



# BIRD: 针对大规模数据库的大型NL2SQL基准测试

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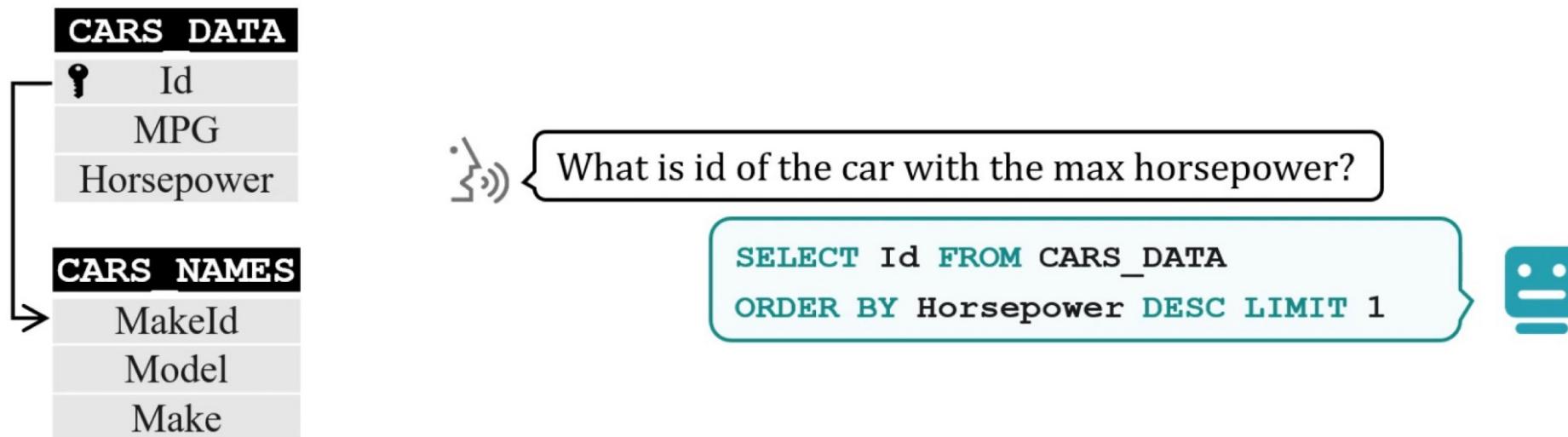
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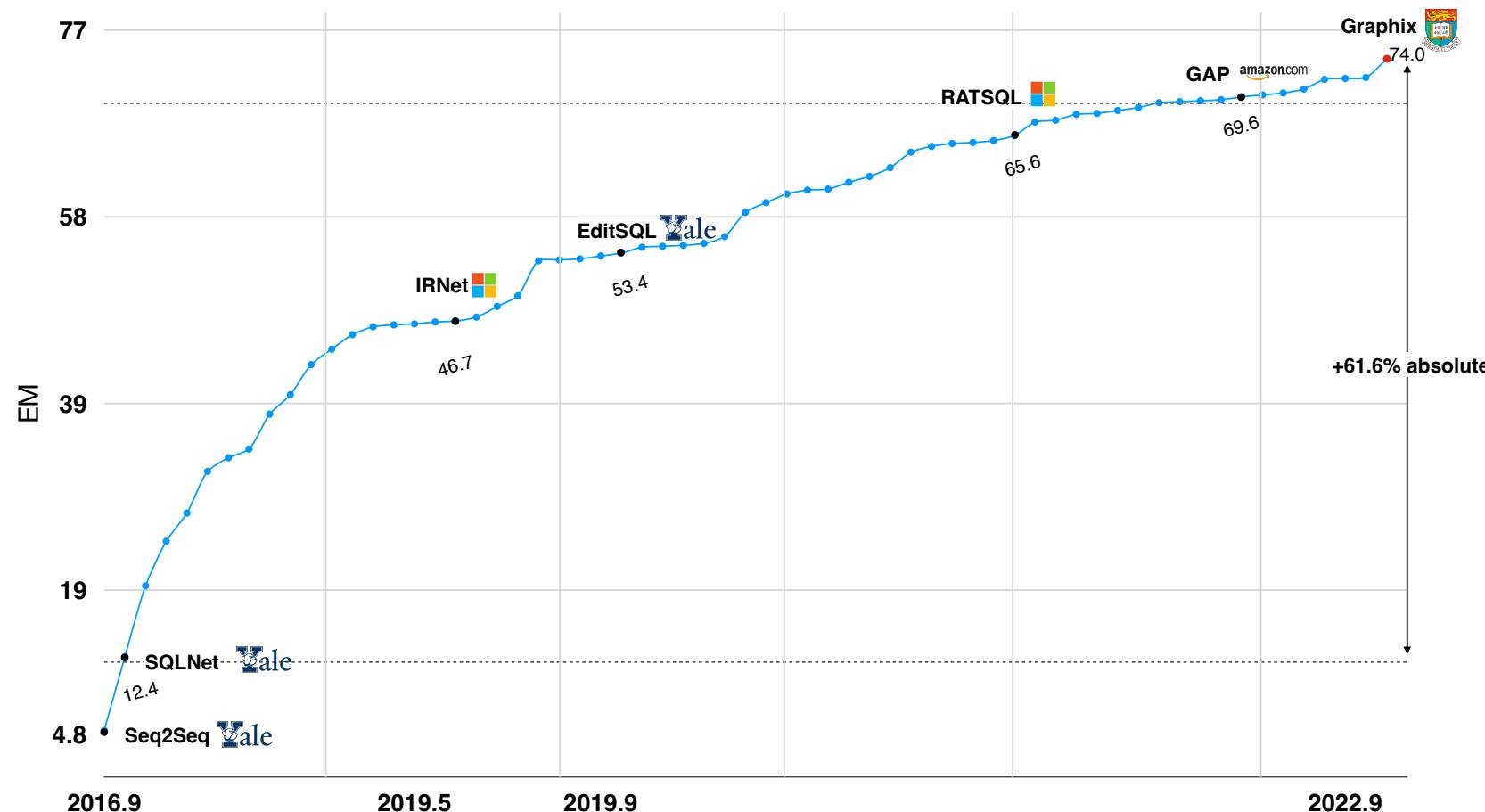
# Text-to-SQL Parsing

- Text-to-SQL, which aims at converting **natural language questions** into **executable SQL queries**, has garnered increasing attention, as it can assist end users in efficiently extracting vital information from databases without need for the technical background.



# Unlocking Tech Growth by Valuable Benchmark

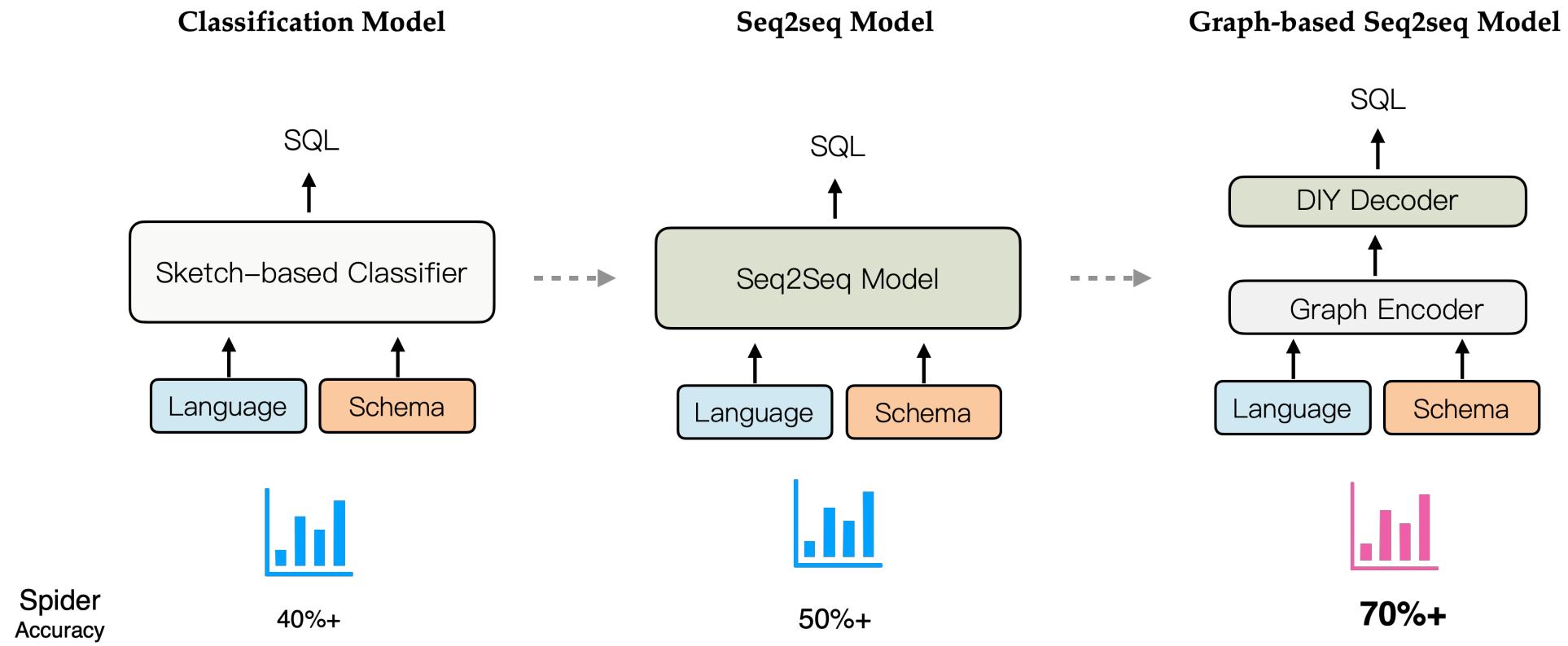
- Leveraging a valuable benchmark can significantly enhance technical growth in the realm of Text-to-SQL.



In the past 5 years, more than 60 submissions for **Spider** have been made, driving the development of text-to-SQL approaches.

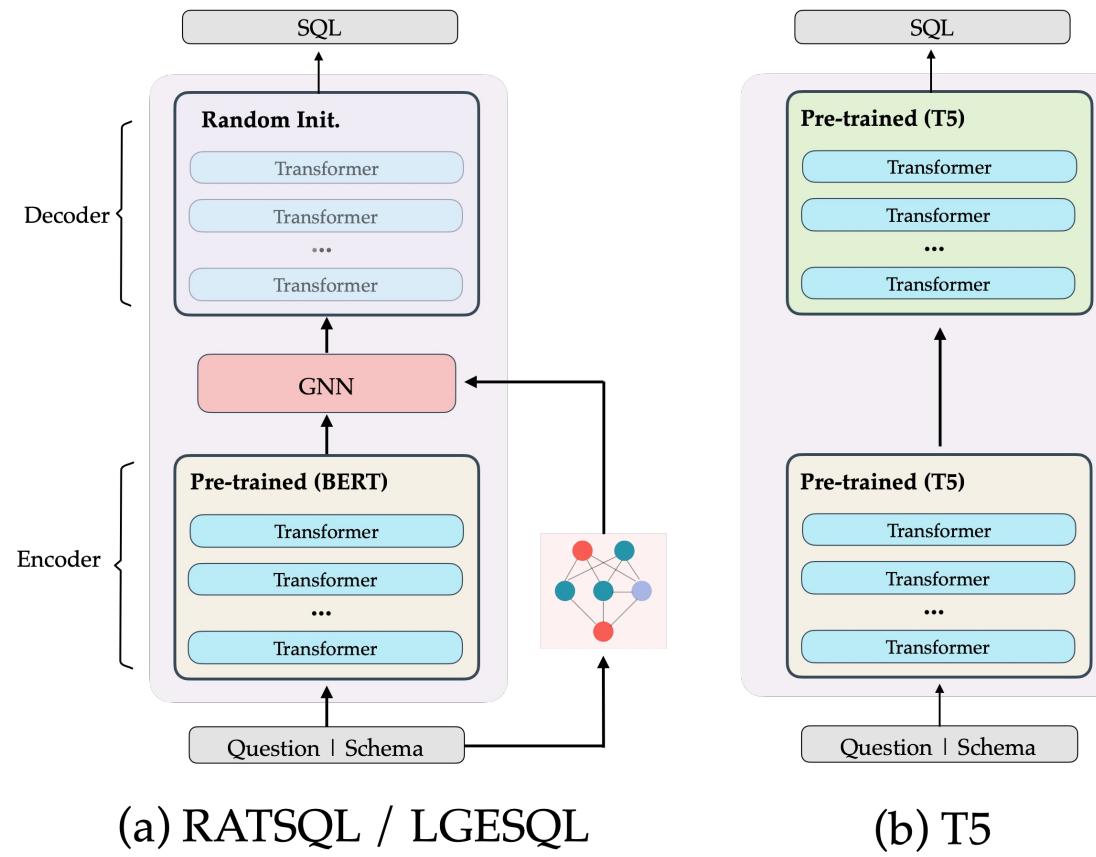
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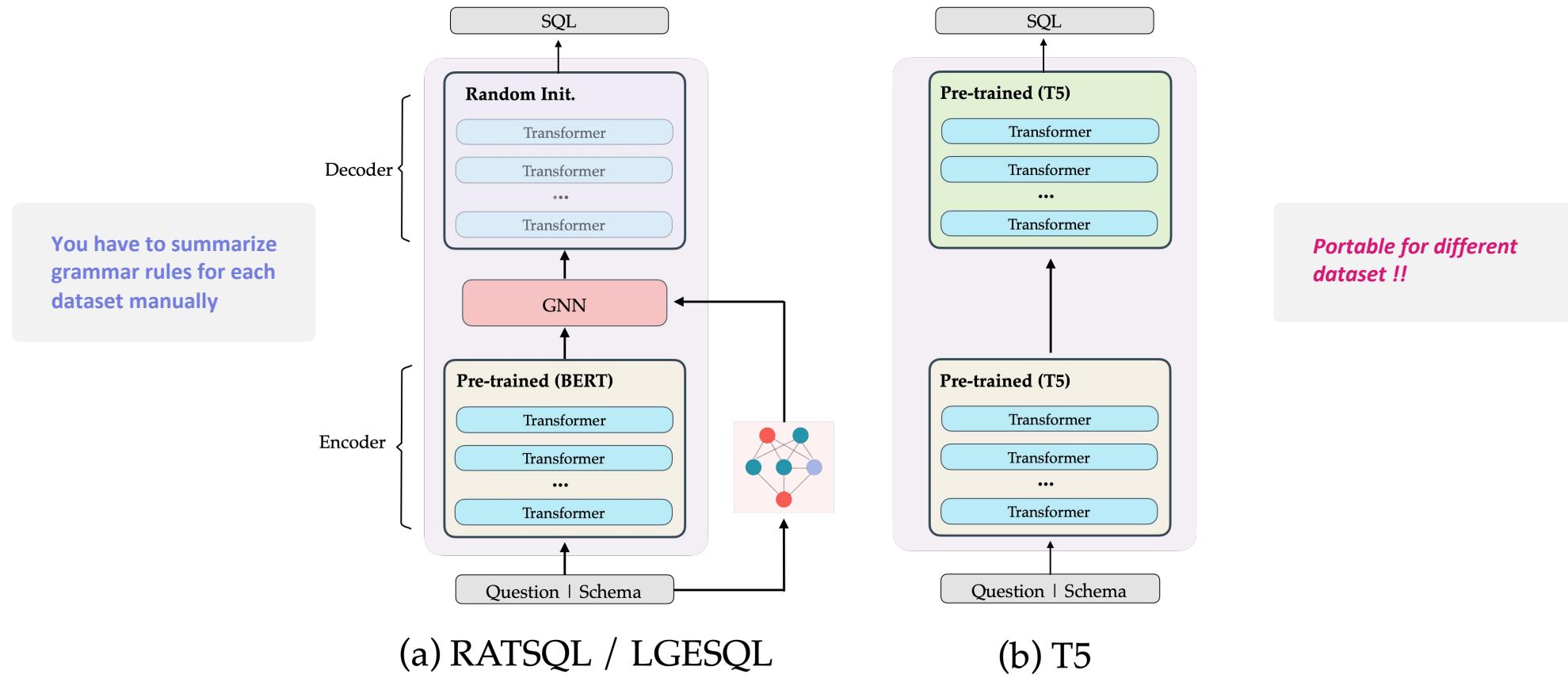
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# Challenges of T5 (Text-to-Text PLM):

- One of T5's challenges for text-to-SQL tasks is the **hallucinations**, which results in incorrect SQLs, especially when dealing with challenging cases.  
Hallucinations exist even

List paper IDs, paper names, and paper descriptions for all papers.

