# Extracting and Modeling Relations with Graph Convolutional Networks

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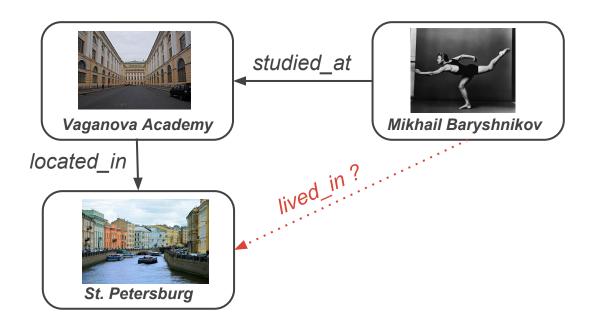
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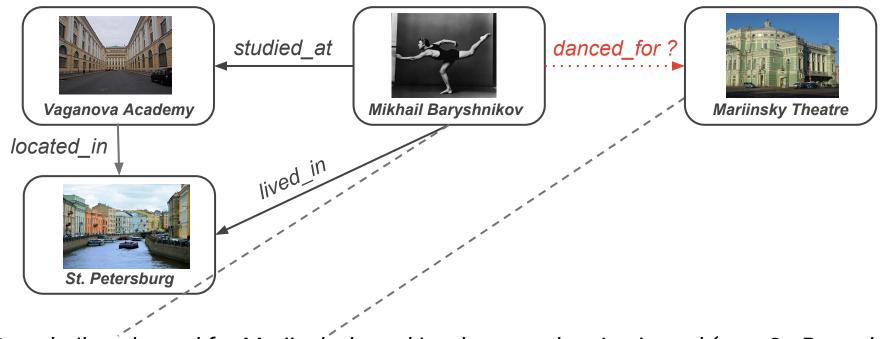




# Inferring missing facts in knowledge bases: link prediction



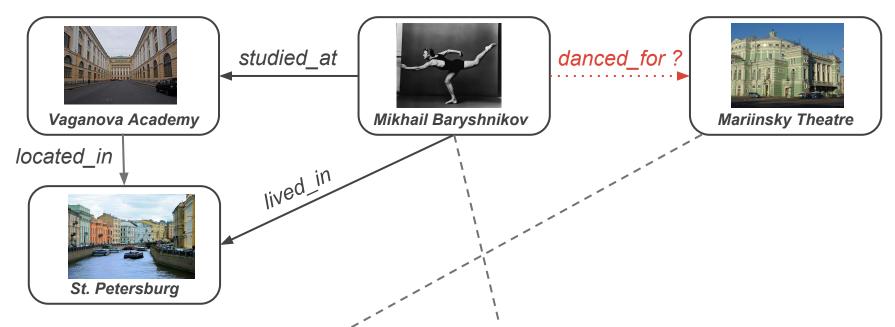
#### **Relation Extraction**



Baryshnikov danced for Marjinsky based in what was then Leningrad (now St. Petersburg)

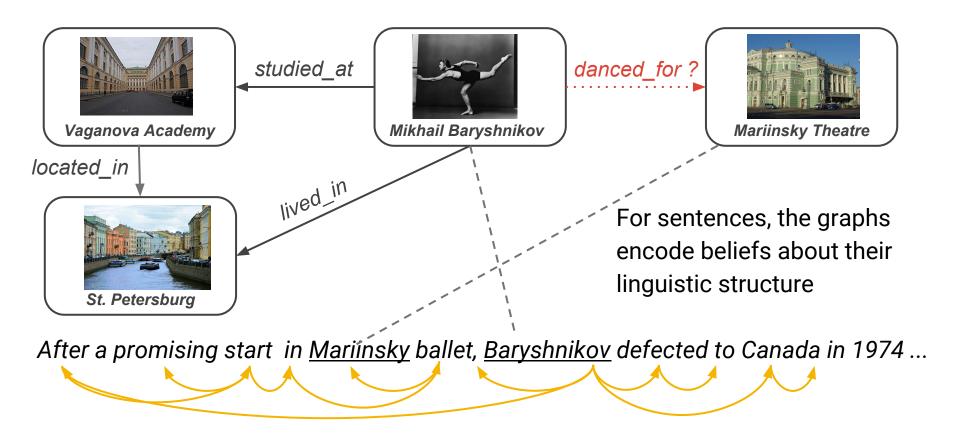
danced\_for

## Generalization of link prediction and relation extraction



After a promising start in Mariińsky ballet, Baryshnikov defected to Canada in 1974 ...

KBC: it is natural to represent both sentences and KB with graphs



How can we model (and exploit) these graphs with graph neural networks?

#### Outline

# **Graph Convolutional Networks (GCNs)**

# **Link Prediction with Graph Neural Networks**

Relational GCNs

Denoising Graph Autoencoders for Link Prediction

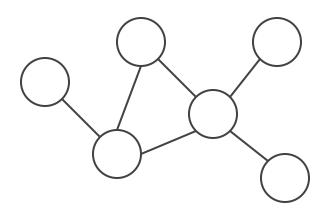
# **Extracting Semantic Relations: Semantic Role Labeling**

Syntactic GCNs

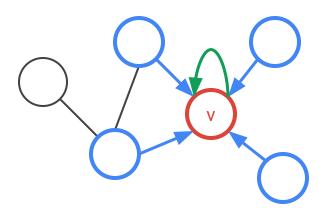
Semantic Role Labeling Model

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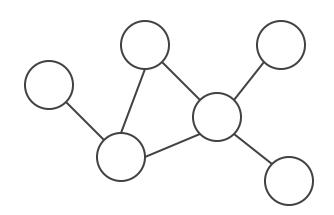


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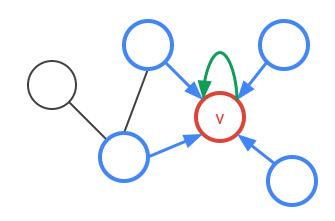


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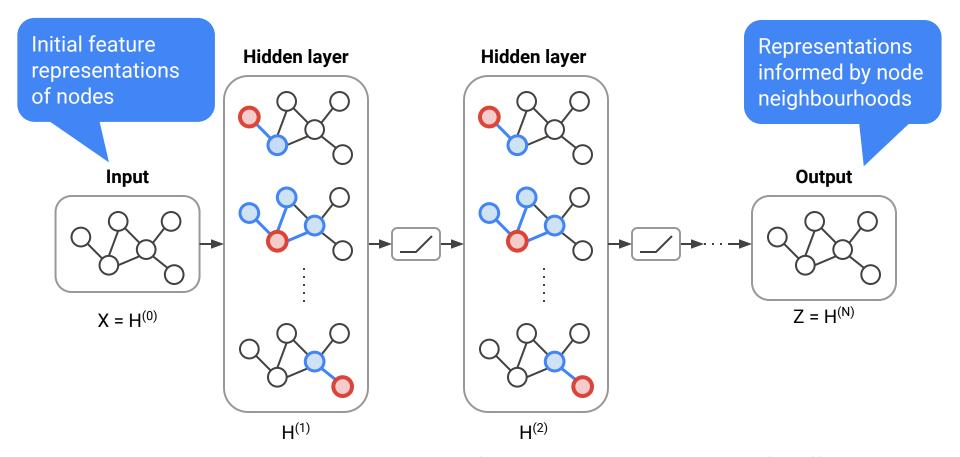


