



# From *Naive Physics* to *Connotation*: Modeling Commonsense in Frame Semantics

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## Blueberry Muffins

### Ingredients

1 cup milk  
1 egg  
1/3 cup vegetable oil  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 cup white sugar  
1/2 cup fresh blueberries

### Procedure

1. Preheat oven to 375° F.
2. In a large bowl, stir together milk, egg, and oil. Add flour, baking powder, sugar, and blueberries; gently mix the batter with only a few strokes. Spoon batter into cups.
3. **Bake for 30 minutes.** Serve hot.

**Knowledge** about the world  
to fill in the gap!



Bake **what?** **where?**

<http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Blueberry-Muffins-I/>

# Types of Knowledge

Information Extraction

**Encyclopedic knowledge**

- Who is the president of which country and born in what year...

Naïve Physics

**Commonsense knowledge**

- It's not possible to stab someone using a cheeseburger

Social Norms

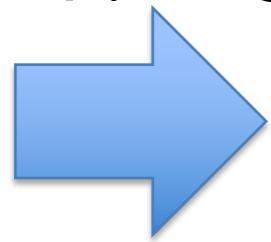
- Stabbing a cheeseburger is not newsworthy...
- Stabbing someone is generally immoral

Procedural (How-to) Knowledge

- How to make a cheeseburger

# Plan

1. Commonsense Frame Semantics



Naive physics

2. Modeling the World, not just Language

# Verb Physics

relative physical knowledge about **actions** and **objects**

Maxwell Forbes et al. (ACL 2017)



# Winograd Schema Challenge

- The trophy would not fit in the brown suitcase because it was too **big (small)**.  
What was too **big (small)**?  
Answer 0: the trophy  
Answer 1: the suitcase

## *Physical Knowledge about the World*

“Hey, Robot, Fetch me **a container** to put this pie.”

What are the pre- and post-conditions of the action “to put X into Y”?

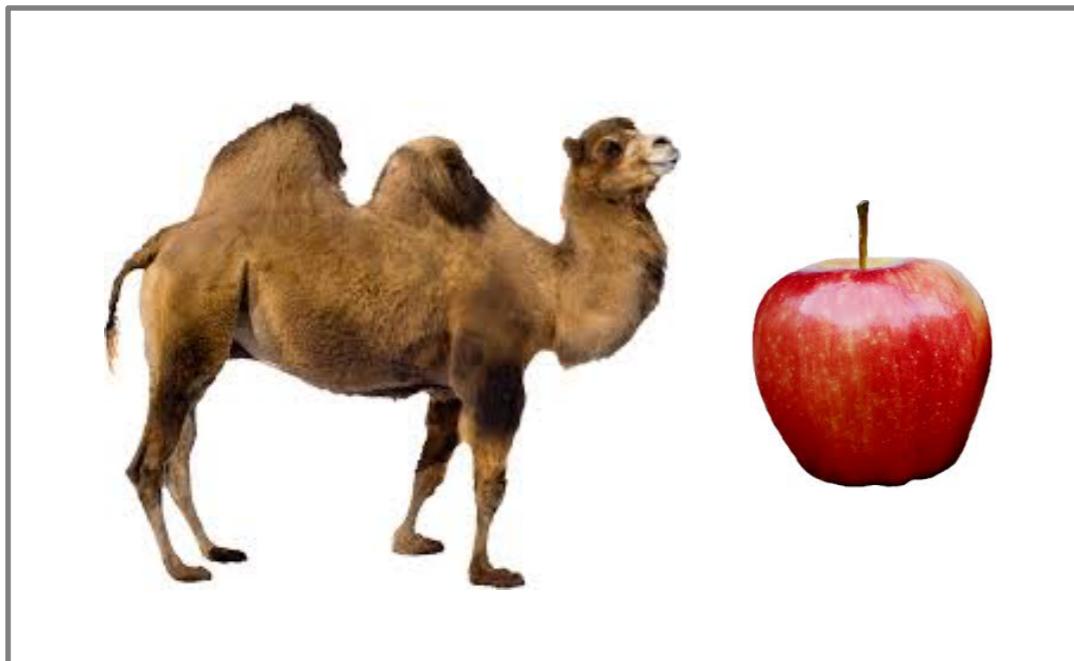
If I drop this styrofoam ball into the steel table, will either break?



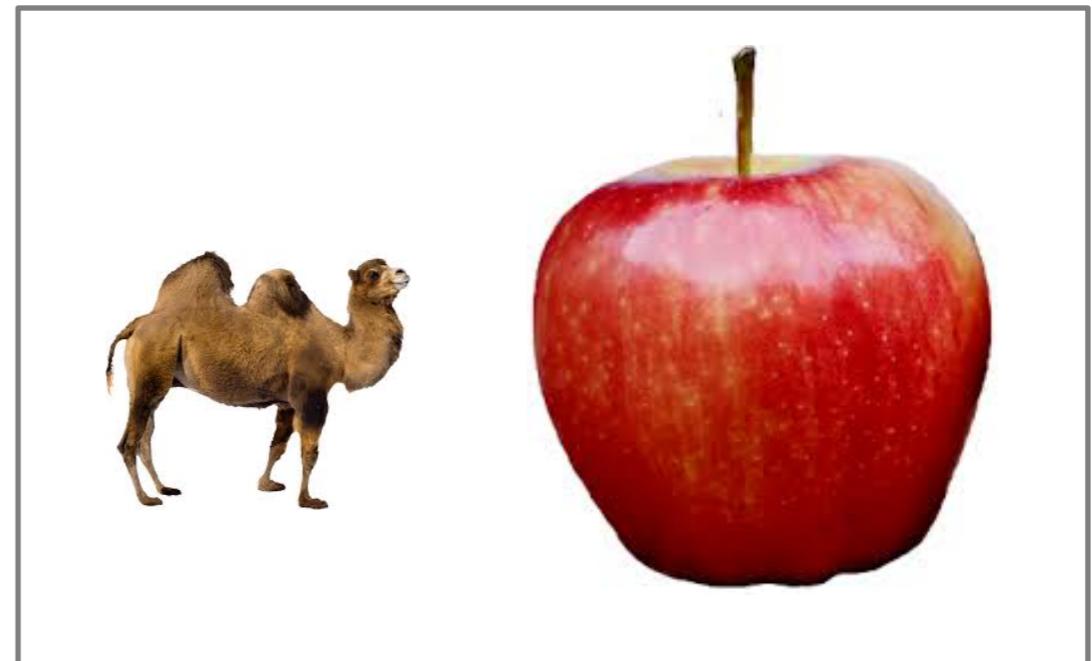
# Support from Psychology Studies

- A familiar-size stroop effect. (Konkle, T., and Oliva, A. 2012.)
- Knowledge on size represented in a perceptual or analog format (Moyer, 1973; Paivio, 1975; Rubinsten & Henik, 2002).
- Objects have a canonical visual size (Konkle & Oliva, 2011; Linsen, Leyssen, Sammartino, & Palmer, 2011).

congruent



incongruent



# Overcoming Reporting Bias

- People don't state the obvious
  - (Van Durme 2010, Sorower et al., 2011)

*“I am larger than a chair”*

~~"I am larger than a chair"~~

~~"I am larger than a pen"~~

~~"I am larger than a stone"~~

~~"I am larger than a chair"~~

~~"I am larger than a ball"~~

~~"I am larger than a towel"~~

*“The horse was  
as small as  
a dog!”*

⇒ horse =<sup>size</sup> dog ?

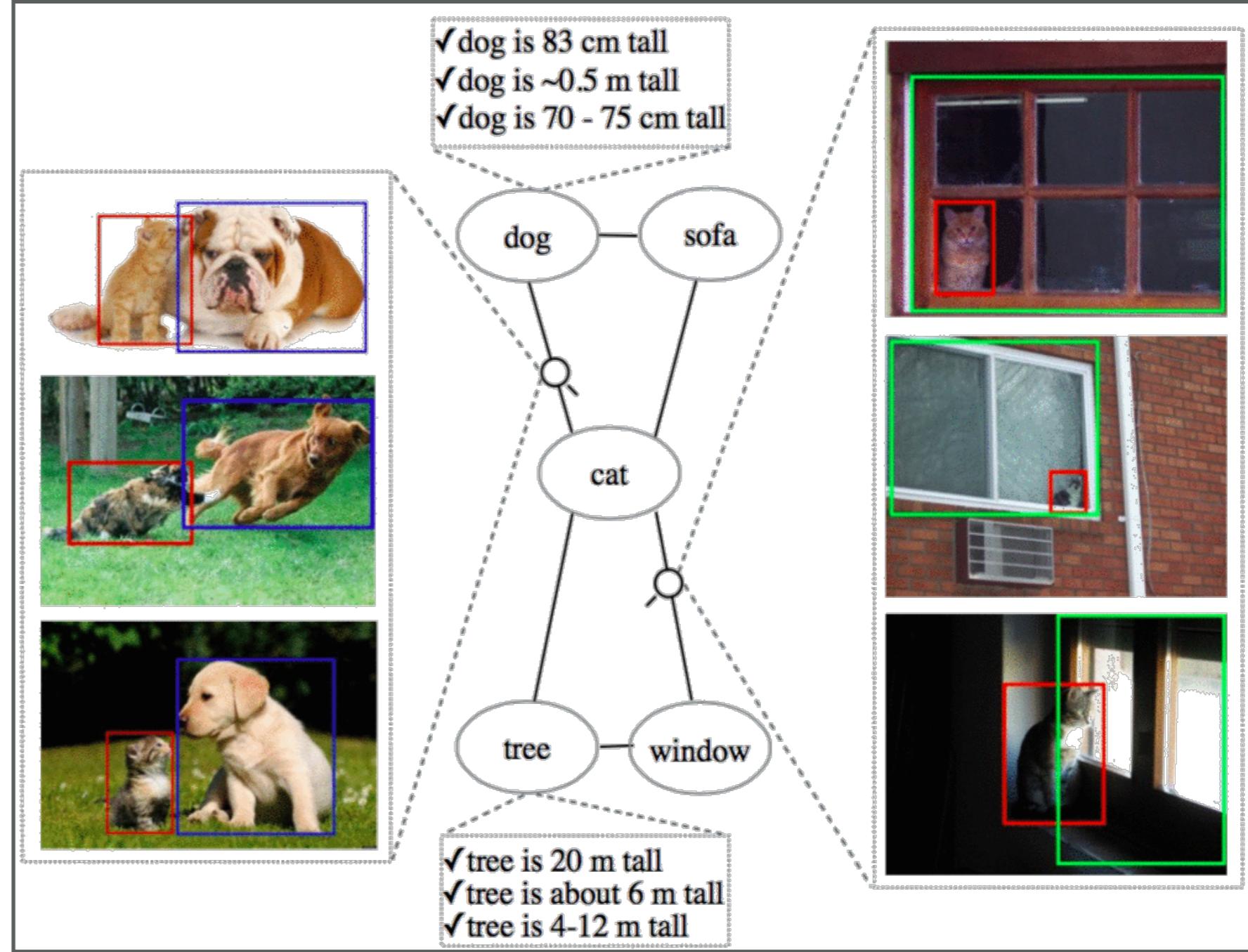
# Are Elephants Bigger than Butterflies?

(Bagherinezhad et al. @ AAAI 2016)

- Language – absolute estimation
  - “car is \* x \* m”
  - “person is \* m tall”
- Vision – relative estimation

$$\frac{\text{size}(O_i)}{\text{size}(O_j)} =$$

$$\frac{\text{area}(\text{box}_1)}{\text{area}(\text{box}_2)} \times \frac{\text{depth}(\text{box}_1)^2}{\text{depth}(\text{box}_2)^2}$$



# Overcoming Reporting Bias

- People don't state the obvious
  - Elephants are bigger than butterflies
- Thoughts last year
  - Look beyond language, such as vision!
  - (AAAI 2016, ACL 2016, ICCV 2015)
  - Can't learn diverse physical knowledge (weight, strength, rigidness, strength...)
- Thoughts this year
  - Back to language, but with a different game plan!

# Key Insight

~~"I am larger than a pen"~~

~~"I am larger than a stone"~~

~~"I am larger than a chair"~~

~~"I am larger than a ball"~~

~~"I am larger than a towel"~~

*"I threw the \_\_\_\_\_"*

*pen*

*stone*

*chair*

*ball*

*towel*

x threw y



x is bigger than y

x weighs more than y

as a result, y will be moving faster than x

# Let's solve two related problems

*Physical properties implied by predicates*

"I **picked up** the <unk>."

"I **dropped** a cherry **into** the <unk>."

"The <unk> **shattered** when it hit the ground"

*Physical properties of objects*



strength

# Along Five

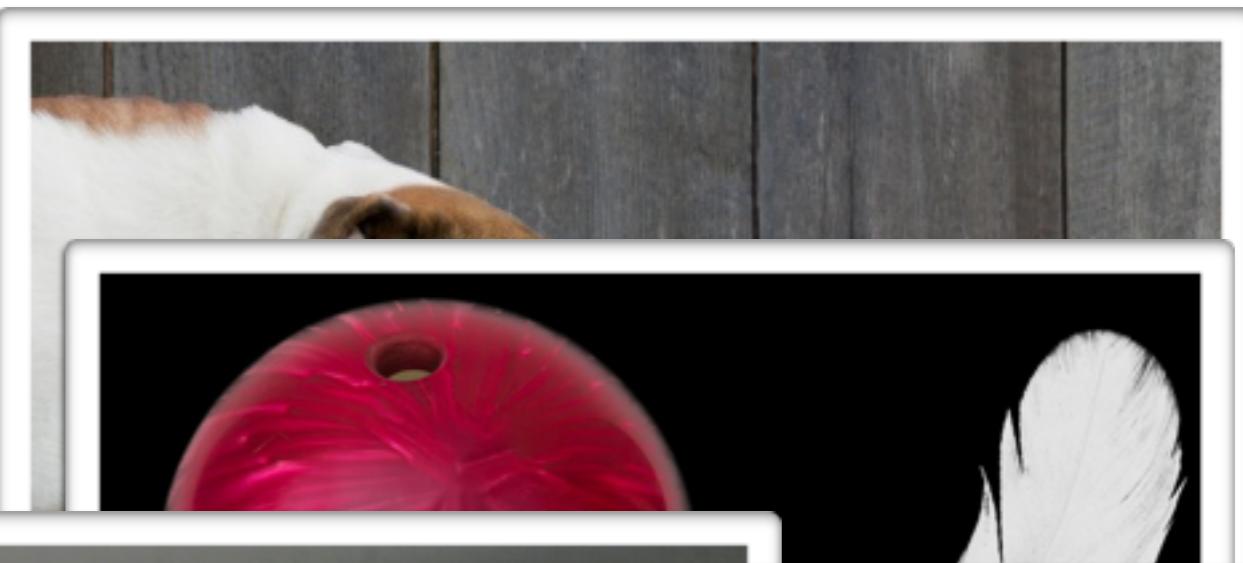
x ><sup>size</sup> y

x ><sup>weight</sup> y

x <<sup>rigidness</sup> y

x ><sup>strength</sup> y

x <<sup>speed</sup> y



# Learning Knowledge from Language

## Using IE Patterns

(Gordon et al., 2010, Gordon and Schubert, 2012, Narisawa et al. 2013, Tandon et al. 2014)

## Narrative Schemas, Script knowledge

(Chambers and Jurafsky. 2009, Pichotta and Mooney 2014, 2016)

## Inferring Knowledge through Reasoning

## Inverting Grice's maxims

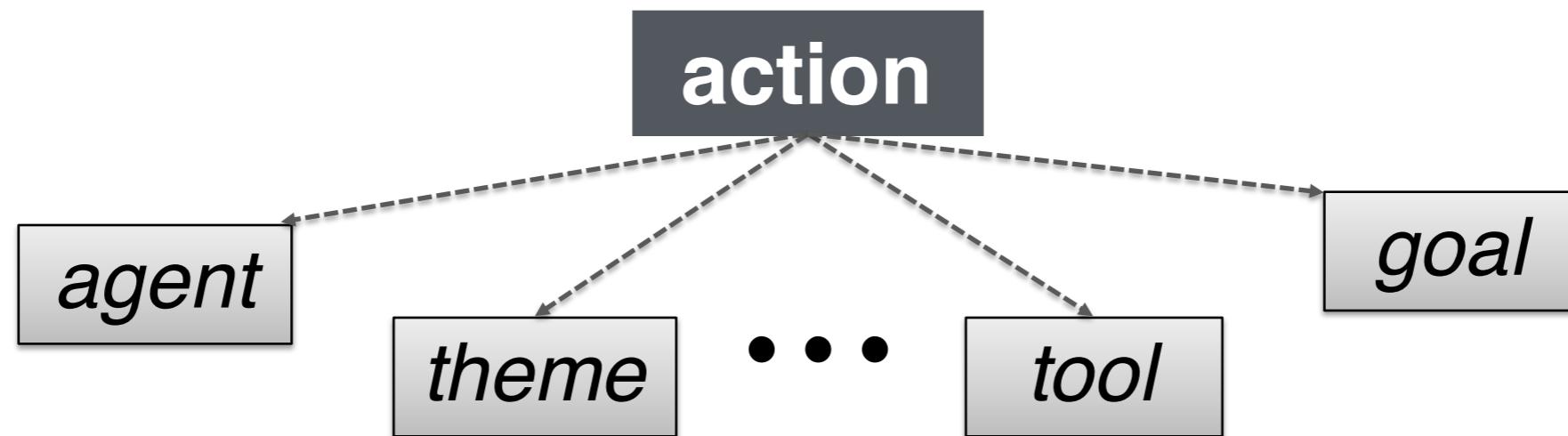
Mohammad S. Sorower, et al., 2011

## Natural logic, natural reasoning, and entailment

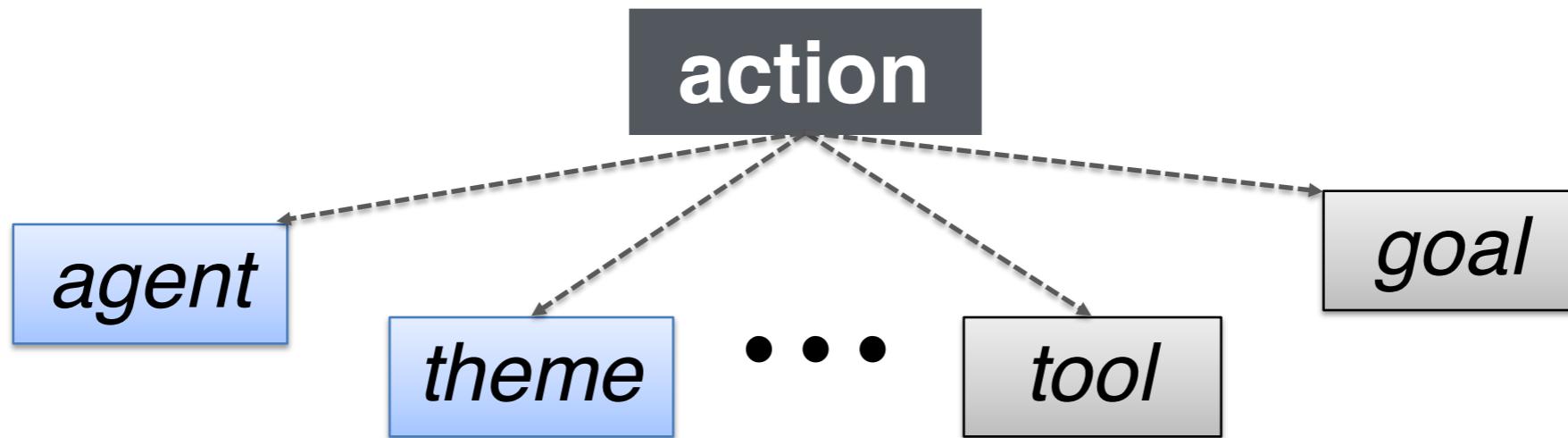
MacCartney and Manning, 2007, Angeli and Manning 2013, 2014, Bowman et al., 2015

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***“He threw the ball”***

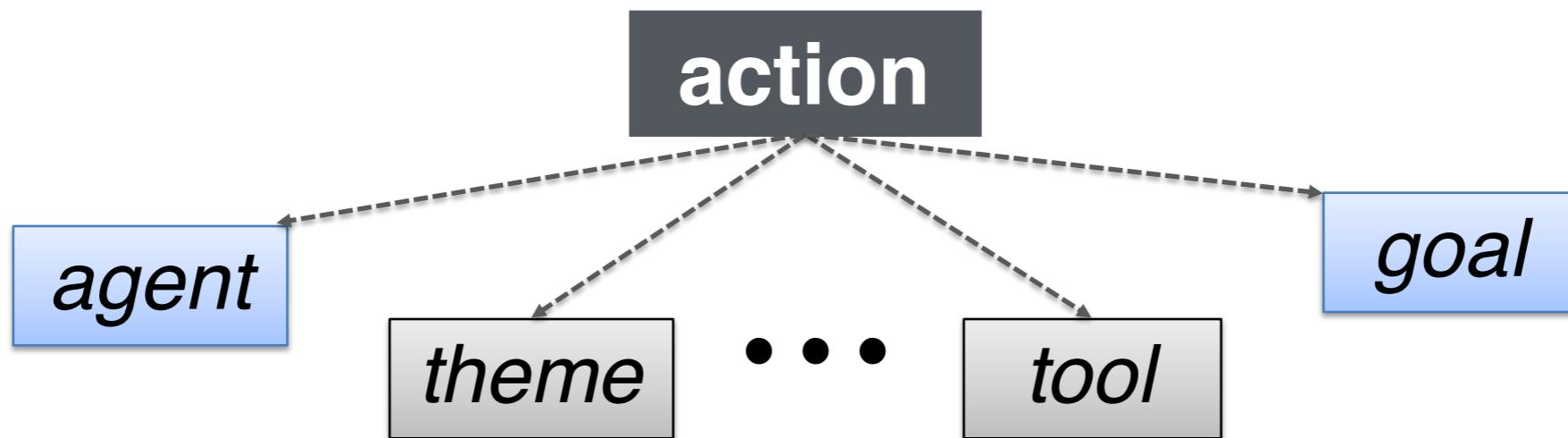
$x \text{ threw } y$

$\Rightarrow x$  is **larger** than  $y$

$\Rightarrow x$  is **heavier** than  $y$

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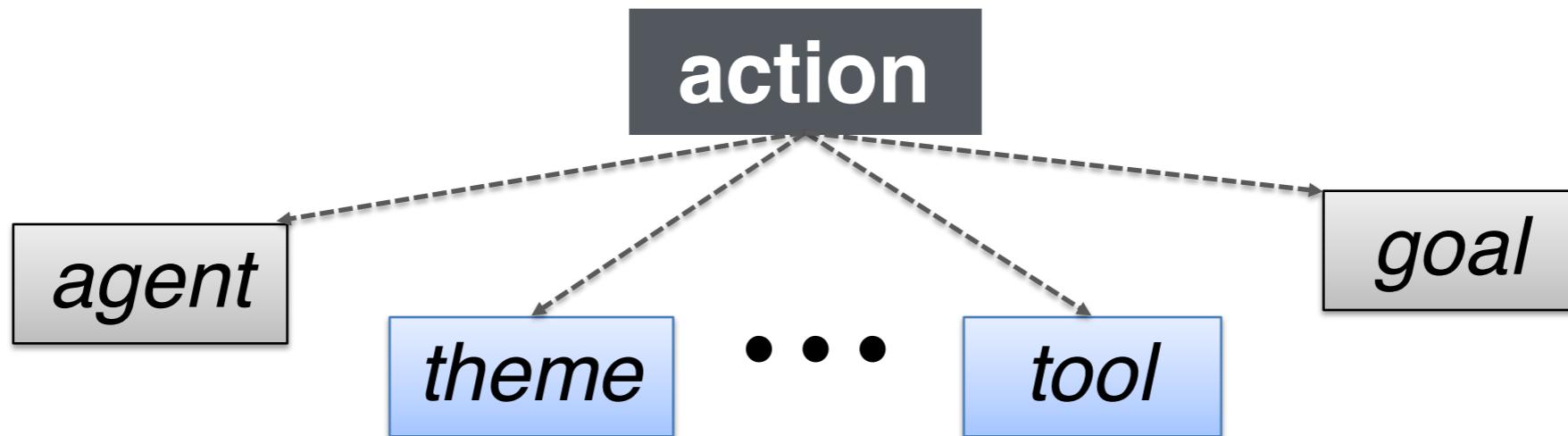
$\mathcal{R}(\text{agent}, \text{goal})$

***“We walked into the house”***

$x \text{ walked into } y$

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$\mathcal{R}(\text{theme}, \text{goal})$

***“I squashed the bug with my boot”***

***squashed x with y***

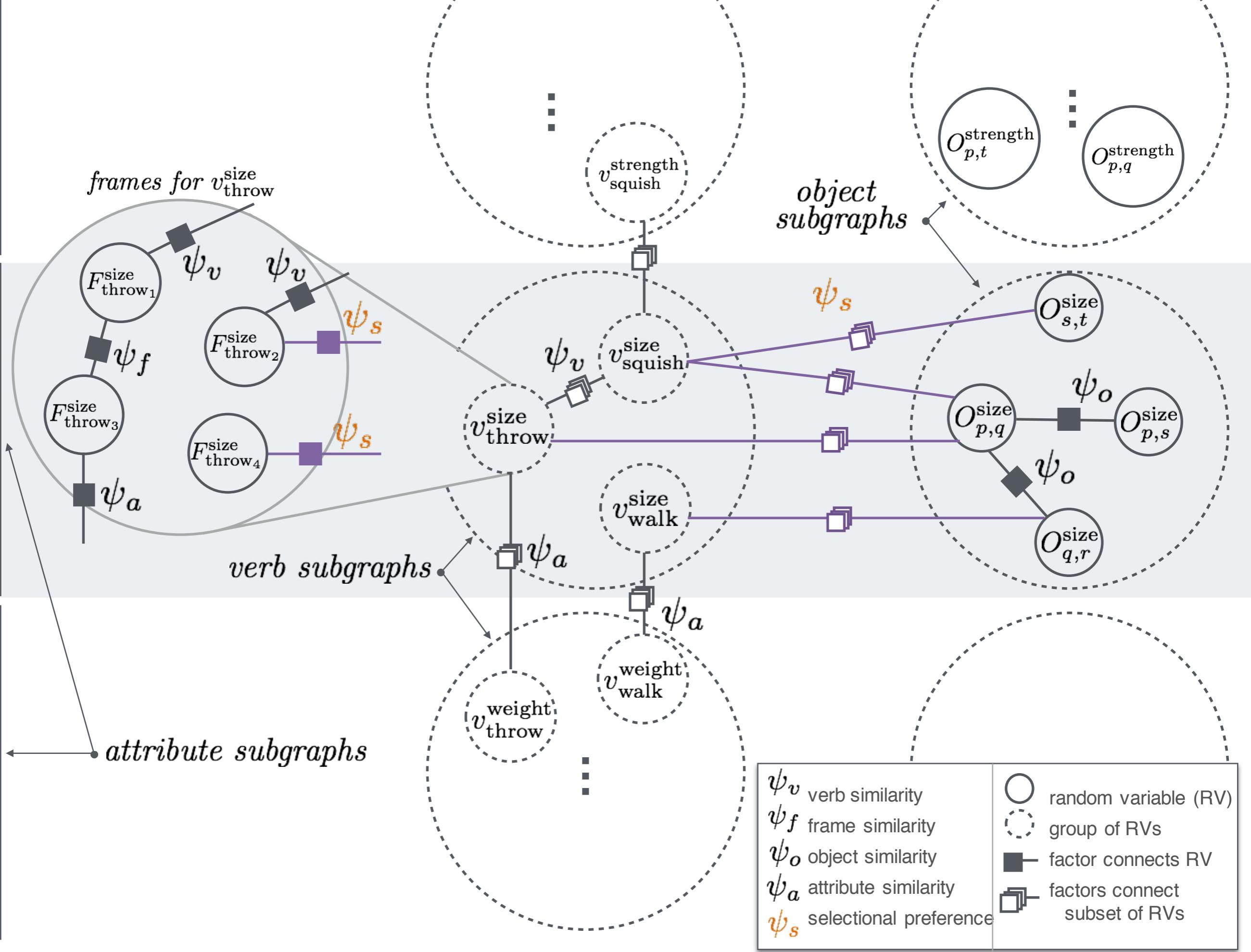
- ⇒ *x* is **smaller** than *y*
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- ⇒ *x* is **slower** than *y*
- ⇒ *x* is **less rigid** than *y*
- ⇒ *x* is **weaker** than *y*

# Model

strength

size

weight



- $\psi_v$  verb similarity
- $\psi_f$  frame similarity
- $\psi_o$  object similarity
- $\psi_a$  attribute similarity
- $\psi_s$  selectional preference

- random variable (RV)
- (dashed circle) group of RVs
- factor connects RV
- factors connect subset of RVs



$v^{\text{size}}_{\text{throw}}$

Each variable represents an entailment knowledge

“If X throws Y, then X > Y in terms of size”

