

Multimodal Multi-Document Evidence Summarization In Fact-Checking Task

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Fake News Is A Real Problem

US 2016 election

Facebook engagement of the top five fake election stories*



Total Facebook engagement for top 20 election stories (August-election day)



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* Engagement is measured as total number of shares, reactions and comments

Source: Buzzsumo via Buzzfeed

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Research Background

- Research indicates that verifying all aspects of a 200 word claim can require 4 hours of effort



Research Background

- **Claim: Hamas releases the hostages during truce with Israel**



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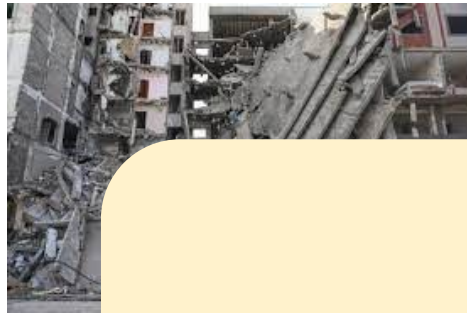
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We focus on **generating the claim-specific summary**, including the necessary information

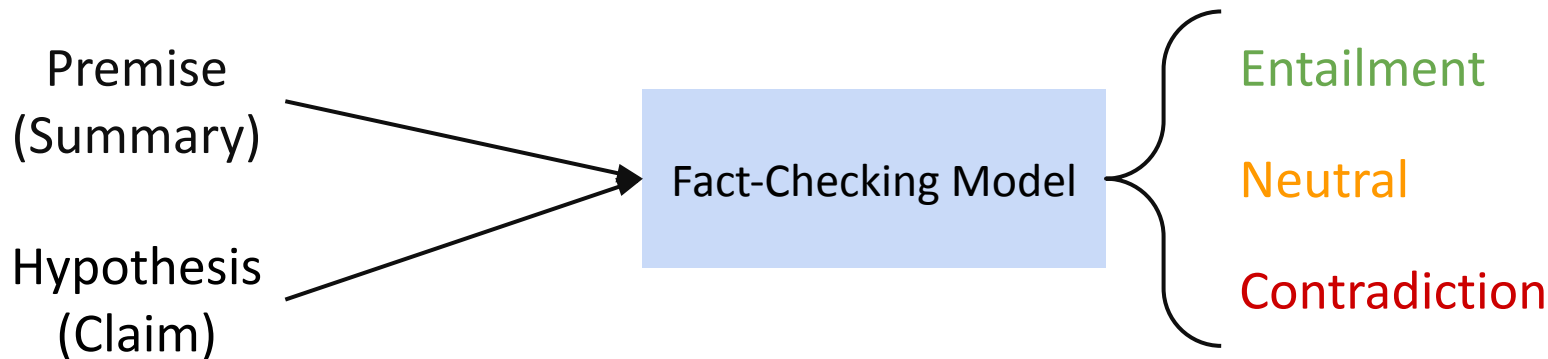
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Fact-Checking Task

- Goal is to evaluate the truthfulness of statements.
- The task requires a system to decide whether a piece of text (the **hypothesis**) can be logically deduced from another piece of text accepted as true (the **premise**)



Fact-Checking Task

Entailment:

- Premise: A soccer game with multiple males playing.
- Hypothesis: Some men are playing a sport.

Neutral:

- Premise: A smiling costumed woman is holding an umbrella.
- Hypothesis: A happy woman in a fairy costume holds an umbrella.

Contradiction:

- Premise: A man inspects the uniform of a figure in some East Asian country.
- Hypothesis: The man is sleeping.

Limitations & Challenges

- **Multimedia event extraction** is the existing potential method to integrate multimodal information
- It can extract the events and entities from the multimedia and simply introduce what type of event is

Challenge: Although we can use this method to understand the relationship between events and entities, **we cannot use this to do fact-checking task**

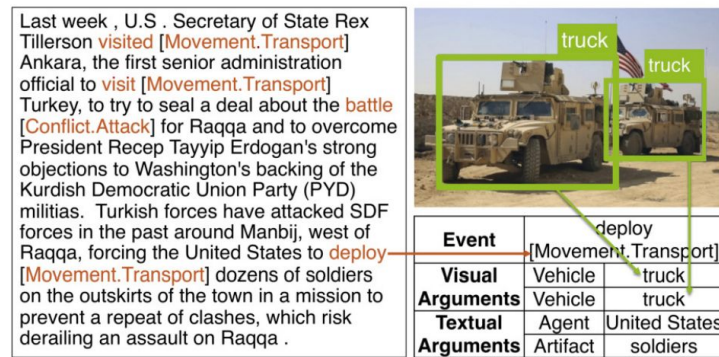


Figure 1: An example of Multimedia Event Extraction. An event mention and some event arguments (*Agent* and *Person*) are extracted from text, while the vehicle arguments can only be extracted from the image.

Limitations & Challenges

- **Multimodal summarization** is a main method to summary the concept from the text, images and videos
- It can not only transfer images and videos information but also transfer the the information in the table

Challenge: Although text summarization is good for illustrating the events in the videos, we must **generate the claim-specific summary for fact-checking**

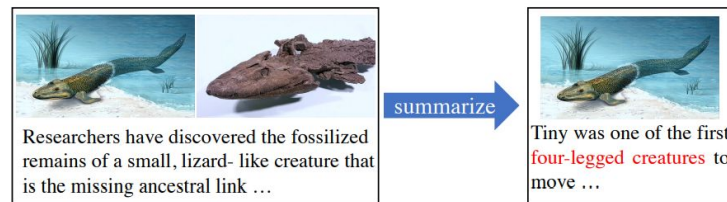


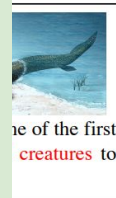
Figure 1: The illustration of our proposed task – Multimodal Summarization with Multimodal Output (MSMO). The image can help better understand the text in the red font.

Limitations & Challenges

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Core challenges: we want to think about a method that can understand the multimodal data and it can reason the relationships between the events and entities.

claim-specific summary for fact-checking



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MetaSumPerceiver

- Goal: **Generate the claim-specific summaries** for fact-checking from multimodal multi-document dataset
- Input: the set of multimodal documents, images, and a claim

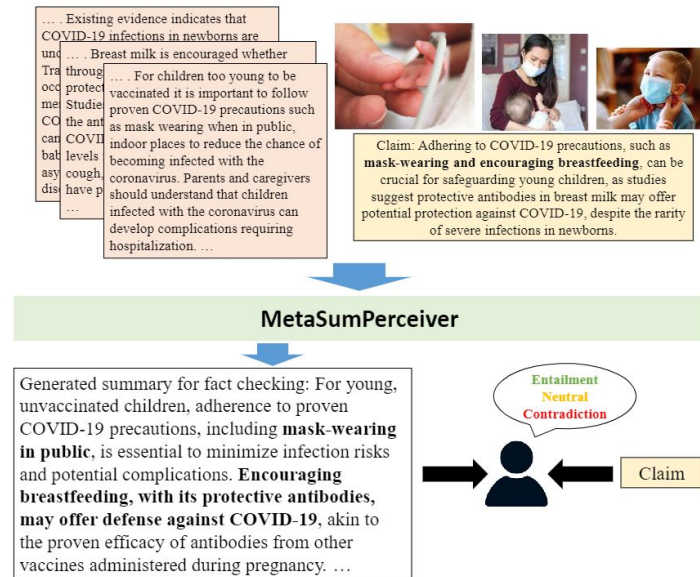
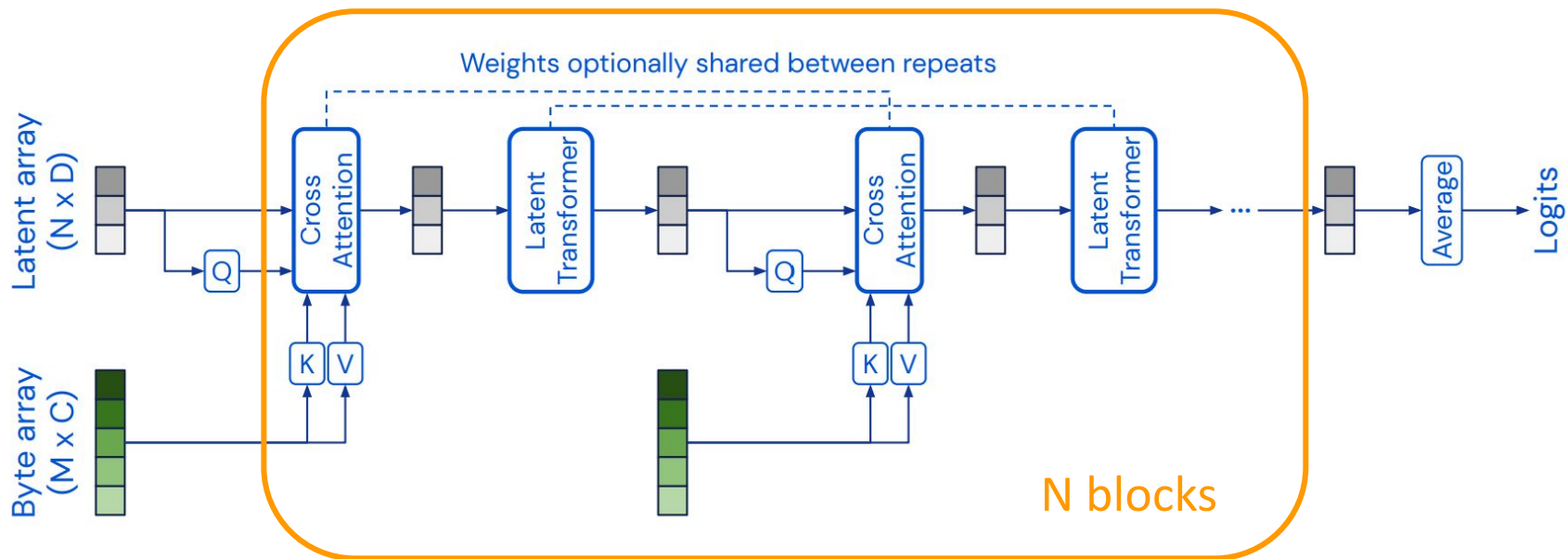
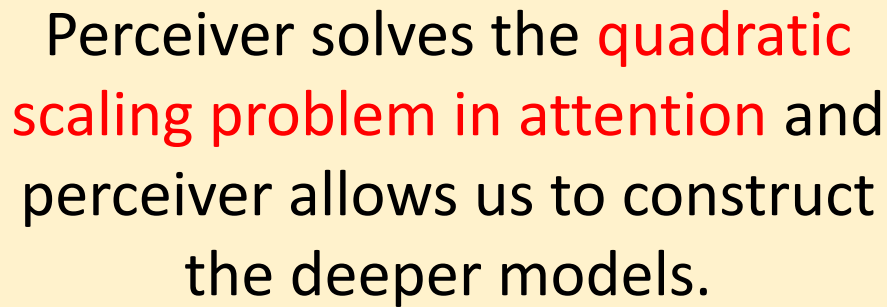


Figure 1: Overview of MetaSumPerceiver: Using inputs such as documents, images, and claims, MetaSumPerceiver generates summaries to facilitate fact-checking. In this example, the summary for fact-checking provides evidence and establishes that the claim in question is entailed by the evidence.

