



# Neighbourhood matching creates realistic surrogate temporal networks

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## **Surrogate temporal networks:**



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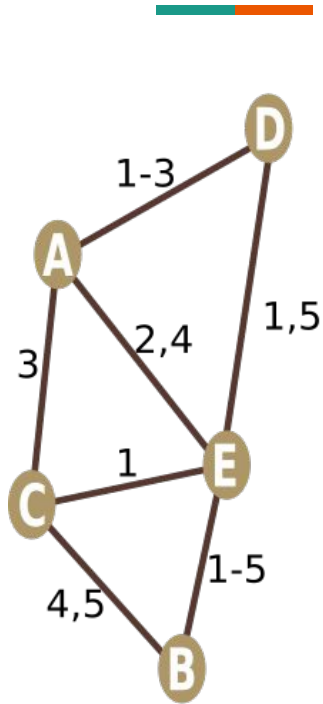


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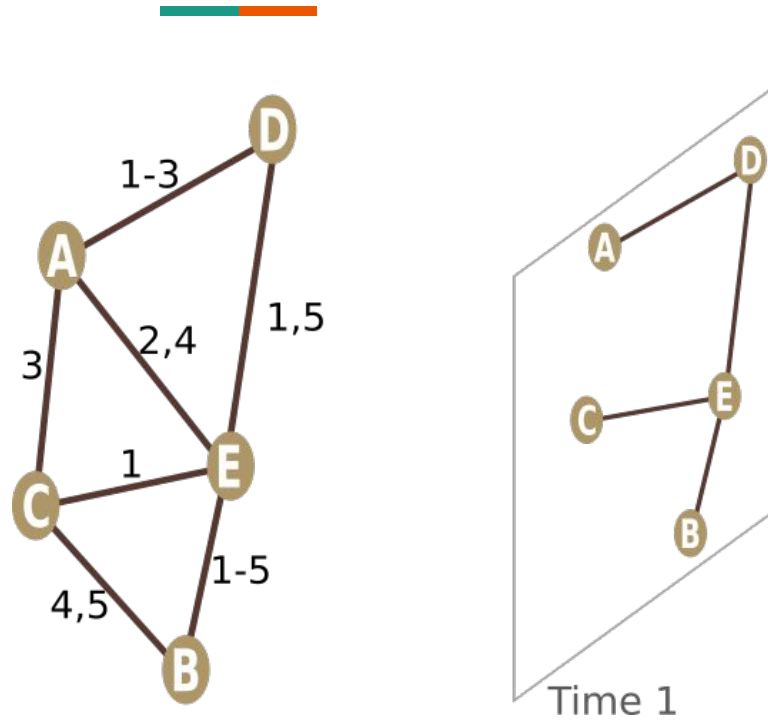
### Why do we have to generate them?

- Node extension
- Temporal expansion
- Privacy prevention

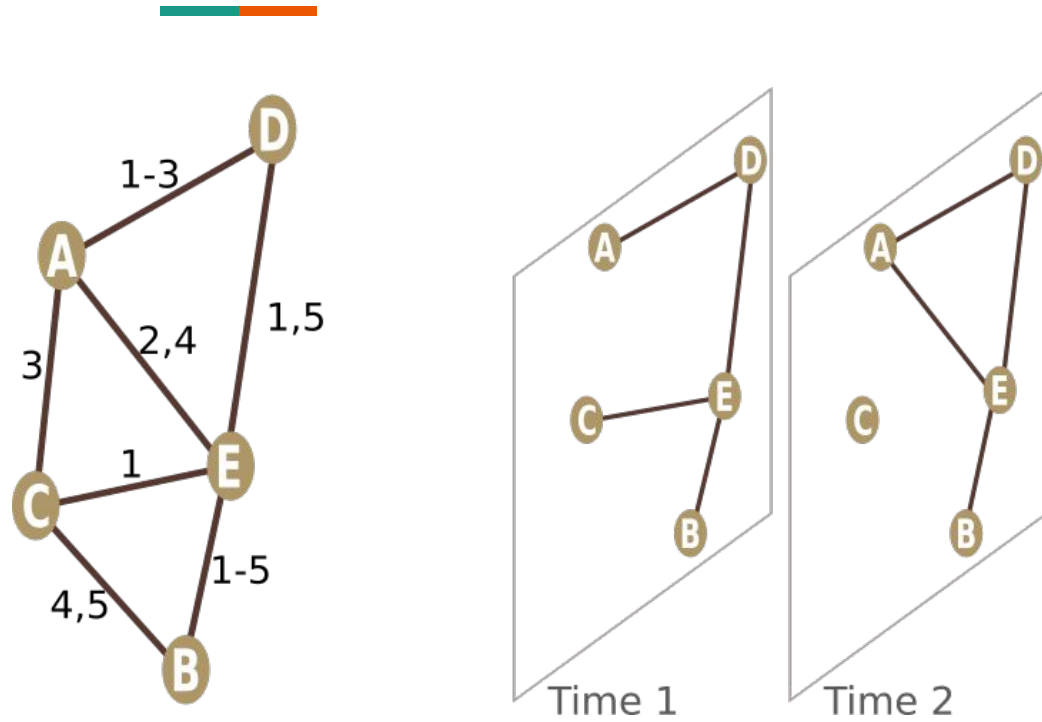
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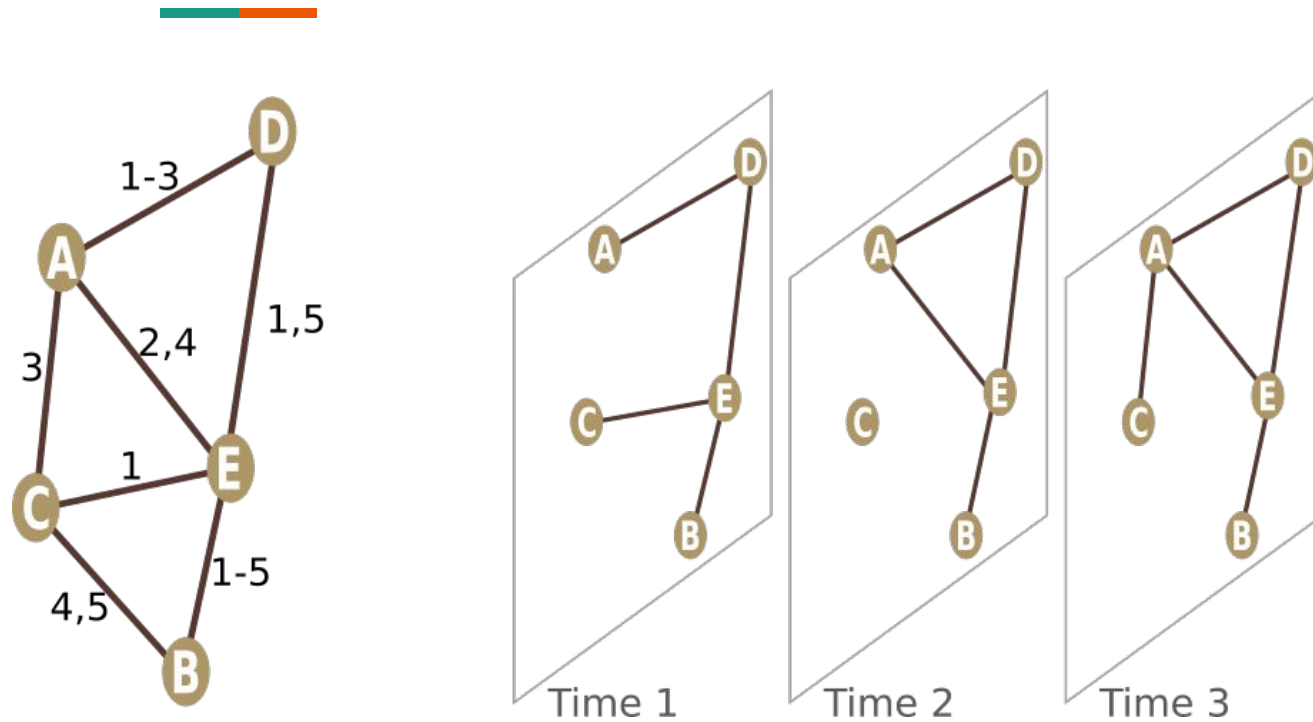
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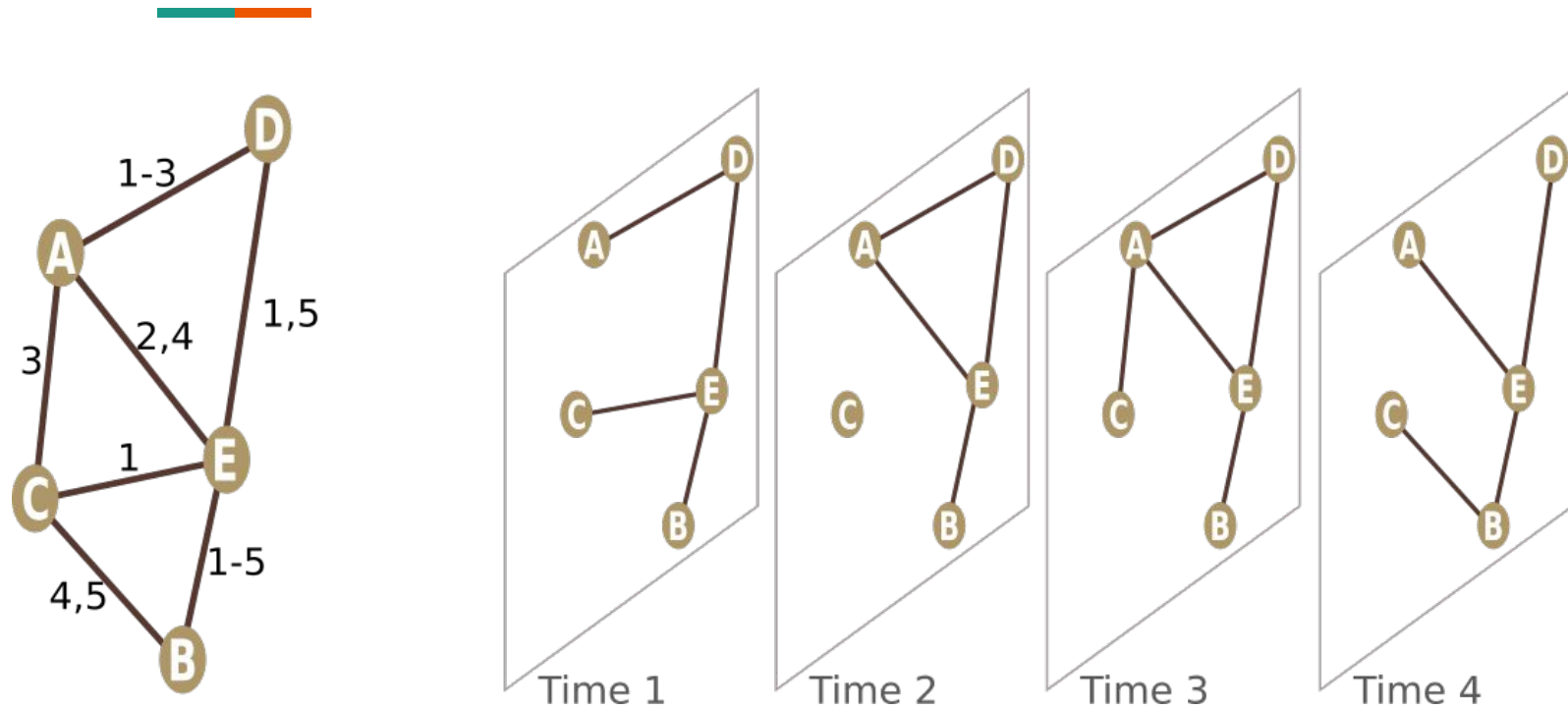


