

# Knowledge Acquisition with Transferable Representation Learning

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# Understanding Relations Is Prominent In Practice

## QA and Semantic Search



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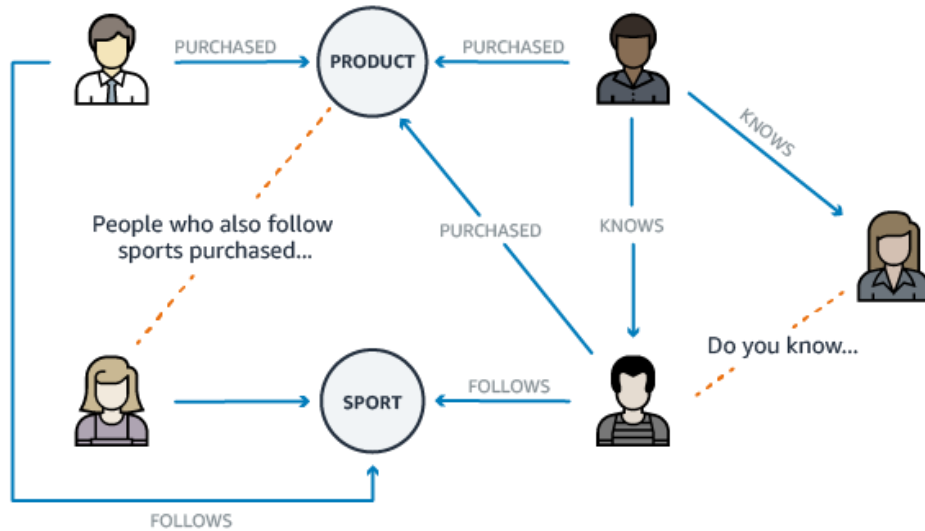
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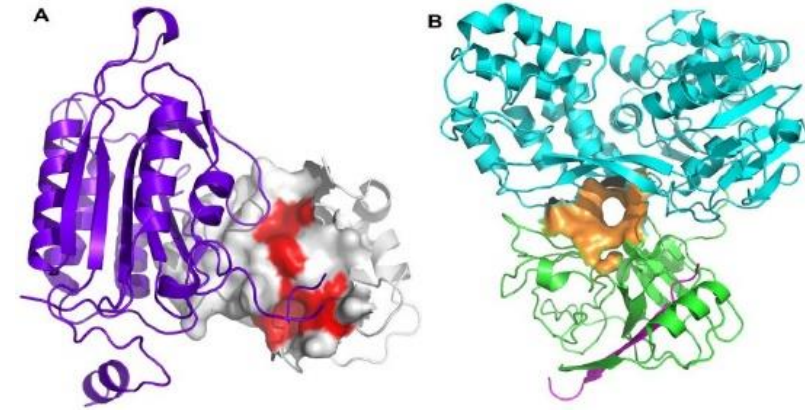
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## Recommender Systems



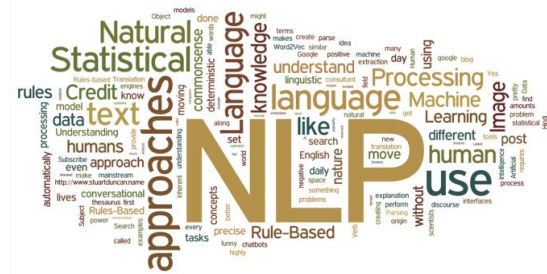
- Co-purchase relations of products
- Social relations of users

## Computational Biology Research



- Interactions of molecules and biomolecules.

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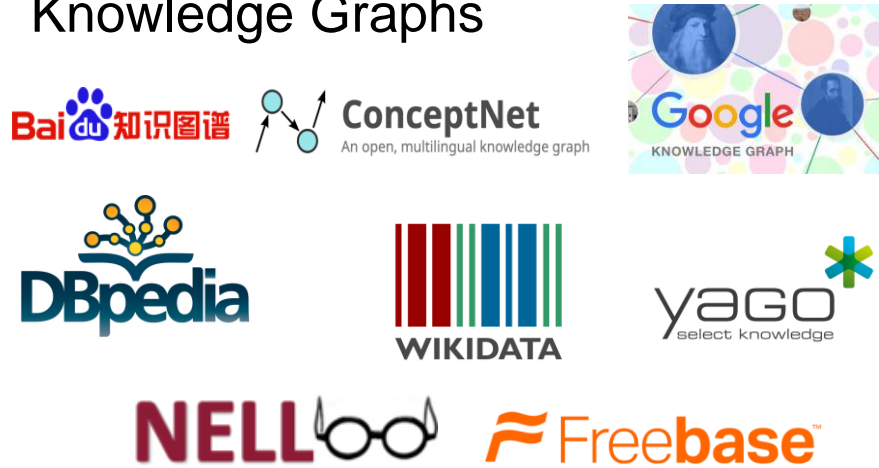
- QA
- Discourse relation detection
- Dialogue state tracking
- Event prediction
- Narrative cloze
- Entity/event typing and linking

- Semantic search
- Relational rule mining
- Ontology population
- Ontology matching and knowledge integration

- Interaction prediction of biomolecules
- Mutation effect estimation
- Non-coding RNA alignment
- Drug discovery
- Polypharmacy side effect detection

# Multi-relational Data

## Knowledge Graphs



## Bio-med Ontologies /Data Banks



## Product & E-Commerce Graphs



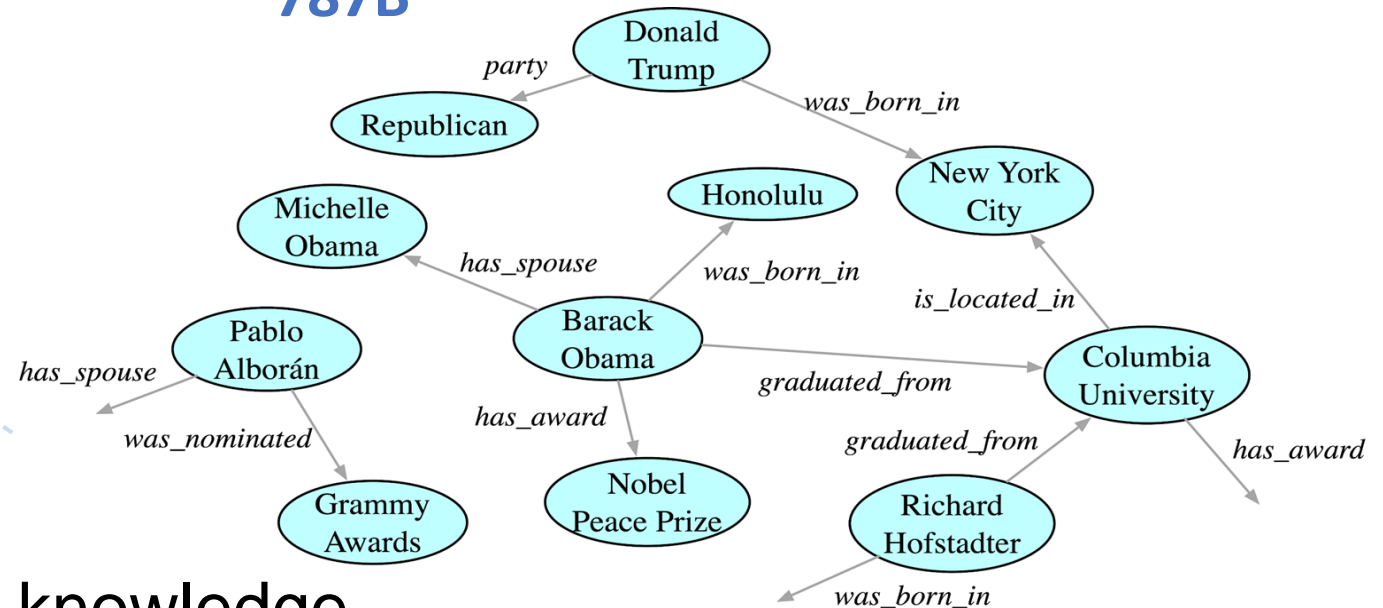
## Lexical and Semantic Graphs



# Multi-relational Data: Precise But **Expensive** Knowledge Representation



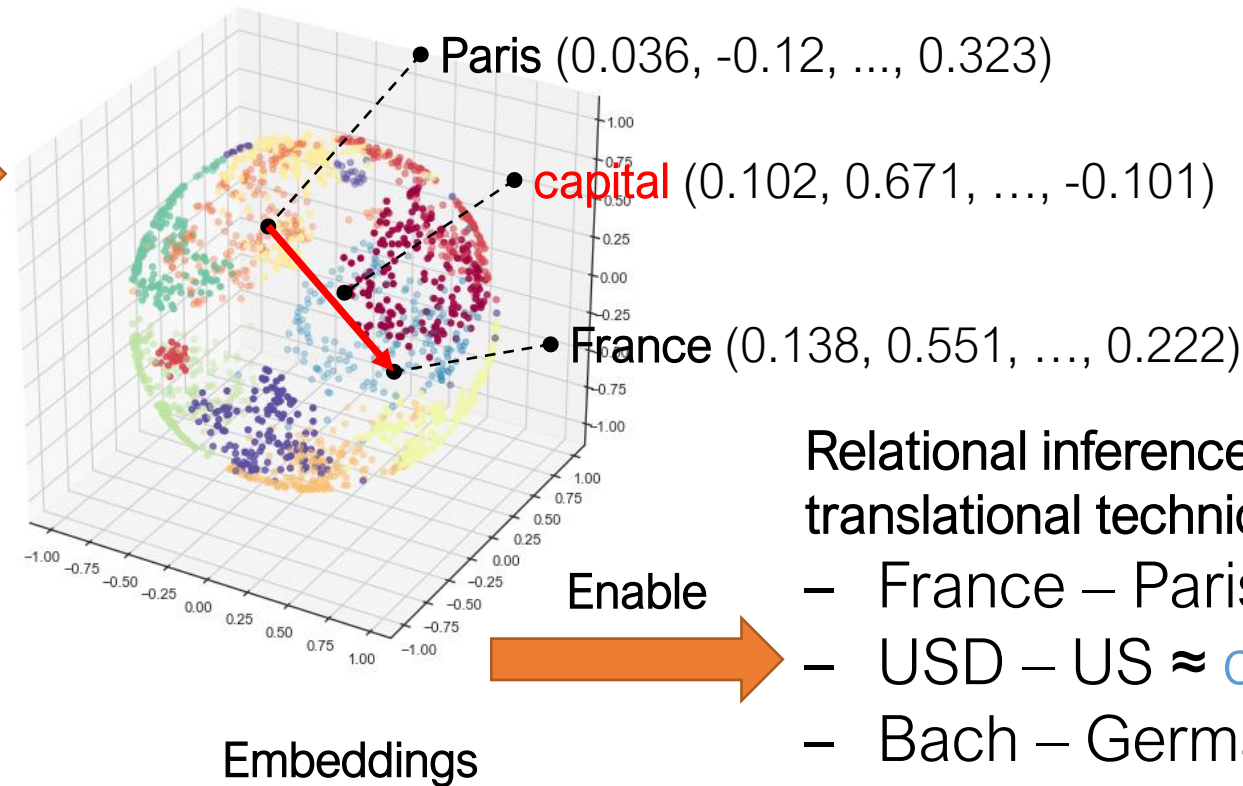
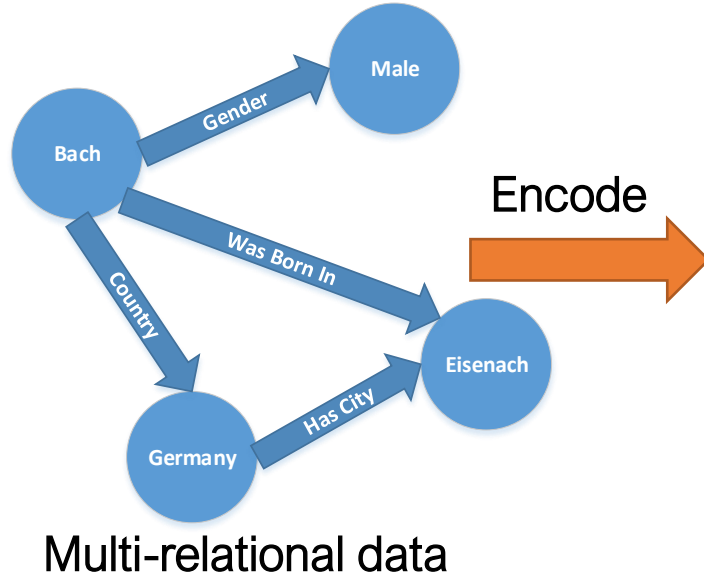
*Produced By*



Obtaining the structural knowledge

- Is expensive (Avg \$5.71 per triple **[Paulheim+, ISWC-18]** in open domain; higher cost in scientific domains).
- Has relied on massive human efforts.
- Has never been close to complete.

# Representation Learning: Cheap Knowledge Acquisition from The Embedding Space



Relational inference as inductive bias (e.g. translational techniques [Bordes+ NIPS-13])

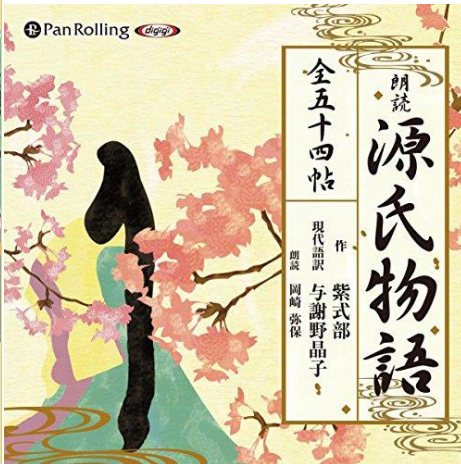
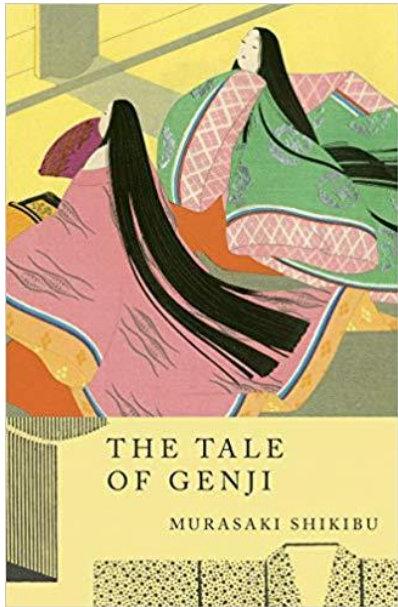
- France – Paris  $\approx$  capital
- USD – US  $\approx$  currency
- Bach – German  $\approx$  nationality
- ...

Automatically predicting knowledge: 787B + ProducedBy  $\approx$  Mazda

- A much less expensive way for knowledge acquisition
- Yet can still suffer from sparsity and noise of known knowledge

# Knowledge Is Not Isolated

Different sources of data can possess **complementary** knowledge



(The Tale of Genji, Genre, ?e)



Novel

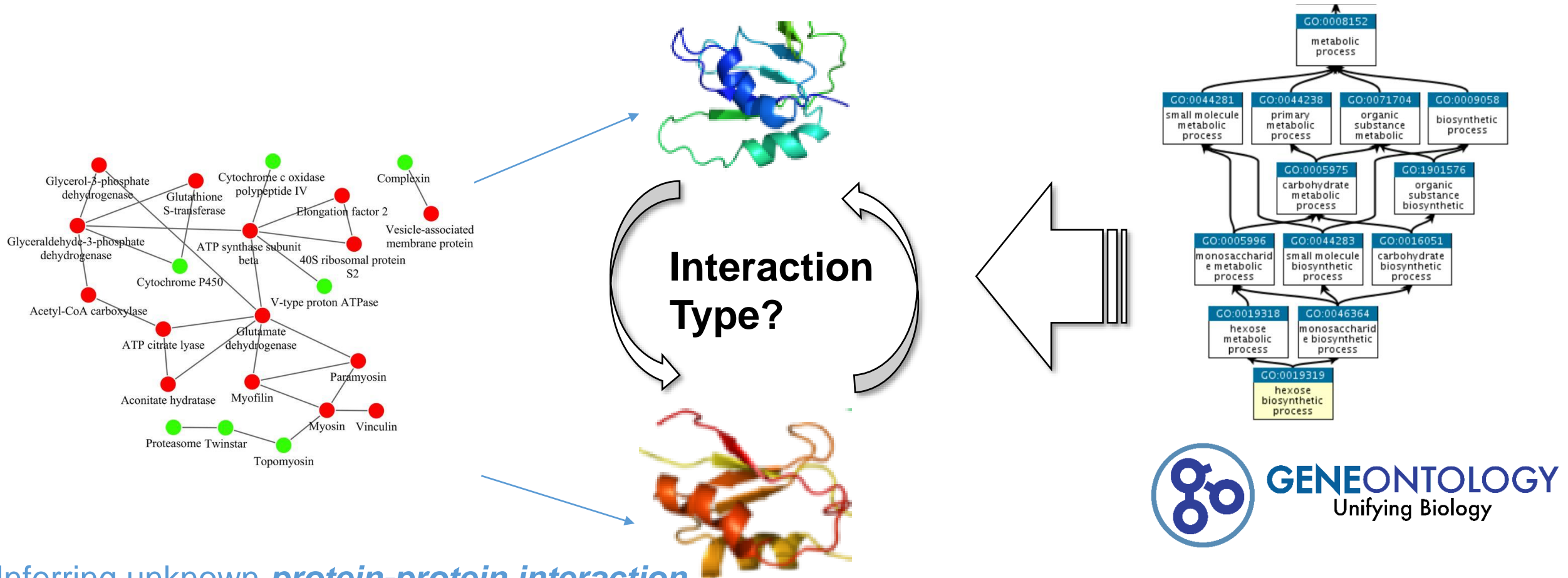


Monogatari (story)  
Love story  
Royal family story  
Realistic novel  
Ancient literature



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Inferring unknown **protein-protein interaction** information in a **proteomic knowledge base**

# Key Research Questions

## Interrelated knowledge in different domains/sources

- Multiple language-specific KGs
- Multiple knowledge bases
- Instance KGs and concept ontologies (different specificity)
- Protein-protein interaction (PPI) data, gene ontologies and cell clusters
- Drug-drug interaction data, disease ontologies and PPI data
- Social networks and product graphs
- ...

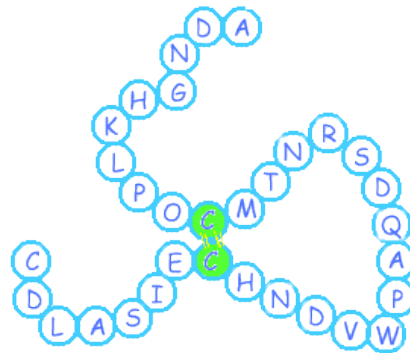
Can we capture the **association of knowledge** with representation learning?

And use **knowledge transfer** to populate missing knowledge?

# Key Research Questions

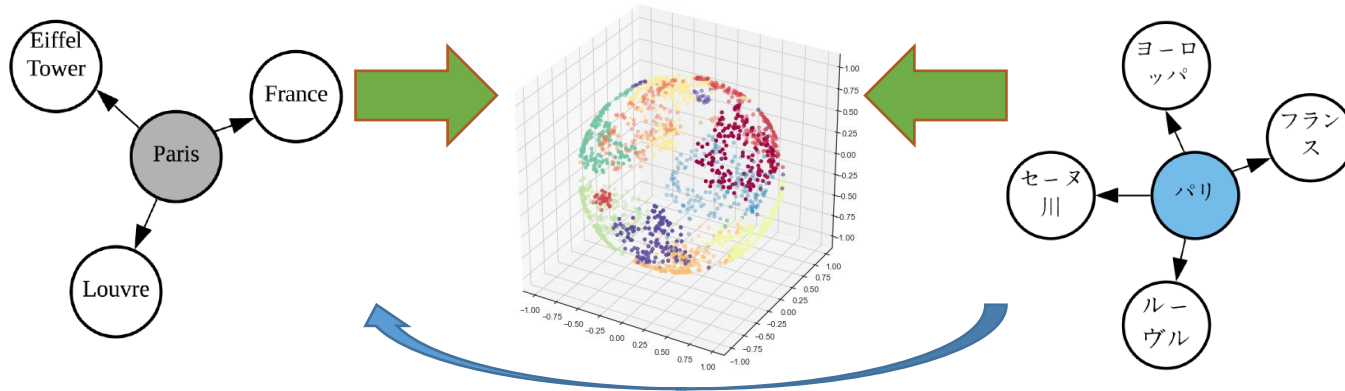
## How to acquire structured knowledge from unstructured data?

