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# DECRL: A Deep Evolutionary Clustering Jointed Temporal Knowledge Graph Representation Learning Approach

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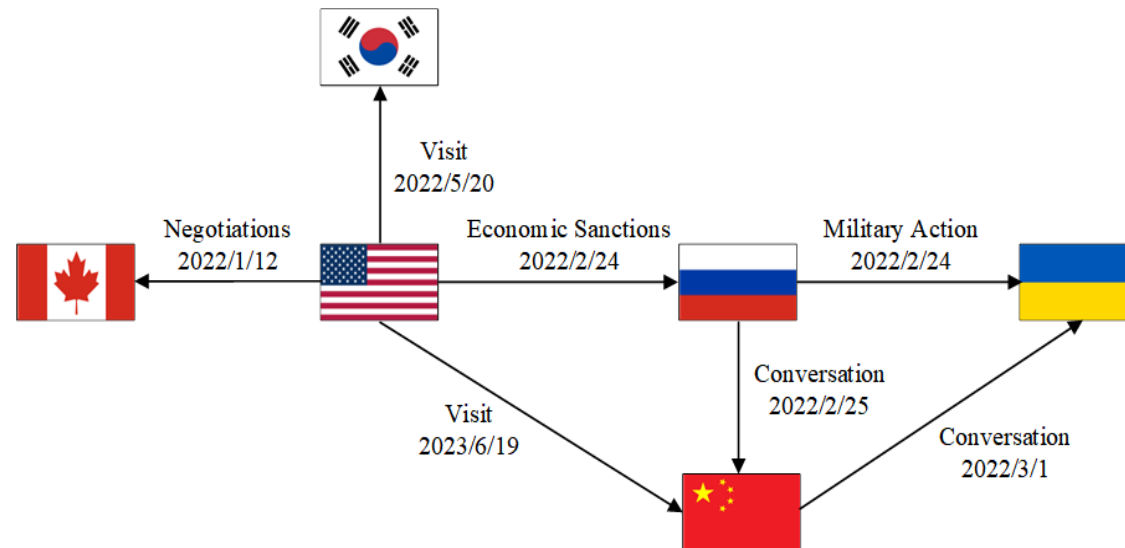
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# Background

A **temporal knowledge graph (TKG)** represents events in the form of quadruples  $(s, r, o, t)$ , where  $s$  and  $o$  denote the subject and object entities, respectively,  $r$  denotes the relation between  $s$  and  $o$ , and  $t$  represents the timestamp.

**TKG representation learning** aims to map temporal evolving entities and relations to embedded representations in a continuous low-dimensional vector space.



**Existing Methods:** Leverage derived structures, e.g., communities, entity groups, and hypergraphs, to model high-order correlations among entities. However, existing approaches lack the capability to capture the temporal evolution of high-order correlations in TKGs.

# Contributions

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**DECRL is the first work that integrates deep evolutionary clustering approaches into TKGs**, which jointly optimizes TKG representation learning with evolutionary clustering to capture the temporal evolution of high-order correlations. Our main contributions are outlined as follows:

- We propose a **deep evolutionary clustering module** to capture the temporal evolution of high-order correlations among entities, where clusters represent the high-order correlations between multiple entities. Furthermore, a **cluster-aware unsupervised alignment mechanism** is introduced to ensure precise one-to-one alignment of soft overlapping clusters across timestamps, maintaining the temporal smoothness of clusters over successive timestamps.
- We propose an **implicit correlation encoder** to capture latent correlations between any pair of clusters, which defines the interaction intensities between clusters to form a cluster graph. In addition, a global graph, constructed from all events of training set, is introduced to guide the assignment of different interaction intensities to different cluster pairs.

