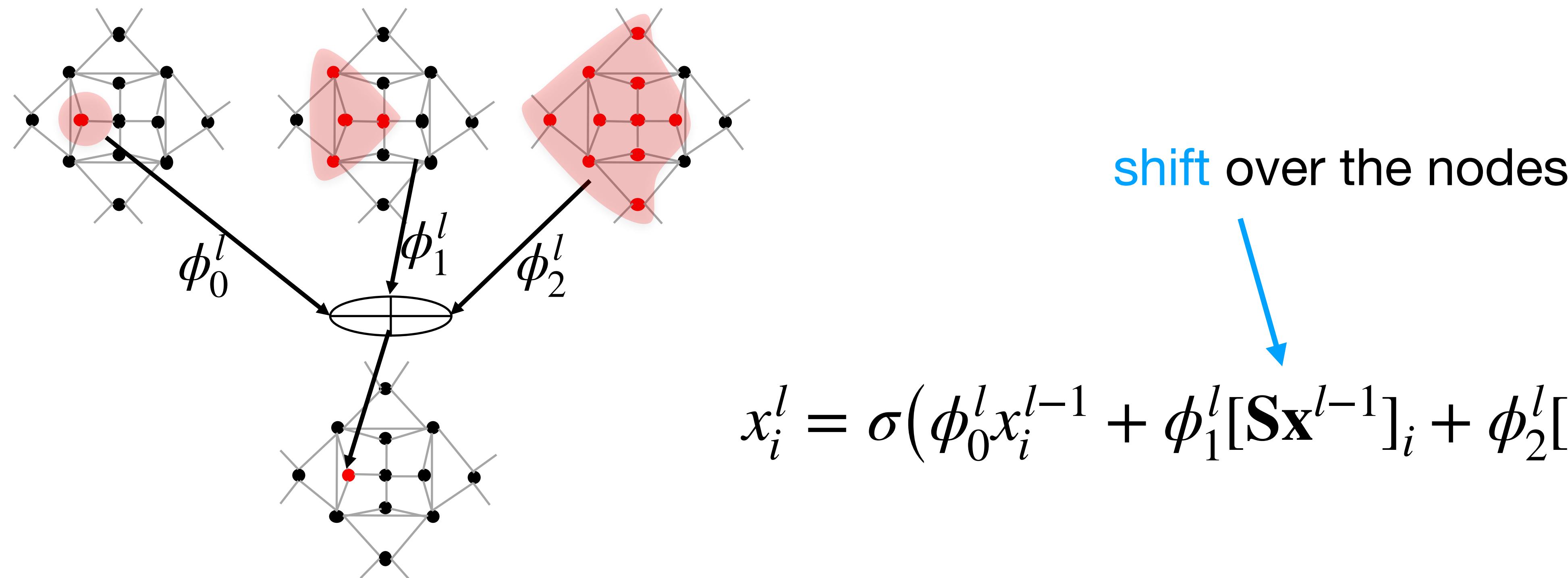
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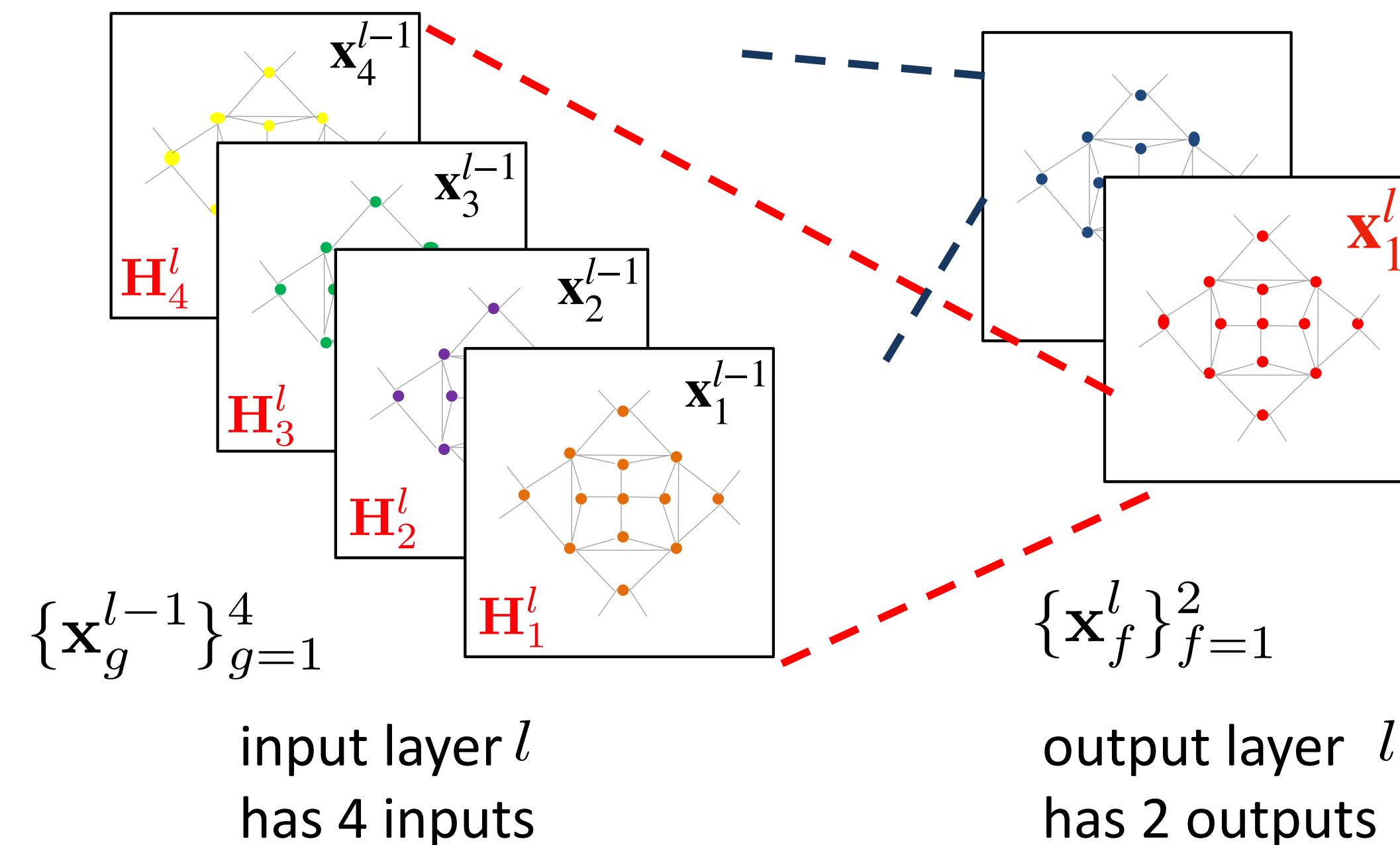
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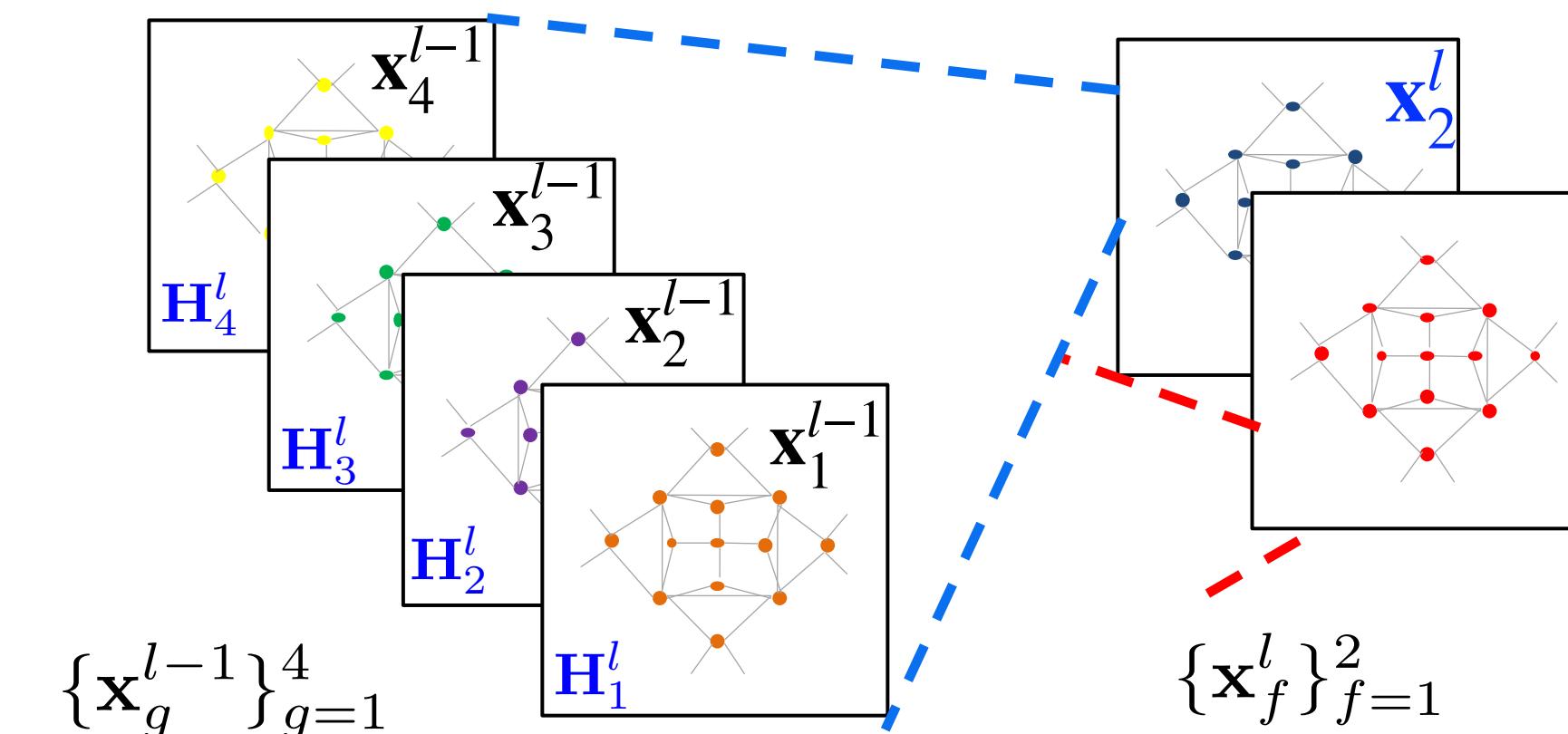
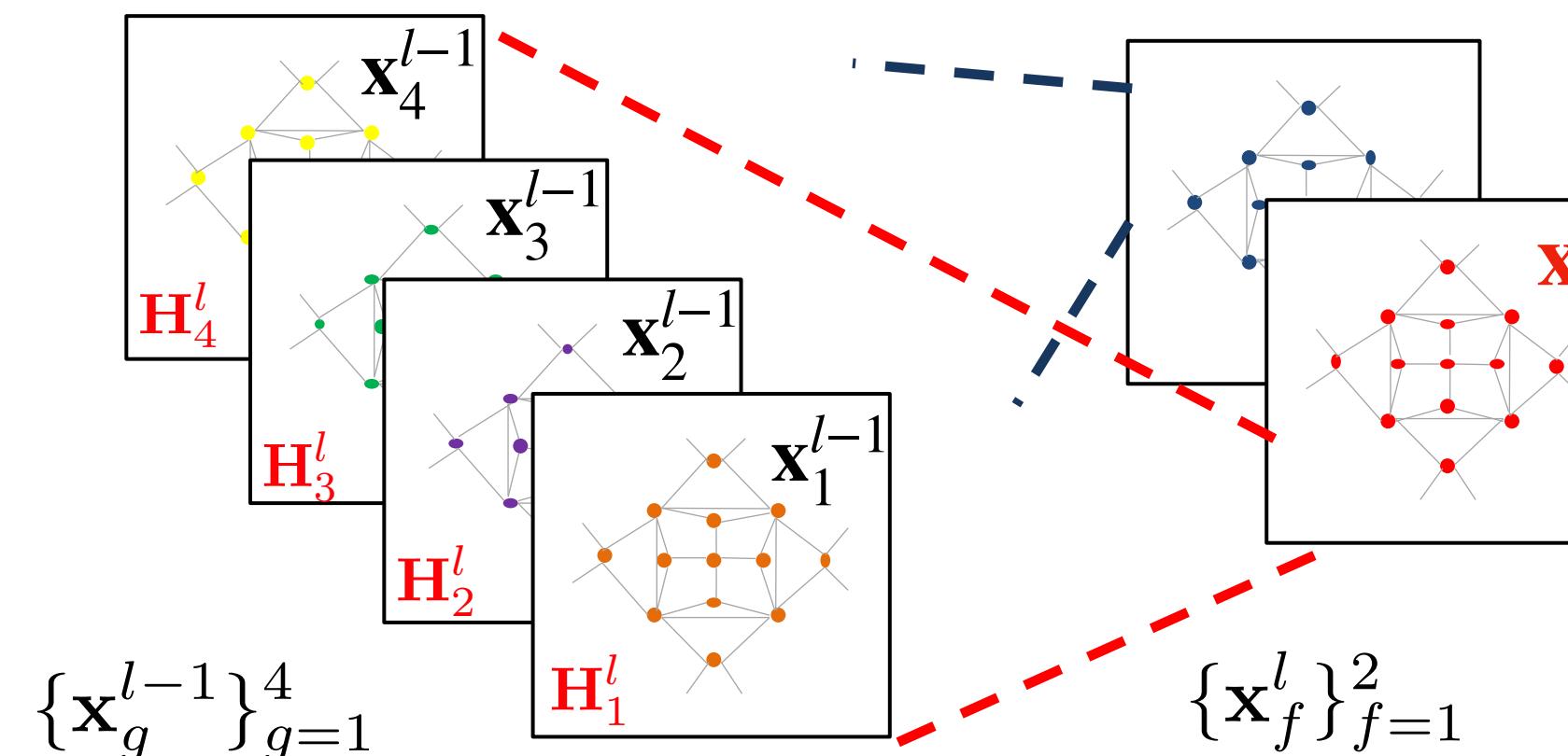
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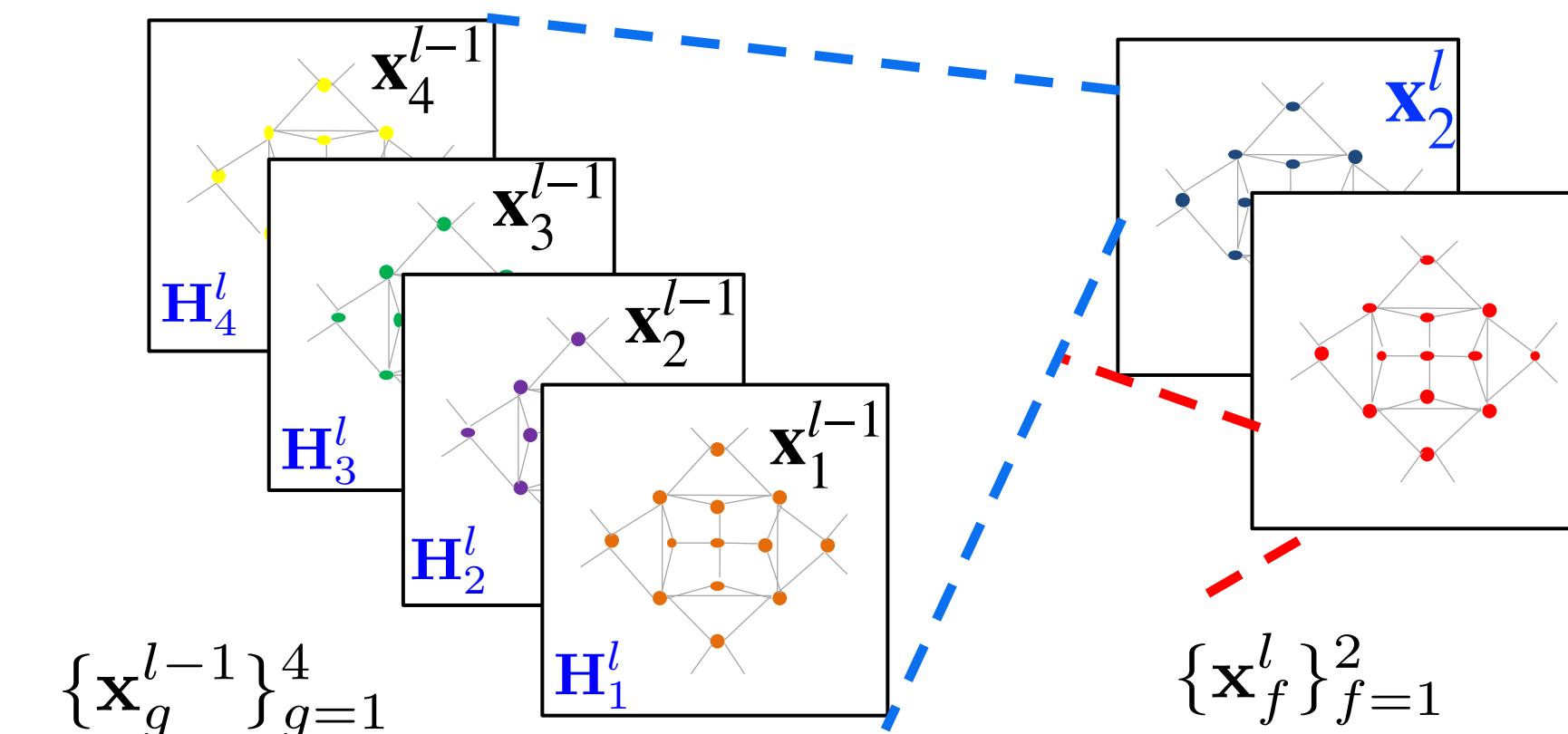
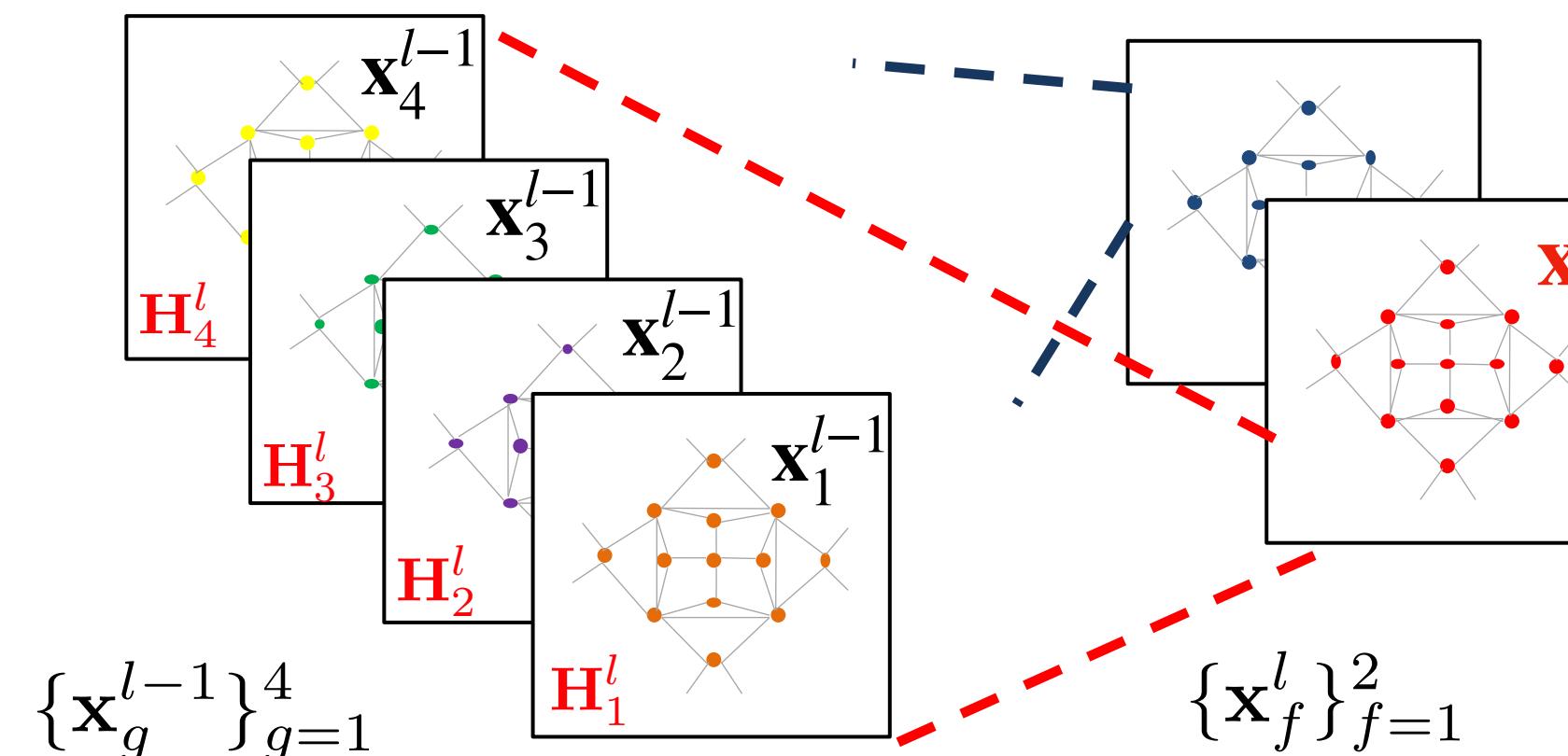
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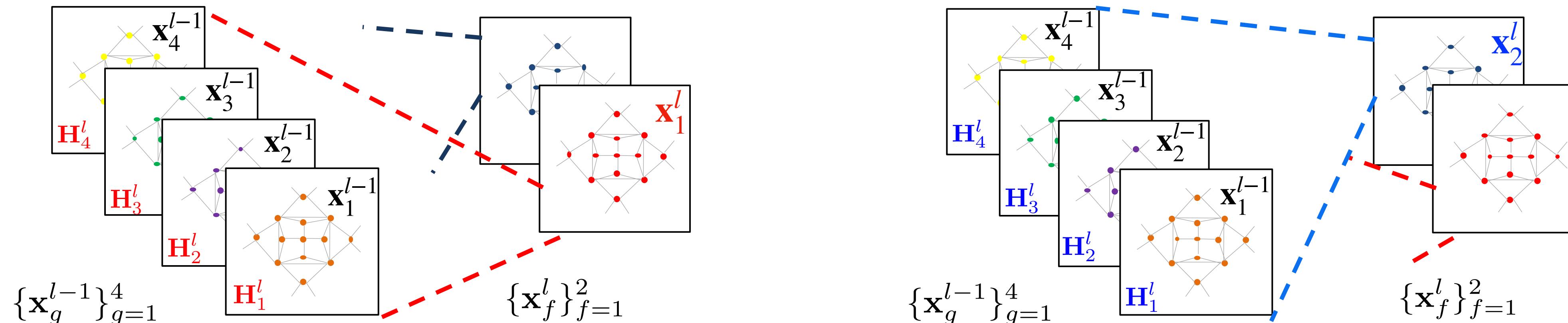