- Provide globally consistent inference
- Learning to acquire knowledge with limited and indirect supervision
- Acquisition from modalities beyond human languages (molecular and biomolecular sequences, EHR, etc.)



# Roadmap of Research Contributions

## Transferable Rep. Learning for Relational Data



How do we capture the **association of knowledge** with **minimal supervision**?

How do we identify and transfer **complementary knowledge**?

## Knowledge Acquisition from Unstructured Data



How to provide reliable inference (e.g. ensuring the **logical** or **probabilistic constraints**)?

**Generalizable learning**, but with **limited supervision**?

# Roadmap of Research Contributions

Method

## Transferable Rep. Learning for Relational Data

## Knowledge Acquisition from Unstructured Data

### Minimally supervised knowledge alignment

- Semi-supervised knowledge alignment (first prototype) [IJCAI-17, AKBC-17] ◀
- Co-training [IJCAI-18] ◀
- Distant supervision [KDD-19] ◀
- Visual pivoting [AAAI-21a] ◀
- Incidental supervision [EACL-21] ◀

### Robust embedding learning and knowledge transfer

- Property-aware embedding [SDM-18]
- Hyperbolic embedding [SIGIR-19, EMNLP-20a] ◀
- Multi-view learning [IJCAI-19]
- Noise-aware GNN [AAAI-20a]
- Meta-learnable knowledge transfer [EMNLP-20b] ◀

### Learning with constraints and indirect supervision

- Logical constraints [EMNLP-20c] ◀
- Probabilistic soft constraints [AAAI-19]
- Few-shot learning with indirect supervision [CoNLL-20, **Best Paper Nomination**] ◀

### Robust and generalizable learning and inference

- Paraphrase-aware retrofitting [EMNLP-19]
- Analogy-aware inference [EMNLP-20d]
- Language modeling for proteins [ISMB-19, *Bioinformatics* [J] 2019, NAR GaB [J] 2020]

Tasks

### KB Construction

- KB Completion [AAAI-19, EMNLP-20b]
- Entity alignment [many above]
- Type inference [KDD-19, EMNLP-20a] ◀

### Natural Language Understanding

- Relation extraction [EMNLP-20c]
- Event prediction [EMNLP-20d]
- Event process typing [CoNLL-20, **Best Paper Nomination**] ◀
- DocRel extraction [ECML-18, **Plenary**]

### Bio/medical Informatics

- Proteomics [ISMB-19, *Bioinformatics* [J] 2019, NAR GaB [J] 2020] ◀
- Diagnostic prediction [AIME-20]
- Disease target prediction [ACM BCB-20, **Best Student Paper**] ◀

Outreach

- Benchmarking and survey paper [PVLDB 2020]
- Transferable Representation Learning Tutorial [AAAI-20b]

- Knowledge Acquisition and Event-centric NLU tutorials [AAAI-21b, ACL-21]

# Outline

Transferable Representation Learning of Multi-relational Data

Knowledge Acquisition from Unstructured Data

Future research agenda

# Transferable Representation Learning for Multi-relational Data

Capture the knowledge association with **minimal supervision** in a **universal embedding scheme** for

- Multiple language-specific KGs
- Multiple KBs
- Abstract concepts and specific entities
- Proteomic interactions and gene ontologies
- Cells and genomic interaction data
- Molecular data, medical ontologies and drug interaction data
- Social relations and product graphs
- ...

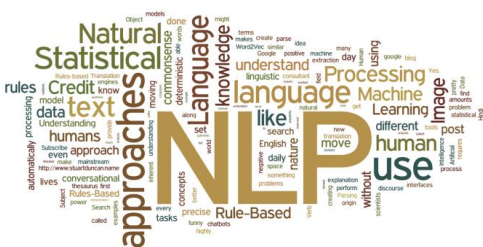
Transfer knowledge from some domains to enrich others

# A General Methodology to Benefit A Wide Range of Tasks

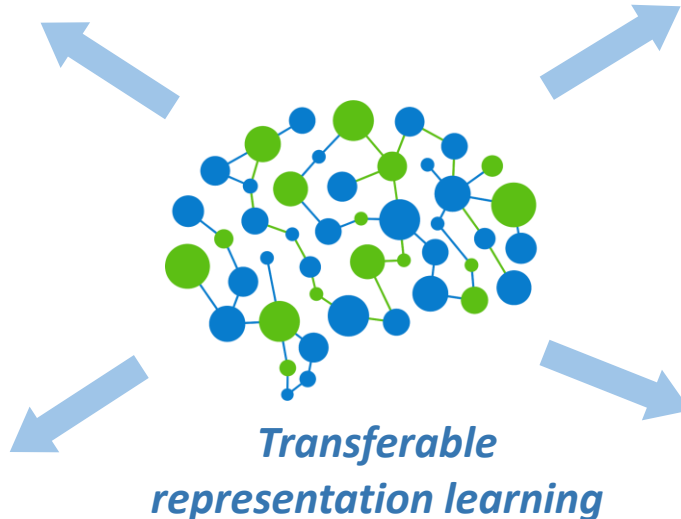


## Knowledge Base

Knowledge alignment  
 KG completion  
 Ontology population



Semantic search  
 Entity typing  
 Dialogue state tracking  
 Paraphrase identification



Protein-protein interaction prediction  
 Protein binding affinity estimation  
 Single cell RNA-sequence imputation  
 Gene Ontology term assignment



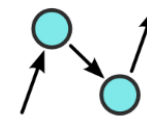
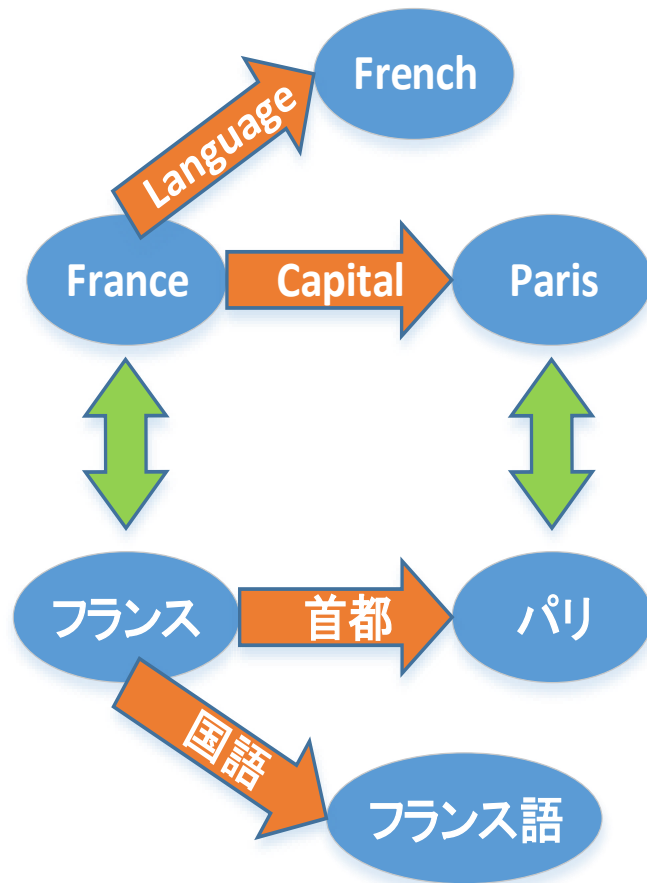
Polypharmacy side effect detection  
 Disease and phenotype matching  
 Clinical event prediction



# Scenario 1: KGs in Different Languages

Separately created language-specific KGs

- DBpedia has 125 language-specific versions; Wikidata has 410 of those.



**ConceptNet**

An open, multilingual knowledge graph

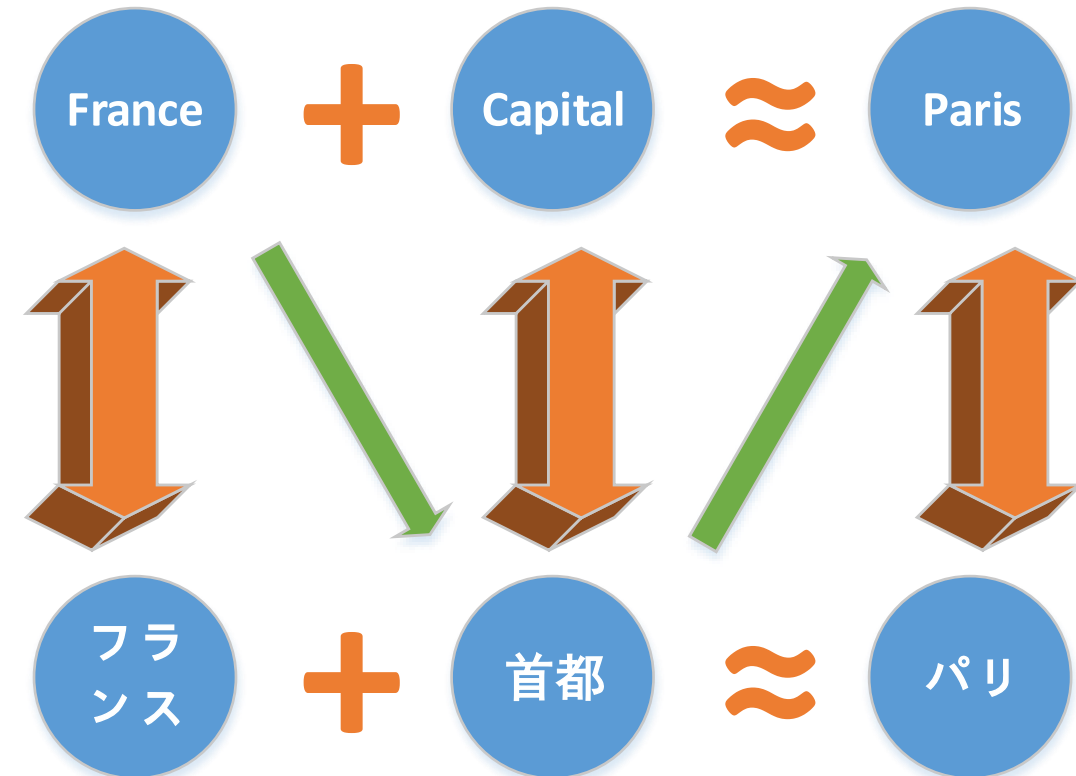


**Wiktionary**  
Das freie Wörterbuch

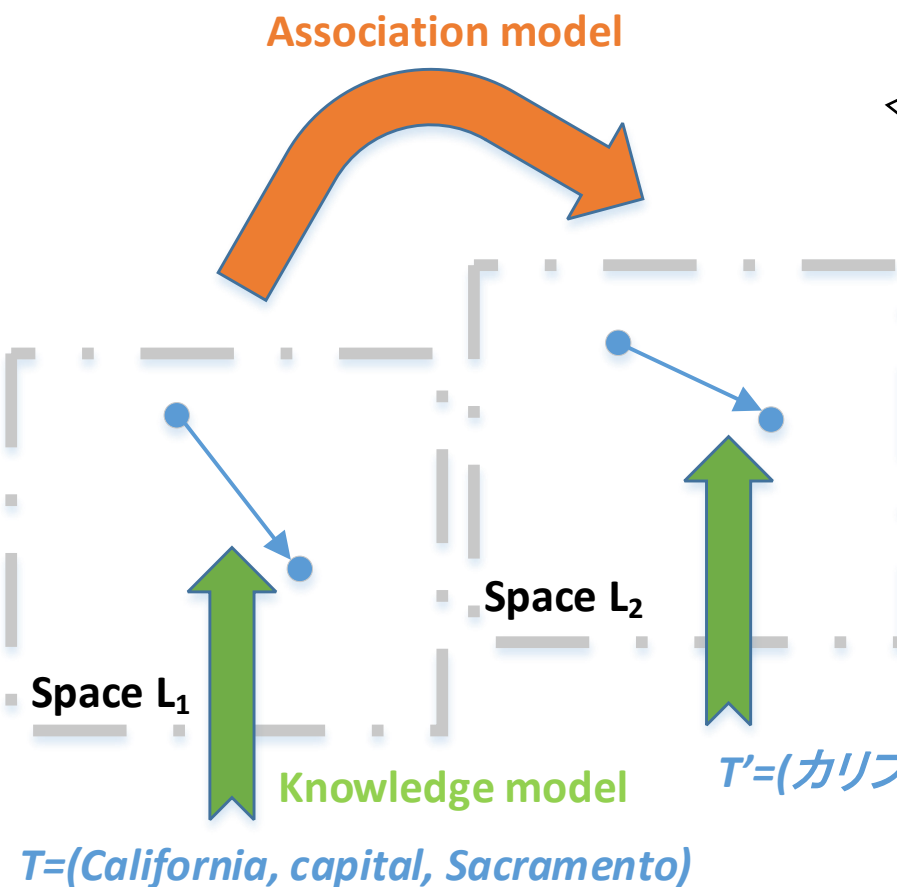
# The First Prototype: Simple Translational Model + Supervised Association Learning (MTransE\*)

\*[IJCAI-17]

- **Training data:** a pair of weakly aligned language-specific KGs
- **Enabling:** cross-lingual semantic transfer + relational inference



# Joint Learning of MTransE



**Association model:** an embedding transformation learned with seed alignment

$$S_A = \sum_{(e, e') \in \delta(L_i, L_j)} \|\mathbf{M}_{ij} \mathbf{e} - \mathbf{e}'\|$$

**Knowledge model:** encoding entities and relations of each language as a **translational embedding**

$$S_K = \sum_{L \in \{L_i, L_j\}} \sum_{(h, r, t) \in G_L \wedge (\hat{h}, r, \hat{t}) \notin G_L} [f_r(h, t) - f_r(\hat{h}, \hat{t}) + \gamma]_+$$

s.t.  $f_r(h, t) = \|\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{t}\|_2$

• **Joint training loss**

$$S_J = S_K + \alpha S_A$$

\*[IJCAI-17]

# Application: Knowledge Alignment

Table 8: Examples of cross-lingual entity matching.

Entity	Target	Candidates (in ascending order of rank by Euclidean distance)
Barack Obama	French	<b>Barack Obama</b> , <i>George Bush, Jimmy Carter, George Kalkoa</i>
	German	<b>Barack Obama</b> , <i>Bill Clinton, George h. w. Bush, Hamid Karzai</i>
Paris	French	<b>Paris</b> , <i>Amsterdam, à Paris, Manchester, De Smet</i>
	German	<b>Paris</b> , <i>Languedoc, Constantine, Saint-maurice, Nancy</i>
California	French	<i>San Francisco, Los Angeles, Santa Monica</i> , <b>Californie</b>
	German	<b>Kalifornien</b> , <i>Los Angeles, Palm Springs, Santa Monica</i>

This pilot study got ~30% Hits@1 on DBP15k. But we will introduce lots of improvement to it shortly.

Table 9: Examples of cross-lingual relation matching.

Relation	Target	Candidates (in ascending order of rank by Euclidean distance)
capital	French	<b>capitale</b> , <i>territoire, pays accréditant, lieu de veneration</i>
	German	<b>hauptstadt</b> , <i>hauptort, gründungsort, city</i>
nationality	French	<b>nationalié</b> , <b>pays de naissance</b> , <i>domicile, résidence</i>
	German	<b>nationalität</b> , <b>nation</b> , <i>letzter start, sterbeort</i>
language	French	<b>langue</b> , <i>réalisations, lieu deces, nationalité</i>
	German	<b>sprache</b> , <b>originalsprache</b> , <b>lang</b> , <i>land</i>

**Bold-faced** ones are correct answers, *italic* ones are close answers. Answers do not include those that have pre-existed in training.

## Cross-lingual Fact Prediction, e.g.

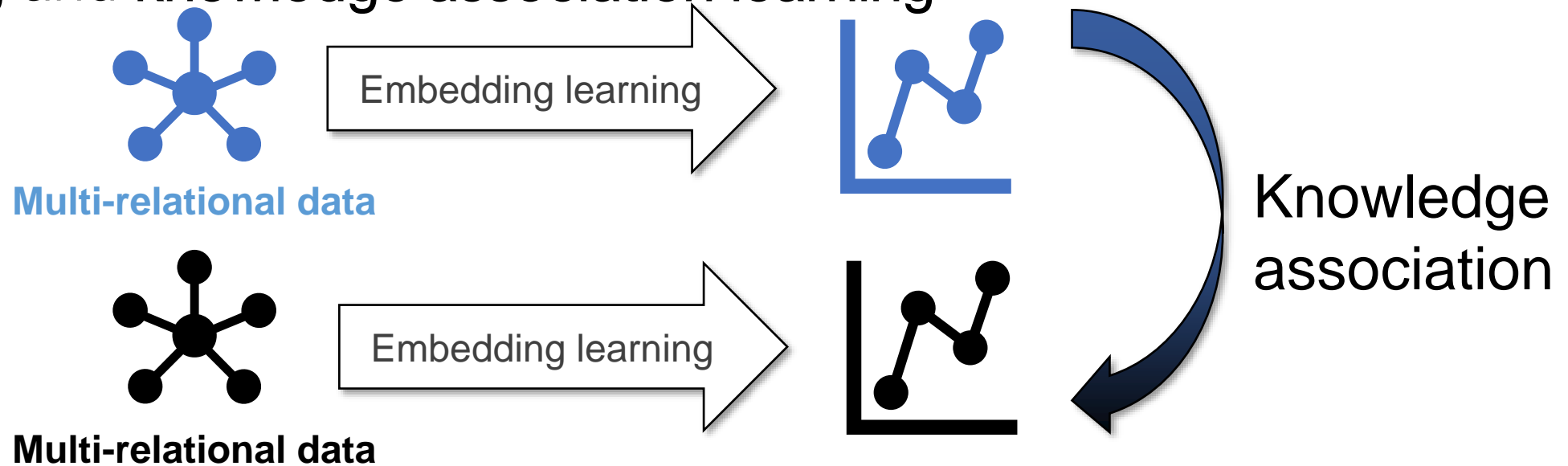
Table 10: Examples of cross-lingual triple completion.

Query	Target	Candidates (in ascending order of rank)
(Adam Lambert, genre, ?t)	French	<i>musique indépendante</i> , <b>musique alternative</b> , ode, <b>glam rock</b>
	German	<b>popmusik</b> , <b>dance-pop</b> , no wave, <i>soul</i>
(Ronaldinho, position, ?t)	French	<b>milieu offensif</b> , <b>attaquant</b> , <i>quarterback</i> , <i>latéral gauche</i>
	German	<b>stürmer</b> , <i>linker flügel</i> , <b>angriffsspieler</b> , <i>rechter flügel</i>
(Italy, ?r, Rome)	French	<b>capitale</b> , <b>plus grande ville</b> , <b>chef-lieu</b> , garnison
	German	<b>hauptstadt</b> , <b>hauptort</b> , verwaltungssitz, stadion
(Barack Obama, ?r, George Bush)	French	<i>ministre-président</i> , <b>prédécesseur</b> , <i>premier ministre</i> , <i>président du conseil</i>
	German	<b>vorgänger</b> , <b>vorgängerin</b> , besetzung, lied

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# General Framework and Further Improvement

Jointly or iteratively conduct two learning processes: **embedding learning** and **knowledge association learning**



**Three directions** to improvement

1. More precise embedding alignment requiring **less supervision**
2. **Auxiliary supervision** from entity profile information
3. Better **embedding learning** techniques for inconsistent structures

# (1) Semi-supervised Co-training With Entity Descriptions\*

\*[IJCAI-18]

The alignment information is often limitedly provided to connect KG structures

Iterative co-training of embeddings for KG structures and entity descriptions

Inter-lingual Link (ILL): (*astronomer*@EN, *astronome*@FR)

EN triple: (*Ulugh Beg*, *occupation*, *astronomer*) FR triple: (*Ulugh Beg*, *activité*, *astronome*)

An astronomer is a scientist in the field of astronomy who concentrates their studies on a specific question or field outside of the scope of Earth...

