



Joint Posterior Revision of NLP Annotations via Ontological Knowledge

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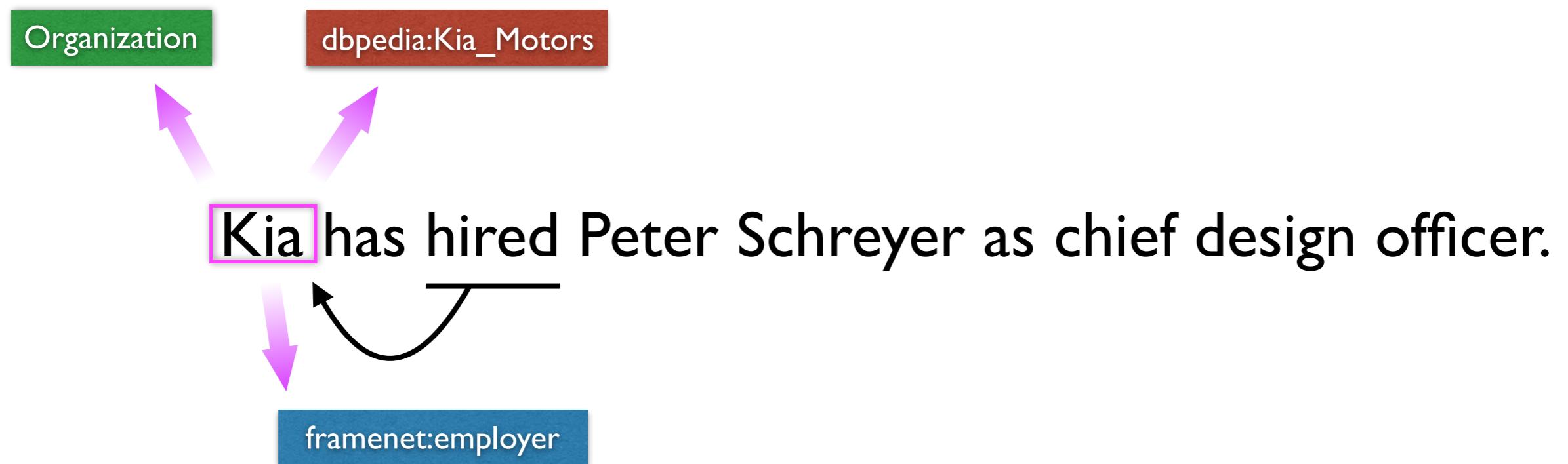
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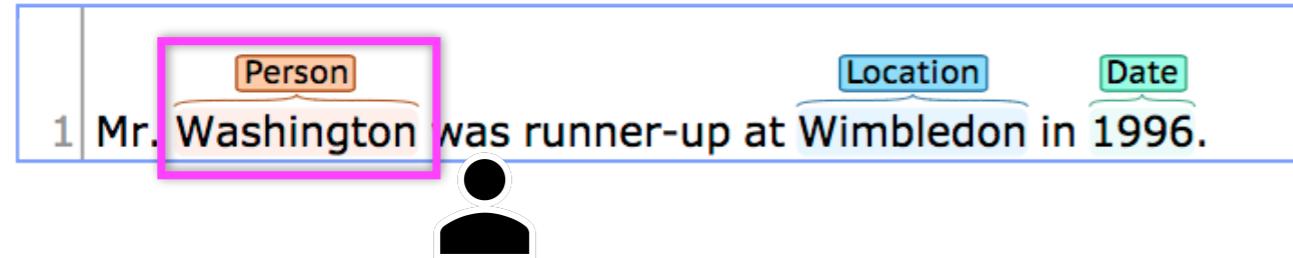


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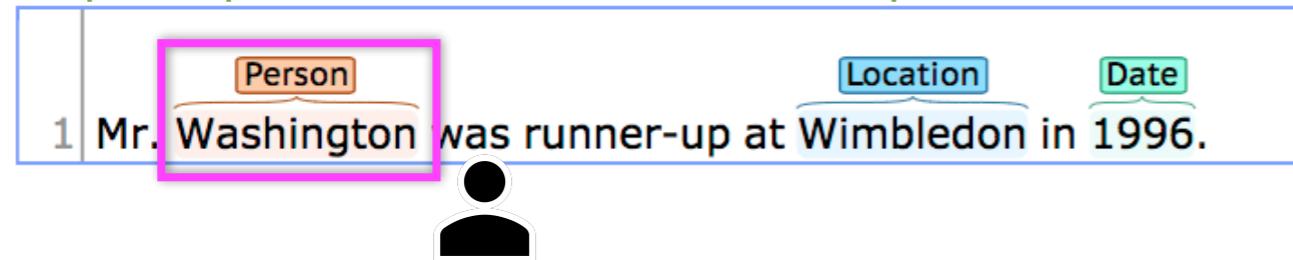


