

# Lost and Found: Enriching Knowledge Graphs with “NIL” Persons from Historical Documents

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## Abstract

Vast community-driven knowledge graphs (KGs), such as Wikidata, are the primary reference data sources for Entity Linking (EL) applications. However, they exhibit significant coverage bias towards information that is widely popular on the Web, leading to underrepresentation of long-tail entities, particularly from non-contemporary contexts. Concurrently, the ongoing mass digitisation of cultural heritage resources reveals numerous named entities and associated knowledge that are currently missing from general-purpose KGs. Enriching such KGs with these “NIL” entities offers an opportunity to improve completeness and mitigate biases, such as gender disparities in the representation of historical figures. In this article, we investigate an approach based on retrieval-augmented generative AI to capture information about NIL entities and generate structured KGs suitable for integration into Wikidata. The approach is applied to the case of persons unknown to Wikidata who are mentioned in a collection of 19th-century musical periodicals. We empirically select 6 properties from Wikidata for entities of that type and create a manually annotated NIL-entities KG as the gold standard for evaluation. Through comprehensive experiments, we evaluate 6 State-of-the-Art Large Language Models (LLMs) from different vendors, combined with 6 different State-of-the-Art retrievers. Our results demonstrate significant variations in performance across model-retriever combinations, with a high accuracy for gender identification and family name, promising results for occupation and country of citizenship, and low accuracy for date of birth. We report a detailed error analysis and discuss the potential of our approach to mitigate historical bias in Wikidata.

## 1 Introduction

Knowledge graphs (KGs) (Hogan et al. 2021) have become key resources for structuring and integrating human knowledge. However, general-purpose, community-driven KGs, such as Wikidata (Vrandečić 2012) and DBpedia (Lehmann et al. 2015), suffer from data sparsity and coverage biases, particularly in relation to long-tail knowledge such as that embedded within historical documents, domain-specific corpora, recently digitised, or offline textual resources. Cultural heritage is especially affected by this problem. A notable gap concerns historical entities, especially people, mentioned in specialised heritage corpora, such as archival records or scholarly publications (Ripoll et al. 2025; Laouenan et al. 2022). These entities are often missing or poorly described in large-scale, open KGs. In addition, due to their limited presence on the open web, they are also underrepresented in Large Language Models (LLMs) (Brown et al. 2020), which are typically trained on more recent and popular sources (Kandpal et al. 2023). Such a poor representation results in lower performance of state-of-the-art Entity Linking (EL) methods on historical documents (Graciotti et al. 2024, 2025b; Arora et al. 2024; Ehrmann et al. 2022; Santini et al. 2026).

This situation creates a compounded bias: a popularity bias that privileges well-known contemporary figures, and a social bias that marginalises less documented groups - such as women in historical records — whose trace in digital knowledge resources is already limited (Graciotti et al. 2024, 2025b). The lack of structured representations for these lesser-known entities limits the scope of digital humanities

research and weakens the potential of LLMs and KG-based systems to support diverse and inclusive knowledge applications.

Recent studies (Graciotti et al. 2025a; Heist and Paulheim 2023; Dong et al. 2023) have proposed methods to identify missing entities (i.e. NIL entities) in Wikidata. These approaches provide evidence supporting the existence of this gap, but do not address how to enrich Wikidata with these entities and their associated properties in a coherent and reusable way. Bridging this gap is relevant in contexts such as the digitisation of historical archives or the training of LLMs to handle less popular or diachronic knowledge, thus mitigating hallucinations and enhancing representation of marginalised perspectives.

In this paper, our aim is to address the challenge of automatically enriching Wikidata with entities currently absent from it. We experiment on entities of type person (Wikidata’s Q5) — arguably the most populous class in Wikidata and the richest in diversity of property types. Although the method we investigate is not hardcoded to people, making it applicable to any other entity type, we concentrate on this entity type for its expressive property

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structure and relevance to our challenge. Our approach consists of investigating Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) for knowledge extraction. We start with a historical corpus and a set of entities of a given type derived from it, which are absent from Wikidata. To identify the information needs for that type of entity, we select the most popular properties used in Wikidata for entities of that type using a principled approach. Next, for each entity and property pair, we address the information extraction task as a question answering problem in a RAG setting. Through a thorough error analysis, we investigate the interplay between the nature of the information need and the parameters of the RAG setting (zero-shot/in-context, retrievers, and language models), showing that there is no single combination that outperforms all the others. Therefore, we investigate the impact of orchestrating multiple combinations of the RAG settings. Crucially, our findings challenge the assumption that LLMs' performance in knowledge extraction requires maximum-scale models, showing that mid-range models coupled with retrieval augmentation techniques often outperform larger ones.

We contribute the following:

1. **NIL-KG**, a manually curated, Wikidata-compliant set of KG entries corresponding to person entities absent from Wikidata (NIL entities) drawn from historical music periodicals, annotated with six empirically selected core properties.
2. **Lost-n-Found**, a generalisable KE pipeline based on retrieval-augmented Question Answering (QA) for generating KG entries from specialised corpora.

Our experiments, conducted on a corpus of 19th-century periodicals in the music domain, demonstrate the value of the RAG setting for extracting knowledge about NIL entities and show how LLMs can be orchestrated for knowledge-enrichment tasks. Furthermore, it contributes to the building of more inclusive and historically grounded knowledge infrastructures. The code and data are openly available online<sup>1</sup> under the license CC-BY-SA-4.0.

The rest of the article is structured as follows. Section 2 discusses relevant related research and its relation with our study. In Section 3 the proposed approach to generate KGs for missing entities from specialized corpora is presented, while Section 4 describes the application of our method for enriching Wikidata with historical figures of the music domain, providing details on the experimental setting, the systematic evaluation of six LLMs' performance on this task, and two baseline approaches based on consensus of six LLMs. Results are presented in Section 5 and discussed in Section 6. We conclude by identifying future developments in Section 6.

## 2 Related Work

This section reviews related work in six areas. Section 2.1 examines KE from historical documents. Section 2.2 covers NIL entity recognition and linking methods. Section 2.3 discusses RAG for long-tail knowledge. Section 2.4 surveys KG construction from text. Section 2.5 analyses coverage bias patterns in Wikidata.

### 2.1 Knowledge Extraction from Historical Documents

The large-scale digitisation of historical archives has led to a growing interest in KE from historical documents in recent years, revealing methodological and technological challenges.

Ehrmann et al. (2023) provides a comprehensive overview of the resources for Named Entity Recognition (NER) on historical documents. HIPE-2020 (Ehrmann et al. 2020) and HIPE-2022 (Ehrmann et al. 2022) initiatives focused on the EL task: HIPE-2022 covers six multilingual (English, Finnish, French, German and Swedish) datasets drawn from 18th to 20th century newspapers and classical commentaries, such as NewsEye (Hamdi et al. 2021), SoNAR (Menzel et al. 2021), Le Temps (Ehrmann et al. 2016), the TopRes19th toponym annotations, and the Ajax Multicommentary corpus<sup>2</sup>. Outside of HIPE, Santini et al. (2022) annotates Giorgio Vasari's *Lives of the Artists* with NER, NEC, and links to Wikidata. Santini et al. (2024) annotates Giacomo Leopardi's *Zibaldone* (1898) for the NER task. Blouin et al. (2024) builds an NER and EL dataset from historical Chinese newspapers (1872-1949) and bilingual biographies from the early twentieth century.

Arora et al. (2024) tackles the disambiguation of historical individuals absent from modern KGs by constructing a large-scale dataset from Wikipedia contexts and disambiguation pages, and by training contrastive bi-encoder models that achieve state-of-the-art linking performance on English-language newswire data, including NIL entities. KE-MHISTO (Graciotti et al. 2025b) constitutes a multilingual (English and Italian) and multitask (NER, EL and QA) benchmark based on historical documents. It includes Musical Heritage Named Entities Recognition, Classification and Linking (MHERCL) (Graciotti et al. 2025a), a manually annotated benchmark of nineteenth-century English-language music periodicals that features a high proportion of underrepresented or missing KG entities. The same work shows that specialised EL systems and LLMs perform poorly on MHERCL and proposes a KG-enhanced EL approach, enhanced with heuristics to handle NIL predictions, achieving state-of-the-art performance. Building on the KG-enhanced EL method formulated in Graciotti et al. (2025a), Lazzari et al. (2024) addresses the low performance in the EL task due to popularity bias in historical documents by filtering implausible candidates through Answer Set Programming. Using explicit Wikidata knowledge, their method improves retrieval accuracy for less popular entities, demonstrating that structured knowledge can compensate for training data limitations in historical contexts. Unsupervised approaches combining Small Language Models (SLMs) and LLMs prove effective in multilingual historical EL, as demonstrated by Santini et al. (2026): MHEL-LLaMo, their proposed system, outperforms SotA systems on English, Finnish, French, German, Italian, and Swedish 19th- and 20th-century documents. It does not require fine-tuning but

<sup>1</sup>[https://github.com/arianna-graciotti/KG\\_Construction\\_Historical\\_NIL\\_Entities/tree/master](https://github.com/arianna-graciotti/KG_Construction_Historical_NIL_Entities/tree/master)

<sup>2</sup><https://mromanello.github.io/ajax-multi-commentary/>

exploits SLMs’ confidence scores to distinguish between easier samples, which the SLMs can solve directly, and harder samples, which require an LLM to resolve.

Research on QA over historical corpora remains comparatively underexplored. ArchivalQA (Wang et al. 2022) presents a large-scale dataset tailored to temporal news archives, categorising questions by difficulty and temporal expressions to assess the model’s ability to retrieve information from decades-old news. Similarly, ChroniclingAmericaQA (Piryani et al. 2024) compiles QA pairs from 120 years of U.S. newspapers, evaluating systems on noisy OCR text, human-corrected transcriptions, and raw scanned images to mirror real-world digitisation challenges. Unlike typical web-based QA benchmarks, both focus on diachronic language change and temporal reasoning, thereby revealing the limitations of current LLMs with respect to historical data. In the Italian-language context, QUANDHO (Menini et al. 2016) offers a QA dataset covering early 20th-century Italian history, complete with manually classified question types, answer pairs, and lexical answer-type annotations, which supports domain adaptation for QA systems.

However, none of these historical KE efforts addresses the problem of enriching mainstream KGs, such as Wikidata, with missing knowledge from historical sources. Our work bridges this gap by leveraging historical texts not only as a source of out-of-KG entities, but also to generate triples suitable for Wikidata or other KGs.

## 2.2 NIL entities recognition and linking

Most state-of-the-art EL systems assume that every mention can be linked to an existing entry in a Knowledge Base (KB) of reference, such as Wikidata, effectively ignoring the possibility of out-of-KB entities.

Mainstream benchmarks, such as (Hoffart et al. 2011, AIDA CoNLL-YAGO), (Guo and Barbosa 2018, WNED-WIKI) and (Guo and Barbosa 2018, WNED-CWEB) focus primarily on in-KB entities, providing only limited evaluation possibilities for NIL detection. In contrast, historical EL benchmarks such as HIPE-2022 (Ehrmann et al. 2022) and KE-MHISTO (Graciotti et al. 2025b) include a substantial proportion of NIL entities.

Early heuristic methods approach the NIL prediction problem using a thresholding function. When the likelihood that a mention should be linked to an entity is less than a threshold, NIL is predicted for that entity. More recent methods train supervised classifiers, often using neural features, to distinguish linkable mentions from NIL cases (Özge Sevgili et al. 2022). Building on these ideas, BLINKout (Dong et al. 2023) augments a BERT-based linker with a dynamic NIL representation and a learned classifier that predicts more accurately when no valid KG entry exists. However, methods such as ReFinED (Ayoola et al. 2022) improve the performance of long-tail and NIL entities by incorporating KG knowledge into the linking process and treating NIL entities as valid linking candidates during training.

Recently, NIL entities detection has been approached with satisfactory results by Santini et al. (2026), whose proposed system frames the problem as hard case of EL to be solved by LLMs.

Despite the different proposals, none of those methods uses NIL mentions for KG enrichment. Our work builds on these NIL recognition techniques not only to detect out-of-KG mentions, but also to construct triples that can be directly integrated into Wikidata or other KGs.

## 2.3 Retrieval-Augmented Generation for Long-Tail Knowledge

Retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) combines LLMs with an external retrieval component, grounding the output in external knowledge selected based on similarity to a user’s query (Lewis et al. 2020; Gao et al. 2024; Fan et al. 2024). This approach reduces hallucinations, especially when handling knowledge that is underrepresented or absent in the pretraining data, such as long-tail or new knowledge.

Several recent benchmarks highlight the critical role of RAG in managing long-tail entities and relations. Mallen et al. (2023) introduce PopQA, a Wikidata-derived QA dataset with controlled entity popularity, showing that while larger models perform poorly on rare facts, RAG improve performances for low-popularity queries. Similarly, Sun et al. (2024) propose Head-to-Tail, a DBpedia-based benchmark that documents a sharp performance drop in infrequent entities when LLMs rely solely on their parametric memory. Maekawa et al. (2024) presents WiTQA, which stratifies Wikidata questions by entity and relation frequency, demonstrating that adaptive retrieval outperforms both pure generation and always-on RAG.

More recently, MINTQA (He et al. 2025a) has addressed the dual challenges of unpopular and newly emerging knowledge by posing complex, multi-hop questions. It draws triples from English Wikidata and uses GPT-4o to generate questions spanning one to four hops. MINTQA consists of two subdatasets: MINTQA-POP targets unpopular versus popular facts, and MINTQA-TI contrasts new versus old knowledge. The authors find that as the number of hops increases, the effectiveness of a RAG approach decreases.

Although RAG has proven its value for QA, it has yet to be applied to structured KE. Our pipeline fills this gap by proposing to use RAG for long-tail KG enrichment: given a NIL entity as the subject, we retrieve relevant passages from specialised historical corpora and craft prompts that guide an LLM to predict the values of core Wikidata properties, effectively generating triples ready to form new items for integration into Wikidata.

## 2.4 Automatic Knowledge Graph Generation and Enrichment

Deep learning has driven rapid advances in automatic KG generation from text. This is reflected in dedicated workshops such as “Deep Learning for Knowledge Graphs” (Alam et al. 2023) and “Deep Learning meets Ontologies and Natural Language Processing” (Groth et al. 2022), which showcase diverse neural approaches to the problem. In particular, Text-to-AMR (Abstract Meaning Representation) transduction has emerged as a versatile paradigm, founding KG construction on a textual semantic parsing task. Neural sequence-to-sequence parsers, ranging from SPRING (Bevilacqua et al. 2021) and transition-based AMR parsers (Zhou et al. 2021) to multilingual and

multiformalism models like XL-AMR (Biloshmi et al. 2020) and SGL (Procopio et al. 2021), have been proposed. A recent survey by Wein and Opitz (2024) reviews these Text-to-AMR methods, highlighting their utility in a wide range of engineering tasks, thanks to their ability to capture deep semantic structure. In parallel, the rise of transformers and LLMs has reshaped KG completion and enrichment. Yao et al. (2019) pioneered KG-BERT, which frames each triple as a textual sequence and applies BERT to predict missing links. Generative information extraction surveys, such as Zhong et al. (2023), document how LLMs can convert unstructured text into structured representations, while Pan et al. (2024) explore the synergy between KGs and LLMs, using KGs to inform LLM outputs and vice versa. In contrast to purely neural or transformer-only pipelines, Text2AMR2FRED (Gangemi et al. 2023; Gangemi and Nuzzoless 2025; Gangemi et al. 2025, 2026) retains formal semantics end-to-end by using AMR graphs as an intermediate layer and then mapping them into OWL-compliant RDF aligned with PropBank, WordNet, DBpedia, and DOLCE. This alignment supports ontology-level reasoning, semantic querying, and integration with established vocabularies, features that are often overlooked in LLM-centric approaches. Text2AMR2FRED has been successfully applied to diachronic corpora in the cultural heritage domain (Gangemi et al. 2024).

Unlike text-to-KG pipelines, which extract triples from a given text span, our pipeline retrieves context from multiple passages and maps values to core properties, producing entity-wise KG entries that can be ingested into Wikidata.

