

# Knowledge Graph Construction From Optimization To Automation

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# A bit about myself...

PhD in Artificial Intelligence at Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (2021)

“Knowledge Graph Construction from Heterogeneous  
Data Sources Exploiting Declarative Mapping Rules”



Co-chair W3C Community Group on Knowledge Graph Construction (2019-now) 

Main Coordinator of Open Summer of Code Spain (2018-2021)



Workshop Organizer: Knowledge Graph Construction and Semantics For Transport

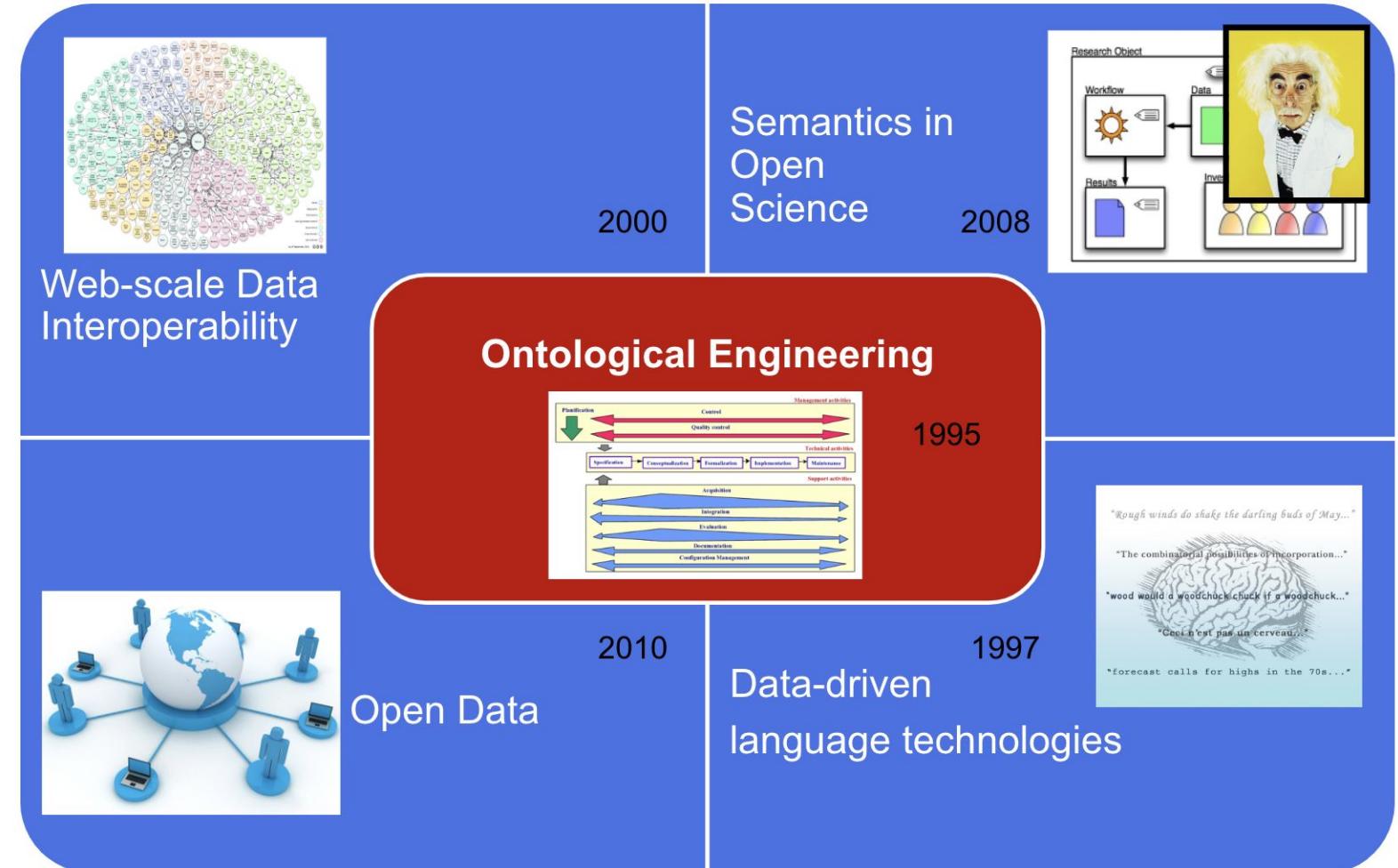


# Ontology Engineering Group

**Universidad Politécnica  
de Madrid (UPM)**  
*(most important technical  
university in Spain)*

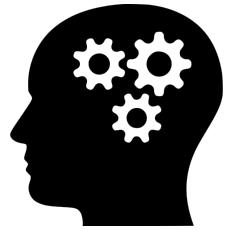
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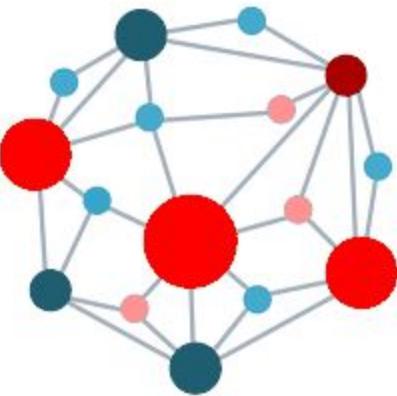


