

Open Domain Question Answering Using Early Fusion of Knowledge Bases and Text

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Presentation Outline

- Introduction
- Representation of Text and Knowledge Base
- Embedding Propagation on graphs
- Results and Discussion

Open Domain Question Answering

- ❖ The task of answering factual questions posed in natural language
- ❖ Example:
 - Who voiced Meg in Family Guy?
Lacey Chabert
 - Which club did Christiano Ronaldo play for in 2011?
Real Madrid
- ❖ Open-domain: Need to search for the answer in Web-scale data

Structured and Unstructured Knowledge

Cristiano Ronaldo

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Ahead of the 2009–10 season, Ronaldo joined Real Madrid for a world record transfer fee at the time, of £80 million (€94 million).^[105] His contract was for four years, with a salary of €11 million per year and contained a €1 billion buy-out clause.^[106] At least 80,000 fans attended his presentation at the Santiago Bernabéu stadium, with 75,000 fans who had welcomed Diego Maradona at Napoli.^[107] Since club captain Raúl already wore the number 7, the number Ronaldo would have preferred, he received the number 9 shirt,^[109] which was presented to him by former Madrid player Alfredo Di Stéfano.^[110]



Ronaldo playing against Chelsea in the Premier League during his third season in England

Ronaldo made his debut in La Liga on 29 August 2009, against Deportivo La Coruña, and scored his first goal in the 20th minute of the game.^[111] He scored in each of his first four league fixtures with the club, the first Madrid player to do so since Gerd Müller in 1971. He also became the first Madrid player to follow with two free kicks in the first group match against Zürich.^[113] His strong start to the season was interrupted by an ankle injury in October while on international duty, which kept him sidelined for several weeks. He received his first red card in Spain in a match against Almería.^[116] Midway through the season, he won the Pichichi d'Or and the FIFA World Player of the Year award, behind Lionel Messi of Barcelona, Madrid's first player to do so since Iker Casillas in 2003. After scoring 31 goals in all competitions, including a hat-trick in a 4–1 win against Mallorca on 5 May 2010, his first full season at Real Madrid ended trophyless.^[119]

Real Madrid

2012–13 ^[565]	La Liga	34	34	7	7	—
2013–14 ^[566]	La Liga	30	31	6	3	—
2014–15 ^[567]	La Liga	35	48	2	1	—
2015–16 ^[567]	La Liga	36	35	0	0	—
2016–17 ^[567]	La Liga	29	25	2	1	—

Text

This article is part of a series about Cristiano Ronaldo

Portuguese professional footballer

International goals • Career achievements • Comparisons to Lionel Messi

Eponyms

Cristiano Ronaldo Campus Futebol • Cristiano Ronaldo International Airport • Galaxy CR7 • Museu CR7

Films

Cristiano Ronaldo: The World at His Feet • Ronaldo

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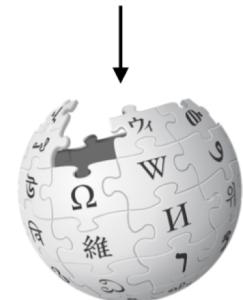
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Question answering with unstructured Knowledge (Text)

- Reading Comprehension:
 - DrQA: Reading wikipedia to answer Open Domain Questions (chen et al, ACL 2017)

Q: How many of Warsaw's inhabitants spoke Polish in 1933?



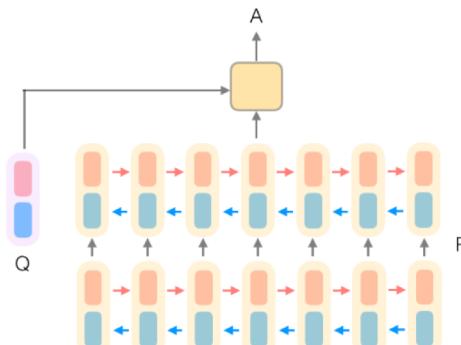
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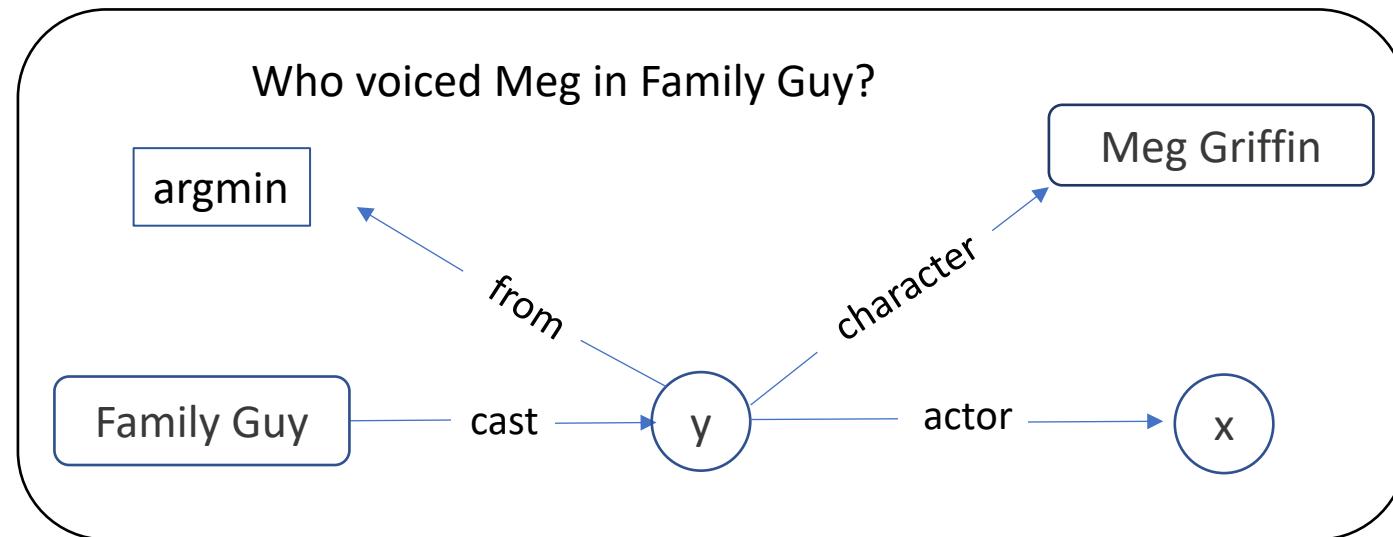
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NB: High coverage of answers, but generally difficult to extract the answer in open-domain setting.