Or

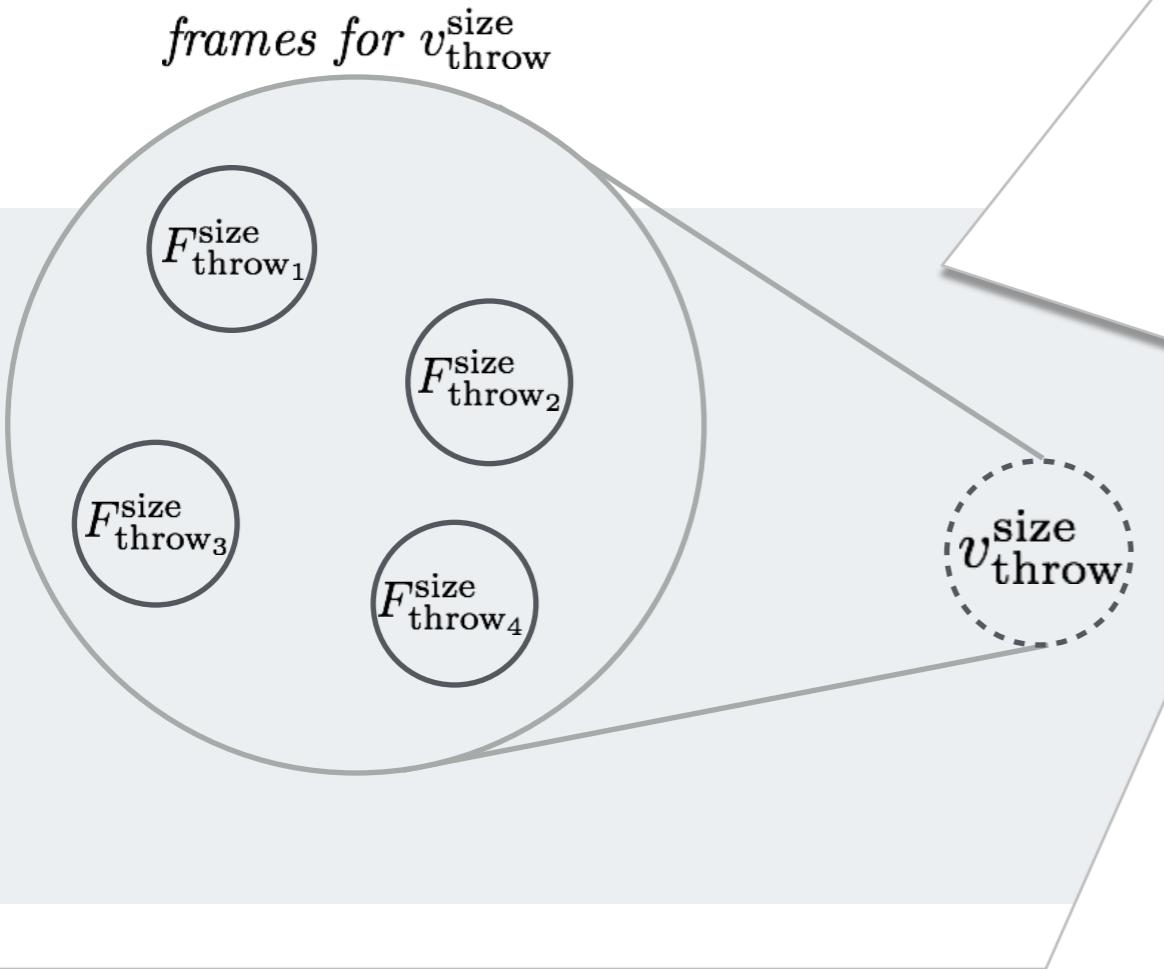
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(Using Levin action verbs (Levin, 1993))



group of RVs

~ 8 frames per predicate



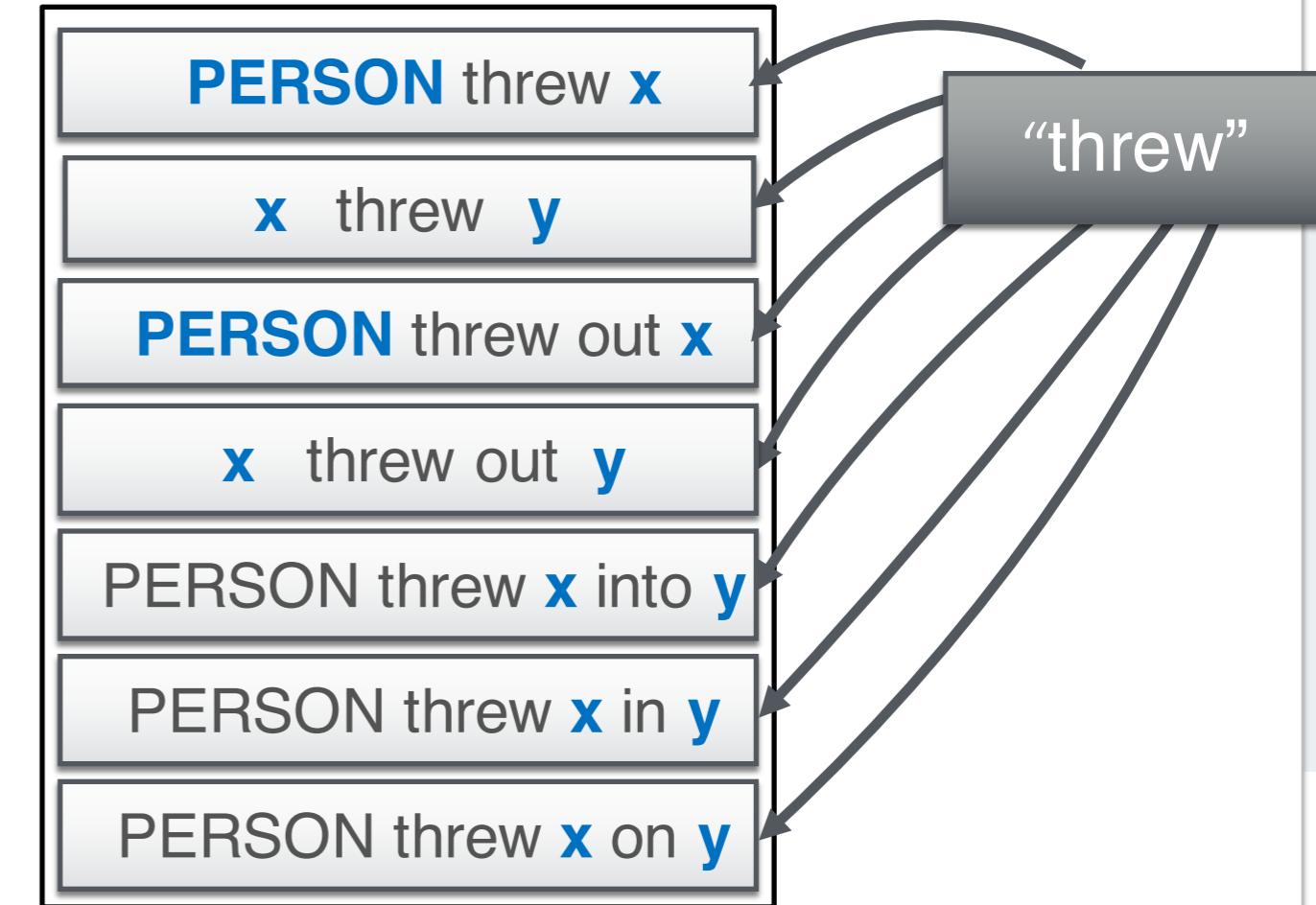
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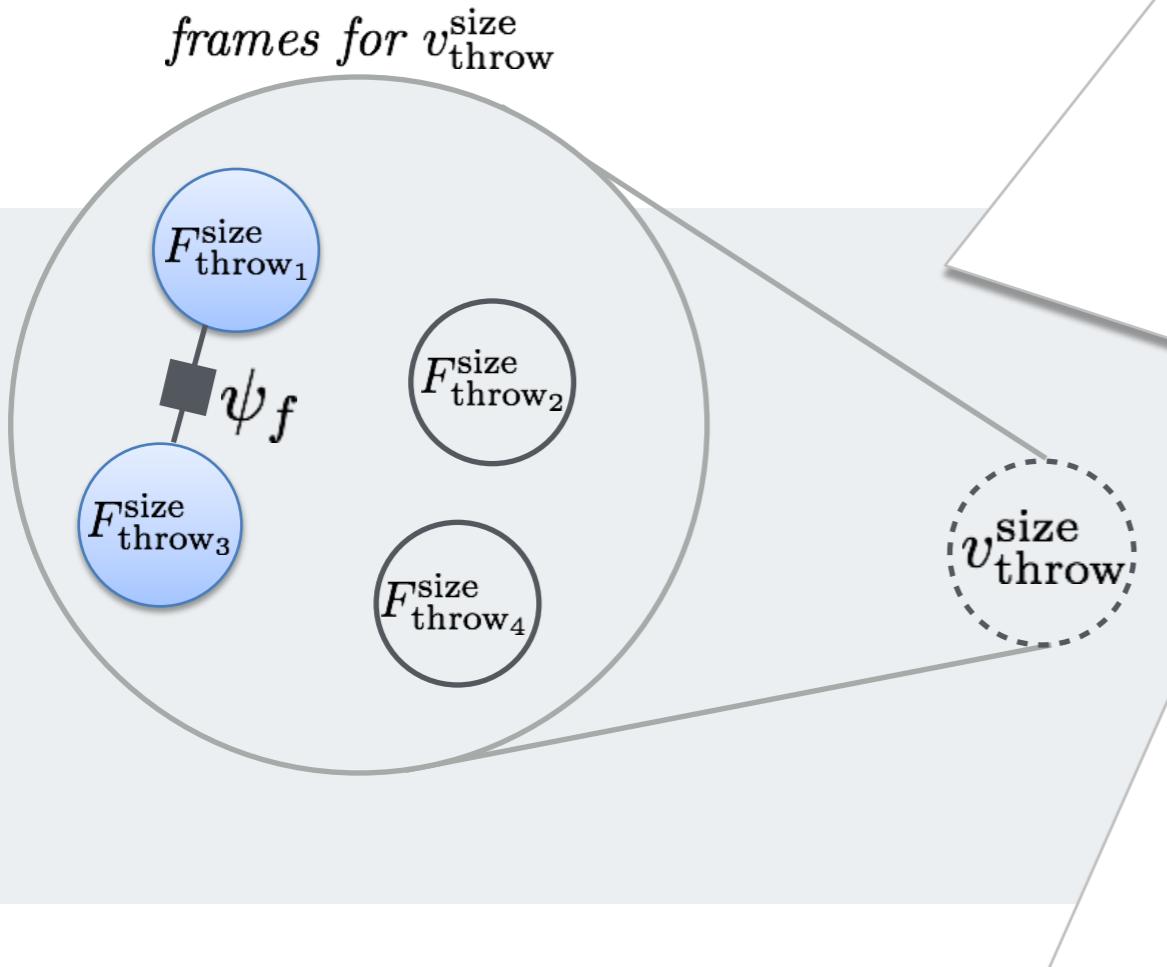
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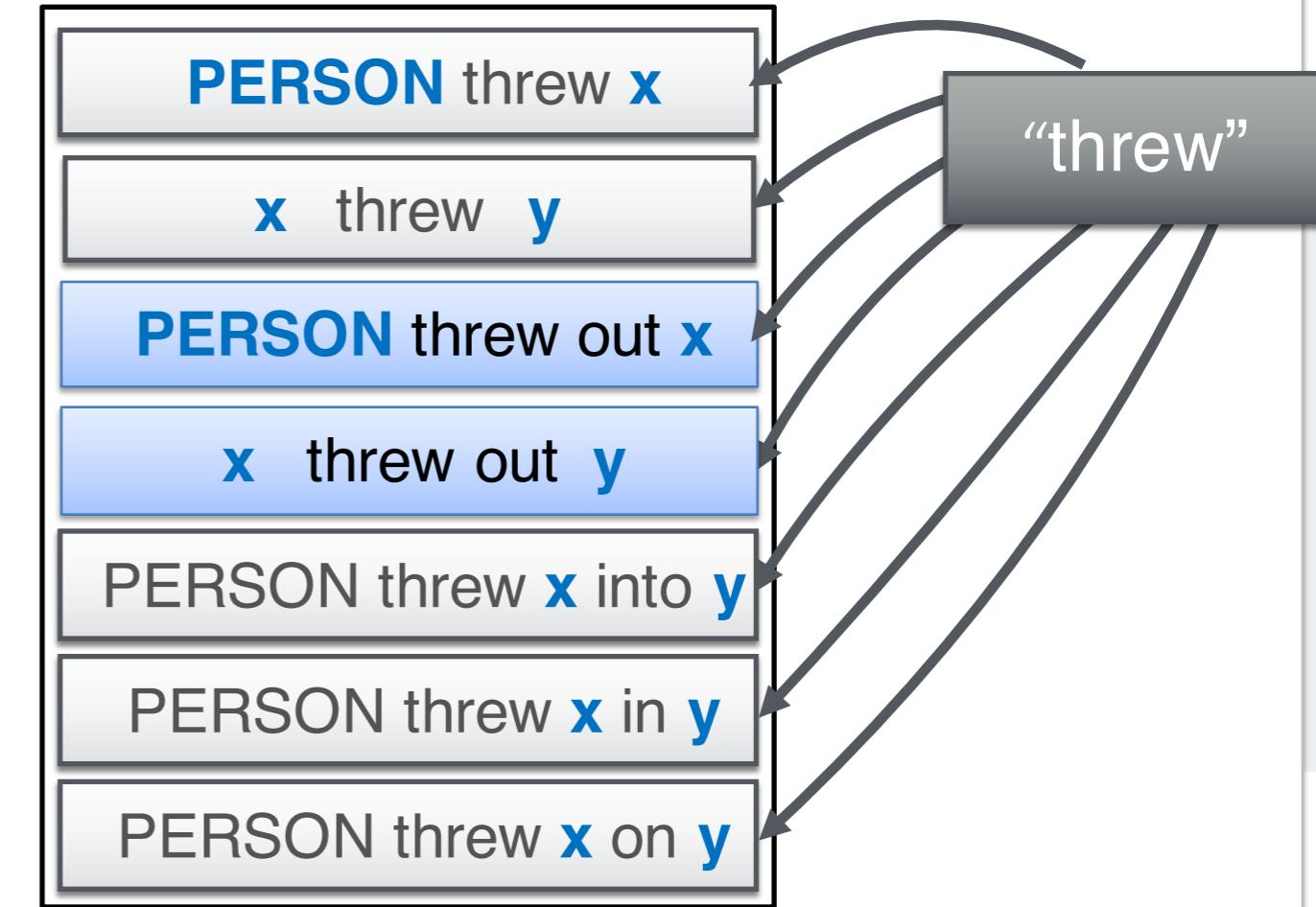
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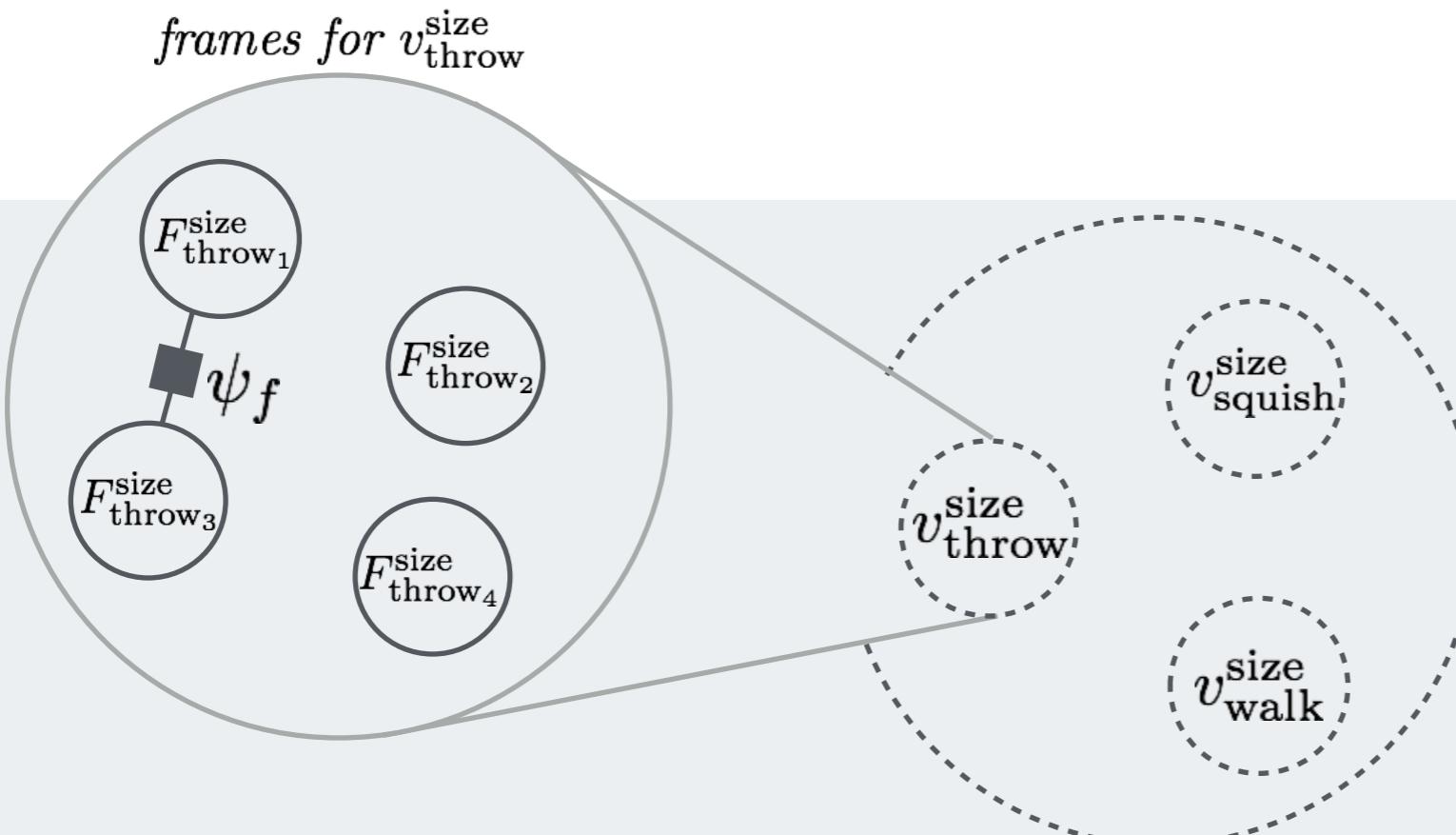


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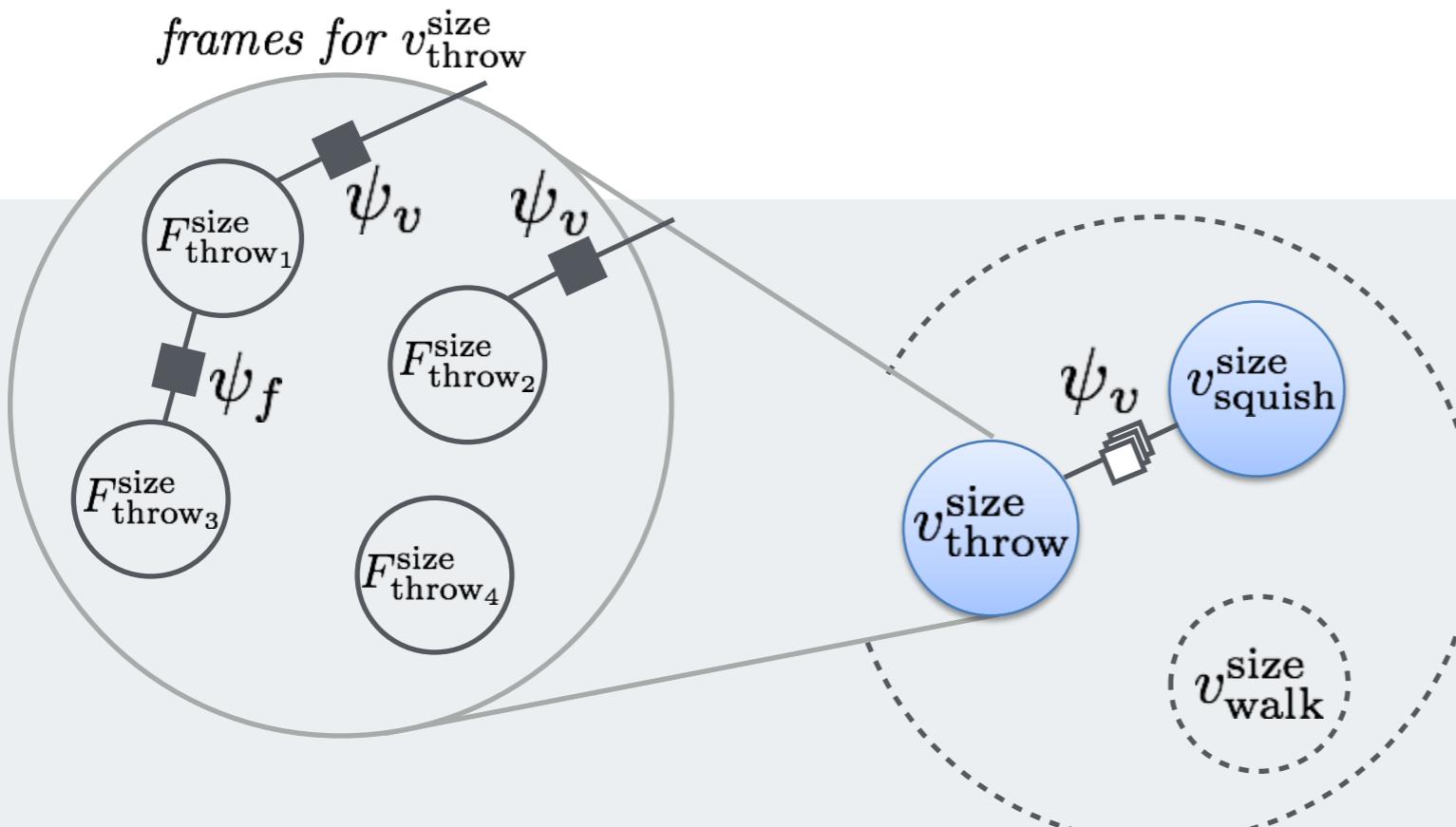
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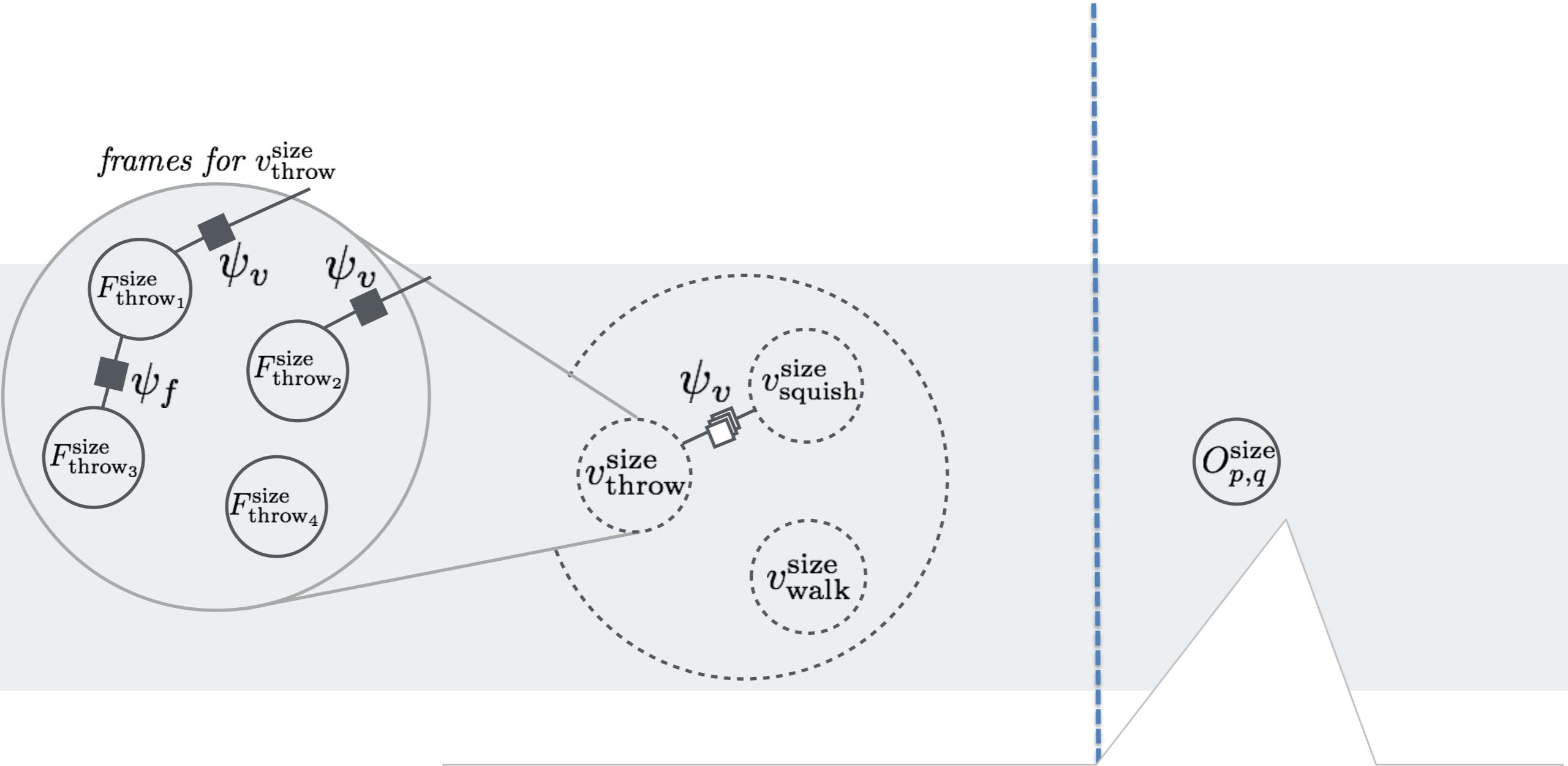
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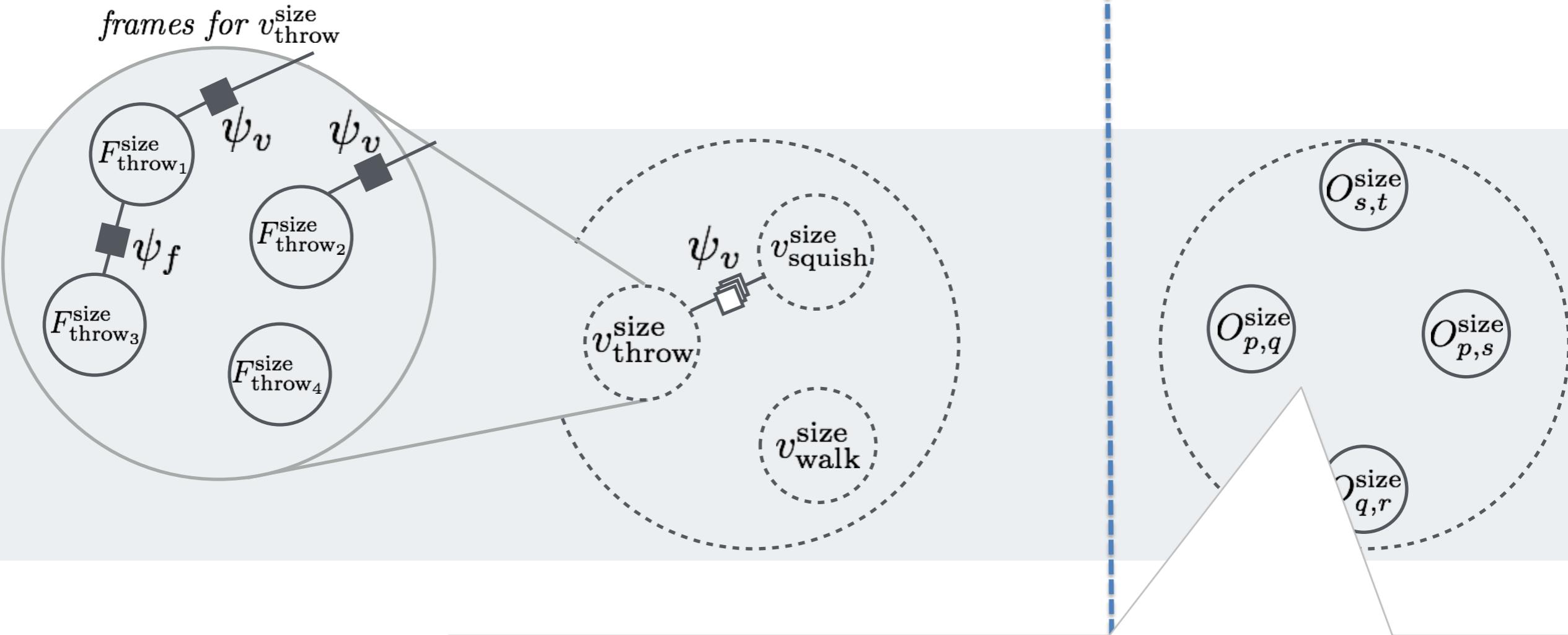


