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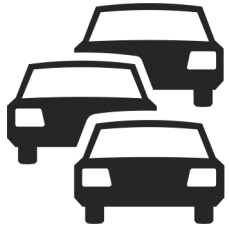
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Traffic Prediction

Tasks



Traffic Flow
Prediction



Traffic Demand
Prediction



Traffic Speed
Prediction



Road Occupancy
Prediction

Applications



Reducing
Congestion



Enhancing
Road Safety



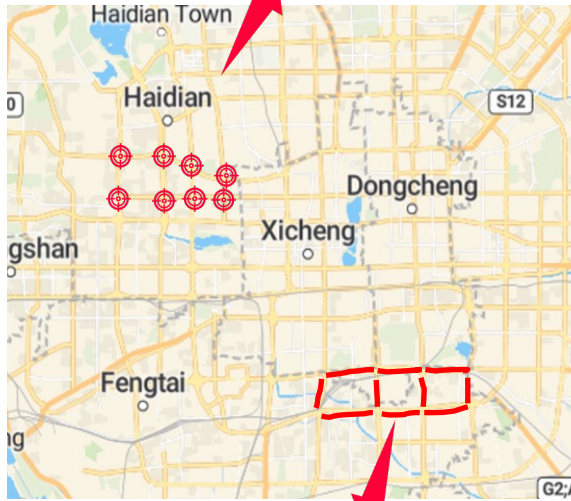
Optimizing
Urban Mobility



Protecting
Environment

Graph-based Traffic Prediction

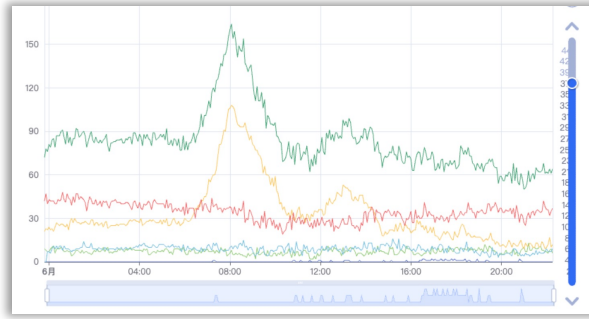
Type1: Crossing Point as Unit



Type2: Road Segment as Unit

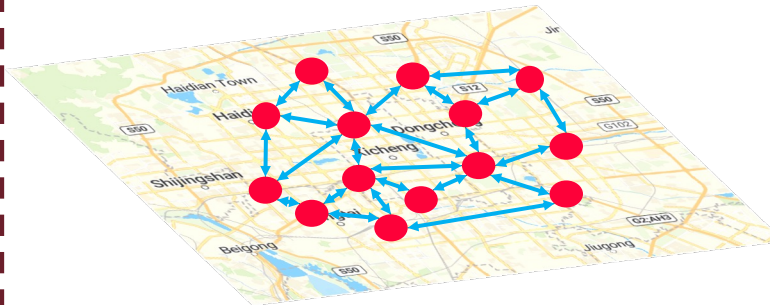
Unit of Prediction

Temporal



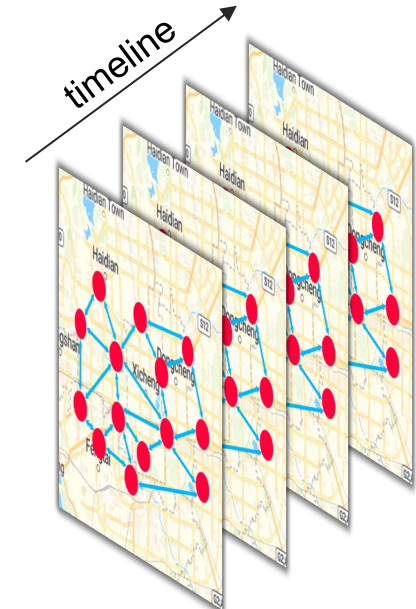
Historical traffic series within each unit
(traffic speed at crossing, traffic flow in road segments...)

Spatial



Spatial dependency between each unit
(geographical connections, semantic association...)

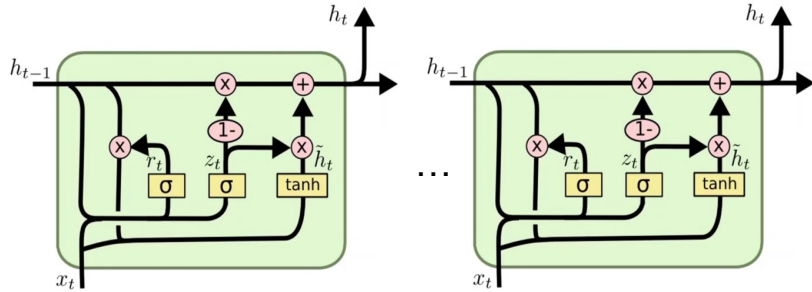
Spatiotemporal Graph



Nodes: Unit of Prediction with Temporal Data
Edges: Spatial Dependency between Units

