



# Evidence-aware Fake News Detection with Graph Neural Networks

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## Claim

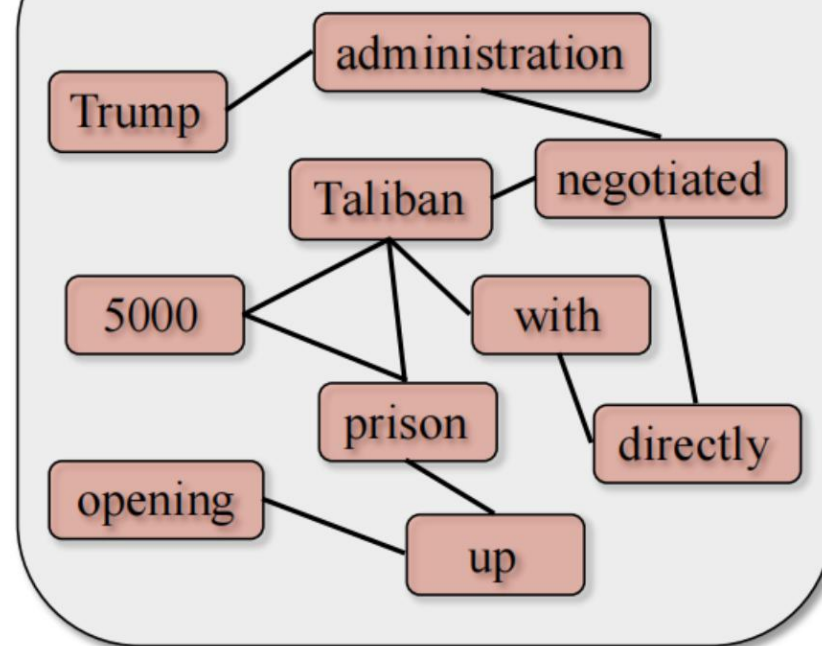
The Trump administration worked to free 5,000 Taliban prisoners.

## Evidence

The Trump administration negotiated directly with the Taliban, getting ready to invite them to Camp David, ....., opening up a prison of 5,000 Taliban and probably ISIS-K individuals and letting them free.

