

GemGNN: Generative Multi-view Interaction Graph Neural Networks for Few-shot Fake News Detection

生成式多視角互動圖神經網路之少樣本假新聞偵測

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Introduction - Fake News

- Fake news has become a major threat to public trust and social stability, especially on social media platforms.
- According to Vosoughi et al. (Science, 2018), **false news spreads much faster and further than true news.**

Fake News Is A Real Problem

Facebook engagement of the top five fake election stories*



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



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

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Source: Buzzsumo via Buzzfeed



Challenges - Few-Shot Fake News Detection

- **Limited Labeled Data:**

Real-world fake news detection often faces a few-shot scenario, with very **few labeled examples** available for new or emerging topics.

- **No Propagation or User Data:**

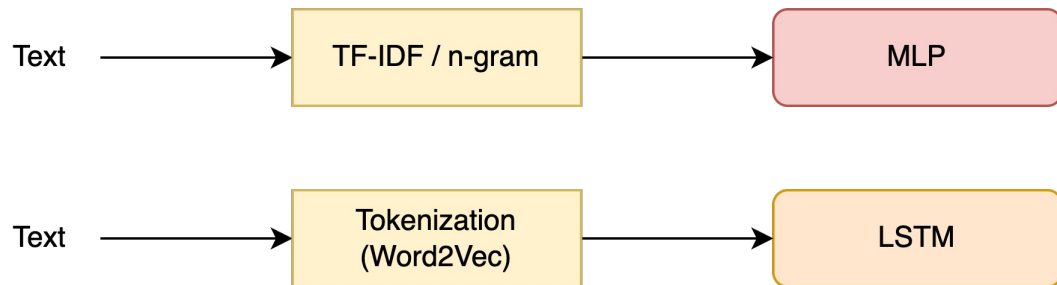
Many existing methods **rely on user interactions or propagation structures**, which are often unavailable due to privacy concerns or platform restrictions.

- **Semantic Relationship Modeling:**

Capturing subtle and meaningful semantic relationships between news articles using only content features is difficult, especially in sparse data settings.

Related Work - Traditional Model (MLP/LSTM)

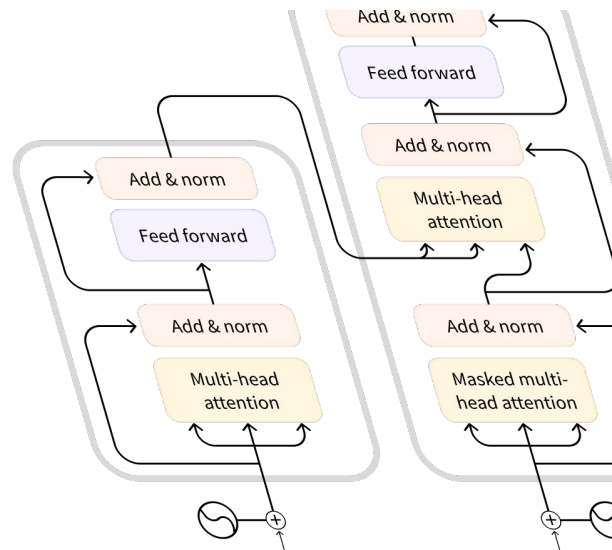
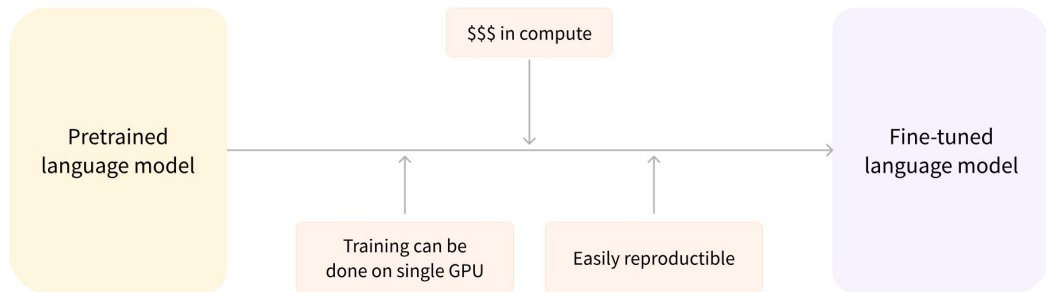
- **MLP:**
Early Feature Engineering Approaches - TF-IDF/n-gram + MLP
- **LSTM & RNN:**
Sequential Modeling Advantages - Captures long-term dependencies in text



Related Work - Language Model

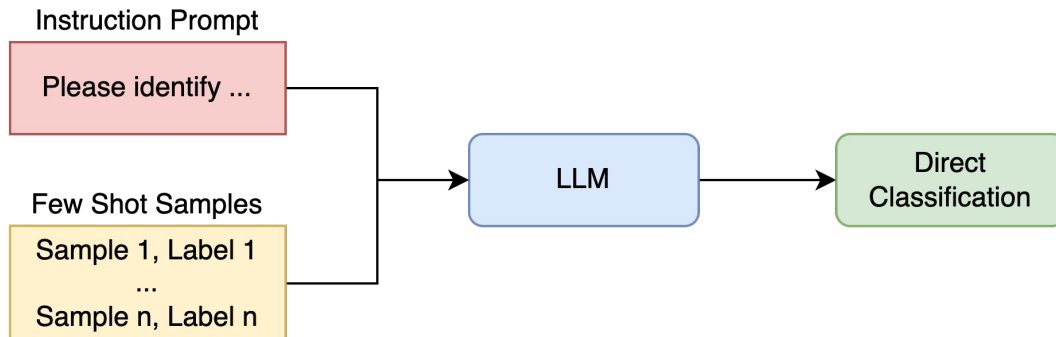
BERT & Transformer Architecture(Encoder)

- **Bidirectional Context Understanding:**
 - Masked Language Model (MLM) pre-training
 - Natural Language Understanding(NLU)
- **Fine-tuning Paradigm:**
 - Task-specific adaptation with minimal architecture changes



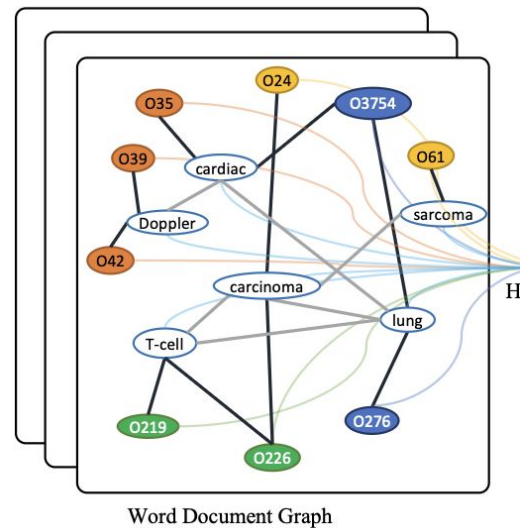
Related Work - Large Language Model

- **Zero-shot Learning Capabilities:**
 - Leverages pre-trained knowledge for novel tasks
 - Direct application to fake news detection without fine-tuning
- **In-context Learning (Few-shot Demonstrations):**
 - Learn from $K=1-5$ examples within context window
 - Rapid adaptation to new domains and topics