Previous approaches to KG enrichment focus on expanding background knowledge about existing entities, rather than filling knowledge gaps by generating new entries for missing entities. Several frameworks target KG completion by harvesting facts from web pages and semi-structured sources. Long-tail entities from open KGs such as Wikidata and DBpedia can be enriched by searching the web for additional facts, an approach implemented in OKELE (Cao et al. 2020). OKELE employs a property prediction model based on a Graph Neural Network (GNN), an extraction method for each targeted source type (structured, semi-structured, or unstructured), and a probabilistic fact verification model.

Wikidata entities can be enriched by crawling their linked web pages and casting property filling as an extractive QA task (Guo et al. 2023): questions are generated from property labels, candidate values are extracted through fine-tuned QA models, and results are resolved to Wikidata entries through custom linking modules. The approach described in (Guo et al. 2023) builds upon earlier work by Levy et al. (Levy et al. 2017), which frames the enrichment task as relation extraction through reading comprehension questions over Wikipedia, and Kratzwald et al. (Kratzwald et al. 2020), which completes Wikidata using QA pipelines over Wikipedia. These systems represent the dominant paradigm in KG enrichment, focusing on enhancing coverage for entities already present within a reference KG rather than creating new entries for absent entities.

Unlike these systems, which enrich only existing Wikidata entries and rely on entity-to-URL mappings to retrieve web documents, our approach retrieves context from specialised

historical corpora and generates triples for entirely absent (NIL) entities, enabling Wikidata enrichment with long-tail historical figures.

## 2.5 Wikidata Coverage Bias

AI technologies are affirming themselves as cultural and social infrastructures, serving as the primary tool for an increasing number of people to access information that other humans have accumulated (Farrell et al. 2025) and as information-seeking alternatives to traditional search engines (Chatterji et al. 2025). As noted by (Hogan et al. 2025), search engines, LLMs, and KGs differ in the extent of knowledge they represent and in how they make it accessible. Search engines reflect the distribution of content on the Web; LLMs are trained on large-scale textual data and may perform less accurately on long-tail knowledge, namely information that is rare or absent from their training data (Farrell et al. 2025; Ilievski et al. 2025; Kandpal et al. 2023). KGs, such as Wikidata, offer structured and curated representations, but with limited scope: even the largest KGs capture a fraction of what appears in web-scale corpora. These coverage gaps affect systems' ability to meet information needs and can negatively influence their behaviour in downstream tasks (Abián et al. 2022).

Even if to a lesser extent than the attention devoted to analysing bias in statistical AI systems such as LLMs, the research community has addressed the issue of representational bias in knowledge resources, with a particular focus on Wikimedia's foundation KBs such as Wikipedia and Wikidata (Kraft and Soulier 2024).

van Erp and de Boer (2021) observe that open KGs, such as Wikidata, inadequately represent long-tail entities and diverse perspectives. This happens even though KGs, as technologies, are inherently capable of encoding multiple viewpoints and lack any functional features that would disadvantage them in representing long-tail knowledge. This limitation arises partly because automatic knowledge extraction systems used to construct KGs (see Section 2.4 for a synthetic overview) exhibit biases that may propagate into the output, particularly regarding long-tail information. Building on these observations, studies have advanced the examination of content gaps in Wikidata, providing reviews of gap typologies that include demographic, socioeconomic, occupational, and geographic dimensions (Shaik et al. 2021; Zhang and Terveen 2021; Das et al. 2023; Ripoll et al. 2025). Relevant to our work is recency bias, namely the tendency of KBs to favour contemporary subjects over historical ones (Ripoll et al. 2025). This bias intersects with gender disparities: for instance, the ratio of Wikipedia articles on women to men remains low for individuals born before the 19th century. Still, it increases thereafter, with projections indicating parity for those born in 2034.

Gender bias patterns are documented in a cross-verified database of 2.29 million individuals spanning 3500 BC to 2018 AD (Laouenan et al. 2022). The percentage of female individuals in Western English and non-English Wikipedia editions reaches a minimum of 5–10% around 1750, then rises to 20–30% by 2018. The study finds that Western non-English Wikipedia editions reduce gender bias compared to English Wikipedia alone, achieving 27% female representation versus 22.5% in the English edition after

1 1950.

2 An analysis of 1 million Wikipedia biographies from  
3 2010 to 2020 reveals gender disparities (Yu et al. 2025).  
4 Articles about women and non-binary individuals tend to be  
5 shorter and exhibit lower consensus across language editions  
6 than those about men’s biographies. This pattern suggests  
7 that improvements in quantitative representation have not  
8 resolved disparities in content depth and consistency.

9 Despite awareness of biases in Wikidata, existing efforts  
10 have focused on quantifying gaps or improving the  
11 knowledge available for entities already present in the graph.  
12 However, historical figures underrepresented or absent from  
13 mainstream reference sources remain difficult to recover  
14 through traditional KG enrichment methods. Our work  
15 addresses this limitation by targeting NIL entities occurring  
16 in historical corpora and generating structured knowledge  
17 about them. In doing so, we not only complement existing  
18 approaches to bias mitigation but also provide a mechanism  
19 to counteract recency bias by surfacing long-tail historical  
20 individuals and their properties for inclusion in Wikidata.

### 21 3 How to automatically enrich Knowledge 22 Graphs with Long-tail Entities

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**Algorithm 1** Automatic enrichment of a NIL entity

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**Require:** A sentence  $s$  mentioning the NIL entity  $e$  of  
Wikidata type  $T$

**Require:**  $\mathcal{C}$  a corpus that possibly contains information on  $e$

**Require:** A set of retrievers  $\mathcal{R}$ , a set of LLMs  $\mathcal{LLM}$  and a  
confidence threshold  $\tau$

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1:  $KG_e \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
2: for all  $P \in \text{top-}k$  properties for  $T$  do
3:    $T_P \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
4:   for all  $(R, L) \in \mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{LLM}$  do  $\triangleright$  All combinations
      of retrievers and LLMs
5:     Instantiate the query template  $q$  for  $L$  using
       $s, e, P$ 
6:     Retrieve the context  $c$  related to  $e$  from  $\mathcal{C}$  using
      query  $t$  and retriever  $R$ 
7:     Combine the context  $c$  and the query  $t$  into the
      prompt  $p$ 
8:     Prompt  $L$  for the answer  $\hat{a}$  using  $p$ 
9:     Link the answer  $\hat{a}$  to a literal or a Wikidata entity
       $\tilde{a}$ 
10:    Add  $\langle e, P, \tilde{a} \rangle$  to  $T_P$ 
11:   end for
12:   Add  $\langle s, P, \text{majority}(T_P) \rangle$  to  $KG_e$ 
13: end for
14: return  $KG_e$ 

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23 Algorithm 1 describes our pipeline using pseudo-code.  
24 Given a NIL entity and its type, it initialises an empty KG for  
25 the NIL entity (line 1) and enumerates the top- $k$  properties to  
26 enrich the entity (line 2). Although it is possible to manually  
27 specify the set of properties, we propose to automatically  
28 extract them using the K-means algorithm (Section 3.1).  
29 For each combination of LLMs and context retrievers (line  
30 4), we first search the domain-specific corpus for relevant  
31 passages given the sentence mentioning the NIL entity and  
32 the property at hand (line 5 and 6, Section 3.2). We then rely

on this information to instantiate a prompt for the LLM (line  
7, Section 3.3), which generates an answer for the property  
(line 8, section 3.4), which will constitute its predicate value.  
We link the answer to Wikidata QIDs (line 9, Section 3.5)  
and store the candidate triple (line 10). Once all triples  
have been generated, multiple combinations of LLMs and  
retrievers are likely to yield the same linked answer. We  
experiment with a majority-voting algorithm to identify the  
most frequently predicted linked answers (line 12, Section  
3.6).

This RAG approach enables the extraction of values for  
given properties from corpus evidence and structures them  
according to Wikidata conventions. In the following sections,  
we provide a detailed description of the steps in our pipeline.  
To better illustrate the method, we will rely on a running  
example based on the following sentence:

*the solo parts being sung by Miss Orton, Miss  
Waleman and Me Horniblow*<sup>3</sup>

where we are interested in creating a Wikidata entry for the  
entity *Miss Orton* of type *person* (Q5<sup>4</sup>). The running example  
and a schema of our method are reported in Figure 1.

#### 3.1 Automatically detect most prominent properties

In order to automatically extract a set of properties that  
are likely to be predicted by an LLM, we rely on a  
distributional hypothesis. Given an entity type in Wikidata,  
for example *person* (Q5), we argue that external corpora  
and the parametric memory of LLMs are more likely to  
contain information on the most used properties for persons,  
for example *occupation* (P106), rather than more specific  
properties, such as *record label* (P264).

We extract this set of properties by first collecting all  
entities of the specified type from Wikidata, and for each  
property used by at least one entity, counting the total number  
of entities that use it. We then group properties using the K-  
means algorithm and vary  $K$  from 1 cluster to  $N$  clusters.  
We select the final number of clusters using the elbow  
method: we compute the sum of squared errors (SSE) for  
each number of clusters and select the point where the curve  
shows an inflexion. For example, we might obtain that the  
most frequent properties for person are *occupation* (P106)  
and *country of citizenship* (P27). Hence, we will enrich the  
entity related to *Miss Orton* using those properties.

Using the K-means algorithm and the elbow method  
enabled us to adopt a principled approach to determining *how*  
*many* of the most frequent properties were sufficient to take  
our first steps toward implementing and testing our method.

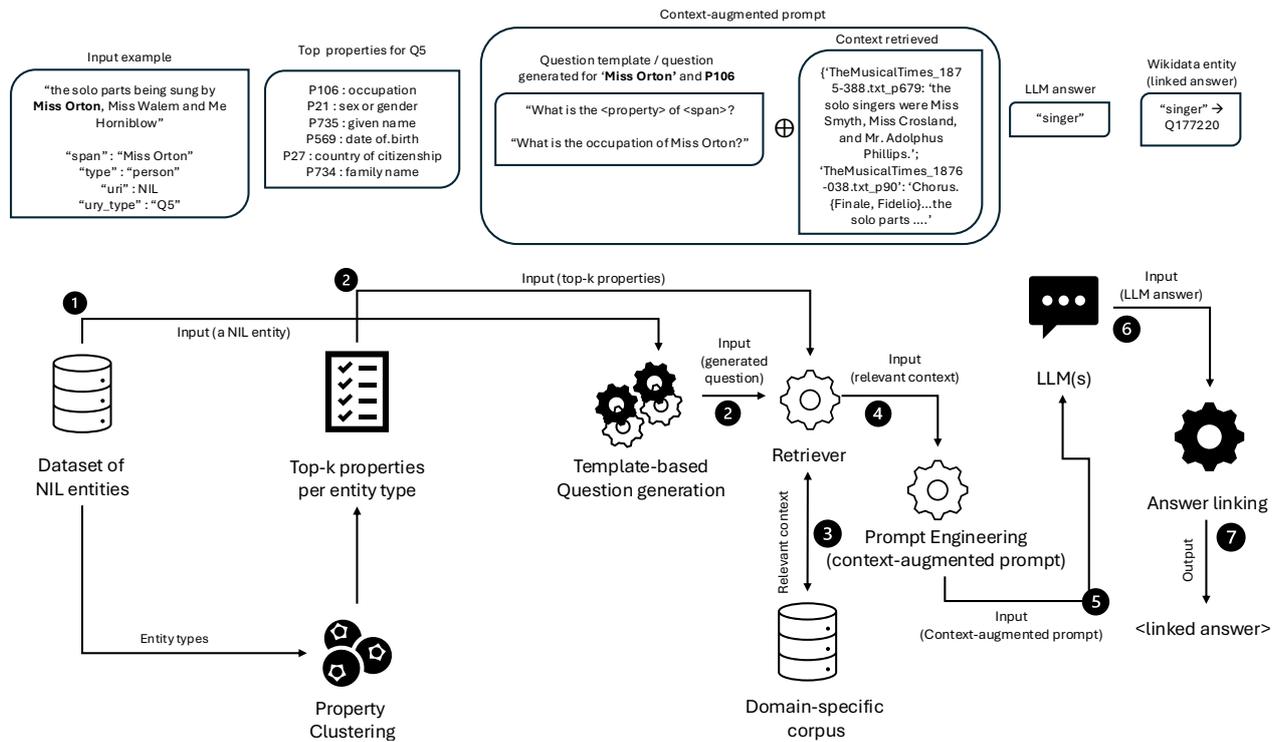
#### 3.2 Retrieve informative context from the corpus

Once the set of properties is identified, we can prepare the  
queries for the LLMs. The most critical step is the context

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<sup>3</sup>The sentence is taken from an issue of the music periodical *The Musical Times* dated 1876 and part of the MHERCL (Graciotti et al. 2025a,b) benchmark.

<sup>4</sup><https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q5>



**Figure 1.** Extracting knowledge about NIL entities to enrich Wikidata: example of data extracted and generated for a relevant historical figure in the music domain, and diagram of the end-to-end pipeline: document processing, question generation, retrieval, answer generation, and answer linking.

1 retrieval phase, which provides the LLM with additional  
 2 information relevant to the NIL entity. Even though the  
 3 entity is not available in Wikidata (and hence probably not  
 4 on Wikipedia), we argue that the vast training corpus of  
 5 LLMs may still contain information about it. In this case,  
 6 even though the retrieved context might not contain direct  
 7 information about a specific property, it still acts as a hook  
 8 onto its parametric memory. For instance, in our use case,  
 9 we expect the LLM to emphasise information memorised  
 10 from documents related to the same historical period as the  
 11 fragments we provide.

12 We frame the KE phase as a QA task. We construct the  
 13 query by concatenating the entity mention, its sentence, and  
 14 the property-specific question using the fixed prompt:

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15 Entity mention: { mention }
16 Source sentence: { sentence }
17 Property question: What is the { property
18 } of { entity }?
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19 The retriever ranks paragraphs from our provided corpus  
 20 against the query. To avoid an overabundance of information,  
 21 we consider only the top- $k$  retrieved passages. In the  
 22 experiments performed in the scope of this paper,  $k = 3$ .

23 For example, given the property *occupation*, the query  
 24 posed to the retriever will be

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25 Entity mention: "Miss Orton"
26 Source sentence: "the solo parts being sung by
27 Miss Orton, Miss Walem and Me Hornblow"
28 Property question: "What is the occupation of
29 Miss Orton?"
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30 and the retrieved passages might be:

- *"TheMusicalTimes\_1873-368.txt\_p579: 'the solo singers were [...]"* 31
- *"TheMusicalTimes\_1876-038.txt\_p90: 'Chorus. (Finale, Fidelio)...the solo parts [...]"* 33

### 3.3 Generate the question for the Large Language Model 35

36 Given some context related to the entity and property at  
 37 hand, we instantiate the prompt for the LLM by combining  
 38 the query used with the context retriever and the retrieved  
 39 context into a structured prompt containing four components:  
 40

- Task instruction specifying the required answer format; 41
- Demonstration example; 42
- Input block containing the entity mention, sentence, retrieved context, and question; 43
- Answer trigger keyword (*Answer:*). 44

45 Examples of a prompt are reported in Appendix .1. 46

### 3.4 Prompt the Large Language Models for an Answer 48

49 We prompt the LLM to answer the question and obtain  
 50 an answer for the property at hand using the prompt  
 51 constructed in the previous section. Note that when using  
 52 multiple retrievers, an LLM will be prompted multiple times  
 53 with similar prompts, differing mainly in the contextual  
 54 information provided. This step can yield different *candidate*  
 55

answers, depending on the effectiveness and informativeness of the provided context.

For example, the LLM may generate the textual answer “*singer*” for the prompt related to the example sentence from the previous section. Note that the candidate answer is in free-form; it is not constrained to be a valid Wikidata entity. This introduces two main issues. First, the answer cannot be used directly in Wikidata. For instance, the *singer* occupation is represented as an entity in Wikidata (Q177220). Secondly, when producing different candidate answers using different retrievers and LLMs, the answers might not be comparable due to superficial differences. For instance, *singer* and *vocalist* are both valid candidate answers that refer to the same Wikidata entity.

### 3.5 Link the answers to Wikidata

We address ambiguity in free-form answers by automatically aligning candidate answers to Wikidata QIDs, thereby generating valid Wikidata triples. We know from prior work that directly prompting LLMs to output QIDs in a zero-shot manner is unreliable for LLM-based entity linking approaches (Boscaroli et al. 2024; Graciotti et al. 2025b). Also, in preliminary experiments, we observed that a biencoder-based linking system produced inaccurate mappings due to the low informative content of both the LLM’s answers and the Wikidata candidates, and that off-the-shelf entity linkers offer little support for nominal concepts as opposed to named entities. We therefore approach entity linking using a rule-based, string-matching approach. To accomplish so, we build a *lookup table* for each property considered, as shown in pseudocode in Algorithm 2.