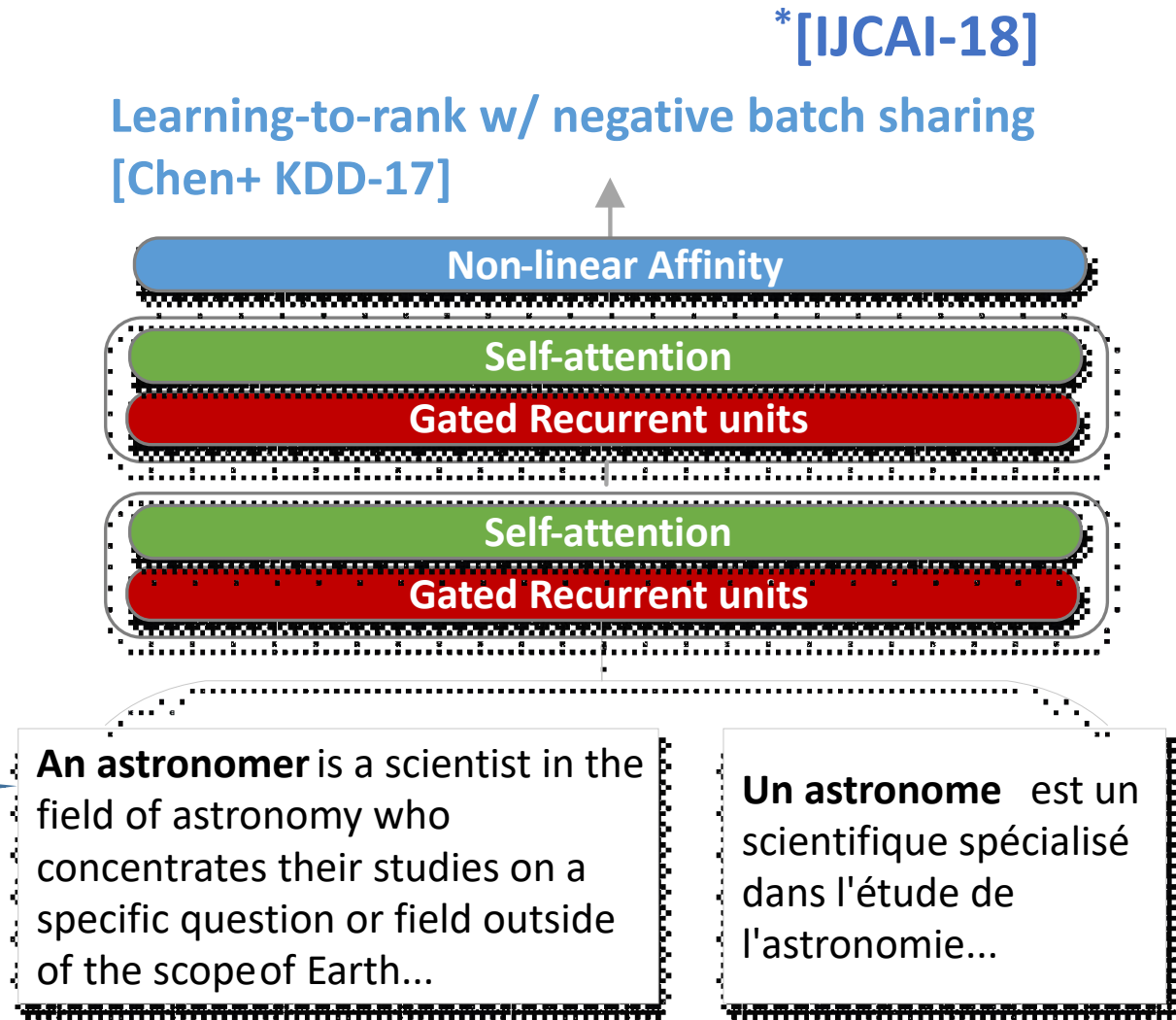
Un astronome est un scientifique spécialisé dans l'étude de l'astronomie...

DBpedia covers less than 20% entity alignment for En-Fr, and less for other cases.

# An Entity Description Embedding Model

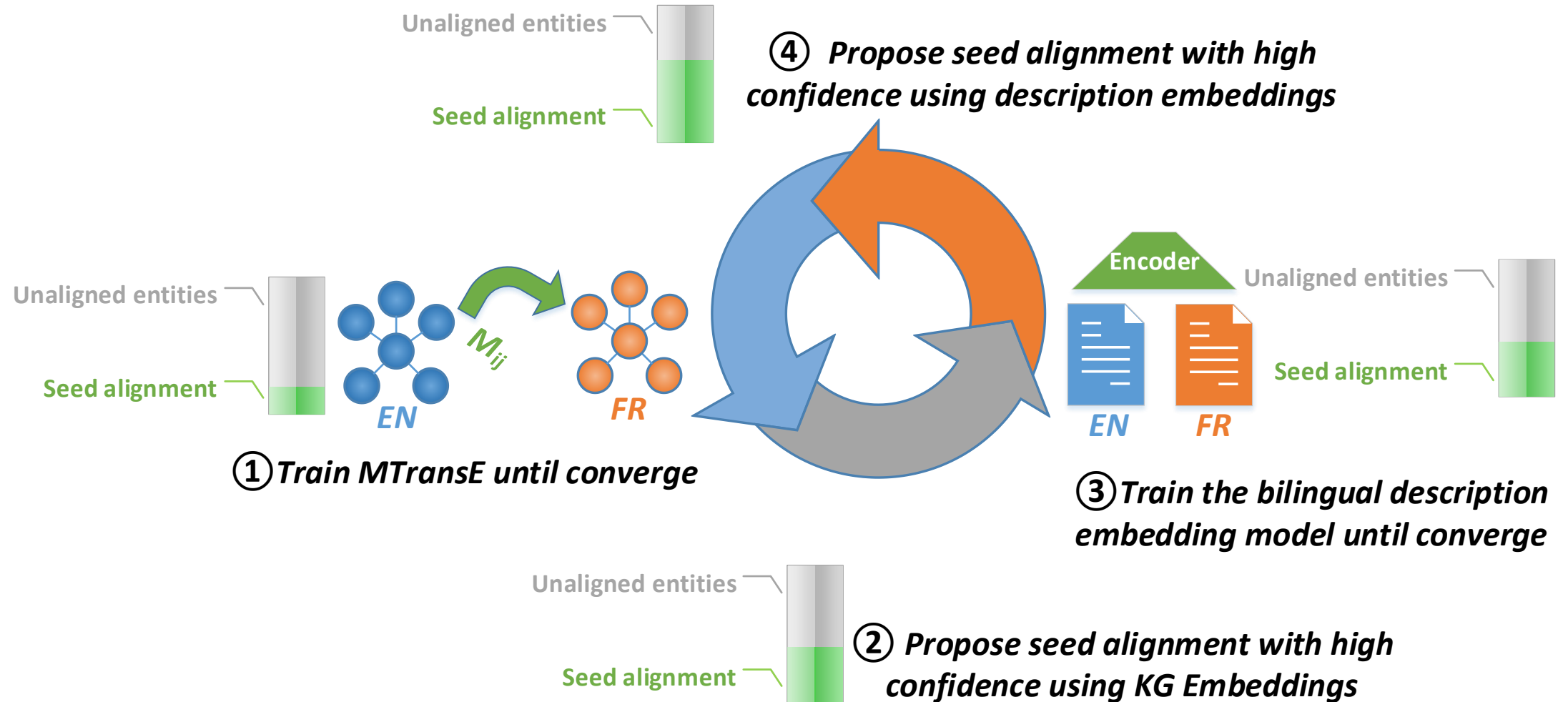
Siamese document encoder with Self-attention + Pre-trained bilingual word embeddings

To collocate the embeddings of entity description counterparts



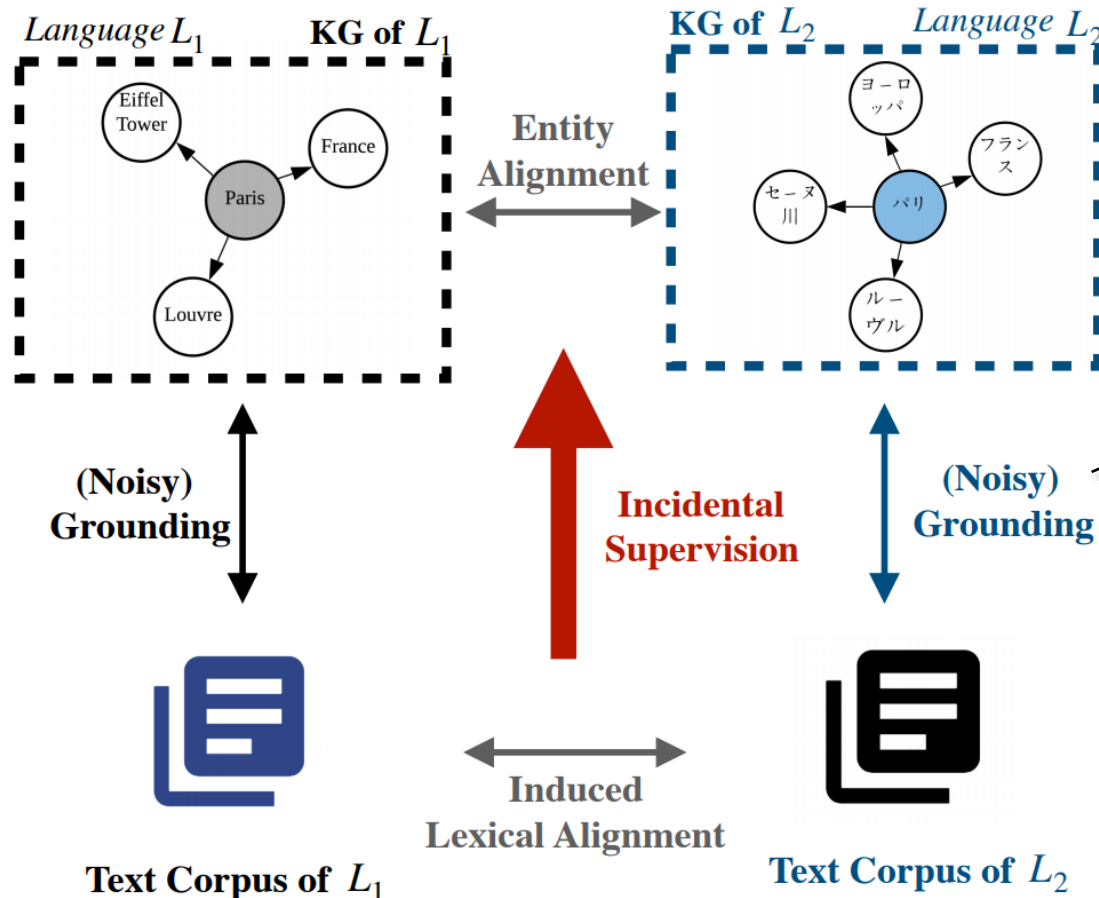


# Iterative Co-training Process



## (2) Knowledge Alignment Using Incidental Supervision From Free Text\*

\*[EACL'21 in review]

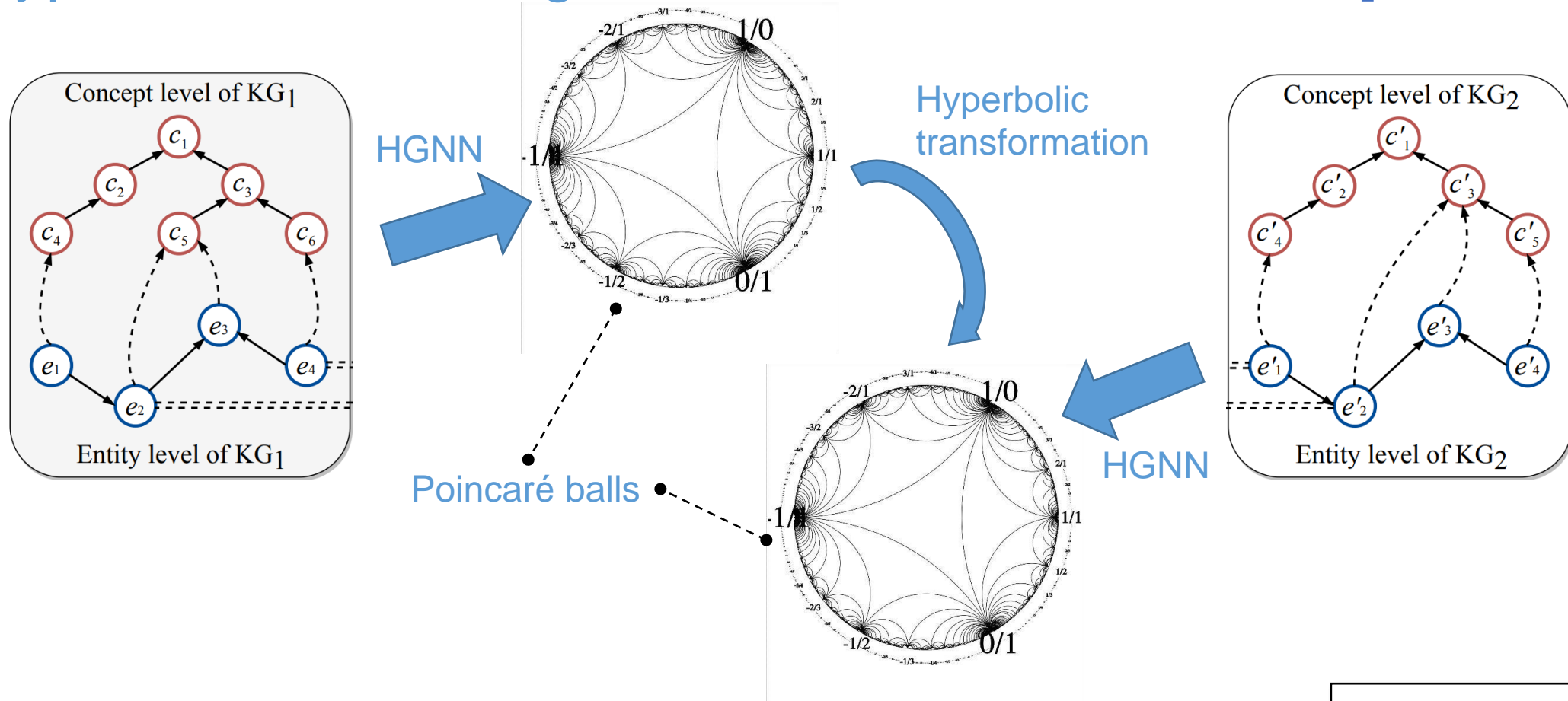


### Three steps

1. **(Noisy) grounding**: connecting KGs and text corpora
2. **Embedding learning**: GNN + a neural language model
3. **Alignment learning**: self-learning for both entity and lexical alignment

# (3) Hyperbolic Knowledge Association\*

\*[EMNLP-20a]



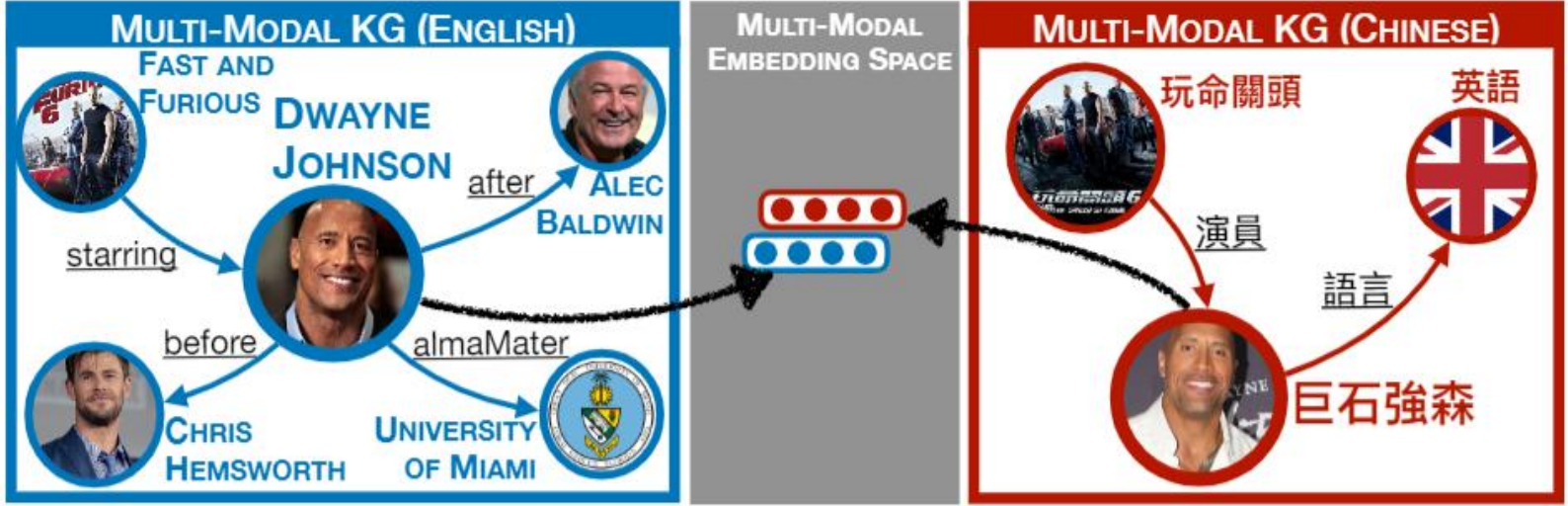
Transferable, ultra low-dimensional **hyperbolic** embeddings (15-30).

- Non-linear distance metric  $d_{\mathbb{D}}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \operatorname{arccosh}\left(1 + 2 \frac{\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|^2}{(1 - \|\mathbf{u}\|^2)(1 - \|\mathbf{v}\|^2)}\right)$
- Suitable for capturing knowledge association between **hierarchical** KGs.
- and KGs with **significantly different scales** (e.g. an instance-graph vs a concept graph).

Also applied to entity type inference.

