

Multimodal Grounding from User-generated Web Content

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What's on your mind, Jack?

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Feeling/Activity

...



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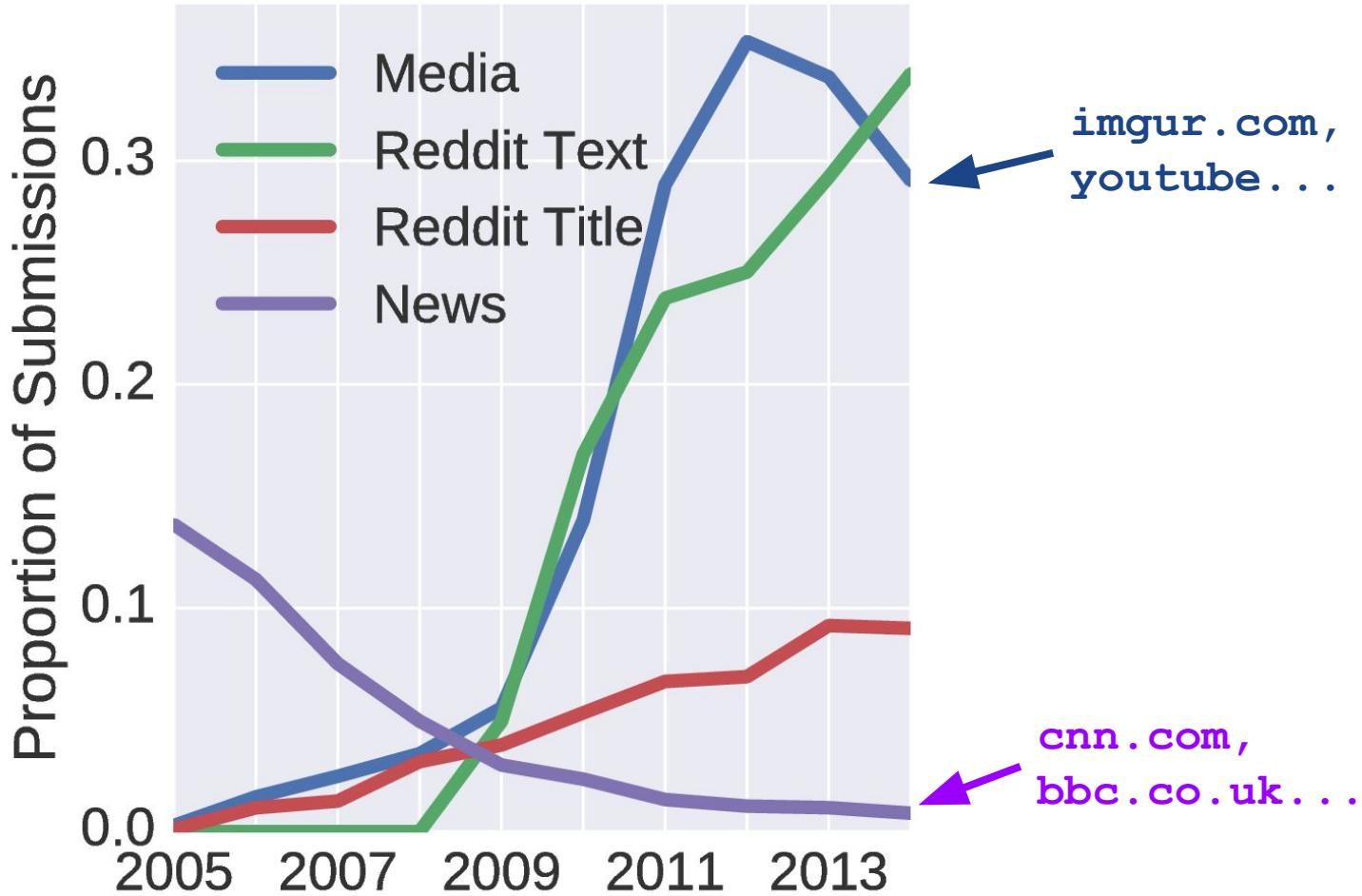


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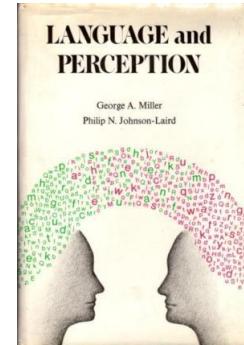
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Cognitive psychologists have studied the connection between perceptions and language since at least the 1970s.

[Miller and Johnson-Laird 1976]



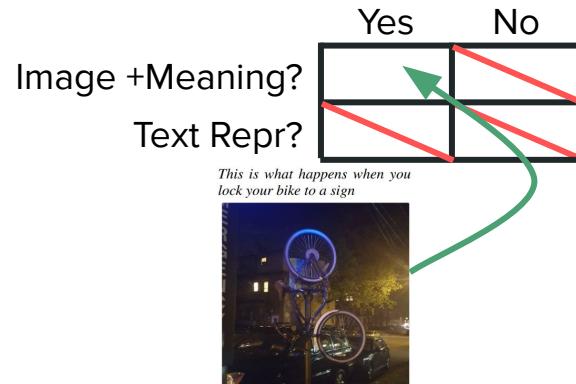
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Study of web data gives an
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on communication and
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[Vempala and Preotiuc-Pietro 2019;
c.f. Chen et al., 2015,
Kruk and Lubin et al., 2019,
Alikhani et al., 2019]

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Crosstask



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Building tools that *require* grounding

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Chrome's new AI feature solves one of the web's eternal problems

To help blind and low-vision users, Google is using machine learning to generate descriptions for millions of images.



[c.f. Wu et al. 2017;
Sharma et al. 2019]

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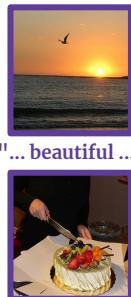
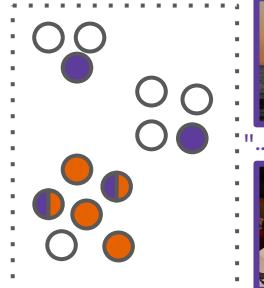
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"... dogs ..."



"... beautiful ..."

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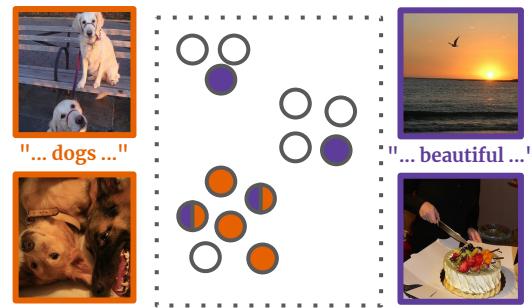
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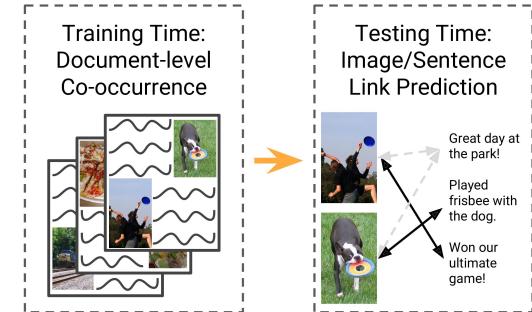
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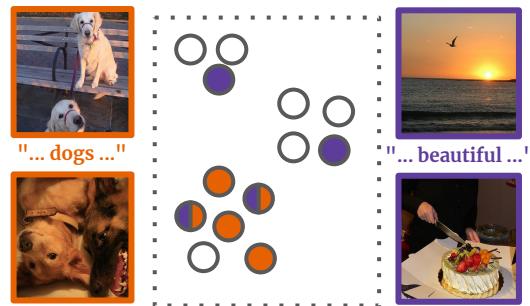
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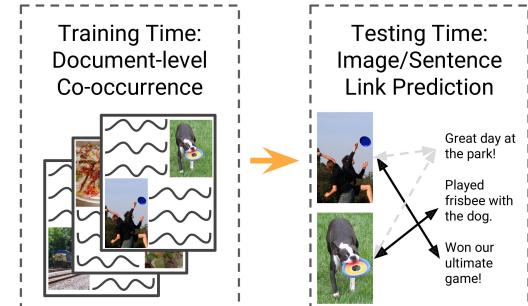
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"Tonight, I carved a pumpkin. I also doused it in lighter fluid and lit it on fire." - /r/pics



"Snacks!" - /r/aww

Goal:

Recover Community Preferences by predicting popularity of image/text posts



	# Users	#/% Imgur	Cap Len
pics	2108K	2472K/70%	9.84
aww	1010K	954K/81%	9.13
cats	109K	100K/73%	8.97
MakeupAddiction (MA)	77K	58K/57%	13.67
FoodPorn (FP)	74K	50K/77%	9.39
RedditLaqueristas (RL)	27K	39K/73%	11.12

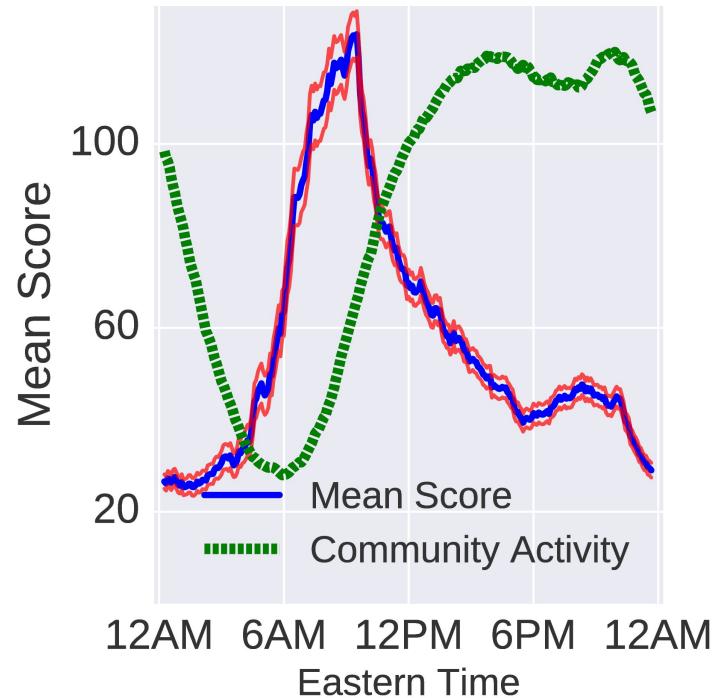


"You have to go to the border for food Fish Tacos [San Diego]" - /r/FoodPorn



"Glamor Leaves" - /r/RedditLaquersitas

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Complication: Identity Matters



