

THE MINOR FALL, THE MAJOR LIFT: WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM LARGE CORPORA OF LYRICS?

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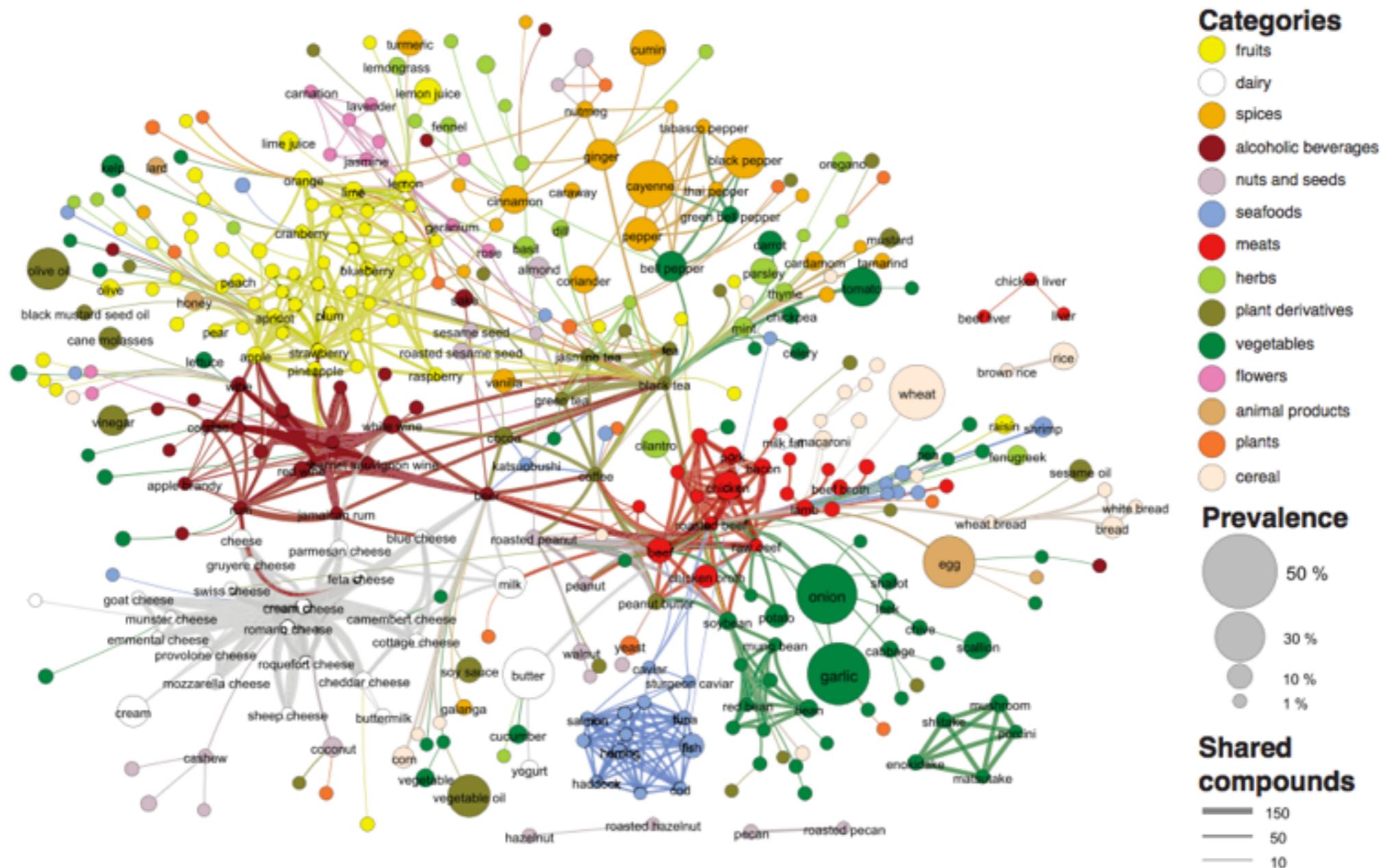
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Check out CAW1 talks!

#0 Large corpora +
text analysis

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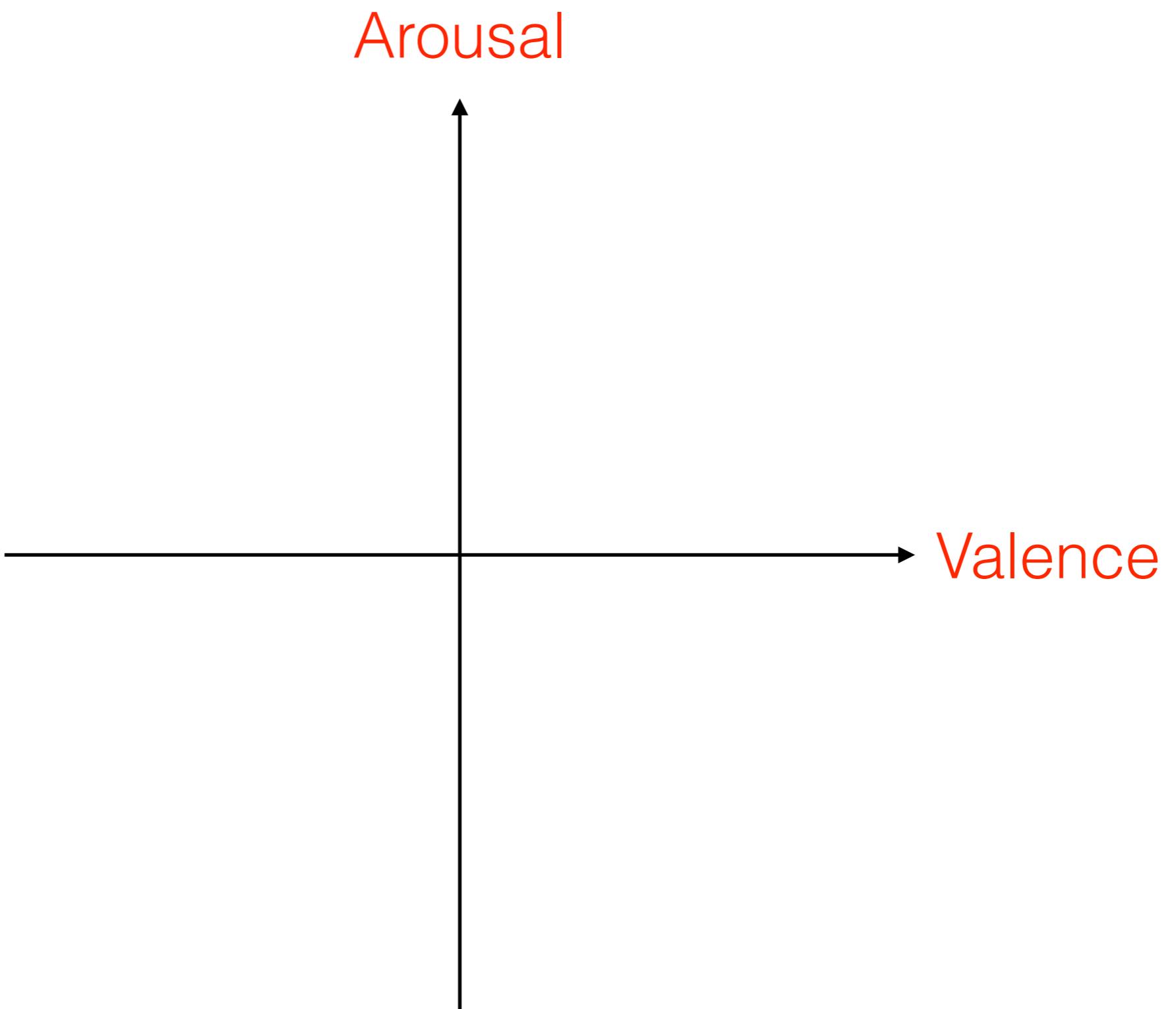


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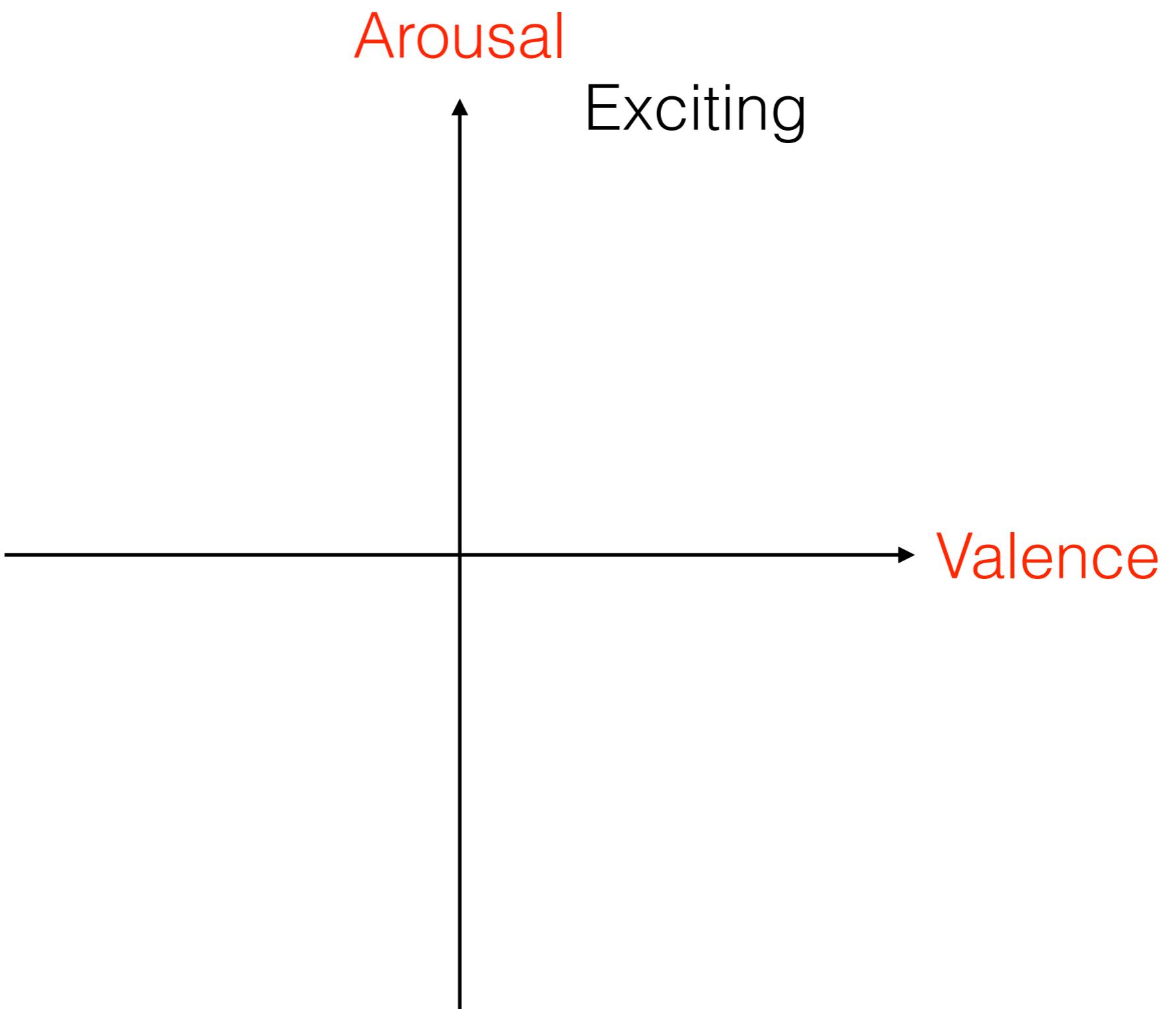
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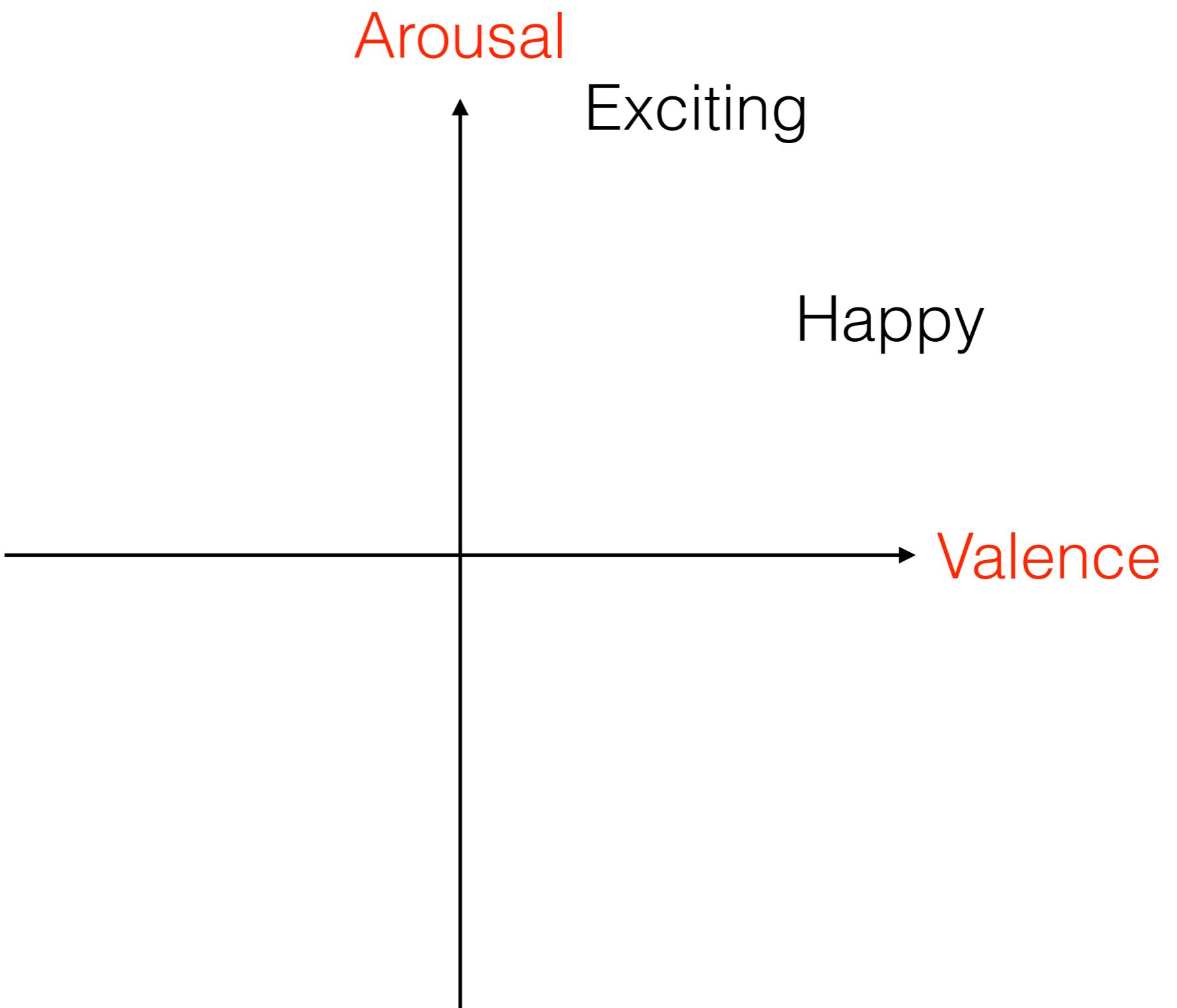
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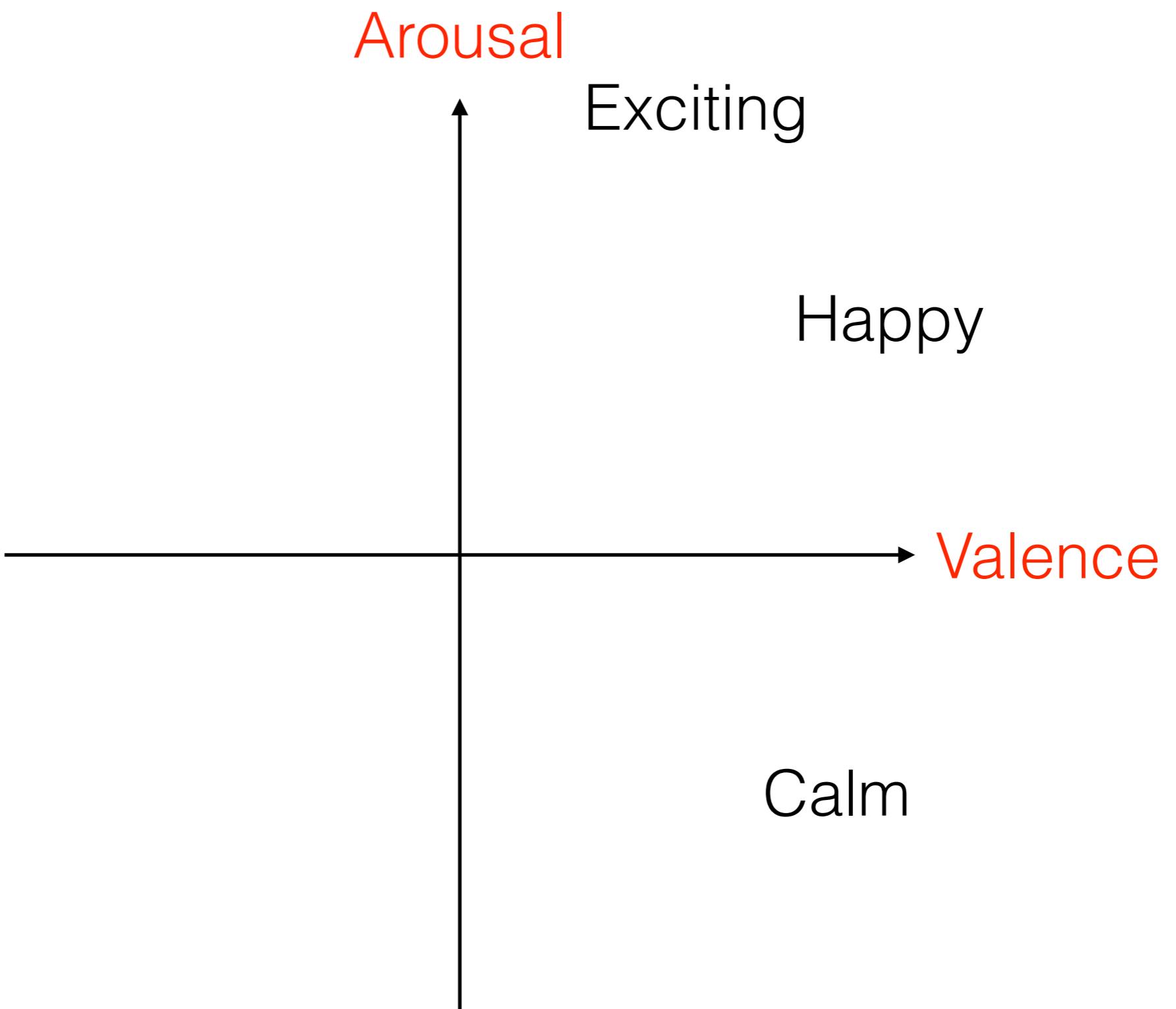
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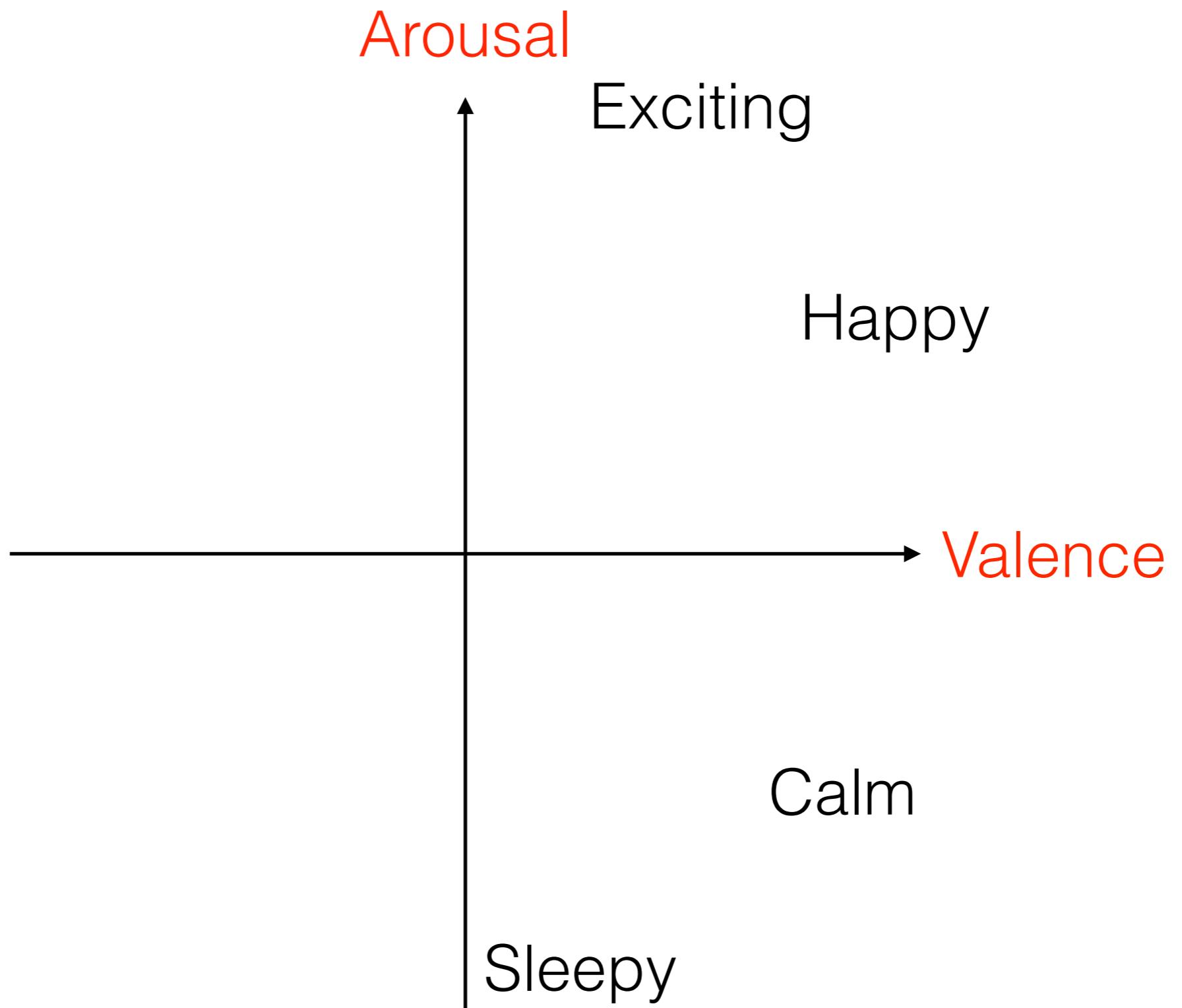
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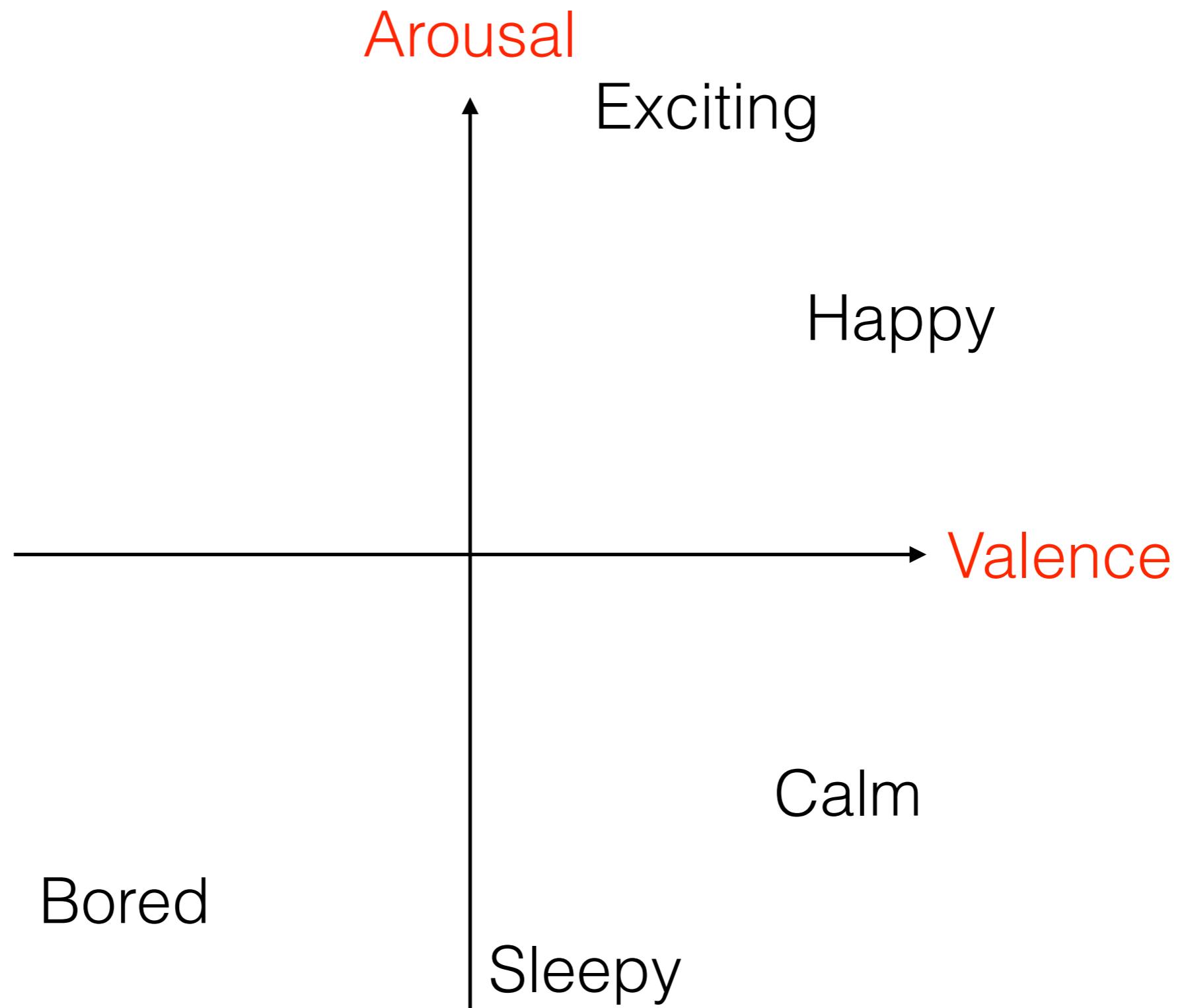
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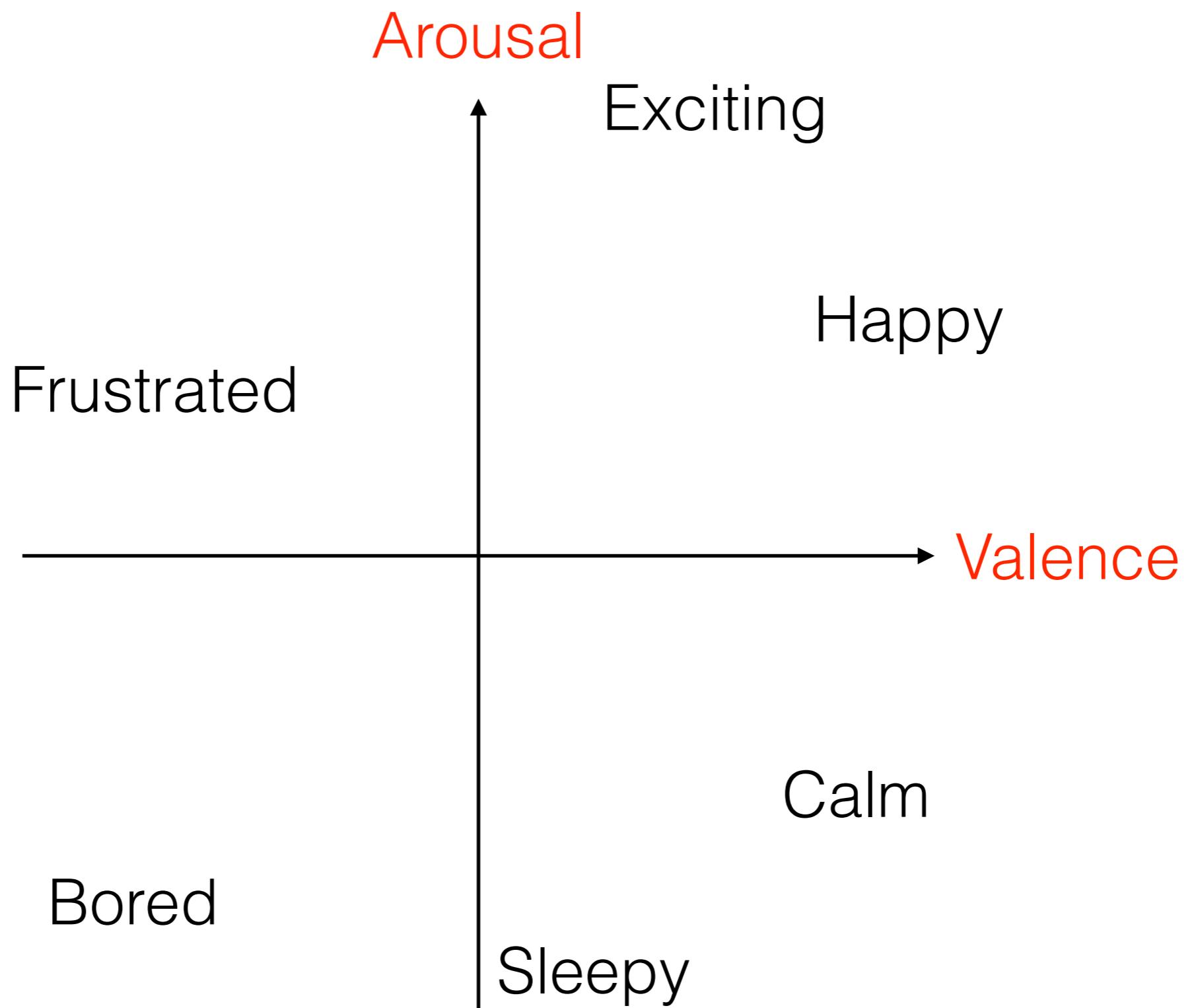
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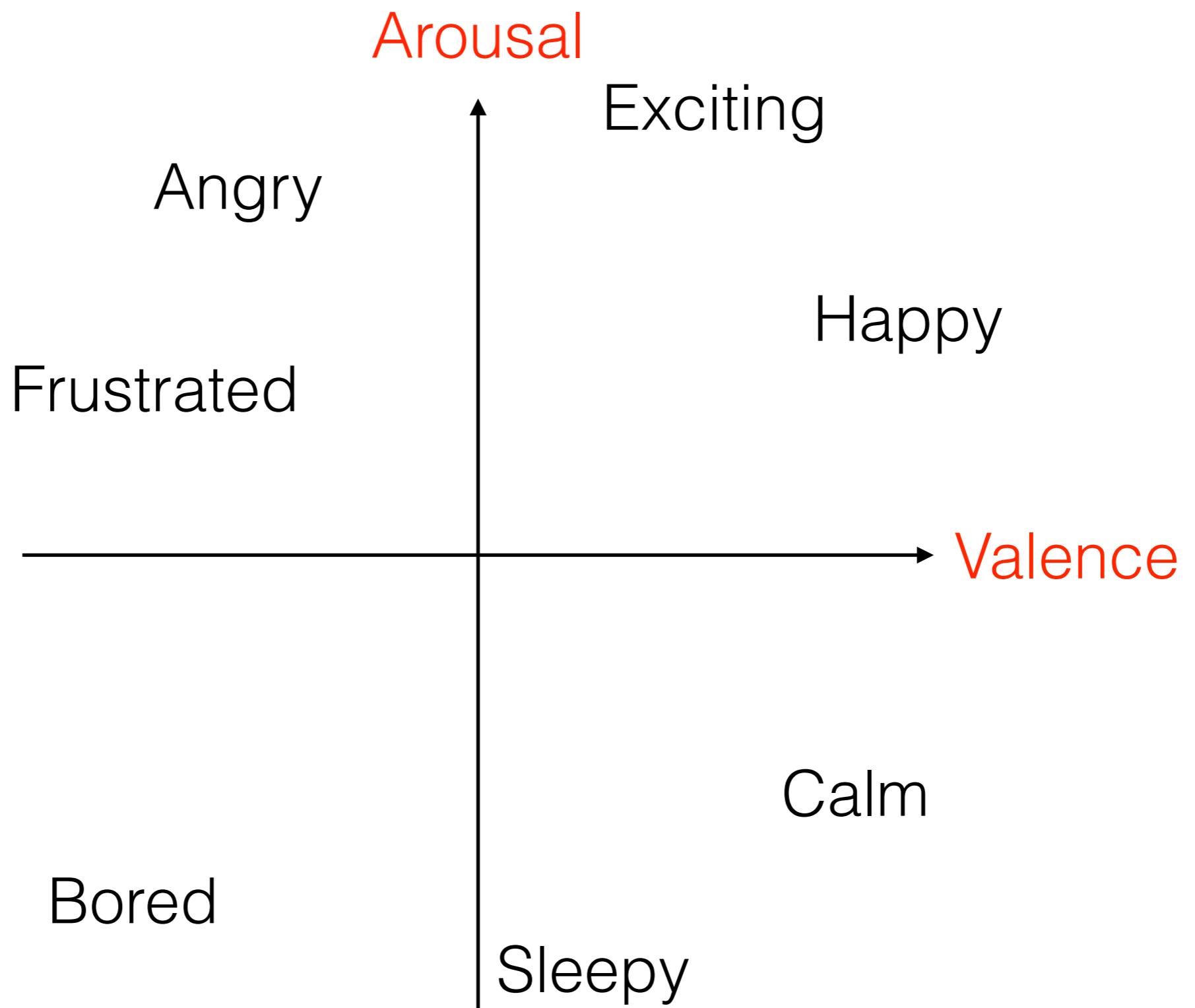
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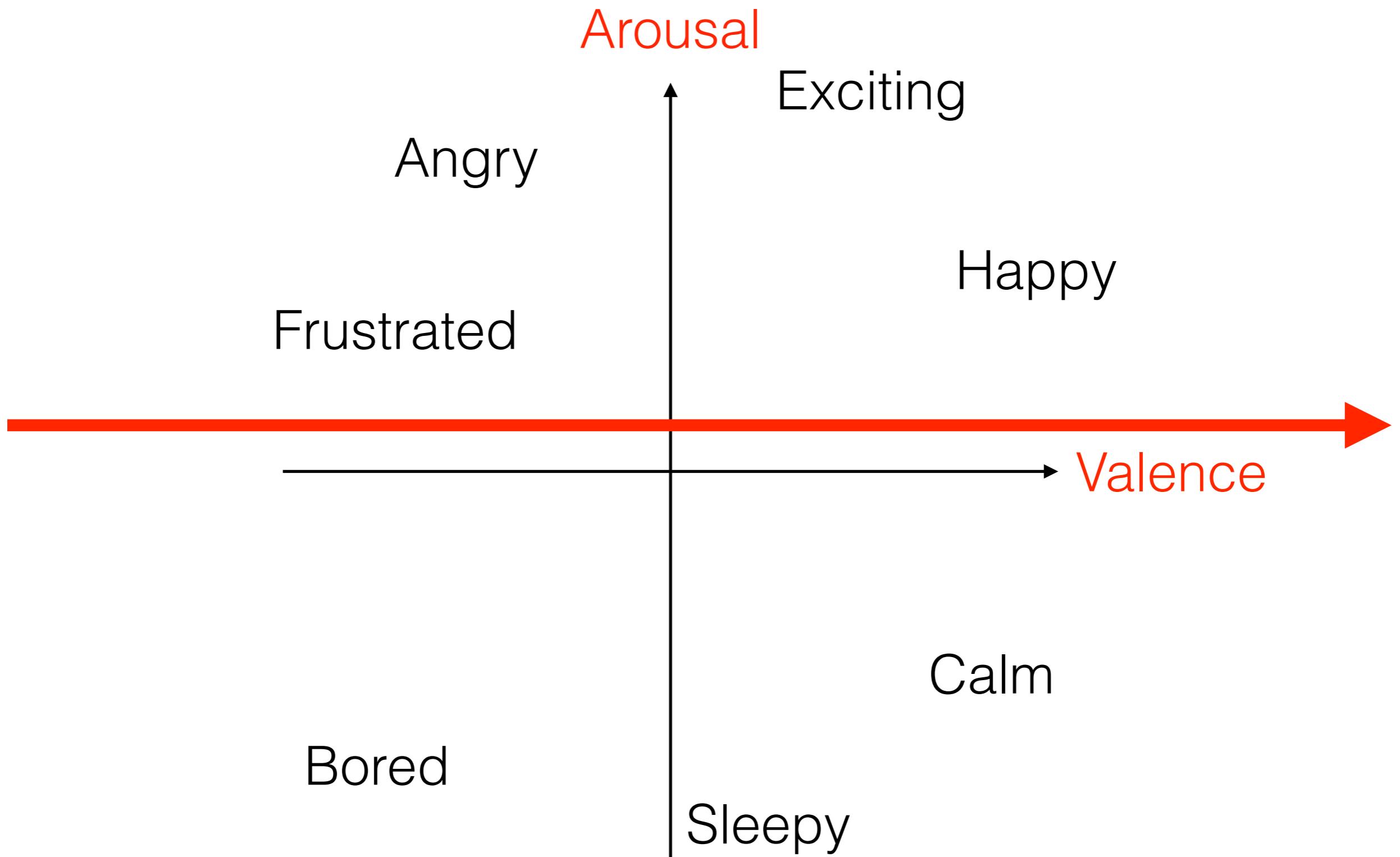
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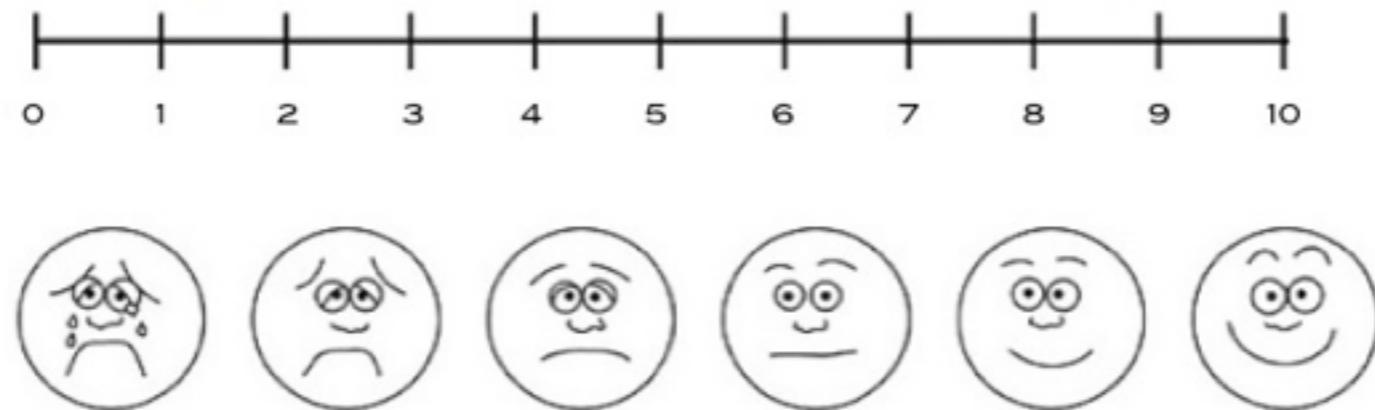
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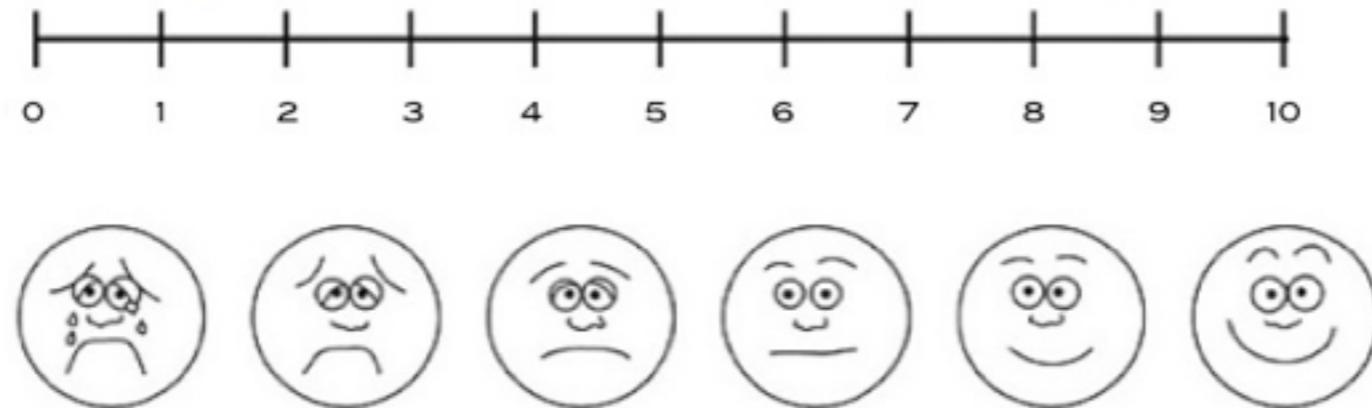