Related Work - Document-level Graph Classification

- **Heterogeneous Graph Design:**
 - Documents and vocabulary words as different node types
 - Global co-occurrence patterns across entire corpus
- **Graph Classification Task:**
 - Each document corresponds to one graph structure
 - Classify entire document graph as real/fake
- **Key Limitations:**
 - Large Data Requirements - Poor few-shot performance
 - Missing Document Relationships - Focus on word-level connections



Related Work - Node Classification w/ User Propagation

- **Propagation-based Modeling:**

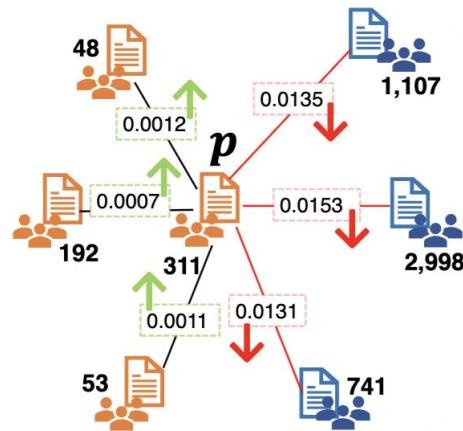
- Message Passing Mechanism
- Temporal Dynamics

- **Semi-supervised Node Classification Task:**

- User-news interaction graph
- Node Features: User profiles + News content embeddings

- **Key Limitations:**

- Privacy Concerns - Requires user interaction data, raising privacy issues
- Data Availability - Difficulty obtaining social media platform data
- Cold Start Problem - Emerging topics lack sufficient propagation data



Background - Few-Shot Learning

- **Definition:**

- Few-shot learning is a machine learning framework in which an AI model learns to make accurate predictions by **training on a very small number of labeled examples**.

- **Key Terminology:**

- N-way-K-shot: Classification with **N classes, K examples per class**
- In our task: 2-way (real/fake news) with K=3-16 labeled samples per class

- **Key Challenges:**

- Traditional deep learning requires large labeled datasets
- Model overfitting when training data is scarce

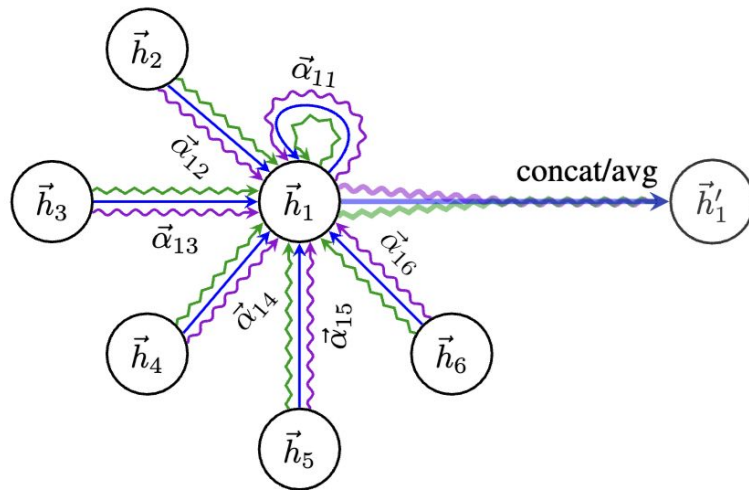
Background - Graph Neural Network(GNN)

Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) are a class of deep learning models designed to operate on graph-structured data, where information is represented as nodes connected by edges.

Message Passing

GNNs iteratively update each node's representation by **aggregating information from its neighbors**, enabling the model to capture both local and global graph structure.

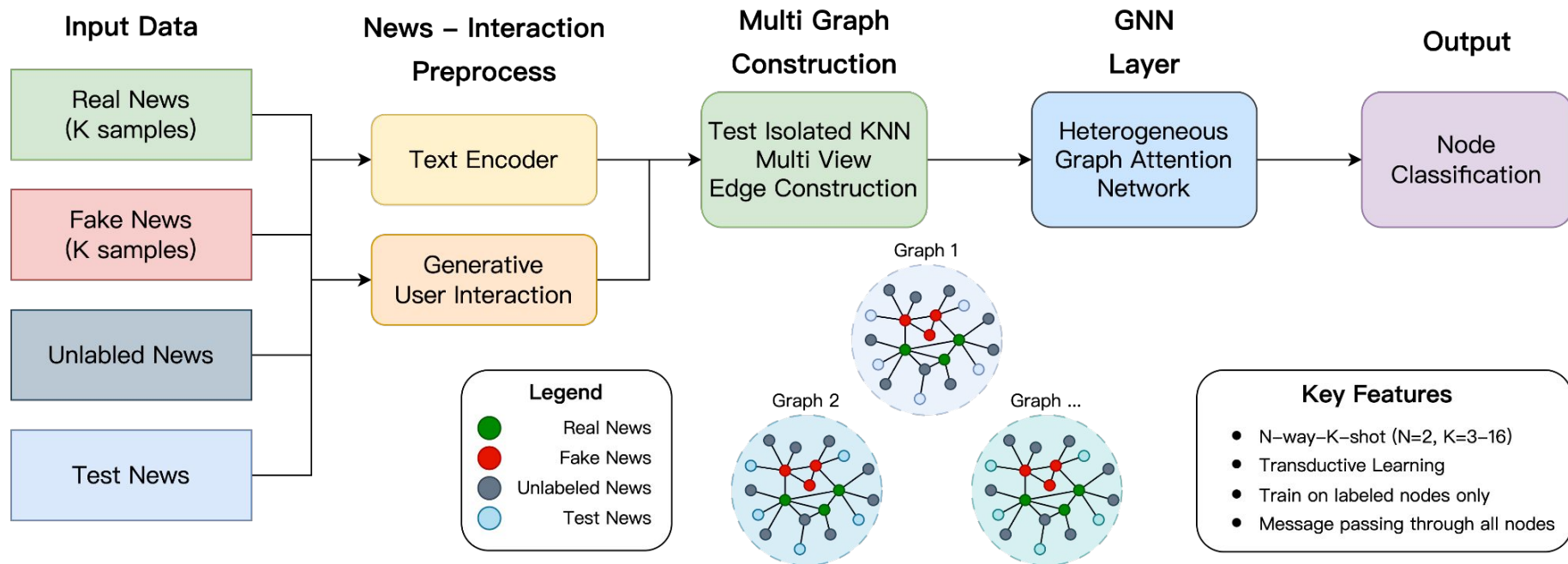
$$\mathbf{h}_v^{(l+1)} = \text{AGGREGATE}(\{\mathbf{h}_u^{(l)} : u \in \mathcal{N}(v)\})$$



