# **Graph Representation Learning for Drug Discovery**

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# **The Process of Drug Discovery**

- A very long and costly process
  - On average takes more than 10 years and \$2.5B to get a drug approved



#### **Molecules }** The state (Ž× $\neg \bigcirc$ $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$ 0-4 \$ \_\_\_\_{ $\mathcal{P}$ $\int$ $\sim \sim \sim$

#### **Research Problems**



# **Molecule Properties Prediction**

- Predicting the properties of molecules or compounds is a fundamental problem in drug discovery
  - E.g., in the stage of virtual screening
- Each molecule is represented as a graph
- The fundamental problem: how to represent a whole molecule (graph)



# **Graph Neural Networks**

- Techniques for learning node/graph representations
  - Graph convolutional Networks (Kipf et al. 2016)
  - Graph attention networks (Veličković et al. 2017)
- Neural Message Passing (Gilmer et al. 2017)

**MESSAGE PASSING:**  $M_k(h_v^k, h_w^k, e_{vw})$ 

**AGGREGATE**:  $m_v^{k+1} = \text{AGGREGATE}\{M_k(h_v^k, h_w^k, e_{vw}): w \in N(v)\}$ 

**COMBINE**:  $h_v^{k+1} = \text{COMBINE}(h_v^k, m_v^{k+1})$ 

**READOUT:**  $g = \text{READOUT}\{h_v^K : v \in G\}$ 



#### InfoGraph: Unsupervised and Semi-supervised Whole-Graph Representation Learning (Sun et al. ICLR'20)

- For supervised methods based on graph neural networks, a large number of labeled data are required for training
- The number of labeled data are very limited in drug discovery
  - A large amount of unlabeled data (molecules) are available
- This work: how to effectively learn whole graph representations in unsupervised or semi-supervised fashion

Fanyun Sun, Jordan Hoffman, Vikas Verma and Jian Tang. InfoGraph: Unsupervised and Semi-supervised Graph-Level Representation Learning via Mutual Information Maximization. ICLR'20.

#### InfoGraph: Unsupervised Whole-Graph Representation Learning (Sun et al. ICLR'20)

- Maximizing the **mutual information** between the whole graph representation  $H_{\varphi}(G)$  and all the sub-structure representation  $h_{\varphi}^{i}$ .
  - Ensure the graph representation capture the predominant information among all the substructures
- K-layer graph neural networks:

 $h_{v}^{(k)} = \text{COMBINE}^{(k)} h_{v}^{(k-1)}, \text{AGGREGATE}^{(k)} h_{v}^{(k-1)}, h_{u}^{(k-1)}, e_{uv} : u 2 N(v)$ 

- Summarize the local structure information at every node *i*:  $h_{\varphi}^{i} = \text{CONCAT}(\{h_{i}^{(k)}\}_{k=1}^{K})$
- Summarize the information of the whole graph:

$$H_{\varphi}(G) = \text{READOUT}(\{h_{\varphi}^{i}\}_{i=1}^{N})$$

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# **InfoGraph: Unsupervised Whole-Graph Representation Learning**

• Maximizing the **mutual information** between the whole graph representation  $H_{\varphi}(G)$  and all the sub-structure representation  $\vec{h}_{\phi}^{u}$ 

$$\hat{\phi}, \hat{\psi} = \operatorname*{arg\,max}_{\phi,\psi} \sum_{G \in \mathbf{G}} \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{u \in G} I_{\phi,\psi}(\vec{h}_{\phi}^{u}; H_{\phi}(G)).$$

• We use the Jensen-Shannon MI estimator:

 $I_{\phi,\psi}(h^i_{\phi}(G);H_{\phi}(G)):=$ 

 $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}}[-\operatorname{sp}(-T_{\phi,\psi}(\vec{h}^{i}_{\phi}(x),H_{\phi}(x)))] - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}\times\tilde{\mathbb{P}}}[\operatorname{sp}(T_{\phi,\psi}(\vec{h}^{i}_{\phi}(x'),G_{\phi}(x)))]$ 

