

# A Structural Graph Representation Learning Framework

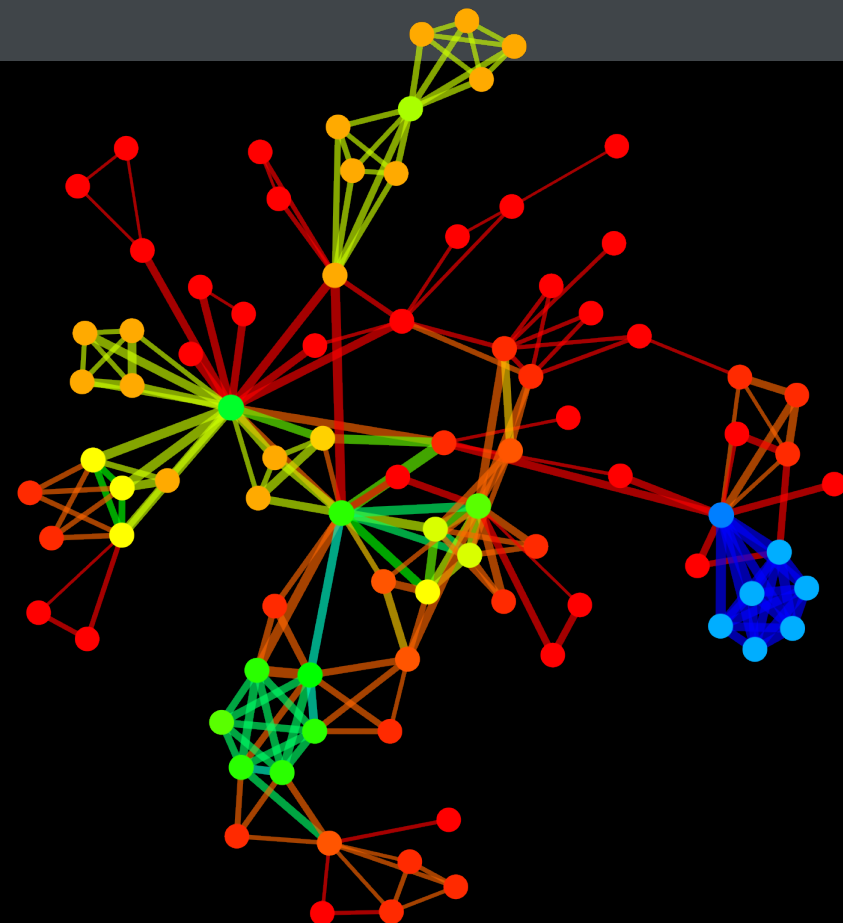
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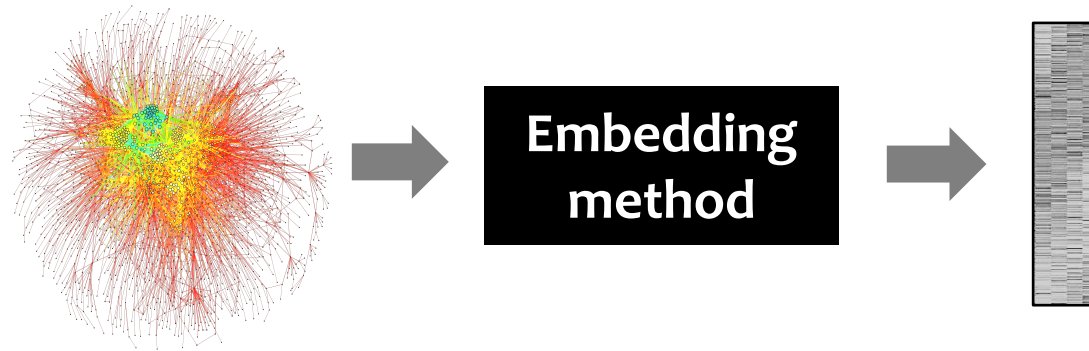
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# Motivation

- Success of ML algorithms depend on data representation



- Existing methods have many limitations
  - Most focus on proximity/community-based embeddings
  - Embeds nodes that are close to one another in the graph in a similar fashion
  - Embeddings do not generalize across different graphs
  - Unable to capture higher-order motif-based network structures
  - ...



# Motivation

- Two complementary notions of embeddings in graphs:

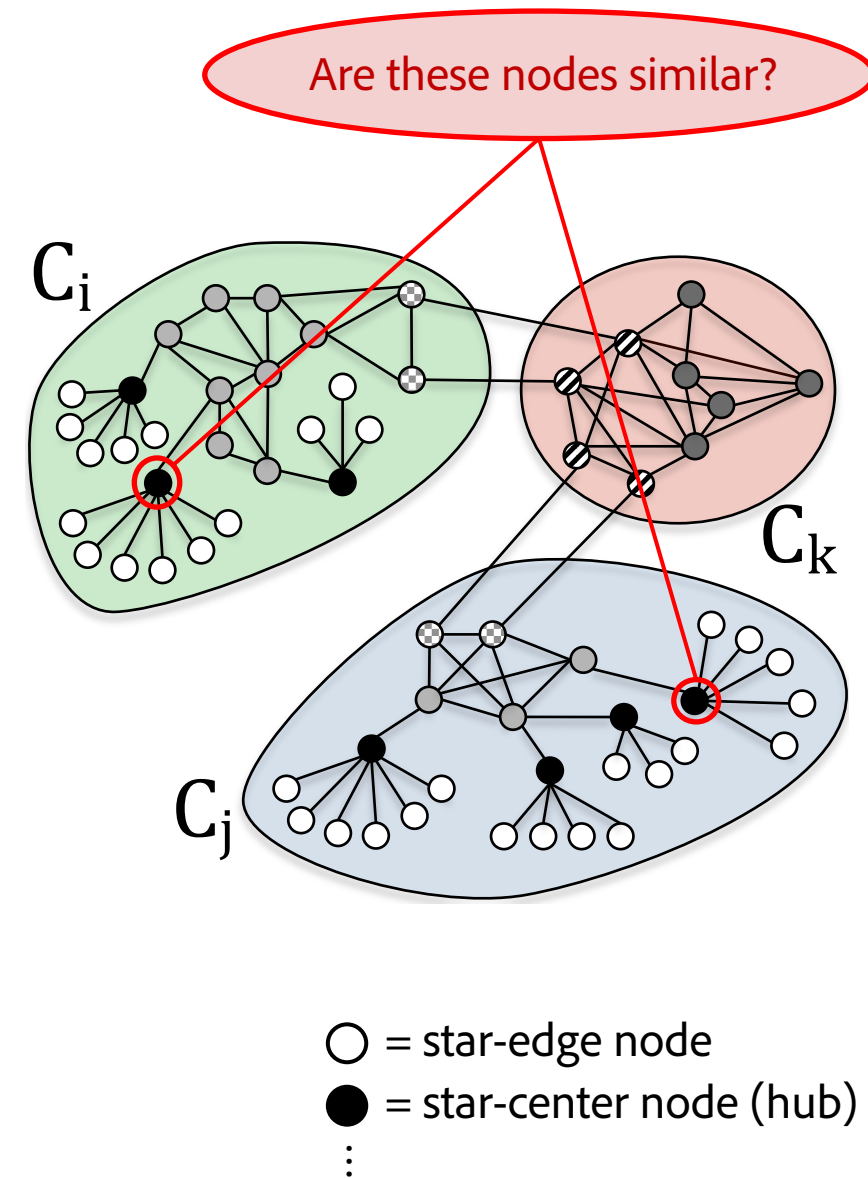
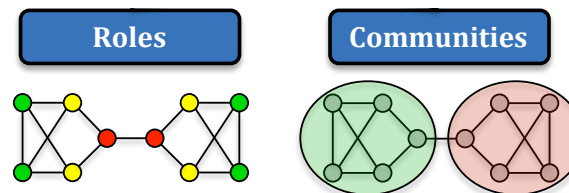
proximity/community-based

and

structural role-based embeddings

- Structural role-based embeddings = based on *structural similarity* [Rossi TKDE15]

- Independent of distance/proximity
- Generalize across-networks
- Roles = key structural patterns/behaviors of nodes

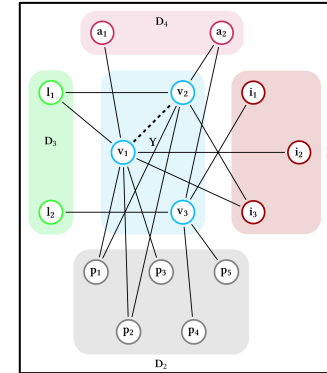


# HONE Overview

1. Derive network motifs
2. Form motif adjacency matrices
3. Motif matrix functions
4. Derive k-step motif matrix
5. For each k-step motif matrix, learn node embeddings
6. Learn global higher-order embedding

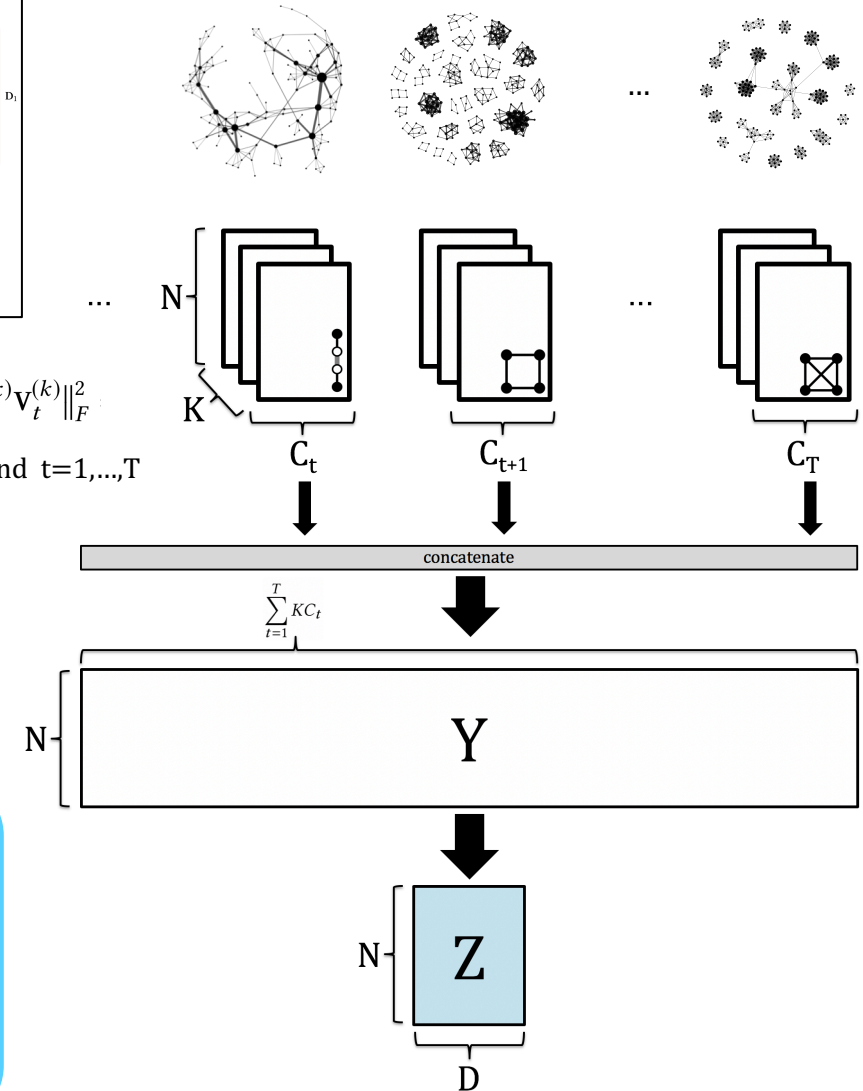
## HIGHER ORDER NETWORK EMBEDDING (HONE):

