

UP4LS: User Profile Constructed by Multiple Attributes for Enhancing Linguistic Steganalysis

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Abstract

Linguistic steganalysis (LS) tasks aim to detect whether a text contains secret information. Existing LS methods focus on the deep-learning model design and they achieve excellent results in ideal data. However, they overlook the unique user characteristics, leading to weak performance in social networks. And a few stegos here that further complicate detection. We propose the UP4LS, a framework with the User Profile for enhancing LS in realistic scenarios. Three kinds of user attributes like writing habits are explored to build the profile. For each attribute, the specific feature extraction module is designed. The extracted features are mapped to high-dimensional user features via the deep-learning model of the method to be improved. The content feature is extracted by the language model. Then user and content features are integrated. Existing methods can improve LS results by adding the UP4LS framework without changing their deep-learning models. Experiments show that UP4LS can significantly enhance the performance of LS-task baselines in realistic scenarios, with the overall Acc increased by 25%, F1 increased by 51%, and SOTA results. The improvement is especially pronounced in fewer stegos. Additionally, UP4LS also sets the stage for the related-task SOTA methods to efficient LS.

1 Introduction

Linguistic steganography is an information concealment technique that involves embedding secrets within texts and transmitting these texts through an open channel (Zhang et al., 2021). Only authorized recipients can perceive the existence of the stegos and extract secrets. This technology leads to slight differences in distributions compared to “covers” (natural texts) (Yang et al., 2019a)(Zhou et al., 2021). Linguistic steganalysis (LS) tasks aim to extract such slight differences to determine whether

texts are “stegos” (texts generated by steganography). Two types of LS have been proposed: manual construction (Xiang et al., 2014) and automatic extraction (Wen et al., 2022)(Wang et al., 2023a). The former focuses on the development of effective manual features, such as word associations (Taskiran et al., 2006), which are interpretable and targeted for extraction. These features are specifically extracted to capture the differences between covers and stegos, and it has good results on the specific LS tasks. The latter employs deep-learning models to extract high-dimensional features. These features have a robust capacity to quantify steganographic embedding, resulting in superior performance on the broad LS tasks. Therefore, in recent years researchers have focused on this type of LS.

Recent LS work has been proposed with novel motivations. To improve the performance of ideal stegos, Zou et al. (Zou et al., 2021) extracted global features and captured the critical part among them, greatly improving the performance. To effectively

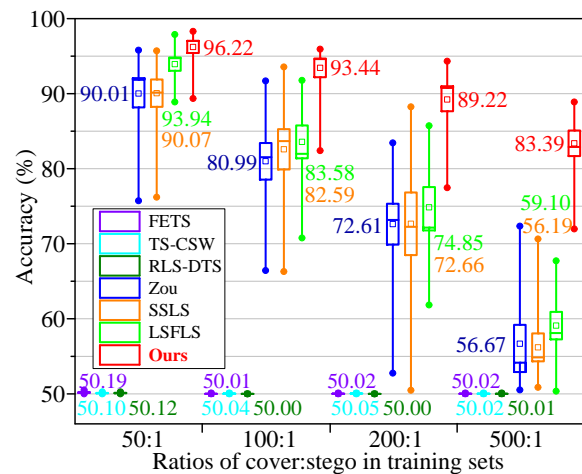


Figure 1: Detection results of LS methods in datasets with various ratios (cover:stego). The box plot depicts the overall performance on 10 user data, as introduced in Section 4.1. In each box, the hollow squares are the average value in 10 values, as marked by the labels.

064 detect stegos in few-shot scenarios, Wang et al.
065 (Wang et al., 2023a) and Wen et al. (Wen et al.,
066 2022) designed methods to achieve excellent per-
067 formance. Due to the different domains, ordinary
068 methods find it difficult to detect stego in cross-
069 domain data. Xue et al. (Xue et al., 2022b) and
070 Wang et al. (Wang et al., 2023b) successively pro-
071 posed cross-domain LS based on domain adapta-
072 tion and reinforcement learning, and achieved ex-
073 cellent performance on cross-domain datasets.

074 Social networks are regarded as one of the pri-
075 mary channels for transmitting stegos. Due to their
076 convenience and diverse applications, they have
077 gained immense popularity, hence the demand for
078 LS within this environment has surged. To evalu-
079 ate the detection effectiveness of existing LS in
080 social networks, we utilize six prevailing LS meth-
081 ods: FETS (Yang et al., 2019b), TS-CSW (Yang
082 et al., 2020b), RLS-DTS (Wang et al., 2023b), Zou
083 (Zou et al., 2021), SSLS (Xu et al., 2022), and LS-
084 FLS (Wang et al., 2023a). The datasets consist of
085 covers posted by Twitter users and stegos gener-
086 ated by the ADG (Adaptive Dynamic Grouping)
087 algorithm (Zhang et al., 2021). This algorithm is
088 known for its strong concealment capabilities in
089 both theory and practice. To simulate the real so-
090 cial network as much as possible, the quantity of
091 stego is smaller than that of cover. We varied the
092 ratios of cover:stego from 50:1 to 500:1 in the train-
093 ing sets, while ensuring a uniform ratio of 1:1 in the
094 testing sets. Further details about the experimental
095 settings can be found in Section 4.1. Figure 1 il-
096 lustrates the detection performance of existing LS
097 methods in datasets with various ratios.

098 The results in Figure 1 show that the perfor-
099 mance of the existing methods has insufficient per-
100 formance for a small number of stego in social net-
101 work scenarios, and the performance drops notably
102 as the ratio increases. This phenomenon is because
103 social network posts exhibit unique user character-
104 istics influenced by various user attributes, result-
105 ing in strong user personalization. These user char-
106 acteristics are difficult to imitate in stegos. How-
107 ever, existing LS methods ignore users’ personal-
108 ized characteristics, resulting in limited effective
109 detection in social networks. Moreover, compared
110 to the vast quantity of covers in social networks,
111 the quantity of stegos is exceedingly small, which
112 poses a substantial challenge for detection.

113 In this work, we propose the UP4LS, a novel
114 framework with the **User Profile for** enhancing the
115 **LS** performance of existing methods. UP4LS lever-

116 ages the potential user attributes reflected in post,
117 thereby creating user profiles. Then we designed
118 a targeted feature extraction module for each user
119 attribute, and the extracted features will be mapped
120 to high-dimensional user features. The content
121 feature is also extracted. It guides and learns by
122 user features, and the two types of features are con-
123 catenated, further improving feature representation.
124 UP4LS increases sensitivity to stegos during train-
125 ing. To facilitate the transplantation of existing
126 methods, the deep-learning model in existing meth-
127 ods are retained. The remaining components are
128 modified according to UP4LS, which can be used
129 for steganalysis in social networks. Experiments
130 show that UP4LS not only improves the perfor-
131 mances of prevailing LS-task baselines, but also
132 provides a platform for related-task SOTA methods
133 to conduct effective LS.

134 Our main contributions are outlined below.

- To improve LS in social networks, UP4LS
135 innovatively built the user profile for LS. The
136 attributes of the user profile are derived from
137 posts, and they are habits, psychology, and
138 focus. Specific feature extraction is designed
139 for every user attribute to extract user features.
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- To improve feature representation, we employ
141 the attention mechanism to guide the learning
142 of content features by user features. Then they
143 are concatenated to obtain the LS feature.
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- To evaluate UP4LS performance, we collect
145 posts from multiple users and generate stego-
146 gos with various ratios. Results show that
147 UP4LS not only improves the performance of
148 LS-task baselines but also opens new avenues
149 for related-task SOTA methods on LS tasks.
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151 2 Related Work

152 **Generative linguistic steganography.** Linguis-
153 tic steganography aims to automatically generate
154 stego texts that have secret information (Yang et al.,
155 2019a). Fang et al. (Fang et al., 2017) construct
156 a linguistic steganography system, which is capa-
157 ble of generating high-quality stegos. Yang et al.
158 (Yang et al., 2019a) design two text-coding meth-
159 ods based on conditional probability distributions
160 to generate stegos. Zhang et al. (Zhang et al., 2021)
161 establish a dynamic encoding method for embed-
162 ding secret information, which adaptively and dy-
163 namically groups tokens and embeds them using