• Where x is an input sample, x' is a negative graph sample,  $sp(z) = log(1 + e^z)$ , T(,) is a neural network



# **InfoGraph\*: Semi-supervised Graph Representation Learning**

- Two objective functions:
  - Supervised loss
  - Unsupervised loss
- Simply combining the two objectives using the same encoder may lead to "negative transfer"
  - The two objectives may favor different information

$$L_{\text{total}} = \sum_{i=1}^{|\mathbb{G}^{L}|} L_{\text{supervised}}(y_{\phi}(G_{i}), o_{i}) + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^{|\mathbb{G}^{L}| + |\mathbb{G}^{U}|} L_{\text{unsupervised}}(h_{\phi}(G_{j}); H_{\phi}(G_{j}))$$

# **InfoGraph\*: Semi-supervised Graph Representation Learning**

- Two different encoders for the supervised and unsupervised tasks
- Maximize the mutual information of the representations learned by the two encoders at all levels (or layers)



# **Results on Graph Classification and Regression**

OMR

 $39.55 \pm 0.22$ 

 $41.01\pm0.17$ 

 $46.06\pm0.21$ 

 $41.27 \pm 0.18$ 

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 $50.68 \pm 0.26$ 

 $55.60 \pm 0.22$ 

 $65.87 \pm 0.98$ 

 $72.30 \pm 3.44$ 

 $66.96 \pm 0.56$ 

 $66.55 \pm 0.25$ 

 $34.65\pm0.19$ 

 $37.99 \pm 0.30$ 

 $43.89 \pm 0.38$ 

 $46.95\pm0.46$ 

 $44.55\pm0.52$ 

 $41.17\pm0.03$ 

| Dataset           | MUTAG | PTC-MR | RDT-B  | RDT-M5K | IMDB-B | IMDB-M |
|-------------------|-------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| (No. Graphs)      | 188   | 344    | 2000   | 4999    | 1000   | 1500   |
| (No. classes)     | 2     | 2      | 2      | 5       | 2      | 3      |
| (Avg. Graph Size) | 17.93 | 14.29  | 429.63 | 508.52  | 19.77  | 13.00  |

Graph Kernels

OMR

 $64.11 \pm 0.14$ 

 $77.34 \pm 0.18$ 

 $68.82\pm0.41$ 

 $78.04 \pm 0.39$ 

RW [14]

GK 55

WL 54

DGK 68

MLG 28

SP 3

 $83.72 \pm 1.50$ 

 $85.22 \pm 2.43$ 

 $81.66 \pm 2.11$ 

 $80.72\pm3.00$ 

 $87.44 \pm 2.72$ 

 $87.94 \pm 1.61$ 

 $57.85 \pm 1.30$ 

 $58.24 \pm 2.44$ 

 $57.26 \pm 1.41$ 

 $57.97 \pm 0.49$ 

 $60.08 \pm 2.55$ 

 $\mathbf{63.26} \pm \mathbf{1.48}$ 

Table 1: Graph classification accuracy with unsupervised methods

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 Other Unsupervised Methods

| node2vec 17  | $72.63 \pm 10.20$ | $58.58 \pm 8.00$ | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| sub2vec 🚹    | $61.05 \pm 15.80$ | $59.99 \pm 6.38$ | $71.48 \pm 0.41$ | $36.68 \pm 0.42$ | $55.26 \pm 1.54$ | $36.67 \pm 0.83$ |
| graph2vec 38 | $83.15 \pm 9.25$  | $60.17 \pm 6.86$ | $75.78 \pm 1.03$ | $47.86 \pm 0.26$ | $71.1 \pm 0.54$  | $50.44 \pm 0.87$ |
| InfoGraph    | $89.01 \pm 1.13$  | $61.65 \pm 1.43$ | $82.50 \pm 1.42$ | $53.46 \pm 1.03$ | $73.03 \pm 0.87$ | $49.69 \pm 0.53$ |