Perceiver





MetaSumPerceiver

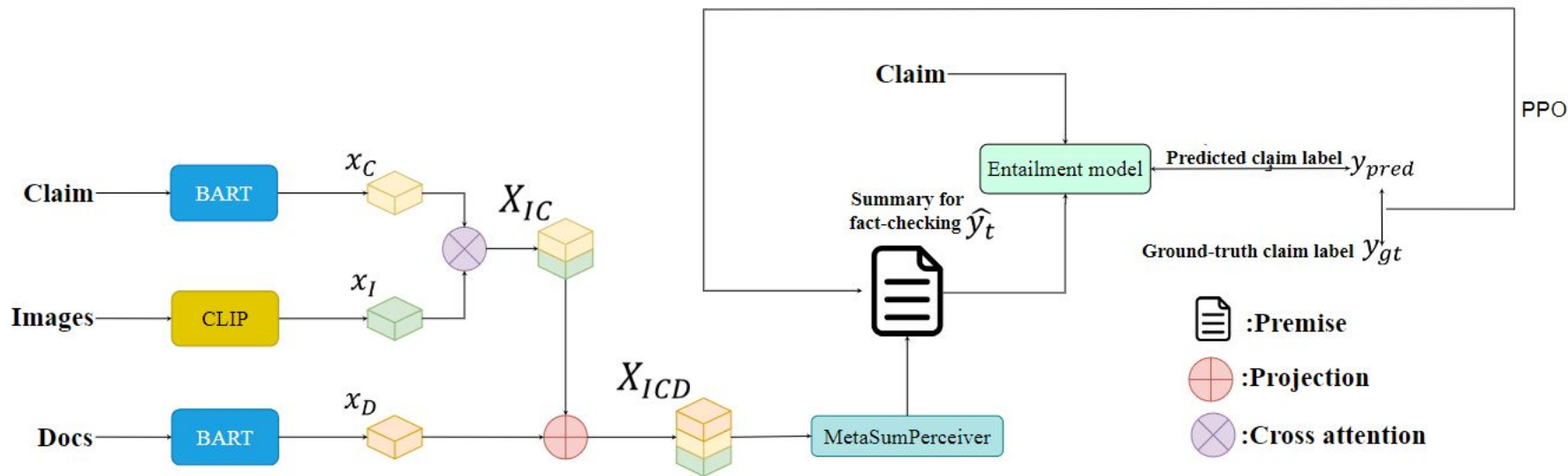


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MetaSumPerceiver

Design to generate the summary from multimodal data

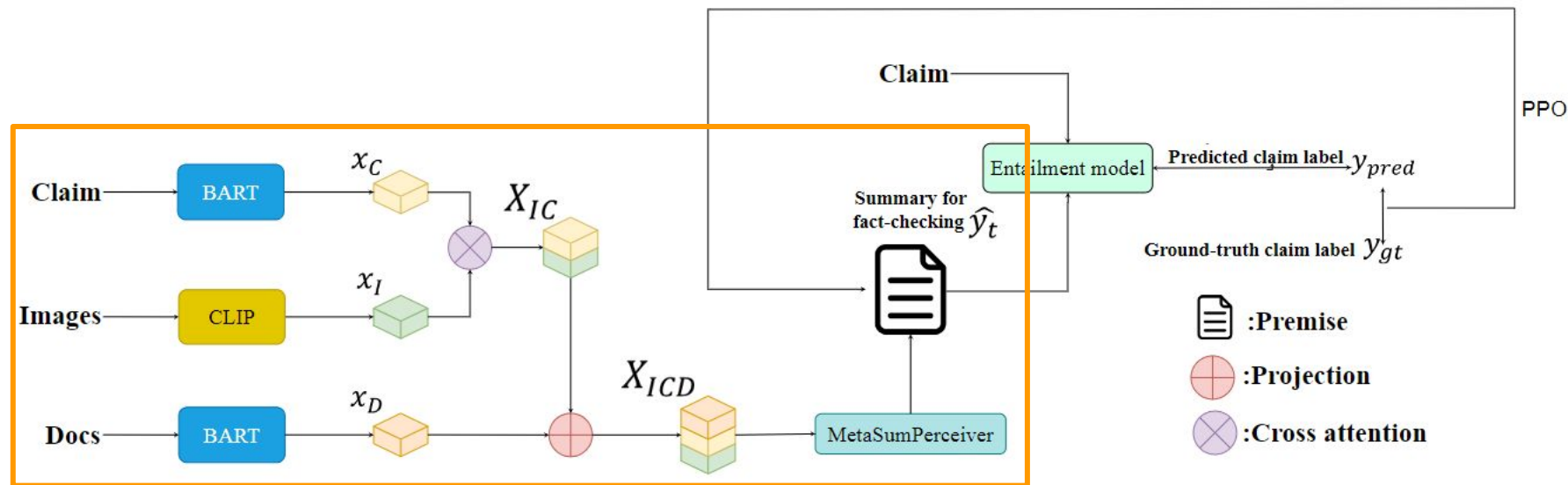


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RL for generating the claim-specific summary

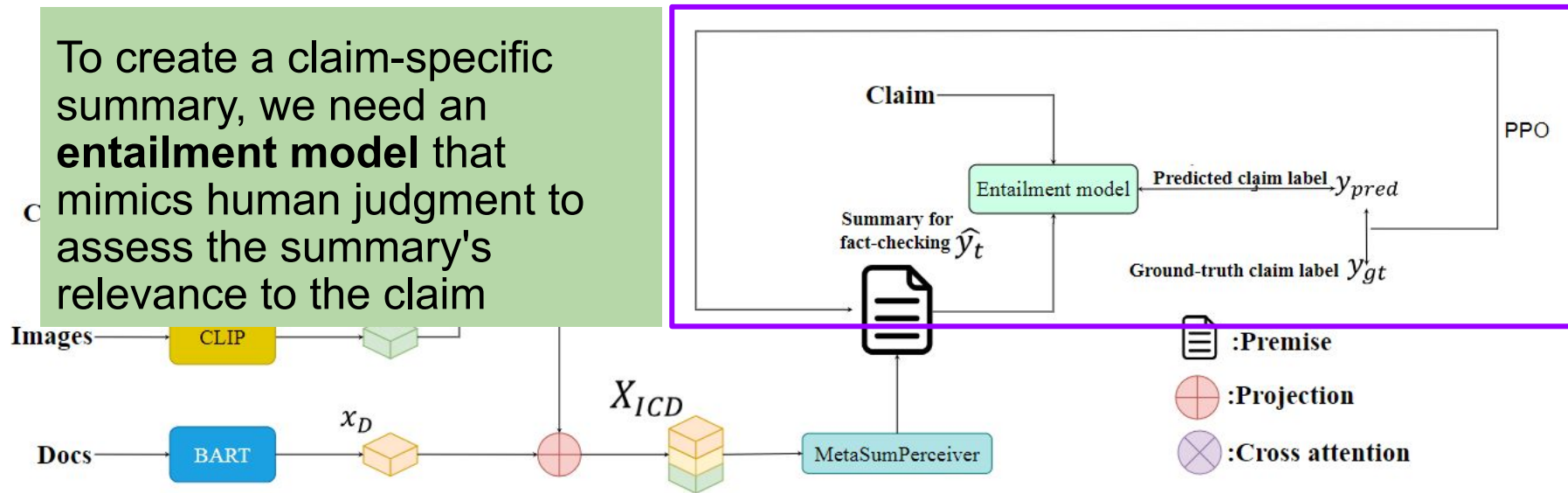


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Training Strategy

- Preprocessing
 - Text: we obtain the text embeddings from **BART**
 - Image: we extract the visual features from **CLIP**
- After preprocessing, we perform a **cross-attention** between image and claim
- Then, we project X_{IC} into X_D

$$X_{IC} = ATTN(Q_{x_C}, K_{x_I}, V_{x_I})$$

$$X_{ICD} = [proj(X_{IC}, \theta)^T, X_D^T]^T \quad \mathcal{L}_{\text{sum}} = - \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^N y_{t_i} \log(\hat{y}_{t_i})$$

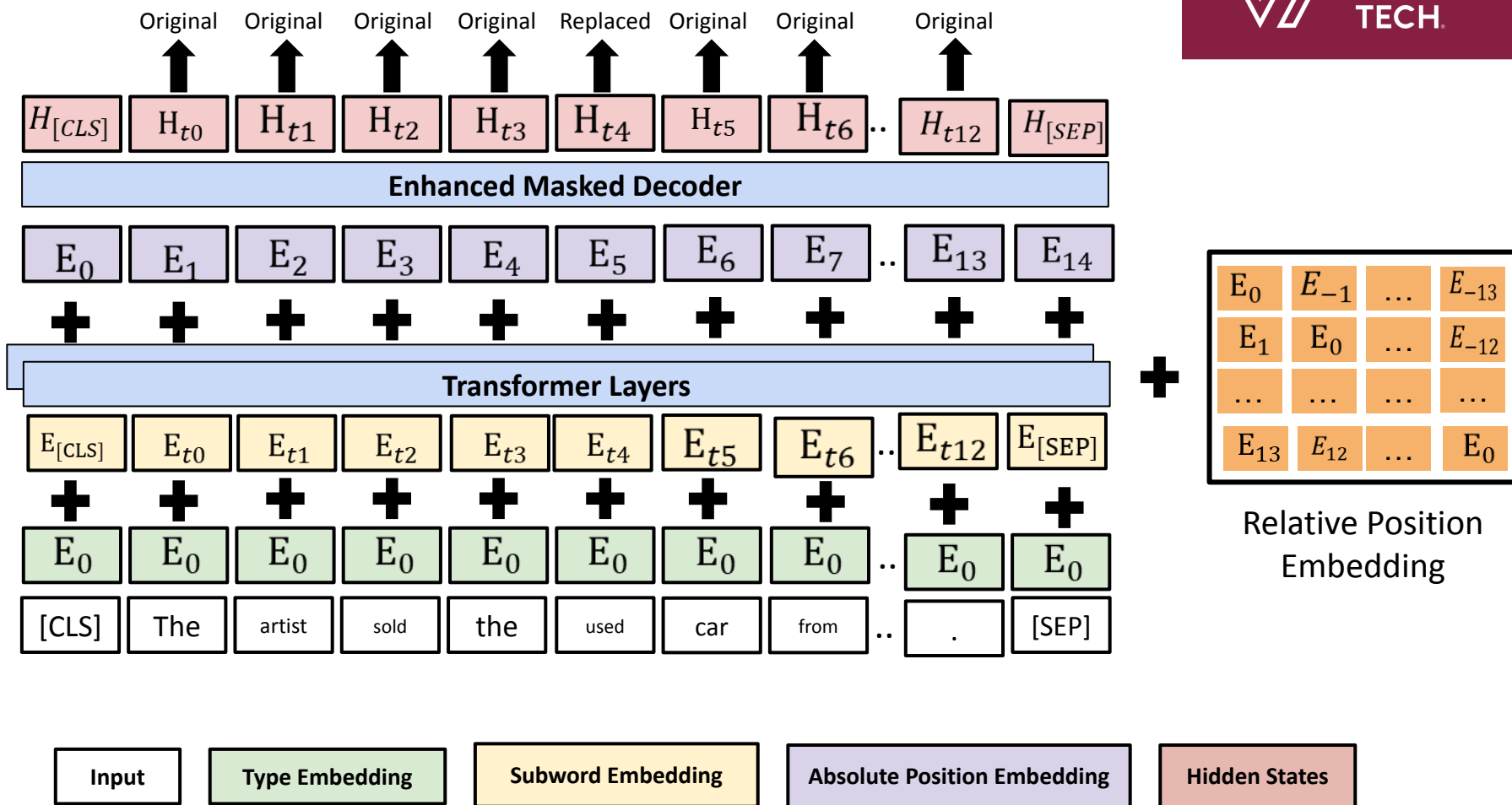
x_C : claim x_I : image X_D : doc y_{t_i} : GT summary \hat{y}_{t_i} : Predicted summary

Entailment model

- We use **DeBERTa v3** to be our entailment model

Table 3: Comparison results on the GLUE development set.

