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# Network of Tensor Time Series

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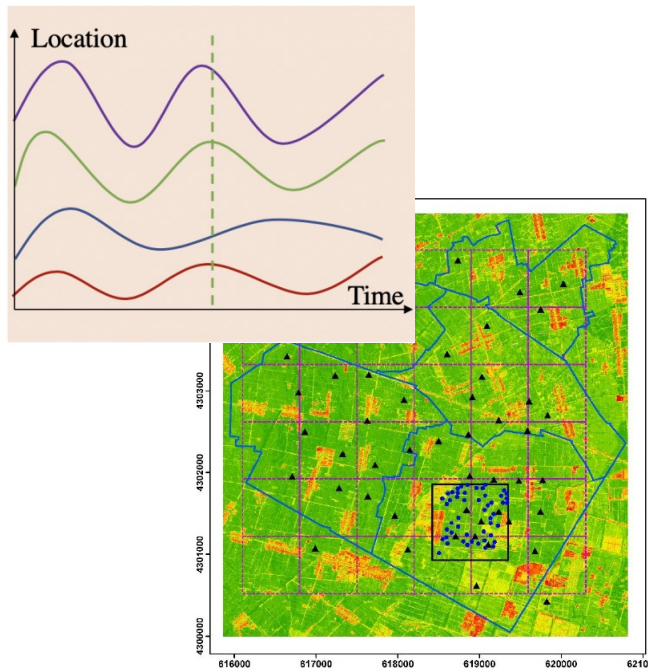
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# Ubiquity of Co-evolving Time Series

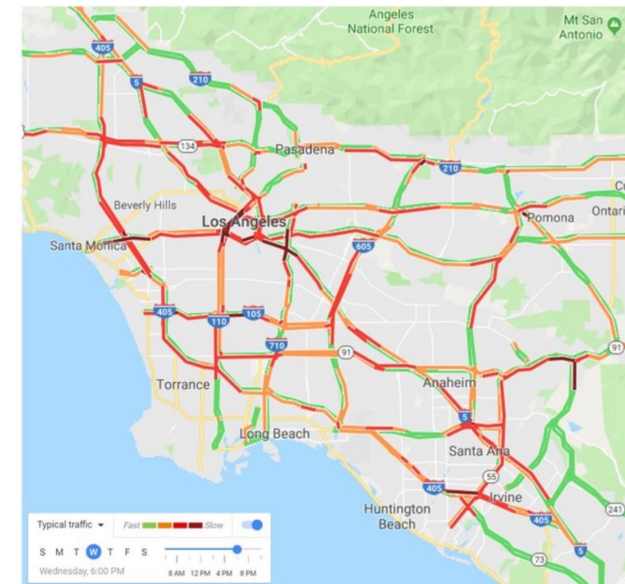
- Co-evolving time series is ubiquitous.
  - Each time series is related to each other.



Environmental Monitoring



Financial Analysis



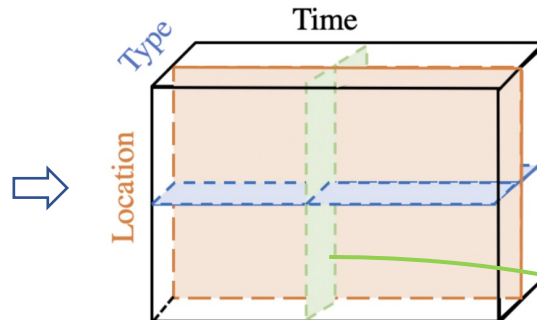
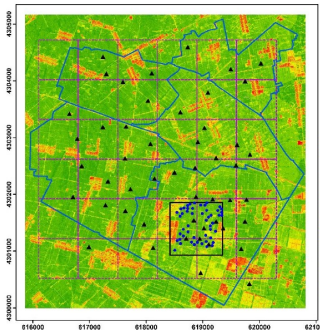
Smart Transportation



# Properties of Co-evolving Time Series

- Take environmental monitoring as an example. (Left Figure)
- It is a tensor. (Middle Figure)
- Each temporal snapshot is a tensor. (The green slice)
- Network constraint for each dimension.

1. We have some monitoring sites/locations.
2. Each site has multiple types of sensors.

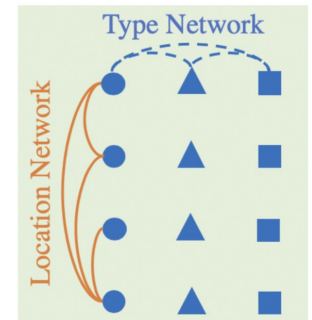


Distance

Site 1	0.0	15	20
Site 2	15	0.0	99
Site 3	20	99	0.0

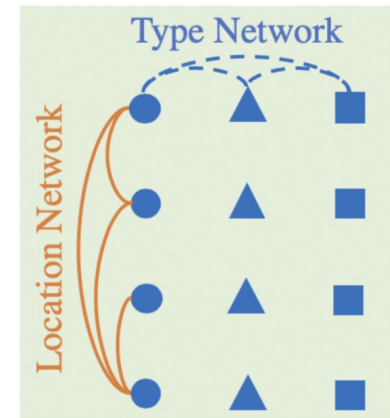
Coefficients

Temperature	1.0	0.7	0.9
Humidity	0.7	1.0	0.5
Pressure	0.9	0.5	1.0



# Challenge #1: Model Explicit Relations

- Network constraints.
  - Distance between the sensors.
  - Correlation between temperature, humidity, pressure etc.
- ✗ Existing methods are designed for **flat** graphs (e.g., GCN).
  - Either location network or type network, but not all.
- ✓ We introduce
  - Spectral Convolution for Tensor Graphs
  - Tensor Graph Convolutional Network (TGCN)





# Challenge #2: Model Implicit Relations

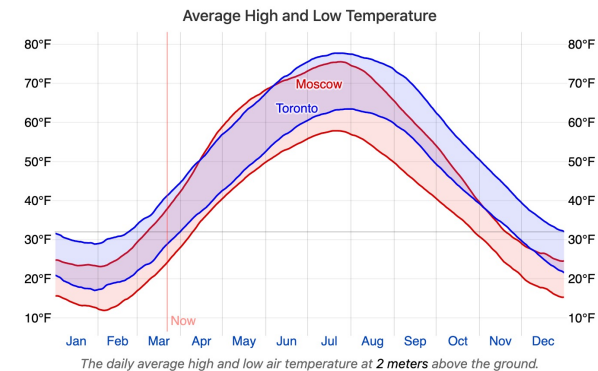
- Different time series might have similar patterns.
  - E.g., air temperatures of Toronto and Mosco.
  - Explicit distance network constraint cannot capture this relation.

