

# Learning a Cross-Lingual Semantic Representation of Relations Expressed in Text

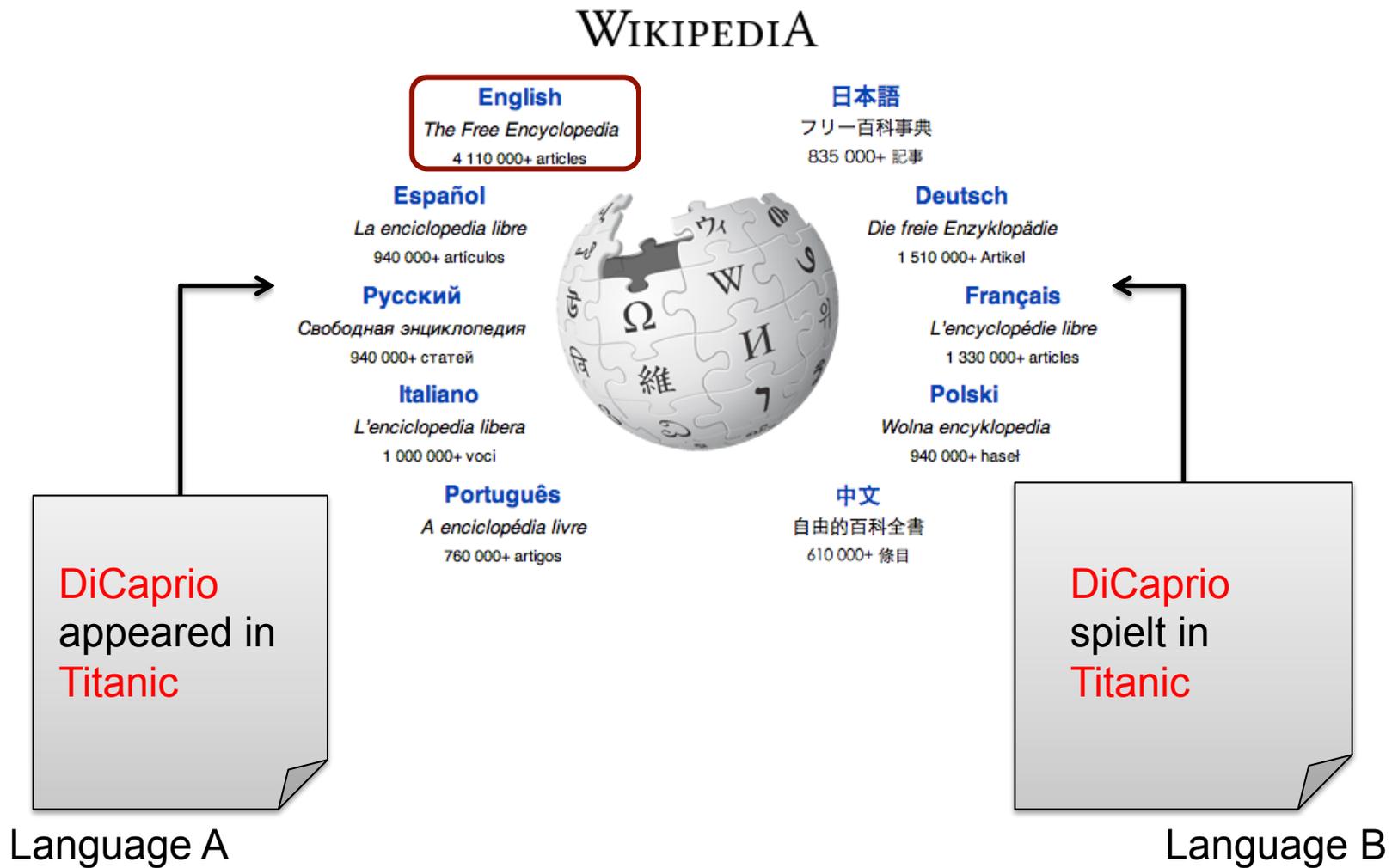
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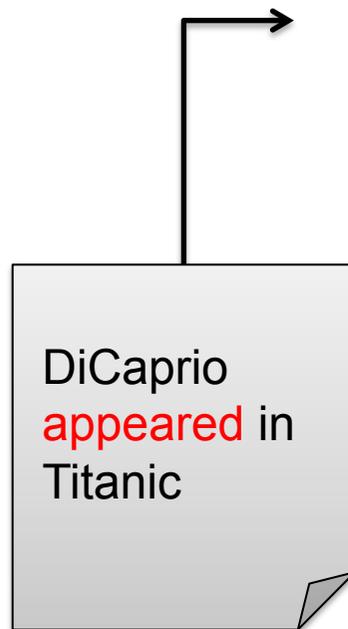
# Cross-lingual Entity Linking



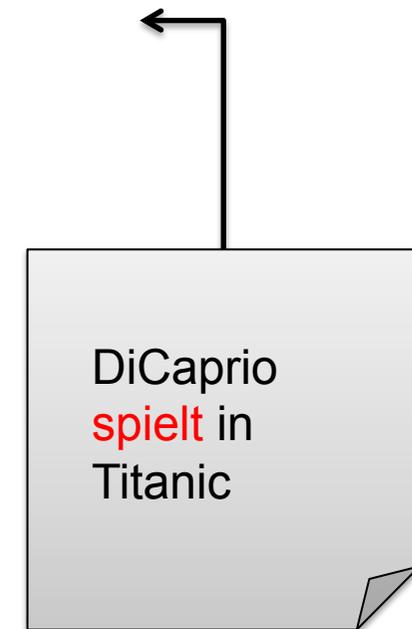
# Cross-lingual Relation Linking



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Language A



Language B

## Entity vs. Relation Linking

- Named Entities similar across languages
  - Many non-English labels
  - Lots of training data
  - Hard
- High variability how relation can be expressed
  - One English predicate label per language
  - No training data
  - Harder