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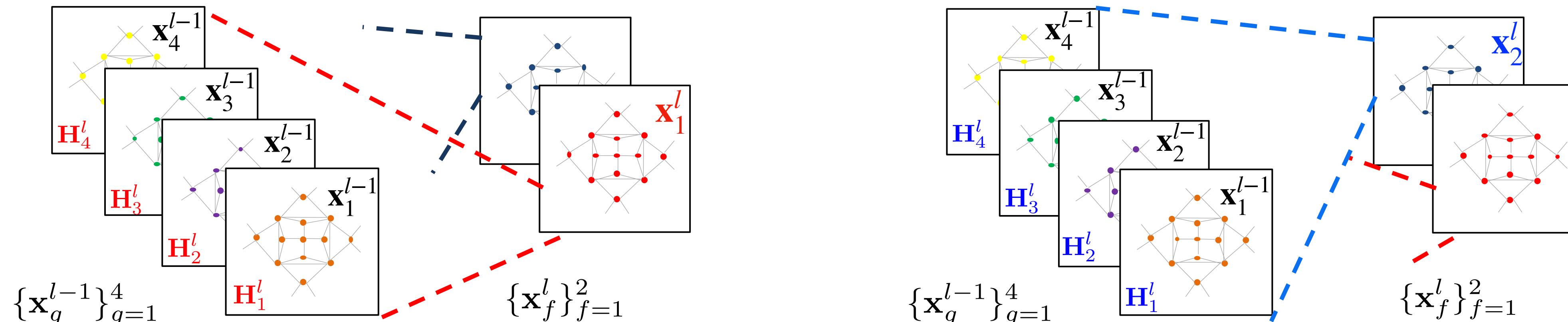
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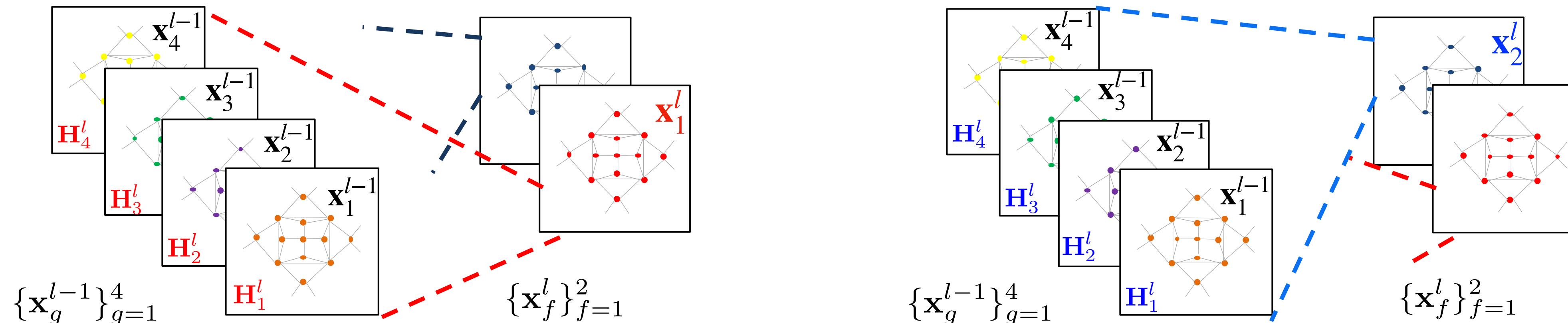
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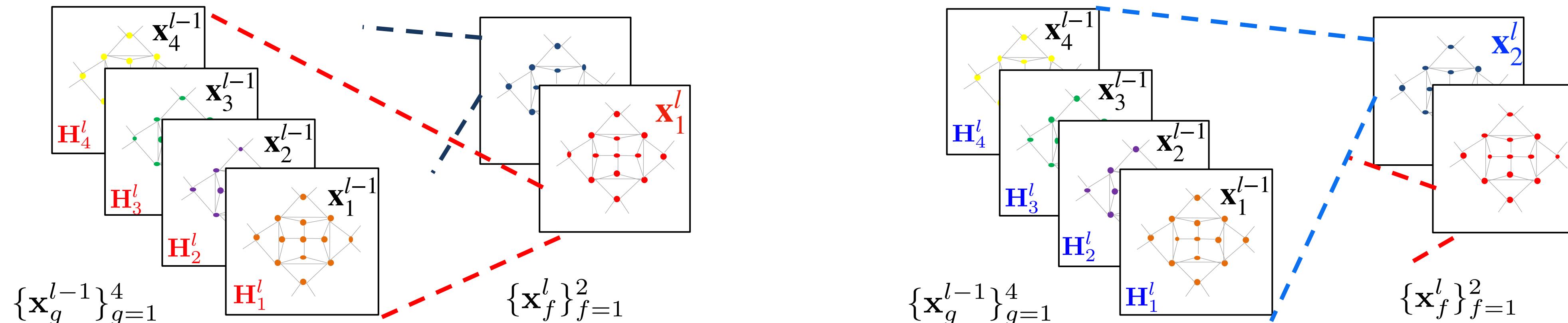
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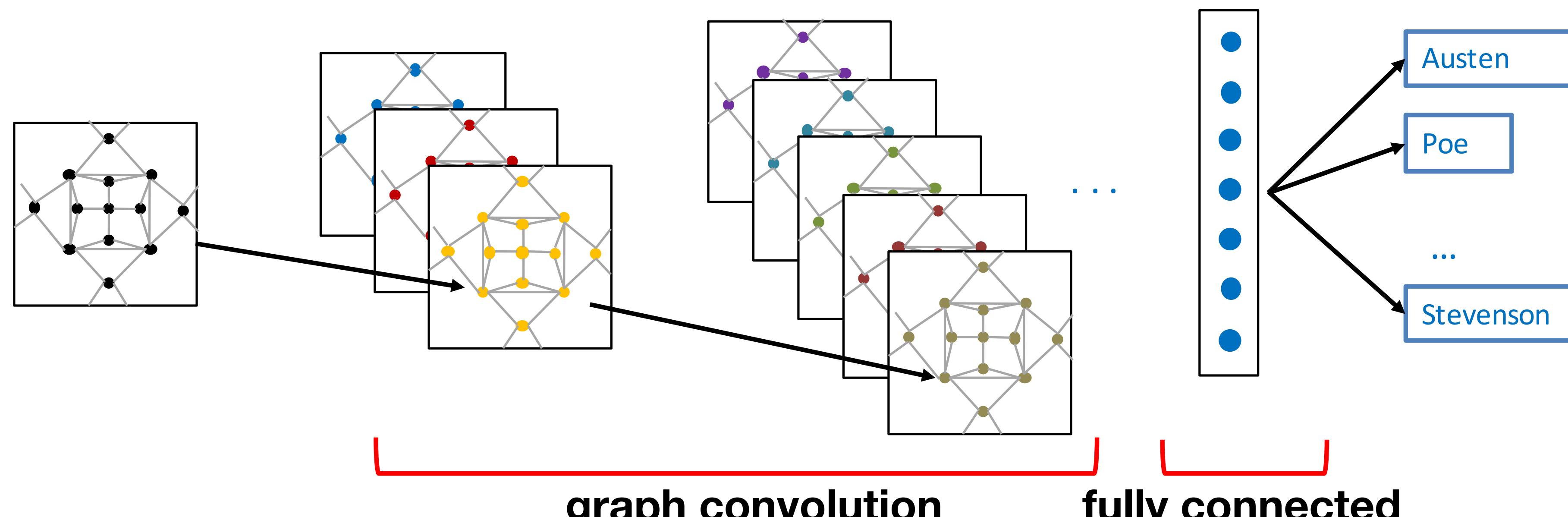
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Annotations in the diagram:

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- Cascade graph filters and nonlinearities



