

# Wikification and Beyond: The Challenges of Entity and Concept Grounding

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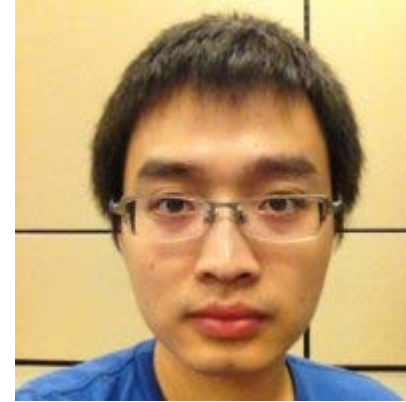
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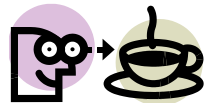


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# Outline

## Motivation and Definition)

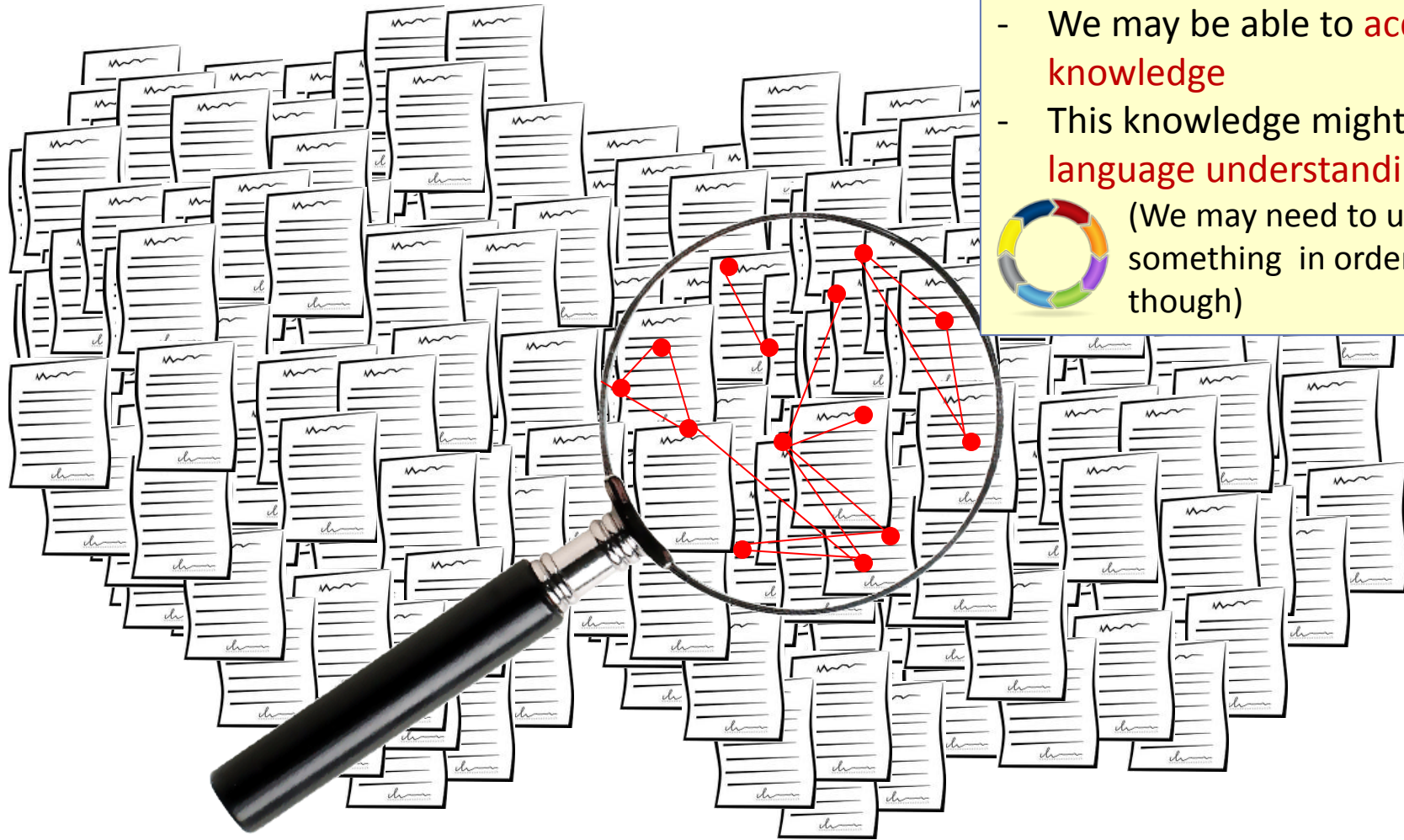
- A Skeletal View of a Wikification System
  - High Level Algorithmic Approach
- Key Challenges



