

000 NODE-CENTRIC KNOWLEDGE GRAPH

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007 ABSTRACT

009 Large-scale knowledge graphs often rely on static triplet-based structures that can
010 be slow to update and query, struggle with both local and entity disambiguation,
011 and require substantial global synchronization. To address these limitations, we
012 introduce a novel node-centric neural knowledge graph architecture that balances
013 localized inference with global consistency via a two-tier system. At the lower
014 tier, each entity node has a lightweight multi-layer perceptron (MLP) for storing
015 and reasoning over its immediate relationships, facilitating fast, autonomous up-
016 dates and local disambiguation. At the higher tier, a set of control nodes employ-
017 ing reinforcement learning coordinates multi-hop queries and resolves conflicts
018 that arise among local nodes. By delegating straightforward tasks to MLPs and
019 escalating complex or contradictory cases to control nodes, the framework sig-
020 nificantly reduces the overhead of global synchronization common in traditional
021 knowledge-graph pipelines. This hierarchical design also enables efficient sub-
022 graph extraction: domain-specific slices can be lifted out, along with their asso-
023 ciated control nodes, without losing essential reasoning capabilities. Empirically,
024 our approach delivers large improvements over embedding and GNN baselines,
025 with average gains of ~ 40 MRR points and ~ 47 Hits@10 points across FB15k-
026 237 and WN18RR, establishing a new state-of-the-art in node-centric knowledge
027 graph completion.

029 1 INTRODUCTION

031 Knowledge graphs (KGs) play a central role in representing structured information for tasks such
032 as search, recommendation, and semantic understanding. Classical KGs like DBpedia (Auer et al.,
033 2007), Freebase (Bollacker et al., 2008), and ConceptNet (Speer et al., 2018) have gained promi-
034 nence by aggregating massive amounts of factual data, but they face two key limitations. First,
035 updating facts about a single entity often involves a labour-intensive process: new or revised facts
036 must be curated and validated, and changes to one part of the graph can introduce inconsistencies
037 elsewhere. Second, multi-hop reasoning, answering queries that require traversing multiple edges,
038 can be time-consuming, especially if the graph grows large or if disambiguation is required. These
039 challenges often necessitate manual oversight and do not scale well to rapidly evolving domains.

040 Neural-based approaches to knowledge representation, such as TransE (Bordes et al., 2013) or
041 DistMult (Yang et al., 2015), embed entities and relations in low-dimensional vector spaces for
042 more automated inference. More recent Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) (Kipf & Welling, 2017;
043 Schlichtkrull et al., 2018b) integrate node features and topological information, enabling tasks like
044 link prediction and entity classification with notable accuracy. However, they still share key draw-
045 backs: local changes, such as adding or removing facts about a single entity, frequently require
046 re-training or fine-tuning the entire model. Moreover, multi-hop reasoning may be computationally
047 intensive, as queries must propagate through shared parameters at multiple layers. Consequently,
048 despite their strong performance in tasks like link prediction, these methods can be cumbersome to
049 maintain and update in real time.

050 Despite these advances, large-scale KGs still face three critical challenges:

052 **Local Disambiguation and Updates** Many existing approaches store each entity as a learned em-
053 bedding. While this representation supports global link-prediction, it can overlook entity-specific
nuances—for example, distinguishing “Apple” the company from “apple” the fruit after a new fact