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**Algorithm 2** Creation of lookup table for a property  $P$  for entities of type  $T$

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**Require:** A Wikidata type  $T$  and a Wikidata property  $P$

- 1:  $\mathcal{L}T_P \leftarrow \emptyset$  ▷ The lookup table
- 2: **for all**  $\langle s, p, o \rangle \in \text{Wikidata}$  s.t.  $\text{type}(s) = T$  **do** ▷
- 3:  $\langle s, P31, T \rangle \in \text{Wikidata}$
- 3: **for all**  $l$  **such that**  $l$  is a label or an alias of  $\text{type}(o)$
- do**
- 4:  $\mathcal{L}T_P[l] = \text{type}(o)$
- 5: **end for**
- 6: **end for**

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Intuitively, given a property  $P$  and the type  $T$  of the NIL entity considered, we collect all the Wikidata entities of type  $T$  for which a triple  $\langle e, P, o \rangle$  exists with  $\text{type}(e) = T$ . We then collect all labels and aliases of  $\text{type}(o)$  and store their association to  $\text{type}(o)$  in the lookup table of  $P$ . Intuitively, the lookup table contains superficial mentions of the values that  $P$  can take and maps them to their corresponding Wikidata entries.

The lookup table can be used to disambiguate an LLM’s answer to a Wikidata entry. We employ a multistage string matching approach to accommodate variations in entity mentions. If a direct lookup on the table fails, we transform the LLM answer by normalising case differences, diacritical marks (e.g., “José” versus “Jose”), and punctuation differences. If an answer contains multiple components separated by some delimiter (e.g., “composer;

conductor”), we process each component independently, producing multiple valid values for that property. If the matching process fails, we discard the candidate LLM answer, reducing spurious matches.

For example, for the occupation of “*Miss Orton*”, the LLM candidate answers “*singer*” and “*vocalist*” are both linked to Q177220, the QID of the entity *singer*. In fact, while “*singer*” is the main label of Q177220, “*vocalist*” is among the QID’s *aliases*, namely the alternative names for an item.<sup>5</sup> It is hence possible to generate a single valid Wikidata triple from both candidate answers.

When constructing the lookup tables, we order the entities per their numerical part (the numbers after the Q in the QID) in ascending order. We attempt the string match first on the labels column, then on the aliases column. We link to the first matching entry in the lookup table. This approach is not ideal, as it arbitrarily removes ambiguity by linking to the first item in the lookup table; however, Wikidata QIDs are assigned sequentially by creation date (the lower the number in the QID, the earlier the creation date of the corresponding Wikidata item).<sup>6</sup> We assume that, in cases of ambiguity, the oldest available QID corresponds to the more canonical concept.

### 3.6 Majority voting

Each answer is the result of a pipeline involving the entity, its context, a retrieval method, and an LLM. It is reasonable to assume that, since the target NIL entity is the same across the different LLMs and retriever combinations, most candidate answers will converge on a unique value. At the same time, some combinations will provide outliers that should be ignored. Here, we hypothesise that we can improve the accuracy of the results by combining multiple answers and applying a majority vote.

To identify the value upon which the different LLMs and retrievers converge, we rely on the Boyer-Moore majority voting algorithm, which efficiently identifies the answer repeated >50% of the times (Boyer and Moore 1991). For example, considering the property “country of citizenship”, given the candidate answers France (Q142), France (Q142), Germany (Q183), United Kingdom (Q145), France (Q142), the algorithm will identify the entity France (Q142) as the final answer. For properties accepting multiple values, the algorithm will accept all the entities repeated >50% of the times.

## 4 Experiments on Historical Figures

We experiment with the method proposed in Section 3 by adopting the MHERCL dataset (Graciotti et al. 2025a), a component of KE-MHISTO (Graciotti et al. 2025b). MHERCL builds upon the Polifonia Corpus (Polifonia Corpus) and contains sentences from British periodicals published between 1823 and 1900. Those sentences have been extracted from the *Periodicals* module, which includes

<sup>5</sup>The concept of aliases for Wikidata items is described at <https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Help:Aliases>, last accessed February 16th, 2026.

<sup>6</sup><https://diff.wikimedia.org/2020/10/06/wikidata-reaches-q10000000/>

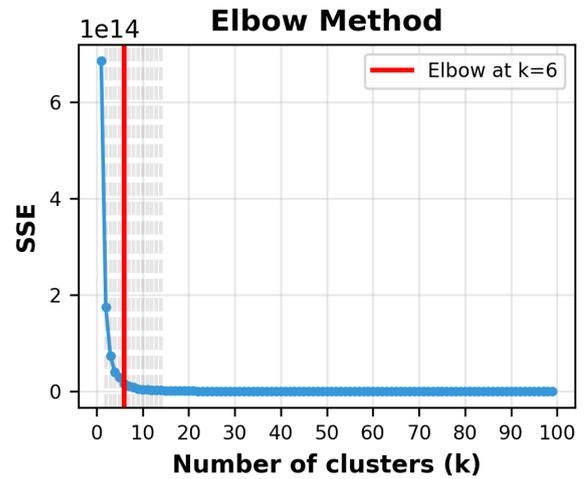
**Table 1.** Distribution of unique NIL entities per type in MHERCL and distributions of person mentions and their gender.

Entity Type	#
person	402
music	118
organization	48
work-of-art	34
opera	21
publication	20
building	18
book	16
worship-place	15
road	9
city	7
company	7
event	4
government-organization	4
festival	3
magazine	2
concert	2
street	2
journal	1
newspaper	1
university	1
school	1
college	1
city-district	1
facility	1
thing	1
scholarship	1

**Total person mentions**  
**2370** (85% are Male, 15% are Female)  
**Total NIL person mentions**  
**745** (27% Male are NIL, 55% Female are NIL)

**Table 3.** Properties of entity of type human (Q5) selected with k-means for person NIL entity KG entry creation.

QID	Label	#
P106	occupation	11,859,955
P21	sex or gender	9,794,936
P735	given name	8,057,631
P569	date of birth	7,045,476
P27	country of citizenship	5,536,211
P734	family name	5,495,303

**Figure 2.** Elbow curve showing the SSE for K-means clustering with  $k = 1$  to  $k = 100$ . The inflexion point suggests an optimal grouping at  $k = 6$ .

1 issues of nineteenth-century music periodicals, including  
2 *The Harmonicon* and *Dwight's Journal of Music*. Each  
3 sentence is annotated for NER (following the Abstract  
4 Meaning Representation (AMR) guidelines<sup>7</sup> for consistent  
5 entity type classification) and EL tasks, with entities linked to  
6 Wikidata where possible, with an inter-annotator agreement  
7 of 0.82 Krippendorff's alpha, indicating reliable annotation.  
8 Moreover, each sentence includes metadata identifying its  
9 original source documents. The dataset contains 2,370 entity  
10 mentions (1,805 unique) across 58 entity types. The five  
11 most frequent types are PERSON (1,253 mentions), CITY  
12 (262), MUSIC (187), ORGANIZATION (93), and WORK-OF-  
13 ART (85).

14 Entities of type person cover 53% of all annotations and  
15 54% of NIL cases, as can be seen in Table 1. Furthermore,  
16 persons are central in KGs, yet their distribution is affected  
17 by social biases such as gender bias. For example, historical  
18 figures found in specialised corpora are more likely to be  
19 absent from Wikidata (Graciotti et al. 2025b), which in  
20 turn deteriorates LLMs' performance on downstream tasks  
21 (Graciotti et al. 2024).

**Table 2.** Gender distribution: all person mentions versus NIL person mentions in MHERCL.

	Male (%)	Female (%)
All Person NEs	85	15
NIL Person NEs	27	55

Moreover, MHERCL reveals pronounced gender imbalance patterns (Table 1). Male figures dominate overall mentions of people (85%) but constitute only 27% of NIL entities. Conversely, women account for 15% of total mentions but comprise 55% of NIL persons. This inversion indicates that women notable enough to be featured in nineteenth-century periodicals specialised on music remain underrepresented in Wikidata. By targeting these NIL entities, we address Wikidata's coverage and representational gaps affecting the gender dimension. Finally, entities of type person have a heterogeneous set of properties on Wikidata, with varying data types and cardinalities, which allows us to test our method across different property types.

In the following sections, we first provide a detailed description of the process for identifying the properties whose values we want to extract to create the Wikidata entries for the NIL person entities occurring in MHERCL (Section 4.1). Then, in Section 4.2, we present two resources: QID-KG, a KG constructed by fetching Wikidata property-value pairs for those person entities from MHERCL that have existing Wikidata entries, and NIL-KG, a manually curated KG containing triples for a sample of the MHERCL person entities that do not have existing Wikidata entries, with information manually searched and extracted from

<sup>7</sup><https://github.com/amrisi/amr-guidelines/blob/master/amr.md#named-entities>

**Table 4.** Property coverage in QID-KG and NIL-KG. Numbers in parentheses show percentages.

Property	QID-KG (n=492)	NIL-KG (n=113)
Country of citizenship	416 (84.6%)	87 (77.7%)
Date of birth	479 (97.4%)	17 (15.2%)
Family name	399 (81.1%)	98 (86.7%)
Given name	484 (98.4%)	57 (50.9%)
Occupation	485 (98.6%)	105 (93.8%)
Sex or gender	491 (99.8%)	101 (90.2%)

the Polifonia corpus and the Web. Section 4.3 describes experiments with our method on both resources.

#### 4.1 Identifying the set of properties for NIL persons

As described in Section 3.1, we identify the most informative set of properties for entities of the given type. In our experiments, we consider the type person (Q5) and use a complete Wikidata dump for analysis.<sup>8</sup> We first collect all entities that are subject to a triple with property P31 (instance of) and Q5 (person). We then collect the properties used by the selected entities and count the number of occurrences for each. We cluster the properties into different numbers of clusters, as explained in Section 3.1, varying the number of clusters from 1 to 100.

We obtain the elbow curve in Figure 2, which displays a clear inflexion at 6 clusters. We hence select the six most frequent properties for extraction, excluding the property P31 (instance of), which is trivial and is always equal to Q5. The final set of core properties selected is reported in Table 3.

#### 4.2 Introducing the QID-KG and NIL-KG

In order to evaluate LLMs’ performances on predicting NIL entities’ attributes, we manually construct two reference KGs using the set of properties of Table 3. We propose the QID-KG, which includes MHERCL persons that have a corresponding Wikidata entity, and NIL-KG for persons that do not have a Wikidata entity. We release both the KGs in our GitHub repository.<sup>9</sup>

For each non-NIL person entity in MHERCL, we query Wikidata and retrieve the values of each property. For each entity, we store the QID or literal value of each property,<sup>10</sup> resulting in the QID-KG. Table 4 shows property coverage ranging from 84.6% (country of citizenship) to 99.8% (sex or gender).

On the other hand, we manually annotate the properties of 113 NIL entities in MHERCL, examining both source periodicals and reliable Web resources.

Table 5 shows the annotations and their source within the corpus and other web sources for the NIL entity *Agnes Larkcom*. The final set of annotations is used to create the NIL-KG, which includes 465 manually curated triples. We find that property coverage varies significantly across entities. For instance, we identify the occupation for 93.8% of the entities, but we only find a reliable date of birth for 15.2%. Table 4 reports the coverage for each property in NIL-KG.

Since QID-KG directly leverages the entities annotated in MHERCL, it similarly exhibits pronounced male dominance and considerably lower female representation,

**Table 5.** Gold-standard triples for NIL entity *Agnes Larkcom*, extracted from the corpus document “*Highly commended — Annie Albu, Amy Aylward, Jessie Jones, Agnes Larkcom, and Marian Williams.*” (*The Musical Times*, 1876) and a web page as additional evidence<sup>11</sup>.

Property (ID)	Object (QID)
given name (P735)	Agnes (Q394431)
sex or gender (P21)	female (Q6581072)
country of citizenship (P27)	United Kingdom (Q145)
occupation (P106)	soprano singer (Q98834068), voice teacher (Q7939609)
date of birth (P569)	1865
family name (P734)	Larkcom (NIL)

**Table 6.** Gender distribution in gold-standard KGs.

Gender	QID-KG (492)	NIL-KG (113)
Male	439 (89.2%)	64 (57.1%)
Female	52 (10.6%)	37 (33.0%)
Missing	1 (0.2%)	11 (9.8%)

as reported in Table 6. NIL-KG exhibits less pronounced dominance than QID-KG, despite female entities remaining underrepresented. This shift confirms that historical women face double marginalisation: underrepresented in the documentary sources of the time, and overlooked in contemporary KBs.

#### 4.3 Experiments on QID-KG and NIL-KG

We experiment with the method of Section 3 on both QID-KG and NIL-KG, introduced in the previous section. For each person in both KGs, we retrieve the information of the properties identified in Table 3. All context is retrieved by querying the *Periodicals* module in the Polifonia corpus.

**Table 7.** Retrieval methods.

Type	Model
Sparse	BM25 (Robertson and Zaragoza 2009)
	contriever (Izacard et al. 2022)
Dense	gtr-t5-large (Ni et al. 2022)
	gtr-t5-xxl (Ni et al. 2022)
	bge-large-en (Xiao et al. 2024)
	instructor-xl (Su et al. 2023)

We experiment with six different information retrieval methods based on sparse and dense retrieval techniques, listed in Table 7, and with six different LLMs across different parameter scales, listed in Table 8 and selected following the comparative study of He et al. (2025b). We only collect the top 3 documents retrieved by a retriever and query LLMs

<sup>8</sup>The Wikidata dump used for this analysis was downloaded on 29/03/2025.

<sup>9</sup>QID-KG and NIL-KG are available at [https://github.com/arianna-graciotti/KG\\_Construction\\_Historical\\_NIL\\_Entities/tree/master/Datasets](https://github.com/arianna-graciotti/KG_Construction_Historical_NIL_Entities/tree/master/Datasets).

<sup>10</sup>Dates are stored as `xsd:date` literals; all other values as QIDs.

<sup>11</sup>Extrapolated from <https://shigovoicelessons.com/voicetalk//2016/04/the-art-of-teaching-singing-by-agnes-j.html>, last accessed October 24th 2025.

**Table 8.** LLMs used.

Parameters	LLM
14B	Phi-3-Medium (Abdin et al. 2024)
27B	Gemma-2-27B-IT (et al. 2024)
47B	Mixtral-8×7B (Jiang et al. 2023)
70–72B	Llama-3.3-70B (Grattafiori and the Llama 3 Team 2024) Qwen-2.5-72B (Hui et al. 2024)
~200B+	GPT-4o-mini

using the OpenRouter API<sup>12</sup>, which provides a uniform interface across model backends.

When querying an LLM, we experiment with two variants of the prompt from Section 3.4, a RAG prompt where we provide the context retrieved and a zero-shot prompt where we do not provide any context. This allows us to measure the impact of the retrieved context.

In total, we produce 72 candidate answers per property by combining zero-shot and RAG results.

During the majority voting phase described in Section 3.6 we enforce a strict majority, meaning that a candidate’s answer is selected as the final value only if it covers *at least* half of the set of answers. We perform majority voting for each LLM separately to assess its accuracy, and combine all candidate answers from all LLMs.

**4.3.1 Evaluation Metrics** We evaluate our experiments for each property using standard information retrieval metrics on the linked answer (Section 3.5). We filter out candidate answers longer than 100 characters. We set this threshold because we observed that answers of such length never correspond to outputs that can be parsed and linked, while increasing time costs and introducing noise.

Table 9 shows examples of our evaluation setting. Each prediction is classified as True Positive (TP) when the system correctly identifies a property value matching the gold standard, False Positive (FP) when

the system produces an incorrect property value, False Negative (FN) when the system fails to identify an existing property value, and True Negative (TN) when the system correctly identifies that no property value exists.

We do not explicitly instruct the model to output a NIL or unknown response. However, models often return answers that cannot be linked, either because they are negative statements (e.g., “No given name”) or because they are verbose explanations that exceed our 100-character threshold. In both cases, no linked answer is produced. When the pipeline yields an unlinked or empty answer, and the gold standard is also NIL, i.e., no value for that property could be

found on Wikidata or in the corpus, the case is counted as a TN. Conversely, when a gold value exists, but the pipeline produces an unlinked or empty answer, the case is counted as a False Negative.

