### Implicit Subgraph Neural Network

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### **Subgraph Representation Learning**



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#### **Challenges: Incorporating Subgraph Info**



 $S_1$  and  $S_3$  are  $\frac{n}{2}$  away in base graph but close in subgraph-level graph.

Subgraph relation can help!



## **Challenges: Long-range Dependencies**

**□** Subgraph can be disconnected.



**D** Subgraph can have large diameter.







## **Existing Works**

#### □ SubGNN<sup>1</sup>

- Hand-crafted subgraph channels (Neighbor, Structure, Position)
- X Poor performance

#### GLASS<sup>2</sup>

- Node labeling
- X Ignore subgraph-level structure

#### □ SSNP<sup>3</sup>

- Random walk sampling
- X Ignore subgraph-level structure

How to incorporate subgraph information to improve on existing approaches?



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## To This End ...

#### Goal

- Incorporate subgraph information
- Capture long-range dependencies

#### Our Contributions

- Label-aware hybrid graph
- Implicit subgraph model
- Efficient bilevel optimization for training



#### **Background: Graph Implicit Models**



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### **Problem Setup**

#### **Given**

- A Base Graph G
- Indices of subgraphs  $\{S_i\}_{i=1}^N$

#### D Do

• Subgraph Classification





## Subgraph-level Graph

We construct a subgraph channel that can help the model to distinguish subgraphs.



 $S_1$  and  $S_3$  should have the same embeddings considering unit feature.

Even with labeling trick, we cannot distinguish them

Idea: Add an asymmetric edge at the subgraph level



## **Hybrid Graph Construction**

- □ Get subgraph embeddings through pretraining
- **Connect subgraph nodes using embeddings and labels**



# **Implicit Subgraph Neural Network**

#### □ Implicit Models aim to find the fixed-point embeddings

• A straightforward way: directly using implicit models on the hybrid graph.



However, this approach is unstable.



### **Bilevel Formulation**

#### **Objective under bilevel optimization perspective**



#### where f is the implicit model from EIGNN<sup>1</sup>, which has form

$$f(\mathbf{Z}, \hat{G}; \xi, \mathbf{W}) = \alpha \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Z} h(\mathbf{W}) + \psi_{\xi}(\hat{\mathbf{X}})$$
$$h(\mathbf{W}) = \frac{\mathbf{W}^{T} \mathbf{W}}{\|\mathbf{W}\| \|\mathbf{W}\| + e_{h}}$$

We propose a bilevel optimization algorithm that solve this objective *efficiently*.

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## **Bilevel Optimization Algorithm**

**D** The first-order bilevel algorithm for implicit models



The algorithm has smaller gradient oracle calls and provable convergence guarantee.



# Outline

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#### Setup

#### Data

Dataset	#Nodes	#Edges	#Subgraphs	#Labels/Classes
PPI-BP	17,080	316,591	1,591	6
<b>HPO-METAB</b>	14,587	3,238,174	2,400	6
<b>HPO-NEURO</b>	14,587	3,238,174	4,000	10
<b>EM-USER</b>	57,333	4,573,417	324	2

#### **D** Tasks

• Subgraph classification

#### **D** Evaluation

- <u>AUROC</u>
- <u>Micro-F1</u>



#### **Result in Micro-F1**

Method	PPI-BP	HPO-METAB	<b>HPO-NEURO</b>	<b>EM-USER</b>
MLP	0.297±0.027	$0.443 \pm 0.063$	$0.490 \pm 0.059$	$0.808 \pm 0.138$
GCN-plain	$0.398 \pm 0.058$	$0.452 \pm 0.025$	$0.535{\scriptstyle\pm0.032}$	$0.561 \pm 0.021$
Sub2Vec	$0.309 \pm 0.023$	$0.114 \pm 0.021$	$0.206 \pm 0.073$	$0.522 \pm 0.043$
GLASS	$0.618 \pm 0.006$	$\underline{0.598 {\scriptstyle \pm 0.014}}$	$0.675{\scriptstyle\pm0.007}$	$0.884 \pm 0.008$
SubGNN	$0.598 \pm 0.032$	$0.531 \pm 0.015$	$0.644 \pm 0.009$	$0.815 \pm 0.054$
SSNP	$0.636{\scriptstyle\pm0.007}$	$0.587{\scriptstyle\pm0.010}$	$\underline{0.682 {\pm} 0.004}$	$0.888{\scriptstyle\pm0.005}$
IGNN-plain	0.389±0.025	$0.284 \pm 0.021$	$0.215 \pm 0.002$	$0.579 \pm 0.008$
EIGNN-plain	$0.425 \pm 0.050$	$0.252 \pm 0.009$	$0.312 \pm 0.017$	$0.591 \pm 0.006$
SoftIGNN	$0.594 \pm 0.006$	$0.520 \pm 0.002$	$0.653{\scriptstyle\pm0.005}$	$0.820 \pm 0.008$
SoftEIGNN	$0.592 \pm 0.006$	$0.522 {\pm} 0.002$	$0.658 {\pm} 0.004$	$0.829 \pm 0.010$
ISNN	$0.731{\scriptstyle\pm0.026}$	$0.646{\scriptstyle \pm 0.014}$	$0.688{\scriptstyle \pm 0.004}$	$0.914 \pm 0.009$

