

# Commonsense Knowledge Graphs

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**Common sense** is the **common** knowledge about the world that is possessed by every schoolchild and the methods for making obvious **inferences** from this knowledge.

Davis, E. (2014). Representations of commonsense knowledge.

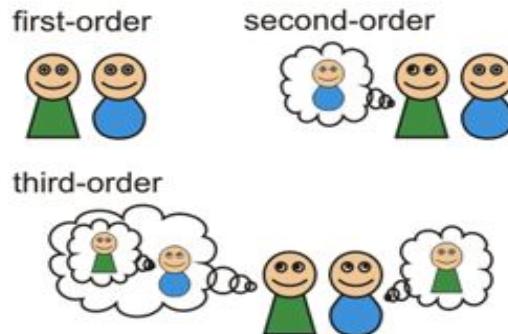
**Commonsense knowledge** includes the **basic facts** about events (including actions) and their effects, facts about knowledge and how it is obtained, facts about **beliefs** and **desires**. It also includes the basic facts about material **objects** and their properties.

McCarthy, J. (1989). Artificial intelligence, logic and formalizing common sense.

# Aspects of common sense



Intuitive physics



Commonsense psychology



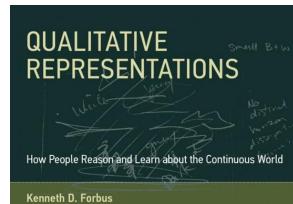
Common facts

PROGRAMS WITH COMMON SENSE

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1 *The Second Naïve Physics Manifesto*

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A Formal Theory of  
**COMMONSENSE  
PSYCHOLOGY**

HOW PEOPLE THINK PEOPLE THINK

Representations of  
**Commonsense  
Knowledge**

Ernest Davis

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COMET

[Bosselut et al., 2019]

Atomic

[Sap et al., 2019]

WebChild

[Tandon et al., 2014]

WebChild 2.0

[Tandon et al., 2017]

Open Mind Common Sense

[Minski, Singh, Havasi, 1999]

ConceptNet

[Liu, Singh, 2004]

ConceptNet 5.5

[Speer et al., 2017]

NELL

[Carlson et al., 2010]

NELL

[Mitchell et al., 2015]

Wikidata

[Vrandečić, 2012]

Cyc

[Lenat et al., 1984]

OpenCyc 4.0

[Lenat 2012]

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- natural language
- neural

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- expert input
- crowdsourcing
- information extraction, machine learning

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NELL

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# Representation Method

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- **symbolic**: frisbee, dog
- **natural language**: "PersonX throws a frisbee"
- **neural**: <black box>

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PersonX throws frisbee, as a result  
others then, catches frisbee

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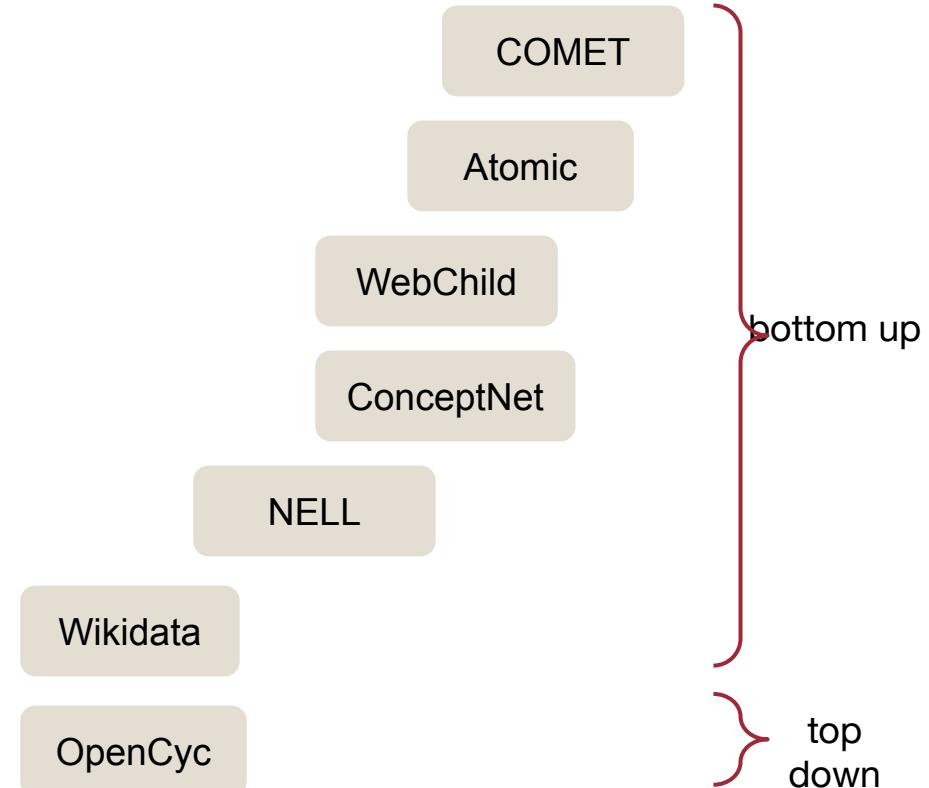
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# Cyc

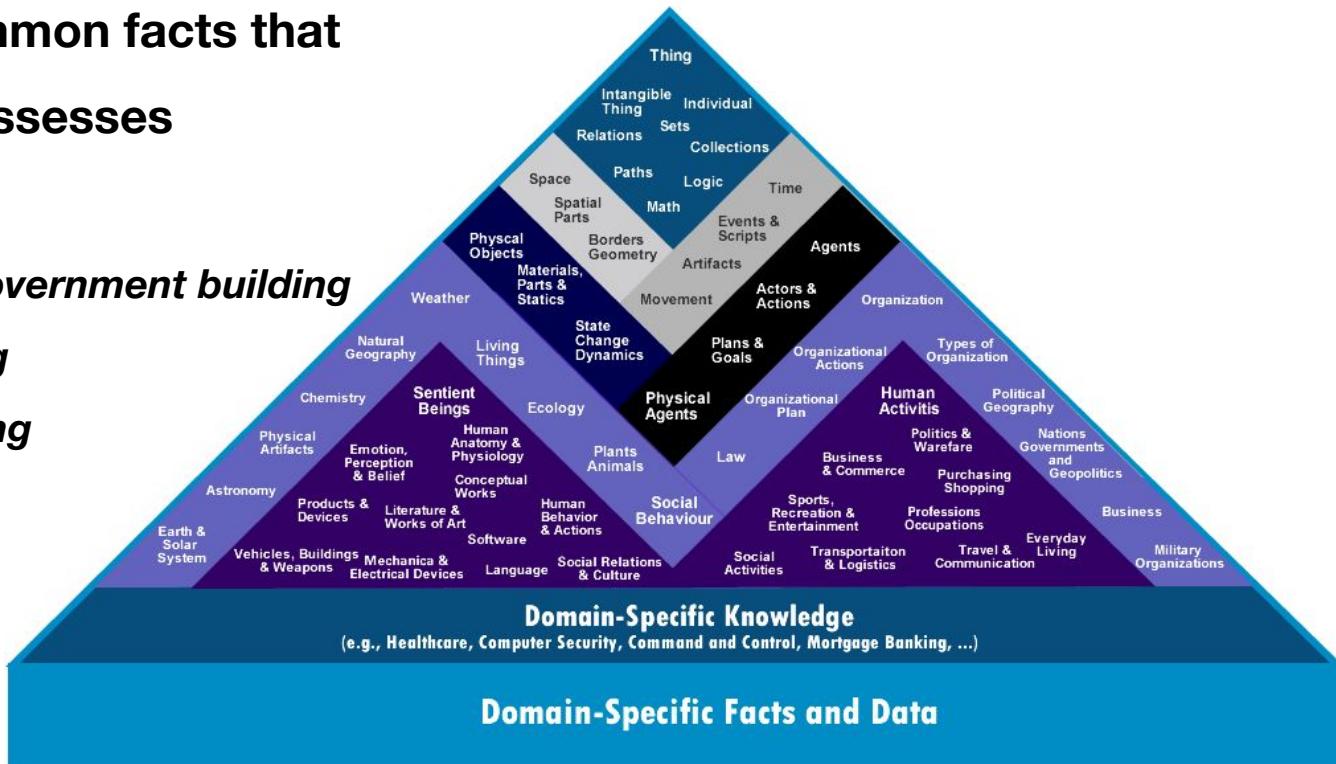
[Lenat, 1995]

# **Knowledge of the common facts that an average person possesses**

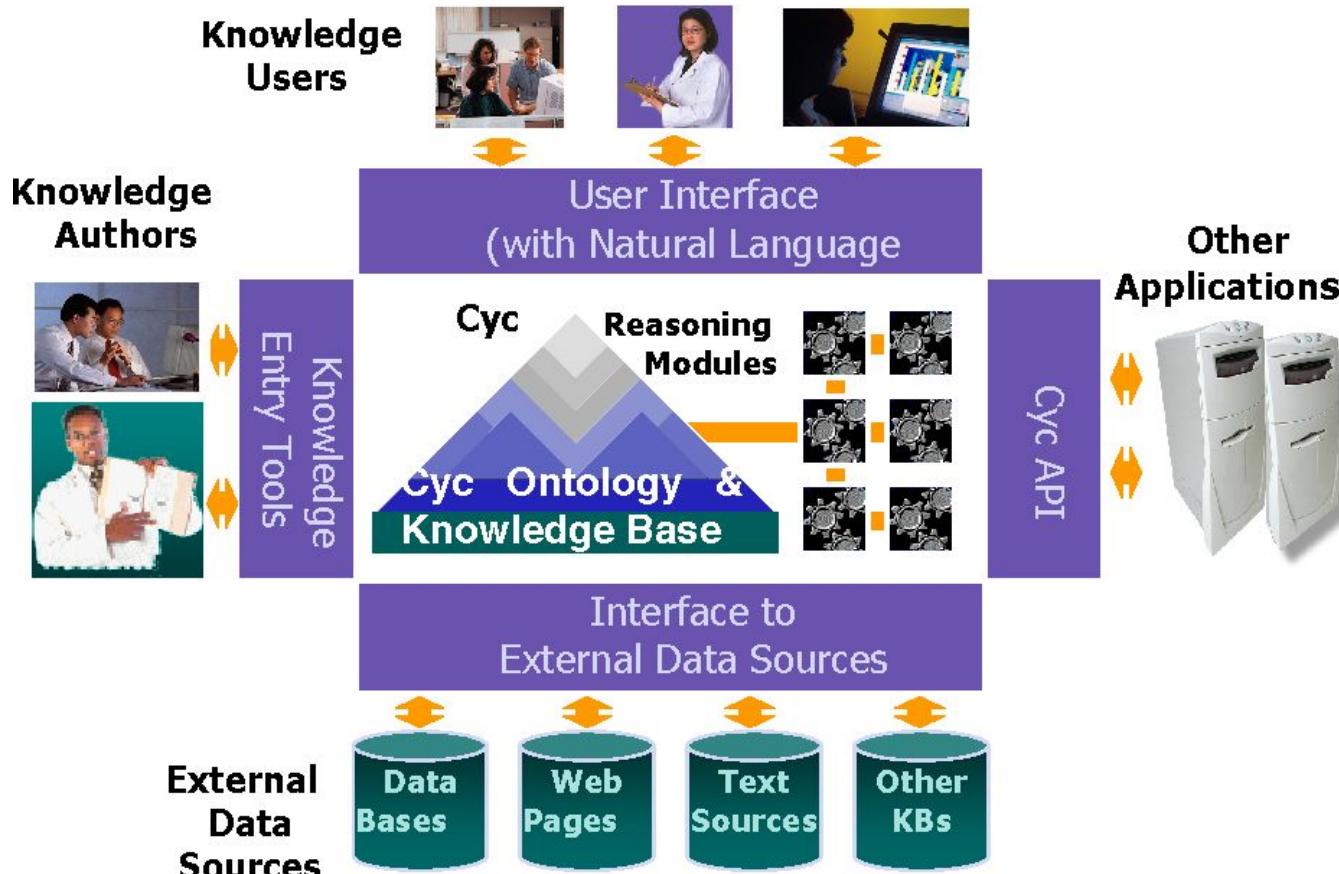
**An embassy is a type of government building**

***Knives are used for cutting***

### **Dogs are capable of barking**



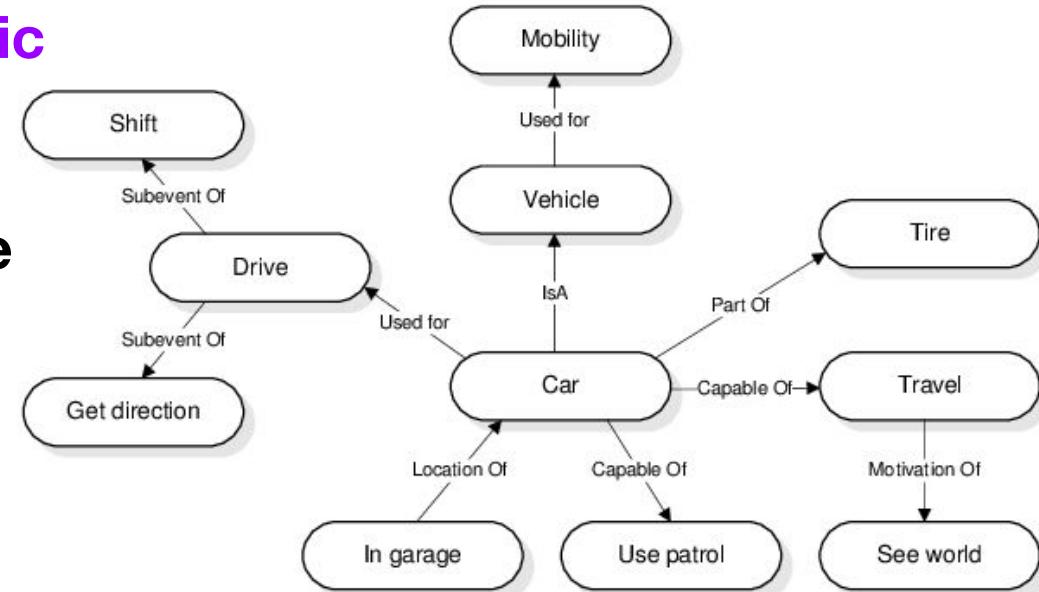
# Evolution of Cyc



# ConceptNet: An introduction

“a freely-available semantic network, designed to help computers understand the meanings of words that people use”

