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# Automated Machine Learning on Graphs

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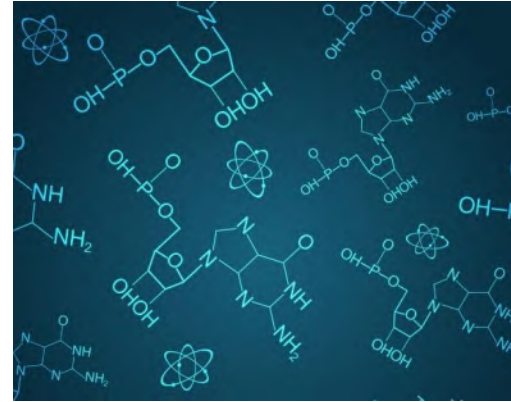
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# Graphs are Ubiquitous



Social Network



Biology Network

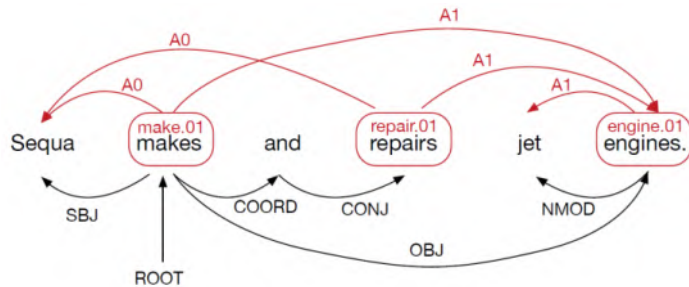


Traffic Network

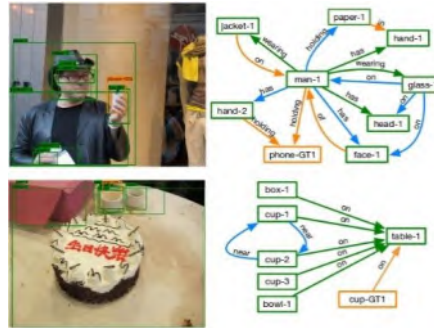


Information Network

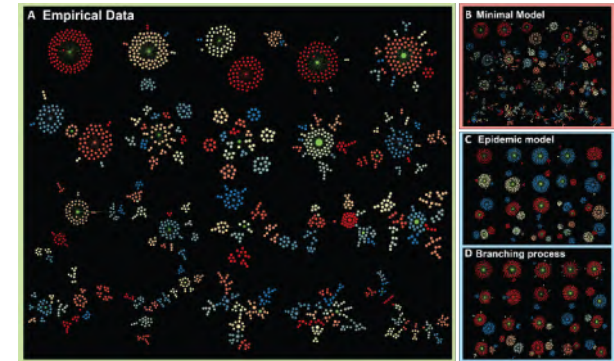
# Graph Applications



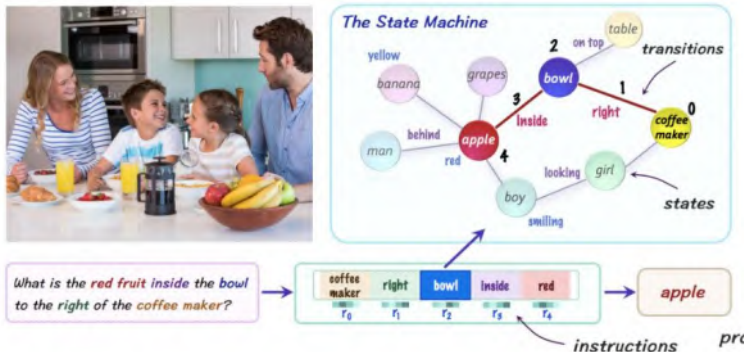
Natural Language Processing



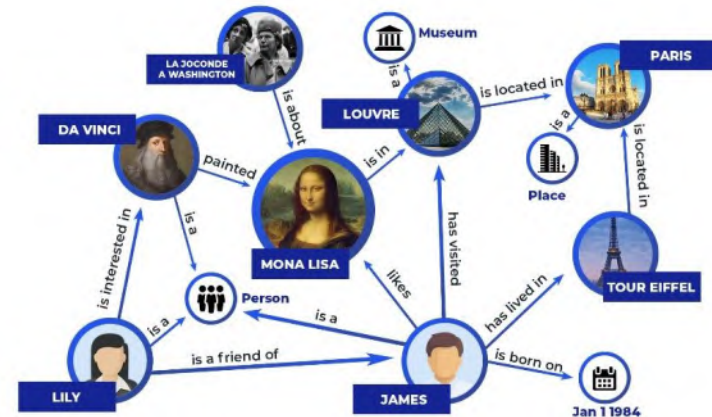
Computer Vision



Data Mining

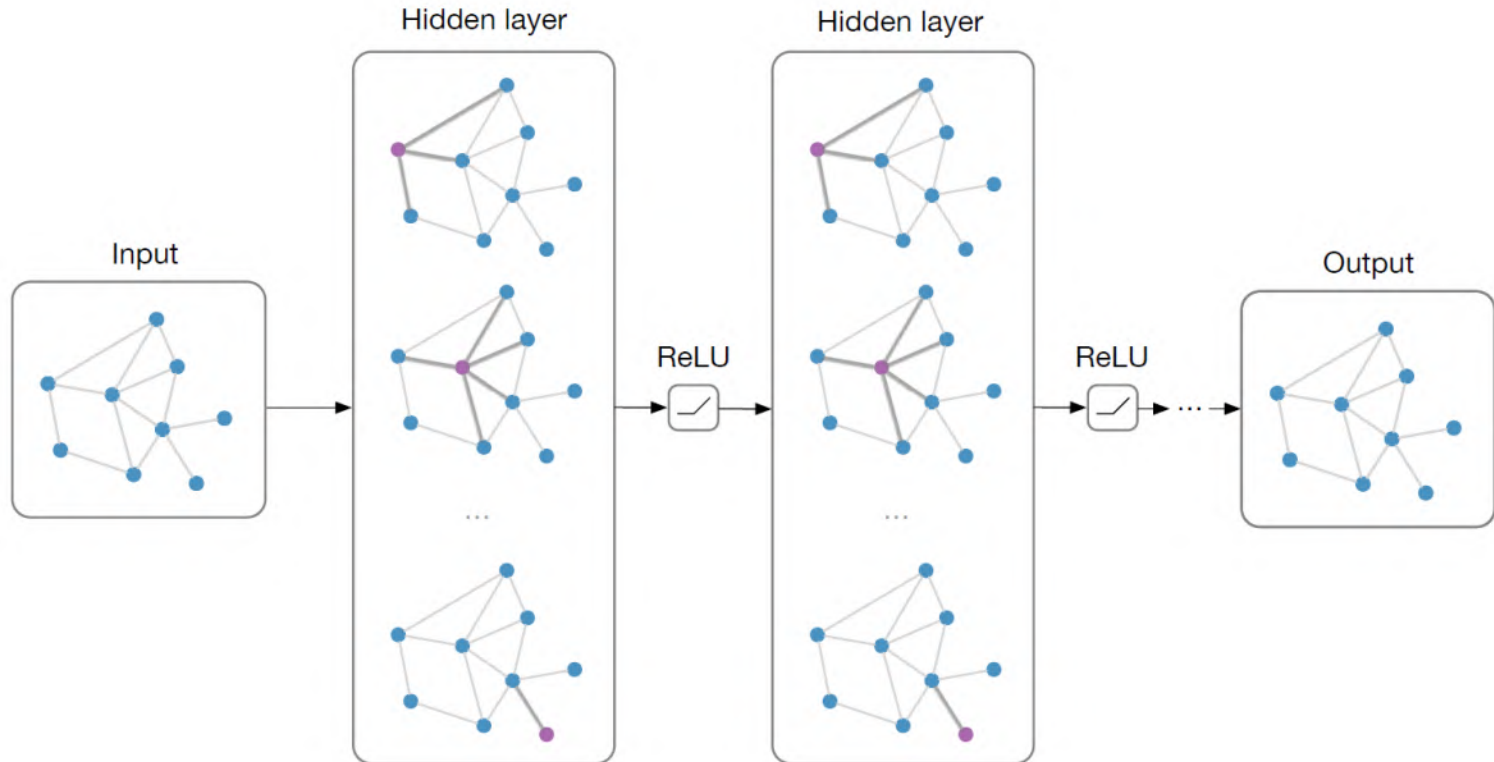


Multimedia



Information Retrieval

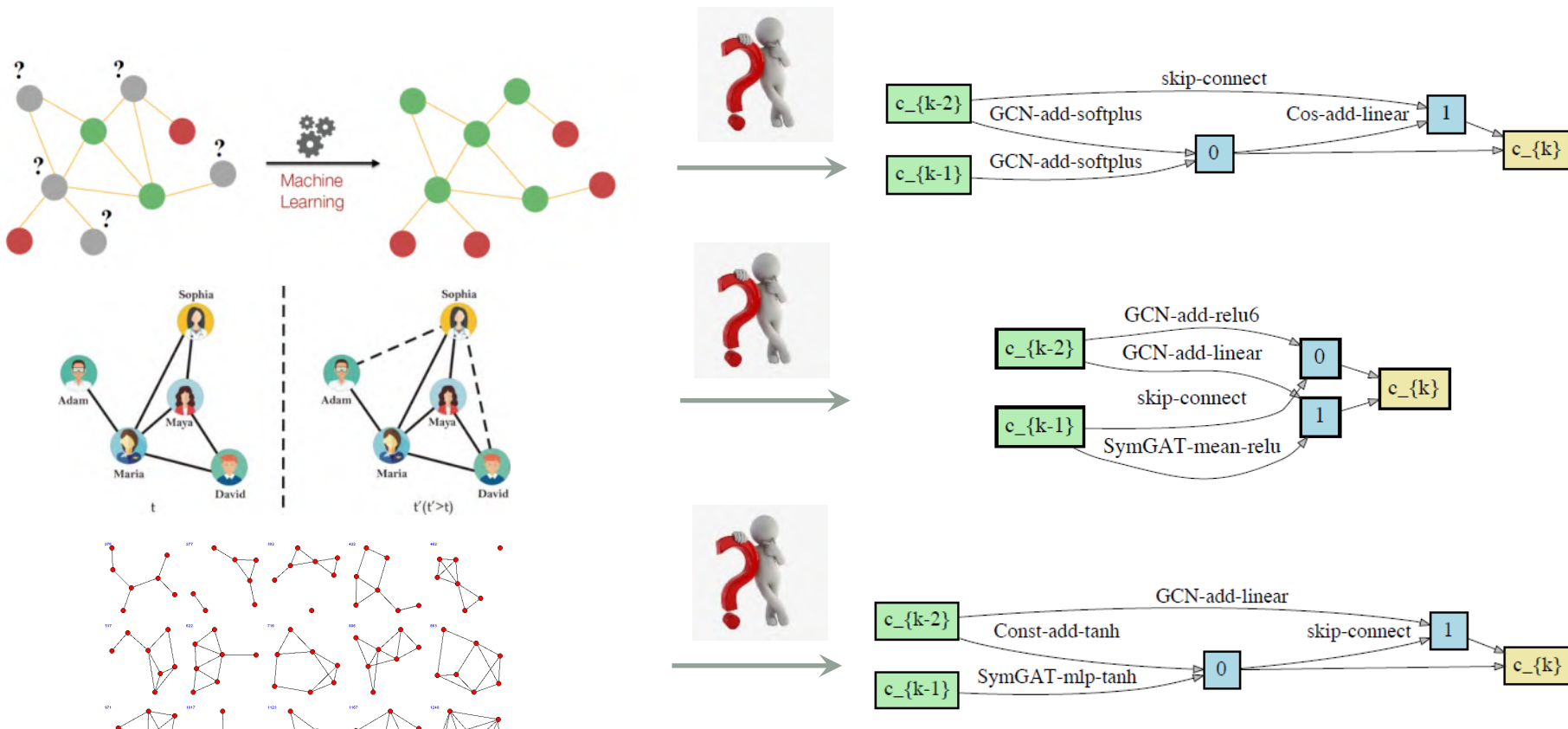
# Graph Neural Network



- Design neural networks directly applicable for graphs for end-to-end learning
- Message-passing framework: nodes exchange messages along structures

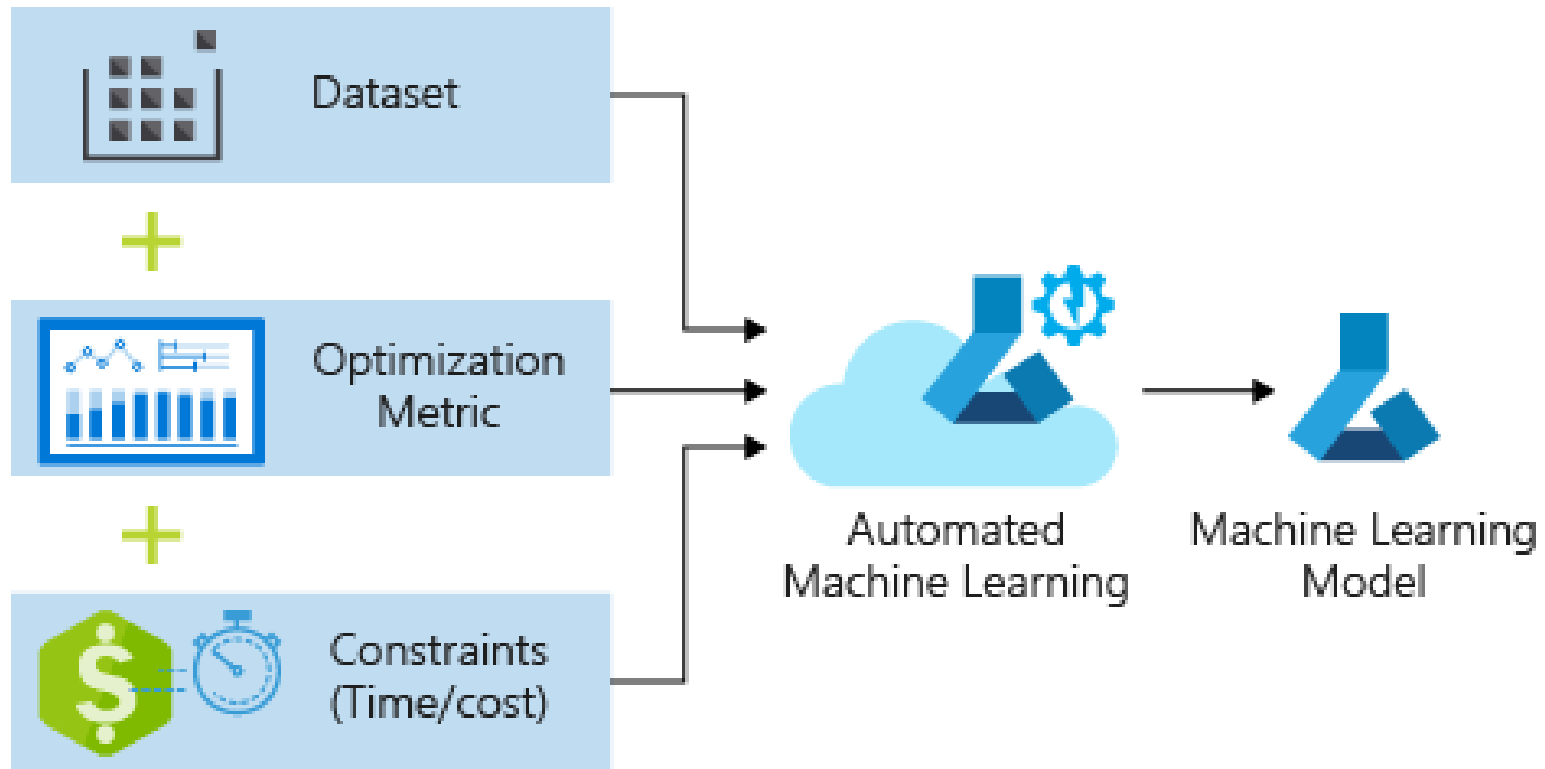
# The Existing Problems in Traditional Graph Learning Methods