✗ Existing methods use

- the **same** model for all time series
- an **individual** model for each time series

✓ We introduce:

- Tensor Recurrent Neural Network (TRNN)
- Implement RNN with LSTM: TLSTM

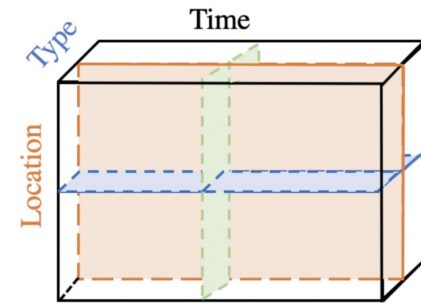
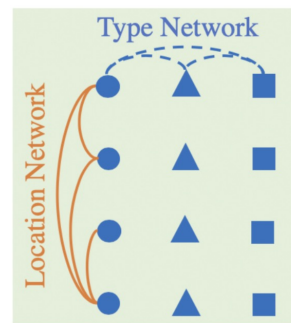


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# Preliminaries



- Tensor Graph  $\mathcal{G}$ :

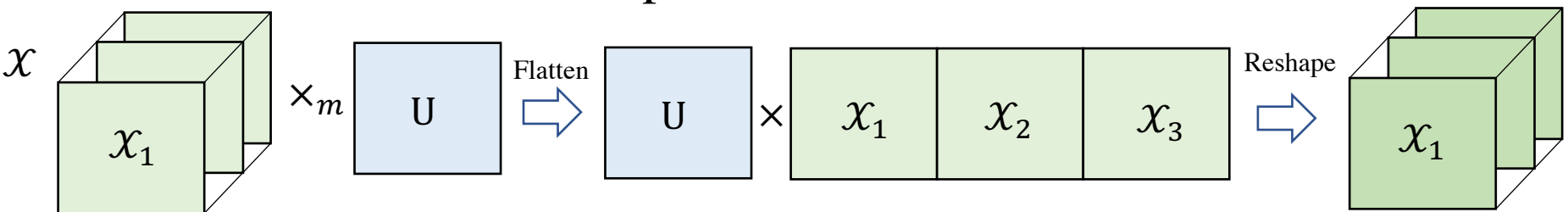
- A tensor graph is comprised of (1) a M-dimensional tensor  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_1 \times \dots \times N_M}$  and (2) adjacency matrices  $A_m \in \mathbb{R}^{N_m \times N_m}$ .

- Network of Tensor Time Series:

- It is comprised of a (1) tensor time series  $\mathcal{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_1 \times \dots \times N_M \times T}$ , and (2) adjacency matrices  $A_m \in \mathbb{R}^{N_m \times N_m}$ .

- Mode-m product between tensor  $\mathcal{X}$  and matrix  $U$ :  $\mathcal{X} \times_m U$

- Generalization of the product between matrices.

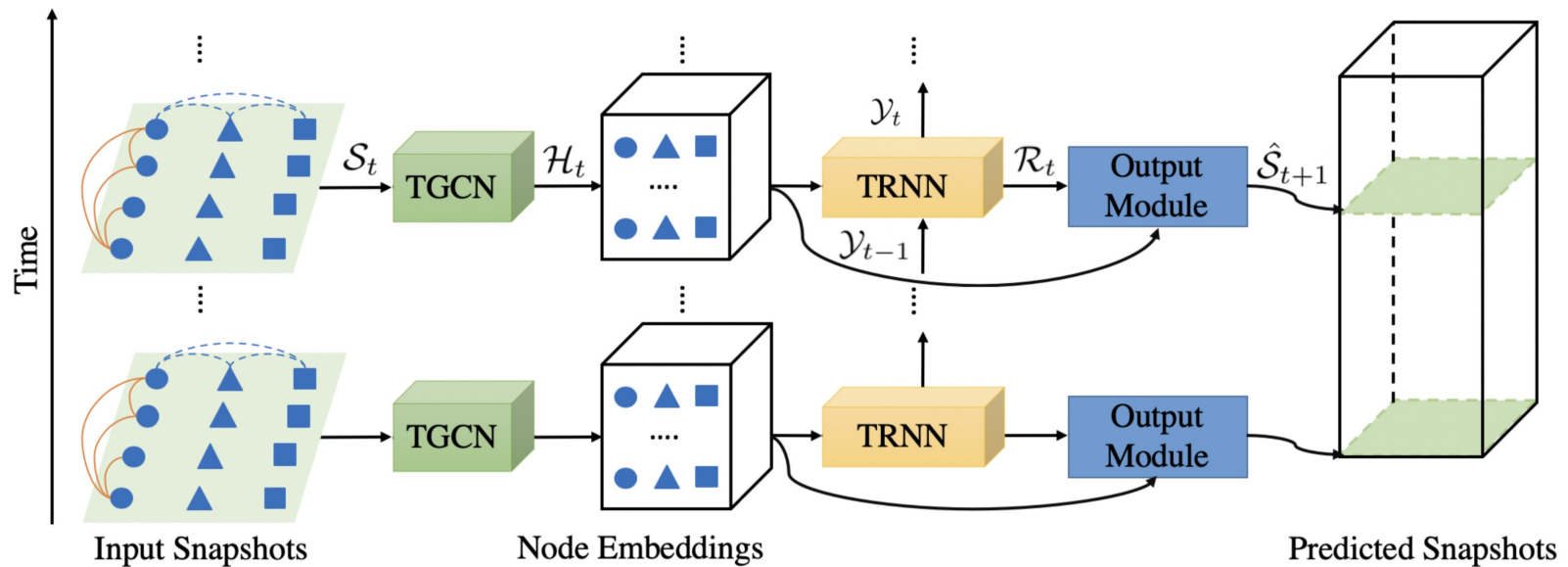


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# Overview

- Problem: given the  $\omega$  historical snapshots, predict the next  $\tau$  snapshots.
- Challenge 1: Explicit Relations - TGCN
- Challenge 2: Implicit Relations - TRNN