General STGNNs

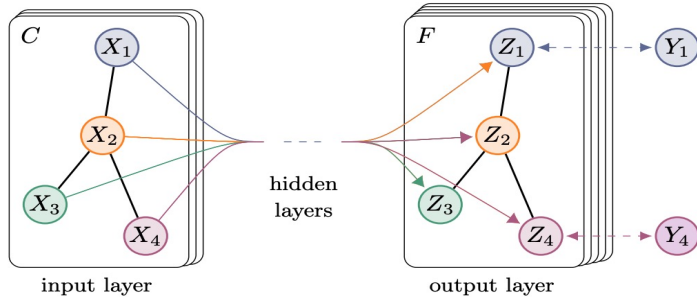
Temporal Module



Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU)

$$\begin{aligned} z_t &= \sigma([X_t || h_{t-1}] \cdot W_z) \\ r_t &= \sigma([X_t || h_{t-1}] \cdot W_r) \\ \hat{h}_t &= \tanh([X_t || (r_t \odot h_{t-1})] \cdot W_{\hat{h}}) \\ h_t &= z_t \odot h_{t-1} + (1 - z_t) \odot \hat{h}_t \end{aligned}$$

Spatial Module



GCN

$$X^{(l)} = \left(I_N + D^{-\frac{1}{2}} A D^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) X^{(l-1)} W$$

One typical STGNN

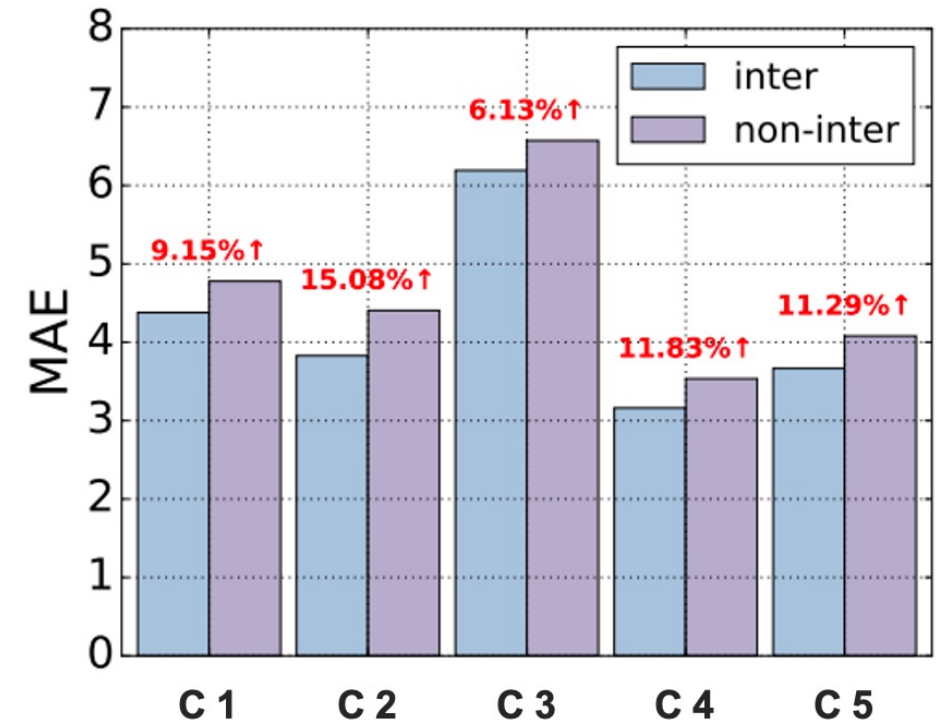
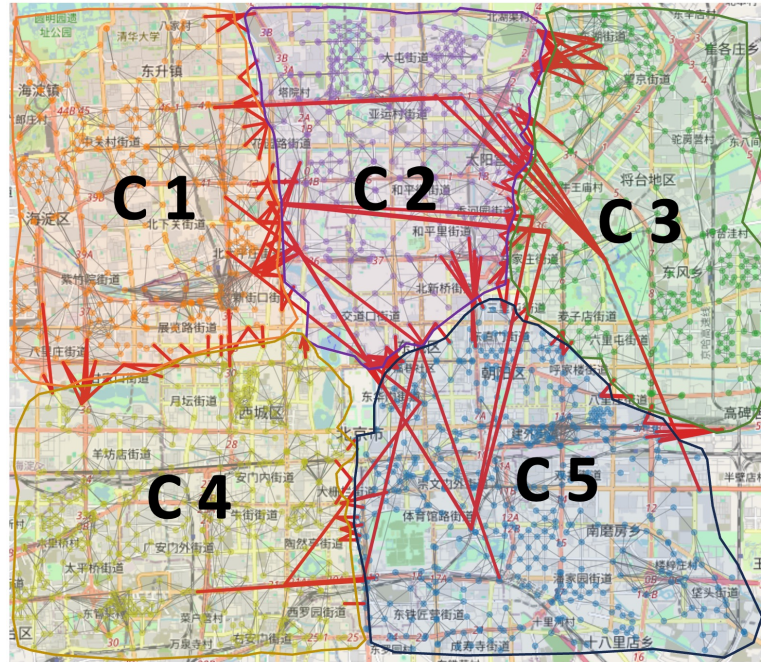
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Spatial Dependency