For properties that allow multiple correct values, such as *occupation*, we evaluate whether there is a partial match between the gold standard and the linked answers (binary classification: at least one correct answer has been predicted) as well as the completeness of the answers (multilabel classification). We heuristically extract answers by splitting on commas, semicolons, and pipe characters.

**4.3.2 Evaluation on dates** For the Date of Birth (DoB) property, we assess performances at four levels:

- exact match on the date;
- matching year, e.g. *1810-03-15* and *1810-12-01*;
- matching decade, e.g. *1810-03-15* and *1814-04-12*;
- matching century, e.g. *1810-03-15* and *1858-03-15*

Dates are normalised from various date formats, including ISO dates (“1810-03-15”), dates with time zones (“1810-03-15T00:00:00Z”), textual representations (“born on March 15, 1810”), and year-only specifications. The different criteria on date evaluation capture the ability to extract temporal information at different precision levels, accounting for cases in historical texts where exact dates may be uncertain or differently expressed, and allow us to assess whether added context enforces this aspect.

## 5 Results

This section reports the experimental results of our proposed KE pipeline on the setting described in the previous section. We first present the performance of the methods for each property on both **QID-KG** and **NIL-KG**. Then, we provide granular evaluations specific to dates and occupations and examine the contribution of retrieval and majority voting.

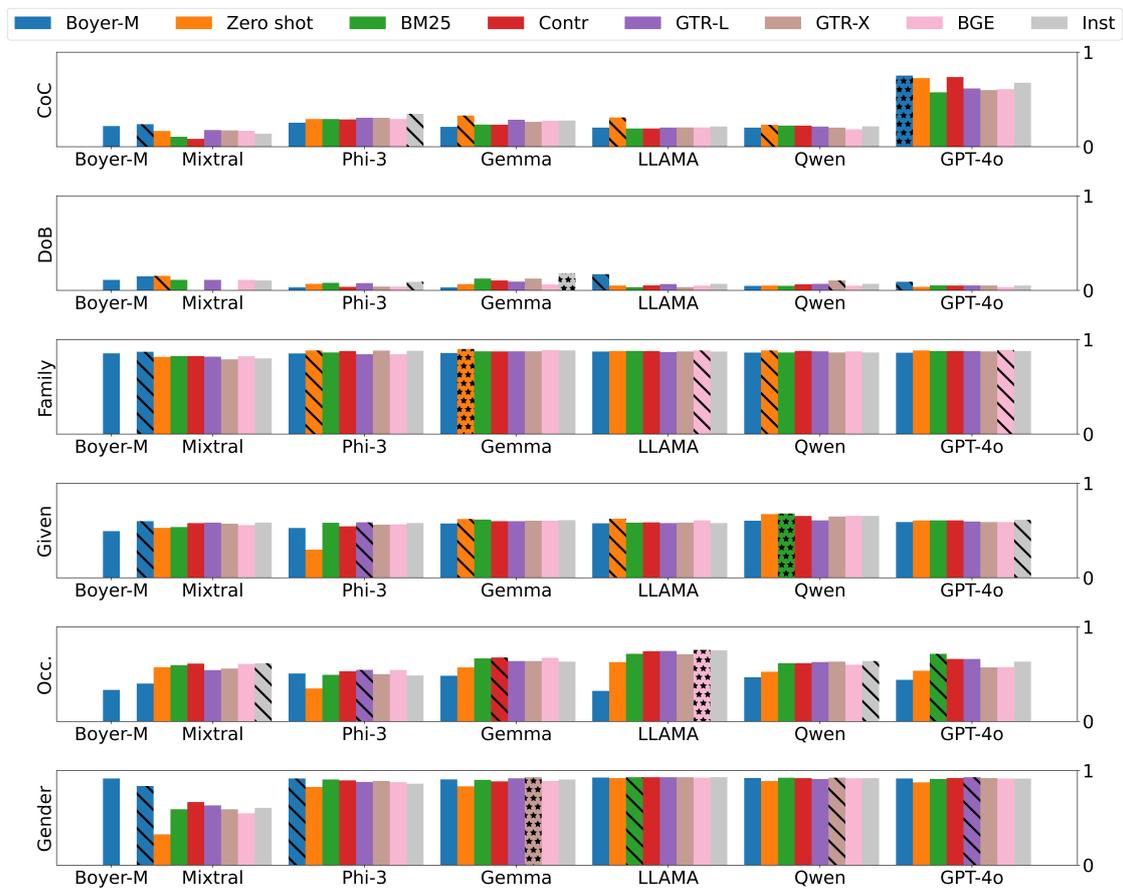
### 5.1 Overall Property Extraction

Figure 3 reports the micro F1 score for each property of Table 3 on QID-KG (Figure 3a) and NIL-KG (Figure 3b). We report complete evaluation tables with P, R, and F1 for each property in the Appendix .2. Experiments on QID-KG scores generally outperform NIL-KG scores on average across all model–retriever configurations, underscoring the challenge of extracting properties for entities absent from Wikidata. Without pre-existing records, LLMs cannot leverage parametric memory. Notable exceptions are GivenName and FamilyName, where NIL-KG achieves higher average scores; this can be explained by the fact that these two properties can be derived solely from the surface form of the entity mention itself (i.e., the name and surname), requiring no external knowledge beyond what is already encoded in the mention.

<sup>12</sup><https://openrouter.ai/>



(a) QID-KG



(b) NIL-KG

**Figure 3.** Micro F1 measures computed on QID-KG and NIL-KG for each property. Best results for each model are represented by hatched rectangles. The best overall result is filled with star symbols. Boyer-m stands for Boyer-Moore algorithm.

*Minimal context suffices for family name and sex or gender.* Family name and sex or gender properties achieve the highest F1 scores across both KGs. Both properties rely on local cues that require minimal external knowledge: surnames are directly recoverable from the entity mention itself, while sex or gender can be inferred from honorifics and pronouns. Sex or gender still follows the general trend of higher QID-KG scores, whereas family name is a notable exception where NIL-KG outperforms QID-KG. This is likely due to a combination of two factors: the mention’s surface form provides sufficient evidence without requiring parametric memory, and the NIL-KG evaluation sample is considerably smaller, which reduces the number of opportunities for errors.

*Majority voting improves CoC performance on QID-KG.* For country of citizenship, Boyer-Moore majority voting achieves the best QID-KG performance, with the per-model results of LLAMA and Qwen ( $F1 = 0.44$  and  $0.43$ , respectively) matching the combined vote across all models and retrievers combination ( $F1 = 0.43$ ). More broadly, Boyer-Moore configurations consistently rank highly, indicating that aggregating candidate answers across retrievers reduces noisy predictions. On NIL-KG, however, single-retriever configurations with GPT-4o-mini dominate, with Boyer-Moore ( $F1 = 0.75$ ), Contriever ( $F1 = 0.74$ ), and even zero-shot ( $F1 = 0.73$ ) all outperforming the combined vote ( $F1 = 0.22$ ), suggesting that for NIL entities GPT-4o-mini’s parametric knowledge alone makes the difference for this property.

*LLM priors dominate for DoB; retrieval offers limited help.* For date of birth, the combined majority vote hampers performance on QID-KG ( $F1 = 0.33$ ) compared with the best individual configurations. Zero-shot runs match retrieval-augmented ones for most models on QID-KG, with Phi-3-Medium as the only model that clearly benefits from retrieval ( $F1 = 0.25$  zero-shot vs  $0.47$  with the best retriever). This scarce value added by the retrieval reflects data sparsity: 19th-century periodicals often focus on contemporary events, concerts, performances, or reviews, which rarely mention birth dates of the artists. Hence, LLMs must rely on parametric knowledge for the dates of known figures. The best QID-KG performance is achieved by Llama-3.3-70B, which scores  $F1 = 0.62$  in both zero-shot and BM25 settings. Date of birth shows the lowest average performance on NIL-KG, yet the highest overall NIL-KG score is obtained in a RAG setting — Gemma-2-27B-IT with instructor-xl ( $F1 = 0.18$ ), possibly because the retrieved context provides periodical metadata that helps situate entities in a historical period.

*RAG helps given name on QID-KG but not on NIL-KG.* For given name, retrieval-augmented configurations consistently outperform zero-shot on QID-KG across all models, with the largest gains for Phi-3-Medium ( $F1 = 0.13$  zero-shot vs  $0.35$  with the best retriever) and Qwen-2.5-72B ( $0.26$  vs  $0.46$ ). On NIL-KG, however, zero-shot runs match or approach the best retrieval-augmented ones for most models, with the exceptions of Phi-3-Medium and Mixtral-8x7B, which still benefit from retrieval. Majority voting does not improve over the best single-retriever configurations in either KG. The best

performances are obtained using Llama-3.3-70B with BGE on QID-KG ( $F1 = 0.67$ ), and Qwen-2.5-72B with BM25 on NIL-KG ( $F1 = 0.68$ ).

*Retrieval boosts occupation accuracy, voting hurts recall.* For the property occupation, RAG yields consistent gains on both KGs, with Llama-3.3-70B on QID-KG as the sole exception, where zero-shot ( $F1 = 0.82$ ) marginally outperforms the best retriever ( $F1 = 0.81$ ). On QID-KG, the largest improvement is observed for Phi-3-Medium ( $F1 = 0.54$  zero-shot vs  $0.75$  with the best retriever). On QID-KG, the largest improvement is observed for Phi-3-Medium (14B), the smallest model ( $F1 = 0.54$  zero-shot vs  $0.75$  with the best retriever), suggesting that smaller models benefit more from external context to compensate for their more limited parametric knowledge. However, this trend does not hold consistently across all model sizes or on NIL-KG. On NIL-KG, retrieval gains are generally larger than on QID-KG, confirming that external evidence is especially valuable when the target entity is absent from Wikidata and parametric memory alone is insufficient. Majority voting yields substantially lower F1 on both KGs, because the strict majority policy discards many candidate answers: Boyer-Moore combined recall drops to  $0.11$  on QID-KG and  $0.21$  on NIL-KG, compared with average single-retriever recall of  $0.74$  and  $0.62$  respectively, while precision increases.

## 5.2 Date of Birth Evaluation

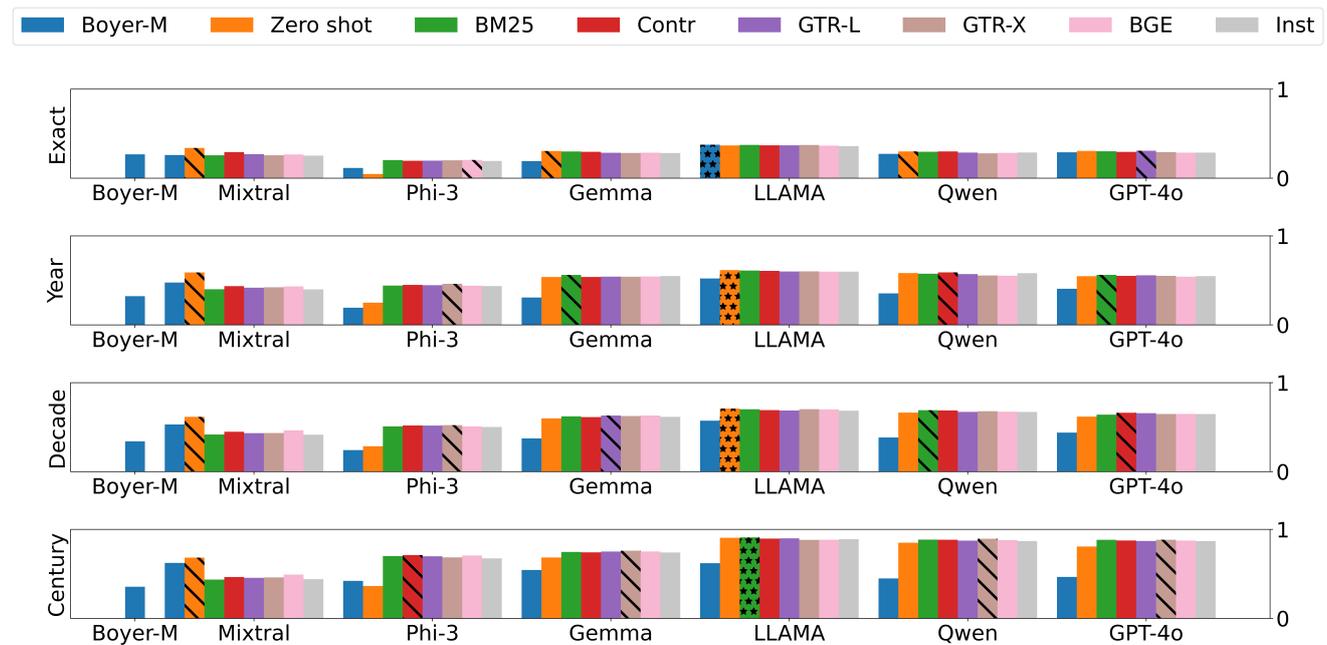
We evaluate the extraction of the date of birth (DoB) property using four different criteria, as explained in the previous section, and report its results in Figure 4 for both QID-KG (4a) and NIL-KG (4b). We report complete evaluation tables with P, R, and F1 for each property in the Appendix .3.

Overall, performances increase when a coarser evaluation criterion is used across all models and retrievers. This confirms LLMs’ tendency to provide temporally approximate answers, even when the precise date is unavailable. We remark that F1 scores are consistently higher on the QID-KG than on the NIL-KG, regardless of the criteria. This disparity reflects the fundamental challenge posed by NIL entities: many have no date of birth attested in any structured or unstructured source, so an LLM should be able to reply that no DoB is known for that entity. Instead, LLMs usually return an answer, even if it is wrong. In contrast, entities in the QID-KG often appear in widely available historical databases, enabling LLMs to rely on parametric memory and leverage supporting evidence seen during pre-training.

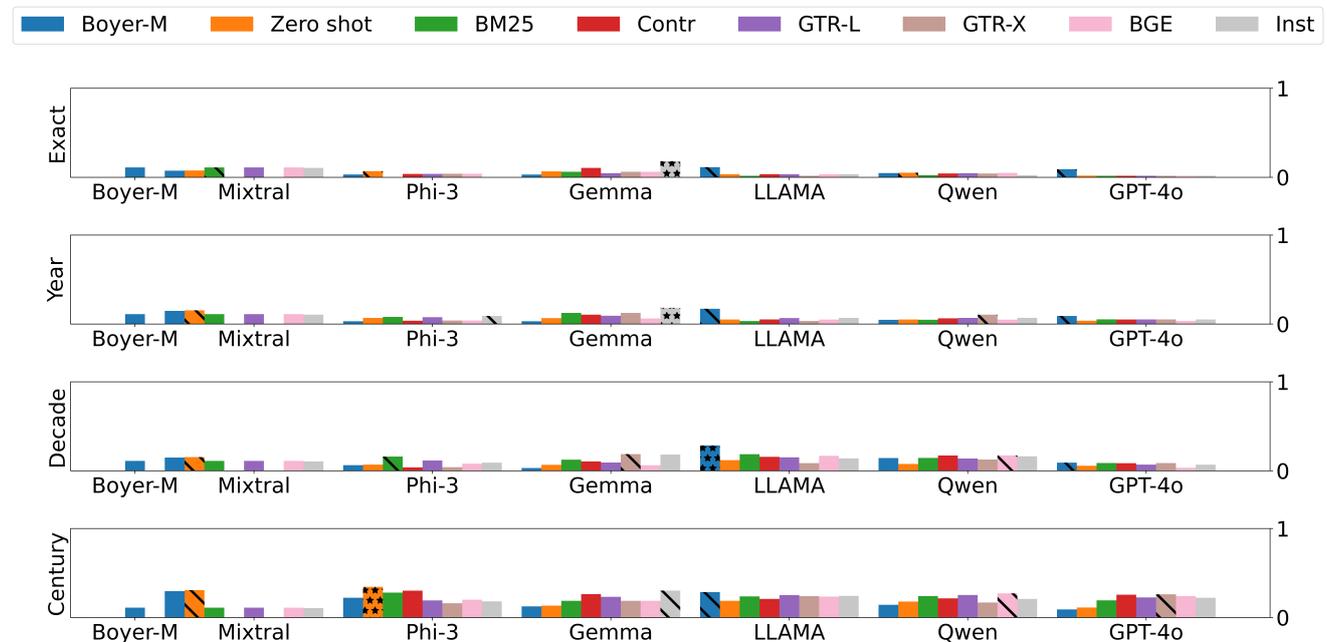
## 5.3 Occupation Evaluation

Finally, we assess the extraction of the occupation property as a multi-label classification task, where each entity may have multiple occupation labels. For evaluation, we treat each entity as a multi-label classification instance and compute P, R, and F1 per sample. We report mean (M), median (Med), and standard deviation (SD) of these scores across all entities in Figure 5 for both QID-KG (5a) and NIL-KG (5b), with complete evaluation tables in the Appendix .4.

