

# Reinforcement Learning for Knowledge Graph Reasoning

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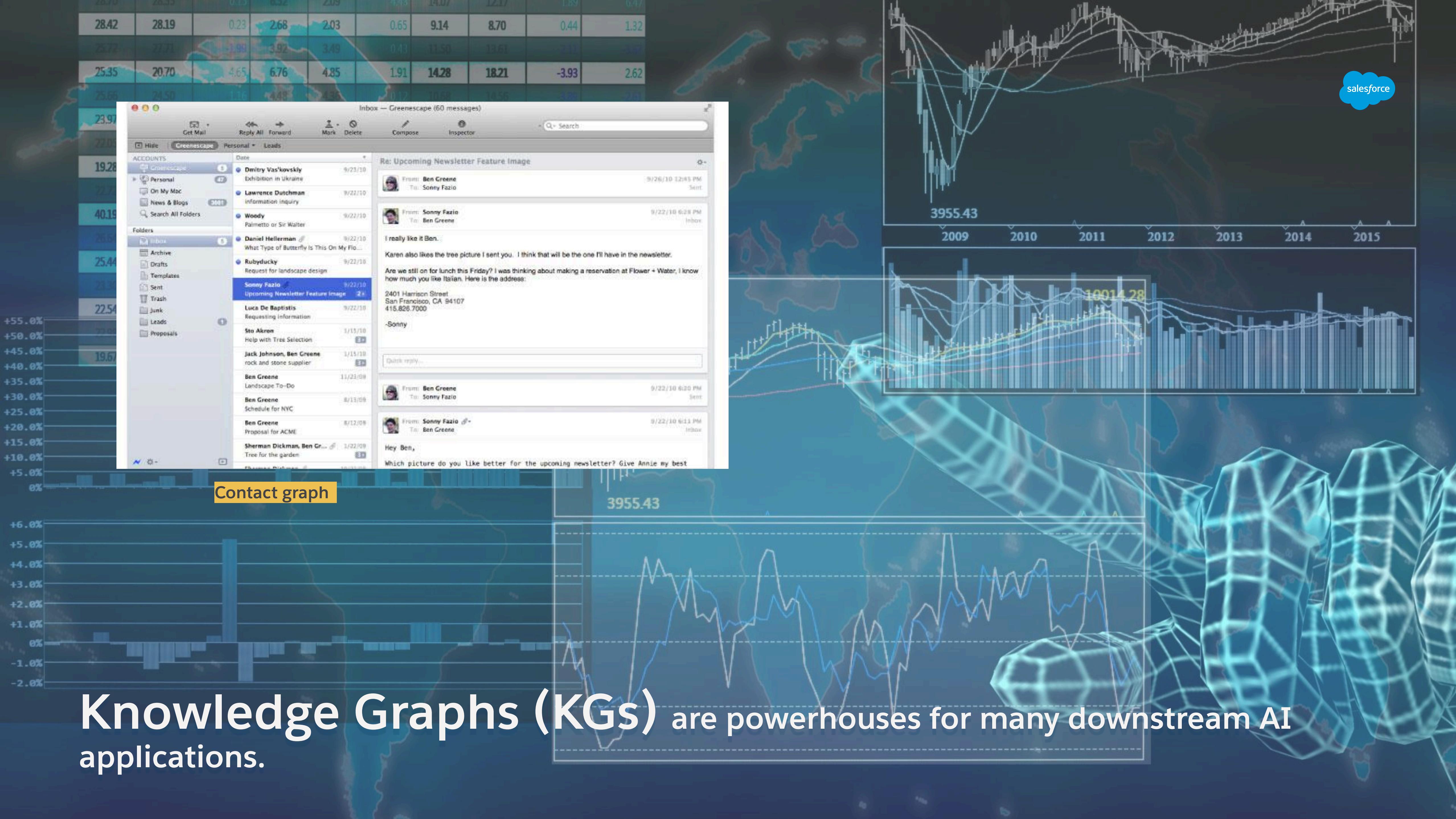
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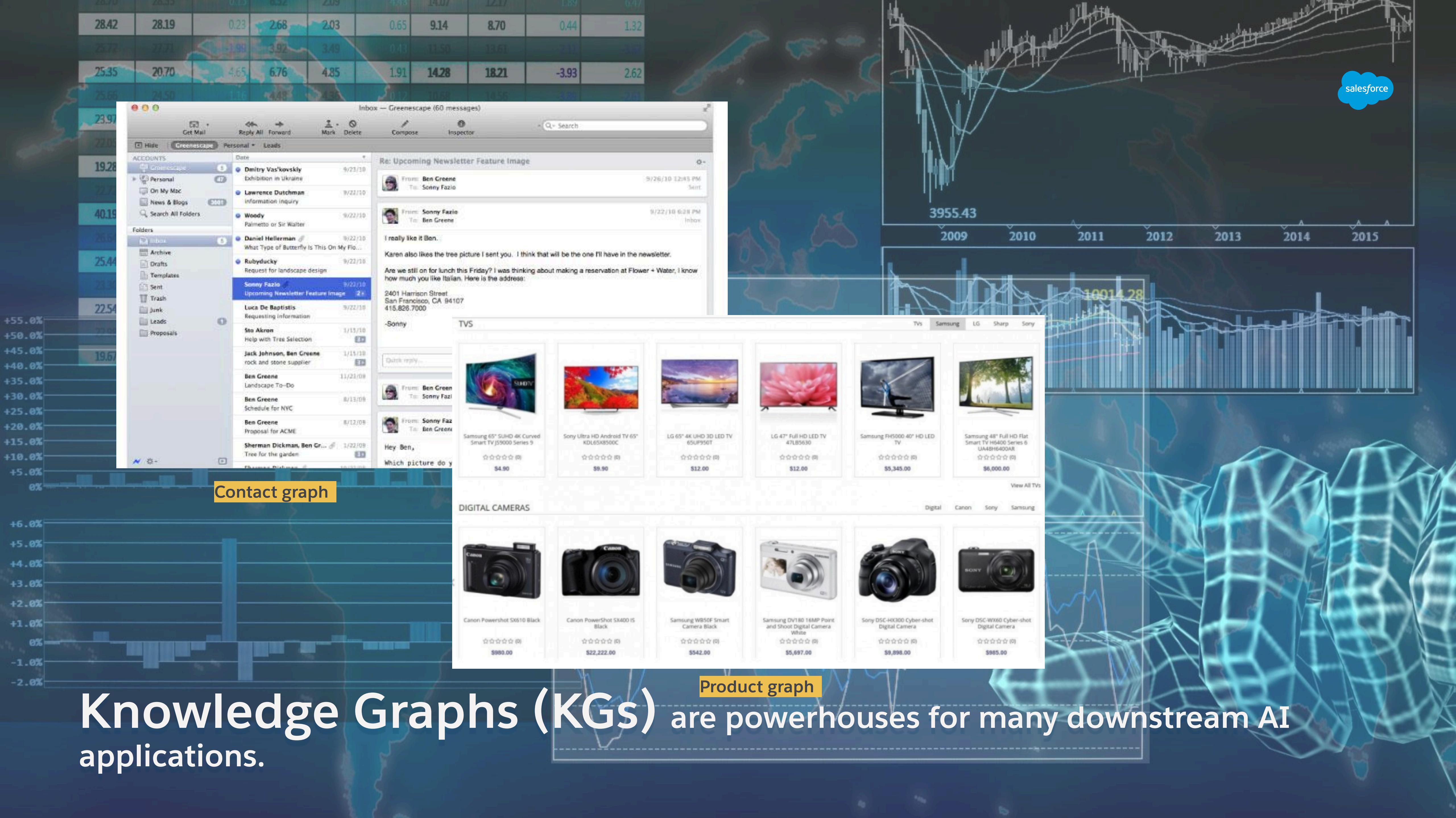
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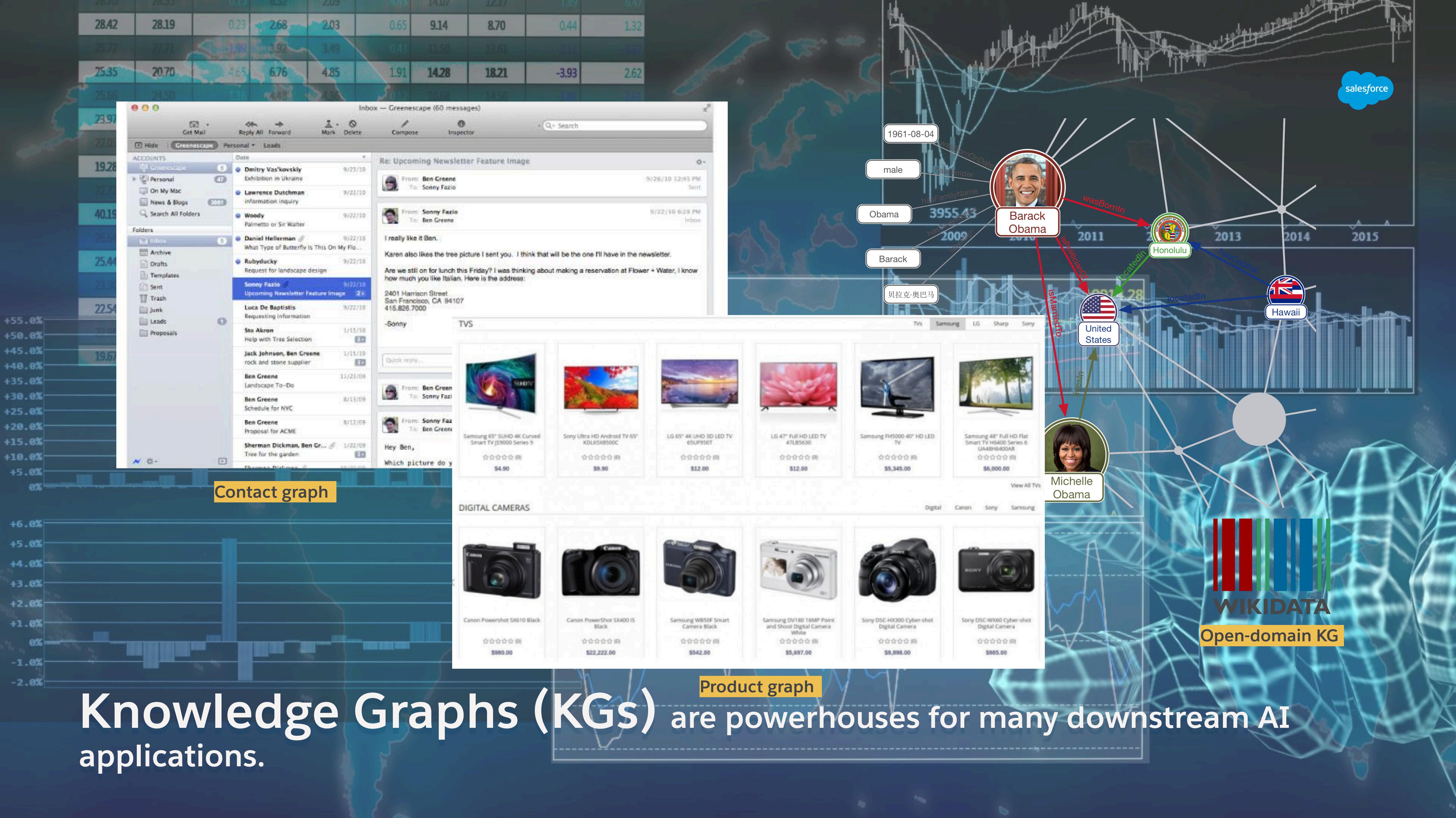
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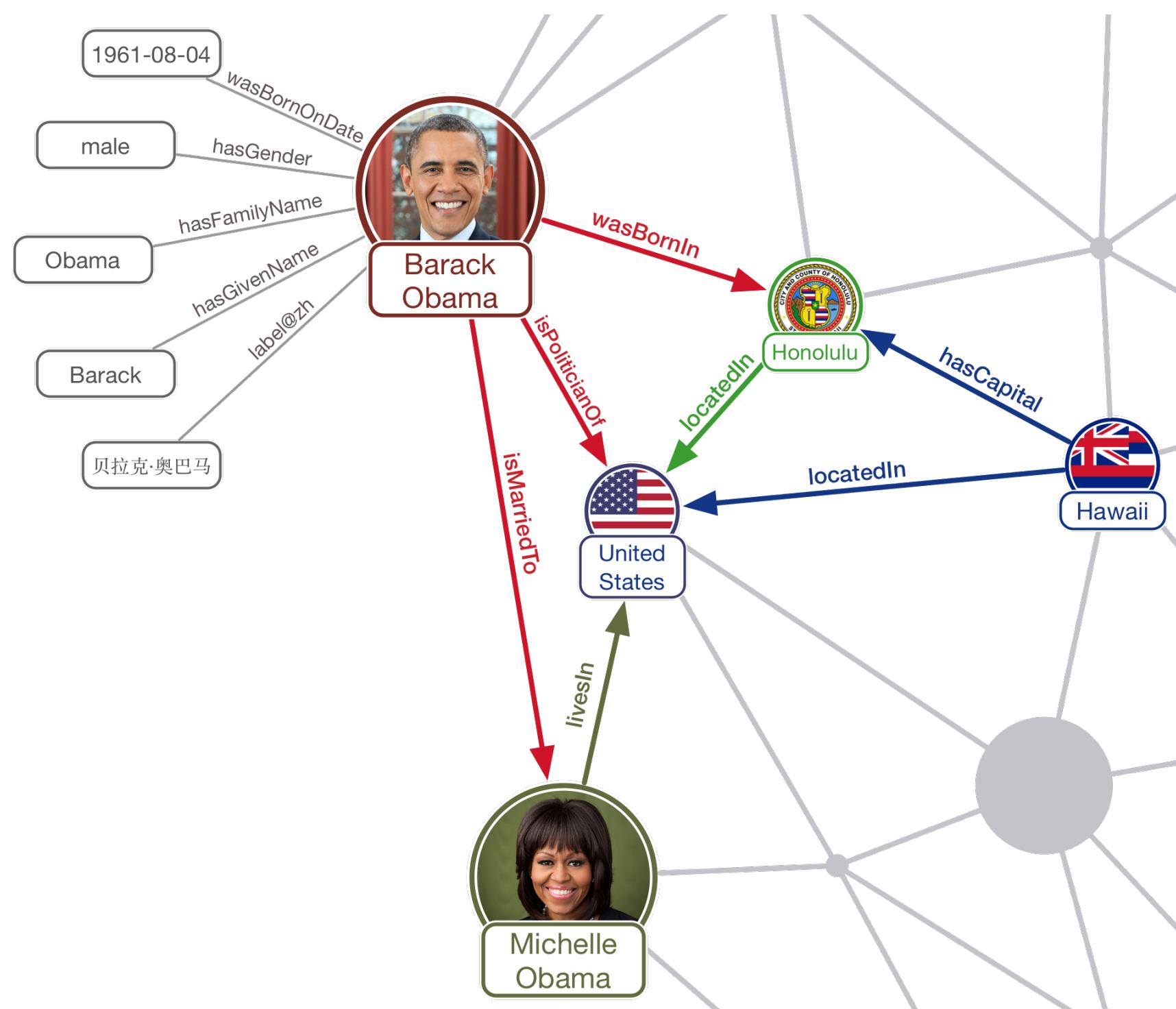








# Knowledge Graph Search

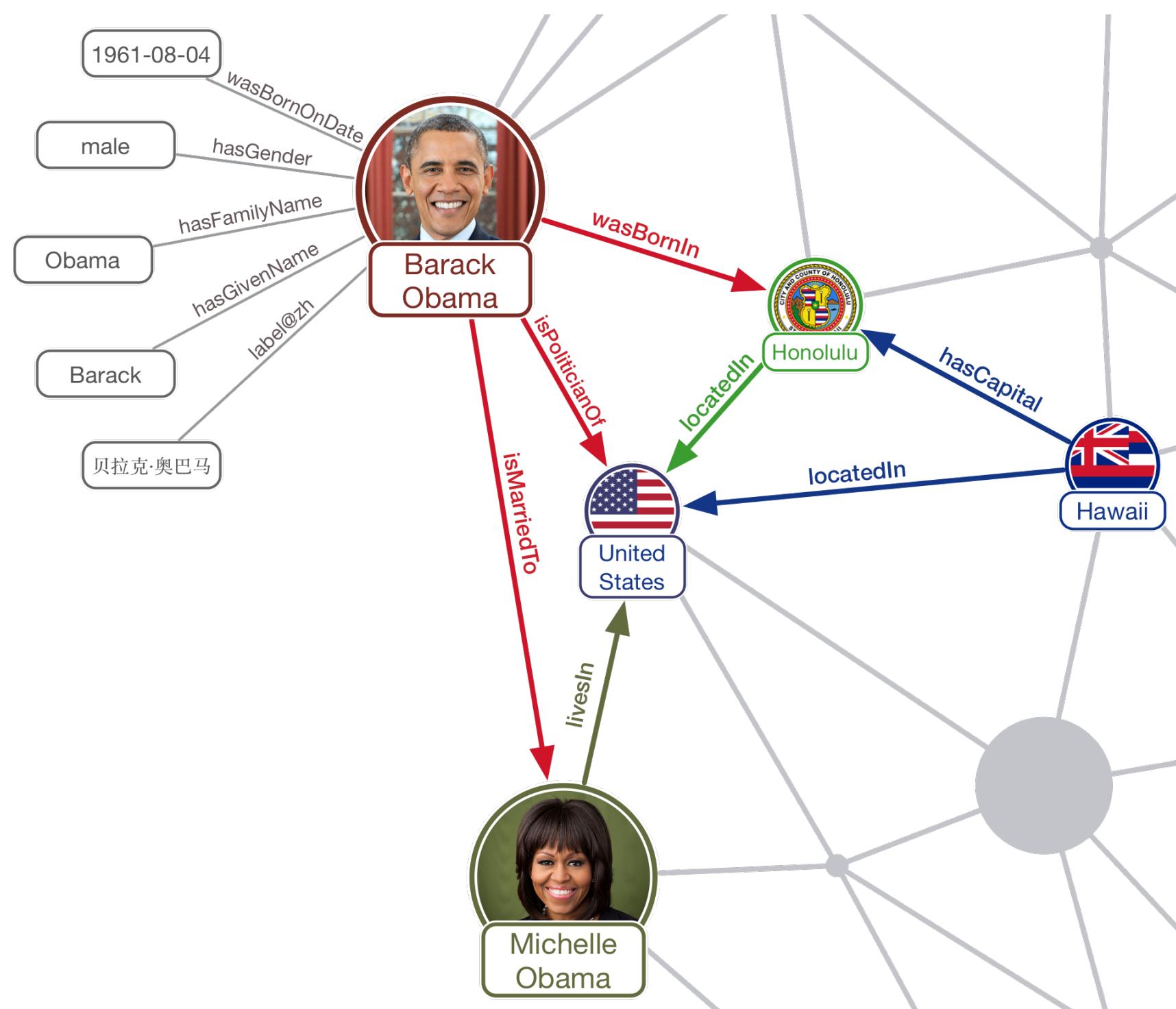


## Search:

Look up for facts that exist in the knowledge graph via a formal query language (e.g. SPARQL)

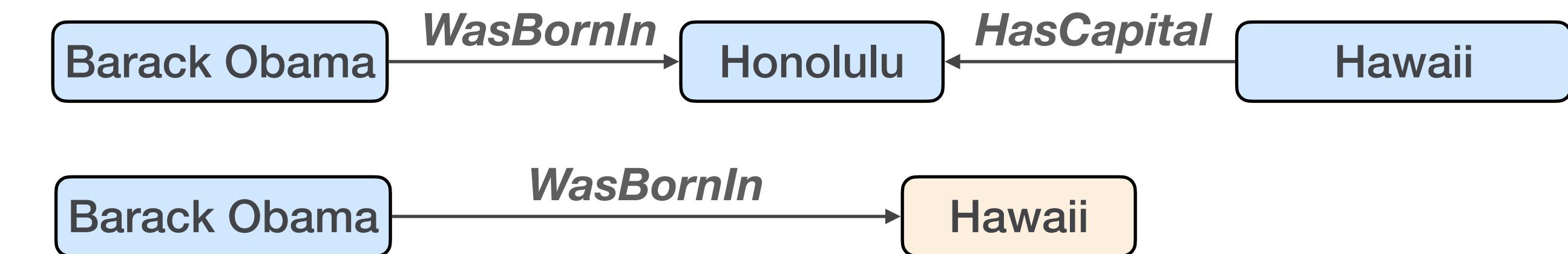


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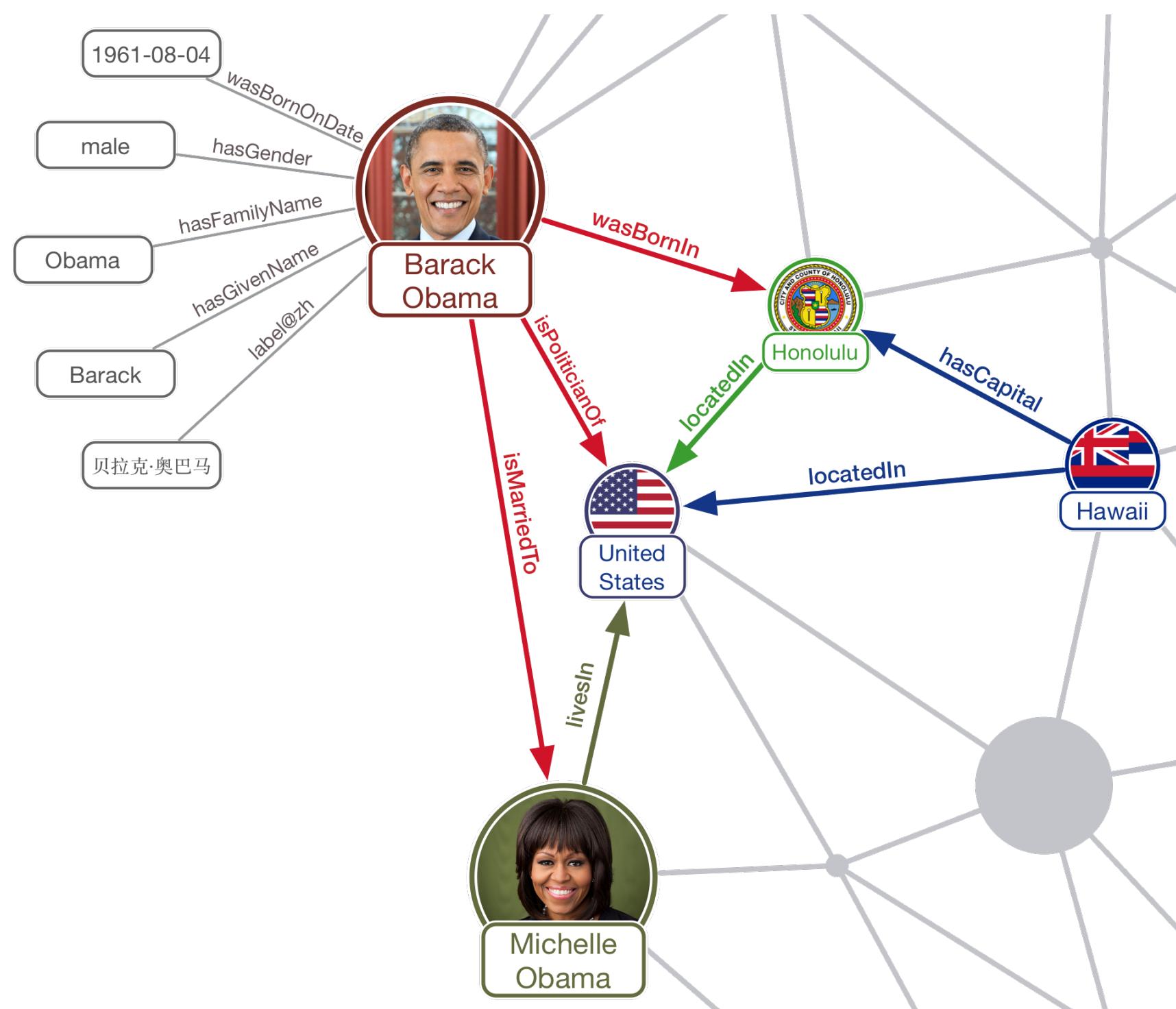


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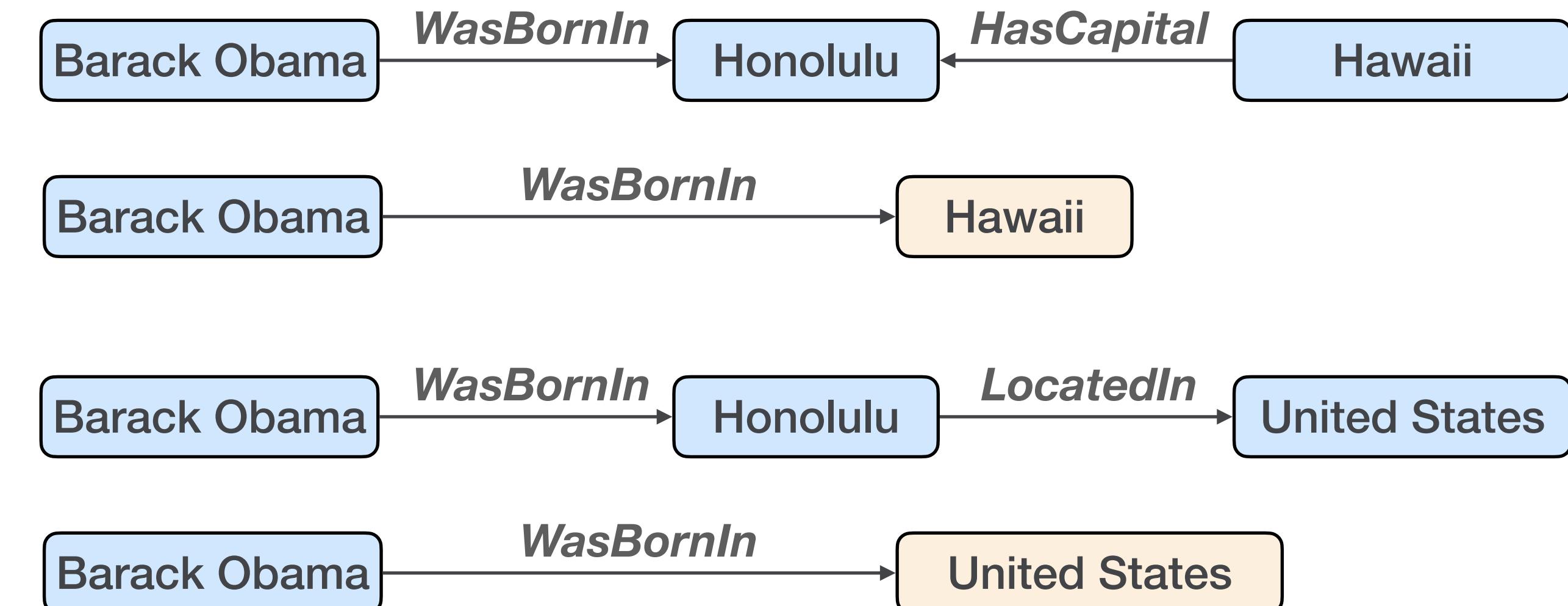