Given a network  $G = (V, E)$ , a set of network motifs  $\mathcal{H} = \{H_1, \dots, H_T\}$  the goal of higher-order network embedding (HONE) is to learn a function  $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^D$  that maps nodes to  $D$ -dimensional **structural node embeddings** using network motifs.



$$\min_{\mathbf{U}_t^{(k)}, \mathbf{V}_t^{(k)}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{S}_t^{(k)} - \mathbf{U}_t^{(k)} \mathbf{V}_t^{(k)}\|_F^2$$

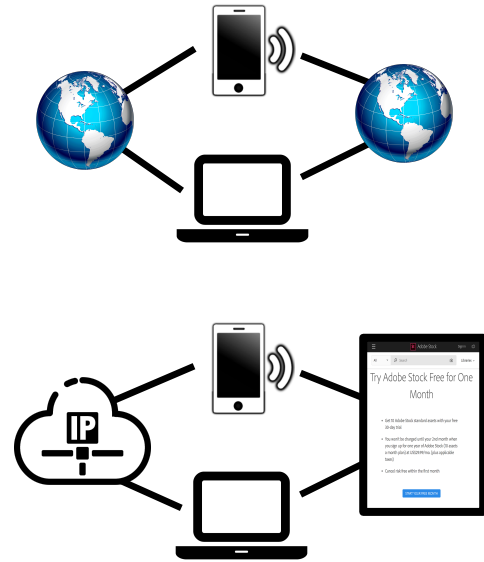
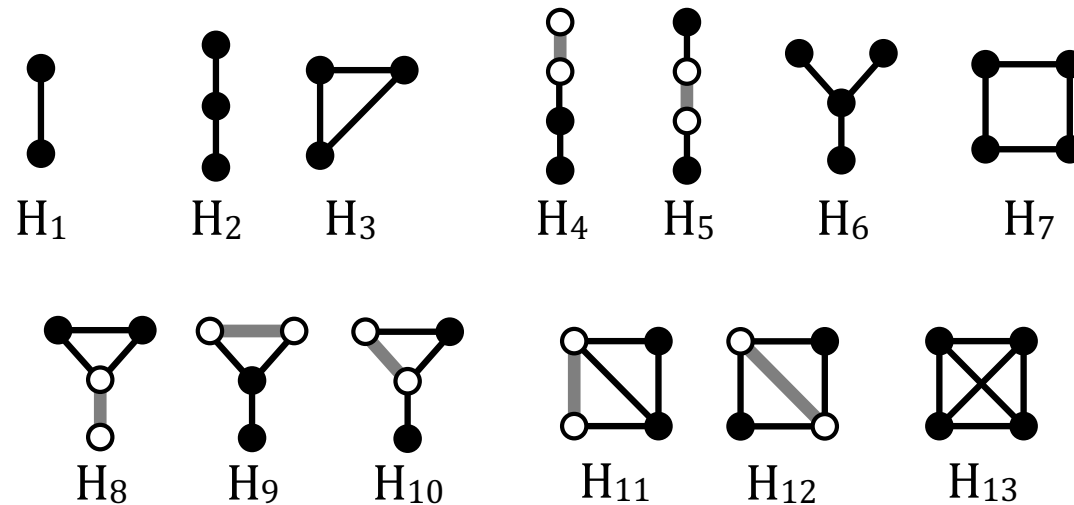
for  $k=1, \dots, K$  and  $t=1, \dots, T$



# Step 1: Derive network motif counts

- Network motifs => **graphlets** (small induced subgraphs) or **orbits** (graphlet automorphisms)
- Graphlet decomposition

Basis for capturing  
structural behavior

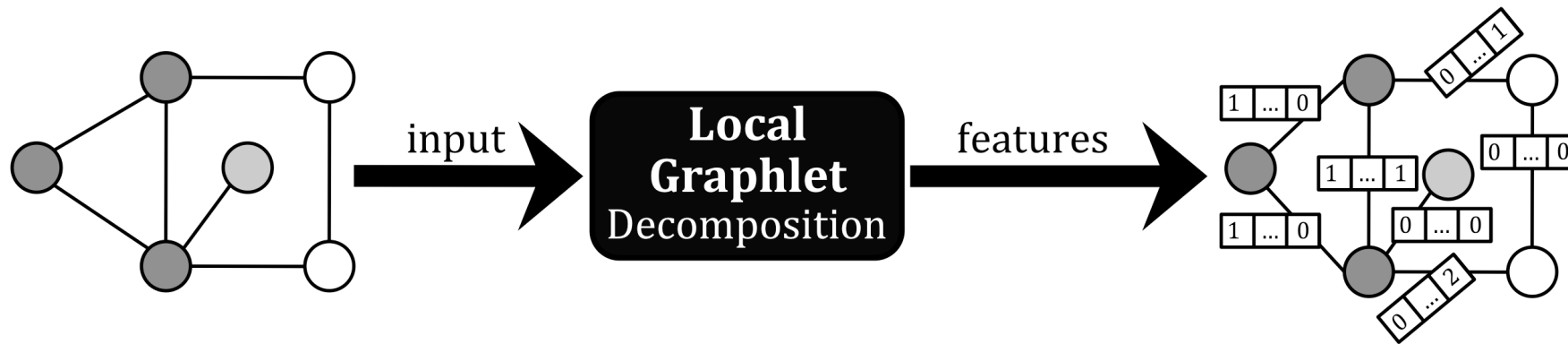


Applied to food, biological, genetic, neural, web, social and other networks

*Network Motifs: Simple Building Blocks of Complex Networks* – [Milo et. al – Science 2002]  
*The Structure and Function of Complex Networks* – [Newman – Siam Review 2003]