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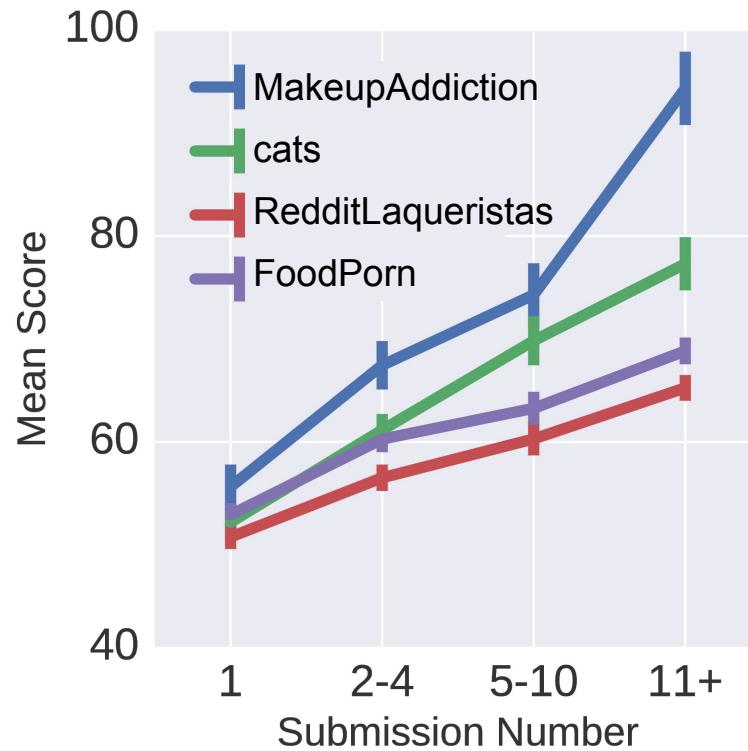


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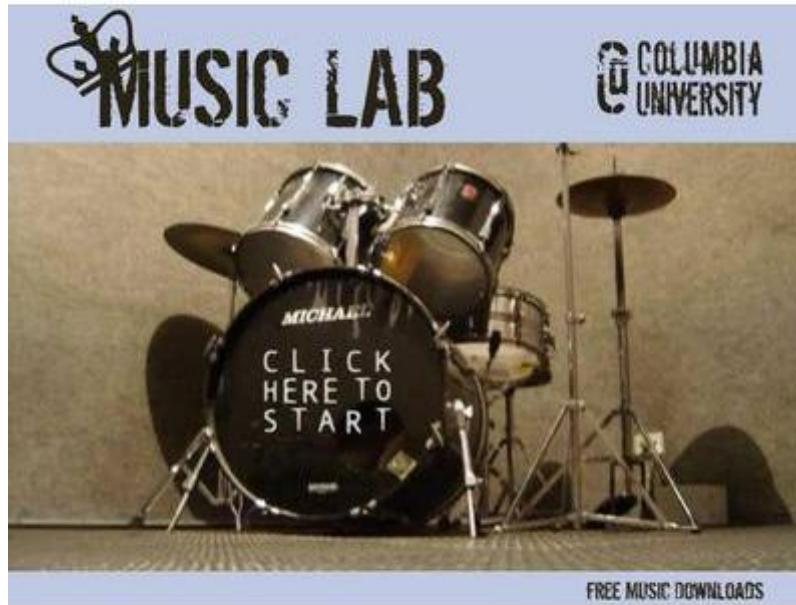
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Complication: Rich get richer



[Salganik et al. 2006]

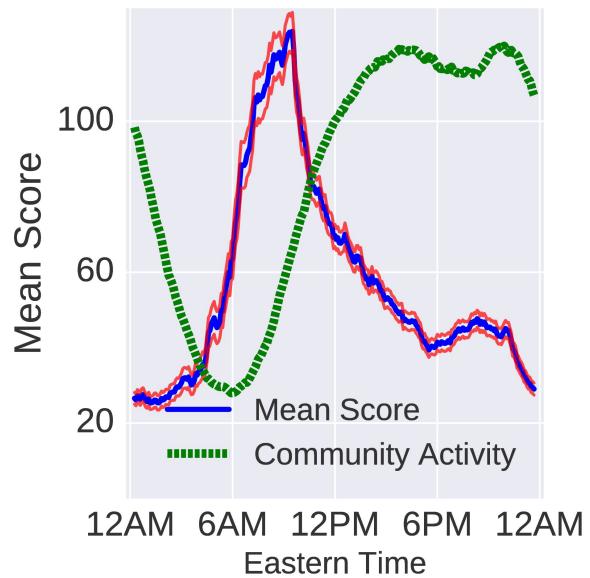
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"... small, random rating manipulations on social media submissions created significant changes in downstream ratings...
Positive treatment resulted in [an]
increased final rating [of] 11.02% on average."

-- Glenski et al. 2015

Reddit **overlooked 52% of the most popular links**
the first time they were submitted.

-- Gilbert 2013



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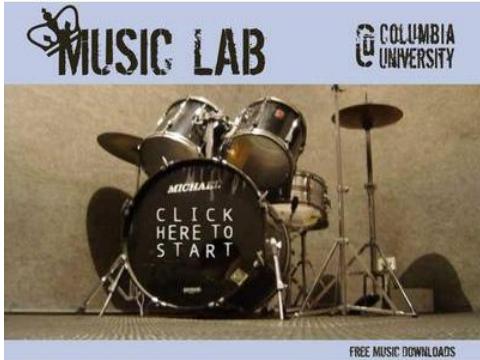


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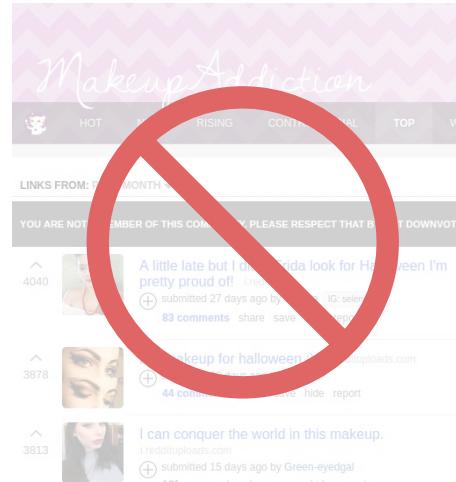
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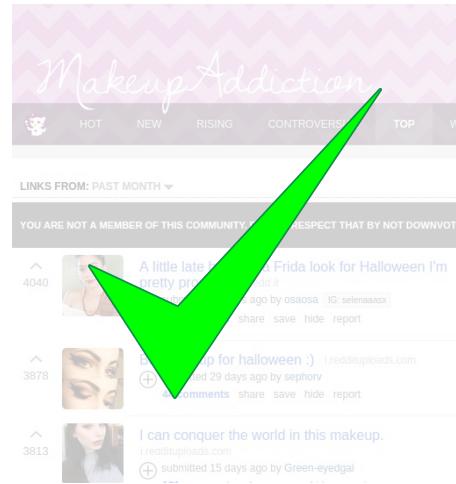
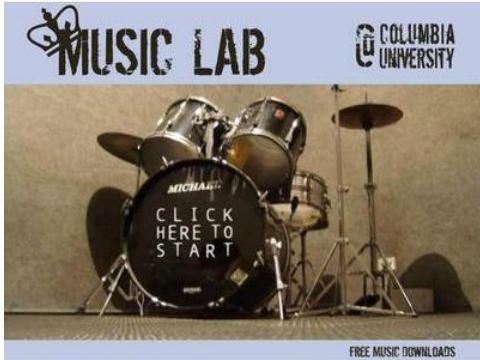
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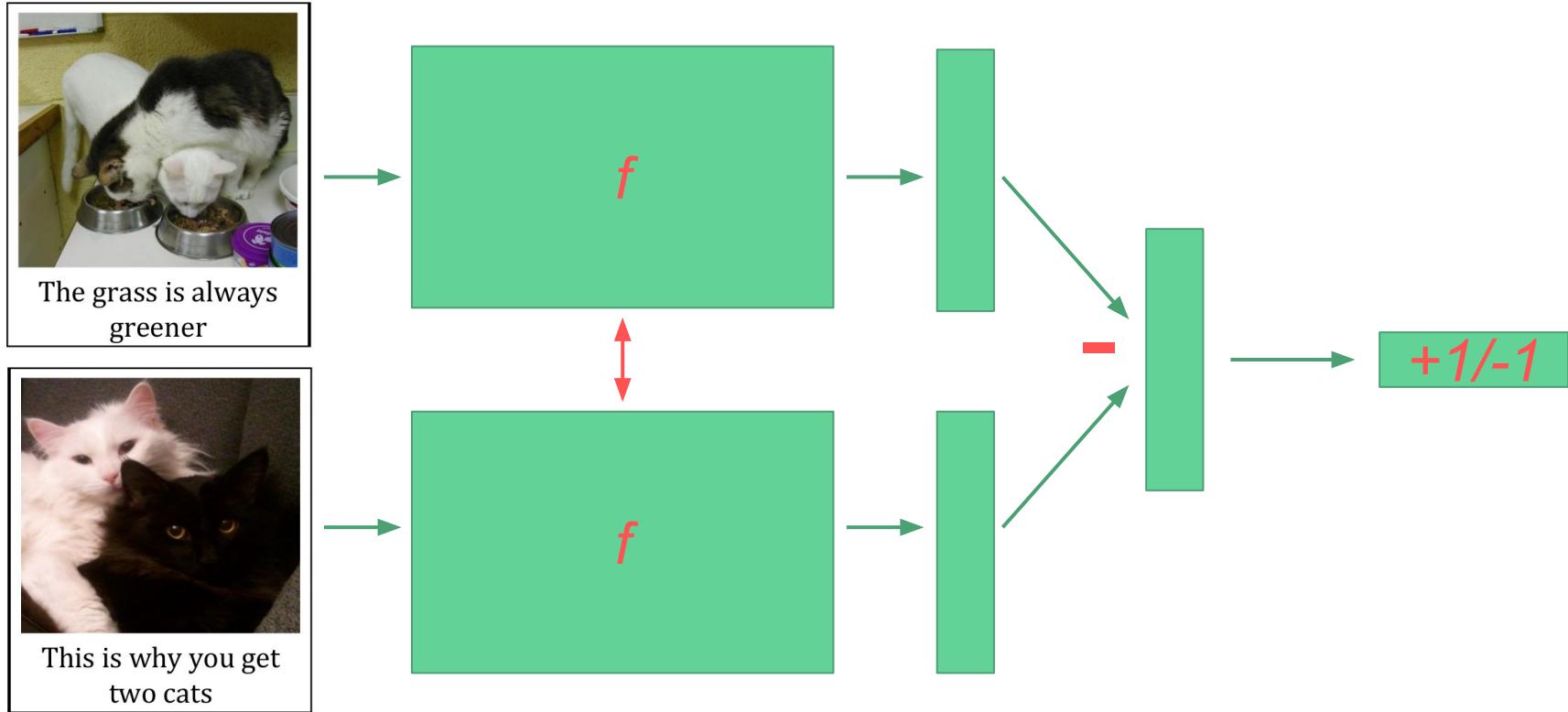
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	aww	pics	cats	MA	FP	RL
Humans	60.0	63.6	59.6	62.2	72.7	67.2

	Max/Avg Win	Med/Avg Diff	# Pairs
pics	30/15 sec	117/478	44K
aww	30/15 sec	90/393	33K
cats	15/7 min	69/231	15K
MA	60/24 min	88/227	10K
FP	120/53 min	62/188	8K
RL	30/14 min	56/118	9K

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Timing	Random	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
	Earlier	51.7	51.1	49.9	48.9	48.6	48.7
	Time	50.2	50.2	50.7	50.4	49.7	50.6

