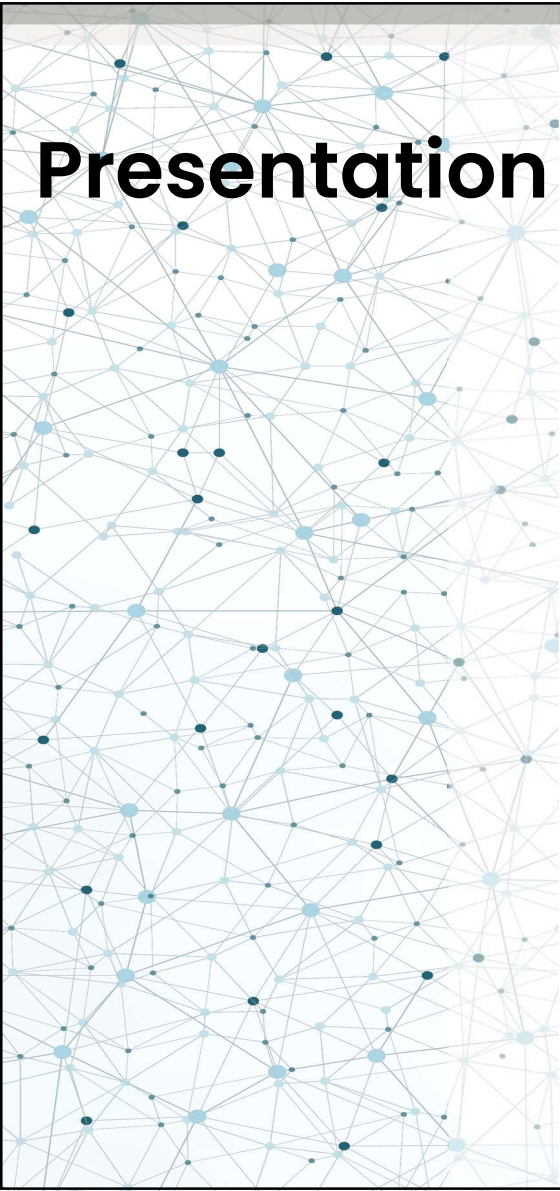
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Learning  
**Dynamic  
Multimodal  
Networks**

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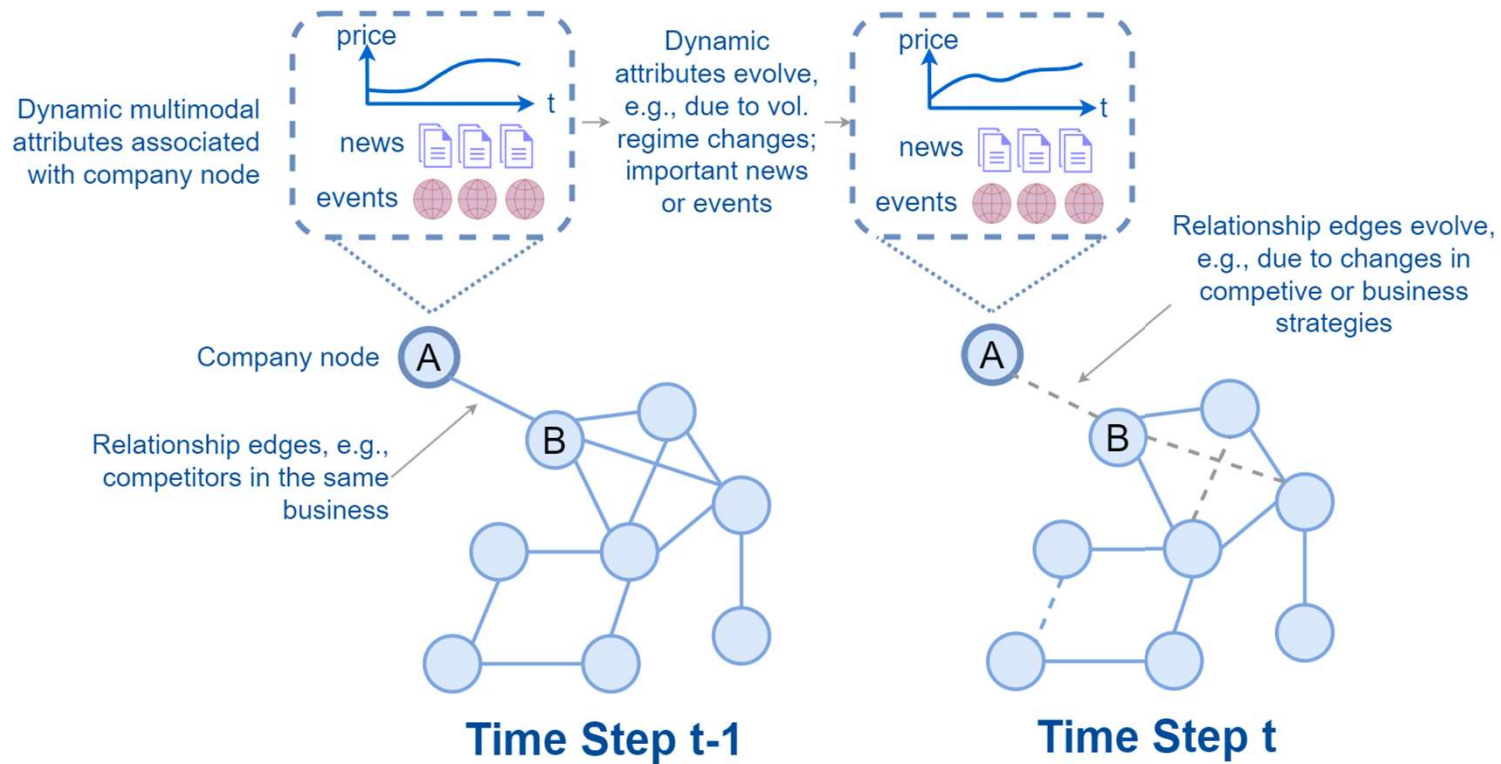
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# Presentation Outline

- Overview
- Related Work
- Research Summary
- Representative Works
- Conclusion & Future Research

# Overview: Dynamic Multimodal Networks

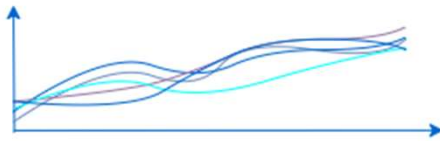


# Overview: Modeling of Dynamic Multimodal Networks

Domains – HCI, Finance, Sustainability

## Dynamic Multimodal Networks

Dynamic Numerical Attributes



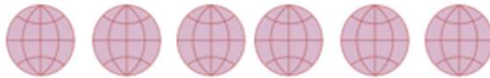
Dynamic Textual Attributes



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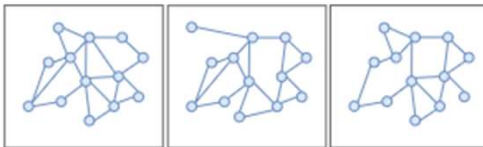


Dynamic Event Attributes



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Dynamic Networks



Dynamic Multimodal Network Models

## Tasks

**Attribute Inference**  
E.g., UI attributes, financial time-series imputation

**Node Classification**  
E.g., predict UI type, forecast event

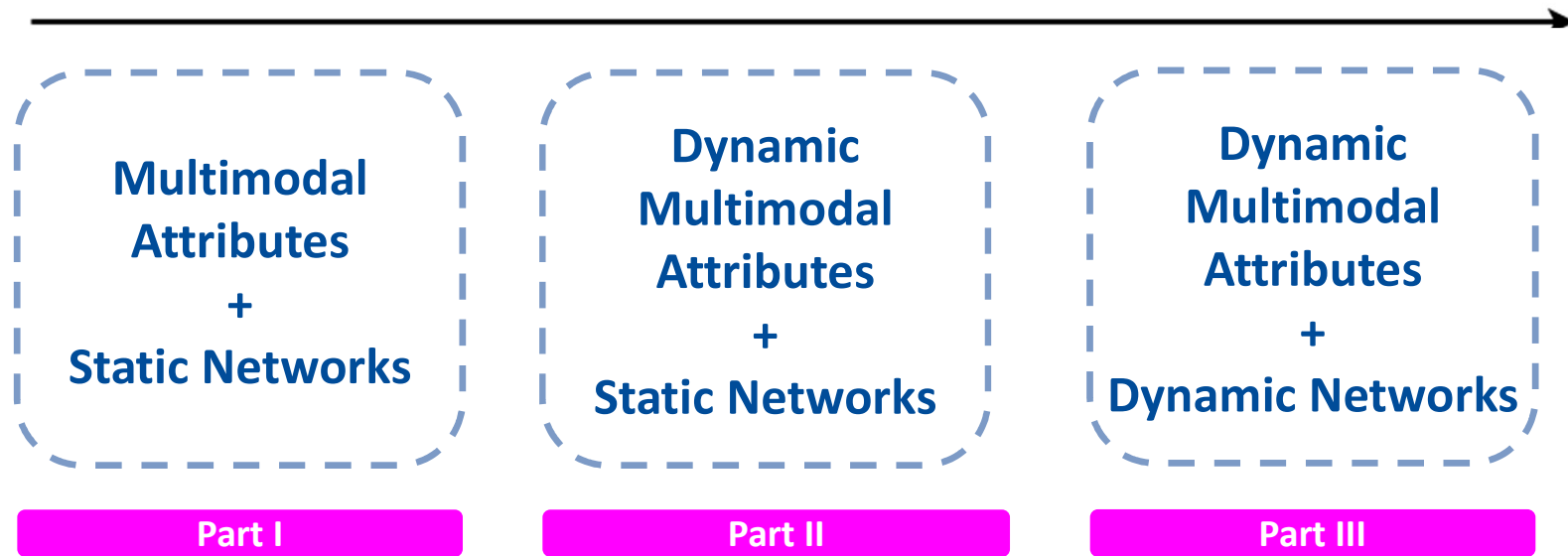
**Node Regression**  
E.g., predict app. rating, forecast financial prices

**Relationship Prediction**  
E.g., predict linked UI elements, forecast links forming between companies

# Overview: Research Objectives and Framework

## Learning Dynamic Multimodal Networks

Progressively research on i) modelling multimodality and dynamicity in networks; and ii) interpreting role and contribution of multimodality and dynamicity of networks on predictive tasks



# Overview: Key Definitions

- **Dynamic networks**

$$G_t^c = [g^c(t - K^c), \dots, g^c(t - 1)]$$

- $g^c(t - k) = (v^c(t - k), e^c(t - k))$  is the snapshot at time-step  $(t - k)$  for network of type  $c$

- **Dynamic multimodal node attributes** (from modality  $m$ , out of  $M$  modalities)

$$X_{V_t^c, t}^m = [x_{V_t^c}^m(t - K^m), \dots, x_{V_t^c}^m(t - 1)] \in \mathbb{R}^{|V_t^c| \times K^m \times d^m}$$

- $K^c$  and  $K^m$  are number of time-steps in windows of network and  $m^{\text{th}}$  attribute modality, respectively.

# Overview: Types of Networks

I. Static Networks with **Multimodal** Attributes

$$M > 1, K^m = K^c = 1$$

II. Static Networks with **Dynamic Multimodal** Attributes

$$M > 1, K^m > 1, K^c = 1$$

III. **Dynamic** Networks with **Dynamic Multimodal** Attributes

$$M > 1, K^m > 1, K^c > 1$$

# Related Works

	Attribute			Network		Related Work
	Static $K^m = 1$	Dynamic $K^m > 1$	Multimodal $M > 1$	Static $K^c = 1$	Dynamic $K^c > 1$	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most random walk models do not capture attributes</li> <li>Most GNN models assume attributes static and/or unimodal</li> </ul>	●	○	◐	●	○	<p>Modelling approaches and examples of key works.</p> <p><b>Static Network Models:</b> DeepWalk [116], node2vec [52], metapath2vec, SDNE [150], GVAE [74], CAN [102], GCN [75], GraphSAGE [53], GAT [146], HGT [60]. Some static network models are designed for multimodal attributes, but only capture two modalities - visual and textual [126,157].</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most do not focus on attributes or only unimodal attributes</li> </ul>	○	◐	○	○	●	<p><b>Dynamic Network Models:</b> DANE [80], EvolveGCN [112], VGRNN [53], DynGEM [50], TGAT [167]. Most dynamic network models assume time-stamps of dynamic attributes are aligned with time-stamps of dynamic networks, i.e. they cannot capture sequences of attributes and networks that are of different lengths or granularities.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capture time-series attributes but unimodal, num.</li> <li>Static networks</li> </ul>	○	●	○	●	○	<p><b>Spatio-Temporal Models:</b> DCRNN [84], STFGCN [177], GC-LSTM [24], StemGNN [37], MTGNN [164].</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Usually do not capture networks</li> <li>Unimodal time-series attributes</li> </ul>	○	●	◐	◐	○	<p><b>Time-Series Models:</b> NBEATS [107], TST [179], TFT [89], DARNN [118], DyGAP [143]. Most time-series models capture unimodal numerical attributes. Some financial time-series models, such as VoltAGE [129], are designed for dynamic multimodal attributes and networks, but only capture two modalities, e.g., text and audio of calls, and static networks.</p>

Note: ●: Works address this setting; ◐: Some works address this setting; ○: Works do not address this setting.

