

# Multi-Hop Knowledge Graph Reasoning with Reward Shaping

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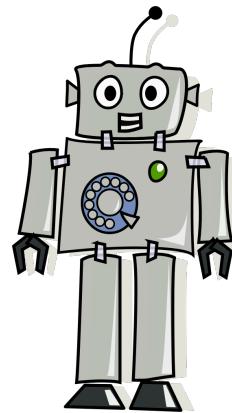


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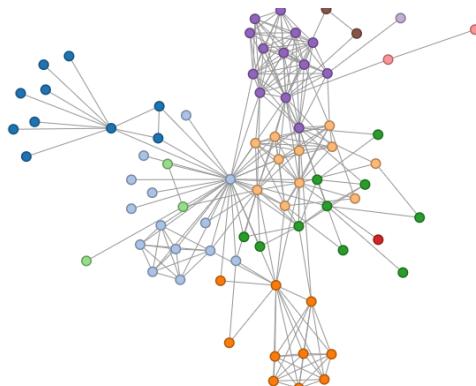
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Images



Knowledge Graph

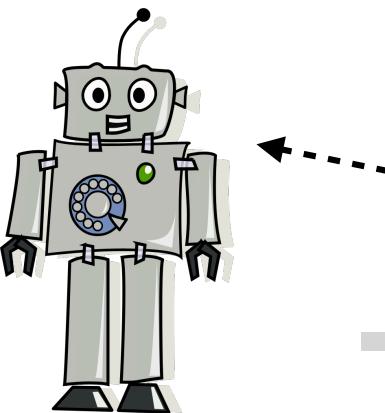
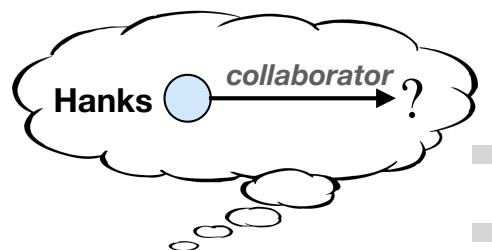
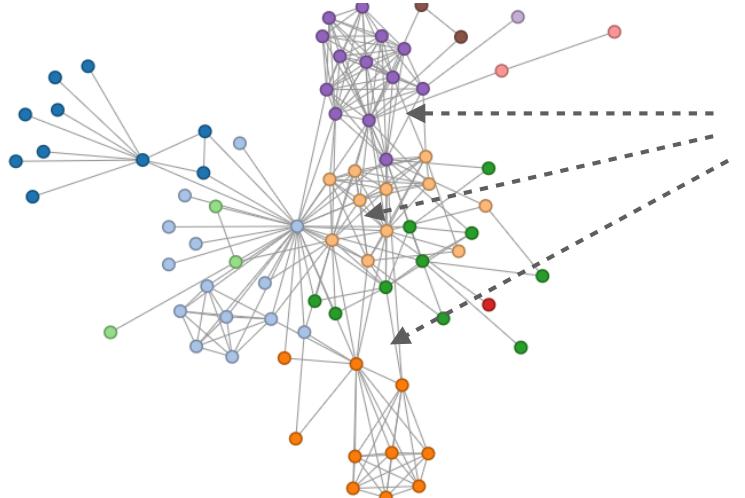


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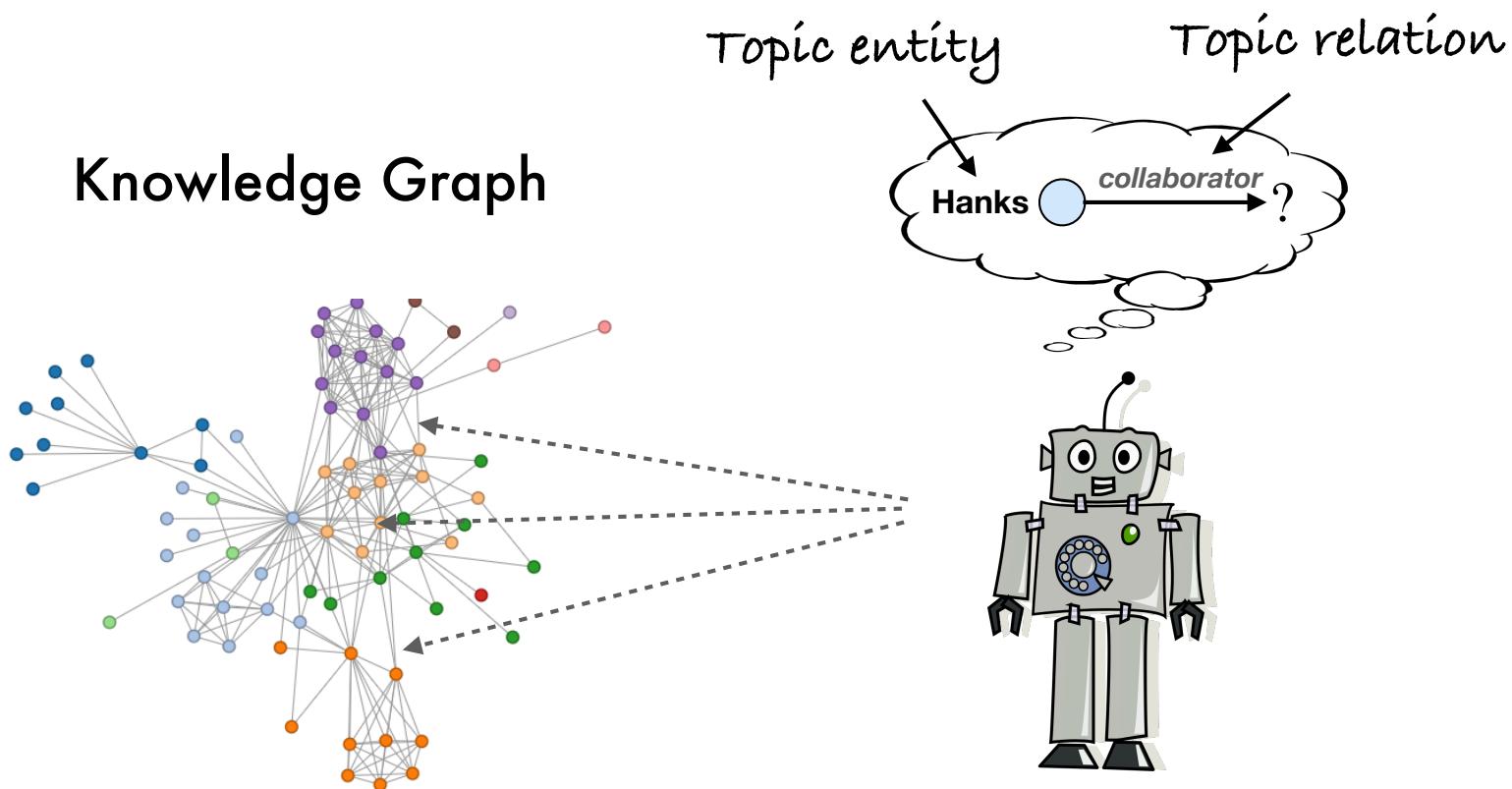
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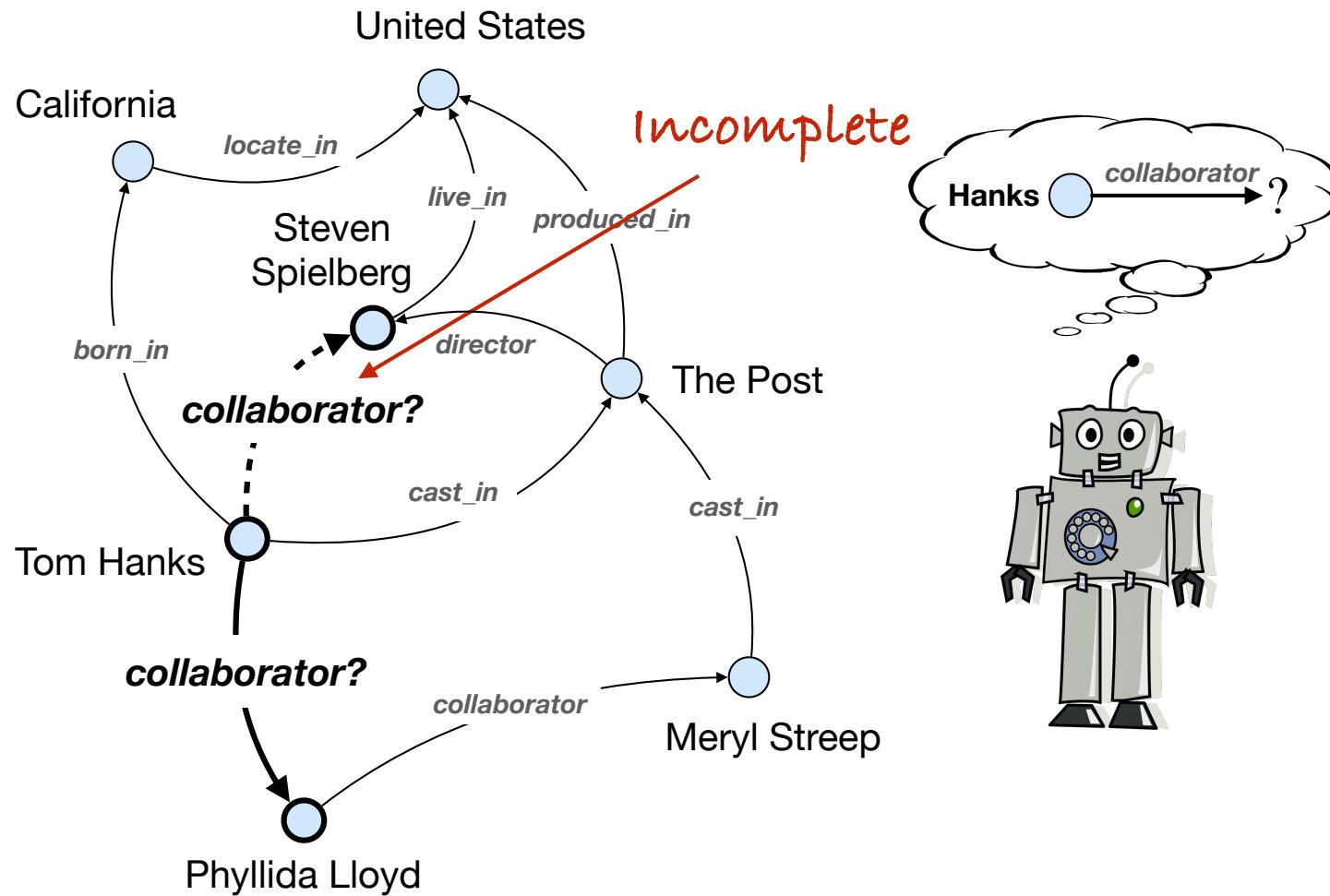
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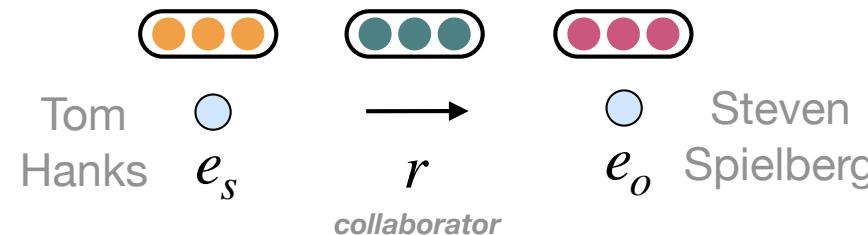
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# Knowledge Graph Embeddings



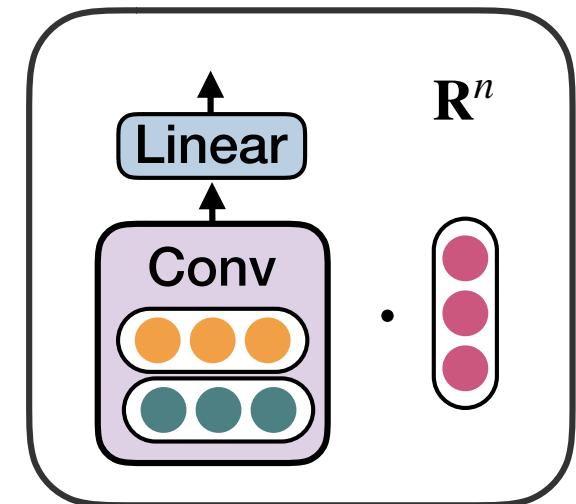
Highly accurate &  
Efficient

	MRR
ConvE	0.957 (max = 1)

Tab 1. ConvE query answering performance on the UMLS benchmark dataset (Kok and Domingos 2007)

Lack  
interpretability

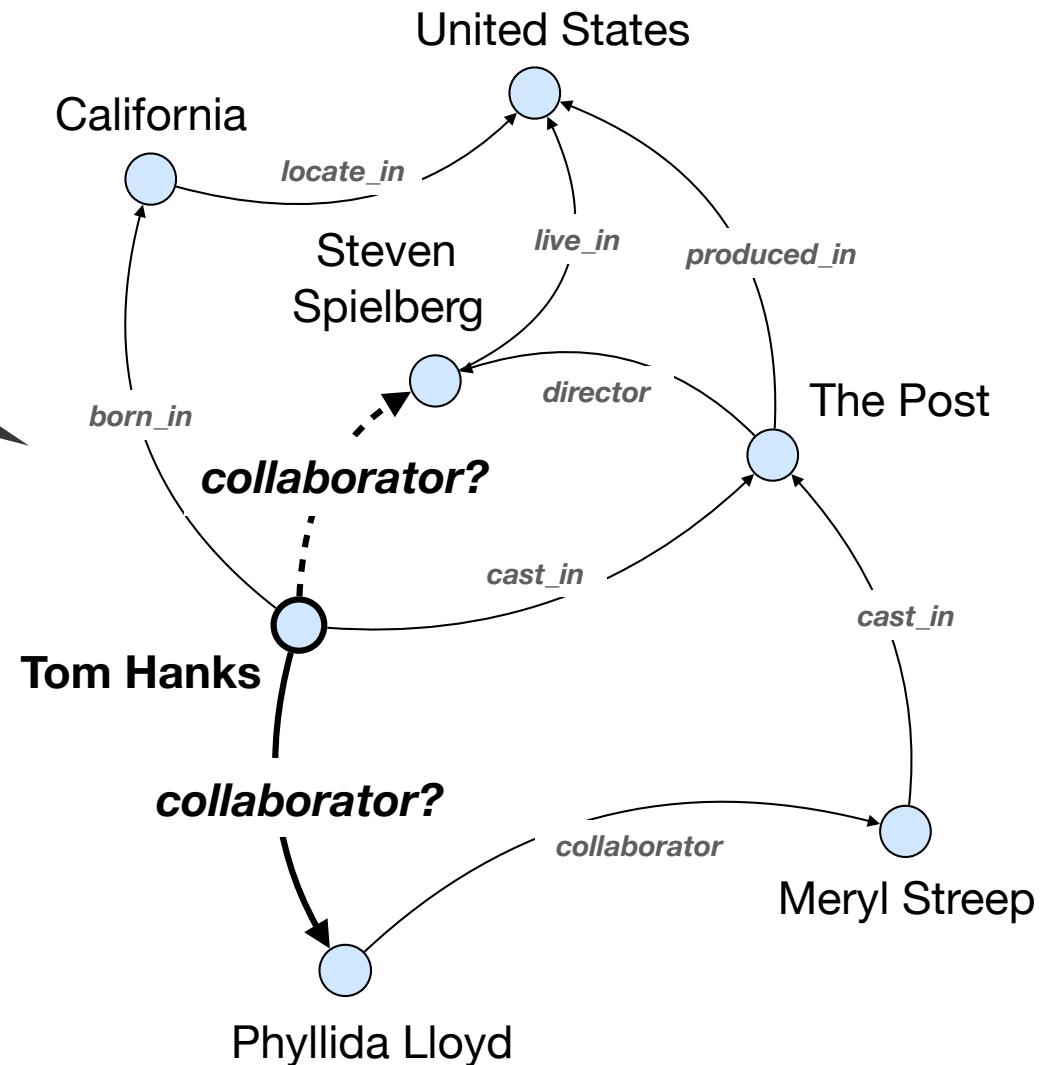
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is a collaborator  
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ConvE

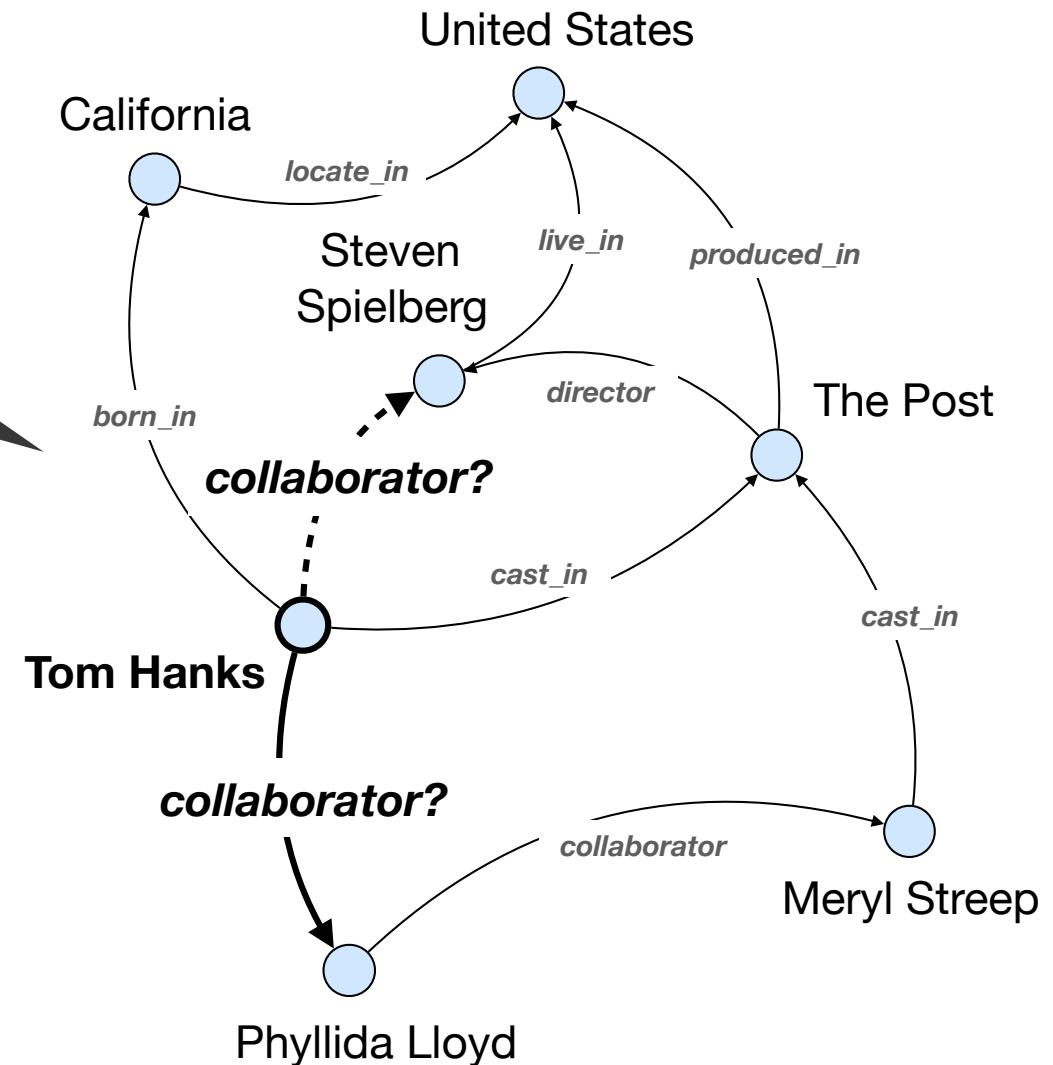
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Reasoning  
over discrete  
structures



