




Synchronous Hyperedge Replacement Graph Grammars

Corey Pennycuff, Satyaki Sikdar, Catalina Vajiac,
David Chiang, and Tim Weninger

Department of Computer Science and Engineering

University of Notre Dame





A brief reminder of Hyperedge Replacement Grammars

Context Free Grammars

Production Rules

R1: $S \rightarrow SA$

R2: $S \rightarrow A$

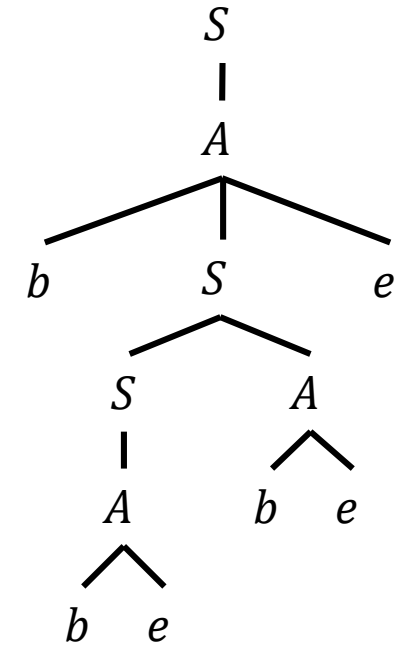
R3: $A \rightarrow bSe$

R4: $A \rightarrow be$

Derivation of "bbebee"

	S
R2	A
R3	bSe
R1	$bSAe$
R2	$bAAe$
R4	$bbeAe$
R4	$bbebee$

Parse Tree



Context Free Grammars

Where did the Production Rules come from? Can we learn them?

Production Rules

R1: $S \rightarrow SA$

R2: $S \rightarrow A$

R3: $A \rightarrow bSe$

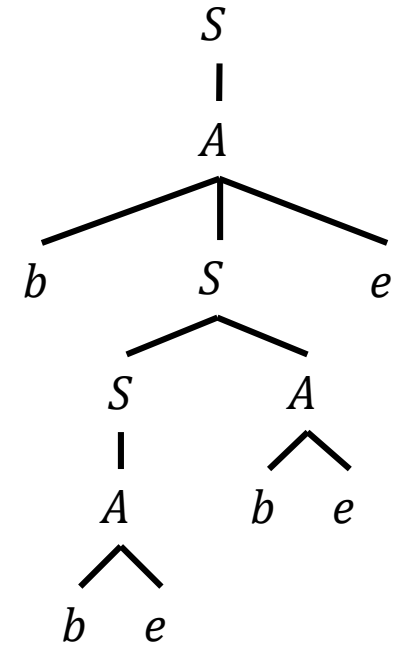
R4: $A \rightarrow be$

Learning production rules from "bbebee"

↑
R2 A
R3 bSe
R1 $bSAe$
R2 $bAAe$
R4 $bbeAe$
R4 $bbebee$

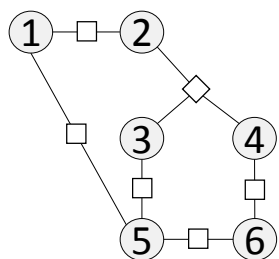
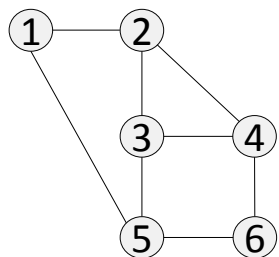
NLP

Parse Tree



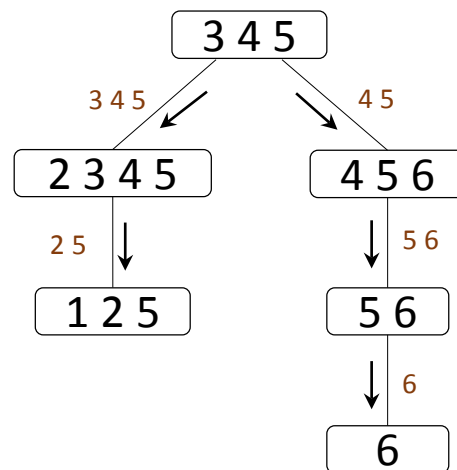
Learning Hyperedge Replacement Grammars

Graph



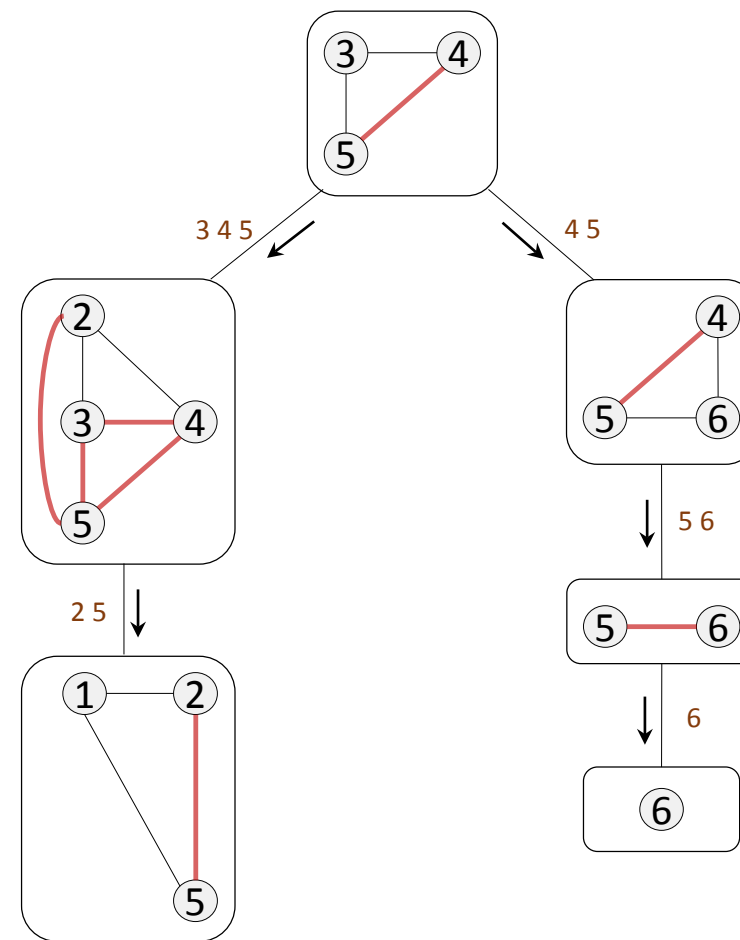
Tree Decomposition

used for many things:
Exact inference in probabilistic graphical models
Viterbi Algorithm runs on a tree decomposition