# Knowledge Graphs

KG  
Embeddings



Multilinguality



Search  
Interfaces



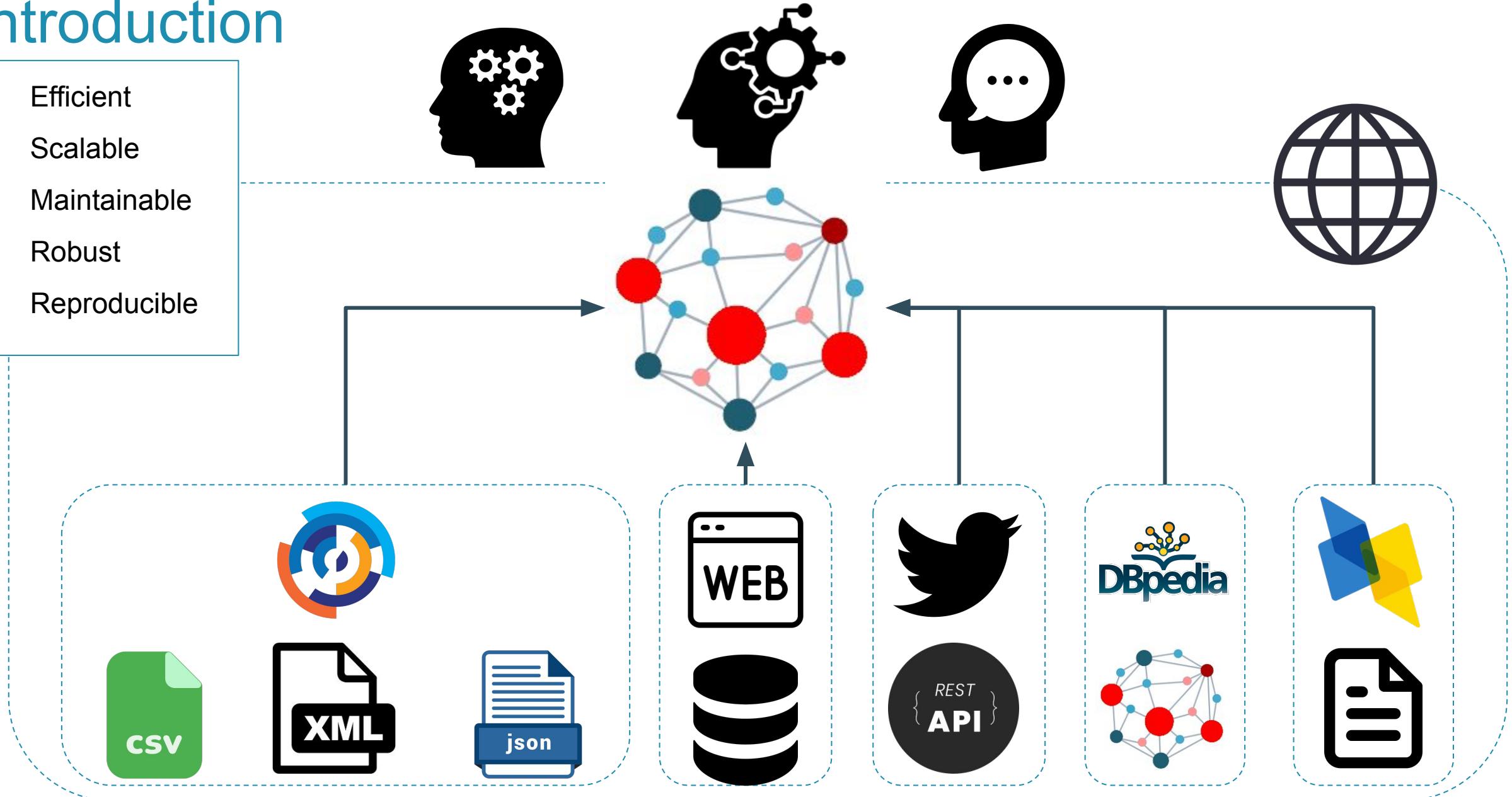
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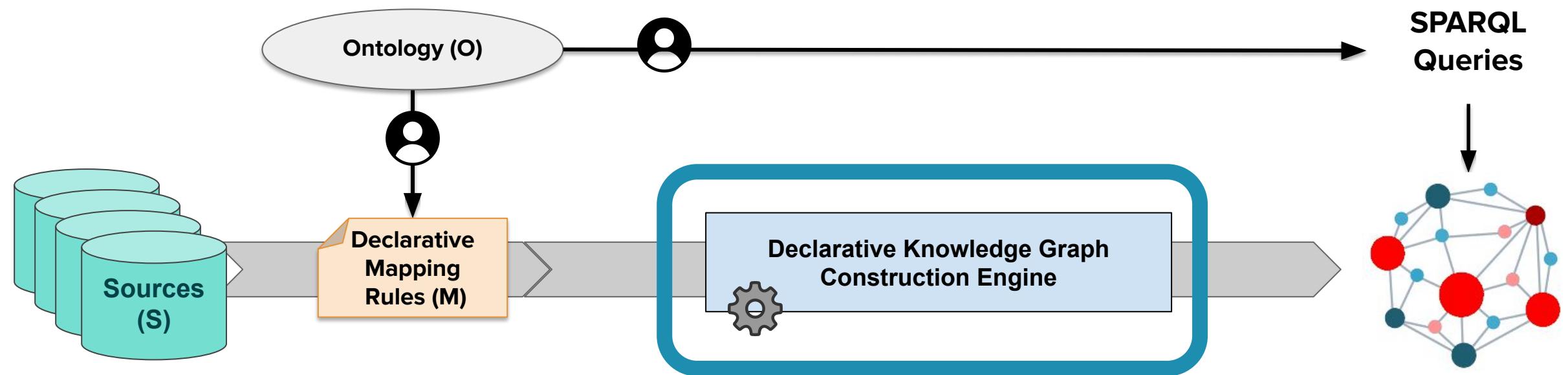
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# Introduction

- Efficient
- Scalable
- Maintainable
- Robust
- Reproducible



# Knowledge Graph Construction



**Knowledge Graph Construction = Data Integration System (DIS) =  $\langle S, M, O \rangle$**

# Main Contributions to the SoA

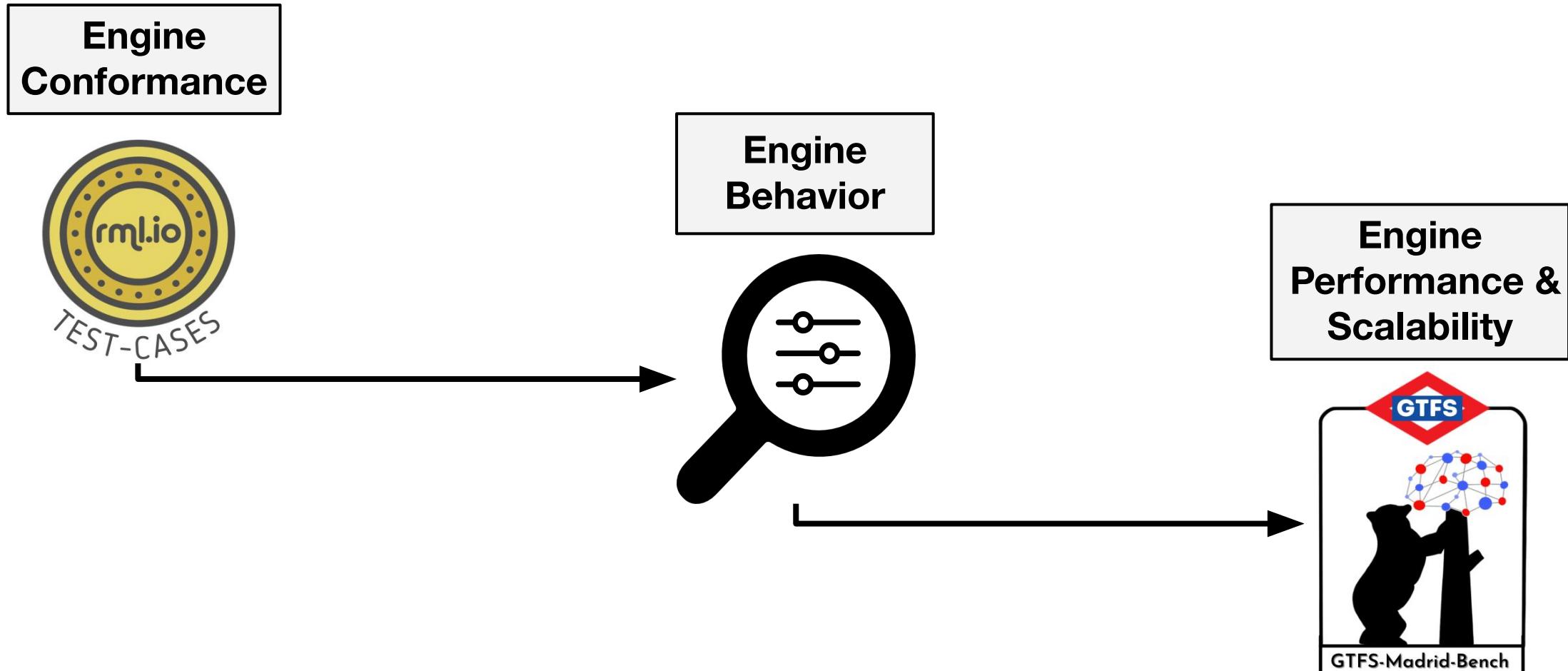
## Research:

- 1) Evaluation framework for KGC engines
- 2) Optimizations over KGC:
  - a) Cleansing KGC
  - b) Materialized KGC (data transformation)

## Applications:

- 1) Main author of the Spanish guideline on KGC for Open Data Portals
- 2) Lead researcher of “Knowledge Graph Construction for Universities” project
- 3) Worked on several EU and National projects in the Transport Domain

# Evaluation Framework I



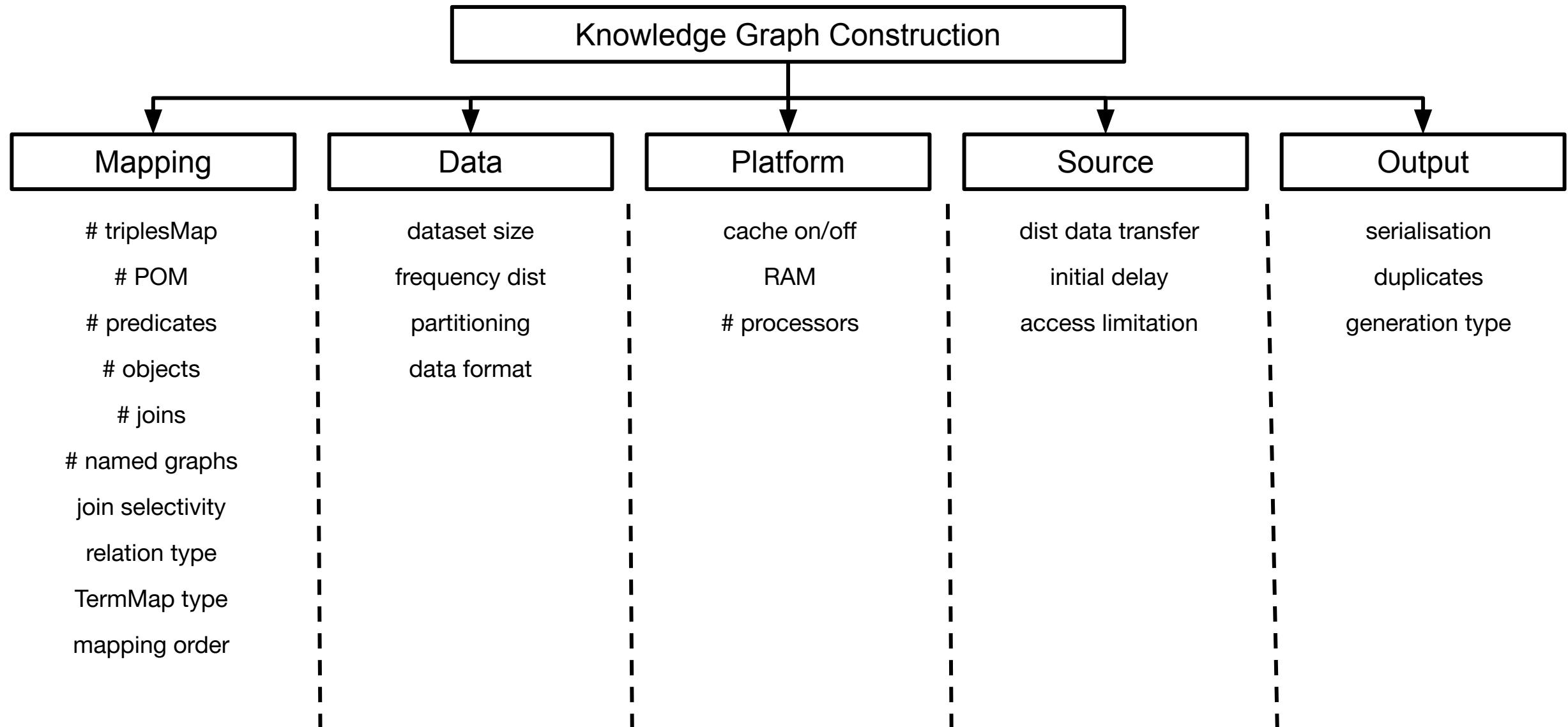
**Evaluation Framework for Declarative Knowledge Graph  
Construction Engines from Heterogeneous Data Sources**

