

# Sheaves for Heterogeneous Data

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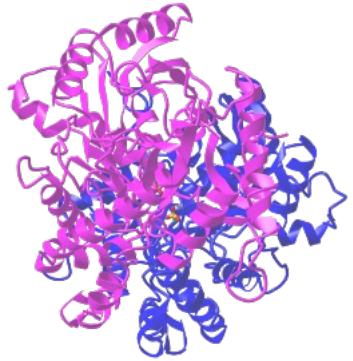
 **Read the paper:** <https://arxiv.org/abs/2409.08036>

 **Source code available at:** <https://github.com/AspieCoder1/mphil-acs-repo>

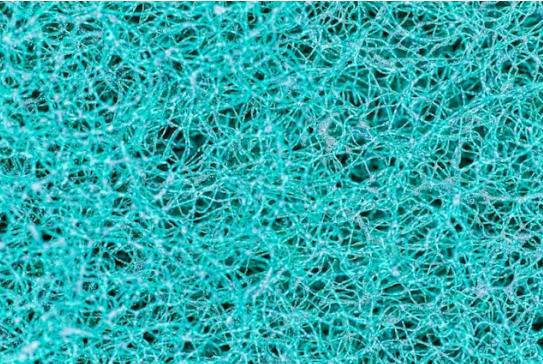
# Background

- Relational data
- Heterogeneous graphs
- GNNs
- Heterogeneous GNNs

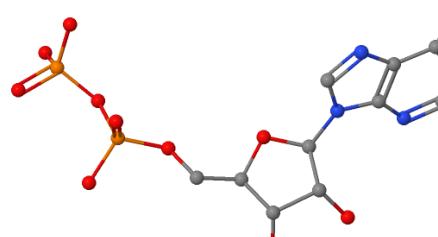
# Relational data is everywhere



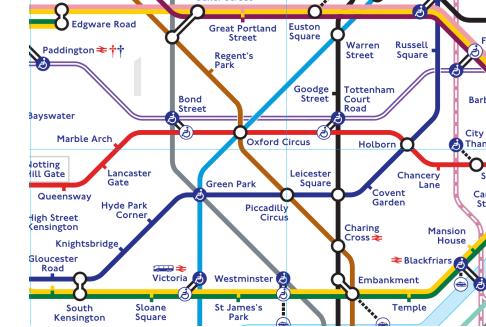
# Proteins



# Neuroscience



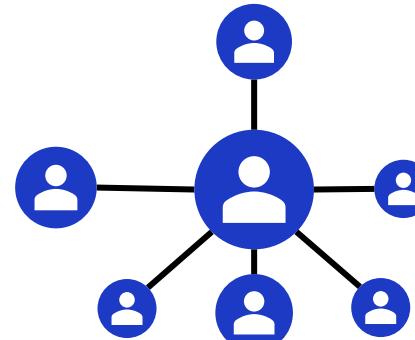
# Chemistry



## Transport



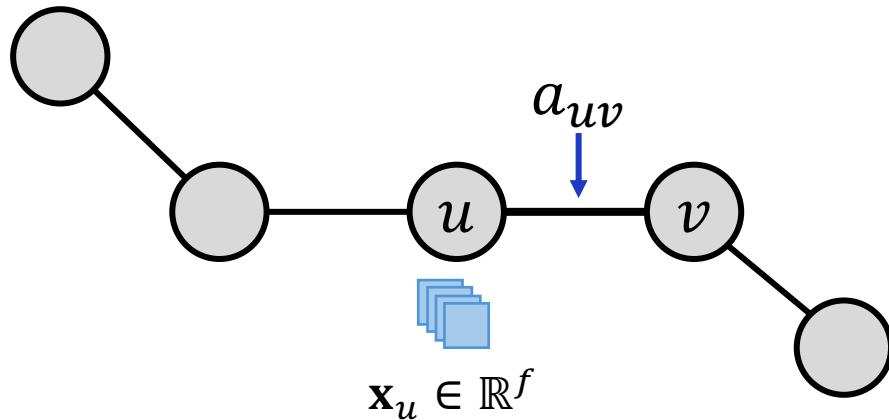
## Robotics



## Social networks

# Graphs

A graph is a set of nodes connected by edges

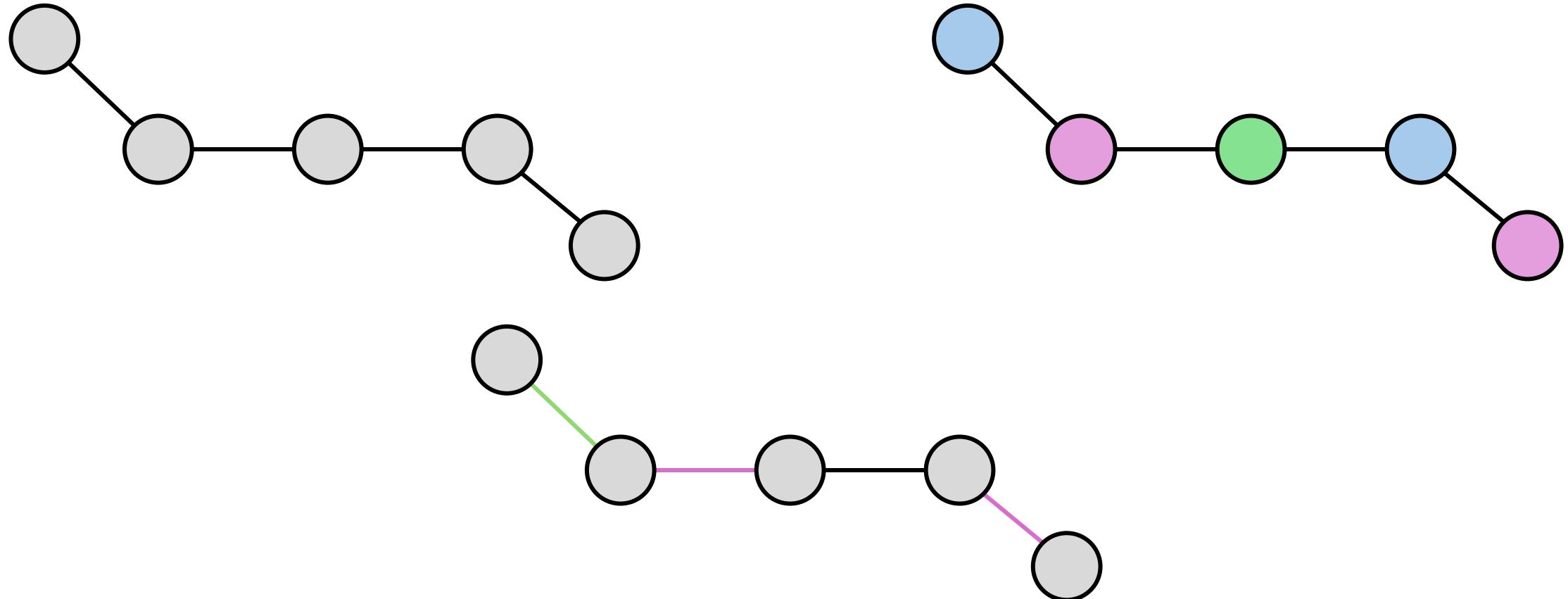


$$\mathcal{G} = (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{X})$$

$\mathbb{R}^{n \times f}$  feature matrix  
 $n \times n$  adjacency matrix

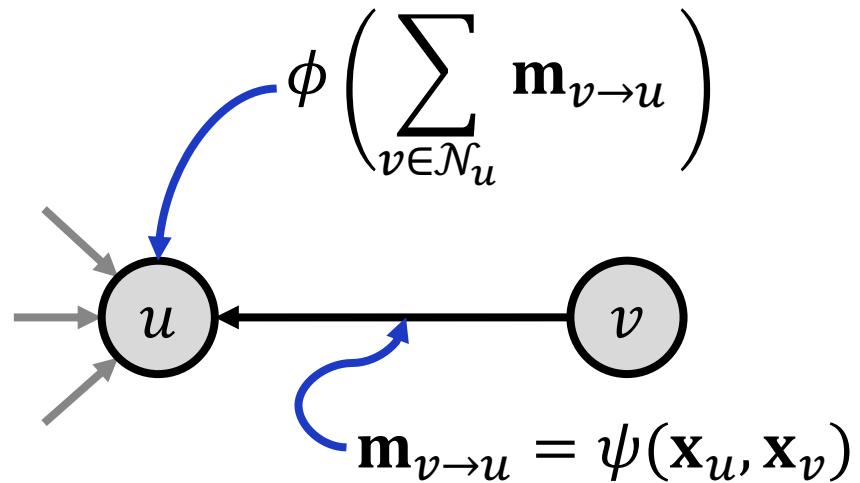
# Heterogenous data

# Heterogeneous data multiple node and edge types



# Graph Neural Networks

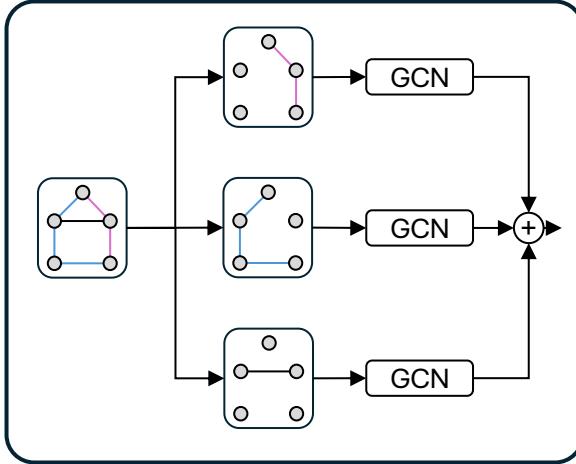
Node features are updated using local aggregation