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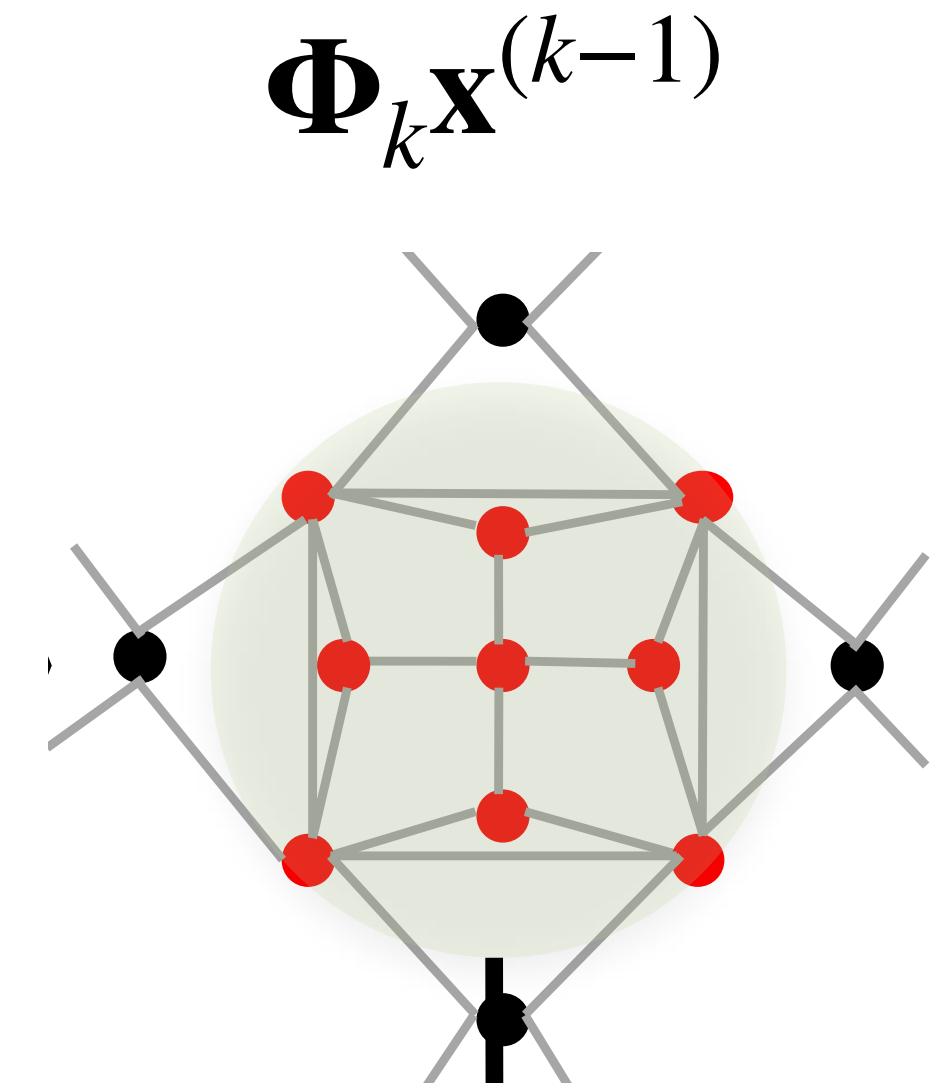
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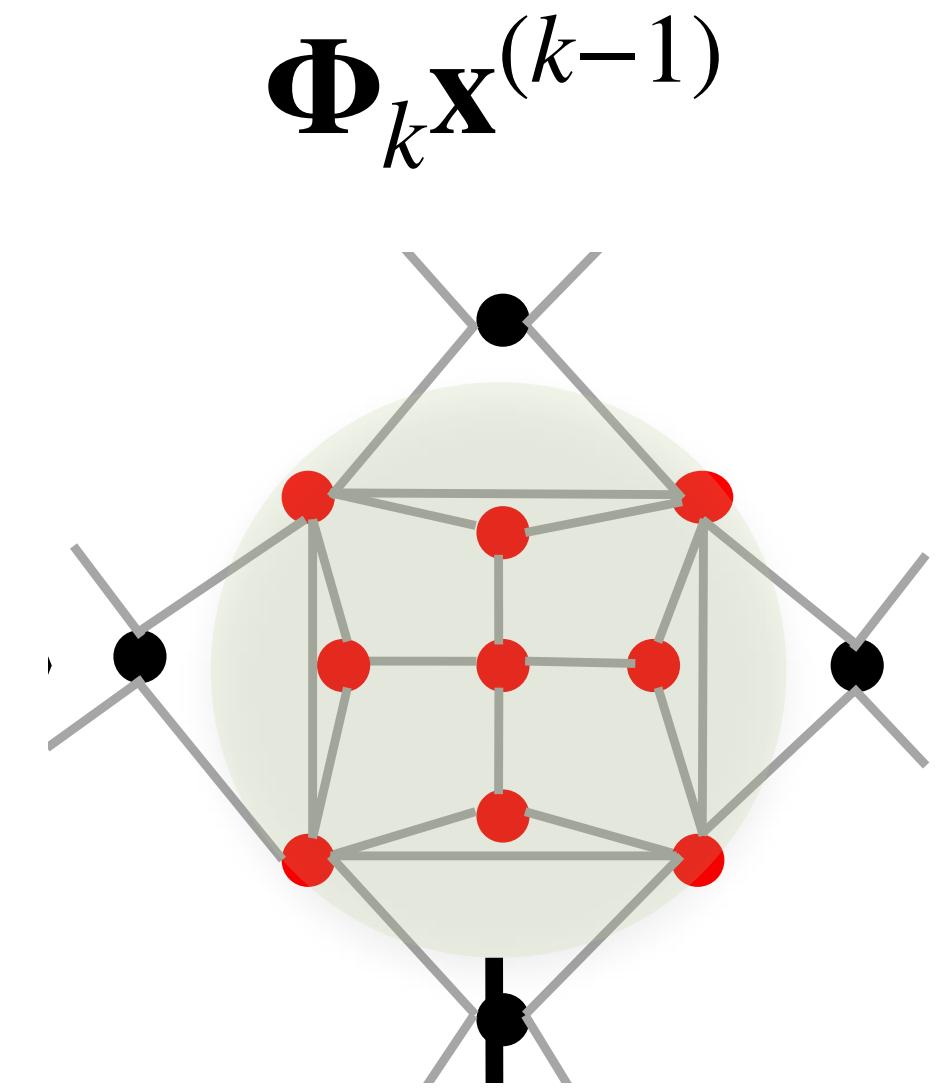
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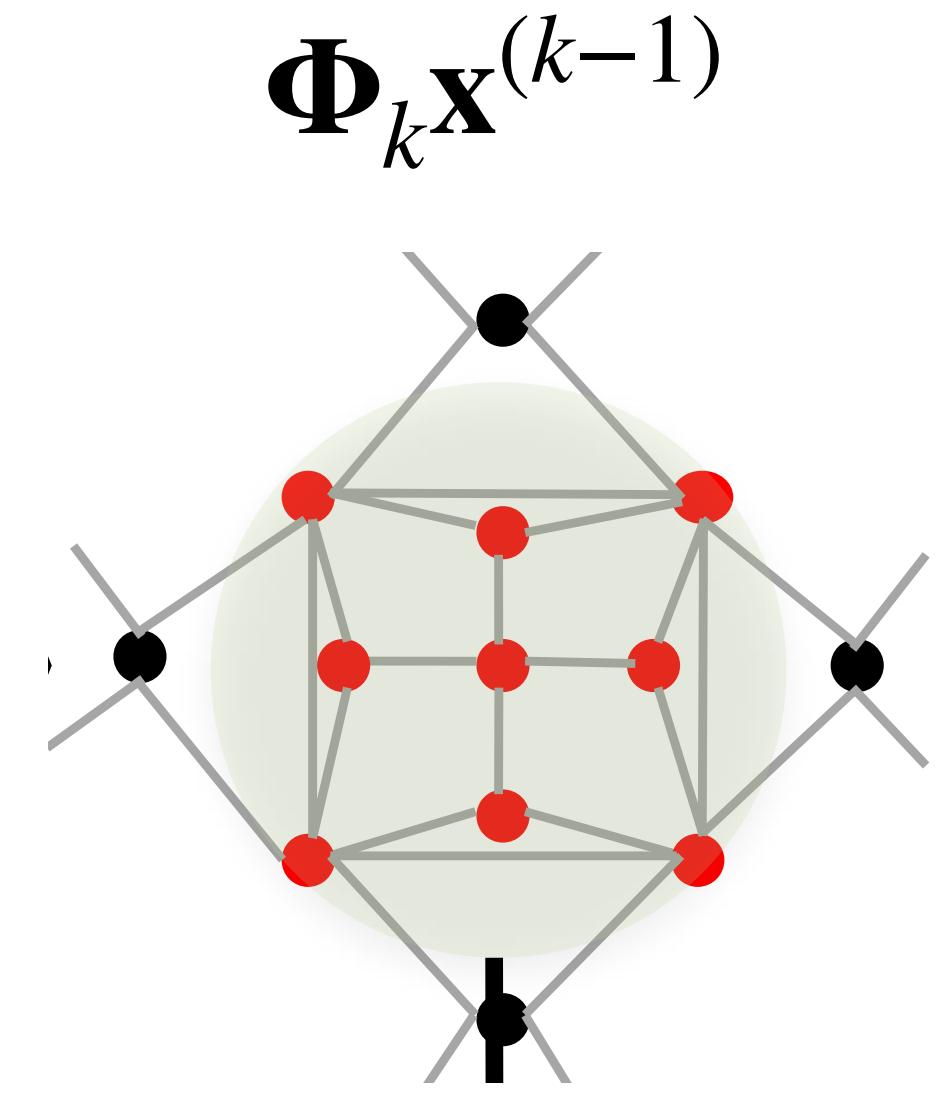
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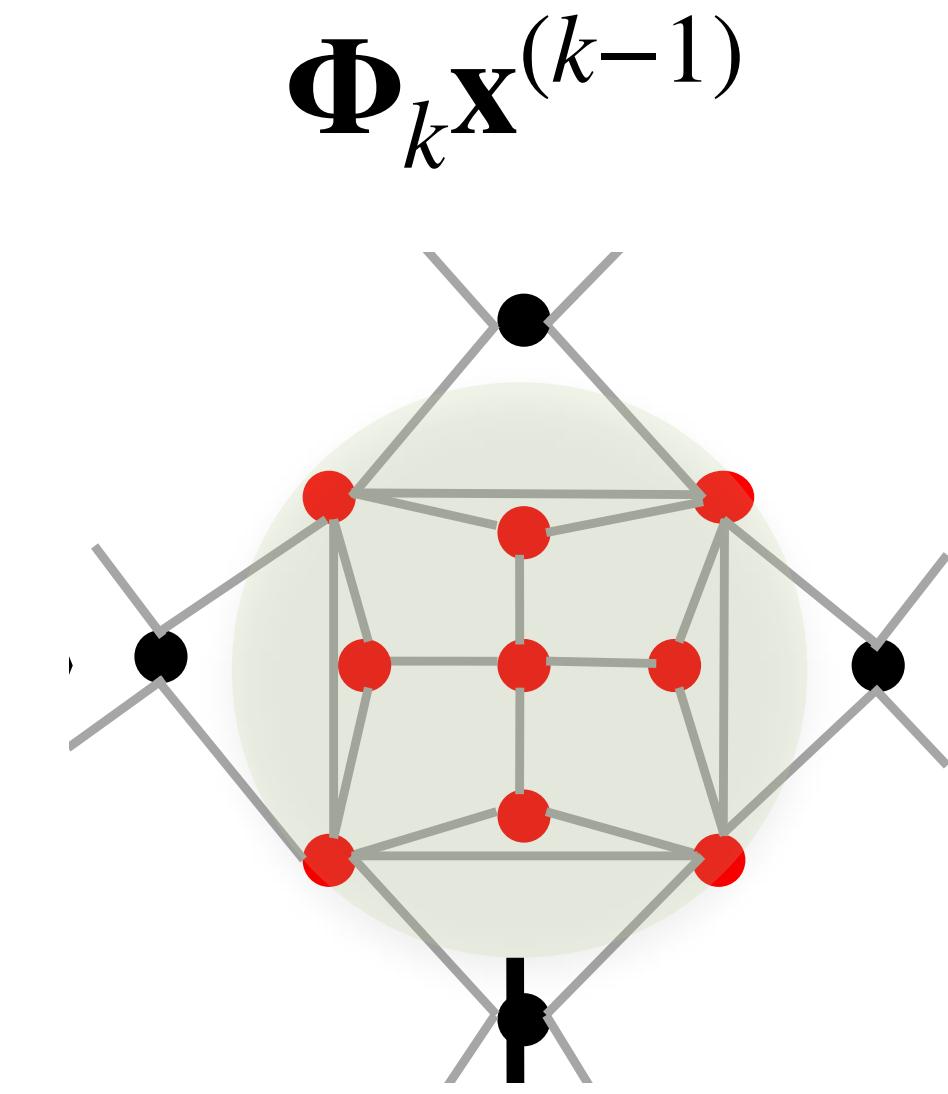
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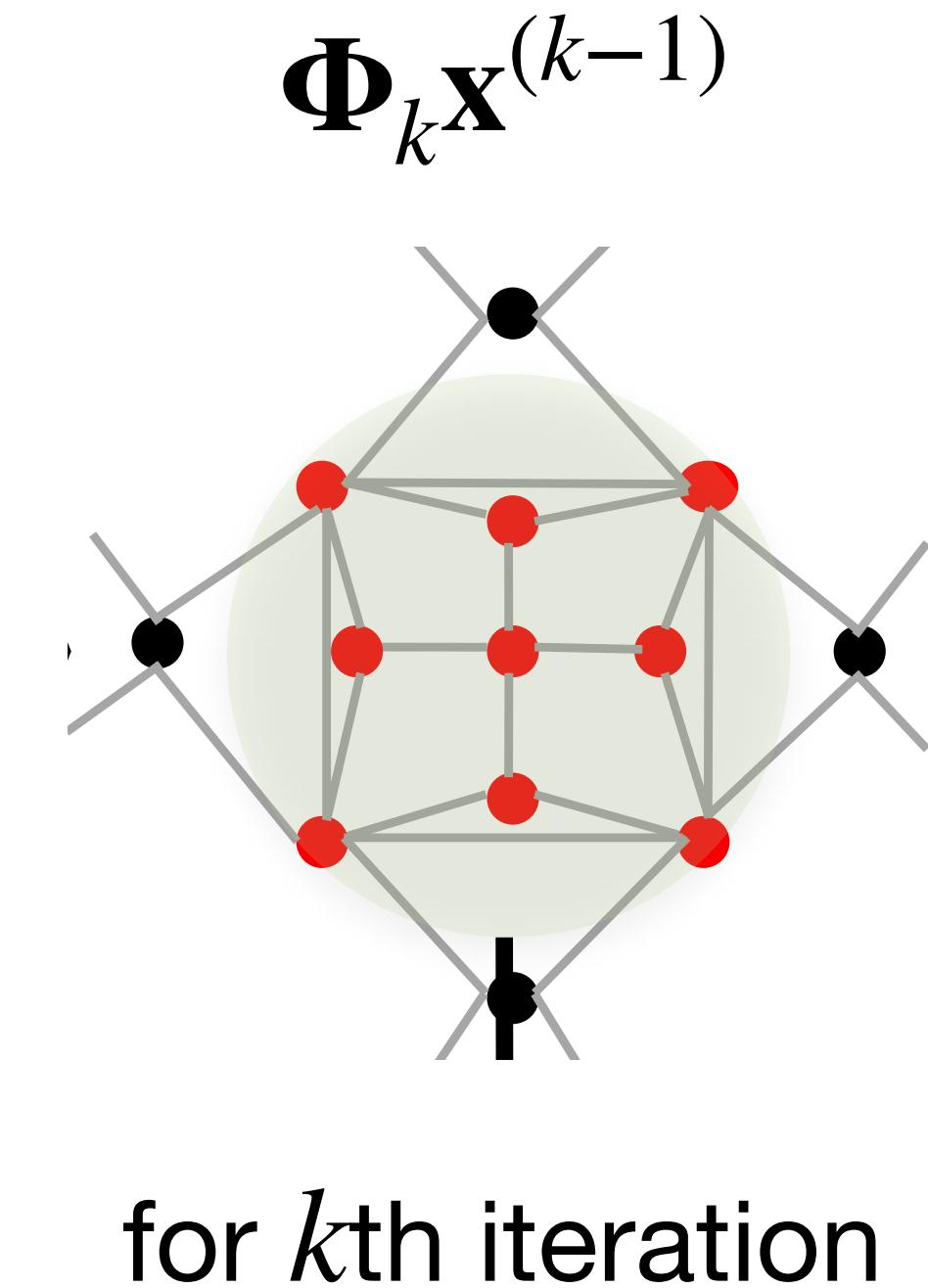
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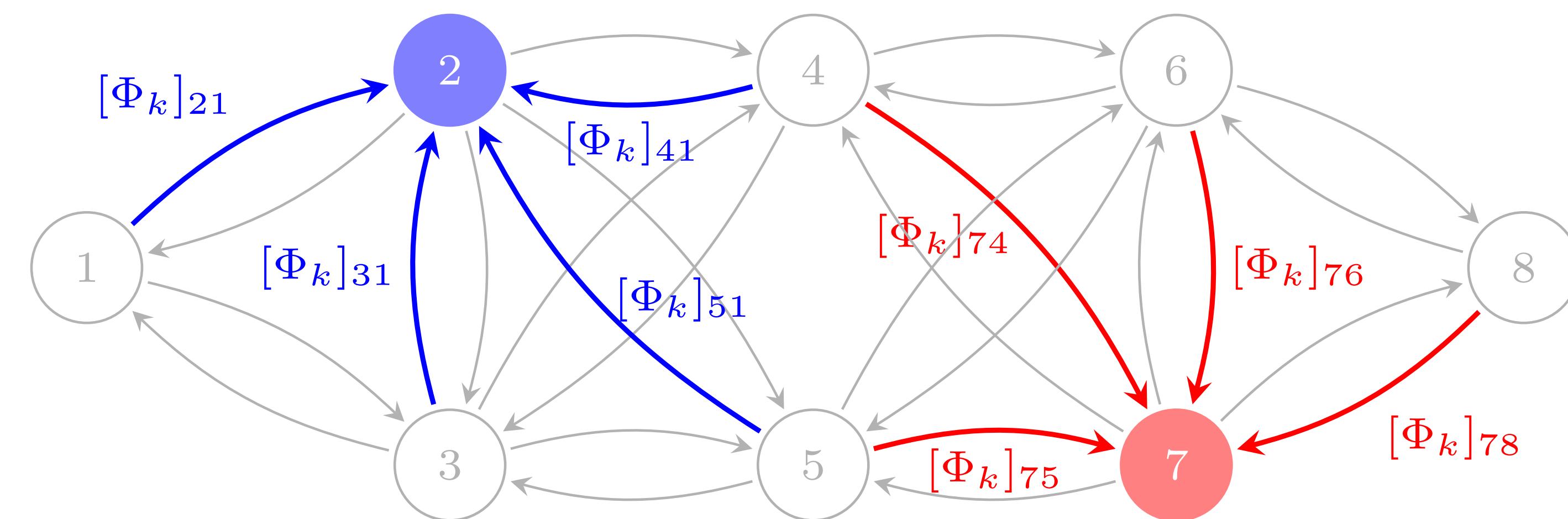
