



# Physics-informed Graph Neural Network for predicting Power Generation of Wave Farms

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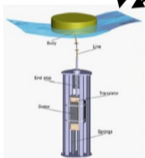
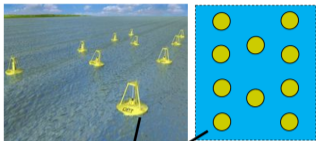


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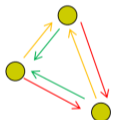
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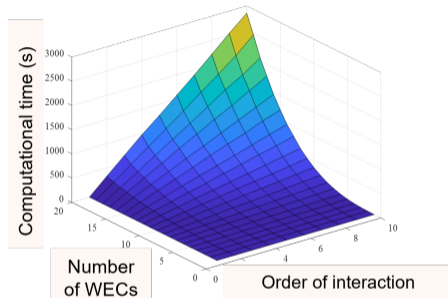
# Wave Energy Converters (WECs)



WEC



hydrodynamic  
interaction

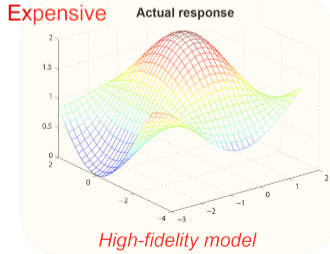
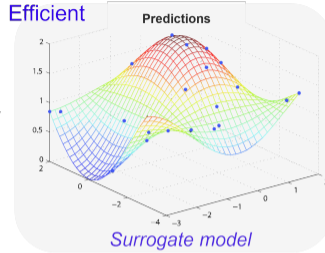
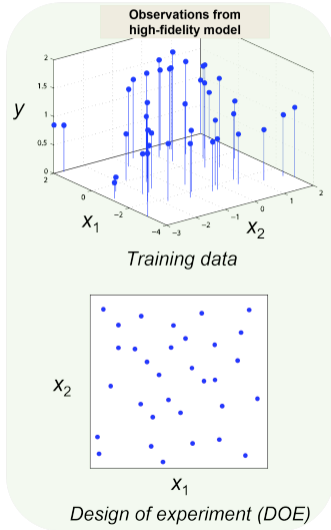


- WECs (buoys) are often deployed in arrays called **wave farms**
- Depending on layout, different performance, e.g. power

- For **high fidelity models** and **larger arrays**, predicting power for different layout is expensive
- Parametric study, design optimization, uncertainty quantification become impossible
- **Surrogate Model** preferred



# Surrogate Modelling

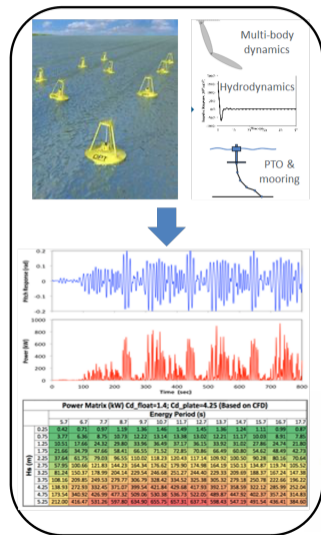


- Polynomial Response Surfaces
- Gaussian Process (GP) Model
- Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)



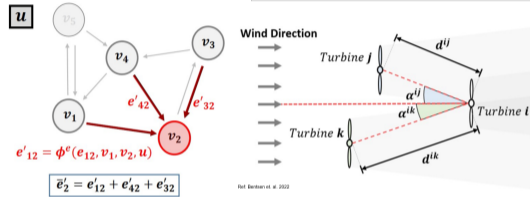
# Hydrodynamic Coefficients

- *Li et. al. 2023* used PGP to predict hydrodynamic coefficients on wave farms and achieved good results
- Hydrodynamic Coefficients
  - Added Mass (am): real,  $n_{wec} \times n_{wec}$
  - Added Damping (ad): real,  $n_{wec} \times n_{wec}$
  - Wave Excitation Force (F): complex,  $n_{wec}$
- Added mass and added damping: effects of radiated waves from WECs
- Wave Excitation Force: effect of incident and diffracted waves
- **Power** difficult to model, hence work on **coefficients**