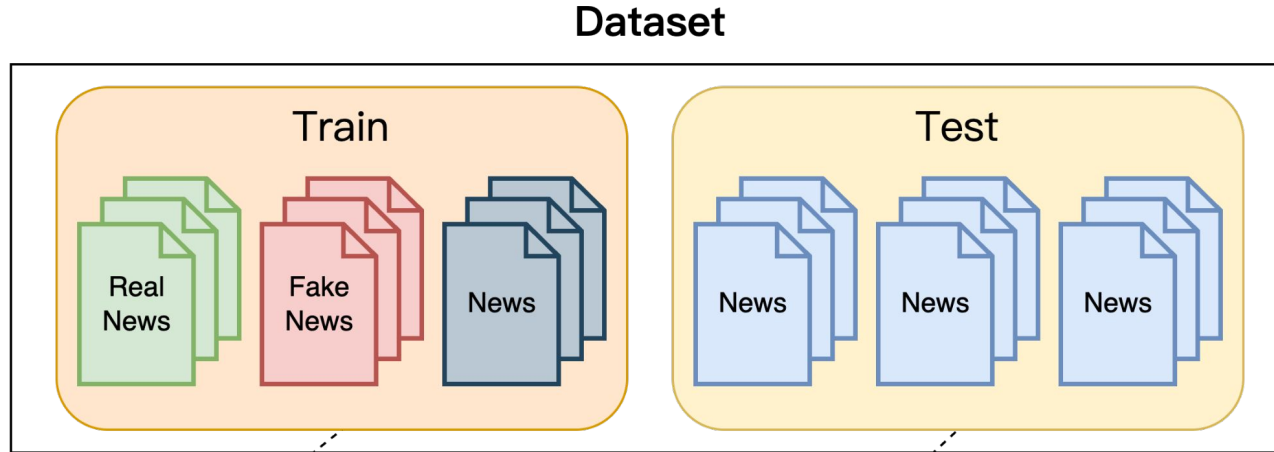
Our Approach vs. Existing Methods

Method	Core Mechanism	Data Requirements	Limitation
Language Model	Fine-tuning pre-trained encoders	Large labeled datasets	High annotation cost for task-specific data
LLM	Zero-shot & in-context learning via prompts	None for zero-shot Few examples for in-context	Limited control over reasoning; potential hallucinations
Document-Level Graph Classification	Text-GCN, BERT-GCN: document-word heterogeneous graphs	Large corpora with word co-occurrences	Static co-occurrence; misses direct document-document semantics
User-Propagation Node Classification	user-news interaction graphs	Social interaction logs	Privacy issues; data availability; cold start on new topics
Ours (GemGNN)	Generative Interaction from pure news content	News Content only	Relies on quality of embedding similarity

Methodology - Architecture



Methodology - Input Data

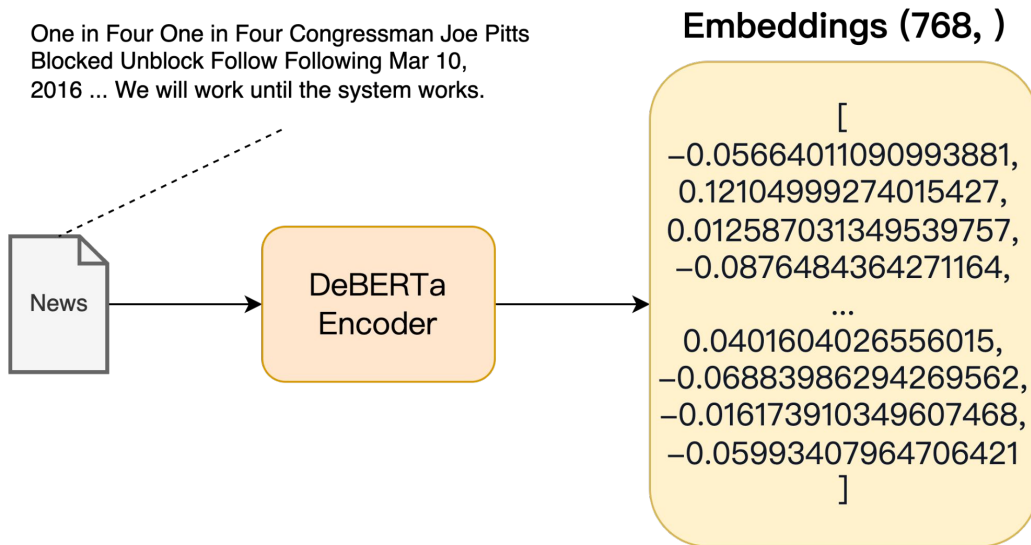


- k real news (with label)
- k fake news (with label)
- rest news without label

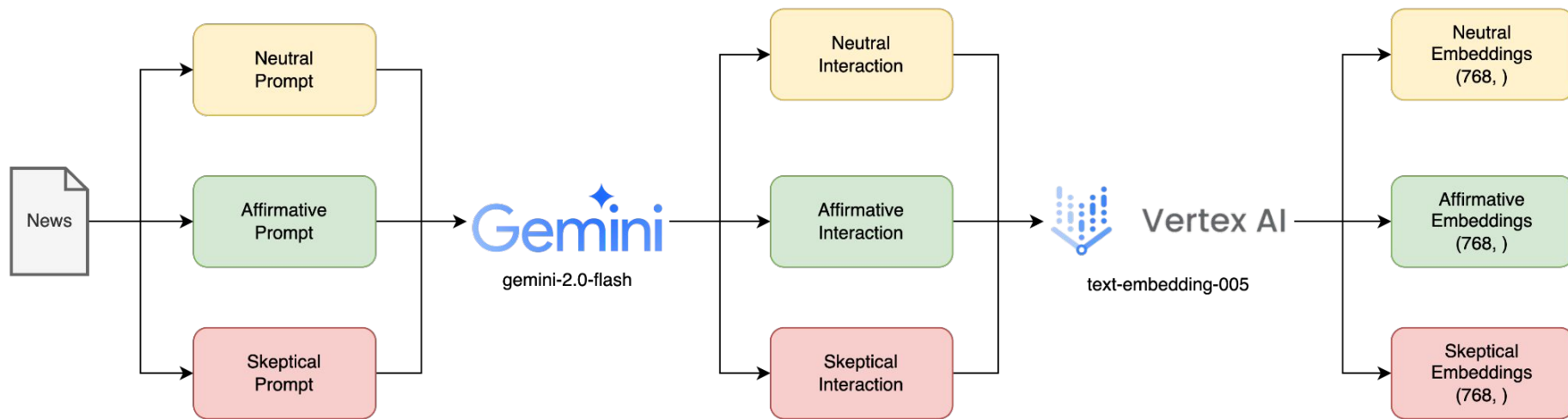
test news to be predicted

Methodology - Text Encoder

Each news is encoded as a node in our graphs using DeBERTa Embeddings



Methodology - User Interaction



Neutral Prompt

Please act as a reader who is confused about this news
Please act as a reader who wants to know more details about this news
Please act as a reader who has a neutral attitude toward this news
Please act as a curious reader and ask questions about this news

