



# Knowledge Bases in the Age of Big Data Analytics



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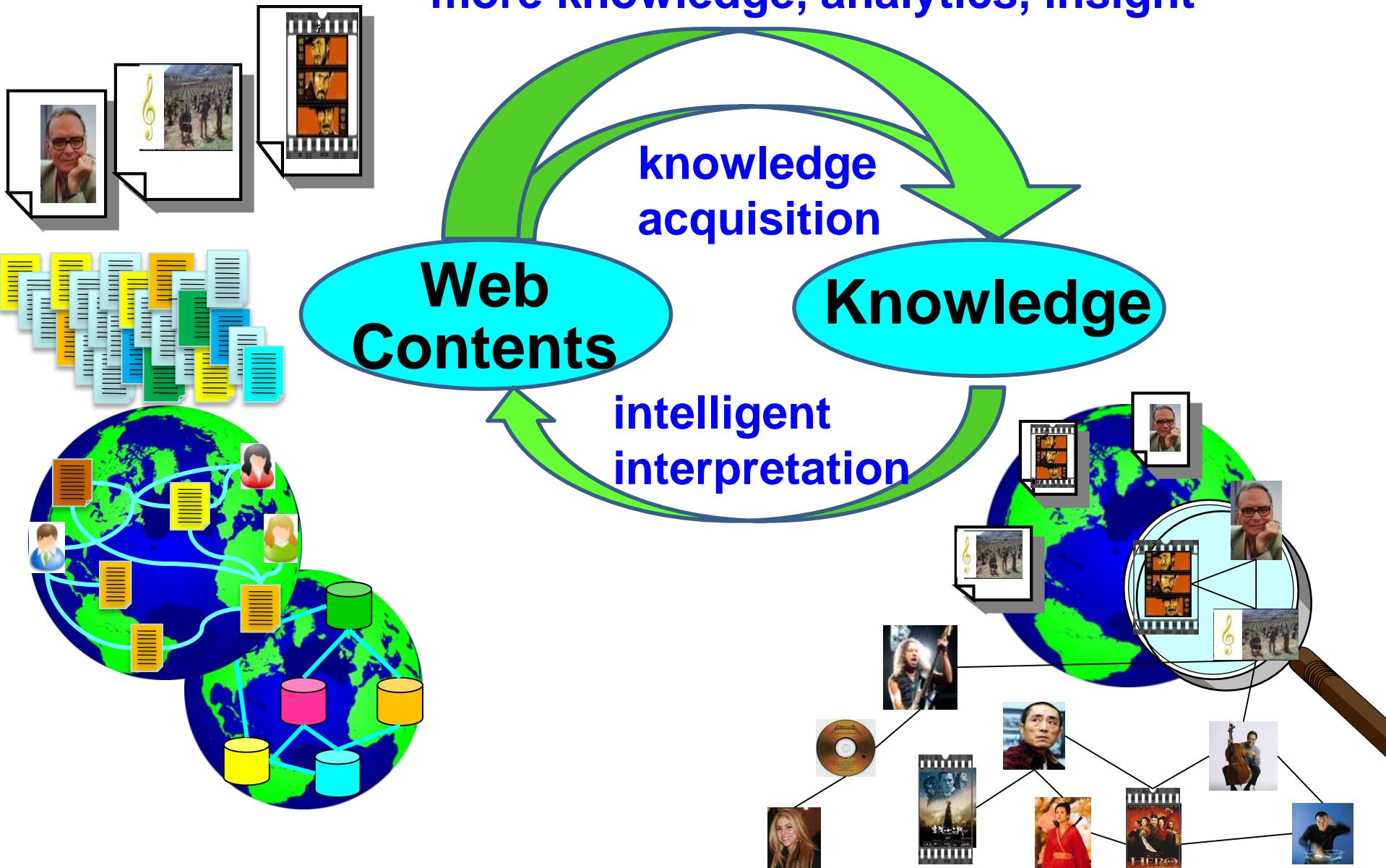
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# Turn Web into Knowledge Base

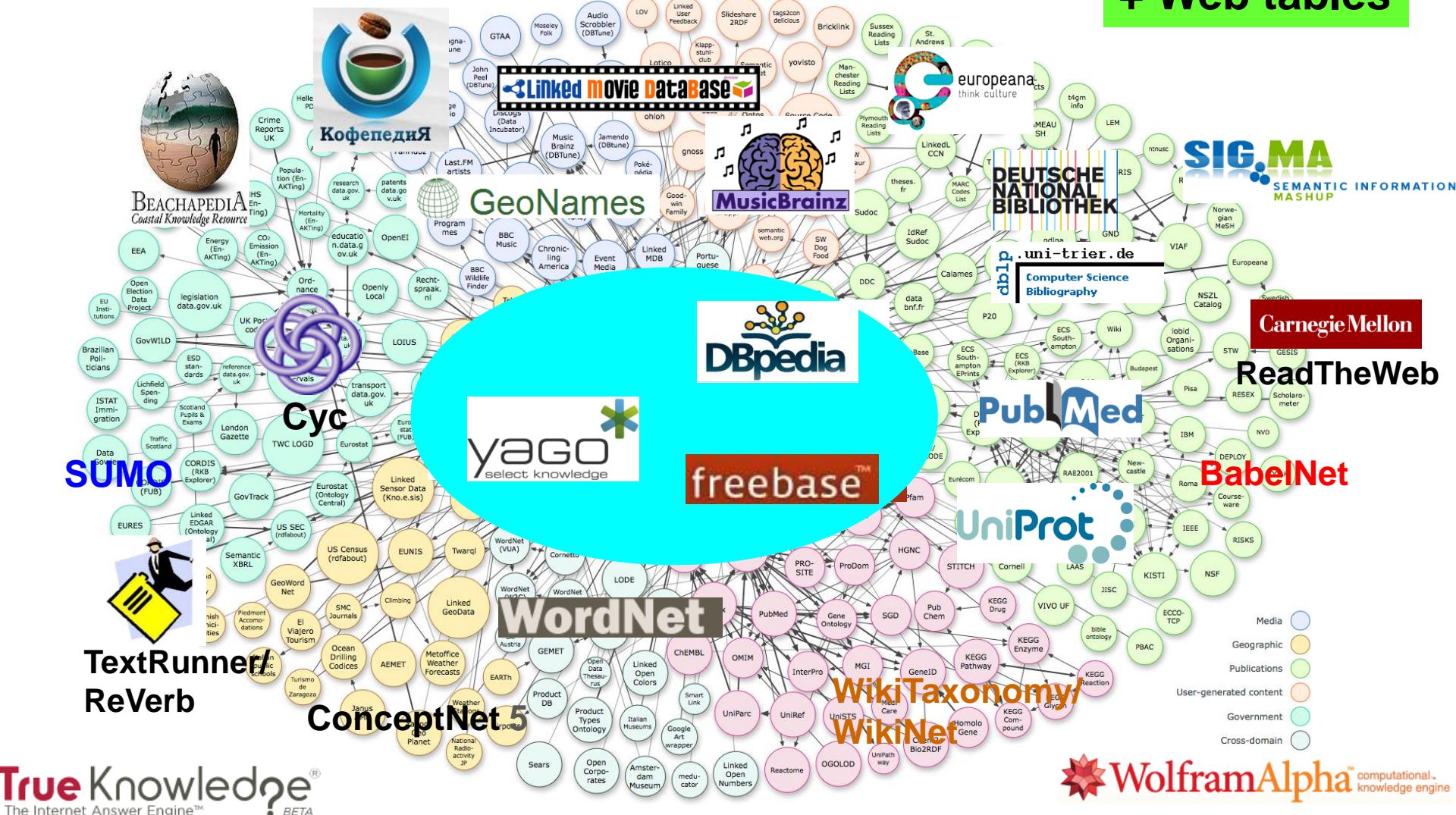
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# Web of Data & Knowledge (Linked Open Data)

> 60 Bio. subject-predicate-object triples from > 1000 sources

+ Web tables

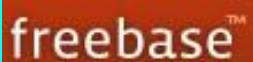


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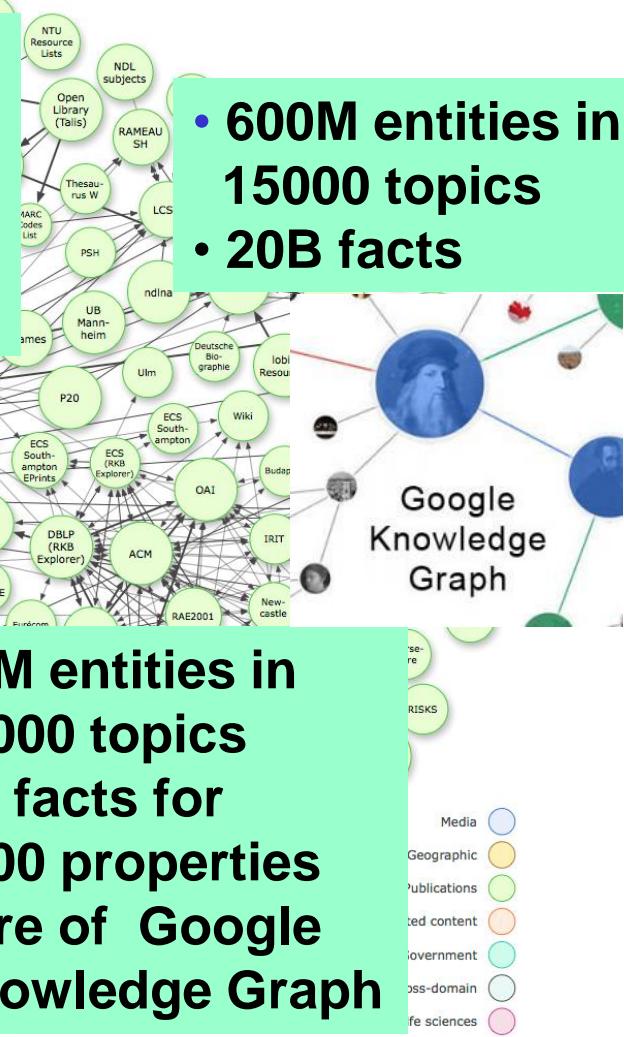
> 60 Bio. subject-predicate-object triples from > 1000 sources

- 10M entities in 350K classes
- 120M facts for 100 relations
- 100 languages
- 95% accuracy

- 4M entities in 250 classes
- 500M facts for 6000 properties
- live updates



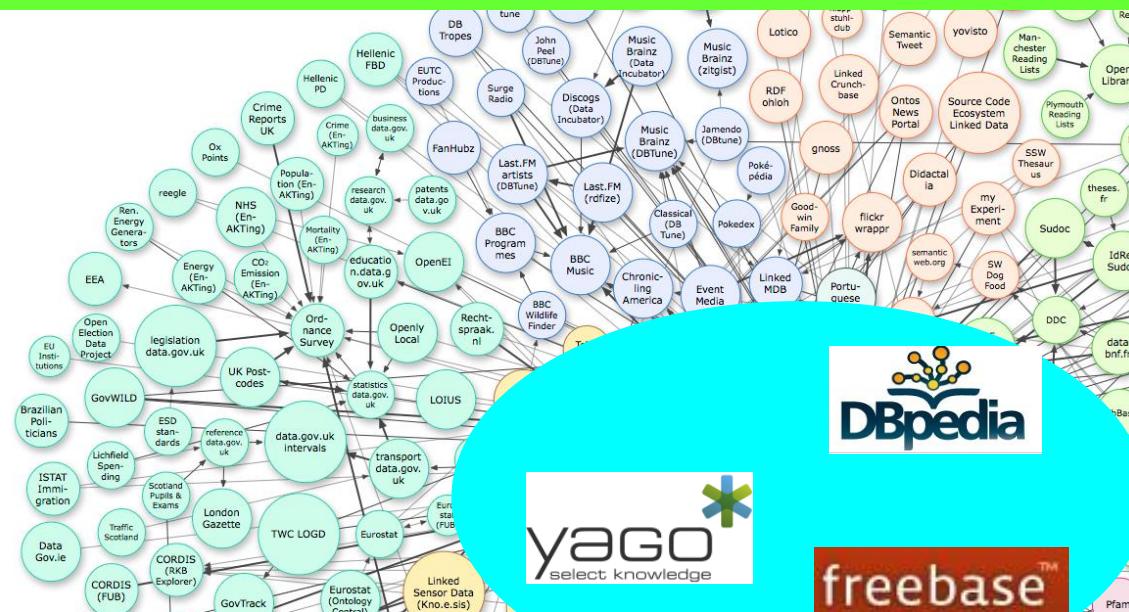
- 600M entities in 15000 topics
- 20B facts



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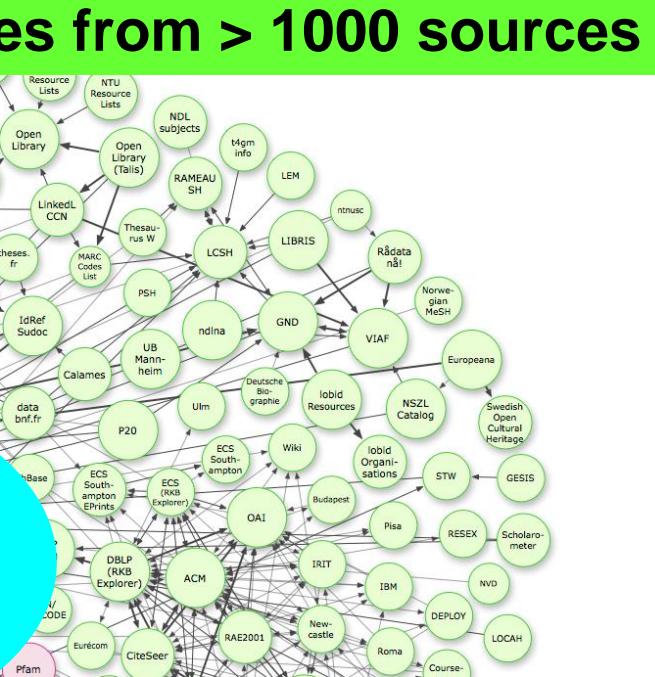


Yimou\_Zhang type movie\_director  
Yimou\_Zhang type olympic\_games\_participant  
movie\_director subclassOf artist

Yimou\_Zhang directed Flowers\_of\_War  
Christian\_Bale actedIn Flowers\_of\_War

id11: Yimou\_Zhang memberOf Beijing\_film\_academy  
id11 validDuring [1978, 1982]

Yimou\_Zhang „was classmate of“ Kaige\_Chen  
Yimou\_Zhang „had love affair with“ Li\_Gong  
Li\_Gong knownAs „China's most beautiful“



taxonomic knowledge

factual knowledge

temporal knowledge

emerging knowledge

terminological knowledge

# Knowledge Bases: a Pragmatic Definition

**Comprehensive and semantically organized**

**machine-readable collection of  
universally relevant or domain-specific  
entities, classes, and  
SPO facts (attributes, relations)**

**plus spatial and temporal dimensions**

**plus commonsense properties and rules**

**plus contexts of entities and facts**

**(textual & visual witnesses, descriptors, statistics)**

**plus .....**

# History of Digital Knowledge Bases



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WordNet



$\text{guitarist} \subset \{\text{player}, \text{musician}\} \subset \text{artist}$

$\text{algebraist} \subset \text{mathematician} \subset \text{scientist}$

$\forall x: \text{human}(x) \Rightarrow (\exists y: \text{mother}(x,y) \wedge \exists z: \text{father}(x,z))$

$\forall x,u,w: (\text{mother}(x,u) \wedge \text{mother}(x,w) \Rightarrow u=w)$

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2005

2010

from humans  
for humans

Wikipedia



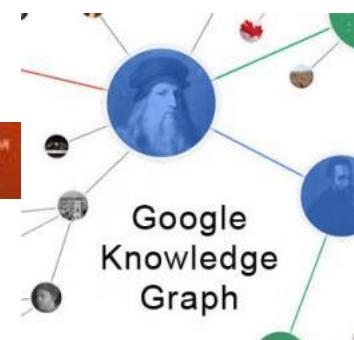
4.5 Mio. English articles  
20 Mio. contributors

from algorithms  
for machines

DBpedia

yAGO  
select knowledge

freebase™



WolframAlpha™

# Some Publicly Available Knowledge Bases

**YAGO:**

[yago-knowledge.org](http://yago-knowledge.org)

**Dbpedia:**

[dbpedia.org](http://dbpedia.org)

**Freebase:**

[freebase.com](http://freebase.com)

**Entitycube:**

[entitycube.research.microsoft.com](http://entitycube.research.microsoft.com)

[renlifang.msra.cn](http://renlifang.msra.cn)

**NELL:**

[rtw.ml.cmu.edu](http://rtw.ml.cmu.edu)

**DeepDive:**

[deepdive.stanford.edu](http://deepdive.stanford.edu)

**Probase:**

[research.microsoft.com/en-us/projects/probase/](http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/projects/probase/)

**KnowItAll / ReVerb:**

[openie.cs.washington.edu](http://openie.cs.washington.edu)

[reverb.cs.washington.edu](http://reverb.cs.washington.edu)

[babelnet.org](http://babelnet.org)

**BabelNet:**

[www.h-its.org/english/research/nlp/download/](http://www.h-its.org/english/research/nlp/download/)

**WikiNet:**

[conceptnet5.media.mit.edu](http://conceptnet5.media.mit.edu)

**ConceptNet:**

[wordnet.princeton.edu](http://wordnet.princeton.edu)

**WordNet:**

[linkeddata.org](http://linkeddata.org)

# Knowledge for Intelligence

## Enabling technology for:

- ★ **disambiguation** in written & spoken natural language
- ★ **deep reasoning** (e.g. QA to win quiz game)
- ★ **machine reading** (e.g. to summarize book or corpus)
- ★ **semantic search** in terms of entities&relations (not keywords&pages)
- ★ **entity-level linkage** for Big Data

- ★ Politicians who are also scientists?
- ★ European composers who have won film music awards?
- ★ Chinese professors who founded Internet companies?
- ★ Relationships between  
John Lennon, Billie Holiday, Heath Ledger, King Kong?
- ★ Enzymes that inhibit HIV?  
Influenza drugs for teens with high blood pressure?
- ...

# Use-Case: Internet Search



hurricane|



hurricane  
hurricane katrina  
hurricane sandy  
hurricane season

Press Enter to search.



hurricane

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## National Hurricane Center

[www.nhc.noaa.gov/](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/) ▾ National Hurricane Center ▾  
Re-analysis of 1946 to 1950 Atlantic Hurricane Seasons Completed (PDF) · Update ...  
The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1st through November 30th.  
[Latest Satellite Imagery - Eastern Pacific - Atlantic Graphical TWO - Marine Forecasts](#)

## Tropical cyclone - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tropical\\_cyclone](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tropical_cyclone) ▾ Wikipedia ▾  
[Hurricane](#) Isabel (2003) as seen from orbit during Expedition 7 of the International Space Station. The eye, eyewall, and surrounding rainbands, characteristics ...  
[Hurricane \(disambiguation\)](#) - Typhoon Tip - Scales - Eye

## Hurricanes | Ready.gov

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov/disaster-types) ▾ Disaster Types ▾  
Jun 5, 2013 - A **hurricane** is a type of tropical cyclone or severe tropical storm that forms in the southern Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico, and ...

## Hurricanes - Weather Wiz Kids weather information for kids

[www.weatherwizkids.com/weather-hurricane.htm](http://www.weatherwizkids.com/weather-hurricane.htm) ▾  
Contains what a **hurricane** needs to form, stages of a **hurricane**, and safety tips.

## Hurricane Festival

[www.hurricane.de/en/](http://www.hurricane.de/en/) ▾ Hurricane Festival ▾  
[Hurricane Logo](#) ... ":"22864","band\_img":"http://4.hurricane.cdn.smk-networks.de/ccds\_cache/4d/4d5f369155c1e726f9c2c8aaa0295fbe.460x1000x0.jpg"}].

# Google Knowledge Graph

## (Google Blog: „Things, not Strings“, 16 May 2012)

hurricane singer  

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## Bob Dylan

Hurricane, Artist



Feedback

[Hurricane \(band\) - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#)  
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hurricane\_(band) ▾

Hurricane is a 1980s heavy metal band originally featuring current Foreigner lead **vocalist** Kelly Hansen (vocals/rhythm guitar), Robert Sarzo (guitar), Tony ...  
[History](#) - [Current members](#) - [Past members](#) - [Discography](#)

**Bob Dylan**  
Musician

Bob Dylan is an American musician, singer-songwriter, artist, and writer. He has been an influential figure in popular music and culture for more than five decades. [Wikipedia](#)

**Spouse:** Carolyn Dennis (m. 1986–1992), [Sara Dylan](#) (m. 1965–1977)

**Children:** Jakob Dylan, Desiree Gabrielle Dennis-Dylan, Anna Dylan, Jesse Dylan, Maria Dylan, Sam Dylan

**Movies:** Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid, Masked and Anonymous, more

**Songs**

Song	Year	Album
<a href="#">Knockin' on Heaven's Door</a>	1973	<a href="#">Pat Garrett &amp; Billy the Kid</a>
<a href="#">Farewell</a>		
<a href="#">Forever Young</a>	1974	<a href="#">Planet Waves</a>
<a href="#">Make You Feel My Love</a>	1997	<a href="#">Time Out of Mind</a>
<a href="#">Hurricane</a>	1976	<a href="#">Desire</a>

**Albums**

# Use Case: Question Answering

This town is known as "Sin City" & its downtown is "Glitter Gulch"

Q: Sin City ?

→ movie, graphical novel, nickname for city, ...

A: Vegas ? Strip ?

→ Vega (star), Suzanne Vega, Vincent Vega, Las Vegas, ...

→ comic strip, striptease, Las Vegas Strip, ...

This American city has two airports  
named after a war hero and a WW II battle

question  
classification &  
decomposition



knowledge  
back-ends



WIKIPEDIA  
The Free Encyclopedia



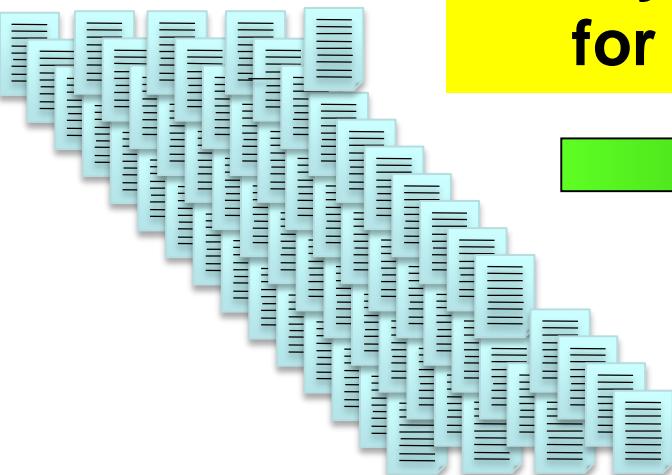
freebase™



D. Ferrucci et al.: Building Watson. AI Magazine, Fall 2010.  
IBM Journal of R&D 56(3/4), 2012: This is Watson.



# Use Case: Text Analytics (Disease Networks)



add genetic & pathway data,  
patient data, reports in social media, etc.

- bottlenecks: **data variety & data veracity**
- key asset: digital background **knowledge** for data cleaning, fusion, sense-making



b Disease network  
need to understand  
synonyms vs. homonyms  
of **entities & relations**  
**(Google: „things, not strings“)**

But try this with:

diabetes mellitus, diabetis type 1, diabetes type 2, diabetes insipidus,  
insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus with ophthalmic complications,  
ICD-10 E23.2, OMIM 304800, MeSH C18.452.394.750, MeSH D003924, ...

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# Use Case: Big Data Analytics (Side Effects of Drug Combinations)



LEVOTHYROXINE (levothyroxine sodium) tablet  
[PD-Rx Pharmaceuticals, Inc.]

Permanent Link: <http://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/lookup.cfm?setid=5fd9d708-57dd-4ec>

**Category**  
HUMAN PRESCRIPTION

**Drug Label Sect**  
Description Clinical  
Adverse Reactions  
Supplemental Patient

## Structured Expert Data

### ADVERSE REACTIONS

Adverse reactions associated with levothyroxine (see **PRECAUTIONS** and **OVERDOSAGE**)

**General:** fatigue, increased appetite, weight gain

**Central nervous system:** headache, hyperactivity

**Musculoskeletal:** tremors, muscle weakness

**Cardiovascular:** palpitations, tachycardia, arrhythmia, infarction, cardiac arrest,

**Respiratory:** dyspnea,

**Gastrointestinal:** diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain

**Dermatologic:** hair loss, flushing,

**Endocrine:** decreased bone mineral density,

**Reproductive:** menstrual irregularities, impotence

Drug or Drug Class	Drugs that may reduce thyroid hormone levels
Dopamine / Dopamine Agonists	
Glucocorticoids	
Octreotide	
Drugs that may decrease thyroid hormone levels	
Aminoglutethimide	
Amiodarone	
Iodide (including iodine-containing Radiographic contrast agents)	
Lithium	
Methimazole	
Propylthiouracil (PTU)	
Sulfamethoxazole	
Tolbutamide	
Drugs that may increase thyroid hormone levels	
Aminodarone	
Iodide (including iodine-containing Radiographic contrast agents)	
Drugs that may affect thyroid function	
Antacids	
Aluminum & Magnesium Hydroxides	
Smectite	
Bile Acid Sequestrants	
Cholestyramine	
Colestipol	
Calcium Carbonate	
Cation Exchange Resins	
Kayexalate	
Phosphate Sulfate	
Psyllium	

- Deeper **insight** from both expert data & social media:
- **actual side effects of drugs**
  - ... and **drug combinations**
  - **risk factors and complications of (wide-spread) diseases**
  - **alternative therapies**
  - **aggregation & comparison by age, gender, life style, etc.**

Levothyroxine at least 4 hours apart from these agents. Patients treated concomitantly with omeprazole and levothyroxine should be monitored for changes in thyroid function.



I've had all those side effects being on 75mcg and even worse is that I am been emotionally unbalanced by crying most days. I decided by myself - yes, by

harness **knowledge base(s)** on **diseases, symptoms, drugs, biochemistry, food, demography, geography, culture, life style, jobs, transportation, etc. etc.**

# **Big Data+Text Analytics**

**Health:** Drugs (combinations) and their side effects

**Entertainment:** Who covered which other singer?  
Who influenced which other musicians?

**Politics:** Politicians' positions on controversial topics  
and their involvement with industry

**Business:** Customer opinions on small-company products,  
gathered from social media

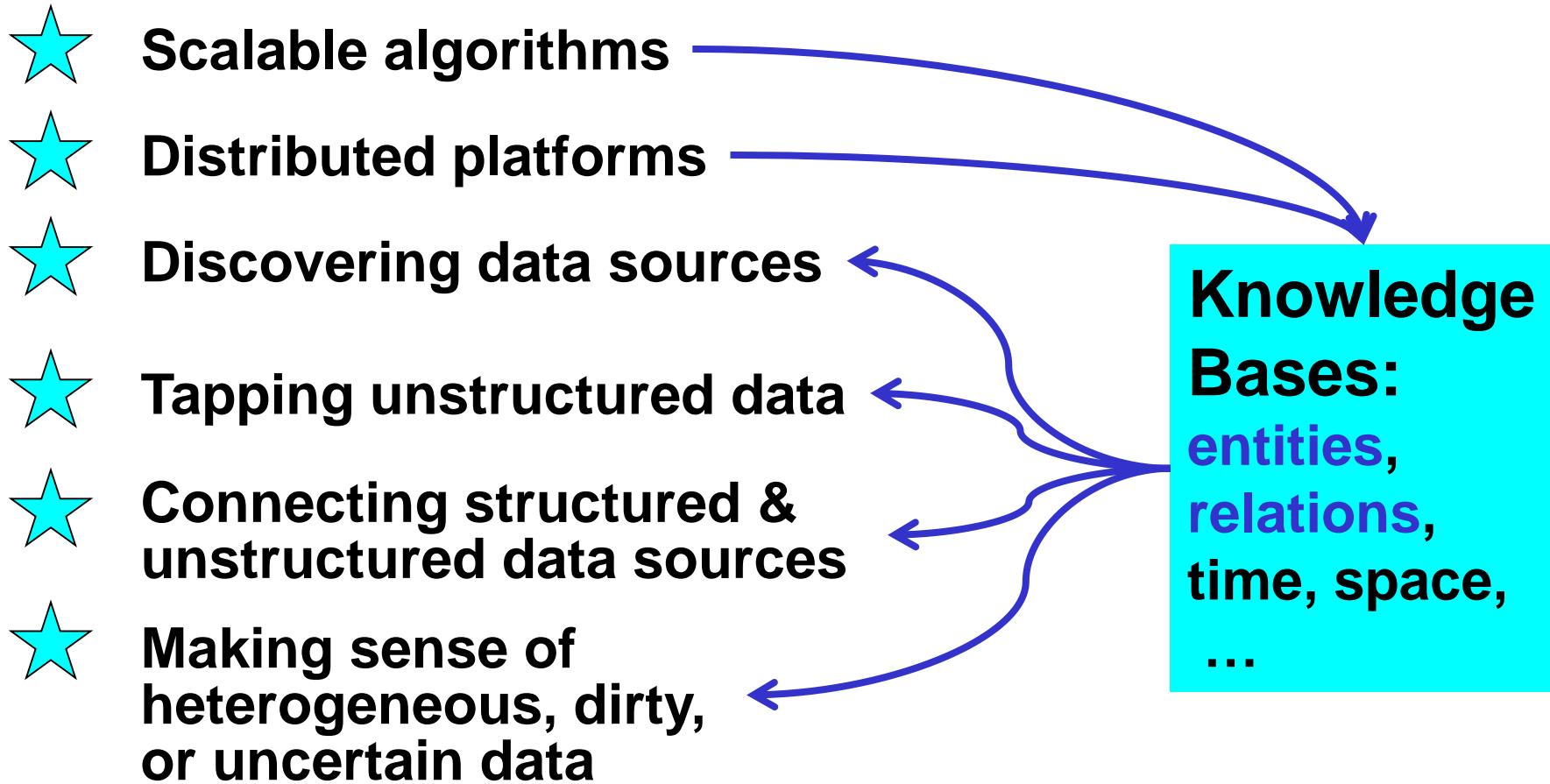
**Culturomics:** Trends in society, cultural factors, etc.

