

Position: The AI Conference Peer Review Crisis Demands Author Feedback and Reviewer Rewards

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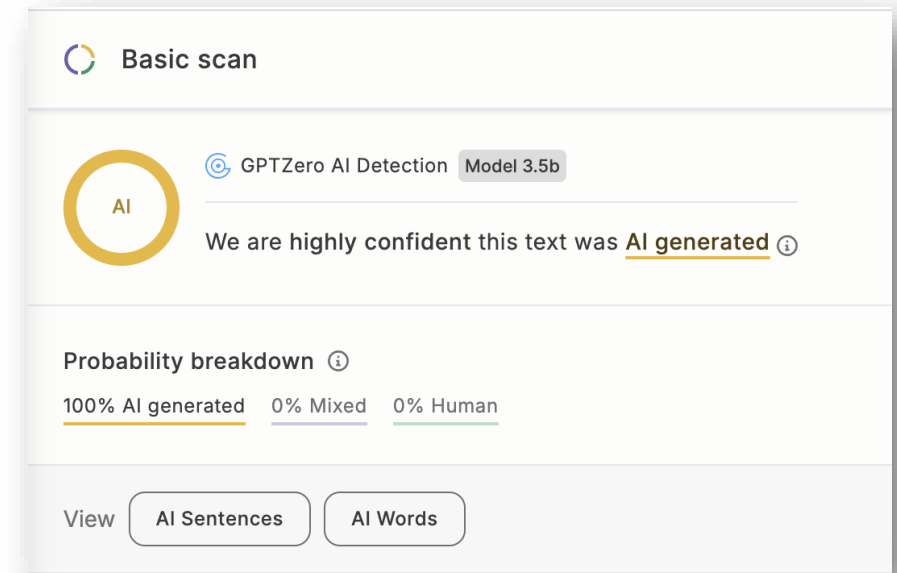
Peer Reviews at AI Conferences?

- Not Many People are Happy with it.
 - Irresponsible, shallow, LLM review, ...

“Reviewers who write a few lines of text, do not provide any actionable criticism, and just give a bad score”

“Review that is clearly AI generated”

“I just hope I don’t get the same reviewers as NeurIPS, i.e., ChatGPT, reviewer 2, and a ghost.”



What's Going On?

- Unprecedented Growth in Paper Submission to Major AI Conferences
 - 59.8% increase in ICLR submission in 2025 alone.

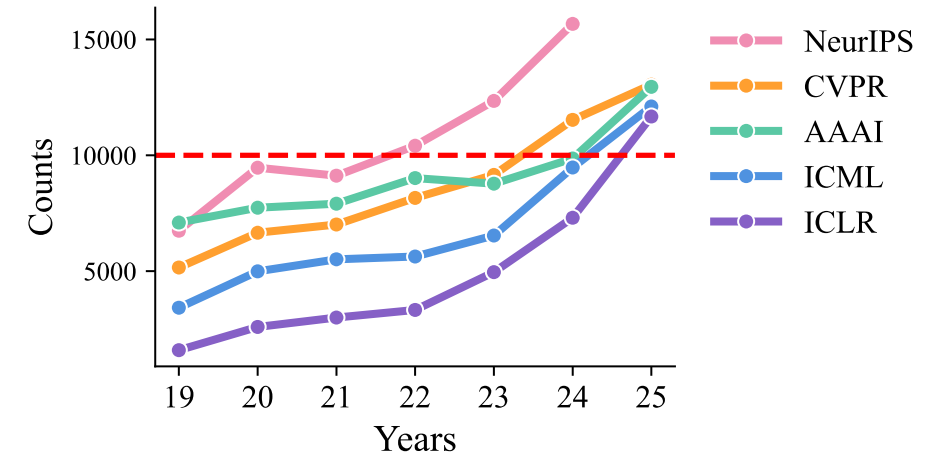
[D] Will NeurIPS 2025 acceptance rate drop due to venue limits?

Discussion

Hi all,

NeurIPS 2025 just hit a record 25k submissions. I wonder if the limited physical space will force a lower acceptance rate, and what will happen if submissions keep growing to 50k or more in the next few years?

AI Conference Submissions



Consequence

- **AI Conferences are not sustainable.**
 - The hard-earned reputation is breaking down.
- **Acceptance can now depend on**
 - 20% of sleepless nights, and 80% of reviewer luck! 🙄



Proposals

1. Bi-Directional Feedback Loop

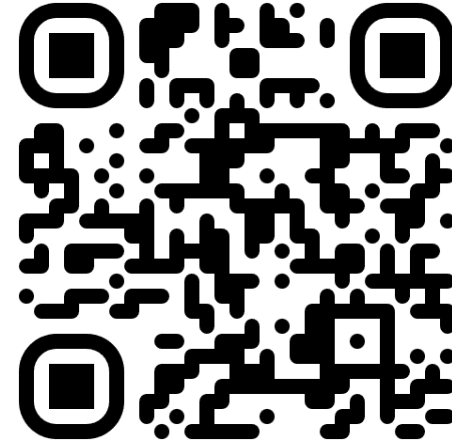
- Authors need to evaluate review quality.

2. Systematic Reward System

- Reviewers need rewards.
- Digital badges, reviewer impact scores, etc.,

Interested? 🔥

Paper Link:



Short Summary:



Thank You!