Machine learning experiments



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Type	50.6	51.2	50.7	52.8	51.8	56.1
Activity	51.1	53.6	52.8	55.0	53.9	60.6
Quality	54.7	55.5	52.9	60.7	55.5	67.3
Struct	56.2	54.8	56.5	50.9	52.3	52.5
Topic	55.2	55.8	56.8	60.4	55.2	55.5
DAN	58.6	58.3	58.5	62.2	57.6	59.8
LSTM	59.4	58.8	58.7	61.0	57.0	59.1
Bi-LSTM	59.7	58.9	59.3	61.8	57.8	59.6
Unigram	59.7	58.6	59.5	63.0	57.6	60.8
HOG	51.7	52.8	51.9	53.5	53.5	53.5
GIST	52.7	53.0	53.5	55.9	56.5	56.3
ColorHist	55.3	53.7	55.6	55.0	56.5	54.5
VGG-19	63.4	58.9	61.1	62.4	62.8	62.1
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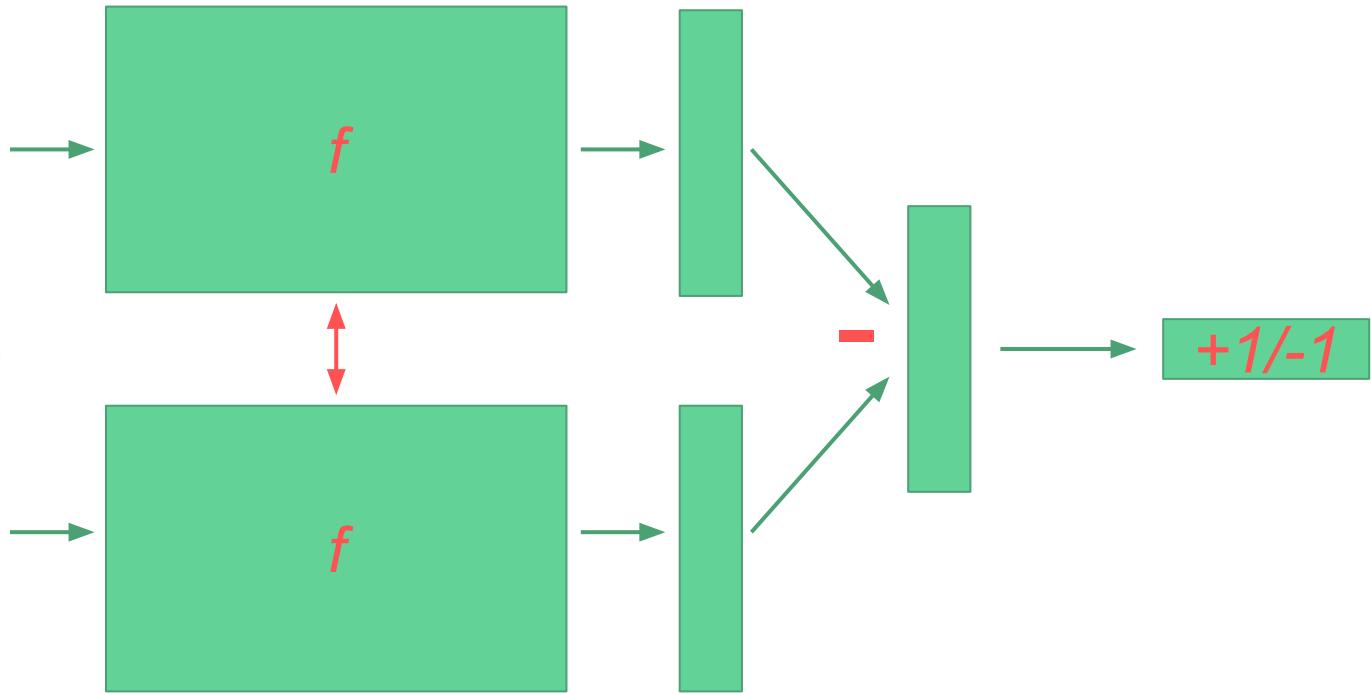


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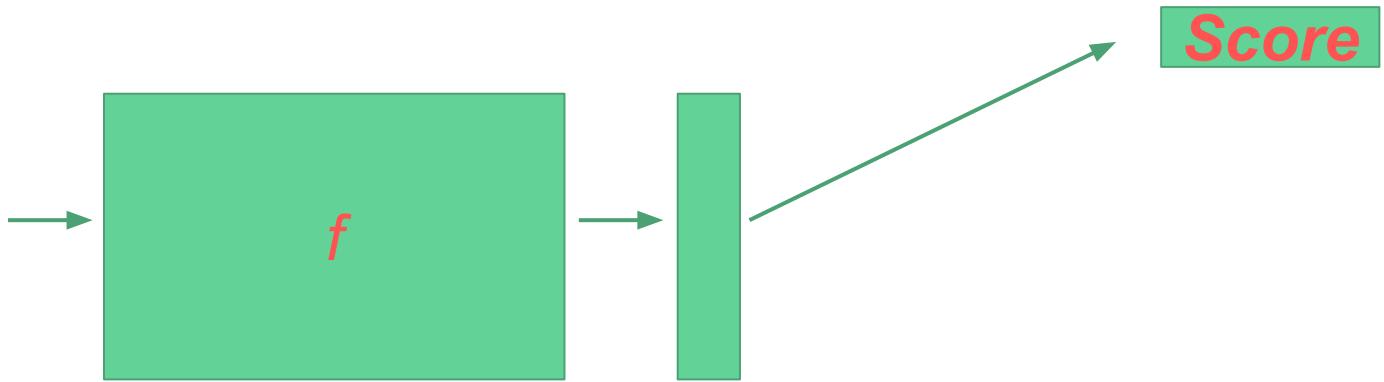


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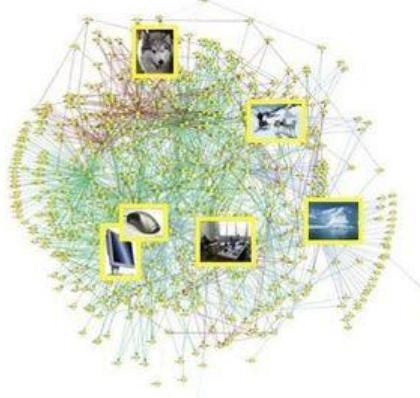


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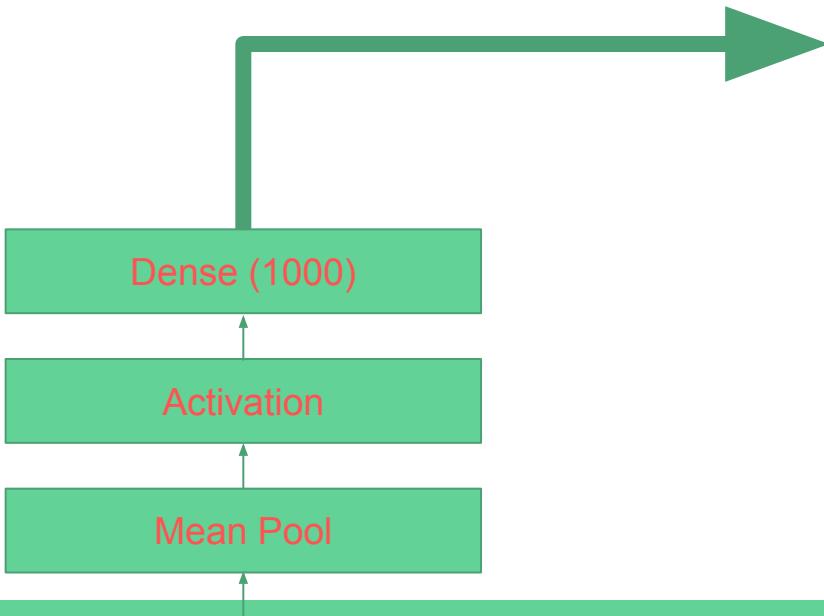
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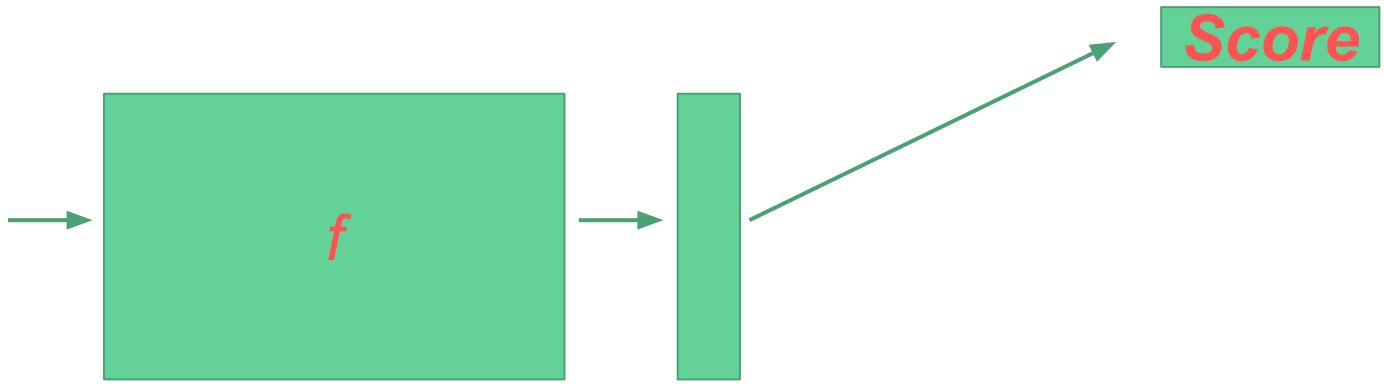
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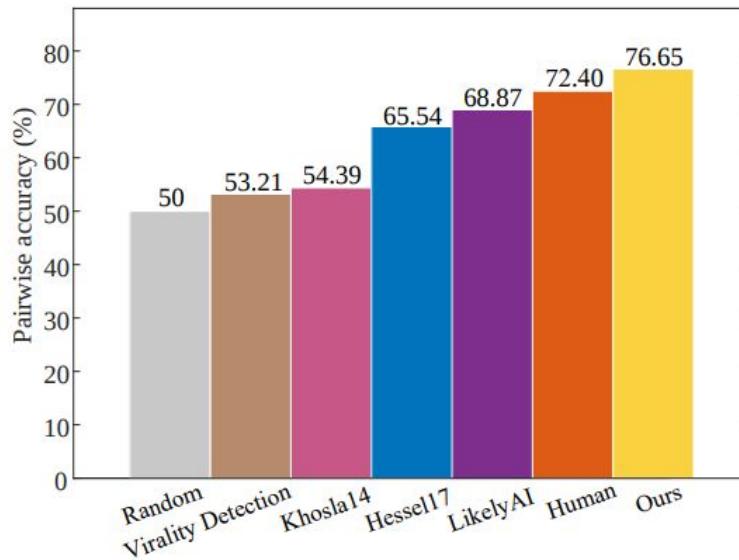
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(Significant after applying bonferroni correction)

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More evidence that controls are important: our models transfer well to other domains!