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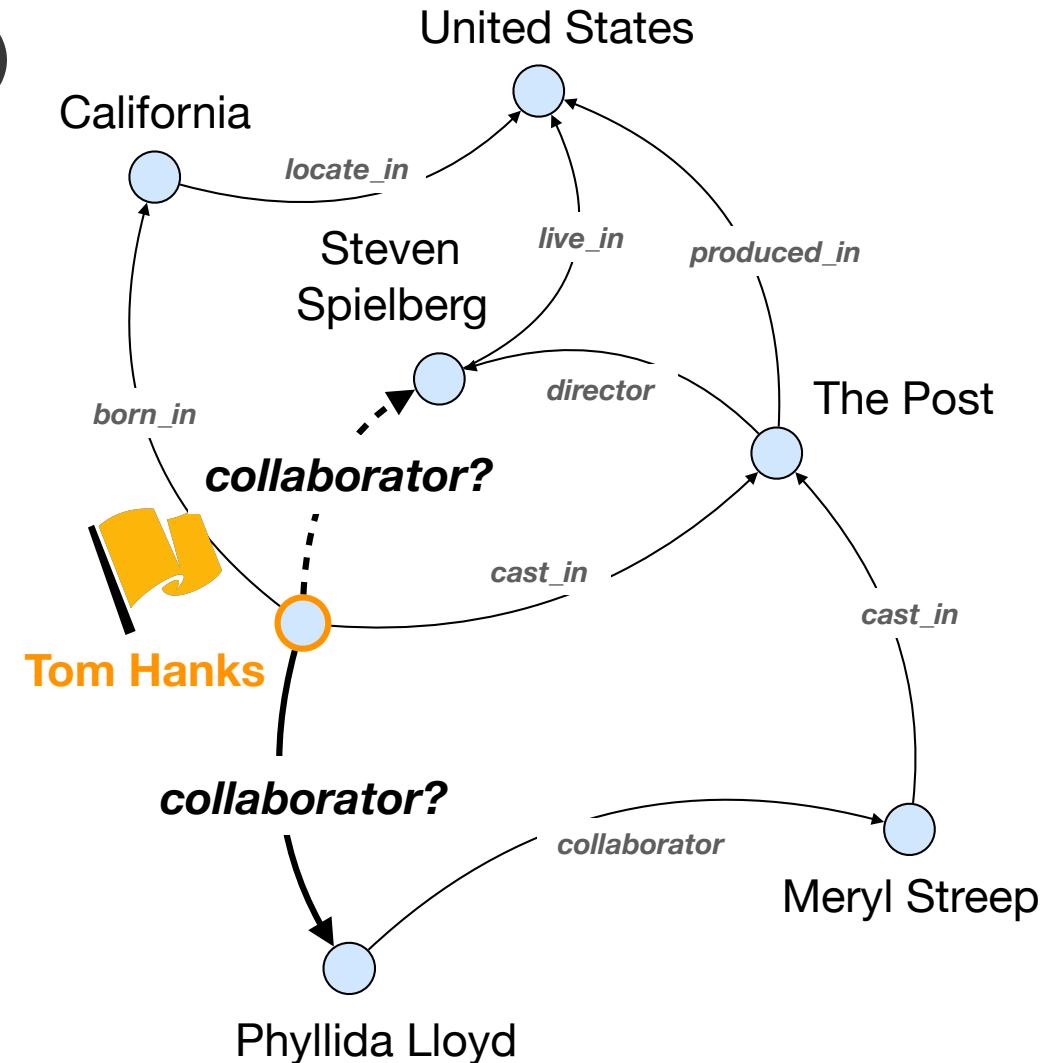
Sequential decision making



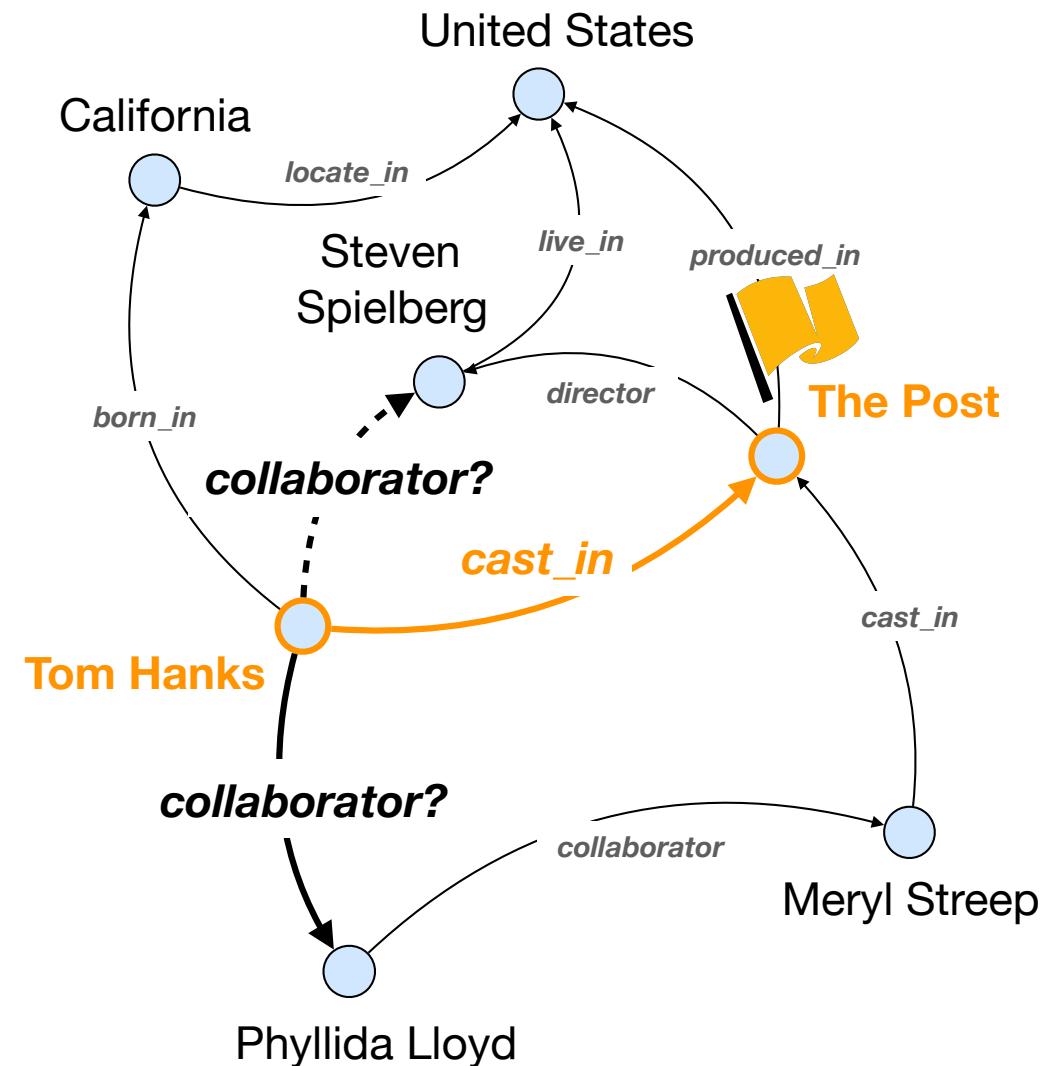
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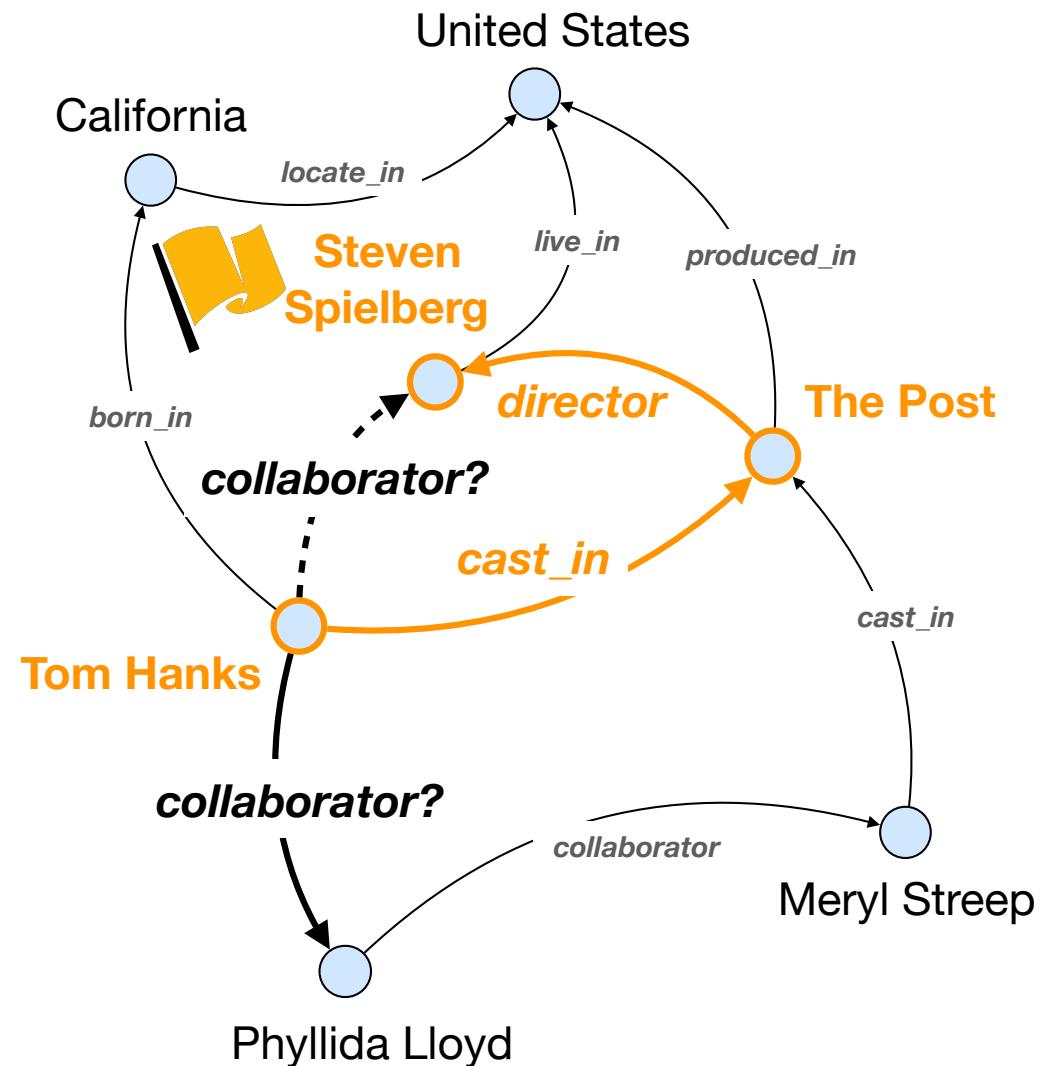
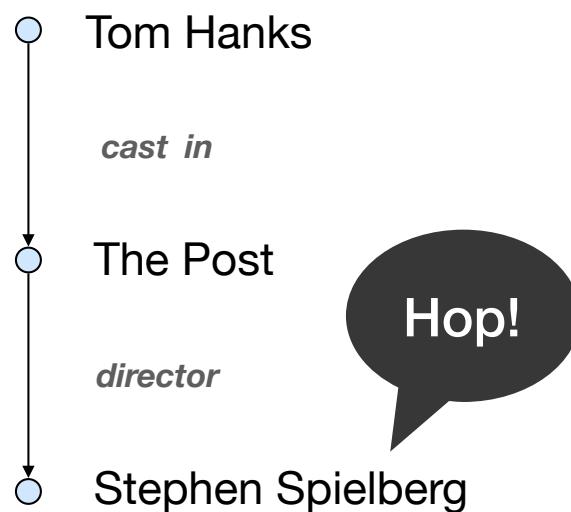
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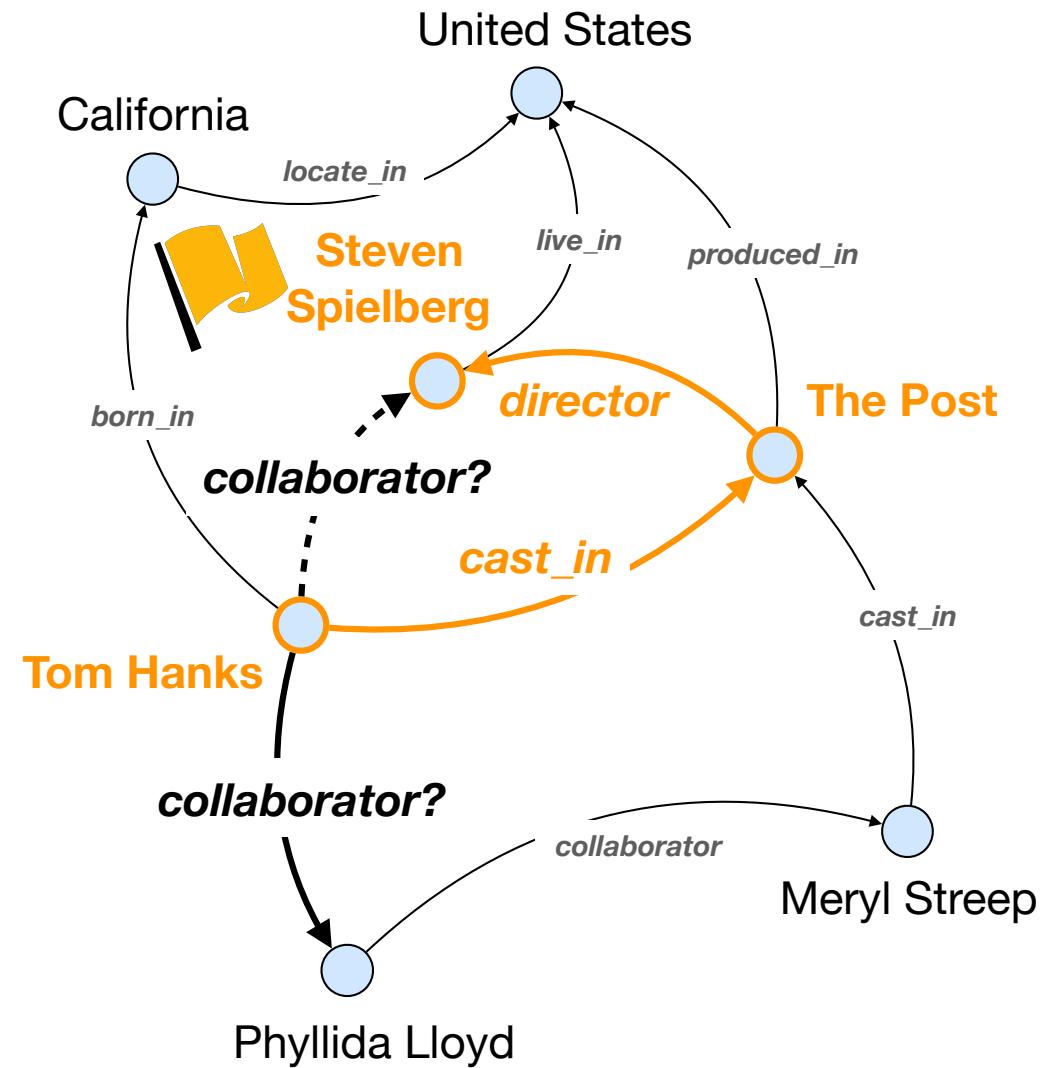
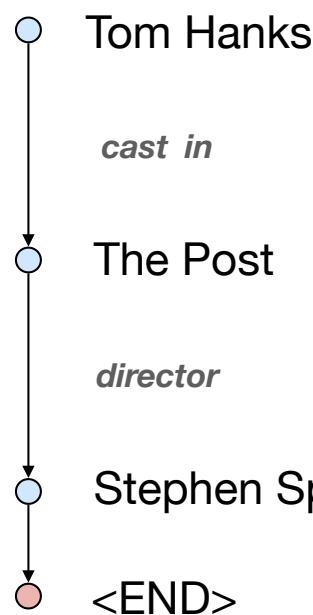
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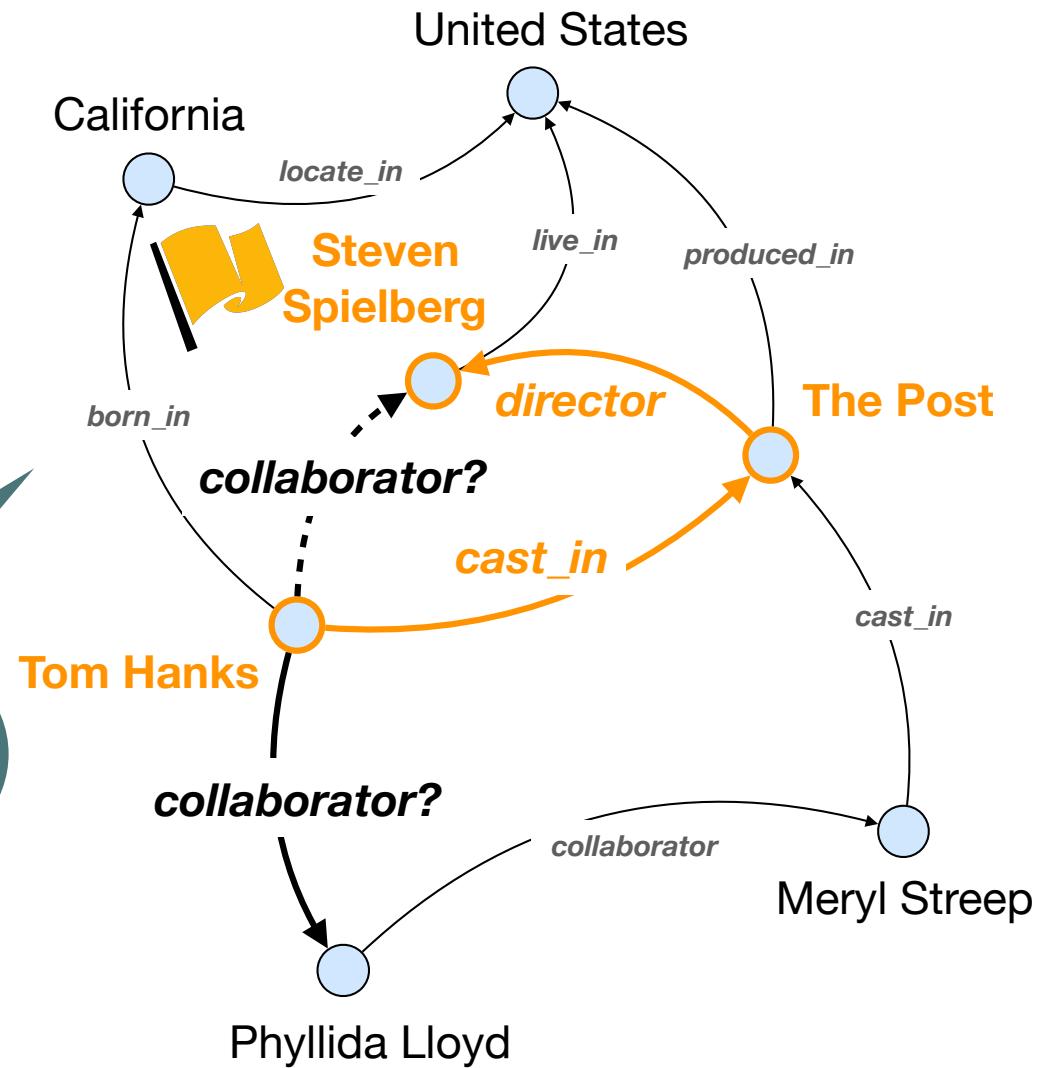
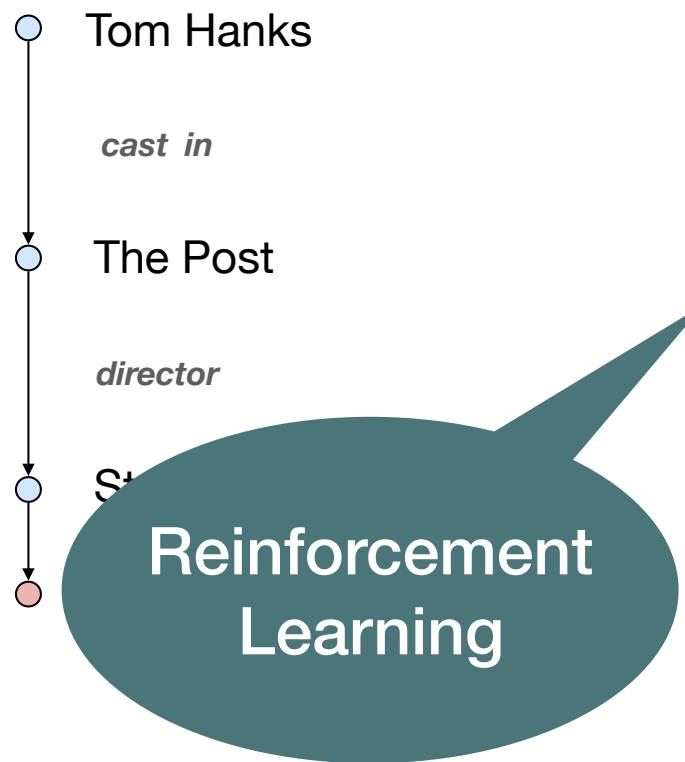
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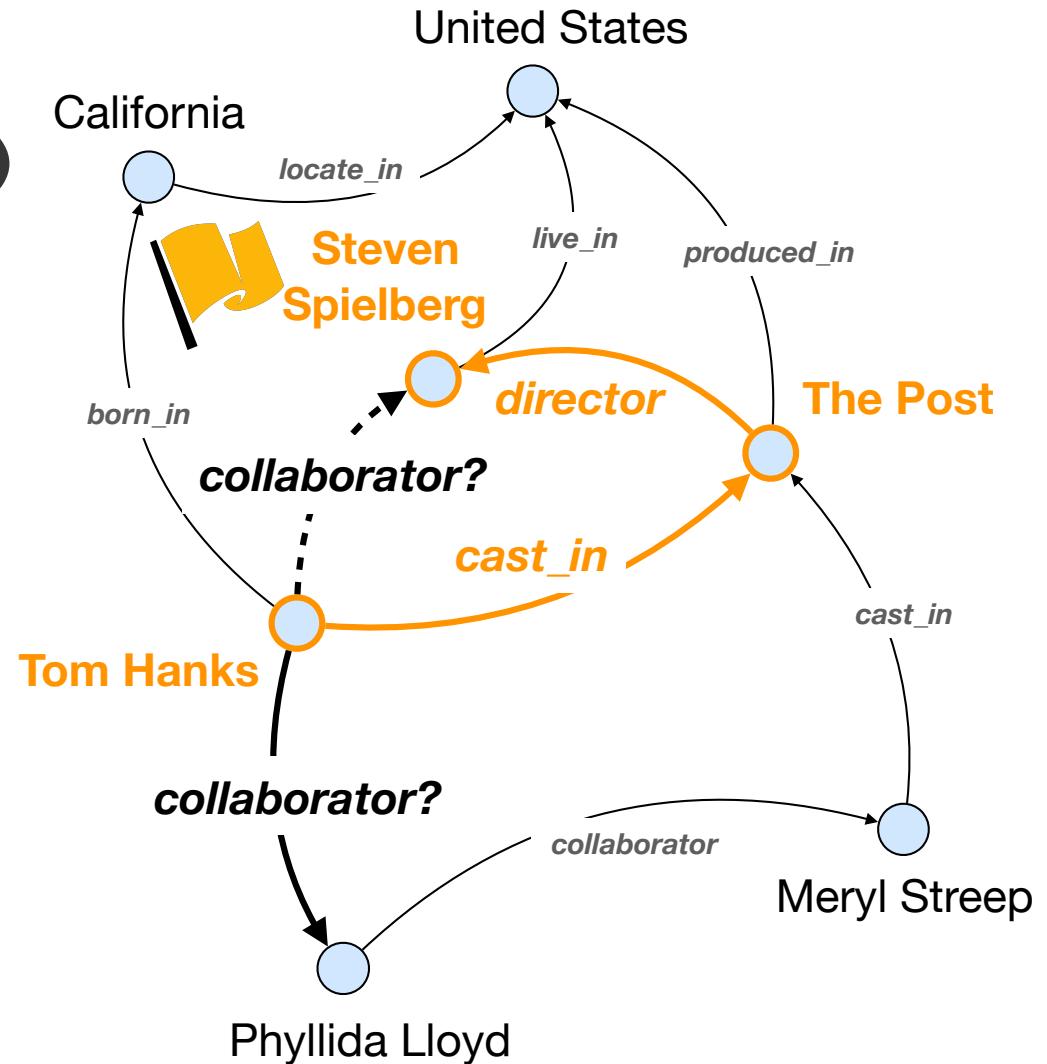
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 **Interpretable**

