

# Investigating Parallel Implementations of Genetic Algorithms for Stochastic Part-of-Speech Tagging

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# Words are ambiguous

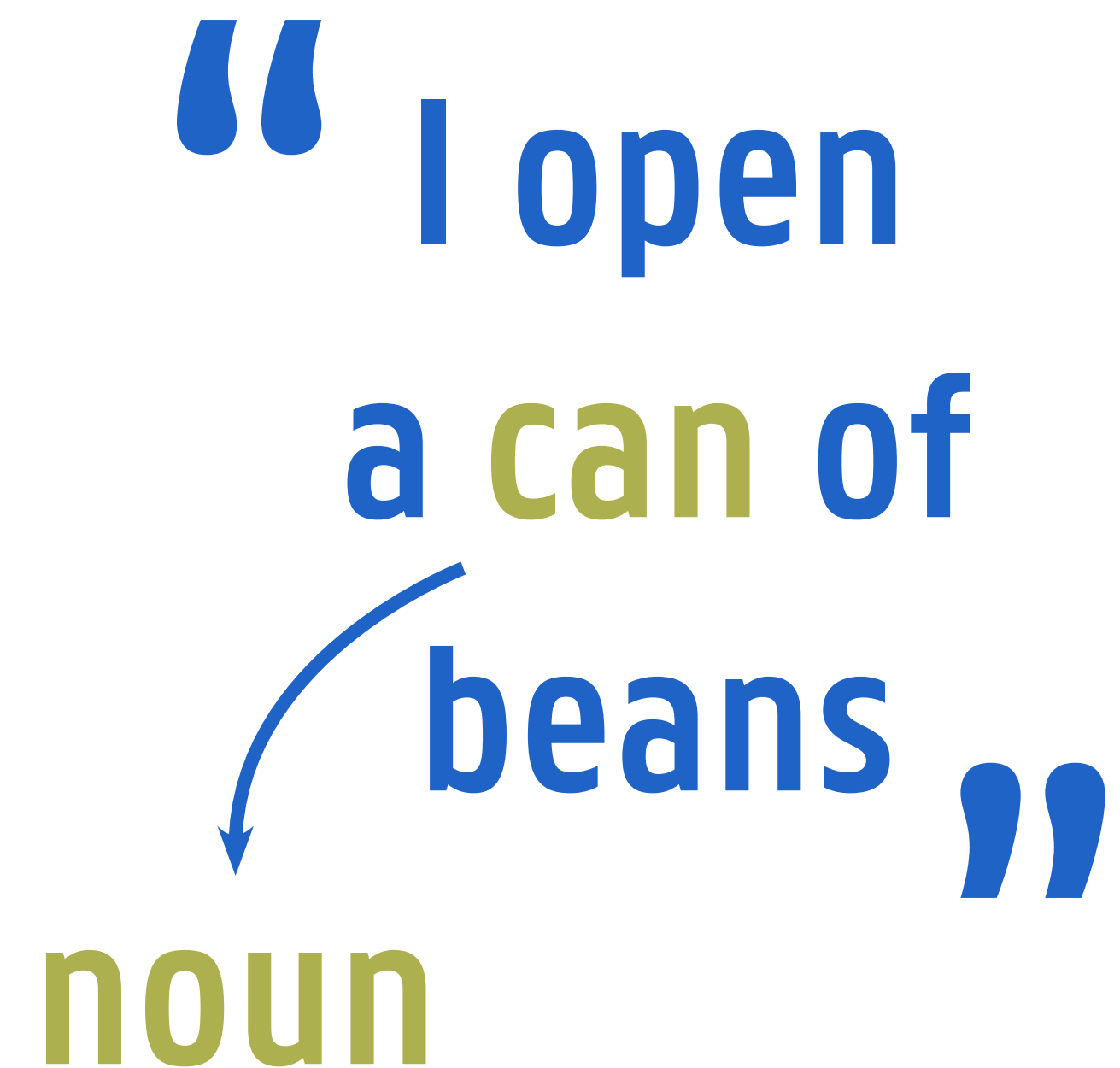
“ I **can** get  
home for  
dinner ”

verb

A blue curved arrow points from the word 'can' in the sentence to the word 'verb'.

“ I open  
a **can** of  
beans ”

noun

A blue curved arrow points from the word 'can' in the sentence to the word 'noun'.