- ❑ **Manually** design architectures and hyper-parameters through trial-and-error
- ❑ Each dataset/task is handled **separately**



**The adaptivity of graph machine learning is limited!**

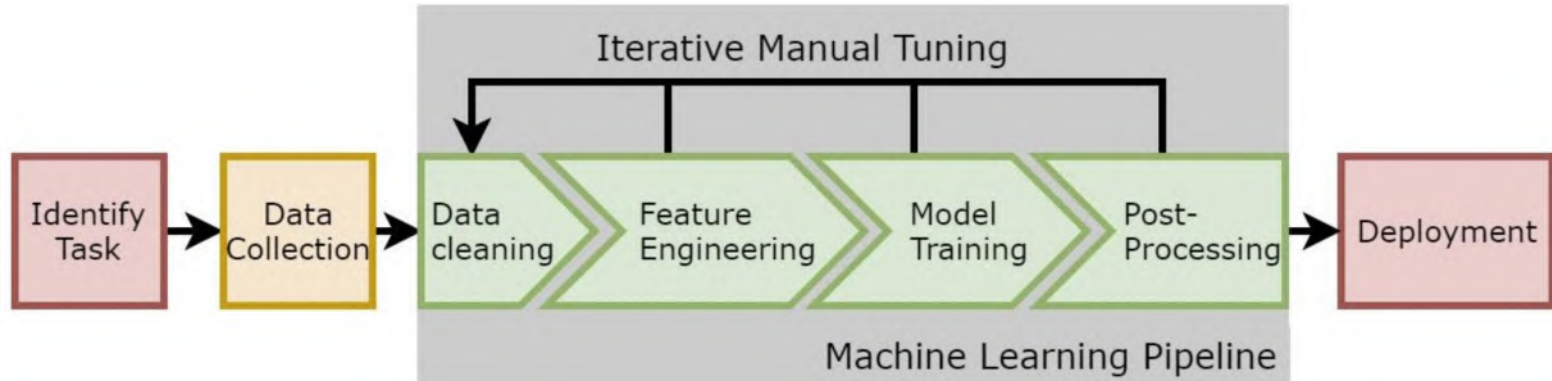
# A Glance of AutoML



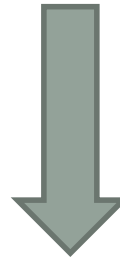
Design ML methods → Design AutoML methods



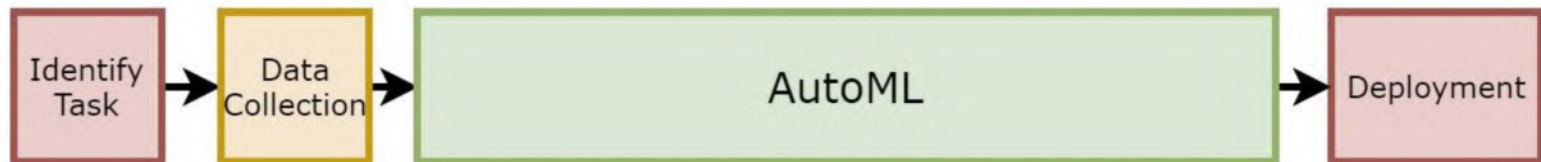
# ML vs. AutoML



- ❑ Rely on **expert knowledge**
- ❑ **Tedious** trial-and-error
- ❑ **Limited** by human design

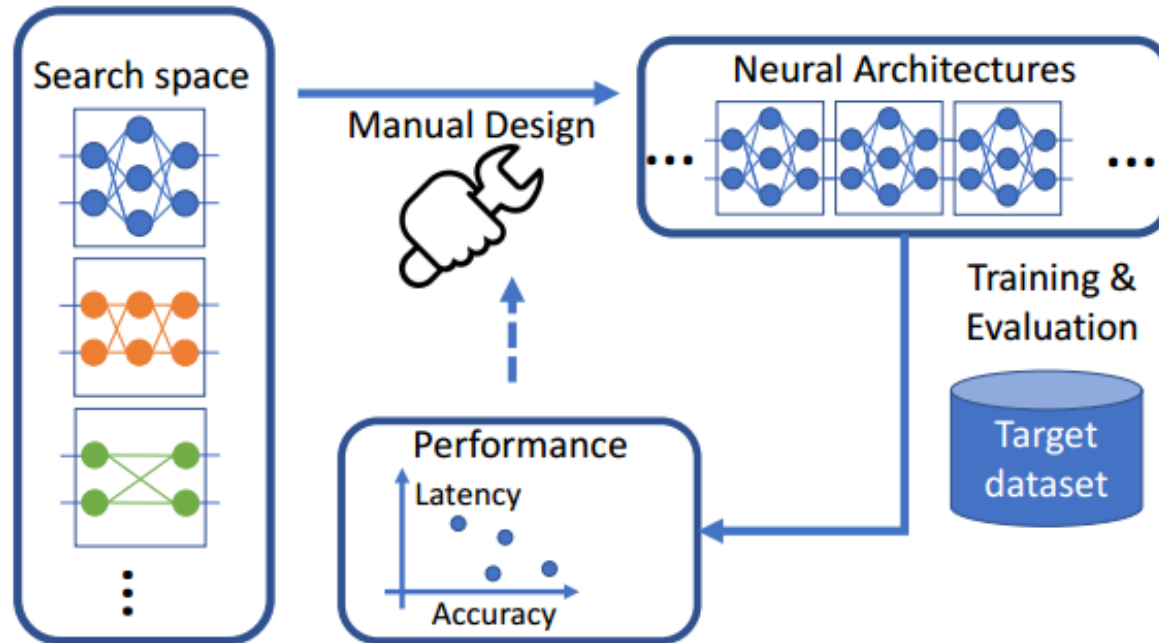


- ❑ **Free human** out of the loop
- ❑ **High** optimization **effectiveness**
- ❑ **Discover & extract** patterns and combinations **automatically**

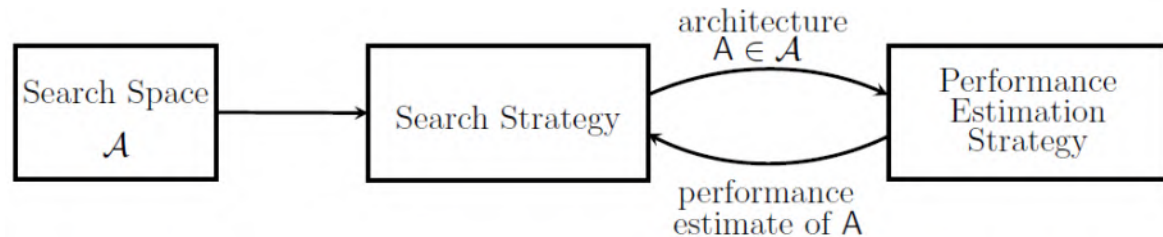


# Graph Neural Architecture Search (NAS)

- NAS: automatically learn the best neural architecture



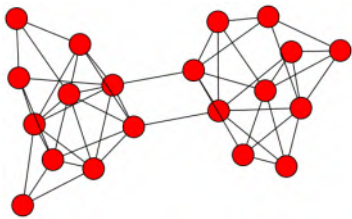
- Key designs





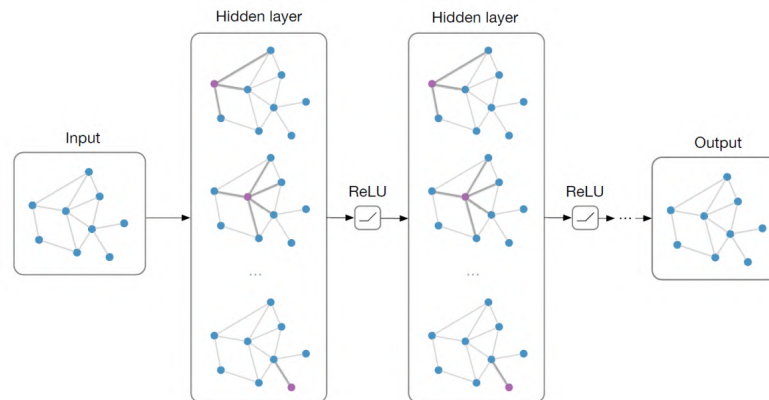
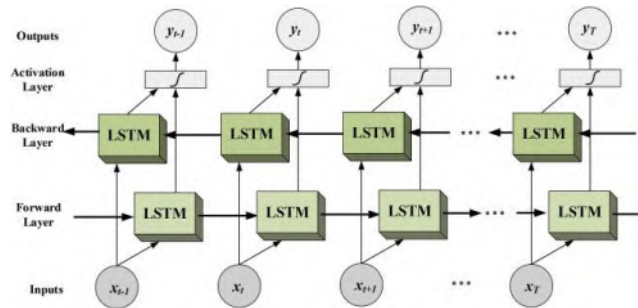
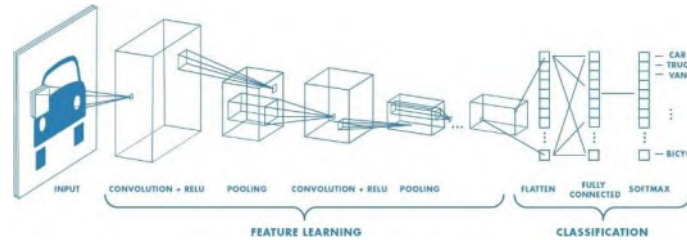
# Graph NAS: Search Space

## Data



$$G = (V, E)$$

## NN architecture



## Search Space

- zeroize
  - skip-connect
  - 1×1 conv
  - 3×3 conv
  - 3×3 avg pool
- predefined operation set

Linear:  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = W_1x_1 + \dots + W_nx_n + b$ ,  
 Blending (element wise):  $f(z, x, y) = z \odot x + (1 - z) \odot y$   
 Element wise product and sum,  
 Activations: Tanh, Sigmoid, and LeakyReLU.

?

# Graph NAS Search Space

$$\mathbf{m}_i^{(l)} = \text{AGG}^{(l)} \left( \left\{ a_{ij}^{(l)} \mathbf{W}^{(l)} \mathbf{h}_j^{(l)}, \forall j \in \mathcal{N}(i) \right\} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{h}_i^{(l+1)} = \sigma \left( \text{COMBINE}^{(l)} \left[ \mathbf{m}_i^{(l)}, \mathbf{h}_i^{(l)} \right] \right),$$

▣ AGG( $\cdot$ ): how to aggregate information from neighbors

- ▣ Requirement: permutation-invariant
- ▣ Common choices: mean, max, sum, etc.

▣  $a_{ij}$ : the importance of neighbors

▣ COMBINE( $\cdot$ ): how to update representation

- ▣ Common choices: CONCAT, SUM, MLP, etc.

▣  $\sigma(\cdot)$ : Sigmoid, ReLU, tanh, etc.

▣ Dimensionality of  $\mathbf{h}_i^{(l)}$ , the number of attention heads (when using attention)

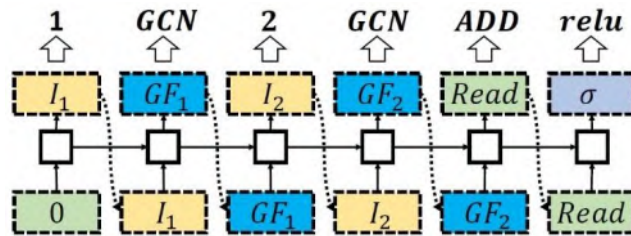
Type	Formulation
CONST	$a_{ij}^{\text{const}} = 1$
GCN	$a_{ij}^{\text{gcn}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{ \mathcal{N}(i)   \mathcal{N}(j) }}$
GAT	$a_{ij}^{\text{gat}} = \text{LeakyReLU}(\text{ATT}(\mathbf{W}_a [\mathbf{h}_i, \mathbf{h}_j]))$
SYM-GAT	$a_{ij}^{\text{sym}} = a_{ij}^{\text{gat}} + a_{ji}^{\text{gat}}$
COS	$a_{ij}^{\text{cos}} = \cos(\mathbf{W}_a \mathbf{h}_i, \mathbf{W}_a \mathbf{h}_j)$
LINEAR	$a_{ij}^{\text{lin}} = \tanh(\text{sum}(\mathbf{W}_a \mathbf{h}_i + \mathbf{W}_a \mathbf{h}_j))$
GENE-LINEAR	$a_{ij}^{\text{gene}} = \tanh(\text{sum}(\mathbf{W}_a \mathbf{h}_i + \mathbf{W}_a \mathbf{h}_j)) \mathbf{W}_a'$

# Graph NAS Search Strategy

Most previous general NAS search strategies can be directly applied

Reinforcement learning

Controller:

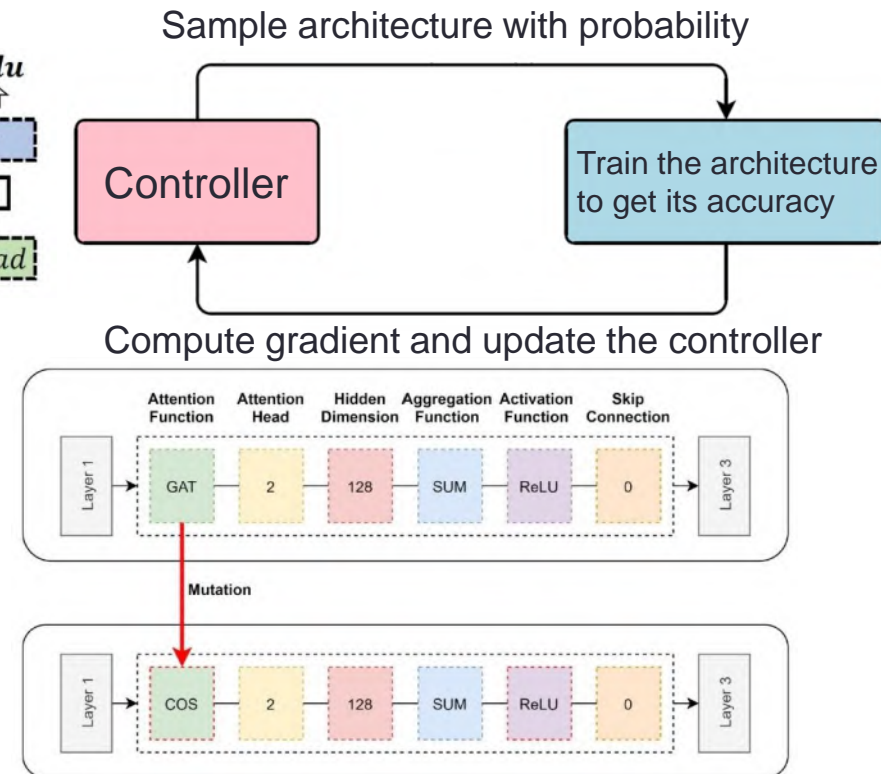
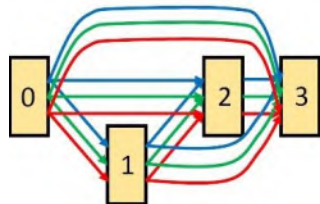


Evolutionary

Define how to evolve and how to select

Differentiable

Super-net: mix all possible operations



$$y = o^{(x,y)}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{o \in \mathcal{O}} \frac{\exp(\mathbf{z}_o^{(x,y)})}{\sum_{o' \in \mathcal{O}} \exp(\mathbf{z}_{o'}^{(x,y)})} o(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\alpha = \alpha - \nabla_{\alpha} \mathcal{L}_{val}(\mathbf{W}(\alpha), \alpha)$$

$$\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{W} - \nabla_{\mathbf{W}} \mathcal{L}_{train}(\mathbf{W}, \alpha)$$

# Survey

## Automated Machine Learning on Graphs: A Survey

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Method	Search space				Layers	Tasks		Search Strategy	Performance Estimation	Other Characteristics
	Micro	Macro	Pooling	HP		Node	Graph			
GraphNAS [34]	✓	✓	✗	✗	Fixed	✓	✗	RNN controller + RL	-	-
AGNN [43]	✓	✗	✗	✗	Fixed	✓	✗	Self-designed controller + RL	Inherit weights	-
SNAG [44]	✓	✓	✗	✗	Fixed	✓	✗	RNN controller + RL	Inherit weights	Simplify the micro search space
PDNAS [45]	✓	✓	✗	✗	Fixed	✓	✗	Differentiable	Single-path one-shot	-
POSE [46]	✓	✓	✗	✗	Fixed	✓	✗	Differentiable	Single-path one-shot	Support heterogenous graphs
NAS-GNN [47]	✓	✗	✗	✓	Fixed	✓	✗	Evolutionary algorithm	-	-
AutoGraph [48]	✓	✓	✗	✗	Various	✓	✗	Evolutionary algorithm	-	-
GeneticGNN [49]	✓	✗	✗	✓	Fixed	✓	✗	Evolutionary algorithm	-	-
EGAN [50]	✓	✓	✗	✗	Fixed	✓	✓	Differentiable	One-shot	Sample small graphs for efficiency
NAS-GCN [51]	✓	✓	✓	✗	Fixed	✗	✓	Evolutionary algorithm	-	Handle edge features
LPGNAS [52]	✓	✓	✗	✗	Fixed	✓	✗	Differentiable	Single-path one-shot	Search for quantisation options
You <i>et al.</i> [53]	✓	✓	✗	✓	Various	✓	✓	Random search	-	Transfer across datasets and tasks
SAGS [54]	✓	✗	✗	✗	Fixed	✓	✓	Self-designed algorithm	-	-
Peng <i>et al.</i> [55]	✓	✗	✗	✗	Fixed	✗	✓	CEM-RL [56]	-	Search spatial-temporal modules
GNAS[57]	✓	✓	✗	✗	Various	✓	✓	Differentiable	One-shot	-
AutoSTG[58]	✗	✓	✗	✗	Fixed	✓	✗	Differentiable	One-shot+meta learning	Search spatial-temporal modules
DSS[59]	✓	✓	✗	✗	Fixed	✓	✗	Differentiable	One-shot	Dynamically update search space
SANE[60]	✓	✓	✗	✗	Fixed	✓	✗	Differentiable	One-shot	-
AutoAttend[61]	✓	✓	✗	✗	Fixed	✓	✓	Evolutionary algorithm	One-shot	Cross-layer attention

Table 1: A summary of different NAS methods for graph machine learnings.

Paper collection: <https://github.com/THUMNLab/awesome-auto-graph-learning>

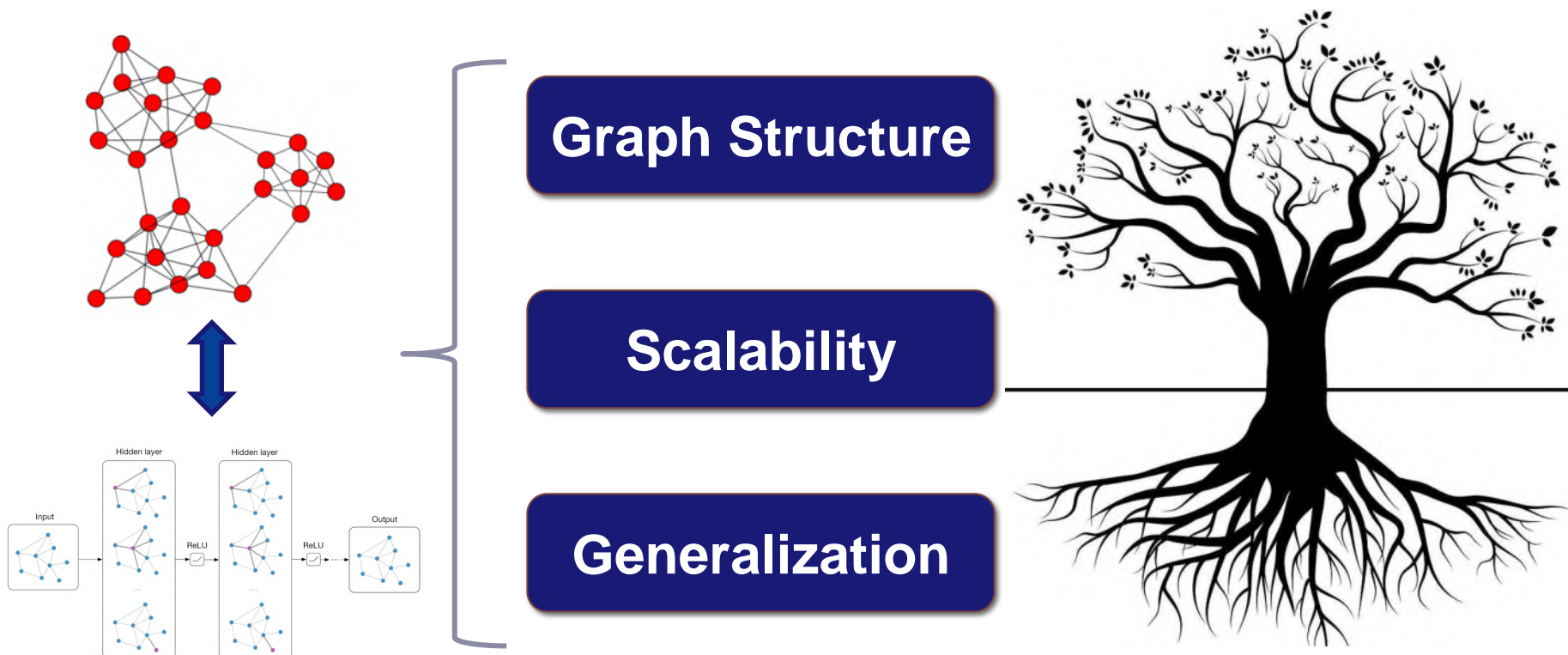
Tutorial KDD 2021: [https://zw-zhang.github.io/files/2021\\_KDD\\_AutoMLonGraph.pdf](https://zw-zhang.github.io/files/2021_KDD_AutoMLonGraph.pdf)

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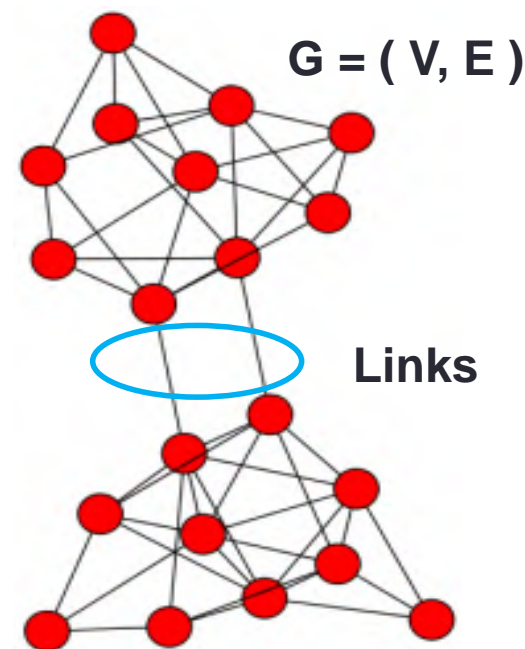
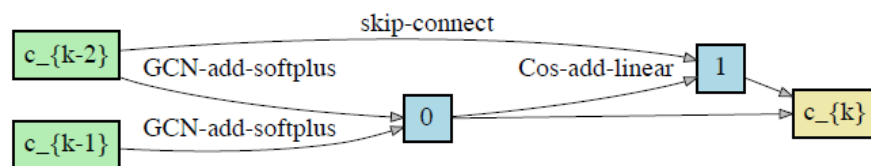
# Challenges for the Existing Methods

- The existing methods partially solve the applicability problem  
...but GraphNAS has many unique and unsolved challenges



# Challenges: Graph Structure

- Graph structure is the key to GraphNAS
- Previous works assume fixed structures
  - Is the input graph structure optimal?
  - How to select architectures and graph structures that suit each other?



**Challenge: how to theoretically model graph structure in GraphNAS**

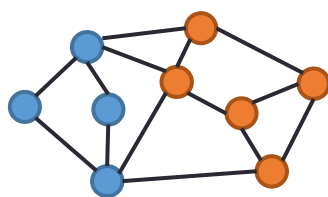


# Analysis

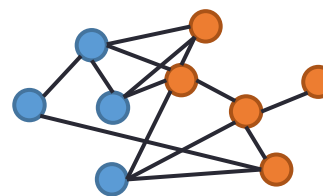
- Different operations fit graphs with different amount of information

**Theorem 2** Under our synthetic graph setting, let  $n$  be the number of edges connected the target node, the relative distance between the centers of two classes is  $|D|$ , which follows  $D \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \beta^2)$ . Then, the probability of that linear operation gives more accurate prediction than GCN on the target node is  $P = \Phi\left[\frac{\sqrt{2n}|D|}{(\delta+1)\sqrt{(n+1)(n+2)}}\right]$ .

- Factors to determine the amount of information: signal to noise ratio

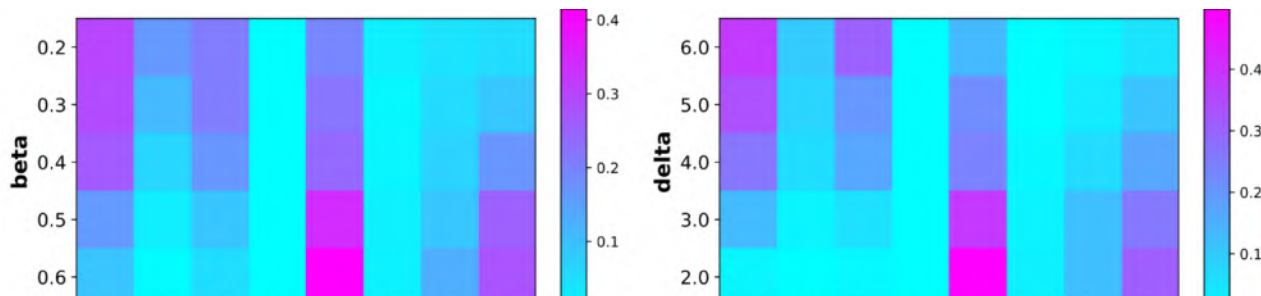


Less noise



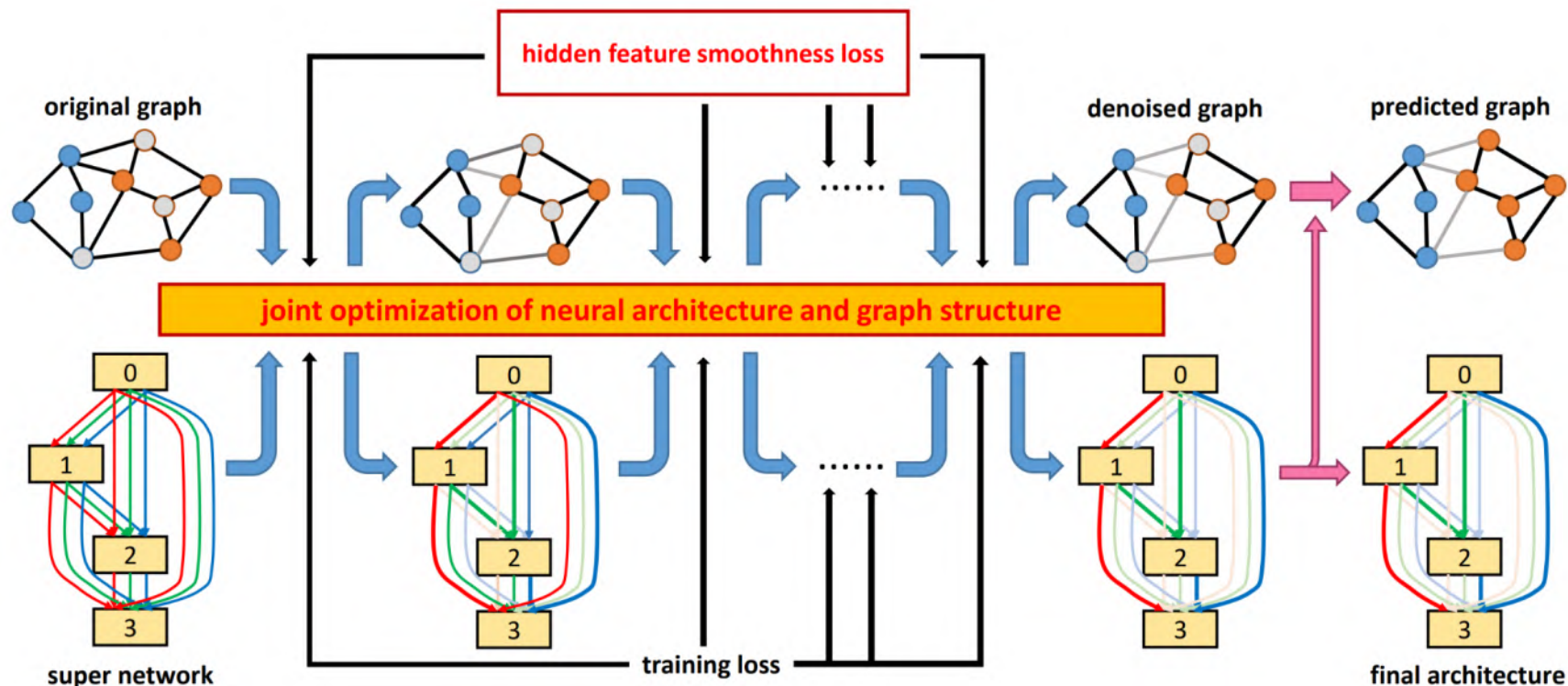
Large noise

- Synthetic datasets:



How to reduce structural noises while searching architectures?