[Ding et al. 2019's instagram results]



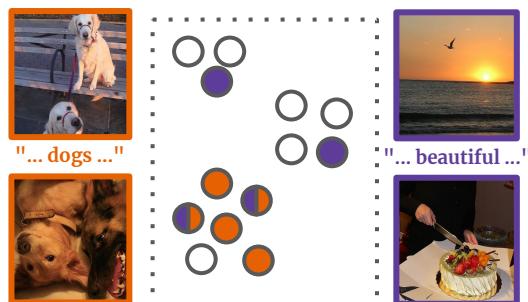
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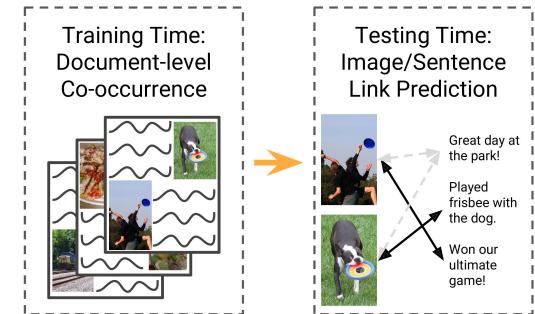
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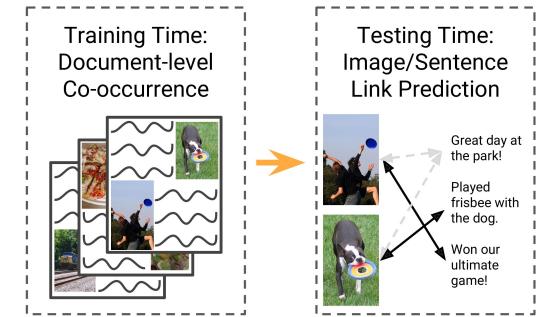
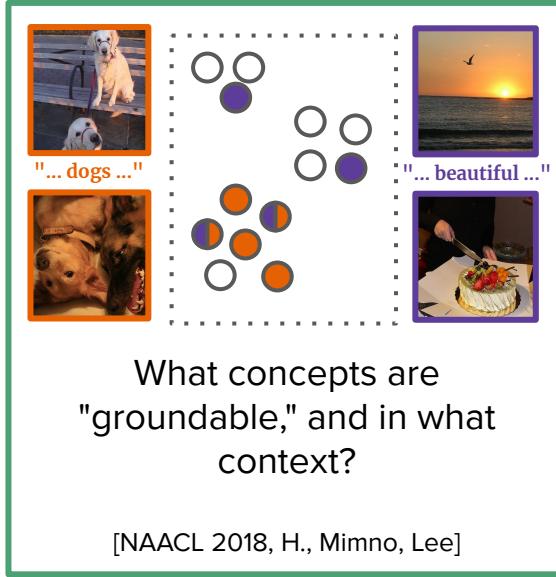
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*"Performance advantages of [multi-modal approaches] over language-only models have been clearly established when models are required to learn **concrete noun concepts**."*

[Hill and Korhonen 2014]

Many datasets focus only on literal objects/actions...



[Lin et al 2014]



The man at bat readies to swing at the pitch while the umpire looks on.

"Do not describe what a person might say."

--- MSCOCO caption annotation guideline for mechanical turkers

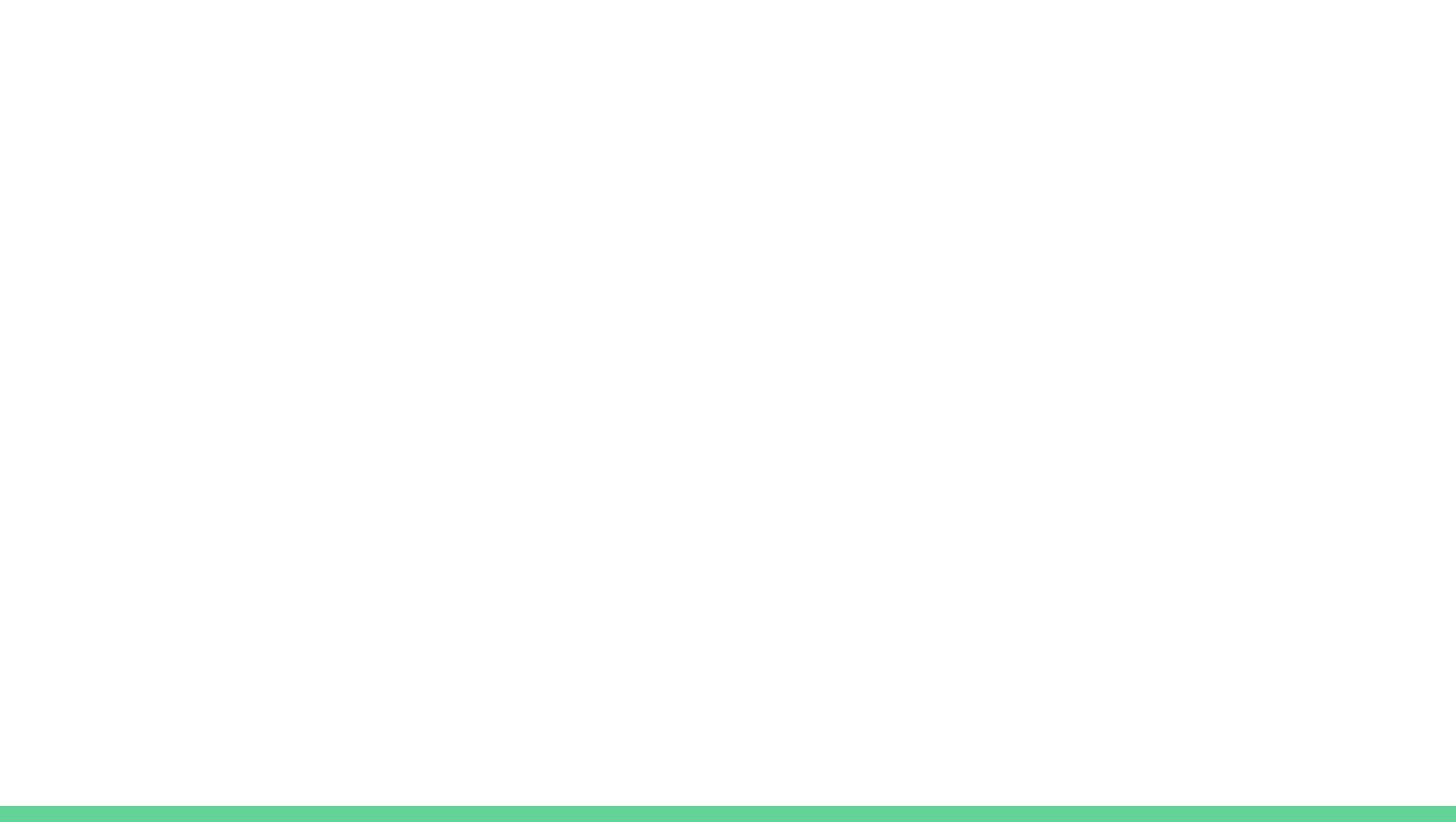
... but we encounter lots of non-concrete language on the web!

Work on identifying hard/easy-to-ground concepts:

[Lu et al., 2008; Berg et al., 2010; Parikh and Grauman, 2011; Young et al., 2014; Kiela and Bottou, 2014; Jas and Parikh, 2015; Lazaridou et al., 2015; Silberer et al., 2016; Lu et al., 2017; Bhaskar et al., 2017; Mahajan et al., 2018; inter alia]

Our contributions:

- Fast algorithm for computing concreteness
- Extension from unigrams/bigrams to LDA topics
- Demonstration that concreteness is context specific





The **cat** is in the grass.

This **cat** is enjoying the sun.



The **cat** is in the grass.

This **cat** is enjoying the sun.

This is a **beautiful** baby.

The sunset is **beautiful**.



Beautiful



Conv Net

Cat



Image Feature Space

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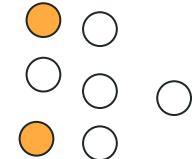
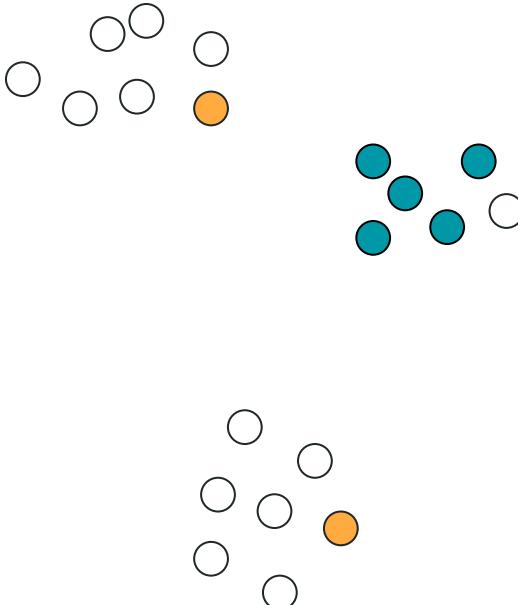


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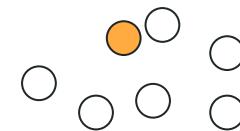
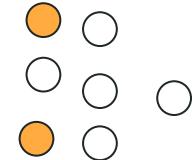
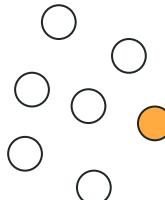
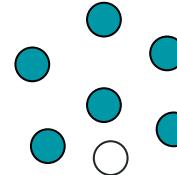
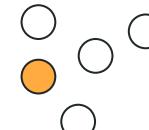
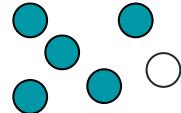
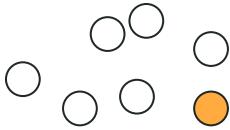


Conv Net

Cat



Image Feature Space



Measure the clusteredness of concepts
by computing expected nearest neighbor concept overlap

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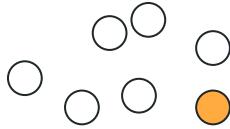


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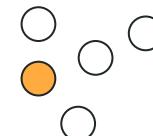
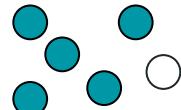
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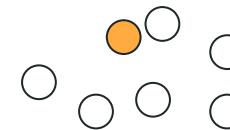
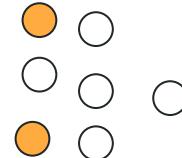
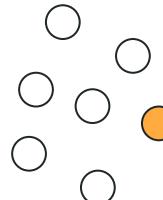
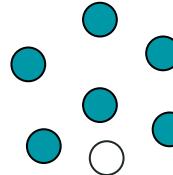
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neighbors of **beautiful**
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neighbors of **cat** are
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Measure the clusteredness of concepts
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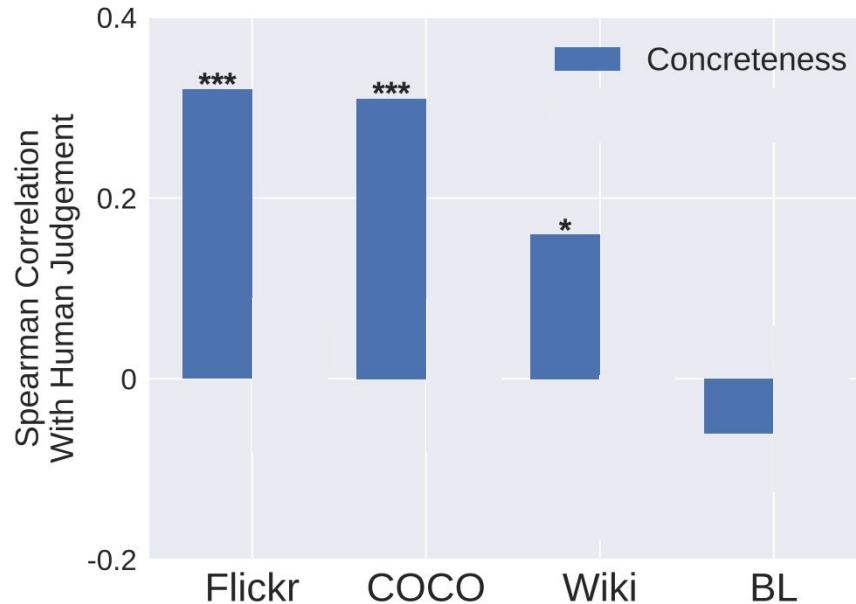
Connection to Geospatial Statistics

Local Indicators of Spatial Association—LISA

The capabilities for visualization, rapid data retrieval, and manipulation in geographic information systems (GIS) have created the need for new techniques of exploratory data analysis that focus on the “spatial” aspects of the data. The identification of local patterns of spatial association is an important concern in this respect. In this paper, I outline a new general class of local indicators of spatial association (LISA) and show how they allow for the decomposition of global indicators, such as Moran’s I, into the contribution of each observation.