# Analysis of parameters that affect the construction of Knowledge Graphs

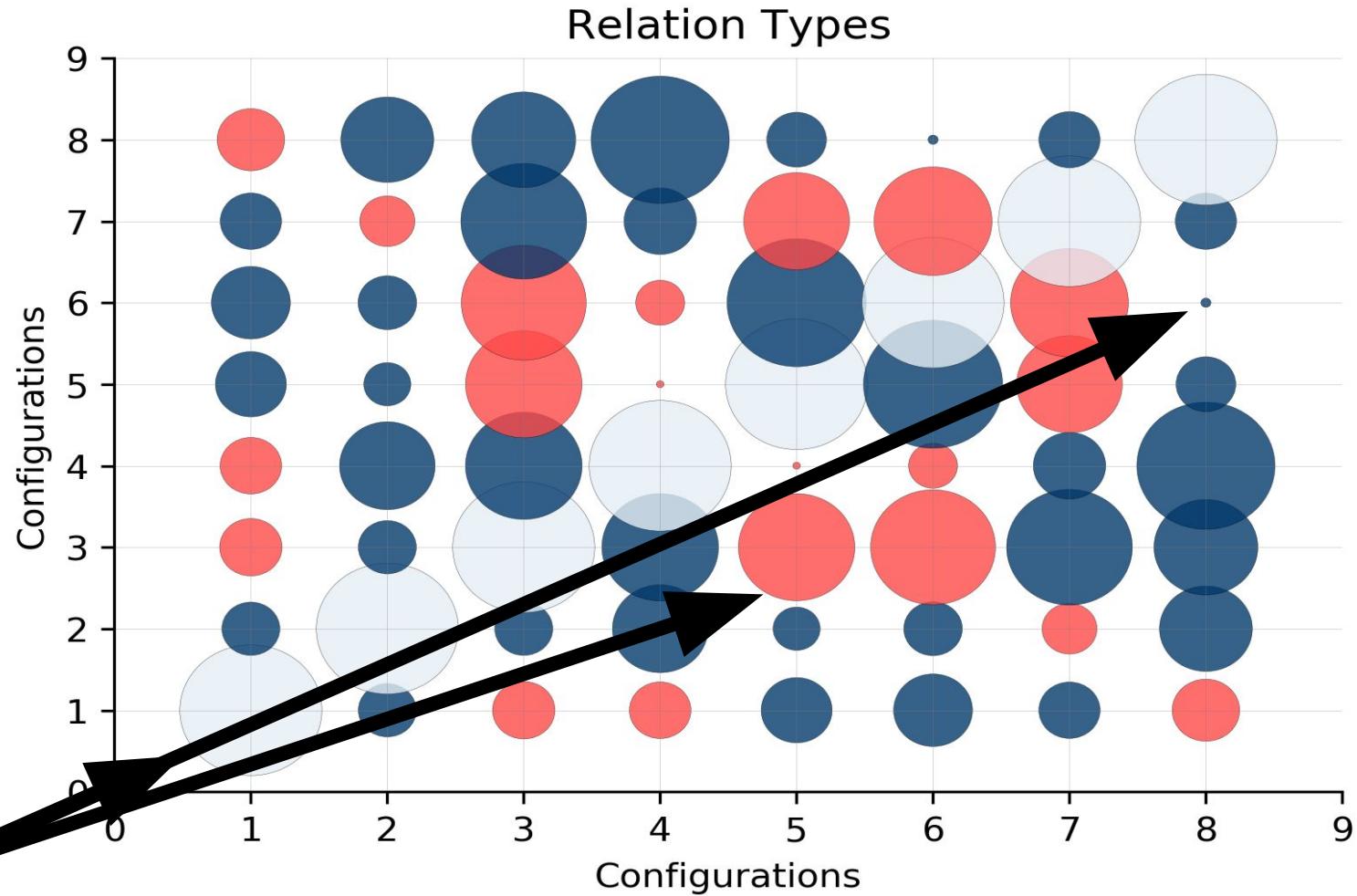


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# Independent Variables



# Results for Relation Types



# GTFS-Madrid-Bench: A Benchmark for Knowledge Graph Construction Engines

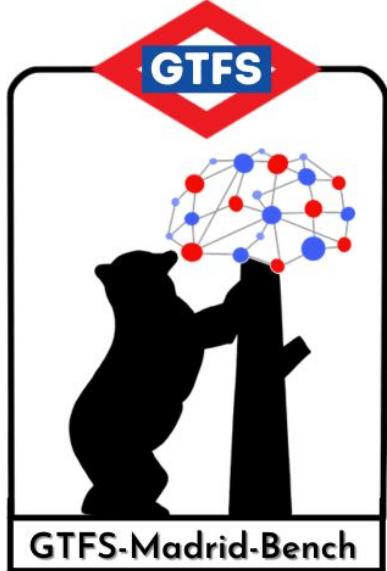


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# Highlights



## A comprehensive benchmark for (virtual) knowledge graph access

- Transport Domain (GTFS)
- Unified evaluation framework for heterogeneous KGC engines
- Tested over 5 virtual tools and 10 materializers tools
- Highly influenced by BSBM (queries) and NPD (data generation)

# Mappings and Queries Features

## Dataset:

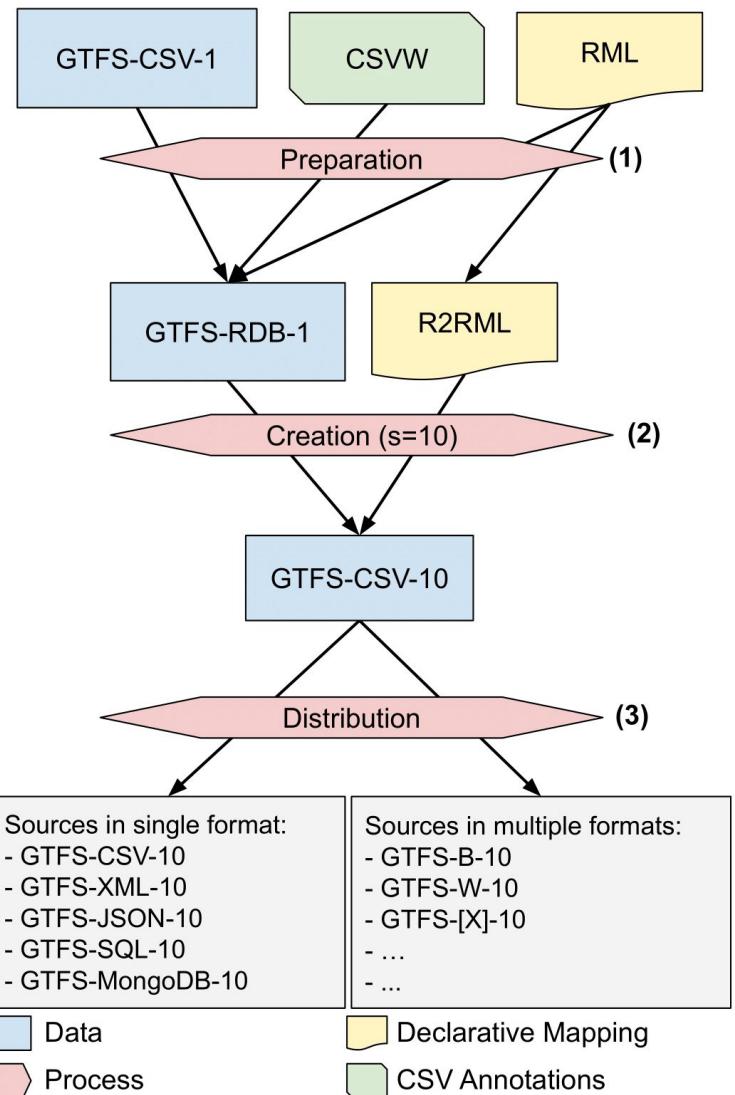
- Morph-CSV to generate GTFS-RDB
- VIG to scale-up
- Distribution based on user preferences

## Queries:

- 18 queries covering different configurations and SPARQL operators
- Aligned with user stories in Madrid's transport domain
- Triple patterns: from 3 to 15; Sources: 1 to 5
- Single and chain star-shaped groups

## Mappings:

- 10 Sources, 12 TriplesMap (12 Classes), 71 POM (70 P), 60 SOM, 11 ROM
- 1 R2RML, 5 RML (YARRRML serialization), 1 xR2RML, 1 CSVW annotations + RML-Mapping generator



# Evaluation

*TO (TimeOut), W (wrong n° results), E (error executing the query)*

Dataset	Processor		Query																	
	Cache	Name	q1	q2	q3	q4	q5	q6	q7	q8	q9	q10	q11	q12	q13	q14	q15	q16	q17	q18
GTFS-SQL-1	Warm	Morph-RDB	5.85	02.07	E	1.82	W	1.86	1.97	E	26.02	1.80	E	1.81	2.06	W	1.89	E	2.11	E
	Cold	Ontario	18.02	E	TO	E	E	E	E	W	E	E	E	E	E	W	E	E	E	
		Morph-RDB	7.14	2.65	E	2.42	W	2.36	2.43	E	28.65	2.38	E	2.41	2.69	W	2.58	E	2.68	E
		Ontop	8.37	05.04	5.18	E	W	E	W	E	16.56	E	E	E	05.06	W	5.10	W	5.00	W
GTFS-MongoDB-1	Warm	Morph-xR2RML	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	28.67	W	W	6.52	W
	Cold	Morph-xR2RML	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	28.17	W	W	6.96	W
GTFS-CSV-1	Cold	Morph-RDB	6.94	03.04	E	2.78	E	2.78	TO	E	TO	2.97	E	6.23	3.97	E	E	E	3.14	W
		Morph-CSV	15.11	10.88	E	10.72	E	9.95	10.84	E	40.90	10.70	E	11.60	11.82	E	E	E	11.48	W
		Ontario	W	E	17.34	E	E	E	E	W	E	E	E	E	E	W	E	E	E	
GTFS-XML-1	Cold	Ontario	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	
GTFS-JSON-1	Cold	Ontario	18.04	E	17.14	E	E	E	E	W	E	E	E	E	E	W	E	E	E	
GTFS-MINEXT-1	Cold	Ontario	W	E	E	E	E	E	E	W	E	E	E	E	E	W	E	E	E	
GTFS-MAXEXT-1	Cold	Ontario	W	E	17.14	E	E	E	E	W	E	E	E	E	E	W	E	E	E	

