

Knowledge-aware NLP Techniques for Trustworthy AI Systems



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🎓 Education —

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Visiting Ph.D. Student, in Computer Science and Engineering
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Ph.D. Candidate, in Data Science - Computer Science and Technology, GPA: 3.90/4.3
- **2015 – 2019** University of Science and Technology of China,
B.E., in Electronic Information Engineering, GPA: 3.78/4.3

🎯 Research Interest —

- Natural Language Processing
- Knowledge Graph, Large Language Models

Publications —

- **Preprints:**
 - ✓ 4 papers, including 1 first author paper, 1 co-first author paper
- **Publications:**
 - ✓ 22 papers, including 4 first author papers
- **Representative Publications:**
 1. Ye Liu, Kai Zhang, Zhenya Huang, Kehang Wang, Yanghai Zhang, Qi Liu, Enhong Chen. Enhancing Hierarchical Text Classification through Knowledge Graph Integration. Findings of the 61st annual meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL-Findings), 2023.
 2. Ye Liu, Han Wu, Zhenya Huang, Hao Wang, Yuting Ning, Jianhui Ma, Qi Liu, Enhong Chen*. TechPat: Technical Phrase Extraction for Patent Mining. ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data (ACM TKDD), 2023.
 3. Ye Liu, Kai Zhang, Aoran Gan, Linan Yue, Feng Hu, Qi Liu, Enhong Chen. Empowering Few-Shot Relation Extraction with The Integration of Traditional RE Methods and Large Language Models. The 29th International Conference on Database Systems for Advanced Applications (DASFAA), 2024.
 4. Ye Liu, Han Wu, Zhenya Huang, Hao Wang, Jianhui Ma, Qi Liu, Enhong Chen*, Hanqing Tao and Ke Rui. Technical Phrase Extraction for Patent Mining: A Multi-level Approach. The 2020 IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM), 2020.

Publications —

• Representative Publications:

5. Yanghai Zhang, Ye Liu, Shiwei Wu, Kai Zhang, Xukai Liu, Qi Liu, Enhong Chen. Leveraging Entity Information for Cross-Modality Correlation Learning: The Entity-Guided Multimodal Summarization. The 62nd annual meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL-Findings), 2024.
6. Xukai Liu, Kai Zhang, Ye Liu, Enhong Chen, Zhenya Huang, , Linan Yue, Jiaxian Yan. RHGH: Relation-gated Heterogeneous Graph Network for Entity Alignment in Knowledge Graphs. Findings of the 61st annual meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL-Findings), 2023.
7. Ye Liu, Jiajun Zhu, Kai Zhang, Haoyu Tang, Yanghai Zhang, Xukai Liu, Qi Liu, Enhong Chen. Detect, Investigate, Judge and Determine: A Novel LLM-based Framework for Few-shot Fake News Detection. AACL 2025 (Under Review).
8. Haoyu Tang (equal contribution), Ye Liu (equal contribution), Xukai Liu, Kai Zhang, Yanghai Zhang, Qi Liu, Enhong Chen. Learn while Unlearn: An Iterative Unlearning Framework for Generative Language Models. ICLR 2025 (Under Review).

Honors —

- 2016, **National Scholarship**
- 2023, CICA Finalist of Best Paper Award (Top-3)
- 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, Graduate Student First-class Academic Scholarship

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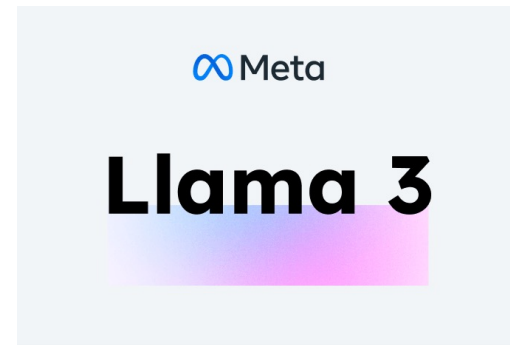
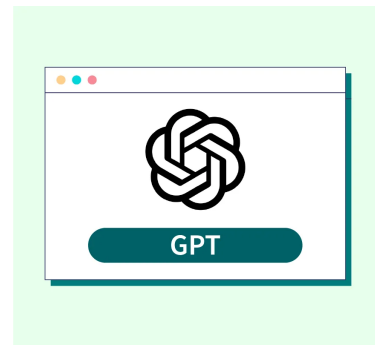
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Background



□ Rapid advancement of NLP technologies has significantly improved various real-world applications.

- ChatGPT
- Llama
- ChatGLM



■ Bring the total change to human daily life

- ✓ AI assistant Writing
- ✓ AI assistant Coding
- ✓ AI assistant Search
- ✓ AI for Science
- ✓ AI for Medicine ...



Background



- Faced with severe trustworthiness challenges.
 - Hallucination
 - Knowledge Limitation
 - Especially for domain specific tasks, such as domain-specific text Classification and Generation.
 - ✓ AI for Law
 - ✓ AI for Health
 - ✓ AI for Science
 - How to build a trustworthy AI system lies a severe problem in AI progress.



Background



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■ Hallucination

■ Knowledge

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Classification

✓ AI for

✓ AI for

✓ AI for Science



■ ***Under this circumstance, knowledge-aware NLP technique becomes increasingly important***

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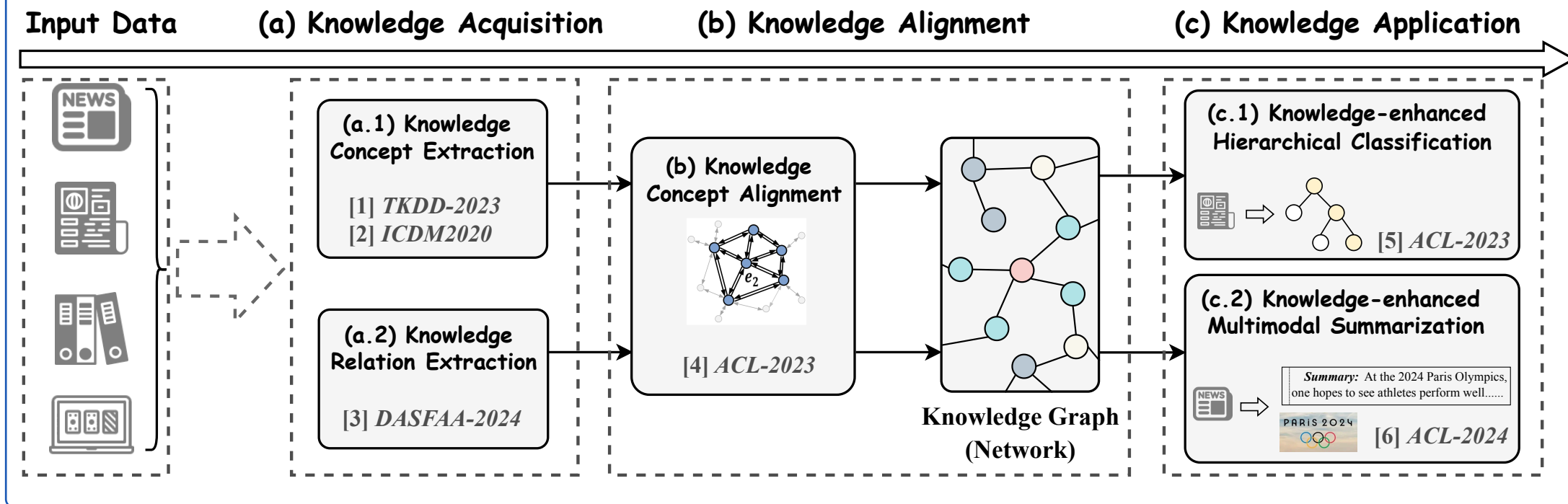
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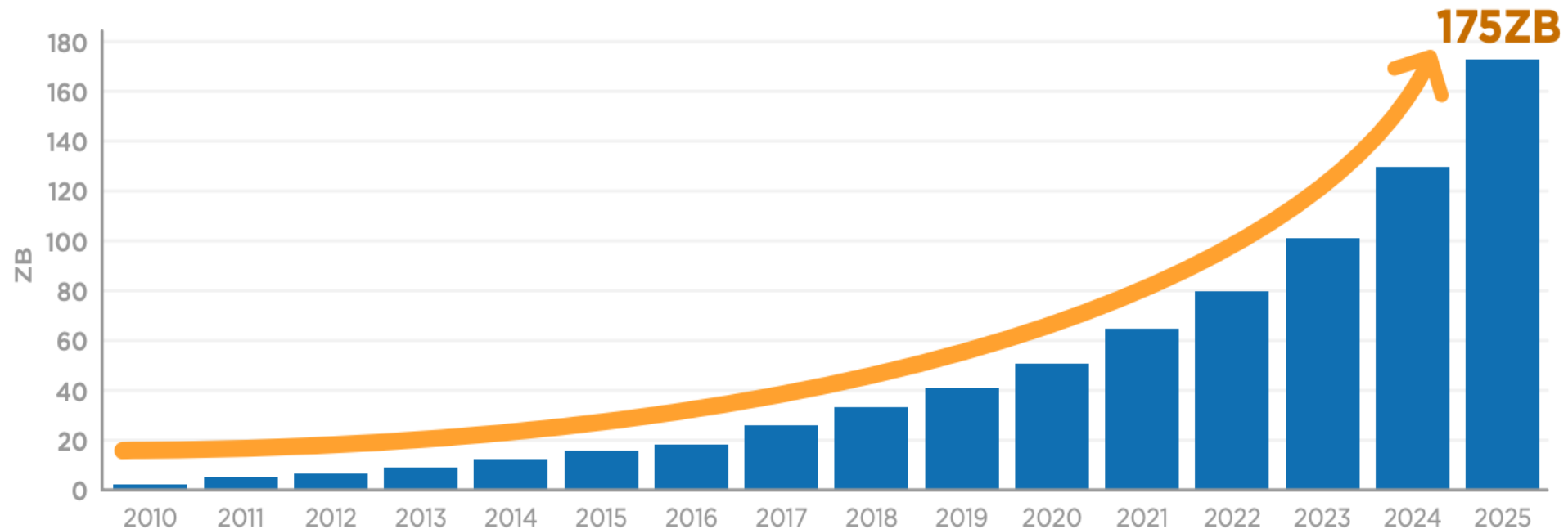
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Knowledge Acquisition



□ Age of Information Explosion

- Massive amounts of data and knowledge in networks everyday
- Seagate Technology Report
 - Global data volume will reach **175 ZB** by **2025**



Knowledge Acquisition



□ Age of Information Explosion

- Only a small fraction of daily data is effectively used
- How to extract effective knowledge from massive data is an increasingly serious challenge



60-73% of daily generated data is not effectively used for analysis due to various reasons.

— Forrester Research, Inc.

Knowledge Acquisition



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Knowledge Acquisition aims to extract structured knowledge from large-scale documents:

1. Knowledge Concept Extraction
2. Knowledge Relation Extraction

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Knowledge Acquisition



□ Unsupervised Knowledge Concept Extraction

- A well-defined problem
- Identify **knowledge concepts** from various documents without the aid of data annotation.

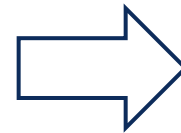
■ Example:

Title:

Support vector machine for remote sensing image ...

Abstract:

... Among these machine learning algorithms, Random Forest (RF) and Support Vector Machines (SVM) have drawn attention to image...



1. Support Vector Machine
2. Machine Learning
3. Random Forest
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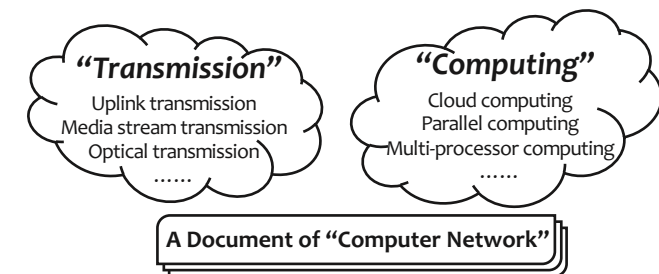
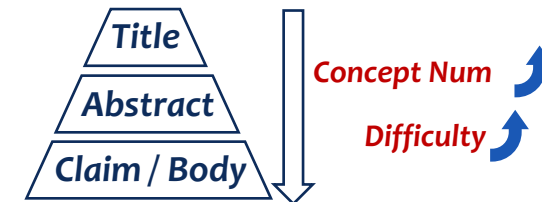


Related Work

- Feature Engineering Methods: Autophrase (TKDE'2018)
 - ✓ Introduce remote quality supervision, trained with the help of cross-domain data
- Pretrained Methods: JMLGC (EMNLP'2021)
 - ✓ Mine deep semantic features within the text with pre-trained models (BERT)

Shortcomings

- Lacks consideration of multi-level structure
 - ✓ Title, Abstract, etc.
 - ✓ Concept Num ↑, Extraction Difficulty ↑
- Overlooks the complex semantic associations between concepts, especially in long texts.

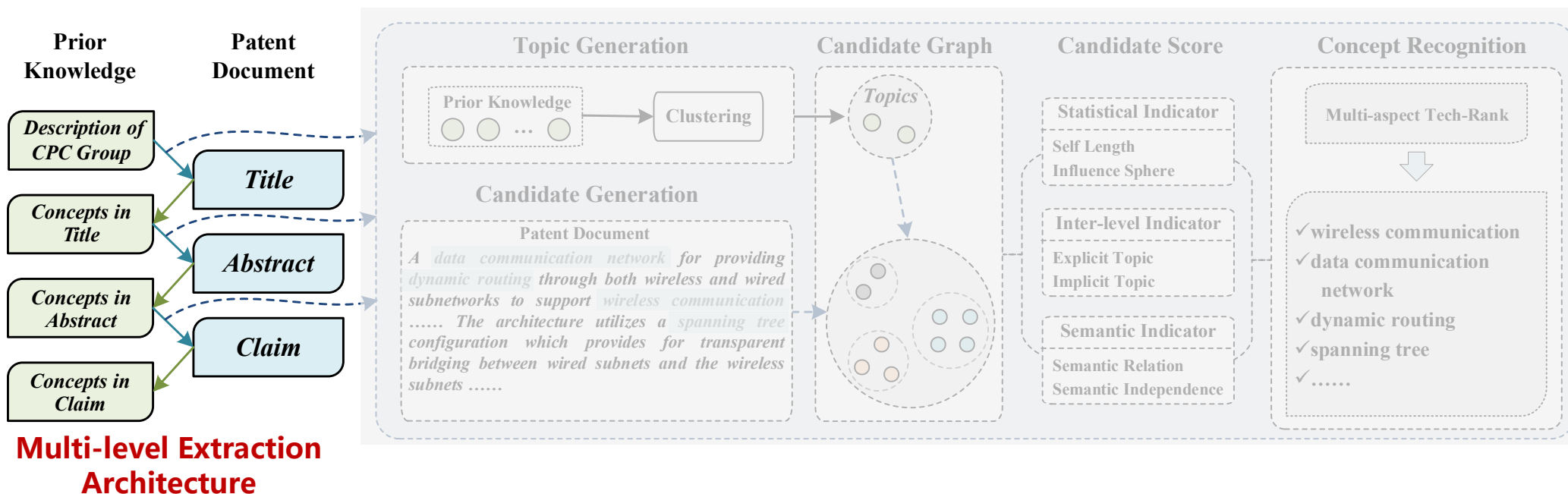


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Multi-level Extraction Architecture