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**Exact algorithms:** count cliques & cycles, and use combinatorial relationships to derive others in  $o(1)$  time [ICDM 2015]

**Estimation methods:** Motif estimators with provable error bounds [TNNLS18, BigData 2016]

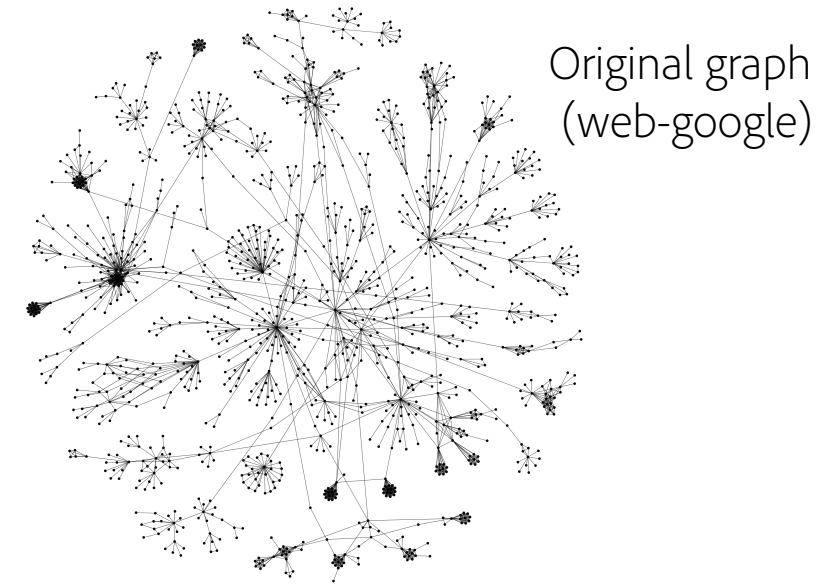
## Step 2: Form weighted motif adjacency matrices

Given:

- a graph  $G=(V, E)$  and a set  $\mathcal{H} = \{H_1, \dots, H_T\}$  of  $T$  network motifs, we form the (weighted) motif adjacency matrices

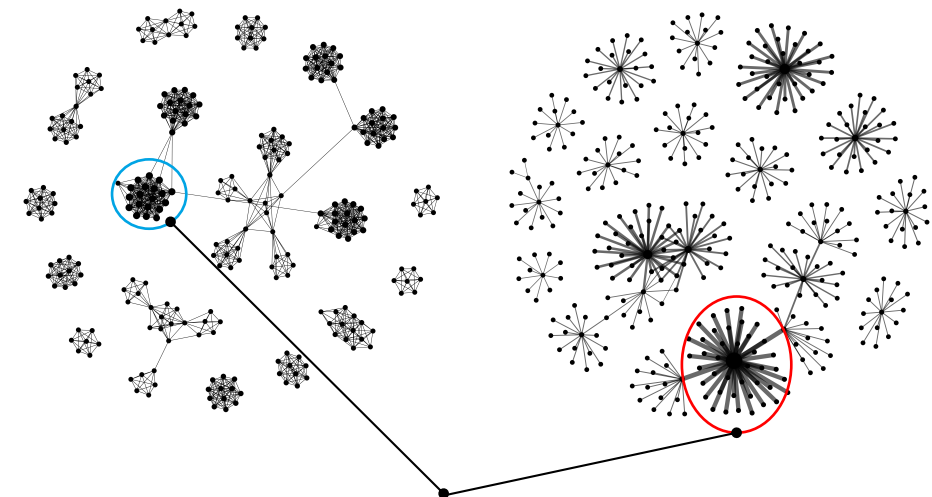
$$\mathcal{W} = \{\mathbf{W}_1, \mathbf{W}_2, \dots, \mathbf{W}_T\}$$

$(\mathbf{W}_t)_{ij} =$  # of instances of **motif**  $H_t$  that contain nodes  $i$  and  $j$



4-clique motif graph

4-star motif graph



Largest **clique** (NP-hard) and **star**



## Step 3: Motif matrix functions

To generalize HONE for any motif-based matrix, we define a function  $\Psi : \mathbb{R}^{N \times N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$

A few motif matrix functions investigated:

- **Motif Transition Matrix**  $\Psi : \mathbf{W} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{W}$

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{W}$$
$$\sum_j P_{ij} = \mathbf{p}_i^T \mathbf{e} = 1 \quad P_{ij} = \frac{W_{ij}}{w_i}$$

diagonal motif degree matrix:

$$\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{e})$$

$$\mathbf{e} = [1 \ 1 \ \cdots \ 1]^T$$

- **Weighted Motif Laplacian**

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{W}$$

can use in/out/total motif degree

- **Normalized Weighted Motif Laplacian**

$$\widehat{\mathbf{L}} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{D}^{-1/2}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{D}^{-1/2}$$
$$\widehat{L}_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{W_{ij}}{w_j} & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } w_j \neq 0 \\ -\frac{W_{ij}}{\sqrt{w_i w_j}} & \text{if } i \text{ and } j \text{ are adjacent} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$w_i = \sum_j W_{ij}$  is the motif degree of node  $i$

- **RW Norm. Weighted Motif Laplacian**

$$\widehat{\mathbf{L}}_{\text{rw}} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{W}$$

Other interesting motif matrix formulations can also be used!