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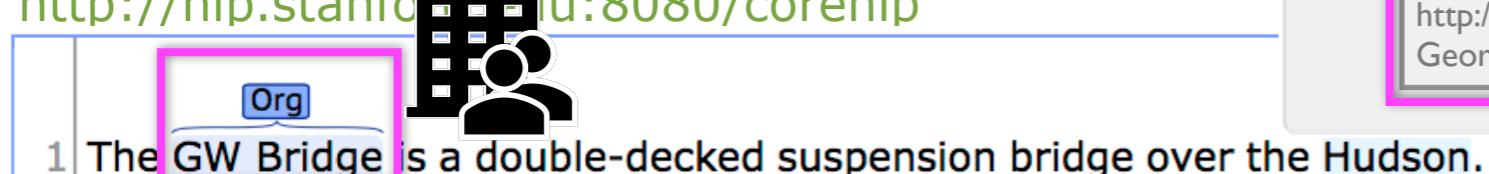
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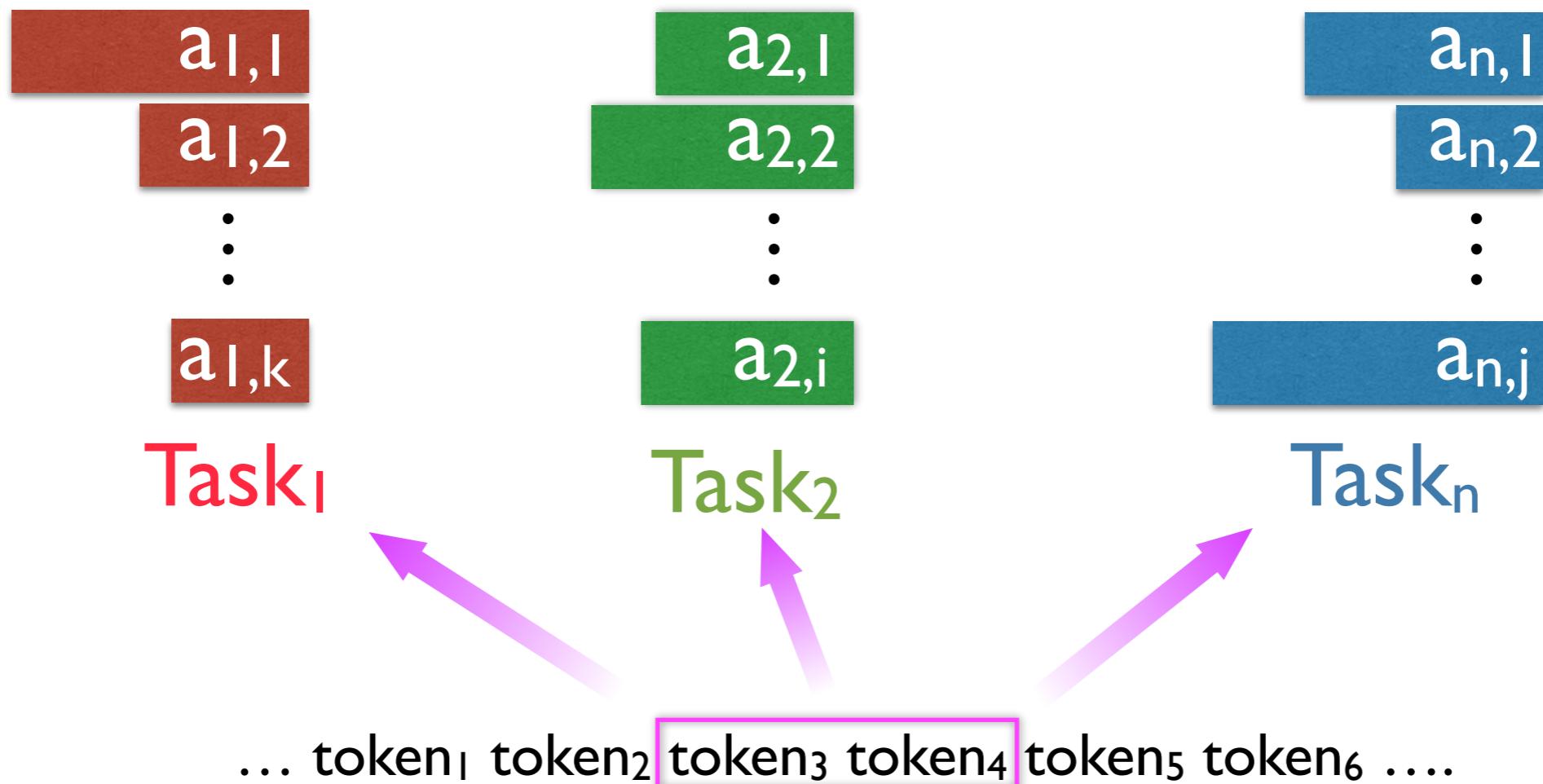
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