10% higher than the second best

Our method outperforms other baselines



#### **Result in AUROC**

Method	PPI-BP	НРО-МЕТАВ	HPO-NEURO	<b>EM-USER</b>
MLP	0.498±0.009	$0.814 \pm 0.032$	$0.764 \pm 0.104$	$0.896 \pm 0.143$
GCN-plain	$0.663 \pm 0.044$	$0.772 \pm 0.018$	$0.773 {\pm 0.027}$	$0.525{\scriptstyle\pm0.065}$
Sub2Vec	$0.544 \pm 0.011$	$0.496 \pm 0.010$	$0.504 \pm 0.015$	$0.518{\scriptstyle\pm0.048}$
GLASS	$\underline{0.835{\scriptstyle\pm0.002}}$	$0.891{\scriptstyle\pm0.002}$	$0.852 \pm 0.001$	$0.960{\scriptstyle\pm0.004}$
SubGNN	$0.816 \pm 0.012$	$0.862{\scriptstyle\pm0.005}$	$0.843 \pm 0.014$	$0.911 {\pm} 0.042$
SSNP	$0.831 \pm 0.008$	$0.883 \pm 0.007$	$0.867{\scriptstyle\pm0.004}$	$0.952{\scriptstyle\pm0.011}$
IGNN-plain	0.514±0.046	$0.496 \pm 0.063$	$0.709 \pm 0.065$	0.541±0.089
<b>EIGNN-plain</b>	$0.630 \pm 0.189$	$0.579{\scriptstyle \pm 0.092}$	$0.601 \pm 0.121$	$0.553{\scriptstyle\pm0.072}$
SoftIGNN	$0.797 {\pm} 0.005$	$0.818 {\pm} 0.001$	$\underline{0.868{\scriptstyle\pm0.004}}$	$0.932{\scriptstyle\pm0.005}$
SoftEIGNN	$0.798 \pm 0.008$	$0.821{\scriptstyle\pm0.001}$	$0.868 \pm 0.002$	$0.927{\scriptstyle\pm0.006}$
ISNN	0.924±0.012	$0.919{\scriptstyle \pm 0.002}$	0.896±0.002	$\underline{0.959{\scriptstyle\pm0.005}}$

Our method outperforms other baselines expect on EM-USER.



#### **Ablation Study: Hybrid Graph**



Hand-crafted subgraph channels can be as bad as random.



More results in the paper

# Efficiency

		Method	PPI-BP	HPO-NEURO	HPO-METAB	<b>EM-USER</b>
SOTA <		<ul><li>SSNP</li><li>IGNN-plain</li><li>EIGNN-plain</li></ul>	$\begin{array}{c} 130.47 {\scriptstyle \pm 4.120} \\ 439.29 {\scriptstyle \pm 58.74} \\ 114.35 {\scriptstyle \pm 0.237} \end{array}$	204.15±25.78 1629.86±89.14 275.48±1.489	162.34±19.45 1142.88±97.42 185.82±0.775	$\begin{array}{c} 158.29 {\pm} 28.33 \\ 1386.28 {\pm} 85.90 \\ 176.99 {\pm} 5.405 \end{array}$
Using implicit		ISNN	$104.66{\scriptstyle\pm28.14}$	$128.26{\scriptstyle\pm4.571}$	$160.83{\scriptstyle \pm 19.37}$	135.29±35.70
models on base graph	_					

Our method is efficient.



# **THANKS**