[Amelin 1995]

"Clusteredness" ≈ Concreteness



COCO Results



The man at bat readies to swing at the pitch while the umpire looks on.

COCO Results

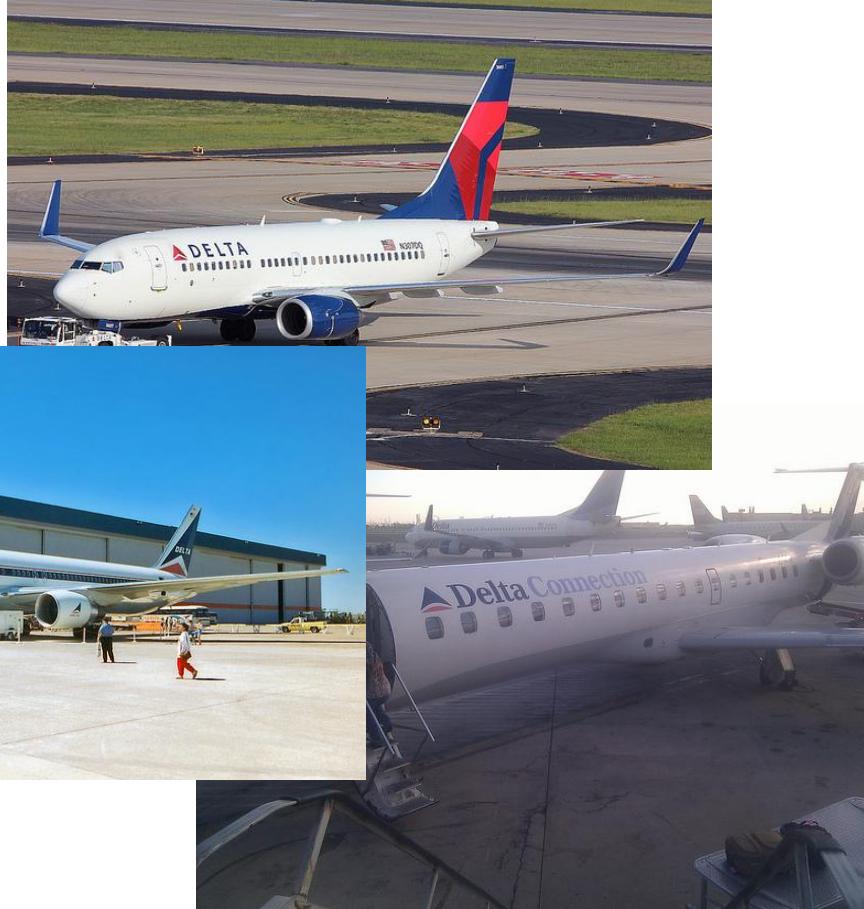
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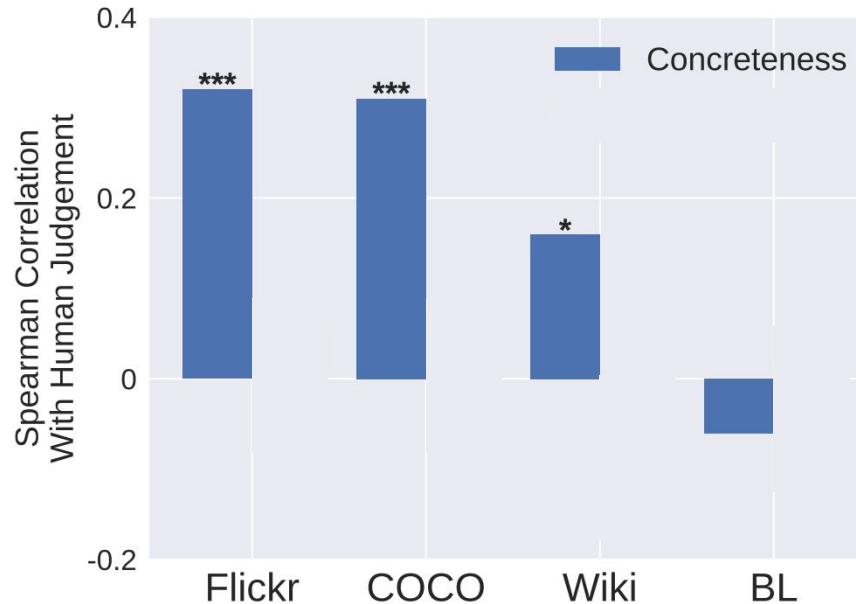
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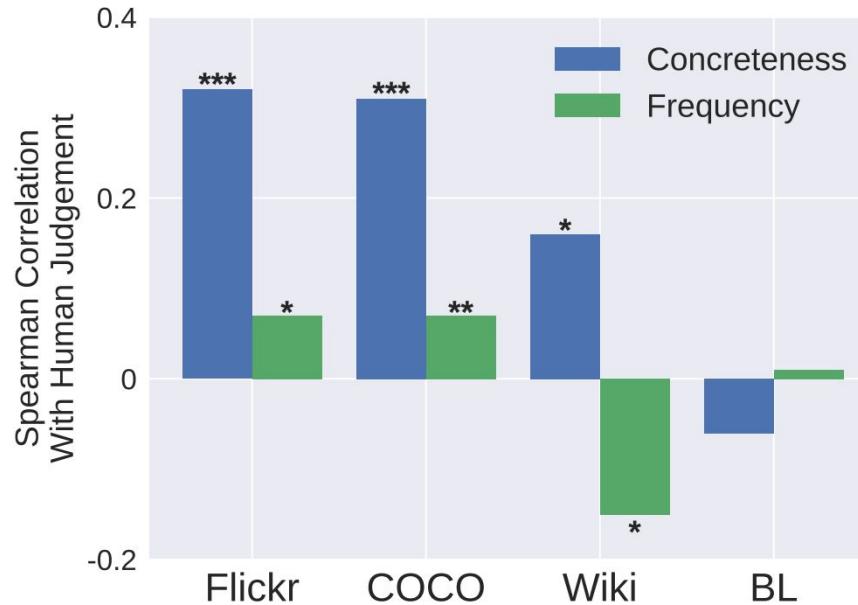
COCO Results

Most concrete	Somewhat concrete	Not concrete
wok	315.595	motorcycle
hummingbird	291.804	fun
vane	290.037	including
racer	269.043	lays
grizzly	229.274	fish
equestrian	219.894	goes
taxiing	205.410	blurry
unripe	201.733	helmet
siamese	199.024	itself
delta	195.618	umbrellas
kiteboarding	192.459	teddy
airways	183.971	bar
compartments	182.015	fancy
burners	180.553	sticks
stocked	177.472	himself
spire	177.396	take
tulips	173.850	steps
ben	171.936	attempting
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		while
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		large
		person
		looking
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Context matters!

"London"
Top 1% Concrete
as a caption descriptor in
MSCOCO.

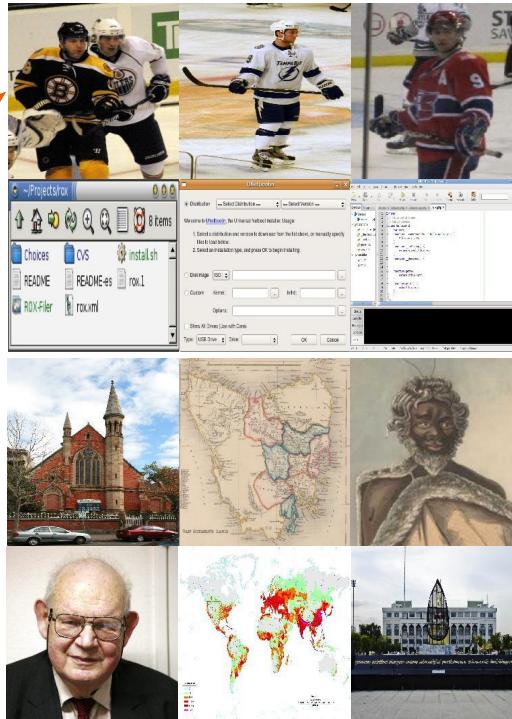


"#London"
Rank 1110/7K Concreteness
as a hashtag in a Flickr image
tagging dataset.

Experiments on Wikipedia with LDA topics:

Most Concrete

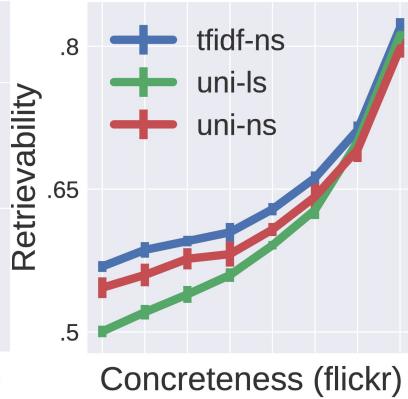
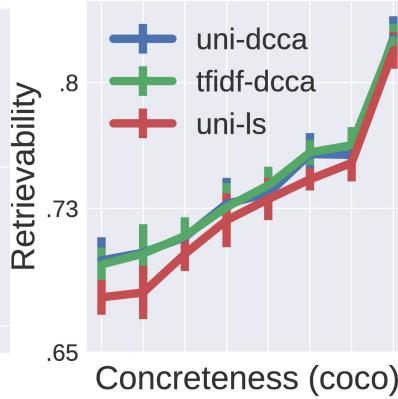
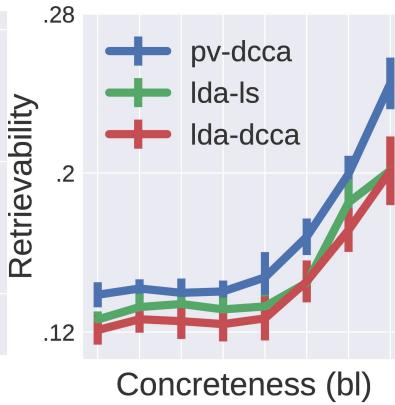
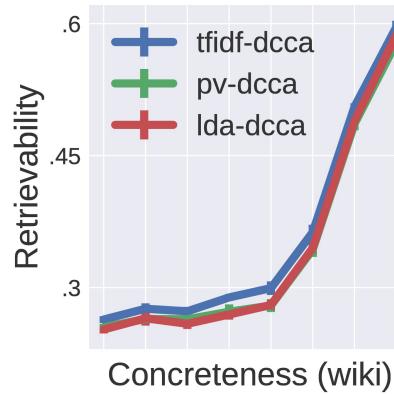
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148.9	tennis
86.3	nintendo
81.9	guns
80.9	baseball
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60.9	auto racing
58.8	currency