# Tensor Graph Convolutional Network

$\Phi$ : Eigenvector matrix of the graph Laplacian  $L = I - D^{1/2}AD^{1/2} = \Phi^T \Lambda \Phi$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \Phi^T \mathbf{x}$$

$\times_m$ : mode- $m$  product

$$\tilde{\mathbf{X}} = \mathcal{X} \prod_{m=1}^M \times_m \Phi_m$$

$\star$ : convolution operation  $\mathcal{G}$ : parameter tensor

$$\mathcal{G} \star \mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X} \prod_{m=1}^M \times_m \Phi_m^T \text{diag}(\tilde{\mathbf{g}}_m) \Phi_m$$

$T_p$ : Chebyshev Polynomial with degree  $p$

$$\mathcal{G}_\theta \star \mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X} \prod_{m=1}^M \times_m \sum_{p_m=0}^P \theta_{m,p_m} T_{p_m}(\tilde{\mathbf{L}}_m)$$

$\tilde{\mathbf{L}}_m$  normalized Laplacian matrix

$$\mathcal{G}_\theta \star \mathcal{X} = \sum_{\exists p_m=1} \theta_{p_1, \dots, p_M} \mathcal{X} \prod_{p_m=1} \times_m \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_m + \theta_{0, \dots, 0} \mathcal{X}$$

$\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_m$ : normalized adjacency matrix  $\theta$ : parameters  $\sigma$ : activation function

$$\text{TGCL}(\mathcal{X}, \{\mathbf{A}_m\}_{m=1}^M) = \sigma \left( \sum_{\exists p_m=1} \mathcal{X} \prod_{p_m=1} \times_m \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_m \times_{M+1} \Theta_{p_1, \dots, p_M} + \mathcal{X} \times_{M+1} \Theta_0 \right)$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{matrix} \phi^T \\ \mathbf{x} \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{1} \tilde{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{matrix} \phi_1^T \\ \mathcal{X} \end{matrix}$$

1. Graph Fourier Transformation -> Tensor Graph Fourier Transformation

$$\downarrow 2 \quad \begin{matrix} \phi_2^T & \tilde{\mathbf{g}}_2 & \phi_2 \end{matrix}$$

2. Spectral Convolution

$$\mathcal{G} \star \mathcal{X} = \begin{matrix} \phi_1^T & \tilde{\mathbf{g}}_1 & \phi_1 \\ \mathcal{X} \end{matrix} \downarrow 3$$

3. Approximation via Chebyshev Polynomials

$$\sum_p \theta_p T_p(\tilde{\mathbf{L}}_2)$$

$$\mathcal{G}_\theta \star \mathcal{X} = \sum_p \theta_p T_p(\tilde{\mathbf{L}}_1) \mathcal{X}$$

4. Simplification

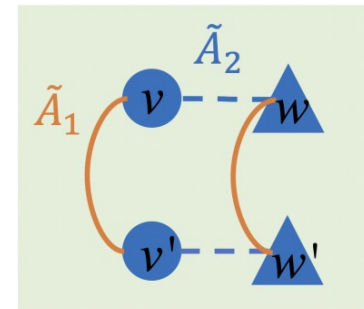
5. Updating function for each layer

# TGCN: Detailed Analysis

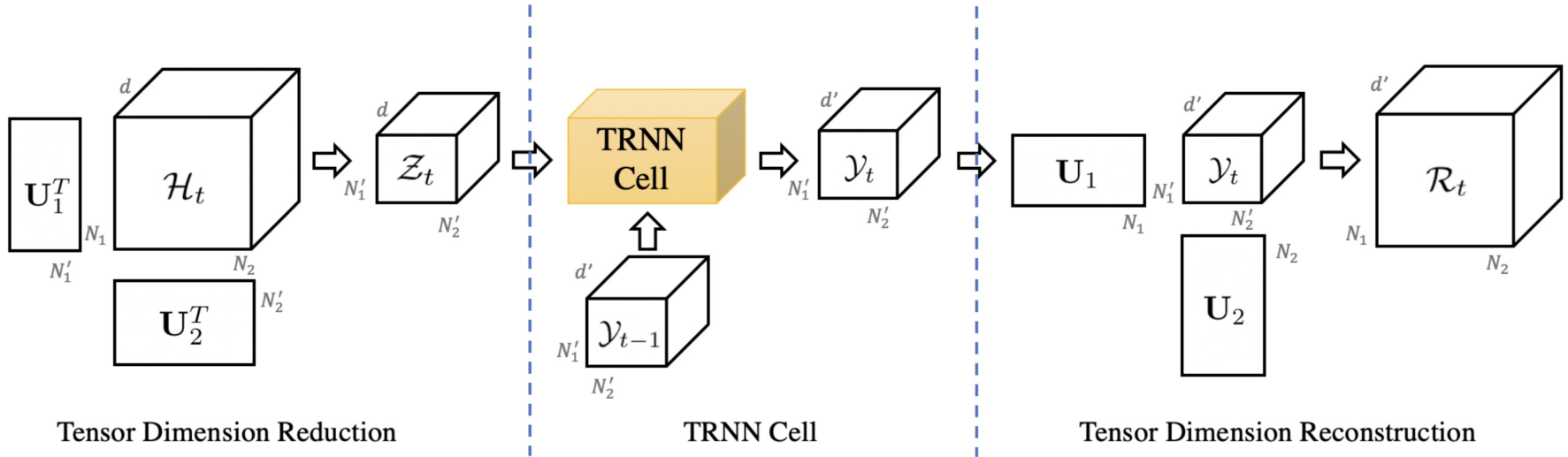
- Let  $m = 2$ :