Coffee Break

- Recent Advances
- New Tasks, Trends and Applications
- What's Next?
- Resources, Shared Tasks and Demos

# Information overload



## Downside:

- We need to deal with a lot of information

## Upside:

- We may be able to **acquire knowledge**
- This knowledge might support **language understanding**



(We may need to understand something in order to do it, though)

# Organizing knowledge

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# Cross-document co-reference resolution

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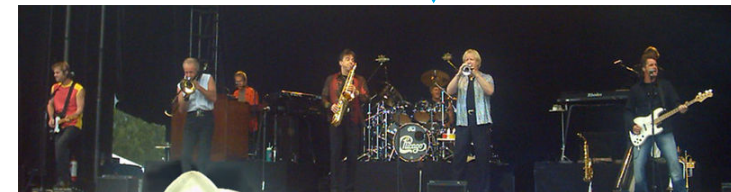
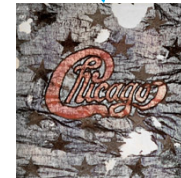
# Reference resolution: (disambiguation to

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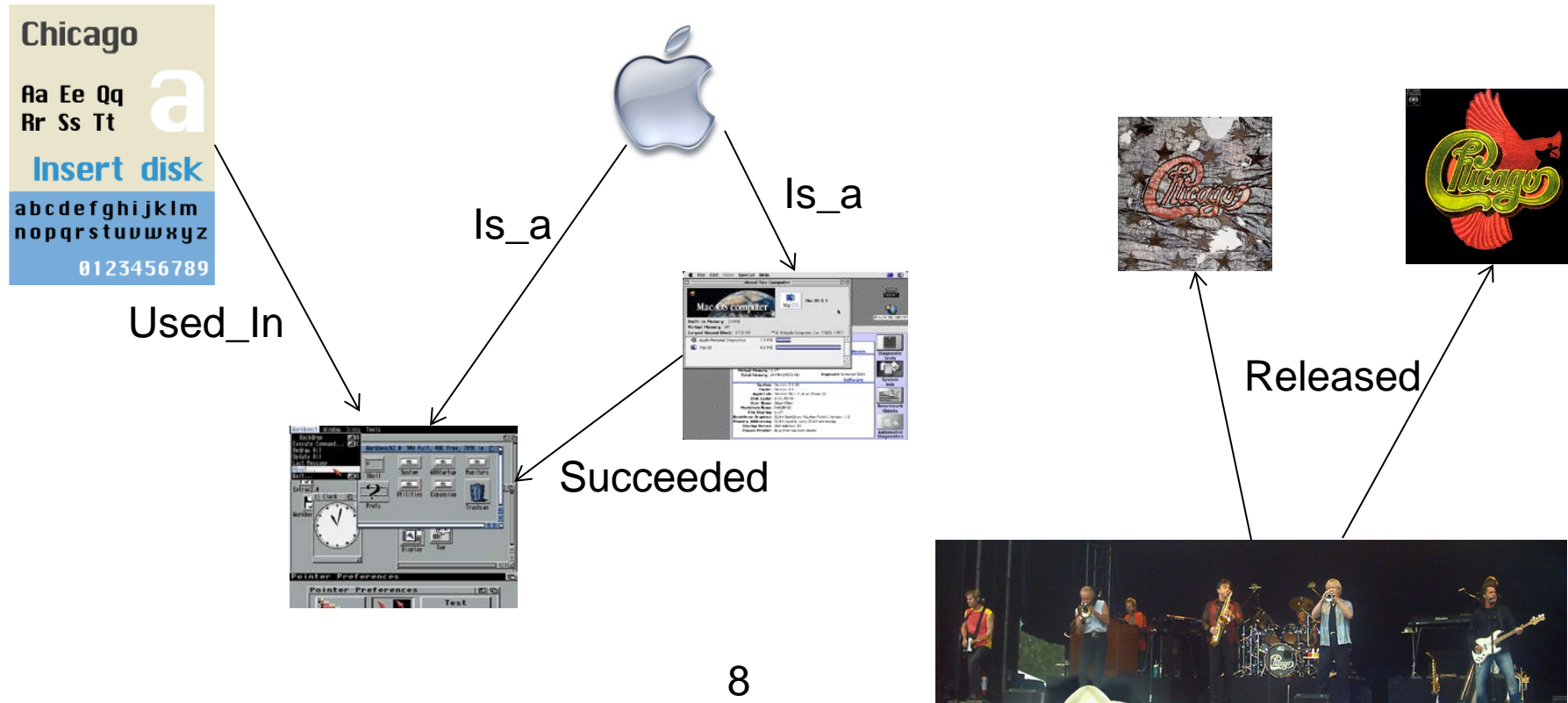