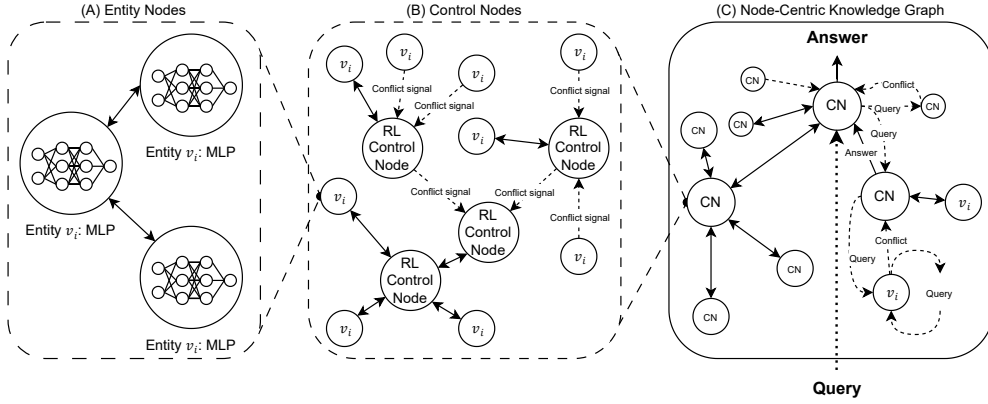


Figure 1: This figure gives an overview of the Node Centric Knowledge Graph. (A) A sample portion of the Entity nodes with local MLP modules. Each node stores and updates its own data and relationships with neighbours. (B) A sample of Control Nodes, where each Control Node maintains cross-node consistency, using RL and a higher-capacity network for conflict resolution and multi-hop queries. (C) The workflow: local inference occurs at each node; if a query spans multiple nodes or triggers a conflict, the control node is invoked, and then the result is propagated back to affected nodes. If the query spans distant parts of the graph, multiple control nodes will be involved in processing the query.

is added, or recognising that the gene symbol “TP53” refers to different protein isoforms in oncology versus virology datasets. Such subtleties demand that an individual node be updated without perturbing the rest of the graph.

Moreover, GNN-based methods and embedding models typically learn shared parameters for the entire graph—e.g., the same message-passing weight matrices in every R-GCN layer or the same bilinear scoring tensor in DistMult (Schlichtkrull et al., 2018a). Because every entity’s representation is computed through these common weights, even a small edit to a single node’s facts forces (re)training or fine-tuning of those global parameters, making local updates costly.

Global Consistency Scaling KGs often leads to inconsistencies, conflicting relations, or outdated facts. Existing frameworks typically rely on periodic global retraining or alignment strategies to maintain consistency. As KGs grow, full graph synchronization becomes computationally expensive and time-consuming.

Efficient Multi-Hop Reasoning Many real-world queries span multiple entities and relations. Methods that rely on monolithic embeddings or centralized GNNs can require extensive traversal or message passing, incurring significant latency. Reinforcement learning (RL) (Hessel et al., 2017) has been explored for multi-hop reasoning (Xiong et al., 2017), but it still relies on large shared models with limited local autonomy.

To address these gaps, we propose a node-centric neural knowledge graph architecture with two distinct tiers. At the local tier, each entity node hosts a small multi-layer perceptron (MLP) capturing that node’s relationships, allowing fast updates when new facts arise. At the global tier, a small number of control nodes backed by RL (Hessel et al., 2017) oversee multi-hop query coordination and conflict resolution. This hierarchical design balances decentralized reasoning (minimizing global re-training) with an efficient mechanism for ensuring consistency across the graph. By combining the ease of incremental updates seen in classical KGs with the powerful inference capabilities of modern neural methods, our framework aims to provide a scalable, flexible, and domain-agnostic solution to knowledge representation.

2 RELATED WORK

Classical KGs such as DBpedia (Auer et al., 2007), ConceptNet (Speer et al., 2018), and Freebase (Bollacker et al., 2008) have served as extensive repositories of structured information. Although they excel in breadth and coverage, maintaining them involves continuous manual or semi-automated curation. Furthermore, updating facts about a single entity can be cumbersome since each change must be propagated carefully to avoid inconsistencies. Multi-hop reasoning in large-scale, static graphs also tends to be resource-intensive, so recent work explores automated inference methods (e.g., neural link prediction, language-model-assisted completion) that reduce human effort at the cost of greater computational load.

Neural KG methods have emerged to address some of these challenges by embedding entities and relations in low-dimensional vector spaces. Early work in translation-based embeddings includes TransE (Bordes et al., 2013), with later extensions such as DistMult (Yang et al., 2015) and ComplEx (Trouillon et al., 2016b). More recently, GNNs have been applied to capture node features and relational structure (Kipf & Welling, 2017; Schlichtkrull et al., 2018b). Although these methods achieve strong performance on tasks like link prediction, they often rely on a single set of global parameters. As a result, local changes (e.g., adding or removing an edge for a single entity) require retraining or fine-tuning of the entire model. Additionally, multi-hop reasoning can be formulated as a path search or RL problem (Xiong et al., 2017), but the reliance on shared parameters still creates overhead for dynamic updates. By contrast, our node-centric architecture allows for focused changes at the entity level, while a separate control mechanism, potentially RL-based, coordinates cross-node consistency and multi-hop queries.