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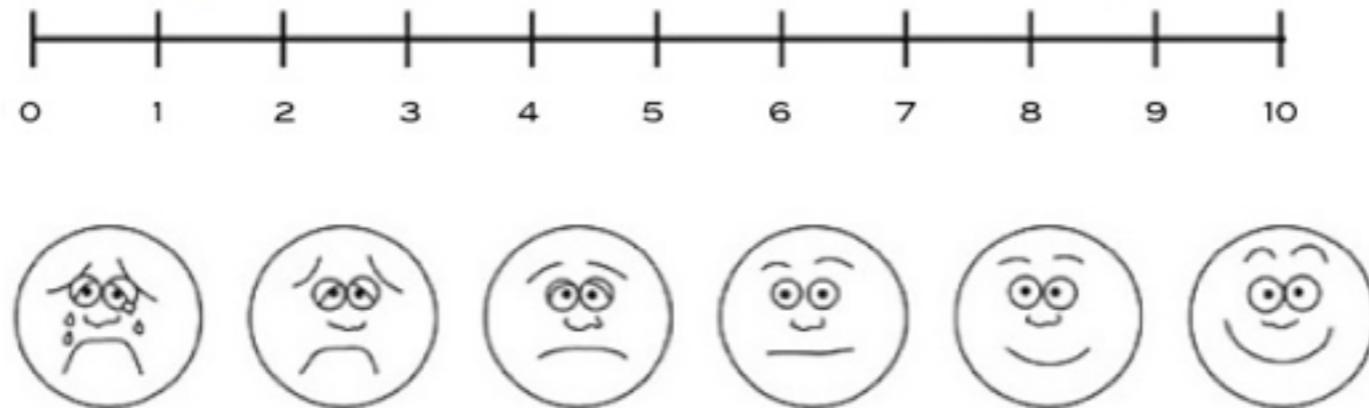
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“laughter”?

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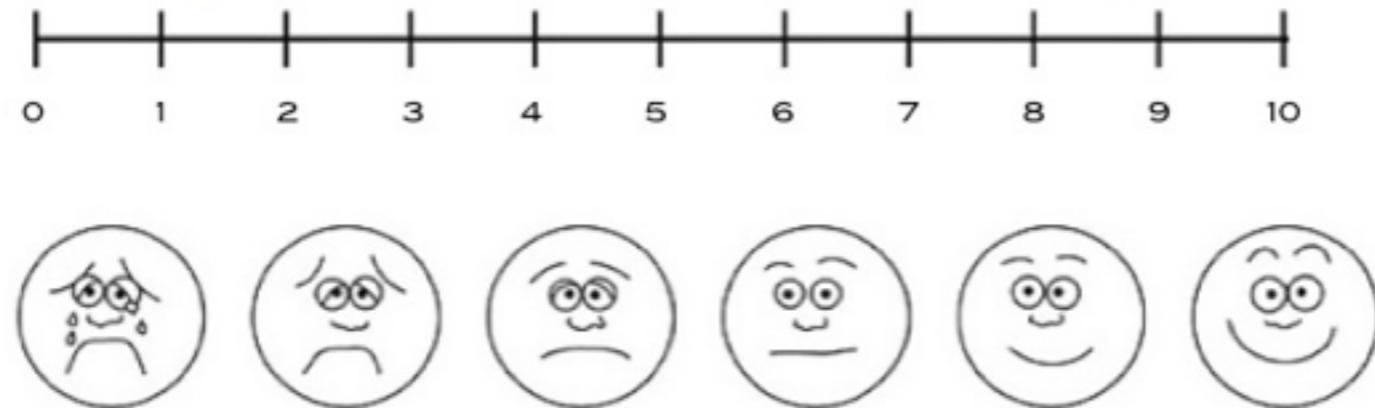


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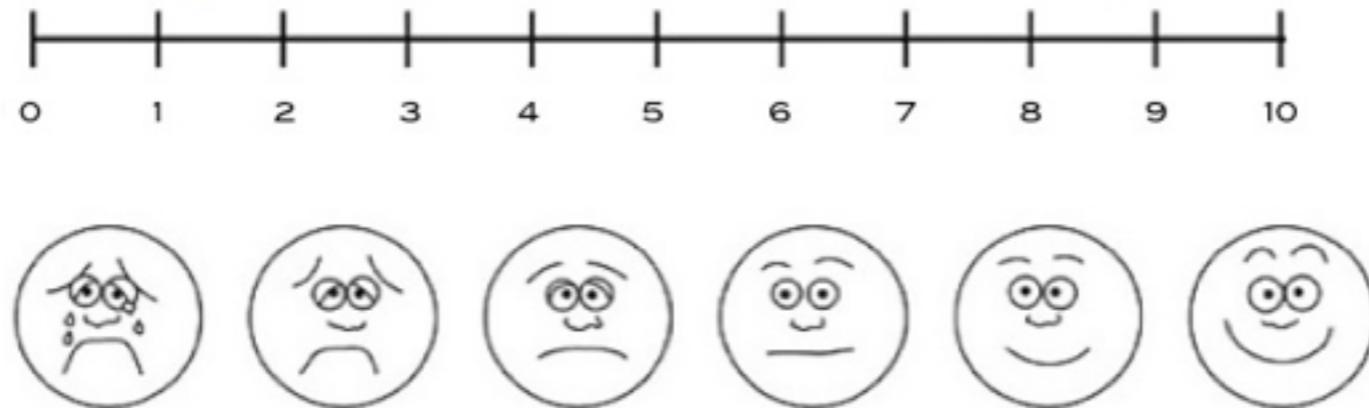


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“baby”?
“laughter”?

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How happy is the word ...

“laughter”?

“smile”?

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Valence of a document (sentence)
~ the average of the word sentiment

Maybe not the most accurate nor
sophisticated sentiment analysis method,

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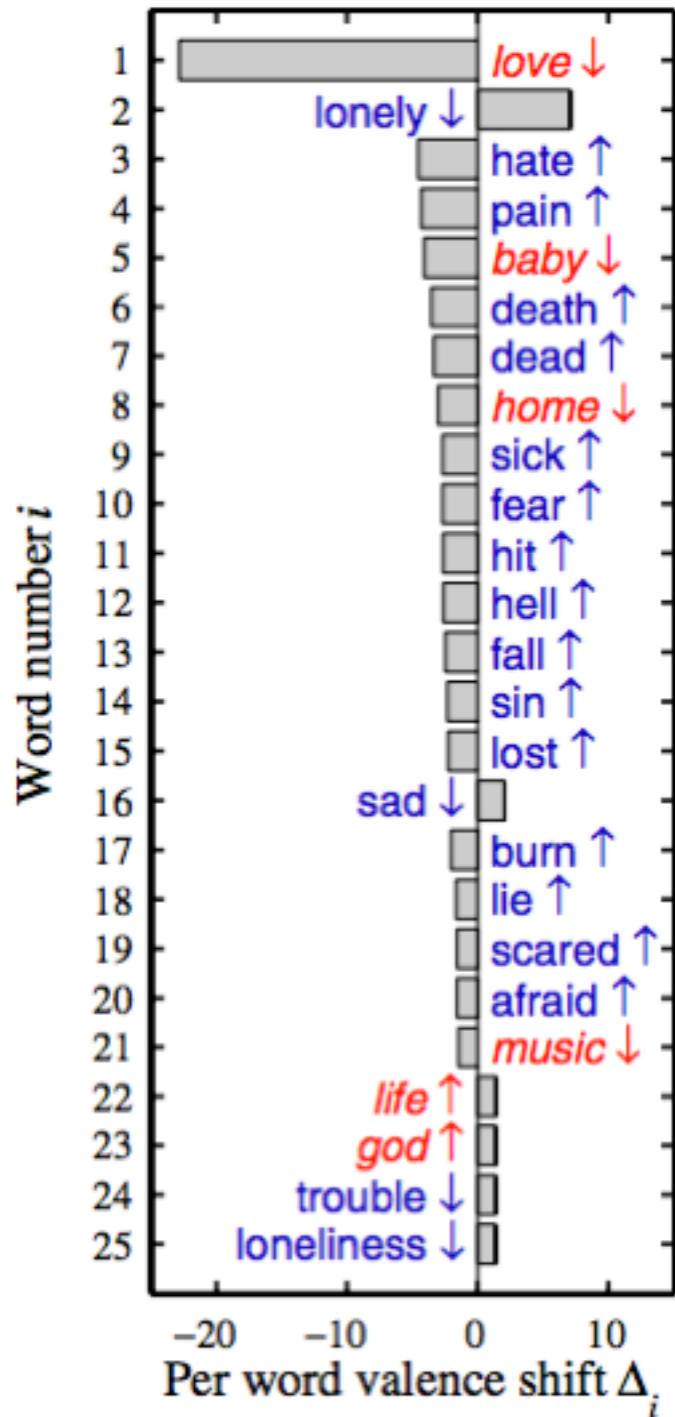
Super easy, scalable, and ***transparent***

Word-shift diagram

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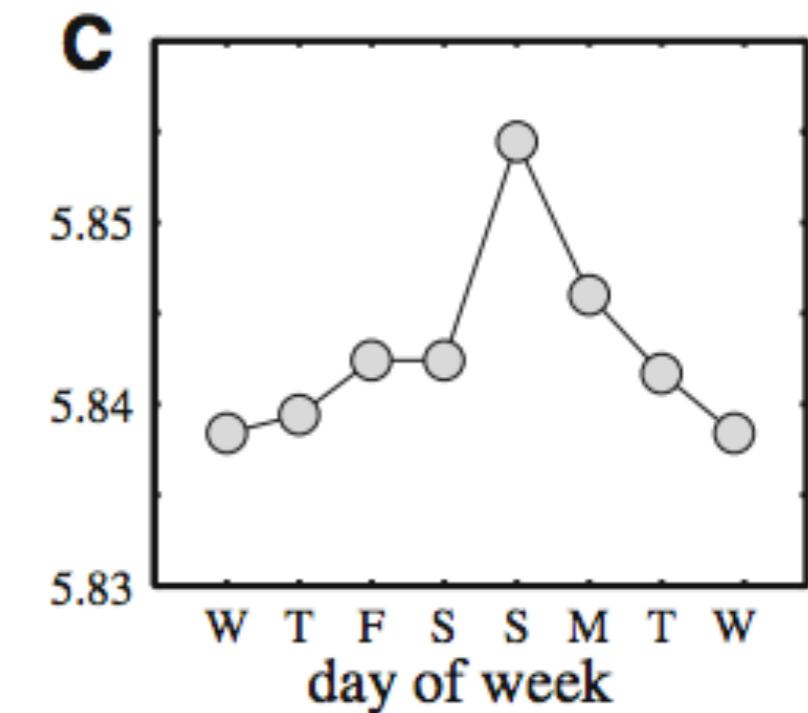
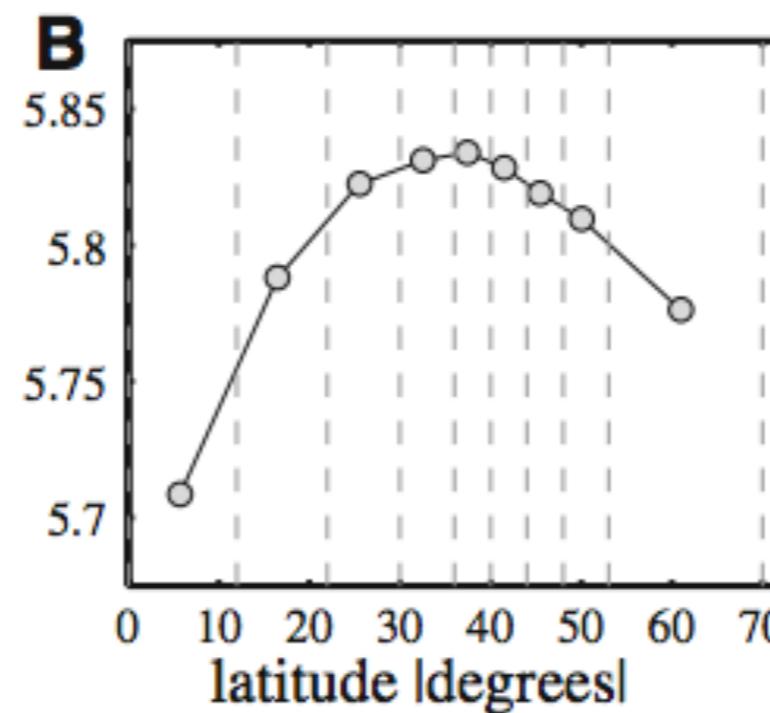
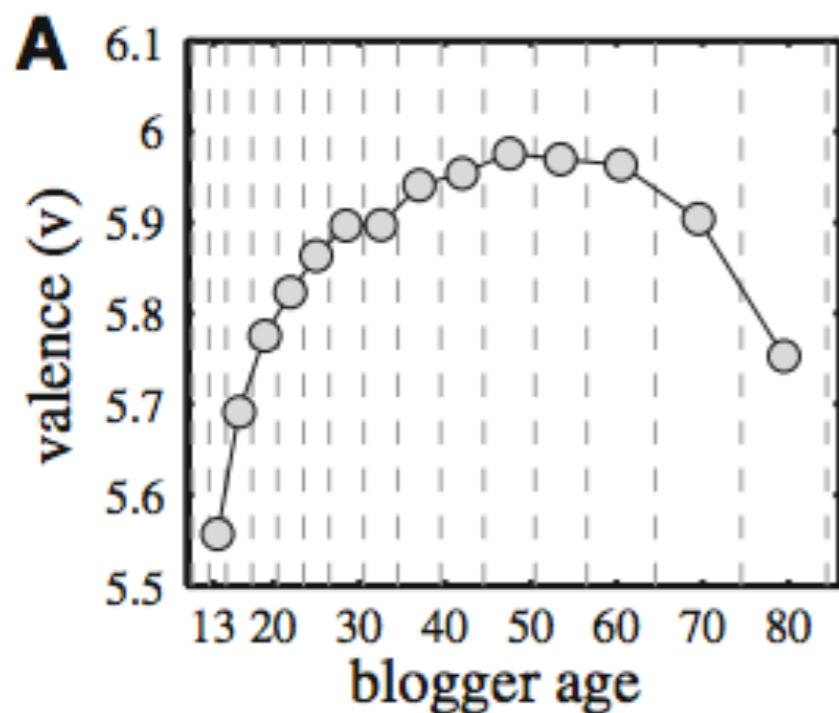
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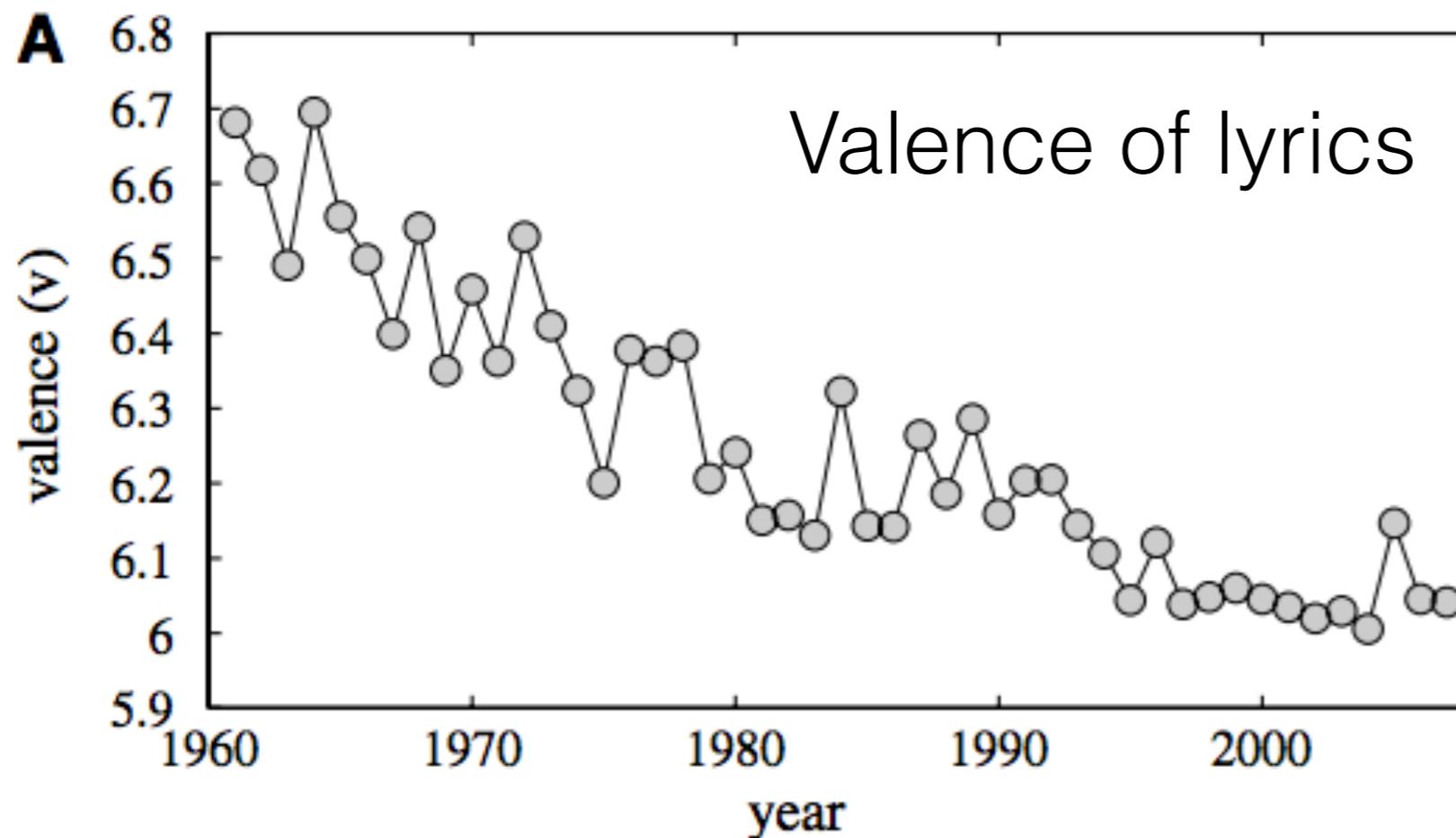


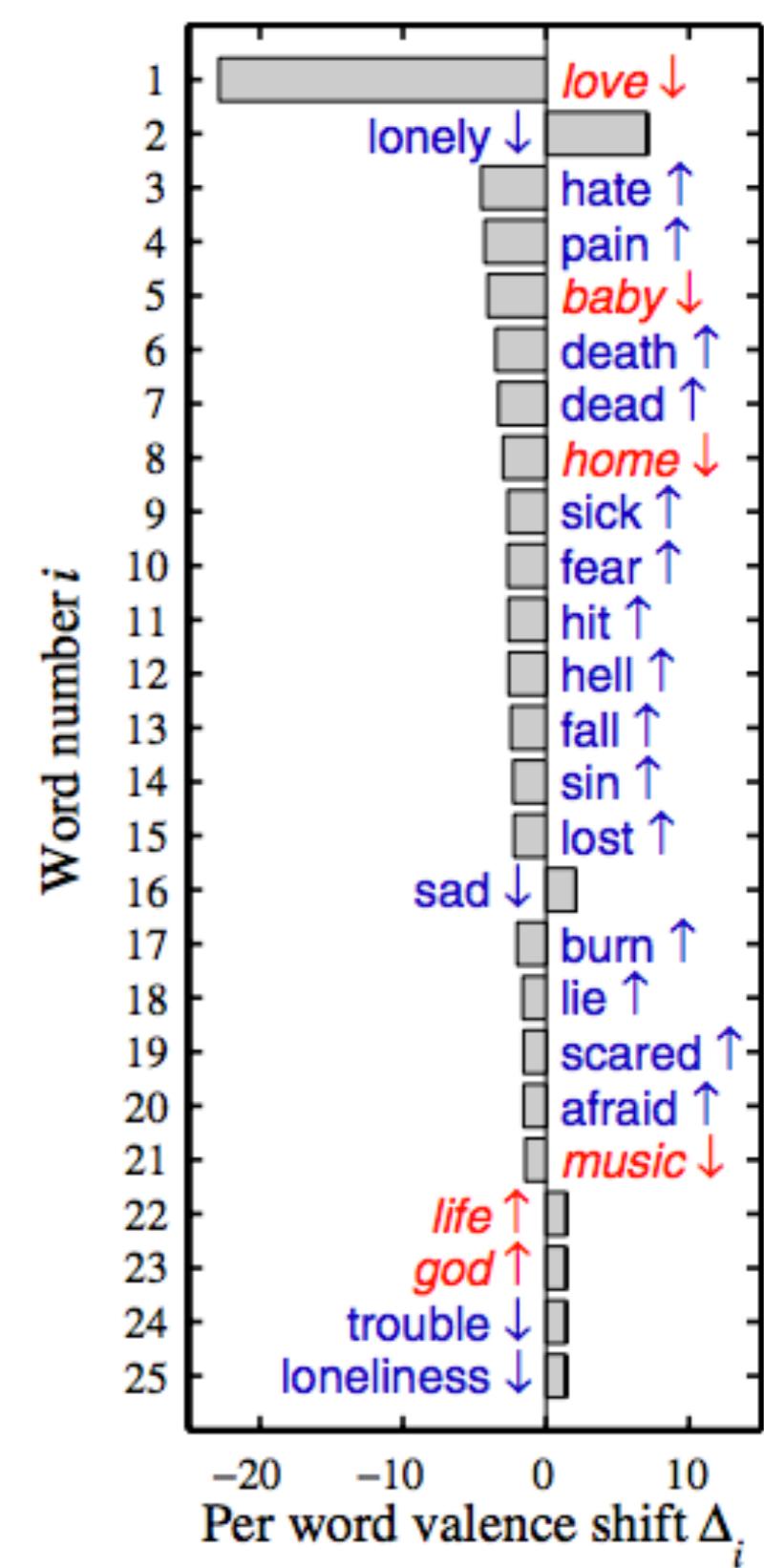
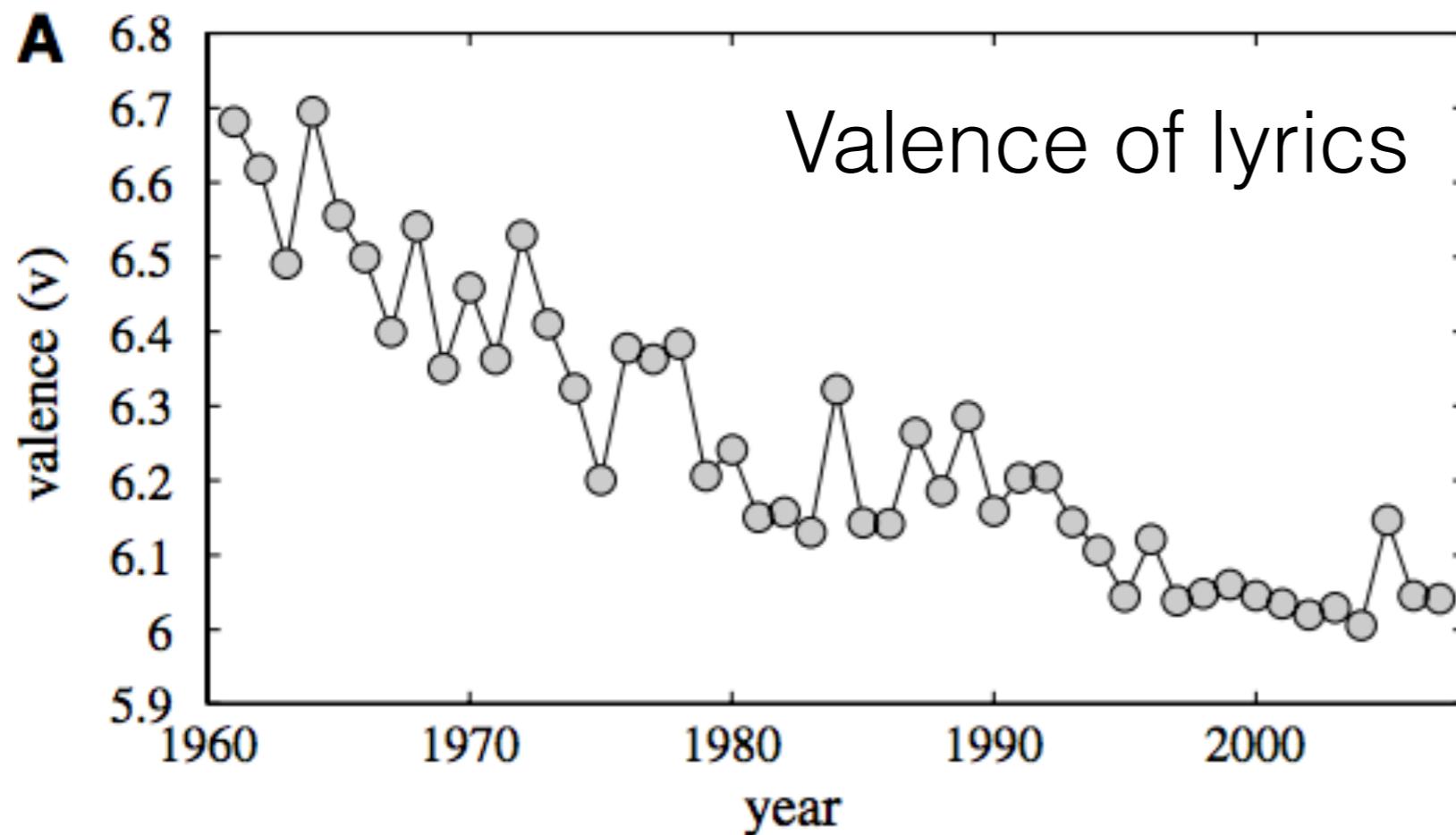
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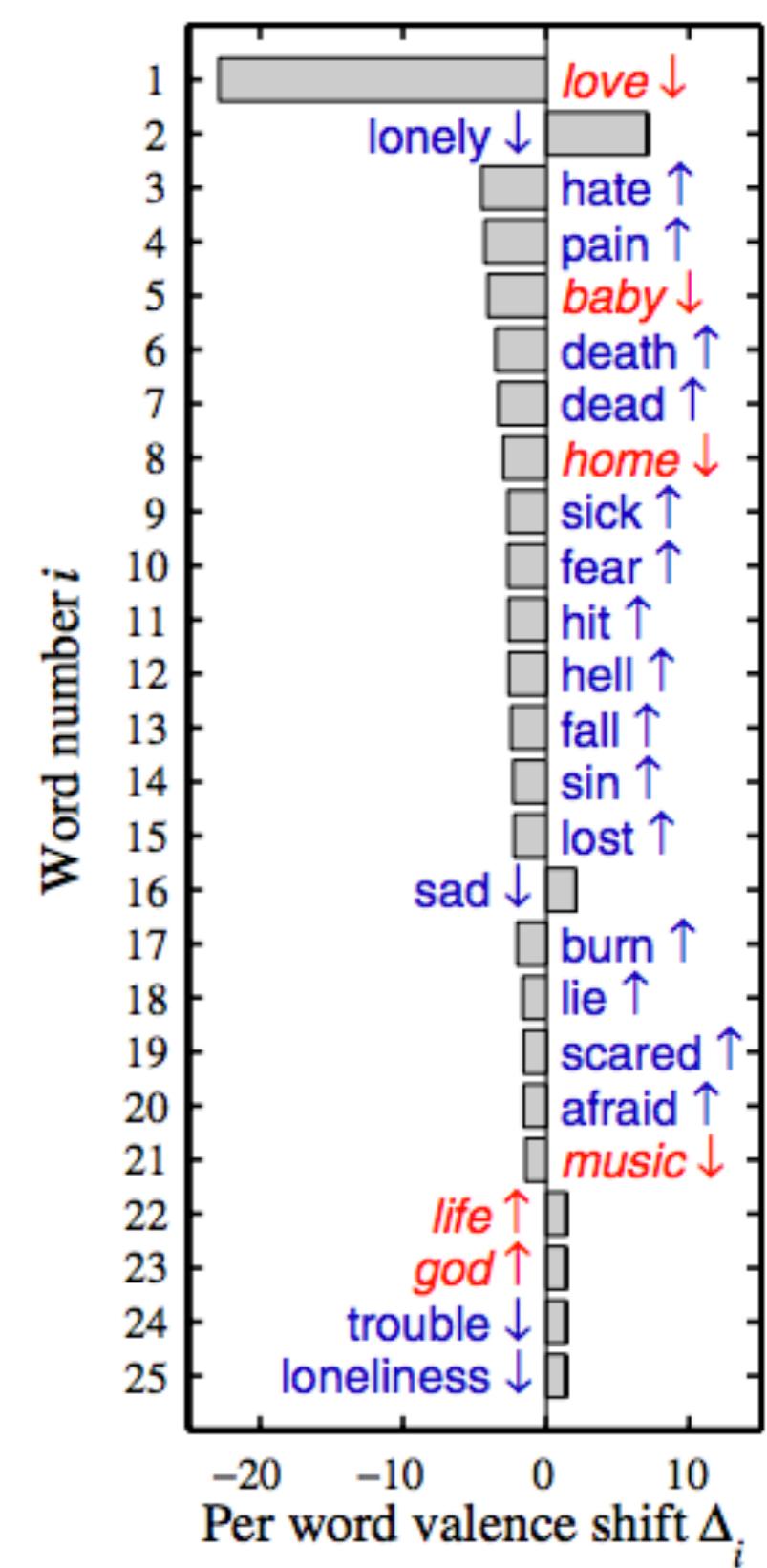
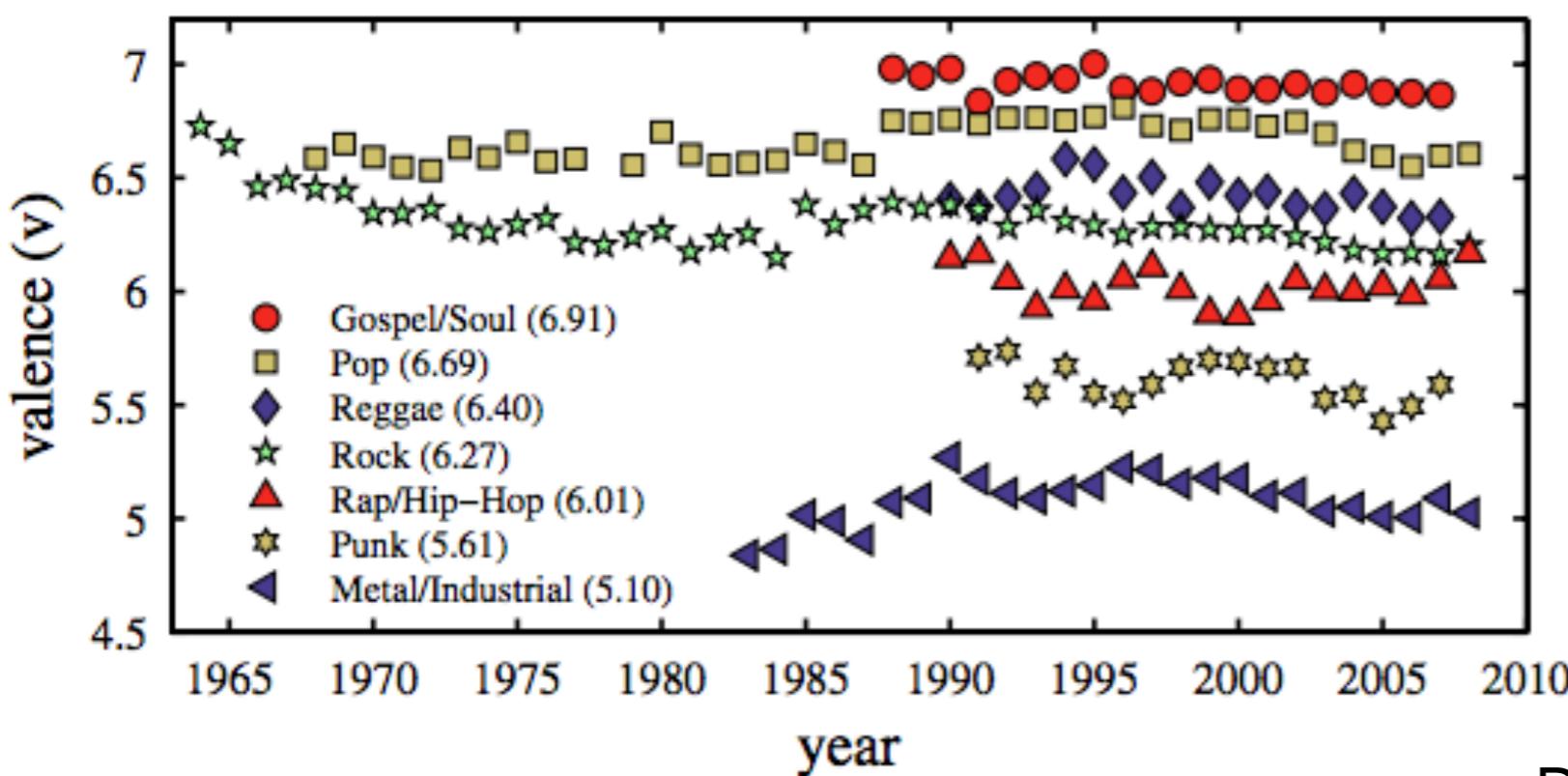
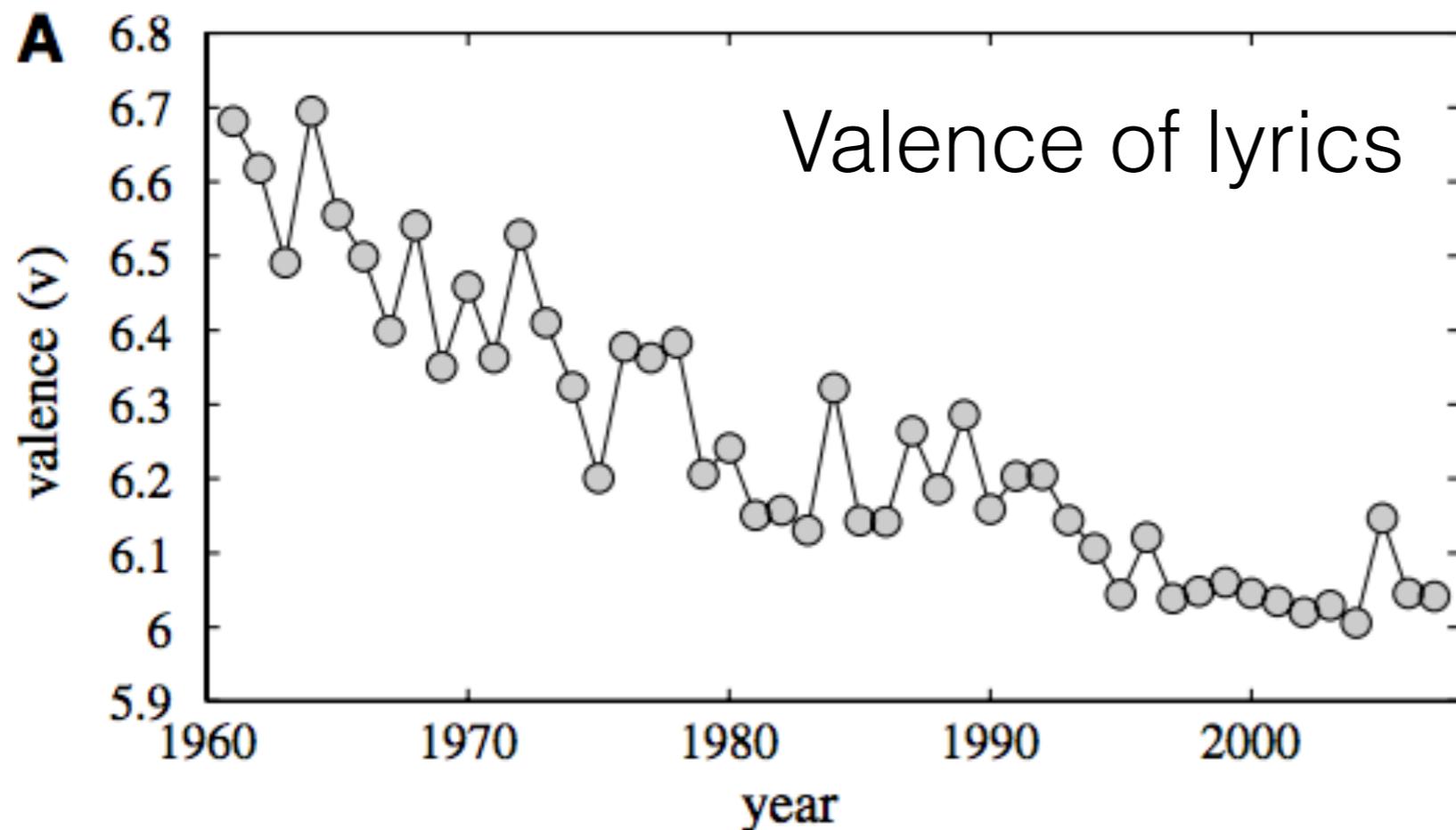
Valence of blog posts