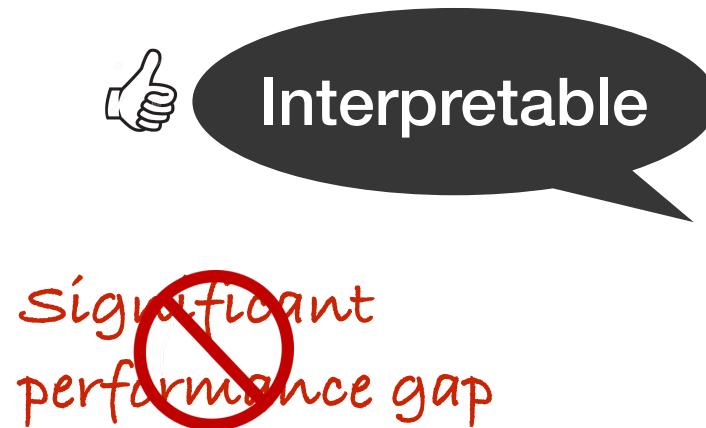
significant performance gap

	MRR
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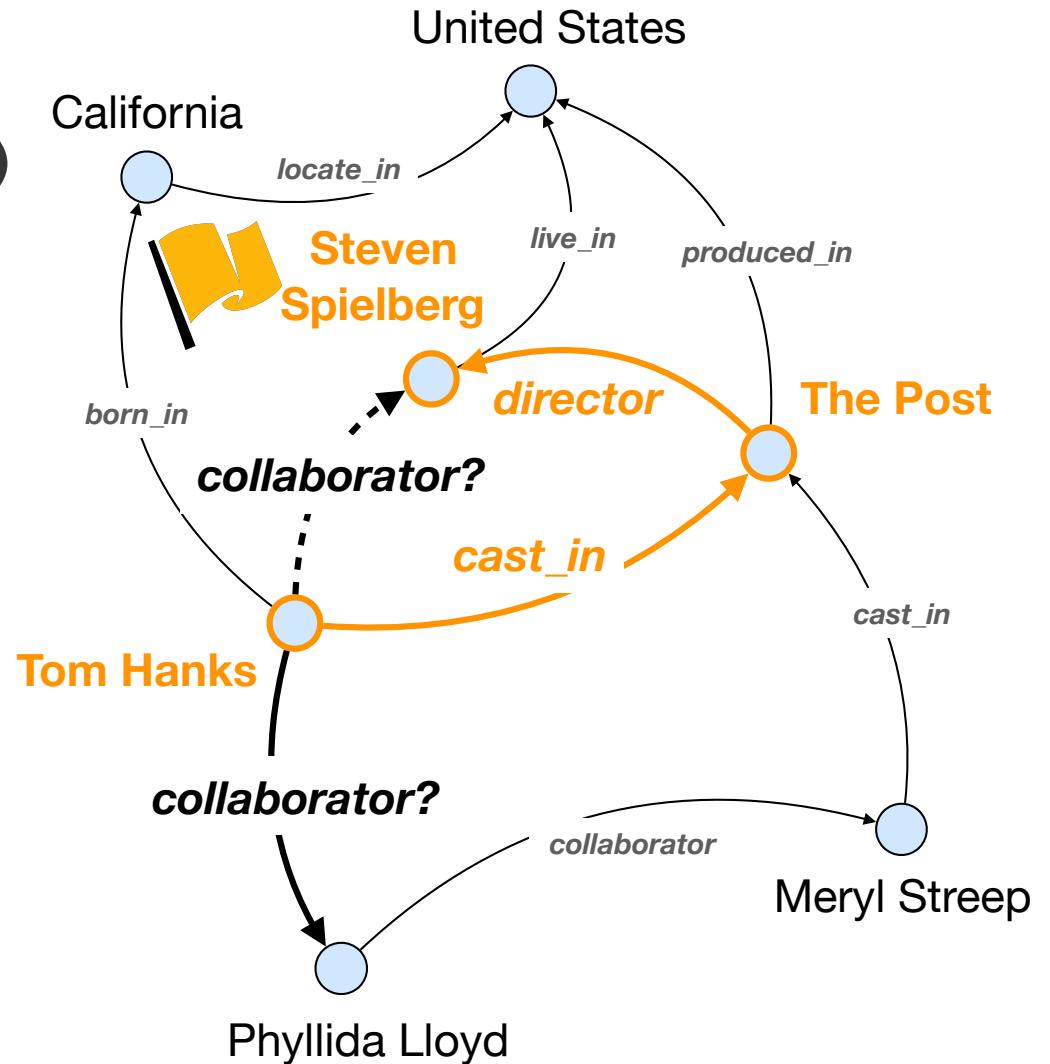


# Multi-Hop Reasoning Models: Ideal Case



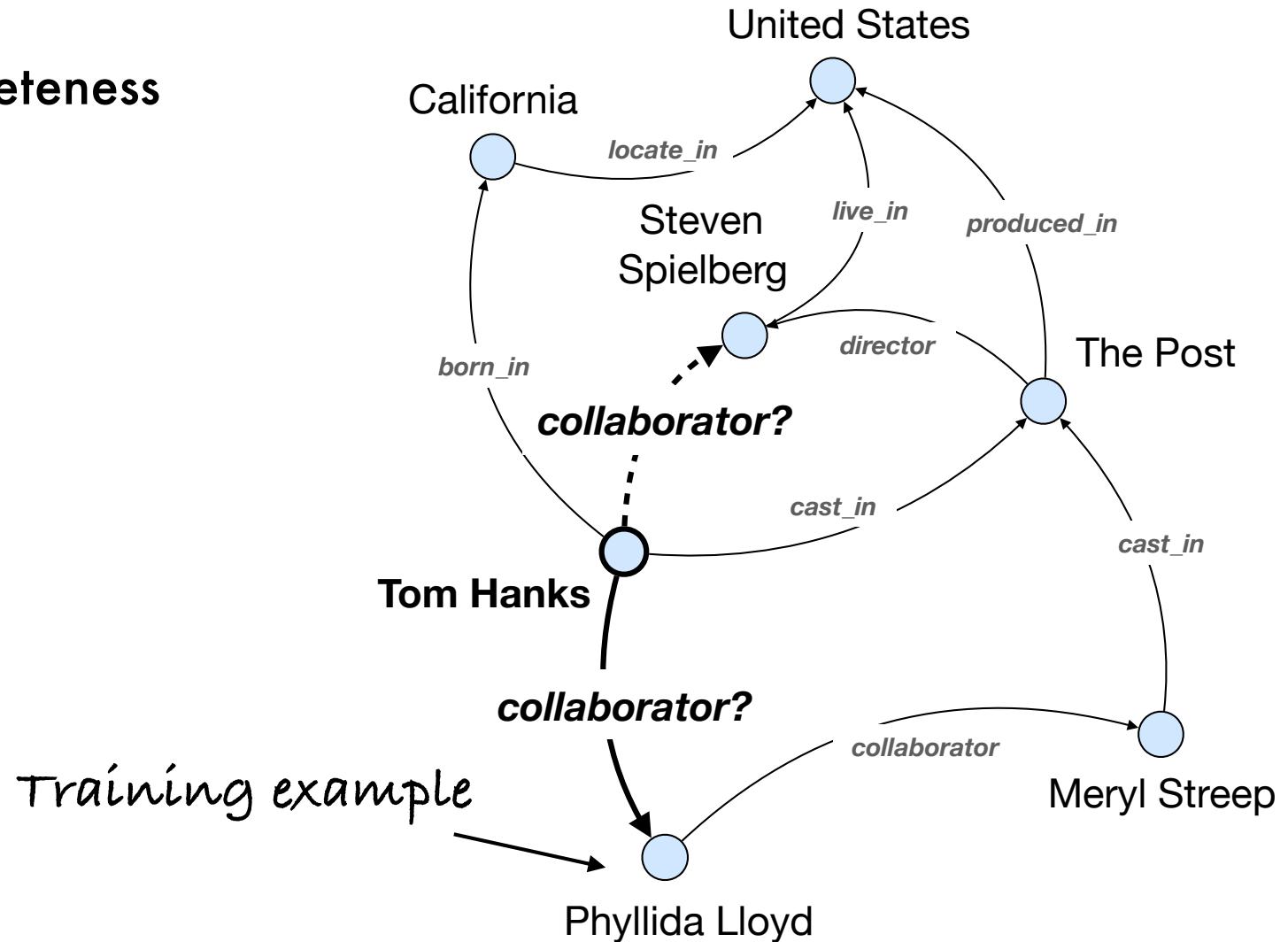
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# Challenges

## Incompleteness



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No reward

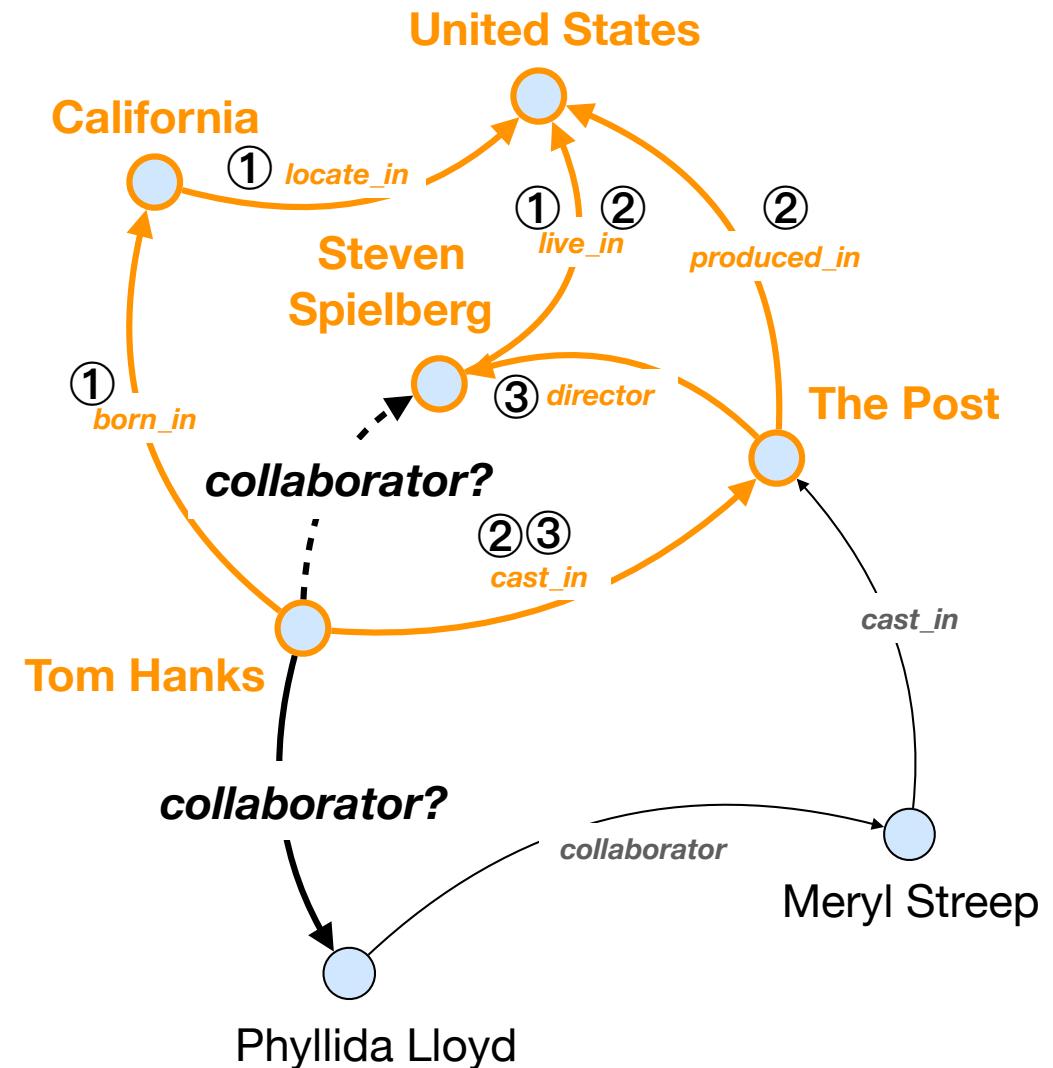
Overfit to the  
observed answers

Training example



# Challenges

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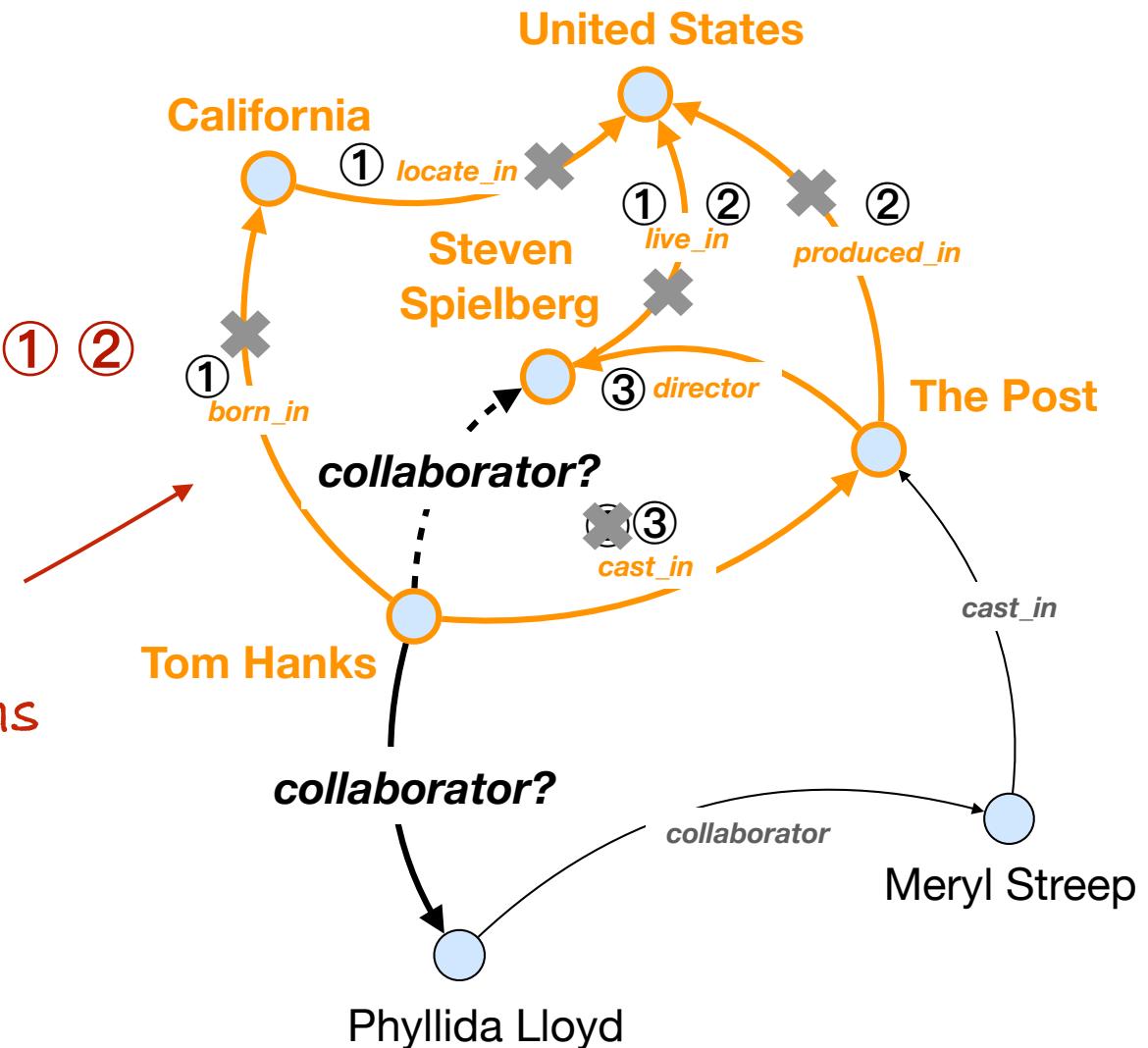


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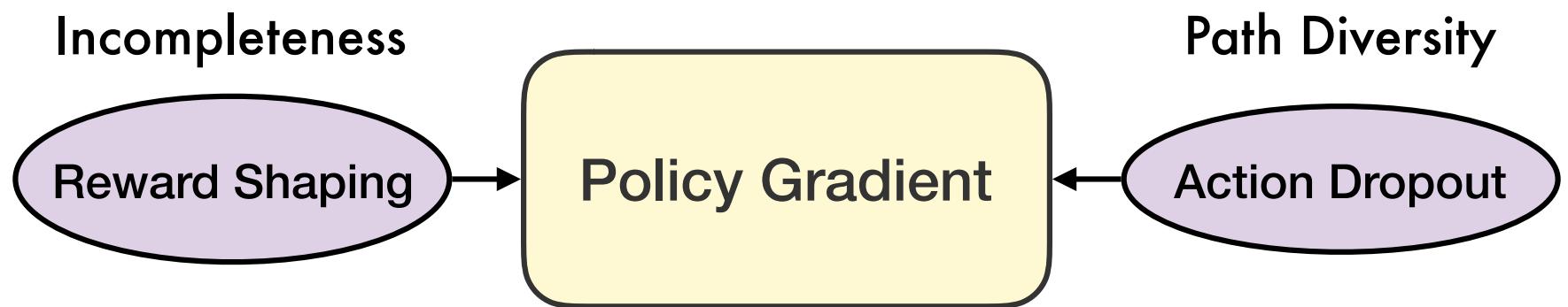
## Path Diversity