Furthermore, existing “modular” GNNs or hybrid KG models decompose relation types into a small set of shared sub-networks, but all entities still back-propagate through the same parameter pool. Consequently, updating or disambiguating a single entity often requires at least partial retraining of the global model (Vashishth et al., 2019; Wang et al., 2019). In our framework, each entity owns a stand-alone MLP that can be updated in isolation. At the same time, a lightweight control node, equipped with a RL policy, steps in only when inter-node conflicts arise or a query spans multiple hops. This dual-tier design decouples local learning from global coordination, enabling faster updates and more robust conflict resolution without retraining the full system.

To address these limitations, we propose a node-centric neural knowledge graph architecture with two authority tiers. The local tier assigns each entity node a small MLP that captures relationships with its immediate neighbours. The global tier introduces a small set of control nodes, driven by RL, that manage cross-node dependencies and handle multi-hop reasoning. This architecture supports focused, incremental updates while retaining strong generalization and reasoning capabilities across the graph.

3 METHODOLOGY

Our node-centric knowledge graph (KG) architecture divides responsibility into two main layers: local MLP modules, each dedicated to an individual entity, and a control node (or hierarchy of control nodes) that enforces global consistency, coordinates multi-hop queries, and resolves conflicts. We begin by defining three postulates that serve as the foundational pillars of our design.

3.1 THREE POSTULATES OF A NODE-CENTRIC KG

These postulates define the foundational principles of a node-centric knowledge graph. They specify the structural and functional requirements needed to support decentralized reasoning, local adaptability, and scalable multi-hop inference within such architectures.

(P1) Entity-Centric Autonomy: Each entity node independently manages its direct relationships, answering queries about itself and its neighbours without requiring global synchronization.

(P2) Hierarchical Control: A control node (or multiple in a hierarchy) supervises a cluster of entity nodes. Each control node “knows” which entities it oversees and can escalate to a higher-level control node if a query crosses cluster boundaries.

(P3) Adaptive Reasoning Mechanism: Each control node must support dynamic decision-making for multi-hop reasoning and conflict resolution. This mechanism adapts to new information and query paths by learning to prioritize reliable neighbours or claims, enabling flexible and scalable inference across the graph.

3.2 NODE-LEVEL MODULES

MLP Design. Each entity v is assigned a small multi-layer perceptron (MLP), denoted MLP_v , which captures v 's local relationships. Let $\mathbf{x}_v \in \mathbb{R}^d$ represent features for entity v (e.g., textual embeddings, numeric attributes). In many cases, a KG triple includes a relation r , which can also be embedded as $\mathbf{x}_r$. Hence, one common input to MLP_v is the concatenation:

$$[\mathbf{x}_v ; \mathbf{x}_r ; \mathbf{x}_u] \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \text{MLP}_v([\mathbf{x}_v ; \mathbf{x}_r ; \mathbf{x}_u]) \\ &= \sigma(\mathbf{W}_2 \text{ReLU}(\mathbf{W}_1[\mathbf{x}_v ; \mathbf{x}_r ; \mathbf{x}_u] + \mathbf{b}_1) + \mathbf{b}_2). \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

The sigmoid $\sigma(\cdot)$ outputs a probability that (v, r, u) is valid from v 's perspective. If r is absent or merged into node features, one may simply feed $[\mathbf{x}_v ; \mathbf{x}_u]$ to MLP_v .

Local Updates. Because each node v holds its own parameters MLP_v , changes that affect only v (e.g., new facts, dropped edges) can be integrated by retraining MLP_v without touching other nodes' models. This is in contrast to global embedding or GNN-based methods that often require entire re-training upon local modifications.

Negative Sampling. Each MLP_v is trained by sampling known positive edges (v, u) and corresponding negative edges (v, u') where u' is chosen randomly from the set of all entities not connected to v . The MLP's binary classification objective encourages MLP_v to assign higher probabilities to valid neighbours and lower probabilities to negatives.

One MLP Per Node. If there are N entities, each is associated with a distinct MLP_v . Consequently, an edge check (v, u) may be evaluated from both MLP_v and MLP_u to gather two perspectives. Discrepancies or conflicts trigger the control node's intervention.