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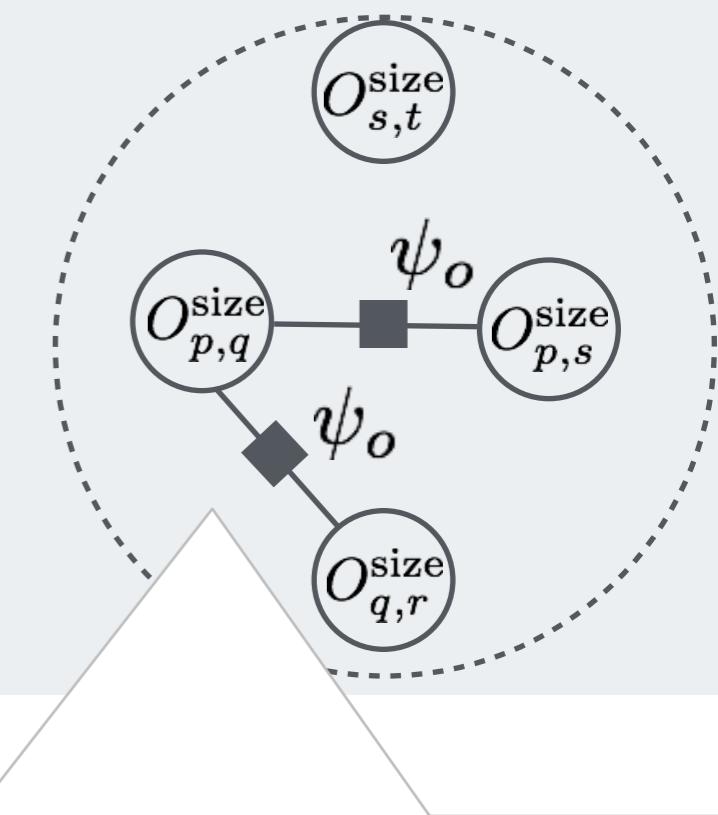
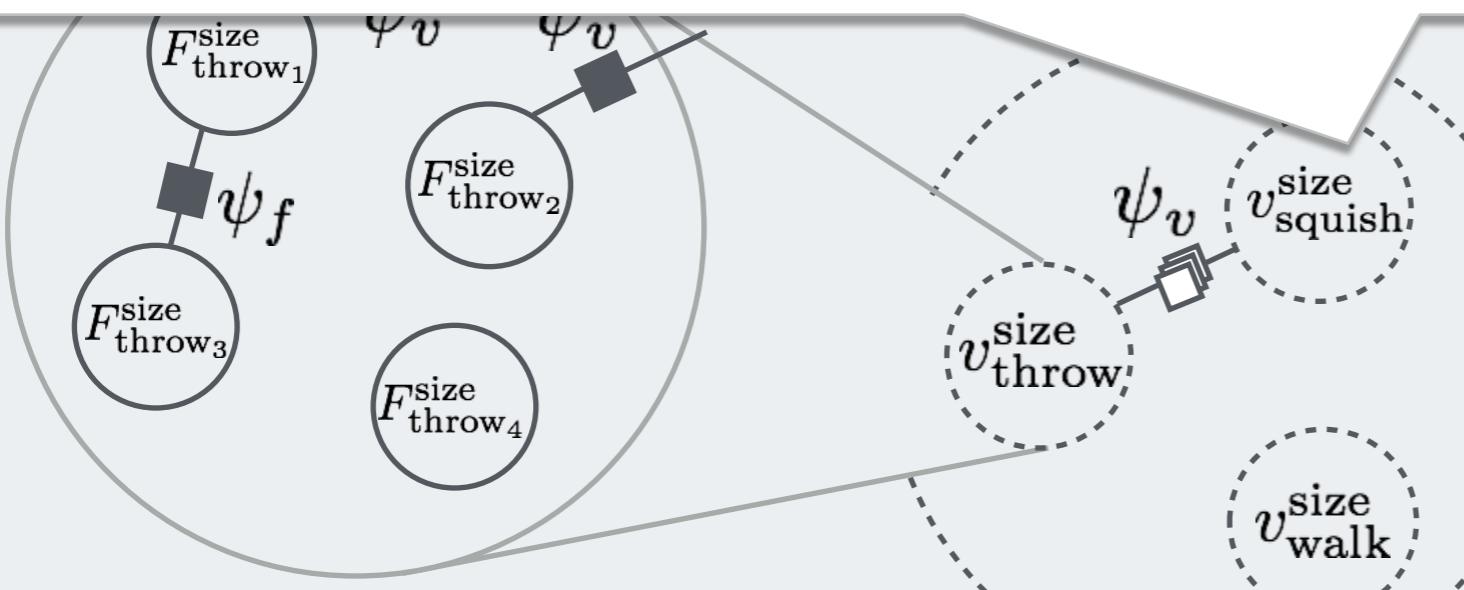
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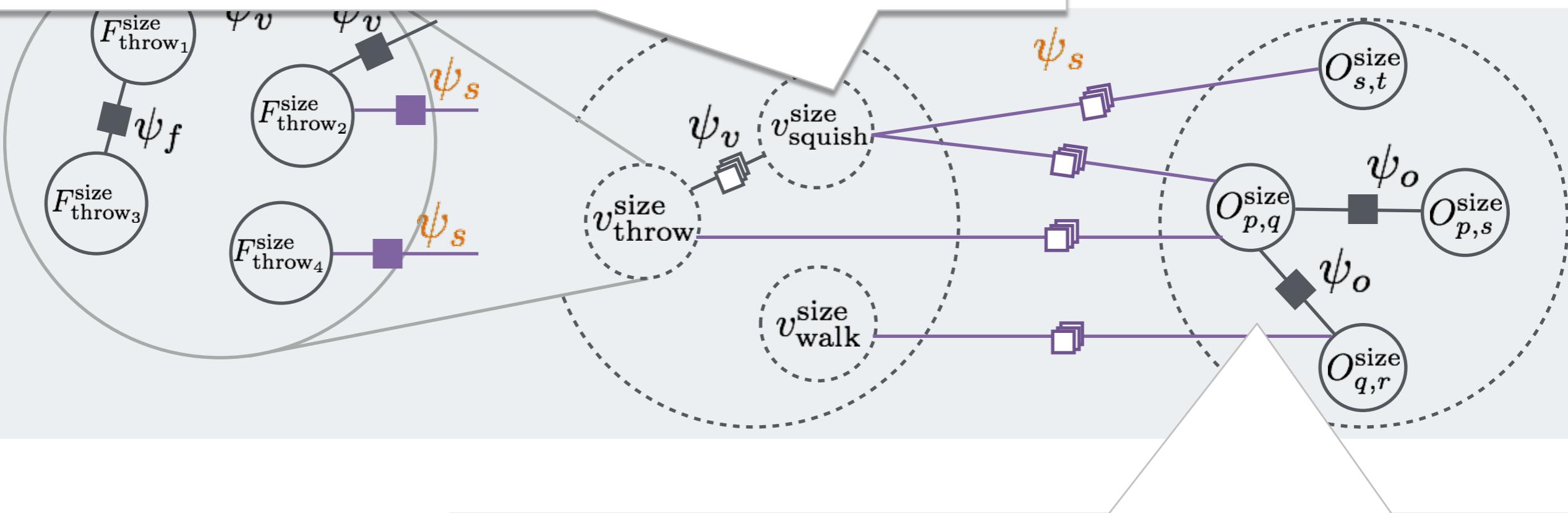
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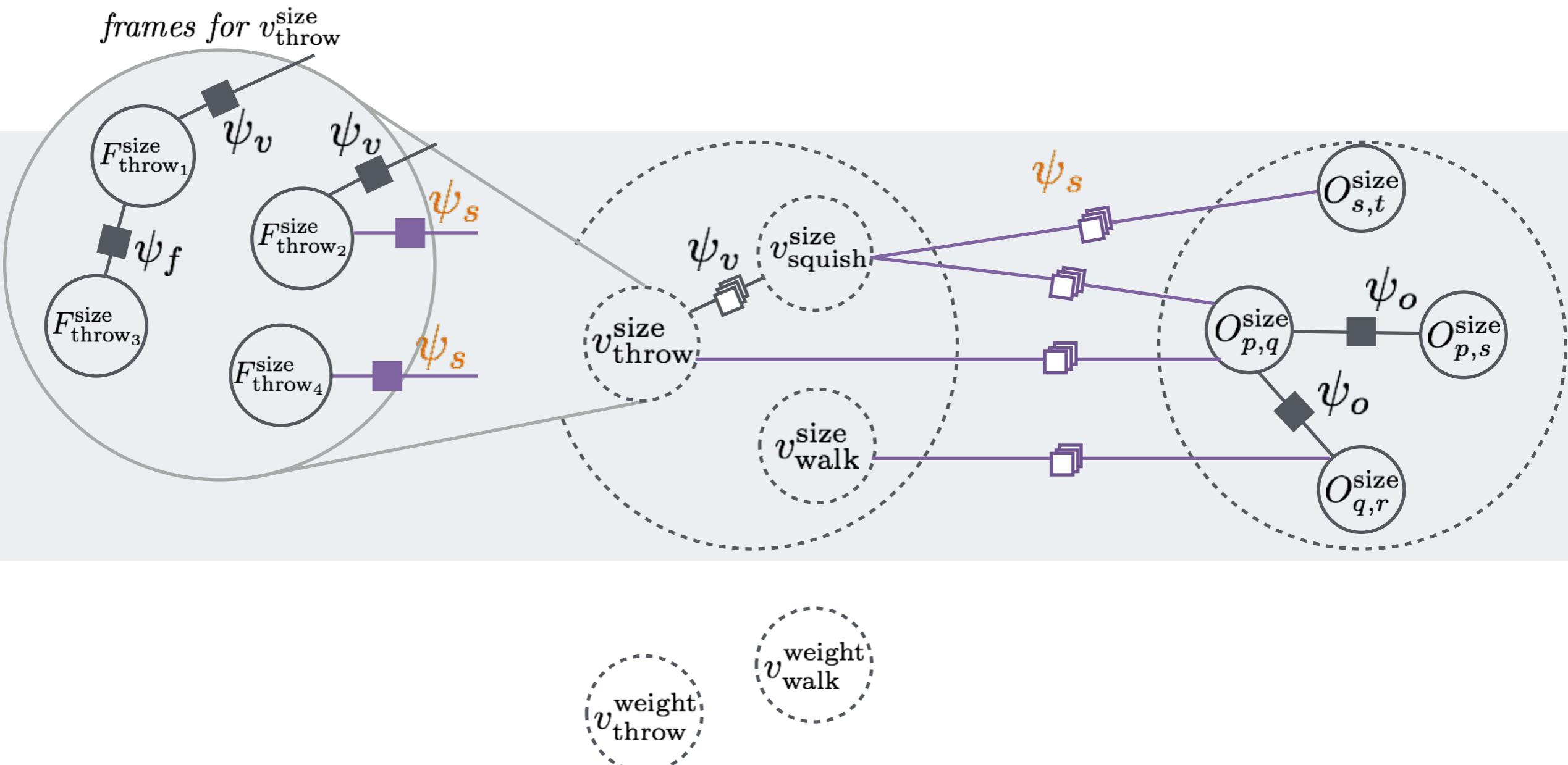
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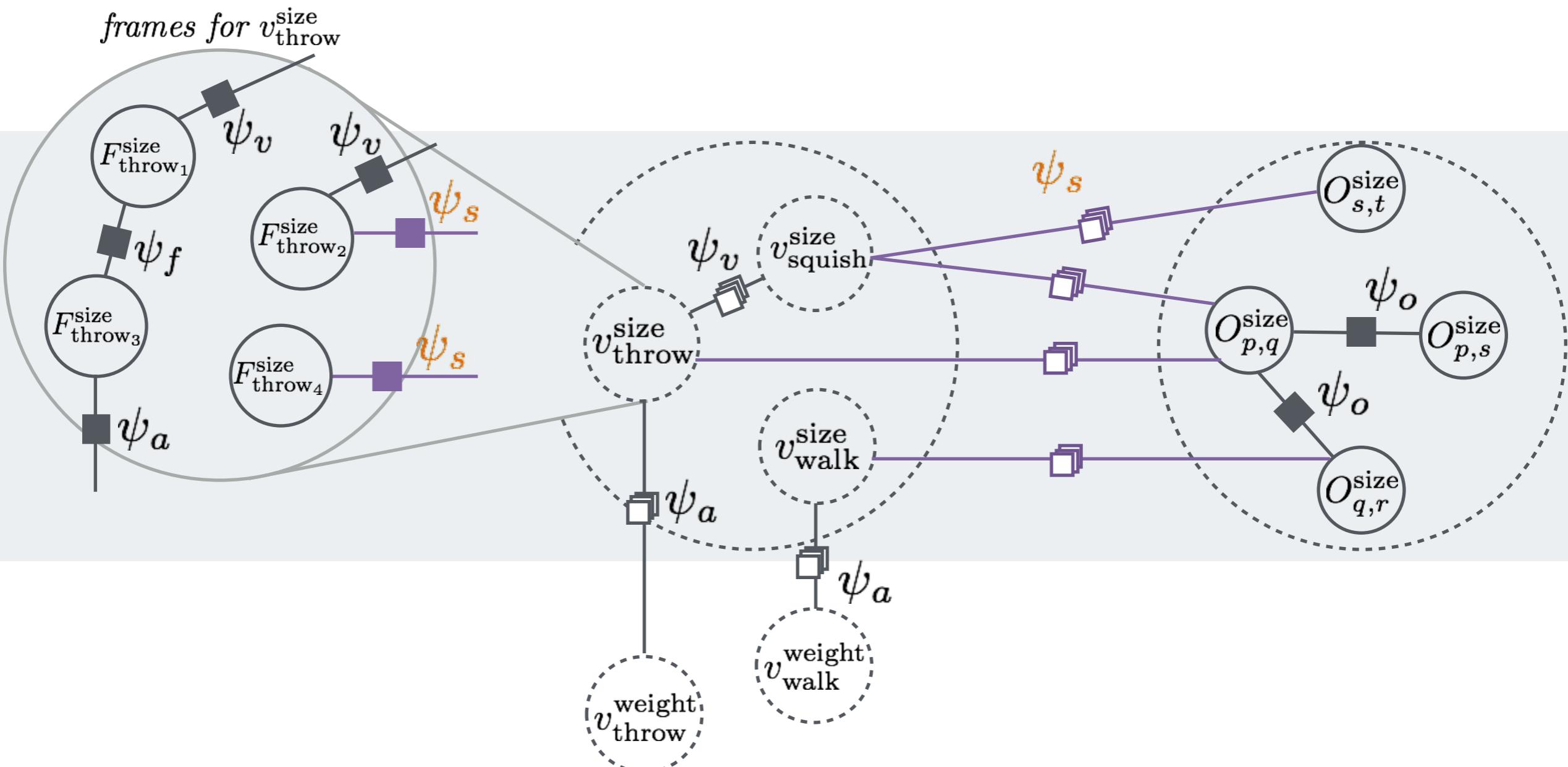
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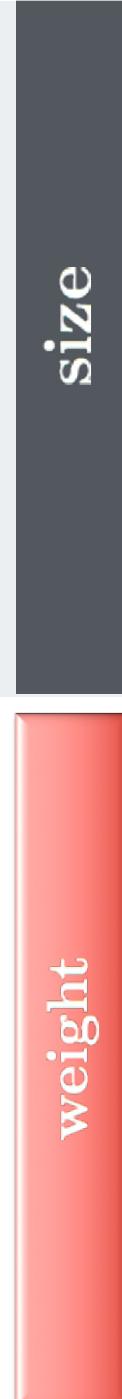


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*frames for  $v^{\text{size}}_{\text{throw}}$*

$F^{\text{size}}_{\text{throw}1}$

$\psi_v$

$F^{\text{size}}_{\text{throw}2}$

$\psi_v$

$F^{\text{size}}_{\text{throw}3}$

$\psi_f$

$F^{\text{size}}_{\text{throw}4}$

$\psi_s$

$\psi_a$

*verb subgraphs*

*attribute subgraphs*

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$\psi_a$

$\psi_s$

$\psi_o$

$O^{\text{size}}_{p,q}$

$\psi_o$

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$O^{\text{size}}_{s,t}$

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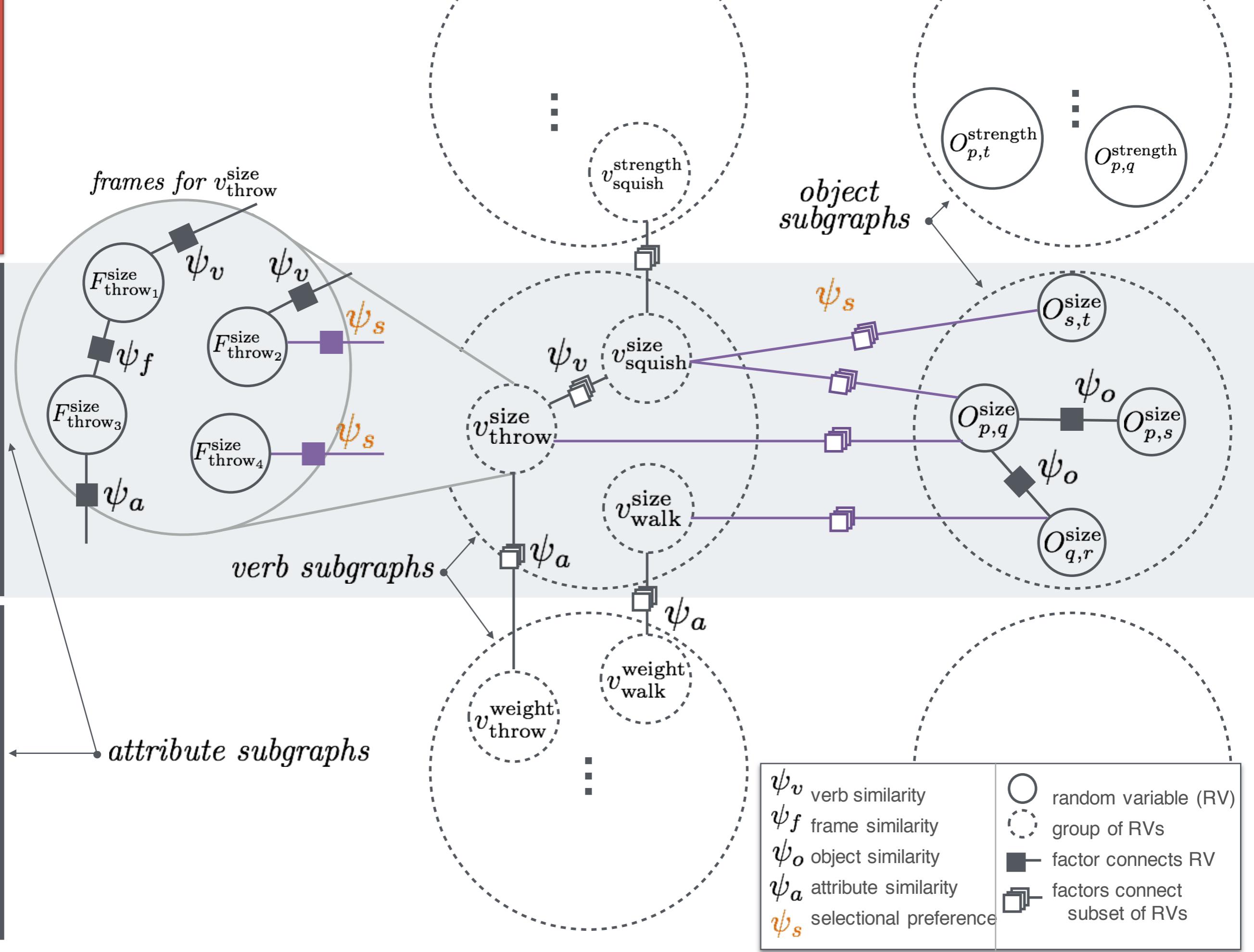
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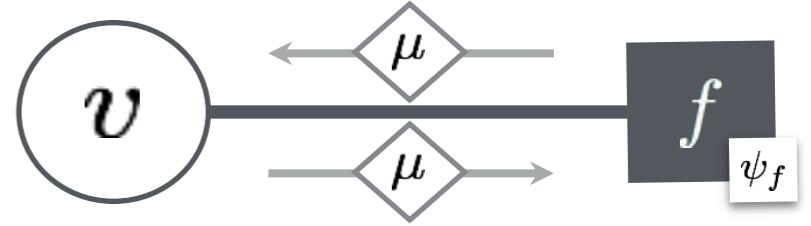
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# Loopy belief propagation



$$\mu_{v \rightarrow f}(x) \propto \prod_{f' \in N(v) \setminus \{f\}} \mu_{f' \rightarrow v}(x)$$

$$\mu_{f \rightarrow v}(x) \propto \sum_{\mathbf{x}' \in \mathbf{x}' \setminus x} \psi(\mathbf{x}') \prod_{v' \in N(f) \setminus \{v\}} \mu_{v' \rightarrow f}(x'_{v'})$$

Log-linear factors trained using embeddings

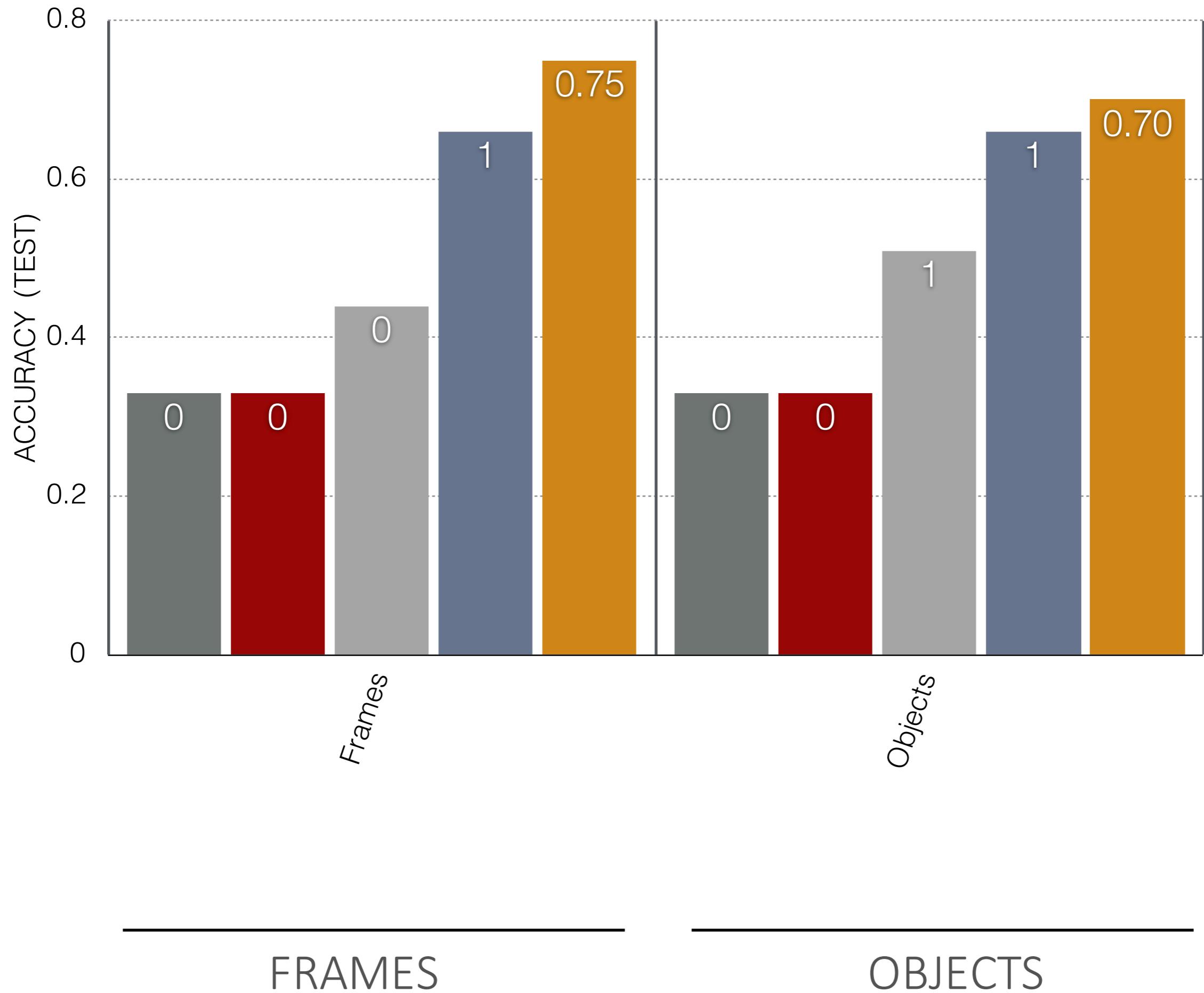
$$P(r|X^a) \propto e^{w_a \cdot f(X^a)}$$

$g(\cdot)$  GloVe

$$f(O_{p,q}^a) := \langle g(p), g(q) \rangle$$

$h(\cdot)$  One-hot frame type

$$f(F_{v_t}^a) := \langle h(t), g(v), g(t) \rangle$$



# To Conclude

- Reverse Engineering Commonsense Knowledge
- By solving both puzzles simultaneously:
  - Learn VerbPhysics frames
  - Learn object – object relations
- w.r.t. relative physical knowledge over 5 dimensions:
  - Size, weight, strength, flexibility, speed

→ Just from text, without embodiment

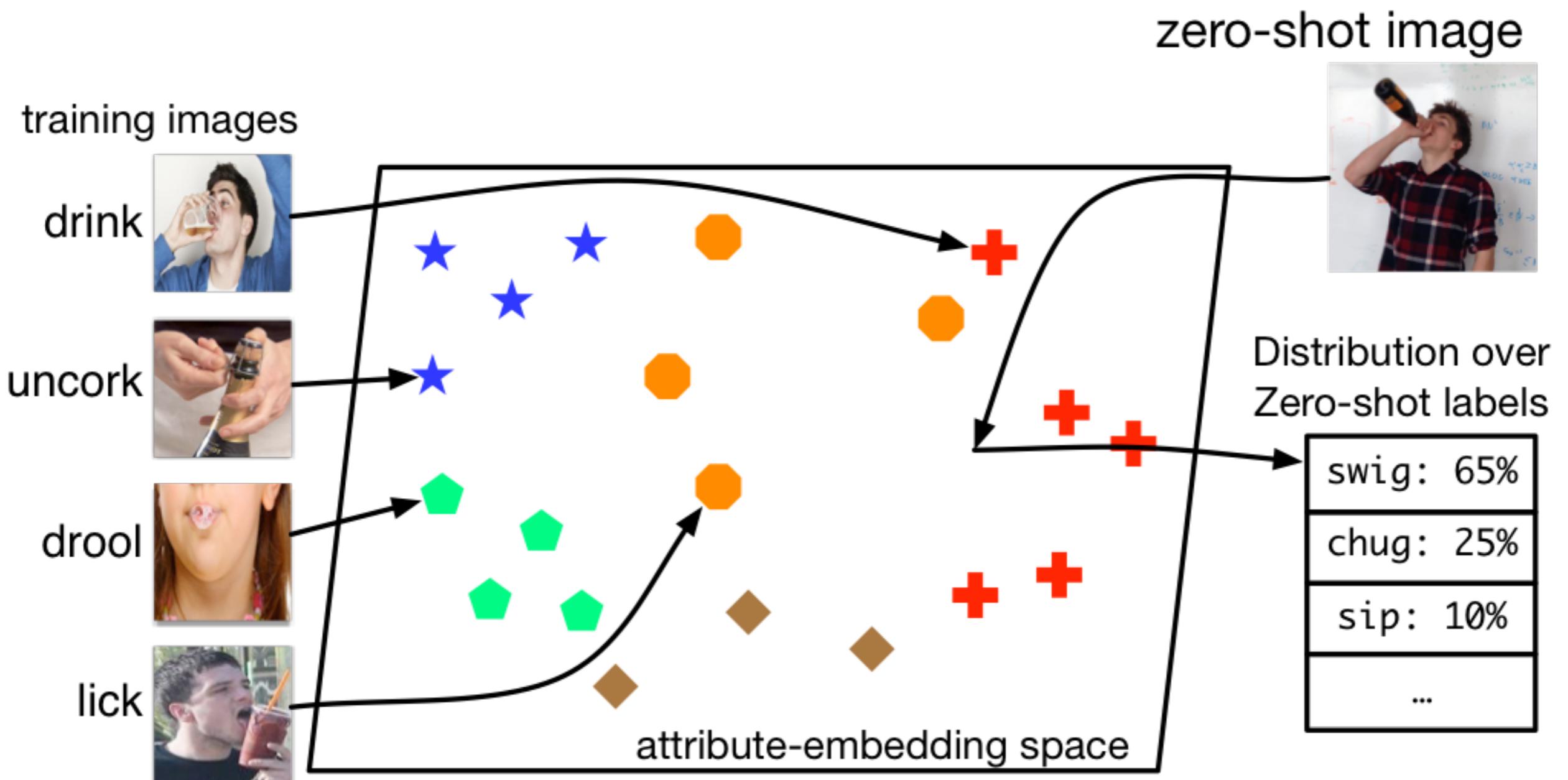
→ Vision can't do weight, strength, flexibility ...