# GASSO: Jointly Learn Graph Structure and Neural Architecture



Learn graph structure and neural architecture through a **joint optimization** scheme

# GASSO: Model

- Formulation: tri-level optimization

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \min_{\mathcal{A}} \mathcal{L}_{val}(W^*, \mathcal{A}, G^*) \\
 & s.t. \quad G^* = \operatorname{argmin}_G \mathcal{L}_s(W^*, \mathcal{A}, G), \\
 & \quad W^* = \operatorname{argmin}_W \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{A} \in \Gamma(\mathcal{A})} \mathcal{L}_{train}(W, \mathcal{A}, G).
 \end{aligned}$$

- Feature Smoothness Constraint

$$\mathcal{L}_s = \lambda \sum_{i,j}^N G_{ij} \| \mathbf{h}_i - \mathbf{h}_j \|_2 + \sum_{i,j}^N (G_{ij} - G_{o,ij})^2,$$

- Mask original edges:  $G = G_o \odot M$

- Possible extensions: adding edges
  - Challenge: time complexity, there are  $O(n^2)$  possible edges

# GASSO: Experiments

## □ Experiments on graph benchmarks

Dataset	Cora	Citeseer	Pubmed
GCN <sup>†</sup>	87.40	79.20	88.40
GAT <sup>†</sup>	87.26 $\pm$ 0.08	77.82 $\pm$ 0.11	86.83 $\pm$ 0.11
ARMA <sup>†</sup>	86.06 $\pm$ 0.05	76.50 $\pm$ 0.00	88.70 $\pm$ 0.24
DropEdge <sup>†</sup>	87.60 $\pm$ 0.05	78.57 $\pm$ 0.00	87.34 $\pm$ 0.24
DARTS	86.18 $\pm$ 0.36	74.96 $\pm$ 0.10	88.38 $\pm$ 0.18
GDAS	85.48 $\pm$ 0.30	74.20 $\pm$ 0.11	89.50 $\pm$ 0.14
ASAP	85.21 $\pm$ 0.13	75.14 $\pm$ 0.09	88.65 $\pm$ 0.10
XNAS	86.80 $\pm$ 0.14	76.33 $\pm$ 0.09	88.61 $\pm$ 0.25
GraphNAS <sup>‡</sup>	86.83 $\pm$ 0.56	79.05 $\pm$ 0.28	89.99 $\pm$ 0.43
<b>GASSO</b>	<b>87.63 <math>\pm</math> 0.29</b>	<b>79.61 <math>\pm</math> 0.32</b>	<b>90.52 <math>\pm</math> 0.24</b>

## □ Experiments on larger graph datasets

Dataset	Physics	CoraFull	ogbn-arxiv
GCN	95.94	68.08	70.39
GAT	95.86	65.78	68.53
DARTS	95.74	68.51	69.52
<b>GASSO</b>	<b>96.38</b>	<b>68.89</b>	<b>70.52</b>

# Challenge: Large-scale Graphs



## Social Networks

- WeChat: 1.29 billion monthly active users (Aug 2022)
- Facebook: 2.8 billion active users (2020)

## E-commerce Networks

- Millions of sellers, about 0.9 billion buyers, 10.6 trillion turnovers in China (2019)

## Citation Networks

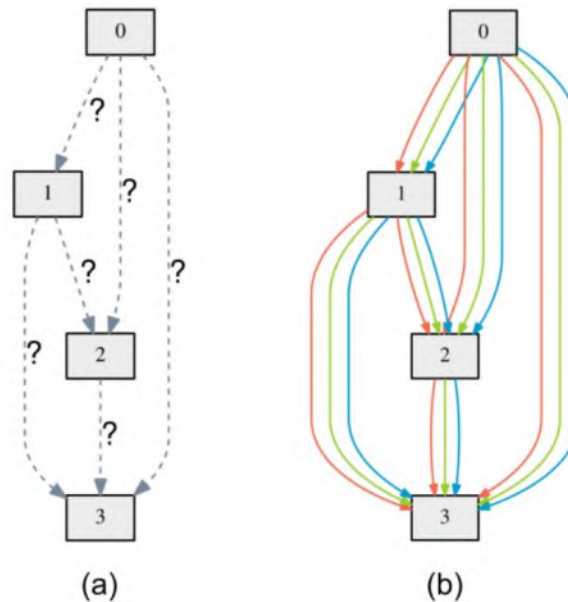
- 131 million authors, 185 million publications, 754 million citations (Aminer, Aug 2022)



**Challenge: how to efficiently scale to billion-scale graphs**

# SuperNet Training

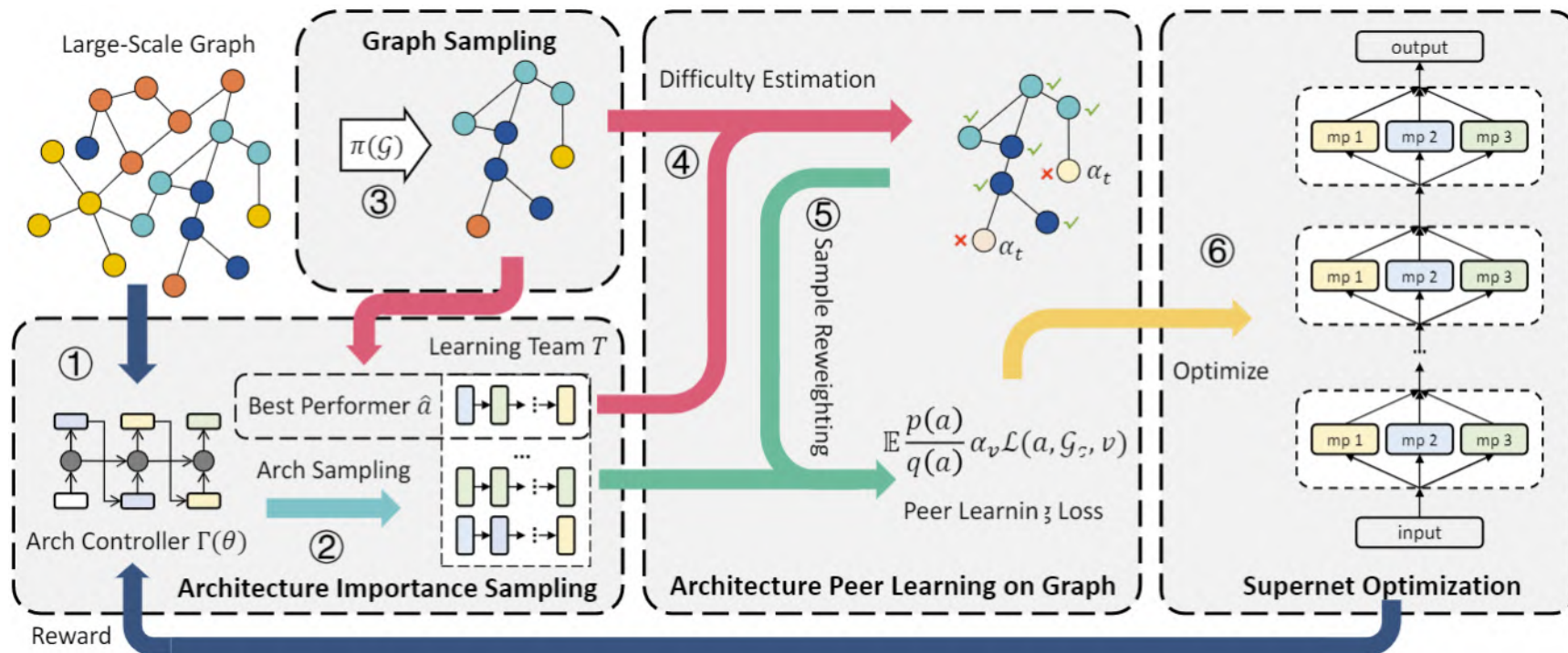
- Supernet: combine all possible operations of the search space



- Trained by sampling architectures and back-propagations
- Supernet training for large-scale graphs:
  - Using the whole graph → computational bottleneck
  - Straight-forwardly sampling subgraphs → consistency issue

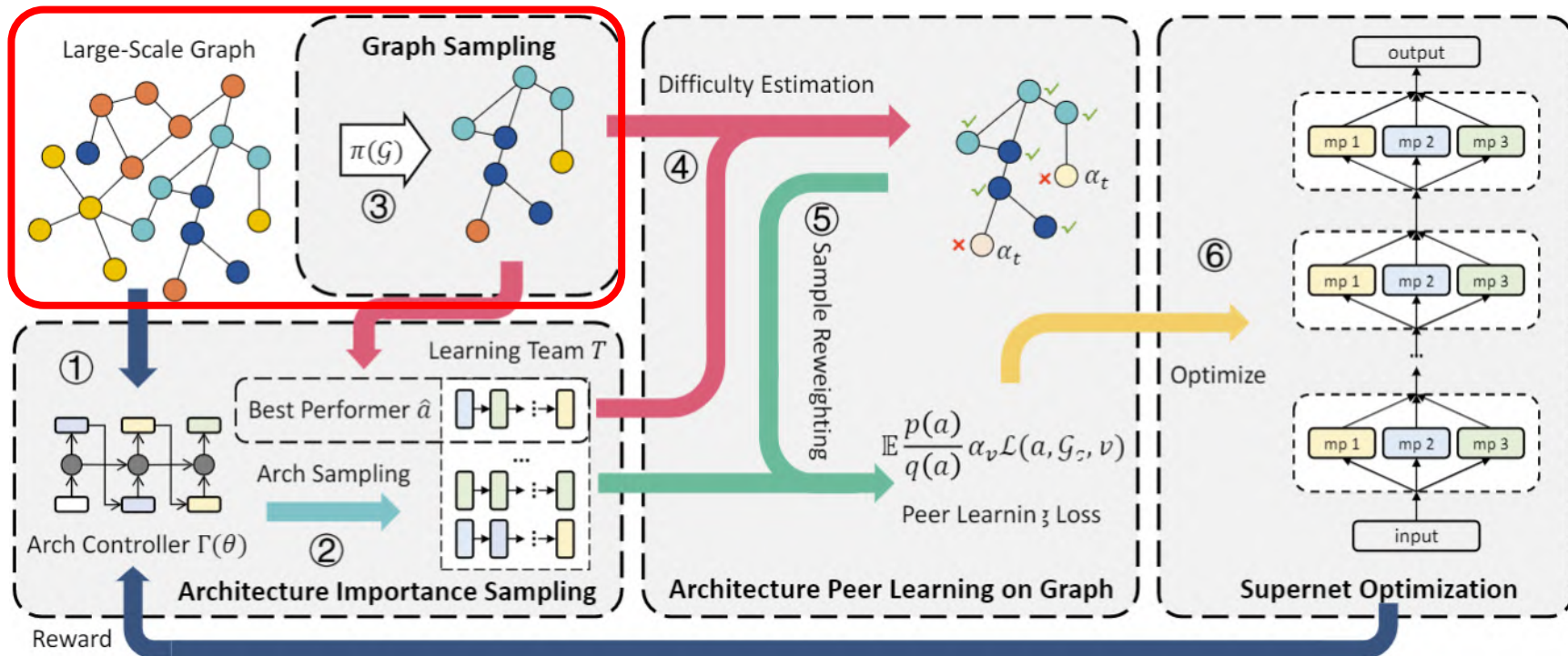


# GAUSS: Large-scale Graph Neural Architecture Search



**Jointly sample** subgraphs and architectures to find the most suitable architecture

# GAUSS: Architecture Importance Sampling



□ **Goal**: stabilize the training of the supernet

□ **Method**: important sampling of architectures

□  $\Gamma(\mathcal{A})$ : proposal distribution

□ Learning proposal distribution: reinforcement learning with GRU controller

$$\mathbf{h}_0 = \mathbf{0}, x_0 = \langle \text{bos} \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{h}_l = \text{GRU}(\text{Emb}(x_{l-1}), \mathbf{h}_{l-1}) \quad l \in \{1, \dots, L\}$$

$$q(x_l | x_{0:l-1}) = \text{Softmax}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{h}_l) \quad l \in \{1, \dots, L\}$$

$$x_l = \text{Sample}(q(x_l | x_{0:l-1})) \quad l \in \{1, \dots, L\}$$

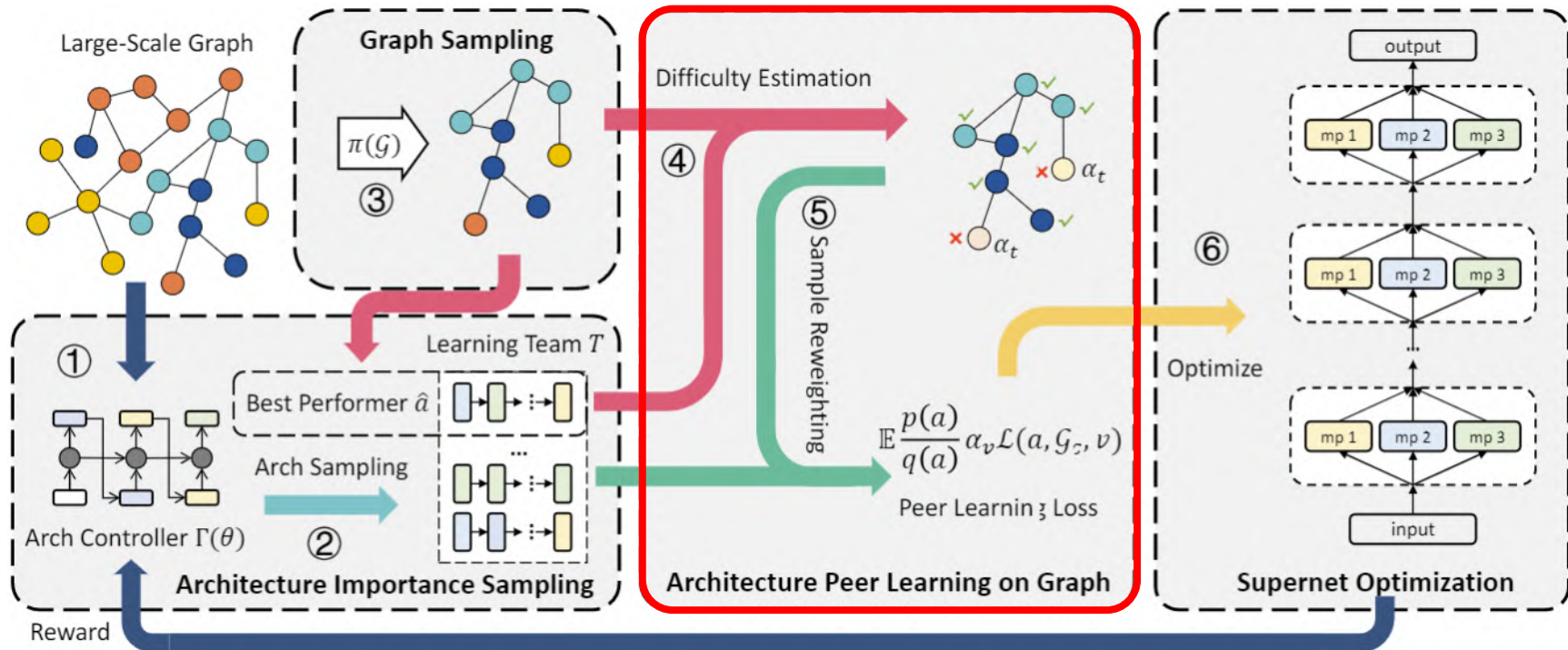
$$\text{Acc}(\mathcal{A}) \triangleq \mathbb{E}_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \text{Acc}_{\text{valid}}(a)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{a \sim \Gamma(\mathcal{A})} \frac{p(a)}{q(a)} \text{Acc}_{\text{valid}}(a),$$