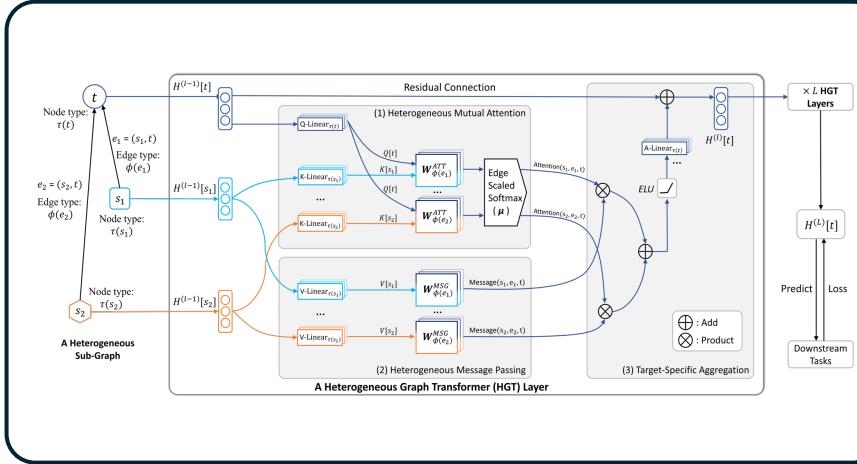
$$\mathbf{m}_u^{(l)} := \text{AGG} \left( \left\{ \left( \mathbf{x}_u^{(l)}, \mathbf{x}_u^{(l)} \right) \mid v \in \mathcal{V} \right\} \right)$$
$$\mathbf{x}_u^{(l+1)} := \text{UPD} \left( \mathbf{x}_u^{(l)}, \mathbf{m}_u^{(l+1)} \right)$$

# Heterogeneous Graph Neural Networks

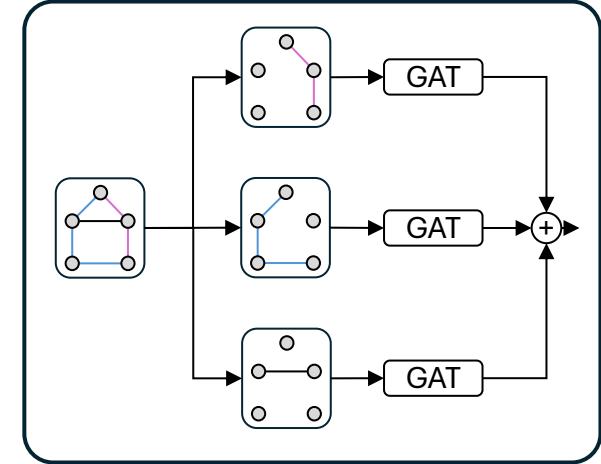
R-GCN<sup>[1]</sup>



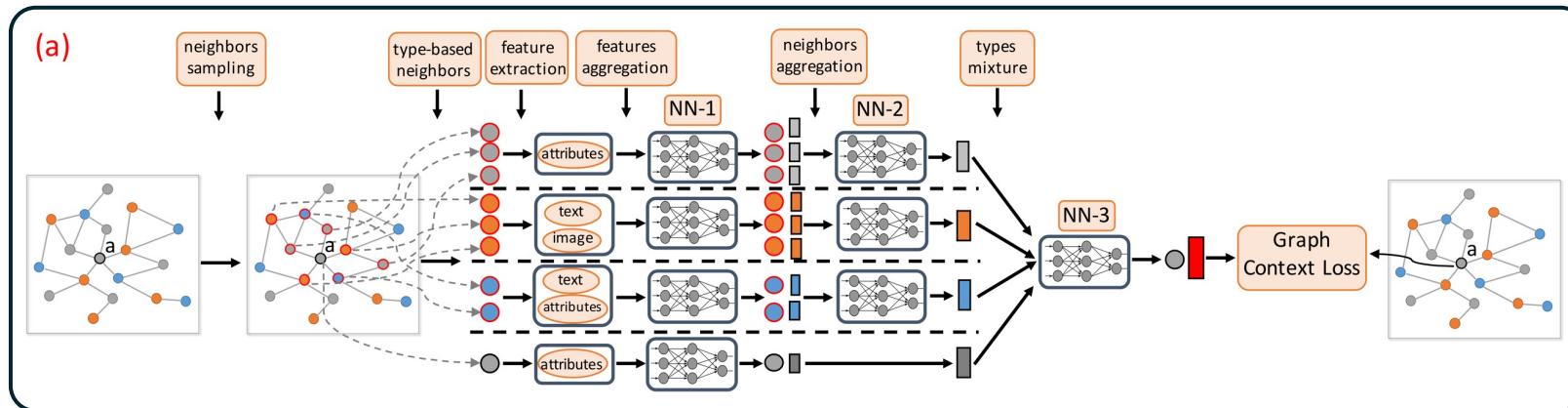
HGT<sup>[2]</sup>



HAN<sup>[3]</sup>



HetGNN<sup>[4]</sup>



[1] Schlichtkrull et al., 'Modeling Relational Data with Graph Convolutional Networks', ESWC 2018.

[2] Hu et al., 'Heterogeneous Graph Transformer', WWW 2020.

[3] Wang et al., 'Heterogeneous Attention Network', WWW 2019.

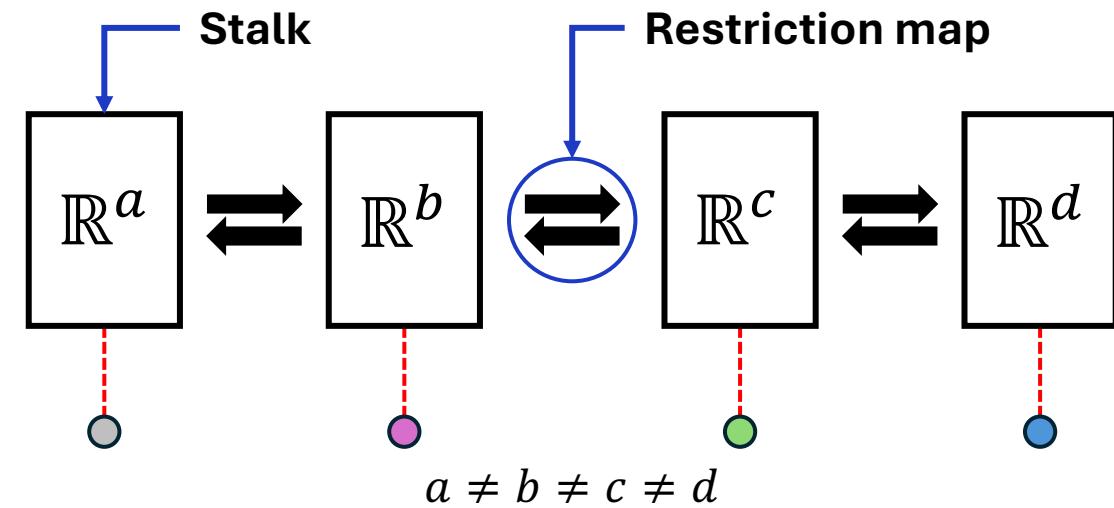
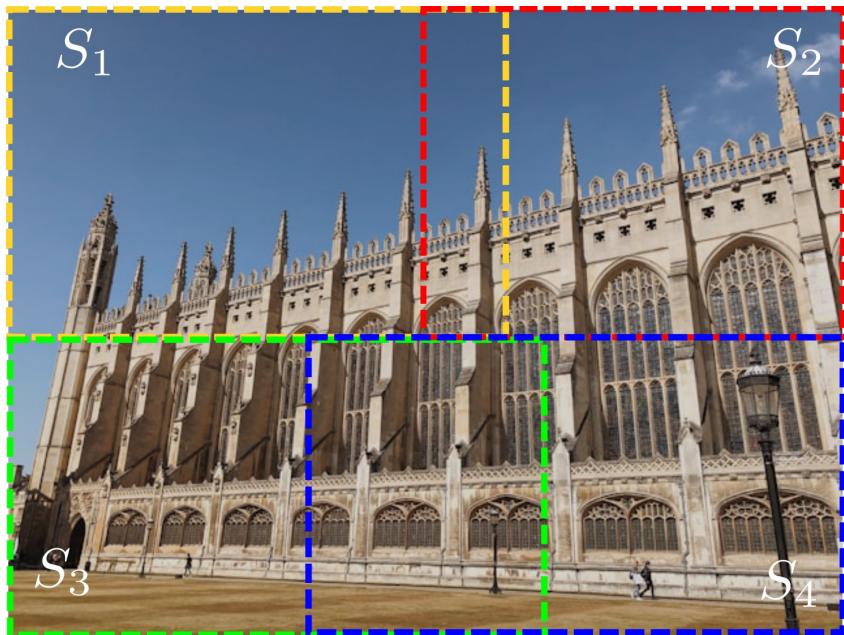
[4] Zhang et al., 'Heterogeneous Graph Neural Network', KDD 2019.