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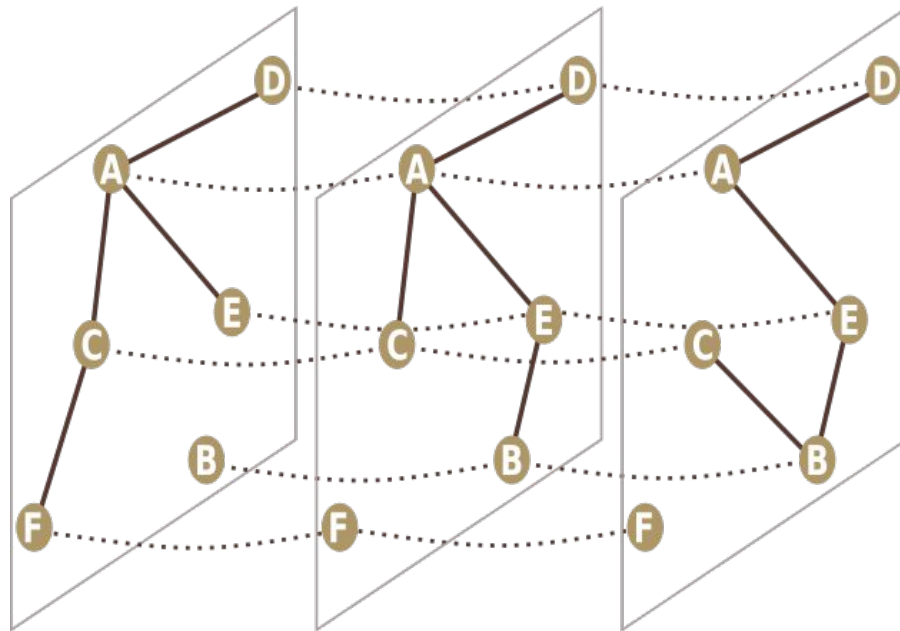




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**ETN**



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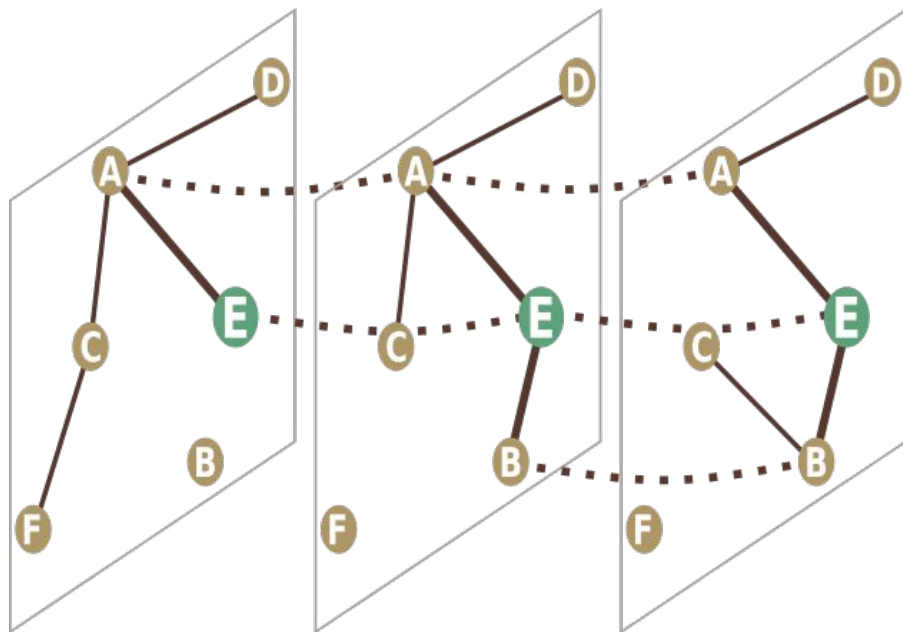
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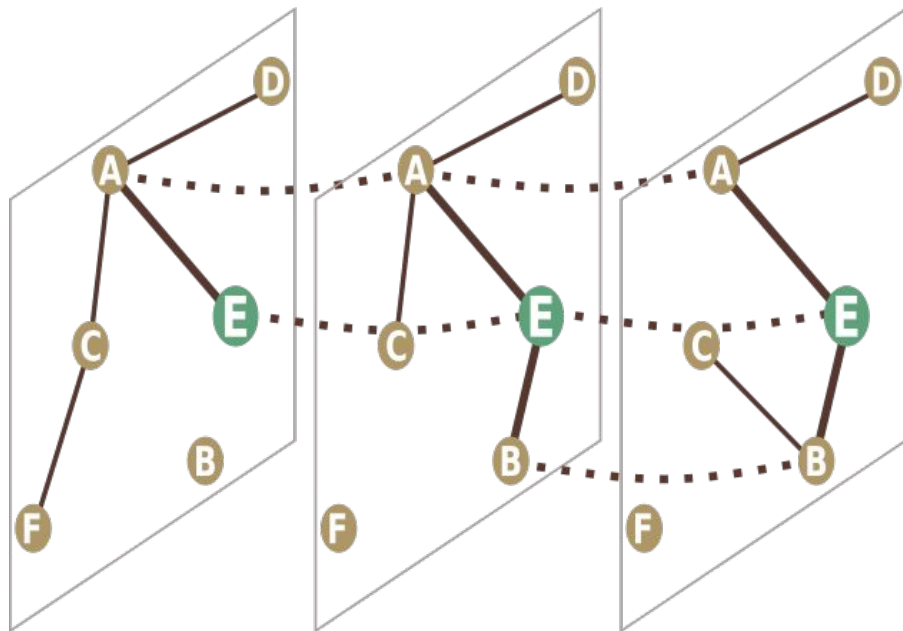
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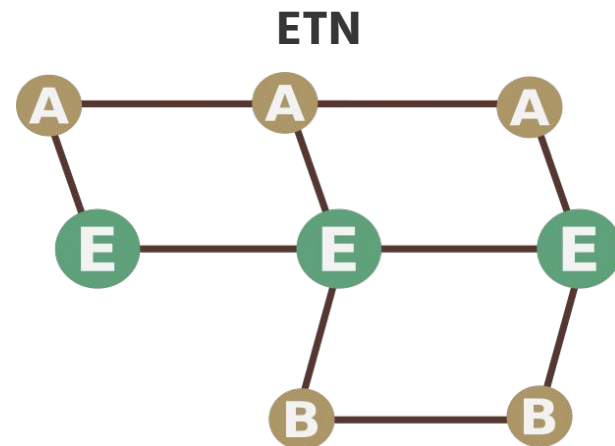
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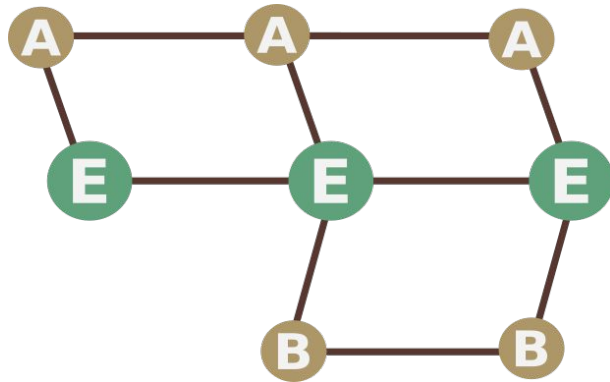


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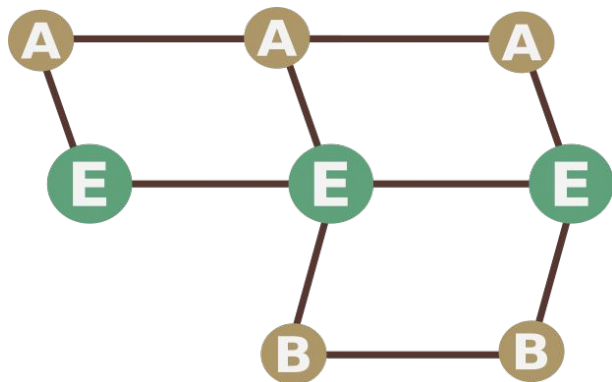
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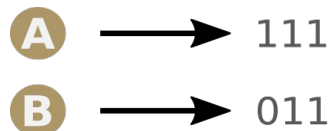
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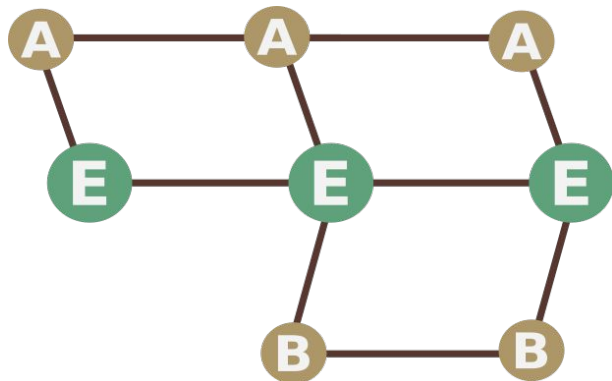
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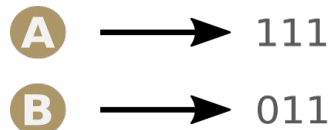
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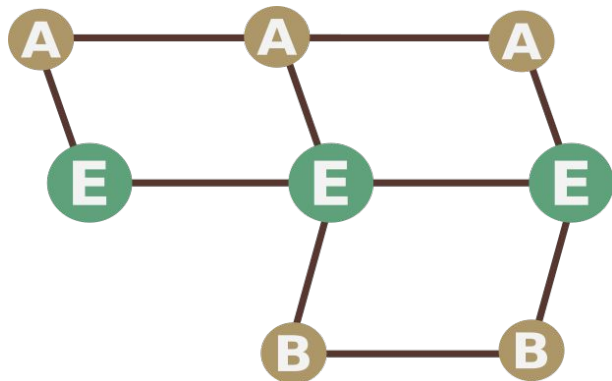