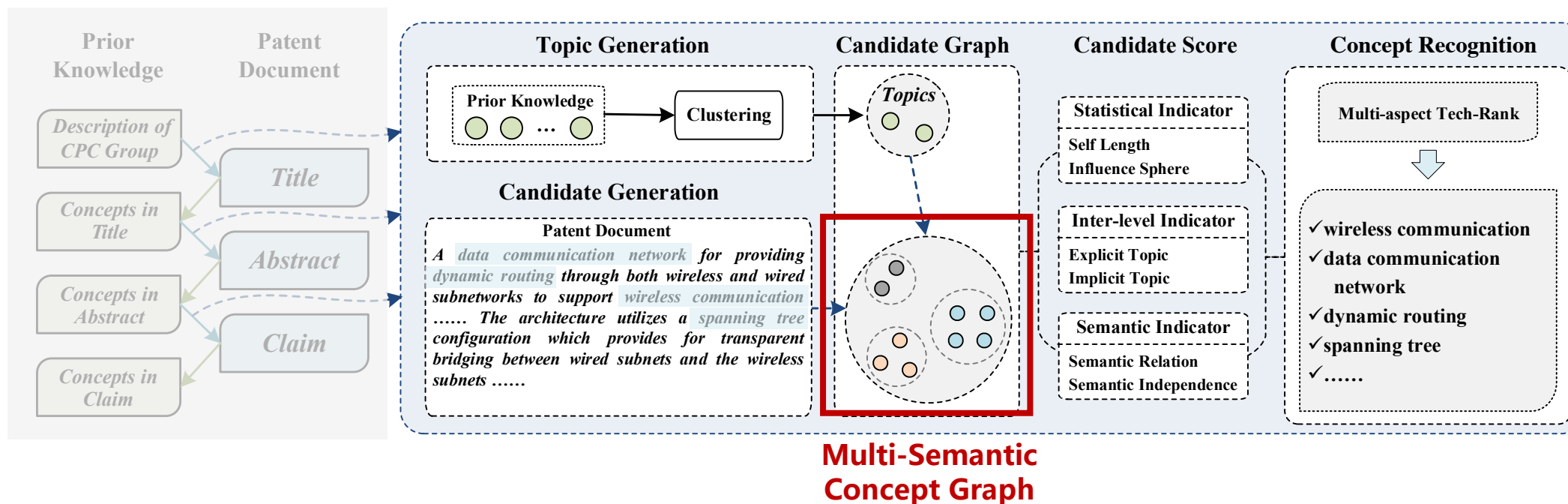
- Extract concepts from short sections (e.g., titles) to **Guide** extraction from long sections (e.g., abstracts, bodies/claims)
- Follow the principle of learning from **simple** to **complex**



Multi-Semantic Concept Graph

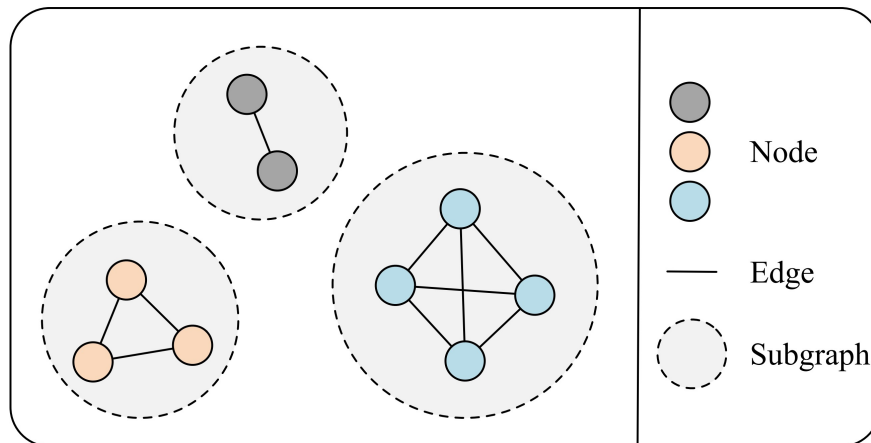
Generation & Selection

- ✓ Node → Candidate Concept
- ✓ Subgraph → Topic



□ Multi-Semantic Concept Graph

- Node → Candidate Concept
- Subgraph → Topic
- Design the Multi-Semantic Graph based Propagation Algorithm to identify these important and salient concepts



ALGORITHM 1: Multi-aspect Tech-Rank

Input: Multi-aspect graph, $G = (V, S, E, W)$; The normalized score of nodes, I_{node} ; Damping factor, d ; Harmonic factor, β

Output: Ranked possible phrase list, P_{list}

- 1: Initialize the ranking value list uniformly, R_{list}
- 2: **while** not converge **do**
- 3: Calculate the ranking value $R(s_i)$ for each subgraph $s_i \in S$.
- 4: Update R_{list} from local and global perspectives.
- 5: **end while**
- 6: Rank all candidate phrases according to R_{list} to get ranked phrase list, P_{list}
- 7: **return** P_{list}

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Experiments

Datasets

- ✓ USTPO Patent
- ✓ Scientific Paper

Dataset	Num. Doc	Avg. sentences of Title	Avg. sentences of Abstract
Engineering	11,186	1.00	3.85
Electricity	84,069	1.00	3.89
Paper	100,000	1.02	7.01

Compared Baselines

- ✓ Traditional Methods: Rake, Spacy, DBpedia ...
- ✓ DL Methods: ECON, JMLGC ...

Evaluation Metrics

- ✓ Precision
- ✓ Recall
- ✓ F1-score

Method	Mechanical Engineering			Electricity		
	Precision	Recall	F1-score	Precision	Recall	F1-score
ECON	26.70	10.43	14.01	23.76	8.19	11.35
DBpedia	43.13	11.49	16.80	35.08	10.29	14.99
Autophrase	28.18	26.83	25.47	27.49	31.83	27.27
NE-rank	20.01	31.05	22.81	21.53	33.23	24.11
Rake	16.17	26.89	18.78	14.03	24.53	16.53
Spacy	32.42	48.83	36.41	32.37	49.27	36.20
MultipartiteRank	37.80	51.21	40.66	36.37	49.15	38.84
JMLGC	34.86	48.58	37.92	37.67	50.05	39.92
UMTPE	37.04	54.58	41.28	38.49	54.93	41.66
TechPat	39.83	55.32	43.10	38.98	55.10	41.89

□ Lead the **multi-level extraction** paradigm

■ Inspired many following extraction models [1-5]

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[5] Gao W, Wang H, Liu Q, et al. Leveraging transferable knowledge concept graph embedding for cold-start cognitive diagnosis[C]//Proceedings of the 46th international ACM SIGIR conference on research and development in information retrieval. 2023: 983-992.

① **TechPat: Technical Phrase Extraction for Patent Mining**

② **Technical Phrase Extraction for Patent Mining:
A Multi-level Approach**

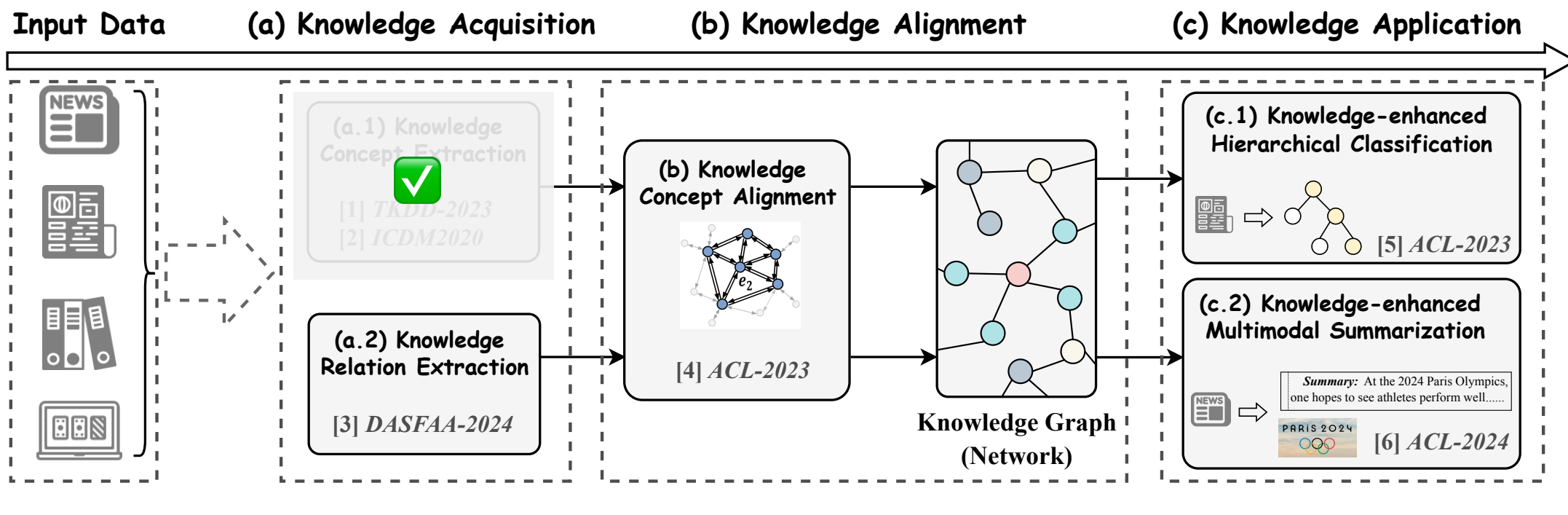
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Knowledge Acquisition



Knowledge-aware NLP techniques

- Knowledge **Acquisition**
- Knowledge Alignment
- Knowledge Application



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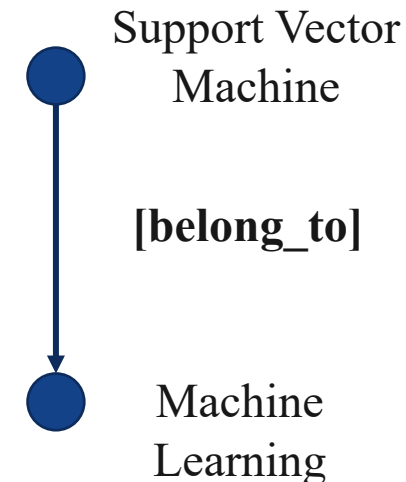
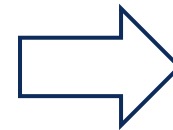


□ Knowledge Relation Extraction

- A long-studied problem
- Given the concept pair (c_1, c_2) in text, determine the relationship between two concepts: $r \in R$, where R is the set of relationships defined in advance.

■ Example:

...Support vector machines (SVMs) are supervised learning models in machine learning, which is usually adopted to.....



Knowledge Acquisition



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- Given the concept pair (c_1, c_2) in text, determine the relationship between two concepts: $r \in R$, where R is the set of relationships defined in advance.
- Low resource setting:
 - ✓ Data resources are limited: there are only K samples for each relationship in the training and validation stages.
 - ✓ $K=8 \rightarrow$ 8-shot
 - ✓ $K=16 \rightarrow$ 16-shot

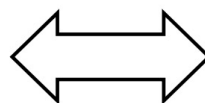
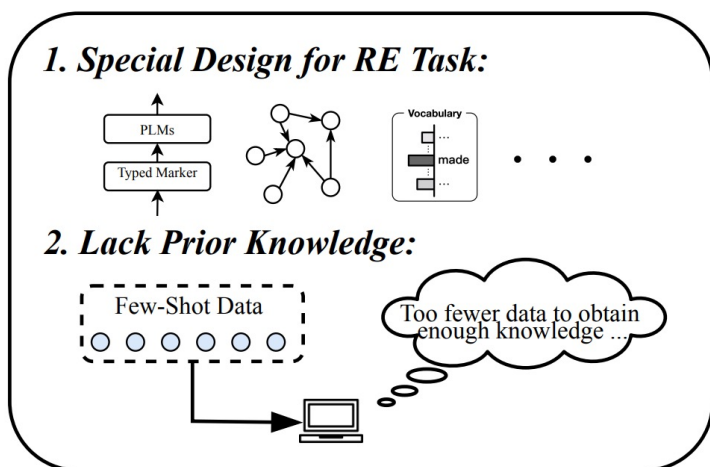
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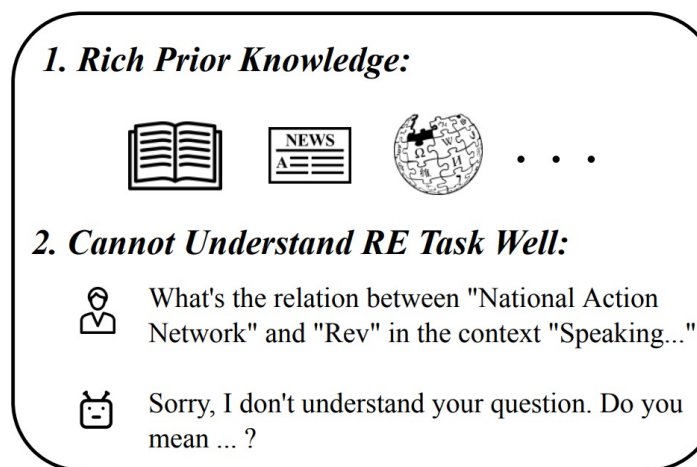
Related Work:

- Traditional Methods: KnowPrompt (WWW'2022)
 - ✓ Lacks prior knowledge in low resource settings
- LLM Methods: Unleash (ACL'2023 Workshop)
 - ✓ Has sufficient prior knowledge but struggles with specific tasks due to training on the general corpus

Traditional RE Method



LLM-based RE Method



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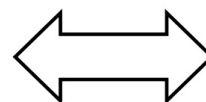
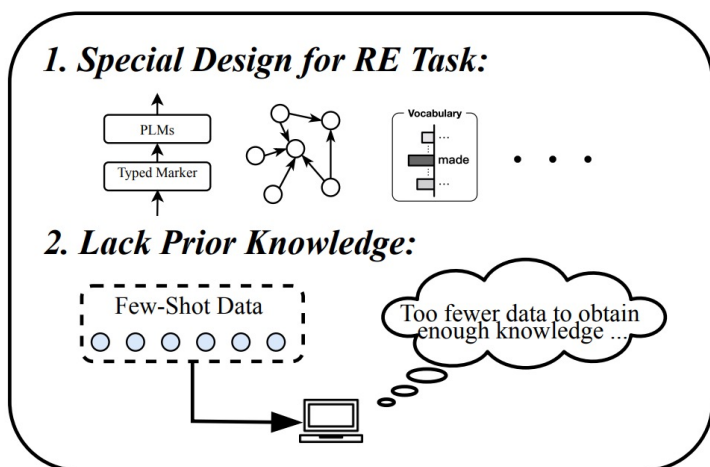
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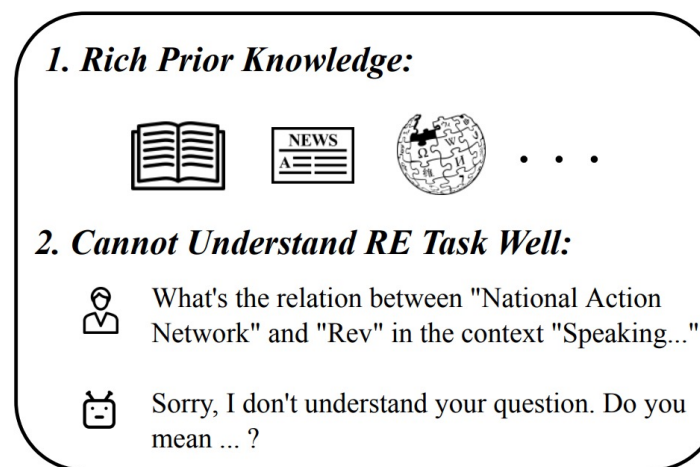
■ LLM-based Methods: KnowPrompt (WWW'2024)
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Can we integrate the strengths of the two kinds of methods to complement each other?