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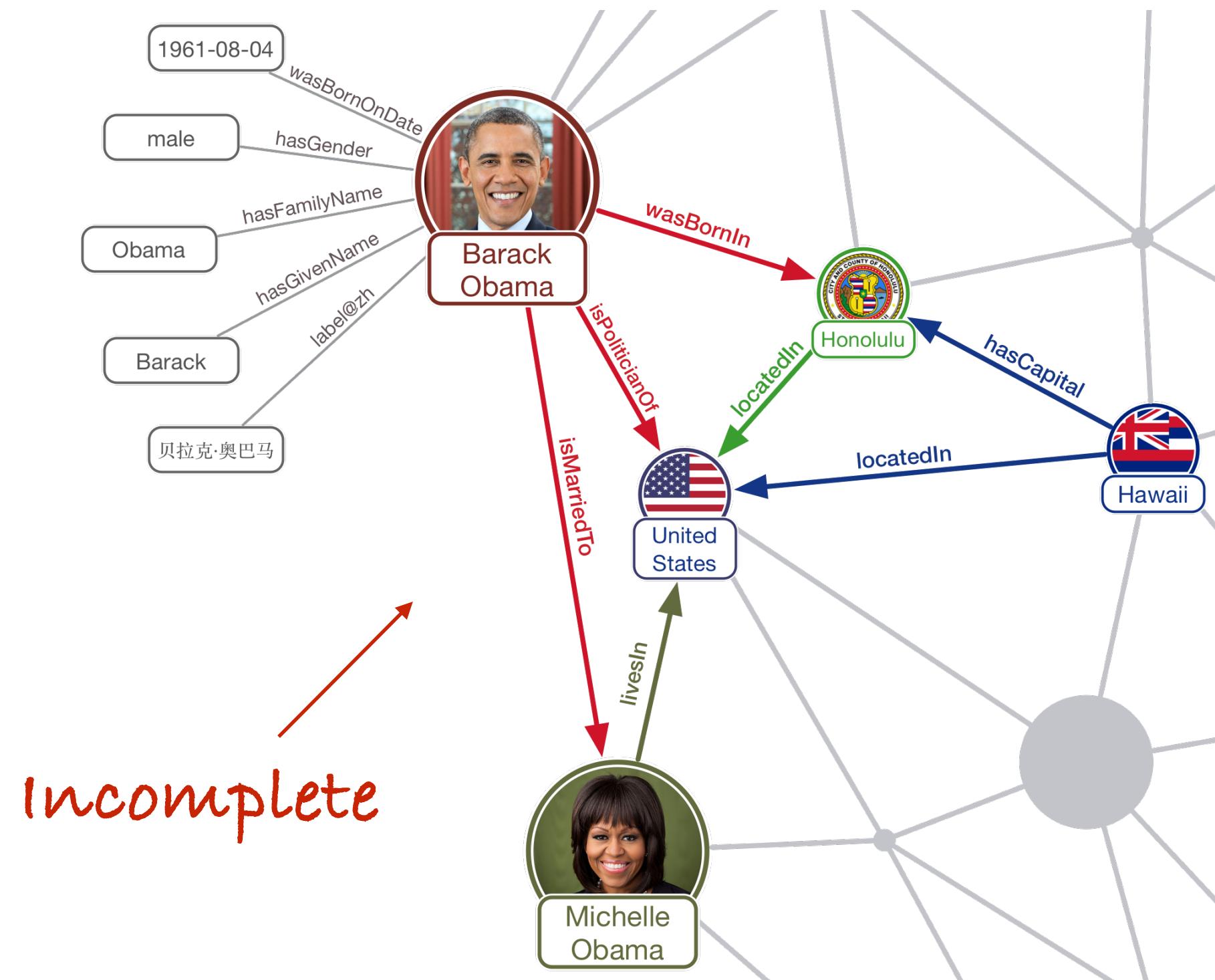


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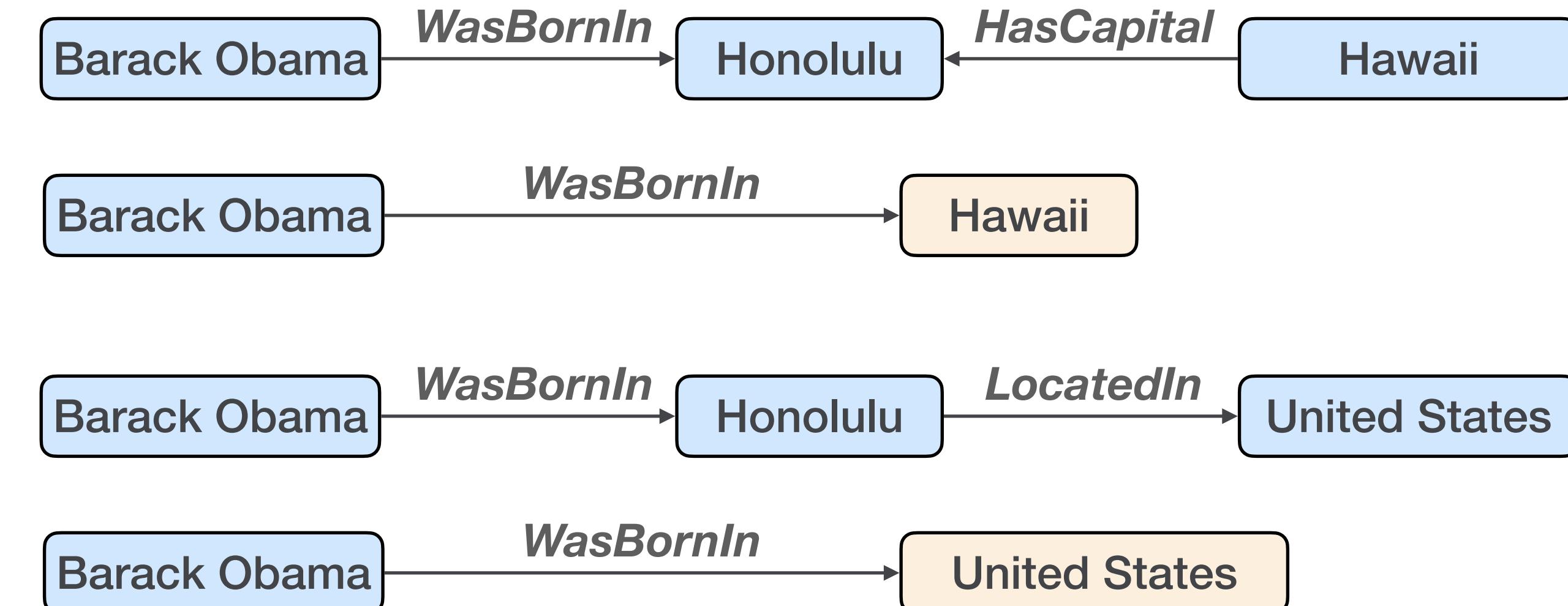


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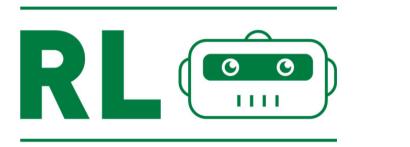
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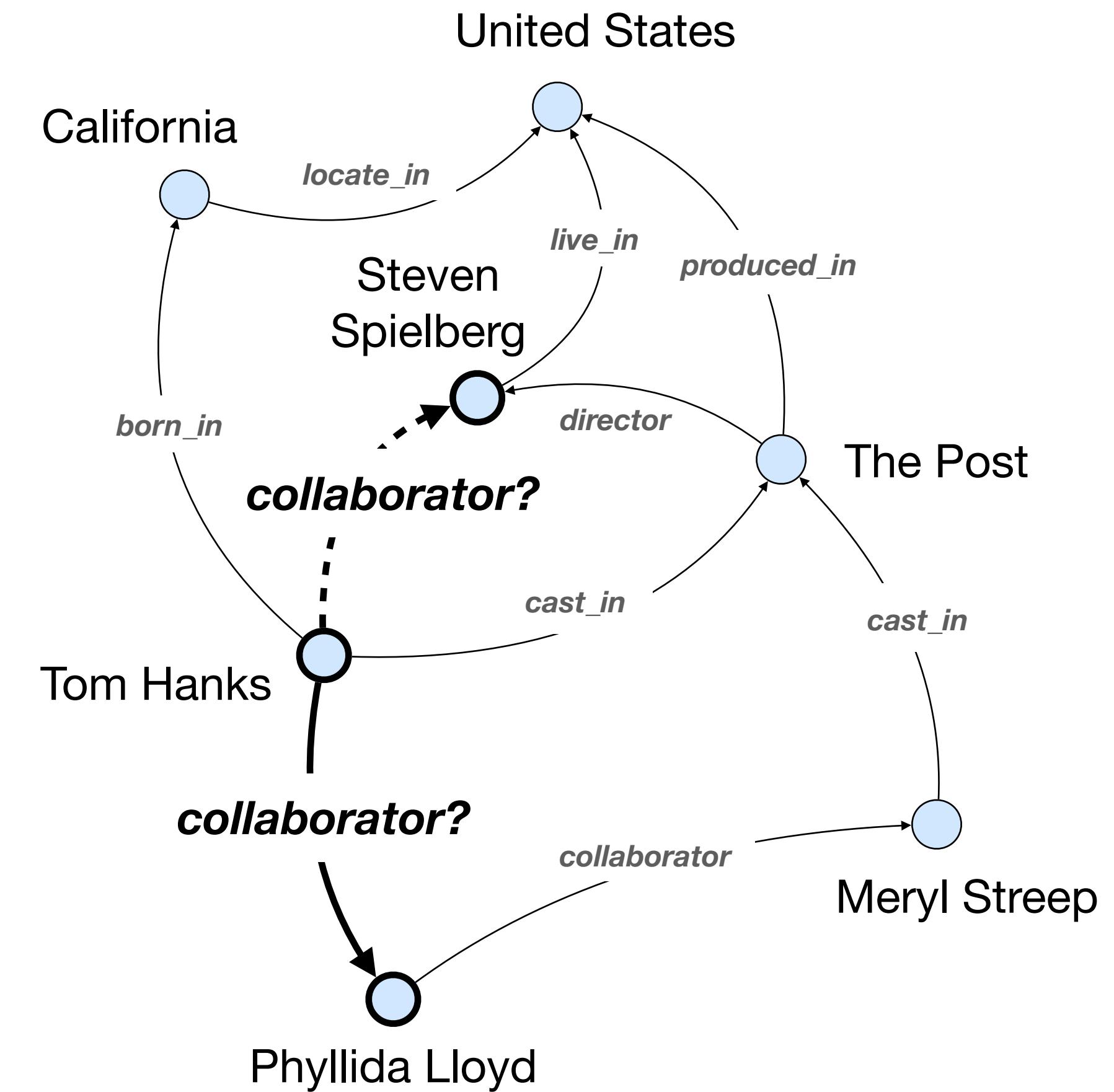
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Reasoning is a core problem for KGs as most often it is impossible to curate and store all facts in a KG.

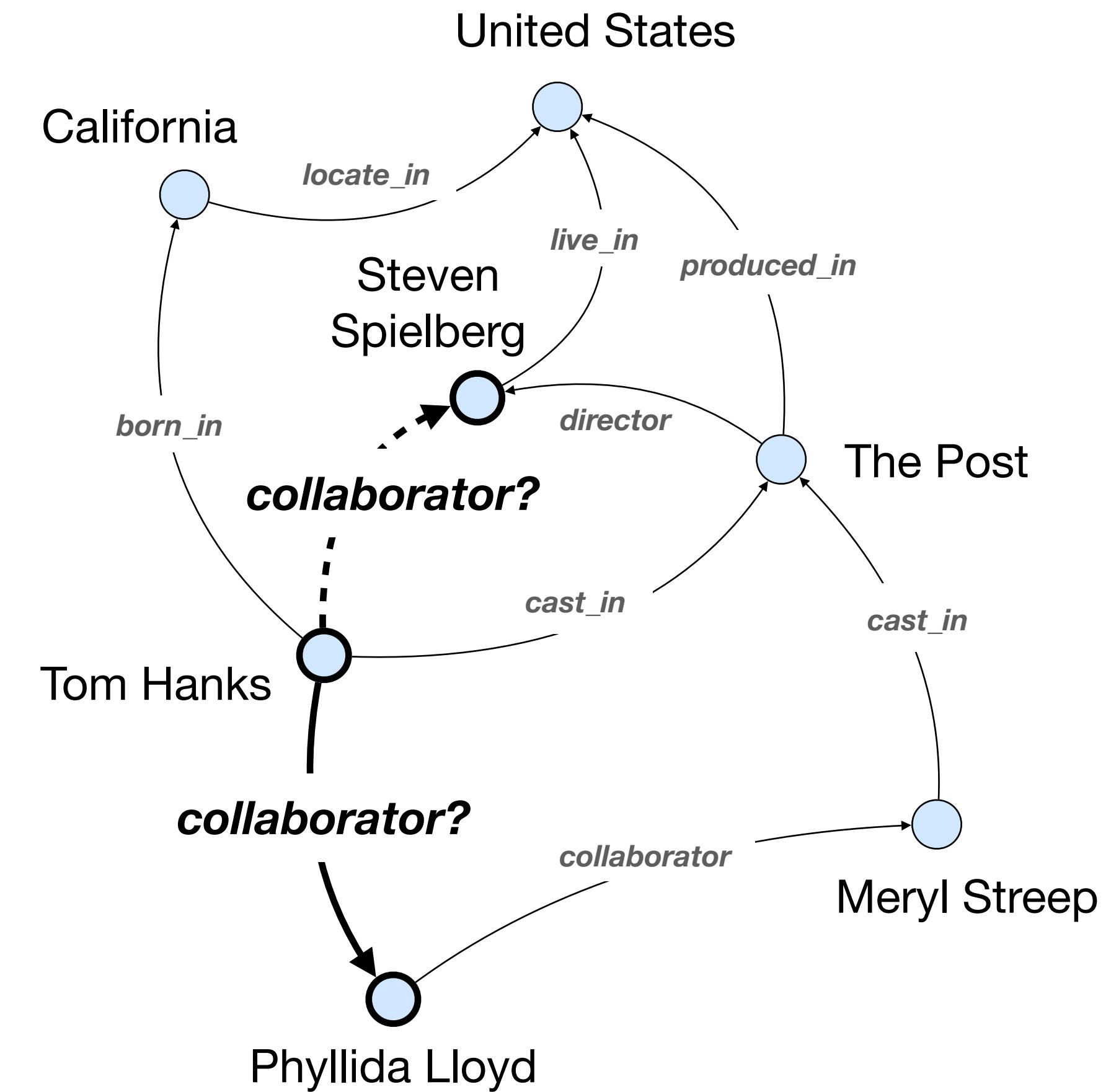
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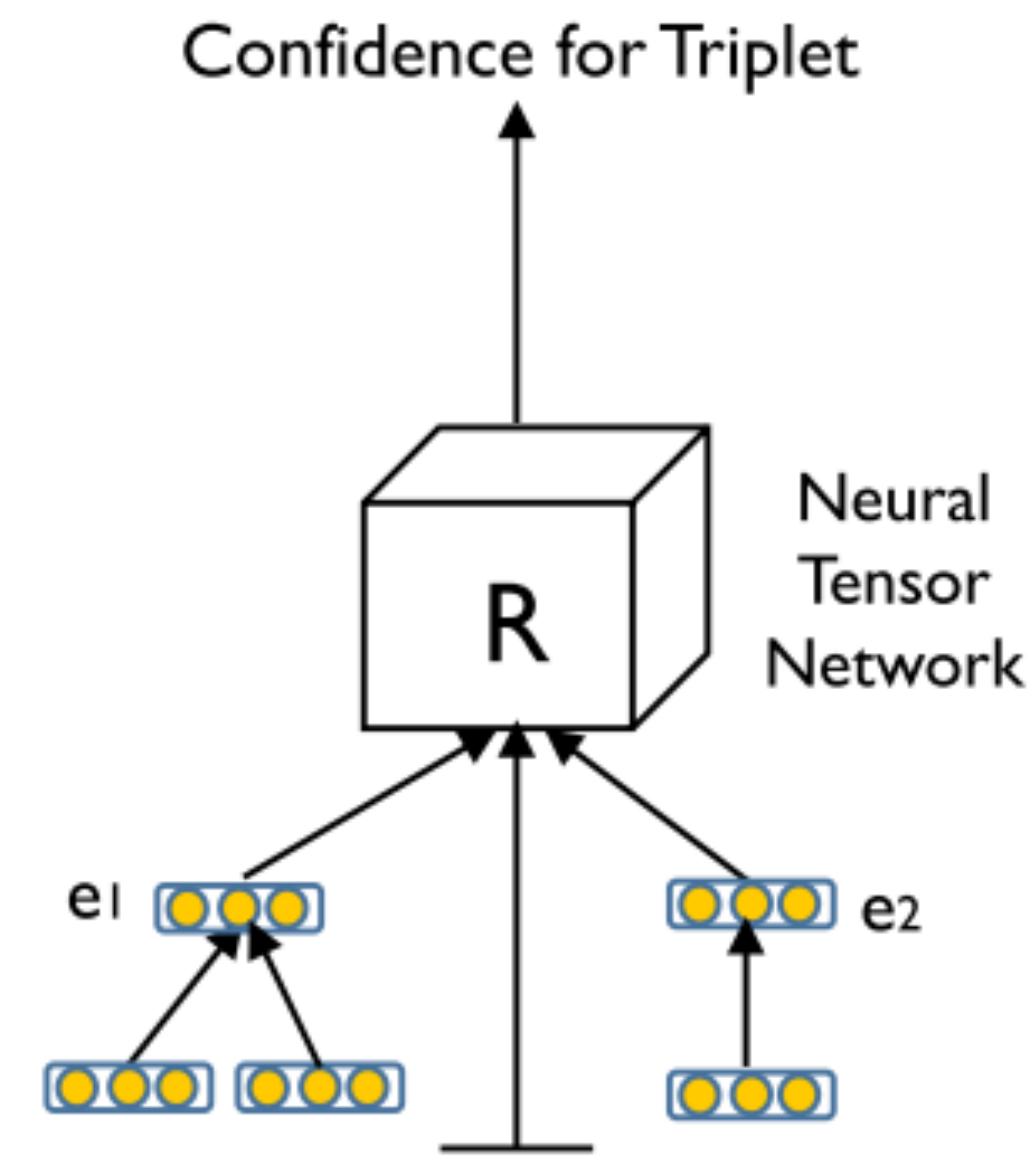
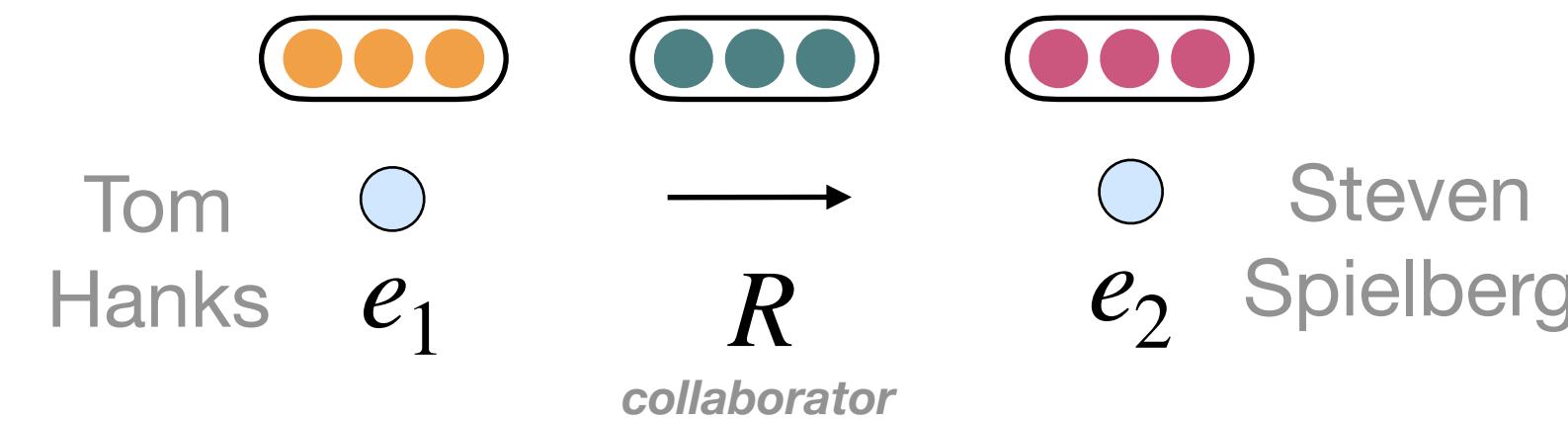


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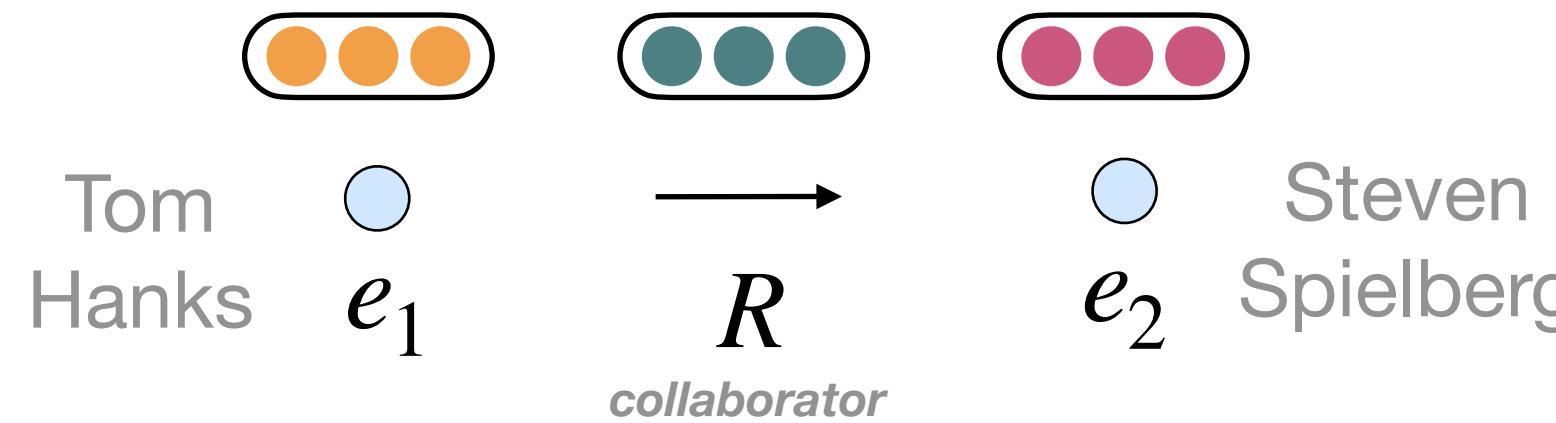


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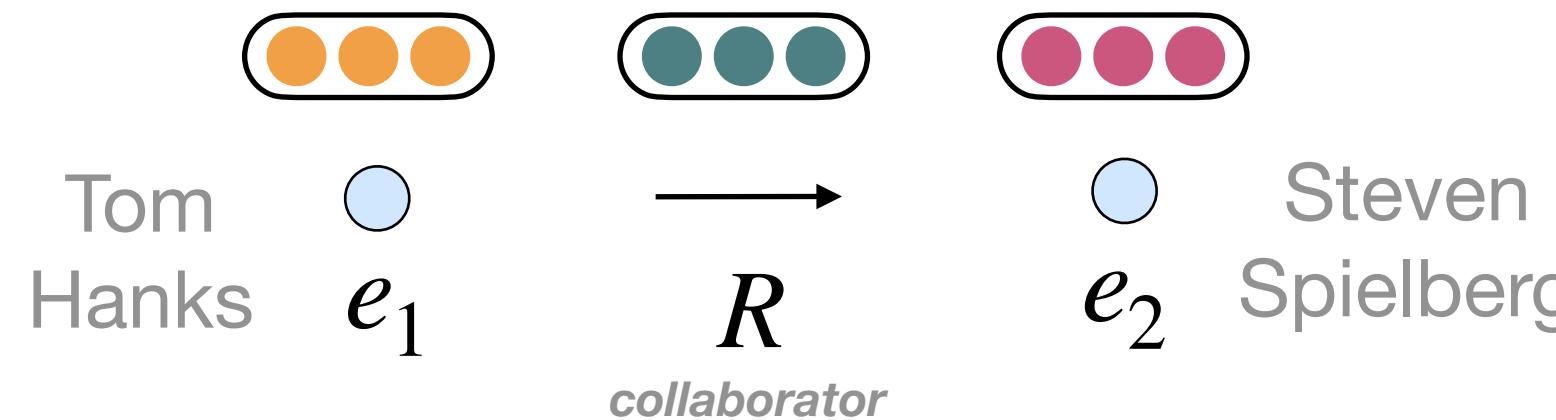
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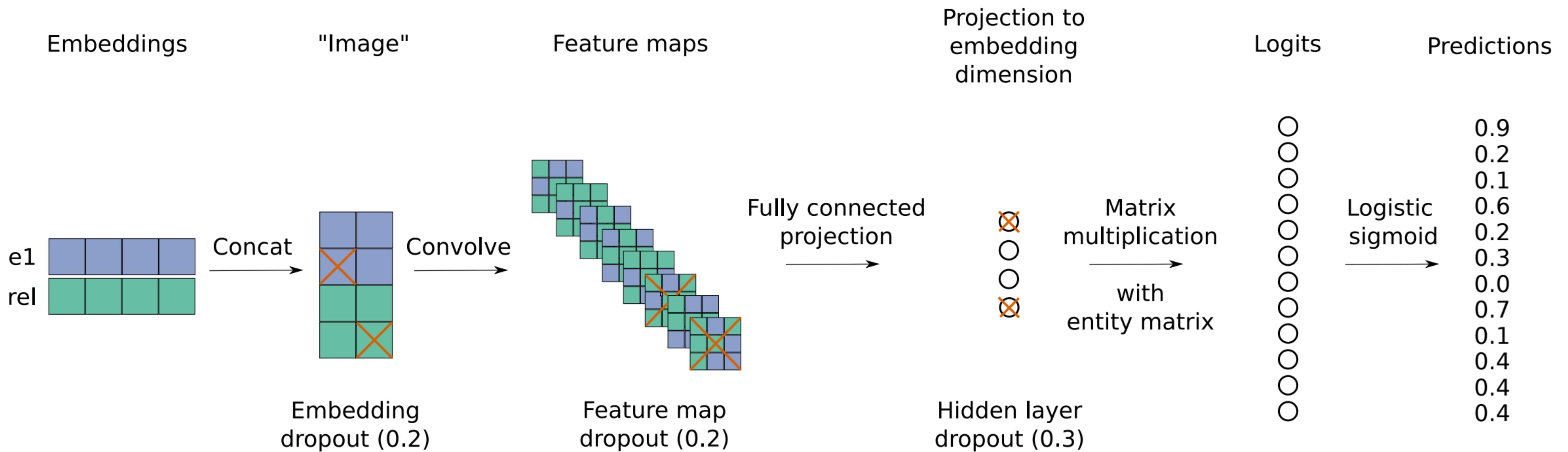
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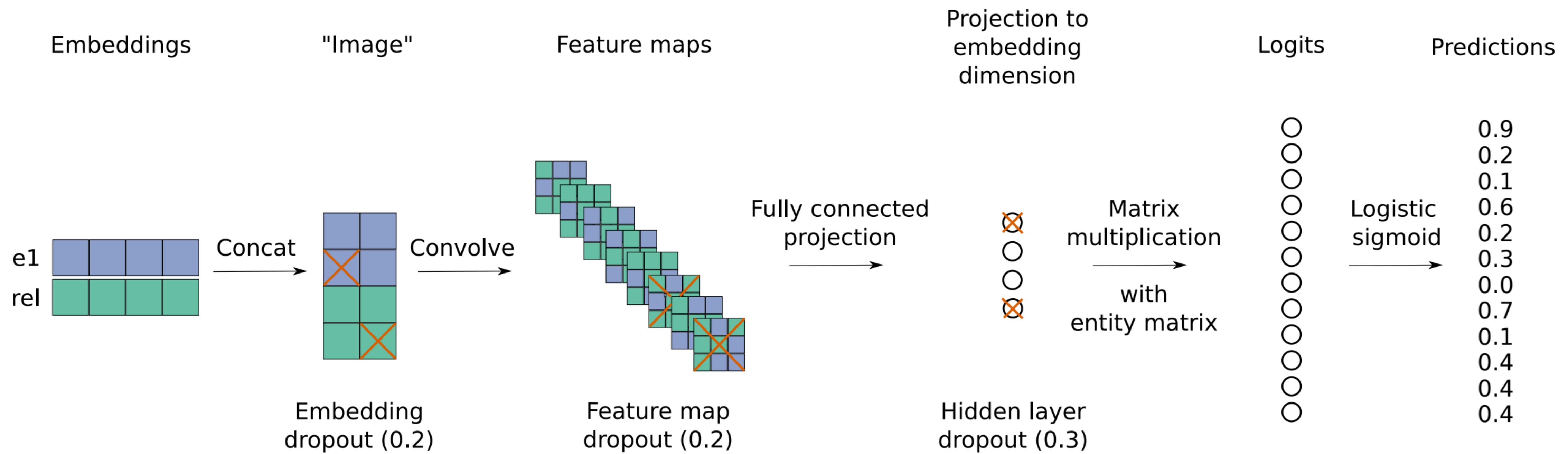


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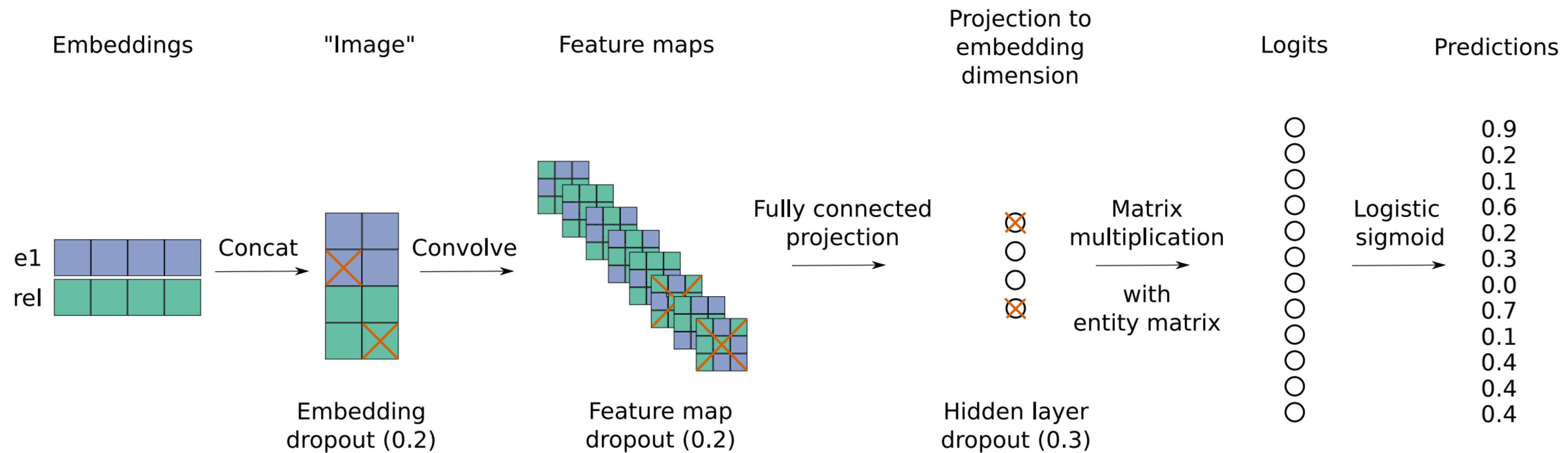
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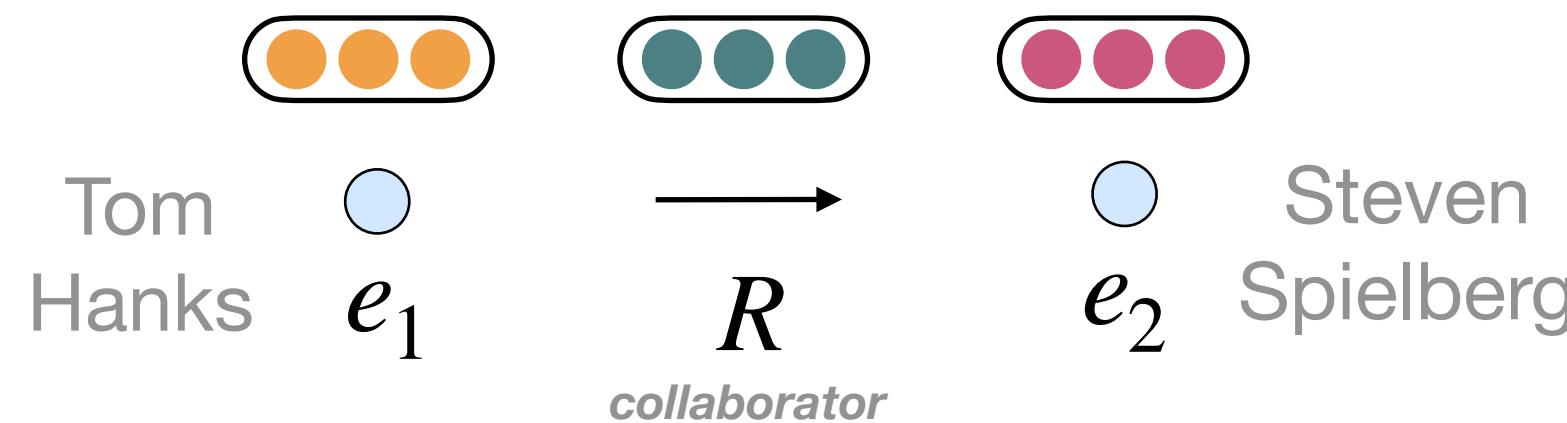
- Score facts observed in the partial KG higher than those unobserved
- Sample negatives

# ConvE: Convolutional 2D Knowledge Graph Embeddings



 SOTA model proposed in 2018  
Better scoring functions were proposed since. Please refer to the literature for more details.