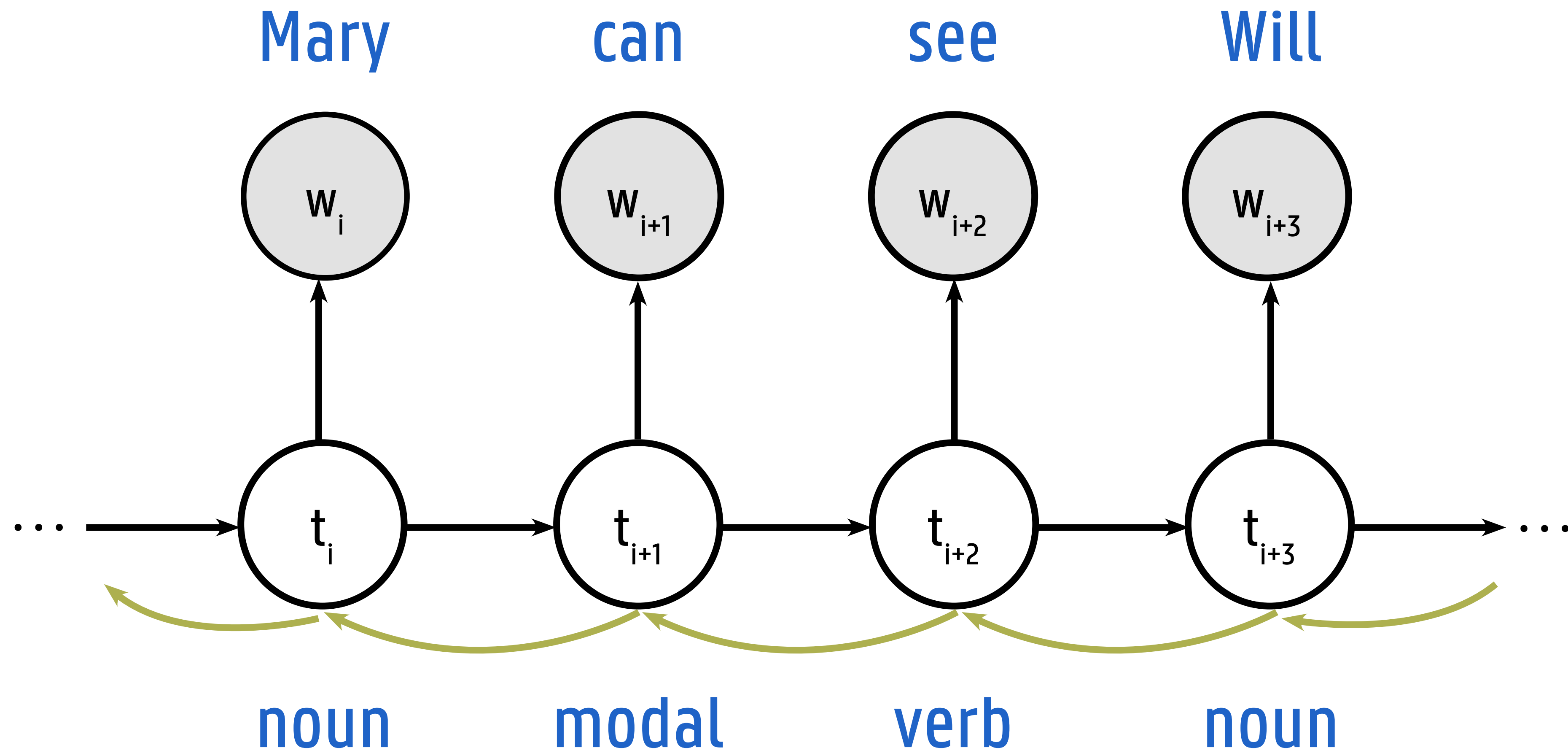
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# Hidden Markov Model