Traditional RE Method



LLM-based RE Method



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□ Dual-System Augmented Relation Extractor (DSARE)

■ LLM-augmented RE:

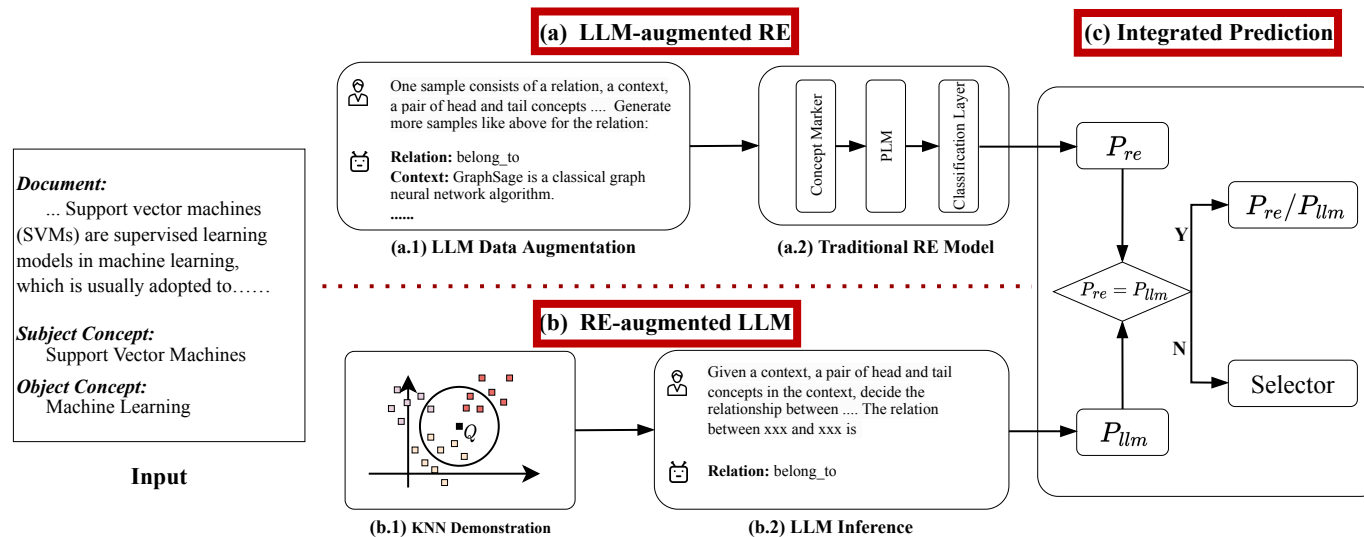
- ✓ Impart the prior knowledge inherent in LLMs to the traditional RE models

■ RE-augmented LLM:

- ✓ Transfer traditional RE model's understanding of the RE to LLMs

■ Integrated Prediction module

- ✓ Jointly consider these two respective predictions and obtain final results



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□ LLM-augmented RE:

■ Impart the prior knowledge inherent in LLMs to traditional RE models

■ (a.1) LLM Data Augmentation

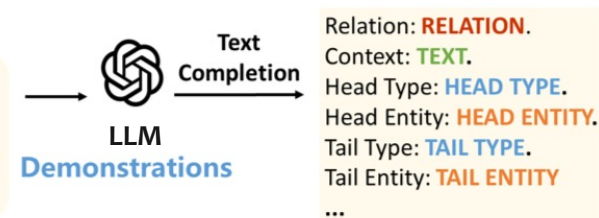
✓ LLM is guided to create more pseudo RE samples

One sample in relation extraction datasets consists of a relation, a context, a pair of head and tail entities in the context and their entity types. The head entity has the relation with the tail entity and entities are pre-categorized as the following types: [ENTITY TYPE List].

Here are some samples for relation 'RELATION':

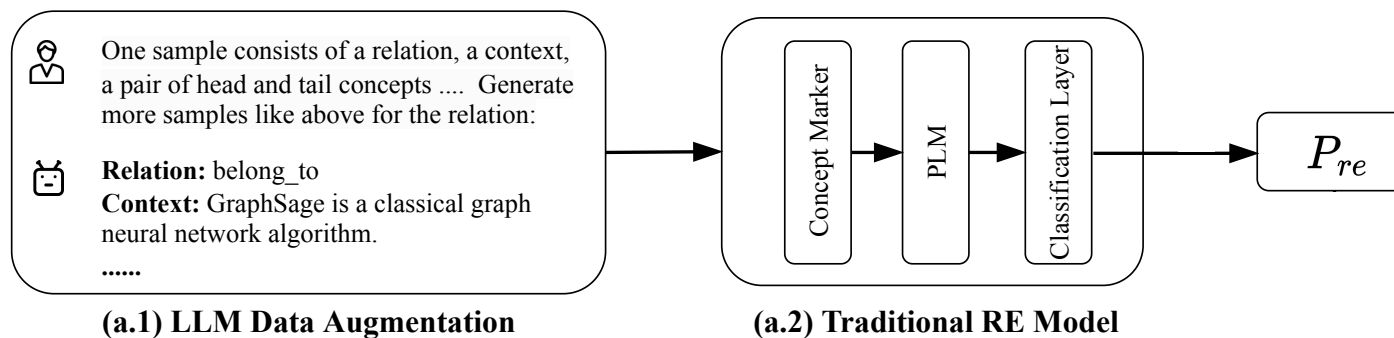
Relation: RELATION. Context: TEXT. Head Type: HEAD TYPE. Head Entity: HEAD ENTITY. Tail Type: TAIL TYPE. Tail Entity: TAIL ENTITY. × N

Generate more samples like above for the relation 'RELATION'. _____



■ (a.2) Traditional RE Model $\rightarrow P_{re}$

(a) LLM-augmented RE

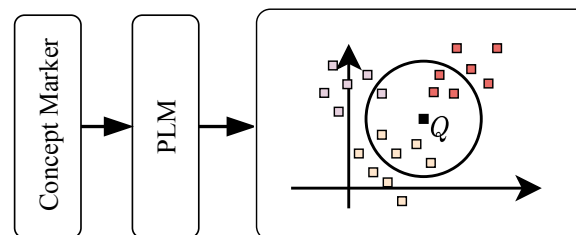


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□ RE-augmented LLM:

- Transfer traditional RE model's understanding of the RE to LLMs.
- (b.1) KNN Demonstration
 - ✓ Utilize k-nearest neighbors (KNN) search method to retrieve more valuable samples from the training set



■ (b.2) LLM Inference $\rightarrow P_{llm}$

$$P(y_{test} | Instructions \uplus \mathcal{N} \uplus x_{test})$$

Given a context, a pair of head and tail entities in the context, decide the relationship between the head and tail entities from candidate relations: [RELATION List].

Context: TEXT. The relation between (HEAD TYPE) 'HEAD ENTITY' and (TAIL TYPE) 'TAIL ENTITY' in the context is RELATION.

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□ Integrated Prediction

- Two results are equivalent $P_{re} = P_{llm}$
 - ✓ Directly yields the predicted relation
- Two results diverge $P_{re} \neq P_{llm}$
 - ✓ Implies a conflict between the traditional RE model and the Large Language Model
 - ✓ Retrieve m samples labeled with these two relations from the training dataset
 - ✓ Ask the LLM to obtain the final result P_f

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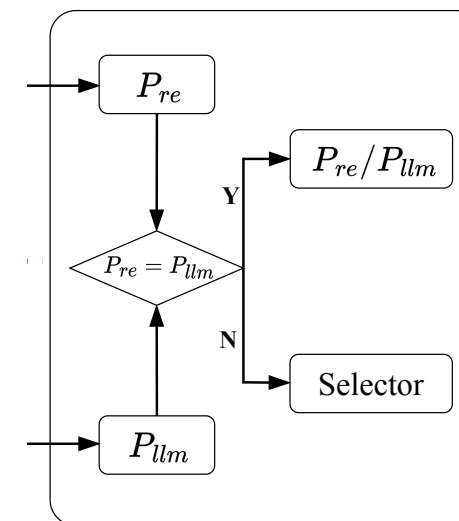
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Knowledge Acquisition



□ Experiments

■ Datasets

- ✓ TACRED
- ✓ TACREV...

Dataset	#Train	#Dev	#Test	#Rel
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TACREV	8/16/32	8/16/32	15,509	42
Re-TACRED	8/16/32	8/16/32	13,418	40

■ Compared Baselines

- ✓ Traditional methods: TYP Marker, PTR, Knowprompt ...
- ✓ LLM Methods: GPT-3.5, Llama2 ..

■ Few-shot Setting

- ✓ K = 8, 16, 32

■ Evaluation Metrics

- ✓ Micro F1-score

Methods	TACRED			TACREV			Re-TACRED		
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② PTR	28.34	29.39	30.45	28.63	29.75	30.79	47.80	53.83	60.99
③ KnowPrompt	30.30	33.53	34.42	30.47	33.54	33.86	56.74	61.90	65.92
④ GenPT	35.45	35.58	35.61	33.81	33.93	36.72	57.03	57.66	65.25
⑤ GPT-3.5	29.72			29.98			39.06		
⑥ LLama-2	22.68			21.96			34.31		
⑦ Zephyr	37.10			38.83			35.81		
⑧ Unleash	32.24	33.81	34.76	32.70	34.53	35.28	58.29	64.37	66.03
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First attempt to combine traditional RE models with LLMs



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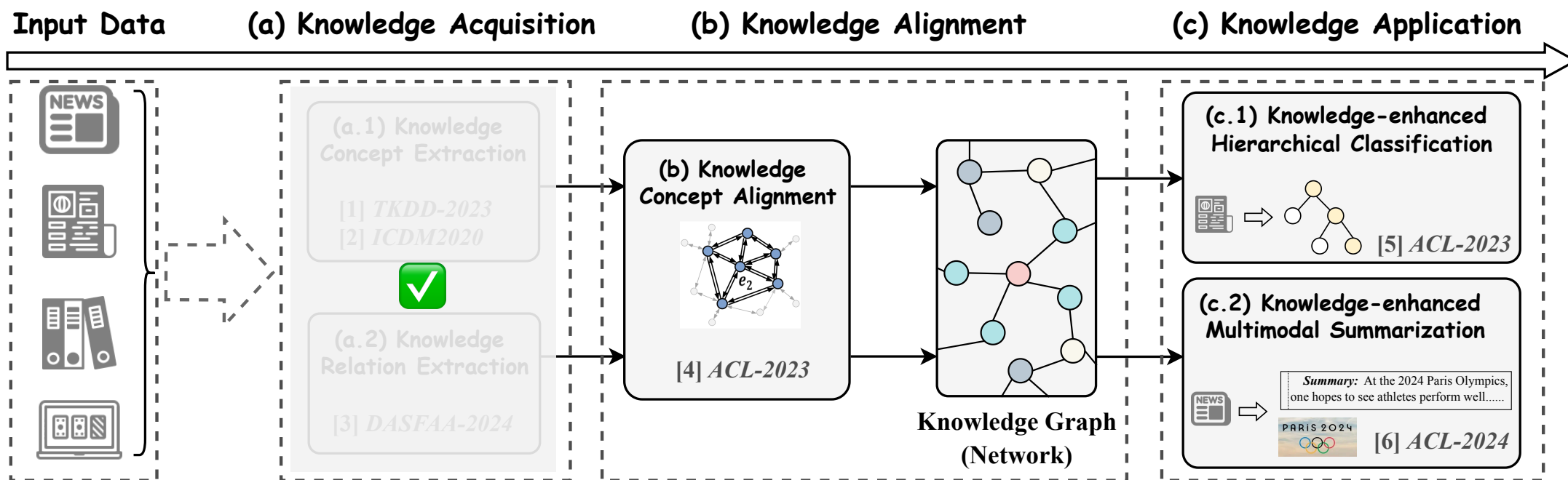
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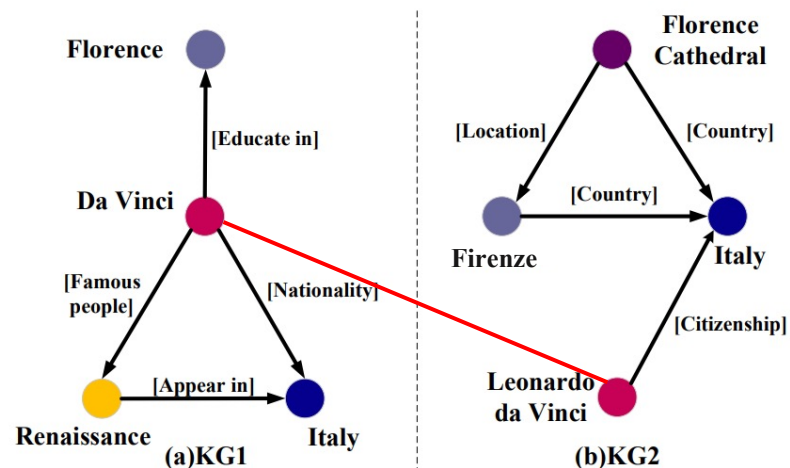
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Knowledge Concept Alignment

- Given two knowledge graphs, knowledge concept alignment aims to find equivalent concepts across two KGs.

✓ Da Vinci ~ Leonardo da Vinci



- A single KG is usually incomplete
- Concept alignment is a crucial task for knowledge graph fusion

Knowledge Alignment



□ Related Work

■ Existing methods

- ✓ **Translational Principle:** TransE, MtransE, IPTransE, AlignE
- ✓ **Neighbor-based Models:** GCNAlign, AliNet, HyperKA

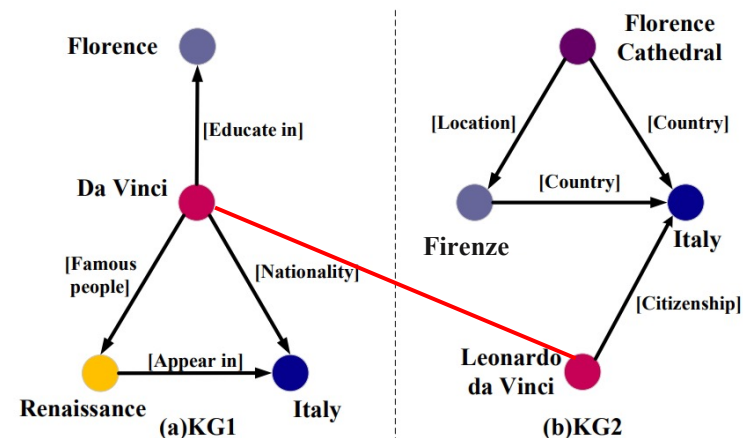
➔ **Fail to separate relation from concept representation**

- ✓ **Relation-based Models:** RSN4EA, KE-GCN, IMEA

➔ **Simple functions as message functions, barely distinguishing relations from concepts**

Challenge 1:

Distinction between KG concept and relation



Knowledge Alignment



Related Work

Challenge 2:

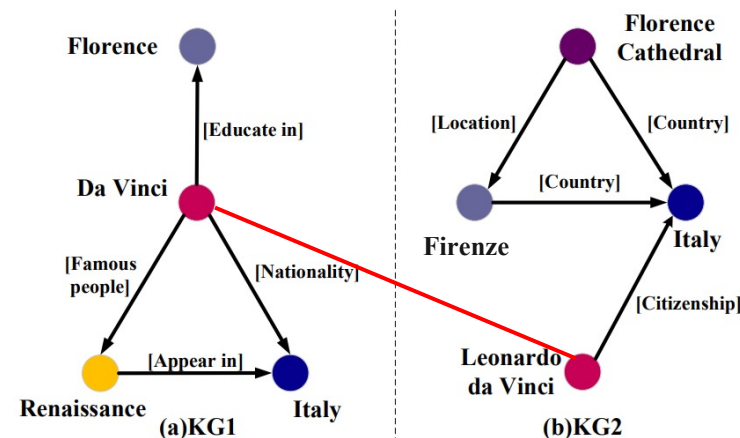
Heterogeneity between different knowledge graphs

(1) Neighbor Heterogeneity

- ✓ Same concept, different neighbors.
- ✓ Da Vinci: 3 neighbors in KG1; Leonardo da Vinci: 1 neighbor in KG2

(2) Relation heterogeneity

- ✓ Same relation, various expressions.
- ✓ (Italy, Nationality, Da Vinci) in KG1
- ✓ (Italy, Citizenship, Leonardo da Vinci) in KG2