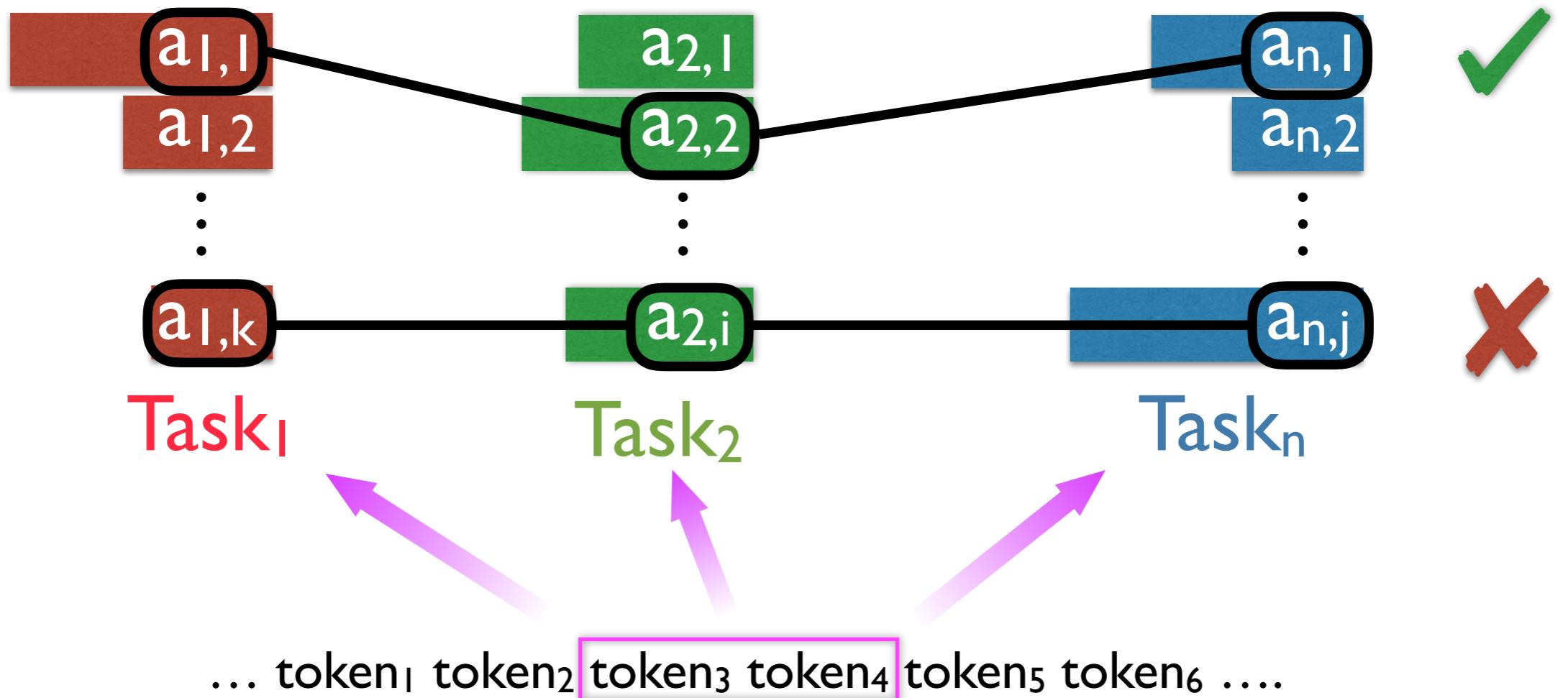
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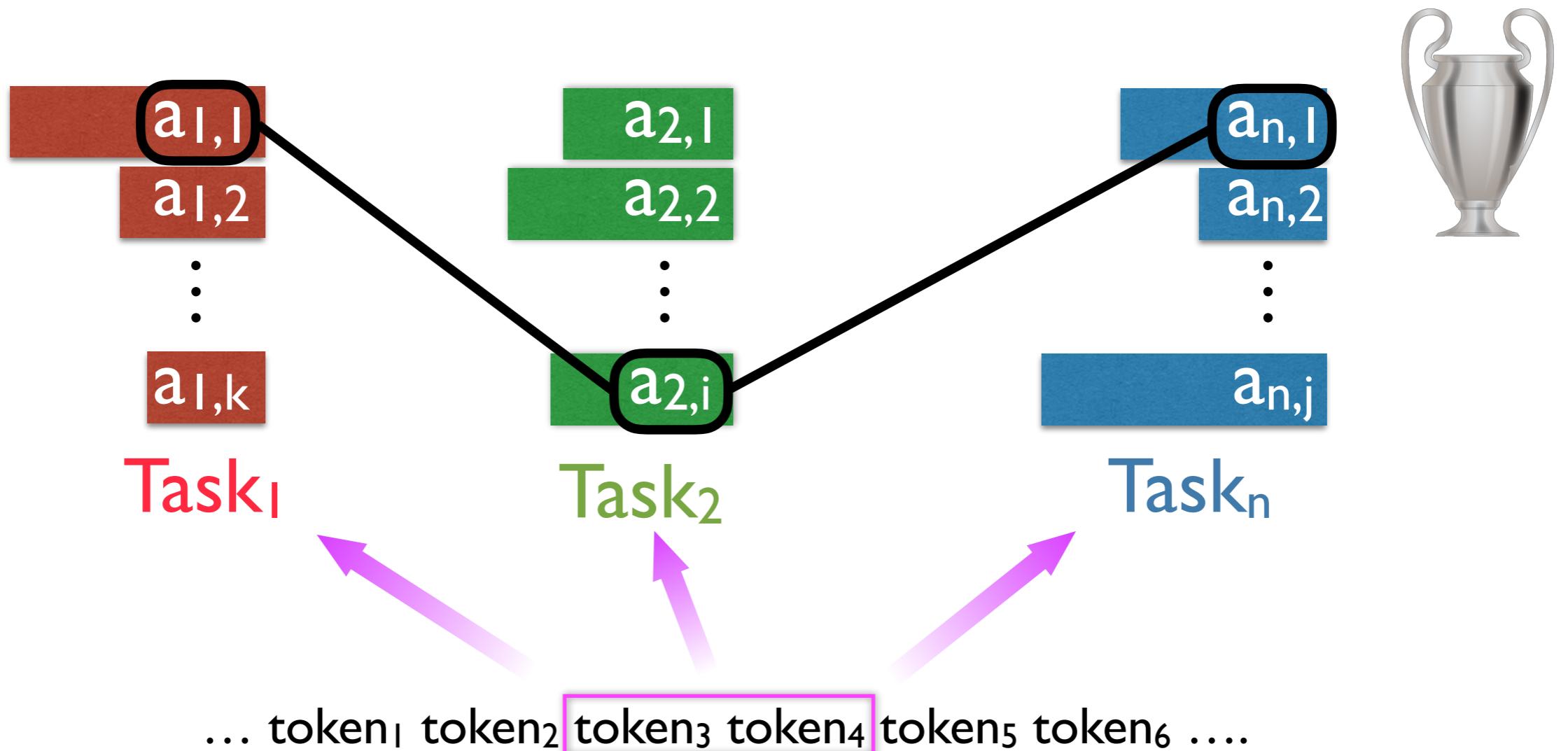
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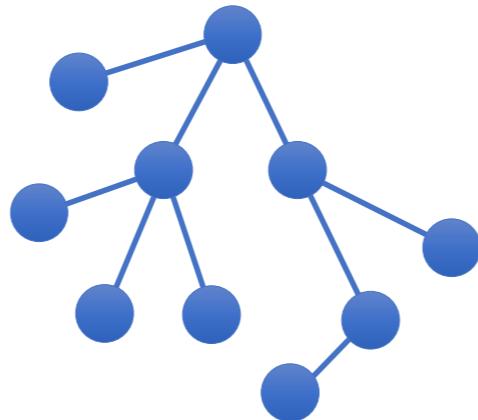