Model	CoLA	QQP	MNLI-m/mm	SST-2	STS-B	QNLI	RTE	MRPC	Avg.
	Mcc	Acc	Acc	Acc	Corr	Acc	Acc	Acc	
#Train	8.5k	364k	393k	67k	7k	108k	2.5k	3.7k	
BERT _{large}	60.6	91.3	86.6/-	93.2	90.0	92.3	70.4	88.0	84.05
RoBERTa _{large}	68.0	92.2	90.2/90.2	96.4	92.4	93.9	86.6	90.9	88.82
XLNet _{large}	69.0	92.3	90.8/90.8	97.0	92.5	94.9	85.9	90.8	89.15
ELECTRA _{large}	69.1	92.4	90.9/-	96.9	92.6	95.0	88.0	90.8	89.46
DeBERTa _{large}	70.5	92.3	91.1/91.1	96.8	92.8	95.3	88.3	91.9	90.00
DeBERTaV3_{large}	75.3	93.0	91.8/91.9	96.9	93.0	96.0	92.7	92.2	91.37



Proximal Policy Optimization

- Score from the reward model

This value is derived from the trained entailment classifier

$$r(x_C, \hat{y}_t) = P(y_{gt}|x_C, \hat{y}_t) - 0.5 * \sum_{y_{gt} \neq y_{pred}} P(y_{pred}|x_C, \hat{y}_t), \quad (3.5)$$

The objective is to **maximize the likelihood** that the generated summary for fact-checking **contains the facts necessary for the model to predict the claim's ground truth label**

x_C : claim \hat{y}_t : generated summary y_{gt} : GT label y_{pred} : Predicted label

Proximal Policy Optimization

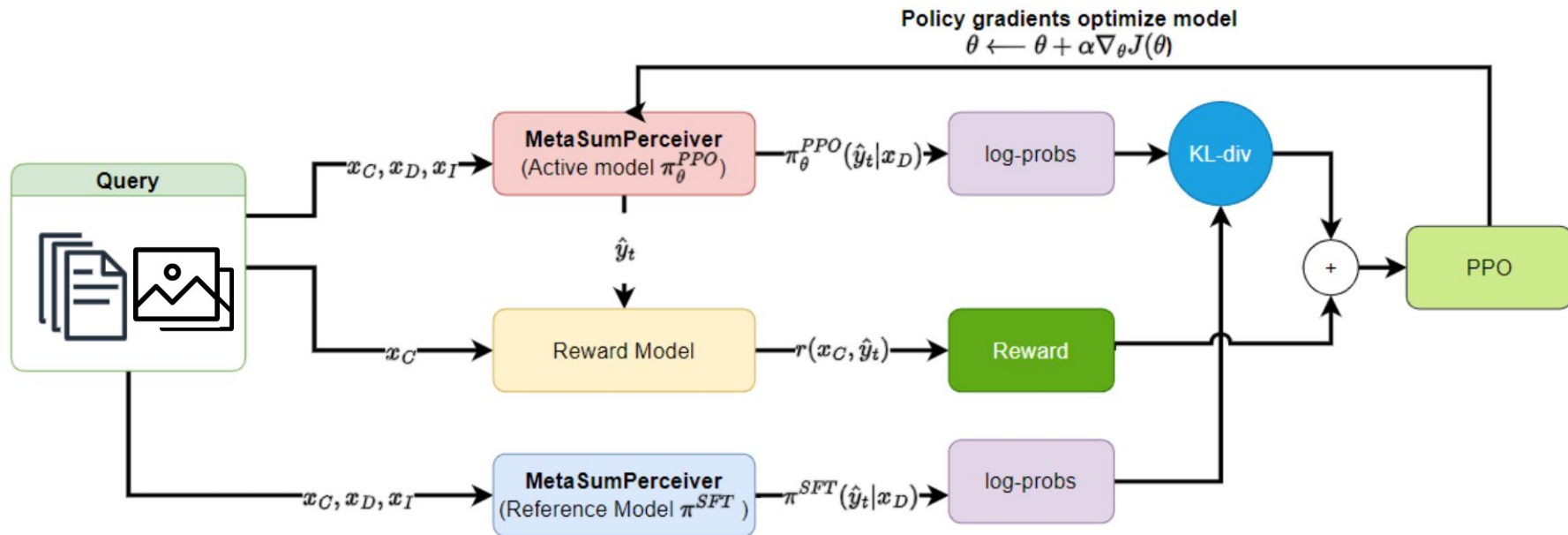
- We employ PPO as our policy gradient method for RL. PPO adds an additional term to the reward function, which **imposes a penalty determined by the KL divergence** between the trained RL policy summarizer and the initial supervised summarizer

$$r_{total} = r(x_C, \hat{y}_t) - \eta KL(\pi_{\phi}^{PPO}(\hat{y}_t|x_D), \pi^{SFT}(\hat{y}_t|x_D)), \quad (3.6)$$

This coefficient functions as an entropy boost, **enhancing exploration throughout the policy domain and urging the model to engage in a diverse set of actions**

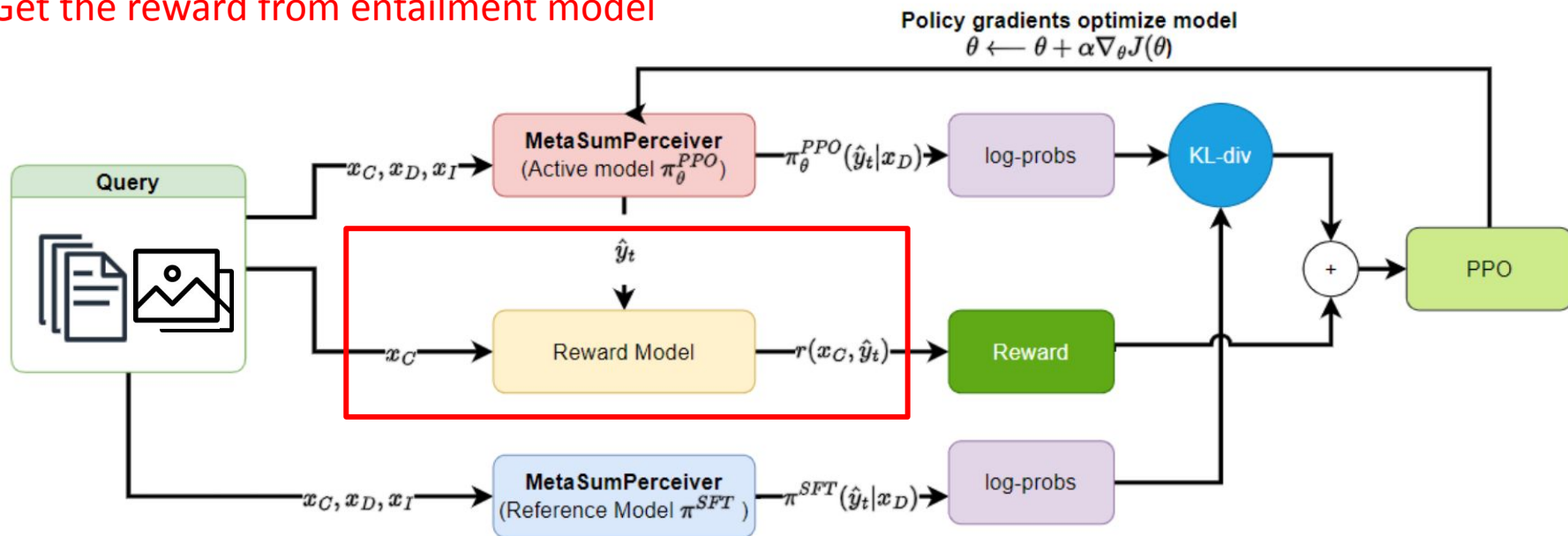
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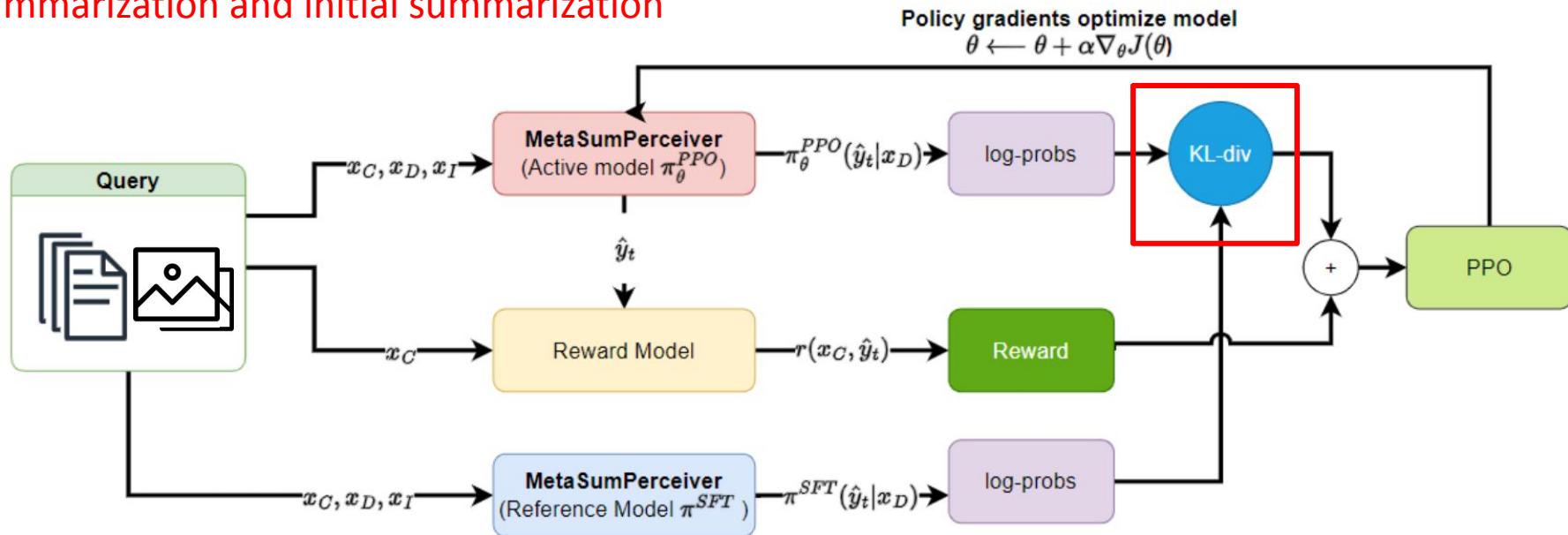
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Get the reward from entailment model