“an open, multi-lingual knowledge graph”



<https://www.conceptnet.io/>

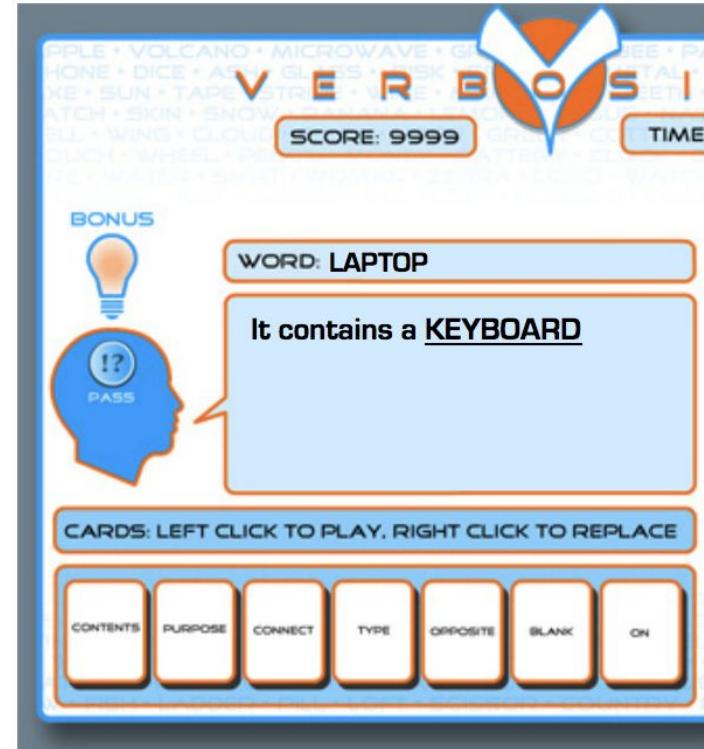
# Sources of knowledge

- Similar to previous versions, relational knowledge contributed to **Open Mind Common Sense** and its sister projects in other languages
- Subset of **DBpedia**
- **Wiktionary** (a dominant source)
  - Dictionary-style information also used from **Open Multilingual WordNet**
- High-level ontology from **OpenCyc**

# Human-generated knowledge: Games with a purpose (GWAP)

“multi-player online game that is designed to be fun and accomplish tasks that are easy for humans but beyond the capability of today's computers.”

<https://www.cmu.edu/homepage/computing/2008/summer/games-with-a-purpose.shtml>



# **ATOMIC:**

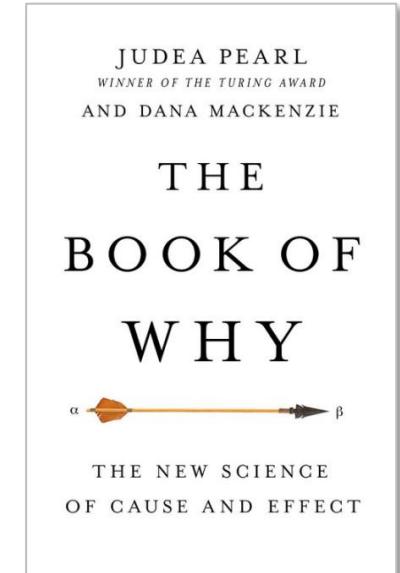
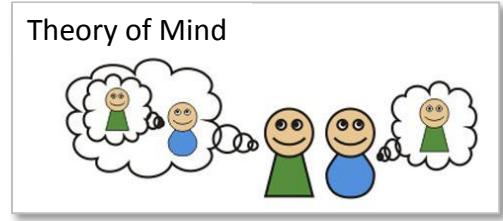
*inferential knowledge in natural language form*

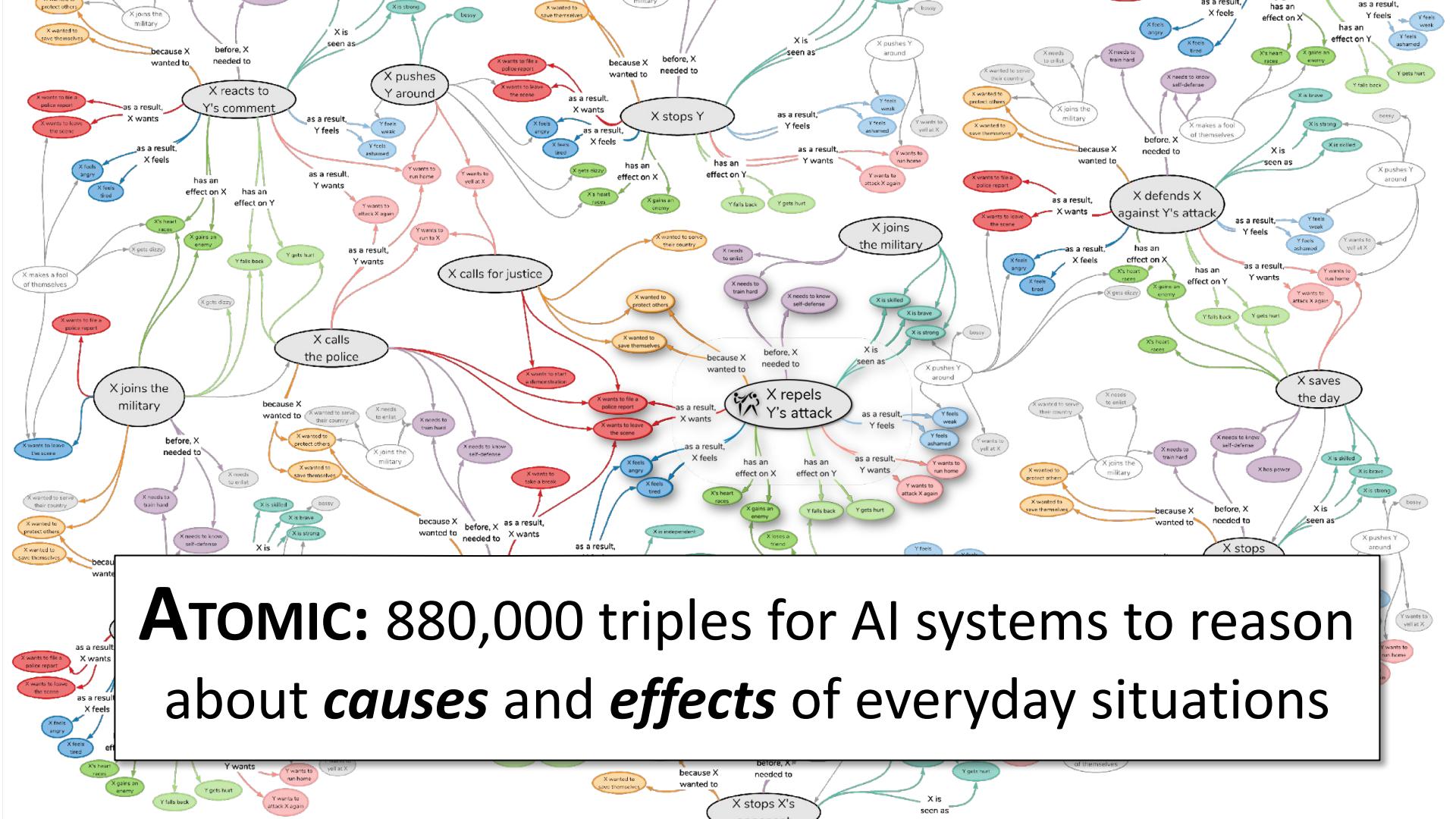
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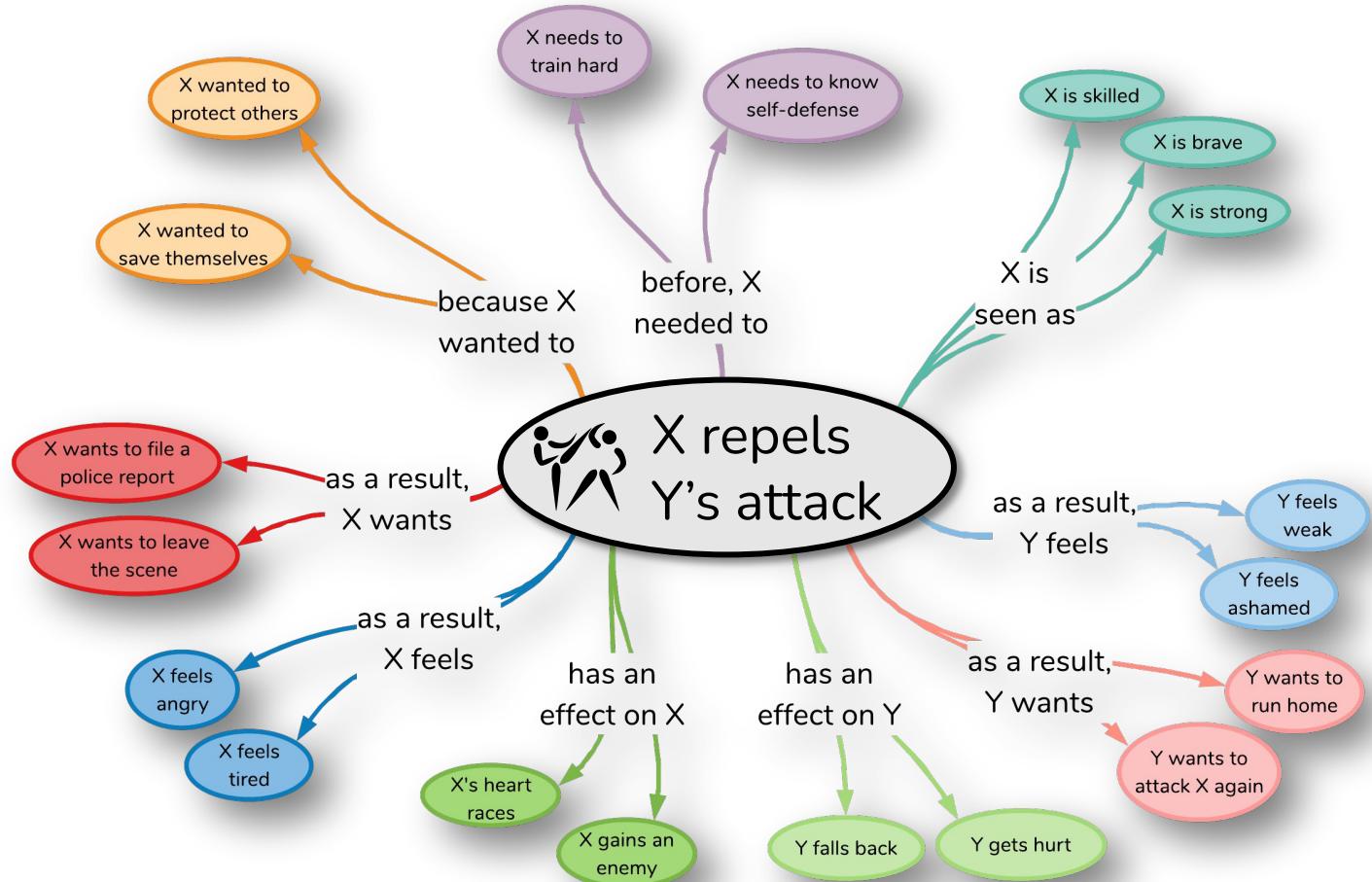
# Knowledge of causes and effects

- Humans have **theory of mind**, allowing us to
  - make inferences about **people's mental states**
  - understand **likely events** that precede and follow  
(Moore, 2013)
- AI systems struggle with ***inferential*** reasoning
  - only find **complex correlational patterns** in data
  - **limited to the domain** they are trained on