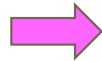


# Summary of Research

## Part I: Networks with *Multimodal* Attributes

Key Aspects

- Model networks with multimodal attributes
- Capture different types of positional attributes
- Model different types of nodes and relationships
- Interpret contribution of different networks and multimodal attributes



### Proposed MAAN, EMAAN, HAMP, AHAMP models

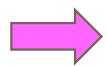
Research Objective	Attribute			Network	
	Static $K^m = 1$	Dynamic $K^m > 1$	Multimodal $M > 1$	Static $K^c = 1$	Dynamic $K^c > 1$
Work based on Dissertation (Model)					
<b>Networks with Multimodal Attributes</b>	✓	-	✓	✓	-
Learning Network-Based Multi-Modal Mobile User Interface Embeddings, ACM IUI 2021 (MAAN)	MAAN utilizes attention mechanisms across multiple channels and stages to model bipartite network structural information and multimodal node attributes.				
Learning Semantically Rich Network-Based Multi-Modal Mobile User Interface Embeddings, ACM TiiS (EMAAN)	EMAAN extends MAAN to capture edge attributes with additive and multiplicative methods.				
Learning User Interface Semantics from Heterogeneous Networks with Multimodal and Positional Attributes, ACM IUI 2022 (HAMP)	HAMP utilizes a positional vectorizer and graph transformer to model heterogeneous networks with multimodal and positional node attributes.				
Learning and Understanding User Interface Semantics from Heterogeneous Networks with Multimodal and Positional Attributes, ACM TiiS (AHAMP)	AHAMP extends HAMP with an adaptive graph discovery and interpretability method to discover and understand important network edges.				

# Summary of Research

## Part II: Networks with *Dynamic* Multimodal Attributes

Key Aspects

- Model networks with dynamic multimodal attributes
- Address low signal-to-noise and non-stationarity of dynamic multimodal attributes
- Capture global (relevant to all network nodes), and local (specific to node) dynamic multimodal attributes



**Proposed KECE, GLAM models**

Research Objective	Attribute			Network	
	Static $K^m = 1$	Dynamic $K^m > 1$	Multimodal $M > 1$	Static $K^c = 1$	Dynamic $K^c > 1$
Work based on Dissertation (Model)					
<b>Networks with Dynamic Multimodal Attributes</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Learning Knowledge-Enriched Company Embeddings for Investment Management, ACM ICAIF 2021 (KECE)	KECE utilizes attention mechanisms to model knowledge graphs with multimodal attributes, and learn knowledge-enriched node embeddings.				
Investment and Risk Management with Online News and Heterogeneous Networks, ACM TWEB (GLAM)	GLAM models global and local information from multiple modalities and heterogeneous networks, and uses an adaptive curriculum learning method to isolate significant changes in time-series dynamics to address noisy time-series information.				

## Summary of Research

# Part III: Dynamic Networks with Dynamic Multimodal Attributes

### Proposed GAME, DynMix, DynScan models

Research Area	Attribute			Network	
	Static $K^m = 1$	Dynamic $K^m > 1$	Multimodal $M > 1$	Static $K^c = 1$	Dynamic $K^c > 1$
Work based on Dissertation (Model)					
<b>Dynamic Networks with Dynamic Multimodal Attributes</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Guided Attention Multimodal Multi-task Financial Forecasting with Inter-Company Relationships and Global and Local News, ACL 2022 (GAME)	GAME encodes local information of different lengths and frequencies, learns dynamic implicit network weights to update explicit network relationships, and uses cross attention between local and global multimodal information to guide learning of relevant global information.				
Learning Dynamic Multimodal Implicit and Explicit Networks for Multiple Financial Tasks, IEEE BigData 2022 (DynMix)	DynMix discovers dynamic implicit networks from multimodal time-series. The dynamic implicit networks are paired with dynamic explicit networks to form different views for a dynamic self-supervised learning approach to address noisy non-stationary time-series distributions and correlations.				
Learning Dynamic Multimodal Network Slot Concepts from the Web for Forecasting Environmental, Social and Governance Ratings, Under review at TWEB (DynScan)	DynScan learns dynamic multimodal network slot concepts with attention mechanisms, and inter-modality alignment and intra-modality disentanglement loss functions. The learnt slot concepts are utilized to address noisy and non-stationary dynamic multimodal network information.				

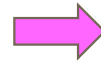
Model dynamic networks with dynamic multimodal attributes

Address low signal-to-noise and non-stationarity of dynamic networks

Capture evolving dependencies between nodes due to dynamic multimodal attributes, i.e., multiple types of dynamic implicit networks

Interpret contribution of dynamic networks and dynamic multimodal attributes

Key Aspects



**Representative  
Works**  
to be covered  
in this presentation

### *I. Human Computer Interaction (HCI) Domain*

**Heterogeneous Attention-based Multimodal Positional (HAMP) network model**

- *Learning User Interface Semantics from Heterogeneous Networks with Multimodal and Positional Attributes, ACM IUI 2022, Honorable Mention*

**Adaptive HAMP (AHAMP) network model**

- *Learning and Understanding User Interface Semantics from Heterogeneous Networks with Multimodal and Positional Attributes, ACM TiIS*

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### *II. Financial Domain*

**Dynamic Multimodal Multitask Implicit Explicit (DynMix) network model**

- *Learning Dynamic Multimodal Implicit and Explicit Networks for Multiple Financial Tasks, IEEE BigData 2022*

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### *III. Sustainability Domain*

**Dynamic Multimodal Slot Concept Attention-based Network (DynScan) model**

- *Learning Dynamic Multimodal Network Slot Concepts from the Web for Forecasting Environmental, Social and Governance Ratings, ACM TWEB, Submitted & Under Review*

*4 of the other works listed earlier were already shared during the dissertation proposal*

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## Representative Work I

# HAMP and AHAMP – Modeling Networks with Multimodal Attributes

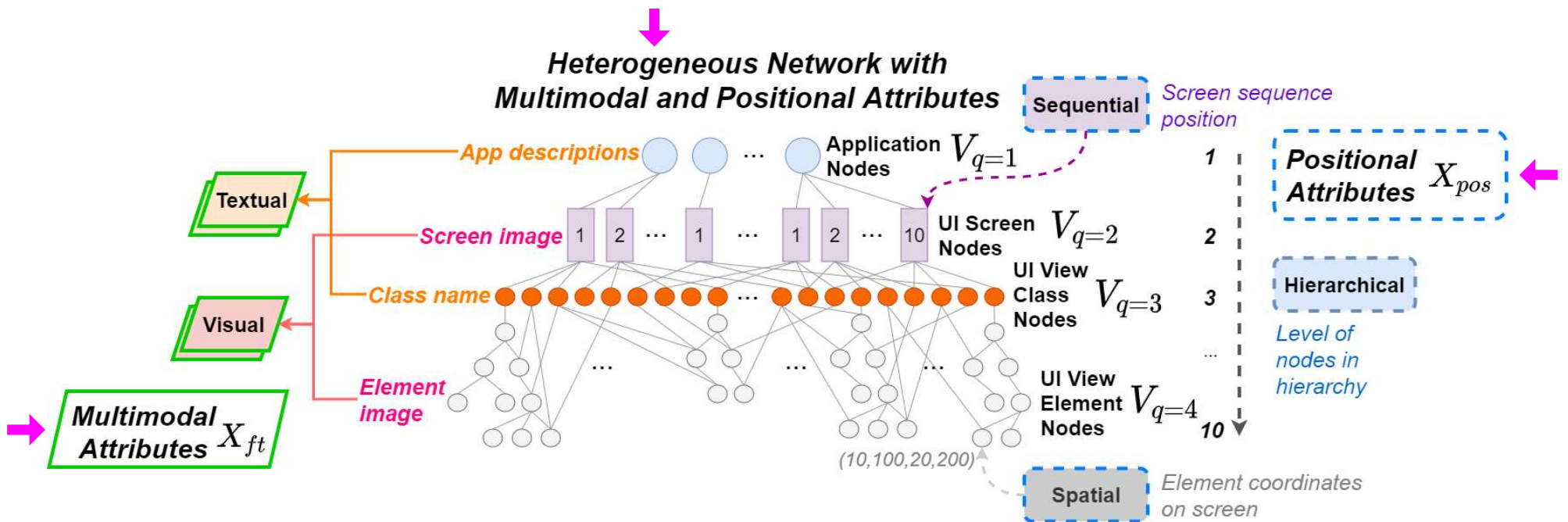
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### **Adaptive HAMP (AHAMP) network model**

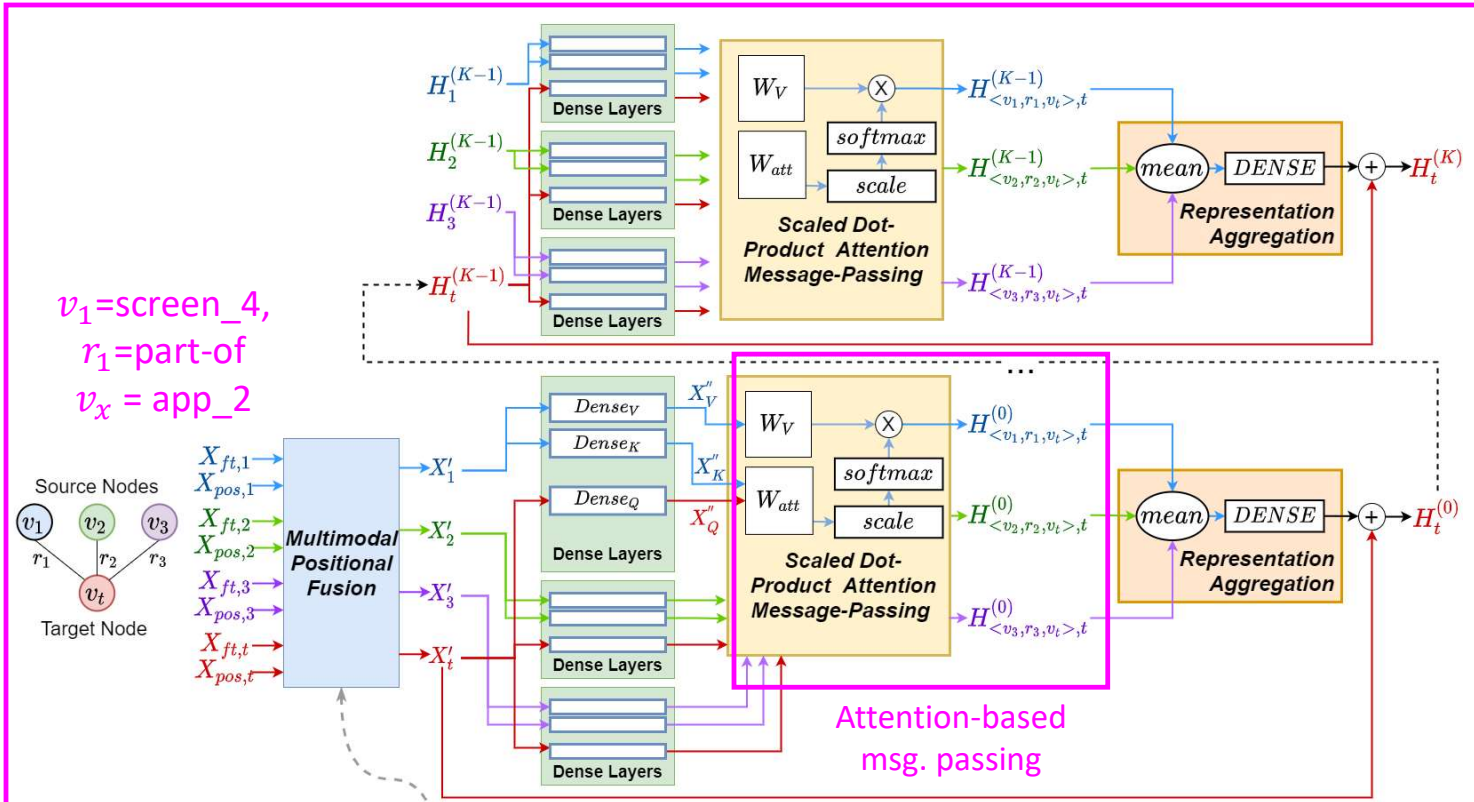
- *Learning and Understanding User Interface Semantics from Heterogeneous Networks with Multimodal and Positional Attributes, ACM TiiS*