# Literature Review

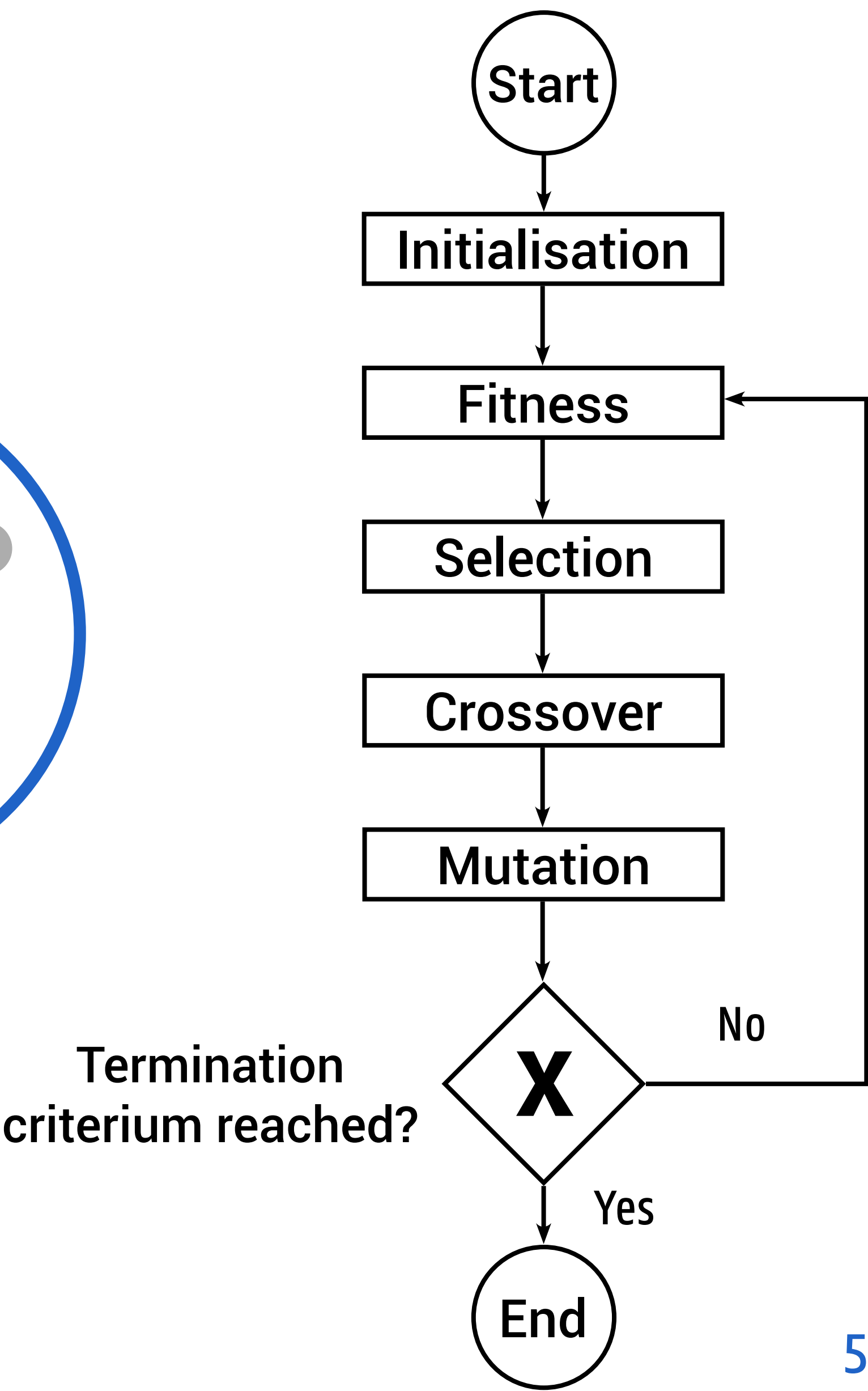
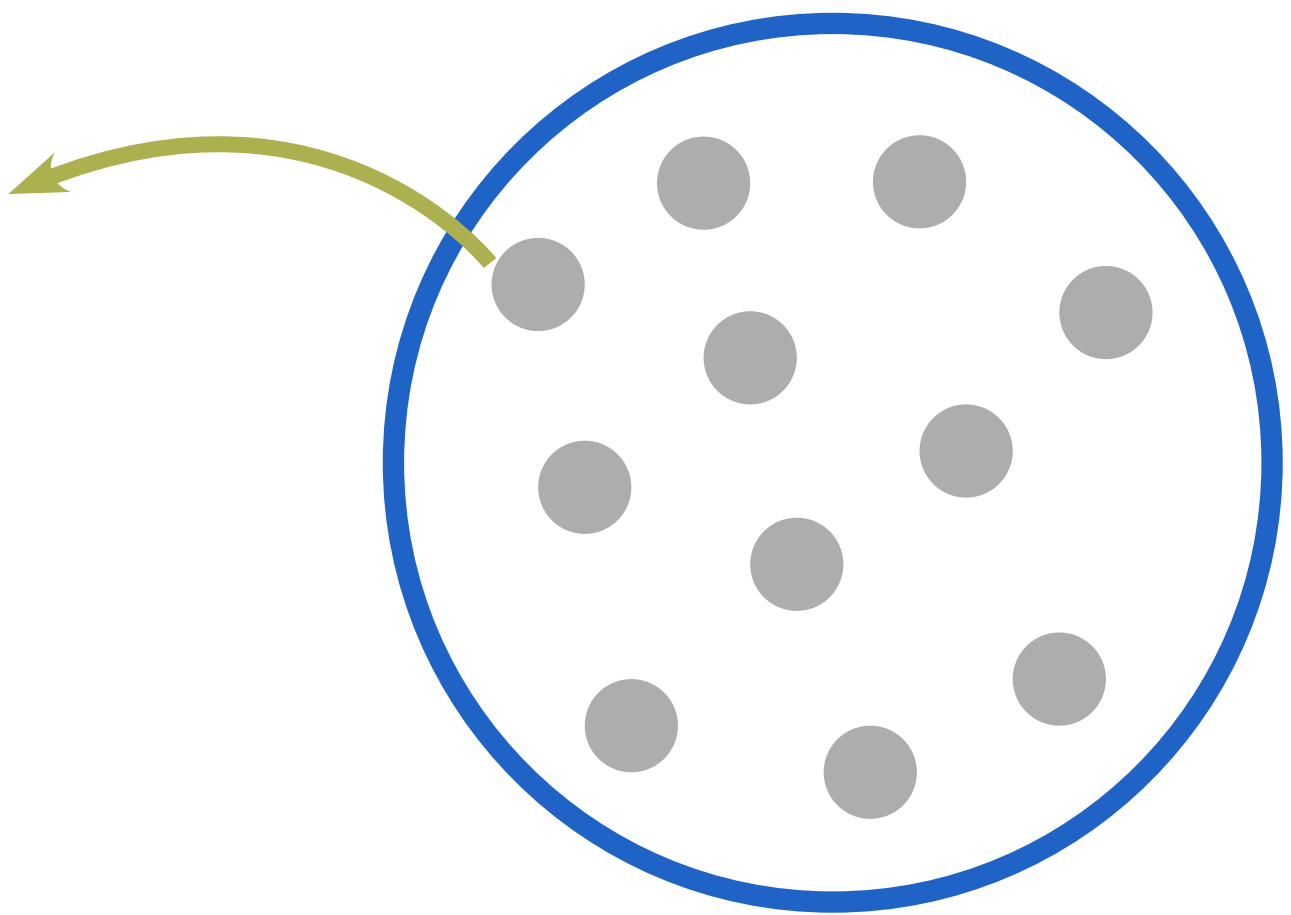
Publication	GA	Distributed GA	Cellular GA