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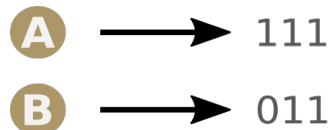




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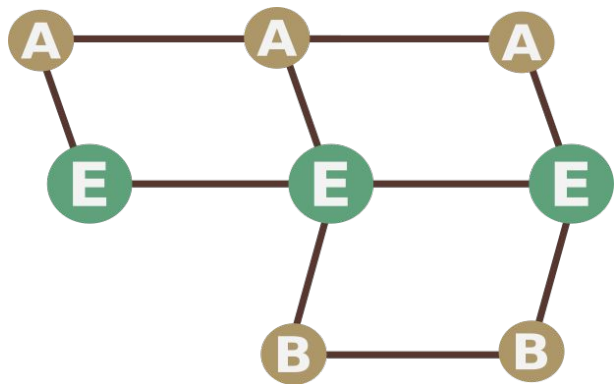
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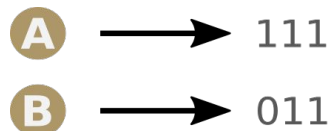
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### Complexity:

d = maximum degree of the graph

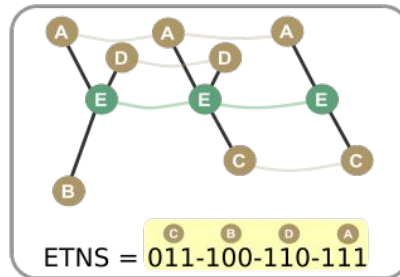
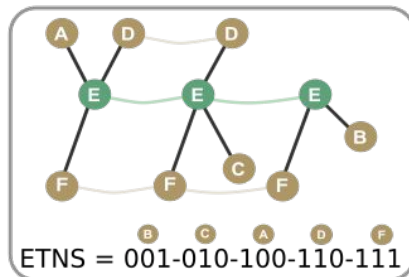
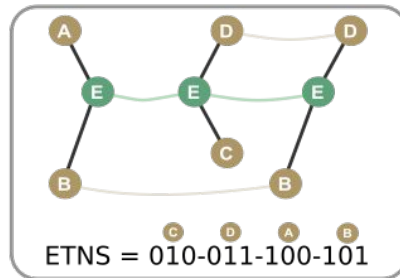
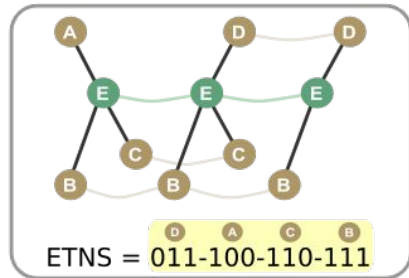
k = number of temporal snapshots - 1

$$O(d^k \log d^k)$$

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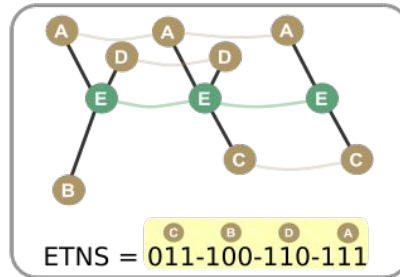
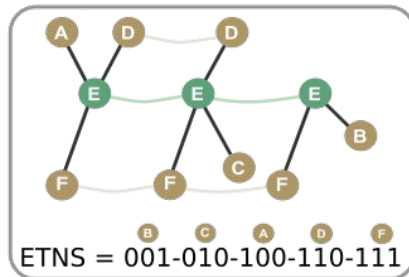
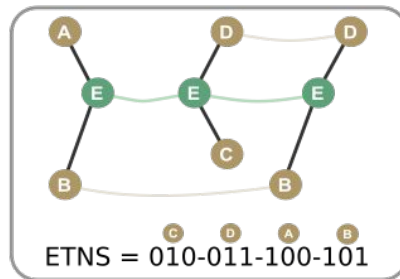
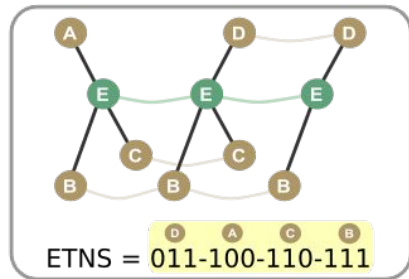
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	Office	Hospital	High School 1	High School 2	High School 3	Primary School	University
Office	0	0.07	0.29	0.22	0.29	0.67	0.47
Hospital		0	0.29	0.22	0.30	0.66	0.45
High School 1			0	0.04	0.04	0.59	0.06
High School 2				0	0.02	0.61	0.13
High School 3					0	0.62	0.08
Primary School						0	0.62
University							0

Pairwise distance between different environments according to the most significant Egocentric Temporal Networks

## How to use ETN?



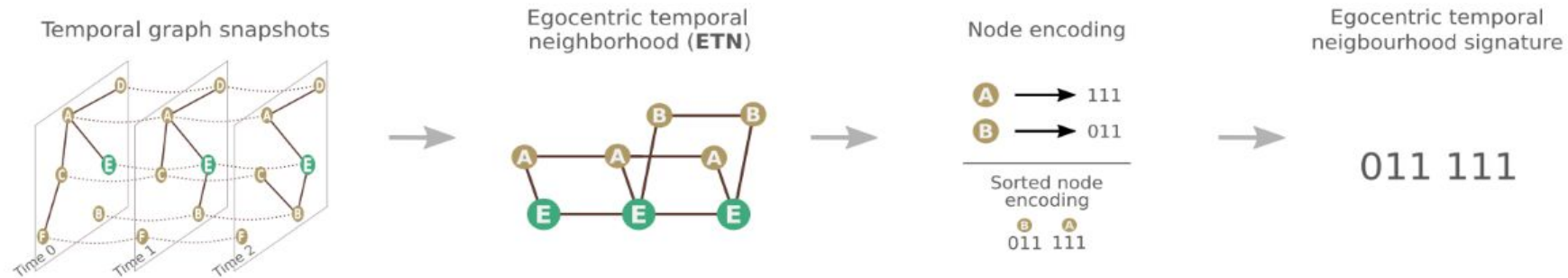
**We can generate a surrogate temporal network!**

## A Egocentric temporal neighborhood

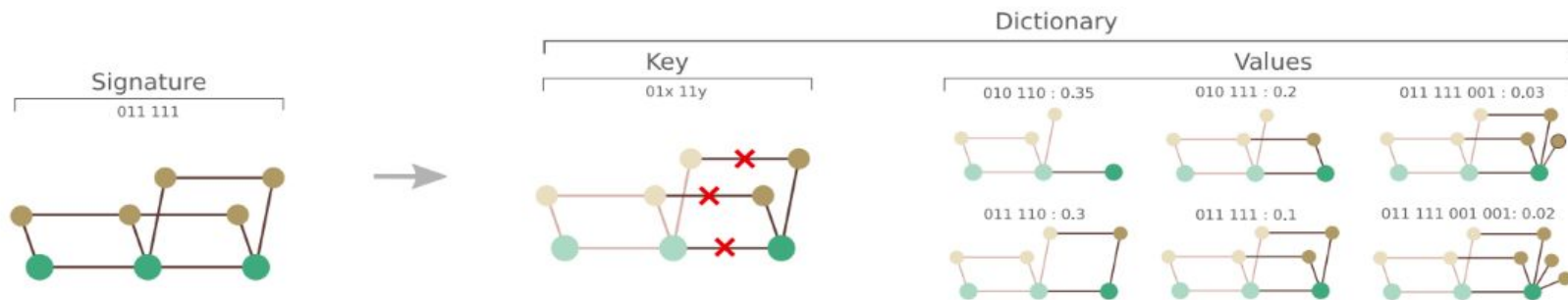


## Recipe for generating a synthetic network

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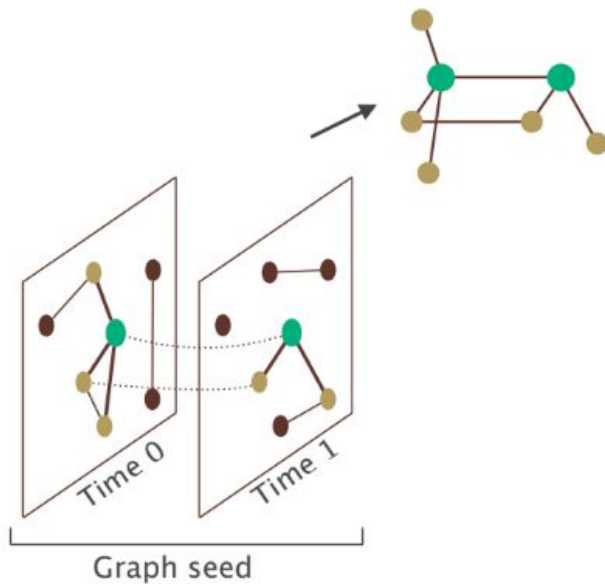
### B Growth dictionary