# (4) Multi-modal Entity Alignment\*

\*[AAAI-21]

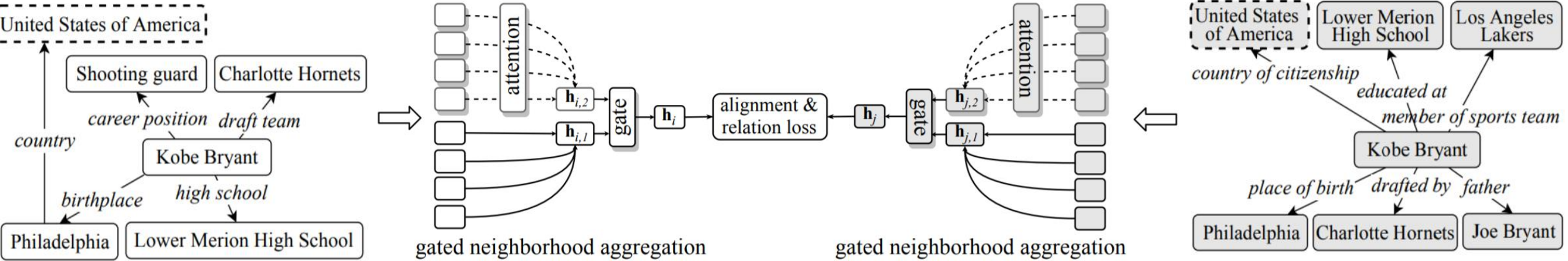


(Unsupervised) visual pivoting by identifying visually similar entities

- ResNet + GCN with bootstrapping
- Particularly benefits long-tail entities

# (5) Noise-aware Multi-hop Graph Attention+

+ [AAAI-20]

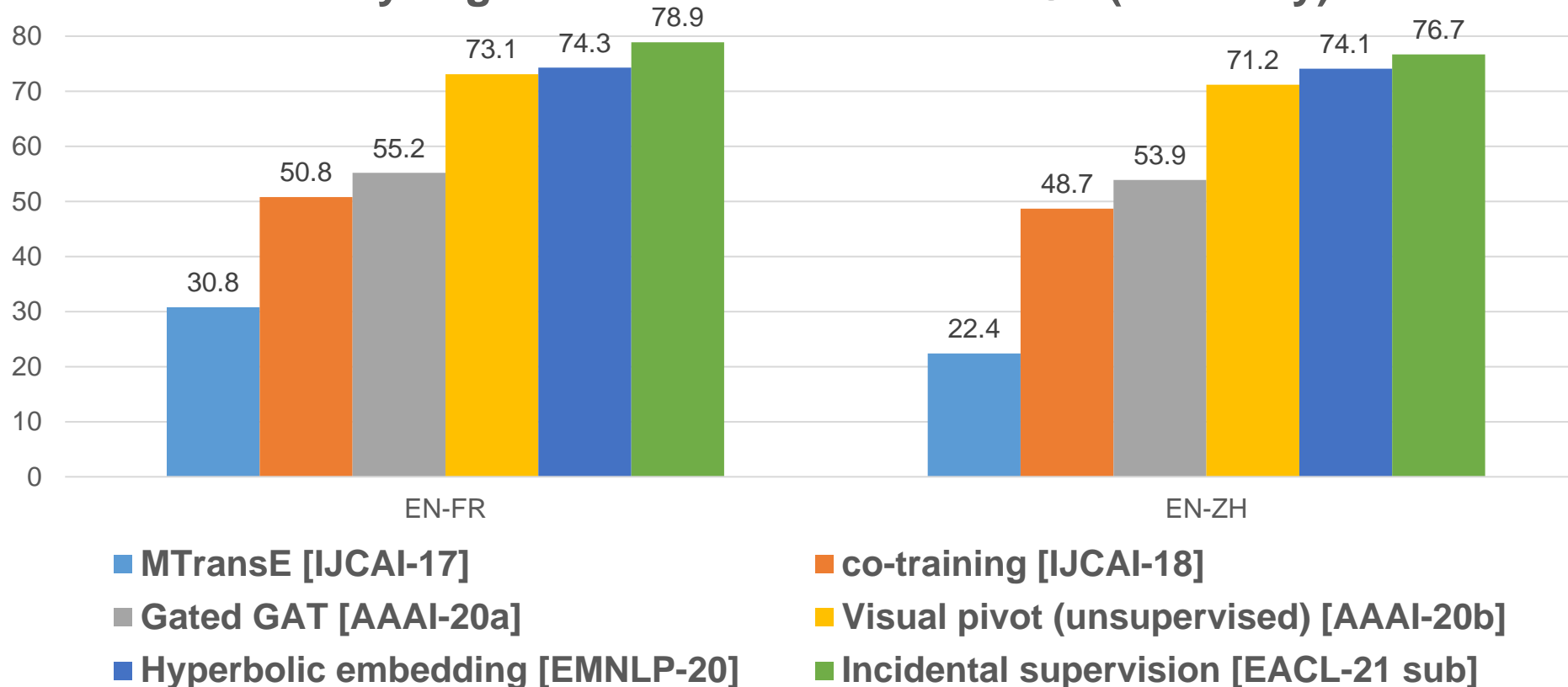


A robust GNN encoder against the inconsistency of entity neighborhoods in different KGs.

# Performance by Our Methods on Semi-supervised Entity Alignment

DBP15k: the benchmark dataset for entity alignment.

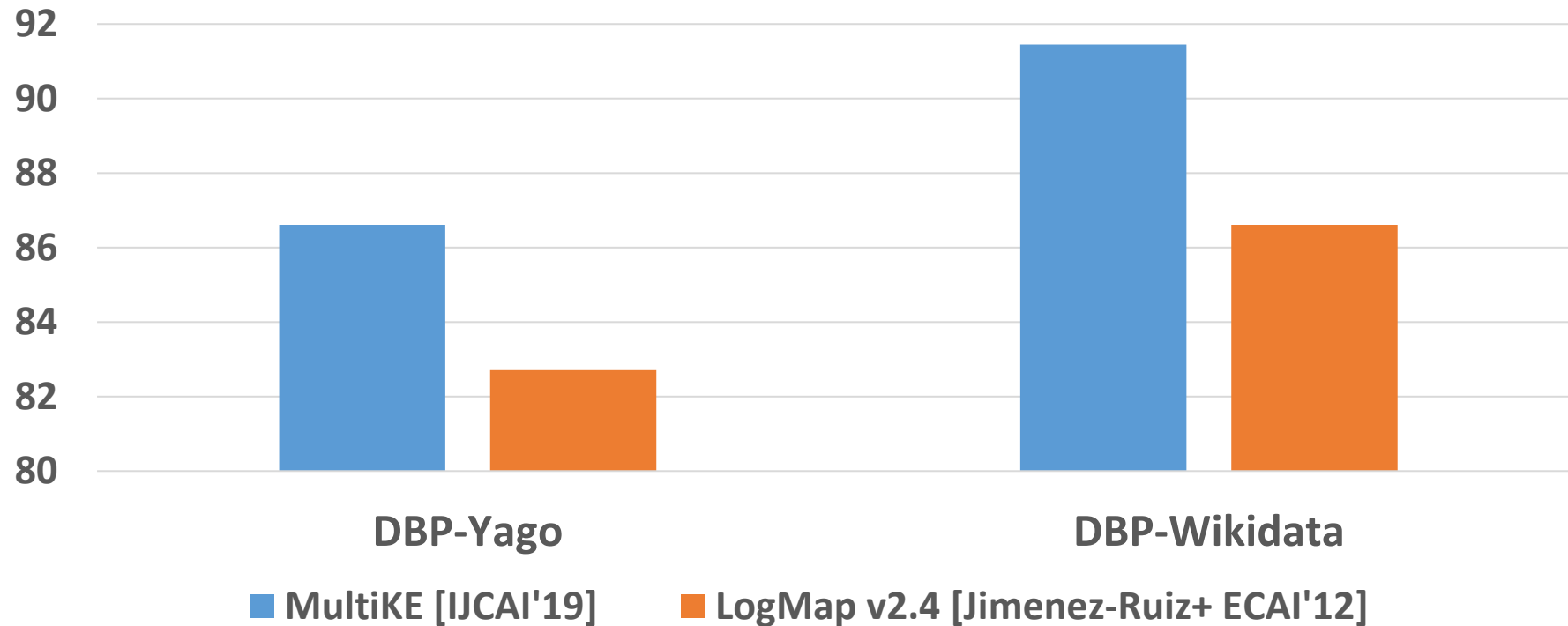
## Entity alignment on DBP15k in Hits@1 (accuracy)



**\*The Candidate space of each test case is 63k~98k entities for each language**

# Our Method Outperforms The Well-known Ontology Matching System (LogMap v2.4)

Multi-KE vs. LogMap2.4 on Aligning 100K-scale Subsets of DBPedia to Yago and Wikidata



\***MultiKE [IJCAI'19]** is a monolingual ontology matching framework with multi-view embeddings of triples, literals, descriptions and attributes.

# Recent Advances on Embedding-based Knowledge Alignment

## Follow-ups on the same topic

- 2017: IJCAI×2, ISWC×1
- 2018: AAAI×2, COLING×1, ACL×1, EMNLP×1, IJCAI×3
- 2019: AAAI×2, ACL×3, EMNLP×4, ICLR ×1, ICDM×1, ICML×1, IJCAI×6, ISWC×2, KDD×1, WWW×1, WSDM ×1
- 2020: AAAI×3, ACL×1, COLING ×1, CIKM ×1, EMNLP×4, ICDE ×1, ICLR×2, IJCAI×2, ISWC×1, NeurIPS×1, KDD ×2, VLDB×1, WWW×1, WSDM×2

## More approaches for embedding learning

- Long-term dependency models, R-GCN, hyperbolic embeddings, holographic embeddings, Gaussian embeddings, etc.

## More knowledge association methods

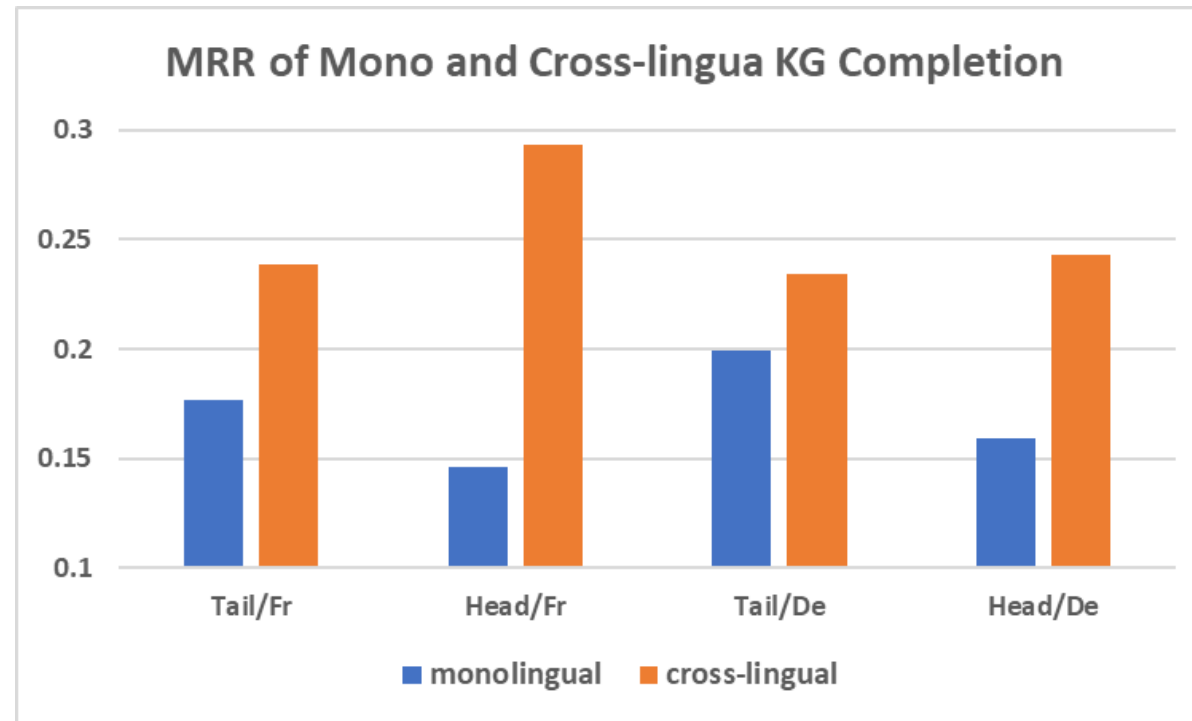
- Adversarial alignment learning, optimal transport, meta learning, noisy supervision, etc.

A systematic summary was given as our [AAAI-2020 tutorial](#), + a benchmarking study and survey in [PVLDB vol. 13 \(2020\)](#).

# Relation Inference with Knowledge Transfer

Knowledge transfer to populate a sparser KG (e.g. French)

- Obtain the answer of queries  $(h, r, ?t)$  in the embedding space of a well-populated version (e.g. English) of KG

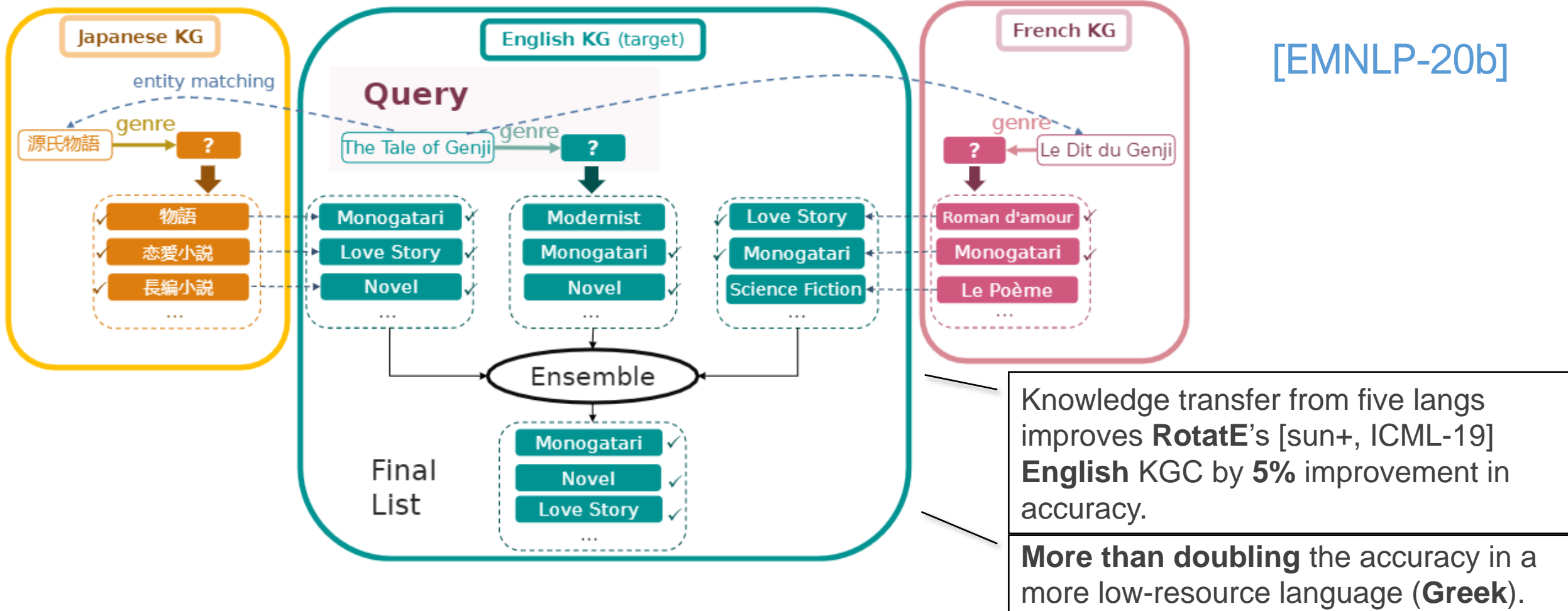


Cross-lingual knowledge transfer can improve sparse KG completion.



# Meta-learnable Knowledge Transfer Among Multiple KGs

[EMNLP-20b]



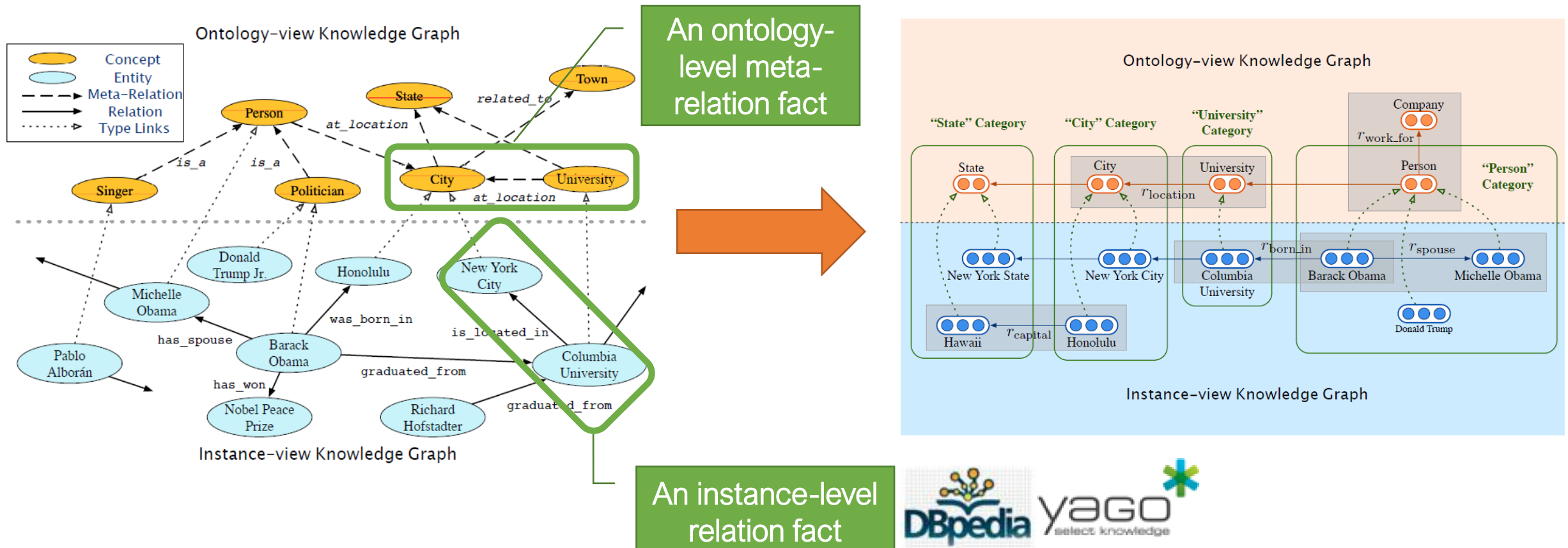
Transferable Embeddings + **Meta-learning** w/ RankBoost-based Model Weights

# Scenario 2.a: Transferable Embedding for Instances and Abstract Concepts\*

\*[KDD-19]

**Ontology view:** meta-relations of commonsense concepts

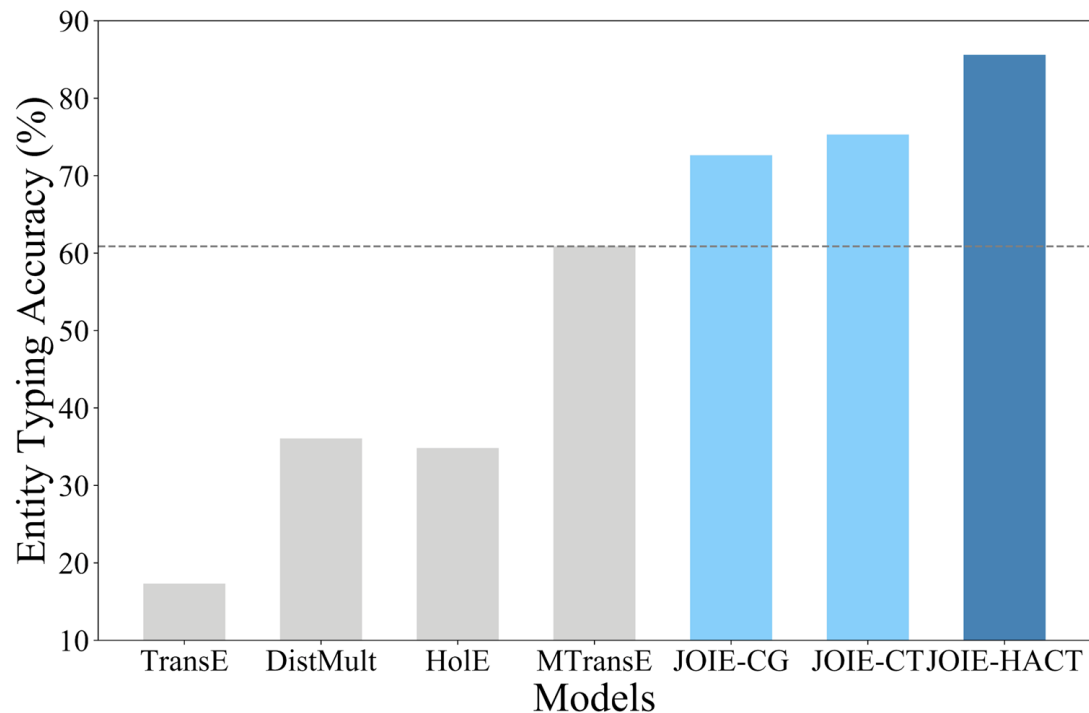
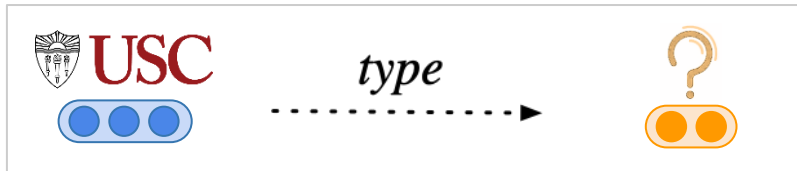
**Instance view:** relations of entities instantiated from concepts



# Application: Entity Typing

\*[KDD-19]

Type inference (906 labels) on 40% of >111k entities in YAGO.