Aroujo (2002)	X		
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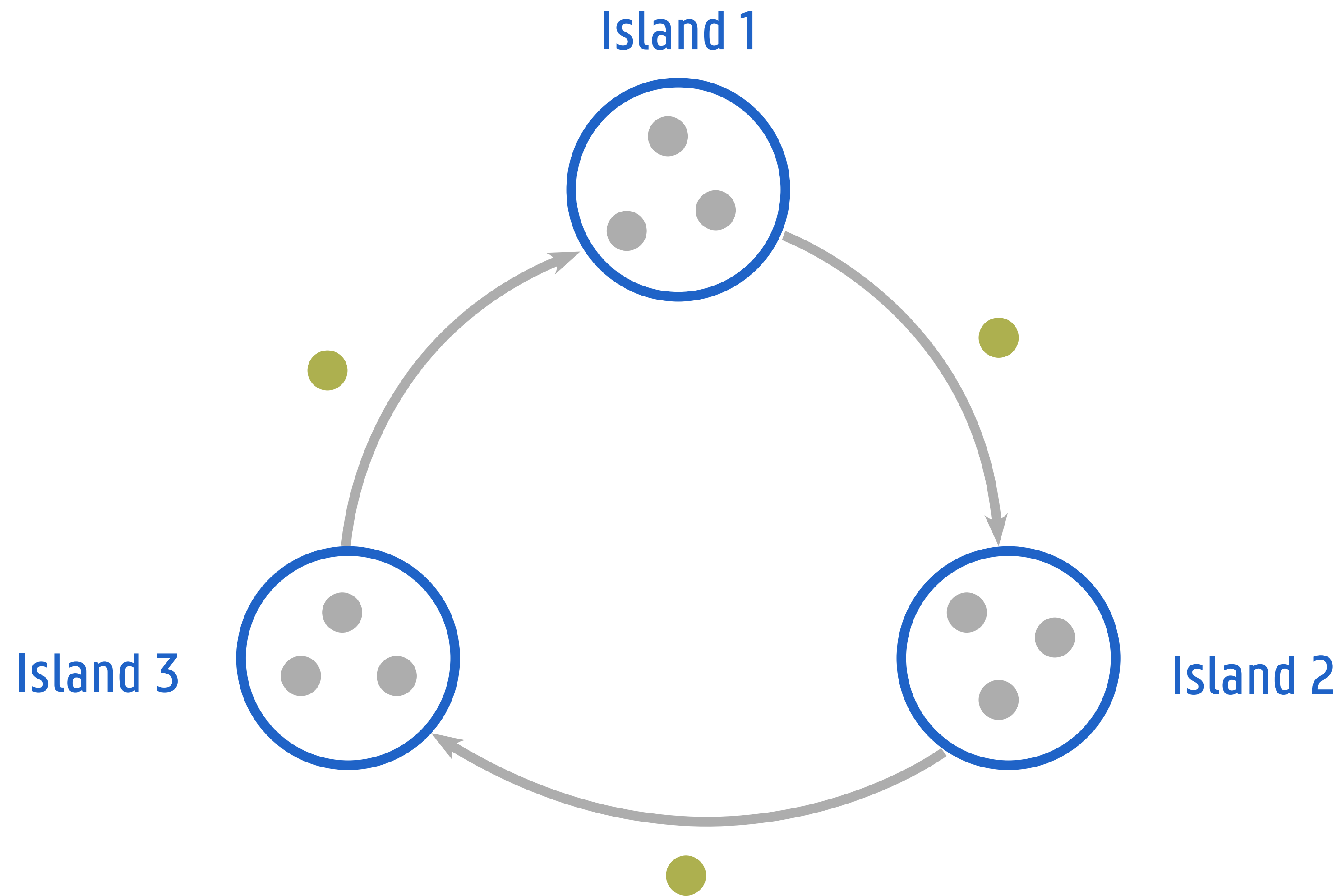
# Genetic Algorithm