# Zero-shot Activity Recognition with Verb Attribute Induction

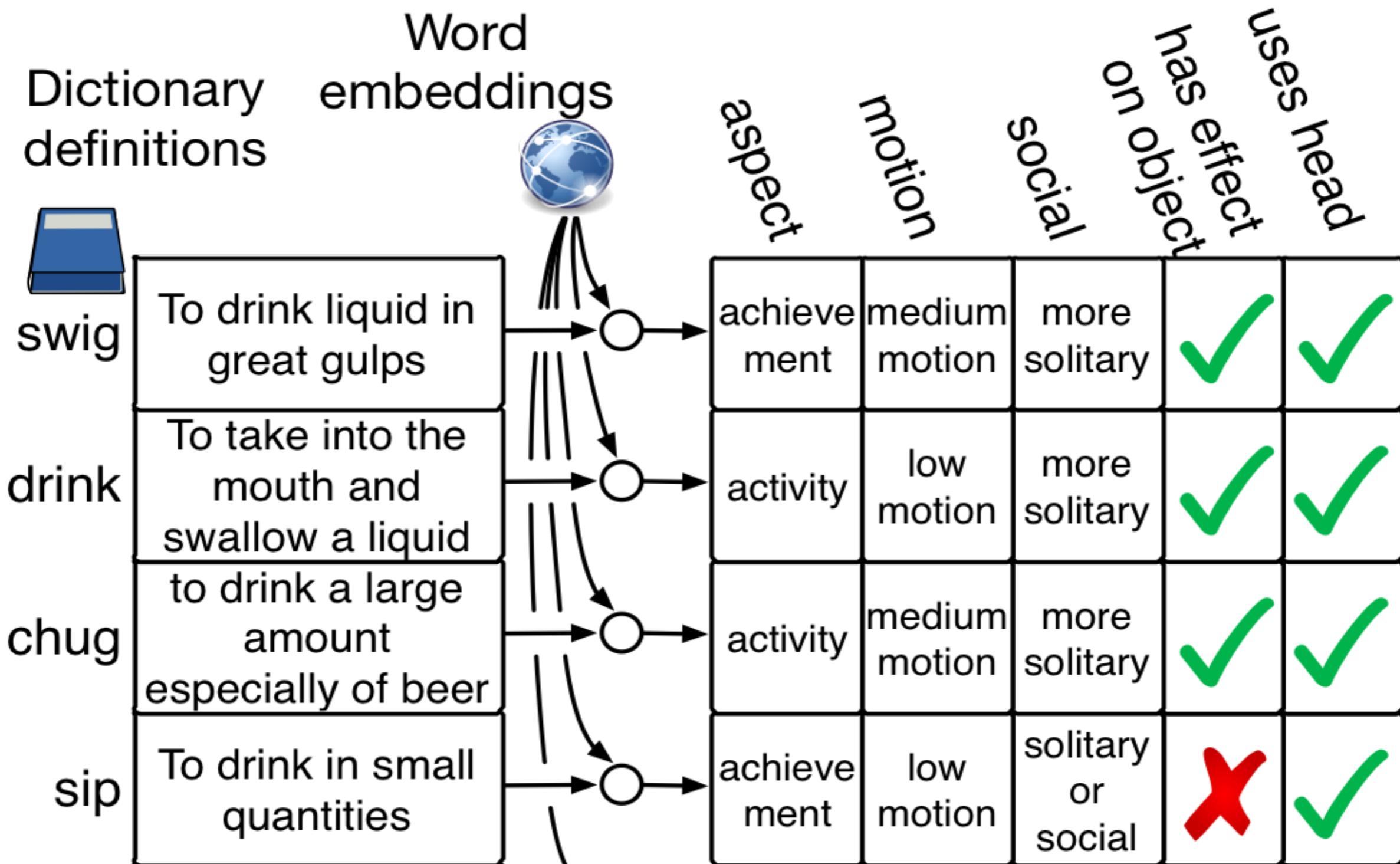
Rowan Zellers et al. @ EMNLP 2017



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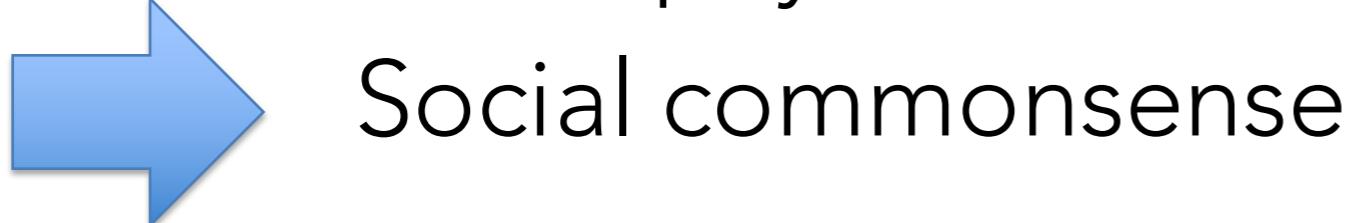
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# Plan

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- Naive physics

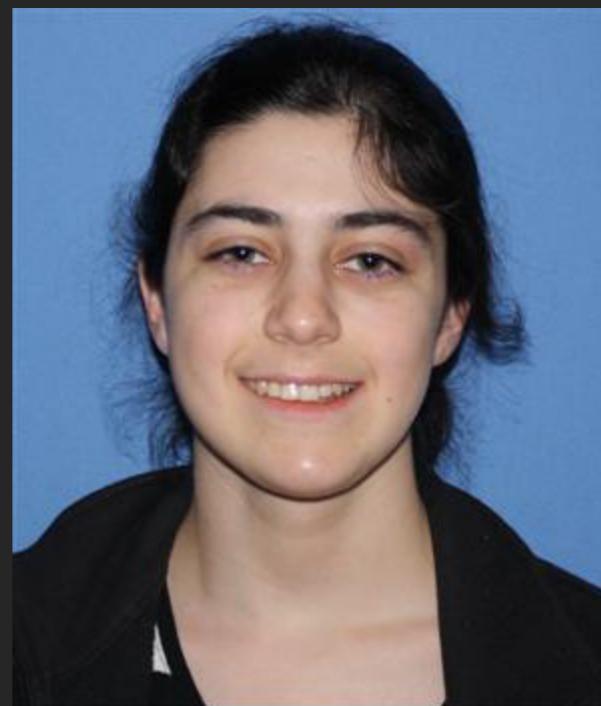


Social commonsense

## 2. Modeling the World, not just Language

# Connotation Frames

Hannah Rashkin et al. (ACL 2016)



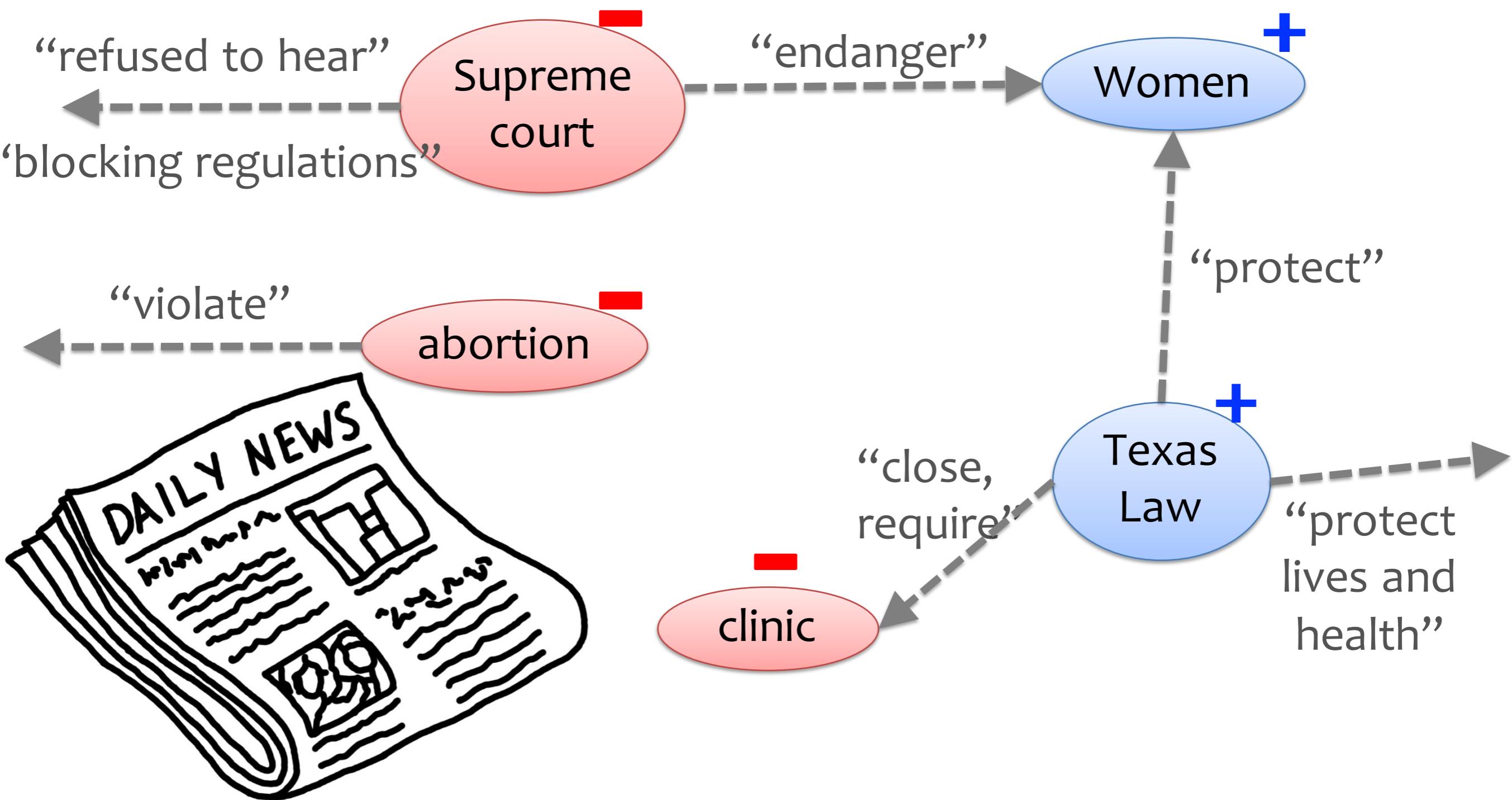
# How Language Describes the World



*"All I know is what I read in the papers."*  
– Will Rogers

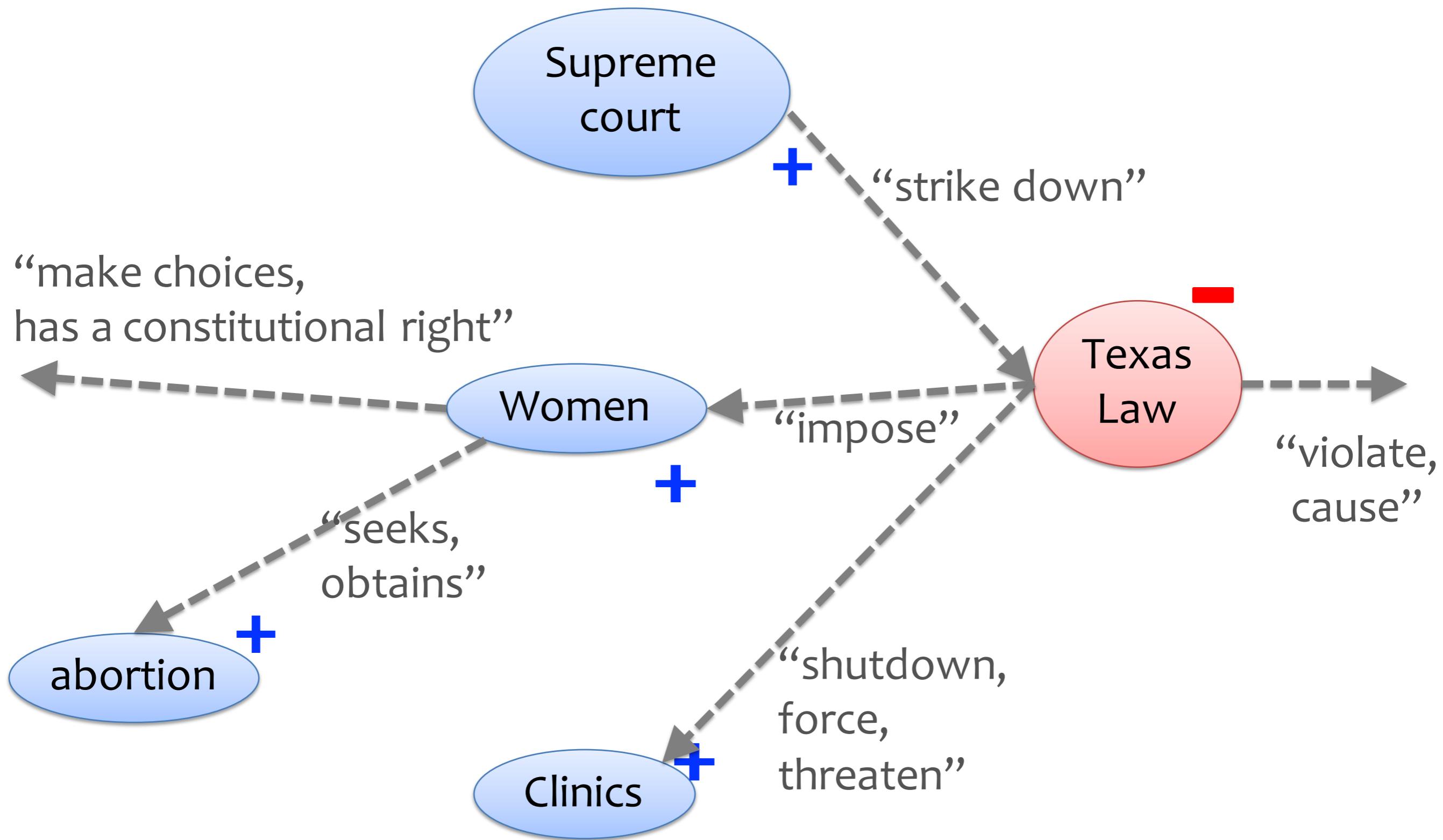
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(per pro-life)



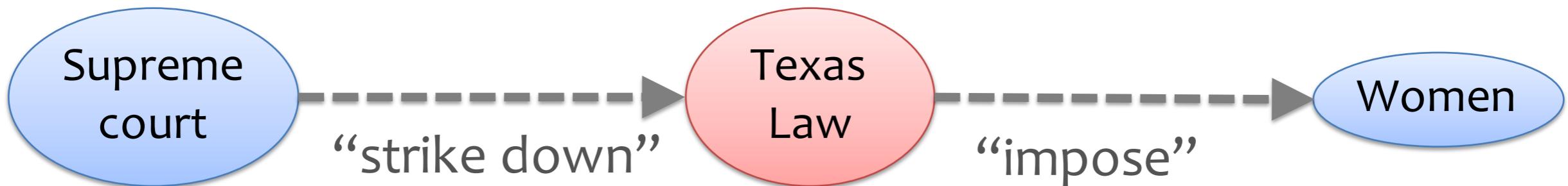
# An Alternative World View

(per pro-choice)



# Prior Literature

- A ton of work on sentiment analysis
  - Especially on product reviews and movie reviews
  - (Pang and Lee 2009 for survey, Socher et al 2013)
- Recent work on implied sentiment
  - (Greene and Resnik 2009 , Feng et al 2013; Choi and Wiebe 2014; Mohammad and Turney 2010; Deng and Wiebe 2014)



# “criticize” frame

per *left*-leaning sources:

Obama *criticize* someone?

or

Obama *is criticized by* someone?

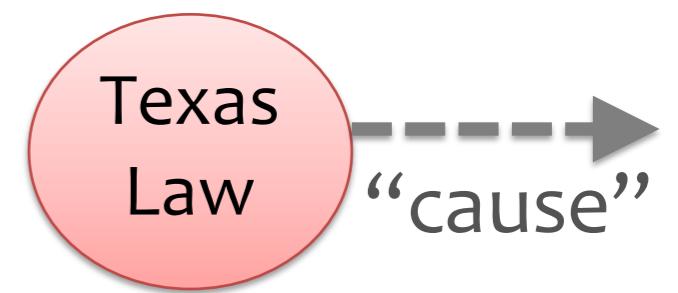
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# Connotative Meaning of Words

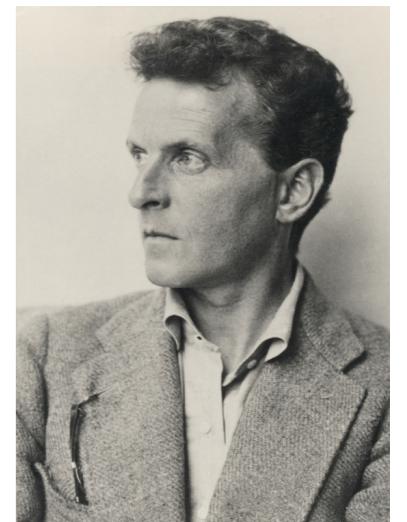
- Semantic prosody (Sinclair 1991, Louw 1993)

“ \_\_\_\_\_ caused \_\_\_\_\_”

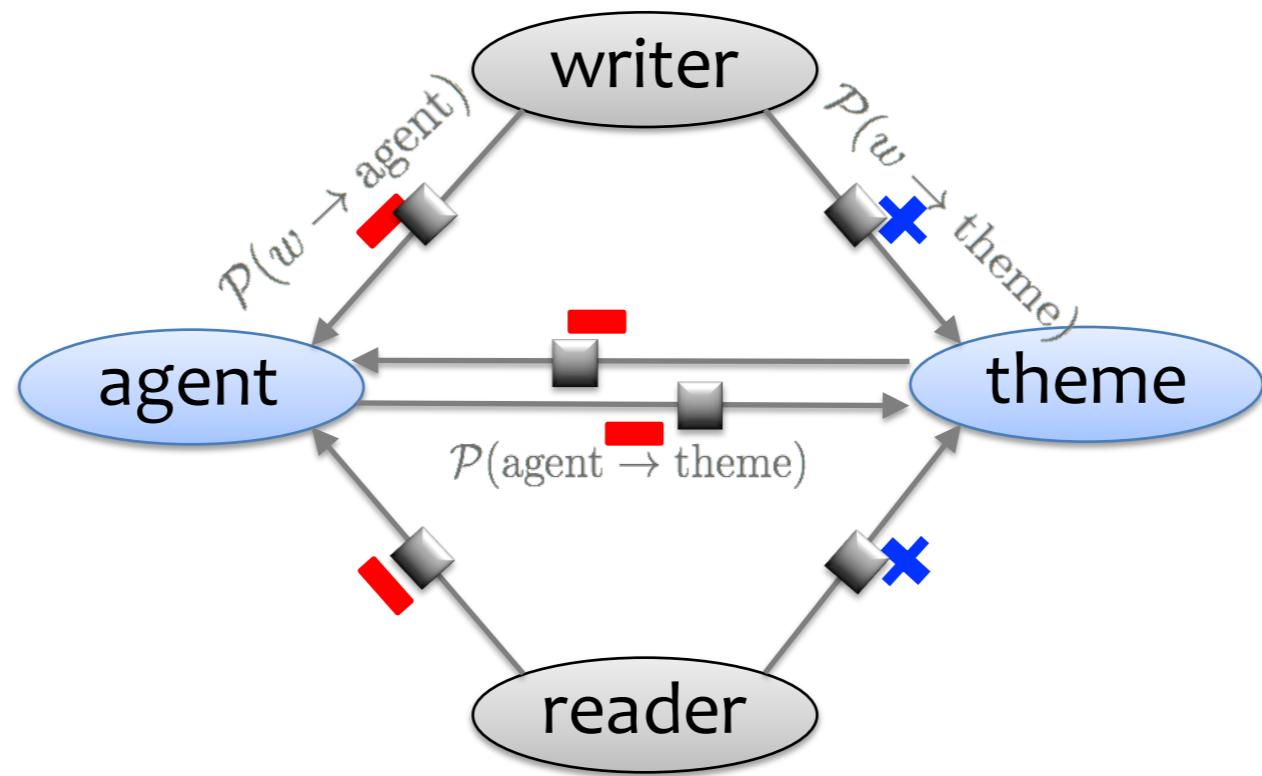
*headache, cancer, ...  
appreciation, award?*



- Wittgenstein's view:
  - the meaning of a word is its use in the language
- Connotation arises from the (typical) context in which words are used
- Can we encode connotation in frame semantics?

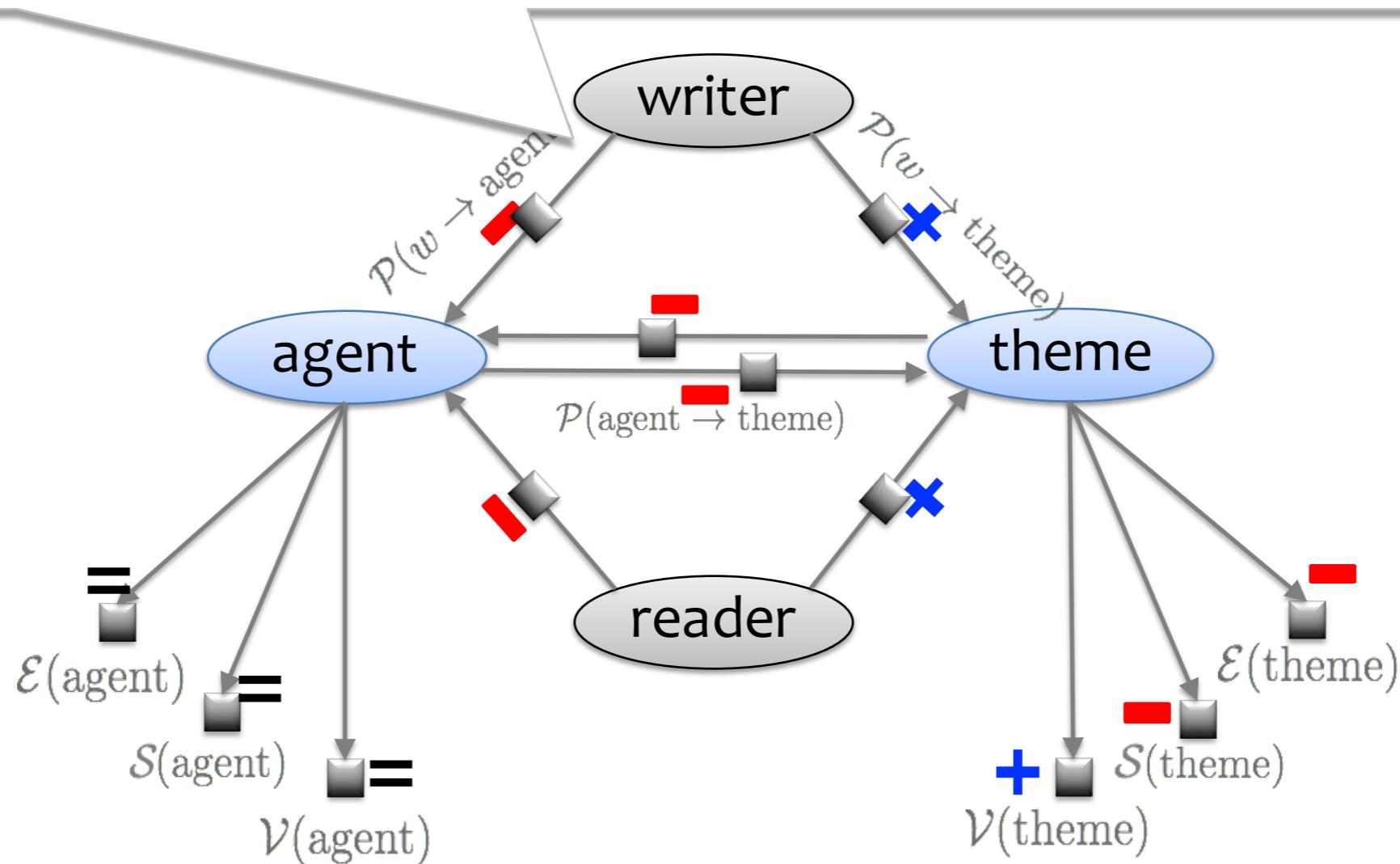


# “violate” frame



$\mathcal{P}(w \rightarrow \text{agent})$  • **Perspective (x->y) :** directed sentiment

Connotation judgments are not always **categorical**, some are better to be modeled as **distributions**. (analogously to de Marneffe et al. 2012 on veridicality assessment)



$\mathcal{P}(w \rightarrow \text{agent})$

- **P**erspective ( $x \rightarrow y$ ) : directed sentiment

$\mathcal{E}(\text{agent})$

- **E**ffect ( $x$ ) : whether the event is good for (or bad for)  $x$

$\mathcal{S}(\text{agent})$

- **S**tate ( $x$ ) : the private state of  $x$  as a result of the event

$\mathcal{V}(\text{agent})$

- **V**alue ( $x$ ) : the intrinsic value of  $x$

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# Left/right leaning sources

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Verb	Role	Left-leaning sources	Right-leaning sources
accuse	subject [-]	Putin, Progressives, Limbaugh, Gingrich	activist, U.S., protestor, Chavez
	object [+]	Official, rival, administration, leader	Romney, Iran, Gingrich, regime, opposition
attack	subject [-]	McCain, Trump, Limbaugh	Obama, campaign, Biden, Israel
	object [+]	Gingrich, Obama, policy	citizen, Zimmerman
criticize	subject [-]	Ugandans, rival, Romney, Iyson	Britain, passage, Obama, Maddow
	object [+]	sensation, Obama, Allen, Cameron, Congress	threat, Pelosi, Romney, GOP, Republicans
suffer	subject [+]	woman, victim, officer, father	Christie, Rangers, people, man
	object [-]	attack, blow, burn, seizure, casualty	injury, fool, loss, concussion

# Connotation Frames

1. Analysis on large-scale news corpora
2. Crowdsourcing experiments

**Writer:** The judge upheld **the verdict**.

Questions: How the judge feels about **the verdict**:

Negative

Negative or  
Neutral

Neutral

Positive or  
Neutral

Positive

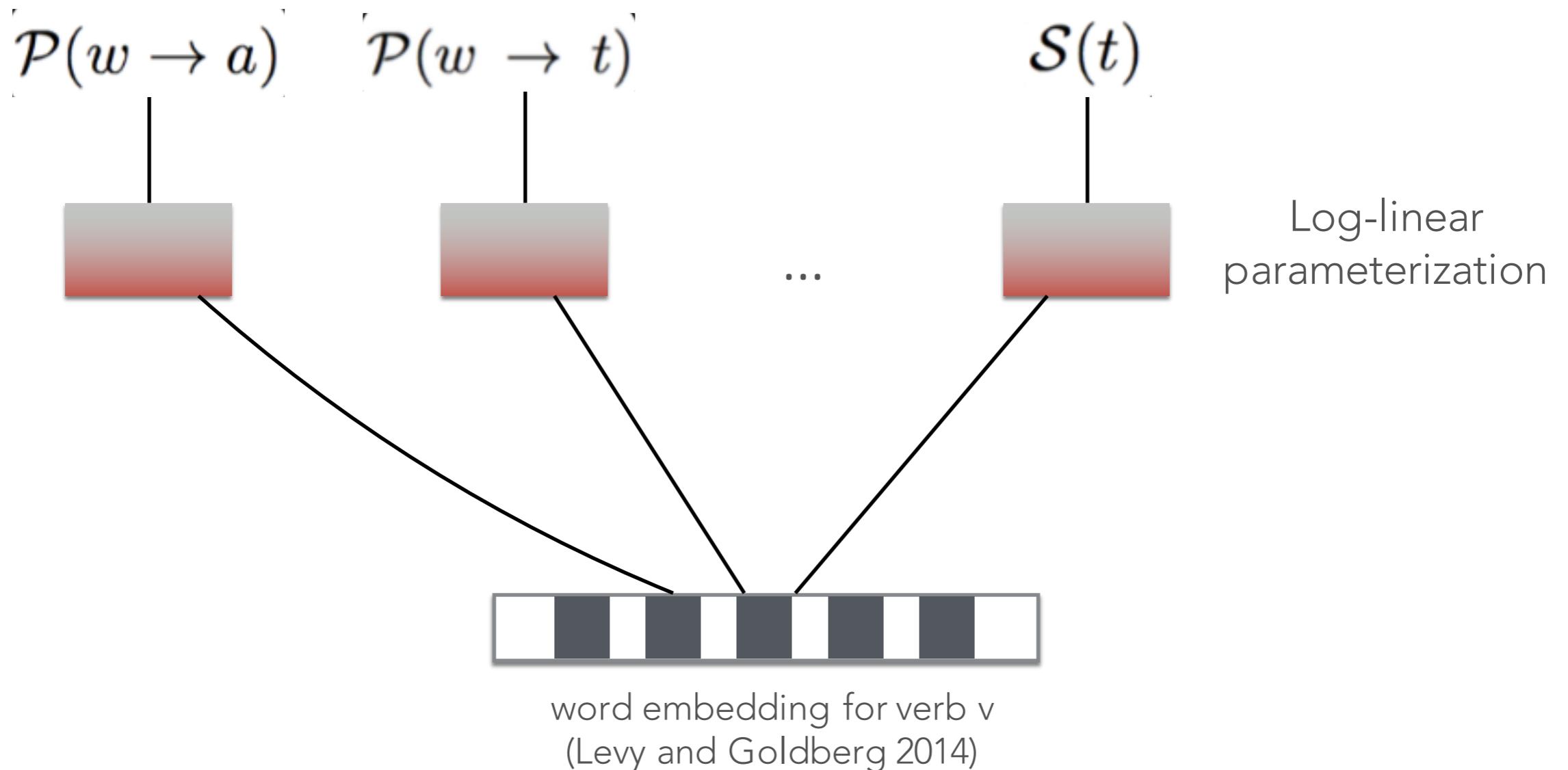
15 annotators answered 16 questions for each of the top 1000 verbs from the NY times corpus.  
Average Krippendorff's alpha is **0.25** and 2-way soft agreement is **95%**.