# The “Reference” Collection has Structure

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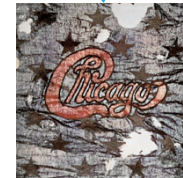


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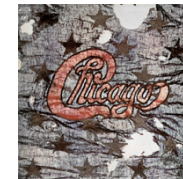
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# Here – Wikipedia as a knowledge resource .... but we can use other resources



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Is\_a

Succeeded

Released

# Wikification: The Reference Problem

Cycles of Knowledge:  
Grounding  
for/using  
Knowledge



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Richard Blumenthal

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Democratic Party (United States)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

United States Senate

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

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Chris Dodd

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

*The New York Times*

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Connecticut

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

# Motivation

- Dealing with **Ambiguity** of Natural Language
  - Mentions of entities and concepts could have multiple meanings
- Dealing with **Variability** of Natural Language
  - A given concept could be expressed in many ways
- **Wikification** addresses these two issues in a specific way:
- The Reference Problem
  - What is meant by this concept? (WSD + Grounding)
  - More than just co-reference (within and across documents)

# Who is Alex Smith?

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The Chiefs **Alex Smith** game manager who wouldn't kill their offer they needed a quarterback who knows how what he's done for most of this season: three necessary and use his **Smith** to San Diego -- that he can elevate his



Quarterback of the Kansas City Chief



Tight End of the Cincinnati Bengals

als tight **Alex Smith** for the season. The wrist injury in the third quarter during the regular season ngals head coach Marvin Lewis described the injury as a "wrist g the next day in his interview on 700 WLW with Dave **Smith** an eventuality. More will be on declaring him done. On the other hand, Lewis confirmed e tight end Tyler Eifert and Jermaine Gresham for the next against the Ravens.

Ravens: The Baltimore Ravens (A Football team)

**San Diego:** The San Diego Chargers (A Football team)

Contextual decision on what is meant by a given entity or concept. **WSD** with Wikipedia titles as categories.

**Ravens:** The Baltimore Ravens (A Football team)

# Middle Eastern Politics

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Over and over again I'd hear these **perorations** from **Mahmoud Abbas** that there is no difference between **Fatah** and **Hamas**, or between **Abu Mazen** and **Khaled Maashal**. I would cringe at such comments, while knowing **Abu Mazen** is hardly the perfect **interlocutor**. I'm a strong believer in identifying **Abu Mazen** without pulling any **punches**. But let's give **Abu Mazen** that it is important to give peace a chance, to search for signs that the **Abu Mazen** are open to change from the destructive and self-destructive **Abu Mazen** pursued for decades. **Hamas** was and is a **pointless proposition** based on **extremist religious grounds**. **Abu Mazen** is anti-Semitic to the core, as seen in the "Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion," blaming the **French Revolution**. Its leadership **denied the Holocaust** and blamed the **financial crisis** on Jewish control.

**Mahmoud Abbas:**  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahmoud\\_Abbas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahmoud_Abbas)

Getting away from **surface representations**.  
**Co-reference resolution** within and across documents, **with grounding**




**Abu Mazen:**  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahmoud\\_Abbas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahmoud_Abbas)

# Navigating Unfamiliar Domains



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# Navigating Unfamiliar Domains

## Chimeric Cyanobacter Engineered Protein HIV-1

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### ABSTRACT

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Article Talk

### Fusion protein

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

This article is about chimeric fusion proteins. For proteins involved in membrane fusion, see Membrane fusion.

**Fusion proteins** or **chimeric proteins** (literally, made of parts from different sources that were originally coded for separate proteins. Translation of this *fusion gene* results in a

Article Talk

### Gp41

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Gp41** also known as **glycoprotein 41** is a subunit of the envelope protein complex of retroviruses *Human immunodeficiency virus* (HIV). Gp41 is a **transmembrane protein** that contains several site-specific ectodomains that are required for infection of host cells.