 The claim-related snippets

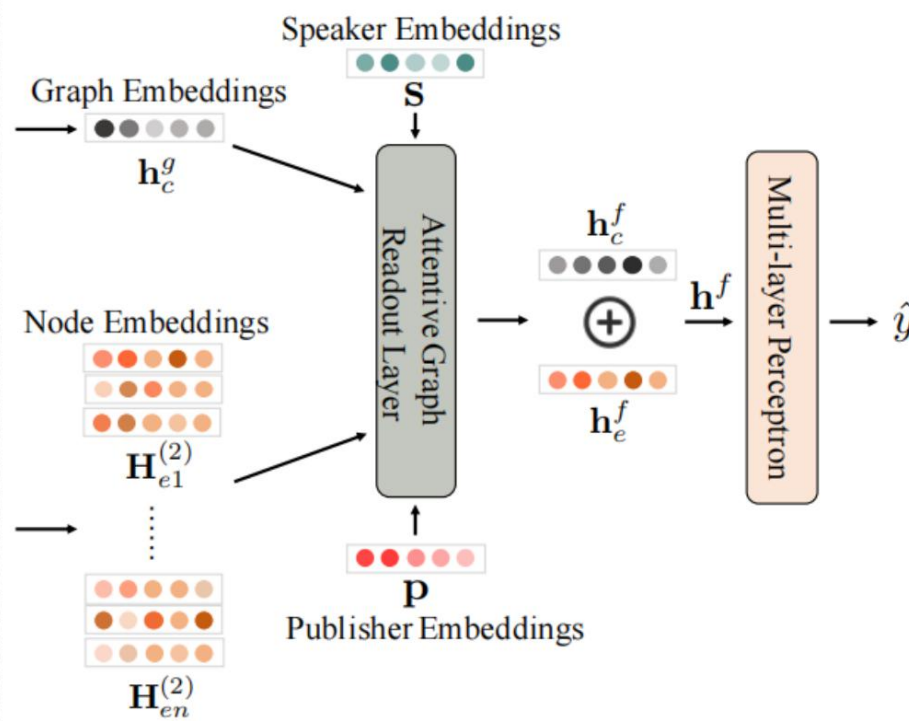
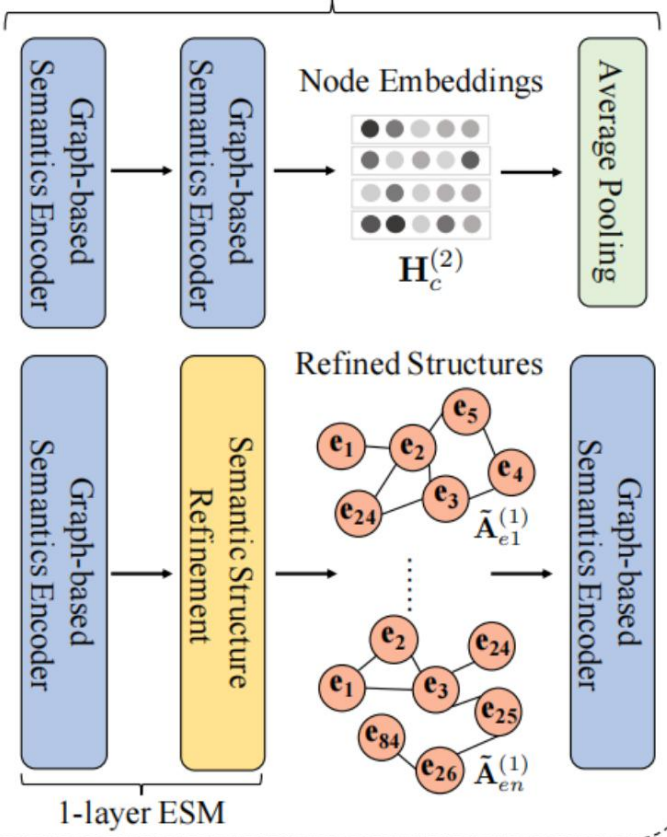
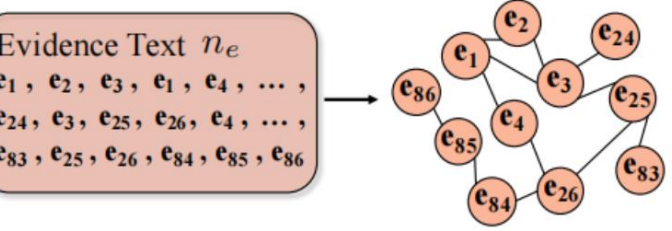
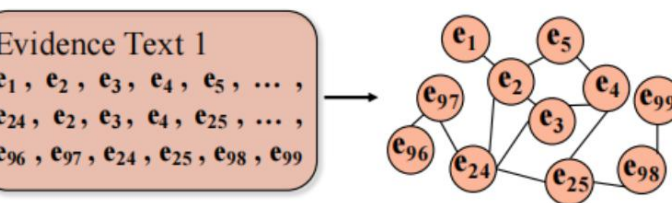
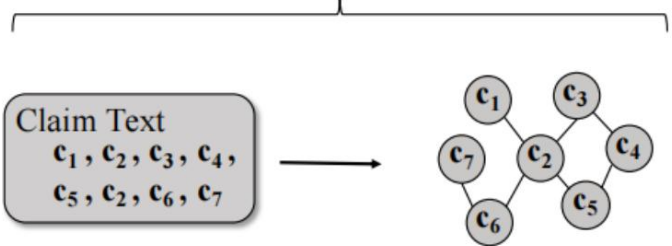
## Subgraph for claim-related snippets



## Graph-based Semantic Structure Mining

### Graph Construction

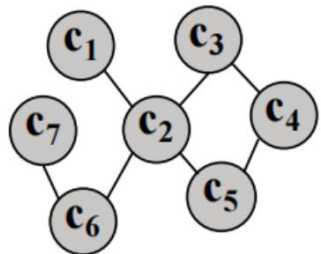
### Semantics Structure Mining



## Graph Construction

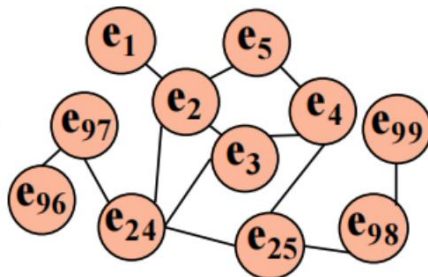
Claim Text

$c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4,$   
 $c_5, c_2, c_6, c_7$