T5-3B:

```
SELECT paper_id, paper_name,  
paper_description FROM documents;
```

Gold:

```
SELECT document_id, document_name,  
document_description FROM documents;
```

X ✓

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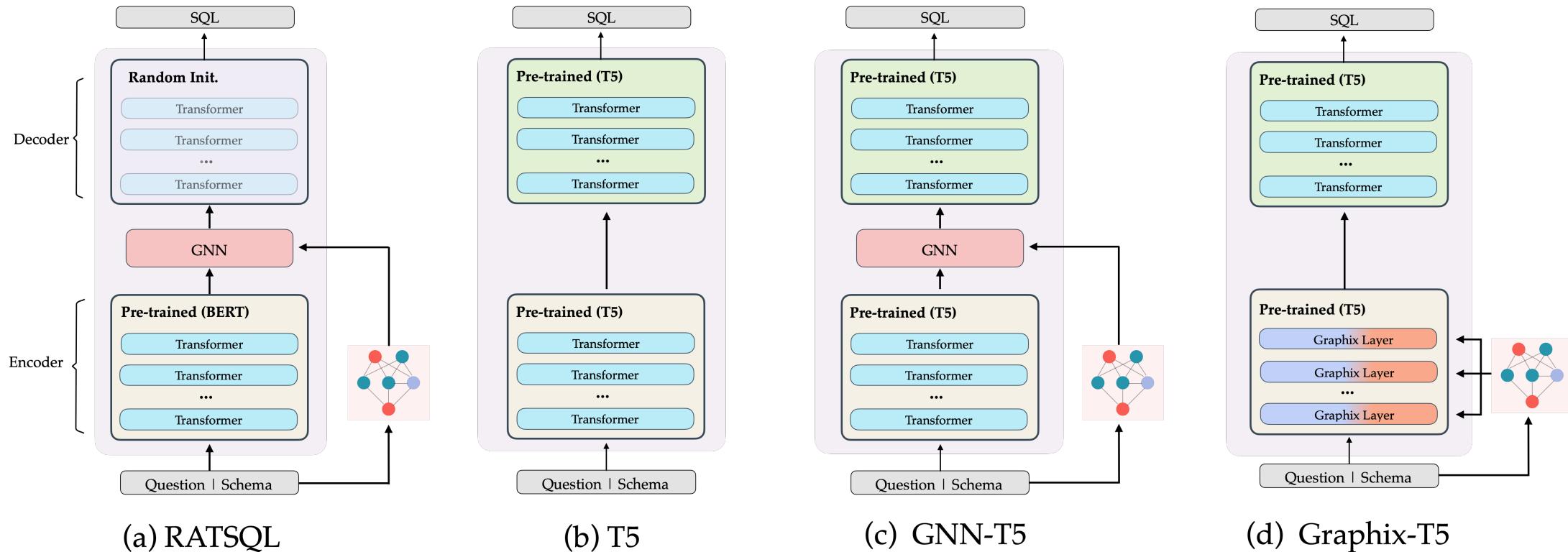
  

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# Method: Graphix-T5 (AAAI 2023 Oral)

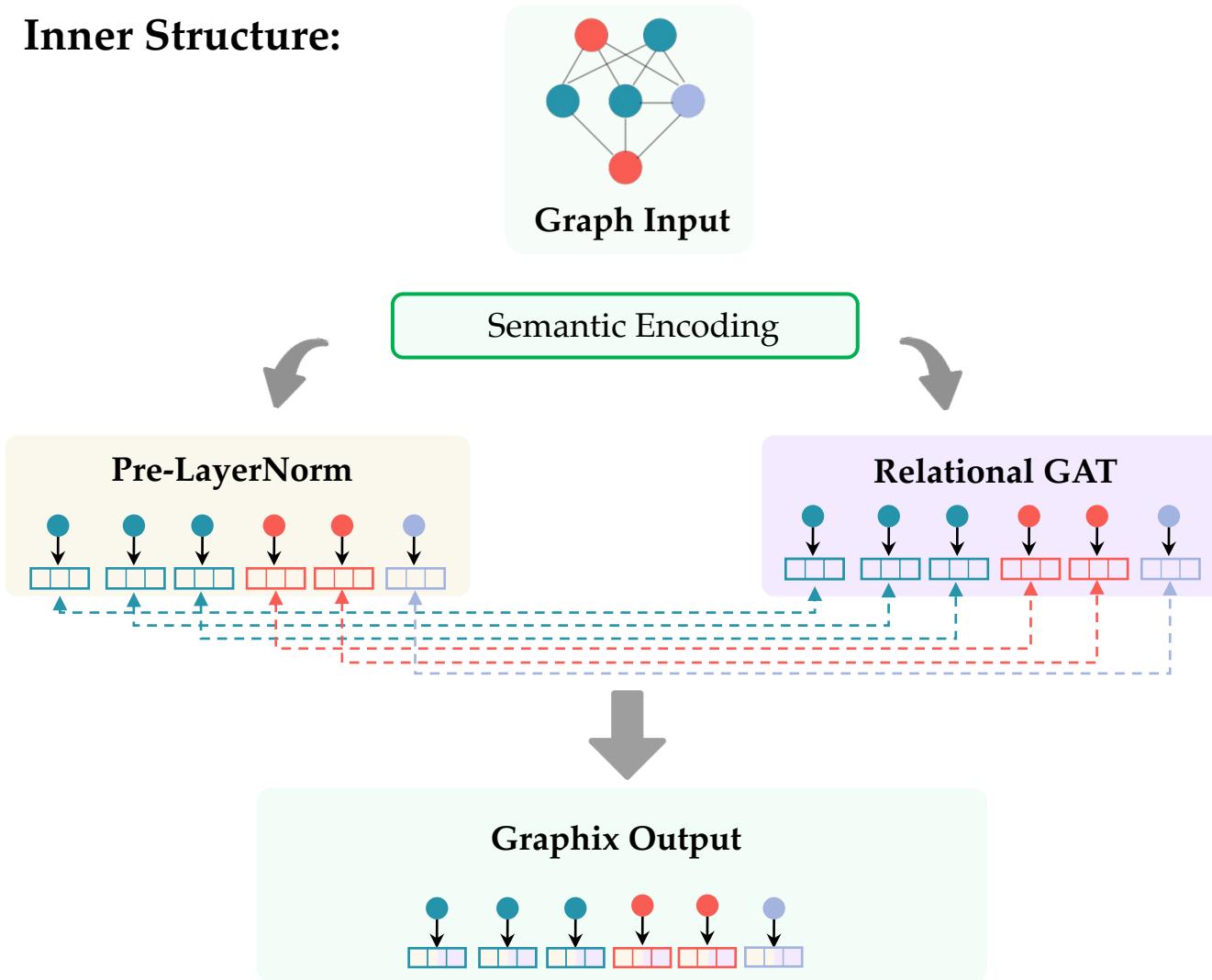
Previous work & our method:

- (a) RATSQL [pre-trained BERT-encoder → graph-based module → randomly initialized decoder].
- (b) T5 [pre-trained T5-encoder → pre-trained T5-decoder] and the proposed variant
- (c) GNN- T5 [pre-trained T5-encoder → graph-based module → pre-trained T5-decoder]
- (d) GRAPHIX-T5 [semi-pre-trained graphix-module → pre-trained T5-decoder] via multi-hop reasoning.**



# Method: Graphix-T5

Inner Structure:



Semantic Representations:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_S^{(l)} = \text{LayerNorm}(\hat{\mathcal{H}}_S^{(l)} + \text{FFN}(\hat{\mathcal{H}}_S^{(l)})),$$

Structural Representations:  
(Relational GAT)

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\alpha}_{ij} &= \frac{e_i^{init} \widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_Q \left( e_j^{init} \widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_K + \phi(r_{ij}) \right)^T}{\sqrt{d_z}}, \\ \alpha_{ij} &= \text{softmax}_j(\vec{\alpha}_{ij}), \\ \hat{e}_i^{init} &= \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \alpha_{ij} \left( e_j^{init} \widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_V + \phi(r_{ij}) \right), \\ \hat{e}_i^{(l)} &= \text{LayerNorm}(e_i^{init} + \hat{e}_i^{init} \widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_O), \\ \tilde{e}_i^{(l)} &= \text{LayerNorm}(\hat{e}_i^{(l)} + \text{FFN}(\hat{e}_i^{(l)})), \end{aligned}$$

Joint Representations:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{\mathcal{M}}^{(l)} = \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_S^{(l)} + \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_G^{(l)},$$

# Method: Graphix-T5

## Pre-defined Relations:

Source $x$	Target $y$	Relation Type	Description
Question	Question	MODIFIER	$y$ is a modifier of $x$ .
Question	Question	ARGUMENT	$y$ is the source token of $x$ under the syntax dependency outside of modifier.
Question	Question	DISTANCE-1	$y$ is the nearest (1-hop) neighbor of $x$ .
Column	Column	FOREIGN-KEY	$y$ is the foreign key of $x$ .
Column	Column	SAME-TABLE	$x$ and $y$ appears in the same table.
Column	*	BRIDGE	$x$ and $y$ are linked when $y$ is the special column token ‘*’.
Table	Column	HAS	The column $y$ belongs to the table $x$ .
Table	Column	PRIMARY-KEY	The column $y$ is the primary key of the table $x$ .
Table	*	BRIDGE	$x$ and $y$ are connected when $y$ is the special column token ‘*’.
Question	Table	EXACT-MATCH	$x$ is part of $y$ , and $y$ is a span of the entire question.
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Question	Column	VALUE-MATCH	$x$ is part of the candidate cell values of column $y$ .
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Table 6: The checklist of main types of relations used in GRAPHIX-T5. All relations above are asymmetric.

## Bridge Node Mode:

$N \times M \rightarrow N + M$  (neighbors)

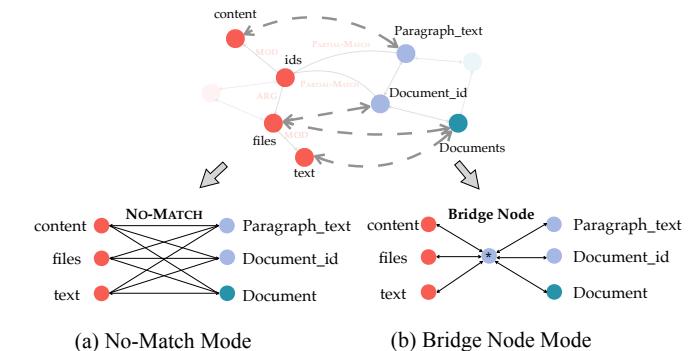


Figure 3: Figure shows the circumstances when entities in the question are hard to string-match the schema items. (a) is the strategy to solve this case by NO-MATCH Mode, which fully connects schema nodes with all token nodes. (b) is our solution to add a bridge node to link the question and schema nodes via less number of edges.

# Experiments:

- Performance on 4 datasets and compositional generalization:

MODEL	EM	EX
RAT-SQL + BERT ♡	69.7	-
RAT-SQL + Grappa ♡	73.9	-
GAZP + BERT	59.1	59.2
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T5-large	67.0	69.3
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T5-3B	71.5	74.4
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MODEL	SYN	DK	REALISTIC
GNN	23.6	26.0	-
IRNet	28.4	33.1	-
RAT-SQL	33.6	35.8	-
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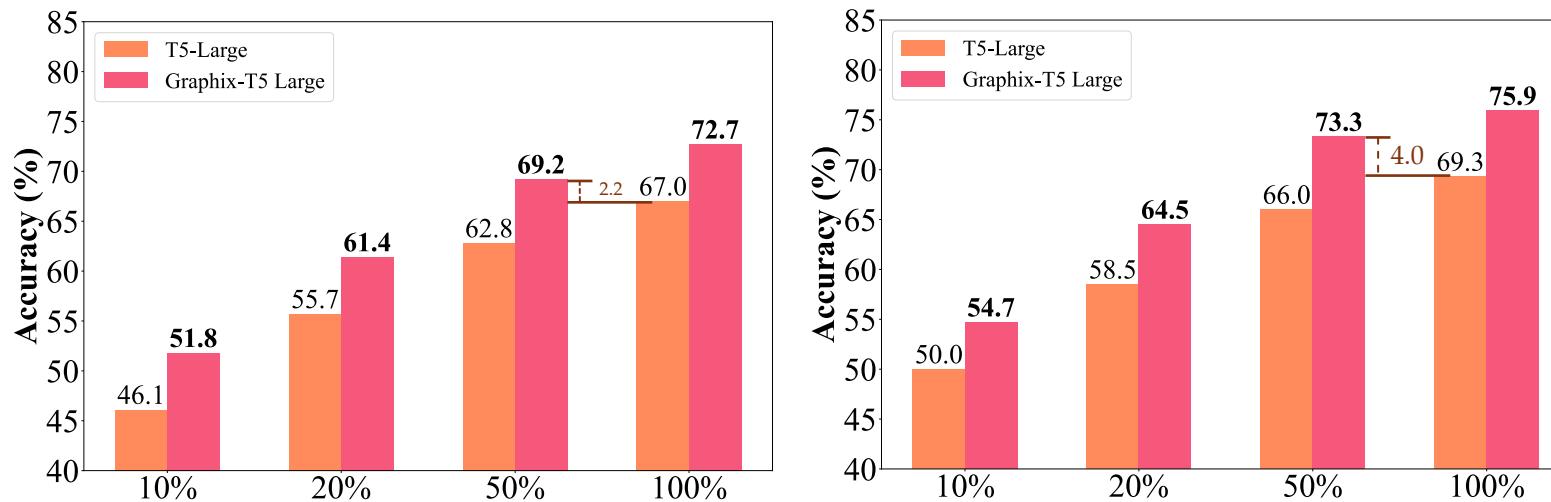


