

# Robust Morphological Tagging with Word Representations

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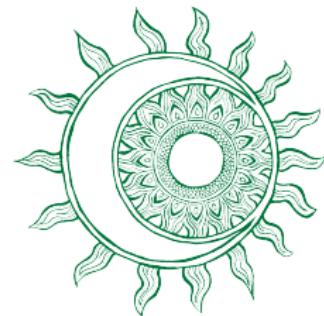
- Gender prediction:

**La ignorancia es la noche de la mente:  
pero una noche sin luna y sin estrellas.**

*"Ignorance is the night of the mind,  
but a night without moon and star." [Confucius]*

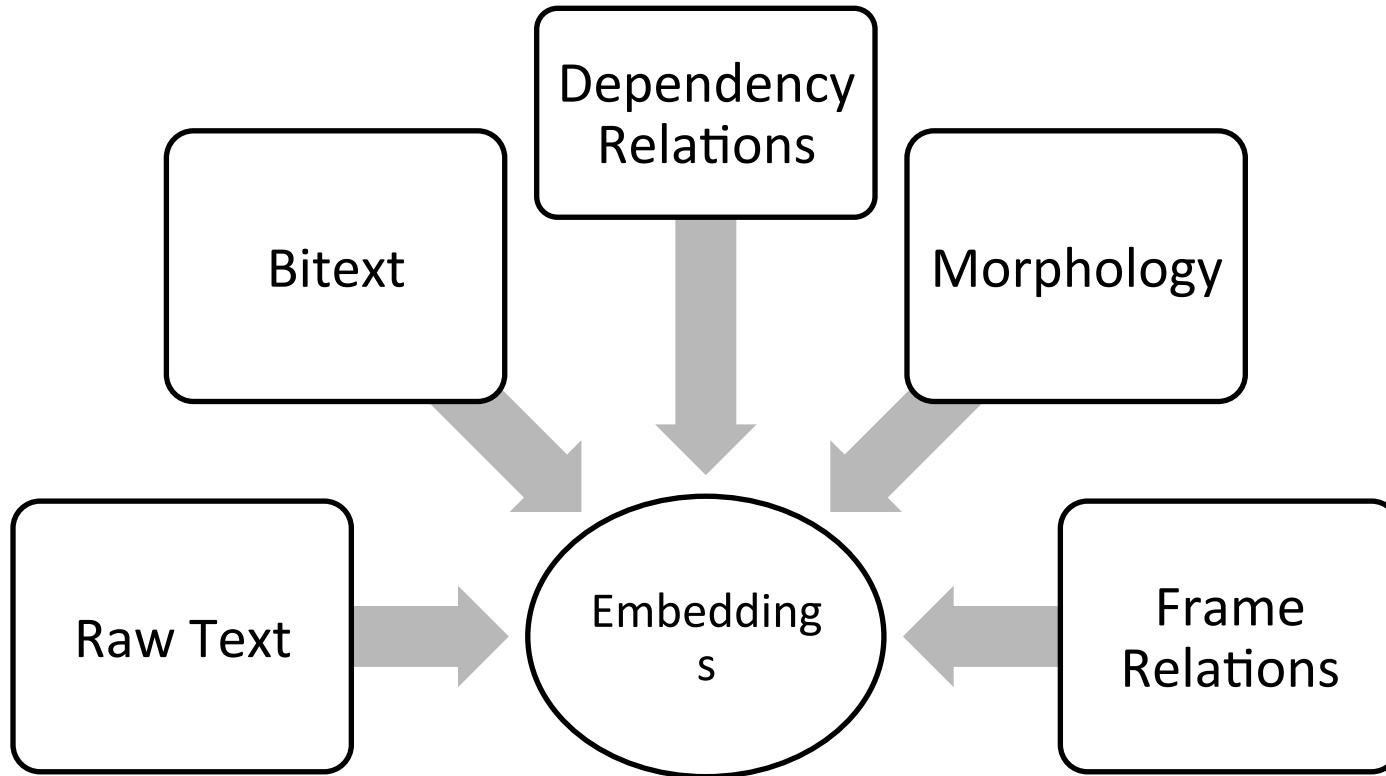
- Frequent contexts:

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600	luna	llena
487	media	luna
285	una	luna



# Multiview LSA

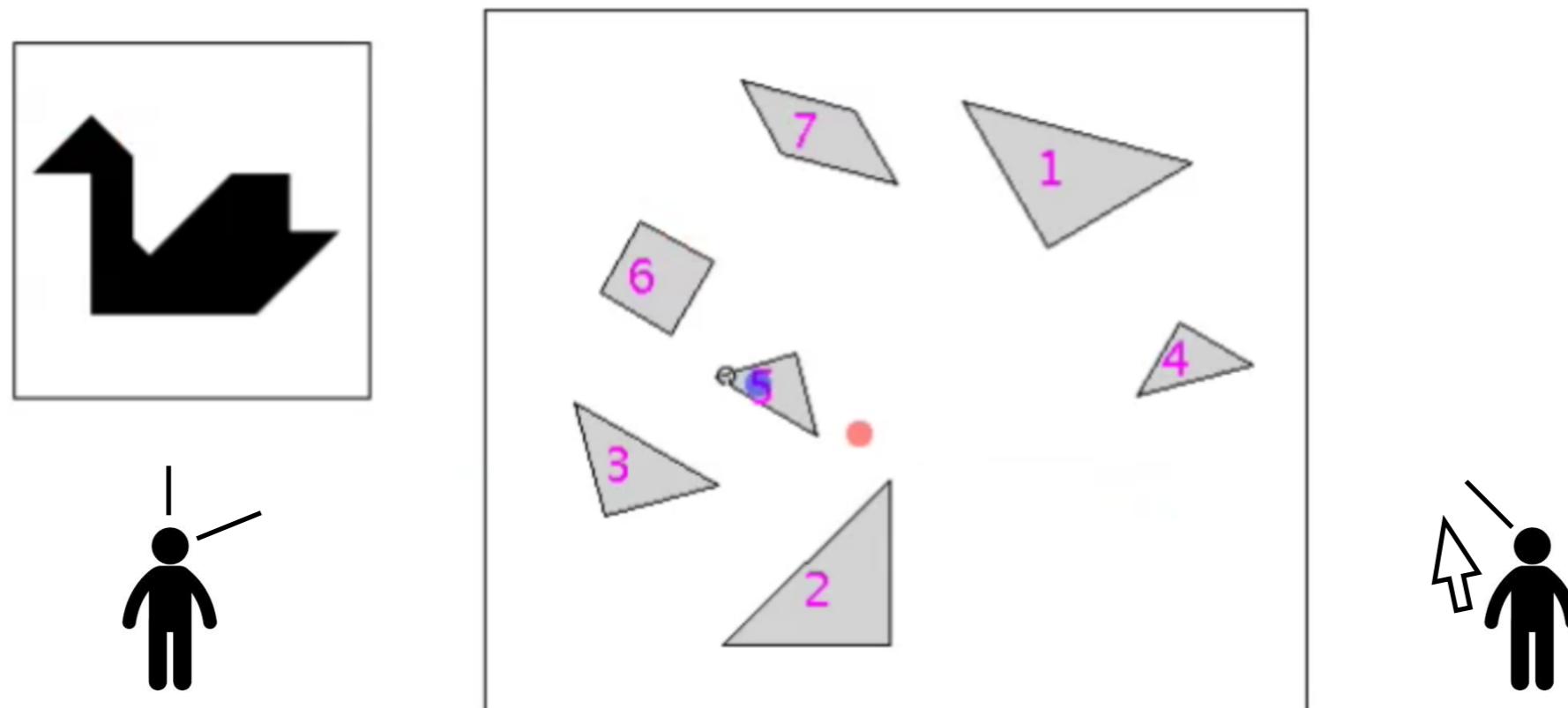
*Pushpendre Rastogi, Benjamin Van Durme, Raman Arora  
Center for Language and Speech Processing, JHU*



- Let's stew some embeddings. *Better than Word2Vec, Glove, Retrofitting\**
- Gather lots of co-occurrence counts, other embeddings.
- Add a generalization of PCA/CCA called GCCA.
- Cook using Incremental PCA.
- Season with regularization to handle sparsity.
- Test on 13 test sets to make sure the embeddings are ready to serve.

# 125: Incrementally Tracking Reference in Human/Human Dialogue Using Linguistic and Extra-Linguistic Information

Casey Kennington\*, Ryu Iida, Takenobu Tokunaga, David Schlangen



そのちっちゃい三角形を左に置いて。右に回転して。

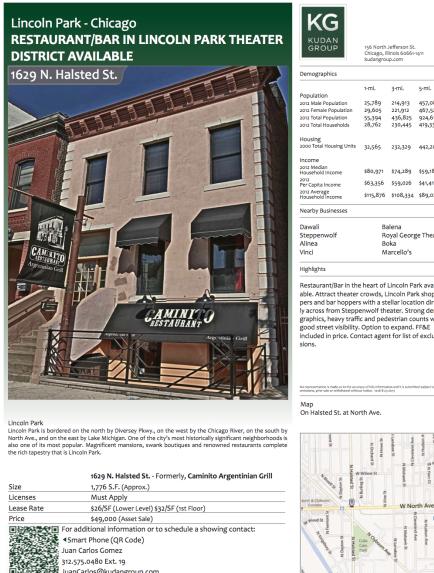
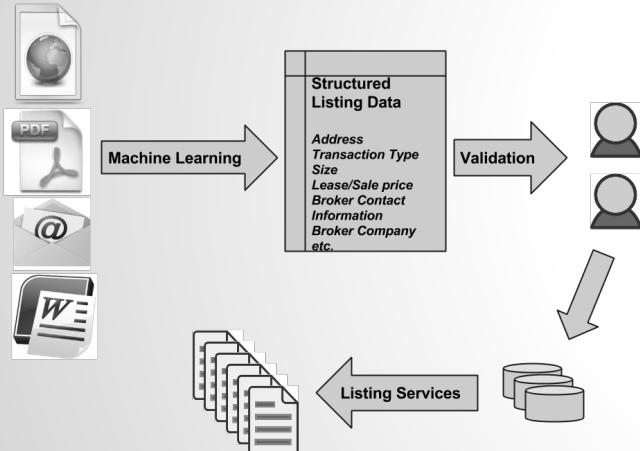
Put [that] [little triangle] on the left. Rotate [it] right.