Affirmative Prompt

Please act as a reader who actively participates in the discussion and shares personal opinions
Please act as a reader who agrees with this news
Please act as a reader who wants to share this news with friends
Please act as a reader who feels excited about the content of this news

Skeptical Prompt

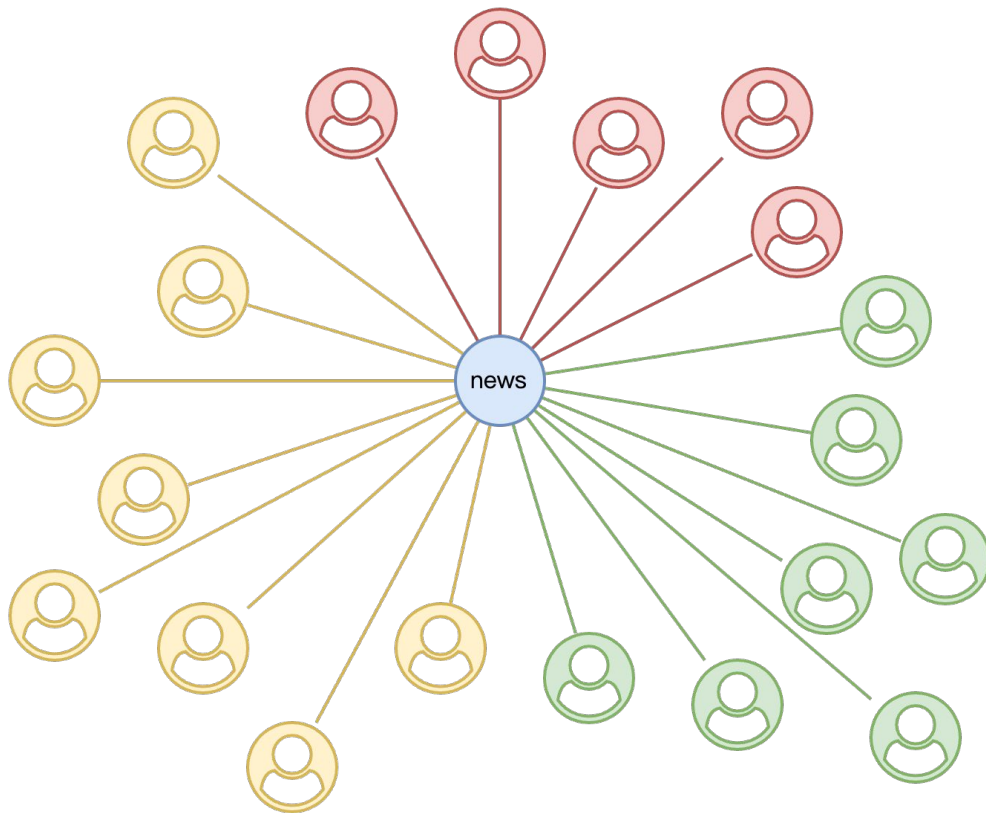
Please act as a reader who questions the authenticity of the news and provides evidence
Please act as a reader who raises doubts about this news
Please act as a reader who questions the source or credibility of this news
Please act as a reader who requests clarification or more information about this news

Methodology - News Interaction Node

Each news has 20 interactions with different tones:

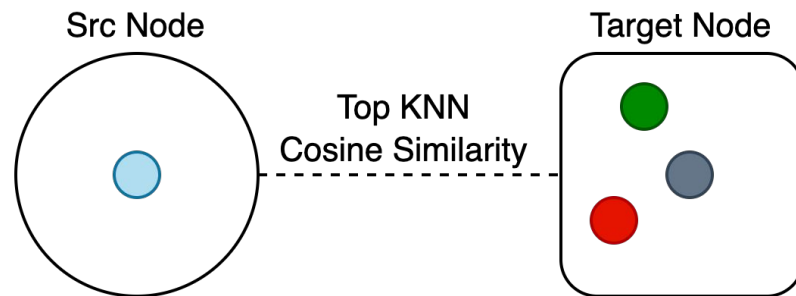
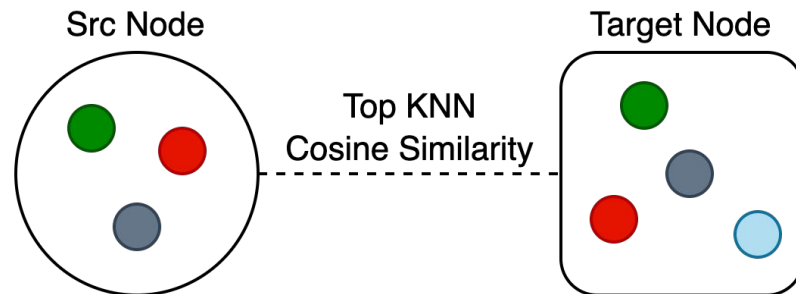
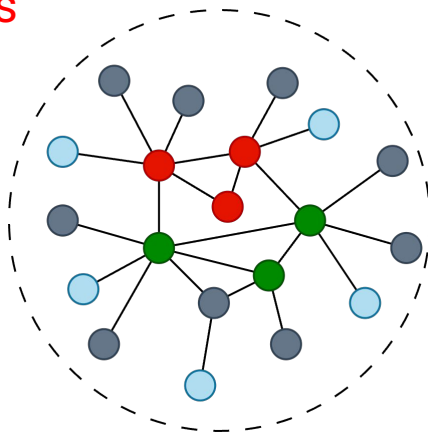
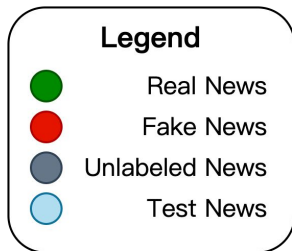
- Neutral * 8
- Affirmative * 7
- Skeptical * 5

tone is encoded as attribute when creating the edge



Methodology - Edge Construction (Test Isolated KNN)

- For Real/Fake/Unlabeled Nodes:
Select top k nearest nodes for each src nodes.
- We disable test nodes connect to other test nodes