## Step 4: Derive k-step motif-based matrices

- Given the motif matrix function  $\Psi$  and the set  $\mathcal{W}$  of motif adjacency matrices, we derive all k-step motif-based matrices for all  $T$  motifs and  $K$  steps

Captures important  
dependencies  
further away

$$\mathbf{S}_t^{(k)} = \Psi(\mathbf{W}_t^k), \quad \text{for } k = 1, \dots, K \text{ and } t = 1, \dots, T$$

The number of paths weighted by motif counts from node  $i$  to node  $j$  in  $k$ -steps is

$$(\mathbf{W}^k)_{ij} = \left( \underbrace{\mathbf{W} \cdots \mathbf{W}}_k \right)_{ij}$$

The probability (weighted by motif counts) of transitioning from node  $i$  to node  $j$  in  $k$ -steps is given by

$$(\mathbf{P}^k)_{ij} = \left( \underbrace{\mathbf{P} \cdots \mathbf{P}}_k \right)_{ij}$$

**non-uniform random walk** that selects subsequent nodes with prob. proportional to the edge's **motif count**.

## Step 5: Local k-step Motif Embeddings

$$\mathbf{S}_t^{(k)} \approx \Phi \langle \mathbf{U}_t^{(k)} \mathbf{V}_t^{(k)} \rangle$$

- We find low-rank "local" node embeddings for each motif and k-step matrix by solving:

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{U}_t^{(k)}, \mathbf{V}_t^{(k)} \in \mathcal{C}} \mathbb{D}(\mathbf{S}_t^{(k)} \parallel \Phi \langle \mathbf{U}_t^{(k)} \mathbf{V}_t^{(k)} \rangle), \quad \text{for } k=1, \dots, K \text{ and } t=1, \dots, T$$

- Concatenate all k-step node embedding for all T motifs and K steps

$$\mathbf{Y} = \left[ \underbrace{\mathbf{U}_1^{(1)} \dots \mathbf{U}_T^{(1)}}_{\text{1-step}} \dots \underbrace{\mathbf{U}_1^{(K)} \dots \mathbf{U}_T^{(K)}}_{\text{K-steps}} \right] \quad \mathbf{Y} \text{ is } N \times TKD_\ell$$

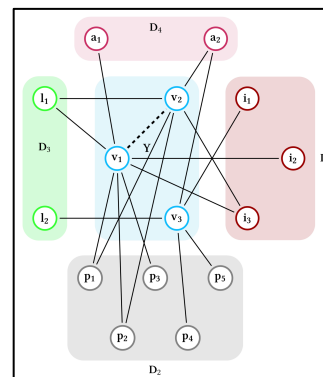


# Step 6: Global higher-order node embeddings

- Given  $\mathbf{Y} = \left[ \mathbf{U}_1^{(1)} \dots \mathbf{U}_T^{(1)} \dots \mathbf{U}_1^{(K)} \dots \mathbf{U}_T^{(K)} \right]$ , find low-rank "global" higher-order node embeddings by solving

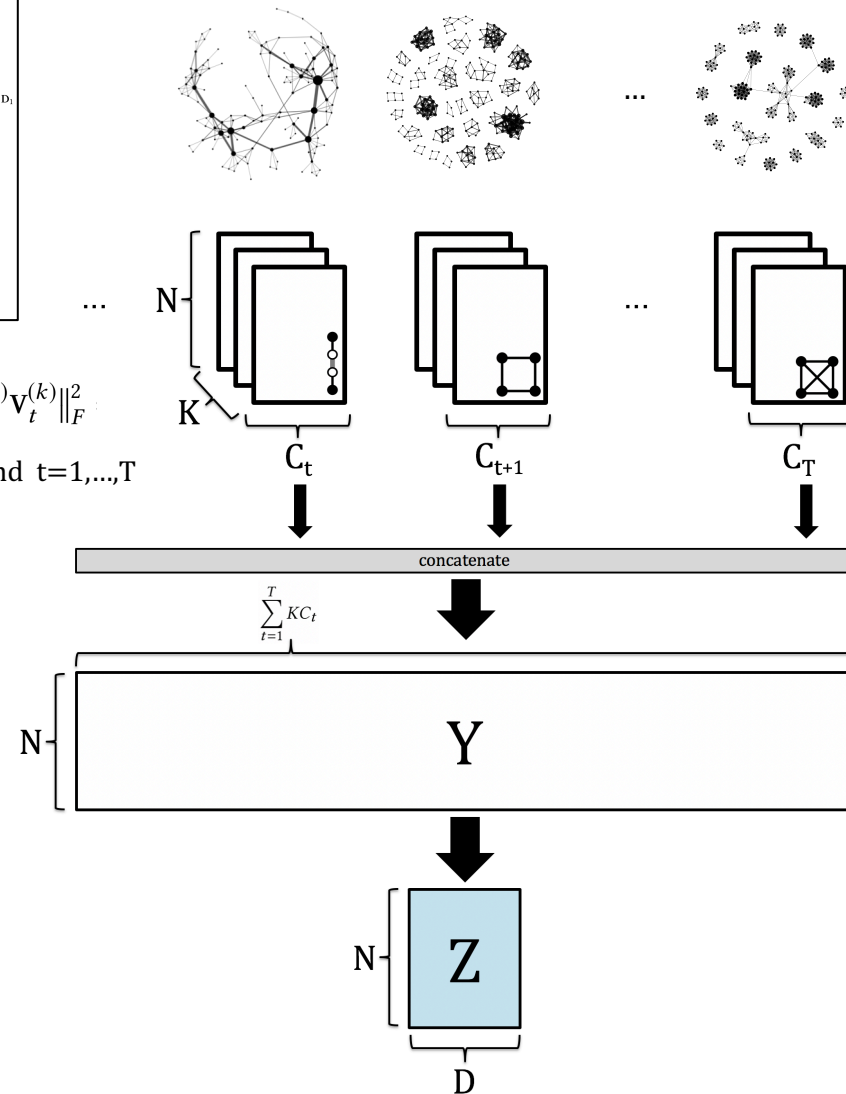
$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{H} \in \mathcal{C}} \mathbb{D}(\mathbf{Y} \parallel \Phi\langle \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{H} \rangle)$$

$$\min_{\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{H}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{H}\|_F^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} (\mathbf{Y}_{ij} - (\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{H})_{ij})^2$$



$$\min_{\mathbf{U}_t^{(k)}, \mathbf{V}_t^{(k)}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{S}_t^{(k)} - \mathbf{U}_t^{(k)} \mathbf{V}_t^{(k)}\|_F^2$$

for  $k=1, \dots, K$  and  $t=1, \dots, T$



# Extensions

- Attribute diffusion

$$\bar{\mathbf{X}}_t^{(0)} \leftarrow \mathbf{X}$$
$$\bar{\mathbf{X}}_t^{(k)} = \Psi(\mathbf{W}_t^{(k)})\bar{\mathbf{X}}_t^{(k-1)}, \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots, K \quad \text{OR} \quad \bar{\mathbf{X}}^{(k)} = (1 - \theta)\mathbf{L}\bar{\mathbf{X}}^{(k-1)} + \theta\mathbf{X}, \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots$$

