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# Knowledge Harvesting in the Big Data Era



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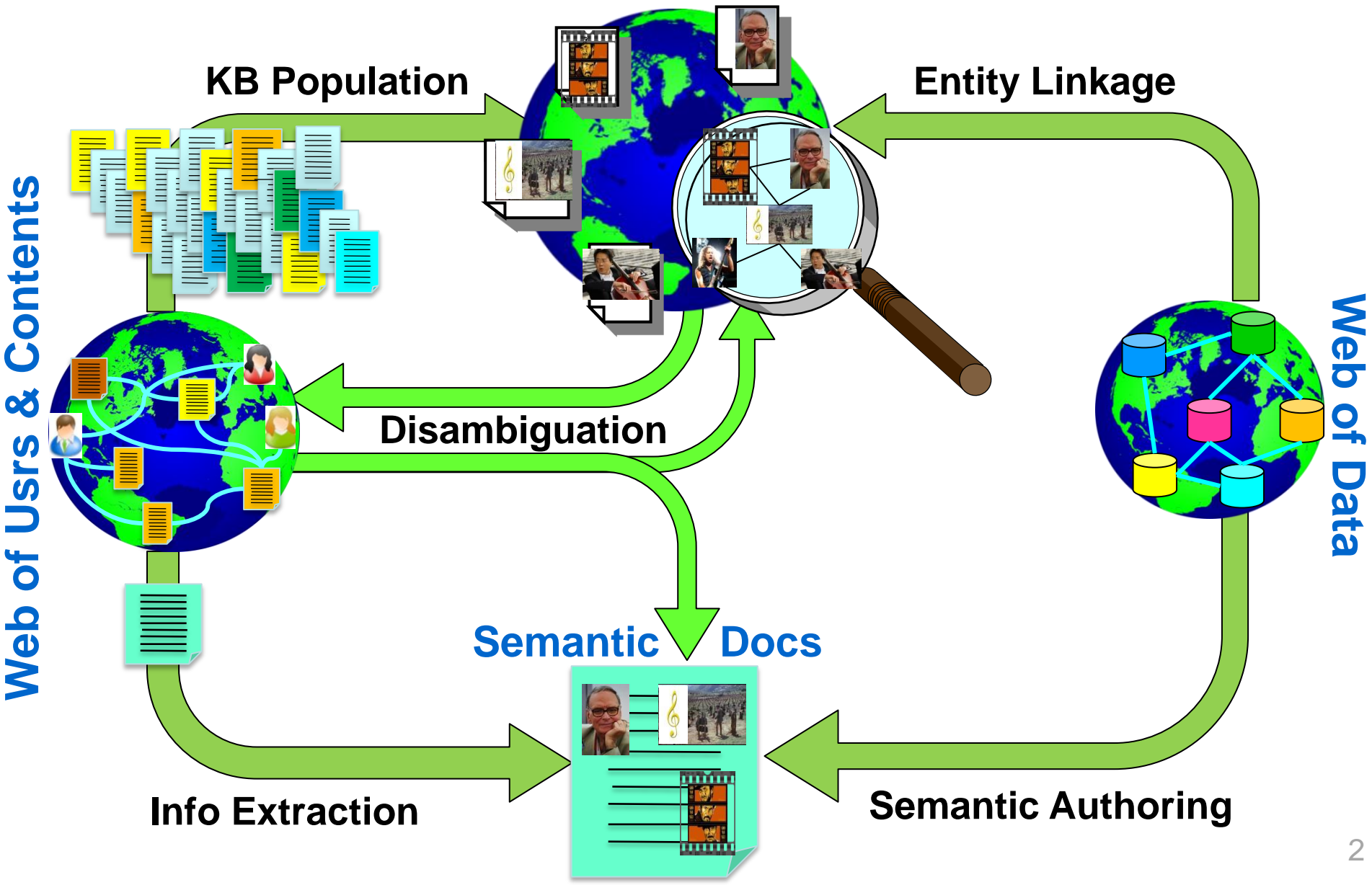
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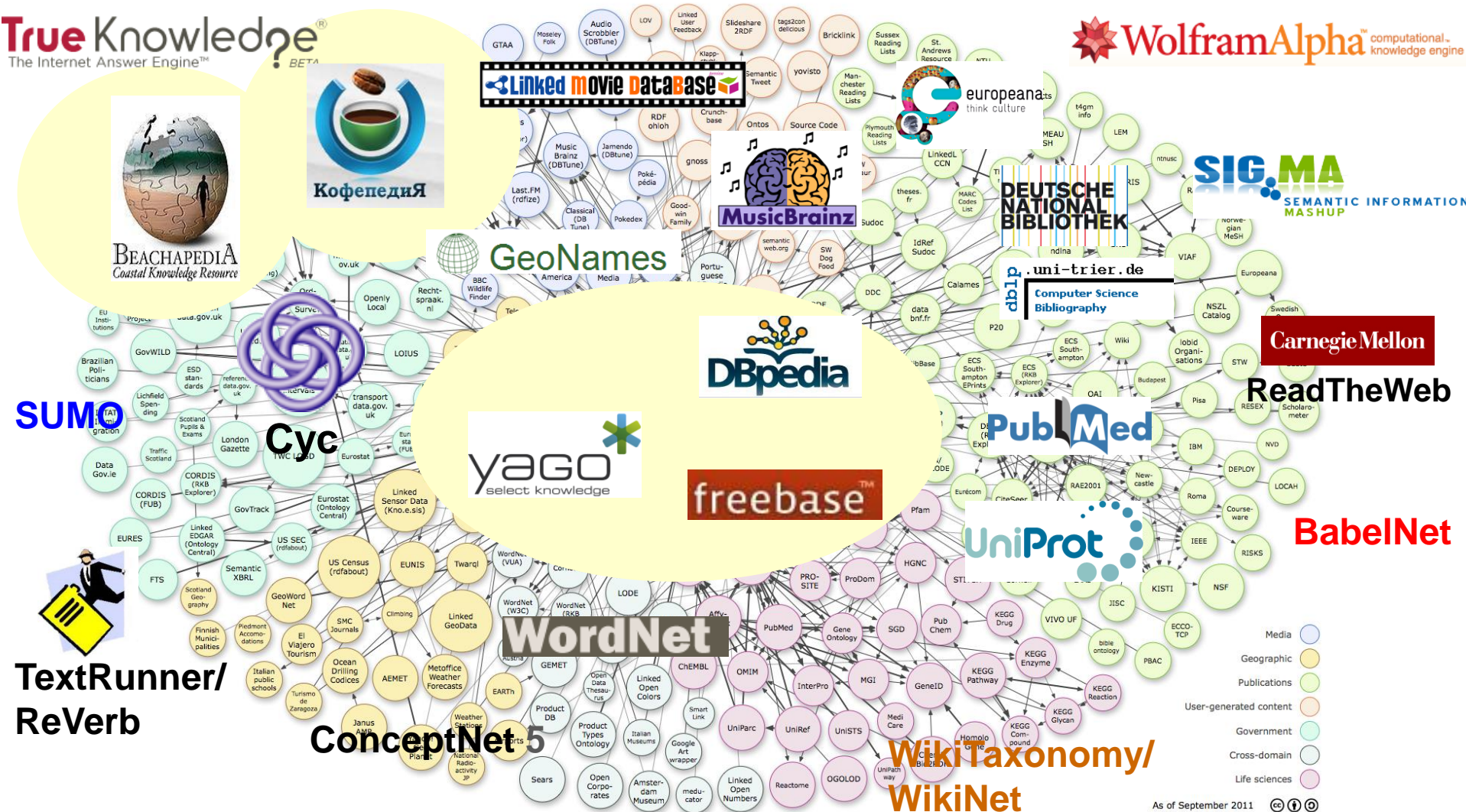
# Turn Web into Knowledge Base

Very Large Knowledge Bases



# Web of Data: RDF, Tables, Microdata

60 Bio. SPO triples (RDF) and growing





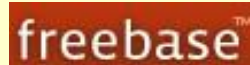
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- 10M entities in 350K classes
- 120M facts for 100 relations
- 100 languages
- 95% accuracy

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

- 25M entities in



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# History of Knowledge Bases



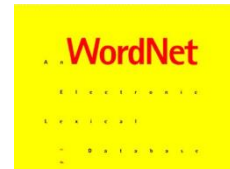
**Cyc** project (1984-1994)  
cont'd by Cycorp Inc.



**Cyc and WordNet  
are hand-crafted  
knowledge bases**

**Doug Lenat:**

„The more you know, the more  
(and faster) you can learn.“



**WordNet** project  
(1985-now)



**George  
Miller**



**Christiane  
Fellbaum**

WordNet Search - 3.1

- [WordNet home page](#) - [Glossary](#) - [Help](#)

Word to search for:

Display Options:

Key: "S:" = Show Synset (semantic) relations, "W:" = Show Word (lexical) relations

Display options for sense: (gloss) "an example sentence"

**Noun**

- **S: (n)** **enterprise**, [endeavor](#), [endeavour](#) (a purposeful or industrious undertaking (especially one that requires effort or boldness)) *"he had doubts about the whole enterprise"*
- **S: (n)** **enterprise** (an organization created for business ventures) *"a growing enterprise must have a bold leader"*
- **S: (n)** **enterprise**, [enterprisingness](#), [initiative](#), [go-ahead](#) (readiness to embark on bold new ventures)

# Some Publicly Available Knowledge Bases

YAGO:	<a href="http://yago-knowledge.org">yago-knowledge.org</a>
Dbpedia:	<a href="http://dbpedia.org">dbpedia.org</a>
Freebase:	<a href="http://freebase.com">freebase.com</a>
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ConceptNet:	<a href="http://conceptnet5.media.mit.edu">conceptnet5.media.mit.edu</a>
WordNet:	<a href="http://wordnet.princeton.edu">wordnet.princeton.edu</a>
Linked Open Data:	<a href="http://linkeddata.org">linkeddata.org</a>

# 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 the Web of Data

- ★ Politicians who are also scientists?
- ★ European composers who have won film music awards?
- ★ East coast 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: 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



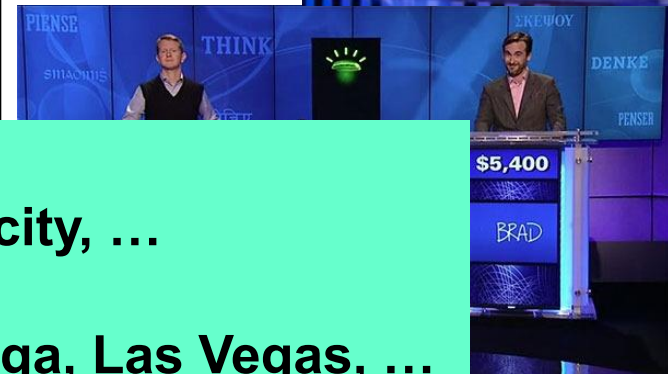
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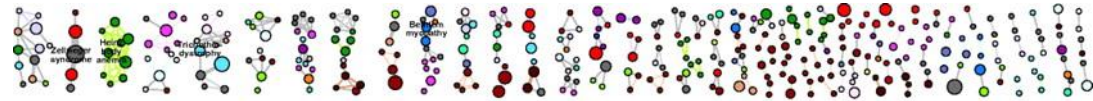


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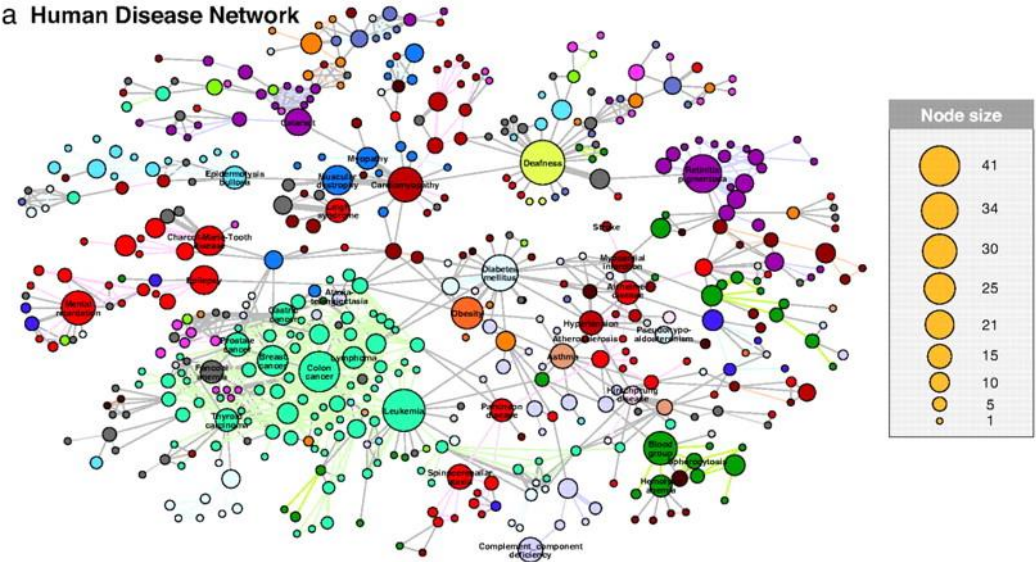




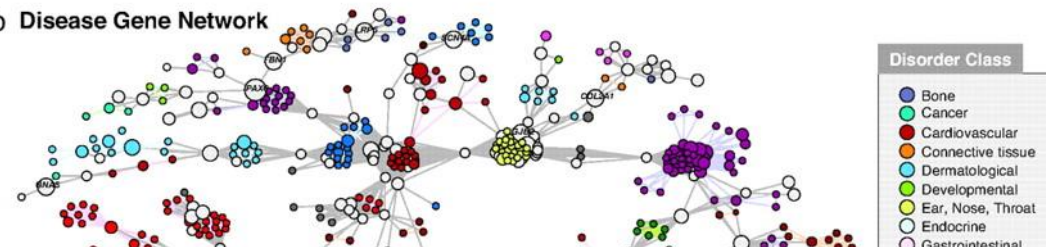
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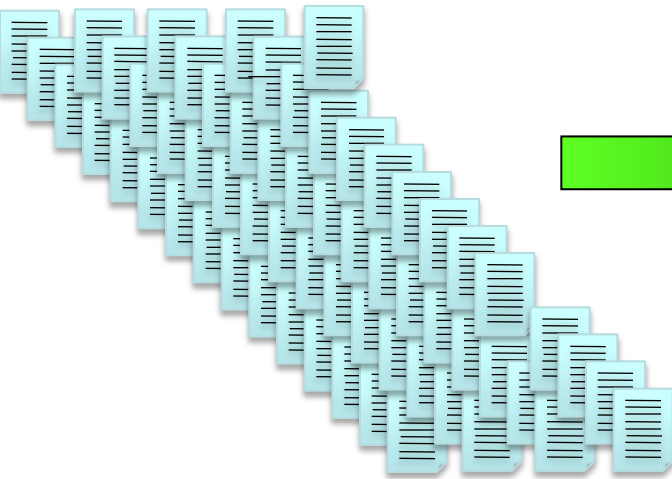
a Human Disease Network



b Disease Gene Network



PubMed



**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, ...

# Use Case: Big Data+Text Analytics

## Entertainment:

Who covered which other singer?

Who influenced which other musicians?

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

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

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

## 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**

# Spectrum of Machine Knowledge (1)

## **factual knowledge:**

bornIn (SteveJobs, SanFrancisco), hasFounded (SteveJobs, Pixar),  
hasWon (SteveJobs, NationalMedalOfTechnology), livedIn (SteveJobs, PaloAlto)

## **taxonomic knowledge (ontology):**

instanceOf (SteveJobs, computerArchitects), instanceOf(SteveJobs, CEOs)  
subclassOf (computerArchitects, engineers), subclassOf(CEOs, businesspeople)

## **lexical knowledge (terminology):**

means (“Big Apple“, NewYorkCity), means (“Apple“, AppleComputerCorp)  
means (“MS“, Microsoft) , means (“MS“, MultipleSclerosis)

## **contextual knowledge (entity occurrences, entity-name disambiguation)**

maps (“Gates and Allen founded the Evil Empire“,  
BillGates, PaulAllen, MicrosoftCorp)

## **linked knowledge (entity equivalence, entity resolution):**

hasFounded (SteveJobs, Apple), isFounderOf (SteveWozniak, AppleCorp)  
sameAs (Apple, AppleCorp), sameAs (hasFounded, isFounderOf)

# Spectrum of Machine Knowledge (2)

## multi-lingual knowledge:

meansInChinese („乔戈里峰“, K2), meansInUrdu („کے ٹو“, K2)

meansInFr („école“, school (institution)), meansInFr („banc“, school (of fish))

## temporal knowledge (fluents):

hasWon (SteveJobs, NationalMedalOfTechnology)@1985

marriedTo (AlbertEinstein, MilevaMaric)@[6-Jan-1903, 14-Feb-1919]

presidentOf (NicolasSarkozy, France)@[16-May-2007, 15-May-2012]

## spatial knowledge:

locatedIn (YumbillaFalls, Peru), instanceOf (YumbillaFalls, TieredWaterfalls)

hasCoordinates (YumbillaFalls, 5°55′11.64″S 77°54′04.32″W ),

closestTown (YumbillaFalls, Cuispes), reachedBy (YumbillaFalls, RentALama)



# Spectrum of Machine Knowledge (3)

## **ephemeral knowledge (dynamic services):**

`wsdl:getSongs (musician ?x, song ?y), wsdl:getWeather (city?x, temp ?y)`

## **common-sense knowledge (properties):**

`hasAbility (Fish, swim), hasAbility (Human, write),  
hasShape (Apple, round), hasProperty (Apple, juicy),  
hasMaxHeight (Human, 2.5 m)`

## **common-sense knowledge (rules):**

$\forall x: \text{human}(x) \Rightarrow \text{male}(x) \vee \text{female}(x)$   
 $\forall x: (\text{male}(x) \Rightarrow \neg \text{female}(x)) \wedge (\text{female}(x) \Rightarrow \neg \text{male}(x))$   
 $\forall x: \text{human}(x) \Rightarrow (\exists y: \text{mother}(x,y) \wedge \exists z: \text{father}(x,z))$   
 $\forall x: \text{animal}(x) \Rightarrow (\text{hasLegs}(x) \Rightarrow \text{isEven}(\text{numberOfLegs}(x)))$

# Spectrum of Machine Knowledge (4)

**emerging knowledge (open IE):**

hasWon (MerylStreep, AcademyAward)

occurs („Meryl Streep“, „celebrated for“, „Oscar for Best Actress“)

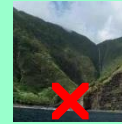
occurs („Quentin“, „nominated for“, „Oscar“)

**multimodal knowledge (photos, videos):**

JimGray



JamesBruceFalls



**social knowledge (opinions):**

admires (maleTeen, LadyGaga), supports (AngelaMerkel, HelpForGreece)

**epistemic knowledge ((un-)trusted beliefs):**

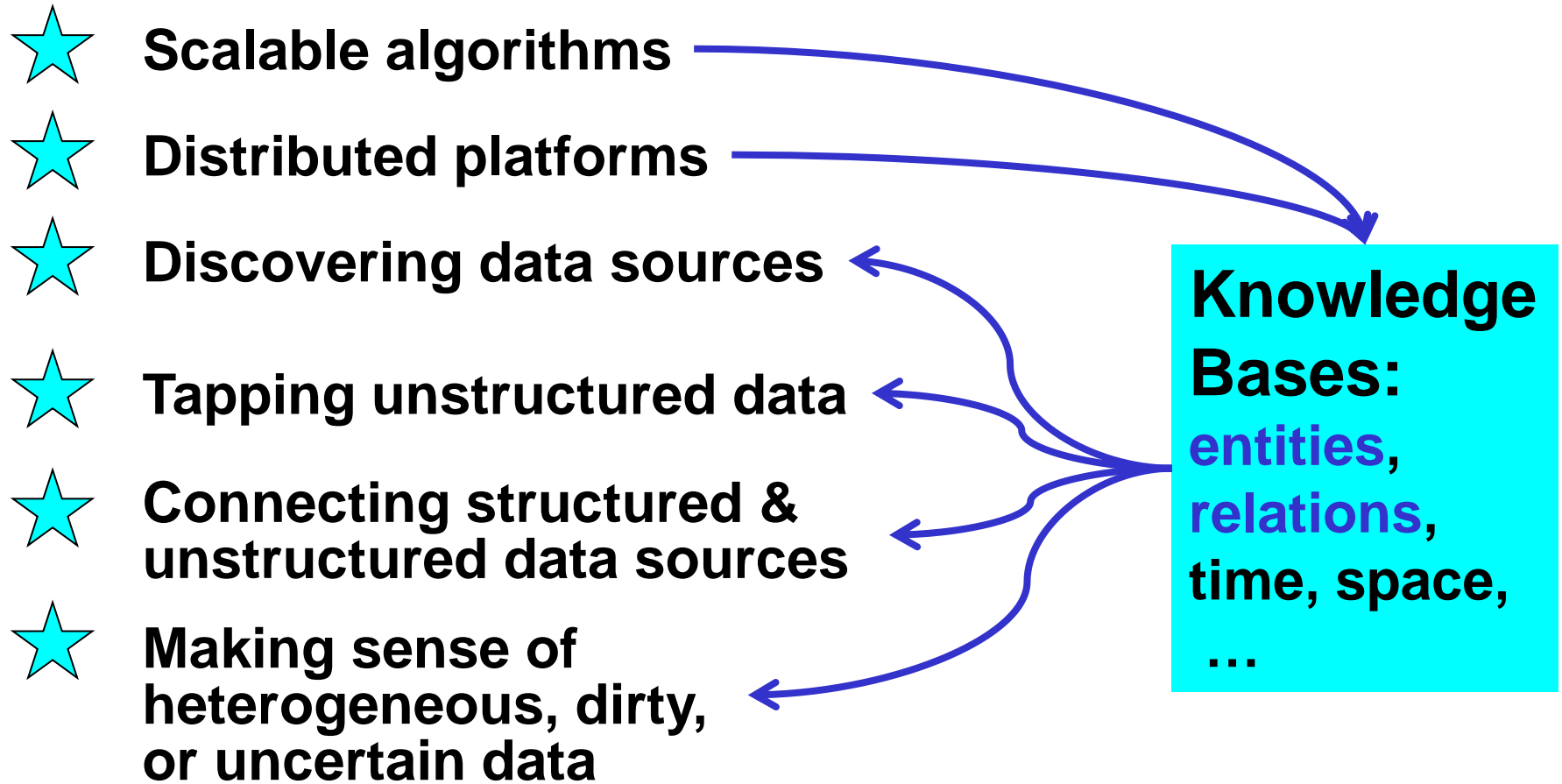
believe(Ptolemy,hasCenter(world,earth)),

believe(Copernicus,hasCenter(world,sun))

believe (peopleFromTexas, bornIn(BarackObama,Kenya))

