# Linking elements in German can have plural semantics

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Abstract ...

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## 1 Probabilistic grammar

## 2 Linking elements in German

#### **3 Experiments**

#### 3.1 Corpus study

Gelman & Hill (2006)

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(1) 	 y = \alpha + \beta_1 \cdot x_1
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(2) 
$$\alpha \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

x <- 1

#### 3.2 Split-100 experiment

### 4 Discussion

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