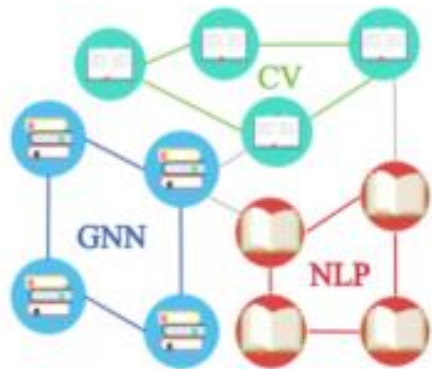


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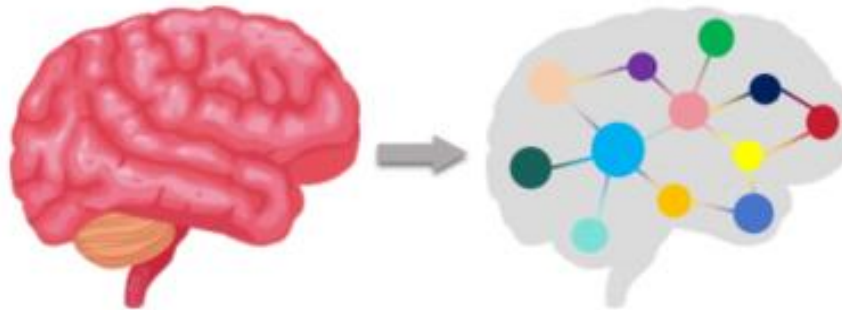
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A citation network  
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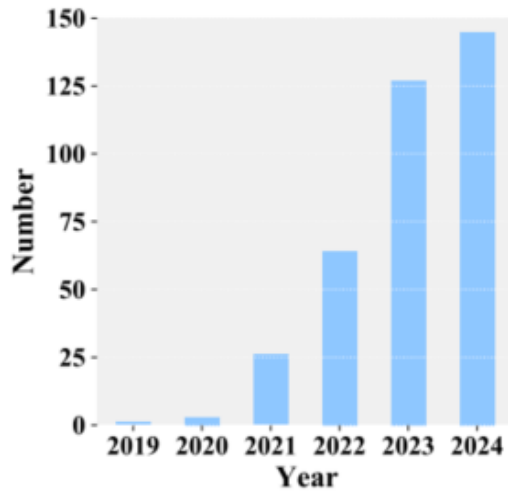
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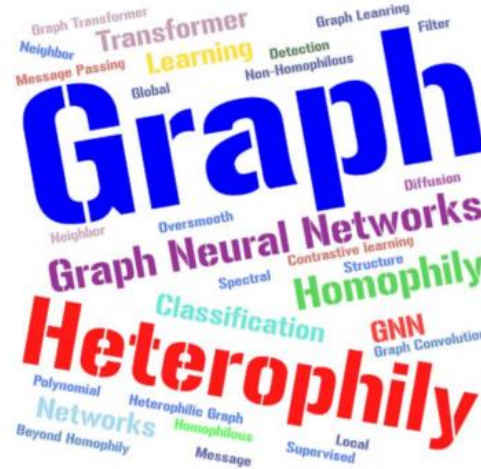
A social network with social bots  
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- **Heterophilic graphs, where linked nodes are prone to be with different labels or dissimilar features, have recently attracted significant attention and found many real-world applications.**
- **Traditional GNNs implicitly assume that graphs are homophilic and follow the message passing mechanism. However, this mechanism struggles with graph heterophily.**
- **To handle graph heterophily, many metrics, benchmark datasets, learning models and learning topics have emerged recently.**

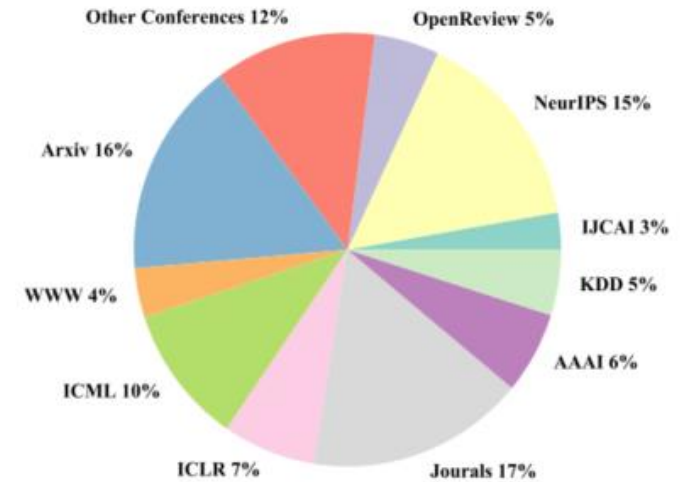
# Recent Advances and Future Directions



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We overview over **500** publications, of which more than **300** are directly related to heterophilic graphs and conduct **the most comprehensive** survey in the field of **graphs with heterophily**.