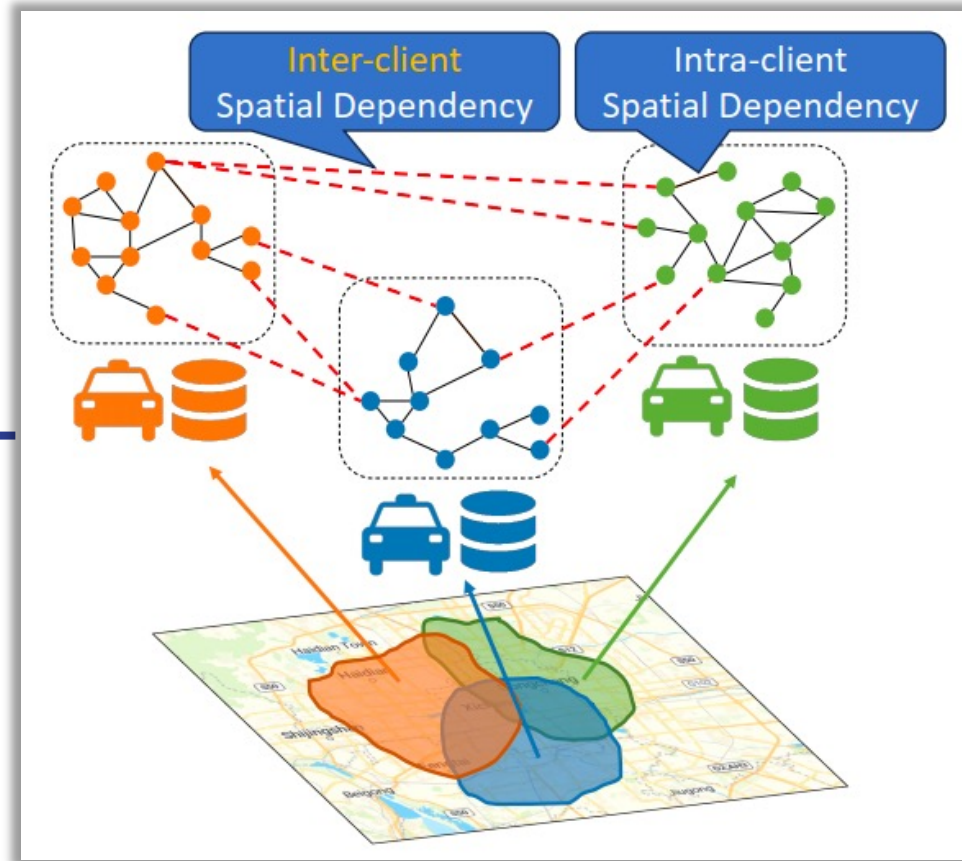
Spatial dependency
is important

(Take geographical connections
as an example...)