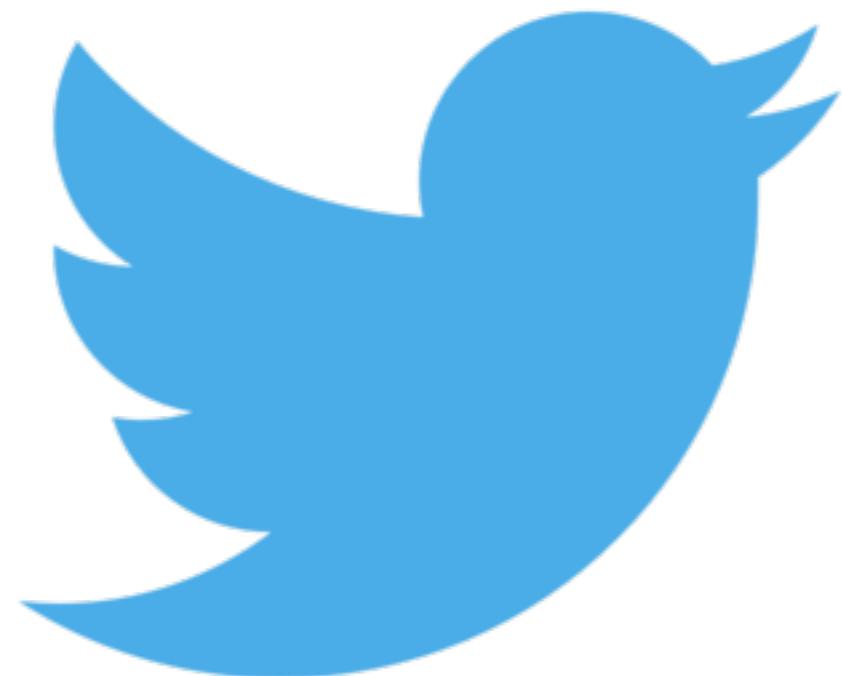
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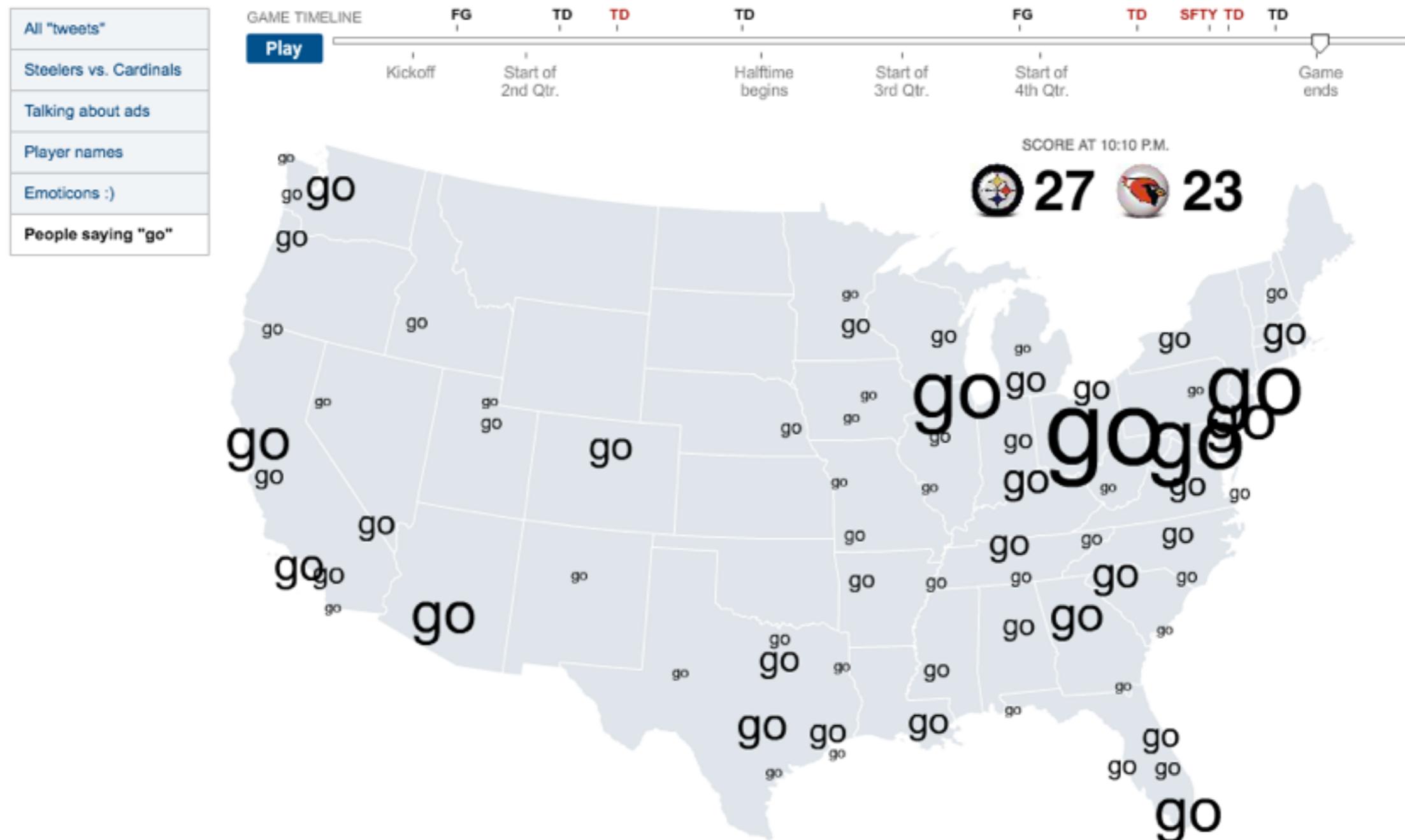
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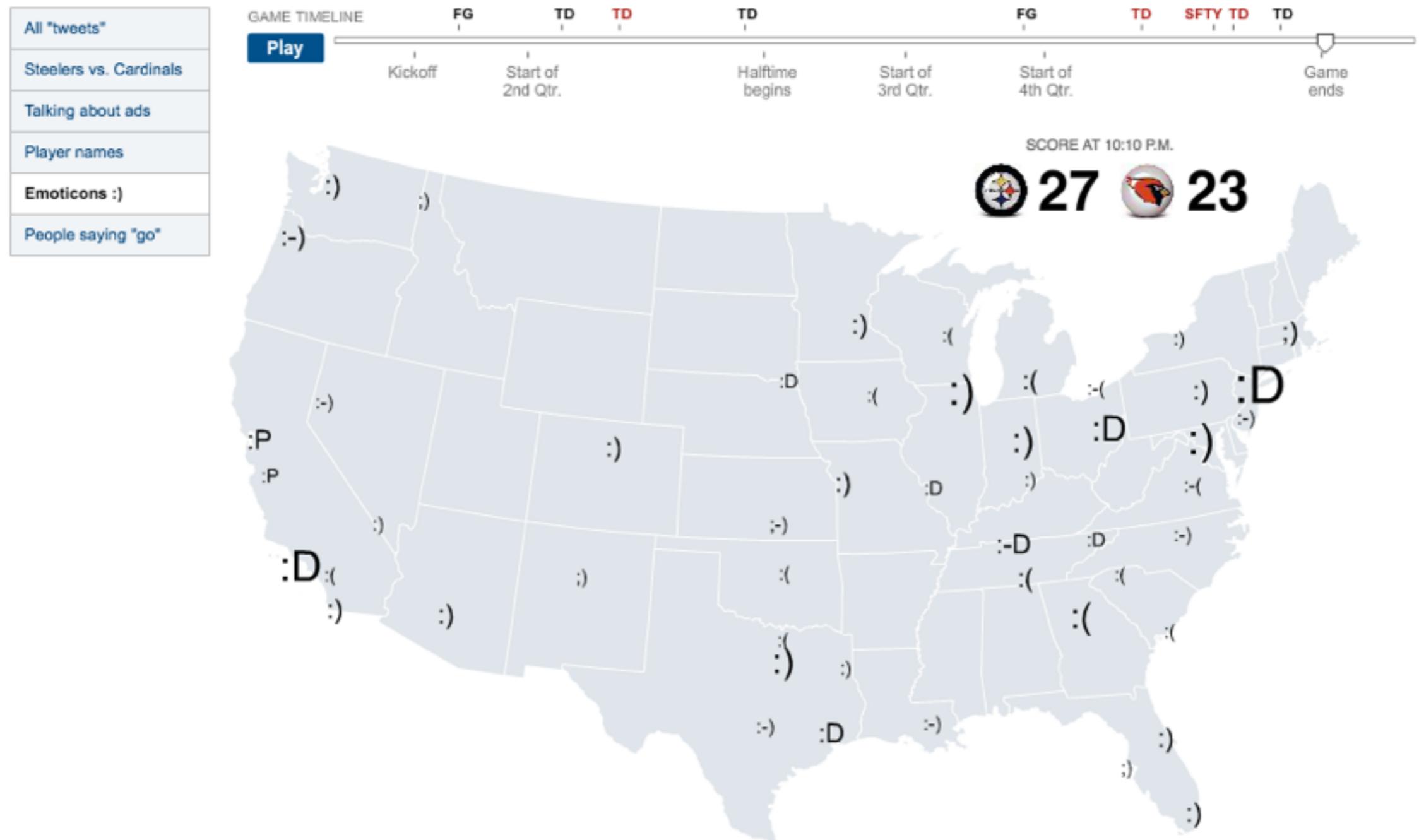
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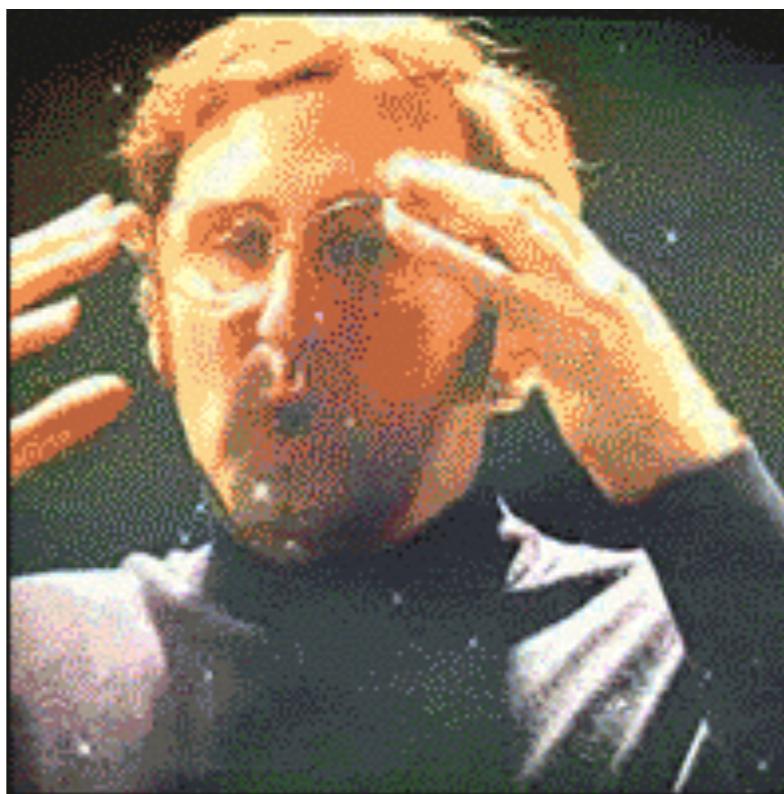


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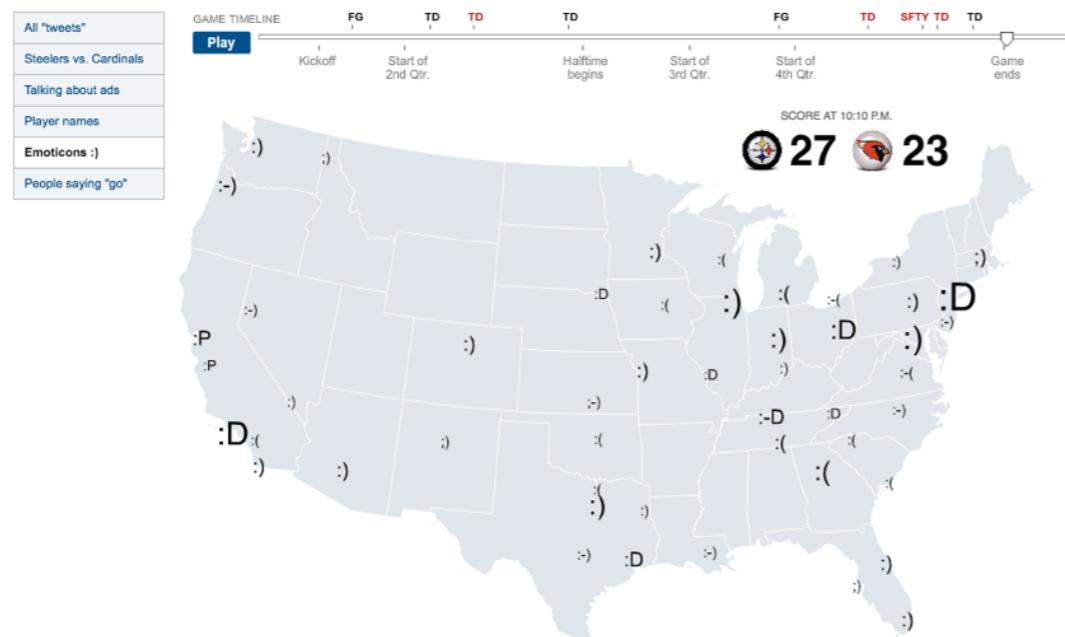


(simple) text analysis
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Can we map daily mood of the whole nation through Twitter?



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300 million tweets (Sep 2006 - Aug 2009)

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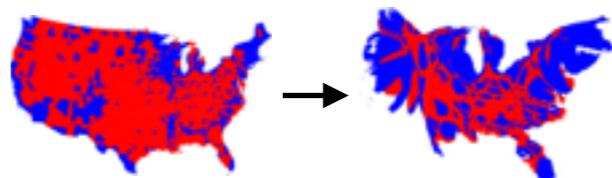
ANEW sentiment

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Simple geocoding to states

+

Cartogram



Pulse of the Nation: U.S. Mood Throughout the Day inferred from Twitter

Less Happy



More Happy

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Diurnal and Seasonal Mood Vary with Work, Sleep, and Daylength Across Diverse Cultures

Scott A. Golder* and Michael W. Macy

We identified individual-level diurnal and seasonal mood rhythms in cultures across the globe, using data from millions of public Twitter messages. We found that individuals awaken in a good mood that deteriorates as the day progresses—which is consistent with the effects of sleep and circadian rhythm—and that seasonal change in baseline positive affect varies with change in daylength. People are happier on weekends, but the morning peak in positive affect is delayed by 2 hours, which suggests that people awaken later on weekends.

Individual mood is an affective state that is important for physical and emotional well-being, working memory, creativity, decision-making (1), and immune response (2). Mood is influenced by levels of dopamine, serotonin, and other neurochemicals (1), as well as by levels of

hormones (e.g., cortisol) (3). Mood is also externally modified by social activity, such as daily routines of work, commuting, and eating (4, 5). Because of this complexity, accurate measurement of affective rhythms at the individual level has proven elusive.

Experimental psychologists have repeatedly demonstrated that positive and negative affect are independent dimensions. Positive affect (PA) includes enthusiasm, delight, activeness, and alertness, whereas negative affect (NA) includes distress, fear, anger, guilt, and disgust (6). Thus, low PA indicates the absence of positive feelings, not the presence of negative feelings.

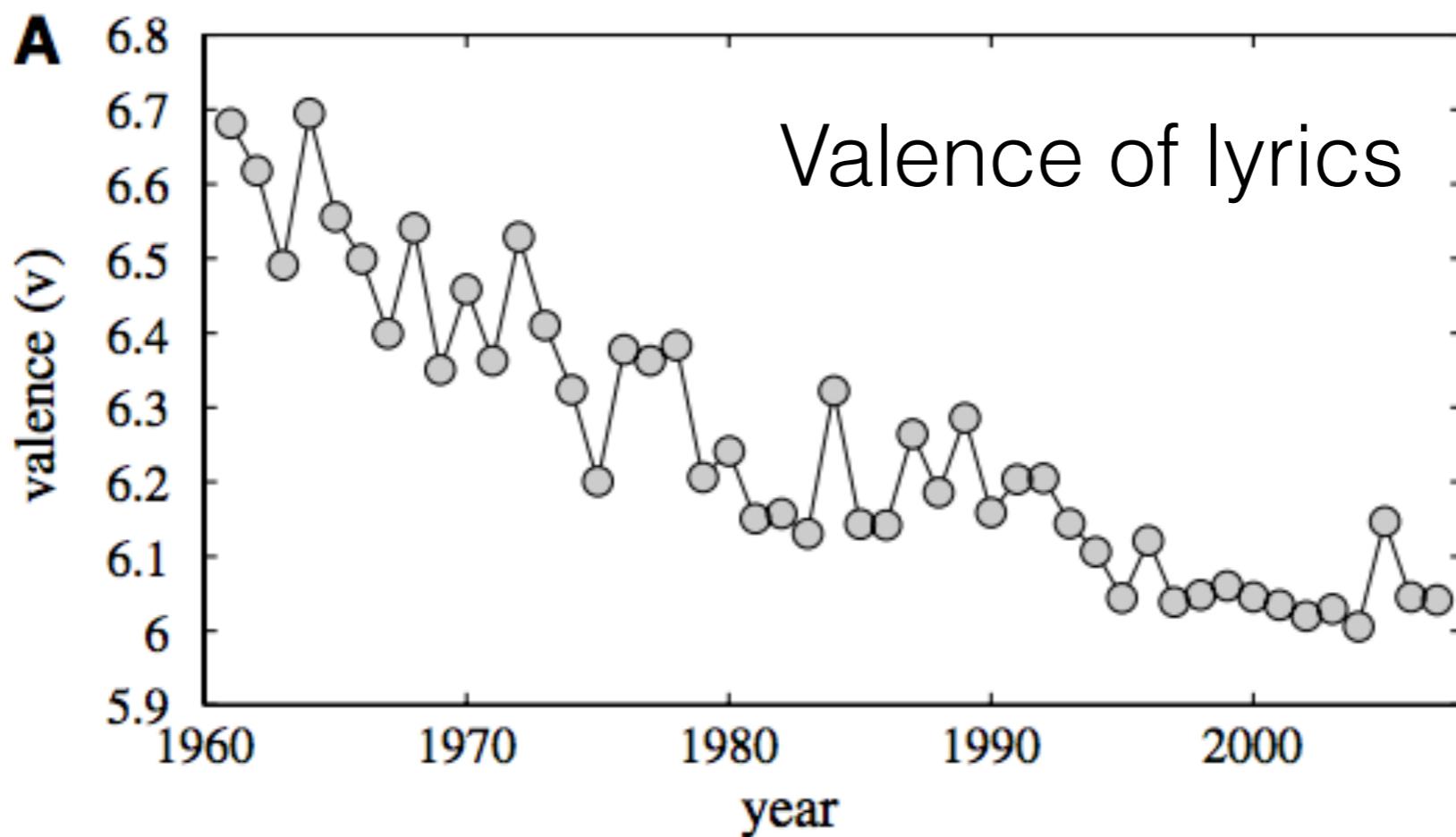
Laboratory studies have shown that diurnal mood swings reflect endogenous circadian rhythms interacting with the duration of prior wakefulness or sleep. The circadian component corresponds to change in core body temperature, which is lowest at the end of the night and peaks during late afternoon. The sleep-dependent component is elevated at waking and declines throughout the day (7). Other studies have variously observed a single PA peak 8 to 10 hours after waking (8), a

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#1: Lyrics and Emotion

Coming back to music,



Interesting because music
evokes strong emotion



“Music is the **shorthand** of emotion.”

Music != lyrics

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Melody

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Melody

Harmony

Music != lyrics

Melody

Rhythm
Harmony

Music != lyrics

Melody

Timbre

Rhythm

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Melody

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Harmony

...

Music != lyrics

They are not
“texts” :(

A black curved bracket groups five red text entries: Melody, Timbre, Rhythm, Harmony, and an ellipsis (...). A horizontal arrow points from the text "They are not ‘texts’ :(" towards the bracket.

Melody
Timbre
Rhythm
Harmony
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For instance, harmony has power.

C Major



C Minor



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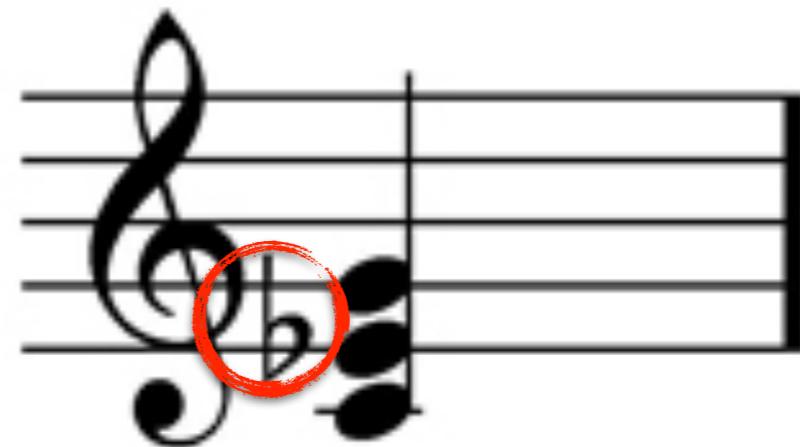
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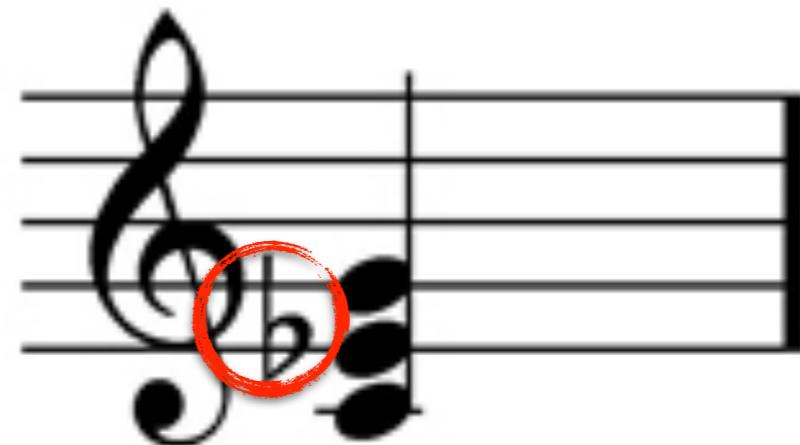
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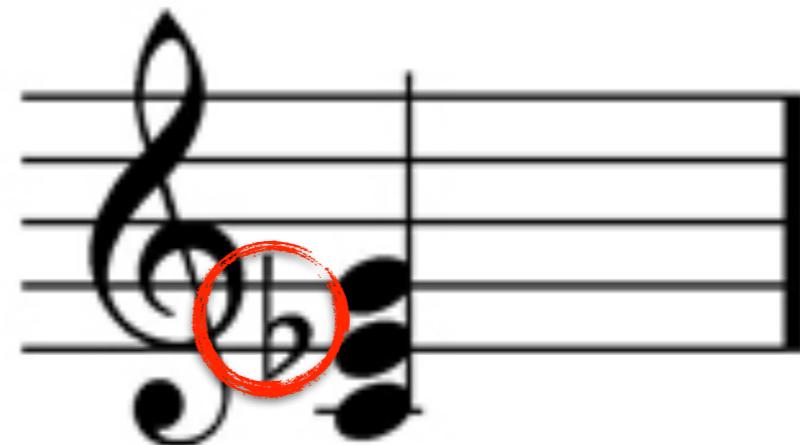
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Analyzing Lyrics & Chords together?



Nakul Dhande

“Maybe we can use sentiment analysis of **lyrics** in combination with **chords**...”

Difficult: what kinds of emotion (or
'meaning') does this chord convey?

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Somewhat feasible: what kinds of words are
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“Did you lose the keys here?”
“No, but the light is much better here.”

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Hallelujah chords
Leonard Cohen (live London version)

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C Am C Am C Am C Am

C Am

Now I've heard there was a secret chord,

C Am

that David played, and it pleased the Lord

F G C G

But you don't really care for music, do you?

C F G

It goes like this the fourth, the fifth,

Am F

the minor fall, the major lift

G Em Am

The baffled king composing Hallelujah

F

Hallelujah

Am

Hallelujah

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Hallelujah

C G C G

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Each chord (type): a “document”

Chords	Accompanied lyrics
C Major	Now I've heard that there was a
A Minor	Secret chord, that
C Major	David Played, and it
A Minor	Pleased the Lord but
...	...

Sentiment analysis using

“labMT”

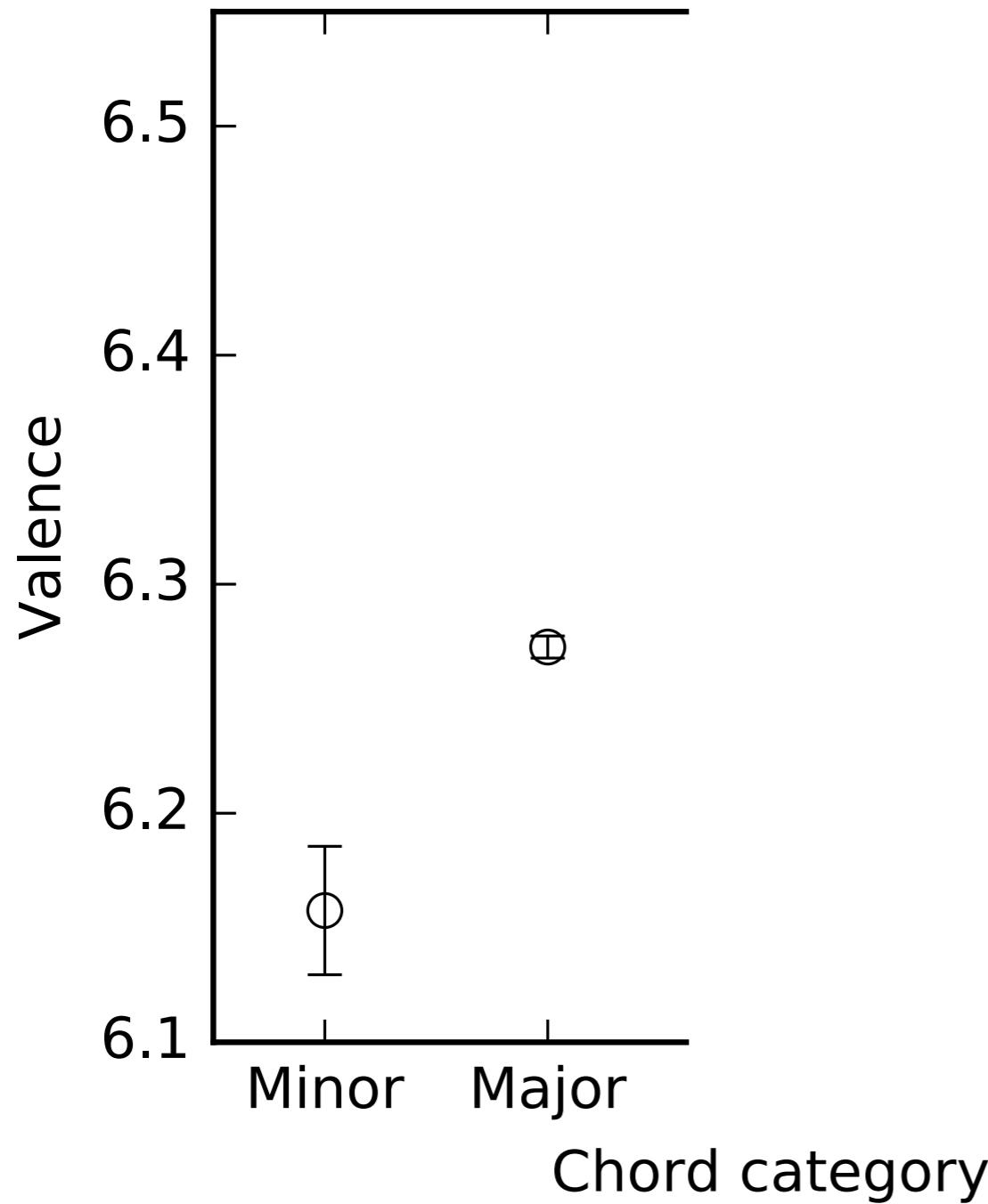
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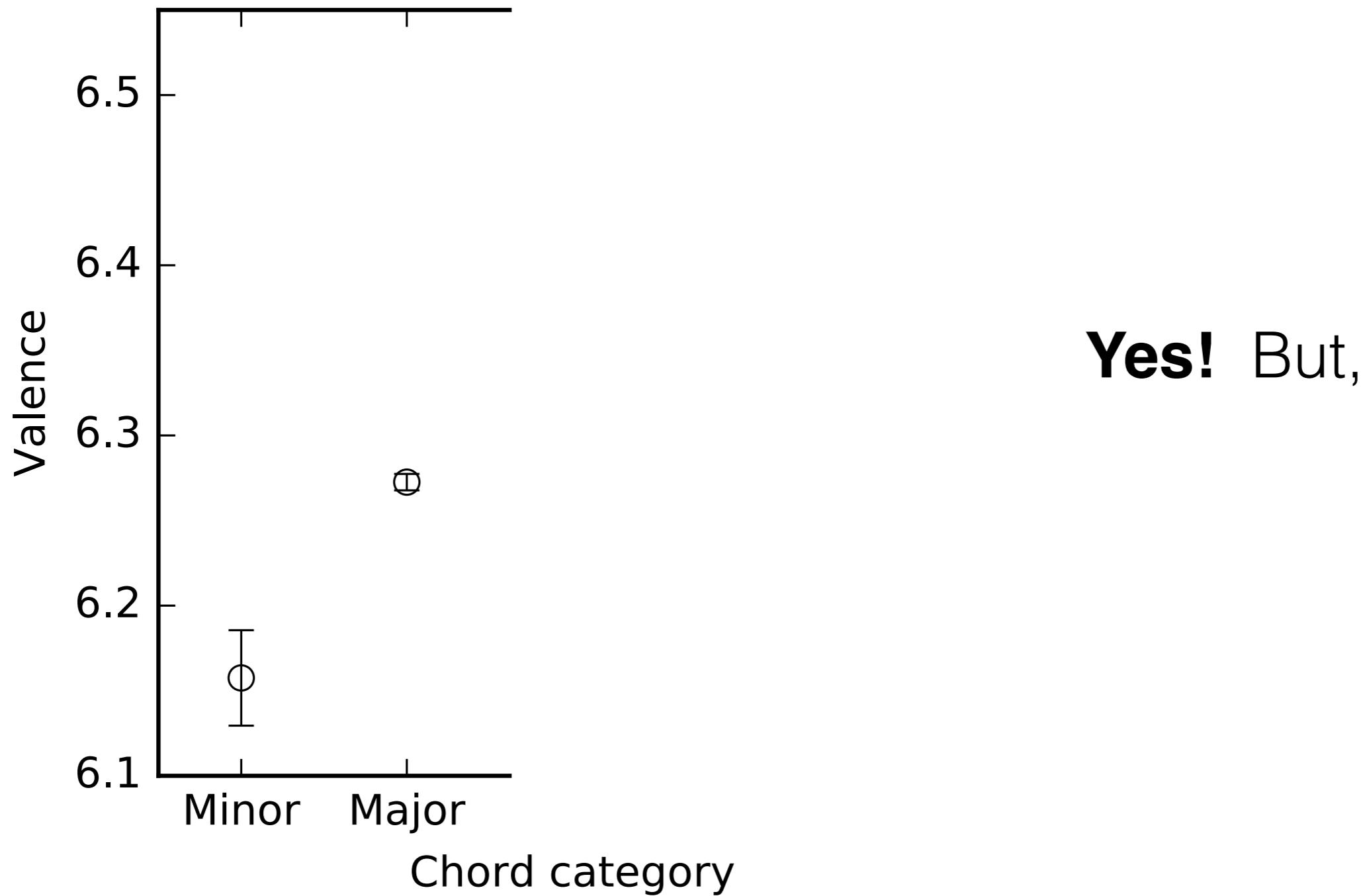
Are Major chords happier than Minor chords?