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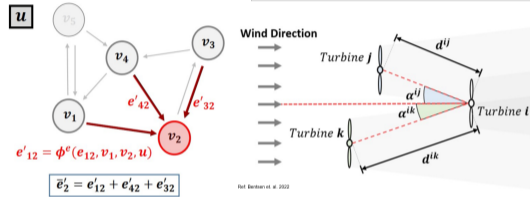


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## Advantages of GNN:

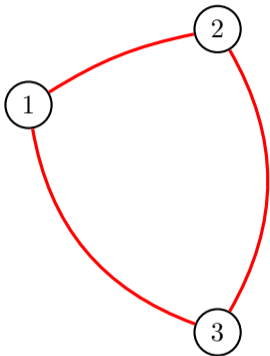
- **Scalability** : easy to scale for larger arrays
- **Performance**: captures intricate relationship with **high accuracy**
- **Efficiency**: can operate in parallel





# What is Graph?

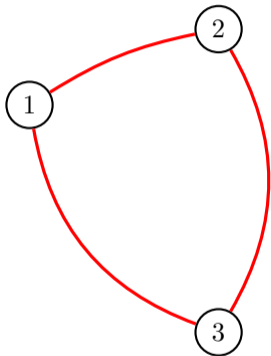
- Graph: nodes/vertices and edges
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A simple Graph

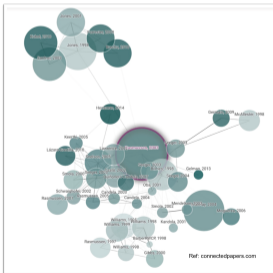


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- Examples: social network, citation datasets



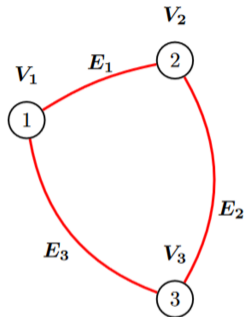
Citation Graph



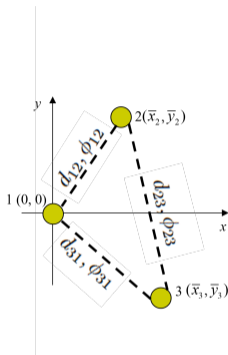
Social Network Graph



# Graph Structure in WECs



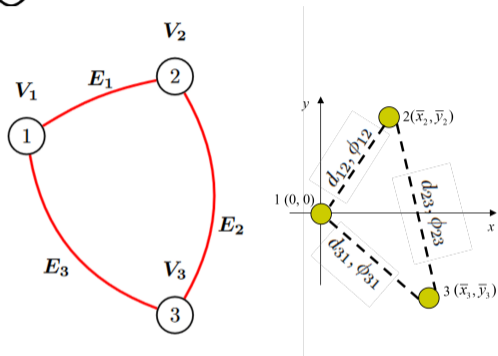
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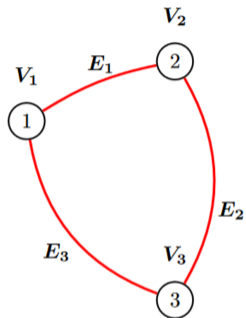