- Only the SPARQL-to-SQL engines provide an acceptable support for SPARQL operators
- Virtual KGC proposals beyond relational databases are not mature enough and more research is needed
- The problem of translating SPARQL queries for querying raw data (CSV, JSON, XML) should not be understood as a technical case

## Virtual Knowledge Graph Construction over Tabular Data

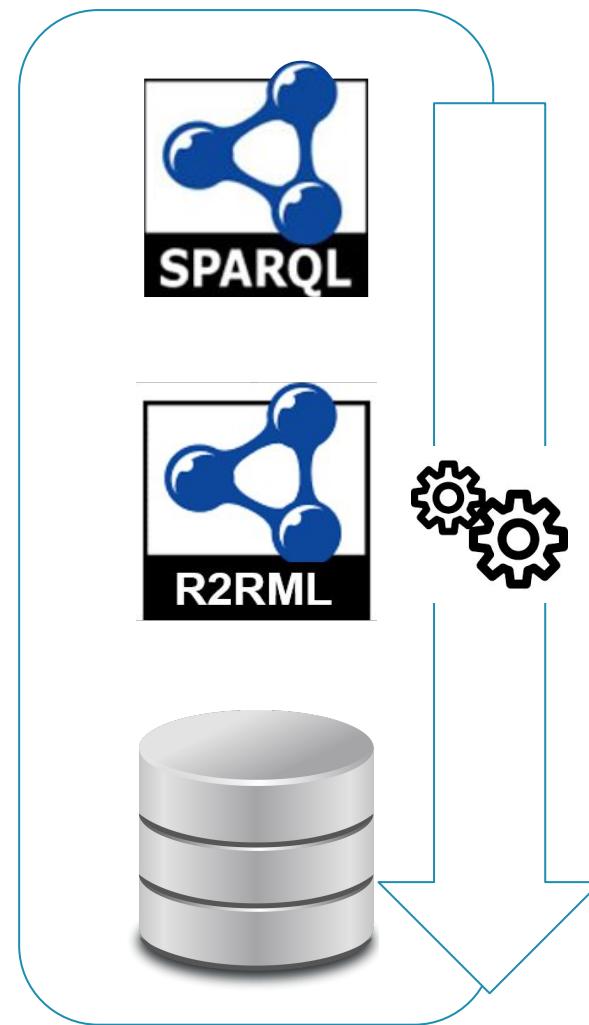
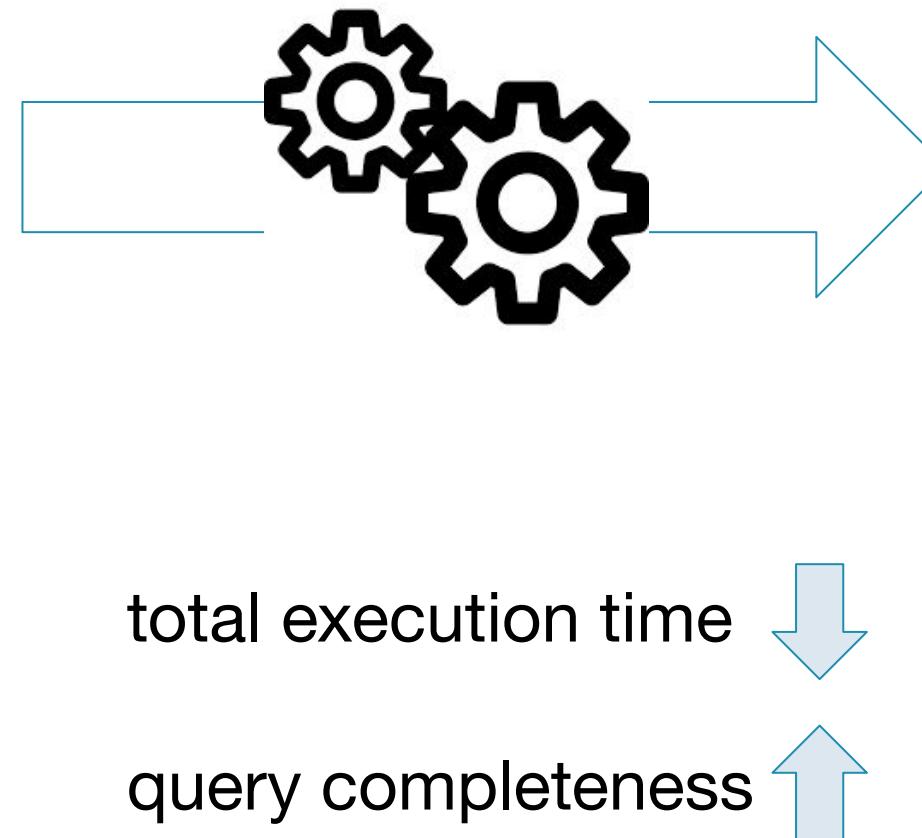
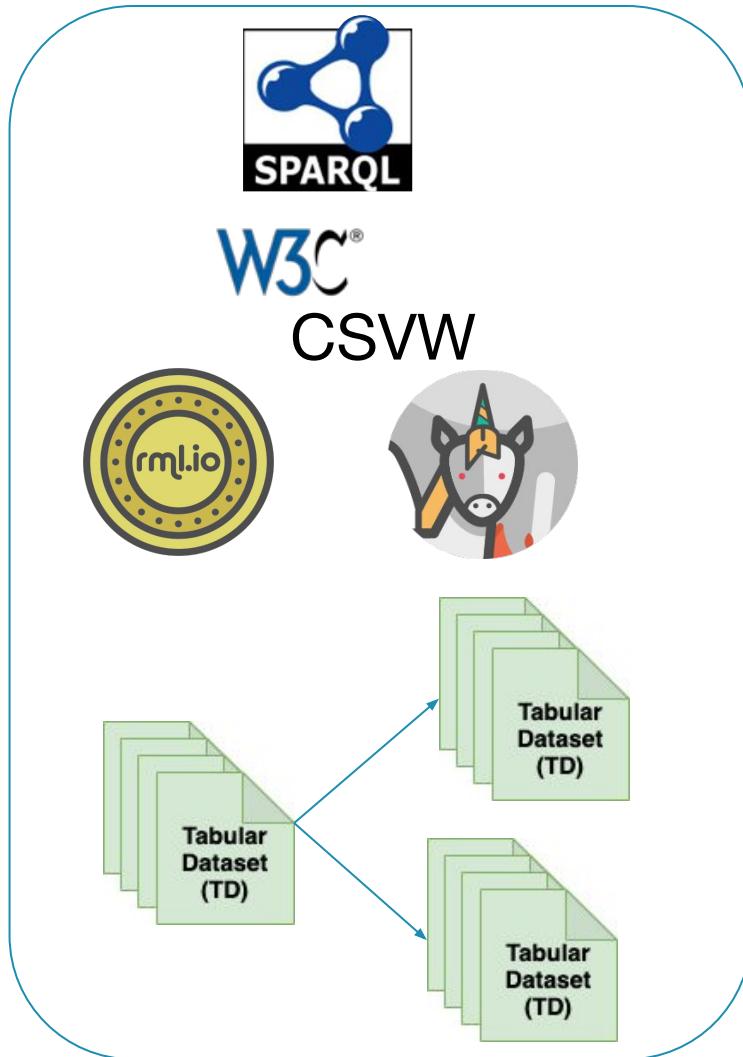