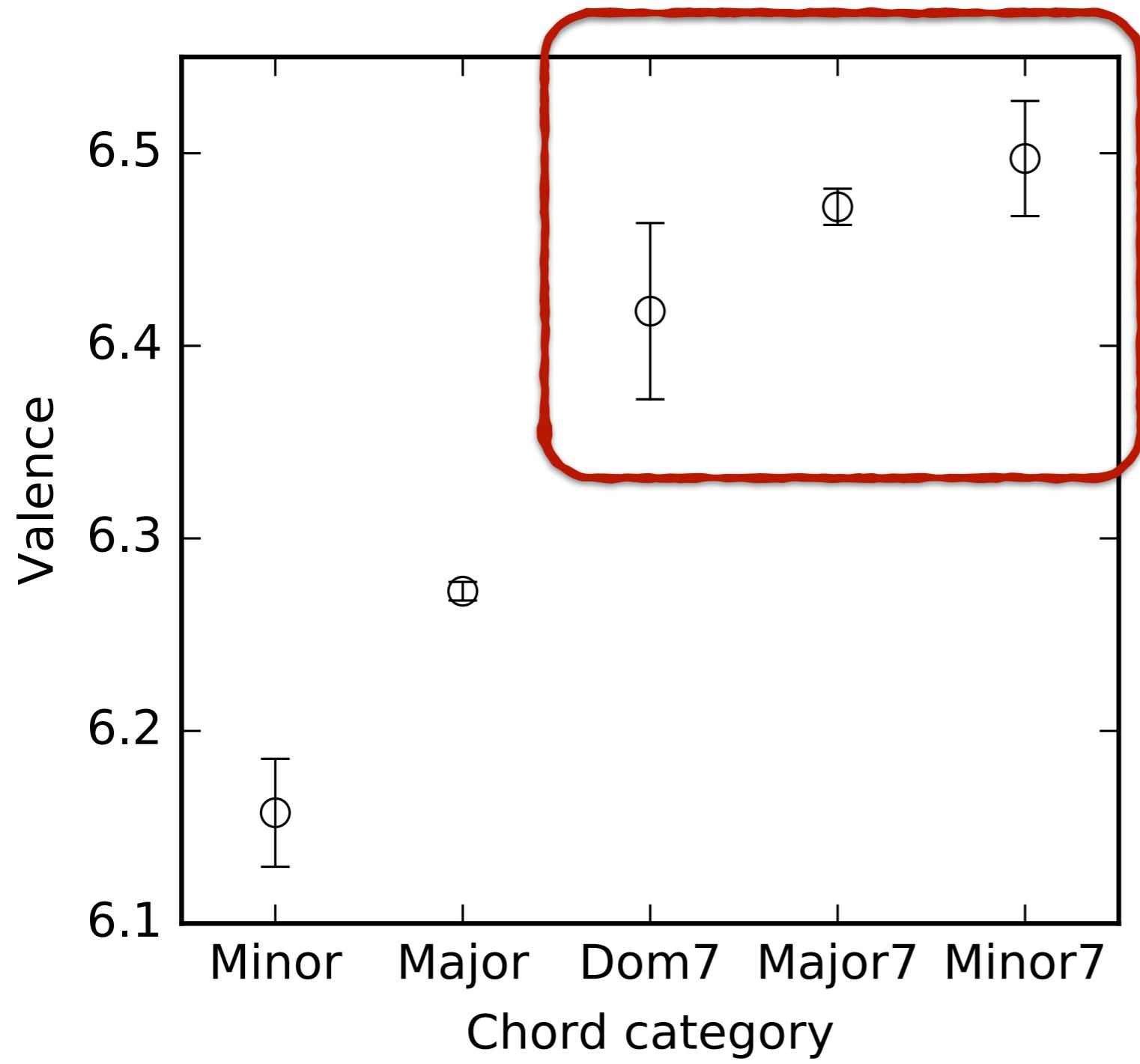
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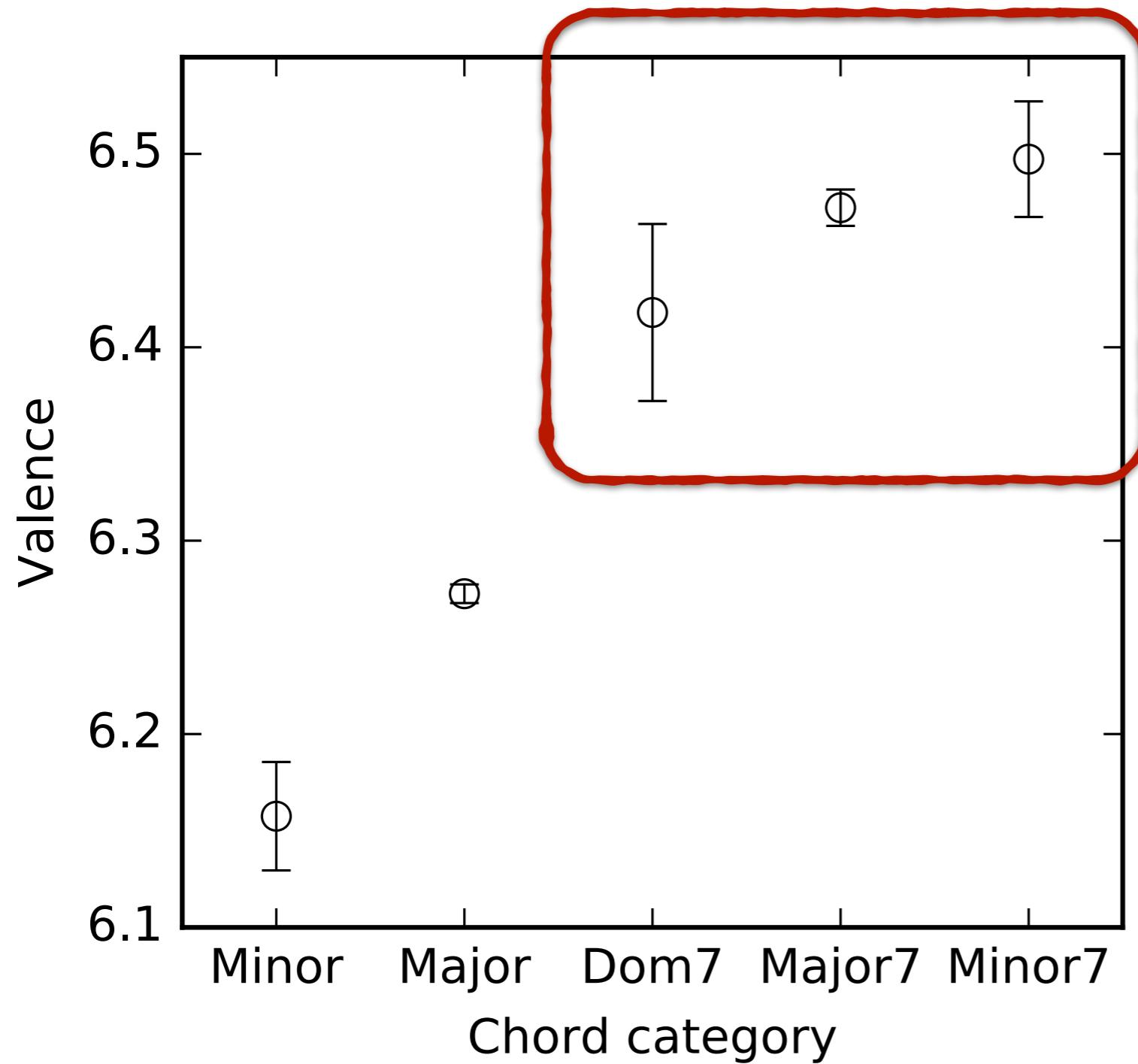
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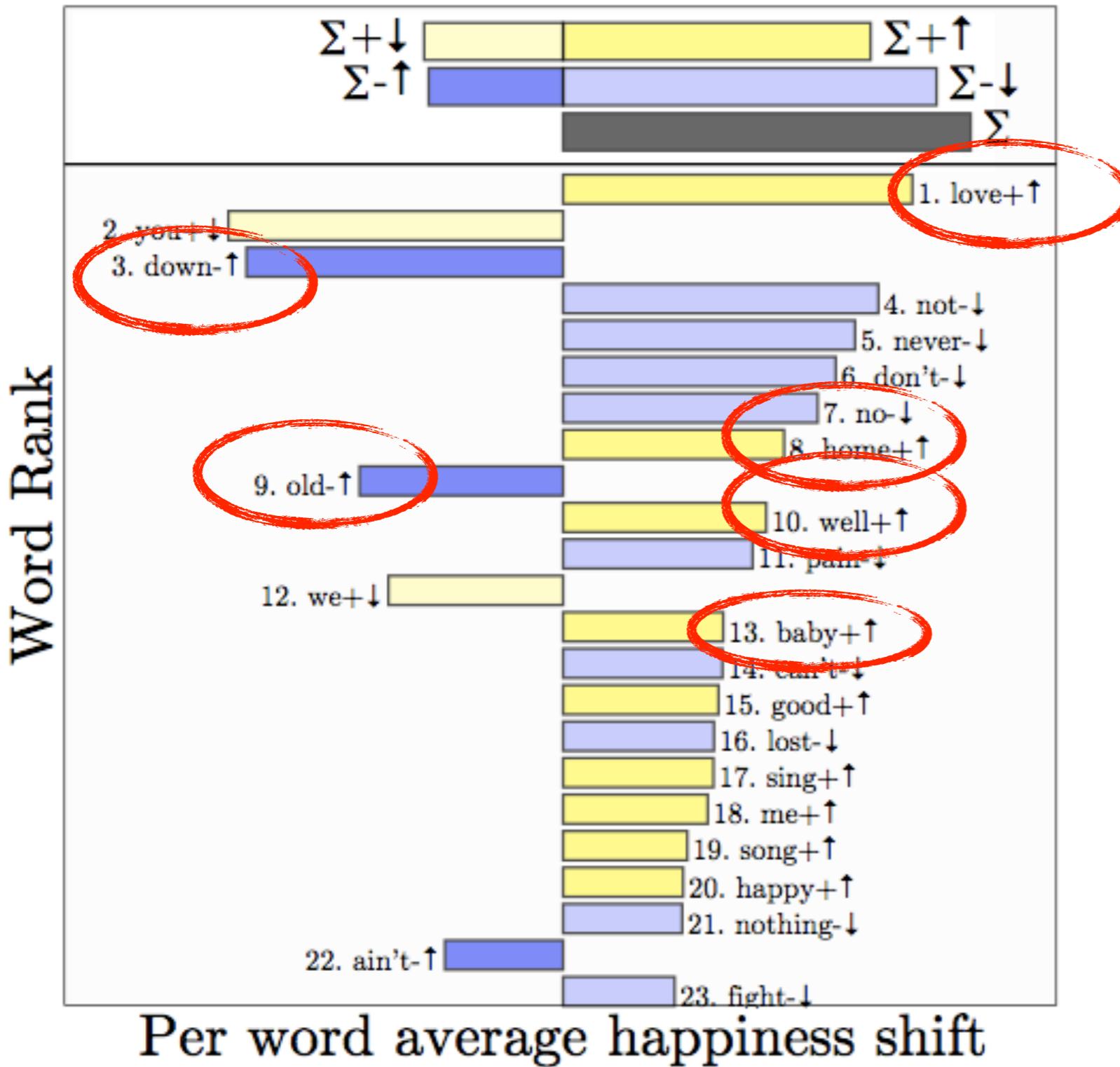
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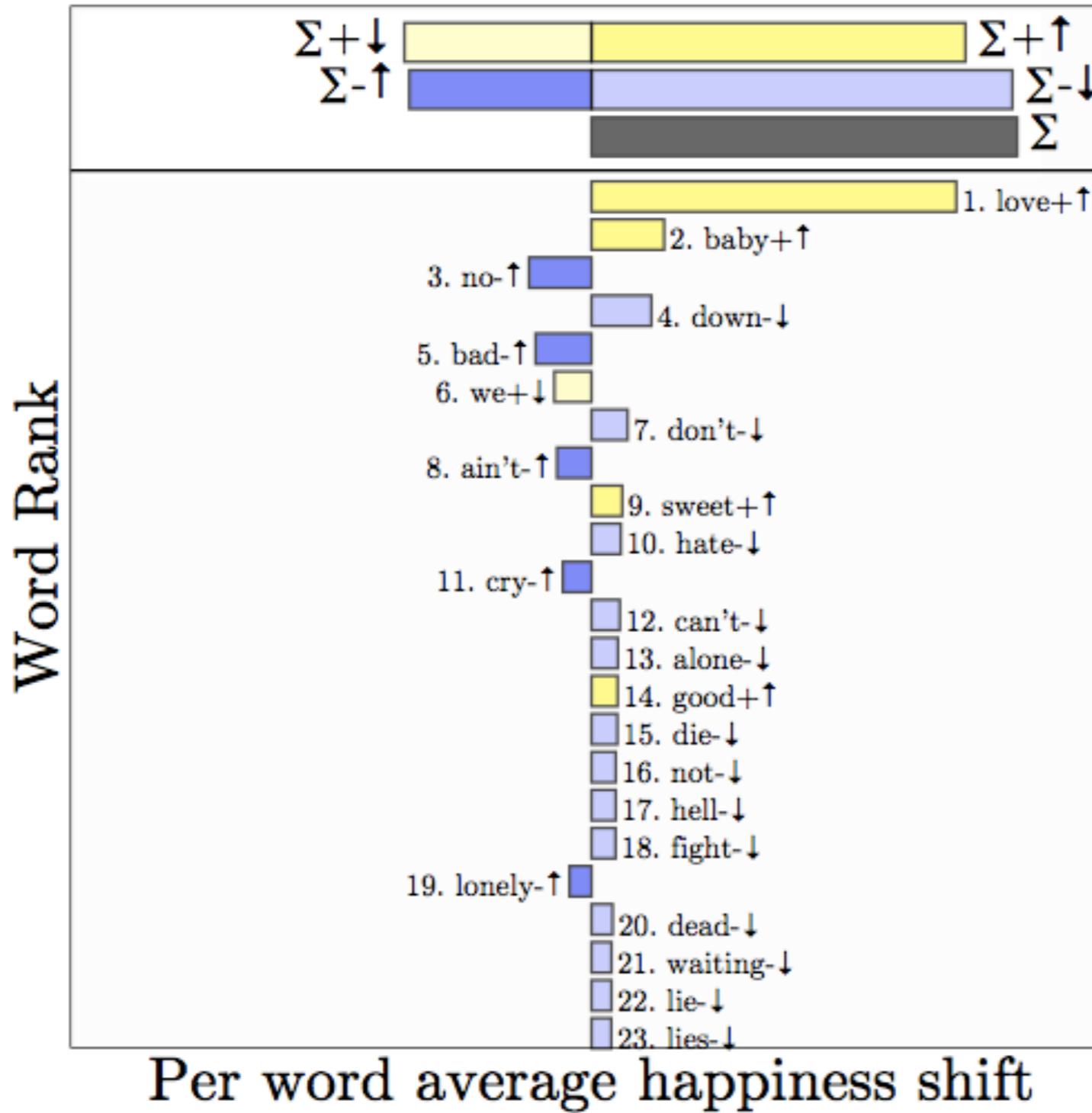


**love, down, home,
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good, sing, song,
happy**

vs.

**you, not, never,
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7ths vs. Major



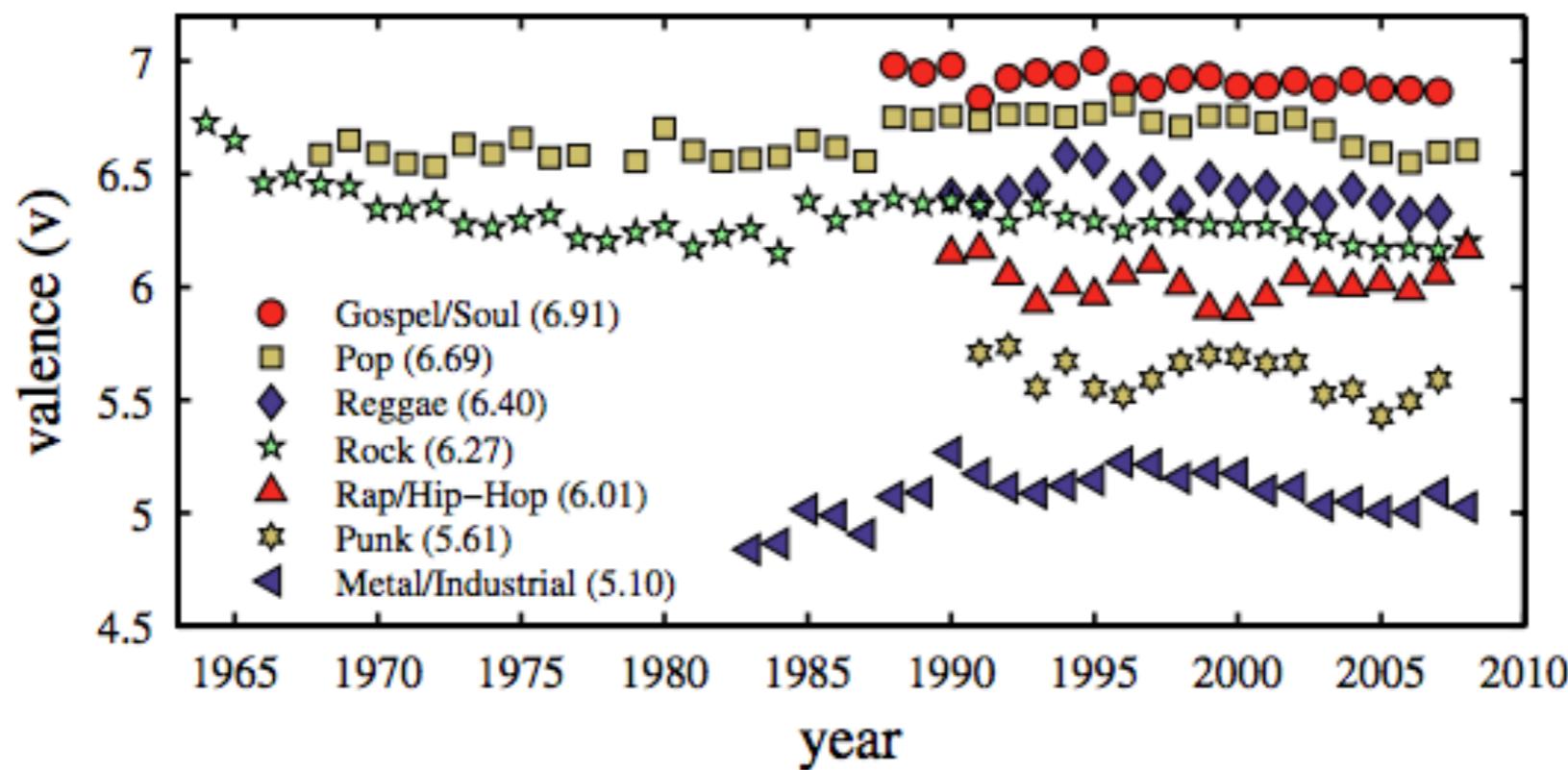
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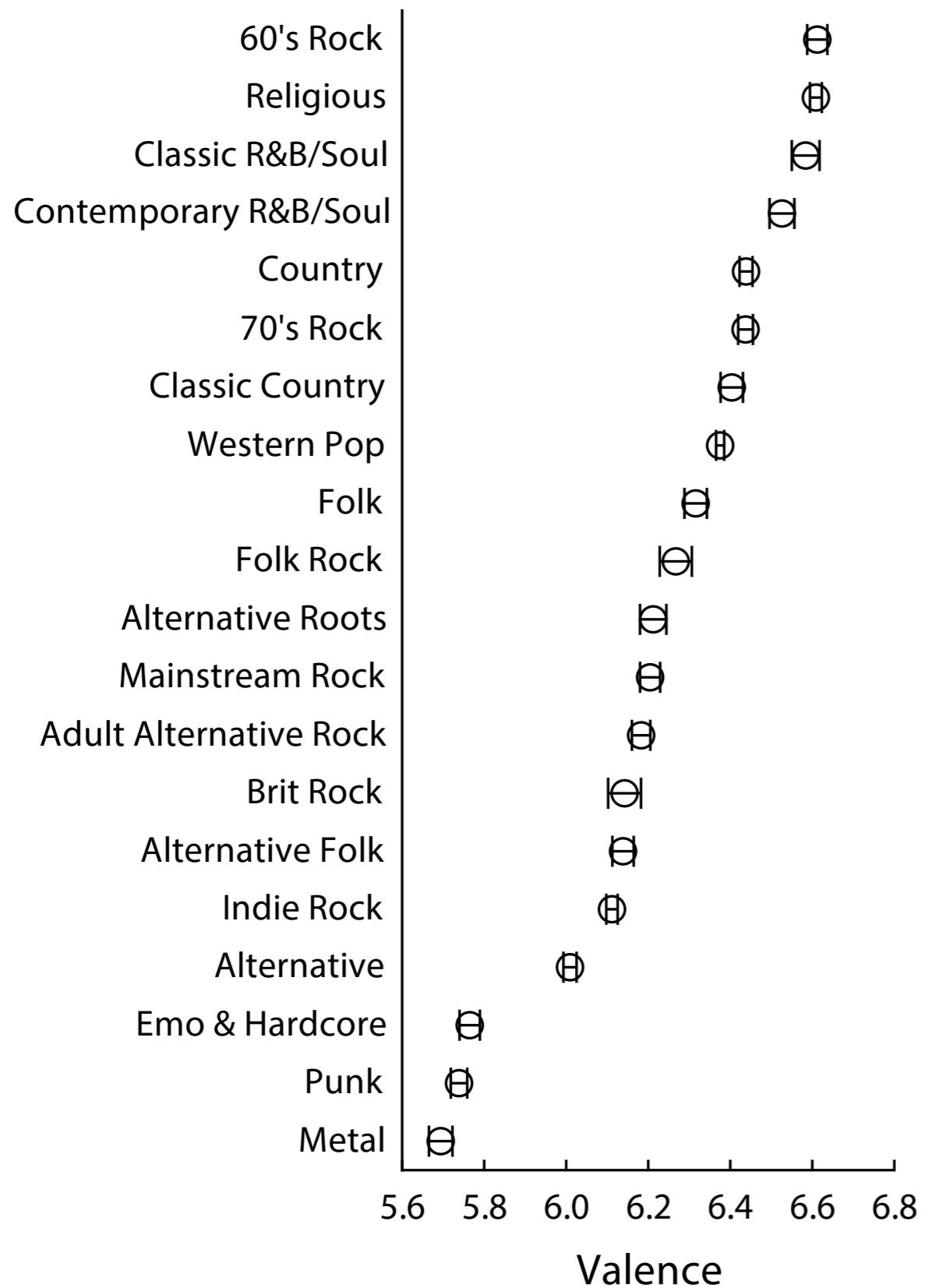
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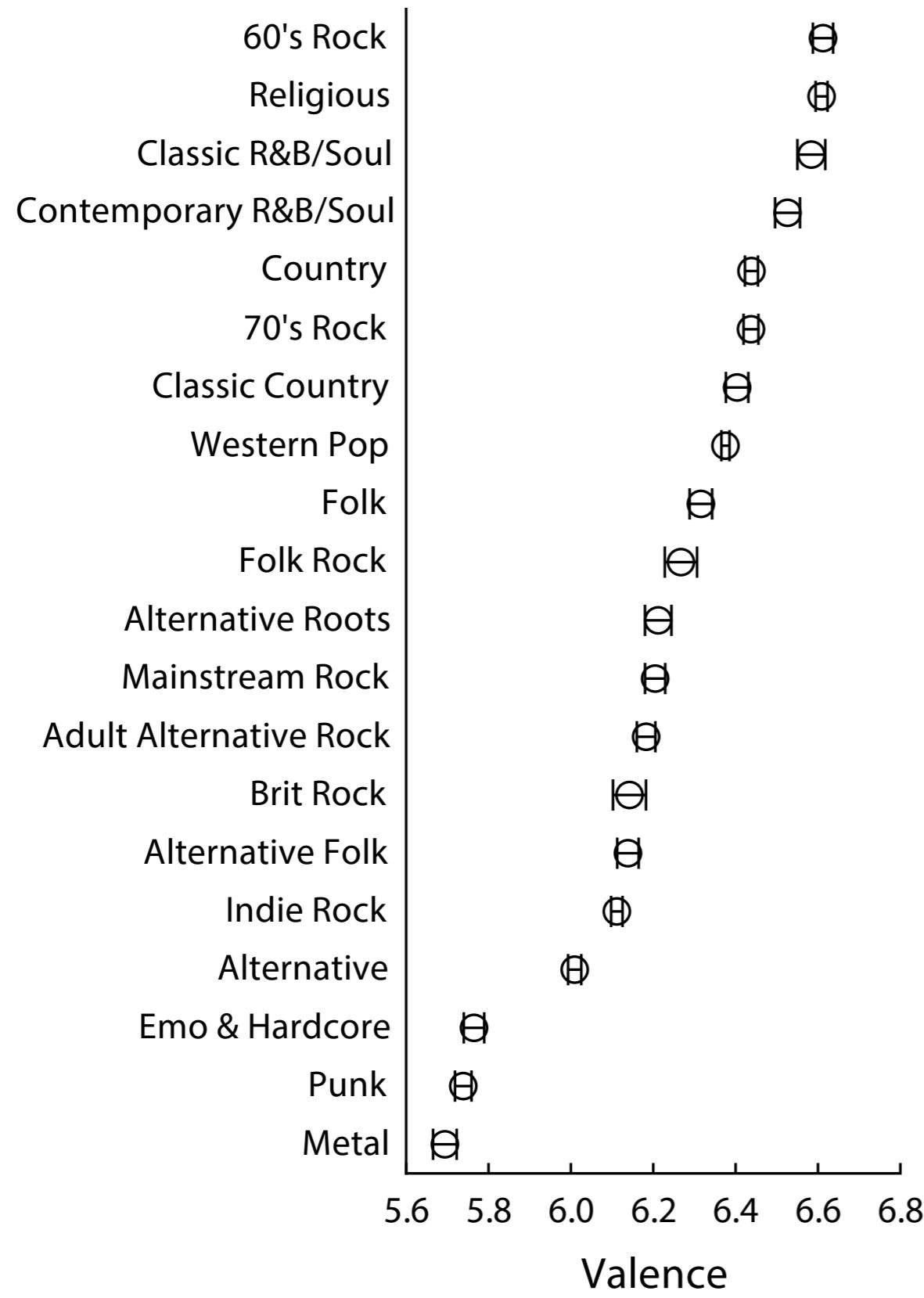
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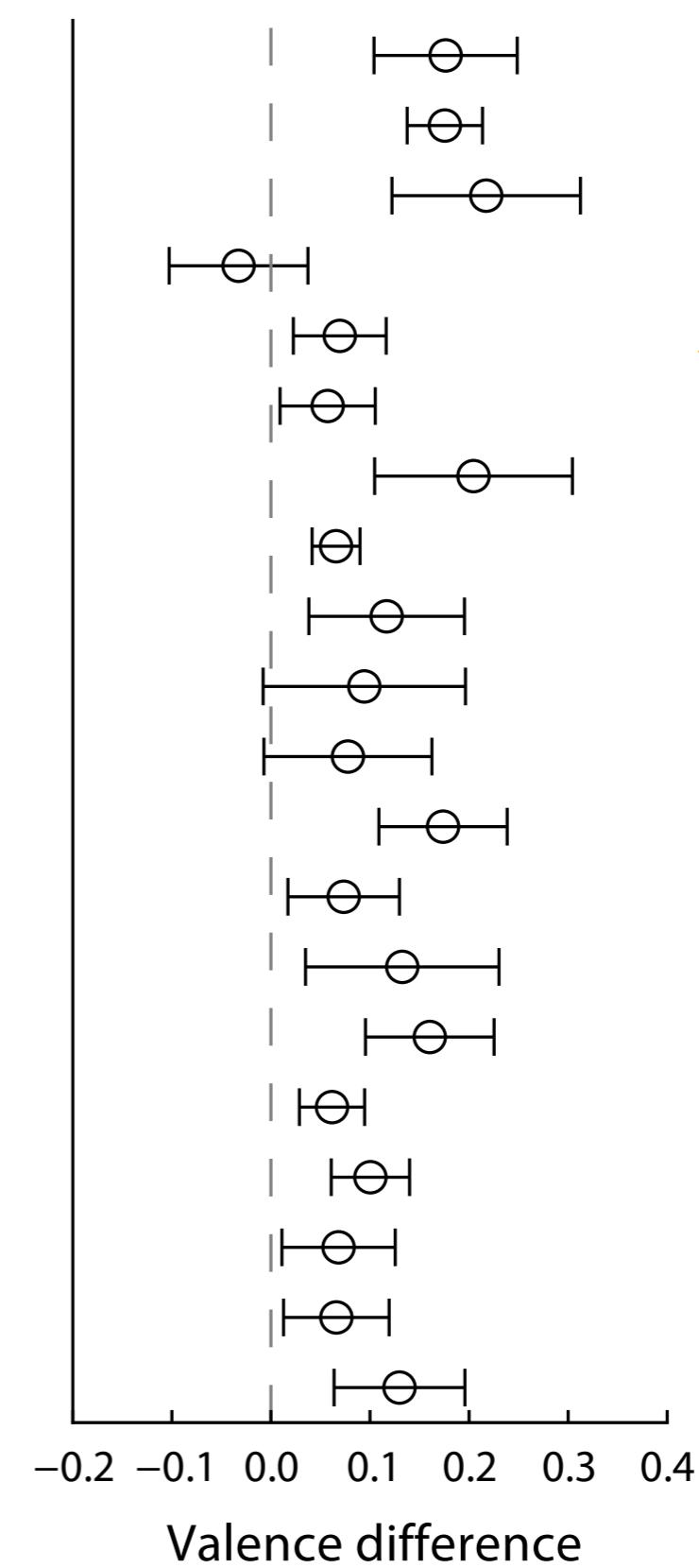
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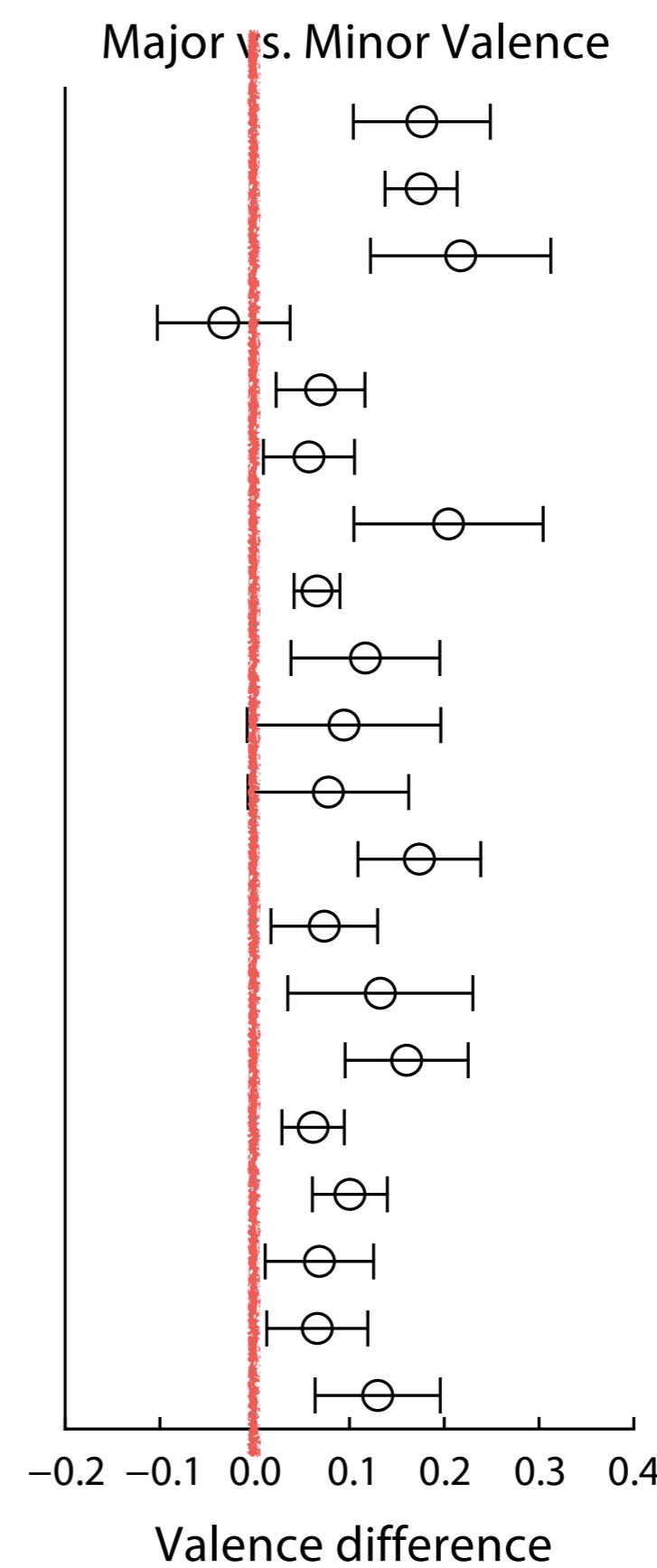
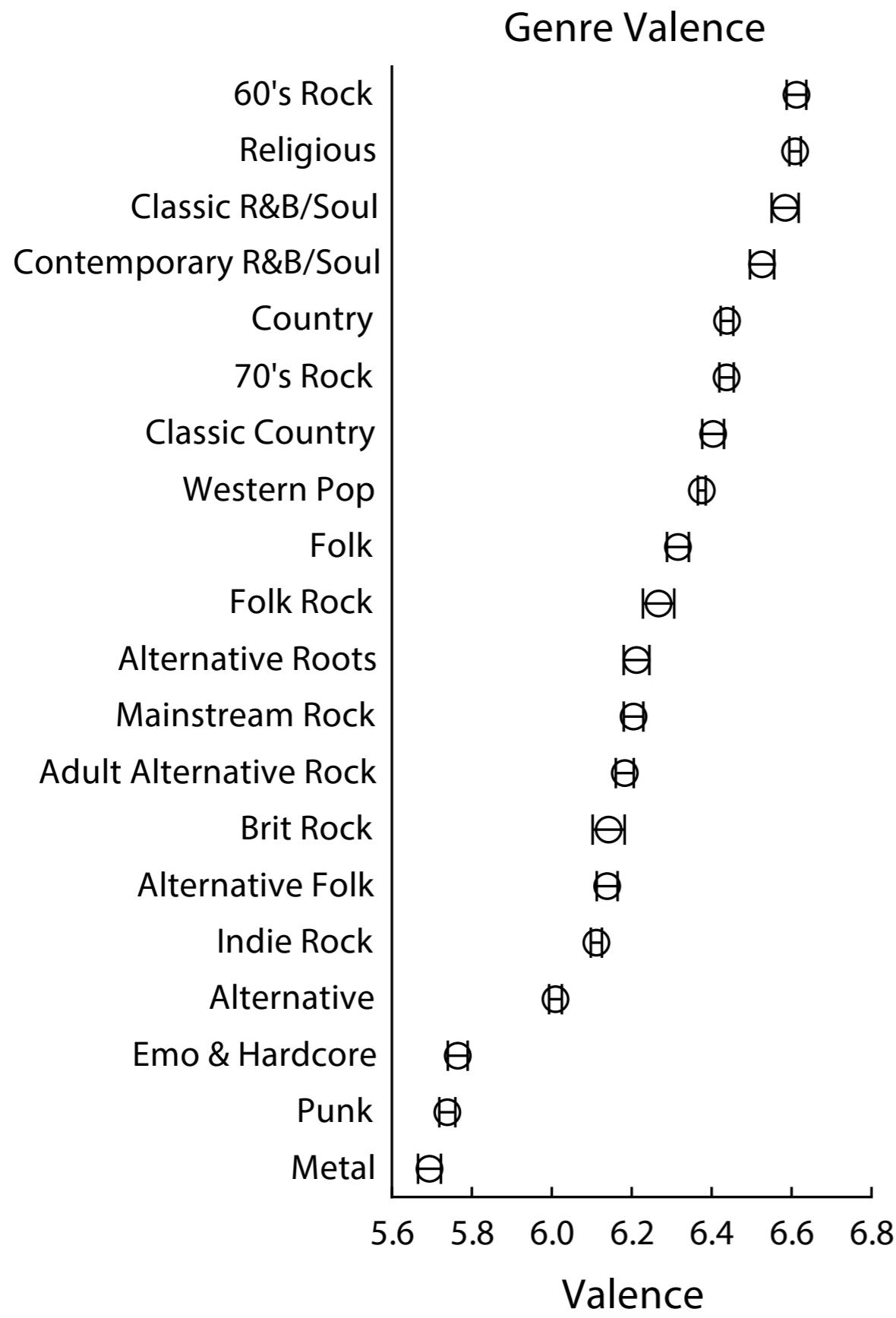