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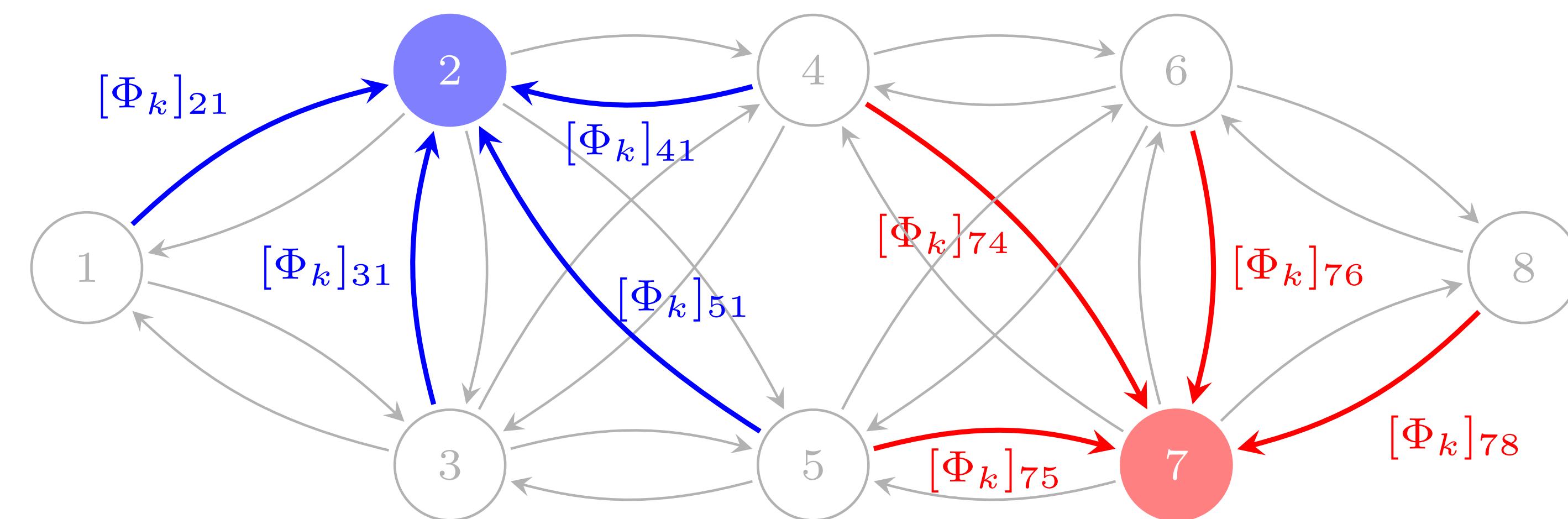
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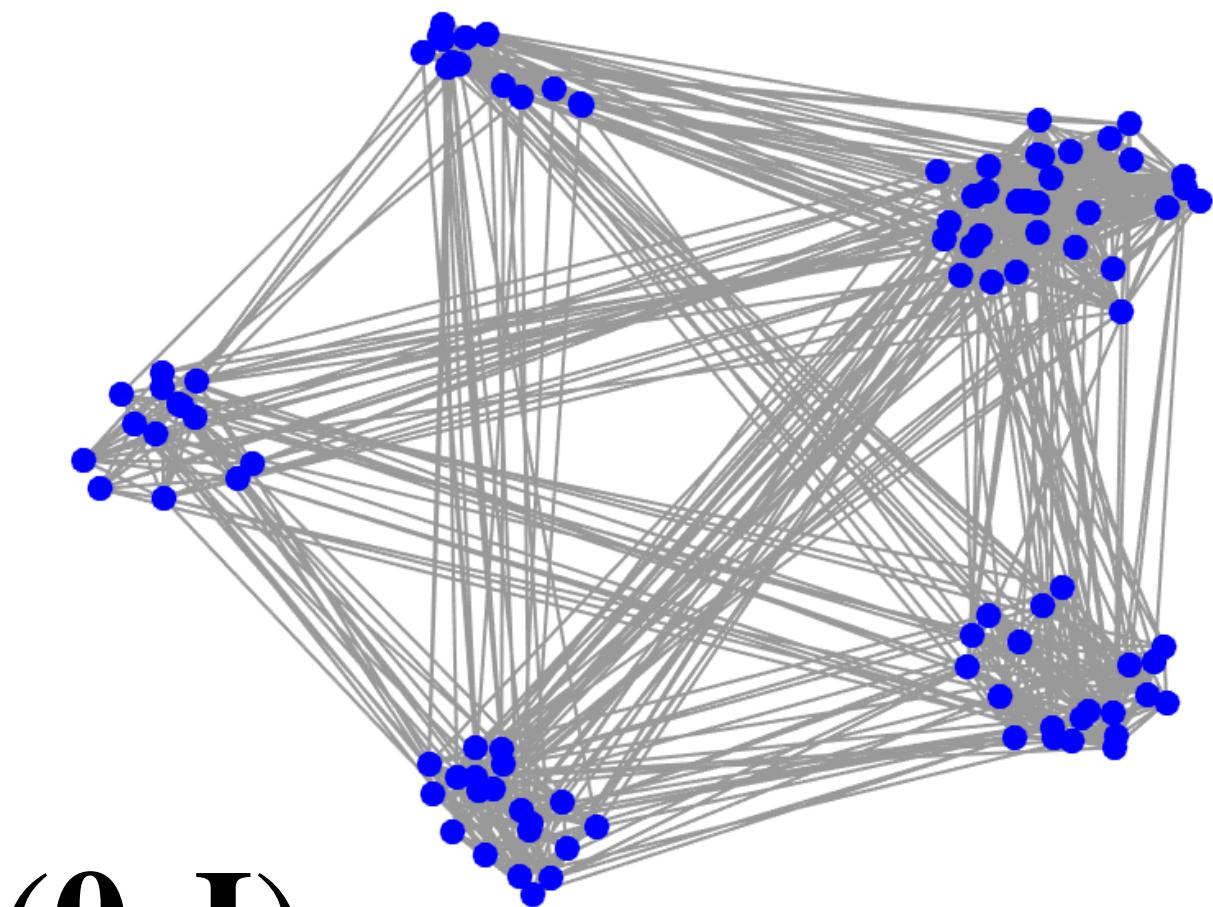
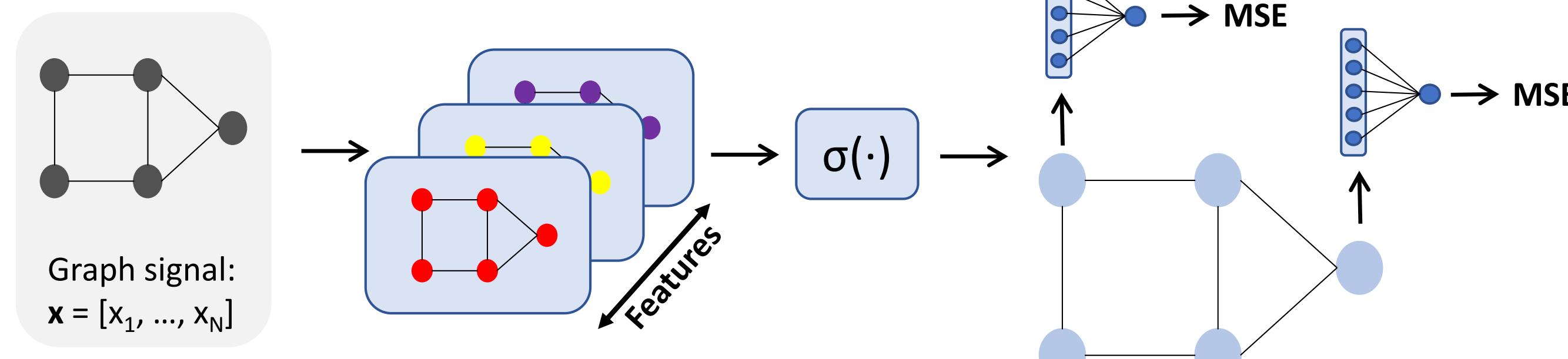
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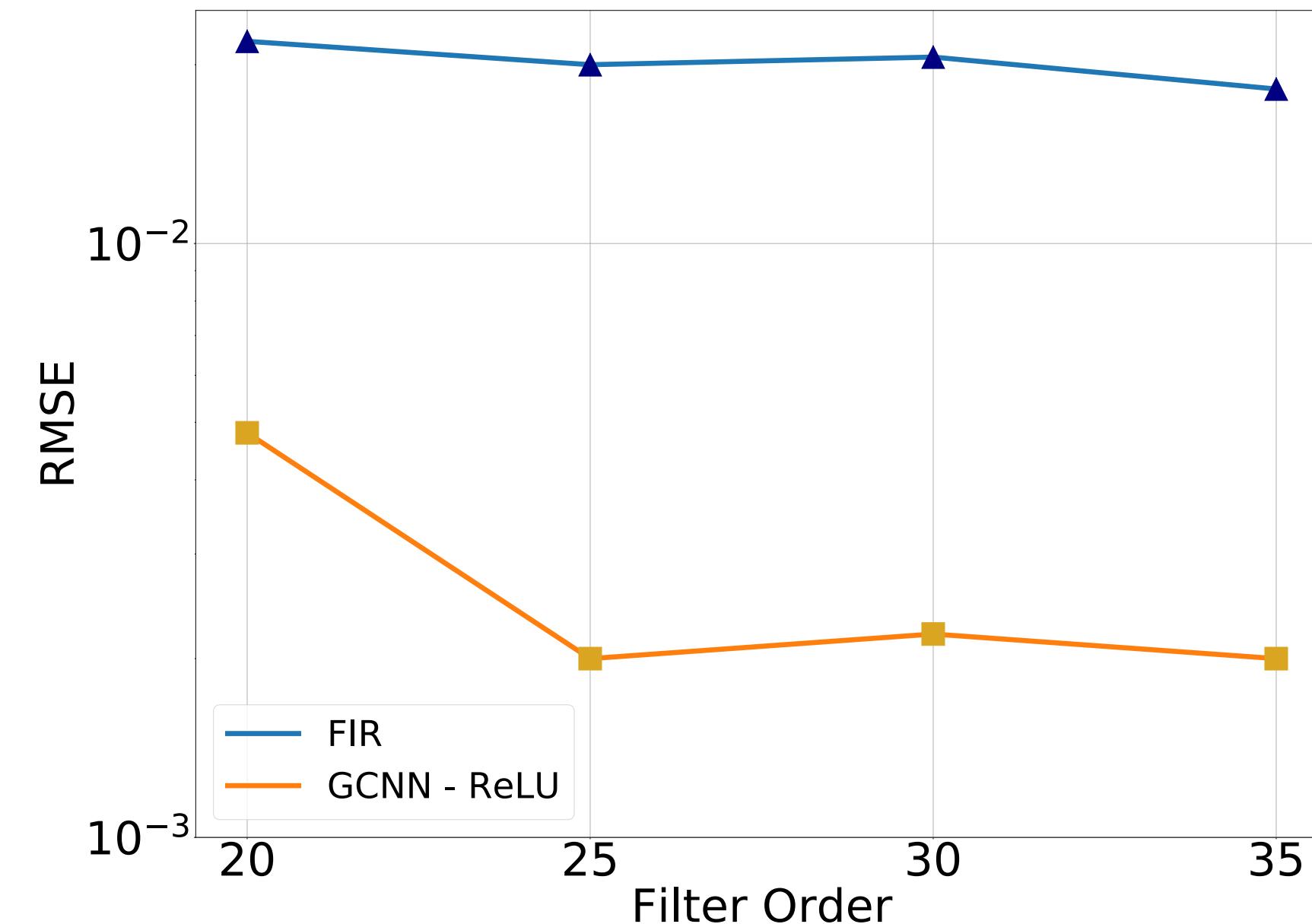
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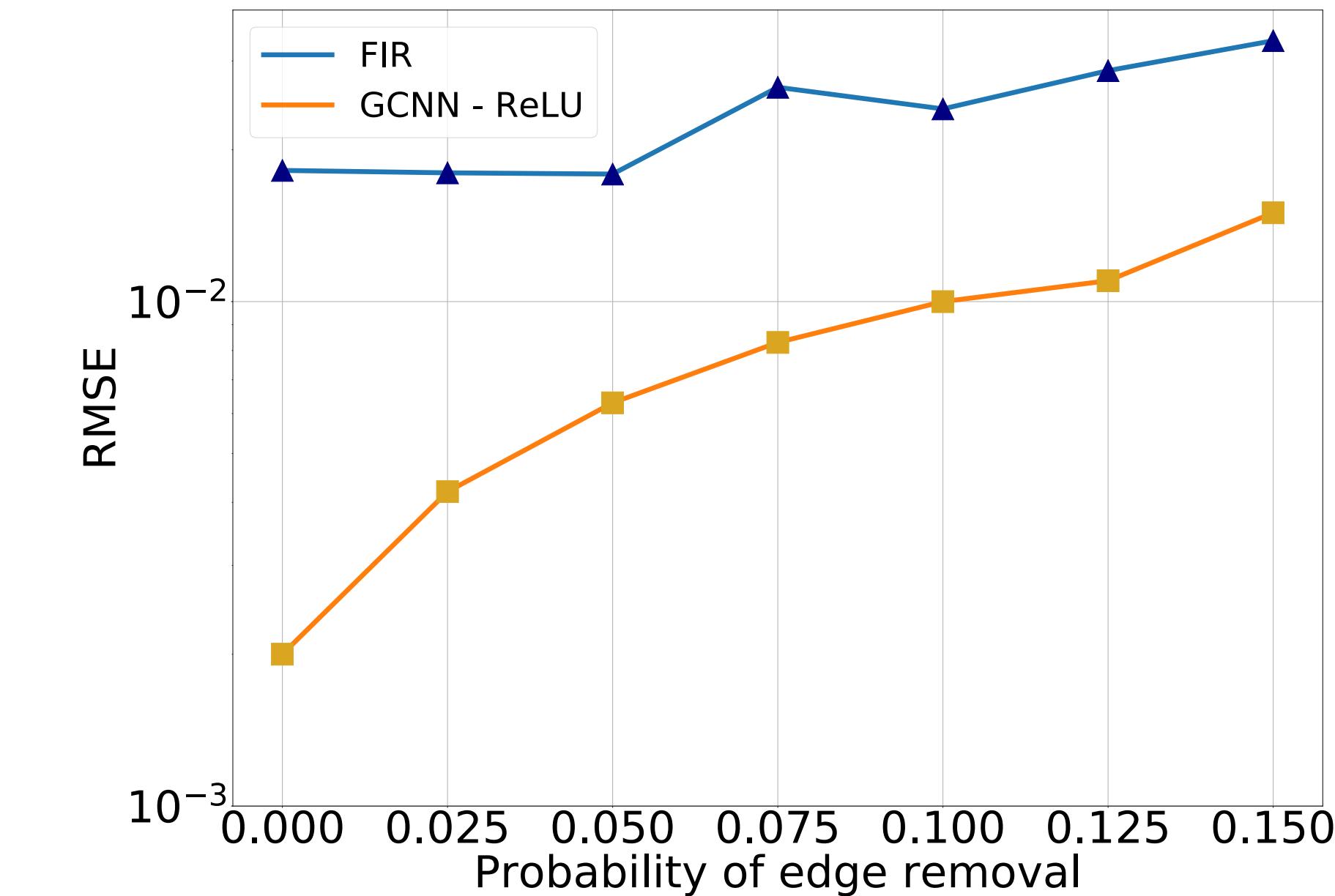
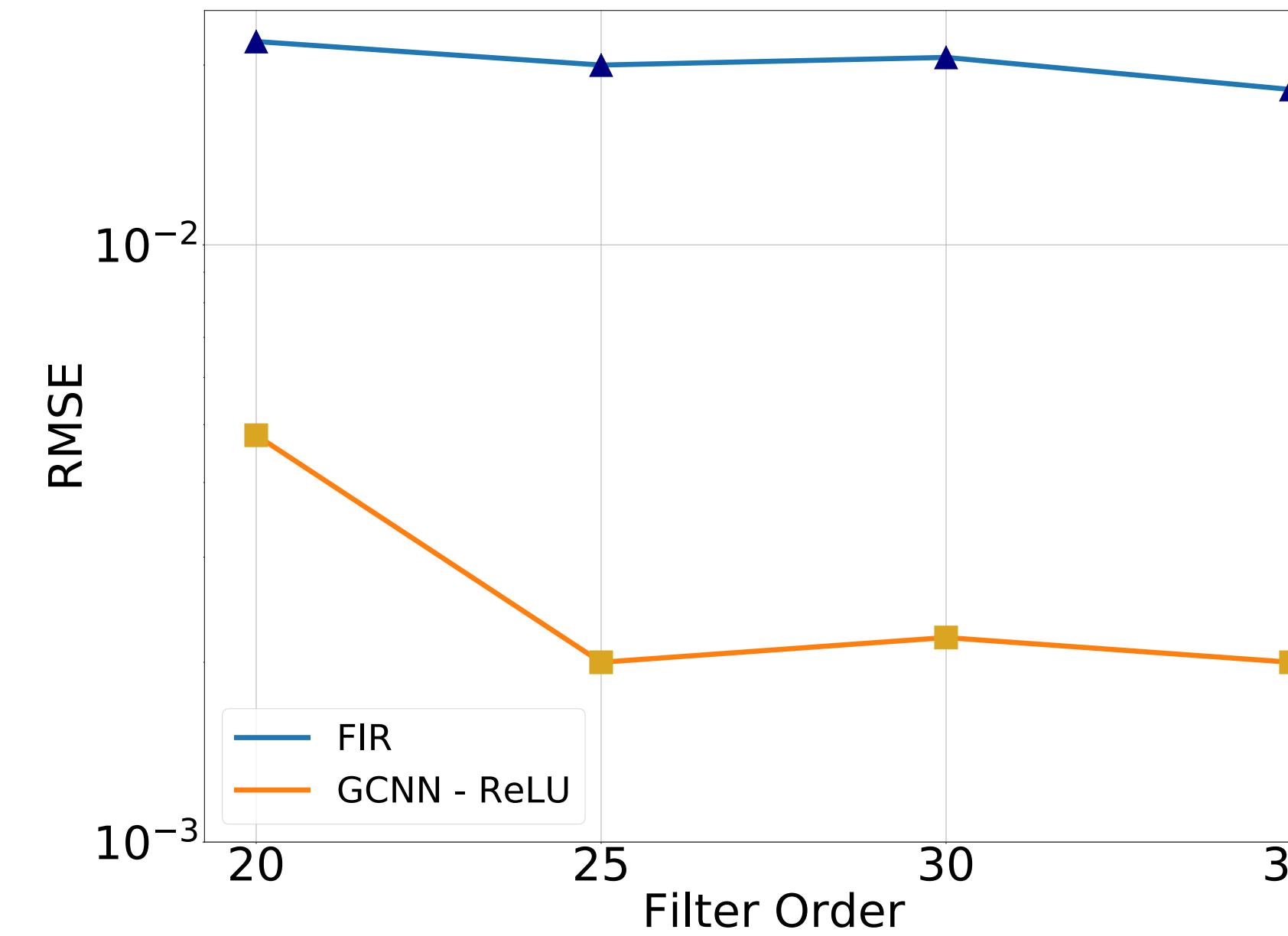