Tokens	Mary	can	see	Will
Phenotype	NOUN	MODAL	VERB	NOUN
Genotype	0	1	2	0



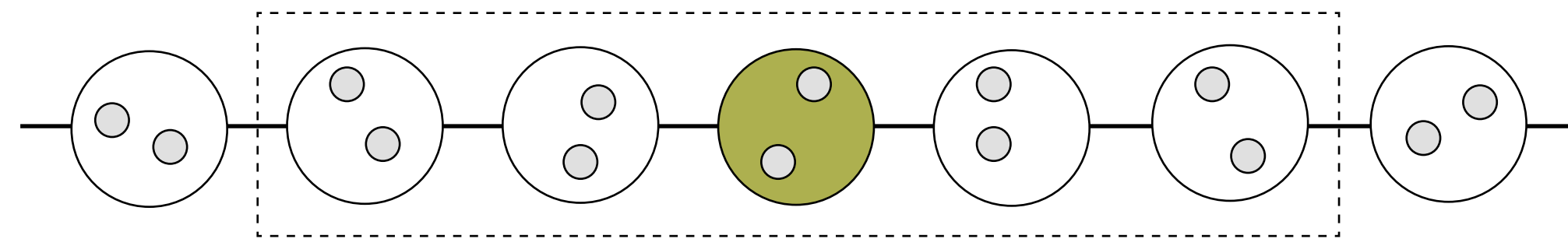