# Knowledge Graph Embeddings



Highly accurate &  
Efficient

	Acc
WordNet	86.2
Freebase	90.0

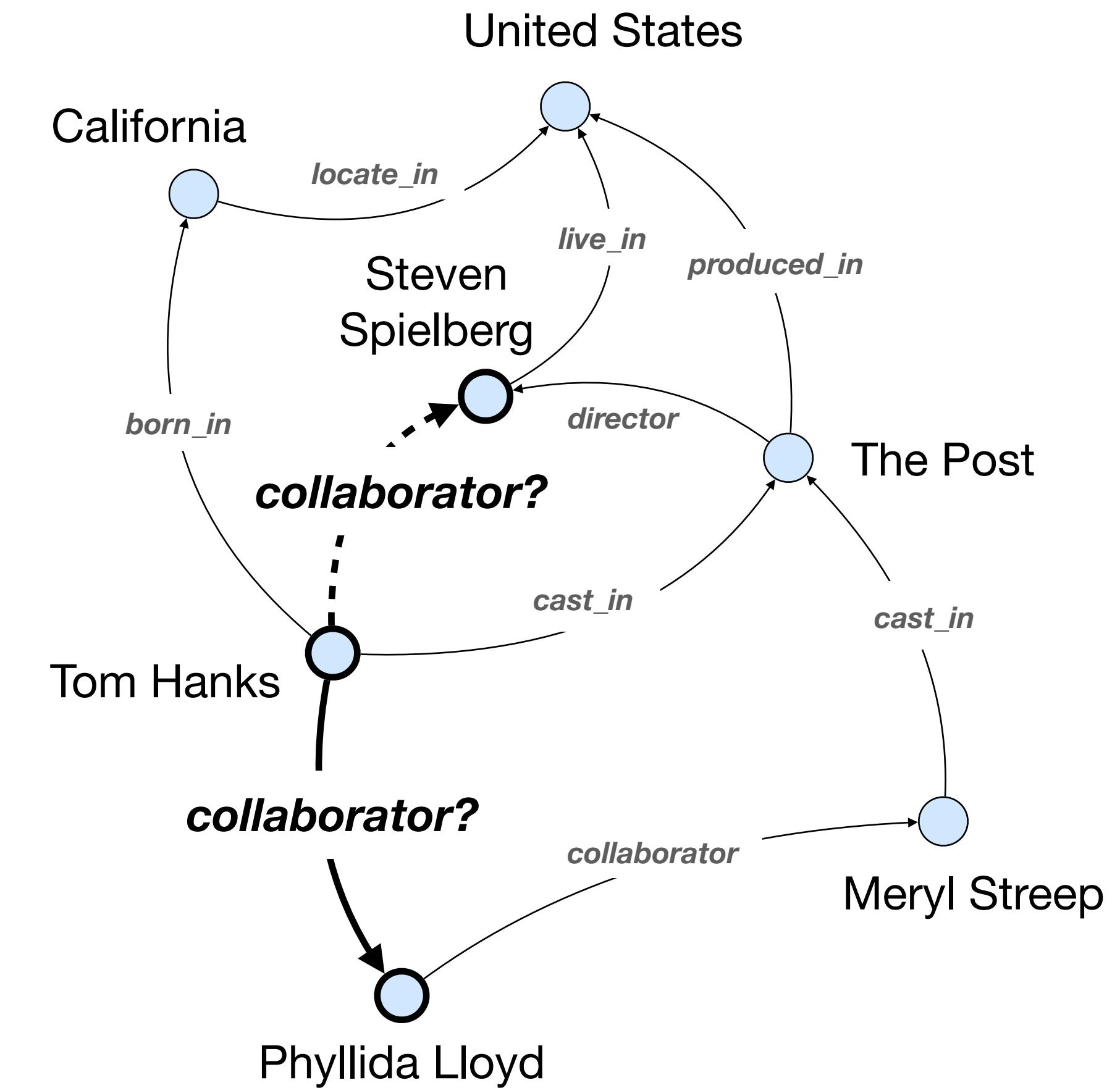
Tab 1. NTN KB fact inference performance on the WordNet and Freebase benchmarks (Socher et. al. 2013)

- Lack interpretability
- Does not perform well for rare/unseen entities

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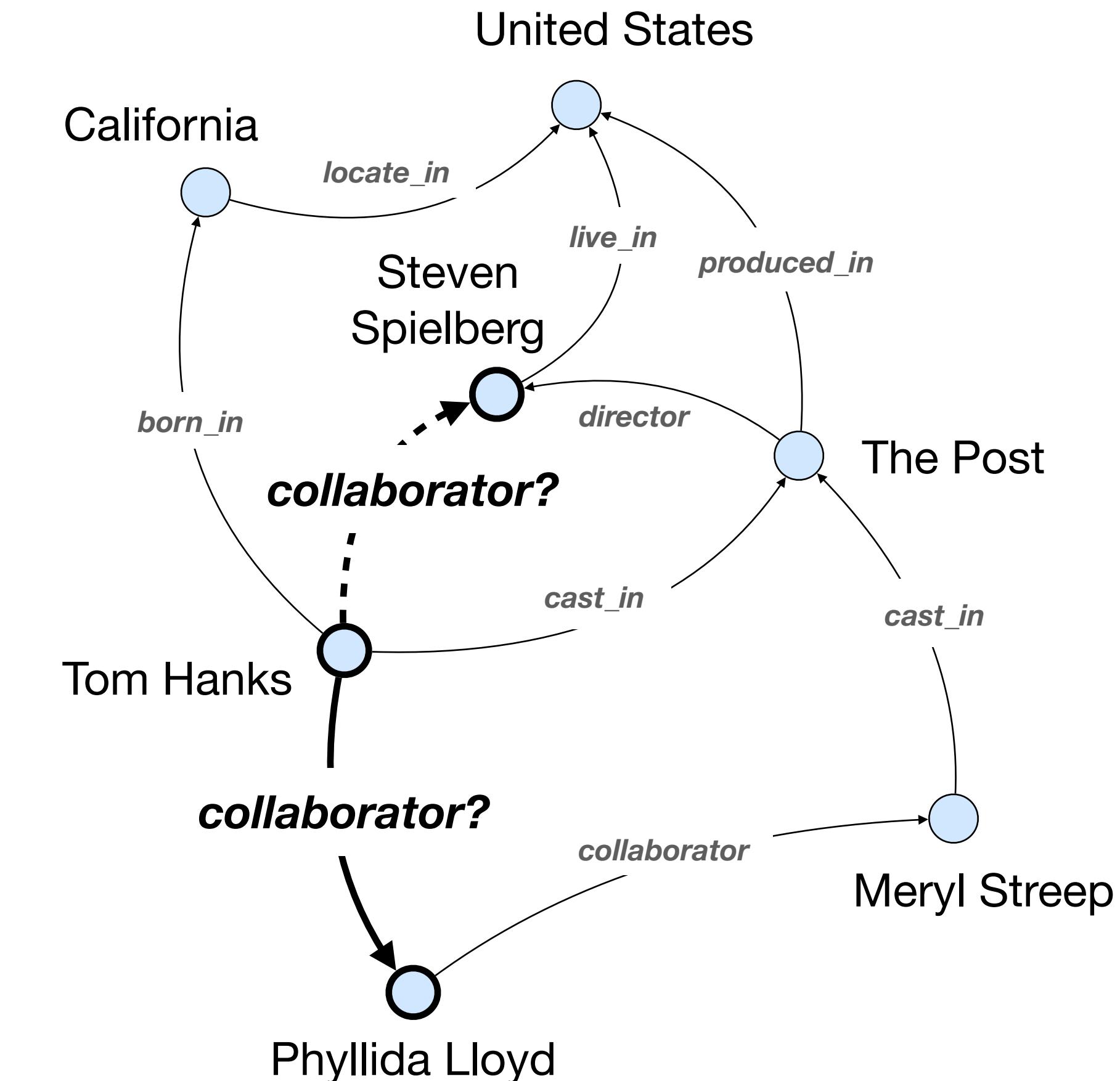
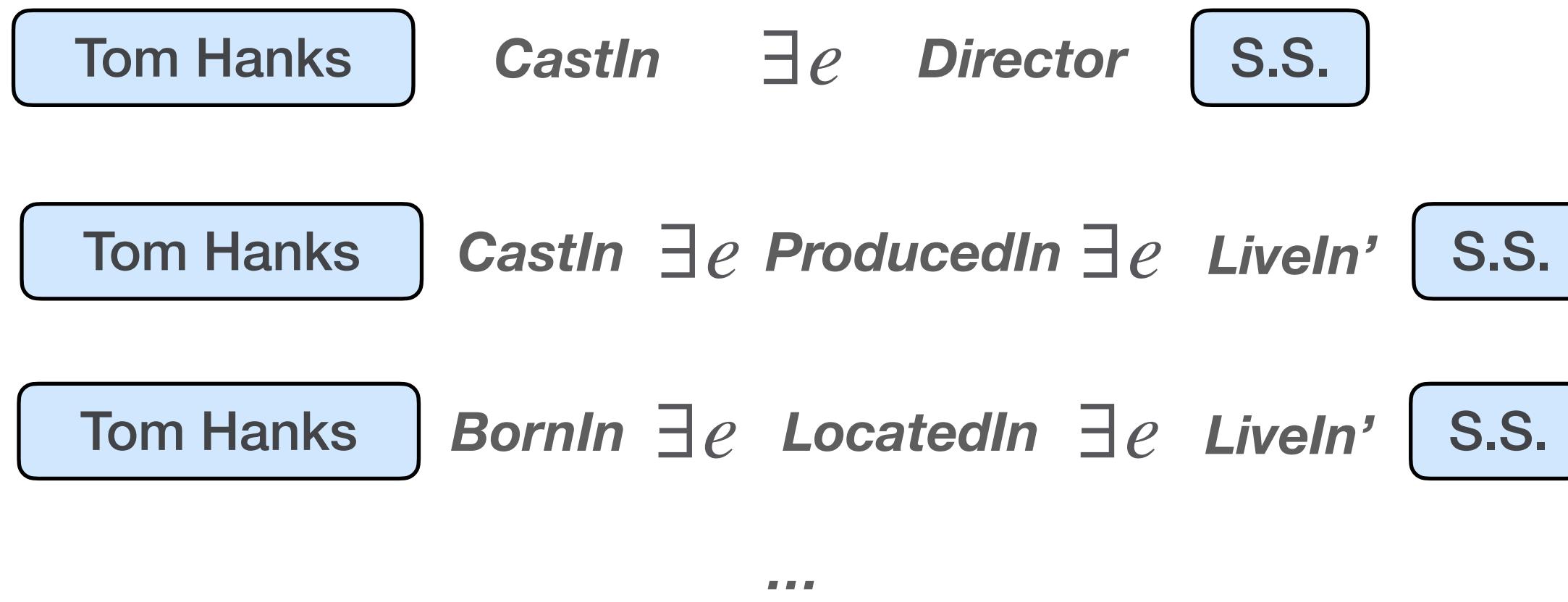
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# Path Ranking Algorithm

- Identifying relation paths connecting two entities  $(e_1, e_2)$  in the KG and use the paths as features for predicting new relations.

$$P = R_1 \dots R_\ell$$



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- Data-driven (Lao and Cohen 2011)
  - Identifying only paths that are potentially useful for an inference task
  - Any node  $e$  visited during path search must be supported by at least a fraction  $\alpha$  of seed entities  $s_i$  seen during training
  - Any path  $P$  must retrieve at least one target entity  $t_i$  on the training set

  $s_i$  supports  $e$  iff. the random walk probability between  $s_i$  and  $e$  is greater than 0

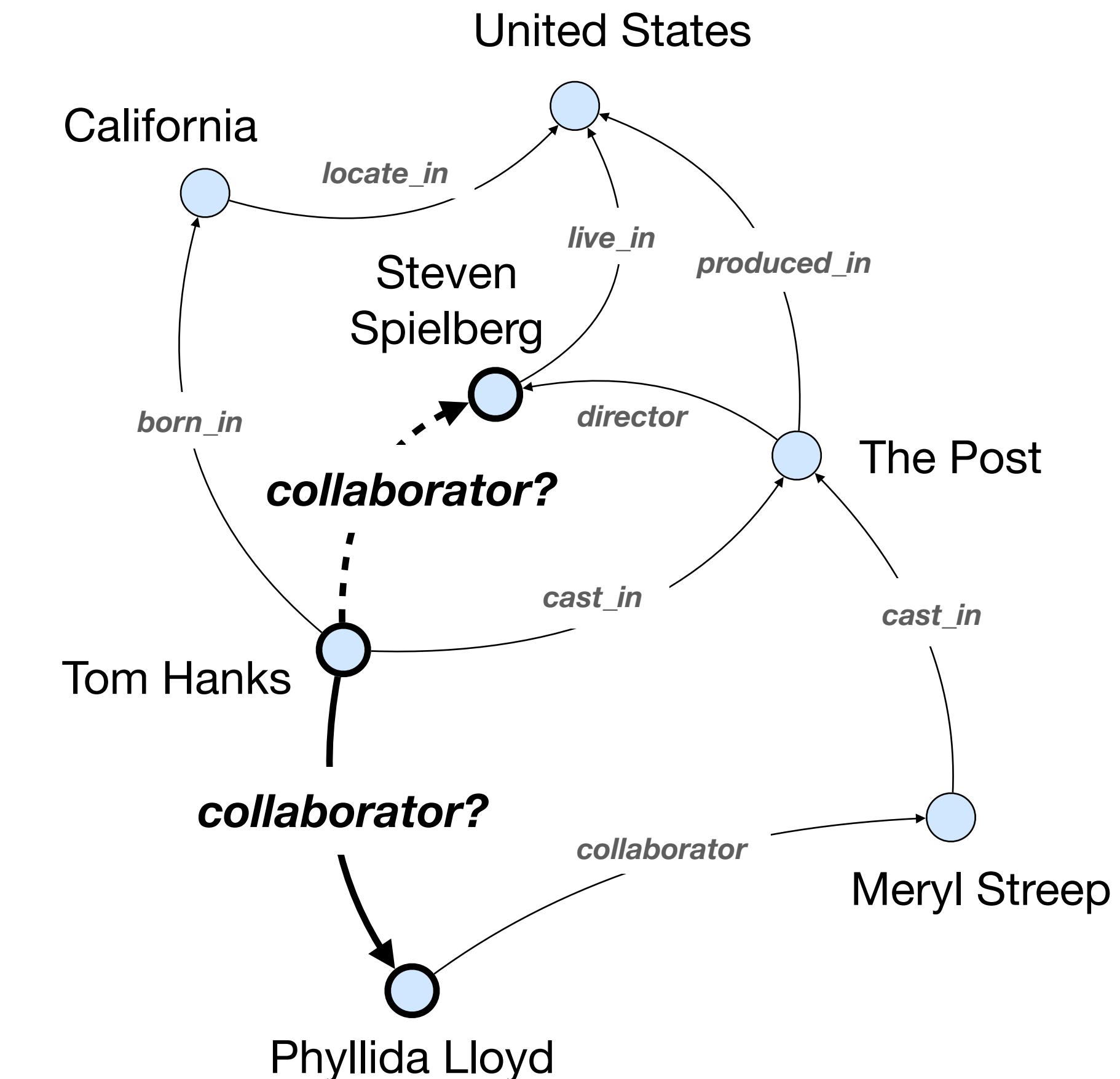
# Finding Inference Paths

- Reinforcement Learning (Xiong et al. 2018)
  - Learn a policy based agent to sample the most informative paths between  $e_1$  and  $e_2$
  - Starting from  $e_1$ , the agent uses a policy network to pick the most promising relation to extend its path at each step until it reaches the target entity  $e_2$ , or has reached a maximum number of search steps.
  - Hybrid reward
$$r_{\text{GLOBAL}} = \begin{cases} +1, & \text{if the path reaches } e_{\text{target}} \\ -1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad r_{\text{EFFICIENCY}} = \frac{1}{\text{length}(p)} \quad r_{\text{DIVERSITY}} = -\frac{1}{|F|} \sum_{i=1}^{|F|} \cos(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}_i)$$
  - Supervised policy learning and retraining with reward

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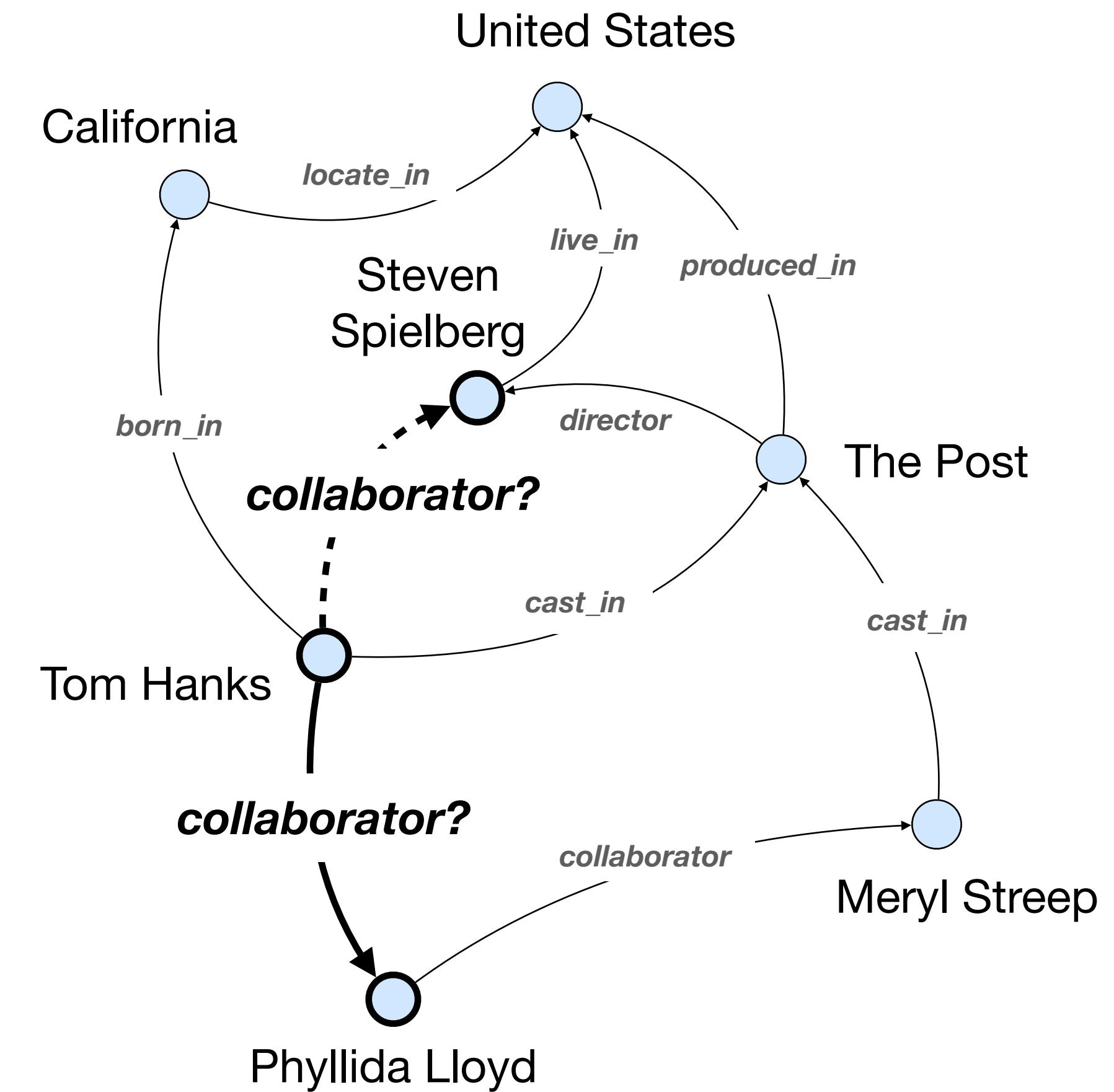


- Explainable
- Performs well for  $e_s \xrightarrow{r_q} e_t$  queries
- can work for rare/unseen entities as reasoning is based on path features
- Inefficient for  $e_s \xrightarrow{r_q} ?$  queries



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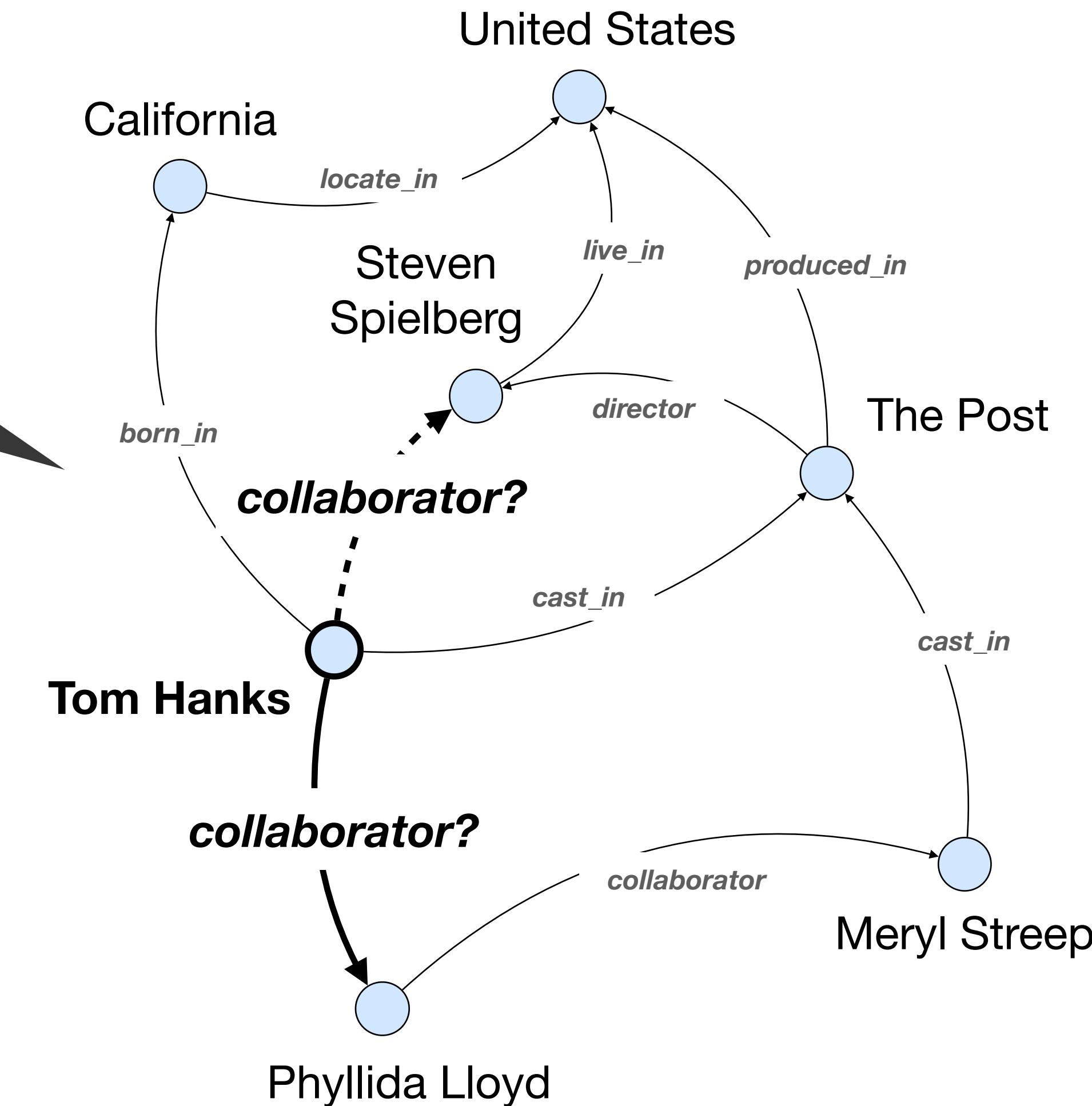


