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Multi-Modal AI Frameworks: The Next Frontier in Combating Social Media Misinformation

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ABSTRACT: The rapid growth of social media has transformed how information is created and consumed, but it has also enabled the widespread dissemination of fake news. This misinformation poses a significant threat to democratic systems, public safety, and societal trust. Traditional fake news detection systems rely primarily on textual analysis using Natural Language Processing (NLP), which is no longer sufficient in the era of multi-modal misinformation involving images, videos, and contextual manipulation. This research proposes a multi-modal AI framework that integrates textual, visual, and social context analysis. The model combines RoBERTa embeddings for text understanding, CLIP-based visual analysis for image-text alignment, and Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) for analyzing information propagation. Experimental results demonstrate that multi-modal fusion significantly outperforms unimodal approaches, achieving accuracy levels up to 95–99%.

KEYWORDS: Fake News Detection, Multi-Modal Learning, NLP, Graph Neural Networks, Deep Learning, Explainable AI

I. INTRODUCTION

Social media platforms have emerged as primary sources of information for billions of users worldwide; however, this widespread accessibility has also enabled the rapid dissemination of fake news—misleading or fabricated content intended to manipulate public opinion, influence elections, and incite social unrest. Unlike traditional forms of misinformation, modern fake news increasingly leverages advanced technologies such as AI-generated images, deepfakes, misleading captions paired with authentic visuals, and algorithmic amplification through automated bot networks. These evolving tactics significantly complicate manual verification processes, rendering traditional detection approaches inadequate. Consequently, contemporary research has shifted toward the development of multi-modal Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems capable of analyzing textual content, visual elements, and social network behavior simultaneously. In this context, the present study addresses the critical problem of the rapid spread of AI-generated misinformation, identifies the limitations of text-only detection models as a key research gap, and aims to develop an integrated multi-modal framework that effectively combines text, image, and social propagation analysis for improved fake news detection.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Early approaches to fake news detection primarily relied on traditional machine learning models such as Support Vector Machines (SVM), Logistic Regression, and Random Forest. These methods focused mainly on textual features, analyzing linguistic patterns and word frequencies to classify content. However, with the evolution of misinformation techniques, more advanced detection methods have emerged. The deep learning era introduced Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for image analysis and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks for sequential text processing, significantly improving performance. Furthermore, the development of Transformer-based models such as BERT and RoBERTa enhanced semantic understanding by capturing contextual relationships within text. In addition, Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) have been utilized to analyze how information propagates through social networks, offering insights beyond content analysis. Recent trends (2025–2026) have shifted toward Multimodal Fake News Detection (MFND), integrating text, images, and user interactions. Technologies such as CLIP-ViT enable effective image-text correlation, while adversarial attacks using Large Language Models (LLMs) present new challenges for detection systems. To address concerns related to transparency and trust, Explainable AI (XAI) has gained importance in



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providing interpretable results. Studies consistently demonstrate that fake news spreads faster and more widely than information, largely due to echo chamber effects and algorithmic bias within social media platforms.

III. PROBLEM STATEMENT

The proliferation of misinformation on social media has become a critical global concern, undermining public trust, influencing elections, and endangering public health. Traditional misinformation detection systems primarily rely on text-based analysis, which fails to address the increasingly multi-modal nature of online content—where misleading information is often embedded in images, videos, and audio. This complexity poses significant challenges in semantic alignment, contextual understanding, and real-time detection. There is an urgent need for robust, scalable, and explainable AI frameworks that can process and integrate multiple data modalities to accurately identify and mitigate misinformation. This project aims to explore and develop multi-modal AI frameworks capable of detecting misinformation across diverse content types, thereby enhancing the reliability and integrity of information shared on social media platforms.

IV. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The proposed methodology adopts a comprehensive multi-modal framework for detecting fake news by integrating textual, visual, and social context information. The data collection process involves gathering datasets from multiple sources, including Twitter (X), Reddit, FakeNewsNet, and Weibo, which provide diverse inputs such as textual content, images, and user metadata. During data preprocessing, noise such as URLs, emojis, and stopwords is removed from textual data while preserving essential metadata for social network analysis. Additionally, the dataset is balanced using the Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique (SMOTE) to address class imbalance issues. The multi-modal framework consists of three key components: the text module utilizes RoBERTa for extracting high-level semantic features; the visual module employs CLIP for image-text alignment and EfficientNet-B7 for detecting deepfake artifacts; and the social context module leverages Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) to analyze information propagation patterns and identify bot-driven activities. Finally, a fusion strategy is applied to combine features from all three modalities into a unified representation, which is then used for accurate classification of news as real or fake.

