



# GraphMoRE: Mitigating Topological Heterogeneity via Mixture of Riemannian Experts

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Code

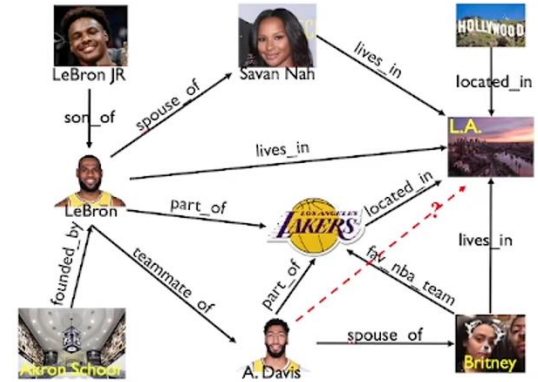
# ■ Graphs are everywhere in the Real-world



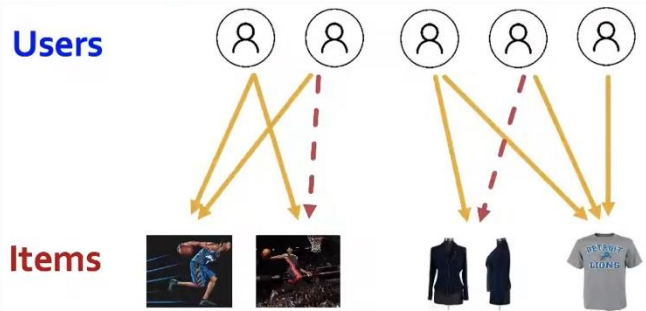
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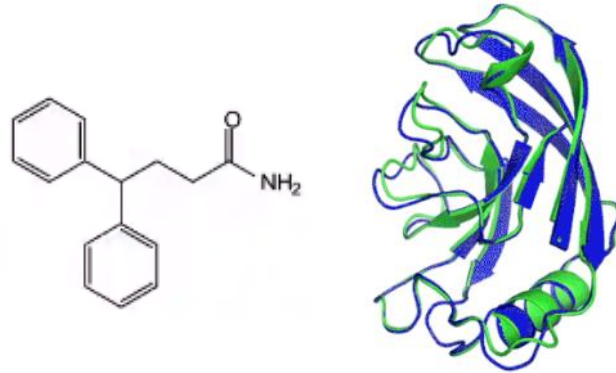
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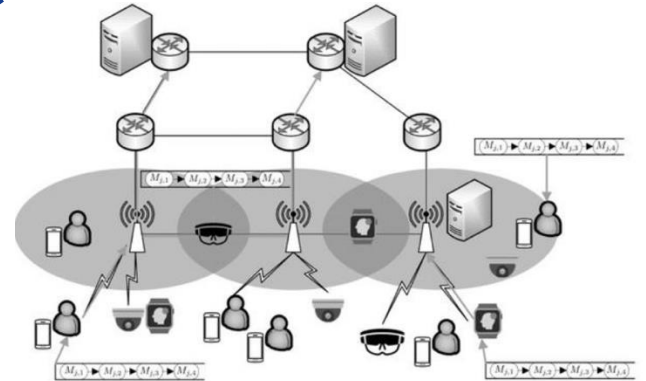
Knowledge graph