Evidence Text 1

$e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, \dots,$   
 $e_{24}, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_{25}, \dots,$   
 $e_{96}, e_{97}, e_{24}, e_{25}, e_{98}, e_{99}$

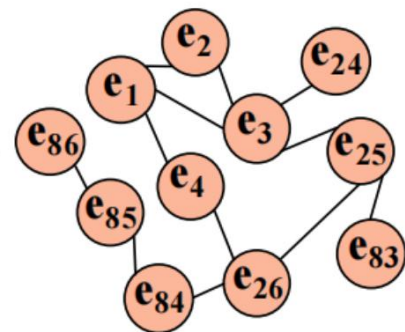


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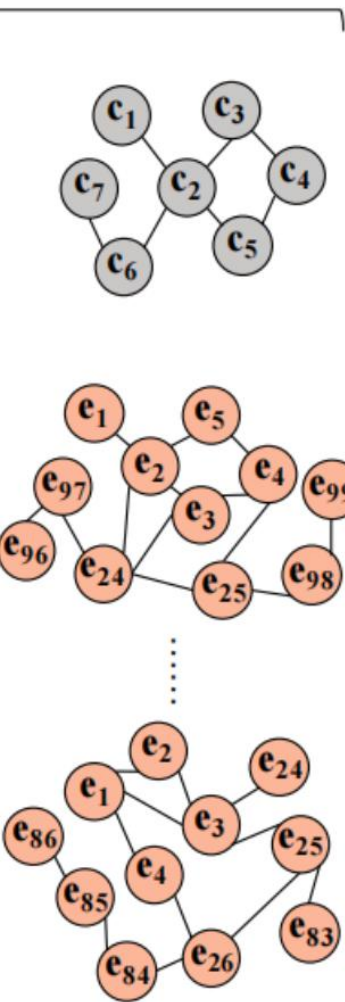
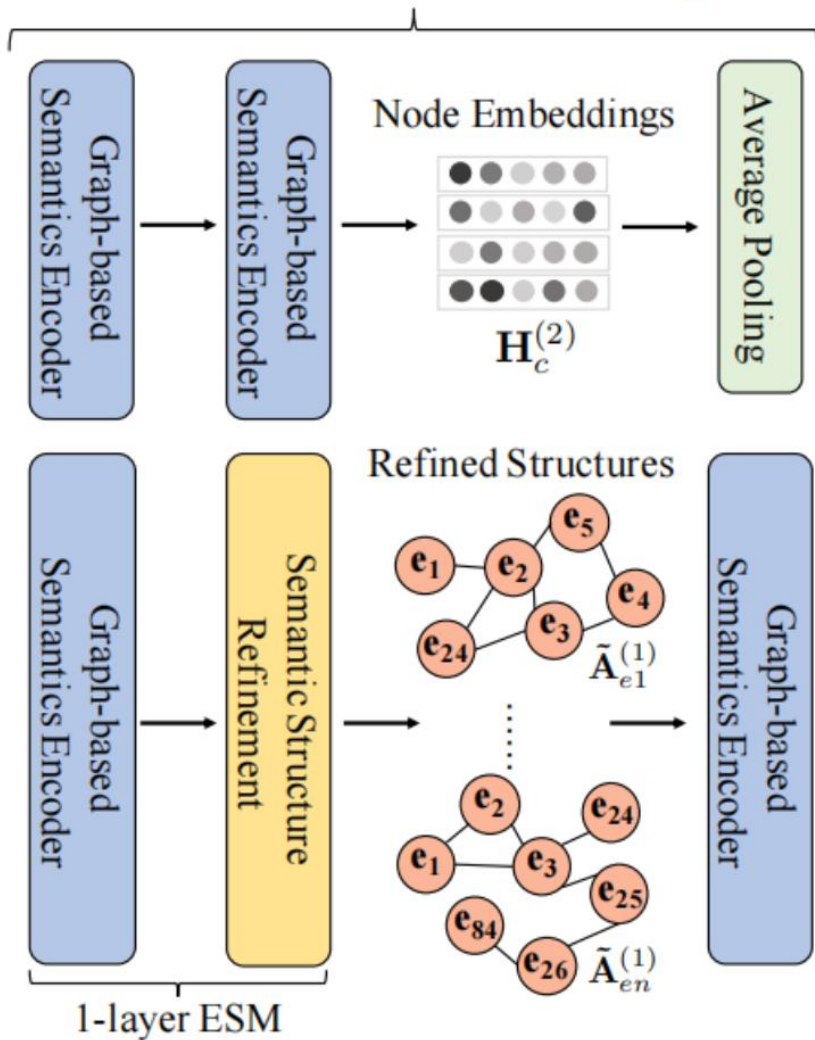
Evidence Text  $n_e$