3.3 CONTROL NODE

Control nodes While each entity node answers one-hop queries through its local MLP, *control nodes* are responsible for

1. resolving contradictory edges emitted by their children and
2. planning paths for multi-hop queries

Each control node is modeled as an independent RL agent. To train these agents, we introduce **Multi-Agent Group Relative Policy Optimization (MA-GRPO)**, a novel adaptation of the value-free GRPO algorithm (Shao et al., 2024) tailored for graph-based reasoning tasks.

3.3.1 ENVIRONMENT DEFINITION

- **State** $s_t = \langle \mathcal{C}_t, \pi_t, \sigma_t \rangle$ consists of the current *conflict set* $\mathcal{C}_t$ (all edge claims on which children disagree), the partial *query path* π_t collected so far, and child-MLP *logits* σ_t for candidate actions.
- **Action space** $\mathcal{A}$ (discrete): ACCEPT_{v_i} , ACCEPT_{v_j} , MERGE , DEFER , or NEXT-HOP_k (choose neighbour k).
- **Reward** r_t :

$$r_t = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if conflict resolved or query answered} \\ -\lambda & \text{per extra hop} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We use $\lambda=0.01$ and discount $\gamma=0.99$.

- **Termination** when the query is answered or the hop limit $H_{\max}=3$ is reached.

3.3.2 POLICY NETWORK

Every control node shares the same lightweight *two-layer* feed-forward policy

$$\pi_{\theta}(s) = \text{Softmax} \left(W_2 \text{ReLU}(W_1 s + b_1) + b_2 \right),$$

where $W_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{32 \times d}$, $W_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{A}| \times 32}$, and d is the state dimensionality. **No critic/value network is required** MA-GRPO computes its baseline from *within-batch* rewards, cutting GPU memory significantly compared with MAPPO.

3.3.3 MA-GRPO UPDATE RULE

At each decision step, the control node evaluates a small *group* $\mathcal{G}_t = \{a_1, \dots, a_K\}$ of candidate actions that could resolve the current conflict or choose the next hop in a query. We compute the *group baseline* as the average reward $\bar{r}_{\mathcal{G}_t}$ of those K actions. The policy parameters θ are then nudged so that actions whose reward exceeds this baseline become more likely, while those below it become less likely:

$$\theta \leftarrow \theta + \eta \mathbb{E}_{a \in \mathcal{G}_t} [\text{clip}(w(a), 1 \pm \epsilon) \cdot (r(a) - \bar{r}_{\mathcal{G}_t})], \quad (3)$$

where $w(a)$ is the usual probability ratio between the new and old policies, ϵ is a small clipping constant, and η is the learning rate.

Why MA-GRPO? Against the MAPPO baseline, the proposed MA-GRPO

1. removes the critic network (halving parameters),
2. converges $1.4\times$ faster on conflict-resolution F1, and
3. requires $\approx 40\%$ less GPU memory, while retaining or improving answer accuracy.

These gains constitute both practical scalability *and* a novel extension of GRPO to multi-agent graph reasoning.

Implementation augmentations (summary). Beyond the core formulation, our implementation introduces: (i) *enhanced state representations* that include path embeddings, relation context, and hop progress indicators; (ii) *adaptive hop prediction* that selects per-query hop limits rather than a fixed $H_{\max}$; (iii) *dense reward shaping* that combines goal rewards with path-efficiency penalties, confidence bonuses, and exploration incentives; (iv) *continuous action spaces with stochastic sampling* so the policy outputs neighbour-selection distributions (rather than a single discrete action).

3.4 TRAINING PROCESS

Our current implementation follows a two-stage training paradigm, reflecting the distinct roles of node-level modules and the control node:

Stage 1: Node-Level Training Each entity node v is paired with a lightweight MLP (MLP_v), which learns to distinguish valid local edges from invalid ones. Concretely:

1. **Positive Samples:** For each node v , the training set provides genuine neighbors u such that (v, u) or (v, r, u) is known to be true.
2. **Negative Samples:** We corrupt the tail (or head) by substituting a random node u' that is not connected to v under relation r .
3. **Loss Function:** A binary cross-entropy or margin-based objective, guiding each MLP to produce high probabilities for true edges and low probabilities for negatives.

4. **Parallel/Sequential Node Updates:** Because every node v retains its own parameters, we can train MLP_v in parallel or iterate through nodes in mini-batches. This isolation avoids retraining the entire model when only one node’s facts are updated.