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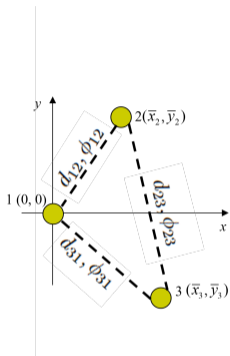
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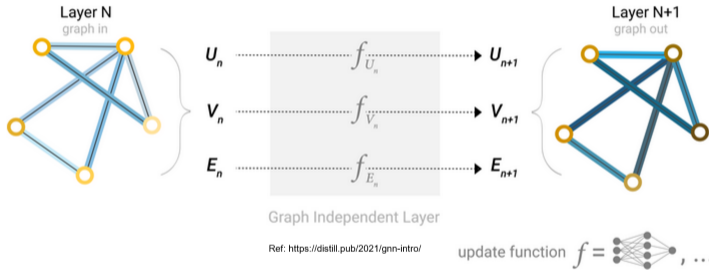
- Given different arrays can be represented with graphs, how do we predict corresponding power for a given array/graph?

$\Rightarrow$  GNN



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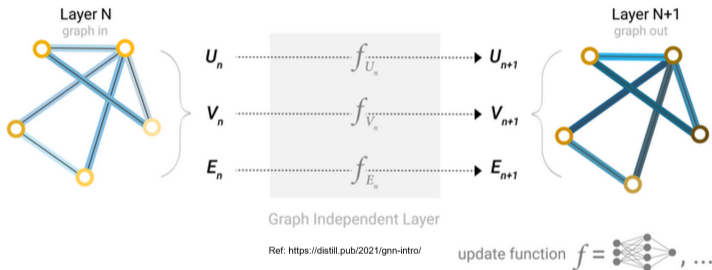


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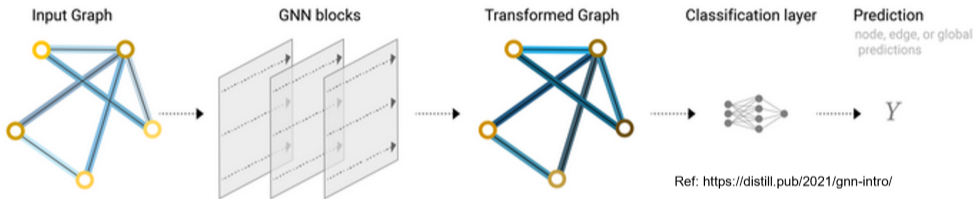
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- Given updated features, how to predict?



# Predictions from GNN

Aggregate features and then use a linear layer for prediction

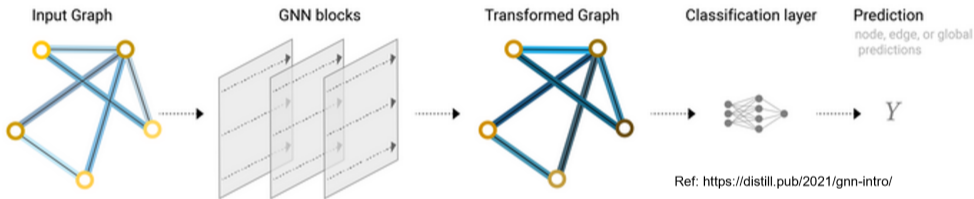


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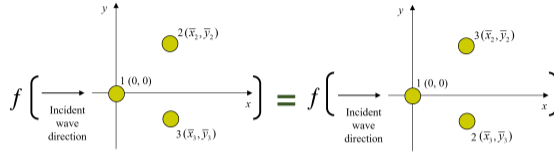


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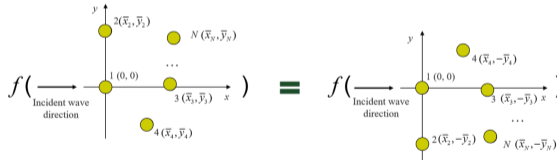
- Methods: GCN, GAT, GraphSAGE
- An invariant type GNN with randomly initaited node features used in the study, inspired by the works of Satorras et. al. (2021) and R Sato (2024)