# Knowledge Bases in the Big Data Era

## Big Data Analytics



# Outline

✓ **Motivation and Overview**

★ **Taxonomic Knowledge:**  
Entities and Classes

★ **Factual Knowledge:**  
Relations between Entities

★ **Emerging Knowledge:**  
New Entities & Relations

★ **Temporal Knowledge:**  
Validity Times of Facts

★ **Contextual Knowledge:**  
Entity Name Disambiguation

★ **Linked Knowledge:**  
Entity Matching

★ **Wrap-up**

*Big Data  
Methods for  
Knowledge  
Harvesting*

*Knowledge  
for Big Data  
Analytics*



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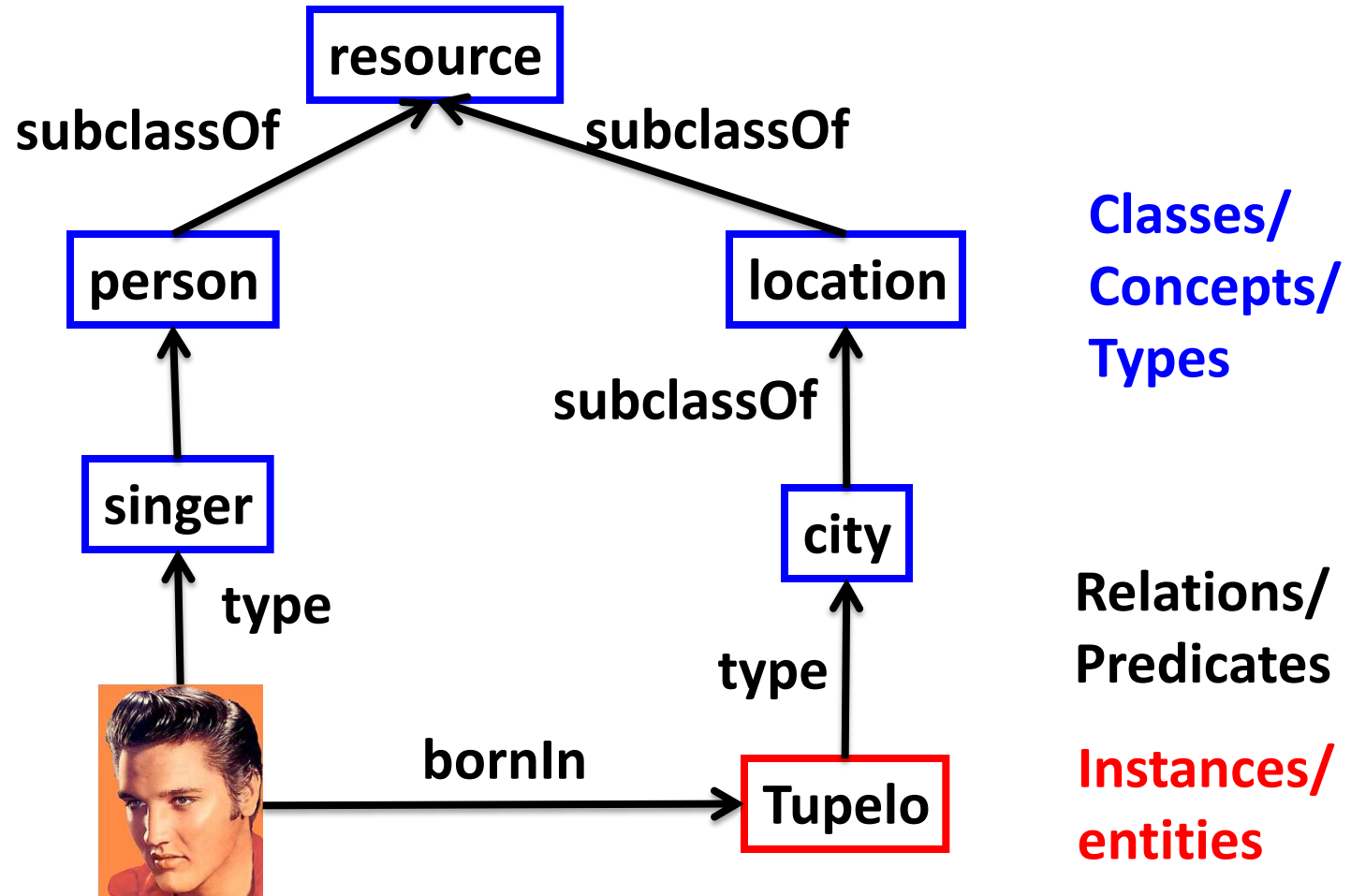
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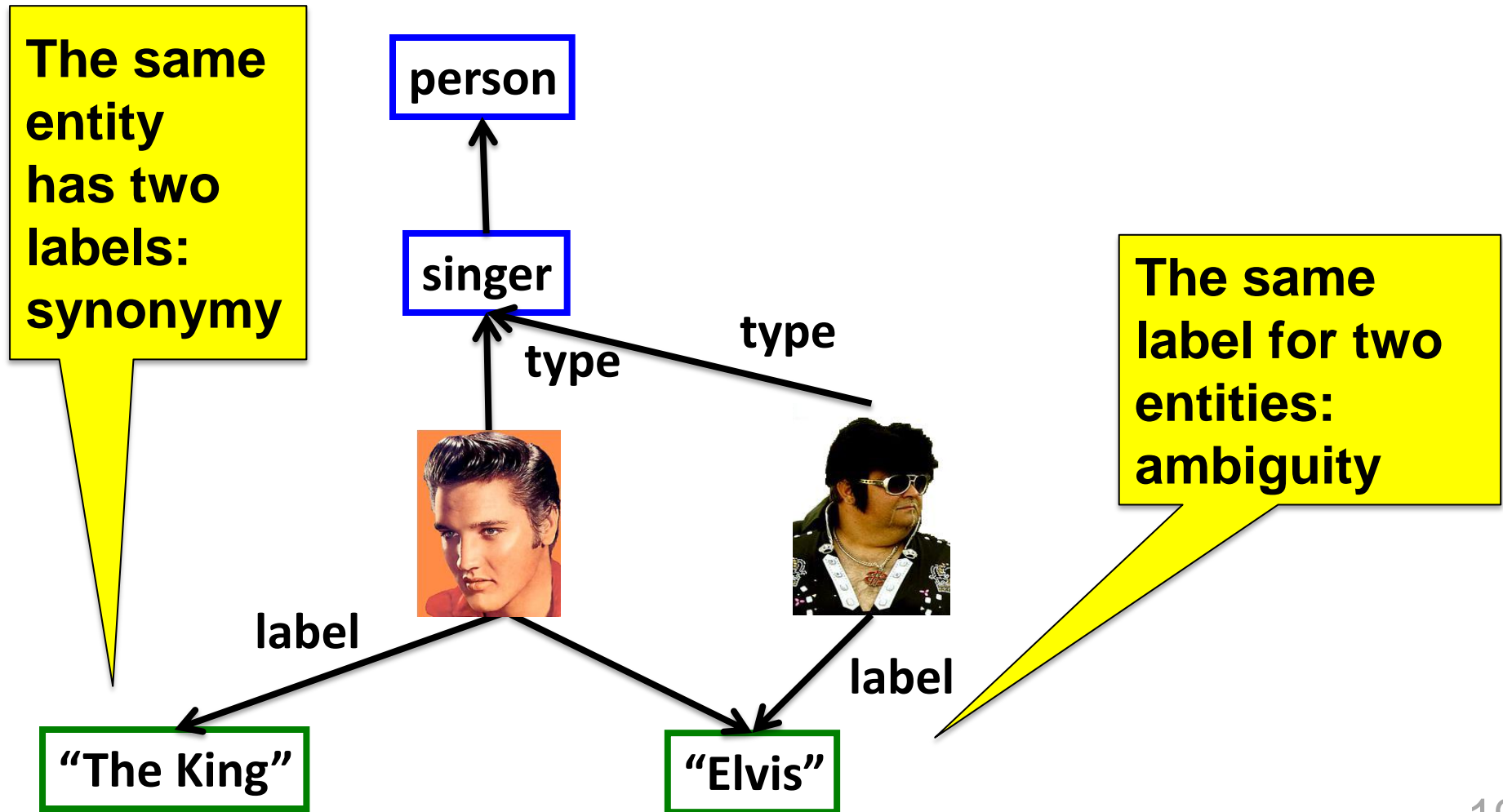
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# Knowledge Bases are labeled graphs



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

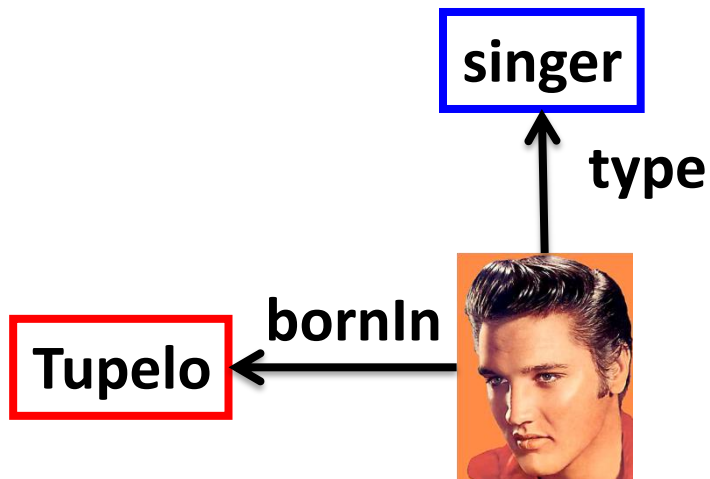
# An entity can have different labels



# Different views of a knowledge base

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

Graph notation:



Triple notation:

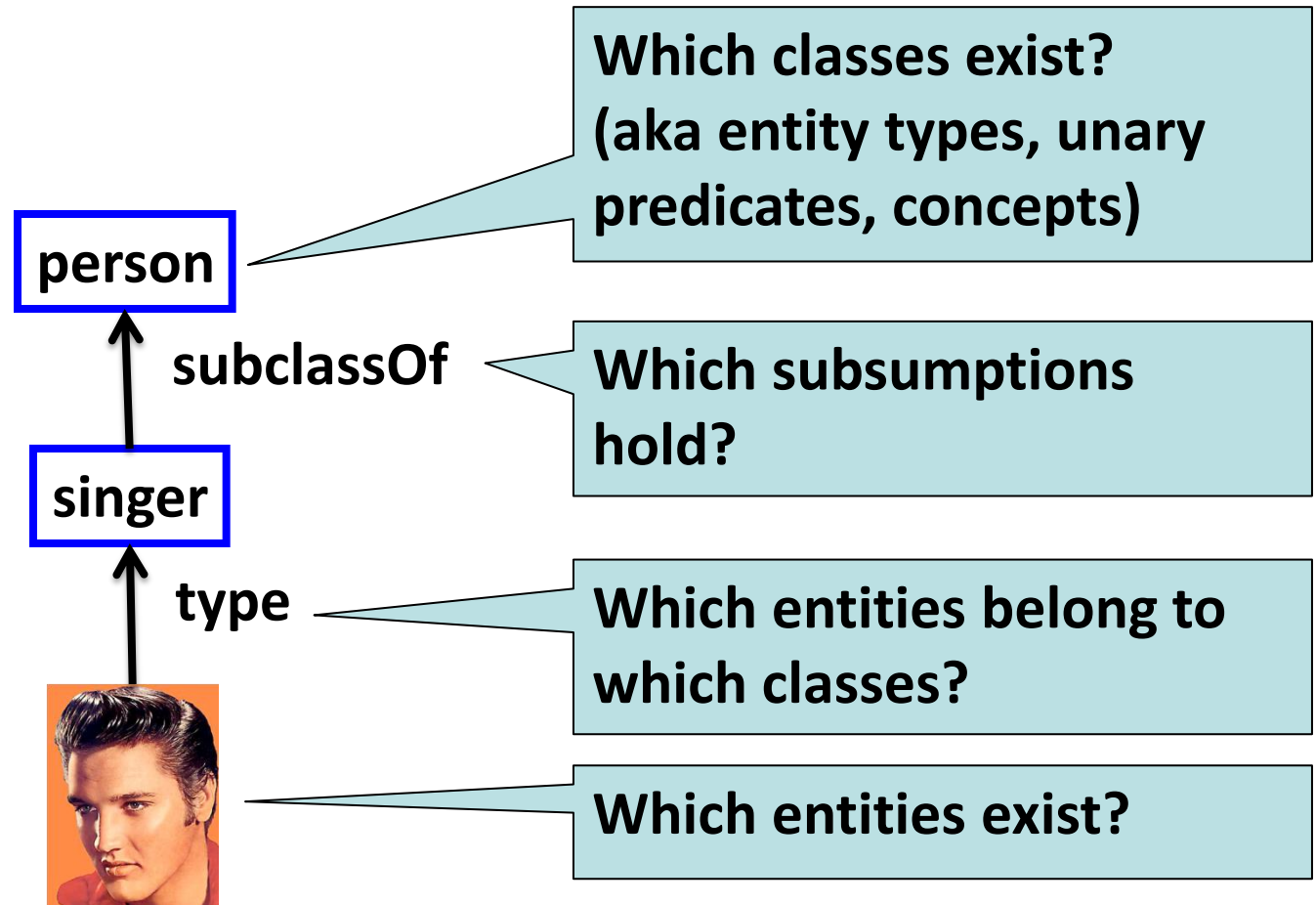
Subject	Predicate	Object
Elvis	type	singer
Elvis	bornIn	Tupelo
...	...	...

Logical notation:

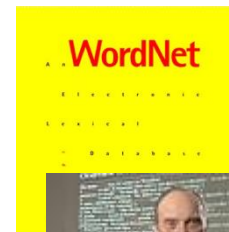
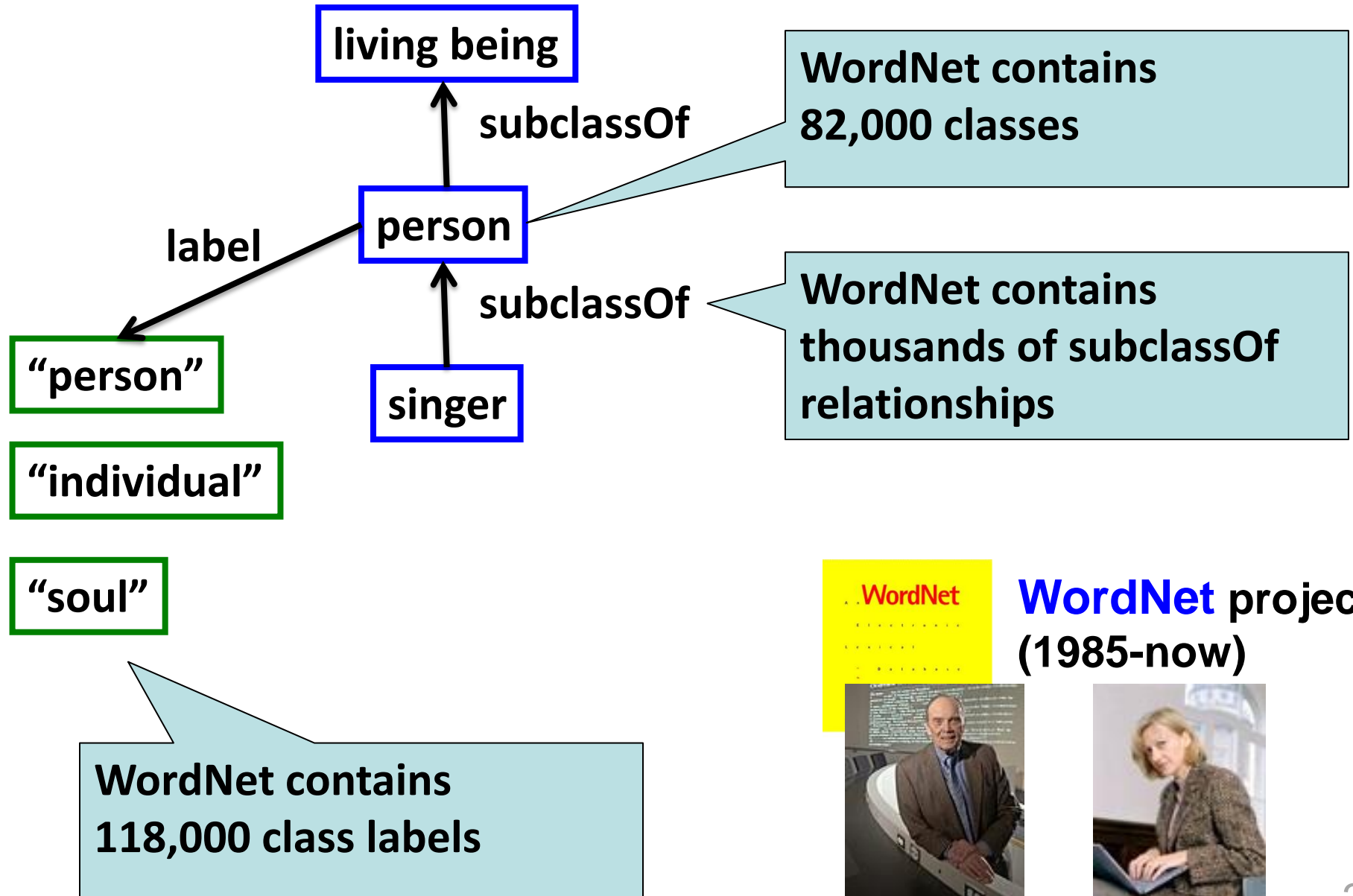
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type(Elvis, singer)
bornIn(Elvis,Tupelo)
...
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# Our Goal is finding classes and instances



# WordNet is a lexical knowledge base



**WordNet** project  
(1985-now)



# 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](#) (United States sex symbol during the 1980s (born in 1958))
- [S: \(n\) Marley](#), [Robert Nesta Marley](#), [Bob Marley](#) (Jamaican popularized reggae (1945-1981))
- [S: \(n\) Martin](#), [Dean Martin](#), [Dino Paul Crocetti](#) (1917-1995))
- [S: \(n\) Merman](#), [Ethel Merman](#) (United States singer in several musical comedies (1909-1984))
- [S: \(n\) Orbison](#), [Roy Orbison](#) (United States country music singer 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** (/ˈdʒɒbz/; 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" Markkula, 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](#)

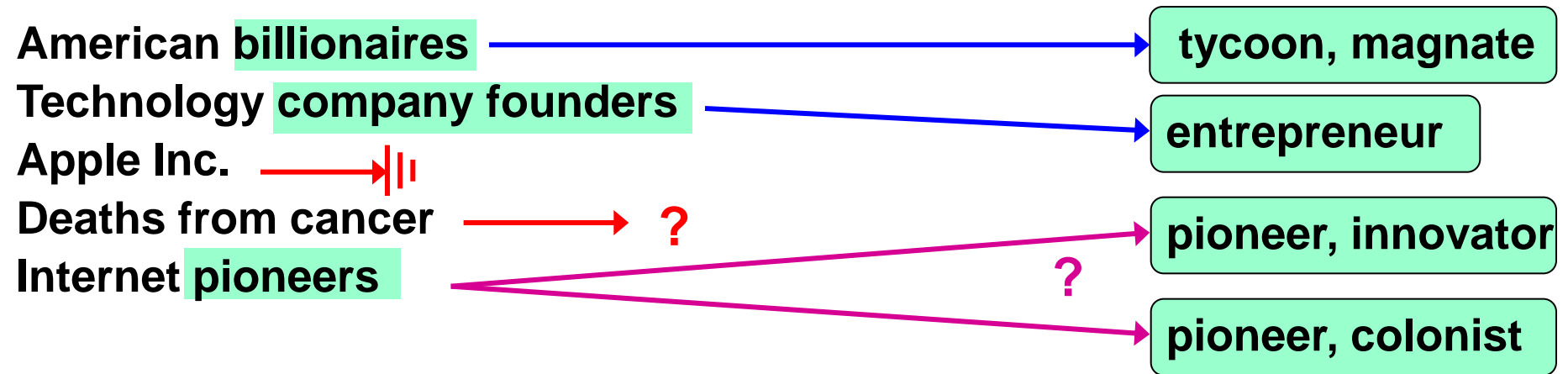
<b>Born</b>	Steven Paul Jobs February 24, 1955 <sup>[1][2]</sup> San Francisco, California, U.S. <sup>[1][2]</sup>
<b>Died</b>	October 5, 2011 (aged 56) <sup>[2]</sup> <a href="#">Palo Alto</a> , California, U.S.
<b>Nationality</b>	American
<i><b>Alma mater</b></i>	<a href="#">Reed College</a> (dropped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

# Wikipedia's categories contain classes

Categories: Steve Jobs | 1955 births | 2011 deaths | American adoptees | American billionaires  
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?

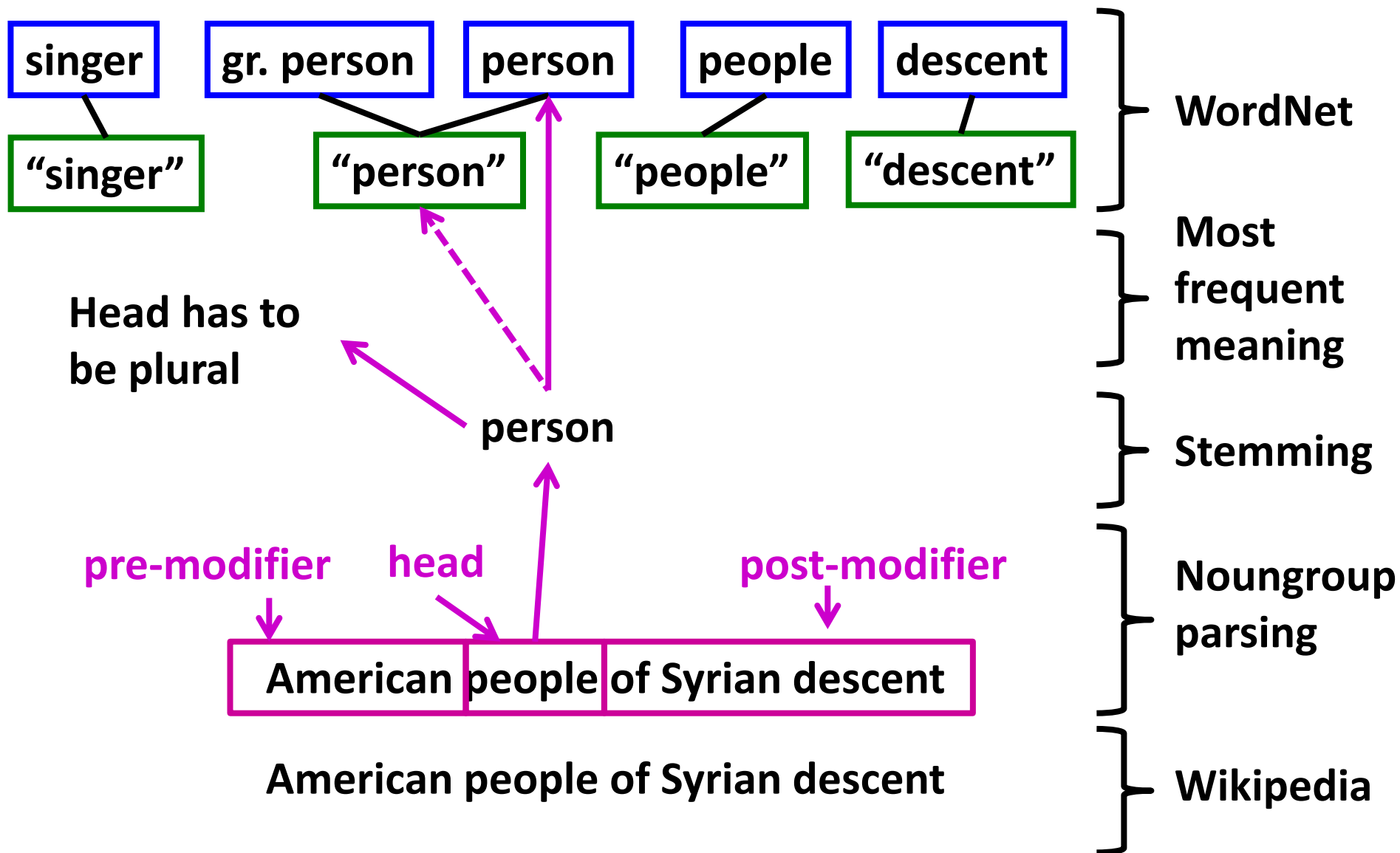


Wikipedia categories

WordNet classes



# Categories can be linked to WordNet



# YAGO = WordNet+Wikipedia

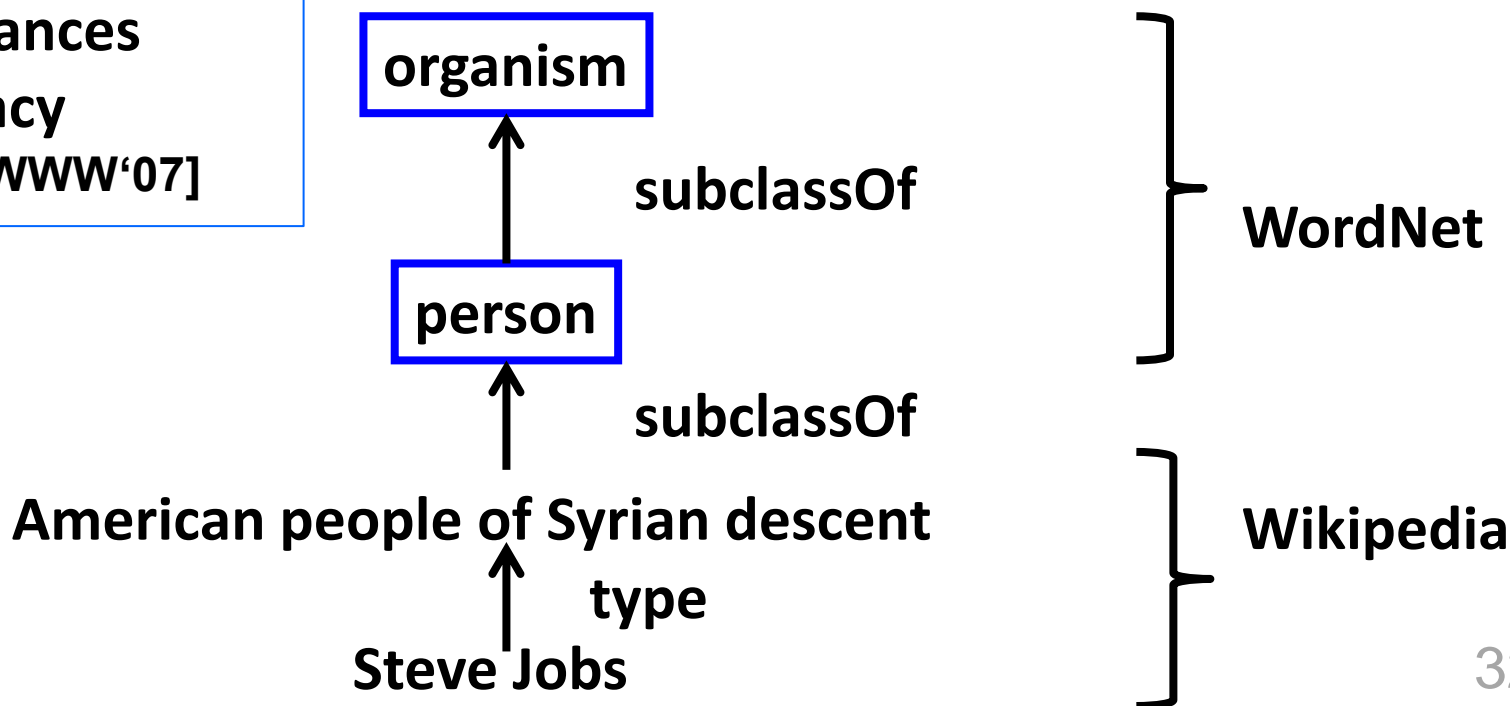


200,000 classes  
460,000 subclassOf  
3 Mio. instances  
96% accuracy  
[Suchanek: WWW'07]

Related project:

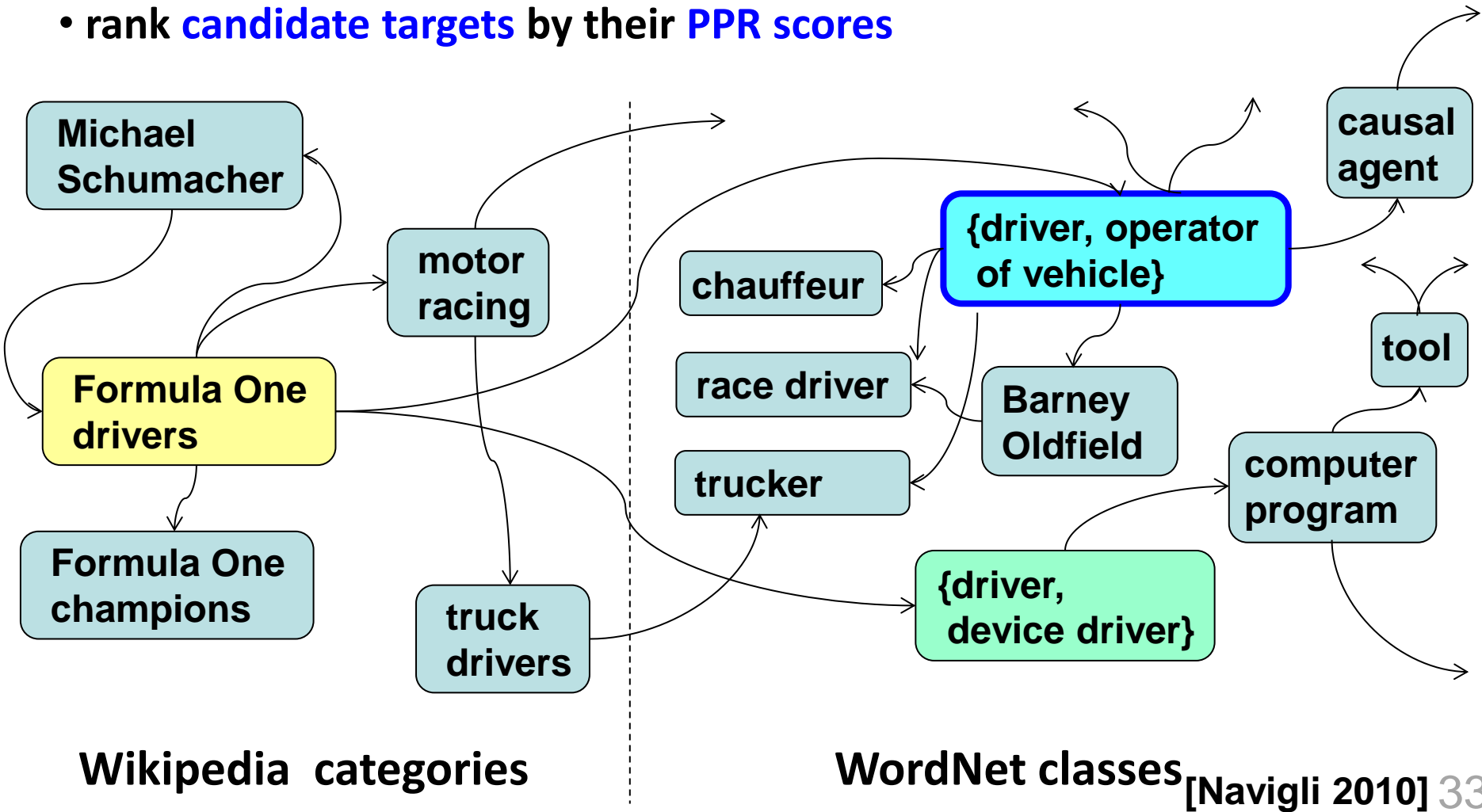
**WikiTaxonomy**

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**

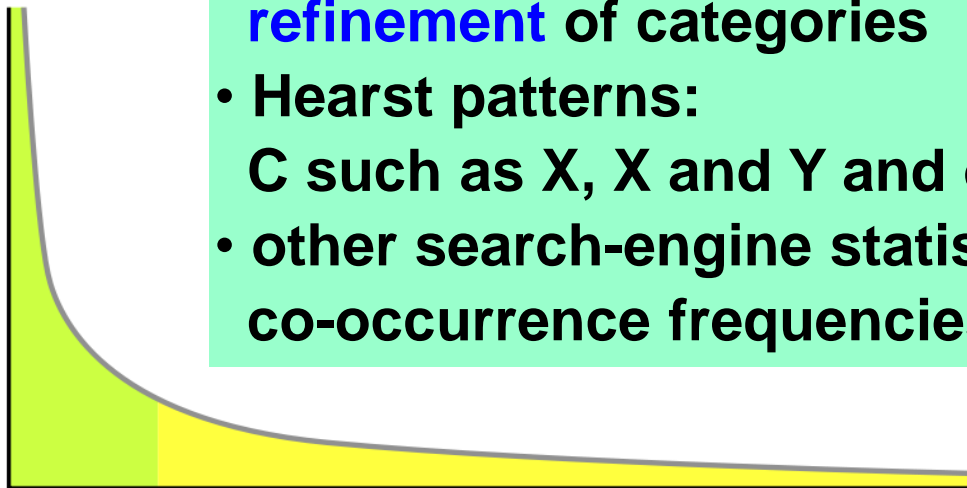


# Learning More Mappings [ Wu & Weld: WWW'08 ]

## 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*

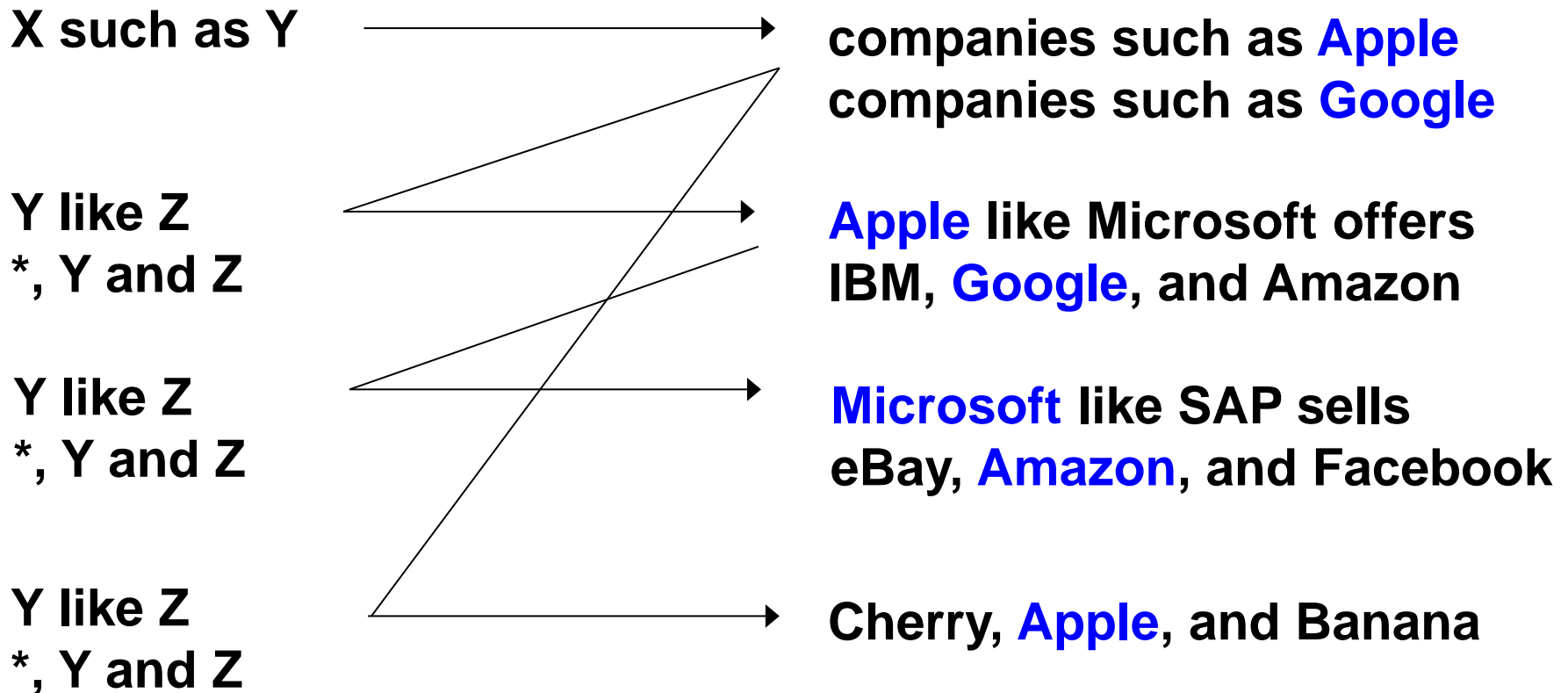
**Derive type(Y,X)**

**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



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

# Probase 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:

$$P[X|Y] \gg P[X^*|Y] \rightarrow \text{subclassOf}(Y X)$$

Problem: **ambiguity of labels**

**Merge** labels of same class:

X such as  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2 \rightarrow$  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  $\times$  Person**

**graduatedAt: Person  $\times$  University**

**hasWonPrize: Person  $\times$  Award**

**bornOn: Person  $\times$  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

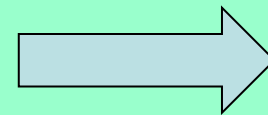
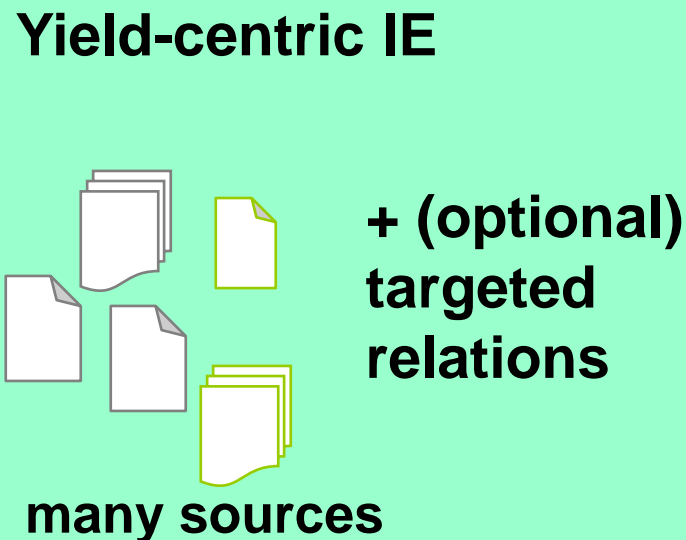
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Student	Advisor
Surajit Chaudhuri	Jeffrey Ullman
Jim Gray	Mike Harrison
...	...

worksAt

Student	University
Surajit Chaudhuri	Stanford U
Jim Gray	UC Berkeley
...	...

# We focus on yield-centric IE



1) precision !  
2) recall

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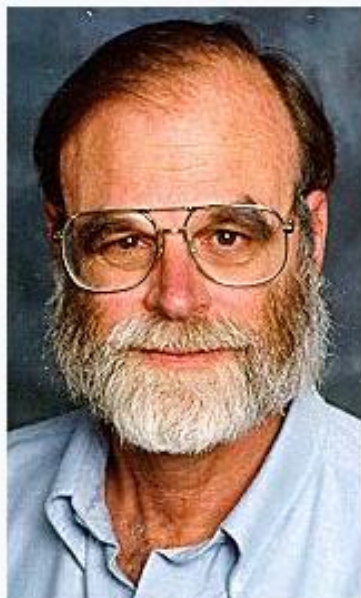
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# Wikipedia provides data in infoboxes

**James Nicholas "Jim" Gray**



<b>Born</b>	January 12, 1944 <sup>[1]</sup> San Francisco, California <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Died</b>	( <b>lost at sea</b> ) 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

**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</b>	

**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

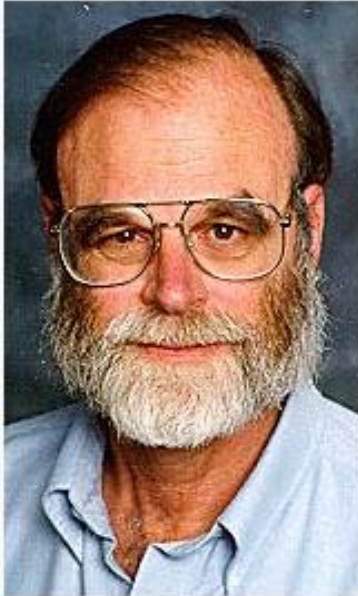
**Jeffrey Ullman**

<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



# 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

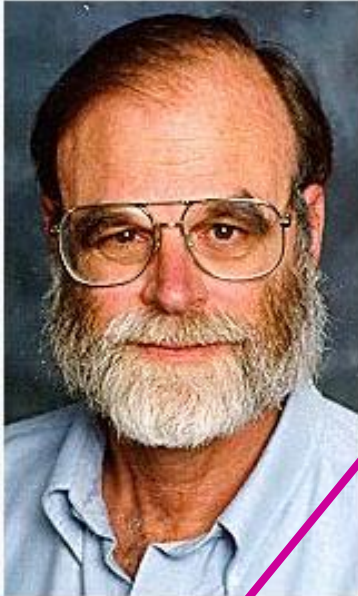
wasBorn

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

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

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

$\vec{y}$  = 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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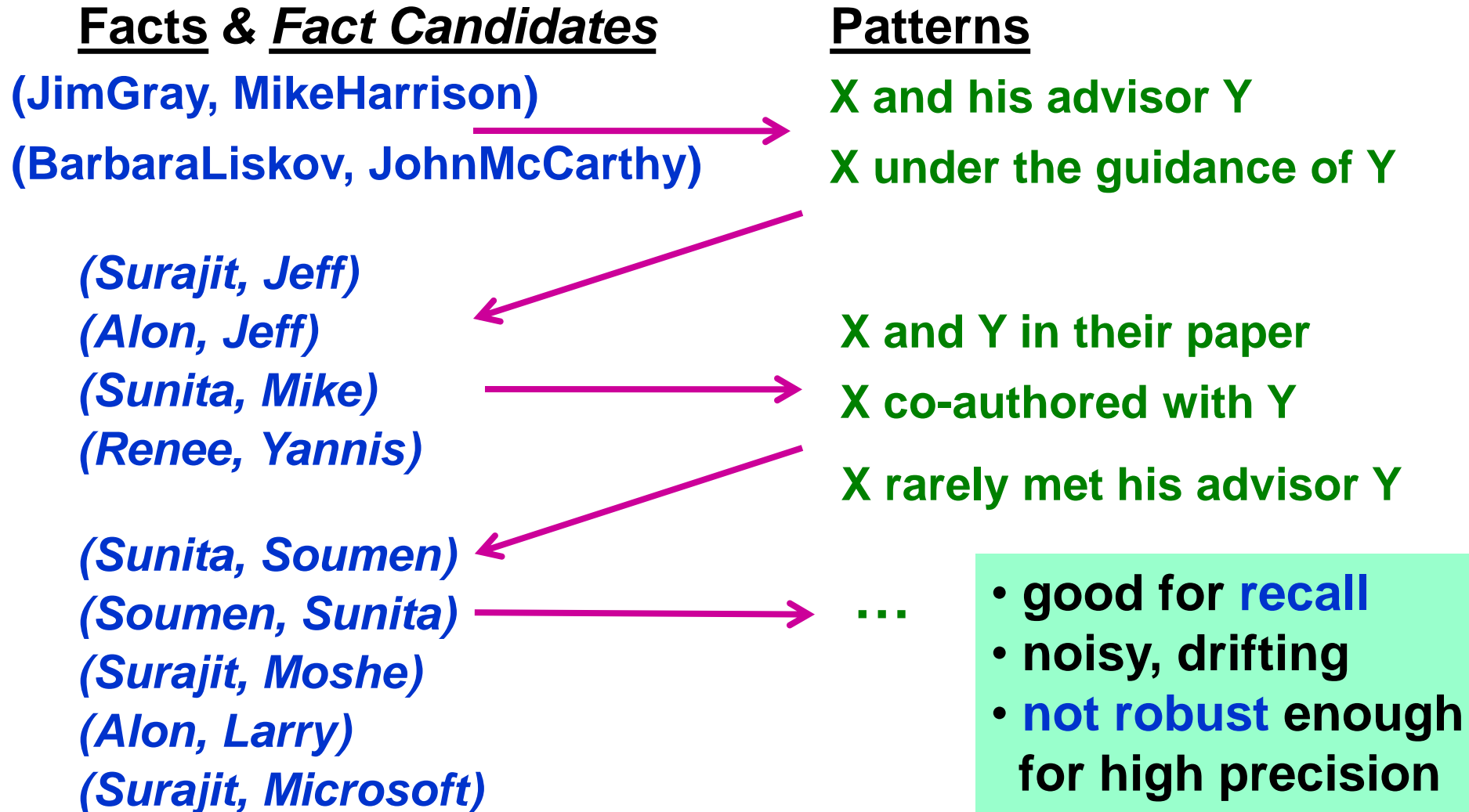
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# Facts yield patterns – and vice versa





# 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):

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

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

- 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**

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**# 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:**

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

**=> Covers more sentences, increases recall**

# Deep Parsing makes patterns robust

(Bunescu 2005 , Suchanek 2006, ...)

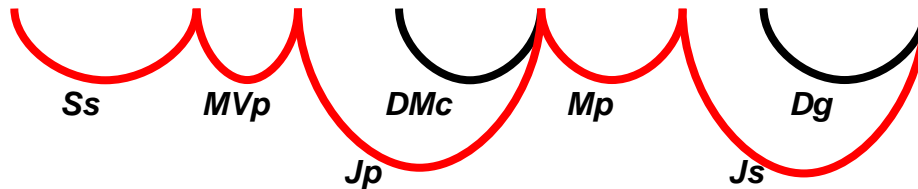
**Problem:** Surface patterns fail if the text shows variations

Cologne lies on the banks of the Rhine.

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

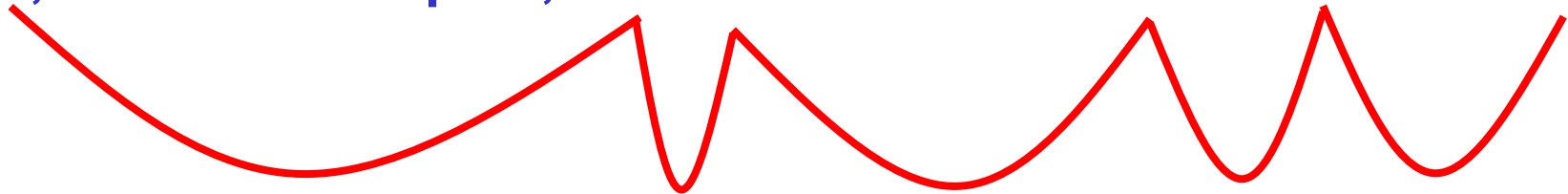
**Idea:** Use deep linguistic parsing to define patterns

Cologne lies on the banks of the Rhine



**Deep linguistic patterns work even on sentences with variations**

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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**

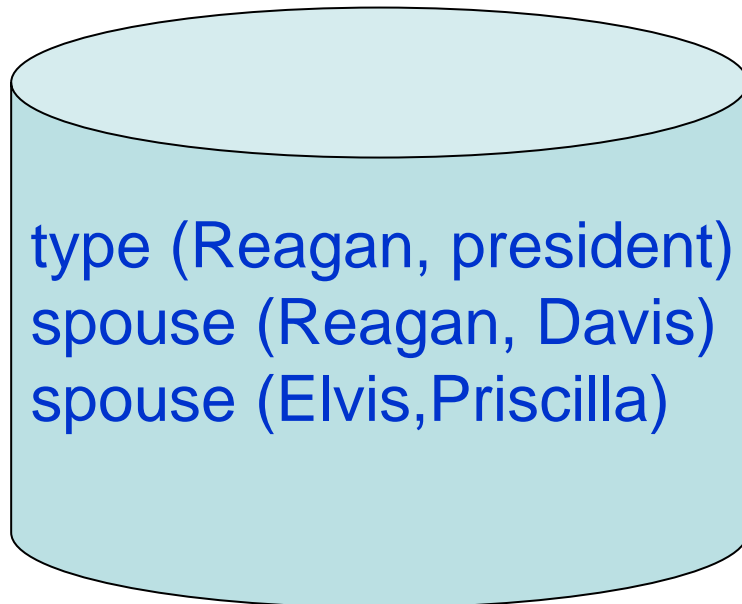
"x is married to y" ~ spouse(x,y)

**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)
```

"Hermione is married to Ron"

"is married to" ~ married



```
spouse(Hermione, RonaldReagan)
spouse(Hermione, RonWeasley)
```

Add pattern deduction rules

```
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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 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

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

Add semantic constraints (manually)

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

# The rules pose a weighted MaxSat problem

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

type(Reagan, president) [10]  
married(Reagan, Davis) [10]  
married(Elvis, Priscilla) [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

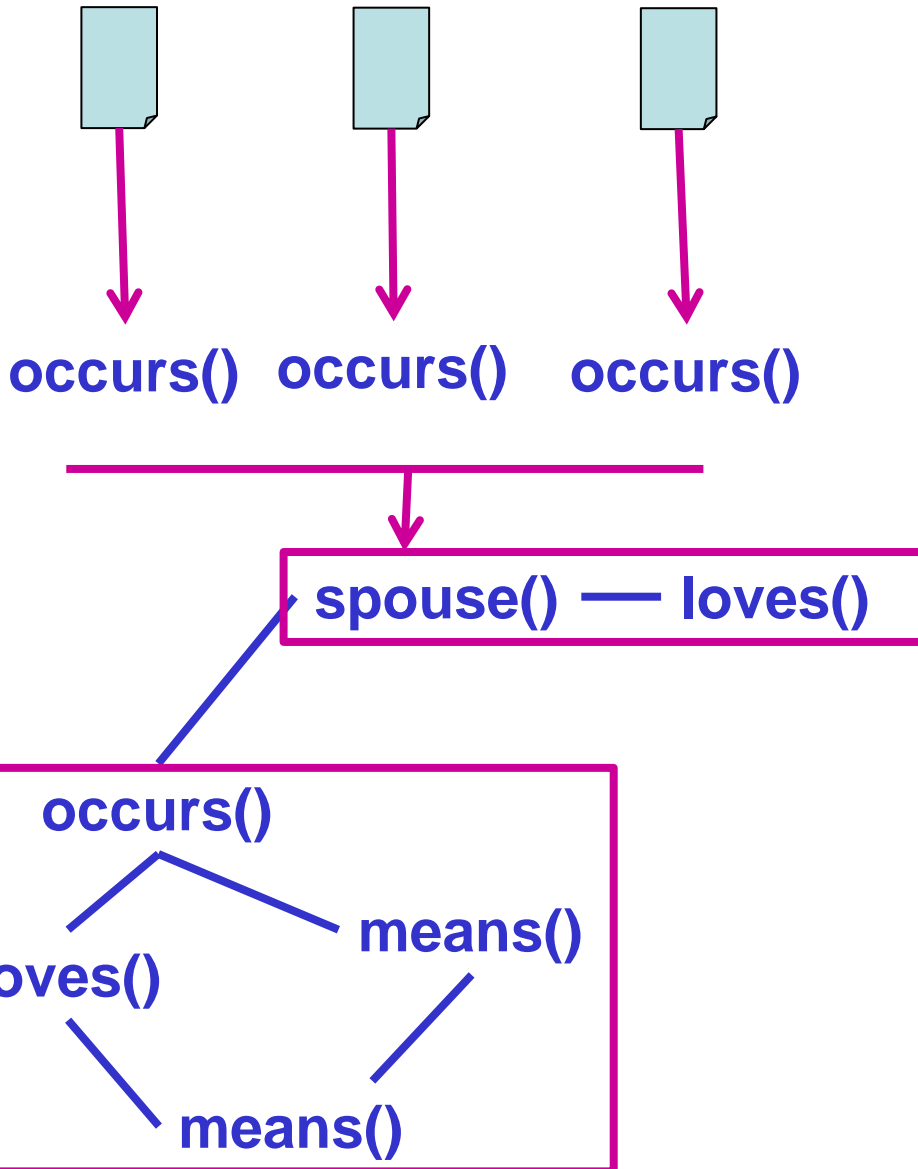
Possible World 2:



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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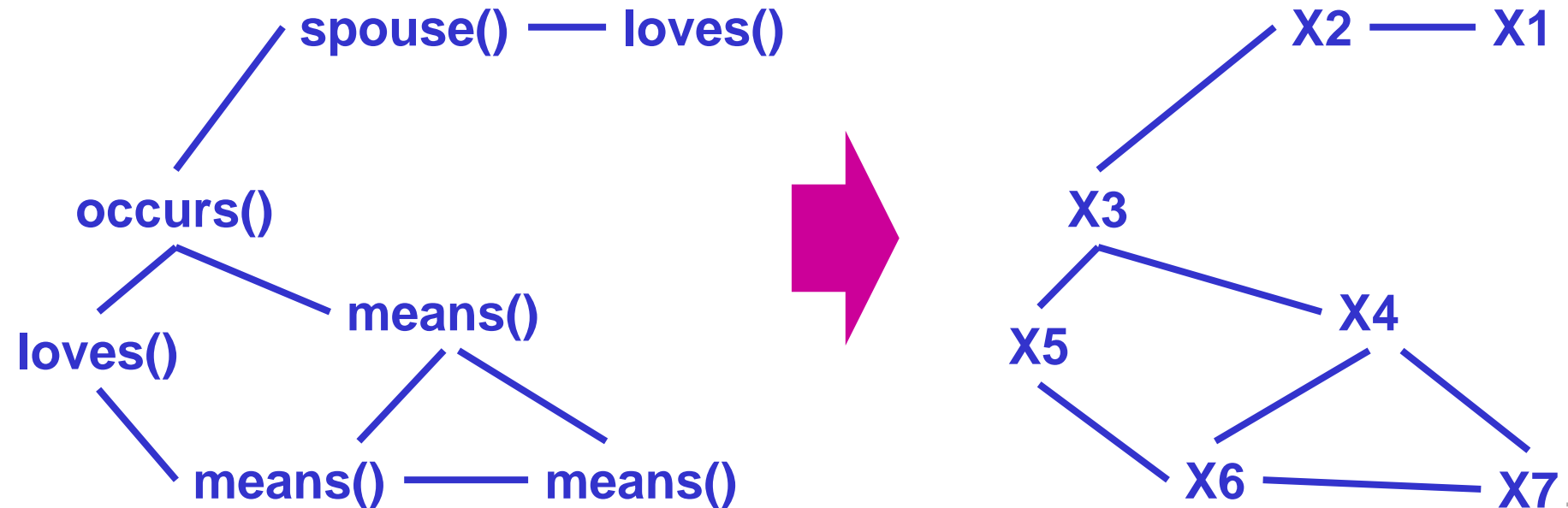
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# Markov Logic generalizes MaxSat reasoning

(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:

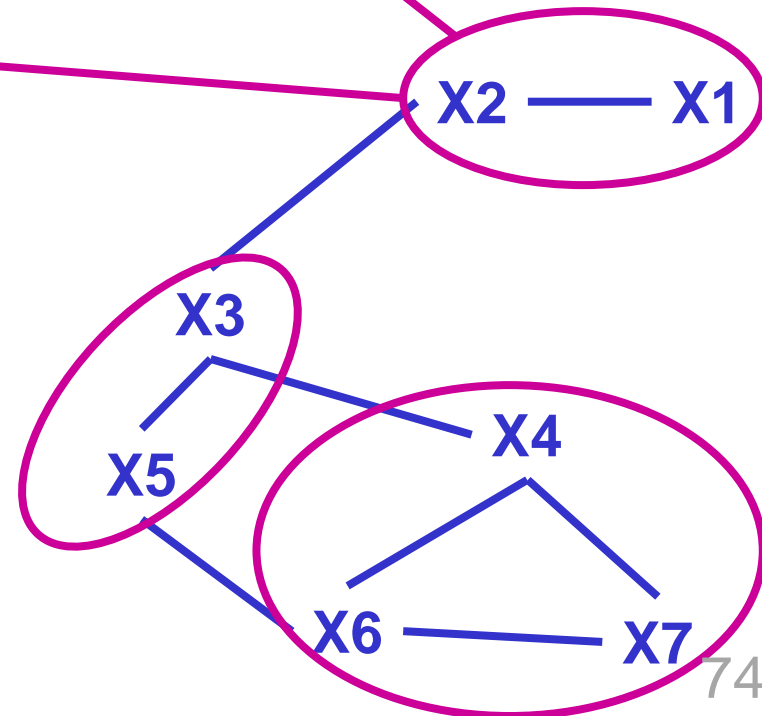
$$P(X_i | X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_n) = P(X_i | \underline{N(X_i)})$$

The Hammersley-Clifford Theorem tells us:

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

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

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



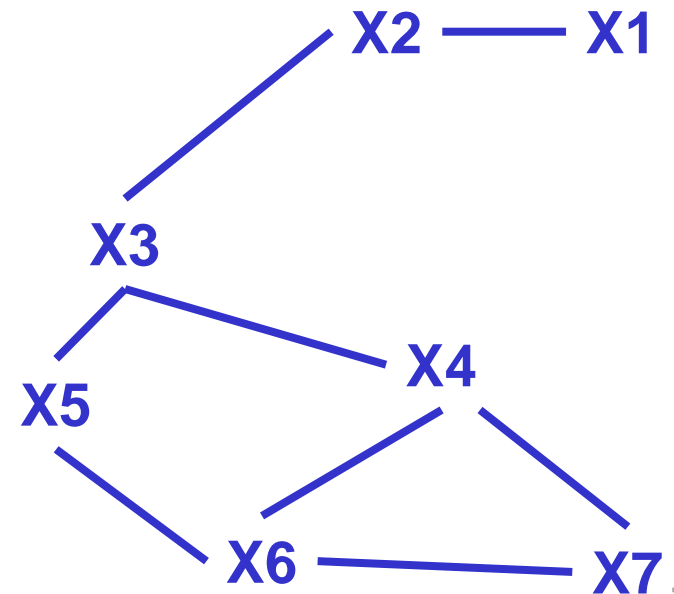
# There are many methods for MLN inference

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 ...)