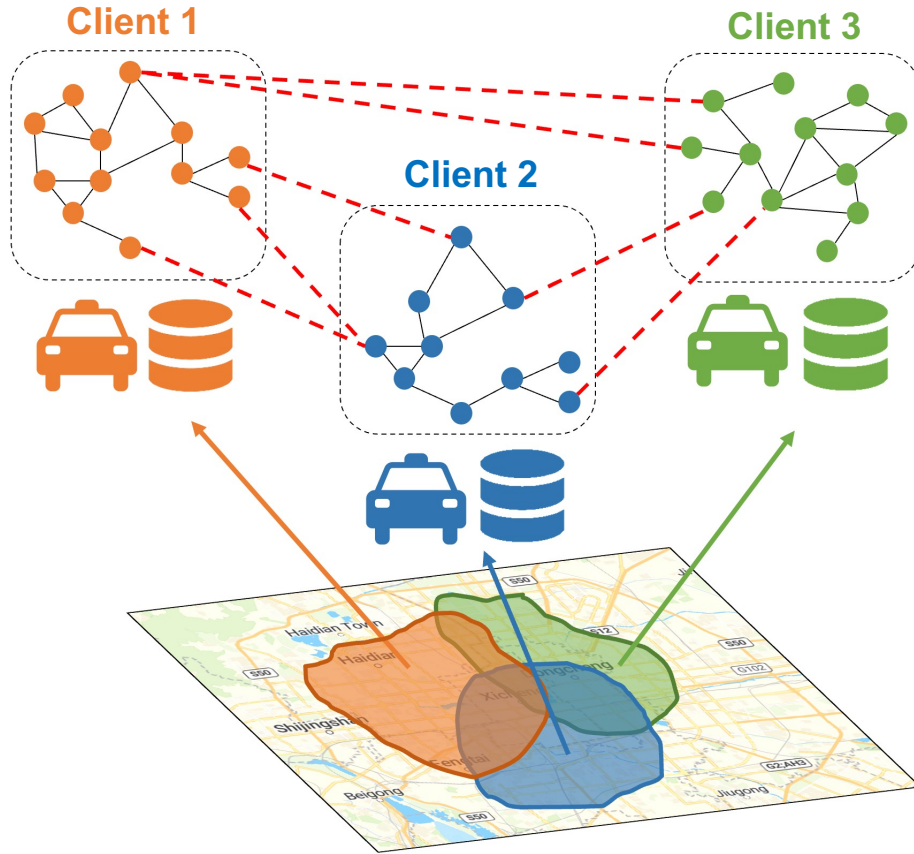
Inter-cluster
connections



Privacy Constraints



Decentralized STGNNs



Fragmented Spatiotemporal Graph

One typical Gate

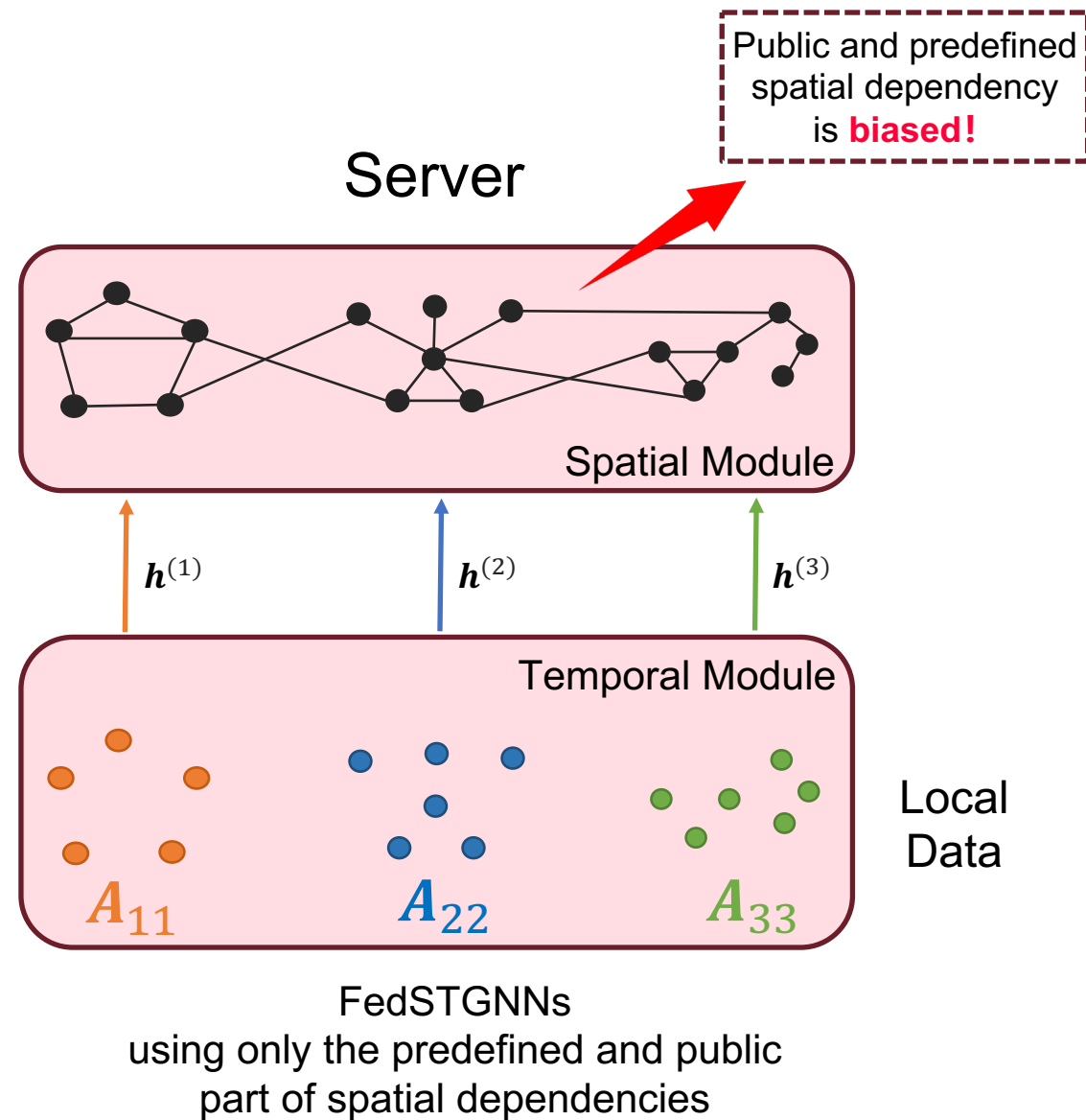
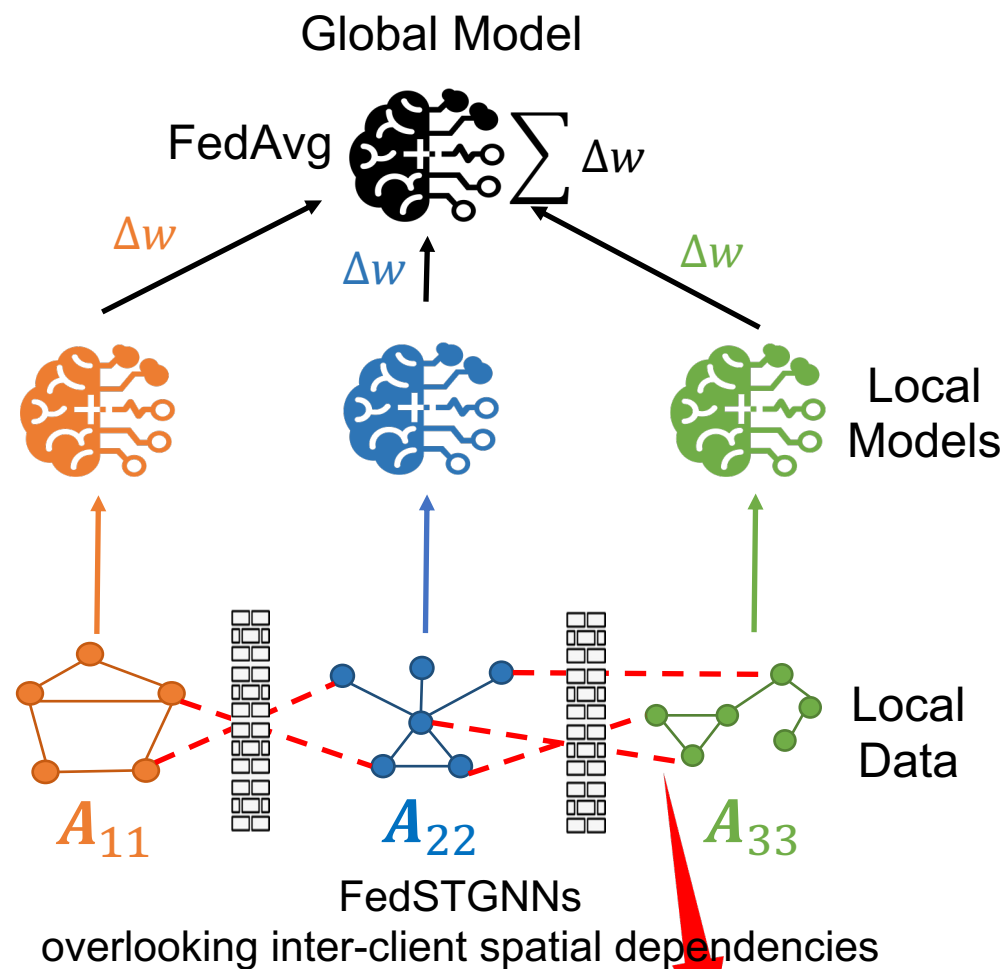
$$\mathbf{z}_t = \sigma \left(\left(\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) [\mathbf{X}_t || \mathbf{h}_{t-1}] \cdot \mathbf{W}_z \right)$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{11} & \mathbf{A}_{12} & \mathbf{A}_{13} \\ \mathbf{A}_{21} & \mathbf{A}_{22} & \mathbf{A}_{23} \\ \mathbf{A}_{31} & \mathbf{A}_{32} & \mathbf{A}_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