Co-purchase network

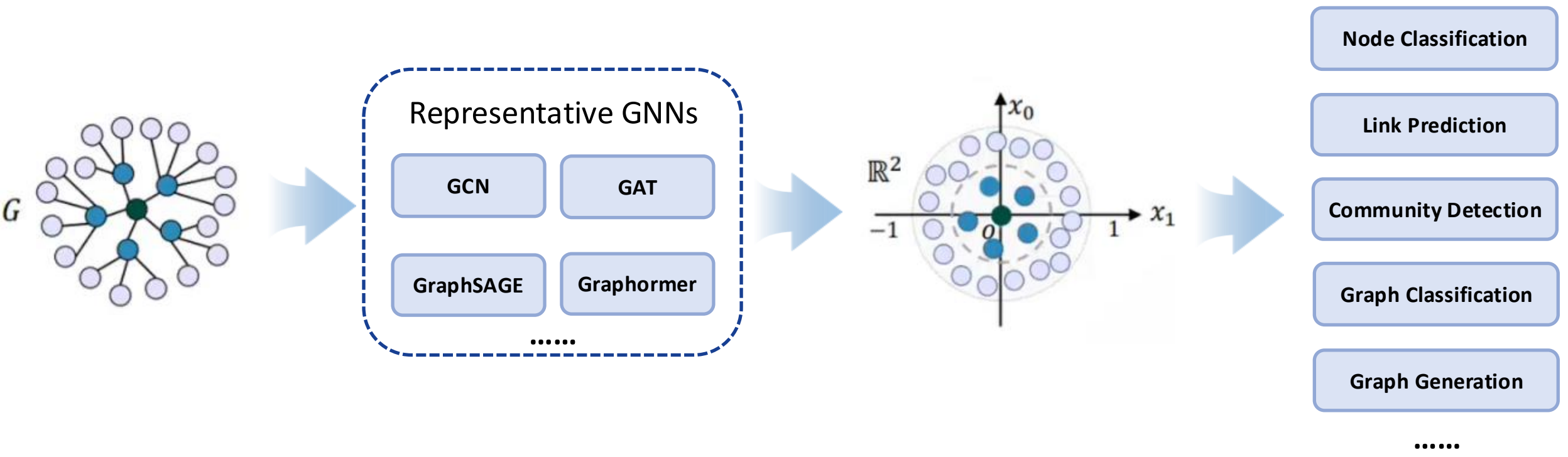


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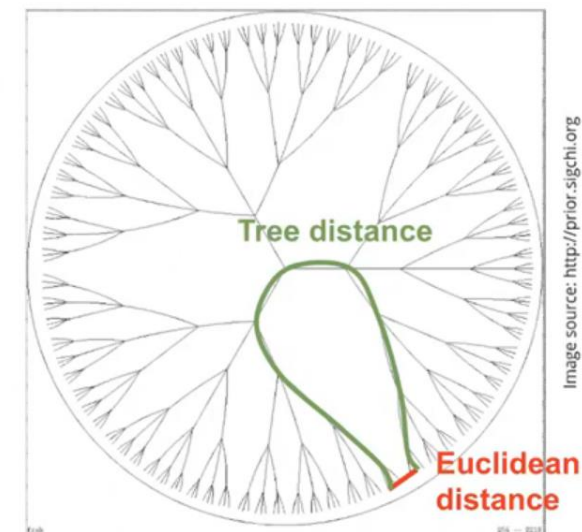
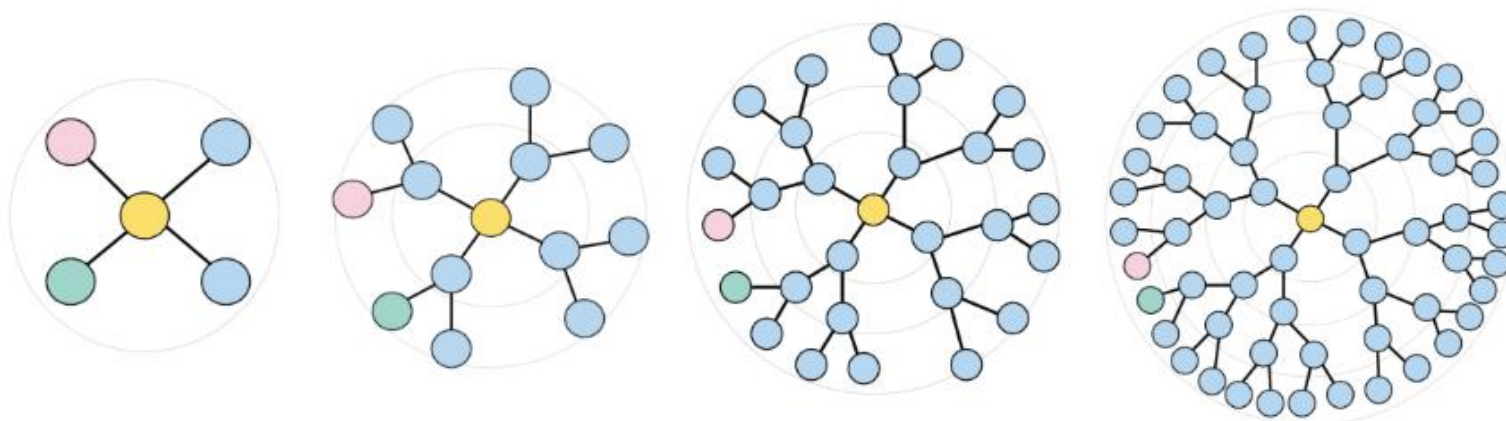
Communication network

# Graph Learning in Euclidean Space



Most existing graph representation learning methods **embed graphs into Euclidean space**. However, ...

## ■ Distortion in Euclidean Space

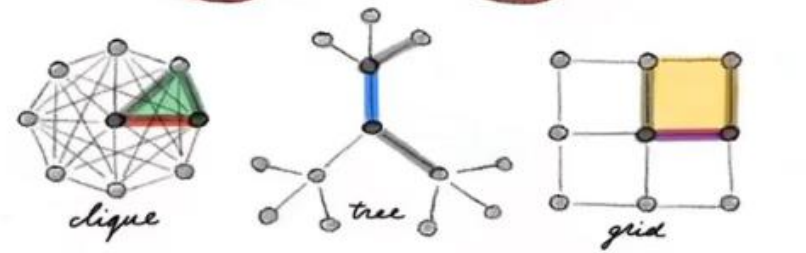
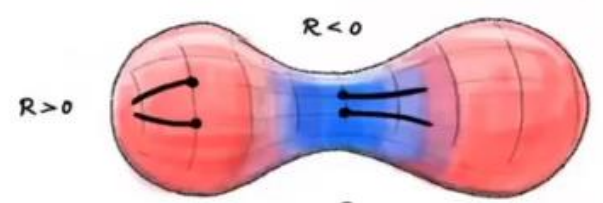
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A tree: the number of nodes grows **exponentially** with the tree depth!

However, embedding in Euclidean space causes **serious distortion for certain structures**.

# Riemannian Manifold and Constant Curvature Spaces

## Curvature on graphs



$(k > 0)$

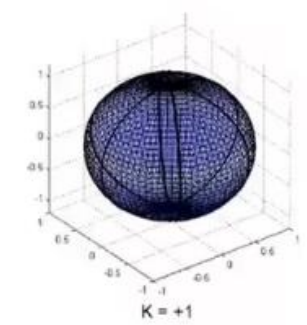
$(k < 0)$

$(k = 0)$

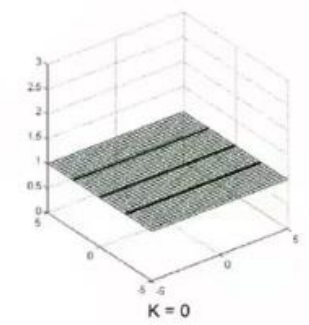
“cluster, cycle”

“tree-like”

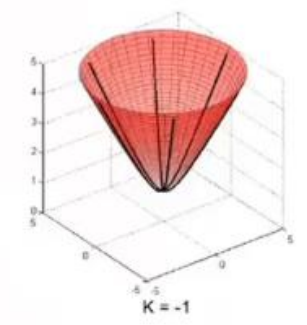
“grid”