**General Design Pattern:**

- Identify relevant **contents sources**
- Identify **entities** of interest & their **relationships**
- Position **in time & space**
- Group and **aggregate**
- Find insightful **patterns** & predict **trends**

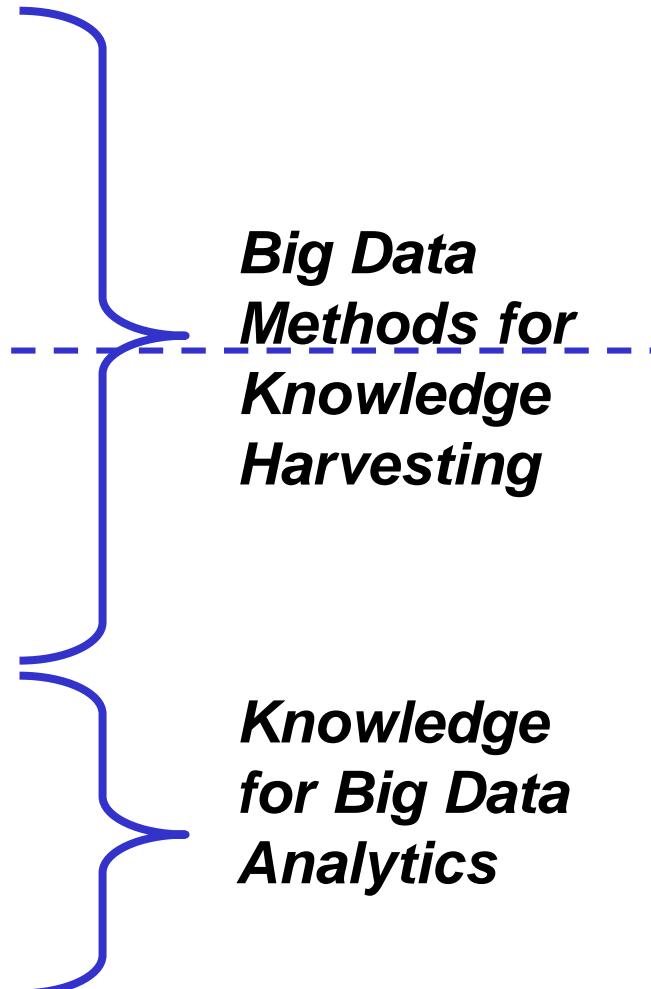
# Knowledge Bases & Big Data Analytics

## Big Data Analytics



# Outline

- ✓ Motivation and Overview
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Relations between Entities
- ★ Emerging Knowledge:  
New Entities & Relations
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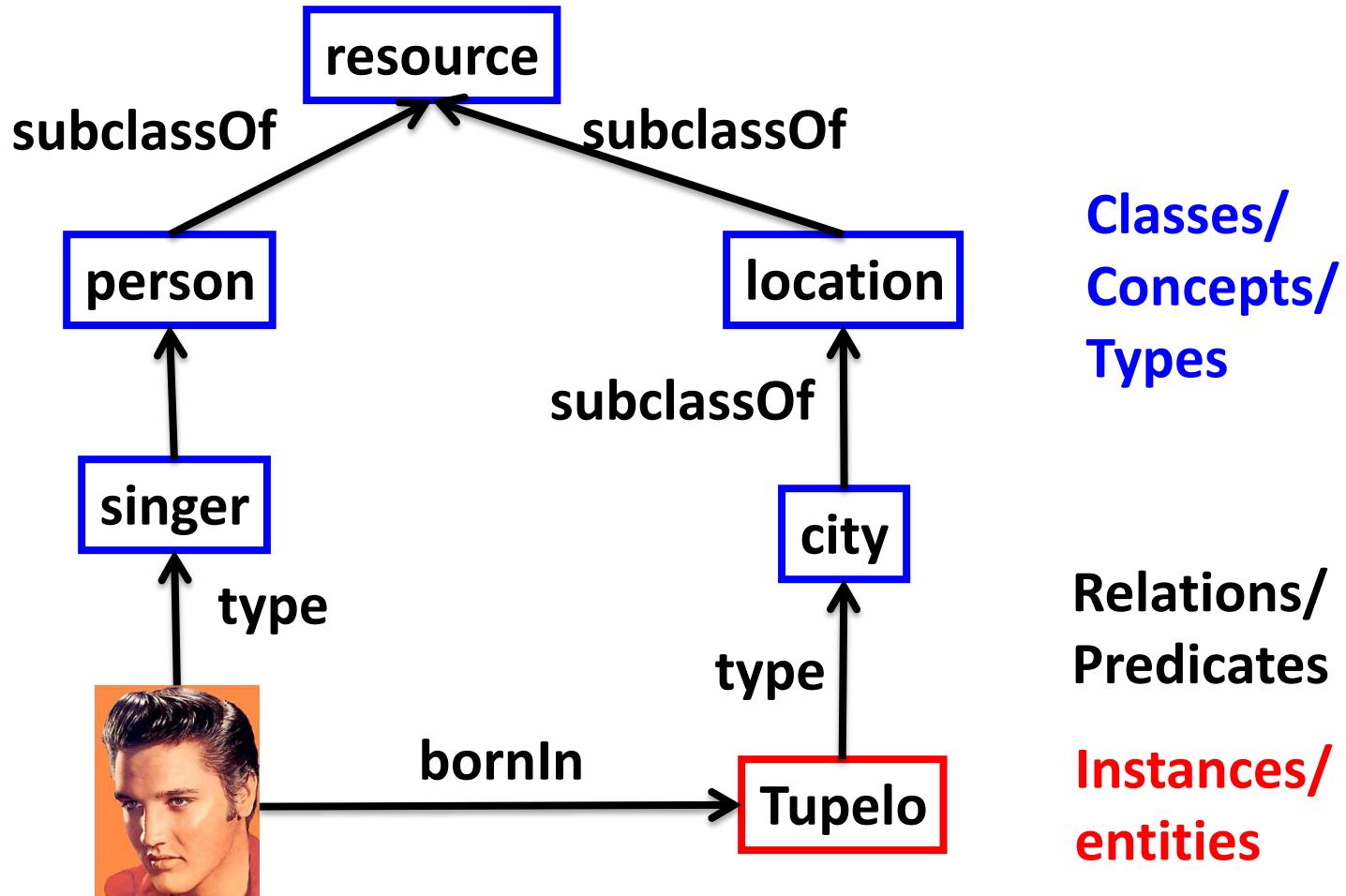
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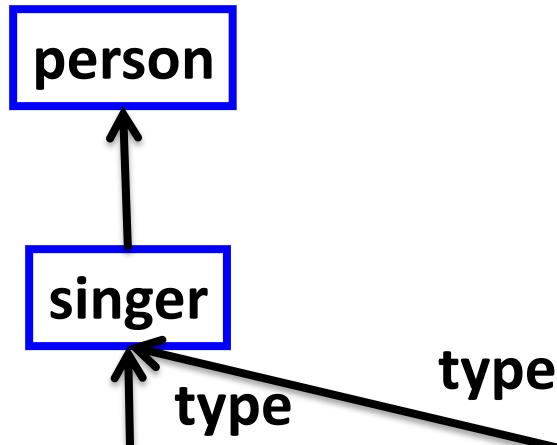
# Knowledge Bases are labeled graphs



A knowledge base can be seen as a directed labeled multi-graph, where the nodes are entities and the edges relations.

# An entity can have different labels

The same entity has two labels: **synonymy**

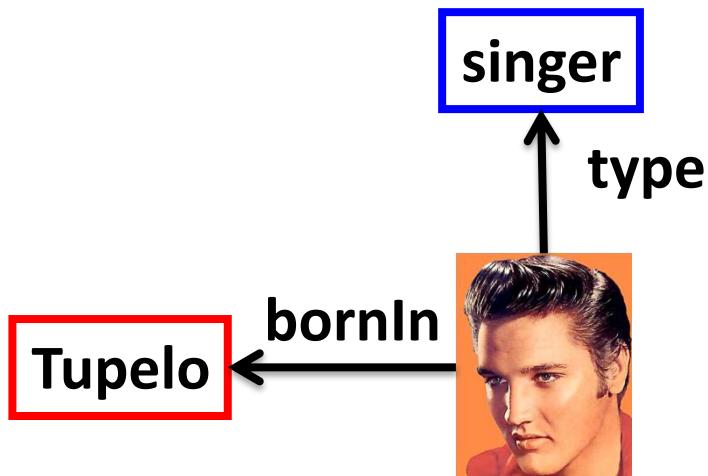


The same label for two entities: **ambiguity**

# Different views of a knowledge base

We use "RDFS Ontology" and "Knowledge Base (KB)" synonymously.

Graph notation:



Triple notation:

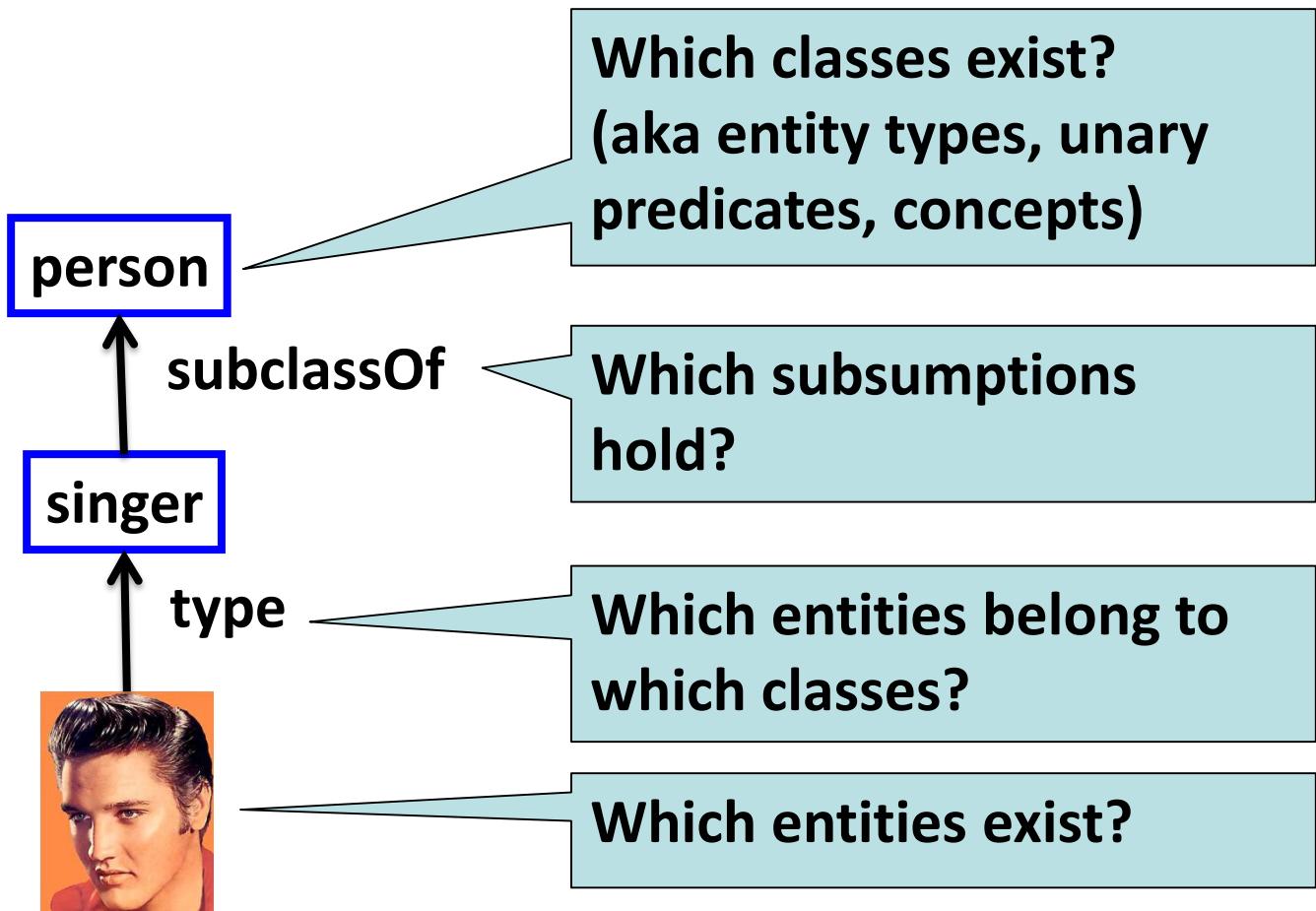
Subject	Predicate	Object
Elvis	type	singer
Elvis	bornIn	Tupelo
...	...	...

Logical notation:

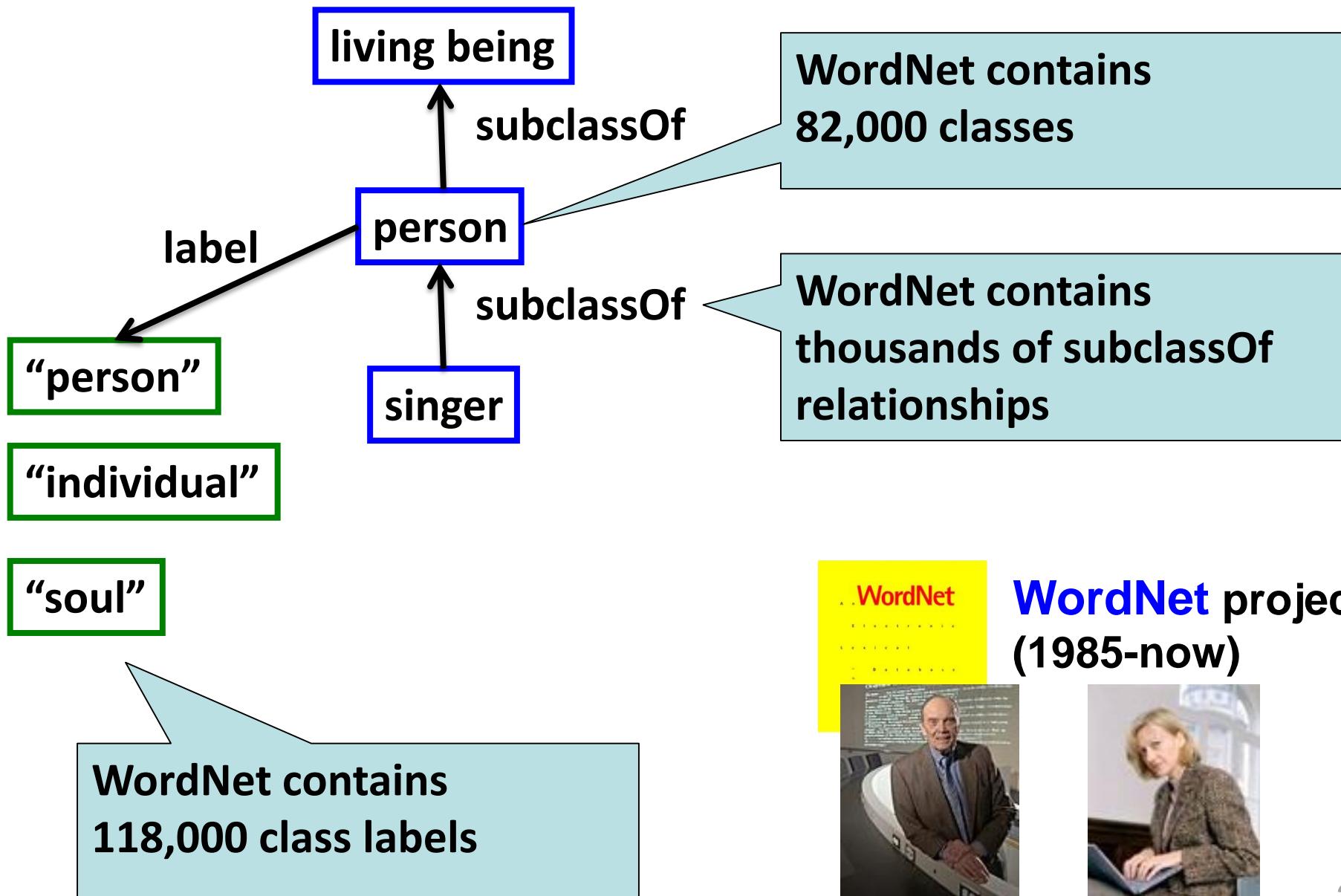
$\text{type}(\text{Elvis}, \text{singer})$   
 $\text{bornIn}(\text{Elvis}, \text{Tupelo})$

...

# Our Goal is finding classes and instances



# WordNet is a lexical knowledge base



# WordNet example: superclasses

- S: (n) **singer**, vocalist, vocalizer, vocaliser (a person who sings)
    - direct hyponym / full hyponym
    - has instance
    - direct hypernym / inherited hypernym / sister term
      - S: (n) musician, instrumentalist, player (someone who plays a musical instrument (as a profession))
      - S: (n) performer, performing artist (an entertainer who performs a dramatic or musical work for an audience)
      - S: (n) entertainer (a person who tries to please or amuse)
        - S: (n) person, individual, someone, somebody, mortal, soul (a human being) "*there was too much for one person to do*"
        - S: (n) organism, being (a living thing that has (or can develop) the ability to act or function independently)
          - S: (n) living thing, animate thing (a living (or once living) entity)
          - S: (n) whole, unit (an assemblage of parts that is regarded as a single entity) "*how big is that part compared to the whole?*"; "*the team is a unit*"
          - S: (n) object, physical object (a tangible and visible entity; an entity

# WordNet example: subclasses

- S: (n) singer, vocalist, vocalizer, vocaliser (a person who sings)
  - direct hyponym / full hyponym
    - S: (n) alto (a singer whose voice lies in the alto clef)
    - S: (n) baritone, barytone (a male singer)
    - S: (n) bass, basso (an adult male singer with the lowest voice)
    - S: (n) canary (a female singer)
    - S: (n) caroler, caroller (a singer of carols)
    - S: (n) castrato (a male singer who was castrated before puberty and retains a soprano or alto voice)
    - S: (n) chorister (a singer in a choir)
    - S: (n) contralto (a woman singer having a contralto voice)
    - S: (n) crooner, balladeer (a singer of popular ballads)
    - S: (n) folk singer, jongleur, minstrel, poet-singer, troubadour (a singer of folk songs)
    - S: (n) hummer (a singer who produces a tune without opening the lips or forming words)
    - S: (n) lieder singer (a singer of lieder)
    - S: (n) madrigalist (a singer of madrigals)
    - S: (n) opera star, operatic star (singer of lead role in an opera)
    - S: (n) rapper (someone who performs rap music)
    - S: (n) rock star (a famous singer of rock music)
    - S: (n) songster (a person who sings)
    - S: (n) soprano (a female singer)

# WordNet example: instances

- S: (n) [Joplin](#), [Janis Joplin](#) (United States singer who died of a drug overdose at the height of her popularity (1943-1970))
- S: (n) [King](#), [B. B. King](#), [Riley B King](#) (United States guitar player and singer of the blues (born in 1925))
- S: (n) [Lauder](#), [Harry Lauder](#), [Sir Harry MacLennan Lauder](#) (Scottish ballad singer and music hall comedian (1870-1950))
- S: (n) [Ledbetter](#), [Huddie Leadbetter](#), [Leadbelly](#) / United States folk singer and composer (1885-1949))
- S: (n) [Madonna](#), [Madonna Louise Ciccone](#) (Uruguay sex symbol during the 1980s (born in 1958))
- S: (n) [Marley](#), [Robert Nesta Marley](#), [Bob Marley](#) (Jamaican singer who popularized reggae (1945-1981))
- S: (n) [Martin](#), [Dean Martin](#), [Dino Paul Crocetti](#) (1917-1995))
- S: (n) [Merman](#), [Ethel Merman](#) (United States soprano who sang in several musical comedies (1909-1984))
- S: (n) [Orbison](#), [Roy Orbison](#) (United States country singer who was popular in the 1950s (1936-1988))
- S: (n) [Piaf](#), [Edith Piaf](#), [Edith Giovanna Gassion](#) (French cabaret singer (1915-1963))
- S: (n) [Robeson](#), [Paul Robeson](#), [Paul Bustill Robeson](#) (United States bass singer and an outspoken critic of racism and proponent of socialism (1898-1976))
- S: (n) [Russell](#), [Lillian Russell](#) (United States entertainer remembered for her

only 32 singers !?  
4 guitarists  
5 scientists  
0 enterprises  
2 entrepreneurs

WordNet classes  
lack instances ✨

# **Goal is to go beyond WordNet**

**WordNet is not perfect:**

- it contains only few instances**
- it contains only common nouns as classes**
- it contains only English labels**

**... but it contains a wealth of information that can be the starting point for further extraction.**

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# Wikipedia is a rich source of instances



## Steve Jobs

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

For the biography, see [Steve Jobs \(biography\)](#).

**Steven Paul Jobs** (/dʒɒbz/; February 24, 1955 – October 5, 2011)<sup>[4][5]</sup> was an American businessman and inventor widely recognized as a charismatic pioneer of the personal computer revolution.<sup>[6][7]</sup> He was co-founder, chairman, and chief executive officer of Apple Inc. Jobs also co-founded and served as chief executive of Pixar Animation Studios; he became a member of the board of directors of The Walt Disney Company in 2006, following the acquisition of Pixar by Disney.

In the late 1970s, Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak engineered one of the first commercially successful lines of personal computers, the [Apple II series](#). Jobs directed its aesthetic design and marketing along with A.C. "Mike" Markula, Jr. and others. In the early 1980s, Jobs was among the first to see the commercial potential of Xerox PARC's mouse-driven graphical user interface, which led to the creation of the [Apple Lisa](#) (engineered by Ken Rothmuller and John Couch) and, one year later, creation of Apple employee Jef Raskin's Macintosh.

After losing a power struggle with the board of directors in 1985, Jobs left Apple and founded NeXT, a computer platform development company specializing in the higher-education and business markets. NeXT was eventually acquired by Apple in 1996, which brought Jobs back to the company he co-founded, and provided Apple with the NeXTSTEP codebase, from which the Mac OS X was developed.<sup>[8]</sup> Jobs was named Apple advisor in 1996, interim CEO in 1997, and CEO from 2000 until his resignation. He oversaw the development of the iMac, iTunes, iPod, iPhone, and iPad and the company's [Apple Retail Stores](#).<sup>[9]</sup> In 1986, he acquired the computer graphics division of Lucasfilm Ltd, which was spun off as Pixar Animation Studios.<sup>[10]</sup> He was credited in *Toy Story* (1995) as an executive producer. He remained CEO and majority shareholder at 50.1 percent until its acquisition by The Walt Disney Company in 2006,<sup>[11]</sup> making Jobs Disney's largest individual shareholder at seven percent and a member of Disney's Board of Directors.<sup>[12][13]</sup>

In 2003, Jobs was diagnosed with a [pancreas neuroendocrine tumor](#). Though it was initially treated, he reported a hormone imbalance, underwent a liver transplant in 2009, and appeared progressively thinner as his health declined.<sup>[14]</sup> On medical leave for most of 2011, Jobs resigned as Apple CEO in August that year and was elected Chairman of the Board. On October 5, 2011, Jobs died of respiratory arrest related to his metastatic tumor. He



Jimmy  
Wales



Larry  
Sanger

## Steve Jobs



Jobs holding a white iPhone 4 at Worldwide Developers Conference 2010

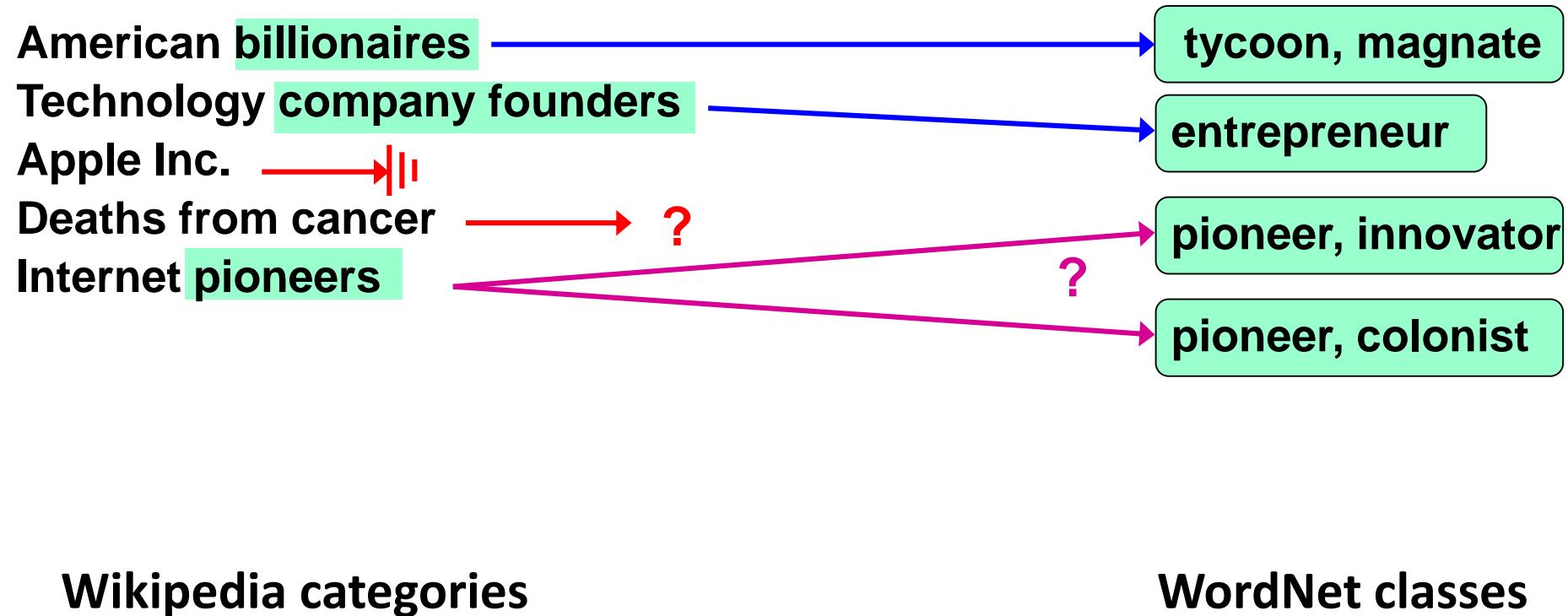
Born	Steven Paul Jobs February 24, 1955 <sup>[1][2]</sup> San Francisco, California, U.S. <sup>[1][2]</sup>
Died	October 5, 2011 (aged 56) <sup>[2]</sup> Palo Alto, California, U.S.
Nationality	American
Alma mater	Reed College (dropped out)

# Wikipedia's categories contain classes

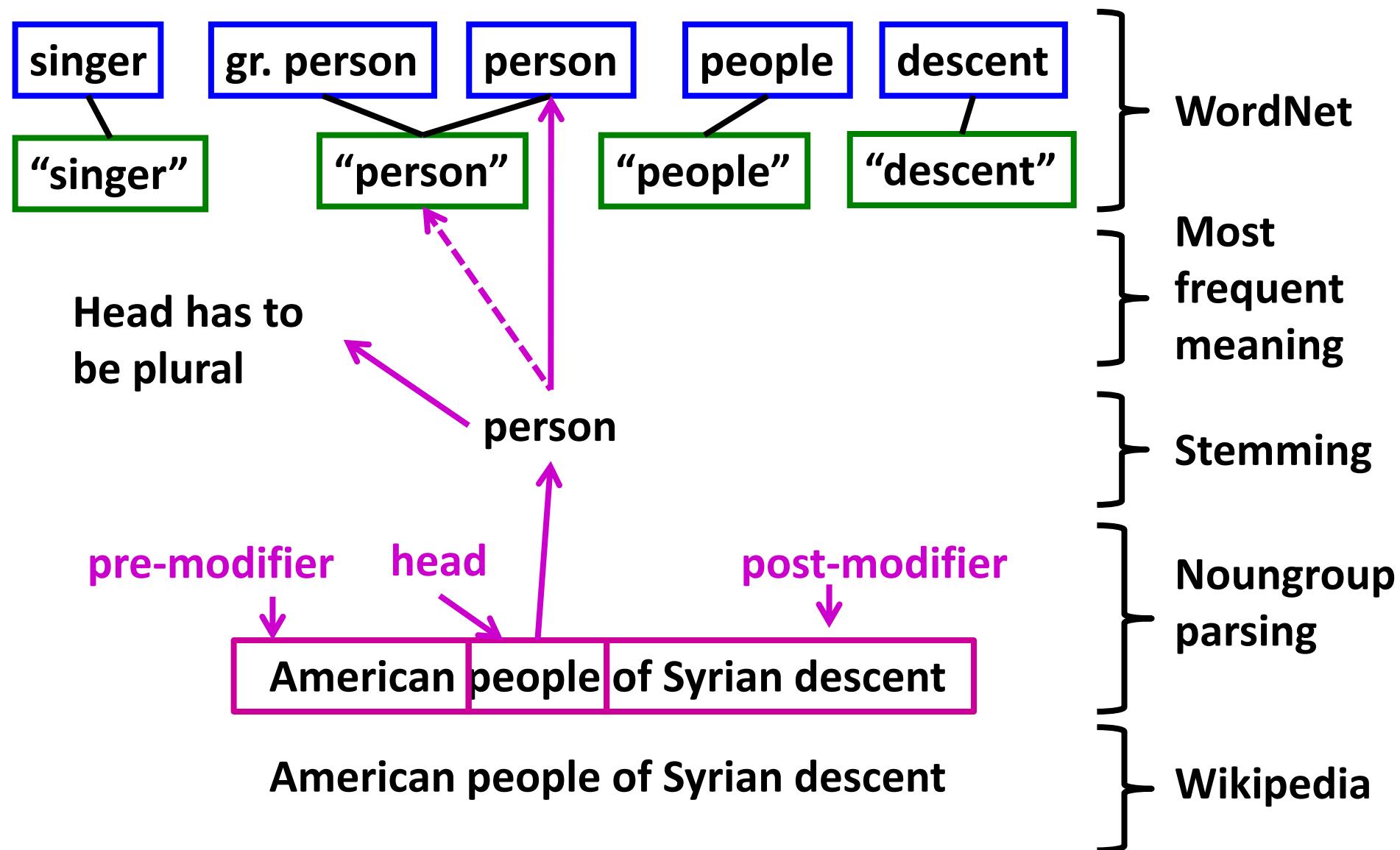
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| American chief executives | American computer businesspeople | American industrial designers  
| American inventors | American people of German descent | American people of Swiss descent  
| American people of Syrian descent | American technology company founders | American Zen Buddhists  
| Apple Inc. | Apple Inc. employees | Businesspeople from California | Businesspeople in software  
| Cancer deaths in California | Computer designers | Computer pioneers | Deaths from pancreatic cancer  
| Disney people | Internet pioneers | National Medal of Technology recipients | NeXT  
| Organ transplant recipients | People from the San Francisco Bay Area | Pescetarians  
| Reed College alumni