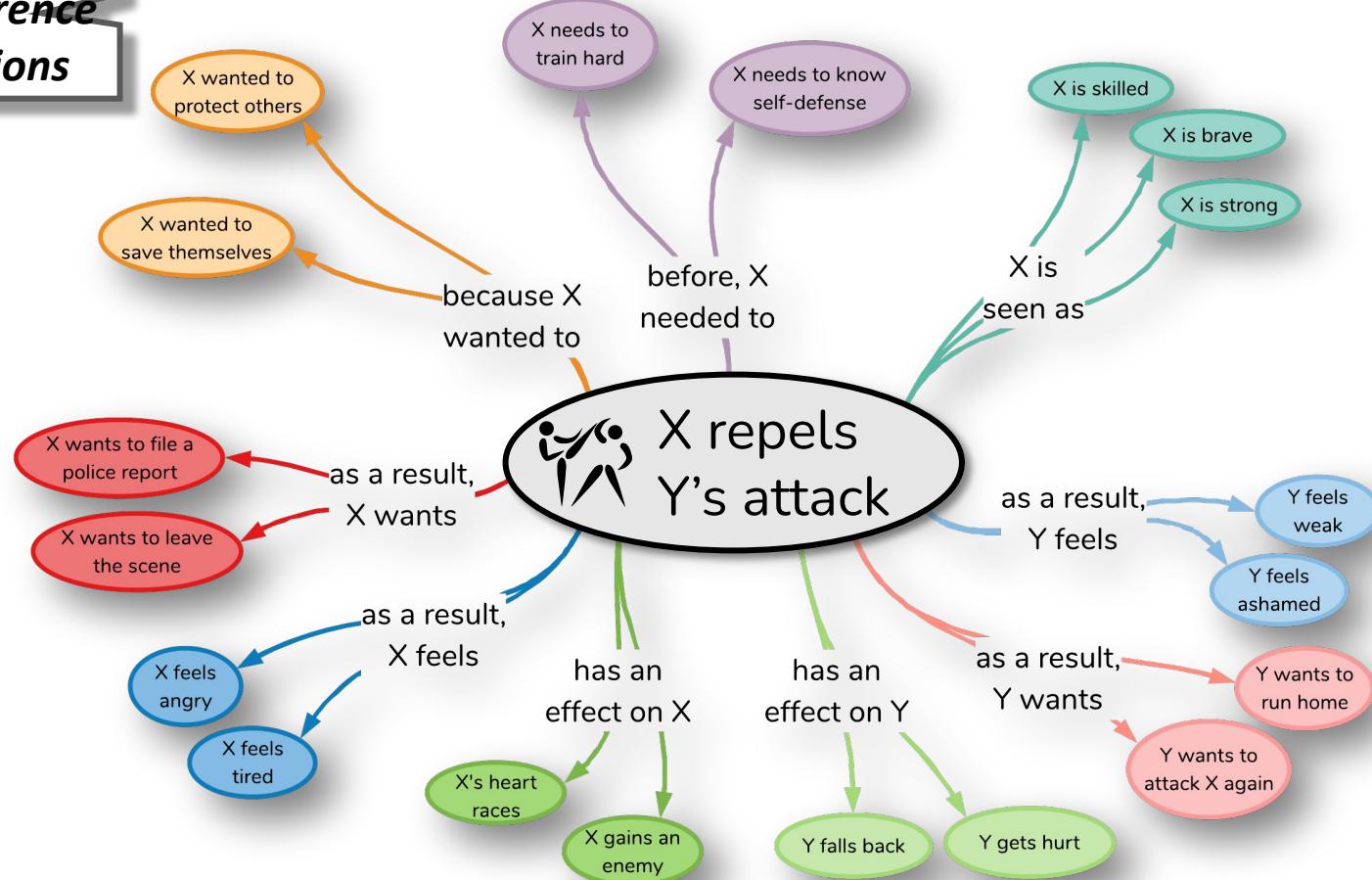
(Pearl; Davis and Marcus 2015; Lake et al. 2017; Marcus 2018)



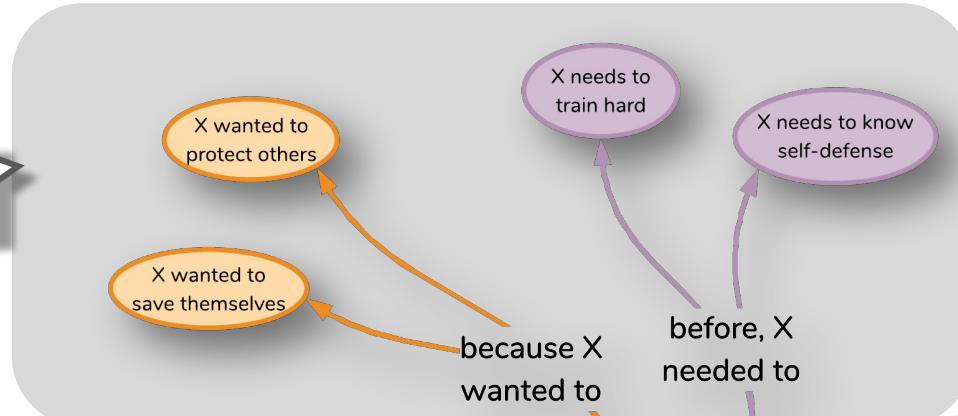




## nine inference dimensions

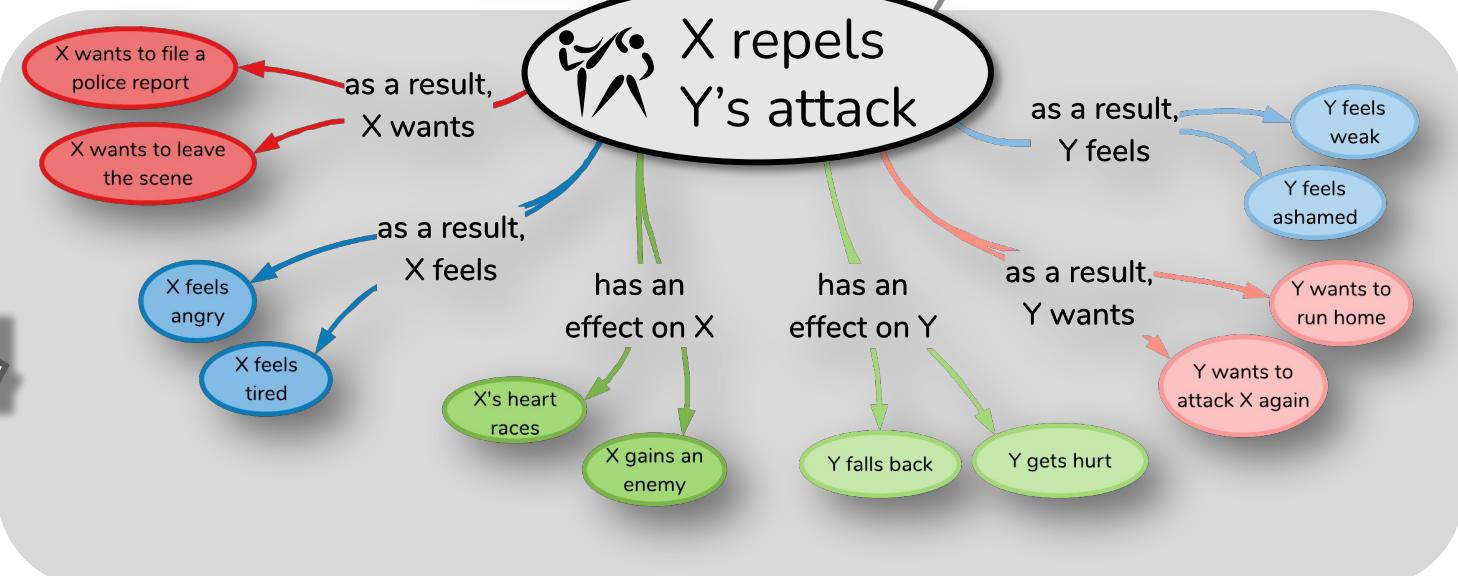


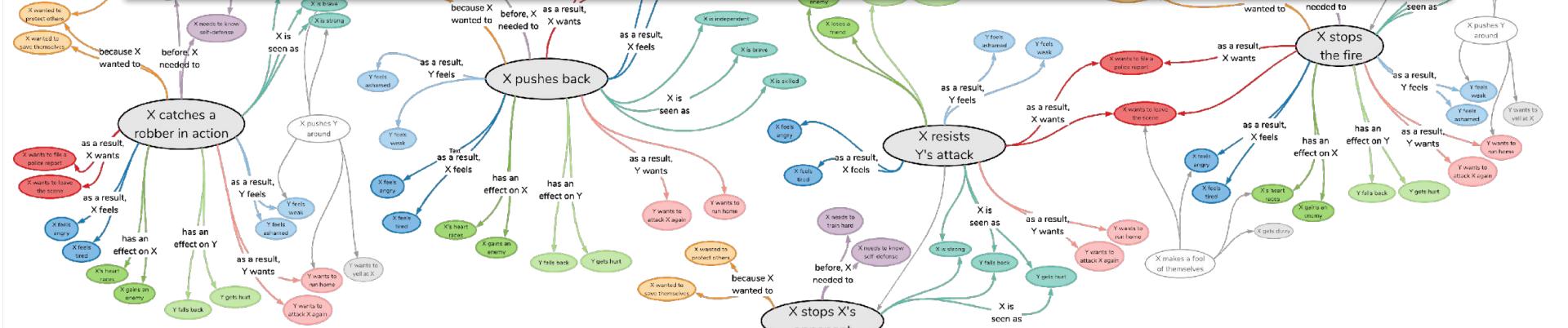
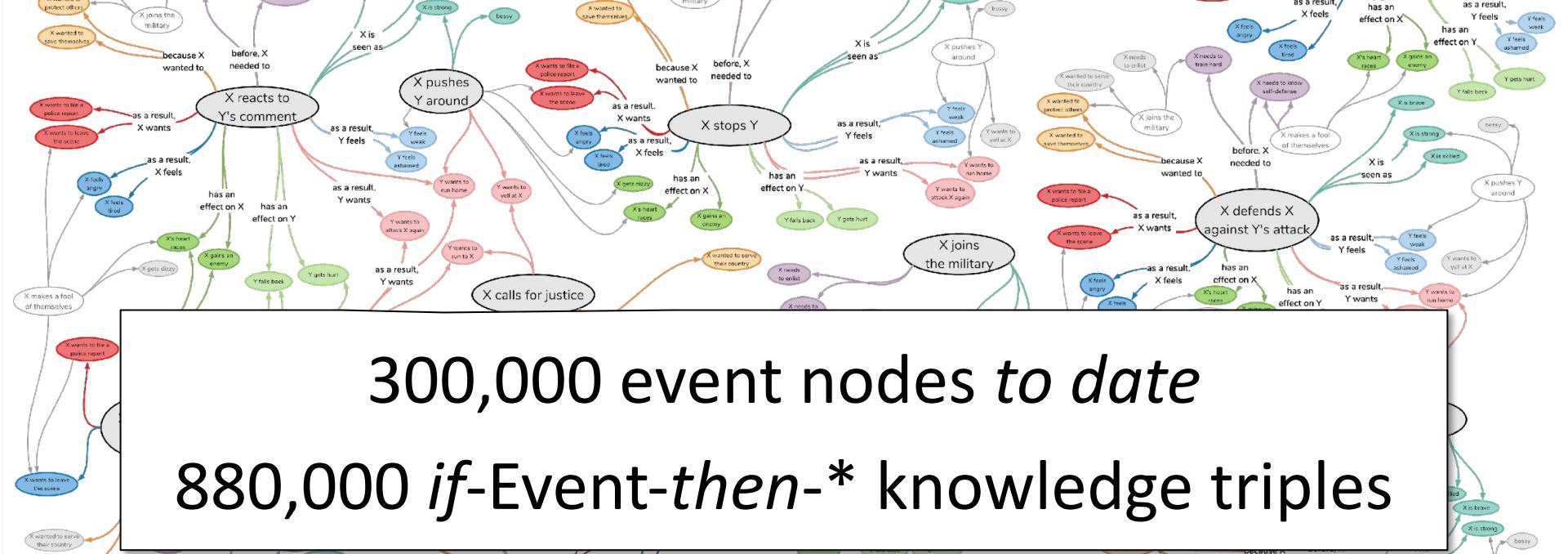
## Causes



X repels  
Y's attack

## Effects





Event	Type of relations	Inference examples	Inference dim.
“PersonX pays PersonY a compliment”	If-Event-Then-Mental-State	PersonX wanted to be nice PersonX will feel good PersonY will feel flattered	xIntent xReact oReact
	If-Event-Then-Event	PersonX will want to chat with PersonY PersonY will smile PersonY will compliment PersonX back	xWant oEffect oWant
	If-Event-Then-Persona	PersonX is flattering PersonX is caring	xAttr xAttr
“PersonX makes PersonY’s coffee”	If-Event-Then-Mental-State	PersonX wanted to be helpful PersonY will be appreciative PersonY will be grateful	xIntent oReact oReact
	If-Event-Then-Event	PersonX needs to put the coffee in the filter PersonX gets thanked PersonX adds cream and sugar	xNeed xEffect xWant
	If-Event-Then-Persona	PersonX is helpful PersonX is deferential	xAttr xAttr
“PersonX calls the police”	If-Event-Then-Mental-State	PersonX wants to report a crime Others feel worried	xIntent oReact
	If-Event-Then-Event	PersonX needs to dial 911 PersonX wants to explain everything to the police PersonX starts to panic Others want to dispatch some officers	xNeed xWant xEffect oWant
	If-Event-Then-Persona	PersonX is lawful PersonX is responsible	xAttr xAttr

# COMET<sup>◊</sup>: Commonsense Transformers for Automatic Knowledge Graph Construction

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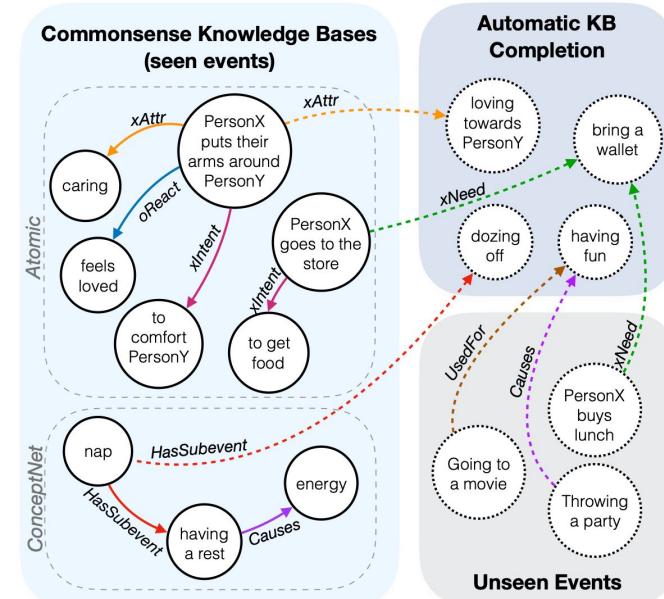
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## Abstract