# Representations of Entities vs. Relations

## Cross-lingual Lexica

Deutsch    中文    100 results    resource    New York (Bundesstaat)

Examples: [New\\_York](#)   [New\\_York\\_\(Bundesstaat\)](#)   [football \(Label\)](#)   [ipad \(Word\)](#)

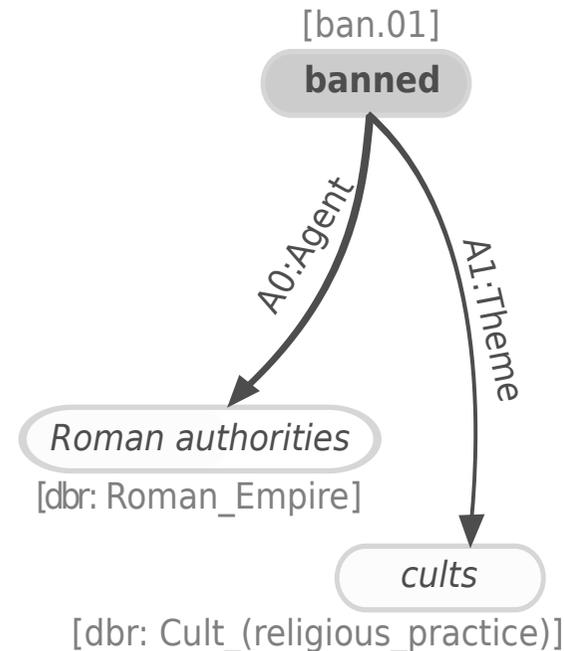
Interlingual Resources w.r.t. **New York (Bundesstaat)**:

Language	Resource
de	<a href="#">New York (Bundesstaat)</a>
zh	<a href="#">纽约州</a>
en	<a href="#">New York</a>
ca	<a href="#">Nova York (estat)</a>
es	<a href="#">Nueva York (estado)</a>
eu	<a href="#">New York (estatua)</a>
fr	<a href="#">État de New York</a>
hr	<a href="#">New York (savezna država)</a>
it	<a href="#">New York (stato)</a>
pt	<a href="#">Nova Iorque (estado)</a>
ru	<a href="#">Нью-Йорк (штат)</a>
sl	<a href="#">New York (zvezna država)</a>
sr	<a href="#">Нjuјорк (држава)</a>

Label Resource Reference Association w.r.t. **New York (Bundesstaat)**:

Label	P(lir)
紐約州	0.5149476831091181
纽约州	0.47832585949177875
紐約	0.007473841554559043
纽约	0.0029895366218236174
伊萨卡市	7.473841554559044E-4
帝國州	7.473841554559044E-4
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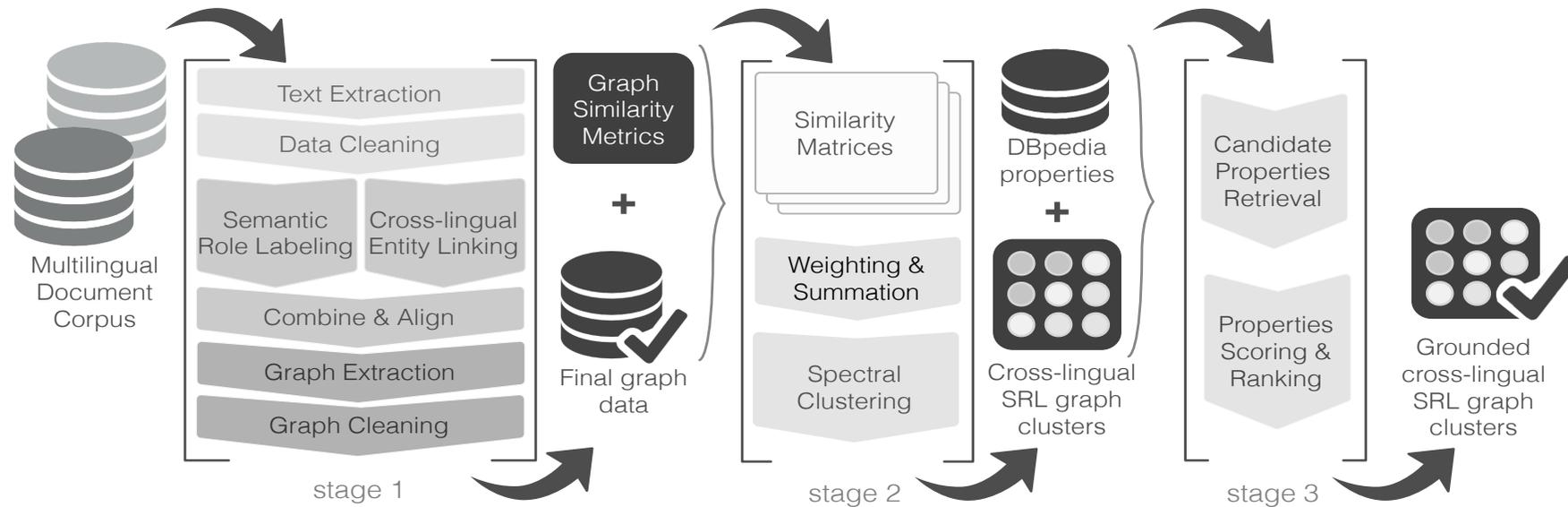
## Pattern formalism