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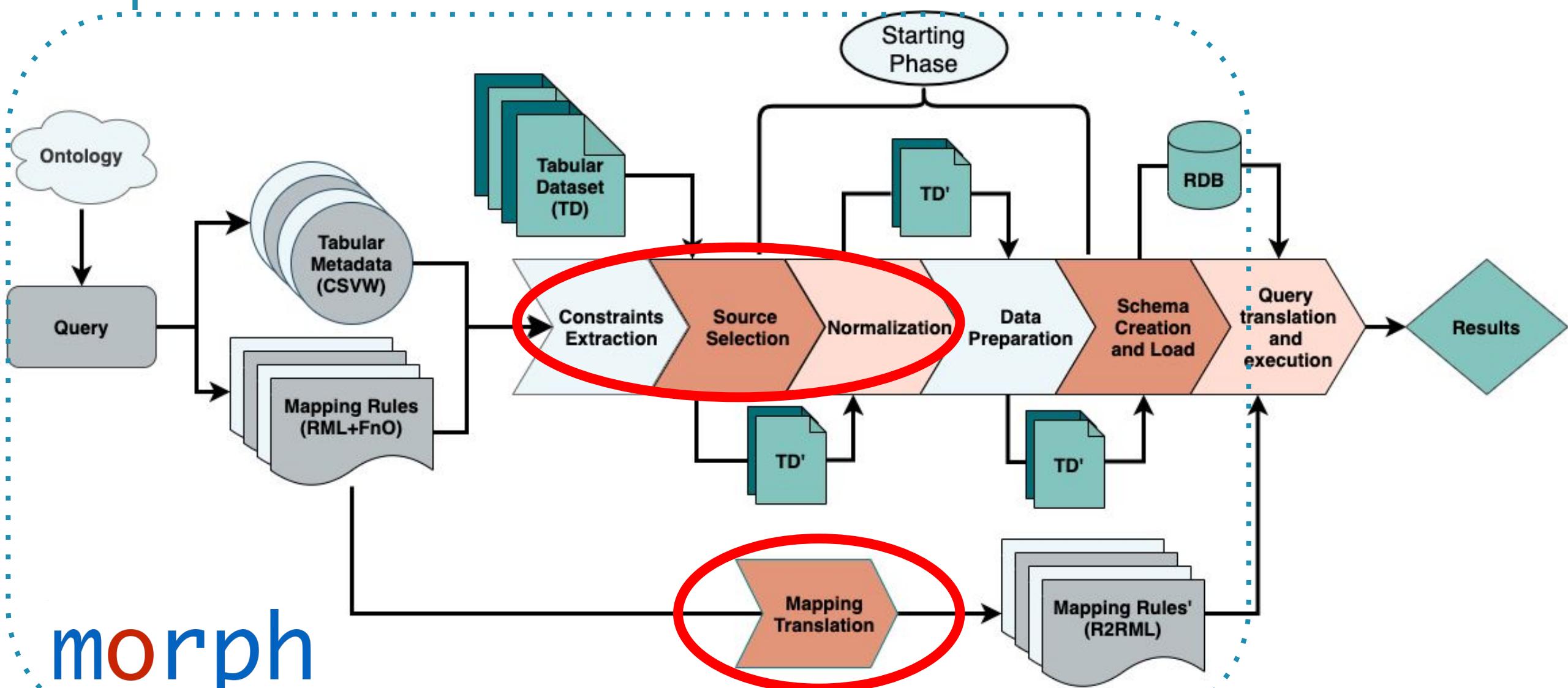


