

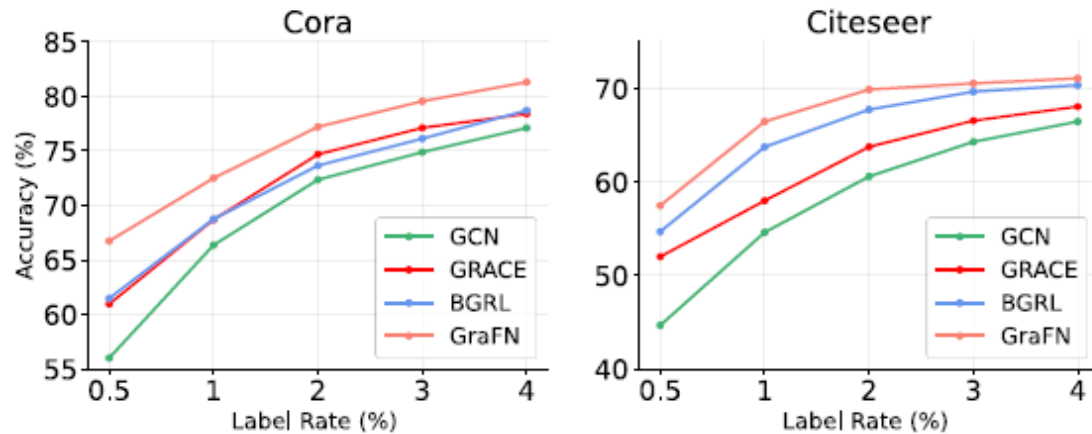
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# GraFN: Semi-Supervised Node Classification on Graph with Few Labels via Non-Parametric Distribution Assignment

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# MOTIVATION PERFORMANCE DEGRADATION OF GNN WITH FEW LABELED NODES



Node Classification accuracy over various labeled node rates

**Limitation** The performance of GCNs on node classification significantly degrades when only few labeled nodes are given

- Suffers from **overfitting**
- **Ineffective propagation of supervisory signal**

## Related work 1. Pseudo Labeling Technique

**Idea** Expand the label set by obtaining pseudo-labels

**Limitation** Incorrect pseudo-labels incur **confirmation bias**

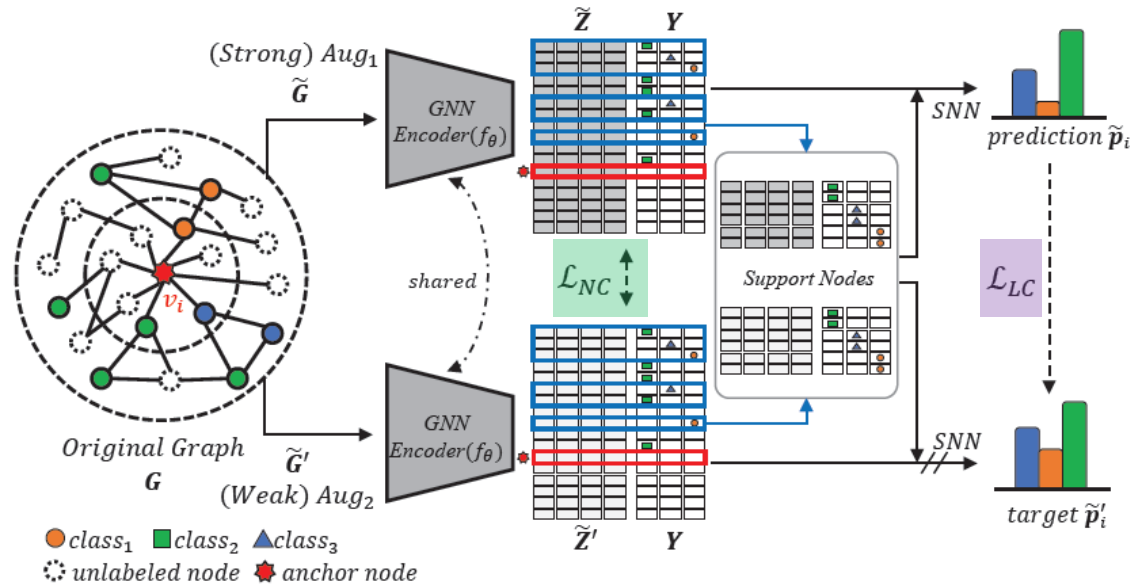
## Related work 2. Self-Supervised Learning

**Idea** Learn node representation without requirements of labeled nodes

**Limitation** Node label information is not involved in the training process  
→ **Hard to learn class discriminative node representations**

# Proposed Method: GraFN

**Key Idea** GraFN not only exploits the self-supervised loss but also fully leverages a small amount of labeled nodes to ensure the nodes with same class to be grouped together.