RESEARCH PROBLEM

How can we assess and improve the coherence of the various NLP annotations on an entity mention?

In a nutshell

ontological background knowledge



$a_{1,1}$

$a_{1,2}$

⋮

$a_{1,k}$

Task₁

$a_{2,1}$

$a_{2,2}$

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$a_{2,i}$

Task₂

$a_{n,1}$

$a_{n,2}$

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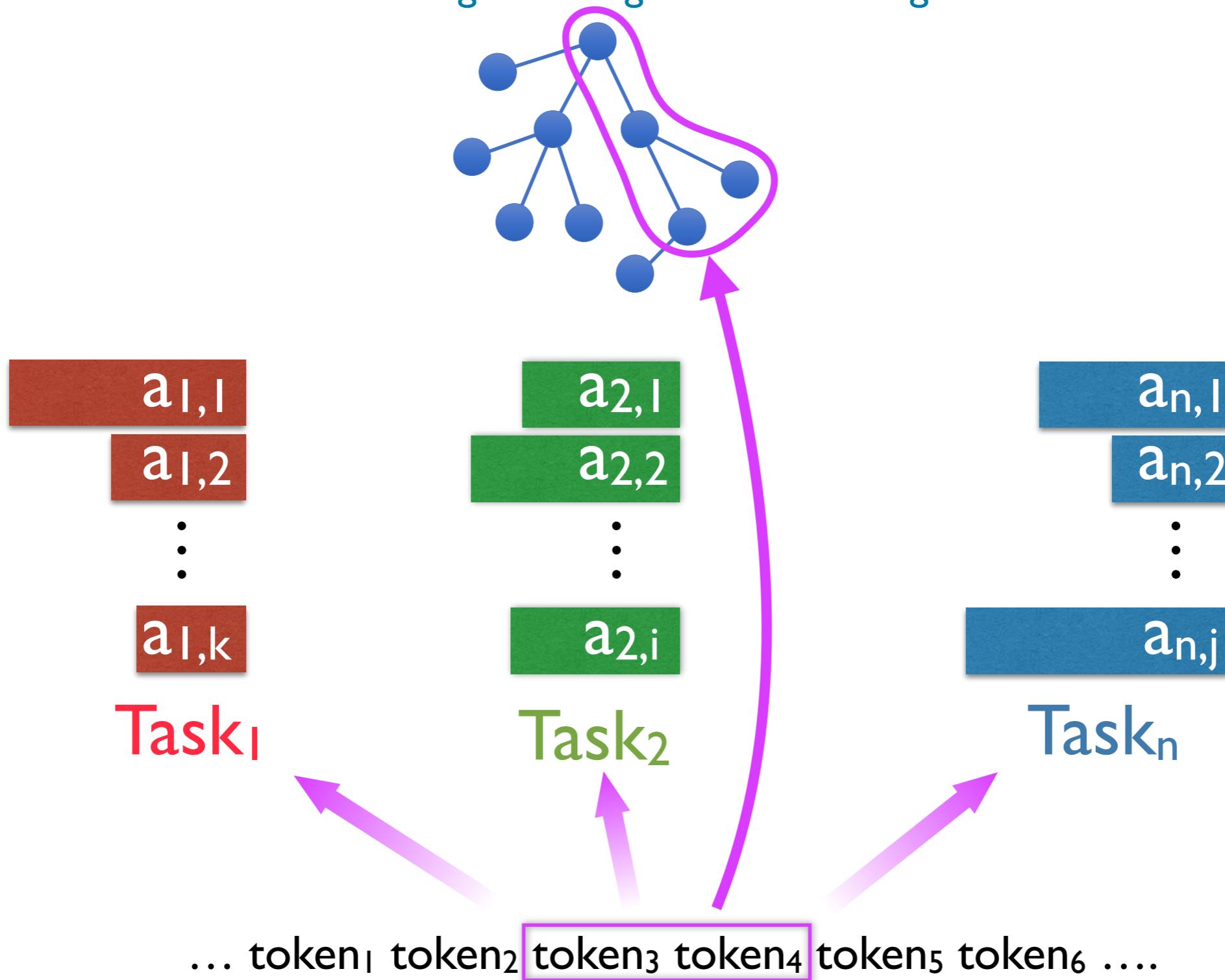
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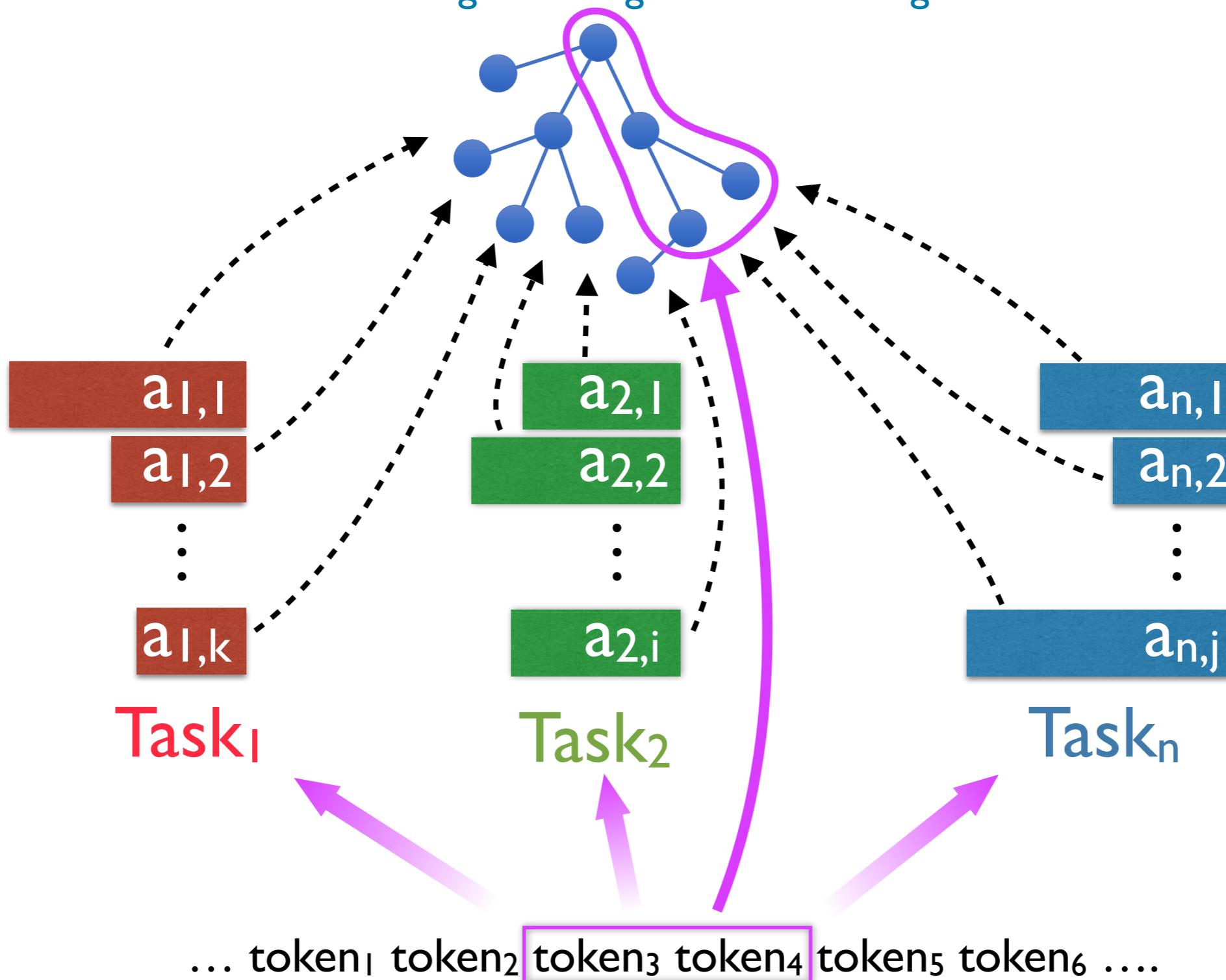
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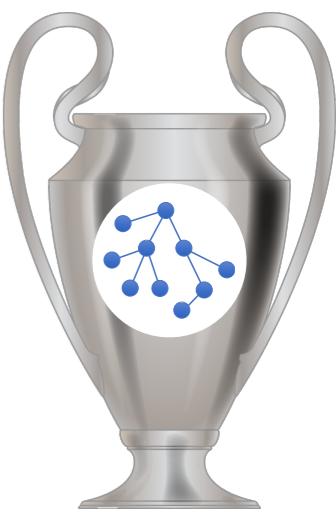
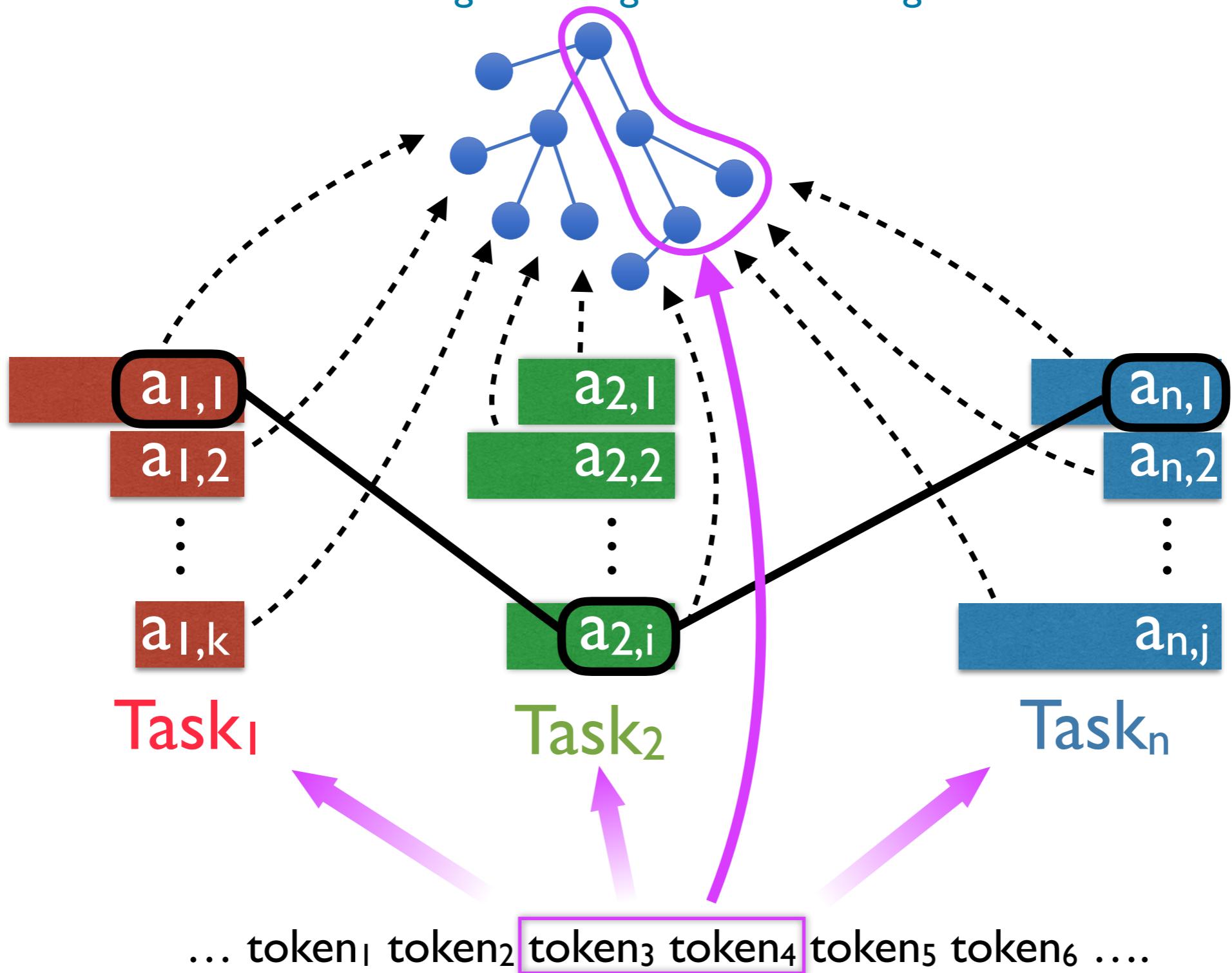
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Contributions