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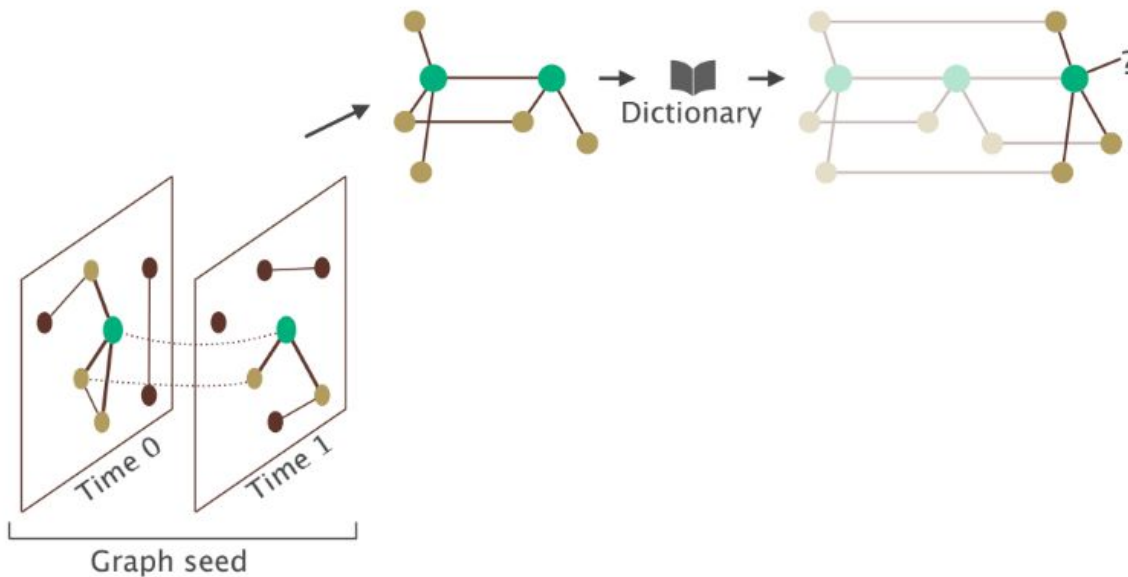




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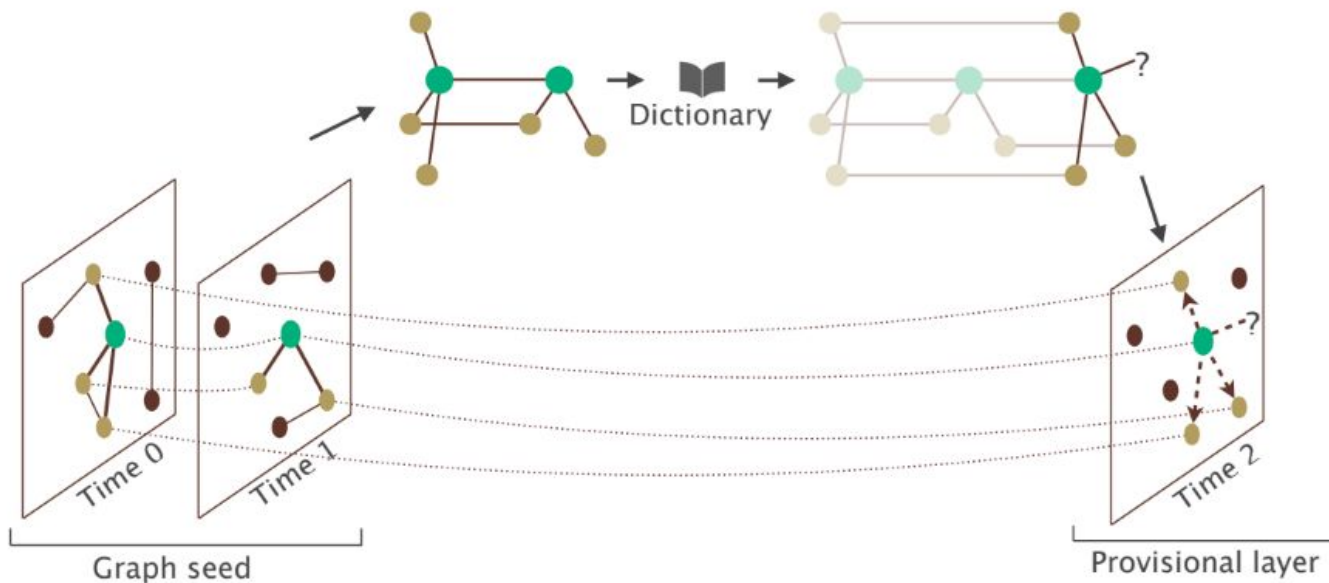
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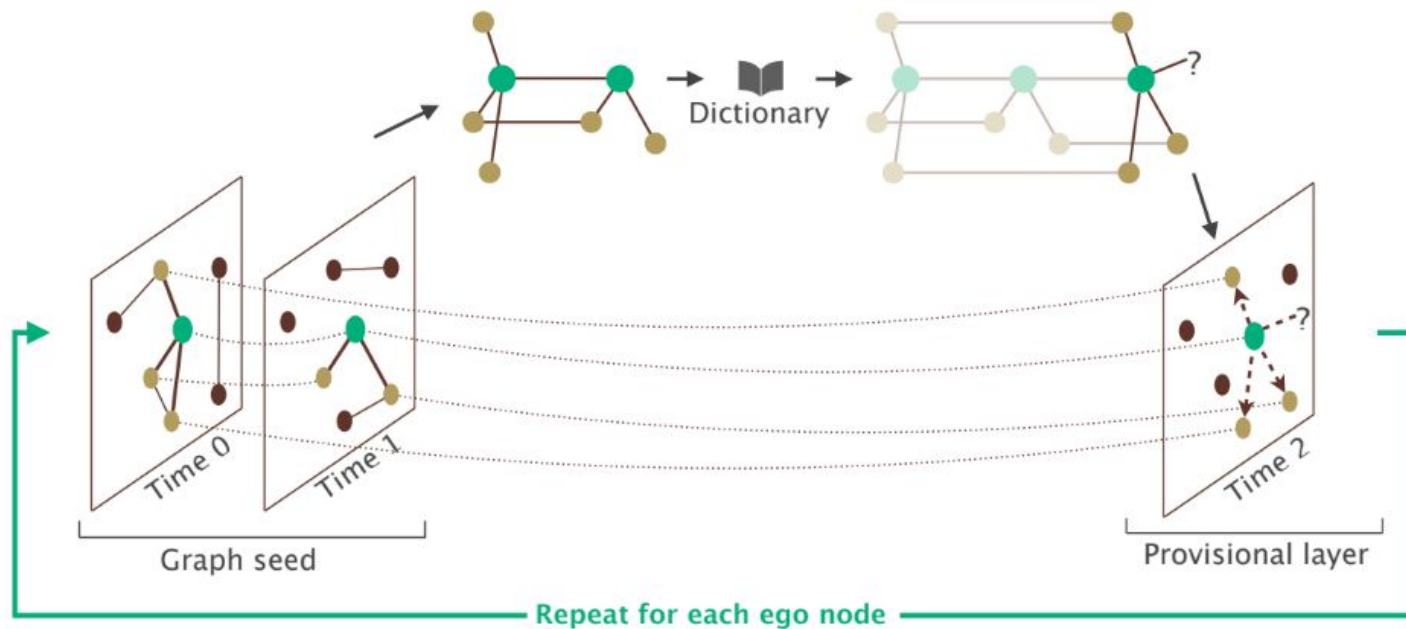
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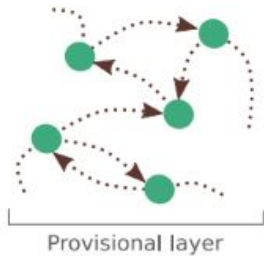


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### Validate layer connections

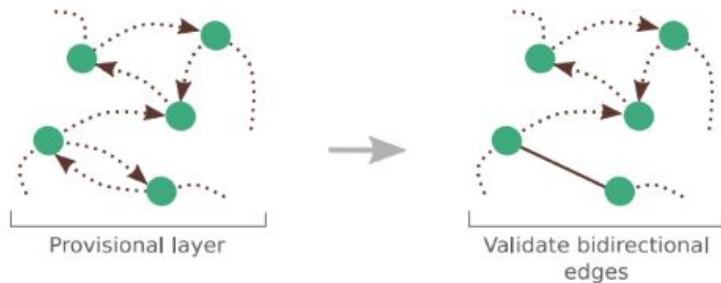


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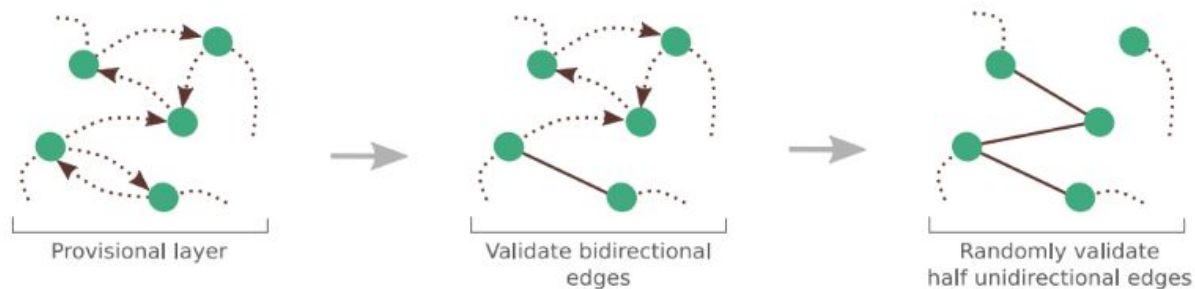


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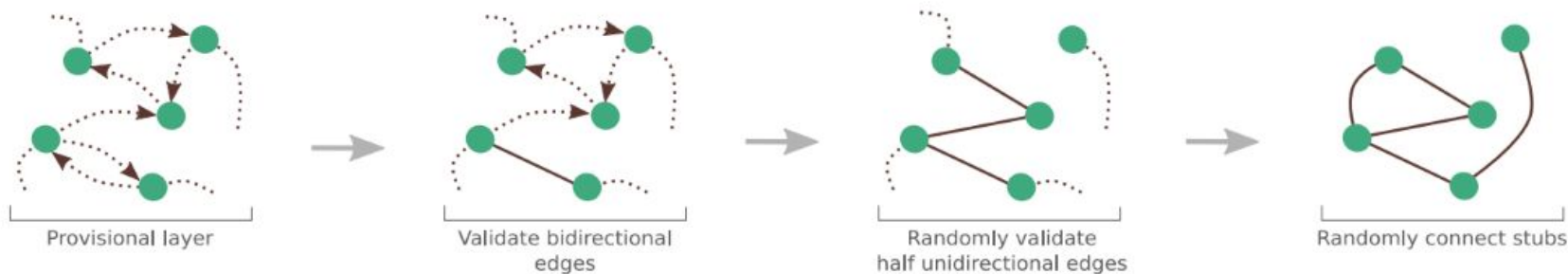


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## Competitors

**STM** (Structural Temporal Modeling), based on temporal motifs.

[Purohit, Holder, Chin. Temporal graph generation based on a distribution of temporal motifs. *Proceedings of the 14th International Workshop on Mining and Learning with Graphs*, volume 7, 2018.]