We present the first comprehensive study on automatic knowledge base construction for two prevalent commonsense knowledge graphs: ATOMIC (Sap et al., 2019) and ConceptNet (Speer et al., 2017). Contrary to many conventional KBs that store knowledge with canonical templates, commonsense KBs only store loosely structured open-text descriptions of knowledge. We posit that an important step toward automatic commonsense completion is the development of *generative* models of commonsense knowledge, and propose **COMmonsEnse Transformers** (COMET<sup>◊</sup>) that learn to generate rich and



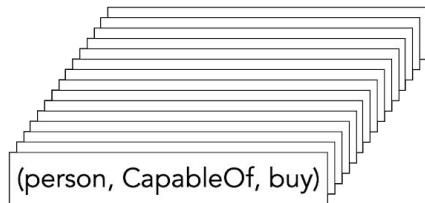
# Building Common Sense KGs Is Hard

- Commonsense knowledge is **immeasurably vast**, making it **impossible to manually enumerate**
- Commonsense knowledge is often implicit, and often **can't be directly extracted from text**

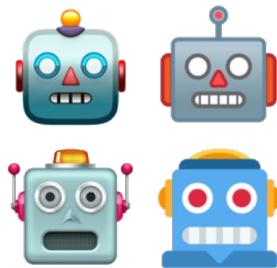
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# Traditional KB Completion

Gather training set  
of knowledge tuples



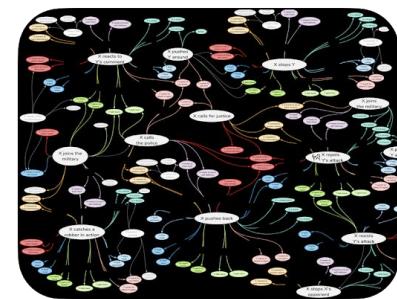
Learn relationships  
among entities



Predict new  
relationships

(person, CapableOf, ? )

Store in knowledge graph



(Socher et al., 2013)

(Bordes et al., 2013)

(Riedel et al., 2013)

(Toutanova et al., 2015)

(Yang et al., 2015)

(Trouillon et al., 2016)

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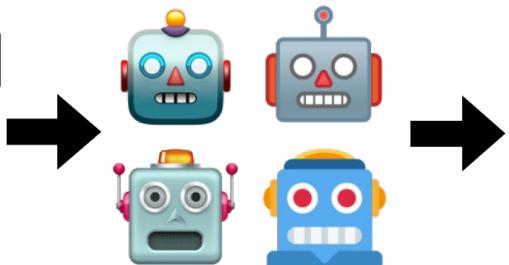
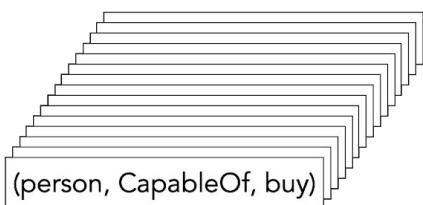
# COMET Idea

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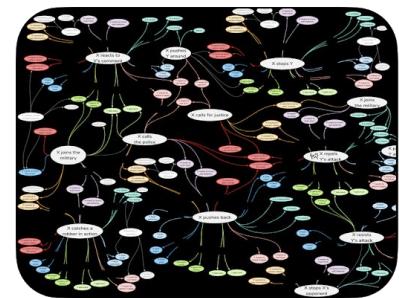
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ATOMIC Input Template and ConceptNet Relation-only Input Template

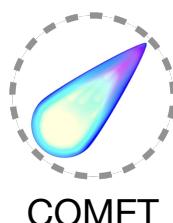


PersonX goes to the mall [MASK] <xIntent> to buy clothes

ConceptNet Relation to Language Input Template



go to mall [MASK] [MASK] has prerequisite [MASK] have money



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Knowledge stored as triples

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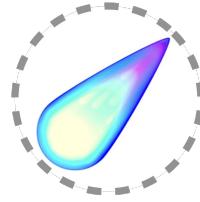
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Kai knew that things were getting out of control and managed to keep his temper in check



## COMET Knowledge Base Transformer

Knowledge generated dynamically

Input format is natural language

- Kai wants to avoid trouble
- Kai intends to be calm
- Kai stays calm
- Kai is viewed as cautious

# Randomly selected novel generations from ATOMIC with COMET

Seed Concept	Relation	Generated	Plausible
X holds out X's hand to Y	xAttr	helpful	✓
X meets Y eyes	xAttr	intense	✓
X watches Y every ____	xAttr	observant	✓
X eats red meat	xEffect	gets fat	✓
X makes crafts	xEffect	gets dirty	✓
X turns X's phone	xEffect	gets a text	
X pours ____ over Y's head	oEffect	gets hurt	✓
X takes Y's head off	oEffect	bleeds	✓
X pisses on Y's bonfire	oEffect	gets burned	
X spoils somebody rotten	xIntent	to be mean	
X gives Y some pills	xIntent	to help	✓
X provides for Y's needs	xIntent	to be helpful	✓
X explains Y's reasons	xNeed	to know Y	✓
X fulfils X's needs	xNeed	to have a plan	✓
X gives Y everything	xNeed	to buy something	✓
X eats pancakes	xReact	satisfied	✓
X makes ____ at work	xReact	proud	✓
X moves house	xReact	happy	✓
X gives birth to the Y	oReact	happy	✓
X gives Y's friend ____	oReact	grateful	✓
X goes ____ with friends	oReact	happy	✓
X gets all the supplies	xWant	to make a list	✓
X murders Y's wife	xWant	to hide the body	✓
X starts shopping	xWant	to go home	✓
X develops Y theory	oWant	to thank X	✓
X offer Y a position	oWant	to accept the job	✓
X takes ____ out for dinner	oWant	to eat	✓

# Randomly selected novel generations from ConceptNet with COMET

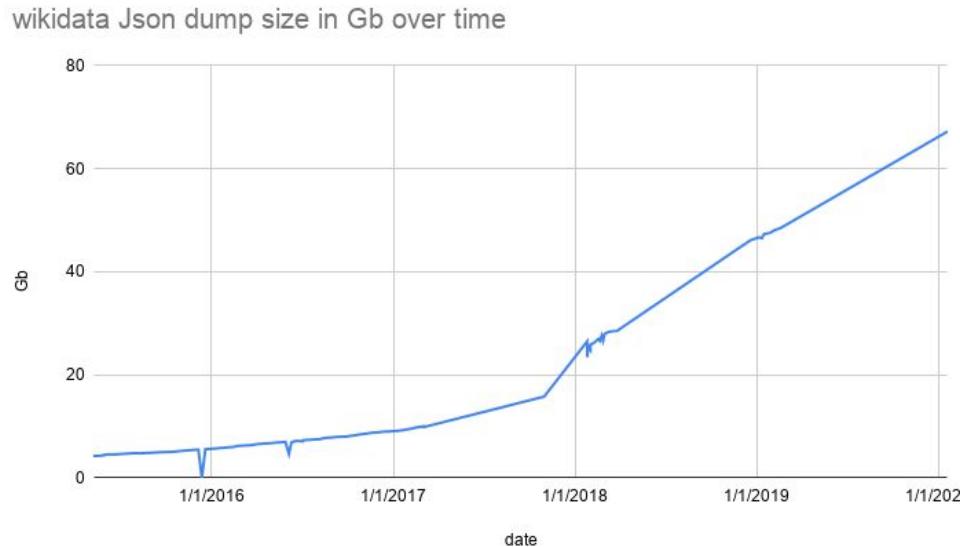
Seed	Relation	Completion	Plausible
piece	PartOf	machine	✓
bread	IsA	food	✓
planet	AtLocation	space	✓
dust	AtLocation	fridge	
puzzle	AtLocation	your mind	🤔
college	AtLocation	town	✓
dental chair	AtLocation	dentist	✓
finger	AtLocation	your finger	
sing	Causes	you feel good	✓
doctor	CapableOf	save life	✓
post office	CapableOf	receive letter	✓
dove	SymbolOf	purity	✓
sun	HasProperty	big	✓
bird bone	HasProperty	fragile	✓
earth	HasA	many plant	✓
yard	UsedFor	play game	✓
get pay	HasPrerequisite	work	✓
print on printer	HasPrerequisite	get printer	✓
play game	HasPrerequisite	have game	✓
live	HasLastSubevent	die	✓
swim	HasSubevent	get wet	✓
sit down	MotivatedByGoal	you be tire	✓
all paper	ReceivesAction	recycle	✓
chair	MadeOf	wood	✓
earth	DefinedAs	planet	✓

# Wikidata

**90M nodes**

**>1.1B edges**

**8k properties**



***How to distill commonsense knowledge?***

Ilievski et al. (2020). [Commonsense Knowledge in Wikidata](#). Wikidata Workshop at ISWC 2020

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## P3: General-domain relations

wheel is part of a car

cholesterol has component cell membrane

Mapping to ConceptNet

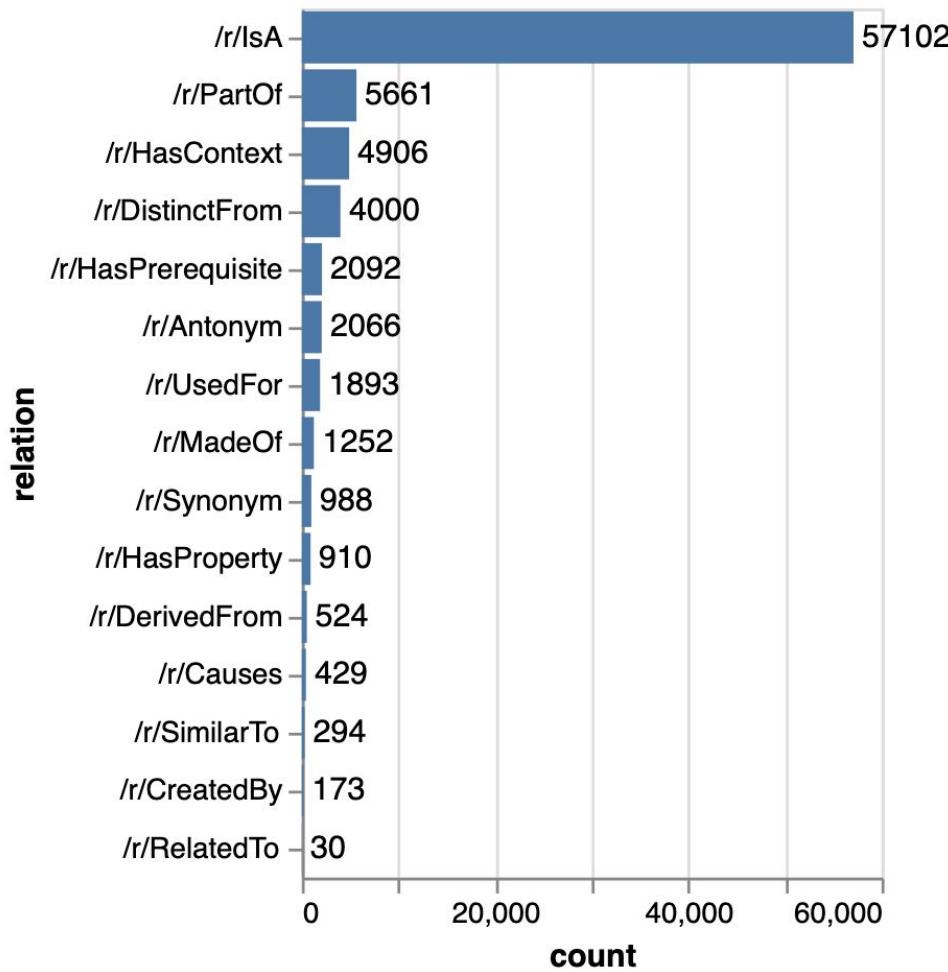
# Mapping general-domain relations to ConceptNet

Category	ConceptNet	Wikidata
distinctness	/r/DistinctFrom	different from (P1889)
antonymy	/r/Antonym	opposite of (P461)
synonymy	/r/Synonym	said to be the same as (P460)
similarity	/r/SimilarTo	partially coincident with (P1382)
derivation	/r/DerivedFrom	named after (P138), fictional analog of (P1074)
inheritance	/r/IsA	instance of (P31), subclass of (P279), subproperty of (P1647)
meronymy	/r/PartOf	part of (P361), *has part (P527), *has parts of the class (P2670)
material	/r/MadeOf	material used (P186), is a list of (P360), *has list (P2354)
attribution	/r/CreatedBy	*product or material produced (P1056)
utility	/r/UsedFor	use (P366), *uses (P2283), used by (P1535)
properties	/r/HasProperty	color (P462), has quality (P1552), properties of this type (P1963), Wikidata property (P1687), sex or gender (P21)
causation	/r/Causes	*has cause (P828), has effect (P1542), symptoms (P780)
ordering	/r/HasPrerequisite	*followed by (P156), follows (P155)
context	/r/HasContext	facet of (P1269), sport (P641), field of this occupation (P425), health specialty (P1995), competition class (P2094), genre (P136), studied by (P2579), field of work (P101), afflicts (P689), *practiced by (P3095), depicts (P180), main subject (P921)
other	/r/RelatedTo	see also (P1659), subject item of this property (P1629)

# *Wikidata-CS = 0.01% \* Wikidata*

	Wikidata-CS	Wikidata	Ratio
# nodes	71,243	84 million	<b>0.08%</b>
# edges	<b>101,771</b>	1.5 billion	<b>0.01%</b>