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- Graphix-T5-large w 50% data  
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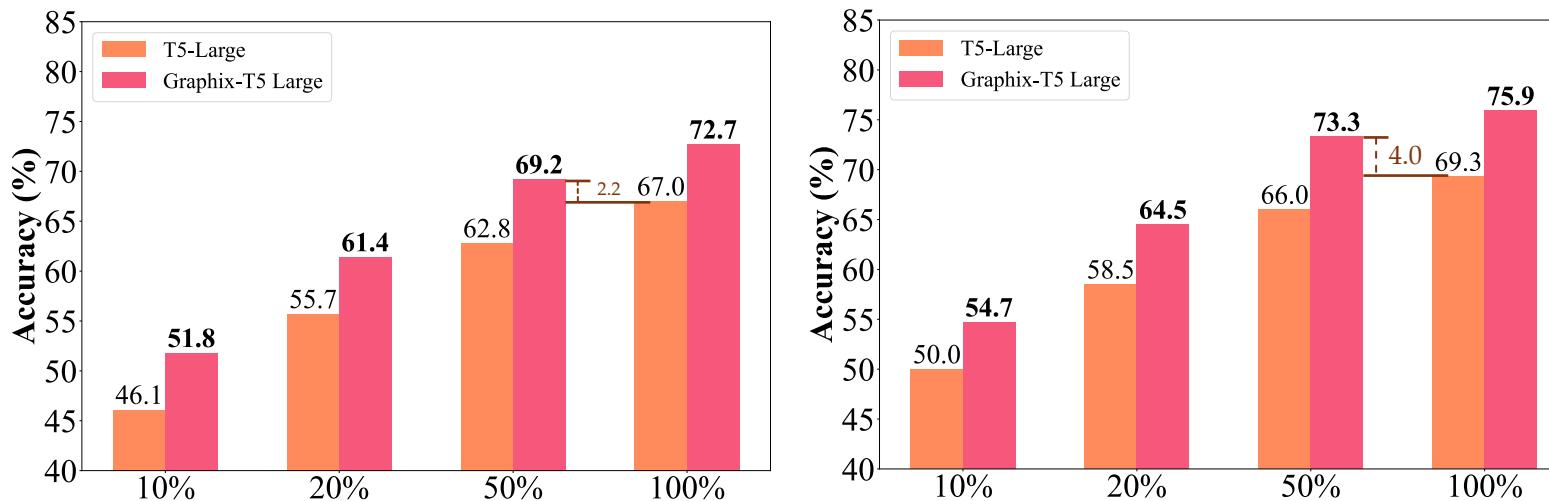


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## Take Away:

- structural knowledge created by humans can compensate for the inadequate learning due to low-resource data

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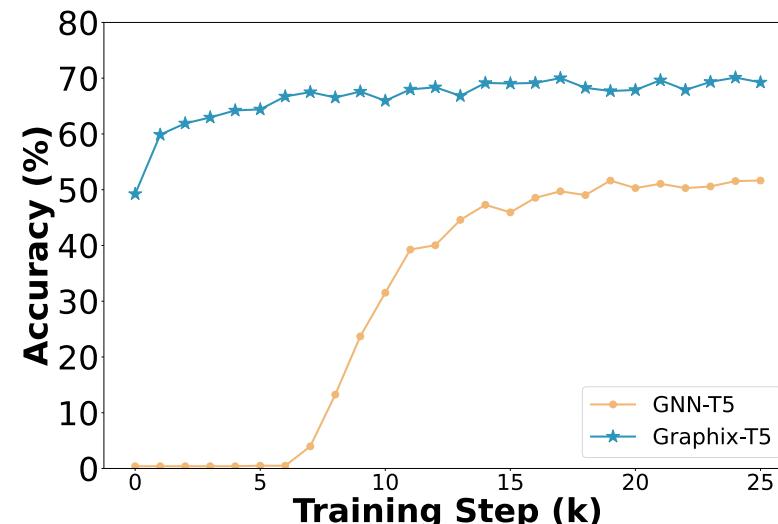
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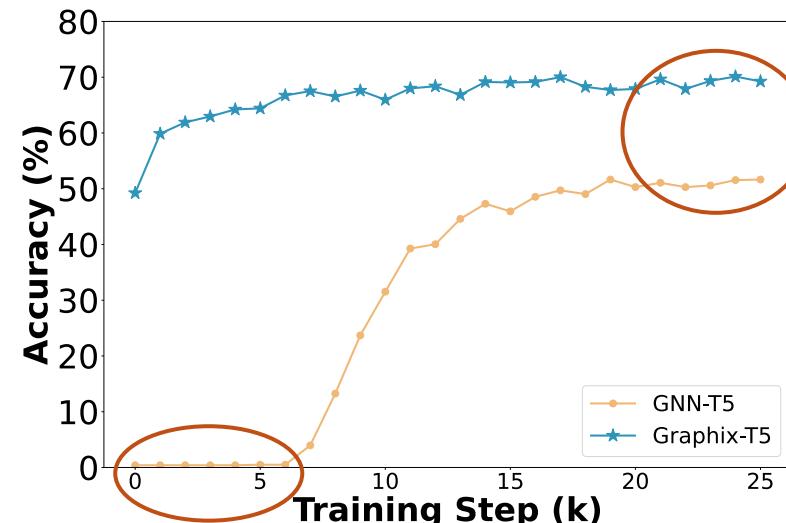
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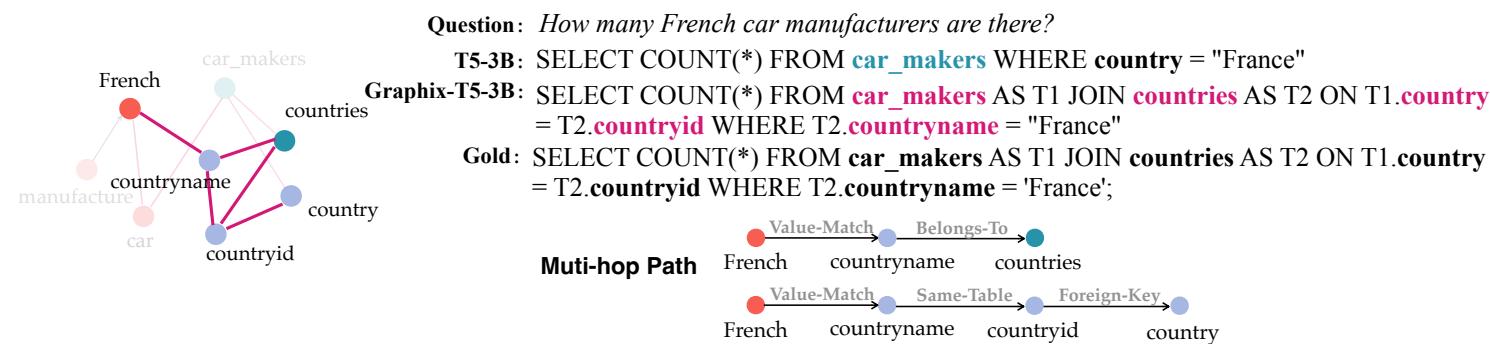
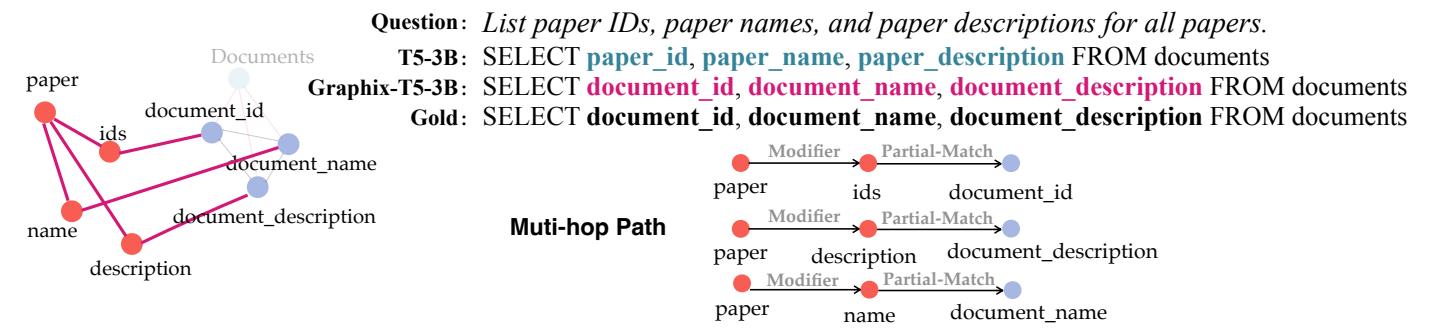
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# Experiments:

- Qualitative & Difficulty Analysis:



## Observation:

- Graphix can make T5 aware of structure of databases to generate more structure-rich SQLs in terms of both semantics & structures.
- Graphix-T5 can deal with more **complicated** text-to-SQL scenarios than vanilla T5.
- Structural Grounding** is beneficial to text-to-text PLM especially in the harder but real text-to-SQLs.

MODEL	SPIDER				SYN				Dk				REALISTIC				
	easy	medium	hard	extra	all	easy	medium	hard	extra	all	easy	medium	hard	extra	all	extra	
T5-large	85.5	70.9	55.2	41.6	67.0	69.0	56.8	46.3	30.2	53.6	64.1	44.3	22.9	18.1	40.0	79.8	68.0
GRAPHIX-T5-large	<b>89.9</b>	<b>78.7</b>	<b>59.8</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>72.6</b>	<b>75.8</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>50.6</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>61.1</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>88.1</b>	<b>77.3</b>
T5-3B	89.5	78.3	58.6	40.4	71.6	74.2	64.5	48.0	27.8	58.0	69.9	53.5	24.3	24.8	46.9	85.3	73.4
GRAPHIX-T5-3B	<b>91.9</b>	<b>81.6</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>75.6</b>	<b>80.6</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>69.1</b>	<b>55.3</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>51.2</b>	<b>93.6</b>	<b>85.7</b>

# Summary of Graphix-T5:

- We proposed an effective architecture to boost the capability of **structural encoding** of T5 cohesively while keeping the pre-trained T5's potent contextual encoding ability.
- In order to achieve this goal, we designed a **Graph-Aware semi-pretrained** text-to-text PLM, namely **Graphix-T5** to augment the multi-hop reasoning for the challenging text-to-SQL tasks
- The results under the extensive experiments demonstrate the effectiveness of Graphix-T5, proving that **structural bias** is crucial for the current text-to-text PLMs for especially complicated text-to-SQL cases.

# What's next?:

Spider 1.0		
Yale Semantic Parsing and Text-to-SQL Challenge		
1	DAIL-SQL + GPT-4 + Self-Consistency Alibaba Group (Gao and Wang et al.,'2023) code	86.6
2	DAIL-SQL + GPT-4 Alibaba Group (Gao and Wang et al.,'2023) code	86.2
3	DPG-SQL + GPT-4 + Self-Correction Anonymous Code and paper coming soon	85.6
4	DIN-SQL + GPT-4 University of Alberta (Pourreza et al.,'2023) code	85.3
5	Hindsight Chain of Thought with GPT-4 Anonymous Code and paper coming soon	83.9
6	C3 + ChatGPT + Zero-Shot Zhejiang University & Hunsun (Dong et al.,'2023) code	82.3
7	Hindsight Chain of Thought with GPT-4 and Instructions Anonymous Code and paper coming soon	80.8

Recent SOTA models on previous benchmark are **dominated** by GPT-4



So, can LLM already serve as a database interface?

# What's next?:

- The previous benchmarks have mostly focused on **database schema**, ignoring the importance of big / dirty database values (or records).

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1		1	21 May		12.99
2		1	21 May		12.99
3		1	21 Jun		8.99
4		2	11 July		9.99
5		6	2 Aug		12.99
6		9	20 May		9.99
7		10	19 May		15.99

	Dname	Dnumber	Mgr_ssn	Mgr_start_date
1	Headquarters	1	888665555	1981-06-19
2	Administration	4	987654321	1995-01-01
3	Research	5	333445555	1988-05-22

As most database contents in the Spider are minimal and tidy, this produces a discrepancy between idealized and real-world scenarios.

# Can LLM Already Serve as A Database Interface?



## BIRD: A Big Bench for Large-Scale Database Grounded Text-to-SQLs

### Large and Realistic Database Values



What is the **average salary** of the worst performing managers?

```
SELECT AVG(CAST(REPLACE(SUBSTR(T1.salary, 4, '' , '') AS REAL)) FROM employee AS T1 JOIN position AS T2 ON T1.positionID = T2.positionID WHERE T1.performance = 'Poor' AND T2.positiontitle = 'Manager'
```



### Reasoned Database:

Employees			
em_id	last_name	first_name	salary
0000	Milgrom	Santa	US\$57,500.00
2222	Adams	Sandy	US\$19,500.00
6543	Wood	Emily	US\$69,000.00
... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...

### External Knowledge Reasoning



List account id who chooses **weekly issue issuance** statement?

External Knowledge:  
'POPLATEK TYDNE' stands for weekly issuance.

```
SELECT account_id FROM account WHERE account.frequency  
= 'POPLATEK TYDNE';
```



How many accounts are **eligible for loans** in New York City?

External Knowledge:  
The condition of loans is that the type of the account should be "OWNER".

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM account WHERE account.type  
= 'OWNER' AND city = 'NY';
```



### SQL Execution Efficiency

Among the coaches who have served more than 2 NBA teams, during which coach's period of coaching, a team has the least numbers of games lost in the post-season games?

SQL<sub>1</sub>: normal semantic parser Run time: **22.4s**

```
SELECT coachID FROM coaches WHERE lgID='NBA' AND post_wins !=0  
AND post_losses !=0 AND coachID IN  
(SELECT coachID FROM coaches WHERE lgID='NBA' GROUP BY coachID  
HAVING COUNT(tmID)>=2) ORDER BY post_losses ASC LIMIT 1;
```

SQL<sub>2</sub>: efficient semantic parser Run time: **4.0s**