False positive  
(spurious) paths ① ②

Overfit to the  
spurious paths



# Proposed Solutions



# Reinforcement Learning Framework

Environment

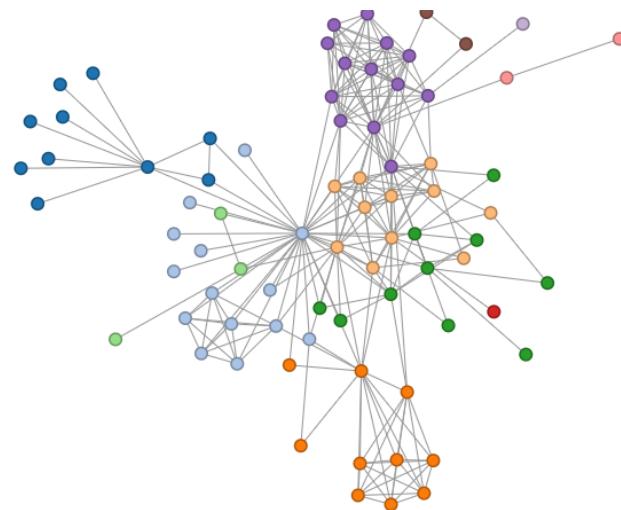
State

Action

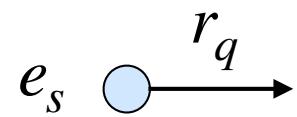
Transition

Reward

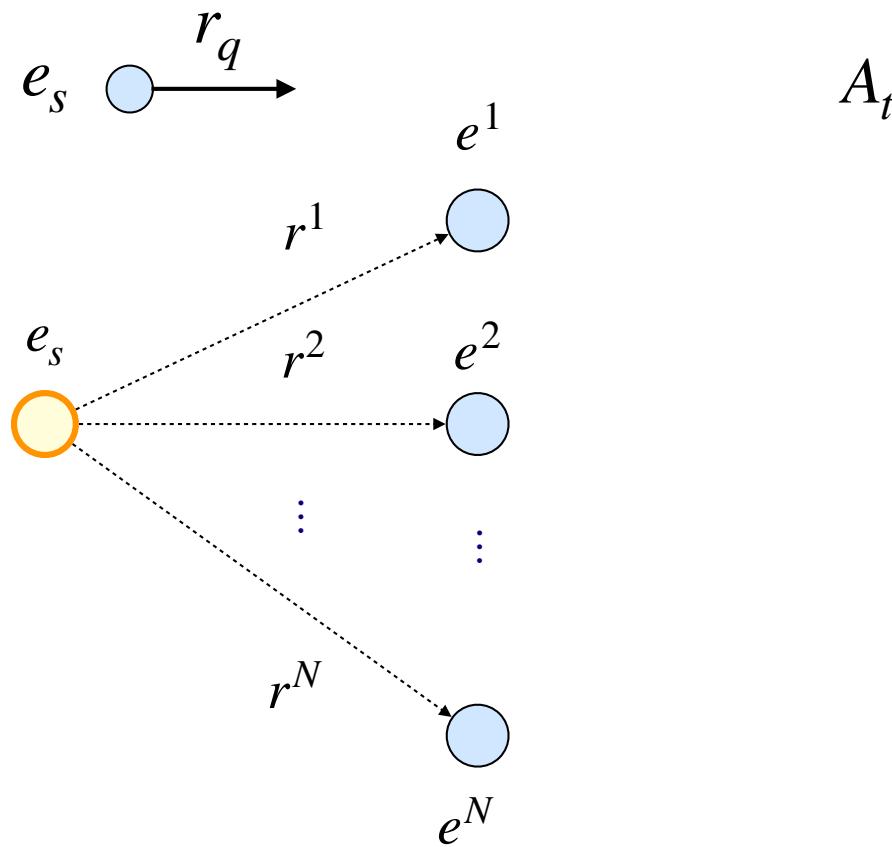
$$e_s \quad \xrightarrow{r_q}$$



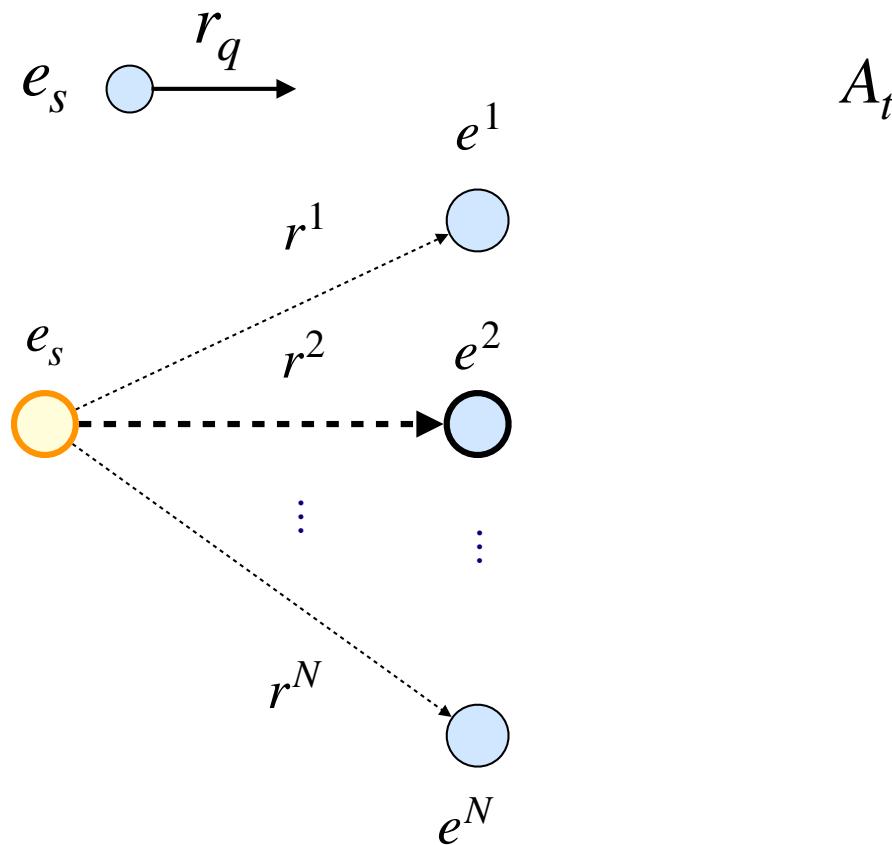
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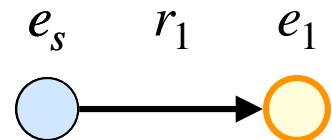
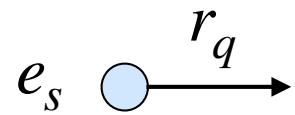
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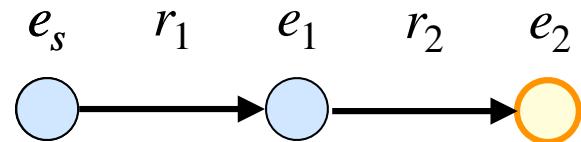
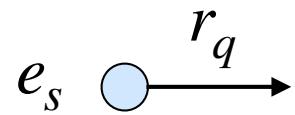
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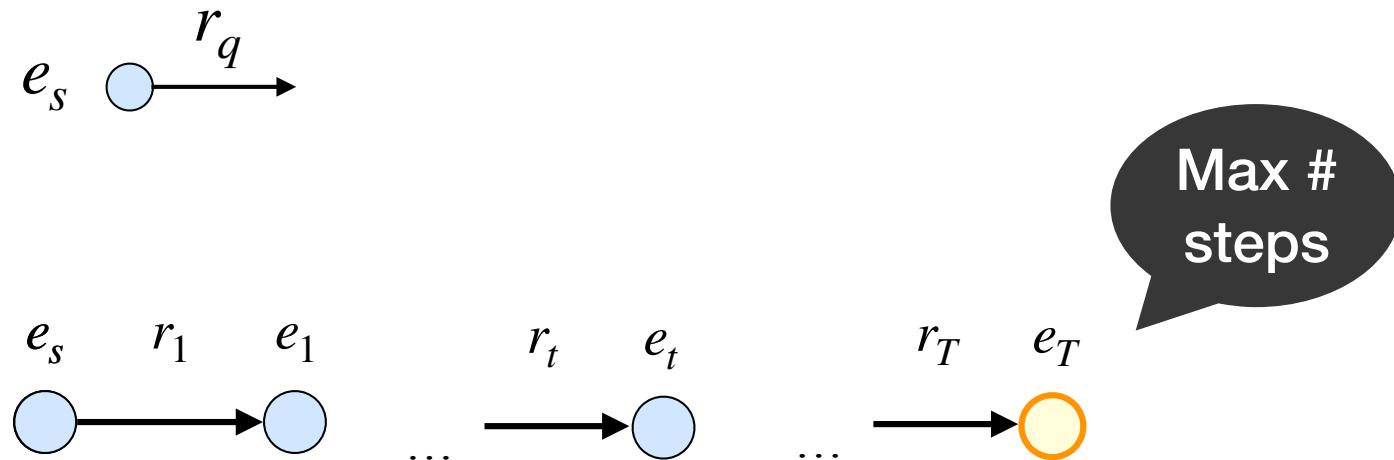
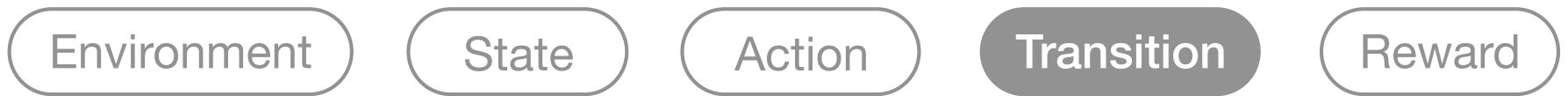
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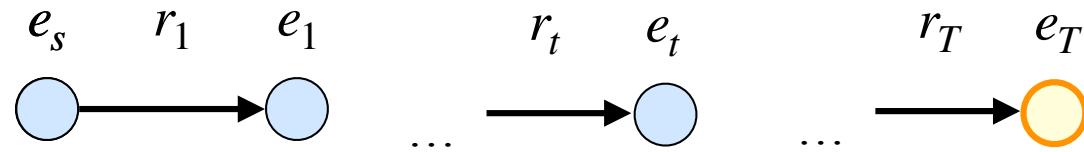
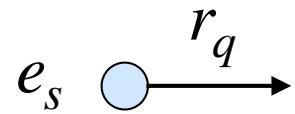
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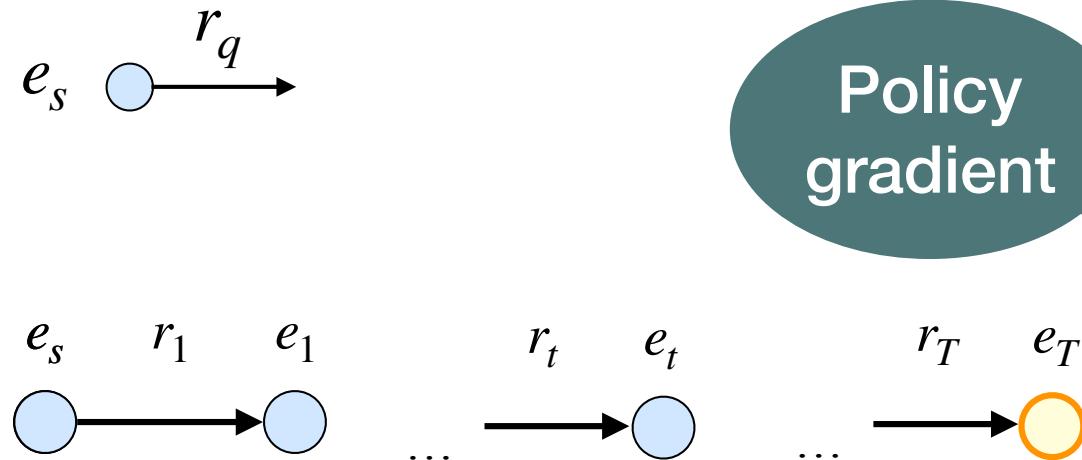
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# Reinforcement Learning Framework

Environment      State      Action      Transition      Reward



Policy  
gradient

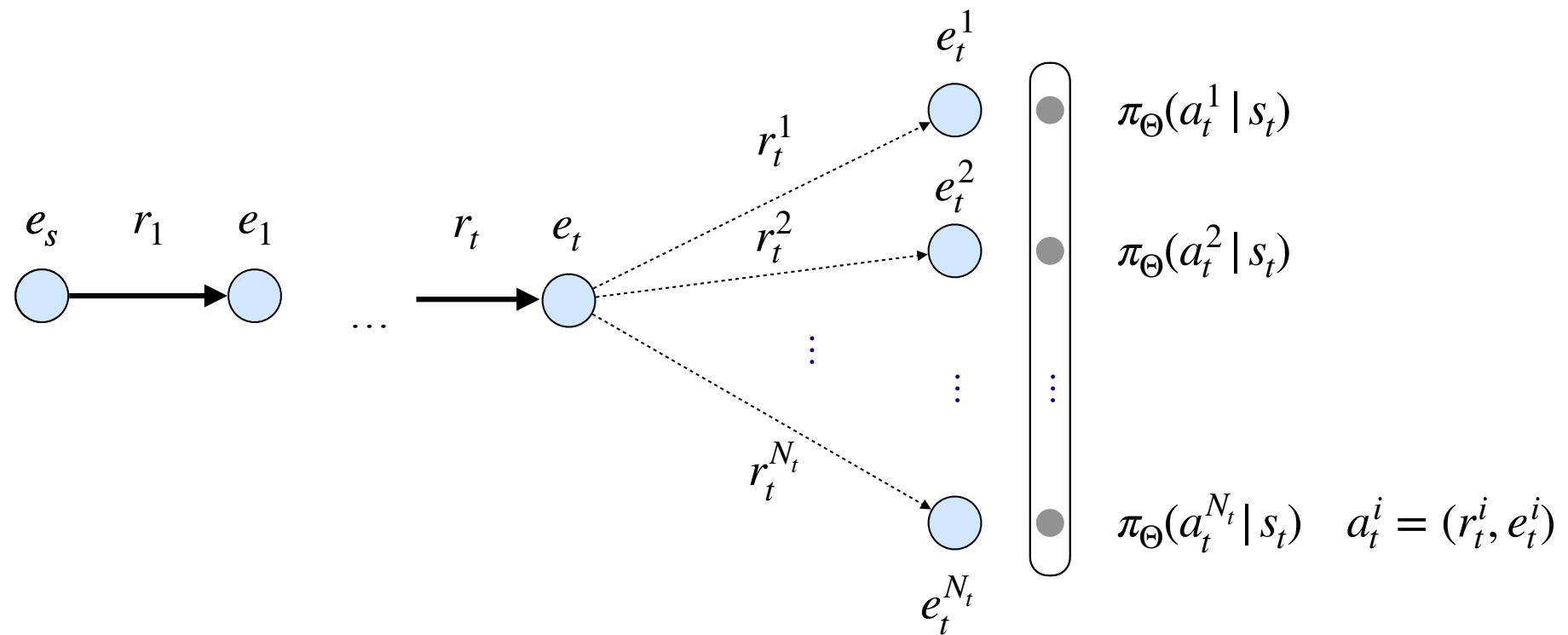
Learn **which**  
**action to choose**  
given a state

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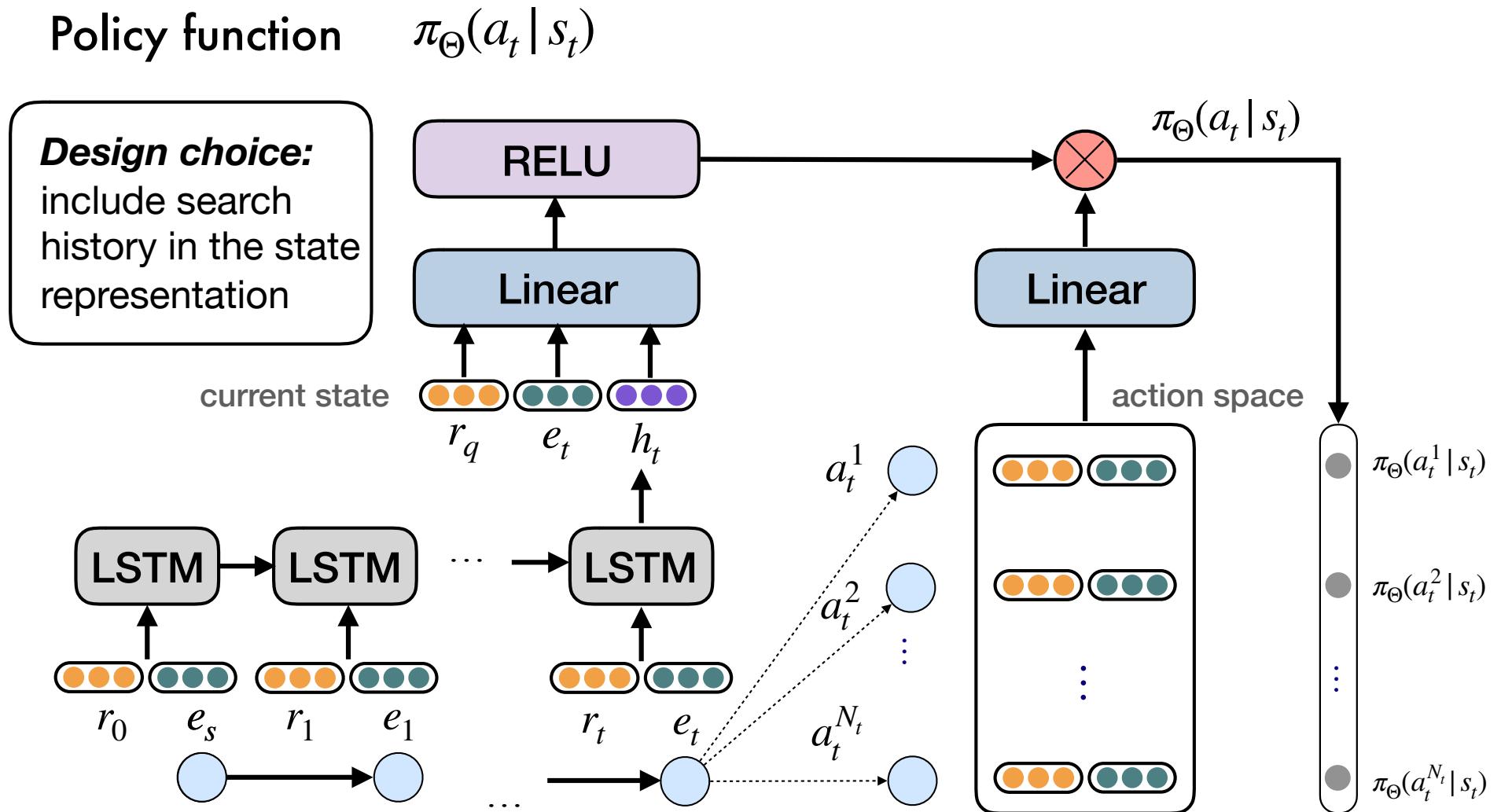
# Policy Gradient