# Sheaves for heterogeneous data

- Cellular sheaves
- Neural Sheaf Diffusion
- Sheaves model heterogeneity

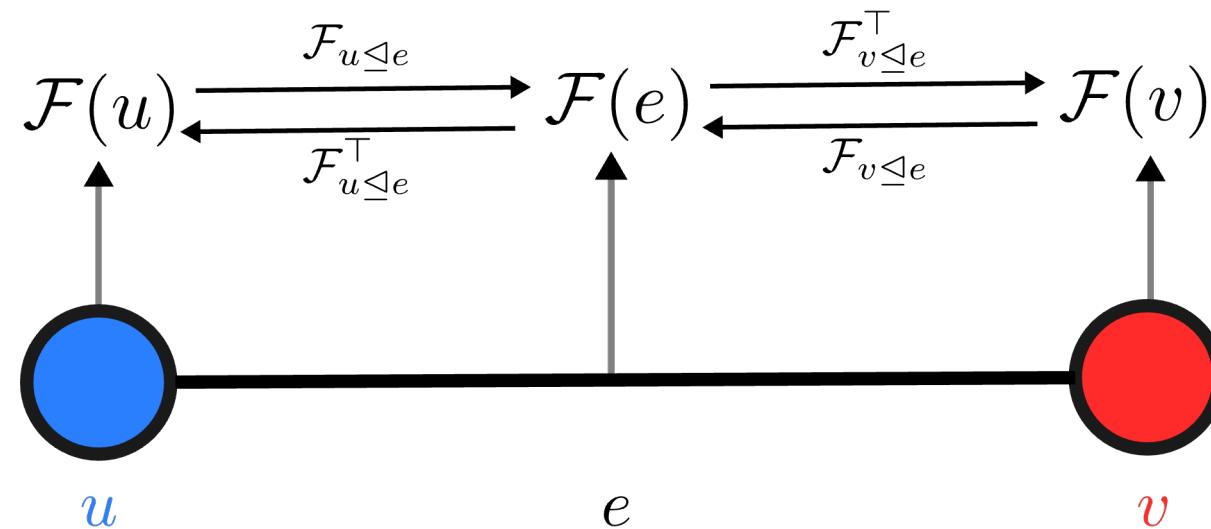
# Motivating sheaves

Local data assignment → consistent global representation



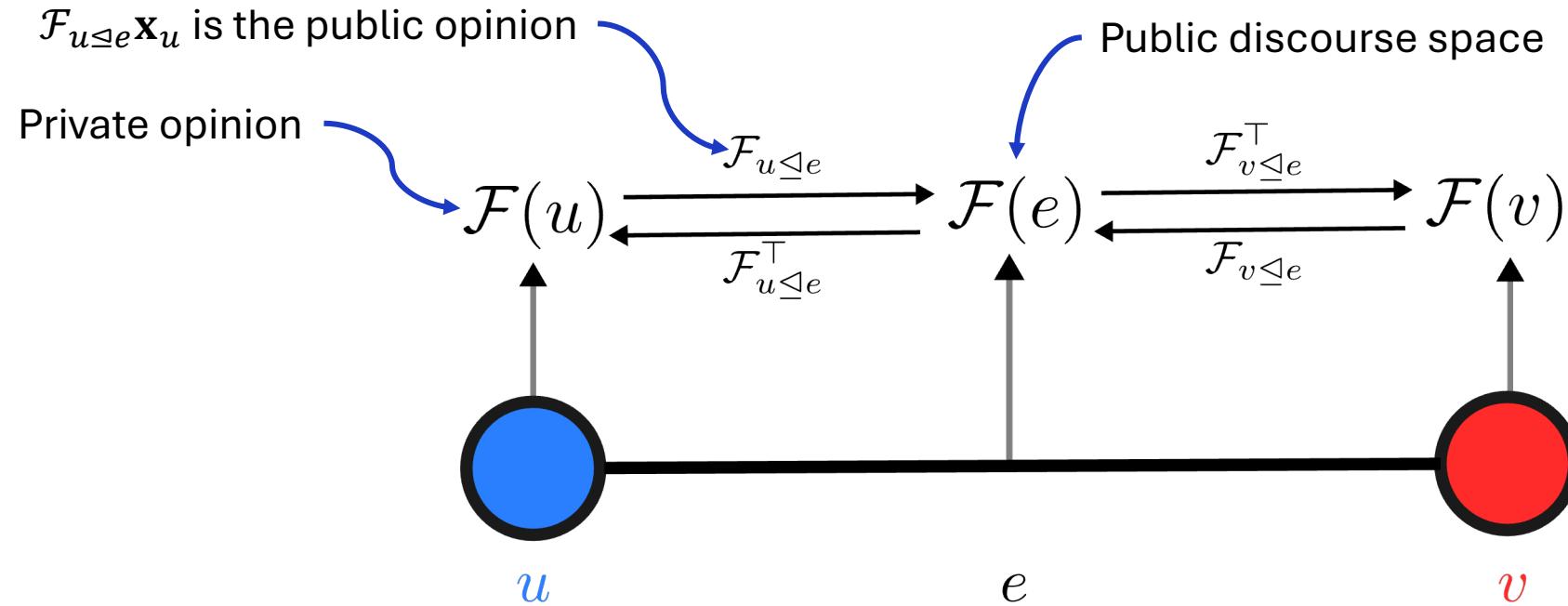
# Cellular sheaves

- **Node stalks**  $\mathcal{F}(u)$  attached to each node
- **Edge stalks**  $\mathcal{F}(e)$  attached to each edge
- **Restriction map**  $\mathcal{F}_{u \leq e}$  for each node-edge incidence pair