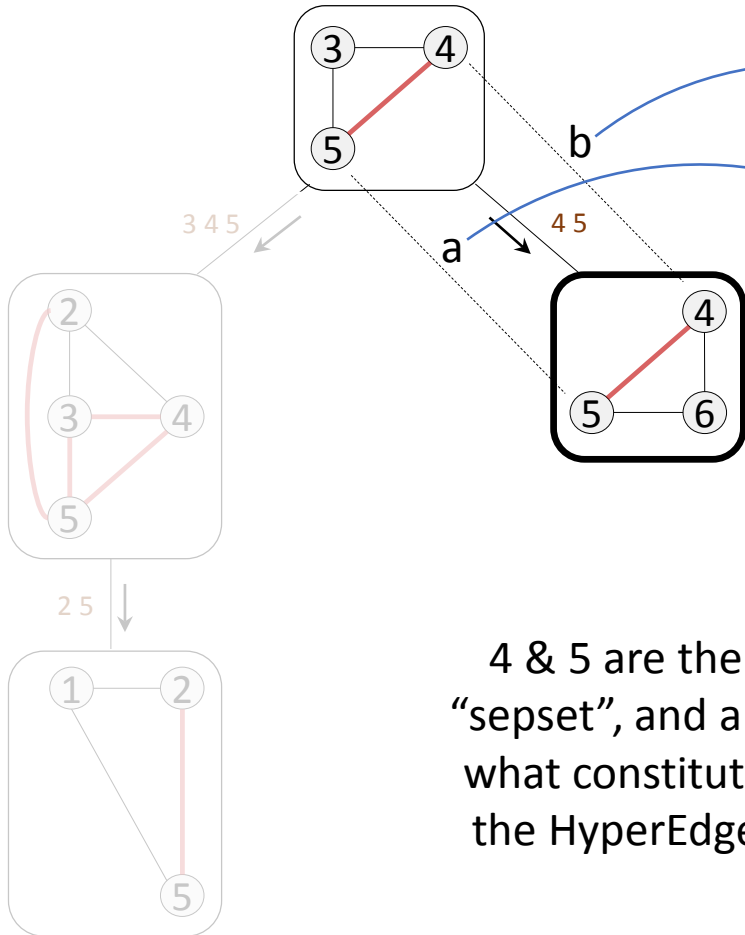
created via elimination ordering
Maximal Cardinality Search (MCS) Heuristic

Expanded Tree Decomposition

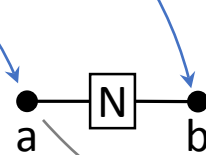


Learning Hyperedge Replacement Grammars

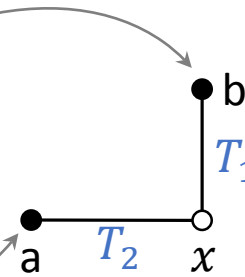
Expanded Tree Decomposition



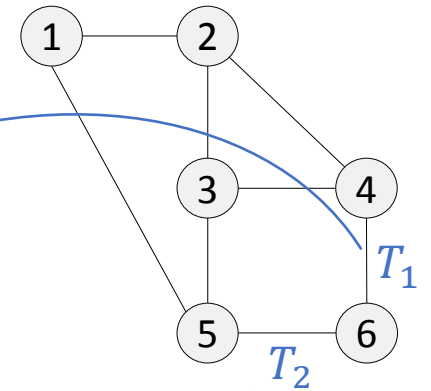
LHS



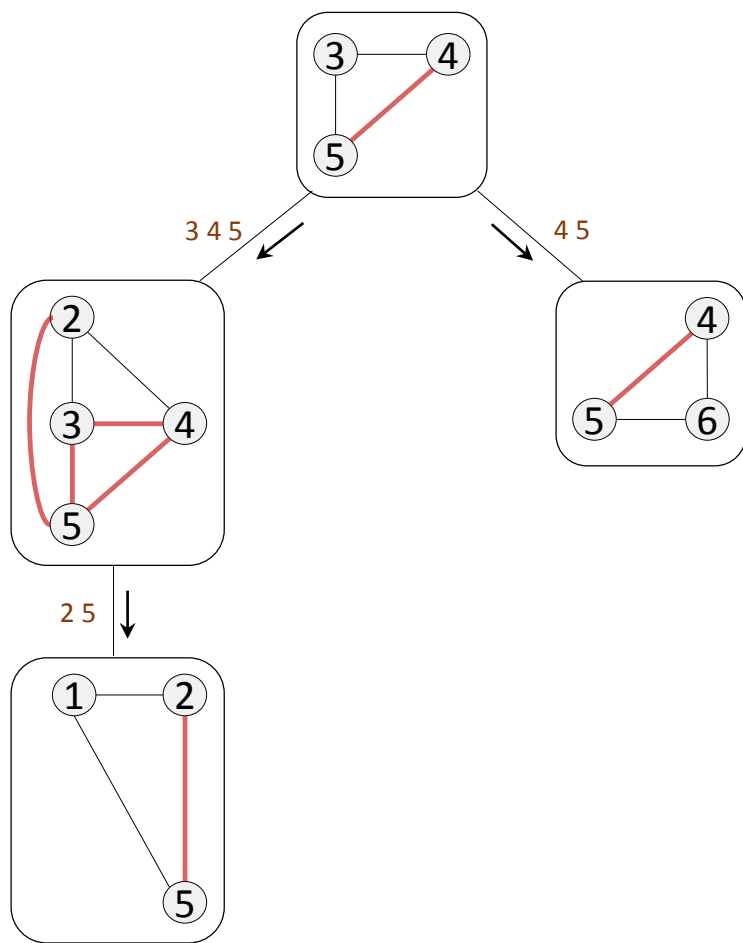
RHS



Original Graph

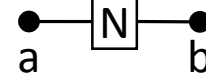
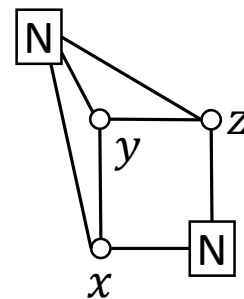