# Digital Leafleting: Extracting Structured Data from Multimedia Online Flyers



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**Business Objective:** develop an automated approach to the task of identifying listing information from commercial real estate flyers.

An example of a commercial real estate flyer © Kudan Group Real Estate.

- Information in visually rich formats such as PDF and HTML is often conveyed by a combination of textual and visual features.
- Genres such as marketing flyers and info-graphics often augment textual information by its color, size, positioning, etc.
- Traditional text-based approaches to information extraction (IE) could underperform.



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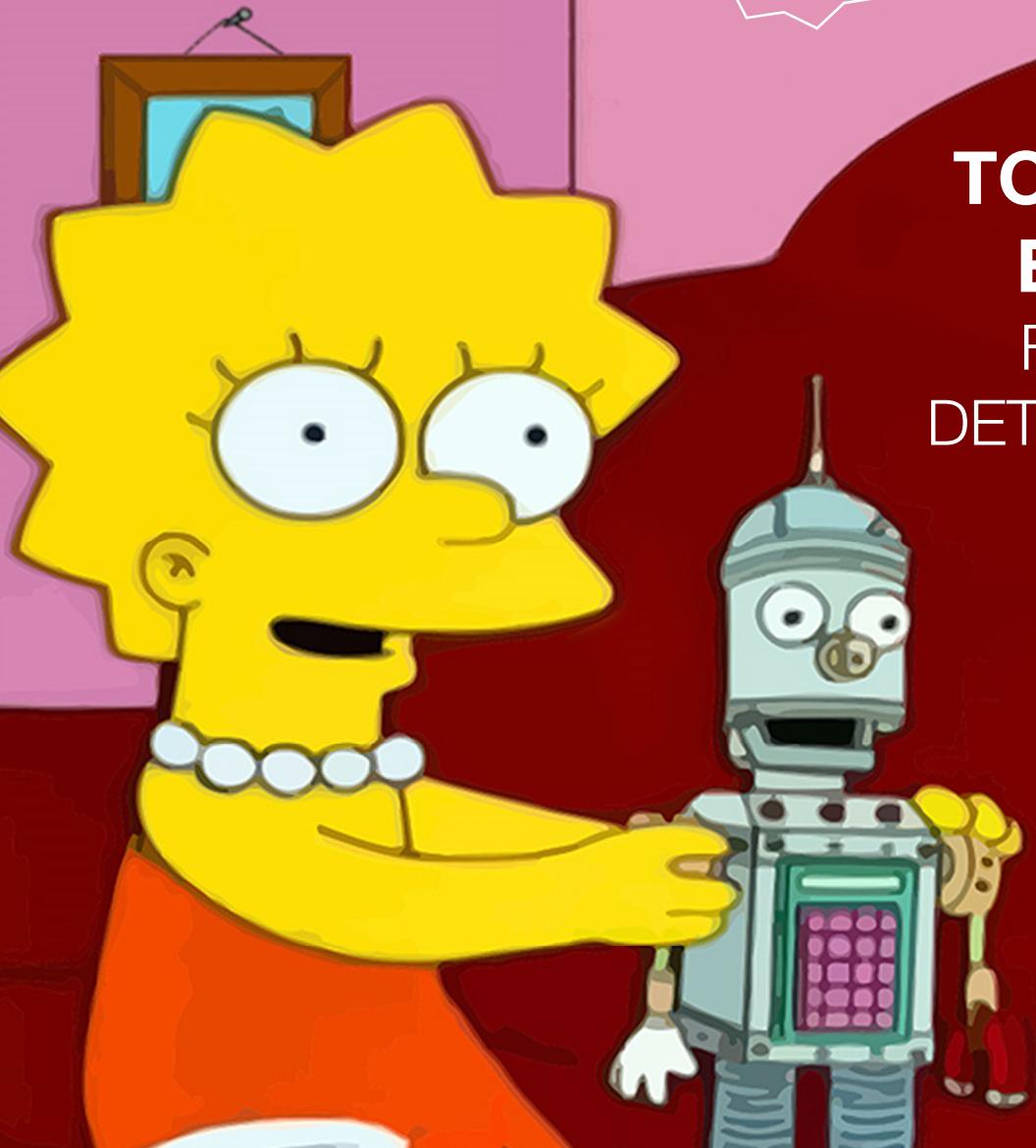
# TOWARDS A STANDARD EVALUATION METHOD FOR GRAMMATICAL ERROR DETECTION AND CORRECTION



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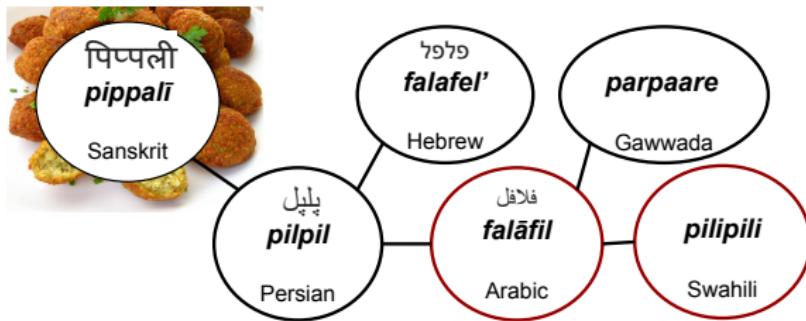


LISA, I TOLD YOU THE  
F-MEASURE WAS NOT  
GOOD FOR THIS...

# Constraint-Based Models of Lexical Borrowing

Yulia Tsvetkov   Waleed Ammar   Chris Dyer

Carnegie Mellon University

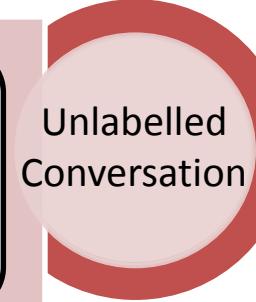
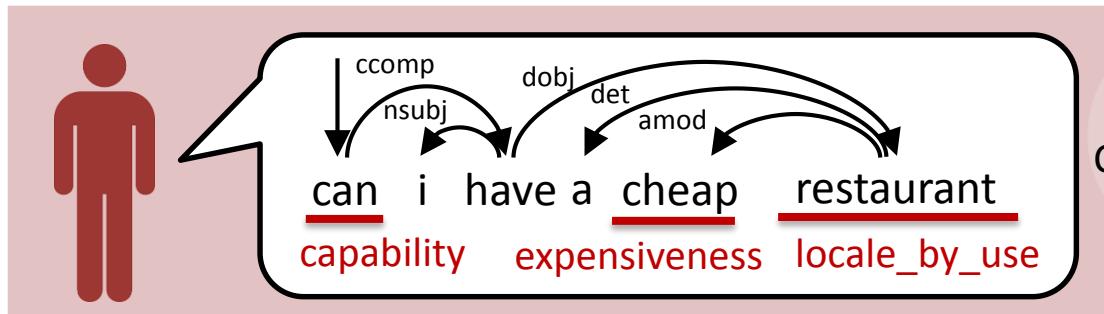


- ✓ Cross-lingual model of lexical borrowing
- ✓ Linguistically informed, with Optimality-Theoretic features
- ✓ Good performance with only a few dozen training examples

# Jointly Modeling Inter-Slot Relations by Random Walk on Knowledge Graphs for Unsupervised Spoken Language Understanding

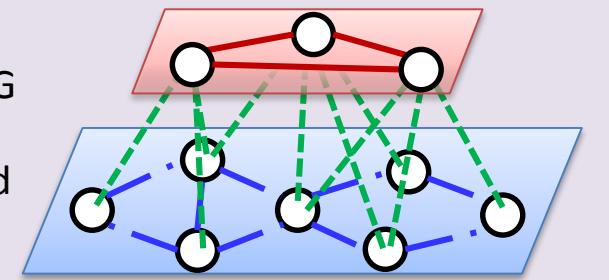
*Yun-Nung (Vivian) Chen, William Yang Wang, and Alexander I. Rudnicky*

## Can a dialogue system automatically learn open domain knowledge?

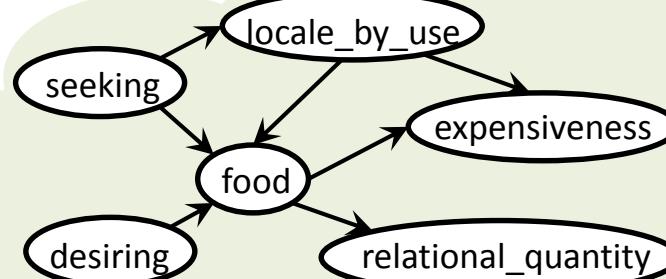


Slot-Based  
Semantic KG

Word-Based  
Lexical KG



Spoken Dialogue System /  
Intelligent Assistant



# Expanding Paraphrase Lexicons by Exploiting Lexical Variants

Atsushi FUJITA (NICT, Japan)  
Pierre ISABELLE (NRC, Canada)

airports in Europe  $\Leftrightarrow$  European airports  
amendment of regulation  $\Leftrightarrow$  amending regulation  
should be noted that  $\Leftrightarrow$  is worth noting that

economy in Uruguay  $\Leftrightarrow$  Uruguayan economy  
recruitment of engineers  $\Leftrightarrow$  recruiting engineers  
should be highlighted that  $\Leftrightarrow$  is worth highlighting that

<INPUT>  
Paraphrase  
Lexicon

42x – 206x  
in the English  
experiments

<OUTPUT>  
Expanded  
Paraphrase Lexicon  
(large & still clean)

- Unsupervised acquisition
  - Paraphrase patterns
  - Lexical correspondences
- Use of monolingual corpus

# Lexicon-Free Conversational Speech Recognition with Neural Networks

Andrew Maas\*, Ziang Xie\*, Dan Jurafsky, & Andrew Ng

Characters:

SPEECH

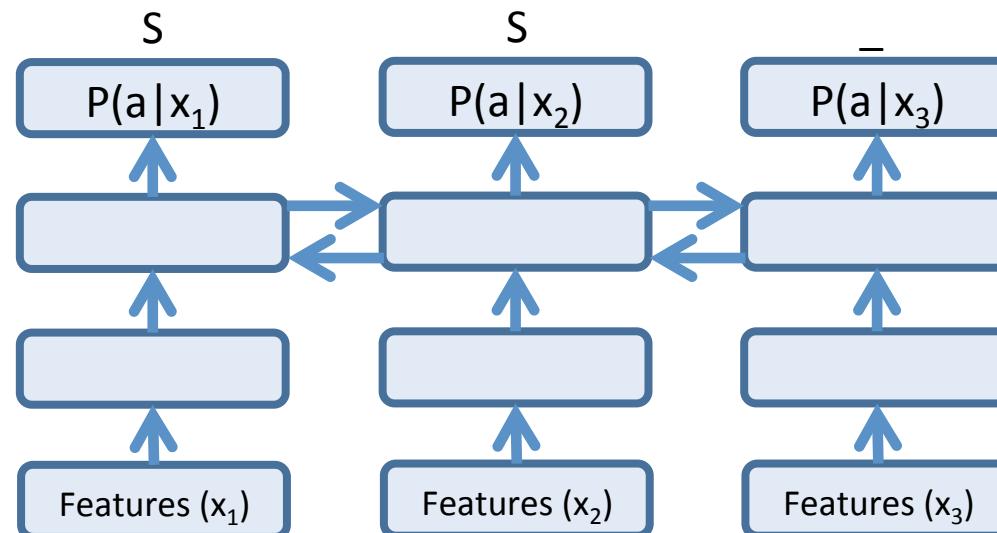
Character Language Model

$$P(a_N | a_1, \dots, a_{N-1})$$

Collapsing  
function:

SS \_\_ P \_ EEE \_ EE \_\_\_\_\_ CCHHH

Acoustic Model:



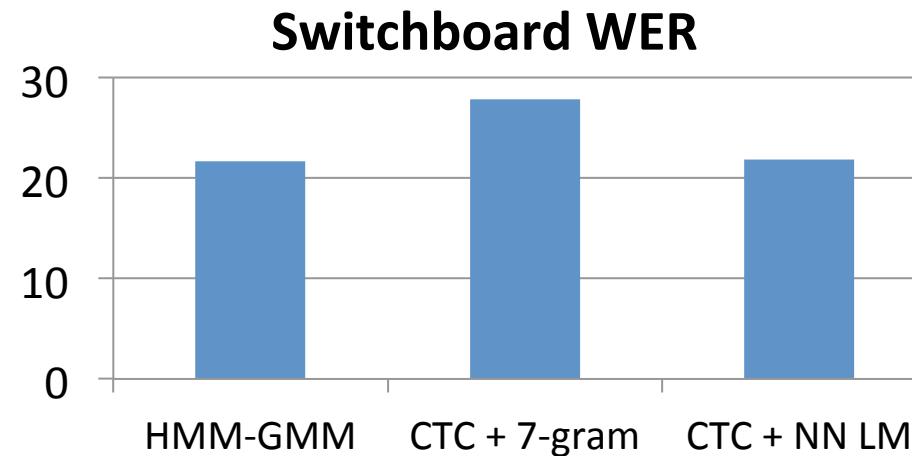
Audio Input:

## Transcribing Out of Vocabulary Words

Truth: yeah i went into the i do not know what you think of *fidelity* but

HMM-GMM: yeah when the i don't know what you think of **fidel it even them**

CTC-CLM: yeah i went to i don't know what you think of **fidelity but um**



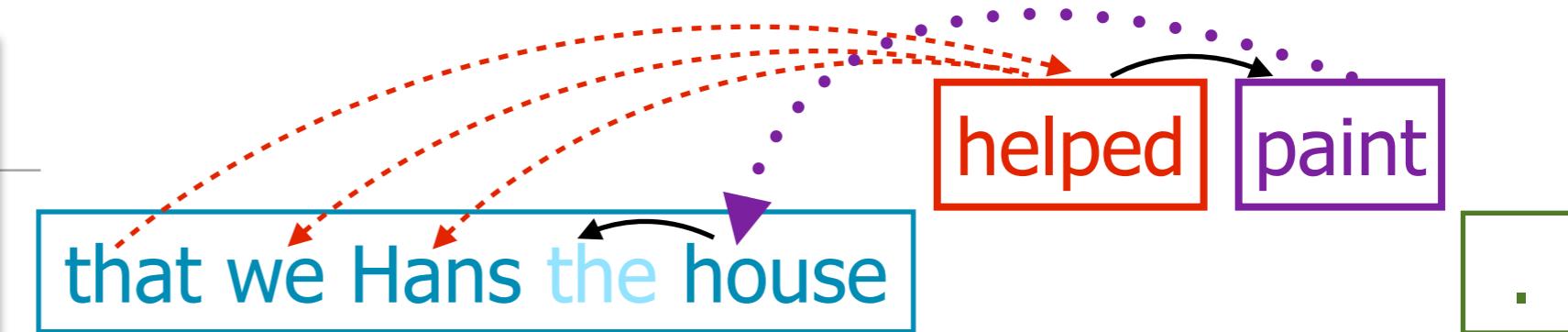
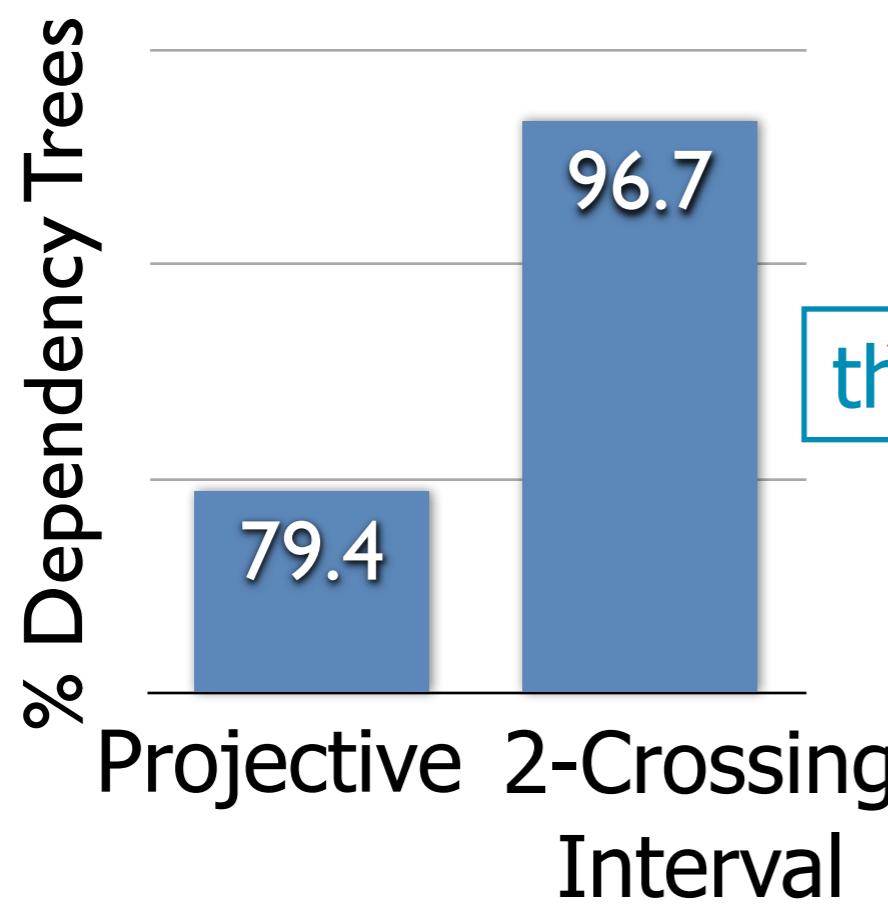
# A Linear-Time Transition System for Crossing Interval Trees

Emily Pitler and Ryan McDonald



Existing: Arc-Eager	Stack	Buffer	Projective	$O(n)$
New: Two-Registers	R1 Stack	R2 Buffer	2-Crossing Interval	$O(n)$

## Coverage Across 10 Languages

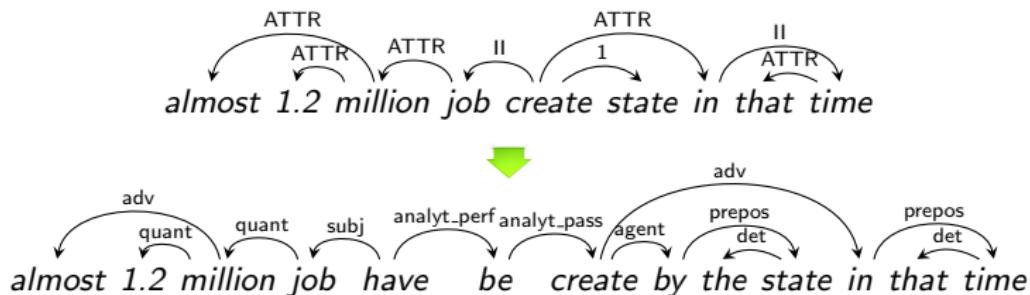


More accurate than **arc-eager** and **swap** (all trees,  $O(n^2)$ )

# Data-driven sentence generation with non-isomorphic trees

Miguel Ballesteros   Bernd Bohnet   Simon Mille   Leo Wanner

- Statistical sentence generator that handles the non-isomorphism between PropBank-like structures and sentences.
- 77 BLEU for English.
- 54 BLEU for Spanish.



Ask us for English and Spanish Deep-Syntactic corpora!