Inter-client
spatial dependency

Intra-client
spatial dependency

Existing FedSTGNNs



Inter-Client Spatial Dependency Reconstruction

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{11} & \mathbf{A}_{12} & \mathbf{A}_{13} \\ \mathbf{A}_{21} & \mathbf{A}_{22} & \mathbf{A}_{23} \\ \mathbf{A}_{31} & \mathbf{A}_{32} & \mathbf{A}_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Predefined GCN

$$\mathbf{z}_t = \sigma \left(\left(\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) [\mathbf{X}_t || \mathbf{h}_{t-1}] \cdot \mathbf{W}_z \right)$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}_1 \\ \mathbf{E}_2 \\ \mathbf{E}_3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}_1 \\ \mathbf{E}_2 \\ \mathbf{E}_3 \end{bmatrix}^\top = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{E}_1^\top & \mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{E}_2^\top & \mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{E}_3^\top \\ \mathbf{E}_2 \cdot \mathbf{E}_1^\top & \mathbf{E}_2 \cdot \mathbf{E}_2^\top & \mathbf{E}_2 \cdot \mathbf{E}_3^\top \\ \mathbf{E}_3 \cdot \mathbf{E}_1^\top & \mathbf{E}_3 \cdot \mathbf{E}_2^\top & \mathbf{E}_3 \cdot \mathbf{E}_3^\top \end{bmatrix}$$

Inter-client
spatial dependency

Intra-client
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Adaptive GCN

$$\mathbf{z}_t = \sigma \left(\left(\mathbf{I}_N + \sigma(\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{E}^\top) \right) [\mathbf{X}_t || \mathbf{h}_{t-1}] \cdot \mathbf{W}_z \right)$$

$$\sigma(\cdot) = \text{softmax}(\text{ReLU}(\cdot))$$

Inter-Client Spatial Dependency Reconstruction

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Inter-client spatial dependency

E_i will reveal the intra-client spatial dependency by $E_i \cdot E_i^T$
Cannot be directly shared !

Normalization seems hard to compute separately !

Predefined GCN

$$\mathbf{z}_t = \sigma \left(\left(\mathbf{I}_N + \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) [\mathbf{X}_t || \mathbf{h}_{t-1}] \cdot \mathbf{W}_z \right)$$

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Inter-client spatial dependency

Intra-client spatial dependency

Adaptive GCN

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Decomposition Mechanism

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}_1 \\ \mathbf{E}_2 \\ \mathbf{E}_3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}_1 \\ \mathbf{E}_2 \\ \mathbf{E}_3 \end{bmatrix}^\top = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{E}_1^\top & \mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{E}_2^\top & \mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{E}_3^\top \\ \mathbf{E}_2 \cdot \mathbf{E}_1^\top & \mathbf{E}_2 \cdot \mathbf{E}_2^\top & \mathbf{E}_2 \cdot \mathbf{E}_3^\top \\ \mathbf{E}_3 \cdot \mathbf{E}_1^\top & \mathbf{E}_3 \cdot \mathbf{E}_2^\top & \mathbf{E}_3 \cdot \mathbf{E}_3^\top \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{z}_t = \sigma \left(\left(\mathbf{I}_N + \sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{A}}) \right) \cdot [\mathbf{X}_t || \mathbf{h}_{t-1}] \cdot \mathbf{W}_z \right)$$

From one client's
Perspective alone

$$\mathbf{Z}_1 = \mathbf{H}_1 + \sigma \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{E}_1^\top & \mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{E}_2^\top & \mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{E}_3^\top \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H}_1 \\ \mathbf{H}_2 \\ \mathbf{H}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\sigma(\cdot) = \text{softmax}(\text{ReLU}(\cdot))$

Get rid of the SoftMax
and separate ReLU
anyway!