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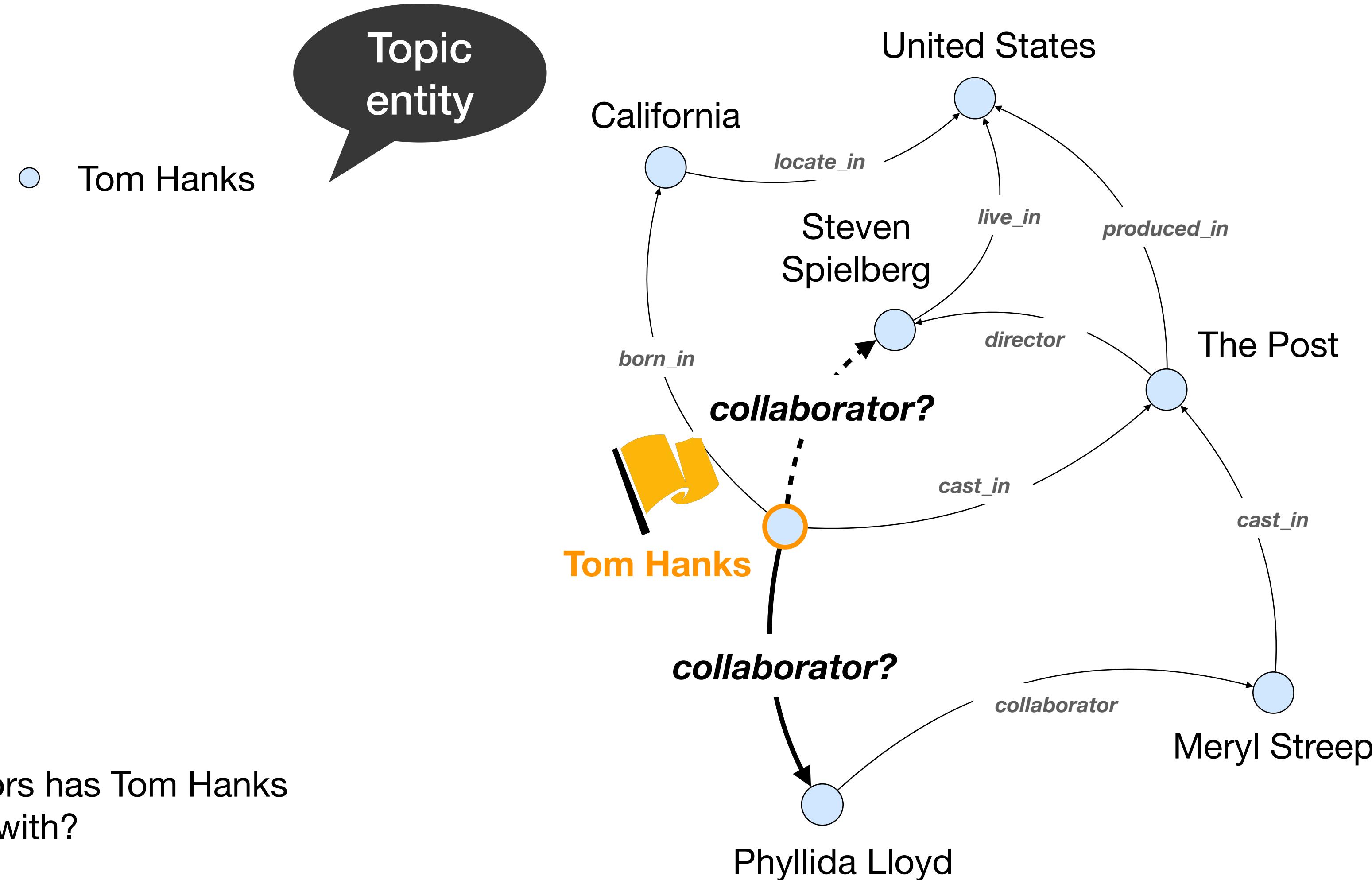
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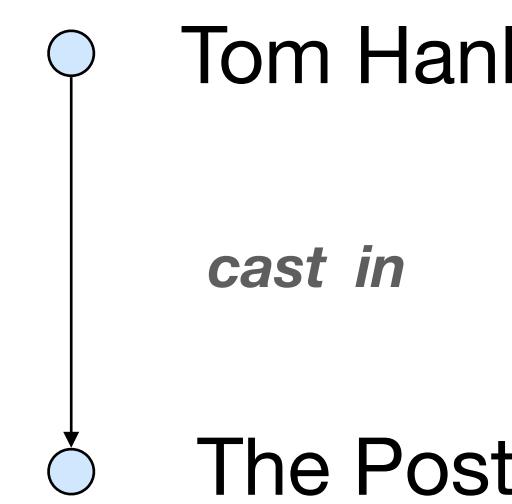


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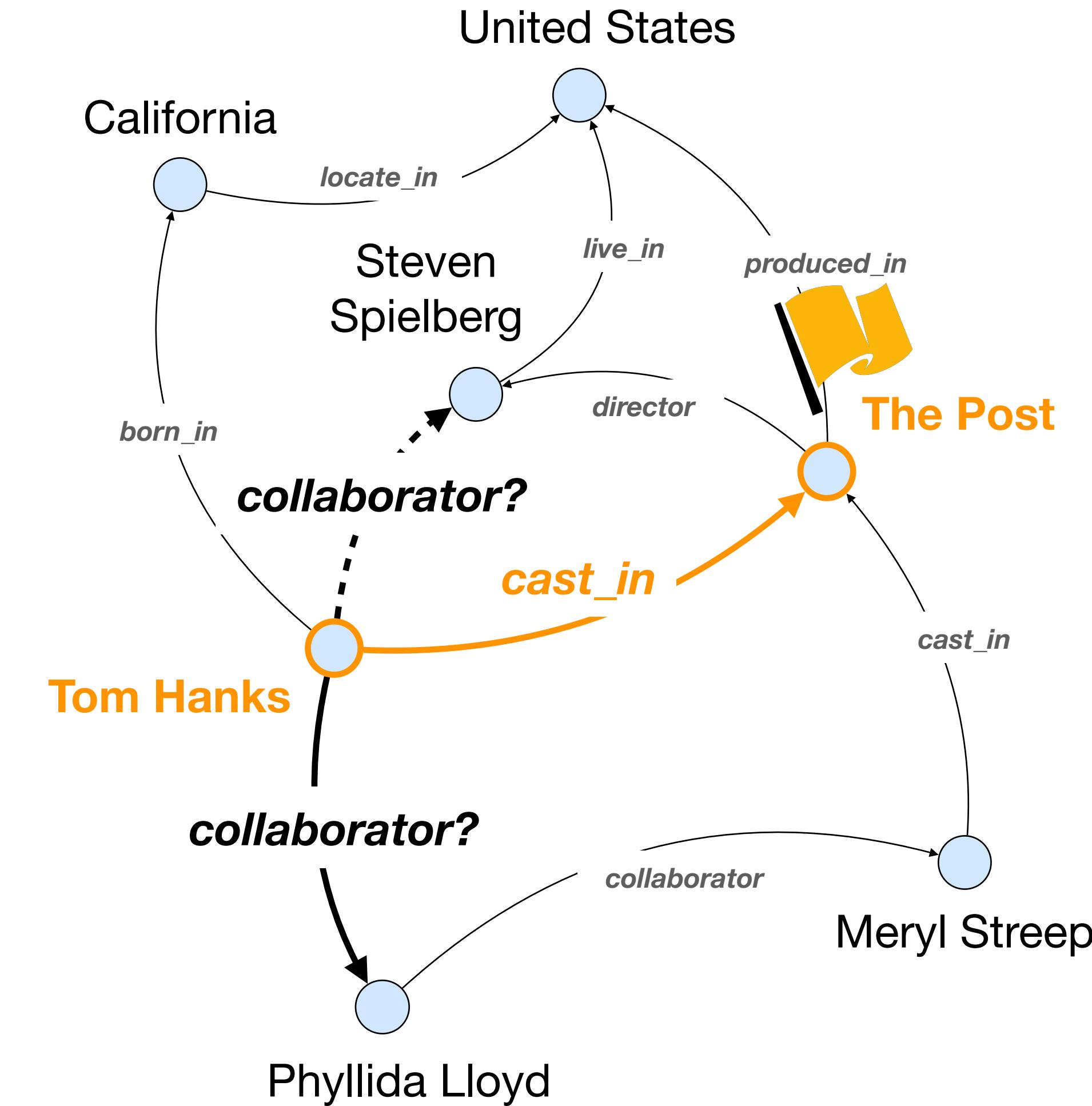


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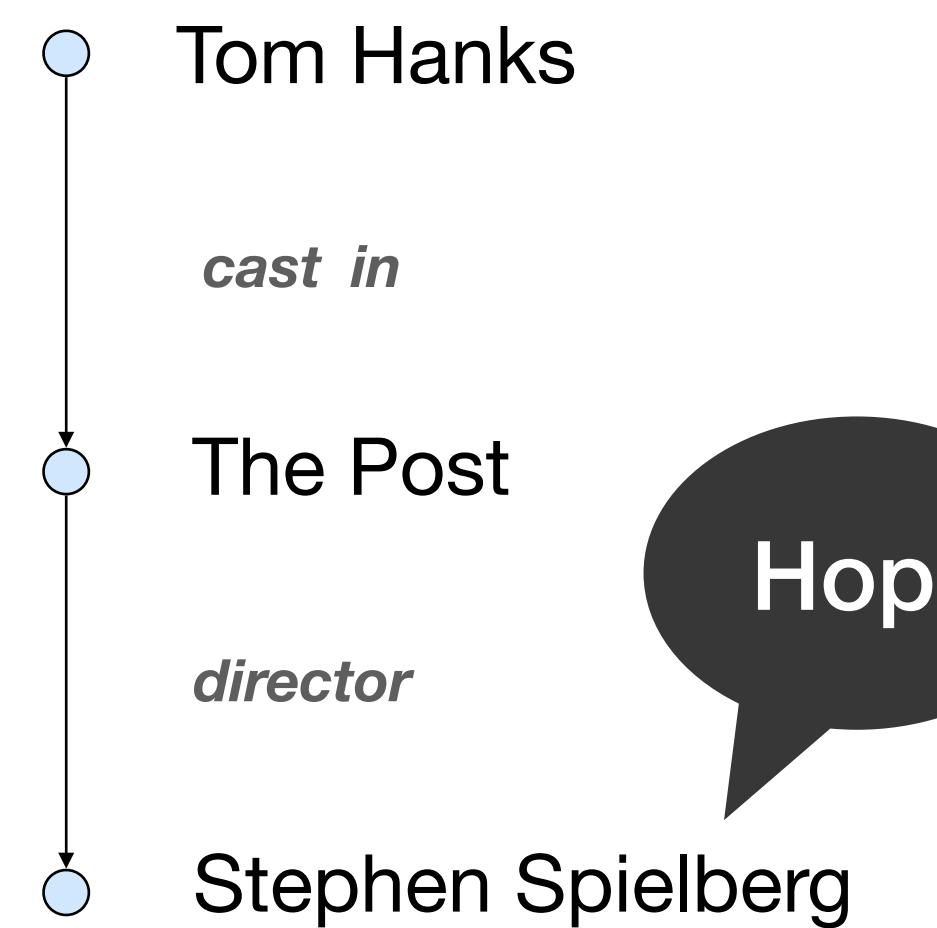
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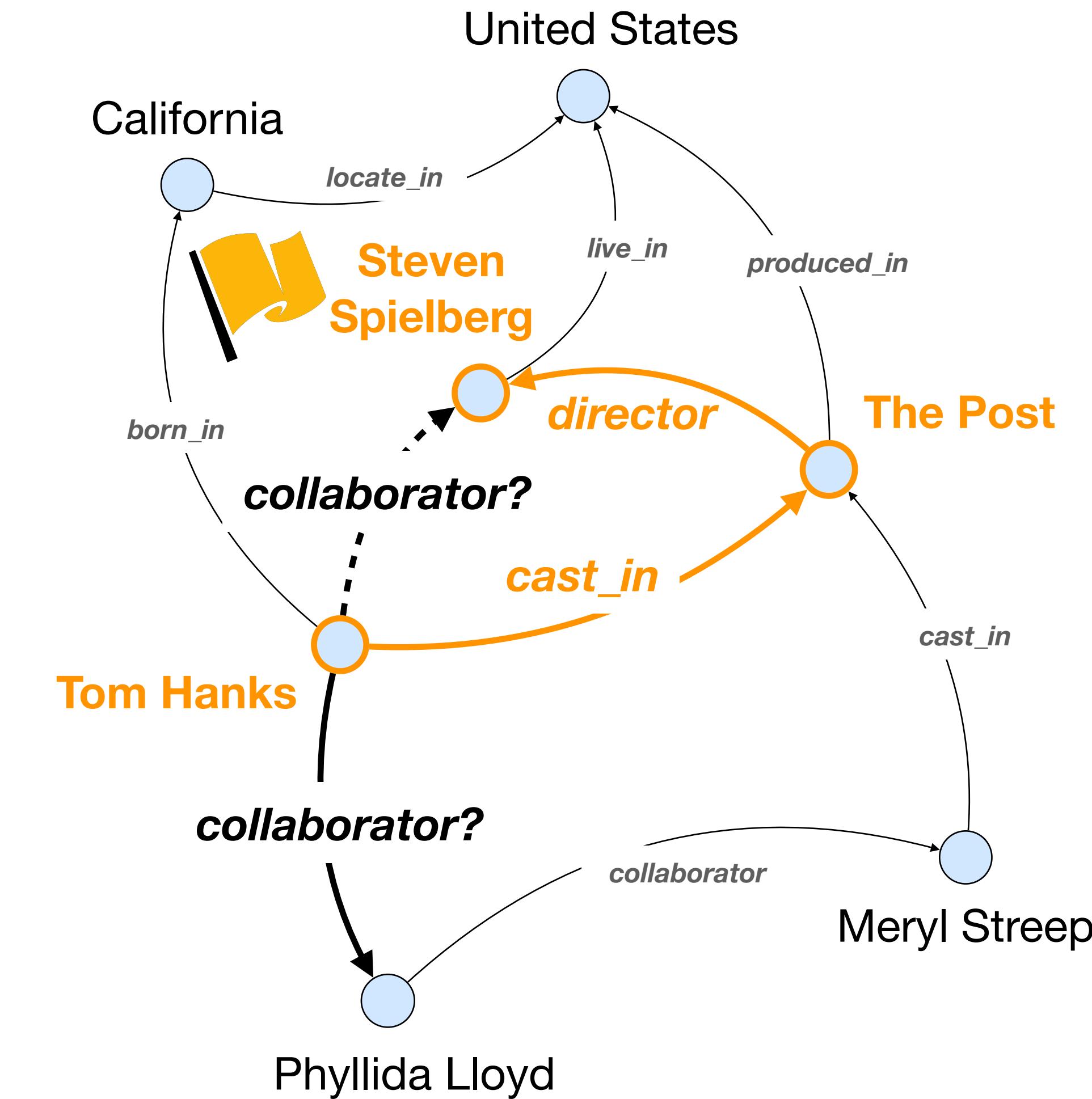
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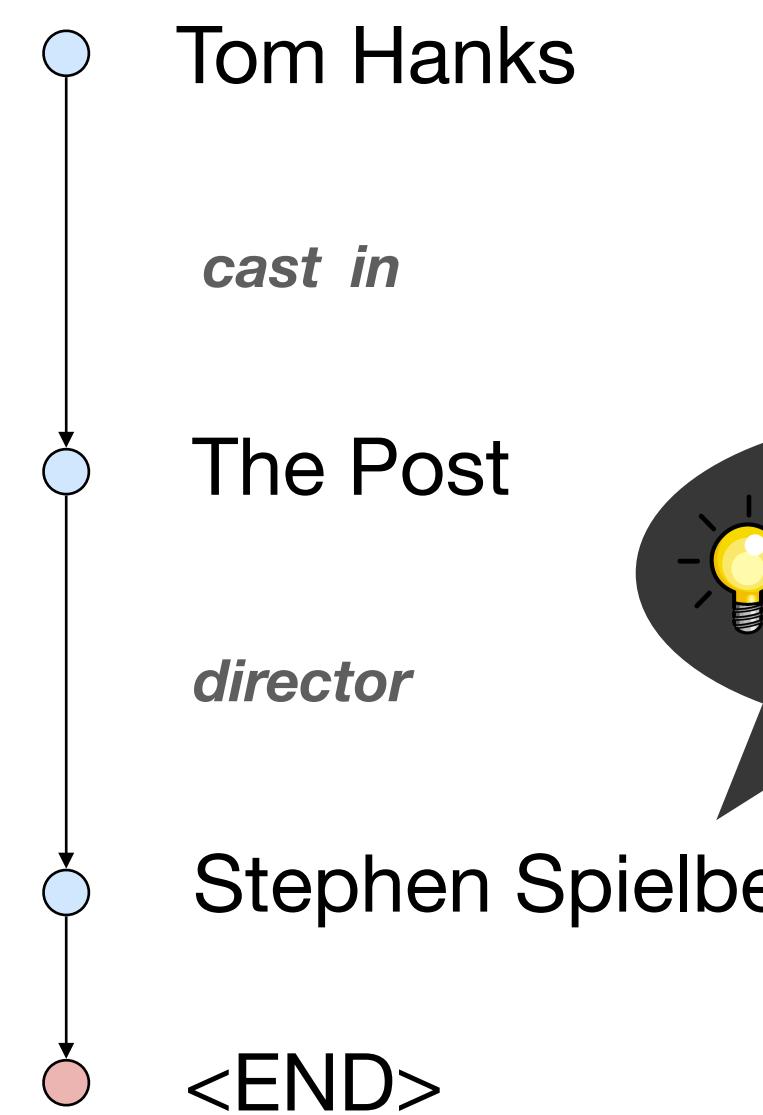
Hop!



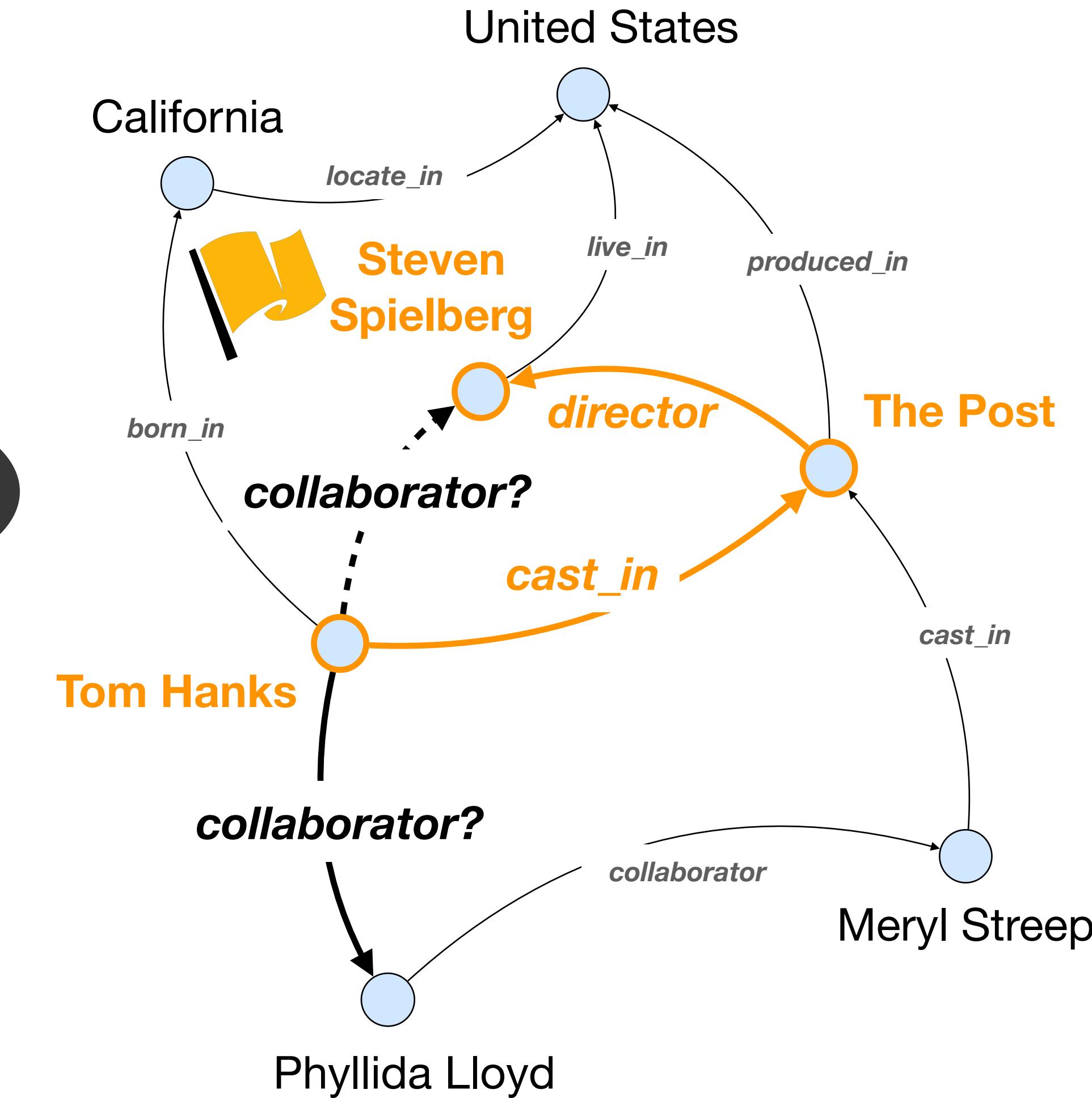
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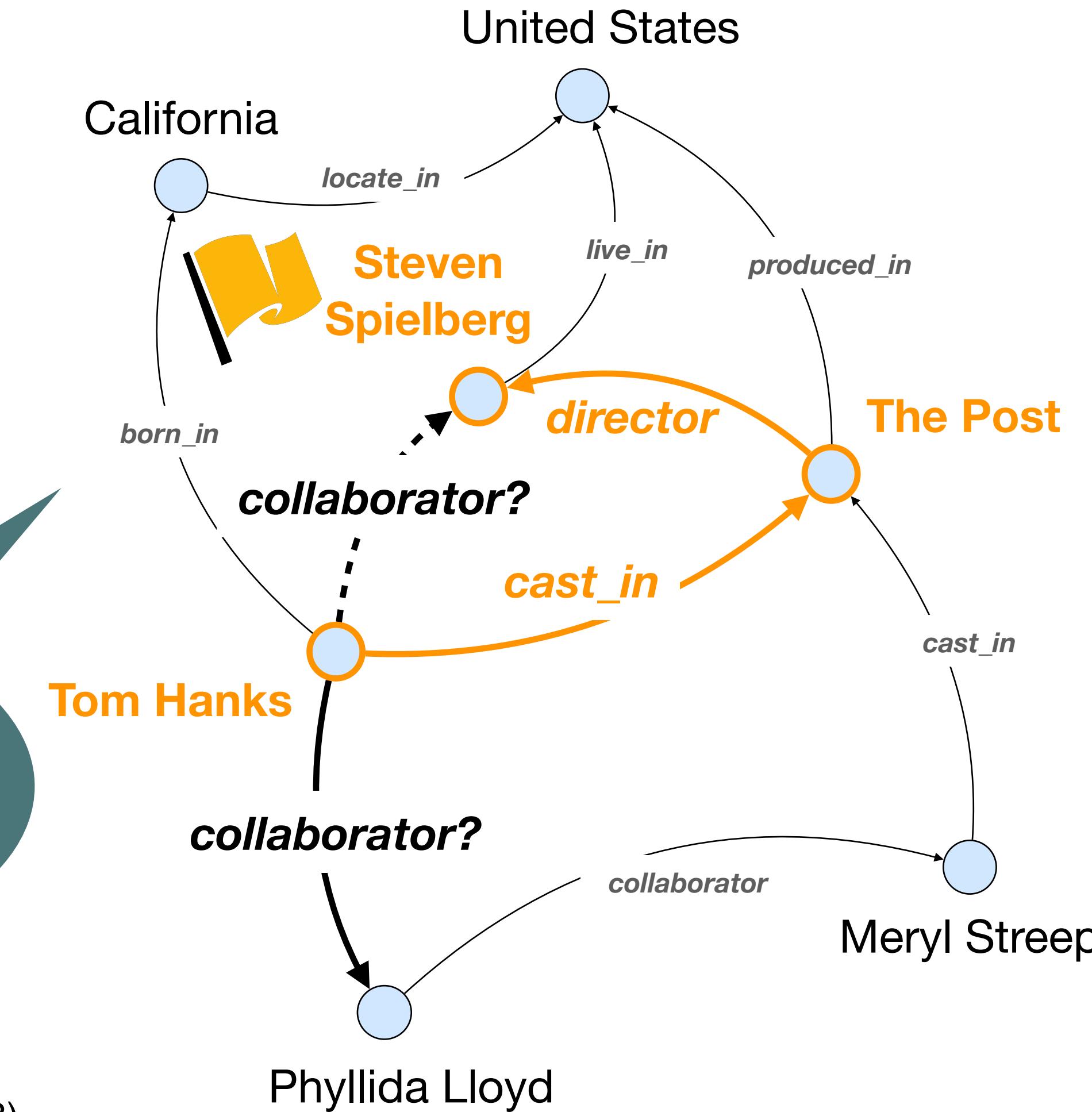
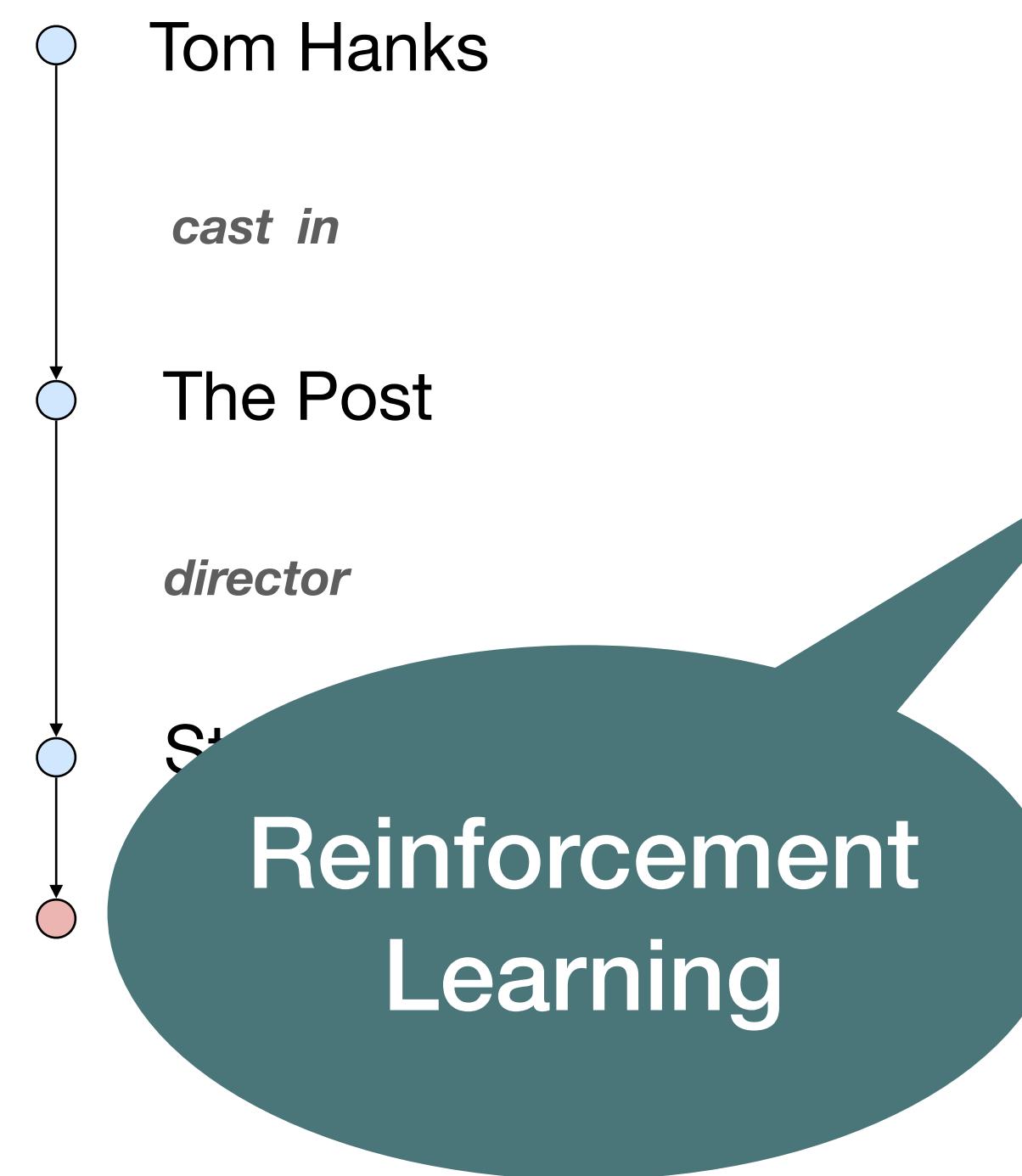
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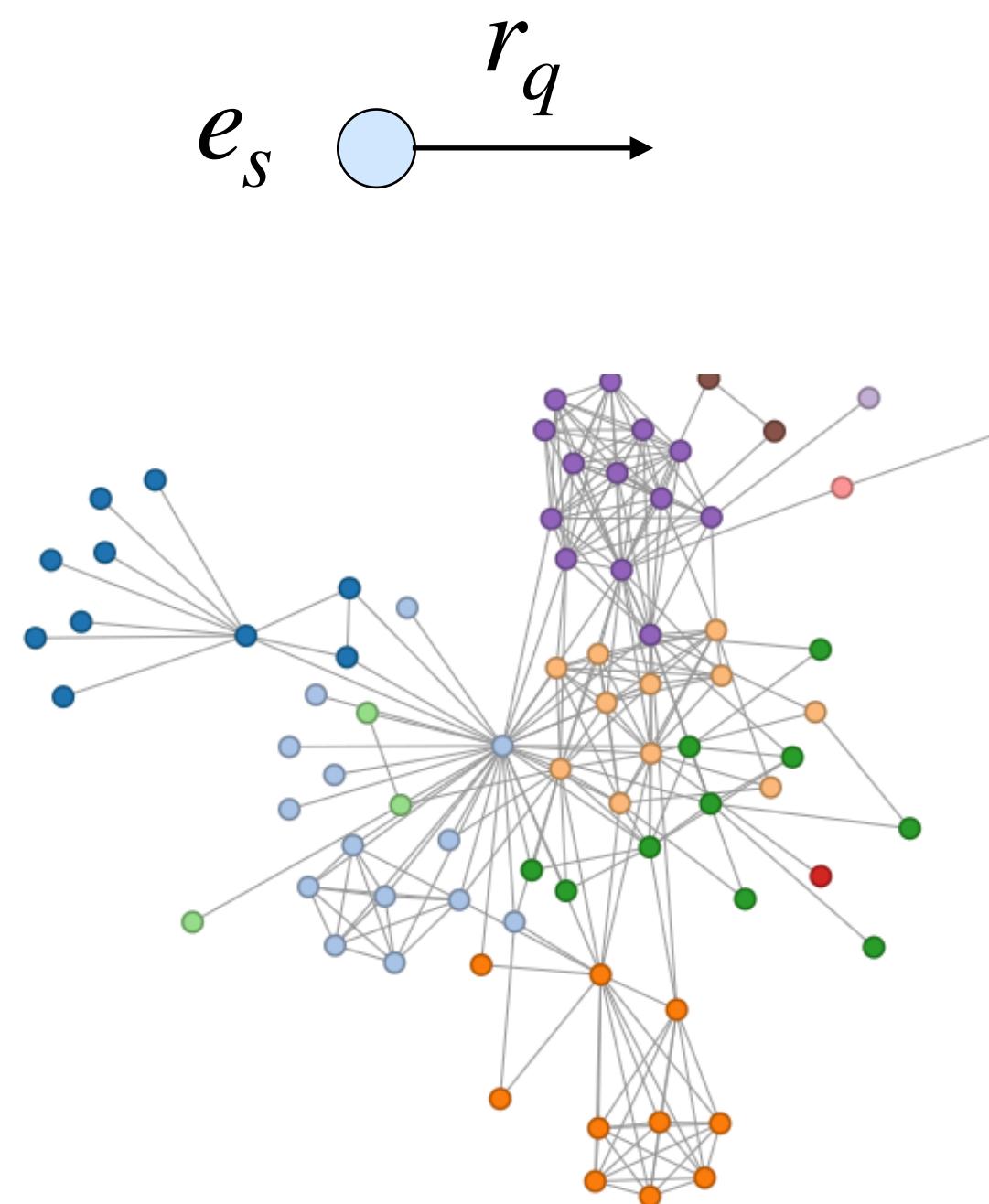
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MINERVA (Das et al. 2018); MINERVA + Reward Shaping (Lin et al. 2018)