3. Computational models

# Computational Models

# Base Model: Embedding to Connotation Frames

- Frame lexicon induction
- Separate frame prediction for each predicate

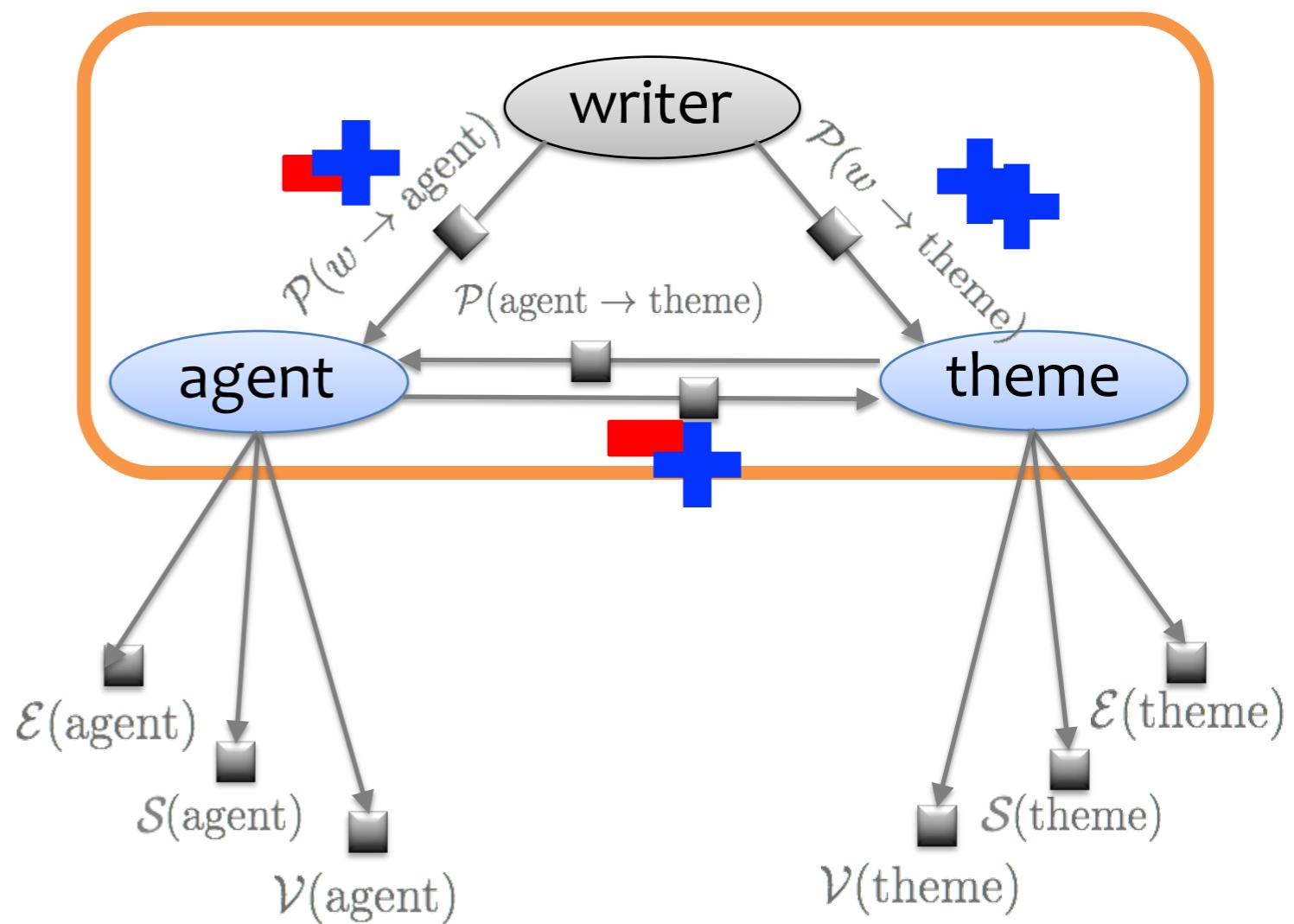


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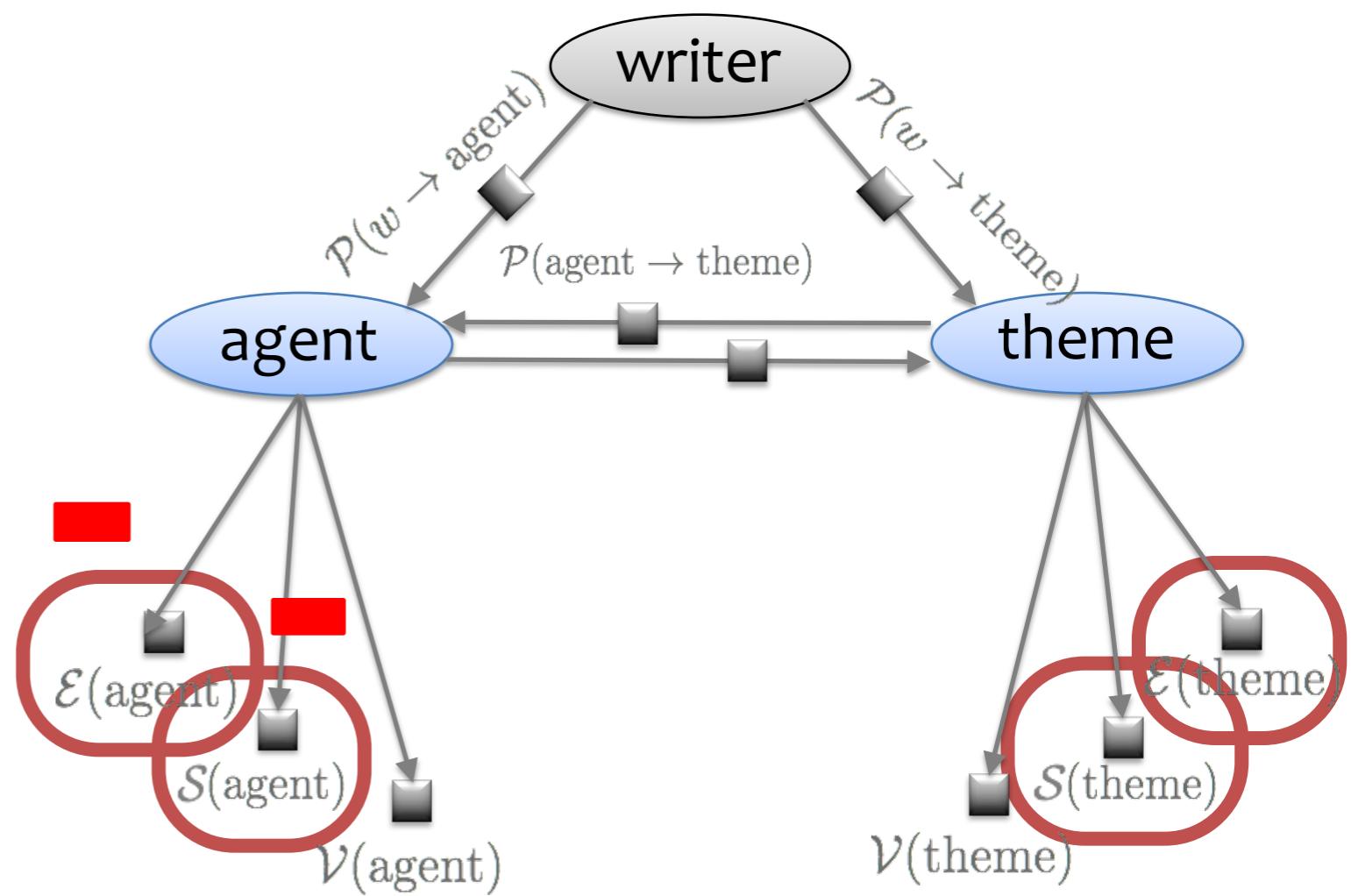
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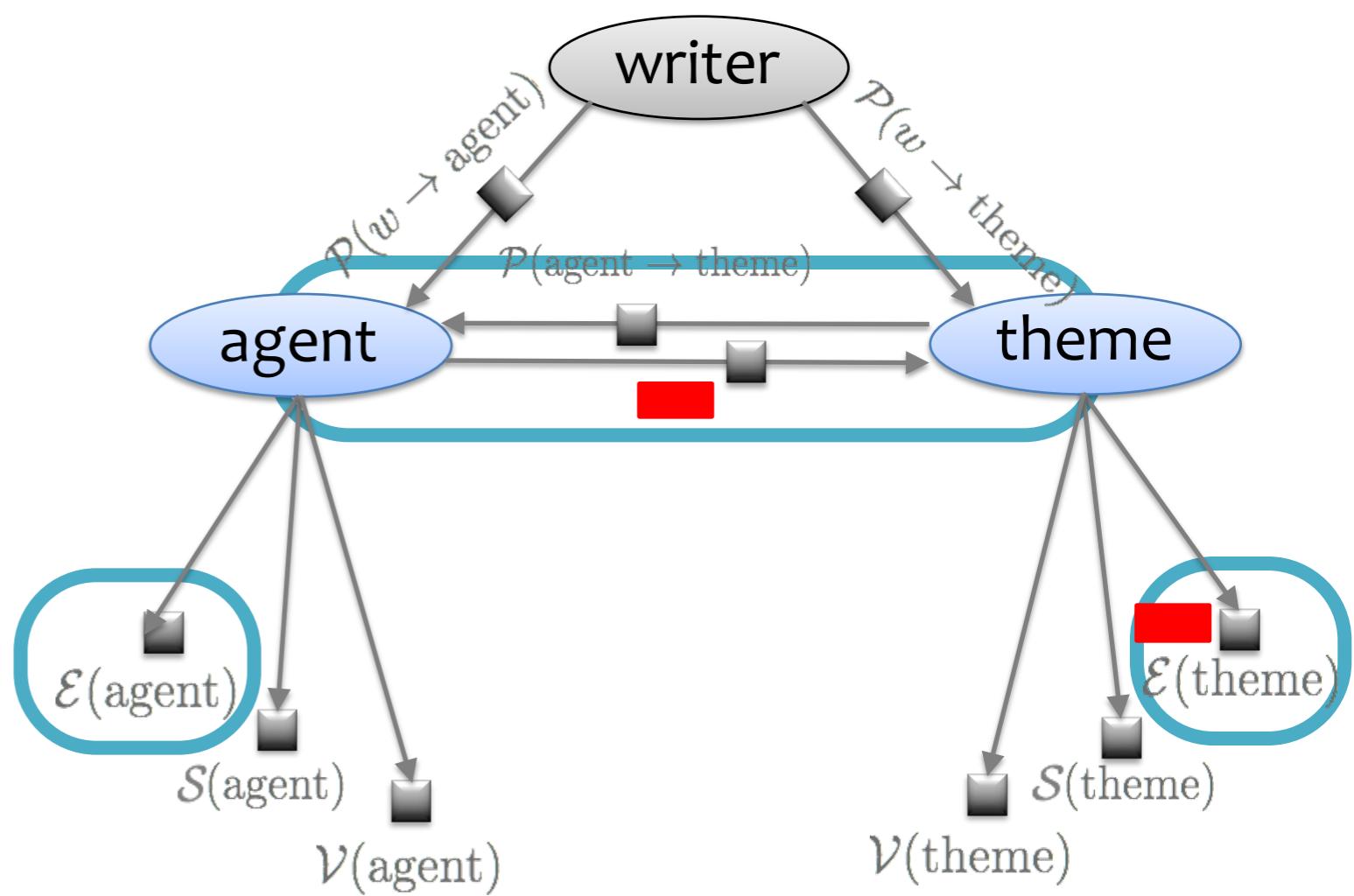
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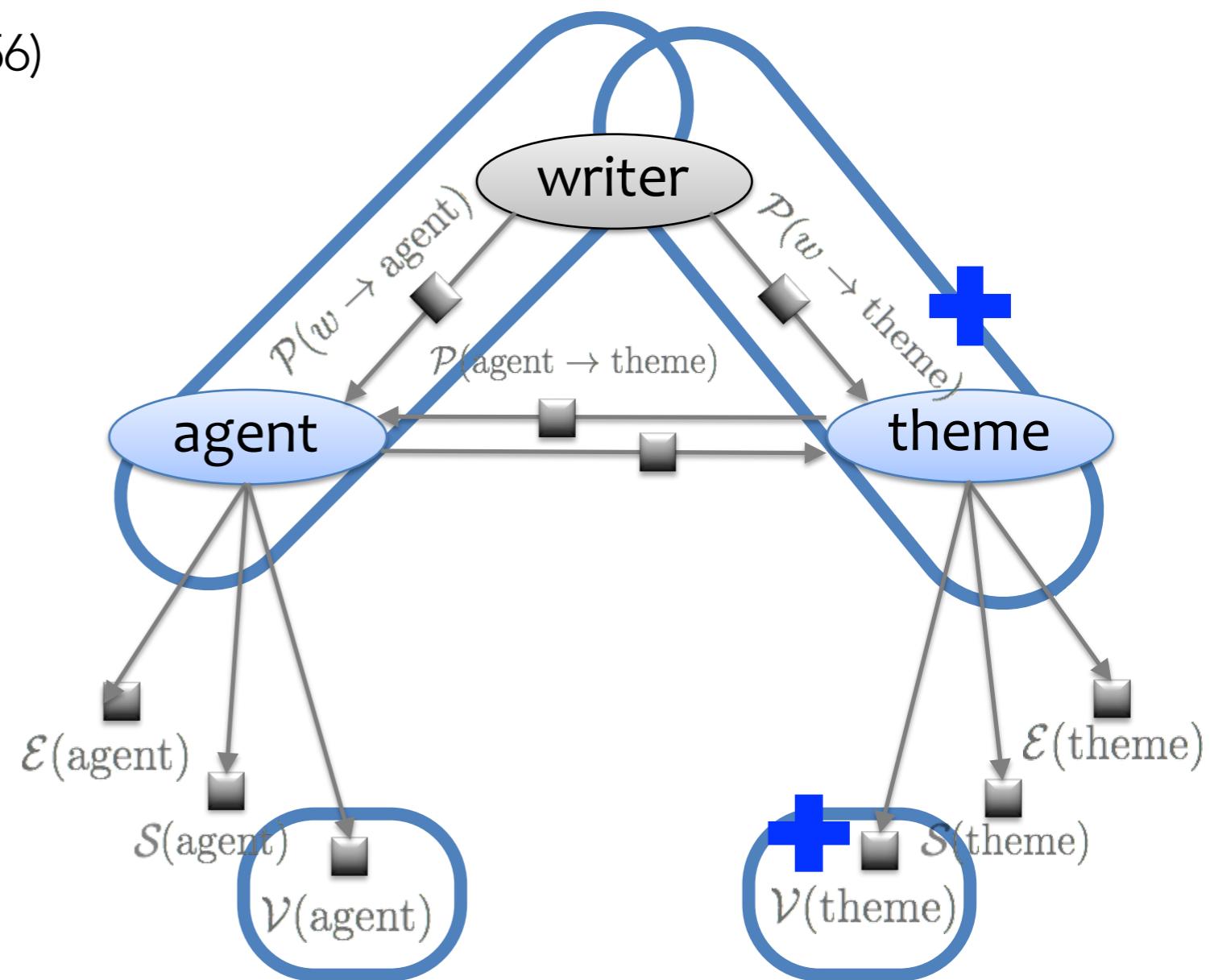
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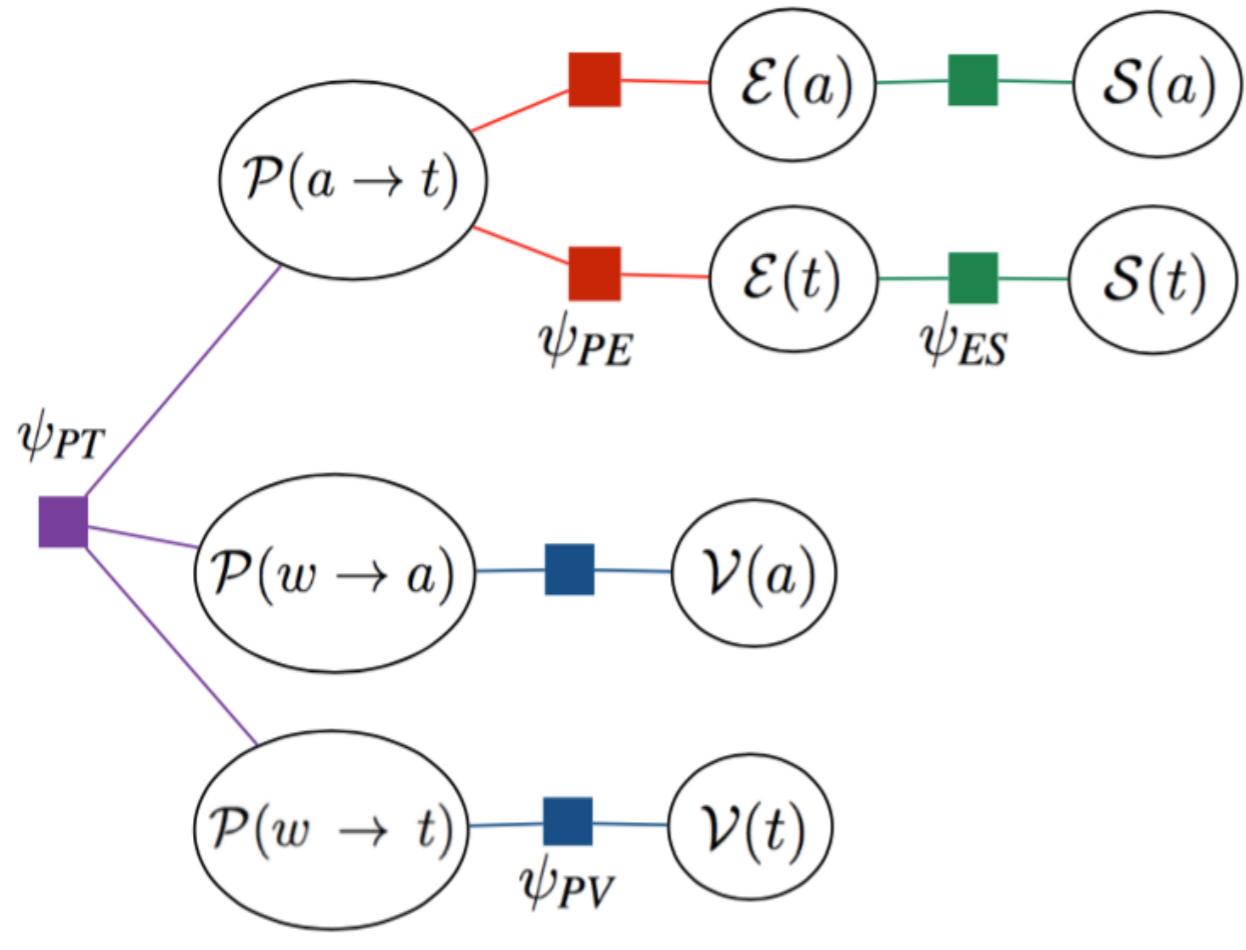
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## 4. Value – Perspective:

$$\mathcal{V}_{x_i} = \mathcal{P}_{w \rightarrow x_i}$$



# Factor Graph Model



Factor potentials:

$$\psi_{ES}(\mathcal{E}_a, \mathcal{S}_a) = e^{\theta_{ES,a} \cdot f(\mathcal{E}_a, \mathcal{S}_a)}$$

Inference: Message passing:

$$\mu_{v \rightarrow a}(x) \propto \prod_{a^* \in N(v)} \mu_{a^* \rightarrow v}(x)$$

$$\mu_{a \rightarrow v} \propto \sum_{x', x'_v = x} \psi(x') \prod_{v^* \in N(a)} \mu_{v^* \rightarrow a}(x'_{v^*})$$

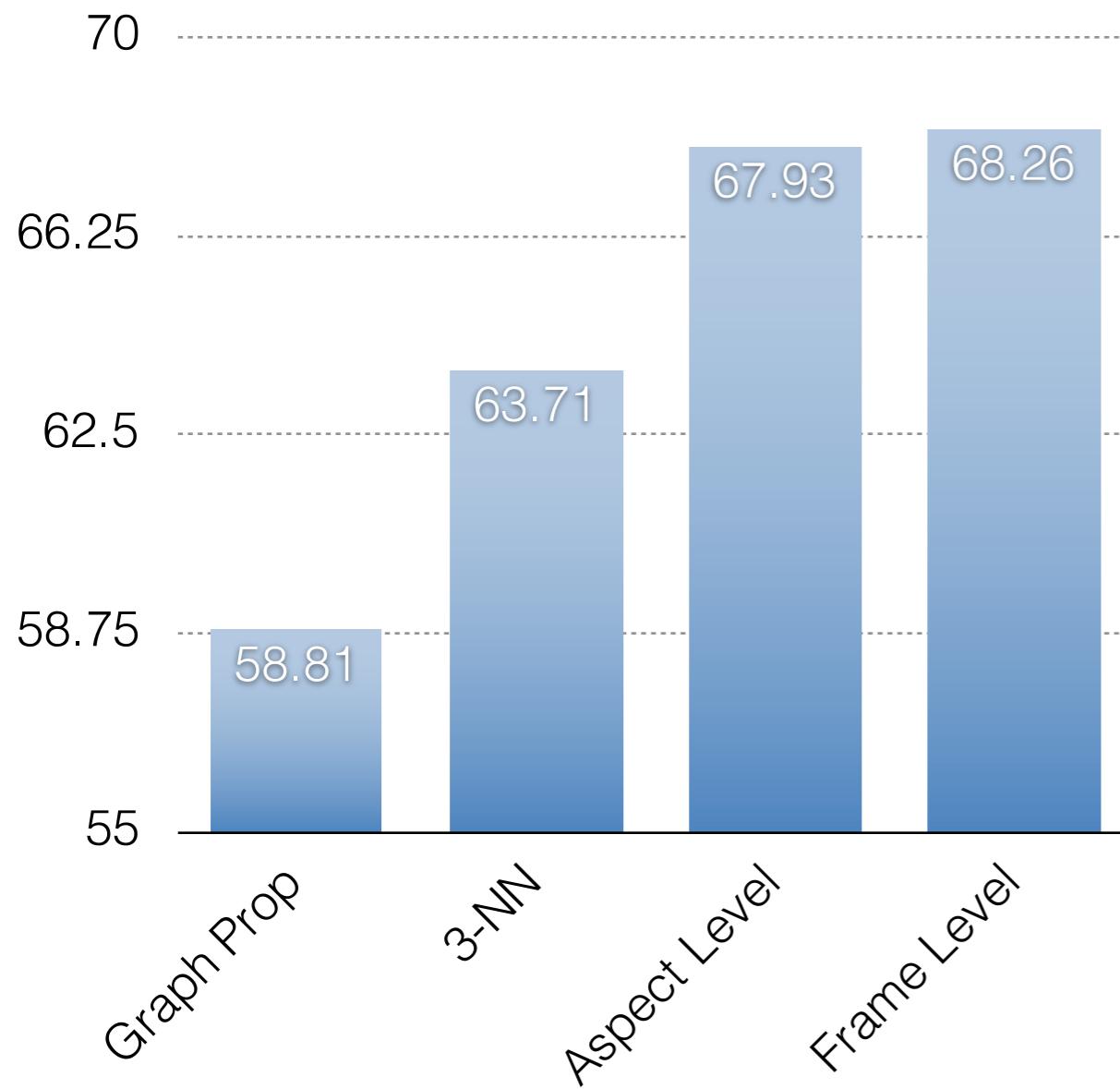
Marginal Probability:

$$\prod_{a \in N(v)} \mu_{a \rightarrow v}(x)$$

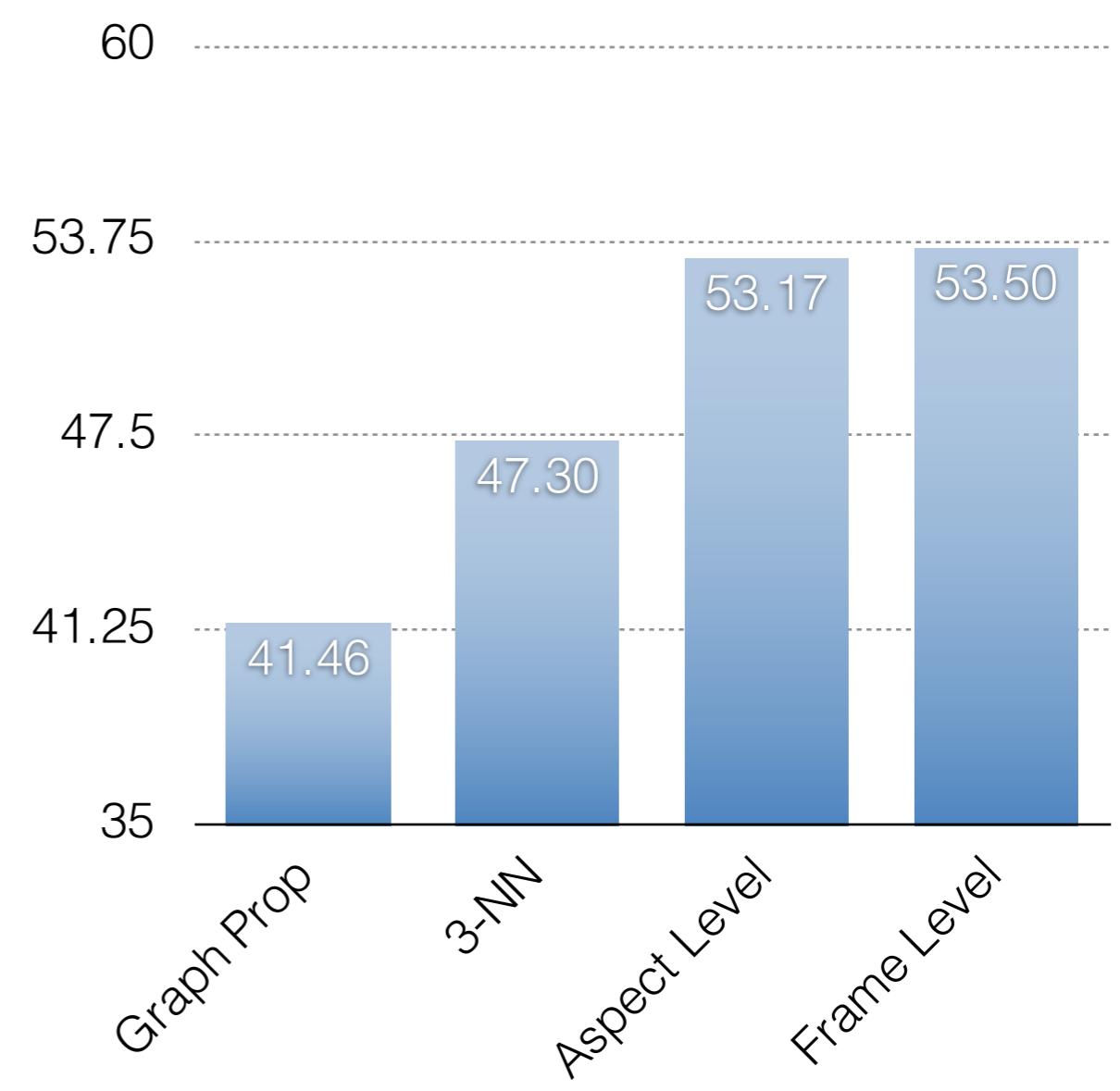
# Experimental Results

train/dev/test sets of 300 predicates each, 3-way classification

Accuracy



F1 Scores



# Power and Agency Frames in Modern Films

Maarten Sap et al. (EMNLP 2017 in submission)



# Bias in Modern Films

- Not a news per say, but more insights from recent studies  
(<https://www.google.com/intl/en/about/main/gender-equality-films/>)
- Bechdel test:
  - At least two women
  - talk to each other
  - about something other than a man.
- Agarwal et al. 2015 report 40% of the films pass the Bechdel test.
- However, those that pass the test still have problems...



A character in *Dykes to Watch Out For* explains the rules that later came to be known as the Bechdel test (1985)

# Character Portrayal in Films



"... Elsa **objects, unleashing** her powers...  
Elsa **discards** her crown and **creates** a  
palace... Elsa [...] **freezes** Anna ... She then  
**summons**... Elsa **ends** the winter"

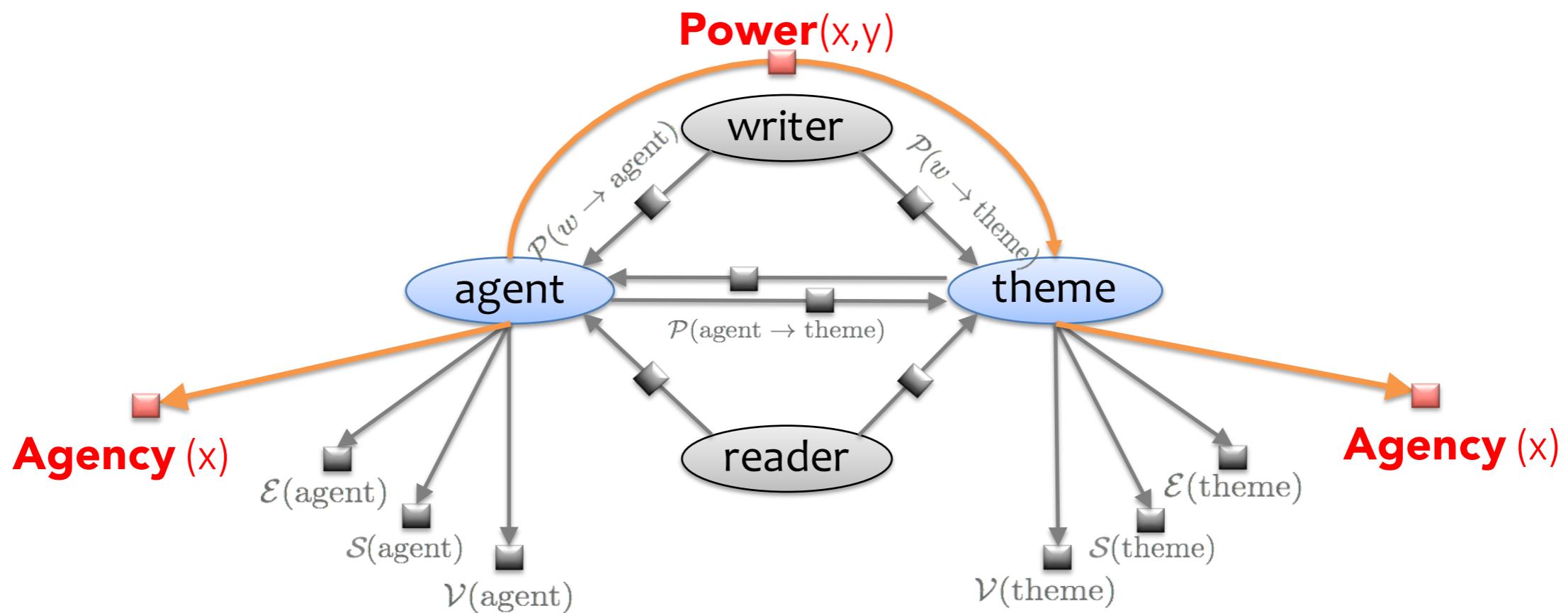


"... accidentally **injures** Anna ... Hans  
**proposes** to Anna ... She **gets lost** ...  
**chases** Anna ... Anna **spots** Hans ... He  
**locks** Anna in a room..."



"Cinderella **lives** an unhappy life... agrees to **let**  
Cinderella **go**... he **sees** Cinderella... Cinderella  
**hears** the clock... allowing the mice to **free**  
Cinderella... Cinderella **appears**..."