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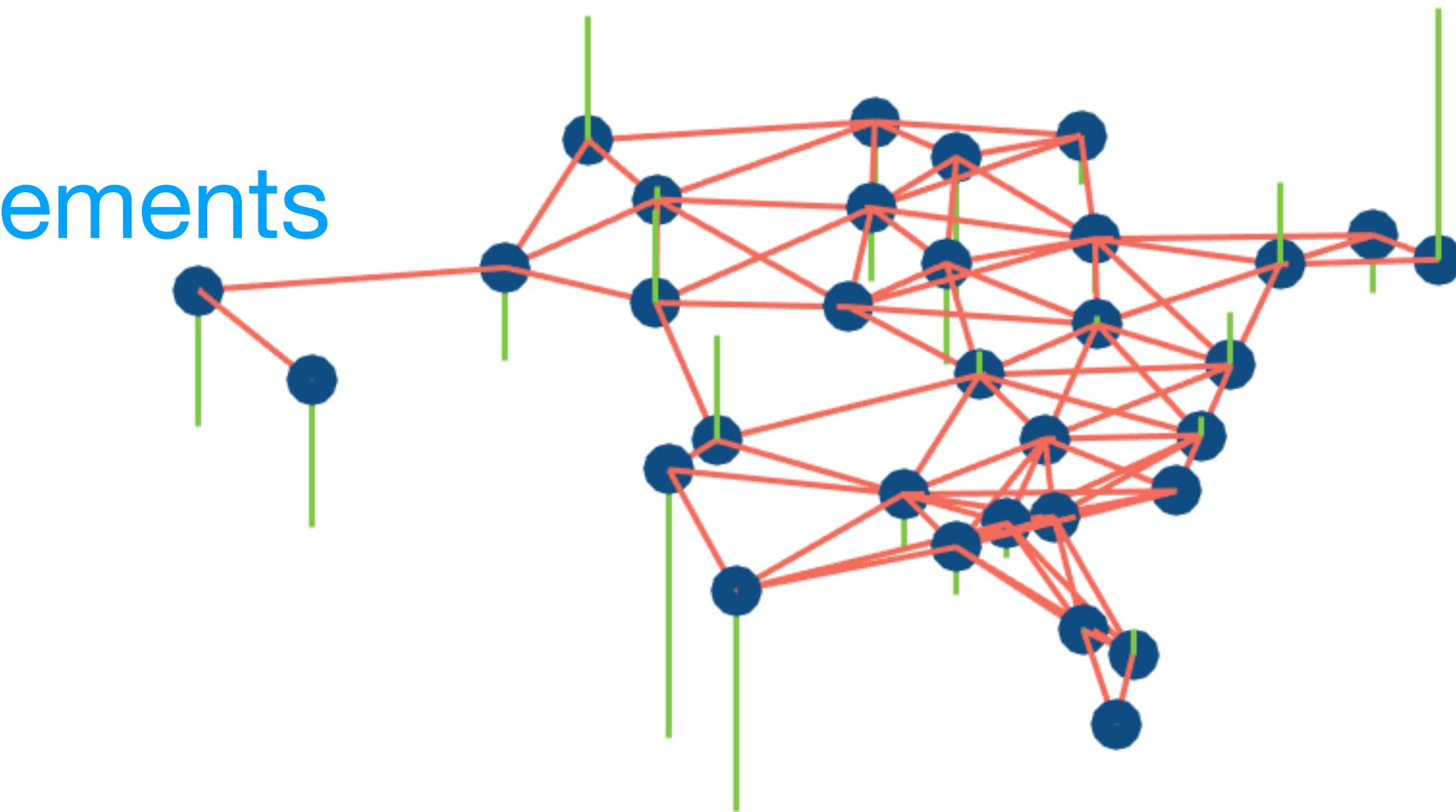
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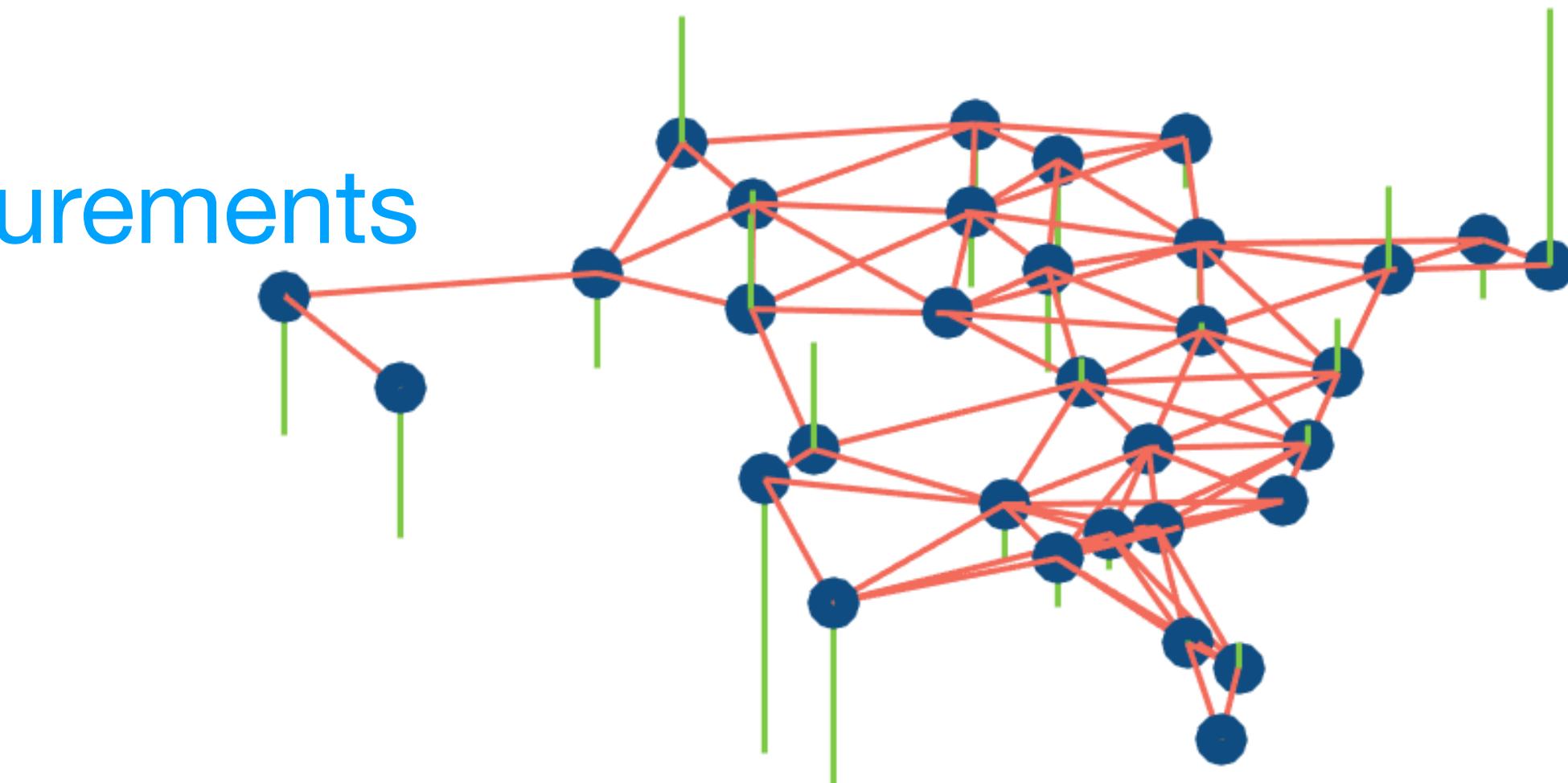
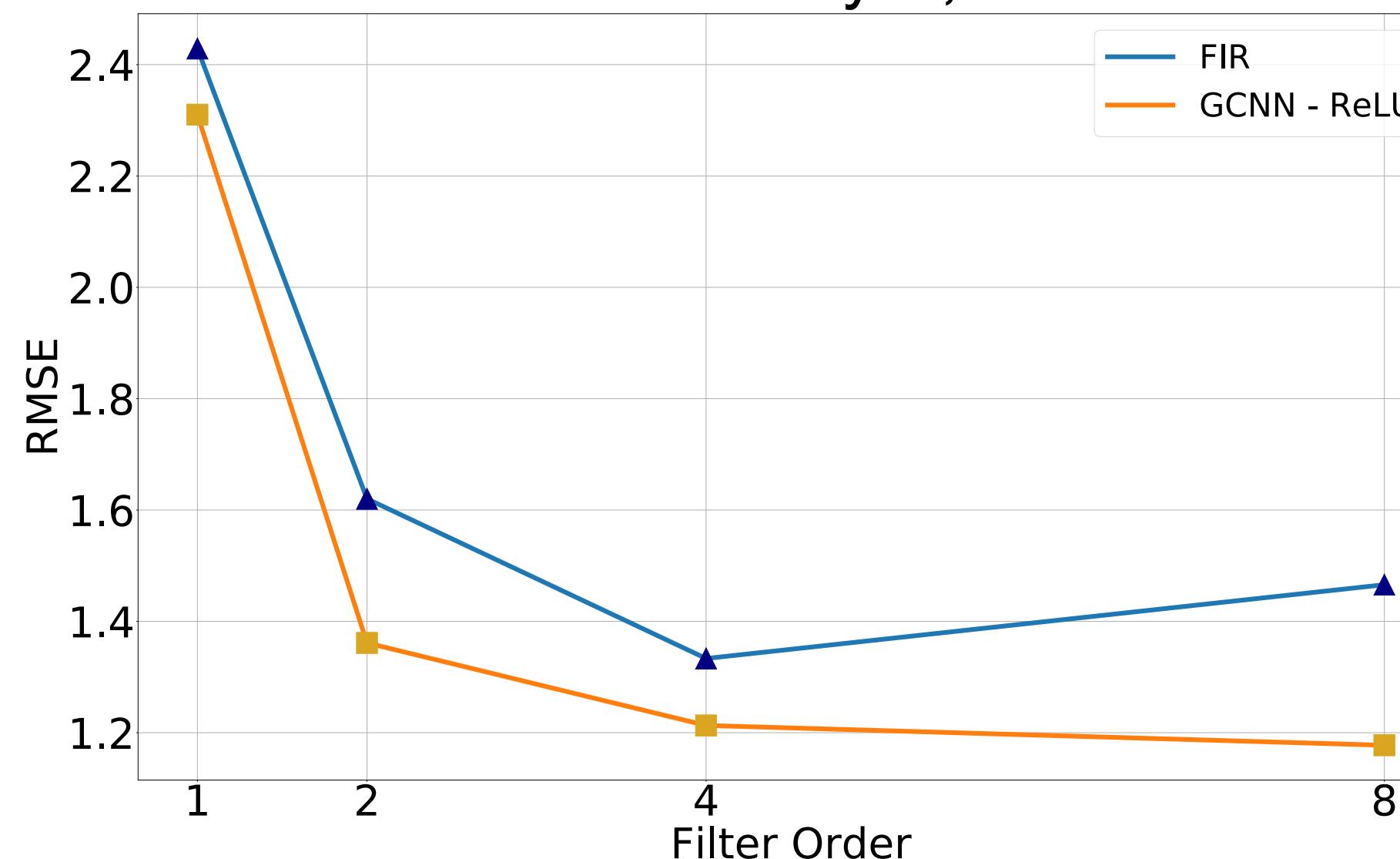
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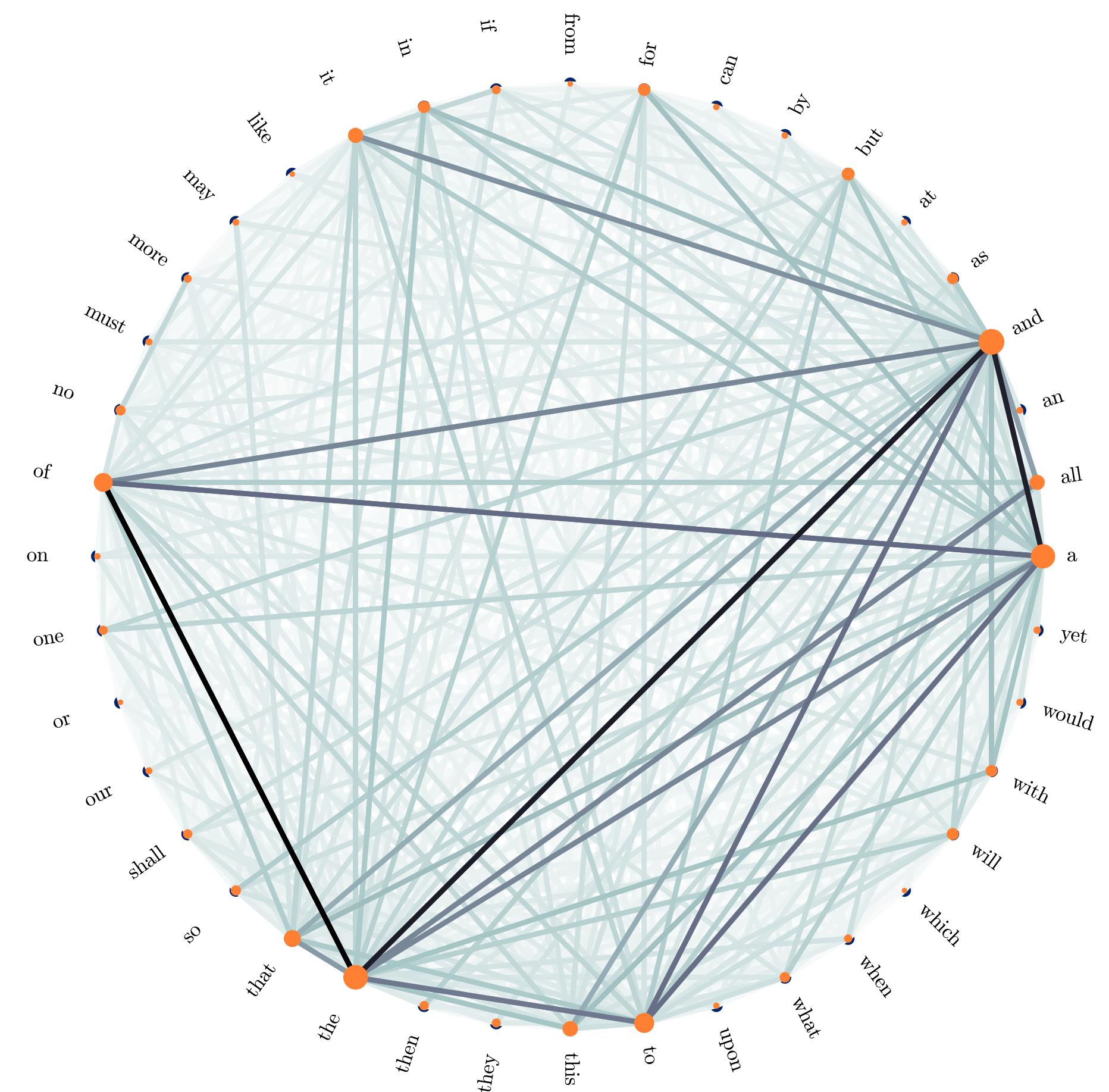
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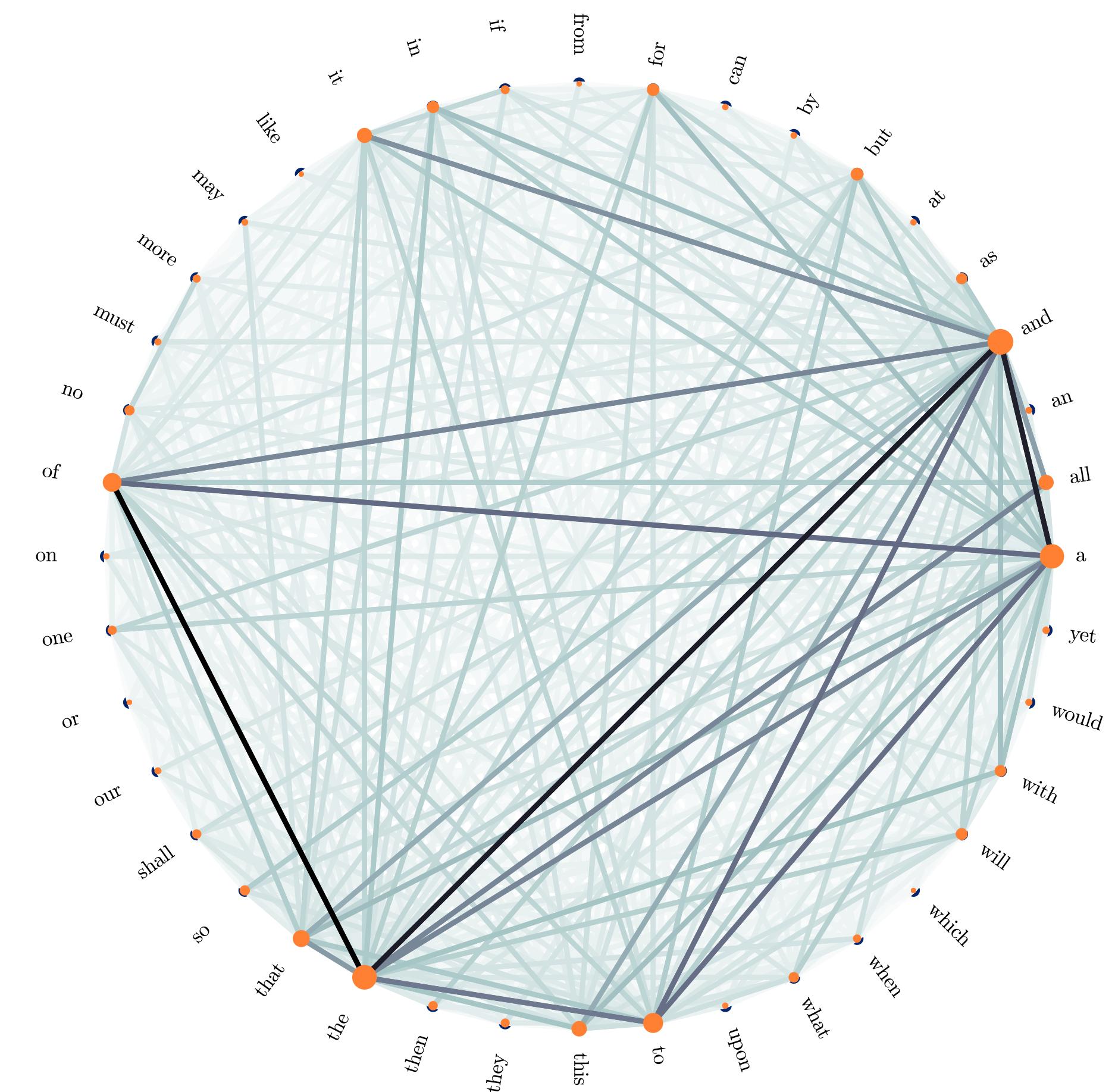
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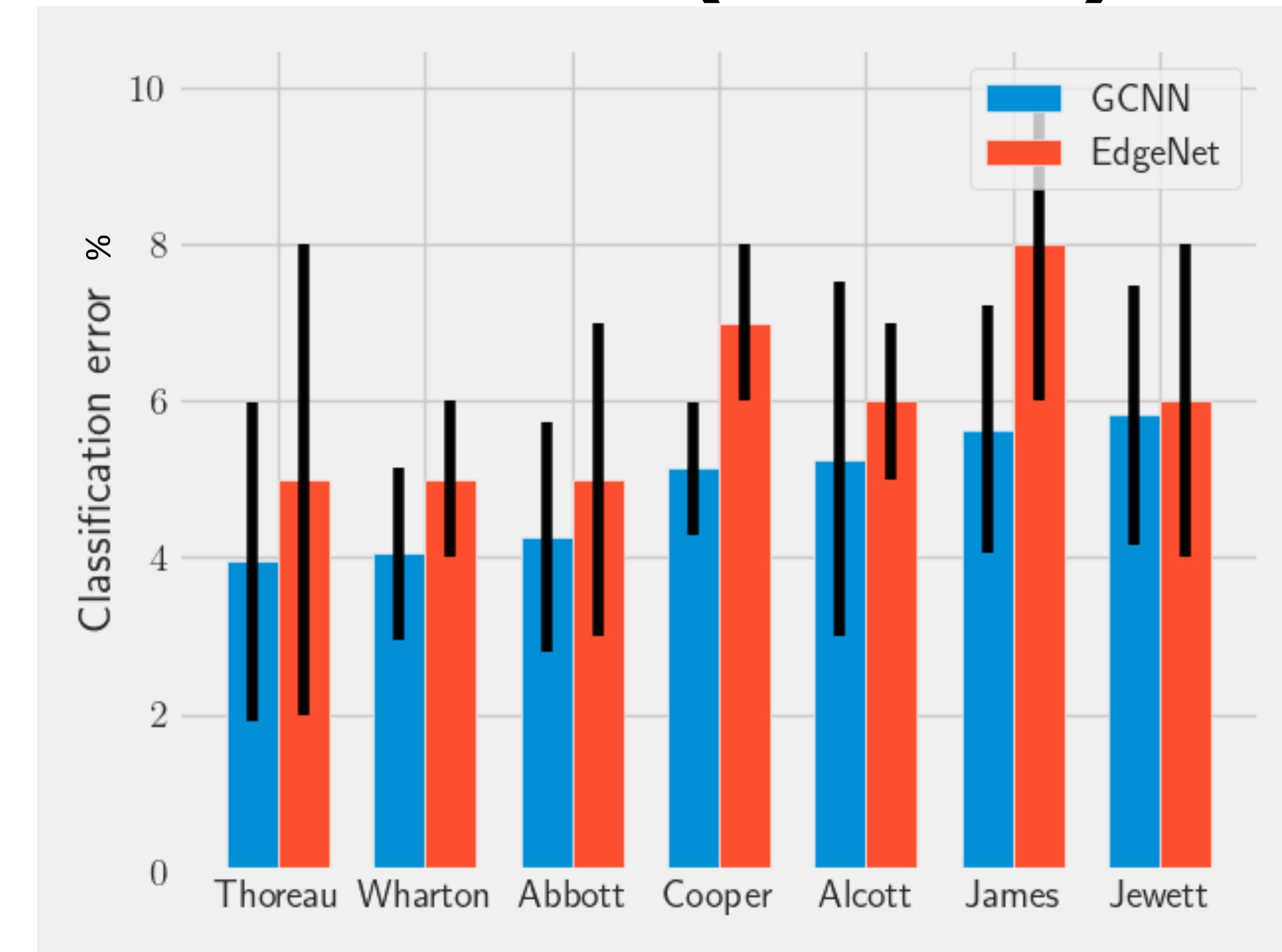