Article Talk

### Affinity chromatography

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Affinity chromatography** is a method of separating biochemical mixtures based on the specific interaction between an antibody, enzyme and substrate, or receptor and ligand.

**Educational Applications:** Unfamiliar domains may contain terms unknown to a reader. The Wikifier can supply the necessary background knowledge even when the relevant article titles are not identical to what appears in the text, dealing with both **ambiguity and variability**.



# Applications of Wikification

- Knowledge Acquisition (via grounding)
  - Still remains open: how to organize the knowledge in a useful way?
- Co-reference resolution (Ratinov & Roth, 2012)
  - “After the vessel suffered a catastrophic torpedo detonation, Kursk sank in the waters of Barents Sea...”
  - Knowing Kursk → Russian submarine K-141 Kursk helps system to co-ref “Kursk” and “vessel”
- Document classification
  - Tweets labeled World, US, Science & Technology, Sports, Business, Health, Entertainment (Vitale et. al., 2012)
  - Dataless classification (ESA-based representations; Song & Roth’ 14)
  - Document and concepts are represented via Wikipedia titles
- Visualization: Geo- visualization of News (Gao et. al. CHI’14)

# Task Definition

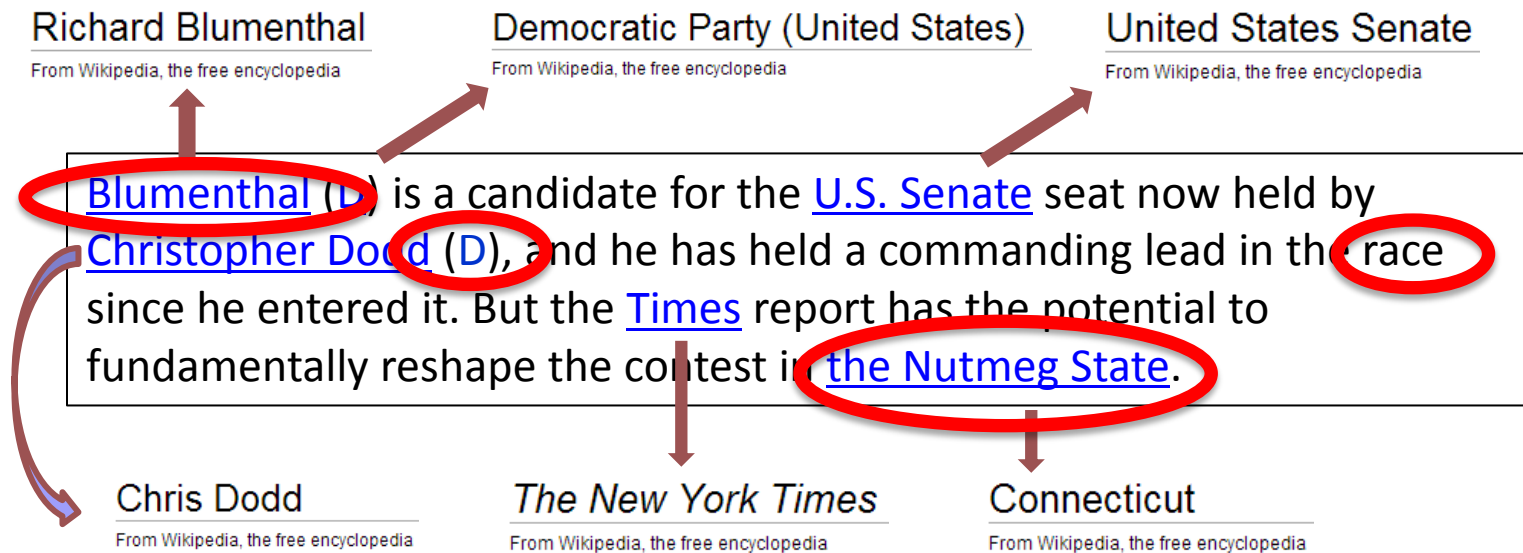
- A formal definition of the task consists of:
  1. A definition of the **mentions** (concepts, entities) to highlight
  2. Determining the target encyclopedic resource (**KB**)
  3. Defining what to point to in the KB (**title**)