Reward function: performance + regularizer

$$\theta = \arg\max_{\theta} (\mathcal{R}(\theta) + \beta \mathcal{H}(\Gamma(\theta))),$$

# GAUSS: Architecture Peer Learning on Graph



- ❑ **Goal**: smooth the optimization objective
- ❑ **Assumption**: “senior students” can teach “junior students”
- ❑ **Method**: assign weights to different samples, gradually progress from easier parts to difficult parts

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}} = \mathbb{E}_{T \in \mathcal{A}^n, \mathcal{G}_s \sim \pi(\mathcal{G})} \mathbb{E}_{a \in T, v \in \mathcal{V}_s} \alpha_v \mathcal{L}(a, \mathcal{G}_s, v)$$

$$\hat{a} = \operatorname{argmax}_{a \in T} \operatorname{Acc}_{\text{train}}(a, \mathcal{G}_s)$$

$$\alpha_v = \begin{cases} \alpha_t & l(\hat{a}, v) \neq y_v \text{ and } p(\hat{a}, v) > \lambda \\ 1 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases},$$

$$\alpha_t = \alpha_{\min} \times \left(1 - \frac{t}{T_{\text{total}}}\right) + \frac{t}{T_{\text{total}}},$$



# GAUSS: Experiments

DATASET	#NODES	#EDGES
CS	18,333	81,894
PHYSICS	34,493	247,962
ARXIV	169,343	1,166,243
PRODUCTS	2,449,029	61,859,140
PAPERS100M	111,059,956	1,615,685,872

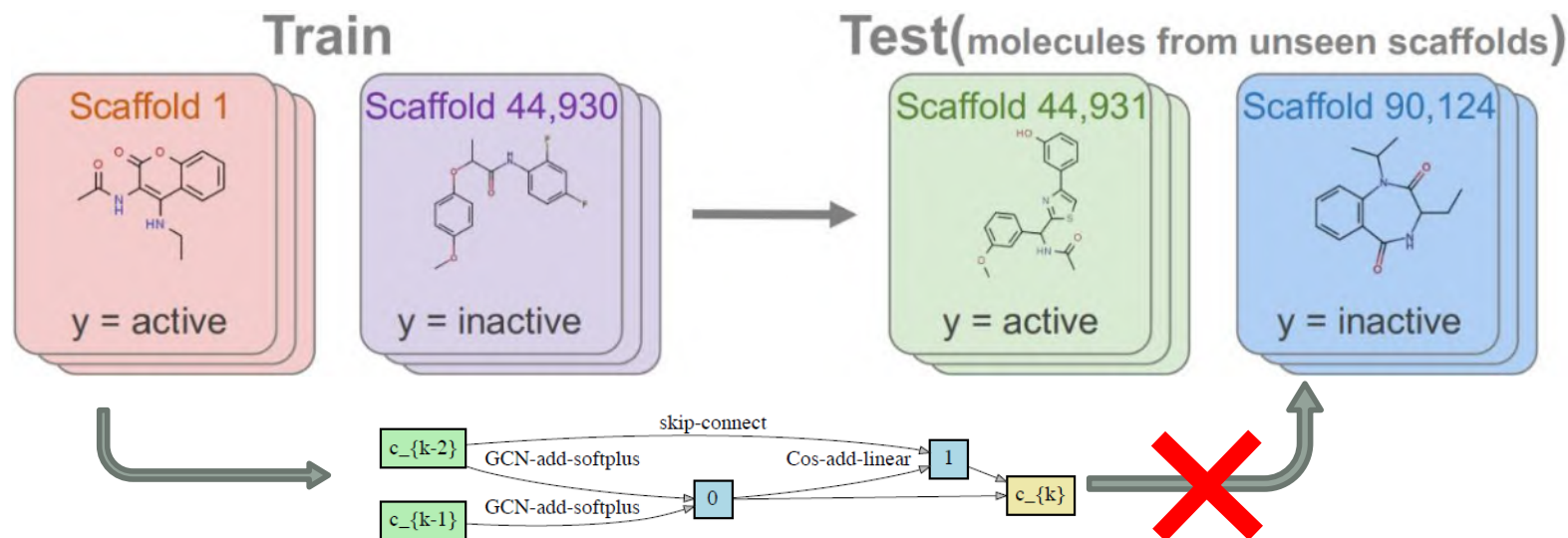
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Table 2. The results of our proposed method and baseline methods. We report both the validation and test accuracy [%] over 10 runs with different seeds. OOT means out-of-time (cannot converge within 1 single GPU day), while OOM means out-of-memory (cannot run on a Tesla V100 GPU with 32GB memory). The results of the best hand-crafted and automated method are in bold, respectively.

Methods	CS		Physics		Arxiv		Products		Papers100M	
	valid	test	valid	test	valid	test	valid	test	valid	test
GCN	94.10 <sub>0.21</sub>	93.98 <sub>0.21</sub>	96.29 <sub>0.05</sub>	96.38 <sub>0.07</sub>	72.76 <sub>0.15</sub>	71.70 <sub>0.18</sub>	91.75 <sub>0.04</sub>	80.19 <sub>0.46</sub>	70.32 <sub>0.11</sub>	67.06 <sub>0.17</sub>
GAT	93.74 <sub>0.27</sub>	93.48 <sub>0.36</sub>	96.25 <sub>0.23</sub>	96.37 <sub>0.23</sub>	73.19 <sub>0.12</sub>	71.85 <sub>0.21</sub>	90.75 <sub>0.16</sub>	80.59 <sub>0.40</sub>	70.26 <sub>0.16</sub>	67.26 <sub>0.06</sub>
SAGE	95.65 <sub>0.07</sub>	95.33 <sub>0.11</sub>	96.76 <sub>0.10</sub>	96.72 <sub>0.07</sub>	73.11 <sub>0.08</sub>	71.78 <sub>0.15</sub>	91.75 <sub>0.04</sub>	80.19 <sub>0.46</sub>	70.32 <sub>0.11</sub>	67.06 <sub>0.17</sub>
GIN	92.00 <sub>0.43</sub>	92.14 <sub>0.34</sub>	96.03 <sub>0.11</sub>	96.04 <sub>0.15</sub>	71.16 <sub>0.10</sub>	70.01 <sub>0.33</sub>	91.58 <sub>0.10</sub>	79.07 <sub>0.52</sub>	68.98 <sub>0.16</sub>	65.78 <sub>0.09</sub>
GraphNAS	94.90 <sub>0.14</sub>	94.67 <sub>0.23</sub>	96.76 <sub>0.10</sub>	96.72 <sub>0.07</sub>	72.76 <sub>0.15</sub>	71.70 <sub>0.18</sub>	OOT	OOT	OOT	OOT
SGAS	95.62 <sub>0.06</sub>	95.44 <sub>0.06</sub>	96.44 <sub>0.10</sub>	96.50 <sub>0.11</sub>	72.38 <sub>0.11</sub>	71.34 <sub>0.25</sub>	OOM	OOM	OOM	OOM
DARTS	95.62 <sub>0.06</sub>	95.44 <sub>0.06</sub>	96.21 <sub>0.16</sub>	96.40 <sub>0.21</sub>	73.43 <sub>0.07</sub>	72.10 <sub>0.25</sub>	OOM	OOM	OOM	OOM
EGAN	95.60 <sub>0.10</sub>	95.43 <sub>0.05</sub>	96.39 <sub>0.18</sub>	96.45 <sub>0.19</sub>	72.91 <sub>0.25</sub>	71.75 <sub>0.35</sub>	OOM	OOM	OOM	OOM
Basic	95.13 <sub>0.07</sub>	95.45 <sub>0.05</sub>	96.25 <sub>0.06</sub>	96.53 <sub>0.09</sub>	73.28 <sub>0.08</sub>	72.06 <sub>0.33</sub>	<b>91.79</b> <sub>0.11</sub>	80.56 <sub>0.39</sub>	69.49 <sub>0.37</sub>	66.24 <sub>0.46</sub>
GAUSS	<b>96.08</b> <sub>0.11</sub>	<b>96.49</b> <sub>0.11</sub>	<b>96.79</b> <sub>0.06</sub>	<b>96.76</b> <sub>0.08</sub>	<b>73.63</b> <sub>0.10</sub>	<b>72.35</b> <sub>0.21</sub>	91.60 <sub>0.12</sub>	<b>81.26</b> <sub>0.36</sub>	<b>70.57</b> <sub>0.07</sub>	<b>67.32</b> <sub>0.18</sub>

## Challenge: Distribution Shifts

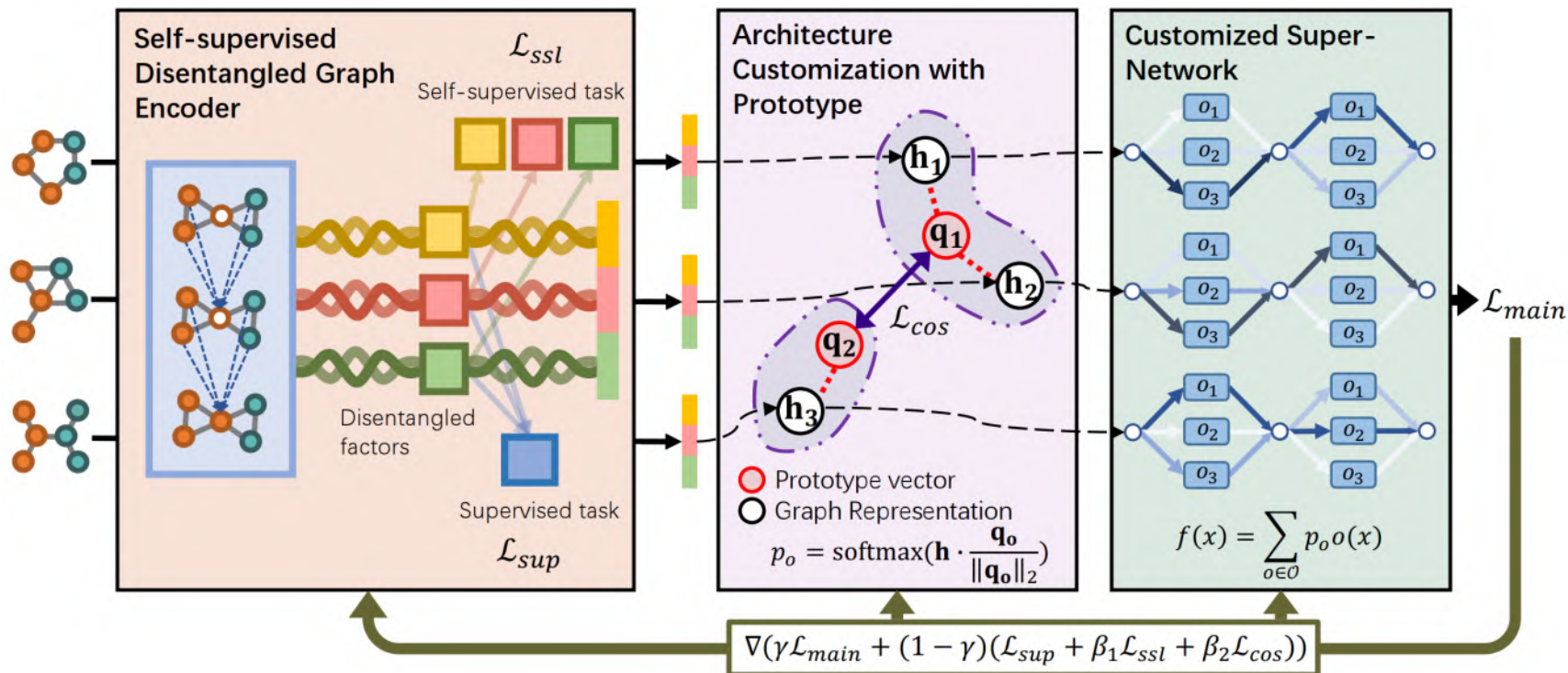
- **Distribution shifts** naturally exist in graph data