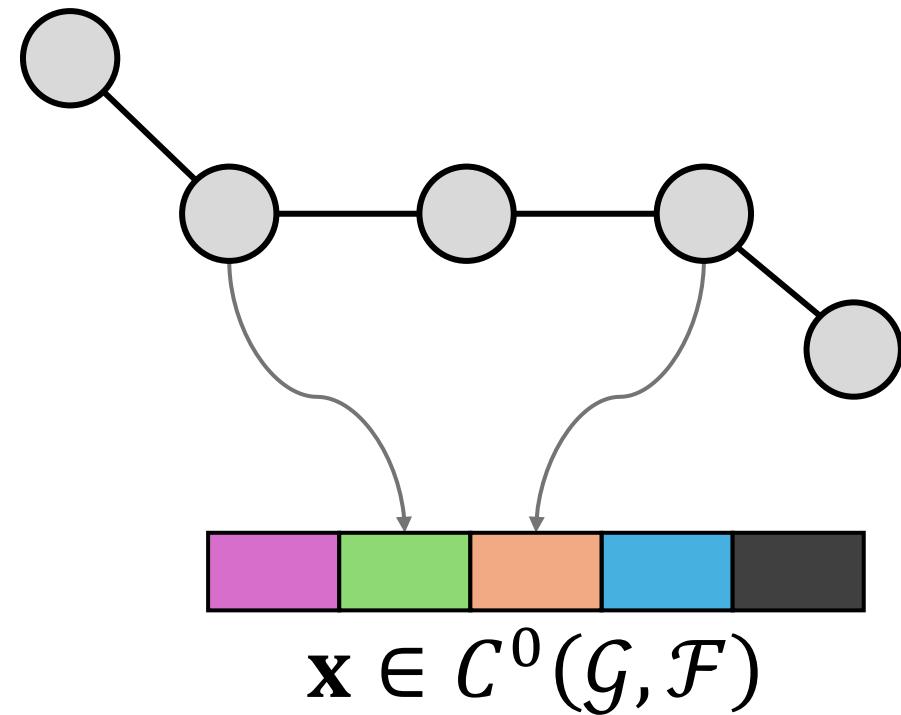
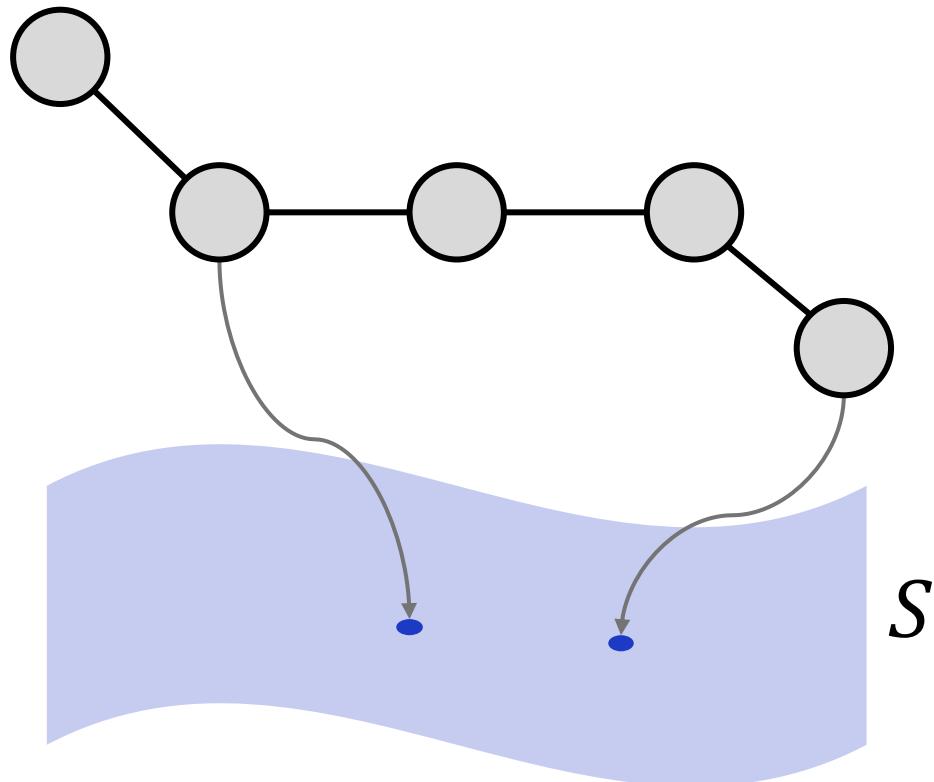
# So what is a sheaf?

Opinion dynamics<sup>[1]</sup> provides a nice perspective



# Why sheaves?

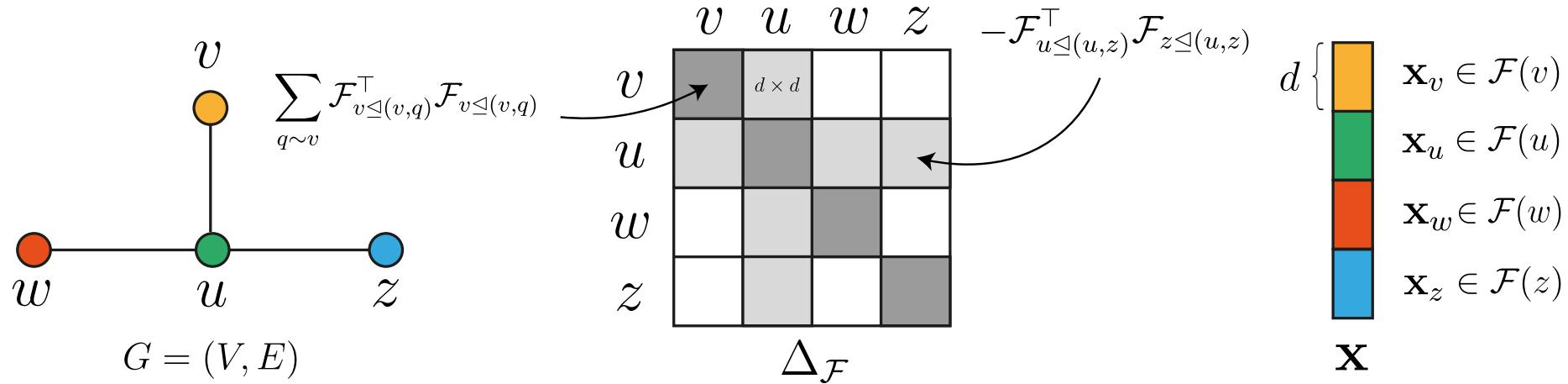
The underlying topology models the heterogeneity



\*Here  $C^0(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{F}) = \bigoplus_{u \in \mathcal{V}} \mathcal{F}(u)$ , or the block matrix formed by stacking each node stalk representation.

# Neural Sheaf Diffusion<sup>[1]</sup>

Attaches a sheaf to a Graph Convolutional Network



$$\mathbf{Y} = \sigma((\mathbf{I}_{nd} - \Delta_{\mathcal{F}})(\mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{W}_1)\mathbf{X}\mathbf{W}_2)$$
$$\mathcal{F}_{u \sqsubseteq e} = \text{MLP}(\mathbf{x}_u \| \mathbf{x}_v)$$

[1] Bodnar et al., ‘Neural Sheaf Diffusion: A Topological Perspective on Heterophily and Oversmoothing in GNNs’, NeurIPS 2022.

# NSD performs well on benchmarks

NSD is smaller than R-GCN with similar performance

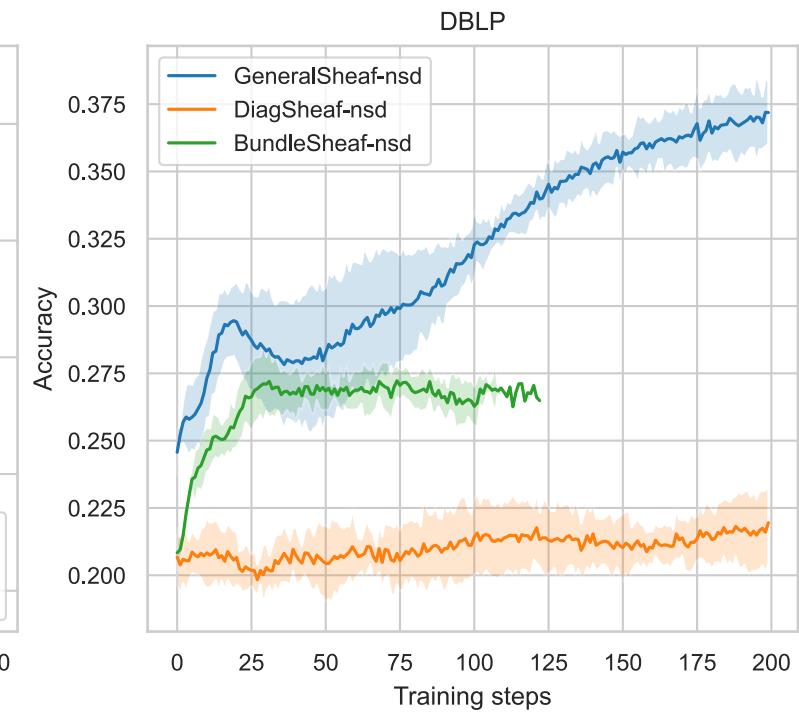
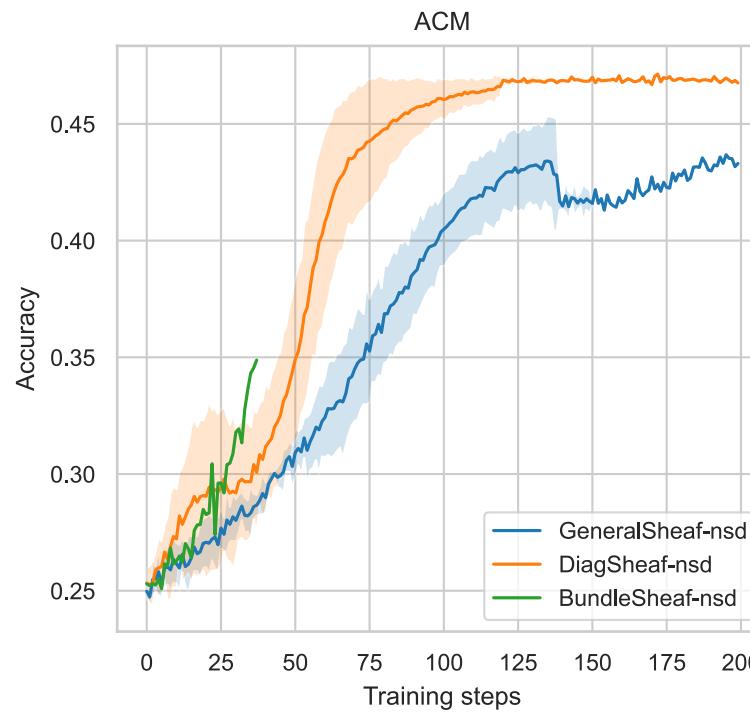
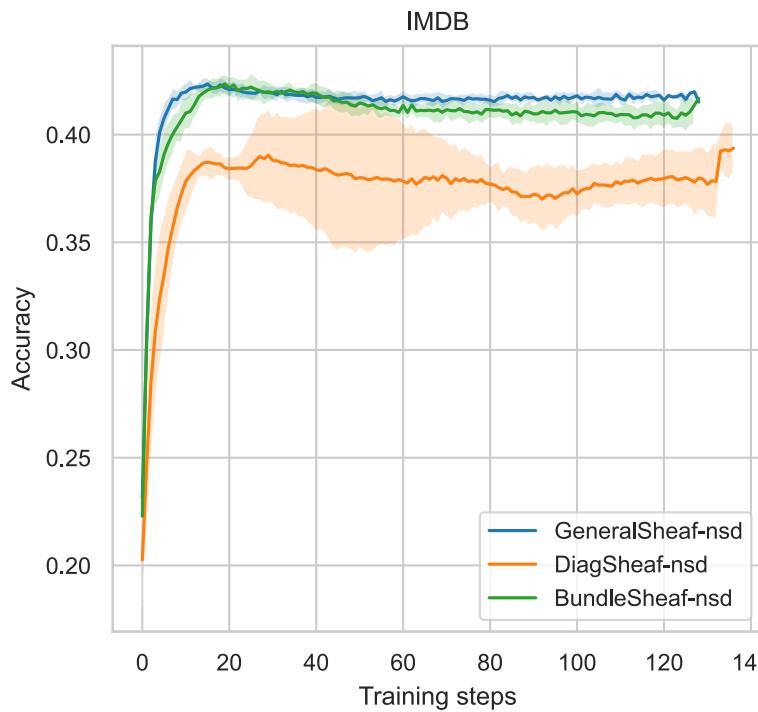
	ACM		DBLP		IMDB	
	Macro F1	Micro F1	Macro F1	Micro F1	Macro F1	Micro F1
GAT	$75.80 \pm 10.69$	$77.91 \pm 8.66$	$95.47 \pm 0.44$	$95.70 \pm 0.42$	$84.12 \pm 0.96$	$85.31 \pm 0.92$
GCN	$89.09 \pm 3.66$	$89.14 \pm 3.60$	$96.31 \pm 0.73$	$96.57 \pm 0.63$	$82.41 \pm 1.15$	$83.99 \pm 0.92$
HAN	$86.95 \pm 6.19$	$86.64 \pm 6.43$	$94.74 \pm 0.81$	$95.01 \pm 0.73$	$13.53 \pm 0.24$	$38.70 \pm 1.13$
R-GCN	$95.81 \pm 0.39$	$95.75 \pm 0.39$	$96.79 \pm 0.39$	$97.01 \pm 0.34$	$88.16 \pm 0.67$	$89.08 \pm 0.63$
HGT	$93.24 \pm 3.19$	$93.30 \pm 2.91$	$93.91 \pm 1.08$	$94.26 \pm 1.09$	$87.74 \pm 0.76$	$88.45 \pm 0.71$
Sheaf-NSD	$94.97 \pm 0.41$	$94.94 \pm 0.42$	$96.69 \pm 0.82$	$96.89 \pm 0.79$	$86.70 \pm 0.90$	$87.50 \pm 0.78$