Question Answering with Structured Knowledge (KB)

- Knowledge Base
 - (Subject, relation, Object)
 - Example, (Meg_Griffin, voiced_by, Milla_Kunis)
- Semantic Parsing:
 - Example, Neural Symbolic Machine (Liang et al, ACL 2017)



NB: High precision, but knowledge base is always incomplete.

Question

Possibility of jointly using Structured and Unstructured Knowledge in QA

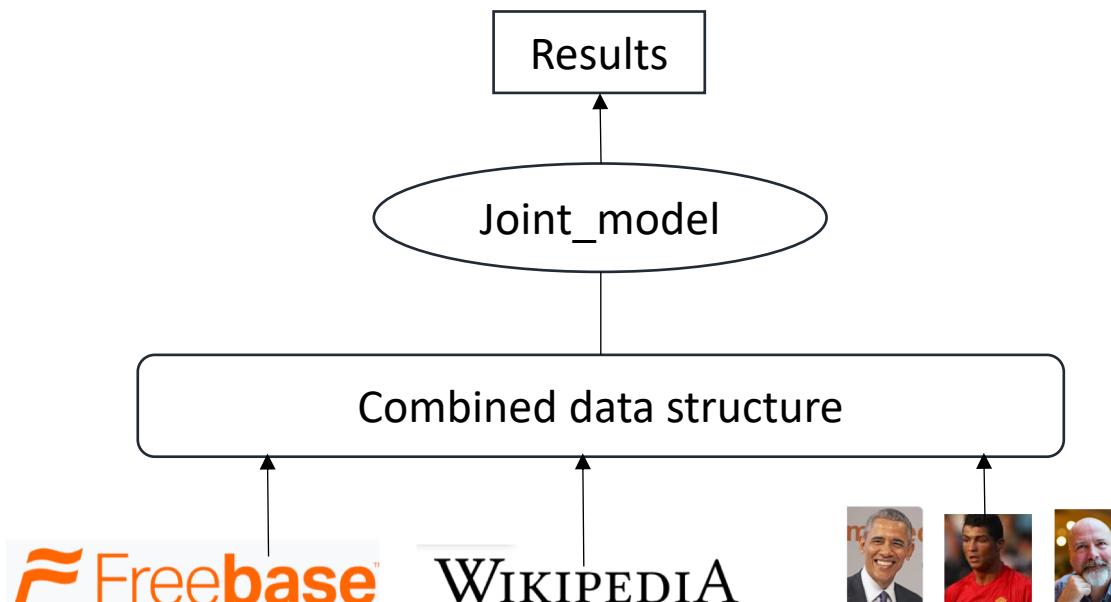
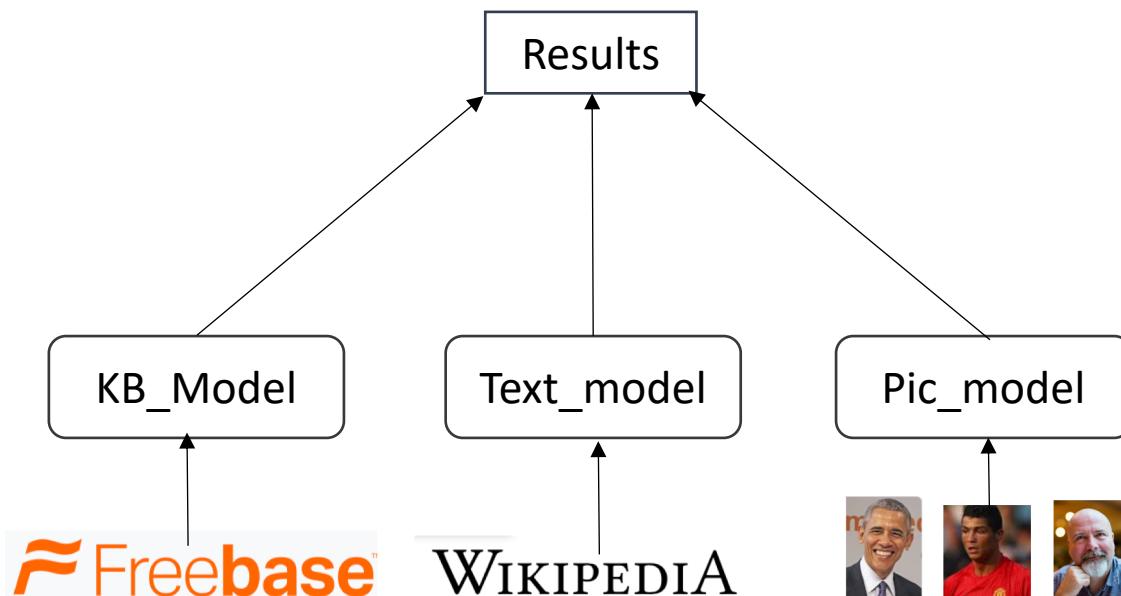
Question Answering with Structured and Unstructured Knowledge