- Searching a fixed architecture on the training data may fail to generalize

**Challenge: how to make GraphNAS capable of out-of-distribution generalization**

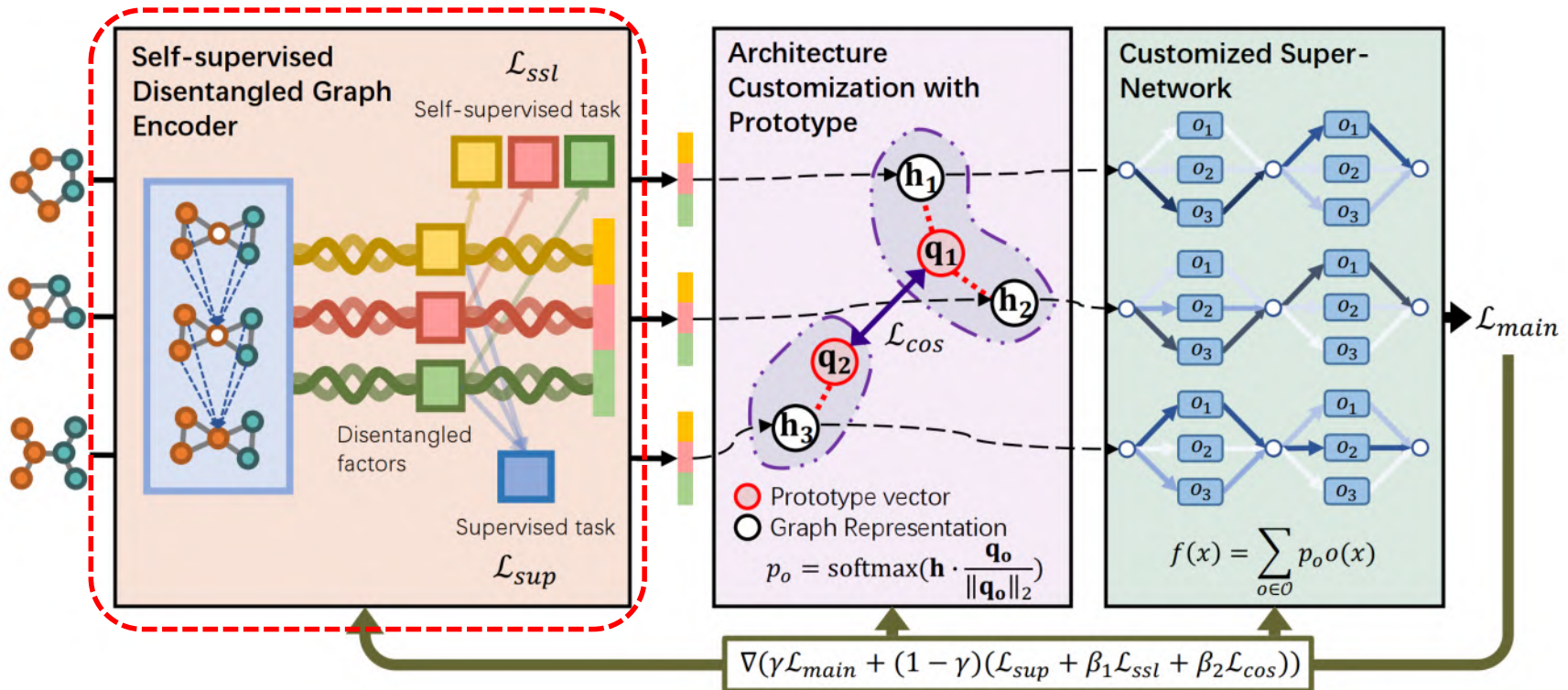
# GRACES: Graph Neural Architecture Search under Distribution Shifts



**Customize a unique GNN architecture for each graph instance to handle distribution shifts**



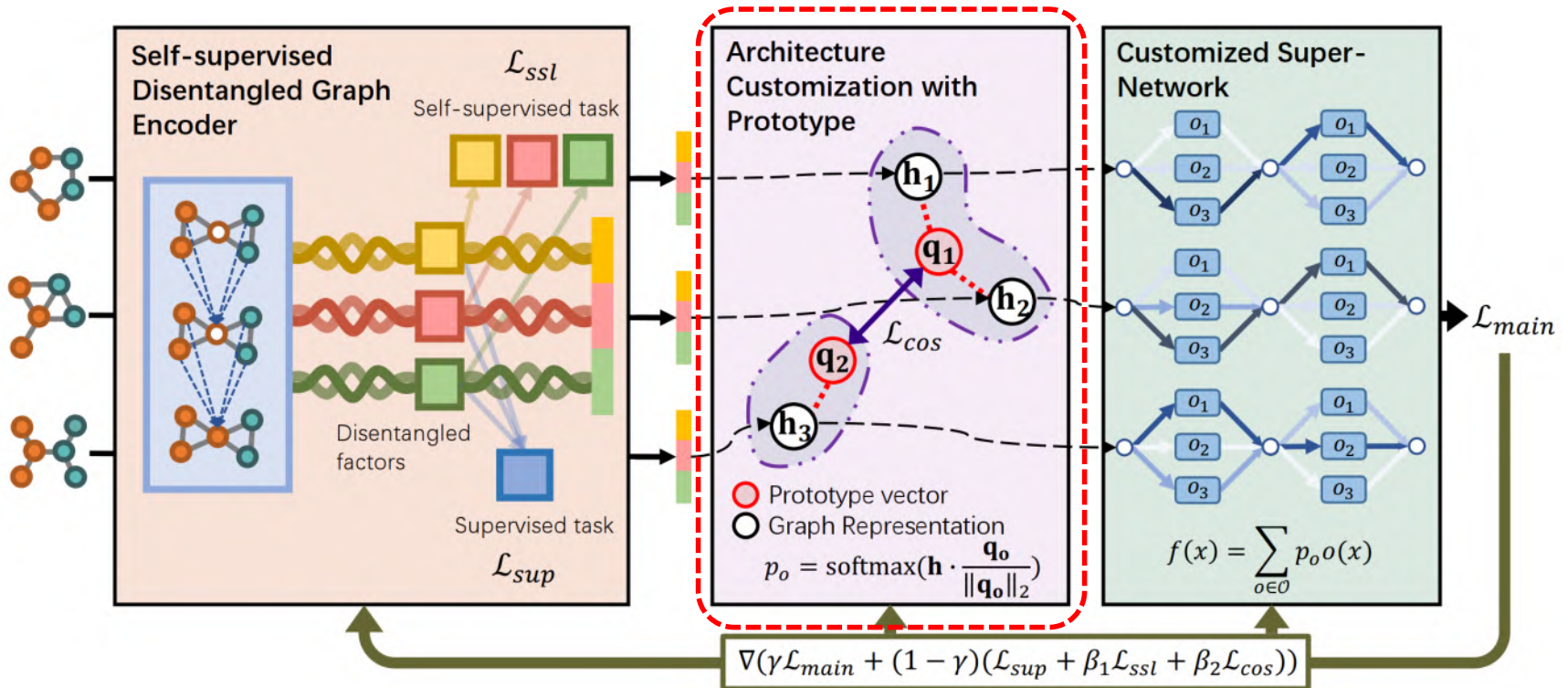
# GRACES: Graph Encoder



- **Goal:** learn a vector representation for each graph to reflect its characteristics
- **Challenge:** preserve **diverse properties** of the original graph
- **Method:** **self-supervised disentangled graph encoder**

- Encoder: disentangled GNN  $\mathbf{H}^{(l)} = \big\|_{k=1}^K \text{GNN}(\mathbf{H}_k^{(l-1)}, \mathbf{A})$
- Supervised loss: the downstream task  $\mathcal{L}_{sup} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{tr}} \ell(\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{h}_i), y_i)$
- Self-supervised loss: node degree as regularization  $\mathcal{L}_{ssl} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{tr}} \sum_{k=1}^{K-1} \ell_{ssl}(\hat{y}_{i,k}^{ssl}, y_{i,k}^{ssl})$

# GRACES: Architecture Customization



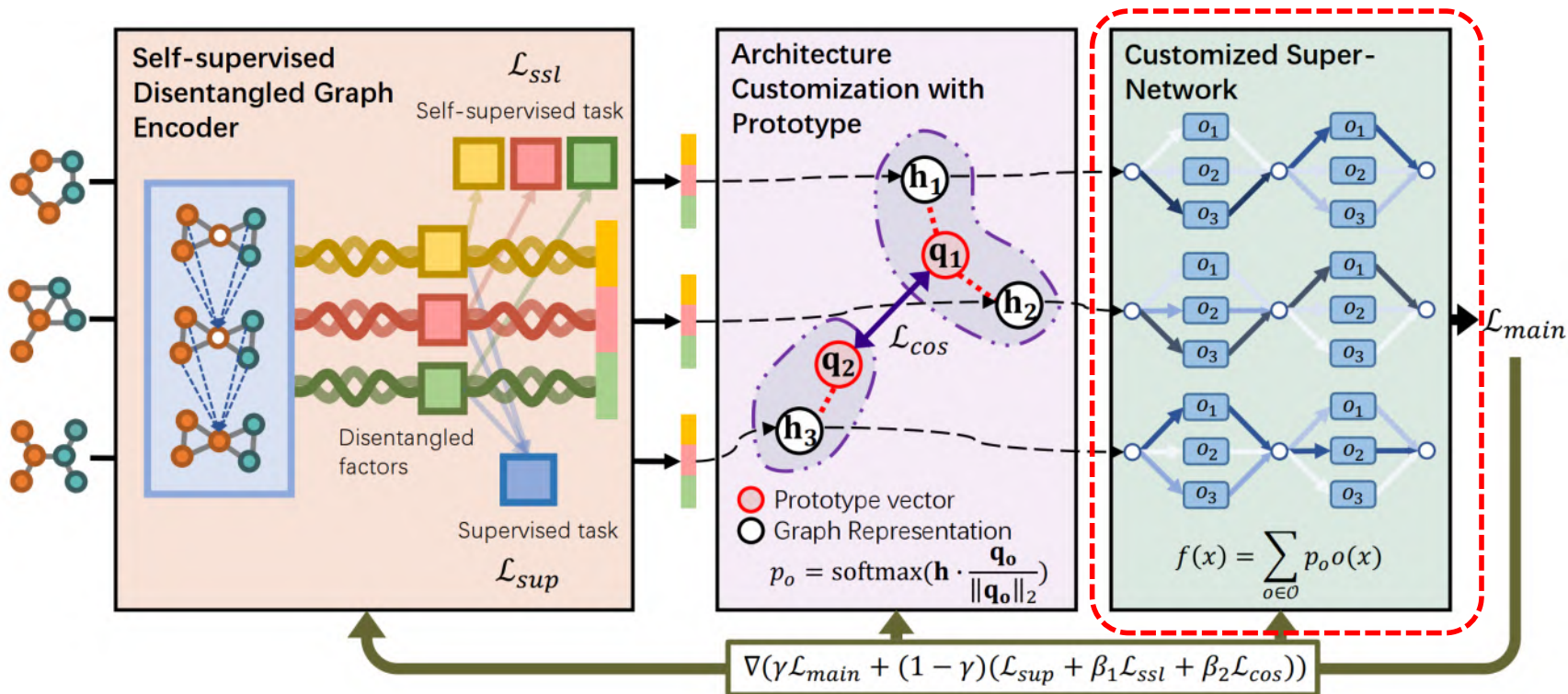
- ❑ **Goal:** customize an architecture based on the graph representation
- ❑ **Assumption:** graphs with similar characteristics need similar architectures
- ❑ **Method:** **prototype** based architecture customization

- ❑ Probabilities of choosing operations:
- ❑ Regularizer to avoid mode collapse:

$$\hat{p}_o^i = \mathbf{h} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{q}_o^i}{\|\mathbf{q}_o^i\|_2}, p_o^i = \frac{\exp(\hat{p}_o^i)}{\sum_{o' \in \mathcal{O}} \exp(\hat{p}_{o'}^i)},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{cos} = \sum_i \sum_{o, o' \in \mathcal{O}, o \neq o'} \frac{\mathbf{q}_o^i \cdot \mathbf{q}_{o'}^i}{\|\mathbf{q}_o^i\|_2 \|\mathbf{q}_{o'}^i\|_2}$$

# GRACES: Learning Architecture Parameters



□ **Goal:** learn parameters for the customized architectures

□ **Method:** customized super-network  $f^i(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{o \in \mathcal{O}} p_o^i o(\mathbf{x})$

□ **Loss functions:**

$$\mathcal{L} = \gamma \mathcal{L}_{main} + (1 - \gamma) \mathcal{L}_{reg}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{reg} = \mathcal{L}_{sup} + \beta_1 \mathcal{L}_{ssl} + \beta_2 \mathcal{L}_{cos}$$



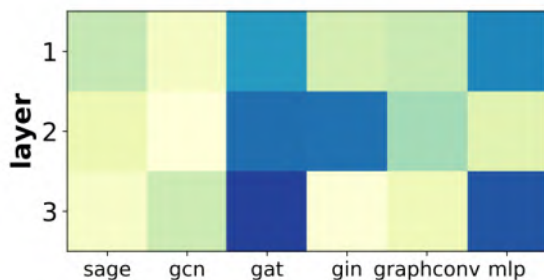
# GRACES: Experiments

Synthetic OOD graph datasets

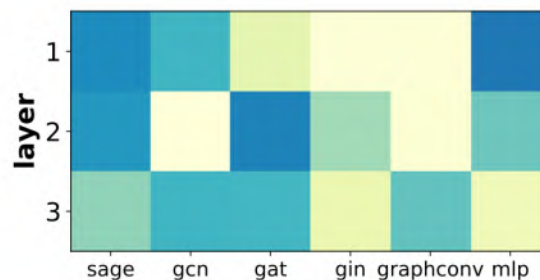
bias	$b = 0.7$	$b = 0.8$	$b = 0.9$
GCN	$48.39 \pm 1.69$	$41.55 \pm 3.88$	$39.13 \pm 1.76$
GAT	$50.75 \pm 4.89$	$42.48 \pm 2.46$	$40.10 \pm 5.19$
GIN	$36.83 \pm 5.49$	$34.83 \pm 3.10$	$37.45 \pm 3.59$
SAGE	$46.66 \pm 2.51$	$44.50 \pm 5.79$	$44.79 \pm 4.83$
GraphConv	$47.29 \pm 1.95$	$44.67 \pm 5.88$	$44.82 \pm 4.84$
MLP	$48.27 \pm 1.27$	$46.73 \pm 3.48$	$46.41 \pm 2.34$
ASAP	$54.07 \pm 13.85$	$48.32 \pm 12.72$	$43.52 \pm 8.41$
DIR	$50.08 \pm 3.46$	$48.22 \pm 6.27$	$43.11 \pm 5.43$
random	$45.92 \pm 4.29$	$51.72 \pm 5.38$	$45.89 \pm 5.09$
DARTS	$50.63 \pm 8.90$	$45.41 \pm 7.71$	$44.44 \pm 4.42$
GNAS	$55.18 \pm 18.62$	$51.64 \pm 19.22$	$37.56 \pm 5.43$
PAS	$52.15 \pm 4.35$	$43.12 \pm 5.95$	$39.84 \pm 1.67$
<b>GRACES</b>	<b><math>65.72 \pm 17.47</math></b>	<b><math>59.57 \pm 17.37</math></b>	<b><math>50.94 \pm 8.14</math></b>

Real-world OOD graph datasets

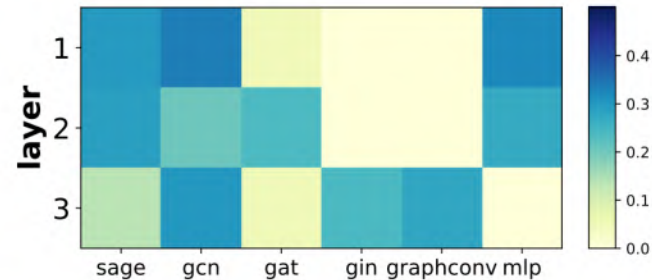
dataset	hiv	sider	bace
GCN	$75.99 \pm 1.19$	$59.84 \pm 1.54$	$68.93 \pm 6.95$
GAT	$76.80 \pm 0.58$	$57.40 \pm 2.01$	$75.34 \pm 2.36$
GIN	$77.07 \pm 1.49$	$57.57 \pm 1.56$	$73.46 \pm 5.24$
SAGE	$75.58 \pm 1.40$	$56.36 \pm 1.32$	$74.85 \pm 2.74$
GraphConv	$74.46 \pm 0.86$	$56.09 \pm 1.06$	$78.87 \pm 1.74$
MLP	$70.88 \pm 0.83$	$58.16 \pm 1.41$	$71.60 \pm 2.30$
ASAP	$73.81 \pm 1.17$	$55.77 \pm 1.18$	$71.55 \pm 2.74$
DIR	$77.05 \pm 0.57$	$57.34 \pm 0.36$	$76.03 \pm 2.20$
DARTS	$74.04 \pm 1.75$	$60.64 \pm 1.37$	$76.71 \pm 1.83$
PAS	$71.19 \pm 2.28$	$59.31 \pm 1.48$	$76.59 \pm 1.87$
<b>GRACES</b>	<b><math>77.31 \pm 1.00</math></b>	<b><math>61.85 \pm 2.56</math></b>	<b><math>79.46 \pm 3.04</math></b>



(a) Tree-based graphs



(b) Ladder-based graphs



(c) Wheel-based graphs

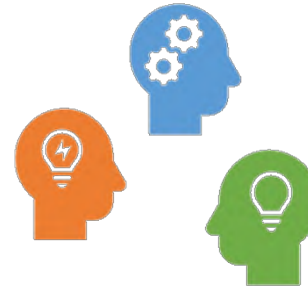
Customization of architectures

# Introduction – AutoGL

- We design an autoML framework & toolkit for machine learning on graphs.