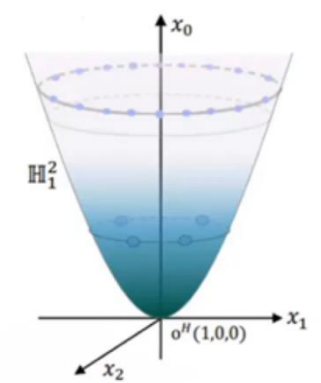
Sphere Space  
 $(k > 0)$



Euclidean Space  
 $(k = 0)$

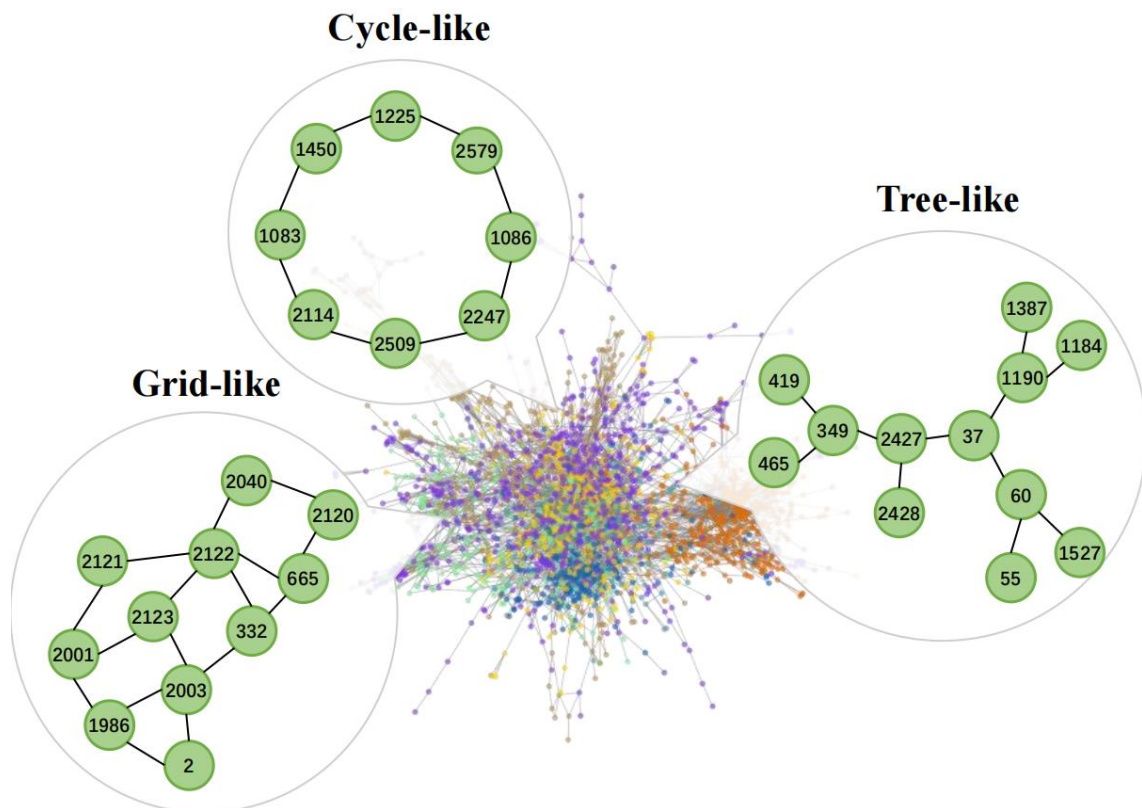


Hyperbolic  
 $(k < 0)$



Riemannian representation learning has the ability to naturally represent different topological structures.

## ■ Topological Heterogeneity in Graphs



- **Single constant curvature space**
  - insufficient to adapt to topological heterogeneity
- **Mixed-curvature space (i.e. product manifold)**
  - still homogeneous with the globally uniform curvature [2]
- **Some other methods**
  - depend on the global curvature to some extent
- **Our method**
  - directly constructs personalized heterogeneous manifold for different geometric properties

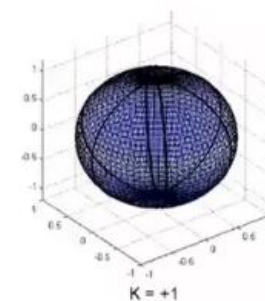
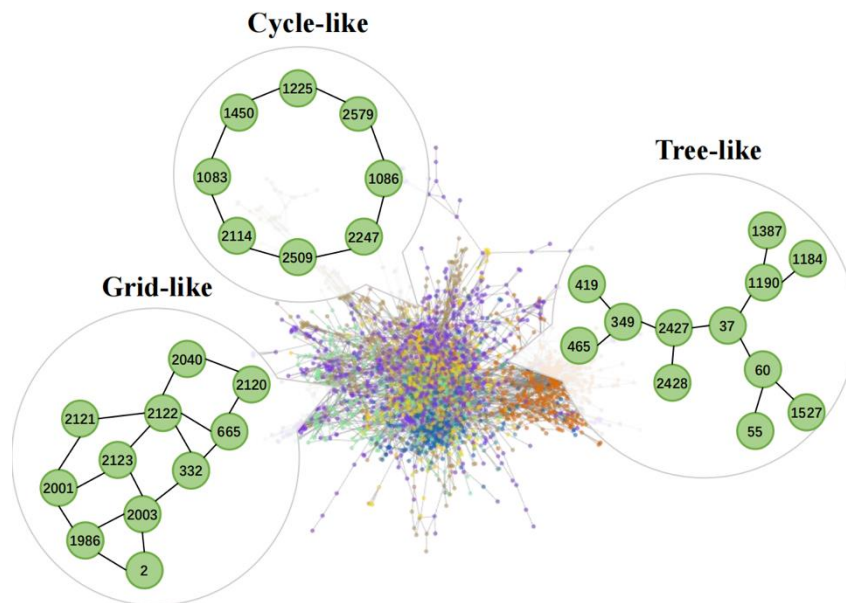
## Major Challenges

### ➤ Topology pattern identification issue

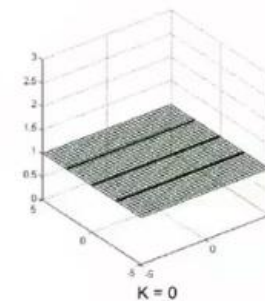
- The **topological patterns of substructures** are often **not explicitly expressed** and **vary with resolution**.