$\sigma(\cdot) = \text{softmax}(\text{ReLU}(\cdot))$
can be Taylor expanded into

$$\mathcal{P}_K(\cdot) = \sum_{k=0}^K p_k(\cdot)$$

Plan A: SprtReLU

$$\mathbf{Z}_1 \approx \mathbf{H}_1 + \text{ReLU} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{E}_1^\top & \mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{E}_2^\top & \mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{E}_3^\top \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H}_1 \\ \mathbf{H}_2 \\ \mathbf{H}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\approx \mathbf{H}_1 + \text{ReLU}(\mathbf{E}_1) \cdot \text{ReLU} \left(\sum_{j=1}^M \mathbf{E}_j^\top \mathbf{H}_j \right)$$

Plan B: AdptPoLU

$$\mathbf{Z}_1 \approx \mathbf{H}_1 + \mathcal{P}_K \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{E}_1^\top & \mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{E}_2^\top & \mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{E}_3^\top \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H}_1 \\ \mathbf{H}_2 \\ \mathbf{H}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \mathbf{H}_1 + \mathbf{P}_1 \cdot \mathcal{F}_K(\mathbf{E}_1) \cdot \sum_{j=1}^M (\mathcal{F}_K^\top(\mathbf{E}_j) \cdot \mathbf{H}_j)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_K(\cdot) = \{\otimes^k(\cdot)\}_{k=0}^K$$

$\otimes^k(\cdot)$ transforms a matrix from $\mathbb{R}^{N \times d}$ to $\mathbb{R}^{N \times d^k}$ by applying a k -order Cartesian power on each row

FedGTP System Overview

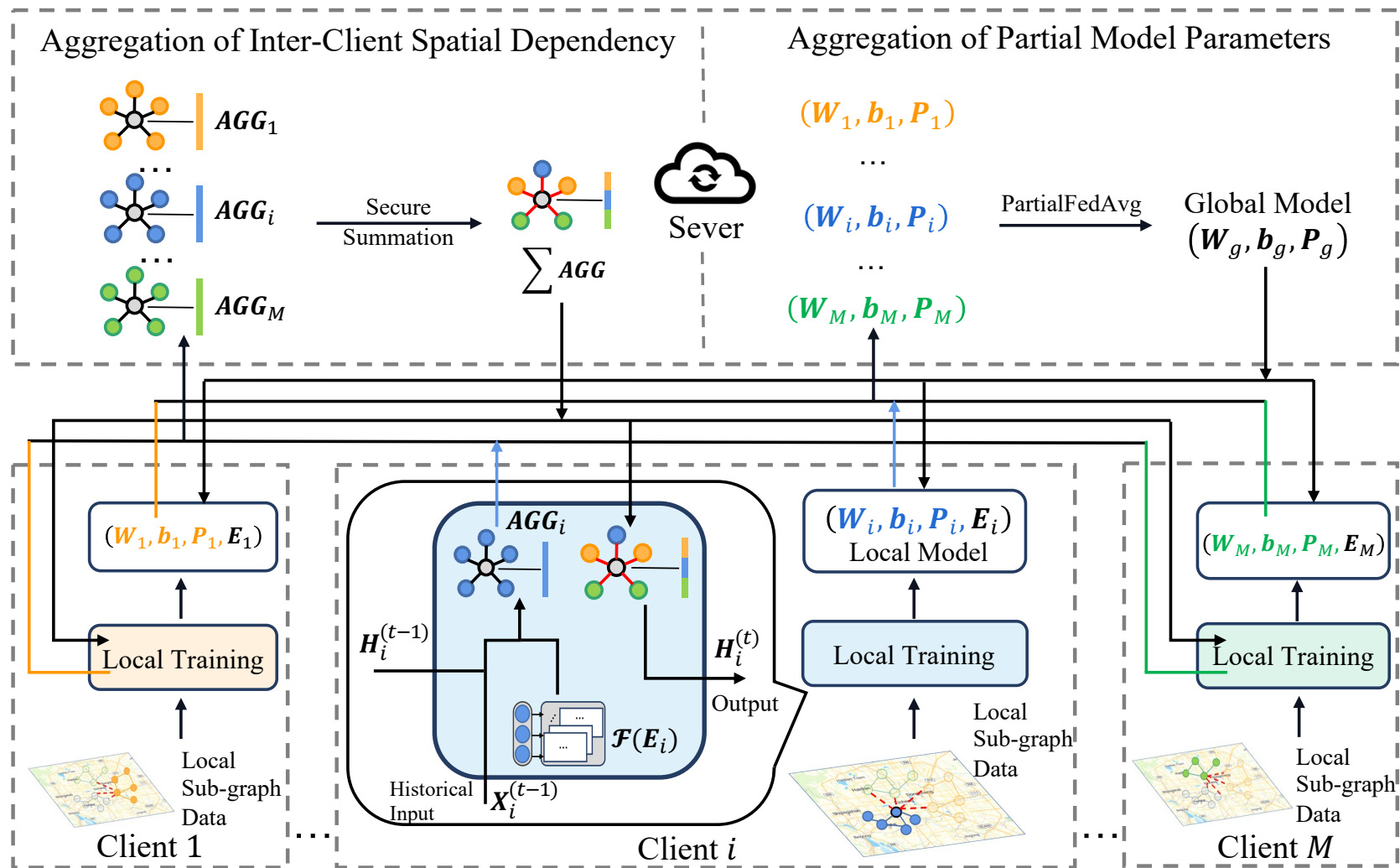
$$AGG_i = \mathcal{F}_K^\top(E_i) \cdot H_i$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} = E_i^\top \cdot H_i, \text{ for SprtReLU} \\ = \left\{ \left(\otimes^k(E_i) \right)^\top \cdot H_i \right\}_{k=0}^K, \text{ for AdptPoLU} \end{array} \right.$$

Communication overhead:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} O(M \cdot d \cdot F), \text{ for SprtReLU} \\ O(M \cdot d^K \cdot F), \text{ for AdptPoLU} \end{array} \right.$$

M : Number of Clients
 d : spatial embedding size
 K : order of polynomial
 F : Hidden size