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

**Probability** of choosing  
an action given the  
current state



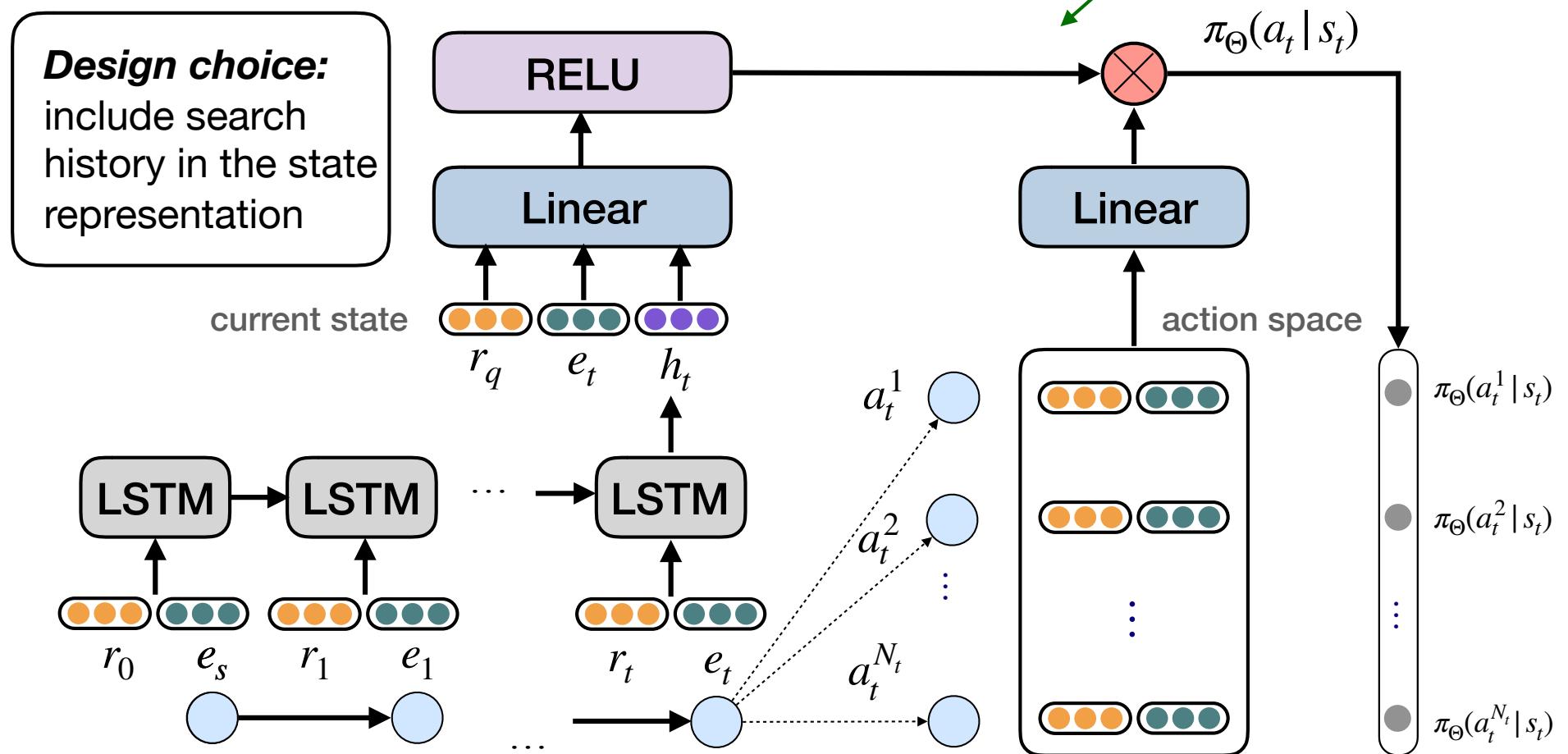
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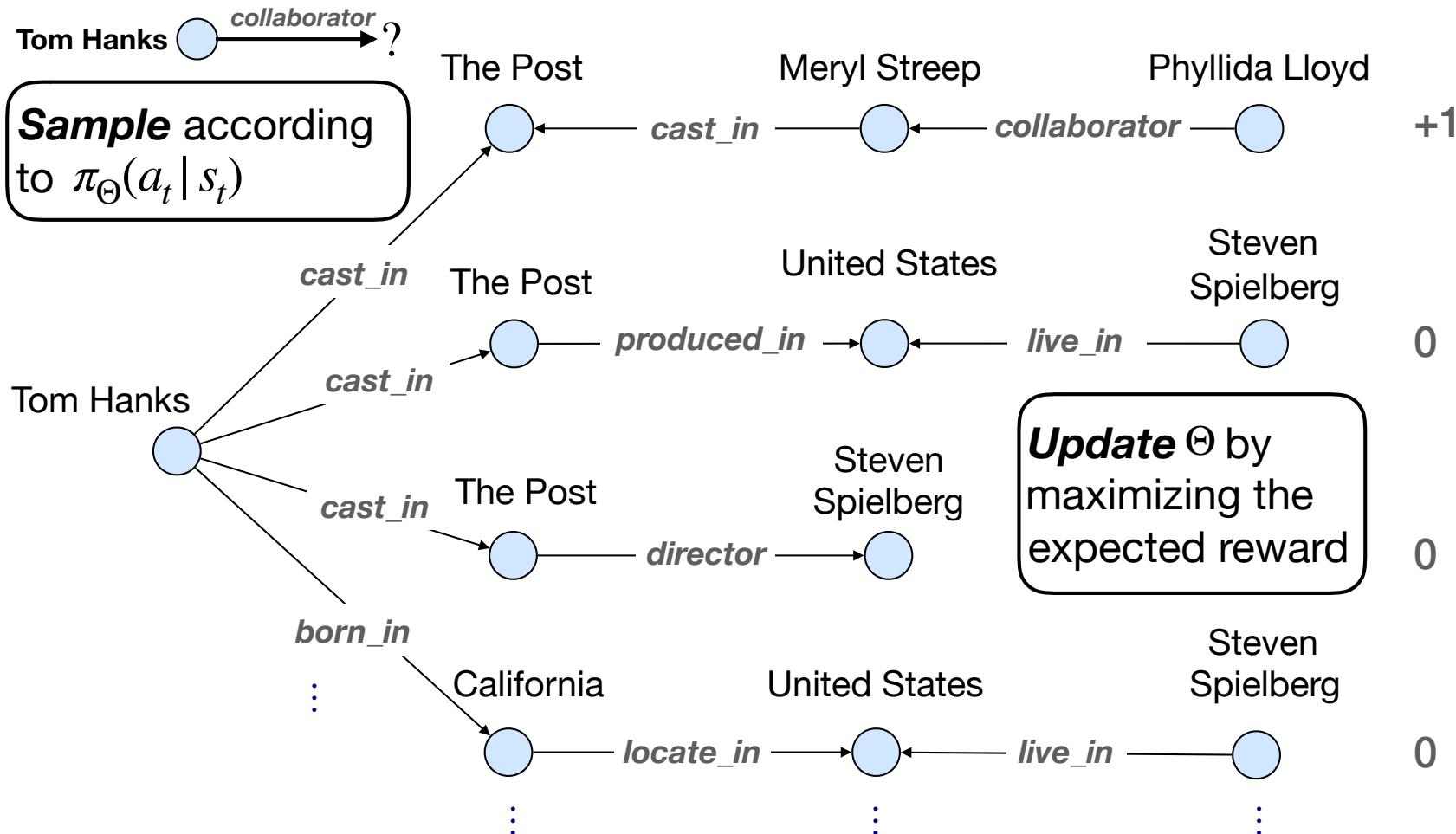
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Our technique is applicable to  
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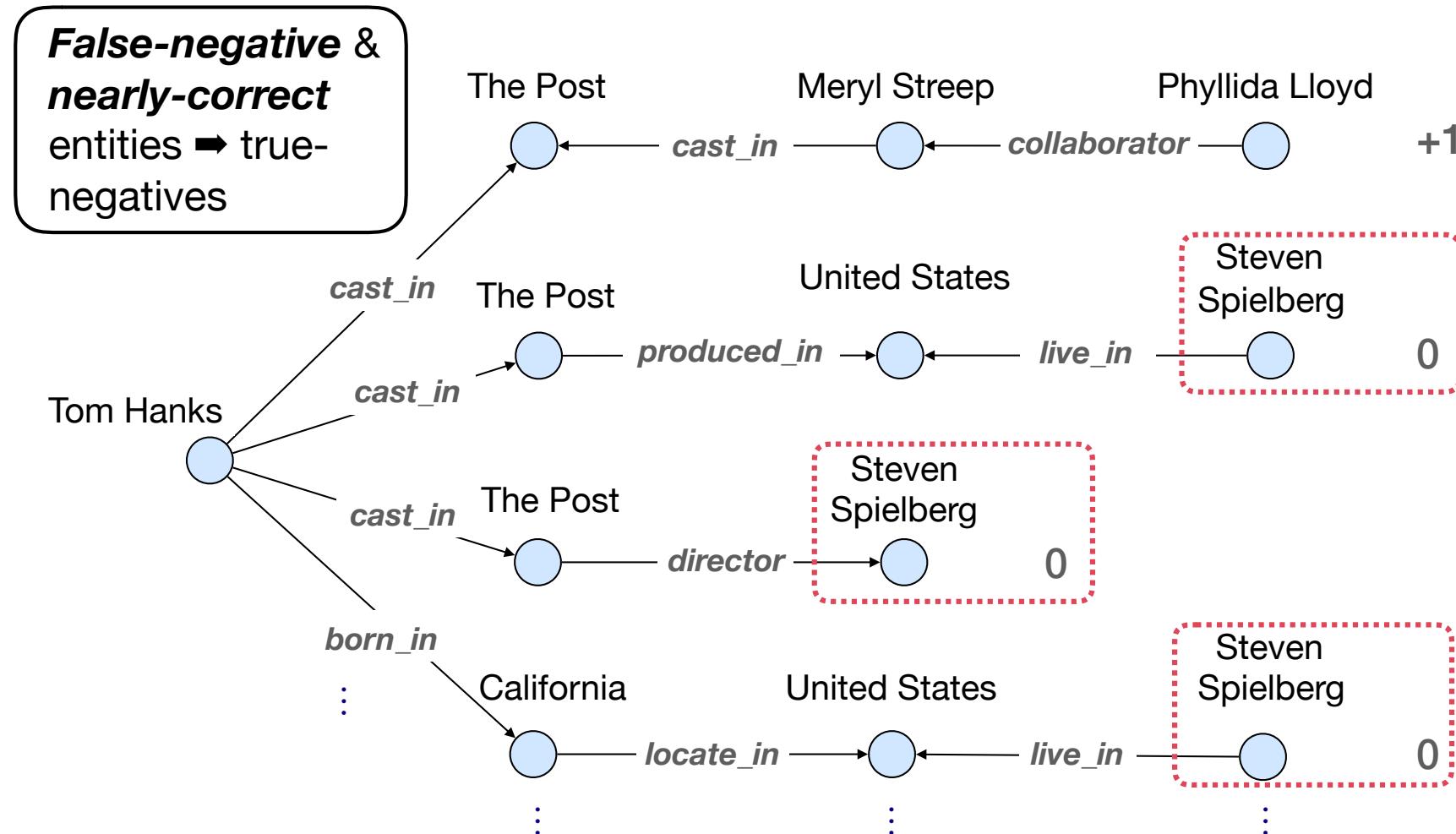
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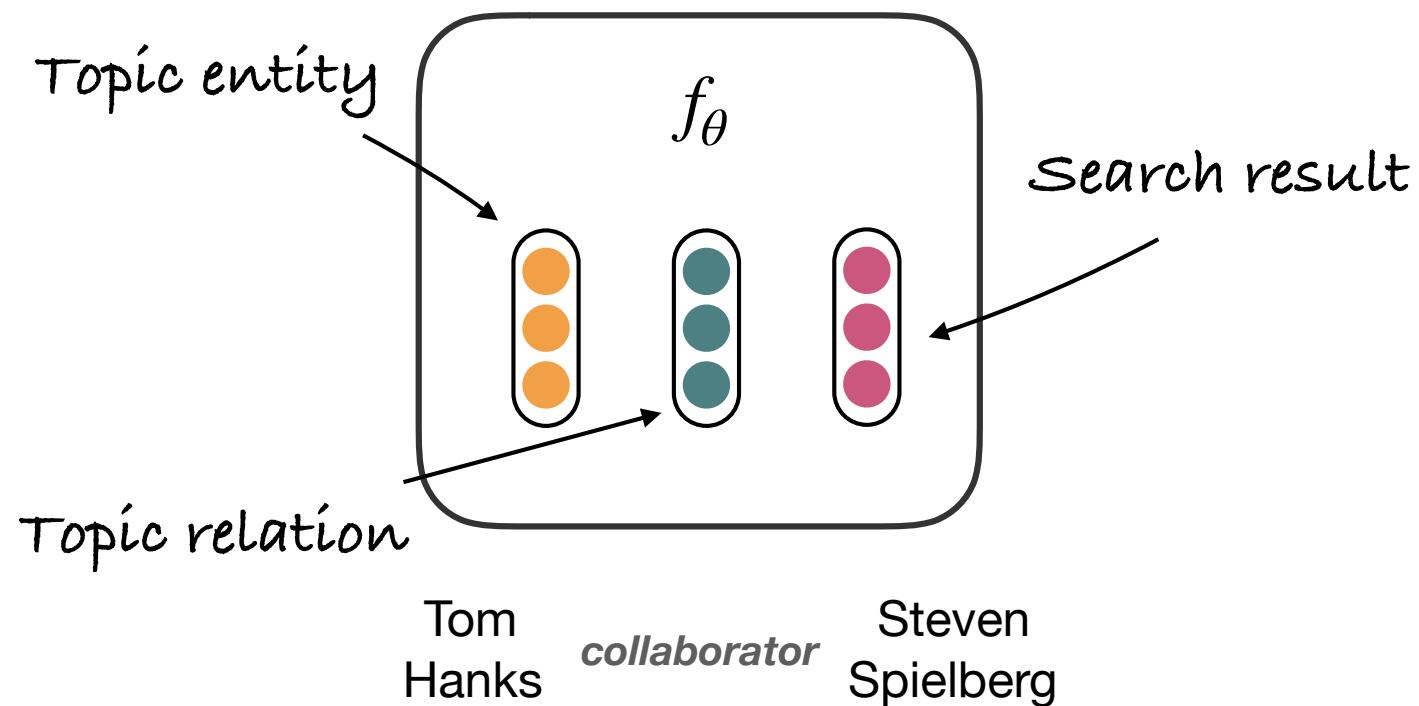
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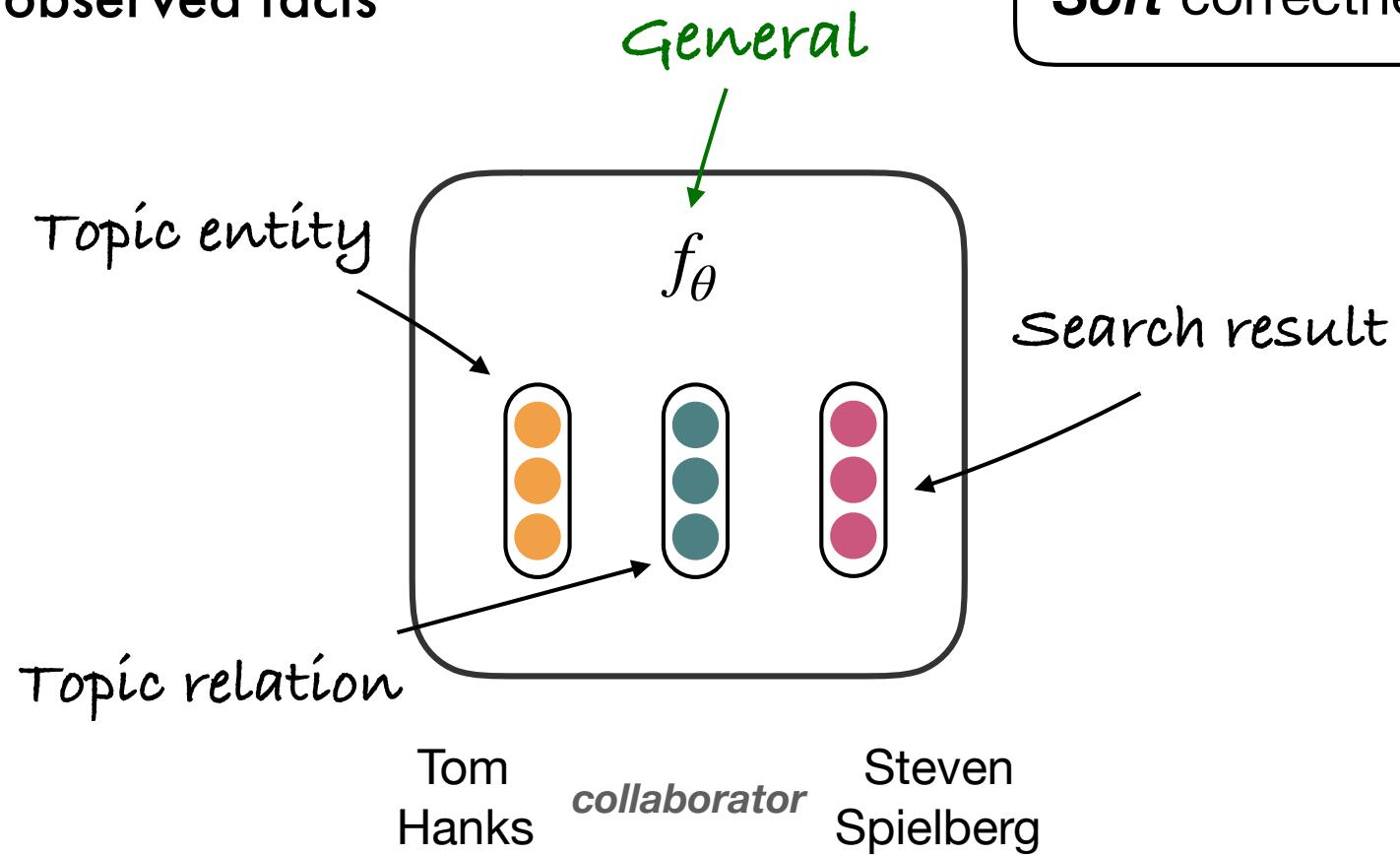
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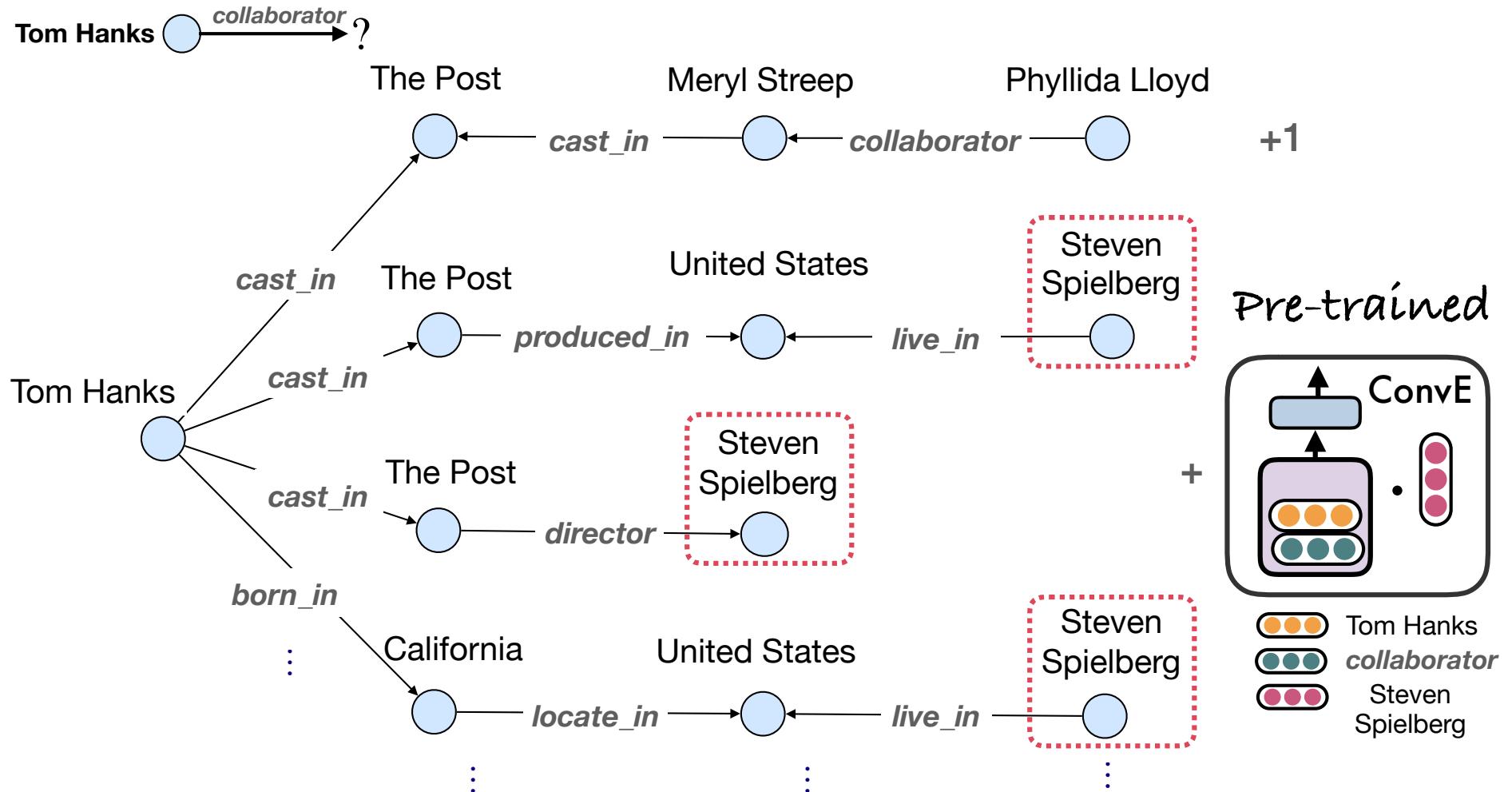
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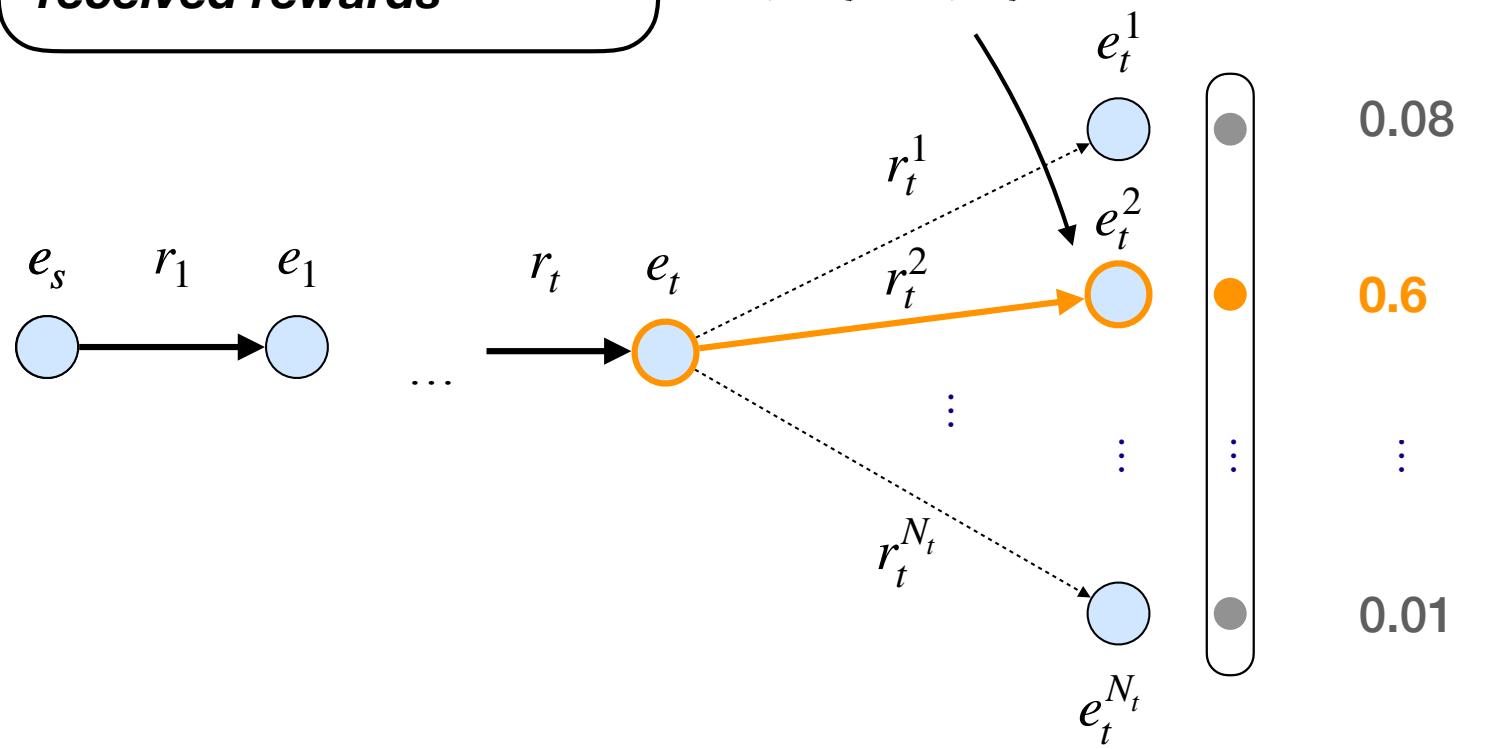
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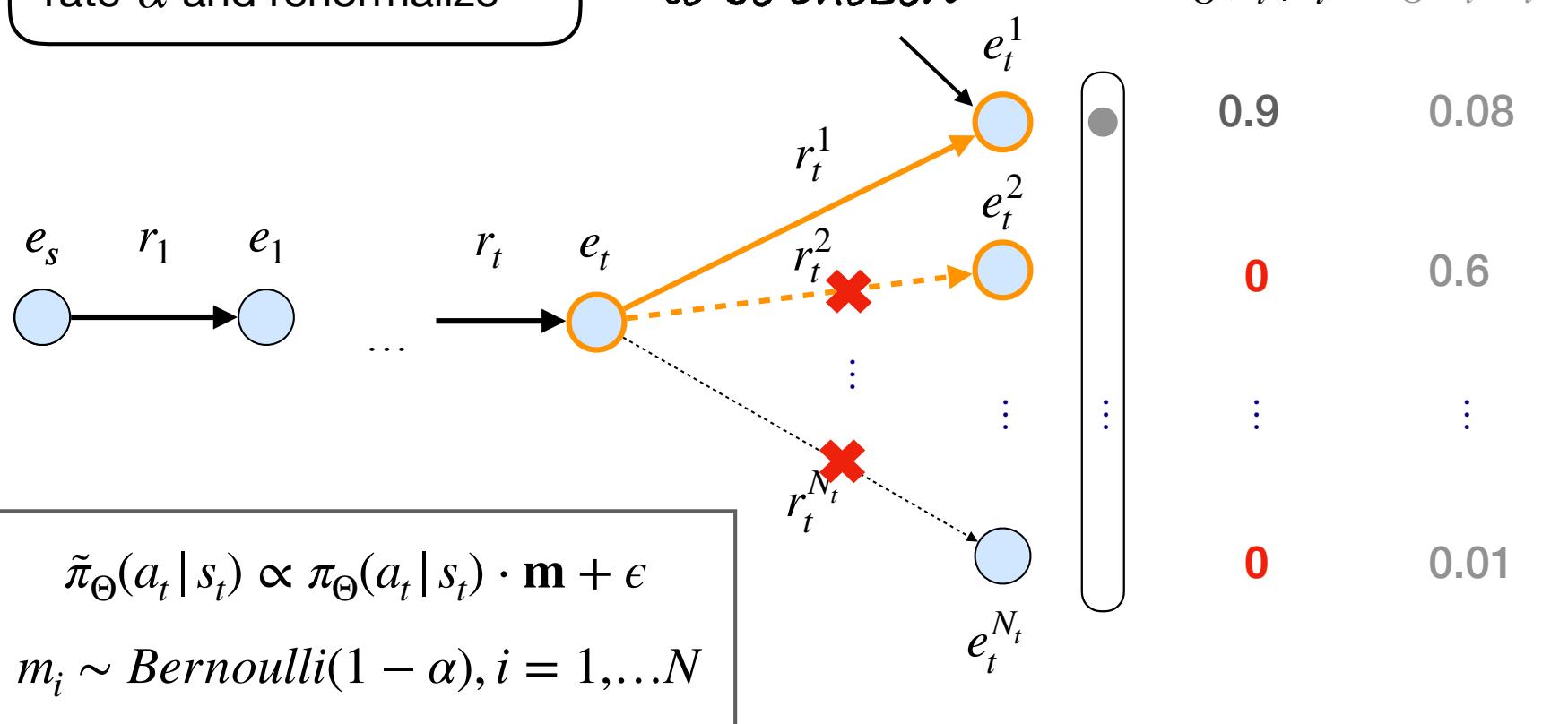
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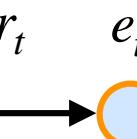
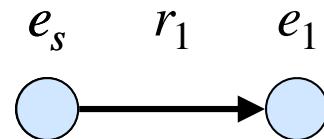
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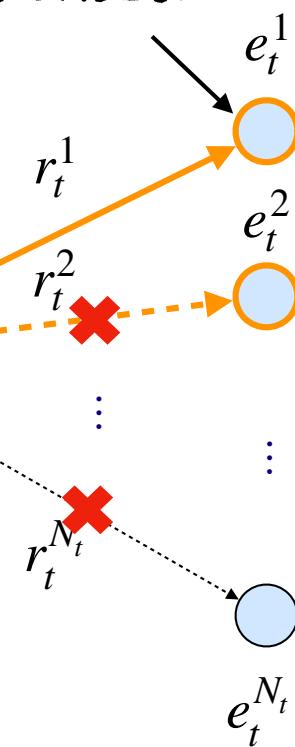