# Framing UIs as Networks

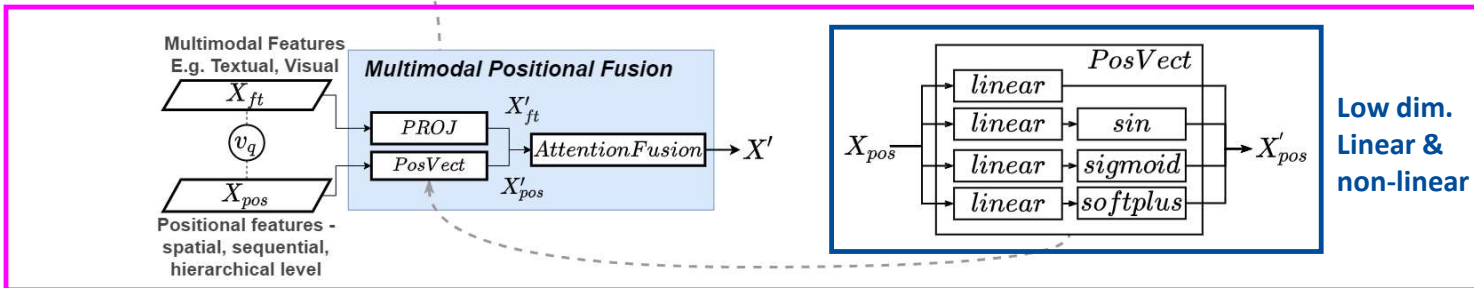


# Overview

Modeling different node and edge types



Capturing multimodal & positional attributes



## From heterogeneous network message passing to adaptiveness and interpretability

$$AttScore_{\langle v_s, r, v_t \rangle} = \text{softmax}_{v_s \in N(v_t)} \text{scale}(X_{K, v_s}'' W_{att} X_{Q, v_t}'')$$

Heterogeneous network encoding in HAMP

$$H_{\langle v_s, r, v_t \rangle, t} = \sum_{v_s \in N(v_t)} AttScore_{\langle v_s, r, v_t \rangle} \cdot X_{V, v_s}'' W_V$$

Update node representations with learnt attention scores  
across multiple tuples  
Then aggregate by taking mean

Learnable mask

$$H_{\langle v_s, r, v_t \rangle, t}^{(k)} = \sum_{v_s \in N(v_t)} \tilde{e}_{l, \langle v_s, r, v_t \rangle} \odot (AttScore_{\langle v_s, r, v_t \rangle}^{(k)} \cdot X_{V, v_s}''^{(k)} W_V^{(k)})$$

Adaptiveness and interpretability in AHAMP

$$\mathcal{L}' = \mathcal{L}(y, \hat{y} = f_{\theta, E_L}(G_L = (V, X)))$$

Prediction conditioned on masked graph

$$- \alpha \sum_{\langle v_s, r, v_t \rangle \in E} \tilde{e}_{l, \langle v_s, r, v_t \rangle} \log(\tilde{e}_{l, \langle v_s, r, v_t \rangle}) + (1 - \tilde{e}_{l, \langle v_s, r, v_t \rangle}) \log(1 - \tilde{e}_{l, \langle v_s, r, v_t \rangle})$$

Entropy regularization

$$+ \beta \sum_{\langle v_s, r, v_t \rangle \in E} \tilde{e}_{l, \langle v_s, r, v_t \rangle}$$

Sparsity regularization



# Datasets

- Extracted from RICO and ENRICO
- RICO largest mobile app. dataset; ENRICO is subset of RICO with manually annotated topic labels (*e.g., dialer, news, tutorial topics*)

Datasets	RICO-N	RICO-O	ENRICO
Num. of Application Nodes	1000	1000	869
Num. of UI Screen Nodes	5879	9108	1460
Num. of UI View Class Nodes	1563	2920	1506
Num. of UI Element Nodes	109,387	203,522	28,821
Num. of App - UI Screens Edges	5879	9108	1460
Num. of UI Screens - UI View Classes Edges	38,961	68,305	10,113
Num. of UI View Classes - UI Elements Edges	109,387	203,522	28,821
Length of longest sequence	36	46	38
Max. depth of hierarchy	9	10	9
Num. of UI element component-types	26	26	-
Num. of UI screen genres	36	33	-
Num. of UI screen topics	-	-	20
Range of mobile app. ratings	1.15 to 4.92	1.72 to 4.91	-

# Selected Experiment Results

UI Screen Genre Classification

	RICO-N		RICO-O	
	Micro F1	Macro F1	Micro F1	Macro F1
Log. Regression	0.127	0.059	0.153	0.043
GCN	0.087	0.048	0.137	0.042
SGC	0.046	0.011	0.113	0.012
GraphSAGE	0.079	0.035	0.136	0.038
GAT	0.079	0.058	0.159	0.063
hGAO	0.087	0.067	0.168	0.060
HAN	0.698	0.648	0.517	0.298
Screen2Vec	0.392	0.311	0.466	0.407
HAMP	<u>0.970</u>	<u>0.877</u>	<u>0.921</u>	<u>0.759</u>
AHAMP	<b>0.993</b>	<b>0.966</b>	<b>0.997</b>	<b>0.962</b>

UI Screen Topic Classification

	ENRICO	
	Micro F1	Macro F1
Log. Regression	0.264	0.118
GCN	0.290	0.110
SGC	0.179	0.016
GraphSAGE	0.335	0.231
GAT	0.305	0.196
hGAO	0.390	0.278
HAN	<u>0.452</u>	0.436
Screen2Vec	0.336	0.206
HAMP	<b>0.996</b>	<u>0.996</u>
AHAMP	<b>0.996</b>	<b>0.997</b>

- HAMP and AHAMP outperform baselines across 4 tasks - **UI screen genre and topic classification; UI element component-type classification; app. rating regression**. Selected results above
  - In general, HAN (which models heterogeneous networks); and Screen2Vec(which models multimodal information) closest

# Interpretability

Selected Results

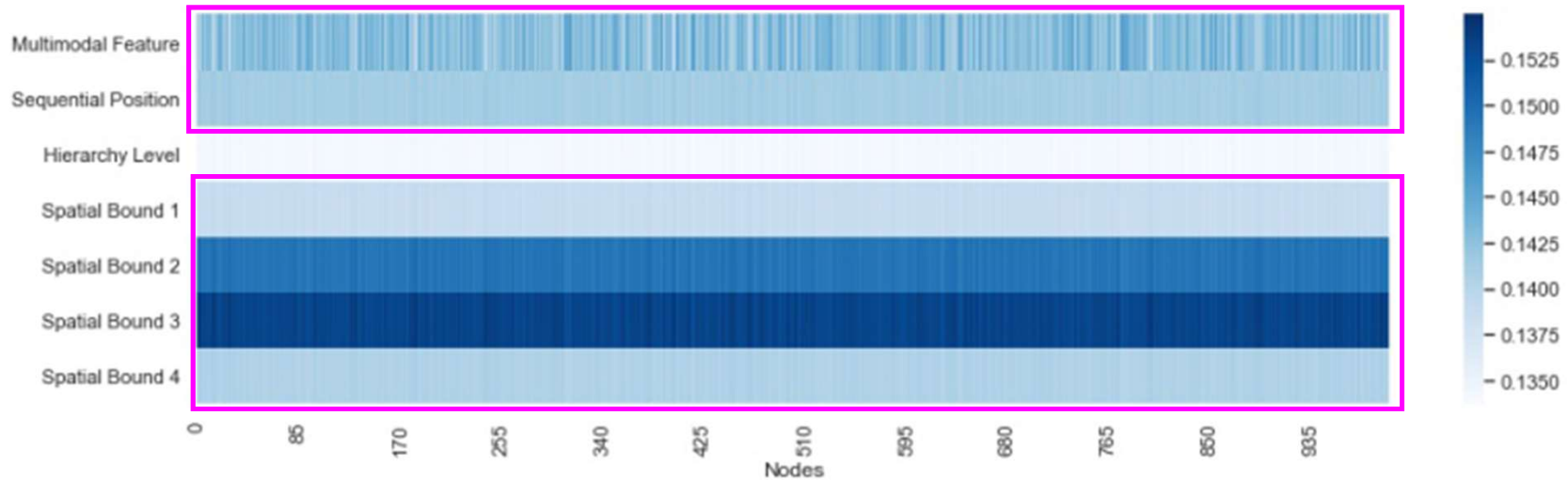
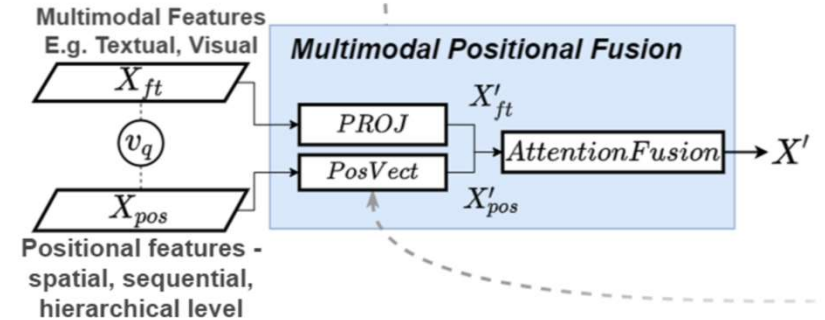


Fig. 8. Learnt Attention Weights for App. Rating Regression (RICO-N). Darker shade of blue indicates higher attention weight  $\beta_m$  for the node. We see that multimodal feature, sequential position and spatial bounds 2 and 3 are higher.

# Interpretability

Selected Results

Top 500 edges from learnable mask

$$\tilde{e}_{l, \langle v_s, r, v_t \rangle}$$

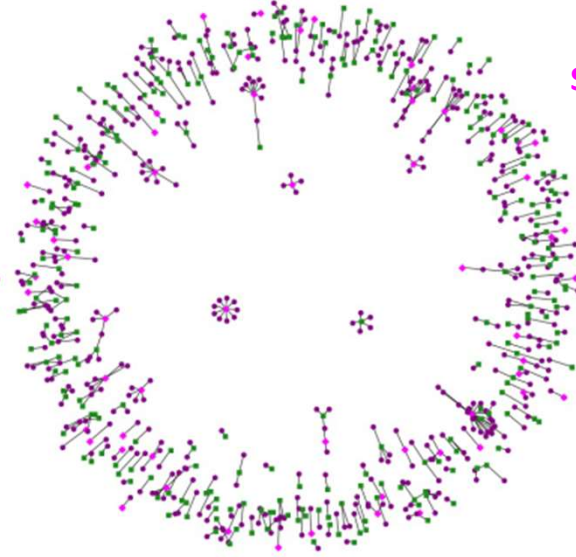
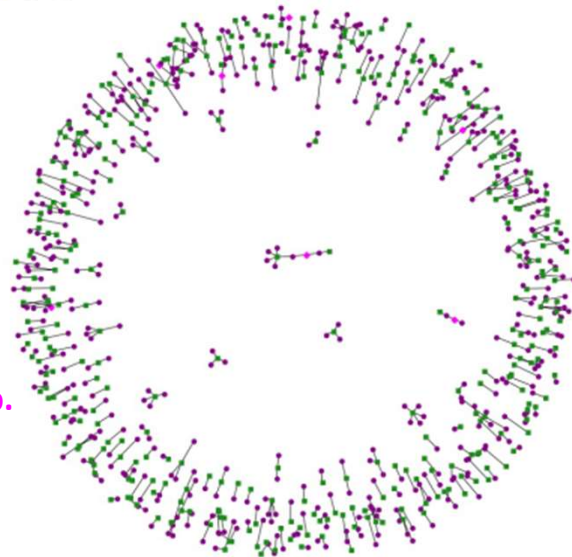
UI Screen Genre Classification

Screen genre depends on app.