# Physics of Wave Farm



Permutation Invariance



X-Axis Reflective Invariance





# Invariant GNN with Random Node Features

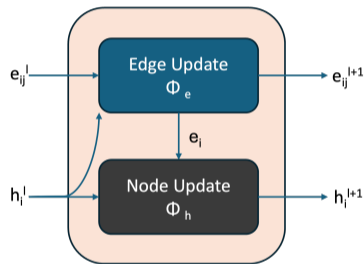
Satorras et. al. (2021) have shown that the following update functions result in invariances of translation and reflection to node and edge features:

$$\mathbf{e}_{ij}^{l+1} = \phi_e(\mathbf{h}_i^l, \mathbf{h}_j^l, \|\mathbf{x}_i^l - \mathbf{x}_j^l\|^2, \mathbf{e}_{ij}^l) \quad \text{Edge Update}$$

$$\mathbf{e}_i^{l+1} = \sum_{j \neq i} \mathbf{e}_{ij}^l \quad \text{Edge Aggregation to Node}$$

$$\mathbf{h}_i^{l+1} = \phi_h(\mathbf{h}_i^l, \mathbf{e}_i^{l+1}) \quad \text{Node Update}$$

where,  $\phi_e$  and  $\phi_h$  are edge and node update functions respectively, for example: MLP



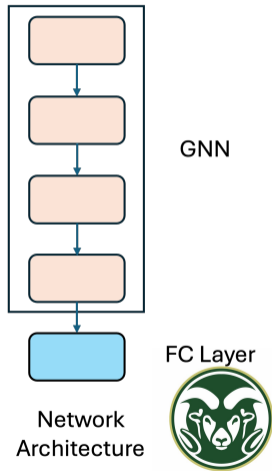
A GNN Layer





# Implementation Details

- GNN layers stacked upon each other and a fully connected layer at the end for required output size
- Edge Features:  
 $\mathbf{e}_{ij} = [\mathbf{I}_m(d_{ij}), \mathbf{K}_m(d_{ij}), \cos(\theta_{ij})] \quad m = 1, 2, \dots, 10$   
where  $\mathbf{I}_m(\cdot)$  and  $\mathbf{K}_m(\cdot)$  are  $m$ th order Bessel functions of the first and the second kind
- Node Features:  $\mathbf{h}_i =$  Randomly generated from uniform distribution in  $[0, 1]$
- Although randomly initialized, the network updates these features through the learning process





## Implementation Details (contd...)

- Implementation is done in Python using PyTorch and PyTorch Geometric
- Edge Update Function ( $\phi_e$ ): 4 hidden layers each with 200 units and a linear layer of 20 units at the end
- Node Update Function ( $\phi_h$ ): 3 hidden layers each with 100 units, followed by a hidden layer of 50 units and a linear layer of 10 units at the end
- After each hidden layer, ReLU is applied as non-linear layer
- MSE is used as loss function and model trained for 5000 epochs. Train:Val:Test Split = 6400:800:800
- Learning Rate Scheduler and Early Stopping which are standard practices in ML are also implemented
- For learning rate scheduler, PyTorch's 'ReduceLROnPlateau' is used, which reduces learning rate up to a certain limit if the validation loss does not decrease within a threshold for some epochs