$$\mathcal{G}_\theta \star \mathcal{X} = \underbrace{\theta_{1,1} \mathcal{X} \times_1 \tilde{A}_1 \times_2 \tilde{A}_2}_{\text{Synergy of } A_1 \text{ and } A_2} + \underbrace{\theta_{1,0} \mathcal{X} \times_1 \tilde{A}_1}_{\text{Only } A_1} + \underbrace{\theta_{0,1} \mathcal{X} \times_2 \tilde{A}_2}_{\text{Only } A_2} + \underbrace{\theta_{0,0} \mathcal{X}}_{\text{Self-convolution or Residue connection}}$$

- Capture the synergy.
- Capture each network separately.
- Have a self-convolution/residue connection.
- Illustration of synergy:
  - node  $v$  could gather information from  $w'$ .



# Tensor Recurrent Neural Network



Tucker decomposition  
 $\mathbf{U}_m$  is **orthonormal**

$$\mathcal{Z}_t = \mathcal{H}_t \prod_{m=1}^M \times_m \mathbf{U}_m^T$$

Replace **linear**  
 operations in RNN by  
**multi-linear** operations

$$\text{Linear}(x) = xw + b$$



$$\text{TLL}(\mathcal{X}) = \mathcal{X} \prod_{m=1}^{M+1} \times_m \mathbf{W}_m + \mathbf{b}$$

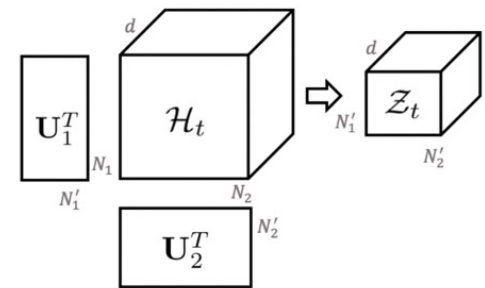
We use LSTM to implement RNN.

Reuse  $\mathbf{U}_m$  since it is **orthonormal**.

$$\mathcal{R}_t = \mathcal{Y}_t \prod_{m=1}^M \times_m \mathbf{U}_m$$

# The Implicit Relationship

- The Tucker decomposition is a high-order PCA or SVD.
  - $U_m$  extracts the eigenvectors of the  $m$ -th dimension.
  - Each element in  $\mathcal{Z}$  indicates the interaction of the eigenvectors.
    - The degree of implicit relation.
- Let  $\rho$  be the interaction degree:  $N'_m = \rho N_m (\forall m \in [1, \dots, M])$ 
  - $\rho \in (0, 1)$ : ideal range
  - $\rho > 1$ :  $U_m$  is over-complete and have redundant information
  - $\rho = 0$ : no interaction





# Parameter Reduction

- Parameter Comparison: We use LSTM to implement TRNN -> TLSTM
  - TLSTM cell < multiple LSTM cells
  - Tucker decomposition introduces new parameters  $U_m$
- TLSTM uses less parameters than multiple LSTM if:

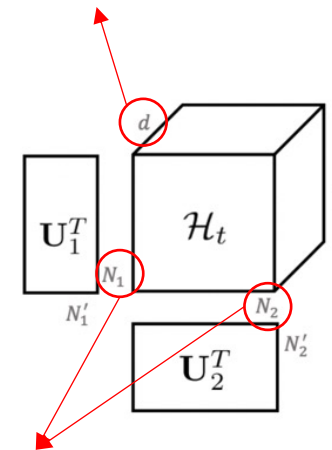
LEMMA 3.5 (UPPER-BOUND FOR  $\rho$ ). Let  $N_m$  and  $N'_m$  be the dimensions of  $U_m$  in Equation (24), and let  $d \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $d' \in \mathbb{R}$  be the hidden dimensions of the inputs and outputs of TLSTM. TLSTM uses less parameters than multiple separate LSTMs, as long as the following condition holds:

$$\rho \leq \sqrt{\frac{(\prod_{m=1}^M N_m - 1)d'(d + d' + 1)}{2 \sum_{m=1}^M N_m^2}} + \frac{1}{256} - \sqrt{\frac{1}{256}} \quad (33)$$

$\rho$  be the interaction degree:  $N'_m = \rho N_m (\forall m \in [1, \dots, M])$

$d'$ : the hidden dimension of LSTM/TLTSM

$d$ : the hidden dimension of  $\mathcal{H}$



$N_m$ : the dimension of the  $m$ -th mode of  $\mathcal{H}_t$

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# Experimental Setup

- Datasets:

Dataset	Shape	# Nodes	Modes with A
<i>Motes</i>	$54 \times 4 \times 2880$	216	1, 2
<i>Soil</i>	$42 \times 5 \times 2 \times 365$	420	1, 2, 3
<i>Revenue</i>	$410 \times 3 \times 62$	1,230	1, 2
<i>Traffic</i>	$1000 \times 2 \times 1440$	2,000	1
<i>20CR</i>	$30 \times 30 \times 20 \times 6 \times 180$	108,000	1, 2, 3, 4

- Tasks:

- Missing Value Recovery
- Future Value Prediction

- Metric: RMSE (the lower the better)

- Preprocessing:

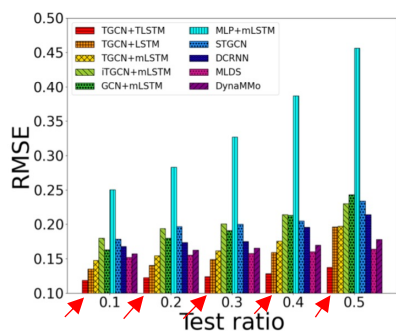
- Normalize each time series by z-scores.
- Missing value recovery: use [0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5] for test
- Future value prediction: use [0.02, 0.04, 0.06, 0.08, 0.1] for test

- Questions:

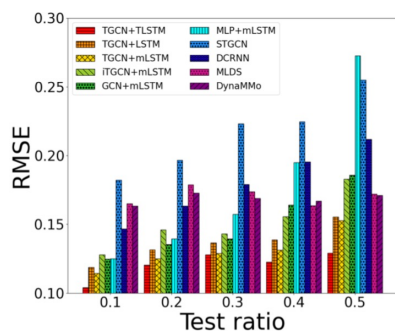
- How accurate is NET<sup>3</sup> for missing value recovery and future value prediction?
- How will synergy improve the performance?
- How does the interaction degree  $\rho$  impact the performance?
- How efficient and scalable is NET<sup>3</sup>?

# Missing value recovery & Future value prediction

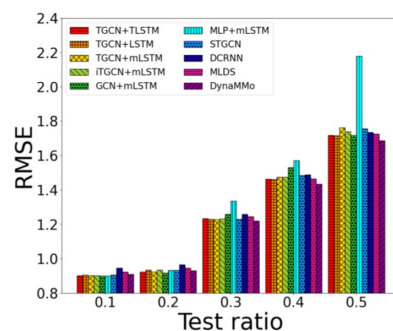
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- NET<sup>3</sup> performs the best: lowest RMSE.



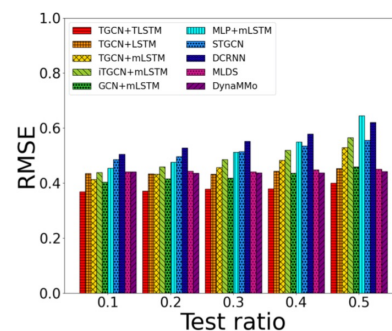
(a) Motes-Missing



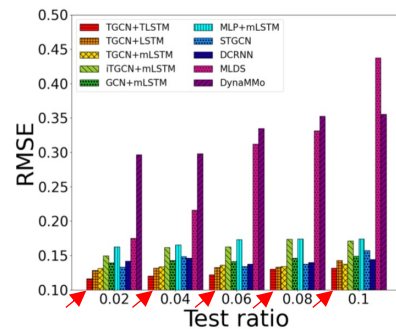
(b) Soil-Missing



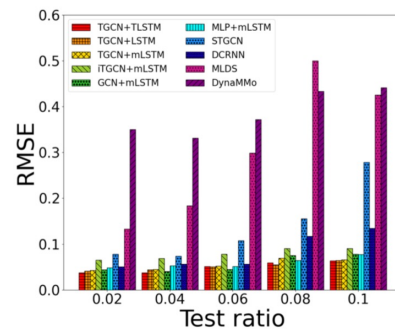
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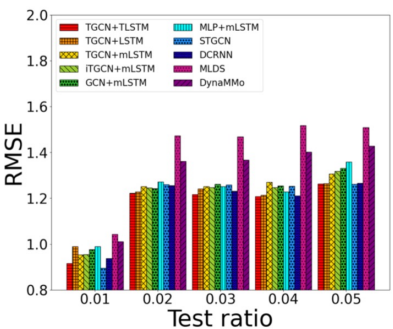
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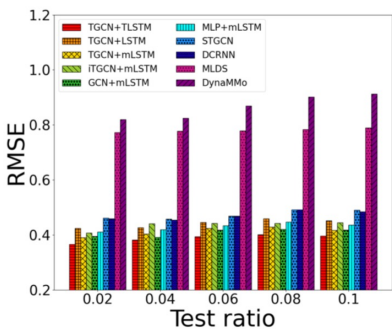
(e) Motes-Future



(f) Soil-Future



(g) Revenue-Future



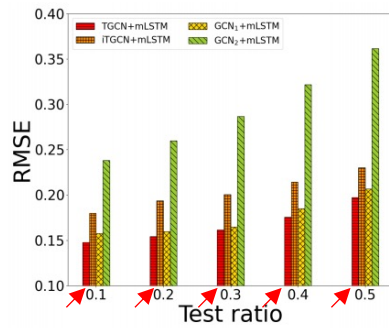
(h) Traffic-Future

# Synergy Analysis

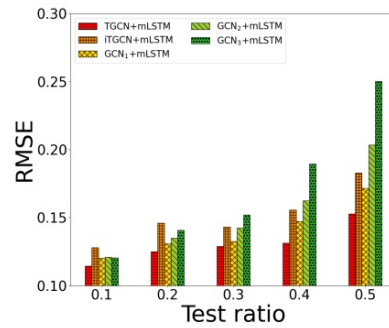
- Comparison methods:

- (1) GCN with one network, (2) iTGCN: ~multiple GCNs, (3) TGCN: Full model

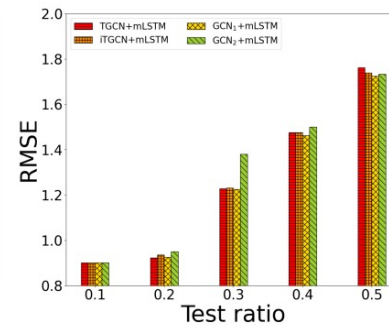
- TGCN (red arrows) performs the best.