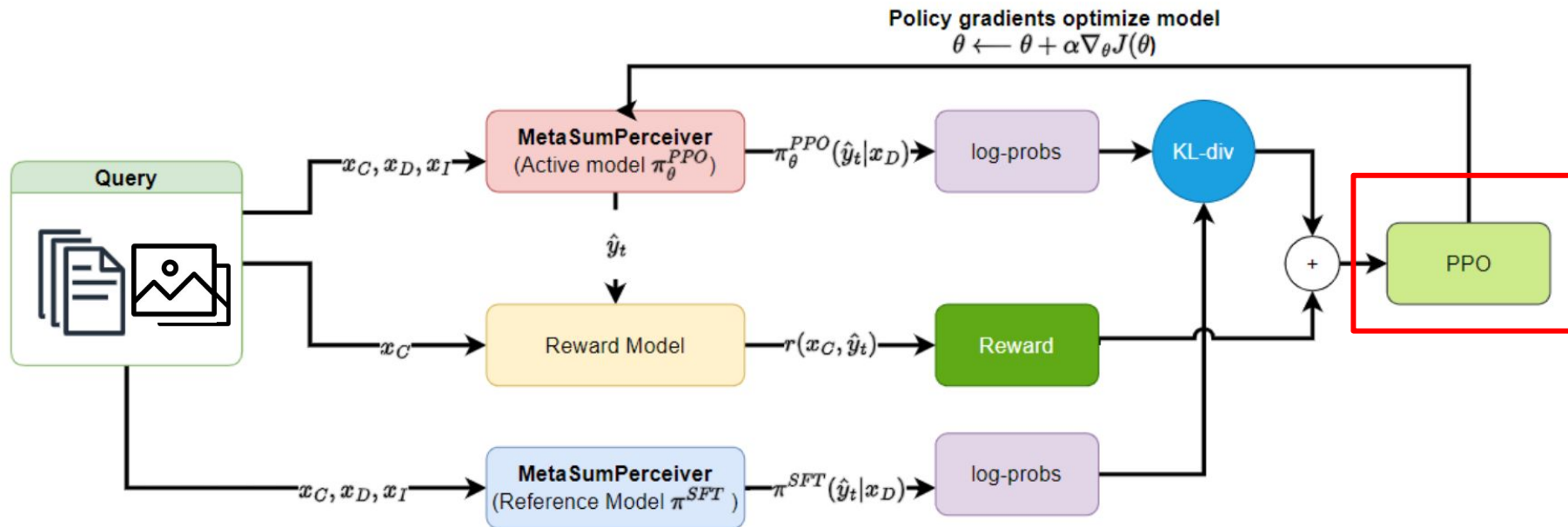
Proximal Policy Optimization

Compute the KL-div between trained summarization and initial summarization



Proximal Policy Optimization

Update summarization model



MOCHEG Benchmark

- MOCHEG is a large-scale dataset with multimodal fact checking task.
- Their claims are annotated from the humans
- Tasks:
 - Evidence retrieval
 - **Claim verification**
 - **Explanation generation**
- Classes:
 - Supported
 - NEI(Not Enough Info)
 - Refuted

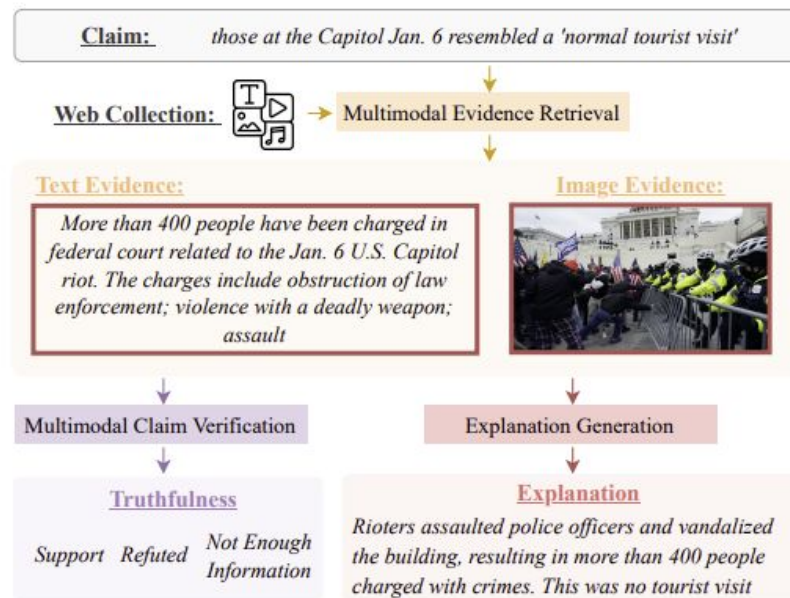


Figure 1: An example of end-to-end multimodal fact-checking and explanation generation.

Claim Verification

- Our method exhibits superior performance, achieving a **SOTA 48.2 F-score** in the MOCHEG dataset
- Compare with MOCHEG, **MOCHEG's classifier relies on fixed thresholds**, which may not be optimal for every situation
- Our approach involves generating summaries for fact-checking via reinforcement learning with fixed entailment models

Table 4.2: Performance of claim verification in MOCHEG. DeBERTAV3 and Llama 2 represent the fixed entailment models. Gold Evidence denotes ground truth text and image evidence while System Evidence means automatically retrieved text and image evidence.

Setting	F-score (%)
Our w/ Text Evidence → DeBERTAV3	42.7
Our w/ Text and Image Evidence → DeBERTAV3	45.1
Our w/ Text Evidence → Llama 2	43.9
Our w/ Text and Image Evidence → Llama 2	48.2
MOCHEG w/ Text Evidence	42.7
MOCHEG w/ Image Evidence	40.9
MOCHEG w/ Text and Image Evidence	44.0
Human w/o Evidence	20.0
Human w/ System Evidence	62.0
Human w/ Gold Evidence	70.0

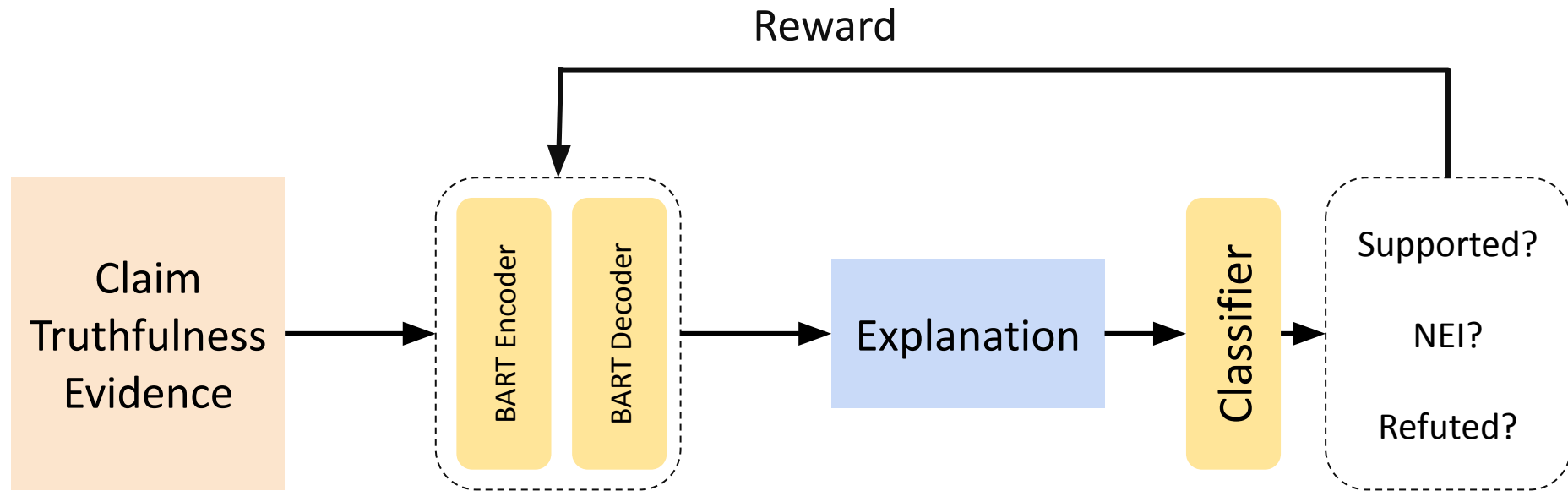
Claim Verification

- The zero-shot Llama 2 entailment surrogate model surpasses DeBERTAV3 in performance
- However, in the **refuted** and **NEI** labels, performance of Llama 2 is not better than DeBERTAV3

Table 4.1: Performance of claim verification in MOCHEG with our method. We separately calculate the precision and recall in supported, refuted, and NEI claim labels. We compare our method with published baselines in Table 4.2.

Setting	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%) Supported	Precision (%) Refuted	Precision (%) NEI	Recall (%) Supported	Recall (%) Refuted	Recall (%) NEI
Our w/ Text Evidence → DeBERTAV3	43.7	79.2	66.9	33.9	40.5	30.6	25.8
Our w/ Text and Image Evidence → DeBERTAV3	50.8	83.4	69.3	27.3	42.9	34.2	30.9
Our w/ Text Evidence → Llama 2	46.7	80.4	68.1	31.5	37.2	35.4	31.5
Our w/ Text and Image Evidence → Llama 2	53.7	87.3	60.3	32.4	48.3	36.9	34.8

Explanation Generation



To ensure the explanation is consistent with the truthfulness label. The method uses RL to optimize the generation model.

Explanation Generation

- Our model outperforms MOCHEG's evidence-retrieval based method on the rationale generation task
- Comparison:
 - MOCHEG relies on retrieval from a pool of multimodal documents
 - Our method based on summarization may rephrase the same evidence

Table 4.3: Performace of explanation generation. Our system outperforms MOCHEG on equivalent settings.