$e_1, e_2, e_3, e_1, e_4, \dots,$   
 $e_{24}, e_3, e_{25}, e_{26}, e_4, \dots,$   
 $e_{83}, e_{25}, e_{26}, e_{84}, e_{85}, e_{86}$



$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_c^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_c \times N_c}, \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_e^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_e \times N_e} \text{ and } \mathbf{H}_c^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_c \times d}, \mathbf{H}_e^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_e \times d},$$

**Construction**

**Semantics Structure Mining**


$$\mathbf{a}_i = \sum_{(w_i, w_j) \in C} \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{ij} \mathbf{W}_a \mathbf{H}_j \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{z}_i = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_z \mathbf{a}_i + \mathbf{U}_z \mathbf{H}_i + \mathbf{b}_z) \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_i = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_r \mathbf{a}_i + \mathbf{U}_r \mathbf{H}_i + \mathbf{b}_r) \quad (3)$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{H}}_i = \tanh(\mathbf{W}_h \mathbf{a}_i + \mathbf{U}_h (\mathbf{r}_i \odot \mathbf{H}_i) + \mathbf{b}_h) \quad (4)$$

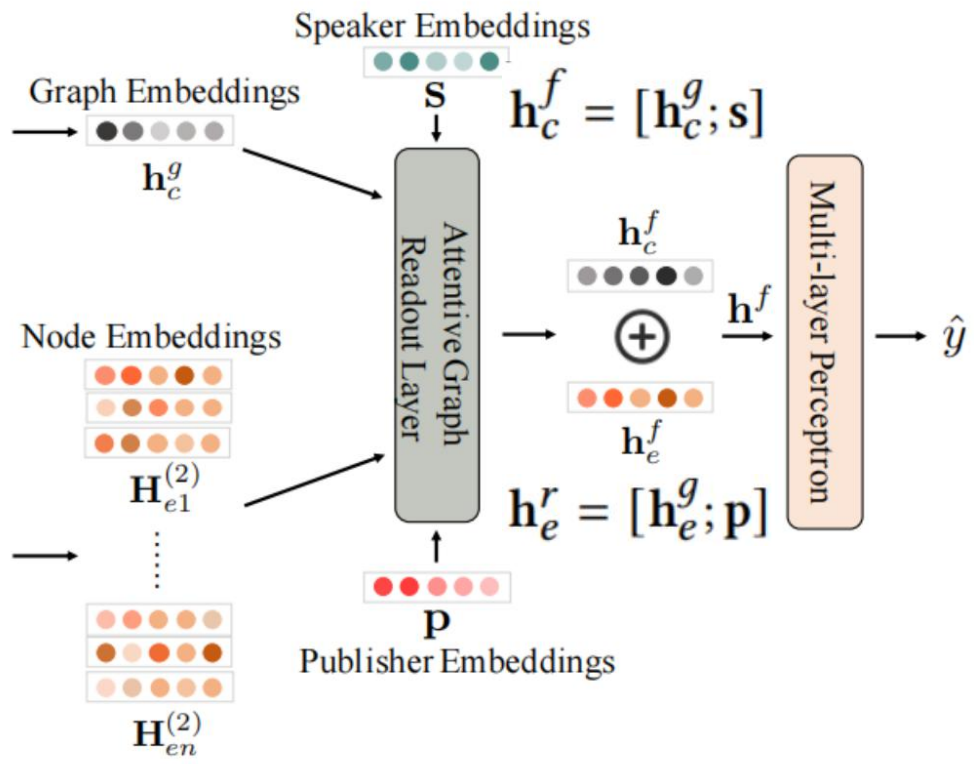
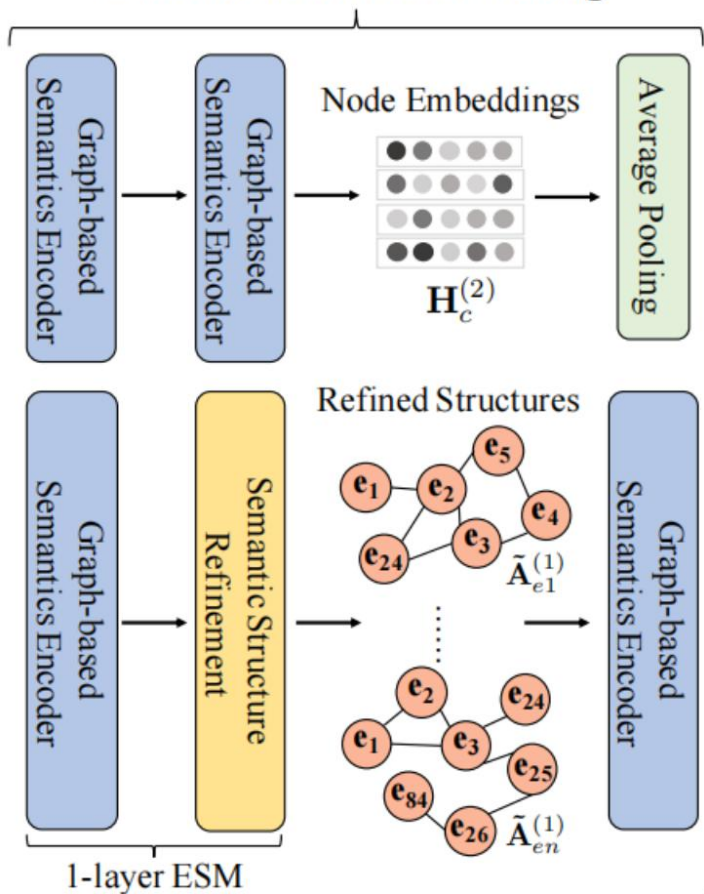