- Accumulation motif variants

$$\bar{\mathbf{S}}^{(k)} = \sum_{\ell=1}^k \alpha^\ell \Psi(\mathbf{W}^\ell) = \alpha \Psi(\mathbf{W}) + \alpha^2 \Psi(\mathbf{W}^2) + \dots + \alpha^k \Psi(\mathbf{W}^k)$$

- Weighted and combined motif matrix

$$\mathbf{W} = \sum_{t=1}^T \beta_t \mathbf{W}_t \quad \beta_t \geq 0$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{W}}^{(k)} = \sum_{\ell=1}^k \mathbf{W}^\ell = \mathbf{W} + \mathbf{W}^2 + \dots + \mathbf{W}^k$$

where  $\mathbf{W}_k$  is a weighted graph that counts the number of paths of length up to  $k$ .

# Results

## Experimental setup

- 10-fold cross-validation, repeated for 10 random trials
- Used all 2-4 node connected orbits
- $D=128$ ,  $D_l = 16$  for the local motif embeddings
- Edge embedding derived via  $(\mathbf{z}_i + \mathbf{z}_j) / 2$
- Predict link existence via logistic regression (LR)
- # steps  $K$  selected via grid search over  $K \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

## Main findings:

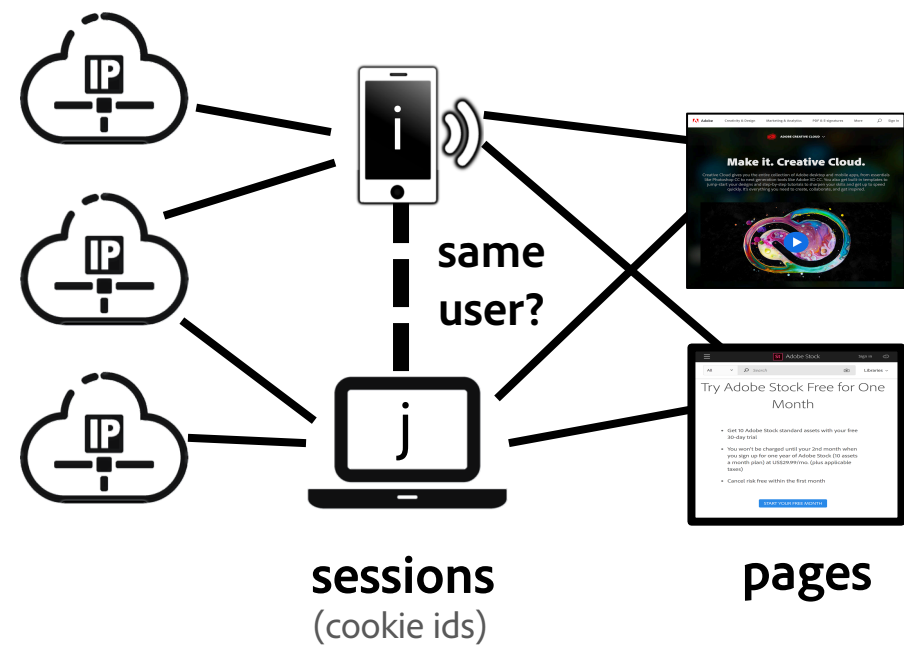
- Mean Gain in AUC of **19.24%** (& up to 75.21%)

	<i>soc-hamster</i>	<i>rt-twitter-cop</i>	<i>soc-wiki-Vote</i>	<i>tech-routers-rf</i>	<i>facebook-PU</i>	<i>inf-openflights</i>	<i>soc-bitcoinA</i>	<i>RANK</i>
<b>HONE-W</b> (Eq. 2)	0.841	0.843	0.811	0.862	0.726	0.910	0.979	<b>1</b>
<b>HONE-P</b> (Eq. 5)	0.840	0.840	0.812	0.863	0.724	0.913	0.980	<b>2</b>
<b>HONE-L</b> (Eq. 7)	0.829	0.841	0.808	0.858	0.722	0.906	0.975	<b>3</b>
<b>HONE-<math>\hat{L}</math></b> (Eq. 8)	0.829	0.836	0.803	0.862	0.722	0.908	0.976	<b>5</b>
<b>HONE-<math>\hat{L}_{rw}</math></b> (Eq. 9)	0.831	0.834	0.808	0.863	0.723	0.909	0.976	<b>4</b>
<b>Node2Vec</b> [19]	0.810	0.635	0.721	0.804	0.701	0.844	0.894	<b>6</b>
<b>DeepWalk</b> [34]	0.796	0.621	0.710	0.796	0.696	0.837	0.863	<b>7</b>
<b>LINE</b> [47]	0.752	0.706	0.734	0.800	0.630	0.837	0.780	<b>8</b>
<b>GraRep</b> [9]	0.805	0.672	0.743	0.829	0.702	0.898	0.559	<b>9</b>
<b>Spectral</b> [48]	0.561	0.699	0.593	0.602	0.516	0.606	0.629	<b>10</b>