❖ Option 1 Late Fusion

- Train QA system on each Knowledge Source separately, and then ensemble the predictions

❖ Option 2: Early Fusion

- Combine all knowledge sources into a single data structure

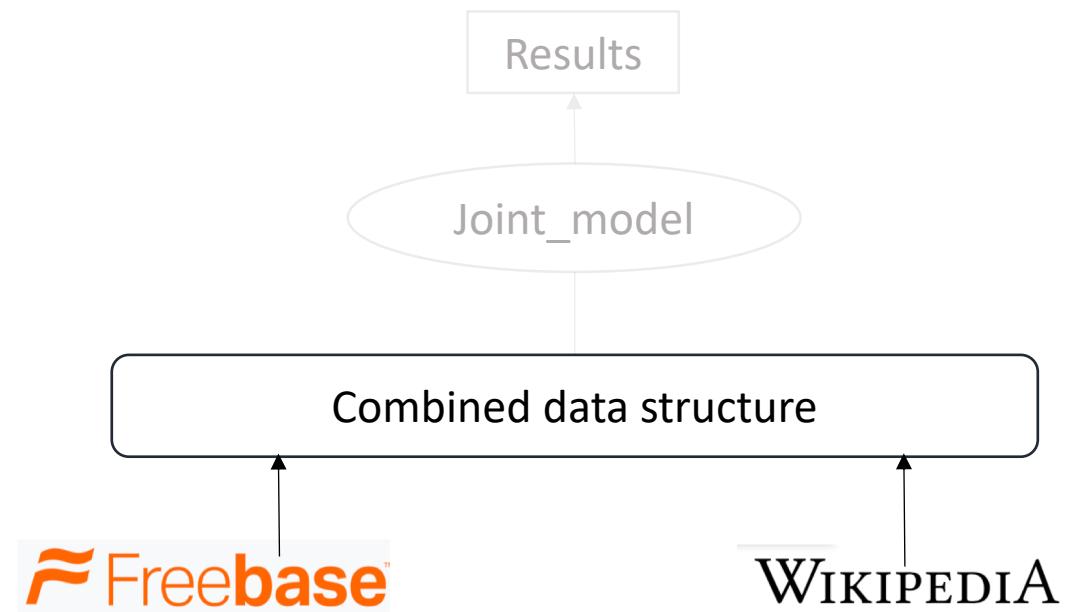


❖ GRAFT-Nets

- Can we use multiple knowledge sources for question answering
 - Text and incomplete KB
- Is early fusion better than late fusion

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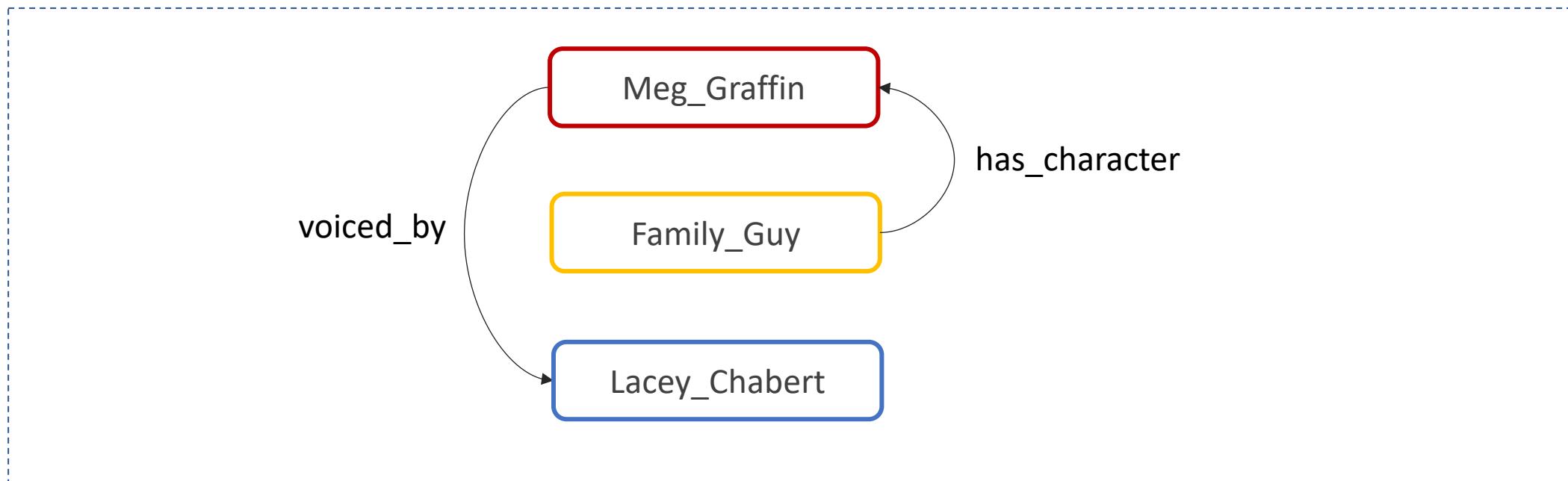
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Representation of Text and Knowledge Base