| Target          | Mu (0) | Alpha (1) | HOMO (2) | LUMO (3) | Gap (4) | R2 (5)      | ZPVE(6) | U0 (7) | U (8)  | H (9)  | G(10)  | Cv (11) |
|-----------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|-------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| MAE             | 0.3201 | 0.5792    | 0.0060   | 0.0062   | 0.0091  | 10.0469     | 0.0007  | 0.3204 | 0.2934 | 0.2722 | 0.2948 | 0.2368  |
|                 |        |           |          |          |         |             |         |        |        |        |        |         |
| Semi-Supervised |        |           |          |          |         | Error Ratio | )       |        |        |        |        |         |
| Mean-Teachers   | 1.09   | 1.00      | 0.99     | 1.00     | 0.97    | 0.52        | 0.77    | 1.16   | 0.93   | 0.79   | 0.86   | 0.86    |
| InfoGraph       | 1.02   | 0.97      | 1.02     | 0.99     | 1.01    | 0.71        | 0.96    | 0.85   | 0.93   | 0.93   | 0.99   | 1.00    |
| InfoGraph*      | 0.99   | 0.94      | 0.99     | 0.99     | 0.98    | 0.49        | 0.52    | 0.44   | 0.58   | 0.57   | 0.54   | 0.83    |

Table 2: Results of semi-supervised experiments on QM9 data set.

#### **Research Problems**



#### **Molecule Generation and Optimization**

#### • Deep generative models for data generation



Image generation (by StyleGAN, From Internet)



Text generated by by GPT-2 Examples from Internet



Graphs?

#### **GraphAF: an Autoregressive Flow for Molecular Graph Generation (Shi & Xu ICLR'20)**

- Formulate graph generation as a sequential decision process
  - In each step, generate a new atom
  - Determine the bonds between the new atoms and existing atoms



Chence Shi, Minkai Xu, Zhaocheng Zhu, Weinan Zhang, Ming Zhang, and Jian Tang. "GraphAF: a Flow-based Autoregressive Model for Molecular Graph Generation." ICLR'20.

# Normalizing Flows (Dinh et al. 2016)

• Defines an invertible mapping from a base distribution (e.g. Gaussian Distribution) to observation space  $f: z \to x$ 



Change-of-Variables

$$p_{\chi}(x) = p_{Z}\left(f_{\theta}^{-1}(x)\right) \left| \det \frac{\partial f_{\theta}^{-1}(x)}{\partial x} \right|$$

**Density estimation using Real NVP** (2016)

# **GraphAF: an Autoregressive Flow for Molecular Graph Generation**

- Traverse a graph through BFS-order
  - Transform each graph into a sequence of nodes and edges
- Defines an invertible mapping from a base distribution (Gaussian distribution) to the observations (graph nodes and edge sequences)





# **Advantages of GraphAF**

- Strong capacity for data density modeling
  - Thanks to normalizing flow-based framework
- Training (from z to  $\epsilon$ ): parallel
  - Efficient training process
- Sampling (from  $\epsilon$  to z): sequential
  - Effectively capture the graph structure
  - Feasible to incorporate chemical rules



(b) Autoregressive Flow

#### **Molecule Generation**

- Training Data: ZINC250K
  - 250K drug-like molecules with a maximum atom number of 38
  - 9 atom types and 3 edge types

| Method   | Validity | Validity w/o check | Uniqueness                 | Novelty            | Reconstruction |   |
|----------|----------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---|
| JT-VAE   | 100%     |                    | $100\%^{\ddagger}$         | $100\%^{\ddagger}$ | 76.7%          |   |
| GCPN     | 100%     | 20%+               | <b>99.97%</b> <sup>‡</sup> | 100%*-             |                | · |
| MRNN     | 100%     | 65%                | 99.89%                     | 100%               |                |   |
| GraphNVP | 42.60%   |                    | 94.80%                     | 100%               | 100%           |   |
| GraphAF  | 100%     | 68%                | 99.10%                     | 100%               | 100%           |   |

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# **Goal-Directed Molecule Generation with Reinforcement Learning**