Setting	ROUGE 1 (%)	ROUGE 2 (%)	ROUGE L (%)	BLEU (%)	BERTScore (%)
MOCHEG w/ Gold Evidence, Gold Truthfulness	45.5	27.3	35.4	21.8	89.0
MOCHEG w/ Gold Evidence, System Truthfulness	43.8	26.3	34.1	20.8	88.8
MOCHEG w/ System Evidence, Gold Truthfulness	35.5	17.4	26.0	10.9	87.0
MOCHEG w/ System Evidence, System Truthfulness	33.8	16.5	24.8	10.0	86.9
Our w/ System Evidence, Gold Truthfulness	36.7	17.9	25.7	10.7	87.3
Our w/ System Evidence, System Truthfulness	34.3	16.8	25.4	10.4	87.1





Claim	Summary for fact-checking	Image evidence	Truthfulness
#1 On March 21, 2021, an adviser to former U.S. President Donald Trump said he was preparing to launch his own social media platform.	... Donald Trump has been banned from Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram since the Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol, but a senior advise to the former president says he plans to launch his own social media site in the next few months ...		Supported
#2 During the pandemic, I have been in D.C. voting regularly.	... Rep. Mark Pocan of Wisconsin says he's been "in DC voting regularly" since the COVID-19 pandemic hit Congress in May 2020, but his office says that's a bit of a stretch. ...		NEI
#3 U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren said or argued to the effect that 'taxpayers must fund sex reassignment surgery.	Warren, like many politicians, has supported policies aimed at promoting equality and non-discrimination for the LGBTQ+ community, but attributing such a specific statement to her lacks verifiable sources. ...		Rejected
#4 By spring 2020, the sun had entered a lockdown period where its solar activity decreased to the point that famine, earthquakes, and freezing weather threatened life on Earth.	... Solar minimums are important because they can affect how satellites orbit the Earth, as well as the intensity of cosmic rays and the brightness of sun's rays....		Rejected

Figure 4.1: Examples of Multimodal Fact-Checking. The truthfulness column shows gold labels.

Ablation

- We conducted ablation experiments for claim verification on our Multi-News-Fact-Checking dataset
- We **achieve balanced accuracy in both precision and recall**, underscoring our method's ability to clearly differentiate between truthful and untruthful labels without bias in predictions

Table 4.7: Performance of claim verification in Multi-News-Fact-Checking dataset. DeBERTAV3 and Llama 2 serve as the fixed entailment models. Gold Evidence refers to claim labels based on gold standards, whereas System Evidence indicates our predicted claim labels.

Setting	F-score (%)
Our w/ DeBERTAV3	39.9
Our w/ Llama 2	43.4
Our w/ Llama 2(No RL)	41.8
PEGASUS w/ DeBERTAV3	25.4
PEGASUS w/ Llama 2	30.8
T5 large w/ DeBERTAV3	28.5
T5 large w/ Llama 2	32.7
Human w/o Evidence	23.0
Human w/ System Evidence	65.0
Human w/ Gold Evidence	76.0

Ablation

Table 4.8: Performance of claim verification in Multi-News-Fact-Checking dataset. We compare our method with Llama 2, other offline summarization models.

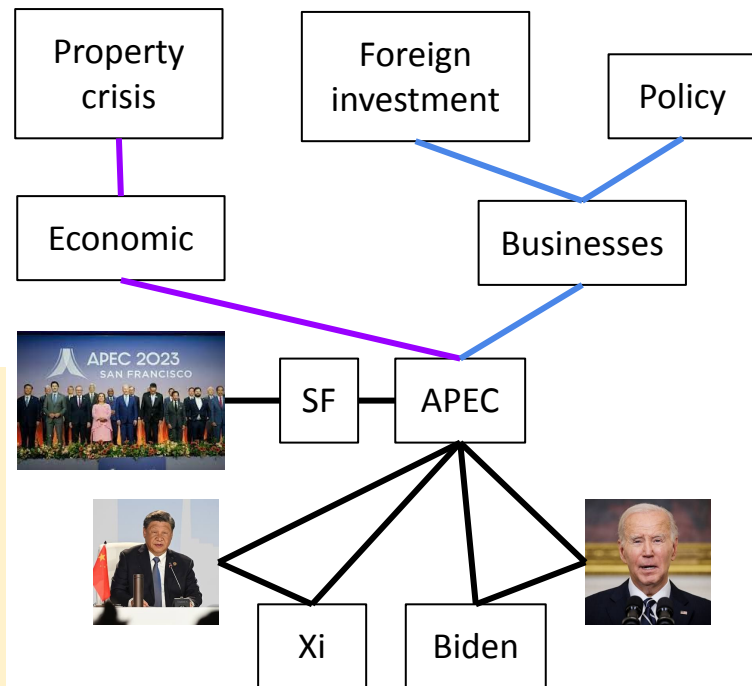
Setting	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Precision (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	Recall (%)	Recall (%)
		Entailment	Contradiction	Neutral	Entailment	Contradiction	Neutral
PEGASUS → DeBERTAV3	33.2	64.2	14.7	21.5	37.3	12.4	11.9
PEGASUS → Llama 2	39.5	37.4	23.1	42.8	27.6	24.3	24.0
T5 large → DeBERTAV3	34.8	62.8	17.5	26.2	33.0	18.5	18.2
T5 large → Llama 2	37.2	40.2	32.8	48.0	30.5	26.4	26.8
Our → DeBERTAV3	36.7	75.5	28.9	27.5	41.0	21.7	47.2
Our (No RL) → Llama 2	42.6	41.0	53.7	34.6	54.8	37.8	29.6
Our → Llama 2	45.6	49.2	48.7	33.6	56.9	44.1	28.4

MetaSumPerceiver

MOCHEG

Llama 2 claims

Now, we have the model and evaluate on MOCHEG and Llama 2 claims. However, we want to understand **the performance of our model in multimodal multi-doc claims**. We create the multimodal multi-doc claim generation.



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KG2Claim - Pipeline

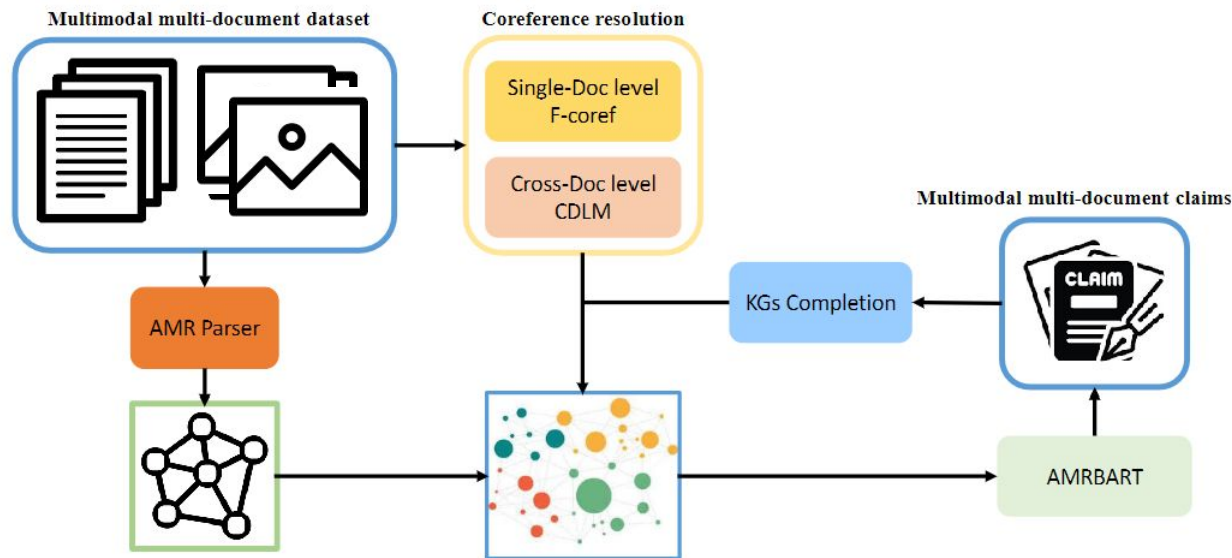


Figure 1.1: Pipeline of AMRKG2Claim: The elements encompass an AMR parser, single-document and cross-document coreference resolution, Knowledge graphs completion with LLMs, and AMRBART, generating the multimodal multi-document claims.

AMR Parsing

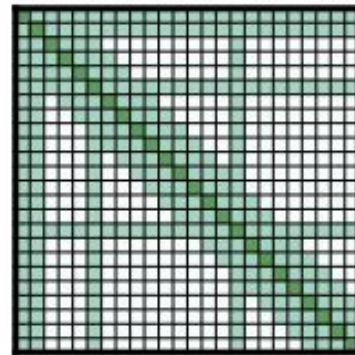
- NewsStories dataset:
 - 350,000 clusters, and each cluster has over 2 news articles saying same news
 - Each cluster has images, articles and videos



	GoodNews [4]	NYTimes 800K [36]	Visual News [24]	NewsStories Unfiltered	NewsStories Filtered
# Media channels	1	1	4	28,215	46
# Story clusters	-	-	-	-	350,000
# Articles	257,033	444,914	623,364	31,362,735	931,679
# Images	462,642	792,971	1,080,595	22,905,000	754,732
# Videos	0	0	0	1,020,363	333,357
Avg article length	451	974	773	446	584

Single-document coreference resolution

- We use **F-coref** to extract the coreference resolution in the single document
- F-coref:
 - Longformer encoder
 - Mention scoring function f_m
 - Pairwise antecedent scoring function f_a
- The advantage of longformer:
 - **Reducing the time complexity** of self-attention
 - **Extending the input sequence length**

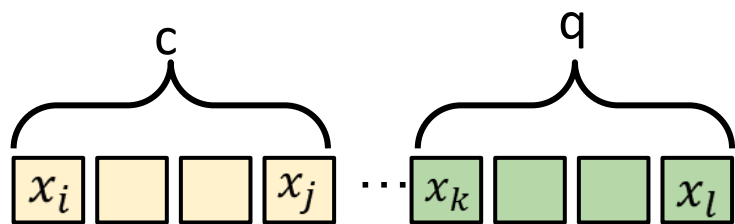


(d) Global+sliding window

Single-document coreference resolution

- After encoding the text into vectors, F-coref will compute **mention scoring function** and **antecedent scoring function**
- Final pairwise score for a coreference link is composed by
 - The score of q being a mention, c being a mention
 - The score of how likely is c being an antecedent of q

$$c = (x_i, x_j), q = (x_k, x_l)$$



$$F(c, q) = \begin{cases} f_m(c) + f_m(q) + f_a(c, q) & c \neq \varepsilon \\ 0 & c = \varepsilon \end{cases}$$

where ε is the null antecedent.

Cross-document coreference resolution

- Pretraining approach in CDLM:
 - Pretraining over sets of related docs that contain the overlapping information

Doc 1: “*Harry Shearer* is suing *Vivendi’s Universal Music* for \$125 million for allegedly fraudulent ...”

Doc 2: “...*Harry Shearer* alleges parent company of *Universal Music and StudioCanal* withheld millions...”