Consistent with Section 5.1, retrieval-augmented prompting improves mean F1 for most models. On QID-KG, gains



(a) QID-KG



(b) NIL-KG

**Figure 4.** Micro F1 score computed on QID-KG and NIL-KG for the date of birth using Exact, Decade and Century criteria. Best results for each model are represented by hatched rectangles. The best overall result is filled with star symbols.

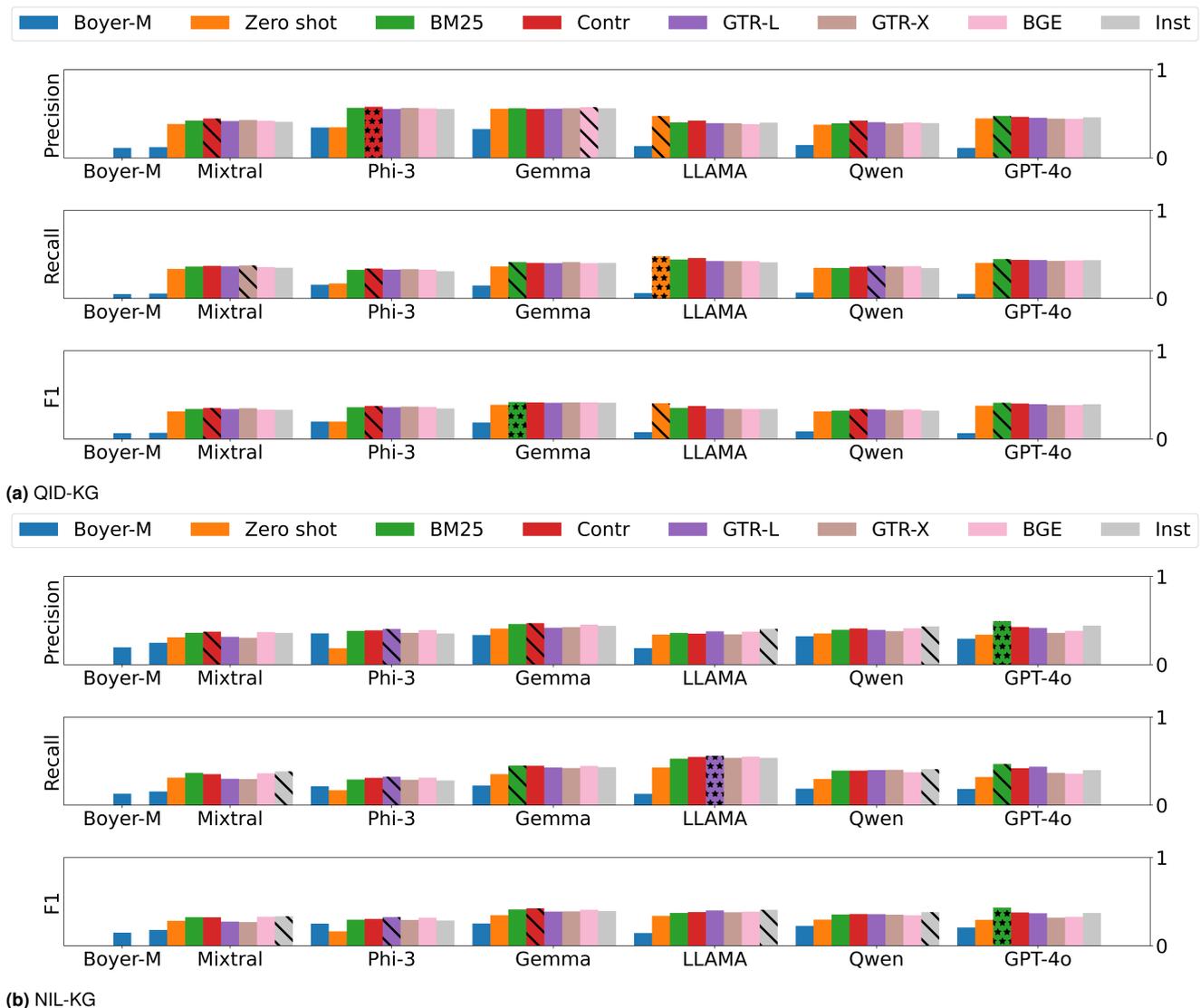
1 are moderate (+0.03 to +0.04), with the notable excep- 14  
 2 tion of Phi-3-Medium, which nearly doubles its mean 15  
 3 F1 (0.20 zero-shot vs 0.38 with the best retriever), and 16  
 4 Llama-3.3-70B, which slightly decreases (0.41 vs 0.37). 17  
 5 On NIL-KG, RAG improvements are larger and univer- 18  
 6 sal, with the most pronounced gains for Phi-3-Medium 19  
 7 (+0.16) and GPT-4o-mini (+0.14), confirming that exter- 20  
 8 nal evidence is especially valuable when the target entity 21  
 9 is absent from Wikidata. The majority voting approach 22  
 10 performs poorly across both KGs.

11 Llama-3.3-70B exhibits a distinct precision-recall 22  
 12 trade-off on NIL-KG: while it achieves the lowest mean 23  
 13 precision among all models (0.37), it obtains the highest

14 mean recall (0.53, up to 0.56 with GTR-L). This 15  
 16 contrasts with Gemma-2-27B-IT (mean  $P = 0.44$ ) and 17  
 18 GPT-4o-mini (mean  $P = 0.41$ ), which achieve higher 19  
 20 precision but lower recall. This suggests that different LLMs 21  
 22 balance comprehensiveness and precision differently when 23  
 24 extracting multiple occupation labels.

## 6 Conclusion, Discussion and Social Impact

*Leveraging Historical Sources for Wikidata Enrichment*  
 Our results propose a pipeline that leverages historical document corpora to address content gaps in KGs. We



**Figure 5.** Precision, Recall and F1 (all micro-average) computed on QID-KG and NIL-KG for the occupation property. Best results for each model are represented by hatched rectangles. The best overall result is filled with star symbols.

1 demonstrate that RAG techniques applied to domain-  
 2 specific diachronic corpora can extract knowledge useful  
 3 for generating KG entries suitable for Wikidata enrichment,  
 4 although significant challenges remain.

5 Pipeline efficacy varies dramatically across properties.  
 6 Testing on both NIL-KG and QID-KG reveals the influence  
 7 of parametric memory on performance. For occupation  
 8 extraction, arguably the most important property we  
 9 consider, our pipeline achieves a maximum F1 of 0.82  
 10 on QID-KG in a zero-shot setting and 0.76 on NIL-  
 11 KG in a RAG setting, both with Llama-3.3-70B. This  
 12 performance gap confirms that the effect of pre-training  
 13 corpora on an LLM’s parametric memory is substantial.  
 14 Nonetheless, our results provide evidence that it is possible to  
 15 probe LLMs for knowledge about entities that are not already  
 16 part of the main KBs, Wikidata in our case.

17 Occupation extraction, in particular, demonstrates the  
 18 influence of retrieval augmentation. On QID-KG, retrieval  
 19 improves the mean F1 score by +0.07 on average across  
 20 models, while on NIL-KG the average gain is larger (+0.13).  
 21 This confirms our initial hypothesis: retrieval compensates

for entities that are underrepresented in the models’  
 parametric knowledge. This also suggests that property  
 selection should align with the corpus used for retrieval to  
 maximise benefits. We observe stronger performances on  
 the occupation property because the 19th-century periodicals  
 extensively document professional activities. Conversely,  
 date of birth achieves the lowest scores because the same  
 corpus contains only sparse biographical details.

*Model-Retriever Configuration Analysis* We do not  
 identify a single model–retriever combination that dominates  
 performance across all properties. Llama-3.3-70B  
 achieves the highest performance on QID-KG for date  
 of birth, solely relying on its parametric knowledge  
 (0.62 F1 in a zero-shot setting). Gemma-2-27B-IT  
 with dense retrievers excels at multi-label occupation  
 classification (0.44 median F1 on QID-KG, 0.50 on NIL-  
 KG). GPT-4o-mini paired with Boyer-Moore achieves  
 0.75 F1 for country of citizenship on NIL-KG, yet the same  
 model performs poorly on QID-KG for the same property  
 (0.26), highlighting how the relative advantage of different  
 configurations shifts between KGs.

This variability reflects three factors: (1) property-specific extraction challenges, (2) corpus evidence distribution, and (3) model-retriever synergies. Properties that rely on sparse information, such as date of birth, benefit from parametric memory. In contrast, more knowledge-intensive and context-dependent properties, such as occupation, require retrieval that aggregates meaningful context across relevant documents. Nonetheless, extracting relevant context is a non-trivial challenge. The performance on the country-of-citizenship property, which is intuitively simpler than the occupation or date-of-birth property, is unstable, suggesting issues with retrieval quality. These patterns require property-specific configuration, rather than universal deployment strategies.

*Parameter Scaling Effects* Surprisingly, we find that increasing the number of model parameters does not guarantee performance improvement. While Llama-3.3-70B performs best on QID-KG overall, smaller models match or exceed its performance on individual properties. Phi-3-Medium (14B) demonstrates the largest improvement when retrieval augmentation is used, with gains of +0.21 F1 for occupation and +0.22 for given name on QID-KG, and +0.20 for occupation on NIL-KG. This finding suggests that effective context retrieval can compensate for limited parametric knowledge in smaller models.

However, the relationship between model size and performance is not straightforward. On QID-KG, Llama-3.3-70B (70B) achieves the highest average F1 across properties (0.71), followed by Gemma-2-27B-IT and Qwen-2.5-72B (0.64). On NIL-KG, GPT-4o-mini (~200B+) leads (0.62), with mid-range models close behind. These findings suggest that, while larger models tend to perform better overall, the choice of retrieval strategy can substantially narrow the gap, making mid-range models a viable option for historical knowledge extraction.

*Accuracy-Cost Trade-offs* Our results enable property-specific deployment decisions. For sex or gender and family name extraction, zero-shot configurations of smaller models or tailored heuristics are sufficient. Occupation extraction, however, justifies larger models with retrieval, as performance increases on NIL entities. The date of birth presents a complex case: larger models improve year-level accuracy, but corpus sparsity limits their absolute performance. These patterns suggest a tiered deployment strategy: (1) lightweight models for surface-derivable properties, (2) medium models with retrieval for biographical attributes, and (3) large models only when parametric knowledge proves essential. Future methods can leverage these findings to optimise resource allocation across different historical corpora and entity types.

*Social Impact and Future Directions* This work provides an operational mechanism for addressing documented biases in Wikidata. By extracting structured knowledge about person NIL entities, we enable systematic addition of underrepresented historical figures. The inversion of the gender distribution between all entities (85% male, 15% female) and NIL entities (27% of the males in MHERCL are NIL, 55% of the females are NIL) confirms that current KG construction methods perpetuate historical visibility gaps.

Future work includes extracting properties of entities across whole historical collections, such as the Polifonia Corpus. Key technical challenges include: (1) cross-document entity resolution and clustering for figures mentioned across multiple sources, and (2) multilingual extraction from non-English periodicals.

With regard to expanding the sources from which context is retrieved for our pipeline, it is interesting to include web resources, starting from Wikipedia itself. Since our case study focuses on NIL entities, which by definition lack a Wikidata item or a Wikipedia page, we cannot perform context expansion from Wikipedia. However, retrieving additional context from related Wikipedia pages, which can contain knowledge about absent entities, is a promising direction, though scaling this to the massive number of documents that must be indexed remains a challenge.

On the prompting side, more advanced techniques could be explored, such as dynamic selection of in-context examples for LLMs. These experiments require substantial investigation, making them compelling directions for future work.

Our pipeline could also be extended to incorporate provenance information about the source documents from which the retrievers extrapolated the relevant context, thereby enabling the proposed triples to carry source attribution. This will be feasible in a future extension that also evaluates the retrieved context. Another relevant direction is to evaluate the effect of a named entity’s gender on the performance of our pipeline, given the known imbalance between male and female NIL entities.

Fine-tuning small language models is a promising avenue for knowledge extraction from historical texts, as recently demonstrated by (Santini et al. 2026). Similarly, fine-tuning the retrievers could improve the quality of the retrieved context and, consequently, the overall pipeline performance.

Social challenges require collaboration with historians to validate the extracted knowledge and establish quality thresholds for Wikidata integration. The long-term impact depends on the community’s adoption of these methods for systematically reducing bias in the knowledge infrastructure.

## 7 Limitations

*String matching-based Entity Linking Strategy.* The process of linking the LLM’s textual answer to its corresponding Wikidata item is basic in its current implementation. In preliminary experiments, we framed the task as a retrieval-based entity linking problem and implemented a biencoder system similar to that of (Wu et al. 2020). We produced vector representations of the LLM’s answers and of the Wikidata concepts in the lookup tables, treating the latter as candidates for linking the former. We projected each textual answer and its linking candidate into a shared vector space and determined the link using cosine similarity. However, the resulting mappings were inaccurate in most cases, likely due to the low informative content of both the LLM’s textual answers and the linking candidates, which led to poor vector representations. A recurring error pattern illustrates the problem: when an LLM answered, for example, *singer* to a question about an entity’s occupation, the system mapped this answer not to the correct Wikidata

item (`singer, Q177220`), but to a more specific one (e.g., `opera singer, Q2865819`). Furthermore, off-the-shelf entity linkers are designed to map textual spans to real-world entities identified by proper nouns, and offer little support for nominal concepts. These, however, are the elements we expect as output from our pipeline, given the properties we target. We therefore opted for a baseline strategy based on string matching and lookup tables, which offers full explainability. More sophisticated linking strategies, such as a cross-encoding step or improved encoding and linking systems, are left for future work.

**Majority Voting May Discard Correct Minority Answers.** The majority voting strategy used to aggregate LLM responses is a standard algorithm that prioritises simplicity. We acknowledge that the correct answer may, in some cases, lie with a minority of LLMs. Analysing cases of disagreement, both between human annotators and between LLMs, is an important open problem (Aroyo and Welty 2015; Abercrombie et al. 2025). We aim to address this aspect in future work, as we expect it to become particularly relevant when extracting values for properties with higher subjectivity.

**Retrieval Quality Not Directly Evaluated.** Our evaluation does not directly measure retrieval quality (e.g., recall@k of evidence mentions). Assessing retriever effectiveness would require annotating relevant mentions in the corpus, which presupposes an operational definition of correct evidence in this context. This is particularly challenging given the size of the corpus and the difficulty of determining whether relevant evidence exists when none of the retrieved items is assessed as relevant. We leave this additional evaluation for future work.

**False Positives May Contain Valid Knowledge.** Our evaluation treats as false positives all predictions that do not match the gold standard. However, some of these may represent correct information absent from the gold annotations. Determining whether a false positive is a factual error or a genuine new extraction would require guidelines for evidence verification and a dedicated annotation campaign, which we leave for future work.

## CO2 Emission Related to Experiments

Experiments were conducted using `liteLLM`<sup>13</sup> via `OpenRouter`<sup>14</sup>, for a cumulative of 180 hours of computation. It was not possible to establish the exact location and hardware type of backend servers. An estimation of 180 hours of computation on an infrastructure of type Azure in the region westeurope has a carbon efficiency of 0.57 kgCO<sub>2</sub>eq/kWh. We estimated a cumulative of 180 hours of computation performed on hardware of type A100 PCIe 40/80GB (TDP of 250W) – a credible option for the kind of services used. Total emissions are estimated to be 25.65 kgCO<sub>2</sub>eq of which 100 percents were directly offset by the cloud provider.

Estimations were conducted using the `MachineLearning Impact calculator` presented in (Lacoste et al. 2019).