- Fine tune the generation policy with reinforcement learning to optimize the properties of generated molecules
- State: current subgraph *G<sub>i</sub>*
- Action: generating a new atom (i.e.  $p(X_i|G_i)$ ) or a new edge  $(p(A_{ij}|G_i, X_i, A_{i,1:j-1})).$
- **Reward Design**: the properties of molecules (final reward) and chemical validity (intermediate and final reward)

### **Molecule Optimization**

- Properties
  - Penalized logP
  - QED (druglikeness)

| Method                                  | Penalized logP |       |       |          | QED   |       |       |          |  |
|---|----------------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|-------|----------|--|
| Method                                  | 1st            | 2nd   | 3rd   | Validity | 1st   | 2nd   | 3rd   | Validity |  |
| ZINC (Dataset)                          | 4.52           | 4.30  | 4.23  | 100.0%   | 0.948 | 0.948 | 0.948 | 100.0%   |  |
| JT-VAE (Jin et al., 2018)               | 5.30           | 4.93  | 4.49  | 100.0%   | 0.925 | 0.911 | 0.910 | 100.0%   |  |
| GCPN (You et al., 2018a)                | 7.98           | 7.85  | 7.80  | 100.0%   | 0.948 | 0.947 | 0.946 | 100.0%   |  |
| MRNN <sup>1</sup> (Popova et al., 2019) | 8.63           | 6.08  | 4.73  | 100.0%   | 0.844 | 0.796 | 0.736 | 100.0%   |  |
| GraphAF                                 | 12.23          | 11.29 | 11.05 | 100.0%   | 0.948 | 0.948 | 0.947 | 100.0%   |  |



#### **Constrained Optimization**





-14.32 3.58 (c) Constrained optimization

#### **Research Problems**



## **Retrosynthesis Prediction**

- Once a molecular structure is designed, how to synthesize it?
- Retrosynthesis planning/prediction
  - Identify a set of reactants to synthesize a target molecule



# A Graph to Graphs Framework for Retrosynthesis Prediction (Shi et al. 2020)

- Each molecule is represented as a molecular graph
- Formulate the problem as a graph (product molecule) to a set of graphs (reactants)
- The whole framework are divided into two stages
  - Reaction center identification
  - Graph Translation

Chence Shi, Minkai Xu, Hongyu Guo, Ming Zhang and Jian Tang. A Graph to Graphs Framework for Retrosynthesis Prediction. ICML, 2020.

#### The G2Gs Framework (Shi et al. 2020)



Shi et al., 2020, A Graph to Graphs Framework for Retrosynthesis Prediction

#### **Reaction Center Prediction**

- An atom pair (*i*, *j*) is a reaction center if:
  - There is a bond between atom *i* and atom *j* in product
  - There is no bond between atom *i* and atom *j* in reactants
- A supervised classification problem
  - Encode each edge with a graph neural network



## **Graph Translation**

- Translate the incomplete synthon to the final reactant
- A variational graph to graph framework
  - A latent variable z is introduced to capture the uncertainty during translation



# **Experiments**

- Experiment Setup
  - Benchmark data set USPTO-50K, containing 50k atom-mapped reactions
  - Evaluation metrics: top-k exact match (based on canonical SMILES) accuracy

Table 1. Top-k exact match accuracy when reaction class is given. Results of all baselines are directly taken from (Dai et al., 2019).

Table 2. Top-k exact match accuracy when reaction class is unknown. Results of all baselines are taken from (Dai et al., 2019).