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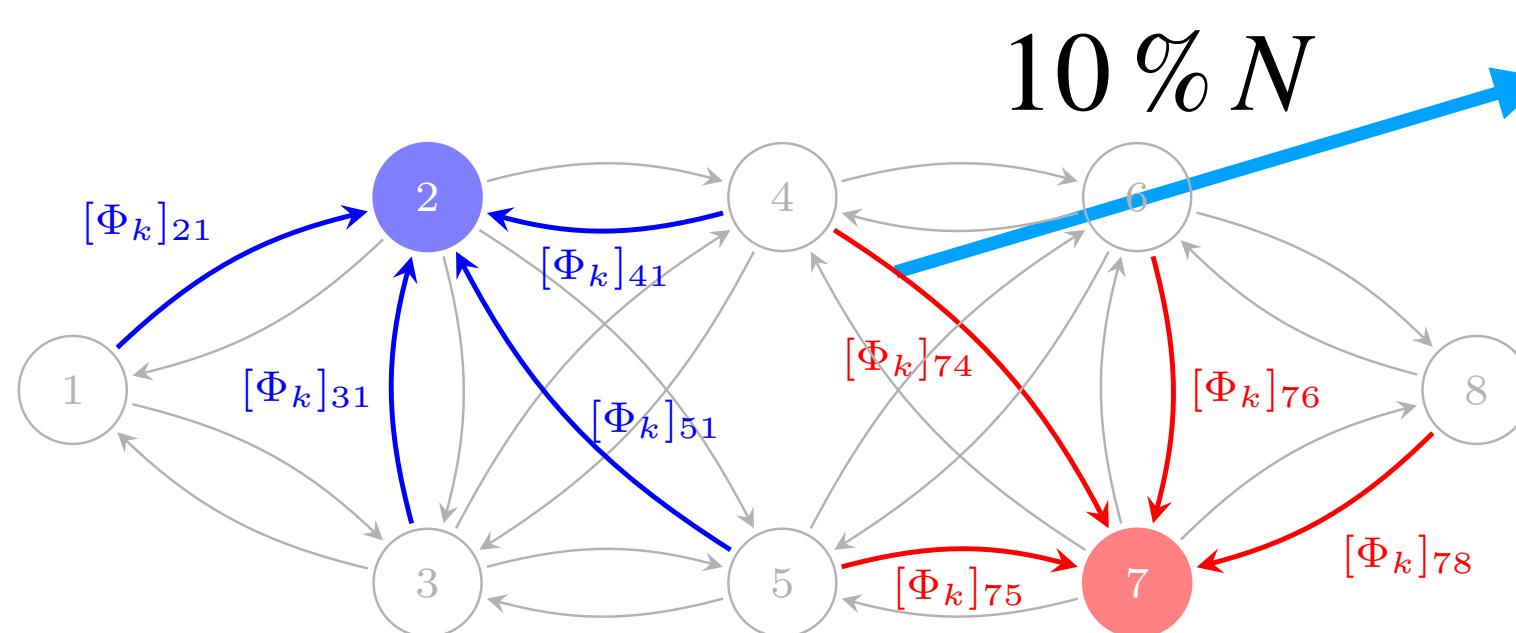
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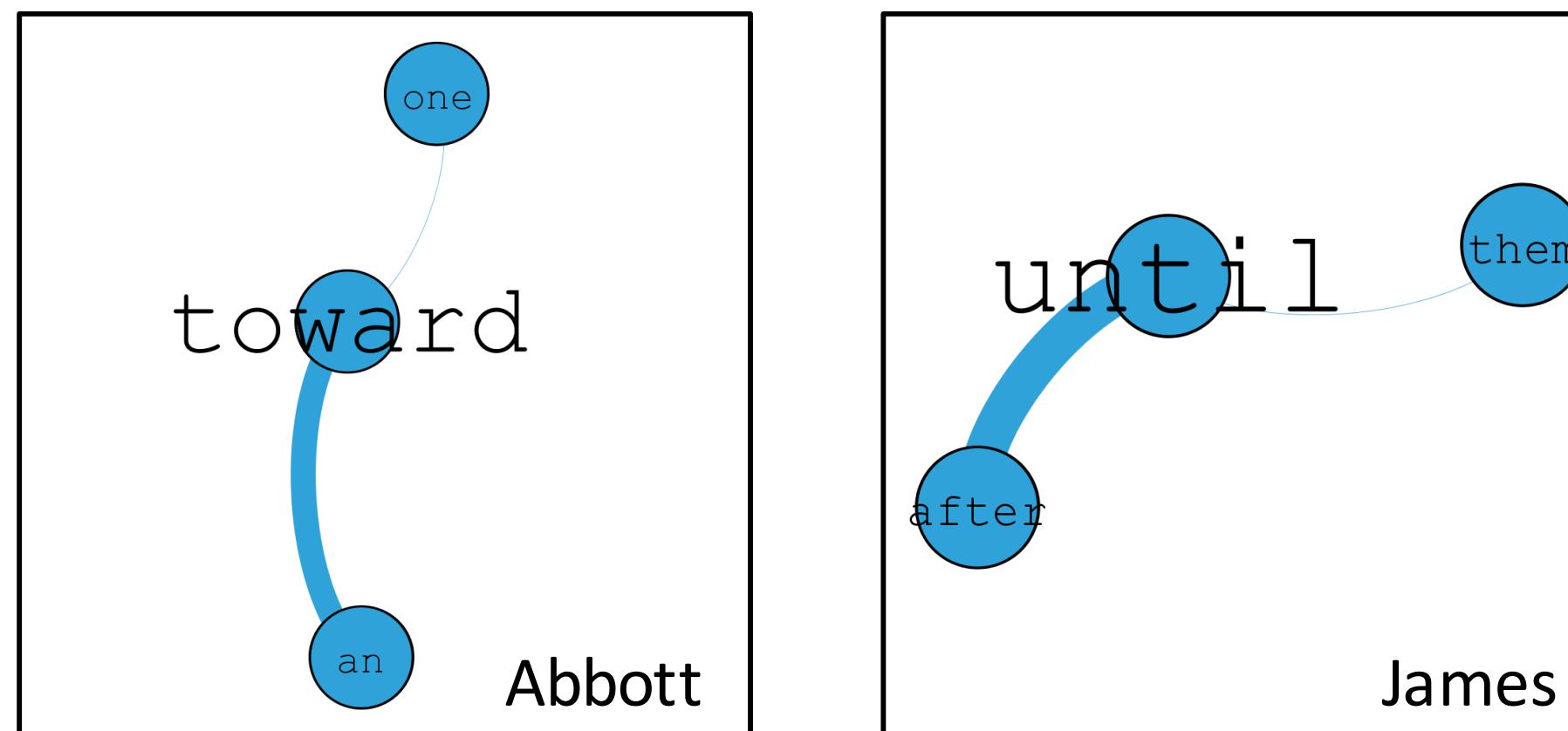
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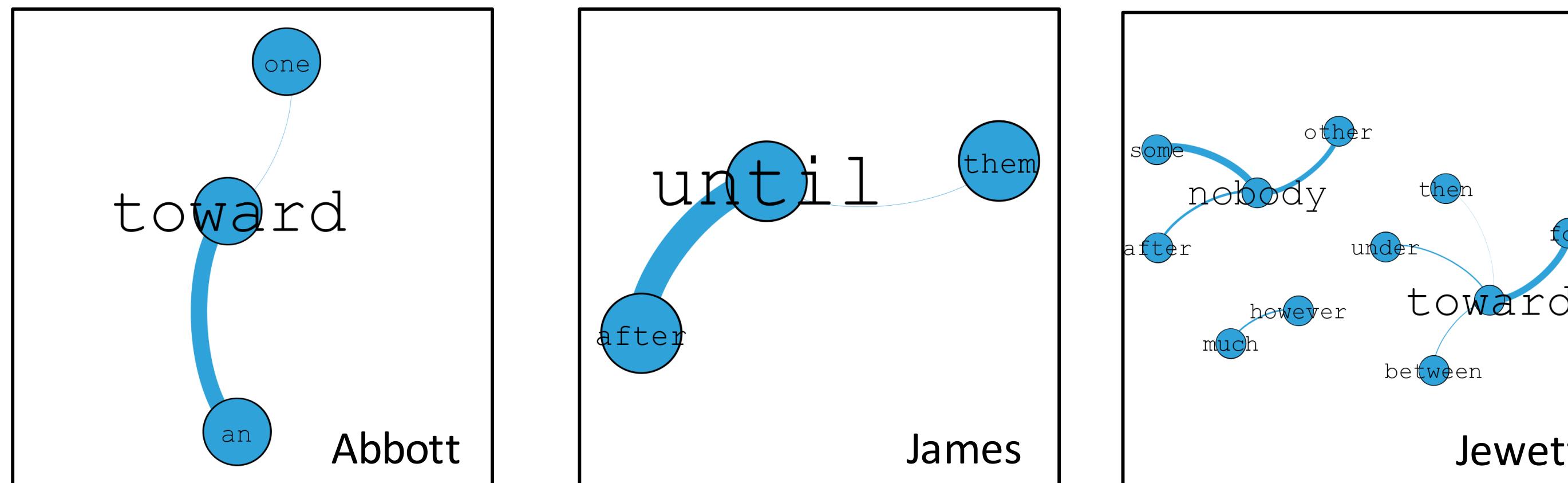
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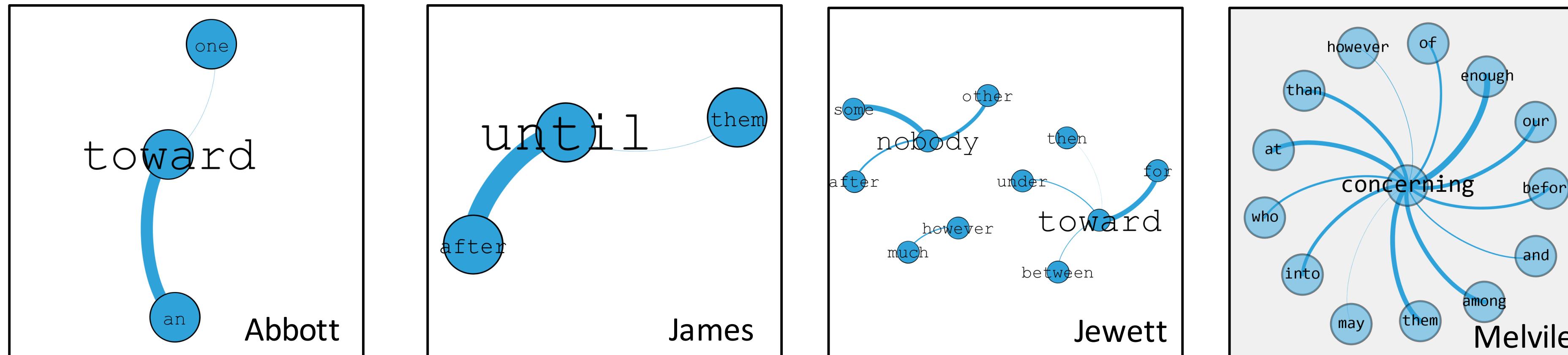
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1 layer architectures,  $F = 64$

Sparse WANs help classification

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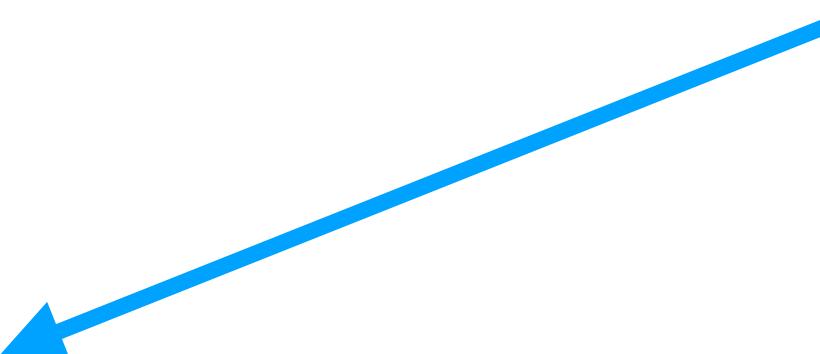