# ONTOLOGICALLY GROUNDED MULTI-SENSE REPRESENTATION LEARNING

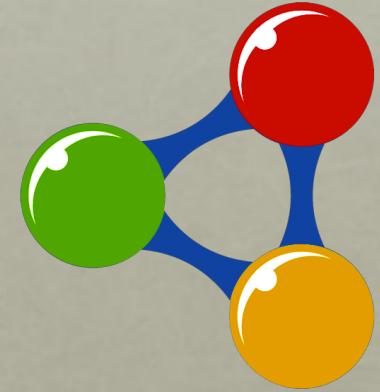
SUJAY KUMAR JAUHAR, CHRIS DYER & EDUARD HOVY



Words have more  
than one meaning



bank



Our secret sauce:  
ontologies



Fast



Effective



Flexible



Interpretable

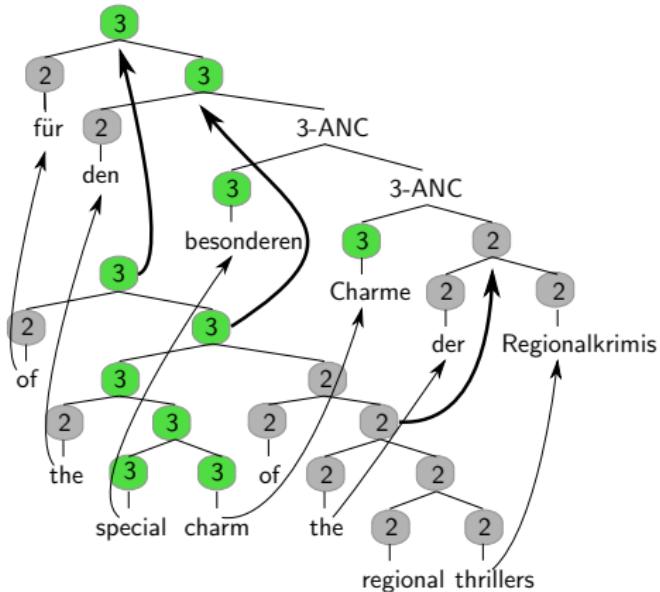
# Subsentential Sentiment on a Shoestring

Michael Haas

Yannick Versley

Heidelberg University

- ▶ Can we use **English** data to bootstrap **compositional sentiment classification** in another language?  
*(yes!)*
- ▶ Are fancy **Recursive Neural Tensor Network** models always the best solution? *(no!)*
- ▶ Can we make them better suited for **sparse data** cases? *(maybe!)*



# What are the arguments that are repeated across many dialogues on a topic?

Two Steps:

- Can we find them?
- Can we recognize when two arguments are paraphrases of each other?



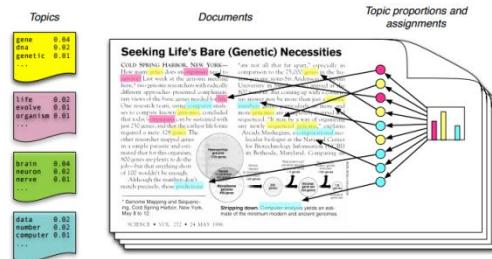
Row	Feature Set	R	MAE	RMS
1	NGRAM (N)	0.39	0.90	1.09
2	UMBC (U)	0.46	0.86	1.06
3	LIWC (L)	0.32	0.92	1.13
4	DISCO (D)	0.33	0.93	1.12
5	ROUGE (R)	0.34	0.91	1.12
6	N-U	0.47	0.85	1.05
7	N-L	0.45	0.86	1.06
8	N-R	0.42	0.88	1.08
9	N-D	0.41	0.89	1.08
10	U-R	0.48	0.84	1.04
11	U-L	0.51	0.83	1.02
12	U-D	0.45	0.86	1.06
13	N-L-R	0.48	0.84	1.04
14	U-L-R	0.53	0.81	1.00
15	N-L-R-D	0.50	0.83	1.03
16	N-L-R-U	0.54	0.80	1.00
17	N-L-R-D-U	0.54	0.80	1.00

# Incorporating Word Correlation Knowledge into Topic Modeling

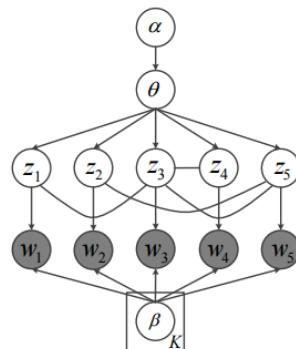
# Pengtao Xie, Diyi Yang and Eric Xing

## Carnegie Mellon University

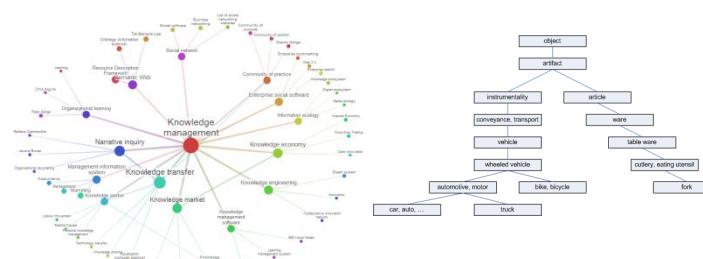
# Topic Modeling



## MRF-LDA



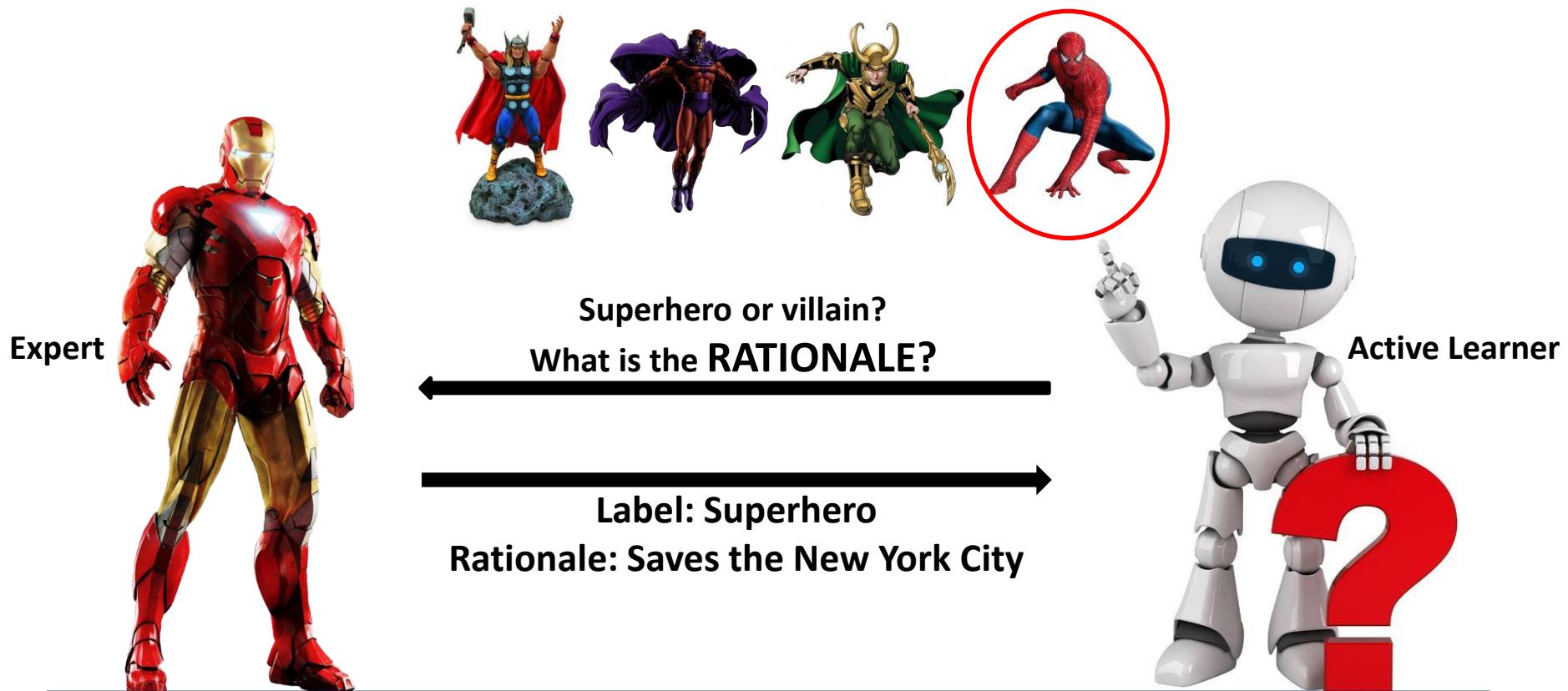
# Word Correlation Knowledge



# Greatly Improve Topic Coherence

Method	A1	A2	A3	A4	Mean	Std
LDA	30	33	22	29	28.5	4.7
DF-LDA	35	41	35	27	36.8	2.9
Quad-LDA	32	36	33	26	31.8	4.2
MRF-LDA	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>

# ACTIVE LEARNING WITH RATIONALES FOR TEXT CLASSIFICATION



**Question:** How to incorporate rationales to speed-up the learning?

**Answer:** We provide a simple approach to incorporate rationales into training of any off-the-shelf classifier

# The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Word Representations for Twitter Named Entity Recognition

Colin Cherry and Hongyu Guo

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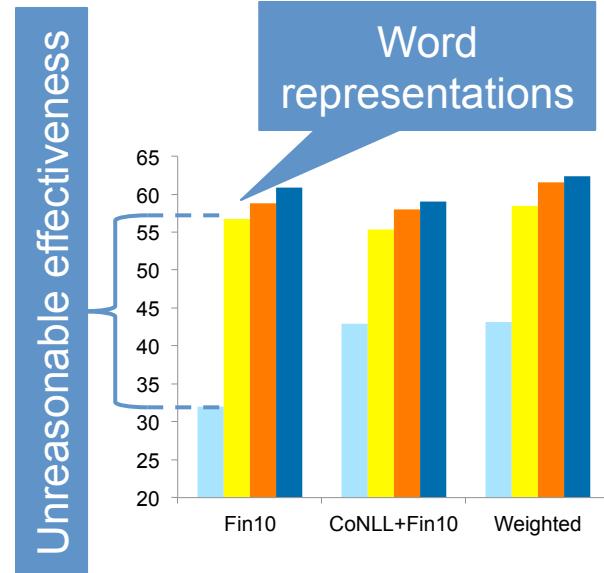
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Ducks sign LW Beleskey to 2-year extension - San Jose Mercury News <http://dlvr.it/5RcvP> #ANADucks

A state-of-the-art system for Twitter NER,  
using just 1,000 annotated tweets

We analyze the impact of:

- Brown clusters and word2vec
- in- and out-of domain training data
- data weighting
- POS tags and gazetteers



# Inferring Temporally-Anchored Spatial Knowledge from Semantic Roles

Eduardo Blanco and Alakananda Vempala

- Semantic roles tells you who did what to whom, how, when and where
  - *Today, FBI agents and divers were collecting evidence at Lake Logan*
    - Who? *FBI agents and divers*
    - What? *evidence*
    - When? *Today*
    - Where? *at Lake Logan*
- Given the above semantic roles ...
  - Can we infer whether
    - *FBI agents and divers have LOCATION Lake Logan?*
    - *evidence has LOCATION Lake Logan?*
  - Can we temporally-anchor the LOCATIONS?
    - before *collecting*?
    - during *collecting*?
    - after *collecting*?