# Power and Agency Frame



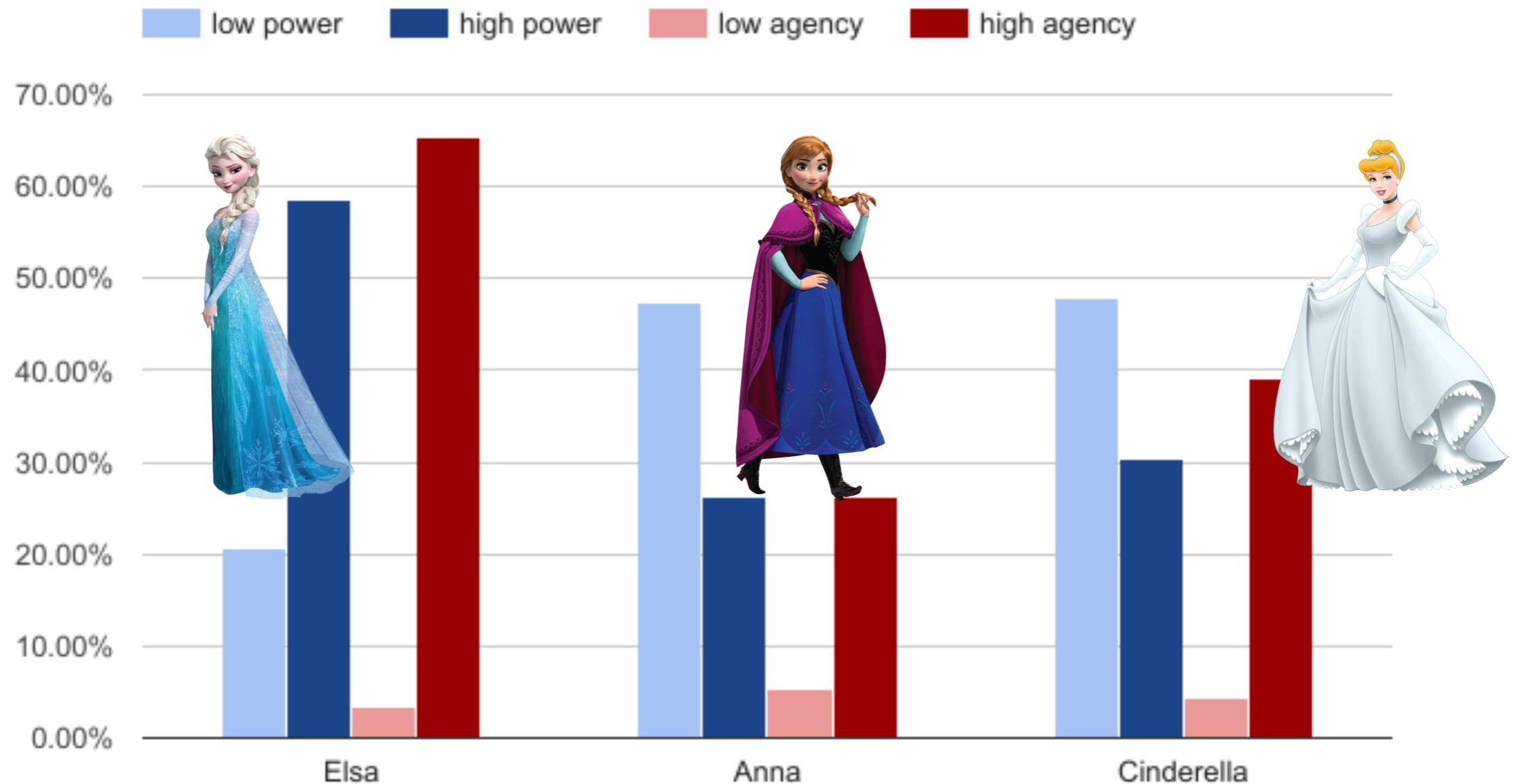
- **Agency (x)**
  - Powerful, decisive, capable of pushing forward their own storyline
  - “waiting” v.s. “searching” for your prince.
- **Power (x,y)**
  - Differential authority level between the verb agent and theme
  - “demanding” v.s. “begging” for mercy

# Power and Agency Frame

Collected using Mturk, annotated ~2000 verbs

Frame	Verbs
Agency (+)	terminate, silence, sue, command, invade, throw, organize, authorize, persuade, battle
Agency (-)	shimmer, remain, consist of, border, plummet, age, whimper, inherit, recede, resemble
Power (agent)	squash, seduce, assign, order, suspend, regulate, possess, eject, prohibit, ignite, destroy
Power (theme)	obey, dread, ask, worship, belong to, trust, bow to, serve, implore, require, salute

### % verbs with agency/power connotations



Power and agency connotation frames run on the Wikipedia plot summaries of *Frozen* (2013) and *Cinderella* (1950)

# Bias in Modern Films

772 scripts (Gorinski & Lapata, 2015), 21K characters with automatically extracted gender

- Male characters tend to drive the plot more through *high agency verbs*
- Connotation frames provide more nuanced analysis compared to existing tests (Bechdel, Mako Mori, Furiosa, Sexy Lamp test)

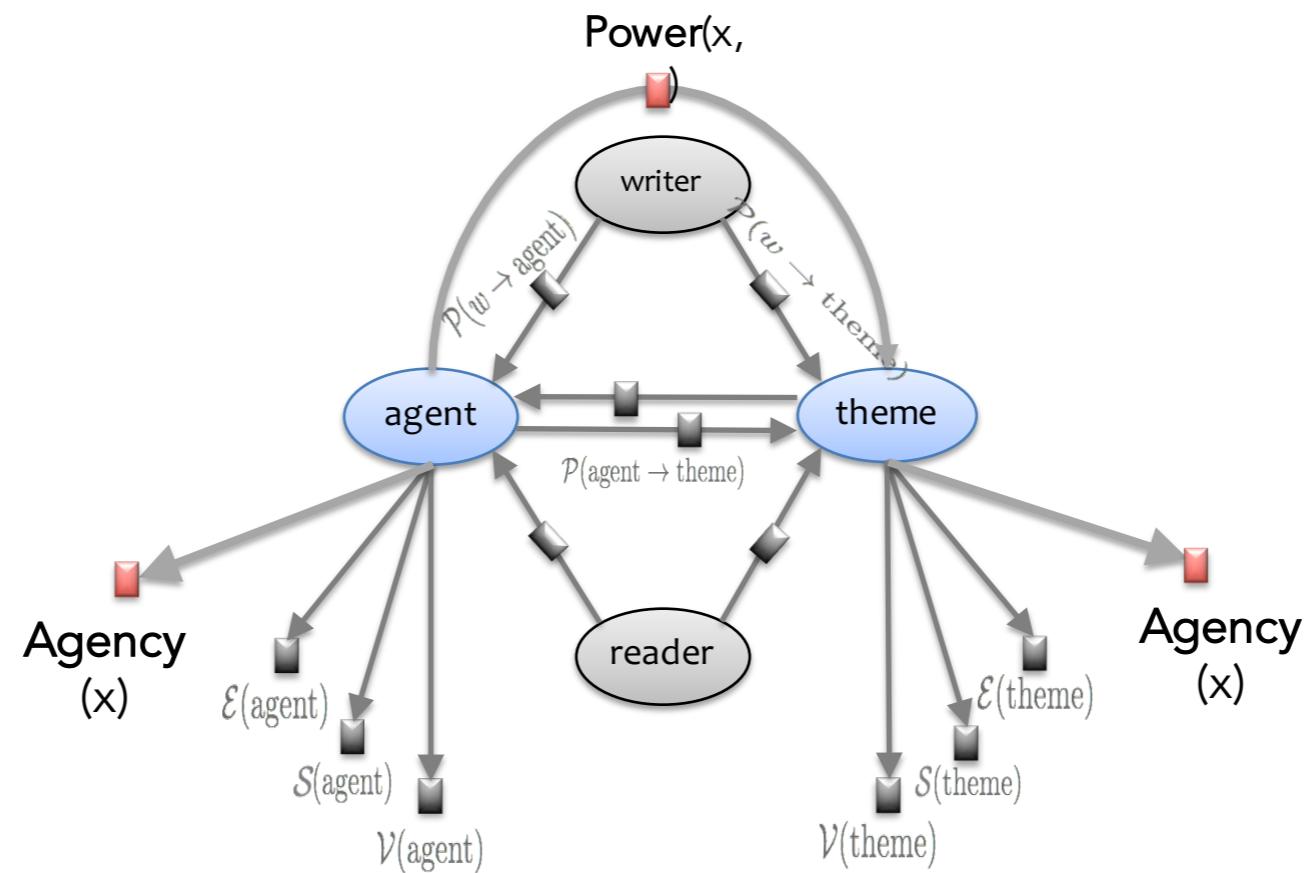


Frame	Gender association
Agency (+)	M**
Agency (-)	F**
Power (agent)	M**
Power (theme)	n.s.

Gender association with connotation frames using a logistic regression, controlling for number of words. \*\*:  $p<0.001$  (Holm corrected)

# To Conclude

- Aspects of connotation can be packed into lexical and frame semantics



# NLP for Social Good!

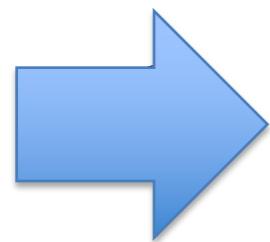
- Identifying unwanted biases in language
  - (Sap et al. @ EMNLP 2017!)
- graded deception detection in media
  - [www.politifact.org](http://www.politifact.org)
  - (Rashkin et al. @ EMNLP 2017!)



# Game Plan

## 1. Commonsense Frame Semantics

- Naive physics
- Social commonsense



Modeling the World, not just Language

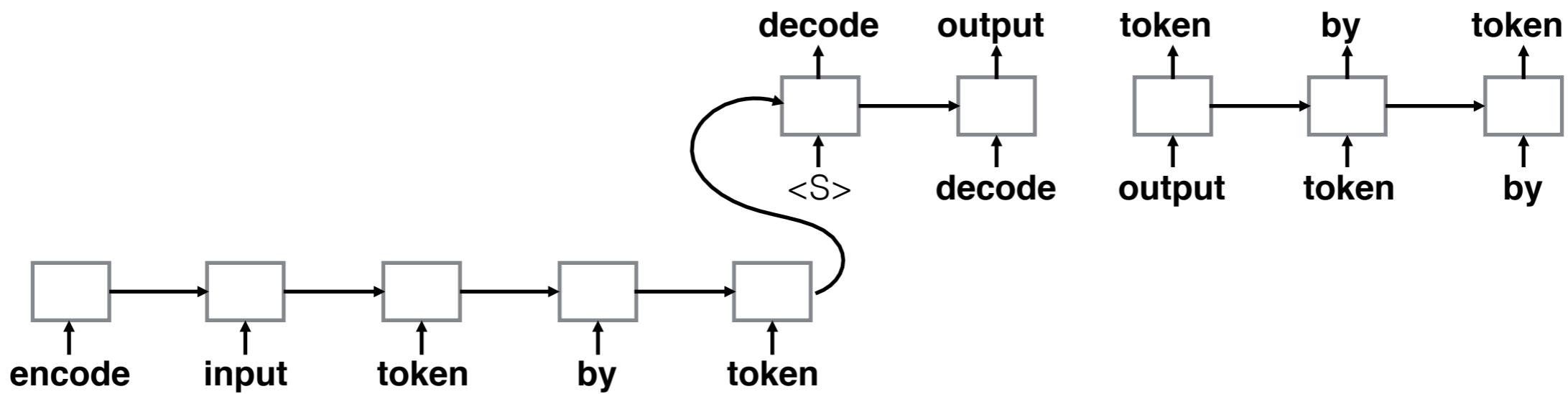
- Dynamic entities
- Action causalities

# ~~one vector~~



*You can't cram the meaning of  
a whole %&!\$# sentence  
into a single \$&!#\* vector!*

## a sequence of vectors?

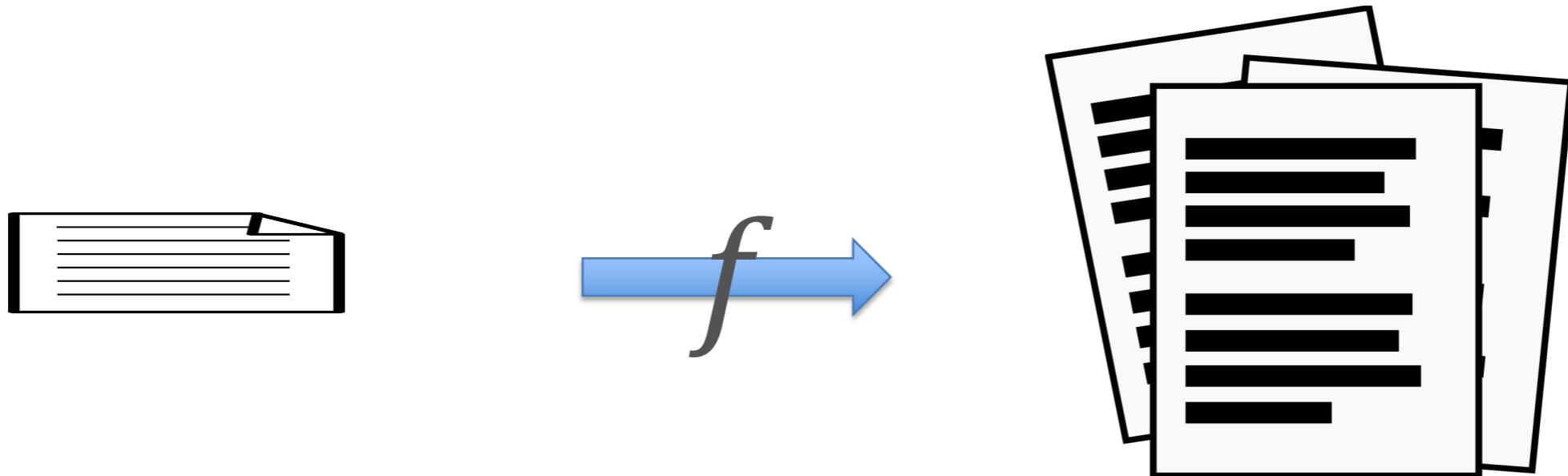


# Neural Checklist Models

Chloe Kiddon et al. (EMNLP 2016)



# Task Definition



- Input:
  - Goal: an (optional) title phrase
  - Agenda: a list of items to talk about
- Output: long text with many sentences

# Cooking Instructions

## Blueberry Muffins

### Ingredients

1 cup milk  
1 egg  
1/3 cup vegetable oil  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 cup white sugar  
1/2 cup fresh blueberries

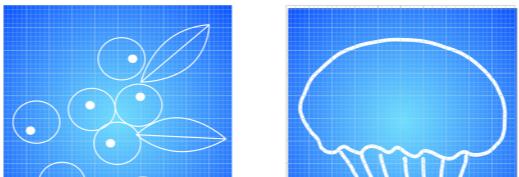
### Procedure

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Line a 12-cup muffin tin with paper liners.
2. In a large bowl, stir together milk, egg, and oil. Add flour, baking powder, sugar, and blueberries; gently mix the batter with only a few strokes. Spoon batter into cups.
3. **Bake for 20 minutes.** Serve hot.



<http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Blueberry-Muffins-I/>

# How to generate recipes



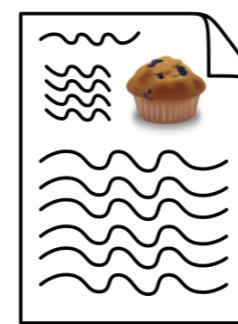
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Is it possible to simplify this?

interpre

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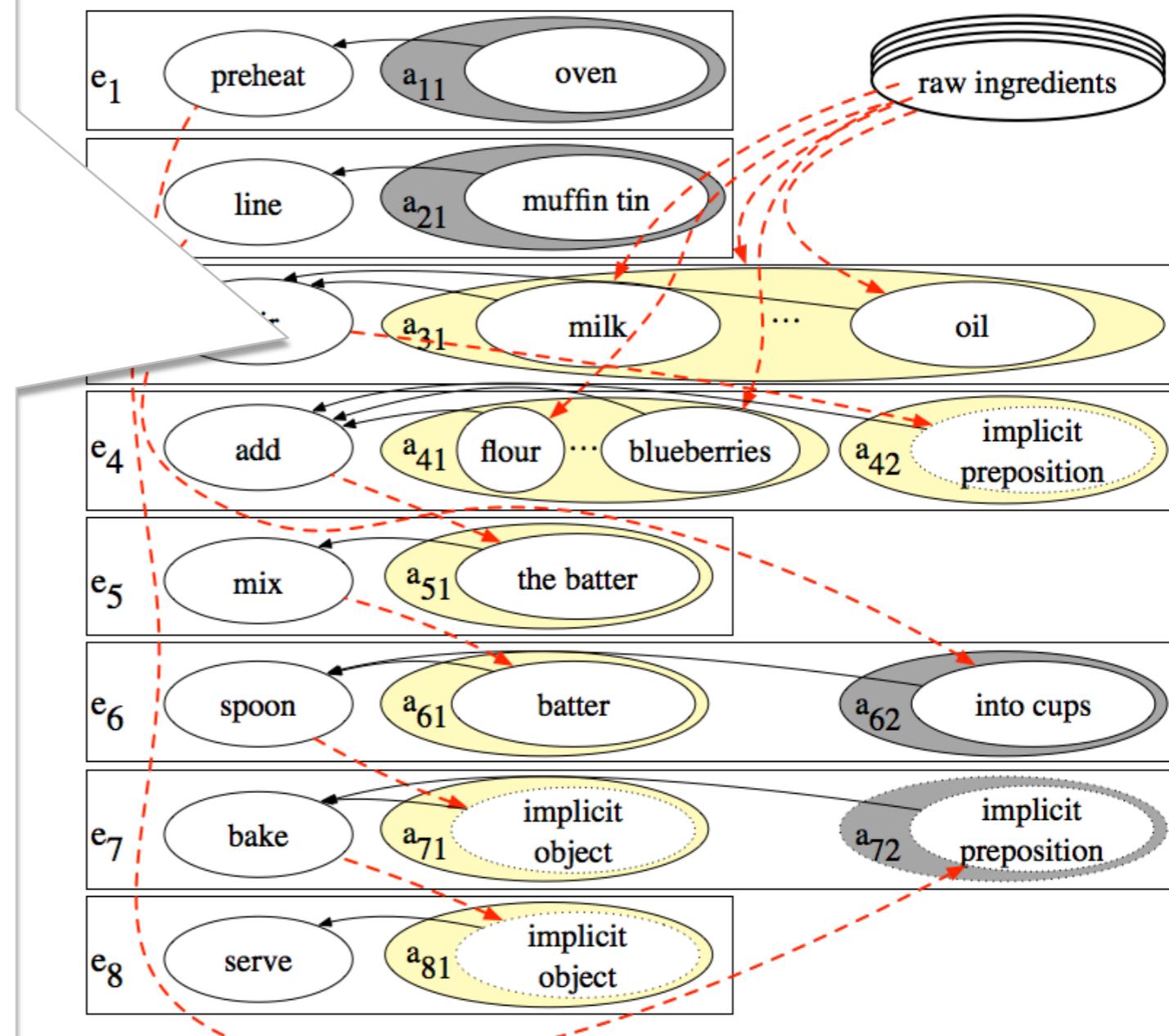


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# Document-level Graph Parsing

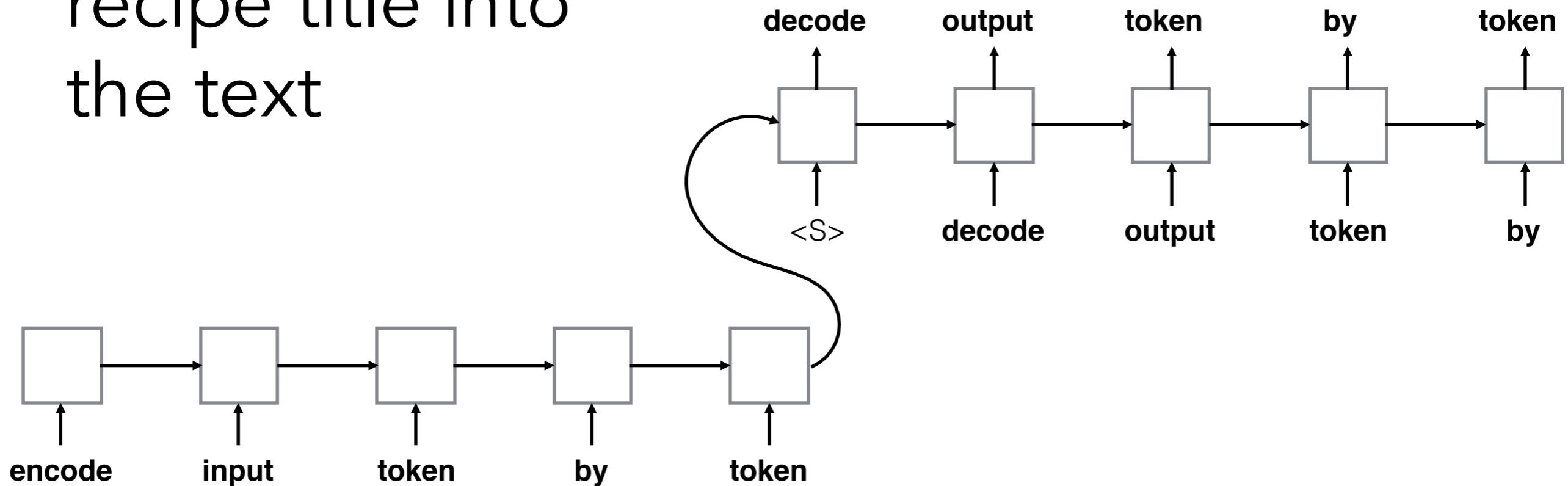
(Kiddon et al., 2015)

1. Predicate argument structure with implicit arguments (~ SRL)
2. How entities are introduced and then flow through different actions (~ reference resolution)
3. Discourse-level parsing



# Recipe generation as machine translation?

- Encoder-decoder NNs work great for machine translation (Cho et al. 2014, Sutskever et al. 2014)
- We can *translate* a recipe title into the text

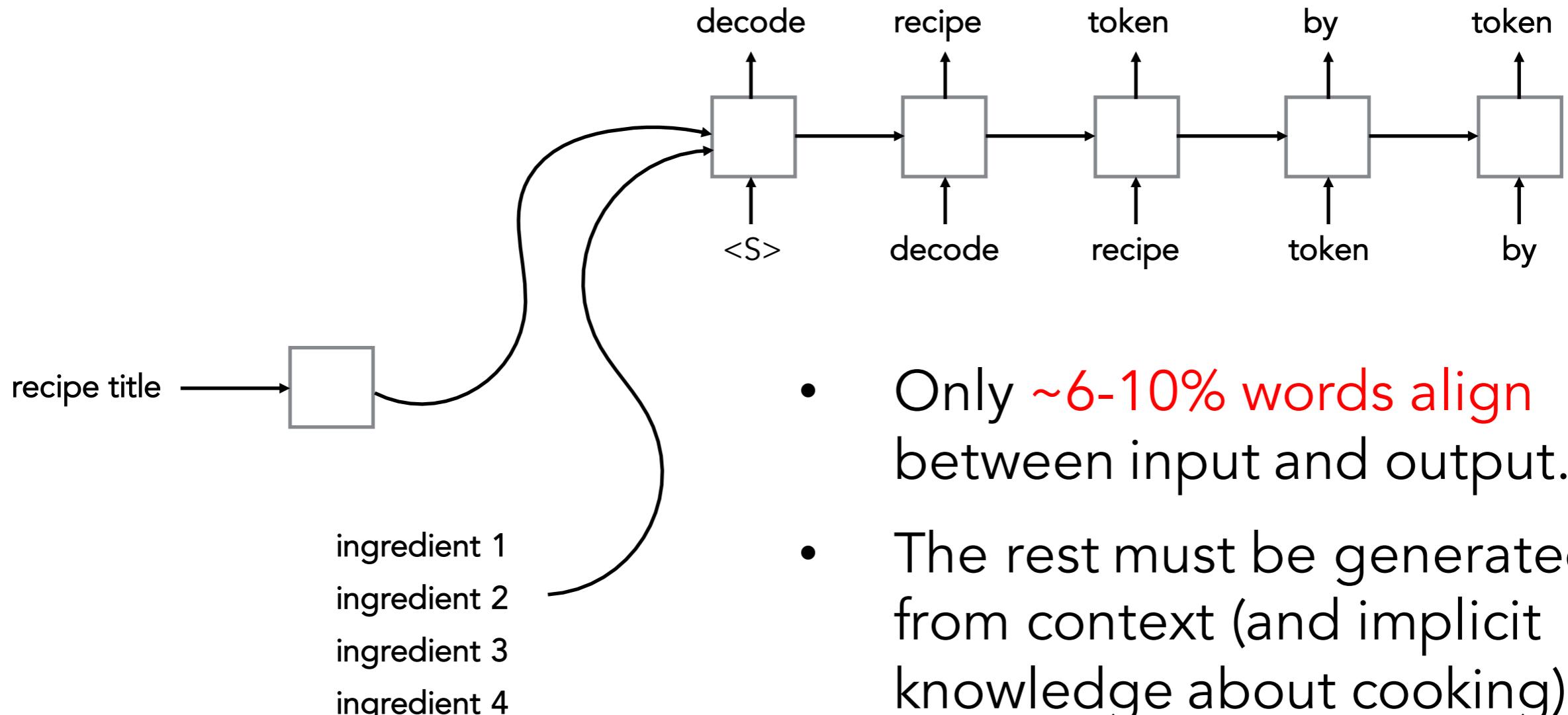


# Encode title - decode recipe

sausage sandwiches

- Cut each sandwich in halves.  
Sandwiches with sandwiches.  
Sandwiches, sandwiches, Sandwiches,  
sandwiches, sandwiches  
sandwiches, sandwiches, sandwiches,  
sandwiches, sandwiches, sandwiches, or  
sandwiches or triangles, a griddle, each  
sandwich.  
Top each with a slice of cheese, tomato,  
and cheese.  
Top with remaining cheese mixture.  
Top with remaining cheese.  
Broil until tops are bubbly and cheese is  
melted, about 5 minutes.

# Recipe generation vs machine translation



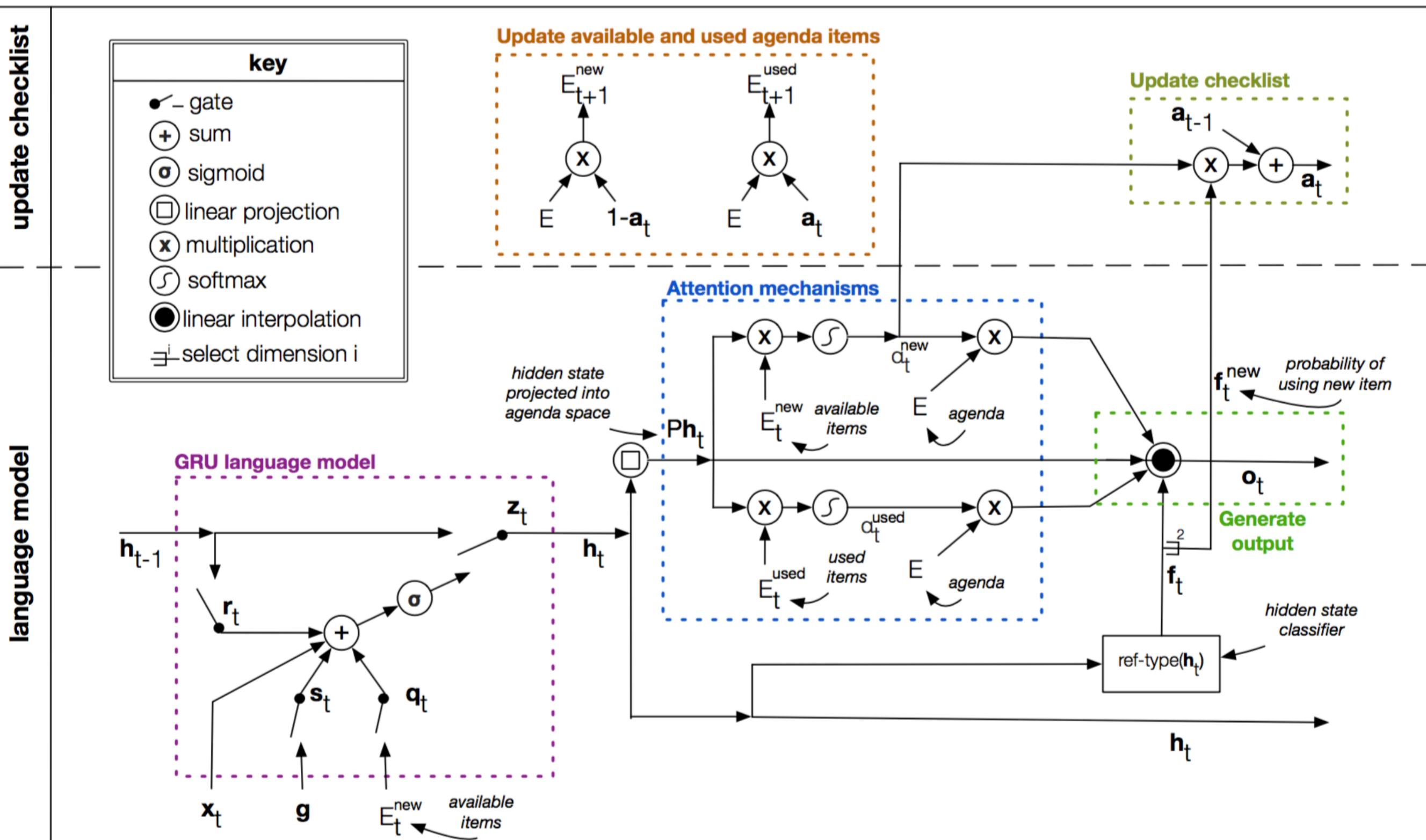
Two input sources

- Only ~6-10% words align between input and output.
- The rest must be generated from context (and implicit knowledge about cooking)
- Contextual switch between two different input sources

# Challenges

1. Modeling global coherence and coverage
  - May not be possible to compress everything on to one hidden vector!
2. Need a mechanism to track an “agenda”
  - which ingredients have been already used
  - what need to be yet introduced

# Neural checklist model



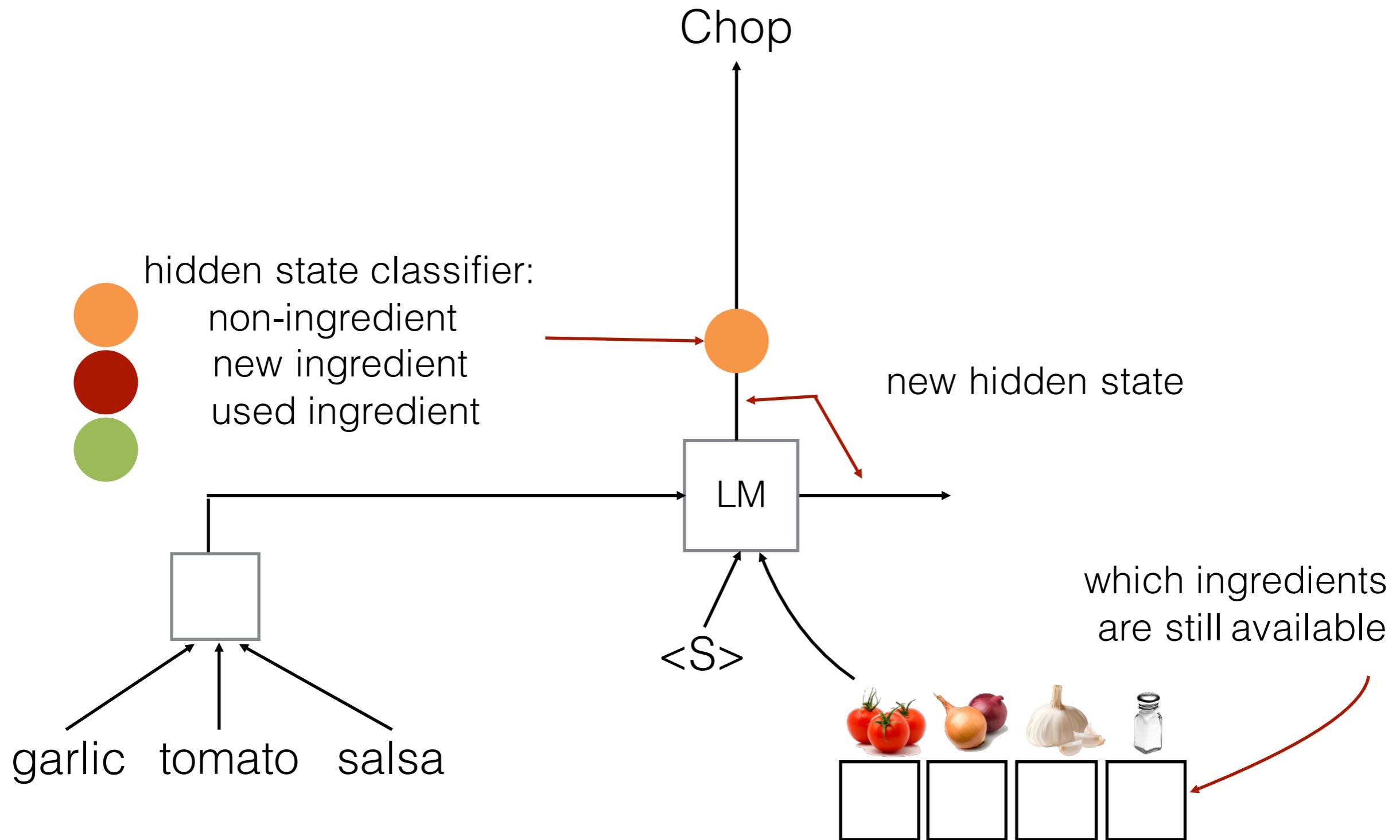
# Let's make salsa!