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# Objectives



# Morph-CSV



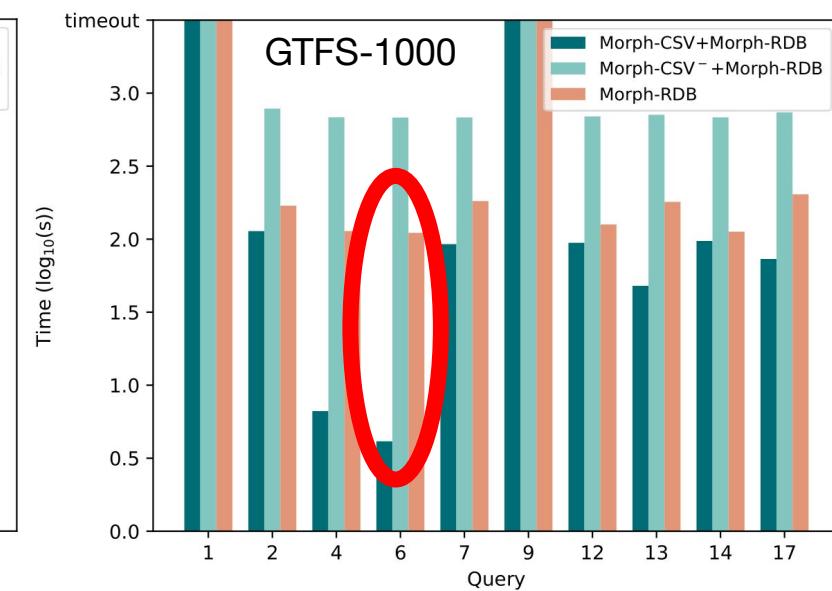
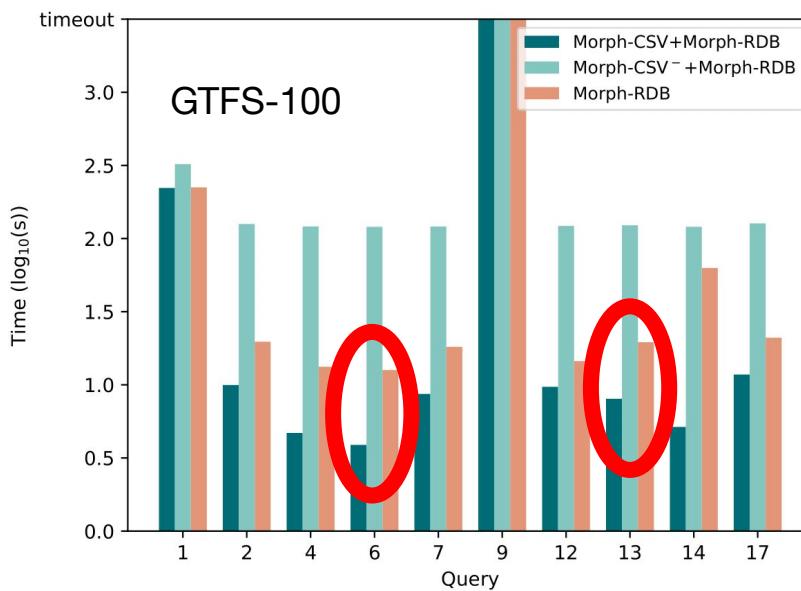
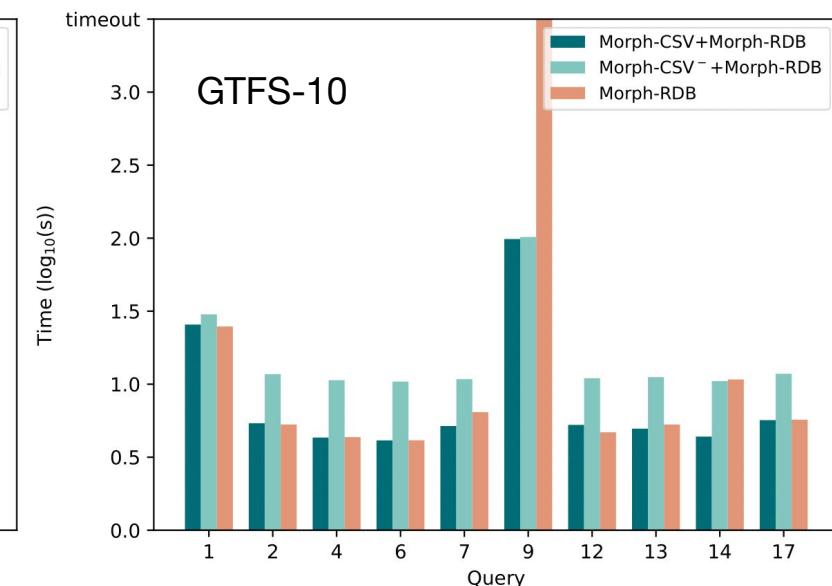
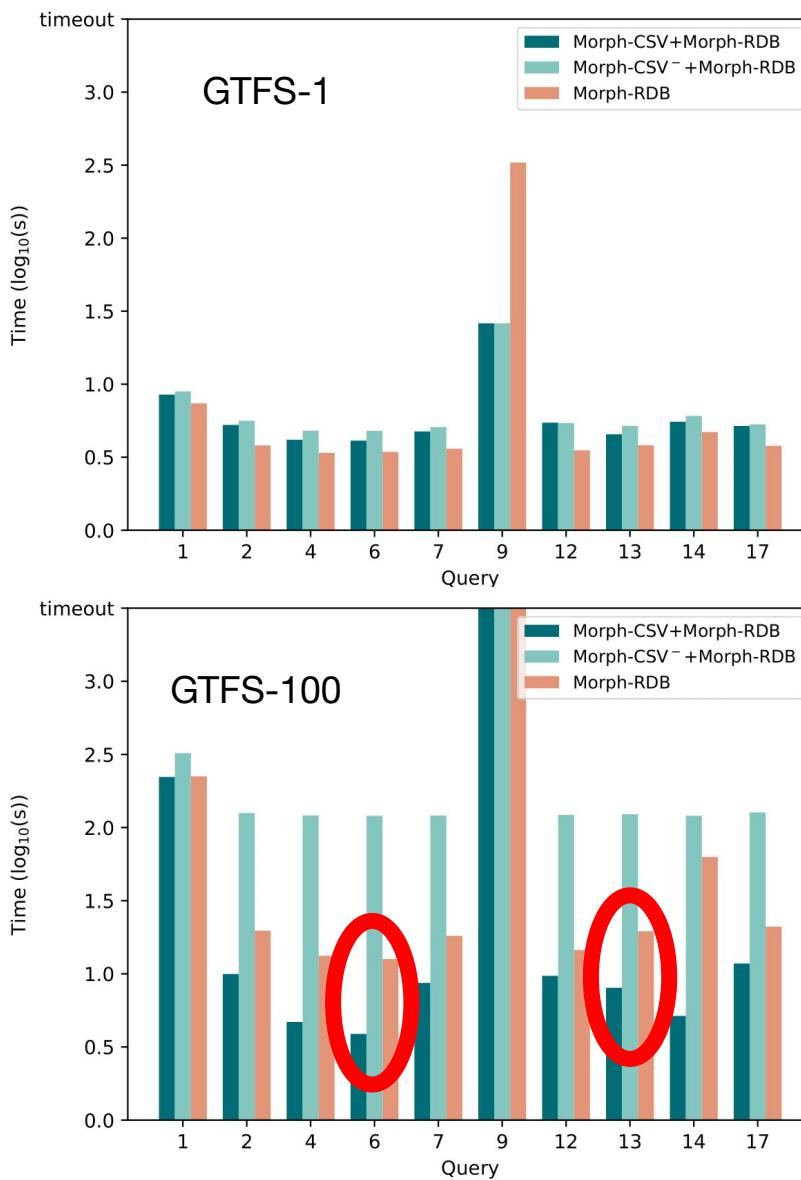
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# GTFS-Madrid-Bench