## Wikidata: Count Of Relations



# *Commonsense Knowledge in Wikidata*

shower **part of** bathroom

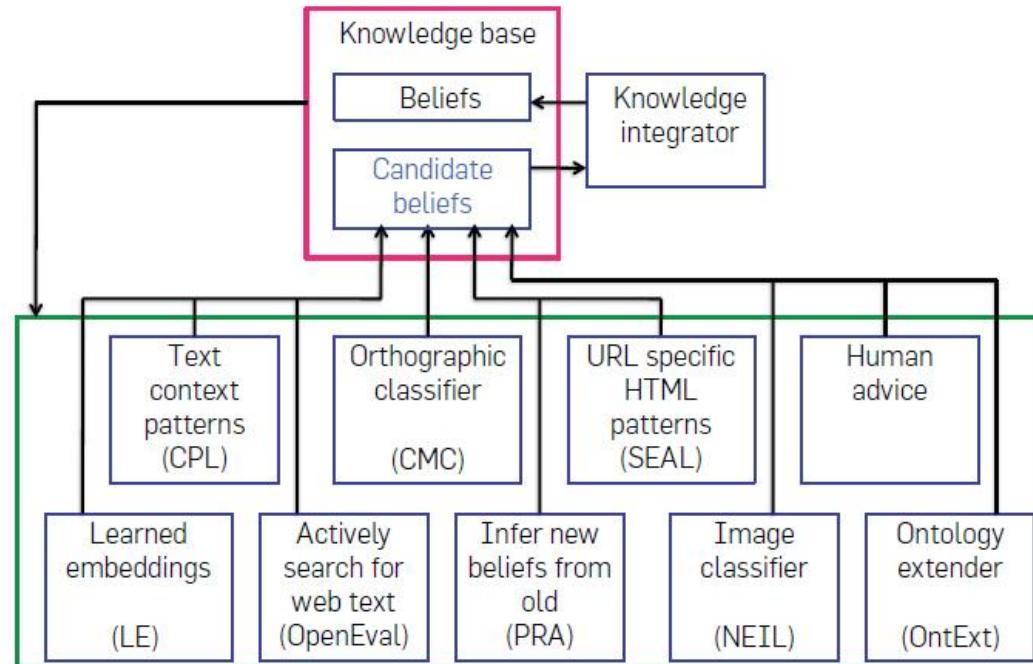
reading **uses** written work

queen **follows** jack

political opposition **opposite of** government

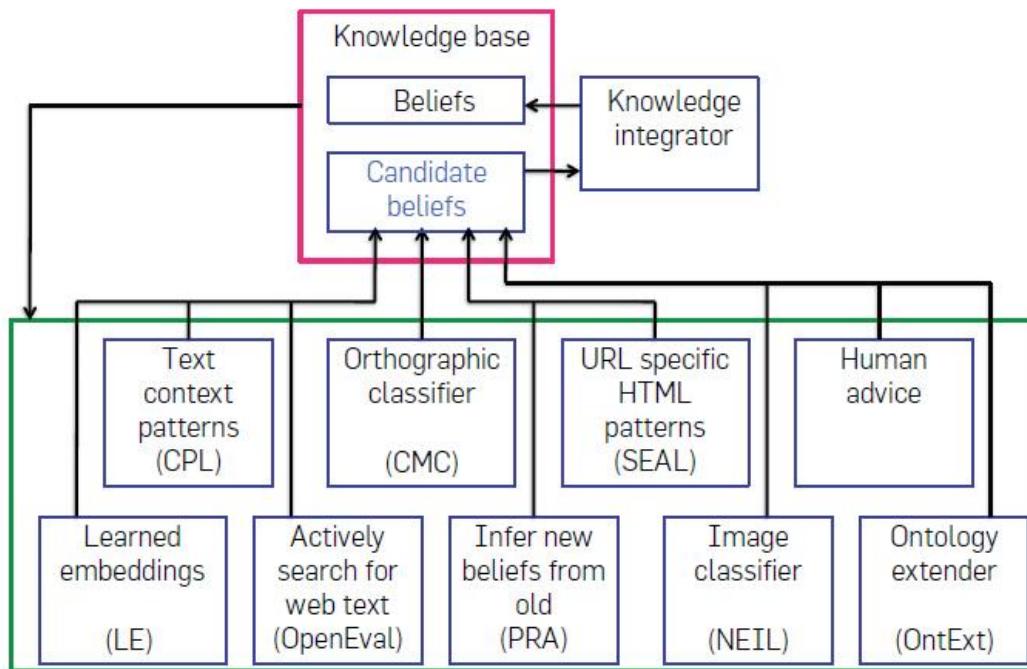
# Never-Ending Language Learning (NELL)

## NELL architecture



# NELL statistics

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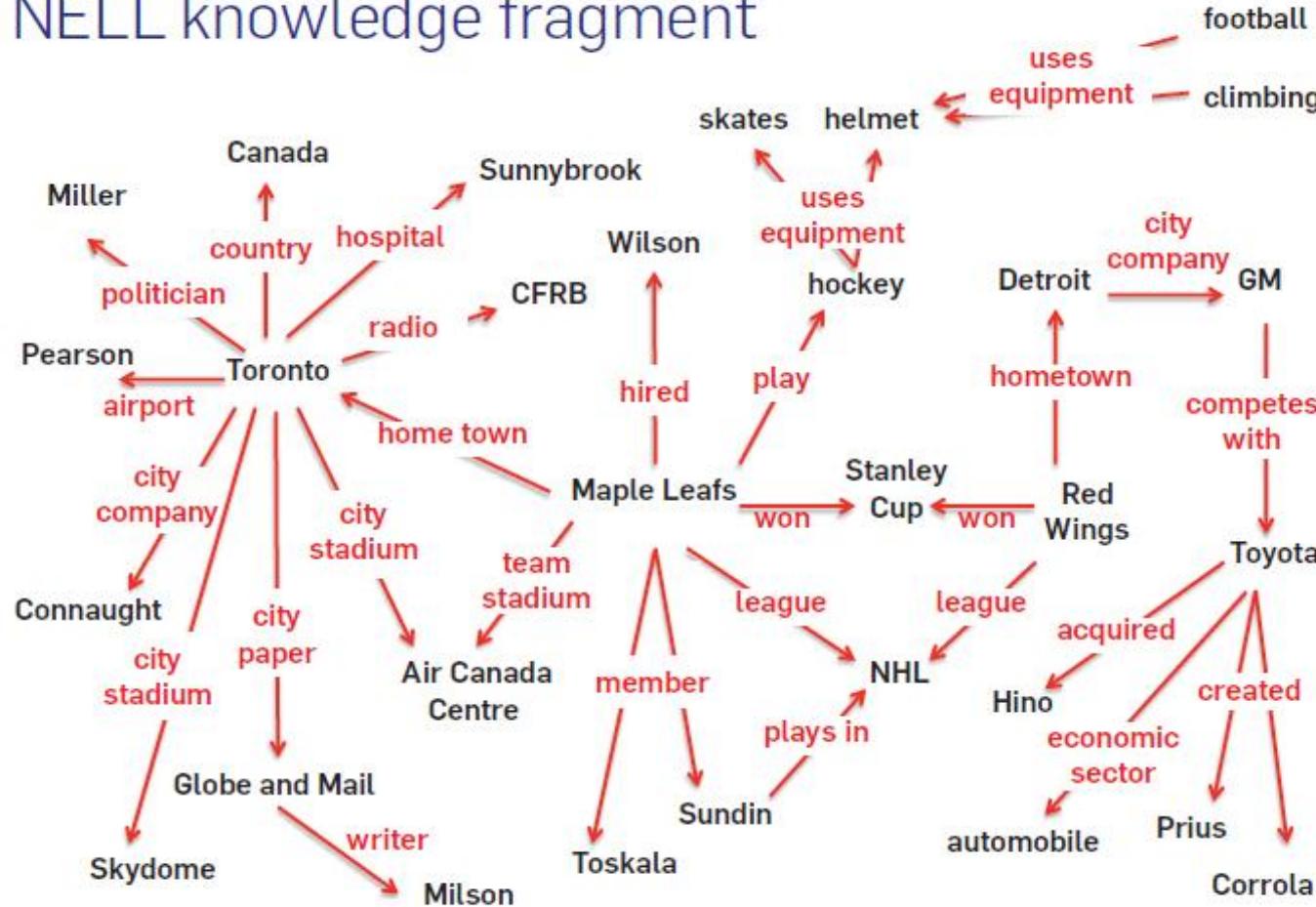


**100M candidate beliefs**

**3M high-confidence facts**

**~3K predicates**

# NELL knowledge fragment



# Latest learned facts

## Recently-Learned Facts

Refresh

instance	iteration	date learned	confidence
<a href="#">translucent_paper</a> is an <a href="#">office supply</a>	1111	06-jul-2018	93.4
<a href="#">the_barbirolli_string_quartet</a> is a <a href="#">musical artist</a>	1111	06-jul-2018	99.2
<a href="#">private_support</a> is an <a href="#">event outcome</a>	1111	06-jul-2018	99.8
<a href="#">vancouver_olympic_games</a> is an instance of the <a href="#">olympics</a>	1111	06-jul-2018	95.2
<a href="#">eddie_mathews</a> is a <a href="#">person</a>	1111	06-jul-2018	98.9
<a href="#">roswell_road</a> is a street <a href="#">in the city atlanta</a>	1116	12-sep-2018	93.8
<a href="#">james_madison</a> is a U.S. politician who <a href="#">holds the office of secretary</a>	1115	03-sep-2018	98.4
<a href="#">rice</a> was <a href="#">born in</a> the city <a href="#">orleans</a>	1116	12-sep-2018	100.0
<a href="#">republic</a> is a country <a href="#">also known as china</a>	1111	06-jul-2018	100.0
<a href="#">dodge</a> is a specific automobile maker dealer <a href="#">in utah</a>	1115	03-sep-2018	93.8

# WebChild

**Automatic acquisition and organization of common sense**

**>18M assertions**

**>2M disambiguated concepts and activities**

# WebChild relations

## 1. object properties

hasTaste, hasShape, evokesEmotion

## 2. comparative

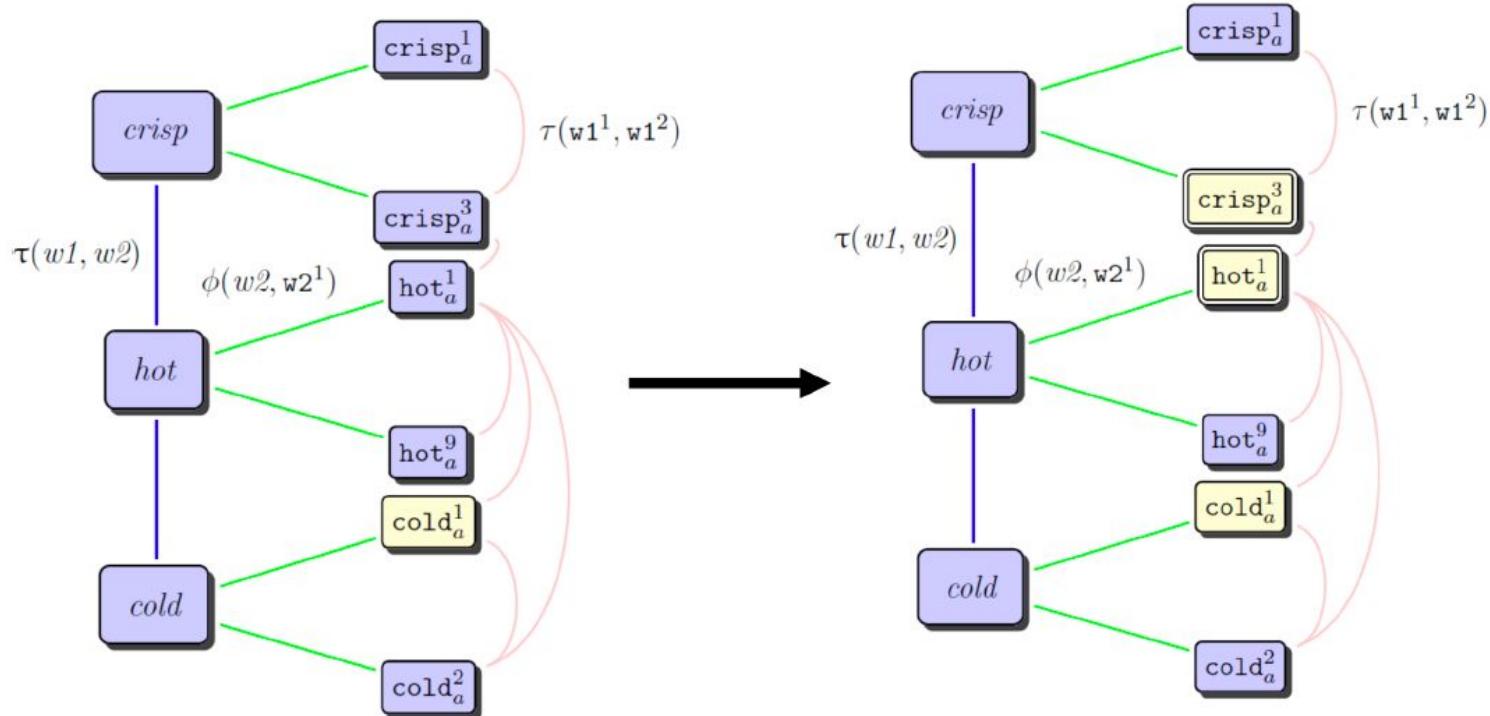
fasterThan, smallerThan

## 3. part-of

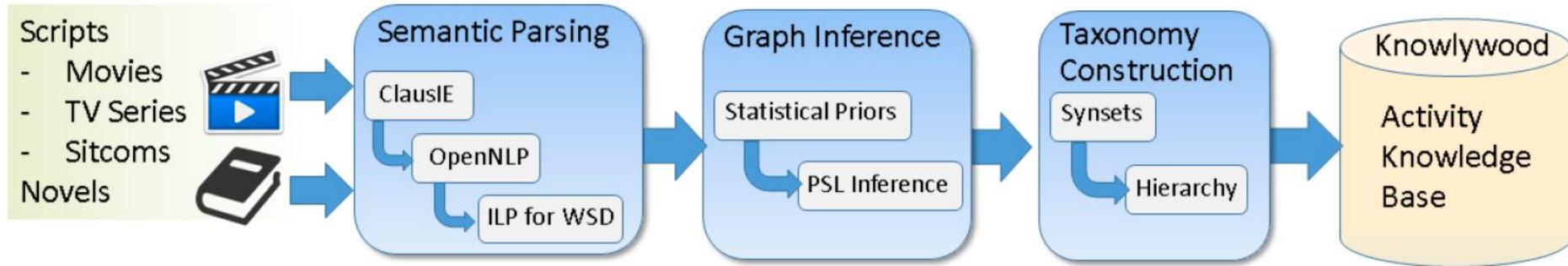
member of, physical part of, substance of