- ★ Element
- ◆ Class
- Screen
- App

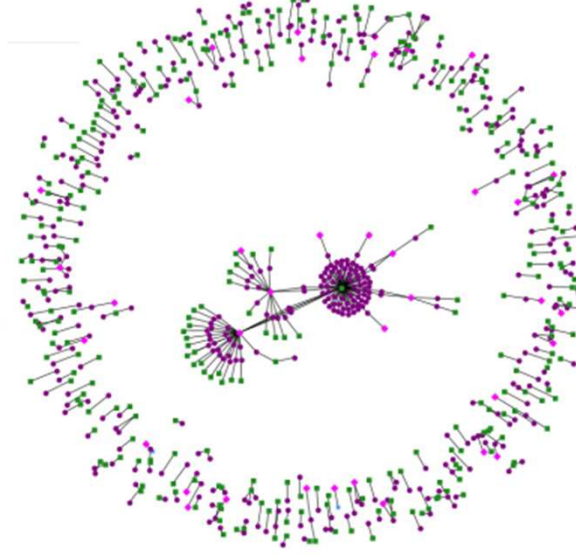
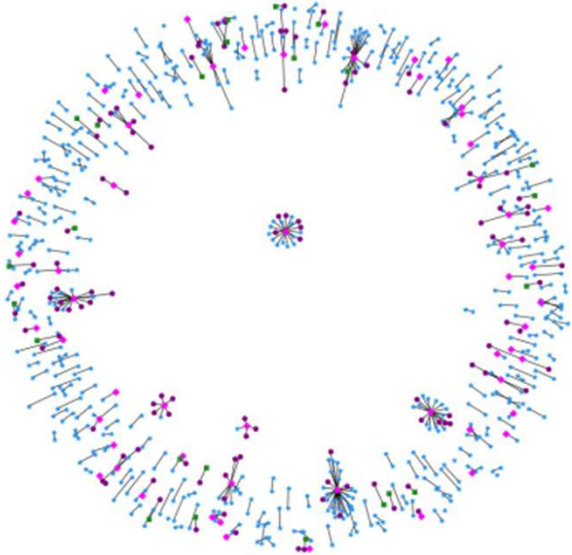
UI Element Type Classification

2-hop Element-Class-Screen r/s as type depends on class and role in screen



2-hop App-Screen-Class r/s as app. rating depends on classes used

App. Rating Regression



3-hop r/s in a cluster as UI screen topic depends on information across multiple nodes

UI Screen Topic Classification

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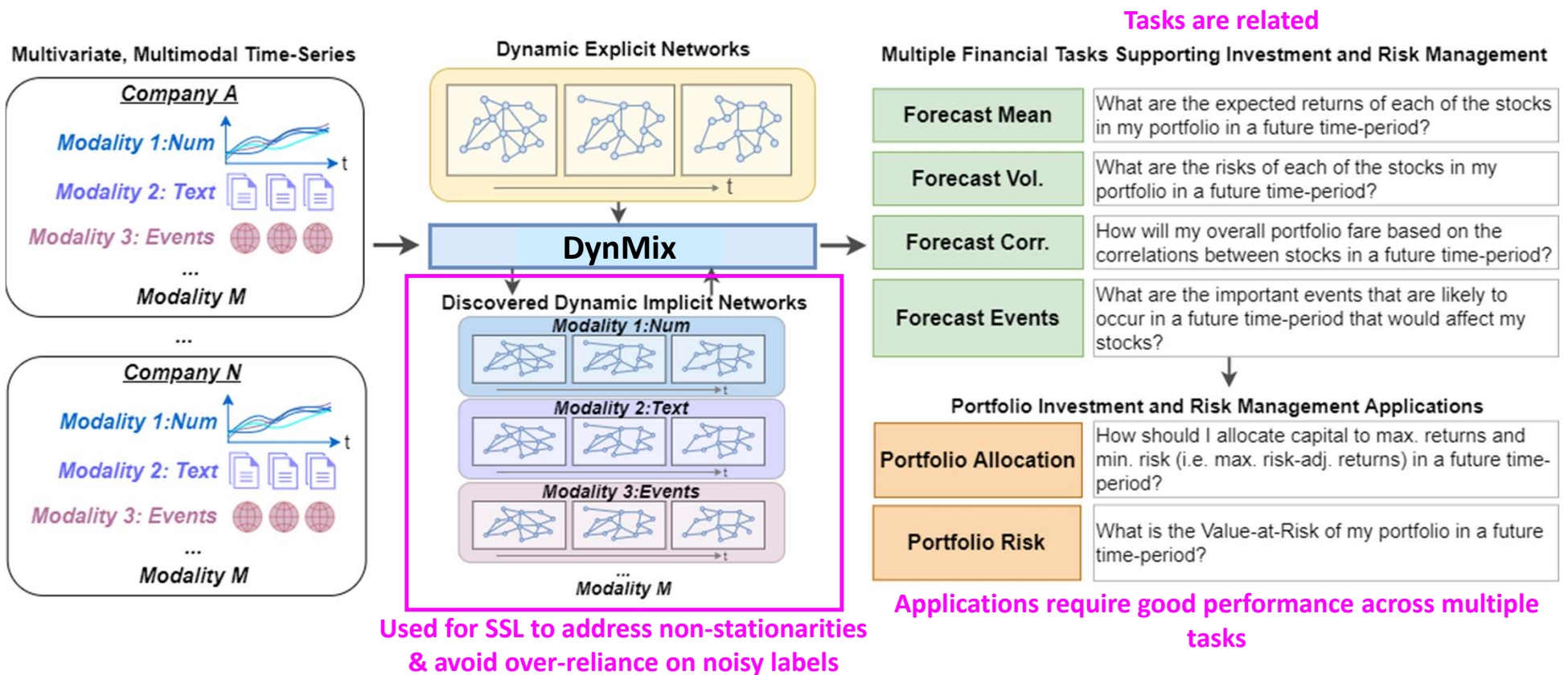
## Representative Work II

# DynMix - Modeling Dynamic Networks with Dynamic Multimodal Attributes

### **Dynamic Multimodal Multitask Implicit Explicit (DynMix) network model**

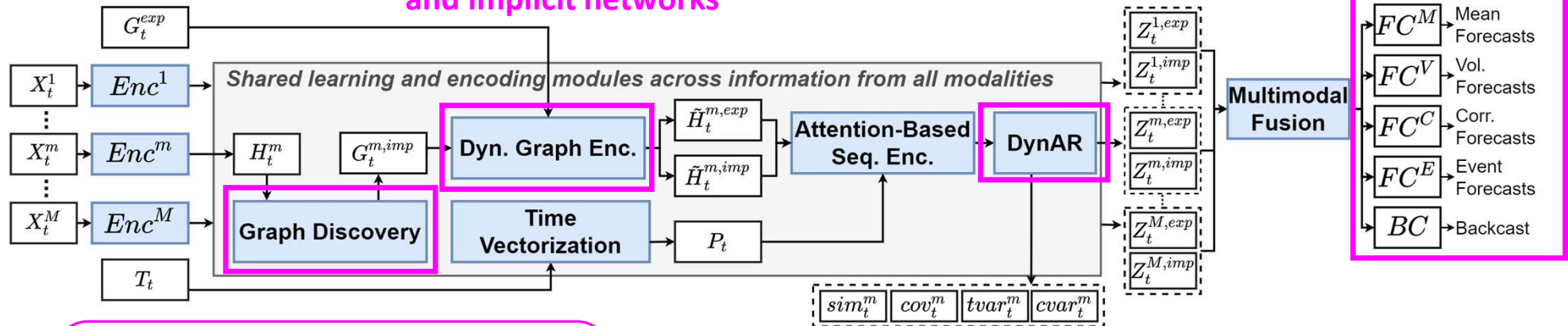
- *Learning Dynamic Multimodal Implicit and Explicit Networks for Multiple Financial Tasks, IEEE BigData 2022*

# Capturing dynamic networks and dynamic multimodal information for multiple financial tasks



# Overview

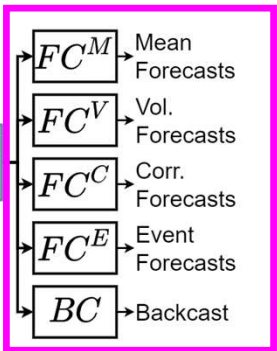
## Dynamic graph encoding of explicit and implicit networks



Discovering dynamic networks from dynamic information from multiple modalities to model evolving dependencies between nodes

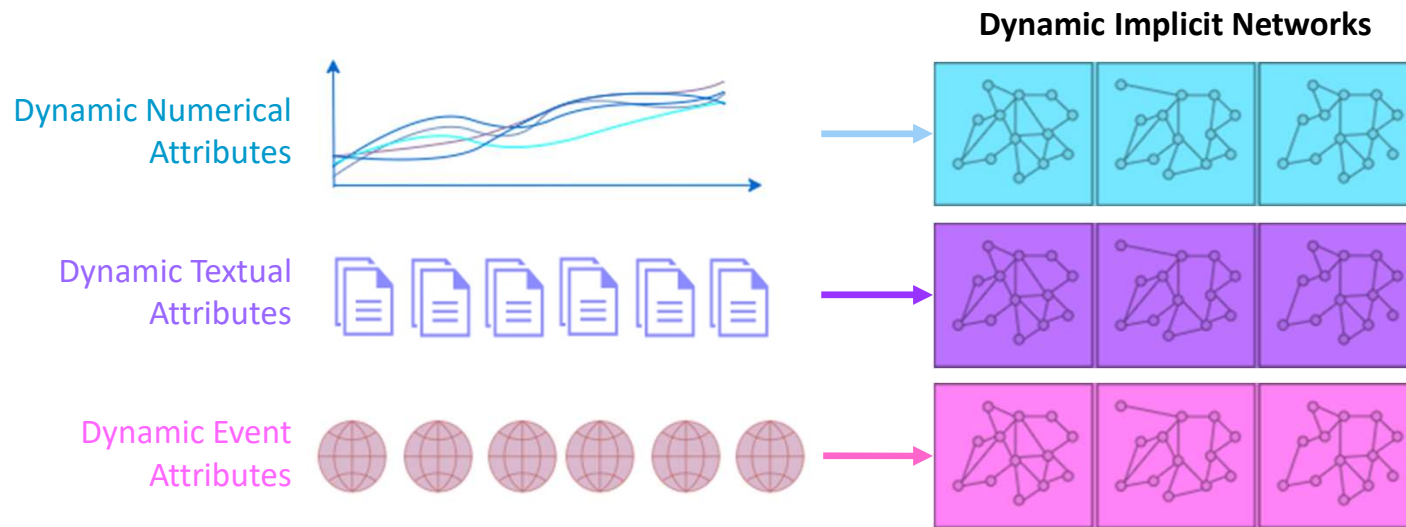
Dynamic alignment and regularization with self-supervised learning