# Distributed Genetic Algorithm

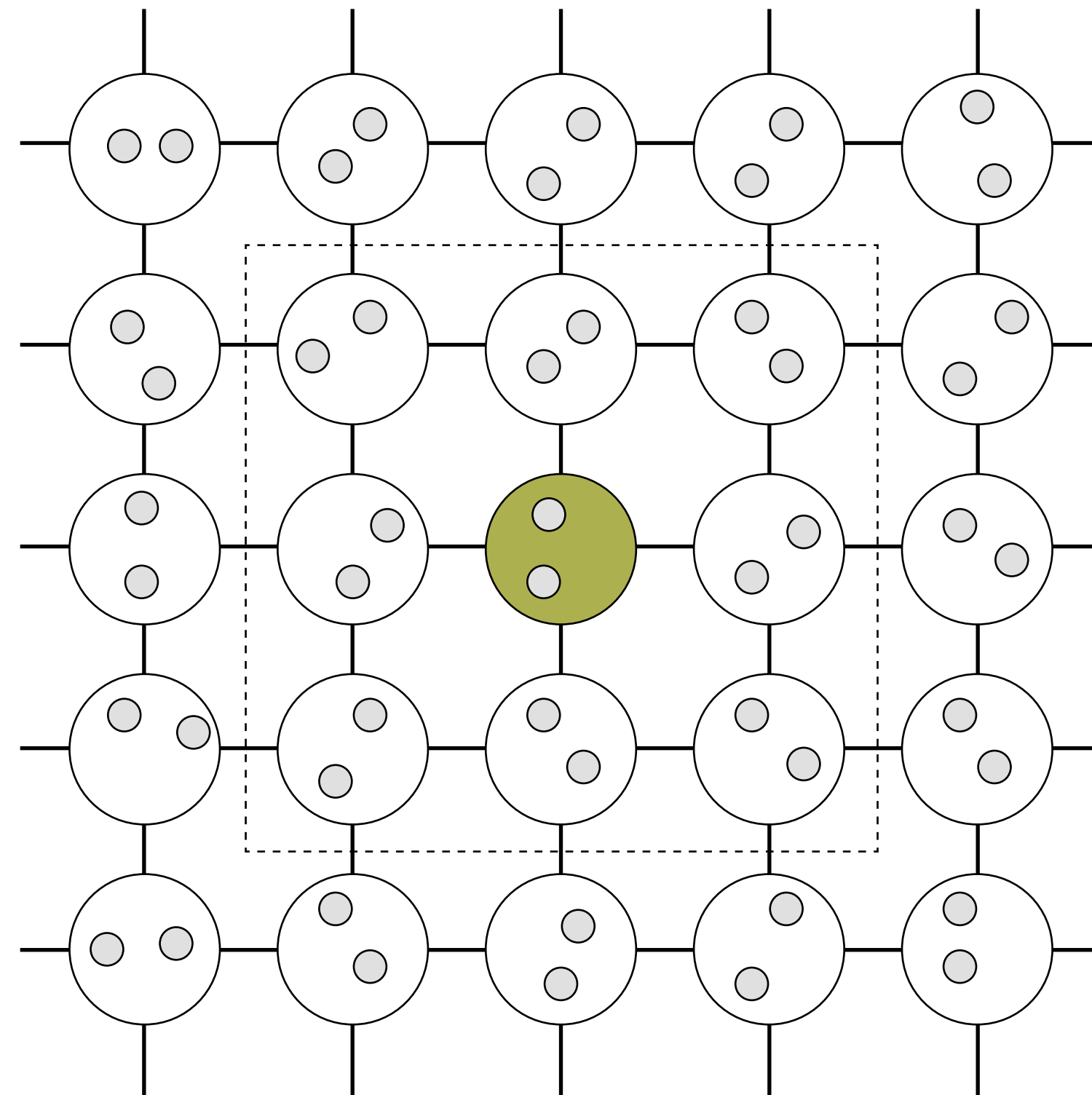


# Cellular Genetic Algorithm

## Circular



## Toroidal