V. CURRENT APPROACHES

Current approaches to fake news detection increasingly rely on advanced Artificial Intelligence techniques that go beyond traditional text-based analysis. One of the most prominent methods is the use of multi-modal fusion models, which integrate textual and visual features to identify inconsistencies between captions and associated images, thereby improving detection accuracy. In addition, Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) have gained significant attention for their ability to model complex relationships between users, posts, and different content modalities, enabling the identification of misinformation propagation patterns across social networks. Furthermore, Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI) has emerged as a crucial component in modern detection systems, as it enhances transparency and trust by providing interpretable explanations for why specific content is classified as fake or real. Together, these approaches represent a significant advancement in addressing the challenges posed by sophisticated, multi-modal misinformation in the digital age.

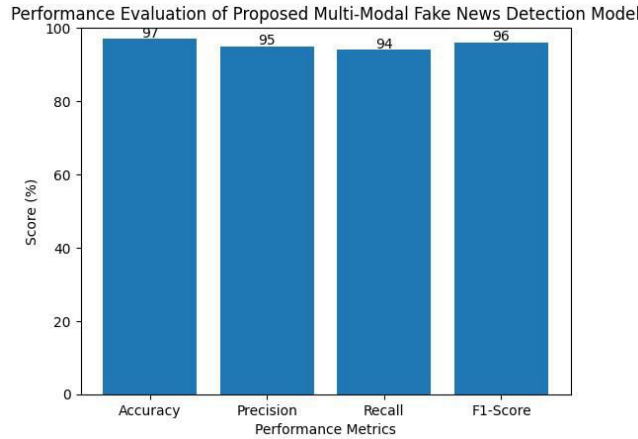
VI. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The experimental results highlight the clear superiority of multi-modal approaches over traditional text-only models in fake news detection. Multi-modal models achieve significantly higher performance, with accuracy ranging between 95% and 99%, whereas text-only models demonstrate comparatively lower effectiveness, particularly in context-rich and visually manipulated content. The enhanced performance of multi-modal systems can be attributed to their ability to detect cross-modal inconsistencies between textual and visual information, identify abnormal propagation patterns within social networks, and recognize deepfake artifacts at the pixel level. Furthermore, observations indicate that fake news tends to spread more rapidly through bot-driven networks, amplifying its reach and impact. The study also reveals that adversarial attacks are continuously evolving, with malicious actors adapting their strategies to bypass detection systems, thereby posing ongoing challenges to the robustness and reliability of existing models.



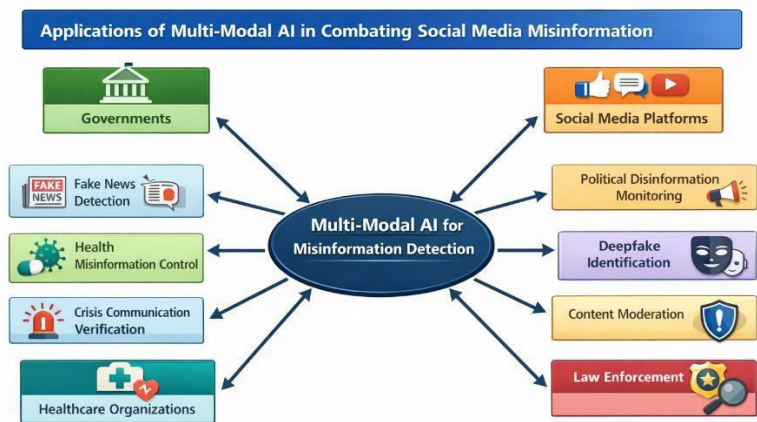
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VII. APPLICATIONS

Multi-modal AI frameworks have a wide range of applications in combating misinformation across social media platforms. They can be deployed for fake news detection, where models analyze both text and images to identify inconsistencies that text-only systems often miss. In the domain of health misinformation, these frameworks can integrate medical knowledge graphs with multi-modal data to flag misleading claims about diseases, treatments, or vaccines, which is particularly critical during public health crises. They also play a vital role in monitoring political disinformation, detecting manipulative memes, videos, and captions designed to sway public opinion. Another important application is deepfake identification, where multi-modal systems cross-check audio, video, and textual cues to expose synthetic or manipulated media. Social media companies can use these frameworks for content moderation, automatically flagging harmful misinformation across diverse formats in real time. Beyond platform-level use, multi-modal AI can support crisis communication verification, ensuring that accurate information is disseminated during emergencies such as natural disasters or pandemics. Additionally, these frameworks serve as educational tools, helping students and professionals learn to recognize misinformation patterns, and they can be leveraged by law enforcement and cybersecurity agencies to track coordinated misinformation campaigns and protect national security. Collectively, these applications demonstrate the transformative potential of multimodal AI in safeguarding information integrity and strengthening trust in digital communication.