But: categories do not form a taxonomic hierarchy

# Link Wikipedia categories to WordNet?



# Categories can be linked to WordNet



# YAGO = WordNet+Wikipedia



200,000 classes

460,000 subclassOf

3 Mio. instances

96% accuracy

[Suchanek: WWW'07]

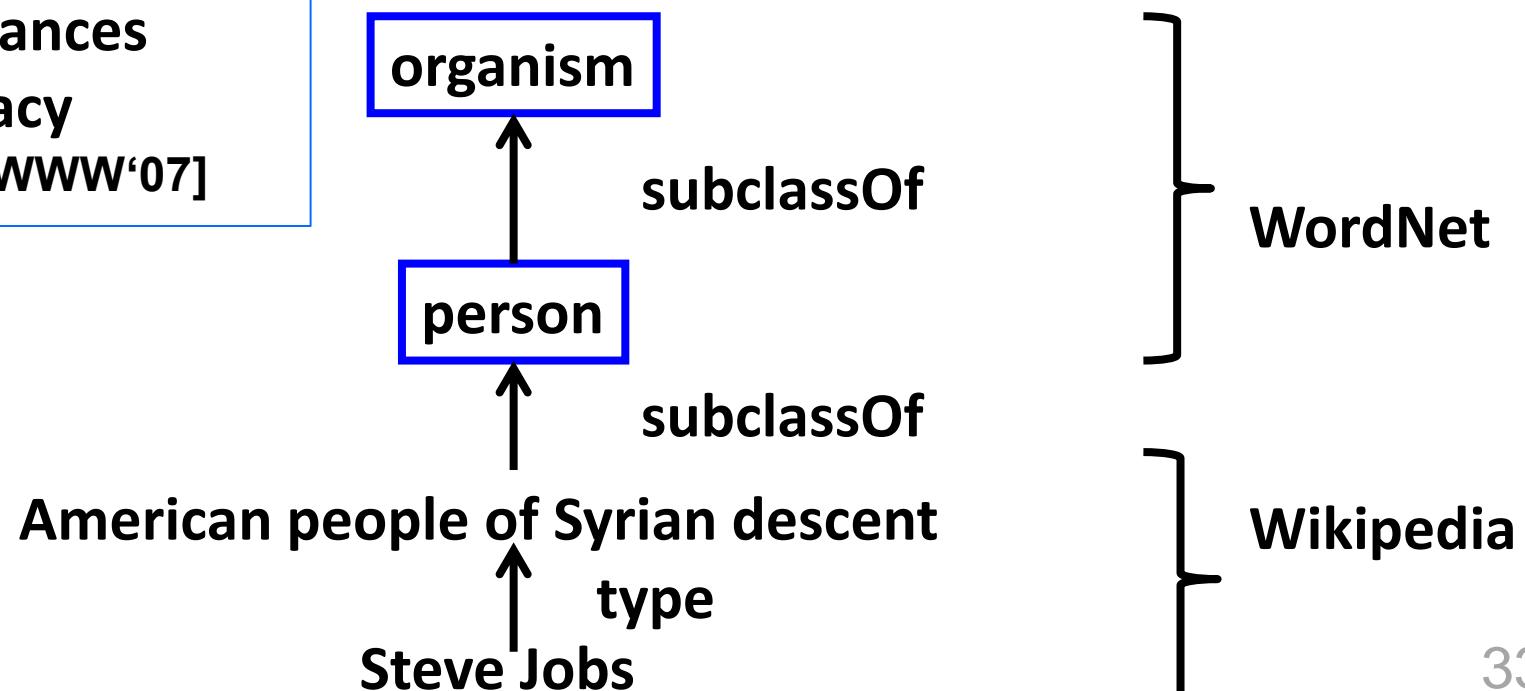
Related project:

## WikiTaxonomy

105,000 subclassOf links

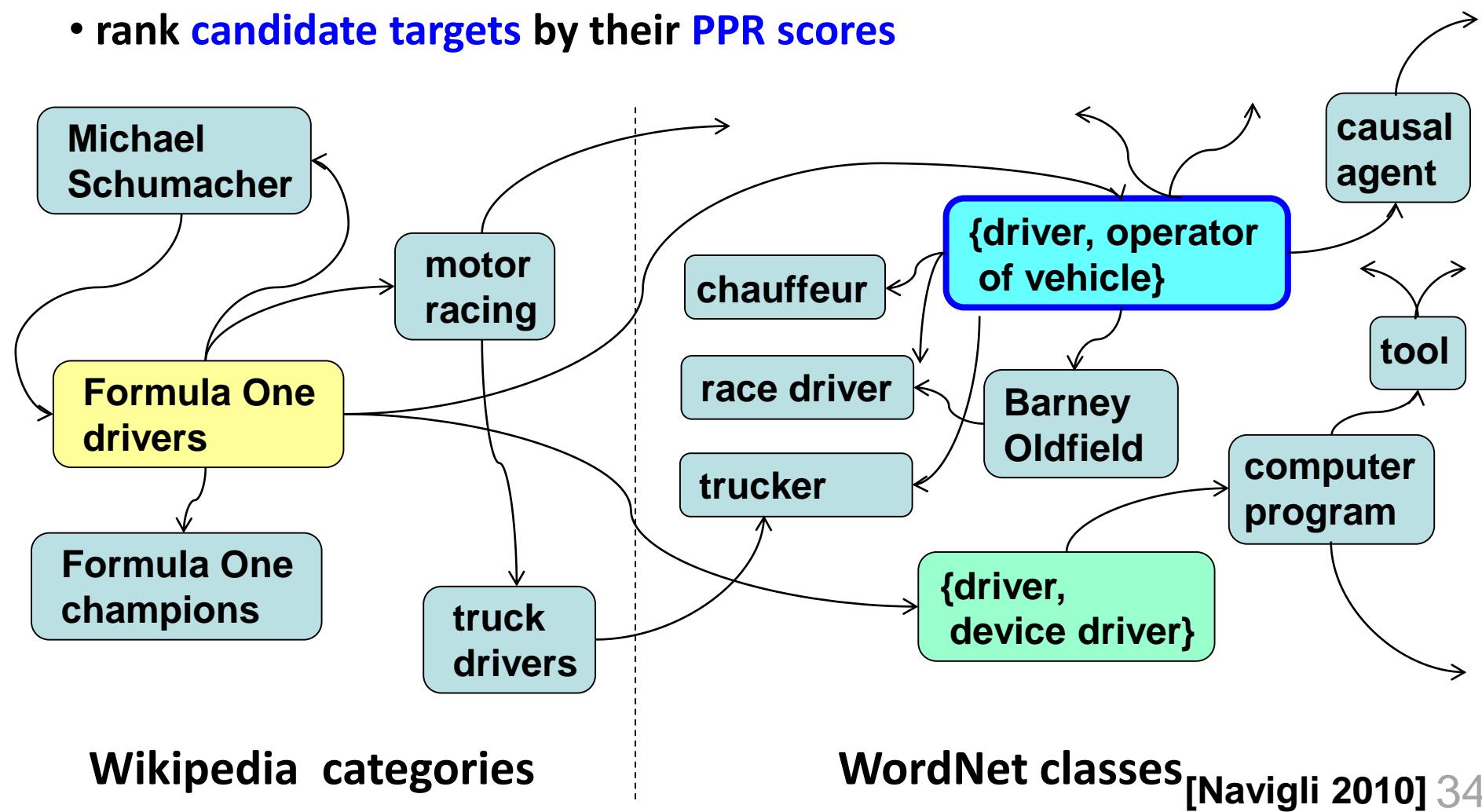
88% accuracy

[Ponzetto & Strube: AAAI'07]



# Link Wikipedia & WordNet by Random Walks

- construct **neighborhood** around **source** and **target nodes**
- use contextual similarity (glosses etc.) as **edge weights**
- compute personalized PR (PPR) with source as start node
- rank **candidate targets** by their **PPR scores**



# Learning More Mappings

[ Wu & Weld: WWW'08 ]

## Kylin Ontology Generator (KOG):

learn classifier for subclassOf across Wikipedia & WordNet using

- YAGO as training data
- advanced ML methods (SVM's, MLN's)
- rich features from various sources

- category/class **name similarity** measures
- category **instances** and their **infobox templates**: template names, attribute names (e.g. knownFor)
- Wikipedia **edit history**: **refinement of categories**
- Hearst patterns:  
C such as X, X and Y and other C's, ...
- other search-engine statistics:  
co-occurrence frequencies

> 3 Mio. entities  
> 1 Mio. w/ infoboxes  
> 500 000 categories

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# Hearst patterns extract instances from text

[M. Hearst 1992]

Goal: find instances of classes

Hearst defined **lexico-syntactic patterns** for type relationship:

X such as Y; X like Y;

X and other Y; X including Y;

X, especially Y;

Find such patterns in text: //better with POS tagging

companies such as Apple

Google, Microsoft and other companies

Internet companies like Amazon and Facebook

Chinese cities including Kunming and Shangri-La

computer pioneers like the late Steve Jobs

*computer pioneers and other scientists*

*lakes in the vicinity of Brisbane*

Derive type(Y,X)

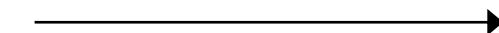
**type(Apple, company), type(Google, company), ...**

# Recursively applied patterns increase recall

[Kozareva/Hovy 2010]

use results from Hearst patterns as **seeds**  
then use „parallel-instances“ patterns

X such as Y



companies such as **Apple**  
companies such as **Google**

Y like Z

\*, Y and Z



**Apple** like Microsoft offers  
IBM, **Google**, and Amazon

Y like Z

\*, Y and Z



**Microsoft** like SAP sells  
eBay, **Amazon**, and Facebook

Y like Z

\*, Y and Z



Cherry, **Apple**, and Banana

potential problems with ambiguous words

# Doubly-anchored patterns are more robust

[Kozareva/Hovy 2010, Dalvi et al. 2012]

Goal:

find instances of classes

Start with a set of seeds:

companies = {Microsoft, Google}

Parse Web documents and find the pattern

W, Y and Z

If two of three placeholders match seeds, harvest the third:

Google, Microsoft and Amazon → type(Amazon, company)

Cherry, Apple, and Banana → X

# Instances can be extracted from tables

[Kozareva/Hovy 2010, Dalvi et al. 2012]

Goal: find instances of classes

Start with a set of seeds:

**cities = {Paris, Shanghai, Brisbane}**

Parse Web documents and find tables

Paris	France
Shanghai	China
Berlin	Germany
London	UK

Paris	Iliad
Helena	Iliad
Odysseus	Odysee
Rama	Mahabaratha

If at least two seeds appear in a column, harvest the others:

type(Berlin, city)  
type(London, city)



# Extracting instances from lists & tables

[Etzioni et al. 2004, Cohen et al. 2008, Mitchell et al. 2010]

**State-of-the-Art Approach (e.g. SEAL):**

- Start with **seeds**: a few class instances
- Find **lists**, **tables**, **text snippets** (“for example: ...”), ... that contain one or more seeds
- Extract **candidates**: noun phrases from vicinity
- Gather **co-occurrence stats** (seed&cand, cand&className pairs)
- **Rank candidates**
  - point-wise mutual information, ...
  - random walk (PR-style) on **seed-cand graph**

**Caveats:**

Precision drops for classes with sparse statistics (IR profs, ...)

Harvested items are names, not entities

Canonicalization (de-duplication) unsolved

# Probbase builds a taxonomy from the Web

Use Hearst liberally to obtain many instance candidates:

„plants such as trees and grass“

„plants include water turbines“

„western movies such as The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly“

Problem: signal vs. noise

Assess candidate pairs statistically:

$P[X|Y] \gg P[X^*|Y]$  → subclassOf(Y X)

Problem: ambiguity of labels

Merge labels of same class:

X such as Y<sub>1</sub> and Y<sub>2</sub> → same sense of X

ProBase

2.7 Mio. classes from  
1.7 Bio. Web pages  
[Wu et al.: SIGMOD 2012]

# Use query logs to refine taxonomy

[Pasca 2011]

Input:

$\text{type}(Y, X_1)$ ,  $\text{type}(Y, X_2)$ ,  $\text{type}(Y, X_3)$ , e.g, extracted from Web

Goal: rank candidate classes  $X_1, X_2, X_3$

Combine the following scores to rank candidate classes:

H1: X and Y should co-occur frequently in queries

→  $\text{score1}(X) \sim \text{freq}(X, Y) * \#\text{distinctPatterns}(X, Y)$

H2: If Y is ambiguous, then users will query X Y:

→  $\text{score2}(X) \sim (\prod_{i=1..N} \text{term-score}(t_i \in X))^{1/N}$

example query: "Michael Jordan computer scientist"

H3: If Y is ambiguous, then users will query first X, then X Y:

→  $\text{score3}(X) \sim (\prod_{i=1..N} \text{term-session-score}(t_i \in X))^{1/N}$

# Take-Home Lessons



## Semantic classes for entities

> 10 Mio. entities in 100,000's of classes  
backbone for other kinds of knowledge harvesting  
great mileage for semantic search  
e.g. politicians who are scientists,  
French professors who founded Internet companies, ...



## Variety of methods

noun phrase analysis, random walks, extraction from tables, ...



## Still room for improvement

higher coverage, deeper in long tail, ...

# Open Problems and Grand Challenges



## **Wikipedia categories reloaded: larger coverage**

comprehensive & consistent instanceOf and subClassOf  
across Wikipedia and WordNet

e.g. people lost at sea, ACM Fellow,

Jewish physicists emigrating from Germany to USA, ...



## **Long tail of entities**

beyond Wikipedia: domain-specific entity catalogs

e.g. music, books, book characters, electronic products, restaurants, ...



## **New name for known entity vs. new entity?**

e.g. Lady Gaga vs. Radio Gaga vs. Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta



## **Universal solution for taxonomy alignment**

e.g. Wikipedia's, dmoz.org, baike.baidu.com, amazon, librarything tags, ...

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# We focus on given binary relations

Given binary relations with type signature

**hasAdvisor: Person × Person**

**graduatedAt: Person × University**

**hasWonPrize: Person × Award**

**bornOn: Person × Date**

...find instances of these relations

**hasAdvisor (JimGray, MikeHarrison)**

**hasAdvisor (HectorGarcia-Molina, Gio Wiederhold)**

**hasAdvisor (Susan Davidson, Hector Garcia-Molina)**

**graduatedAt (JimGray, Berkeley)**

**graduatedAt (HectorGarcia-Molina, Stanford)**

**hasWonPrize (JimGray, TuringAward)**

**bornOn (JohnLennon, 9-Oct-1940)**

# **IE can tap into different sources**

## **Information Extraction (IE) from:**

- Semi-structured data**

“Low-Hanging Fruit”

- Wikipedia infoboxes & categories
- HTML lists & tables, etc.

- Free text**

“Cherrypicking”

- Hearst patterns & other shallow NLP
- Iterative pattern-based harvesting
- Consistency reasoning

- Web tables**

# Source-centric IE vs. Yield-centric IE

## Source-centric IE

Surajit  
obtained his  
PhD in CS from  
Stanford ...

one source

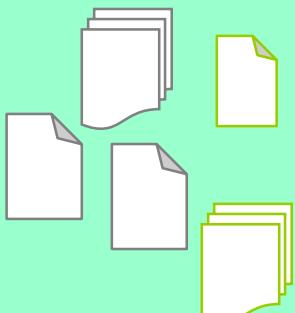
- 1) recall !  
2) precision

*Document 1:*

*instanceOf (Surajit, scientist)*  
*inField (Surajit, c.science)*  
*almaMater (Surajit, Stanford U)*

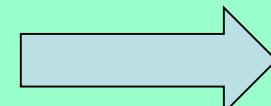
...

## Yield-centric IE



+ (optional)  
targeted  
relations

many sources



- 1) precision !  
2) recall

**hasAdvisor**

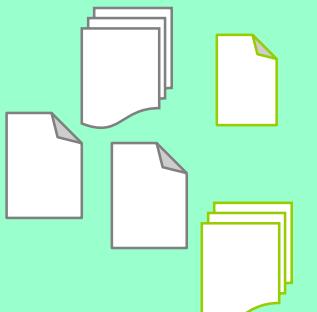
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Surajit Chaudhuri	Jeffrey Ullman
Jim Gray	Mike Harrison
...	...

**worksAt**

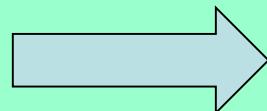
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Jim Gray	UC Berkeley
...	...

# We focus on yield-centric IE

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+ (optional)  
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relations



- 1) precision !
- 2) recall

## hasAdvisor

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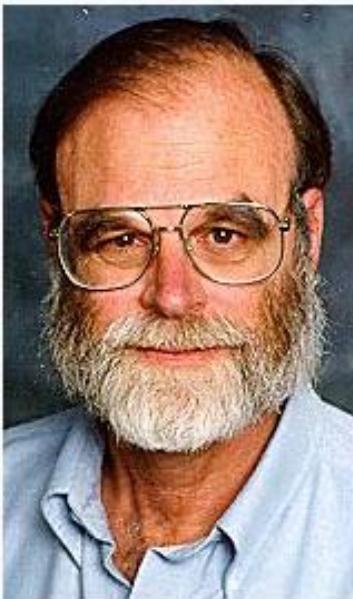
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# Wikipedia provides data in infoboxes

James Nicholas "Jim" Gray



<b>Born</b>	January 12, 1944 <sup>[1]</sup> San Francisco, California <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Died</b>	(lost at sea) January 28, 2007
<b>Nationality</b>	American
<b>Fields</b>	Computer Science
<b>Institutions</b>	IBM, Tandem Computers, DEC, Microsoft
<b>Alma mater</b>	University of California, Berkeley
<b>Doctoral advisor</b>	Michael Harrison <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Known for</b>	Work on database and transaction processing systems
<b>Notable awards</b>	Turing Award

Barbara Liskov



<b>Born</b>	1939 (age 70–71)
<b>Nationality</b>	American
<b>Fields</b>	Computer Science
<b>Institutions</b>	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
<b>Alma mater</b>	University of California, Berkeley Stanford University
<b>Doctoral advisor</b>	John McCarthy <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Notable awards</b>	IEEE John von Neumann Medal, A. M. Turing Award

Joseph M. Hellerstein



<b>Fields</b>	Computer Science
<b>Institutions</b>	University of California, Berkeley
<b>Alma mater</b>	University of Wisconsin–Madison
<b>Doctoral advisor</b>	Jeffrey Naughton, Michael Stonebraker

Jeffrey Ullman

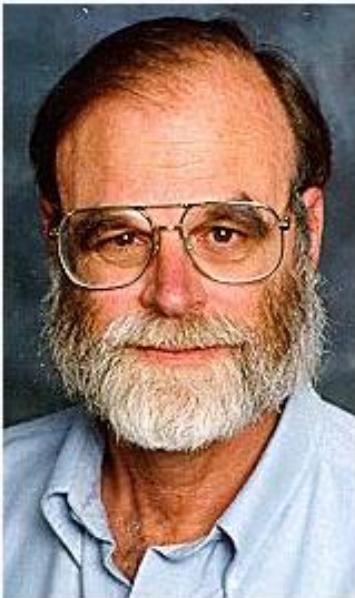
<b>Born</b>	November 22, 1942 (age 67)
<b>Citizenship</b>	American
<b>Nationality</b>	American
<b>Alma mater</b>	Columbia University, Princeton University
<b>Doctoral advisor</b>	Arthur Bernstein, Archie McKellar
<b>Doctoral students</b>	Alexander Birman, Surajit Chaudhuri, Evan Cohn, Alan Demers, Marcia Derr, Nahed El Djabri, Amelia Fong Lochovsky, Deepak Goyal, Ashish Gupta, Himanshu Gupta, Udaiprakash Gupta, Venkatesh Harinarayan, Taher Haveliwala, Matthew Hecht, Daniel Hirschberg, Peter Hochschild, Peter Honeyman, Edward Horvath, Gregory Hunter Nam (Pierre) Huyn, Hakan Jakobsson, John Kam, Marc

Serge Abiteboul

<b>Citizenship</b>	French
<b>Nationality</b>	French
<b>Fields</b>	Computer Science
<b>Institutions</b>	INRIA
<b>Alma mater</b>	University of Southern California
<b>Doctoral advisor</b>	

# Wikipedia uses a Markup Language

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**{{Infobox scientist**

| name = James Nicholas "Jim" Gray  
| birth\_date = {{birth date|1944|1|12}}  
| birth\_place = [[San Francisco, California]]  
| death\_date = ("lost at sea")  
    {{death date|2007|1|28|1944|1|12}}  
| nationality = American  
| field = [[Computer Science]]  
| alma\_mater = [[University of California, Berkeley]]  
| advisor = Michael Harrison

...

# Infoboxes are harvested by RegEx

```
 {{Infobox scientist
| name      = James Nicholas "Jim" Gray
| birth_date = {{birth date|1944|1|12}}}
```

## Use regular expressions

- to detect dates

`\{\{birth date \|(\d+)\|(\d+)\|(\d+)\}\}\}`

- to detect links

`\[[^\|\]]+`

- to detect numeric expressions

`(\d+)(.\d+)?(in|inches|")`

# Infoboxes are harvested by RegEx

```
{|Infobox scientist
| name      = James Nicholas "Jim" Gray
| birth_date = {{birth date|1944|1|12}}
```

Map attribute to  
canonical,  
predefined  
relation  
(manually or  
crowd-sourced)

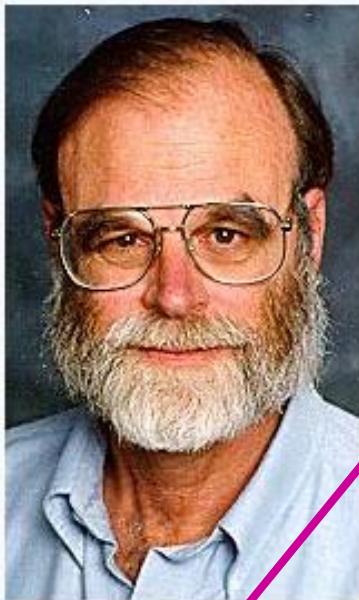
Extract data item by  
regular expression

wasBorn      1944-01-12

wasBorn(Jim\_Gray, "1944-01-12")

# Learn how articles express facts

James Nicholas "Jim" Gray



James "Jim" Gray (born January 12, 1944)

find  
attribute  
value  
in full  
text

learn  
pattern

XYZ (born MONTH DAY, YEAR)

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# Extract from articles w/o infobox



Name: R.Agrawal  
Birth date: ?

Rakesh Agrawal (born April 31, 1965) ...

propose  
attribute  
value...

apply  
pattern

XYZ (born MONTH DAY, YEAR

... and/or build fact

bornOnDate(R.Agrawal,1965-04-31)

# Use CRF to express patterns

$\vec{x} = \text{James "Jim" Gray (born January 12, 1944)}$

$\vec{x} = \text{James "Jim" Gray (born in January, 1944)}$

$\vec{y} = \text{OTH OTH OTH OTH OTH VAL VAL}$

$$P(\vec{Y} = \vec{y} | \vec{X} = \vec{x}) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \sum_t \sum_k w_k f_k(y_{t-1}, y_t, \vec{x}, t)$$

## Features can take into account

- token types (numeric, capitalization, etc.)
- word windows preceding and following position
- deep-parsing dependencies
- first sentence of article
- membership in relation-specific lexicons

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# Facts yield patterns – and vice versa

## Facts & Fact Candidates

(JimGray, MikeHarrison)

(BarbaraLiskov, JohnMcCarthy)

(Surajit, Jeff)

(Alon, Jeff)

(Sunita, Mike)

(Renee, Yannis)

(Sunita, Soumen)

(Soumen, Sunita)

(Surajit, Moshe)

(Alon, Larry)

(Surajit, Microsoft)

## Patterns

X and his advisor Y

X under the guidance of Y

X and Y in their paper

X co-authored with Y

X rarely met his advisor Y

...

- good for **recall**
- noisy, drifting
- **not robust enough** for high precision

# Statistics yield pattern assessment

Support of pattern p:

$\frac{\# \text{ occurrences of } p \text{ with seeds (e1,e2)}}{\# \text{ occurrences of all patterns with seeds}}$

Confidence of pattern p:

$\frac{\# \text{ occurrences of } p \text{ with seeds (e1,e2)}}{\# \text{ occurrences of } p}$

Confidence of fact candidate (e1,e2):

$$\sum_p \text{freq}(e1,p,e2) * \text{conf}(p) / \sum_p \text{freq}(e1,p,e2)$$

or:  $\text{PMI}(e1,e2) = \log \frac{\text{freq}(e1,e2)}{\text{freq}(e1) \text{ freq}(e2)}$

- gathering can be iterated,
- can promote best facts to additional seeds for next round

# Negative Seeds increase precision

(Ravichandran 2002; Suchanek 2006; ...)

**Problem:** Some patterns have high support, but poor precision:

X is the largest city of Y

joint work of X and Y

for isCapitalOf (X,Y)

for hasAdvisor (X,Y)

**Idea:** Use positive and negative seeds:

**pos. seeds:** (Paris, France), (Rome, Italy), (New Delhi, India), ...

**neg. seeds:** (Sydney, Australia), (Istanbul, Turkey), ...

Compute the confidence of a pattern as:

---

# occurrences of p with pos. seeds

---

# occurrences of p with pos. seeds or neg. seeds

- can promote best facts to additional seeds for next round
- can promote rejected facts to additional counter-seeds
- works more robustly with few seeds & counter-seeds

# Generalized patterns increase recall

(N. Nakashole 2011)

Problem: Some patterns are too narrow and thus have small recall:

X and his celebrated advisor Y

X carried out his doctoral research in math under the supervision of Y

X received his PhD degree in the CS dept at Y

X obtained his PhD degree in math at Y

Idea: generalize patterns to n-grams, allow POS tags

X { his doctoral research, under the supervision of} Y

X { PRP ADJ advisor } Y

X { PRP doctoral research, IN DET supervision of} Y

Compute  
n-gram-sets  
by frequent  
sequence  
mining

Compute match quality of pattern p with sentence q by Jaccard:

$$\frac{|\{n\text{-grams} \in p\} \cap \{n\text{-grams} \in q\}|}{|\{n\text{-grams} \in p\} \cup \{n\text{-grams} \in q\}|}$$

=> Covers more sentences, increases recall

# Deep Parsing makes patterns robust

(Bunescu 2005 , Suchanek 2006, ...)

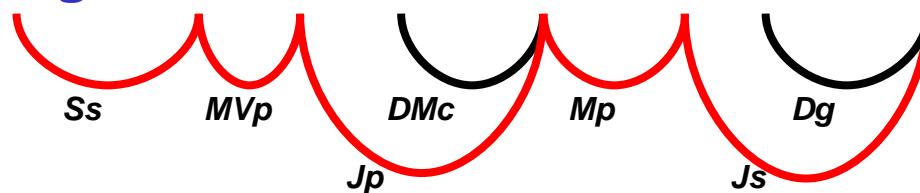
Problem: Surface patterns fail if the text shows variations

Cologne lies on the banks of the Rhine.