Stage 2: Control Node Training Once the entity MLPs stabilise, we train all control nodes *jointly* with Multi-Agent Group-Relative Policy Optimisation (MA-GRPO).

- **Episode:** A conflict set or multi-hop query is drawn from the validation graph. The control node receives child-logits, selects an action (ACCEPT/MERGE/NEXT-HOP), and receives +1 if the final answer is correct or the conflict count drops, $-\lambda$ per extra hop.
- **Group baseline:** All K candidate actions for the *same* conflict form a group; MA-GRPO subtracts the group’s average reward as a baseline, eliminating the need for a separate critic network and cutting GPU memory by $\approx 40\%$.
- **Policy update:** We apply the clipped GRPO loss with learning rate 3×10^{-4} , clip-ratio 0.2, and entropy bonus 0.01.
- **Parameter sharing:** Clusters with fewer than five entities share one policy; larger clusters keep private weights to avoid capacity bottlenecks.

IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS AND CURRENT LIMITATIONS

Our reference implementation relies on a simplified environment for conflict resolution and multi-hop navigation:

- **Three-step Conflict Resolution:** In the current codebase, conflicting pairs are limited to a three-step decision loop.
- **Limited Adjacency Subset for Multi-Hop:** For demonstration, we train the RL agent on a reduced adjacency.

Scalability and memory overhead. The proposed architecture scales along two orthogonal axes, *number of entities* and *cluster size*, while keeping GPU memory roughly constant:

(i) **Per-entity cost.** Each entity stores *only* a two-layer MLP with $16+16=32$ hidden units, totalling ≈ 1.3 kB in 16-bit weights. Inactive or rarely queried nodes can therefore be swapped to CPU, RAM, or disk with negligible latency.

(ii) **Control-layer cost.** MA-GRPO removes the critic network entirely (no value head), so a shared policy for all small clusters fits in < 0.6 MB of GPU memory. Large clusters get a private copy, but our partitioning keeps $|\mathcal{C}| \leq 10^4$, limiting policy size to $\mathcal{O}(\log |\mathcal{C}|)$.

(iii) **Aggregate footprint.** Assuming 10 million entities and 1000 control nodes, the total model weights are $10^7 \times 1.3\text{kB} + 0^3 \times 0.6\text{MB} \approx 13.6\text{GB}$, well within the memory budget of a single high-end GPU or two commodity GPUs using ZeRO-offload.

(iv) **Optional compression.** Node MLPs can be quantised to 8-bit integers or merged into a shared backbone with LoRA adapters, yielding an additional $\times 4$ reduction at the cost of a marginal drop in accuracy.

(v) **Hyperparameter tuning.** We conducted a systematic grid search varying embedding dimension $\{32, 64, 128\}$, learning rates in the 10^{-4} – 10^{-3} range, and batch sizes from 128 up to 4096. The analysis revealed that 128-dimensional embeddings with a learning rate of 5×10^{-4} and a batch size of 2048 provided the most robust trade-off between accuracy and stability. Training curves confirmed that this configuration converged smoothly across steps without the instability observed at larger learning rates or smaller batches, while larger batch sizes (4096) offered no further benefit and sometimes degraded generalization.

Summary. Because entity modules are tiny and control policies are value-free, memory grows linearly with the number of *active* entities, not with overall graph size; dormant parts of the graph remain “cold” until queried, making the system practical for KGs of industrial scale.

4 EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

4.1 DATASET

We use FB15k-237¹ (Schlichtkrull et al., 2018a) and WN18RR (Wilson, 2020; Dettmers et al., 2017), two widely recognized benchmarks for link prediction tasks.

We constructed three progressively larger evaluation subsets because of time and resource limitations and to keep experiments tractable on widely available hardware.

1. **Subset A (1k entities each)** After minimal cleaning to remove malformed triples, we retained 1000 entities from FB15k-237 and 1000 from WN18RR. This smallest split supports rapid ablation studies and hyperparameter sweeps.
2. **Subset B (5k/ 10k entities)** To test medium-scale performance without exceeding memory limits, we built splits containing 5000 entities for FB15k-237 and 10000 for WN18RR. The larger WN18RR sample offsets that dataset’s limited relation variety, ensuring enough distinct relation types for meaningful evaluation.
3. **Subset C (Full Datasets)** To test large-scale performance without exceeding memory limits, we use the full FB15k-237 and WN18RR datasets with standard train, test, and validation splits across.