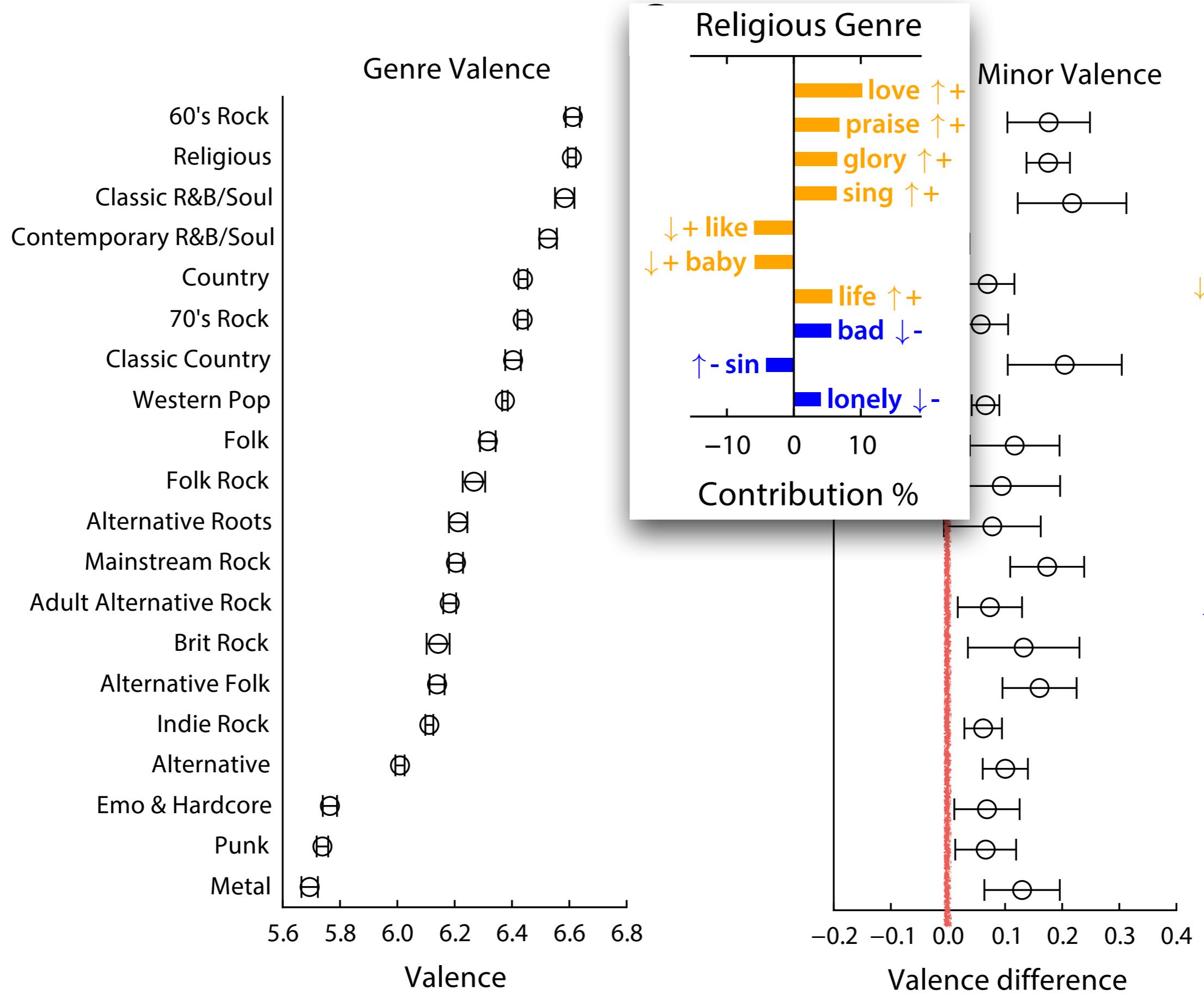
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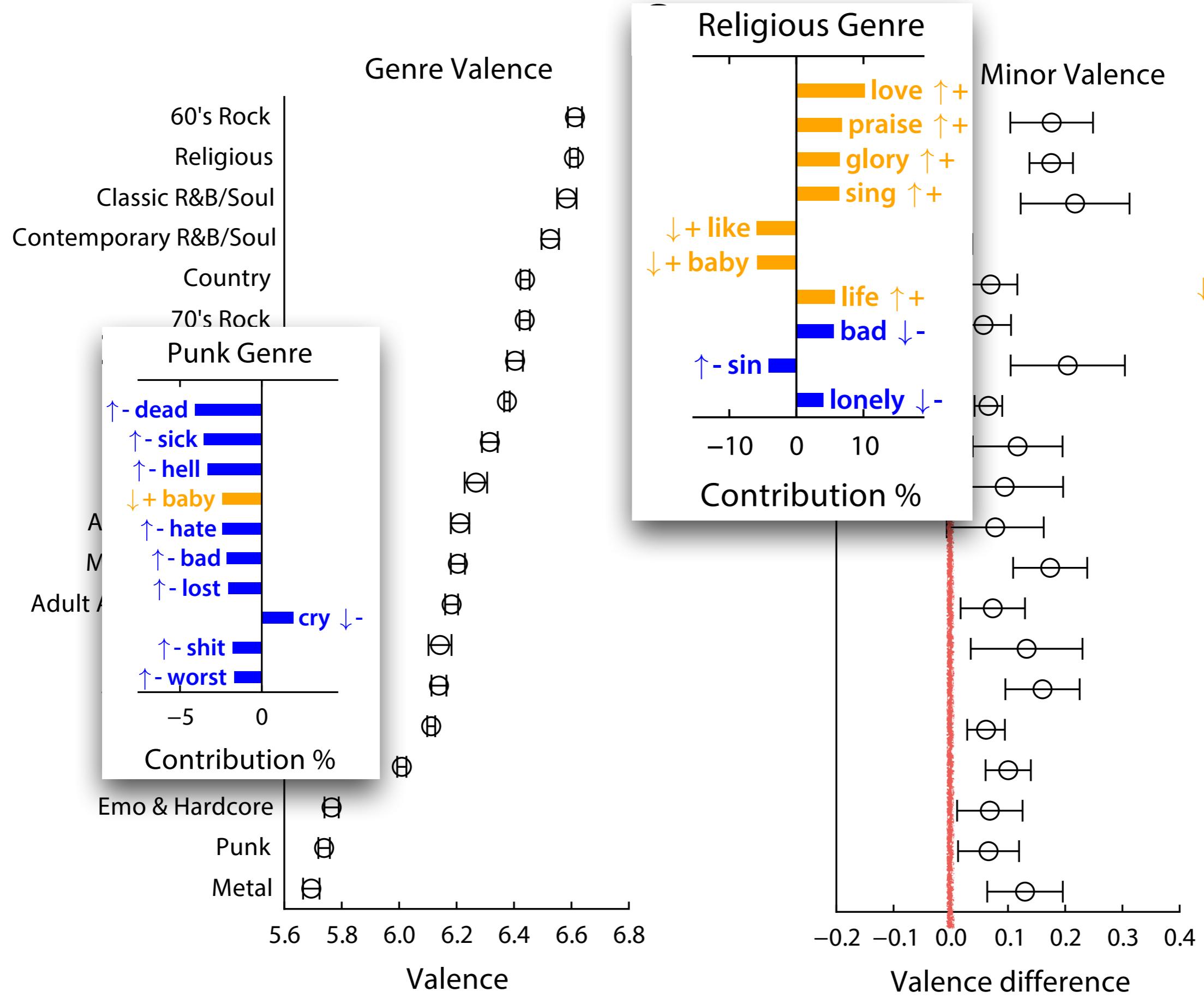


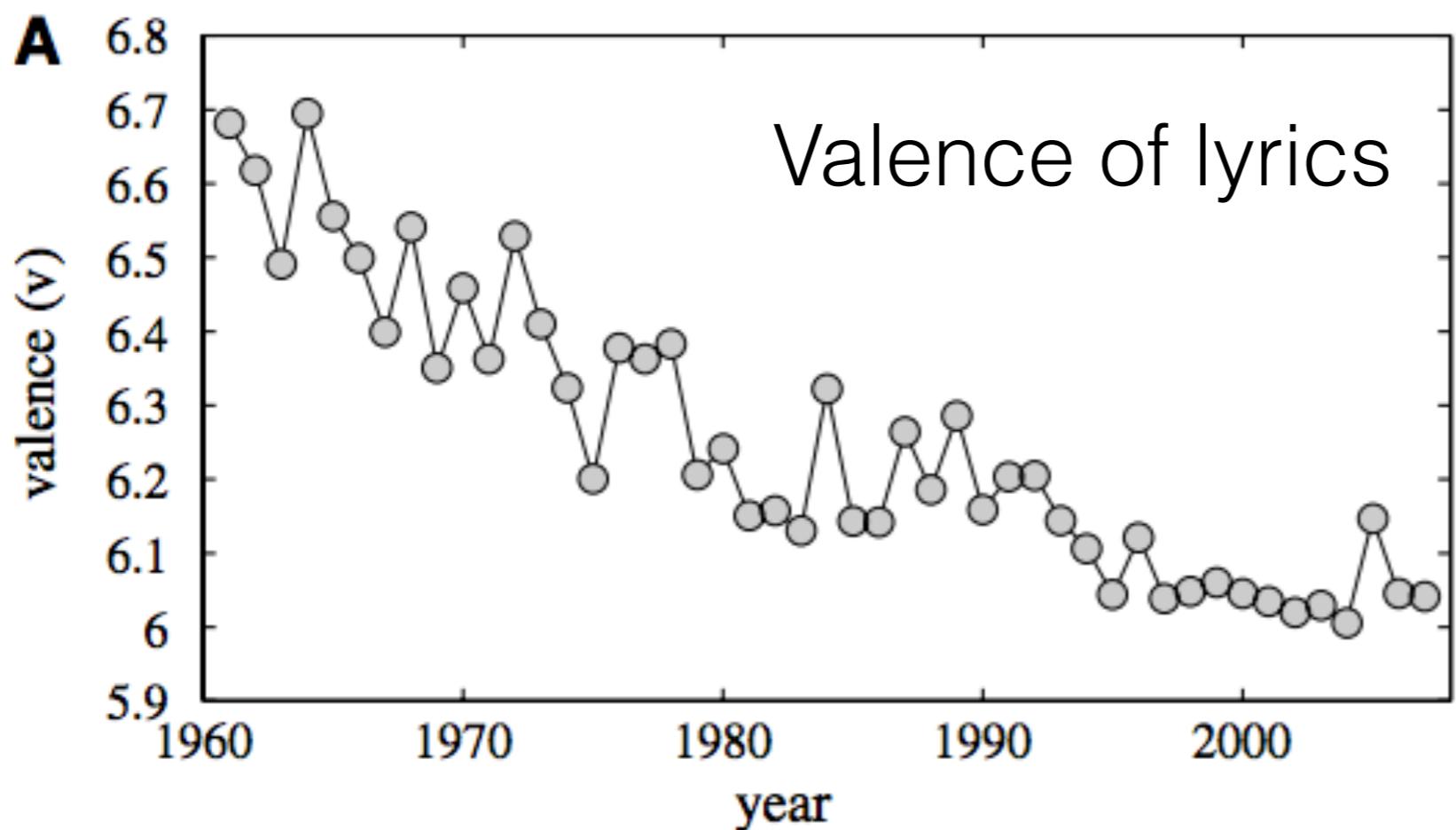
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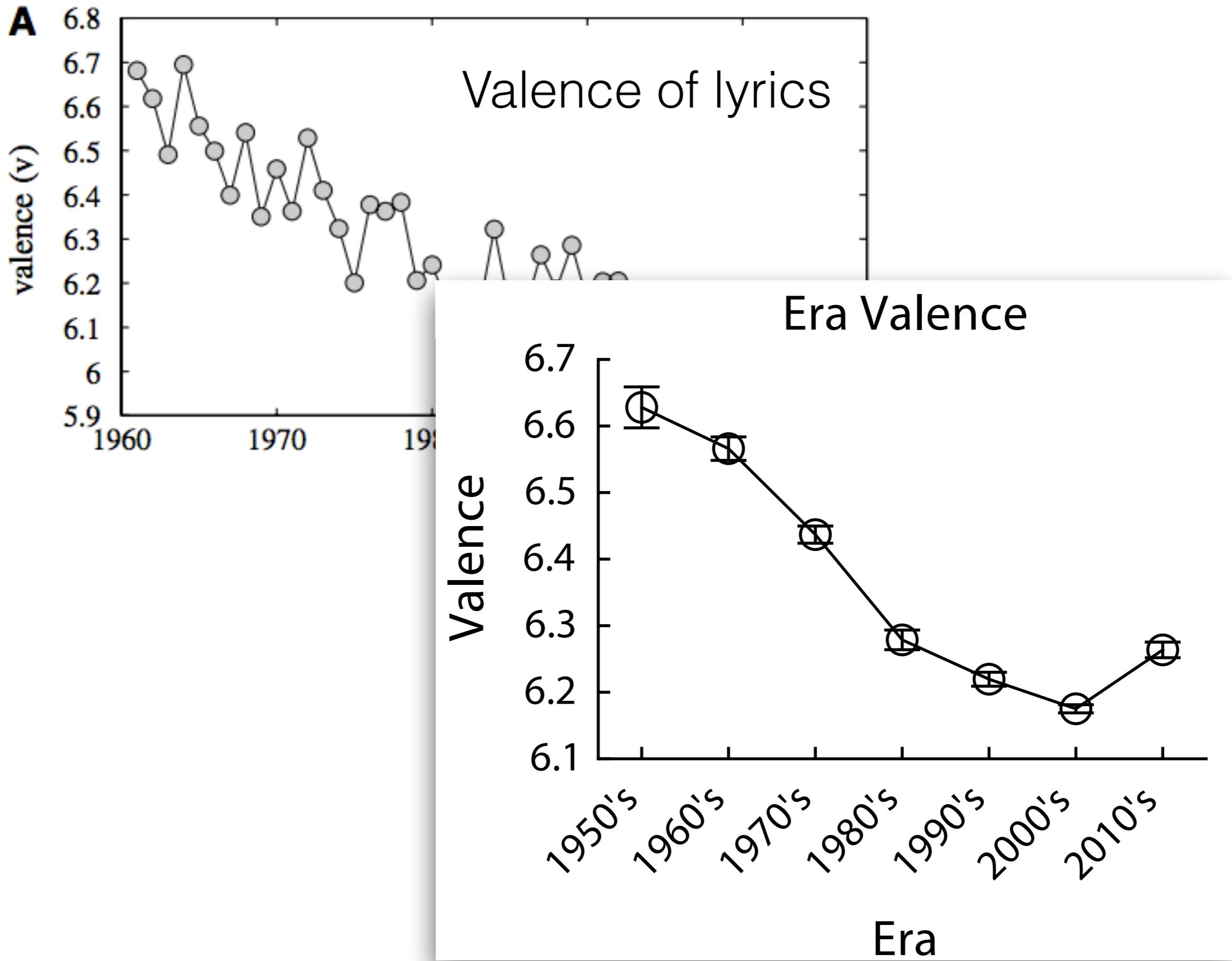


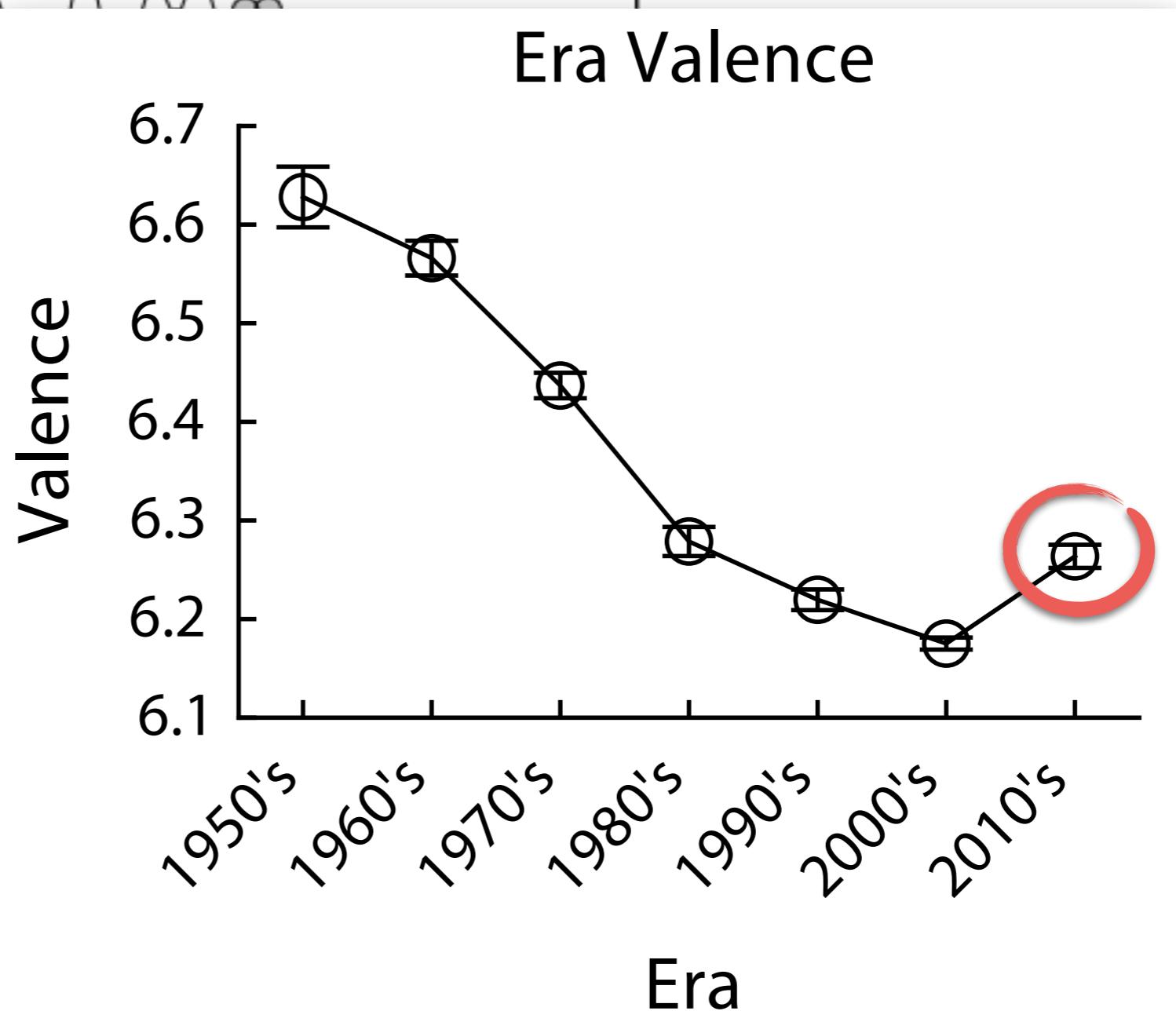
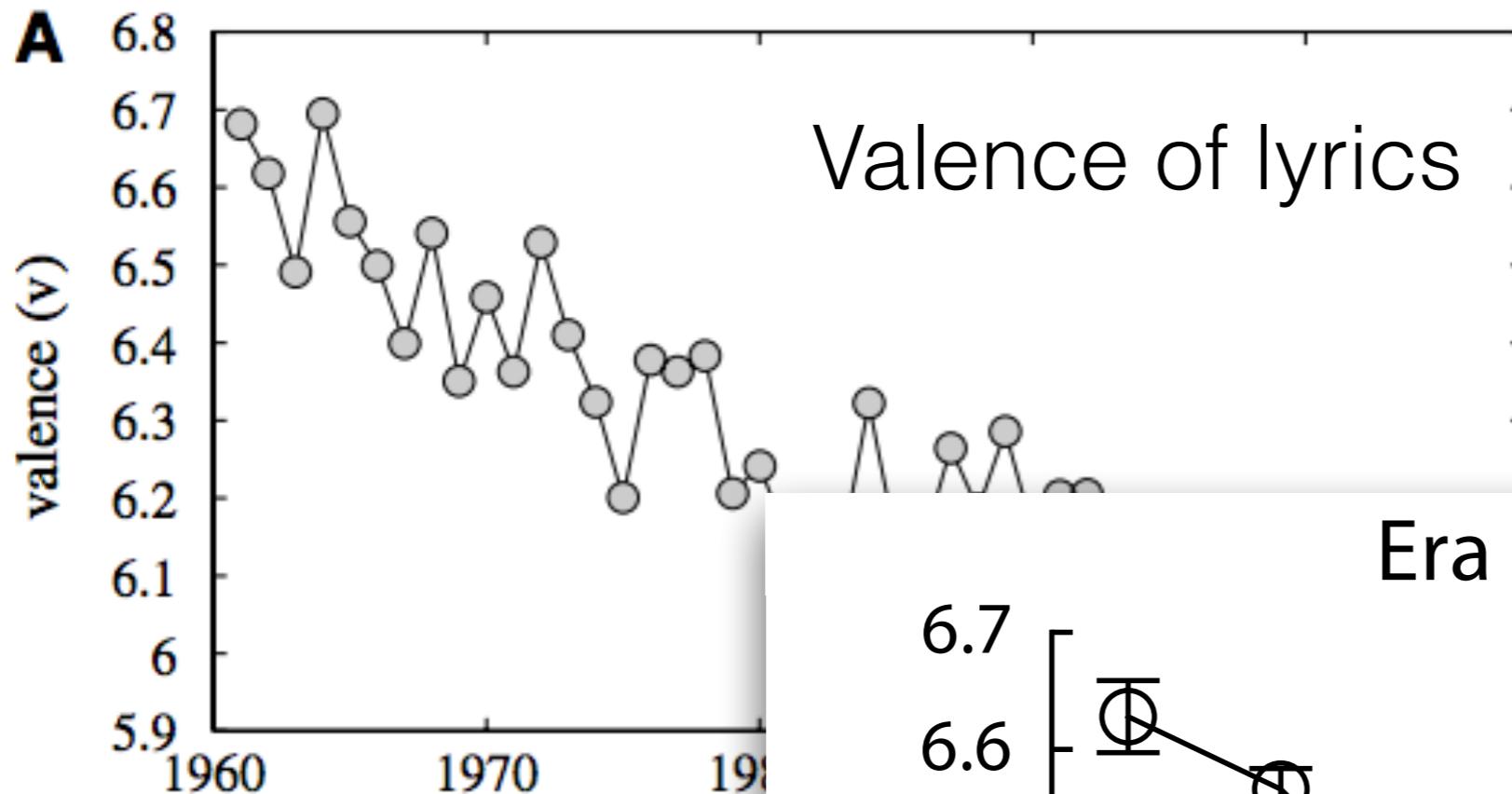