| Methods                      | Top- $k$ accuracy %         |                             |                             | Methods                     | Top- $k$ accuracy %          |                             |                             |                             |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                              | 1                           | 3                           | 5                           | 10                          | Wethous                      | 1                           | 3                           | 5                           | 10                          |
|                              | Temp                        | plate-free                  |                             |                             |                              | Temp                        | late-free                   |                             |                             |
| Seq2seq<br>G2Gs              | 37.4<br><b>61.0</b>         | 52.4<br><b>81.3</b>         | 57.0<br><b>86.0</b>         | 61.7<br><b>88.7</b>         | Transformer<br>G2Gs          | 37.9<br><b>48.9</b>         | 57.3<br><b>67.6</b>         | 62.7<br><b>72.5</b>         | /<br>75.5                   |
|                              | Template-based              |                             |                             |                             |                              | Templ                       | ate-based                   |                             |                             |
| Retrosim<br>Neuralsym<br>GLN | 52.9<br>55.3<br><b>64.2</b> | 73.8<br>76.0<br><b>79.1</b> | 81.2<br>81.4<br><b>85.2</b> | 88.1<br>85.1<br><b>90.0</b> | Retrosim<br>Neuralsym<br>GLN | 37.3<br>44.4<br><b>52.5</b> | 54.7<br>65.3<br><b>69.0</b> | 63.3<br>72.4<br><b>75.6</b> | 74.1<br>78.9<br><b>83.7</b> |

# **Going Beyond 2D Graphs: 3D Structures**

- A more natural and intrinsic representations of molecules: 3D conformations
  - Determines its biological and physical activities
  - E.g., charge distribution, steric constraints, and interaction with other molecules



#### **Conformation Prediction**

- For most molecules, their 3D structure are not available
- How to predict valid and stable conformations?
  - Each atom is represented as its 3D coordinates



# **Traditional Approaches**

- Experimental methods
  - Crystallography
  - Expensive and time consuming
- Computational methods
  - Molecular dynamics, Markov chain Monte Carlo
  - Very computational expensive, especially for large molecules

# **Machine Learning Approaches**

- Train a model to predict molecular conformations *R* given the molecular graph *G*, i.e., modeling p(*R*|*G*) (Mansimov et al. 2019, Simm and Hernandez-Lobato 2020)
- Challenges
  - Conformations are rotation and translation equivalent
  - The distribution  $p(\mathbf{R}|\mathcal{G})$  is multimodal and very complex



# **Our Solution (Xu et al. 2020)**

- A flexible generative model  $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{R}|\mathcal{G})$  based on normalizing flows
  - Treating pairwise distances *d* as intermediate variables
  - First generating the distance d based G, i. e.  $p_{\theta}(d|G)$
  - Generating conformations based on d and G, i.e.  $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{R}|\mathbf{d}, G)$

$$p_{\theta}(\boldsymbol{R}|\mathcal{G}) = \int p(\boldsymbol{R}|\boldsymbol{d},\mathcal{G}) \cdot p_{\theta}(\boldsymbol{d}|\mathcal{G}) \,\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{d}$$

• Further correct  $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{R}|\mathcal{G})$  with an energy-based tilting term  $E_{\phi}(\mathbf{R},\mathcal{G})$ 

$$p_{\sqrt{\varphi}}(R|G) / p_{\sqrt{R}}(R|G) \cdot \exp(-E_{\varphi}(R,G))$$

Minkai Xu\*, Shitong Luo\*, Yoshua Bengio, Jian Peng, Jian Tang. Learning Neural Generative Dynamics for Molecular Conformation Generation. In Submission.

#### **Distance Geometry Generation** $p_{a}(d|G)$

• Conditional Graph Continuous Flow (CGCF)

d

- Defines an invertible mapping between a base distribution and the pairwise atom distance d conditioning on the molecular graph G
- Defines the continuous dynamics of distance *d* with Neural Ordinary Differential Equations (ODEs):

$$F_{\mathcal{A}}(d(t_0), G) = d(t_0) + \sum_{t_0}^{Z} \sum_{t_1}^{t_1} f_{\mathcal{A}}(d(t), t; G) dt, \quad d(t_0) \leftarrow N(0, 1)$$

$$F_{\mathcal{A}}(d|G) = \int_{U} \int_{U}$$
#### **Conformation Prediction** $p(\mathbf{R}|\mathbf{d}, \mathcal{G})$