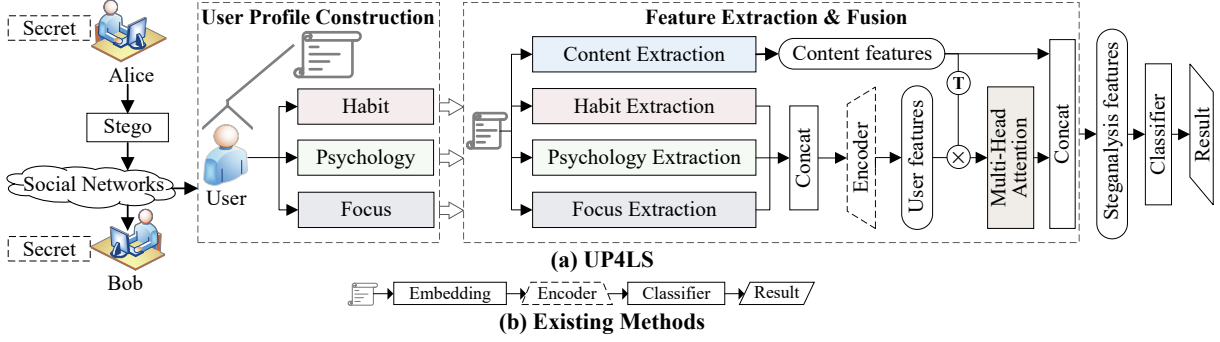


Figure 2: The overall architecture of UP4LS. UP4LS consists of two modules: “**User Profile Construction**” and “**Feature Extraction & Fusion**”. “(b) Existing Methods” provides the overall architecture of existing methods. UP4LS takes in texts as input, a mixture of covers and stegos. This user profile is divided into three types of user attributes: “**Habit**”, “**Psychology**”, and “**Focus**”. To enhance the performance of existing methods, they only need to retain the “Encoder” component, and the rest is modified according to UP4LS.

the probabilistic recurrence given by the language model. Wang et al. (Wang et al., 2024) propose the LLM, which is the steganography work based on open-source and closed-source LLMs.

Linguistic steganalysis. To prevent criminals from using generative linguistic steganography to transmit secret information, LS has been developing in recent years. LS can effectively detect generative stego texts, which are confirmed by a series of representative works. Because a single LSTM module makes it difficult to extract enough low-level features, Yang et al. (Yang et al., 2020a) present a method to densely connect LSTM based on feature pyramids. Wu et al. (Wu et al., 2021) apply GNN for LS. This method transforms text into a directed graph that has relevant information. Yang et al. (Yang et al., 2022) design a novel framework to keep and make full use of the syntactic structure by integrating semantic and syntactic features of the texts. Xue et al. (Xue et al., 2022b)(Xue et al., 2022a) devote to a domain-adaptive steganalysis method and an alternative hierarchical mutual-learning LS framework. These methods separately resolve the problem that the scale of the model is too large and the problem that performance is low due to domain mismatch.

Table 1 shows the overview of LS works. It involves whether BERT-based, the architecture, whether the covers come from social users, and if the quantity of cover and stego is unbalanced.

3 Methodology

3.1 UP4LS Overall

Under the existing ideal experimental environments, almost all LS methods are focused on capturing content features like semantics and grammar

Table 1: The overview of LS works.

References	BERT	Architecture	From users	Unbalanced
(Yang et al., 2019b)	✗	FCN	✗	✗
(Yang et al., 2019c)	✗	RNN	✗	✗
(Yang et al., 2020a)	✗	LSTM	✗	✗
(Wu et al., 2021)	✗	GNN	✗	✗
(Zou et al., 2021)	✓	LSTM	✗	✗
(Xu et al., 2022)	✓	GRU, CNN	✗	✗
(Xue et al., 2022b)	✓	CNN	✗	✗
(Wen et al., 2022)	✓	LSTM	✗	✗
(Yang et al., 2022)	✓	GAT	✗	✗
(Wang et al., 2023b)	✗	Actor-Critic	✗	✗
(Xu et al., 2023)	✗	GRU, CNN	✗	✗
(Wang et al., 2023a)	✓	BNN	✗	✓
UP4LS (Ours)	✓	User Profile	✓	✓

(Yang et al., 2020b)(Xu et al., 2022)(Peng et al., 2023). However, these methods usually overlook the subjective aspects of human expression in writing. As a result, the LS effectiveness tends to be suboptimal when applied to social networks. Therefore, we propose the UP4LS framework, which improves the performance of existing methods for LS in social networks. Figure 2 illustrates the overall architecture of UP4LS.

3.2 User Profile Construction

User Profile for LS. From a macro perspective, the construction of the general user profile can ef-

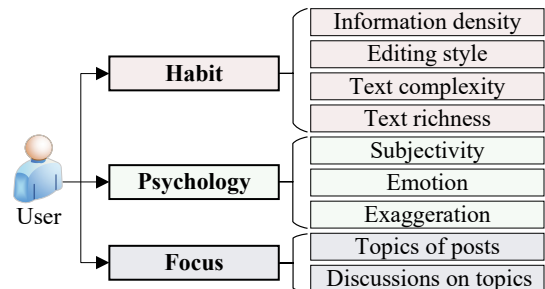


Figure 3: The specific user profile for LS.

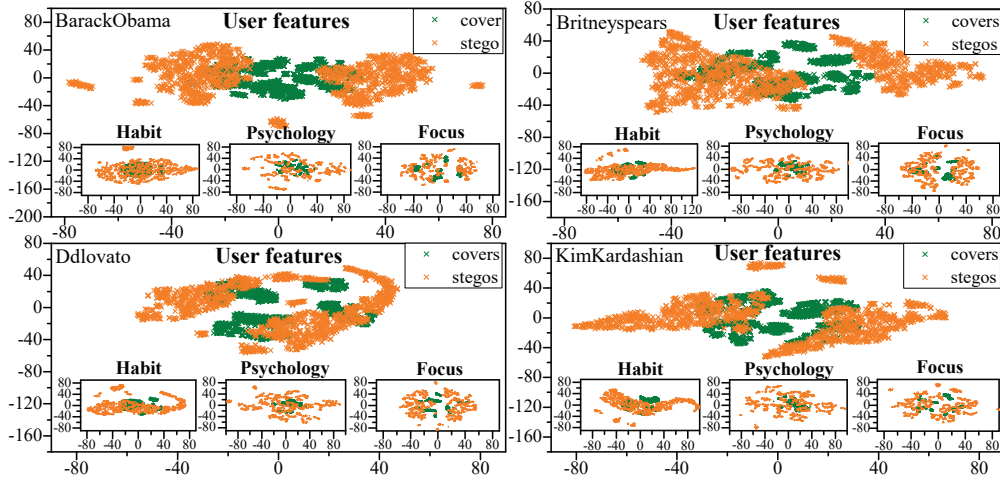


Figure 4: Distribution of covers and stegos in user feature space extracted by UP4LS. Taking 4 users as examples, their usernames are presented in the upper left corner. For more details about the user datasets in Section 4.1. We use t-SNE (L, 2014) to visualize the user features of texts. The green and orange marks represent the feature distribution of covers and stegos. Each subfigure contains three small figures, which are the feature distribution of “Habit”, “Psychology”, and “Focus”. These user features in this figure are not backpropagated, they are directly extracted in one go. This figure serves to show the rationality and effectiveness of user features for LS tasks.

ffectively improve decision-making effects by analyzing user characteristics and behaviors (Mehta et al., 2022)(Cai et al., 2023). Currently, there is no steganography that can combine content and user behavior (Li et al., 2022) for information hiding. So we focus on the content of user posts itself. Figure 3 illustrates the user profile for LS.

Habit. It involves “information density”, “editing style”, “text richness”, and “text complexity”. Users exhibit a unique writing style within their posts. This uniqueness often stems from the user’s growth background, cultural upbringing, and life experience. Each user’s distinctive upbringing adds personalization to the expression.

Psychology. It involves “subjectivity”, “emotion”, and “exaggeration”. Subjectivity in a post can reveal a user’s opinion tendencies. Some users may display strong subjectivity when expressing their opinions, while some users may prioritize objective facts. The degree of exaggeration embodied in a post can reveal a user’s specific style. Analyzing psychology helps obtain personalized characteristics such as long-term and short-term emotional dispositions.

Focus. It involves “topics of posts” and “discussions on topics”. Users’ areas of focus often reflect their knowledge and interests. This selective focus can indicate their social role, professional background, or current life stage.

3.3 Feature Extraction & Fusion

User Features for LS. Current steganography struggles to imitate user characteristics, which results in differences between covers and stegos in this dimension. Capturing these differences and extracting such features can improve LS.