❖ KB Facts:

(Meg_Graffin, Voiced_by, Lacey_Chabert)
(Family_Guy, has_character, Meg_Graffin)



KB_Entity

→ KB Relation

Representation of Text and Knowledge Base

❖ KB Facts \mathcal{K} :

- (Meg_Graffin, Voiced_by, Lacey_Chabert)
- (Family_Guy, has_character, Meg_Graffin)

❖ Text \mathcal{D} :

“Meg was originally voiced by Lacey Chabert during the first season”

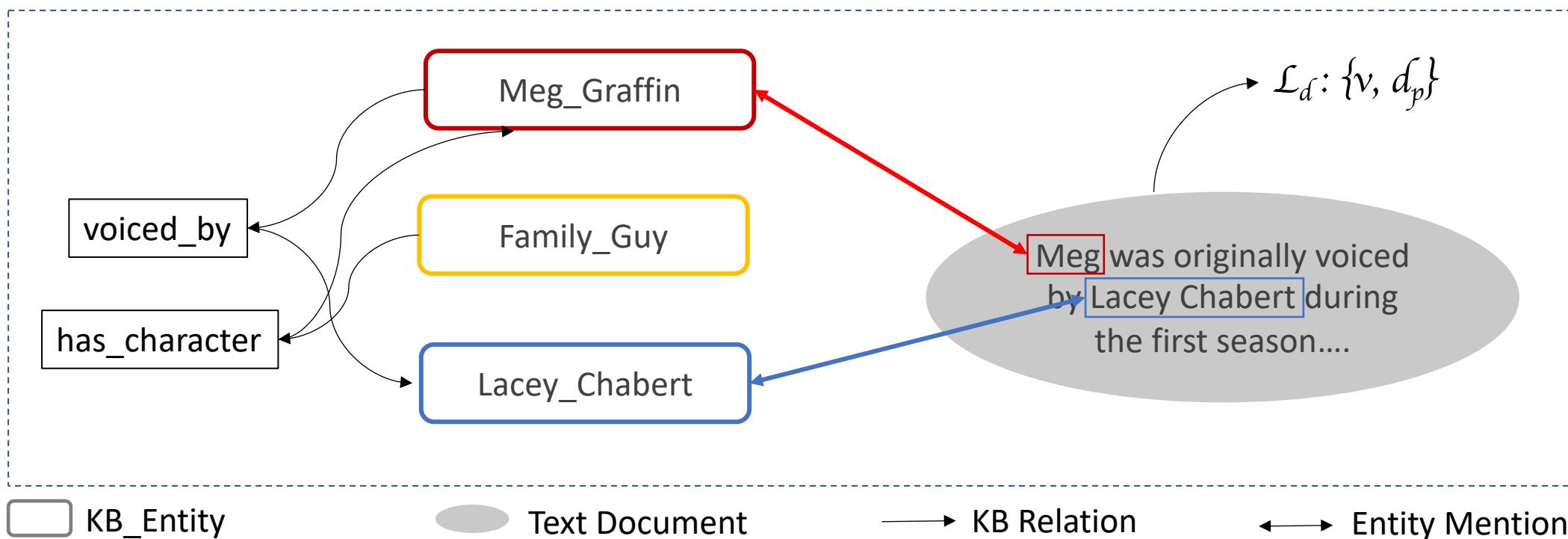
$$\mathcal{K} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{R})$$

\mathcal{V} : set of entities,

\mathcal{E} : edges are triplets (s, r, o) where $r \in \mathcal{R}$ holds between $s \in \mathcal{V}$ and $o \in \mathcal{V}$

$$\mathcal{D} : \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{|\mathcal{D}|}\}$$

$$d : (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{|d_i|})$$



Representation of Text and Knowledge Base

Given NLQ: $q = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{|q|})$ extract an answer to the question $\{a_{|q|}\}$ from the $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{L})$

Steps for answer extraction:

1. Extracting subgraph $\mathcal{G}_q \in \mathcal{G}$ which contains an answer to the question to ensure high recall for answers
2. Use **Graft-net** to learn Node representation in the \mathcal{G}_q conditioned to the question which are then used to classify the node as answer or not.