## Multitask learning



# Using Dynamic Implicit Networks

Capture evolving dependencies between nodes due to dynamic multimodal attributes

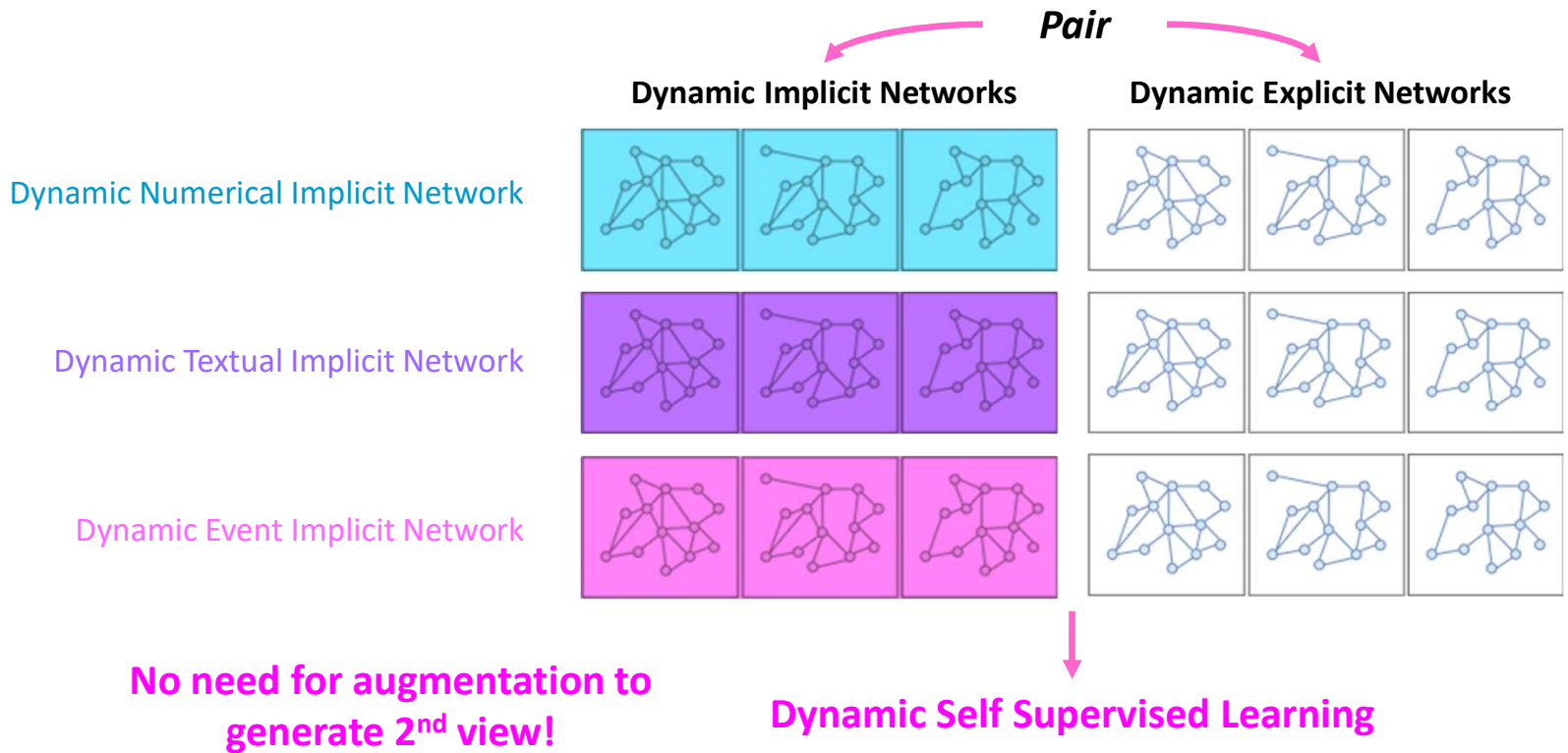


Learn dynamic underlying networks for information from different modalities



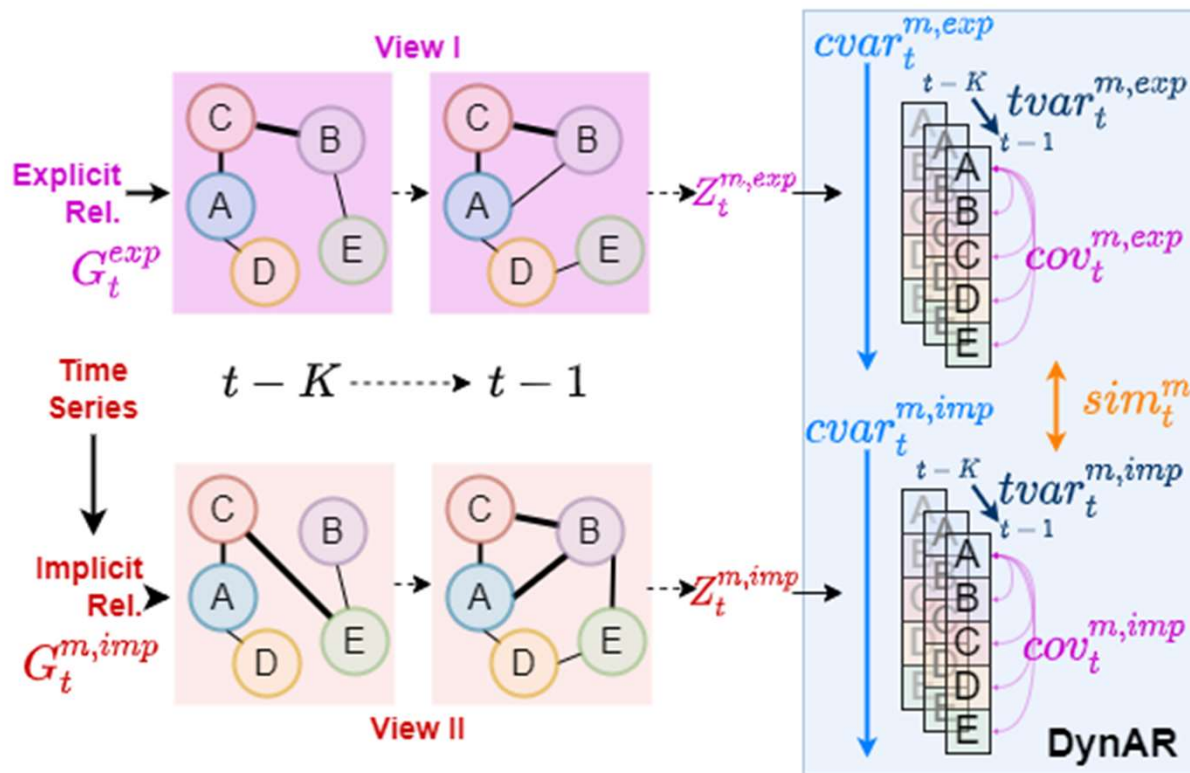
# For Dynamic Self-Supervised Learning

Align and regularize dynamic networks and time series from different modalities to extract dynamic signals



# For Dynamic Self-Supervised Learning

Dynamic *alignment* and regularization with self-supervised learning

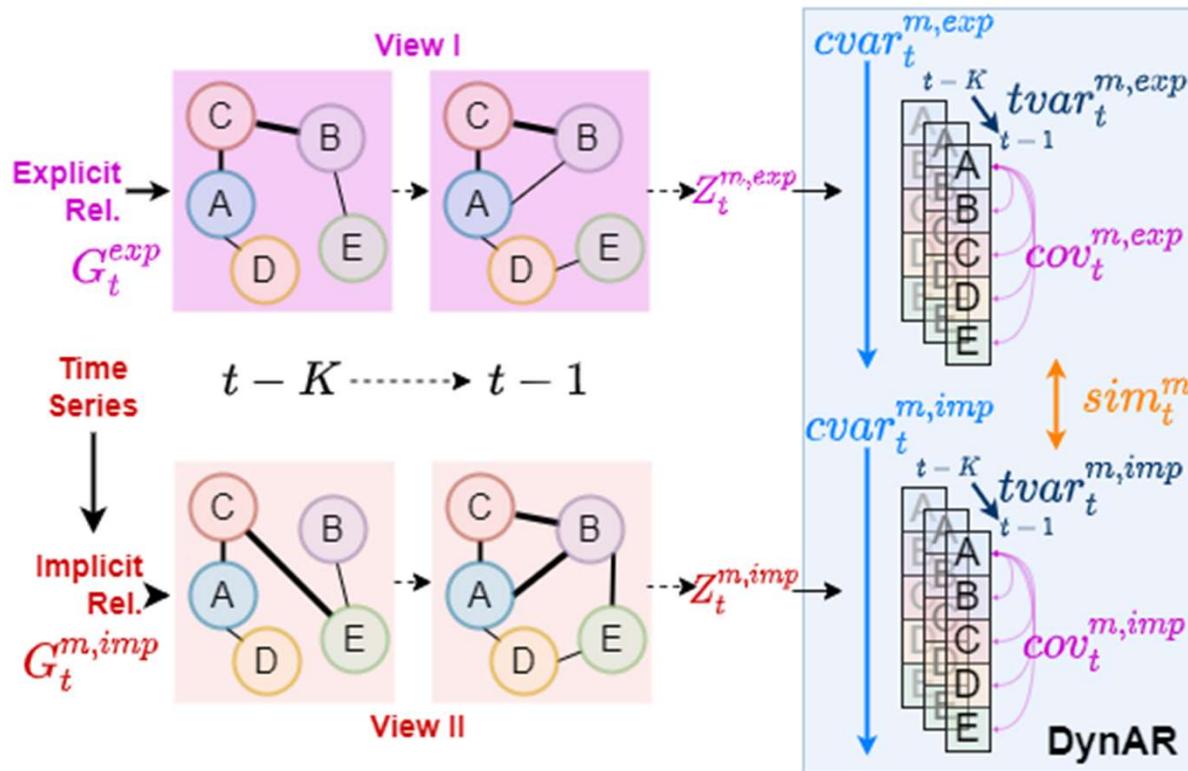


$sim_t^m$  - minimize distance between representations of same companies

$cov_t^{m,exp/imp}$  - de-correlates representations of different companies

# For Dynamic Self-Supervised Learning

Dynamic alignment and regularization with self-supervised learning



$cvar_t^{m,exp/imp}$  - regularization with dynamic level of variance across **companies**

Maintain min. dynamic level of variation of representations across companies and time to prevent mode collapse

$tvar_t^{m,exp/imp}$  - regularization with dynamic level of variance across **time**

# Datasets

- Dynamic networks: Global Database of Events, Language and Tone (GDELT) Global Knowledge Graphs (GKG)
- Dynamic multimodal attributes: Time series of stock price, news articles, and events

	<b>IN-NY</b>	<b>IN-NA</b>	<b>BE-NY</b>	<b>BE-NA</b>
Num. articles	189,917		1,295,491	
Num. stocks	336	371	1,693	1,705
Num. edges	2,212±1,574	1,217±387	4,913±2,887	3,973±1,749
Avg. edge weights	3,547±2,911	3,901±2,218	1,537±1,386	1,541±1,448
Num. event types	2,177	2,135	2,182	2,186
Event density	0.45±0.16	0.33±0.13	0.09±0.03	0.09±0.03

# Experiments

## Forecast means, volatility, correlations

	IN-NY			IN-NA			BE-NY			BE-NA		
	RMSE	MAE	SMAPE	RMSE	MAE	SMAPE	RMSE	MAE	SMAPE	RMSE	MAE	SMAPE
<b>Mean Forecasts</b>												
GRU	0.0744	0.0144	1.4579	0.0356	0.0175	1.4801	0.1341	0.0343	1.4357	0.6119	0.0851	1.4587
TST	0.0742	0.0140	1.3844	0.0335	0.0155	1.3631	<u>0.1286</u>	<u>0.0251</u>	<u>1.3139</u>	0.5373	0.0637	1.5380
FAST	0.0742	0.0141	1.3511	0.0362	0.0164	1.7424	0.1464	0.0260	1.3403	0.6358	0.0673	1.3801
MTGNN	<u>0.0712</u>	<u>0.0139</u>	<u>1.3002</u>	<u>0.0314</u>	<u>0.0149</u>	1.4843	0.1386	0.0338	1.5168	<u>0.4844</u>	<u>0.0609</u>	<u>1.3218</u>
DYGAP	0.0723	0.0146	1.4430	0.0353	0.0157	1.4074	0.1430	0.0263	1.4411	0.6361	0.0670	1.3520
EVOLVEGCN-H	0.0743	0.0143	1.5058	0.0394	0.0176	1.3273	0.1470	0.0288	1.3540	0.6444	0.0823	1.4600
EVOLVEGCN-O	0.0750	0.0153	1.4372	0.0354	0.0158	<u>1.2921</u>	0.1453	0.0268	1.3679	0.6325	0.0726	1.4014
DYNAMIX	<b>0.0539</b>	<b>0.0111</b>	<b>1.1693</b>	<b>0.0244</b>	<b>0.0128</b>	<b>1.2080</b>	<b>0.1058</b>	<b>0.0194</b>	<b>1.2391</b>	<b>0.4164</b>	<b>0.0471</b>	<b>1.2337</b>
<b>Volatility Forecasts</b>												
GRU	0.2331	0.0507	0.6244	0.1188	0.0599	0.6384	0.4181	0.1049	1.1047	1.9152	0.2418	0.9816
TST	0.2330	<u>0.0483</u>	0.5578	0.1109	<u>0.0559</u>	<b>0.6046</b>	<u>0.3974</u>	<u>0.0894</u>	0.7063	1.7047	0.2133	0.8463
FAST	0.2332	0.0485	0.5595	0.1244	0.0605	0.6338	0.4688	0.0990	0.7521	1.9993	0.2316	0.7935
MTGNN	<u>0.2011</u>	0.0529	0.6206	<u>0.1077</u>	0.0565	0.6178	0.4122	0.0919	0.7488	<u>1.5066</u>	<u>0.2023</u>	<u>0.7860</u>
DYGAP	0.2224	0.0497	<b>0.5475</b>	0.1234	0.0606	0.6359	0.4542	0.0928	<u>0.7028</u>	2.0003	0.2410	0.8589
EVOLVEGCN-H	0.2331	0.0485	0.5602	0.1253	0.0619	0.6470	0.4688	0.1012	0.7670	2.0097	0.2547	0.8832
EVOLVEGCN-O	0.2328	0.0491	0.5831	0.1246	0.0607	0.6370	0.4656	0.1010	0.7646	1.9970	0.2419	0.8616
DYNAMIX	<b>0.1491</b>	<b>0.0410</b>	<u>0.5483</u>	<b>0.0870</b>	<b>0.0510</b>	<u>0.6086</u>	<b>0.3284</b>	<b>0.0763</b>	<b>0.7011</b>	<b>1.2956</b>	<b>0.1667</b>	<b>0.7227</b>
<b>Correlation Forecasts</b>												
GRU	0.5361	0.4671	1.5484	0.5163	0.4425	<u>1.4072</u>	0.5341	0.4600	<u>1.4455</u>	0.5180	0.4416	<u>1.4193</u>
TST	0.5145	0.4498	1.4646	0.5069	0.4400	1.4802	0.5235	0.4540	1.4553	0.5099	0.4374	1.4661
FAST	<u>0.5087</u>	<u>0.4414</u>	<u>1.3395</u>	0.5099	0.4394	1.4239	0.5246	0.4546	1.4533	0.5112	0.4380	1.4374
MTGNN	0.5215	0.4558	1.5012	0.5167	0.4438	1.4078	0.5288	0.4576	1.4505	0.5268	0.4398	1.5195
DYGAP	0.5415	0.4562	1.4074	0.5074	<u>0.4362</u>	1.4192	<u>0.5125</u>	<u>0.4443</u>	<u>1.4460</u>	0.5060	<u>0.4346</u>	1.4738
EVOLVEGCN-H	0.5104	0.4448	1.3996	<u>0.5058</u>	0.4390	1.4681	0.5192	0.4520	1.4842	0.5270	0.4426	1.5217
EVOLVEGCN-O	0.5118	0.4466	1.4194	0.5064	0.4390	1.4564	0.5228	0.4536	1.4592	<u>0.5033</u>	0.4348	1.5197
DYNAMIX	<b>0.4272</b>	<b>0.3551</b>	<b>1.0844</b>	<b>0.4515</b>	<b>0.3810</b>	<b>1.2256</b>	<b>0.4898</b>	<b>0.4173</b>	<b>1.3042</b>	<b>0.4848</b>	<b>0.4095</b>	<b>1.3461</b>