### ➤ Optimal embedding space selection issue

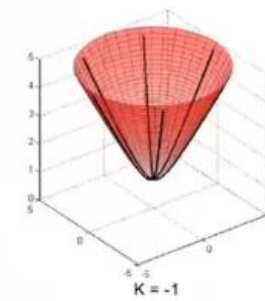
- The **appropriate type of Riemannian space** and the **optimal curvature** vary from different topological properties. Moreover, the **substructure is still complex** and difficult to classify as a single type.



Sphere Space  
Space  
( $k > 0$ )

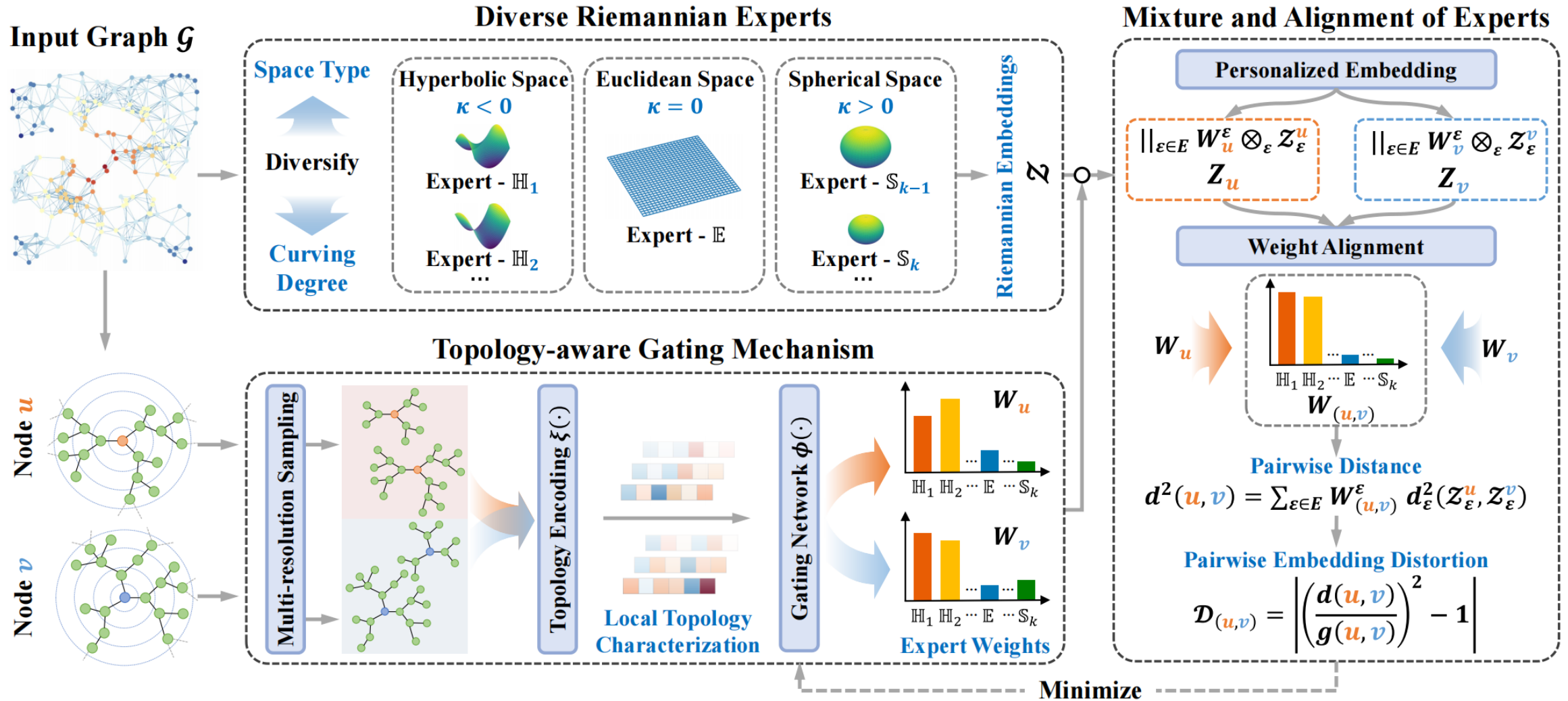


Euclidean Space  
Space  
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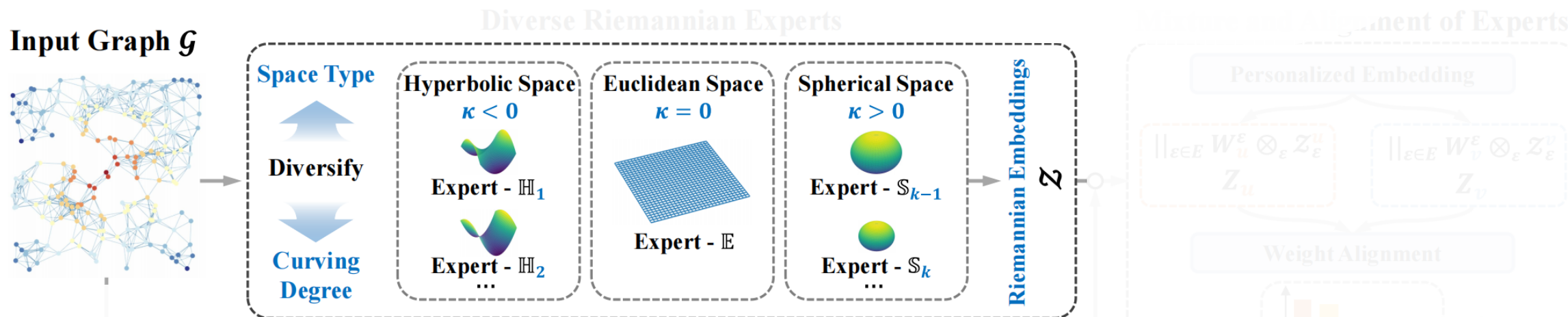