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## 8 Appendix

### .1 Example Prompt

Listing 1 shows the exact prompt sent to the language model for the entity *Gavinies* for the occupation property. Block markers (###TASK, ###EXAMPLE, ###INPUT, ###ANSWER\_PREFIX) partition the prompt into its logical sections.

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8 ###TASK
9 Your task is to determine the occupation(s)
10 of a given person occurring in a
11 given sentence based on some provided
12 relevant context. Your answer MUST
13 consist
14 solely of a semicolon-separated list of
15 occupation(s) (e.g., "occupation1;
16 occupation2; ...") with no extra text.
17
18 ###EXAMPLE
19 NOTE: The example below is for demonstration
20 purposes only and should not
21 influence your answer.
22
23 Given the person "Bach" occurring in the
24 sentence
25 "... selections from the works of Bach,
26 Handel, Mendelssohn...",
27 answer the following question: "What is the
28 occupation of Bach?"
29 Answer: composer; conductor; virtuoso;
30 concertmaster; organist; choir director;
31 violinist; school teacher; harpsichordist;
32 musicologist; music educator
33
34 ###INPUT
35 Person: "Gavinies"
36 Sentence: "Gavinies published three books of
37 sonatas, and several concertos,
38 which are very highly esteemed by
39 connoisseurs."
40 Context:
41 {
42 'TheQuarterlyMusicalMagazineAndReview_1825
43 -025.txt_p349':
44 'It was during this time that he composed,
45 as if by inspiration, the celebrated
46 Romance de Gavinies, so long in vogue.
47 This romance he performed at the age
48 of 63, with such exquisite expression as
49 to draw tears from a crowded audience
50 at a public concert. Gavinies published
51 three books of sonatas, and several
52 concertos, which are very highly esteemed
53 by connoisseurs. A year before his
54 death (in 1799)
55 he published a work
56 entitled "Les
57 vingt quatre
58 Matine'es,"
59 which contains music of still more
60 difficult execution than the Caprices
61 of
62 Locatelli and Fiorillo. Gavinies was
63 particularly celebrated for his skill
64 in
65 accompaniment, and the taste he displayed
66 in the variations he introduced.',

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'TheQuarterlyMusicalMagazineAndReview_1825
-025.txt_p352':
'Pagin, born in 1730, went into Italy
purposely to profit by the instructions
of Tartini. He returned to Paris in his
twentieth year, and performed several
times with great applause at the Concerts
Spirituel. He however executed
nothing but the music of his master
Tartini, which raised a cabal against
him
amongst the French musicians, and he one
day received such ironical applause
from them, as induced him to quit the
Concert Spirituel, and he accordingly
accepted a situation in the house of the
Count de Clermont.',
'TheQuarterlyMusicalMagazineAndReview_1825
-025.txt_p46':
'Maria Von Weber ... Three Grand Sonatas
for the Piano Forte, composed by
Charles Ambrose ...'
}
Question: "What is the occupation of
Gavinies?"

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###ANSWER_PREFIX
Answer:

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Listing 1: Full prompt instance with block markers (#)

### .2 Tables for Overall Property Extraction

In this appendix, we report the tables with the results of our overall property extraction. We report results for the QID-KG in Table 10, and for the NIL-KG in Table 11.

### .3 Tables for Date of Birth Evaluation

In this appendix, we report the tables with the results of our date of birth evaluation. We report results for QID-KG in Table 12, and for NIL-KG in Table 13.

### .4 Tables for Occupation Per-sample Evaluation

In this appendix, we report the tables with the results of our occupation evaluation. We report results for QID-KG in Table 14, and for NIL-KG in Table 15.

**Table 10.** Precision (P), recall (R), and F1 for the six core properties on the **QID-KG**. We evaluate Mixtral-8×7B, Phi-3-Medium, Gemma-2-27B-IT, Llama-3.3-70B, Qwen-2.5-72B, and GPT-4o-mini. Date of birth (DoB) is scored at *year* granularity, while *occupation* is counted correct when at least one predicted occupation QID overlaps with the gold set.

Model	Retr.	CoC			DoB			FamilyName			GivenName			occupation			sexGender		
		F1	P	R															
<b>Boyer-Moore</b>	Combined	0.43	<b>0.42</b>	0.45	0.33	0.91	0.20	0.80	0.76	<b>0.85</b>	0.51	0.58	0.45	0.20	0.88	0.11	<b>0.99</b>	0.99	0.99
<b>Mixtral</b>	Boyer-Moore	0.26	0.28	0.25	0.48	0.70	0.37	0.79	0.78	0.80	0.36	0.51	0.27	0.21	0.58	0.13	0.91	0.99	0.84
	-	0.15	0.23	0.12	0.59	0.80	0.47	0.71	<b>0.83</b>	0.63	0.17	0.51	0.10	0.71	0.79	0.65	0.33	0.98	0.20
	BGE	0.16	0.21	0.12	0.44	0.86	0.29	0.69	0.82	0.60	0.24	0.55	0.15	0.76	0.81	0.71	0.68	<b>1.00</b>	0.51
	BM25	0.12	0.21	0.09	0.41	0.91	0.26	0.70	0.82	0.60	0.23	0.55	0.15	0.75	0.79	0.71	0.67	<b>1.00</b>	0.51
	Inst	0.14	0.21	0.10	0.40	0.90	0.26	0.70	<b>0.83</b>	0.61	0.27	0.58	0.18	0.73	0.77	0.69	0.67	<b>1.00</b>	0.51
	Contr	0.12	0.19	0.09	0.44	<b>0.92</b>	0.29	0.70	0.82	0.61	0.22	0.50	0.14	0.77	0.80	0.74	0.67	<b>1.00</b>	0.50
	GTR-X	0.14	0.20	0.10	0.43	0.89	0.28	0.72	<b>0.83</b>	0.64	0.26	0.59	0.16	0.76	0.79	0.73	0.69	<b>1.00</b>	0.53
	GTR-L	0.16	0.23	0.12	0.42	0.91	0.27	0.70	0.82	0.61	0.26	0.60	0.17	0.75	0.79	0.71	0.71	<b>1.00</b>	0.55
<b>Phi-3</b>	Boyer-Moore	0.38	0.37	0.39	0.20	0.37	0.13	0.80	0.77	0.84	0.36	0.44	0.30	0.49	0.80	0.35	0.97	0.97	0.97
	-	0.21	0.25	0.18	0.25	0.55	0.16	0.82	0.82	0.81	0.13	0.44	0.08	0.54	0.78	0.42	0.88	0.97	0.81
	BGE	0.26	0.24	0.27	0.45	0.52	0.39	0.82	0.81	0.82	0.35	0.49	0.28	0.74	0.75	0.72	0.94	0.95	0.93
	BM25	0.26	0.25	0.28	0.45	0.54	0.38	0.80	0.79	0.81	0.34	0.49	0.27	0.73	0.74	0.72	0.94	0.96	0.93
	Inst	0.27	0.26	0.28	0.44	0.54	0.38	0.80	0.80	0.81	0.35	0.49	0.27	0.72	0.73	0.70	0.94	0.95	0.93
	Contr	0.28	0.27	0.30	0.45	0.53	0.40	0.81	0.81	0.82	0.35	0.49	0.27	0.75	0.77	0.74	0.93	0.94	0.92
	GTR-X	0.27	0.26	0.29	0.47	0.56	0.40	0.82	0.81	0.82	0.35	0.49	0.28	0.74	0.76	0.73	0.95	0.95	0.94
	GTR-L	0.27	0.26	0.29	0.45	0.54	0.39	0.81	0.81	0.82	0.35	0.48	0.28	0.73	0.74	0.72	0.94	0.95	0.93
<b>Gemma</b>	Boyer-Moore	0.36	0.35	0.39	0.31	0.46	0.24	0.81	0.78	0.84	0.41	0.51	0.34	0.46	0.77	0.33	<b>0.99</b>	0.99	0.99
	-	0.26	0.25	0.28	0.54	0.72	0.43	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.27	0.49	0.18	0.76	0.76	0.75	0.97	0.99	0.95
	BGE	0.29	0.27	0.30	0.55	0.67	0.46	0.83	0.82	0.84	0.42	0.57	0.32	0.81	0.81	<b>0.80</b>	0.98	0.99	0.98
	BM25	0.29	0.27	0.30	0.56	0.71	0.47	0.83	0.82	0.83	0.39	0.56	0.30	0.81	0.81	<b>0.81</b>	0.98	0.99	0.98
	Inst	0.30	0.28	0.32	0.56	0.69	0.47	0.83	0.82	0.84	0.41	0.57	0.33	0.81	0.81	0.80	0.98	0.99	0.98
	Contr	0.28	0.26	0.29	0.54	0.67	0.46	0.83	0.82	0.84	0.42	0.57	0.33	0.80	0.81	0.80	0.98	0.98	0.97
	GTR-X	0.28	0.26	0.29	0.55	0.66	0.47	0.83	0.82	0.84	0.41	0.57	0.32	0.81	0.81	0.80	0.98	0.99	0.98
	GTR-L	0.29	0.27	0.31	0.55	0.68	0.46	0.83	0.82	0.84	0.41	0.57	0.33	0.80	0.81	0.80	0.98	0.99	0.98
<b>Llama</b>	Boyer-Moore	<b>0.44</b>	0.41	<b>0.47</b>	0.53	0.80	0.39	0.81	0.78	0.84	0.63	0.69	0.58	0.24	<b>0.89</b>	0.14	<b>0.99</b>	0.99	0.99
	-	0.34	0.33	0.36	<b>0.62</b>	0.62	<b>0.62</b>	0.83	<b>0.83</b>	0.84	0.58	<b>0.75</b>	0.48	<b>0.82</b>	0.85	0.80	<b>0.99</b>	0.99	0.99
	BGE	0.35	0.33	0.38	0.60	0.61	0.60	<b>0.84</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.67</b>	0.74	<b>0.61</b>	0.78	0.85	0.72	<b>0.99</b>	0.99	0.99
	BM25	0.36	0.34	0.38	<b>0.62</b>	0.62	0.61	<b>0.84</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.85</b>	0.66	0.73	<b>0.61</b>	0.80	0.85	0.74	<b>0.99</b>	0.99	0.99
	Inst	0.36	0.33	0.38	0.61	0.61	0.60	<b>0.84</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.85</b>	0.65	0.72	0.59	0.77	0.84	0.71	<b>0.99</b>	0.99	0.99
	Contr	0.36	0.34	0.38	0.61	0.62	0.61	<b>0.84</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.85</b>	0.66	0.73	0.60	0.81	0.86	0.77	<b>0.99</b>	0.99	0.99
	GTR-X	0.35	0.33	0.37	0.61	0.61	0.60	<b>0.84</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.67</b>	0.74	<b>0.61</b>	0.80	0.86	0.74	<b>0.99</b>	0.99	0.99
	GTR-L	0.36	0.34	0.38	0.60	0.61	0.60	<b>0.84</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.85</b>	0.66	0.74	0.60	0.79	0.85	0.73	<b>0.99</b>	0.99	0.99
<b>Qwen</b>	Boyer-Moore	0.43	0.41	<b>0.47</b>	0.36	0.76	0.24	0.81	0.77	<b>0.85</b>	0.44	0.54	0.37	0.25	0.63	0.15	<b>0.99</b>	0.98	0.99
	-	0.34	0.32	0.35	0.58	0.61	0.55	0.82	0.82	0.83	0.26	0.60	0.16	0.69	0.74	0.64	0.97	0.99	0.96
	BGE	0.35	0.33	0.37	0.55	0.58	0.53	0.83	<b>0.83</b>	0.84	0.43	0.65	0.32	0.73	0.77	0.69	0.98	0.98	0.98
	BM25	0.34	0.32	0.36	0.58	0.61	0.55	0.83	0.82	0.84	0.43	0.63	0.33	0.70	0.74	0.66	0.98	0.98	0.98
	Inst	0.34	0.33	0.37	0.58	0.62	0.55	0.83	0.82	0.84	0.43	0.60	0.34	0.70	0.75	0.67	<b>0.99</b>	0.99	0.98
	Contr	0.34	0.32	0.36	0.59	0.63	0.57	0.83	0.82	0.84	0.44	0.66	0.33	0.72	0.75	0.68	0.98	0.99	0.98
	GTR-X	0.36	0.34	0.38	0.56	0.57	0.55	0.83	0.82	<b>0.85</b>	0.46	0.64	0.36	0.72	0.76	0.67	<b>0.99</b>	0.99	0.99
	GTR-L	0.36	0.34	0.38	0.58	0.61	0.55	0.83	0.82	0.84	0.44	0.62	0.34	0.72	0.76	0.69	0.98	0.99	0.98
<b>Gpt-4o</b>	Boyer-Moore	0.26	0.25	0.28	0.41	0.84	0.27	0.80	0.77	0.83	0.40	0.51	0.33	0.19	0.55	0.11	<b>0.99</b>	0.99	0.99
	-	0.17	0.16	0.18	0.54	0.55	0.53	0.82	0.81	0.83	0.36	0.58	0.26	0.75	0.77	0.73	<b>0.99</b>	0.99	0.98
	BGE	0.21	0.20	0.22	0.54	0.55	0.54	0.83	0.82	0.84	0.43	0.57	0.34	0.80	0.81	0.79	<b>0.99</b>	0.99	0.99
	BM25	0.22	0.20	0.23	0.57	0.57	0.56	0.82	0.81	0.83	0.41	0.57	0.32	0.81	0.82	0.80	<b>0.99</b>	0.99	0.99
	Inst	0.22	0.21	0.24	0.55	0.56	0.55	0.82	0.81	0.83	0.44	0.60	0.35	0.79	0.79	0.78	<b>0.99</b>	0.99	<b>1.00</b>
	Contr	0.20	0.19	0.22	0.55	0.56	0.55	0.83	0.81	0.84	0.46	0.61	0.37	0.79	0.80	0.78	<b>0.99</b>	0.99	0.99
	GTR-X	0.23	0.21	0.24	0.55	0.56	0.55	0.83	0.82	0.84	0.44	0.59	0.36	0.78	0.79	0.78	<b>0.99</b>	0.99	0.99
	GTR-L	0.23	0.22	0.25	0.56	0.57	0.55	0.83	0.82	0.84	0.45	0.60	0.36	0.80	0.80	0.79	<b>0.99</b>	0.99	0.99

**Table 11.** Precision (P), recall (R), and F1 for the six core properties on the **NIL-KG**. We evaluate Mixtral-8×7B, Phi-3-Medium, Gemma-2-27B-IT, Llama-3.3-70B, Qwen-2.5-72B and GPT-4o-mini. Date of birth (DoB) is evaluated at year granularity; an *occupation* prediction is treated as correct when it shares at least one occupation QID with the gold labels.