To better capture these differences, we designed a feature extraction module for each user attribute within the user profile. These modules include “Habit Extraction”, “Psychology Extraction”, and “Focus Extraction”. Figure 4 illustrates the distribution of covers and stegos in user feature space, and this figure explains that user features are reasonable and effective for LS tasks.

Habit Extraction. This is the first module for these extraction modules. It aims to capture various aspects of writing habits, encompassing factors like “Information density”, “Editing style”, “Text richness”, and “Text complexity”. Users usually reflect their underlying writing habits when editing posts, and it is difficult for existing steganography to completely imitate these habits.

“Information density” is captured by analyzing the scale and distribution of nouns, pronouns, and verbs within the text.

“Editing style” is determined by examining the scale and distribution of function words (Yoshimi et al., 2023)(Liang et al., 2023)(Rönnqvist et al., 2022), such as prepositions, determiners, and coordinating conjunctions.

“Text richness” is evaluated by capturing the

scale and distribution of adjectives and adverbs. To perform this analysis, NLTK¹ is used for part-of-speech tagging, enabling us to count the scale and distribution of various words based on the tagging.

“Text complexity” is quantified by calculating sentence length, word length, and scale and distribution of symbols. Typically, spoken texts exhibit simplified grammar, shorter sentences, and shorter word lengths. Increased usage of punctuation marks within a sentence indicates more pauses, leading to a higher degree of fragmentation and a stronger oral language nature. Conversely, a more pronounced written style features a reduced frequency of punctuation marks, there is $f_{frag} = 1/count(\text{punc})$, $\text{punc} = \{, ; ? ! \dots\}$. Figure 5 illustrates the working principle of the “Habit Extraction”.

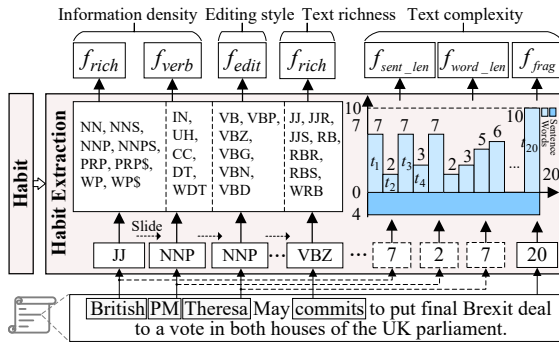


Figure 5: The working principle of the “Habit Extraction”. The input of this module is text, and the output is extracted features about the dimension of “Information density”, “Editing style”, “Text richness”, and “Text complexity”.

Psychology Extraction. It is the second module for these extraction modules. To analyze “Subjectivity” and “Emotion”, TextBlob² library is employed to provide a set of APIs that simplify common text analysis tasks. In recent years, TextBlob has gained significant attention for its outstanding performance in sentiment analysis (Mirzaei et al., 2023)(Otieno et al., 2023). During emotional calculations, TextBlob uses a dictionary that encompasses parameters like “polarity”, “subjectivity”, and “intensity”. Given a text input, it returns a named tuple representing sentiment and subjectivity as “(polarity, subjectivity)”. The formulas are shown below.

$$\text{Emotion} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^K (-0.5)^n \times S_{i_adverb} \times S_{punc}}{K/S_{emoticon}}, \quad (1)$$

¹<https://www.nltk.org/>

²<https://textblob.readthedocs.io/en/dev/>

$$S_{i_adverb} = \max(-1, \min(S_i \times S_{adverb}, 1)), \quad (2)$$

Subjectivity = $\max(0, \min(\sum_{i=0}^K S'_i \times S'_{adverb}, 1))$, (3) where, K is the number of words related to emotional polarity and subjectivity in the text. S_{i_adverb} , S_{punc} , and $S_{emoticon}$ represent the emotional value of adverbs, punctuation, and expressions of various degrees. S'_i and S'_{adverb} represent the subjective value of the current emotional word and emotional adverb. n represents the number of negative words related to the current emotional vocabulary. The “Exaggeration” features are captured by analyzing the frequency of interjections.

Consider that users may have different habits when expressing emotions, resulting in varying degrees of exaggeration in text. The interjection is a significant feature (Dingemans and Liesenfeld, 2022)(Cathcart et al., 2003). We define interjections as words that are longer than four letters but have fewer than half the number of unique letters in total length. The formula is shown below.

$$f_{exag} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{else} \\ \frac{1}{c(t_i)}, & \text{len}(t_i) > 4 \& c(t_i) \geq \frac{\text{len}(t_i)}{2} \end{cases}, \quad (4)$$

where, $c(\cdot)$ is the count, and t_i^r is the repeated character t_i .

Focus Extraction. It is the last module for these extraction modules. We employ Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA) (Zhang et al., 2022) to analyze the “topics of posts”. Given a collection of document $\mathbb{D} = \{D_1, D_2, \dots, D_j\}$ and a predefined number of topics, denoted as k .

In social networks, users often include hyperlinks when “discussing on topics”. These hyperlinks, typically consisting of irregular character strings, are unlikely to be present in the vocab. Stego is generated based on the vocab, the probability of a hyperlink appearing in it is very low.

Encoder. Existing LS methods focus on the design of “Encoder”, such as LSTM-based (Zou et al., 2021) and CNN-based (Xu et al., 2022). They achieved excellent detection performance in ideal data. To improve their detection performance in social network scenarios, in UP4LS, their respective Encoder architectures will be retained, and other modules can be modified to the UP4LS design to improve their performance in this realistic scenario.

Content Features. BERT (Devlin et al., 2018) is employed to extract content feature. It is not this paper’s focus, so we do not introduce it in detail.

Feature Fusion. Since user features F_{user} and $F_{content}$ are not the same dimension, direct concatenating may result in insufficient performance. We use the mutual attention to interact with them. The attention matrix $Attn$ is obtained. UP4LS then concatenates $Attn$ and $F_{content}$ to get the final LS features F . The formulas are shown below.

$$F = \text{Concat}(Attn, F_{content}), \quad (5)$$

$$Attn = \frac{Q \times K^T}{\sqrt{d_k}} = \frac{F_{user} \times F_{content}^T}{\sqrt{d_{F_{content}}}}, \quad (6)$$

where, $d_{F_{content}}$ is the dimension of $F_{content}$ and T is the transpose operation.

3.4 Training

During the training phase, we optimize commonly used cross-entropy loss of LS work, making training more focused on stego samples. The formulas of the loss functions are shown below.

$$\mathcal{L}_{p_t} = -\alpha_t [(1-p_t)^{\gamma+1} \log(1-p_t) + p_t(1-p_t)^\gamma \log(p_t)] \quad (7)$$

where, γ is the adjustment factor, p_t is the probability, and α_t is the loss weight of the stego.

4 Experiments

To ensure fairness and reliability in comparisons between methods, each experiment was repeated 5 times for every dataset, and the results were averaged to provide the results. Experiments are run on the NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3090 GPU.

4.1 Settings

Dataset. We constructed datasets with four ratios of cover:stego. The ratios are 50:1, 100:1, 200:1, and 500:1 in the training sets. The ratio is 1:1 in testing sets. Datasets are divided into training, validation, and testing sets of 6:2:2. In each dataset, covers come from posts by 10 users. Stegos are generated by the high-performance steganography ADG (Zhang et al., 2021). ADG security has been analyzed through proof and practice. Table 2 shows the specific information of the dataset.

Baselines. The baselines consist of two parts, that is LS-task and related-task baselines.

The LS-task baselines include:

non-BERT-based: **1. FETS** (*IEEE SPL*) (Yang et al., 2019b), which has shown superior performance compared to manual constructive methods,

Table 2: The specific information of the datasets. (Take the num of stegos as 200:1 as an example. ‘‘ER’’ represents the embedding rate of the stegos)

No.	Name	Training		Testing		ER
		covers	stegos	covers	stegos	
U1	ArianaGrande	2,325	11	580	3.88	
U2	BarackObama	2,291	11	572	4.20	
U3	BritneySpears	2,194	10	548	5.06	
U4	Cristiano	1,940	9	485	4.54	
U5	Ddlovato	1,703	8	425	4.78	
U6	JimmyFallon	2,455	12	613	3.91	
U7	Justinbieber	1,660	8	414	4.12	
U8	KimKardashian	2,351	11	587	4.85	
U9	Ladygaga	1,840	9	459	5.18	
U10	Selenagomez	2,243	11	560	4.39	

and **2. TS_RNN** (*IEEE SPL*) (Yang et al., 2019c), which exhibits excellent performance on multiple ideal datasets. BERT-based: **3. Zou** (*IJDDW*) (Zou et al., 2021), which achieved high performance, **4. SSLS** (*IEEE SPL*) (Xu et al., 2022), which displays remarkable performance on mixed sample sets, and **5. LSFLS** (*IEEE TIFS*) (Wang et al., 2023a), which achieves SOTA performance in the few-shot data.