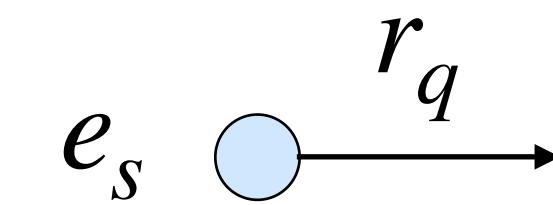
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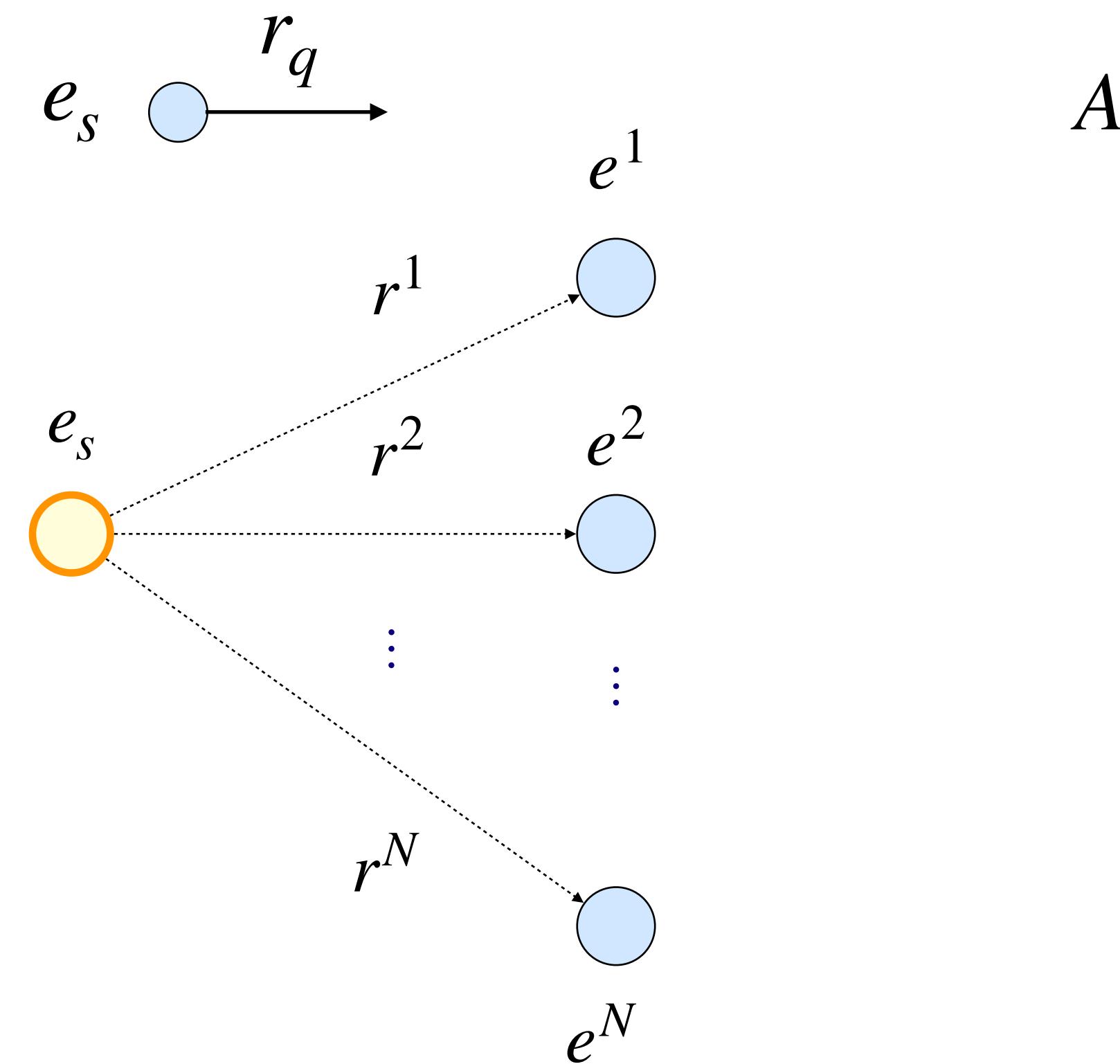
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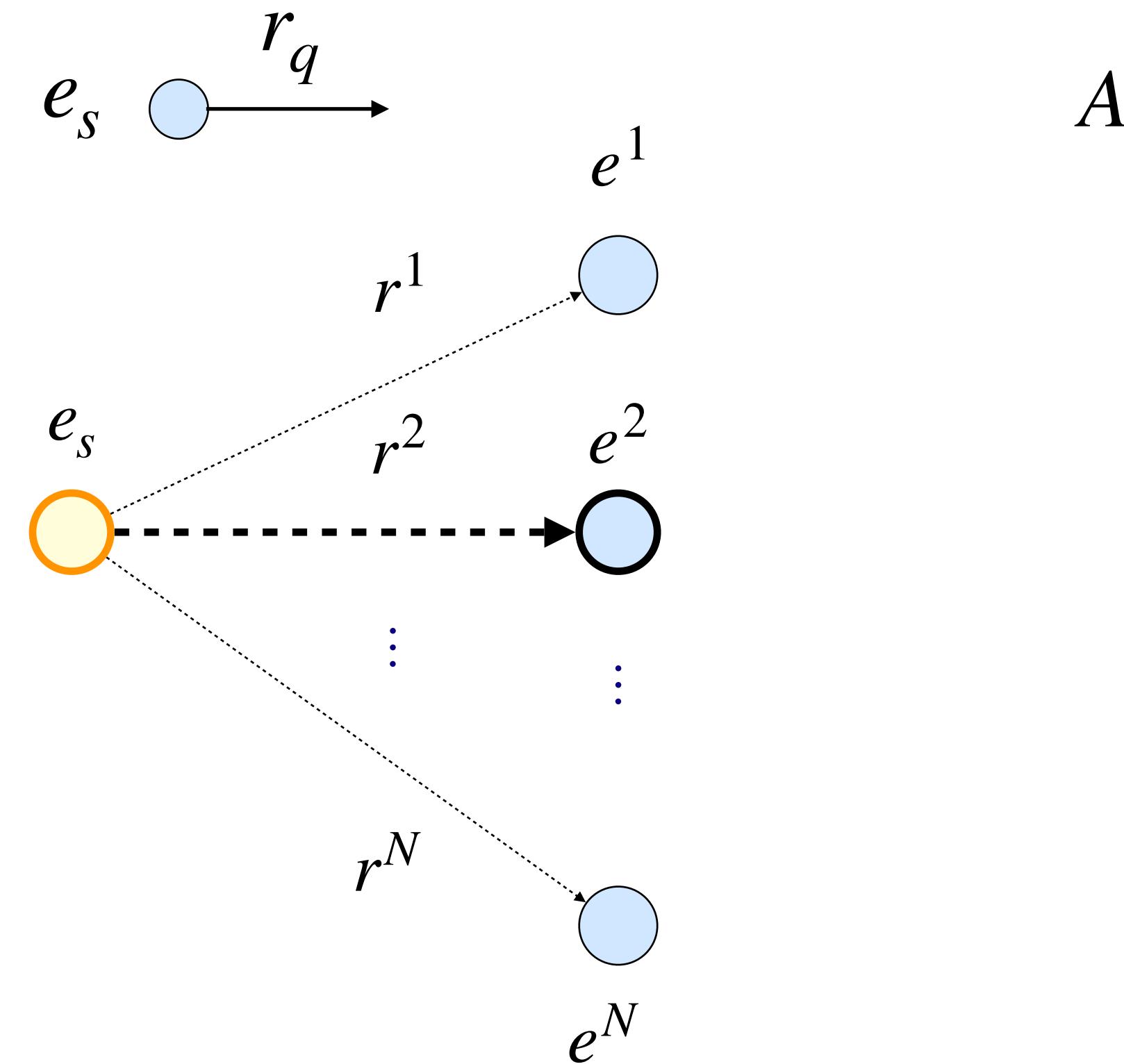
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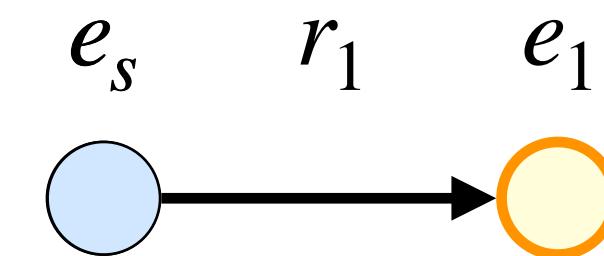
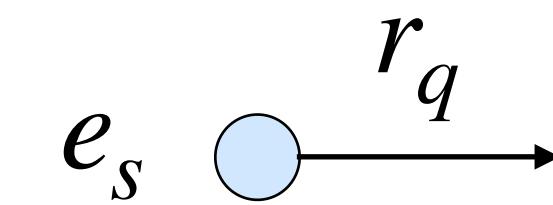
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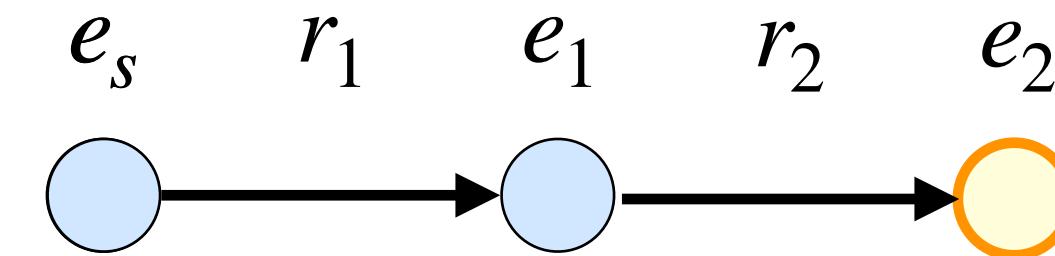
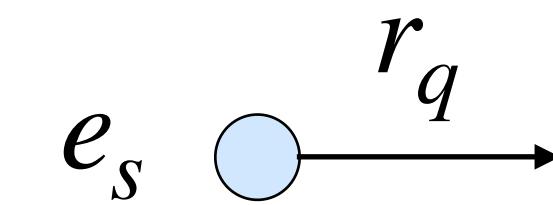


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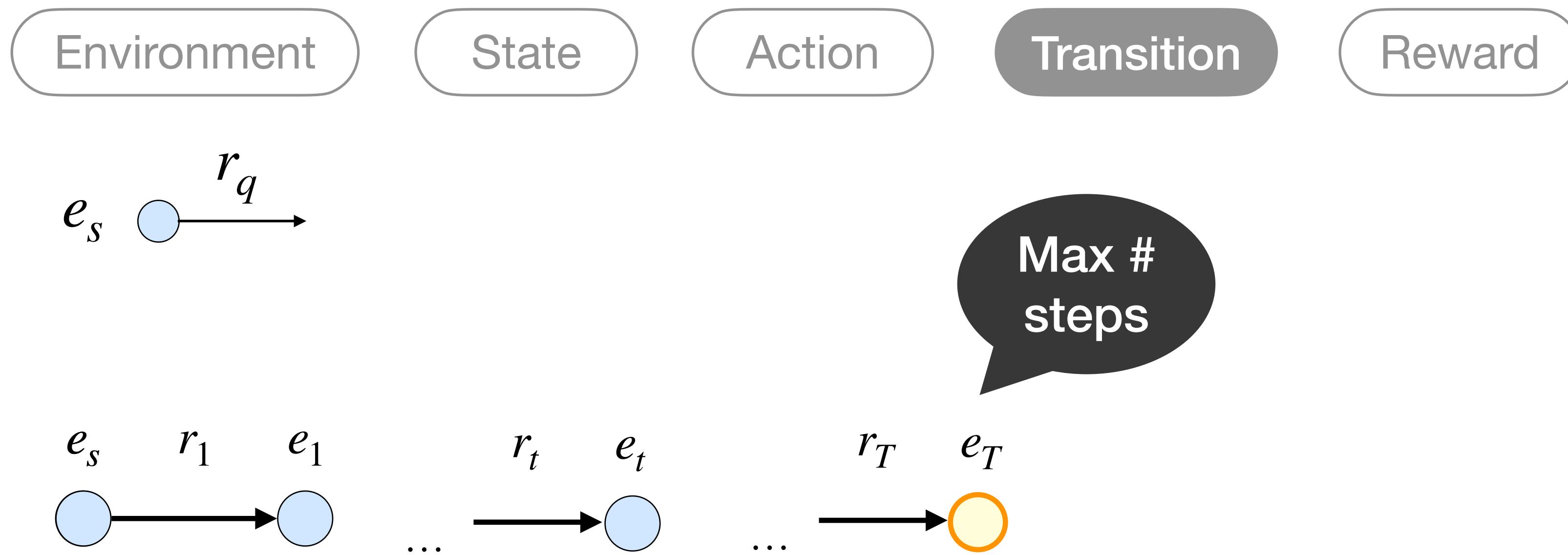
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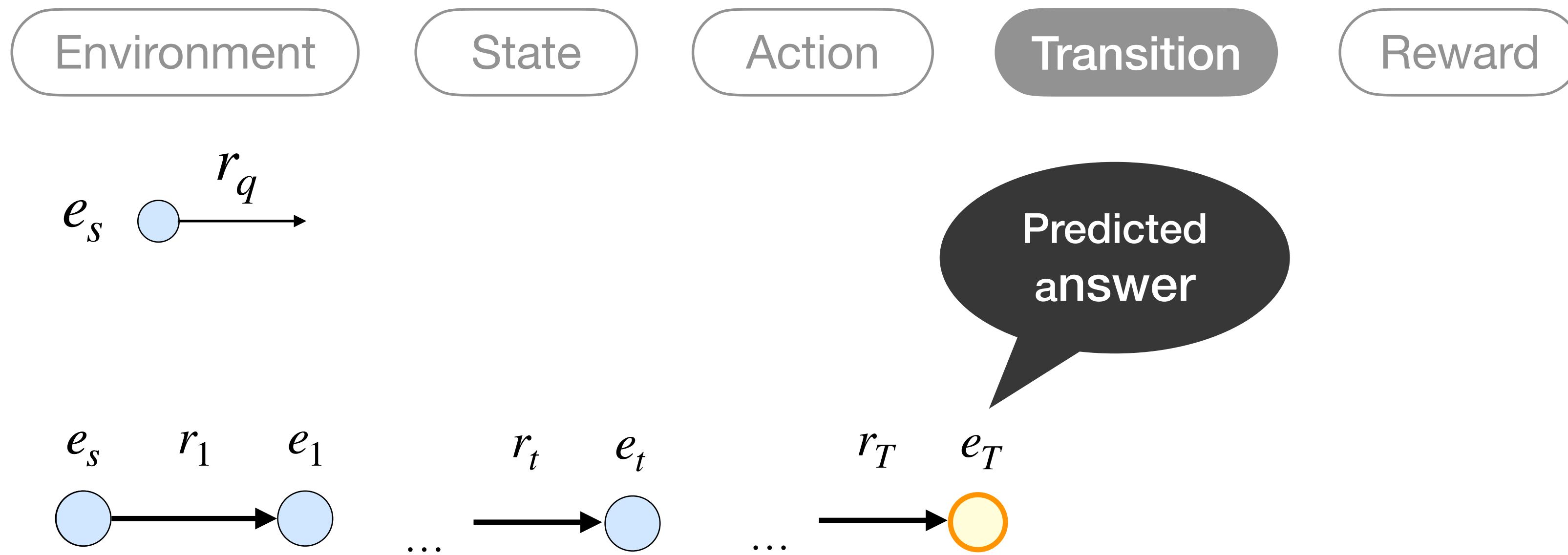
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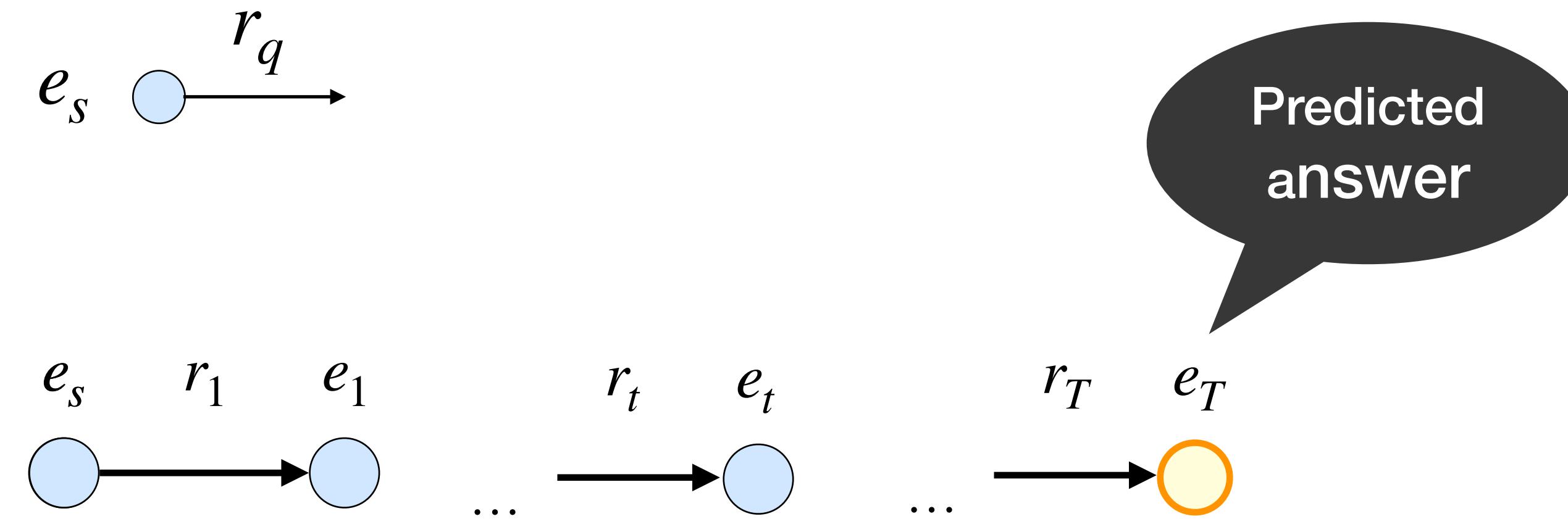
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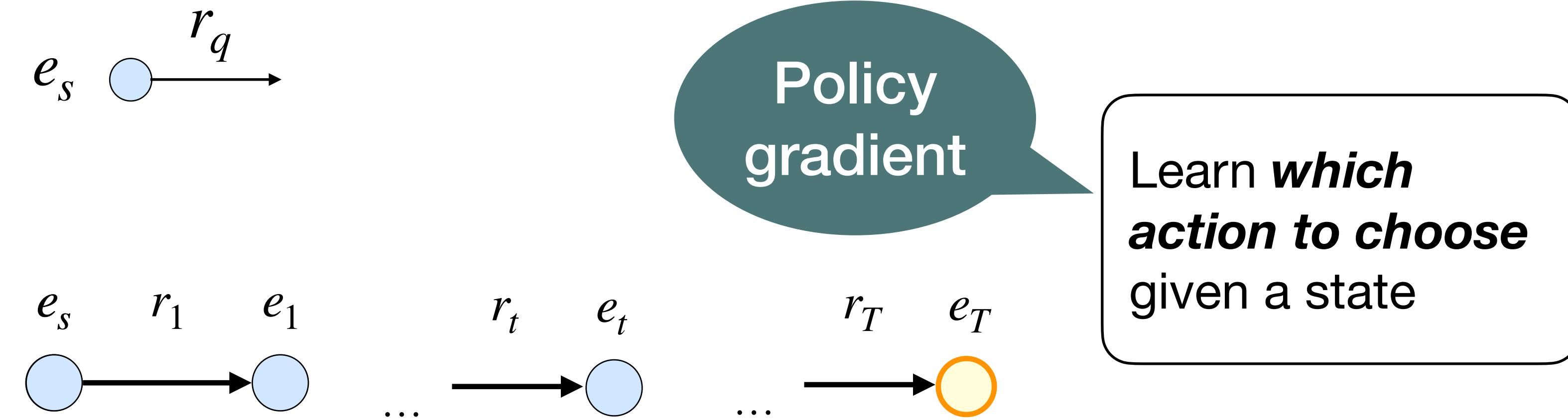
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$$R_b(s_T) = \mathbf{1}\{(e_s, r_q, e_T) \in G\}$$

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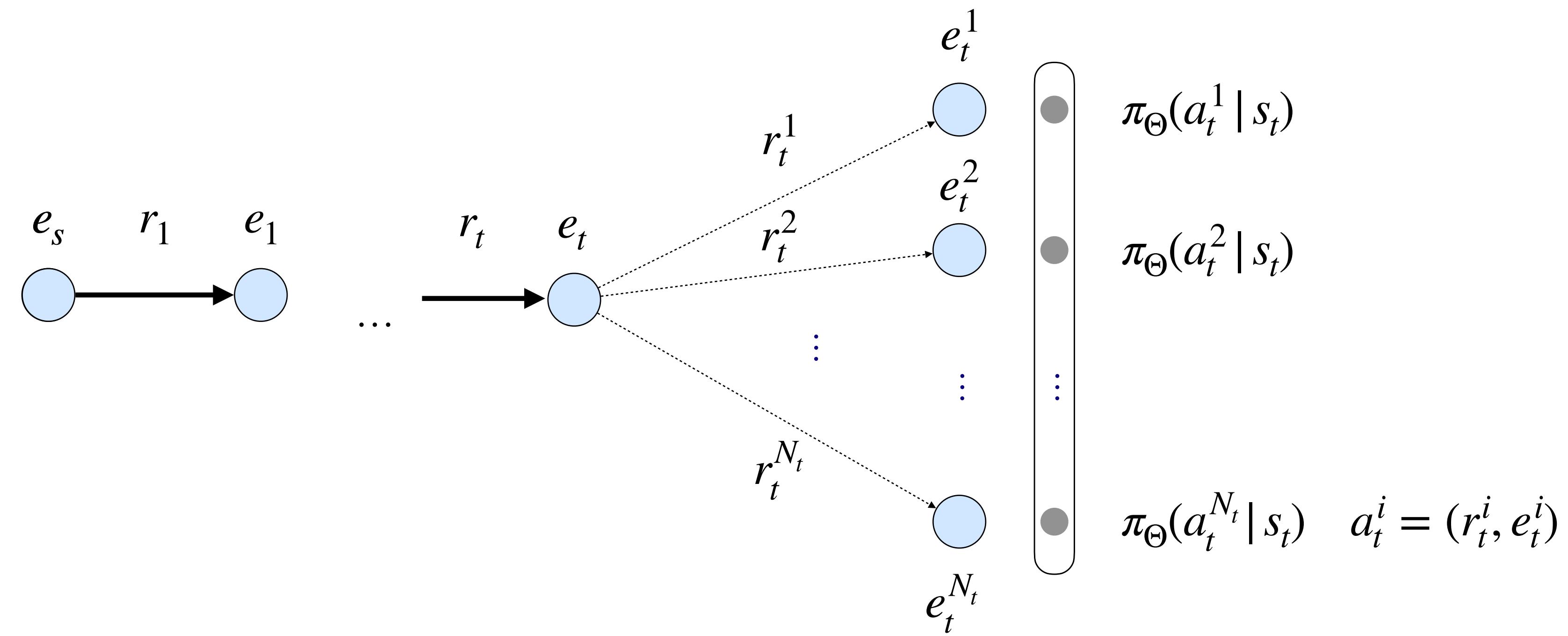