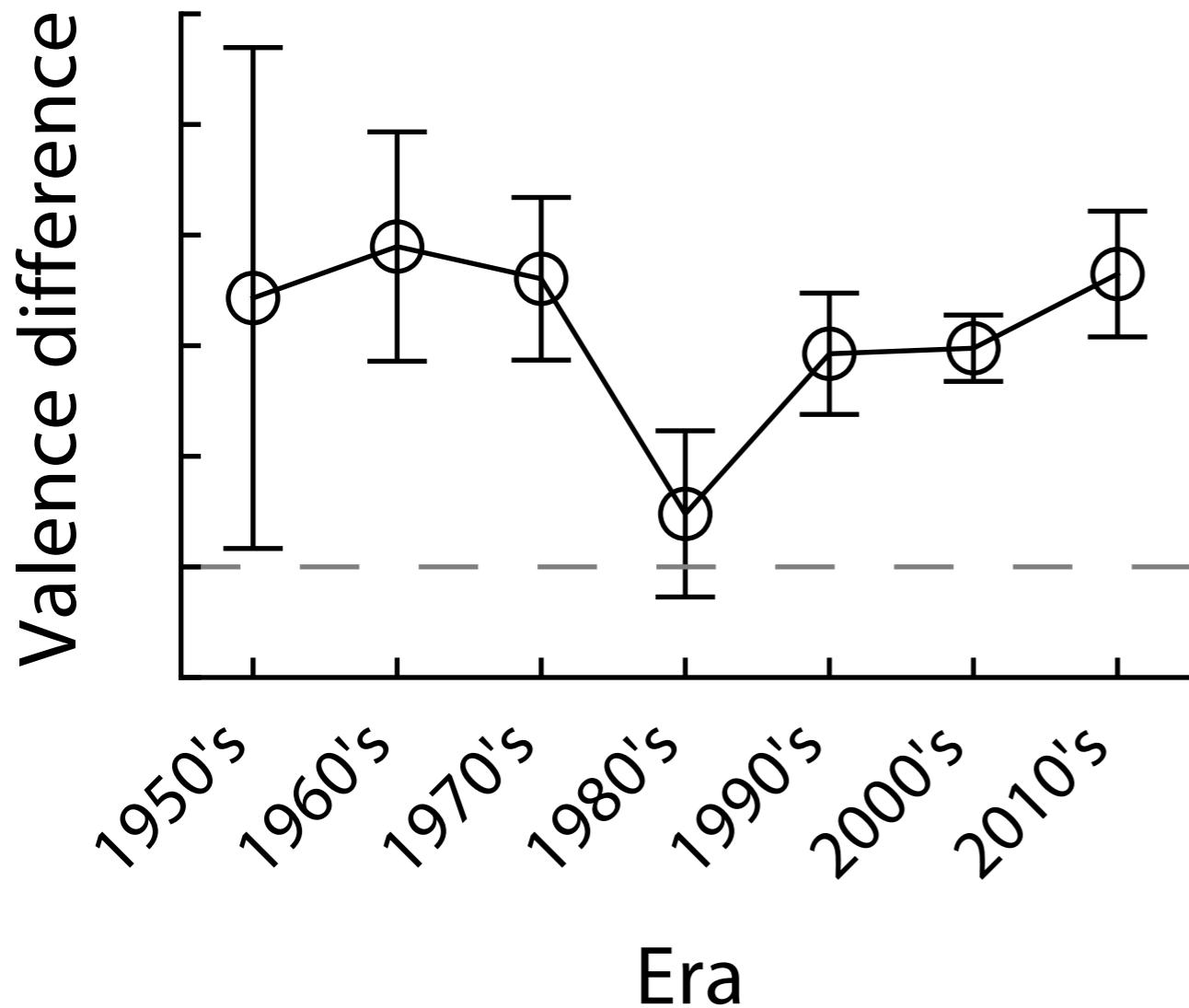


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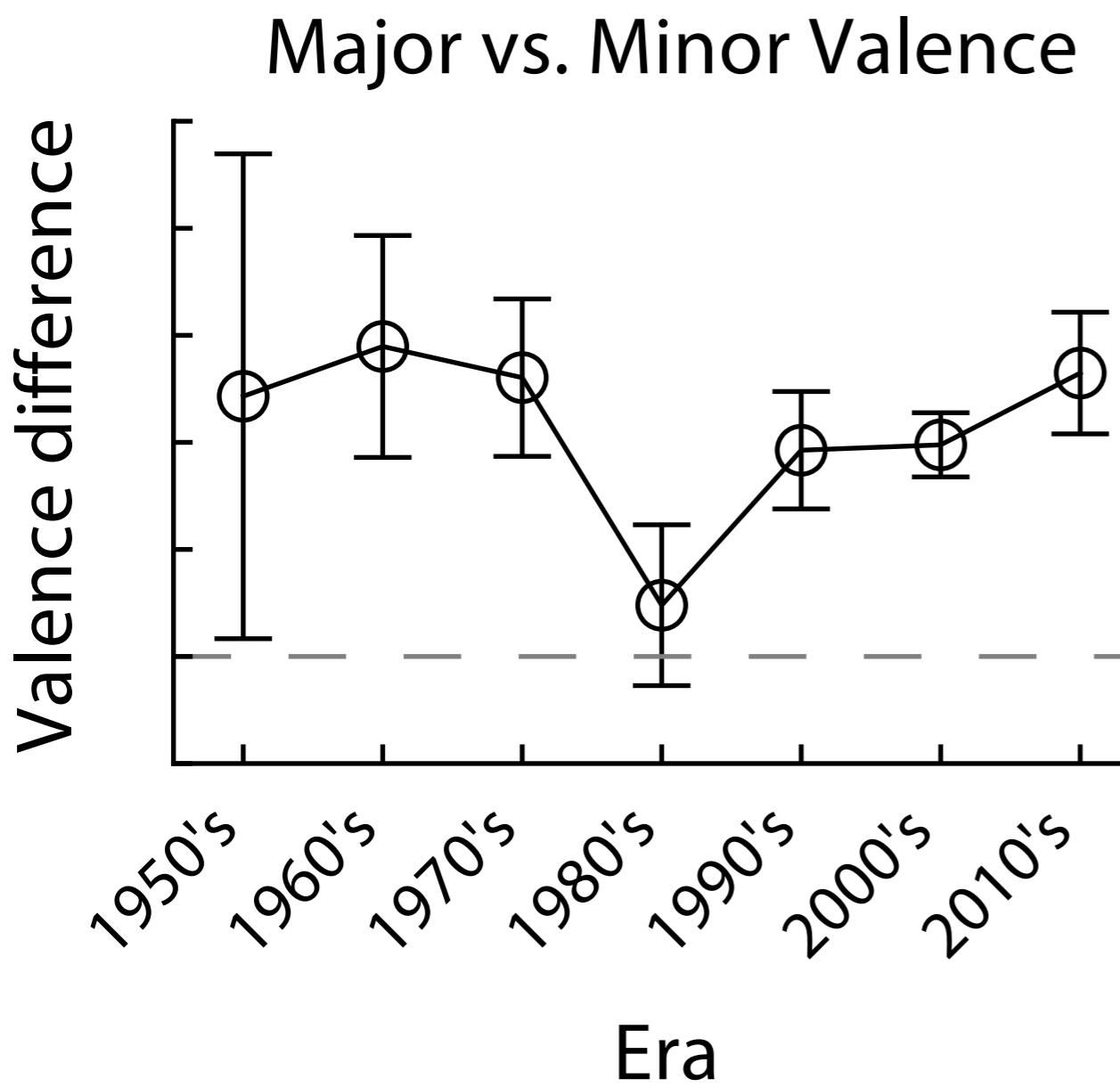
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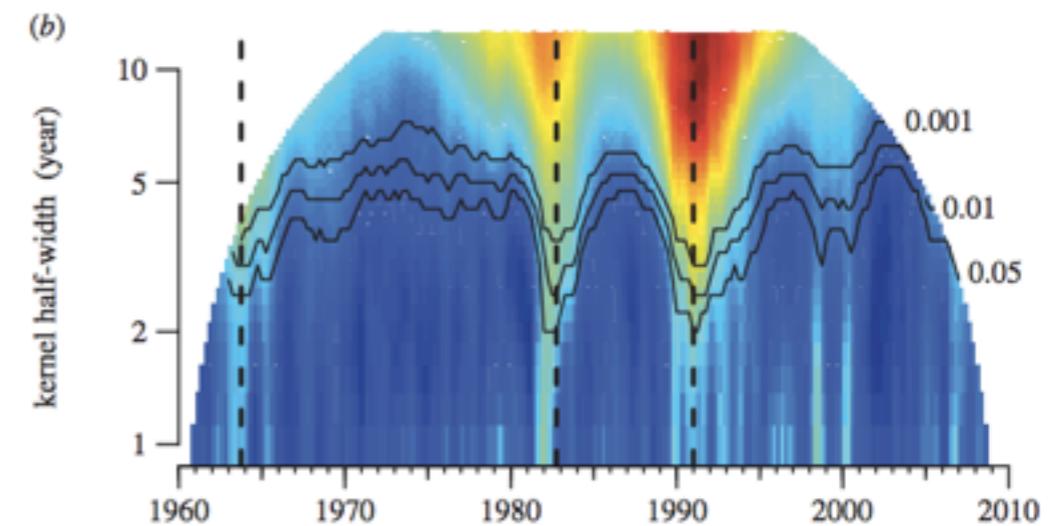
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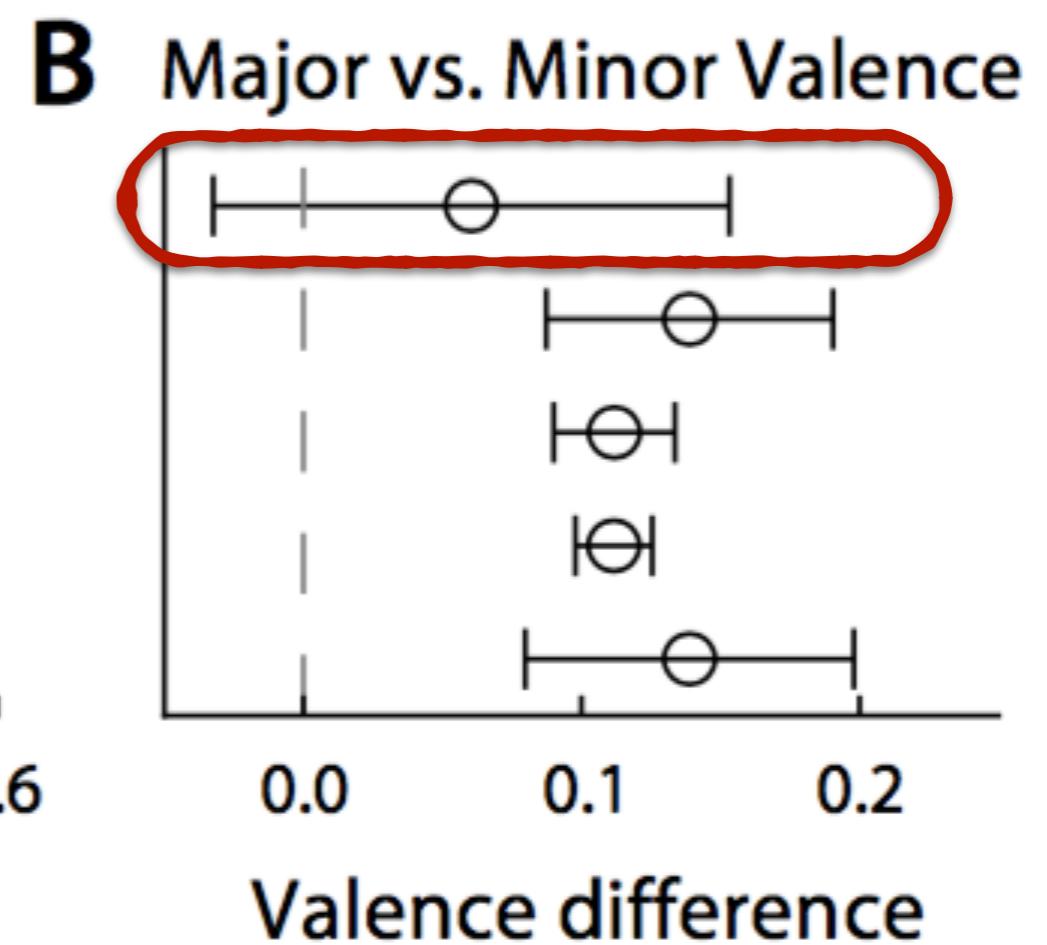
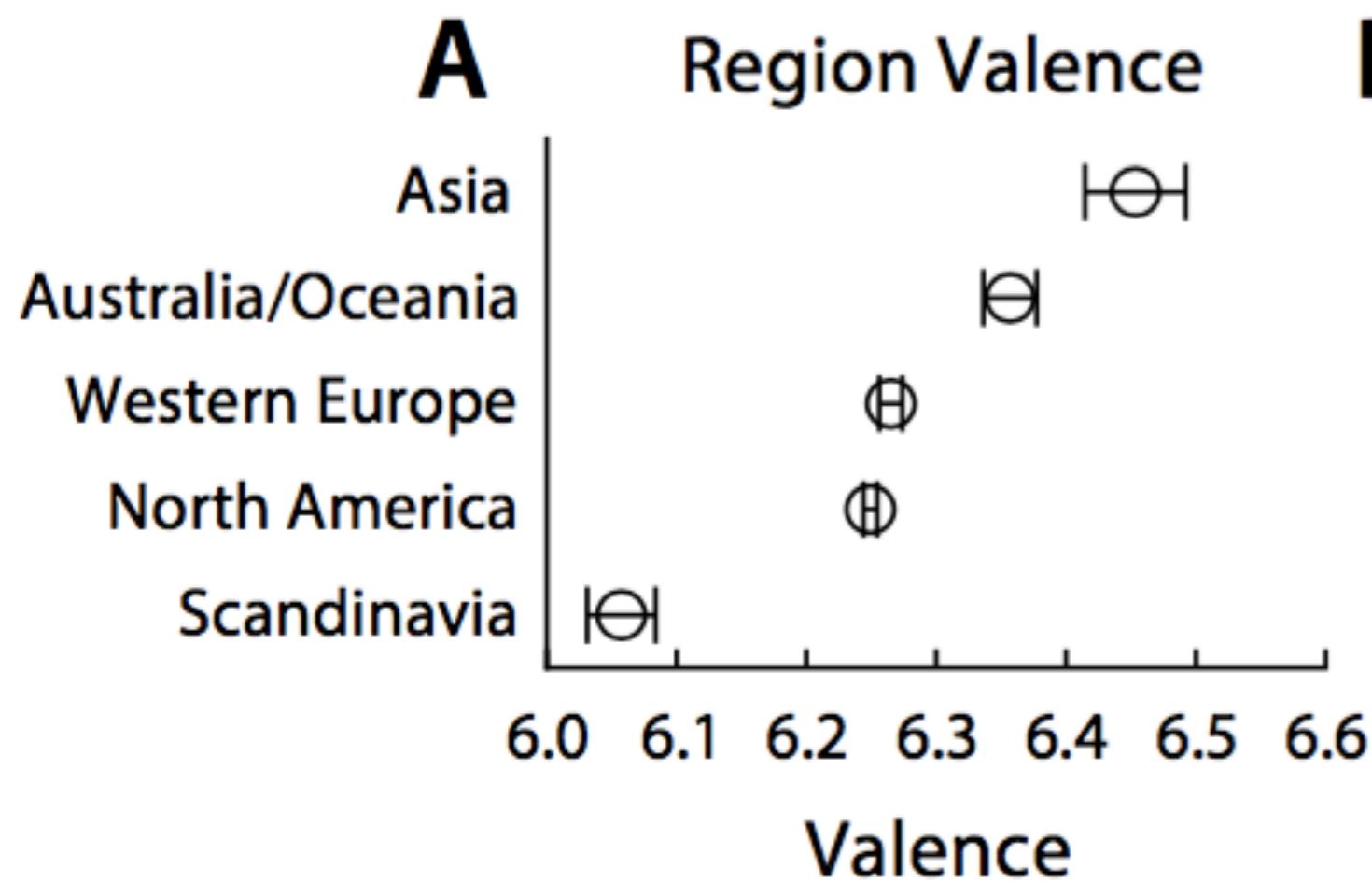


Topic analysis of sound features of Billboard 100



M. Mauch et al., Roy. Sci.
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Regional difference



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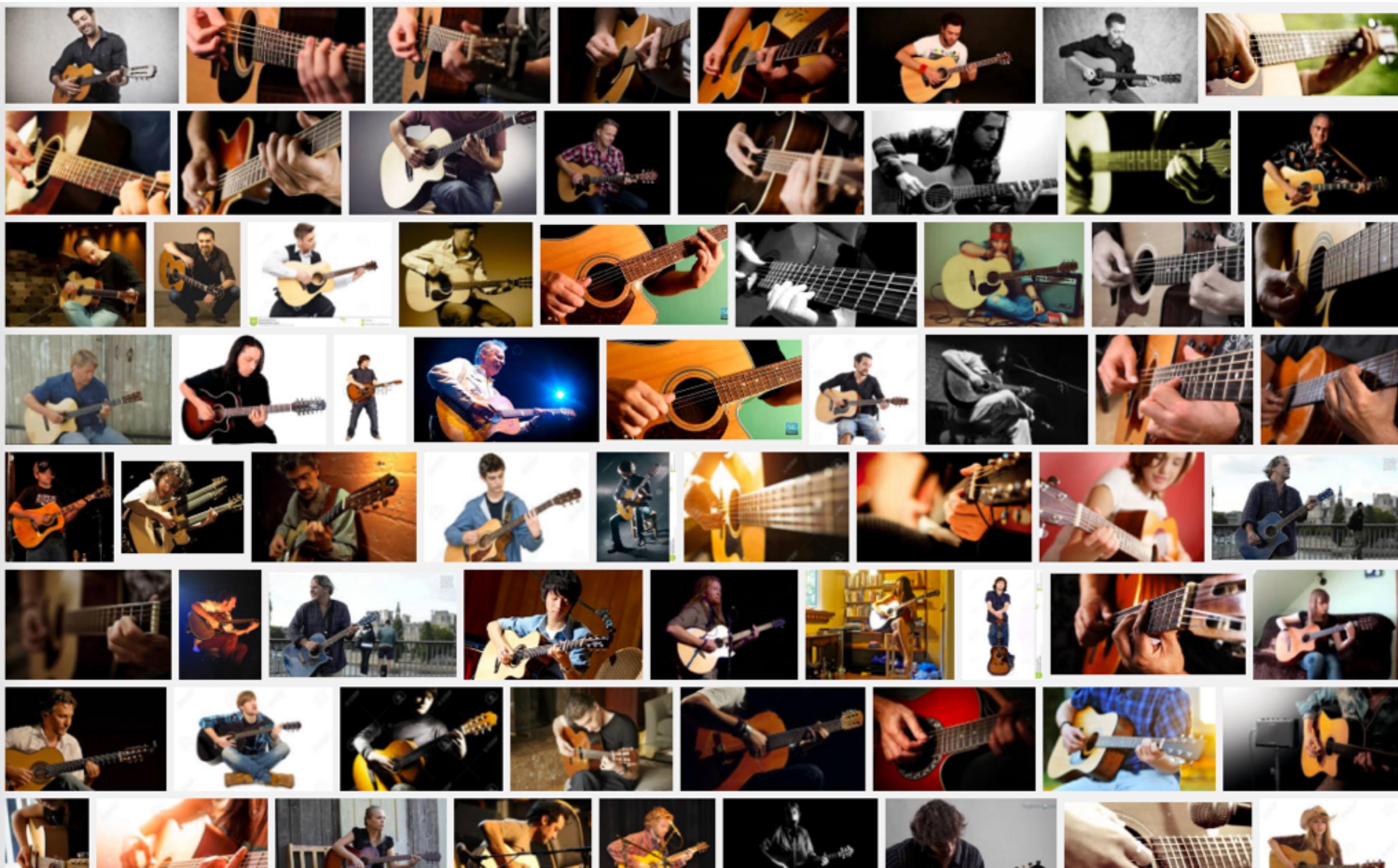
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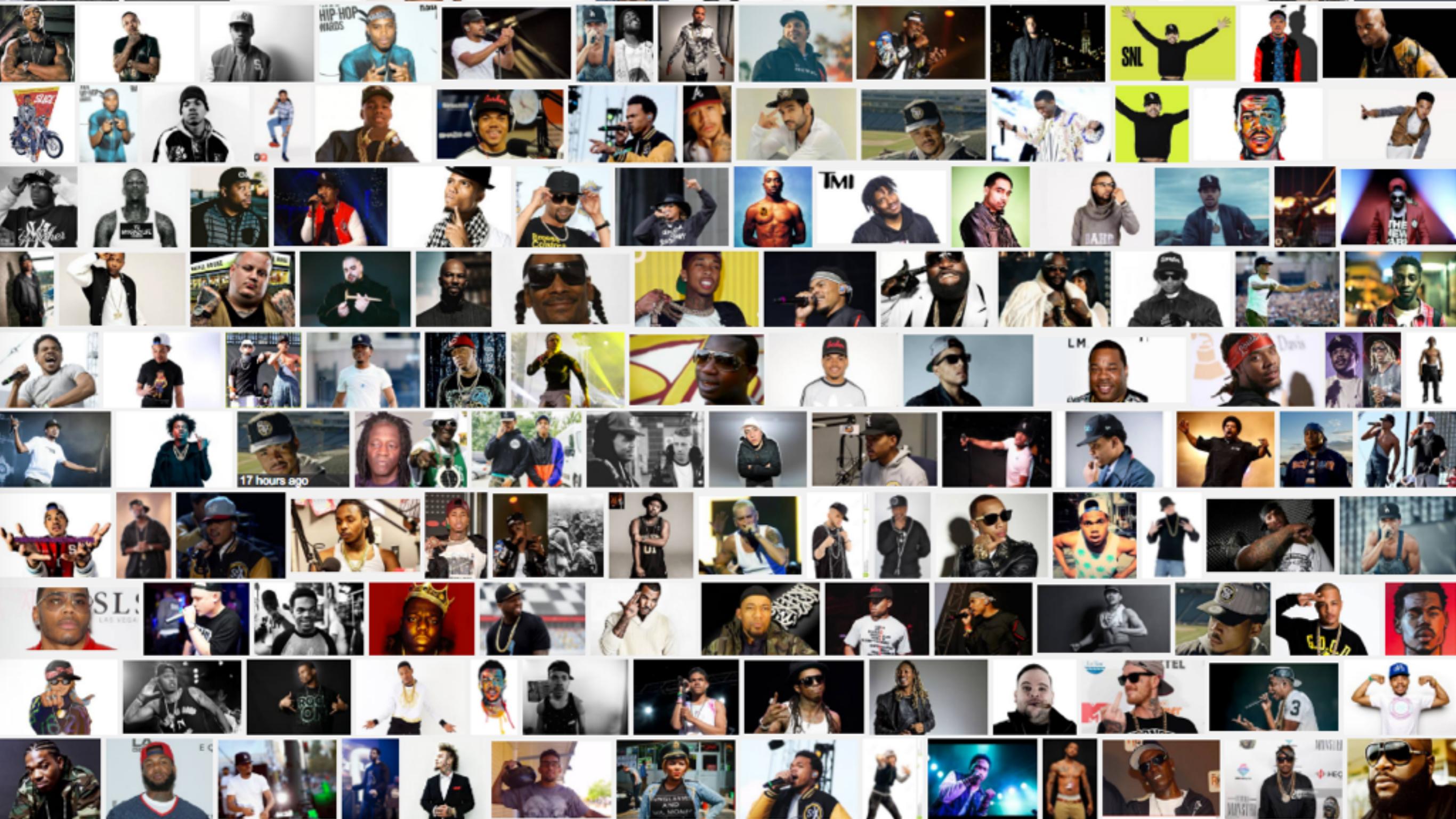
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Can we study the
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“F*** tha police” by N.W.A. (1988)

F*** the police coming straight from the underground
A young n**** got it bad cause I'm brown
And not the other color so police think
They have the authority to kill a minority

...

Searching my car, looking for the product
Thinking every n**** is selling narcotics

...

Punk police are afraid of me, huh
A young n**** on the warpath
And when I'm finished, it's gonna be a bloodbath
Of cops, dying in L.A





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Los Angeles riots: Gangsta rap foretold them and grew after them

Toddy Tee and N.W.A were a ready-made soundtrack in April 1992. Ice Cube's and Dr. Dre's albums that year explained the feelings in South L.A. neighborhoods. Snoop Dogg, Tupac Shakur and more followed.

May 02, 2012 | By Ernest Hardy and August Brown, Los Angeles Times



In 1985, Los Angeles rapper Toddy Tee released what would become a salvo against police brutality in black neighborhoods. The track, "Gates of Hell," was a battering ram that then-LAPD Chief Daryl F. Gates could not ignore. The song was a hit on local radio station KDAY-AM.

The track went on to become a protest anthem in neighborhoods across the country. "The police device was often deployed against homes that were occupied by black families," Toddy Tee sang. "Rockhouse / Well, I know to you we all look the same / But we're not the same / We been here for five and ain't a damn thing changed ..." rapped Toddy Tee.

The L.A. riots of 1992 arrived with its soundtrack in full force. The city was a mix of gang life, a decimated school system, the toll of crime and the anger of a people who were being documented by West Coast rappers long before the Rodney King beating. The beating of King by Los Angeles Police Department officers was documented on tape. In the Bronx, rappers like LL Cool J and Run-DMC had been documenting the violence and the despair of growing up in the Bronx in the last '70s — with hard-core, gangsta rap songs that resonated with young people in neighborhoods around them.

"Even before the riots ... voices in L.A. hip-hop were warning of trouble," says director Spike Lee, whose friend and collaborator, director Martin Singleton, whose 1991 film "Boyz n the Hood" was set in South-Central Los Angeles, told him many Americans. "So many people who didn't grow up in the hood, they didn't understand what happened. You can live in a different part of L.A. and not know what's going on. You can hear 'F--- tha Police,' you hear where they're coming from."

The riots gave marginalized music from the hood a national platform. Gangsta rap, music born of the very conditions that precipitated the riots, became a major genre. Record labels began signing and promoting West Coast artists. Rap music, once a regional style, became a national phenomenon. And it got even worse, the Southland style that became known as gangsta rap.

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Rappers Say the Riots Were No Surprise To Their Listeners

By SHEILA RULE

Published: May 26, 1992

Correction Appended

Long before the verdict in the Rodney G. King beating and the fires that engulfed South-Central Los Angeles, some black rap artists had been illuminating America's racial tensions. "Police think they have the authority to kill a minority," railed the rapper Ice Cube on "Straight Outta Compton," the 1988 debut album of N.W.A. (Niggas With Attitude).

These rappers distilled blacks' anger and prophesied its eruption to anyone who would listen. Millions of young blacks did.

Now, as South-Central residents rebuild, rappers differ on where their message will go from here. Some say their job is to continue to speak truth to power. Others say they've done their part and now it's time for others to take over.

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“Music . . . heralds, for it is prophetic. It has always been in its essence a herald of times to come.”

—Jacques Attali,
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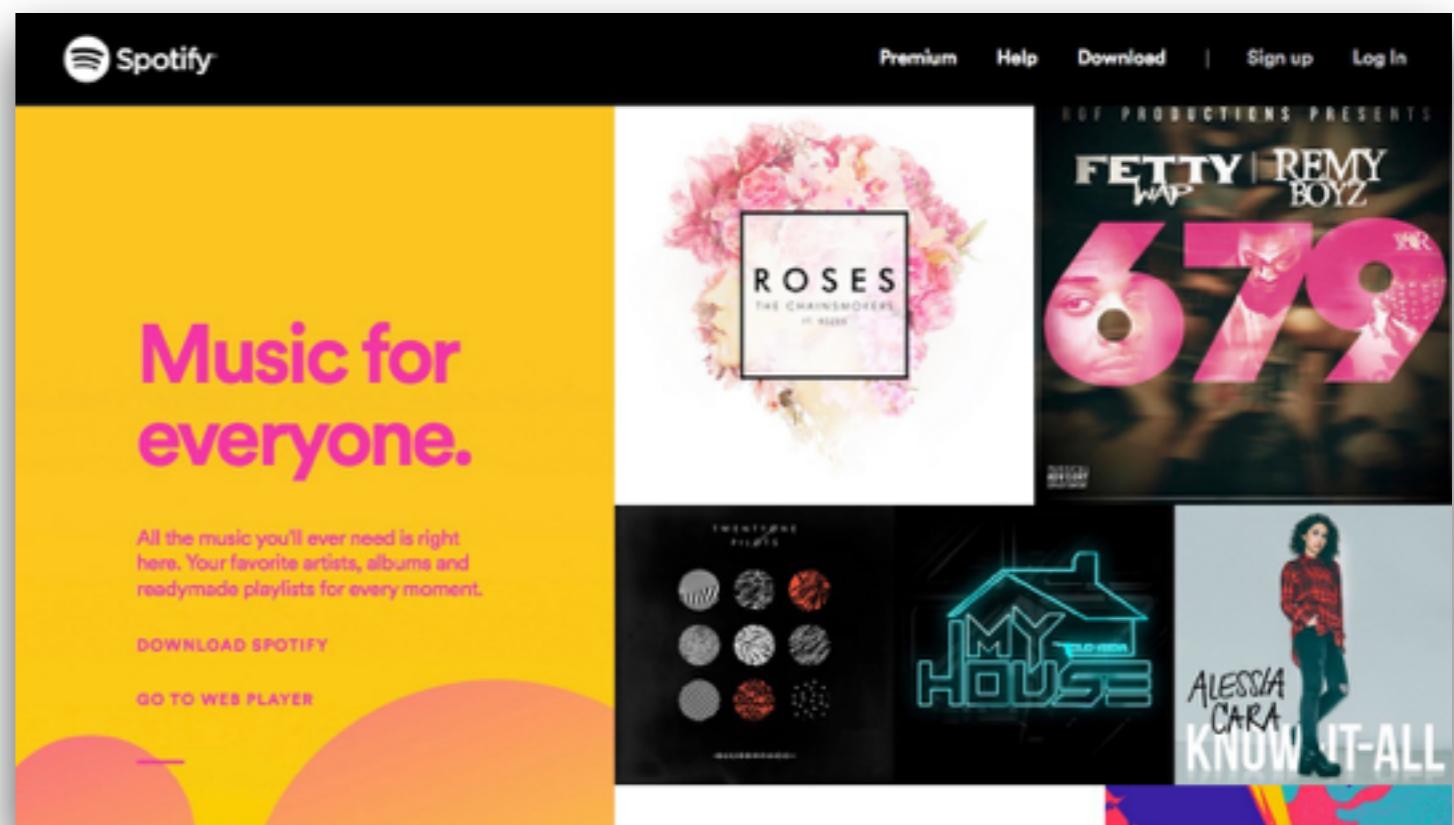
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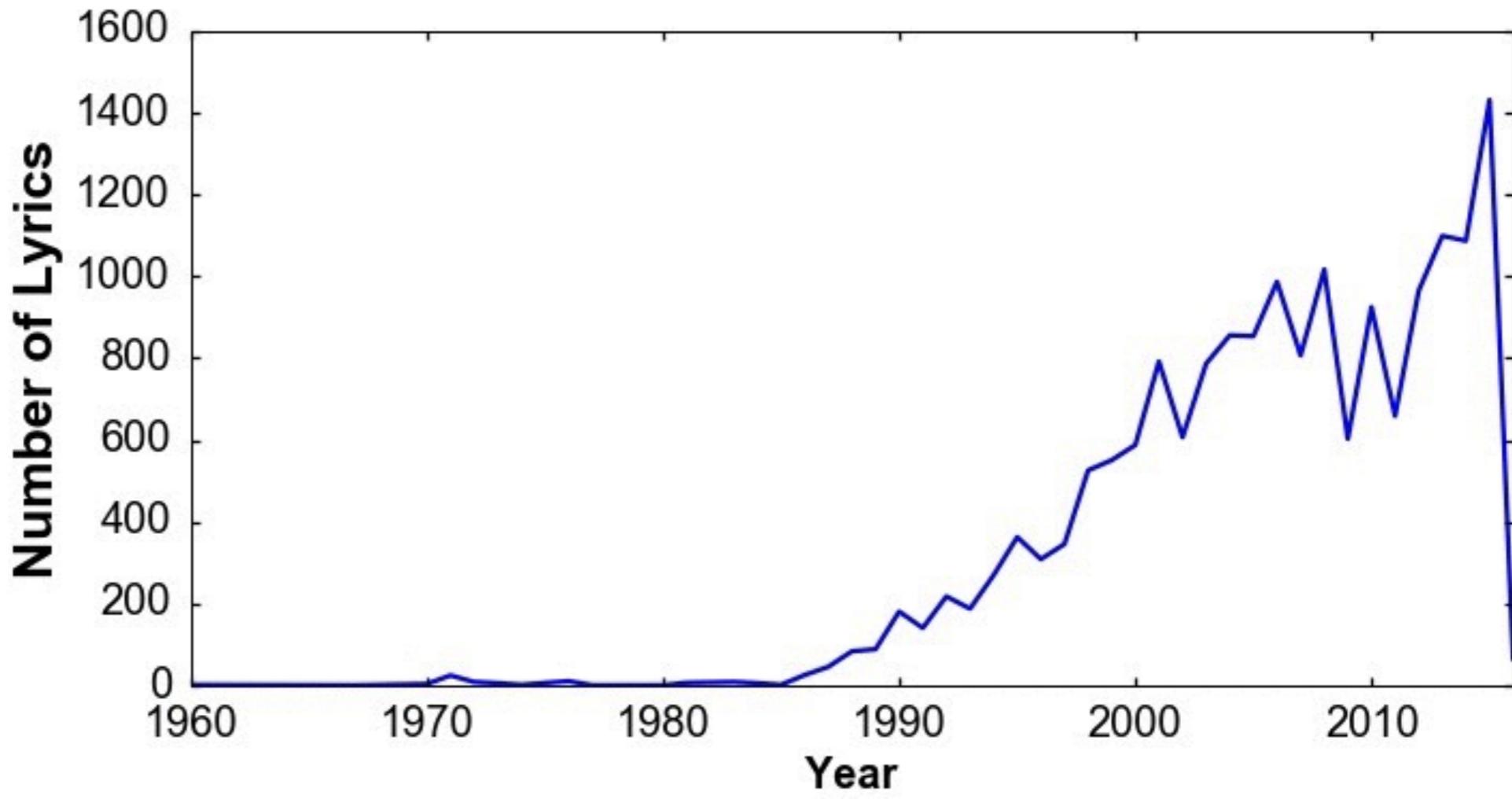
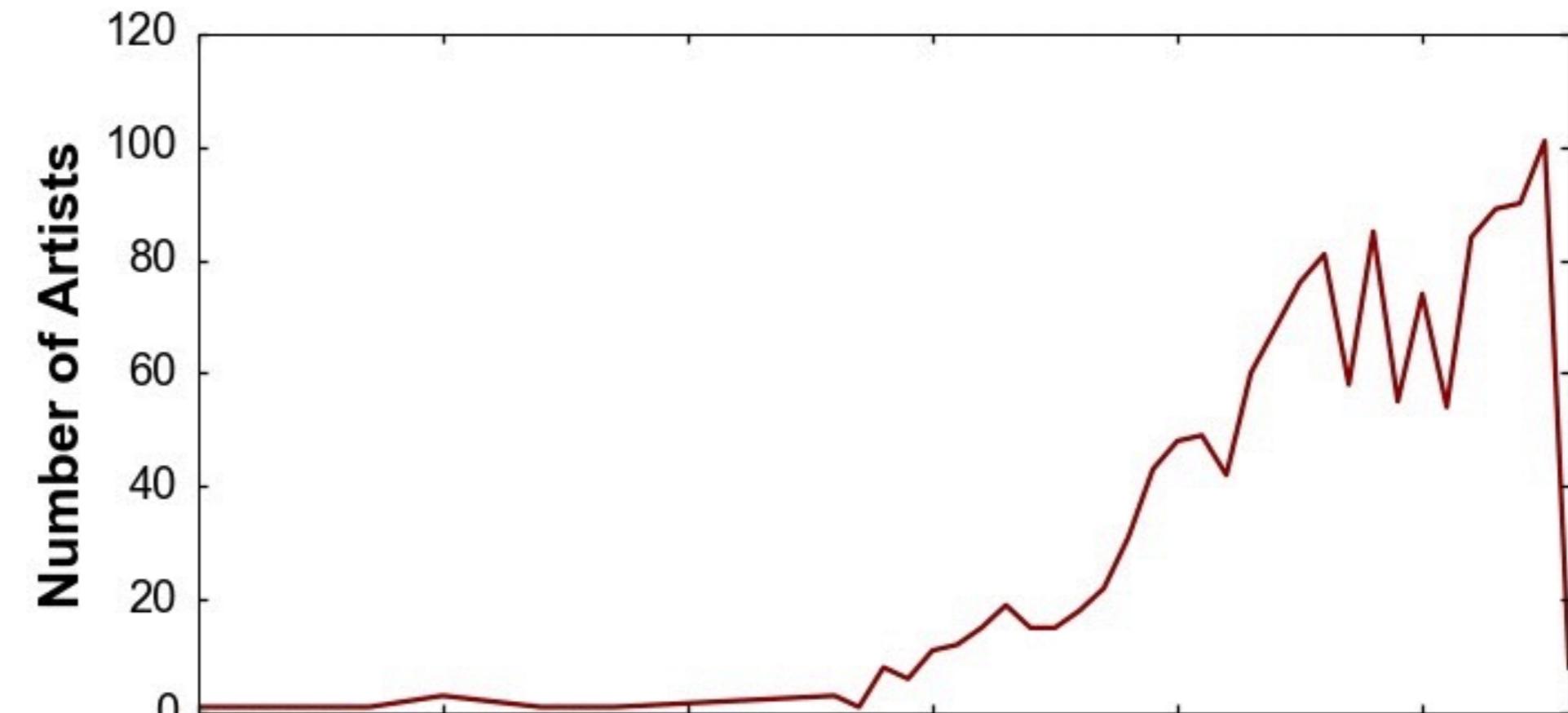
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How to analyze the
the corpus?

Counting + word2vec

A brief intro about
word2vec

Word embedding

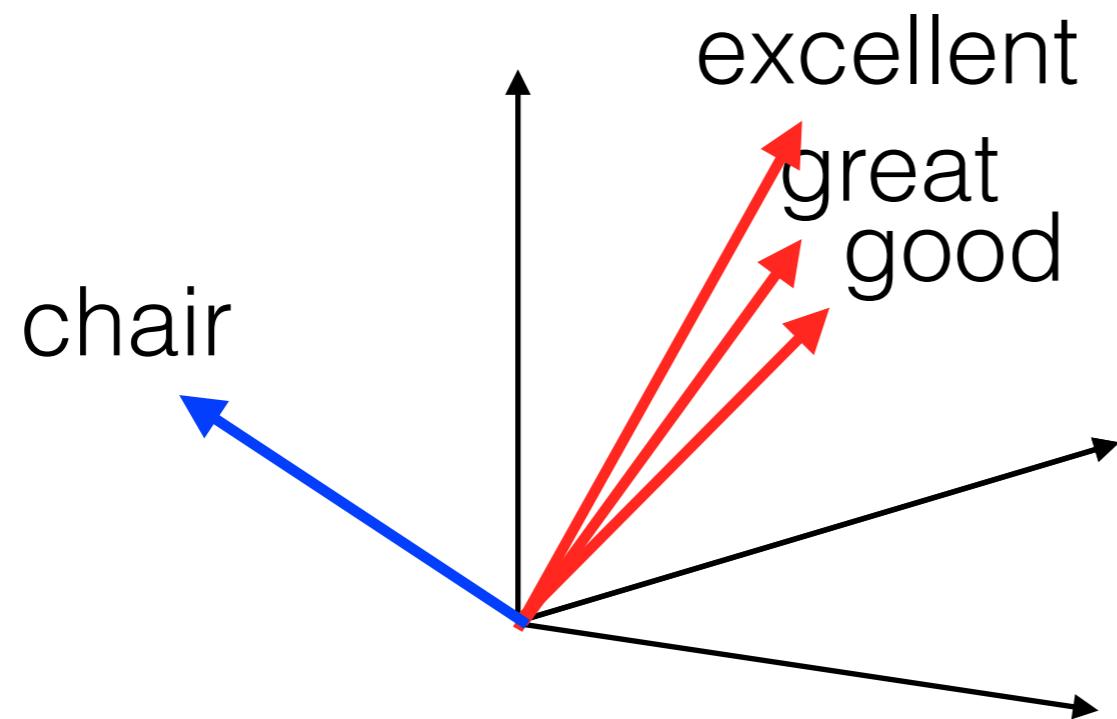
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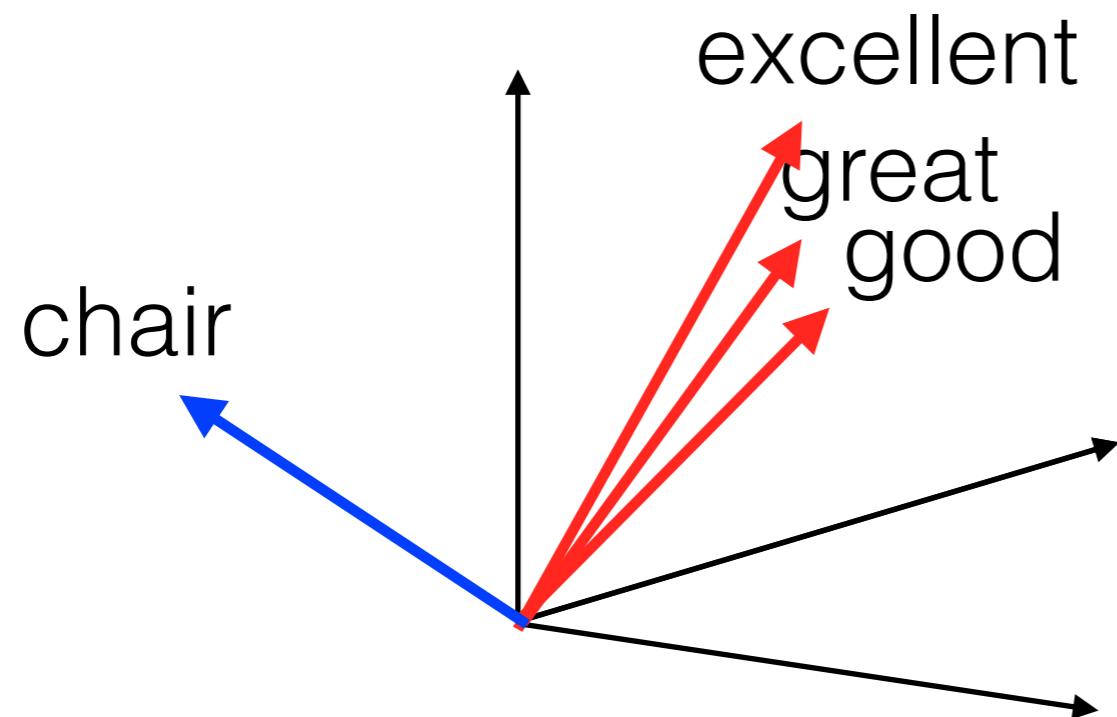
Can we find **dense, continuous, meaningful** representations of words?