## Examples of long-tail entity typing (Least 15%)

Entity	Model	Top 3 Concept Prediction
Laurence Fishburne	DistMult MTransE JOIE	football team, club, team writer, <b>person</b> , artist <b>person</b> , artist, philosopher
Warangal City	DistMult MTransE JOIE	country, village, <b>city</b> administrative region, <b>city</b> , settlement <b>city</b> , town, country
Royal Victorian Order	DistMult MTransE JOIE	person, writer, administrative region election, award, <b>order</b> award, <b>order</b> , election

## Typing accuracy on long-tail entities (Least 15%)

Datasets	YAGO26K-906		
Metrics	MRR	Acc.	Hit@3
DistMult	0.156	10.89	25.33
MTransE	0.526	46.45	67.25
JOIE-TransE-CG	0.708	59.97	79.80
JOIE-TransE-CT	0.737	62.05	82.60
JOIE-HATransE-CT	<b>0.802</b>	<b>69.66</b>	<b>87.75</b>

# Application: KG Completion

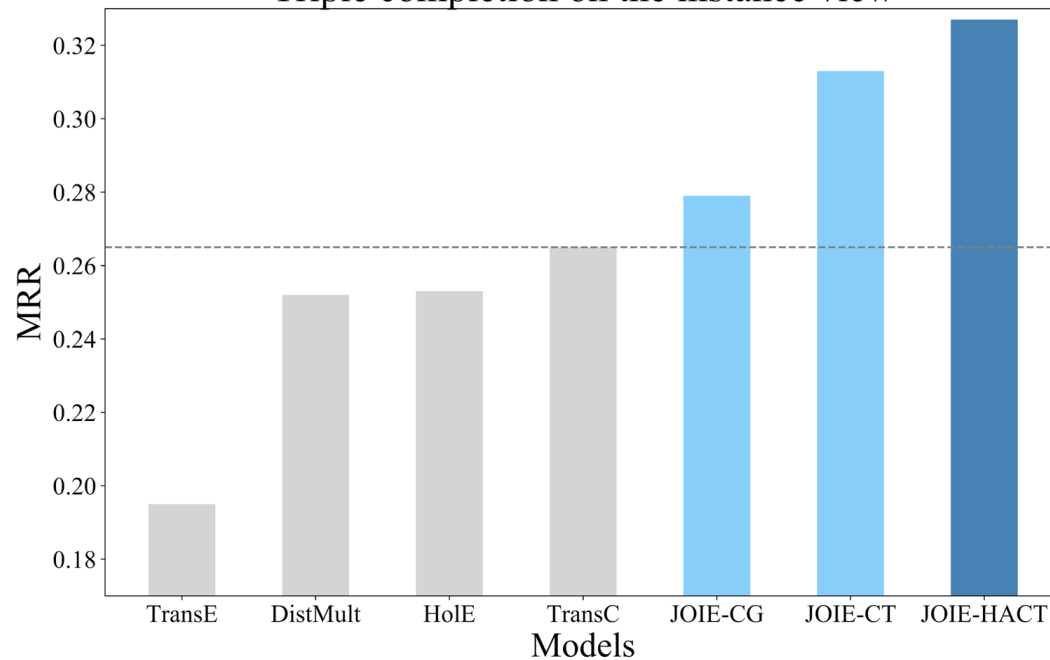
\*[KDD-19]

Predicting the 10% held-out relation facts on both views.

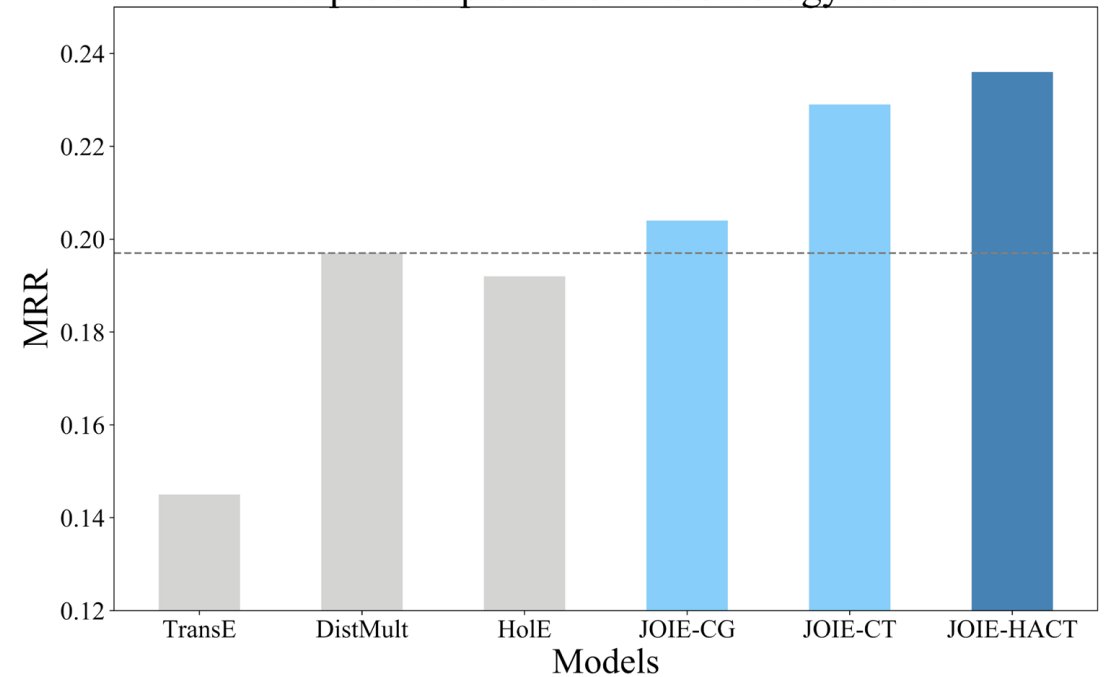


*Joint representation improves the task on both views.*

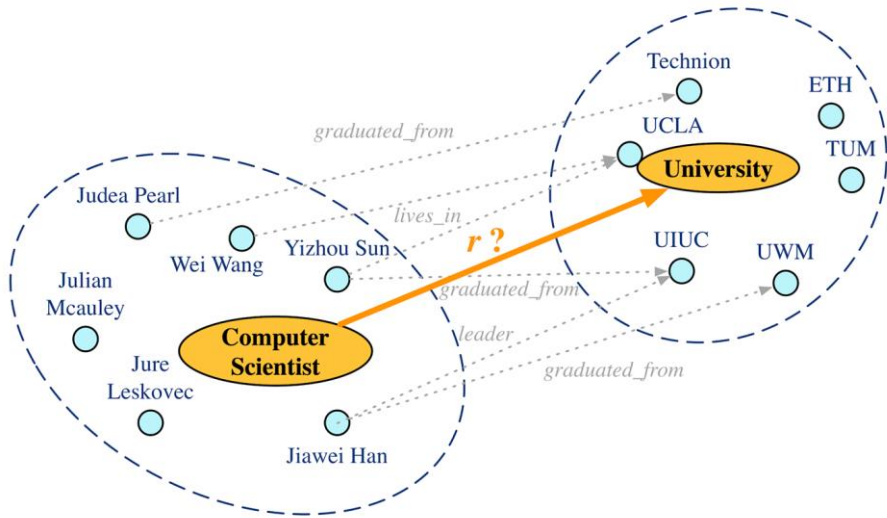
Triple completion on the instance view



Triple completion on the ontology view



# Transfer Instance-level Knowledge for Ontology Population



Populating unseen ontological facts by transferring knowledge from instance-view facts.

## Examples of ontology population

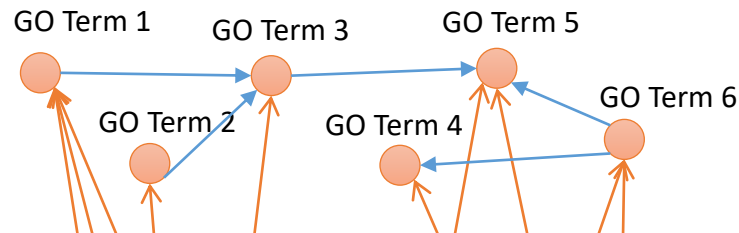
Query	Top 3 Populated Triples with distances
(scientist, ?r, university)	scientist, <i>graduated from</i> , university (0.499) scientist, <i>isLeaderOf</i> , university (1.082) scientist, <i>isKnownFor</i> , university (1.098)
(boxer, ?r, club)	boxer, <i>playsFor</i> , club (1.467) boxer, <i>isAffiliatedTo</i> , club (1.474) boxer, <i>worksAt</i> , club (1.479)
(scientist, ?r, scientist)	scientist, <i>doctoralAdvisor</i> , scientist (0.204) scientist, <i>doctoralStudent</i> , scientist (0.221) scientist, <i>relative</i> , scientist (0.228)

# Scenario 3.a: Proteomics and Gene Ontologies

**\*[ACM BCB-20]  
(Best Student Paper)**

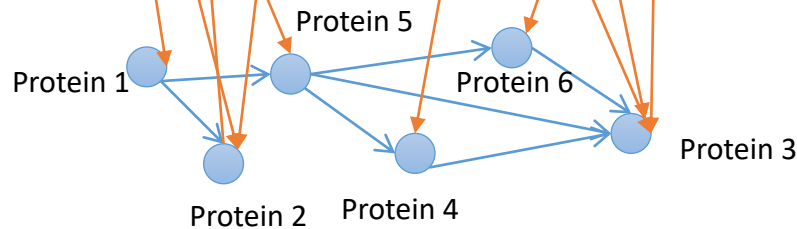
Transferring knowledge from the **gene ontology** improves **typed protein-protein interaction** prediction.

Discourse relations of GO Terms



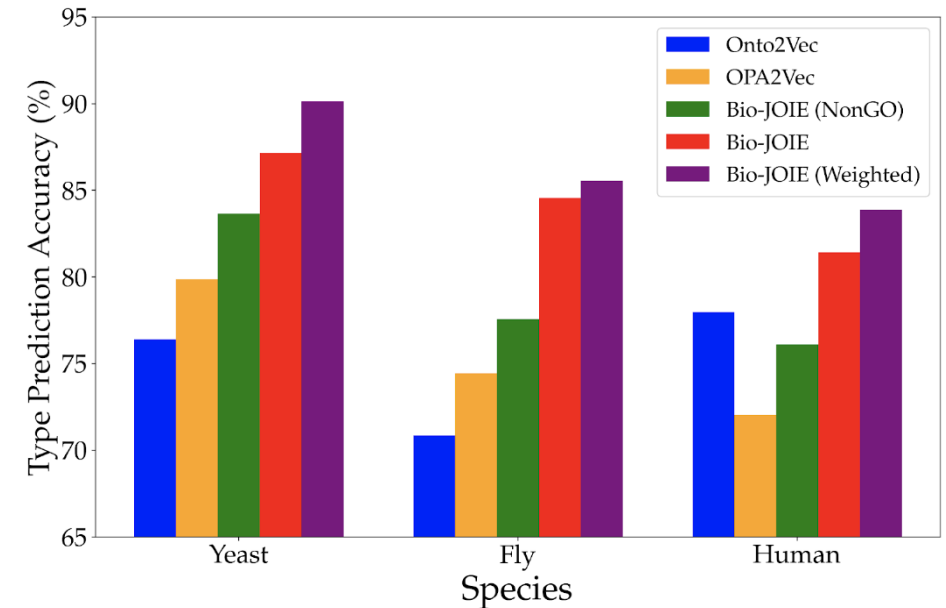
View I = Gene Ontology  
**GO Term Annotations**

View II = Proteins



Protein-protein interaction types: {activation, binding, catalysis, reaction}

~10% of ACC improvement over SOTA (Opa2Vec, *Bioinformatics* [J] 2019).



and helps disease target prediction for **COVID-19 related viral proteins**.

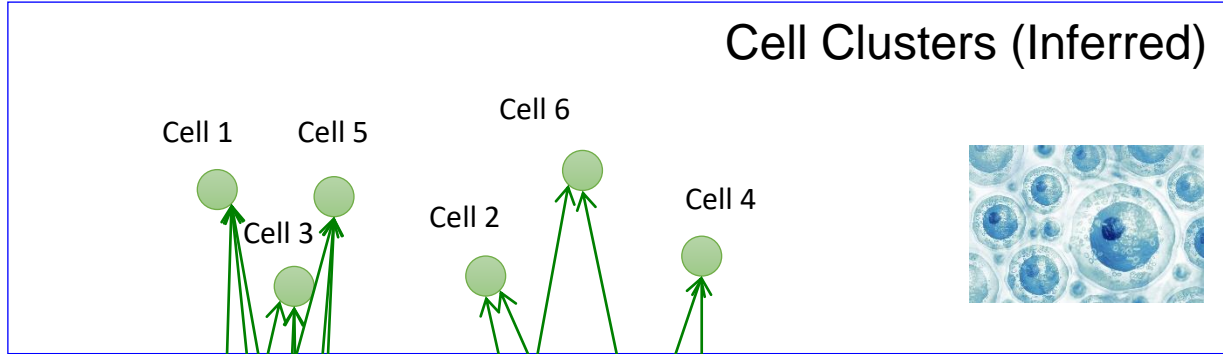
# Scenario 3.b: Cell Clustering

At least 10-15% of ARI improvement over pCMF [Durif+, *Bioinform.* 2019] and others.

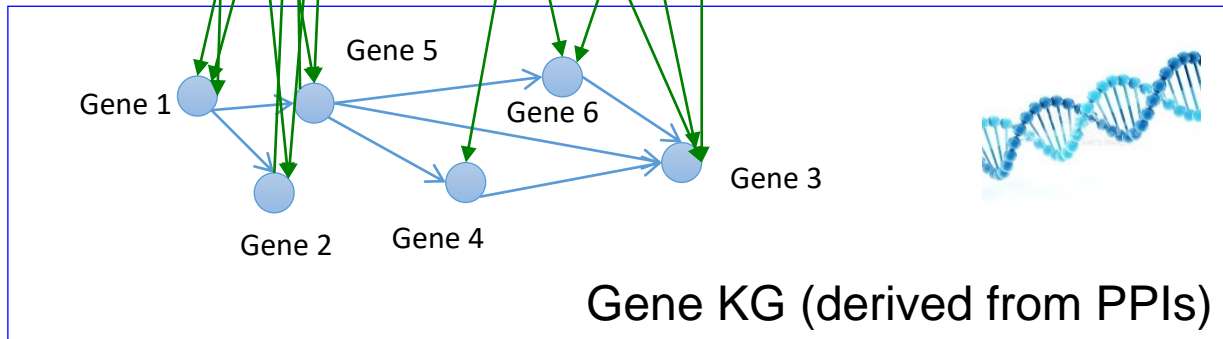
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L-2 cell		10								
4 cell			14							
8 cell				18	28					1
16 cell				1	14	43				
E-blastocyst						1	24	15	1	2
M-blastocyst							14	24	22	
L-blastocyst							7			23
	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	G7	G8	G9	G10

Non-negative Tri-Factorization

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \|S - E_1 U E_2^T\|$$



View I = Cells

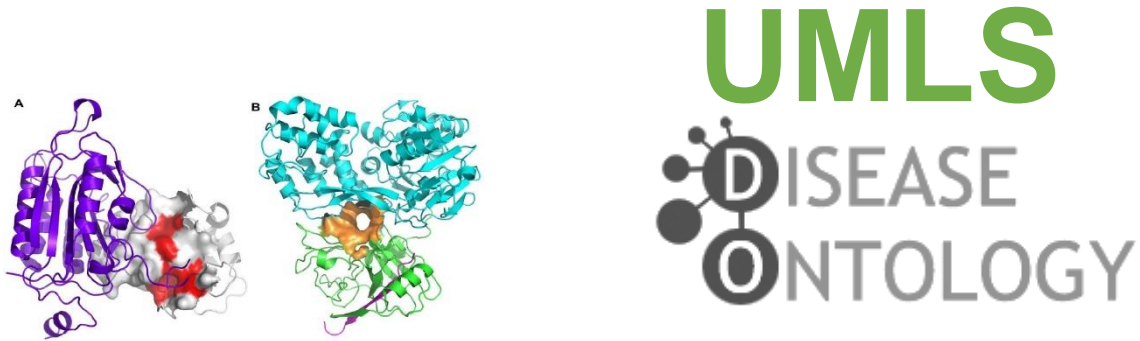


View II = Genes

Fuzzy Alignment – Single-cell RNA sequencing transcripts

Experiment done on the Zeisel dataset [Zeisel+, *Science* 2015]

# More Applications To Be Explored



Polypharmacy (drug-drug) interaction  
or drug-target prediction



Product recommendation



# Outline

Transferable Representation Learning of Multi-relational Data

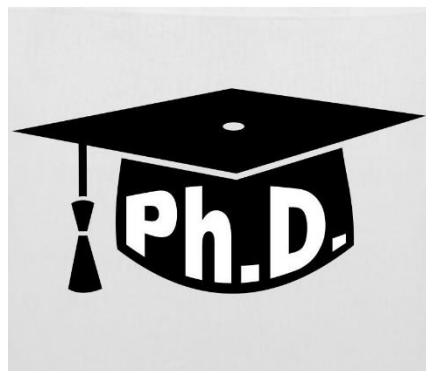
**Knowledge Acquisition from Unstructured Data**

Future research agenda

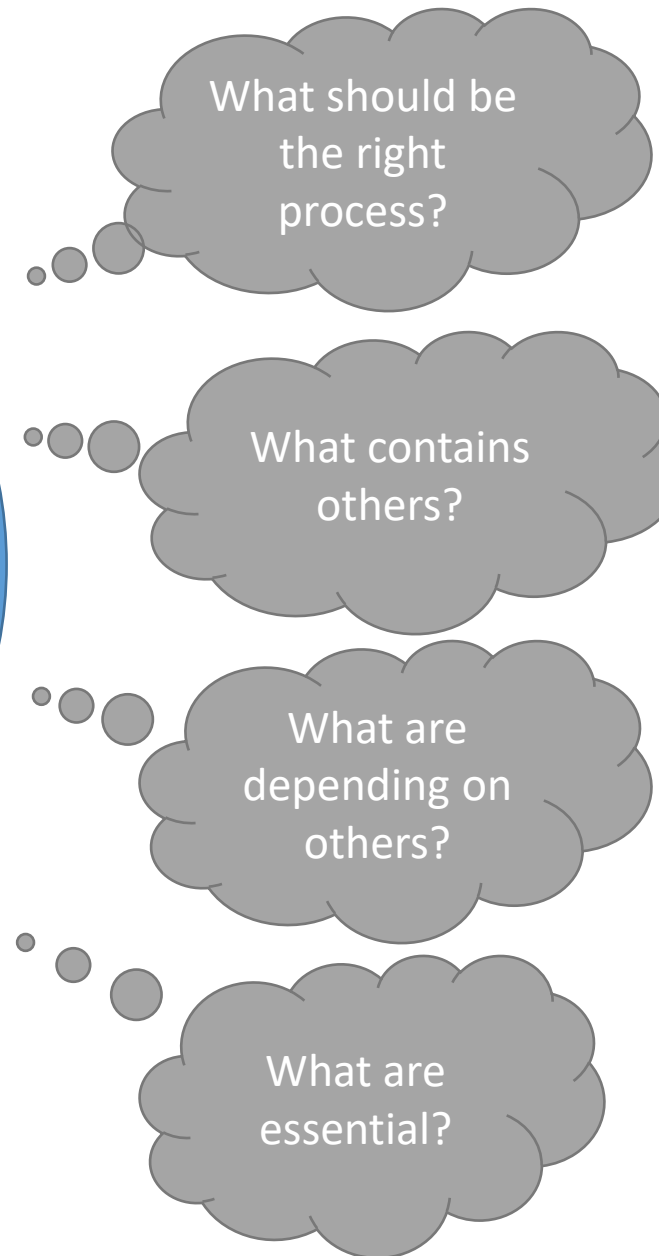
# Knowledge Acquisition for Events

DARPA & IARPA projects: KAIROS, BETTER, AIDA

Human language always communicates about events.