The related-task baselines include:

Fine-grained emotion classification tasks: **6. Hy-pEmo** (*ACL*) (Chen et al., 2023), which employs hyperbolic space to capture hierarchical structures. It performs SOTA when the label structure is complex or the relationship between classes is ambiguous. Hierarchical text classification tasks: **7. HiTIN** (*ACL*) (Zhu et al., 2023), which uses a tree isomorphism network to encode the label hierarchy. It performs well in large-scale hierarchical tasks.

Given these methods’ widely recognized performance on specific tasks.

Hyperparameters. UP4LS uses the ‘‘Bert-based’’ model. γ is 5, the topic number of the LDA is 2. The detailed hyperparameter settings of the ‘‘Encoder’’ can be found in the corresponding papers. Adam (Kingma and Ba, 2014) is employed with an initial learning rate of $5e-5$.

Evaluation metrics. Accuracy (Acc) and the F1 score are used to evaluate the models’ performance.

$$\text{Acc} = \frac{\text{TP} + \text{TN}}{\text{TP} + \text{FP} + \text{TN} + \text{FN}}, \quad (8)$$

$$\text{F1} = 2 \times (\text{P} \times \text{R}) / (\text{P} + \text{R}),$$

where, TP, FP, TN, and FN are the quantity of true positive, false positive, true negative, and false negative examples. P and R are precision and recall.

Table 3: Overall comparison of the original **LS-task** baselines (Original) and with UP4LS (+UP4LS) in the distinct datasets. “ $a_{\pm b}$ (c)” represents “Average \pm Standard Deviation (Δ Acc)”. Δ is +UP4LS – Original, indicated by **Red** value. **Bold** value represents the best performance. The Unit is %. The complete data are shown in Table 7 to Table 10 in Appendix A.

LS-task (%)	50:1		100:1		200:1		500:1		
	Original	+UP4LS	Original	+UP4LS	Original	+UP4LS	Original	+UP4LS	
FETS	Acc $50.19_{\pm 0.20}$	95.59 ± 3.12 ($\uparrow 45.40$)	$50.01_{\pm 0.04}$	93.08 ± 4.25 ($\uparrow 43.07$)	$50.01_{\pm 0.04}$	88.81 ± 5.52 ($\uparrow 38.80$)	$50.01_{\pm 0.04}$	82.75 ± 7.27 ($\uparrow 32.74$)	
	F1 $0.73_{\pm 0.78}$	95.35 ± 3.66 ($\uparrow 94.62$)	$0.05_{\pm 0.15}$	92.56 ± 5.20 ($\uparrow 92.51$)	$0.05_{\pm 0.15}$	86.96 ± 8.47 ($\uparrow 86.91$)	$0.05_{\pm 0.15}$	78.36 ± 11.33 ($\uparrow 78.31$)	
TS_RNN	Acc $50.11_{\pm 0.15}$	96.76 ± 2.00 ($\uparrow 46.65$)	$50.05_{\pm 0.07}$	93.30 ± 4.10 ($\uparrow 43.25$)	$50.02_{\pm 0.04}$	88.66 ± 4.67 ($\uparrow 38.64$)	$50.01_{\pm 0.04}$	83.27 ± 5.97 ($\uparrow 33.26$)	
	F1 $0.44_{\pm 0.61}$	96.67 ± 2.11 ($\uparrow 96.23$)	$0.20_{\pm 0.27}$	92.88 ± 4.62 ($\uparrow 92.68$)	$0.08_{\pm 0.18}$	86.89 ± 6.23 ($\uparrow 86.81$)	$0.05_{\pm 0.15}$	79.60 ± 9.70 ($\uparrow 79.55$)	
Zou	Acc $90.01_{\pm 5.82}$	95.95 ± 2.79 ($\uparrow 5.94$)	$80.99_{\pm 7.72}$	93.91 ± 3.71 ($\uparrow 12.92$)	$72.61_{\pm 8.61}$	89.44 ± 4.95 ($\uparrow 16.83$)	$56.67_{\pm 7.97}$	83.93 ± 5.35 ($\uparrow 27.26$)	
	F1 $88.46_{\pm 8.04}$	95.79 ± 3.15 ($\uparrow 7.33$)	$75.47_{\pm 12.46}$	93.16 ± 4.46 ($\uparrow 17.69$)	$60.22_{\pm 19.63}$	87.88 ± 6.35 ($\uparrow 27.66$)	$20.71_{\pm 22.54}$	80.48 ± 8.36 ($\uparrow 59.77$)	
SSLS	Acc $90.07_{\pm 5.77}$	96.37 ± 2.67 ($\uparrow 6.30$)	$82.59_{\pm 8.48}$	93.61 ± 3.66 ($\uparrow 11.02$)	$72.66_{\pm 13.18}$	89.26 ± 4.74 ($\uparrow 16.60$)	$56.19_{\pm 5.89}$	84.22 ± 4.58 ($\uparrow 28.03$)	
	F1 $88.55_{\pm 7.86}$	96.24 ± 2.91 ($\uparrow 7.69$)	$77.72_{\pm 13.38}$	93.23 ± 4.29 ($\uparrow 15.51$)	$57.90_{\pm 28.53}$	87.81 ± 6.33 ($\uparrow 29.91$)	$20.53_{\pm 16.43}$	81.46 ± 6.10 ($\uparrow 60.93$)	
LSFLS	Acc $93.94_{\pm 2.80}$	96.43 ± 2.38 ($\uparrow 2.49$)	$83.58_{\pm 6.92}$	93.28 ± 4.22 ($\uparrow 9.70$)	$74.85_{\pm 8.56}$	89.91 ± 5.26 ($\uparrow 15.06$)	$59.10_{\pm 5.80}$	82.78 ± 6.60 ($\uparrow 23.68$)	
	F1 $93.48_{\pm 3.17}$	96.30 ± 2.67 ($\uparrow 2.82$)	$79.55_{\pm 10.29}$	92.77 ± 5.00 ($\uparrow 13.22$)	$64.83_{\pm 15.54}$	88.43 ± 6.85 ($\uparrow 23.60$)	$29.11_{\pm 16.76}$	78.48 ± 9.95 ($\uparrow 49.37$)	
Avg. (+UP4LS)	Acc	N/A	96.22 ± 2.53	N/A	93.44 ± 3.95	N/A	89.22 ± 4.92	N/A	83.39 ± 5.40
	F1	N/A	96.07 ± 2.84	N/A	92.92 ± 4.67	N/A	87.59 ± 6.66	N/A	79.68 ± 7.97
Avg. (Δ)	Acc:	$\uparrow 21.36$ F1: $\uparrow 41.74$		Acc:	$\uparrow 23.99$ F1: $\uparrow 46.32$		Acc:	$\uparrow 25.19$ F1: $\uparrow 50.98$	
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4.2 Comparison experiments

4.2.1 LS-task baselines

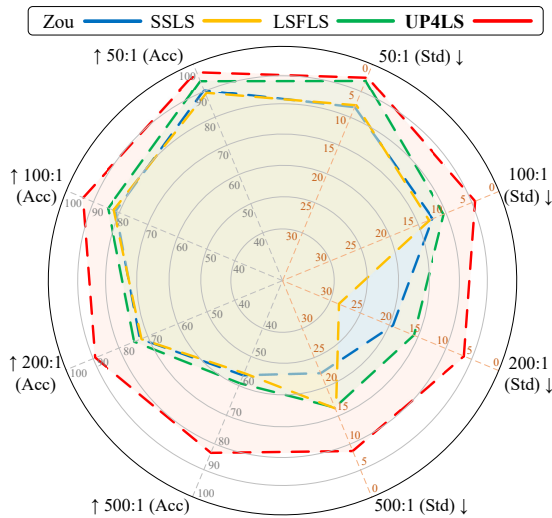


Figure 6: Comparison between the original BERT-based **LS-task** baselines and with UP4LS. For clarity, the UP4LS performance is shown here as the average of these baselines with UP4LS (“Avg.(+UP4LS)” in Table 3). The lower the Std of F1, the more stable the performance on different data. The scale on the right half is opposite to that on the left half. The larger the overall presentation area, the better the performance.