Paris, the French capital, lies on the beautiful banks of the Seine

Idea: Use deep linguistic parsing to define patterns

Cologne lies on the banks of the Rhine



Deep linguistic patterns work even on sentences with variations

Paris, the French capital, lies on the beautiful banks of the Seine



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# Extending a KB faces 3+ challenges

(F. Suchanek et al.: WWW'09)

Problem: If we want to extend a KB, we face (at least) 3 challenges

1. Understand which relations are expressed by patterns

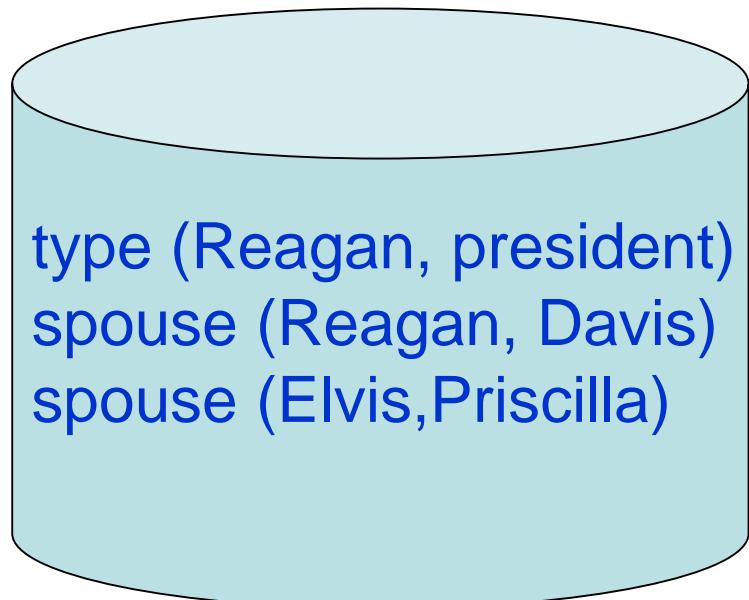
"x is married to y" ~ spouse(x,y)

2. Disambiguate entities

"Hermione is married to Ron": "Ron" = RonaldReagan?

3. Resolve inconsistencies

spouse(Hermione, Reagan) & spouse(Reagan,Davis) ?



"Hermione is married to Ron"

?

# SOFIE transforms IE to logical rules

(F. Suchanek et al.: WWW'09)

Idea: Transform corpus to surface statements

→ "Hermione is married to Ron"  
→ occurs("Hermione", "is married to", "Ron")

Add possible meanings for all words from the KB

means("Ron", RonaldReagan)

means("Ron", RonWeasley)

means("Hermione", HermioneGranger)

means(X,Y) & means(X,Z)  $\Rightarrow$  Y=Z

} Only one of these  
can be true

Add pattern deduction rules

occurs(X,P,Y) & means(X,X') & means(Y,Y') & R(X',Y')  $\Rightarrow$  P~R

occurs(X,P,Y) & means(X,X') & means(Y,Y') & P~R  $\Rightarrow$  R(X',Y')

Add semantic constraints (manually)

spouse(X,Y) & spouse(X,Z)  $\Rightarrow$  Y=Z

# The rules deduce meanings of patterns

(F. Suchanek et al.: WWW'09)

type(Reagan, president)  
spouse(Reagan, Davis)  
spouse(Elvis, Priscilla)

"Elvis is married to Priscilla"

"is married to" ~ spouse

Add pattern deduction rules

$\text{occurs}(X, P, Y) \ \& \ \text{means}(X, X') \ \& \ \text{means}(Y, Y') \ \& \ R(X', Y') \Rightarrow P \sim R$

$\text{occurs}(X, P, Y) \ \& \ \text{means}(X, X') \ \& \ \text{means}(Y, Y') \ \& \ P \sim R \Rightarrow R(X', Y')$

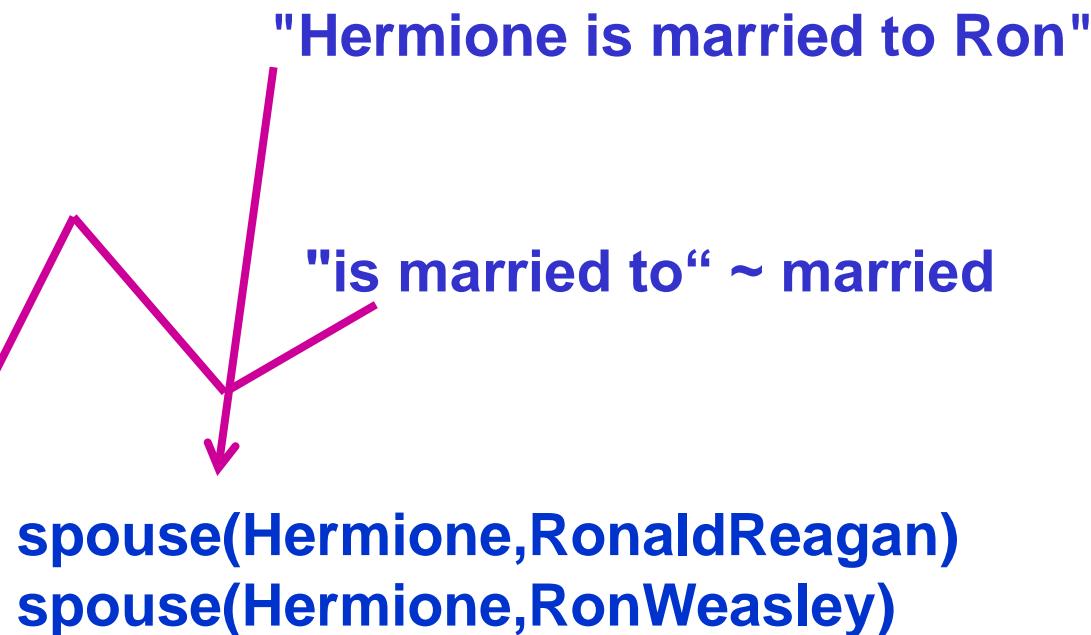
Add semantic constraints (manually)

$\text{spouse}(X, Y) \ \& \ \text{spouse}(X, Z) \Rightarrow Y = Z$

# The rules deduce facts from patterns

(F. Suchanek et al.: WWW'09)

```
type(Reagan, president)  
spouse(Reagan, Davis)  
spouse(Elvis, Priscilla)
```



Add pattern deduction rules

$\text{occurs}(X, P, Y) \& \text{means}(X, X') \& \text{means}(Y, Y') \& R(X', Y') \Rightarrow P \sim R$

$\text{occurs}(X, P, Y) \& \text{means}(X, X') \& \text{means}(Y, Y') \& P \sim R \Rightarrow R(X', Y')$

Add semantic constraints (manually)

$\text{spouse}(X, Y) \& \text{spouse}(X, Z) \Rightarrow Y = Z$

# The rules remove inconsistencies

(F. Suchanek et al.: WWW'09)

```
type(Reagan, president)  
spouse(Reagan, Davis)  
spouse(Elvis, Priscilla)
```

~~spouse(Hermione, RonaldReagan)~~  
spouse(Hermione, RonWeasley)

Add pattern deduction rules

$$\begin{aligned} \text{occurs}(X, P, Y) \& \text{ means}(X, X') \& \text{ means}(Y, Y') \& \text{ R}(X', Y') \Rightarrow P \sim R \\ \text{occurs}(X, P, Y) \& \text{ means}(X, X') \& \text{ means}(Y, Y') \& P \sim R \Rightarrow R(X', Y') \end{aligned}$$

Add semantic constraints (manually)

$$\text{spouse}(X, Y) \& \text{ spouse}(X, Z) \Rightarrow Y = Z$$

# The rules pose a weighted MaxSat problem

(F. Suchanek et al.: WWW'09)

type(Reagan, president)  
married(Reagan, Davis)  
married(Elvis,Priscilla)

[10]  
[10]  
[10]

We are given a set of rules/facts, and wish to find the most plausible possible world.

spouse(X,Y) & spouse(X,Z) => Y=Z [10]  
occurs("Hermione","loves","Harry") [3]  
means("Ron",RonaldReagan) [3]  
means("Ron",RonaldWeasley) [2]

...

Possible World 1:



Weight of satisfied rules: 30

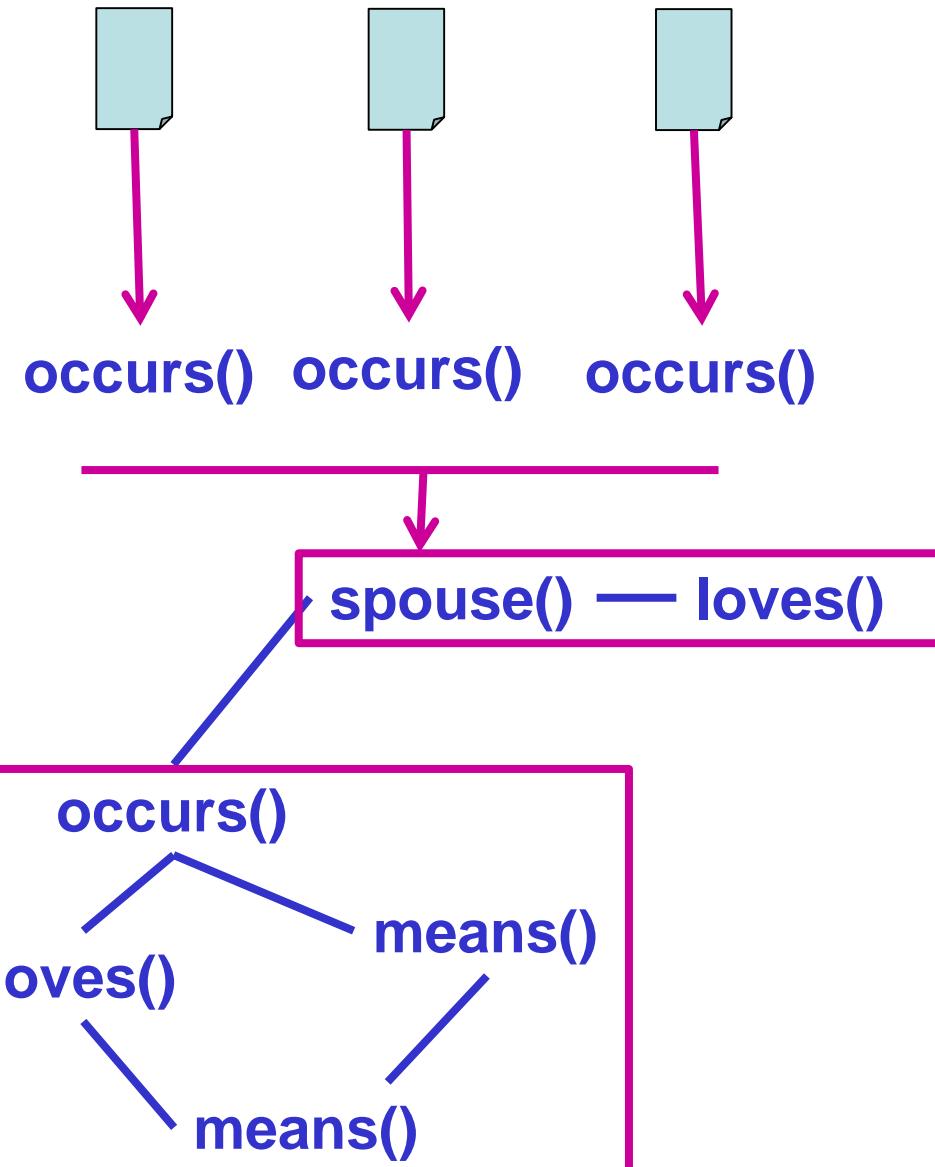
Possible World 2:



Weight of satisfied rules: 39

# PROSPERA parallelizes the extraction

(N. Nakashole et al.: WSDM'11)



Mining the pattern  
occurrences is  
embarrassingly  
parallel

Reasoning is hard to  
parallelize as atoms  
depends on other atoms

Idea: parallelize  
along min-cuts

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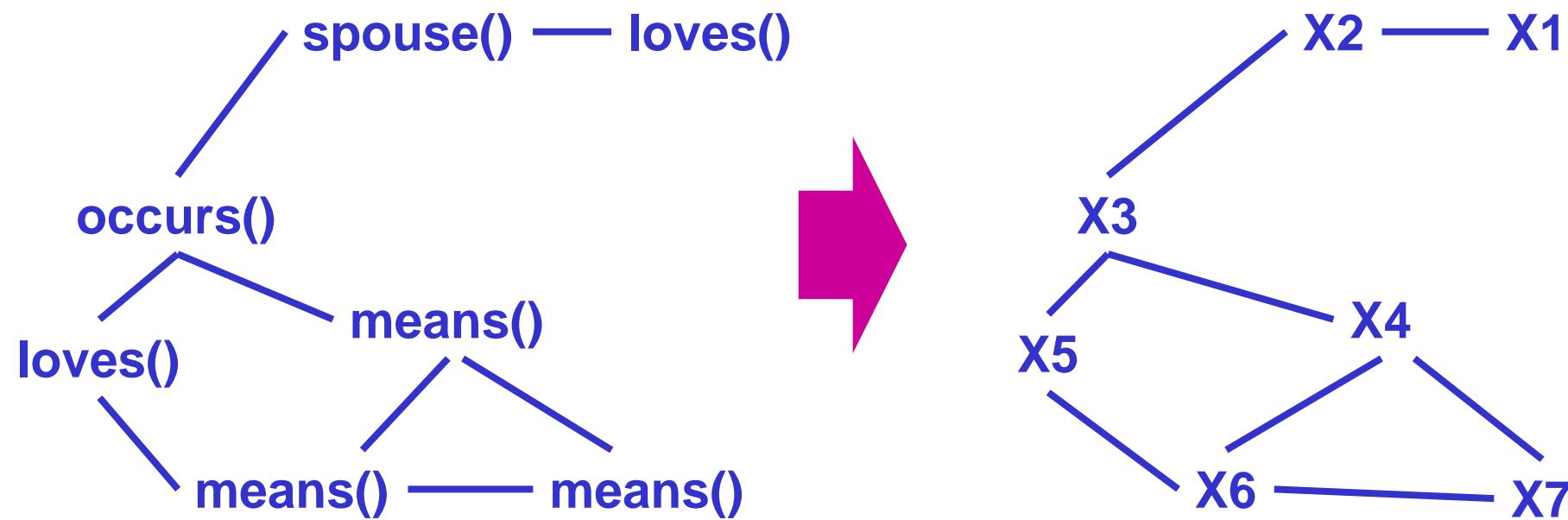
## ★ Commonsense Knowledge: Properties & Rules

## ★ Wrap-up

# Markov Logic generalizes MaxSat reasoning

(M. Richardson / P. Domingos 2006)

In a Markov Logic Network (MLN), every atom is represented by a Boolean random variable.



# Dependencies in an MLN are limited

The value of a random variable  $X_i$  depends only on its neighbors:

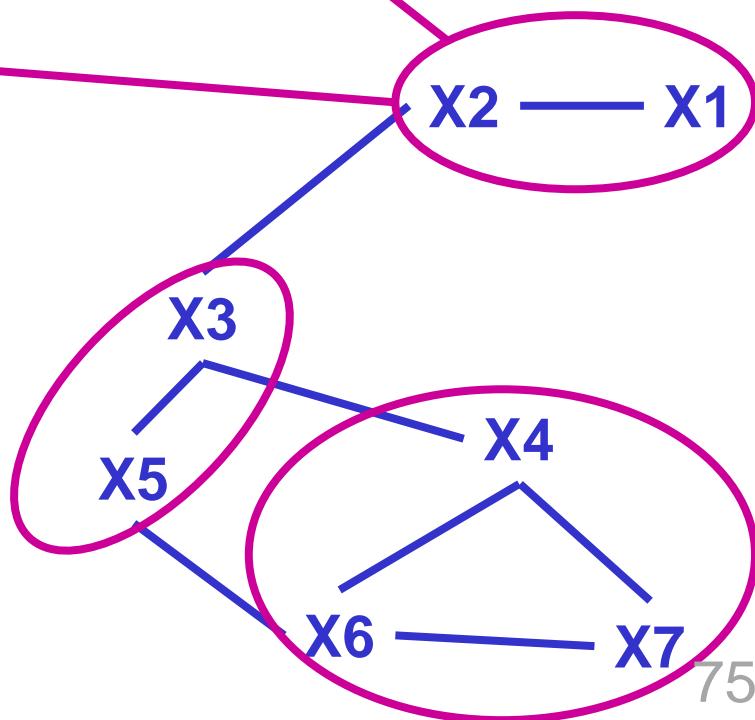
$$P(X_i | X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_n) = P(X_i | N(X_i))$$

The Hammersley-Clifford Theorem tells us:

$$P(\vec{X} = \vec{x}) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod \varphi_i(\underline{\pi_{ci}(\vec{x})})$$

We choose  $\varphi_i$  so as to satisfy all formulas in the i-th clique:

$$\varphi_i(\vec{z}) = \exp(w_i \times [formulas\ i\ sat.\ with\ \vec{z}])$$

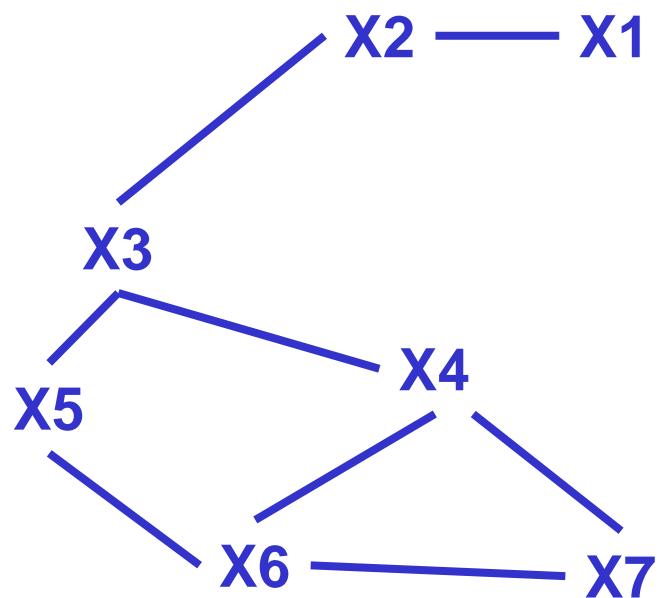


# There are many methods for MLN inference

To compute the values that maximize the joint probability (MAP = maximum a posteriori) we can use a variety of methods:  
Gibbs sampling, other MCMC, belief propagation,  
randomized MaxSat, ...

In addition, the MLN can model/compute

- marginal probabilities
- the joint distribution



# Large-Scale Fact Extraction with MLNs

[J. Zhu et al.: WWW'09]

## StatSnowball:

- start with seed facts and initial MLN model
- iterate:
  - extract facts
  - generate and select patterns
  - refine and re-train MLN model (plus CRFs plus ...)

## BioSnowball:

- automatically creating biographical summaries

EntityCube All People Academic gong li

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PEOPLE

Zhang Yimou ●  
director

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actresses

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Chow Yun ●

Faye Wong ●  
actresses

Ken Watanabe ●

BIO

Gong was born in Shenyang, Liaoning, China, the fifth child in her family. Her father was a professor of economics and her mother, who was 40 when Gong was born, was a teacher. Gong grew up in Jinan, ... [http://www.theauteurs.com/cast\\_members/2652](http://www.theauteurs.com/cast_members/2652)

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Li was born on New Year's Eve, 1965, and is the daughter of an economics professor. She'd always dreamed of becoming a singer, rather than an actor, but was rejected from the music school, and ... [http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/lifestyle/health\\_and\\_beauty/he...](http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/lifestyle/health_and_beauty/he...)

Gong was born to an academic family in north-east China in 1965, and became famous abroad long before she was a big name at home, largely as a result of domestic censorship of several of her early ... <http://www.guardian.co.uk/film/2007/apr/06/1>

The unlikely last of five children (her mother had had a tubal ligation eight years earlier), Gong was born in northern Shenyang, the daughter of two economics professors who were forced to take ... [http://www.people.com/people/archive/article/0\\_20125094\\_00.html](http://www.people.com/people/archive/article/0_20125094_00.html)

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Gong Li + Zhang Yimou

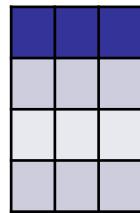
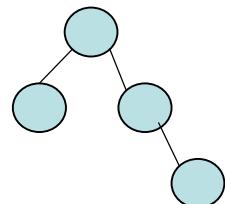
- ... all-stops-out romantic movie. It stars Gong Li, master director Zhang Yimou's former longtime muse. Since their personal and professional breakup with "Shanghai Triad" (1995), Gong has been largely ... <http://articles.latimes.com/2004/jul/16/entertainment/et-train16>
- ... truly beautiful Chinese woman like Gong Li (the star of such films as Zhang Yimou's Shanghai Triad and Chen Kaige's Farewell My Concubine), I find that absolutely exquisite. On the other hand, I find ... [http://www.winespectator.com/Cigar/CA\\_Profiles/People\\_Profile\\_0/2540\\_9...](http://www.winespectator.com/Cigar/CA_Profiles/People_Profile_0/2540_9...)
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- ... heroine, a wife who loses wealth and position and children, and who says, "All I ask is a quiet life together." The honesty of To Liveearned Zhang Yimou and Gong Li not only a two-year ban on further ... <http://filiminc.org/wrt/onstage05/chinese.htm>
- ... (1992) marked a significant change in direction for Zhang. Far less unrelenting ... long-time collaborator Gong Li to achieve a neorealist effect in telling a tale of Chinese peasantry waddling through ... <http://www.monstersandcritics.com/people/archive/peoplearchive.php/zha...>
- ... It tells us the story of Songlian (Gong Li in her best role to date), 19 years old, harassed by ... master and to each other that the wives are trapped in. Zhang Yimou has directed other fine films, but ... <http://www.amazon.com/Raise-Red-Lantern-World-Films/product-reviews/B0...>

# Google's Knowledge Vault

[L. Dong et al, SIGKDD 2014]

## Sources:

Elvis  
married  
Priscilla



resource  
="Elvis"

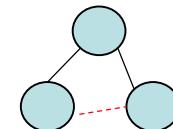
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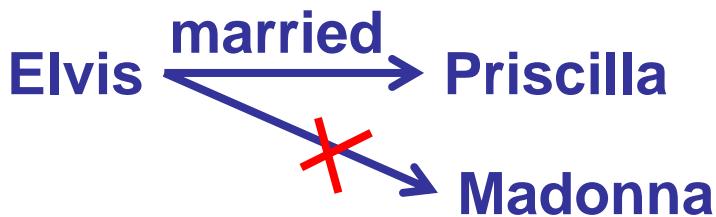
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## Priors:



Path Ranking  
Algorithm

Freebase

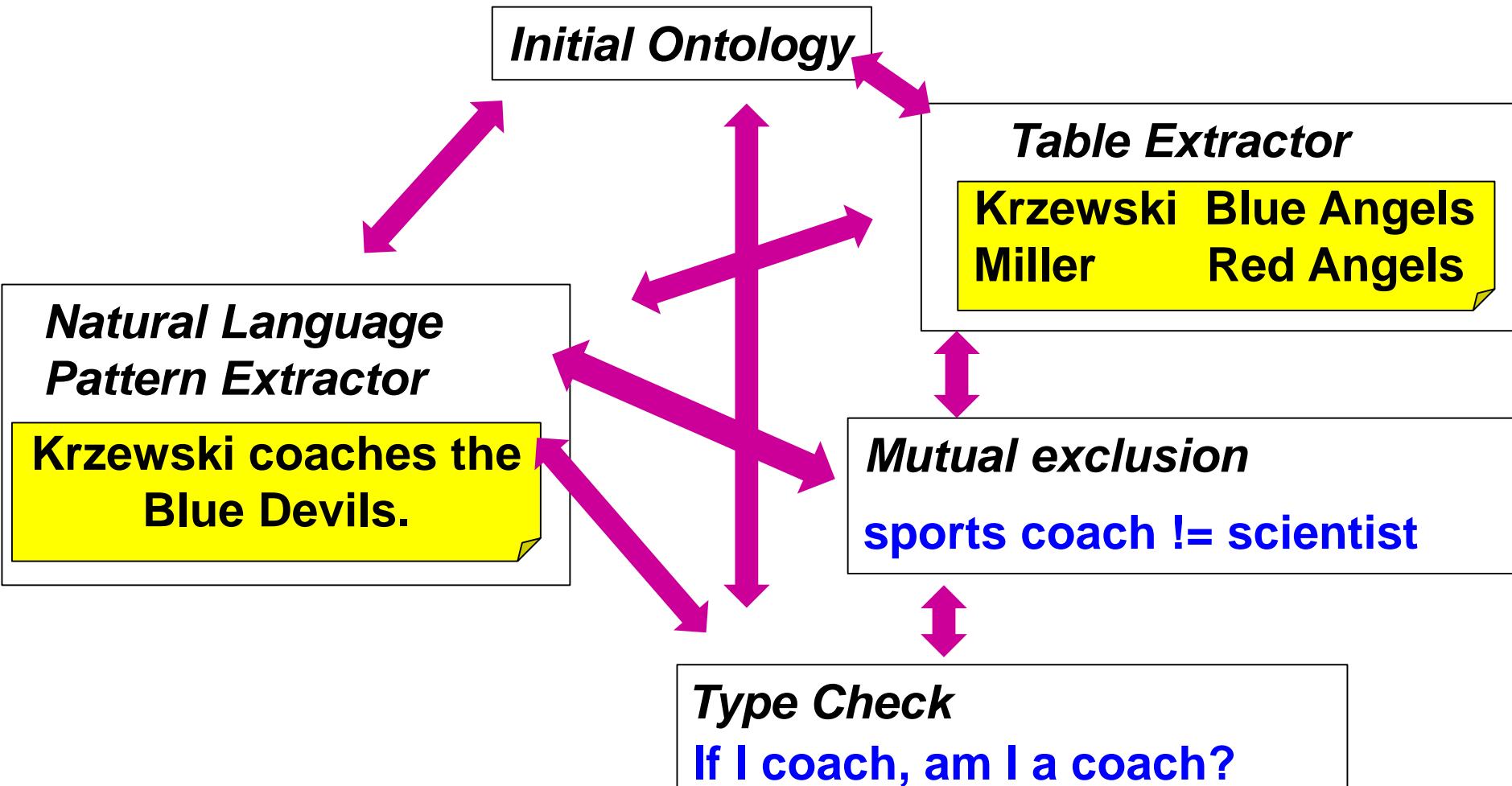


Classification  
model for each of  
4000 relations

with LCWA (local closed world assumption)  
aka. PCA (partial completeness assumption)

# NELL couples different learners

[Carlson et al. 2010]



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# Web Tables provide relational information

Academy Awards

[Cafarella et al: PVLDB 08; Sarawagi et al: PVLDB 09]

(Reference:<sup>[1]</sup>)

Year	Nominated work	Category	Result
1978	<i>The Deer Hunter</i>	Best Supporting Actress	Nominated
1979	<i>Kramer vs. Kramer</i>	Best Supporting Actress	Won
1981	<i>The</i>		
1982			

Academy Awards

Winner

- Best Art Direction
- Best Cinematography
- Best Makeup

Nominated

- Best Original Score
- Best Original Screenplay
- Best Foreign Language Film

## Academy Awards

Year

Category

Film

Result

Academy Award for Best Actor *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*

Nominated

Academy Award for Best Actor *Finding Neverland*

Nominated

Academy Award for Best Actor *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*

Nominated

Year

Winner  
Composer

Nominees

*Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*  
– Tan Dun

- *Chocolat* – Rachel Portman
- *Gladiator* – Hans Zimmer <sup>[2]</sup>
- *Meléne* – Ennio Morricone
- *The Patriot* – John Williams

## Academy Awards (2009): Nominees and Winners

Year	Image	Recipient	Category	Film
2010		Sandra Bullock	Worst Actress	<i>All About Steve</i>
			Worst Screen Couple	

### NOMINATIONS

- |   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 9 | <i>Avatar</i>               |
| 9 | <i>The Hurt Locker</i>      |
| 8 | <i>Inglourious Basterds</i> |
| 6 | <i>Precious</i>             |
| 6 | <i>Up in the Air</i>        |
| 5 | <i>Up</i>                   |
| 4 | <i>District 9</i>           |
| 4 | <i>Nine</i>                 |
| 4 | <i>Star Trek</i>            |
| 3 | <i>Crazy Heart</i>          |

### AWARDS

- |   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 6 | <i>The Hurt Locker</i>      |
| 3 | <i>Avatar</i>               |
| 2 | <i>Crazy Heart</i>          |
| 2 | <i>Precious</i>             |
| 2 | <i>Up</i>                   |
| 1 | <i>The Blind Side</i>       |
| 1 | <i>The Cove</i>             |
| 1 | <i>Inglourious Basterds</i> |
| 1 | <i>Logorama</i>             |
| 1 | <i>Music by Prudence</i>    |

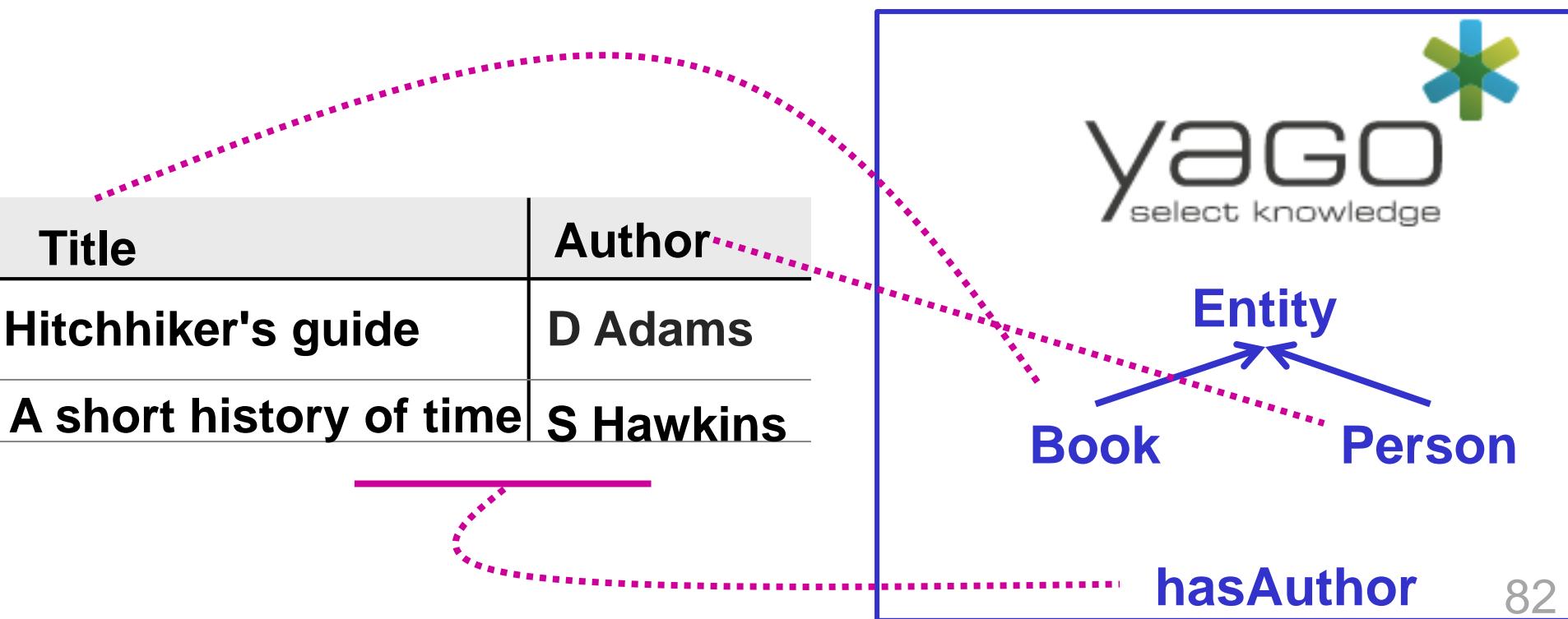
# Web Tables can be annotated with YAGO

[Limaye, Sarawagi, Chakrabarti: PVLDB 10]

Goal: enable semantic search over Web tables

Idea:

- Map column headers to Yago classes,
- Map cell values to Yago entities
- Using joint inference for factor-graph learning model



# Statistics yield semantics of Web tables

Conference	City	
description	location	deadline
Third Workshop on Large-scale Data Mining: Theory and Applications (LDMTA 2011)	San Diego, CA, USA	May 21st, 2011
Mining Data Semantics (MDS2011) Workshop	San Diego, CA, USA	May 10th, 2011

Idea: Infer classes from co-occurrences, headers are class names

$$P(class|val_1, \dots, val_n) = \prod \frac{P(class|val_i)}{P(class)}$$

Result from 12 Mio. Web tables:

- 1.5 Mio. labeled columns (=classes)
- 155 Mio. instances (=values)

[Venetis,Halevy et al: PVLDB 11] 83

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Idea: Infer facts from table rows, header identifies relation name  
**hasLocation(ThirdWorkshop, SanDiego)**

but: classes&entities not canonicalized. Instances may include:  
Google Inc., Google, NASDAQ GOOG, Google search engine, ...  
Jet Li, Li Lianjie, Ley Lin Git, Li Yangzhong, Nameless hero, ...