<http://km.aifb.kit.edu/services/nlp-dbpedia/>

Output: List of graphs per relation

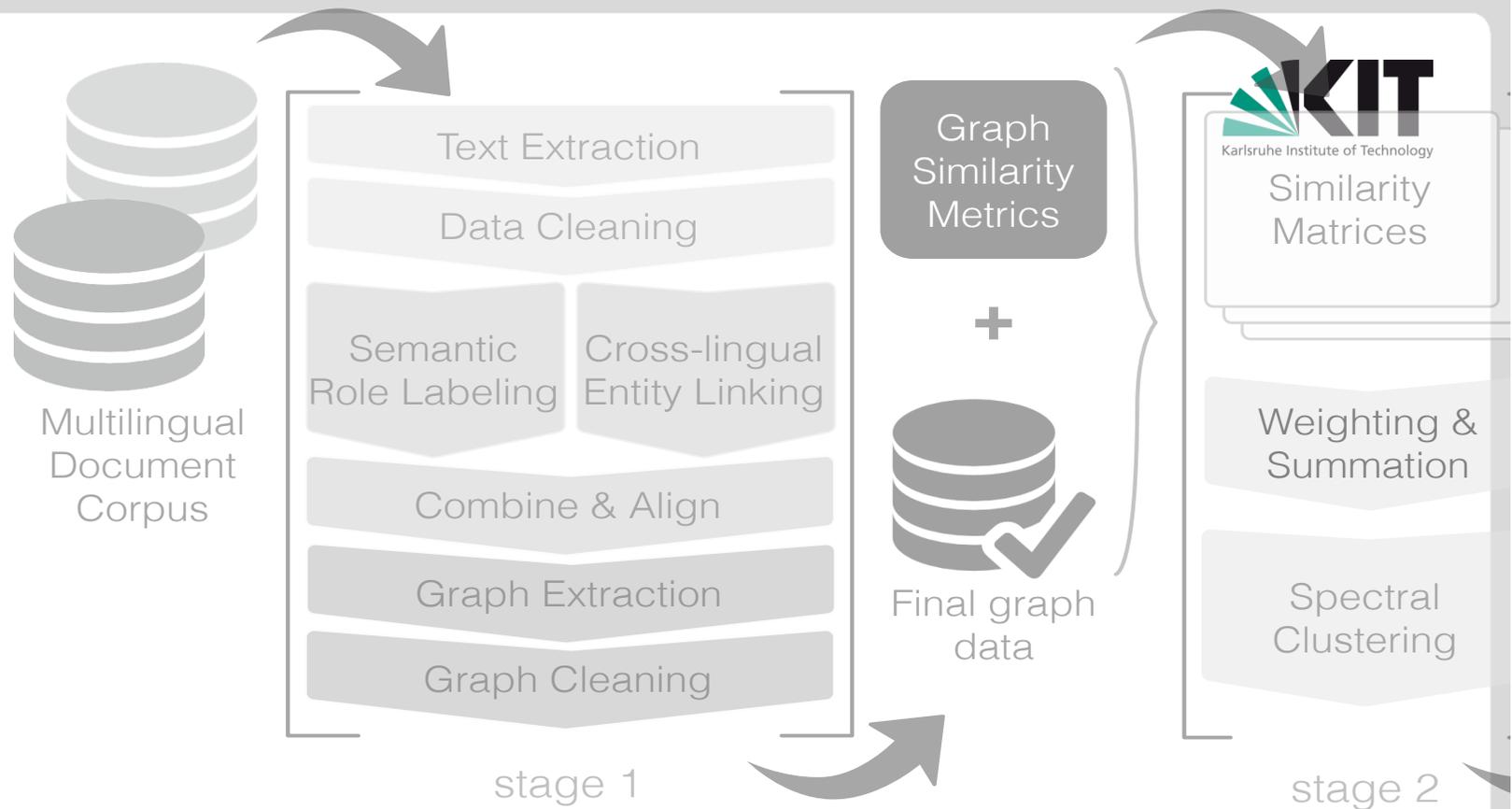
# Cross-lingual Relation Clustering and Grounding - Pipeline