Model	Retr.	CoC			DoB			FamilyName			GivenName			occupation			sexGender		
		F1	P	R															
<b>Boyer-Moore</b>	Combined	0.22	0.20	0.24	0.11	<b>1.00</b>	0.06	0.85	0.85	0.86	0.49	0.40	<b>0.65</b>	0.33	0.84	0.21	0.92	0.87	0.97
<b>Mixtral</b>	Boyer-Moore	0.24	0.35	0.18	0.15	0.20	0.12	0.87	0.91	0.84	0.60	0.62	0.58	0.40	0.72	0.28	0.84	0.91	0.77
	-	0.17	0.43	0.10	0.15	0.22	0.12	0.82	0.93	0.72	0.53	0.71	0.42	0.57	0.70	0.49	0.33	0.91	0.20
	BGE	0.17	0.45	0.10	0.11	<b>1.00</b>	0.06	0.82	<b>0.94</b>	0.73	0.56	0.68	0.47	0.61	0.66	0.56	0.55	0.89	0.40
	BM25	0.11	0.62	0.06	0.11	<b>1.00</b>	0.06	0.82	0.92	0.74	0.54	0.65	0.46	0.59	0.64	0.55	0.59	0.92	0.44
	Inst	0.14	0.47	0.08	0.11	0.50	0.06	0.80	<b>0.94</b>	0.69	0.58	0.72	0.49	0.62	0.67	0.57	0.61	0.90	0.46
	Contr	0.08	0.44	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.82	0.92	0.74	0.58	0.70	0.49	0.61	0.67	0.56	0.67	<b>0.95</b>	0.51
	GTR-X	0.17	0.53	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.79	0.92	0.69	0.57	0.68	0.49	0.56	0.64	0.50	0.59	0.92	0.44
	GTR-L	0.18	0.60	0.10	0.11	<b>1.00</b>	0.06	0.82	0.92	0.73	0.58	0.72	0.49	0.54	0.61	0.49	0.63	0.94	0.48
<b>Phi-3</b>	Boyer-Moore	0.25	0.23	0.28	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.85	0.86	0.85	0.53	0.45	0.64	0.51	0.78	0.38	0.92	0.87	0.97
	-	0.29	0.33	0.26	0.07	0.08	0.06	0.88	0.91	0.86	0.30	0.65	0.19	0.35	0.54	0.26	0.83	0.85	0.80
	BGE	0.29	0.27	0.32	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.84	0.86	0.83	0.56	0.55	0.58	0.54	0.55	0.53	0.88	0.84	0.92
	BM25	0.29	0.27	0.32	0.08	0.06	0.12	0.86	0.89	0.84	0.58	0.57	0.60	0.49	0.49	0.50	0.91	0.86	0.95
	Inst	0.35	0.33	0.37	0.09	0.07	0.12	0.88	0.89	<b>0.87</b>	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.86	0.83	0.89
	Contr	0.29	0.26	0.32	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.88	0.91	0.85	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.90	0.86	0.94
	GTR-X	0.31	0.28	0.34	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.88	0.92	0.85	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.89	0.86	0.92
	GTR-L	0.31	0.28	0.34	0.08	0.06	0.12	0.84	0.86	0.83	0.59	0.58	0.60	0.55	0.55	0.54	0.88	0.86	0.90
<b>Gemma</b>	Boyer-Moore	0.21	0.19	0.23	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.86	0.87	0.85	0.57	0.58	0.56	0.48	0.75	0.36	0.91	0.86	0.96
	-	0.33	0.32	0.34	0.07	0.08	0.06	<b>0.90</b>	0.93	<b>0.87</b>	0.62	0.70	0.56	0.57	0.59	0.55	0.83	0.83	0.84
	BGE	0.28	0.25	0.31	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.89	0.92	0.86	0.60	0.65	0.56	0.67	0.68	0.67	0.89	0.86	0.92
	BM25	0.23	0.21	0.26	0.12	0.13	0.12	0.88	0.89	0.86	0.62	0.68	0.56	0.67	0.66	0.68	0.90	0.86	0.95
	Inst	0.28	0.25	0.31	<b>0.18</b>	0.19	0.18	0.88	0.91	0.86	0.61	0.67	0.56	0.63	0.62	0.65	0.90	0.87	0.94
	Contr	0.23	0.21	0.26	0.11	0.10	0.12	0.87	0.90	0.85	0.60	0.64	0.56	0.68	0.67	0.69	0.89	0.85	0.92
	GTR-X	0.26	0.24	0.30	0.12	0.13	0.12	0.88	0.89	0.86	0.60	0.65	0.56	0.64	0.63	0.65	<b>0.93</b>	0.88	<b>0.98</b>
	GTR-L	0.29	0.26	0.32	0.09	0.08	0.12	0.88	0.89	0.86	0.60	0.64	0.56	0.64	0.63	0.65	0.92	0.90	0.94
<b>Llama</b>	Boyer-Moore	0.20	0.18	0.23	0.17	0.17	0.18	0.87	0.89	0.86	0.58	0.51	<b>0.65</b>	0.32	<b>0.87</b>	0.20	<b>0.93</b>	0.88	<b>0.98</b>
	-	0.31	0.30	0.32	0.05	0.03	0.18	0.88	0.91	0.85	0.62	0.65	0.60	0.63	0.66	0.60	0.92	0.88	0.97
	BGE	0.20	0.18	0.23	0.05	0.03	0.18	0.88	0.91	0.86	0.61	0.57	<b>0.65</b>	<b>0.76</b>	0.76	0.75	0.92	0.88	0.97
	BM25	0.19	0.17	0.22	0.03	0.02	0.12	0.88	0.90	0.86	0.58	0.56	0.61	0.71	0.73	0.70	<b>0.93</b>	0.88	<b>0.98</b>
	Inst	0.21	0.19	0.24	0.07	0.04	0.24	0.87	0.91	0.84	0.58	0.55	0.61	0.75	0.74	<b>0.76</b>	<b>0.93</b>	0.88	<b>0.98</b>
	Contr	0.19	0.17	0.22	0.05	0.03	0.18	0.88	0.91	0.85	0.59	0.55	0.63	0.74	0.74	0.74	<b>0.93</b>	0.88	<b>0.98</b>
	GTR-X	0.20	0.18	0.23	0.03	0.02	0.12	0.87	0.90	0.85	0.58	0.56	0.61	0.71	0.71	0.71	<b>0.93</b>	0.88	<b>0.98</b>
	GTR-L	0.20	0.18	0.23	0.07	0.04	0.24	0.87	0.90	0.84	0.58	0.55	0.61	0.75	0.74	0.75	<b>0.93</b>	0.88	<b>0.98</b>
<b>Qwen</b>	Boyer-Moore	0.20	0.18	0.23	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.86	0.88	0.85	0.60	0.57	0.64	0.47	0.71	0.35	0.92	0.88	0.97
	-	0.23	0.22	0.24	0.05	0.03	0.12	0.88	0.91	0.86	0.67	<b>0.77</b>	0.60	0.53	0.57	0.49	0.89	0.87	0.91
	BGE	0.18	0.17	0.21	0.05	0.03	0.12	0.87	0.90	0.85	0.65	0.70	0.61	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.92	0.89	0.95
	BM25	0.22	0.20	0.25	0.05	0.03	0.12	0.86	0.89	0.84	<b>0.68</b>	0.73	0.63	0.62	0.61	0.62	0.92	0.89	0.96
	Inst	0.22	0.19	0.24	0.07	0.04	0.18	0.86	0.89	0.84	0.65	0.72	0.60	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.92	0.88	0.96
	Contr	0.22	0.20	0.25	0.06	0.04	0.18	0.88	0.90	0.86	0.65	0.72	0.60	0.62	0.61	0.62	0.92	0.88	0.96
	GTR-X	0.20	0.18	0.23	0.11	0.06	<b>0.29</b>	0.86	0.89	0.84	0.65	0.71	0.60	0.63	0.63	0.64	0.92	0.88	0.97
	GTR-L	0.21	0.19	0.24	0.07	0.04	0.18	0.88	0.89	0.86	0.61	0.62	0.60	0.63	0.64	0.62	0.91	0.87	0.95
<b>Gpt-4o</b>	Boyer-Moore	<b>0.75</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>0.84</b>	0.09	0.20	0.06	0.86	0.89	0.84	0.59	0.58	0.60	0.44	0.67	0.33	0.92	0.87	0.97
	-	0.73	0.67	0.79	0.04	0.02	0.12	0.88	0.91	0.86	0.61	0.63	0.58	0.54	0.58	0.50	0.88	0.85	0.90
	BGE	0.61	0.55	0.69	0.03	0.02	0.12	0.89	0.92	0.86	0.59	0.60	0.58	0.57	0.58	0.57	0.92	0.87	0.96
	BM25	0.58	0.51	0.66	0.05	0.03	0.18	0.88	0.91	0.85	0.61	0.62	0.60	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.91	0.87	0.96
	Inst	0.68	0.60	0.77	0.05	0.03	0.18	0.88	0.91	0.85	0.61	0.63	0.60	0.63	0.63	0.64	0.92	0.87	0.96
	Contr	0.74	0.66	<b>0.84</b>	0.05	0.03	0.18	0.88	0.91	0.85	0.61	0.62	0.60	0.66	0.65	0.67	0.92	0.88	0.97
	GTR-X	0.60	0.54	0.68	0.05	0.03	0.18	0.87	0.90	0.85	0.59	0.60	0.58	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.92	0.88	0.97
	GTR-L	0.62	0.55	0.70	0.05	0.03	0.18	0.88	0.91	0.85	0.59	0.61	0.58	0.66	0.65	0.67	<b>0.93</b>	0.88	<b>0.98</b>

**Table 12.** DoB performance metrics at different granularity levels for entity linking on known entities (QID). We evaluate Mixtral-8x7B, Phi-3-Medium, Gemma-2-27B-IT, Llama-3.3-70B, Qwen-2.5-72B, and GPT-4o-mini.

Model	Retr.	Exact			Year			Decade			Century		
		F1	P	R									
<b>Boyer-Moore</b>	Boyer-Moore	0.27	<b>0.75</b>	0.16	0.32	0.91	0.20	0.34	<b>0.96</b>	0.21	0.36	<b>1.00</b>	0.22
	Boyer-Moore	0.26	0.39	0.20	0.48	0.70	0.36	0.53	0.78	0.40	0.62	0.92	0.47
	-	0.34	0.47	0.27	0.59	0.81	0.46	0.62	0.85	0.48	0.68	0.94	0.54
	BGE	0.27	0.53	0.18	0.43	0.86	0.29	0.46	0.92	0.31	0.49	0.98	0.33
	BM25	0.26	0.58	0.17	0.40	0.91	0.26	0.42	0.94	0.27	0.44	0.98	0.28
	Inst	0.25	0.57	0.16	0.40	0.90	0.26	0.42	0.93	0.27	0.44	0.99	0.28
	Contr	0.29	0.62	0.19	0.44	<b>0.92</b>	0.29	0.45	0.95	0.29	0.46	0.98	0.30
	GTR-X	0.26	0.54	0.17	0.42	0.89	0.28	0.43	0.91	0.28	0.46	0.97	0.30
GTR-L	0.27	0.59	0.18	0.42	0.91	0.27	0.43	0.94	0.28	0.46	0.99	0.30	
<b>Phi-3</b>	Boyer-Moore	0.11	0.22	0.08	0.19	0.36	0.13	0.24	0.46	0.16	0.42	0.80	0.29
	-	0.05	0.11	0.03	0.25	0.56	0.16	0.29	0.64	0.18	0.36	0.82	0.23
	BGE	0.20	0.24	0.18	0.44	0.51	0.39	0.51	0.59	0.44	0.71	0.82	0.62
	BM25	0.20	0.24	0.17	0.44	0.53	0.38	0.51	0.61	0.44	0.70	0.84	0.60
	Inst	0.19	0.24	0.16	0.44	0.53	0.37	0.50	0.61	0.43	0.67	0.82	0.57
	Contr	0.20	0.23	0.17	0.45	0.53	0.39	0.52	0.61	0.45	0.71	0.84	0.62
	GTR-X	0.20	0.24	0.17	0.46	0.56	0.39	0.52	0.63	0.44	0.69	0.83	0.58
	GTR-L	0.20	0.24	0.17	0.45	0.54	0.38	0.52	0.62	0.44	0.70	0.84	0.60
<b>Gemma</b>	Boyer-Moore	0.19	0.28	0.15	0.31	0.45	0.23	0.37	0.55	0.28	0.54	0.80	0.41
	-	0.31	0.41	0.24	0.54	0.72	0.43	0.60	0.80	0.48	0.68	0.92	0.55
	BGE	0.29	0.35	0.24	0.54	0.67	0.46	0.63	0.77	0.53	0.75	0.92	0.63
	BM25	0.30	0.38	0.25	0.56	0.70	0.47	0.62	0.78	0.52	0.75	0.93	0.62
	Inst	0.28	0.35	0.24	0.55	0.68	0.46	0.62	0.76	0.52	0.74	0.92	0.62
	Contr	0.30	0.37	0.25	0.54	0.67	0.45	0.61	0.76	0.51	0.74	0.92	0.62
	GTR-X	0.28	0.34	0.24	0.54	0.66	0.46	0.63	0.76	0.53	0.76	0.92	0.65
	GTR-L	0.29	0.35	0.24	0.54	0.67	0.45	0.63	0.78	0.53	0.75	0.93	0.63
<b>Llama</b>	Boyer-Moore	<b>0.38</b>	0.58	0.28	0.52	0.81	0.39	0.57	0.89	0.42	0.62	0.96	0.46
	-	0.37	0.37	0.36	<b>0.62</b>	0.63	<b>0.61</b>	<b>0.71</b>	0.72	<b>0.70</b>	<b>0.91</b>	0.92	0.89
	BGE	0.37	0.37	0.36	0.60	0.60	0.59	0.70	0.71	0.69	0.88	0.89	0.88
	BM25	0.37	0.38	<b>0.37</b>	0.61	0.62	<b>0.61</b>	0.70	0.71	<b>0.70</b>	<b>0.91</b>	0.92	<b>0.90</b>
	Inst	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.60	0.60	0.59	0.68	0.69	0.68	0.89	0.90	0.88
	Contr	0.37	0.37	0.36	0.61	0.62	0.60	0.69	0.70	0.68	0.90	0.91	0.89
	GTR-X	0.37	0.38	<b>0.37</b>	0.60	0.61	0.60	0.70	0.71	<b>0.70</b>	0.88	0.89	0.88
	GTR-L	0.37	0.37	<b>0.37</b>	0.60	0.61	0.59	0.69	0.69	0.68	0.90	0.91	0.89
<b>Qwen</b>	Boyer-Moore	0.27	0.58	0.18	0.35	0.75	0.23	0.38	0.81	0.25	0.45	0.95	0.29
	-	0.30	0.32	0.28	0.58	0.62	0.55	0.66	0.71	0.62	0.85	0.91	0.80
	BGE	0.28	0.30	0.27	0.55	0.58	0.53	0.67	0.71	0.64	0.88	0.92	0.84
	BM25	0.30	0.31	0.28	0.58	0.61	0.54	0.69	0.73	0.65	0.89	0.94	0.84
	Inst	0.29	0.31	0.27	0.58	0.62	0.55	0.67	0.72	0.63	0.87	0.93	0.82
	Contr	0.30	0.32	0.29	0.59	0.62	0.56	0.69	0.73	0.65	0.88	0.93	0.84
	GTR-X	0.28	0.28	0.27	0.56	0.57	0.55	0.68	0.69	0.67	0.90	0.91	0.88
	GTR-L	0.29	0.31	0.27	0.57	0.61	0.54	0.67	0.71	0.63	0.87	0.93	0.83
<b>GPT-4o</b>	Boyer-Moore	0.29	0.61	0.19	0.41	0.85	0.27	0.44	0.92	0.29	0.47	0.97	0.31
	-	0.31	0.32	0.30	0.55	0.57	0.53	0.62	0.64	0.60	0.81	0.83	0.78
	BGE	0.29	0.29	0.28	0.54	0.55	0.53	0.65	0.66	0.64	0.87	0.89	0.86
	BM25	0.30	0.31	0.30	0.56	0.57	0.55	0.64	0.65	0.63	0.88	0.90	0.87
	Inst	0.29	0.29	0.28	0.55	0.56	0.54	0.65	0.65	0.64	0.87	0.88	0.86
	Contr	0.30	0.30	0.29	0.55	0.56	0.54	0.66	0.67	0.65	0.88	0.89	0.86
	GTR-X	0.29	0.30	0.29	0.55	0.56	0.54	0.65	0.66	0.64	0.88	0.90	0.87
	GTR-L	0.31	0.31	0.30	0.56	0.57	0.55	0.66	0.67	0.65	0.87	0.88	0.86

**Table 13.** DoB performance metrics at different granularity levels for NIL identification (entities not in the knowledge base). We evaluate Mixtral-8×7B, Phi-3-Medium, Gemma-2-27B-IT, Llama-3.3-70B, Qwen-2.5-72B, and GPT-4o-mini.