Hyperbolic  
Space  
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# Framework of GraphMoRE (Graph Mixture of Riemannian Experts)



## Framework of GraphMoRE



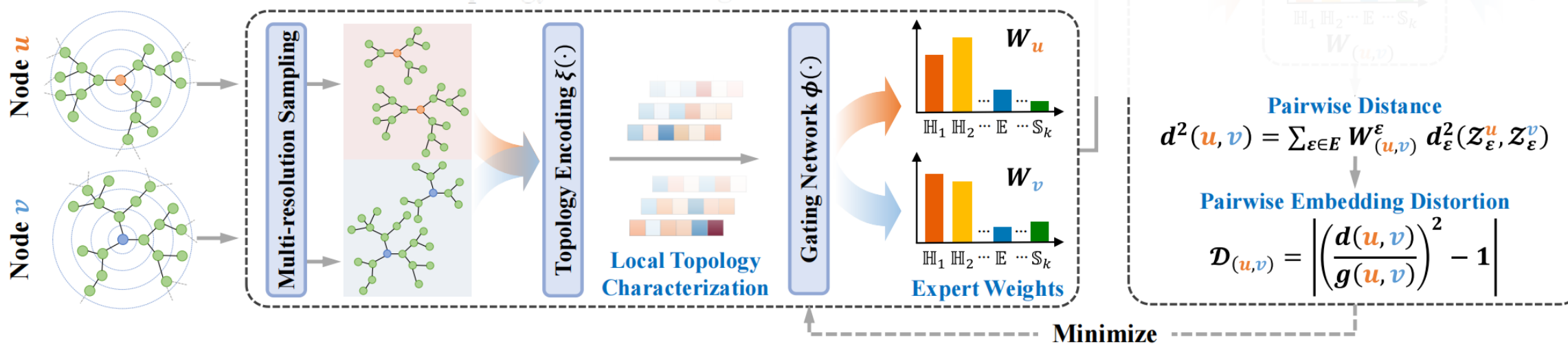
### ➤ Diverse Riemannian Experts

- introduce MoE to model the complex geometric properties
- the experts can naturally correspond to different curvature spaces and construct personalized mixed curvature spaces for different nodes
- consider the diversity of experts in terms of both the type of curvature spaces and the degree of curving in space

## ■ Framework of GraphMoRE

### ➤ Topology-aware Gating Mechanism

- from the **perspective of local topology characterization**
- **estimating the geometric properties** around each node through **multi-resolution local topology sampling and encoding**  $\mathcal{S}_v = \{\text{Sampler}(v, r), r \in \mathcal{R}\}, \quad \mathcal{T}_v = \|\text{Pooling}(\xi(s), s \in \mathcal{S}_v),$
- the **distortion guided gating module** can adaptively route different nodes to the appropriate embedding space  $\mathbf{W}_v = \text{Softmax}(\phi(\mathcal{T}_v)),$



## ■ Framework of GraphMoRE

### ➤ Mixture and Alignment of Experts

- fuse the output of Riemannian experts with the expert weights which are assigned based on the local geometric properties

$$\mathbf{Z}_v = \|\|_{\varepsilon \in E} \mathbf{W}_v^\varepsilon \otimes_{\varepsilon} \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^v,$$

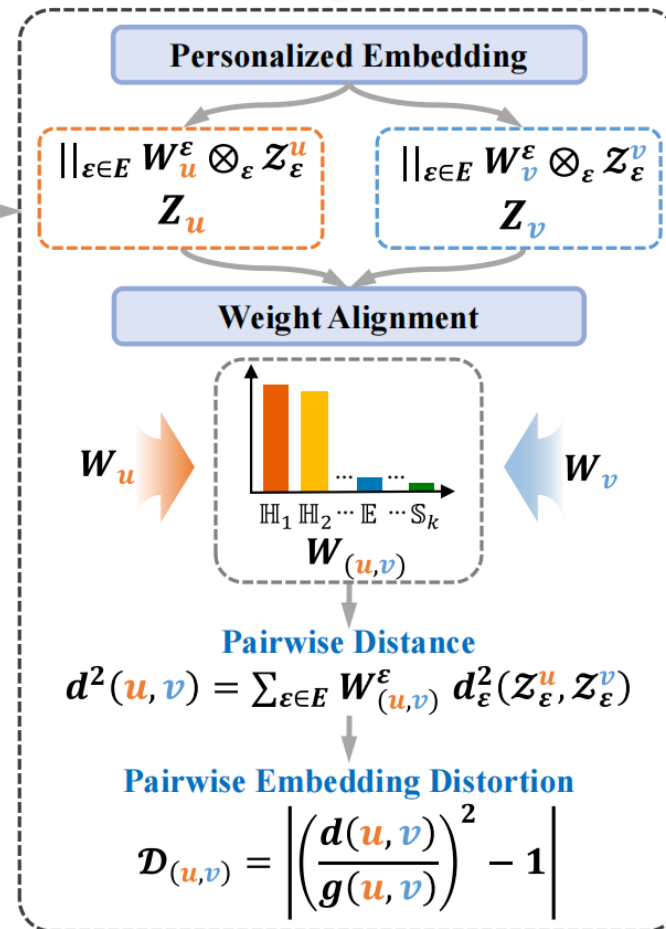
- integrate the expert weights of nodes for embedding alignment

$$\mathbf{W}_{(u,v)} = \text{Softmax}(\mathbf{W}_u \cdot \mathbf{W}_v),$$

- calculate the pairwise distance in an aligned embedding space

$$d^2(u, v) = \sum_{\varepsilon \in E} \mathbf{W}_{(u,v)}^\varepsilon d_\varepsilon^2(\mathbf{z}_\varepsilon^u, \mathbf{z}_\varepsilon^v).$$