## • Node-wise Consistency Regularization

Minimize the difference between the node representations obtained from the two differently augmented graphs in a node-wise manner

## • Label-guided Consistency Regularization

Minimize the difference between two predicted class distributions that are non-parametrically assigned by anchor-supports similarity from two differently augmented graphs

→ Unlabeled nodes can be grouped together according to their classes by enforcing them to be consistently close with a certain class of labeled nodes.

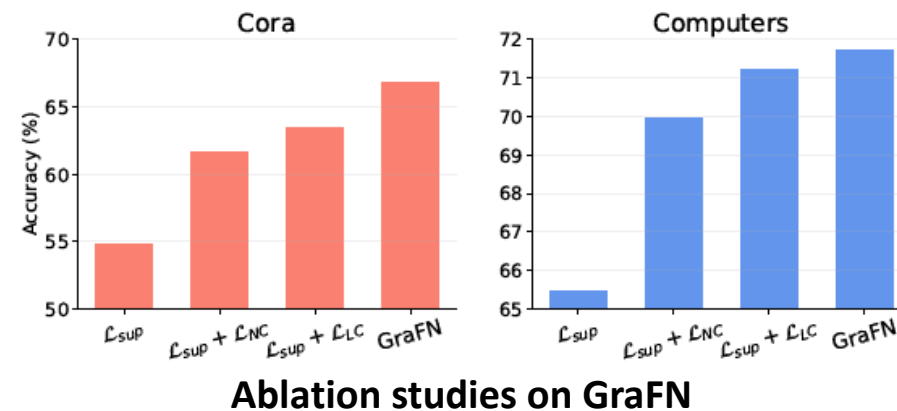
# EXPERIMENTS

| Methods       | Cora         |              |              | Citeseer     |              |              | Pubmed       |              |              | Am. Comp     |              |              | Am. Photos   |              |              |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|               | 0.5%         | 1%           | 2%           | 0.5%         | 1%           | 2%           | 0.03%        | 0.06%        | 0.1%         | 0.15%        | 0.2%         | 0.25%        | 0.15%        | 0.2%         | 0.25%        |
| MLP           | 31.24        | 37.74        | 44.53        | 32.07        | 43.07        | 46.11        | 52.50        | 55.80        | 61.22        | 40.30        | 42.22        | 49.98        | 29.76        | 31.64        | 38.55        |
| LP            | 50.77        | 58.28        | 64.43        | 31.15        | 37.95        | 41.71        | 50.93        | 55.83        | 62.14        | 60.46        | 65.90        | 68.79        | 63.67        | 66.38        | 70.40        |
| GCN           | 56.00        | 66.36        | 72.35        | 44.67        | 54.61        | 60.59        | 59.28        | 64.00        | 73.74        | 62.71        | 66.81        | 71.75        | 66.70        | 70.72        | 75.74        |
| GAT           | 58.57        | 67.75        | 72.74        | 48.70        | 58.73        | 62.71        | 63.15        | 64.11        | 73.19        | 66.17        | 70.18        | 72.82        | 73.29        | 74.46        | 80.12        |
| SGC           | 49.19        | 63.60        | 69.56        | 44.02        | 55.89        | 63.61        | 58.58        | 62.50        | 71.90        | 59.69        | 64.24        | 68.29        | 55.96        | 61.64        | 69.69        |
| APPNP         | 62.02        | 71.45        | 76.89        | 41.79        | 54.70        | 62.86        | 63.15        | 64.11        | 73.19        | 68.53        | 72.47        | 74.27        | 75.54        | 78.49        | 82.75        |
| GRAND         | 54.51        | 70.92        | 74.90        | 46.76        | 58.40        | 65.31        | 55.87        | 61.25        | 72.42        | 68.00        | 72.71        | 75.77        | 73.80        | 75.83        | 82.33        |
| GLP           | 56.94        | 68.28        | 72.97        | 41.53        | 54.84        | 63.08        | 56.70        | 60.83        | 73.46        | 62.97        | 68.56        | 70.70        | 63.18        | 67.96        | 75.19        |
| IGCN          | 58.81        | 70.10        | 74.34        | 43.28        | 57.00        | 64.62        | 57.50        | 62.06        | 73.13        | 65.48        | 70.05        | 71.03        | 71.27        | 73.28        | 77.93        |
| CGPN          | 64.21        | 70.54        | 72.97        | 53.90        | 63.70        | 65.15        | 64.55        | 67.58        | 71.42        | 65.37        | 67.98        | 70.77        | 74.14        | 76.89        | 81.57        |
| GRACE         | 60.95        | 68.69        | 74.68        | 52.01        | 58.00        | 63.76        | 64.86        | 68.35        | <b>75.92</b> | 65.25        | 67.79        | 71.79        | 70.19        | 71.89        | 77.32        |
| BGRL          | 61.74        | 68.74        | 73.65        | 54.69        | 63.75        | 67.75        | 65.77        | <b>68.86</b> | 75.91        | 68.80        | 73.04        | 75.11        | 74.27        | 78.25        | 83.12        |
| Co-training   | 62.75        | 68.72        | 74.05        | 43.76        | 54.75        | 61.13        | 63.01        | 68.15        | 74.24        | 67.06        | 71.62        | 71.34        | 72.85        | 74.65        | 79.92        |
| Self-training | 57.28        | 70.73        | 75.40        | 46.26        | 60.36        | 66.47        | 57.34        | 65.13        | 72.86        | 61.32        | 65.95        | 68.66        | 61.92        | 65.24        | 71.34        |
| M3S           | 64.46        | <b>72.93</b> | 76.41        | 55.07        | 65.74        | 67.64        | 61.53        | 64.60        | 73.18        | 61.51        | 66.30        | 68.10        | 63.93        | 67.62        | 73.39        |
| <b>GraFN</b>  | <b>66.73</b> | <b>72.50</b> | <b>77.20</b> | <b>57.48</b> | <b>66.47</b> | <b>69.89</b> | <b>65.91</b> | <b>68.41</b> | <b>75.74</b> | <b>71.73</b> | <b>74.26</b> | <b>77.37</b> | <b>79.25</b> | <b>80.87</b> | <b>85.36</b> |