# Take-Home Lessons



Bootstrapping works well for recall

but details matter: seeds, counter-seeds,  
pattern language, statistical confidence, etc.



For high precision, consistency reasoning is crucial:  
various methods incl. MaxSat, MLN/factor-graph MCMC, etc.



Harness initial KB for distant supervision & efficiency:  
seeds from KB, canonicalized entities with type constraints



Hand-crafted domain models are assets:  
expressive constraints are vital, modeling is not a bottleneck,  
but no out-of-model discovery

# Open Problems and Grand Challenges



**Robust fact extraction with both high precision & recall as highly automated (self-tuning) as possible**



**Efficiency and scalability of best methods for (probabilistic) reasoning without losing accuracy**



**Extensions to ternary & higher-arity relations events in context: who did what to/with whom when where why ...?**



**Large-scale studies for vertical domains**  
e.g. academia: researchers, publications, organizations, collaborations, projects, funding, software, datasets, ...



**Real-time & incremental fact extraction for continuous KB growth & maintenance (life-cycle management over years and decades)**

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*Big Data  
Methods for*

- ★ Open Information Extraction
- ★ Relation Paraphrases
- ★ Big Data Algorithms

*Knowledge  
for Big Data  
Analytics*

# Discovering “Unknown” Knowledge

so far KB has relations with type signatures

**<entity1, relation, entity2>**

**< CarlaBruni marriedTo NicolasSarkozy >**       $\in \text{Person} \times \text{R} \times \text{Person}$

**< NataliePortman wonAward AcademyAward >**       $\in \text{Person} \times \text{R} \times \text{Prize}$

Open and Dynamic Knowledge Harvesting:

would like to discover new entities and new relation types

**<name1, phrase, name2>**

*Madame Bruni in her happy marriage with the French president ...*

*The first lady had a passionate affair with Stones singer Mick ...*

*Natalie was honored by the Oscar ...*

*Bonham Carter was disappointed that her nomination for the Oscar ...*

# Open IE with ReVerb

[A. Fader et al. 2011,  
T. Lin 2012, Mausam 2012]

Consider **all verbal phrases** as potential relations  
and all noun phrases as arguments

## Problem 1: incoherent extractions

“New York City has a population of 8 Mio” → <New York City, has, 8 Mio>

“Hero is a movie by Zhang Yimou” → <Hero, is, Zhang Yimou>

## Problem 2: uninformative extractions

“Gold has an atomic weight of 196” → <Gold, has, atomic weight>

“Faust made a deal with the devil” → <Faust, made, a deal>

## Problem 3: over-specific extractions

“Hero is the most colorful movie by Zhang Yimou”

→ <..., is the most colorful movie by, ...>

## Solution:

- regular expressions over POS tags:

VB DET N PREP; VB (N | ADJ | ADV | PRN | DET)\* PREP; etc.

- relation phrase must have # distinct arg pairs > threshold

# Open IE Example: ReVerb

<http://openie.cs.washington.edu/>



?x „a song composed by“ ?y

Argument 1:

Moon River

ong composed by

Argument 2:

Search

14 answers from

all

artist (5)



"Moon River" is a song composed by Johnny Mercer (lyrics) and Henry Mancini (music) in 1961, for whom it won that year's

Academy Award for Best Original Song. It was originally sung in the movie...

**Moon River,**

**Silent film, S**

**the Life, John**

**The Time of N**

**Aaoge jab tum**

**Volunteers, a member of OIAS (1)**

**the Rain, Mike Pitrello (1)**

**The film, Ghantasala Venkateswara Rao (1)**

on (4)

award nominee (3)

more types▼

misc.

**Moon River** " is a song composed by Johnny Mercer and Henry Mancini in 1961 .

**Moon River** is a song composed by Johnny Mercer in 1961 , for whom it won that years Academy Award .

Description : **Moon River** " is a song composed by Johnny Mercer and Henry Mancini in 1961 .

Types:

- /music/composition
- /award/ranked\_item
- /award/award\_winning\_work
- /film/film\_song

# Open IE Example: ReVerb

<http://openie.cs.washington.edu/>



?x „a piece written by“ ?y

Argument 1:

Relation: a piece written by

Argument 2:

13 answers from 14 sentences

all

author (3)

person (3)

misc.

The link, Bill Maxwell (2)

Secondary sources, someone (1)

The first section, prisoners (1)

the concert, Karl (1)

The real standouts, veterans and others (1)

This website, Charlie (1)

The fun-filled songs, Bob Dylan (1)

their parents, Isioma Daniel (1)

# Open IE with Noun Phrases: ReNoun

[M. Yahya et al.: EMNLP'14]

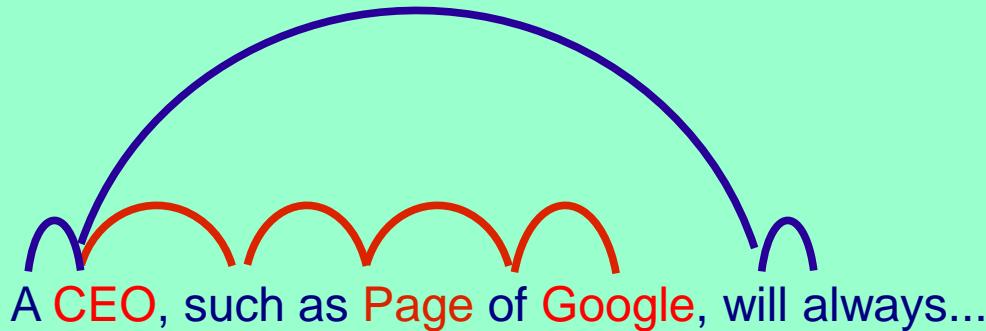
Idea: harness noun phrases to populate relations

Goal: given attribute names (e.g. “CEO”)  
find facts with these attributes (e.g. <Larry Page, CEO, Google>)

1. Start with high-quality seed patterns such as  
the A of S, O (e.g. “the CEO of Google, Larry Page“)

to acquire seed facts such as  
<Larry Page, CEO, Google>

2. Use seed facts to learn dependency-parse patterns, such as



3. Apply these patterns to learn new facts

# Diversity and Ambiguity of Relational Phrases

Who covered whom?

Amy Winehouse's concert included cover songs by the Shangri-Las

Amy's souly interpretation of Cupid, a classic piece of Sam Cooke

Nina Simone's singing of Don't Explain revived Holiday's old song

Cat Power's voice is sad in her version of Don't Explain

16 Horsepower played Sinnerman, a Nina Simone original

Cale performed Hallelujah written by L. Cohen

Cave sang Hallelujah, his own song unrelated to Cohen's

{cover songs, interpretation of,  
singing of, voice in, ...}

↔ SingerCoversSong

{classic piece of, 's old song,  
written by, composition of, ...}

↔ MusicianCreatesSong

# Scalable Mining of SOL Patterns

[N. Nakashole et al.: EMNLP-CoNLL'12, VLDB'12]

## Syntactic-Lexical-Ontological (SOL) patterns

- **Syntactic-Lexical:** surface words, wildcards, POS tags
- **Ontological:** semantic classes as entity placeholders  
`<singer>, <musician>, <song>, ...`
- **Type signature** of pattern: `<singer> × <song>, <person> × <song>`
- **Support set** of pattern: set of entity-pairs for placeholders  
→ support and confidence of patterns

SOL pattern: `<singer> 's ADJECTIVE voice * in <song>`

### Matching sentences:

*Amy Winehouse's soul voice in her song 'Rehab'*

*Jim Morrison's haunting voice and charisma in 'The End'*

*Joan Baez's angel-like voice in 'Farewell Angelina'*

### Support set:

*(Amy Winehouse, Rehab)*

*(Jim Morrison, The End)*

*(Joan Baez, Farewell Angelina)*

# PATTY: Pattern Taxonomy for Relations

[N. Nakashole et al.: EMNLP-CoNLL'12, VLDB'12]

WordNet-style dictionary/taxonomy for relational phrases  
based on SOL patterns (syntactic-lexical-ontological)

Relational phrases are typed

<person> graduated from <university>

<singer> covered <song>

<book> covered <event>

Relational phrases can be synonymous

“graduated from”  $\Leftrightarrow$  “obtained degree in \* from”

“and PRONOUN ADJECTIVE advisor”  $\Leftrightarrow$  “under the supervision of”

One relational phrase can subsume another

“wife of”  $\Rightarrow$  “spouse of”

350 000 SOL patterns from Wikipedia, NYT archive, ClueWeb

<http://www.mpi-inf.mpg.de/yago-naga/patty/>

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Thesaurus

Relations

Taxonomy

▼ DBpedia Relations

academicAdvisor  
affiliation  
album  
almaMater  
anthem  
appointer  
architect  
artist  
assembly  
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associatedBand  
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author  
automobilePlatform  
award  
**bandMember**  
basedOn  
battle  
beatifiedBy  
beatifiedPlace  
billed  
binomialAuthority  
birthPlace  
board  
bodyDiscovered  
bodyStyle  
borough  
broadcastArea  
broadcastNetwork

Relation: dbpedia:bandMember

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Pattern

is formed by;

**lead singer;**

has announced that;

is composed;

currently consists;

which founded;

vocalist [[con]] guitarist;

was formed by vocalist;

[[det]] liveaction version as;

led by;

bassist [[con]];

bandmates [[con]];

[[adj]] consisting of;

performing as [[det]] quintet;

launched with [[adj]] members;

[[det]] line up consisting of;

lead singer;

☒ Synset

lead singer;

s lead singer;

[[adj]] lead singer;

Paramore , Hayley Williams +

All (band) , Dave Smalley +

Alabama (band) , Randy Owen +

Clutch (band) , Neil Fallon +

Nirvana (band) , Kurt Cobain -

In particular , Rossdale 's forced random , stream of consciousness dismissed by some as an imitation singer , Kurt Cobain .

Los Bravos , Mike Kogel +

Twisted Sister , Dee Snider +

350 000 SOL patterns with 4 Mio. instances

accessible at: [www.mpi-inf.mpg.de/yago-naga/patty](http://www.mpi-inf.mpg.de/yago-naga/patty)

# Big Data Algorithms at Work

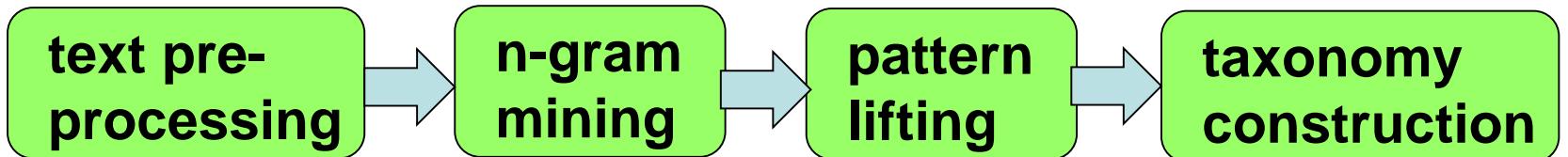
## Frequent sequence mining with generalization hierarchy for tokens

Examples:

- famous → ADJECTIVE → \*
- her → PRONOUN → \*
- <singer> → <musician> → <artist> → <person>

## Map-Reduce-parallelized on Hadoop:

- identify entity-phrase-entity occurrences in corpus
- compute frequent sequences
- repeat for generalizations



# Paraphrases of Attributes: Biperpedia

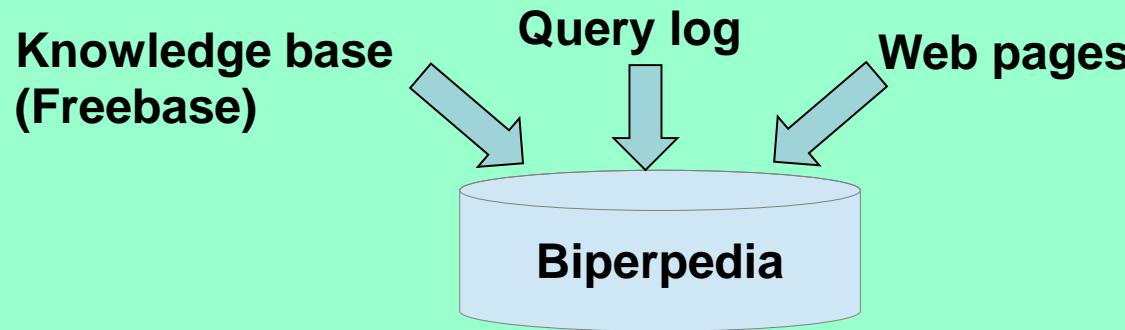
[M. Gupta et al.: VLDB'14]

Motivation: understand and rewrite/expand web queries

Goal: Collect large set of attributes (birth place, population, citations, etc.)  
find their domain (and range), sub-attributes, synonyms, misspellings

Ex.: capital

→ domain = countries, synonyms = capital city, misspellings = capitol, ....  
sub-attributes = former capital, fashion capital, ...



Crucial observation:  
many attributes are  
noun phrases

- Candidates from noun phrases (e.g. „CEO of Google“, „population of Hangzhou“)
- Discover sub-attributes (by textual refinement, Hearst patterns, WordNet)
- Detect misspellings and synonyms (by string similarity and shared instances)
- Attach attributes to classes (most general class in KB with many instances with attr.)
- Label attributes as numeric/text/set (e.g. verbs as cues: „increasing“ → numeric)

# Take-Home Lessons



**Triples of the form <name, phrase, name> can be mined at scale and are beneficial for entity discovery**



**Scalable algorithms for extraction & mining have been leveraged – but more work needed**



**Semantic typing of relational patterns and pattern taxonomies are vital assets**

# Open Problems and Grand Challenges



**Overcoming sparseness in input corpora and coping with even larger scale inputs**

tap social media, query logs, web tables & lists, microdata, etc.  
for richer & cleaner taxonomy of relational patterns



**Cost-efficient crowdsourcing  
for higher coverage & accuracy**



**Exploit relational patterns for  
question answering over structured data**



**Integrate canonicalized KB with emerging knowledge**  
KB life-cycle: today's long tail may be tomorrow's mainstream

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# As Time Goes By: Temporal Knowledge

Which facts for given relations hold  
at what time point or during which time intervals ?

marriedTo (Madonna, GuyRitchie) [ 22Dec2000, Dec2008 ]  
capitalOf (Berlin, Germany) [ 1990, now ]  
capitalOf (Bonn, Germany) [ 1949, 1989 ]  
hasWonPrize (JimGray, TuringAward) [ 1998 ]  
graduatedAt (HectorGarcia-Molina, Stanford) [ 1979 ]  
graduatedAt (SusanDavidson, Princeton) [ Oct 1982 ]  
hasAdvisor (SusanDavidson, HectorGarcia-Molina) [ Oct 1982, forever ]

How can we query & reason on entity-relationship facts  
in a “time-travel“ manner - with uncertain/incomplete KB ?

US president's wife when Steve Jobs died?

students of Hector Garcia-Molina while he was at Princeton?

# Temporal Knowledge

for all people in Wikipedia (300 000) gather all spouses,  
incl. divorced & widowed, and corresponding time periods!  
>95% accuracy, >95% coverage, in one night

- 1) recall: gather temporal scopes for base facts
- 2) precision: reason on mutual consistency

Political party	28 January 1955 (age 53) Paris, France
Spouse	Nicolas Paul Stéphane Sarkozy
Children	RR (?–2002) UMP (2002–)
Residence	Marie-Dominique Culioli (div.)
Alma mater	Cécilia Ciganer-Albéniz (div.)
Occupation	Carla Bruni
Religion	Pierre (by Culioli) Jean (by Culioli) Louis (by Ciganer-Albéniz)
	Élysée Palace
	University of Paris X: Nanterre
	Lawyer
	Roman Catholic

consistency constraints are potentially helpful:

- functional dependencies: *husband, time* → *wife*
- inclusion dependencies: *marriedPerson* ⊆ *adultPerson*
- age/time/gender restrictions: *birthdate* + Δ < *marriage* < *divorce*

# Dating Considered Harmful

explicit dates vs. implicit dates

## Nicolas Sarkozy

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Nicolas Sarkozy** (pronounced [ni.kɔ.la saʁ.kɔ.zi] (listen)), born **Nicolas Paul Stéphane Sarközy de Nagy Bocsa**; 28 January 1955) is the 23rd and current President of the French Republic and ex officio Co-Prince of Andorra. He assumed the office on **16 May 2007** after defeating the Socialist Party candidate Ségolène Royal **10 days earlier**.

Before his presidency, he was leader of the Union for a Popular Movement (UMP). Under Jacques Chirac's presidency, he served as Minister of the Interior in Jean-Pierre Raffarin's (UMP) first two governments (from May 2002 to March 2004), then was appointed Minister of Finances in Raffarin's last government (March 2004 to May 2005) and again Minister of the Interior in Dominique de Villepin's government (2005–2007).

Sarkozy was also president of the General council of the Hauts-de-Seine department from 2004 to 2007 and mayor of Neuilly-sur-Seine, one of the wealthiest communes of France from 1983 to 2002. He was Minister of the Budget in the government of Édouard Balladur (RPR, predecessor of the UMP) during François Mitterrand's last term.

# Machine-Reading Biographies

## Early life

vague dates  
relative dates

During Sarkozy's childhood, his father allegedly refused to give his wife help, even though he had founded his own advertising agency and had become wealthy. The family lived in a mansion owned by Sarkozy's grandfather, Benedict Mallah, in the 17th Arrondissement of Paris. The family later moved to Neuilly-sur-Seine, one of the wealthiest

## Education

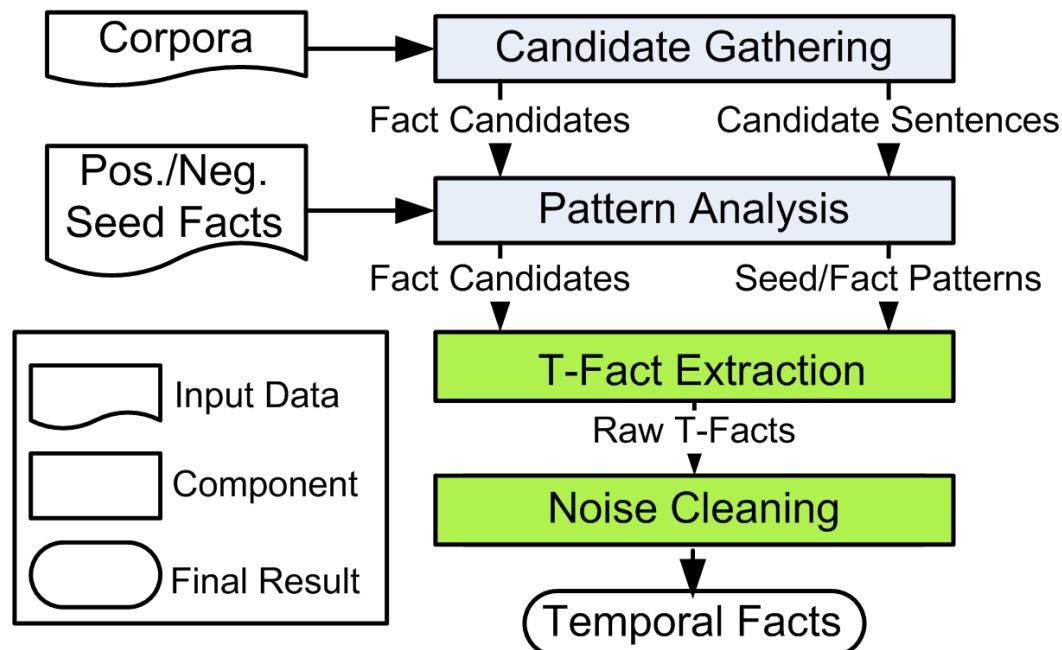
narrative text  
relative order

Sarkozy was enrolled in the *Lycée Chaptal*, a well regarded public middle school in Paris's 8th arrondissement, where he failed his *sixième*. His family then sent him to the *Cours Saint-Louis de Monceau*, a private Catholic school in the 17th arrondissement, where he was reportedly a mediocre student,<sup>[9]</sup> but where he nonetheless obtained his *baccalauréat* in 1973. He enrolled at the *Université Paris X Nanterre*, where he graduated with an MA in Private law, and later with a DEA degree in Business law. Paris X Nanterre had been the starting place for the May '68 student movement and was still a stronghold of leftist students. Described as a quiet student, Sarkozy soon joined the right-wing student organization, in which he was very active. He completed his military service as a part time Air Force cleaner.<sup>[10]</sup> After graduating, he entered the *Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris*, better known as Sciences Po, (1979–1981) but failed to graduate<sup>[11]</sup> due to an insufficient

# PRAVDA for T-Facts from Text

[Y. Wang et al. 2011]

- 1) **Candidate gathering:**  
extract pattern & entities  
of basic facts and  
time expression
- 2) **Pattern analysis:**  
use seeds to quantify  
strength of candidates
- 3) **Label propagation:**  
construct weighted graph  
of hypotheses and  
minimize loss function
- 4) **Constraint reasoning:**  
use ILP for  
temporal consistency



# Reasoning on T-Fact Hypotheses

[Y. Wang et al. 2012, P. Talukdar et al. 2012]

## Temporal-fact hypotheses:

$m(Ca,Nic)@[2008,2012]\{0.7\}$ ,  $m(Ca,Ben)@[2010]\{0.8\}$ ,  $m(Ca,Mi)@[2007,2008]\{0.2\}$ ,  
 $m(Cec,Nic)@[1996,2004]\{0.9\}$ ,  $m(Cec,Nic)@[2006,2008]\{0.8\}$ ,  $m(Nic,Ma)\{0.9\}$ , ...

Cast into evidence-weighted logic program  
or integer linear program with 0-1 variables:

for temporal-fact hypotheses  $X_i$   
and pair-wise ordering hypotheses  $P_{ij}$   
maximize  $\sum w_i X_i$  with constraints

- $X_i + X_j \leq 1$   
if  $X_i, X_j$  overlap in time & conflict
- $P_{ij} + P_{ji} \leq 1$
- $(1 - P_{ij}) + (1 - P_{jk}) \geq (1 - P_{ik})$   
if  $X_i, X_j, X_k$  must be totally ordered
- $(1 - X_i) + (1 - X_j) + 1 \geq (1 - P_{ij}) + (1 - P_{ji})$   
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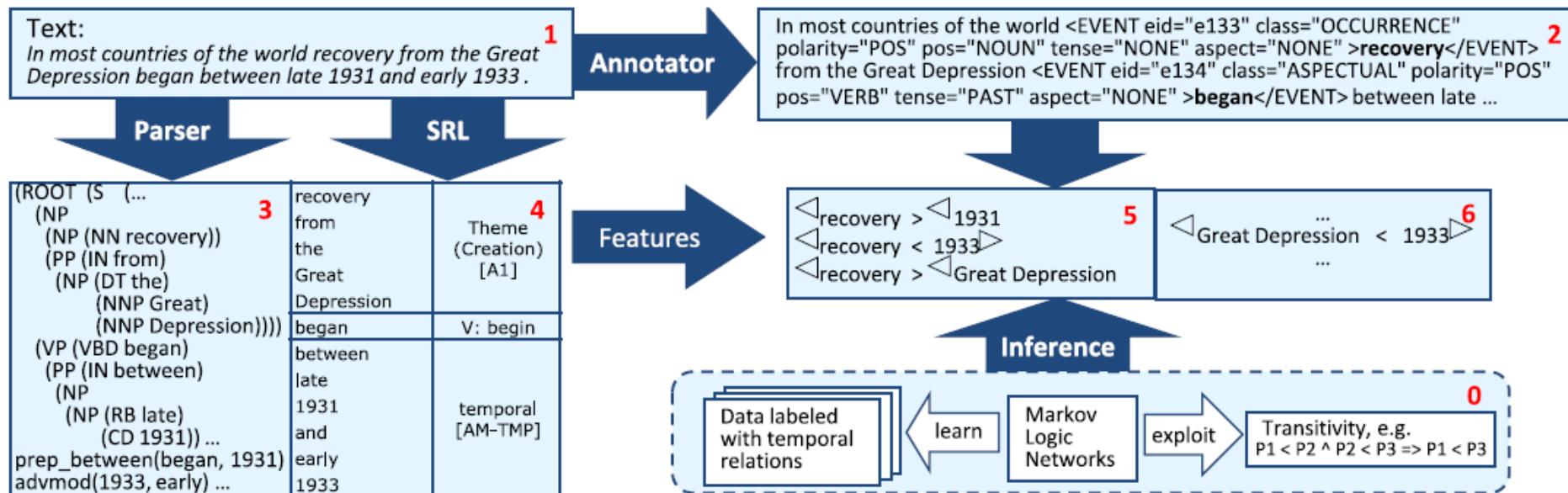
Efficient  
ILP solvers:  
[www.gurobi.com](http://www.gurobi.com)  
IBM Cplex  
...

# TIE for T-Fact Extraction & Ordering

[Ling/Weld : AAAI 2010]

TIE (Temporal IE) architectures builds on:

- TARSQI (Verhagen et al. 2005)  
for event extraction, using linguistic analyses
- Markov Logic Networks  
for temporal ordering of events



# Take-Home Lessons



**Temporal knowledge harvesting:**  
crucial for machine-reading news, social media, opinions



**Combine linguistics, statistics, and logical reasoning:**  
harder than for „ordinary“ relations

# Open Problems and Grand Challenges



**Robust and broadly applicable methods for  
temporal (and spatial) knowledge**

populate time-sensitive relations comprehensively:  
`marriedTo`, `isCEOof`, `participatedInEvent`, ...



**Understand temporal relationships in  
biographies and narratives**

machine-reading of news, bios, novels, ...