- **Means:** Diff. between DynMIX and baselines clearer for larger BE datasets
- **Volatilities, correlations, events:** Harder tasks. Diff. between DynMIX and baselines even clearer

## Forecast events (NDCG)

	IN-NY	IN-NA	BE-NY	BE-NA
GRU	0.5909	0.3336	<u>0.3091</u>	<u>0.2336</u>
TST	0.5705	0.3513	0.2870	0.2179
FAST	0.6106	0.3549	0.3074	0.2246
MTGNN	0.5907	<b>0.3710</b>	0.2911	0.2317
DYGAP	<u>0.6113</u>	0.3485	0.3069	0.2126
EVOLVEGCN-H	0.4757	0.2743	0.2136	0.1542
EVOLVEGCN-O	0.5717	0.3512	0.2904	0.2193
DYNAMIX	<b>0.6182</b>	<u>0.3626</u>	<b>0.3163</b>	<b>0.2474</b>

# Ablation Study

	RMSE	MAE	SMAPE
<b>Mean Forecasts</b>			
w/o. dynamic SSL	0.0579	0.0124	1.1719
w/o dynamic var. target	0.0569	0.0121	1.1782
R=50%	0.0558	0.0121	1.1789
w/o. time vect.	0.0562	0.0121	1.1759
<b>DynMIX</b>	<b>0.0539</b>	<b>0.0111</b>	<b>1.1693</b>
<b>Volatility Forecasts</b>			
w/o. dynamic SSL	0.1527	0.0422	0.5544
w/o dynamic var. target	0.1511	0.0420	0.5532
R=50%	0.1501	0.0415	0.5503
w/o. time vect.	0.1495	0.0419	0.5586
<b>DynMIX</b>	<b>0.1491</b>	<b>0.0410</b>	<b>0.5483</b>
<b>Correlation Forecasts</b>			
w/o. dynamic SSL	0.4973	0.4302	1.3785
w/o dynamic var. target	0.4399	0.3685	1.1225
R=50%	0.4304	0.3590	1.0983
w/o. time vect.	0.4280	0.3562	1.0948
<b>DynMIX</b>	<b>0.4272</b>	<b>0.3551</b>	<b>1.0844</b>
<b>NDCG</b>			
<b>Event Forecasts</b>			
w/o. dynamic SSL	0.6059		
w/o dynamic var. target	0.5617		
R=50%	0.5565		
w/o. time vect.	0.5861		
<b>DynMIX</b>	<b>0.6182</b>		

- Greatest drop in performance when
  - No dynamic SSL, or
  - No dynamic variance target (recall *cvar* and *tvar*)

# Applications

## Portfolio Allocation and Value-at-Risk

APP. HIGHER BETTER FOR  $\mathcal{R}$ ; LOWER BETTER FOR % BR.

	IN-NY		IN-NA	
	$\mathcal{R}$	% Br.	$\mathcal{R}$	% Br.
GRU	0.04	34.4%	<u>1.20</u>	<u>2.2%</u>
TST	0.05	22.8%	<u>0.32</u>	<u>2.2%</u>
FAST	0.03	15.6%	0.55	2.8%
MTGNN	<u>0.67</u>	<u>4.4%</u>	0.33	8.9%
DYGAP	0.41	6.7%	0.61	3.9%
EVOLVEGCN-H	0.01	13.9%	0.06	13.9%
EVOLVEGCN-O	0.06	15.6%	0.32	5.0%
DYNAMIX	<b>2.47</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>3.31</b>	<b>1.1%</b>

## Portfolio Allocation Optimization

- Forecasts as inputs into mean-variance risk min.

$$\max_{\mathbb{W}} (\mathbb{W}^T \mu - \lambda \mathbb{W}^T \Sigma \mathbb{W})$$

- Forecast of **means as  $\mu$** , forecast of **volatilities and correlations used to get  $\Sigma$** ;  $\lambda$  is degree of risk aversion
- Use **forecasts to get optimal allocation weights  $\mathbb{W}$**
- $E^{forecast}$  realized return of portfolio with forecast models;  $E^{naive}$  realized return of portfolio with historical mean and co-variance

$$\mathcal{R} = E^{forecast} / E^{naive}$$

## Value-at-Risk (Portfolio Risk)

- **10 day 95% VaR of \$1m** - means **5% probability of losses exceeding \$1m over 10 day horizon for portfolio of assets**
- VaR from forecasted volatilities and correlations
- Breach if actual realized loss > forecast VaR
- Percentage VaR breaches (% Br.), i.e. percentage of losses in testing set that led to VaR breaches

The background of the slide is a complex network graph pattern. It consists of numerous small, light blue circular nodes connected by thin, light blue lines, creating a dense, interconnected web of connections. The nodes are scattered across the entire slide, with a higher concentration in the upper half. The overall effect is a technical and data-oriented aesthetic.

## Representative Work III

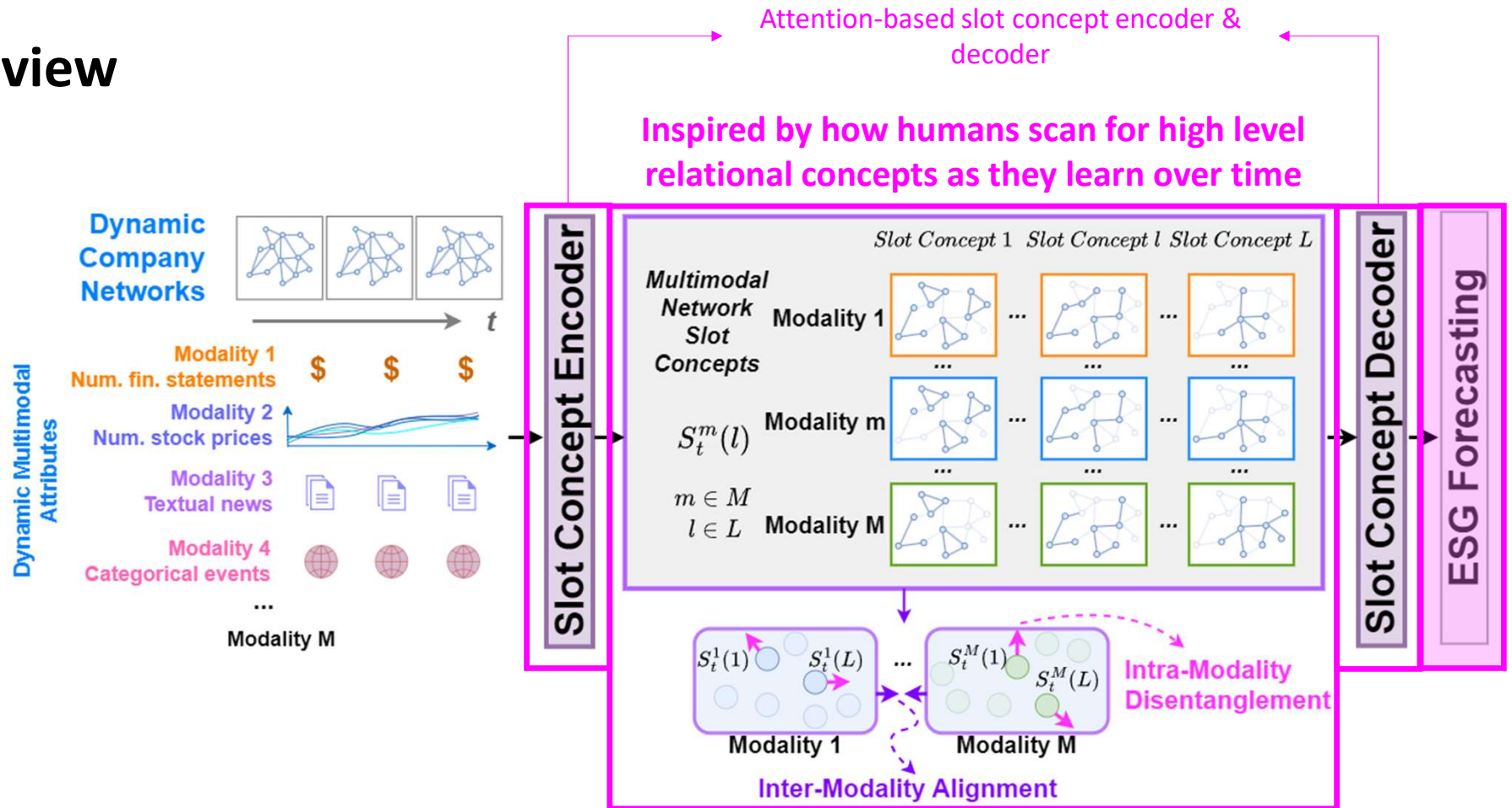
# DynScan - Modeling Dynamic Networks with Dynamic Multimodal Attributes

### **Dynamic Multimodal Slot Concept Attention-based Network (DynScan) model**

- *Learning Dynamic Multimodal Network Slot Concepts from the Web for Forecasting Environmental, Social and Governance Ratings, ACM TWEB, Submitted & Under Review*