Extracting Sub-graph from graph

KB Retrieval:

1. Entity linking on question to produce seed entities S_q
2. Run PPR ([Haveliwala, 2002](#)) around S_q to identify top 50 entities which might be an answer to the question
3. Add the Top entities by PPR score and edges between them to the g_q

Text Retrieval:

1. Retrieve top 5 most relevant Wikipedia articles using weighted bag of words model from ([Chen et al 2017](#))
2. Populate **Lucene index** with sentences from the article and retrieve the top ranking documents based on words in the question.
3. Add the retrieved documents with entities linked to them to the g_q

Sub-graph

Final Sub-graph becomes: $\mathcal{G}_q = (\mathcal{V}_q, \mathcal{E}_q, \mathcal{R}^+)$. Where;

\mathcal{V}_q : All retrieved entities and Documents

$$\mathcal{V}_q = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_E\} \cup \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_D\}$$

\mathcal{E}_q : All relations from the KB and entity links between documents and entities

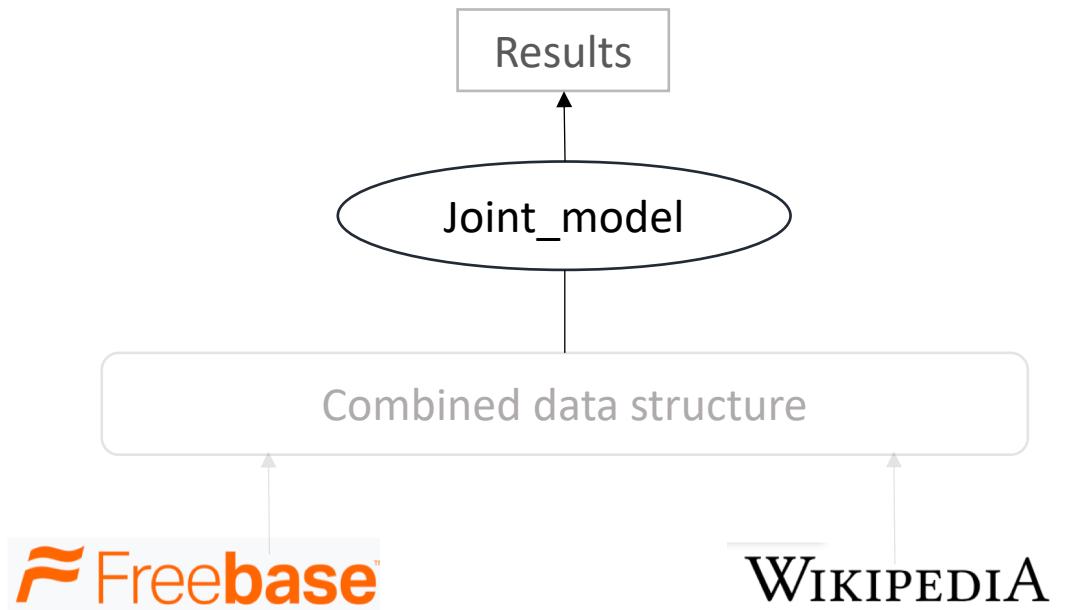
$$\mathcal{E}_q = \{(s, r, o) \in \mathcal{E}: s, o \in \mathcal{V}_q, r \in \mathcal{R}\} \cup \{(v, d_p, rL), (v, d_p) \in \mathcal{L}_d, d \in \mathcal{V}_q\}$$