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$$\mathbf{h}_v = \text{ReLU}(W_{\text{loop}}\mathbf{h}_v + \sum_{u \in \mathcal{N}(v)} W\mathbf{h}_u)$$

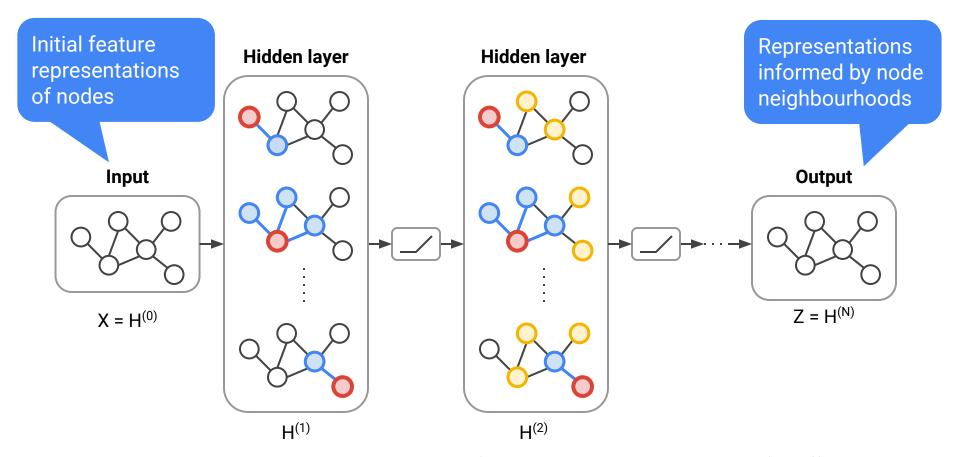
Kipf & Welling (2017). Related ideas earlier, e.g., Scarselli et al. (2009).

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### Graph Convolutional Networks: Previous work

Shown very effective on a range of problems - citations graphs, chemistry, ...

## Mostly:

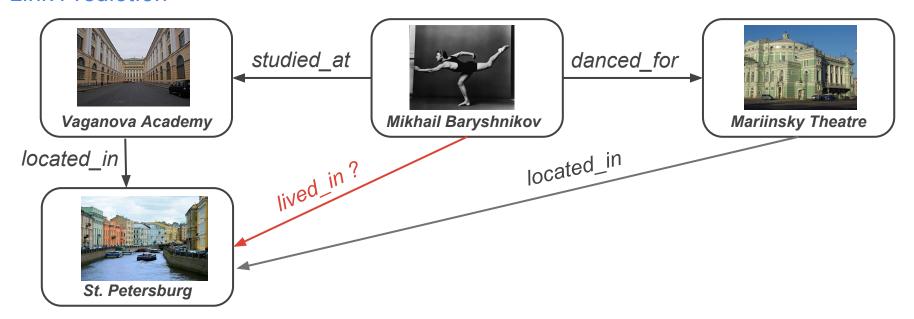
- Unlabeled and undirected graphs
- Node labeling in a single large graph (transductive setting)
- Classification of graphlets

How to apply GCNs to graphs we have in knowledge based completion / construction?

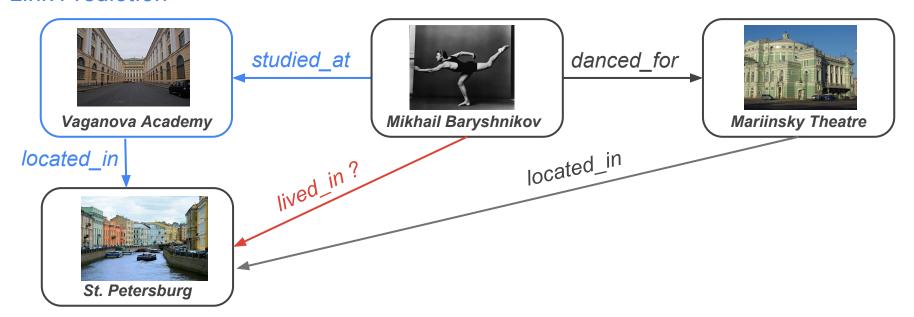
See Bronstein et al. (Signal Processing, 2017) for an overview

# Link Prediction with Graph Neural Networks

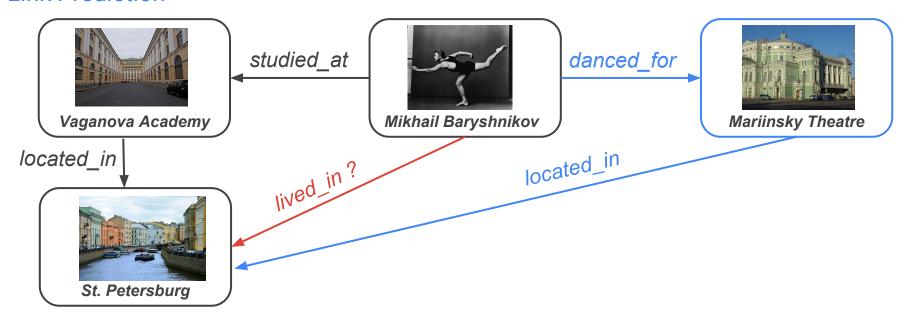
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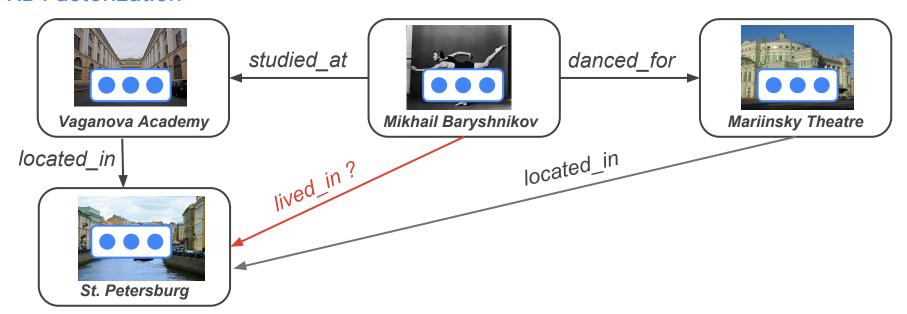