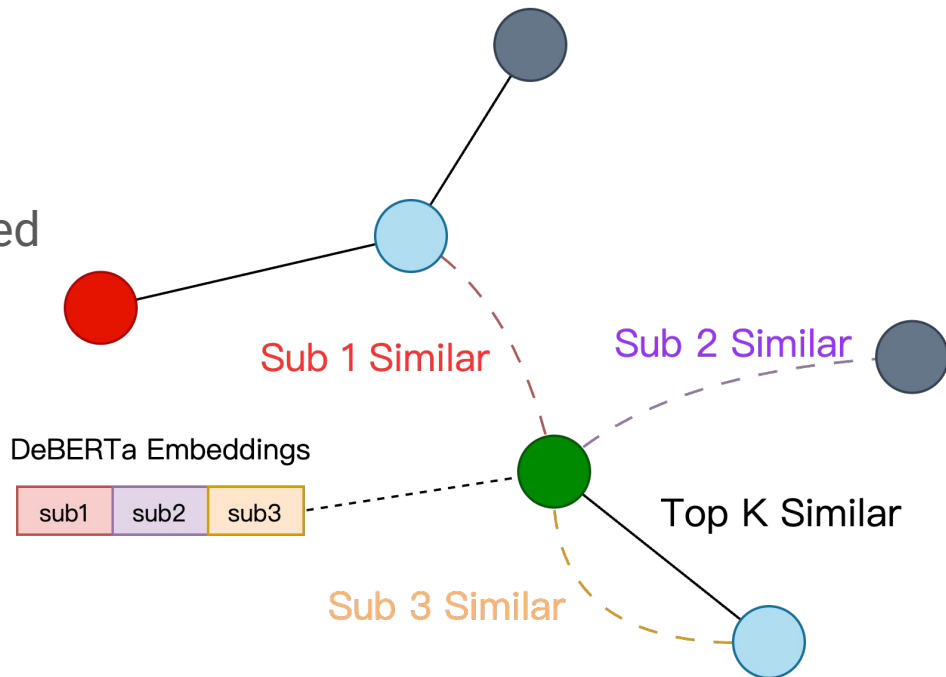


Methodology - Edge Construction (Multi-View)

We divide embeddings into 3 subsets

Enable each node redo the test isolated KNN strategy

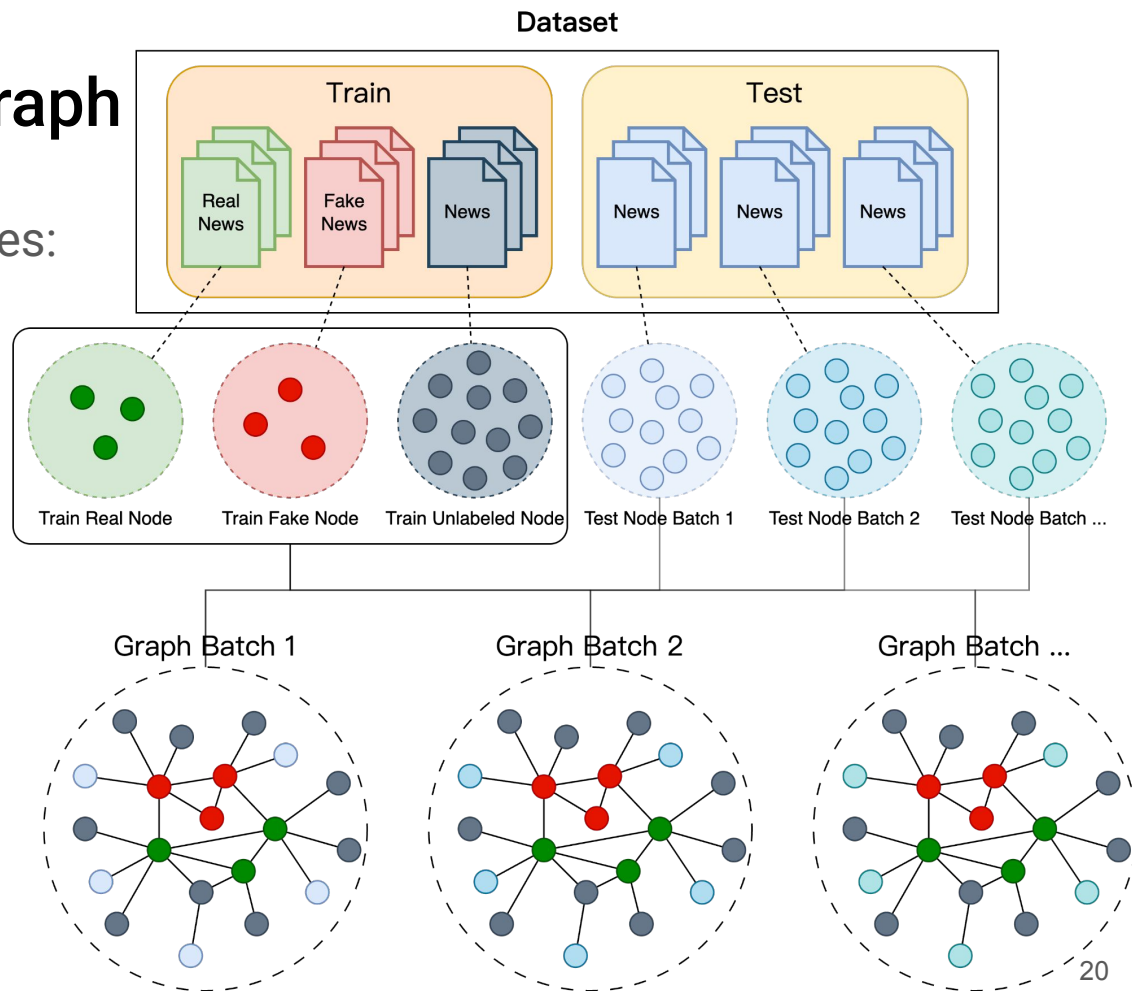
MultiView gives more information on different point of view



Methodology - Multi-Graph

For each graph, there exists nodes:

- K real/fake
- $2 \cdot k \cdot M(5)$ train unlabeled
- $B(50)$ test nodes



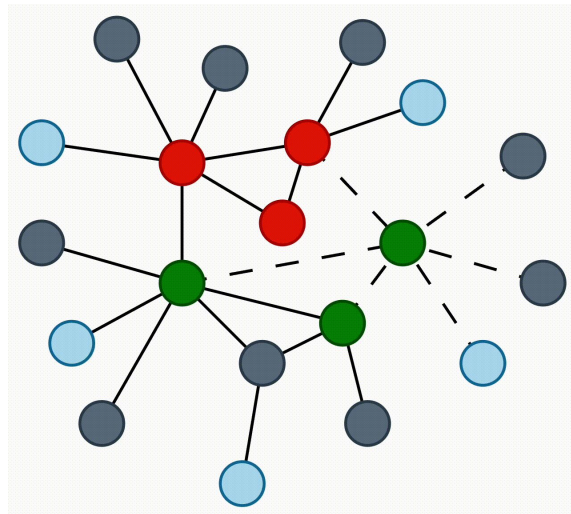
Methodology - Transductive Learning

- **Key Principle:**

- All nodes (labeled + unlabeled + test) participate in message passing
- Only labeled nodes contribute to loss calculation
- Unlabeled data assists in representation learning

- **Few-Shot Learning Advantage:**

- Leverages graph structure with limited labeled data
- Improves generalization through neighborhood information



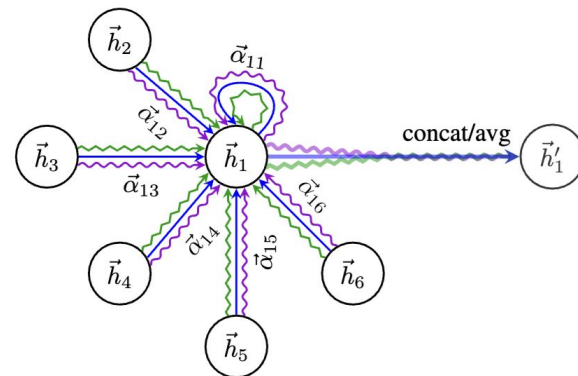
Methodology - GNN Layer (HAN / GAT)