1. JPARK: a probabilistic model capable to estimate *a posteriori* the overall confidence of NLP annotations
2. A concrete instantiation of the model for NERC and EL (using YAGO as ontological knowledge)
3. Application of the NERC and EL model to revise the annotations of Stanford NER and DBpedia Spotlight

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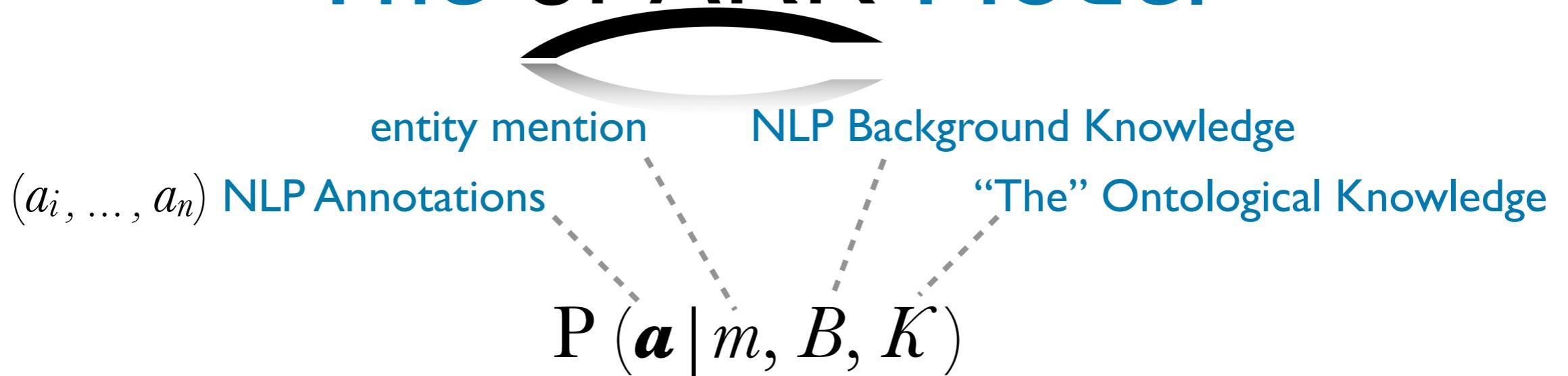