**Stage 1.** Extract cross-lingual semantic representation of predicates

**Stage 2.** Find similar graphs

**Stage 3.** Link clusters of similar graphs

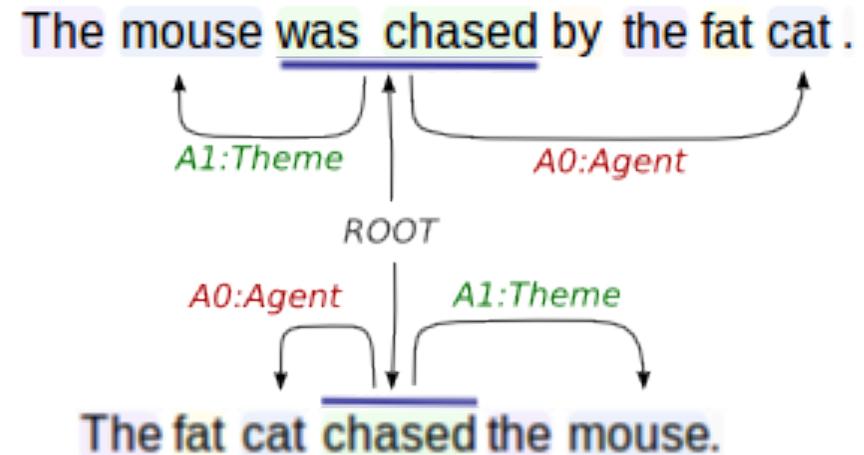
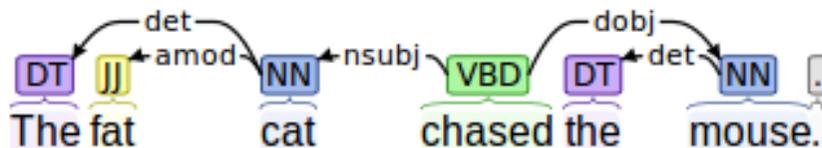
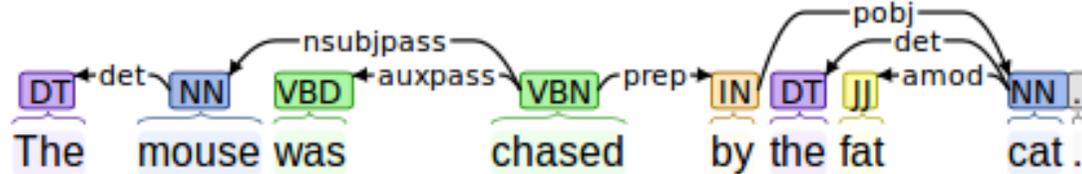


Stage 1

# CROSS-LINGUAL SEMANTIC REPRESENTATION

# Dependency Parsing vs Semantic Parsing

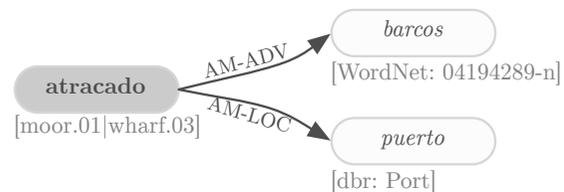
- Advantage of a semantic over shallow syntactic representation



# Multi-lingual SRL Graphs

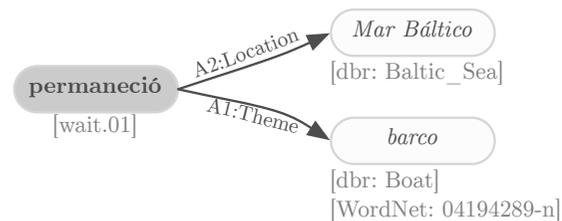
## Spanish sentence 1:

En mayo de 1937 el Deutschland estaba **atracado** en el *puerto* de Palma, en Mallorca, junto con otros *barcos* de guerra neutrales de las armadas británica e italiana.



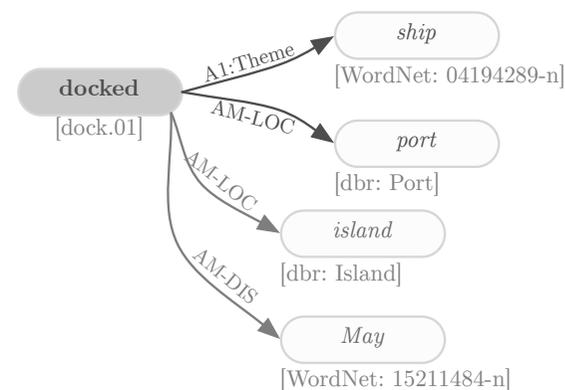
## Spanish sentence 3:

Los problemas en sus motores obligaron a una serie de reparaciones que culminaron en una revisión completa a fines de 1943, tras lo que el *barco* **permaneció** en el *Mar Báltico*.



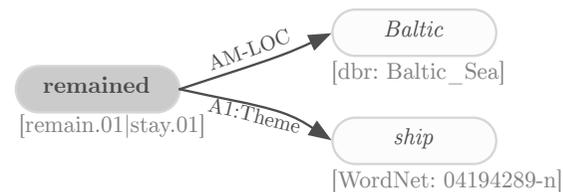
## English sentence 2:

In *May* 1937, the *ship* was **docked** in the *port* of Palma on the *island* of Majorca, along with several other neutral warships, including vessels from the British and Italian navies.



## English sentence 4:

Engine problems forced a series of repairs culminating in a complete overhaul at the end of 1943, after which the *ship* **remained** in the *Baltic*.



# Cross-lingual Meaning Representation

Only a few cults were banned by the Roman authorities...