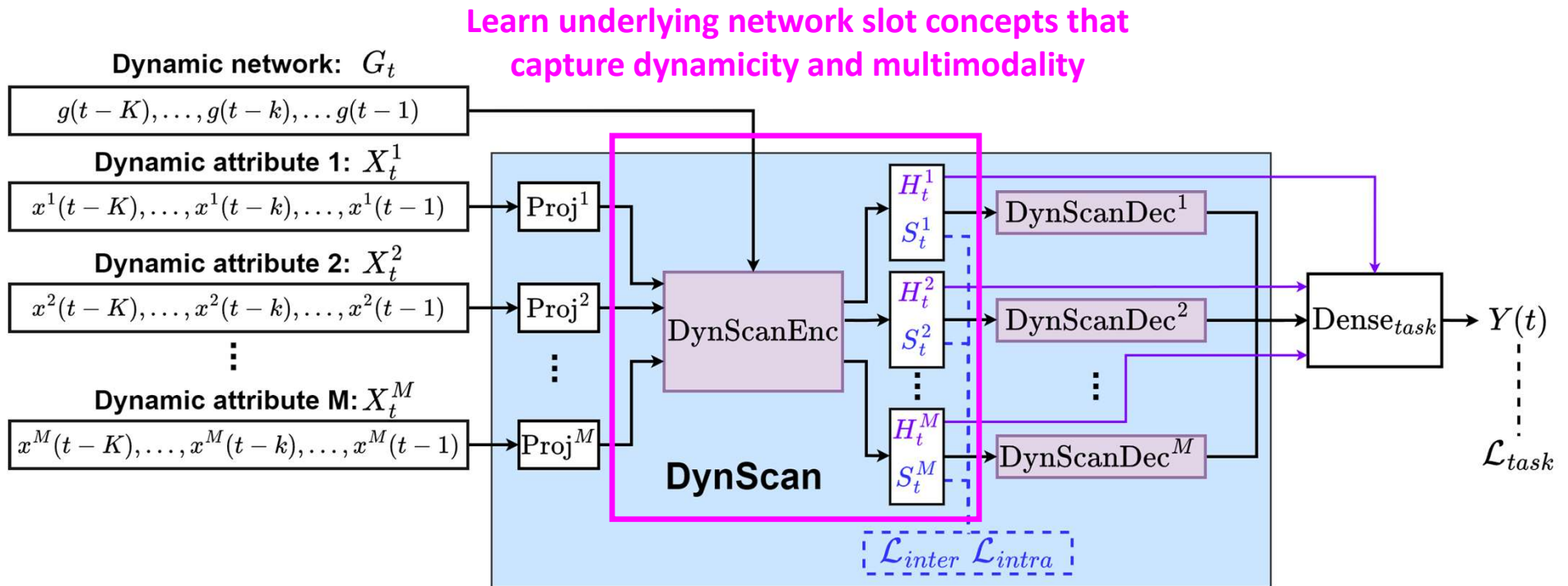


# Overview



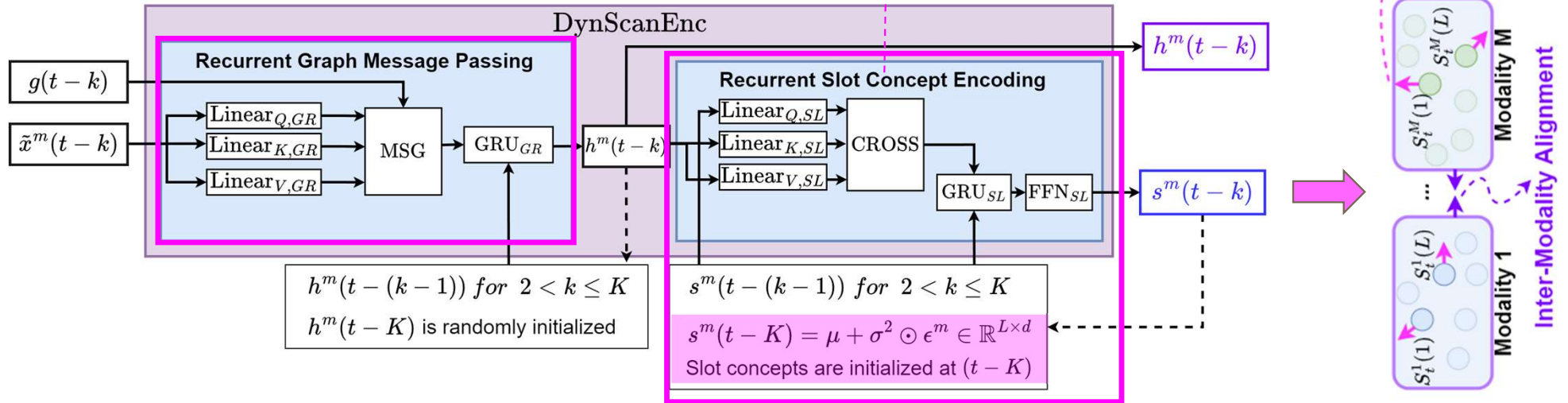
Concepts more resistant to noise and distributional shifts over time

# Overview



# Dynamic Multimodal Slot Concept Learning

Sequential encoding of both dynamic networks and dynamic attributes



Learn L slot concepts representing underlying dynamic multimodal network structures important for different prediction tasks

$L \ll |V|$  slot concepts represent underlying subgraphs

# Dynamic Multimodal Slot Concept Learning

## Inter-modality slot concept alignment

Maximize first and second order similarities of distributions – same slot across modalities should be similar

$$\mathcal{L}_{inter} = \sum_{(m,m') \in \mathcal{P}_m} \left( \frac{1}{|b-a|} \|\mathbb{E}(S_t^m[t-1]) - \mathbb{E}(S_t^{m'}[t-1])\|_2 + \frac{1}{|b-a|^2} \|\mathbb{C}(S_t^m[t-1]) - \mathbb{C}(S_t^{m'}[t-1])\|_2 \right)$$

where  $(m, m')$  are the modality pairs and  $C(x) = \mathbb{E}((x - \mathbb{E}(x))^2)$

## Intra-modality slot concept disentanglement

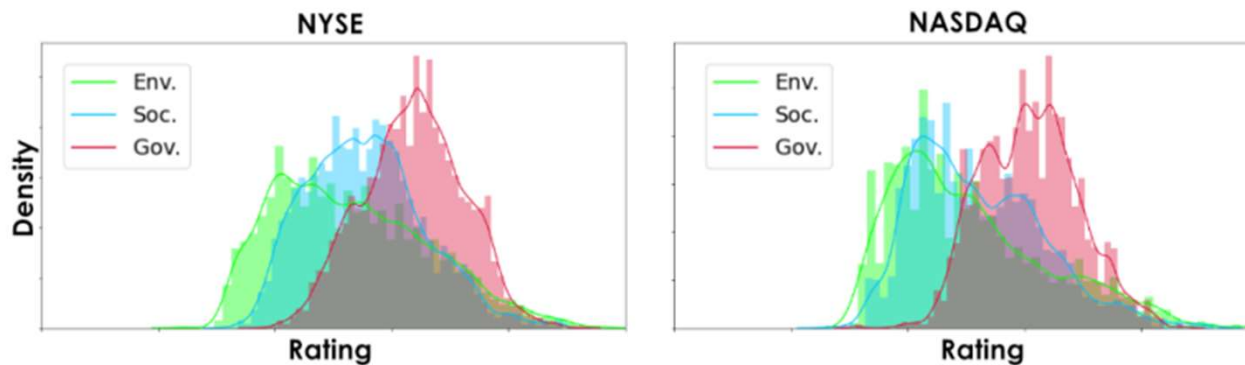
Minimize off-diagonals of covariances – different slots in one modality should be different

$$\mathcal{L}_{intra} = \text{scale} \left( \sum_{m \in [1, M]} \sum_{v_i \neq v_j} [\text{COV}^m]_{v_i, v_j}^2 \right)$$

where  $\text{COV}^m = \frac{1}{|L|-1} \sum_{l \in L} (s^m[t-1](l) - \bar{s}^m[t-1])(s^m[t-1](l) - \bar{s}^m[t-1])^\top$

# Datasets

- Dynamic networks: Global Database of Events, Language and Tone (GDELT) Global Knowledge Graphs (GKG)
- Dynamic multimodal attributes: Time series of stock price, news articles, and events
- **ESG ratings from Sustainalytics of NYSE (NY) and NASDAQ (NA) companies**



ESG Rating Distributions for NYSE (NY) and NASDAQ (NA) Companies.

# Experiments

## Selected Results

### NY (NYSE)

	Env.			Soc.			Gov.		
	RMSE	MAE	SMAPE	RMSE	MAE	SMAPE	RMSE	MAE	SMAPE
XGBoost	15.548	12.311	23.1%	11.628	9.191	16.9%	10.331	8.292	13.2%
TST	15.023	11.666	22.8%	13.331	10.511	20.4%	14.512	12.223	21.0%
FAST	13.316	10.954	21.0%	10.514	8.626	16.1%	10.385	8.807	13.1%
GRU-GATv2	13.033	10.547	20.0%	9.826	7.801	14.4%	8.714	7.022	11.4%
EvolveGCN-H	22.945	17.512	39.5%	22.764	16.799	37.9%	25.048	18.142	37.1%
EvolveGCN-O	23.207	17.672	40.4%	22.822	16.827	38.9%	25.586	18.251	37.1%
DySAT	13.299	10.575	20.0%	10.004	7.937	14.6%	8.813	7.193	11.7%
DynMix	<u>12.769</u>	<u>10.426</u>	<u>19.7%</u>	<u>9.583</u>	<u>7.739</u>	<u>14.3%</u>	<u>8.442</u>	<u>6.864</u>	<u>11.2%</u>
DynScan	<b>11.733</b>	<b>9.463</b>	<b>18.0%</b>	<b>8.989</b>	<b>7.182</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>8.136</b>	<b>6.618</b>	<b>10.7%</b>

- Difference between DynScan and baselines larger for Env./Soc. ratings
- Env. and Soc. ratings forecasting tasks generally harder
  - Gov. issues studied for a longer period, may be more stable and predictable
- Network information useful, but how it is captured important
  - DynMix closest. Among other baselines, GRU-GATv2, DySAT perform well, but not EvolveGCN
- Similar observations for companies on NASDAQ

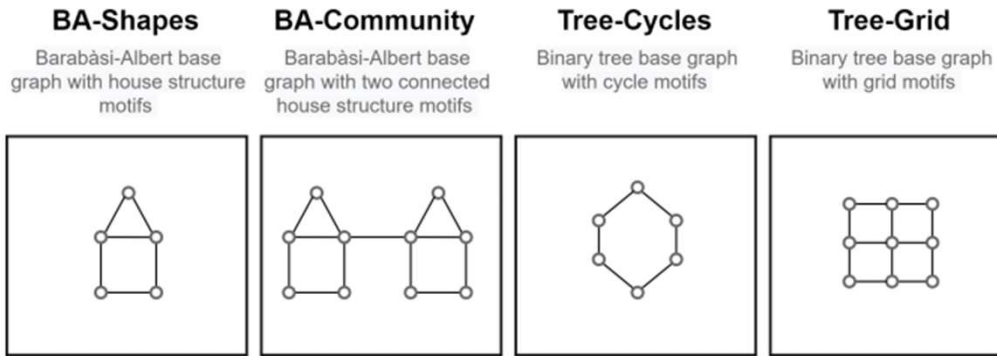
# Ablation Study

	NY			NA		
	RMSE	MAE	SMAPE	RMSE	MAE	SMAPE
<b>Env.</b>						
w/o. graph encoding	13.614	10.640	20.2%	12.476	9.732	19.1%
w/o. $\mathcal{L}_{inter}$	11.866	9.719	18.5%	11.382	8.904	17.5%
w/o. $\mathcal{L}_{intra}$	11.747	9.546	18.2%	11.314	<u>8.784</u>	17.3%
L=3	11.761	9.466	18.0%	<b>11.209</b>	8.786	<u>17.2%</u>
L=20	<b>11.727</b>	<u>9.414</u>	<u>17.9%</u>	11.291	8.850	17.5%
L=50	11.740	<b>9.352</b>	<b>17.8%</b>	11.254	8.804	<u>17.2%</u>
<b>DynScan</b>	<u>11.733</u>	9.463	18.0%	<u>11.239</u>	<b>8.668</b>	<b>17.1%</b>
<b>Soc.</b>						
w/o. graph encoding	9.871	7.856	14.5%	10.184	8.097	15.8%
w/o. $\mathcal{L}_{inter}$	<u>9.025</u>	<u>7.196</u>	13.3%	9.574	7.614	<u>14.8%</u>
w/o. $\mathcal{L}_{intra}$	9.150	7.316	13.5%	9.584	7.634	14.9%
L=3	9.070	7.262	13.4%	9.554	7.582	<u>14.8%</u>
L=20	9.153	7.349	13.6%	<b>9.399</b>	<u>7.494</u>	<b>14.6%</b>
L=50	9.064	7.300	13.4%	<u>9.498</u>	7.596	<u>14.8%</u>
<b>DynScan</b>	<b>8.989</b>	<b>7.182</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	9.536	<b>7.484</b>	<b>14.6%</b>
<b>Gov.</b>						
w/o. graph encoding	9.592	7.713	12.6%	9.033	7.318	12.3%
w/o. $\mathcal{L}_{inter}$	8.191	6.646	10.8%	8.032	6.672	11.3%
w/o. $\mathcal{L}_{intra}$	8.332	6.815	11.1%	7.961	6.580	11.1%
L=3	<b>8.081</b>	<b>6.565</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<u>7.921</u>	6.523	<u>11.0%</u>
L=20	8.142	<u>6.614</u>	<u>10.7%</u>	7.943	<u>6.492</u>	<u>11.0%</u>
L=50	8.409	6.823	11.0%	<b>7.831</b>	6.539	11.1%
<b>DynScan</b>	<u>8.136</u>	6.618	<u>10.7%</u>	<b>7.831</b>	<b>6.451</b>	<b>10.9%</b>