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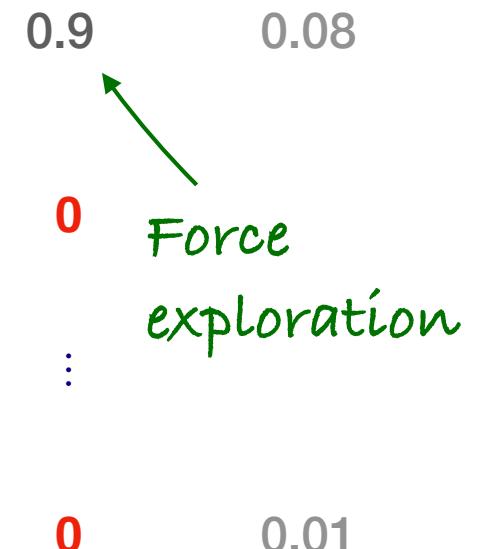
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$$\tilde{\pi}_{\Theta}(a_t^i | s_t) \quad \pi_{\Theta}(a_t^i | s_t)$$



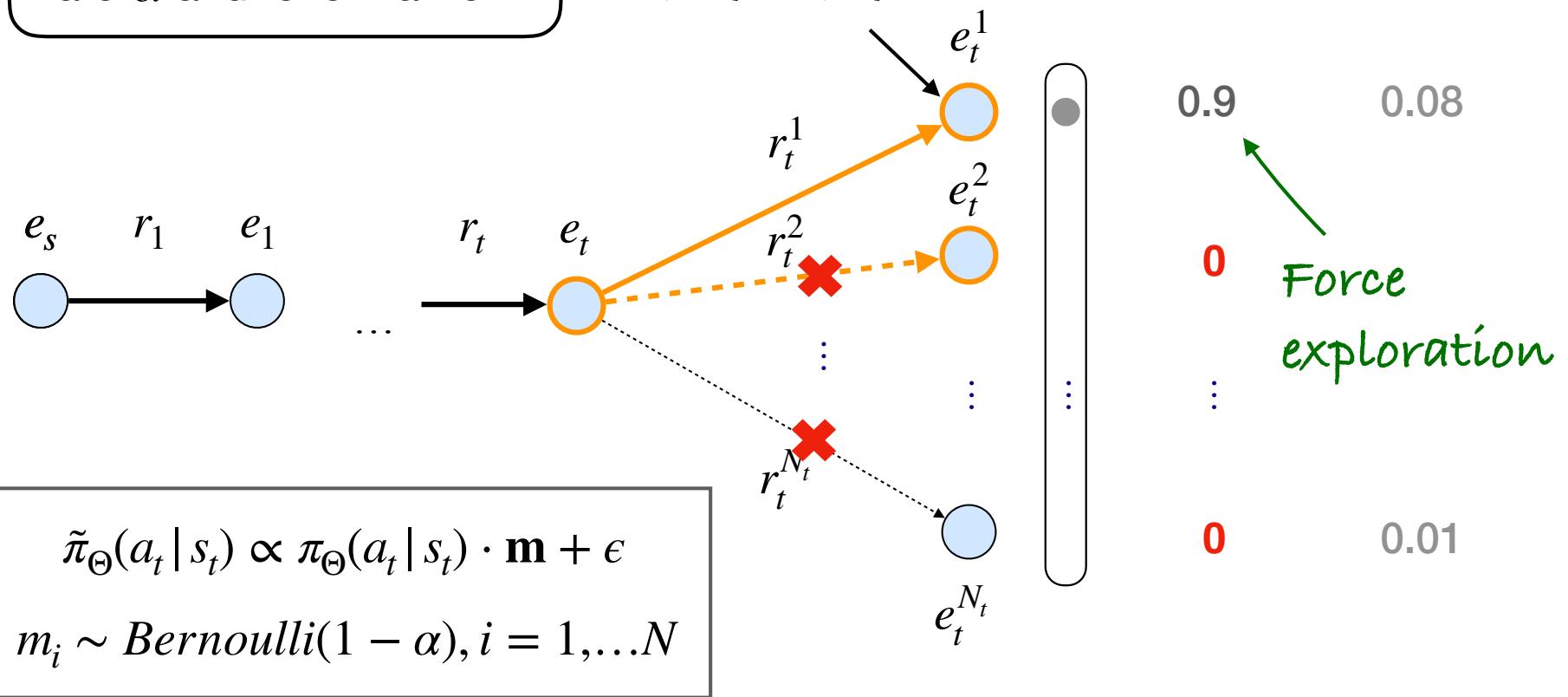
$$\tilde{\pi}_{\Theta}(a_t | s_t) \propto \pi_{\Theta}(a_t | s_t) \cdot \mathbf{m} + \epsilon$$

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

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# 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

**Evaluation Protocol:** MRR (Mean Reciprocal Rank)

# Ablation Studies

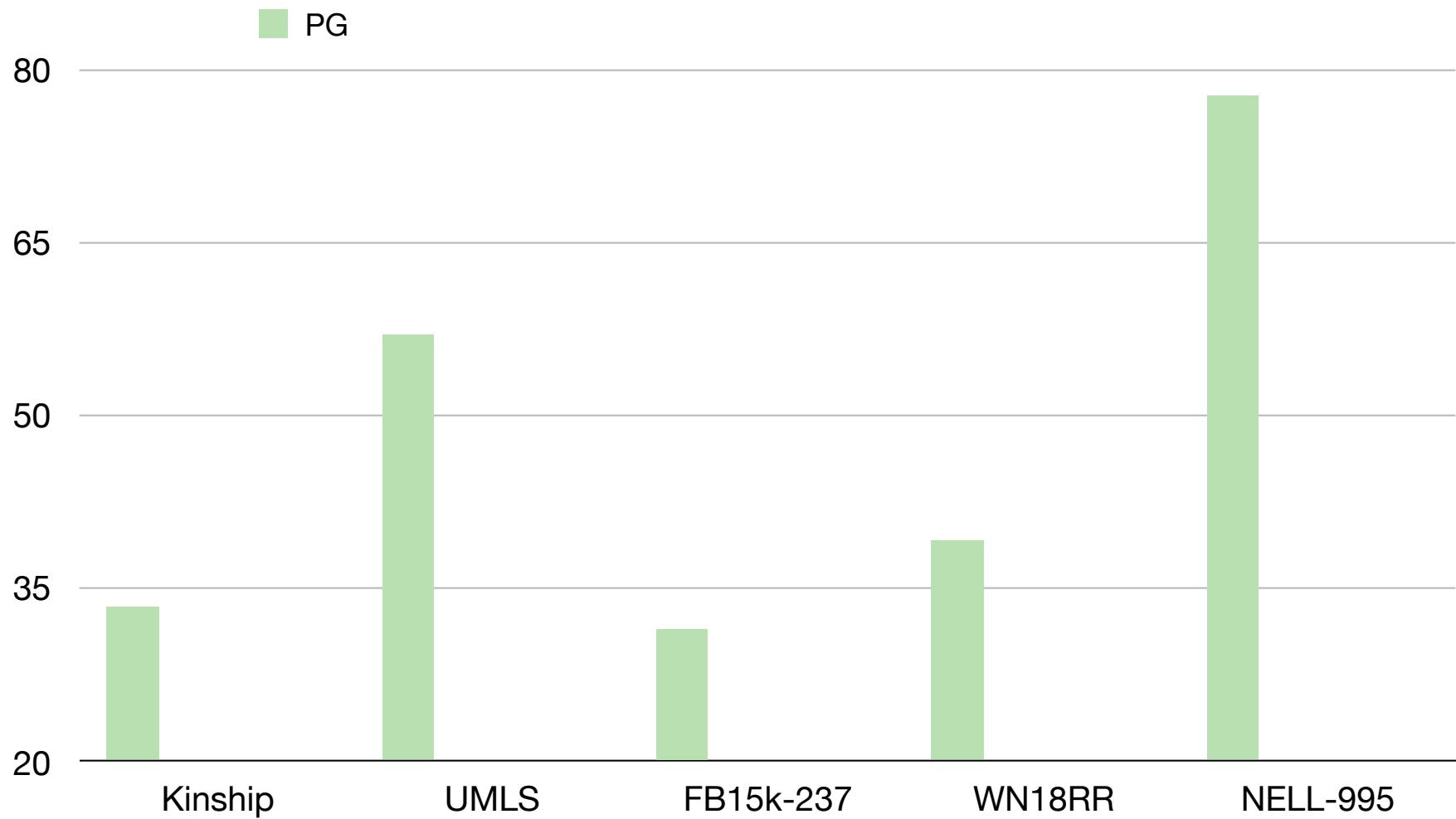


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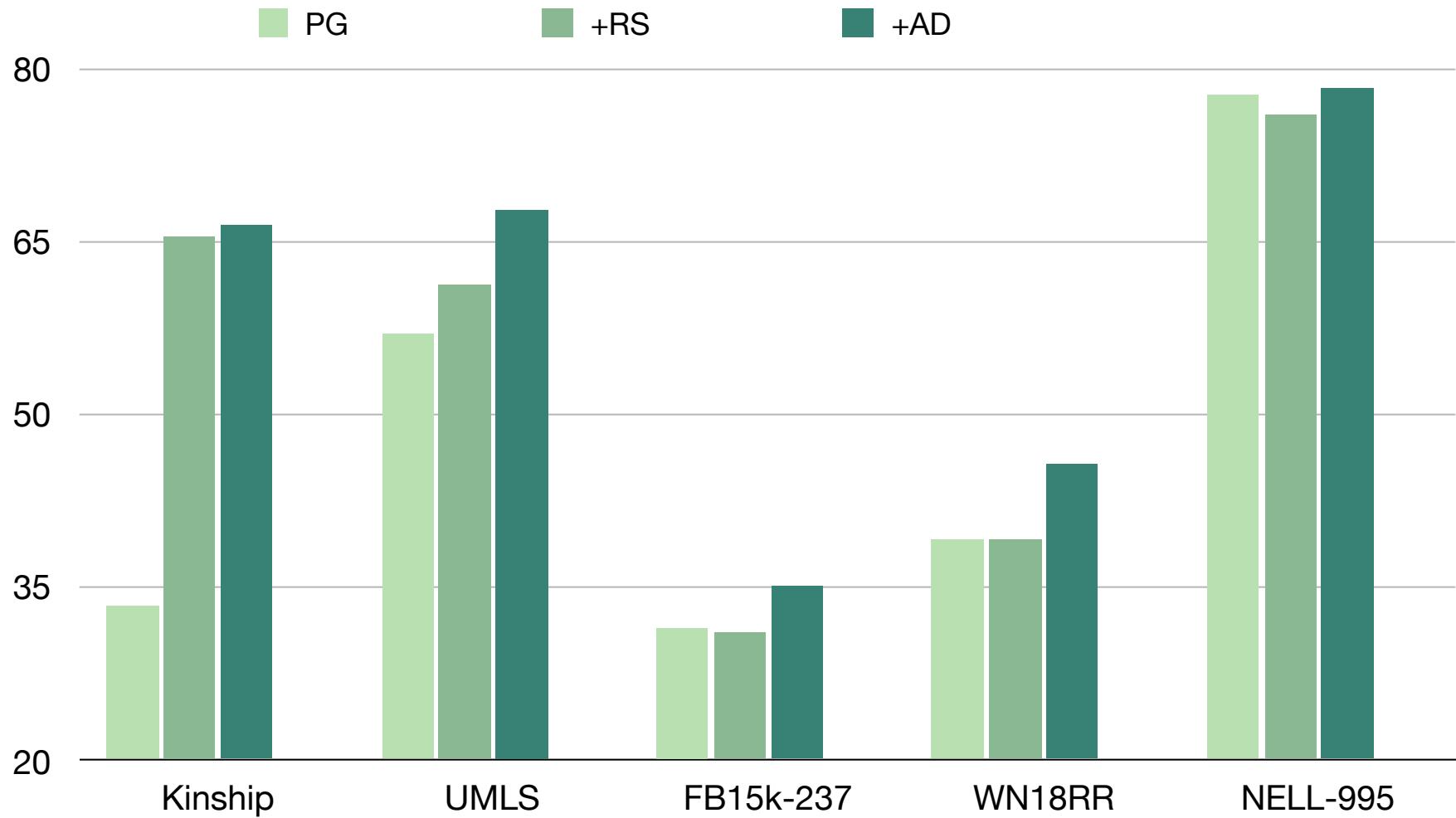