### Mixture and Alignment of Experts





## ■ Overall Training Pipeline of GraphMoRE

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Algorithm 1: The overall training process of GraphMoRE

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**Input:** Graph  $\mathcal{G}$ ; Number of experts  $K$ ; Initial curvature set  $C$ ; Number of training epochs  $T$ .

**Output:** Predicted result of the downstream task.

Initialize Riemannian experts  $E$  with  $C$ ;

Sample local topology subgraphs  $S$  for nodes by Eq. (4);

**for**  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$  **do**

**for** expert  $\varepsilon$  in  $E$  **do**

        | Get the output  $\mathcal{Z}_\varepsilon$  of expert  $\varepsilon$  by Eq. (1) and (2);

**end**

    // Topology-aware Gating Mechanism

    Calculate local topology characterizations  $\mathcal{T}$  by Eq. (5);

    Get the expert weights  $\mathbf{W}$  for each node by Eq. (6);

    // Mixture and Alignment of Experts

**for** each node pair  $(u, v)$  in  $\mathcal{G}$  **do**

        | Get the aligned expert weights  $\mathbf{W}_{(u,v)}$  by Eq. (9);

        | Calculate embedding distance  $d^2(u, v)$  by Eq. (10);

**end**

    // Update all parameters

    Update model parameters by minimizing  $\mathcal{L}$  by Eq. (11);

**end**

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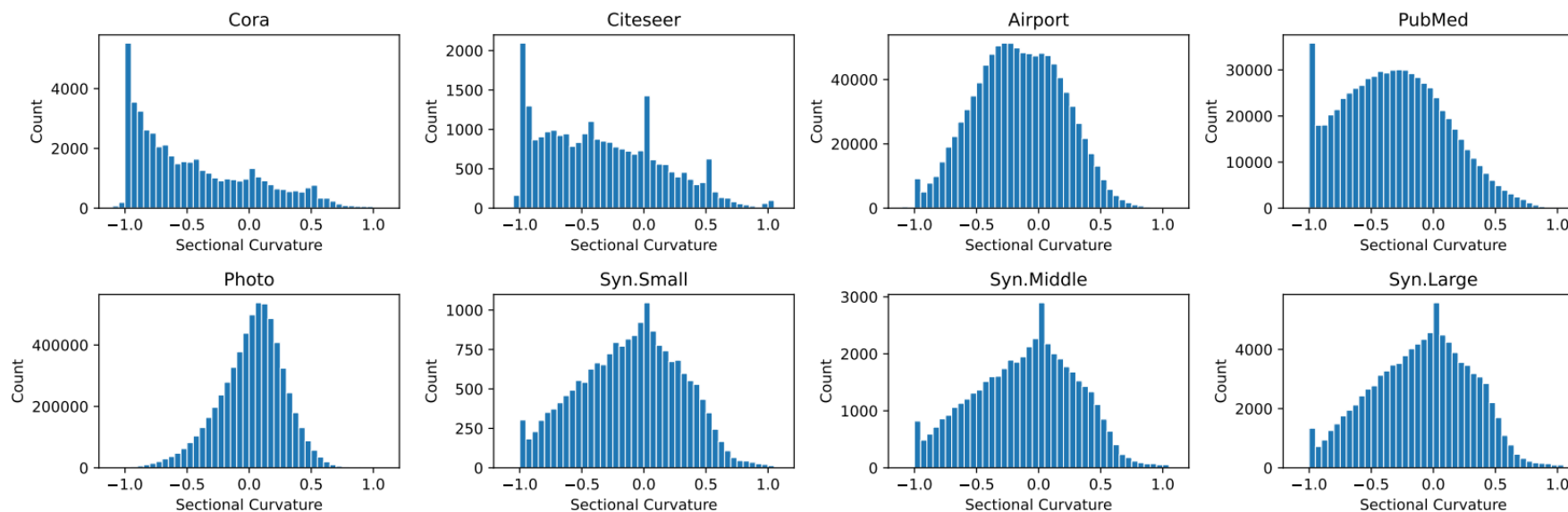
## ■ Experimental setup

### ➤ Datasets

- Real-world graphs (Cora, Citeseer, PubMed, Airport, Photo)

Dataset	# Nodes	# Edges	# Features	# Classes
Cora	2,708	5,429	1,433	7
Citeseer	3,327	4,732	3,703	6
PubMed	19,717	44,338	500	3
Airport	3,188	18,631	4	4
Photo	7,650	119,081	745	8

- Synthetic graphs (Syn.Small, Syn.Middle, Syn.Large)