We use **Heterogenous Graph Attention Network** for our base model

- Computes dynamic attention coefficients (α_{ij}) unlike traditional GCNs
- Selectively aggregates information from semantically relevant neighbors
- Focuses on discriminative relationships crucial for few-shot learning
- Adapts to varying importance of news document connections

$$\alpha_{ij} = \frac{\exp(\text{LeakyReLU}(\mathbf{a}^T[\mathbf{W}\mathbf{h}_i \parallel \mathbf{W}\mathbf{h}_j]))}{\sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_i} \exp(\text{LeakyReLU}(\mathbf{a}^T[\mathbf{W}\mathbf{h}_i \parallel \mathbf{W}\mathbf{h}_k]))} \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{h}_i^{(l+1)} = \sigma \left(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \alpha_{ij} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{h}_j^{(l)} \right) \quad (4)$$



Methodology - GNN Layer (HAN)

We use **Heterogenous Graph Attention Network** for our base model

- Supports multiple node and edge types (news, interaction, topic, etc.)
- Type-specific attention: learns importance of each neighbor type
- Hierarchical aggregation: meta-path or edge-type level fusion
- Captures complex semantic relations among news, entities, and topics

Key Equations:

- Node-level attention (per type):

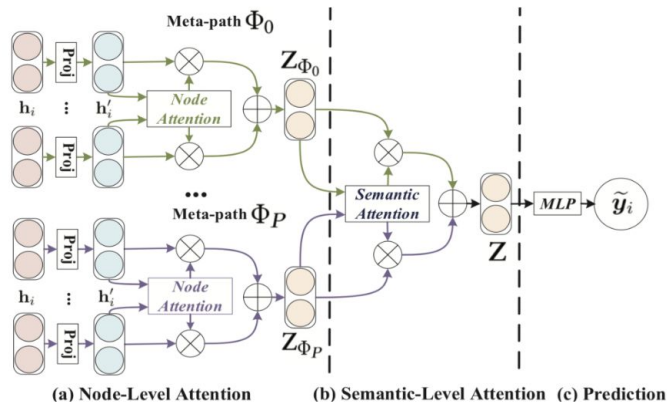
$$\alpha_{ij}^{(t)} = \frac{\exp(\text{LeakyReLU}(\mathbf{a}^{(t)T}[\mathbf{W}^{(t)}\mathbf{h}_i \parallel \mathbf{W}^{(t)}\mathbf{h}_j]))}{\sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_i^{(t)}} \exp(\text{LeakyReLU}(\mathbf{a}^{(t)T}[\mathbf{W}^{(t)}\mathbf{h}_i \parallel \mathbf{W}^{(t)}\mathbf{h}_k]))}$$

- Semantic-level attention (meta-path/edge-type):

$$\beta_t = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{q}^T \cdot \tanh(\mathbf{W}_s \mathbf{h}_i^{(t)} + \mathbf{b}_s))}{\sum_{t'} \exp(\mathbf{q}^T \cdot \tanh(\mathbf{W}_s \mathbf{h}_i^{(t')} + \mathbf{b}_s))}$$

- Final node representation:

$$\mathbf{h}_i = \sum_t \beta_t \mathbf{h}_i^{(t)}$$



Methodology - Loss & Output

- Cross-Entropy Loss (Labeled Nodes Only)

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{|V_L|} \sum_{i \in V_L} y_i \log(\hat{y}_i) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \hat{y}_i)$$

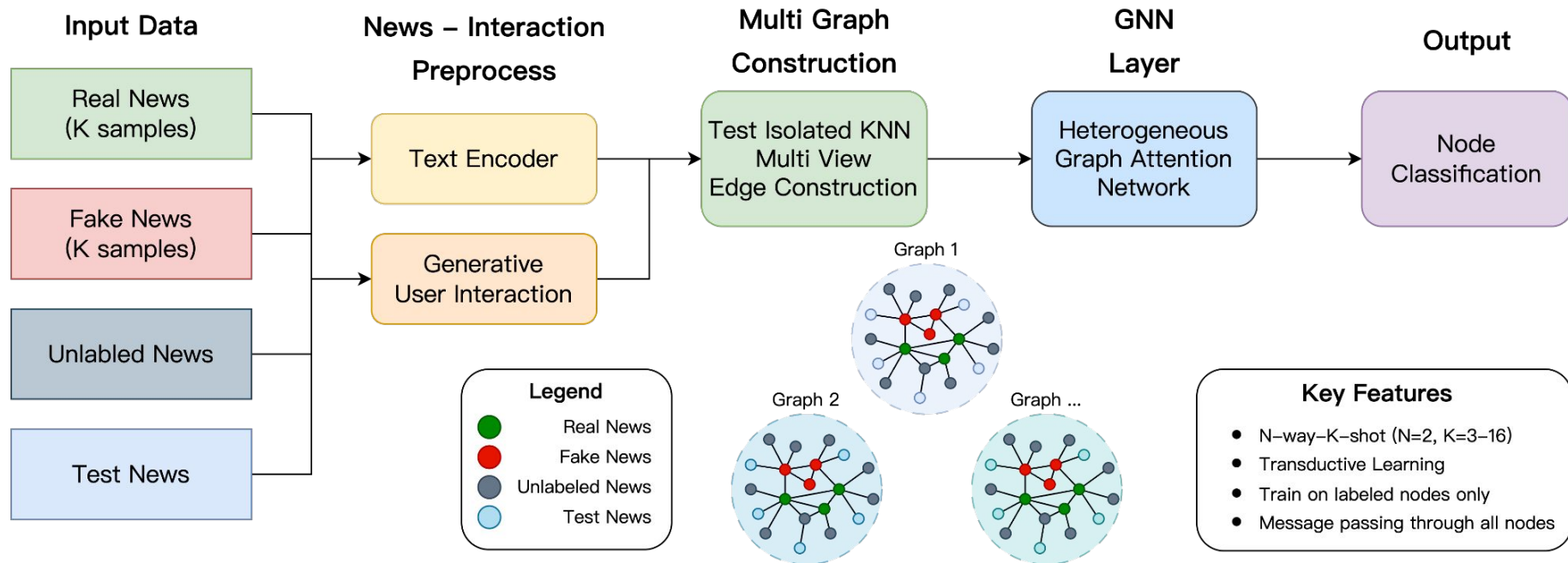
V_L = set of labeled nodes

y_i = ground truth label (0: real, 1: fake)

\hat{y}_i = predicted probability

- Output:
 - Binary Classification: Real(0) vs Fake(1)
 - Node-level predictions on test set
 - F1-Score evaluation metric

Methodology - Architecture



Experiments - Dataset from [FakeNewsNet](#) (Benchmark)