Sheaf-NSD 111x smaller than R-GCN

	LastFM		MovieLens	
	AUPR	AUROC	AUPR	AUROC
GAT	$62.88 \pm 0.18$	$50.69 \pm 0.63$	$97.06 \pm 0.24$	$97.47 \pm 0.21$
GCN	$96.84 \pm 0.10$	$96.42 \pm 0.08$	$99.57 \pm 0.03$	$99.51 \pm 0.03$
HAN	$82.48 \pm 3.86$	$78.47 \pm 3.04$	$63.49 \pm 0.14$	$52.06 \pm 0.27$
R-GCN	$96.86 \pm 0.07$	$96.97 \pm 0.05$	$99.06 \pm 0.05$	$99.13 \pm 0.04$
HGT	-	-	-	-
Sheaf-NSD	$97.16 \pm 0.19$	$96.58 \pm 0.18$	$99.66 \pm 0.04$	$99.57 \pm 0.03$

Sheaf-NSD 209x smaller than R-GCN

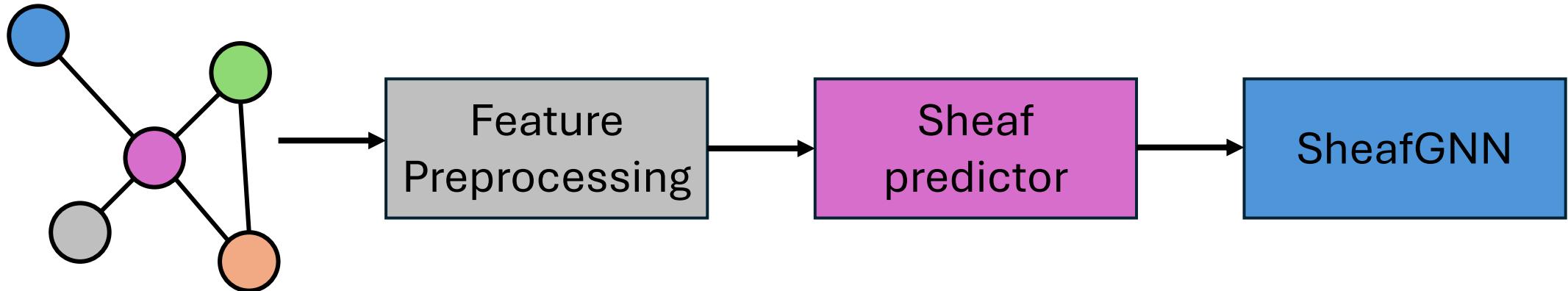
# Sheaves implicitly learn types



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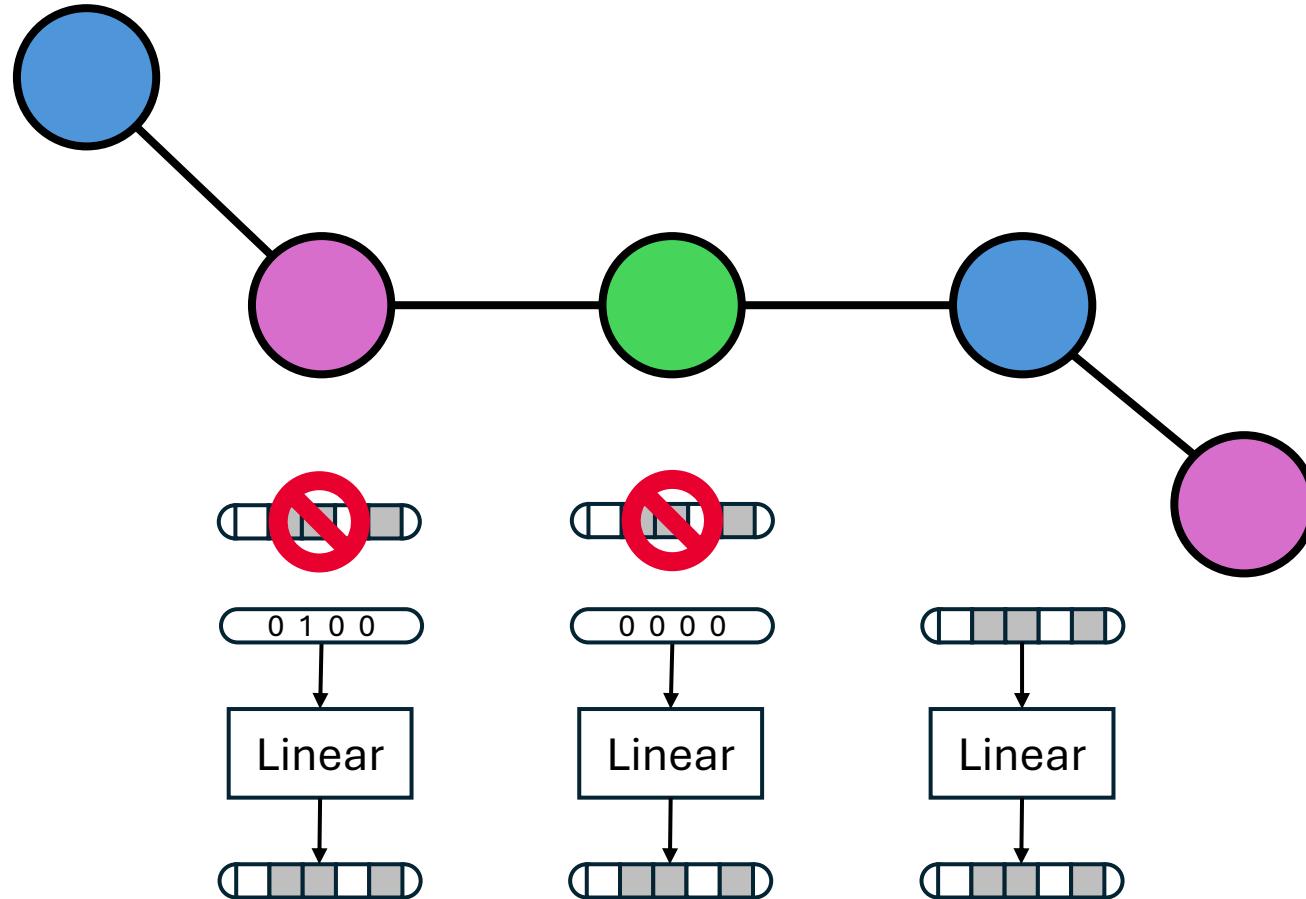
A general framework for heterogeneous sheaf neural networks