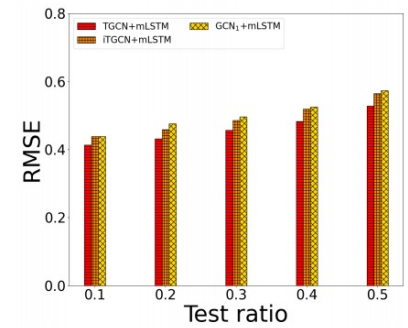
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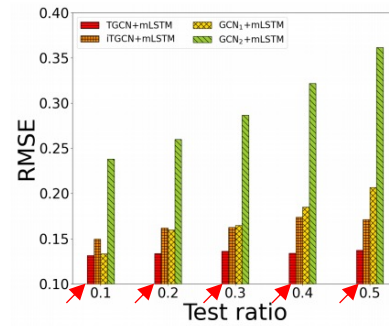
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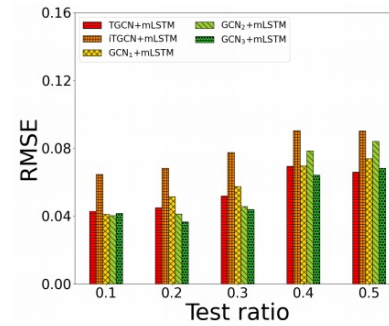
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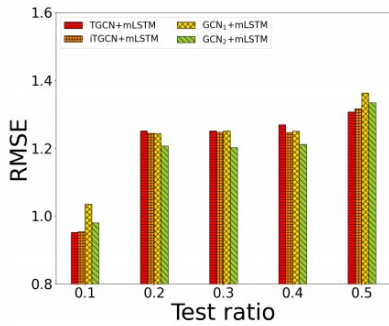
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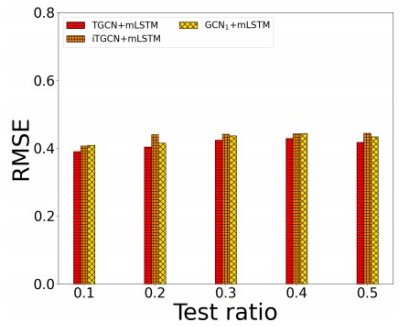
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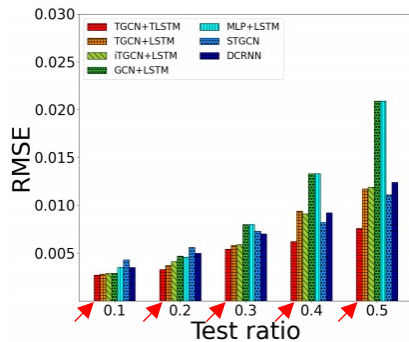
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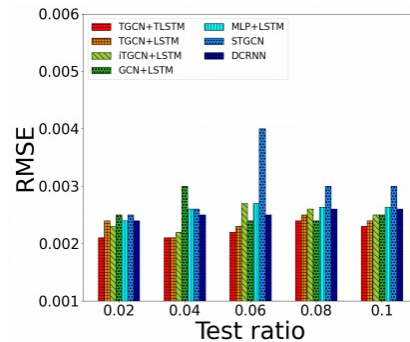
(h) Traffic-Future

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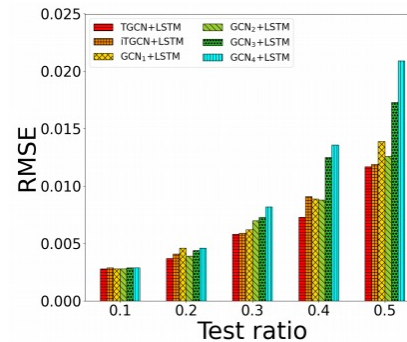
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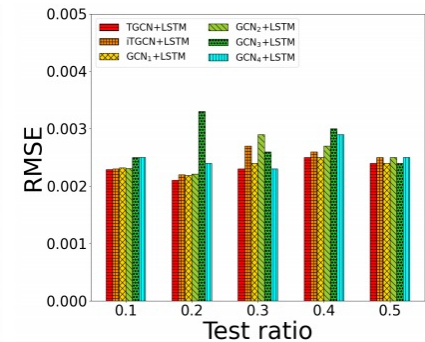
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(b) Future Value Prediction