Subevents of *earning a PhD*



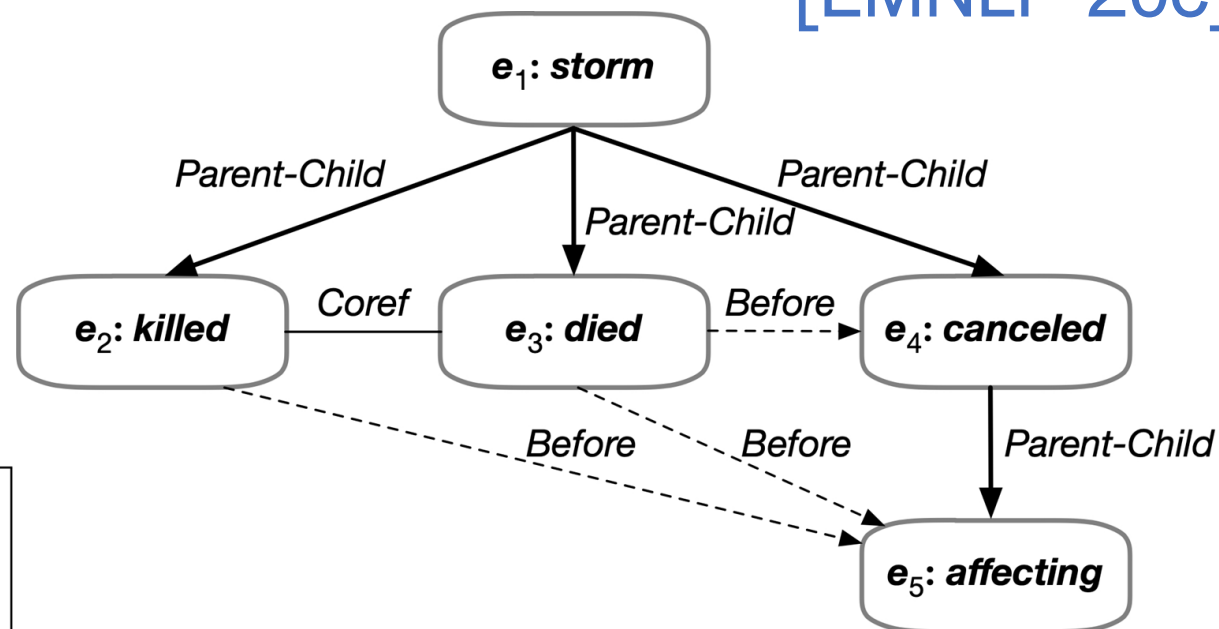
How to earn a PhD?

# Logically Constrained Learning for Event Relation Extraction

\*[EMNLP-20c]

- Temporal Relations
- Subevent Relations (Memberships)
- Event Coreference

On Tuesday, there was a typhoon-strength ( $e_1:storm$ ) in Japan. One man got ( $e_2:killed$ ) and thousands of people were left stranded. Police said an 81-year-old man ( $e_3:died$ ) in central Toyama when the wind blew over a shed, trapping him underneath. Later this afternoon, with the agency warning of possible tornadoes, Japan Airlines ( $e_4:canceled$ ) 230 domestic flights, ( $e_5:affecting$ ) 31,600 passengers.



Goal: inducing the relations of events

A resource hungry task with limited labeled data:

- No resource annotates all types of relations
  - TempRel data: TBDense and MATRES
  - Subevent and Coref: HiEve
- Annotations are on ~100 documents

# Logical Constraints of Relations

## Symmetry

$e_3:died$  is BEFORE  $e_4:canceled$   
 $\Rightarrow e_4:canceled$  is AFTER  $e_3:died$

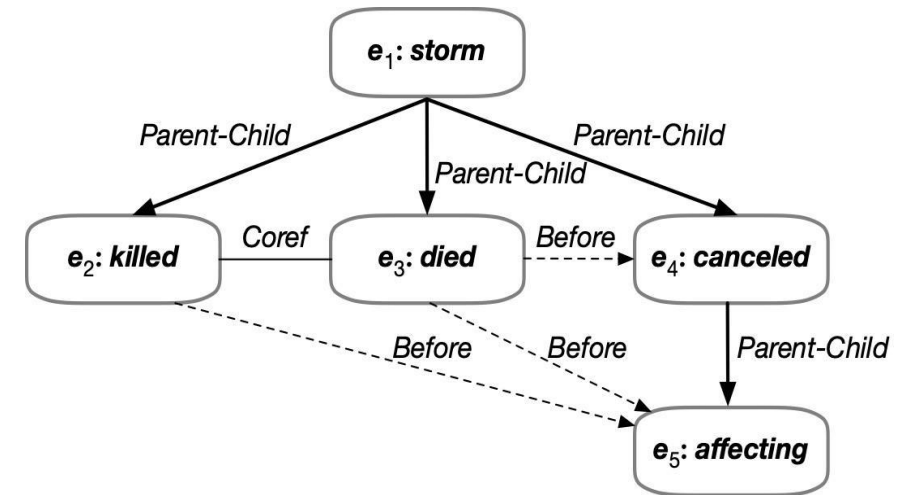
## Conjunction

$e_3:died$  is BEFORE  $e_4:canceled$   
 $\wedge e_4:canceled$  is a PARENT of  $e_5:affecting$   
 $\Rightarrow e_3:died$  BEFORE  $e_5:affecting$

## Transitivity

$e_1:storm$  is PARENT of  $e_4:canceled$   
 $\wedge e_4:canceled$  is a PARENT of  $e_5:affecting$   
 $\Rightarrow e_1:storm$  is a PARENT of  $e_5:affecting$

(we also consider *Implication* and *Negation*)



Why logical constraints in learning?

- Learning to provide **globally consistent** predictions
- Providing **indirect supervision** across tasks/learning resources

# Incorporating Logical Constraints in A Neural Architecture

Symmetry and negation are subsumed within implication loss; Transitivity is subsumed within conjunction loss.

From logical constraints to differentiable functions

- $L_A$  Annotation Loss:  $\top \rightarrow r(e_1, e_2) \quad \boxed{\rightarrow} \quad -w_r \log r(e_1, e_2)$
- $L_S$  Implication Loss:  $\alpha(e_1, e_2) \leftrightarrow \bar{\alpha}(e_2, e_1) \quad \boxed{\rightarrow} \quad |\log \alpha(e_1, e_2) - \log \bar{\alpha}(e_2, e_1)|$
- $L_C$  Conjunction Loss:  $\alpha(e_1, e_2) \wedge \beta(e_2, e_3) \rightarrow \gamma(e_1, e_3) \quad \boxed{\rightarrow} \quad \log \alpha(e_1, e_2) + \log \beta(e_2, e_3) - \log \gamma(e_1, e_3)$   
 $\alpha(e_1, e_2) \wedge \beta(e_2, e_3) \rightarrow \neg \delta(e_1, e_3) \quad \boxed{\rightarrow} \quad \log \alpha(e_1, e_2) + \log \beta(e_2, e_3) - \log(1 - \delta(e_1, e_3))$
- Training Objective:  $L = L_A + \lambda_S L_S + \lambda_C L_C$

$\alpha \backslash \beta$	PC	CP	CR	NR	BF	AF	EQ	VG
PC	PC, $\neg$ AF	-	PC, $\neg$ AF	$\neg$ CP, $\neg$ CR	BF, $\neg$ CP, $\neg$ CR	-	BF, $\neg$ CP, $\neg$ CR	-
CP	-	CP, $\neg$ BF	CP, $\neg$ BF	$\neg$ PC, $\neg$ CR	-	AF, $\neg$ PC, $\neg$ CR	AF, $\neg$ PC, $\neg$ CR	-
CR	PC, $\neg$ AF	CP, $\neg$ BF	CR, EQ	NR	BF, $\neg$ CP, $\neg$ CR	AF, $\neg$ PC, $\neg$ CR	EQ	VG
NR	$\neg$ CP, $\neg$ CR	$\neg$ PC, $\neg$ CR	NR	-	-	-	-	-
BF	BF, $\neg$ CP, $\neg$ CR	-	BF, $\neg$ CP, $\neg$ CR	-	BF, $\neg$ CP, $\neg$ CR	-	BF, $\neg$ CP, $\neg$ CR	$\neg$ AF, $\neg$ EQ
AF	-	AF, $\neg$ PC, $\neg$ CR	AF, $\neg$ PC, $\neg$ CR	-	-	AF, $\neg$ PC, $\neg$ CR	AF, $\neg$ PC, $\neg$ CR	$\neg$ BF, $\neg$ EQ
EQ	$\neg$ AF	$\neg$ BF	EQ	-	BF, $\neg$ CP, $\neg$ CR	AF, $\neg$ PC, $\neg$ CR	EQ	VG, $\neg$ CR
VG	-	-	VG, $\neg$ CR	-	$\neg$ AF, $\neg$ EQ	$\neg$ BF, $\neg$ EQ	VG	-

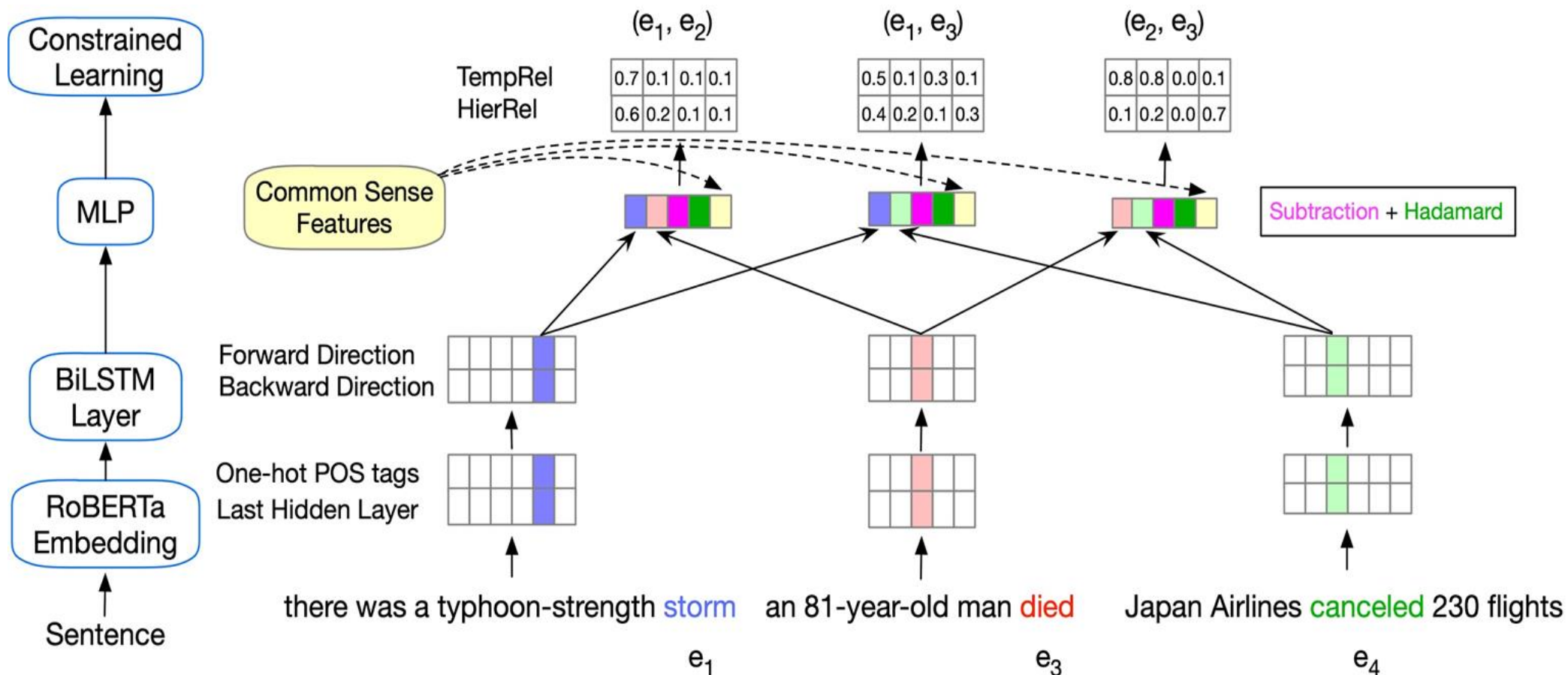
# The Joint Constrained Learning Architecture

- Temporal Relations
- Subevent Relations (Memberships)
- Event Coreference

## Logical constraints

- Symmetry, transitivity, conjunction, implication.
- Converting constraints into differentiable learning objectives

$$\text{Loss Function: } L = L_A + \lambda_S L_S + \lambda_C L_C$$



# Logically Constrained Learning for Event Relation Extraction

\*[EMNLP-20c]

Constrained learning surpasses SOTA TempRel extraction on MATRES [Ning+, ACL-18] by relatively 3.27% in  $F_1$ .

Model	$P$	$R$	$F_1$
CogCompTime (Ning et al., 2018c)	0.616	0.725	0.666
Perceptron (Ning et al., 2018b)	0.660	0.723	0.690
BiLSTM+MAP (Han et al., 2019b)	-	-	0.755
LSTM+CSE+ILP (Ning et al., 2019)	0.713	0.821	0.763
Joint Constrained Learning (ours)	<b>0.734</b>	<b>0.850</b>	<b>0.788</b>

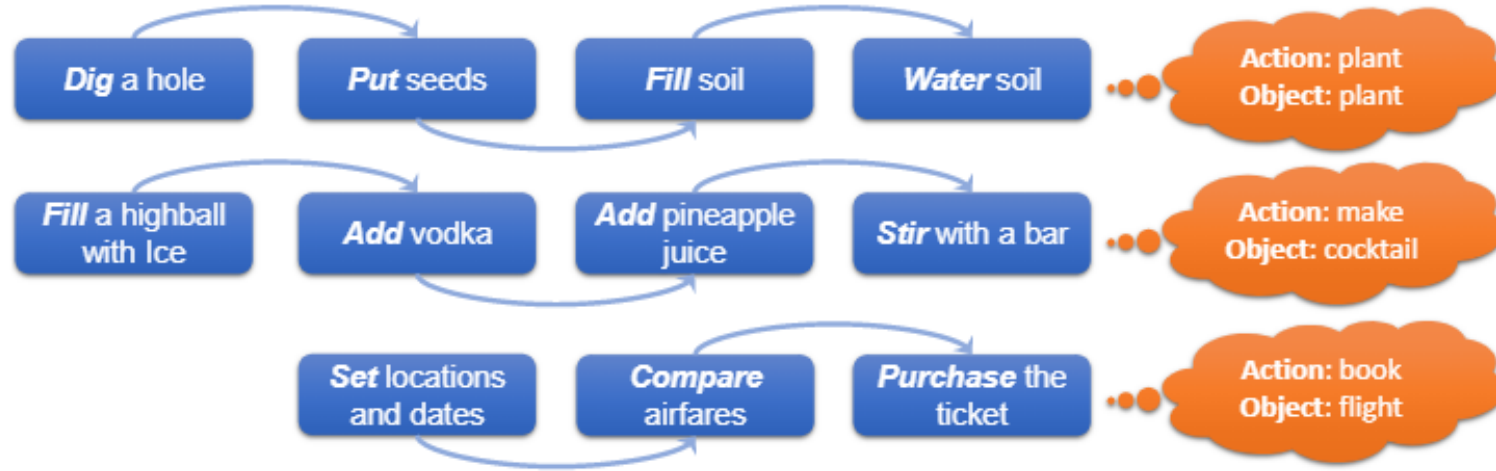
On HiEve [Glavaš+, LREC-14] for subevent extraction, it relatively surpasses previous methods by at least 3.12% in  $F_1$ .

Model	$F_1$ score		
	PC	CP	Avg.
StructLR (Glavaš et al., 2014)	0.522	<b>0.634</b>	0.577
TACOLM (Zhou et al., 2020a)	0.485	0.494	0.489
Joint Constrained Learning (ours)	<b>0.625</b>	0.564	<b>0.595</b>

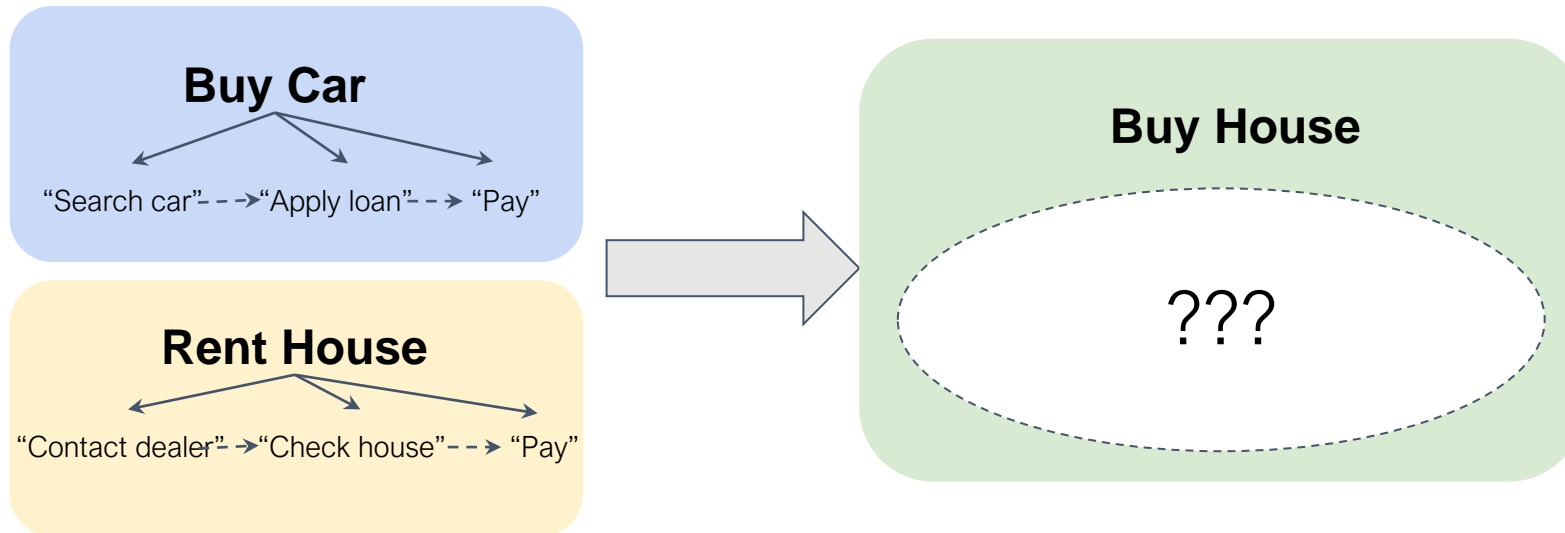
## Key Observations

- Constraints are a natural bridge for learning resources with different sets of relations
- Adding constraints in learning is sufficient to enforce logical consistency of outputs, surpassing ILP in inference (w/ constrained learning) by 2.6-12.3% in ACC

# More About Eventuality Knowledge Acquisition from Text



Few-shot *intention prediction* for event processes based on indirect supervision from gloss knowledge [CoNLL-20 Best Paper Nomination]



Open-domain event schema induction with analogy-aware inference [EMNLP-20d]



# Probabilistic Constrained Knowledge Acquisition\*

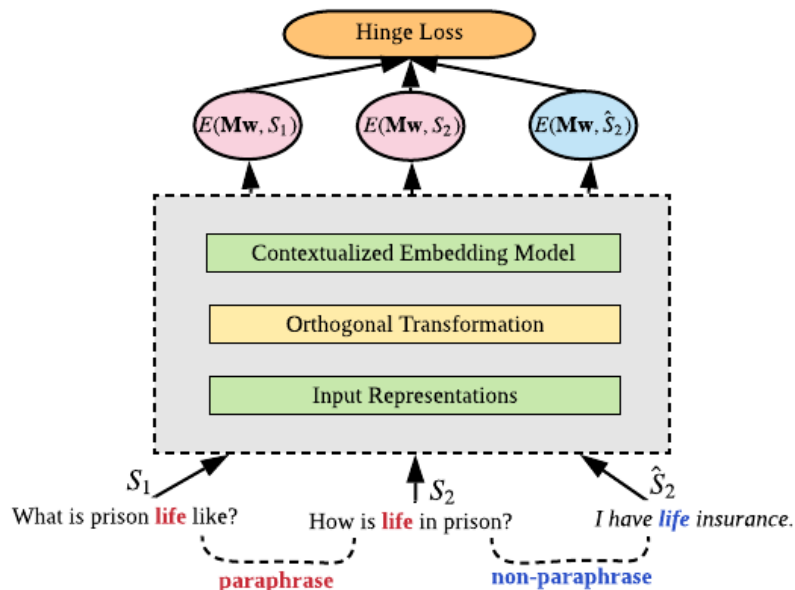
\*[AAAI-19]

Toyota competeswith Honda 0.94  
Hyundai 0.91  
Chrysler 0.76

- Incorporating Probabilistic Soft Logic constraints in learning (w/ Łukasiewicz t-norm)
- Confidence prediction for unseen facts



## Retrofitting language models for robust discourse relation detection<sup>+</sup>



+2.60-3.30% (acc) on textual inference and +3-5% (Pearson's) in textual similarity (SentEval)  
+5.4% (acc) on Adversarial SQuAD.