**TagGen**, based on deep learning.

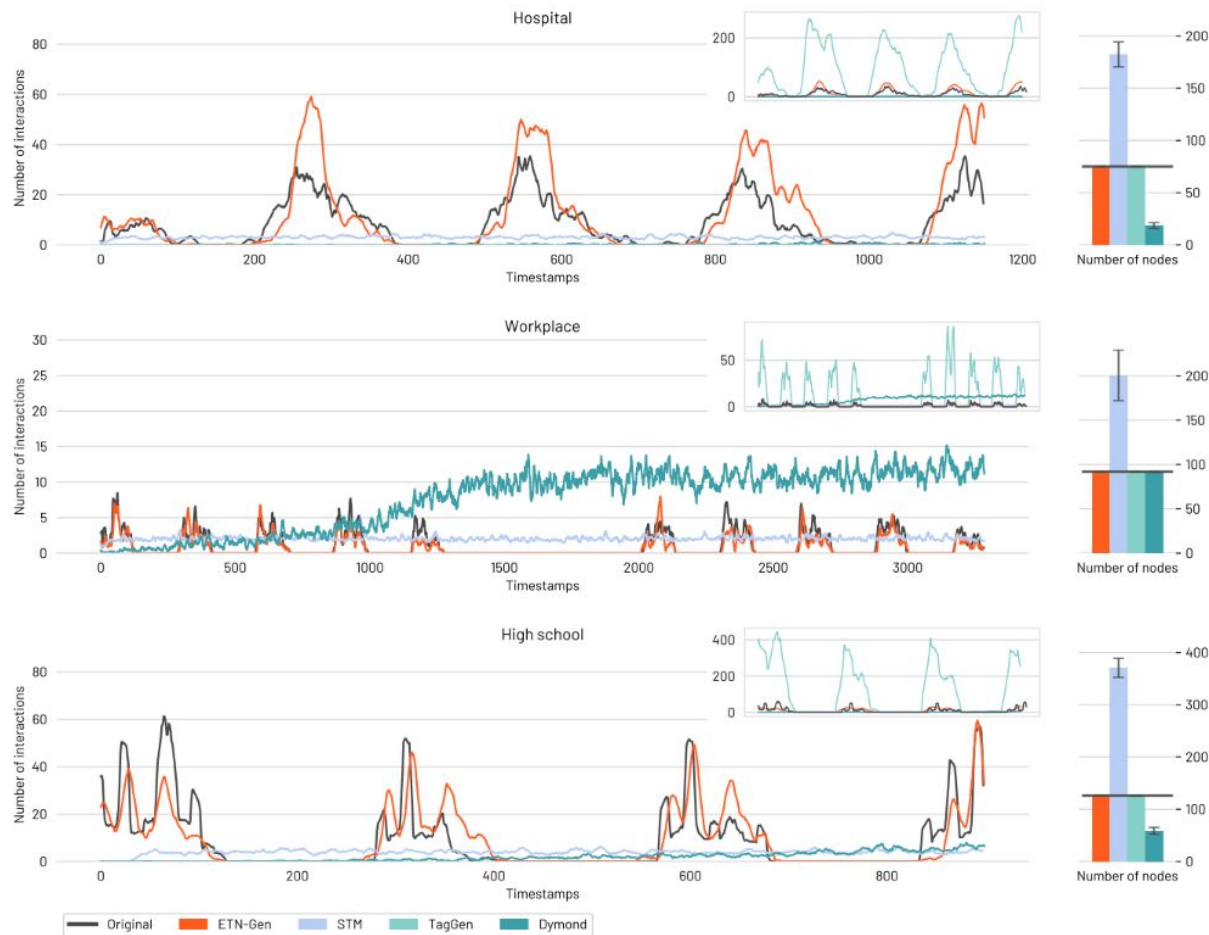
[Zhou, Zheng, Han, He. A data-driven graph generative model for temporal interaction networks. *Proceedings of the 26th ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery & Data Mining*, 401–411, 2020.]

**Dymond** (DYnamic MOtif-NoDes Network Generative Model), based on temporal motifs.

[Zeno, La Fond, Neville. Dymond: Dynamic motif-nodes network generative model. *Proceedings of the Web Conference 2021*, 718–729, 2021.]

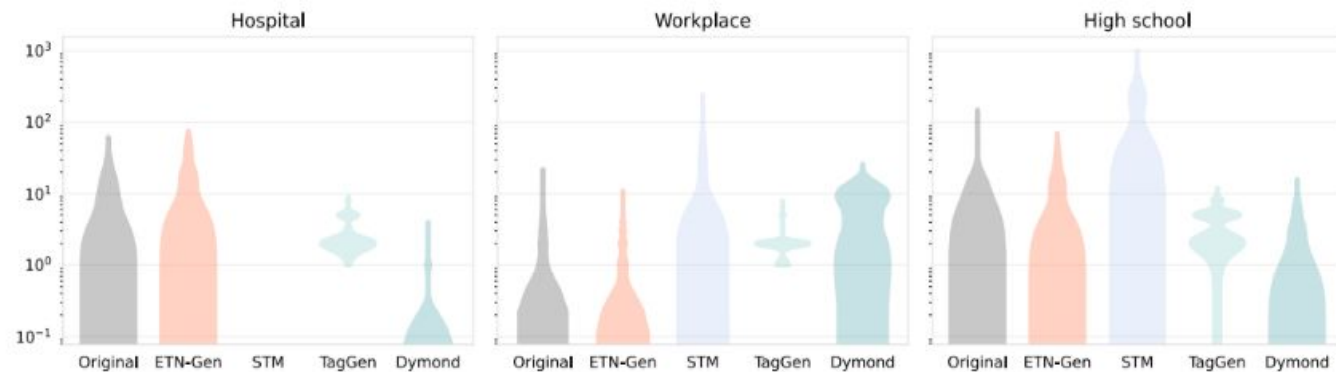


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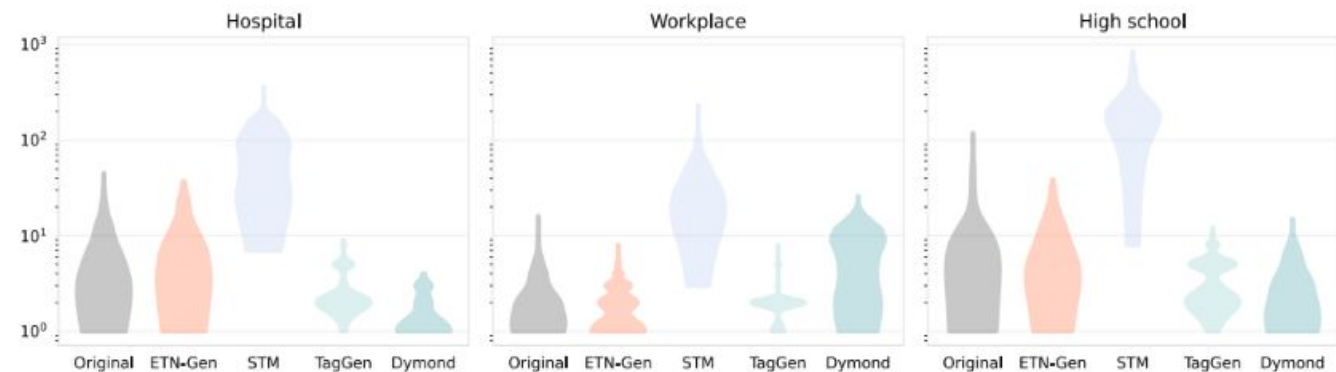