\mathcal{R}^+ : Set of all edge types in the subgraph

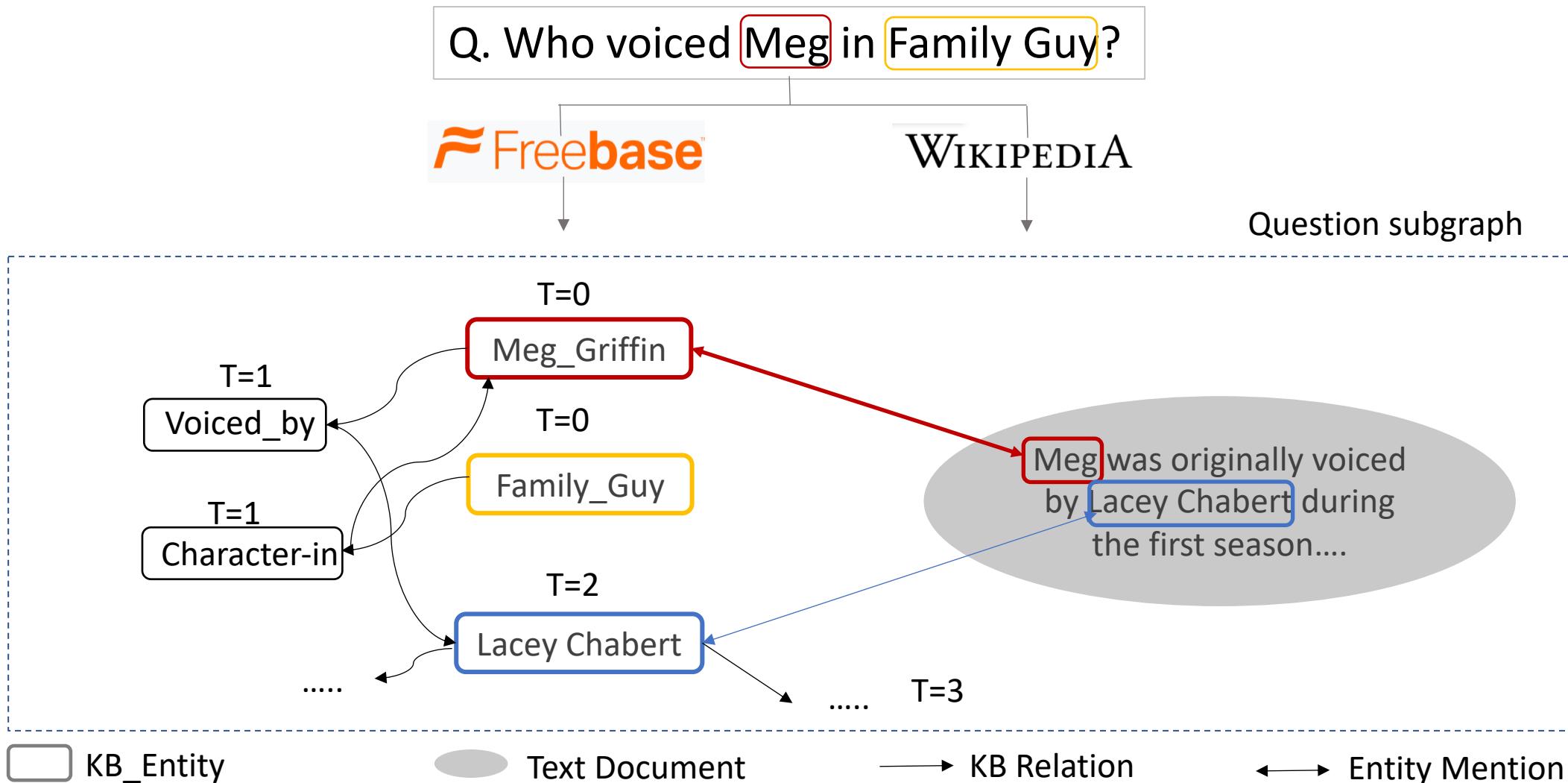
$$\mathcal{R}^+ = \mathcal{R} \cup \{rL\}$$

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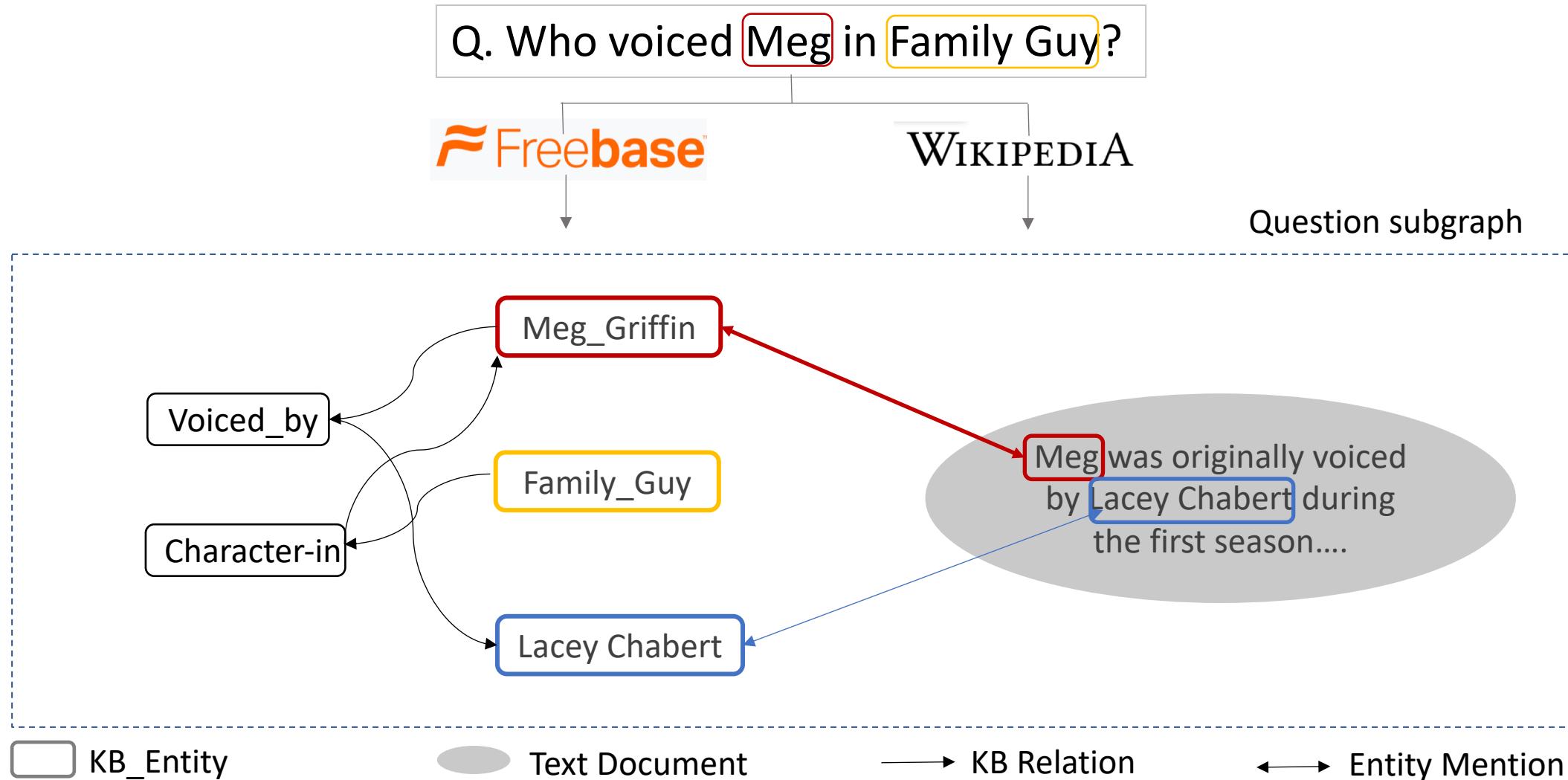
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Embedding Propagation