# HETSHEAF pipeline



# Feature preprocessing

Linear layers used to project features to same dimensionality



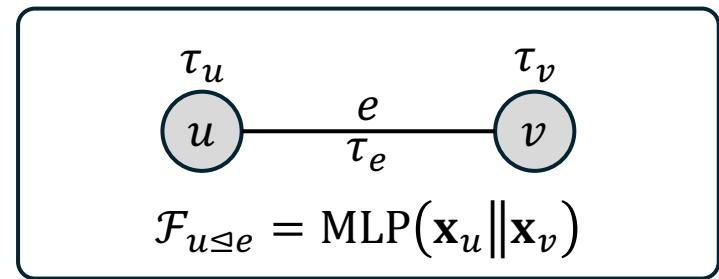
# Heterogeneous sheaf predictors

$$\mathcal{F}_{u \trianglelefteq (u,v)} = \Phi(\mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_v, \phi(u), \phi(v), \psi(e))$$

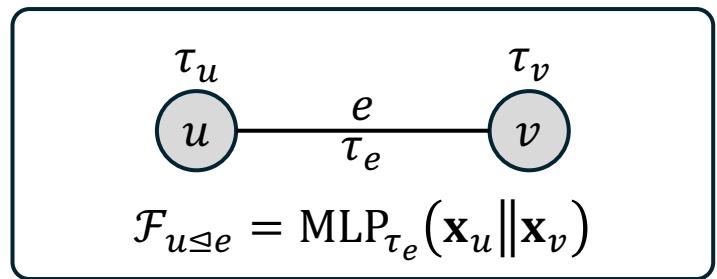
Diagram illustrating the inputs to the function  $\Phi$ :

- node features in  $\mathcal{F}(u)$  (blue arrow)
- type of node  $u$  (blue arrow)
- type of edge  $e$  (blue arrow)
- node features in  $\mathcal{F}(v)$  (blue arrow)
- type of node  $v$  (blue arrow)

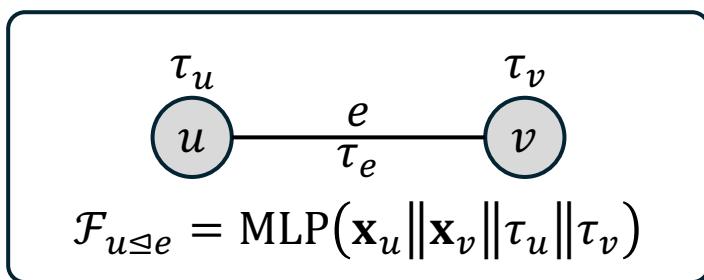
### Sheaf-NSD



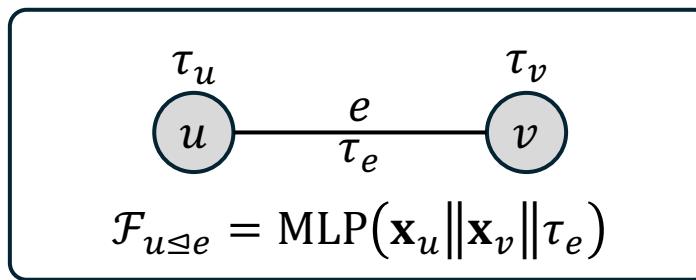
### Sheaf-ensemble



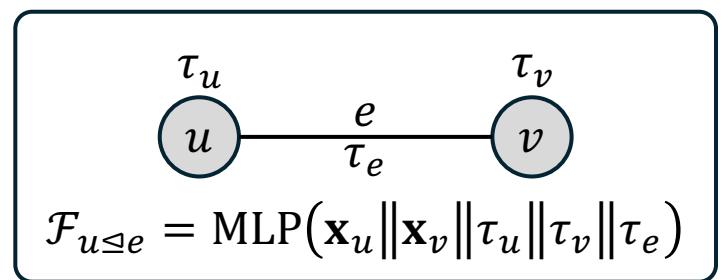
### Sheaf-NE



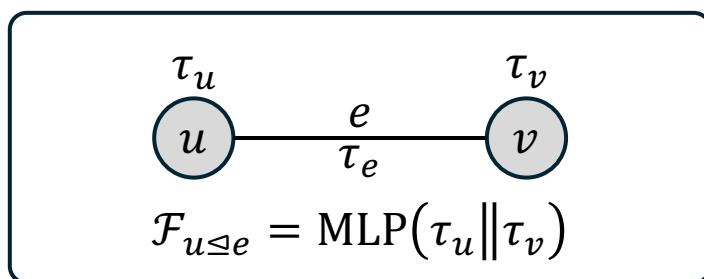
### Sheaf-EE



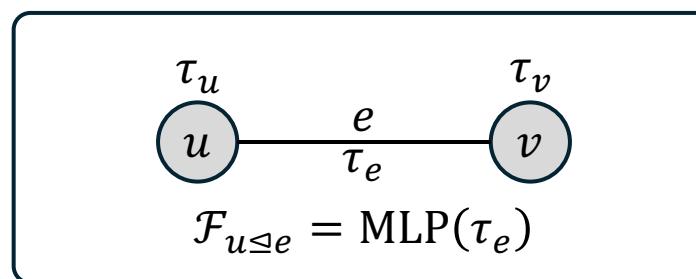
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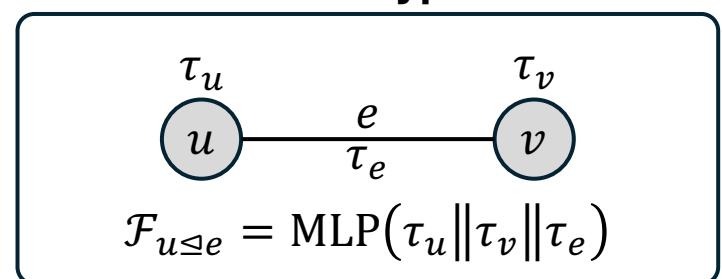
### Sheaf-NT



### Sheaf-ET

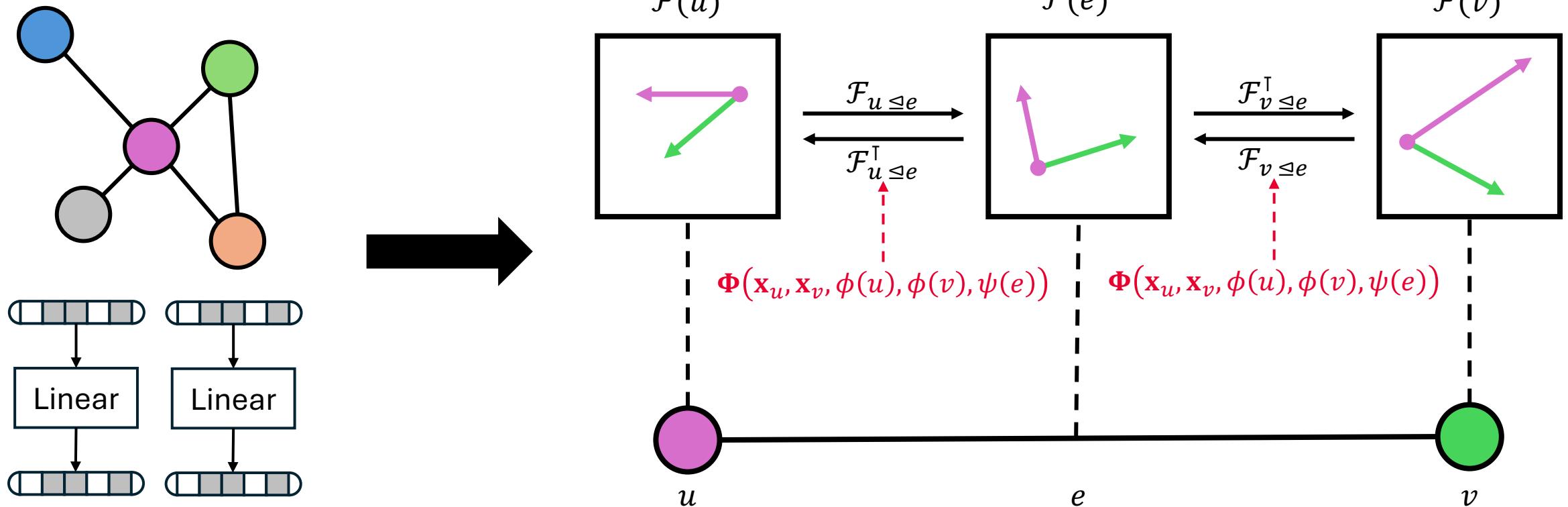


### Sheaf-types



\* Each type is assumed to be a one-hot encoded vector,  $\tau_e := \mathbf{e}_{\psi(e)}$  for  $e \in \mathcal{E}$  and  $\tau_u := \mathbf{e}_{\phi(u)}$  for  $u \in \mathcal{V}$ .