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Number of interactions

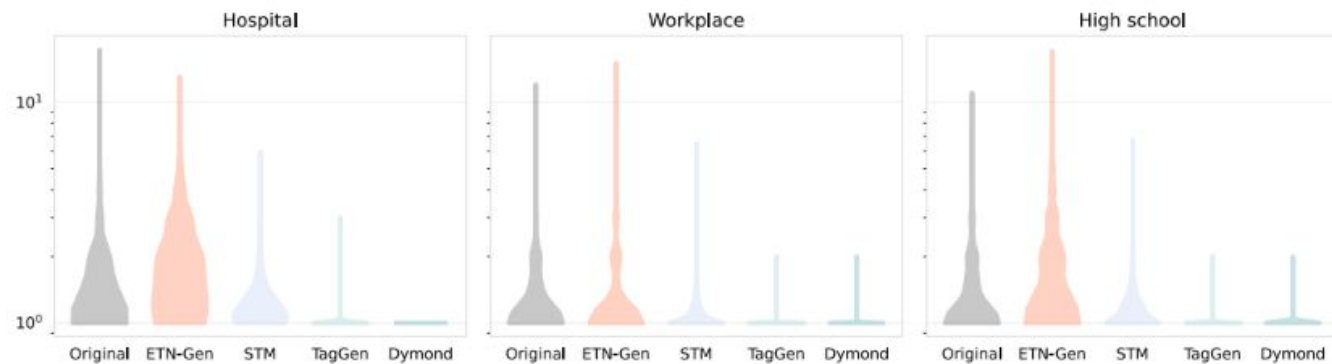


New conversations

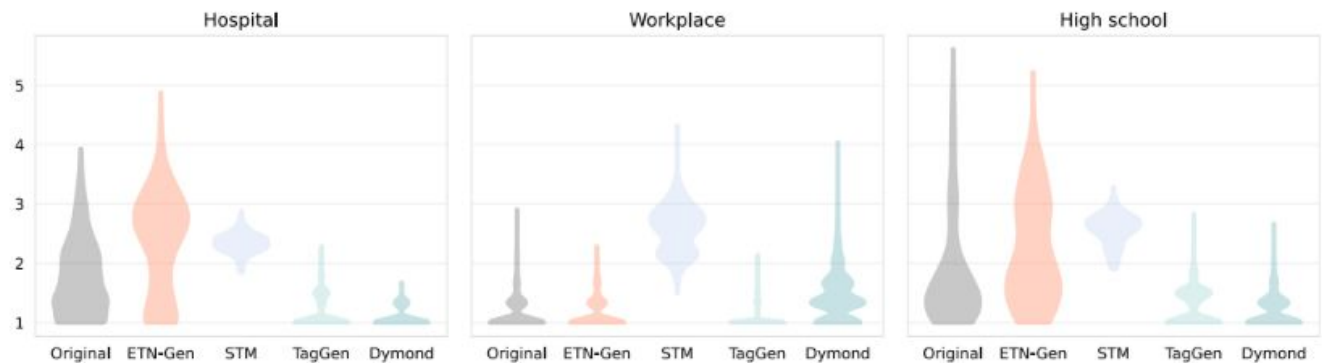


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Duration

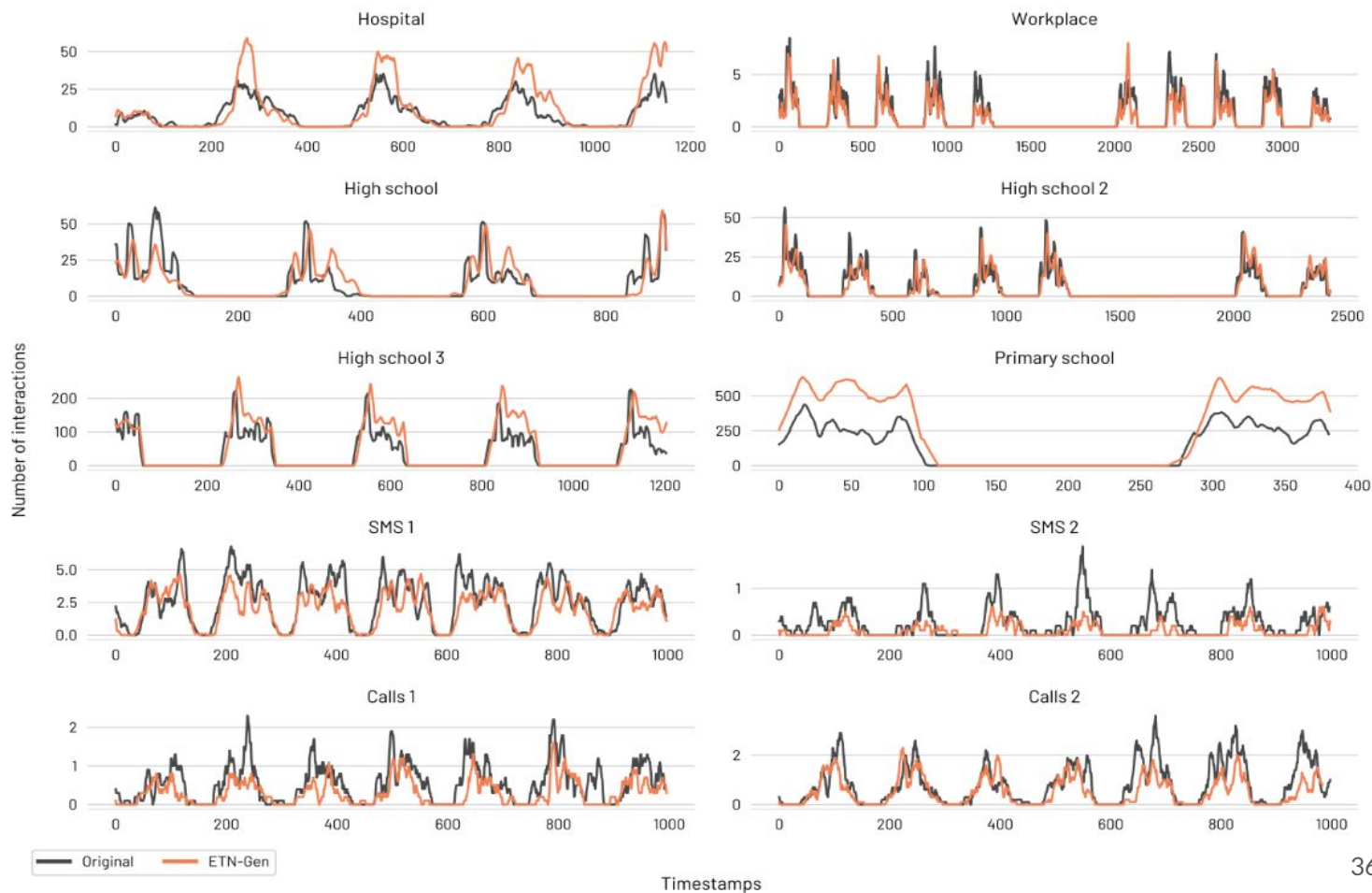


Average shortest path  
on static layers



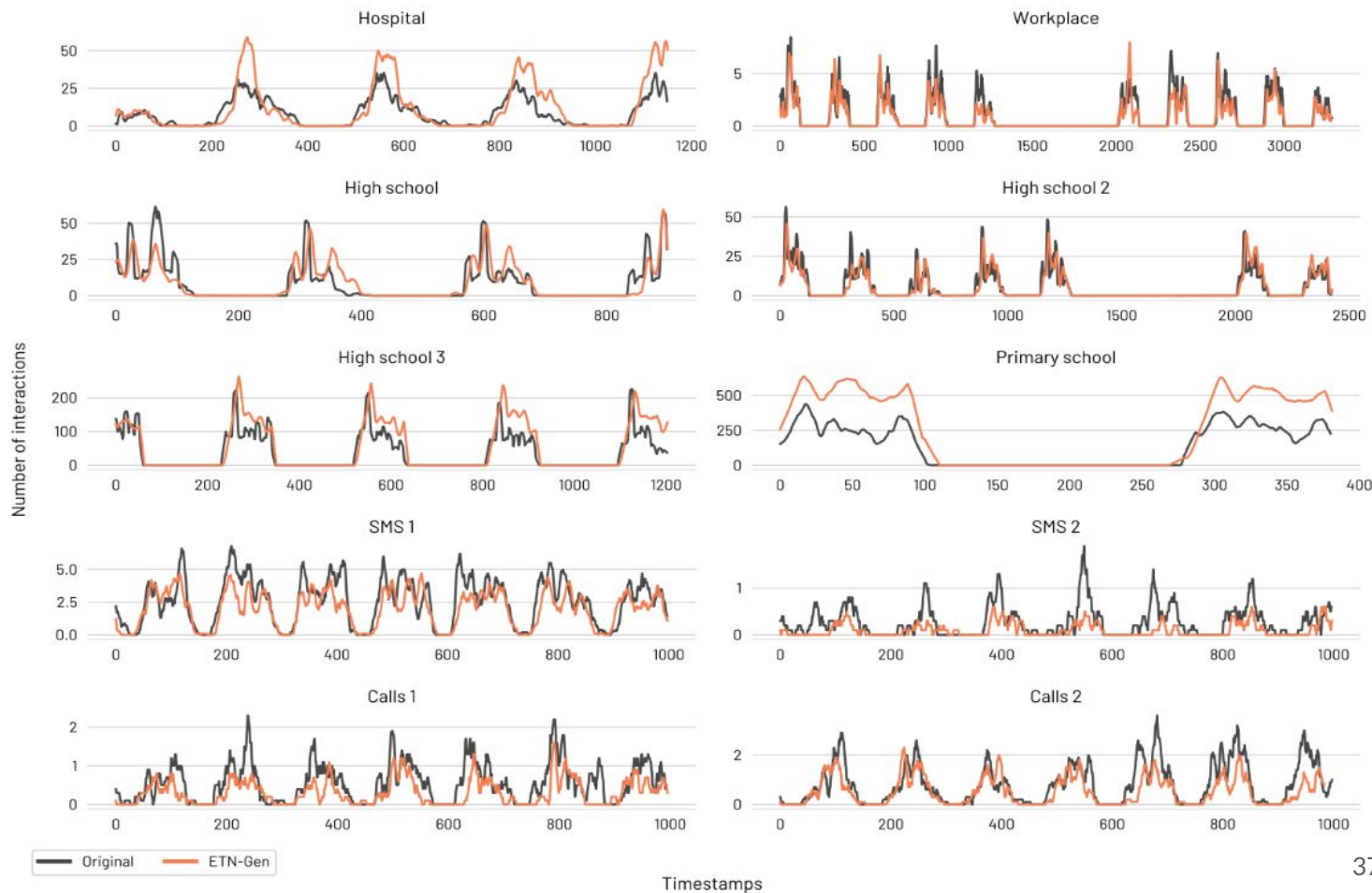
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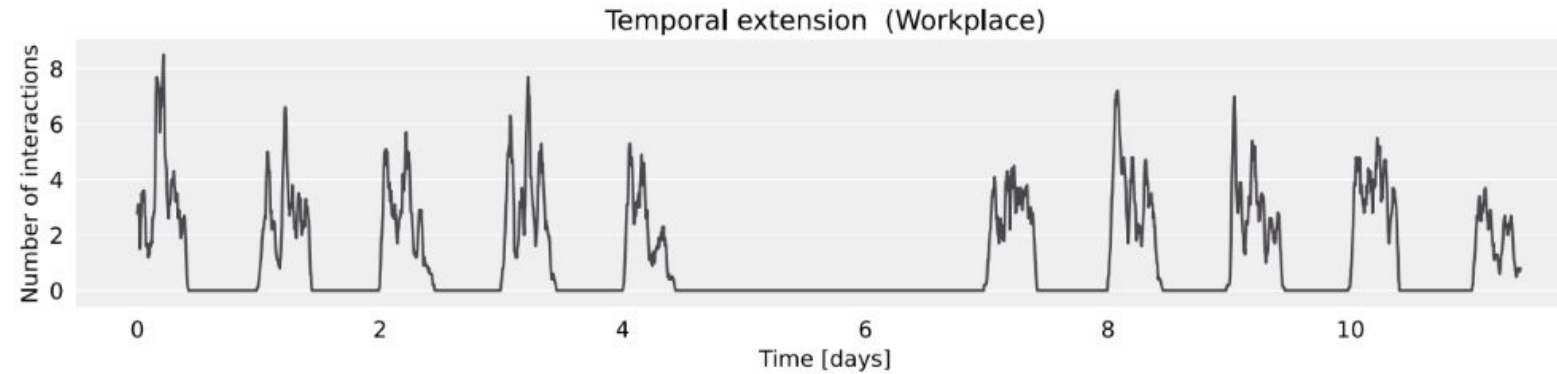
competitors?