$$\hat{\mathbf{H}}_i = \tilde{\mathbf{H}}_i \odot \mathbf{z}_i + \mathbf{H}_i \odot (1 - \mathbf{z}_i) \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{s}_r = \mathbf{GGNN}(\tilde{\mathbf{A}}, \hat{\mathbf{H}}_e \mathbf{W}_s) \quad (6)$$

$$idx = \text{topk\_index}(\mathbf{s}_r) \quad (7)$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{idx,:} = \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{:,idx} = 0 \quad (8)$$

## Semantics Structure Mining



$$\mathbf{h}_c^g = \frac{1}{l_c} \sum_{i=1}^{l_c} \mathbf{H}_{ci} \quad (9)$$

$$\mathbf{p}_j = \tanh \left( [\mathbf{H}_{ej}; \mathbf{h}_c^g] \mathbf{W}_c \right) \quad (10)$$

$$\alpha_j = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{p}_j \mathbf{W}_p)}{\sum_{i=1}^{l_e} \exp(\mathbf{p}_i \mathbf{W}_p)} \quad (11)$$

$$\mathbf{h}_e^g = \sum_{j=1}^{l_e} \alpha_j \mathbf{H}_{ej} \quad (12)$$

$$\mathbf{H}_e^r = [\mathbf{h}_{e1}^r; \mathbf{h}_{e2}^r; \dots; \mathbf{h}_{en}^r] \quad (13)$$

$$\mathbf{h}_e^f = \text{ATTN}(\mathbf{H}_e^r, \mathbf{h}_c^f) \quad (14)$$

$$\mathbf{h}^f = [\mathbf{h}_c^f; \mathbf{h}_e^f] \quad (15)$$

$$\hat{y} = \text{Softmax}(\mathbf{W}_f \mathbf{h}^f + \mathbf{b}_f) \quad (16)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\Theta}(y, \hat{y}) = -(y \log \hat{y} + (1 - y) \log(1 - \hat{y})) \quad (17)$$