Doc 3: “*Shearer* was then joined in the lawsuit with *StudioCanal* and its French parent *Vivendi* by his co-stars”

CDLM

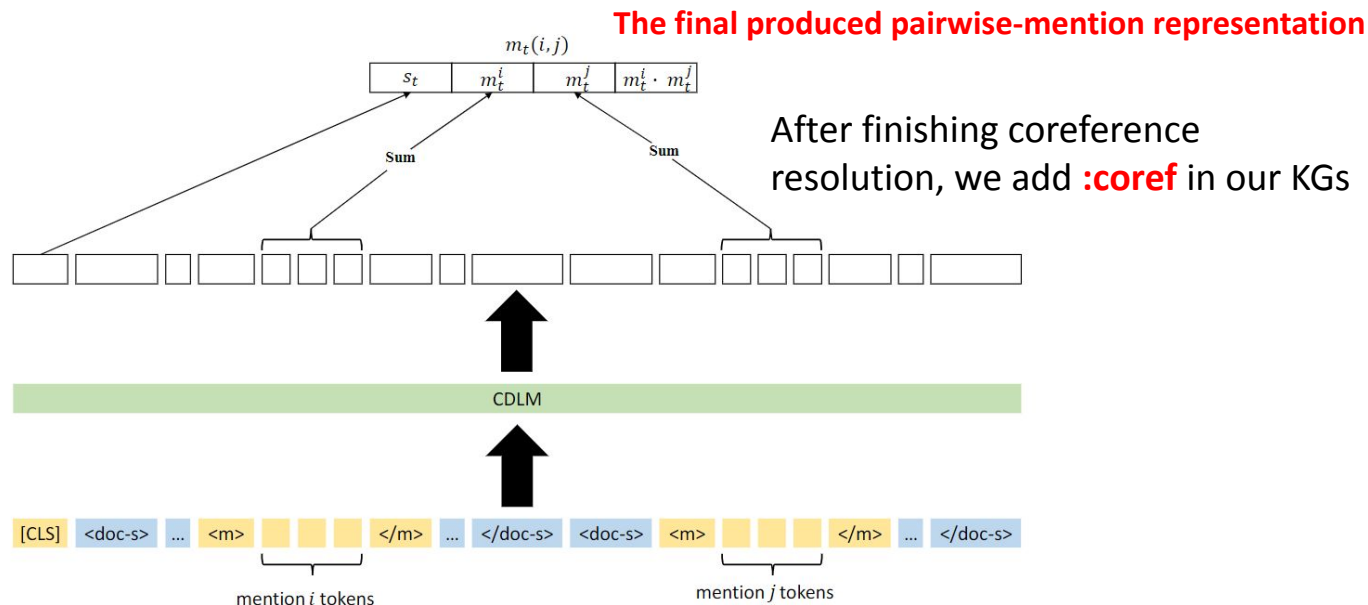
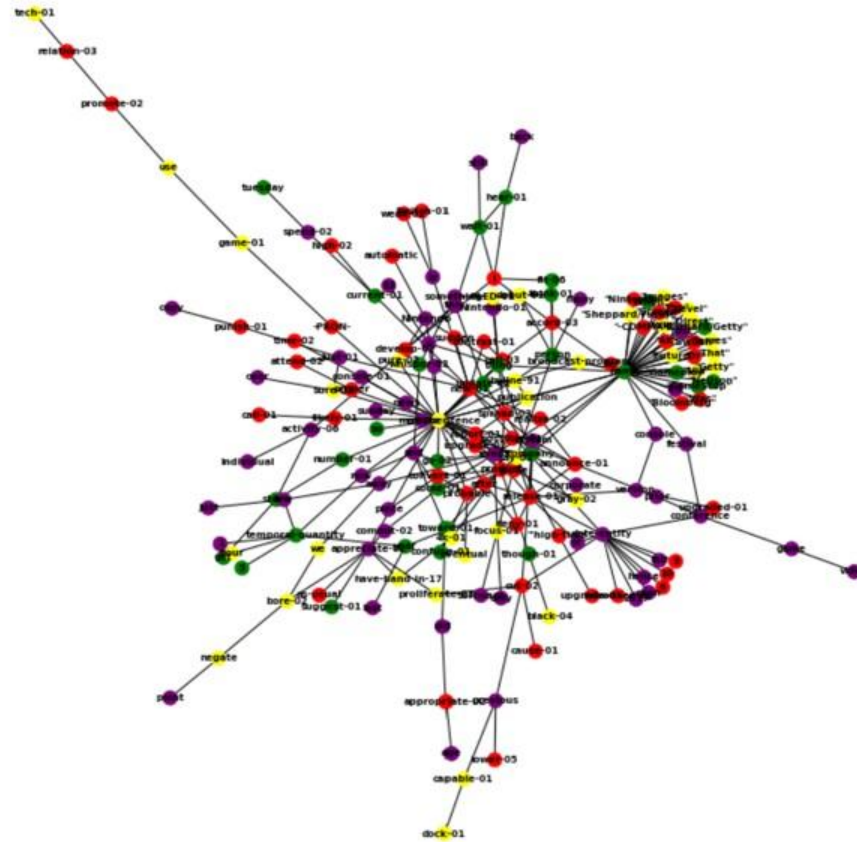
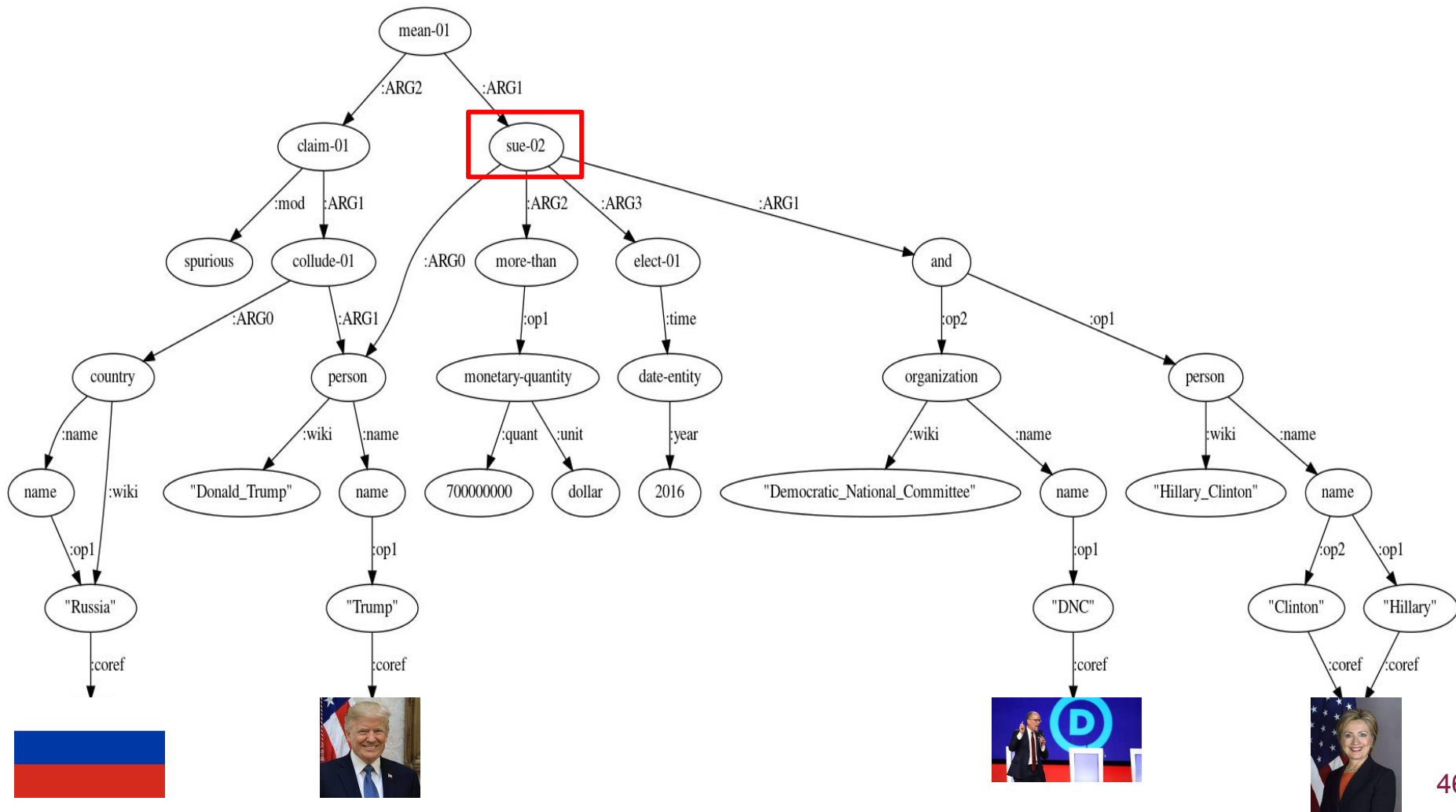
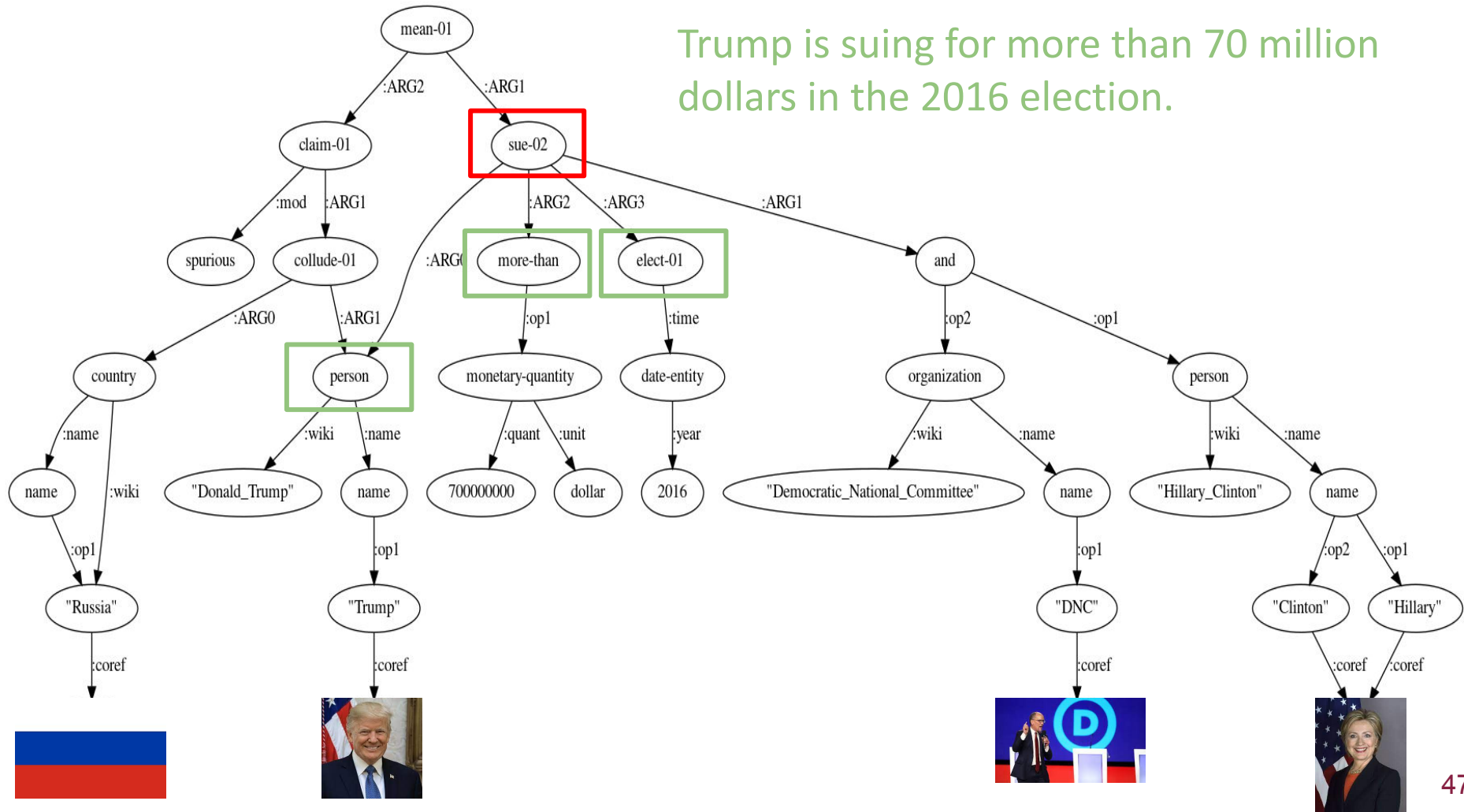


Figure 3.1: The CDLM model utilizes pairwise mention representation for coreference resolution. m_t^i , m_t^j and s_t are the cross-document contextualized representation vectors for mentions i and j , and of the [CLS] pairwise-mention representation. The tokens colored in yellow represent global attention, and tokens colored in blue represent local attention.