The HRG



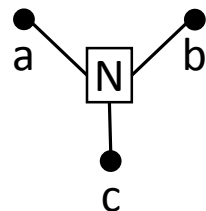
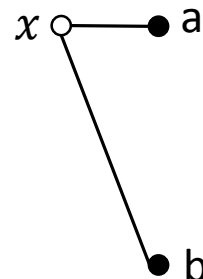
S

Rule 1

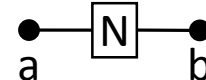
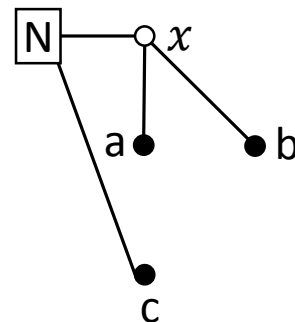


Rule 3

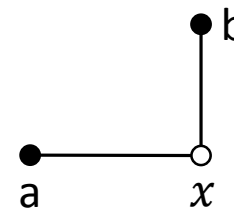
x2



Rule 2



Rule 4



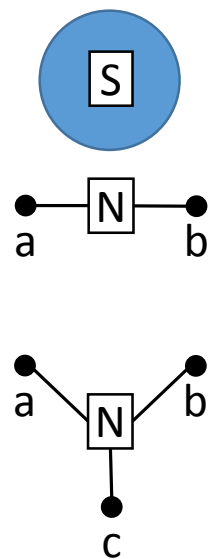
Growing a Graph

Always start with S

Current Graph



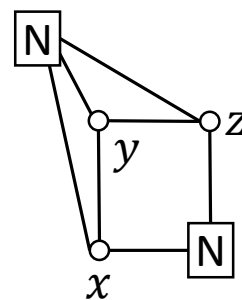
Match LHS



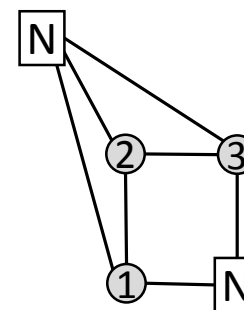
S

Pick Rule

Rule 1
→

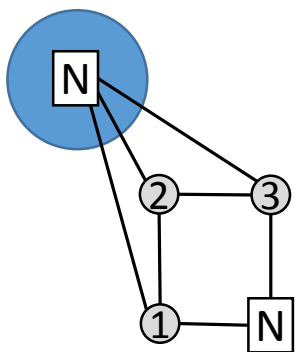


New Graph

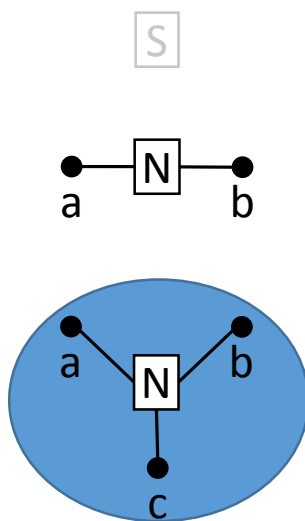


Growing a Graph

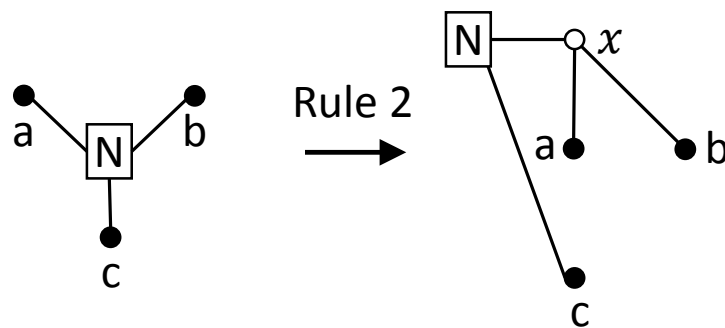
Current Graph



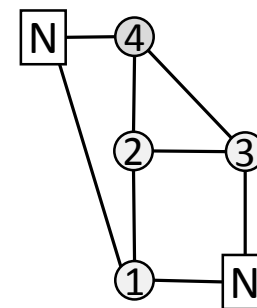
Match LHS



Pick Rule

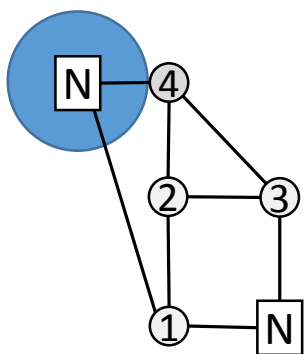


New Graph

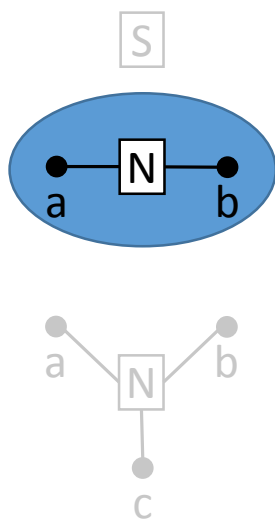


Growing a Graph

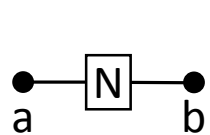
Current Graph



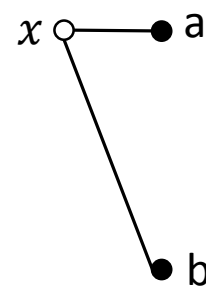
Match LHS



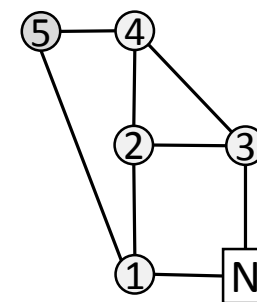
Pick Rule



Rule 3

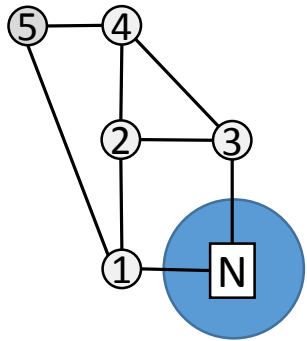


New Graph

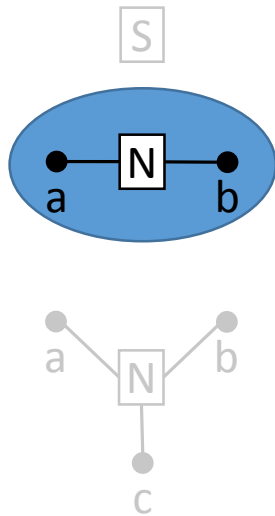


Growing a Graph

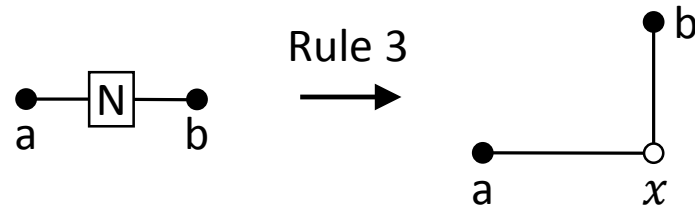
Current Graph



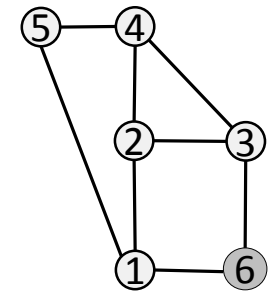
Match LHS



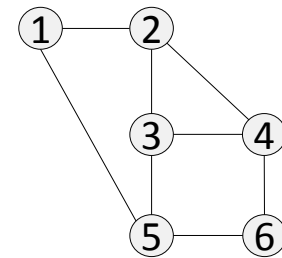
Pick Rule



New Graph



Original Graph





What's Missing

HRG is not learned from the evolution of the actual graph
(Neither are most other graph generators)