**SRL**

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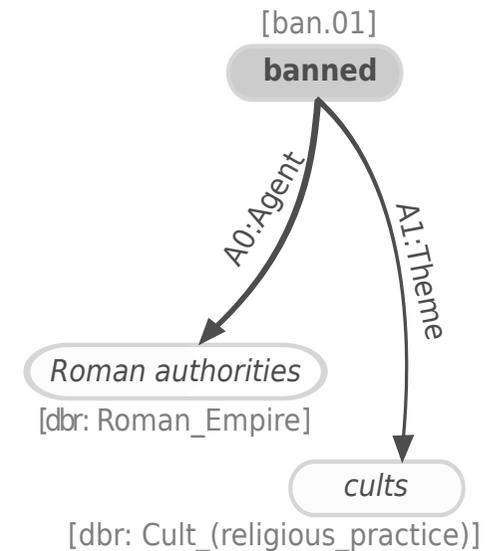
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**entity linking**

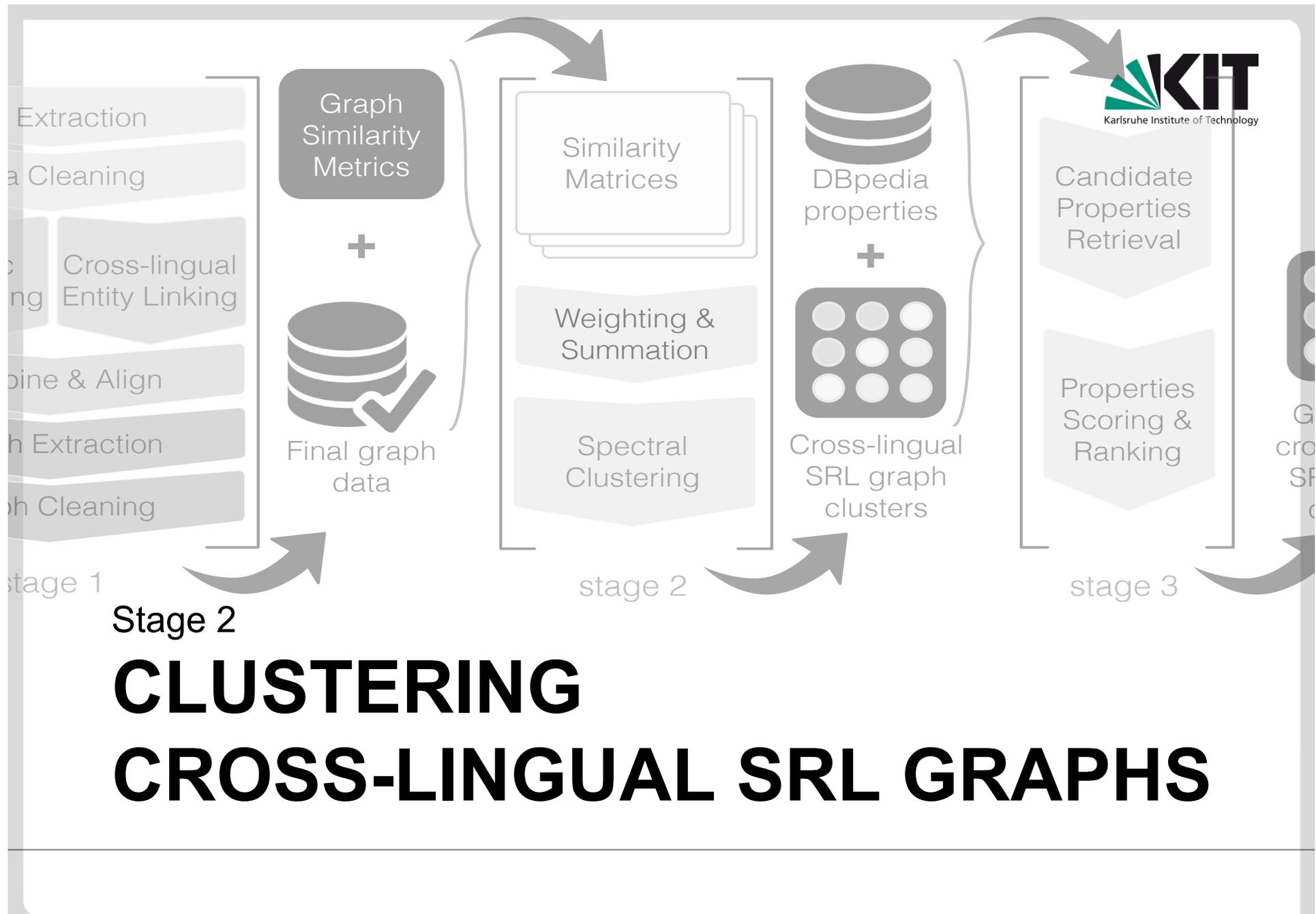
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Entity Linking tool:  
<https://people.aifb.kit.edu/lzh/xlisa/>



Stage 2

# CLUSTERING CROSS-LINGUAL SRL GRAPHS

# Similarity Metrics for SRL Graphs

- Three symmetric measures to quantify similarity of graph pairs

- Compare root predicates  $p(g)$

$$m_1(g_i, g_j) := \begin{cases} 1, & p(g_i) = p(g_j) \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

- Jaccard *similarity of the predicates'* annotated *argument sets*  $A(g)$

$$m_2(g_i, g_j) := \frac{|A(g_i) \cap A(g_j)|}{|A(g_i) \cup A(g_j)|}$$

- Jaccard similarity of the predicates' role label sets  $B(g)$

$$m_3(g_i, g_j) := \frac{|B(g_i) \cap B(g_j)|}{|B(g_i) \cup B(g_j)|}$$

# Similarity Matrix

- Extended Similarity Matrix  $S\hat{1}^*$ 
  - Linear combination of  $m1, m2, m3$
  - Apply cross-lingual constraint
    - decrease weight of monolingual predicate graph pairs

$$W_{ij} = \begin{cases} w_{monolingual} & \text{if } i \text{ and } j \text{ are monolingual} \\ 1 & \text{if } i \text{ and } j \text{ are crosslingual} \end{cases}$$

$$S_{ij}^* = W_{ij} \cdot S_{ij}$$

	atracado	remained	docked	permaneció
atracado	6	0.66	1.35	0.33
remained	-	6	1.06	2.38
docked	-	-	6	0.65
permaneció	-	-	-	6