```
SELECT coachID FROM coaches WHERE lgID='NBA' AND post_wins !=0  
AND post_losses !=0 AND EXISTS (SELECT 1 FROM coaches AS coaches1  
WHERE (coaches1.lgID='NBA') AND (coaches.coachID=coaches1.coachID)  
GROUP BY coaches1.coachID HAVING count(coaches1.tmID) >= 2  
ORDER BY NULL ) ORDER BY coaches.post_losses ASC LIMIT 1
```

# Can LLM Already Serve as A Database Interface? NeurIPS 2023 Spotlight



## BIRD: A BIG Bench for Large-Scale Database Grounded Text-to-SQLs

Dev set reached 50K+ downloads

Mainly supported for Industries (20 +):



### About BIRD

BIRD (BiG Bench for LaRge-scale Database Grounded Text-to-SQL Evaluation) represents a pioneering, cross-domain dataset that examines the impact of extensive database contents on text-to-SQL parsing. BIRD contains over 12,751 unique question-SQL pairs, 95 big databases with a total size of 33.4 GB. It also covers more than 37 professional domains, such as blockchain, hockey, healthcare and education, etc.

Paper  
Code  
Train Set Dev Set

### Leaderboard - Execution Accuracy (EX)

Model	Code Size	Oracle Knowledge	Dev (%)	Test (%)
Human Performance <i>Data Engineers + DB Students</i>		✓	92.96	
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# Can LLM Already Serve as A Database Interface?



## BIRD: A BIg Bench for Large-Scale Database Grounded Text-to-SQLs

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### Summary

- Few-shot Chat-GPT parses SQL queries for Yelp
  - Restaurants: well-known domain to ChatGPT
  - Small table: 11 fields (incl. 2 Free-text, 1 small, 1 large ENUM)
  - Well-understood field names
- Open questions
  - BIRD: Can LLM serve as a DB interface? SOTA: 40%
  - HW2: Few-shot prompting of a single domain in BIRD
  - Students get experience and insight into an open question

BIRD: invyang li et al. Can LLM already serve as a database interface? a big bench for large-scale database grounded text-to-sqls. <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2305.03111.pdf>  
HybridQA: <https://aclanthology.org/2020.findings-emnlp.19/>

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MIT newest paper about code gen

**SEED Components.** We use this task to evaluate the **LLM query** component, in particular, our **tools usage** optimization.

**Datasets.** We used the Bird-SQL Benchmark [35] in the experiments, which is a comprehensive collection of well-annotated NL2SQL test cases, spanning across 37 distinct data domains. Each test case is associated with a single database and is supplemented with corresponding expert knowledge to facilitate the translation process. The training and dev dataset is open to public access, while the test dataset is held privately by the Bird-SQL Benchmark team. As the test set of Bird-SQL is held privately, we randomly selected 150 queries from the Dev dataset for evaluation.

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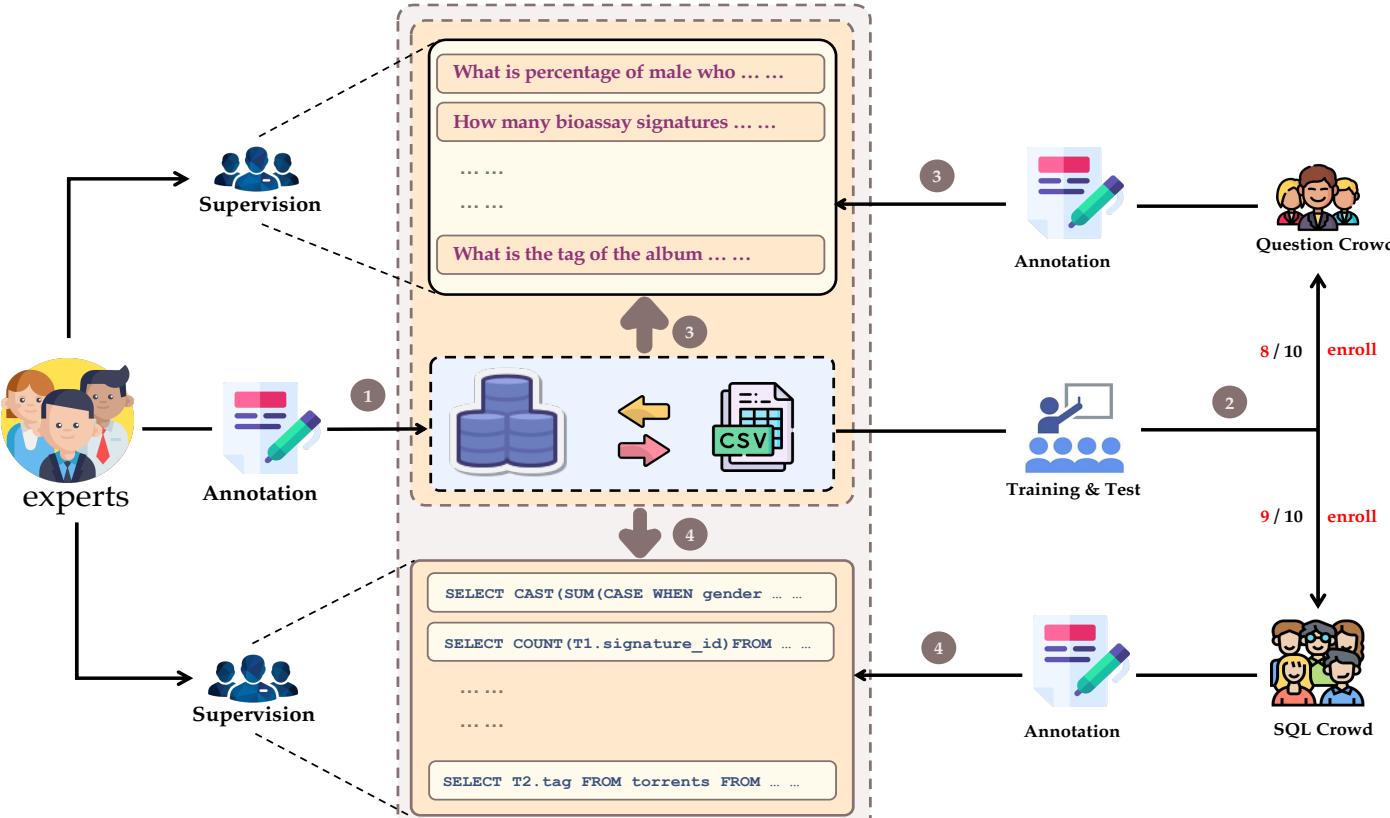