# Final architecture



# Type information improves performance

## The sheaf learners achieve SOTA or competitive results

Table 5.1: **Performance on heterogeneous node classification.** Results for the SheafGNN architectures and baselines from the literature are shown. The average macro and micro F1 score and standard deviation after 10 runs. The top three models are coloured by **First**, **Second** and **Third**.

	ACM		DBLP		IMDB	
	Macro F1	Micro F1	Macro F1	Micro F1	Macro F1	Micro F1
GAT [69]	75.8 ± 107.0	77.91 ± 8.66	95.47 ± 0.44	95.70 ± 0.42	84.12 ± 0.96	85.31 ± 0.92
GCN [47]	89.09 ± 3.66	89.14 ± 3.60	96.31 ± 0.73	96.57 ± 0.63	82.41 ± 1.15	83.99 ± 0.92
HAN [74]	86.95 ± 6.19	86.64 ± 6.43	94.74 ± 0.81	95.01 ± 0.73	13.53 ± 0.24	38.70 ± 1.13
RGCN [62]	95.81 ± 0.39	95.75 ± 0.39	96.79 ± 0.39	97.01 ± 0.34	<b>88.16 ± 0.67</b>	<b>89.08 ± 0.63</b>
HGT [41]	93.24 ± 3.19	93.30 ± 2.91	93.91 ± 1.08	94.26 ± 1.09	<b>87.74 ± 0.76</b>	<b>88.45 ± 0.71</b>
O(d)-nsd [7]	94.64 ± 1.02	94.59 ± 1.03	96.32 ± 0.46	96.55 ± 0.42	86.35 ± 1.29	87.20 ± 1.07
Diag-nsd [7]	94.42 ± 0.51	94.42 ± 0.48	95.25 ± 0.70	95.52 ± 0.67	86.36 ± 0.94	87.26 ± 0.78
Gen-nsd [7]	94.97 ± 0.41	94.94 ± 0.42	96.69 ± 0.82	96.89 ± 0.79	86.70 ± 0.90	87.50 ± 0.78
Sheaf-TE (ours)	96.11 ± 0.49	96.09 ± 0.51	<b>97.93 ± 0.36</b>	<b>98.08 ± 0.31</b>	86.85 ± 0.81	87.67 ± 0.80
Sheaf-ensemble (ours)	<b>96.16 ± 0.52</b>	<b>96.12 ± 0.54</b>	97.46 ± 0.64	97.62 ± 0.60	86.92 ± 1.10	87.79 ± 0.95
Sheaf-NE (ours)	<b>96.13 ± 0.39</b>	96.09 ± 0.38	97.68 ± 0.55	97.83 ± 0.51	86.87 ± 1.01	87.73 ± 0.81
Sheaf-EE (ours)	<b>96.39 ± 0.37</b>	<b>96.35 ± 0.36</b>	97.57 ± 0.69	97.73 ± 0.62	<b>87.12 ± 0.75</b>	<b>87.88 ± 0.67</b>
Sheaf-NT (ours)	96.12 ± 0.36	<b>96.12 ± 0.32</b>	<b>97.88 ± 0.47</b>	<b>98.04 ± 0.43</b>	86.92 ± 0.95	87.76 ± 0.85
Sheaf-ET (ours)	95.84 ± 0.65	95.82 ± 0.65	<b>97.69 ± 0.47</b>	<b>97.83 ± 0.47</b>	86.12 ± 0.82	87.05 ± 0.69

Table 5.3: **Performance on heterogeneous link prediction benchmarks.** Results for the three base SheafGNN architectures and baselines from the literature are shown. The table shows the average and standard deviation of the binary AUROC and AUPR scores after 10 runs with the top three models, coloured **First**, **Second** and **Third**. The runs labelled ‘-’ were caused by an out-of-memory error of the GPU.

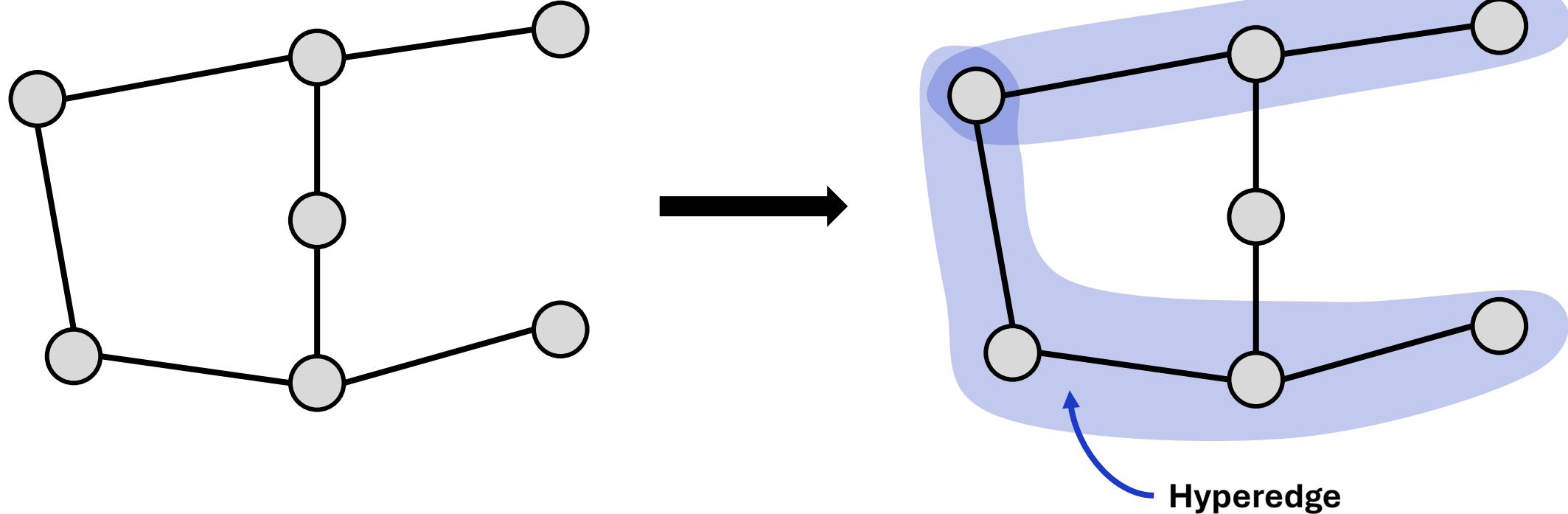
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Sheaf-TE (ours)	97.71 ± 0.52	97.23 ± 0.63	99.65 ± 0.03	99.57 ± 0.04
Sheaf-ensemble (ours)	<b>98.21 ± 0.15</b>	<b>97.71 ± 0.18</b>	<b>99.68 ± 0.04</b>	<b>99.59 ± 0.04</b>
Sheaf-NE (ours)	<b>97.90 ± 0.68</b>	<b>97.51 ± 0.51</b>	99.66 ± 0.04	99.57 ± 0.04
Sheaf-EE (ours)	97.51 ± 0.44	96.91 ± 0.52	<b>99.67 ± 0.05</b>	<b>99.57 ± 0.05</b>
Sheaf-NT (ours)	<b>98.24 ± 0.13</b>	<b>97.80 ± 0.18</b>	99.61 ± 0.03	99.52 ± 0.03
Sheaf-ET (ours)	97.84 ± 0.32	97.260 ± 0.003	99.64 ± 0.03	99.54 ± 0.03