# 1. Mentions

- **A mention**: a phrase used to refer to something in the world
  - Named entity (person, organization), object, substance, event, philosophy, mental state, rule ...
- Task definitions vary across the definition of **mentions**
  - All N-grams (up to a certain size); Dictionary-based selection; Data-driven controlled vocabulary (e.g., all Wikipedia titles); **only named entities.**
- Ideally, one would like to have a mention definition that **adapts** to the application/user

# Examples of Mentions (1)

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# Examples of Mentions (2)



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The **Chiefs** didn't trade for **Alex Smith** this season because they wanted a smart **game manager** who wouldn't kill their **offseason** offense. They acquired him because they needed a **quarterback** who knows how to **turnover** requires him to do what he's done this season: throw the **ball** pass, make the key play when necessary and **feet** keep the chains moving when his arm can't get the job done. These days it means **Smith** has to show people more of what he revealed in Sunday's 41-38 loss to **San Diego** -- that he can elevate his game when his team is in dire straits.

Some task definitions insist on dealing only with mentions that are **named entities**

How about: *Hosni Mubarak's wife?*  
Both entities have a Wikipedia page

# Examples of Mentions (3)



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Perhaps the definition of which mentions to highlight should depend on the expertise and interests of the users?

## 2. Concept Inventory (KB)

- Multiple KBs can be used, in principle, as the target KB.
- **Wikipedia** has the advantage of a broad coverage, regularly maintained KB, with significant amount of text associated with each title.
  - All type of pages?
    - Content pages
    - Disambiguation pages
    - List pages
- What should happened to mentions that **do not have entries** in the target KB?



### 3. What to Link to?

- Often, there are multiple sensible links.

The veteran tight end suffered a wrist injury in the third quarter during the regular season finale against Baltimore. Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis described the injury as a "wrist dislocation".

**Baltimore Raven:** Should the link be any different? **Both?**

**Baltimore:** The city? Baltimore Raven, the Football team? **Both?**

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**Atmosphere:** The general term? Or the most specific one "Earth Atmosphere?"

Earth's biosphere then significantly altered the atmospheric and basic physical conditions, which enabled the proliferation of organisms. The atmosphere is composed of



### 3. Null Links

- Often, there are multiple sensible links.

Dorothy Byrne, a state coordinator for the Florida Green Party,...

- How to capture the fact that Dorothy Byrne does not refer to any concept in Wikipedia?
- **Wikification:** Simply map Dorothy Byrne → Null
- **Entity Linking:** If multiple mentions in the given document(s) correspond to the same concept, which is outside KB
  - First cluster relevant mentions as representing a single concept
  - Map the cluster to Null

# Naming Convention

- **Wikification:**
  - Map Mentions to KB Titles
  - Map Mentions that are not in the KB to NIL
- **Entity Linking:**
  - Map Mentions to KB Titles
  - If multiple mentions in correspond to the same Title, which is outside KB:
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- If the set of target mentions only consists of **named entities** we call the task: **Named Entity [Wikification, Linking]**

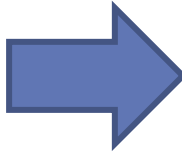
# Evaluation

- In principle, evaluation on an application is possible, but hasn't been pursued [with some minor exceptions: NER, Coref]

## Factors in Wikification/Entity-Linking Evaluation:

- Mention Selection
  - Are the mentions chosen for linking correct (R/P)
- Linking accuracy
  - Evaluate quality of links chosen per-mention
    - Ranking
    - Accuracy (including NIL)
- NIL clustering
  - Entity Linking: evaluate out-of-KB clustering (co-reference)
- Other (including IR-inspired) metrics
  - E.g. MRR, MAP, R-Precision, Recall, accuracy

# Outline

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# Wikification: Subtasks

- Wikification and Entity Linking requires addressing several sub-tasks:
  - Identifying Target Mentions
    - Mentions in the input text that should be Wikified
  - Identifying Candidate Titles
    - Candidate Wikipedia titles that could correspond to each mention
  - Candidate Title Ranking
    - Rank the candidate titles for a given mention
  - NIL Detection and Clustering
    - Identify mentions that do not correspond to a Wikipedia title
    - Entity Linking: cluster NIL mentions that represent the same entity.