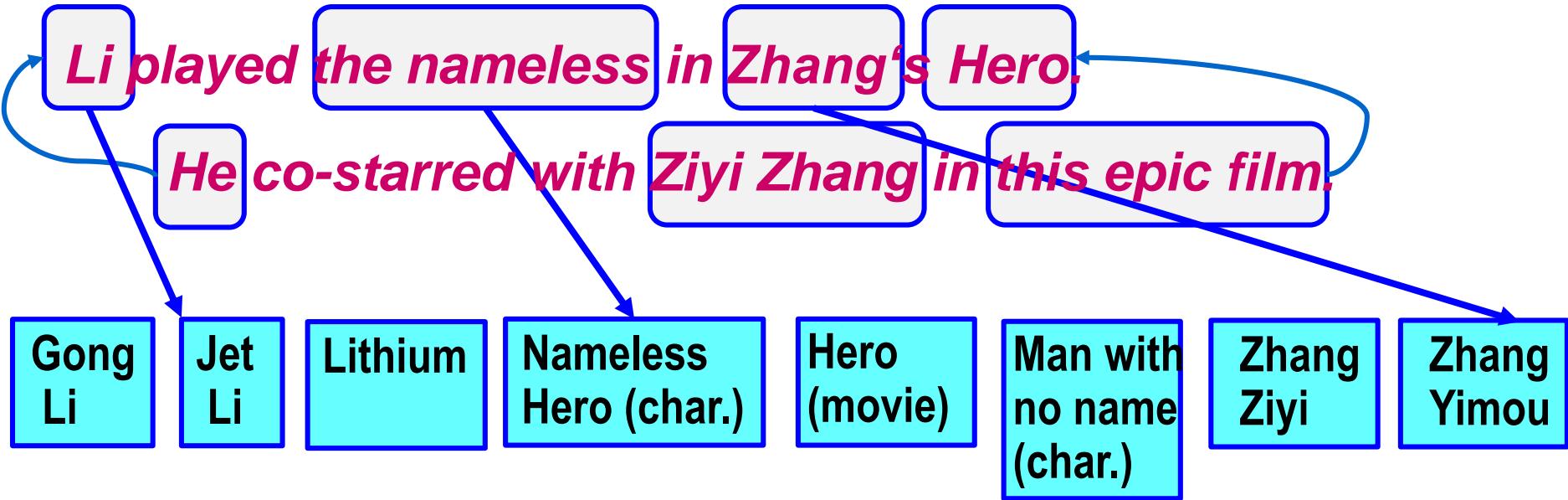


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# Three Different Problems



Three NLP tasks:

- 1) named-entity **detection**: segment & label by HMM or CRF  
(e.g. Stanford NER tagger)
- 2) co-reference **resolution**: link to preceding NP  
(trained classifier over linguistic features)
- 3) named-entity **disambiguation**:  
map each mention (name) to canonical entity (entry in KB)

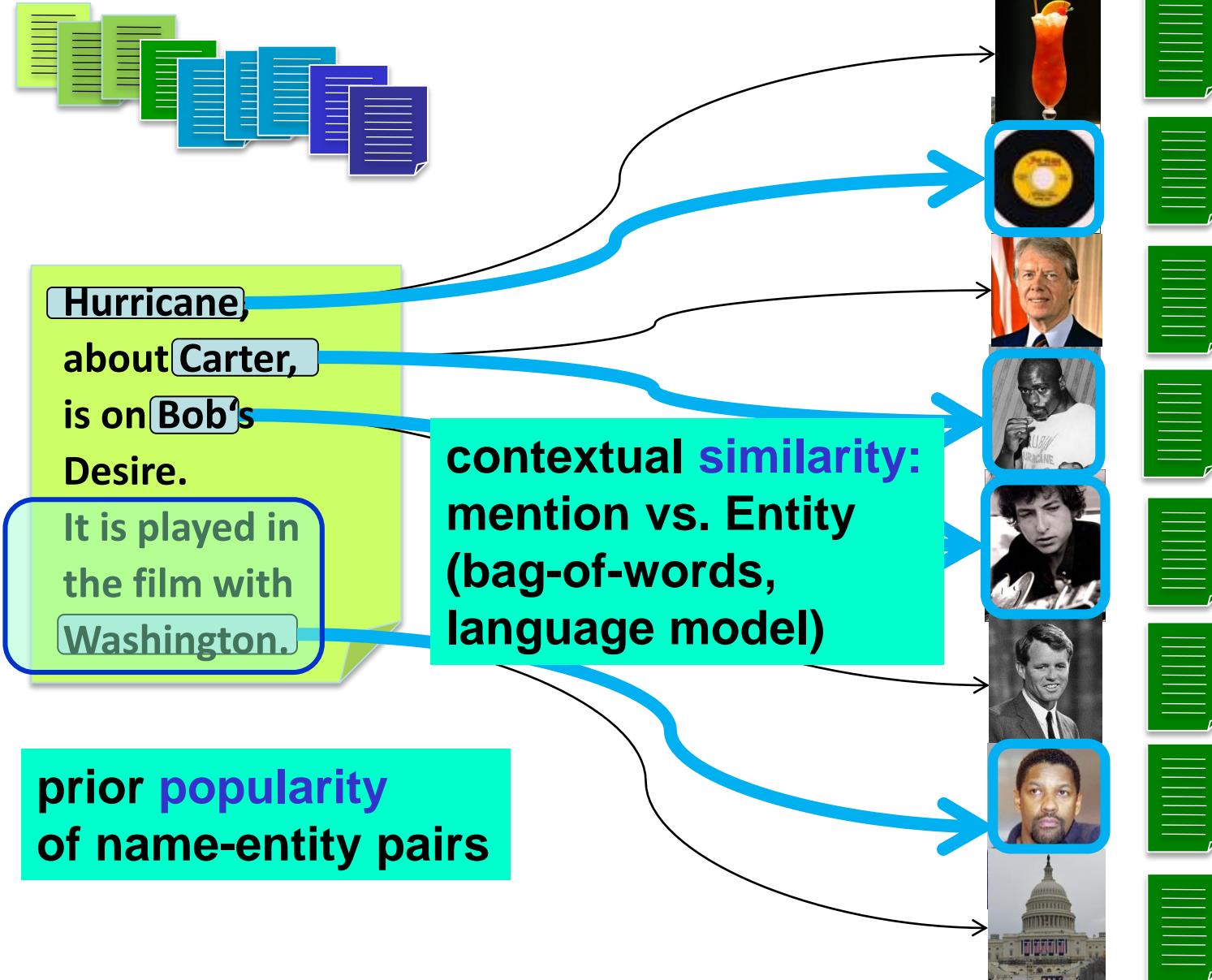
tasks 1 and 3 together: **NERD**

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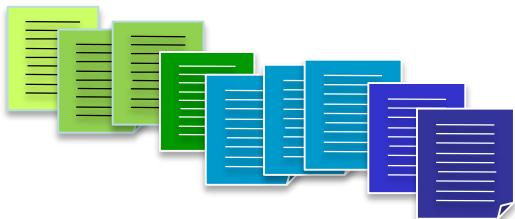
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# Named Entity Recognition & Disambiguation (NERD)



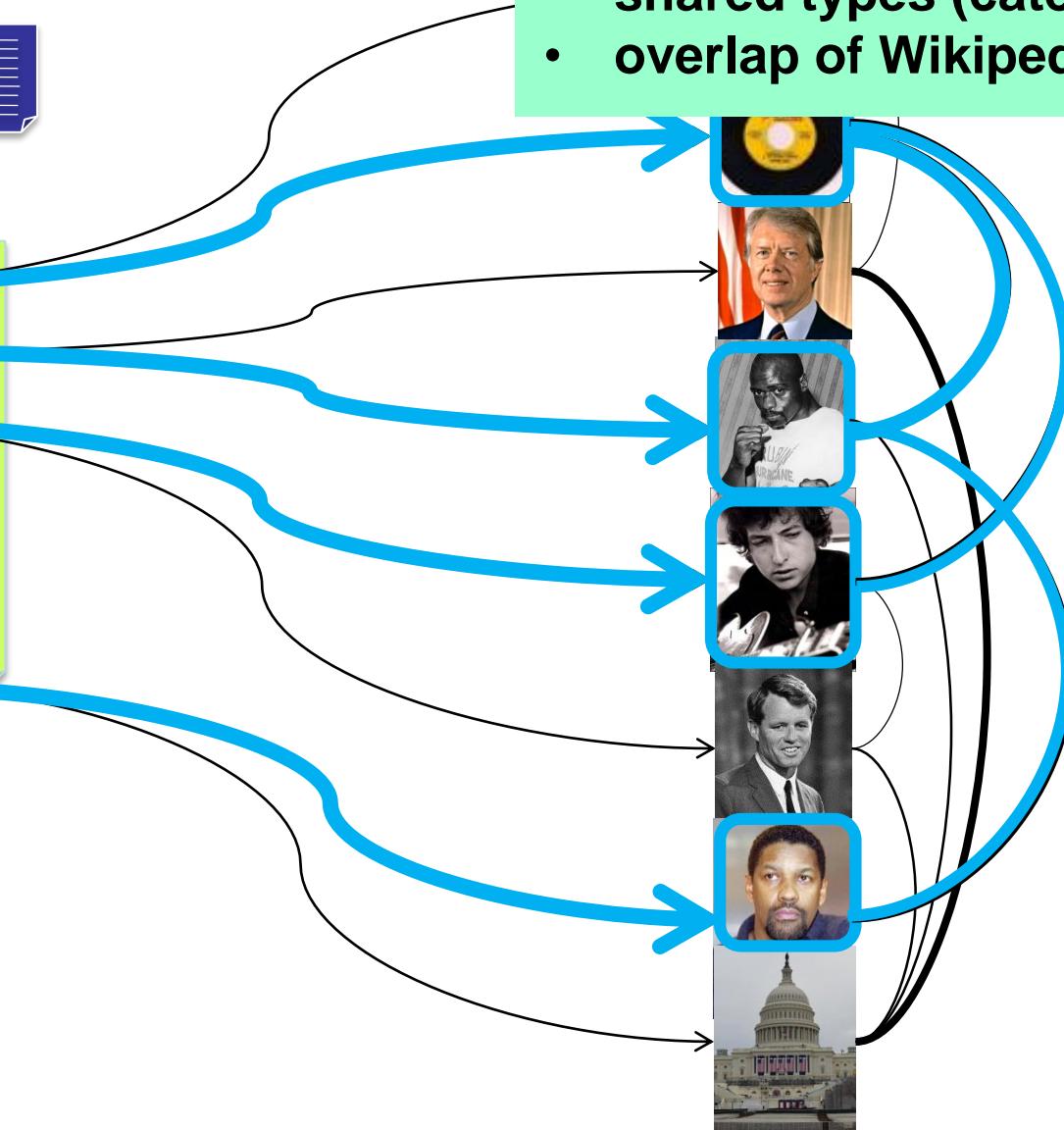
# Named Entity Recognition & Disambiguation



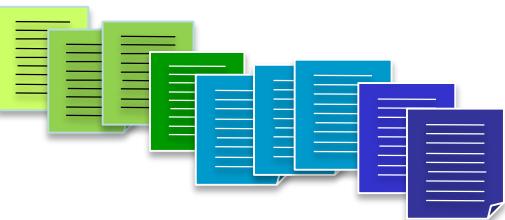
**Coherence** of entity pairs:

- semantic relationships
- shared types (categories)
- overlap of Wikipedia links

Hurricane),  
about Carter,  
is on Bob's  
Desire.  
It is played in  
the film with  
Washington.

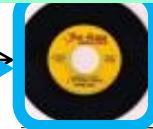


# Named Entity Recognition & Disambiguation



**Coherence:** (partial) overlap of (statistically weighted) entity-specific keyphrases

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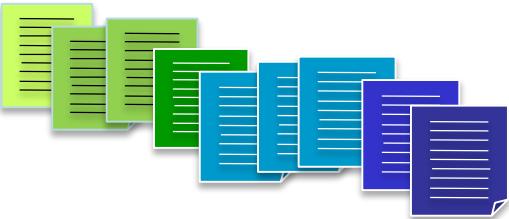
racism protest song  
boxing champion  
wrong conviction

racism victim  
middleweight boxing  
nickname Hurricane  
falsely convicted

**IX**  
Grammy Award winner  
protest song writer  
film music composer  
civil rights advocate

Academy Award winner  
African-American actor  
Cry for Freedom film  
Hurricane film

# Named Entity Recognition & Disambiguation (NERD)

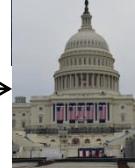
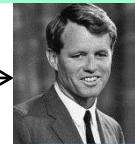
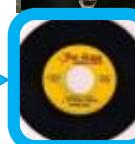


Hurricane) about Carter, is on Bob's Desire. It is played in the film with Washington.

NED algorithms compute mention-to-entity mapping over weighted graph of candidates by popularity & similarity & coherence

KB provides building blocks:

- name-entity dictionary,
- relationships, types,
- text descriptions, keyphrases,
- statistics for weights

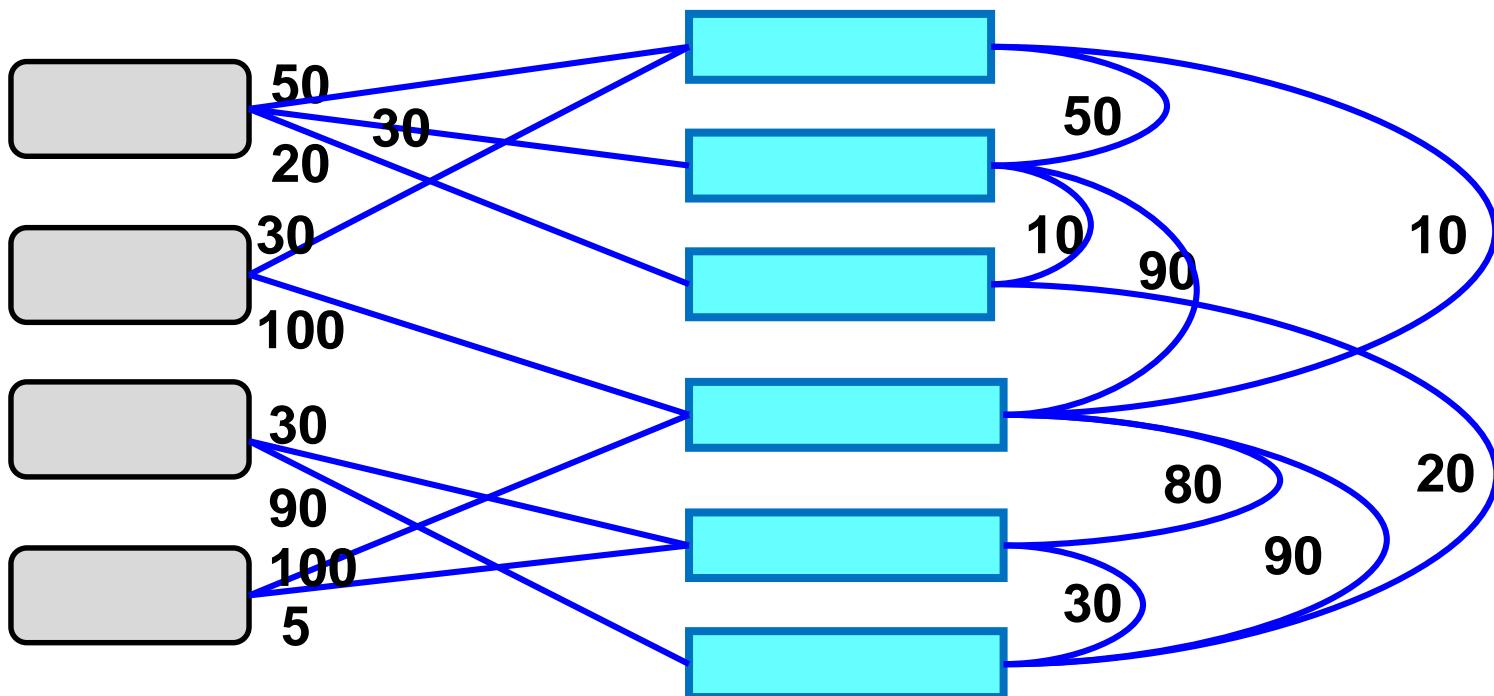


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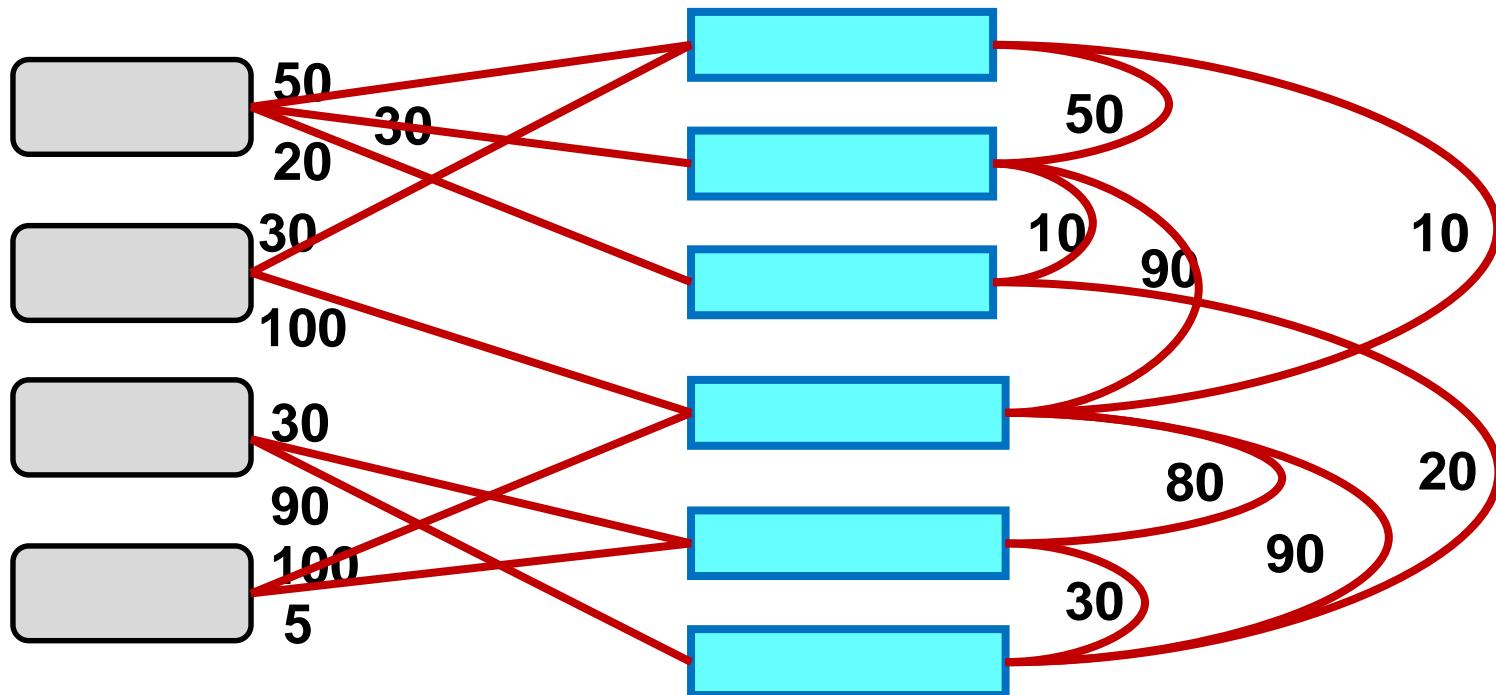
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# Joint Mapping



- Build **mention-entity graph** or **joint-inference factor graph** from knowledge and statistics in KB
- Compute **high-likelihood mapping (ML or MAP)** or **dense subgraph** such that:  
each m is **connected to exactly one e** (or **at most one e**)

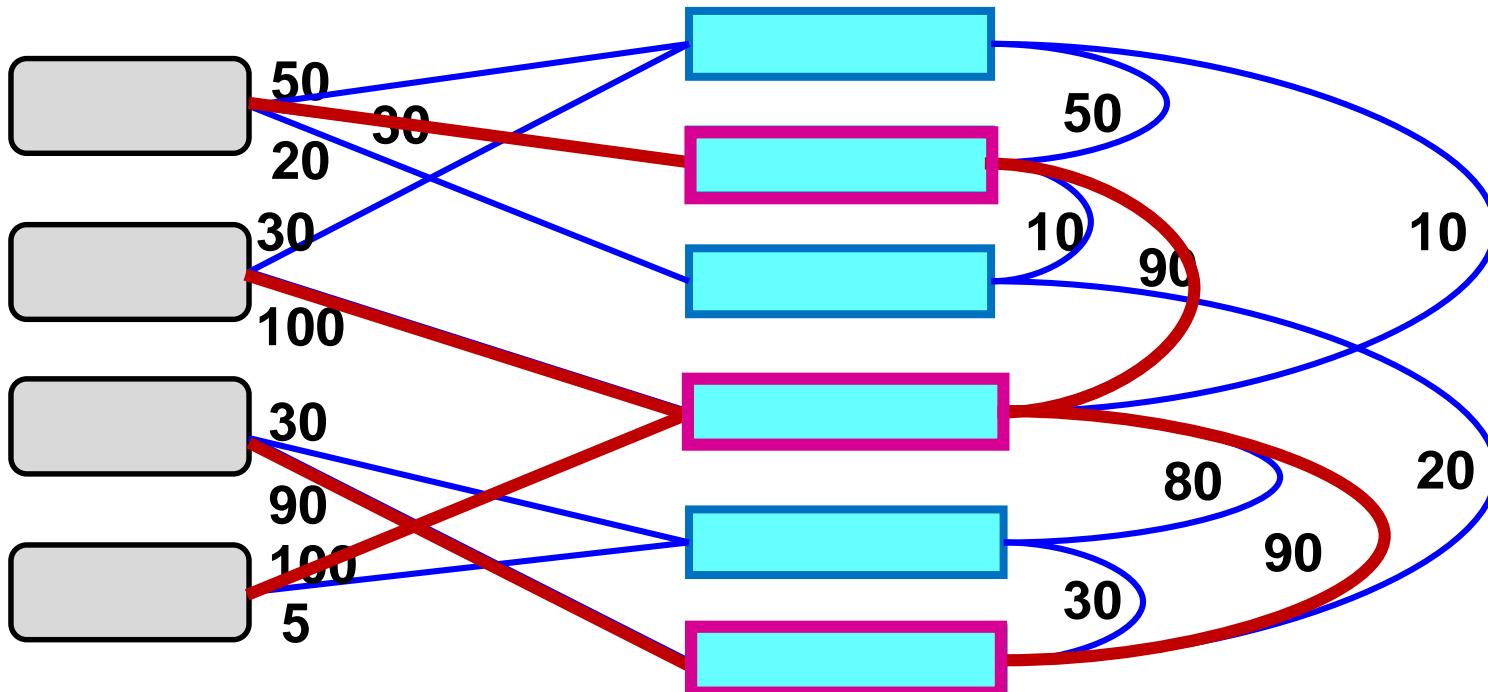
# Joint Mapping: Prob. Factor Graph



Collective Learning with Probabilistic Factor Graphs  
[Chakrabarti et al.: KDD'09]:

- model  $P[m|e]$  by similarity and  $P[e_1|e_2]$  by coherence
- consider likelihood of  $P[m_1 \dots m_k | e_1 \dots e_k]$
- factorize by all  $m-e$  pairs and  $e_1-e_2$  pairs
- use MCMC, hill-climbing, LP etc. for solution

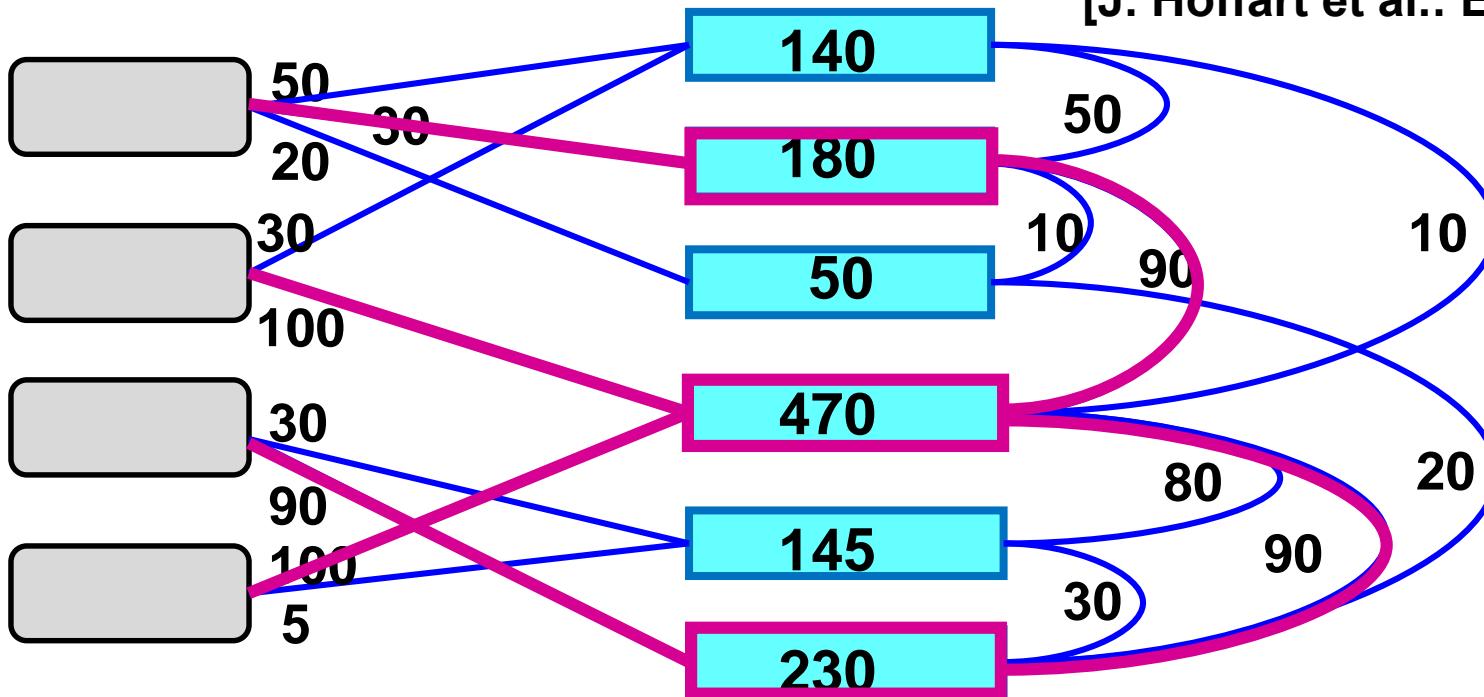
# Joint Mapping: Dense Subgraph



- Compute **dense subgraph** such that:  
each m is **connected to exactly one e** (or at most one e)
- NP-hard → approximation algorithms
- Alt.: feature engineering for similarity-only method  
[Bunescu/Pasca 2006, Cucerzan 2007, Milne/Witten 2008, ...]