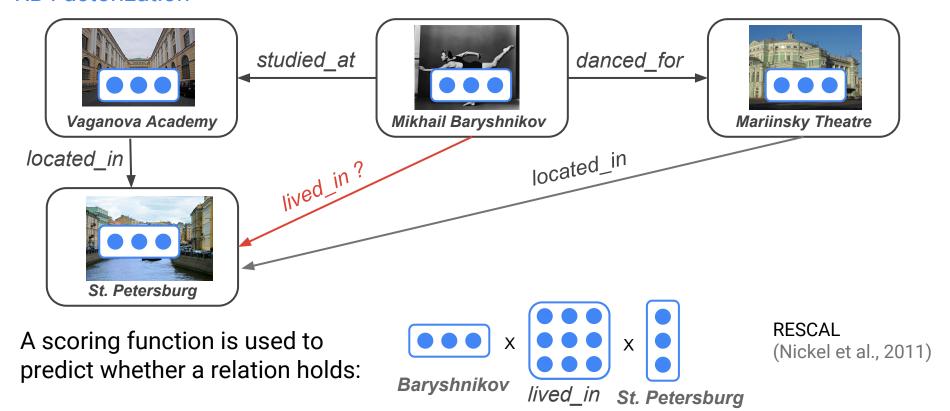
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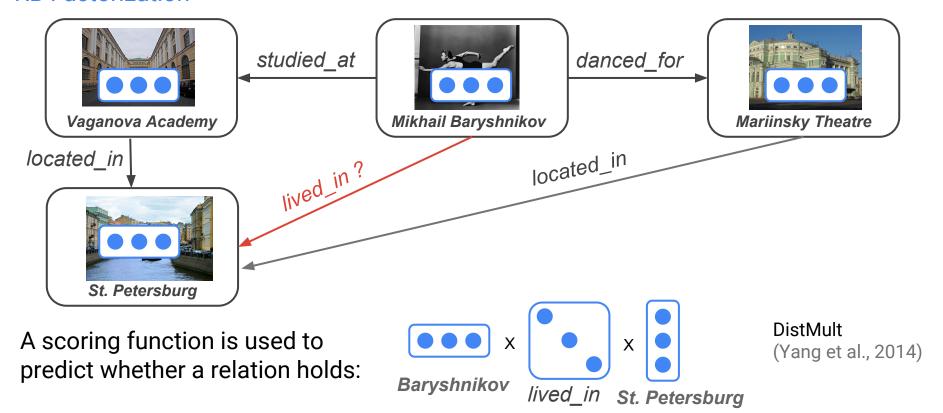


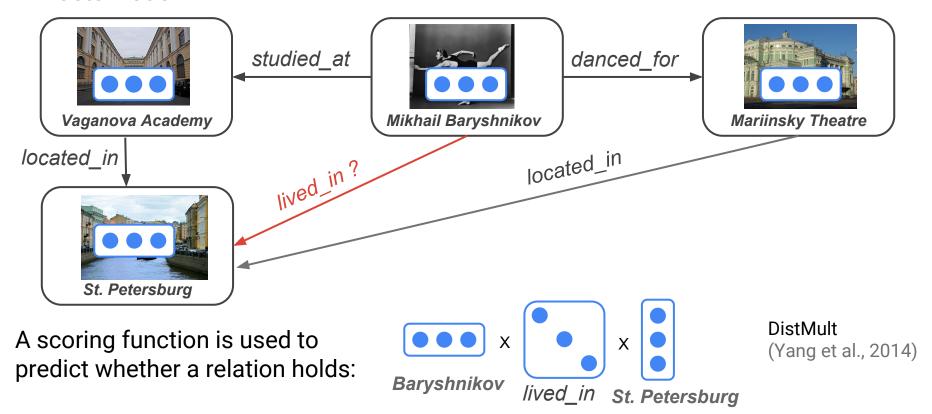
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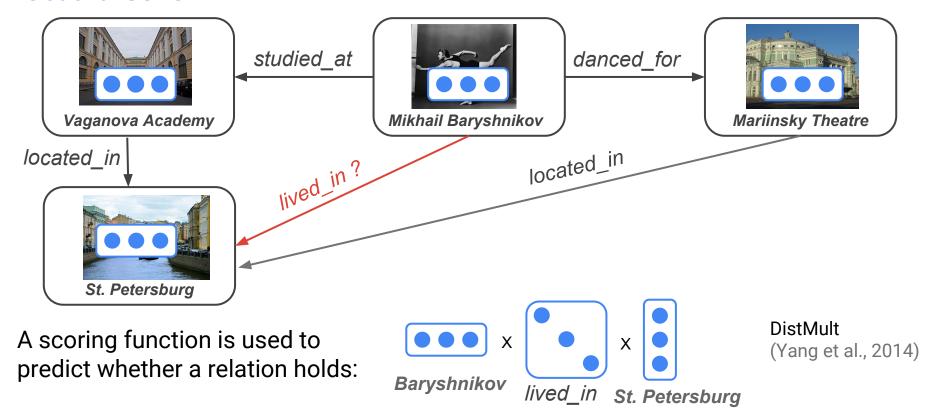