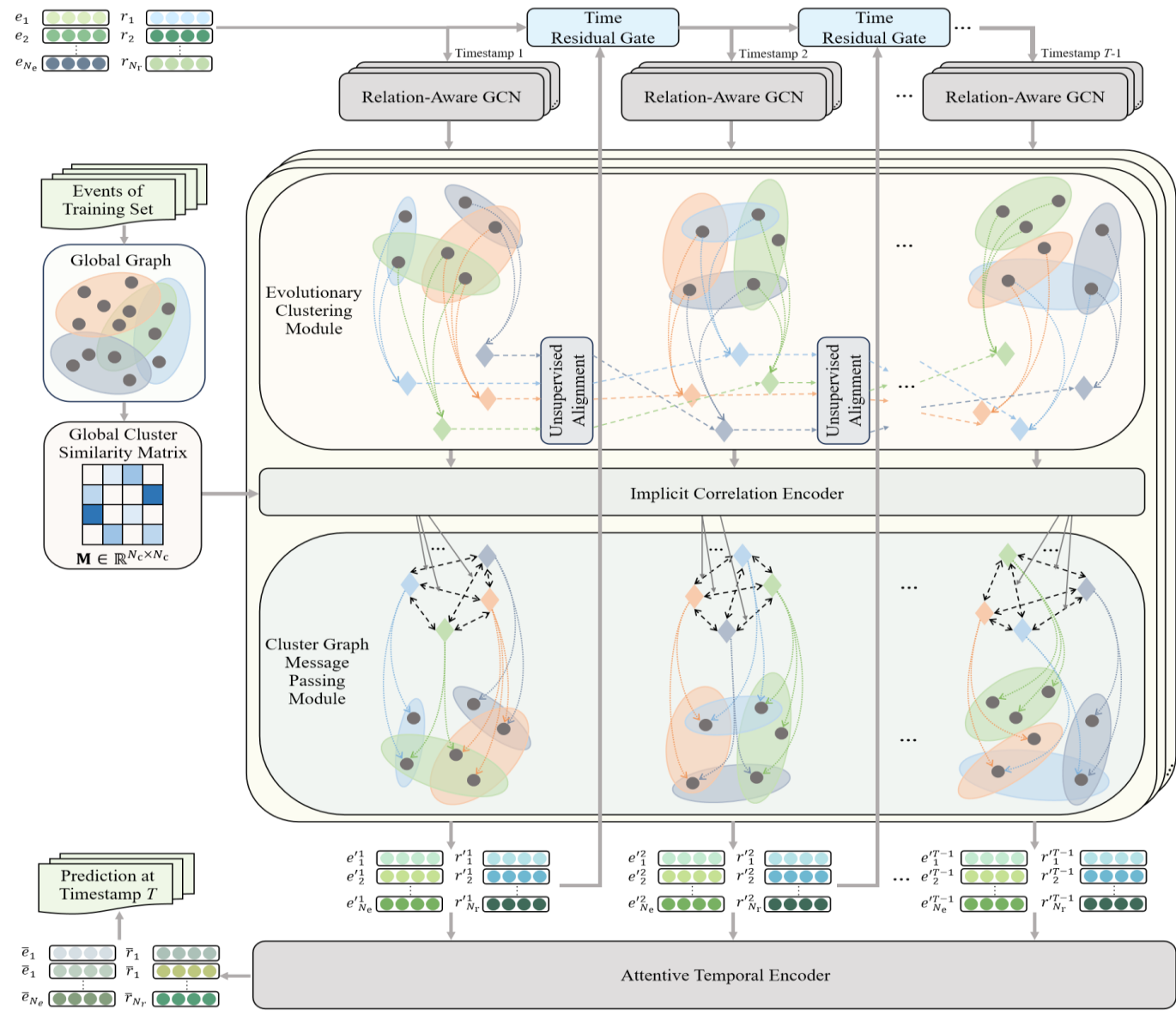
# Approach

**Evolutionary Clustering Module** captures the temporal evolution of high-order correlations among entities by the fusion operation between clusters across timestamps, which contains a cluster-aware unsupervised alignment mechanism to ensure precise alignment of soft overlapping clusters across timestamps.