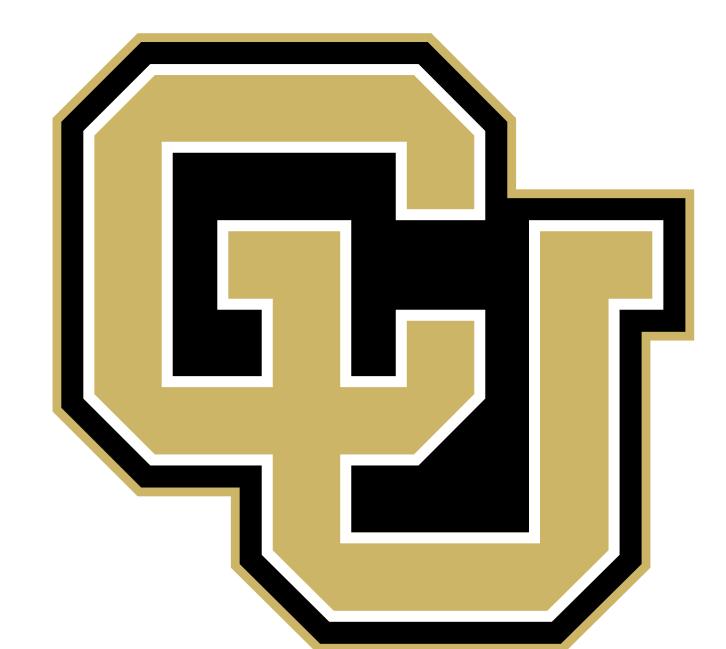


# Is Your Anchor Going Up or Down? Fast and Accurate Supervised Topic Models

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## Motivation

- Supervised topic models leverage latent document-level themes to capture nuanced sentiment, create sentiment-specific topics and improve sentiment prediction.
- The downside for Supervised LDA is that it is slow, which this work addresses.*

## Contribution

- We create a supervised version of the anchor word algorithm (**ANCHOR**) (Arora et al., 2013).

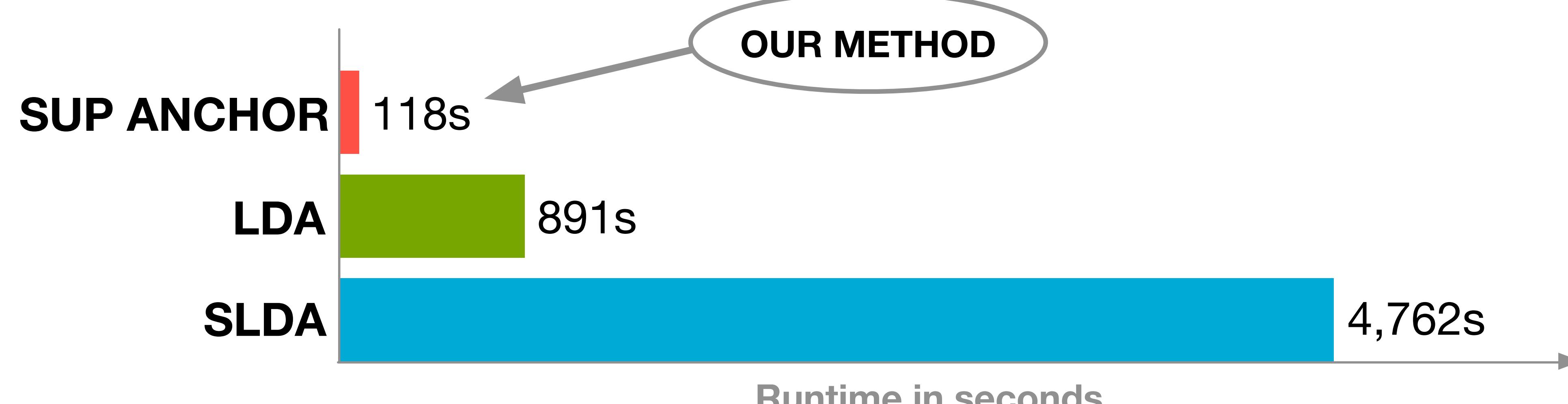
$$\bar{Q} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} p(w_1|w_1) & \dots \\ \vdots & \\ p(w_j|w_i) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S \equiv \begin{bmatrix} p(w_1|w_1) & \dots & p(y^{(l)}|w_1) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ p(w_j|w_i) & p(y^{(l)}|w_i) \end{bmatrix}$$

New column(s) encoding word-sentiment relationship

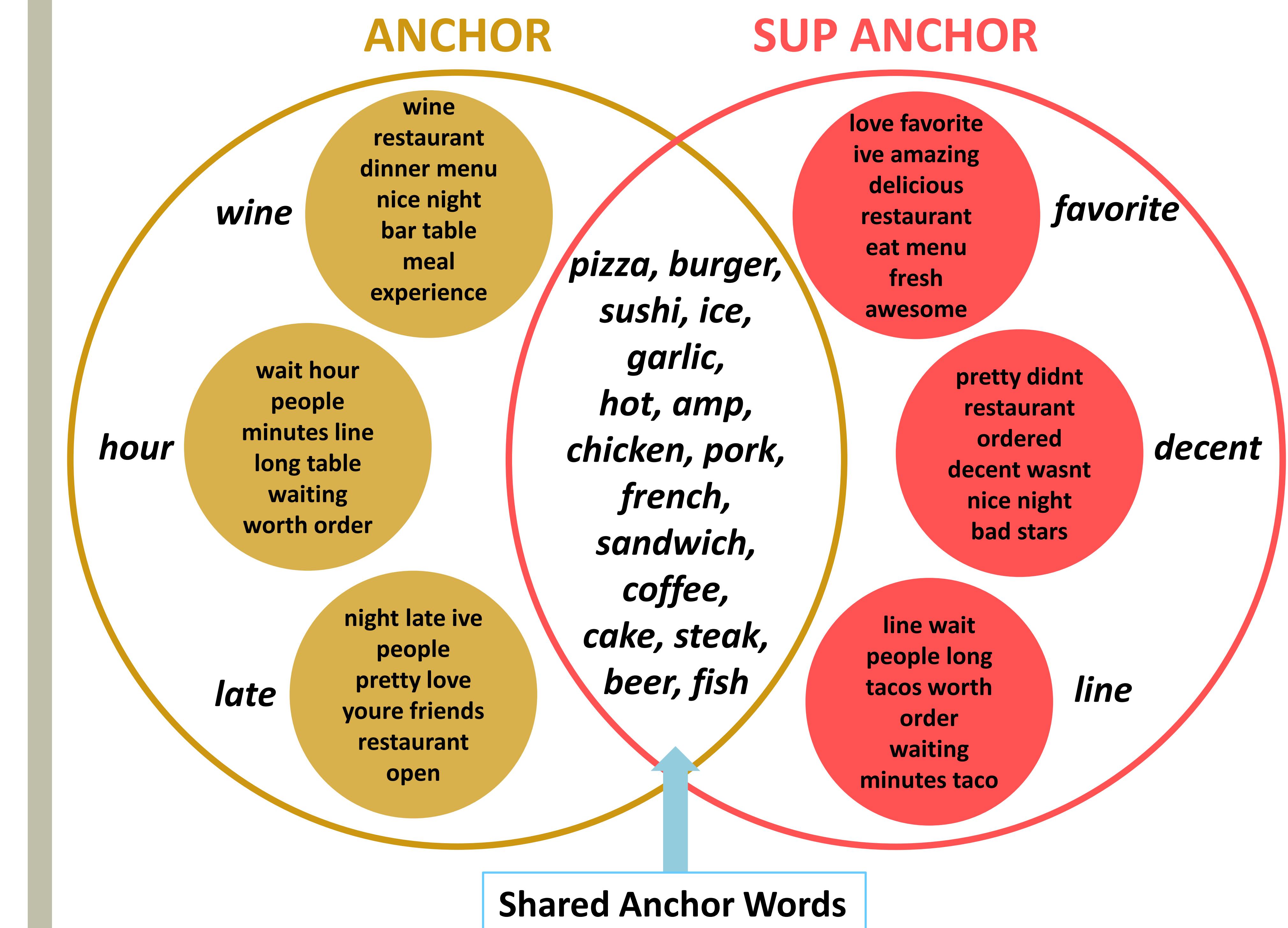
## Runtime Analysis

- SUP ANCHOR** takes much less time than **SLDA**.



## Anchor Words and Their Topics

- SUP ANCHOR** produces anchor words around the same strong lexical cues that could discover better sentiment topics (e.g. positive reviews mentioning a *favorite* restaurant or negative reviews complaining about *long waits*).



# Grounded Semantic Parsing for Complex Knowledge Extraction

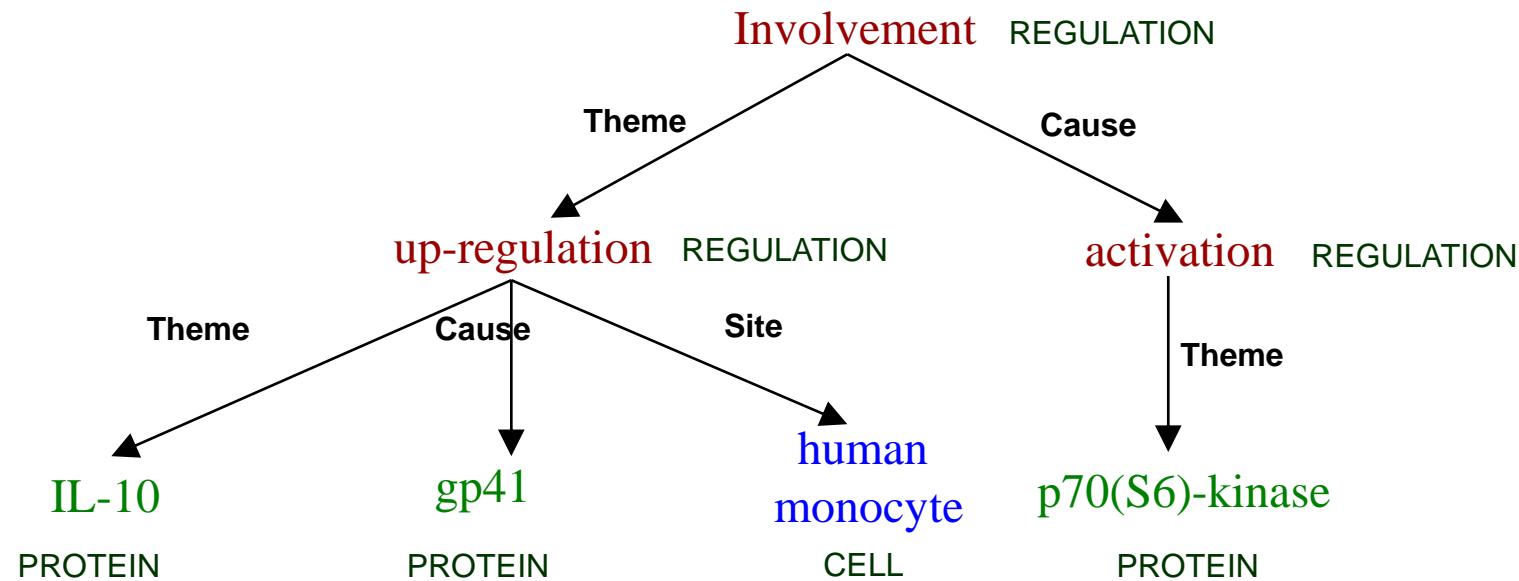
Ankur Parikh, Hoifung Poon, Kristina Toutanova