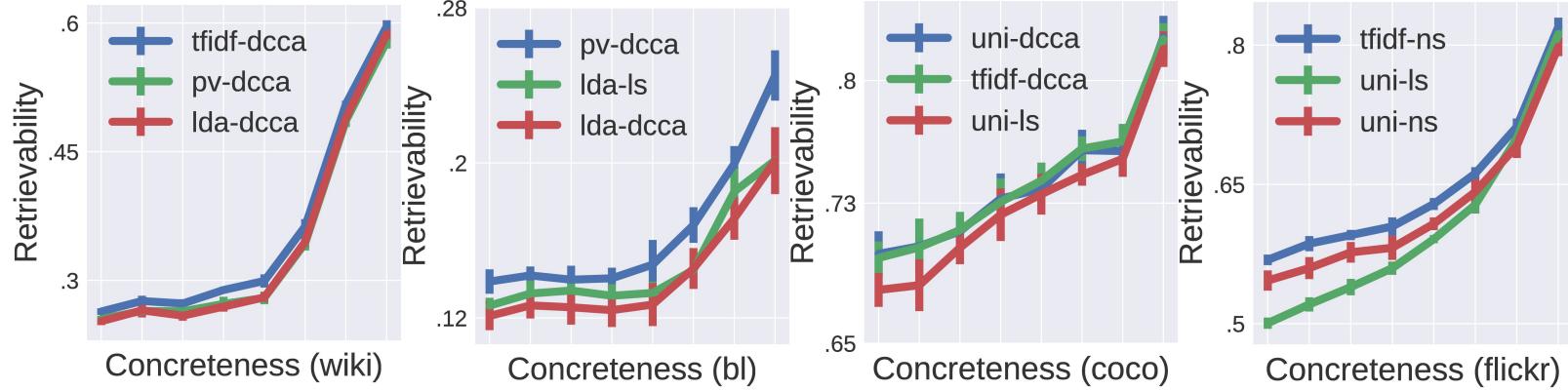
Least Concrete

<u>australia</u>	<u>1.95</u>
mexico	1.81
police	1.73
law	1.71
male names	1.65
community	1.58
history	1.52
time	1.47
months	1.43
<u>linguistics</u>	<u>1.29</u>

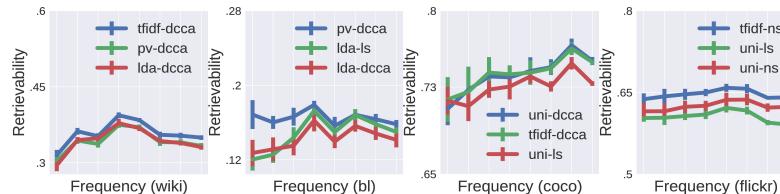
More concrete = easier to learn



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(more frequent \equiv easier to learn)



Use Case from Shi et al. 2019 (ACL Best Paper Nom.)

Idea: unsupervised constituency parsing
based on the concreteness of spans in image captions



A cat is on the ground.



A cat stands under an umbrella.



A dog sits under an umbrella.

Model	NP	VP	PP	ADJP	Avg. F ₁	Self F ₁
Random	47.3 ± 0.3	10.5 ± 0.4	17.3 ± 0.7	33.5 ± 0.8	27.1 ± 0.2	32.4
Left	51.4	1.8	0.2	16.0	23.3	N/A
Right	32.2	23.4	18.7	14.4	22.9	N/A
VG-NSL (ours) [†]	79.6 ± 0.4	26.2 ± 0.4	42.0 ± 0.6	22.0 ± 0.4	50.4 ± 0.3	87.1
VG-NSL+HI (ours) [†]	74.6 ± 0.5	32.5 ± 1.5	66.5 ± 1.2	21.7 ± 1.1	53.3 ± 0.2	90.2
VG-NSL+HI+FastText (ours) ^{*†}	78.8 ± 0.5	24.4 ± 0.9	65.6 ± 1.1	22.0 ± 0.7	54.4 ± 0.4	89.8
Hessel et al. (2018)+HI [†]	72.5	34.4	65.8	26.2	52.9	N/A

(many more baselines in their paper)



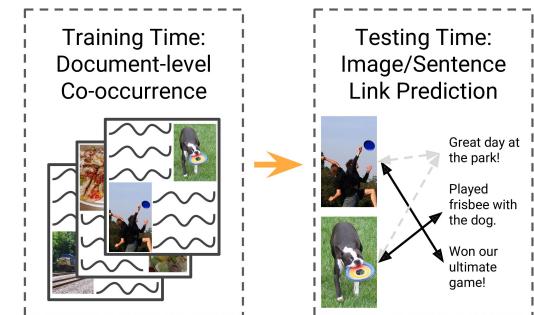
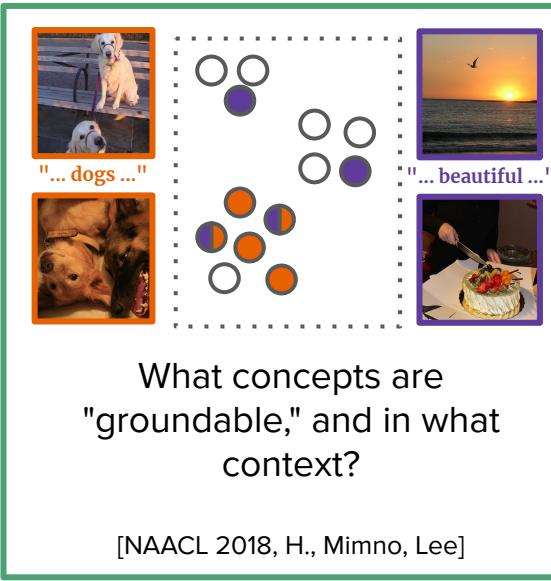
The grass is always
greener



This is why you get
two cats

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content?

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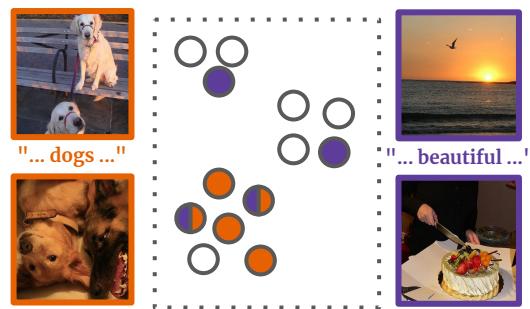
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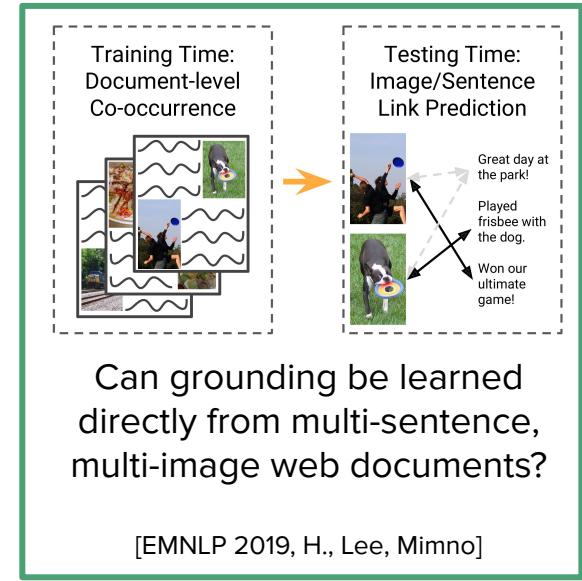
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What concepts are "groundable," and in what context?

[NAACL 2018, H., Mimno, Lee]



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Multi-image, Multi-sentence documents?

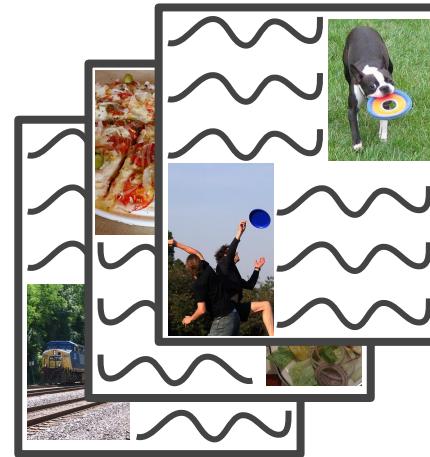
Image captioning case:

one image, one sentence
explicit link by annotation



Our case:

multiple images, multiple sentences
no explicit links



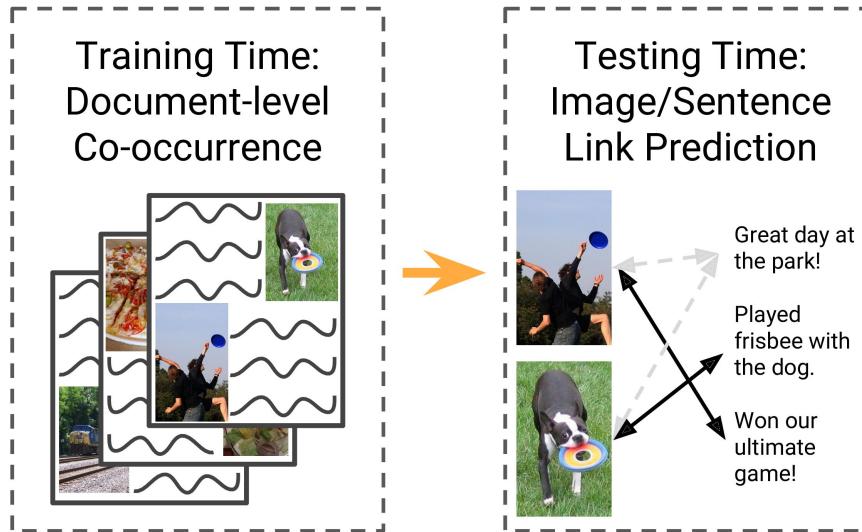
Why you might care about multi-image/multi-sentence documents

These types of documents are ubiquitous!

- Web pages
- Product listings
- Books, current and historical
- Web comments on images
- News articles

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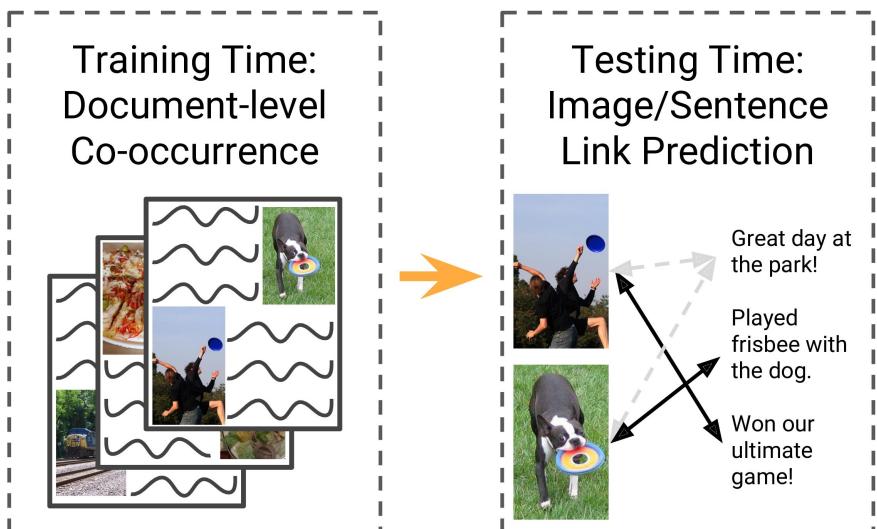
The Task: Unsupervised Link Prediction



What's hard about this link prediction task?