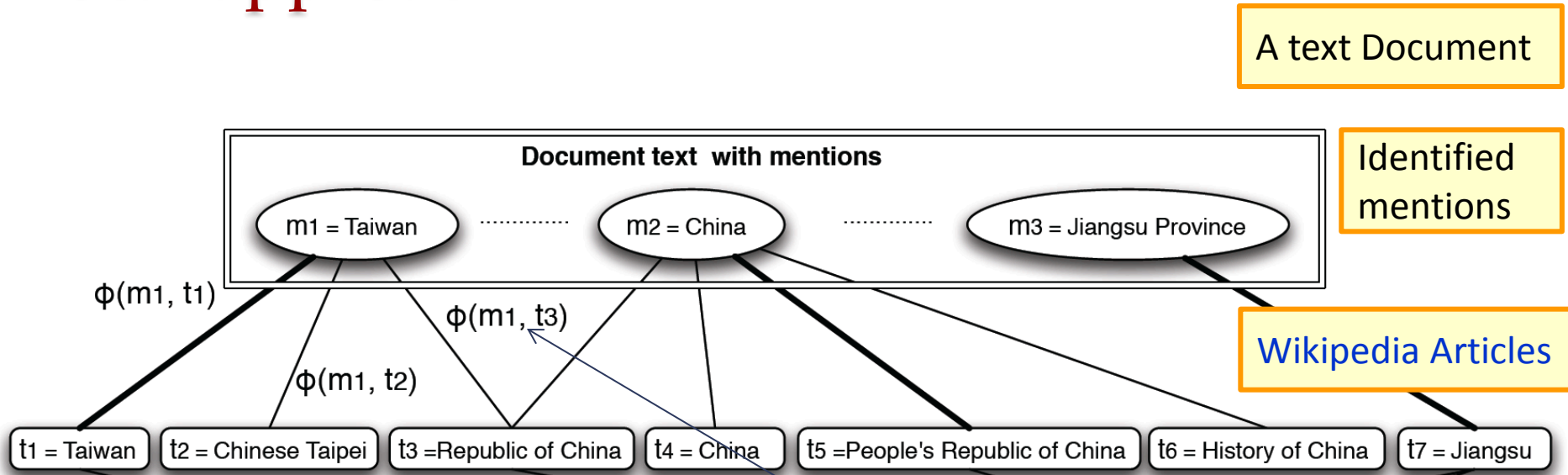
# High-level Algorithmic Approach.

- **Input:** A text document  $d$ ;                      **Output:** a set of pairs  $(m_i, t_i)$ 
  - $m_i$  are mentions in  $d$ ;  $t_j(m_i)$  are corresponding Wikipedia titles, or NIL.
- (1) Identify mentions  $m_i$  in  $d$
- (2) Local Inference
  - For each  $m_i$  in  $d$ :
    - Identify a set of relevant titles  $T(m_i)$
    - Rank titles  $t_i \in T(m_i)$

[E.g., consider local statistics of edges  $[(m_i, t_i), (m_i, *), \text{and } (*, t_i)]$  occurrences in the Wikipedia graph]
- (3) Global Inference
  - For each document  $d$ :
    - Consider all  $m_i \in d$ ; and all  $t_i \in T(m_i)$
    - Re-rank titles  $t_i \in T(m_i)$

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# Local approach



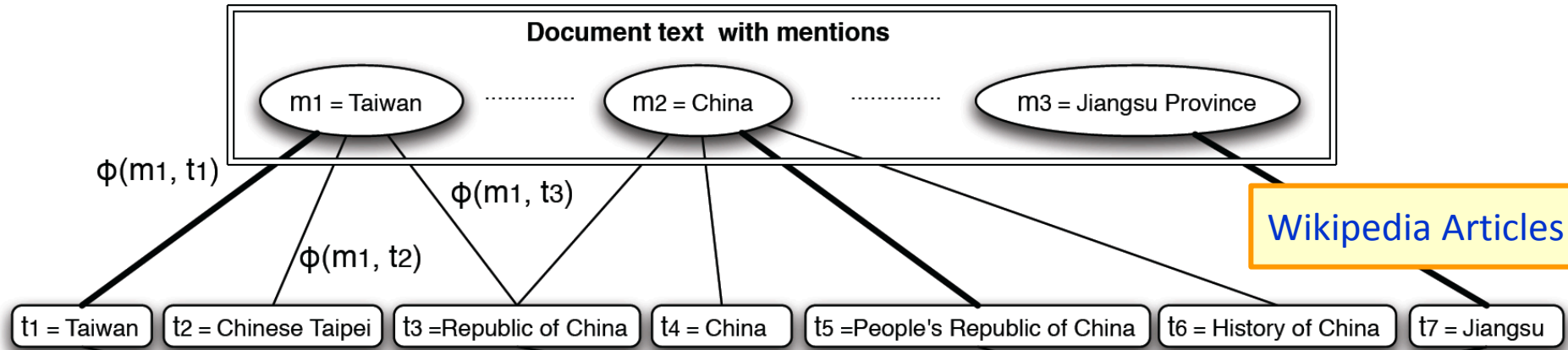
- $\Gamma$  is a solution to the problem
  - A set of pairs  $(m, t)$
- $m$ : a mention in the document
- $t$ : the matched Wikipedia Title