Baseline Comparison

Table 1. Baselines overlooking inter-client spatial dependency

baseline	federated setting	task	method	RMSE	MAE	MAPE(%)
FASTGNN	PeMSD7 (4 clients, 12->9)	speed	FASTGNN	5.83	3.50	8.36
			FedGTP	4.73	2.60	5.88
MFVSTGNN	PEMS-BAY (8 clients, 12->12)	speed	MFVSTGNN	3.91	1.93	4.48
			FedGTP	3.88	1.79	3.54
	METR-LA (8 clients, 12->12)	speed	MFVSTGNN	4.45	3.35	9.42
			FedGTP	4.41	3.23	8.75
FLoS	PeMSD4 (5 clients, 24->12)	flow	FLoS	42.84	28.64	-
			FedGTP	41.33	25.62	-



FedGTP adaptively exploits the inter-client spatial dependency.

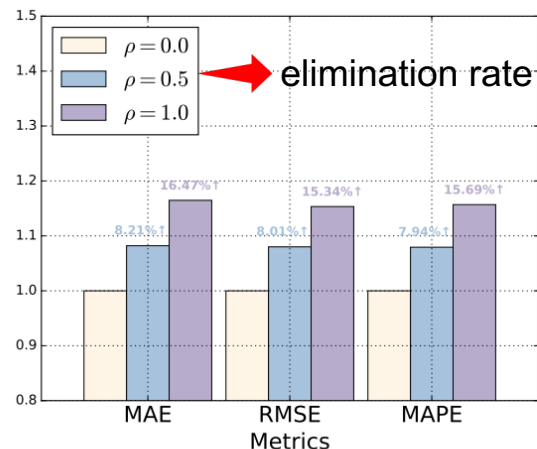
FedGTP adaptively uncovers more profound inter-client spatial dependency compared with those using only the public and predefined connections.



Table 2. Baselines using only the predefined and public part of spatial dependency

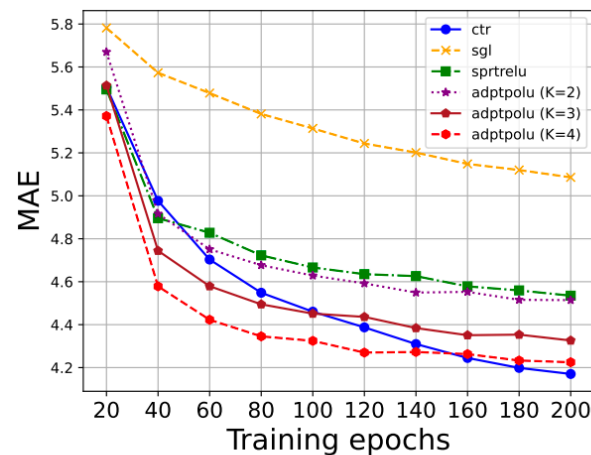
baseline	federated setting	task	method	RMSE	MAE	MAPE(%)
CNFGNN	PEMS-BAY (325 clients, 12->12)	speed	CNFGNN	3.7090	2.3528	4.82
			FedGTP	3.6440	1.6813	3.35
	METR-LA (207 clients, 12->12)	speed	CNFGNN	11.4137	7.5161	36.26
			FedGTP	10.3978	4.2883	24.83
FCGCN	PeMSD4 (28 clients, 6->1)	flow	FCGCN	29.6775	18.6483	22.57
			FedGTP	26.6993	17.9049	13.99
		speed	FCGCN	1.8777	1.0008	1.84
			FedGTP	1.6800	0.9493	1.72
	PeMSD8 (14 clients, 6->1)	occ	FCGCN	0.1181	0.0066	18.92
			FedGTP	0.0126	0.0064	16.03
CTFL	PeMSD4 (8 clients, 12->9)	flow	FCGCN	22.4601	14.7723	11.81
			FedGTP	20.4897	13.7754	9.09
		speed	FCGCN	1.5570	0.8228	1.54
			FedGTP	1.4221	0.7616	1.35
	PeMSD7 (8 clients, 12->9)	occ	FCGCN	0.0598	0.0058	12.91
			FedGTP	0.0110	0.0054	10.05
CTFL	PeMSD4 (8 clients, 12->9)	speed	CTFL-STGCN	4.87	-	4.84
			CTFL-MTGNN	4.91	-	4.79
			FedGTP	3.42	-	3.78
	PeMSD7 (8 clients, 12->9)	speed	CTFL-STGCN	5.25	-	7.08
			CTFL-MTGNN	5.23	-	7.08
			FedGTP	4.89	-	6.88