# Visitor Stitching of Web Logs

**Problem:** Given web browser logs, the goal is to predict the sessions (cookie ids) that correspond to the same user.

- Core to many products
- Utility/perf. of downstream applications relies on it



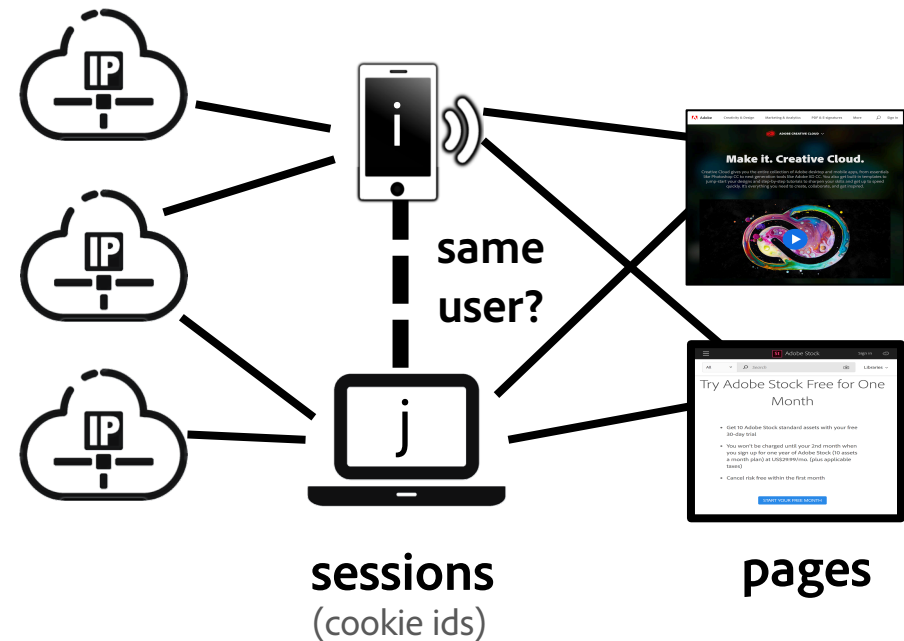
Tasks	Graph	$ V $	$ E $	$d_{avg}$
VISITOR STITCHING	Comp-A (web logs)	8.9M	55.2M	6.2
	Comp-B (web logs)	22.8M	61.3M	2.7

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		N2V	DW	LINE	GraRep	Spec.	HONE	HONE+ $\bar{X}$
COMP.-A	Prec.	ETL	ETL	0.8947	0.9924	0.7404	<b>0.9999</b>	0.9810
	Rec.	ETL	ETL	0.6254	0.4388	0.4907	0.6676	<b>0.8777</b>
	F1	ETL	ETL	0.7362	0.6085	0.5902	0.8007	<b>0.9265</b>
	AUC	ETL	ETL	0.7968	0.7215	0.5730	0.8572	<b>0.9304</b>
COMP.-B	Prec.	ETL	ETL	0.8362	0.9945	0.7731	<b>0.9923</b>	0.9885
	Rec.	ETL	ETL	0.3985	0.0937	0.2768	0.7336	<b>0.7736</b>
	F1	ETL	ETL	0.5397	0.1713	0.4077	0.8249	<b>0.8534</b>
	AUC	ETL	ETL	0.6843	0.5447	0.5259	0.8626	<b>0.8811</b>

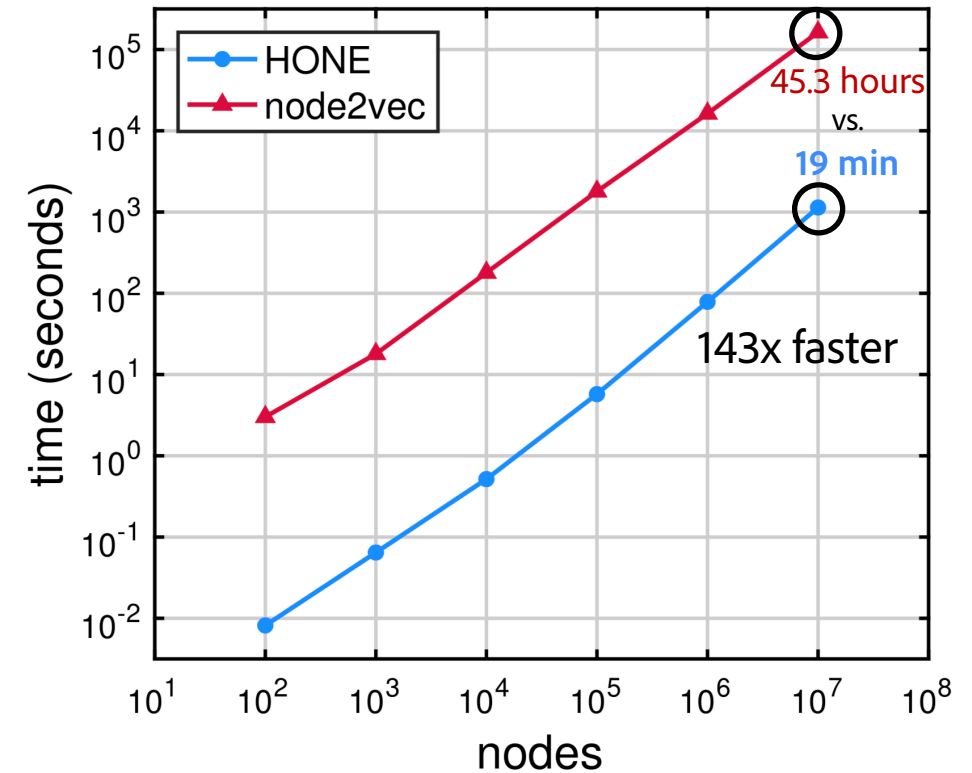
\*N2V=Node2Vec, DW=DeepWalk



# Runtime & Scalability

- State-of-the-art method takes 1.8 days (45.3 hours) for 10 million nodes (avg. degree of 10)
- HONE finishes in only **19 minutes** (10M nodes, 100M edges)
  - Results from laptop
- 143x faster