## Garlic tomato salsa

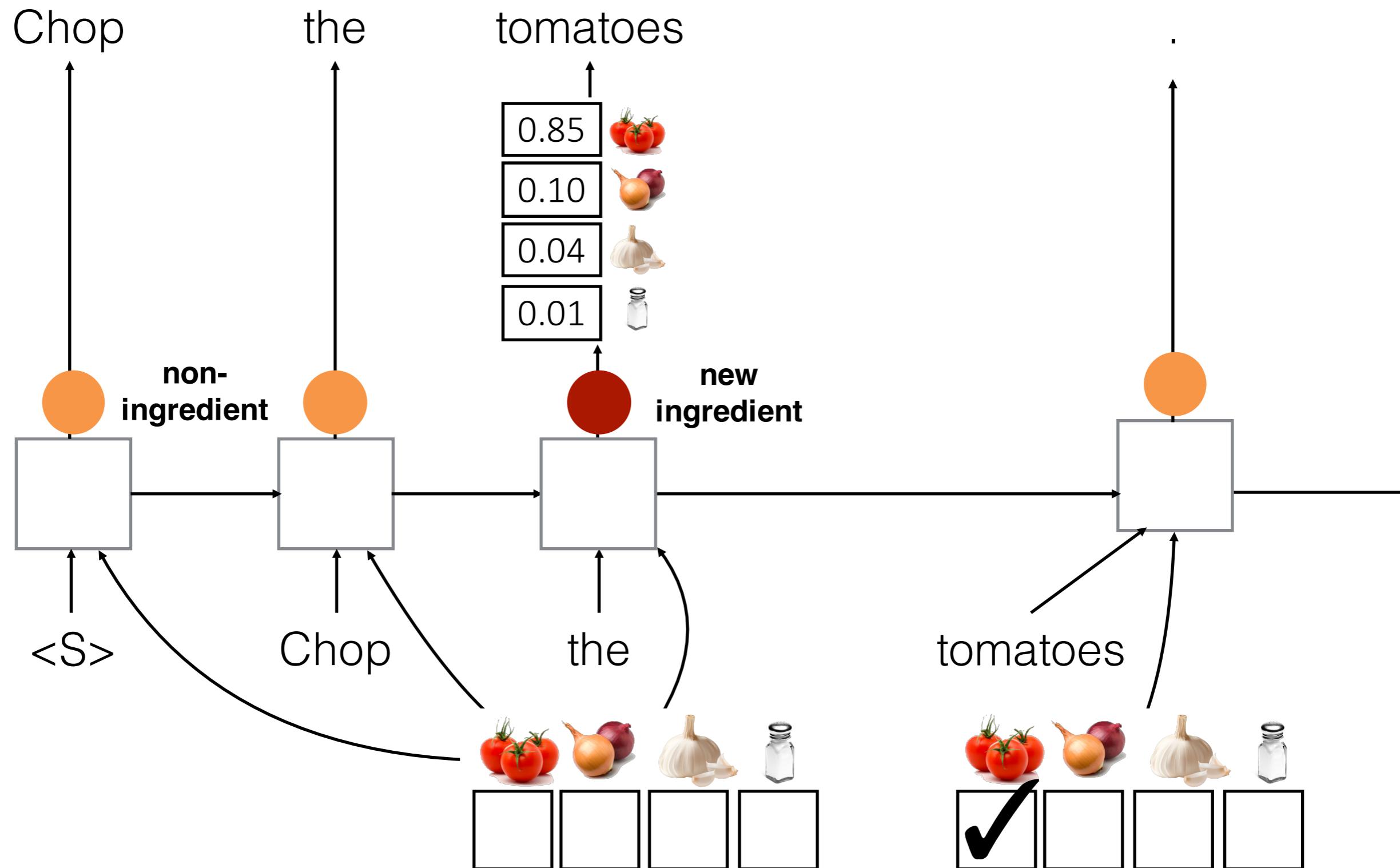
tomatoes  
onions  
garlic  
salt



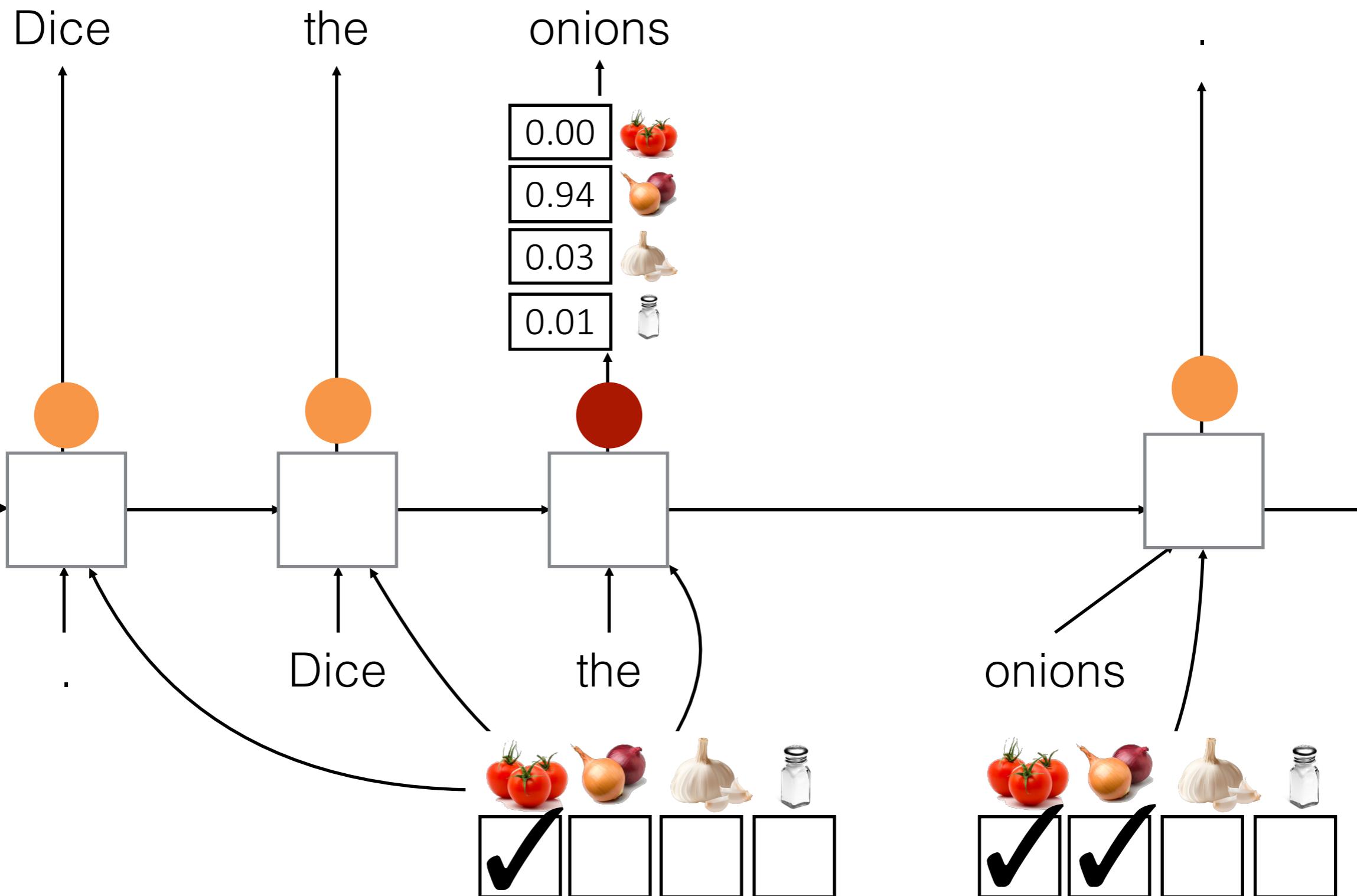
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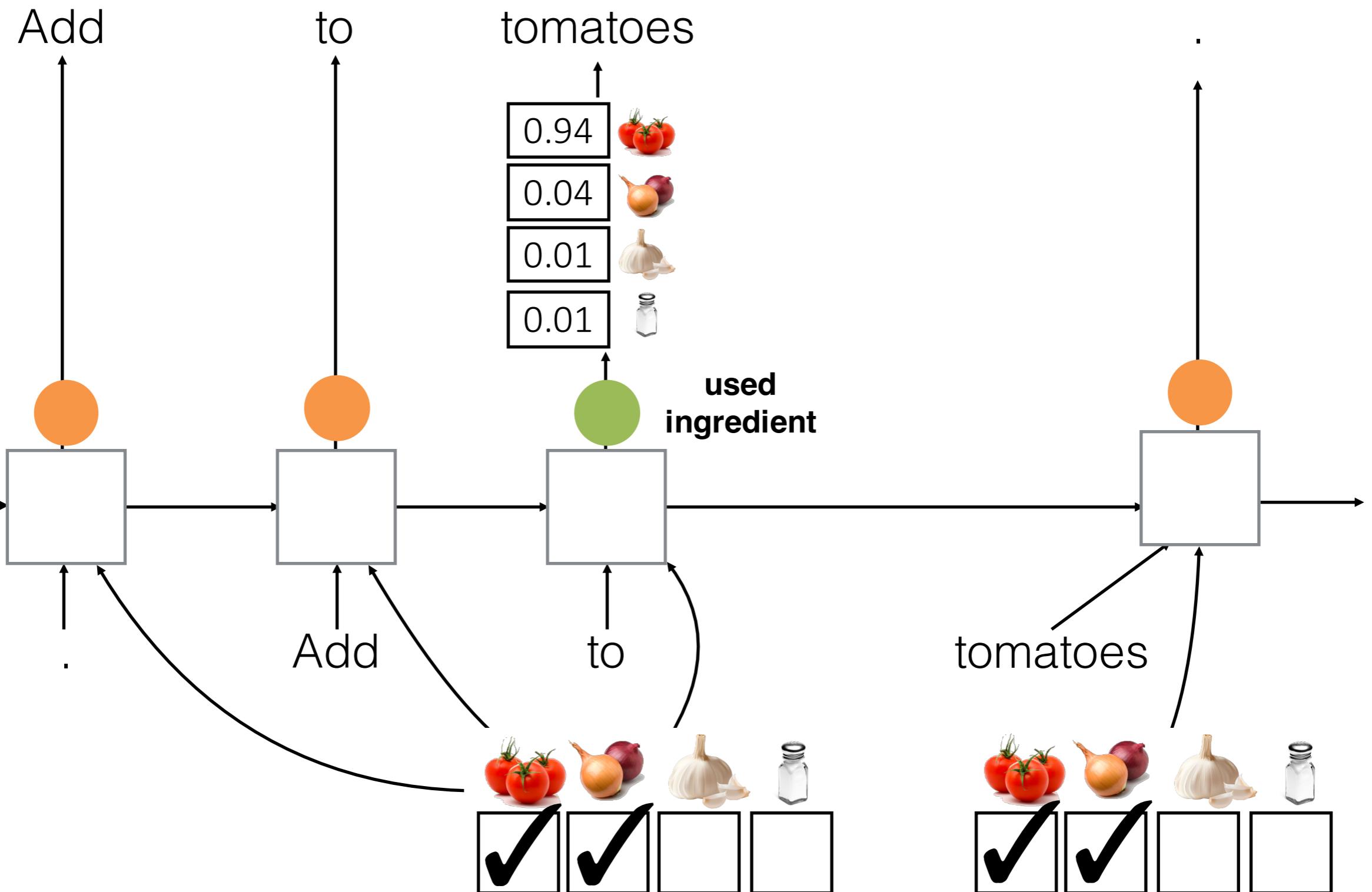
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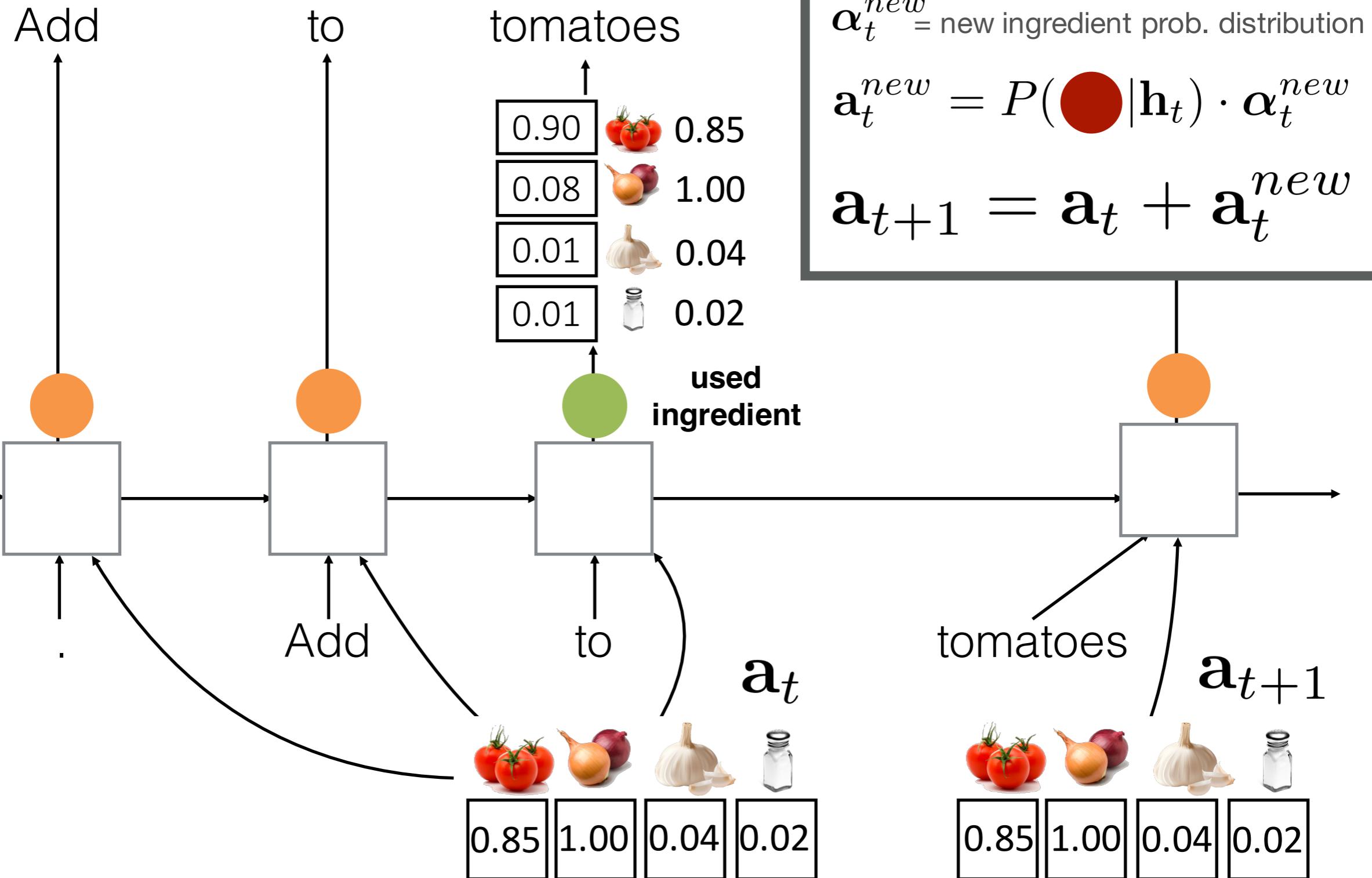
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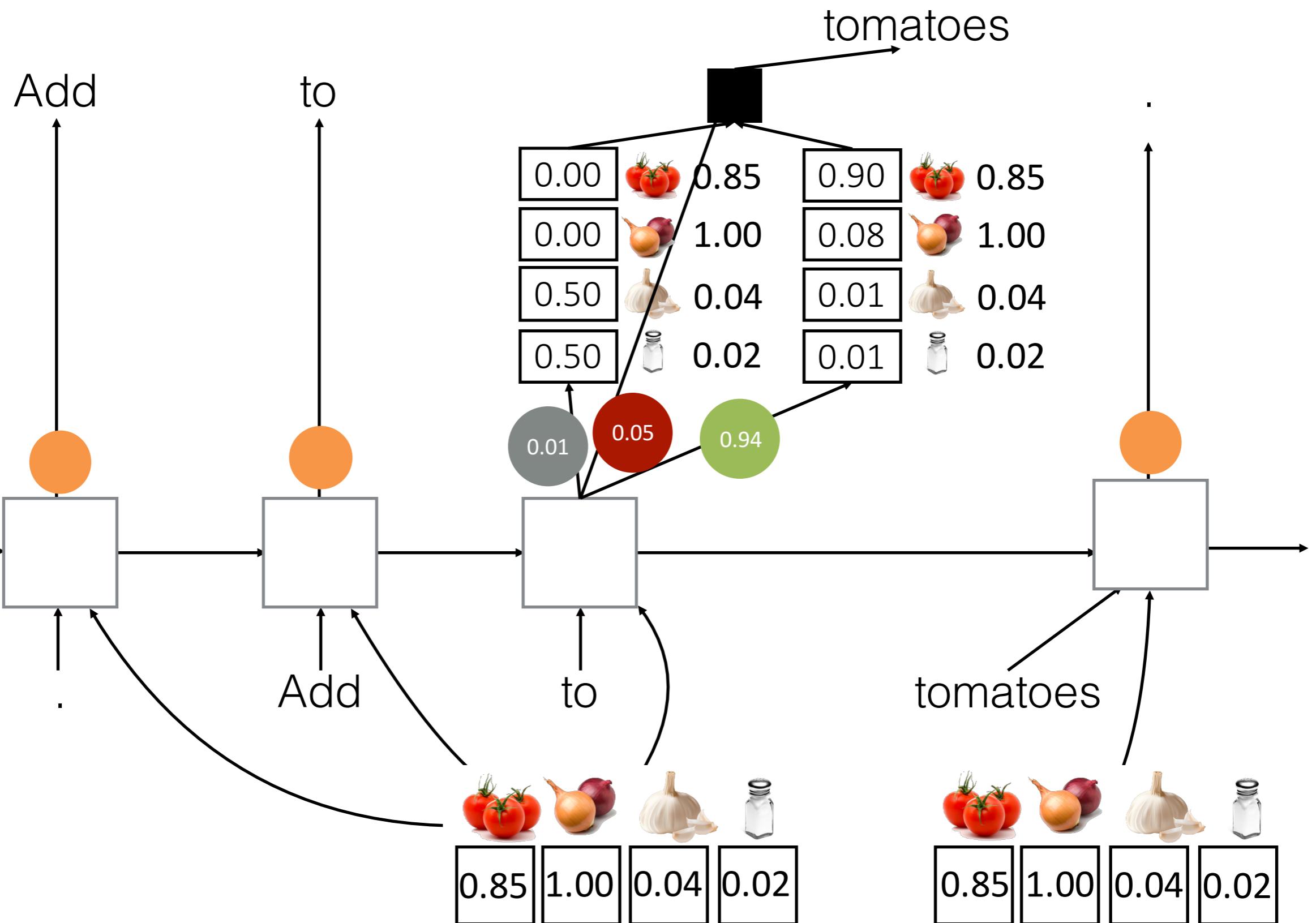
# Neural checklist model



# Checklist is probabilistic



# Hidden state classifier is soft



# Neural Recipe Example #1

title: oven  
eggplant

eggplant  
cheese cottage  
lowfat  
chopped onion  
bay ground leaf  
basil  
oregano  
tomato sauce  
provolone

In a small bowl , combine the cheese , eggplant , basil , oregano , tomato sauce and onion . Mix well . Shape mixture into 6 patties , each about 3/4-inch thick.

Place on baking sheet .

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until lightly browned .

Southern living magazine , sometime in 1980 .  
Typed for you by nancy coleman .

Cook eggplant in boiling water , covered , for 10 min . Drain and cut in half lengthwise . scoop out insides leaving 1/2 " shell . Mash insides with cottage cheese , onion , bay leaf , basil , oregano and tomato sauce . Preheat oven to 350 ^ stuff eggplant halves , place in casserole dish and bake covered for 15 min . Add a little water to bottom of pan to keep eggplant moist . top with provolone cheese . Bake 5 more min uncovered 1 serving =

# Example: skillet chicken rice

## Ingredients

### True recipe

2 lb chicken pieces skinned

3 cups mushrooms fresh sliced

4 carrots peeled sliced 1/2" stick spray  
coating

3 1/4 cups long grain rice

Brown chicken pieces on all sides over  
medium heat about 15 minutes.

Remove chicken.  
1/2 tsp poultry seasoning

1/2 tsp bouillon chicken granules

Drain fat from skillet, if necessary.

1/4 tsp salt

Add mushrooms, carrots, rice, onion,  
bouillon, poultry seasoning, 2 cups  
water, salt.

Place chicken atop rice mixture.

Cover; simmer 30 minutes or till chicken  
and rice are done.

## Background

In a large skillet, brown **chicken** in oil.

Add **chicken** and **rice**; cook, stirring, until  
chicken is no longer pink.

In large skillet, heat rice and onion.

**Add rice and broth**: bring to a boil.

Add carrots and mushrooms; cook.  
Reduce heat to low; cover and cook 5  
minutes or until rice is tender and liquid is  
absorbed. **Stir in rice**.

and stir over medium heat until hot

Heat to boiling; reduce heat.

and bubbly. Stir in chicken and salt.

Cover and simmer until rice is tender,

Cover and cook 5 minutes or until  
about 20 minutes.

chicken is no longer pink in center.

**Stir in rice**. Heat to boiling; reduce heat.

Serve over **rice**.

Cover and simmer 20 minutes or until rice

is tender and liquid is absorbed and rice

is tender.

# Example: chocolate covered potato chips

## True recipe Ingredients

**Melt 6 ounces of chocolate** Remove from heat. **Wisk the cold chocolate until smooth** Add 21. **Mix the chocolate with the potato chip mixture** 2 ounces of chocolate into the melted chocolate, in 3 additions, stirring until each addition is completely melted before adding the next. **Dip the potato chips**, 1 at a time, in the chocolate. Coat completely and lift with a small fork. Shake off excess chocolate by rapping the fork on the edge of the bowl lightly. Remove any drips from the bottom by running the fork across the edge of the bowl. Slide the chips onto a cookie sheet lined with parchment or wax paper. **Allow to cool** until solid. Let chips sit at room temperature or in the refrigerator.

## Bake first

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake in a 400 degree oven for 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Drain on paper towels. **Melt**

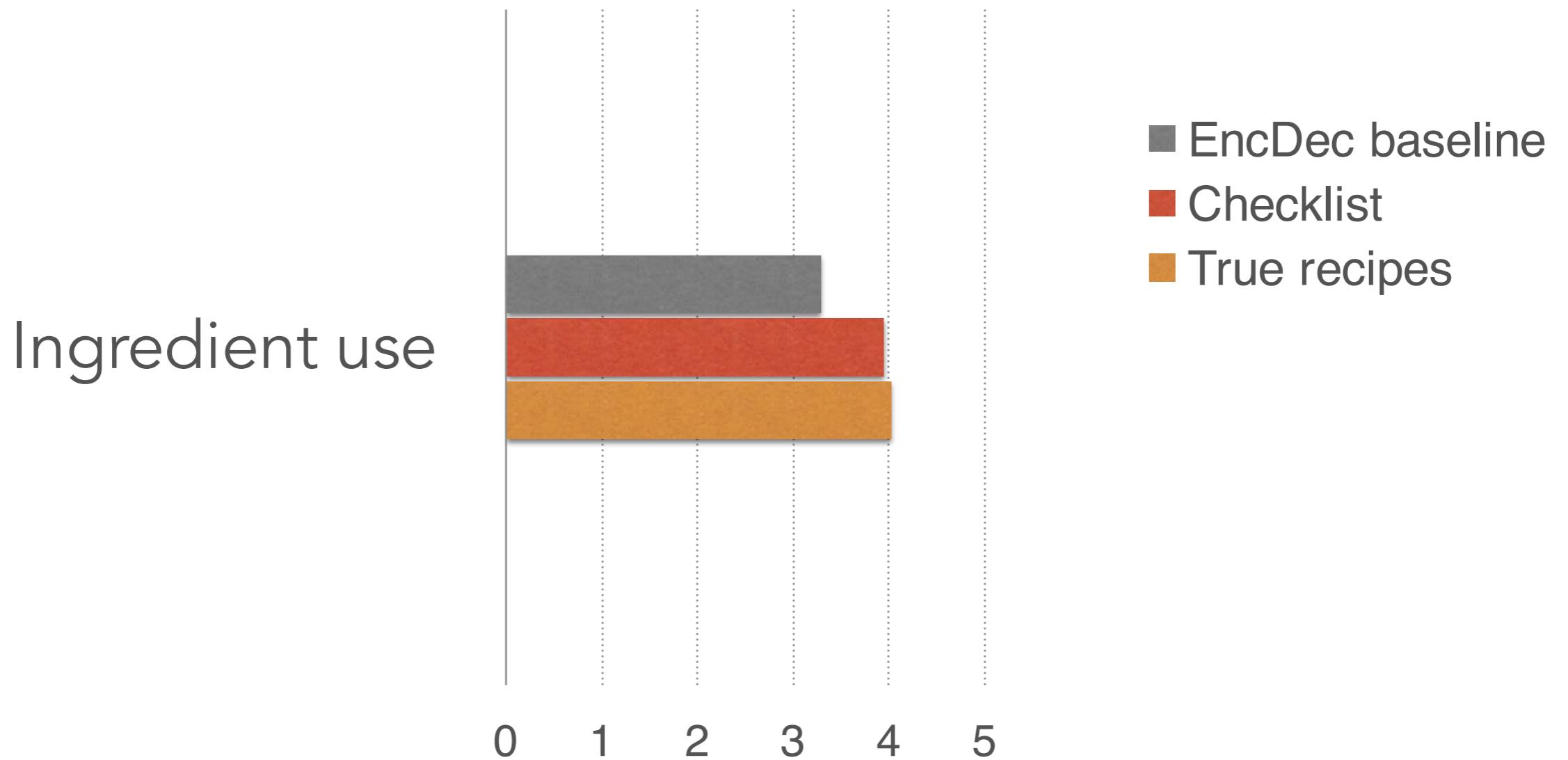
**chocolate** in top of double boiler over simmering water. Remove from heat and cool to room temp. **Add potato mixture to the potato mixture**; mix well. Cover tightly with plastic wrap. Refrigerate until firm enough to handle. Shape into croquettes. **Fry in hot oil** until golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Serve hot.