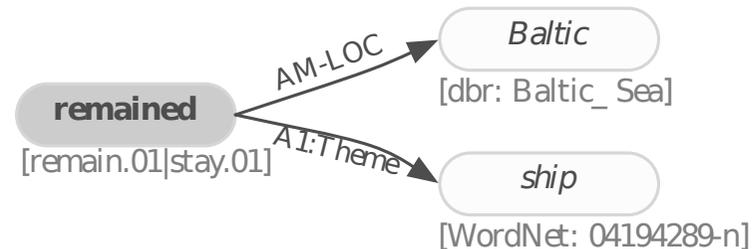
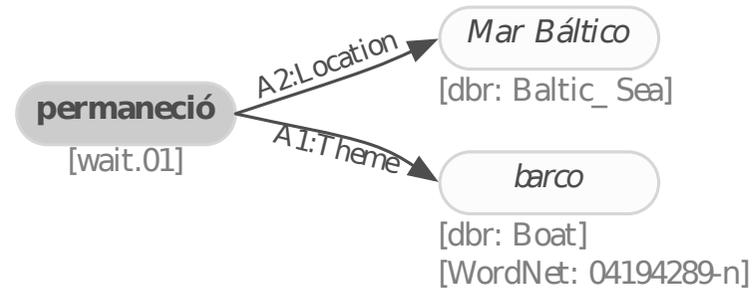
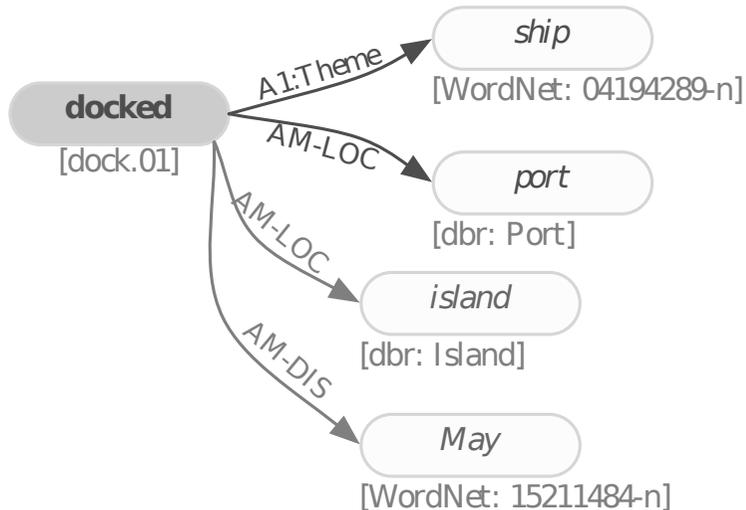
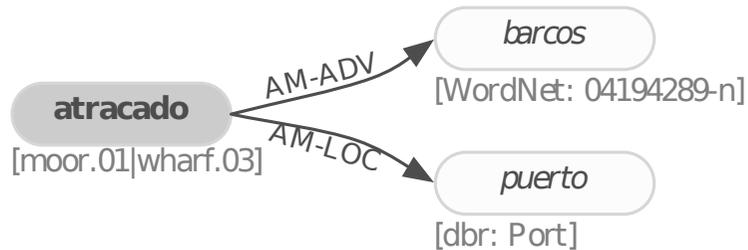
*monolingual inhibition*



$$w_{monolingual} = 0.5$$

	atracado	remained	docked	permaneció
atracado	3	0.66	1.35	0.17
remained	-	3	0.53	2.38
docked	-	-	3	0.65
permaneció	-	-	-	3

# Resulting Similarity Matrix



	atracado	remained	docked	permaneció
atracado	6	0.66	1.35	0.33
remained	-	6	1.06	2.38
docked	-	-	6	0.65
permaneció	-	-	-	6

# Result of Spectral Clustering

## ClusterID 488

advance.01  
*Ascendió, promoted, progressed, progress*

advance.00    promote.00    advertise.01 | promote.02  
*advance(x3)    promoted(x4)                    anuncio*

promote.02 | further.01 | encourage.02 | advance.01  
*advanced, further, promueve, promovido*