tion with two metrics officially recommended on Bird-SQL [35]: **Execution Accuracy (EX)** and **Valid Efficiency Score (VES)**. Execution Accuracy measures the number of SQL statements that are executable and yield correct responses. On the other hand, the Valid Efficiency Score assesses the efficiency of correctly executed SQL statements by comparing their execution time with a gold SQL reference.

Tsinghua University (Prof. Jie Tang) → ChatGLM 3.0

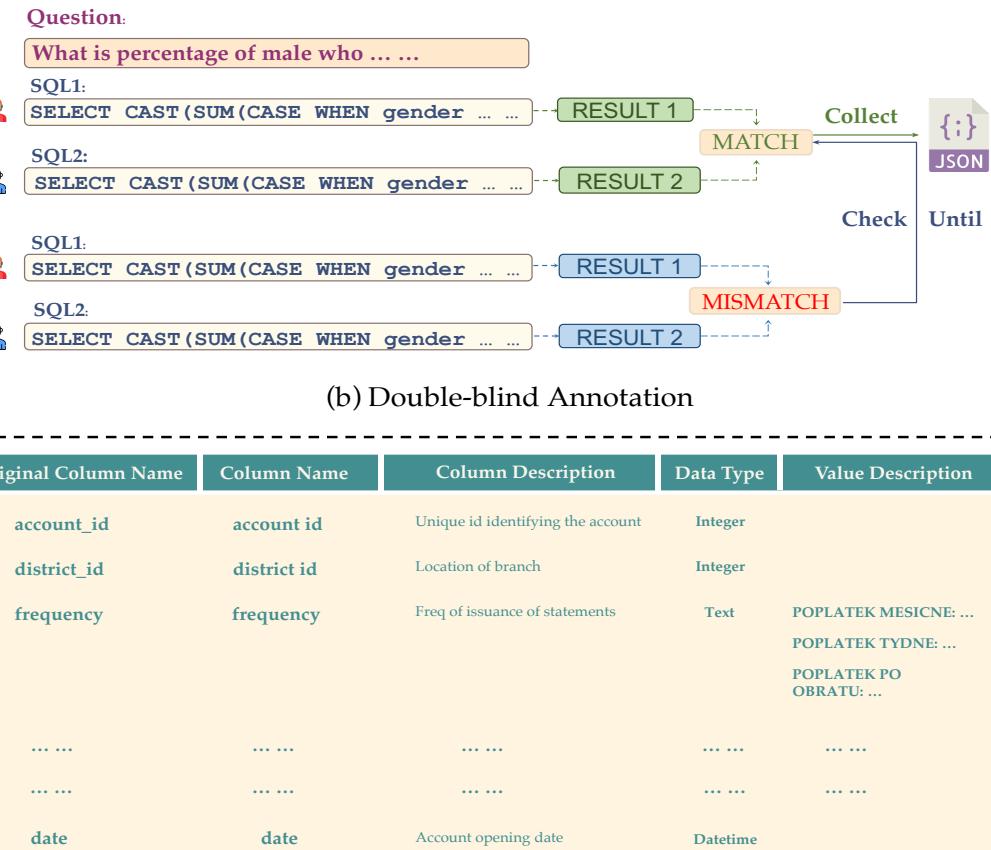
**Task Derivation** For agent tasks associated with scenarios that have been widely studied, we can directly construct instructions from similar datasets. Thus to construct instructions on the Database (DB) task, we derive instructions from BIRD (Li et al., 2023), a SELECT-only database benchmark. We ran two types of task derivation. First, we construct a trajectory using the question and the reference SQL statement in each BIRD subtask. We then query the database using the reference SQL statement to obtain output of the database and serve it as the submitted answer of the agent. Finally, we ask GPT-4 to fill in the thoughts of the agent given the above information. In this way, we can generate correct trajectories directly from BIRD dataset.

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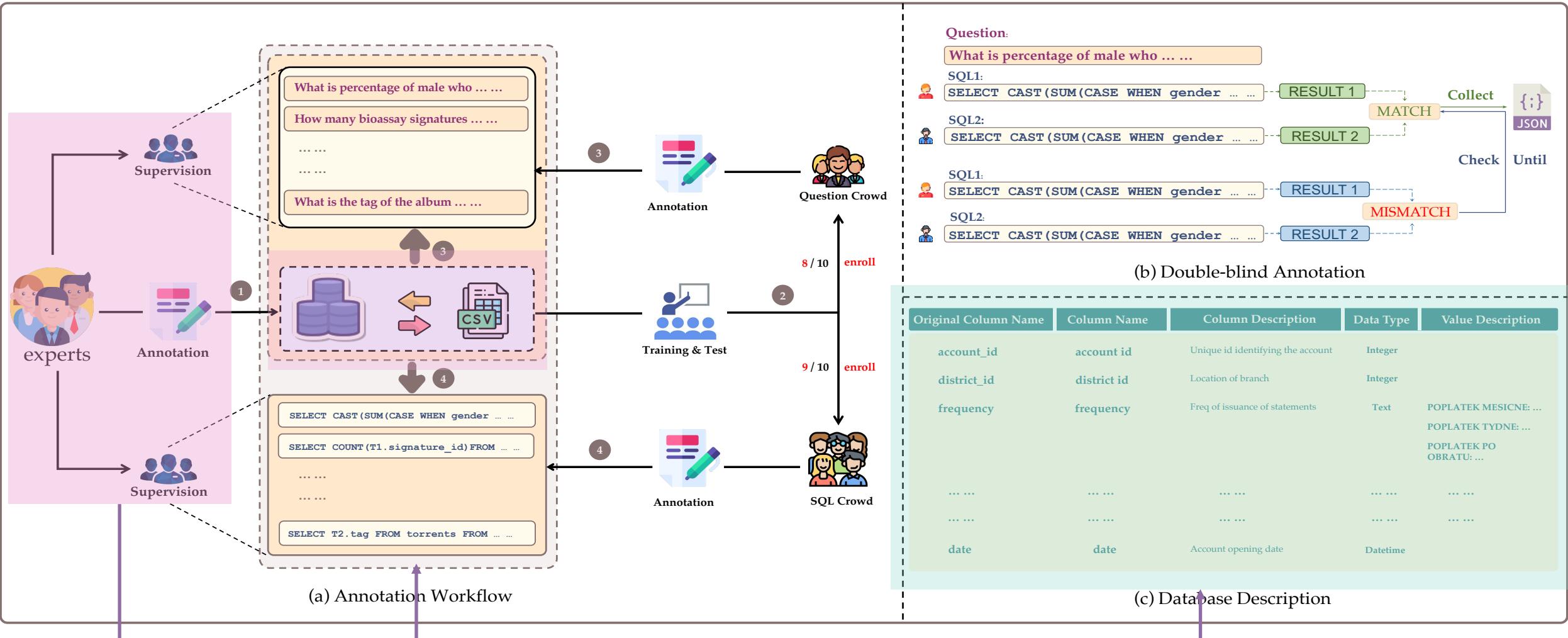
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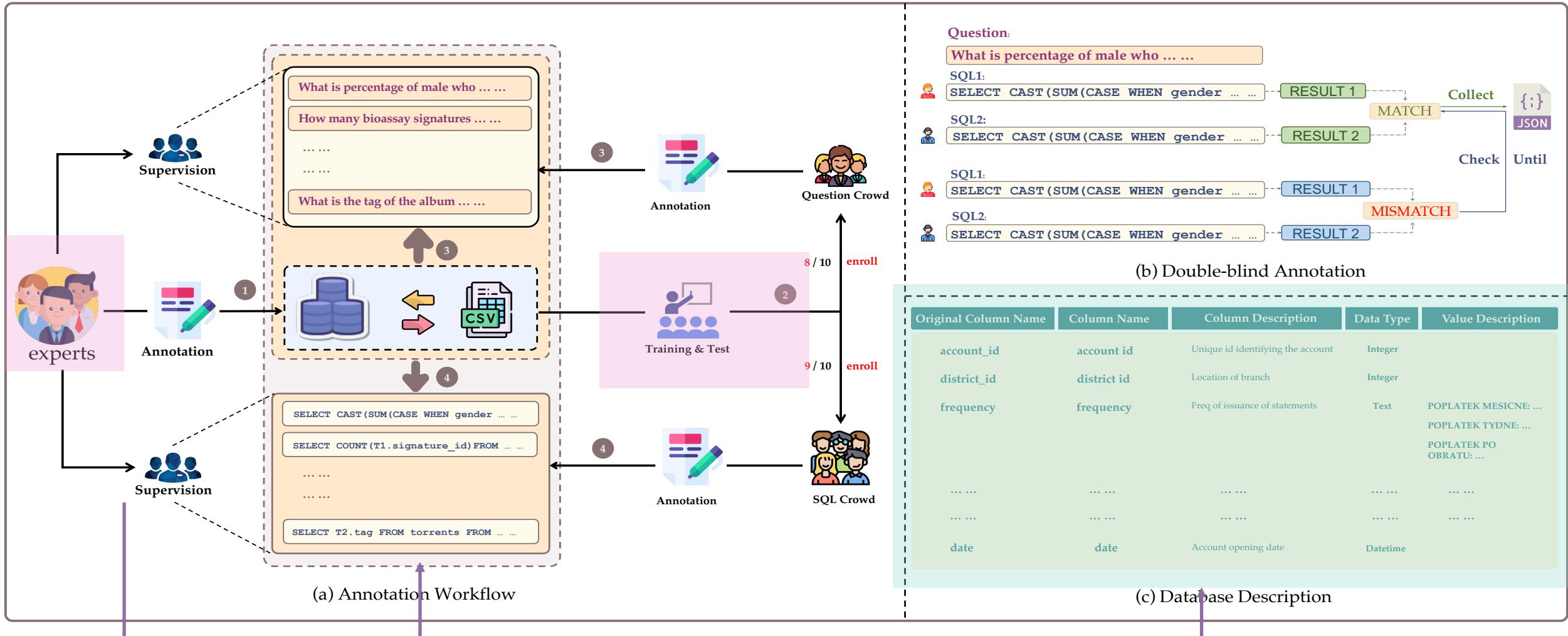


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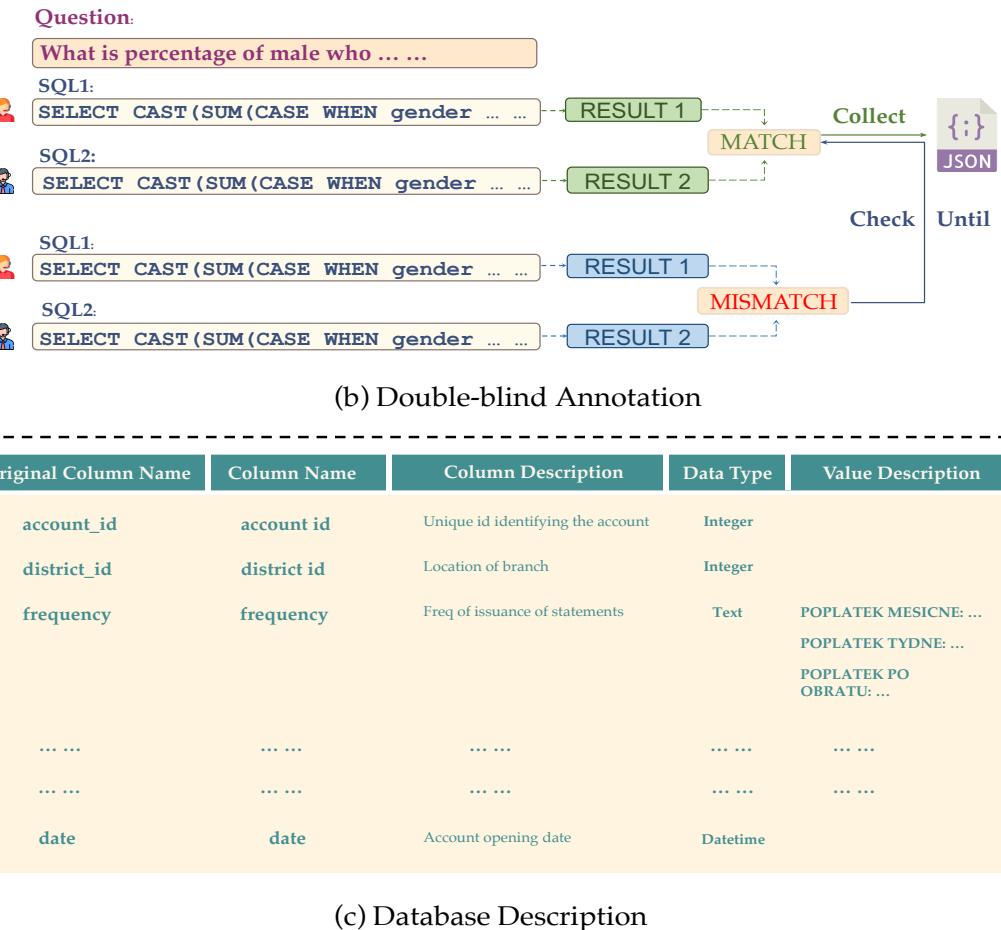
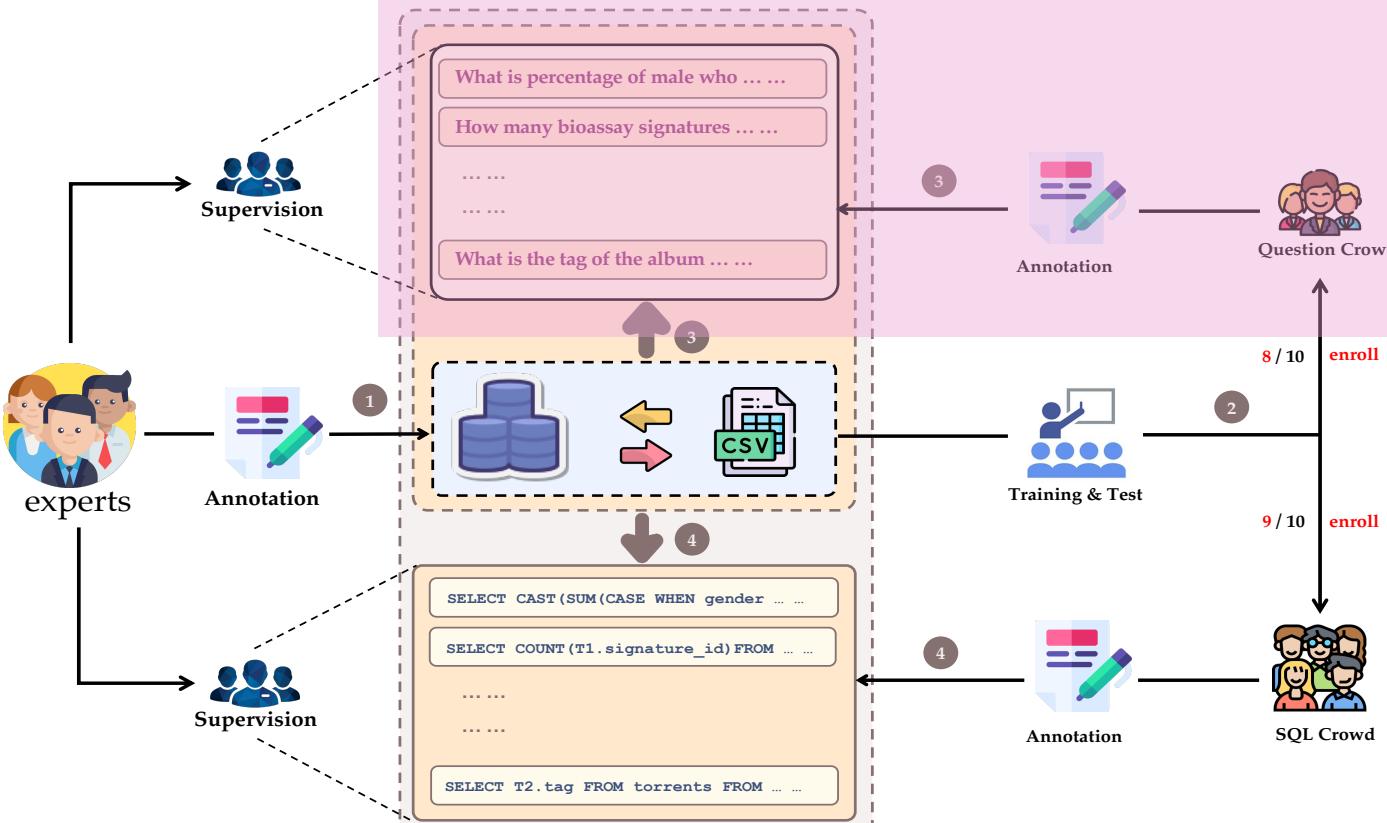
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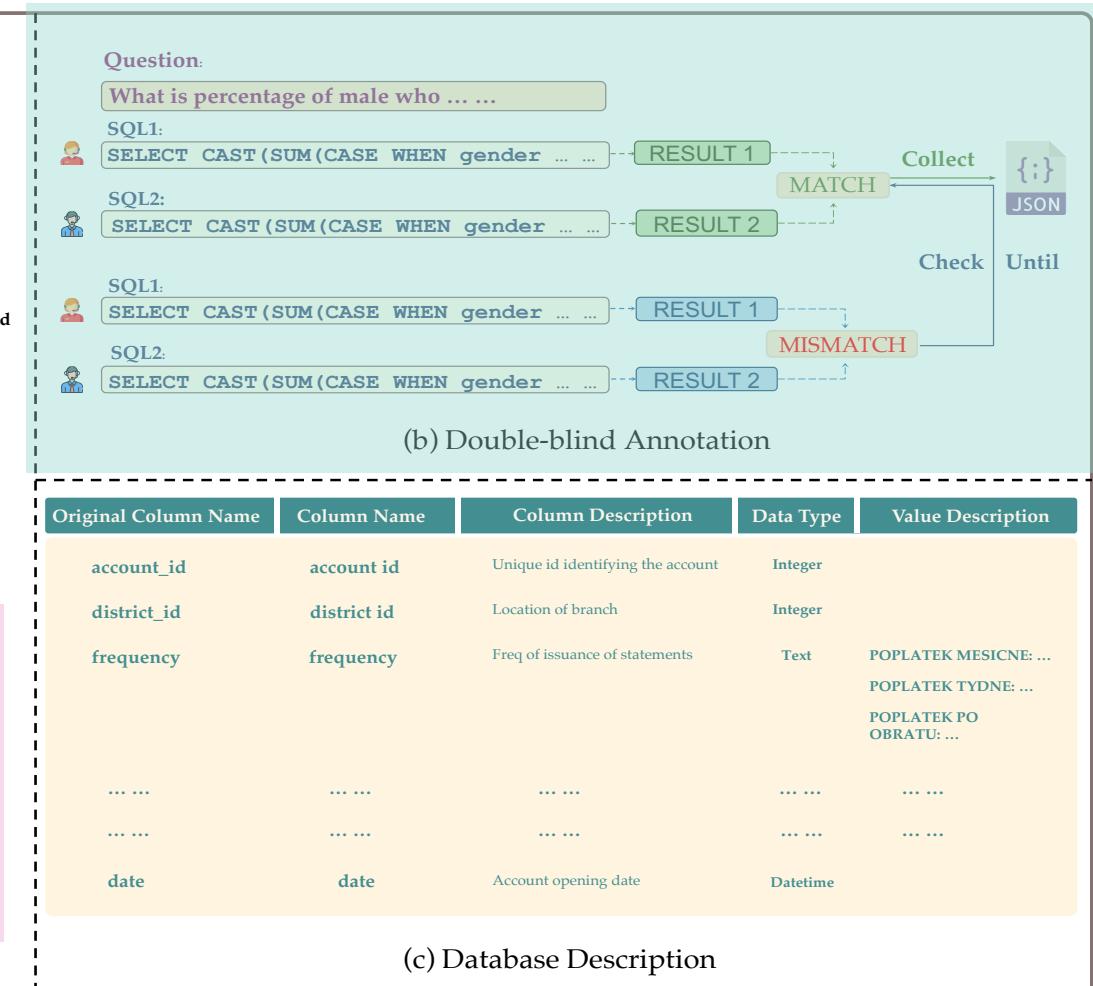
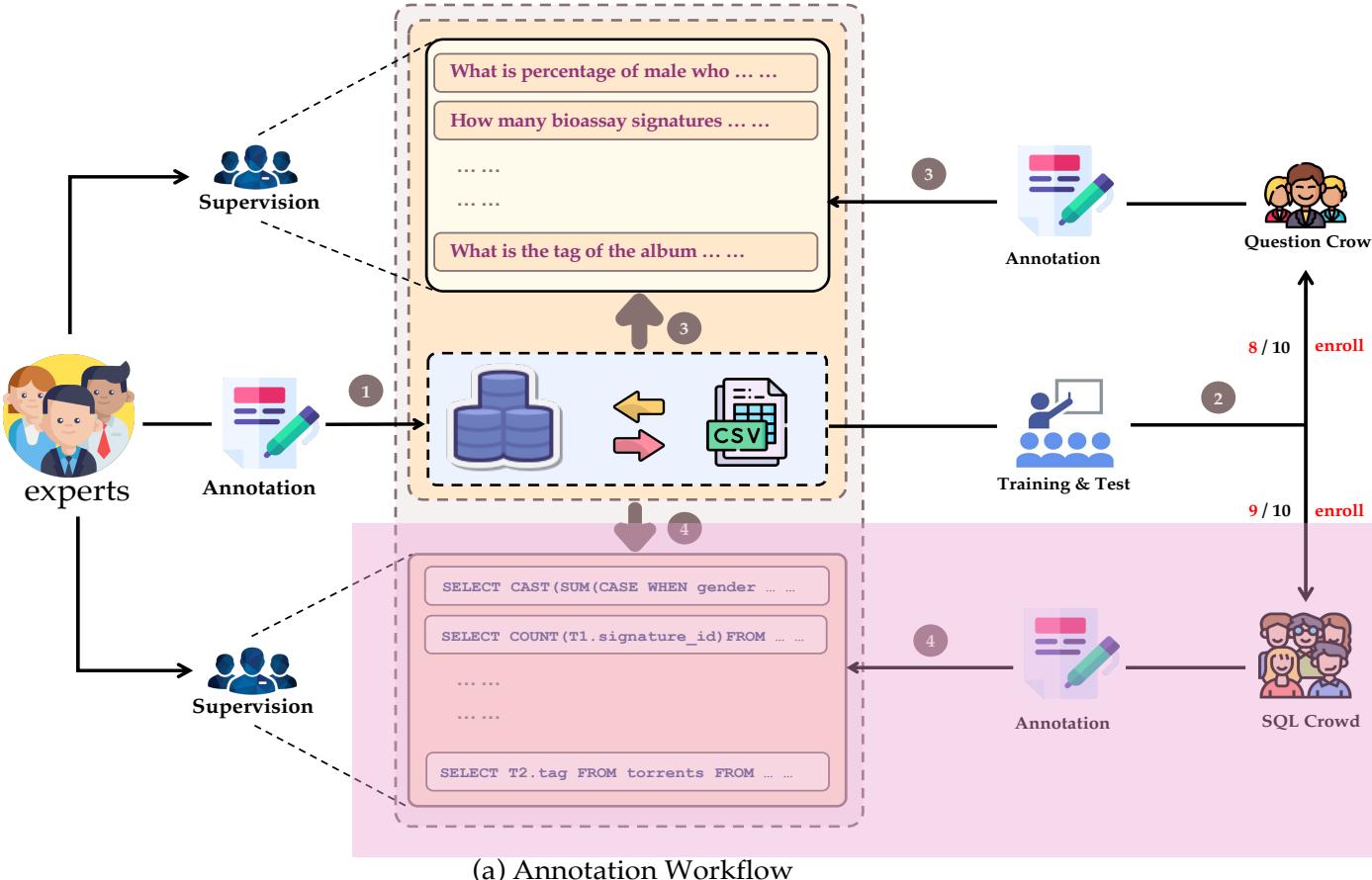
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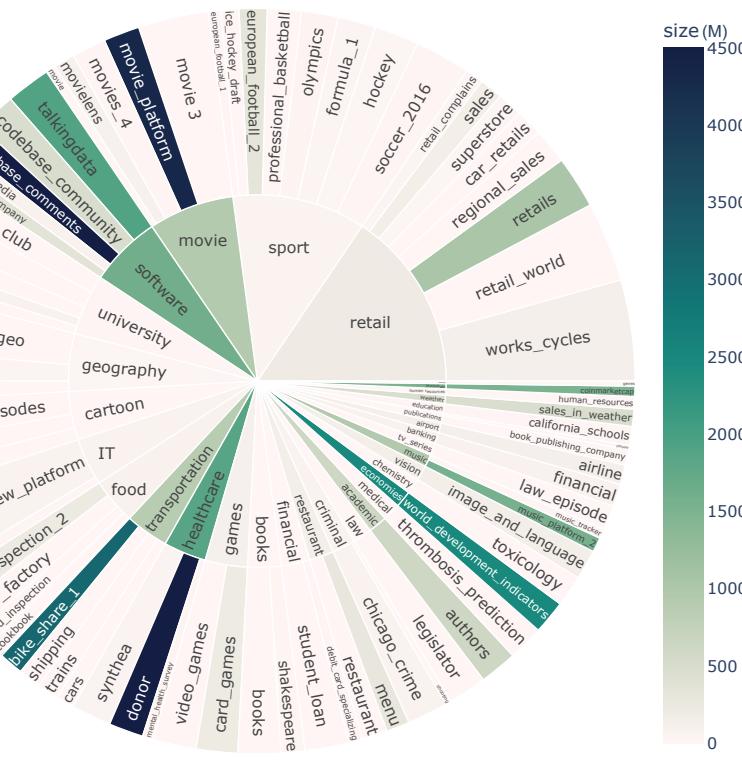
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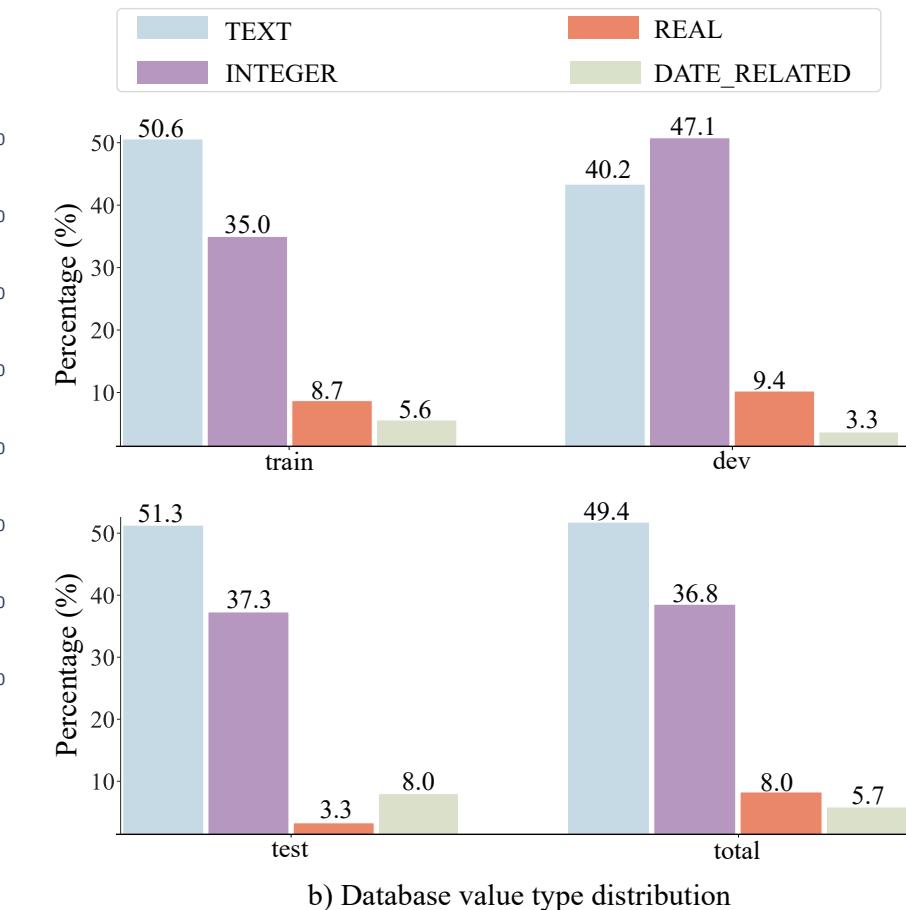


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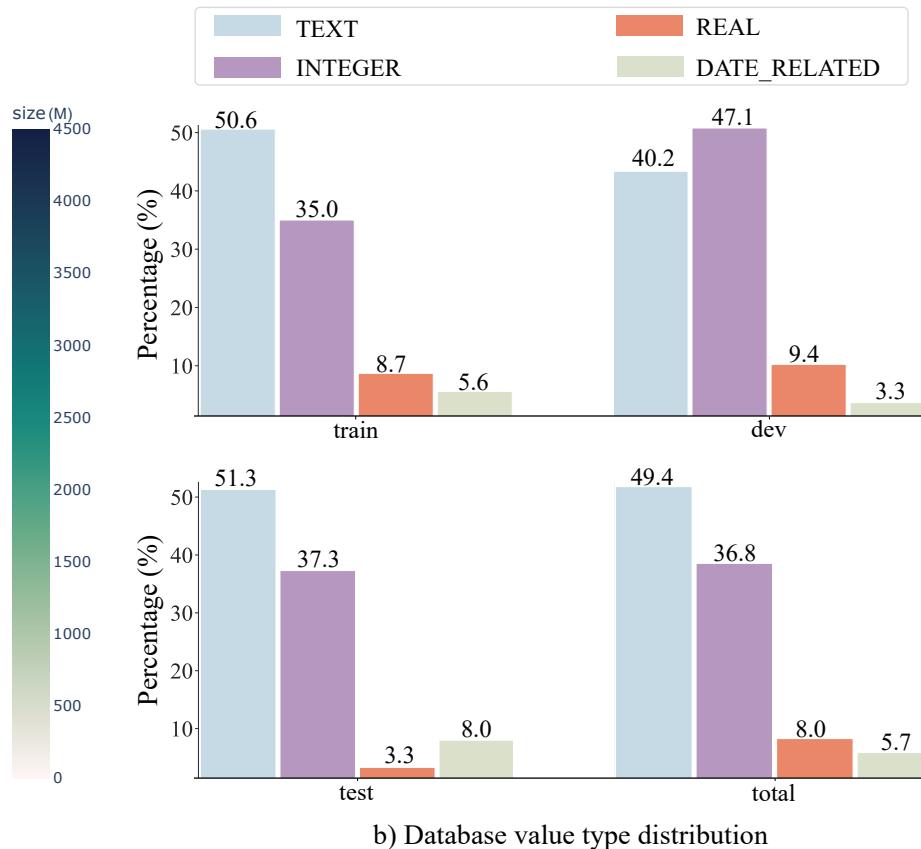
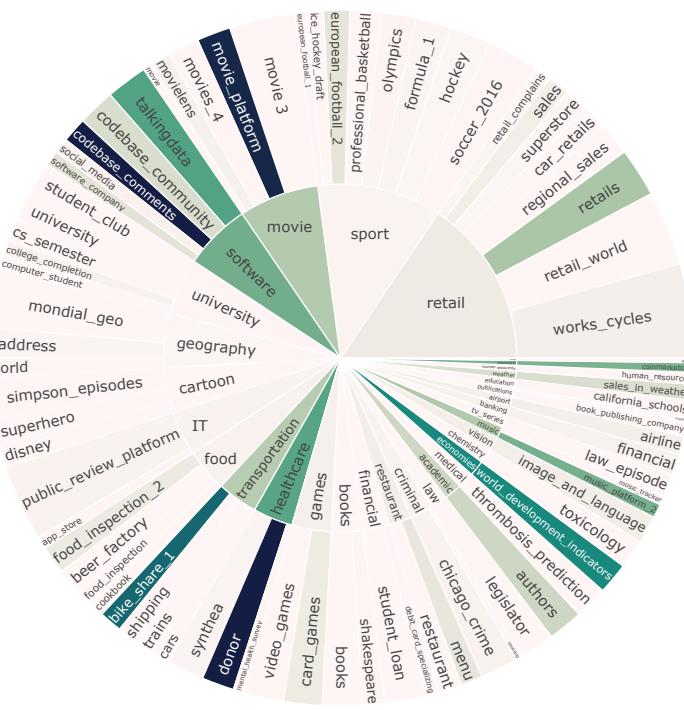
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# Can LLM Already Serve as A Database Interface?

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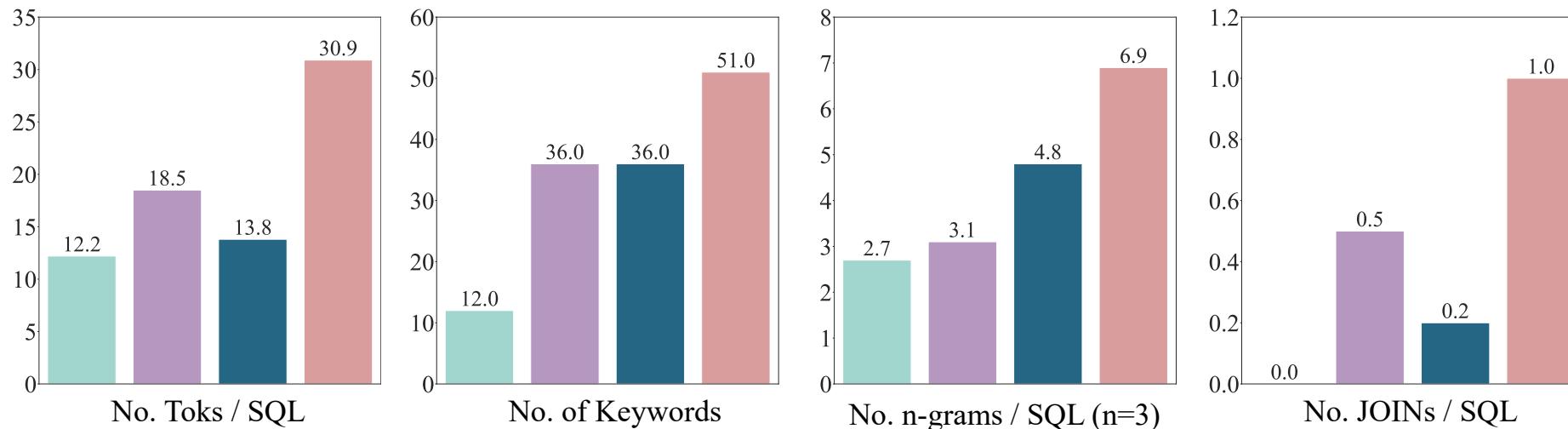
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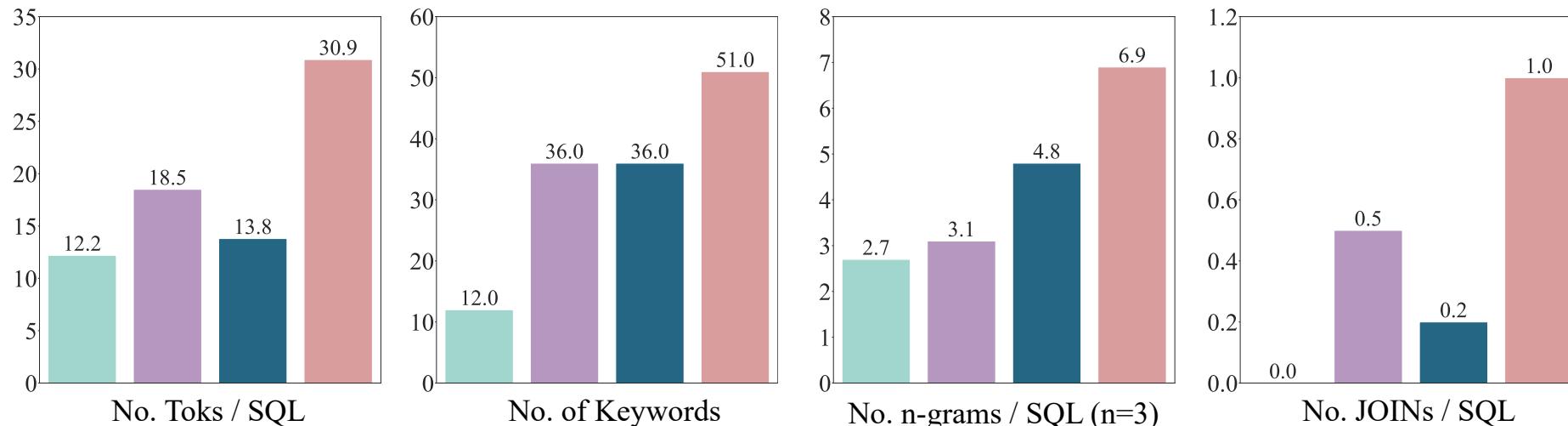
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- Math Functions, i.e., `ROUND()`
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Legend: WikiSQL (teal), Spider (purple), KaggleDBQA (dark blue), Bird (red)



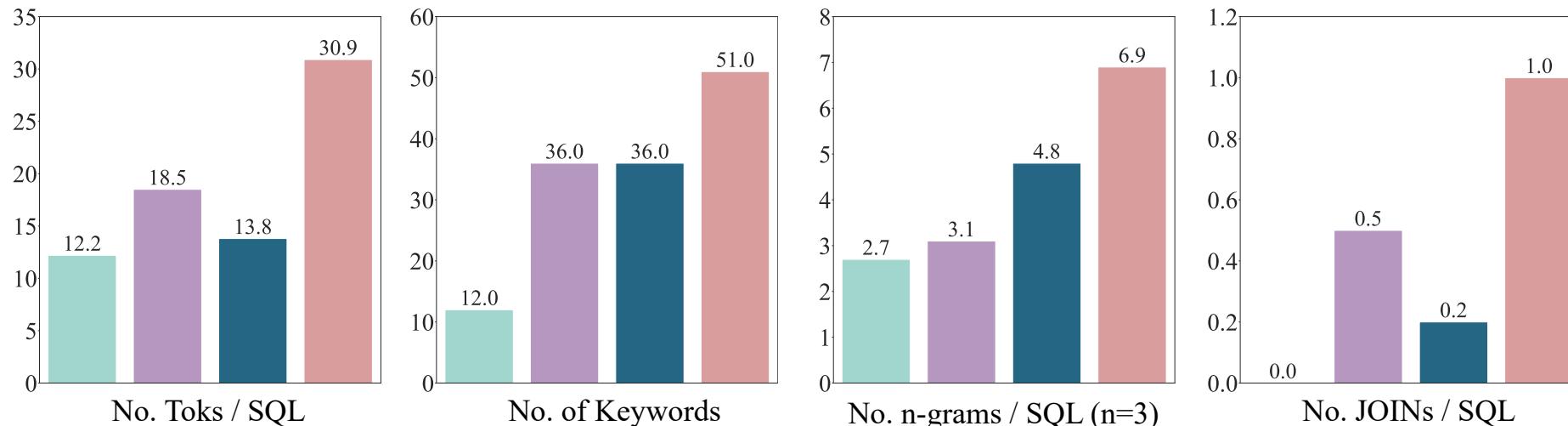
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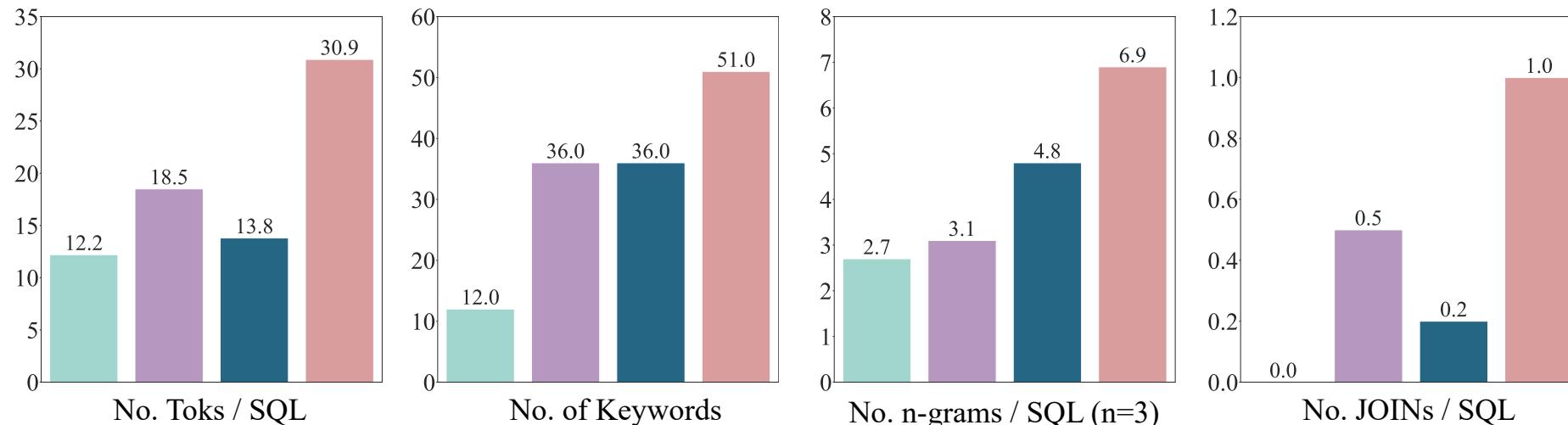
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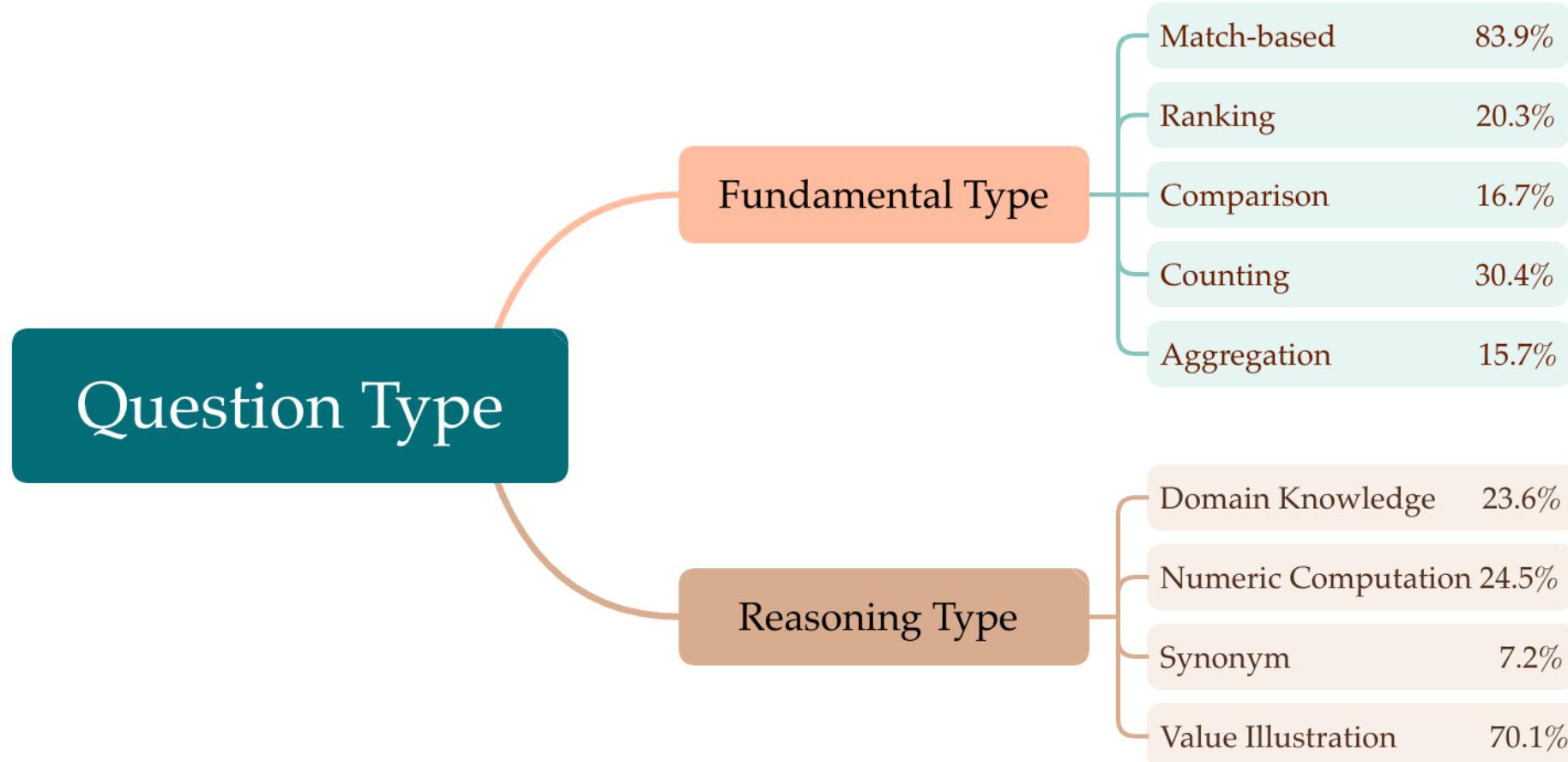