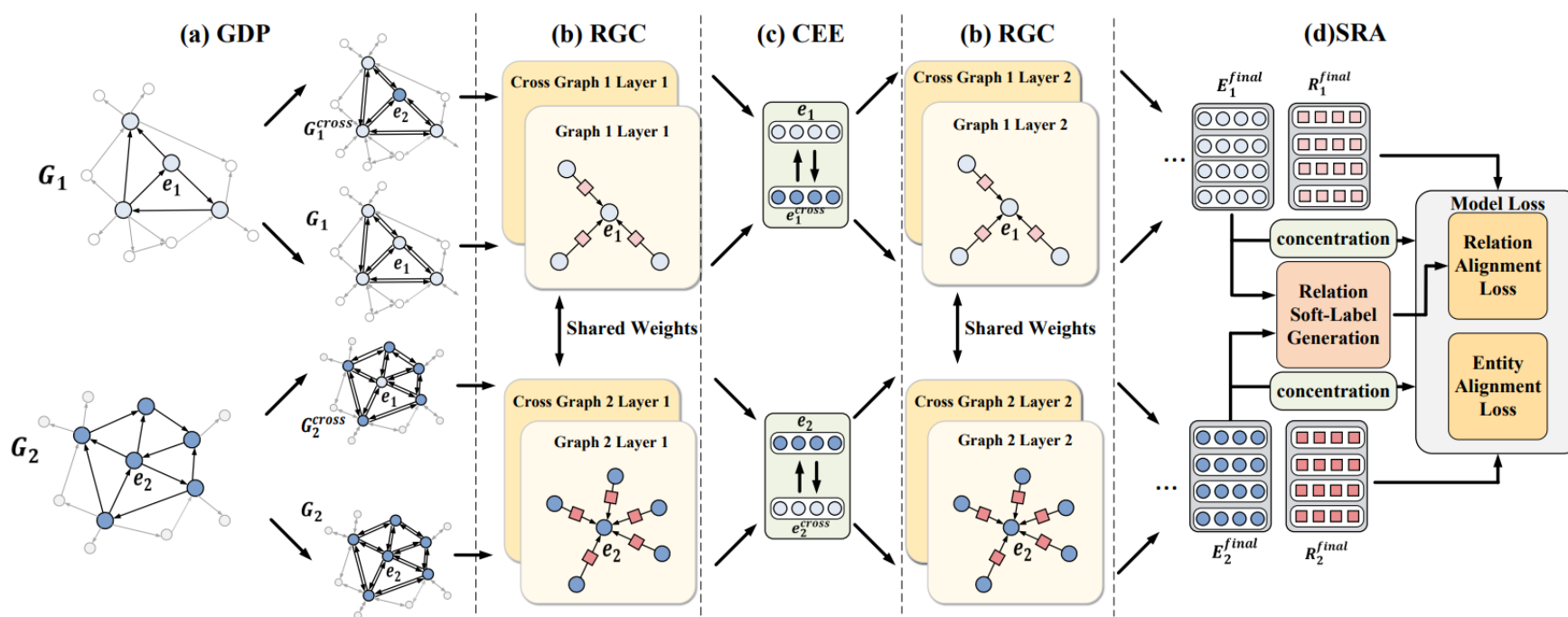


Knowledge Alignment



Relation-gated Heterogeneous Graph Network (RHGH)

- (a) Graph Data Preprocessing (GDP): Preprocesses graphs
- (b) Relation Gated Convolution (RGC): Aggregate information of concept and rels.
- (c) Cross-graph Embedding Exchange(CEE): Exchanges embeddings of cross graphs
- (d) Soft Relation Alignment (SRA): Produce soft labels for relation alignment



Knowledge Alignment



Graph Data Preprocessing (GDP)

Inverse Relation Embedding

- ✓ Complete unidirectional relation.
- ✓ Inverse relation: $r_{inv_i} = W_{inv} r_i$
- ✓ New graph:

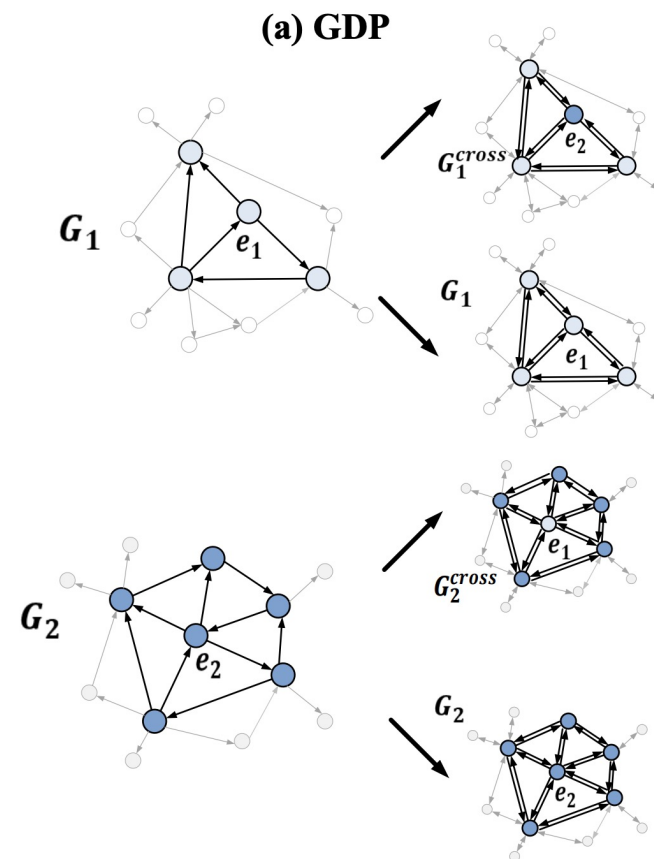
$$T' = T \cup \{(t, r_{inv}, h) | (h, r, t) \in T\}$$

Cross Graph Construction

- ✓ Address neighbor heterogeneity
- ✓ Cross Graph:

$$e_1^{cross} = \begin{cases} e_2 & \text{if } e_1 \in S'_{KG_1, KG_2} \text{ and } e_1 \sim e_2 \\ e_1 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

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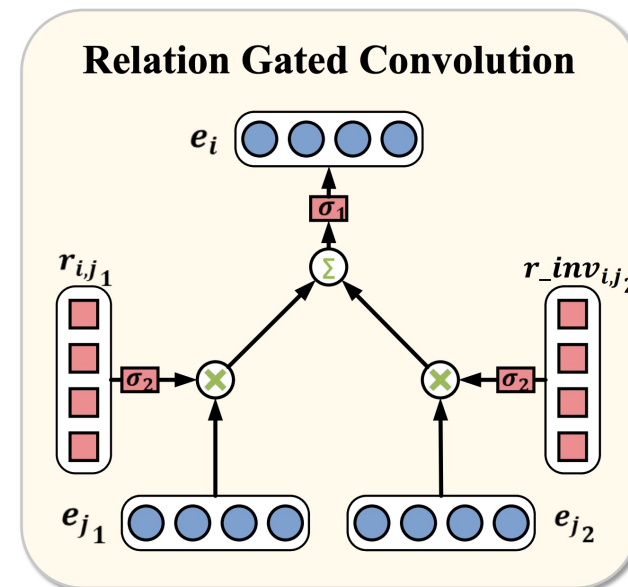
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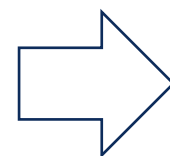
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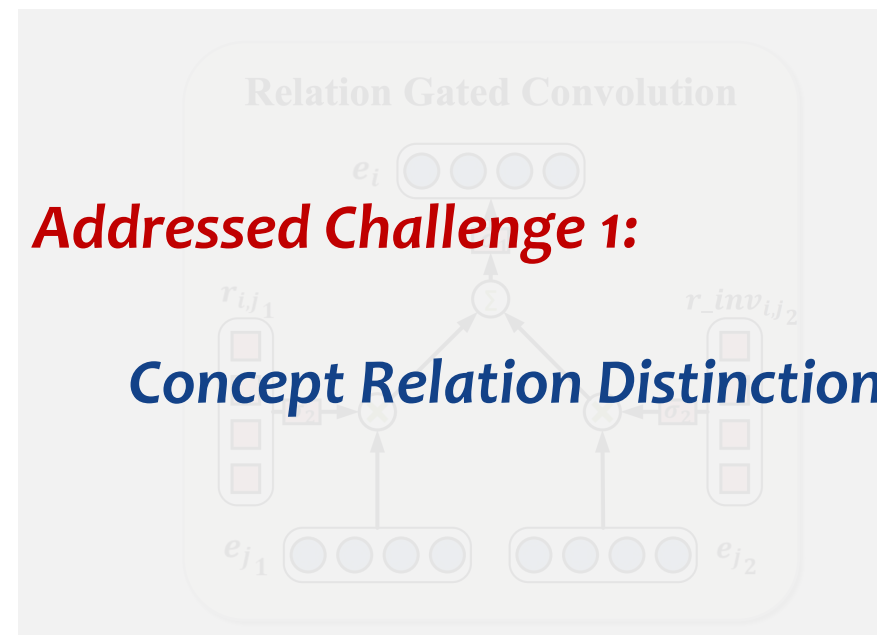
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Addressed Challenge 1:

Concept Relation Distinction



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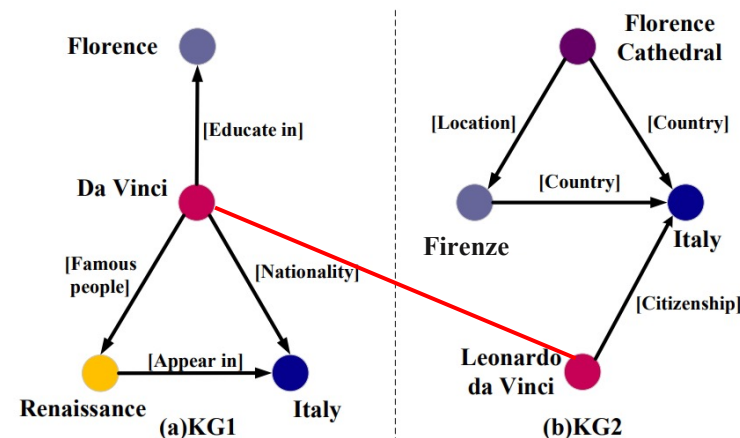
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- Traditional method:
 - ✓ 4 edges and 3 nodes
- Our CEE:
 - ✓ 3 edges and 2 nodes



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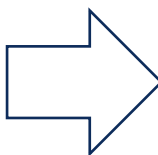
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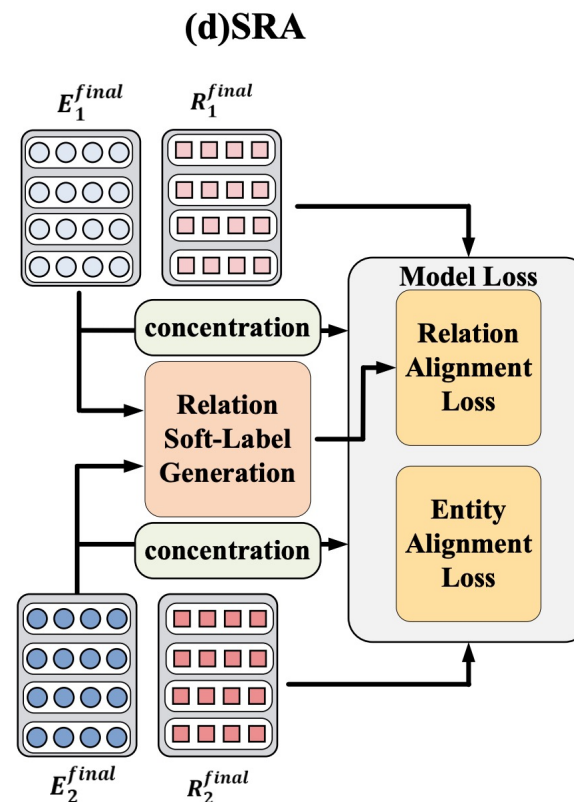
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 - Relation label embedding

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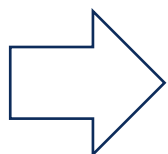
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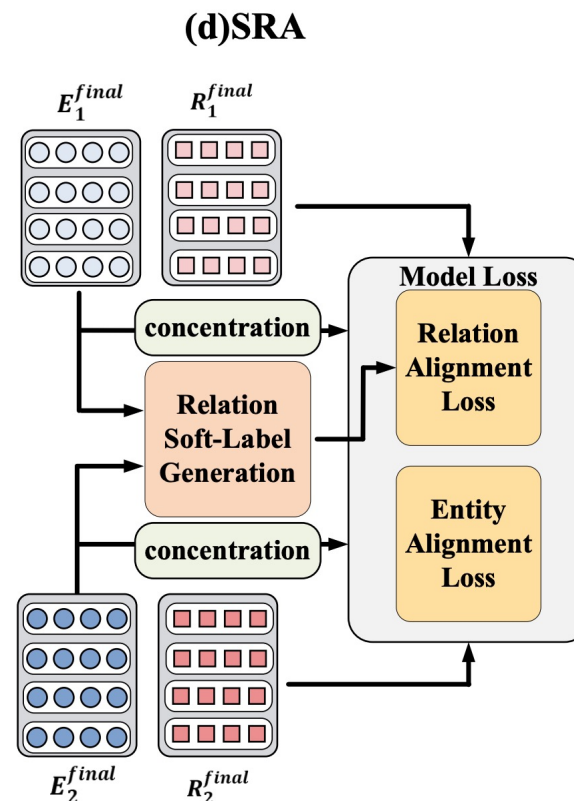
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Addressed Challenge 2.2:
Relation Heterogeneity



Knowledge Alignment



Training

Concept Alignment Loss

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- ✓ Shorten distance of aligned concepts
- ✓ Pull away non-aligned concepts

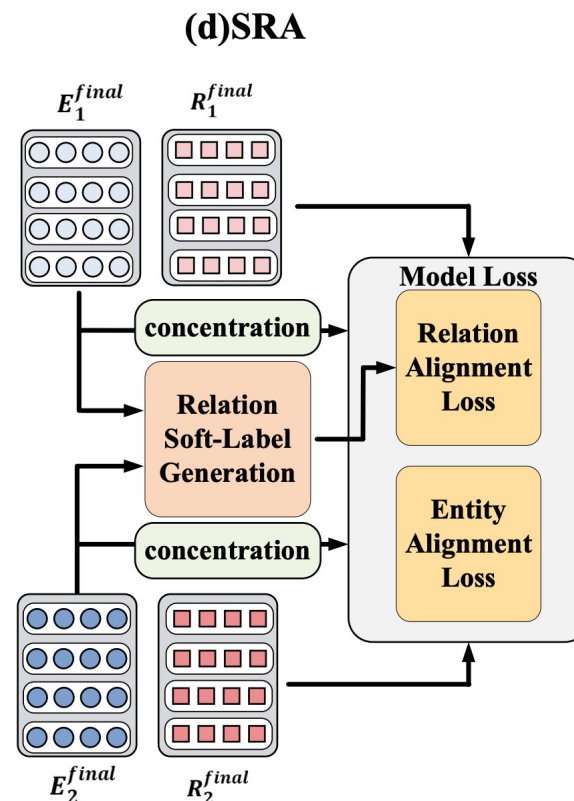
$$\mathcal{L}_1 = \sum_{(i,j) \in A^+} \|e_i - e_j\| + \sum_{(i',j') \in A^-} \alpha_1 [\lambda - \|e_{i'} - e_{j'}\|]_+$$

Relation Alignment Loss

- ✓ Multi-label classification task
- ✓ Cosine similarity of relations: $x_{ij} = \cos(r_i, r_j)$
- ✓ Multi-label soft margin loss:

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = -\frac{1}{|R|} \sum_i (y_i \cdot \log\left(\frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x_i)}\right) + (1 - y_i) \cdot \log\left(\frac{\exp(-x_i)}{1 + \exp(-x_i)}\right)).$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathcal{L}_2$$