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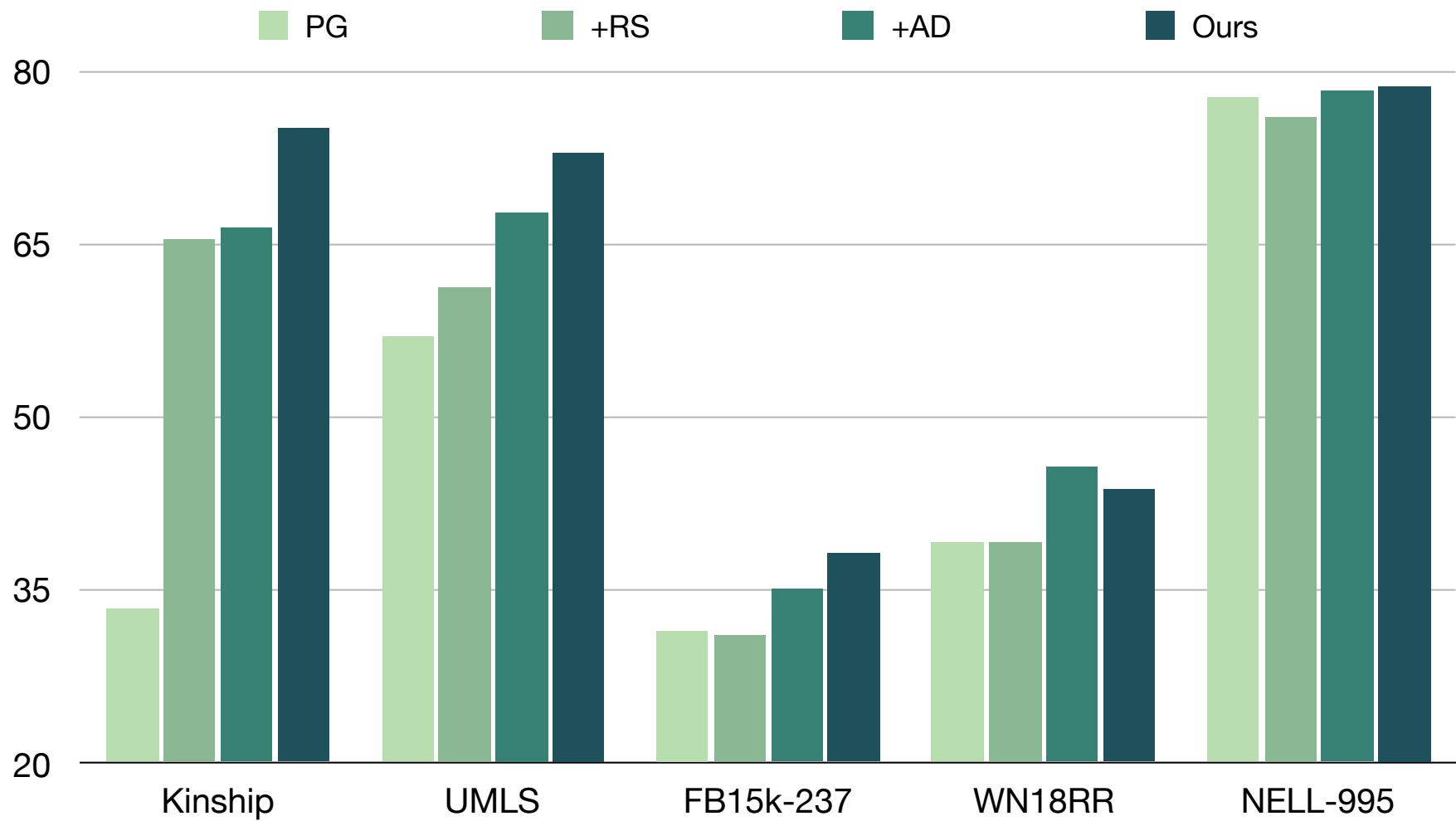


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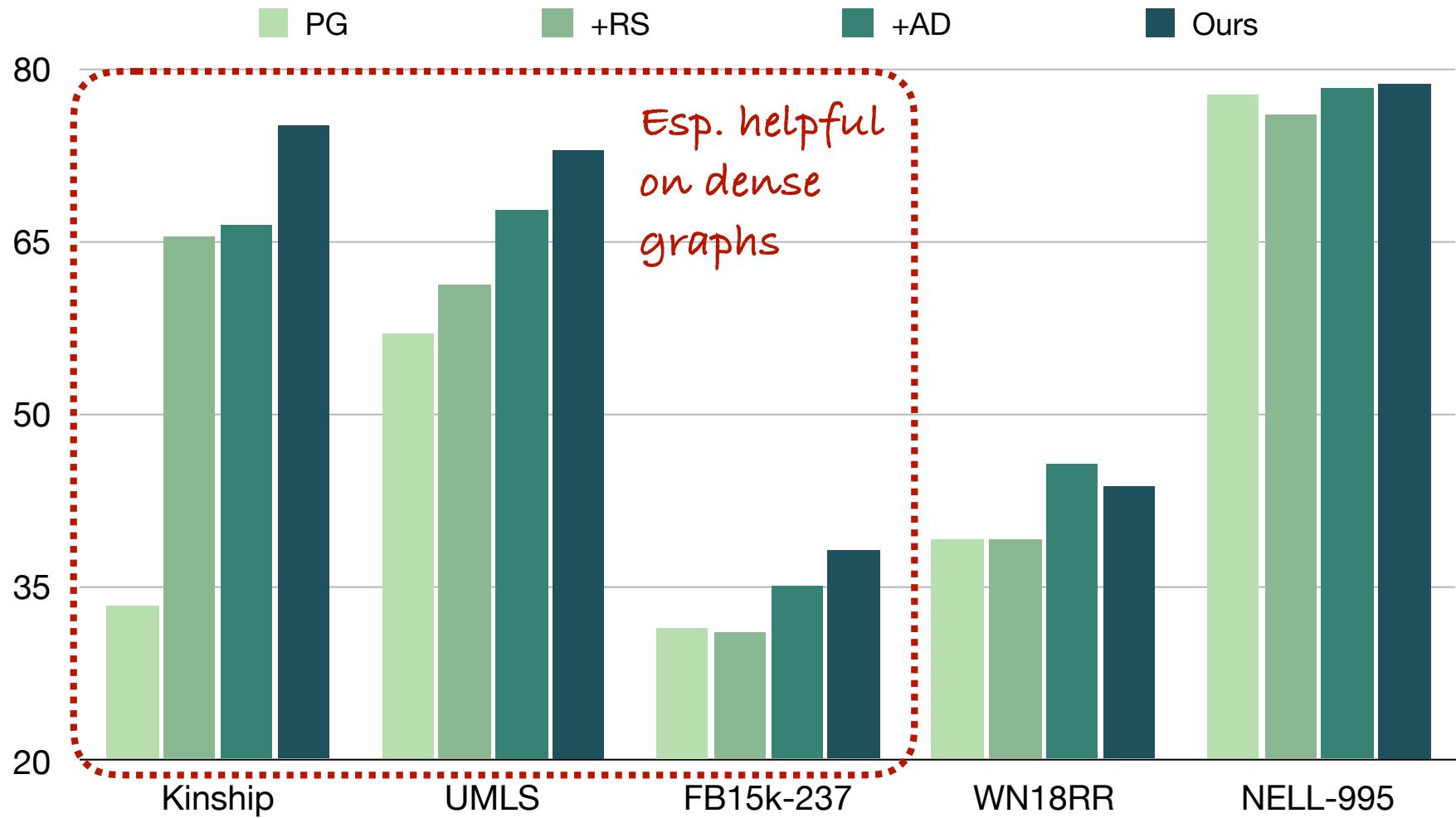


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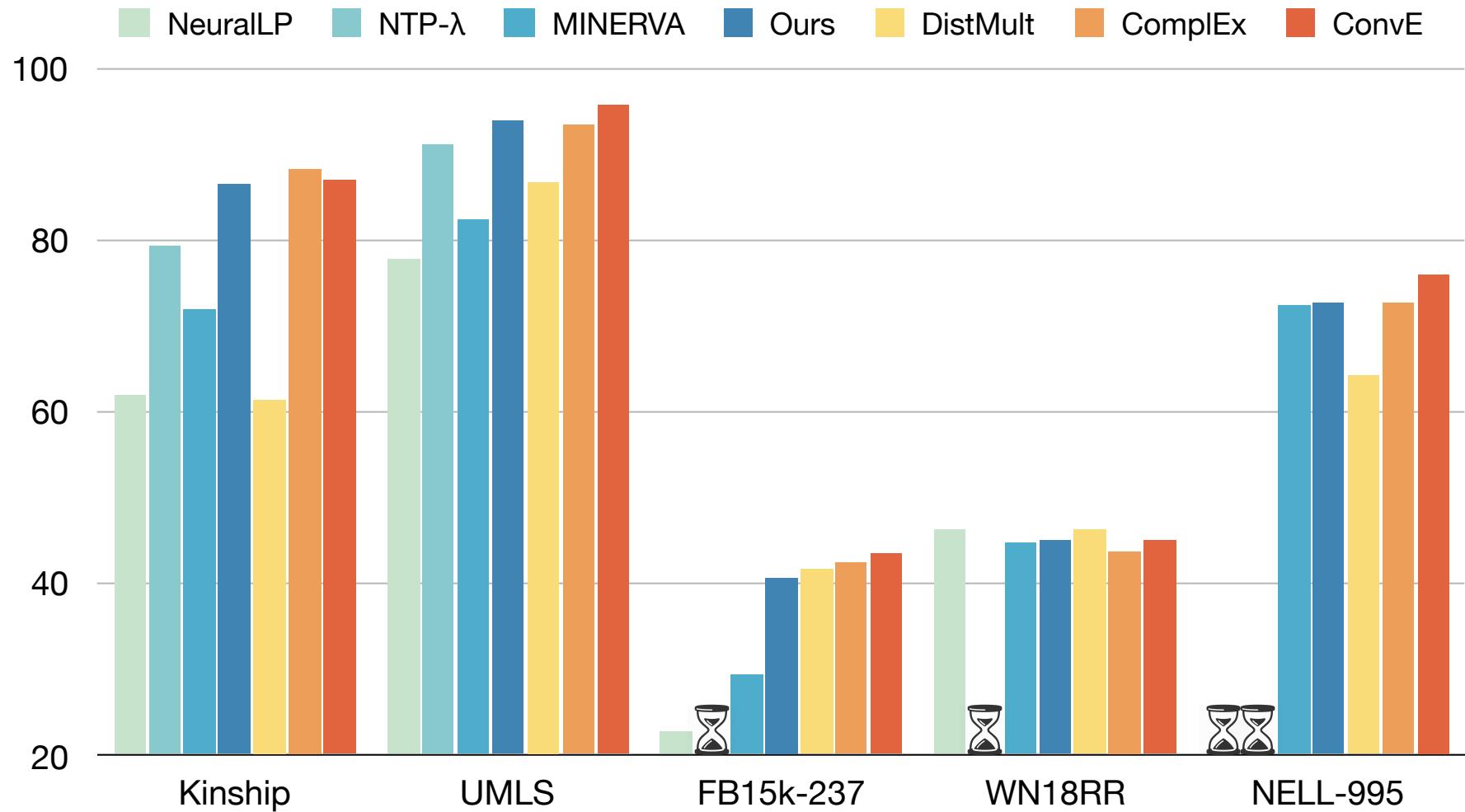


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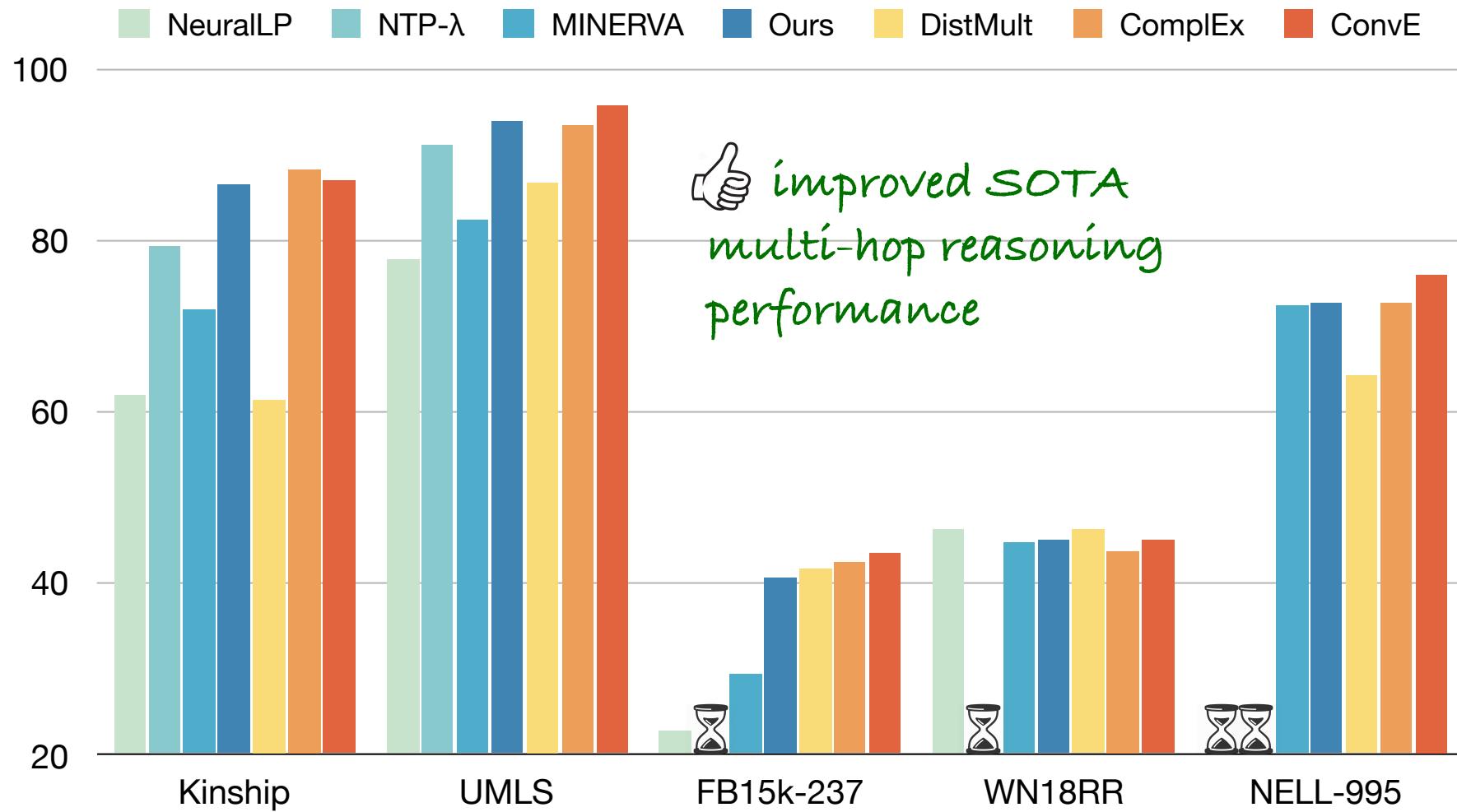