Table 3 shows the comparison between the original LS-task baselines and with UP4LS. We use the Acc value and F1 Std (standard deviation) of BERT-based LS baselines in Table 3 to make Figure 6. Figure 6 shows the performance in different

aspects. Since the non-BERT-based baselines have lower Acc and F1 (Yang et al., 2019b)(Yang et al., 2019c), they are not shown in Figure 6.

The results of Figure 6 and Table 3 show that:

- UP4LS can improve the performance of the LS-task baselines. The Acc and F1 improvement reached 28.99% and 65.59% in 500:1.
- The improvement increases with the increase of the ratio. In the datasets with extremely large ratios (cover:stego=500:1), the improvement is the most. The reason is that UP4LS captures user features. This shows that the advantage of UP4LS is that there are few stego, which are difficult to detect with existing methods. It can effectively capture the distributions in the few stego.
- UP4LS performs more stably on different user datasets. The standard deviation of the original BERT-based baselines is higher after using the UP4LS proposed.

4.2.2 Related-task baselines

Table 4 shows the comparison between the original related-task baselines and with UP4LS. We use the Acc and F1 value in Table 4 to make Figure 7.

The results of Figure 7 and Table 4 show that: UP4LS can also help the related-task baselines perform LS in various data, and the degree of improvement increases with the increase of ratio.

Table 4: Overall comparison of the original **related-task** baselines (Original) and with UP4LS (+UP4LS) in the distinct datasets. The meaning of “ $a_{\pm b}^{(c)}$ ”, Δ , and **Bold** are the same as Table 3. The Unit is %. The complete data are shown in Table 11 in Appendix A.

Related-task (%)	HypEmo (Chen et al., 2023)		HiTIN (Zhu et al., 2023)		
	Original	+UP4LS	Original	+UP4LS	
50:1	Acc	91.08 \pm 2.32	95.87 \pm 2.88 (\uparrow 4.79)	87.20 \pm 5.99	95.97 \pm 2.32 (\uparrow 8.77)
	F1	90.15 \pm 2.80	95.70 \pm 3.21 (\uparrow 5.55)	85.34 \pm 7.77	95.82 \pm 2.46 (\uparrow 10.48)
100:1	Acc	82.69 \pm 5.92	92.84 \pm 4.46 (\uparrow 10.15)	76.40 \pm 13.96	92.67 \pm 4.56 (\uparrow 16.27)
	F1	78.70 \pm 8.46	92.24 \pm 5.08 (\uparrow 13.54)	65.39 \pm 24.96	91.89 \pm 5.82 (\uparrow 26.50)
200:1	Acc	73.05 \pm 6.10	88.11 \pm 4.94 (\uparrow 15.06)	70.90 \pm 14.80	89.04 \pm 4.86 (\uparrow 18.14)
	F1	62.26 \pm 11.40	86.59 \pm 5.76 (\uparrow 24.33)	53.22 \pm 31.43	87.00 \pm 7.06 (\uparrow 33.78)
500:1	Acc	54.98 \pm 3.91	81.84 \pm 7.36 (\uparrow 26.86)	52.30 \pm 1.72	82.91 \pm 5.21 (\uparrow 30.61)
	F1	17.35 \pm 12.16	78.55 \pm 10.83 (\uparrow 61.20)	9.97 \pm 9.66	80.89 \pm 6.17 (\uparrow 70.92)

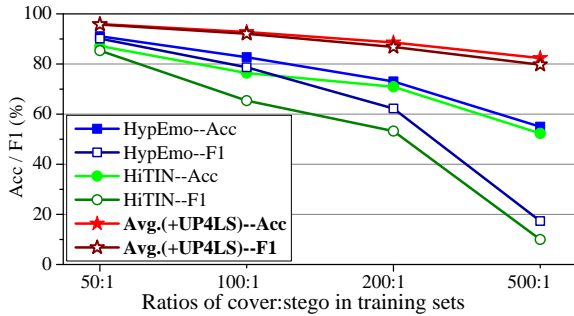


Figure 7: Comparison between the original **related-task** baselines and with UP4LS. For clarity, the UP4LS’ performance is shown here as the average of these baselines with UP4LS in Table 4. The vertical axis is performance. The complete data are shown in Table 11 in Appendix A.

All comparison experiments used “T” and “Mann–Whitney U” test, and the results are shown in Table 14 in Appendix A. The results are all lower than 0.05, which is incompatible with the null hypothesis. It shows that the results are statistically significant.

4.3 Ablation experiment

As the main contributions of this paper, we explored the effect of “**user features**” and “**attention fusion**”, and we conducted this experiment.

User features. we compare the performance of content features with that of “user+content” features. Table 5 shows the comparison without and with user features.

The results of Table 5 show that: As the ratio increases, the degree of improvement shows an increasing trend. This is attributed to user features reflecting the user’s style to a certain extent. Even with a few quantity of stegos, more comprehensive

Table 5: Ablation experiment of the user features. The complete data are shown in Table 12 in Appendix A.

User features (%)		Content	Content+User
50:1	Acc	91.34 \pm 4.49	96.22 \pm 2.53 (\uparrow 4.88)
	F1	90.17 \pm 5.98	96.07 \pm 2.84 (\uparrow 5.90)
100:1	Acc	82.38 \pm 7.32	93.44 \pm 3.95 (\uparrow 11.06)
	F1	77.58 \pm 11.47	92.92 \pm 4.67 (\uparrow 15.34)
200:1	Acc	73.38 \pm 9.64	89.22 \pm 4.92 (\uparrow 15.84)
	F1	60.98 \pm 19.77	87.59 \pm 6.66 (\uparrow 26.61)
500:1	Acc	57.32 \pm 5.54	83.39 \pm 5.40 (\uparrow 26.07)
	F1	23.45 \pm 15.74	79.68 \pm 7.97 (\uparrow 56.23)
Avg. (Δ)		Acc: \uparrow 14.46	F1: \uparrow 26.02

user features can be captured. Therefore, the user feature has a stable performance.

Attention fusion. We compare the impact of using mutual attention mechanism to guide feature fusion and simple concatenating on detection performance, as shown in Table 6.

Table 6: Ablation experiment of the attention fusion. Take the ratio of 50:1 as an example. The complete data are shown in Table 13 in Appendix A.

Attention fusion (%)	Concat	Attn
Acc	95.88 \pm 2.09	96.76 \pm 2.00 (\uparrow 0.88)
F1	95.56 \pm 2.55	96.67 \pm 2.11 (\uparrow 1.11)

From the results in Table 6, it can be seen that the attention can further enhance the feature expression and improve the detection performance.

5 Conclusion

In this paper, we propose UP4LS, which constructs the user profile for enhancing LS. UP4LS has explored three types of user attributes and extracted user features by the designed extraction modules. Existing methods retain the designed deep-learning model and add UP4LS to other parts to improve their performance in complex realistic scenarios. Experiments show that UP4LS can significantly enhance the performance of LS-task and related-task SOTA baselines in social networks. Especially when there are very few stego samples. And the detection stability in various data is enhanced.

In the future, we will design LS with user behavior. It detects covert communications more directly. In addition, stegos in social networks may be generated and mixed by multiple steganography. There is little research on the detection of these stegos. Therefore, we also research the steganography algorithm rather than the stego as the detection object.

511 Limitations

512 This paper constructs the user profile and extracts
513 user features that are beneficial to detect stegos.
514 While this research improves the performance of
515 existing methods, it still faces certain limitations
516 and potential risks:

517 **(1) Use of language model:** The language
518 model of the text is not designed too much or uses
519 LLMs such as LLaMA3. This is because the design
520 focus of this paper is the construction of user pro-
521 file and the extraction of user features. If a larger
522 pre-trained model is used to extract content fea-
523 tures, it may indeed further improve the detection
524 capability.

525 **(2) User profile completeness:** Although we
526 strive to comprehensively analyze user attributes,
527 the given user profile may not encompass all as-
528 pects like user metadata. Moreover, exploring ex-
529 traction from other user behaviors could potentially
530 uncover additional attributes beneficial to LS.

531 **(3) The broad advantage in ideal data:** In
532 ideal data, UP4LS has potential risks in improving
533 performance. There are slight or even no user at-
534 tributes reflected in these data. User features hardly
535 improve the performance of these data.

536 Ethical Statement

537 This study involves collecting and analyzing pub-
538 licly visible Twitter user tweets to build user por-
539 traits, aiming to study whether the text contains
540 secret information. In this study, we promise:

541 **(1) Data Collection:** All collected data comes
542 from the publicly accessible Twitter platform and
543 contains only non-sensitive information. We will
544 not collect any information that can directly iden-
545 tify individuals.