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Experiments

Datasets

- ✓ DBpedia: English-French and English-German
- ✓ DBpedia-Wikidata and DBpedia-YAGO

Compared Baselines

- ✓ Triple-based Models: MTransE, IPTransE, AlignE, SEA
- ✓ Neighbor-based Models: GCNAlign, AliNet, HyperKA
- ✓ Relation-enhanced Models: RSN4EA, KE-GCN, IMEA

Dataset	KG	#Ent.	#Rel.	#Rel tr.
EN-FR	EN	15,000	267	47,334
	FR	15,000	210	40,864
EN-DE	EN	15,000	215	47,676
	DE	15,000	131	50,419
D-W	DB	15,000	248	38,265
	WD	15,000	169	42,746
D-Y	DB	15,000	165	30,291
	YG	15,000	28	26,638

Evaluation Metrics

- ✓ Hits@1, Hits@5
- ✓ MRR

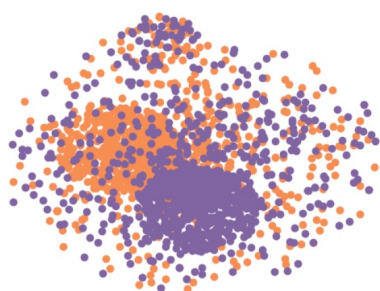
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Triple-based	MTransE	0.247	0.467	0.351	0.307	0.518	0.407	0.259	0.461	0.354	0.463	0.675	0.559
	IPTransE	0.169	0.320	0.243	0.350	0.515	0.430	0.232	0.380	0.303	0.313	0.456	0.378
	AlignE	0.357	0.611	0.473	0.552	0.741	0.638	0.406	0.627	0.506	0.551	0.743	0.636
	SEA	0.280	0.530	0.397	0.530	0.718	0.617	0.360	0.572	0.458	0.500	0.706	0.591
Neighbor-based	GCN-Align	0.338	0.589	0.451	0.481	0.679	0.571	0.364	0.580	0.461	0.465	0.626	0.536
	AliNet	0.364	0.597	0.467	0.604	0.759	0.673	0.440	0.628	0.522	0.559	0.690	0.617
	HyperKA	0.353	0.630	0.477	0.560	0.780	0.656	0.440	0.686	0.548	0.568	0.777	0.659
Relation-enhanced	RSN4EA	0.393	0.595	0.487	0.587	0.752	0.662	0.441	0.615	0.521	0.514	0.655	0.580
	KE-GCN	0.408	0.670	0.524	0.658	0.822	0.730	0.519	0.727	0.608	0.560	0.750	0.644
	IMEA	0.458	0.720	0.574	0.639	0.827	0.724	0.527	0.753	0.626	0.639	0.804	0.712
Ours	RHGN	0.500	0.739	0.603	0.704	0.859	0.771	0.560	0.753	0.644	0.708	0.831	0.762

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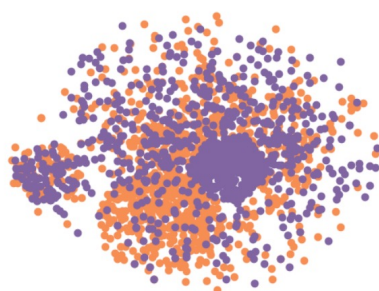


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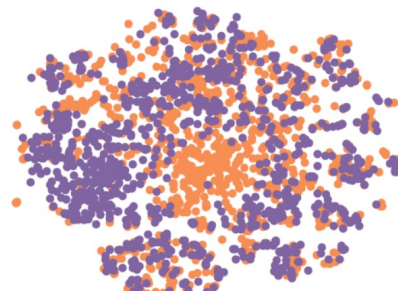
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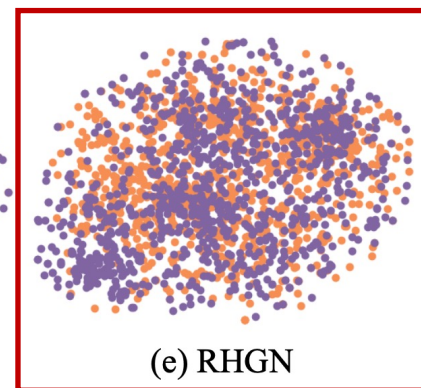
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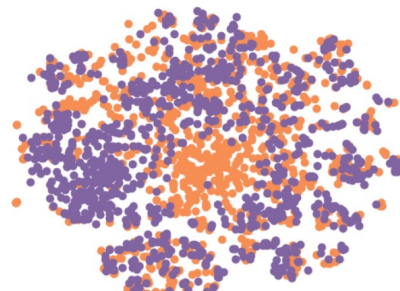
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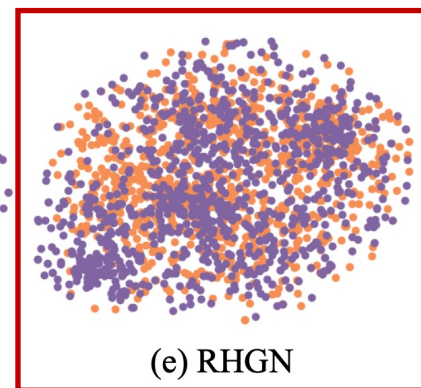
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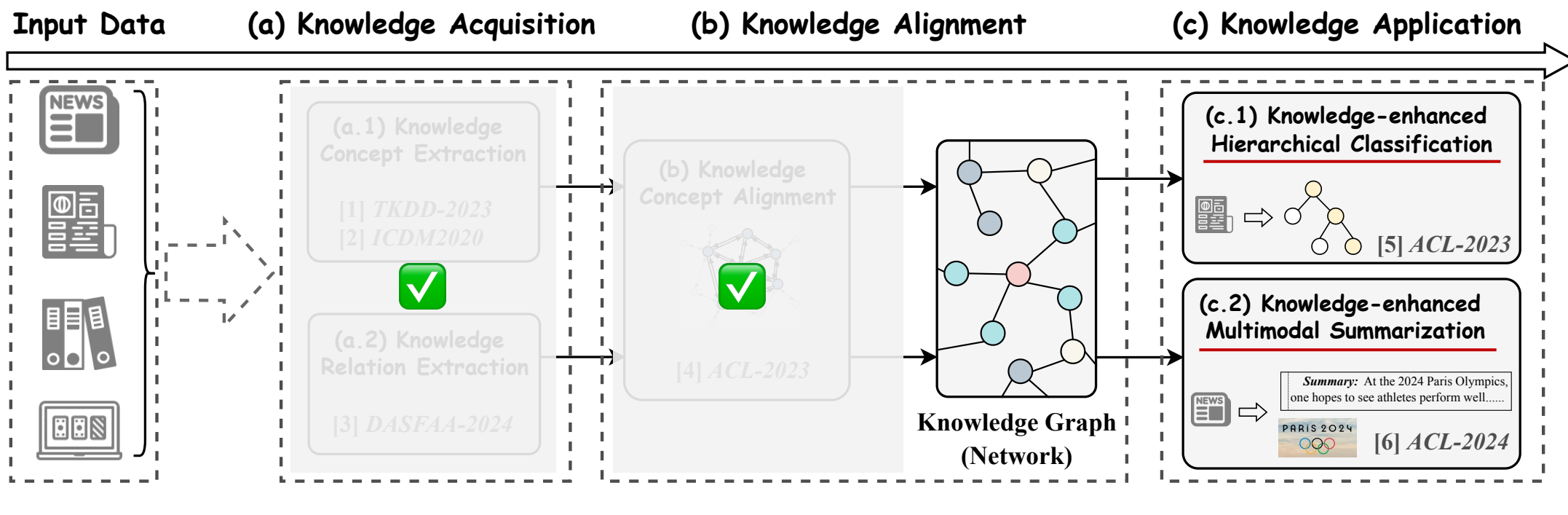
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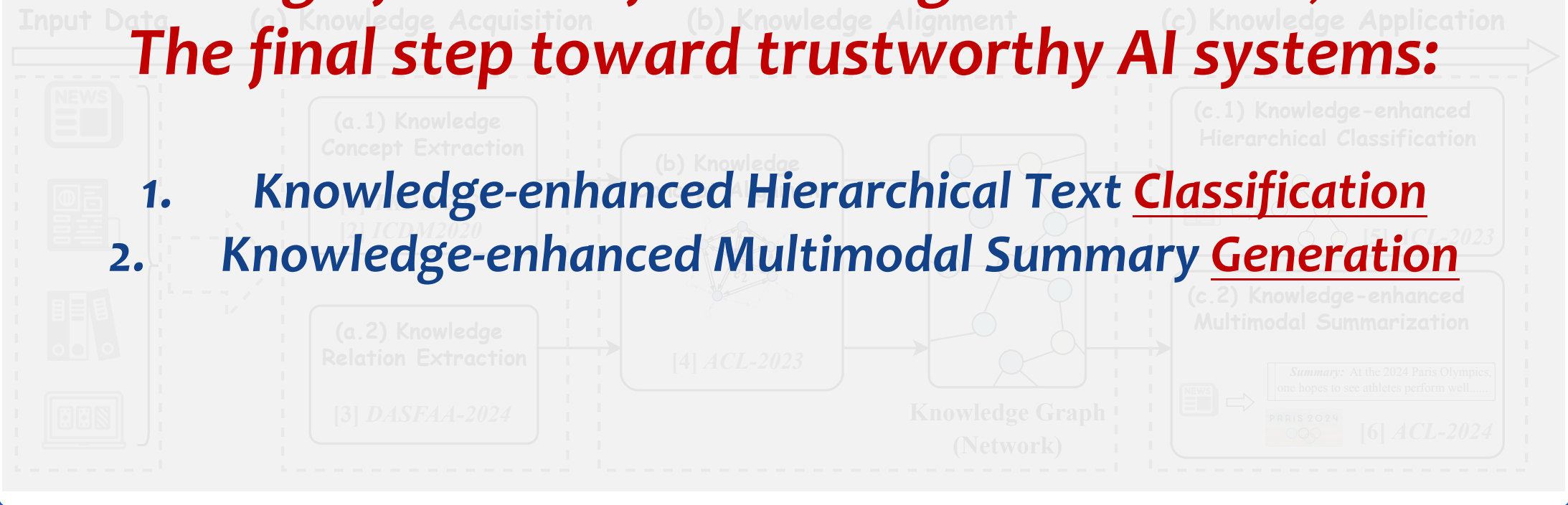
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Crucial in demonstrating the significance of Knowledge-aware NLP, The final step toward trustworthy AI systems:

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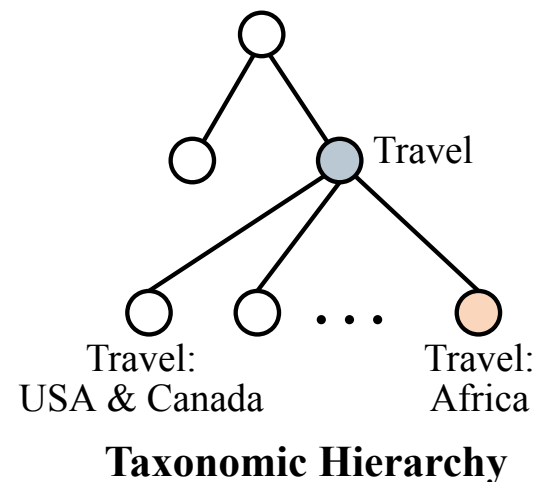
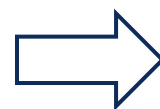


□ Knowledge-enhanced Hierarchical Text Classification

- Given an input document and a pre-defined **hierarchical classification structure**, classify the document into one or more paths in the hierarchy.

- Example:

It is as vast as the USA and so arid that most bacteria cannot survive there.
The author came to the Sahara to see it as its inhabitants do, riding its public transport, from Algiers to Dakar



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Existing approaches for HTC mainly focus on the representation learning from the input text and hierarchical label structure.

HTC Methods

- **Local Methods [1,2]**
- **Training multiple classifiers, each responsible for the corresponding local region (e.g., each label or level).**

HTC Methods

- **Global Methods [3,4,5]**
- **Building a single classifier for all classes, which will take the class hierarchy as a whole into account.**

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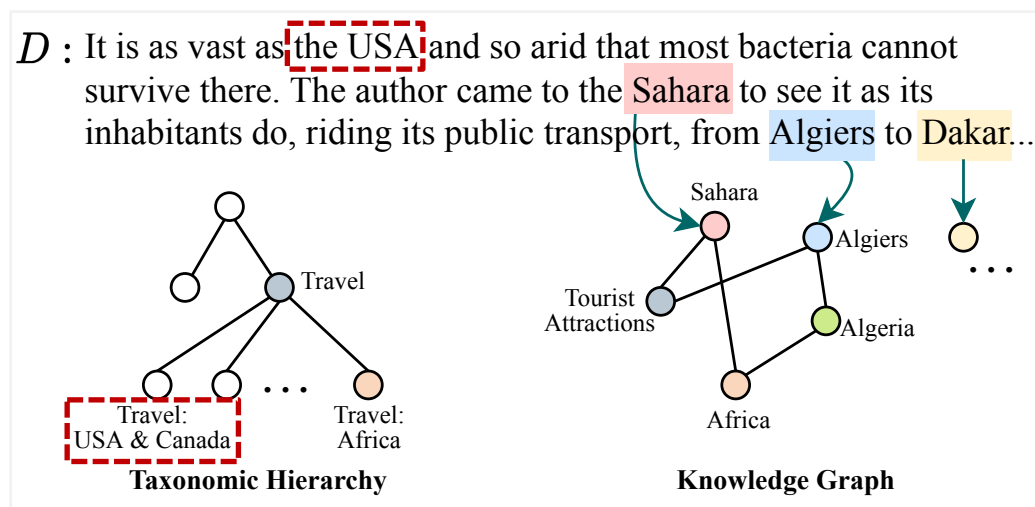
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Shortcomings

- These approaches without **domain knowledge** have significant limitations and may lead to mistakes in many domain-specific cases.
- In this toy example, these methods may classify a document as belonging to the category **Travel: USA & Canada** simply based on the presence of the phrase **The USA** in the document.



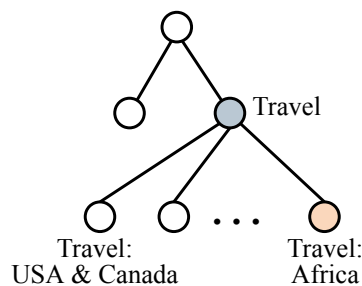
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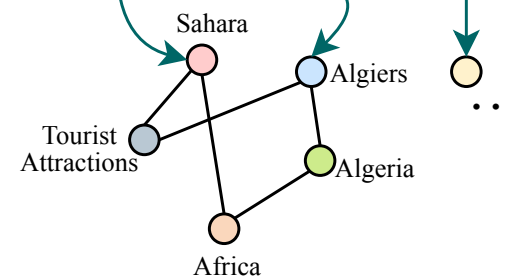
Shortcomings

- If machines are equipped with a relevant knowledge graph, they can mine more information from other concepts, such as Sahara and Algiers.
- With the above relevant knowledge, machines will be more facilitated to make the correct inference, i.e., Travel and Travel: Africa in the taxonomic hierarchy.