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Generalized distant supervision to extracting nested events

Extract complex knowledge  
from scientific literature

PubMed  
2 new papers / minute  
1 million / year



Outperformed 19 out of 24 supervised systems in GENIA Shared Task

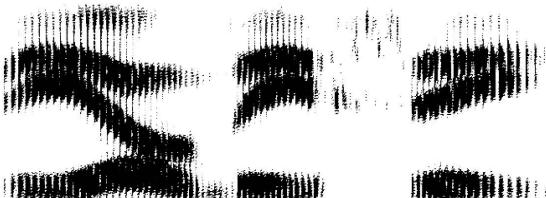
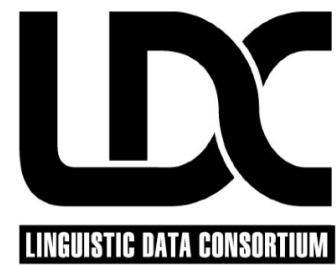
# 589: Using External Resources and Joint Learning for Bigram Weighting in ILP-Based Multi-Document Summarization

Chen Li, Yang Liu, Lin Zhao

$$\max \sum_i w_i c_i$$



$$\max \sum_i (\theta \cdot f(b_i)) c_i$$



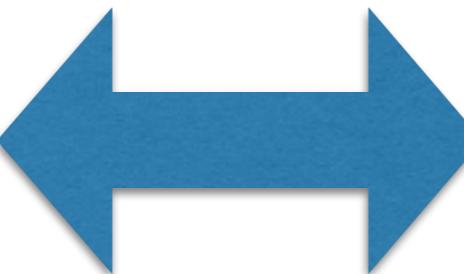
SentiWordNet

**WordNet**  
A lexical database for English

# Transforming Dependencies into Phrase Structures

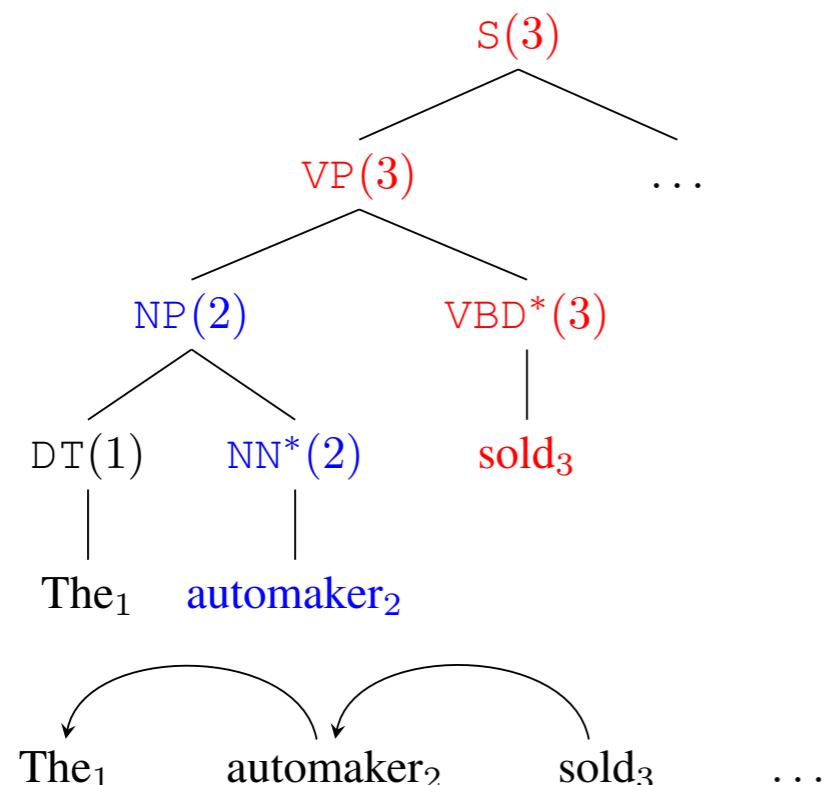
Lingpeng Kong, Alexander M. Rush, Noah A. Smith

It takes some time  
to grow so many  
high-quality phrase  
structure trees...

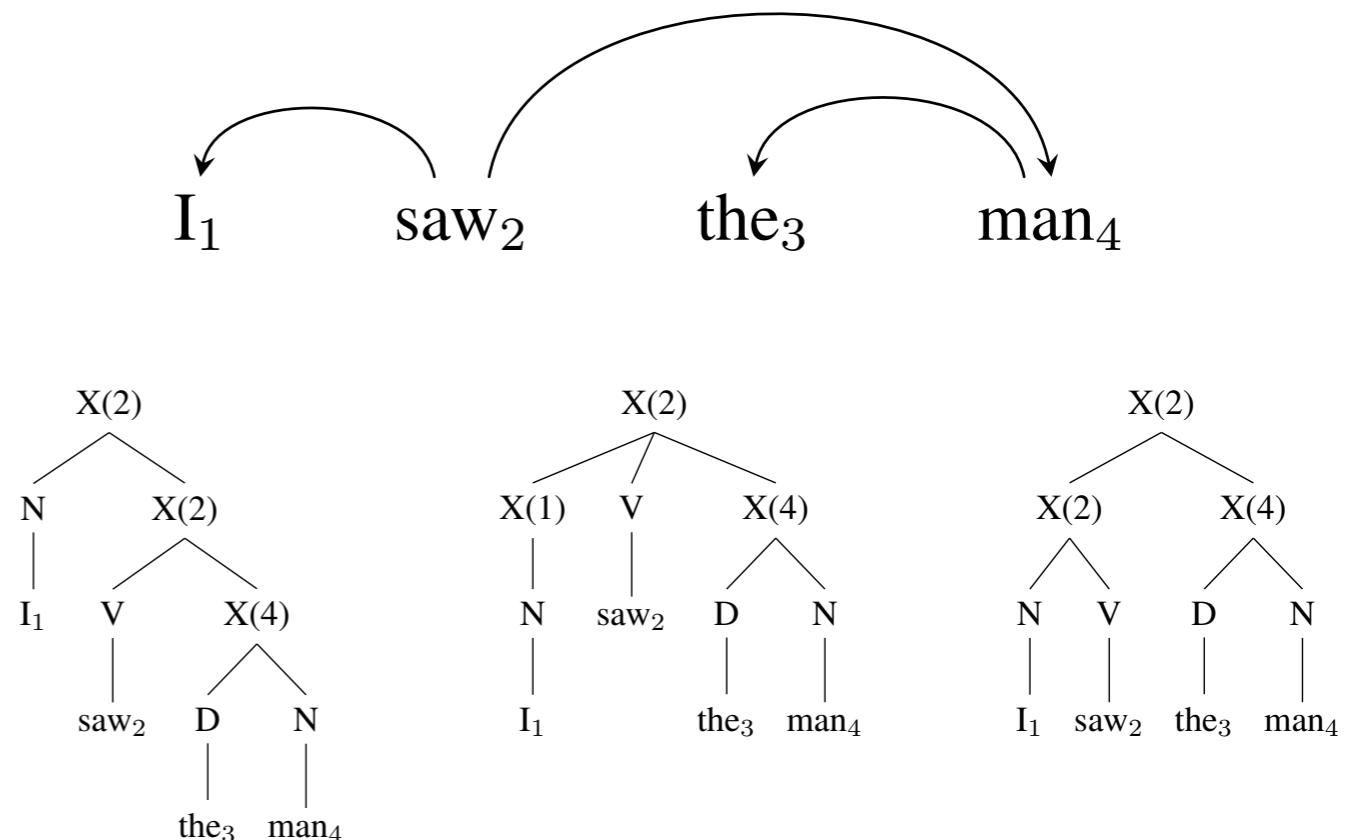


What if we grew  
these dependency  
trees first?

Phrase Structure Trees



Dependency Trees



- A linear observable-time structured model that accurately predicts phrase-structure parse trees based on dependency trees!
- Our phrase-structure parser, **PAD** (Phrase-**A**fter-Dependencies) is available as open-source software at — <https://github.com/ikekonglp/PAD>.