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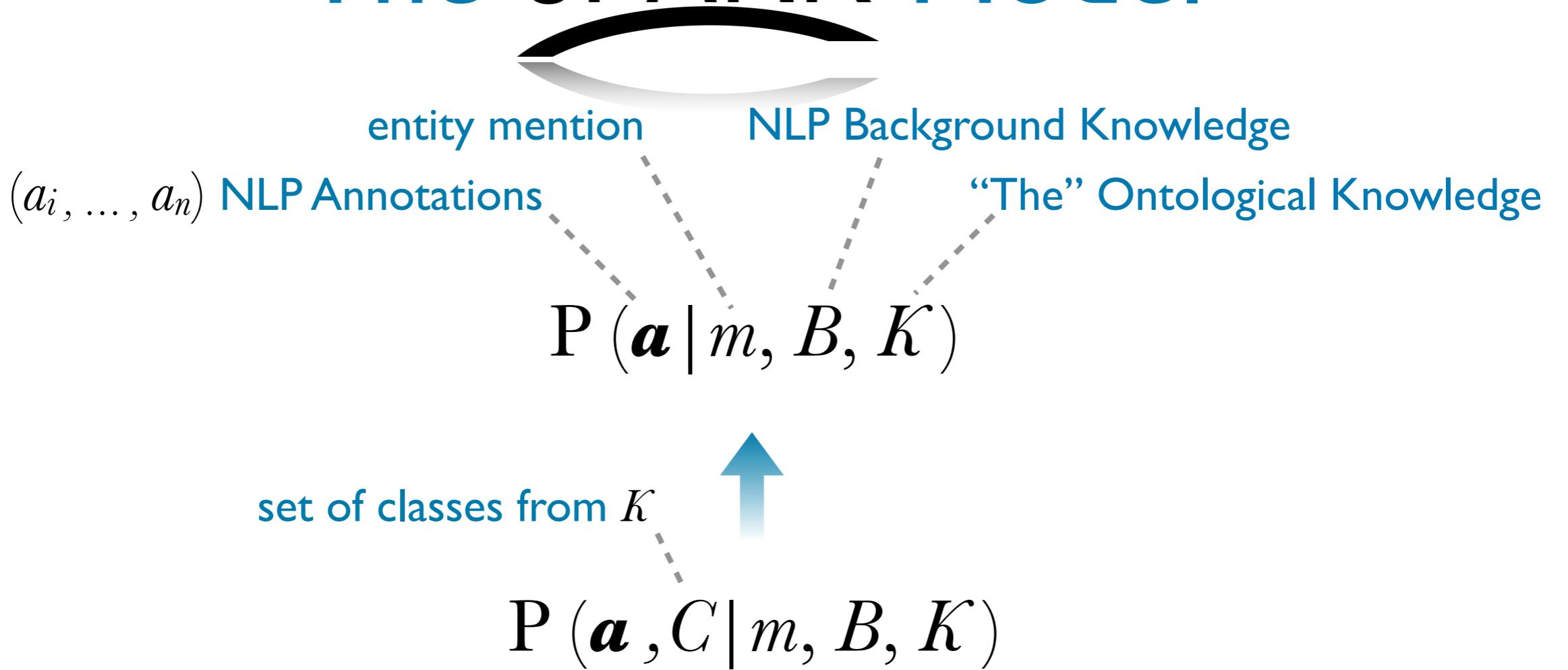