commit.01 | devote.01 | dedicate.01  
*dedicated*

## ClusterID 102

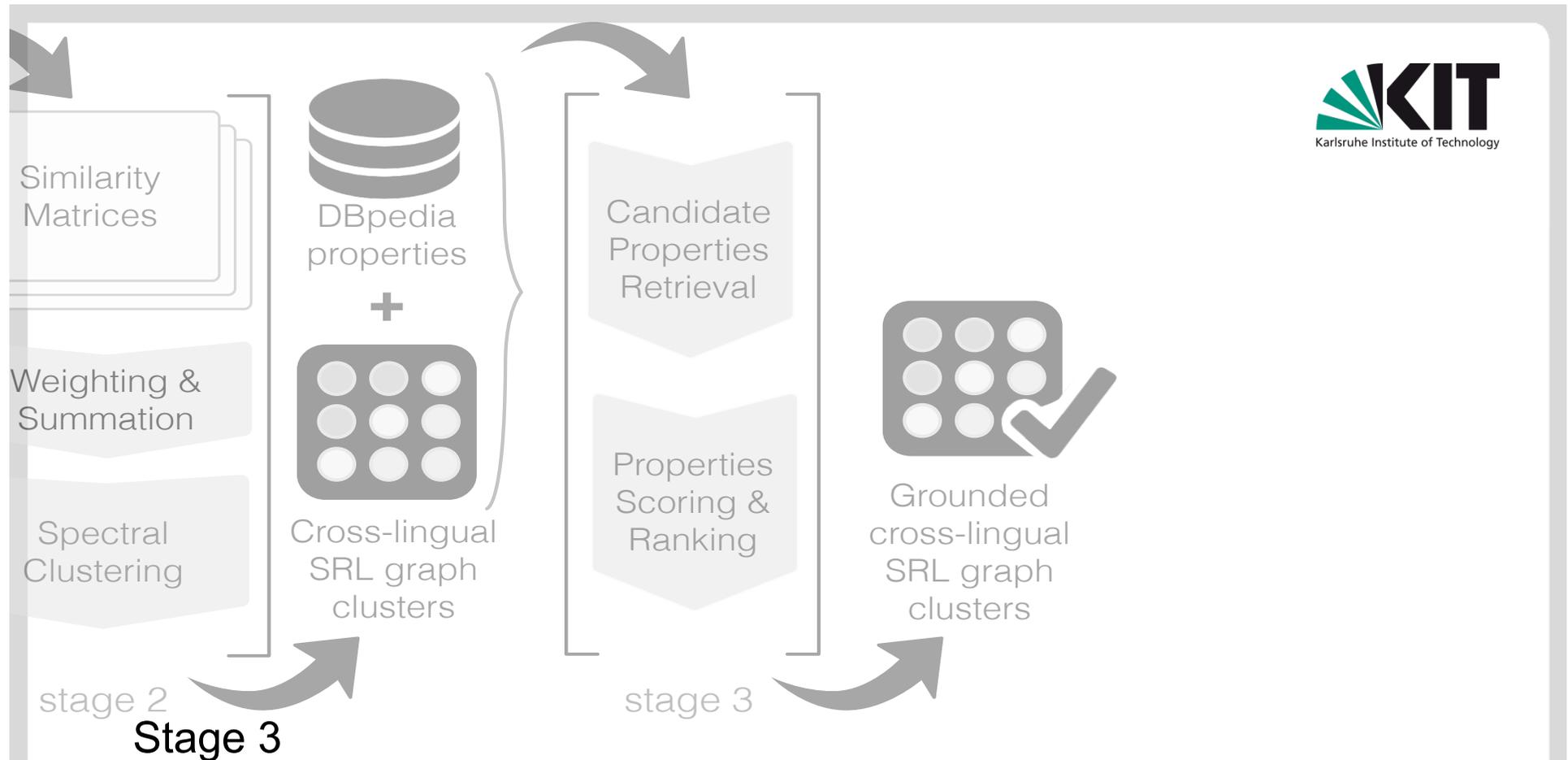
announce.01  
*proclamado(x3), proclamada, proclamadas, proclamó,  
anunció(x6), anuncia, anunciaron, announced(x2)*