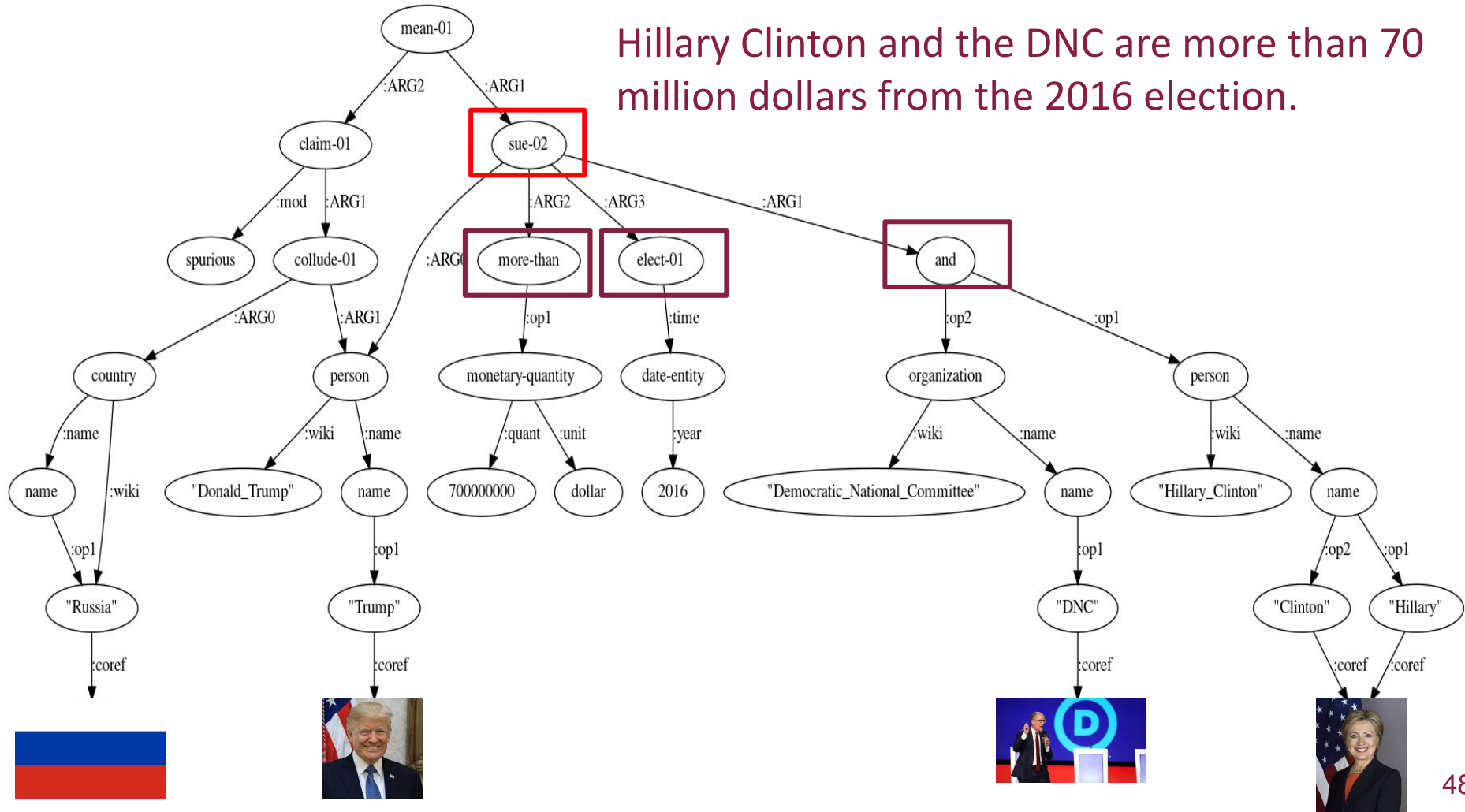




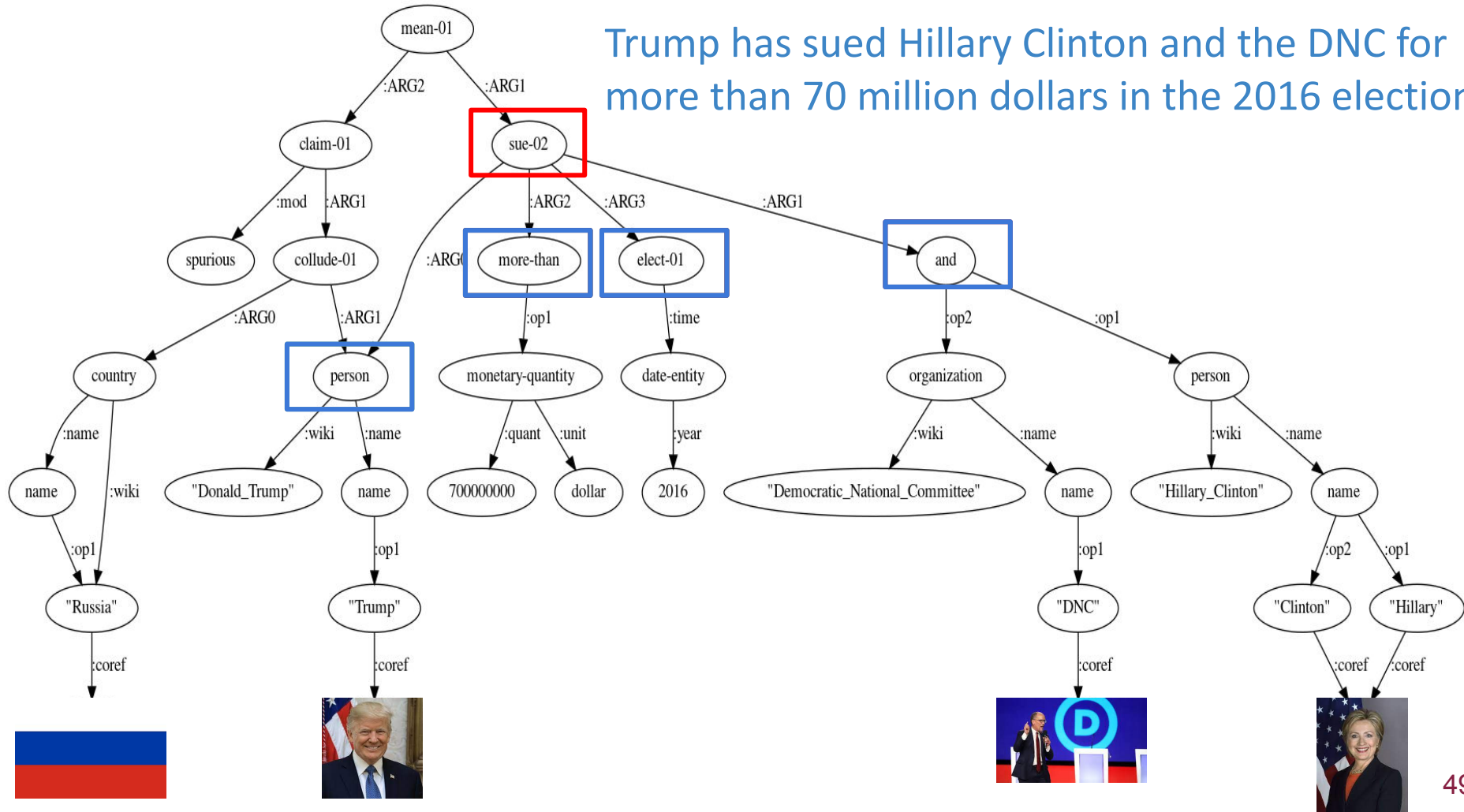
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Hillary Clinton and the DNC are more than 70 million dollars from the 2016 election.

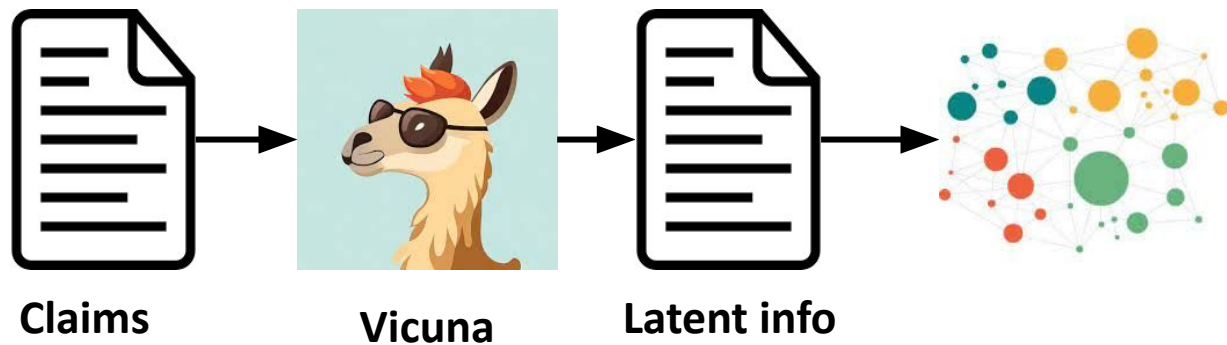


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KG Completion

- After generating the claims from AMRBART, we feed these claims into **Vicuna** to induce the latent information
- To furnish the KG, we parse the induced claims and insert into the KG



KG Completion

- **Existing KG:**

- <Ronaldo, Plays for, Manchester United>
- <Messi, Plays for, Paris Saint-Germain>

- **Content:**

- In a shocking turn of events, Lionel Messi has decided to part ways with Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) and join the ranks of Manchester United. The legendary footballer expressed his excitement about the new chapter in his career with the English club.