Fact Dropout



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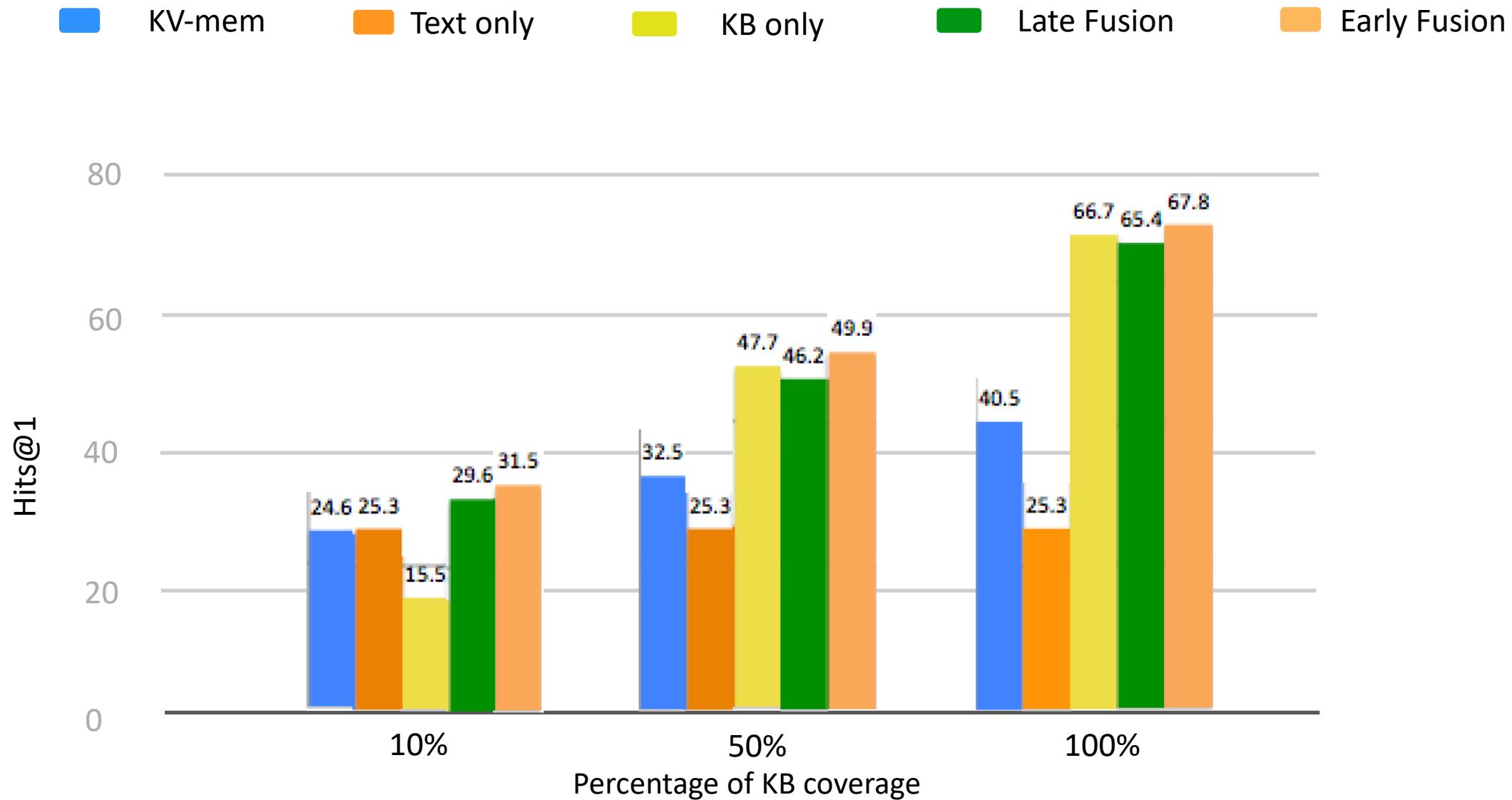
Experiments Datasets