AutoGL

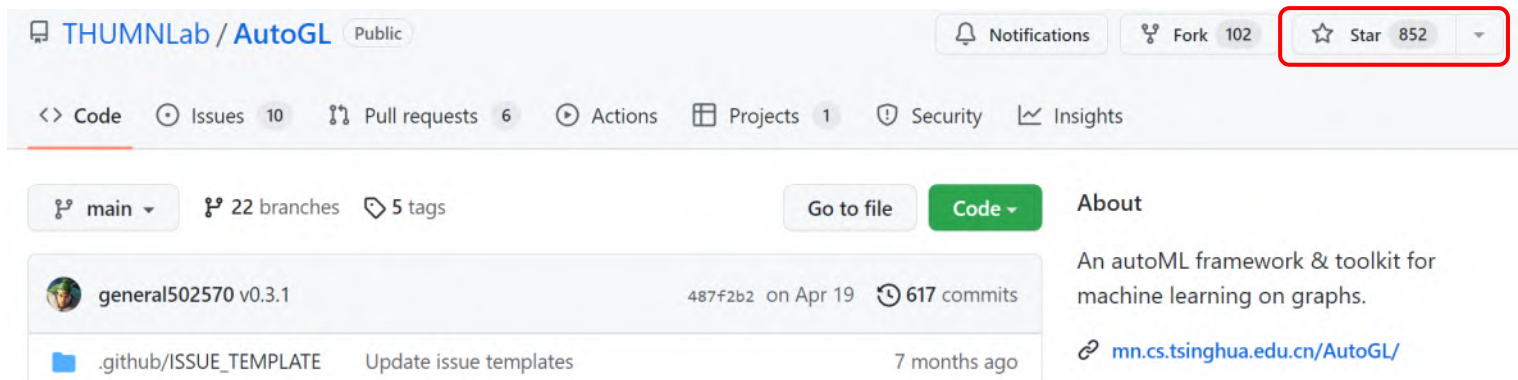


**Open source**

**Easy to use**

**Flexible to be extended**

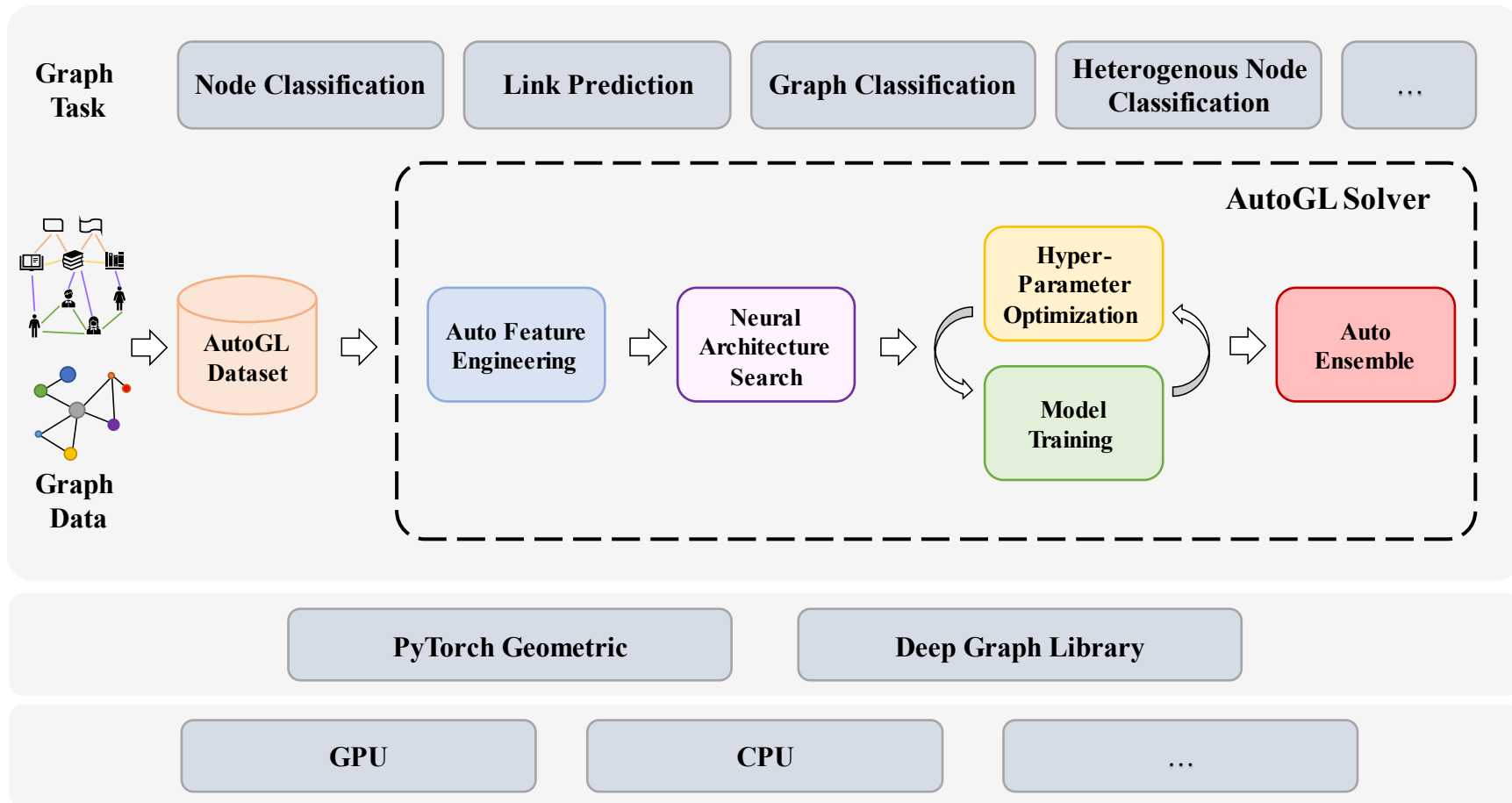
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# Overall Framework

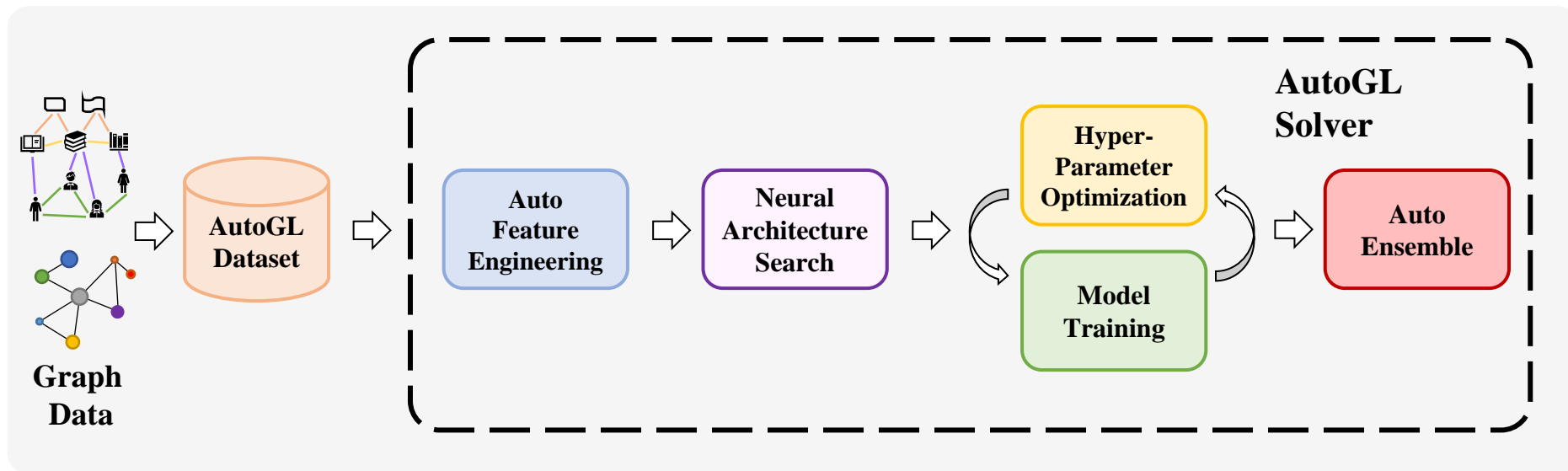
AutoGL

Device Backend





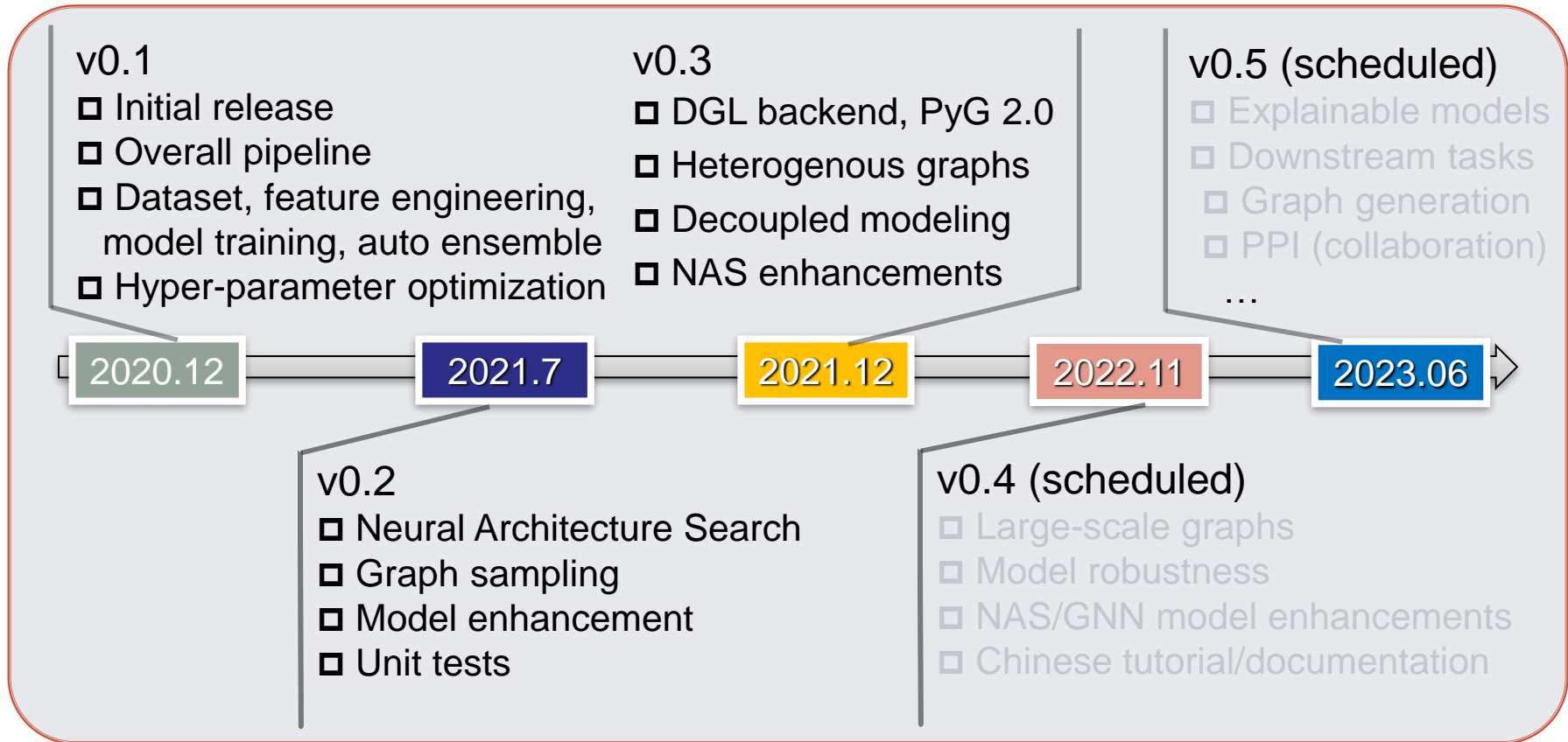
# Modular Design



## □ Key modules:

- AutoGL Dataset: manage graph datasets
- AutoGL Solver: a high-level API to control the overall pipeline
- Five functional modules:
  - Auto Feature Engineering
  - Neural Architecture Search
  - Hyper-parameter Optimization
  - Model Training
  - Auto Ensemble

# AutoGL Roadmap



## Team member (~15)

- Architect: Chaoyu Guan (v0.1-v0.3), Yijian Qin (v0.4-v0.5)
- Programmer: Haoyang Li, Zeyang Zhang, Heng Chang, Zixin Sun, Beini Xie, Jie Cai, Zizhao Zhang, Jiyan Jiang, Yao Yang, Fang Shen
- Tester: Yipeng Zhang, Peiwen Li

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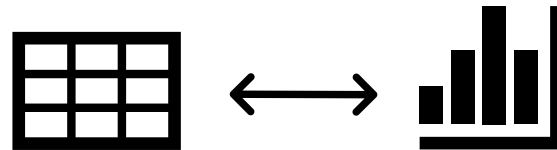
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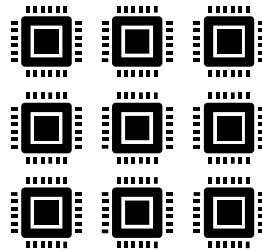
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# The Evaluation of Graph NAS Methods