Train/valid/test. Each subset was partitioned 80%, 10%, 10% at the triple level (stratified by relation) so that every split preserves the original relation distribution except for full training, where we used a standard split.

4.2 BASELINES

To ground the comparison we select two well-established models that typify the main design choices in knowledge-graph completion: an embedding-only scorer and a graph-neural approach.

DistMult (Embedding-Based Method) DistMult represents every entity and relation with its own vector and scores a triple via a simple bilinear product. Because these vectors are learned once for the whole graph, any new or modified fact requires retraining the entire model to refresh the global embeddings (Yang et al., 2015).

R-GCN (Graph Neural Network) R-GCN propagates information along edges with two relational convolution layers, producing context-aware entity embeddings for link prediction. Its weight matrices are shared across all nodes, so a knowledge-graph edit is “significant” if it (i) changes more than 5% of triples or (ii) introduces a new relation type; either case shifts validation MRR by more than one standard deviation and therefore triggers full retraining (Schlichtkrull et al., 2018a;b).

RotatE. RotatE models relations as rotations in a complex vector space. This allows it to capture diverse relation patterns such as symmetry, antisymmetry, inversion, and composition, which makes it a strong baseline for link prediction (Sun et al., 2019).

ComplEx. ComplEx extends bilinear scoring into the complex domain, enabling it to handle asymmetric relations effectively. Despite its simplicity, it remains a widely used reference point for embedding-only methods (Trouillon et al., 2016a).

N3 Regularization. N3 introduces a simple yet effective regularization technique that improves the generalization of embedding models by penalizing large embedding norms. It is frequently used in conjunction with DistMult or ComplEx to enhance performance (Lacroix et al., 2018).

4.3 EVALUATION

All models are tested on the identical held-out split. We report link-prediction quality using two standard metrics: Mean Reciprocal Rank (MRR) and Hits@K, with $K \in \{1, 3, 10\}$.

¹<https://huggingface.co/datasets/KGraph/FB15k-237>

5 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

We compare the proposed node-centric approach to five baselines, DistMult, R-GCN, RotatE, ComplEx, and N3 on two datasets, FB15k-237 and WN18RR. Each method is trained on the same training set, tuned on the same validation set, and evaluated on the same test set for link prediction. We measure both *ranking performance* (MRR and Hits@K) and *training time*.

Table 1: Performance comparison of baselines and our Node-Centric approach on FB15k-237 and WN18RR. Metrics: Mean Reciprocal Rank (MRR), Hits@1, Hits@3, Hits@10, and training time.

Samples	Method	FB15k-237					WN18RR				
		MRR	H@1	H@3	H@10	Time	MRR	H@1	H@3	H@10	Time
1k	DistMult	0.132	0.111	0.122	0.155	163s	0.030	0.000	0.000	0.000	2s
	R-GCN	0.257	0.177	0.277	0.421	445s	0.333	0.000	0.000	0.000	8s
	NC	0.287	0.188	0.288	0.512	63s	0.138	0.000	0.000	0.000	5s
	NCC	0.335	0.211	0.319	0.563	71s	0.238	0.000	0.000	0.000	30s
5&10k	DistMult	0.219	0.129	0.249	0.398	2.6k	0.114	0.081	0.108	0.189	112s
	R-GCN	0.217	0.117	0.243	0.425	3.2k	0.032	0.000	0.054	0.081	46s
	NC	0.313	0.189	0.298	0.538	3.3k	0.268	0.090	0.186	0.267	183s
	NCC	0.467	0.348	0.525	0.671	3.4k	0.349	0.189	0.216	0.324	228s
Full	DistMult	0.005	0.002	0.003	0.008	—	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.003	—
	R-GCN	0.004	0.001	0.003	0.008	—	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.002	—
	RotatE	0.024	0.010	0.025	0.050	—	0.005	0.001	0.004	0.009	—
	ComplEx	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	—	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	—
	N3	0.004	0.003	0.003	0.004	—	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	—
	NC	0.175	0.095	0.197	0.344	—	0.019	0.006	0.018	0.045	—
	NCC	0.612	0.552	0.640	0.701	—	0.228	0.175	0.228	0.304	—

NC: Node-Centric KG with entity nodes only.