- Graph encoding important
- Slot concept alignment and disentanglement important
- Performance varies for different number of slot concepts

# Interpretability

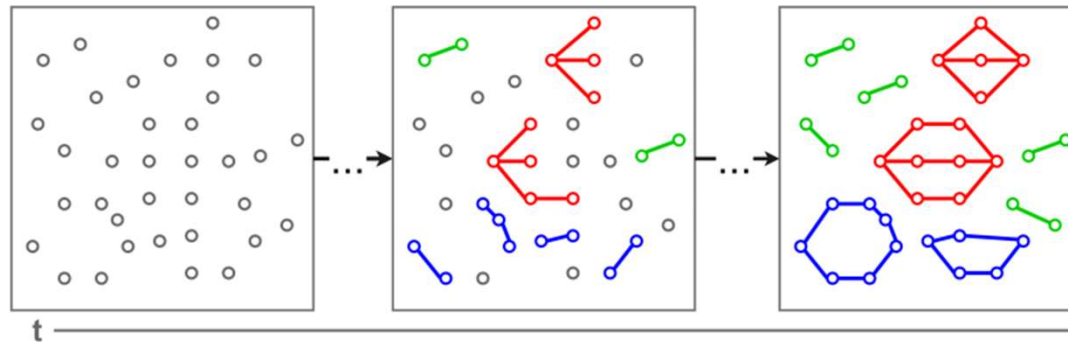
## Synthetic Static Network Datasets



- E.g., for BA-Shapes there are 4 motifs – part of
- base graph (label 0)
  - middle of house (label 1)
  - bottom of house (label 2)
  - top of house (label 3)



## Synthetic Dynamic Network Dataset



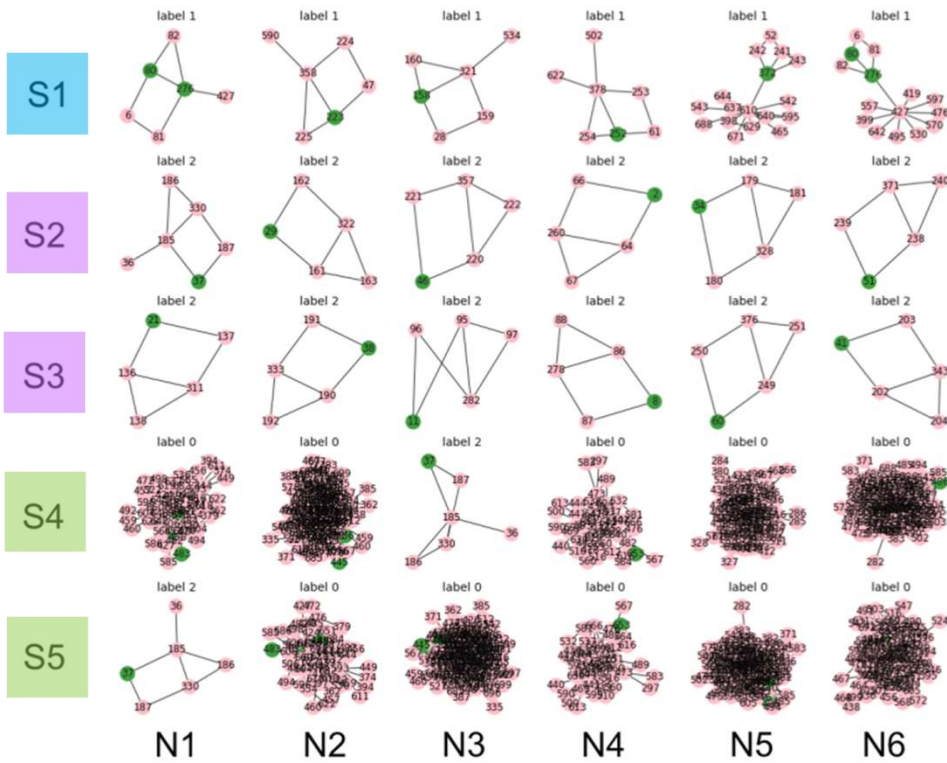
3 motifs – base, circular, flow



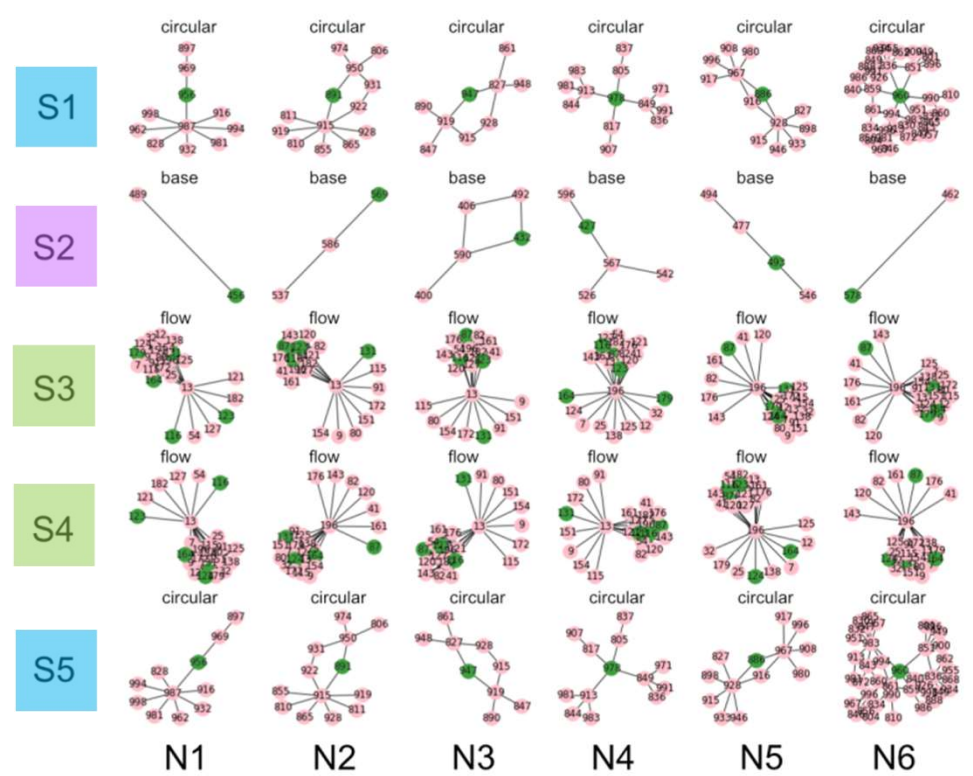
# Interpretability

Selected Results

### Static BA-Shapes Network



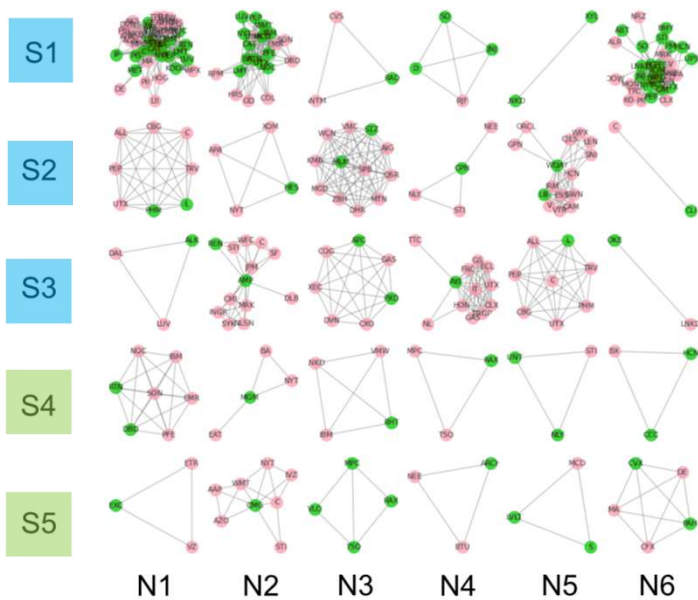
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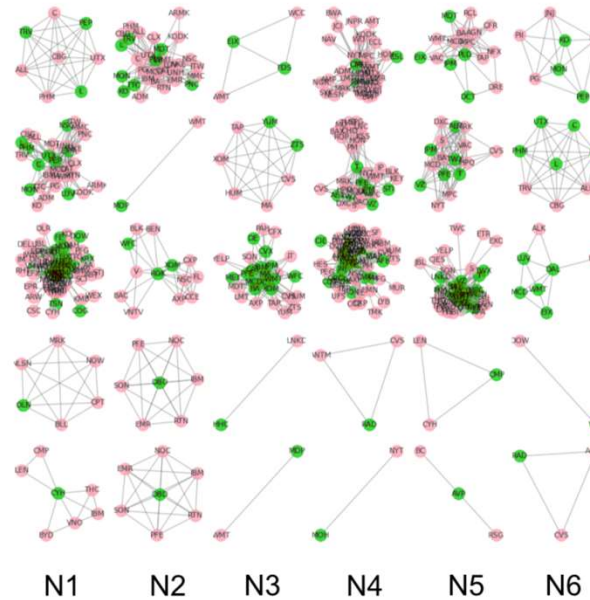
# Interpretability

## Selected Results

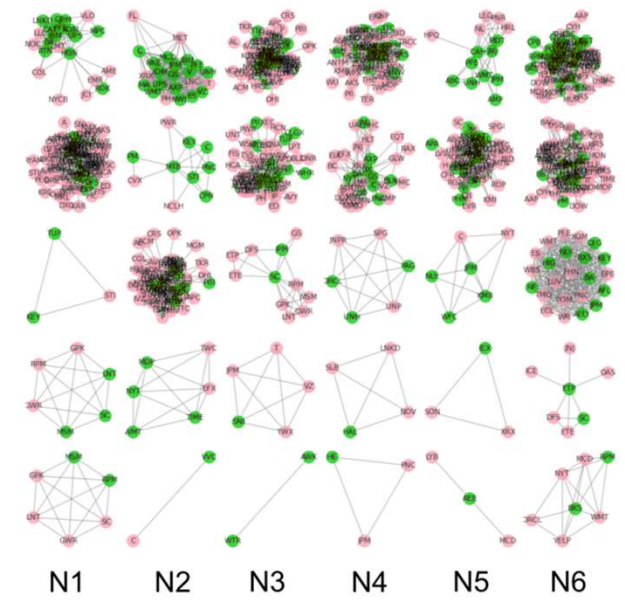
NY-Env



NY-Soc



NY-Gov



- S1, S2, S3 focus on nodes in complex and densely inter-connected network patterns, S4 and S5 focus on nodes in relatively simpler network patterns

## Conclusion

- Intersection of multiple research areas - learning ***dynamic multimodal networks*** involves ***time-series, multimodal, and network learning***
  - Showed that effective learning of dynamic multimodal networks important for real world tasks
- Challenging due to ***heterogeneity*** and ***dynamic nature*** of information
  - Research across three parts addressed key challenges, proposed ***nine models***
  - Collected ***24 distinct datasets*** for experiments as dynamic multimodal network datasets not common
  - Experiments focused on ***important HCI, financial, sustainability domains***, but proposed models can be applied to other tasks and domains (e.g., DynScan on different synthetic datasets)
- ***Interpretability*** of models challenging due to ***diversity of information***, but important to understand model predictions for the same reason
  - MAAN, EMAAN, HAMP, AHAMP, and DynScan models designed for interpretability

## Future Research

- Additional dynamic multimodal network **datasets**
  - Many possibilities, e.g., creative, social media datasets
- Learning dynamic multimodal networks for **tasks** in other domains
  - Generative or predictive tasks in creative (3D, video), economic (micro- & macro-economic), social media domains
- **Interpretability** of dynamic multimodal network models
  - E.g., model agnostic methods such as counterfactuals for what-if analysis