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Fundamental Type	Match-based	<p>How many gas stations in CZE has Premium gas?</p> <pre>SELECT COUNT(GasStationID) FROM gasstations WHERE Country = 'CZE' AND Segment = 'Premium'</pre>	Reasoning Type	Domain Knowledge	<p>Name the ID and age of patient with two or more laboratory examinations which show their hematocrit level exceeded the normal range.</p> <pre>SELECT T1.ID, STRFTIME('%Y', CURRENT_TIMESTAMP) - STRFTIME('%Y', T1.Birthday) FROM Patient AS T1 INNER JOIN Laboratory AS T2 ON T1.ID = T2.ID WHERE T1.ID IN ( SELECT ID FROM Laboratory WHERE HCT &gt; 52 GROUP BY ID HAVING COUNT(ID) &gt;= 2 )</pre>
	Ranking	<p>What are the titles of the top 5 posts with the highest popularity?</p> <pre>SELECT Title FROM posts ORDER BY ViewCount DESC LIMIT 5</pre>			<p>Among the posts with a score of over 20, what is the percentage of them being owned by an elder user?</p> <pre>SELECT CAST(SUM(IIF(T2.Age &gt; 65, 1, 0)) AS REAL) * 100 / count(T1.Id) FROM posts AS T1 INNER JOIN users AS T2 ON T1.OwnerUserId = T2.Id WHERE T1.Score &gt; 20</pre>
	Comparison	<p>How many color cards with no borders have been ranked higher than 12000 on EDHRec?</p> <pre>SELECT COUNT(id) FROM cards WHERE edhrecRank &gt; 12000 AND borderColor = 'borderless'</pre>	Numeric Computation		<p>How many clients opened their accounts in Jesenik branch were women ? (female)</p> <pre>SELECT COUNT(T1.client_id) FROM client AS T1 INNER JOIN district AS T2 ON T1.district_id = T2.district_id WHERE T1.gender = 'F' AND T2.A2 = 'Jesenik'</pre>
	Counting	<p>How many of the members' hometowns are from Maryland state?</p> <pre>SELECT COUNT(T2.member_id) FROM zip_code AS T1 INNER JOIN member AS T2 ON T1.zip_code = T2.zip WHERE T1.state = 'Maryland'</pre>			<p>Among the weekly issuance accounts, how many have a loan of under 200000?</p> <pre>SELECT COUNT(T1.account_id) FROM loan AS T1 INNER JOIN account AS T2 ON T1.account_id = T2.account_id WHERE T2.frequency = 'POPLATEK TYDNE' AND T1.amount &lt; 200000</pre>
	Aggregation	<p>What is the average height of the superheroes from Marvel Comics?</p> <pre>SELECT AVG(T1.height_cm) FROM superhero AS T1 INNER JOIN publisher AS T2 ON T1.publisher_id = T2.id WHERE T2.publisher_name = 'Marvel Comics'</pre>	Value Illustration		

Examples of two main question types in the BIRD

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10 Feb 3, 2023	T5-Large <i>Baseline</i>		770M	✓	22.74	25.00

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## Wrong Schema Linking (41.6%)

**Question:**  
List the names of schools with more than 30 differences in enrollments between K-12 and ages 5-17. Please also give the full street address of the schools.

**Evidence:**

Difference in enrollment = 'Enrollment (K-12)' - 'Enrollment (Ages 5-17)'

**Ground Truth:**