# Results

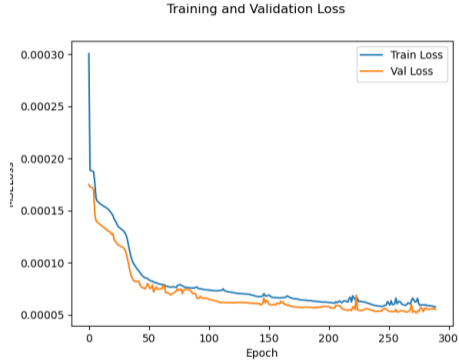
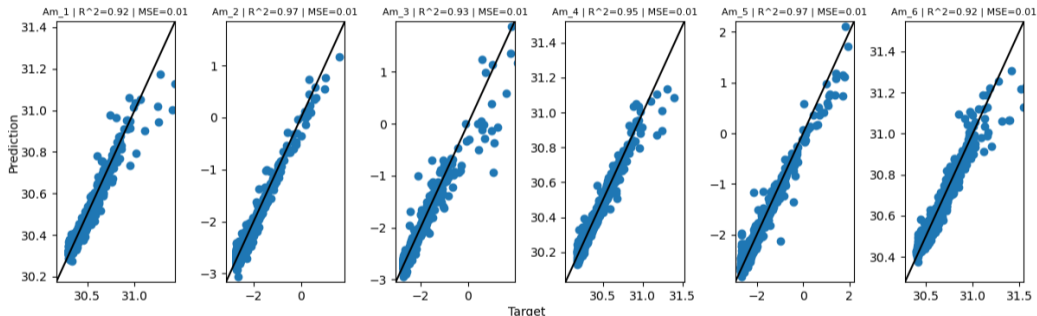


Figure: Loss over Epochs for Added Mass Coefficient Training



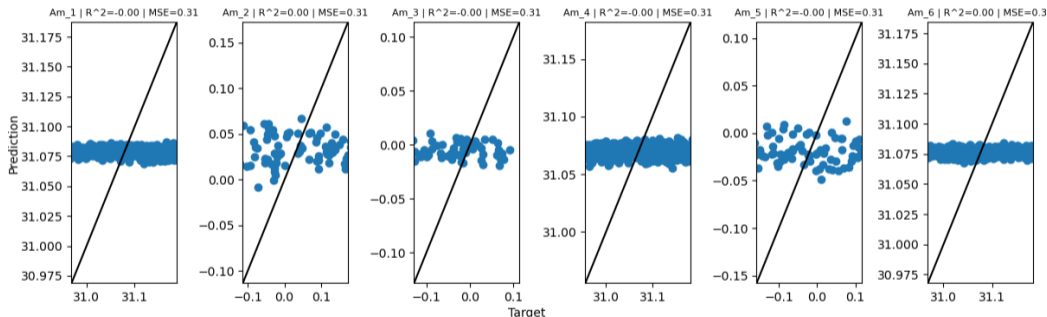


# Prediction of Added Mass for $\omega = 0.3$



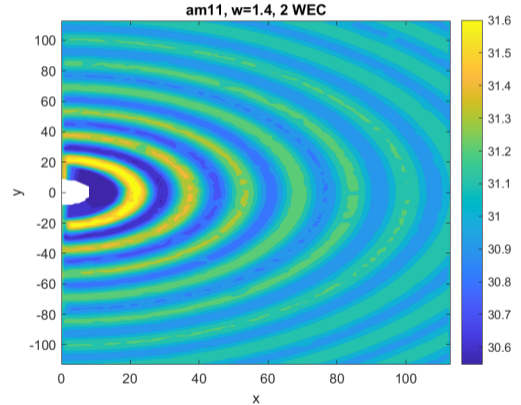
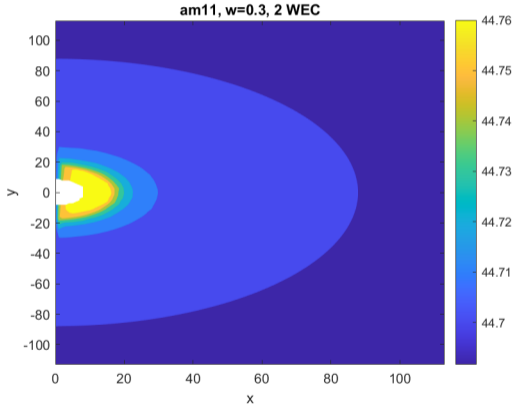


# Prediction of Added Mass for $\omega = 1.4$





# Variation of Added Mass Coefficient





## Conclusion

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### Future Work:

- Analyse the case for higher frequencies and get good predictions
- Work on other hydrodynamic coefficients
- Model power generation after getting good results on coefficients





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