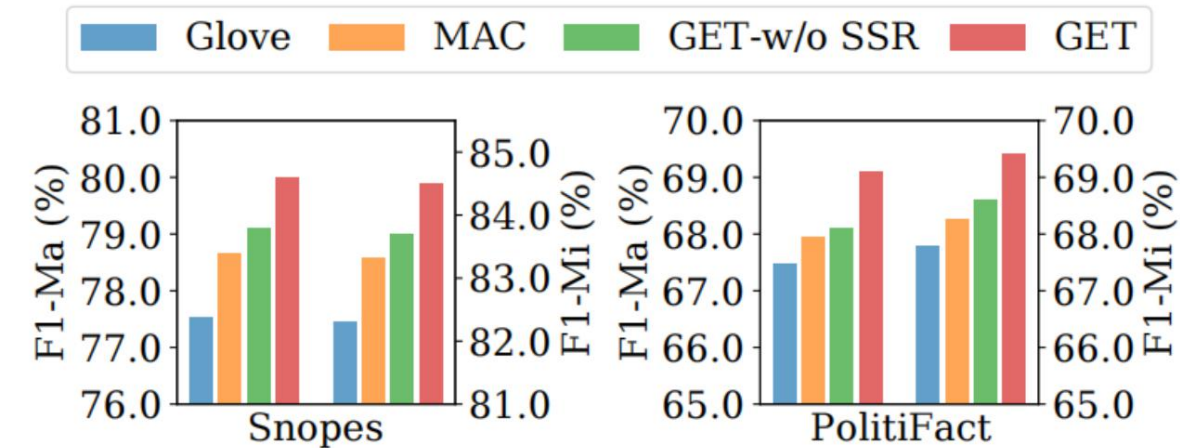
Dataset	# True	# False	# Evi.	# Spe.	# Pub.
Snopes	1164	3177	29242	N/A	12236
PolitiFact	1867	1701	29556	664	4542

**Table 1: The statistics of two datasets. The symbol “#” denotes “the number of”. “True” and “False” stand for true claims and false claims, respectively. “Evi.,” “Spe.,” and “Pub.” denote evidences, speakers and publishers.**

Method	Snopes								PolitiFact							
	F1-Ma	F1-Mi	F1-T	P-T	R-T	F1-F	P-F	R-F	F1-Ma	F1-Mi	F1-T	P-T	R-T	F1-F	P-F	R-F
LSTM	0.621	0.719	0.430	0.484	0.397	0.812	0.791	0.837	0.606	0.609	0.618	0.632	0.613	0.593	0.590	0.604
TextCNN	0.631	0.720	0.450	0.482	0.430	0.812	0.799	0.826	0.604	0.607	0.615	0.630	0.610	0.592	0.591	0.604
BERT	0.621	0.716	0.431	0.477	0.407	0.810	0.793	0.830	0.597	0.598	0.608	0.619	0.599	0.586	0.577	0.597
DeClarE	0.725	0.786	0.594	0.610	0.579	0.857	0.852	0.863	0.653	0.652	0.675	0.667	0.683	0.631	0.637	0.625
HAN	0.752	0.802	0.636	0.625	0.647	0.868	0.876	0.861	0.661	0.660	0.679	0.676	0.682	0.643	0.650	<b>0.637</b>
EHIAN	0.784	0.828	0.684	0.617	0.768	0.885	0.882	0.890	0.676	0.679	0.689	0.686	0.693	0.655	0.675	0.636
MAC	0.786	0.833	0.687	0.700	0.686	0.886	0.886	0.887	0.672	0.673	0.718	0.675	0.735	0.643	0.676	0.617
CICD	0.789	0.837	0.691	0.632	<b>0.775</b>	0.893	0.890	0.895	0.682	0.685	0.702	<b>0.689</b>	0.714	0.657	0.691	0.629
GET	<b>0.800</b> <sup>‡</sup>	<b>0.846</b> <sup>‡</sup>	<b>0.705</b> <sup>‡</sup>	<b>0.721</b> <sup>‡</sup>	0.694	<b>0.895</b> <sup>‡</sup>	<b>0.890</b>	<b>0.902</b> <sup>‡</sup>	<b>0.691</b> <sup>‡</sup>	<b>0.694</b> <sup>‡</sup>	<b>0.723</b> <sup>‡</sup>	0.687	<b>0.764</b> <sup>‡</sup>	<b>0.660</b> <sup>‡</sup>	<b>0.708</b> <sup>‡</sup>	0.629