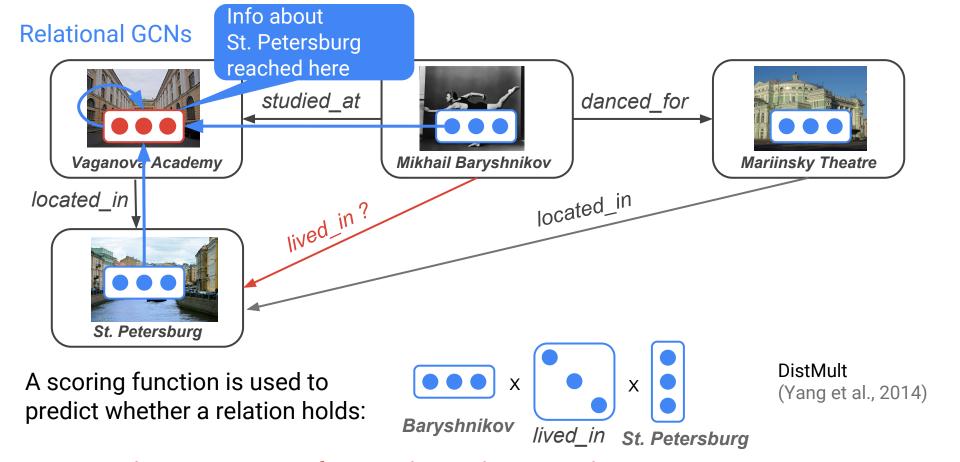




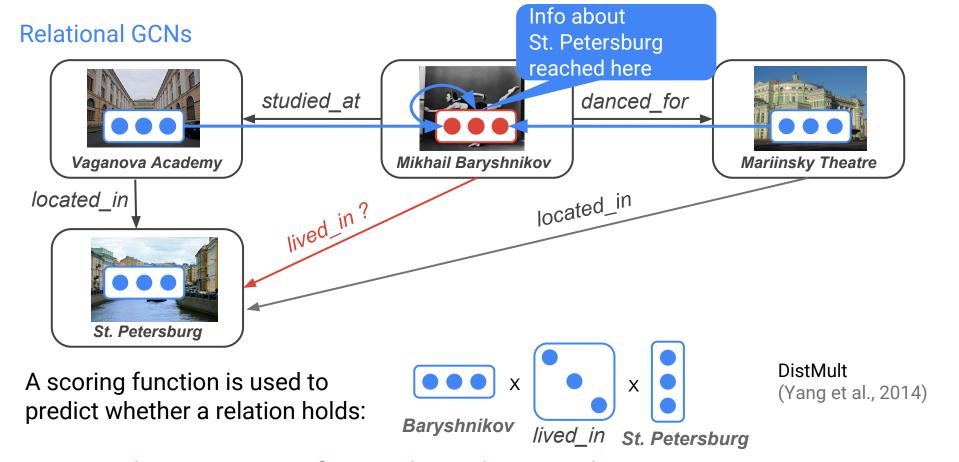
Relies on SGD to propagate information across the graph



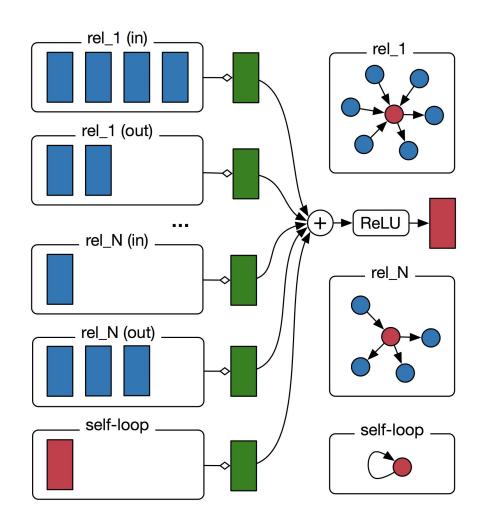
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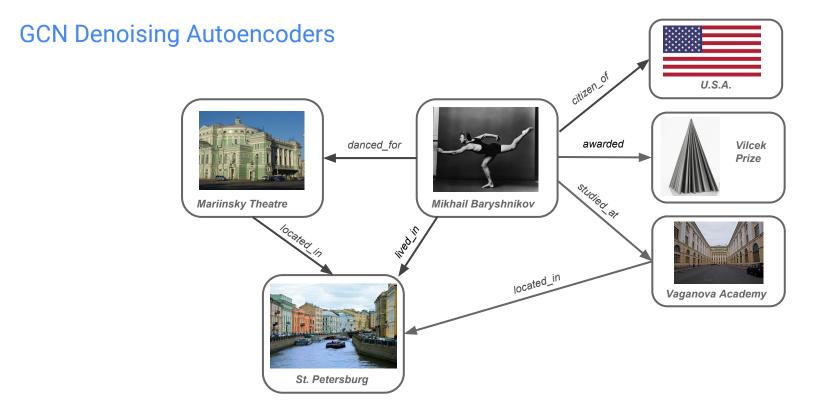


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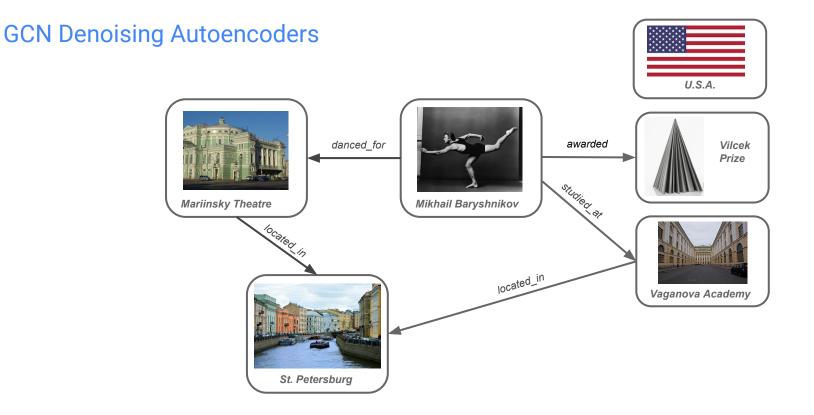


How do we train Relational GCNs?

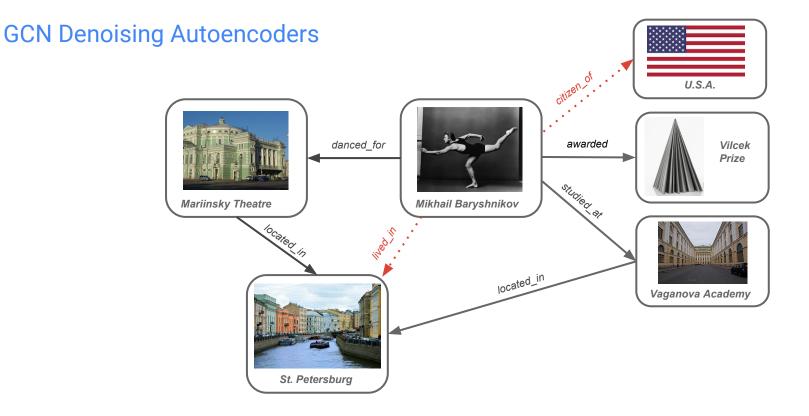
How do we compactly parameterize Relational GCNs?



Take the training graph



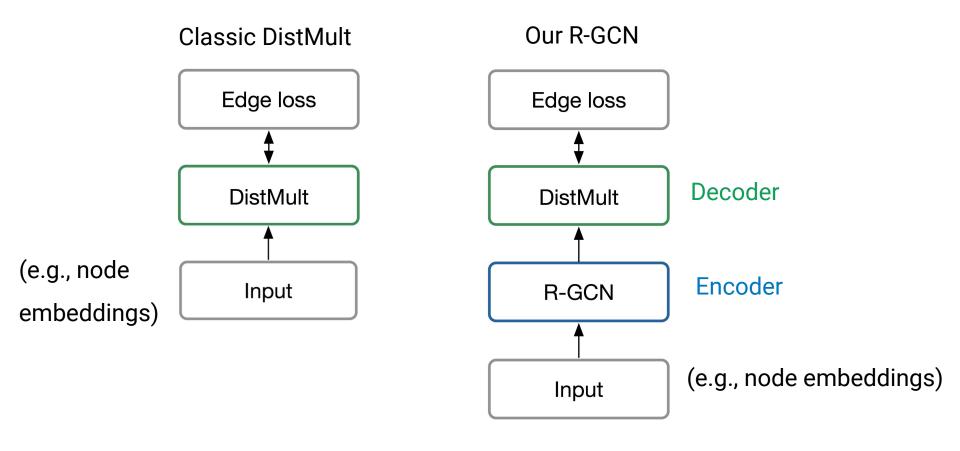
Produce a noisy version: drop some random edges Use this graph for encoding nodes with GCNs