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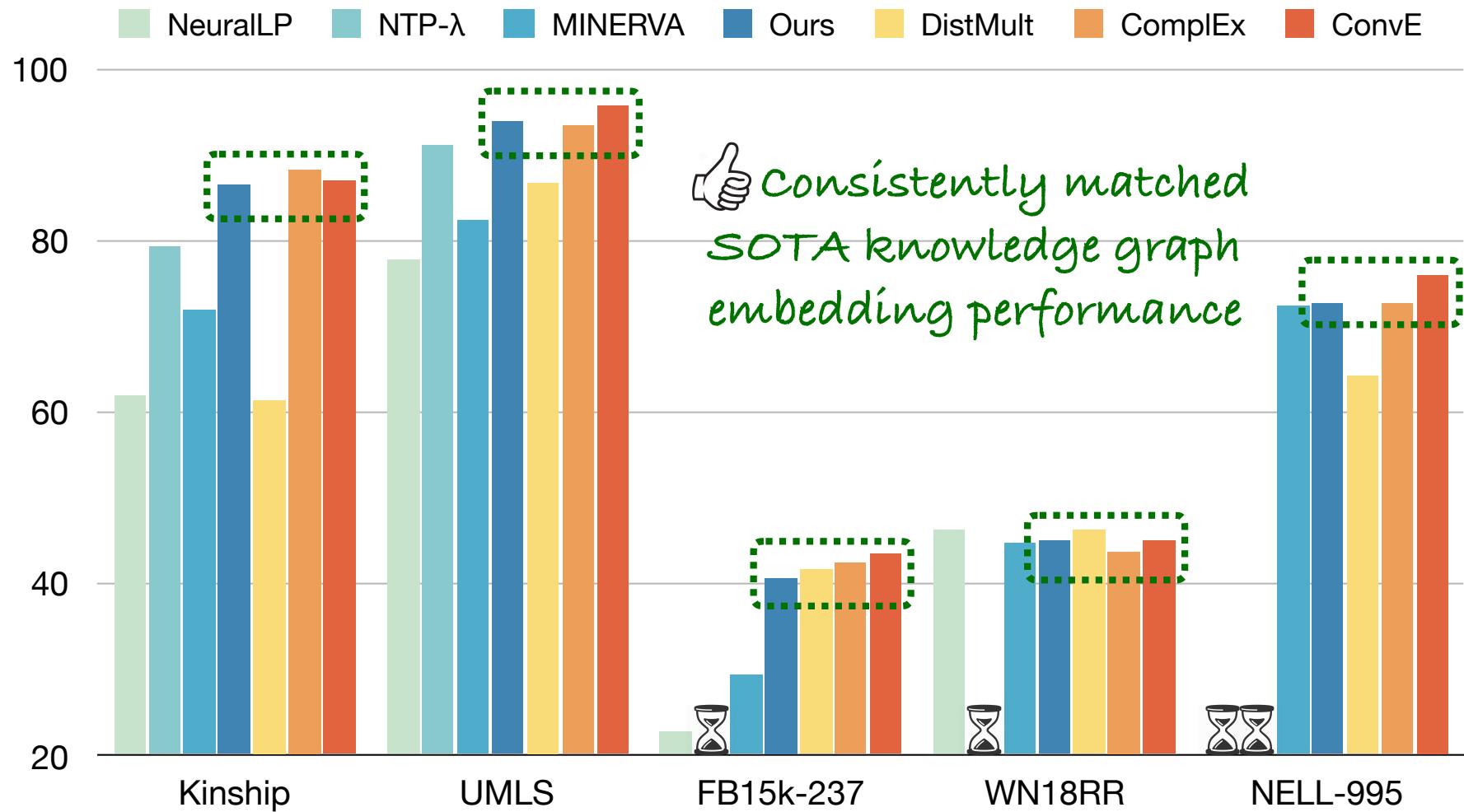
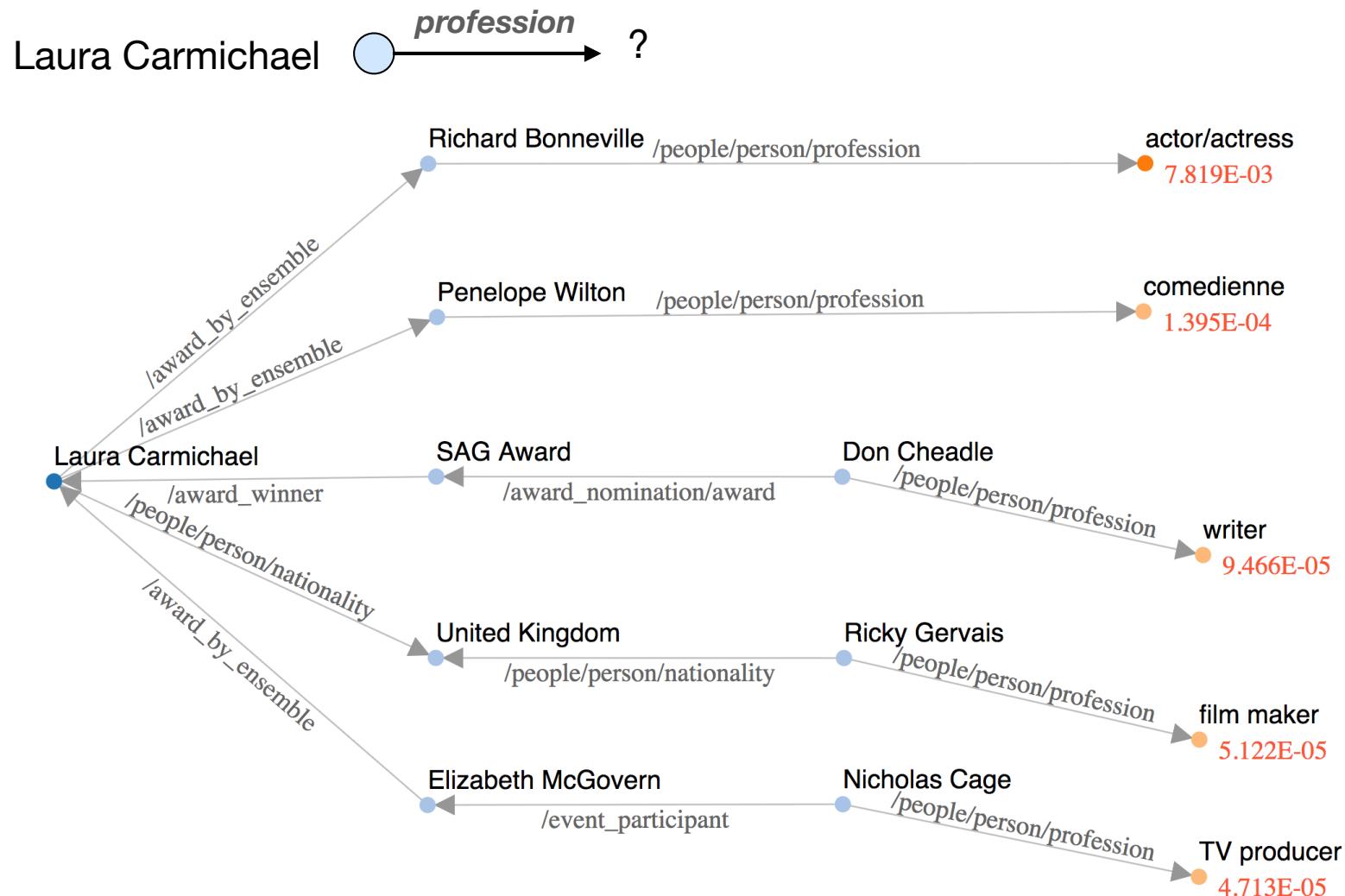
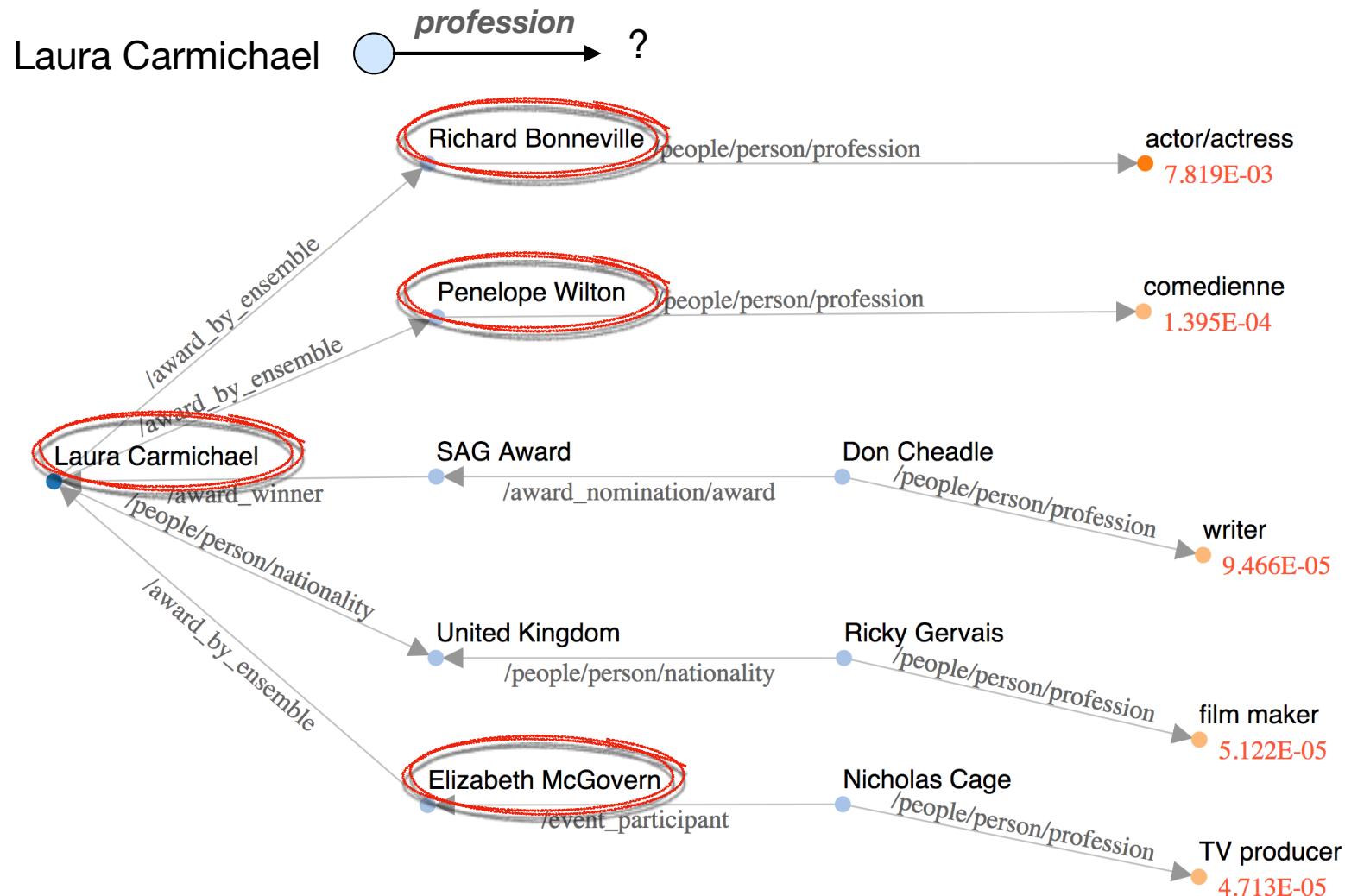


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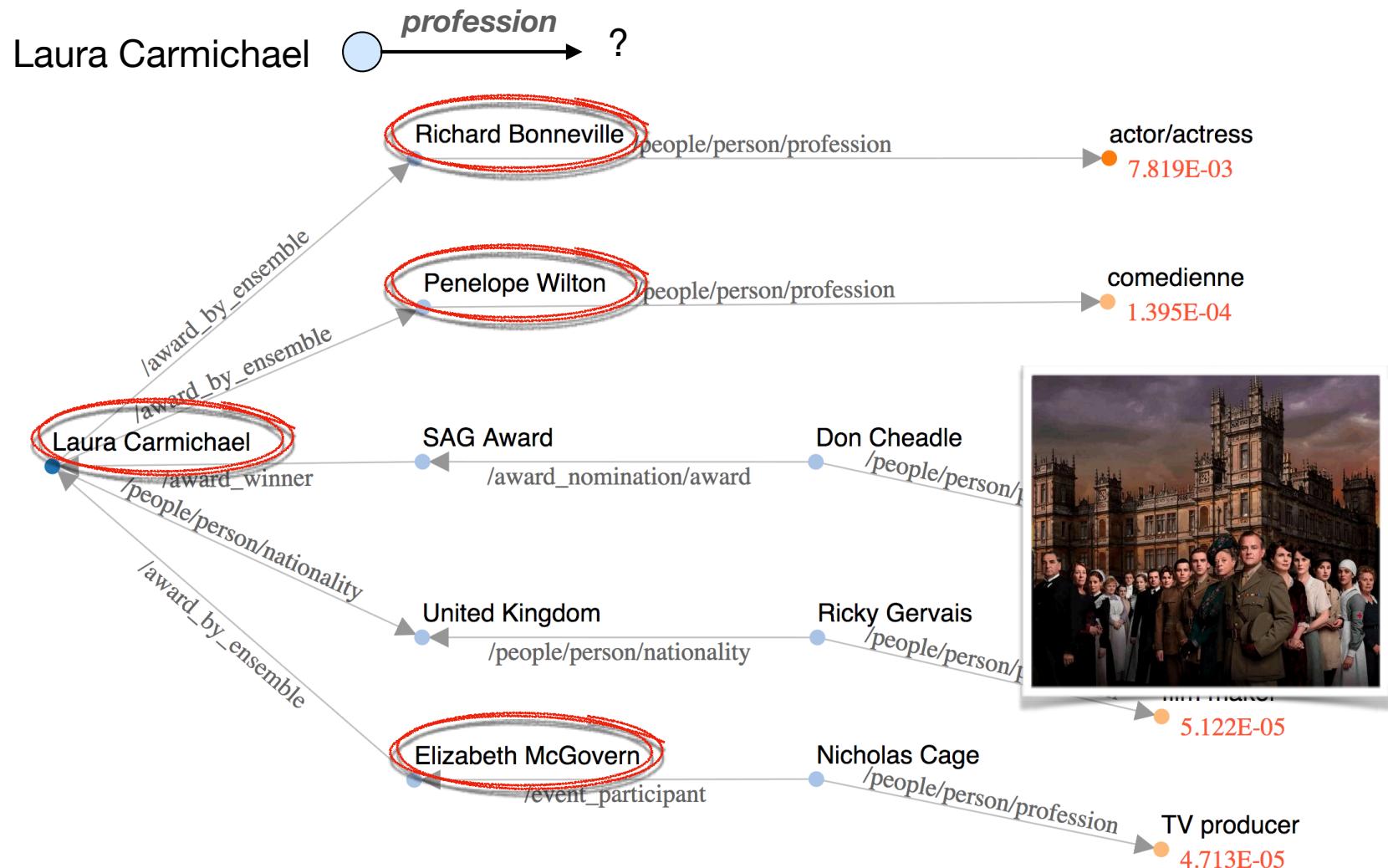
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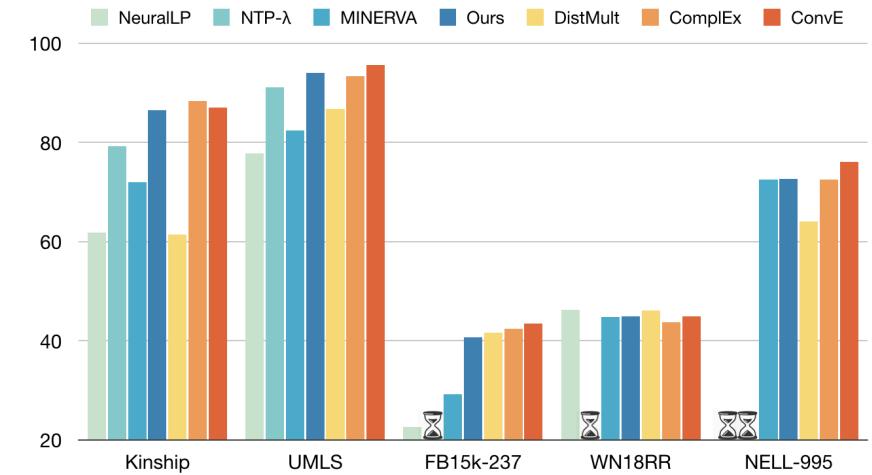
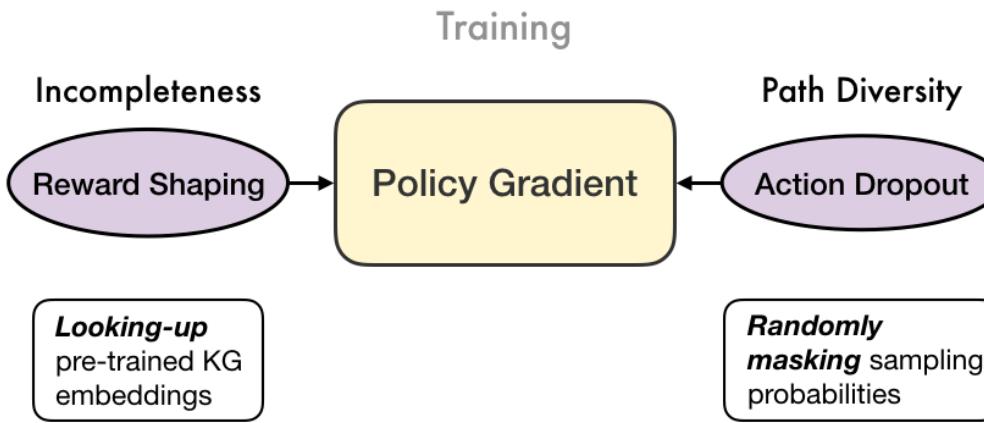
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Code: <https://github.com/salesforce/MultiHopKG>



## Future directions

- Learn better reward shaping functions
- Investigate similar techniques for other RL paradigms (e.g. Q-learning)
- Extend to more complicated structured queries (e.g. more than one topic entities)
- Extend to natural language QA



# BKI - Error Analysis

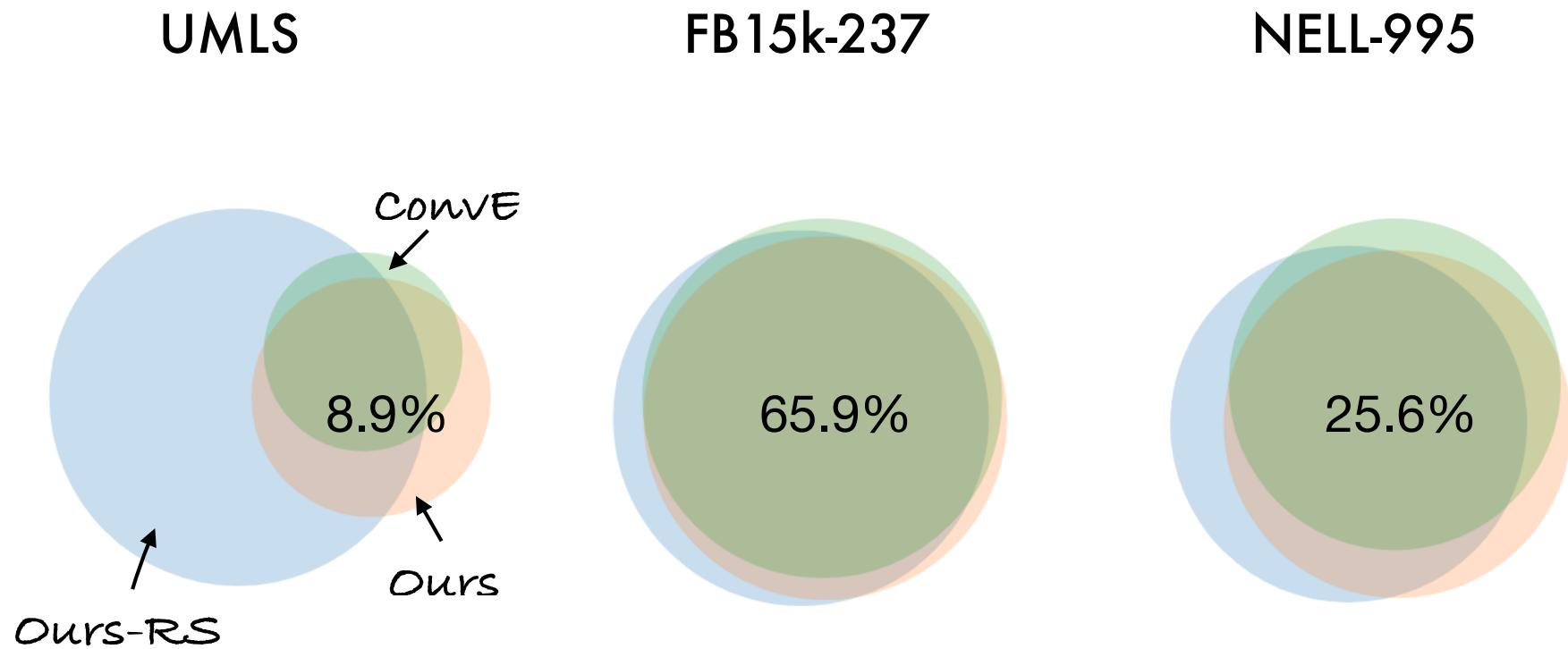


Fig 4. Dev set top-1 prediction error overlap of ConvE, Ours and Ours-RS. The absolute error rate of Ours is shown.

# BK II - Challenges

## Incompleteness

$\approx 30\%$  false negative feedback

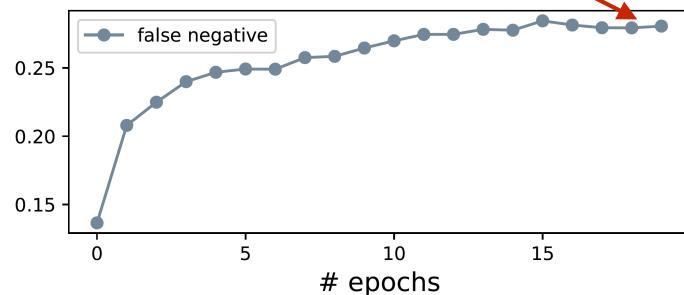
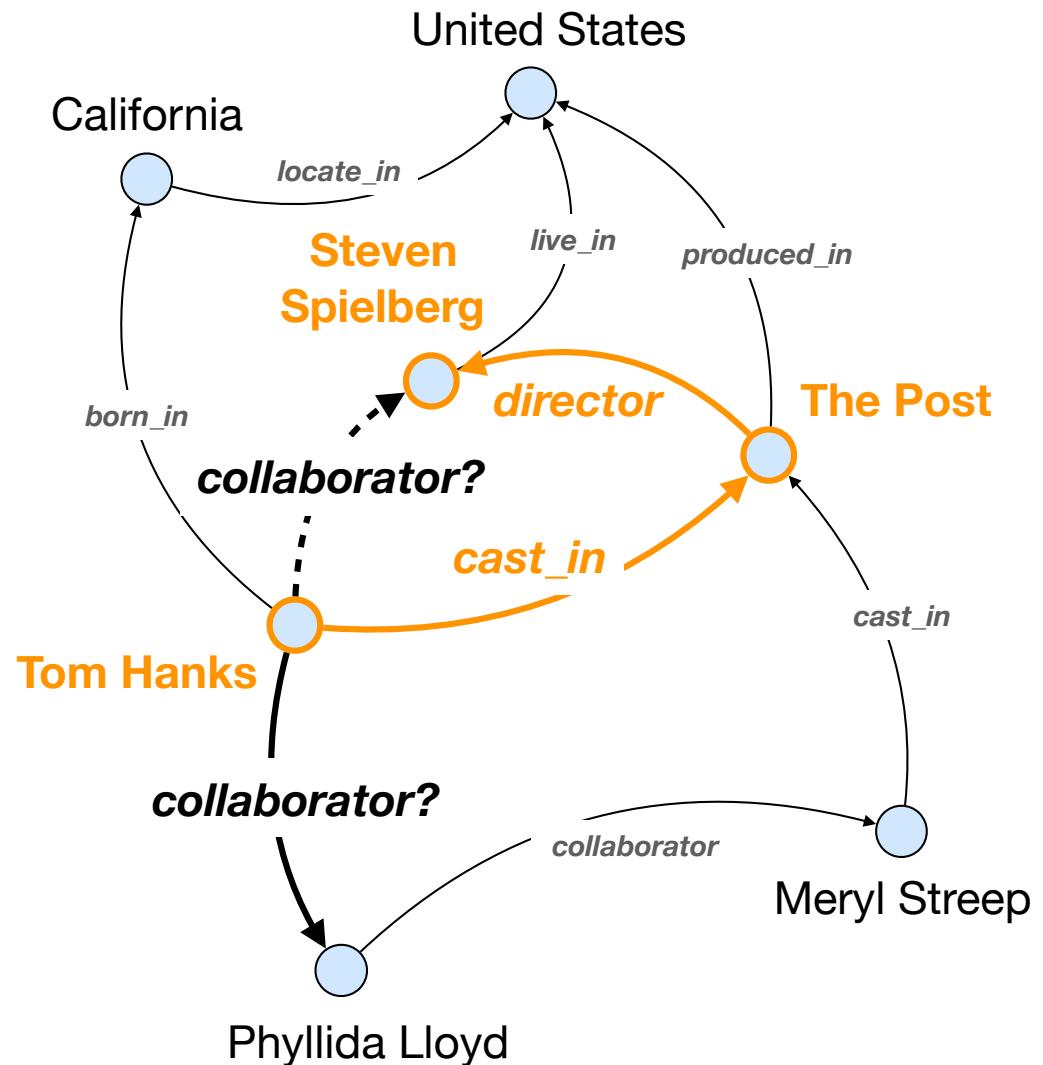


Fig 1. % of false negative hit in the first 20 epochs of RL training on the UMLS KG benchmark (Kok and Domingos 2007)



# BKIII - Efficient Training & Inference