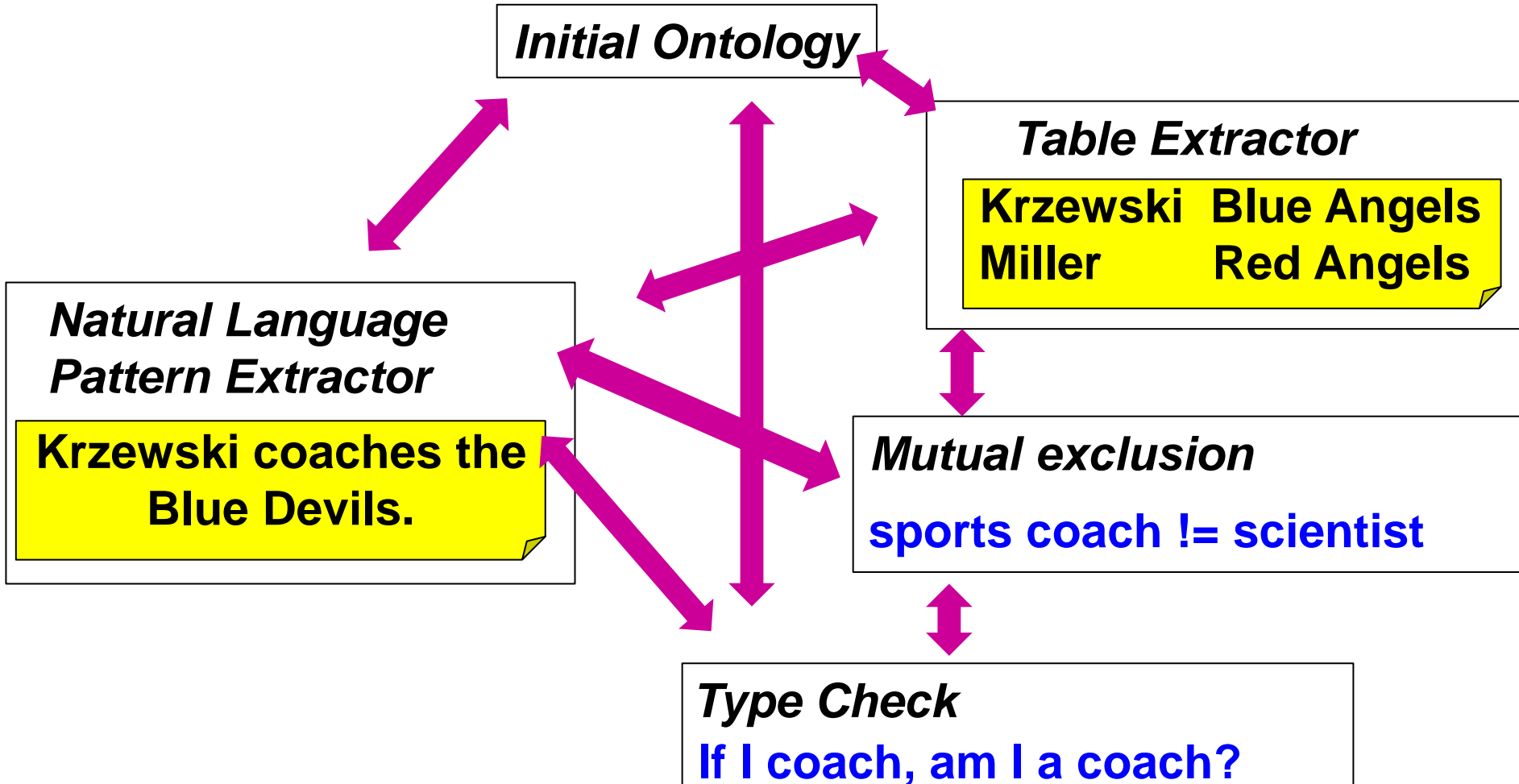
## BioSnowball:

- automatically creating biographical summaries

The screenshot displays the EntityCube web application interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'All', 'People', and 'Academic' tabs. A search bar contains 'gong li'. Below the search bar, a horizontal menu lists various filters: 'All Results', 'Relationship', 'Bio', 'Tag', 'Profession', 'News', 'SNS', 'Quote', 'Year', 'Publication', and 'Name Disambiguation'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'PEOPLE', lists names with links to their profiles: Zhang Yimou (director), Zhang Ziyi (actresses), Michelle Yeoh (actresses), Chow Yun-Fat, Ziyi Zhang (actresses), Colin Farrell, Maggie Cheung (actresses), Chow Yun, Faye Wong (actresses), and Ken Watanabe. The right column, titled 'BIO', contains a biographical summary for Gong Li, detailing her birth in Shenyang, China, her family background, and her career in film. The summary is composed of several sentences, each preceded by a bullet point. The interface is clean and professional, with a blue header and a white background for the main content area.

# 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: [1])

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>	<b>Academy Awards</b>	
1982			
Year	Category	Film	Result
	Academy Award for Best Actor	<i>Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street</i>	Nominated
	Academy Award for Best Actor	<i>Finding Neverland</i>	Nominated
	Academy Award for Best Actor	<i>Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl</i>	Nominated

## Academy Awards


### Winner

- Best Art Direction
- Best Cinematography
- Best Makeup

### Nominated

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

Year	Winner Composer	Nominees
2000	<i>Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon</i> – Tan Dun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Chocolat</i> – Rachel Portman</li><li>• <i>Gladiator</i> – Hans Zimmer</li><li>• <i>Malèna</i> – Ennio Morricone</li><li>• <i>The Patriot</i> – John Williams</li></ul>

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

## Academy Awards (2009): Nominees and Winners

NOMINATIONS				AWARDS	
9	<i>Avatar</i>	6	<i>The Hurt Locker</i>		
9	<i>The Hurt Locker</i>	3	<i>Avatar</i>		
8	<i>Inglourious Basterds</i>	2	<i>Crazy Heart</i>		
6	<i>Precious</i>	2	<i>Precious</i>		
6	<i>Up in the Air</i>	2	<i>Up</i>		
5	<i>Up</i>	1	<i>The Blind Side</i>		
4	<i>District 9</i>	1	<i>The Cove</i>		
4	<i>Nine</i>	1	<i>Inglourious Basterds</i>		
4	<i>Star Trek</i>	1	<i>Logorama</i>		
3	<i>Crazy Heart</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

Title	Author
Hitchhiker's guide	D Adams
A short history of time	S Hawkins



# 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] 81

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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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# 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]

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

## Open Information Extraction

Argument 1:

**Moon River**

ong composed by

Argument 2:

Search

NO IMAGE

"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...

URI:

<http://www.freebase.com/view/m/02mk0n>

Types:

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

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 .

# Open IE Example: ReVerb

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



## Open Information Extraction

?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)

# Diversity and Ambiguity of Relational Phrases

Who covered whom?

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

Amy's soulful 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)*



# Pattern Dictionary 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” ⇔ “obtained degree in \* from”*

*“and PRONOUN ADJECTIVE advisor” ⇔ “under the supervision of”*

One relational phrase can **subsume** another

*“wife of” ⇒ “spouse of”*

350 000 SOL patterns from Wikipedia, NYT archive, ClueWeb

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

# PATTY: Pattern Taxonomy for Relations

[N. Nakashole et al.: EMNLP 2012, demo at VLDB 2012]

Thesaurus

Relations

Taxonomy

▼ DBpedia Relations

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

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

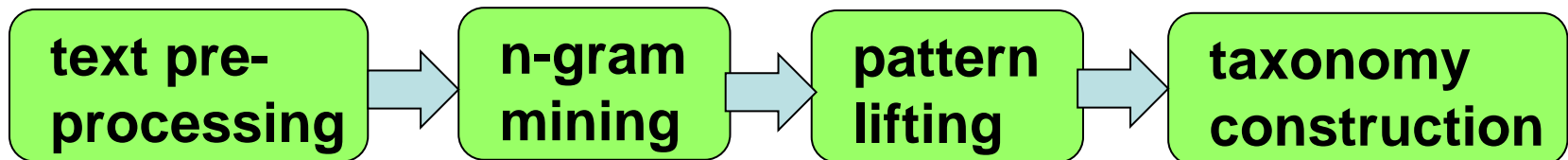
## Frequent sequence mining

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



# 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



1. Catherine of Aragon  
**Divorced**

2. Anne Boleyn  
**Beheaded**

3. Jane Seymour  
**Died**



<b>Political party</b>	RR (?–2002) UMP (2002–)
<b>Spouse</b>	<b>Marie-Dominique Culioli</b> (div.) <b>Cécilia Ciganer-Albéniz</b> (div.) <b>Carla Bruni</b>
<b>Children</b>	Pierre (by Culioli) Jean (by Culioli) LOUIS (by Ciganer-Albéniz)
<b>Residence</b>	Élysée Palace
<b>Alma mater</b>	University of Paris X: Nanterre
<b>Occupation</b>	Lawyer
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic

**consistency constraints** are potentially helpful:

- functional dependencies: *husband, time* → *wife*
- inclusion dependencies: *marriedPerson* ⊆ *adultPerson*
- age/time/gender restrictions: *birthdate* +  $\Delta$  < *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] , 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

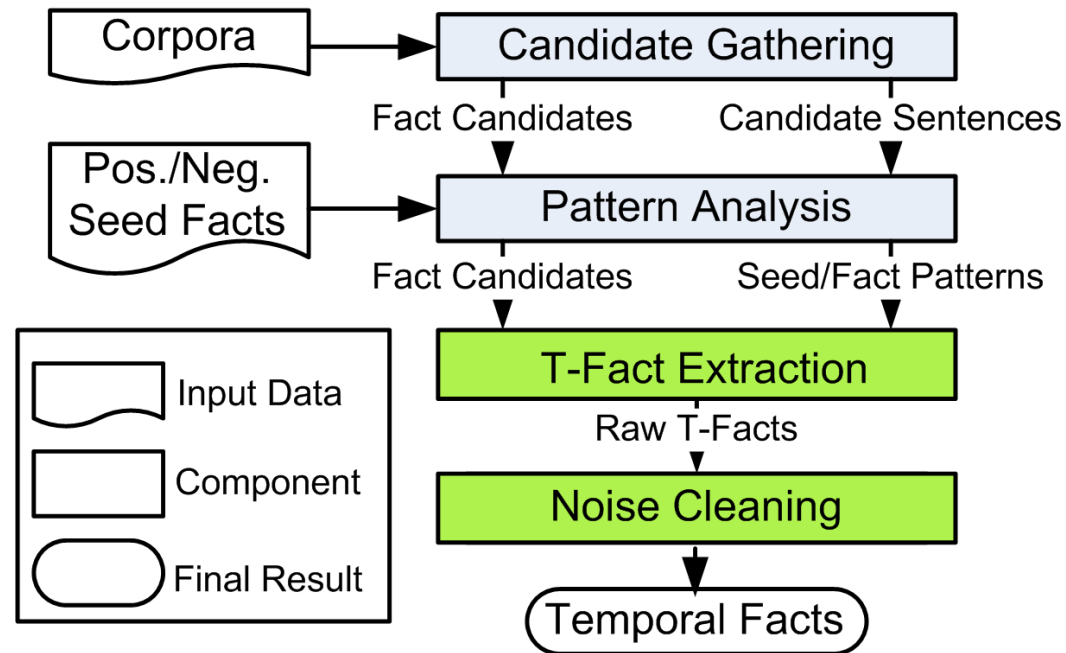
narrative text  
relative order

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:

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

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
- $(1 - X_i) + (1 - X_j) + 1 \geq (1 - P_{ij}) + (1 - P_{ji})$   
if  $X_i, X_j$  must be totally ordered

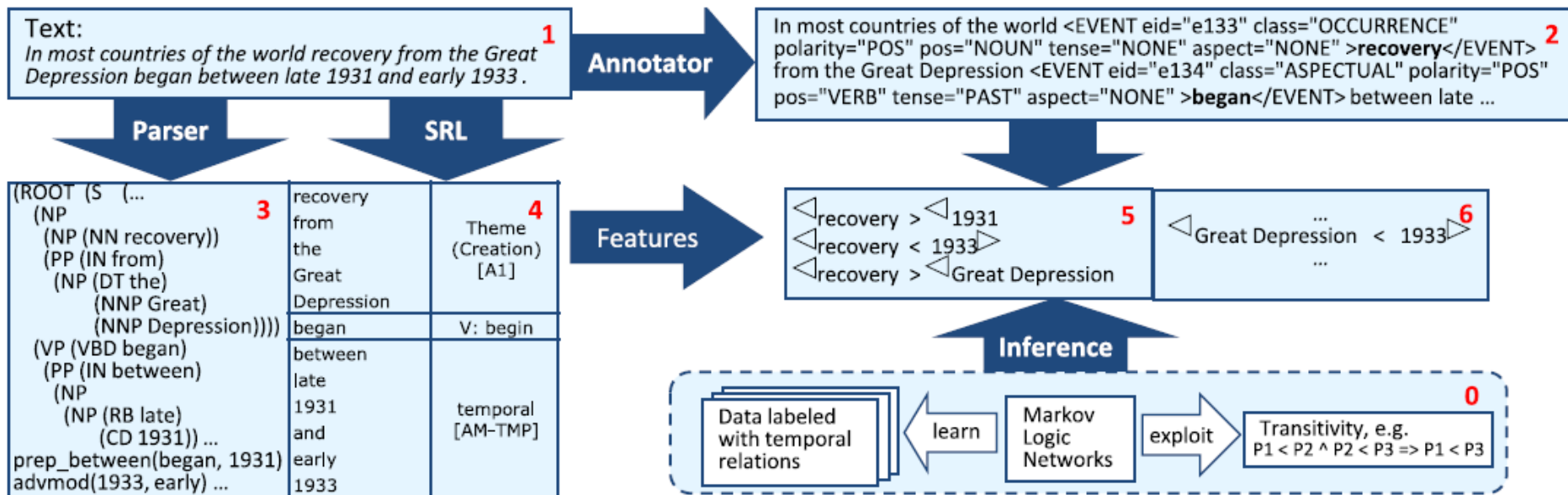
**Efficient  
ILP solvers:**  
[www.gurobi.com](http://www.gurobi.com)  
IBM Cplex  
...

# 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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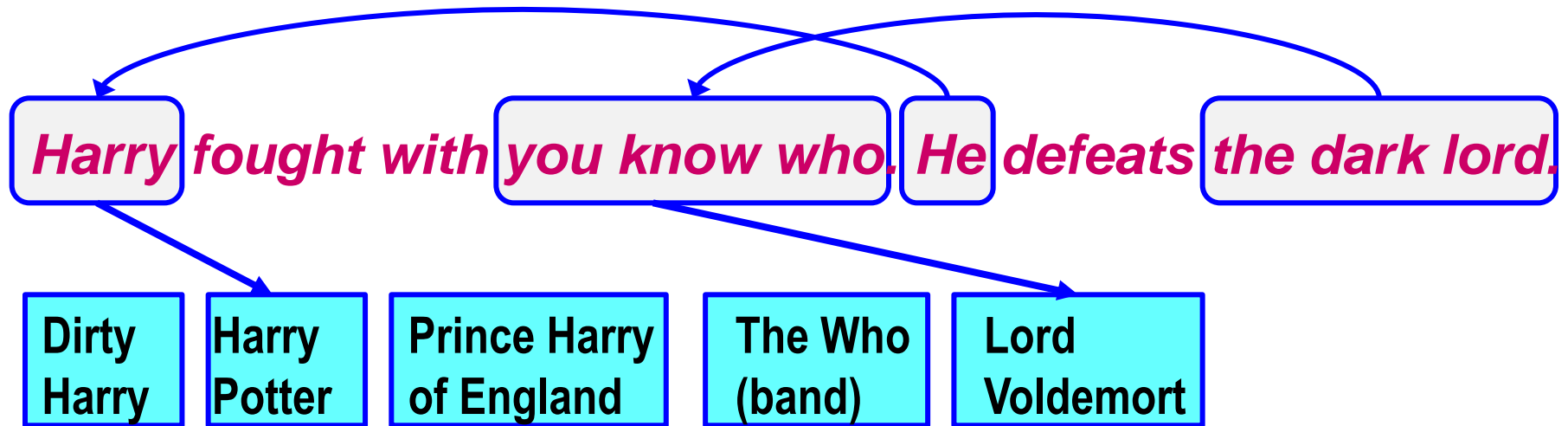
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- ★ NED Principles
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# Three Different Problems



## Three NLP tasks:

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

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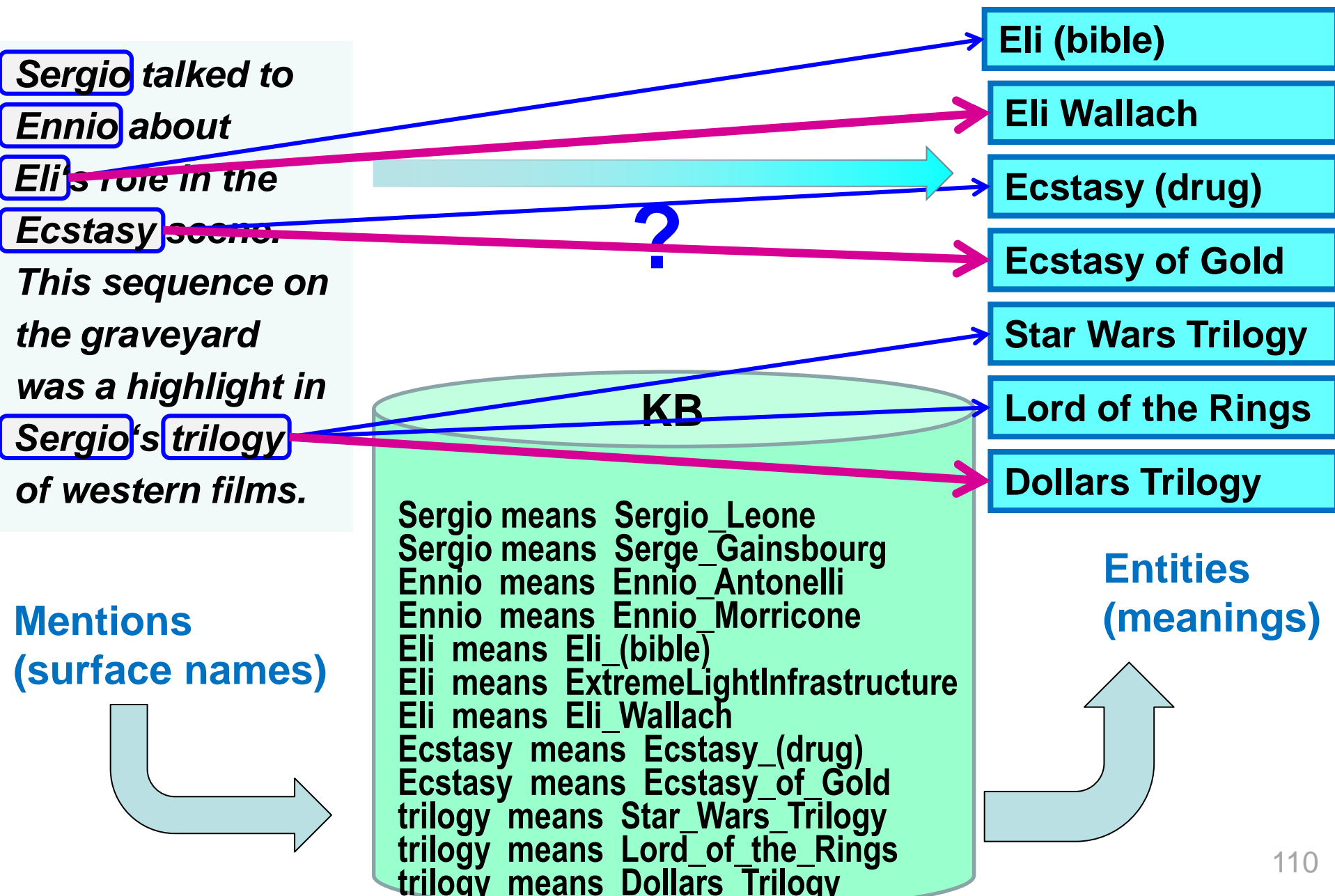
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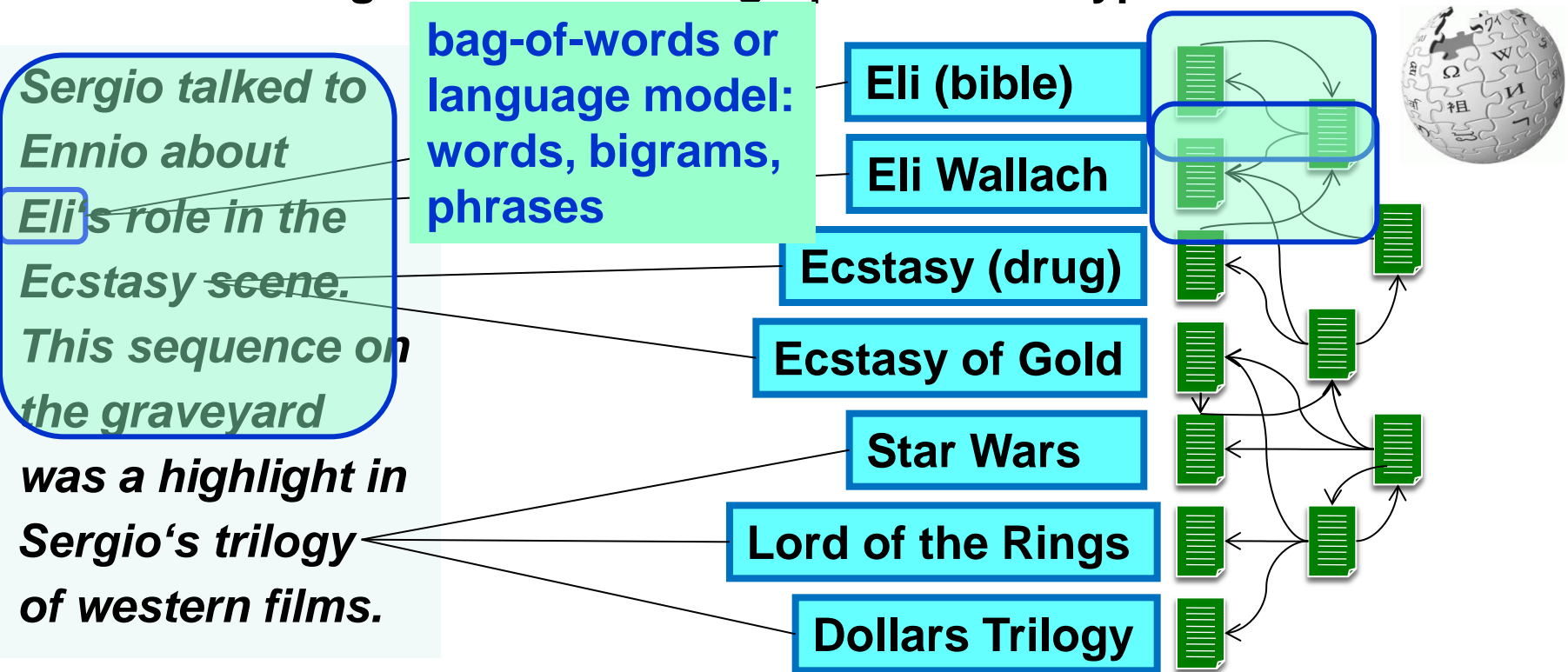
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# Named Entity Disambiguation



# Mention-Entity Graph

weighted undirected graph with two types of nodes

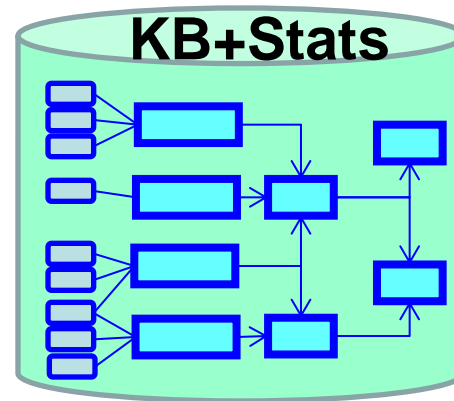


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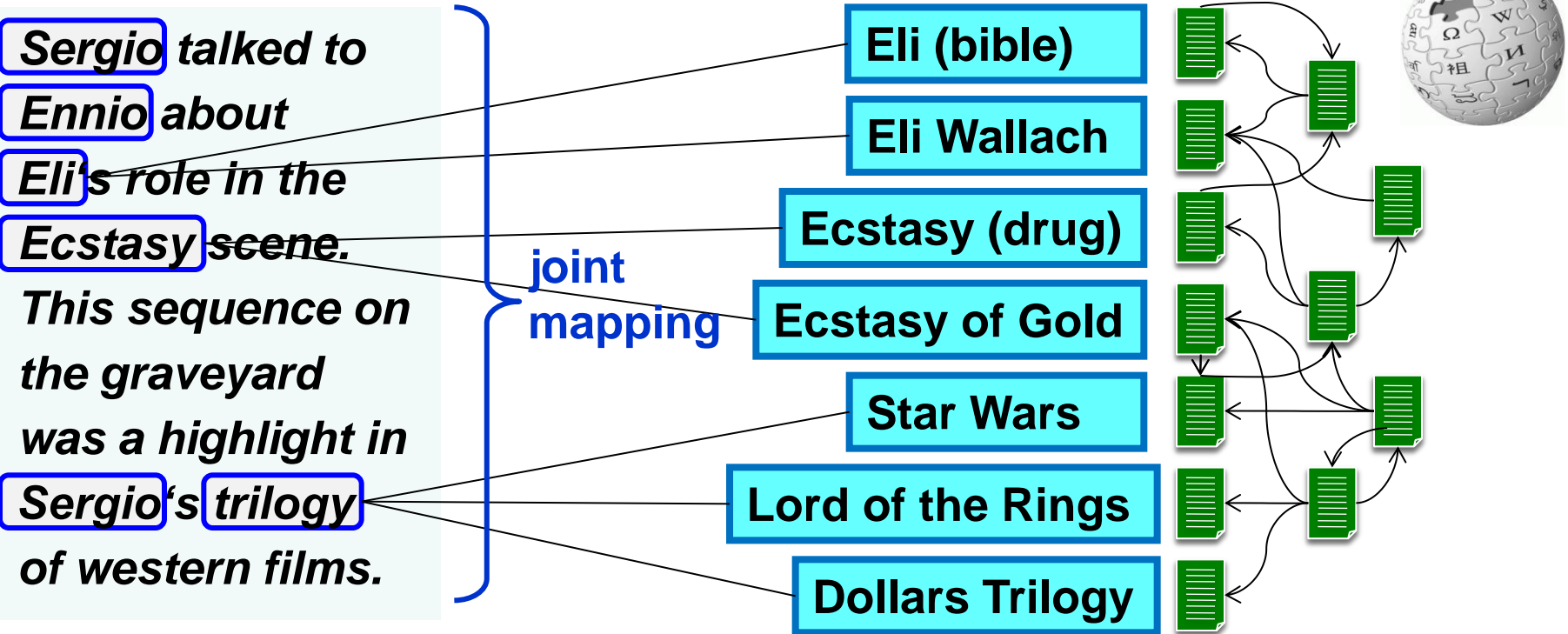
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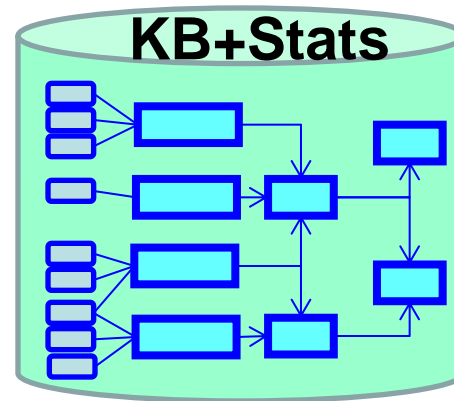