**Implicit Correlation Encoder** captures latent correlations between any pair of clusters.

**Time Residual Gate** combines updated representations with input representations through a weighted mechanism.

**Attentive Temporal Encoder** captures the temporal dependency among final updated representations across timestamps.



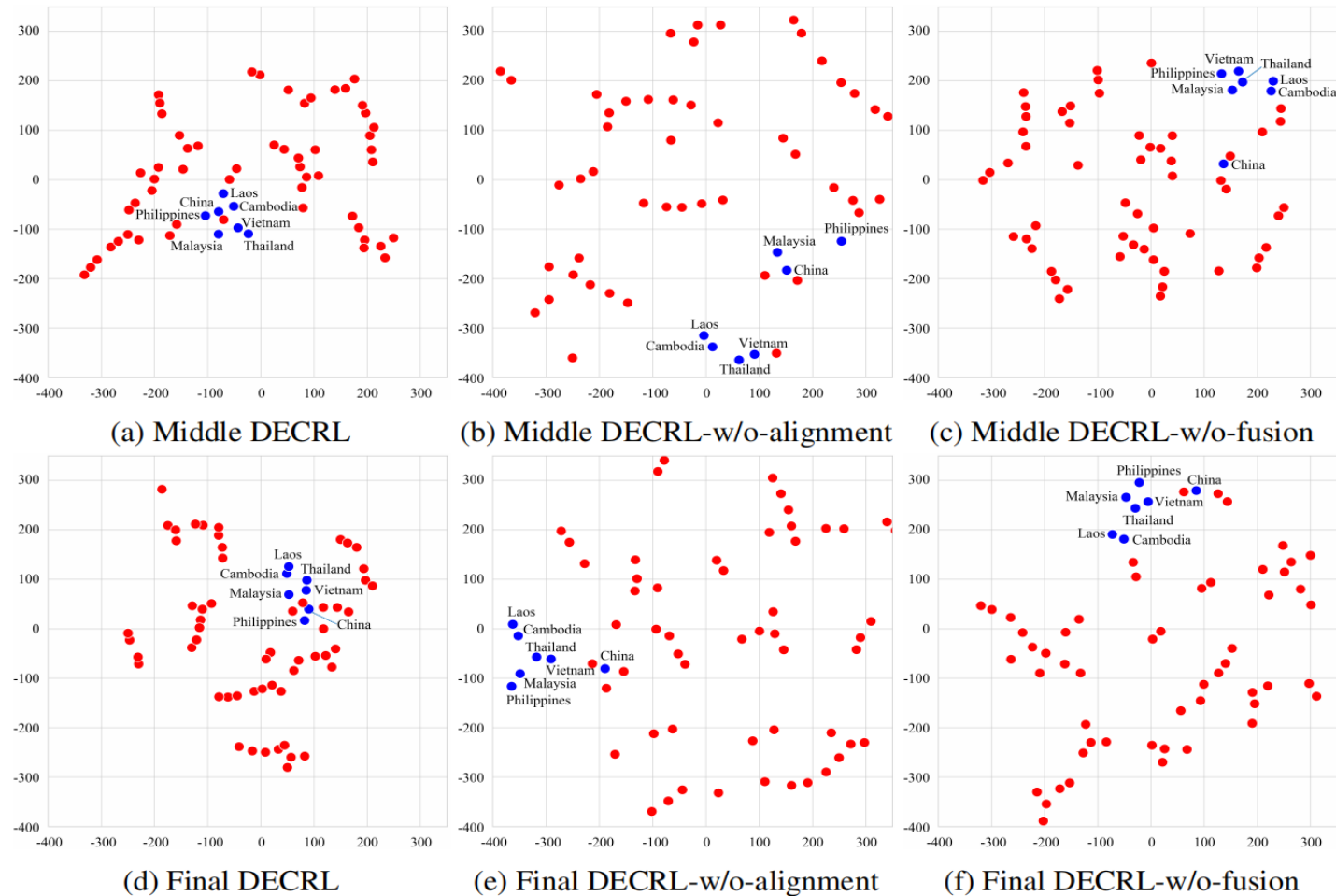
# Evaluation

Approach	ICEWS14				ICEWS14C			
	MRR	Hits@1	Hits@3	Hits@10	MRR	Hits@1	Hits@3	Hits@10
TTransE (WWW 2018)	23.79*	14.24*	29.17*	34.56*	11.79*	13.24*	19.97*	24.88*
HyTE (EMNLP 2018)	25.12*	18.15*	30.15*	45.37*	22.17*	18.15*	27.28*	35.37*
RE-NET (EMNLP 2020)	45.77*	37.98*	49.07*	58.87*	43.27*	36.97*	47.08*	55.19*
Glean (KDD 2020)	42.20*	36.86*	47.68*	52.39*	40.24*	34.62*	45.48*	50.09*
TeMP (EMNLP 2020)	46.04*	39.07*	49.84*	59.74*	44.17*	37.37*	47.78*	55.66*
RE-GCN (SIGIR 2021)	45.56*	38.09*	50.37*	62.44*	41.76*	36.67*	45.37*	51.74*
DACHA (TKDD 2022)	45.44*	37.88*	49.47*	58.69*	44.26*	37.59*	44.18*	53.19*
TiRGN (IJCAI 2022)	46.07*	39.83*	52.17*	63.95*	44.73*	38.13*	49.77*	60.91*
TITer (EMNLP 2021)	46.12*	39.08*	50.76*	60.39*	44.86*	39.37*	48.84*	55.79*
EvoExplore (KBS 2022)	47.71*	40.68*	52.37*	65.94*	49.77*	40.12*	54.37*	65.83*
GTRL (TKDE 2023)	46.25*	40.11*	51.09*	65.79*	50.95*	40.31*	52.09*	64.89*
DHyper (TOIS 2024)	56.15*	43.76*	65.46*	85.89*	54.16*	41.45*	62.03*	75.35*
<b>DECRL</b>	<b>62.61</b>	<b>48.73</b>	<b>70.57</b>	<b>93.03</b>	<b>58.55</b>	<b>44.62</b>	<b>66.52</b>	<b>82.06</b>
<b>Improvement</b>	<b>11.50%</b>	<b>11.36%</b>	<b>7.81%</b>	<b>8.31%</b>	<b>8.11%</b>	<b>7.65%</b>	<b>7.24%</b>	<b>8.91%</b>