# Future work

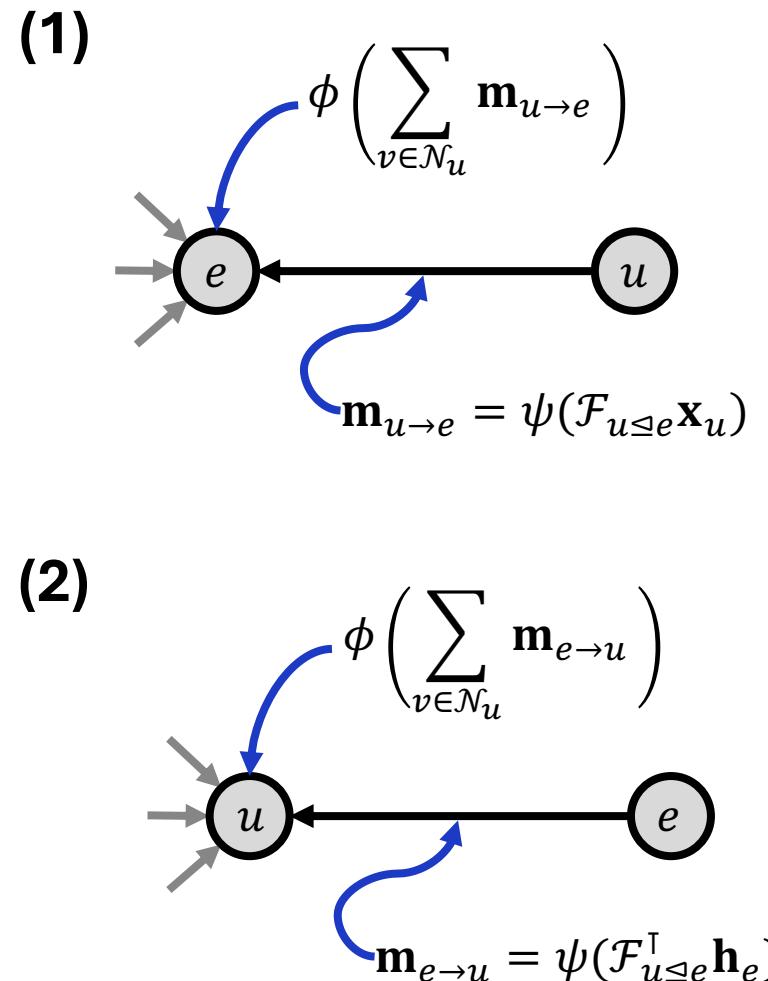
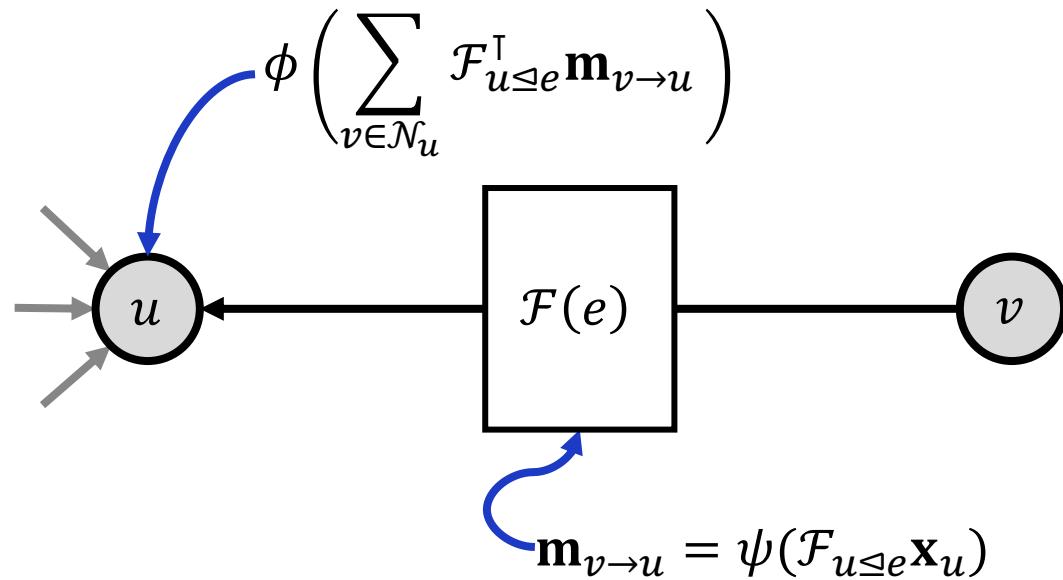
- Lifting to hypergraphs
- Generalised sheaf message passing
- Topological sheaves

# Accounting for higher order interactions

Hypergraphs connect an **arbitrary set** of nodes

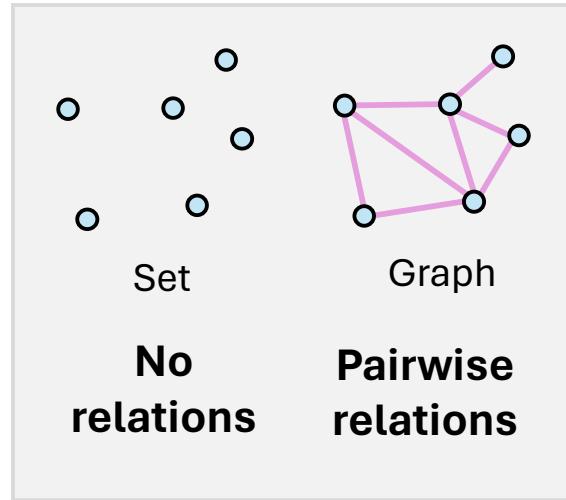


# Generalised sheaf message passing



# Sheaf Topological Neural Networks

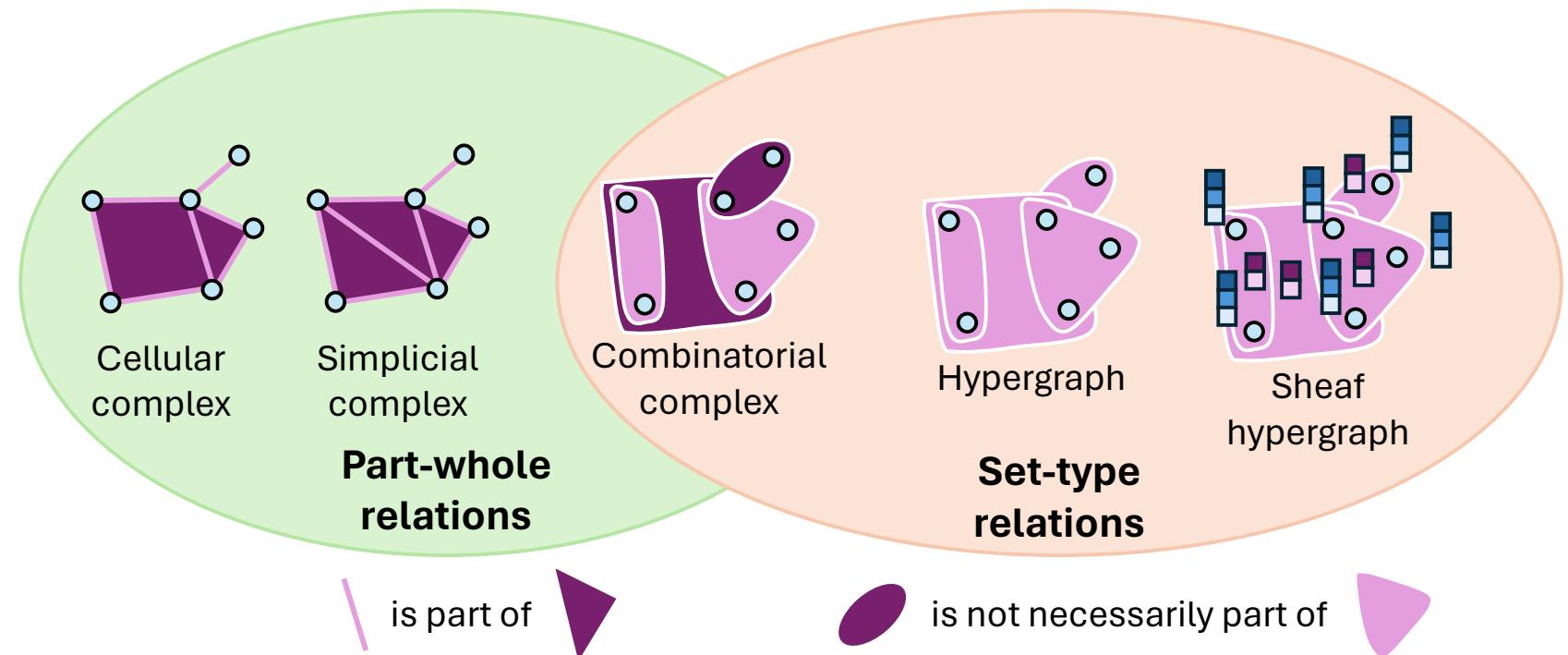
## Traditional discrete domains



○ : Nodes

— : Edges

\*Adapted from Papillon et al., 'Architectures of Topological Deep Learning: A Survey on Topological Neural Networks', 2023, arXiv:2304.10031 [cs.LG]



# Summary

- Sheaves provide a natural way to model heterogeneity
- Sheaf predictors may be parameterised to include type information
- Type information improves model performance
- These results are competitive or SOTA across all benchmarks
- We can define more general sheaf message passing approaches