## 4. activities

# WebChild label propagation



# WebChild activity extraction



*mountain*: a land mass that projects well above its surroundings; higher than a hill

# Example

TYPE OF	natural elevation
	size to object, under the category of mountaineering
PHYSICAL PROPERTIES	<a href="#">large</a> <a href="#">high</a> <a href="#">heavy</a> <a href="#">cold</a> <a href="#">hard</a> <a href="#">More</a>
ABSTRACT PROPERTIES	<a href="#">elegant</a> <a href="#">old</a> <a href="#">safe</a> <a href="#">holy</a> <a href="#">risky</a> <a href="#">More</a>
COMPARABLES	<a href="#">mountain,hill</a> <a href="#">mountain,mount</a> <a href="#">mountain, high hill</a> <a href="#">valley,mountain</a> <a href="#">More</a>
HAS PHYSICAL PARTS	<a href="#">mountain peak</a> <a href="#">mountainside</a> <a href="#">slope</a> <a href="#">tableland</a> <a href="#">hill</a> <a href="#">More</a>
HAS SUBSTANCE	<a href="#">mixture</a> <a href="#">metallic element</a> <a href="#">material</a> <a href="#">page</a> <a href="#">wood</a> <a href="#">More</a>
IN SPATIAL PROXIMITY	<a href="#">coast</a> <a href="#">tunnel</a> <a href="#">lake</a> <a href="#">sea</a> <a href="#">river</a> <a href="#">More</a>
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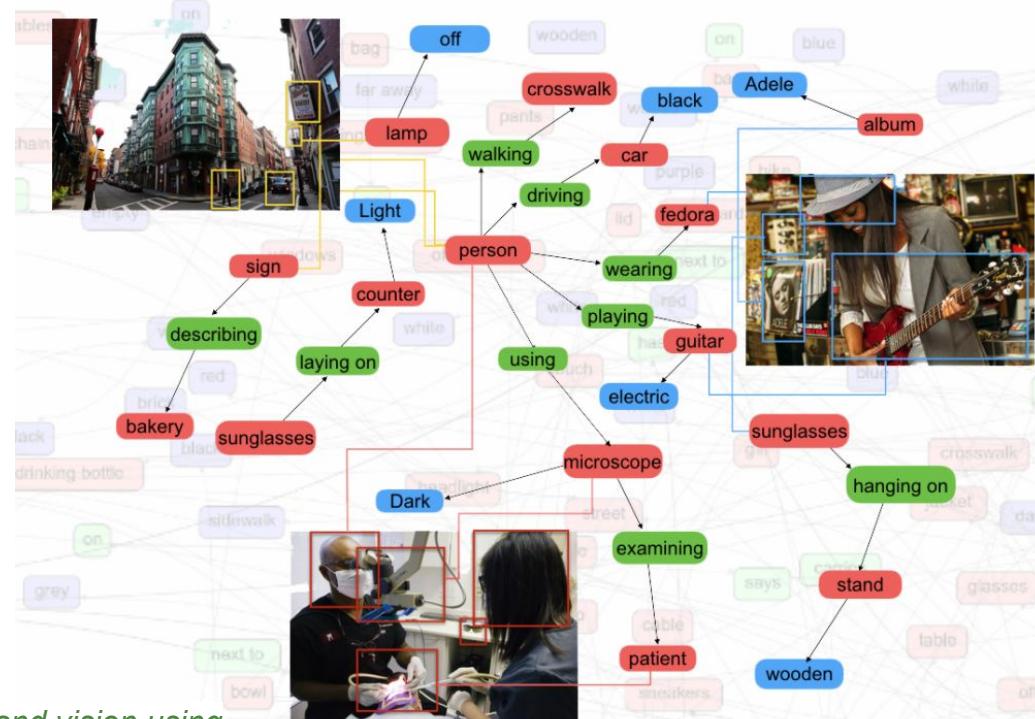
## Demo

# Visual Genome

# 108k images

## annotated with scene graphs

**canonicalized to WordNet senses**



Krishna et al. (2017). Visual genome: Connecting language and vision using crowdsourced dense image annotations. International journal of computer vision

# Demos

# Dog and Frisbee

Wikidata:

<https://sqid.toolforge.org/#/view?id=Q144> (dog)

<https://sqid.toolforge.org/#/view?id=Q131689> (frisbee)

ConceptNet:

<https://www.conceptnet.io/c/en/dog>

<https://www.conceptnet.io/c/en/dogs>

<http://conceptnet.io/c/en/frisbee>

[https://www.conceptnet.io/c/en/dogs\\_catching\\_frisbees](https://www.conceptnet.io/c/en/dogs_catching_frisbees)

VisualGenome

<https://visualgenome.org/VGViz/explore?query=throwing%20frisbee%20dog>

ATOMIC:

[https://mosaickg.apps.allenai.org/kg\\_atomic/?l=PersonX%20throws%20a%20frisbee](https://mosaickg.apps.allenai.org/kg_atomic/?l=PersonX%20throws%20a%20frisbee)

COMET:

[comet dog](#)

[https://mosaickg.apps.allenai.org/comet\\_atomic/?l=PersonX%20throws%20frisbee](https://mosaickg.apps.allenai.org/comet_atomic/?l=PersonX%20throws%20frisbee)

DICE

<https://dice.mpi-inf.mpg.de/subject/dog>

# Catch and Throw

Wikidata:

<https://sqid.toolforge.org/#/view?id=Q17144564> (throw)  
<https://sqid.toolforge.org/#/view?id=Q91553195> (catch)

ConceptNet:

<https://www.conceptnet.io/c/en/throw>  
<https://www.conceptnet.io/c/en/catch>

VisualGenome

<https://visualgenome.org/VGViz/explore?query=catch%20frisbee>

# Solving tasks with CSKGs

**On stage, a woman takes a seat at the piano. She**

1. sits on a bench as her sister plays with the doll.
2. smiles with someone as the music plays.
3. is in the crowd, watching the dancers.
4. nervously sets her fingers on the keys.

*(Zellers et al., 2018)*

piano is used for...

en performing music →

en music →

en accompanying an orchestra →

Things located at piano

en keys →

en black keys →

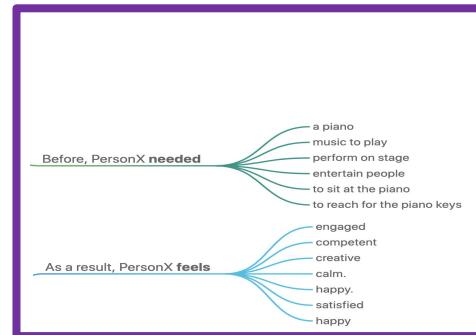
en hammers →

en a keyboard →

## ConceptNet: pianos have keys, are used to perform music

- S: (n) piano, pianoforte, forte-piano (a keyboard instrument that is played by depressing keys that cause hammers to strike tuned strings and produce sounds)

## WordNet: pianos are played by pressing keys



ATOMIC: to play piano, a person needs to sit at it, on stage and reach for the keys; feelings

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## FrameNet: performer entertains audience

Audience [Aud]

The Audience experiences the Performance.

Medium [Medium]

Medium is the physical entity or channel used by the Performer to transmit the Performance to the Audience.

Performance [Perance]

The Performer generates the Performance which the Audience perceives.

Performer [Perfer]

The Performer provides an experience for the Audience.

Visual Genome: person can play a piano while sitting, his hands are on the keyboard

man plays piano  
keys ON piano  
woman watches man  
pillow ON couch  
light ON wall  
window IN room  
person playing piano  
guy ON bench  
hands ON keyboard

# How to **enhance** a natural-language agent **with** **commonsense knowledge?**



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# Commonsense knowledge sources are heterogeneous

## Representation

- symbolic
- natural language
- neural

## Acquisition method

- expert input
- crowdsourcing
- information extraction, machine learning

## Knowledge type

- entities and actions
- inferential/rules

## Topic

- general
- social

GenericsKB

COMET

Atomic

Quasimodo KB

WebChild

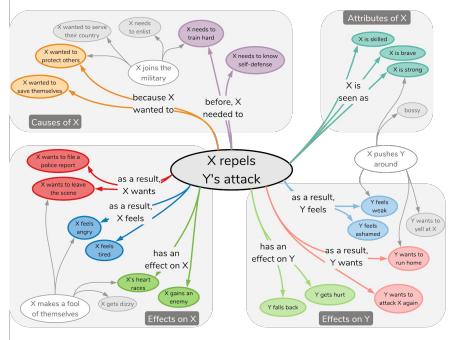
ConceptNet

NELL

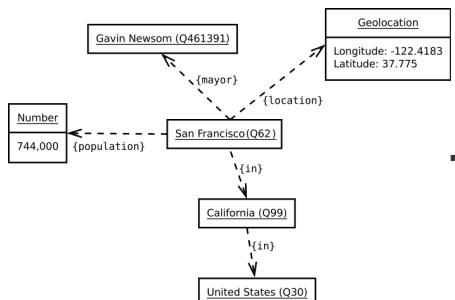
Wikidata

OpenCyc

# The Commonsense Knowledge Graph (CSKG)

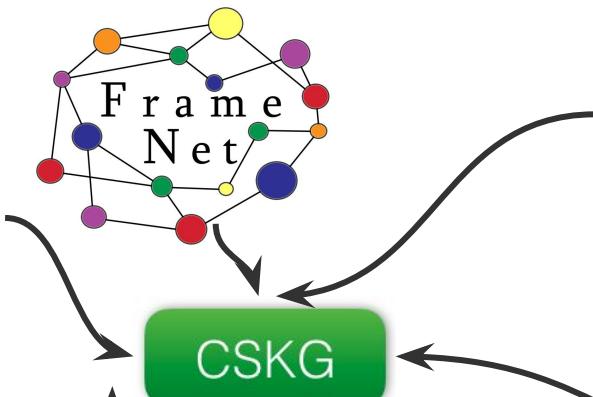


ATOMIC (Sap et al. 2019)

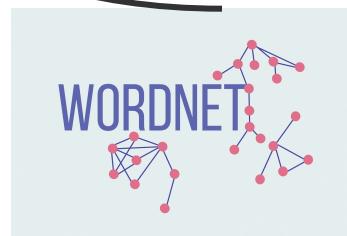


Wikidata (Vrandecic and Krotzsch 2014)

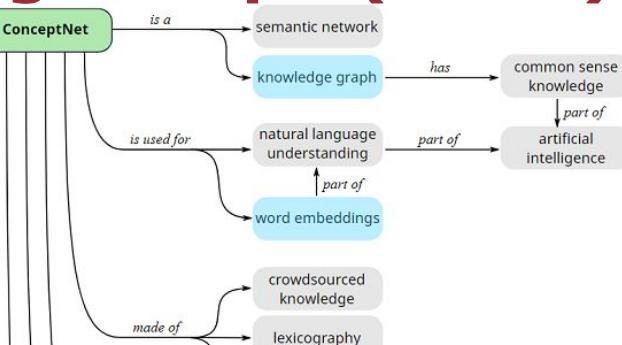
FrameNet (Baker et al., 1998)



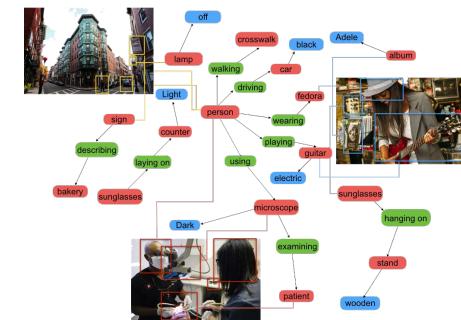
ConceptNet (Speer, Chin and Havasi 2017)



WordNet (Miller 1995)