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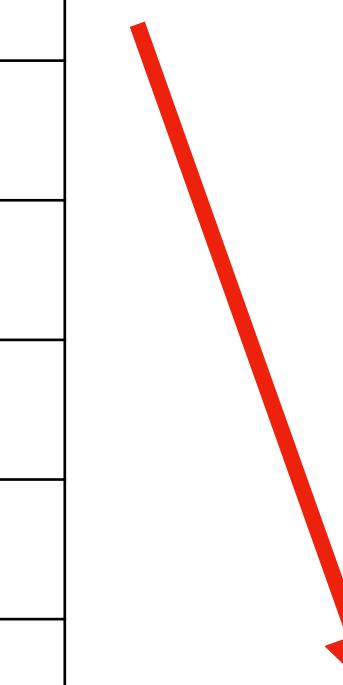
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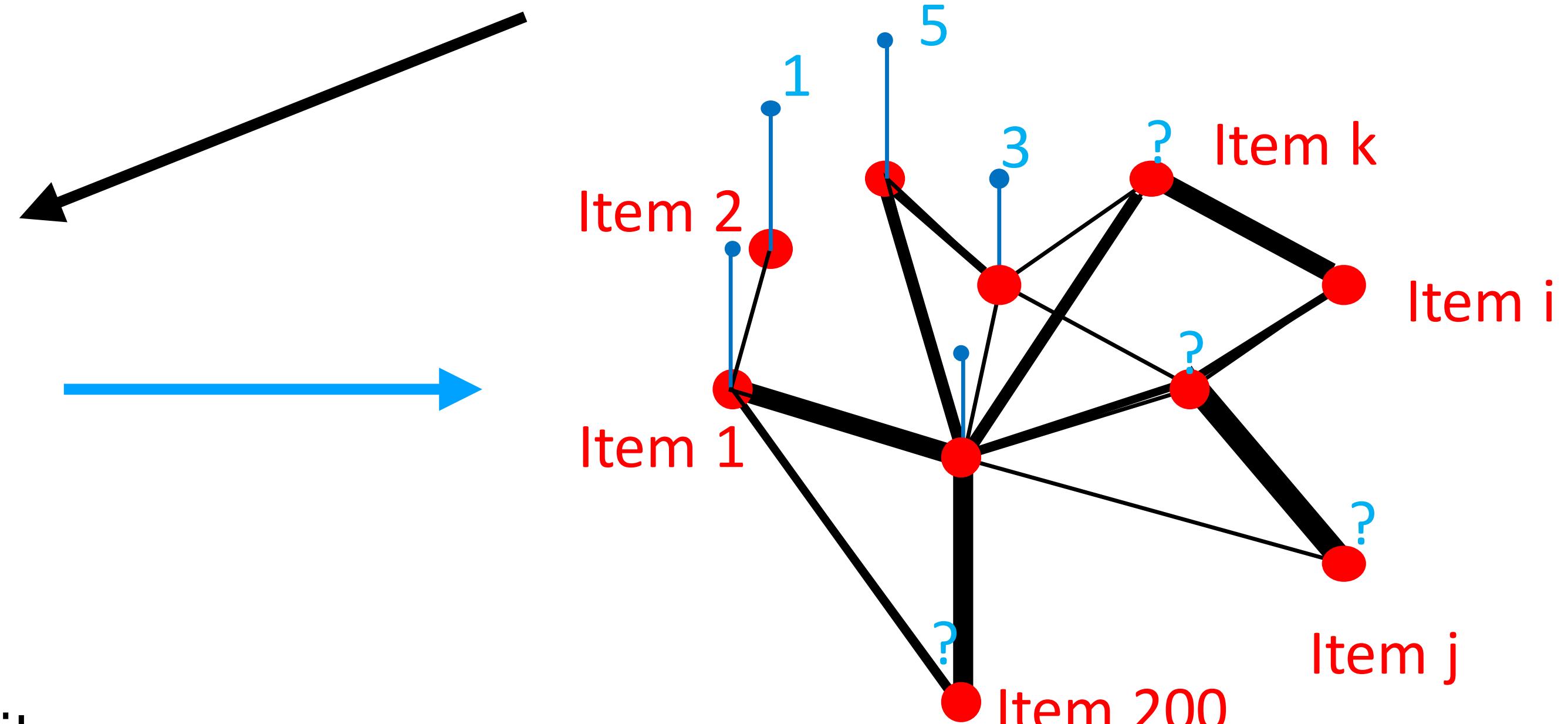
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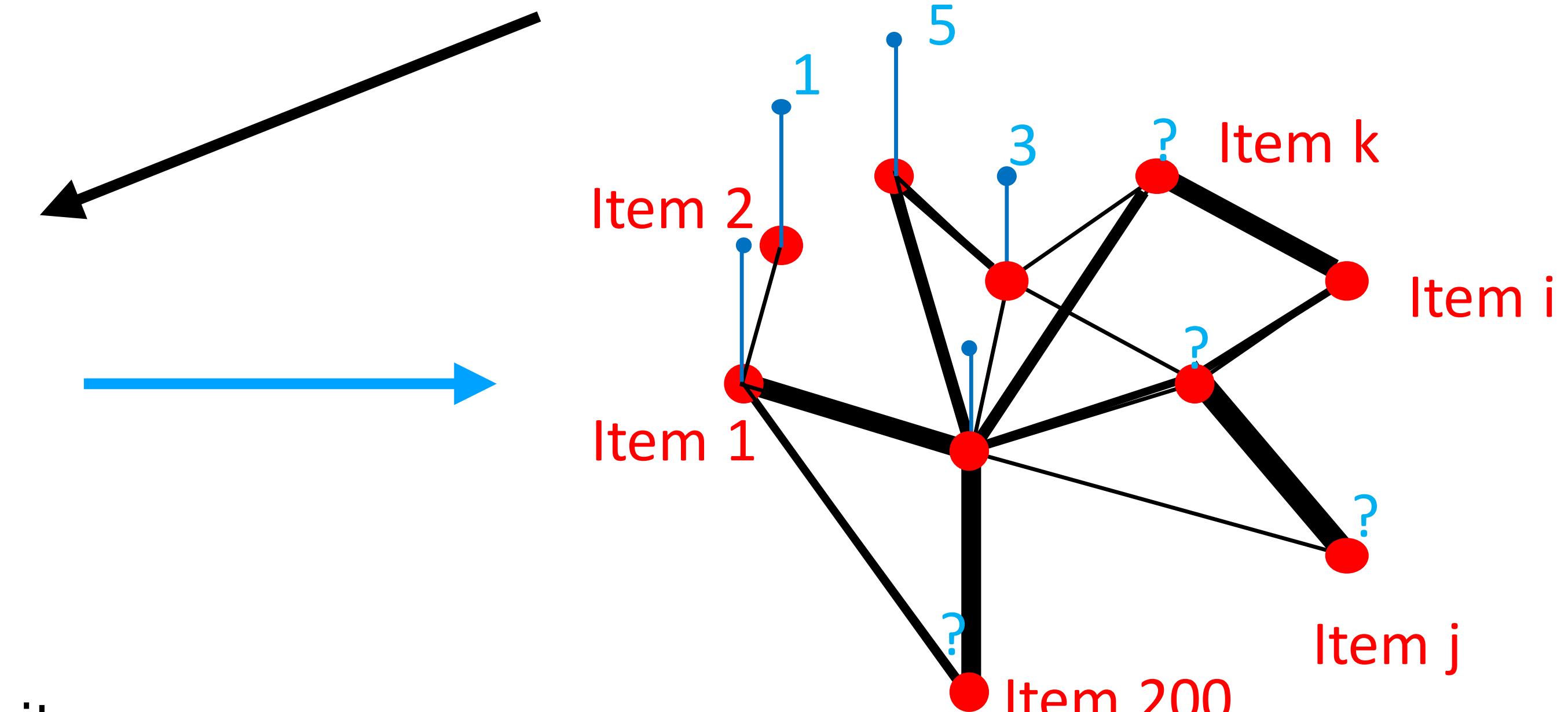
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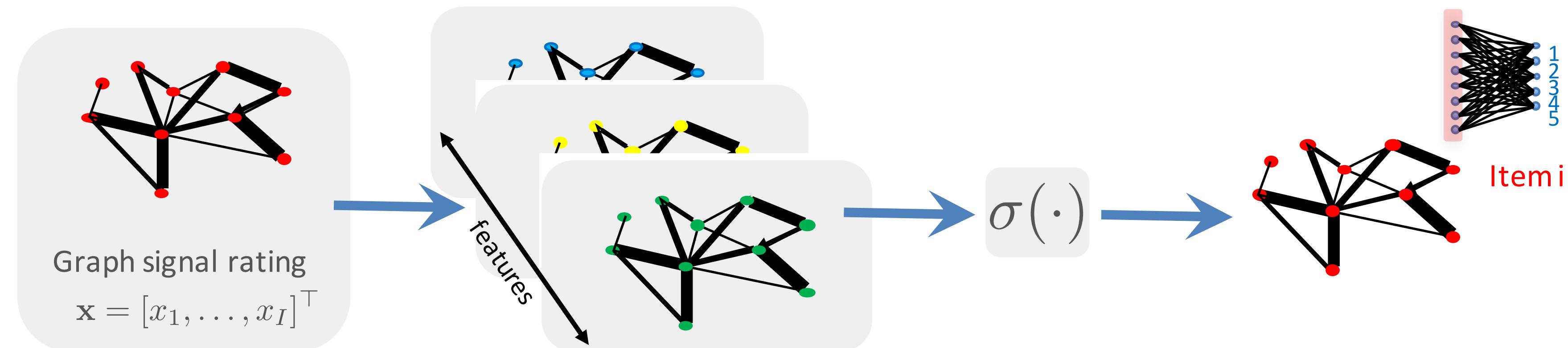
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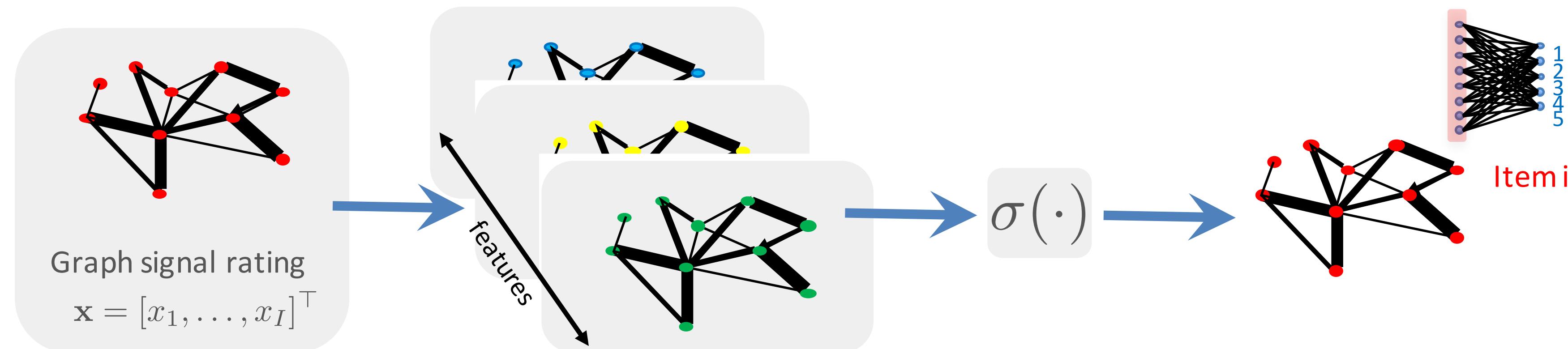