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Taxonomic Hierarchy



Knowledge Graph

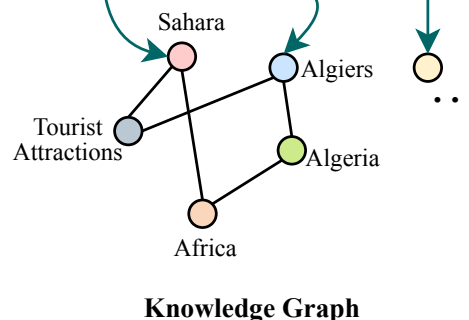
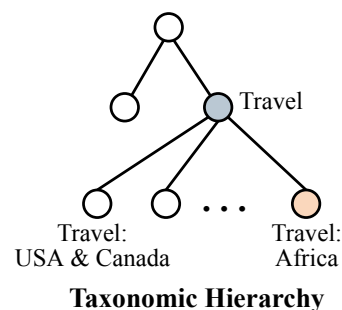
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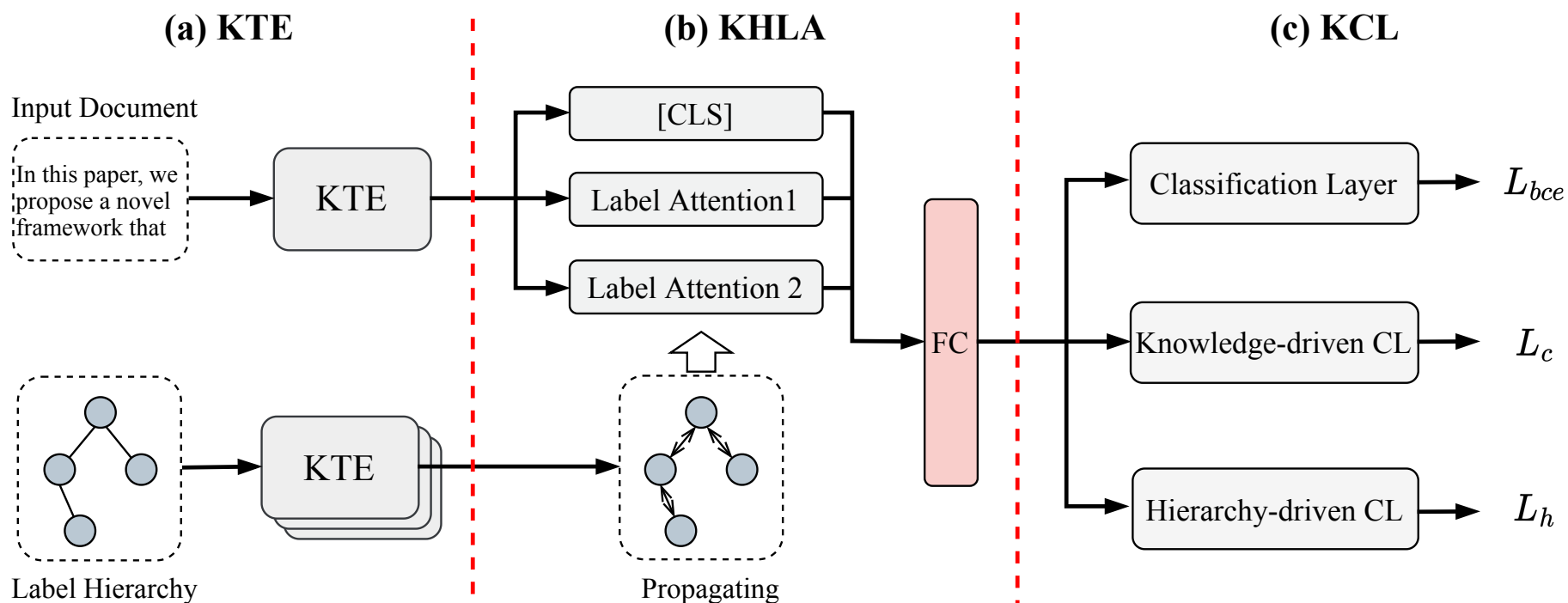
How to incorporate the knowledge from KGs into HTC process to mitigate the knowledge limitation problem?

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Knowledge-enhanced Hierarchical Text Classification

- Knowledge-aware **Text Encoder** (KTE)
- Knowledge-aware **Hierarchical Label Attention** (KHLA)
- Knowledge-aware **Contrastive Learning** (KCL)



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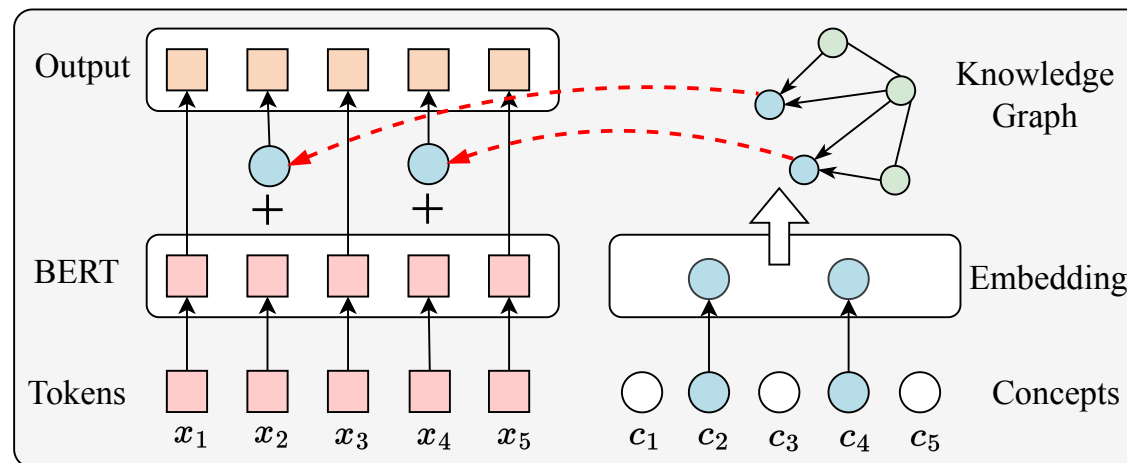
Knowledge-aware Text Encoder

- Fuse the text representation and its corresponding concept representation learned from KGs at the word granularity

$$\{w_1, \dots, w_N\} = BERT(\{x_1, \dots, x_N\})$$

$$\{u_1, \dots, u_N\} = U(\{c_1, \dots, c_N\})$$

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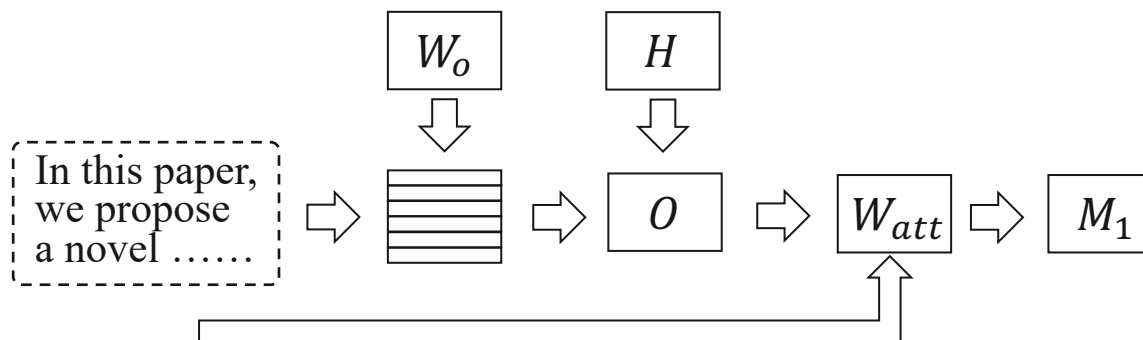
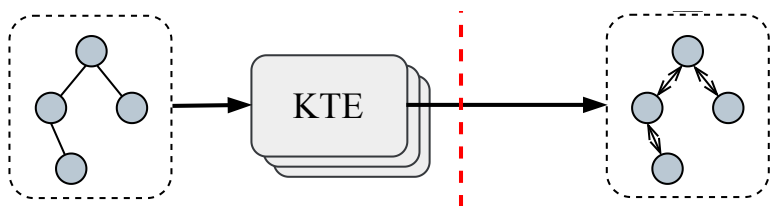


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Knowledge-aware Hierarchical Label Attention

- Employs external knowledge from KGs for label representation and optimizes it based on the hierarchical structure, which further enhances the document representation via a label attention mechanism.



$$R_l^i = \text{mean}(KTE(L_i)), i = 1, \dots, K,$$

$$R_l = [R_l^1, R_l^2, \dots, R_l^K],$$

$$H^{(l+1)} = \sigma(\tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{A} \tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} H^{(l)} W^{(l)}),$$

$$R_d = KTE(D),$$

$$O = \tanh(W_o \cdot R_d^T),$$

$$W_{att} = \text{softmax}(H \cdot O),$$

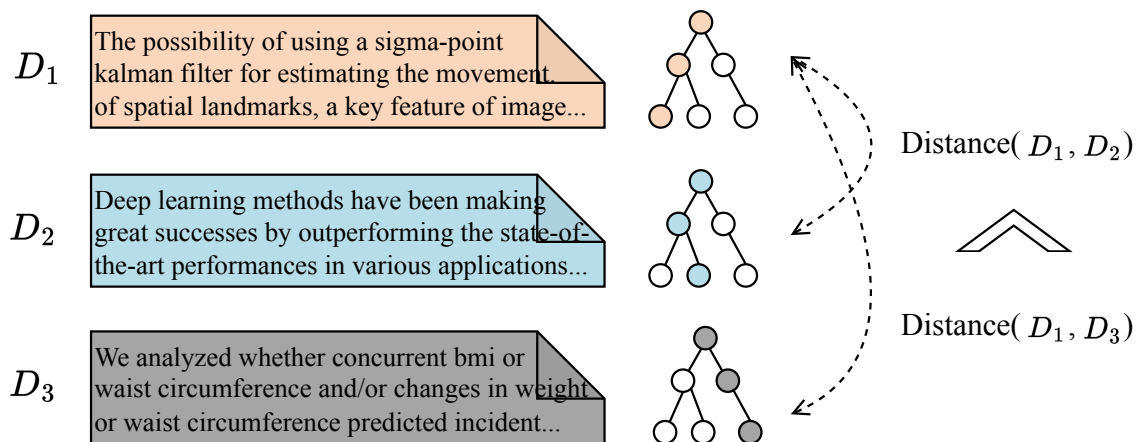
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Knowledge-aware Contrastive Learning

- The hierarchical structure / knowledge sharing may give another perspective (progressive distance relationship) on how to further improve the classification performance.



Share Label Illustration

Hierarchical Level	BGC	WOS
L-1	4.29	5.82
L-2	4.93	8.00
L-3	5.96	—
L-4	5.94	—
Total	3.12	4.87

Share Knowledge Concept Illustration

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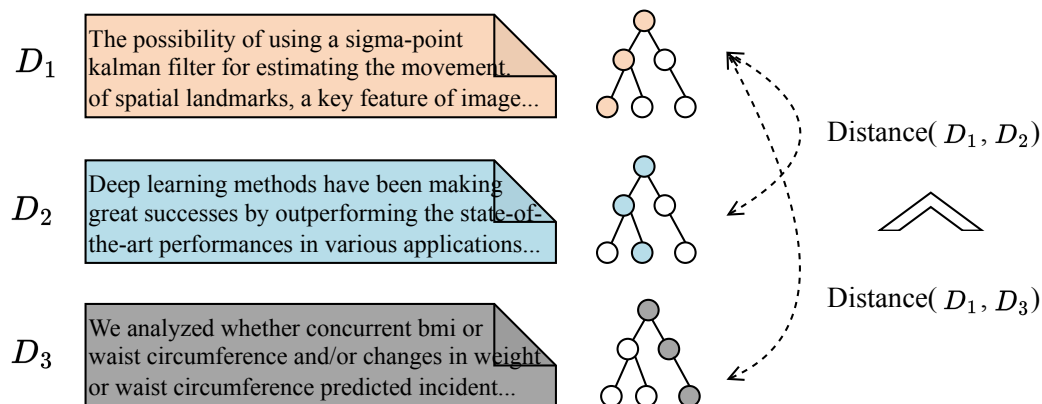
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- Progressive Distance Loss:

$$L_c^{ij} = -\beta_{ij} \log \frac{e^{-d(z_i, z_j)/\tau}}{\sum_{k \in g(i)} e^{-d(z_i, z_k)/\tau}},$$

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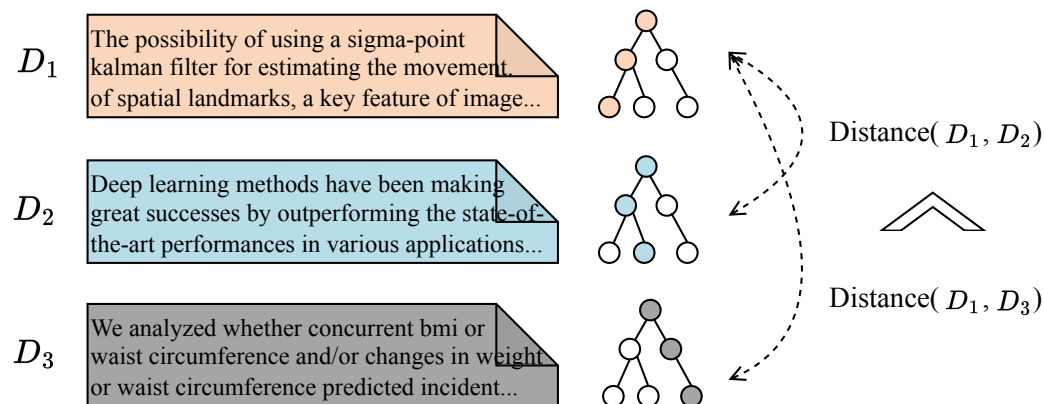
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Experiments

Datasets

- ✓ BlurbGenreCollection-EN (BGC)
- ✓ Web-of-Science (WOS)

Compared Baselines

- ✓ Hierarchy-Aware Methods: HiAGM, HTCInfoMax, HiMatch
- ✓ Pre-trained Language Methods: KW-BERT, HGCLR, HPT ...

Evaluation Metrics

- ✓ Precision, Recall,
- ✓ Macro-F1, Micro-F1

Statistics	BGC	WOS
# total categories	146	141
# hierarchical levels	4	2
# avg categories per instance	3.01	2.0
# train instance	58,715	30,070
# dev instance	14,785	7,518
# test instance	18,394	9,397

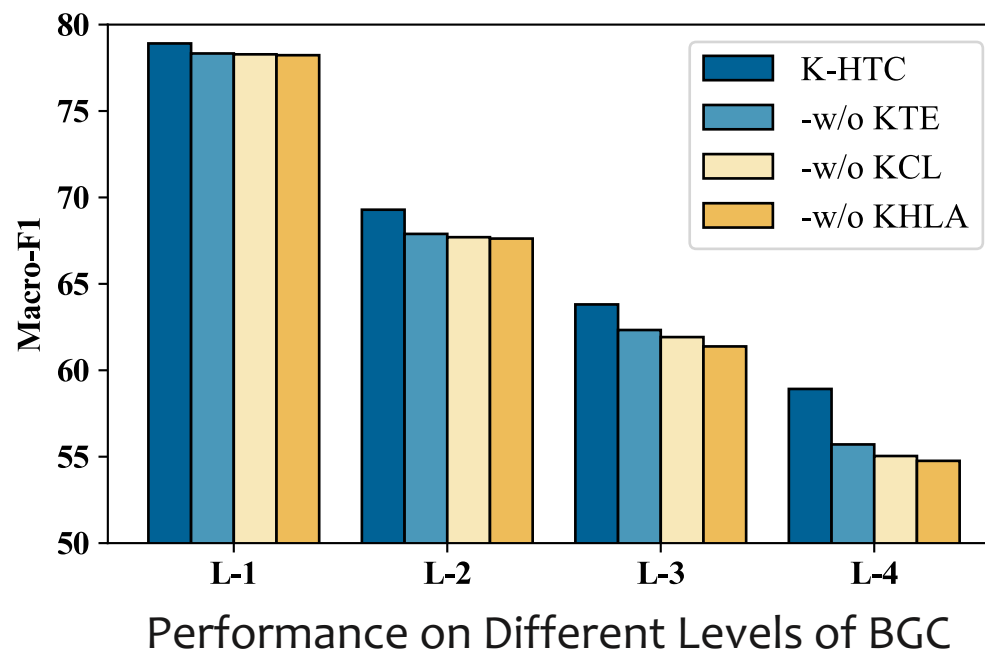
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	Precision	Recall	Macro-F1	Micro-F1	Precision	Recall	Macro-F1	Micro-F1
Hierarchy-Aware Methods								
HiAGM	57.41	53.45	54.71	74.49	82.77	78.12	80.05	85.95
HTCInfoMax	61.58	52.38	55.18	73.52	80.90	77.27	78.64	84.65
HiMatch	59.50	52.88	55.08	74.98	83.26	77.94	80.09	86.04
Pre-trained Language Methods								
HiAGM+BERT	65.61	61.79	62.98	78.62	81.81	78.86	80.09	85.83
HTCInfoMax+BERT	65.47	62.15	62.87	78.47	79.95	79.59	79.33	85.18
HiMatch+BERT	64.67	62.05	62.62	79.23	82.29	80.00	80.92	86.46
KW-BERT	66.39	62.68	63.72	79.24	82.88	78.75	80.30	86.19
HGCLR	67.65	61.28	63.64	79.36	83.67	79.30	81.02	87.01
HPT	70.27	62.70	65.33	80.72	83.71	79.74	81.10	86.82
K-HTC (ours)	71.26	63.31	65.99	80.52	84.15	80.01	81.69	87.29

Knowledge Application



Effect of Knowledge on Different Levels

- As the level deepens, the performance of all methods decreases, indicating the classification difficulty increases significantly.
- And the gap between K-HTC and its ablation variants widens as the depth increases.