- No explicit labels!
- Sentences may have no image
- Images may have no sentence
- Sentences may have multiple images
- Images may have multiple sentences

Evaluating Link Prediction



Metrics:

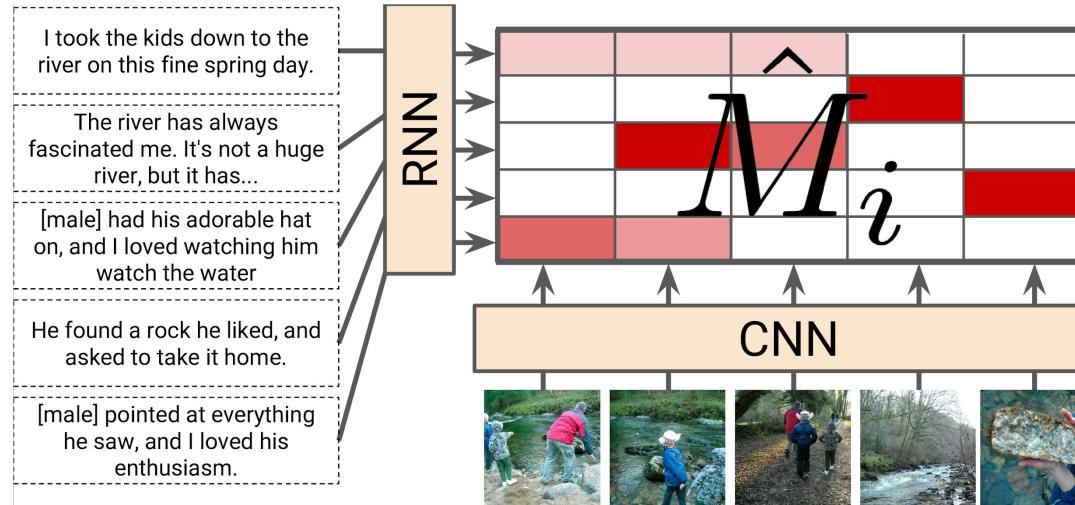
AUC: a standard link prediction metric

$$\propto \sum_{(i,j) \in G} \sum_{(i',j') \notin G} \mathbb{I}[s(i,j) > s(i',j')]$$

Precision-at-K (we use K=1,5):

"If you had to make your K most confident predictions per-document, how accurate would you be?"

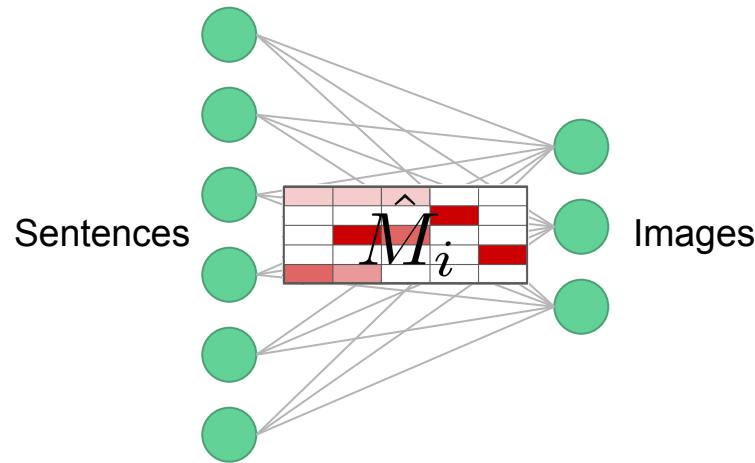
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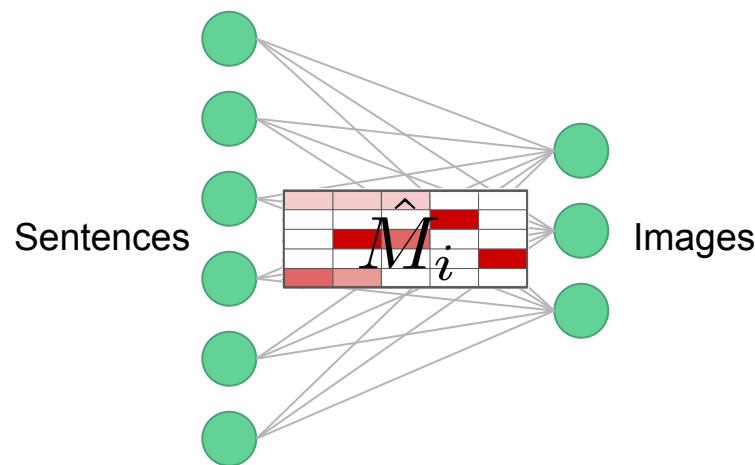
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$$\hat{M}_i$$

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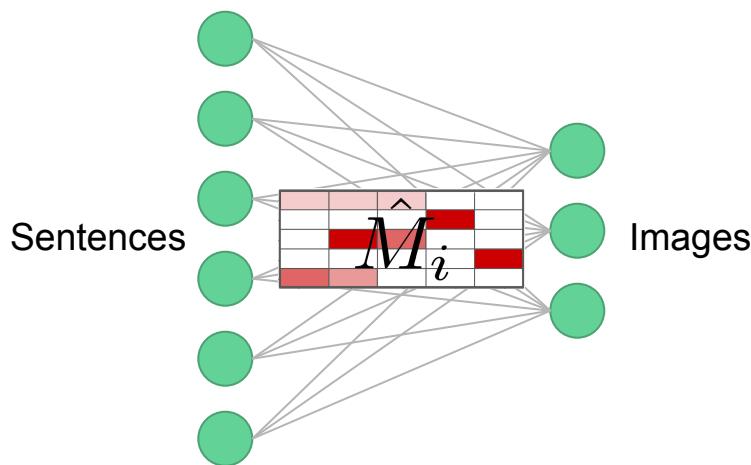


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$$\text{maximize} \quad \sum_{i,j} \widehat{M}_{ij} x_{ij}$$

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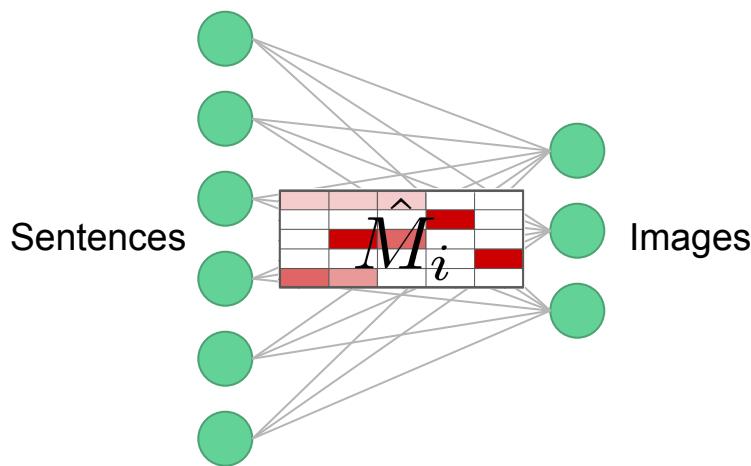


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$$\forall i, \sum_j x_{ij} \leq 1; \forall j, \sum_i x_{ij} \leq 1; \forall i, j, x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$$

to each image, no more than one sentence,
to each sentence, no more than one image

Model



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backprop through
the solution x^* :

$$\text{sim}(\hat{M}_i) = \sum_{i,j} \hat{M}_{ij} x_{ij}^*$$

Training: Max Margin loss with Negative Sampling

The river has always fascinated me. It's not a huge river, but it has...

I took the kids down to the river on this fine spring day.

He found a rock he liked, and asked to take it home.

[male] had his adorable hat on, and I loved watching him watch the water

[male] pointed at everything he saw, and I loved his enthusiasm.



Training: Max Margin loss with Negative Sampling

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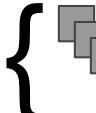
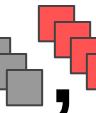
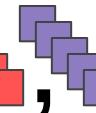
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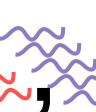


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 $\{ \text{[gray squares]}, \text{[red squares]}, \text{[purple squares]} \}$ V' V_i  $\{ \text{[wavy lines]}, \text{[red wavy lines]}, \text{[purple wavy lines]} \}$ S'

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(S_i, V_i) &= \max_{V' \in \mathbb{V}'} h(\text{sim}(S_i, V_i), \text{sim}(S_i, V')) \\ &\quad + \max_{S' \in \mathbb{S}'} h(\text{sim}(S_i, V_i), \text{sim}(S', V_i)) \end{aligned}$$

S_i

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V_i



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Hard-negative mining
(at the document level)

$$+ \max_{S' \in \mathbb{S}'} h(\text{sim}(S_i, V_i), \text{sim}(S', V_i))$$

The paper has results on four crowdsourced datasets

but we'll focus on the web-scraped data for now...

Datasets Scrapped from the Web

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Data scraped from instructables.com;

Via web interface, authors associate multiple images with recipe steps, which gives us a graph for evaluation



RecipeQA

Ingredients Mint Layer 1. 1 sticks butter 2. 1 cup powdered sugar 3. 1 table spoon milk ... *** Chocolate Layer #1 Although the chocolate layers are perhaps the simplest... until smooth *** Finishing First Layer 1. Pour evenly into a pan... *** Onto the Mint! The Mint mixture can be changed ... Second Layer Is Finished! Now comes a bit of a tricky part. ...The possibilities are endless :D *** Repeat Step #2 ... and final layer of your beautiful snack. *** Pulling It All Together! 1. Remove the dually layered bar ... *** Finishing Notes Allow the bar to acclimate...

Datasets Scraped from the Web

Data scraped from reddit's do-it-yourself (DIY) community

Via web interface, authors associate images with descriptive steps, which gives us a graph for evaluation



DIY

So my partner and I decided that we want to build our first In-Home rock climbing wall... *** We set aside a budget of \$1200 and began a model to estimate... *** Each box represents one square foot of climbing space... *** After cutting a bit more plywood and lining it up... *** I insisted in putting a few cross braces into the angled section... *** I'm going to have fun with this.

Datasets Scraped from the Web

Data scraped from wikipedia

There are no ground-truth links between images and text (so we are limited to qualitative observation).

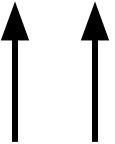
Imageclef-Wiki



Rivet A rivet is a permanent mechanical fastener... Solid rivets consist simply of a shaft and head... Steel rivets can be found in static structures such as bridges, cranes, ... They are offered from 1/16-inch (1.6 mm) to 3/8-inch (9.5 mm) in diameter ... The most common machine is the impact riveter and the most common use of semitubular rivets is in lighting, brakes ...