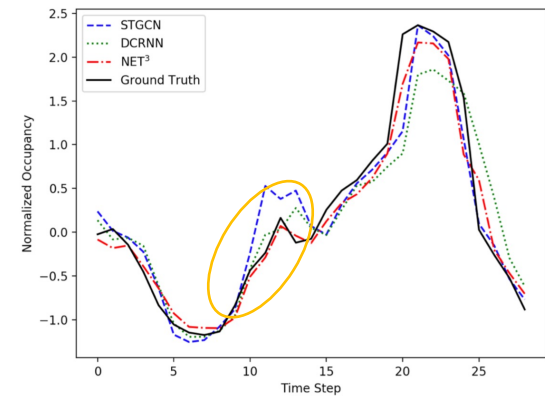
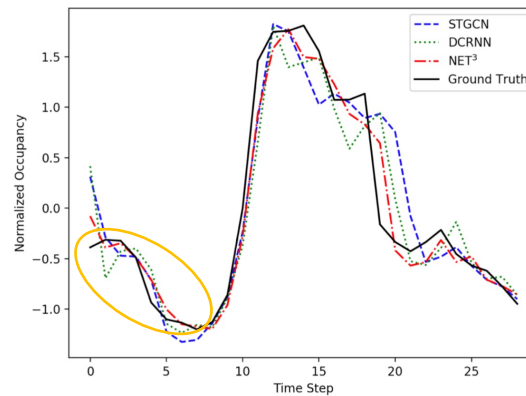
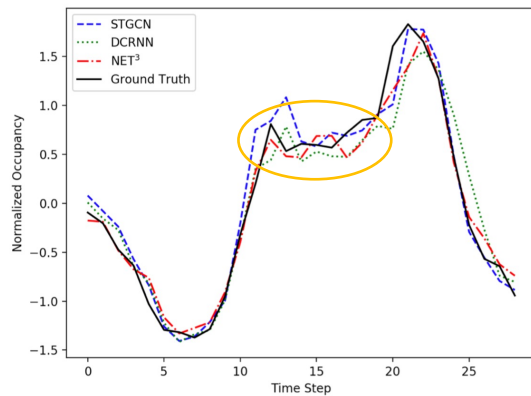
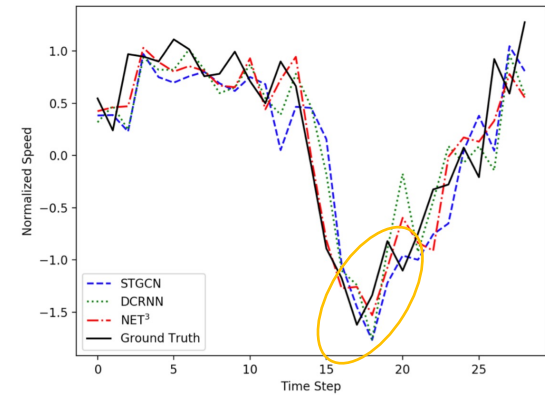
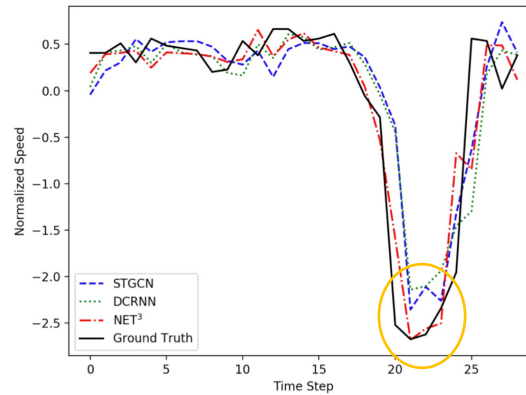
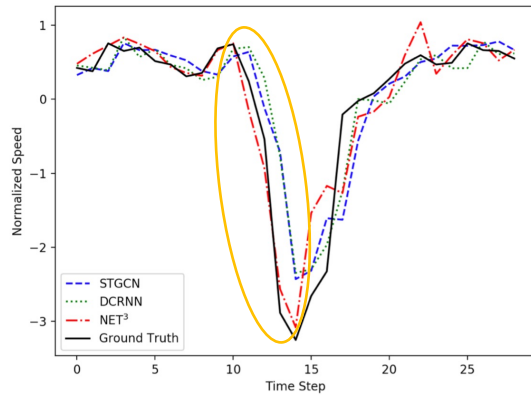
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(d) Synergy-Future

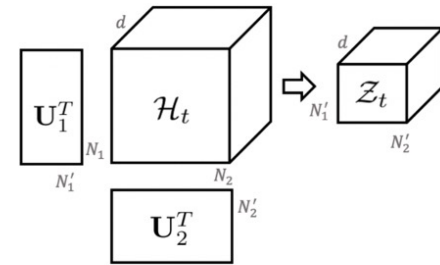
# Visualization on the Traffic Dataset

- **NET<sup>3</sup> (red)**, Ground truth (black), Baselines (**green**, **blue**)
- NET<sup>3</sup> performs the best: closest to the ground truth (see **yellow circles**).

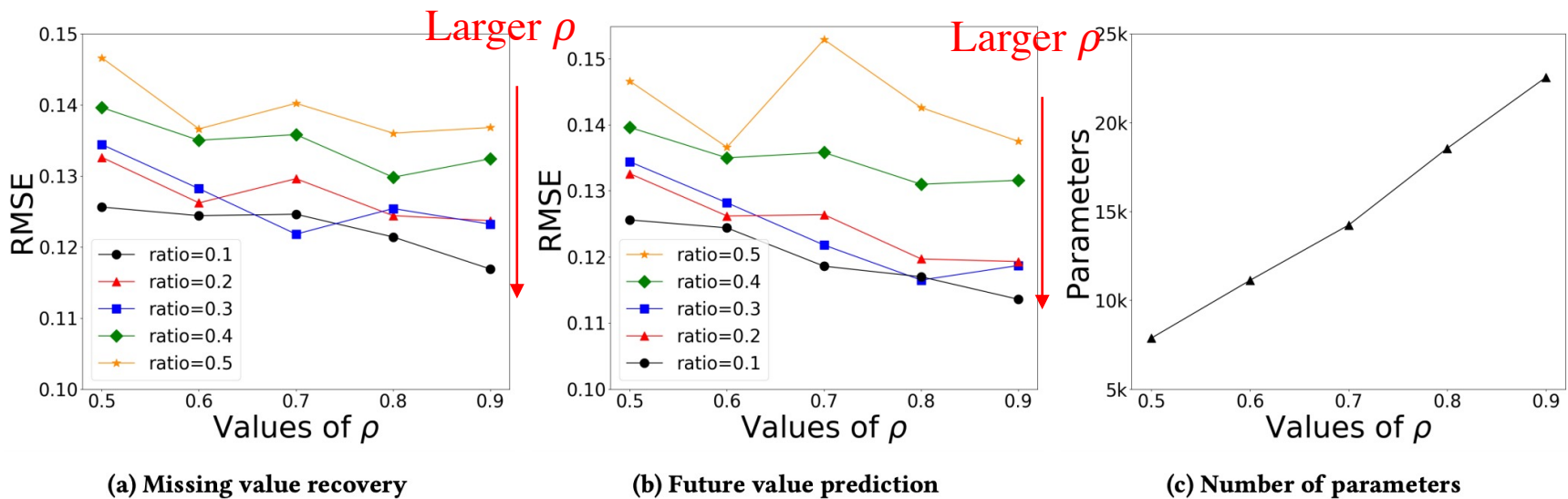




# Sensitivity



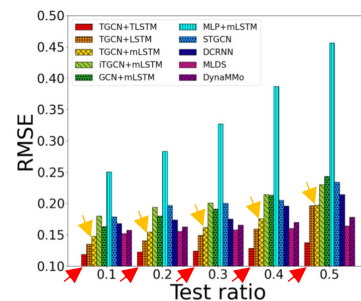
- As  $\rho$  increases, the model performs better in general.
  - $U_m$  contains more eigenvectors: more information.
- # parameters of TLSTM grows linearly with  $\rho$ .