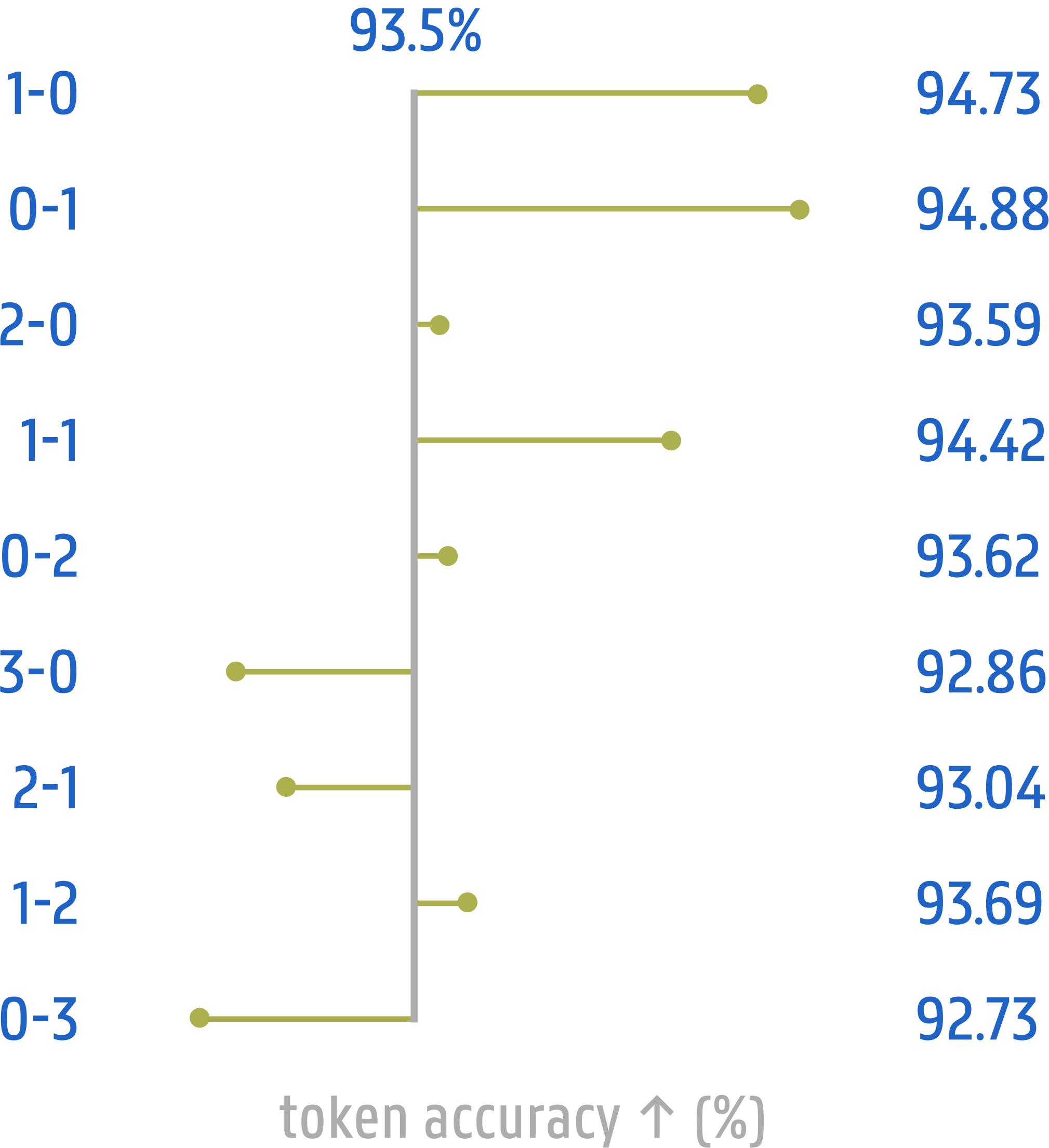
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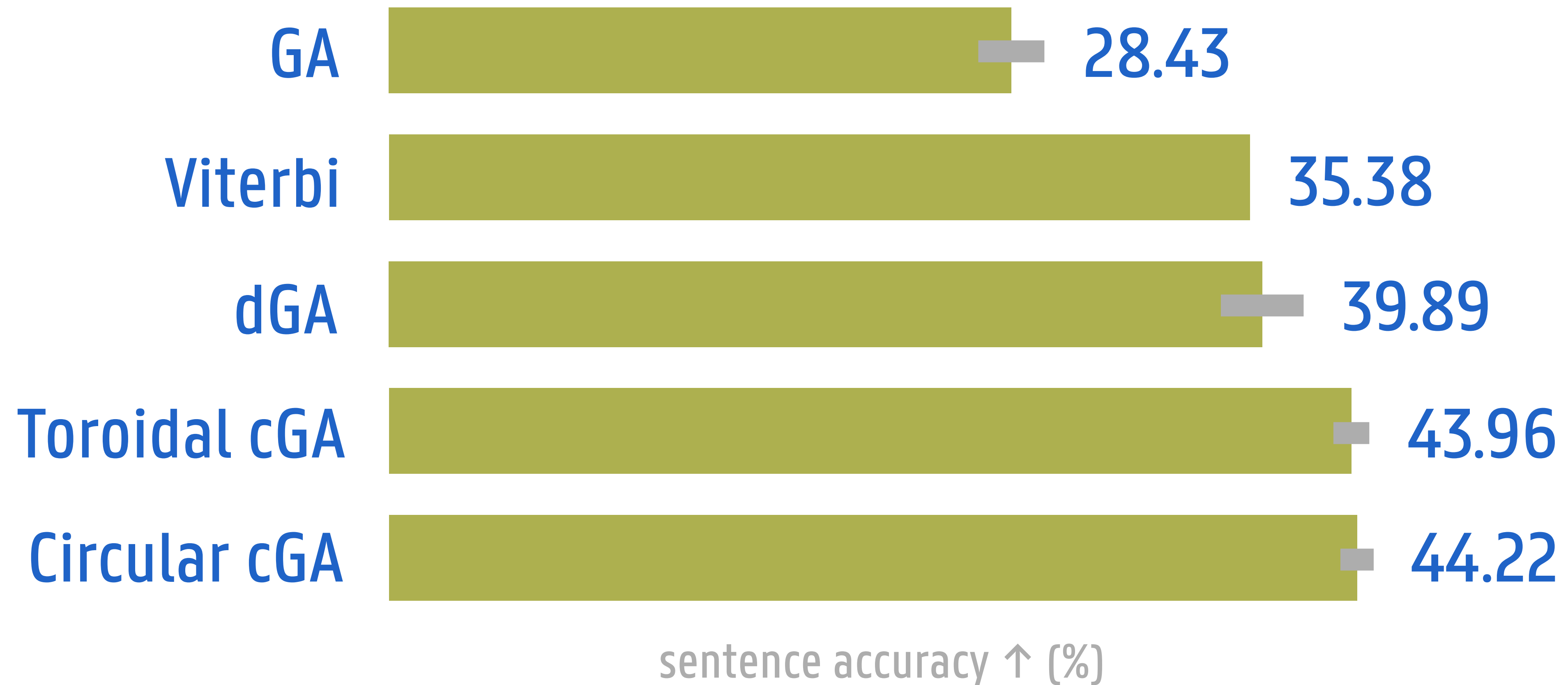