Stats for Web Datasets

	train/val/test	n_i/m_i (median)	# imgs (unique)	density
DIY	7K/1K/1K	15/16	154K	8%
RQA	7K/1K/1K	6/8	88K	17%
WIKI	14K/1K/1K	86/5	92K	N/A

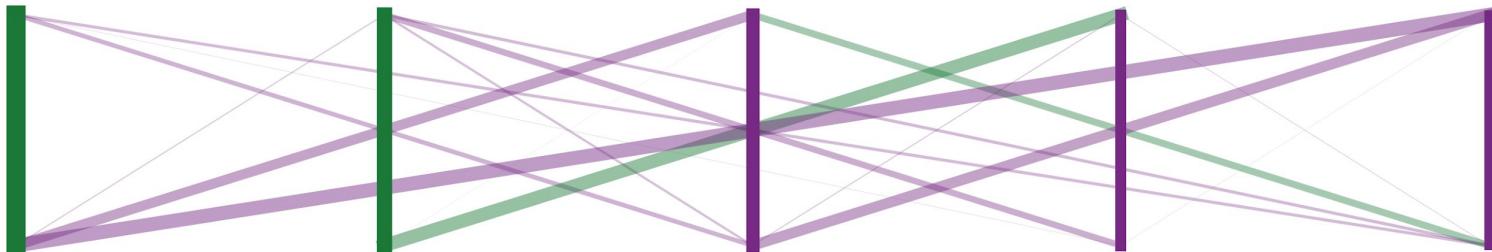
 # sentences/doc # images/doc

Quantitative Results on RQA/DIY

	RQA		DIY	
	AUC	p@1/p@5	AUC	p@1/p@5
Random	49.4	17.8/16.7	49.8	6.3/6.8
Obj Detect	58.7	25.1/21.5	53.4	17.9/11.8
NoStruct	60.5	33.8/27.0	57.0	13.3/11.8

Quantitative Results on RQA/DIY

	RQA		DIY	
	AUC	p@1/p@5	AUC	p@1/p@5
Random	49.4	17.8/16.7	49.8	6.3/6.8
Obj Detect	58.7	25.1/21.5	53.4	17.9/11.8
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AP	69.3	47.3/37.3	61.8	22.5/17.2



Pour the quart of half-and-half into the blender. Weigh out about 120g...

First, fry up a pound of your favorite thin-sliced bacon. For this dish...

While I made a triple batch for competition, this recipe is scaled...

This layer will be your "meat" strip in the center of the bacon...

This one is just syrup and smoke. Combine 1 cup bacon...

Example from RQA

WIKI Prediction on Mauritius Article



This archipelago was formed in a series of undersea volcanic eruptions 8-10 million years ago...
(93.9)



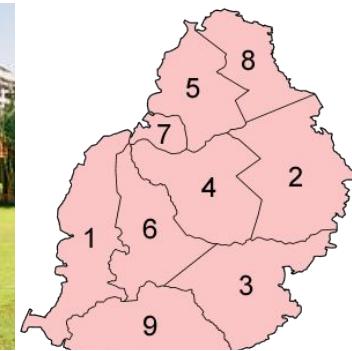
The island is well known for its natural beauty.
(92.1)



First sighted by Europeans around 1600 on Mauritius, the dodo became extinct less than eighty years later.
(84.5)



... a significant migrant population of Bhumihar Brahmins in Mauritius who have made a mark for themselves in different fields.
(79.8)



Mauritian Cr  ole, which is spoken by 90 per cent of the population, is considered to be the native tongue...
(68.3)

For the dodo, the object detection baseline's selected sentence began with:
“(Mauritian Creole people usually known as ‘Creoles’)”



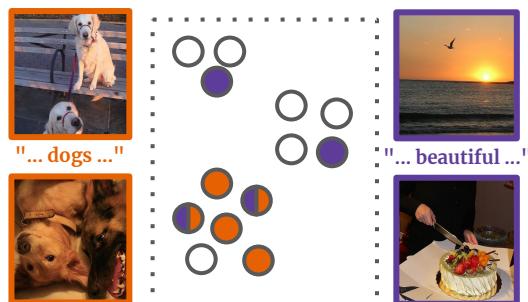
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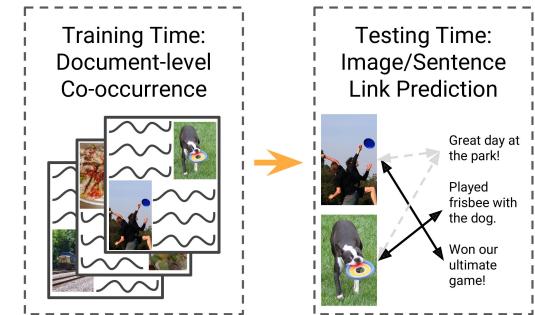
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[WWW 2017, H., Lee, Mimno]



What concepts are
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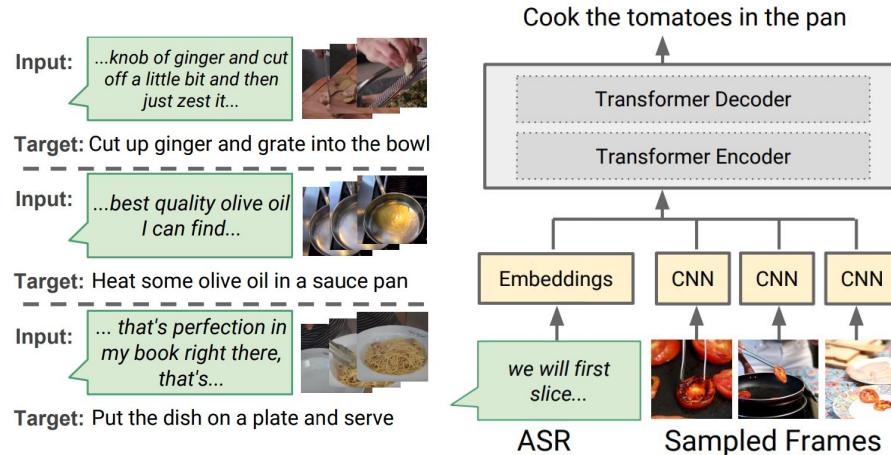
[NAACL 2018, H., Mimno, Lee]



Can grounding be learned
directly from multi-sentence,
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[EMNLP 2019, H., Lee, Mimno]

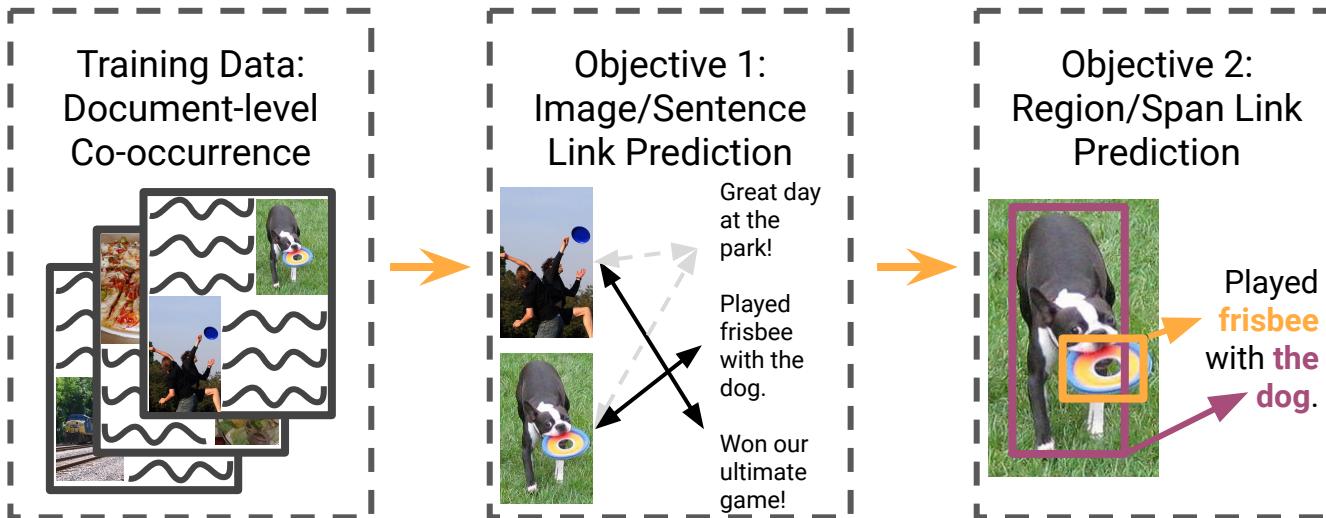
Ongoing work: exploring grounding in web videos



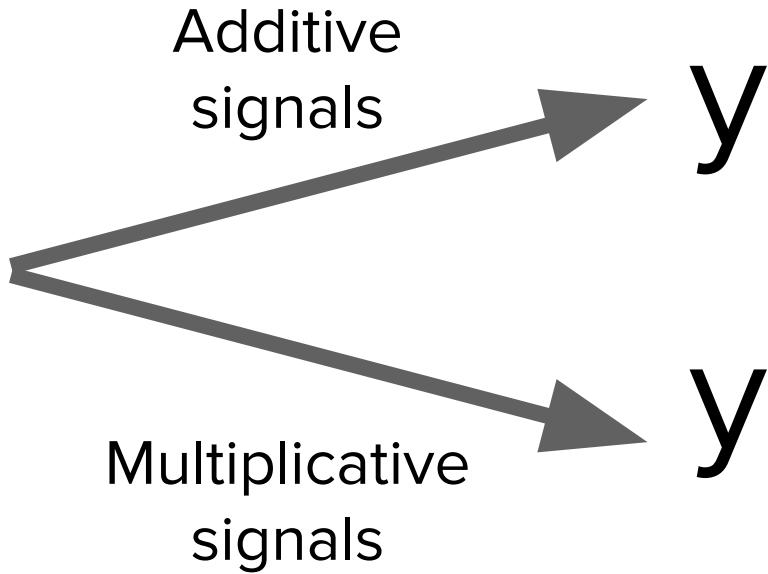
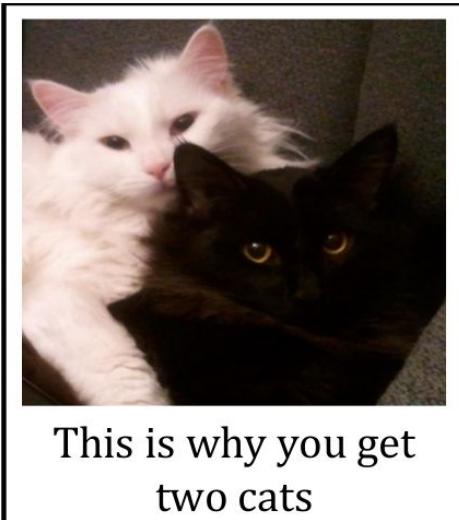
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[CoNLL 2019 H., Pang, Zhu, Soricut;
H., Pang, Zhu are planning ACL submission :)]

Ongoing work: incorporating structure into multi-retrieval models



Ongoing work: decoupling additive vs. multiplicative interactions



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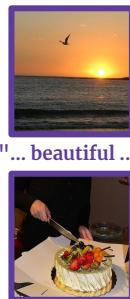
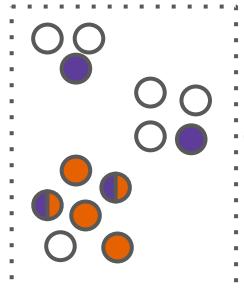
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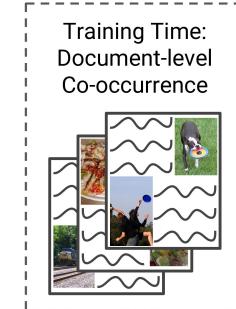
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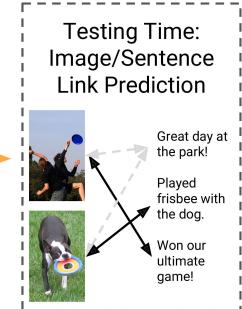
"... dogs ..."



"... beautiful ..."



Training Time:
Document-level
Co-occurrence



Testing Time:
Image/Sentence
Link Prediction

Great day at
the park!
Played
frisbee with
the dog.

Won our
ultimate
game!

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