announce.00  
*announced(x2)*

## ClusterID 389

detect.01 | notice.01 | observe.01  
*descubierta, encontró*

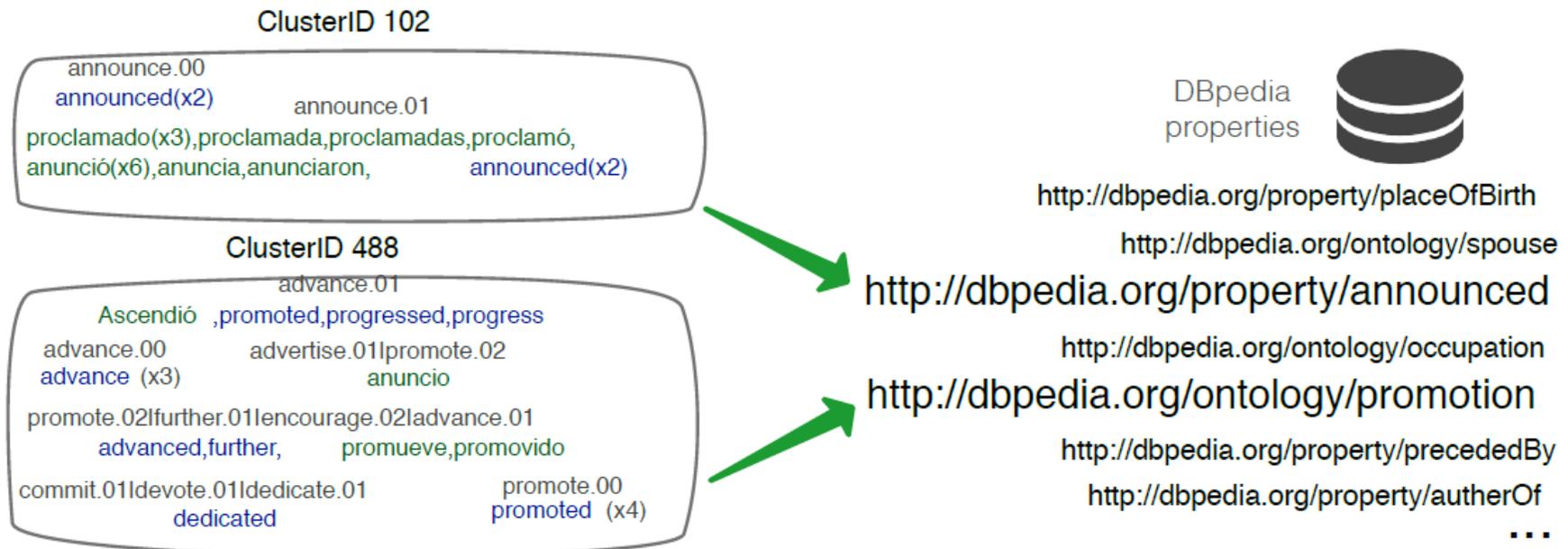
identificar.00  
*identificadas*



# LINKING GRAPH CLUSTERS

# Linking Predicate Clusters to DBpedia Properties

- For a given cluster of predicate graphs, generate a list of candidate DBpedia properties
  - collect the contained entities
  - query DBpedia for the set of associated in- and outbound properties
  - Rank the candidates by their absolute frequency



# EVALUATION QALD

# QALD Challenge

- Identify the formal properties contained in a natural-language question
- Multilingual Question Answering over Linked Data 4 (Task-1 of QALD4)
  - 188 in-scope questions in EN and ES

QuestionID: 200

EN: *Who produces Orangina?*

ES: *¿Quién produce Orangina?*

Gold-standard SPARQL query:

```
PREFIX dbo: <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>
PREFIX res: <http://dbpedia.org/resource/>
SELECT DISTINCT ?uri WHERE {
    ?uri dbo:product res:Orangina .
}
```

# Baselines

- **Baseline 1: String Similarity-based Property Linking**
  - between the question tokens and all DBpedia property labels
  - Naive, mono-lingual due to labels mostly in EN
  
- **Baseline 2: Entity-based Property Linking**
  - Query properties of entities appearing in the given question
  - String similarity between property labels and question tokens
  - Two ways to extract entities from question:
    - WITHOUT SRL: Do plain entity linking
    - WITH SRL: Generate SRL graph and take only the annotated arguments

## Results: Baseline Performance

### ■ Baseline1

Baseline 1	Precision	Recall	F1-measure
English	2.15%	10.68%	3.58%

### ■ Baseline 2

		string similarity threshold					
		0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
WITHOUT SRL	precision EN [%]	2.2	5.0	11.3	19.3	21.9	21.6
	precision ES [%]	0.7	1.9	5.0	6.3	12.5	21.4
	F1-measure EN [%]	4.1	8.4	15.7	22.6	23.2	22.3
	F1-measure ES [%]	1.4	2.9	6.0	6.8	14.3	22.0
WITH SRL	precision EN [%]	3.2	6.7	16.8	24.3	23.5	22.5
	precision ES [%]	0.7	1.9	5.6	3.2	10.0	0.0
	F1-measure EN [%]	5.4	9.7	19.2	26.5	24.5	22.5
	F1-measure ES [%]	1.2	2.5	6.2	3.1	10.5	0.0

Table 5.2: Performance of Baseline 2 without and with SRL graph extraction for different string similarity threshold values.

## Results: Effect of diversity of data

	Dataset 1: "long articles"		Dataset 2: "short articles"	
	English	Spanish	English	Spanish
# documents	29	29	1,063	1,063
# extracted graphs	10,421	14,864	13,009	12,402
# mentioned DBpedia entities	2,065		13,870	
# unique DBpedia entities	1,379		6,300	

lang.	clustering configuration				performance [%]		
	dataset	# clusters	# eigenvectors	$w_{monolingual}$	precision	recall	F1
EN	2 (short)	200	100	0.0	27.09	26.25	26.67
EN	2 (short)	200	50	0.0	24.12	23.85	23.98
ES	2 (short)	200	100	0.0	28.70	27.47	28.07
ES	2 (short)	200	50	0.0	27.68	26.50	27.07
EN	1 (long)	200	100	0.0	21.30	21.00	21.15
EN	1 (long)	200	100	0.0	20.38	20.19	20.28
ES	1 (long)	200	50	0.0	21.33	20.87	21.10
ES	1 (long)	200	50	0.0	18.98	18.64	18.81

Table 4: Best performing results for "short articles" vs "long articles".

## Results: Effect of # of eigenvectors

- More eigenvectors increases performance
- Outperforms Baseline 2 by ca. 6%
- Robust in terms of input language

lang.	clustering configuration				performance [%]		
	dataset	#clusters	#eigenvectors	$w_{monolingual}$	precision	recall	F1
EN	2 (short)	500	500	0.5	27.65	27.15	27.04
EN	2 (short)	200	200	0.5	27.23	26.87	27.05
ES	2 (short)	200	500	0.5	29.09	27.35	28.19
ES	2 (short)	200	300	0.5	29.09	27.35	28.19
EN	2 (short)	200	50	0.5	25.00	24.56	24.77
EN	2 (short)	500	50	0.5	21.58	21.49	21.53
ES	2 (short)	200	50	0.5	18.02	17.94	17.98
ES	2 (short)	500	50	0.5	13.24	13.24	13.24

Table 5: Best performing results in respect to number of eigenvectors.

# SUMMARY

# Cross-lingual Semantic Clusters of Relations

- Extract **relation expressions** from different languages
- Extracted expressions are **embedded in a semantic graph**, describing the context this expression appears in.
- Semantically-related relation expressions and their associated context **are disambiguated and clustered across languages.**
- If existing, relation clusters are linked **to their corresponding property** in the English DBpedia

Thank you!

**QUESTIONS?**