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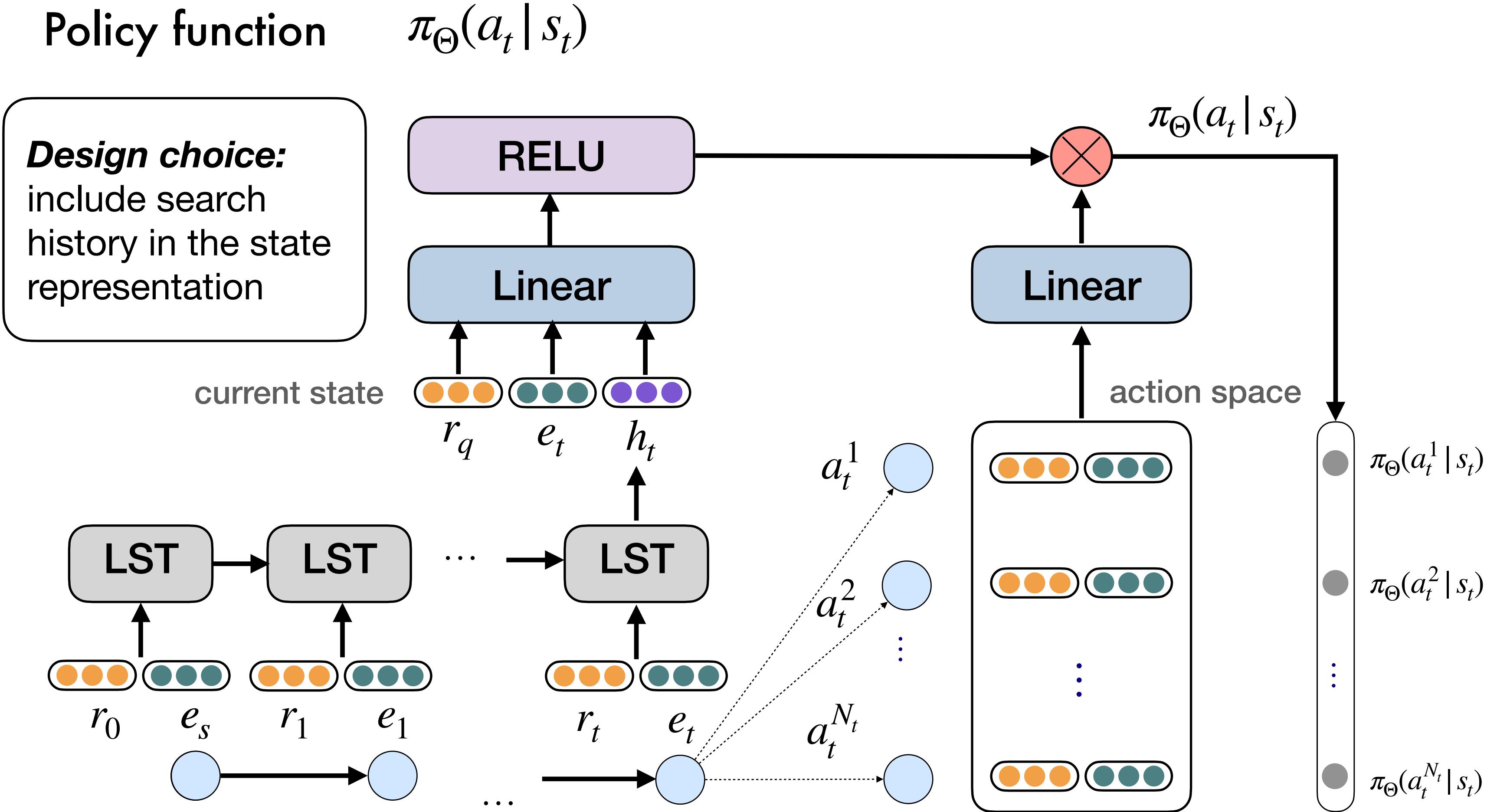
Policy function

$$\pi_{\Theta}(a_t | s_t)$$

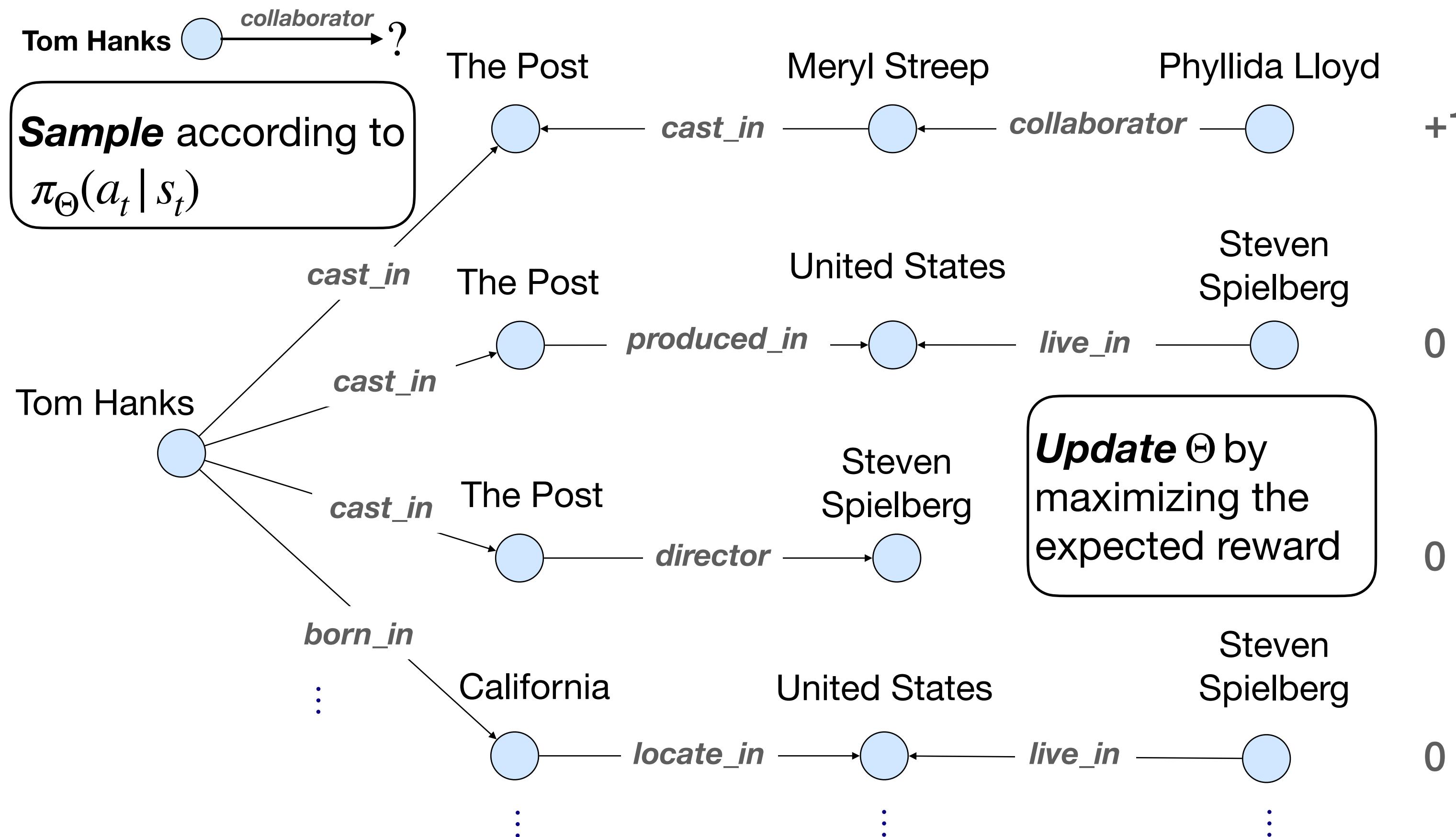
**Probability** of choosing  
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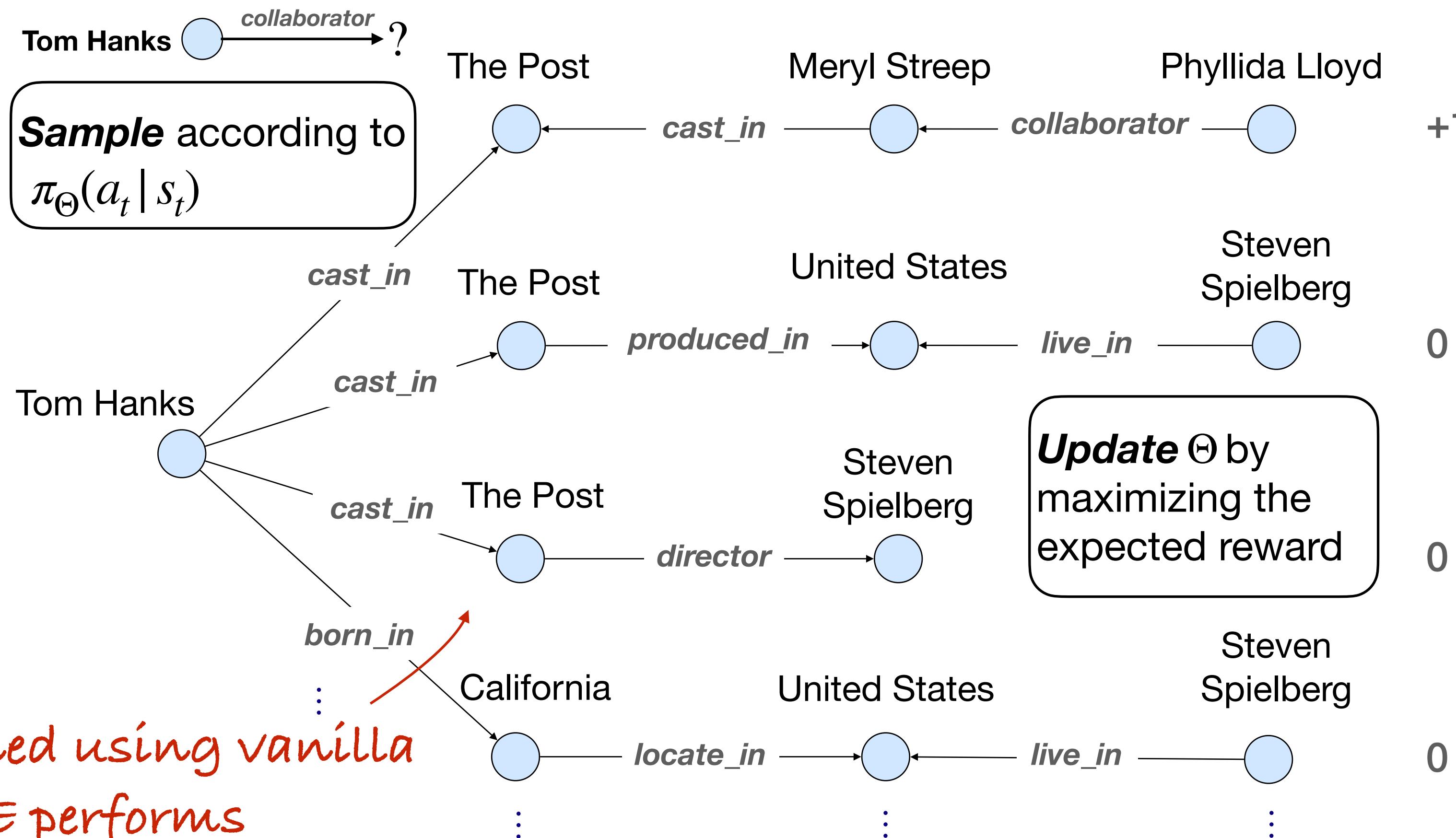
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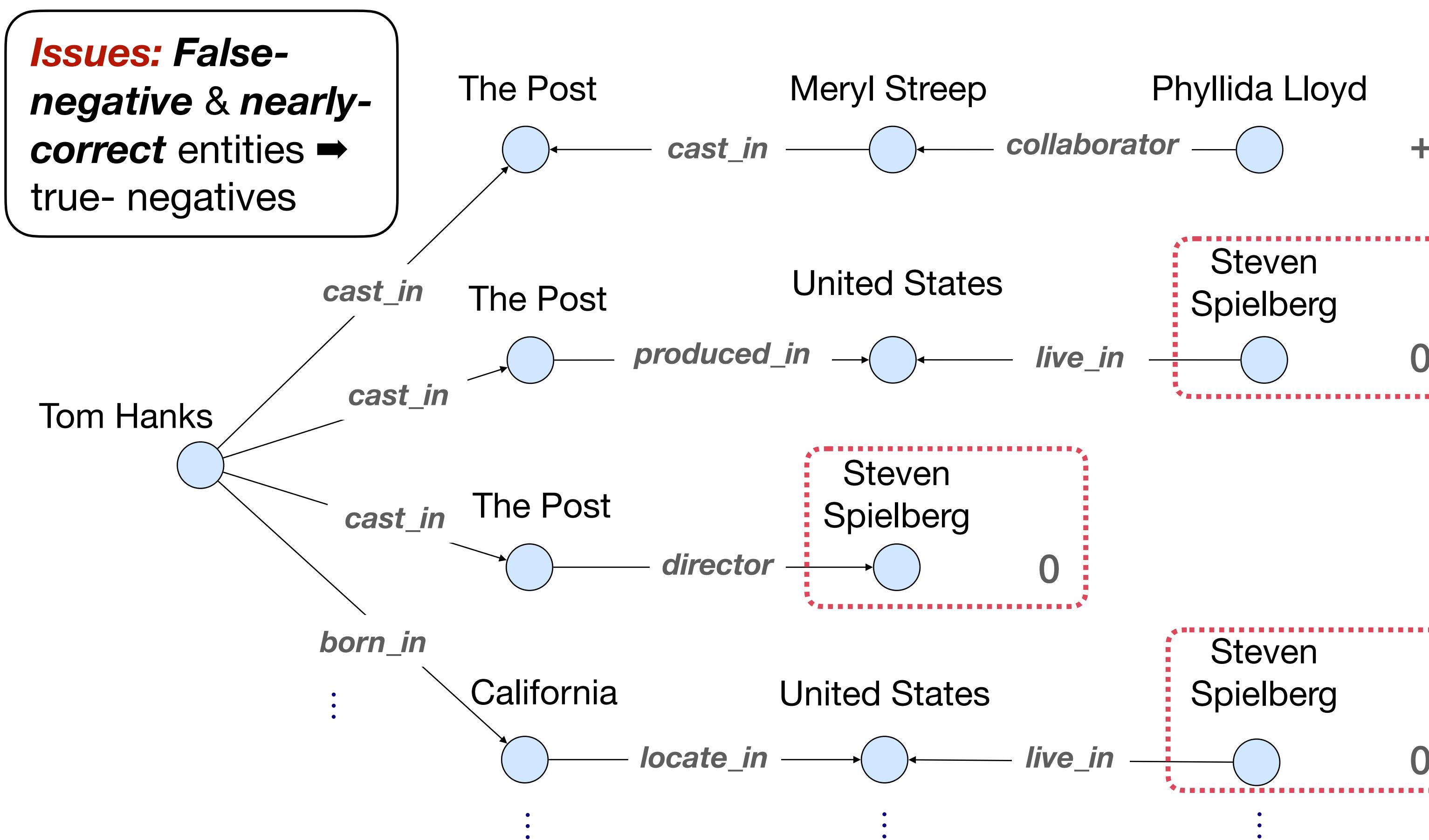


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Models trained using vanilla  
REINFORCE performs  
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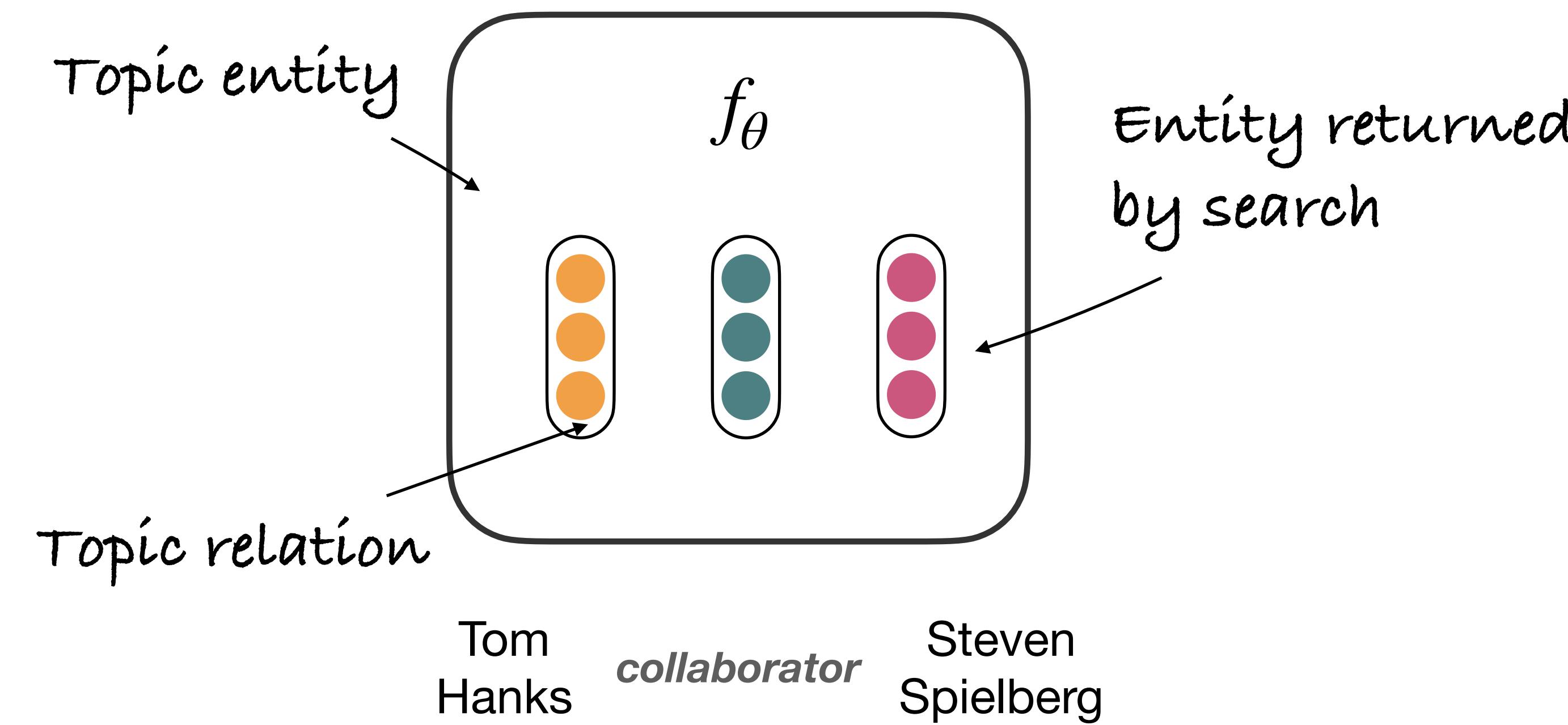
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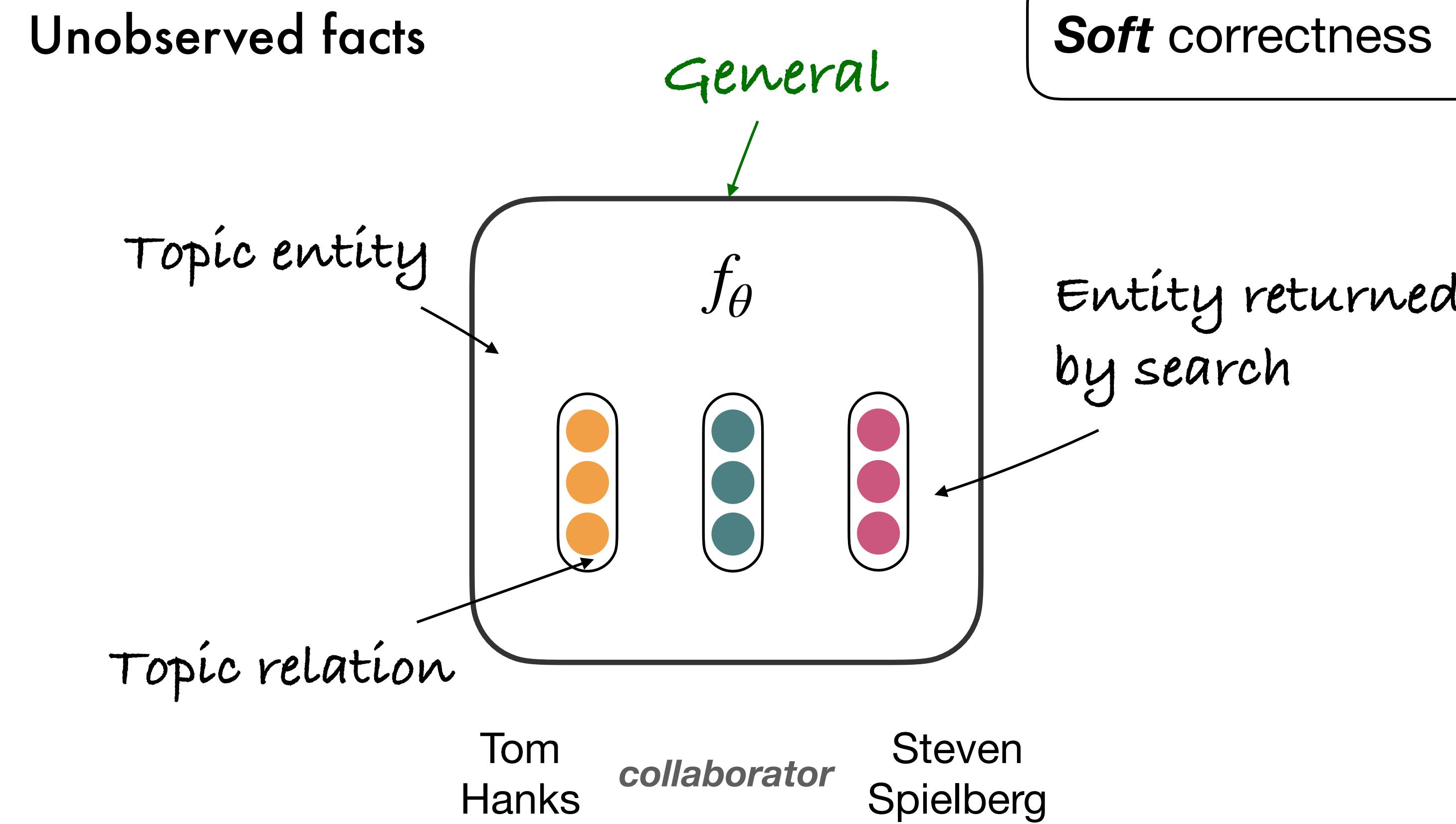
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Unobserved facts