546 **(2) Data Use:** The collected data will only be
547 used for scientific research purposes, that is, to
548 detect whether the text is steganographic. It will
549 not be used for any commercial purpose.

550 **3 Data Protection:** All data during the research
551 process are stored in an encrypted and protected
552 server and can only be accessed by authorized re-
553 searchers.

554 **4 Research results:** In any research results re-
555 leased to the public, we will not disclose any in-
556 formation about specific users, and ensure that the
557 presentation of research results will not cause any
558 harm or inconvenience to any user.

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747 **A Appendix**

Table 7: The performance of the **LS-task** baselines and with UP4LS in **50:1** ratio. The meaning of “ $a_{\pm b}$ (c)”, Δ , and **Bold** in the Table 7 to Table 13 are the same as Table 3.

50:1 (%)			U1	U2	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	Avg \pm Std (Δ Acc)
FETS	Acc	Original	50.09	50.00	50.27	50.52	50.47	50.00	50.24	50.26	50.00	50.00	50.19 \pm 0.20
		+UP4LS	95.09	95.98	96.26	96.91	96.24	98.12	87.20	95.06	97.28	97.77	95.59 \pm 3.12 (\uparrow 45.40)
	F1	Original	0.34	0.00	1.09	2.04	1.86	0.00	0.96	1.02	0.00	0.00	0.73 \pm 0.78
		+UP4LS	95.12	95.86	96.14	96.96	96.09	98.14	85.40	94.81	97.29	97.72	95.35 \pm 3.66 (\uparrow 94.62)
TS_RNN	Acc	Original	50.00	50.52	50.00	50.10	50.12	50.08	50.00	50.09	50.11	50.09	50.11 \pm 0.15
		+UP4LS	96.90	96.50	97.72	96.70	97.76	98.86	91.67	95.66	97.93	97.86	96.76 \pm 2.00 (\uparrow 46.65)
	F1	Original	0.00	2.08	0.00	0.41	0.47	0.33	0.00	0.34	0.43	0.36	0.44 \pm 0.61
		+UP4LS	96.90	96.43	97.68	96.60	97.71	98.85	91.28	95.51	97.90	97.81	96.67 \pm 2.11 (\uparrow 96.23)
Zou	Acc	Original	88.02	93.36	85.40	92.06	91.41	93.88	75.72	92.08	92.37	95.80	90.01 \pm 5.82
		+UP4LS	95.74	97.68	95.44	97.01	97.06	98.22	88.41	95.83	97.17	96.96	95.95 \pm 2.79 (\uparrow 5.94)
	F1	Original	86.47	92.90	82.91	91.38	90.63	93.50	68.04	91.44	91.75	95.62	88.46 \pm 8.04
		+UP4LS	95.76	97.67	95.25	97.03	97.03	98.22	87.20	95.70	97.09	96.90	95.79 \pm 3.15 (\uparrow 7.33)
SSLS	Acc	Original	90.09	94.93	93.25	87.22	88.94	95.60	76.21	88.50	90.20	95.71	90.07 \pm 5.77
		+UP4LS	95.67	97.53	95.75	97.34	97.76	98.24	89.20	97.00	97.10	98.12	96.37 \pm 2.67 (\uparrow 6.30)
	F1	Original	89.20	94.68	92.76	85.34	87.63	95.39	68.78	87.08	89.13	95.53	88.55 \pm 7.86
		+UP4LS	95.55	97.50	95.58	97.30	97.73	98.25	88.38	96.99	97.01	98.12	96.24 \pm 2.91 (\uparrow 7.69)
LSFLS	Acc	Original	90.28	95.72	93.12	92.27	94.35	97.88	88.89	95.40	95.10	96.34	93.94 \pm 2.80
		+UP4LS	94.40	97.52	97.45	97.22	96.47	98.09	90.34	97.31	97.80	97.70	96.43 \pm 2.38 (\uparrow 2.49)
	F1	Original	89.18	95.53	92.56	91.68	94.01	97.84	87.80	95.18	94.85	96.21	93.48 \pm 3.17
		+UP4LS	94.22	97.48	97.45	97.17	96.51	98.08	89.36	97.30	97.76	97.68	96.30 \pm 2.67 (\uparrow 2.82)

Table 8: The performance of the **LS-task** baselines and with UP4LS in **100:1** ratio.

100:1 (%)			U1	U2	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	Avg \pm Std (Δ Acc)
FETS	Acc	Original	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.12	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.01 \pm 0.04
		+UP4LS	94.19	95.80	94.01	94.62	93.79	95.02	81.16	93.10	94.34	94.77	93.08 \pm 4.25 (\uparrow 43.07)
	F1	Original	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05 \pm 0.15
		+UP4LS	94.19	95.62	93.56	94.29	93.36	94.77	77.90	93.40	94.00	94.49	92.56 \pm 5.20 (\uparrow 92.51)
TS_RNN	Acc	Original	50.00	50.17	50.00	50.10	50.00	50.00	50.12	50.00	50.00	50.09	50.05 \pm 0.07
		+UP4LS	93.10	96.24	94.18	95.88	94.71	95.32	82.00	93.78	93.46	94.29	93.30 \pm 4.10 (\uparrow 43.25)
	F1	Original	0.00	0.70	0.00	0.41	0.00	0.00	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.20 \pm 0.27
		+UP4LS	92.95	96.20	93.88	95.71	94.41	95.09	80.11	93.42	93.01	93.98	92.88 \pm 4.62 (\uparrow 92.68)
Zou	Acc	Original	75.43	91.70	80.02	78.76	74.35	90.78	66.43	83.05	85.62	83.75	80.99 \pm 7.72
		+UP4LS	93.10	96.50	94.56	95.77	94.82	94.94	83.70	95.40	94.46	95.87	93.91 \pm 3.71 (\uparrow 12.92)
	F1	Original	67.43	90.94	75.03	73.04	65.51	89.87	49.45	79.59	83.21	80.60	75.47 \pm 12.46
		+UP4LS	92.69	95.39	93.34	95.86	93.58	94.69	80.84	95.34	94.16	95.68	93.16 \pm 4.46 (\uparrow 17.69)
SSLS	Acc	Original	79.22	91.35	80.66	76.70	87.29	93.56	66.30	75.13	86.71	88.93	82.59 \pm 8.48
		+UP4LS	92.90	95.37	93.70	95.05	94.59	95.11	83.48	95.03	95.53	95.36	93.61 \pm 3.66 (\uparrow 11.02)
	F1	Original	73.89	90.54	76.02	69.62	85.48	93.15	49.36	66.89	84.67	87.55	77.72 \pm 13.38
		+UP4LS	92.75	95.15	93.88	94.81	94.28	94.86	81.22	94.80	95.34	95.16	93.23 \pm 4.29 (\uparrow 15.51)
LSFLS	Acc	Original	79.86	91.78	80.93	82.89	77.65	91.68	70.77	81.09	89.83	89.29	83.58 \pm 6.92
		+UP4LS	92.67	95.72	93.47	94.33	93.51	94.60	81.67	95.40	95.58	95.86	93.28 \pm 4.22 (\uparrow 9.70)
	F1	Original	74.75	91.05	76.44	79.35	71.30	90.93	58.70	76.68	88.26	88.00	79.55 \pm 10.29
		+UP4LS	92.41	95.59	93.19	93.98	93.02	94.28	78.92	95.22	95.45	95.63	92.77 \pm 5.00 (\uparrow 13.22)

Table 9: The performance of the **LS-task** baselines and with UP4LS in **200:1** ratio.