- Tree Decomposition of the static, global graph is unnatural and clumsy
- Rules don't *mean* anything



Synchronous HRGs

Synchronous CFGs

Given 2 equivalent sentences in different languages:

- English: I open the box.
- Japanese: Watashi ha hako wo akemasu.
- Synchronous grammars map the **syntactic structure** and **vocabulary** for each language, and **pairs** them into a single rule.
- A sentence **decomposed** with one grammar can be **reconstituted** using the corresponding rules from the other language, and is thereby **translated**.

• How do we apply these to graphs?

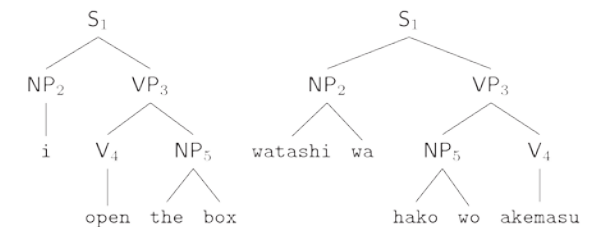
Production Rules

(LHS \rightarrow RHS_{English} | RHS_{Japanese})

S \rightarrow NP₁ VP₂ : NP₁ VP₂
 VP \rightarrow V₁ NP₂ : NP₂ V₁
 NP \rightarrow i : watashi ha
 NP \rightarrow the box : hako wo
 V \rightarrow open : akemasu

Applying Rules Synchronously

Rule	English	Japanese
	S ₁	S ₁
1	NP ₂ VP ₃	NP ₂ VP ₃
2	NP ₂ V ₄ NP ₅	NP ₂ NP ₅ V ₄
3	i V ₄ NP ₅	watashi ha NP ₅ V ₄
4	i V ₄ the box	watashi ha hako wo V ₄
5	i open the box	watashi ha hako wo akemasu

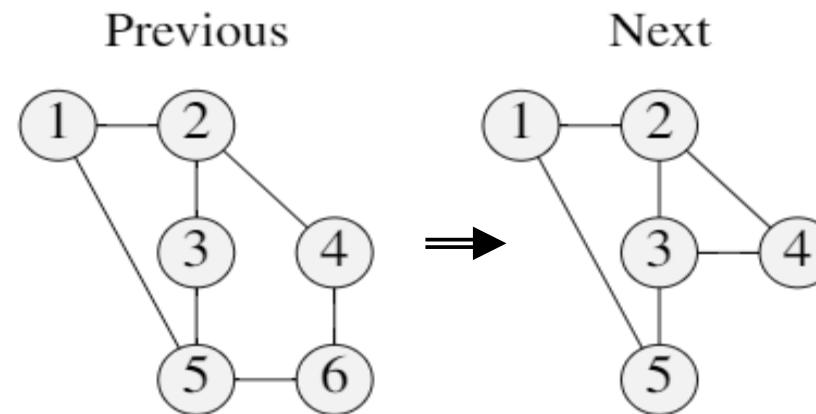


Example from Chiang, D.: An Introduction To Synchronous Grammars

Applying SCFGs to Graphs (Intuition)

- How can we “Translate” a graph?
 - We translate from one timestep to the next
- English : Japanese :: $H^{(t)} : H^{(t+1)}$

I open the box. \Rightarrow Watashi ha hako wo akemasu.