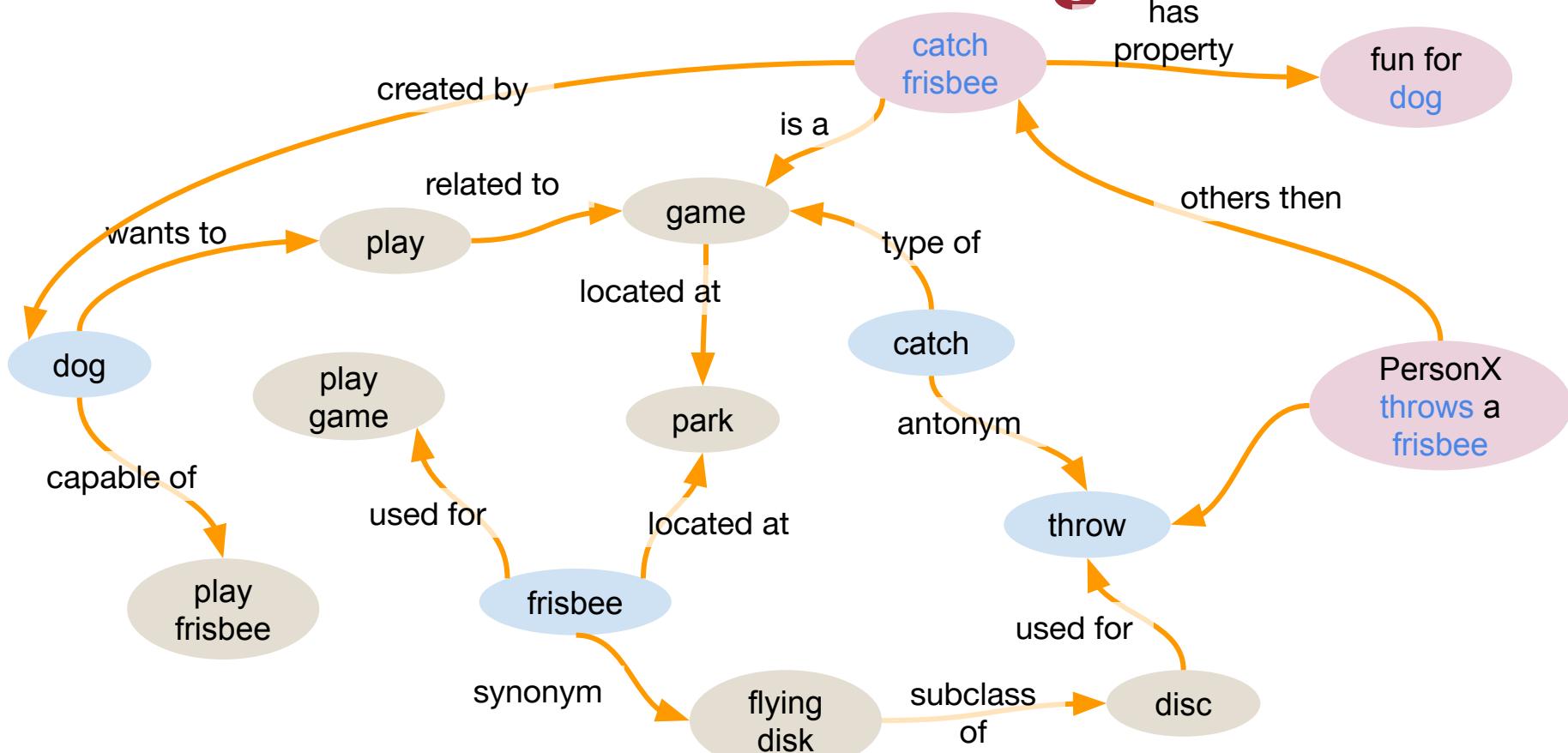


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2021)



Visual Genome (Krishna et al. 2017)

# Consolidated knowledge

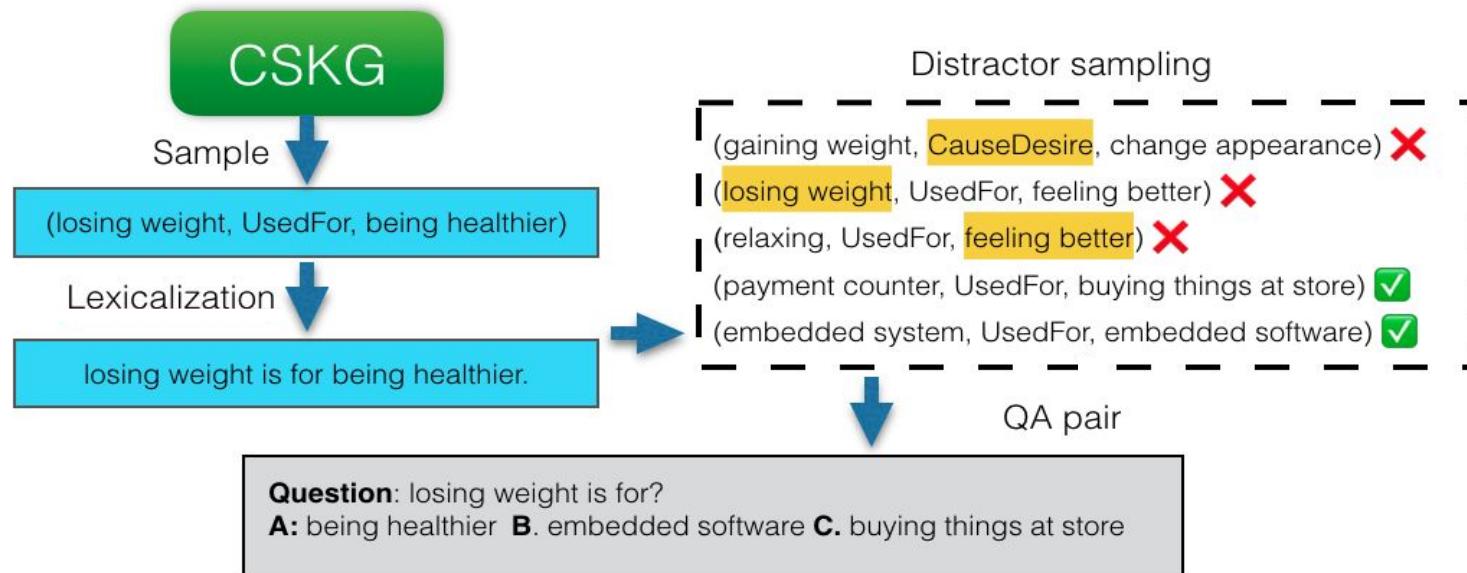


# Generating questions with CSKG

[Ma et al., 2021]

Pretrain LMs with synthetic MCQA sets generated from CSKG

Answer commonsense questions on unseen datasets



# Pre-training LMs with CSKG questions



# Experimental setup



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CSKG



Question: losing weight is for?  
**A:** being healthier **B:** embedded software **C:** buying things at store

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*KG subsets*

- ATOMIC
- CWWV
- (ConceptNet,  
WordNet,  
Wikidata,  
Visual Genome)
- full CSKG

SocialIQA  
test data

CSQA  
test data

PhysicalIQA  
test data

Winogrande  
test data

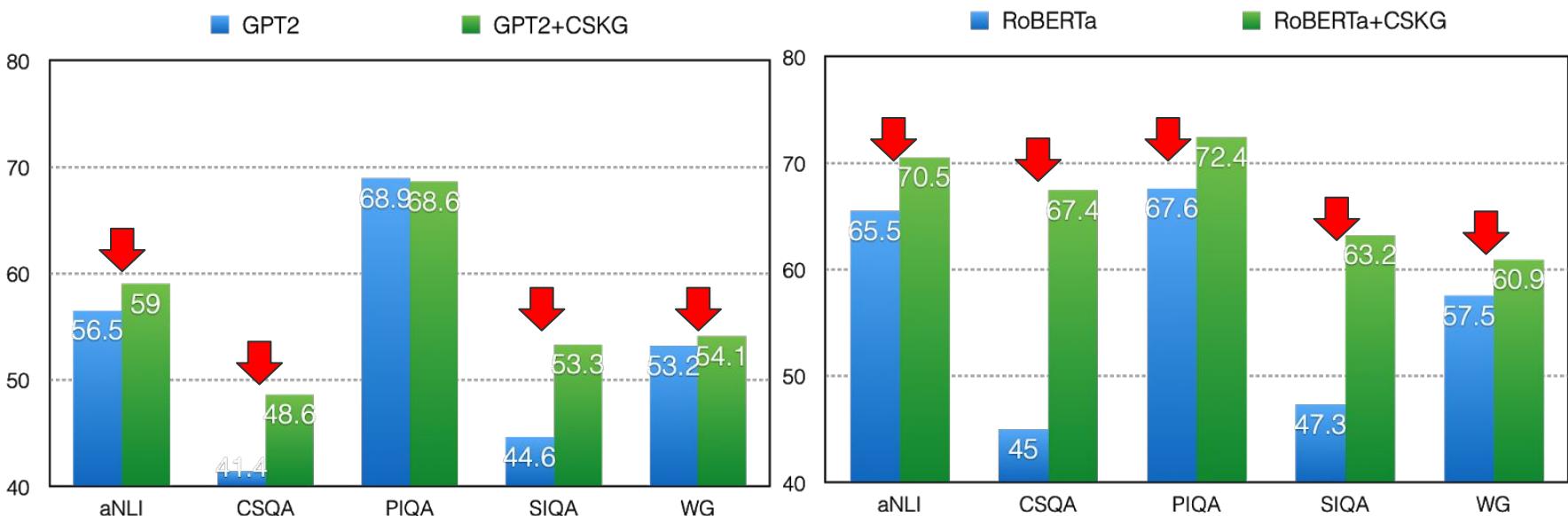
aNLI  
test data

**5 different tasks**

## Language models

- GPT-2
- RoBERTa

# Pretraining on CSKG MCQA sets helps accuracy



# Adding knowledge improves accuracy

Model	KG	aNLI	CSQA	PIQA	SIQA	WG
Majority	-	50.8	20.9	50.5	33.6	50.4
GPT2-L	-	56.5	41.4	68.9	44.6	53.2
RoBERTa-L	-	65.5	45.0	67.6	47.3	57.5
Self-talk	(Shwartz et al. 2020)	-	32.4	70.2	46.2	54.7
COMET-CGA	(Bosselut and Choi 2019)	ATOMIC	-	-	49.6	-
SMLM	(Banerjee and Baral 2020)	ATOMIC	-	-	48.5	-
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# The impact of more knowledge depends on the KG-task alignment

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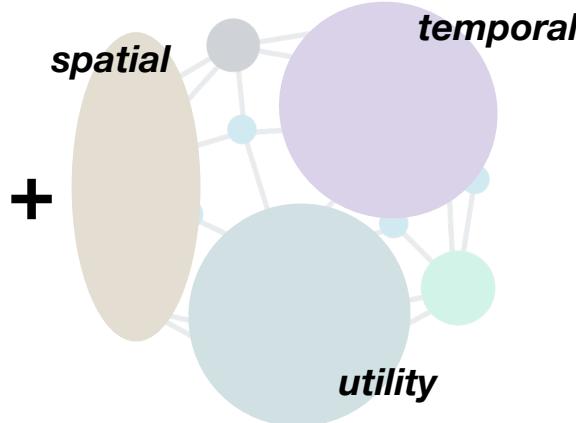
# Takeaways

**A single pre-trained model can learn to perform all the tasks**

**Pretraining with CSKG knowledge brings large and consistent improvement over vanilla LMs**

**More knowledge helps, IF well-aligned with the task**

# What is the role of different types of commonsense knowledge?



# Approach

1. Organize the CSKG knowledge along **dimensions** (knowledge types)
2. Align knowledge dimensions with tasks

# Approach

1. ***Organize the CSKG knowledge along **dimensions** (knowledge types)***
  - a. ***Survey relation types in relevant sources***
  - b. ***Manually cluster them into dimensions***
2. Align knowledge dimensions with tasks

# Overview of sources

Category	Source	Relations
Commonsense KGs	ConceptNet*	34
	ATOMIC	9
	GLUCOSE	10
	WebChild	4 (groups)
	Quasimodo	78,636
	SenticNet	4
	HasPartKB	1
Common KGs	Wikidata	6.7k
	YAGO4	116
	DOLCE*	1
	SUMO*	1,614
Lexical resources	WordNet	10
	Roget	2
	FrameNet	8 (f2f)
	MetaNet	14 (f2f)
	VerbNet	36 (roles)
Visual sources	Visual Genome	42,374
	Flickr30k	1
Corpora & LMs	GenericsKB	n/a
	GPT-2	n/a

# Annotation of dimensions (1/2)

Dimension	ATOMIC	ConceptNet	WebChild	Other	Wikidata
lexical		FormOf DerivedFrom EtymologicallyDerivedFrom		lexical_unit (FN) lemma (WN)	label
similarity		Synonym SimilarTo DefinedAs	hassimilar	reframing_mapping (FN) metaphor (FN) Synonym (RG) synonym (WN)	said to be the same as
distinctness		Antonym DistinctFrom		Antonym (RG) antonym (WN) excludes (FN)	different from opposite of
taxonomic		IsA InstanceOf MannerOf	hasHypernymy	perspective_on (FN) inheritance (FN) hypernym (WN)	subClassOf instanceOf description
part-whole		PartOf HasA MadeOf AtLocation*	physicalPartOf memberOf substanceOf	HasPart (HP) meronym (WN) holonym (WN)	has part member of material used
spatial		AtLocation*	location		location
creation		LocatedNear	spatial		anatomical location
		CreatedBy			creator

# Annotation of dimensions (2/2)

Dimension	ATOMIC	ConceptNet	WebChild	Other	Wikidata
utility		ReceivesAction UsedFor CapableOf $\neg$ NotCapableOf	hassynsetmember activity participant	using (FN)	used by use uses
desire/goal	xIntent xWant oWant	CausesDesire MotivatedByGoal Desires $\neg$ NotDesires ObstructedBy			
quality	xAttr	HasProperty $\neg$ NotHasProperty SymbolOf	shape size color taste_property temperature	frame_element (FN)	color has quality
comparative			6.3k relations		
temporal	xNeed xEffect oEffect xReact oReact	HasFirstSubevent HasLastSubevent HasSubevent HasPrerequisite Causes Entails	time emotion prev next	subframe (FN) precedes (FN) inchoative_of (FN) causative_of (FN)	has cause has effect
relational -other		RelatedTo HasContext EtymologicallyRelatedTo	thing agent	see_also (FN) requires (FN)	field of this occupation depicts health specialty