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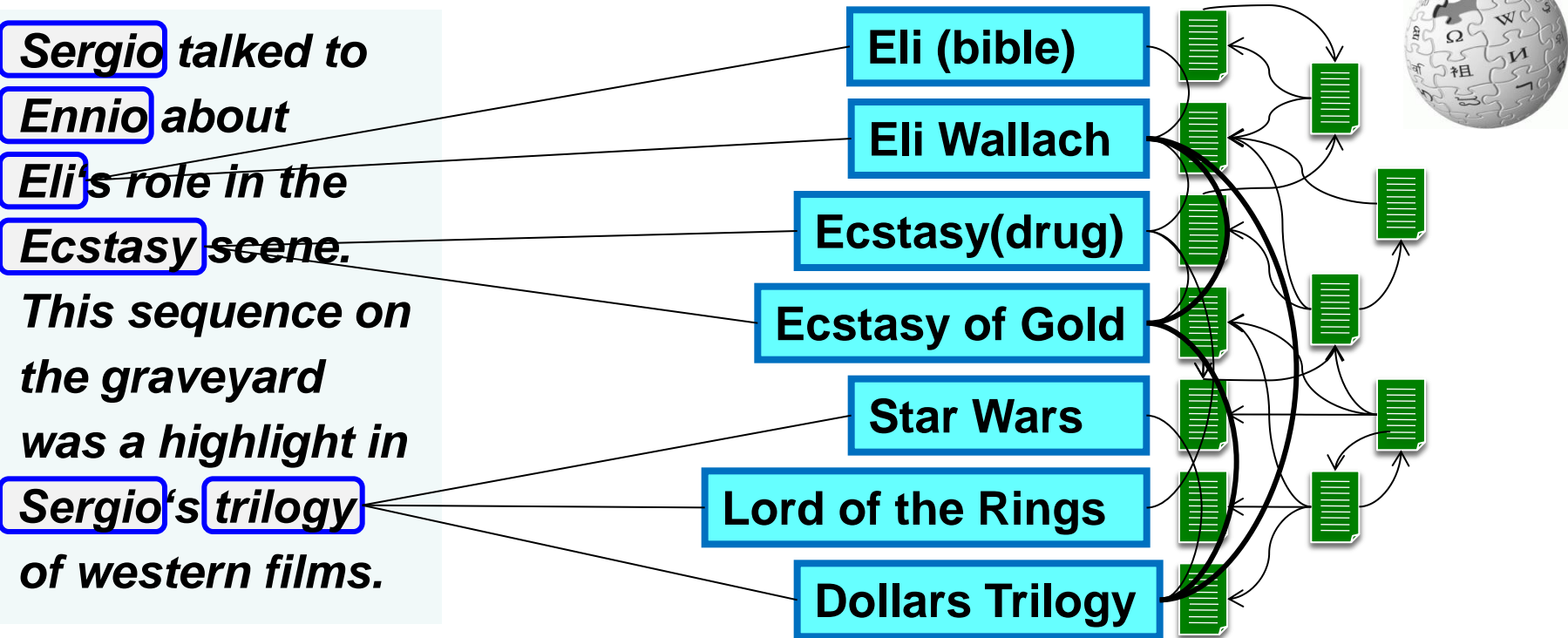
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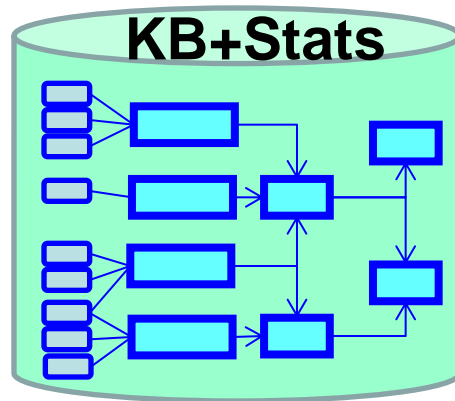


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weighted undirected graph with two types of nodes

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**Ennio** about  
**Eli's** role in the  
**Ecstasy** scene.  
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the graveyard  
was a highlight in  
**Sergio's** **trilogy**  
of western films.

Eli (bible)

Eli Wallach

Ecstasy (drug)

Ecstasy of Gold

Star Wars

Lord of the Rings

Dollars Trilogy

American Jews  
film actors  
artists  
Academy Award winners

Metallica songs  
Ennio Morricone songs  
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soundtrack music

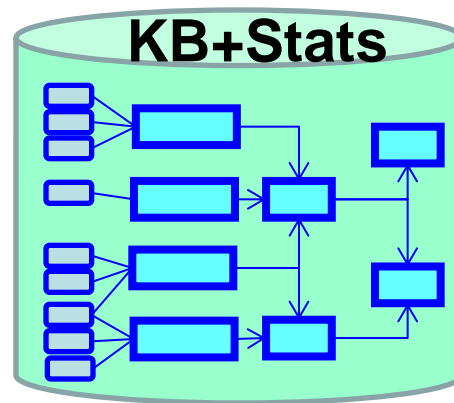
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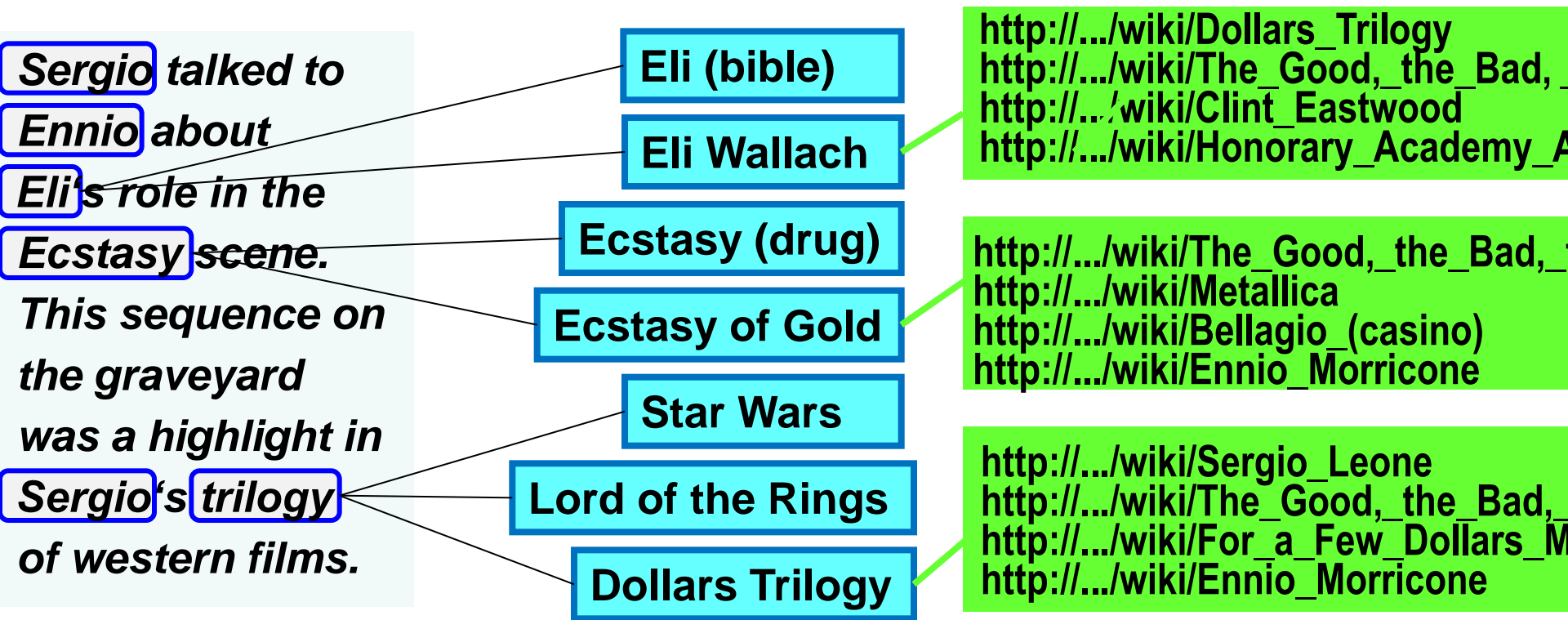


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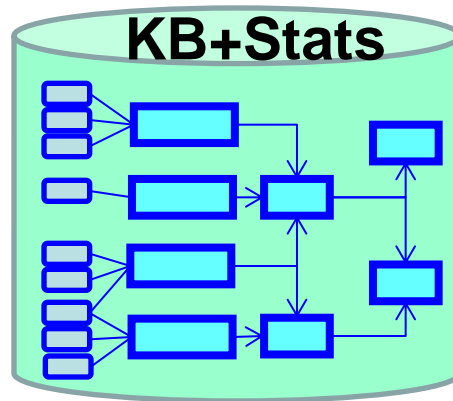


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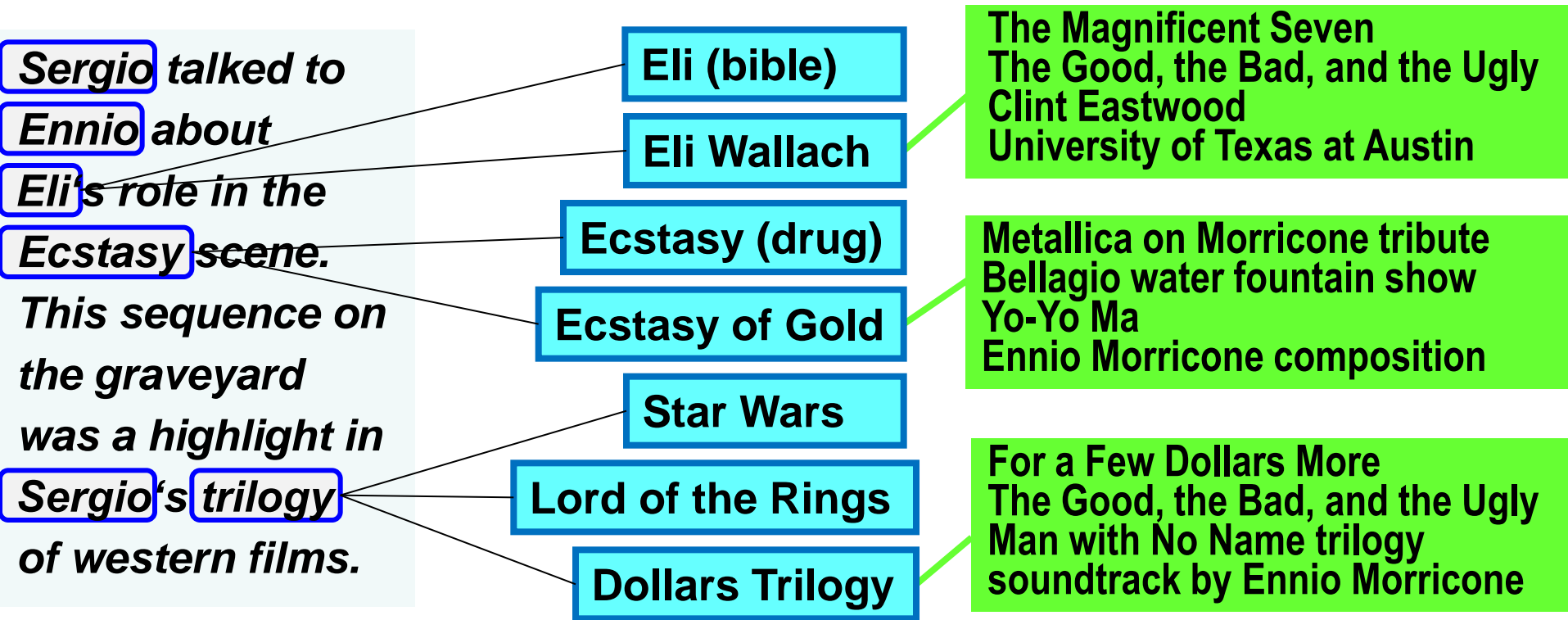
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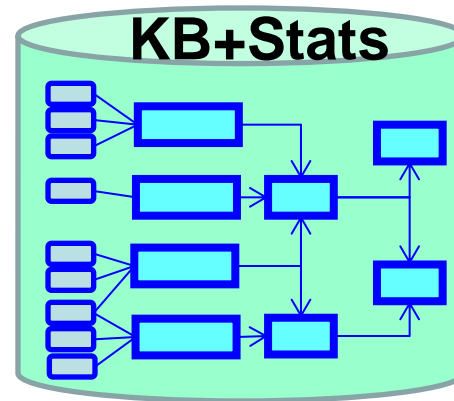


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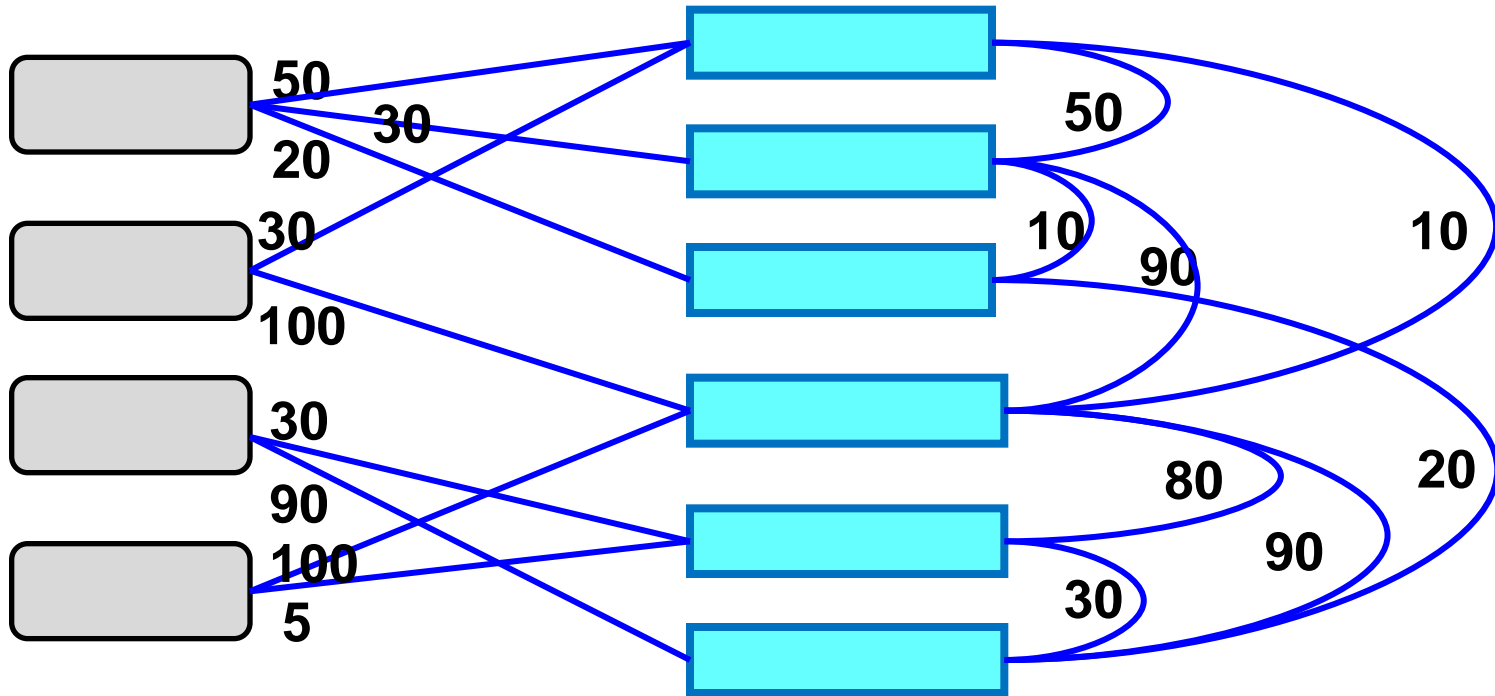
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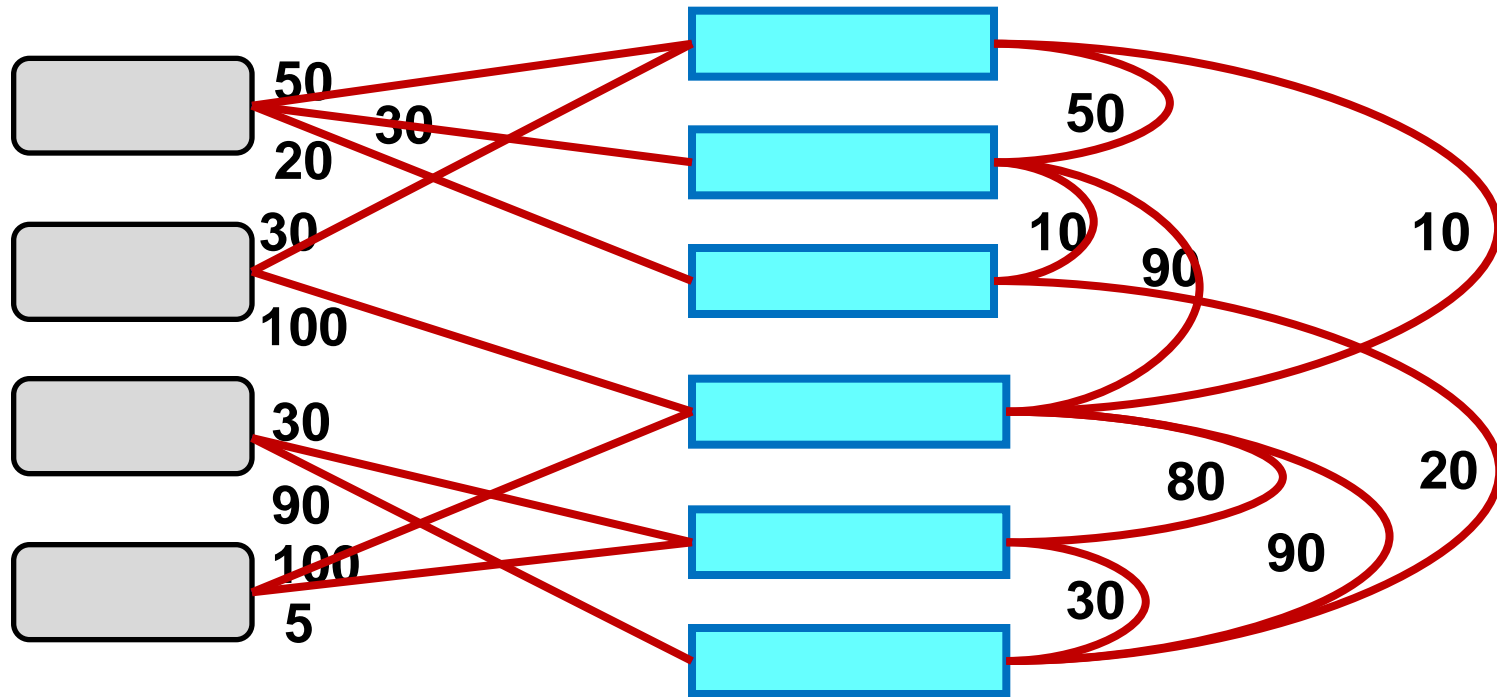
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# Joint Mapping



- 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

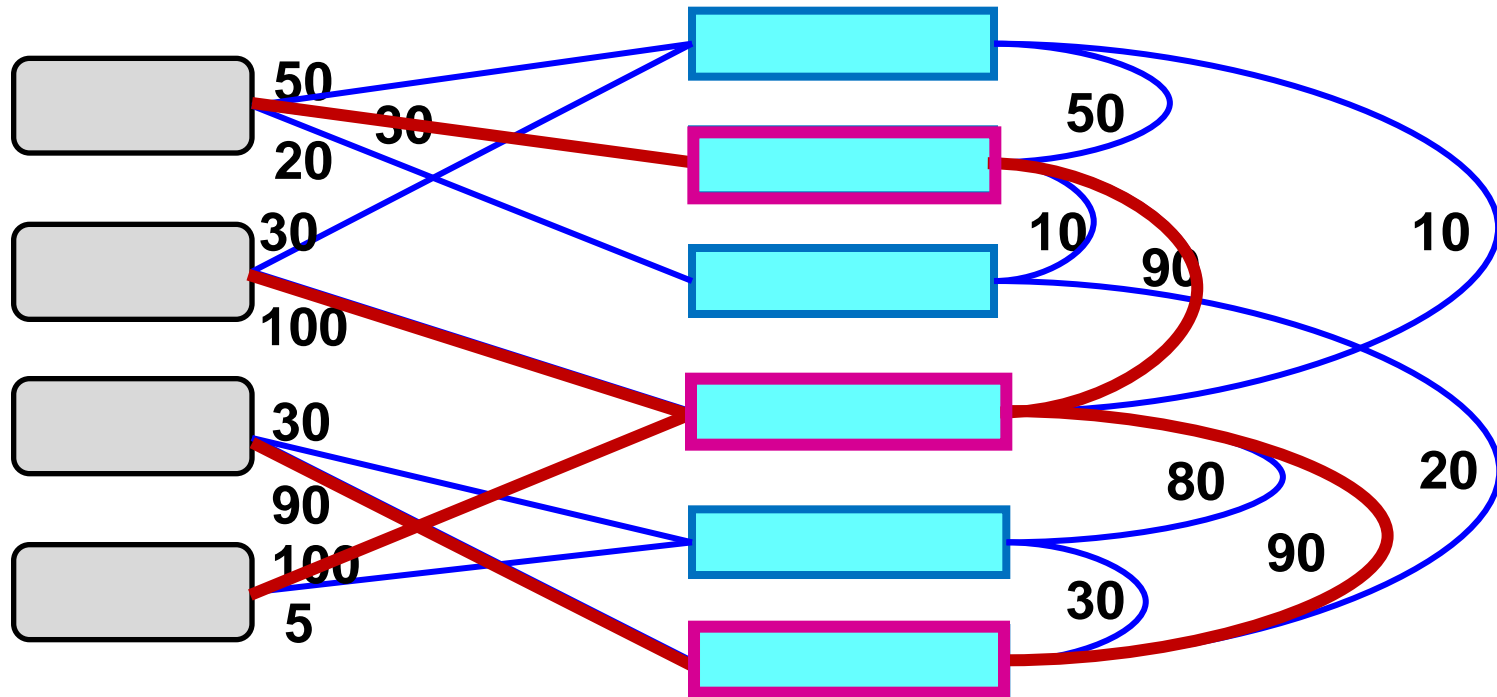


## Collective Learning with Probabilistic Factor Graphs

[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 **e1-e2 pairs**
- use MCMC, hill-climbing, LP etc. for solution