**Table 2: The model comparison on two datasets Snopes and PolitiFact. “F1-Ma” and “Fi-Mi” denote the metrics F1-Macro and F1-Micro, respectively. “-T” represents “True News as Positive” and “-F” denotes “Fake news as Positive” in computing the precision and recall values. The best performance is highlighted in boldface. ‡ indicates that the performance improvement is significant with p-value  $\leq 0.05$ .**

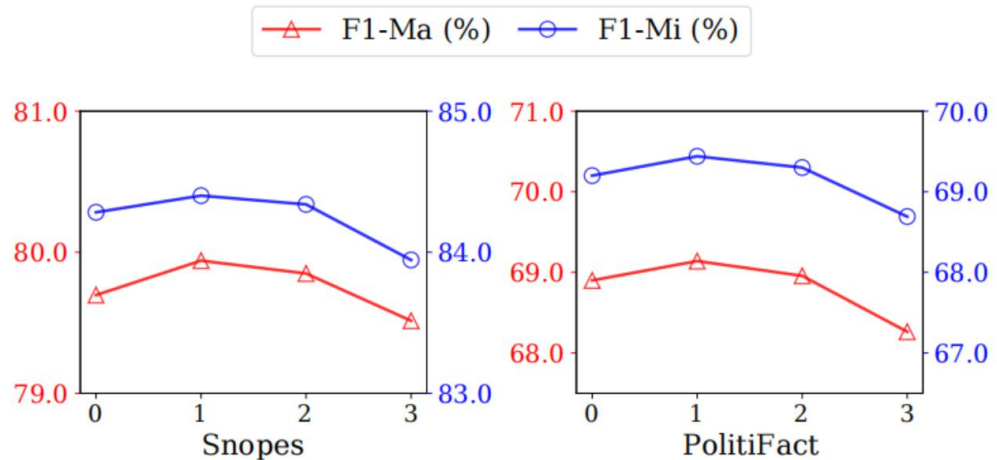




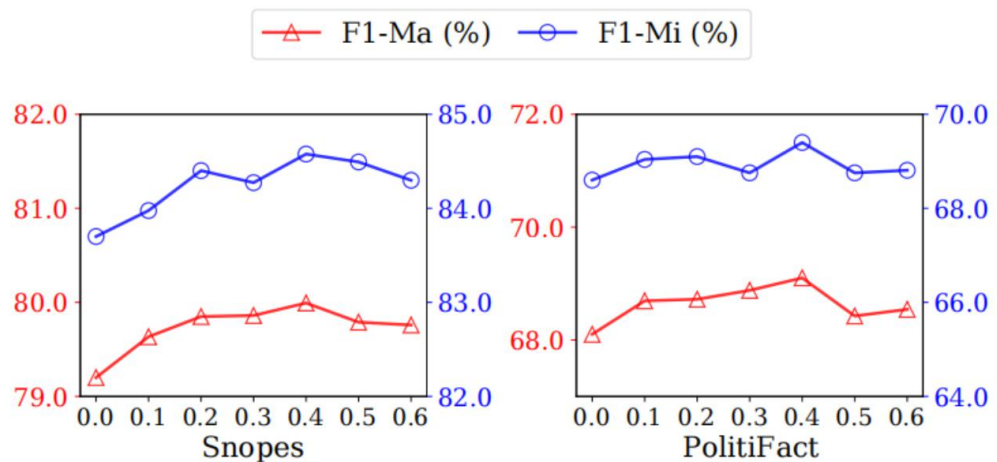
**Figure 3: The performance comparison between GET and model variants with different semantic encoders (Glove and MAC) and without structure refinement (GET-w/o SSR).**