Force the model to reconstruct the original graph (including dropped edges)

(a ranking loss on edges)

# **Training**



Schlichtkrull et al., 2017

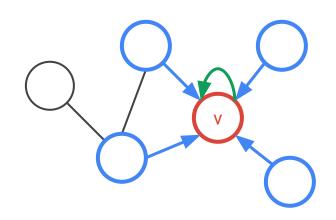
GCN Autoencoders: Denoising vs Variational

Instead of denoising AEs, we can use variational AEs to train R-GCNs

VAE R-GCN can be regarded as **an inference network** performing amortized variational inference

#### **Intuition:**

R-GCN AEs are amortized versions of factorization models



$$\mathbf{h}_{v} = ReLU(\frac{1}{|\mathcal{N}(v)|} \sum_{u \in \mathcal{N}(v)} W_{r(u,v)} \mathbf{h}_{\mathbf{u}})$$

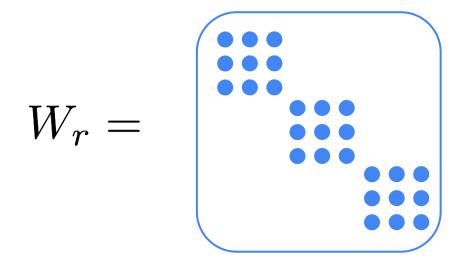
There are too many relations in realistic KBs, we cannot use full rank matrices  ${\it W_r}$ 

# **Naive logic:**

We score with a diagonal matrix (DistMul), let's use a diagonal one in GCN

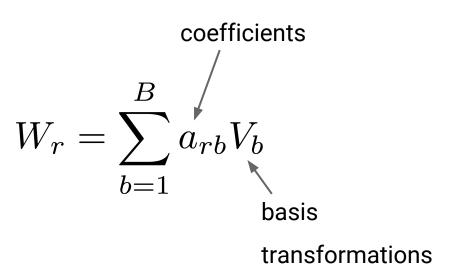
# **Block diagonal assumption:**

Latent features can be grouped into sets of tightly inter-related features, modeling dependencies across the sets is less important

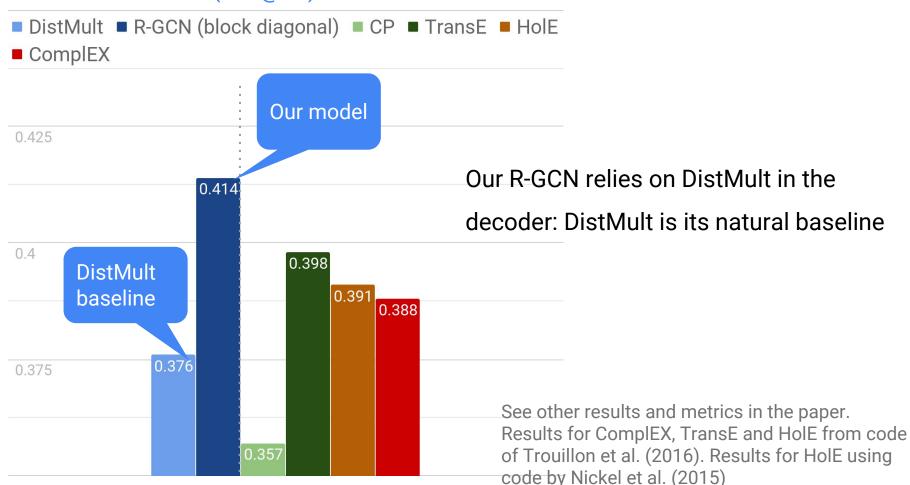


# **Basis / Dictionary learning:**

Represent every KB relation as a linear combination of basis transformations



# Results on FB15k-237 (hits@10)



# Fast and simple approach to Link Prediction

Captures multiple paths without the need to explicitly marginalize over them

Unlike factorizations, can be applied to subgraphs unseen in training

#### **FUTURE WORK:**

R-GCNs can be used in combination with more powerful factorizations / decoders

Objectives favouring **recovery of paths** rather than edges

Gates and memory may be effective

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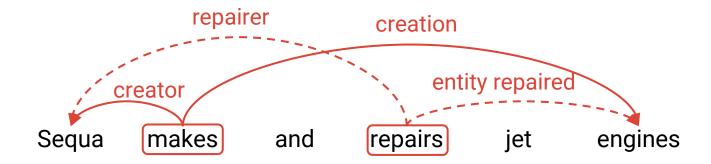
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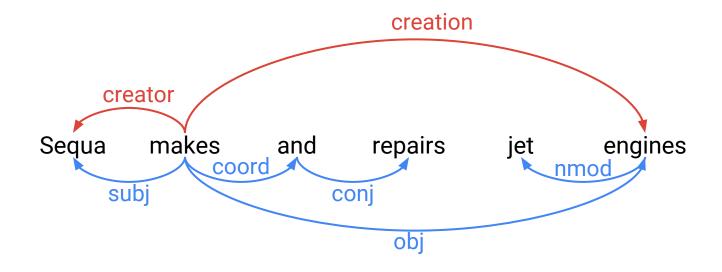
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- Discover predicates
- Identify arguments and label them with their semantic roles

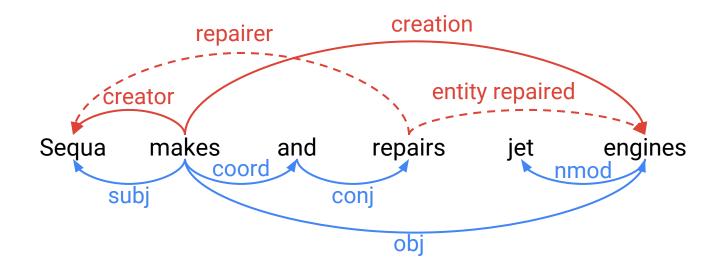


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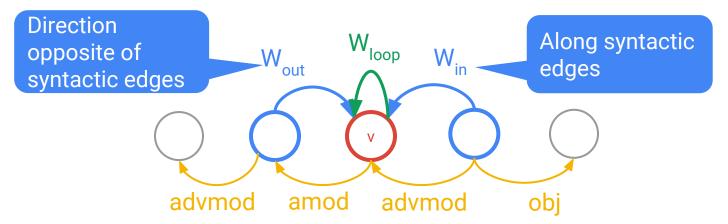