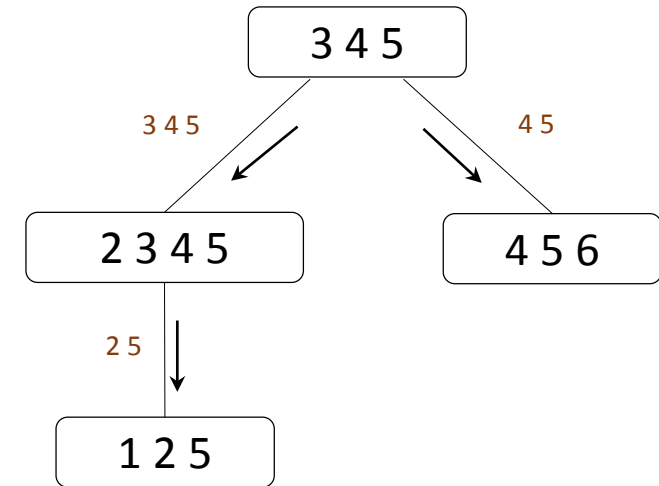
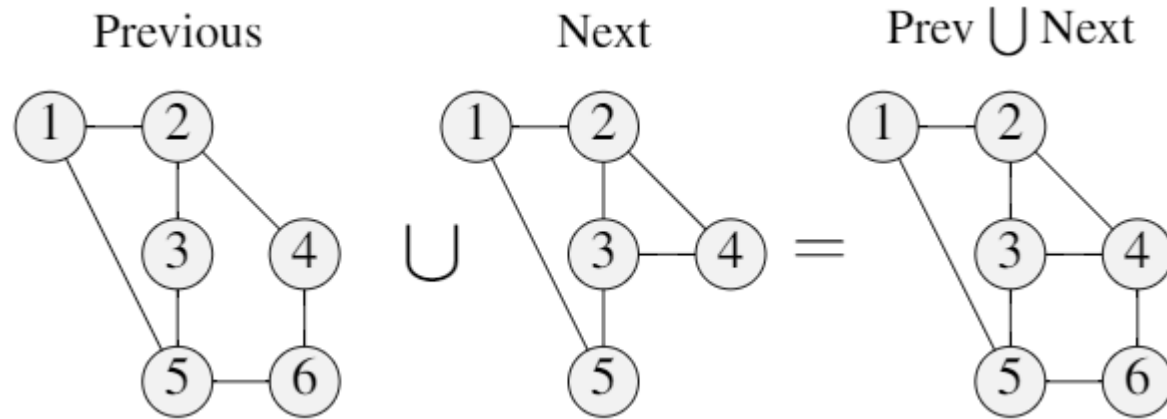


Tree Decomposition from the Union

How can two distinct, temporal snapshots of a graph be “equivalent”?

Work from a union of the two graphs

- Union of Graphs

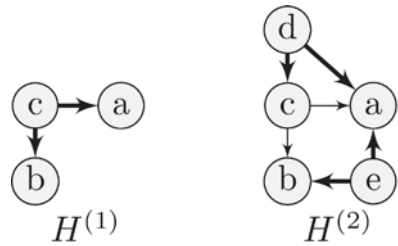


Generate synchronous rules from the context of the individual timestamps

Generated rules must have identical size and number of non-terminals in each paired rule.

Differences in a synchronous rule can model addition or removal of edges.

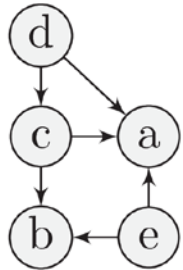
Extracting a Synchronous Hyperedge Replacement Grammar



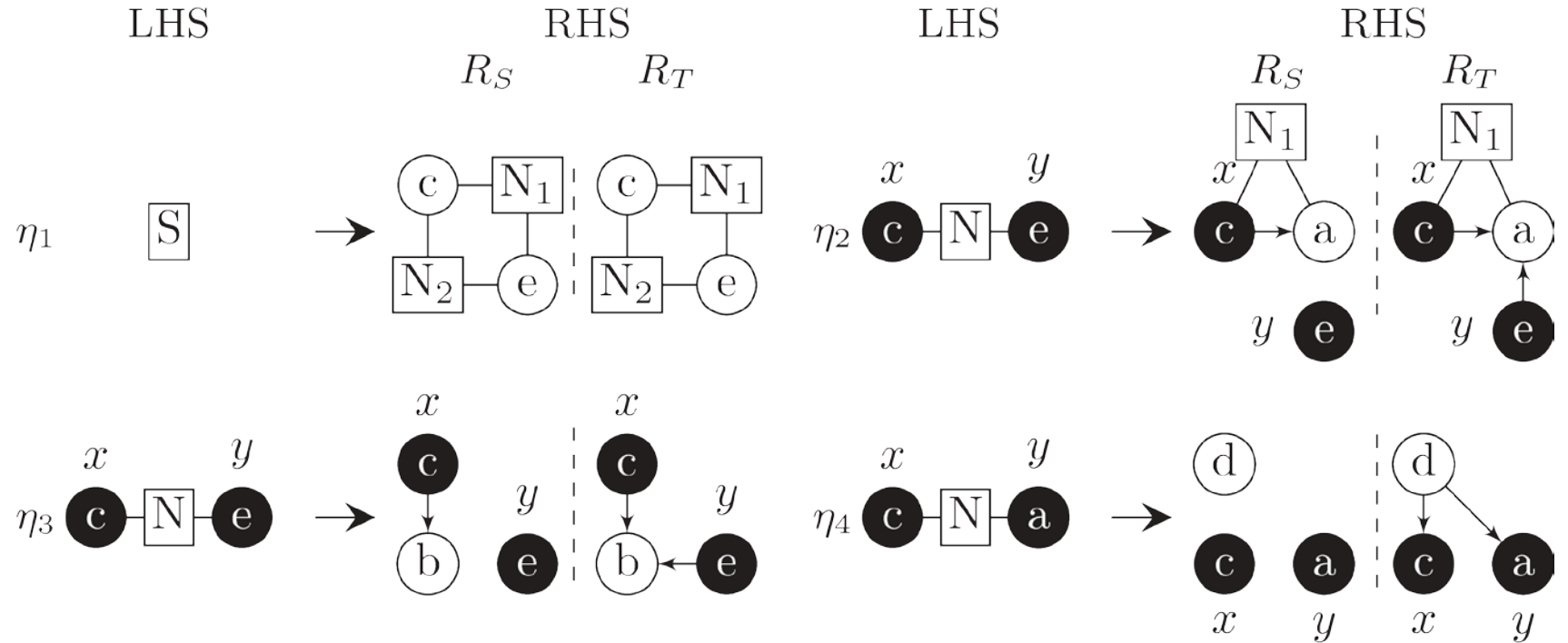
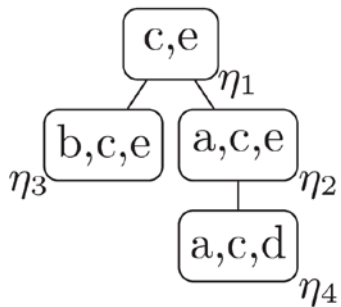
$H^{(1)} \cup H^{(2)}$

Extracted Production Rules

Graph Union



Tree Decomposition



Is the SHRG Meaningful?