Approach	ICEWS18				ICEWS18C			
	MRR	Hits@1	Hits@3	Hits@10	MRR	Hits@1	Hits@3	Hits@10
TTransE (WWW 2018)	11.96*	13.97*	12.79*	24.33*	9.84*	10.29*	11.04*	18.89*
HyTE (EMNLP 2018)	21.85*	16.86*	25.64*	41.86*	22.23*	16.27*	25.68*	33.39*
RE-NET (EMNLP 2020)	42.25*	33.81*	44.98*	52.72*	41.05*	32.87*	42.78*	50.43*
Glean (KDD 2020)	37.11*	34.15*	42.56*	47.35*	35.58*	32.26*	40.44*	46.49*
TeMP (EMNLP 2020)	43.24*	38.77*	45.04*	55.94*	43.08*	36.07*	43.18*	53.03*
RE-GCN (SIGIR 2021)	41.56*	37.59*	44.34*	57.42*	40.27*	36.35*	41.75*	49.25*
DACHA (TKDD 2022)	43.87*	37.11*	47.47*	57.69*	40.11*	36.11*	46.17*	52.37*
TiRGN (IJCAI 2022)	44.27*	38.13*	50.66*	62.90*	43.57*	37.23*	47.67*	54.44*
TITer (EMNLP 2021)	45.44*	39.78*	48.77*	58.73*	44.07*	38.85*	46.44*	49.79*
EvoExplore (KBS 2022)	46.65*	40.05*	50.07*	58.35*	47.33*	38.96*	49.37*	56.15*
GTRL (TKDE 2023)	46.35*	40.95*	51.19*	60.18*	49.33*	40.15*	53.39*	60.74*
DHyper (TOIS 2024)	54.22*	42.16*	63.26*	75.38*	52.11*	41.04*	60.03*	73.22*
<b>DECRL</b>	<b>63.30</b>	<b>50.13</b>	<b>70.72</b>	<b>90.82</b>	<b>61.37</b>	<b>46.28</b>	<b>67.01</b>	<b>86.79</b>
<b>Improvement</b>	<b>16.75%</b>	<b>18.90%</b>	<b>11.79%</b>	<b>20.48%</b>	<b>17.77%</b>	<b>12.76%</b>	<b>11.63%</b>	<b>18.53%</b>

Approach	MRR	Hits@1	Hits@3	Hits@10
TTransE (WWW 2018)	8.62*	7.73*	11.03*	23.34*
HyTE (EMNLP 2018)	10.63*	8.39*	14.23*	28.79*
RE-NET (EMNLP 2020)	17.55*	11.73*	18.14*	35.52*
Glean (KDD 2020)	15.60*	10.35*	17.61*	37.40*
TeMP (EMNLP 2020)	19.19*	11.07*	19.84*	40.52*
RE-GCN (SIGIR 2021)	20.84*	10.80*	21.09*	43.65*
DACHA (TKDD 2022)	21.91*	11.27*	17.49*	47.13*
TiRGN (IJCAI 2022)	24.61*	13.78*	25.66*	49.02*
TITer (EMNLP 2021)	TLE	TLE	TLE	TLE
EvoExplore (KBS 2022)	18.53*	10.74*	19.45*	42.07*
GTRL (TKDE 2023)	22.44*	12.48*	18.03*	50.82*
DHyper (TOIS 2024)	OOM	OOM	OOM	OOM
<b>DECRL</b>	<b>27.58</b>	<b>15.74</b>	<b>29.16</b>	<b>59.54</b>
<b>Improvement</b>	<b>12.07%</b>	<b>14.22%</b>	<b>13.64%</b>	<b>17.16%</b>

# Visualization



The visualization of entity representations on ICEWS14C. “Middle” and “Final” denote entity representations obtained after training at the penultimate epoch and the final epoch, respectively. DECRL-w/o-alignment denotes removing unsupervised alignment mechanism. DECRL-w/o-fusion denotes removing fusion operation between clusters across timestamps.



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Thank you for your listening!

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