Knowledge Application



Effect of Knowledge on Different Levels

- As the depth of the knowledge graph increases, the performance of the model improves.
- And the performance gap between knowledge-enhanced and its all is larger as the depth increases.

Knowledge Graph

Necessary

Effective

(c.1) Knowledge-enhanced Hierarchical Classification

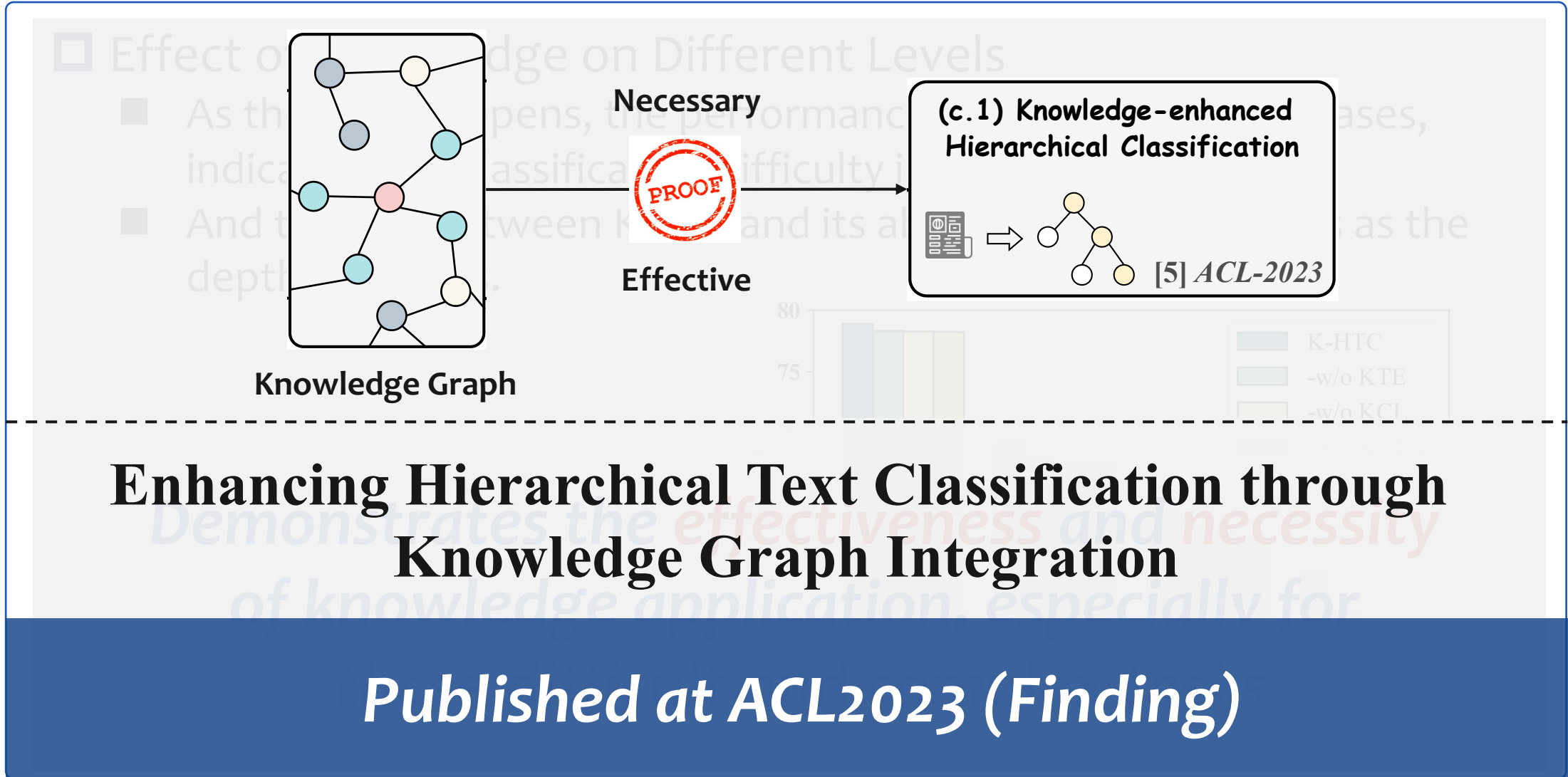
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Demonstrates the *effectiveness and necessity* of knowledge application, especially for these difficult and complex tasks

Performance on Different Levels of BGC

Level	K-HTC	-w/o KTE	-w/o KCL	-w/o KHLA
L-1	~78	~77	~77	~77
L-2	~78	~77	~77	~77
L-3	~78	~77	~77	~77
L-4	~78	~77	~77	~77

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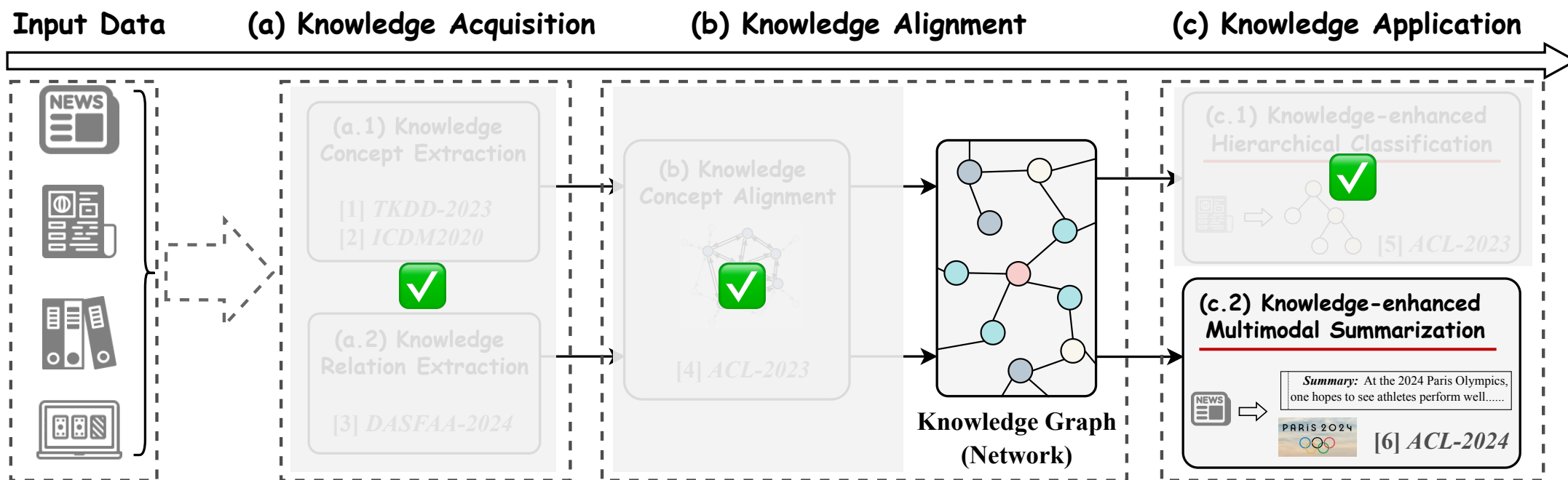


Knowledge Application



Knowledge-aware NLP techniques

- Knowledge Acquisition
- Knowledge Alignment
- Knowledge **Application**



Knowledge Application



□ Knowledge-enhanced Multimodal Summarization

- Given the source text and corresponding source images, MSMO aims to produce a multimodal summary with a textual abstract alongside a pertinent image.

Input

Source Images:

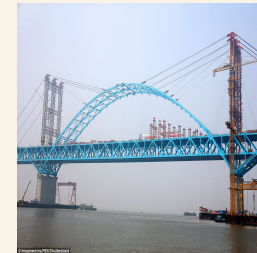


Source Text:

An amazing video has shown how the Chinese workers built the world 's longest rail-road steel arch bridge . The Hutong Yangtze River Bridge , crossing the greatest river in China ... the closure of an arch on the Tianshenggang Channel Bridge , a section of the Hutong Yangtze River Bridge , on Sunday ... The completion of the arch is a critical step in the construction of the massive rail-road bridge ...

Output

Multimodal Summary:



The Hutong Yangtze River Bridge , which cost a whopping # 1.7 billion , is a rail-road steel arch bridge . Amazing footage shows the completion of one steel arch on the massive 6.8-mile-long ...

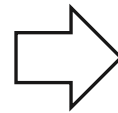
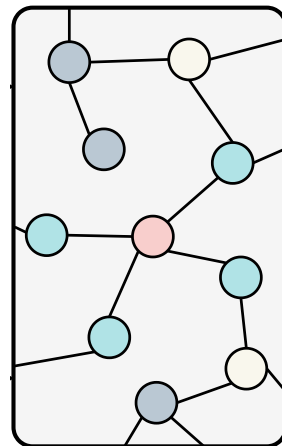
Knowledge Application



Related Work

- Previous studies focus on text and image representations. However, visual objects typically align with knowledge concepts in the text, which can be related through KGs
- Utilize KGs to mine the knowledge concepts from input text

Knowledge Graph



Input

Source Images:



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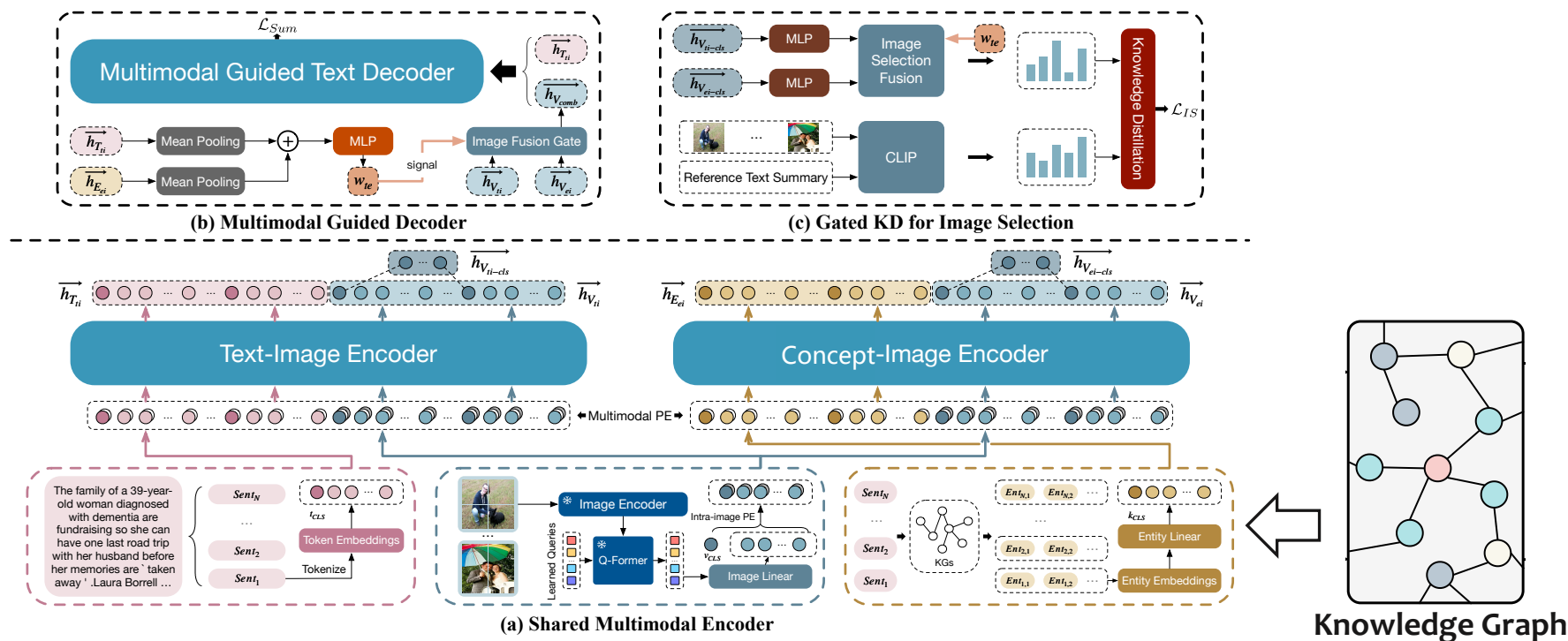
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Knowledge Concept-Guided Multimodal Summarization model

- Knowledge-enhanced Shared Multimodal Encoder
- Knowledge-enhanced Multimodal Guided Decoder
- Gated Knowledge Distillation for Image Selection

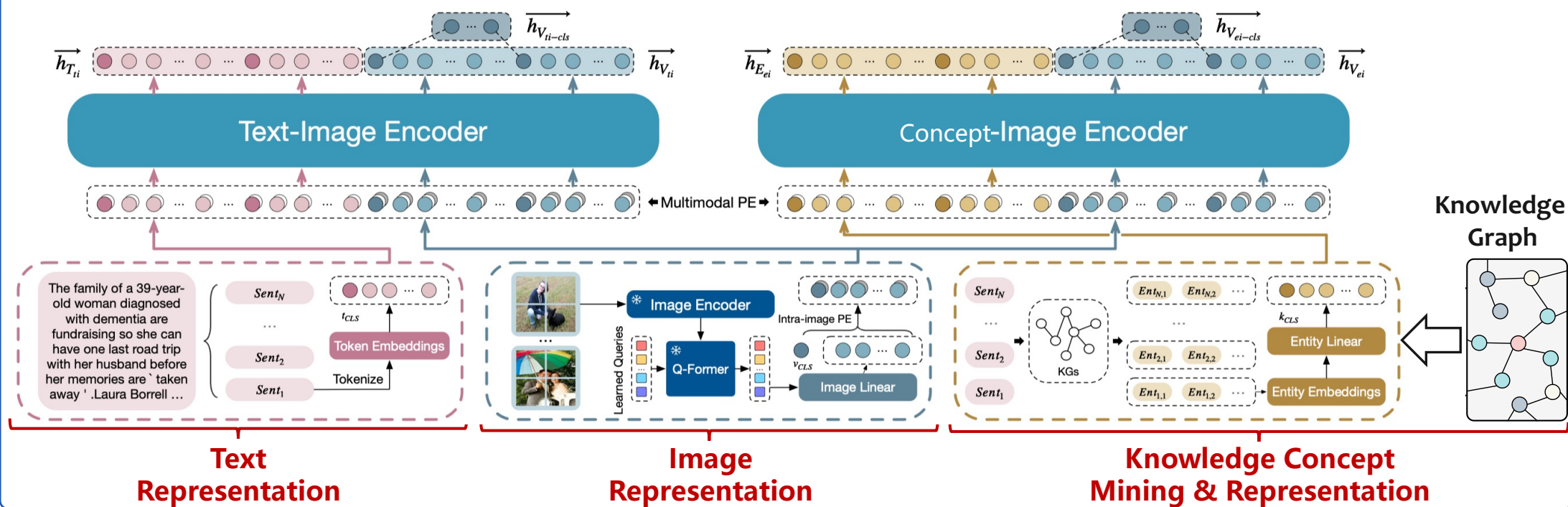


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Knowledge-enhanced Shared Multimodal Encoder

- Mine knowledge concepts from KGs
- Expands BART to two weight-sharing encoders for text, image, and knowledge concept interactions.