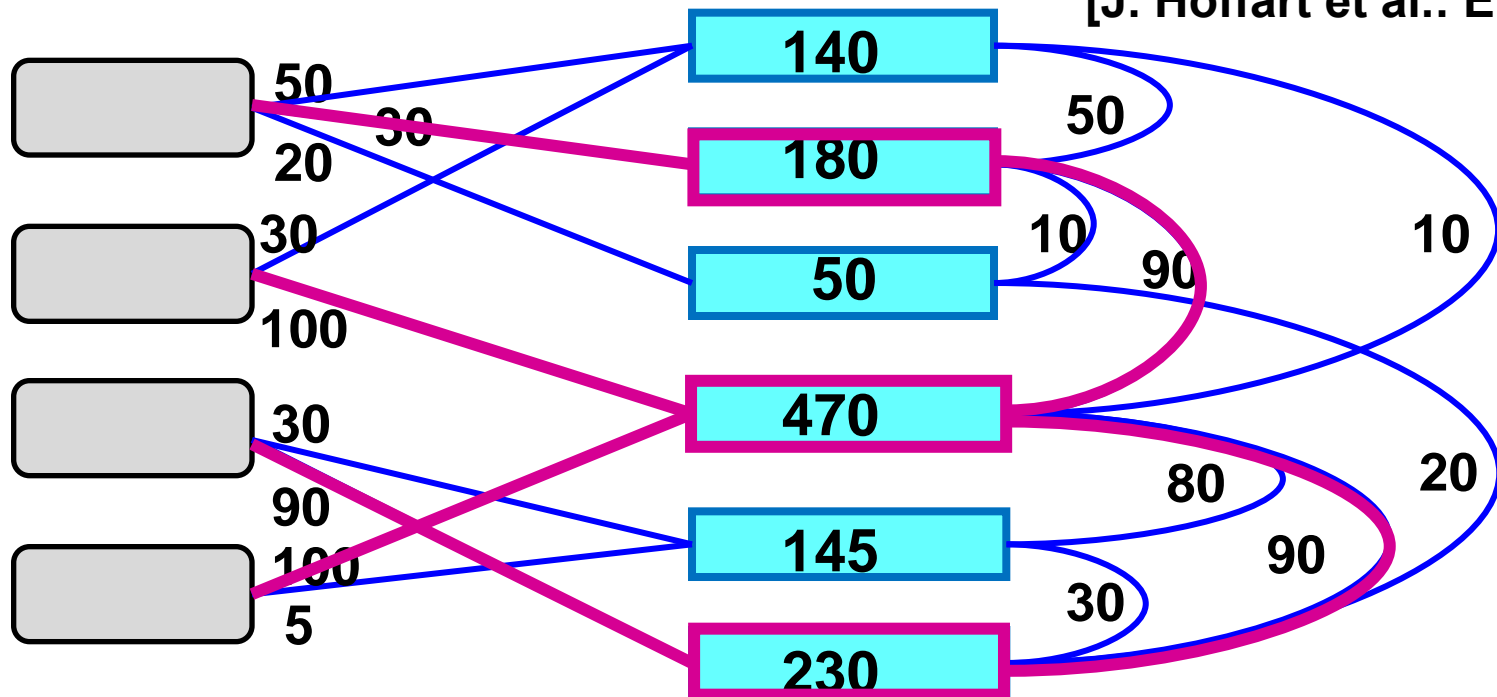
# Joint Mapping: Dense Subgraph



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

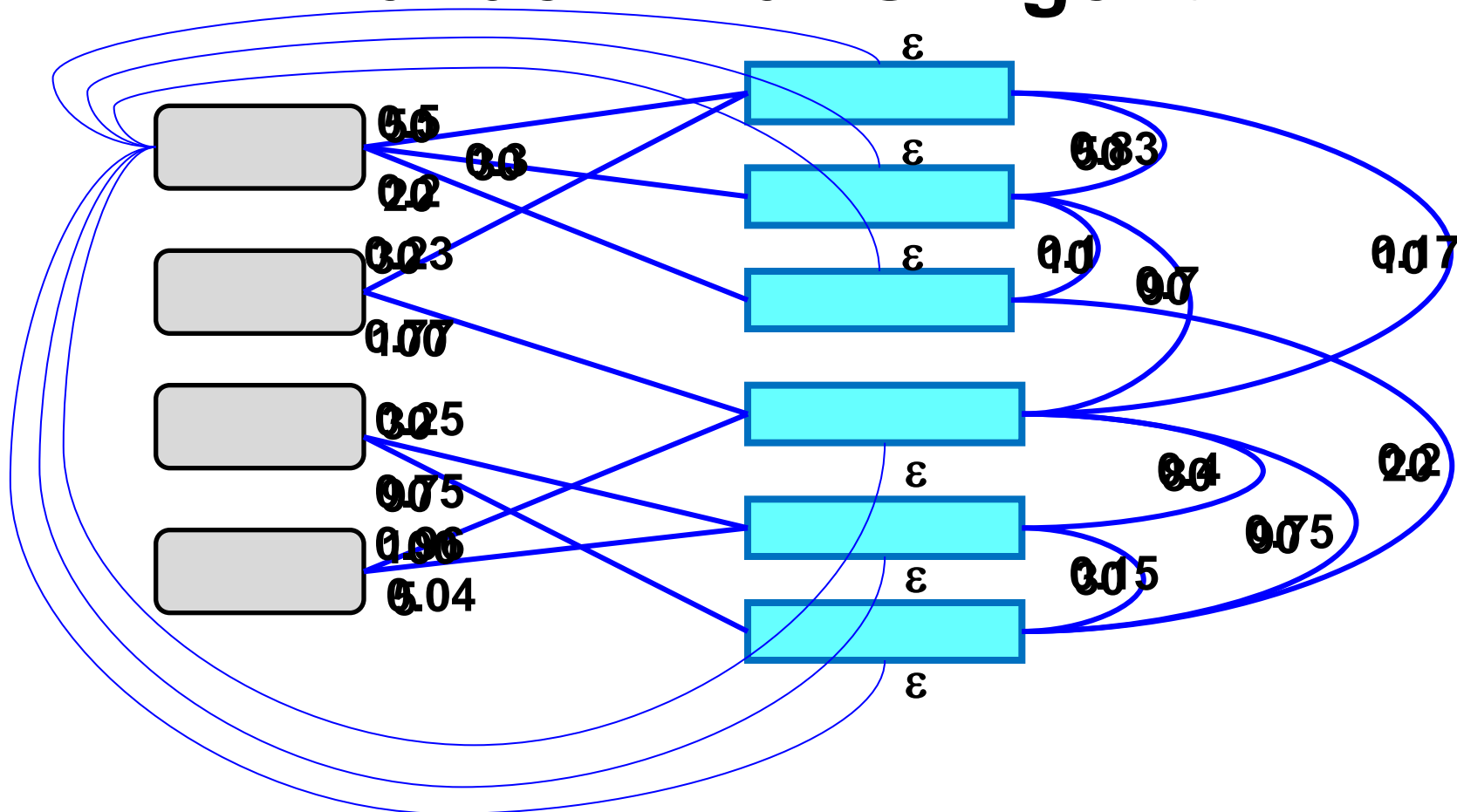
# Coherence Graph Algorithm

[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

# Mention-Entity Popularity Weights

[Milne/Witten 2008, Spitkovsky/Chang 2012]

- Need **dictionary** with entities' names:
  - full names: **Arnold Alois Schwarzenegger, Los Angeles, Microsoft Corp.**
  - short names: **Arnold, Arnie, Mr. Schwarzenegger, New York, Microsoft, ...**
  - nicknames & aliases: **Terminator, City of Angels, Evil Empire, ...**
  - acronyms: **LA, UCLA, MS, MSFT**
  - role names: **the Austrian action hero, Californian governor, CEO of MS, ...**
  - ...
- plus **gender** info (useful for resolving pronouns in context):  
**Bill and Melinda met at MS. They fell in love and he kissed her.**
- Collect hyperlink **anchor-text / link-target** pairs from
  - Wikipedia redirects
  - Wikipedia links between articles and Interwiki links
  - Web links pointing to Wikipedia articles
  - query-and-click logs
  - ...
- Build **statistics** to estimate  $P[\text{entity} \mid \text{name}]$



# Mention-Entity Similarity Edges

Precompute characteristic **keyphrases**  $q$  for each entity  $e$ :  
anchor texts or noun phrases in  $e$  page with high PMI:

$$weight(q, e) = \log \frac{freq(q, e)}{freq(q) freq(e)}$$

„Metallica tribute to Ennio Morricone“

**Match** keyphrase  $q$  of candidate  $e$  in **context** of mention  $m$

$$score(q | e) \sim \frac{\# \text{ matching words}}{\text{length of } cover(q)} \left( \frac{\sum_{w \in cover(q)} weight(w | e)}{\sum_{w \in q} weight(w | e)} \right)^{1+\gamma}$$

Extent of partial matches

Weight of matched words

The **Ecstasy** piece was covered by **Metallica on the Morricone tribute** album.

Compute **overall similarity** of context( $m$ ) and candidate  $e$

$$score(e | m) \sim \sum_{\substack{q \in \text{keyphrases}(e) \\ \text{in context}(m)}} score(q) dist(cover(q), m)^{-\alpha}$$

# Entity-Entity Coherence Edges

Precompute **overlap of incoming links** for entities  $e_1$  and  $e_2$

$$mw\_coh(e_1, e_2) \sim 1 - \frac{\log \max(|in(e_1, e_2)|) - \log(|in(e_1) \cap in(e_2)|)}{\log |E| - \log \min(|in(e_1)|, |in(e_2)|)}$$

Alternatively compute **overlap of keyphrases** for  $e_1$  and  $e_2$

$$ngram\_coh(e_1, e_2) \sim \frac{|ngrams(e_1) \cap ngrams(e_2)|}{|ngrams(e_1) \cup ngrams(e_2)|}$$

or overlap of keyphrases, or similarity of bag-of-words, or ...

Optionally combine with **type distance** of  $e_1$  and  $e_2$   
(e.g., Jaccard index for type instances)

For special types of  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  (locations, people, etc.)  
use **spatial or temporal distance**

# AIDA: Accurate Online Disambiguation

**AIDA Web interface - Mozilla Firefox**

File Edit View History Bookmarks ScrapBook Tools Help

http://d5service:8080/webaidarmi/

**Disambiguation Method:**

prior prior+sim prior+sim+coherence

Parameters: (default should be OK)

Prior-Similarity-Coherence balancing ratio:  
prior VS. sim. balance = 0.1  
(prior+sim.) VS. coh. balance 0.4

Ambiguity degree 5

Coherence robustness test threshold:  
0.9

**Entities Type Filters:**

Enter the types here

**Mention Extraction:**

Stanford NER Manual

You can manually tag the mentions by putting them in brackets. They are automatically disambiguated in the manual mode.

**Input Type: TEXT ON SCREEN**

Types list Types

Focused Types tag cloud

Sergio Leone Sergio Leone  
Morricone Ennio about  
the The Ecstasy of Christ  
sequence on the grave yard  
Sergio Leone Sergio Leone  
Trilogy trilogy. Ennio's  
composition was later covered  
by Ma Ma.

Sergio talked to Ennio about Eli's role in the [[Ecstasy]] scene. This sequence on the graveyard was part of Sergio's western [[trilogy]]. Ennio's composition was later covered by Ma.

**122: trilogy**

Candidate Entity	ME Similarity	Weighted Degree
Dollars_Triology	0.06861114688679039	0.158845242313033
Star_Wars	0.09744442468582243	0.143133262756207
The_Lord_of_the_Rings	0.0805124599824649	0.096276379704586
The_Lord_of_the_Rings_film_trilogy	0.029279628809444902	0.068684744432215
Pirates_of_the_Caribbean_\u0028film_series\u0029	0.016417429674446853	0.046673034130037
Back_to_the_Future_\u0028film_series\u0029	0.014720988603159894	0.033345916793135
The_Illuminatus_\u0021_Triology	0.02081505127358066	0.032603795583430
Blade_\u0028film_series\u0029	0.0011853425168583756	0.023874606872728
Scream_\u0028film_series\u0029	0.008453064684019867	0.019200336812929
Bartimaeus_Triology	0.00575460877880985	0.019056639268408
Mars_trilogy	0.007822924067671438	0.016422984769941
Spider_\u002dMan_\u0028film_series\u0029	0.004160235615313121	0.014742794828334
The_Three_Mothers	0.004271104749828579	0.014482895926294
Godfather_Triology	0.003628490566667278	0.013747252811329
Pusher_trilogy	6.173574899362456E-4	0.010898919651933
The_Matrix_\u0028franchise\u0029	0.010314502967315222	0.010314502967315
Transformers_\u0028film_series\u0029	0.008996556328349342	0.008996556328349
The_Knight_Templar_\u0028Crusades_trilogy\u0029	0.007637367961455645	0.007637367961455
Berlin_Triology	0.007420214709485415	0.007420214709485
Condor_Triology	0.006775447674805802	0.006775447674805
U_\u002eS_\u002eA_\u002e_e_trilogy	0.0030691043893181467	0.003069104389318
Troy_Series	0.00245774423137647	0.002457744231376
To_Ride_Pegasus	0.0022831076948166677	0.002283107694816
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Lyonnesse_Triology	0.0020461241346892956	0.002046124134689
T2_\u0028novel_series\u0029	0.0017131154128195295	0.001713115412819

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

# AIDA: Very Difficult Example

## Disambiguation Method:

prior prior+sim prior+sim+coherence

### Parameters: (defaults should be OK)

Prior-Similarity-Coherence balancing ratio:

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(prior+sim.) VS. coh. balance 0.8



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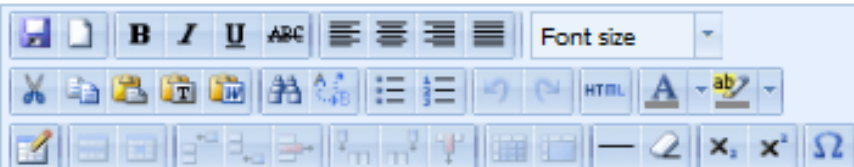
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runtime:3s, 832ms

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[Jimmy Page][Page] played

[Kashmir (song)][Kashmir] on a

[Gibson Guitar

Corporation][Gibson].

25: Gibson

### Candidate Entity

### ME Similarity

Mel_Gibson	0.0
Henry_Gibson	0.0
Gibson_Guitar_Corporation	6.937260822770075E-5
Robert_Gibson_\u0028pitcher\u0029	4.3397387840473426E-5
Kirk_Gibson	0.0
Debbie_Gibson	0.0
William_Gibson	0.0
Tyrese_Gibson	0.0
Aaron_Gibson	0.0
Paul_Gibson	0.0
Don_Gibson	0.0
Sam_Gibson	0.0

# NED: Experimental Evaluation

## Benchmark:

- **Extended CoNLL 2003 dataset:** 1400 newswire articles
- originally annotated with mention markup (NER), now with NED mappings to Yago and Freebase
- difficult texts:

*... Australia beats India ...*

→ Australian\_Cricket\_Team

*... White House talks to Kreml ...*

→ President\_of\_the\_USA

*... EDS made a contract with ...*

→ HP\_Enterprise\_Services

## Results:

Best: AIDA method with prior+sim+coh + robustness test

82% precision @100% recall, 87% mean average precision

Comparison to other methods, see [Hoffart et al.: EMNLP'11]

see also [P. Ferragina et al.: WWW'13] for NERD benchmarks

# 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. Ratnov, D. Roth, D. Downey, M. Anderson: ACL 2011

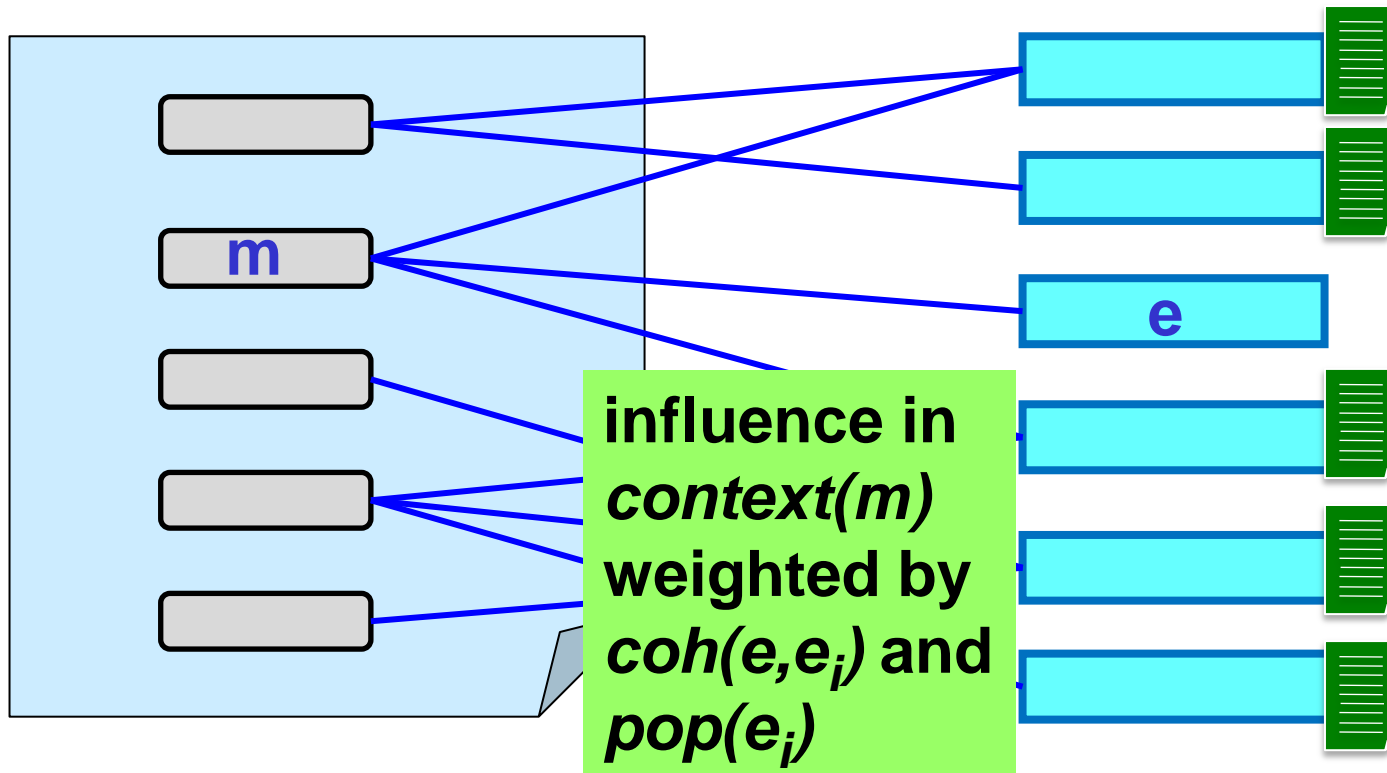
[http://cogcomp.cs.illinois.edu/page/demo\\_view/Wikifier](http://cogcomp.cs.illinois.edu/page/demo_view/Wikifier)

some use Stanford NER tagger for detecting mentions

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

# Coherence-aware Feature Engineering

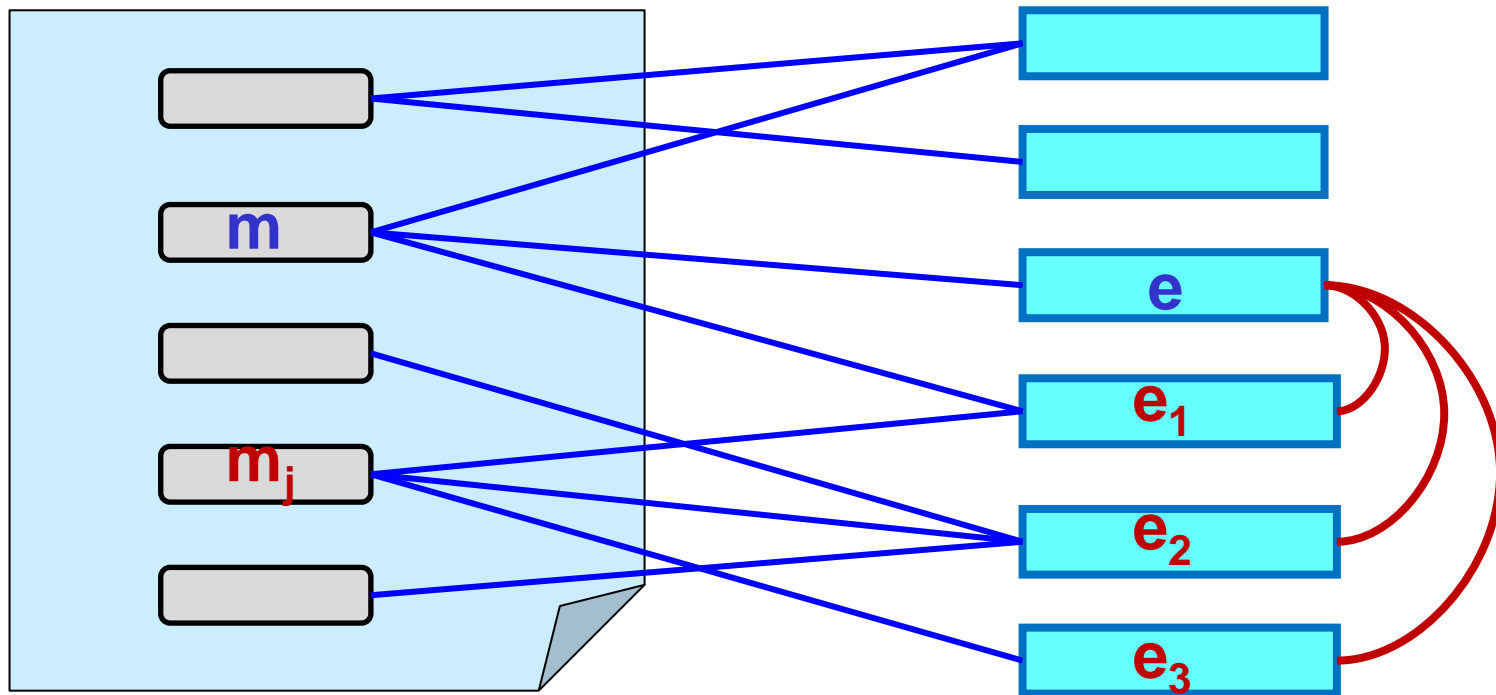
[Cucerzan: EMNLP 2007; Milne/Witten: CIKM 2008, Art.Int. 2013]



- Avoid explicit coherence computation by turning **other mentions' candidate entities** into features
- **$\text{sim}(m, e)$**  uses these **features in  $\text{context}(m)$**
- special case: consider **only unambiguous mentions** or high-confidence entities (in proximity of  $m$ )

# TagMe: NED with Light-Weight Coherence

[P. Ferragina et al.: CIKM'10, WWW'13]



- Reduce combinatorial complexity by using avg. coherence of other mentions' candidate entities
- for  $\text{score}(m, e)$  compute

$\text{avg}_{e_i \in \text{cand}(m_j)} \text{coherence}(e_i, e) \cdot \text{popularity}(e_i | m_j)$   
then sum up over all  $m_j \neq m$  („voting“)



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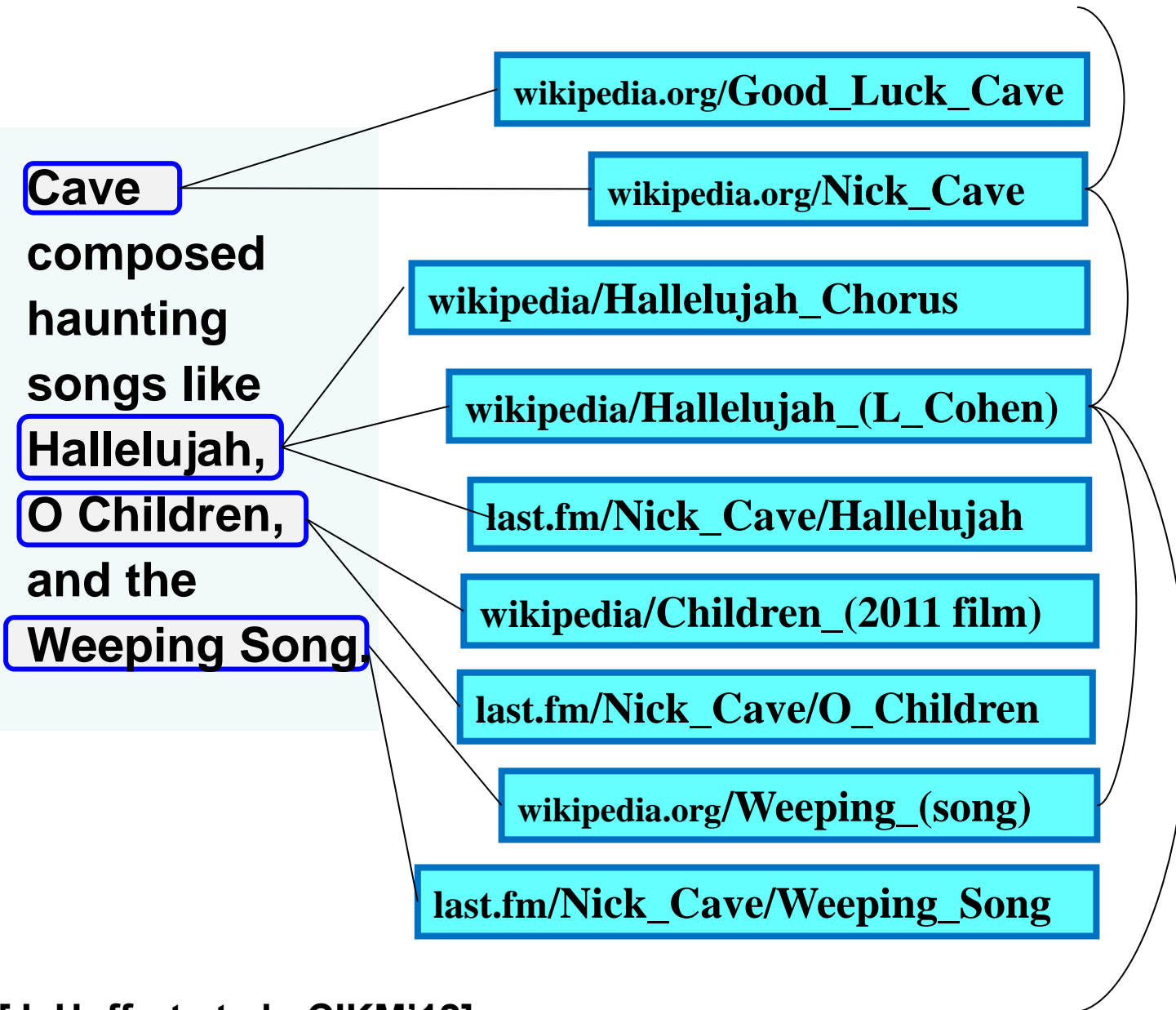
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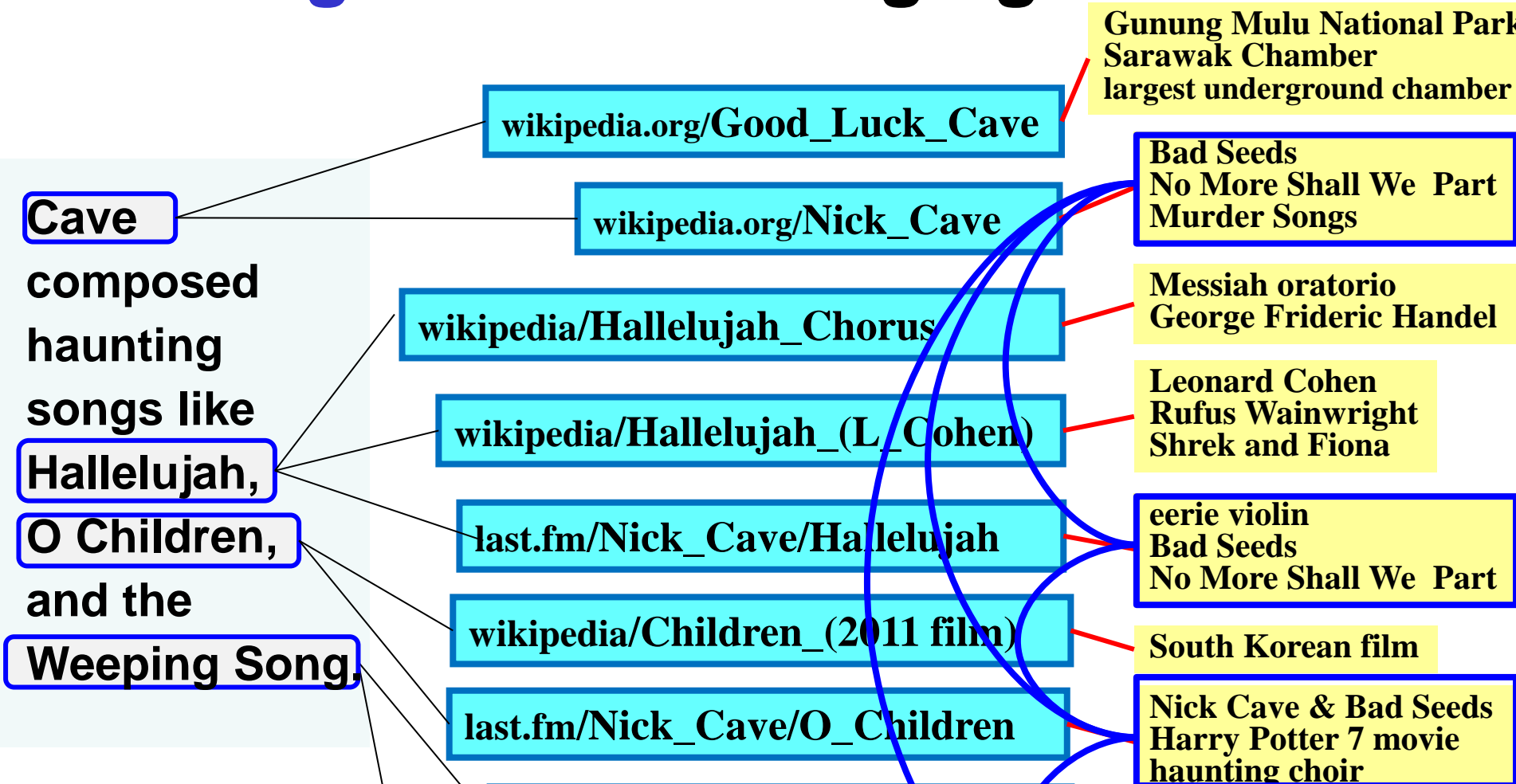
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$$KO(p, q) = \frac{\sum_t \min(\text{weight}(t \text{ in } p), \text{weight}(t \text{ in } q))}{\sum_t \max(\text{weight}(t \text{ in } p), \text{weight}(t \text{ in } q))}$$

$$KORE(e, f) \sim \sum_{p \in e, q \in f} KO(p, q)^2 \times \min(\text{weight}(p \text{ in } e), \text{weight}(q \text{ in } f))$$