200:1 (%)			U1	U2	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	Avg \pm Std (Δ Acc)
FETS	Acc	Original	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.12	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.01 \pm 0.04
		+UP4LS	83.88	92.22	92.96	88.87	91.29	91.19	75.02	92.25	88.89	91.52	88.81 \pm 5.52 (\uparrow 38.80)
	F1	Original	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05 \pm 0.15
		+UP4LS	81.58	92.21	92.49	87.59	90.80	90.36	64.69	91.66	87.50	90.73	86.96 \pm 8.47 (\uparrow 86.91)
TS_RNN	Acc	Original	50.00	50.09	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.12	50.00	50.00	50.02 \pm 0.04
		+UP4LS	85.60	94.32	91.51	88.64	88.73	91.27	77.29	90.41	87.69	91.16	88.66 \pm 4.67 (\uparrow 38.64)
	F1	Original	0.00	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.08 \pm 0.18
		+UP4LS	84.23	94.06	90.75	85.99	86.85	90.69	71.25	88.79	85.96	90.30	86.89 \pm 6.23 (\uparrow 86.81)
Zou	Acc	Original	52.76	75.61	67.34	72.68	71.29	83.44	69.79	73.68	78.00	81.52	72.61 \pm 8.61
		+UP4LS	85.26	94.93	92.24	86.62	91.27	93.36	78.14	90.56	89.54	92.50	89.44 \pm 4.95 (\uparrow 16.83)
	F1	Original	10.46	67.75	51.49	62.41	59.74	80.20	56.72	64.28	71.79	77.33	60.22 \pm 19.63
		+UP4LS	82.88	94.81	91.61	84.28	90.39	92.49	73.11	89.03	88.32	91.89	87.88 \pm 6.35 (\uparrow 27.66)
SSLS	Acc	Original	55.69	79.11	64.60	73.09	71.41	88.25	50.48	69.59	87.36	87.05	72.66 \pm 13.18
		+UP4LS	86.03	95.02	92.06	88.37	91.60	92.17	77.85	88.47	89.43	91.61	89.26 \pm 4.74 (\uparrow 16.60)
	F1	Original	20.68	74.38	45.20	63.19	59.97	86.72	1.91	56.30	85.54	85.13	57.90 \pm 28.53
		+UP4LS	85.69	94.92	91.38	86.54	90.76	91.50	71.74	86.49	88.19	90.84	87.81 \pm 6.33 (\uparrow 29.91)
LSFLS	Acc	Original	65.78	82.69	70.44	72.27	70.47	83.03	61.84	71.29	85.73	85.00	74.85 \pm 8.56
		+UP4LS	82.30	95.10	93.70	88.47	92.19	90.98	79.03	93.07	90.85	93.38	89.91 \pm 5.26 (\uparrow 15.06)
	F1	Original	47.97	79.07	58.03	61.63	58.10	79.57	38.52	59.74	83.35	82.35	64.83 \pm 15.54
		+UP4LS	78.22	95.01	93.92	86.80	91.53	89.00	74.52	92.56	89.93	92.83	88.43 \pm 6.85 (\uparrow 23.60)

Table 10: The performance of the **LS-task** baselines and with UP4LS in **500:1** ratio.

500:1 (%)			U1	U2	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	Avg \pm Std (Δ Acc)
FETS	Acc	Original	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.12	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.01 \pm 0.04
		+UP4LS	86.72	86.10	84.05	88.76	82.47	80.85	66.43	89.85	74.62	87.68	82.75 \pm 7.27 (\uparrow 32.74)
	F1	Original	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05 \pm 0.15
		+UP4LS	83.42	84.24	81.08	87.74	78.74	74.95	52.56	88.94	65.99	85.98	78.36 \pm 11.33 (\uparrow 78.31)
TS_RNN	Acc	Original	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.12	50.00	50.00	50.01 \pm 0.04
		+UP4LS	80.26	90.73	84.95	90.10	81.53	82.22	74.40	89.37	74.14	85.00	83.27 \pm 5.97 (\uparrow 33.26)
	F1	Original	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.05 \pm 0.15
		+UP4LS	76.70	89.87	82.72	90.98	77.34	78.42	70.80	87.97	58.82	82.39	79.60 \pm 9.70 (\uparrow 79.55)
Zou	Acc	Original	50.69	66.35	51.82	50.52	54.00	72.35	51.09	54.94	50.65	64.29	56.67 \pm 7.97
		+UP4LS	82.50	88.72	83.03	84.35	81.91	80.49	72.28	88.76	86.06	91.16	83.93 \pm 5.35 (\uparrow 27.26)
	F1	Original	2.72	49.41	7.04	2.04	14.81	61.78	4.26	17.98	2.58	44.44	20.71 \pm 22.54
		+UP4LS	79.31	87.44	80.38	81.45	77.60	75.40	61.02	87.78	83.92	90.53	80.48 \pm 8.36 (\uparrow 59.77)
SSLS	Acc	Original	50.86	56.91	52.37	55.26	54.71	70.64	53.26	51.62	55.01	61.25	56.19 \pm 5.89
		+UP4LS	81.72	89.51	79.84	89.69	82.24	82.14	78.62	88.33	80.17	89.91	84.22 \pm 4.58 (\uparrow 28.03)
	F1	Original	3.39	24.27	9.06	19.03	17.20	58.53	12.64	6.27	18.22	36.73	20.53 \pm 16.43
		+UP4LS	79.73	88.39	74.80	88.91	78.52	78.51	74.75	86.91	75.27	88.80	81.46 \pm 6.10 (\uparrow 60.93)
LSFLS	Acc	Original	55.00	63.55	59.07	53.51	65.29	64.19	50.36	67.72	55.12	57.14	59.10 \pm 5.80
		+UP4LS	81.21	88.46	84.76	86.08	80.59	76.75	68.12	87.56	83.51	90.71	82.78 \pm 6.60 (\uparrow 23.68)
	F1	Original	19.69	42.64	27.99	12.40	46.85	44.22	1.44	52.33	18.58	25.00	29.11 \pm 16.76
		+UP4LS	77.62	82.60	82.02	84.39	75.91	69.71	55.41	85.80	80.46	90.85	78.48 \pm 9.95 (\uparrow 49.37)

Table 11: The performance of the original **related-task** baselines and with UP4LS.

HypEmo (Chen et al., 2023)			U1	U2	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	Avg \pm Std (Δ Acc)
50:1	Acc	Original	88.53	94.93	92.70	91.44	89.76	93.23	86.96	91.74	90.41	91.07	91.08 \pm 2.32
		+UP4LS	94.61	96.90	95.67	96.34	97.41	97.96	88.16	96.93	97.17	97.54	95.87 \pm 2.88 (\uparrow 4.79)
	F1	Original	87.05	94.67	92.13	90.64	88.60	92.74	85.04	90.99	89.40	90.20	90.15 \pm 2.80
		+UP4LS	94.52	96.84	95.53	96.22	97.39	97.92	87.04	96.91	97.10	97.51	95.70 \pm 3.21 (\uparrow 5.55)
100:1	Acc	Original	81.55	91.70	79.01	75.26	79.06	90.86	75.48	82.37	88.34	83.30	82.69 \pm 5.92
		+UP4LS	92.23	95.54	91.98	93.99	94.44	94.15	80.80	93.53	96.51	95.25	92.84 \pm 4.46 (\uparrow 10.15)
	F1	Original	77.38	90.94	73.44	67.12	75.31	89.95	67.52	78.59	86.81	79.96	78.70 \pm 8.46
		+UP4LS	90.54	95.38	91.62	93.54	94.28	93.84	78.66	93.08	96.40	95.05	92.24 \pm 5.08 (\uparrow 13.54)
200:1	Acc	Original	74.31	85.75	68.80	68.25	72.71	75.37	62.56	71.64	75.16	75.98	73.05 \pm 6.10
		+UP4LS	82.24	94.84	88.87	86.80	85.32	90.78	78.59	89.95	91.31	92.43	88.11 \pm 4.94 (\uparrow 15.06)
	F1	Original	65.43	83.38	54.64	53.47	62.46	67.32	40.15	60.40	66.96	68.39	62.26 \pm 11.40
		+UP4LS	78.83	94.74	87.50	84.80	82.43	89.87	76.85	88.85	90.20	91.82	86.59 \pm 5.76 (\uparrow 24.33)
500:1	Acc	Original	53.02	63.64	52.28	55.77	58.47	57.34	50.85	53.24	51.74	53.48	54.98 \pm 3.91
		+UP4LS	80.54	88.20	84.43	86.80	80.35	76.00	64.29	85.48	83.01	89.27	81.84 \pm 7.36 (\uparrow 26.86)
	F1	Original	11.38	42.86	8.73	20.70	28.97	25.60	3.33	12.16	6.74	13.02	17.35 \pm 12.16
		+UP4LS	75.83	87.24	86.78	85.90	80.44	69.37	52.07	83.24	79.90	84.72	78.55 \pm 10.83 (\uparrow 61.20)
HiTIN (Zhu et al., 2023)			U1	U2	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	Avg \pm Std (Δ Acc)
50:1	Acc	Original	79.76	95.11	86.58	83.62	82.59	89.94	78.13	89.69	93.09	93.50	87.20 \pm 5.99
		+UP4LS	93.28	96.68	96.26	96.91	97.27	97.19	90.34	96.95	97.28	97.50	95.97 \pm 2.32 (\uparrow 8.77)
	F1	Original	74.63	95.00	84.68	81.72	79.94	89.65	73.26	88.39	92.70	93.40	85.34 \pm 7.77
		+UP4LS	92.88	96.60	96.15	96.81	97.20	97.09	89.90	96.89	97.20	97.44	95.82 \pm 2.46 (\uparrow 10.48)
100:1	Acc	Original	65.95	93.59	64.94	68.09	87.20	92.41	54.09	87.04	66.35	84.33	76.40 \pm 13.96
		+UP4LS	89.05	95.80	92.43	94.90	94.00	94.72	81.04	93.95	94.77	96.07	92.67 \pm 4.56 (\uparrow 16.27)
	F1	Original	48.51	92.82	46.28	55.22	88.05	90.78	17.26	84.87	53.93	76.16	65.39 \pm 24.96
		+UP4LS	88.19	95.64	91.81	94.70	93.63	94.35	76.60	93.56	94.48	95.93	91.89 \pm 5.82 (\uparrow 26.50)
200:1	Acc	Original	55.14	90.73	63.01	67.51	70.86	85.13	52.93	79.54	53.96	90.14	70.90 \pm 14.80
		+UP4LS	85.02	95.02	90.97	86.29	90.74	92.33	78.09	92.05	88.40	91.52	89.04 \pm 4.86 (\uparrow 18.14)
	F1	Original	13.80	89.82	43.59	49.14	59.23	86.27	14.38	73.92	13.52	88.50	53.22 \pm 31.43
		+UP4LS	82.33	94.92	90.63	84.33	89.70	91.71	69.82	89.28	86.56	90.75	87.00 \pm 7.06 (\uparrow 33.78)
500:1	Acc	Original	51.85	52.45	52.08	51.03	50.06	52.64	52.93	56.33	50.66	52.95	52.30 \pm 1.72
		+UP4LS	81.72	86.88	83.75	84.99	84.21	75.04	72.71	87.95	83.66	88.21	82.91 \pm 5.21 (\uparrow 30.61)
	F1	Original	7.95	9.33	9.72	4.44	0.94	8.15	9.72	35.41	1.75	12.31	9.97 \pm 9.66
		+UP4LS	79.17	84.18	78.42	82.97	81.04	66.81	76.41	87.12	85.90	86.88	80.89 \pm 6.17 (\uparrow 70.92)