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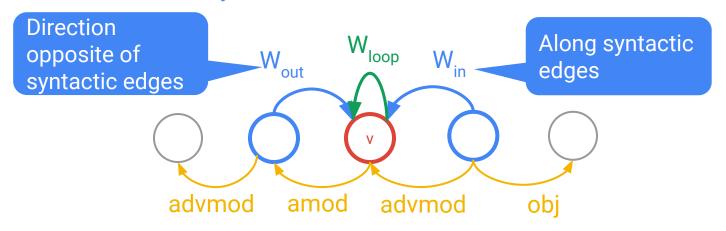
... but not all of them – the syntax-semantics interface is far from trivial

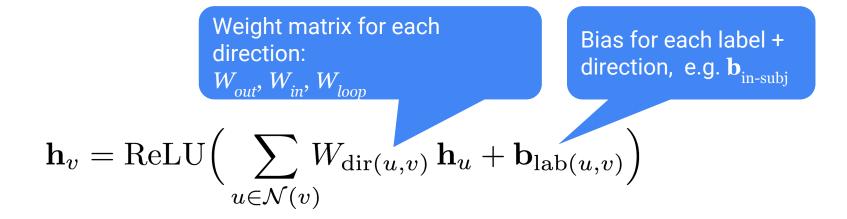
GCNs provide a flexible framework for capturing interactions between the graphs

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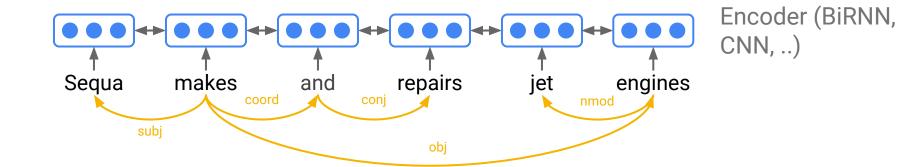


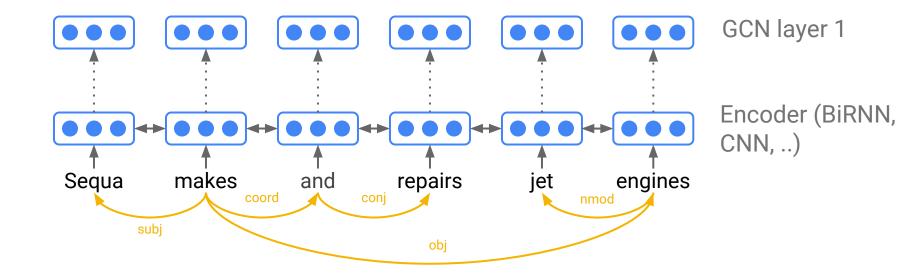


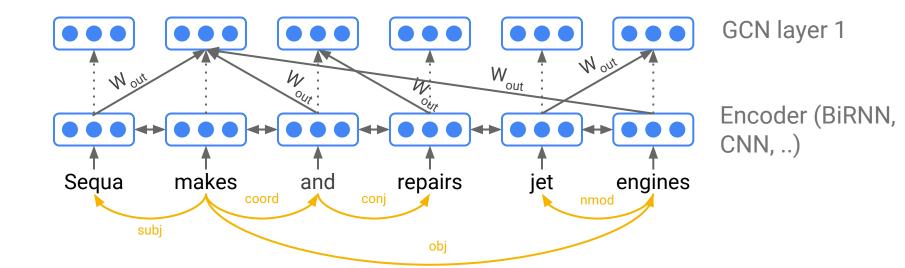
Not all edges are equally informative for the downstream task or reliable

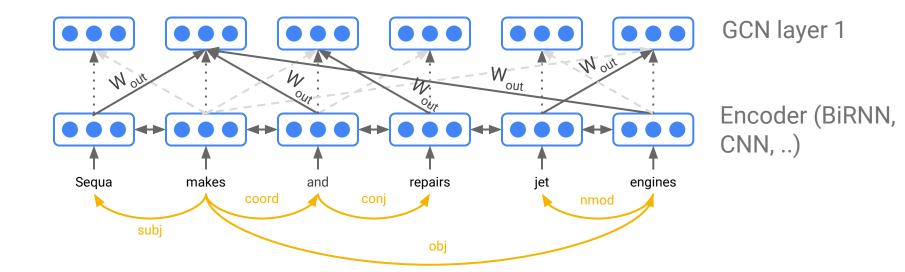
$$\mathbf{g}_{u,v} = \sigma \left( \mathbf{h}_u \cdot \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{\operatorname{dir}(u,v)} + \hat{b}_{\operatorname{lab}(u,v)} \right) 
\mathbf{h}_v = \operatorname{ReLU} \left( \sum_{u \in \mathcal{N}(v)} \mathbf{g}_{u,v} \left( W_{\operatorname{dir}(u,v)} \, \mathbf{h}_u + \mathbf{b}_{\operatorname{lab}(u,v)} \right) \right)$$