Generate 1000 of each Graph Type

- BA with $n = 10$ and $m = 2$, over $n - m$ timesteps
- ER: create n vertices & add edges between two vertices with probability p
 - ER_1 : $n(n - 1)$ timesteps, with $n(1 - p)$ timesteps expected to contain no changes
 - ER_2 : same as ER_1 , but skips timesteps where no changes occur
 - ER_3 : create 2 directed edges per timestep
 - $pn(n - 1)$ edges over $pn(n - 1)/2$ timesteps

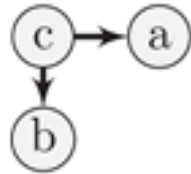
Inspect rules to see if consistent with BA growth process

- Rule 4 – persistence of wedges
- Rule 8 – creation of wedges
- Rule 9 – Preferential attachment
- Rules 3 & 12 – Impossible for BA

	R_S	R_T	BA	ER ₁	ER ₂	ER ₃
Static Rules	1		0.051	0.157	0.171	0.153
	2		0.133	0.545	0.542	0.412
	3		0.000	0.006	0.017	0.007
	4		0.260	0.047	0.034	0.029
	5		0.032	0.028	0.030	0.017
	6		0.025	0.009	0.000	0.002
BA Rules	7		0.243	0.164	0.166	0.325
	8		0.097	0.000	0.000	0.001
	9		0.155	0.012	0.004	0.014
Other Rules	10		0.001	0.000	0.000	0.002
	11		0.000	0.021	0.031	0.028
	12		0.000	0.006	0.006	0.008
	13		0.000	0.006	0.005	0.007

Can we Predict Future Graph Changes?

Current Graph

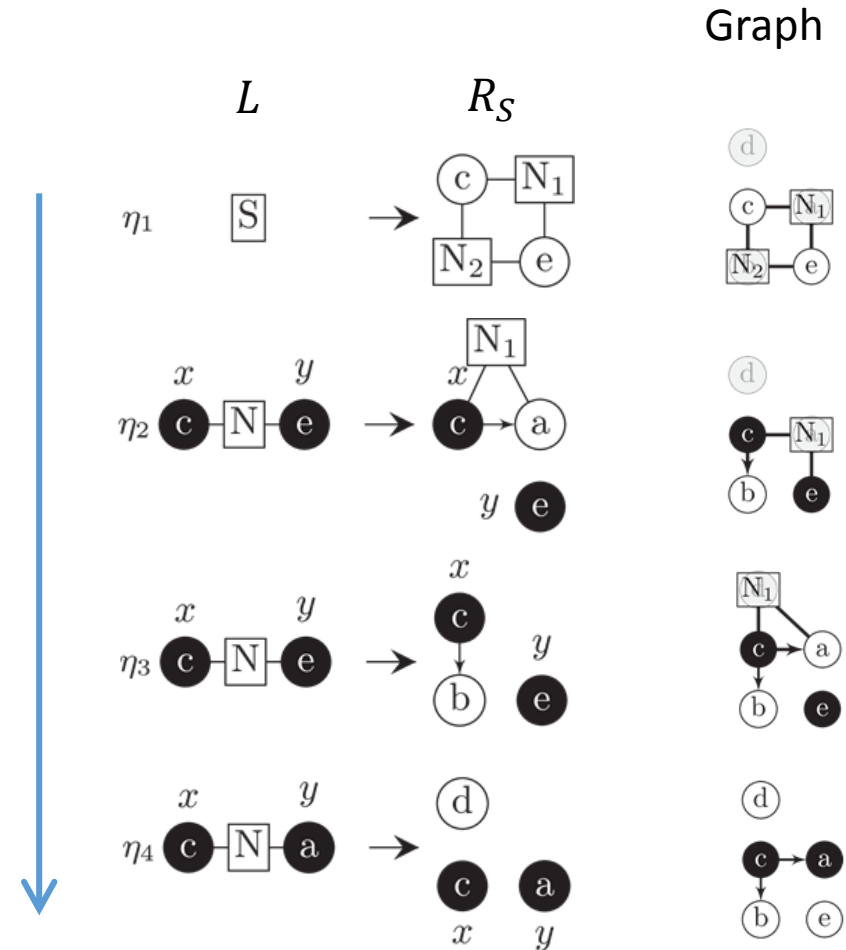


Parse Current Graph using R_S

Algorithm adapted from hypergraph parsing algorithm (reverse-CYK algorithm) by Chiang et al (2013)

Algorithm produces a rule ordering (π) which can be used to generate the Source graph

$$\pi = R1, R2, R3, R4$$



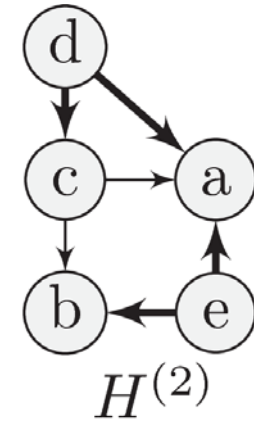
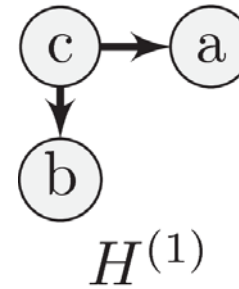
Generating $t + 1$