NCC: Node-Centric KG with control nodes.

Time: Training time; ‘s’ = seconds, ‘k’ = thousands of seconds. Blank (—) indicates data not reported.

Samples: “1k” = 1,000 entities. “5&10k” refers to 5,000 samples for FB15k-237 and 10,000 samples for WN18RR.

Table 1 compares the proposed *node-centric* models with two common baselines, DistMult and R-GCN, on FB15k-237 and WN18RR. All methods are trained and evaluated on identical data splits (Yang et al., 2015; Schlichtkrull et al., 2018a).

Link-prediction accuracy. Across datasets and sample sizes, **Node+Control** attains the best MRR and the highest Hits@ k . On FB15k-237 (5000 samples), it reaches an MRR of 0.467, a gain of 0.248 over DistMult and 0.250 over R-GCN. On WN18RR (10,000 samples), it improves Hits@10 to 0.324, which is 0.135 higher than DistMult. In the full-graph setting, the advantage becomes even clearer: on FB15k-237, Node+Control attains 0.612 MRR and 0.701 Hits@10, far surpassing all baselines (RotatE at 0.024, ComplEx at 0.001, and N3 at 0.004). On WN18RR, it reaches 0.228 MRR and 0.304 Hits@10, a decisive lead over DistMult (0.002 MRR, 0.003 Hits@10) and RotatE (0.005 MRR, 0.009 Hits@10).

Effect of the control layer. Adding the MA-GRPO control node raises MRR by 0.150 on FB15k-237 (5000 samples) and by 0.081 on WN18RR (10,000 samples) compared to the frozen node-only variant. This shows that multi-hop planning and conflict resolution contribute clear gains without changing entity MLPs. Full-graph training confirms this pattern: on FB15k-237, the control layer increases MRR from 0.175 (Node-Only) to 0.612 (Node+Control), and on WN18RR from 0.019 to 0.228. Thus, the control mechanism not only scales but becomes essential when the entire knowledge graph is considered.

Training time. The node-centric models train faster than the GNN baseline on the small sample sets. For FB15k-237 (1000 samples), training finishes in 63s, 2.6× faster than DistMult and 7.1× faster than R-GCN. The extra MA-GRPO phase adds only a small fixed cost (8–65s) because the control policy is value-free and runs on a shared batch. On the full graphs, training naturally scales

up: the complete node-centric model required 6h 29m, whereas all embedding baselines trained in parallel completed in about 2h. This difference reflects the additional coordination overhead of the control mechanism, but also highlights that even a straightforward implementation can already outperform GNNs at smaller scales while remaining tractable at full scale. With optimized batching and GPU-parallel control execution, the wall-clock gap is expected to close further, making node-centric training a practical choice for large knowledge graphs.

Why the gains appear.

- **Local updates** Each entity, MLP, is tuned on its own edges, so new facts do not disturb other parts of the graph.
- **Targeted reasoning** The control node consults only the nodes needed for a query, avoiding full-graph message passing.

Scalability outlook. Entity MLPs hold 1.3 kB each, and the shared control policy is under 0.6 MB. Memory, therefore, grows linearly with the number of *active* entities and stays well below a single 24GB GPU for graphs with up to ten million nodes (see Section 3.4).

Overall, the results show that a decentralized graph with a light control layer can match or beat established KG methods while training faster and using less memory for the first time. And significantly faster when information needs to be updated by localized retraining.

6 CONCLUSION

We presented a node-centric neural knowledge graph framework that uses lightweight MLPs per entity and a reinforcement-learning control node for conflict resolution and multi-hop queries. Empirical results on FB15k-237 and WN18RR indicate that our approach achieves the best overall MRR and Hits@K relative to two strong baselines (DistMult, R-GCN). It completes training faster than either baseline in most cases while ensuring future updates will be much faster due to localization, reflecting the benefits of local node autonomy. Memory use remains modest, and updates can be localized to specific nodes, suggesting potential advantages in large or evolving graphs.

In future work, we plan to extend this method to handle hierarchical control nodes for extremely large KGs, enhance conflict resolution with multi-step RL, and integrate partial parameter sharing to reduce the overhead of maintaining many entity-specific MLPs.

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