## Execution Time

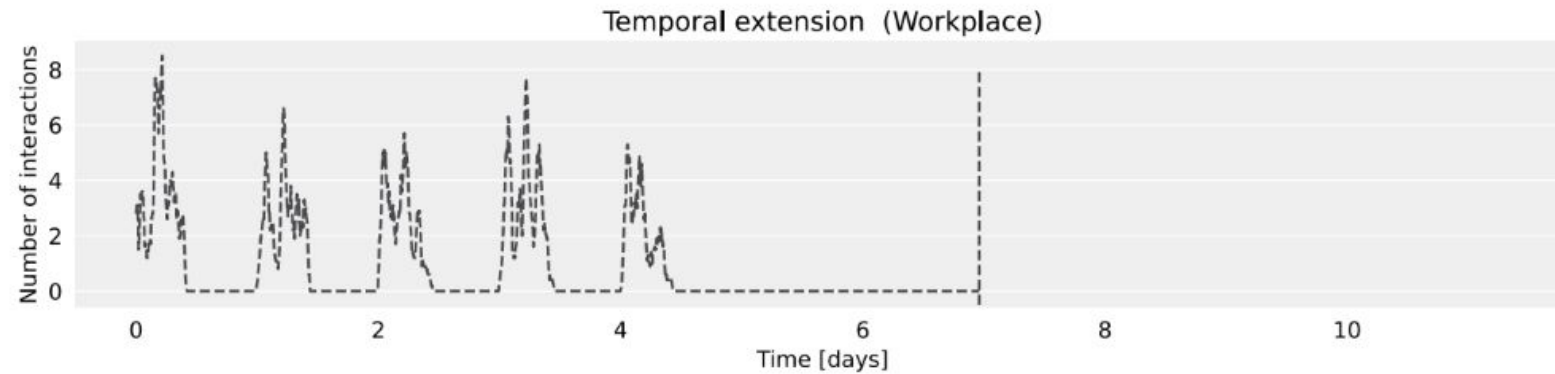


	Hospital	Workplace	High School
<i>ETN-gen</i>	17s	52s	22s
<i>Dymond</i>	$3.6 \times 10^4s$	$1.4 \times 10^3s$	$3.2 \times 10^5s$
<i>STM</i>	$1.4 \times 10^3s$	$9.6 \times 10^2s$	$1.6 \times 10^3s$
<i>TagGen</i>	$2.7 \times 10^4s$	$8.7 \times 10^3s$	$2.4 \times 10^4s$

## Temporal extension & Size expansion

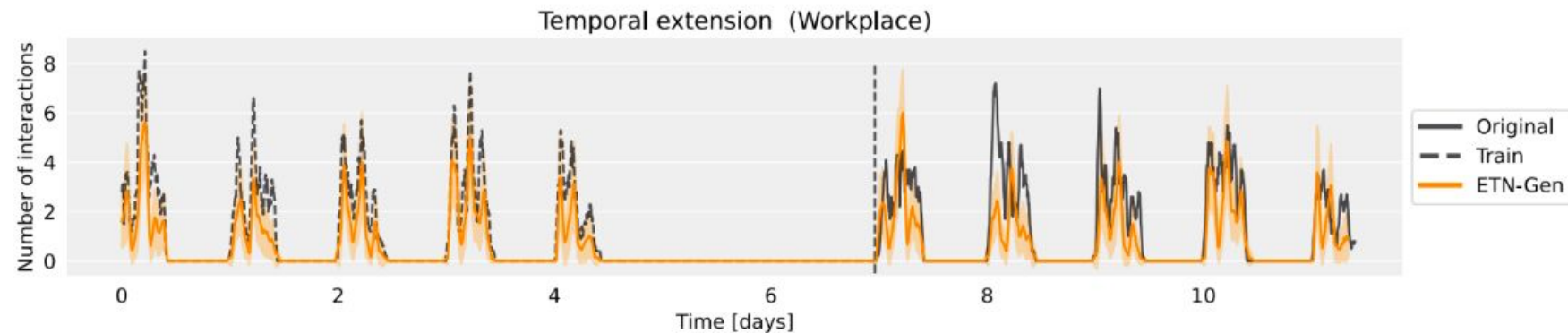


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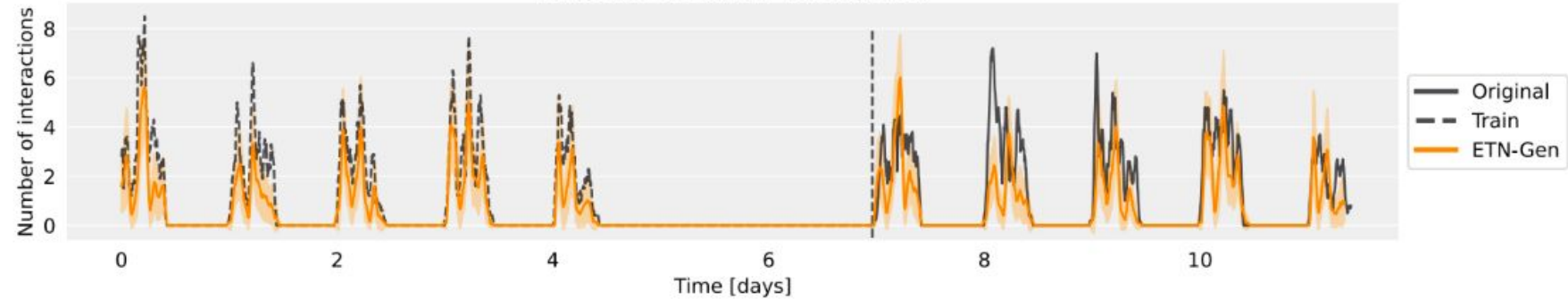


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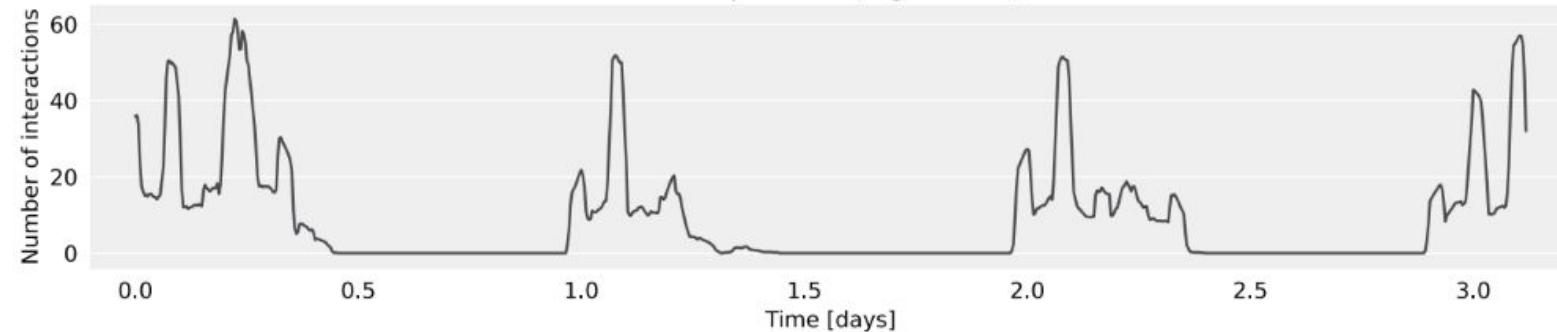


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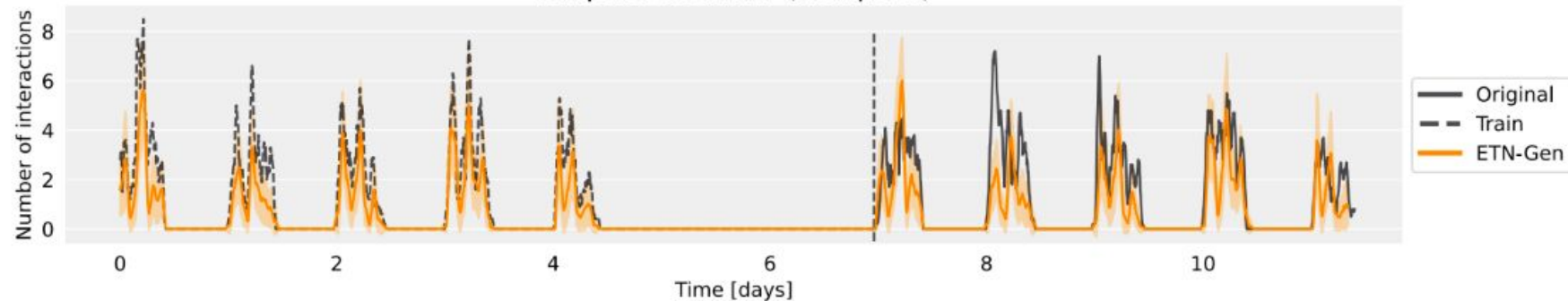


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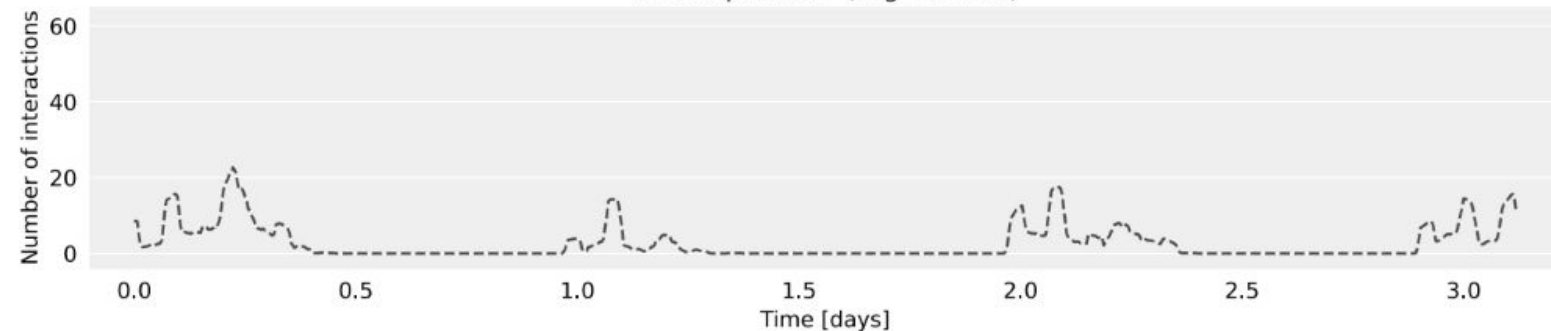