\*[EMNLP-19]

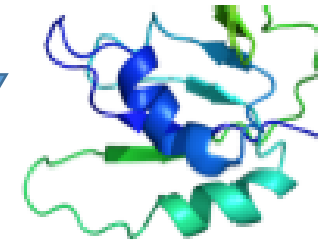
# Knowledge Acquisition Beyond Human Languages



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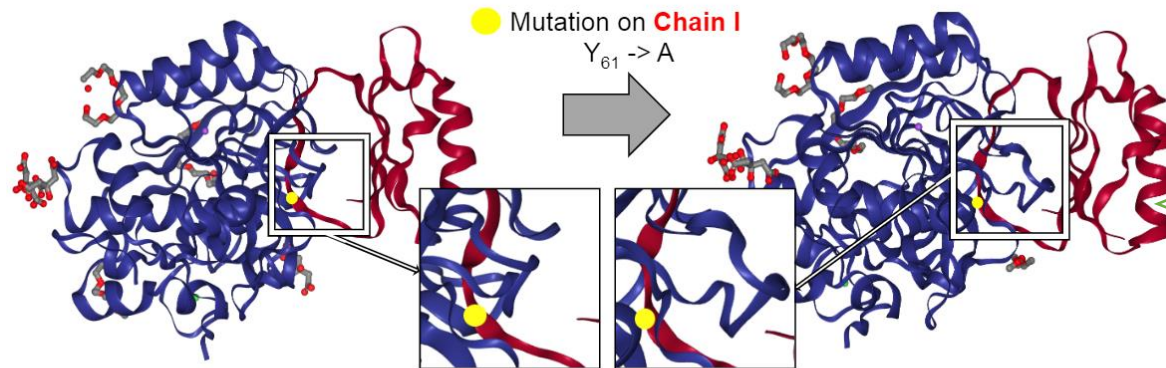
Interaction type? (Binding, catalysis, inhibition, ...)

Binding affinity? ( $\Delta G$ )



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“Entailment model” for Protein-protein interaction prediction [ISMB’19, *Bioinformatics 2019*].



$\Delta\Delta G$  estimation on SKEMPIv2 benchmark:  
~20% of absolute improvement (0.69-  
>0.88) in Pearson’s Corr over SOTA!

PDB ID	1TM1 (wild type)	1TO1 (mutant)
Binding Affinity ( $k_d$ )	2.24E-12	2.70E-10

Pre-trained language model on wild-type protein sequences helps estimate point mutation effects on proteins [NAR: *Genom. Bioinform. 2020*].

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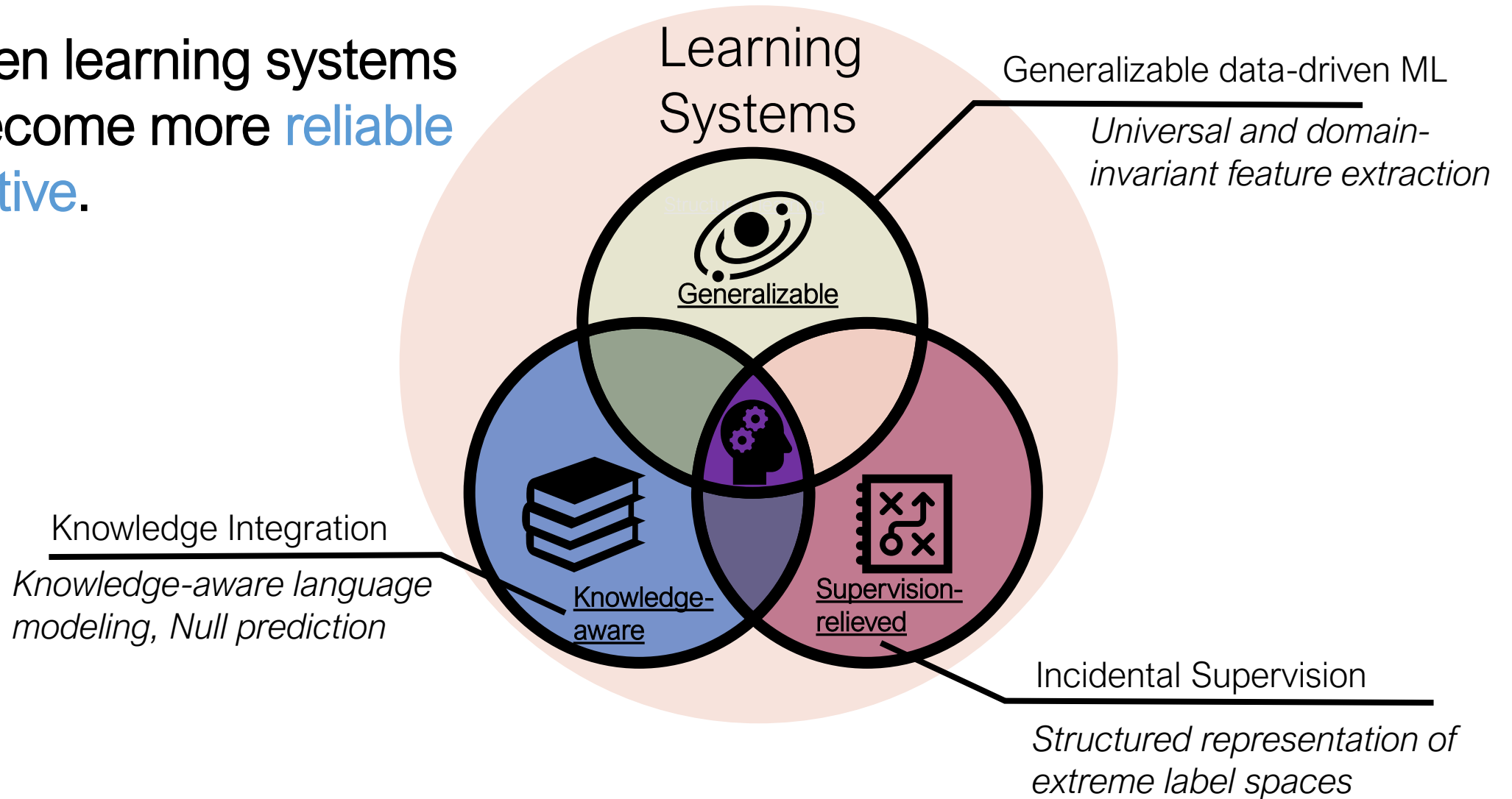
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**Future research agenda**

# What's Next

Data-driven learning systems should become more **reliable** and **adaptive**.



# Robust Learning Systems with Generalizability

1.2 billion years of evolution distance

0.12 billion years of evolution distance



Yeast

Train

Predict  
PPI



Arabidopsis

Train

Predict  
PPI

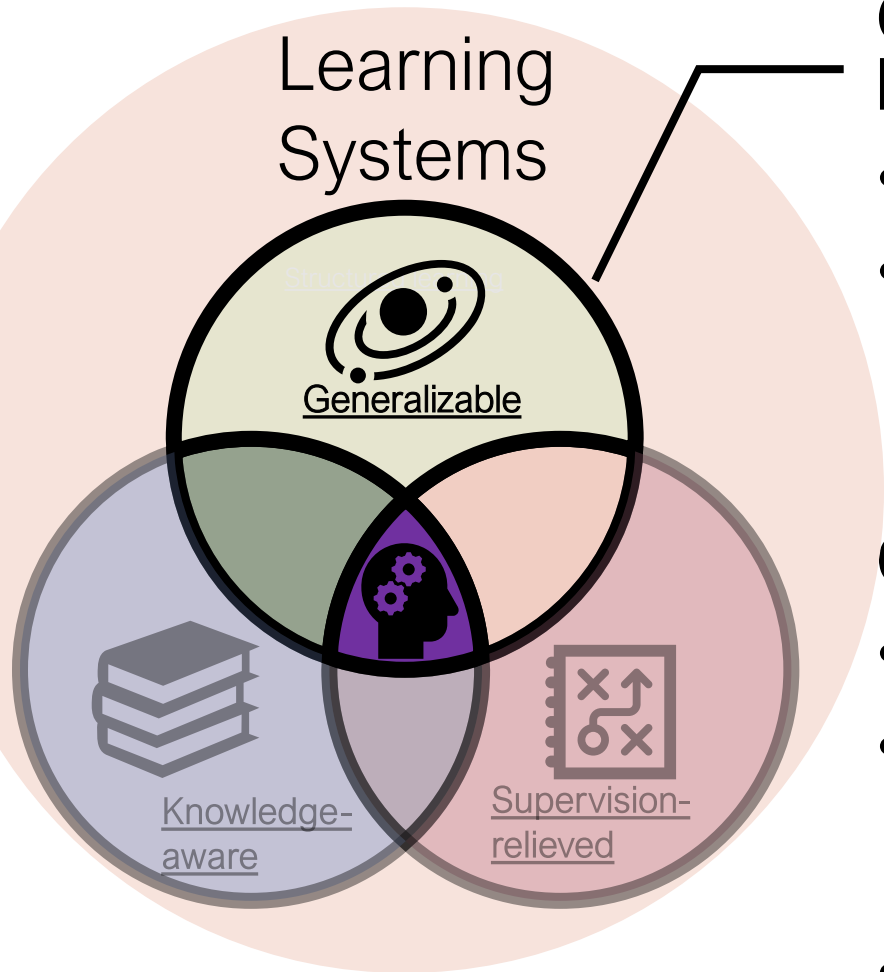


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**PIPR [ISMB'19]: >97%** in F1 scores for intrinsic Protein-protein Interaction (PPI) prediction.

Future direction: using transfer learning to predict PPI for > 1.3 million **low-resource species**.

# Robust Learning Systems with Generalizability



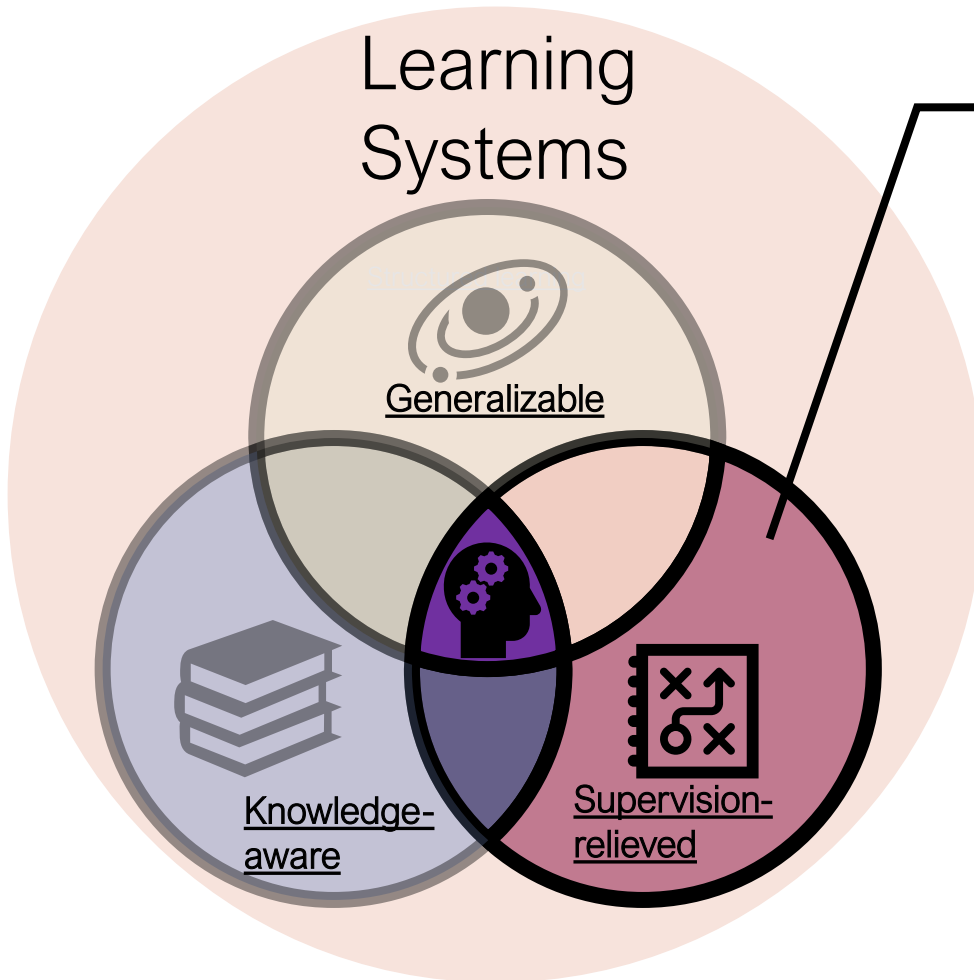
## General methodologies for domain-adaptive learning/inference

- Domain-invariant feature extraction
- Massively pre-training
  - Language- and domain-invariant KG embedding (ongoing)
  - Pre-training language models on thousand-species genomic/proteomic data

## Cross-domain tasks

- NLP tasks on >6000 **low-resource languages**
- PPI, folding energy, 3D structure prediction, functional annotation ... for > 1.3 million **low-resource species**
- Clinical data processing [**AIME-20**] (low-resource due to **privacy**)

# Support Learning With Minimal Supervision



## Representing Structures of Feature and Label Spaces

- Non-Euclidean representation learning
- *Set learning* for order-invariant data
  - Concurrent clinical events [\[AIME-20\]](#)

## Indirect supervision

- Leverage cheap supervision signals from auxiliary data / tasks
- Learning with noisy labels (ongoing direction)
- Learning/inference with dependency of labels

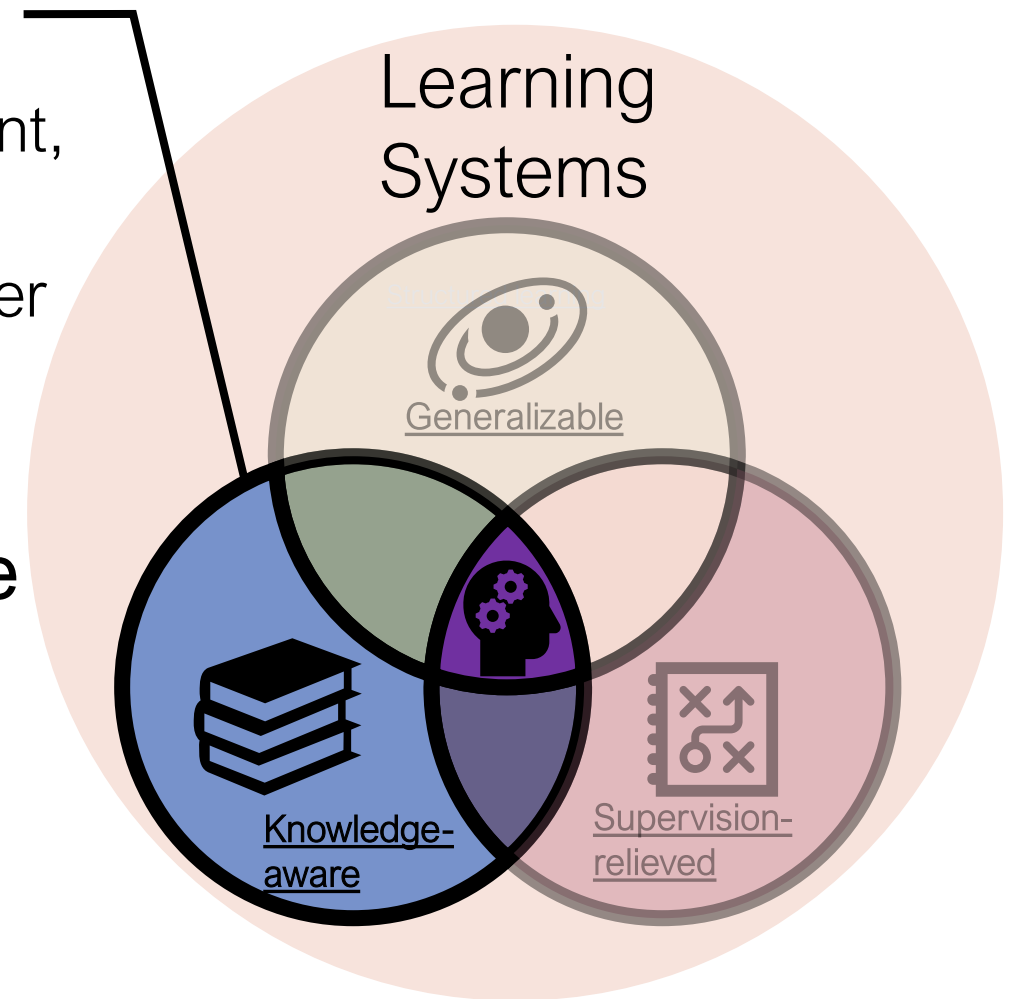
# Reliable and Knowledge-aware Learning Systems

## Null prediction problem

- Lots of NLU models for entity typing, entity alignment, entity linking, semantic IR, QA, ...
- How to let them understand when there is no answer to a query?