## ■ Performance on Real-world Graphs

Euclidean methods

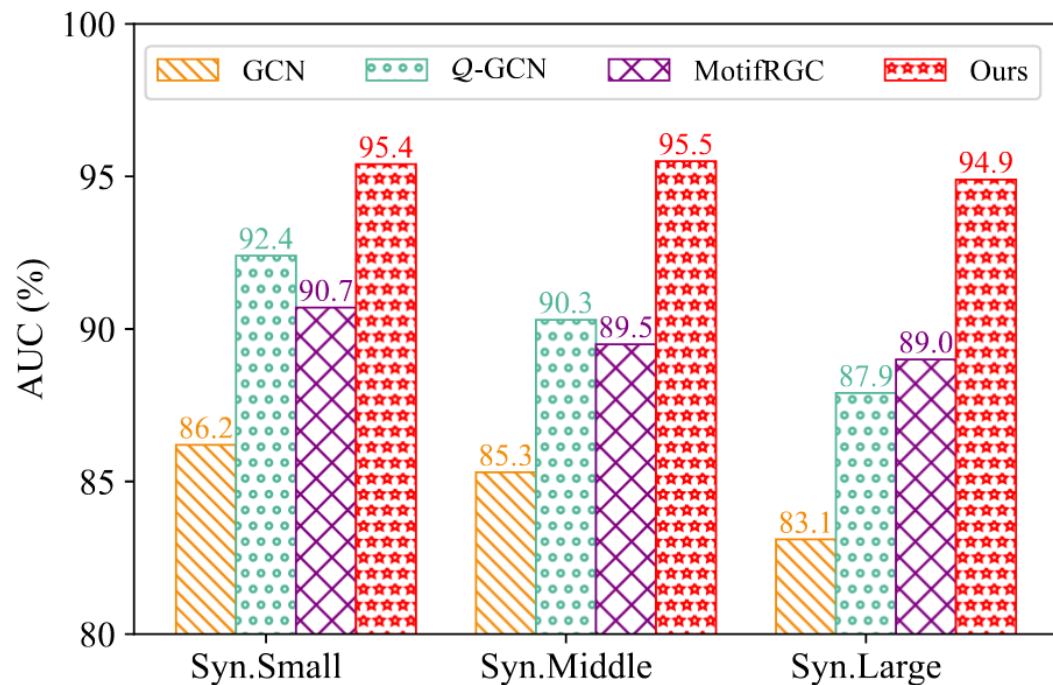
Riemannian methods

Method	Cora		Citeseer		Airport		PubMed		Photo	
	AUC	AP	AUC	AP	AUC	AP	AUC	AP	AUC	AP
GCN	91.88±0.33	92.44±0.36	90.10±0.65	90.66±0.57	91.95±0.91	91.35±0.69	93.79±2.91	93.49±2.73	92.17±2.57	90.42±2.71
GAT	90.63±0.30	91.13±0.31	88.83±0.64	88.81±0.18	89.55±1.22	89.25±1.34	88.87±1.57	87.96±1.30	94.06±0.40	93.15±0.50
SAGE	89.29±0.59	90.03±0.69	86.93±0.53	88.47±0.69	89.04±0.76	85.44±1.36	89.97±0.40	90.76±0.31	92.87±2.28	91.28±2.51
HNN	90.85±0.44	89.88±0.49	95.27±0.48	95.41±0.52	92.63±0.42	92.96±0.21	93.04±0.19	92.06±0.14	92.77±0.31	90.12±0.32
HGCN	93.62±0.25	93.73±0.27	94.87±0.41	95.28±0.37	93.50±0.36	94.13±0.28	95.20±0.15	95.16±0.16	96.96±0.93	96.12±0.94
$\kappa$ -GCN	93.81±1.95	94.97±1.55	<u>96.76±1.20</u>	<u>97.39±0.88</u>	93.87±0.34	93.18±0.23	97.17±0.12	97.05±0.13	97.29±0.09	96.72±0.12
LGCN	93.75±0.30	94.47±0.24	95.50±0.20	95.99±0.14	94.20±0.26	94.43±0.20	96.20±0.11	96.25±0.16	<u>97.50±1.10</u>	<u>96.96±1.20</u>
$\mathcal{Q}$ -GCN	93.66±0.17	92.96±0.12	94.41±0.25	93.93±0.15	94.99±0.33	94.49±0.21	95.21±0.05	95.14±0.11	97.33±0.04	96.53±0.06
MotifRGC	<u>95.90±0.71</u>	<u>96.51±0.54</u>	96.04±0.39	96.33±0.43	<u>96.86±0.39</u>	<u>96.65±0.28</u>	<u>97.26±0.76</u>	<u>97.20±0.78</u>	OOM	
<b>GraphMoRE</b>	<b>97.91±0.10</b>	<b>98.42±0.09</b>	<b>98.70±0.20</b>	<b>98.84±0.14</b>	<b>97.53±0.28</b>	<b>96.71±0.36</b>	<b>99.18±0.05</b>	<b>99.22±0.05</b>	<b>98.83±0.04</b>	<b>98.53±0.06</b>