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Challenges

The development and deployment of multi-modal fake news detection systems present several challenges and ethical considerations. One of the primary ethical concerns is the delicate balance between censorship and moderation, as overly aggressive detection systems may suppress legitimate content and infringe upon freedom of speech, leading to a “chilling effect” where users hesitate to express their opinions. Additionally, AI models are often susceptible to various forms of bias, including linguistic, political, and cultural biases, which may result in unfair or disproportionate classification of certain groups or viewpoints. From a technical perspective, these systems require significant computational resources, making real-time processing and large-scale deployment across social media platforms a challenging task. Furthermore, the integration of Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI) is crucial to address transparency issues, as it enables users to understand the reasoning behind classification decisions, thereby fostering trust and accountability in automated misinformation detection systems.

VIII. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

This research concludes that unimodal systems are no longer sufficient in detecting modern fake news. The proposed multi-modal framework effectively identifies misinformation by analyzing text, images, and social behavior simultaneously.

Key Contributions

This study makes several significant contributions to the field of fake news detection by proposing an advanced multi-modal framework. Firstly, it achieves a substantial improvement in detection accuracy, reaching levels of approximately 95–99%, thereby outperforming traditional unimodal approaches. Secondly, the model effectively identifies cross-modal inconsistencies between textual and visual content, enabling more reliable detection of misleading information. Finally, the research integrates advanced Artificial Intelligence techniques, including transformer-based models, visual analysis, and graph-based learning, to develop a robust and comprehensive system capable of addressing the complexities of modern misinformation.

Observations

Key Observations on Multi-Modal AI Frameworks for Misinformation Detection

Observation	Description
Shift from Text to Multi-Modal Content	Misinformation increasingly spreads through memes, videos, and audio, making text-only detection insufficient.
Performance Gains from Fusion Models	Multi-modal fusion consistently outperforms text-only approaches by capturing semantic inconsistencies across modalities.
Role of Graph Neural Networks (GNNs)	GNNs model relationships among users, posts, and modalities, improving detection accuracy at the network level.
Importance of Explainability	Explainable AI enhances trust by providing interpretable reasoning behind misinformation detection decisions.
Dataset Scarcity	Limited annotated multi-modal datasets hinder generalization and benchmarking across platforms.
Scalability Challenges	Real-time detection across massive social media streams requires significant computational resources.
Integration with LLMs	Combining large language models with vision-language systems improves reasoning but raises ethical concerns.
Policy and Ethical Considerations	Frameworks must ensure fairness, accountability, and transparency to avoid bias or censorship.

Future Directions

Future research in fake news detection should focus on the development of real-time detection systems capable of identifying and mitigating misinformation as it spreads across digital platforms. Additionally, there is a growing need for multilingual fake news detection models to address the global and diverse nature of online content. Enhancing Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI) techniques is also essential to improve transparency, interpretability, and user



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trust in automated systems. Furthermore, integrating these detection frameworks directly with social media platforms can enable proactive monitoring and control of misinformation at scale. Overall, the future of fake news detection lies in advancing deep semantic understanding and multi-modal reasoning capabilities, moving beyond traditional pattern recognition approaches to build more intelligent and robust systems.

Conclusion

Multi-modal AI frameworks are poised to revolutionize misinformation detection by addressing the limitations of single-modality approaches. Their ability to integrate diverse data sources—such as text, images, audio, and video—enables a more comprehensive understanding of content semantics and context. This holistic capability allows for the detection of subtle inconsistencies and manipulations that would otherwise evade traditional models. Recent advancements in fusion architecture, graph neural networks, and explainable AI have demonstrated significant improvements in accuracy and interpretability. Moreover, the integration of large language models with vision/language systems enhances reasoning over complex misinformation scenarios. Despite challenges such as data scarcity, scalability, and ethical concerns, multi-modal AI stands as an essential tool in safeguarding information integrity on social media platforms. Its deployment not only strengthens content moderation but also supports public trust, democratic resilience, and informed decisionmaking in the digital age.

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