Dataset	Metric	DeC	GET-DeC	EHI	GET-EHI
Snopes	F1-Ma	0.725	<b>0.761</b>	0.784	<b>0.795</b>
	F1-Mi	0.786	<b>0.813</b>	0.828	<b>0.841</b>
	F1-T	0.594	<b>0.649</b>	0.684	<b>0.693</b>
	F1-F	0.857	<b>0.873</b>	0.885	<b>0.897</b>
PolitiFact	F1-Ma	0.653	<b>0.681</b>	0.676	<b>0.688</b>
	F1-Mi	0.652	<b>0.685</b>	0.679	<b>0.690</b>
	F1-T	0.675	<b>0.714</b>	0.689	<b>0.713</b>
	F1-F	0.631	<b>0.647</b>	0.655	<b>0.663</b>

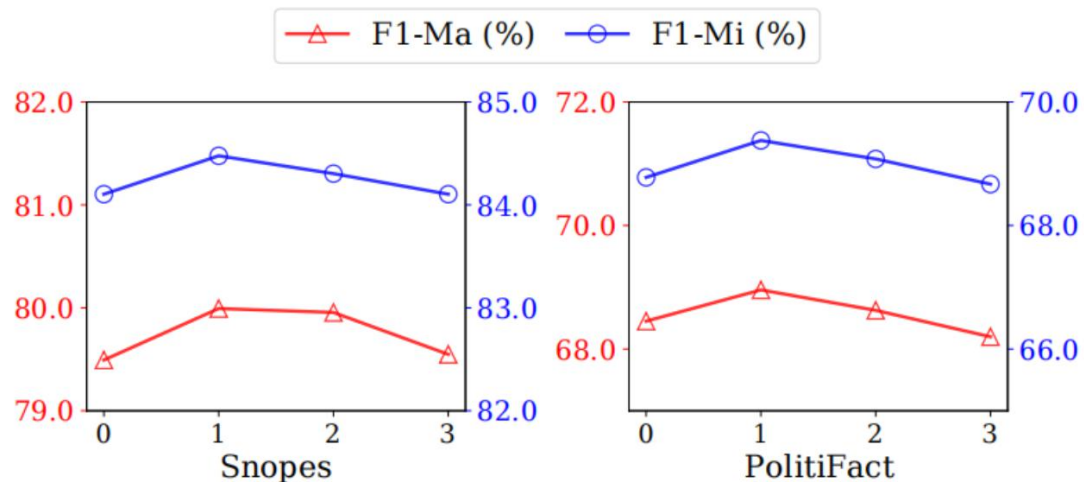
**Table 3: The performance of GET with different claim-evidence interaction modules, compared to their corresponding baselines DeClarE (DeC) and EHIAN (EHI). The superior results are highlighted in boldface.**



**Figure 4: The influence of different semantics encoder layers  $T_E$  for claims on model performance.**



**Figure 5: The influence of different discarding rates  $r$  on model performance.**



**Figure 6: The influence of different evidence semantics miner layers  $T_R$  on model performance.**

<b>Claim</b>	<i>A new executive order being circulated will severely limit firearms ownership by the elderly [False]</i>
Doc	...skip to content news local and beyond elderly elderly gun ban elderly gun ban claim a new executive order being circulated will severely limit firearms ownership by the elderly image image false image guns to be banned for elderly staff reports united press international washington obama deputy attorney general designate david ogden is circulating a draft of an executive order in which among other things firearms possession would be severely limited to people over 60 an assistant to ogden told us it appears that in these changing times it is no longer necessary to allow ...
<b>Claim</b>	<i>A chinese coal miner recently found alive in an abandoned mine 17 years trapped inside by earthquake [False]</i>
Doc	...images 4 a chinese coal miner was recently found alive in an abandoned mine 17 years after he had been trapped inside it by an earthquake okay i feel pretty silly because i genuinely thought this was real the first time i saw it it doesn't have the wackiness factor of the others that said it false origin ...

**Figure 7: Visualization of discarded words in the examples in Snopes Dataset. [True/False] indicates veracity of claims.**



# Thanks