Model	Retr.	Exact			Year			Decade			Century		
		F1	P	R									
<b>Boyer-Moore</b>	Boyer-Moore	0.11	<b>1.00</b>	0.06									
<b>Mixtral</b>	Boyer-Moore	0.07	0.10	0.06	0.15	0.20	0.12	0.15	0.20	0.12	0.30	0.40	0.24
	-	0.08	0.11	0.06	0.15	0.22	0.12	0.15	0.22	0.12	0.31	0.44	0.24
	BGE	0.11	<b>1.00</b>	0.06									
	BM25	0.11	<b>1.00</b>	0.06									
	Inst	0.11	0.50	0.06	0.11	0.50	0.06	0.11	0.50	0.06	0.11	0.50	0.06
	Contr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	GTR-X	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	GTR-L	0.11	<b>1.00</b>	0.06									
<b>Phi-3</b>	Boyer-Moore	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.12	0.22	0.15	0.41
	-	0.07	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.06	<b>0.34</b>	0.42	0.29
	BGE	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.12	0.20	0.15	0.29
	BM25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.06	0.12	0.16	0.12	0.24	0.28	0.21	0.41
	Inst	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.07	0.12	0.09	0.07	0.12	0.18	0.15	0.24
	Contr	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.30	0.22	0.47
	GTR-X	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.16	0.12	0.24
	GTR-L	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.12	0.12	0.09	0.18	0.19	0.14	0.29
<b>Gemma</b>	Boyer-Moore	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.12	0.09	0.24
	-	0.07	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.06	0.13	0.15	0.12
	BGE	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.19	0.20	0.18
	BM25	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.12	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.12	0.19	0.20	0.18
	Inst	<b>0.18</b>	0.19	<b>0.18</b>	<b>0.18</b>	0.19	0.18	0.18	0.19	0.18	0.30	0.31	0.29
	Contr	0.11	0.10	0.12	0.11	0.10	0.12	0.11	0.10	0.12	0.26	0.24	0.29
	GTR-X	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.12	0.13	0.12	0.19	0.20	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.18
	GTR-L	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.09	0.08	0.12	0.09	0.08	0.12	0.23	0.19	0.29
<b>Llama</b>	Boyer-Moore	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.17	0.17	0.18	<b>0.29</b>	0.28	0.29	0.29	0.28	0.29
	-	0.03	0.02	0.12	0.05	0.03	0.18	0.12	0.07	0.41	0.19	0.11	0.65
	BGE	0.03	0.02	0.12	0.05	0.03	0.18	0.17	0.10	0.59	0.24	0.14	0.82
	BM25	0.02	0.01	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.12	0.19	0.11	<b>0.65</b>	0.24	0.14	0.82
	Inst	0.03	0.02	0.12	0.07	0.04	0.24	0.14	0.08	0.47	0.24	0.14	0.82
	Contr	0.03	0.02	0.12	0.05	0.03	0.18	0.16	0.09	0.53	0.21	0.12	0.71
	GTR-X	0.02	0.01	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.12	0.09	0.05	0.29	0.24	0.14	0.82
	GTR-L	0.03	0.02	0.12	0.07	0.04	0.24	0.15	0.09	0.53	0.25	0.15	<b>0.88</b>
<b>Qwen</b>	Boyer-Moore	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.14	0.12	0.18	0.14	0.12	0.18
	-	0.05	0.03	0.12	0.05	0.03	0.12	0.08	0.05	0.18	0.18	0.11	0.41
	BGE	0.05	0.03	0.12	0.05	0.03	0.12	0.17	0.11	0.41	0.27	0.17	0.65
	BM25	0.02	0.02	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.12	0.14	0.09	0.35	0.24	0.15	0.59
	Inst	0.02	0.01	0.06	0.07	0.04	0.18	0.16	0.10	0.41	0.21	0.13	0.53
	Contr	0.04	0.03	0.12	0.06	0.04	0.18	0.17	0.11	0.47	0.22	0.13	0.59
	GTR-X	0.04	0.03	0.12	0.11	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.29</b>	0.13	0.08	0.35	0.17	0.10	0.47
	GTR-L	0.05	0.03	0.12	0.07	0.04	0.18	0.14	0.09	0.35	0.25	0.16	0.65
<b>GPT-4o</b>	Boyer-Moore	0.09	0.20	0.06	0.09	0.20	0.06	0.09	0.20	0.06	0.09	0.20	0.06
	-	0.02	0.01	0.06	0.04	0.02	0.12	0.06	0.03	0.18	0.11	0.07	0.35
	BGE	0.02	0.01	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.12	0.03	0.02	0.12	0.24	0.14	0.82
	BM25	0.02	0.01	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.18	0.09	0.05	0.29	0.19	0.11	0.65
	Inst	0.02	0.01	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.18	0.07	0.04	0.24	0.22	0.13	0.76
	Contr	0.02	0.01	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.18	0.09	0.05	0.29	0.26	0.15	<b>0.88</b>
	GTR-X	0.02	0.01	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.18	0.09	0.05	0.29	0.26	0.15	<b>0.88</b>
	GTR-L	0.02	0.01	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.18	0.07	0.04	0.24	0.23	0.13	0.76

**Table 14.** Occupation performance metrics for entity linking on known entities (QID). We evaluate Mixtral-8×7B, Phi-3-Medium, Gemma-2-27B-IT, Llama-3.3-70B, Qwen-2.5-72B and GPT-4o-mini.

Model	Retr.	F1			Precision			Recall		
		M	Med	SD	M	Med	SD	M	Med	SD
<b>Majority Voting</b>	Boyer-Mooreoore	0.06	0.00	0.19	0.11	0.00	0.32	0.05	0.00	0.16
<b>Mixtral</b>	Boyer-Mooreoore	0.07	0.00	0.20	0.12	0.00	0.32	0.06	0.00	0.17
	-	0.31	0.33	0.27	0.38	0.33	0.35	0.34	0.29	0.33
	BGE	0.33	0.36	0.25	0.42	<b>0.50</b>	0.35	0.36	0.33	0.33
	BM25	0.34	0.37	0.26	0.42	<b>0.50</b>	0.35	0.36	0.33	0.33
	Inst	0.33	0.36	0.27	0.41	0.40	0.35	0.35	0.33	0.33
	Contr	0.35	0.40	0.26	0.45	<b>0.50</b>	0.35	0.37	0.33	0.33
	GTR-X	0.35	0.40	0.26	0.43	<b>0.50</b>	0.34	0.37	0.33	0.34
	GTR-L	0.34	0.36	0.26	0.42	<b>0.50</b>	0.34	0.36	0.33	0.33
<b>Phi-3</b>	Boyer-Mooreoore	0.20	0.00	<b>0.31</b>	0.35	0.00	<b>0.47</b>	0.16	0.00	0.27
	-	0.20	0.00	0.27	0.35	0.00	0.44	0.17	0.00	0.27
	BGE	0.36	0.40	0.29	0.56	<b>0.50</b>	0.41	0.33	0.25	0.32
	BM25	0.36	0.36	0.29	0.57	<b>0.50</b>	0.42	0.32	0.25	0.32
	Inst	0.35	0.33	0.29	0.56	<b>0.50</b>	0.42	0.31	0.25	0.32
	Contr	0.38	0.40	0.30	<b>0.58</b>	<b>0.50</b>	0.41	0.34	0.25	0.32
	GTR-X	0.37	0.36	0.29	0.57	<b>0.50</b>	0.41	0.33	0.25	0.32
	GTR-L	0.36	0.33	0.29	0.56	<b>0.50</b>	0.41	0.33	0.25	0.32
<b>Gemma</b>	Boyer-Mooreoore	0.19	0.00	0.30	0.33	0.00	<b>0.47</b>	0.15	0.00	0.26
	-	0.39	0.40	0.28	0.56	<b>0.50</b>	0.39	0.36	0.33	0.33
	BGE	<b>0.42</b>	<b>0.44</b>	0.26	<b>0.58</b>	<b>0.50</b>	0.37	0.40	0.33	0.32
	BM25	<b>0.42</b>	<b>0.44</b>	0.27	0.56	<b>0.50</b>	0.36	0.41	0.33	0.33
	Inst	0.41	0.43	0.27	0.56	<b>0.50</b>	0.37	0.40	0.33	0.33
	Contr	0.41	<b>0.44</b>	0.27	0.56	<b>0.50</b>	0.36	0.40	0.33	0.32
	GTR-X	0.41	0.43	0.27	0.56	<b>0.50</b>	0.37	0.41	0.33	0.33
	GTR-L	0.41	0.43	0.27	0.56	<b>0.50</b>	0.37	0.40	0.33	0.33
<b>LLAMA</b>	Boyer-Mooreoore	0.08	0.00	0.21	0.13	0.00	0.34	0.06	0.00	0.18
	-	0.41	0.40	0.27	0.48	0.40	0.37	<b>0.48</b>	<b>0.50</b>	0.35
	BGE	0.34	0.33	0.26	0.38	0.33	0.34	0.42	0.40	<b>0.36</b>
	BM25	0.35	0.33	0.26	0.40	0.33	0.35	0.44	0.43	<b>0.36</b>
	Inst	0.34	0.33	0.27	0.40	0.33	0.36	0.41	0.33	<b>0.36</b>
	Contr	0.37	0.40	0.26	0.42	0.38	0.35	0.46	<b>0.50</b>	0.35
	GTR-X	0.34	0.36	0.25	0.39	0.33	0.35	0.42	0.40	<b>0.36</b>
	GTR-L	0.34	0.33	0.26	0.40	0.33	0.35	0.42	0.40	<b>0.36</b>
<b>Qwen</b>	Boyer-Mooreoore	0.09	0.00	0.22	0.15	0.00	0.35	0.07	0.00	0.19
	-	0.31	0.33	0.27	0.38	0.33	0.35	0.35	0.29	0.34
	BGE	0.34	0.33	0.27	0.40	0.43	0.35	0.37	0.33	0.34
	BM25	0.32	0.33	0.27	0.39	0.43	0.35	0.35	0.33	0.33
	Inst	0.32	0.33	0.27	0.39	0.40	0.35	0.35	0.29	0.33
	Contr	0.34	0.40	0.27	0.42	<b>0.50</b>	0.36	0.36	0.33	0.34
	GTR-X	0.33	0.33	0.27	0.39	0.40	0.35	0.36	0.33	0.34
	GTR-L	0.34	0.40	0.27	0.41	<b>0.50</b>	0.35	0.37	0.33	0.34
<b>GPT-4o</b>	Boyer-Mooreoore	0.07	0.00	0.20	0.11	0.00	0.32	0.05	0.00	0.17
	-	0.38	0.40	0.28	0.45	<b>0.50</b>	0.36	0.40	0.38	0.34
	BGE	0.39	0.40	0.25	0.44	0.40	0.33	0.43	0.43	0.33
	BM25	0.41	0.40	0.26	0.48	<b>0.50</b>	0.34	0.45	<b>0.50</b>	0.33
	Inst	0.39	0.40	0.26	0.46	<b>0.50</b>	0.34	0.43	0.43	0.33
	Contr	0.40	0.40	0.27	0.47	<b>0.50</b>	0.34	0.44	<b>0.50</b>	0.33
	GTR-X	0.38	0.40	0.25	0.45	0.43	0.33	0.43	0.43	0.33
	GTR-L	0.39	0.40	0.26	0.46	<b>0.50</b>	0.33	0.44	0.43	0.33

**Table 15.** Occupation performance metrics for NIL identification (entities not in the knowledge base). We evaluate Mixtral-8×7B, Phi-3-Medium, Gemma-2-27B-IT, Llama-3.3-70B, Qwen-2.5-72B and GPT-4o-mini.

Model	Retr.	F1			Precision			Recall		
		M	Med	SD	M	Med	SD	M	Med	SD
<b>Majority Voting</b>	Boyer-Mooreoore	0.15	0.00	0.32	0.20	0.00	0.40	0.13	0.00	0.29
<b>Mixtral</b>	Boyer-Mooreoore	0.18	0.00	0.32	0.25	0.00	0.42	0.16	0.00	0.30
	-	0.28	0.00	0.34	0.31	0.00	0.39	0.31	0.00	0.40
	BGE	0.33	0.33	0.35	0.37	0.29	0.41	0.36	0.23	0.40
	BM25	0.32	0.29	0.35	0.36	0.33	0.41	0.37	0.18	0.41
	Inst	0.33	0.29	0.35	0.36	0.33	0.39	0.38	0.23	0.42
	Contr	0.32	0.29	0.34	0.37	0.33	0.41	0.35	0.20	0.40
	GTR-X	0.27	0.00	0.32	0.31	0.00	0.38	0.30	0.00	0.38
	GTR-L	0.27	0.00	0.34	0.32	0.00	0.40	0.30	0.00	0.39
<b>Phi-3</b>	Boyer-Mooreoore	0.25	0.00	0.37	0.36	0.00	<b>0.48</b>	0.21	0.00	0.35
	-	0.16	0.00	0.32	0.19	0.00	0.36	0.17	0.00	0.34
	BGE	0.32	0.11	0.36	0.39	0.10	0.44	0.31	0.08	0.38
	BM25	0.30	0.00	0.36	0.38	0.00	0.45	0.29	0.00	0.38
	Inst	0.29	0.00	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.43	0.28	0.00	0.37
	Contr	0.30	0.12	0.34	0.39	0.17	0.43	0.31	0.08	0.38
	GTR-X	0.29	0.00	0.35	0.36	0.00	0.43	0.29	0.00	0.37
	GTR-L	0.33	0.29	0.36	0.41	0.33	0.44	0.32	0.18	0.39
<b>Gemma</b>	Boyer-Mooreoore	0.25	0.00	<b>0.38</b>	0.34	0.00	0.47	0.22	0.00	0.36
	-	0.35	0.29	<b>0.38</b>	0.41	0.29	0.44	0.35	0.18	0.41
	BGE	0.41	<b>0.50</b>	0.37	0.45	<b>0.50</b>	0.42	0.45	0.37	0.42
	BM25	0.41	<b>0.50</b>	0.36	0.46	<b>0.50</b>	0.41	0.45	0.37	0.42
	Inst	0.39	<b>0.50</b>	0.35	0.44	<b>0.50</b>	0.41	0.43	0.33	0.42
	Contr	0.42	<b>0.50</b>	0.37	0.47	<b>0.50</b>	0.41	0.45	0.37	0.41
	GTR-X	0.39	0.40	0.36	0.43	<b>0.50</b>	0.40	0.42	0.33	0.41
	GTR-L	0.39	0.40	0.36	0.42	<b>0.50</b>	0.40	0.43	0.33	0.42
<b>LLAMA</b>	Boyer-Mooreoore	0.14	0.00	0.32	0.19	0.00	0.39	0.13	0.00	0.30
	-	0.34	0.29	0.37	0.34	0.20	0.39	0.43	0.33	<b>0.44</b>
	BGE	0.39	0.40	0.32	0.37	0.25	0.36	0.55	0.50	0.43
	BM25	0.37	0.33	0.34	0.36	0.23	0.37	0.53	0.50	<b>0.44</b>
	Inst	0.41	0.33	0.35	0.41	0.25	0.39	0.54	0.50	0.43
	Contr	0.38	0.40	0.32	0.35	0.25	0.34	0.55	0.50	0.43
	GTR-X	0.38	0.33	0.34	0.34	0.25	0.35	0.54	0.50	<b>0.44</b>
	GTR-L	0.40	0.33	0.33	0.38	0.25	0.36	<b>0.56</b>	<b>0.55</b>	0.43
<b>Qwen</b>	Boyer-Mooreoore	0.22	0.00	0.35	0.32	0.00	0.46	0.19	0.00	0.31
	-	0.30	0.00	0.36	0.35	0.00	0.43	0.30	0.00	0.38
	BGE	0.35	0.33	0.34	0.41	0.33	0.42	0.37	0.33	0.40
	BM25	0.35	0.40	0.34	0.40	0.33	0.40	0.39	0.33	0.41
	Inst	0.38	<b>0.50</b>	0.36	0.43	<b>0.50</b>	0.42	0.41	0.33	0.41
	Contr	0.36	0.40	0.36	0.41	<b>0.50</b>	0.41	0.39	0.33	0.41
	GTR-X	0.35	0.37	0.34	0.38	0.33	0.38	0.40	0.33	0.41
	GTR-L	0.36	0.40	0.35	0.39	0.33	0.40	0.40	0.33	0.41
<b>GPT-4o</b>	Boyer-Mooreoore	0.21	0.00	0.33	0.29	0.00	0.45	0.18	0.00	0.33
	-	0.29	0.00	0.35	0.34	0.00	0.41	0.32	0.00	0.40
	BGE	0.33	0.31	0.34	0.38	0.33	0.41	0.36	0.23	0.40
	BM25	<b>0.43</b>	<b>0.50</b>	0.35	<b>0.49</b>	<b>0.50</b>	0.42	0.47	0.50	0.41
	Inst	0.37	0.40	0.34	0.44	0.33	0.42	0.40	0.33	0.40
	Contr	0.38	0.40	0.34	0.43	<b>0.50</b>	0.40	0.42	0.33	0.41
	GTR-X	0.32	0.33	0.33	0.36	0.33	0.39	0.37	0.20	0.41
	GTR-L	0.37	0.40	0.33	0.42	0.33	0.40	0.44	0.33	0.42