Table 12: Ablation experiment about the user features.

User features (%)			U1	U2	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	Avg \pm Std (Δ Acc)
50:1	Acc	Content	89.46	94.67	90.59	90.52	91.57	95.79	80.27	91.99	92.56	95.95	91.34 \pm 4.49
		User+Content	95.56	97.04	96.52	97.04	97.06	98.31	89.36	96.17	97.46	97.68	96.22 \pm 2.53 (\uparrow 4.88)
	F1	Content	88.28	94.37	89.41	89.47	90.76	95.58	74.87	91.23	91.91	95.79	90.17 \pm 5.98
		User+Content	95.51	96.99	96.42	97.01	97.01	98.31	88.32	96.06	97.41	97.65	96.07 \pm 2.84 (\uparrow 5.90)
100:1	Acc	Content	78.17	91.61	80.54	79.45	79.76	92.01	67.83	79.76	87.39	87.32	82.38 \pm 7.32
		User+Content	93.19	95.93	93.98	95.13	94.28	95.00	82.40	94.54	94.67	95.23	93.44 \pm 3.95 (\uparrow 11.06)
	F1	Content	72.02	90.84	75.83	74.00	74.10	91.32	52.50	74.39	85.38	85.38	77.58 \pm 11.47
		User+Content	93.00	95.59	93.57	94.93	93.73	94.74	79.80	94.44	94.39	94.99	92.92 \pm 4.67 (\uparrow 15.34)
200:1	Acc	Content	58.08	79.14	67.46	72.68	71.06	84.91	60.70	71.52	83.70	84.52	73.38 \pm 9.64
		User+Content	84.61	94.32	92.49	88.19	91.02	91.79	77.47	90.95	89.28	92.03	89.22 \pm 4.92 (\uparrow 15.84)
	F1	Content	26.37	73.73	51.57	62.41	59.27	82.16	32.38	60.11	80.23	81.60	60.98 \pm 19.77
		User+Content	82.52	94.20	92.03	86.24	90.07	90.81	71.06	89.71	87.98	91.32	87.59 \pm 6.66 (\uparrow 26.61)
500:1	Acc	Content	52.18	62.27	54.42	53.10	58.00	69.06	51.57	58.09	53.59	60.89	57.32 \pm 5.54
		User+Content	82.48	88.70	83.33	87.80	81.75	80.49	71.97	88.77	79.70	88.89	83.39 \pm 5.40 (\uparrow 26.07)
	F1	Content	8.60	38.77	14.70	11.16	26.29	54.84	6.11	25.53	13.13	35.39	23.45 \pm 15.74
		User+Content	79.36	86.51	80.20	86.69	77.62	75.40	62.91	87.48	72.89	87.71	79.68 \pm 7.97 (\uparrow 56.23)

Table 13: Ablation experiment about the attention fusion.

Fusion (%)	U1	U2	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	Avg \pm Std	
Acc	Concat	95.17 \pm 1.53	96.85 \pm 1.48	96.84 \pm 1.35	96.84 \pm 0.87	95.79 \pm 0.79	97.70 \pm 0.60	90.41 \pm 1.95	95.55 \pm 2.19	97.49 \pm 0.86	96.14 \pm 1.00	95.88 \pm 2.09
	Attn	96.9	96.5	97.72	96.7	97.76	98.86	91.67	95.66	97.93	97.86	96.76 \pm 2.00
F1	Concat	94.68 \pm 1.97	96.76 \pm 1.54	96.55 \pm 1.51	96.79 \pm 0.96	95.61 \pm 0.86	97.65 \pm 0.64	88.80 \pm 2.72	95.30 \pm 2.44	97.43 \pm 0.92	95.98 \pm 1.10	95.56 \pm 2.55
	Attn	96.9	96.43	97.68	96.6	97.71	98.85	91.28	95.51	97.90	97.81	96.67 \pm 2.11

Table 14: Significance test in the comparison experiment.

Significance test		FETS				TS_RNN			
		50:1	100:1	200:1	500:1	50:1	100:1	200:1	500:1
T	Acc	4.17E-20	2.51E-17	1.55E-14	3.06E-11	9.30E-24	1.22E-17	8.76E-16	8.46E-13
	F1	2.02E-24	1.09E-21	2.02E-17	2.08E-14	1.05E-28	1.30E-22	8.75E-20	1.04E-15
Mann-Whitney U	Acc	0.000172	8.74E-05	8.74E-05	8.74E-05	0.000177	0.000149	0.000110	8.74E-05
	F1	0.000172	8.74E-05	8.74E-05	8.74E-05	0.000178	0.000149	0.000110	8.74E-05
Significance test		Zou				SSLS			
		50:1	100:1	200:1	500:1	50:1	100:1	200:1	500:1
T	Acc	0.009348	0.000152	4.30E-05	4.59E-08	0.005720	0.001382	0.001477	5.89E-10
	F1	0.015220	0.000506	0.000492	3.14E-07	0.009517	0.002618	0.004584	2.05E-09
Mann-Whitney U	Acc	0.002202	0.000582	0.000329	0.000246	0.001314	0.001007	0.001314	0.000182
	F1	0.001699	0.000439	0.000329	0.000246	0.001007	0.001007	0.001314	0.000182
Significance test		LSFLS				HypEmo			
		50:1	100:1	200:1	500:1	50:1	100:1	200:1	500:1
T	Acc	0.045666	0.001358	0.000163	9.79E-08	0.000673	0.000402	9.81E-06	6.67E-09
	F1	0.045557	0.001811	0.000350	2.41E-07	0.000638	0.000394	1.07E-05	5.87E-10
Mann-Whitney U	Acc	0.025748	0.000768	0.001706	0.000182	0.002827	0.001007	0.000439	0.000182
	F1	0.025748	0.000768	0.001706	0.000182	0.002827	0.000768	0.000439	0.000182
Significance test		HiTIN				/	/	/	/
		50:1	100:1	200:1	500:1	/	/	/	/
T	Acc	0.000416	0.002525	0.001701	8.22E-13	/	/	/	/
	F1	0.000727	0.004255	0.003835	1.41E-13	/	/	/	/
Mann-Whitney U	Acc	0.000768	0.001706	0.003610	0.000182	/	/	/	/
	F1	0.000765	0.001314	0.007284	0.000181	/	/	/	/