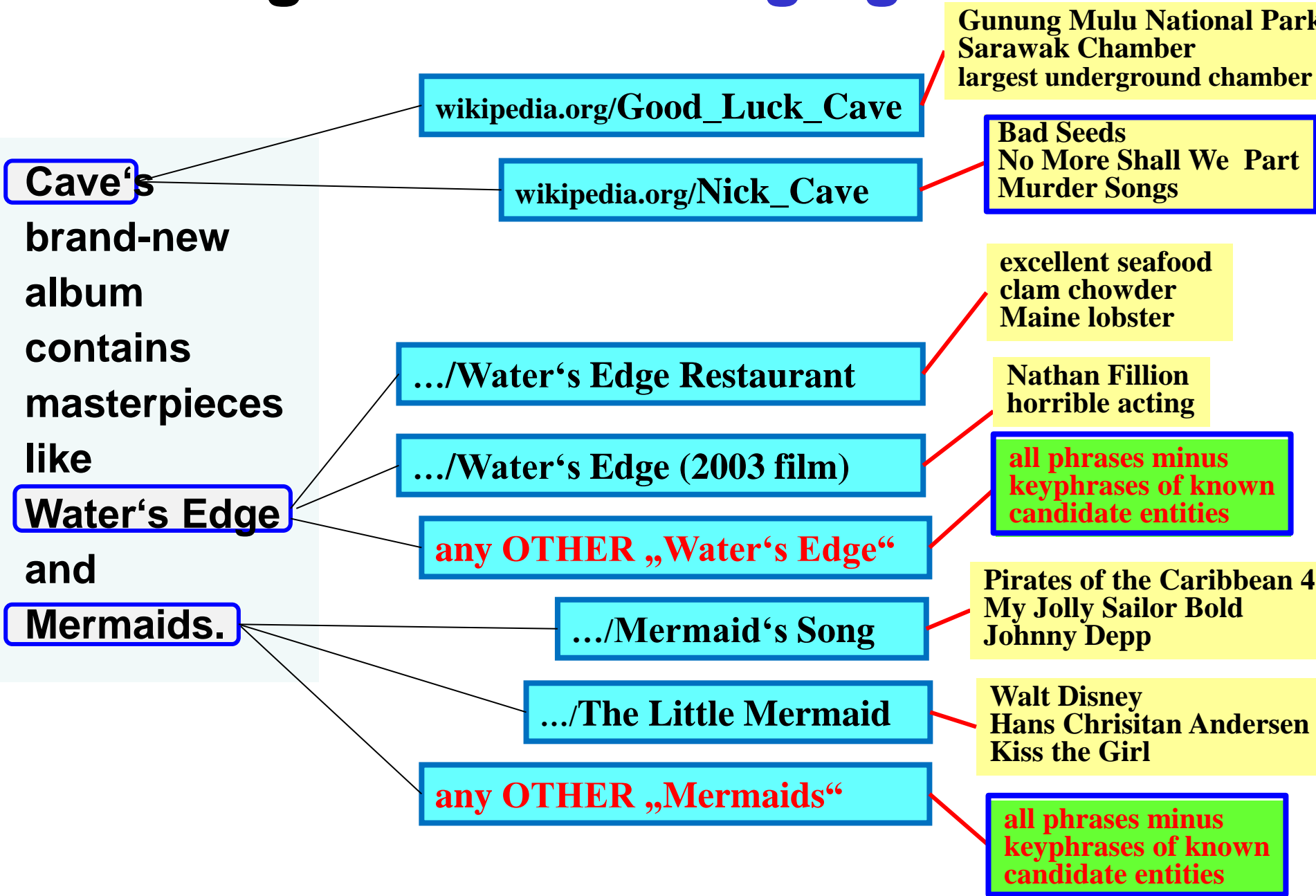
implementation uses min-hash and LSH

[J. Hoffart et al.: CIKM'12]

em

duet

# Long-Tail and Emerging Entities



# Semantic Typing of Emerging Entities

[N. Nakashole et al.: ACL 2013, T. Lin et al.: EMNLP 2012]

Problem: what to do with **newly emerging entities**

Idea: infer their **semantic types** using PATTY patterns

**Sandy** *threatens to hit* **New York**

**Nive Nielsen** *and her band performing* **Good for You**

**Nive Nielsen's** *warm voice in* **Good for You**

Given triples  $(x, p, y)$  with new  $x, y$   
and all type triples  $(t_1, p, t_2)$  for known entities:

- **score**  $(x, t) \sim \sum_{p:(x,p,y)} P[t | p, y] + \sum_{p:(y,p,x)} P[t | p, y]$
- **corr**  $(t_1, t_2) \sim \text{Pearson coefficient} \in [-1, +1]$

For each new  $e$  and all candidate types  $t_i$ :

$$\max \alpha \sum_i \text{score}(e, t_i) X_i + \beta \sum_{ij} \text{corr}(t_i, t_j) Y_{ij}$$

$$\text{s.t. } X_i, Y_{ij} \in \{0, 1\} \text{ and } Y_{ij} \leq X_i \text{ and } Y_{ij} \leq X_j \text{ and } X_i + X_j - 1 \leq Y_{ij}$$

# Big Data Algorithms at Work

Web-scale **keyphrase mining**

Web-scale **entity-entity statistics**

MAP on large **factor graph** or  
**dense subgraphs** in large graph

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

**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

# 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**

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



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

Good approaches, more work needed

# 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



## Word sense disambiguation in natural-language dialogs

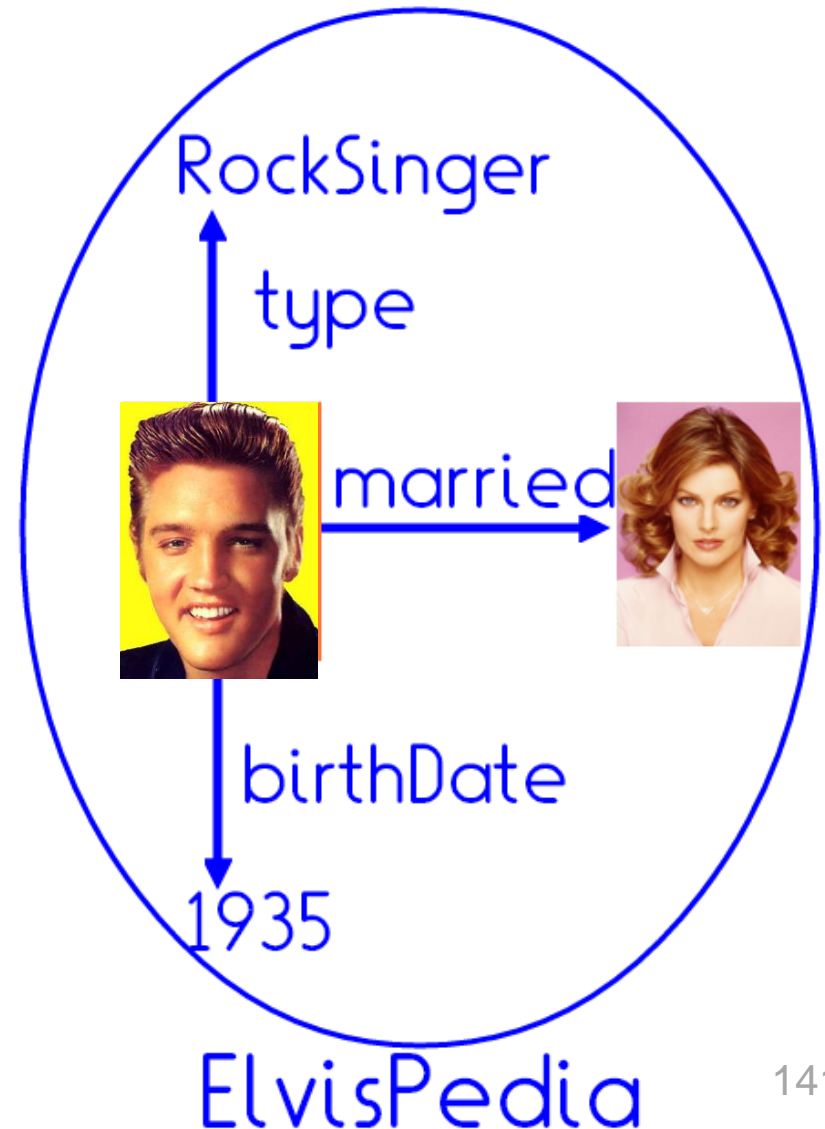
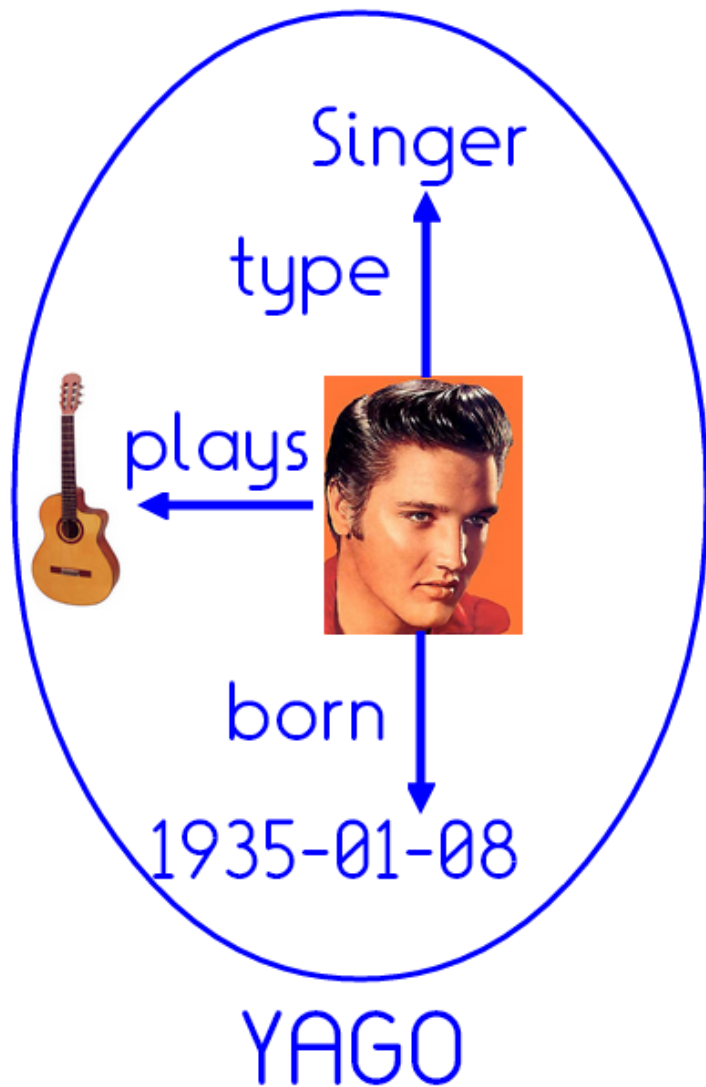
Relevant for multimodal human-computer interactions  
(speech, gestures, immersive environments)



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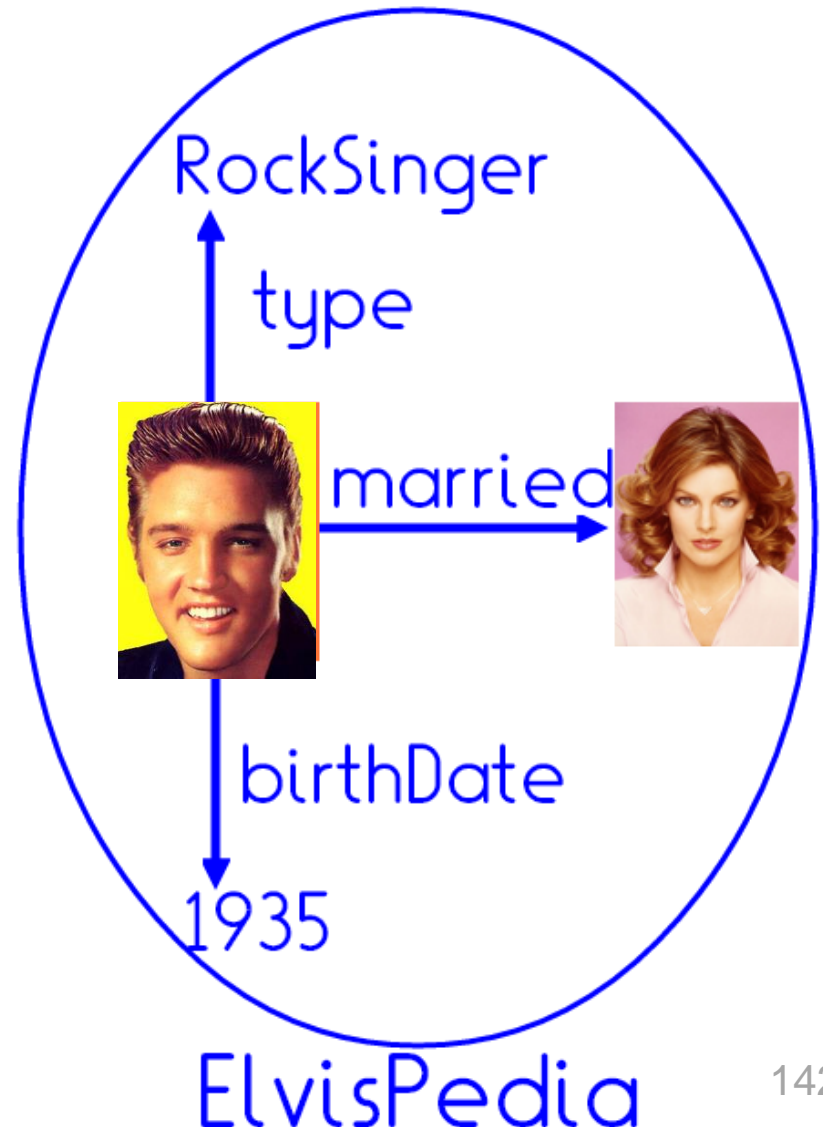
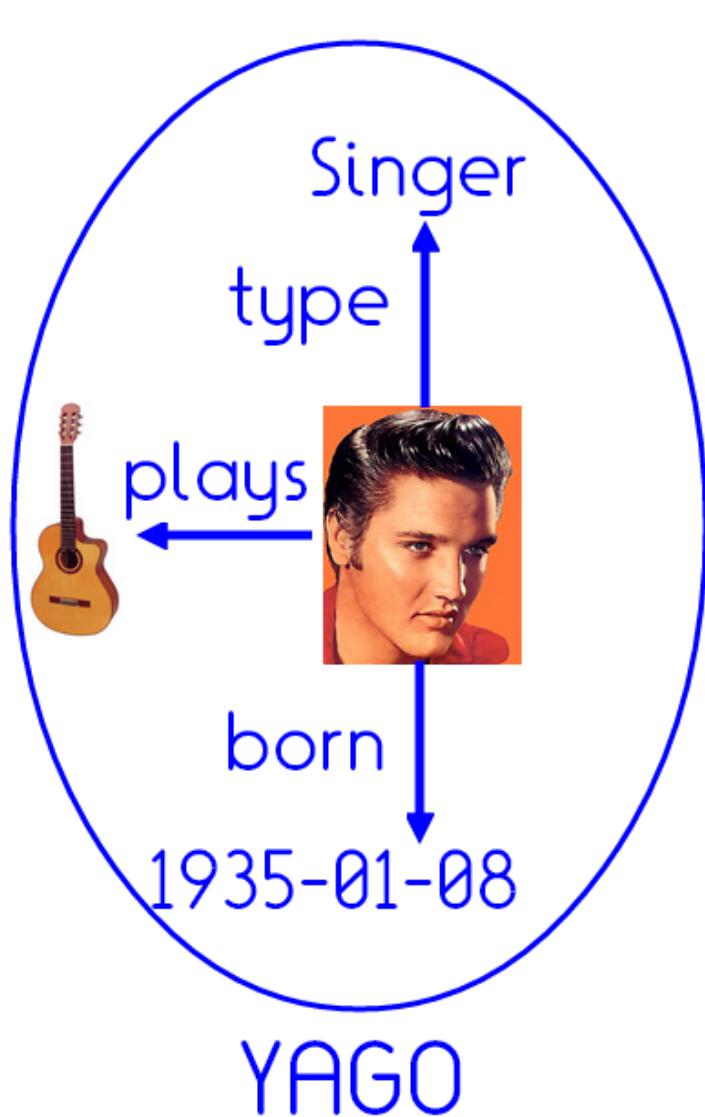
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# Knowledge bases are complementary



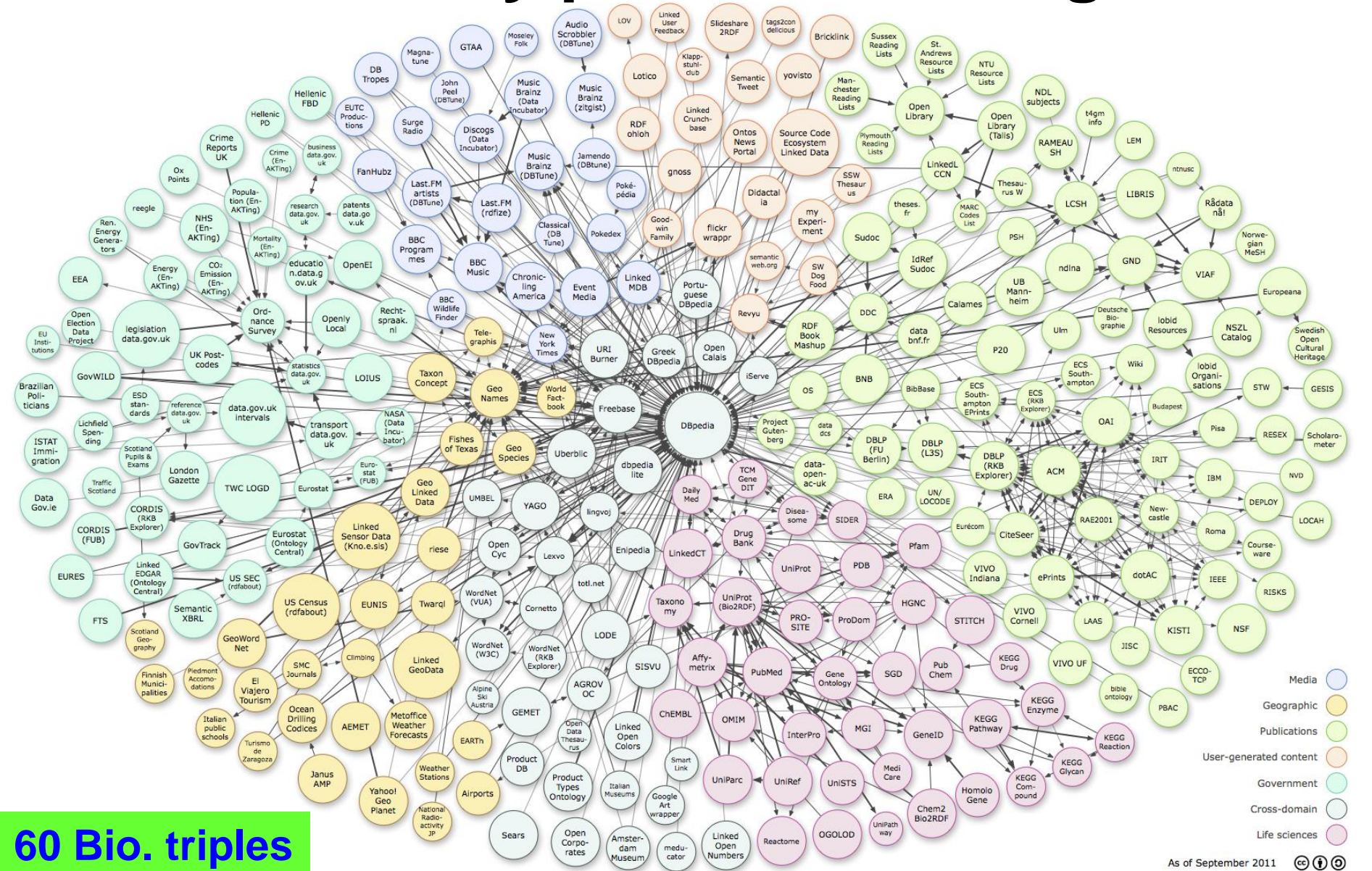
# No Links $\Rightarrow$ No Use

Who is the spouse of the guitar player?





# There are many public knowledge bases





# Link equivalent entities across KBs

yago/Wordnet: Artist109812338

yago/wordnet:Actor109765278

yago/wikicategory:ItalianComposer

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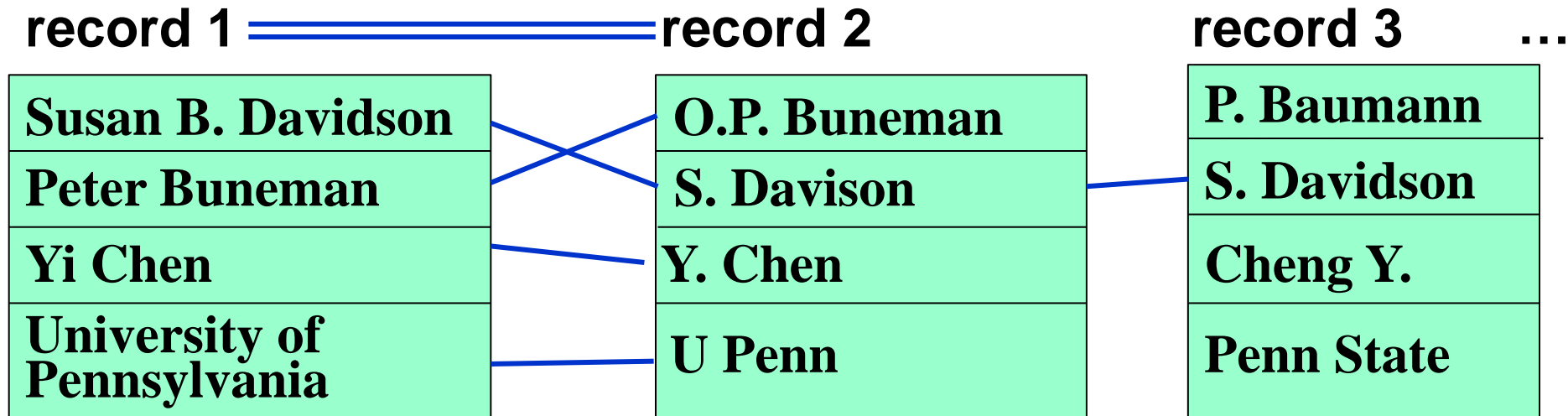
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# Record Linkage between Databases



**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.)

Halbert L. Dunn: Record Linkage. American Journal of Public Health. 1946

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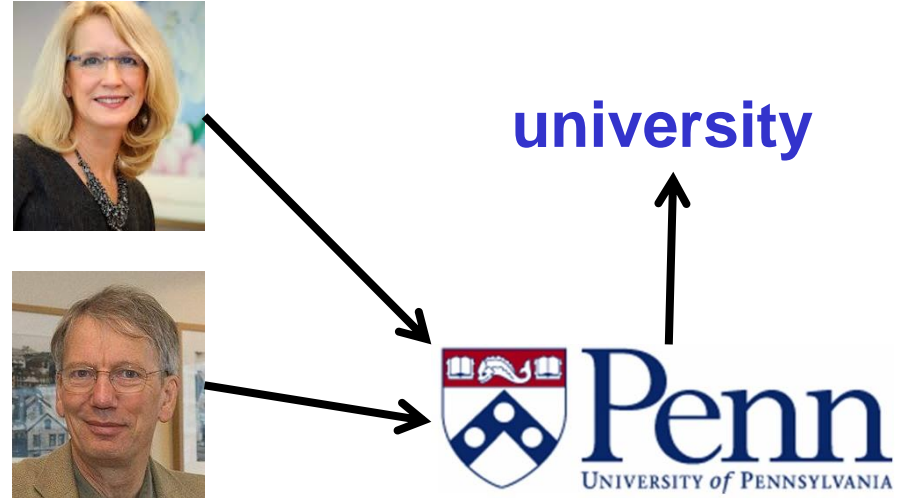
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# Linking Records vs. Linking Knowledge

record

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KB / Ontology

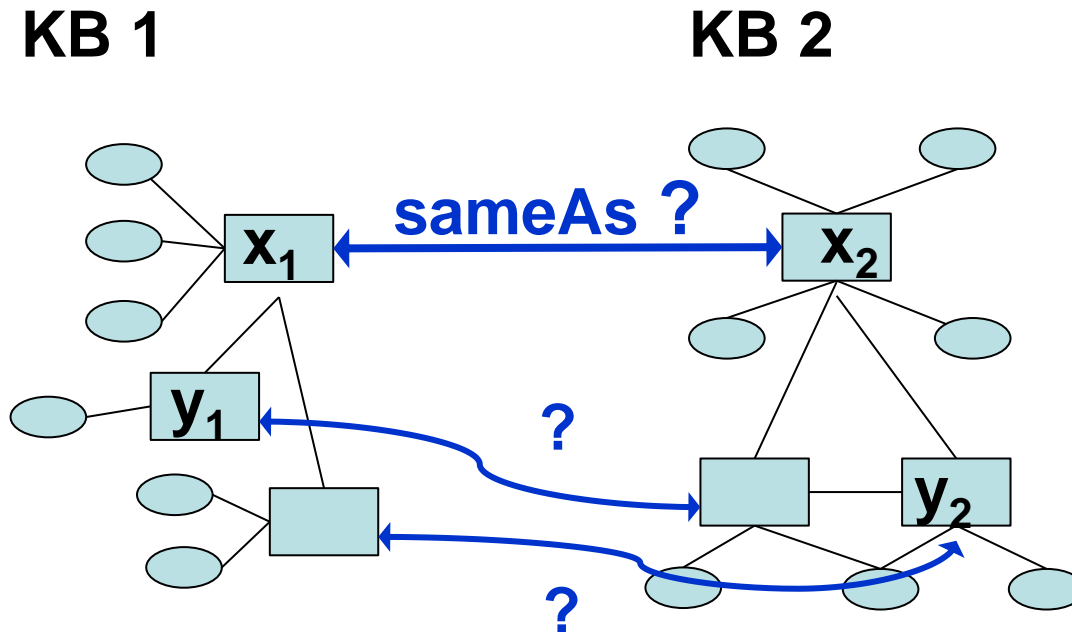


**Differences between DB records and KB entities:**

- **Ontological links have rich semantics (e.g. subclassOf)**
- **Ontologies have only binary predicates**
- **Ontologies have no schema**
- **Match not just entities,  
but also classes & predicates (relations)**