- **Updated KG:**

- <Ronaldo, Plays for, Manchester United>
- <Messi, Plays for, **Manchester United**>
- <**Messi, Formerly played for, Paris Saint-Germain**>

Claims Analysis

- To make sure the claims are check-worthy, we test the claims on the **claim detection task**
- Classes:
 - UFS: These are factual claims but not check-worthy
 - CFS: These sentences contain **factual claims** that the general public will be **interested in learning** about their veracity
 - NFS: These sentences do not contain any factual claims

Table 4.1: Performance of claim detection.

Claim classes	(%)
Unimportant Factual Sentence (UFS)	17.67
Check-worthy Factual Sentence (CFS)	68.6
Non-factual Sentence (NFS)	13.71

Claims Truthfulness Label Test

- Our assumption is that these claims are entailed by the news
- To verify this, we test these claims with MetaSumPerceiver
- We suspect that the discrepancy may arise from the **edge labels** in the KGs

Truthfulness labels	(%)
Entailment label	74.3
Neutral label	8.24
Contradiction label	17.46

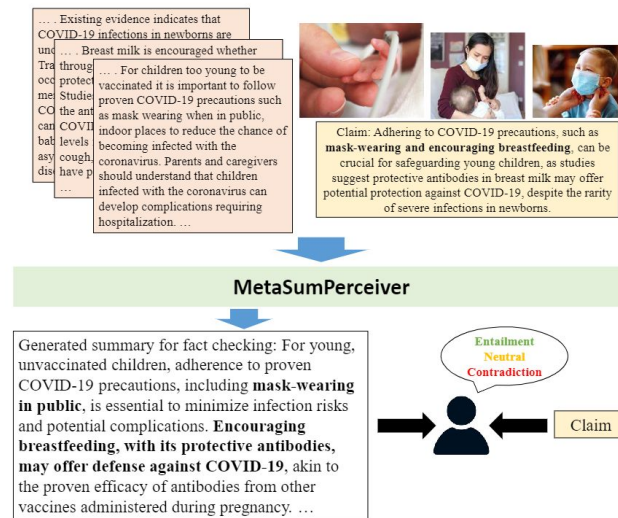
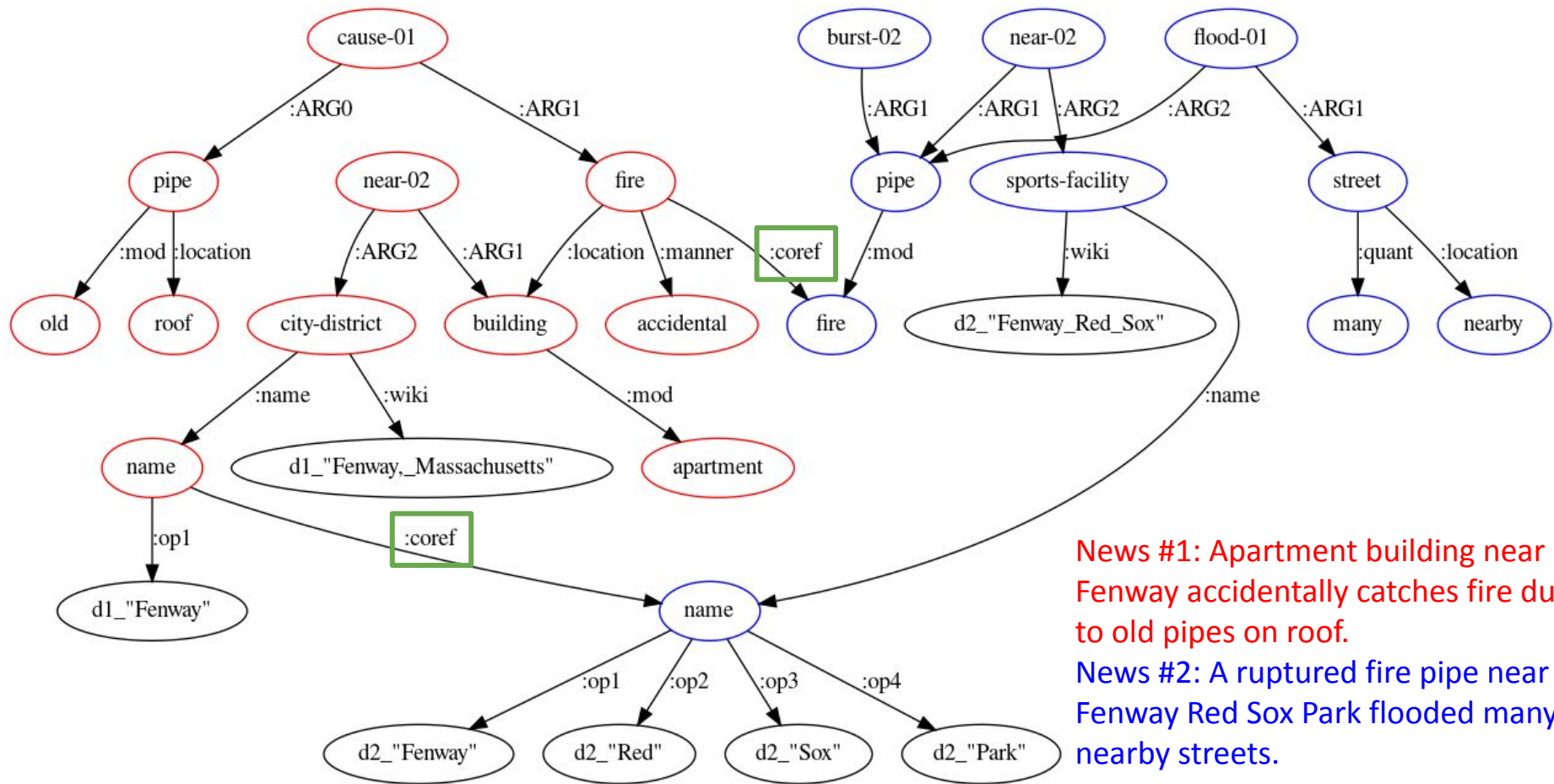


Figure 1: Overview of MetaSumPerceiver: Using inputs such as documents, images, and claims, MetaSumPerceiver generates summaries to facilitate fact-checking. In this example, the summary for fact-checking provides evidence and establishes that the claim in question is entailed by the evidence.



News #1: Apartment building near Fenway accidentally catches fire due to old pipes on roof.

News #2: A ruptured fire pipe near Fenway Red Sox Park flooded many nearby streets.

Future work

- Fine-grained entailment model
- Manipulated claims

Article Image

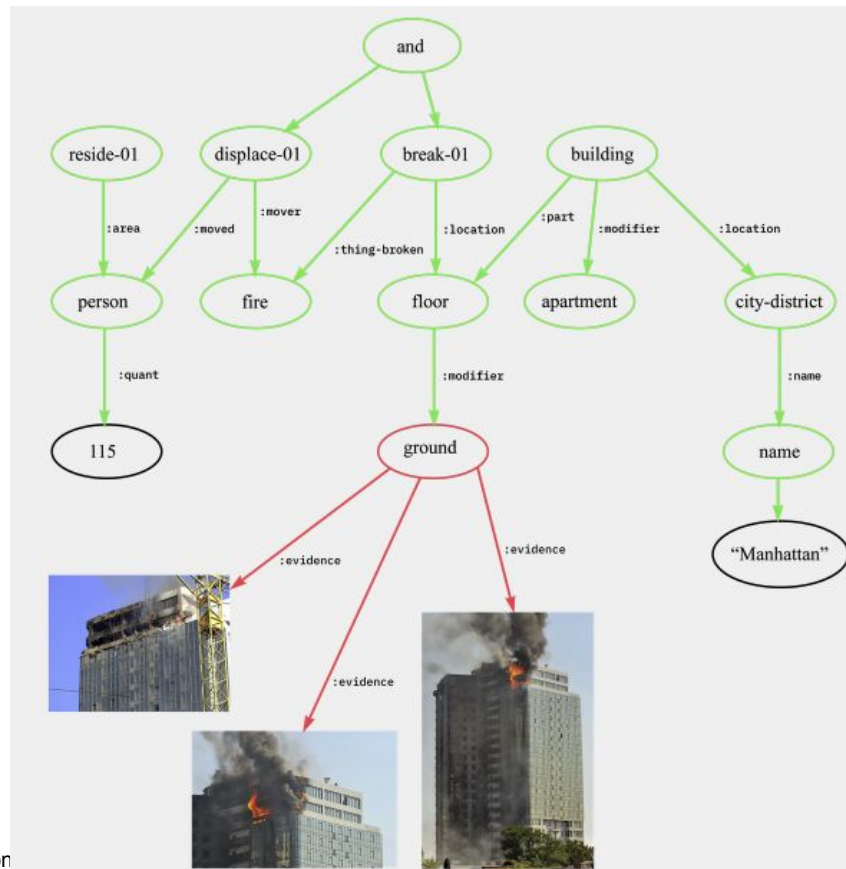


Manipulated KG

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Zambia Fiji>
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<bicycle> <hospital> ...
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Generated Article

A team of two Californians living in **Fiji** is trying to build the world's smallest and most affordable bicycle. They are using bamboo as the frame for their bicycles. The team is made up of 25 young men who met at a university in the Pacific island nation of **Fiji**. They're using their...



Conclusion

- We introduce:
 - **MetaSumPerceiver**, a summarization model designed to produce concise, informative summaries for claim fact-checking from complex multimodal datasets
 - **KG2Claim**, a text generation pipeline to produce the claims from the knowledge graphs. Our text generation approach can generate claims related to multimodal multi-document information
- Our approach **surpasses the SOTA method by 4.2%** in the claim verification task on the MOCHEG
- We also demonstrate the **effectiveness of our generated claims for fact-checking tasks**, showcasing the strong performance of our model in this regard

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Abstract

Fact-checking real world claims often requires reviewing multiple multimodal documents in order to assess the claim's truthfulness, a highly laborious and time consuming task. In this paper, we present a summarization model crafted to generate claim-specific summaries useful for fact-checking from multimodal multi-document datasets. The model takes inputs in the form of documents, images, and a claim, with the objective of assisting in fact-checking tasks. We introduce a dynamic perceiver-based model that is able to handle inputs from multiple modalities of arbitrary lengths. To train our model, we leverage a novel reinforcement learning-based entailment objective in order to generate summaries that provide evidence distinguishing between different truthfulness labels. To assess the efficacy of our approach, we conduct experiments on both an existing benchmark as well as a new dataset of multidocument claims which we contribute. Our approach outperforms the SOTA approach by 4.2% in the

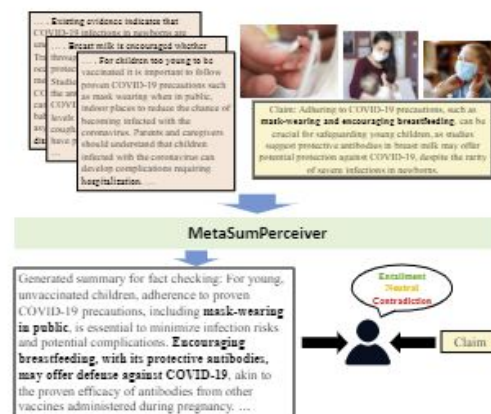


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