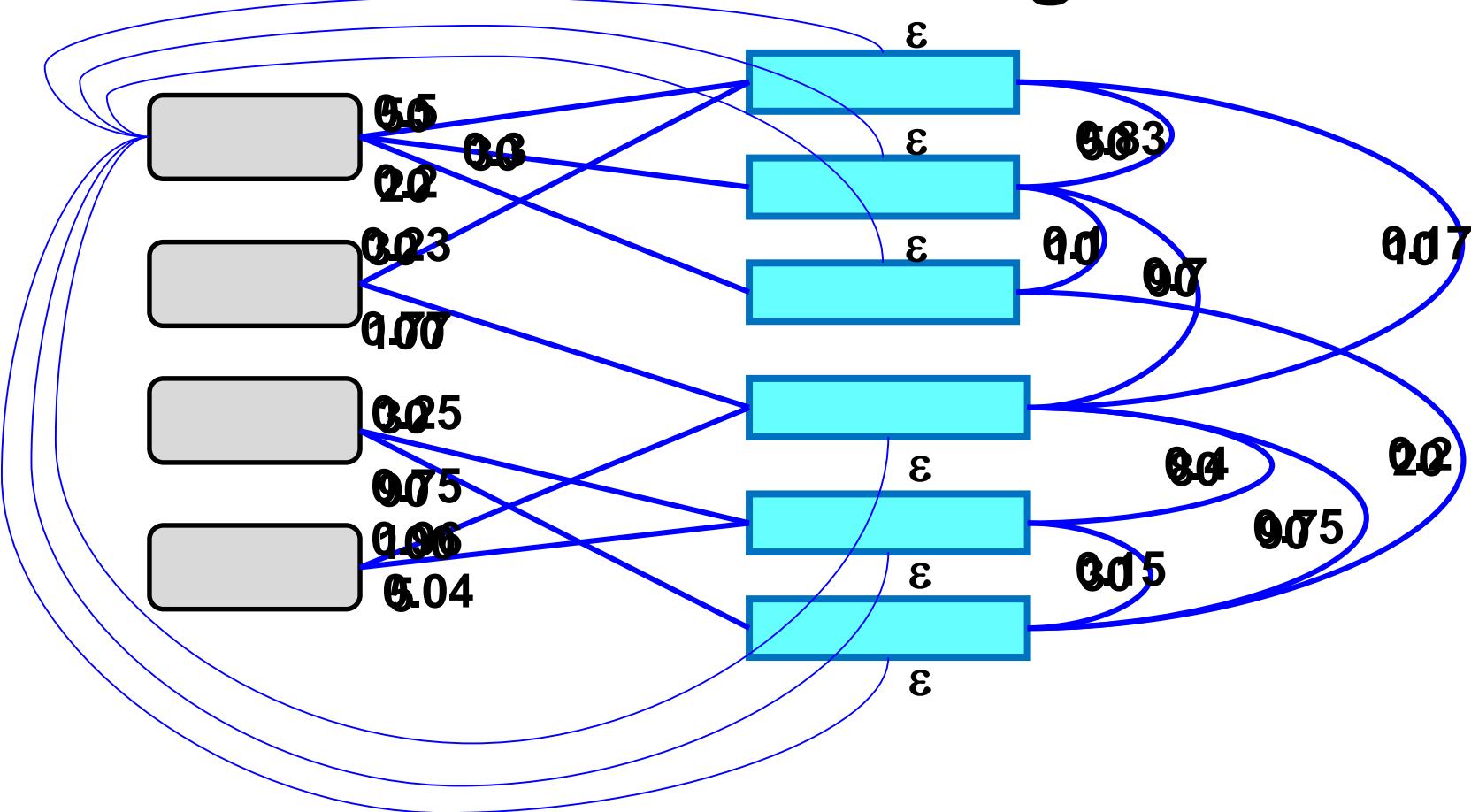
# Coherence Graph Algorithm

[J. Hoffart et al.: EMNLP'11]



- Compute dense subgraph to maximize min weighted degree among entity nodes such that:  
each m is connected to exactly one e (or at most one e)
- Greedy approximation:  
iteratively remove weakest entity and its edges
- Keep alternative solutions, then use local/randomized search

# Random Walks Algorithm



- for each mention run random walks with restart  
(like personalized PageRank with jumps to start mention(s))
- rank candidate entities by stationary visiting probability
- very efficient, decent accuracy

# NERD Online Tools

J. Hoffart et al.: EMNLP 2011, VLDB 2011

<https://d5gate.ag5.mpi-sb.mpg.de/webaida/>

P. Ferragina, U. Scaella: CIKM 2010

<http://tagme.di.unipi.it/>

R. Isele, C. Bizer: VLDB 2012

<http://spotlight.dbpedia.org/demo/index.html>

Reuters Open Calais: <http://viewer.opencalais.com/>

Alchemy API: <http://www.alchemyapi.com/api/demo.html>

S. Kulkarni, A. Singh, G. Ramakrishnan, S. Chakrabarti: KDD 2009

<http://www.cse.iitb.ac.in/soumen/doc/CSAW/>

D. Milne, I. Witten: CIKM 2008

<http://wikipedia-miner.cms.waikato.ac.nz/demos/annotate/>

L. Ratinov, D. Roth, D. Downey, M. Anderson: ACL 2011

[http://cogcomp.cs.illinois.edu/page/demo\\_view/Wikifier](http://cogcomp.cs.illinois.edu/page/demo_view/Wikifier)

some use Stanford NER tagger for detecting mentions

<http://nlp.stanford.edu/software/CRF-NER.shtml>

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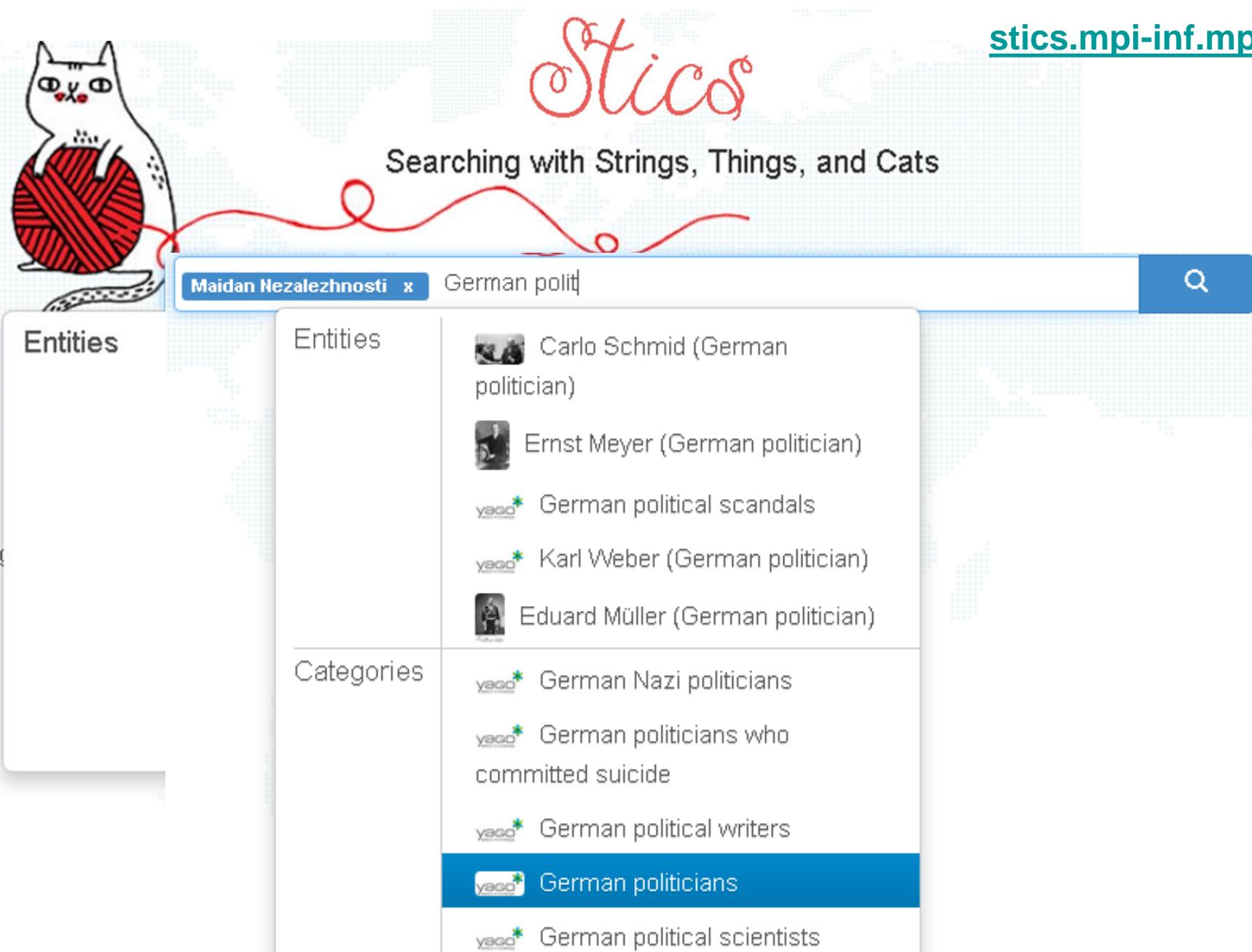
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# Use Case: Semantic Search over News



The screenshot shows the Stics search interface. At the top, there's a logo featuring a white cat sitting on a red ball of yarn, with the word "Stics" in a stylized font and the tagline "Searching with Strings, Things, and Cats". To the right is the URL [stics.mpi-inf.mpg.de](http://stics.mpi-inf.mpg.de). Below the header is a search bar with the query "Maidan Nezalezhnosti x German politi". A blue search button with a magnifying glass icon is to the right of the bar.

**Entities**

Entities	Results
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Carlo Schmid (German politician)</li><li> Ernst Meyer (German politician)</li><li> German political scandals</li><li> Karl Weber (German politician)</li><li> Eduard Müller (German politician)</li></ul>

**Categories**

Categories	Results
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> German Nazi politicians</li><li> German politicians who committed suicide</li><li> German political writers</li><li> German politicians</li><li> German political scientists</li></ul>

# Use Case: Semantic Search over News

Stico

Maidan Nezalezhnosti x German politicians x Russian intervention x

2 documents for

yago Maidan Nezalezhnosti

Russian intervention

German politicians



Angela Merkel



Friedrich Ebert



Horst Köhler yago R

Most frequent entities

Ukraine 342

Russia 342

Crimea 94

United States 92

Vladimir Putin 84

Kiev 46

Moscow 40

Europe 30

Sochi 28



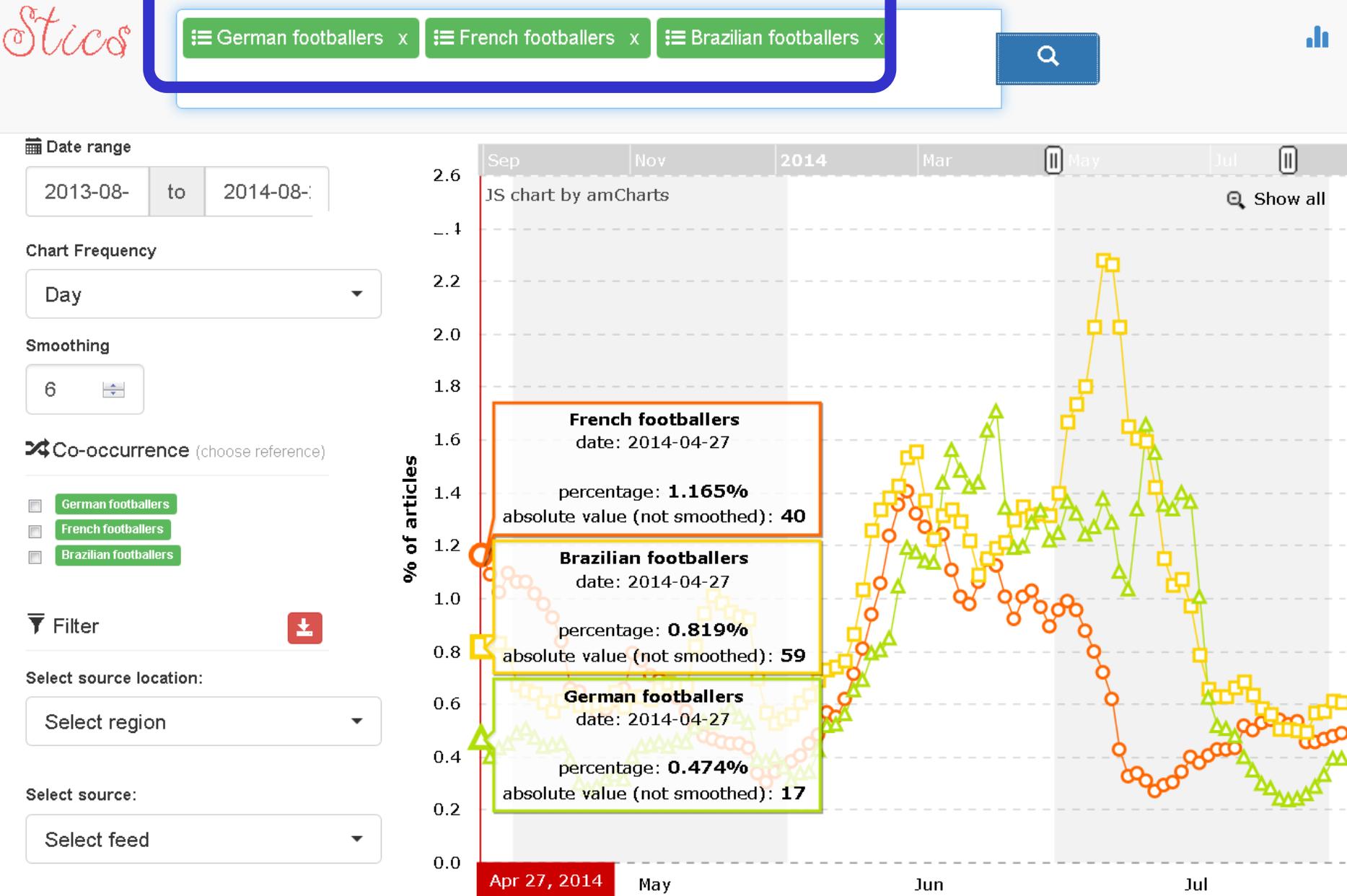
Ukraine March 2 as it happened: Putin says 'threat of ultranationalists' forced him to intervene

World news - Tue Mar 04 10:07:57 CET 2014

... He said: The crowds were large, and the **Maidan** seemed reinvigorated ... in Kiev for us, has been out in **Independence Square** where there is a large demonstration going on ... Lord Ashdown said German chancellor **Angela Merkel** should go to Moscow for talks, saying she ... the ouster of Viktor Yanukovych, Putin told German Chancellor **Angela Merkel** on Sunday that Russian citizens and Russian-speakers in Ukraine ... demonstration going on against Russian ... intervention. He said: The crowds were large ... show more text

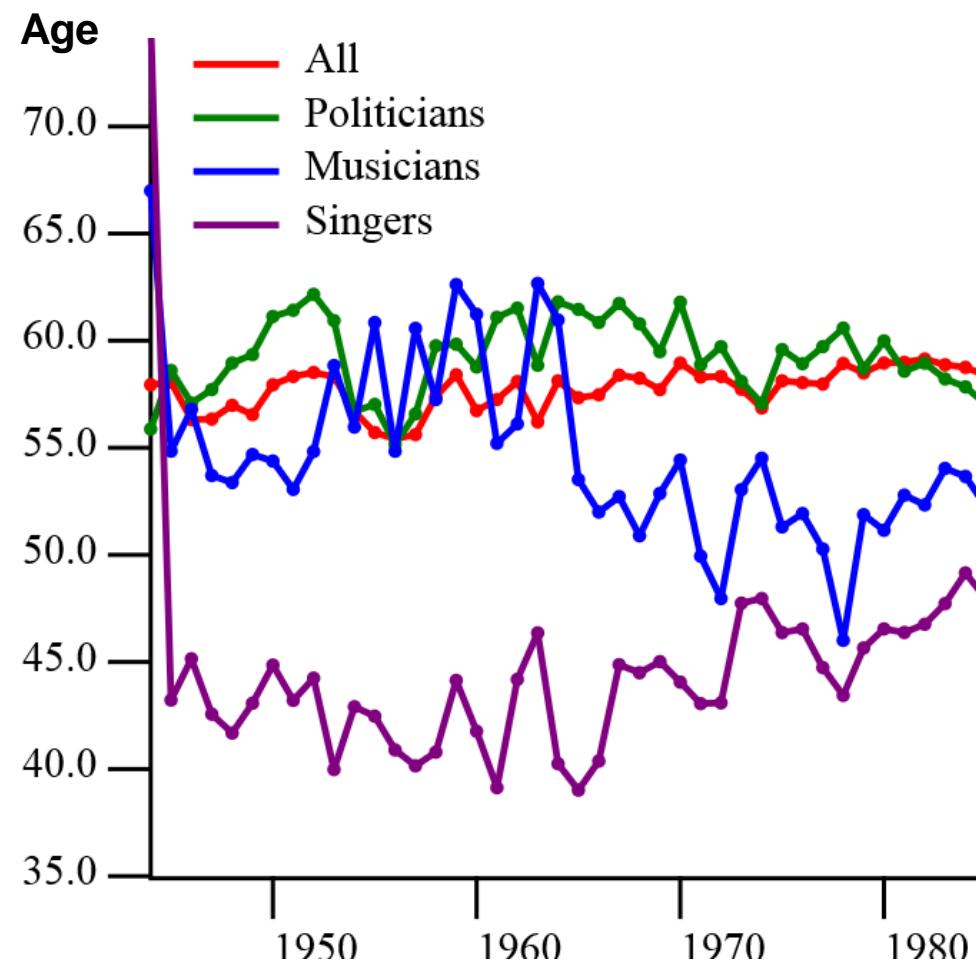
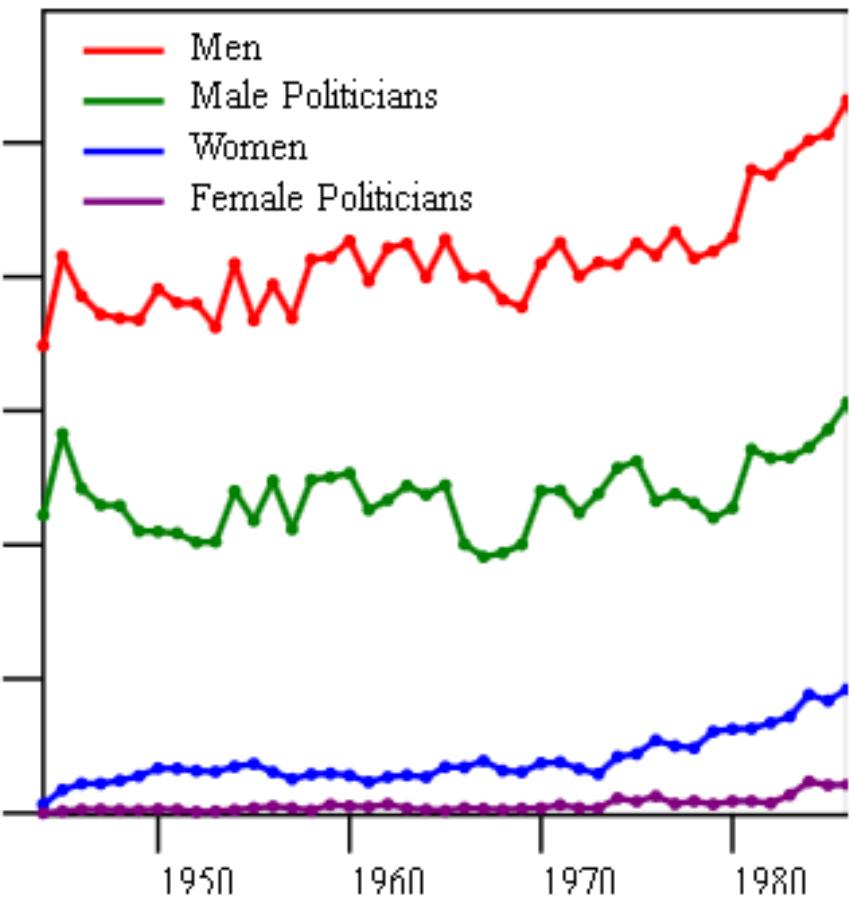
# Use Case: Analytics over News

[stics.mpi-inf.mpg.de/stats](http://stics.mpi-inf.mpg.de/stats)



# Use Case: Semantic Culturomics

[Suchanek&Preda: VLDB'14]



based on entity recognition & semantic classes of KB  
over archive of Le Monde, 1945-1985

# Big Data Algorithms at Work

Web-scale **keyphrase mining**

Web-scale **entity-entity statistics**

MAP on large **probabilistic graphical model or dense subgraphs** in large graph

**data+text queries on huge KB or LOD**

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Applications to large-scale input batches:

- discover all musicians in a week's social media postings
- identify all diseases & drugs in a month's publications
- track a (set of) politician(s) in a decade's news archive

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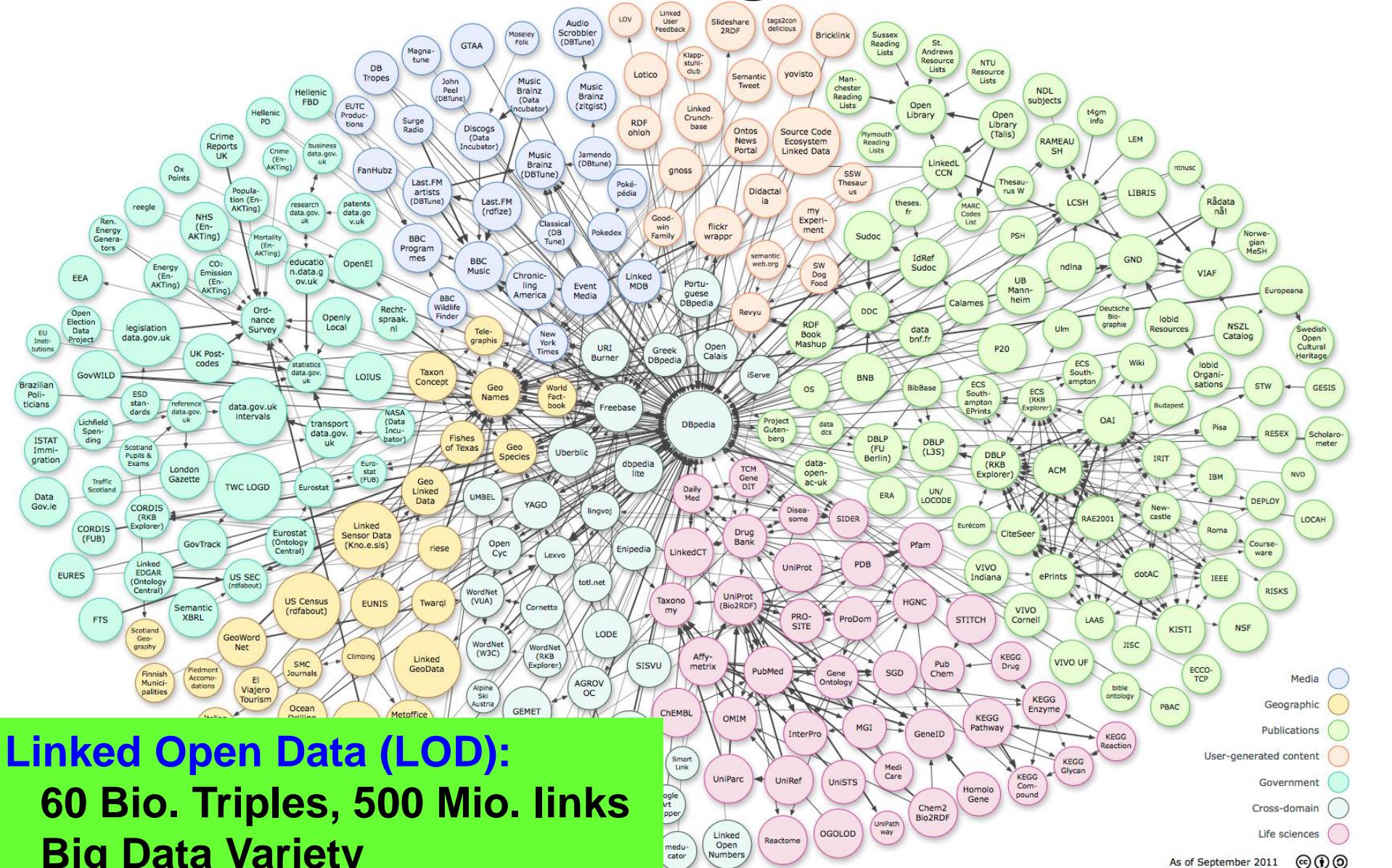
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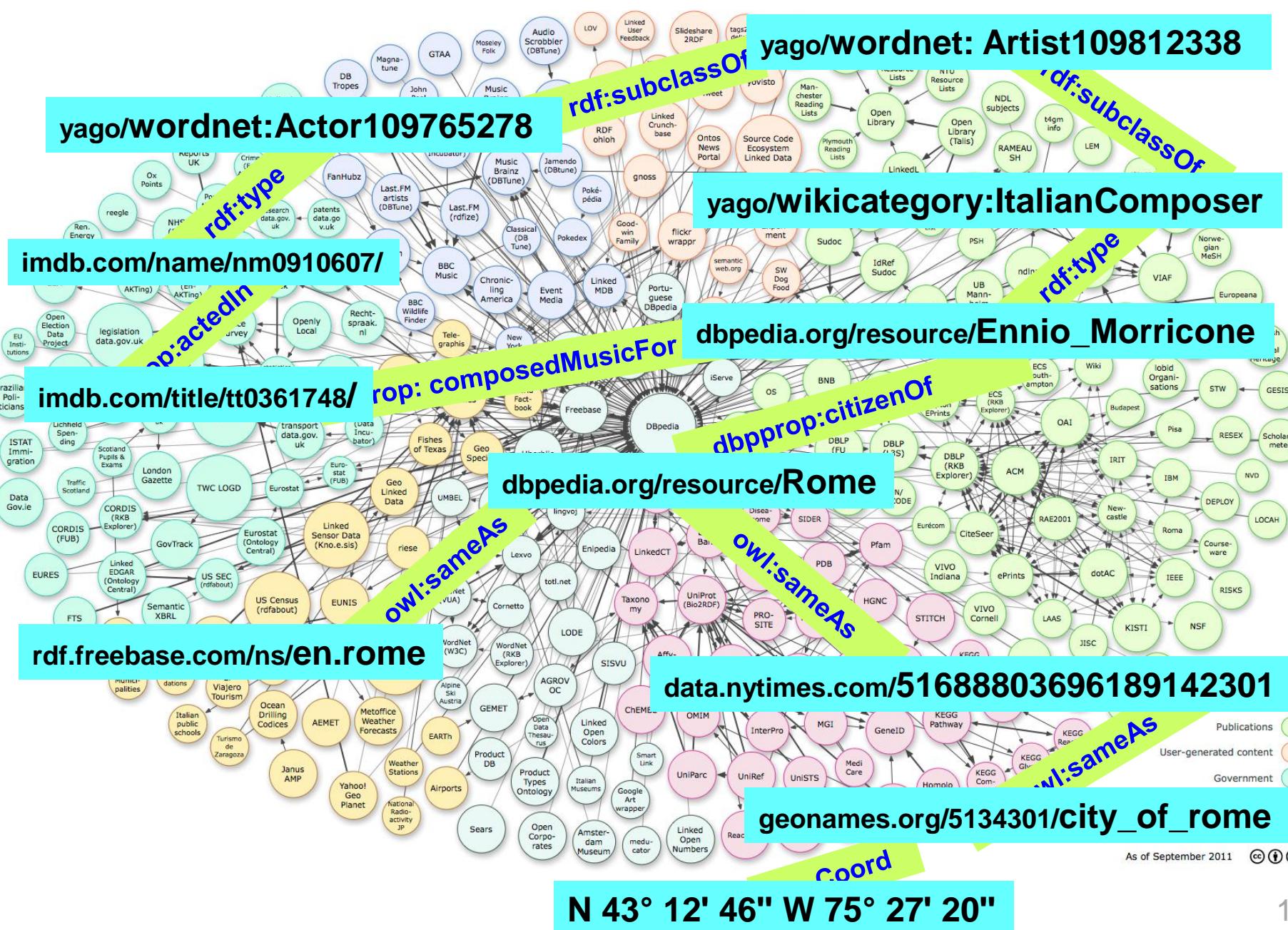
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# Wealth of Knowledge & Data Bases

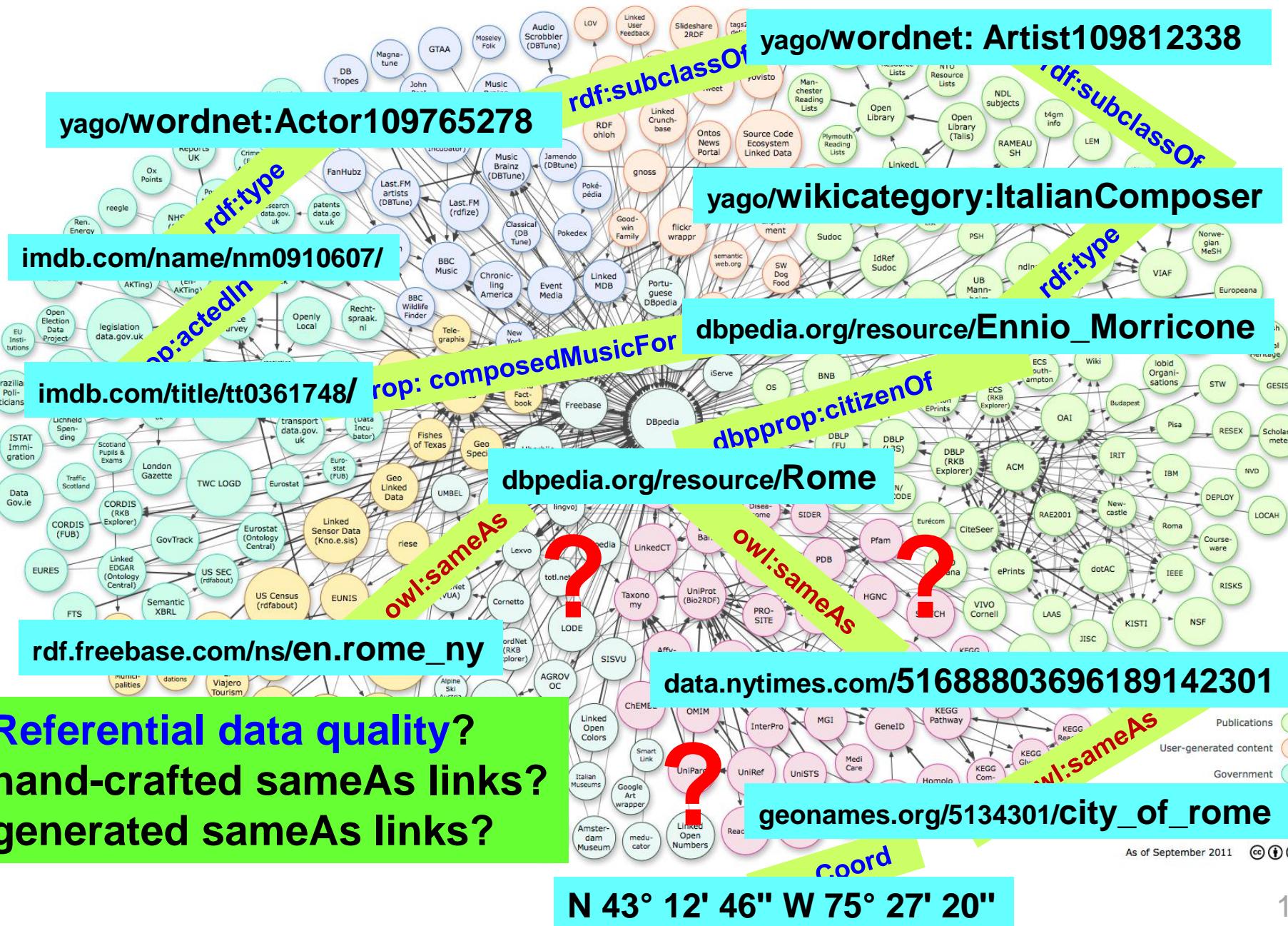


**Linked Open Data (LOD):**  
60 Bio. Triples, 500 Mio. links  
Big Data Variety

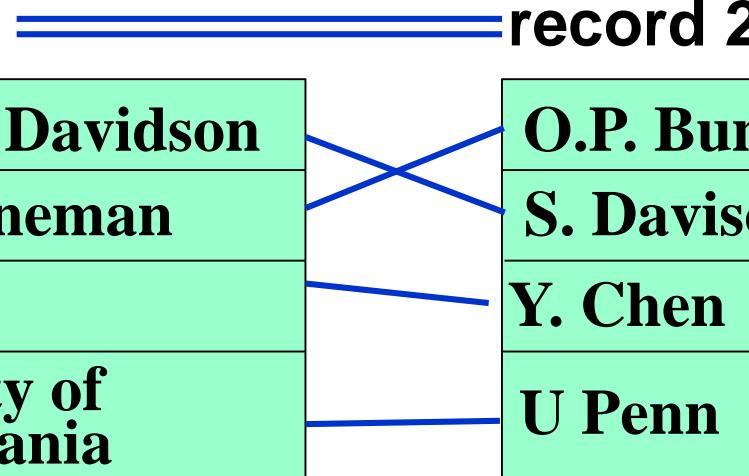
# Link Entities across KBs



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# Record Linkage & Entity Resolution (ER)

record 1  record 2

record 3 ...