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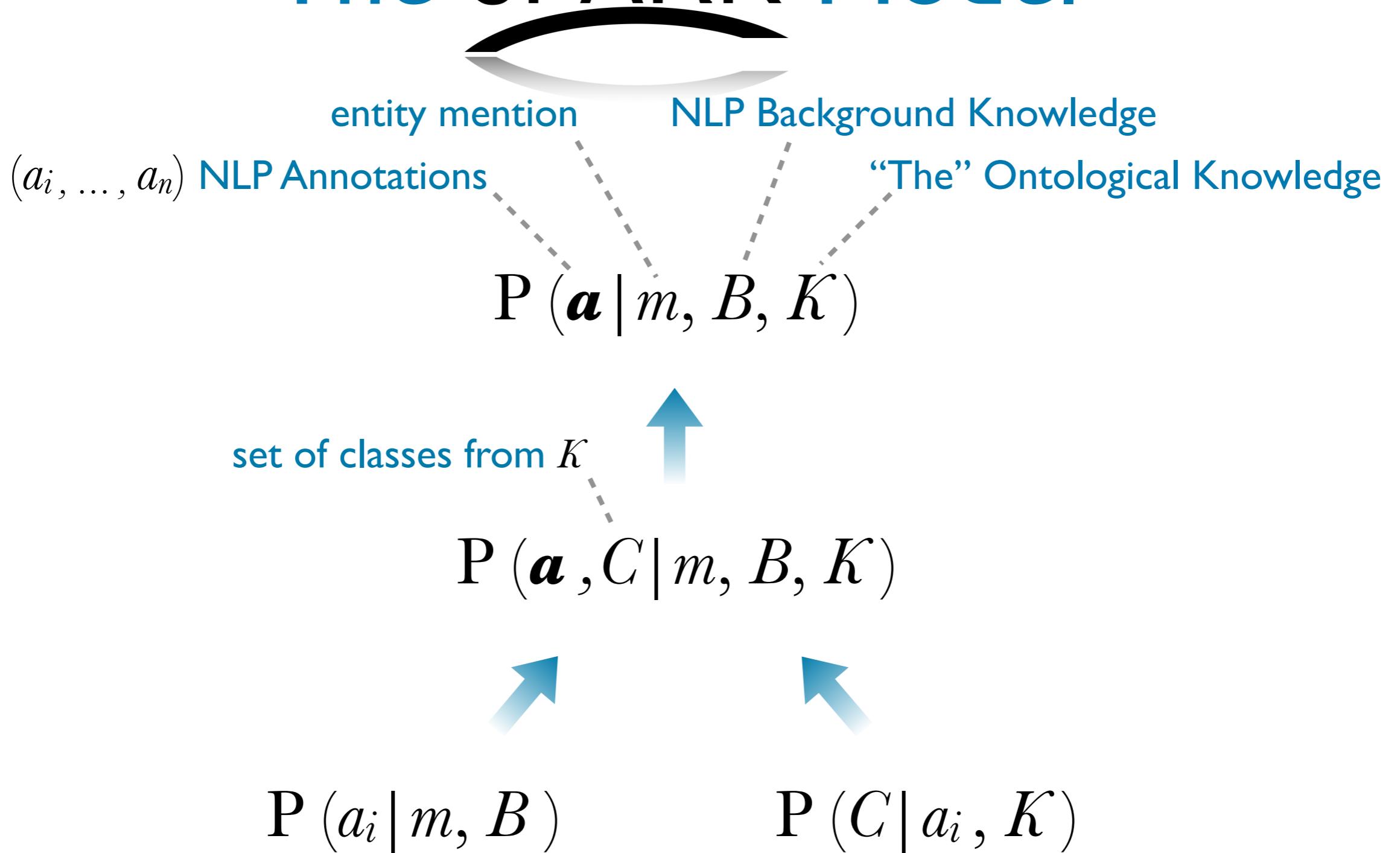
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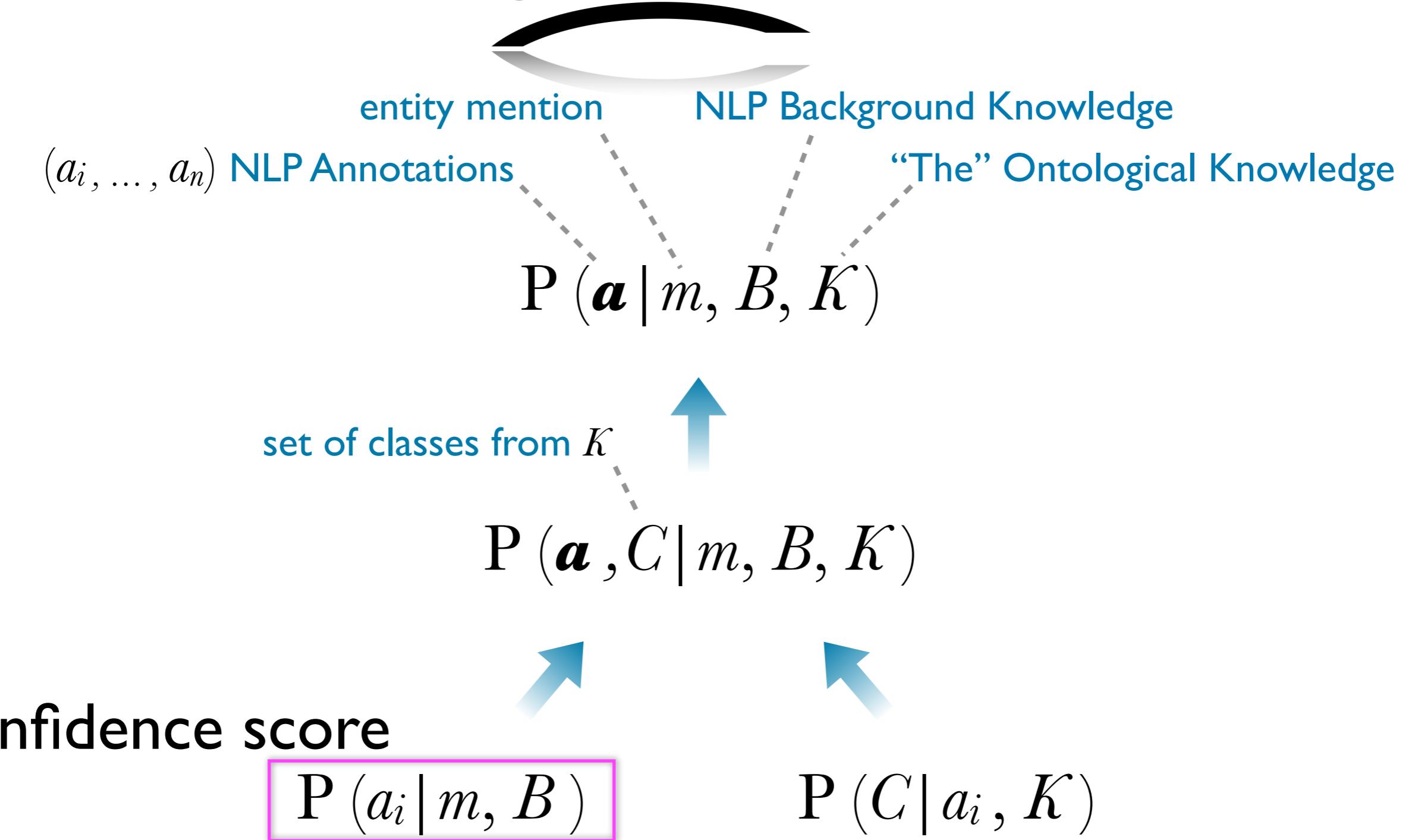
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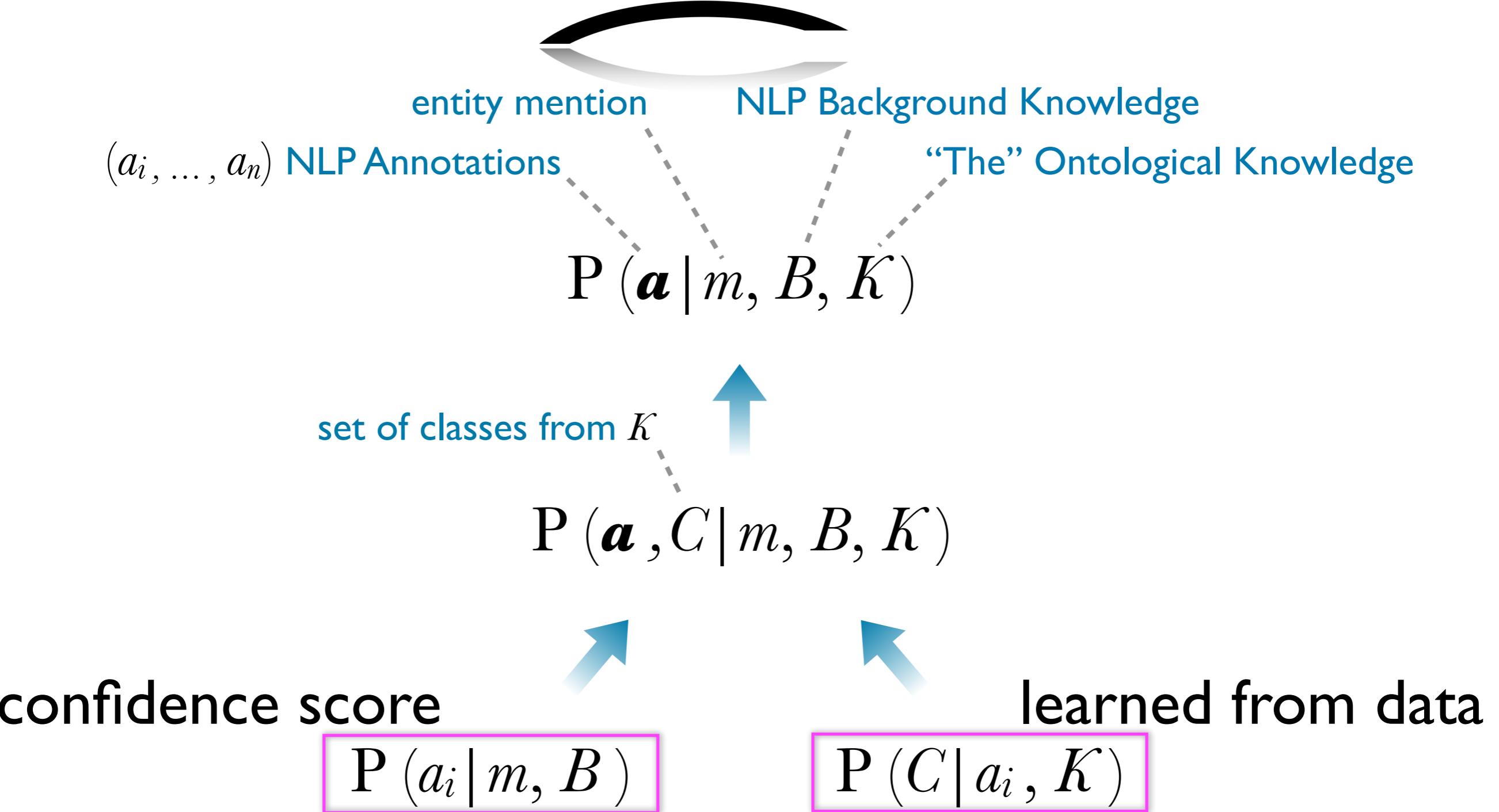
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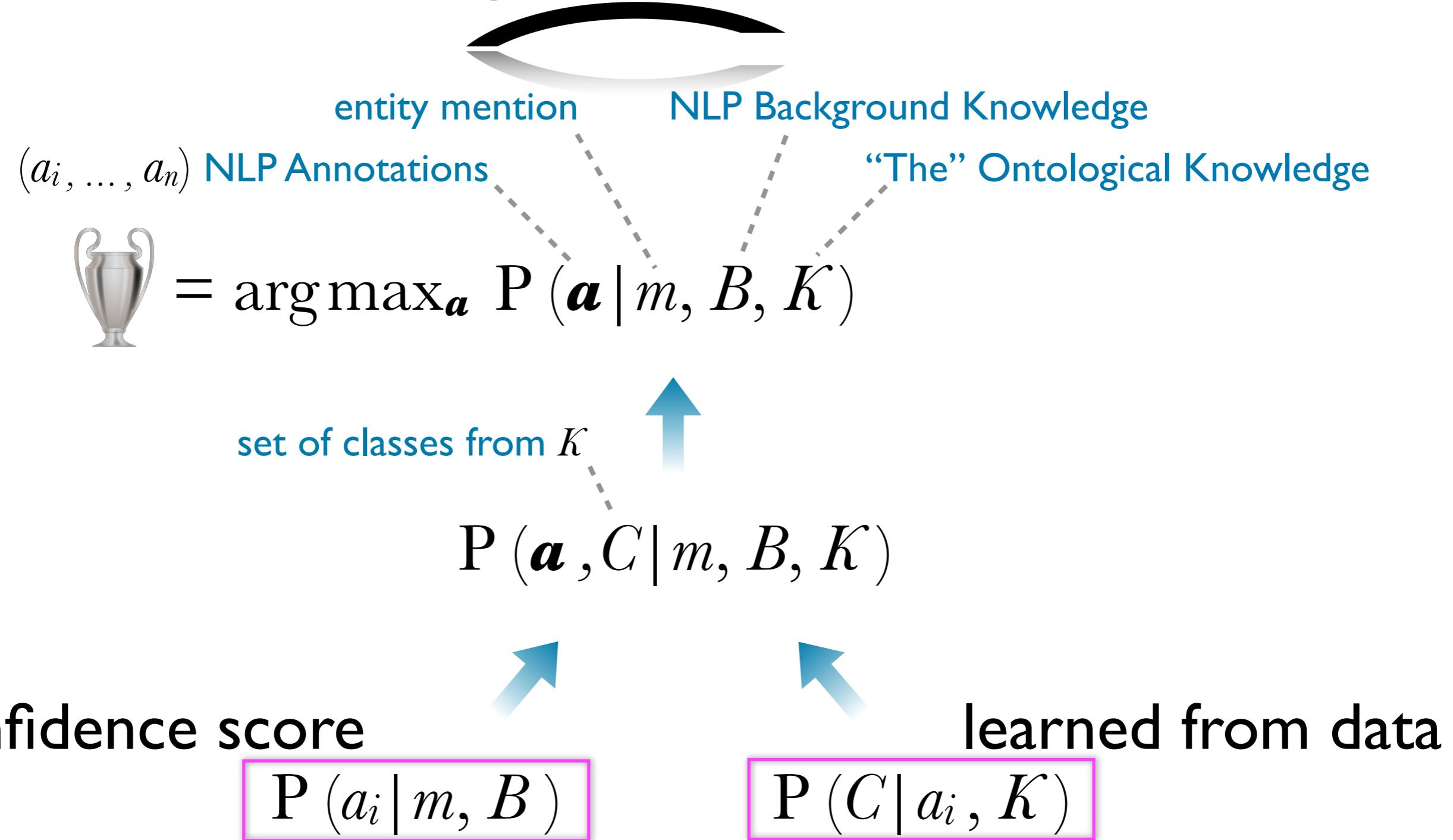
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NERC and EL Model

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Application and Evaluation

Tools

- NERC: **Stanford CoreNLP** [Finkel et al., 2005]
- EL: **DBpediaSpotlight** [Daiber et al., 2013]

NERC+EL Datasets

- AIDA CoNLL-YAGO [Hoffart et al., 2011]
- MEANTIME [Minard et al., 2016]
- TAC-KBP [Ji et al., 2011]

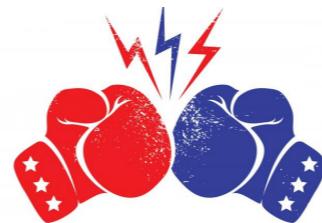
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Conclusions

- Novel probabilistic model, leveraging ontological knowledge, for improving NLP entity annotations
- Instantiation of the model for the NERC and EL tasks
- Empirical confirmation (3 datasets) of the capability of the model to improve the quality of the annotations
- Future Work: extension to other tasks (e.g., SRL)



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