## Traditional GA prematurely converges

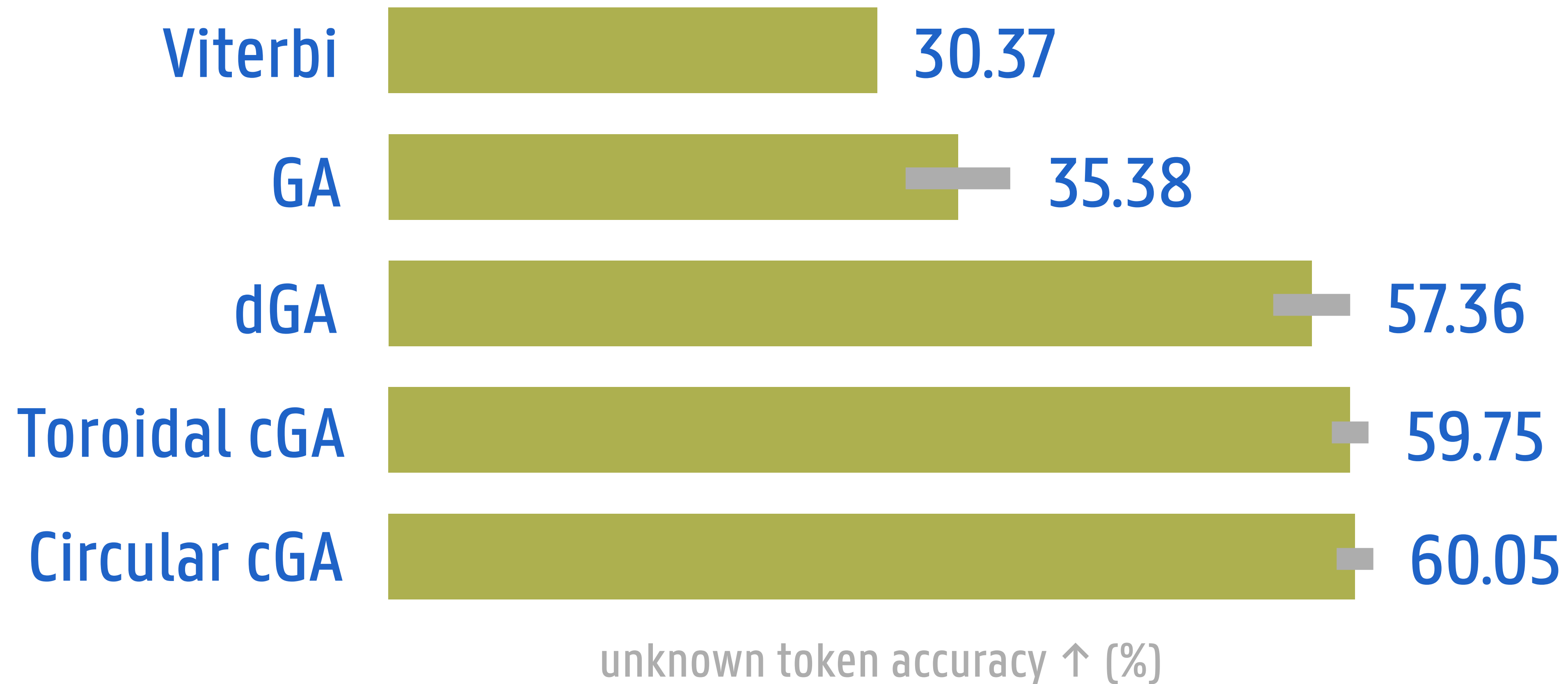


token accuracy ↑ (%)

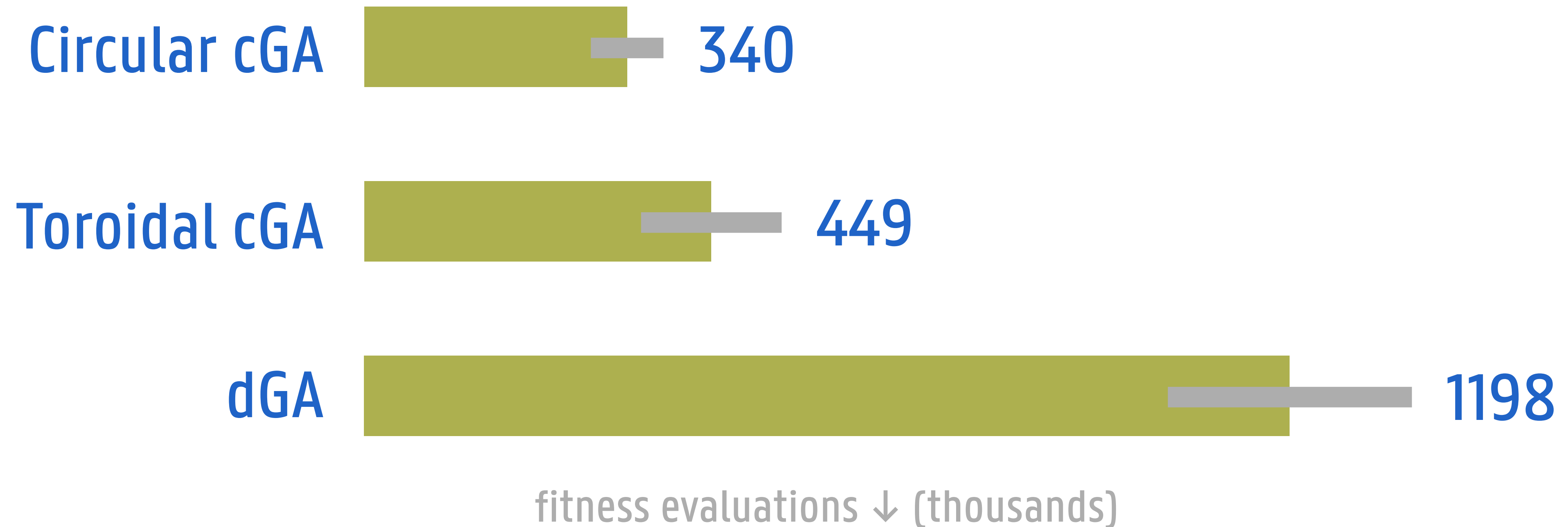
## Correctly classifying a sentence remains hard



## Parallel GAs are more robust against unknown words



## Circular topology converges faster





# Conclusions

1

## **cGAs perform best**

across all performance measures  
over traditional GAs and dGAs

2

## **Circular topology**

converges faster to a local  
optimum than a toroidal  
topology

3

## **Smaller context sizes**

are preferred over larger context  
sizes for this simple tag set

# Further Research

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1

## More complex tag sets

may have an effect on the impact  
on larger context sizes

2

## More diverse corpora

will make the generalizability of  
the study more robust



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