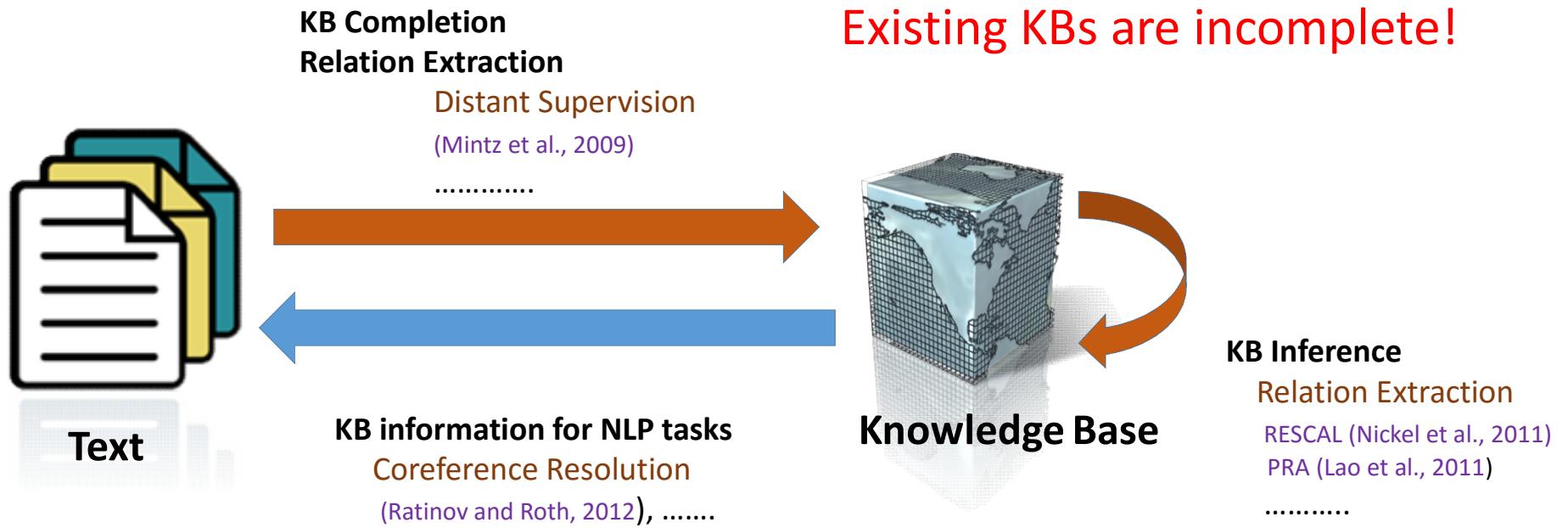
# Improving the Inference of **Implicit Discourse Relations** via Classifying Explicit **Discourse Connectives**

Attapol T. Rutherford & Nianwen Xue  
Brandeis University

Not All Discourse Connectives are Created Equal.

Because	vs	In sum
Furthermore		Further
Therefore		Nevertheless
In other words		On the other hand
....		....

# Inferring Missing Entity Type Instances for Knowledge Base Completion: New Dataset and Methods



**Our Work: Text + KB to *infer* missing KB entity type instances**

**Example: Jim Mahon**

# Pragmatic Neural Language Modelling for MT

Paul Baltescu and Phil Blunsom, University of Oxford

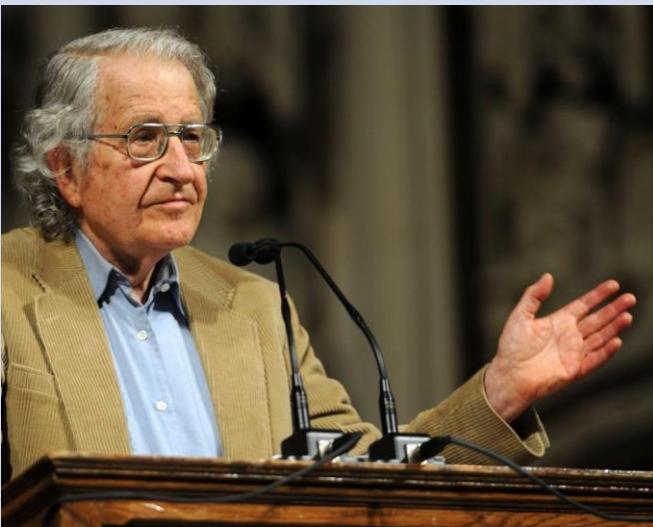
- ▶ Comparison of popular optimization tricks for scaling neural language models in the context of machine translation:
  - ▶ Class factorisation, tree hierarchies and ignoring normalisation for speeding up the softmax over the target vocabulary
  - ▶ Brown clustering vs. frequency binning for class factorisation
  - ▶ Noise contrastive estimation vs. maximum likelihood on very large corpora
  - ▶ Diagonal context matrices
- ▶ Comparison of neural and back-off n-gram models with and without memory constraints



*The Chaos*

“Dearest **creature** in **creation**  
Studying English pronunciation  
I will teach you in my **verse**  
Sounds like corpse, corps, **horse**, and **worse.**”

Gerard Nolst Trenité



*Conventional orthography is a near optimal system for the lexical representation of English words. (Chomsky and Halle, 1968)*



English Orthography is **not** “close to optimal”

Garrett Nicolai and Greg Kondrak



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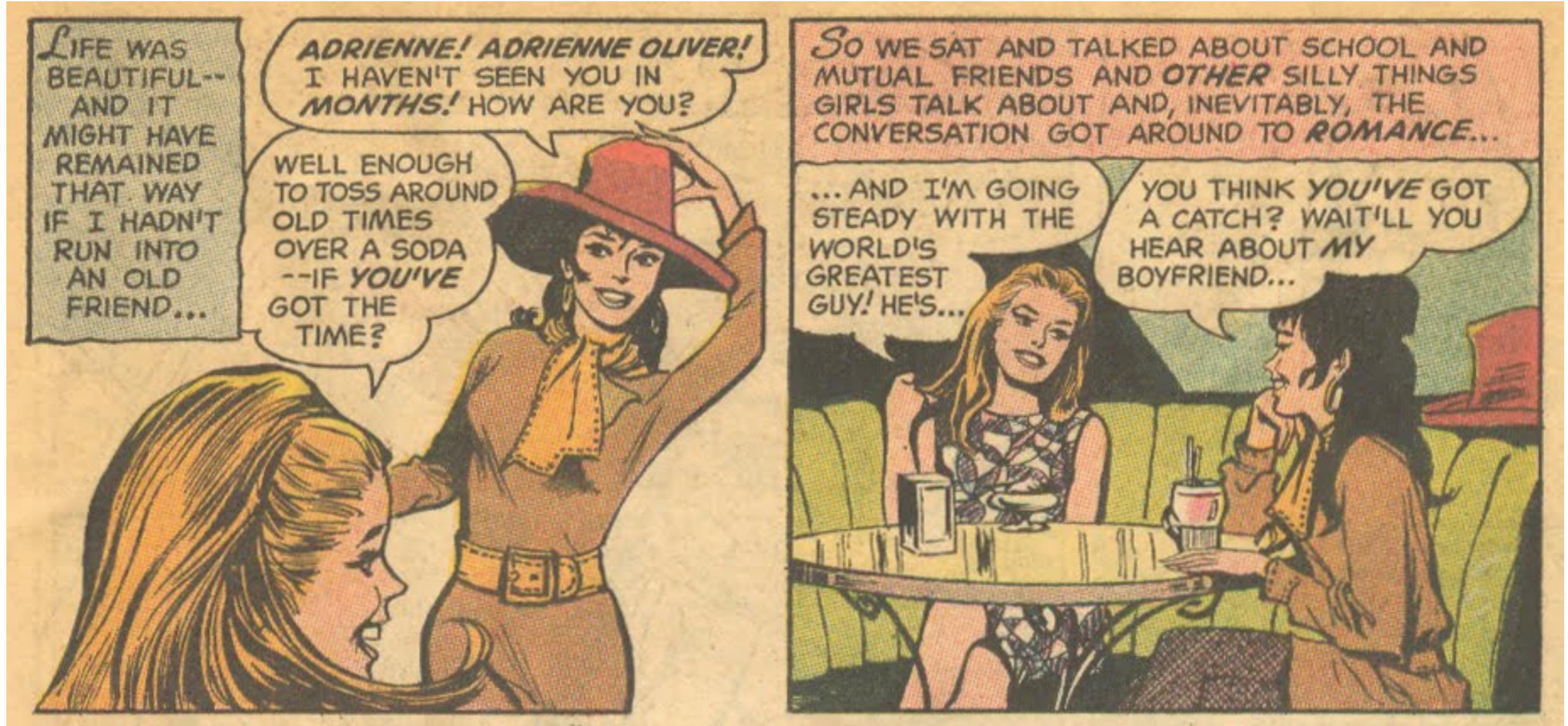
# Key Female Characters in Film Have More to Talk About Besides Men: Automating the Bechdel Test

Apoorv Agarwal  
Shruti Kamath

Jiehan Zheng  
Sriram Balasubramanian

Shirin Dey

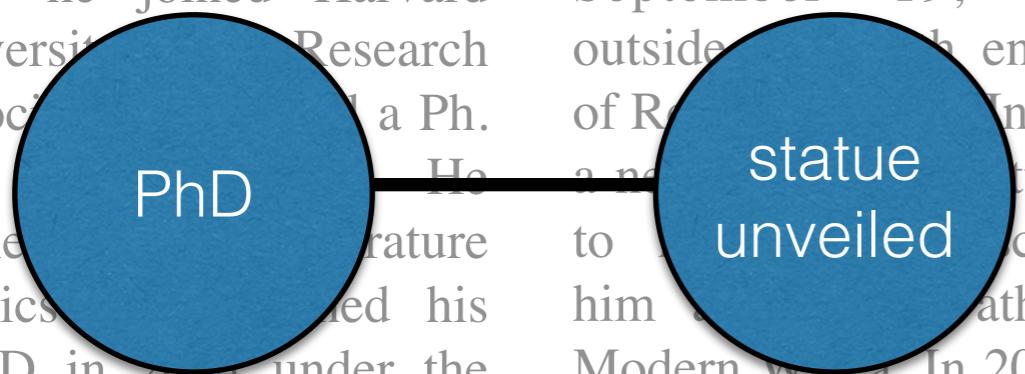
- [1] two named women?
- [2] do they talk to each other?
- [3] talk about something other than a man?