Ablation Study

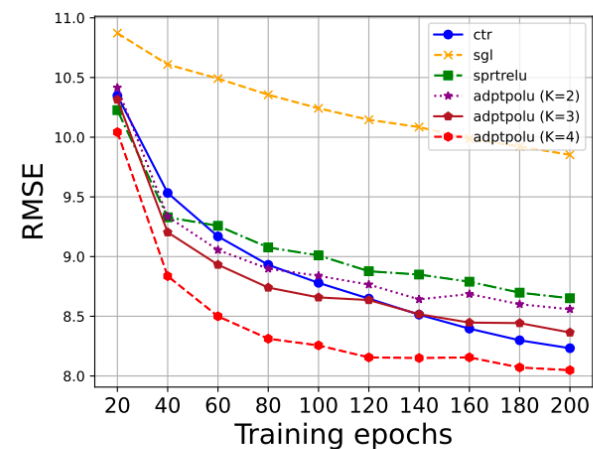


(a) Impact of inter-client spatial dependency on performance

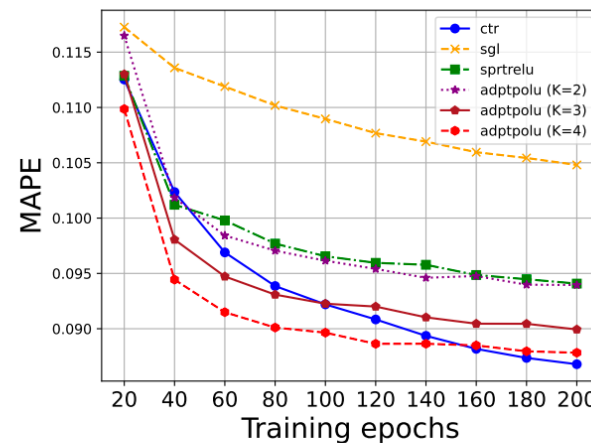
Randomly eliminate the reconstructed dependencies for each client



(b) Impact of activation decomposition on MAE



(c) Impact of activation decomposition on RMSE

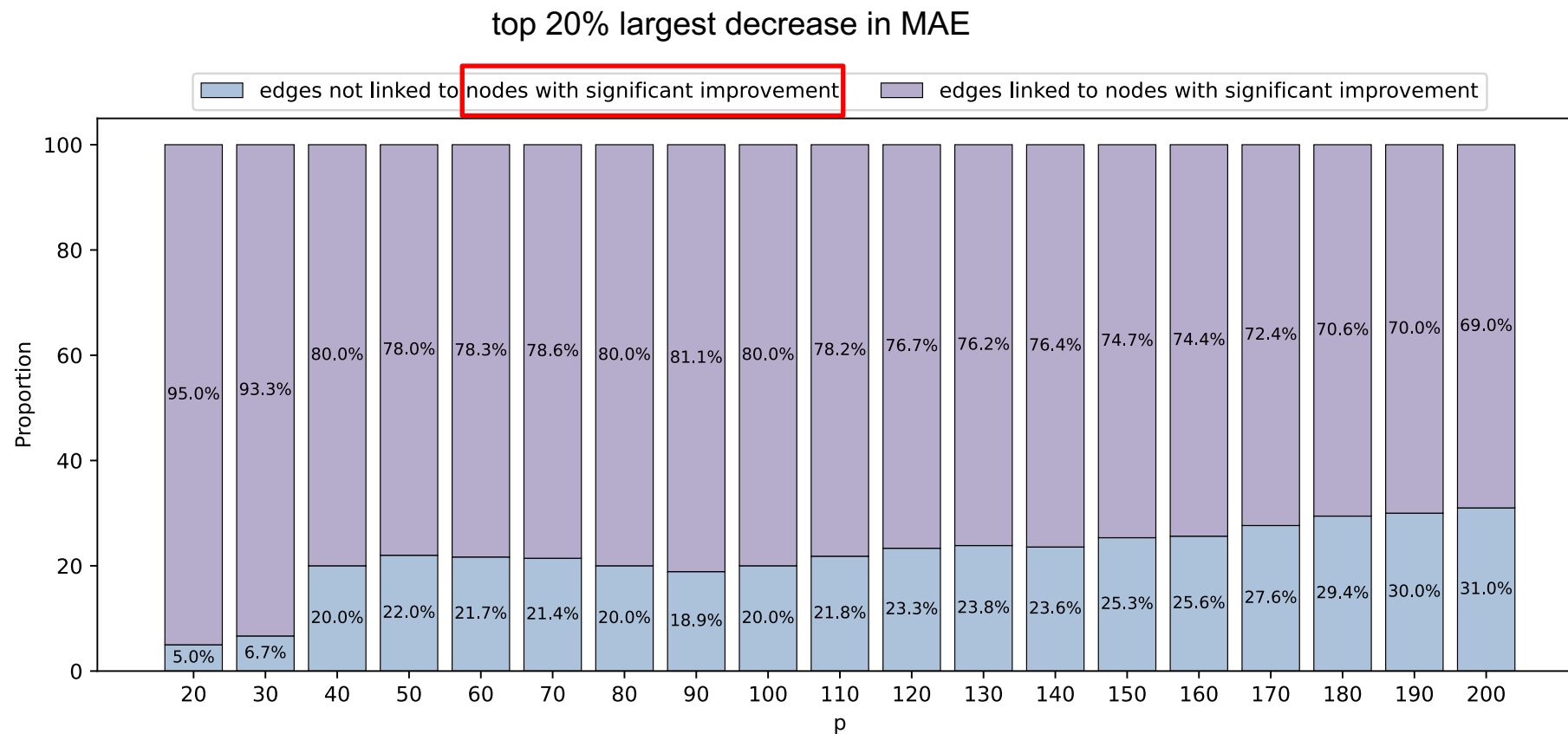


(d) Impact of activation decomposition on MAPE

- *SprtReLU* mechanism improves performance, but there still exists a gap with *ctr*
- *AdptPoLU* has similar performance with *SprtReLU* when $K = 2$, and performs almost close to *ctr*, when K rises to 4
- *AdptPoLU* sometimes beats *ctr*, we attribute it to the adaptive coefficients facilitating the training process

Case Study

The average proportion:
 $1 - (1 - 0.2)^2 = 36\%$



key inter-client spatial dependencies: top p edges with the largest weights

Case Study

We focus our gaze on one of the significantly benefited nodes and its associated key dependencies



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