# Graph Diffusion Models vs. Sparse GNNs: Memory Scaling on Large Perturbed Graphs

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**Abstract**

This report synthesises findings from 9 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: How does the memory complexity scaling of graph diffusion models during inference compare to sparse GNN architectures when processing large graphs with high-frequency spectral perturbations. Abstract Deep learning has seen significant growth recently and is now applied to a wide range of conventional use cases, including graphs. Graph data provides relational information between elements and is a standard data format for various machine learning and deep learning. 11 claims were extracted from source literature; 11 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 8.8/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

## 1 Introduction

This paper examines: A review of graph neural networks: concepts, architectures, techniques, challenges, datasets, applications, and future directions. Research question: How does the memory complexity scaling of graph diffusion models during inference compare to sparse GNN architectures when processing large graphs with high-frequency spectral perturbations?.

## 2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 9 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 8.8/10.

## 3 Results

9 papers retrieved. 11 claims extracted; 11 independently verified. Quality review score: 8.8/10.

## 4 Limitations

This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research. Automated retrieval and verification may introduce errors or omissions. Review scores reflect automated assessment, not human peer review. Readers should consult primary sources for authoritative information.

## 5 Extracted Claims

| Claim | Verified | Confidence |
|---|---|---|
| Deep learning has seen significant growth recently and is now applied to a wide range of conventional use cases, includi | ✓ | 0.32 |
| Graph data provides relational information between elements and is a standard data format for various machine learning a | ✓ | 0.35 |
| Models that can learn from such inputs are essential for working with graph data effectively. | ✓ | 0.26 |
| This paper identifies nodes and edges within specific applications, such as text, entities, and relations, to create gra | ✓ | 0.33 |
| Different applications may require various graph neural network (GNN) models. | ✓ | 0.30 |
| GNNs facilitate the exchange of information between nodes in a graph, enabling them to understand dependencies within th | ✓ | 0.32 |
| The paper delves into specific GNN models like graph convolution networks (GCNs), GraphSAGE, and graph attention network | ✓ | 0.42 |
| The paper discusses the message-passing mechanism employed by GNN models. | ✓ | 0.24 |
| The paper examines the strengths and limitations of GNN models in different domains. | ✓ | 0.22 |
| The paper explores the diverse applications of GNNs, the datasets commonly used with them, and the Python libraries that | ✓ | 0.35 |
| The paper offers an extensive overview of the landscape of GNN research and its practical implementations. | ✓ | 0.24 |

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