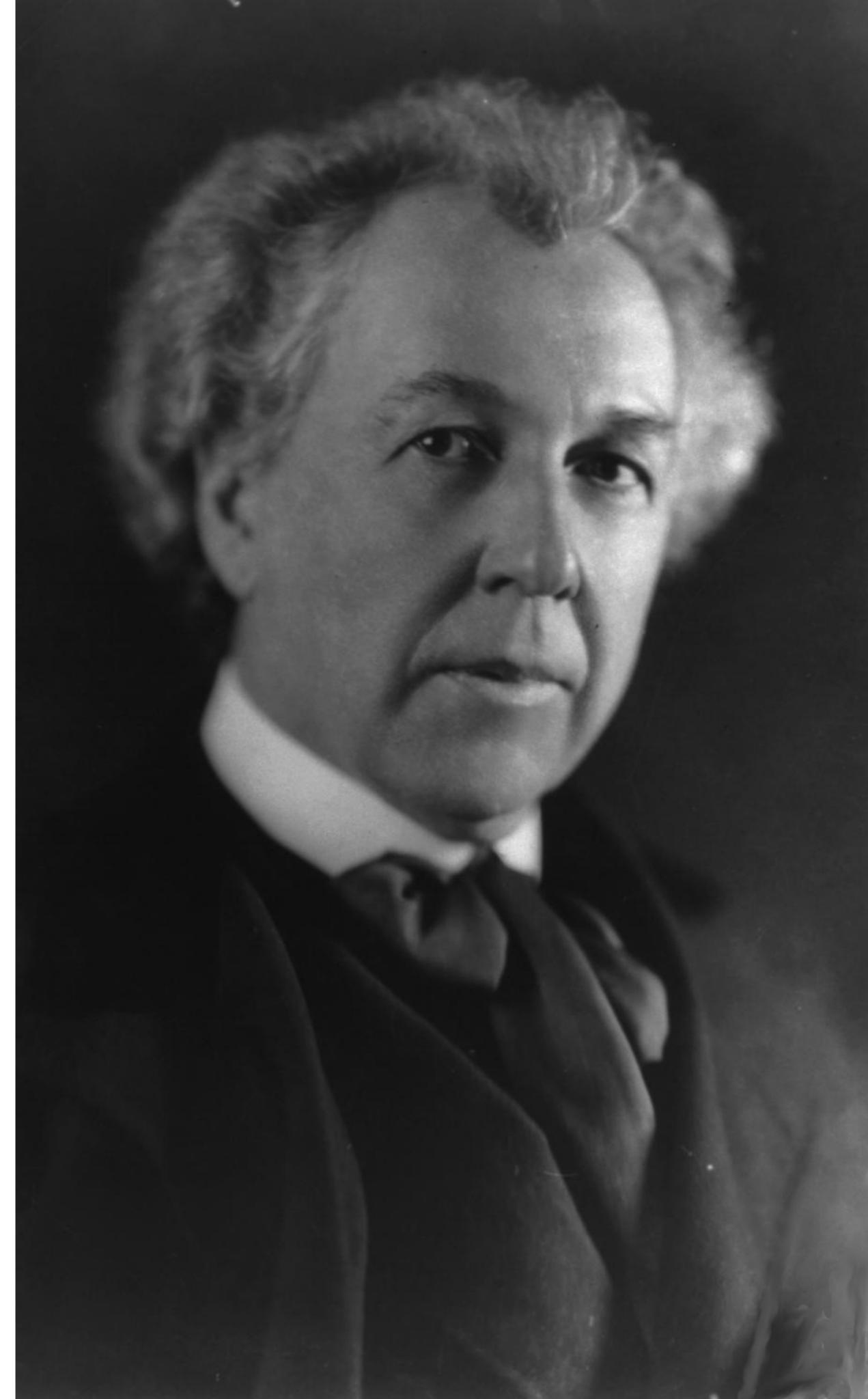
# UNSUPERVISED DISCOVERY OF BIOGRAPHICAL STRUCTURE FROM TEXT

DAVID BAMMAN AND NOAH SMITH  
CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

In 1959 he did his doctorate in Astronomy at Harvard University. In 1999 he joined Harvard University Research Associate and a Ph. D. studies literature physics. He studied his Ph. D. in 2004 under the supervision of Moses H. W. Chan. He went on to earn his Ph. D. in the History of American Civilization there in 1942.



A statue depicting Collins and his ISU coach, Will Robinson, was unveiled on September 19, 2009, outside the entrance of Roberts Hall. In 2007, a plaque was attached to a wall inscribing him as the father of Modern Wicca. In 2006, to mark the 15th anniversary of his death, he was inaugurated into the Racing Club Hall of Fame, and a bronze statue by Dan



# Locally Non-Linear Learning via Discretization and Structured Regularization

Jonathan Clark, Chris Dyer, Alon Lavie



Slicing fruit wastes time.



Slicing (discretizing) features improves translation quality...



...when combined with structured regularization.



Transform your new features to avoid throwing away good work!



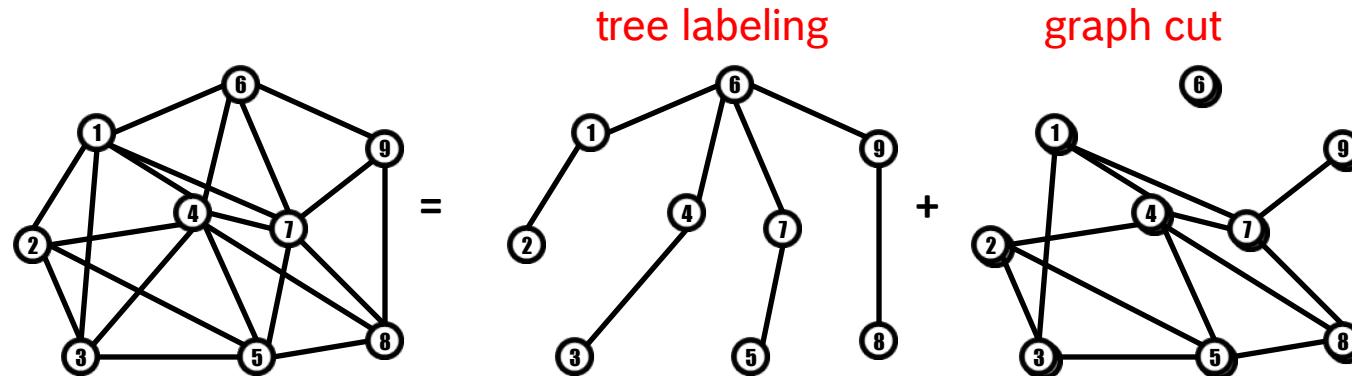
Non-Linearity:

Not just for neural networks.

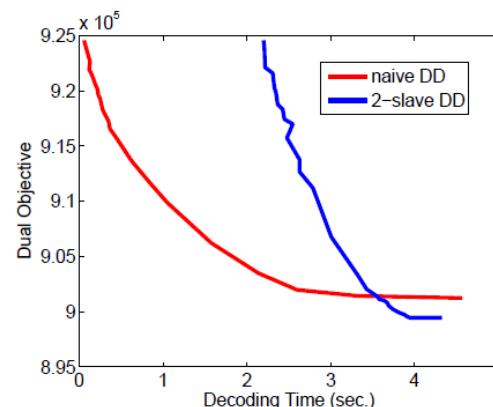
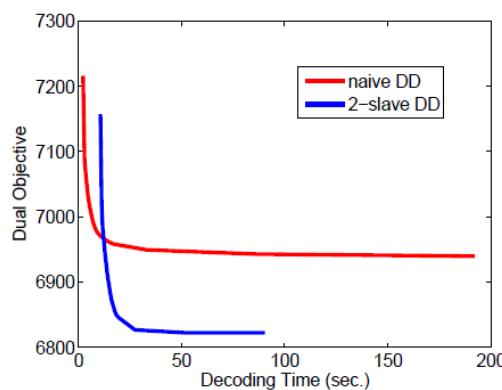
# 2 Slave Dual Decomposition for Generalized Higher Order CRFs

Xian Qian, Yang Liu  
The University of Texas at Dallas

Fast dual decomposition based decoding algorithm for general higher order Conditional Random Fields using only **TWO** slaves.



2-slave DD empirically achieves tighter dual objectives than naive DD in less time.



# Sprite: Generalizing Topic Models with Structured Priors

Michael J. Paul    Mark Dredze  
Johns Hopkins University

LDA

Factorial  
LDA

Dirichlet Multinomial  
Regression

Pachinko  
Allocation

SAGE

Shared  
Components  
Topic Models



One model to generalize them all

# A Sense-Topic Model for Word Sense Induction with Unsupervised Data Enrichment

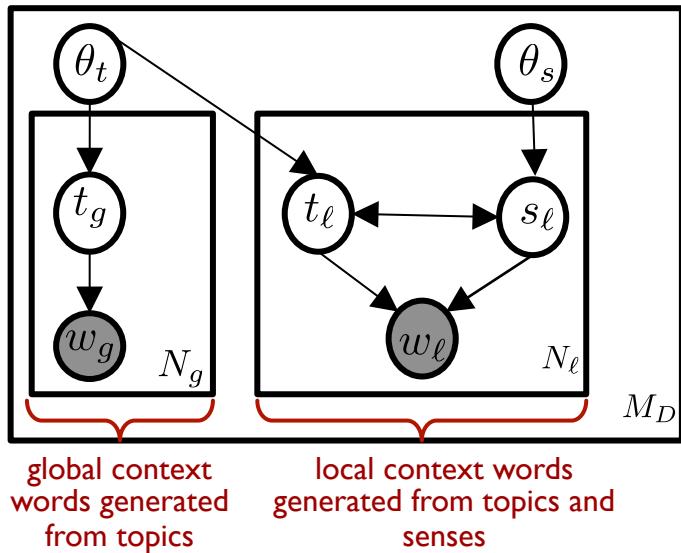
Jing Wang<sup>1</sup>, Mohit Bansal<sup>2</sup>, Kevin Gimpel<sup>2</sup>, Brian Ziebart<sup>1</sup>, Clement Yu<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>Toyota Technological Institute at Chicago



## Sense-Topic Model



## Unsupervised Data Enrichment

### Adding context

His reaction to the experiment was *cold*.  
(cold temperature? cold sensation? common cold? negative emotional reaction?)

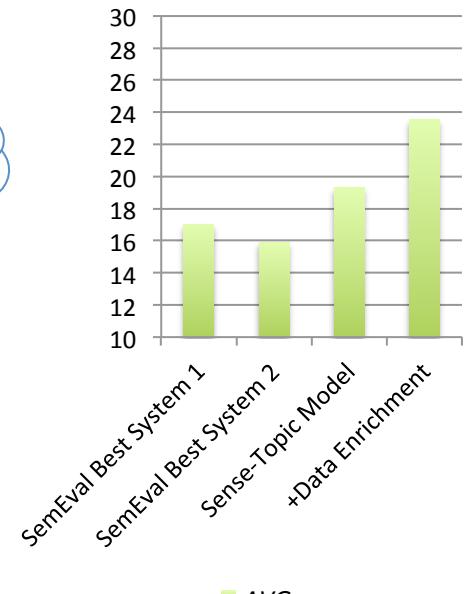


...body temperature... His reaction to the experiment was *cold*

...sore throat...fever...

## Experiments

### SemEval 2013 Dataset



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