Dataset	Split	Real	Fake	Total
PolitiFact (4:1)	Train	246	135	381
	Test	73	29	102
GossipCop (8:2)	Train	7955	2033	9988
	Test	2169	503	2672

Key Features:

- **Professional verification:** Labels verified by fact-checkers
- **Content-only:** We use only news text (no social context)
- **Benchmark standard:** Widely used in fake news research

Experiments - Train Labeled / Train Unlabeled / Test Set

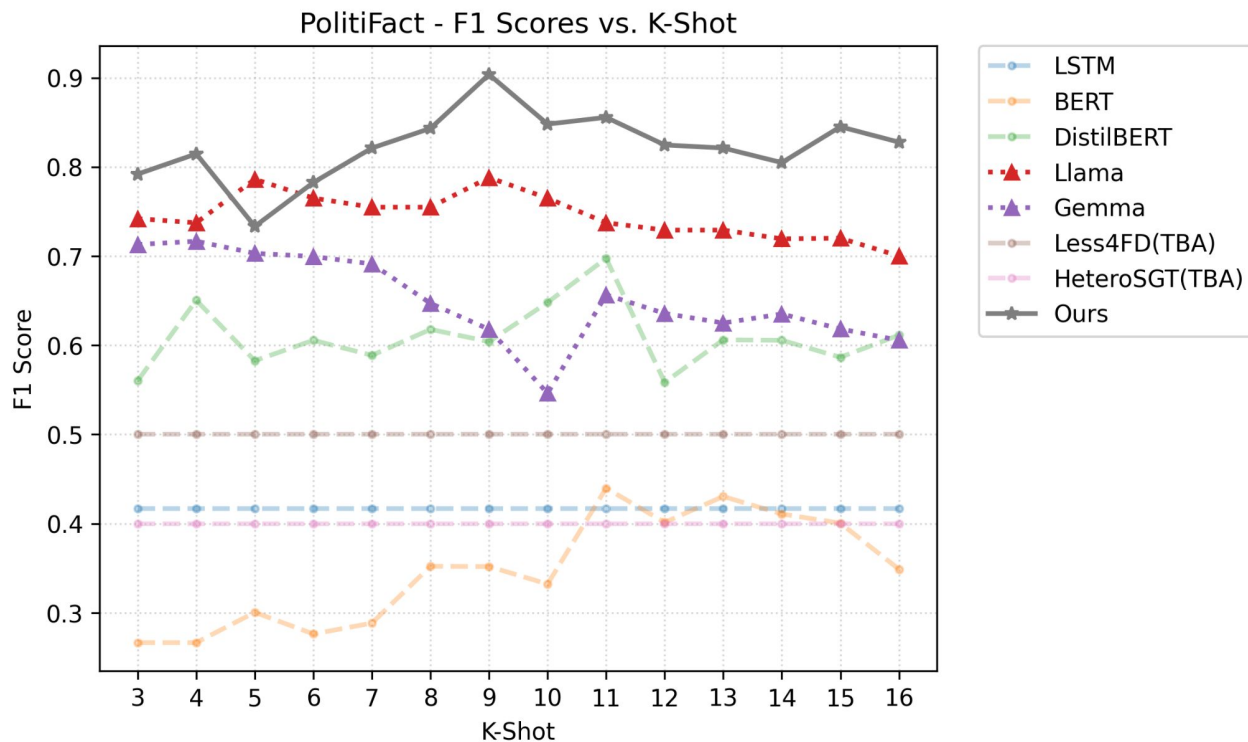
N-way-K-shot Learning:

N: 2 (real / fake), K: 3 ~ 16 (K samples per class)

Category	Methods	Description
Traditional	MLP, LSTM	Using RoBERTa embeddings
Language Models	BERT, RoBERTa	Fine-tuned for classification
LLM	Llama, Gemma	In-Context Learning
Graph Methods	Less4FD, HeteroSGT	TBA
Our Method	GenAI + Test-Isolated KNN + Multi-View + Multi-Graph	Utilize LLM to enrich the content-based graph construction