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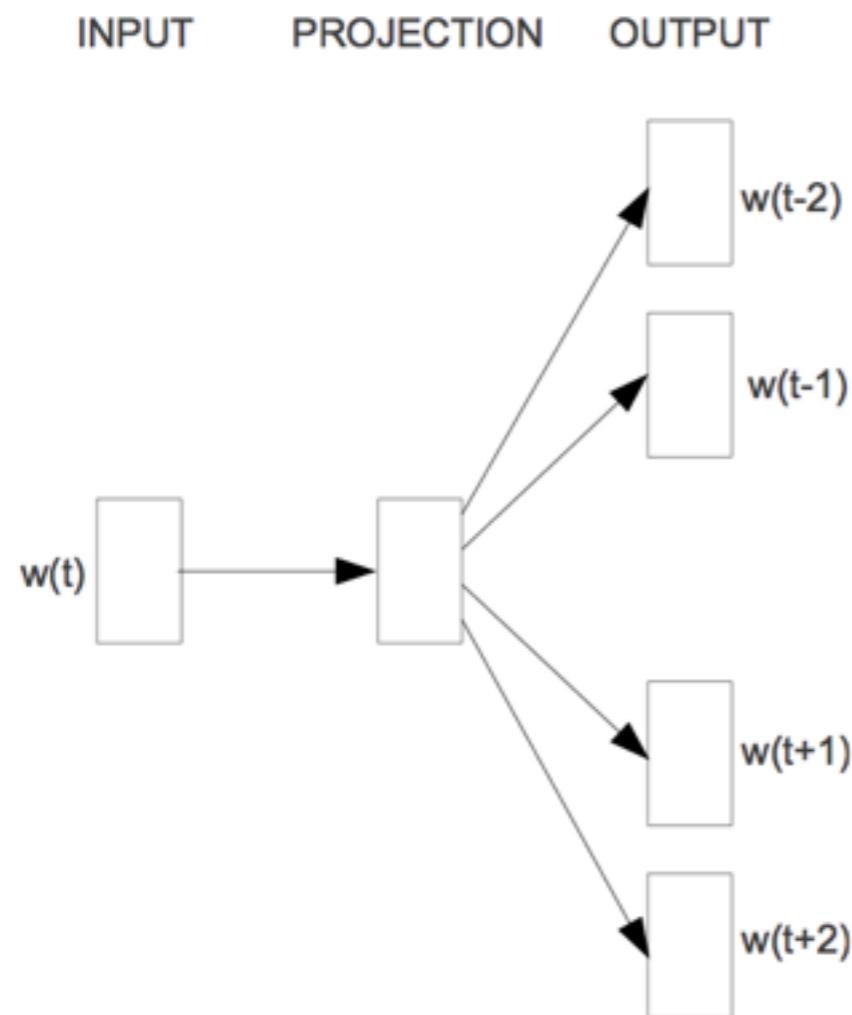
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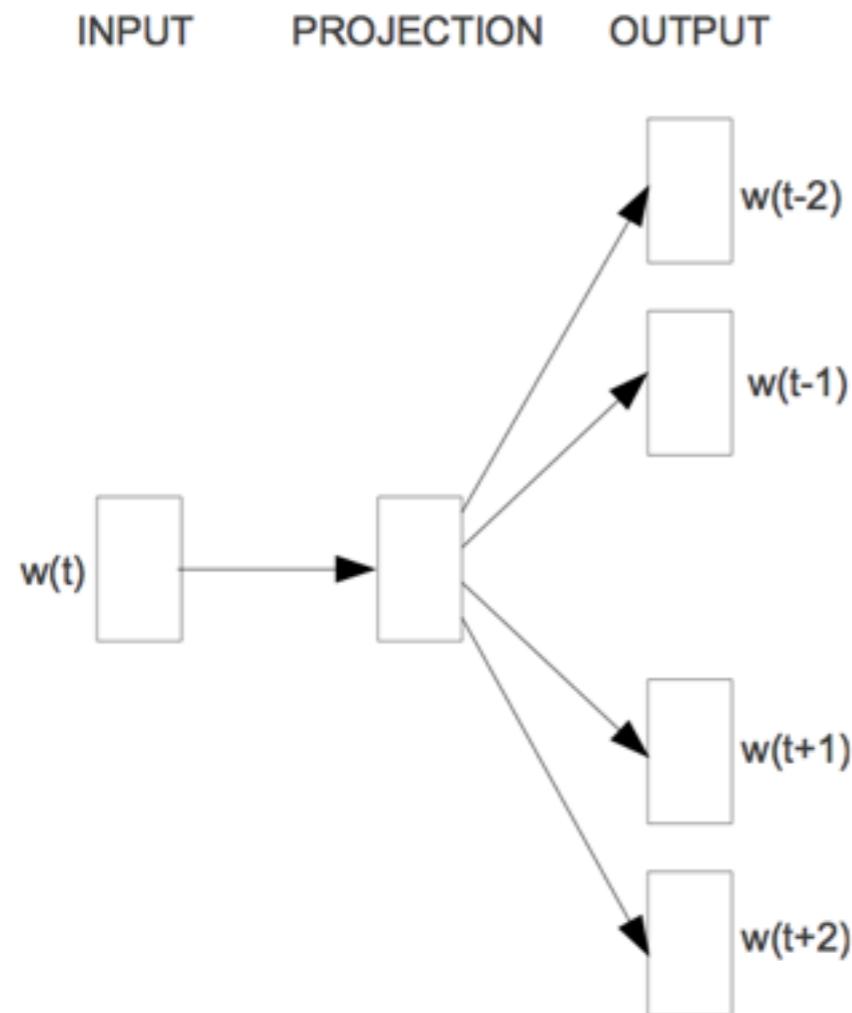
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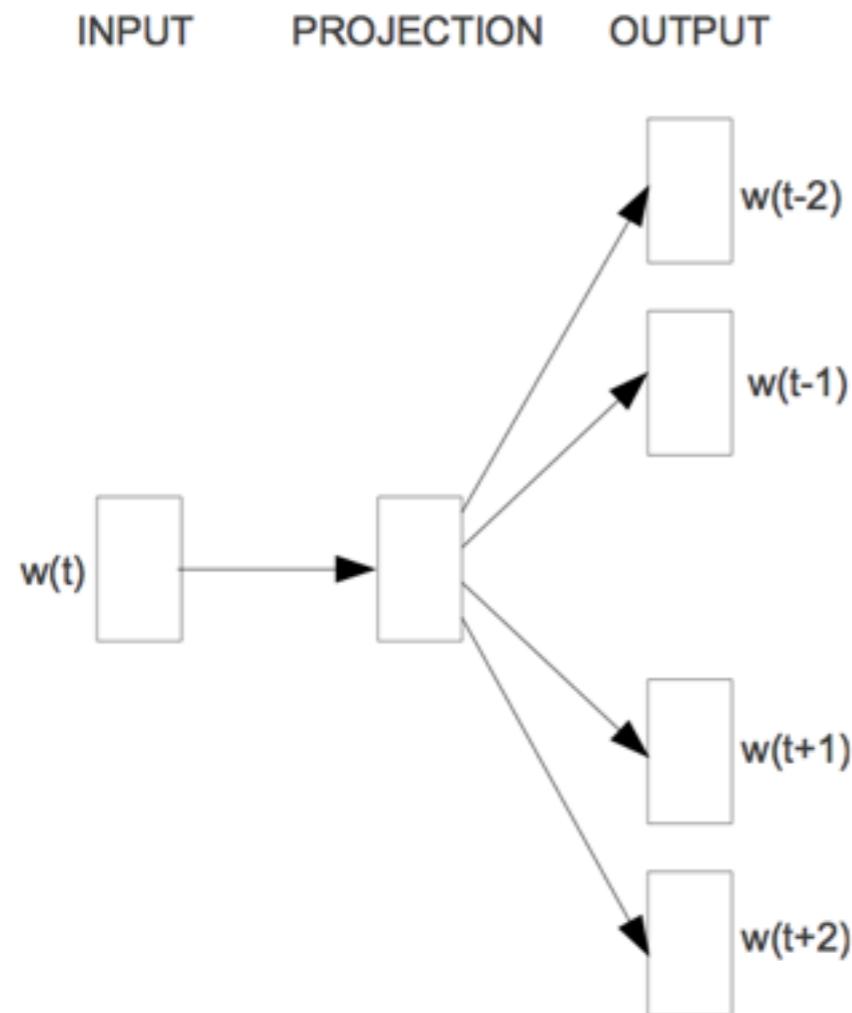
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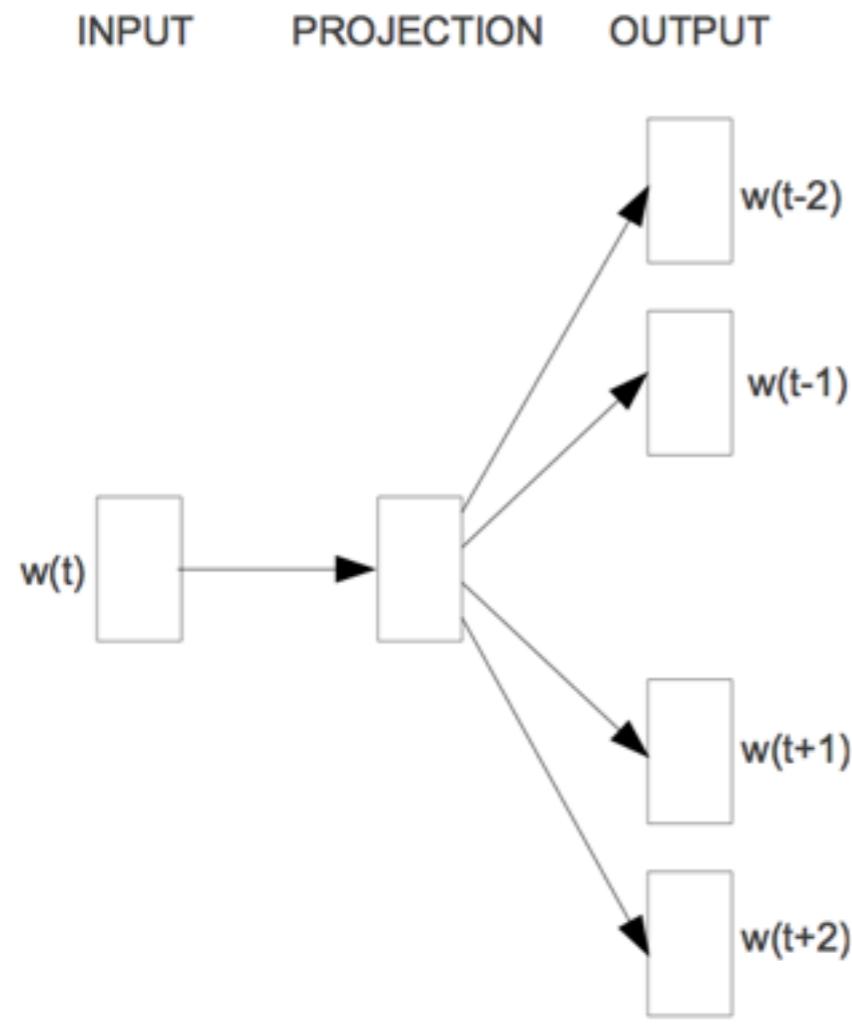


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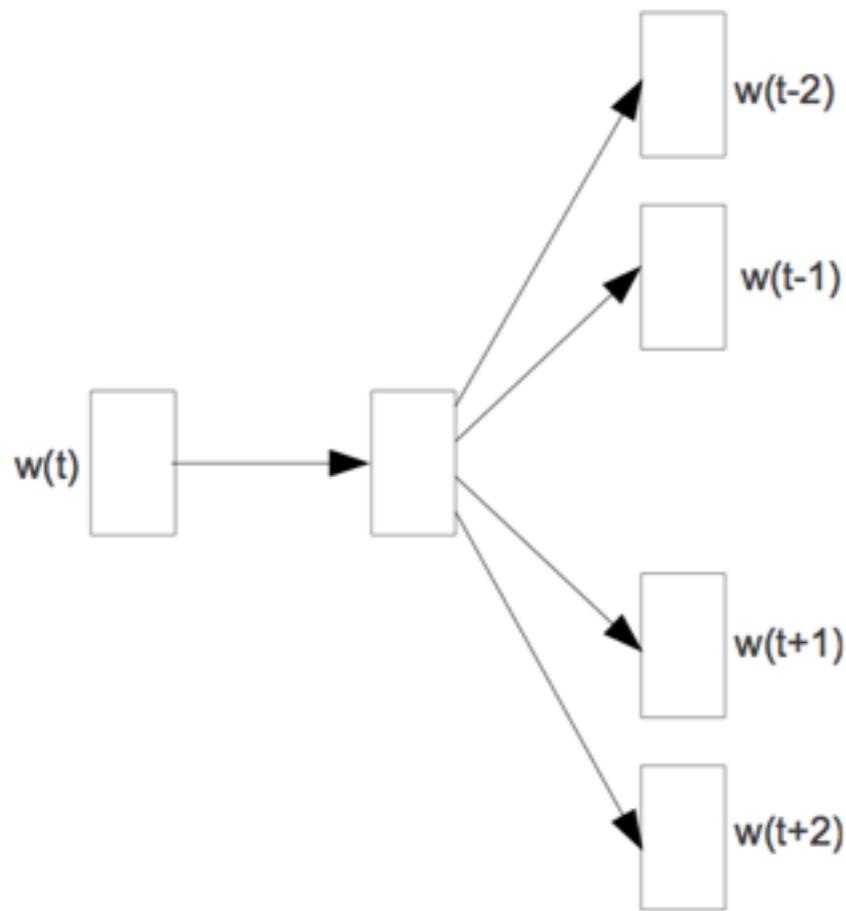
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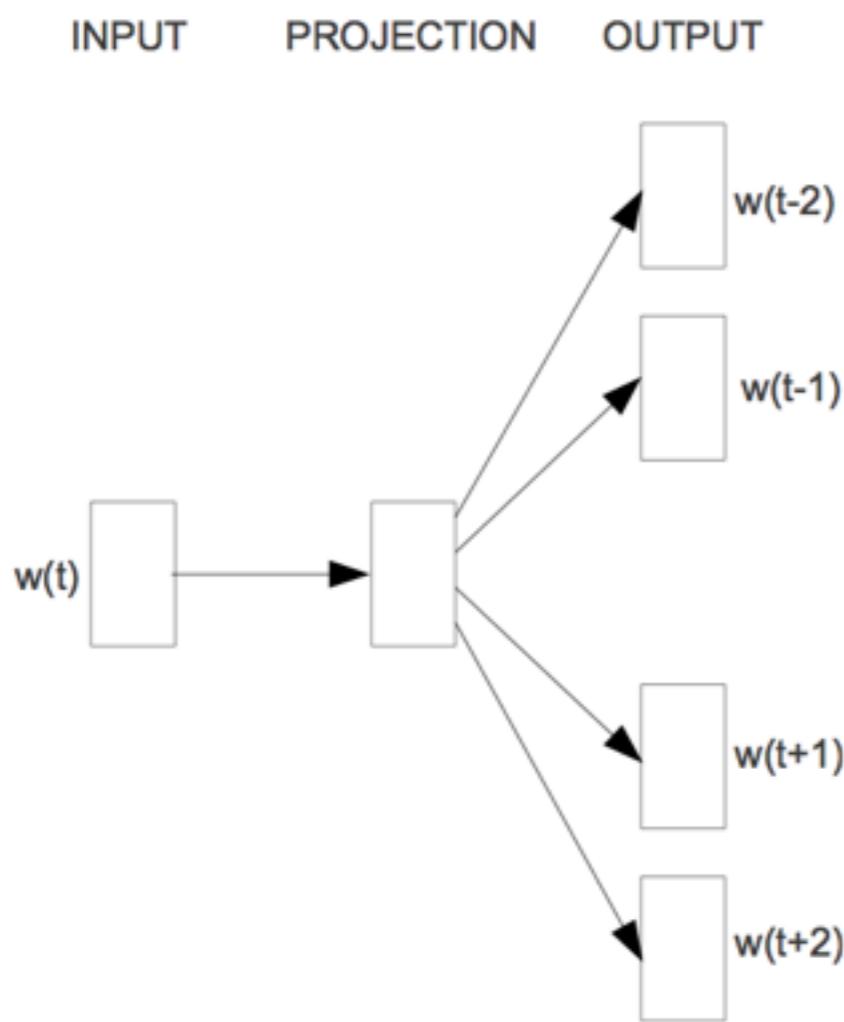
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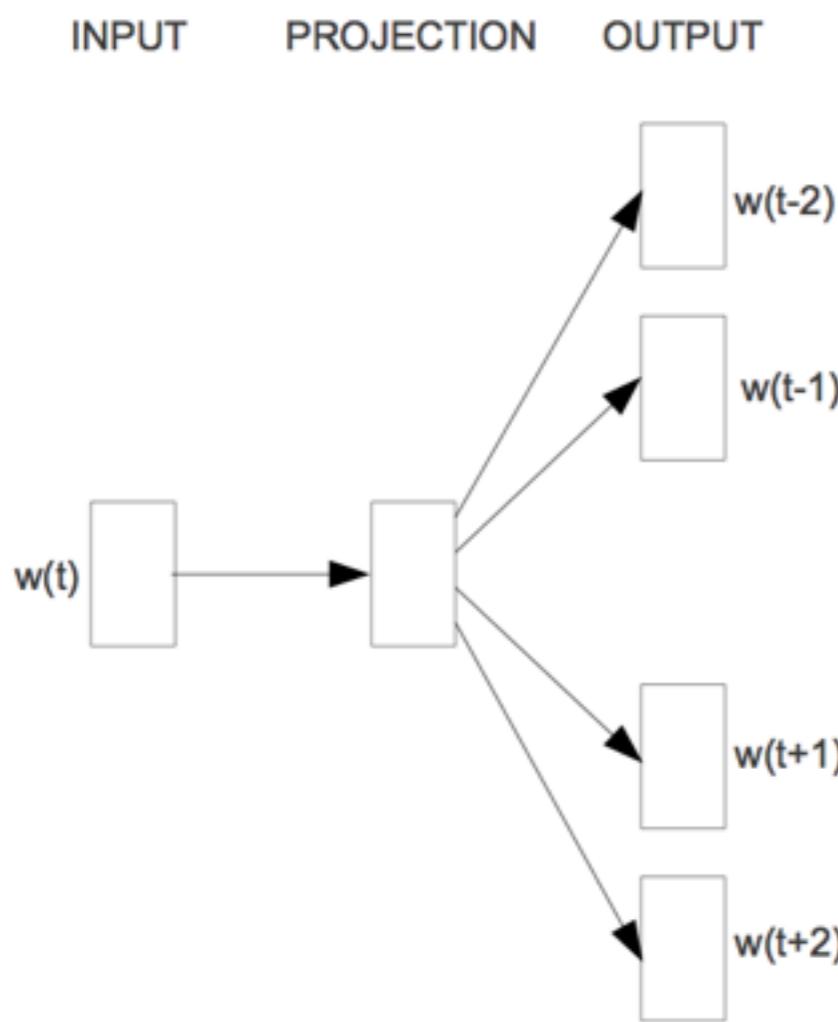


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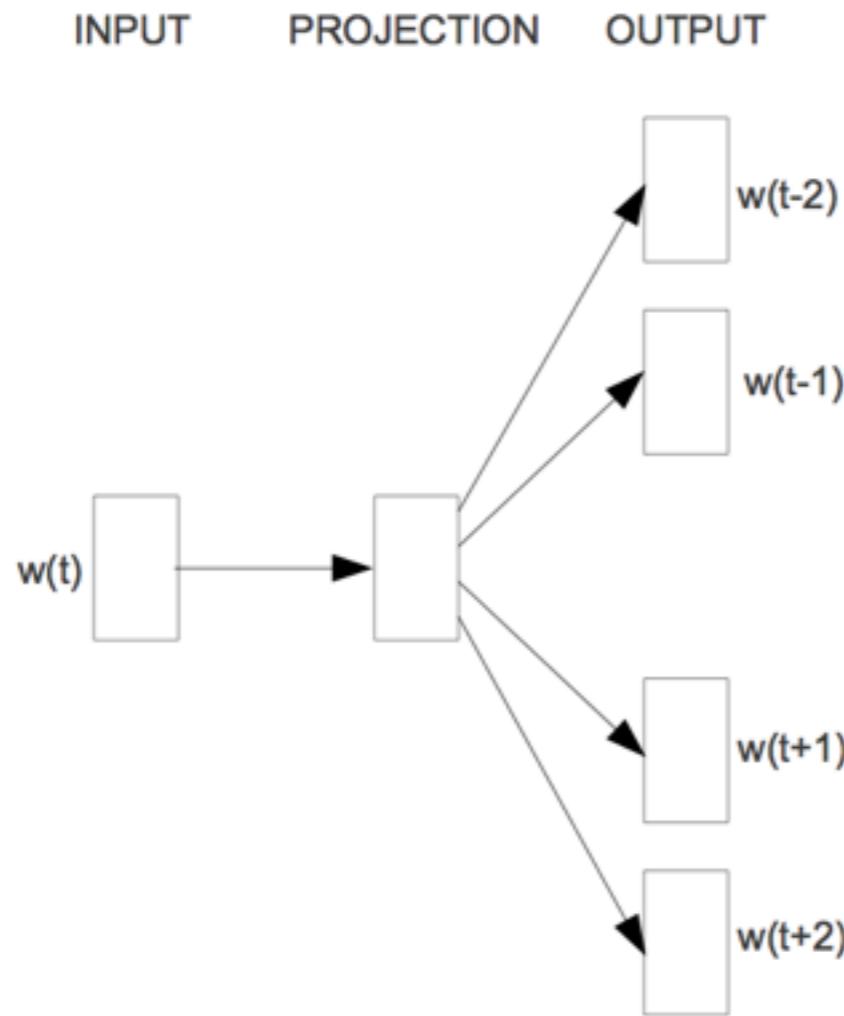
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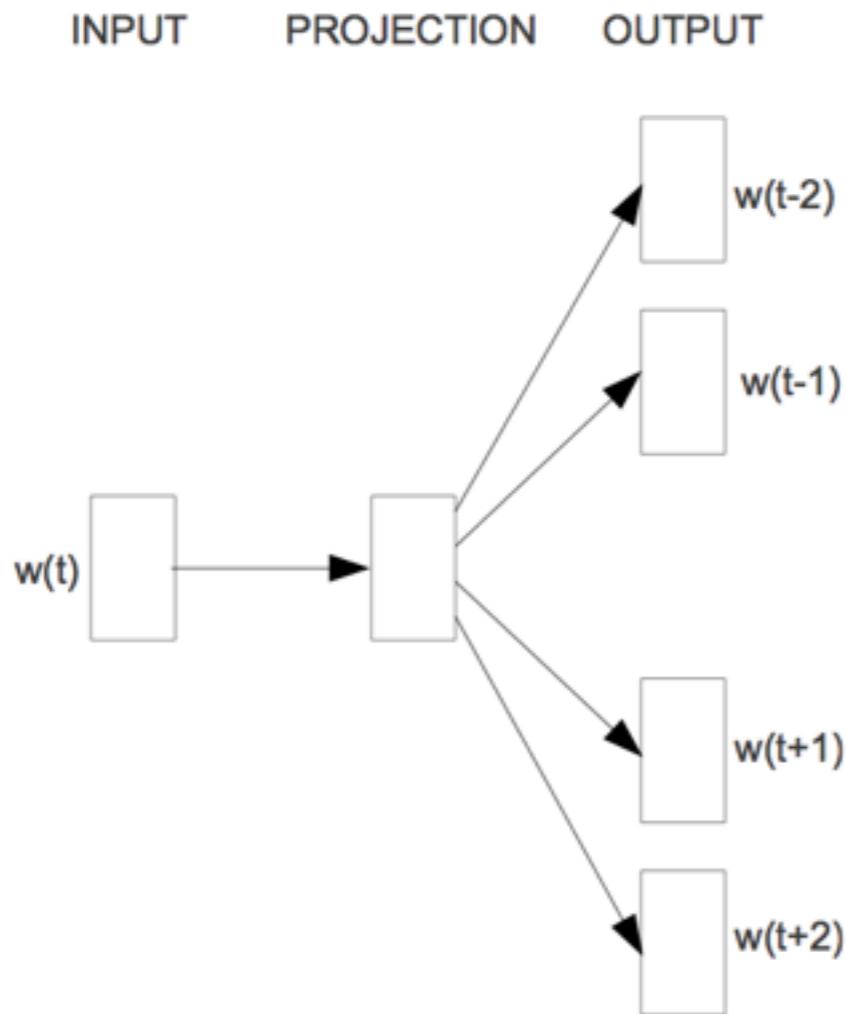
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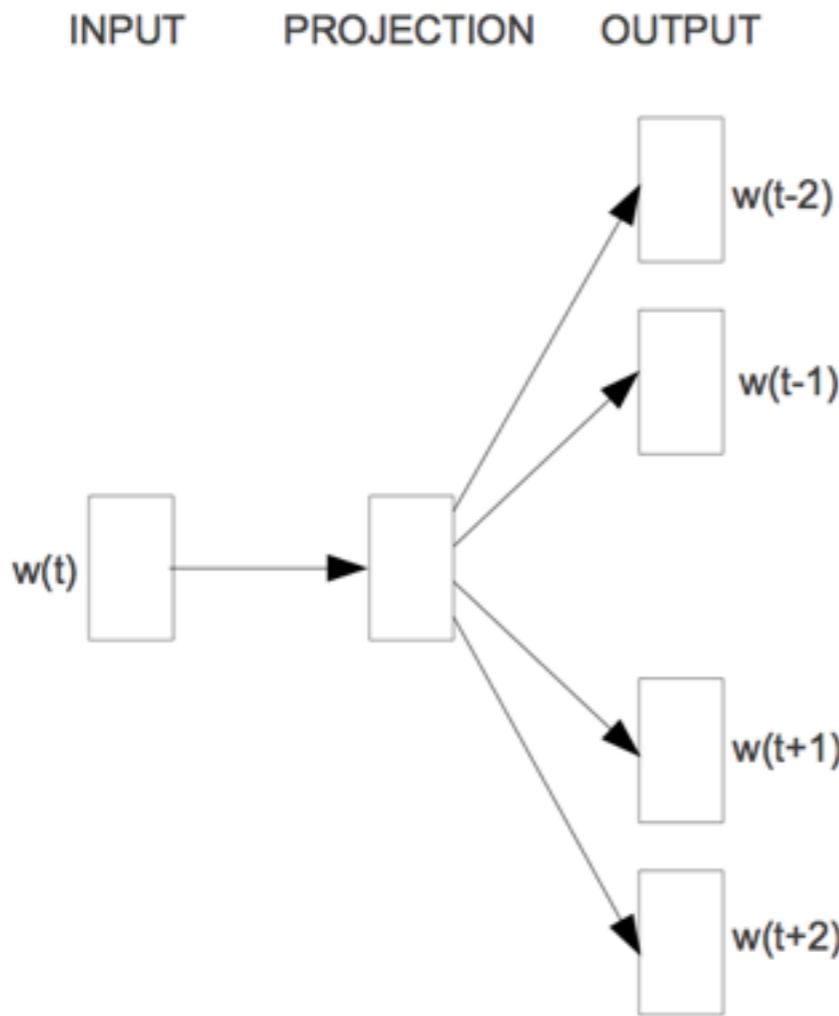
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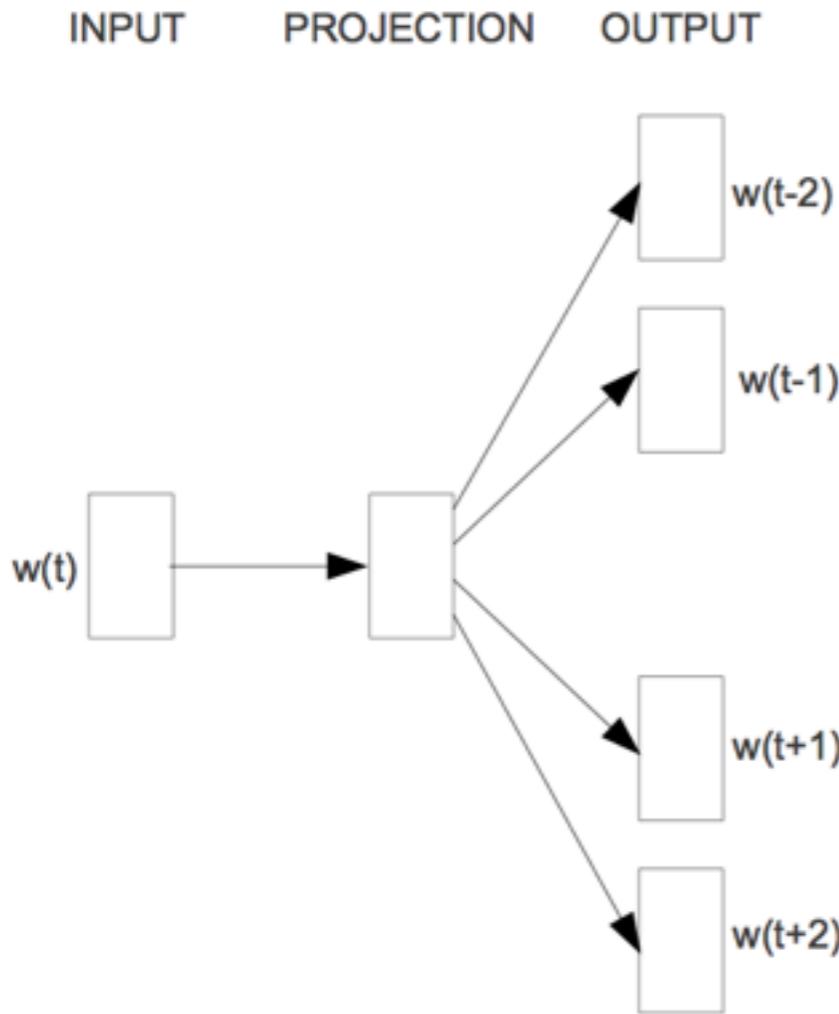
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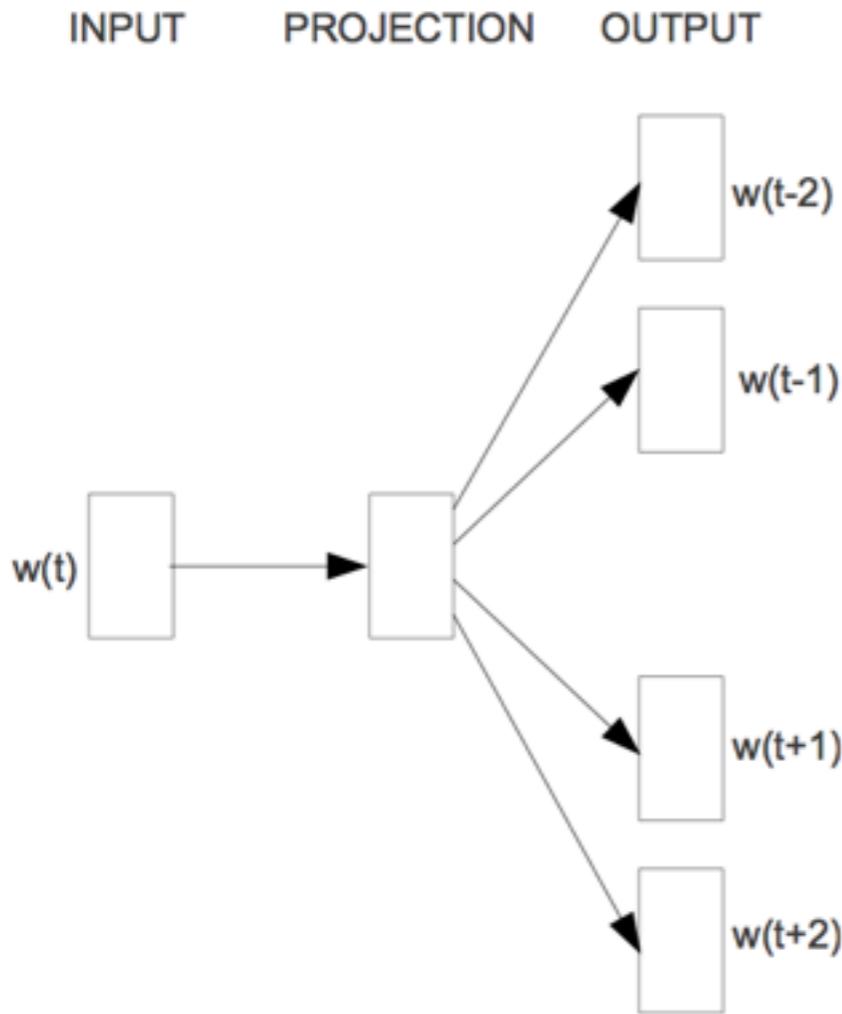
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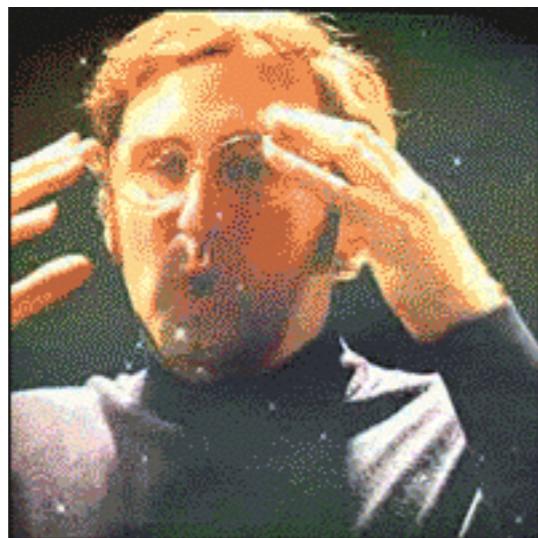
Actual target word random words

word2vec

If two words *tend to appear in the **similar context**, they tend to have **similar vector representation***

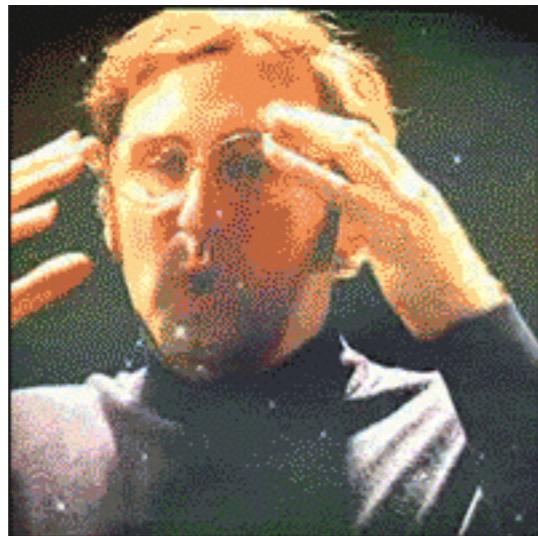
word2vec: analogy

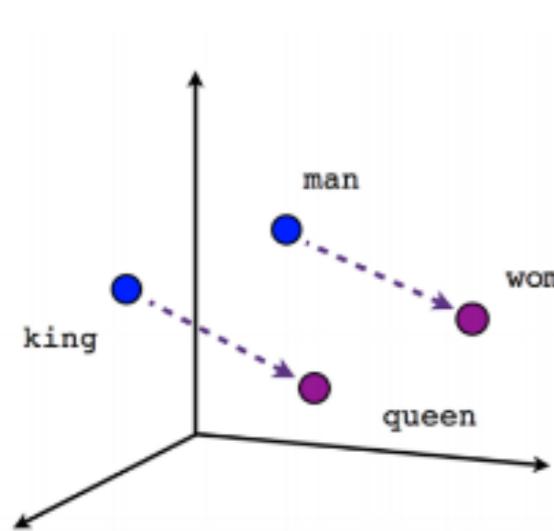
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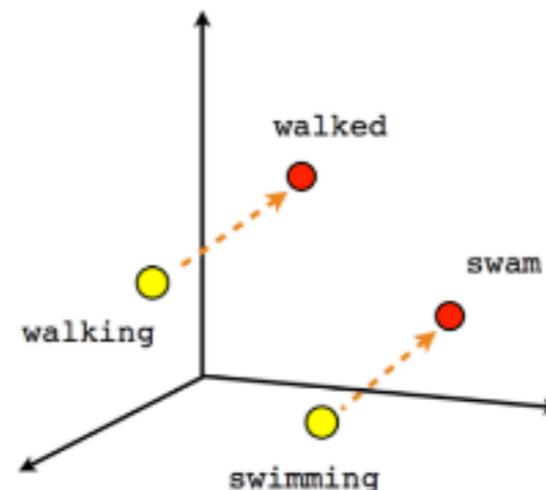
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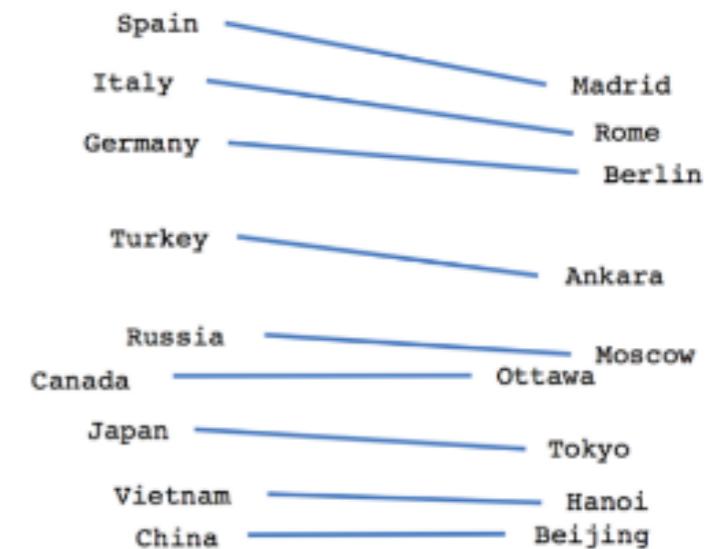