Method	Cora		Citeseer		Airport		PubMed		Photo	
	W-F1	M-F1	W-F1	M-F1	W-F1	M-F1	W-F1	M-F1	W-F1	M-F1
GCN	79.41±1.25	78.92±1.04	65.92±2.13	62.46±1.73	81.38±0.82	77.44±0.82	75.95±0.40	75.74±0.34	91.68±0.70	89.77±1.11
GAT	77.49±1.11	76.98±1.01	65.43±1.46	61.87±1.38	83.06±1.02	80.33±1.03	75.33±0.89	75.04±0.84	92.63±0.59	90.96±0.76
SAGE	77.47±0.71	76.61±0.87	64.03±1.11	60.24±1.56	84.07±2.19	81.27±2.17	73.97±0.90	73.90±0.87	88.09±1.56	85.25±1.90
HNN	58.98±0.52	57.15±0.70	59.52±0.51	57.38±0.68	70.71±1.47	54.49±1.81	69.56±0.71	68.85±0.49	90.90±0.42	89.34±0.53
HGCN	77.78±0.63	73.94±0.61	67.51±0.81	60.56±0.83	84.82±1.46	81.23±2.06	78.69±0.59	<u>77.78±0.50</u>	90.78±0.28	88.10±0.42
$\kappa$ -GCN	78.67±1.00	78.01±0.73	63.88±0.69	60.28±0.60	87.40±1.64	84.33±2.08	77.31±1.71	<u>76.37±1.54</u>	92.31±0.45	90.52±0.76
LGCN	80.19±0.98	79.05±0.81	67.94±1.78	61.41±4.25	89.03±1.24	84.50±2.00	77.19±0.41	76.92±0.44	92.97±0.32	90.53±1.23
$\mathcal{Q}$ -GCN	75.97±0.97	74.03±0.96	68.89±1.70	62.68±1.48	89.66±0.67	85.46±0.86	<b>80.61±0.81</b>	<b>79.55±0.91</b>	91.85±0.47	90.30±0.63
MotifRGC	<u>80.91±0.64</u>	<u>80.19±0.63</u>	68.31±1.41	64.63±1.39	84.53±2.32	83.96±2.38	<u>79.13±1.37</u>	77.71±1.34	OOM	
<b>GraphMoRE<sub>GCN</sub></b>	80.51±0.91	79.44±0.77	<b>69.73±0.70</b>	<b>65.98±0.67</b>	<u>91.75±0.93</u>	<u>91.49±0.98</u>	77.16±0.61	76.50±0.76	93.18±0.31	91.86±0.34
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➤ GraphMoRE achieves superior performance among 9 baselines.

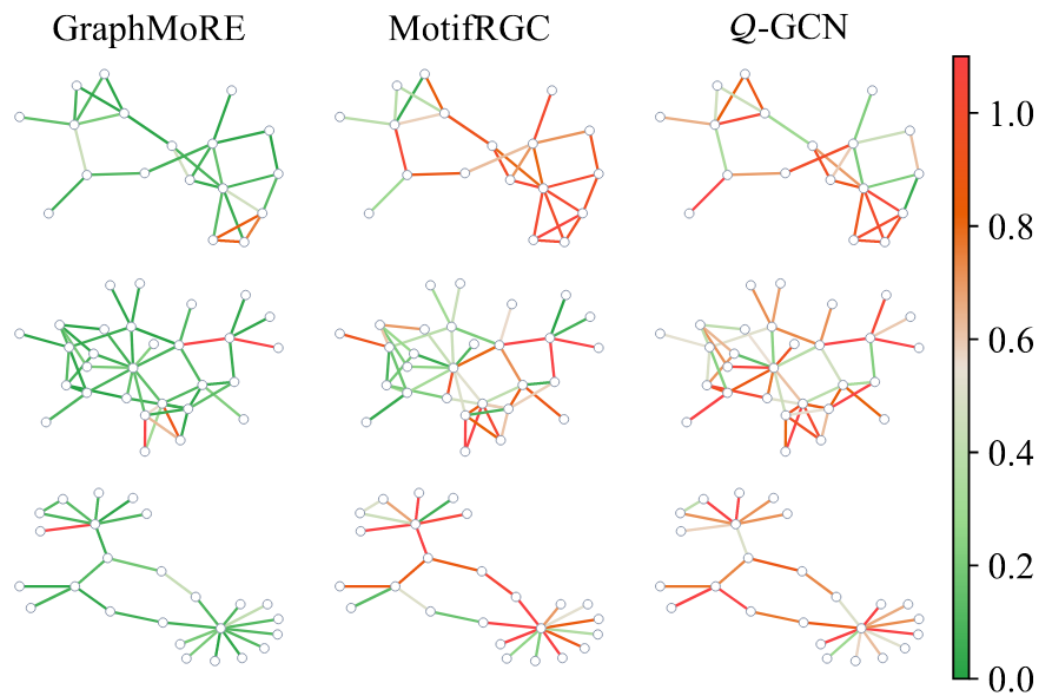
## ■ Performance on Synthetic Graphs & Ablation Study



Method	Cora		Airport	
	AUC	W-F1	AUC	W-F1
<b>GraphMoRE</b>	<b>97.91</b>	<b>80.51</b>	<b>97.53</b>	<b>91.75</b>
GraphMoRE ( <i>w/o distortion</i> )	97.30	79.41	97.07	91.07
GraphMoRE ( <i>w/o gating</i> )	96.96	79.17	96.86	90.87
GraphMoRE ( <i>w/o diverse</i> )	94.34	79.69	94.69	90.46
GraphMoRE ( <i>w/o align</i> )	97.11	79.07	96.34	90.18

- GraphMoRE significantly outperforms other baselines on synthetic graphs.
- **As the scale of datasets increases**, the performance of other baselines declines to varying degrees, while GraphMoRE consistently **maintains excellent performance**.

## ■ Comparison and Visualization of Embedding Distortion



Method	Cora	Citeseer	Airport	PubMed	Photo
<b>GraphMoRE</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>0.59</b>
MotifRGC	0.69	0.78	0.64	0.58	OOM
Q-GCN	0.80	0.91	0.70	0.75	0.78

- GraphMoRE has **the lowest average embedding distortion**, indicating the excellent expressive ability for topological heterogeneity.



## ■ Paper Highlights

- We propose **analyzing topological heterogeneity from the perspective of local topology characterization, construct personalized embedding spaces for nodes**, and provide an alignment strategy to calculate pairwise distances, to minimize the distortion of heterogeneous topologies.
- To the best of our knowledge, **we are the first to introduce the MoE into Riemannian representation learning** to address the problem of topological heterogeneity.

## ■ Future Works

- Topological heterogeneity also constitutes a critical challenge for graph foundation models, which are expected to uniformly handle a wide variety of diverse graph data. Graph Riemannian MoE **provide a novel architectural perspective for GFMs**.
- Future work will **further explore the potential and broader impact of Riemannian MoE in enhancing the ability of GFMs** to uniformly handle diverse graph data from a wide variety of types and domains.



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