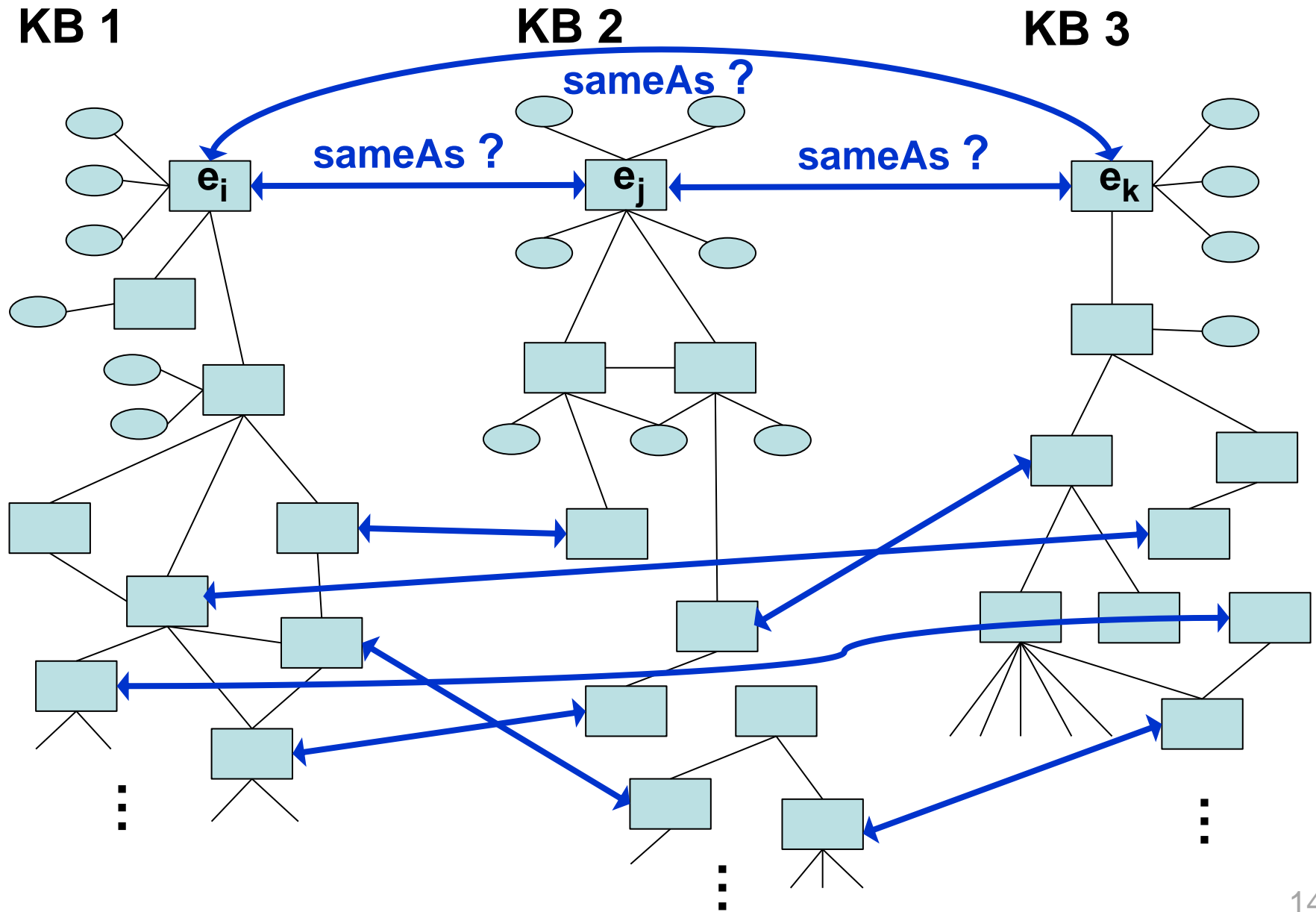


# Similarity of entities depends on similarity of neighborhoods



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

# Equivalence of entities is transitive

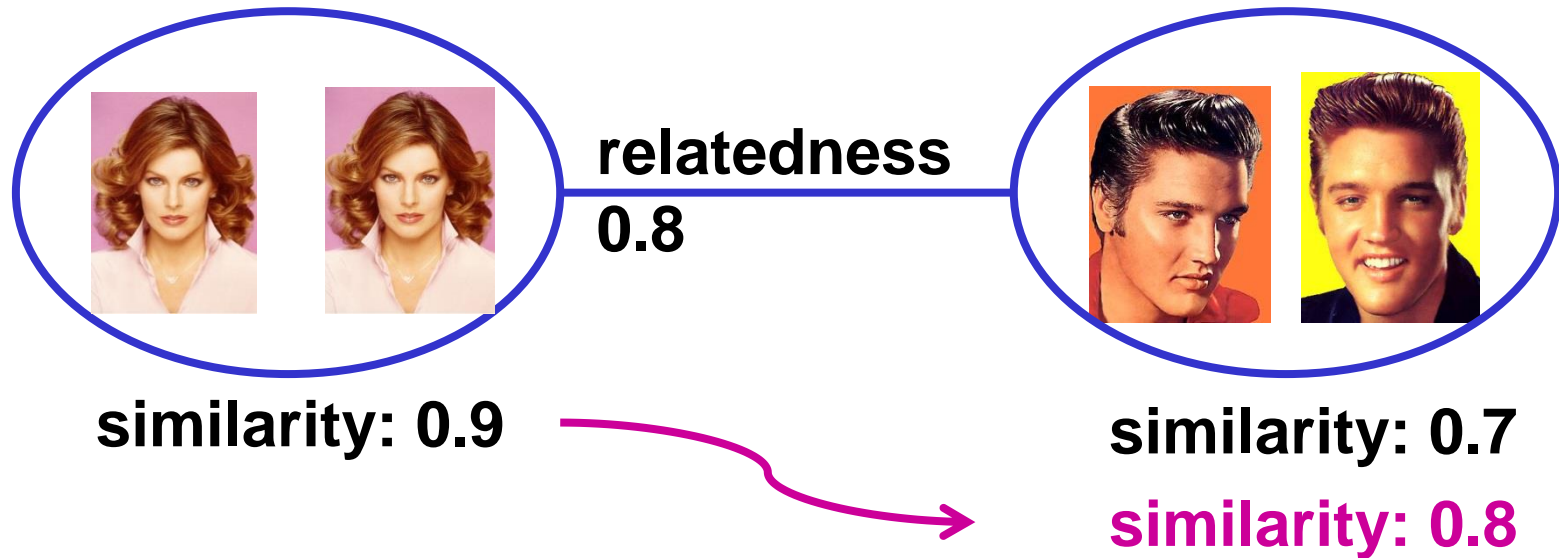


# Similarity Flooding matches entities at scale

**Build a graph:**

**nodes:** pairs of entities, weighted with similarity

**edges:** weighted with degree of relatedness

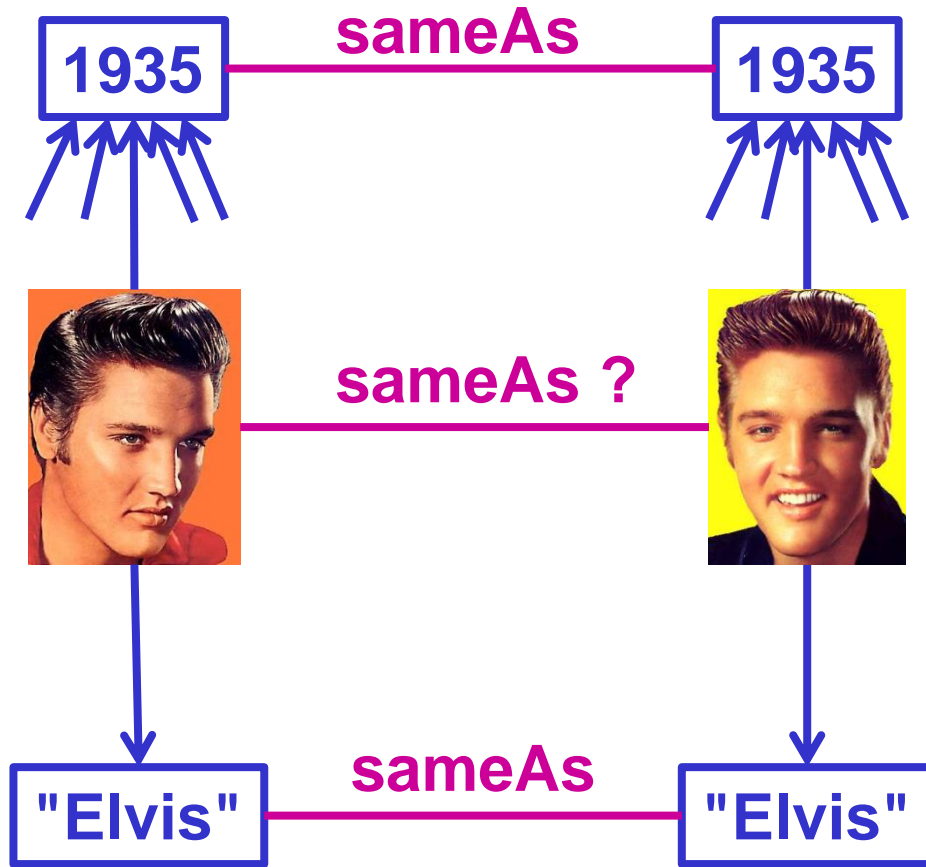


**Iterate until convergence:**

**similarity := weighted sum of neighbor similarities**

many variants (belief propagation, label propagation, etc.), e.g. SigMa

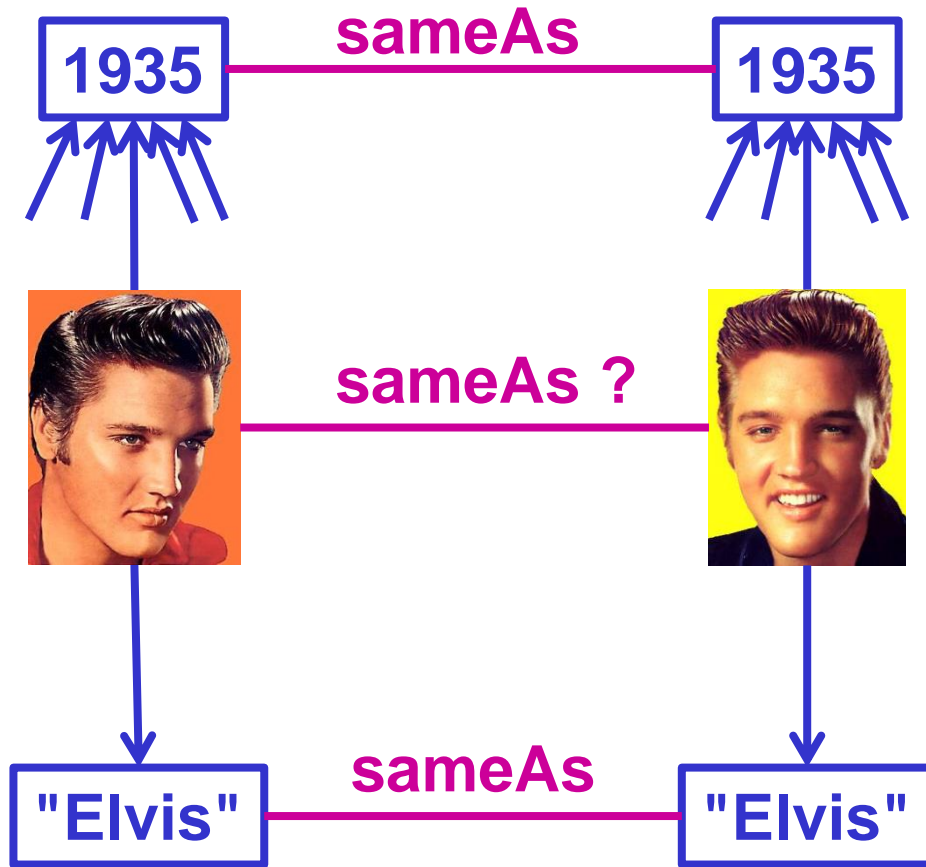
# Some neighborhoods are more indicative



Many people born in 1935  
⇒ not indicative

Few people called "Elvis"  
⇒ highly indicative

# Inverse functionality as indicativeness



$$ifun(r, y) = \frac{1}{|\{x: r(x, y)\}|}$$

$$ifun(born, 1935) = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$ifun(r) = HM_y ifun(r, y)$$

$$ifun(born) = 0.01$$

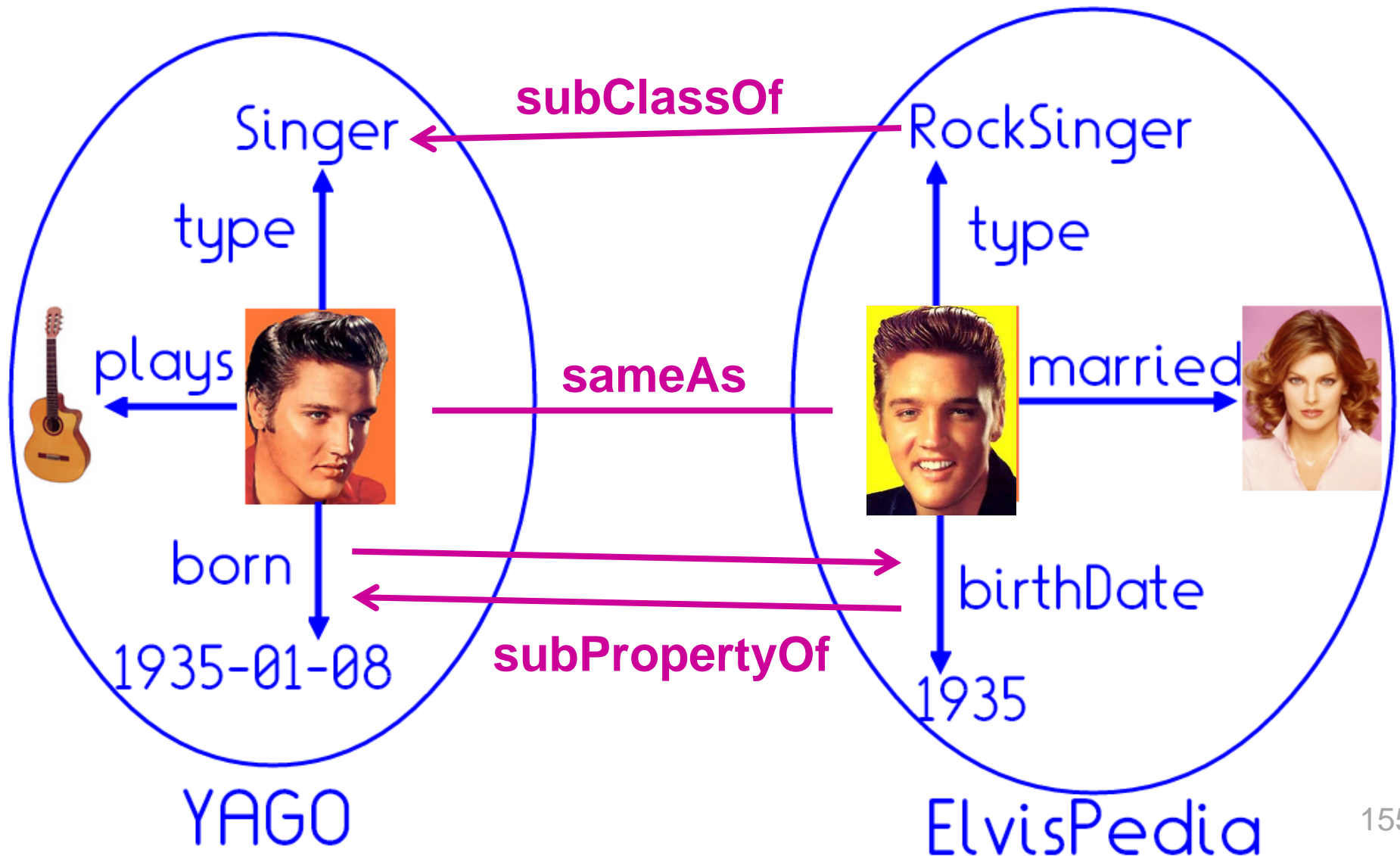
$$ifun(label) = 0.9$$

The higher the inverse functionality of  $r$  for  $r(x, y)$ ,  $r(x', y)$ , the higher the likelihood that  $x = x'$ .

[Suchanek et al.: VLDB'12]

$$ifun(r) = 1 \Rightarrow x = x'$$

# Match entities, classes and relations



# PARIS matches entities, classes & relations

[Suchanek et al.: VLDB'12]

## Goal:

given 2 ontologies, match entities, relations, and classes

## Define

$P(x \equiv y) :=$  probability that **entities x and y are the same**

$P(p \supseteq r) :=$  probability that **relation p subsumes r**

$P(c \supseteq d) :=$  probability that **class c subsumes d**

## Initialize

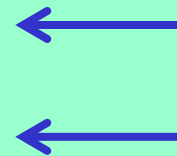
$P(x \equiv y) :=$  similarity if x and y are literals, else 0

$P(p \supseteq r) := 0.001$

## Iterate until convergence

$P(x \equiv y) := \int 42 \nabla e^{-i\omega t} \dots P(p \supseteq r)$

$P(p \supseteq r) := \vartheta \aleph + \frac{n}{1} Y \dots P(x \equiv y)$



**Recursive  
dependency**

## Compute

$P(c \supseteq d) :=$  ratio of instances of d that are in c

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[Suchanek et al.: VLDB'12]

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**Defin**

$P(x)$  PARIS matches YAGO and DBpedia

$P(p)$  • time: 1:30 hours

$P(c)$  • precision for instances: 90%

**Initial** • precision for classes: 74%

$P(x)$  • precision for relations: 96%

$P(p)$

**Iterat**

$P(x)$

$P(p)$

**Compute**

$P(c \supseteq d) :=$  ratio of instances of  $d$  that are in  $c$



# Many challenges remain

Entity linkage is at the heart of semantic data integration.  
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 (perhaps combined with Web2.0 data)**
- **Records with complex DB / XML / OWL schemas**
- **Entities with very noisy context (in social media)**
- **Ontologies 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/2012/KBP/](http://www.nist.gov/tac/2012/KBP/)
- TREC Knowledge Base Acceleration: [trec-kba.org](http://trec-kba.org)

# Take-Home Lessons



## Web of Linked Data is great

100's of KB's with 30 Bio. triples and 500 Mio. links  
mostly reference data, dynamic maintenance is bottleneck  
connection with Web of Contents needs improvement



## Entity resolution & linkage is key

for creating sameAs links in text (RDFa, microdata)  
for machine reading, semantic authoring,  
knowledge base acceleration, ...



## Linking entities across KB's is advancing

Integrated methods for aligning entities, classes and relations

# Open Problems and Grand Challenges



## Web-scale, robust ER with high quality

Handle huge amounts of linked-data sources, Web tables, ...



## Combine algorithms and crowdsourcing

with active learning, minimizing human effort or cost/accuracy



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

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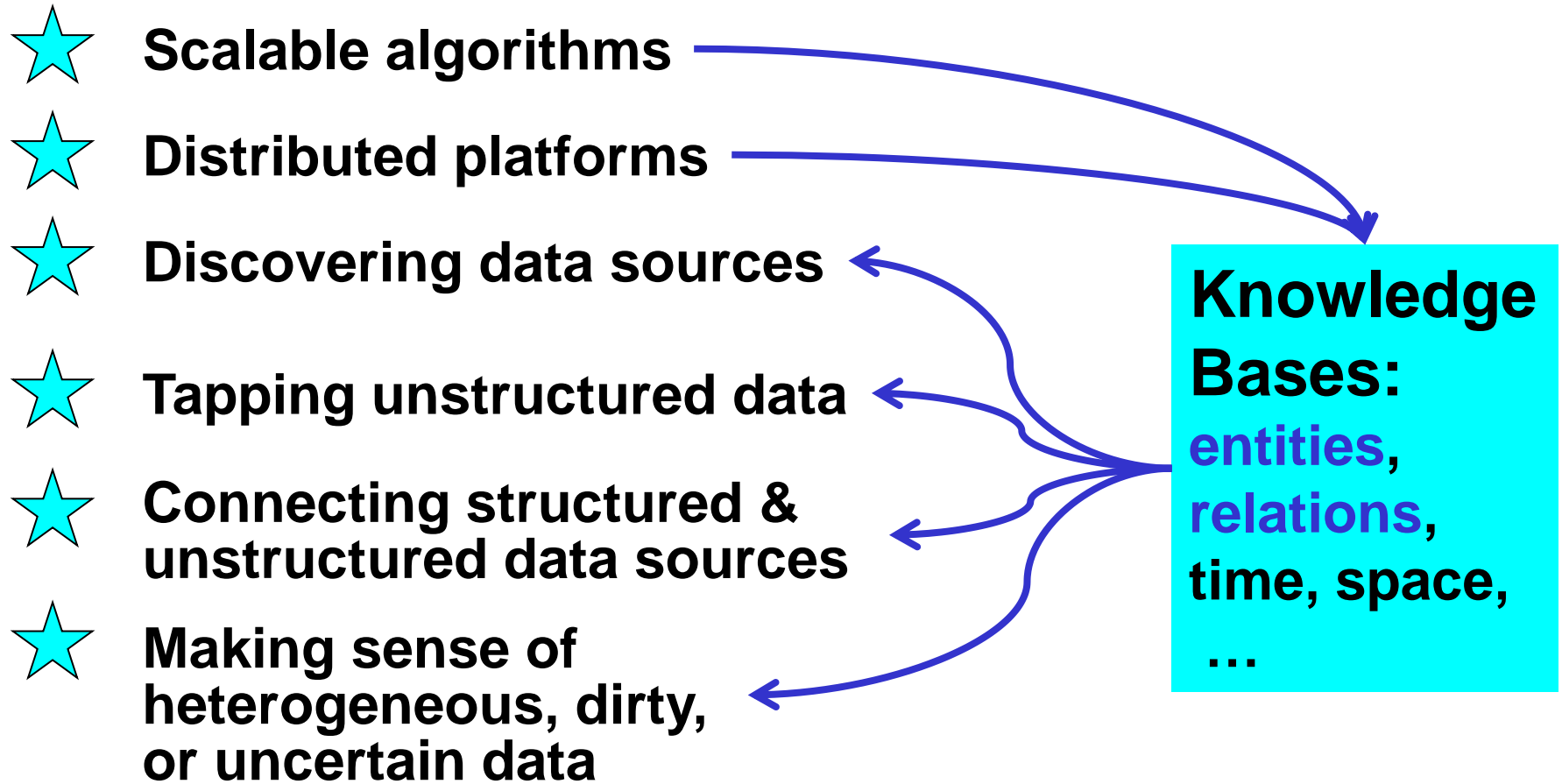
## ★ **Wrap-up**

# 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

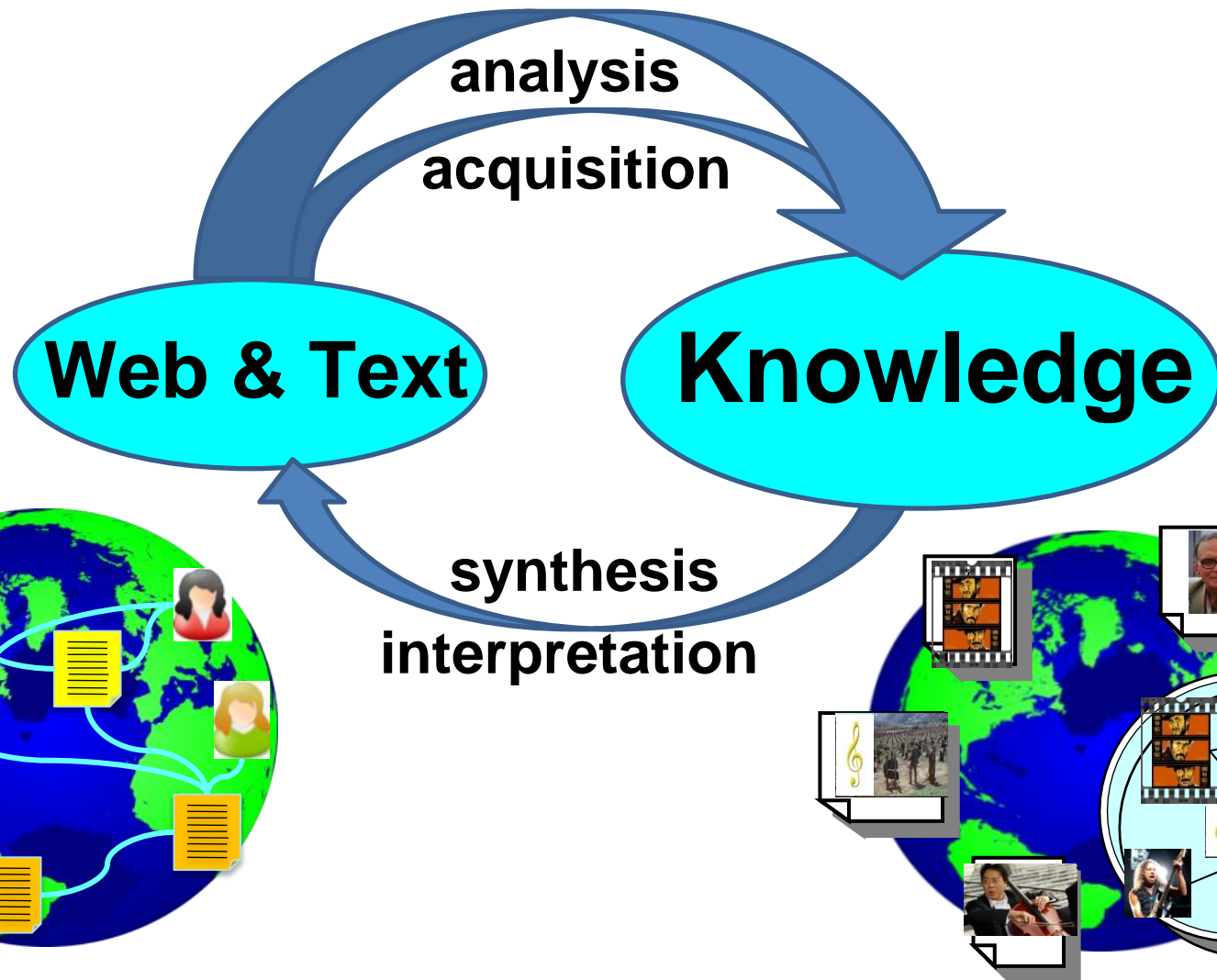


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# Take-Home Message: From Web & Text to Knowledge





# Thank You !