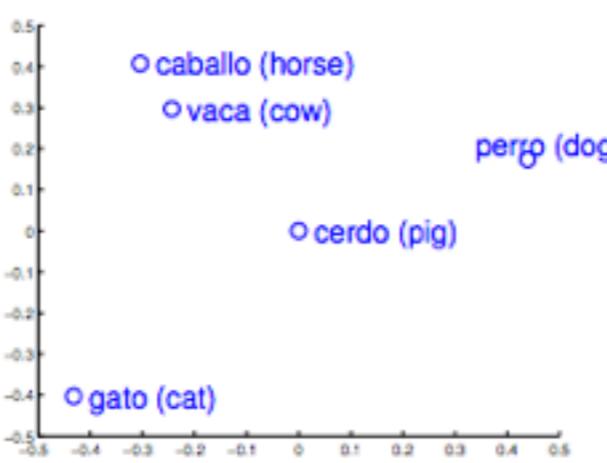
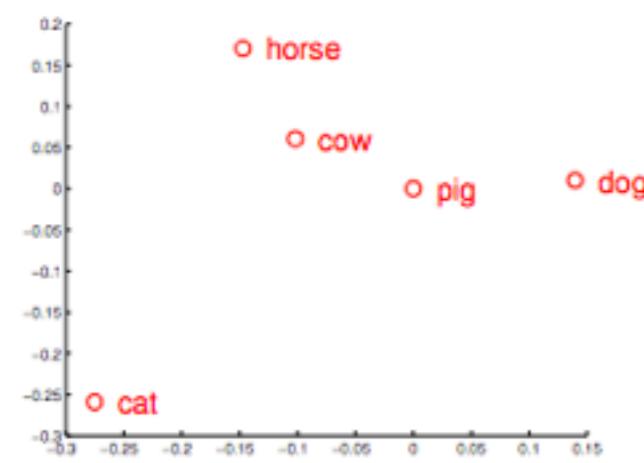
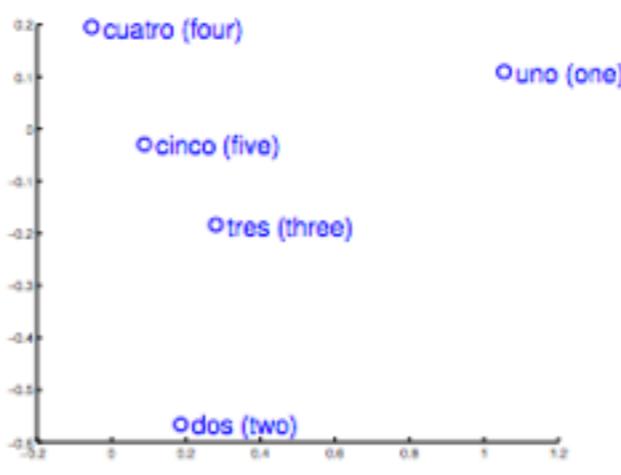
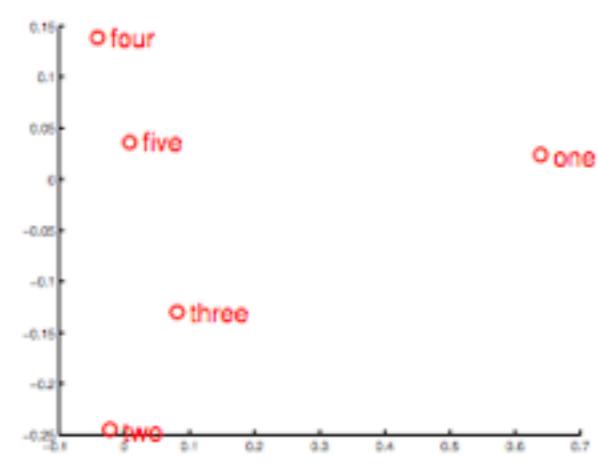
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Verb tense

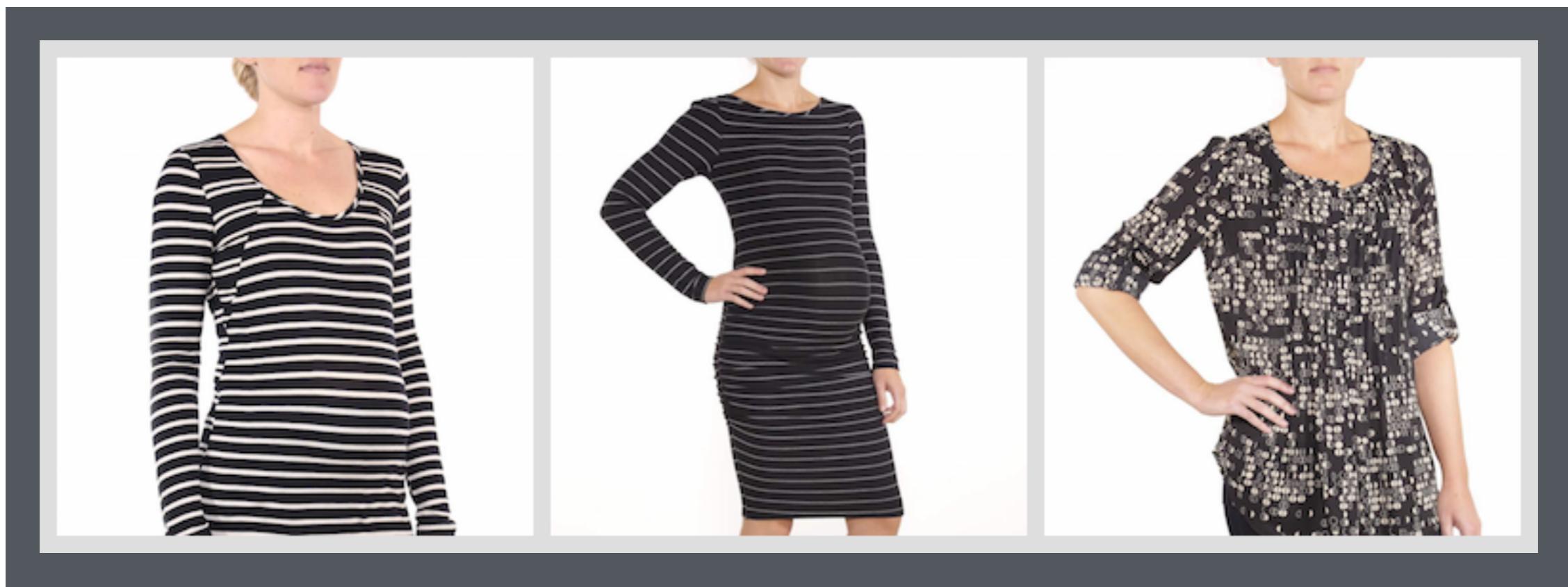


Country-Capital





+ 'Pregnant'



Credit: Christopher Moody





Linguistic Regularities in Sparse and Explicit Word Representations

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word embeddings are designed to capture what Turney (2006) calls *attributional similarities* between vocabulary items: words that appear in similar contexts will be close to each other in the projected space. The effect is grouping of words that share semantic ("dog cat cow", "eat devour") or syntactic ("cars hats days", "emptied carried danced") properties, and are shown to be effective as features for various NLP tasks (Turian et al., 2010; Collobert et al., 2011; Socher et al., 2011; Al-Rfou et al., 2013). We refer to such word representations as *neural embeddings* or just *embeddings*.

Recently, Mikolov et al. (2013c) demonstrated



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Takeaways

- word2vec != magic. Actually word2vec works similarly to traditional methods (PMI, SVD, ...)
- several tweaks in word2vec are actually important and can be transferred to traditional methods.
- Yet, word2vec is a nice method—it's robust, fast, memory efficient.

More takeaways

If two words *tend to* appear in the **similar context**, they *tend to* have **similar vector representation**

- word2vec distance != semantic distance
- it picks up weird word pairs that share weird contexts.

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>>> model.most_similar('teh')
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[(u'ther', 0.6910992860794067), (u'hte', 0.6501408815383911), (u'fo',  
0.6458913683891296), (u'tha', 0.6098173260688782), (u'te',  
0.6042138934135437), (u'ot', 0.595798909664154), (u'thats',  
0.595078706741333), (u'od', 0.5908242464065552), (u'tho',  
0.58894944190979), (u'oa', 0.5846965312957764)]
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>>> model.most_similar('pugnacity')
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[(u'pugnaciousness', 0.6015268564224243), (u'wonkishness',  
0.6014434099197388), (u'pugnacious', 0.5877301692962646),  
(u'eloquence', 0.5875781774520874), (u'sang_froid',  
0.5873805284500122), (u'truculence', 0.5838015079498291),  
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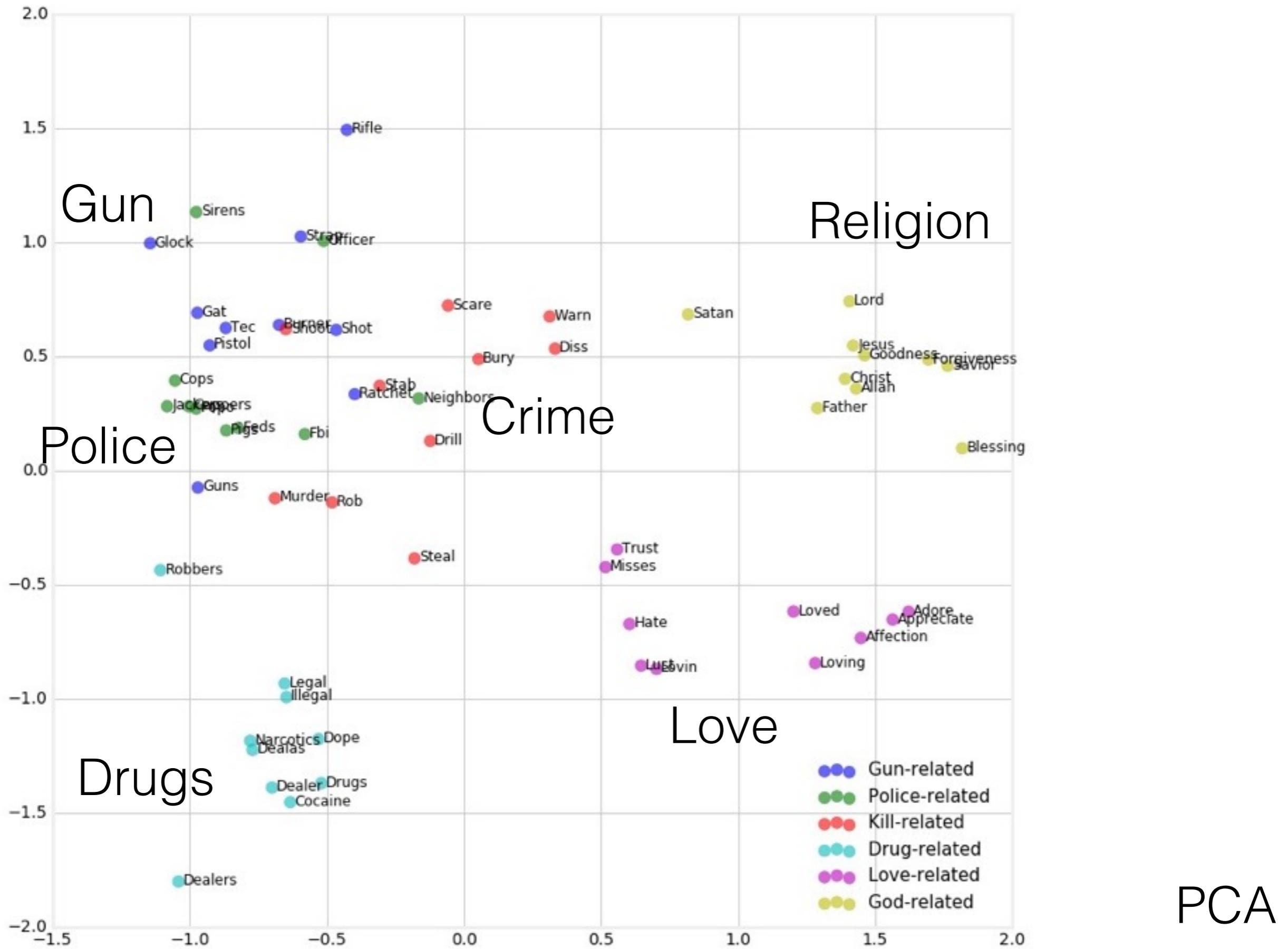
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Can be super useful and complement other methods such as topic modeling

Going back to lyrics...

word2vec of hip hop lyrics

gun	money	crack	police
gat	cash	coke	cops
glock	dough	heroin	feds
burner	loot	cocain	coppers
pistol	paper	caine	pigs
rifle	cheese	sacks	popo
ratchet	chips	dope	fbi
guns	cheddar	addicts	sirens
tec	cake	cracks	jackers
strap	scrilla	slingin	officer
shot	dollas	powder	neighbors



A sanity check: what are the similar words to “**money**”?



REHN, A. L. F., and David Sköld. "'I Love The Dough': Rap lyrics as a minor economic literature." *Culture and Organization* 11.1 (2005): 17-31.

Manual curation	word2vec
cheese	o
cheddar	o
chips	o
dough	o
cream	x
cake	o
scrilla	o
green	x
loot	o
paper	o
Benjamins	o
dead presidents	x
	cash, dollar, profit, stacks, chedda, dollars, funds, mail, clout , moneys, fetti
	x

Similar words to “gun”

(word2vec + manual curation)

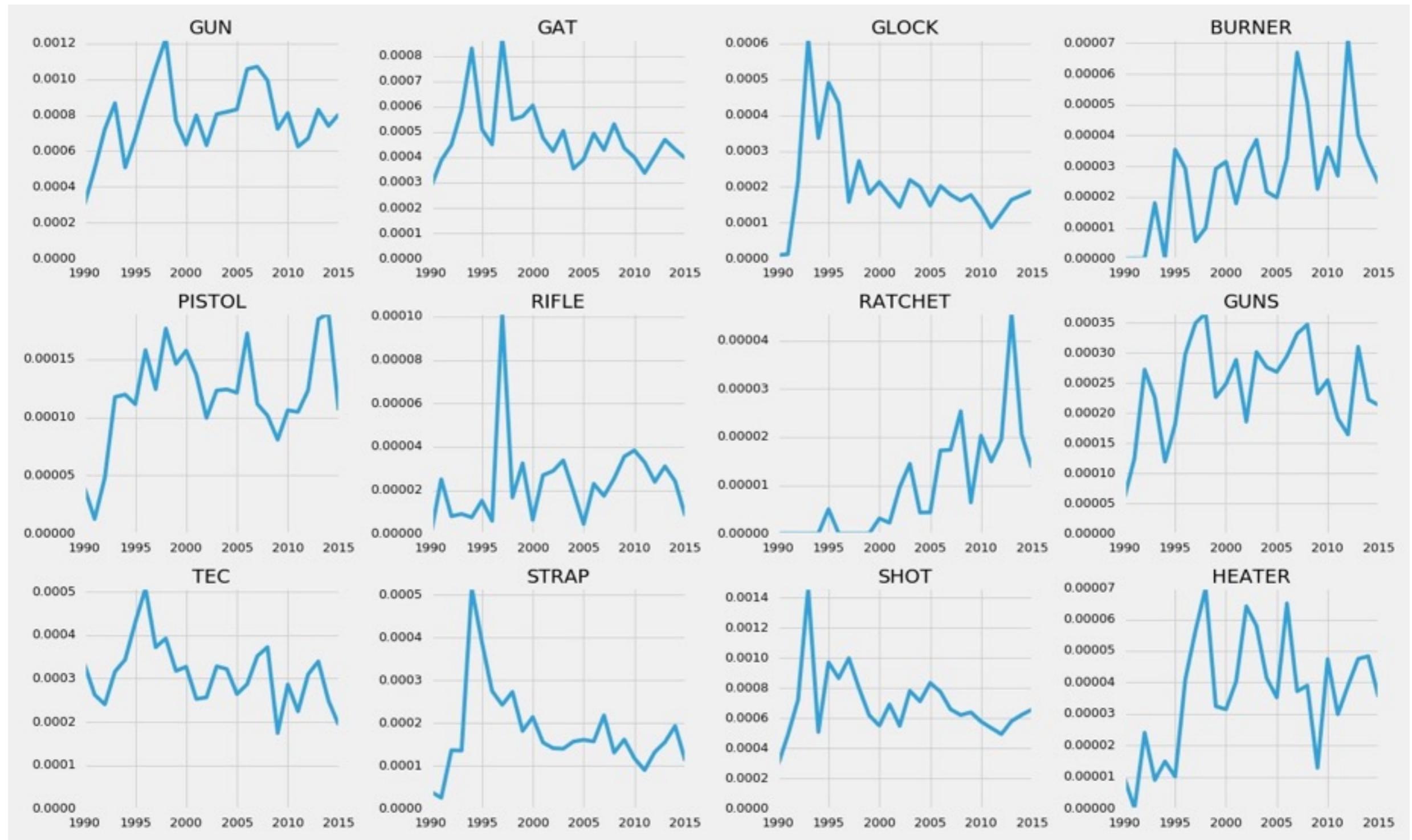
heater, uzi, gunshot, ak, tec*, strap**, pistols,
grenades, m16, ruger, fired, nines, glocks, 44, 45,
gats, magnum, hammers, pistol, guns, sniper, glock,
tool, gat, mag, rifle, cap, matic, calico***, blasted, 38,
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automatic, grenade, sprayed, shot

*Representing Tec-9, popular street gun

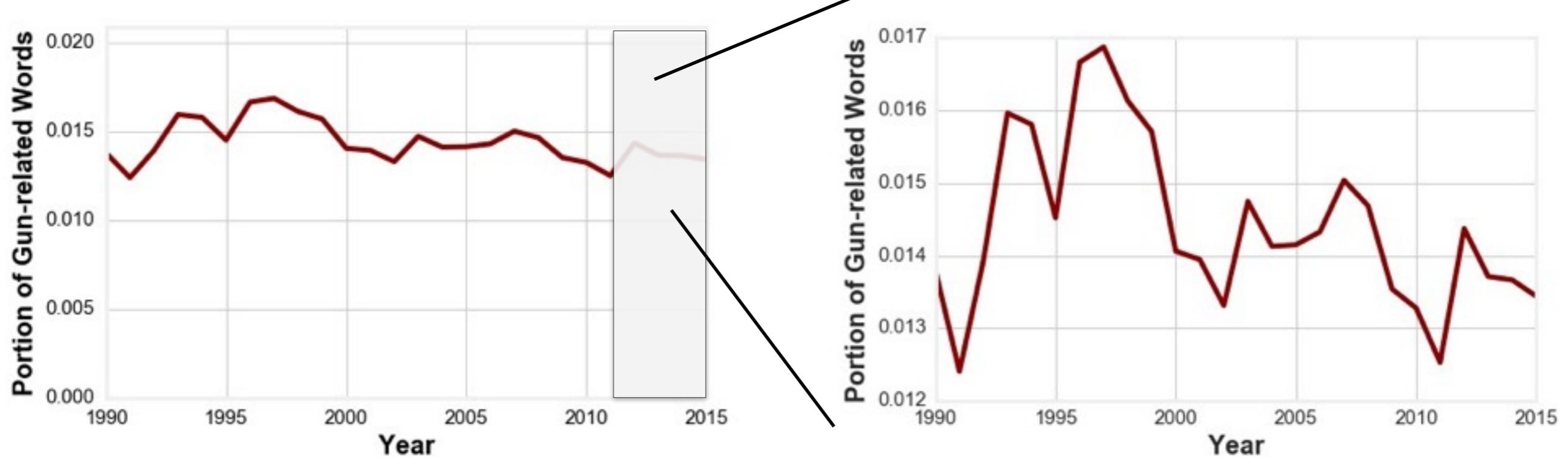
** A gun or firearm, usually a pistol

*** U.S. weapons manufacturer

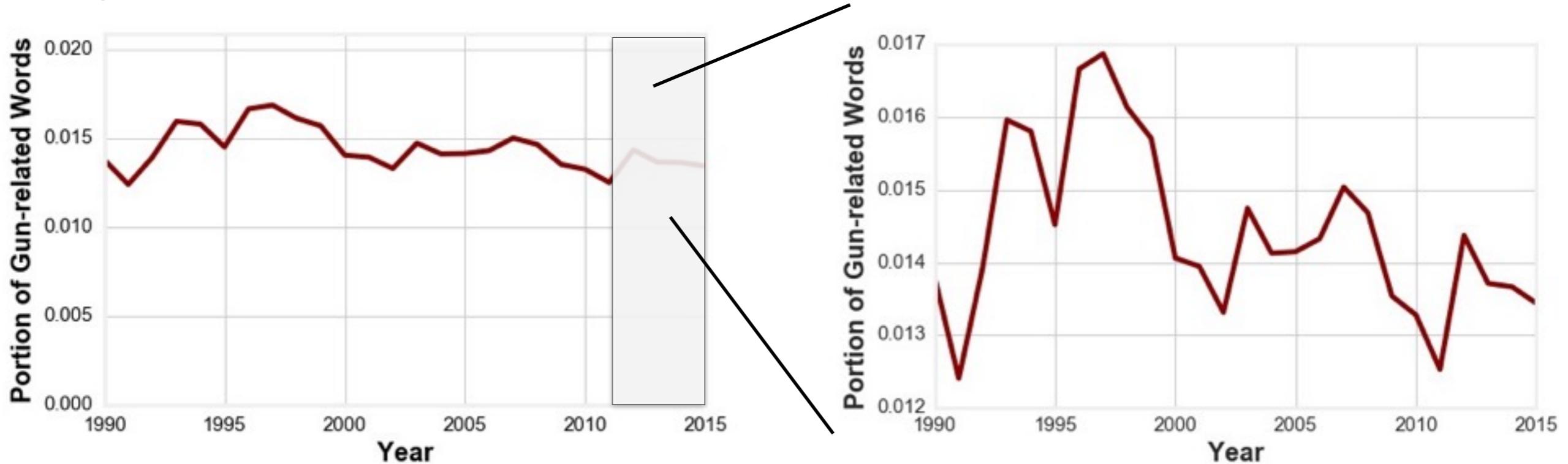
Patterns of individual word usage: what do you see?



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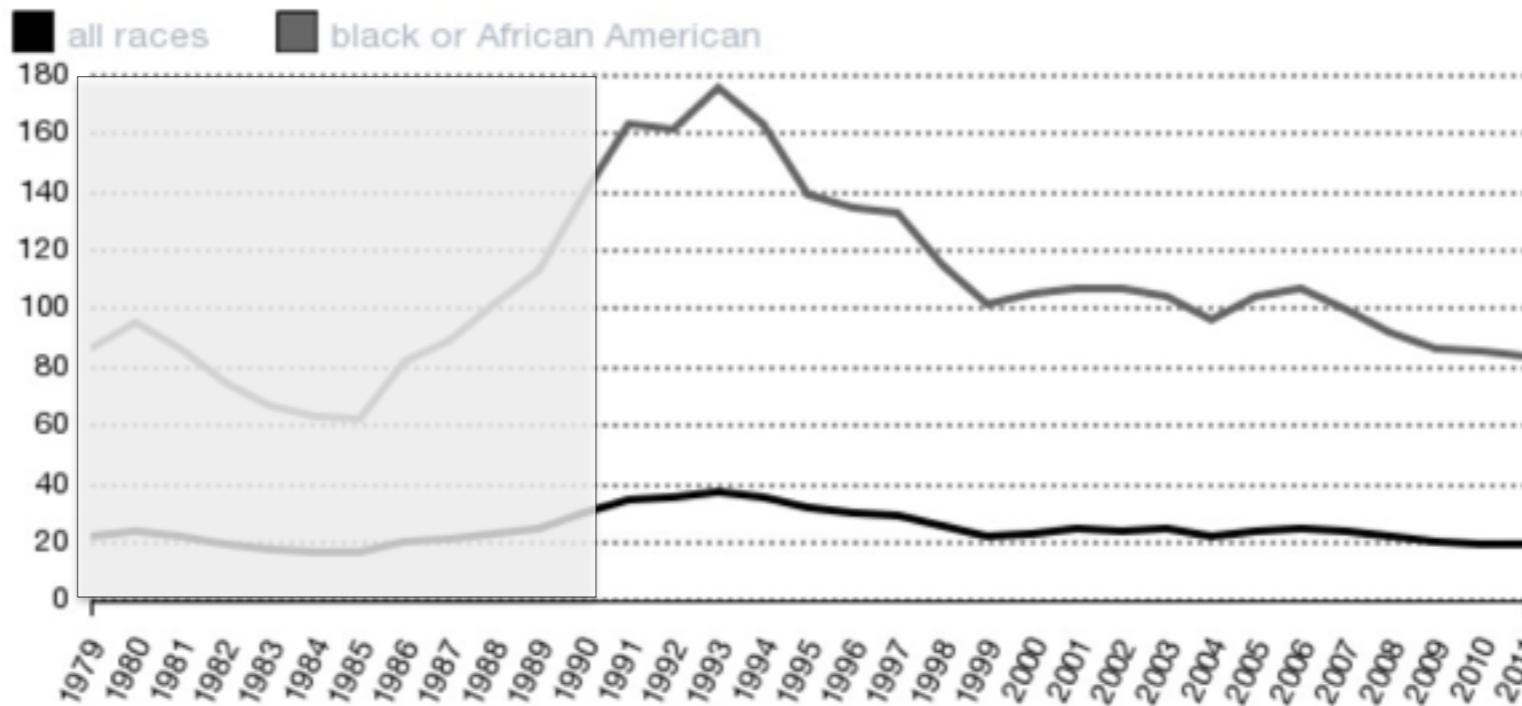


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Gun violence

Deaths from firearm homicide per 100,000 of 20 to 24 year-old men



Centers for Disease Control

Similar words to “police” (word2vec + manual curation)

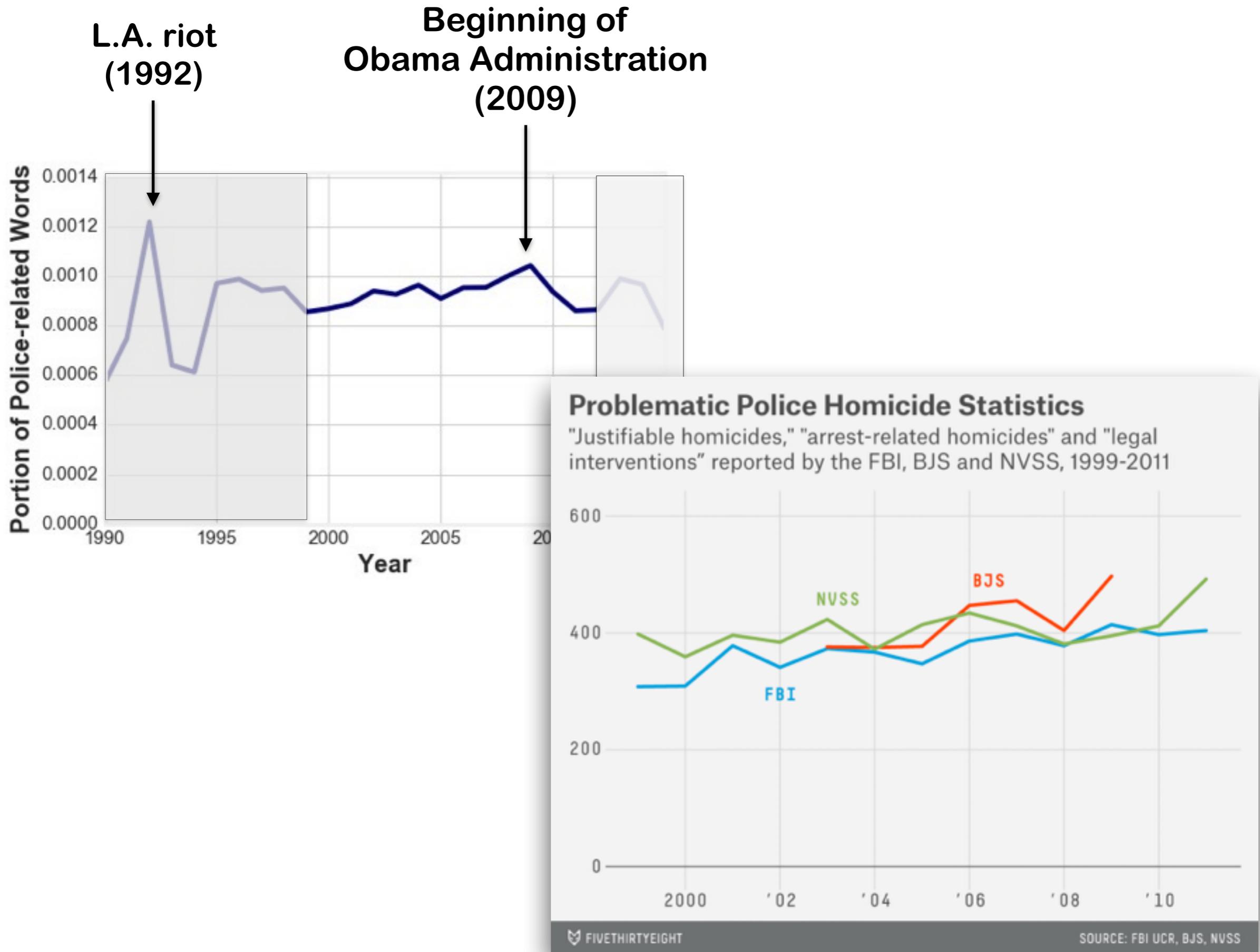
popo, official, agents, fbi, badges, coppers,
siren, judges, atf*, police, officers, sirens,
helicopters, detectives, cops, pigs, feds, cia,
popos, fiveoh**, officer

* A part of the government dealing with the control of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms

** The police in general or a police officer, taken from the 60's police drama "Hawaii 5-0"

Patterns of individual word usage related to “police”





How about the analogy?

n**** - man + woman	money - success + kill	money - kill + success
hoe	rob	moneys
bitch	smack	patience
chick	murda	currency
trick	slap	dough
slut	shoot	potential
yous	n****	wealth
scrub	racks	marriage
lady	kidnap	progress
slug	toss	relationships
girl	fuck	cash

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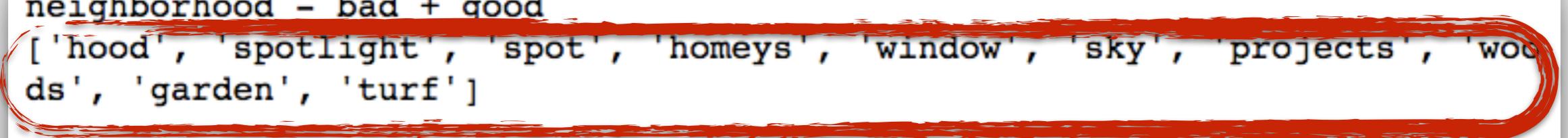
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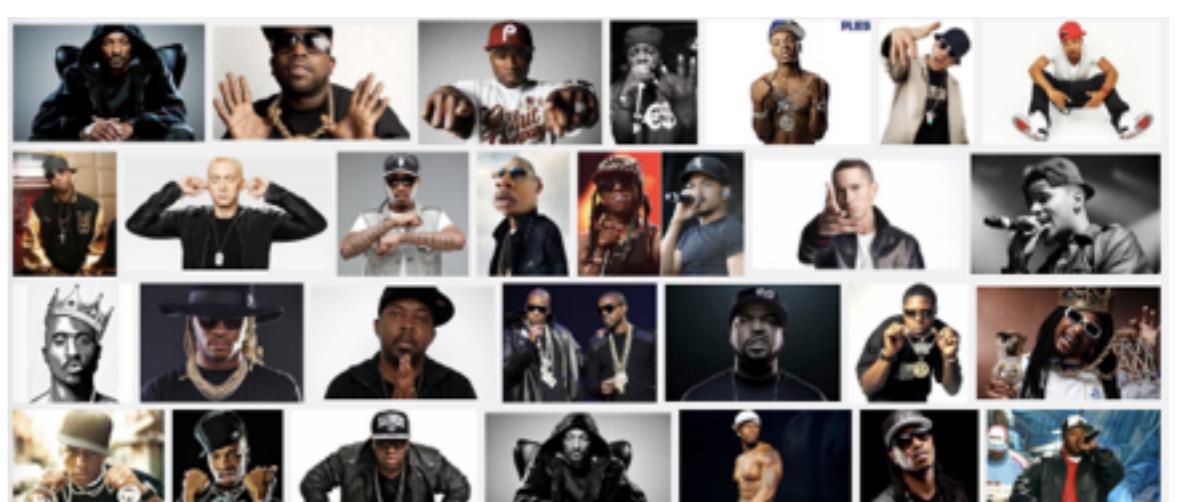
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Can we compare the two cultures?



(*This is still a mixture of many types of music)

“Cash”



Bold: unique in
either one dataset

Hip hop	Ultimate guitar
dough	greenback
money	stash
loot	nickel
cheese	dough
checks	money
stacks	credit
cheddar	dope
chips	jewelry
scrill	dime
paper	penny

“Booze”



Hip hop

Ultimate guitar

henny

whisky

bacardi

morgan

gin

bologna

cognac

swig

alcohol

pepsi

cranberry

peanut

brew

sushi

newports

cuban

vodka

hookers

paper

hustlers

“Drug”



Hip hop	Ultimate guitar
dealers	dealer
dealer	gateway
drugs	heroin
dope	sniff
illegal	deparment
cocaine	charity
narcotics	fiend
dealas	addiction
robbers	n****
legal	friction

“they”

Hip hop	Ultimate guitar
you	we
feds	neighbors
i	unjust
cops	doctors
them	lawyers
jealous	kids
police	neighbours
us	babies
theyre	they'd
others	dealers

“Society”

	HH	UG
0	poverty	lovers'
1	menace	definition
2	political	group
3	hatred	corporate
4	consequence	media
5	conspiracy	dissent
6	media	leader
7	insanity	morality
8	governments	germany
9	prophets	childbirth

“Food”

	HH	UG
0	stamps	meat
1	dinner	meals
2	steak	fries
3	breakfast	eat
4	meals	pork
5	fridge	taster
6	plate	professional
7	lunch	steak
8	meal	vegetables
9	eggs	chinese

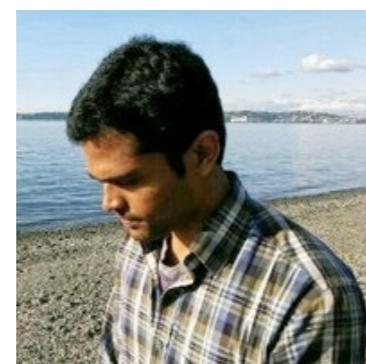
Large-scale Lyrics datasets
can tell us so many interesting
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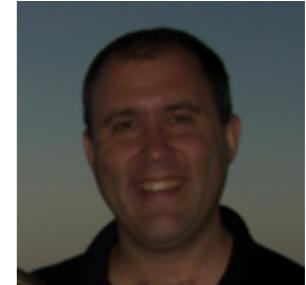


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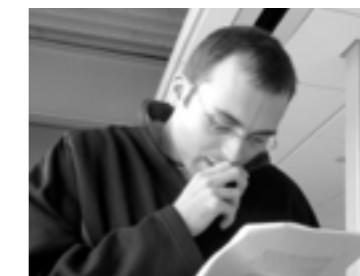
Hip hop



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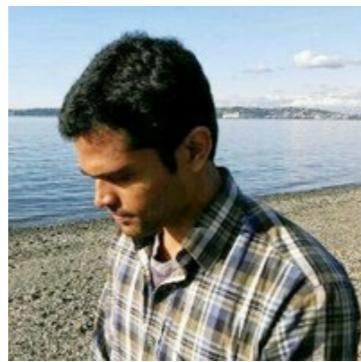
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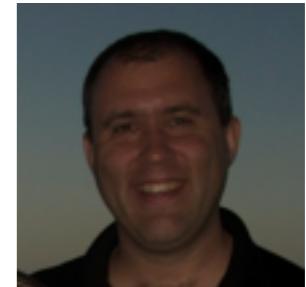
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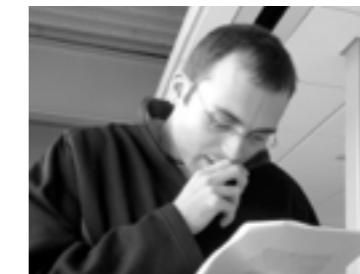
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