• Defines the distribution of conformation *R* given the molecular graph *G* and the pairwise atom distance *d* 

$$p(\boldsymbol{R}|\boldsymbol{d}, \mathcal{G}) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left\{-\sum_{e_{uv} \in \mathcal{E}} \alpha_{uv} \left(\|\boldsymbol{r}_u - \boldsymbol{r}_v\|_2 - d_{uv}\right)^2\right\}$$

• Trying to find the conformations R that satisfy the distance constraints



# **Energy-based Tilting Model**

• Further correct  $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{R}|\mathcal{G})$  with an energy-based tilting term  $E_{\phi}(\mathbf{R},\mathcal{G})$ 

$$p_{\checkmark,\varphi}(R|G) / p_{\checkmark}(R|G) \cdot \exp(-E_{\varphi}(R,G))$$

- Explicitly learn an energy function  $E_{\phi}(\mathbf{R}, \mathcal{G})$  with SchNet (Schütt et al. 2017)
  - Neural message passing in 3D space



# **Training Energy Model**

- Directly training EBMs with maximum likelihood is difficult
  - Involving a slow sampling process from the model distribution (e.g. with Langevin dynamics)
- Training EBMs with negative sampling
  - Treating observed conformations as positive examples
  - Generating negative conformations through the flow-based model  $p_{\theta}(\boldsymbol{R}|\mathcal{G})$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{nce}}(\boldsymbol{R}, \mathcal{G}; \phi) == -\mathbb{E}_{p_{\text{data}}} \left[ \log \frac{1}{1 + \exp(E_{\phi}(\boldsymbol{R}, \mathcal{G}))} \right] - \mathbb{E}_{p_{\theta}} \left[ \log \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-E_{\phi}(\boldsymbol{R}, \mathcal{G}))} \right]$$

## **The Final Sampling Process:**



### Examples

| Graph      | Conformations |               |                    |  |  |                   |  |   |  |             |
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# Medical Knowledge Graph Construction (Ongoing)

- >7M Entities, ~300M facts
  - Disease
  - Drug
  - Phenotype
  - Gene
  - Protein
  - Side effect
- Biomedical literature





## Drug Repurposing with Biomedical Knowledge Graphs (Ongoing)

- Drug repurposing: identifying effective drugs for a disease from existing approved list
- Predicting the links between diseases and drugs on biomedical knowledge graphs



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#### Summary

- Great potential of AI to drug discovery
  - Extracting evidence from a huge amount of biomedical data
- Many data in this domain are graph-structured
  - Molecules, biomedical knowledge graphs
- Great representation learning for drug discovery
  - Molecule properties prediction
  - De novo molecule design and optimization
  - Retrosynthesis prediction
  - Drug repurposing

#### **Future Directions**

- Going beyond from 2D graphs to 3D structures
- Drug Discovery with Limited Labeled Data
  - Active Learning
  - Self-supervised Learning
  - Multi-task/Transfer Learning
  - Few-shot Learning

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#### **GraphAF: an Autoregressive Flow for Molecular Graph Generation**

- G=(A, X), where A is the adjacency matrix, X is the atom type
- Dequantize a discrete graph G into continuous data

 $z_i^X = X_i + u, \ u \sim U[0,1)^d; \ z_{ij}^A = A_{ij} + u, \ u \sim U[0,1)^{b+1}$ 

• Define the conditional distributions as:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Node generation:} & p(z_i^X | G_i) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_i^X, (\alpha_i^X)^2), \\ & \text{where } \mu_i^X = g_{\mu^X}(G_i), \alpha_i^X = g_{\alpha^X}(G_i), \\ \text{Edge generation:} & p(z_{ij}^A | G_i, X_i, A_{i,1:j-1}) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_{ij}^A, (\alpha_{ij}^A)^2), \ j \in \{1, 2, \dots, i-1\}, \\ & \text{where } \mu_{ij}^A = g_{\mu^A}(G_i, X_i, A_{i,1:j-1}), \alpha_{ij}^A = g_{\alpha^A}(G_i, X_i, A_{i,1:j-1}) \\ \end{array}$$

**G**<sub>i</sub>: current graph substructure, encoded with graph neural networks