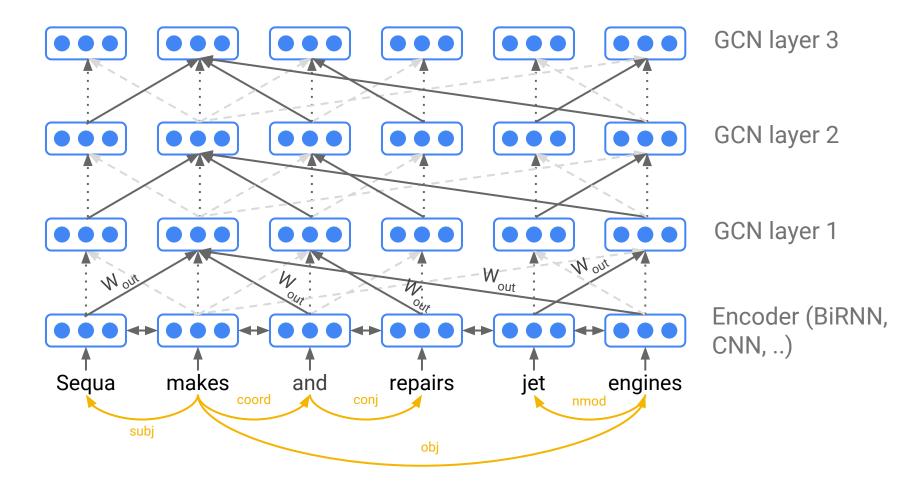
The gate weights the message

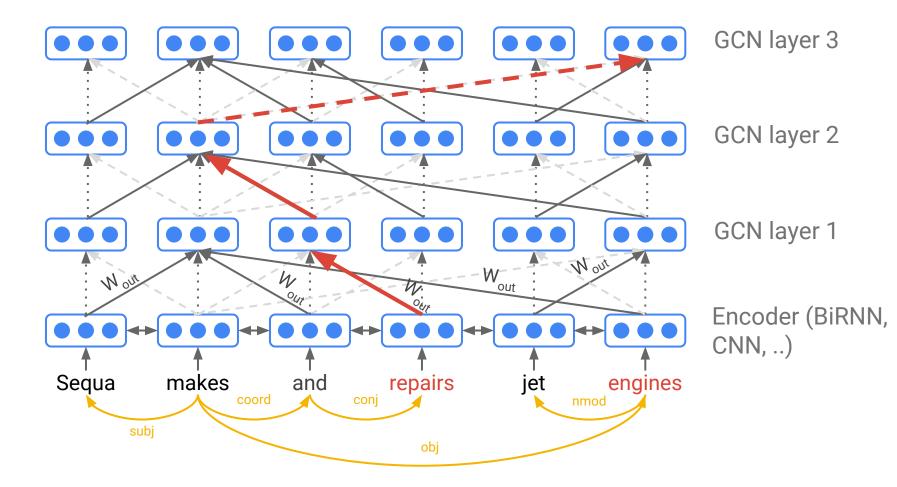




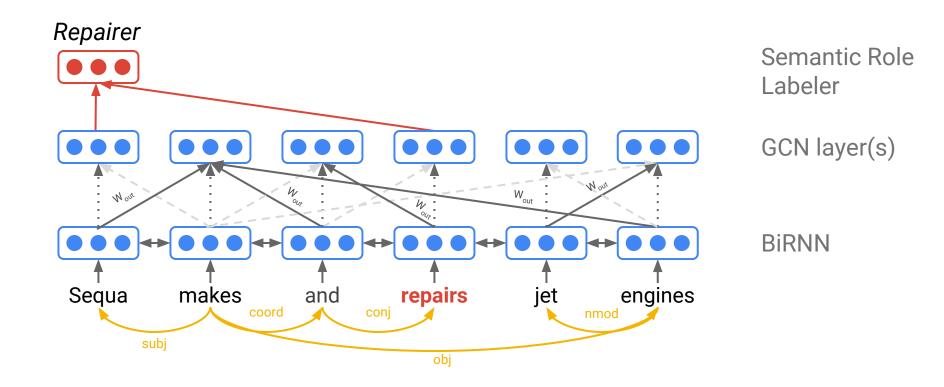


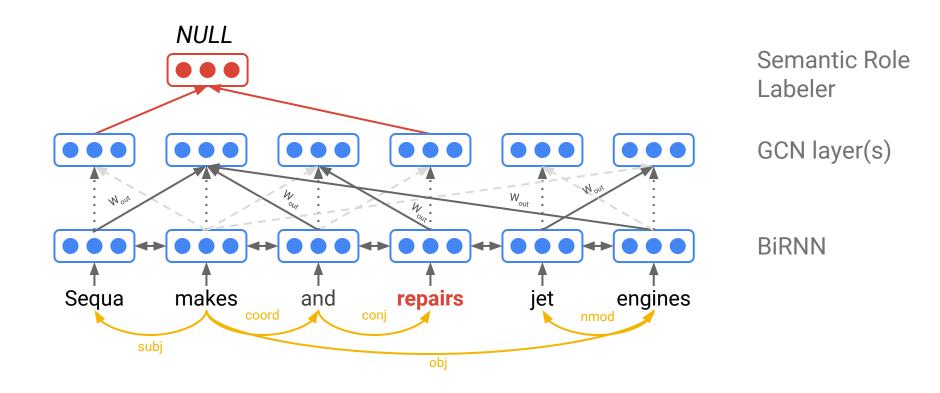


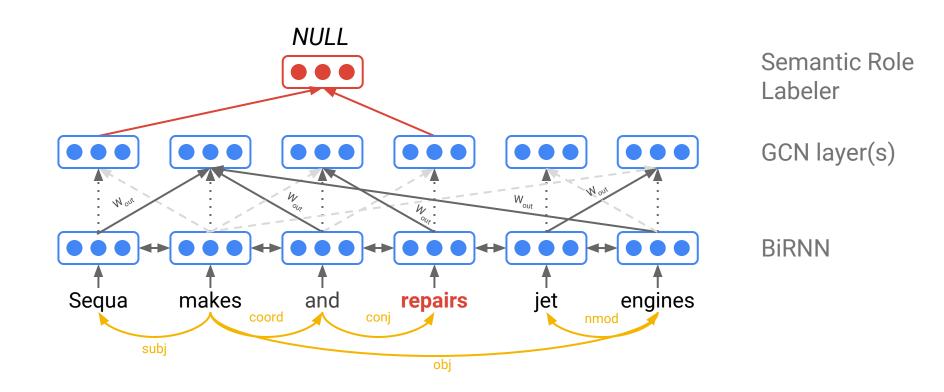


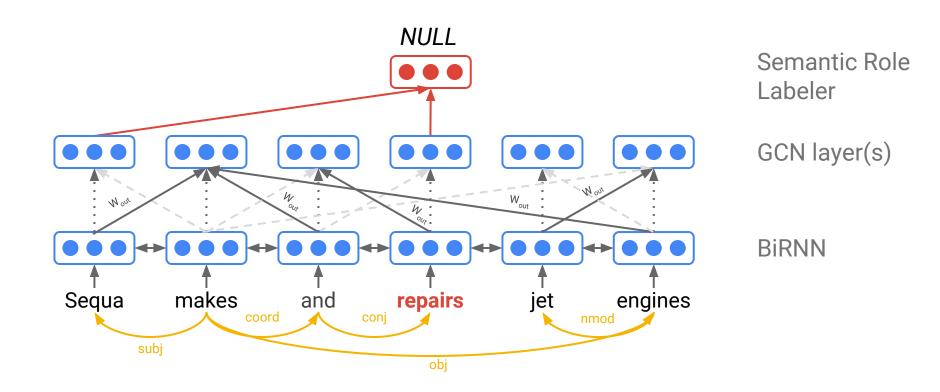


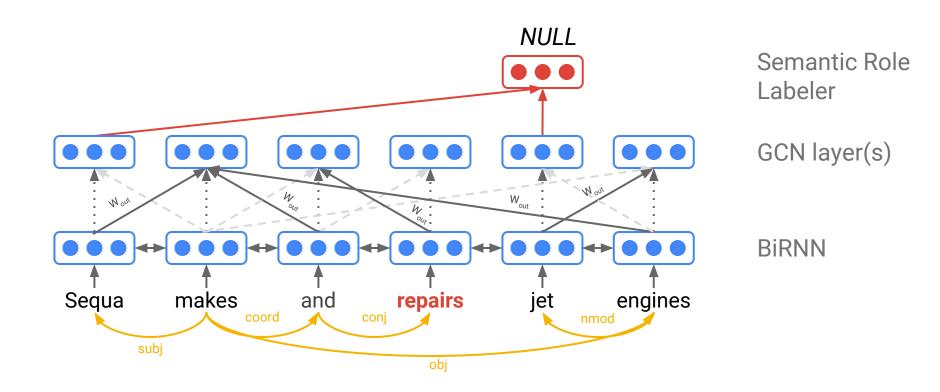
How do we construct a GCN-based semantic role labeler?