# Baselines

- Encoder-Decoder baseline (EncDec)
  - Encode title and ingredients as sequence, decode recipe
- Attention model baseline
  - Use attention embedding to ingredient list during output computation at each step

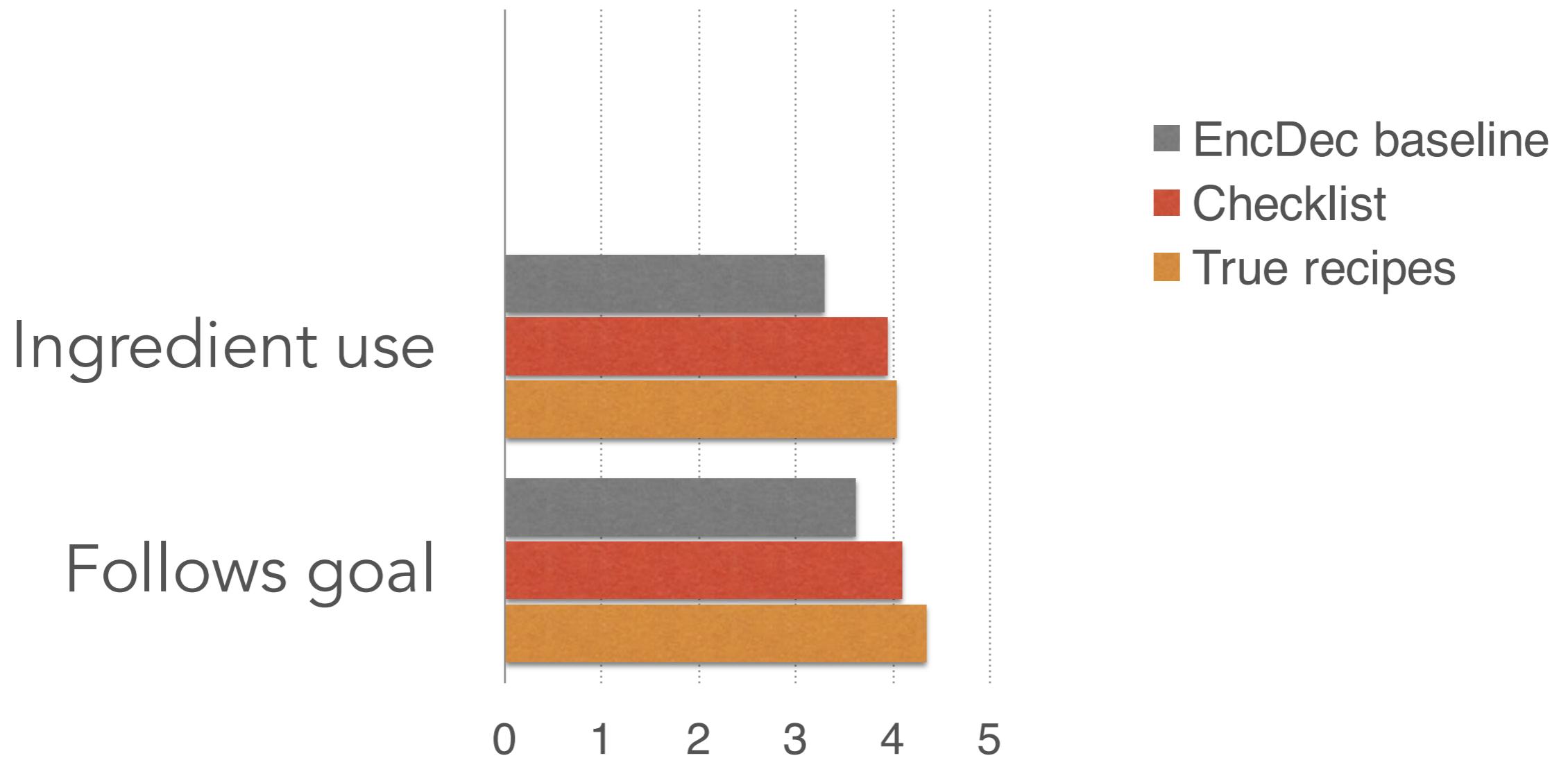
# Human evaluation

- Amazon Mechanical Turk



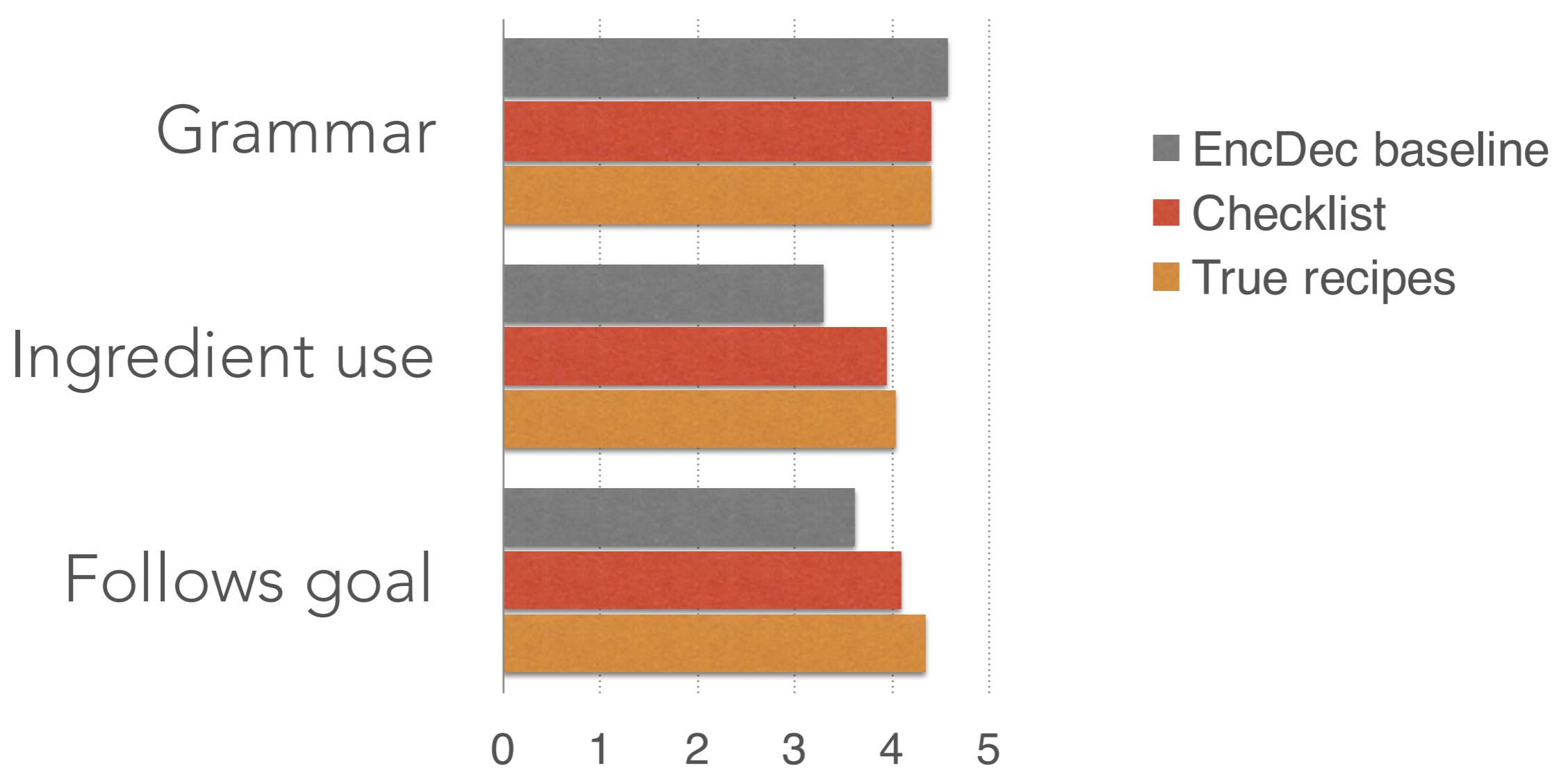
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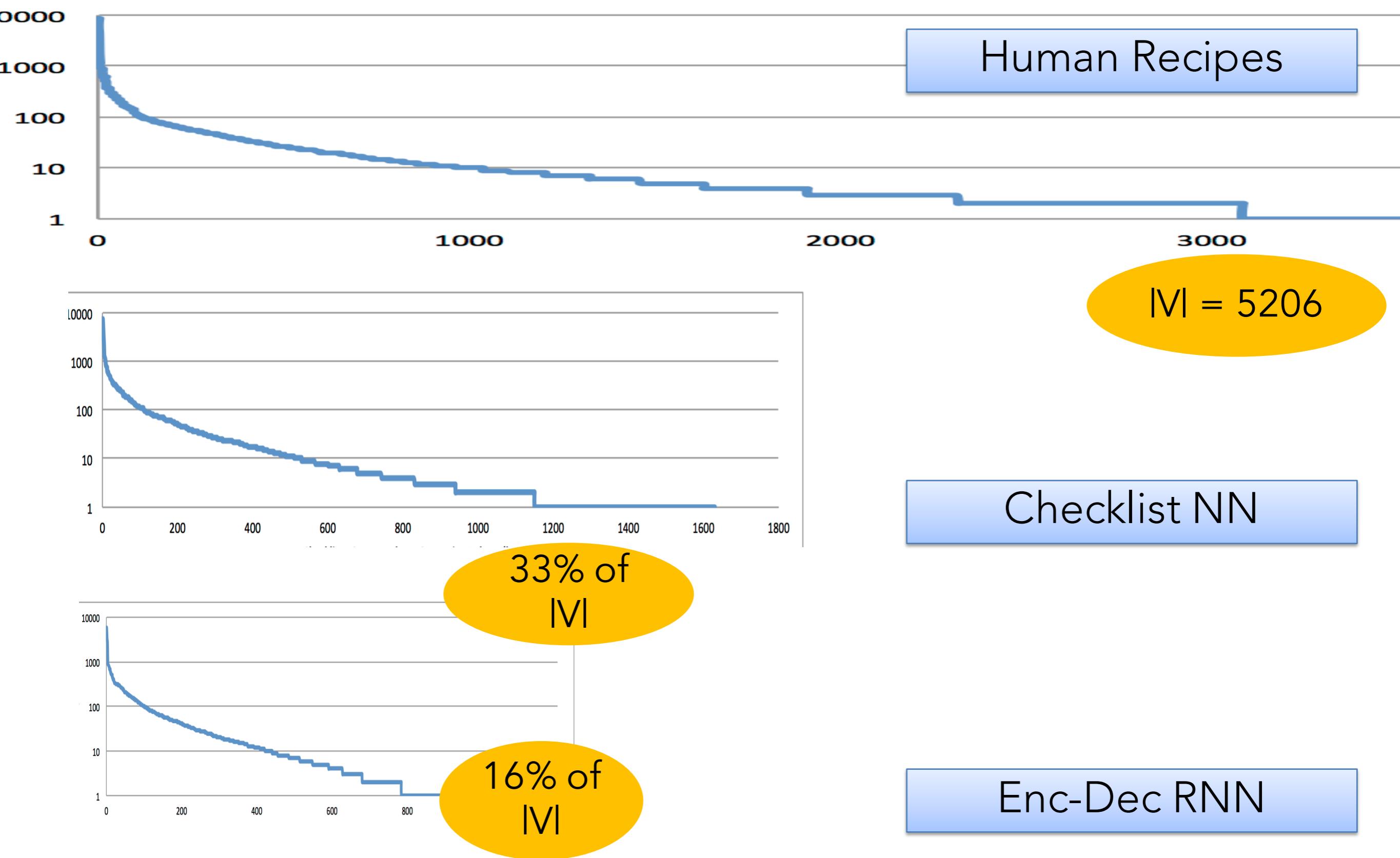


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# Natural vs. Neural Language (on dev set)



# Neural checklist model for dialogue generation

- Dialogue system output generation
  - Hotel & restaurant informational systems
  - Wen et al. 2015
  - inform{name(Hotel Stratford),has\_internet(no)}
    - “Hotel Stratford does not have internet.”

# Examples

```
inform(name=piperade;good_for_meal=dinner;food=basque)
```

piperade is a basque restaurant that is good for dinner.

```
inform(name='red door cafe';good_for_meal=breakfast;area='cathedral  
hill';kids_allowed=no)
```

the red door cafe is good for breakfast, does not allow children and is in the cathedral hill area.

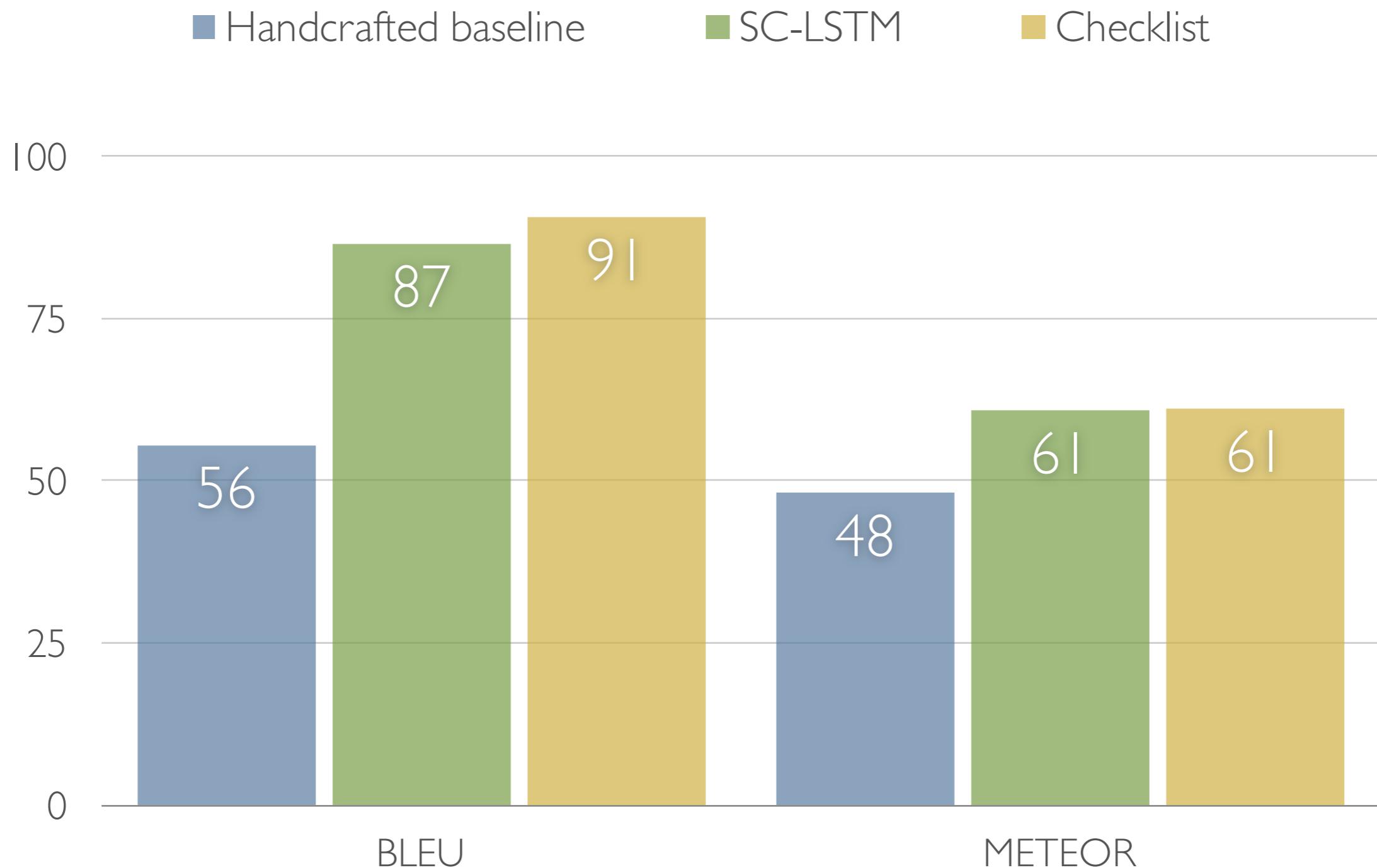
```
inform(name='manna';area='hayes valley or inset';address='845 irving  
street')
```

manna is in the hayes valley or inset area. the address is 845 irving street.

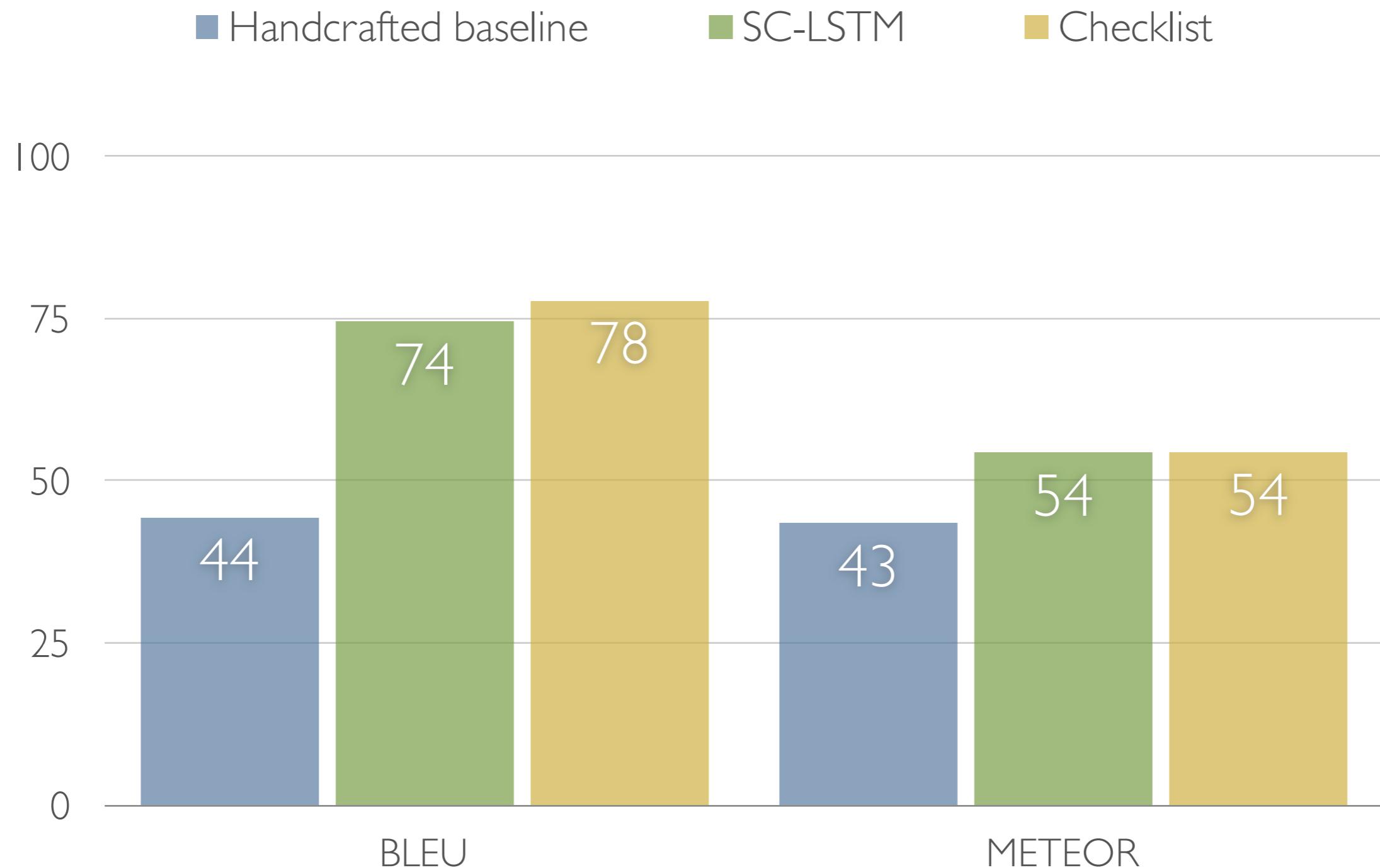
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?select(dogs_allowed='yes';dogs_allowed='no')
```

would you like a hotel that allows dogs?

# Hotel domain



# Restaurant results



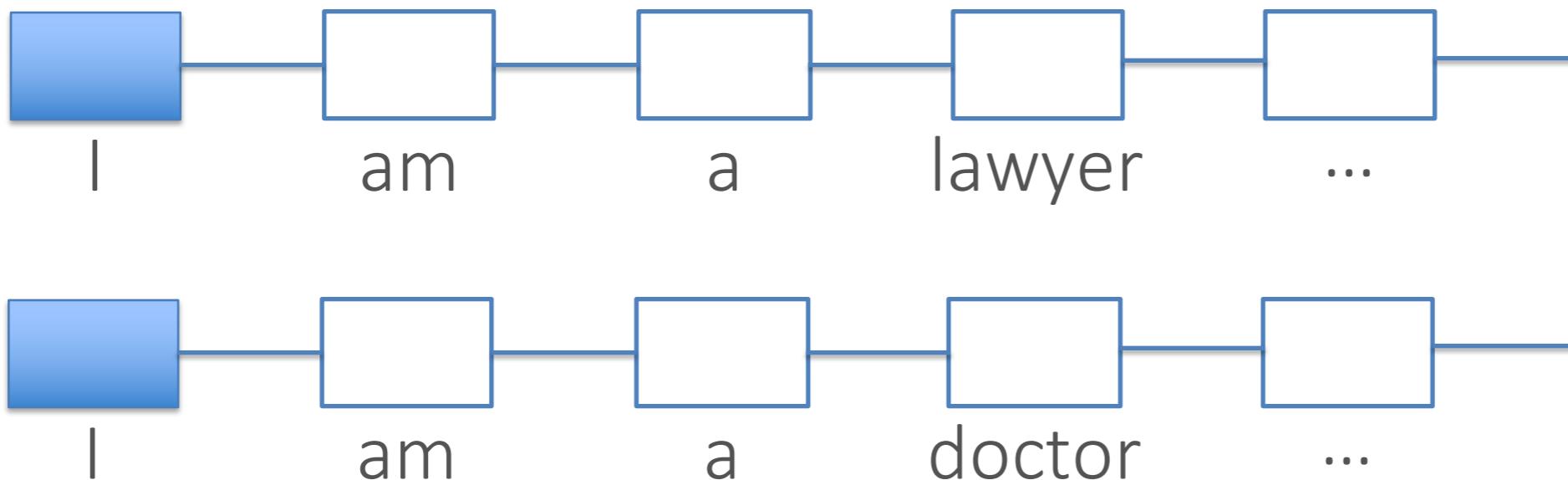
# Dynamic Entity Representations in Neural Language Models

Yangfeng Ji et al. @ EMNLP 2017



# Static vs Dynamic Entity Representations

- Human: what is your job?
- Machine: i'm a lawyer
- Human: what do you do?
- Machine: i'm a doctor



Example from Paperno et al. 2016

# Neural Process Network

Antoine Bosselut et al. (In Preparation)



# What's missing in the end-to-end...

- Title: deep-fried cauliflower
- Ingredients: cauliflower, frying oil, sauce, salt, pepper.



Wash and dry the cauliflower.

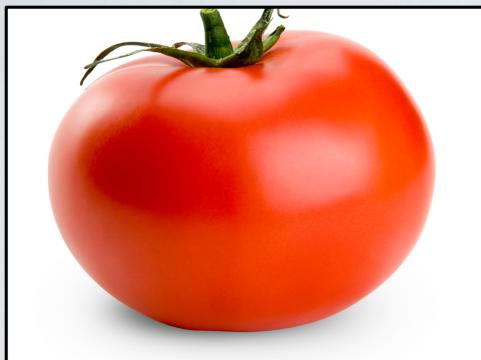
Heat the oil in a skillet and fry the sauce until they are golden brown.

Drain on paper towels.

Add the sauce to the sauce and mix well.

Serve hot or cold.

# Action Causality



**Read:**  
Slice the tomatoes

**Choose Action:**  
slice  
**Choose Entity:**  
tomato

**State Changes:**  
shape → separated



**Read:**  
Bake in pan for 20 minutes.

**Choose Action:**  
bake  
**Choose Entity:**  
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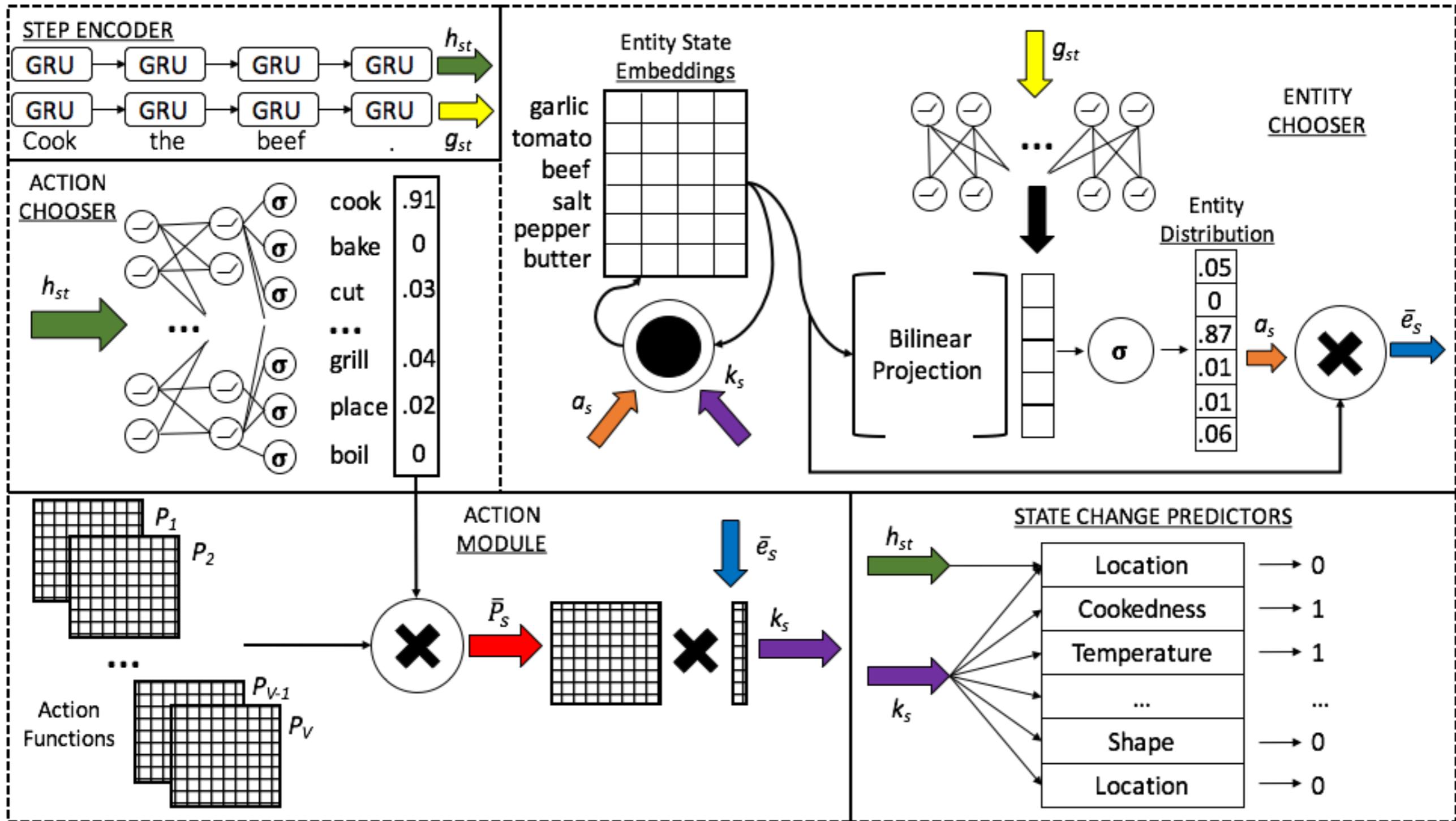
**State Changes:**  
cookedness → cooked  
temperature → hot  
location → oven



**Read:**  
<END\_RECIPE>

# Neural Process Networks

“understanding by simulation”



# Concluding Remarks

# Toward Intelligent Communication

1. Commonsense Frame Semantics
  - naive physics
  - Social commonsense
  - Packing knowledge into lexical/frame semantics
2. Modeling the World, not just Language
  - Dynamic entities
  - Action causalities

# Fillmore Tribute Workshop @ ACL 2014



## *Frame Semantics in Natural Language Processing*

*A Workshop in Honor of  
Chuck Fillmore (1929–2014)*

### Announcement

**Frame Semantics in Natural Language Processing: A Workshop in Honor of Chuck Fillmore (1929–2014)** was held at the [52nd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics](#) in Baltimore on June 27, 2014.

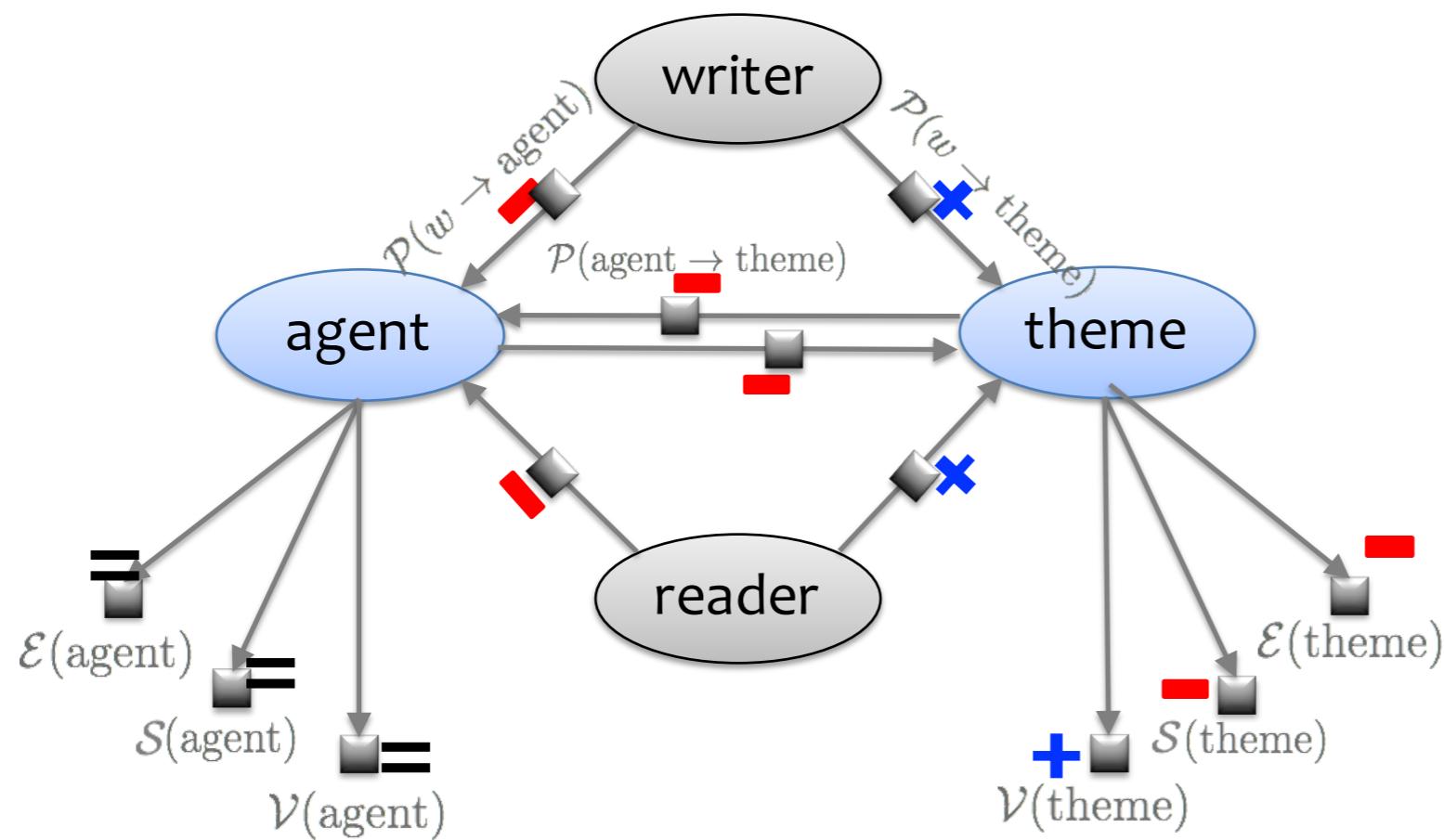
The workshop consisted of a number of inspiring invited talks about Chuck's work and his contributions to NLP.

[Proceedings now available!](#)

**Date:** Friday, June 27, 2014

**Location:** [ACL](#), Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, Baltimore, MD

# “X stabbing Y with Z”



Connotation Frame	$\text{Perspective}(w \rightarrow X) = -$	The writer considers X guilty.
	$\text{Effect}(Y) = -$	What happened is bad for Y.
	$\text{Value}(Y) = +$	Y is inherently valuable.
VerbPhysics	$Y < Z$ in RIGID	It's not possible to stab someone with a cheeseburger.

Thanks! Questions?