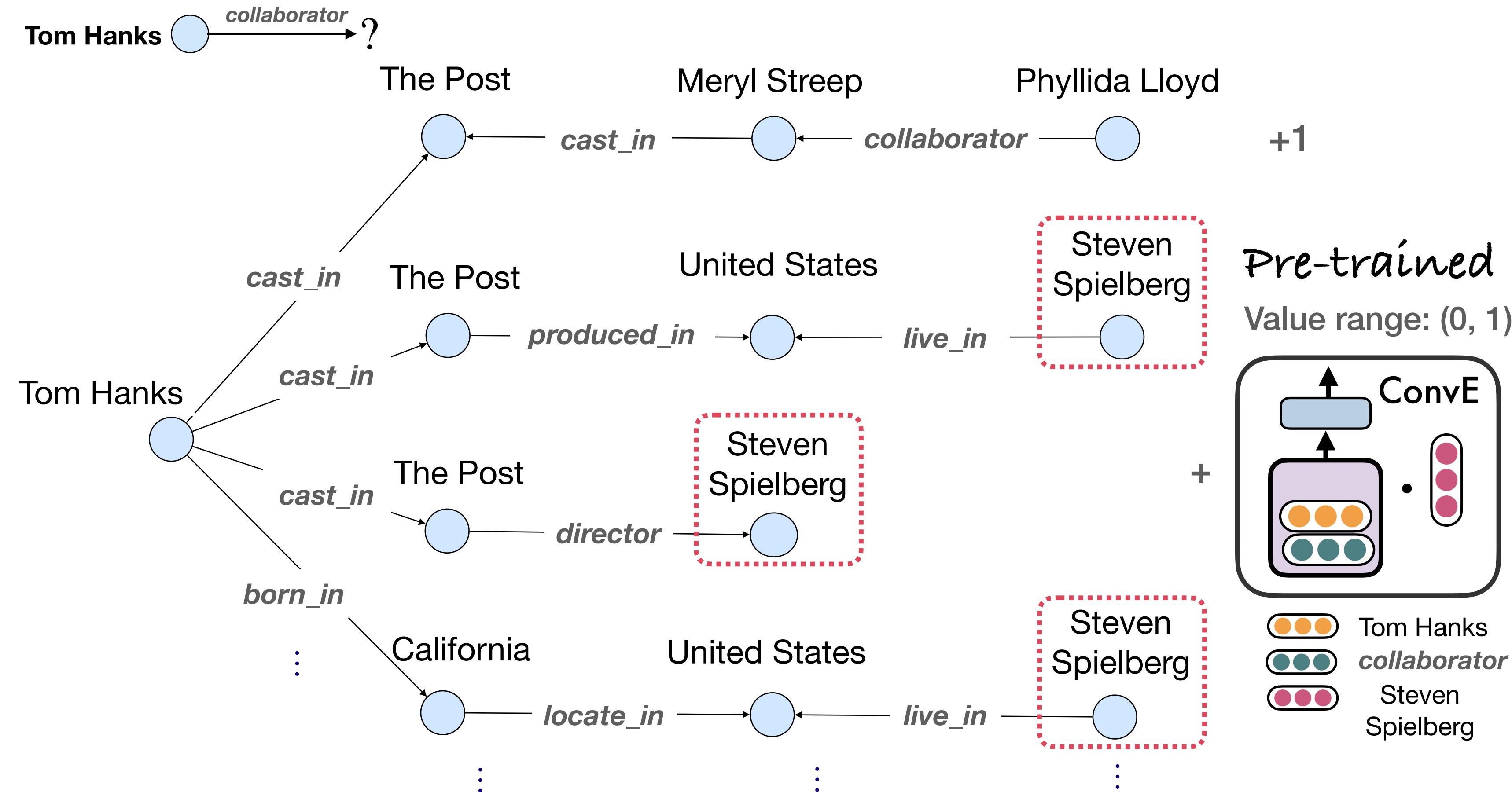
**Soft** correctness



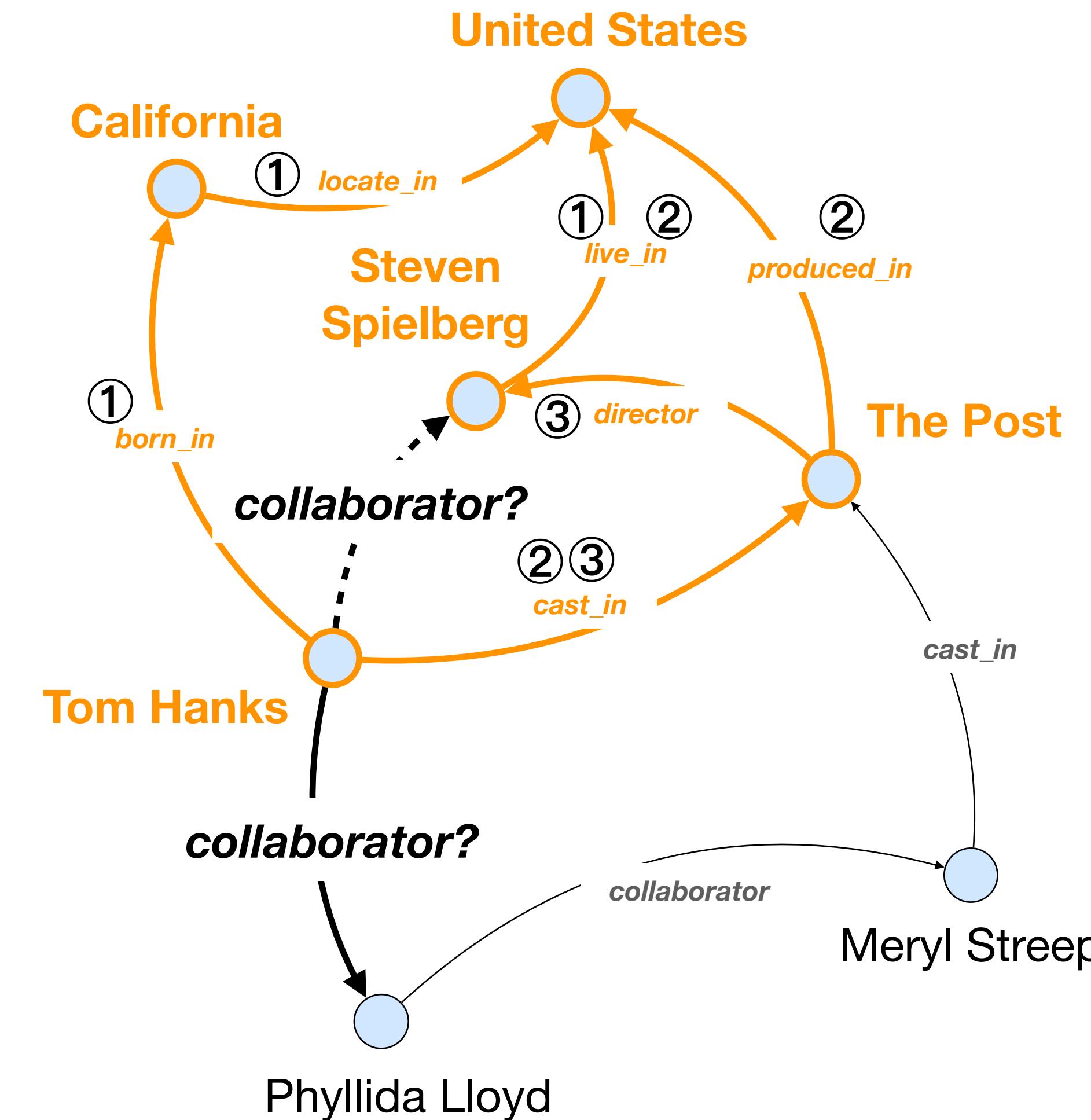
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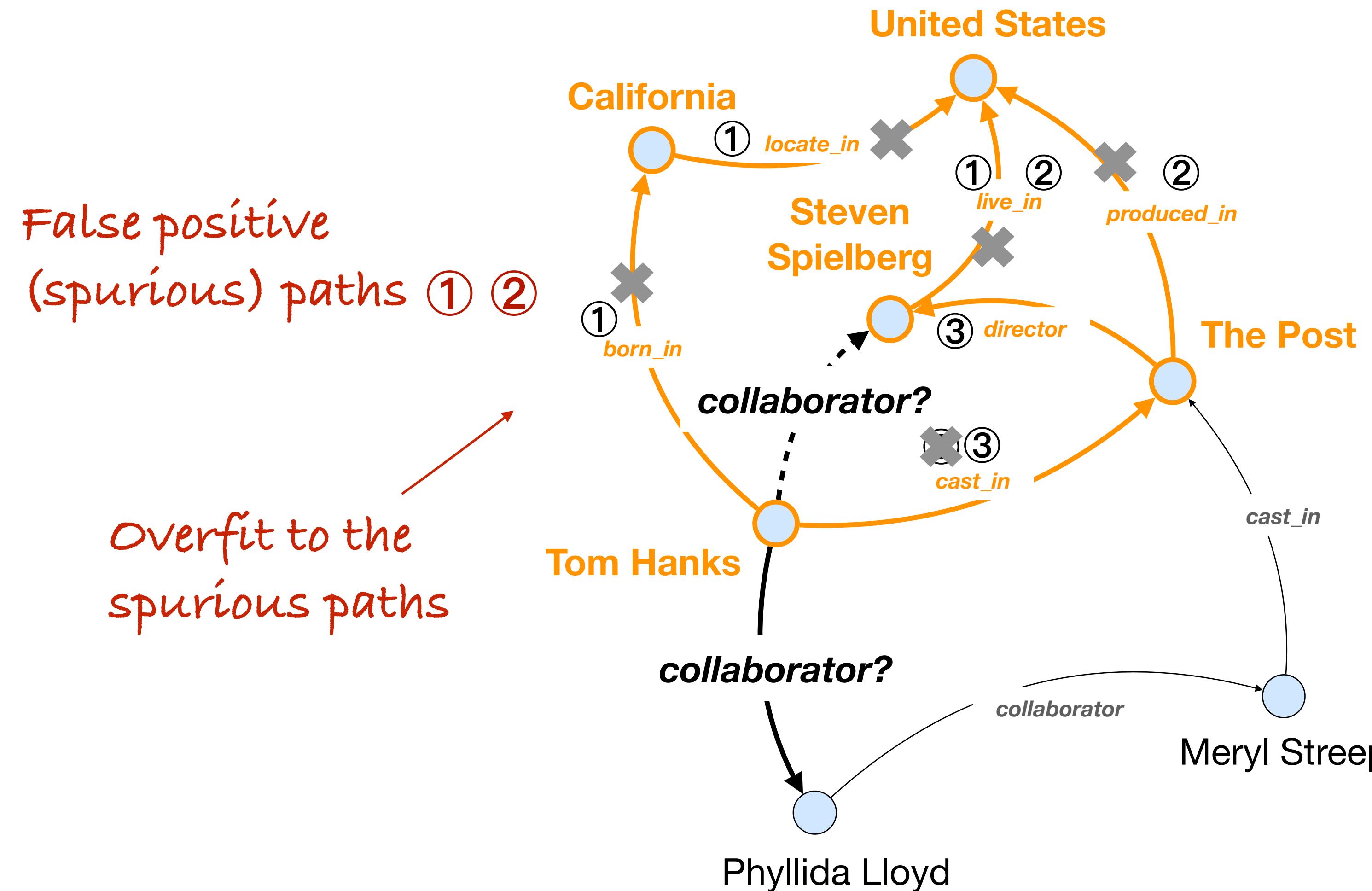
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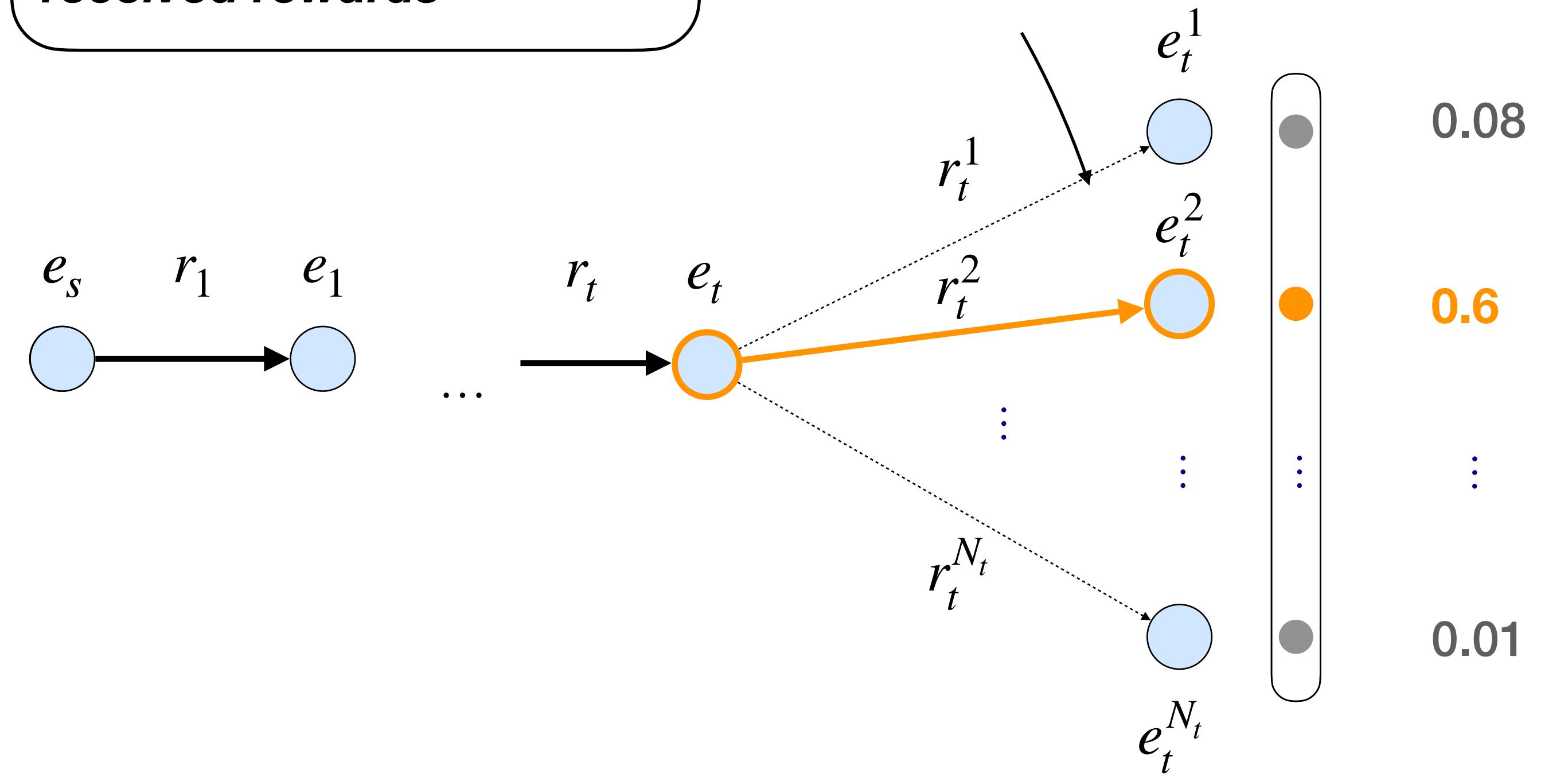
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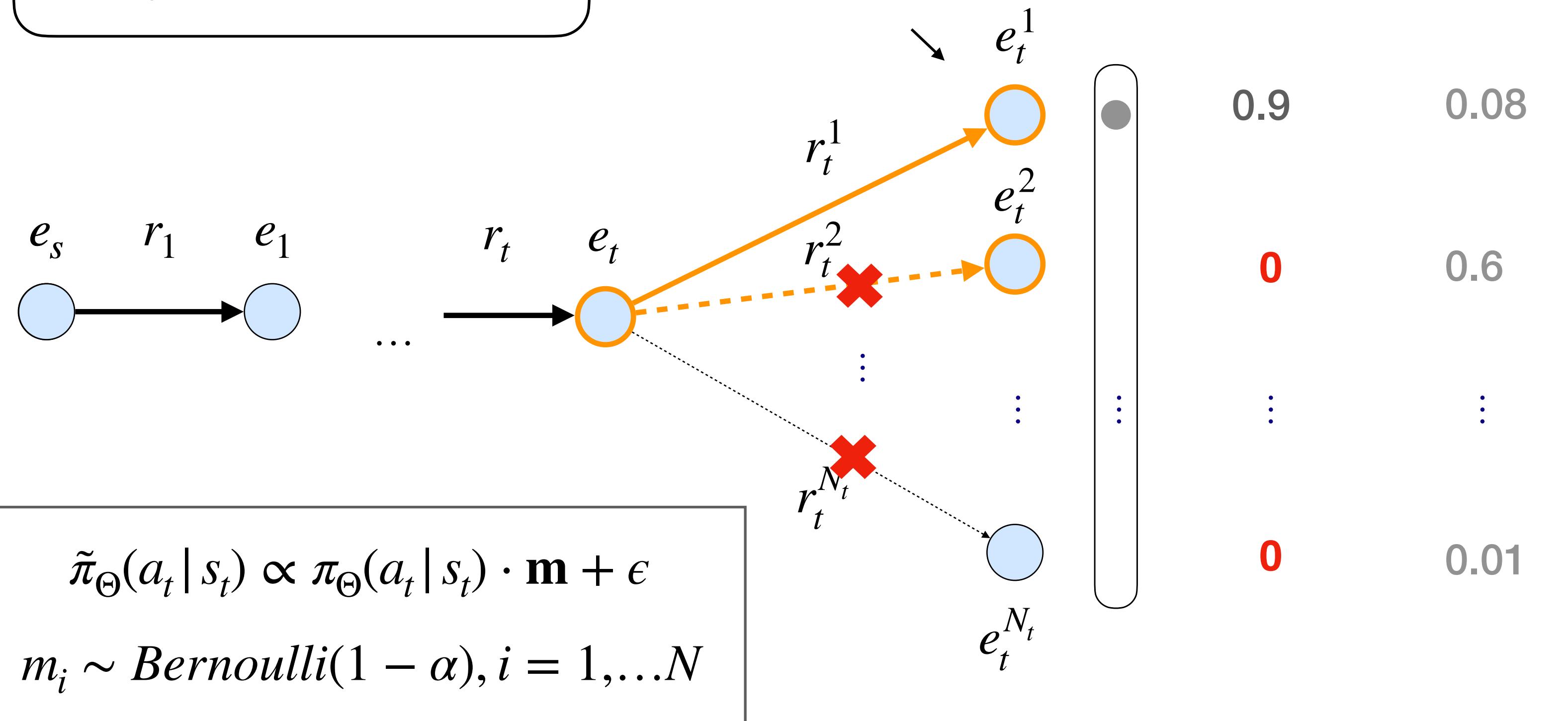
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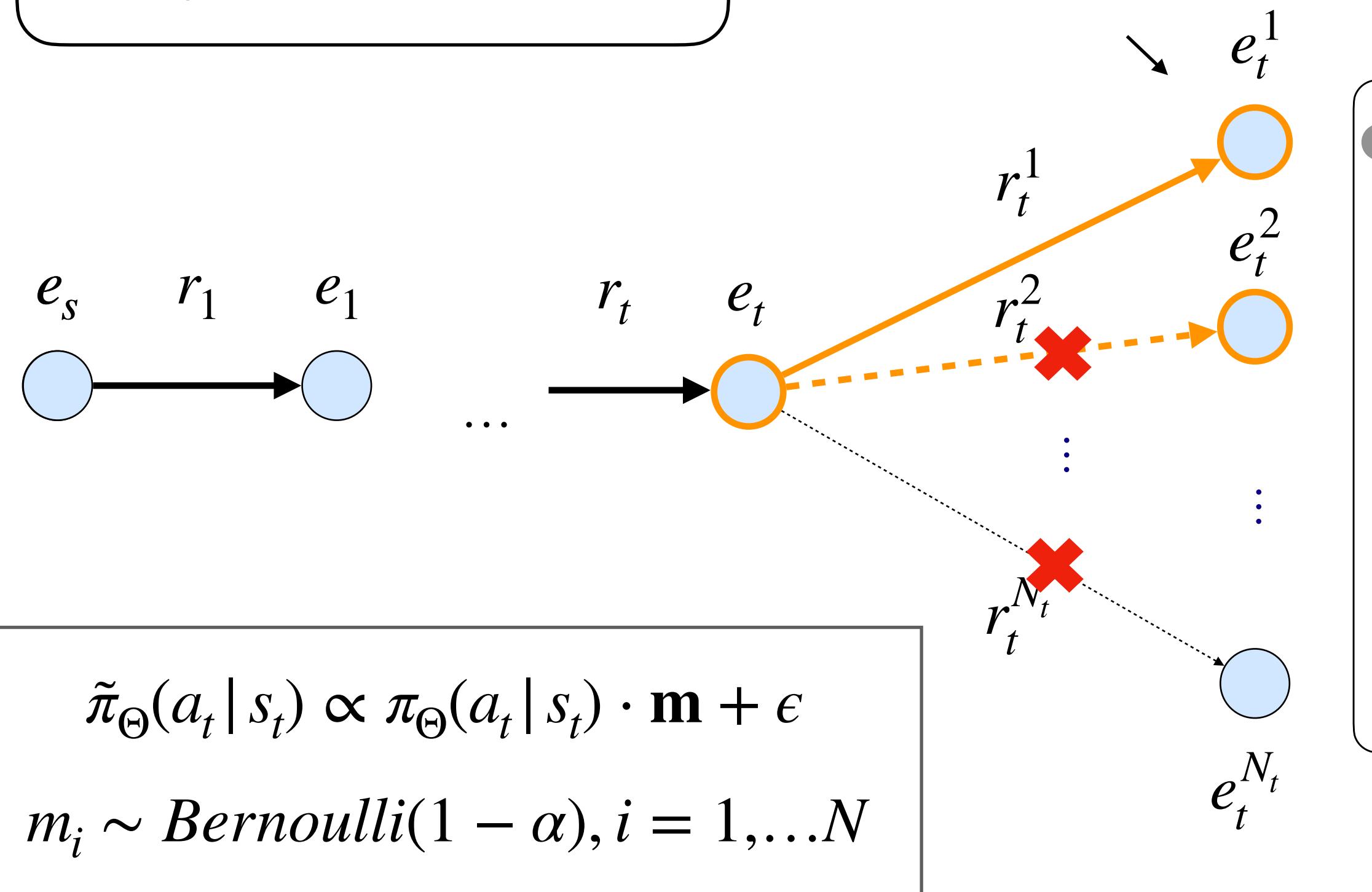
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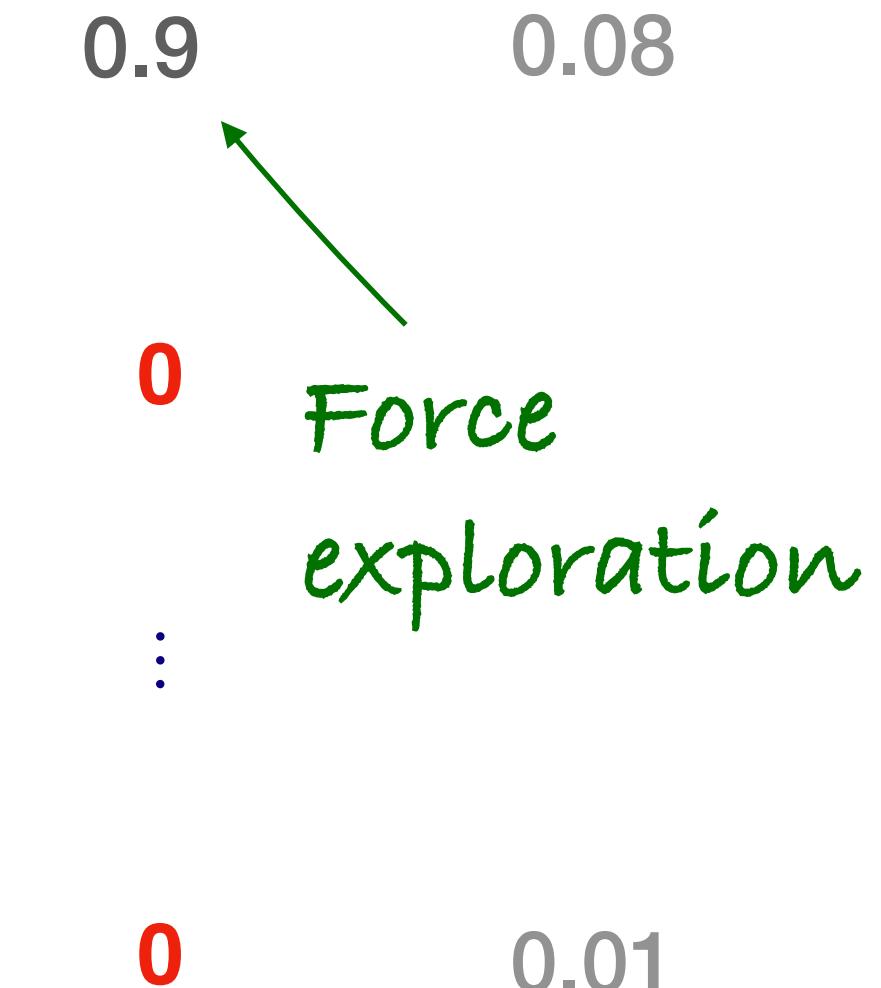
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$$\tilde{\pi}_{\Theta}(a_t | s_t) \propto \pi_{\Theta}(a_t | s_t) \cdot \mathbf{m} + \epsilon$$

$$m_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(1 - \alpha), i = 1, \dots, N$$

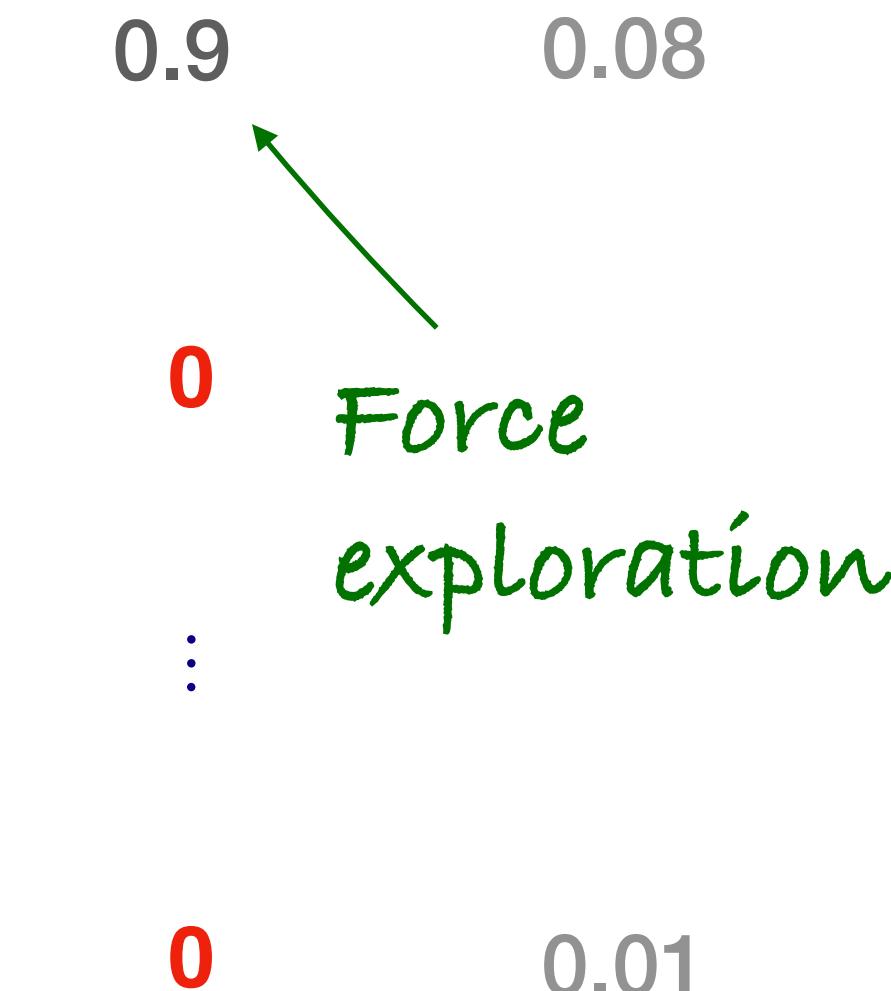
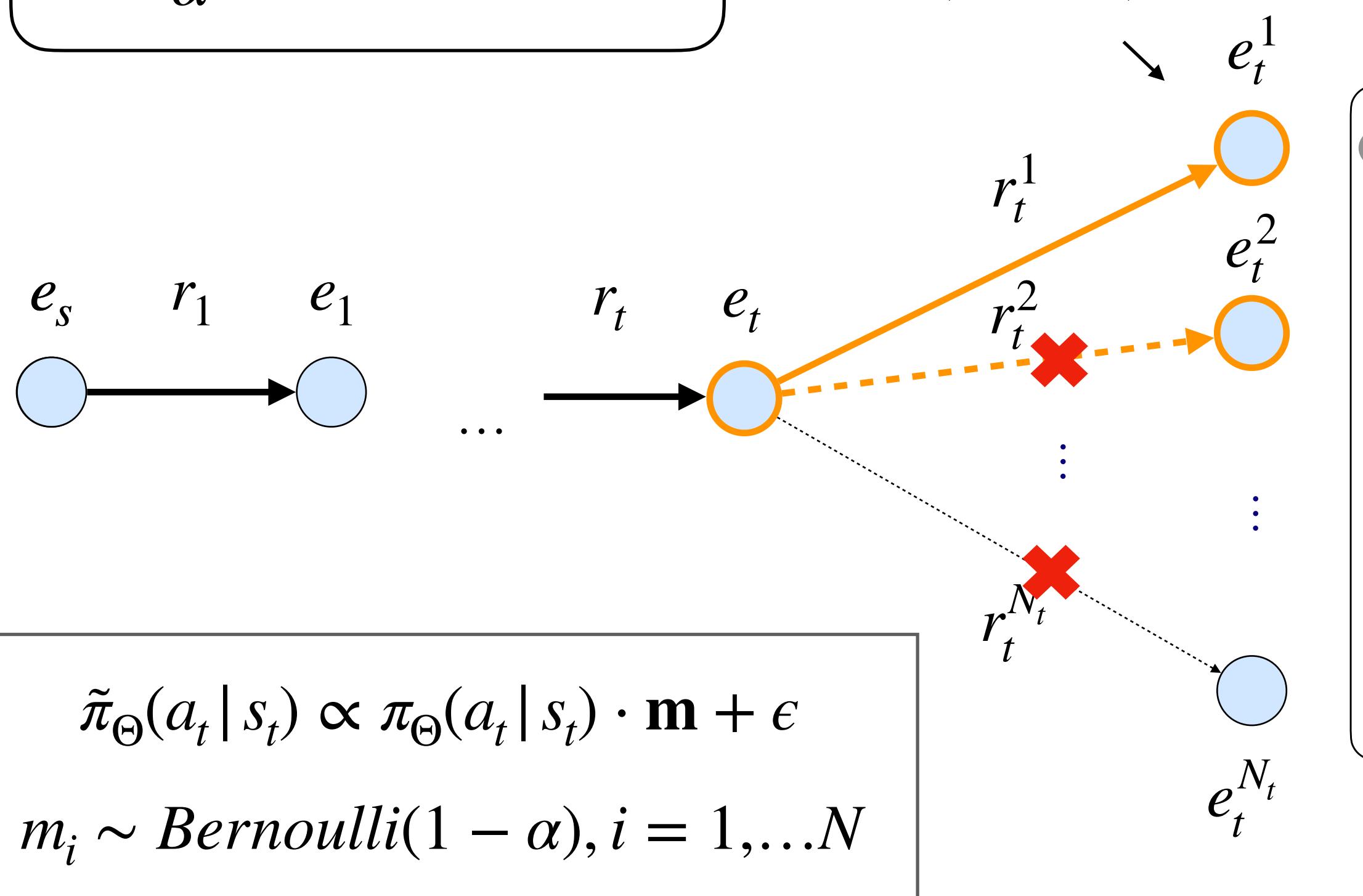
# Action Dropout

Randomly offset the **sampling probabilities** w/  
rate  $\alpha$  and renormalize