Generate $H^{(t+1)}$ using R_T

- Use π as the rule ordering, applying RHS rules R_T

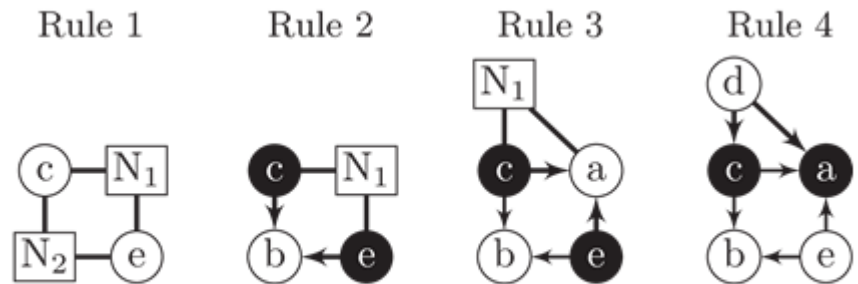
Limitations

- Cannot predict unseen structures
- Multiple (valid & optimal) π
- Hypergraph parsing limits graph size (computationally)



Generating with
target-PHRG

$H^{(2)}$



A panoramic view of the Roman Aqueduct of Segovia in Spain. The aqueduct is a massive stone structure with multiple tiers of arches, built from large, rectangular blocks of stone. It spans across the city, providing a view of the urban landscape below. The city features traditional Spanish architecture with red-tiled roofs and multi-story buildings. In the background, there are mountains under a cloudy sky. The word "Experiments" is overlaid in white text in the center of the image.

Experiments

Methodology

Given a dynamic graph H with n timesteps, extract PSHRG grammar from $H^{(1)} \dots H^{(n-1)}$.

- Extract π using Chiang algorithm and R_S on $H^{(n-1)}$
- Execute π ordering with R_T , creating H^*
- Compare H^* to $H^{(n)}$

Graphs are small

- 5 – 12 nodes
- Limitation of parsing tools

Cramér–von Mises Statistic

- For comparing distributions

Repeat 50 times and plot the mean

Comparisons

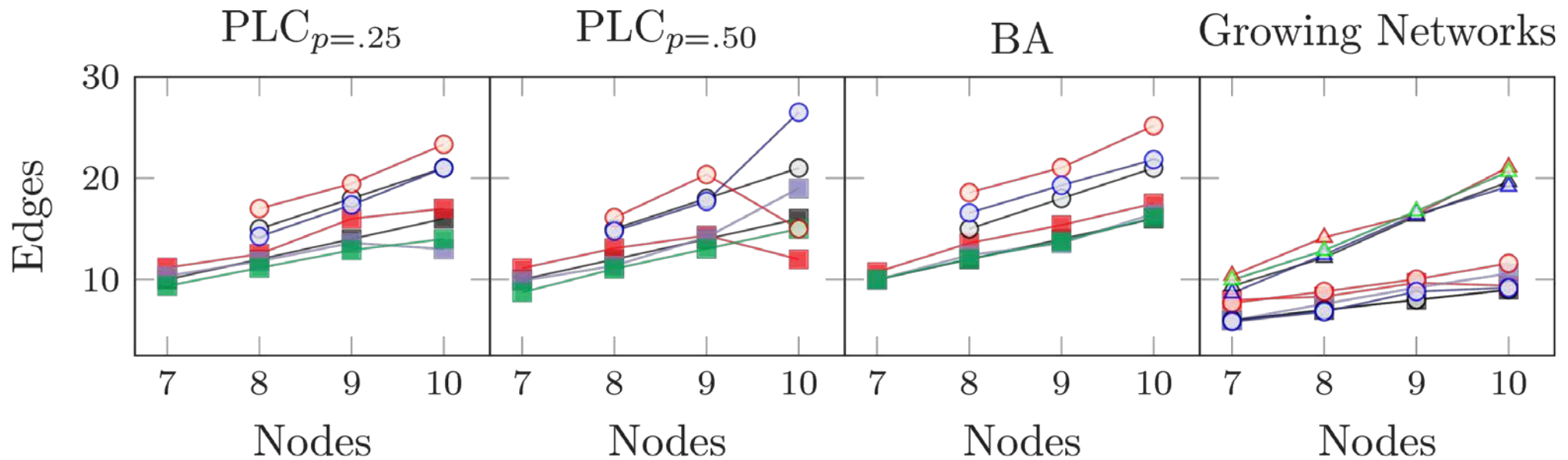
- In-degree
- Out-degree
- PageRank
- Graphlet Correlation Distance (GCD)

Other Graph Generators

- Barabási–Albert (BA) model
 - $k = 2$ and $k = 3$
- Powerlaw-Cluster graph (PLC)
 - $p = 0.25$ and $p = 0.5$
- “Growing networks”
 - GN, GNR, and GNC, $p = 0.5$
- Erdős–Rényi
- Separable Temporal Exponential Random Graph Model (STERGM)

Results: Edge Count

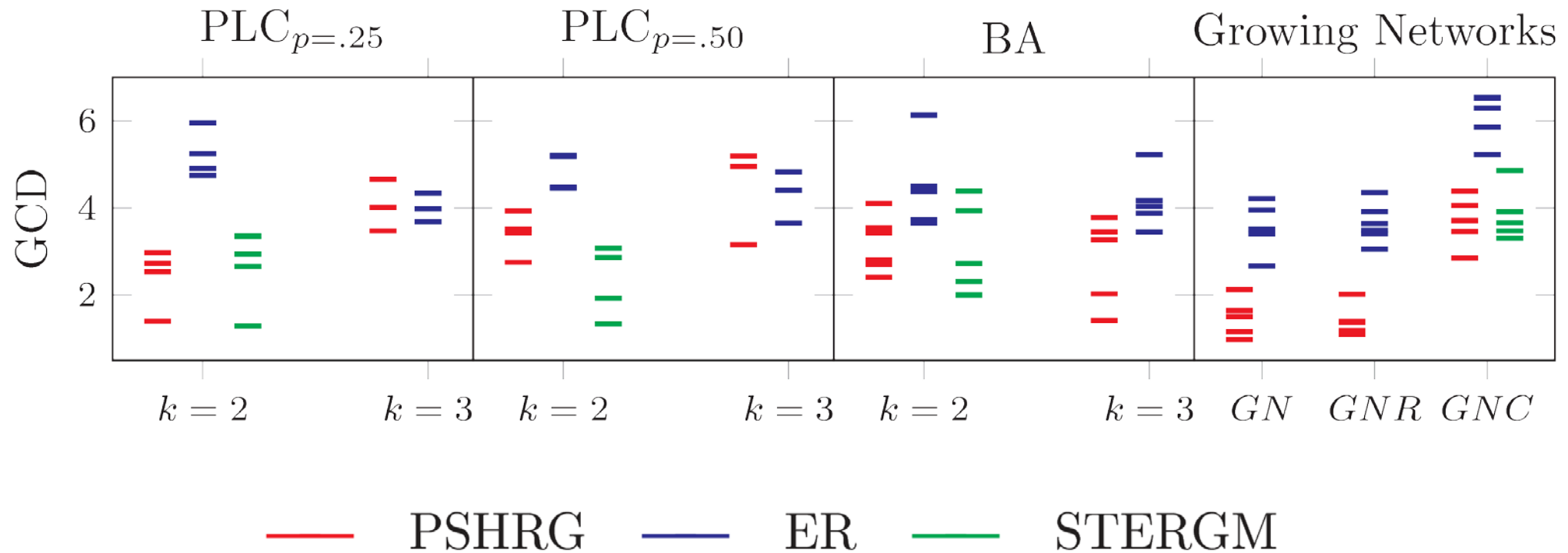
Number of edges generated by ER, STERGM, and PSHRG graph generators for each of the PLC, BA, and Growing Networks (GN, GNR, GNC) graph processes.