Erdős-Rényi graphs (from 100 to 10 million nodes) w/ avg. degree 10



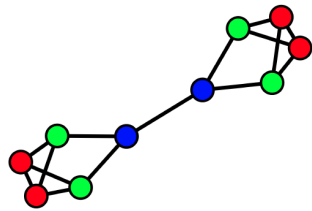


# Results for Attribute/Feature-Diffusion Variants

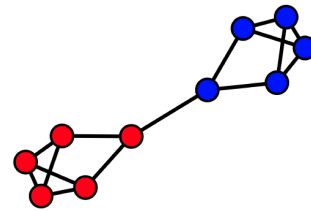
Mean gain of the HONE methods with attribute diffusion relative to each of the original HONE methods

	HONE-W	HONE-P	HONE-L	HONE- $\hat{L}$	HONE- $\hat{L}_{rw}$
HONE-W + $\bar{X}$	0.76%	1.30%	1.38%	1.24%	1.08%
HONE-P + $\bar{X}$	1.58%	2.12%	2.20%	2.06%	1.90%
HONE-L + $\bar{X}$	0.62%	1.15%	1.23%	1.09%	0.93%
HONE- $\hat{L}$ + $\bar{X}$	1.37%	1.91%	1.99%	1.85%	1.69%
HONE- $\hat{L}_{rw}$ + $\bar{X}$	1.27%	1.81%	1.88%	1.74%	1.58%

# Structural Role-based Embeddings



(a) HONE

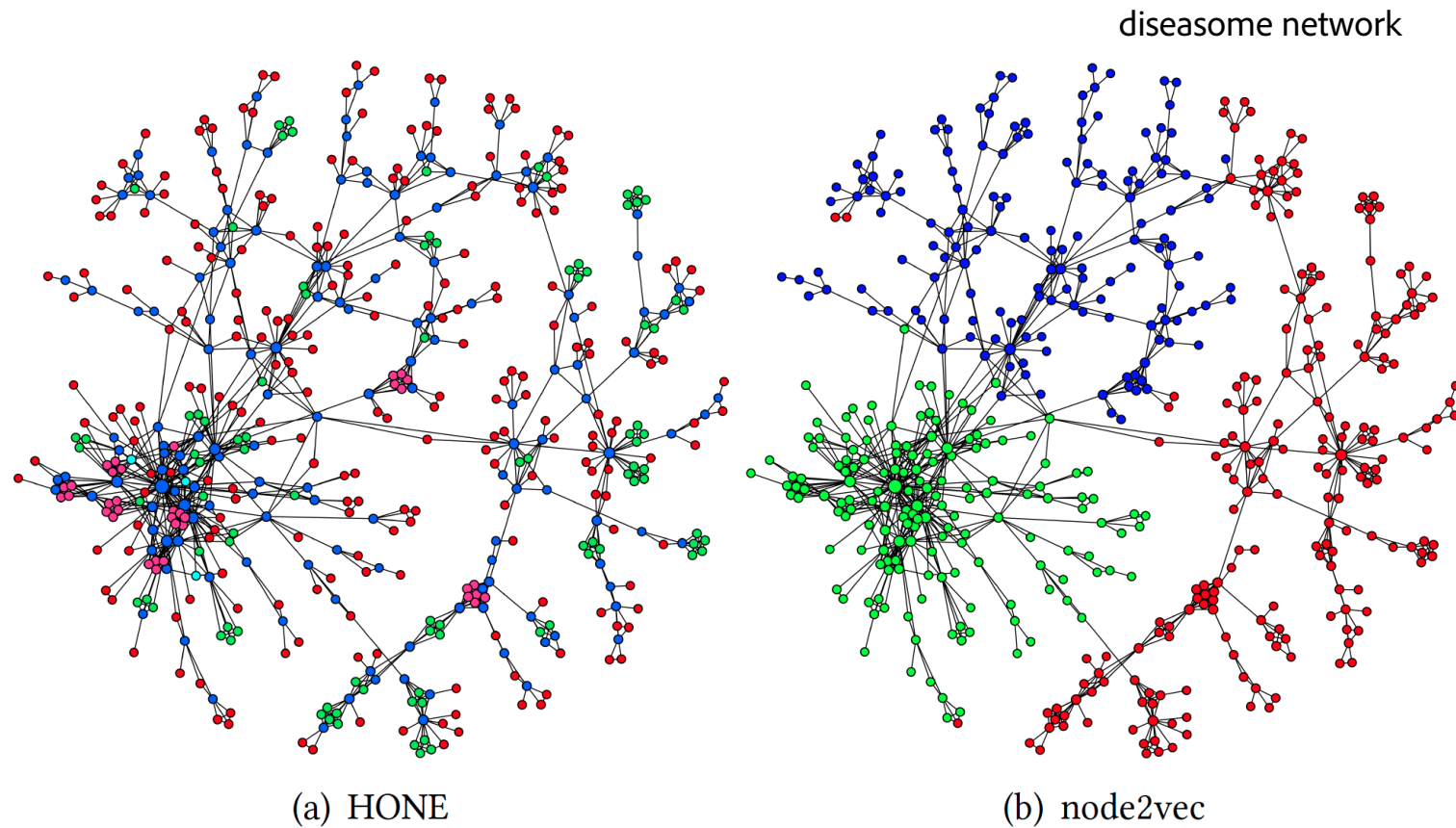


(b) node2vec

Validation of HONE's ability to capture roles on graphs with known ground-truth.



# Structural Role-based Embeddings



# Summary & Key Contributions

- Introduced Higher-Order motif-based Network Embeddings (HONE)
- Described a computational framework for computing them
- Demonstrated the effectiveness of higher-order network embeddings for link prediction and visitor stitching

Future work should investigate other HONE variants, matrix motif formulations, etc.

# Thanks!

## Questions?



**Data accessible online:**

**<http://networkrepository.com>**