- WikiMovies (Miller et al, 2016)
 - KB: OMDB – 43,233 entities
 - Text: Wikipedia – 79,728 documents
- WebQuestionSP (Yih et al, 2016)
 - KB: Freebase – 528,617
 - Text: Wikipedia – 235,567 documents
- Simulated datasets with incomplete KB:
- Uniformly sample KB: 10%, 50%

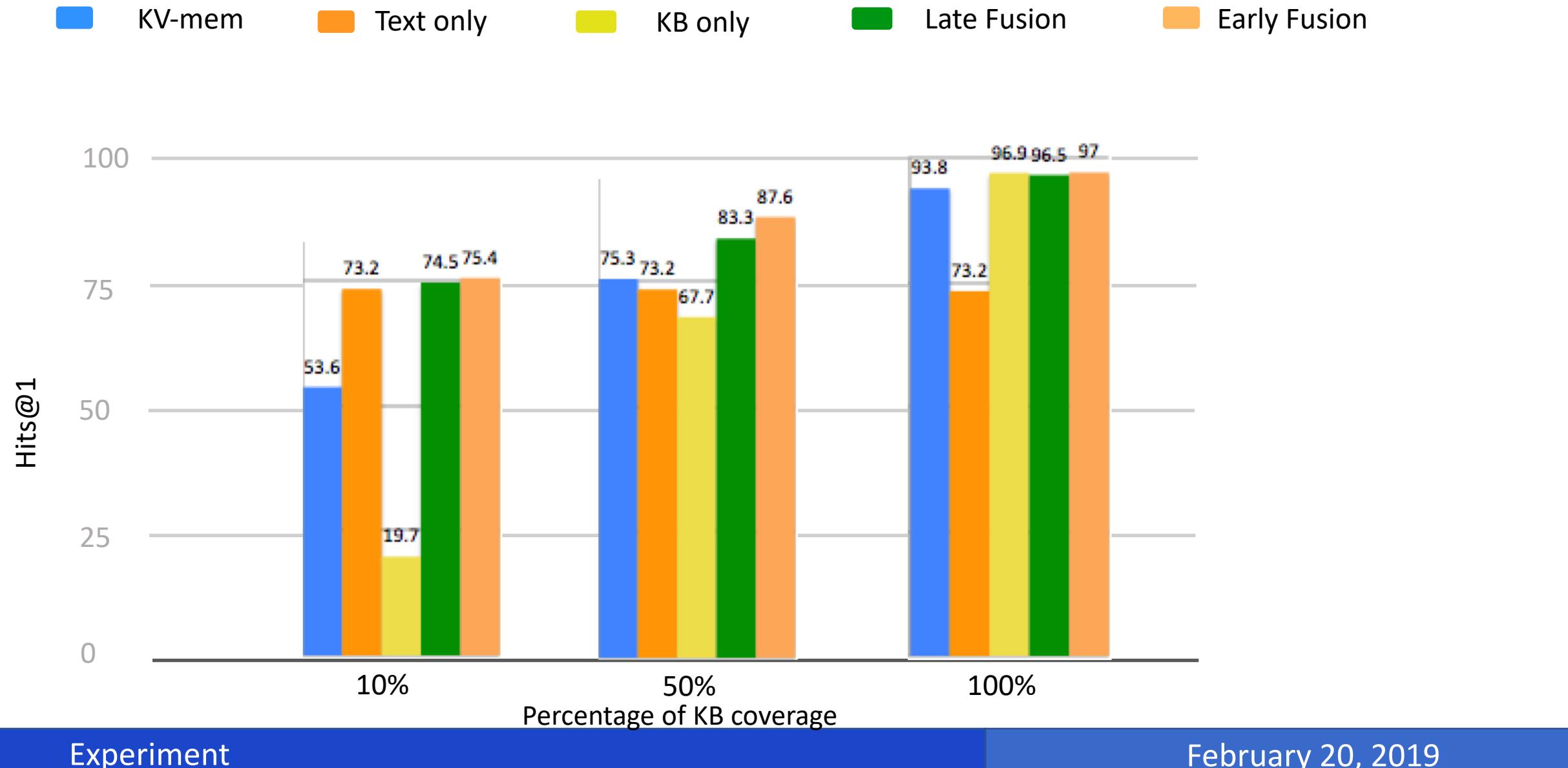
Experimental Questions

- Can we use multiple knowledge Sources (KB and Text) for QA?
- Is early fusion better than late fusion?
- Does Graph structure help?
 - Compare with Key-Value memory Network (Miller et al. 2016)

Results Web-Questions



Results WikiMovie



Conclusion and Future work

Conclusion

- Graft-net can effectively use KB and Text for Question Answering
- Graft-net with early fusion of KB and Text works better than late fusion

Future Work

- Extend Graft-net to pick spans of text as answers rather than only entities
- Improving subgraph retrieval process