- TRUE k=2 / GN —■— PSHRG k=2 / GN —■— ER k= 2 / GN —■— STERGM k=2 / GN
- TRUE k=3 / GNR —○— PSHRG k=3 / GNR —○— ER k=3 / GNR —○— STERGM k=3 / GNR
- △— TRUE GNC —△— PSHRG GNC —△— ER GNC —△— STERGM GNC

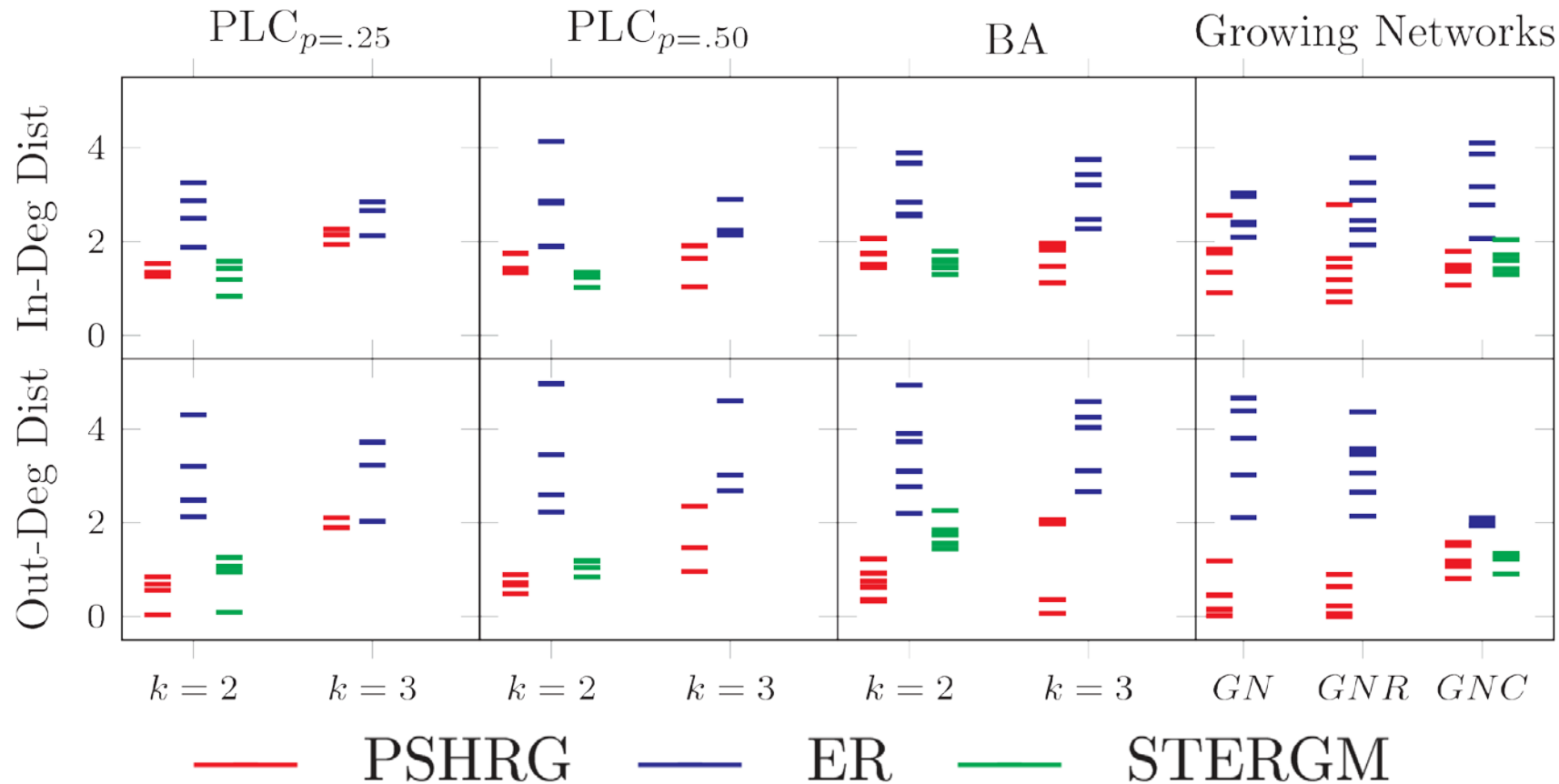
Results: Graphlet Correlation Distance

Graphlet Correlation Distance (GCD). Dashes represent mean GCD scores for various graph sizes (bottom-to-top almost always represents smaller-to-larger graphs), parameters, and models. Lower is better. PSHRG is usually the best.



Results: Degree Distribution

CVM-test statistics of in-degree (top) and out-degree (bottom) distributions for various graph sizes (bottom-to-top almost always represents smaller-to-larger graphs), parameters, and models. Lower is better. PSHRG and STERGM (when available) results are competitive.



Questions?