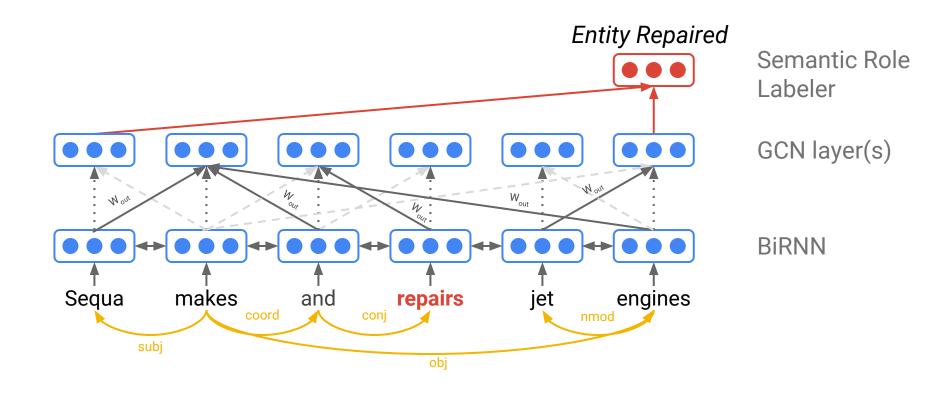




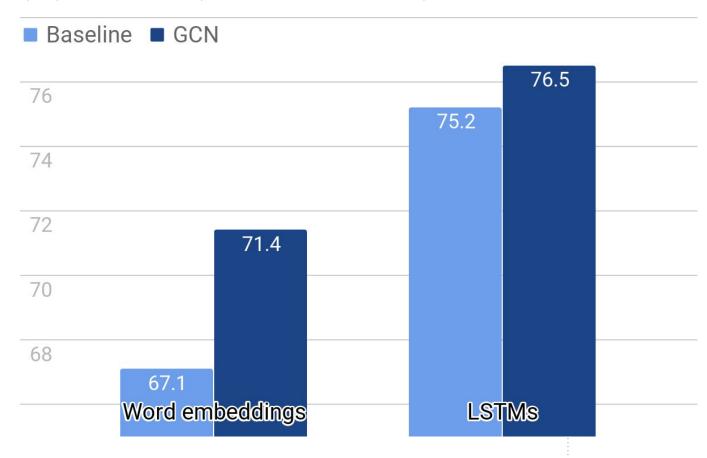




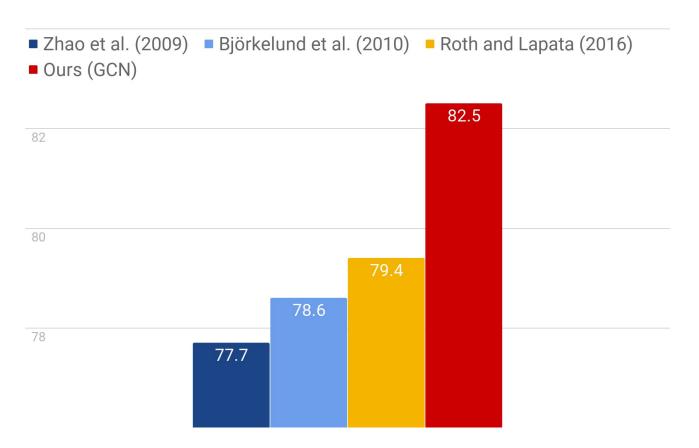




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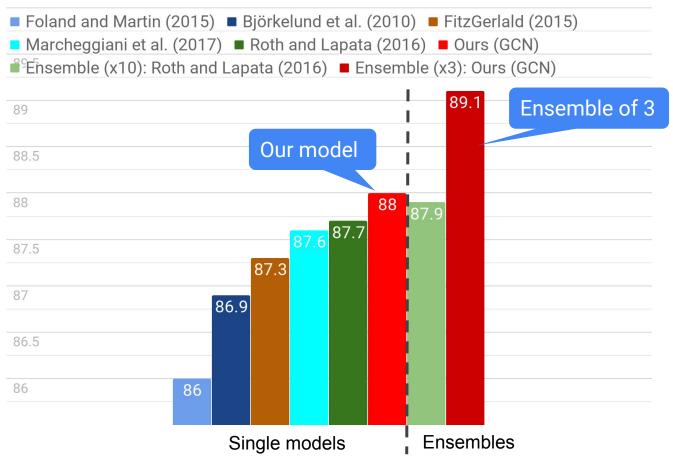


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Marcheggiani & Titov (EMNLP, 2017)

# Results (F1) on English (CoNLL-2009)



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#### Flexibility of GCN encoders

Simple and fast approach to integrating linguistic structure into encoders

In principle we can exploit almost any kind of linguistic structure:

Semantic role labeling structure

Co-reference chains

AMR semantic graphs

Their combination

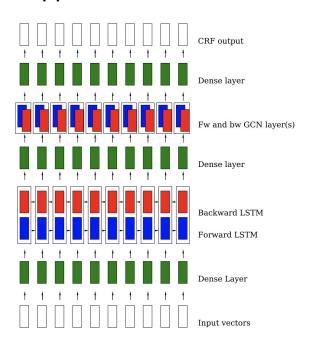
#### Other applications of syntactic GCN encoders

We also showed them effective as encoders in Neural Machine

**Translation** bastarden försvarade väggen Decoder (RNN) defended bastard

Bastings et al. (EMNLP, 2017)

# Others recently applied them to NER



Cetoli et al. (arXiv:1709.10053)

#### Conclusions

#### GCNs are in subtasks of KBC (and in NLP beyond KBC):

- Semantic Roles: we proposed GCNs for encoding linguistic knowledge
- Link prediction: GCNs for link prediction (and entity classification) in multi-relational knowledge bases

#### Code available

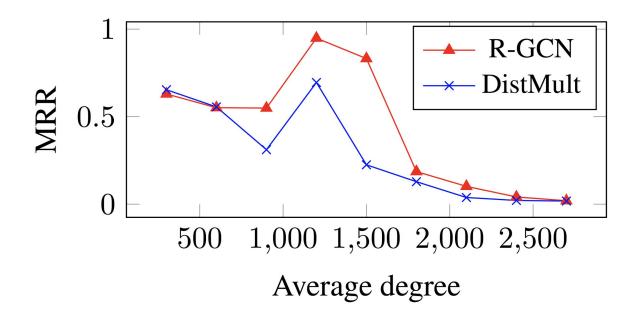
We are hiring! (PhD students / postdocs)







# Analysis / Discussion



- Improvement across the board, especially in the middle of the range

#### Effect of Distance between Argument and Predicate (English)