- How to properly **evaluate** different GraphNAS algorithms
  - Incomparable and irreproducible results



- Computationally expensive



- Diverse evaluation protocols



# NAS-Bench-Graph

- ❑ The first tabular NAS benchmark for GraphNAS
  - ❑ Unified, Reproducible, Efficient
  - ❑ Provide detailed metrics of all architectures (exhaust 8,000 GPU hours)

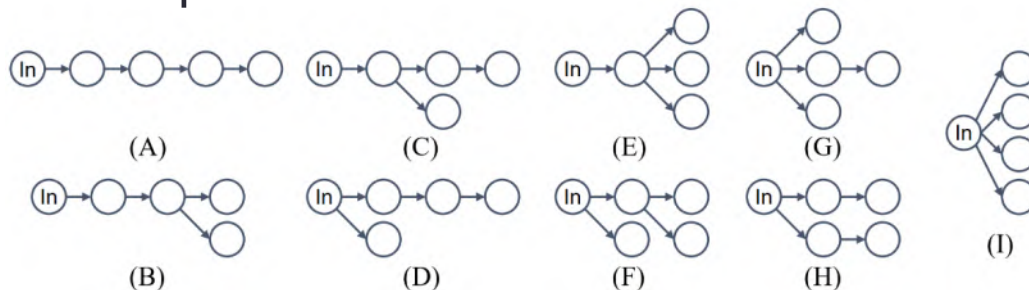
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NAS-Bench-1shot1 [19]	Tabular	364k	CV	1
NAS-Bench-ASR [12]	Tabular	8k	Acoustics	1
NAS-Bench-NLP [9]	Tabular	14k	NLP	2
HW-NAS-Bench [10]	Tabular	6k	CV	3
NATS-Bench [3]	Tabular	32k	CV	3
NAs-HPO-Bench-II [7]	Surrogate	192k	CV	1
NAS-Bench-MR [2]	Surrogate	$10^{23}$	CV	4
TransNAS-Bench [5]	Tabular	7k	CV	14
NAS-Bench-111 [16]	Surrogate	423k	CV	1
NAS-Bench-311 [16]	Surrogate	$10^{18}$	CV	1
NAS-Bench-Zero [1]	Tabular	34k	CV	3
Surr-NAS-Bench-FBNet [20]	Surrogate	$10^{21}$	CV	2
NAS-Bench-Graph	Tabular	26k	Graph	9



# NAS-Bench-Graph: Designs

□ Search space:

□ Macro space:



26,206 architectures  
cover representative GNNs

□ Operations: GCN, GAT, GraphSAGE, GIN, ARMA, k-GNN, MLP

□ Datasets:

Dataset	#Vertices	#Links	#Features	#Classes	Metric
Cora	2,708	5,429	1,433	7	Accuracy
CiteSeer	3,327	4,732	3,703	6	Accuracy
PubMed	19,717	44,338	500	3	Accuracy
Coauthor-CS	18,333	81,894	6,805	15	Accuracy
Coauthor-Physics	34,493	247,962	8,415	5	Accuracy
Amazon-Photo	7,487	119,043	745	8	Accuracy
Amazon-Computers	13,381	245,778	767	10	Accuracy
ogbn-arxiv	169,343	1,166,243	128	40	Accuracy
ogbn-proteins	132,534	39,561,252	8	112	ROC-AUC

9 datasets  
different sizes/domains

# NAS-Bench-Graph: Usage

- Integrated with two representative libraries: AutoGL and NNI

Library	Method	Cora	CiteSeer	PubMed	CS	Physics	Photo	Computers	arXiv	proteins
AutoGL	GNAS	82.04 <sub>0.17</sub>	<b>70.89</b> <sub>0.16</sub>	77.79 <sub>0.02</sub>	90.97 <sub>0.06</sub>	92.43 <sub>0.04</sub>	92.43 <sub>0.03</sub>	84.74 <sub>0.20</sub>	72.00 <sub>0.02</sub>	<b>78.71</b> <sub>0.11</sub>
	Auto-GNN	81.80 <sub>0.00</sub>	70.76 <sub>0.12</sub>	77.69 <sub>0.16</sub>	<b>91.04</b> <sub>0.04</sub>	92.42 <sub>0.16</sub>	92.38 <sub>0.01</sub>	84.53 <sub>0.14</sub>	<b>72.13</b> <sub>0.03</sub>	78.54 <sub>0.30</sub>
NNI	Random	82.09 <sub>0.08</sub>	70.49 <sub>0.08</sub>	77.91 <sub>0.07</sub>	90.93 <sub>0.07</sub>	92.35 <sub>0.05</sub>	<b>92.44</b> <sub>0.02</sub>	84.78 <sub>0.14</sub>	72.04 <sub>0.05</sub>	78.32 <sub>0.14</sub>
	EA	81.85 <sub>0.20</sub>	70.48 <sub>0.12</sub>	<b>77.96</b> <sub>0.12</sub>	90.60 <sub>0.07</sub>	92.22 <sub>0.08</sub>	92.43 <sub>0.02</sub>	84.29 <sub>0.29</sub>	71.91 <sub>0.06</sub>	77.93 <sub>0.21</sub>
	RL	<b>82.27</b> <sub>0.21</sub>	70.66 <sub>0.12</sub>	<b>77.96</b> <sub>0.09</sub>	90.98 <sub>0.01</sub>	<b>92.48</b> <sub>0.03</sub>	92.42 <sub>0.06</sub>	<b>84.90</b> <sub>0.19</sub>	<b>72.13</b> <sub>0.05</sub>	78.52 <sub>0.18</sub>
The top 5%		80.63	69.07	76.60	90.01	91.67	91.57	82.77	71.69	78.37

- Example: ~10 lines of codes

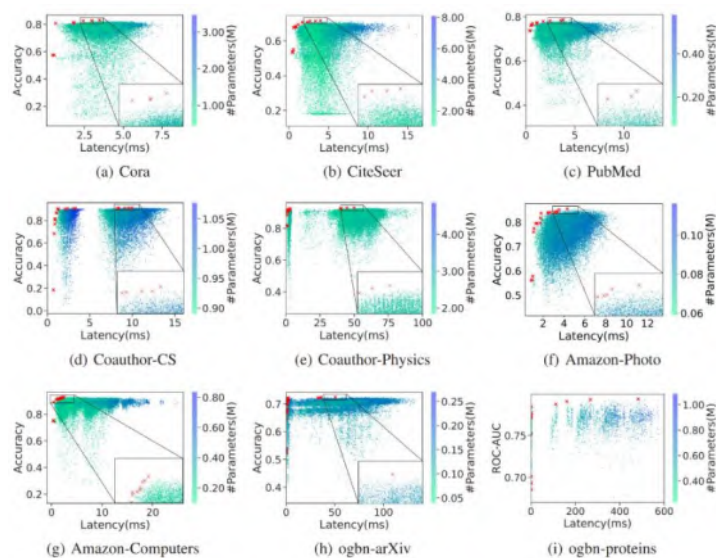
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from readbench import read
bench = read('cora0.bench') # dataset and seed
info = bench[arch.valid_hash()]
epoch = 50
info['dur'][epoch][0]      # training performance
info['dur'][epoch][1]      # validation performance
info['dur'][epoch][2]      # testing performance
info['dur'][epoch][3]      # training loss
info['dur'][epoch][4]      # validation loss
info['dur'][epoch][5]      # testing loss
info['dur'][epoch][6]      # best performance

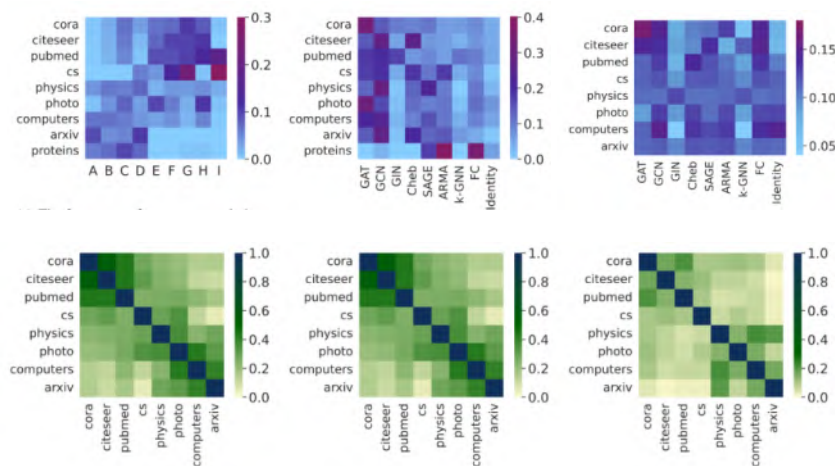
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- Open source: <https://github.com/THUMNLab/NAS-Bench-Graph>

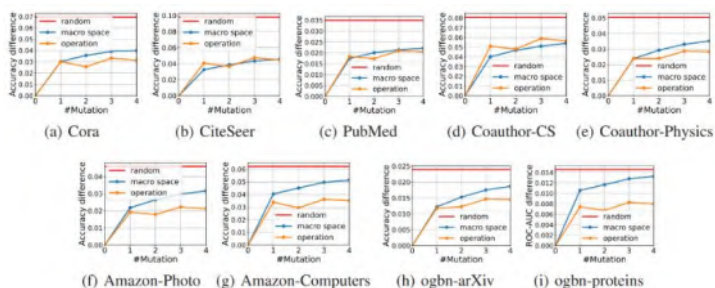
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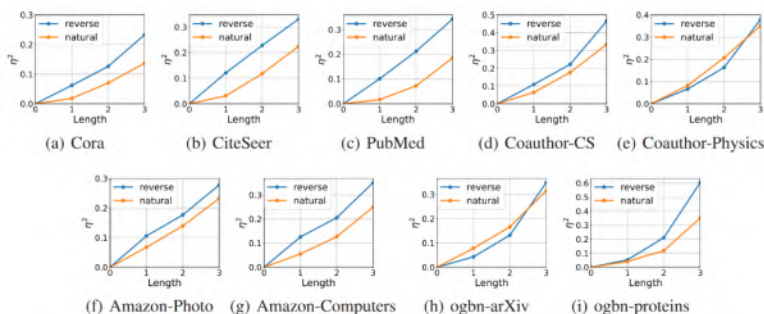
Performance distribution



Architecture distribution & Correlation



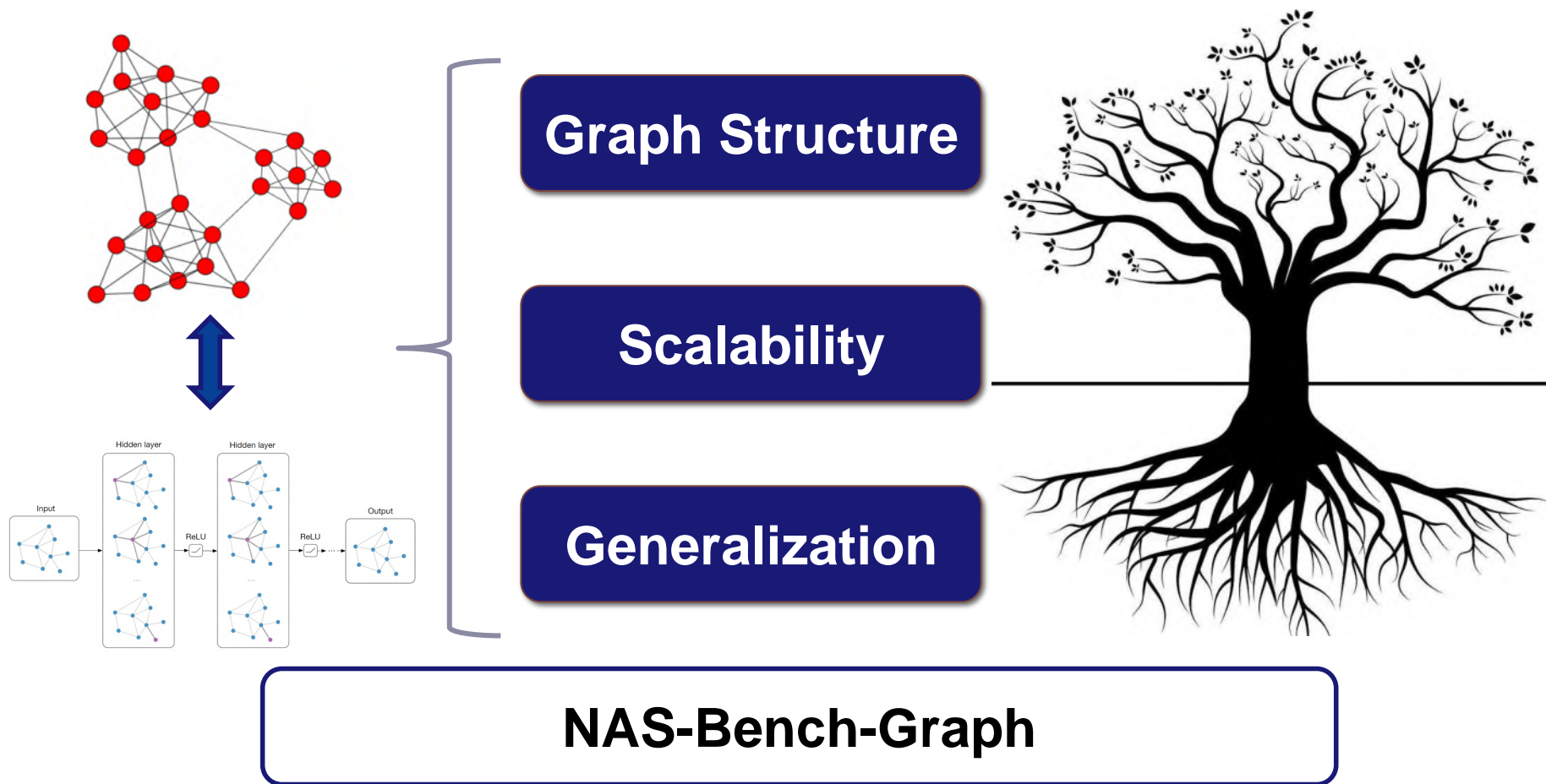
Architecture space smoothness



Influence of operations at different depth



# Recap: Our Recent Works on GraphNAS



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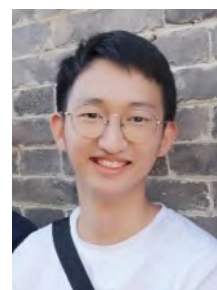
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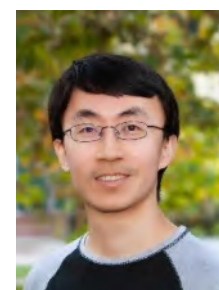
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