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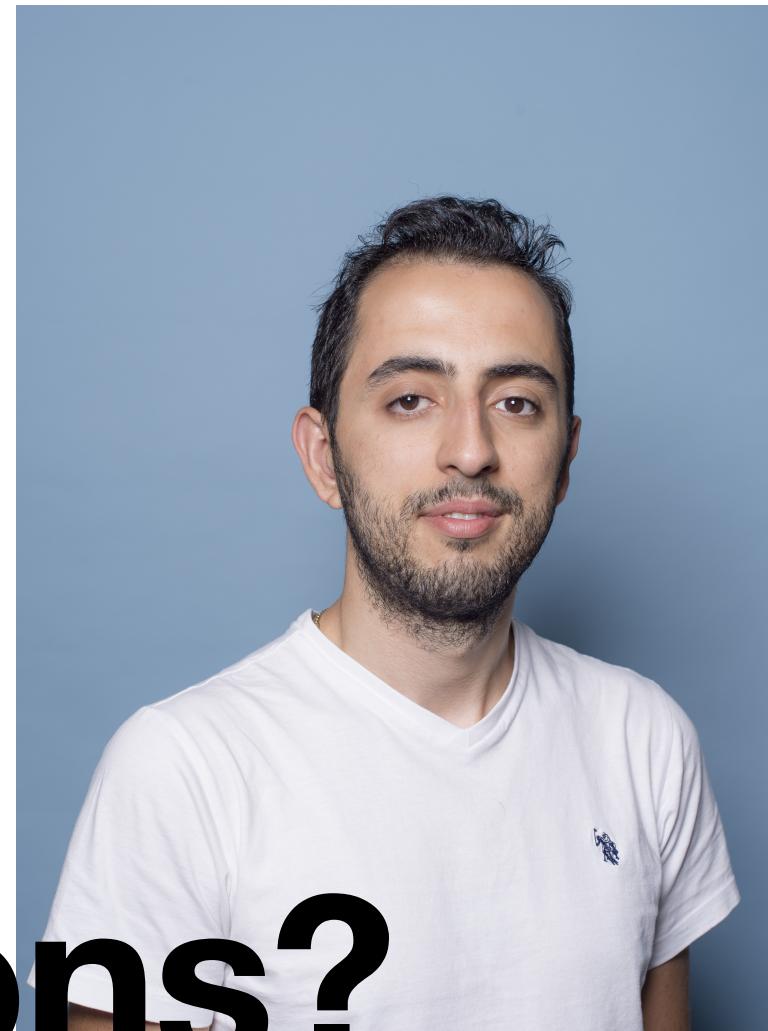
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# Conclusions

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- **Extensions** of FIR filters (can be used for IIR as well)
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  - ◆ **Distributed optimization** solutions
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# Questions?



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Thank you

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