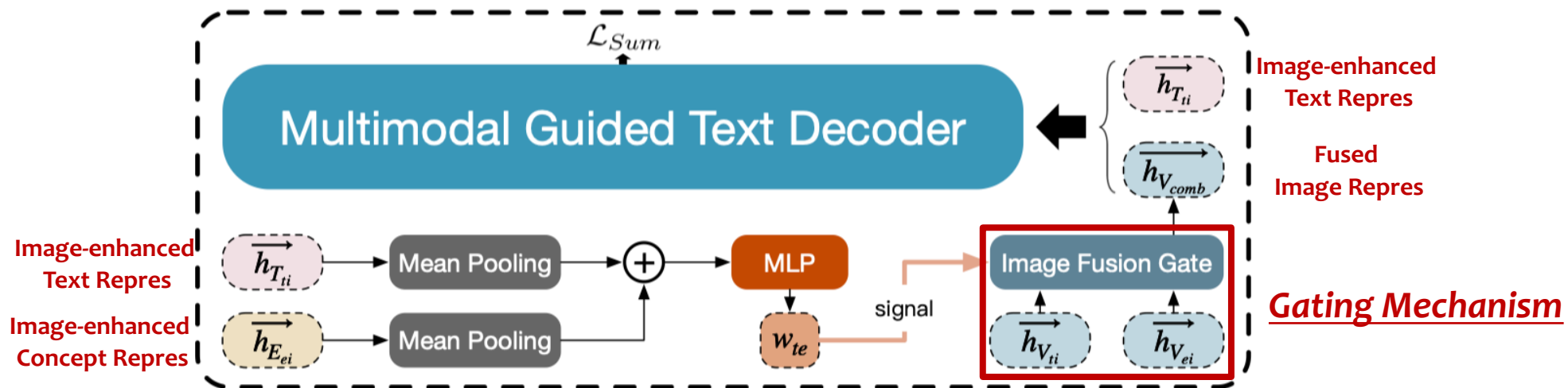


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Knowledge-enhanced Multimodal Guided Decoder

- Uses a Gating Mechanism to integrate text-enhanced image, and knowledge concept-enhanced image representations for text summarization, enhancing the semantic relevance of generated summaries.



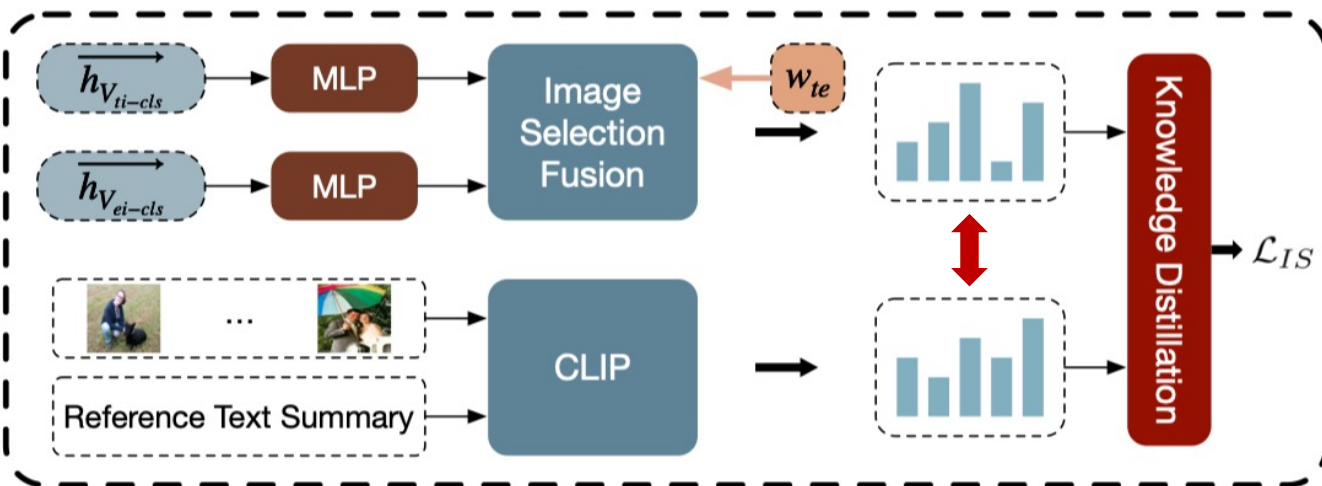
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□ Gated Knowledge Distillation for Image Selection

- Uses CLIP to generate soft labels for image selection via knowledge distillation, improving image relevance for summarization by compensating for missing annotations.

Text-enhanced
Image Repres
Concept-enhanced
Image Repres



$$\mathcal{P}_p(p, \tau) = \frac{\exp(\frac{g(p)}{\tau})}{\sum_{p \in P} \exp(\frac{g(p)}{\tau})},$$

$$\mathcal{Q}_p(S_t, p, \tau) = \frac{\exp(\frac{l(S_t, p)}{\tau})}{\sum_{p \in P} \exp(\frac{l(S_t, p)}{\tau})},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{IS} = KL(\mathcal{P} || \mathcal{Q}) = - \sum_{p \in P} \mathcal{P}_p \cdot \ln \frac{\mathcal{Q}_p}{\mathcal{P}_p}$$

Knowledge Application



□ Experiments

■ Datasets

- ✓ Multimodal Summarization with Multimodal Output (MSMO)

■ Baseline Methods

- ✓ Textual Summarization Methods:
 - BertAbs, BertExtAbs, BART
- ✓ Multimodal Summarization Methods:
 - ATG, MOF, UniMS ...

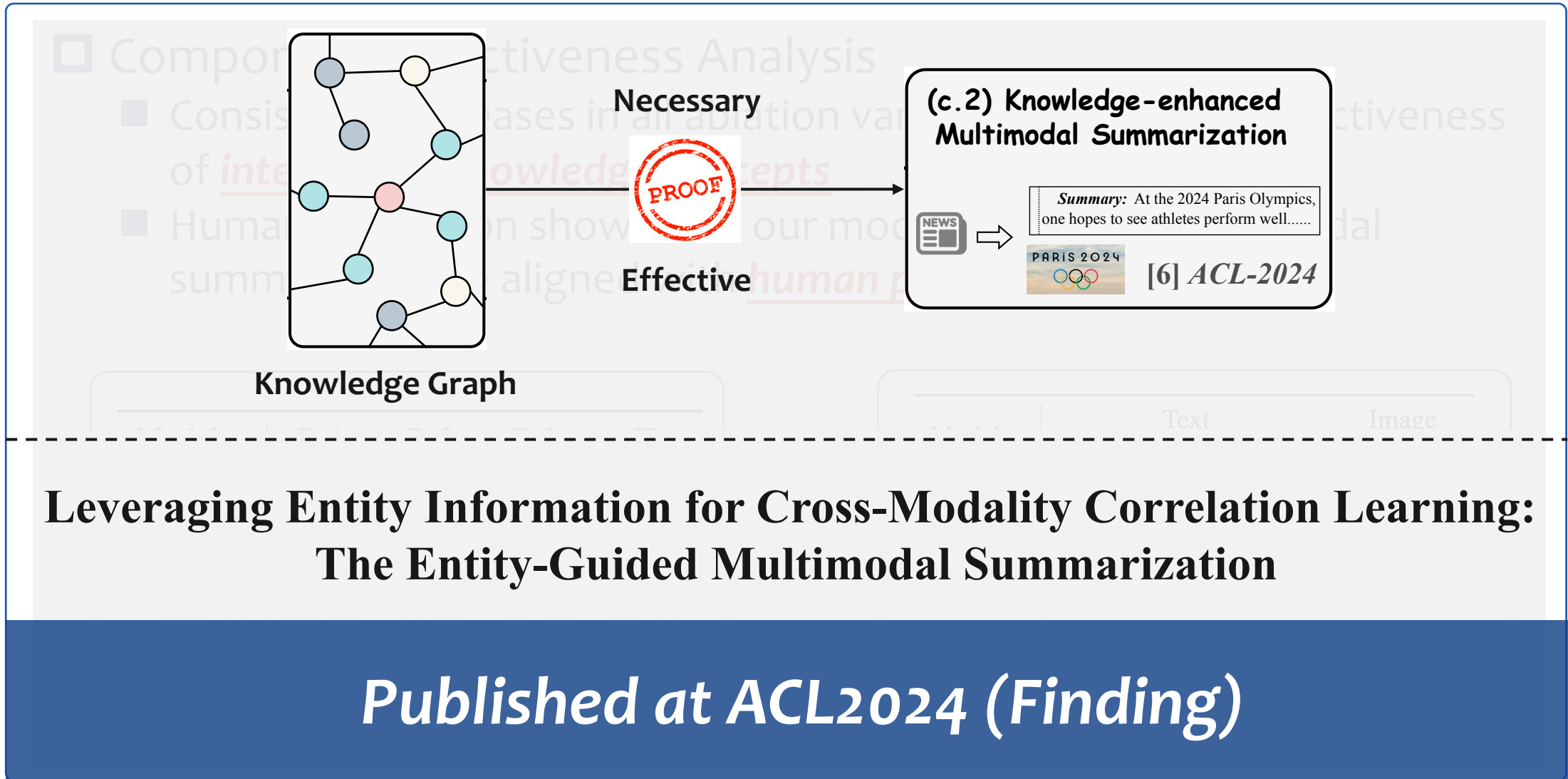
■ Evaluation Metrics

- ✓ Text: ROUGE-1, ROUGE-2, ROUGE-L
- ✓ Image: Precision

Statistics	Train	Valid	Test
#Samples	293,965	10,355	10,261
#AvgTokens(A)	720.87	766.08	730.80
#AvgTokens(S)	70.12	70.02	72.16
#AvgImgs	6.56	6.62	6.97

Model	R-1	R-2	R-L	IP
Text Abstractive				
BertAbs*	39.02	18.17	33.20	-
BertExtAbs*	39.88	18.77	38.36	-
BART	42.93	19.95	39.97	-
Multimodal Abstractive				
ATG*	40.63	18.12	37.53	59.28
ATL*	40.86	18.27	37.75	62.44
HAN*	40.82	18.30	37.70	61.83
MOF ^{RR*} _{enc}	41.05	18.29	37.74	62.63
MOF ^{RR*} _{dec}	41.20	18.33	37.80	65.45
UniMS*	42.94	20.50	40.96	69.38
EGMS	44.47	21.20	41.43	75.81

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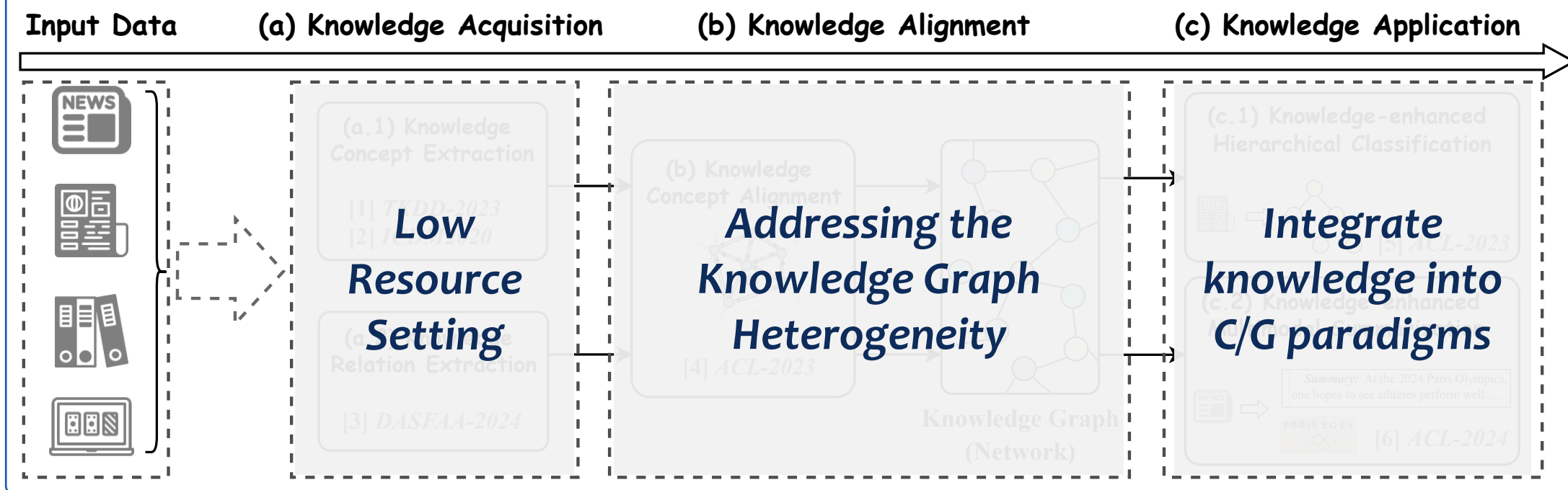
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Conclusions



□ Knowledge-aware NLP techniques

- From various documents, build well-organized **knowledge graphs**
- Apply these knowledge to mitigate the **knowledge limitation** in various downstream tasks



Future Work



Knowledge-enhance LLMs

Knowledge-injected Language Model Pretraining/Editing

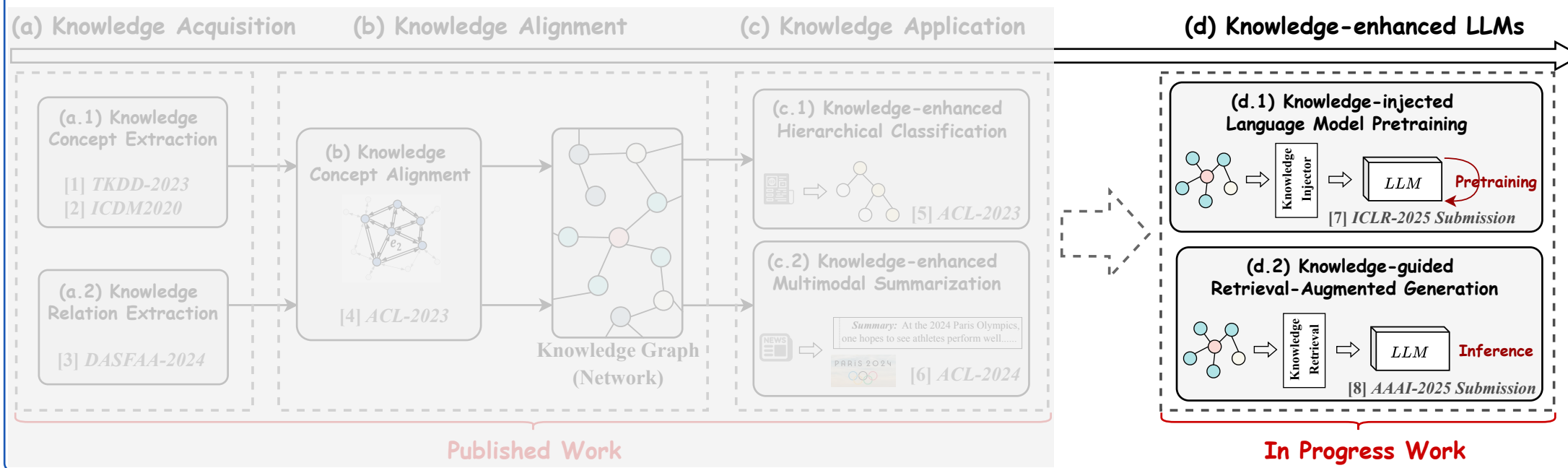
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