```
SELECT T1.School, T1.StreetAbr FROM schools AS T1 INNER JOIN frpm AS T2 ON T1.CDSCode = T2.CDSCode WHERE T2.`Enrollment (K-12)` - T2.`Enrollment (Ages 5-17)` > 30
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**ChatGPT SQL:**

```
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**Question:**  
List out the accounts who have the earliest trading date in 1995.

**Evidence:**  
False

**Ground Truth:**

```
SELECT account_id FROM trans WHERE STRFTIME('%Y', date) = '1995' ORDER BY date ASC LIMIT 1
```

**ChatGPT SQL:**

```
SELECT account_id FROM account WHERE date = (SELECT MIN(date) FROM account WHERE date LIKE '1995%')
```

## Misunderstanding Knowledge Evidence (17.6%)

**Question:**  
On average, how much did the Student\_Club spend on food for the typical event in the past?

**Evidence:**  
 $\text{DIVIDE}(\text{SUM}(\text{spent}), \text{COUNT}(\text{spent}))$  where category = 'Food'; 'event in the past' means event\_status = 'Closed'

**Ground Truth:**

```
SELECT SUM(spent) / COUNT(spent) FROM budget WHERE category = 'Food' AND event_status = 'Closed'
```

**ChatGPT SQL:**

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**Question :**  
Name elementary schools in Riverside which the average of average math score for SAT is greater than 400, what is the funding type of these schools?

**Evidence:**  
Average of average math =  $\text{sum}(\text{average math scores}) / \text{count}(\text{schools})$

**Ground Truth:**

```
SELECT T1.sname, T2.`Charter Funding Type` FROM satscores AS T1 INNER JOIN frpm ... HAVING CAST(SUM(T1.AvgScrMath) AS REAL) / COUNT(T1.cds) > 400
```

**ChatGPT SQL:**

```
SELECT s.School, s.FundingType FROM schools s ... AND sc.rtype = 'E' AND sc.AvgScrMath > 400 GROUP BY s.School, s.FundingType
```

## Misunderstanding Database Content (40.8%)

**Question:**  
What is the average math score of the school with the lowest average score for all subjects, and in which county is it located?

**Evidence:**

Average score for all subjects can be computed by AvgScrMath + AvgScrRead + AvgScrWrite

**Ground Truth:**

```
SELECT T1.AvgScrMath, T2.County FROM satscores AS T1 INNER JOIN schools AS T2 ON T1.cds = T2.CDSCode WHERE T1.AvgScrMath IS NOT NULL ORDER BY T1.AvgScrMath + T1.AvgScrRead + T1.AvgScrWrite ASC LIMIT 1
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**ChatGPT SQL:**

```
SELECT cname, AvgScrMath FROM satscores JOIN schools ON satscores.cds = schools.CDSCode WHERE satscores.rtype = 'S' ORDER BY (AvgScrMath + AvgScrRead + AvgScrWrite) ASC LIMIT 1
```

**Question:**  
What is the average lap time in milliseconds of all the lap records set on the various circuits in Italy?

**Evidence:**  
average = AVG(milliseconds)

**Ground Truth:**

```
SELECT CAST(SUM(T1.milliseconds) AS REAL) / COUNT(T1.lap) FROM lapTimes AS T1 INNER JOIN races AS T2 on T1.raceId = T2.raceId INNER JOIN circuits AS T3 on T2.circuitId = T3.circuitId WHERE T3.country = 'Italy'
```

**ChatGPT SQL:**

```
SELECT AVG(milliseconds) FROM lap_records WHERE circuit IN ('Monza', 'Imola', 'Mugello', 'Misano')
```

## Syntax Error (3.0%)

**Question:**  
How many meeting events were held in 2020?

**Evidence:**  
meeting events refers to type = 'Meeting'; held in 2020 refers to YEAR(event\_date) = 2020

**Ground Truth:**

```
SELECT COUNT(event_id) FROM event WHERE type = 'Meeting' AND STRFTIME('%Y', COLUMN) = '2020'
```

**ChatGPT SQL:**

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM event WHERE type = 'Meeting' AND YEAR(event_date) = 2020
```

**Question:**  
How much more was customer 7 consuming in April 2013 than customer 5?

**Evidence:**  
April 2013 refers to '201304' in the yearmonth.date

**Ground Truth:**

```
SELECT SUM(IIF(CustomerID = 7, Consumption, 0)) - SUM(IIF(CustomerID = 5, Consumption, 0)) FROM yearmonth WHERE Date = '201304'
```

**ChatGPT SQL:**