Susan B. Davidson
Peter Buneman
Yi Chen
University of Pennsylvania

O.P. Buneman
S. Davison
Y. Chen
U Penn

P. Baumann
S. Davidson
Cheng Y.
Penn State

Goal: Find equivalence classes of entities, and of records

Techniques:

- similarity of values (edit distance, n-gram overlap, etc.)
- joint agreement of linkage
- similarity joins, grouping/clustering, collective learning, etc.
- often domain-specific customization (similarity measures etc.)

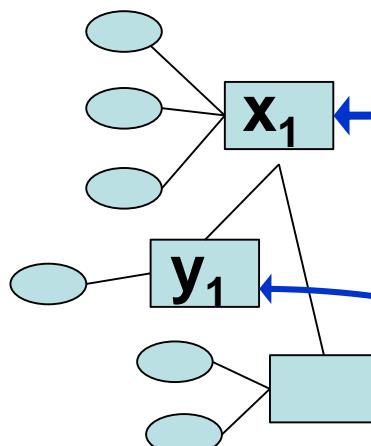
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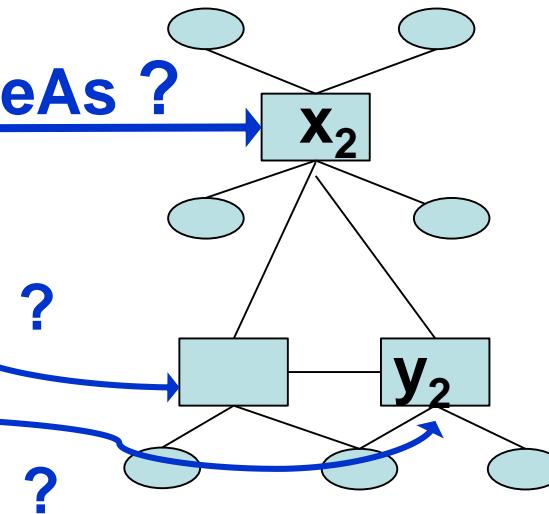
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# Similarity of entities depends on similarity of neighborhoods

KB 1



KB 2

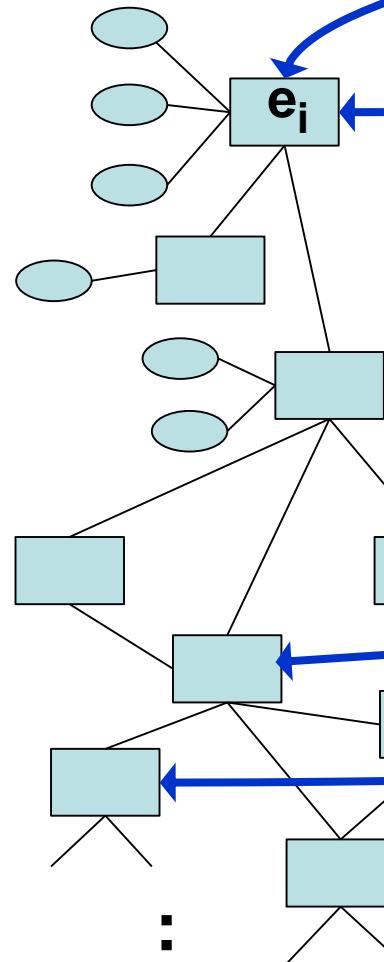


$\text{sameAs}(x_1, x_2)$  depends on  
which depends on

$\text{sameAs}(y_1, y_2)$   
 $\text{sameAs}(x_1, x_2)$

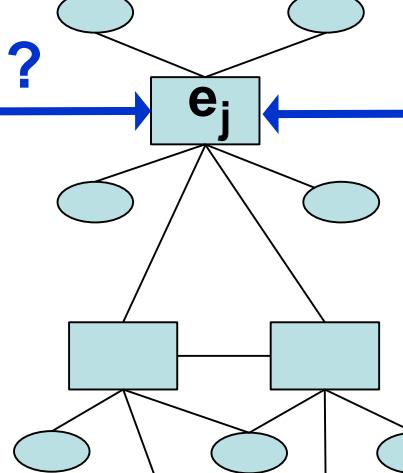
# Equivalence of entities is transitive

KB 1



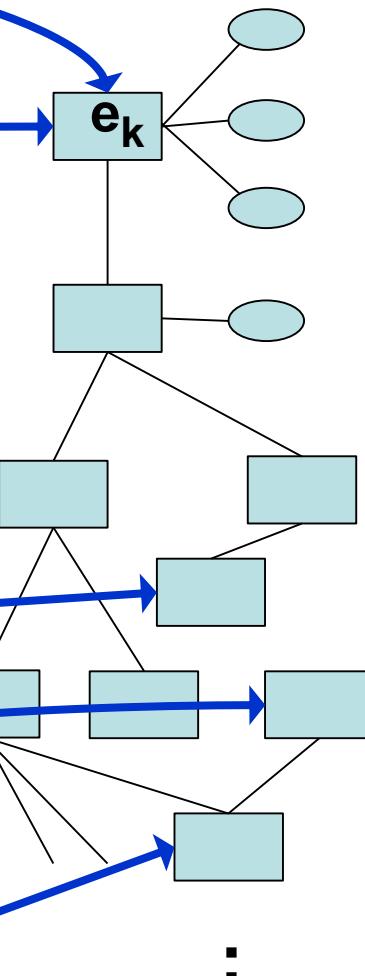
KB 2

sameAs ?



KB 3

sameAs ?



# Many challenges remain

Entity linkage is at the heart of semantic data integration (Big Data variety).  
More than 50 years of research, still some way to go!

- Highly related entities with ambiguous names  
George W. Bush (jun.) vs. George H.W. Bush (sen.)
- Long-tail entities with sparse context
- Enterprise data with complex DB / XML / OWL schemas
- Entities with very noisy context (in social media)
- Knowledge bases with non-isomorphic structures

## Benchmarks:

- OAEI Ontology Alignment & Instance Matching: [oaei.ontologymatching.org](http://oaei.ontologymatching.org)
- TAC KBP Entity Linking: [www.nist.gov/tac/](http://www.nist.gov/tac/)
- TREC Knowledge Base Acceleration: [trec-kba.org](http://trec-kba.org)

# Take-Home Lessons



## NERD is key for contextual knowledge

High-quality NERD uses joint inference over various features:  
popularity + similarity + coherence



## State-of-the-art tools available & beneficial

Maturing now, but still room for improvement,  
especially on efficiency, scalability & robustness

Use-cases include semantic search & text analytics



## Handling out-of-KB entities & long-tail NERD

Good approaches, more work needed



## Entity linkage (entity resolution, ER) is key

for inter-linking KB's and other LOD datasets

for coping with heterogeneous variety in Big Data

for creating sameAs links in text, tables, web (RDFa, microdata)

# Open Problems and Grand Challenges



**Efficient interactive & high-throughput batch NERD**  
a day's news, a month's publications, a decade's archive



**Entity name disambiguation in difficult situations**  
Short and noisy texts about long-tail entities in social media



**Robust disambiguation of entities, relations and classes**  
Relevant for question answering & question-to-query translation  
Key building block for KB building and maintenance



**Web-scale, robust record linkage with high quality**  
Handle huge amounts of linked-data sources, Web tables, ...



**Automatic and continuously maintained sameAs links  
for Web of (Linked) Data with high accuracy & coverage**

# Outline

- ✓ Motivation and Overview
- ★ Taxonomic Knowledge:  
Entities and Classes
- ★ Factual Knowledge:  
Relations between Entities
- 
- ★ Emerging Knowledge:  
New Entities & Relations
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- ★ Contextual Knowledge:  
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- ★ Commonsense Knowledge:  
Properties & Rules
- ★ Wrap-up

# Commonsense Knowledge

Apples are green, red, round, juicy, ...  
but not fast, funny, verbose, ...

Snakes can crawl, doze, bite, hiss, ...  
but not run, fly, laugh, write, ...

Pots and pans are in the kitchen or cupboard, on the stove, ...  
but not in the bedroom, in your pocket, in the sky, ...

## Approach 1: **Crowdsourcing**

→ ConceptNet (Speer/Havasi)

**Problem:** coverage and scale

## Approach 2: **Pattern-based harvesting**

→ WebChild (Tandon et al.)

**Problem:** noise and robustness

# Crowdsourcing for Commonsense Knowledge

[Speer & Havasi 2012]

many inputs incl. WordNet, Verbosity game, etc.

The screenshot shows the Verbosity game interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with tabs for "Verbosity" (which is active), "Squigl", and "Matchin". Below the navigation bar, a sidebar displays the "Most Points Today" chart. The chart lists 10 users with their names and scores: Catwoman (594 K), Jeff (342 K), PlasticBuddy (245 K), jsm2530 (63 K), You (47 K), DaffyMcDaff (35 K), Lottie (33 K), guest228655 (11 K), jMAC (9,250), and INTHESKY016 (8,300). The main game area has a yellow background. It shows the secret word "shoe" in a speech bubble with a "250 pts!" reward. The current score is 0 and the time is 2:59. A vertical thermometer-like progress bar indicates a bonus of 5,000 pts. Below the secret word, there are several clue lines: "it is [ ]", "it is a type of [ ]", "it has [ ]", "it looks like [ ]", "about the same size as [ ]", and "it is related to [ ]". There are also "clues" and "guesses" sections. A "pass" button is at the bottom right.

This screenshot shows the Verbosity game interface with a different secret word. The secret word is "shoe", shown in a speech bubble with a "250 pts!" reward. The score is 0 and the time is 2:24. The interface includes a sidebar with user points and a main area with clues and a guess section. The clues listed are: "it is [ ]", "it is a type of clothes", "it has [ ]", "it looks like [ ]", "about the same size as [ ]", and "it is related to [ ]". The guess section shows "pants?" with a "HOT COLD" rating. A "submit" button is visible next to one of the clue input fields. A "pass" button is at the bottom right.

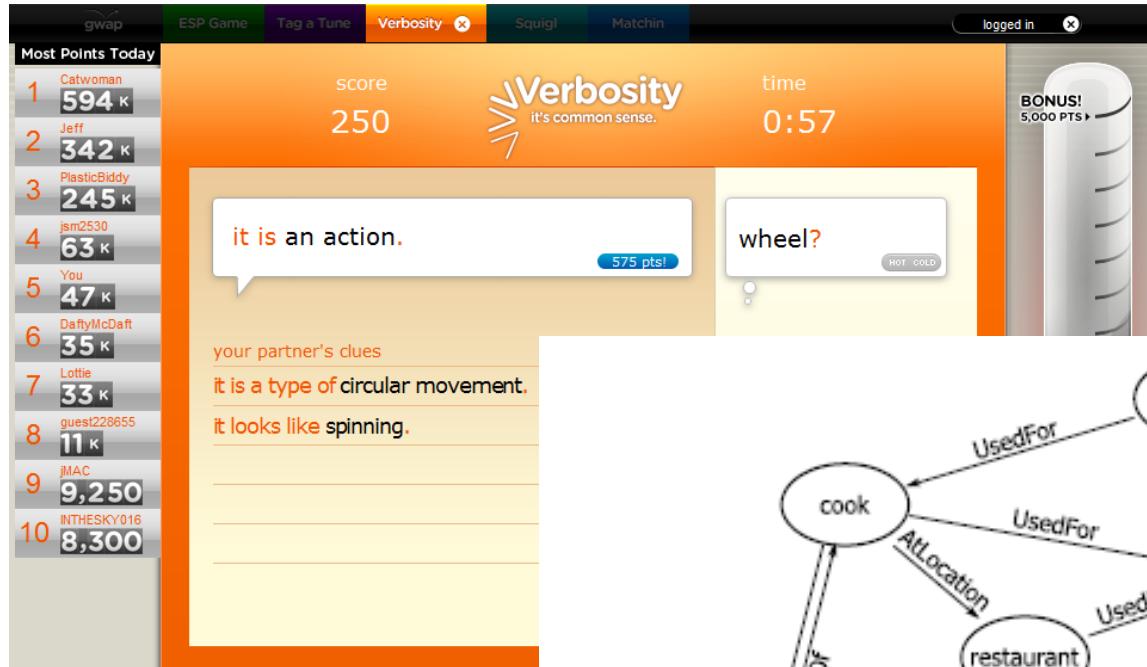
<http://www.gwap.com/gwap/>

This screenshot shows the Verbosity game interface with a secret word of "fashion?". The score is 0 and the time is not explicitly shown. The interface includes a sidebar with user points and a main area with clues and a guess section. The clues listed are: "it is [ ]", "it is a type of clothes", "it has [ ]", "it looks like [ ]", "about the same size as foot", and "it is related to [ ]". The guess section shows "bra?", "pants?", and "sock?" with "HOT COLD" ratings. A "submit" button is visible next to one of the clue input fields. A "pass" button is at the bottom right.

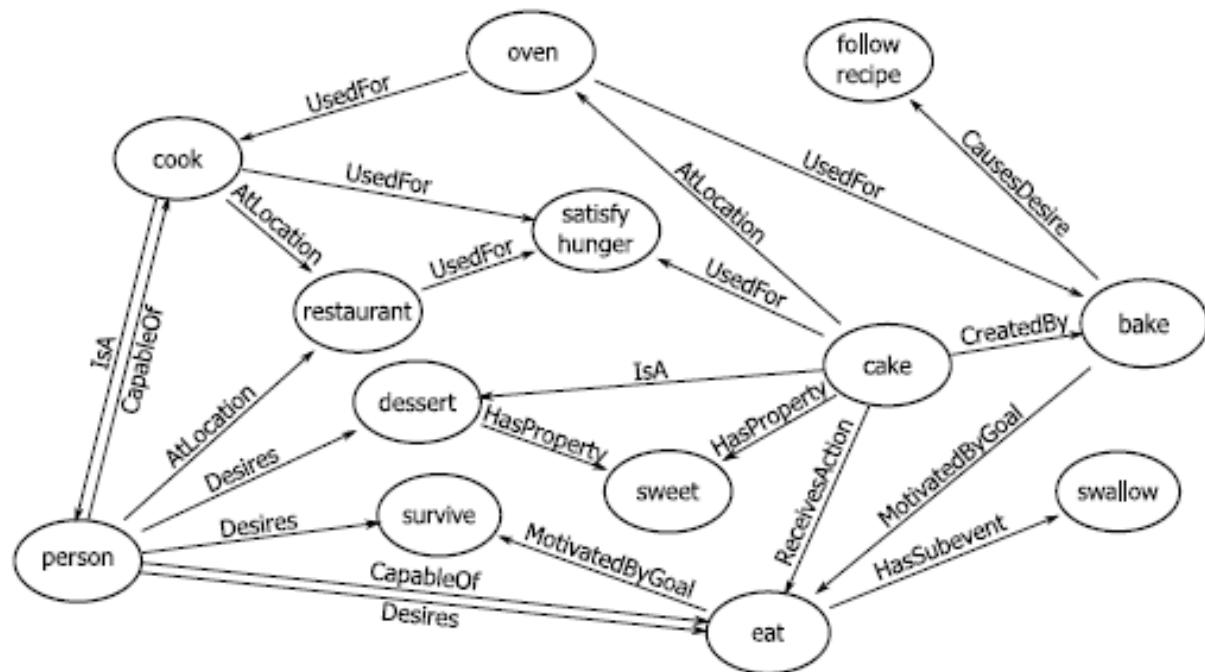
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**ConceptNet 5:**  
3.9 Mio concepts  
12.5 Mio. edges



# Pattern-Based Harvesting of Commonsense Properties

(N. Tandon et al.: AAAI 2011)

## Approach 2: Use Seeds for Pattern-Based Harvesting

Gather and analyze patterns and occurrences for

<common noun> hasProperty <adjective>

<common noun> hasAbility <verb>

<common noun> hasLocation <common noun>

→ Patterns: X is very Y, X can Y, X put in/on Y, ...

Problem: noise and sparseness of data

Solution: harness Web-scale n-gram corpora

→ 5-grams + frequencies

Confidence score: PMI (X,Y), PMI (p,(XY)), support(X,Y), ...  
are features for regression model

# Commonsense Properties with Semantic Types

(N. Tandon et al.:  
WSDM 2014)

Type signatures for common-sense relations:

hasColor: <visibleObject> × {red, blue, ...} or 256-color space or ...

hasTaste: <edibleFood> × {sweet, sour, spicy, ...}

evokesEmotion: <book or movie or song or ???> ×  
{funny, hilarious, sad, haunting, ???}  
→ systematic „EmotionNet“ ?

pattern mining on N-grams & Web corpora

+ semisupervised label propagation +

+ integer linear programming

→ WebChild: 4 Mio. triples for 19 relations

[www.mpi-inf.mpg.de/yago-naga/webchild](http://www.mpi-inf.mpg.de/yago-naga/webchild)

also disambiguates  
nouns and adjectives  
With WordNet senses



Who looks hot ?

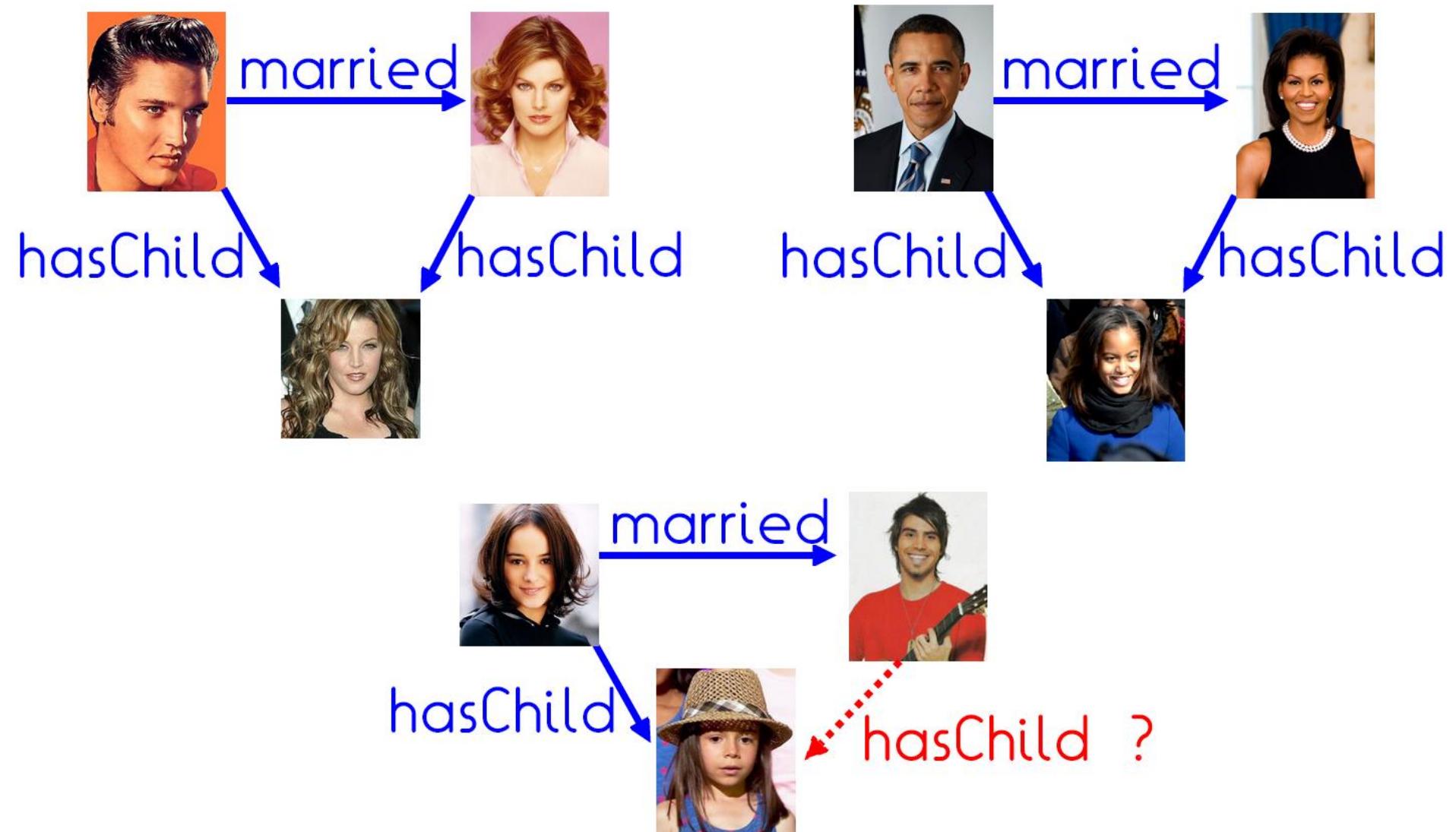


What tastes hot ?



What is hot ?

# Patterns indicate commonsense rules


$$\text{married}(x,y) \wedge \text{hasChild}(x,z) \Rightarrow \text{hasChild}(y,z)$$

# Rule mining builds conjunctions

[L. Galarraga et al.: WWW'13]

inductive logic programming / association rule mining  
but: with open world assumption (OWA)

$motherOf(x, z) \wedge marriedTo(x, y)$	#y,z: 1000
$motherOf(x, z) \wedge marriedTo(x, y) \wedge fatherOf(y, z)$	#y,z: 600
$\exists w: motherOf(x, z) \wedge marriedTo(x, y) \wedge fatherOf(w, z)$	#y,z: 800
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$motherOf(x, z) \wedge marriedTo(x, y) \Rightarrow fatherOf(y, z)$	std. conf.: 600/1000
	OWA conf.: 600/800

AMIE inferred 1000's of commonsense rules from YAGO2

- $marriedTo(x, y) \wedge livesIn(x, z) \Rightarrow livesIn(y, z)$
- $bornIn(x, y) \wedge locatedIn(y, z) \Rightarrow citizenOf(x, z)$
- $hasWonPrize(x, LeibnizPreis) \Rightarrow livesIn(x, Germany)$

# Commonsense Knowledge: What Next?

## Advanced rules (beyond Horn clauses)

$$\begin{aligned}\forall x: \text{type}(x, \text{spider}) \Rightarrow \text{numLegs}(x) = 8 \\ \forall x: \text{type}(x, \text{animal}) \wedge \text{hasLegs}(x) \Rightarrow \text{even}(\text{numLegs}(x)) \\ \forall x: \text{human}(x) \Rightarrow (\exists y: \text{mother}(x, y) \wedge \exists z: \text{father}(x, z)) \\ \forall x: \text{human}(x) \Rightarrow (\text{male}(x) \vee \text{female}(x))\end{aligned}$$

handle negations (pope must not marry)

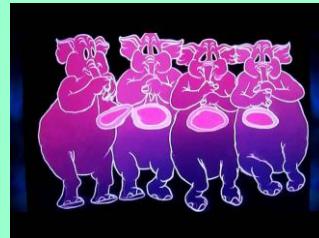
cope with reporting bias (most people are rich)

## Knowledge from images & photos (+text)

Colors, shapes, textures, sizes, relative positions, ...

Color of elephants? Height? Length of trunk?

Google: „pink elephant“  
1.1 Mio. hits



Google: „grey elephant“  
370 000 hits



Co-occurrence in scenes? (see projects ImageNet, NEIL, etc.)

# Take-Home Lessons



**Commonsense knowledge** is cool & open topic:  
can combine rule mining, patterns, crowdsourcing, AI, ...  
beneficial for sentiment mining & opinion analysis,  
more knowledge extraction & deeper language understanding



**Properties & rules** beneficial for applications:  
sentiment mining & opinion analysis, data cleaning & KB curation,  
more knowledge extraction & deeper language understanding

# Open Problems and Grand Challenges



**Comprehensive commonsense knowledge** organized in **ontologically clean** manner especially for emotions and other analytics



**Commonsense rules beyond Horn clauses**



**Visual knowledge** with text grounding highly useful:  
populate concepts, typical activities & scenes  
could serve as training data for image & video understanding

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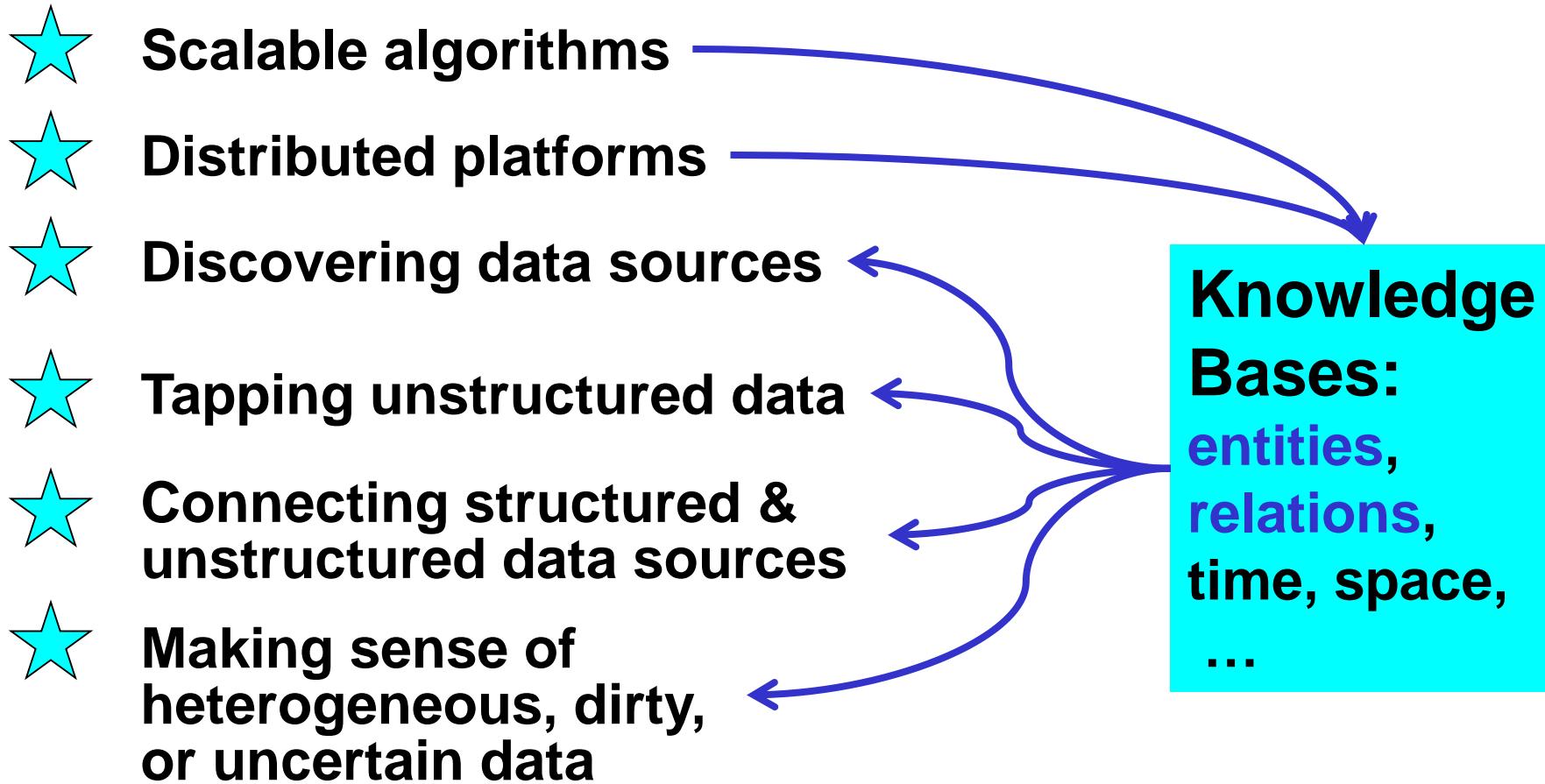
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# Summary

- Knowledge Bases from Web are Real, Big & Useful:  
Entities, Classes & Relations
- Key Asset for Intelligent Applications:  
Semantic Search, Question Answering, Machine Reading, Digital Humanities,  
Text&Data Analytics, Summarization, Reasoning, Smart Recommendations, ...
- Harvesting Methods for Entities & Classes Taxonomies
- Methods for extracting Relational Facts
- NERD & ER: Methods for Contextual & Linked Knowledge
- Rich Research Challenges & Opportunities:  
scale & robustness; temporal, multimodal, commonsense;  
open & real-time knowledge discovery; ...
- Models & Methods from Different Communities:  
DB, Web, AI, IR, NLP

# Knowledge Bases in the Big Data Era

## Big Data Analytics



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# Take-Home Message: From Web & Text to Knowledge

more knowledge, analytics, insight