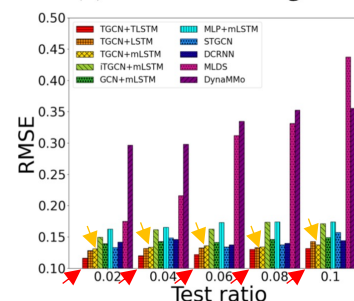
# Memory Efficiency

- **TLSTM** can significantly reduce # parameters.
- **TLSTM** achieves lower RMSE than **mLSTM**.

		<i>Motes</i>	<i>Soil</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Traffic</i>	<i>20CR</i>
Upper bound	$\rho_{max}$	2.17	2.43	0.64	0.31	57.25
Values in experiments	$\rho_{exp}$	0.80	0.80	0.20	0.10	0.90
	<b>TLSTM</b>	18,552	10,996	87,967	180,554	16,696
# parameters	<b>mLSTM</b>	117,504	57,120	669,120	1,088,000	58,752,000
Reduction ratio	Reduce	84.21%	80.75%	86.85%	83.40%	99.97%



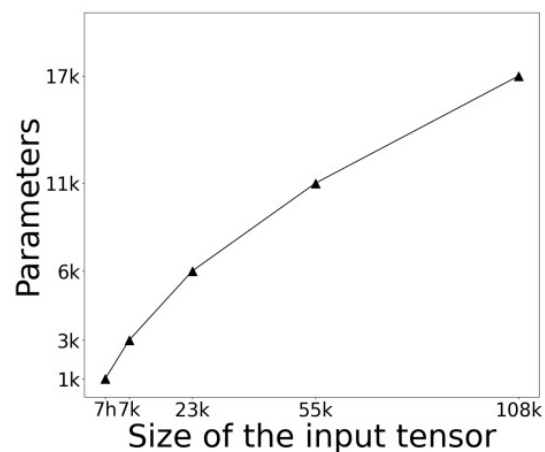
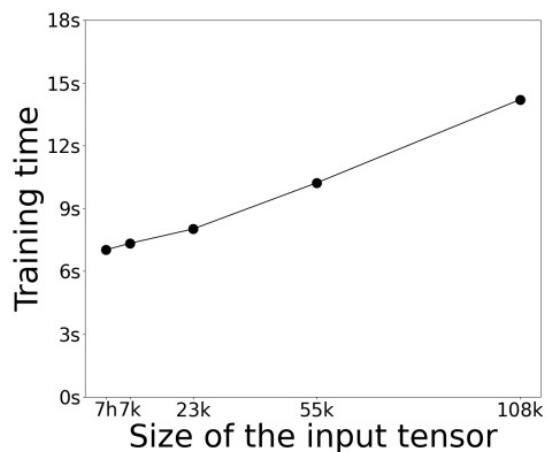
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# Scalability

- The training time V.S. size of input tensor: almost linear
- # parameters V.S. size of input tensor: almost linear.



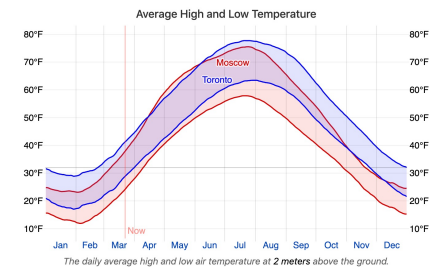
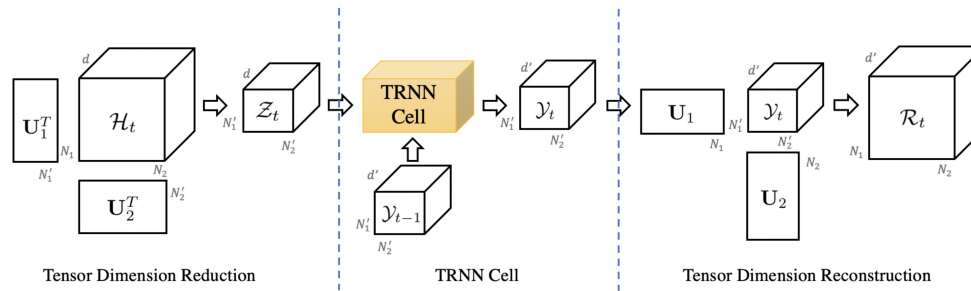
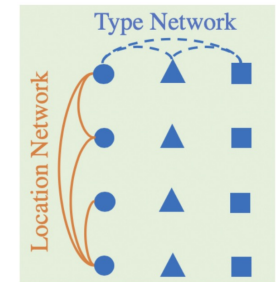
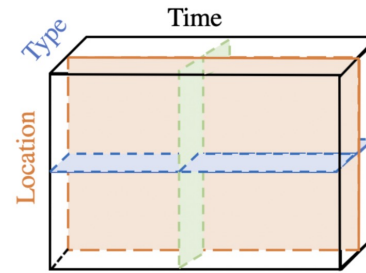
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# Conclusion

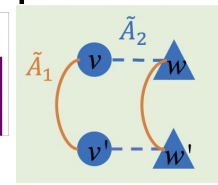
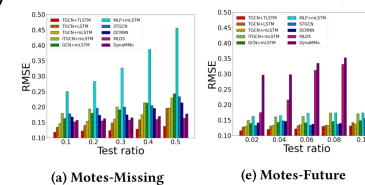
- Model Co-evolving time series

- **Challenge 1:** Explicit Relationship
- **Solution 1:** Tensor Graph Convolutional Network (TGCN)
- **Challenge 2:** Implicit Relationship
- **Solution 2:** Tensor Recurrent Neural Network (TRNN)



- Results:

- NET<sup>3</sup> performs the best for missing value recovery and future value prediction.
- TGCN captures the synergy among networks.
- TRNN reduces # parameters and performs better.



Thank you!