Test Accuracy on semi-supervised node classification

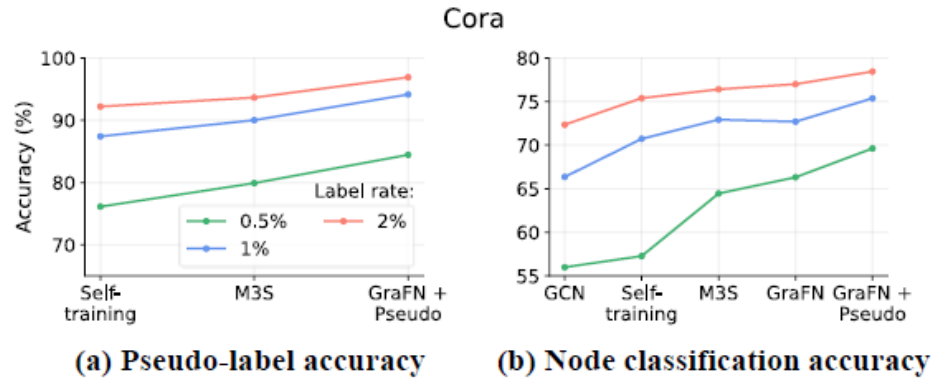
## Performance Analysis

- GraFN outperforms both the semi-supervised and self-supervised methods over various label rates
- Note that GraFN uses **the simplest structure**(no stop gradient and only simple 2-layer encoder)  
→ Shows the **efficiency of our proposed model**
- Ablation studies also show that all the components of GraFN helps to learn class discriminative node representation



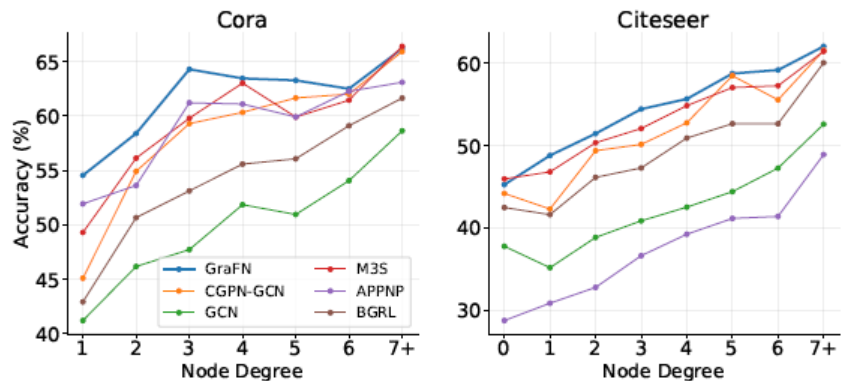
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## Adopting Pseudo-labeling to GraFN



Accuracy of pseudo-labeling and node classification

## Performance Comparison on Different Node Degree



Node classification results on various node degrees

- GraFN also can adopt pseudo-labeling technique
- It shows that GraFN achieves the best pseudo-labeling accuracy  
→ **Alleviates confirmation bias** by learning discriminative node representation

- GraFN greatly outperforms other methods on low-degree nodes  
→ Label guided consistency **regularization can evenly spread the supervision information over the unlabeled nodes regardless of their node degree!**  
  
→ **Effective Propagation of supervisory signal!**

# SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

[Paper] <https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.01303>

[Code] <https://github.com/Junseok0207/GraFN>

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