## Making language models aware of knowledge

- Eventuality knowledge\*
- Temporal knowledge

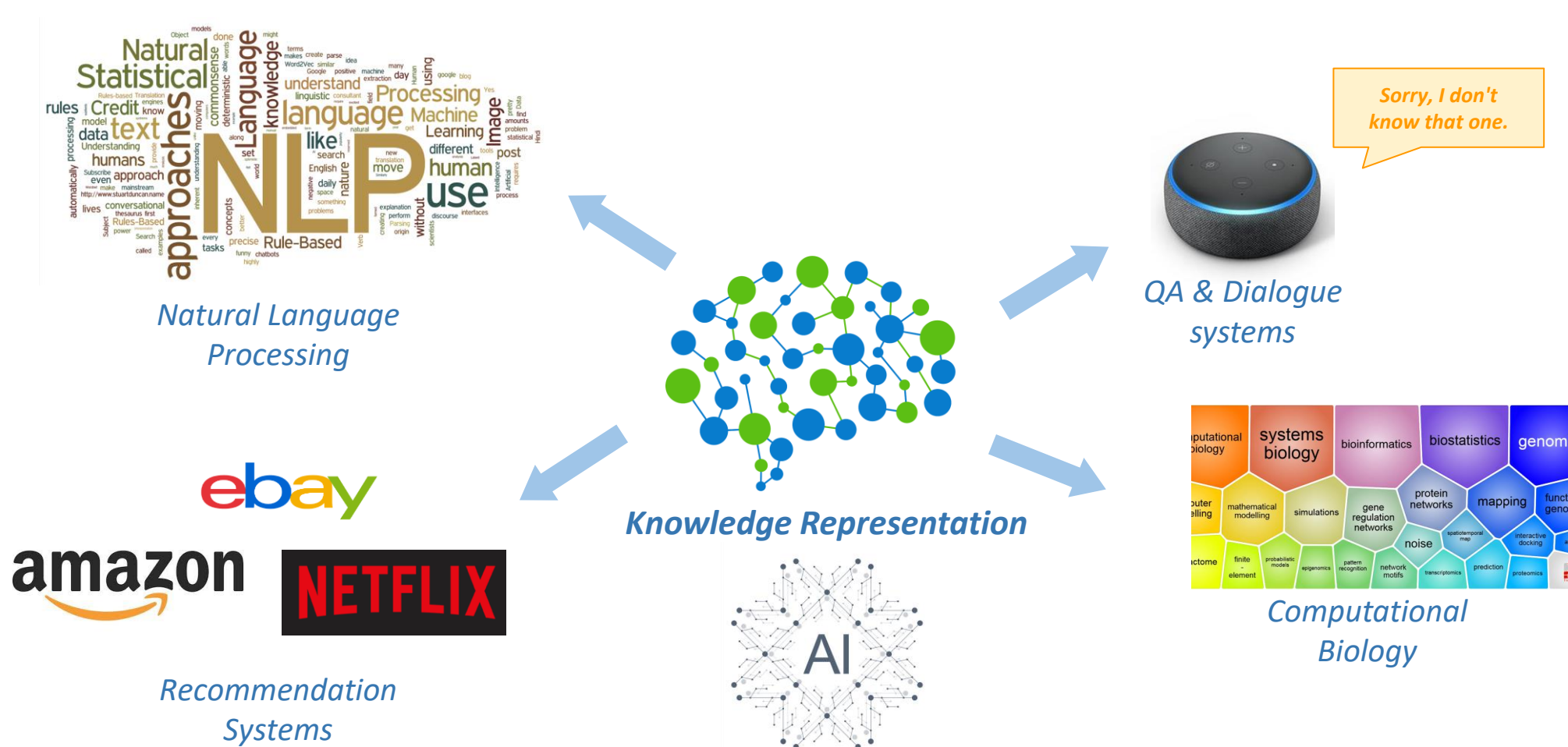


\*Will be discussed in our AAAI-21 and ACL-21 tutorials about Event-centric NLU.



# Cross-domain and Interdisciplinary Research

A useful technology may benefit multiple research areas and disciplines, and it is important to let it contribute to the Common Good.



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# Sequence-based Protein-Protein Interaction (PPI) Prediction\*

\*[ISMB'19, Bioinformatics 2019]

Amino acid sequence 1



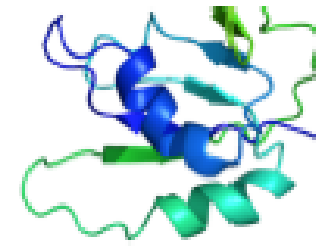
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Interact or not?

Interaction type? (Binding, catalysis, inhibition, ...)

Binding affinity? ( $\Delta G$ )

Amino acid sequence 2



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# PIPR: Multifaceted Protein-Protein Based on Only Sequences

\*[ISMB'19, Bioinformatics 2019]

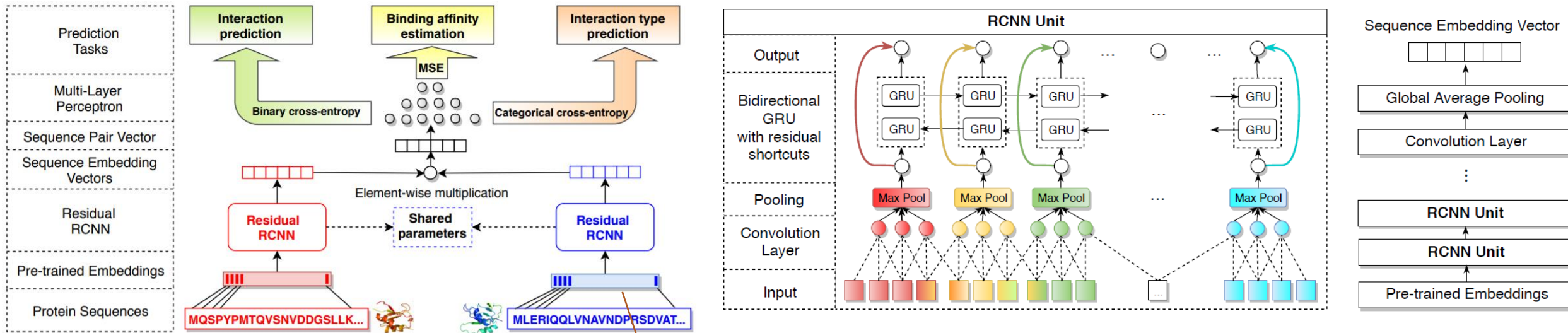


Fig. 2: The overall learning architecture of our framework.

**Siamese architecture**  
for capturing multi-  
faceted PPI information.

**Physicochemical**  
property-aware  
embeddings of  
amino acids.

**Residual RCNN** for multi-  
granular feature aggregation.



# Multi-faceted PPI Prediction

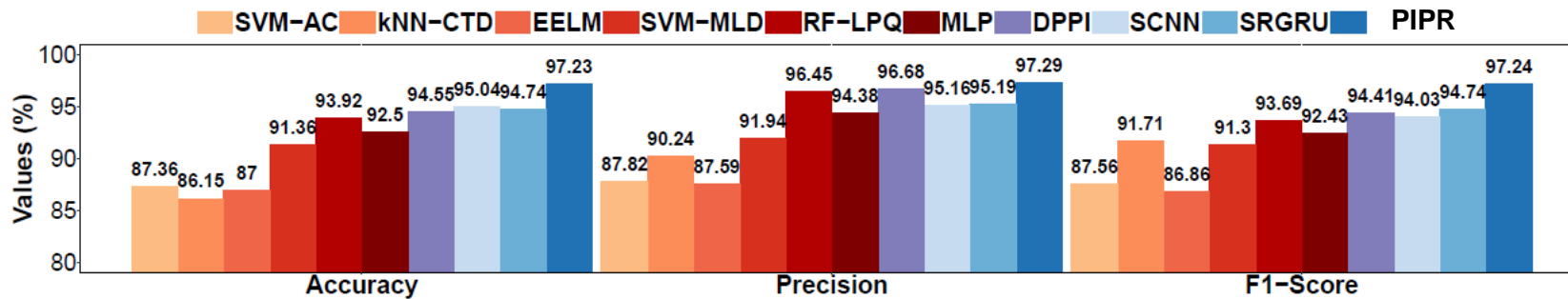


Fig. 3: Evaluation of binary PPI prediction on the Yeast dataset.

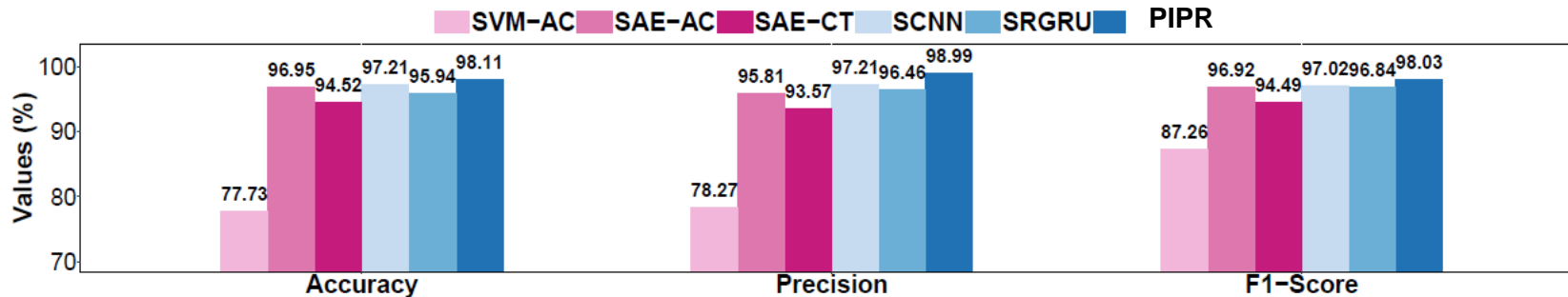


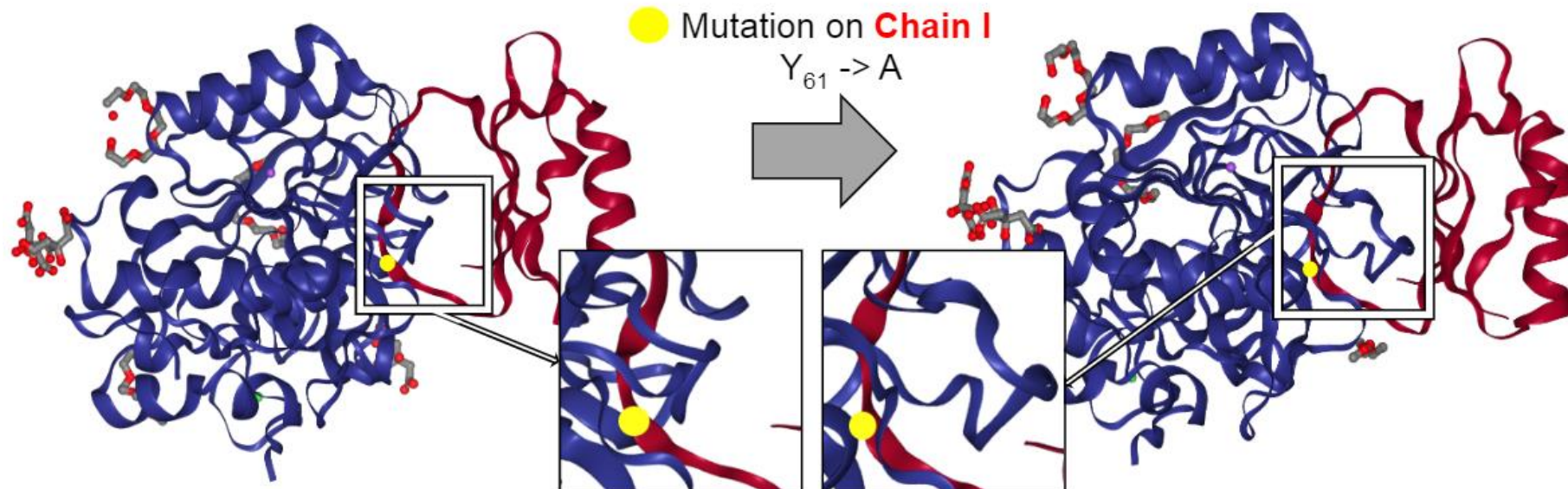
Fig. 4: Evaluation of binary PPI prediction on the Human dataset.

- Also reaches SotA performance on **PPI type prediction** and **binding affinity estimation** on three other benchmark datasets

\*[ISMB'19, Bioinformatics 2019]

>97% in F1 scores for PPI prediction on Yeast and Human.

# Point Mutation Effect Estimation

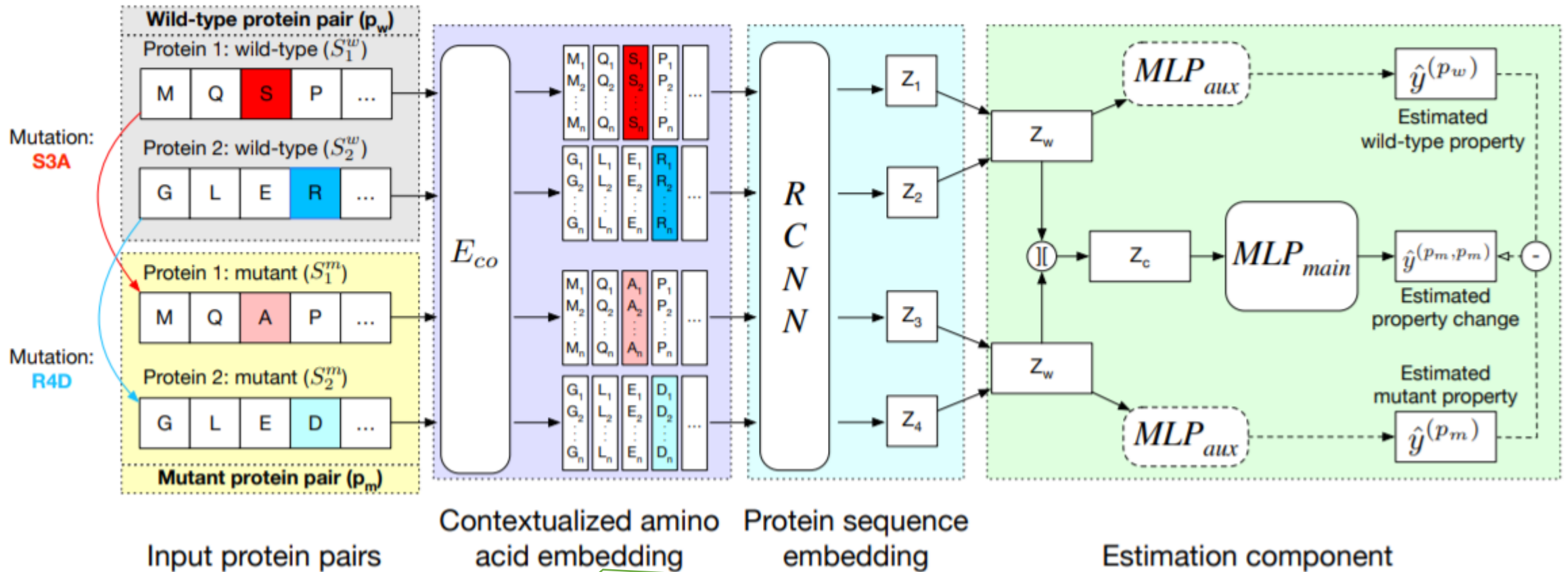


PDB ID	1TM1 (wild type)	1TO1 (mutant)
Binding Affinity ( $k_d$ )	2.24E-12	2.70E-10

1 point mutation leads to **~100X** change of binding affinity

- Mutations (very **slight changes**) are very difficult to be captured
- 1 or 2 point mutations may cause a **significant change** to a PPI property

# MuPIPR: Pre-trained Amino Acid Language Model + Multi-task Learning

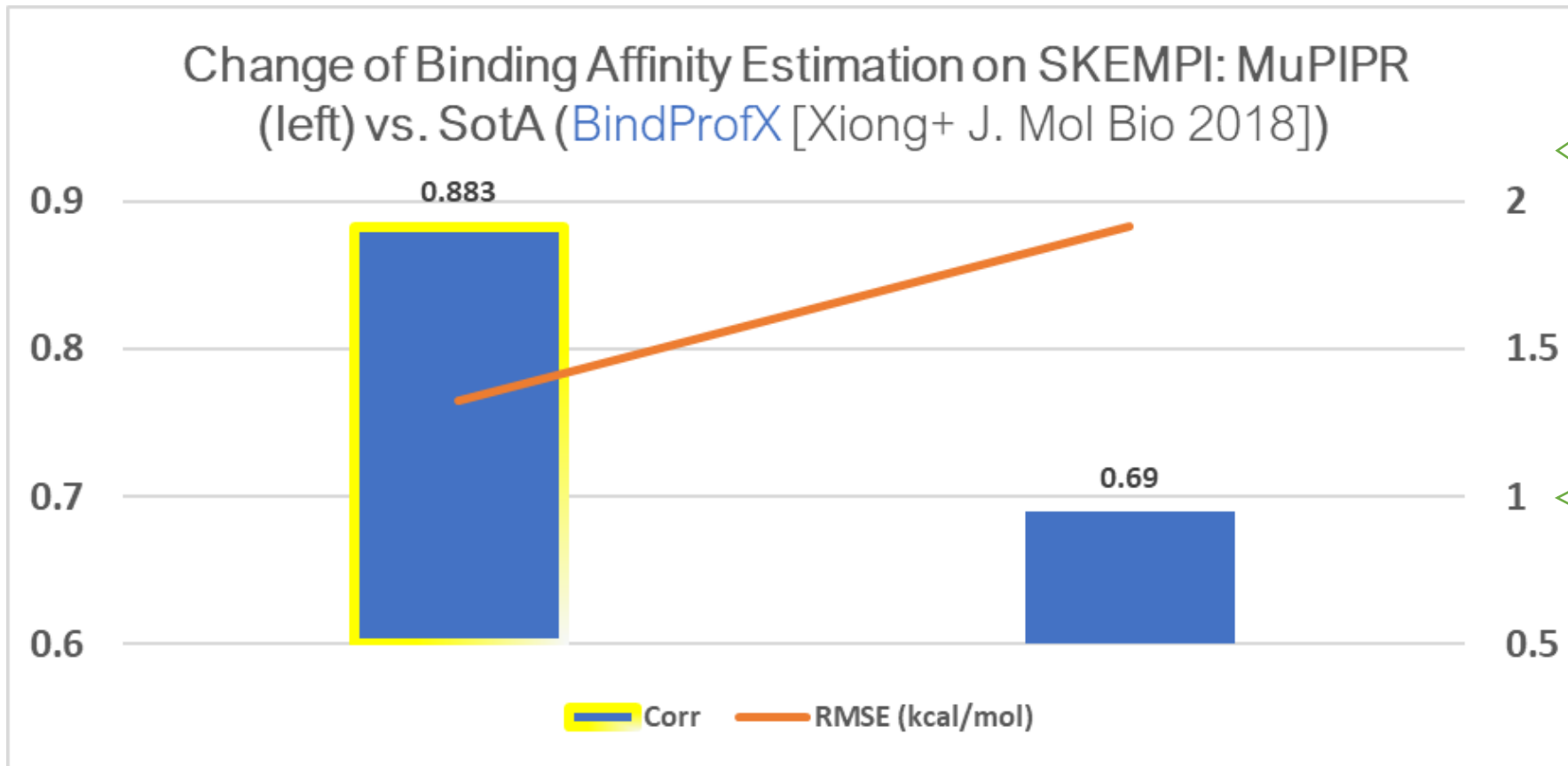


Pre-trained BiLSTM language model on wild-type proteins help propagating point mutation effects

\*[NAR Genom. Bioinform. 2020]

# Estimation of PPI Property Changes

\*[NAR Genom. Bioinform. 2020]



On SKEMPI: ~20% of absolute improvement in Pearson's Corr over SotA.

Also offering strong performance on *de novo* prediction.

Also significantly better in estimating change of **buried surface area ( $\Delta$ BSA)**

- MuPIPR 0.695 vs. SotA 0.329 in Corr