More likely  
to be chosen

Up to  $\times 8$  # path  
traversed

$$\tilde{\pi}_{\Theta}(a_t^i | s_t) \quad \pi_{\Theta}(a_t^i | s_t)$$



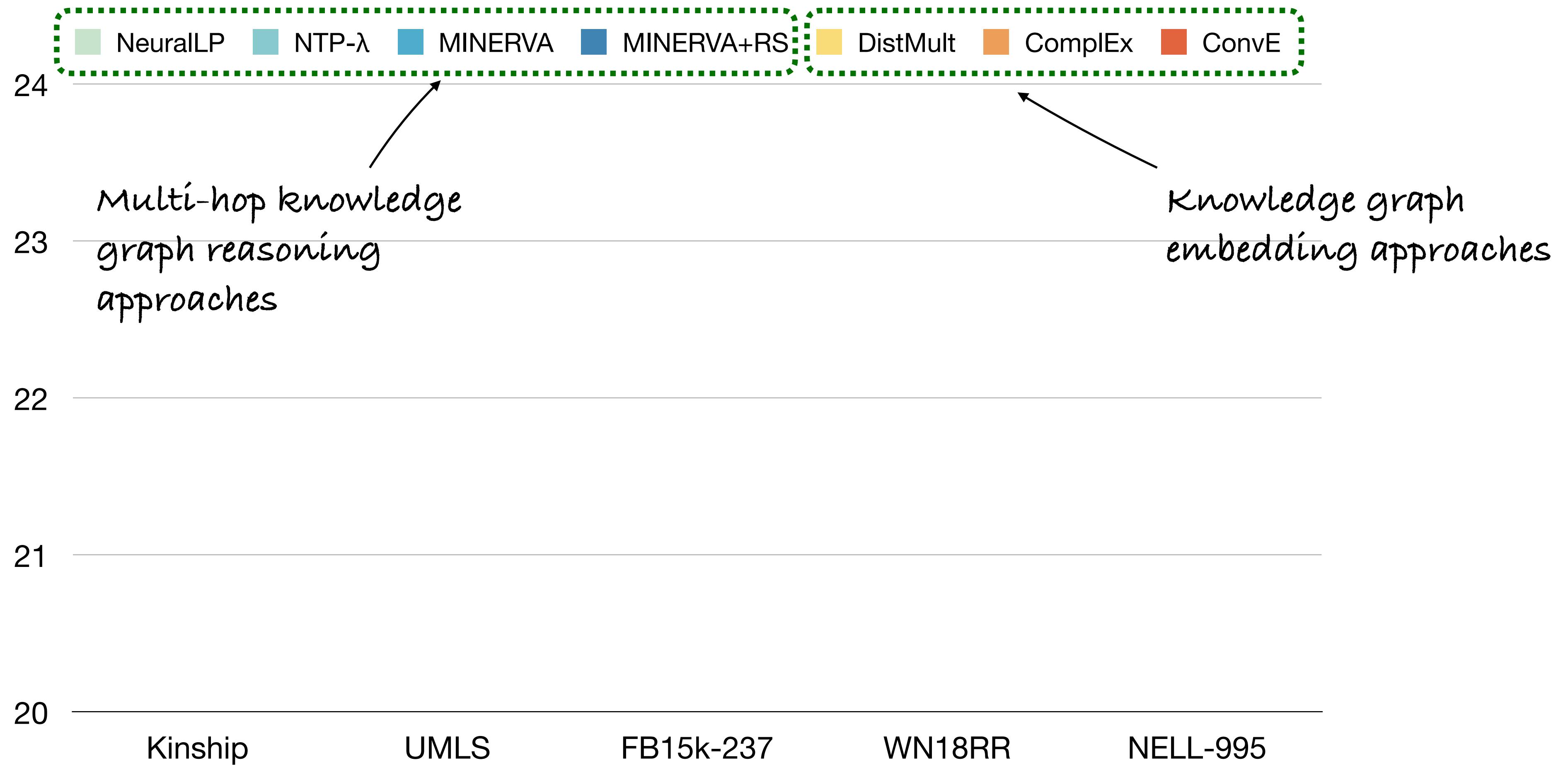
# Experiment Setup

## KG Benchmarks

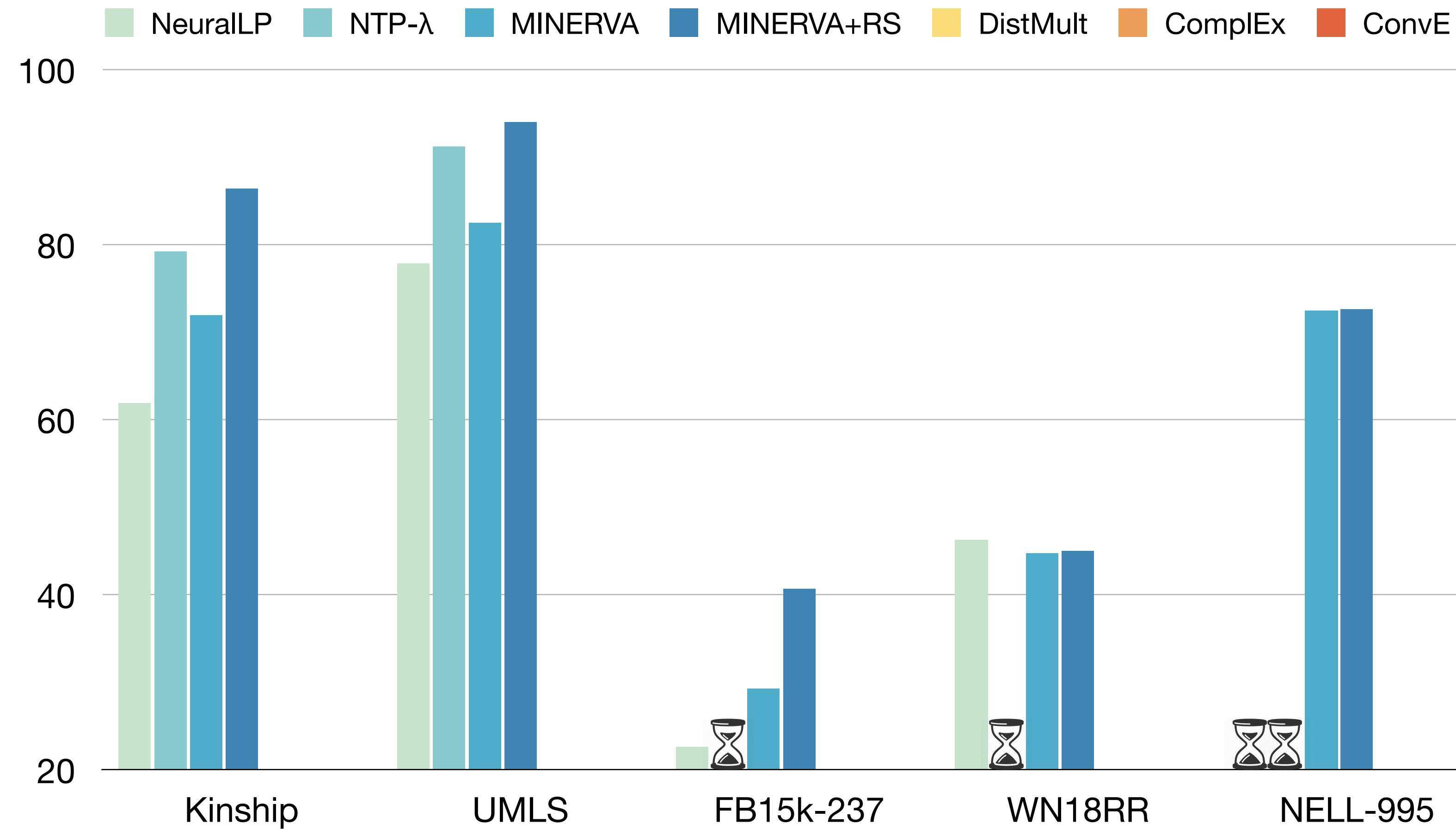
Name	# Ent.	# Rel.	# Fact	# Degree Avg	# Degree Median
Kinship	104	25	8,544	85.15	82
UMLS	135	46	5,216	38.63	28
FB15k-237	14,505	237	272,115	19.74	14
WN18RR	40,945	11	86,835	2.19	2
NELL-995	75,492	200	154,213	4.07	1

Decreasing  
connectivity

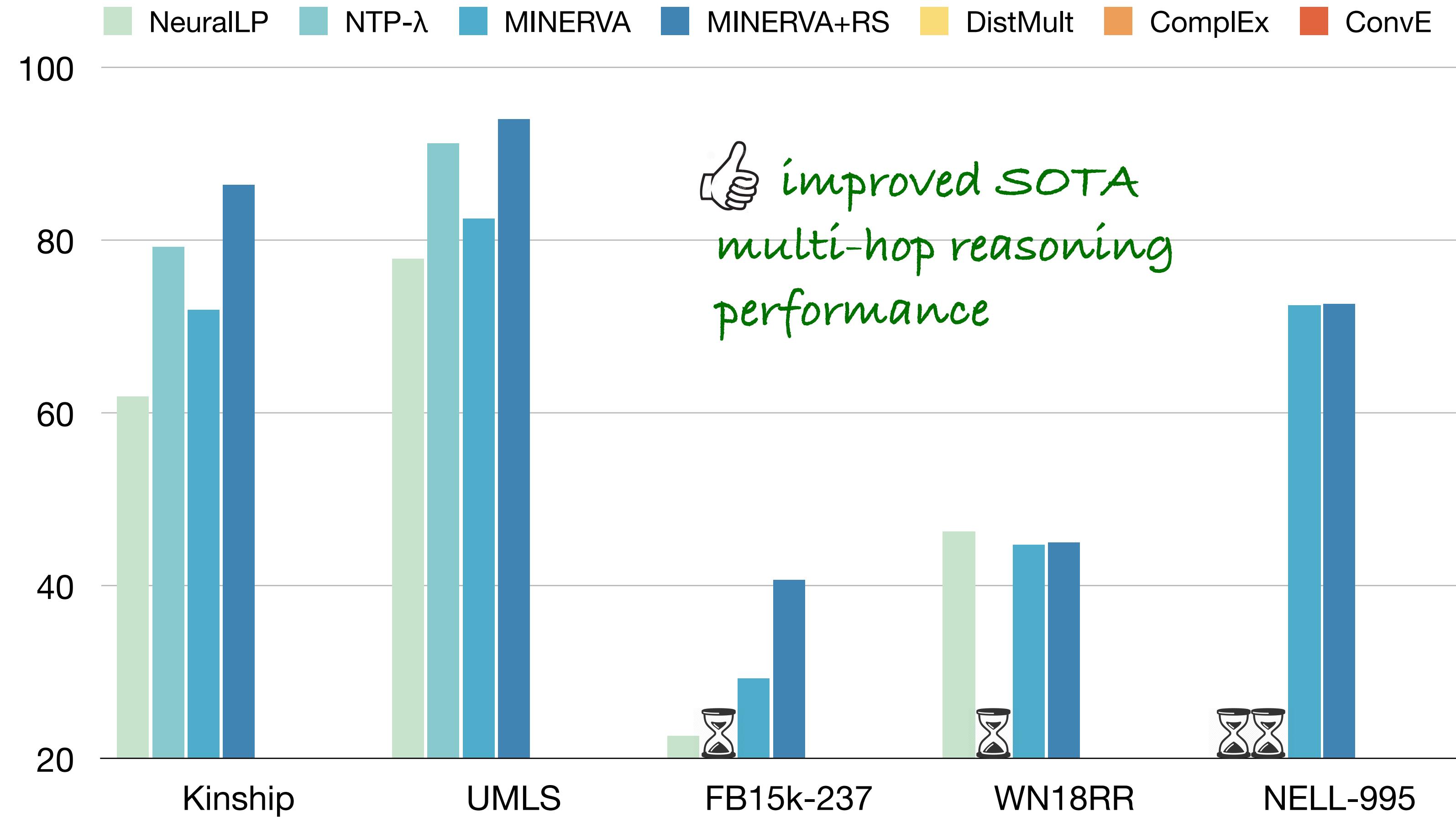
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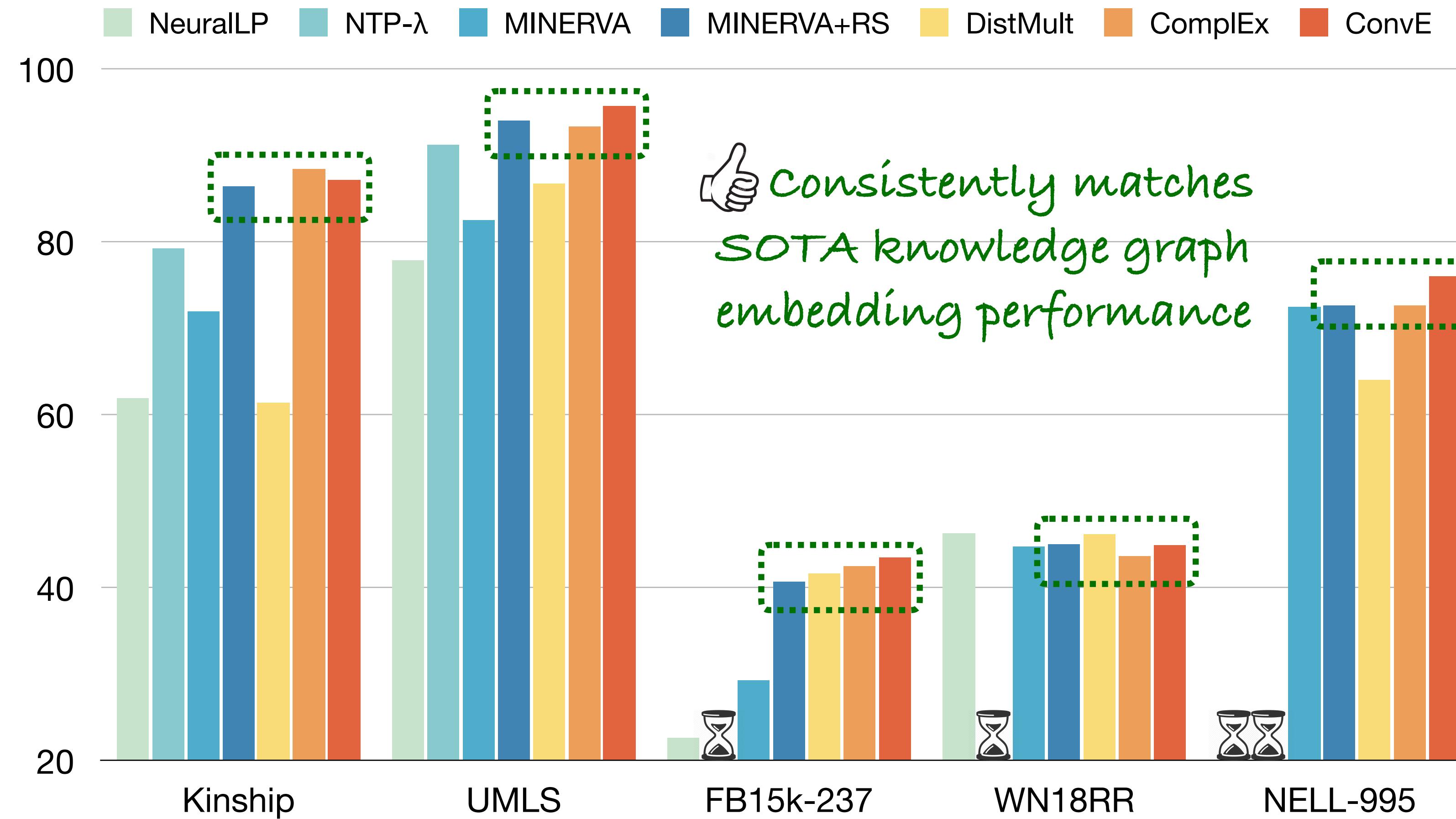
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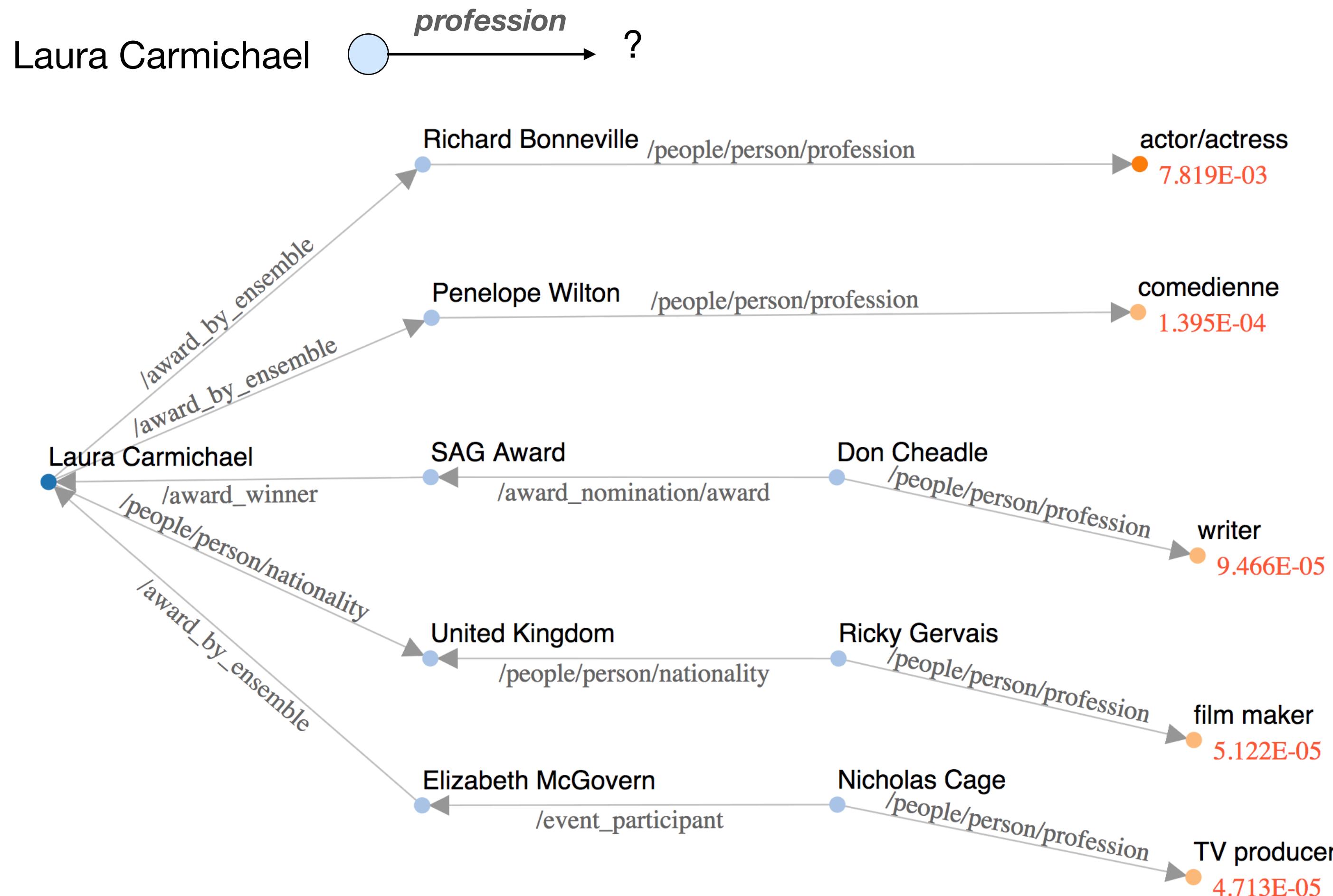
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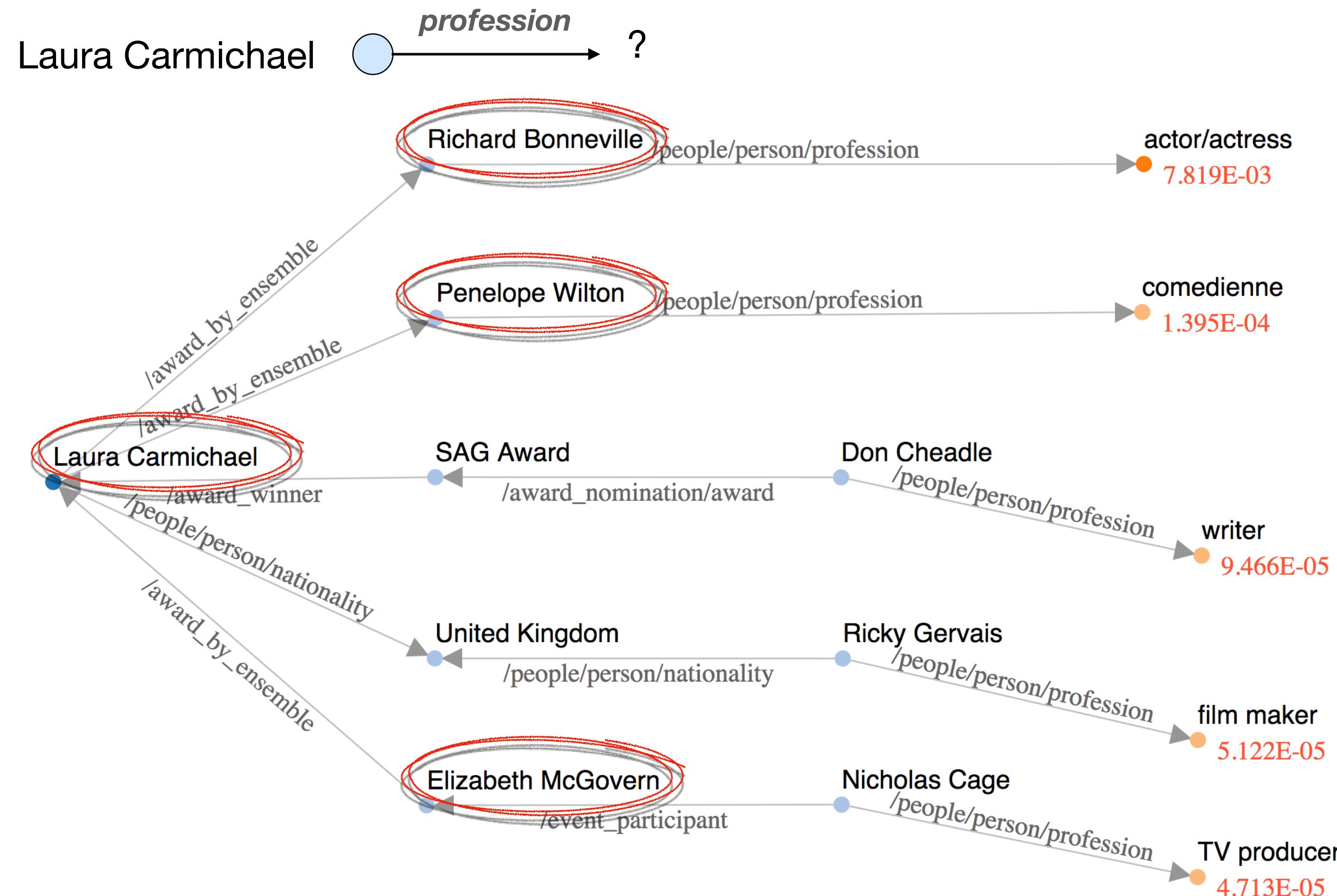
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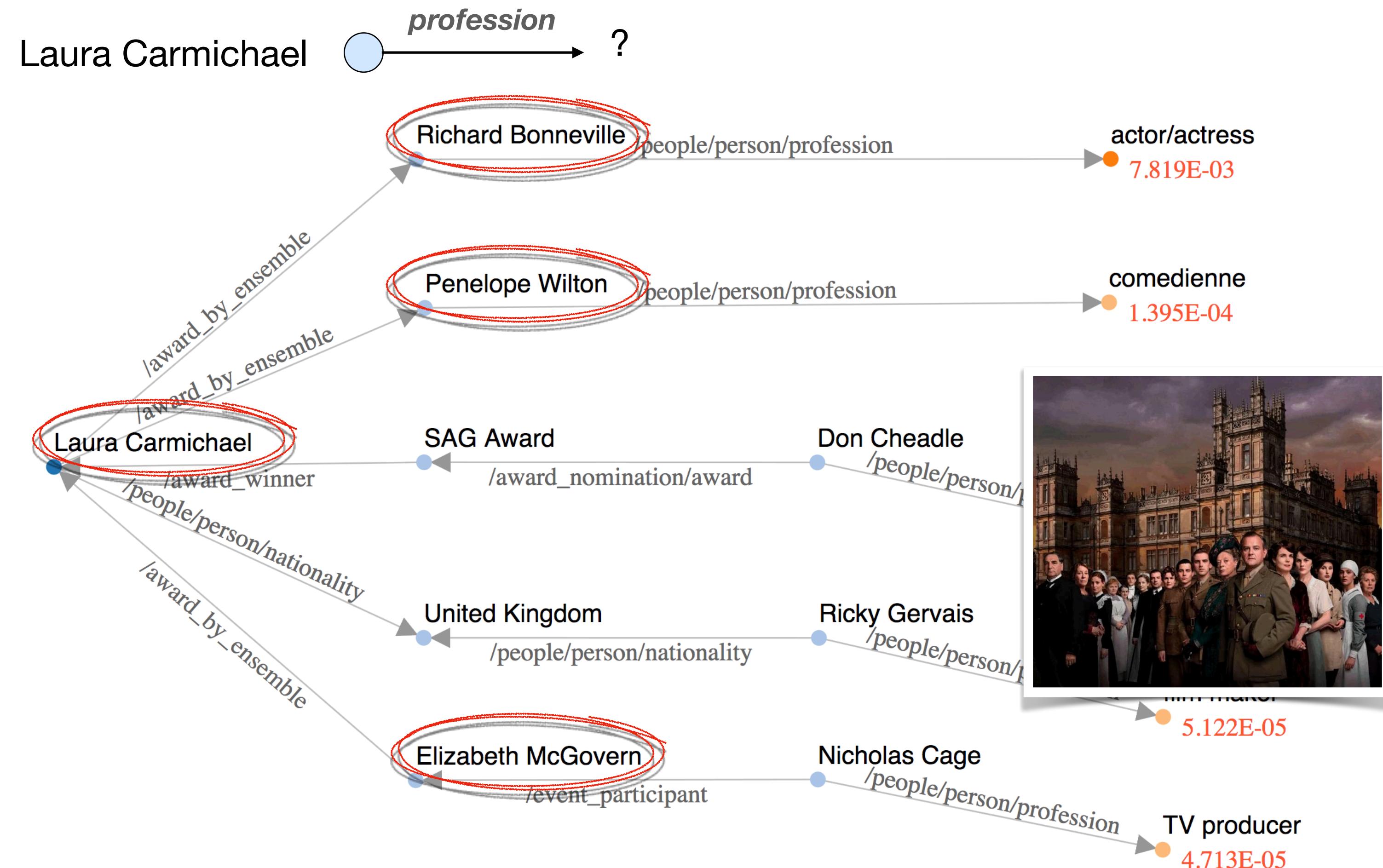
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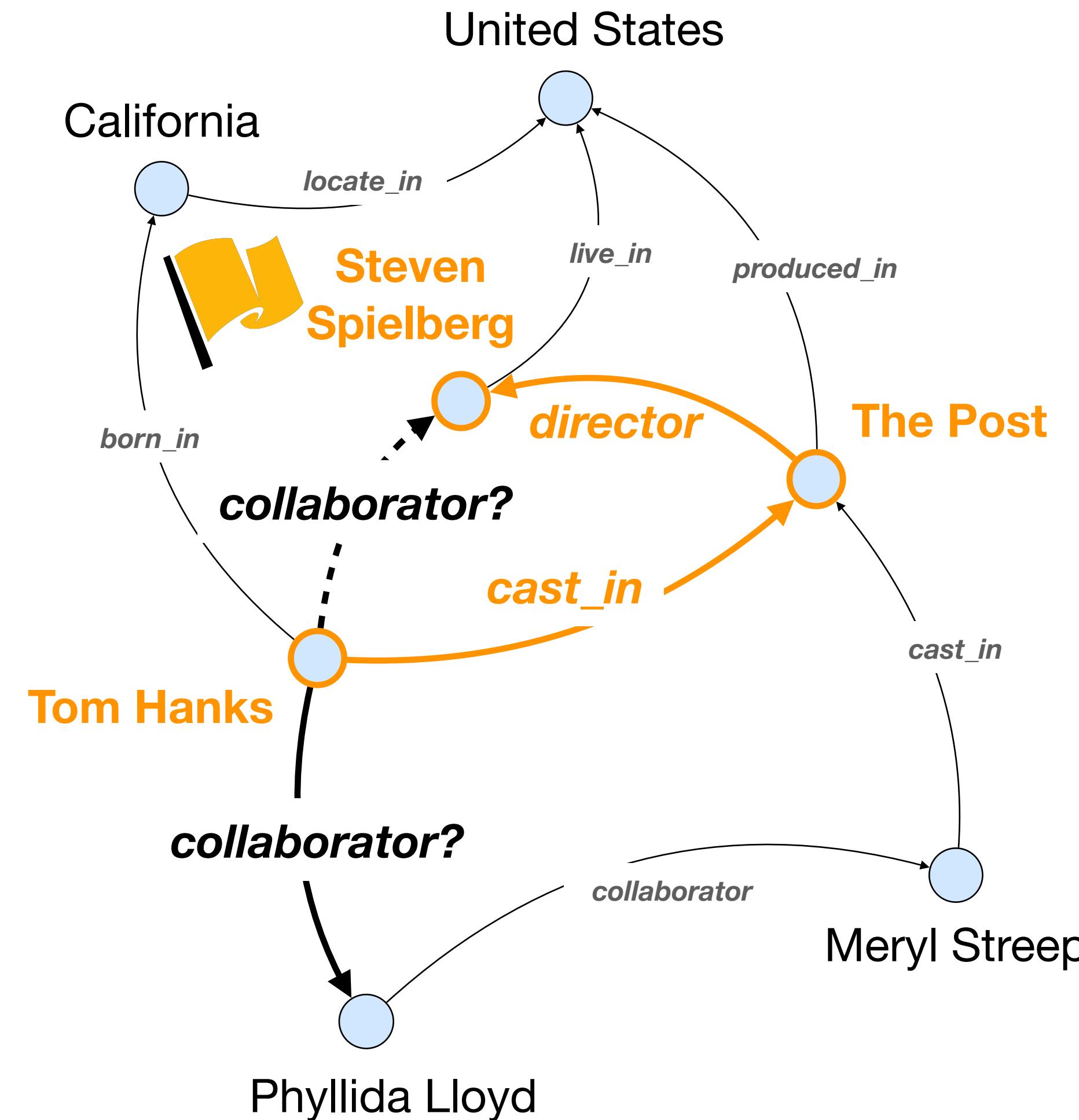


# Interpretable Results



# Sequential Multi-Hop Reasoning

- Efficient for  $e_s \xrightarrow{r_q} ?$  queries
- Return multiple predicted target entities with best-first search
- Can resolve  $e_s \xrightarrow{r_q ?} e_t$  queries



# Open Source: <https://github.com/salesforce/MultiHopKG>

- Knowledge graph reasoning is critical for KG-based applications as KGs are intrinsically incomplete
- **(Deep) reinforcement learning** provides a strong family of algorithms for learning **informative** reasoning paths while being **time and space efficient**
- Our work combines policy network with KG embedding based reward shaping is **the first sequential multi-hop reasoning approach that matches the performance of KG embedding based approaches** on multiple benchmarks

Multi-Hop Knowledge Graph Reasoning with Reward Shaping. Xi Victoria Lin, Richard Socher and Caiming Xiong. EMNLP 2018.

- Future work could learn more from core RL research to resolve generic (e.g. sparse reward) and KG-specific learning challenges

M-walk: Learning to Walk over Graphs Using Monte Carlo Tree Search (Shen et. al. 2018)

Reinforcement Knowledge Graph Reasoning for Explainable Recommendation (Xian et. al. 2019)

Collaborative Policy Learning for Open Knowledge Graph Reasoning (Fu et. al. 2019)

Path Reasoning over Knowledge Graph: A Multi-Agent and Reinforcement Learning Based Method (Li et. al. 2019)

Reinforcement Learning Based Meta-Path Discovery in Large-Scale Heterogeneous Information Networks (Wan et. al. 2020)

Reasoning Like Human: Hierarchical Reinforcement Learning for Knowledge Graph Reasoning (Wan et. al. 2020)



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