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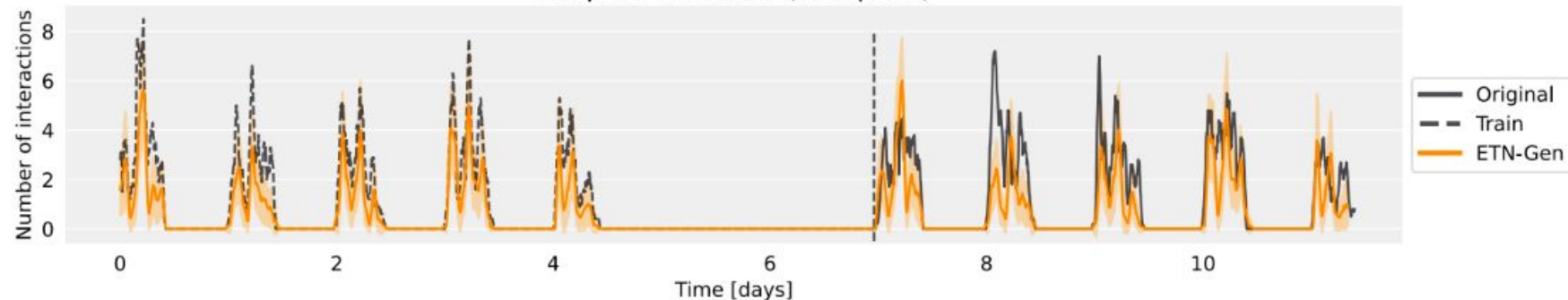


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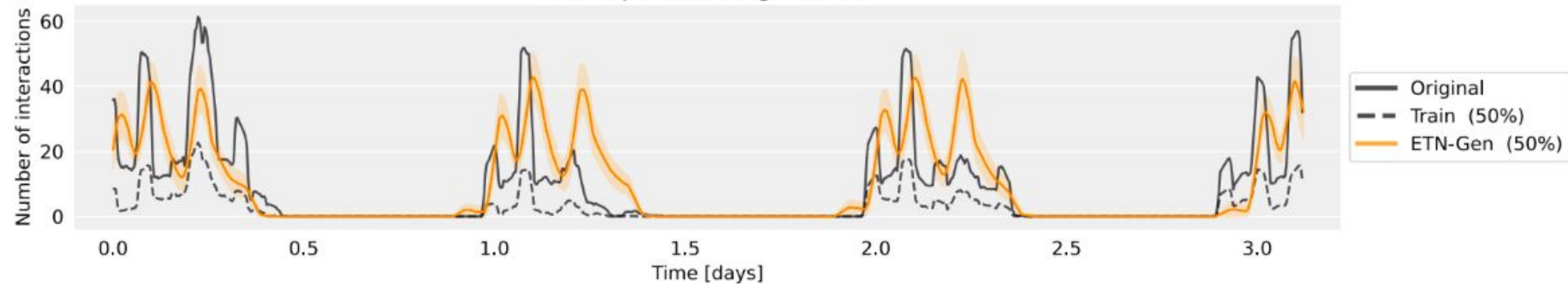


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Size expansion (High school)



# Thank you

## Do you have any questions?

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CODE: <https://github.com/AntonioLonga/ETNgen>



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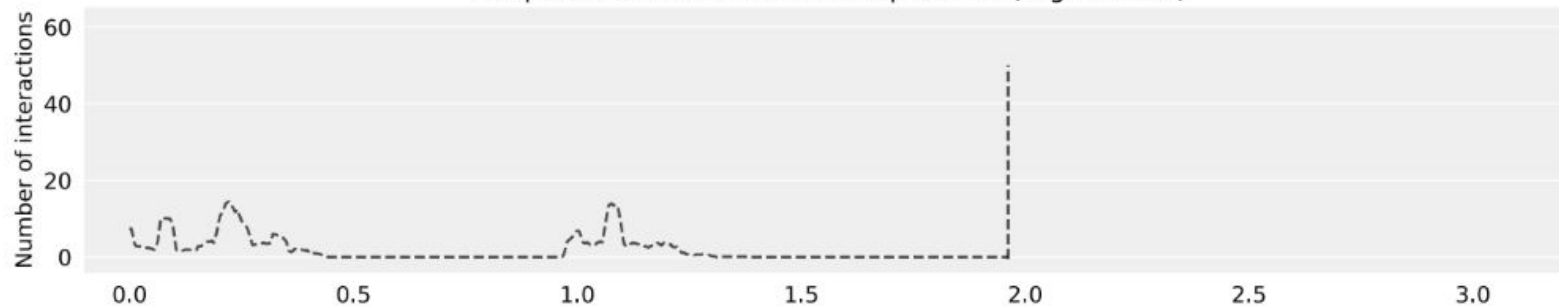
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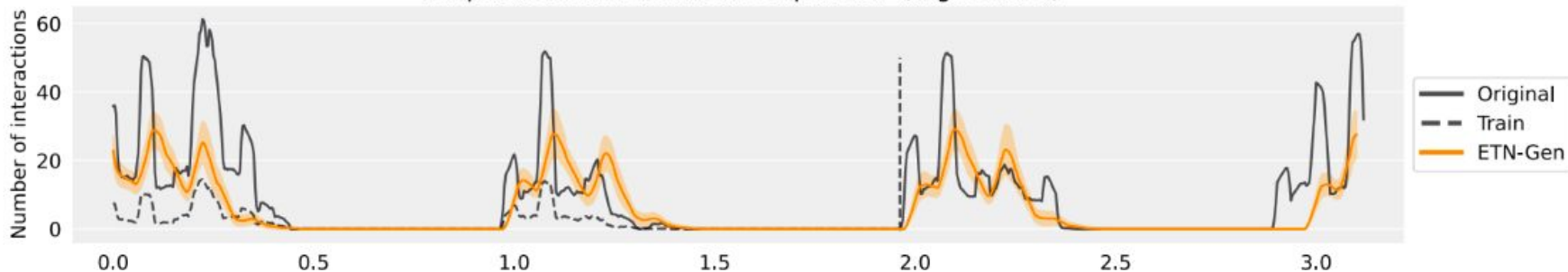
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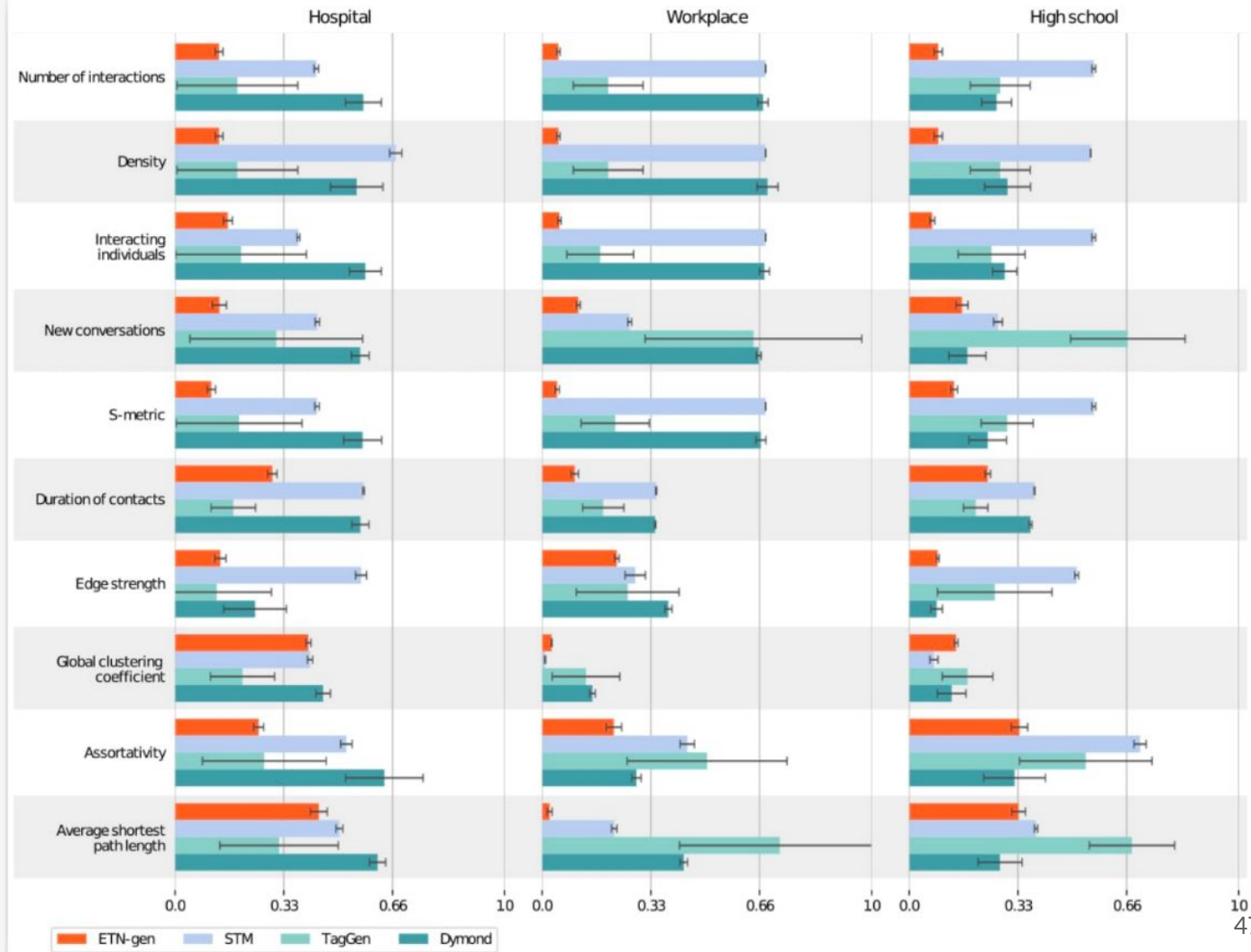
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# Topology



Dynamic