# Dimensions of commonsense knowledge in bottom-up sources

**lexical**

**utility**

**similarity**

**desire/goal**

**distinctness**

**quality**

**taxonomic**

**comparative**

**part-whole**

**temporal**

**spatial**

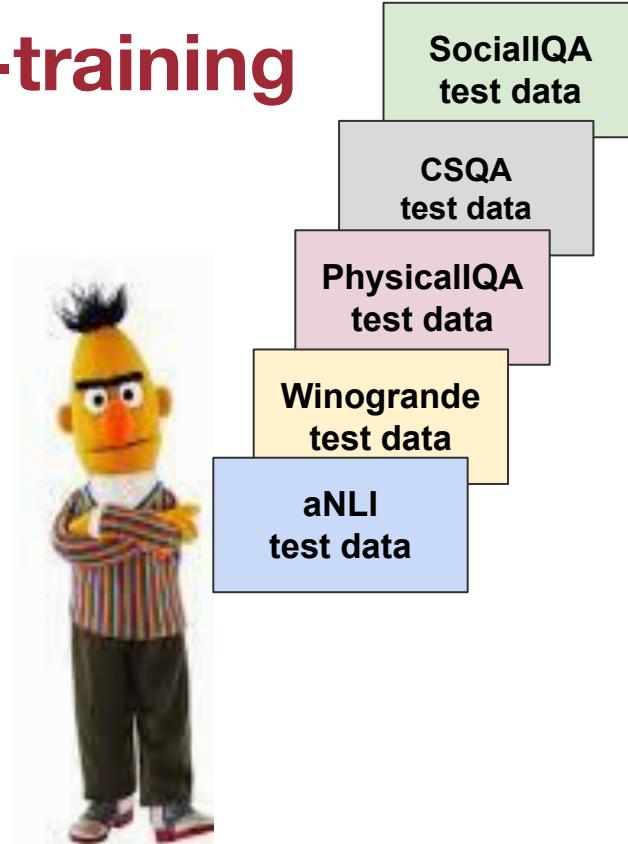
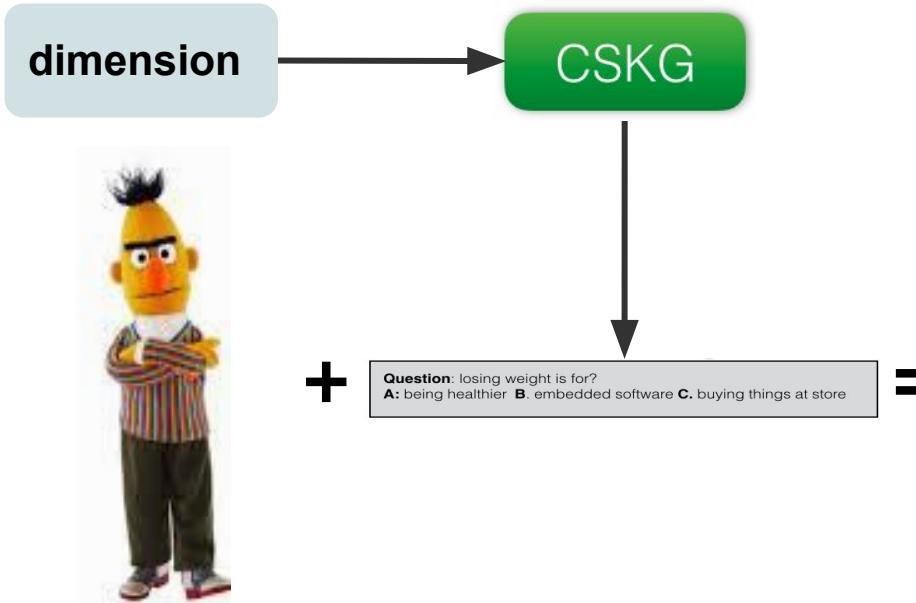
**relational-other**

**creation**

# Approach

1. Organize the CSKG knowledge along dimensions (knowledge types)
  - a. Survey relation types in relevant sources
  - b. Manually cluster them into dimensions
2. Align knowledge dimensions with tasks
  - a. Split CSKG along its dimensions
  - b. Generate pre-training data per dimension
  - c. Measure the impact of each dimension against each task

# Dimension-aware LM pre-training



One dimension at a time to measure their impact on a task

Dimensions	Train	Dev
part-whole	87,765	4,620
taxonomic	340,609	17,927
lexical	107,861	5,677
distinctness	20,286	1,068
similarity	166,575	8,768
quality	116,593	12,492
utility	63,862	3,362
creation	304	17
temporal	312,628	31,587
relational-other	242,759	12,777
spatial	21,726	1,144
desire/goal	194,906	20,912

# Pre-training language models with dimensions

CSQA = Commonsense QA

SIQA = SocialIQA

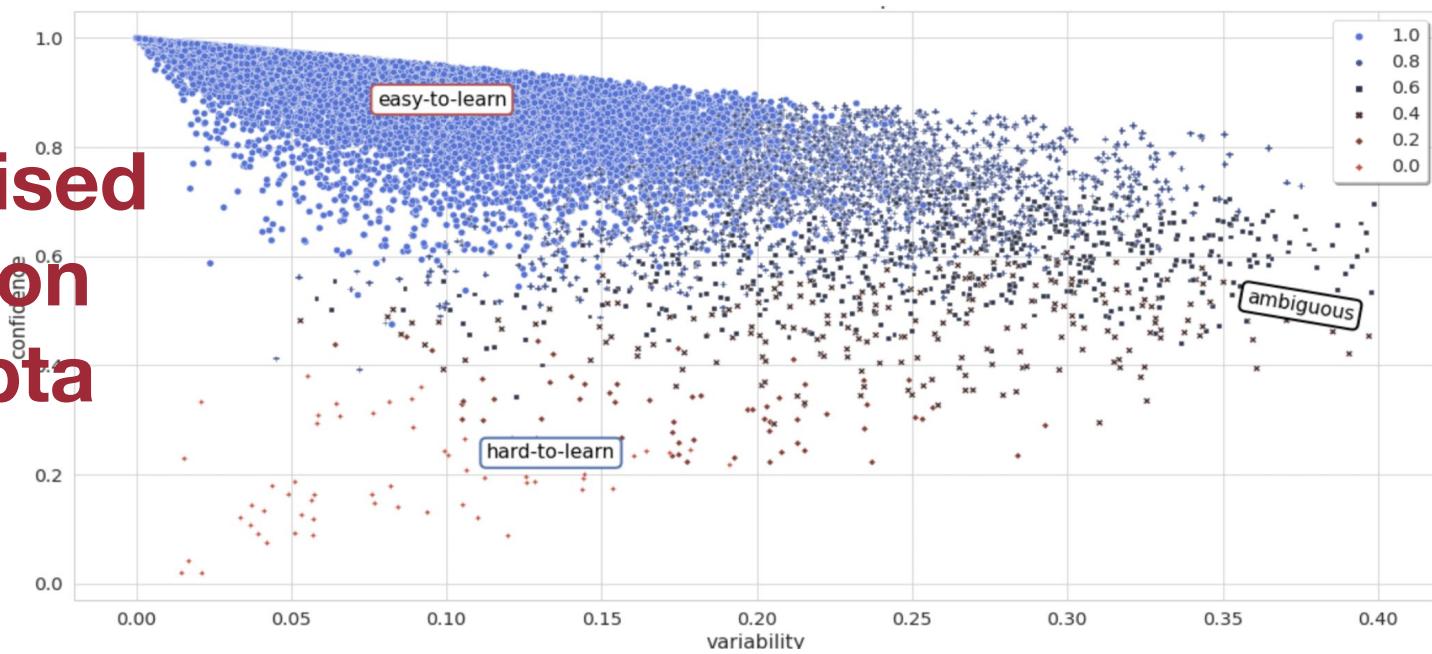
Dimensions	CSQA	SIQA
<b>Baseline</b>	45.0	47.3
<b>+part-whole</b>	63.0( $\pm 1.4$ )	52.6( $\pm 1.9$ )
<b>+taxonomic</b>	62.6( $\pm 1.4$ )	52.2( $\pm 1.6$ )
<b>+lexical</b>	49.9( $\pm 2.9$ )	49.0( $\pm 0.4$ )
<b>+distinctness</b>	57.2( $\pm 0.5$ )	50.2( $\pm 1.5$ )
<b>+similarity</b>	61.4( $\pm 0.8$ )	53.5( $\pm 0.6$ )
<b>+quality</b>	65.7( $\pm 0.5$ )	60.0( $\pm 0.7$ )
<b>+utility</b>	<b>67.4(<math>\pm 1.0</math>)</b>	54.8( $\pm 0.7$ )
<b>+creation</b>	49.9( $\pm 1.1$ )	47.8( $\pm 0.2$ )
<b>+temporal</b>	67.3( $\pm 0.3$ )	<b>62.6(<math>\pm 0.9</math>)</b>
<b>+relational-other</b>	58.2( $\pm 1.7$ )	51.3( $\pm 1.7$ )
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<b>+desire/goal</b>	65.0( $\pm 1.8$ )	60.0( $\pm 0.6$ )
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# Novelty per dimension

***Can ‘vanilla’ RoBERTa answer the questions without pretraining?***

Dimensions	Dev
part-whole	67.5
taxonomic	57.0
lexical	90.1
distinctness	77.3
similarity	65.6
quality	45.5
utility	67.9
creation	82.4
temporal	47.2
relational-other	37.6
spatial	56.9
desire/goal	48.0

# Self-supervised data selection [Swayamdipta et al., 2020]



	amb	amb+hard	amb+easy10	amb+easy30	amb+easy60	amb+easy100	all
aNLI	0.658	0.644	0.734	0.721	0.720	0.710	0.702
CSQA	0.327	0.387	0.633	0.662	0.662	0.661	0.640
PIQA	0.607	0.614	0.720	0.708	0.726	0.712	0.709
SIQA	0.432	0.439	0.625	0.633	0.631	0.621	0.610
WG	0.555	0.530	0.599	0.581	0.597	0.600	0.587

# Findings

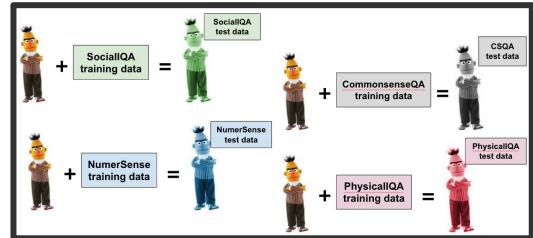
The knowledge dimensions of CSKG allow for controlled adaptation of LMs

Not all dimensions are as **informative** to LMs

- lexical and distinctness knowledge is largely redundant
- temporal and desire/goal knowledge is both novel and useful

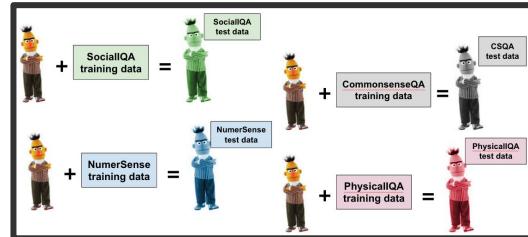
Data maps (Swayamdipta et al., 2020) could be applied for finer QA filtering

# The story so far



*Many dataset-specific NL  
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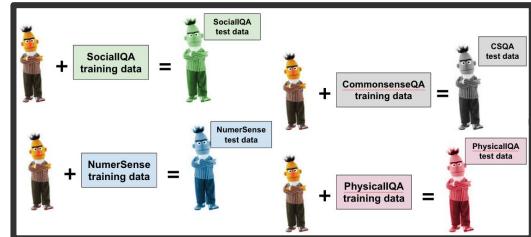


Pre-training LMs with  
commonsense knowledge

KG pre-training  
method      CSKG

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Pretraining LMs with *all dimensions of commonsense knowledge*

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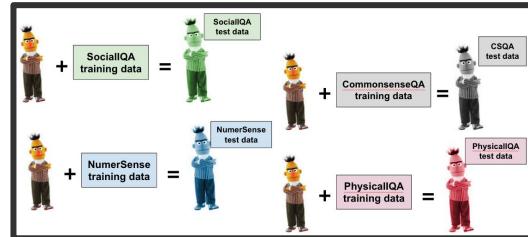
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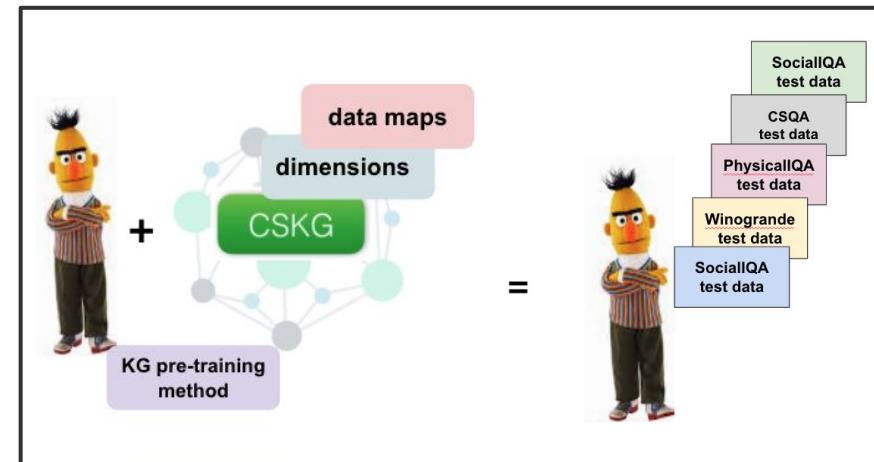
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*Many dataset-specific NL  
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*A single NL agent for all  
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