```
SELECT7, (SELECT Consumption FROM yearmonth WHERE CustomerID = 7 AND Date = '201304') - (SELECT Consumption FROM yearmonth WHERE CustomerID = 5 AND Date = '201304')
```

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Fine-grained dev EX results of GPT-4 w/ knowledge

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- GPT4 still lacks the capacity to comprehend complicated **values** and suffers hallucinations.

We hypothesize that GPT-4 is pre-trained based on semantic parsing objectiveness, losing the enough attention on **values**.

## Conclusion:

- We introduce BIRD, an English large-scale cross-domain, text-to-SQL benchmark with a particular focus on large database contents.
- BIRD mitigates the gap between text-to-SQL research and **real-world** applications by exploring three additional challenges:
  - Handling large and dirty database values
  - External knowledge reasoning
  - Optimizing SQL execution efficiency
- Our experimental results demonstrate that BIRD presents a more **daunting** challenge and leaves plenty of room for improvement and innovation in the text-to-SQL tasks.
- Our thorough efficiency and error analyses provide valuable insights and directions for future research.

# High-Quality Benchmark Construction Suggestions:

- Recruit Reliable People directly!

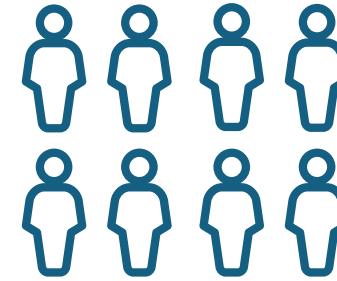


Bachelor degree

- Correct value
- Good understanding
- Knowledgeable



Much Better Than



Normal or Unknown People

# High-Quality Benchmark Construction Suggestions:

- Recruit Reliable People directly!
- Taxonomy Before Annotations!

2. Collection Strategy: tagging staff can generate questions according to but not limited to the following categories of questions.

- Match-based questions: how many teams come from 'EA'?
- Span-based questions: Please list the top three teams with the most shots in the year:
- Comparison question: how many team has more than or equal to (not less than) 200 attempts in a single year?
- Counting question: how many teams in the NBL scored more than 400 points in 1937?
- Addition question: from 1945 to 1947, what was the total number of shots made by NYK team? (486 + 647 + 251)
- Subtraction (or negative meaning) question: 1) how many NBA teams won no more than 10 home games in 2000? 2) Among the teams from 'EA', how many teams won no more than 10 home games: (20350 – 14777)
- Aggregation questions: involving the largest (max), smallest (min) and average questions. For example, in 1945, which team took the most / least attempts? What was the average number of field goal mades by all teams in 1945?
- Division questions (difficult, please give the formula if involved, for example): in 1946,

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how many teams whose winning rate are there more than 70%? Calculation: winning rate = won / won + lost

- Combinatorial questions (it is difficult, please give a certain formula, for example). Please list the full names of the teams with the fastest growth in winning rate from 1960 to 1961. Calculation: increase of winning rate = [won\_1961 / (won\_1961 + lost\_1961)] – [won\_1960 / (won\_1960 + lost\_1960)]
- Inference question: this question needs to be inferred by describing the information content. How many accounts are eligible for loans? (only when the account type is "owner" can the account information have the loan qualification, which is stated in the disp\_id table.)

Question Type	Sub Type	Question / SQL	Percentage
Fundamental Type	Match-based	How many gas stations in CZE has Premium gas?  SELECT COUNT(GasStationID) FROM gasstations WHERE Country = 'CZE' AND Segment = 'Premium'	83.9 %
	Ranking	What are the titles of the top 5 posts with the highest popularity?  SELECT Title FROM posts ORDER BY ViewCount DESC LIMIT 5	20.3 %
	Comparison	How many color cards with no borders have been ranked higher than 12000 on EDHRecs?  SELECT COUNT(id) FROM cards WHERE edhrecRank > 12000 AND borderColor = 'borderless'	16.7 %
	Counting	How many of the members' hometowns are from Maryland state?  SELECT COUNT(T2.state) AS id FROM zip_code AS T1 INNER JOIN members AS T2 ON T1.zip_code = T2.zip WHERE T1.state = 'Maryland'	30.4 %
	Aggregation	What is the average height of the superheroes from Marvel Comics?  SELECT AVG(T1.height_cm) FROM superhero AS T1 INNER JOIN publisher AS T2 ON T1.publisher_id = T2.id WHERE T2.publisher_name = 'Marvel Comics'	15.7 %
Reasoning Type	Domain Knowledge	Name the ID and age of patient with two or more laboratory examinations which show their hematocrit level exceeded the normal range.  SELECT T1.ID, STRFTIME('%Y', CURRENT_TIMESTAMP) - STRFTIME('%Y', T1.Birthday) FROM Patient AS T1 INNER JOIN Laboratory AS T2 ON T1.ID = T2.ID WHERE T1.ID IN (SELECT ID FROM Laboratory WHERE HCT > 32 GROUP BY ID HAVING COUNT(ID) >> 2 )	23.6 %
	Numeric Computation	Among the posts with a score of over 20, what is the percentage of them being owned by an elder user?  SELECT CAST(SUM(IF(T2.Age > 65, 1, 0)) AS REAL) * 100 / count(T1.id) FROM posts AS T1 INNER JOIN users AS T2 ON T1.OwnerUserId = T2.Id WHERE T1.Score > 20	24.5 %
	Synonym	How many clients opened their accounts in Jesenik branch were women? (female)  SELECT COUNT(T1.client_id) FROM client AS T1 INNER JOIN district AS T2 ON T1.district_id = T2.district_id WHERE T1.gender = 'F' AND T2.A2 = 'Jesenik'	7.2 %
	Value Illustration	Among the weekly issuance accounts, how many have a loan of under 200000?  SELECT COUNT(T1.account_id) FROM loan AS T1 INNER JOIN account AS T2 ON T1.account_id = T2.account_id WHERE T2.frequency = 'POPLATEK TYONE' AND T1.amount < 200000	70.1 %

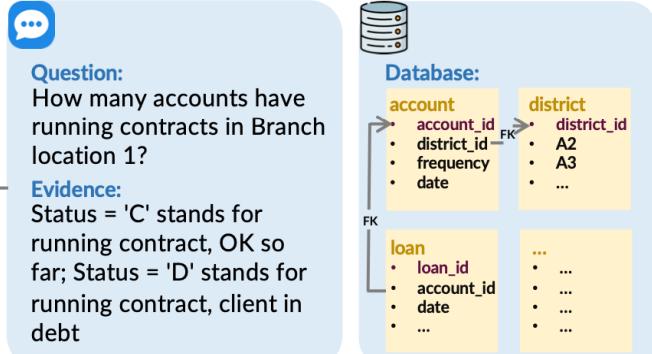
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- Recruit reliable people directly!
- Taxonomy Before Annotations!
- First Annotation w/o Fixing can be considered as human performance
- Can Double-Blind Annotations be cheaper?
- Interactive Environment Setting is quite realistic!

# Task Alignment: A Novel and Effective Strategy for Mitigating Hallucinations in Text-to-SQL Generation

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## Two-Stage Text-to-SQL Framework



**Schema Linking:** ['district.A3', 'loan.status'] ×

**Logical Synthesis**  
SELECT COUNT(\*) FROM account INNER JOIN district  
ON account.district\_id = district.district\_id INNER JOIN  
loan ON account.account\_id = loan.account\_id WHERE  
district.A3 = '1' AND loan.status IN ('C', 'D') ×

**Gold SQL**  
SELECT COUNT(T1.account\_id) FROM account AS T1 INNER  
INNER JOIN loan AS T2 ON T1.account\_id = T2.account\_id  
WHERE T1.district\_id = 1 AND (T2.status = 'C' OR T2.status = 'D')

## Primary Hallucinations in Current Text-to-SQL Framework

**Hallucination:** The generation of content that is irrelevant, erroneous, or inconsistent with user intents.

Category	Example
Schema-Based	<p><b>Schema Contradiction</b> (30%)</p> <p><b>Question:</b> What language is the set of 180 cards that belongs to the Ravnica block translated into? <b>Gold:</b> SELECT T2.language FROM sets AS T1 INNER JOIN set_translations AS T2 ON WHERE T1.block = 'Ravnica' AND T1.baseSetSize = 180 <b>Wrong SQL:</b> SELECT language FROM sets WHERE baseSetSize = 180 AND block = 'Ravnica'</p>
Attribute Overanalysis	<p><b>Attribute Overanalysis</b> (49%)</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Which player is the tallest? <b>Gold:</b> SELECT player_name FROM Player ORDER BY height DESC LIMIT 1 <b>Wrong SQL:</b> SELECT player_name, height FROM Player ORDER BY height DESC LIMIT 1</p>
Value Misrepresentation	<p><b>Value Misrepresentation</b> (24%)</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Give the race of the blue-haired men superhero. <b>Gold:</b> SELECT ... WHERE colour.colour = 'Blue' AND gender.gender = 'Male' <b>Wrong SQL:</b> SELECT ... WHERE colour.colour = 'blue' AND gender.gender = 'M'</p>
Logic-Based	<p><b>Join Redundancy</b> (15%)</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Determine the bond type formed in the chemical compound containing element Tellurium. <b>Gold:</b> SELECT T2.bond_type FROM atom AS T1 INNER JOIN bond AS T2 ON WHERE T1.element = 'te' <b>Wrong SQL:</b> SELECT bond_type FROM bond INNER JOIN connected ON ... INNER JOIN atom ON ... WHERE atom.element = 'te'</p>
Clause Abuse	<p><b>Clause Abuse</b> (25%)</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Among the posts that were voted by user 14, what is the id of the most valuable post? <b>Gold:</b> SELECT post.Id ... WHERE votes.UserId = 14 ORDER BY post.FavoriteCount DESC LIMIT 1 <b>Wrong SQL:</b> SELECT post.Id FROM votes INNER JOIN posts ON ... WHERE votes.UserId = 14 GROUP BY post.Id ORDER BY post.FavoriteCount DESC LIMIT 1</p>
Mathematical Delusion	<p><b>Mathematical Delusion</b> (17%)</p> <p><b>Question:</b> What is the percentage of the amount 50 received by the Student_Club among members? <b>Gold:</b> SELECT CAST(SUM(CASE WHEN income.amount = 50 THEN 1.0 ELSE 0 END) AS REAL) * 100 / COUNT(income.income_id) FROM ... WHERE member.position = 'Member' <b>Wrong SQL:</b> SELECT DIVIDE(SUM(CASE WHEN income.amount = 50 THEN 1 ELSE 0 END), COUNT(member.member_id)) FROM ... WHERE member.position = 'Member'</p>



## Why Hallucinations?

- Insufficient generalization capabilities of LLM
- Arises when models misinterpret tasks as entirely new challenges in which they lack prior training

## How do humans deal with it?



Draw on familiar situations

↓  
Analogy

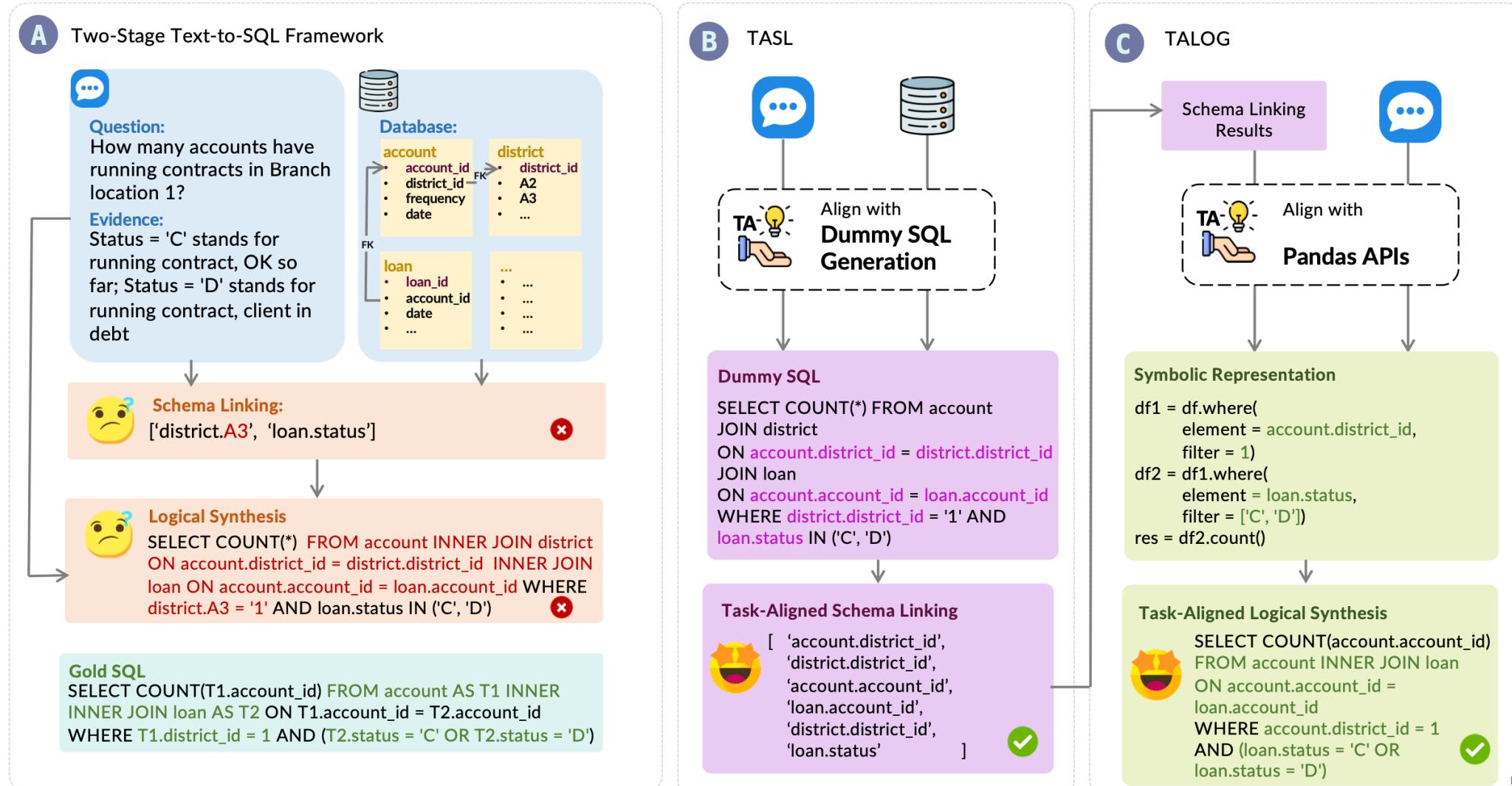


## Task Alignment

- Align novel tasks to pretrained tasks
- Explicitly guides LLMs to approach unfamiliar tasks from the perspective of more familiar ones, alleviating the burden of from-scratch generalization

# TA-SQL

## TASQL: Task-Aligned Schema Linking Module (TASL) (B) + Task-Aligned Logical Synthesis Module (TALOG) (C)



# Experimental Results

## Results on BIRD

METHOD	DEV	TEST
<i>w/o knowledge</i>		
Palm-2	18.77	24.71
Codex	25.42	24.86
ChatGPT	24.05	26.77
ChatGPT+COT	25.88	28.95
Claude-2	28.29	34.60
GPT-4	30.90	34.88
TA-SQL+GPT-4	<b>50.58</b> ( $\uparrow$ 63.68)	<b>54.38</b> ( $\uparrow$ 55.90)
<i>w/ knowledge</i>		
Palm-2	27.38	33.04
Codex	34.35	36.47
ChatGPT	37.22	39.30
ChatGPT+COT	36.64	40.08
Claude-2	42.70	49.02
DIN-SQL+GPT-4 ♣	50.72	55.90
DAIL-SQL+GPT-4 ♣	54.76	56.08
GPT-4	46.35	54.89
TA-SQL+GPT-4	<b>56.19</b> ( $\uparrow$ 21.23)	<b>59.14</b> ( $\uparrow$ 7.74)

Table 2: Execution Accuracy (EX) (%) on BIRD.

♣ means the model uses self-consistency or re-modification mechanisms. ↑ is a relative improvement.

### In the setting with oracle knowledge

- TA-SQL effectively mitigates hallucinations in the GPT4 baseline, resulting in a relative improvement of **21.23%** in EX on the development set and **7.74%** on the test set.
- Surprisingly, TA-SQL equipped with GPT4 outperforms the SOTA ICL-based method by **2.61%** even **without the application of self-consistency or re-modification mechanisms**

### In the setting without oracle knowledge

- TA-SQL achieves performance comparable to the GPT4 baseline equipped with **oracle external knowledge**
- addressing hallucinations within the existing knowledge  
**vs**  
the addition of manually extracted external knowledge

# New Updates & Next

- **Mini-dev** (Lite version of development dataset)
- 500 high-quality text2sql pairs derived from 11 distinct databases
- Available in [MySQL](#) and [PostgreSQL](#)

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- New evaluation metrics (beta versions~) for the Mini-Dev dataset:
  - the **Reward-based Valid Efficiency Score (R-VES)**

**Valid Efficiency Score (VES)** VES is designed to measure the efficiency of valid SQLs generated by models. It is worth noting that the term "valid SQLs" refers to predicted SQL queries whose result sets align with those of the ground-truth SQLs. Any SQL queries that fail to fetch the correct values will be declared invalid since they are totally useless if they cannot fulfill the user requests, regardless of their efficiency. In this case, the VES metric considers both the efficiency and accuracy of execution results, providing a comprehensive evaluation of a model's performance. Formally, the VES can be expressed as:

$$\text{VES} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N \mathbb{1}(V_n, \hat{V}_n) \cdot \mathbf{R}(Y_n, \hat{Y}_n)}{N}, \quad \mathbf{R}(Y_n, \hat{Y}_n) = \sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{E}(Y_n)}{\mathbf{E}(\hat{Y}_n)}} \quad (4)$$
$$\text{R-VES} = \begin{cases} 1.25 & \text{if } \hat{y} \text{ is correct and } \tau \geq 2 \\ 1 & \text{if } \hat{y} \text{ is correct and } 1 \leq \tau < 2 \\ 0.75 & \text{if } \hat{y} \text{ is correct and } 0.5 \leq \tau < 1 \\ 0.5 & \text{if } \hat{y} \text{ is correct and } 0.25 \leq \tau < 0.5 \\ 0.25 & \text{if } \hat{y} \text{ is correct and } \tau < 0.25 \\ 0 & \text{if } \hat{y} \text{ is incorrect} \end{cases}$$

Where:

- $\hat{y}$  represents the predicted SQL.
- $\tau = \frac{\text{Ground truth SQL run time}}{\text{Predicted SQL run time}}$  represents the time ratio.  $\tau$  is calculated by running the SQL 100 times, taking the average, and dropping any outliers.

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  - the **Reward-based Valid Efficiency Score (R-VES)**
  - the **Soft F1-Score**
    - measuring **the similarity between the tables** produced by **predicted SQL queries** and those from **the ground truth**.

Row		
1	'Apple'	325
2	'Orange'	
3	'Banana'	119

Row		
1	325	'Apple'
2	191	'Orange'
3		'Banana'

	Ground truth		Predicted
	Matched	Pred_only	Gold_only
Row 1	2	0	0
Row 2	1	1	0
Row 3	1	0	1

- $tp = \text{SUM}(\text{Matched}) = 4$
- $fp = \text{SUM}(\text{Pred\_only}) = 1$
- $fn = \text{SUM}(\text{Gold\_only}) = 1$
- $\text{Precision} = tp / (tp + fp) = 4 / 5 = 0.8$
- $\text{Recall} = tp / (tp + fn) = 4 / 5 = 0.8$
- $F1 = 0.8$

# Thank you!

More details and updates at  
<https://bird-bench.github.io/>

Any suggestions or feedback are welcome~