Baseline:  
Morph-RDB

Approach 1 (complete RDB):  
Morph-CSV<sup>-</sup> + Morph-RDB

Approach 2 (source selection):  
Morph-CSV + Morph-RDB



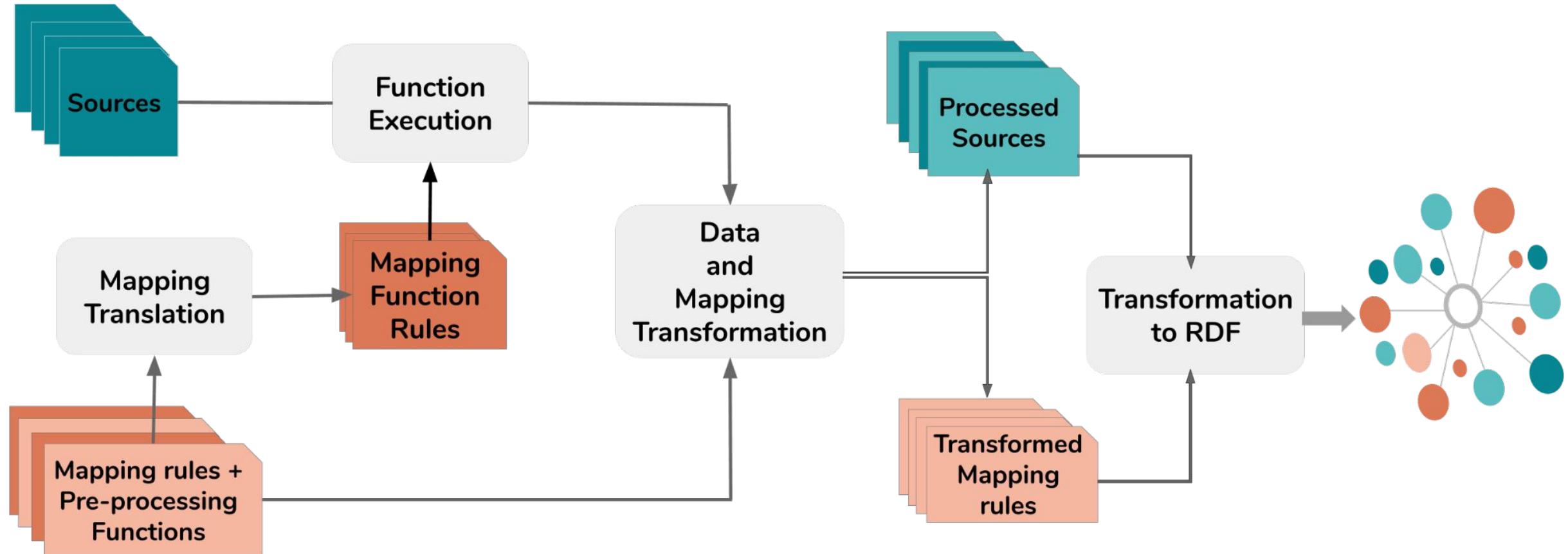


## FunMap: Efficient Execution of Functional Mappings for Scaled-Up Knowledge Graph Creation



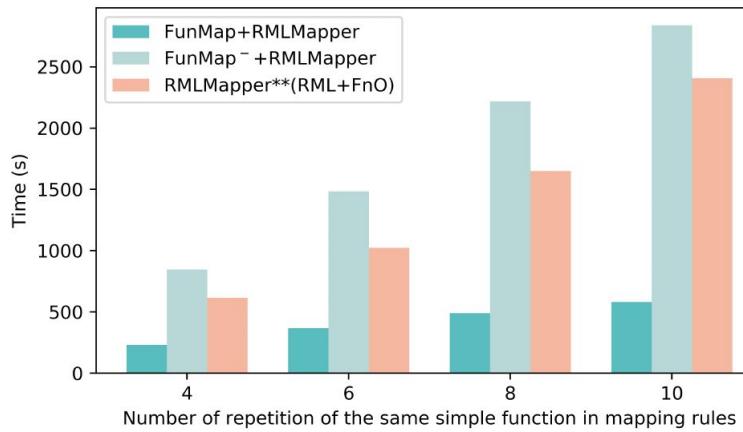
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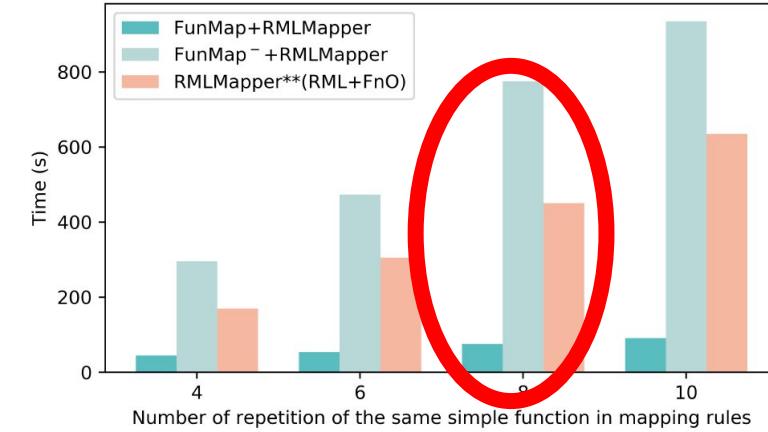


# Experimental results

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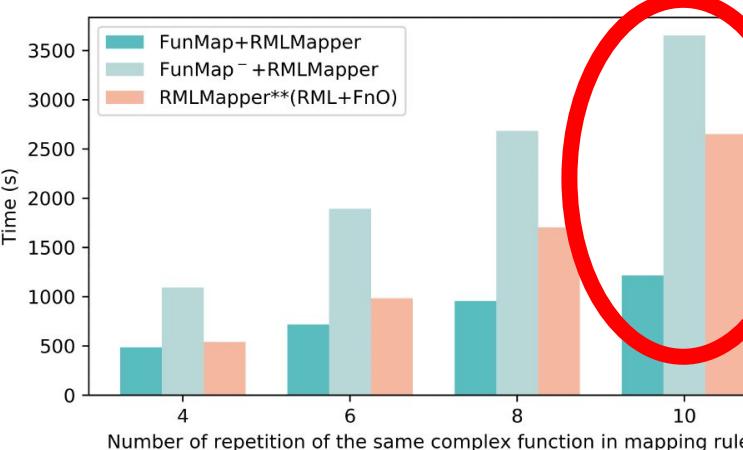


(c) RMLMapper - 25% of duplicates

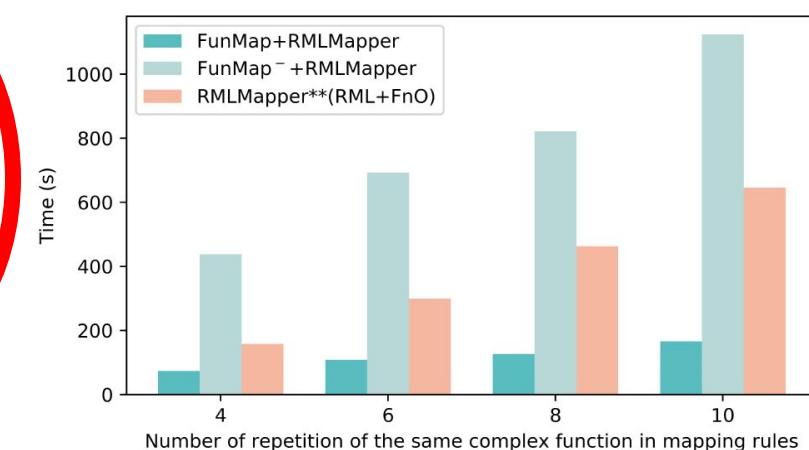


(d) RMLMapper - 75% of duplicates

Complex  
functions  
(if, replace,  
multiple  
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(c) RMLMapper - 25% of duplicates



(d) RMLMapper - 75% of duplicates

# Other relevant contributions...

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# Next (or Current) Steps at KU Leuven

Competitive Margarita Salas Fellowship (granted by UPM)

- 2 years at KU Leuven (2022-2023) + 1 year coming back to OEG (2024)

DecentralizedData4All:

- Rejected as Marie-Curie proposal :-(, but good reviews (82.4/100)
- **Next generation of KGC engines**
  - a) Automation of rules generation (semantic tabular annotation)
  - b) Automation of data cleansing pipelines (learning + efficient)
  - c) Explainable and reproducible workflows for data transformation
  - d) RML standardization through W3C
  - e) RDF-star generation from RML-star mappings

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# First contribution at KGCW2022 (ESWC)

## Declarative Description of Knowledge Graphs Construction Automation: Status & Challenges

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### Abstract

Nowadays, Knowledge Graphs (KG) are among the most powerful mechanisms to represent knowledge and integrate data from multiple domains. However, most of the available data sources are still described in heterogeneous data structures, schemes, and formats. The conversion of these sources into the desirable KG requires manual and time-consuming tasks, such as programming translation scripts, defining declarative mapping rules, etc. In this vision paper, we analyze the trends regarding the automation of KG construction but also the use of mapping languages for the same process, and align the two by analyzing their tasks and a few exemplary tools. Our aim is not to have a complete study but to investigate if there is potential in this direction and, if so, to discuss what challenges we need to address to guarantee the maintainability, explainability, and reproducibility of the KG construction.

### Keywords

Knowledge Graphs, Automation, Explainable AI, Declarative Rules

# Second contribution at ISWC (to be submitted)

## Construction of Knowledge Graphs from Heterogeneous Data Sources with RML-star

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