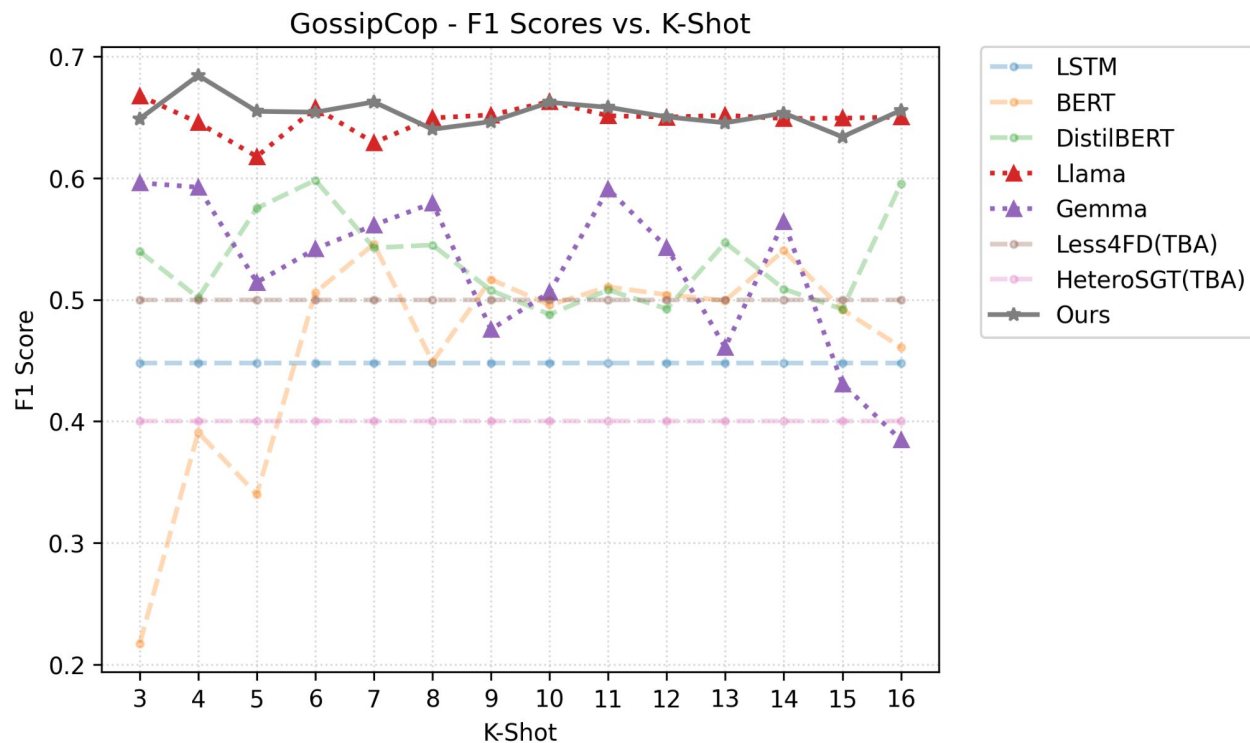
Results - PoliFact

澄清一下, our performance最終是平均落在0.81



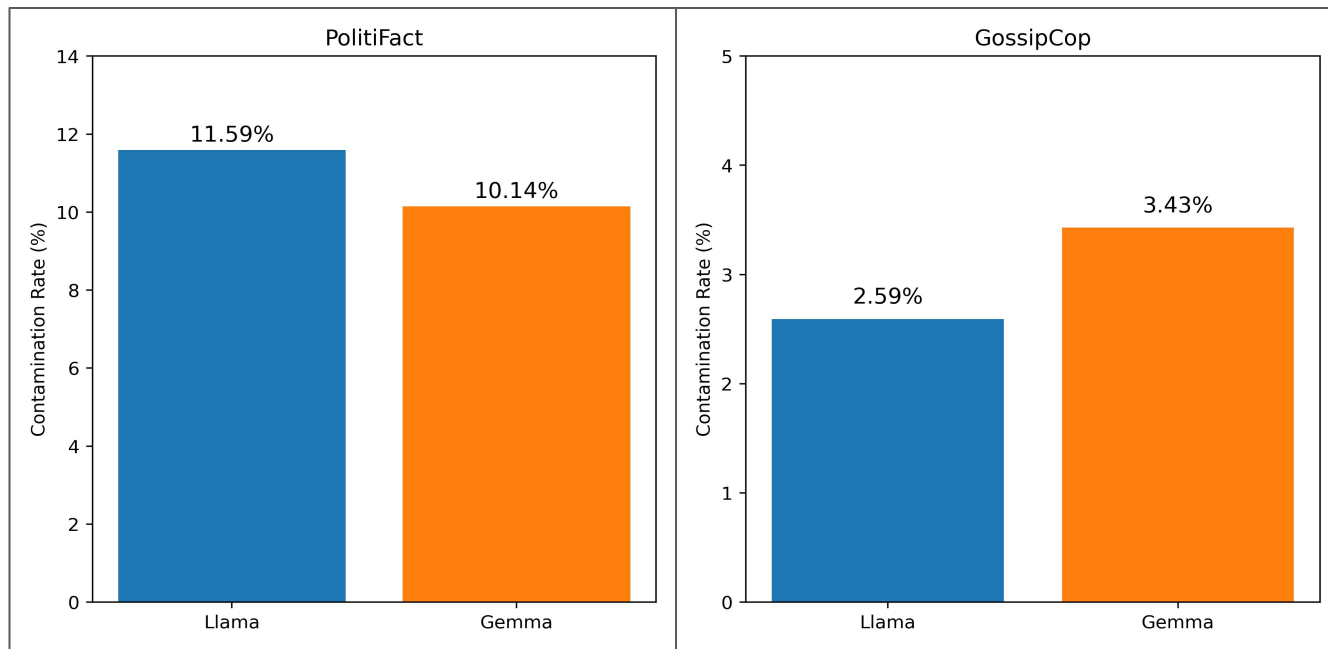
Results - GossipCop

澄清一下, our performance最終是平均落在0.61



Results on LLM

LLM may have seen
the dataset



Ablation Study

Our work introduces 5 key components:

- Generative User Propagation
- Test Isolated KNN
- Ensure Test-Train Neighborhood
- Multi-View
- Multi-Graph

Ablation Study - PolitiFact / 8-shot

Table 1: Component analysis on the PolitiFact dataset with an 8-shot setting. We start with a base model and add key components to show their contribution to the final F1-Score.

Model Configuration	Macro F1-Score
<i>Single Components:</i>	
(A) Test Isolated KNN only	0.8146
(B) Multi-view only	0.8212
(C) Multi-graph only	0.8012
<i>Component Combinations:</i>	
(A) + (B)	0.8212
(A) + (C)	0.8111
(B) + (C)	0.8012
(A) + (B) + (C) Full Model	0.8212

Ablation Study - GossipCop / 8-shot

Table 2: Component analysis on the GossipCop dataset with an 8-shot setting. We start with a base model and add key components to show their contribution to the final F1-Score.

Model Configuration	Macro F1-Score
<i>Single Components:</i>	
(A) Test Isolated KNN only	0.5815
(B) Multi-view only	0.5857
(C) Multi-graph only	0.5815
<i>Component Combinations:</i>	
(A) + (B)	0.5854
(A) + (C)	0.5823
(B) + (C)	0.5820
(A) + (B) + (C) Full Model	0.5800

Conclusion

- **Key Contributions**

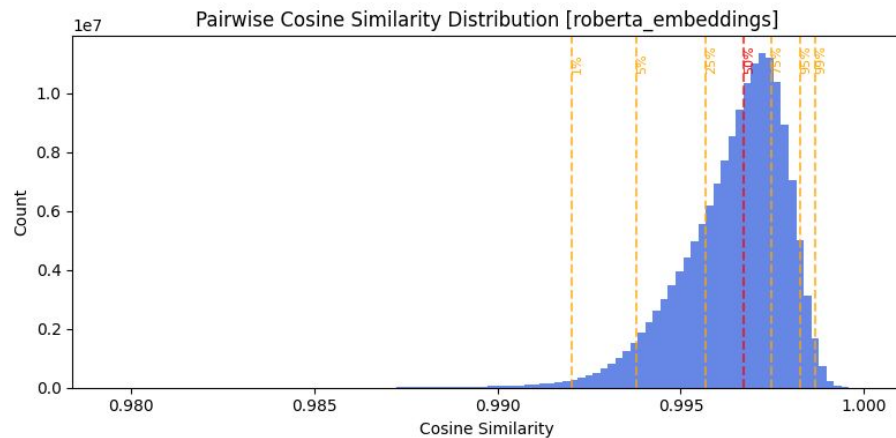
- Introduced a **generative graph enrichment** method using an LLM (Gemini) to synthesize user interactions, overcoming the data dependency of traditional propagation-based models.
- Developed a **Test-Isolated KNN** edge construction strategy that enforces a stricter, more realistic evaluation by preventing information leakage among test nodes.

- **Key Insights**

- Transductive learning effectively leverages unlabeled data to improve feature representation
- **Multi-View provides a holistic understanding of similarity**, forcing the model to learn from diverse semantic perspectives within the news content.
- **Multi-Graph training acts as graph-level data augmentation**, exposing the model to varied structural contexts to learn more robust and generalizable features.

Future Work

With



Thanks

Feedback

- 用 column 來呈現各model有什麼feature
- Problem Statement, Notation
- 研究問題(Problem Statement)
- Few-Shot Learning 當 background
- Introduction: component 解決哪些challenge (contribution)
- Why related work can't do well on few-shot learning
- Our Approach (Unsupervised or Supervised)
- why DeBERTa not RoBERTa
- Dataset 重組
- Page 16, 17: why tones? why interaction(motivation)?
- Page 18: why test-isolated KNN

Feedback

- Why not single-graph (Motivation)
- more GNN related work
- Highlight Loss
- Page 30, how contamination
- Ablation Study (Homogenous GenAI)
- HyperParameters
- Base GNN

Feedback

Problem Statement