Local score of matching the mention to the title (decomposed by  $m_i$ )

$$\Gamma_{\text{local}}^* = \arg \max_{\Gamma} \sum_{i=1}^N \phi(m_i, t_i) \quad (1)$$

# Global Approach: Using Additional Structure

Text Document(s)—News, Blogs,...



Adding a “global” term to evaluate how good the **structure** of the solution is.

- Use the local solutions  $\Gamma'$  (each mention considered independently).
- Evaluate the structure based on pairwise coherence scores  $\Psi(t_i, t_j)$
- Choose those that satisfy **document** coherence conditions.

$$\Gamma^* \approx \arg \max_{\Gamma} \sum_{i=1}^N [\phi(m_i, t_i) + \sum_{t_i \in \Gamma, t_j \in \Gamma'} \psi(t_i, t_j)]$$



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# Mention Identification

- Highest recall: Each n-gram is a potential concept mention
  - Intractable for larger documents
- Surface form based filtering
  - Shallow parsing (especially NP chunks), NP's augmented with surrounding tokens, capitalized words
  - Remove: single characters, “stop words”, punctuation, etc.
- Classification and statistics based filtering
  - Name tagging (Finkel et al., 2005; Ratnoff and Roth, 2009; Li et al., 2012)
  - Mention extraction (Florian et al., 2006, Li and Ji, 2014)
  - Key phrase extraction, independence tests (Mihalcea and Csomai, 2007), common word removal (Mendes et al., 2012; )

# Mention Identification (Cont')

- Wikipedia Lexicon Construction based on prior link knowledge
  - Only n-grams linked in training data (prior anchor text) (Ratinov et al., 2011; Davis et al., 2012; Sil et al., 2012; Demartini et al., 2012; Wang et al., 2012; Han and Sun, 2011; Han et al., 2011; Mihalcea and Csomai, 2007; Cucerzan, 2007; Milne and Witten, 2008; Ferragina and Scaiella, 2010)
    - E.g. all n-grams used as anchor text within Wikipedia
  - Only terms that exceed link probability threshold (Bunescu, 2006; Cucerzan, 2007; Fernandez et al., 2010; Chang et al., 2010; Chen et al., 2010; Meij et al., 2012; Bysani et al., 2010; Hachey et al., 2013; Huang et al., 2014)
  - Dictionary-based chunking
  - String matching (n-gram with canonical concept name list)
- Mis-spelling correction and normalization (Yu et al., 2013; Charton et al., 2013)

# Mention Identification (Cont')

- Multiple input sources are being used
  - Some build on the given text only, some use external resources.
- Methods used by some popular systems
  - Illinois Wikifier (Ratinov et al., 2011; Cheng and Roth, 2013)
    - NP chunks and substrings, NER (+nesting), prior anchor text
  - TAGME (Ferragina and Scaiella, 2010)
    - Prior anchor text
  - DBpedia Spotlight (Mendes et al., 2011)
    - Dictionary-based chunking with string matching (via DBpedia lexicalization dataset)
  - AIDA (Finkel et al., 2005; Hoffart et al., 2011)
    - Name Tagging
  - RPI Wikifier (Chen and Ji, 2011; Cassidy et al., 2012; Huang et al., 2014)
    - Mention Extraction (Li and Ji, 2014)

# Mention Identification (Mendes et al., 2012)

**L** Dictionary-Based chunking (LingPipe) using DBPedia Lexicalization Dataset (Mendes et al., 2011)

**LNP** Extends L with simple heuristic to isolate NP's

**NPL<sub>>k</sub>** Same as LNP but with Statistical NP Chunker

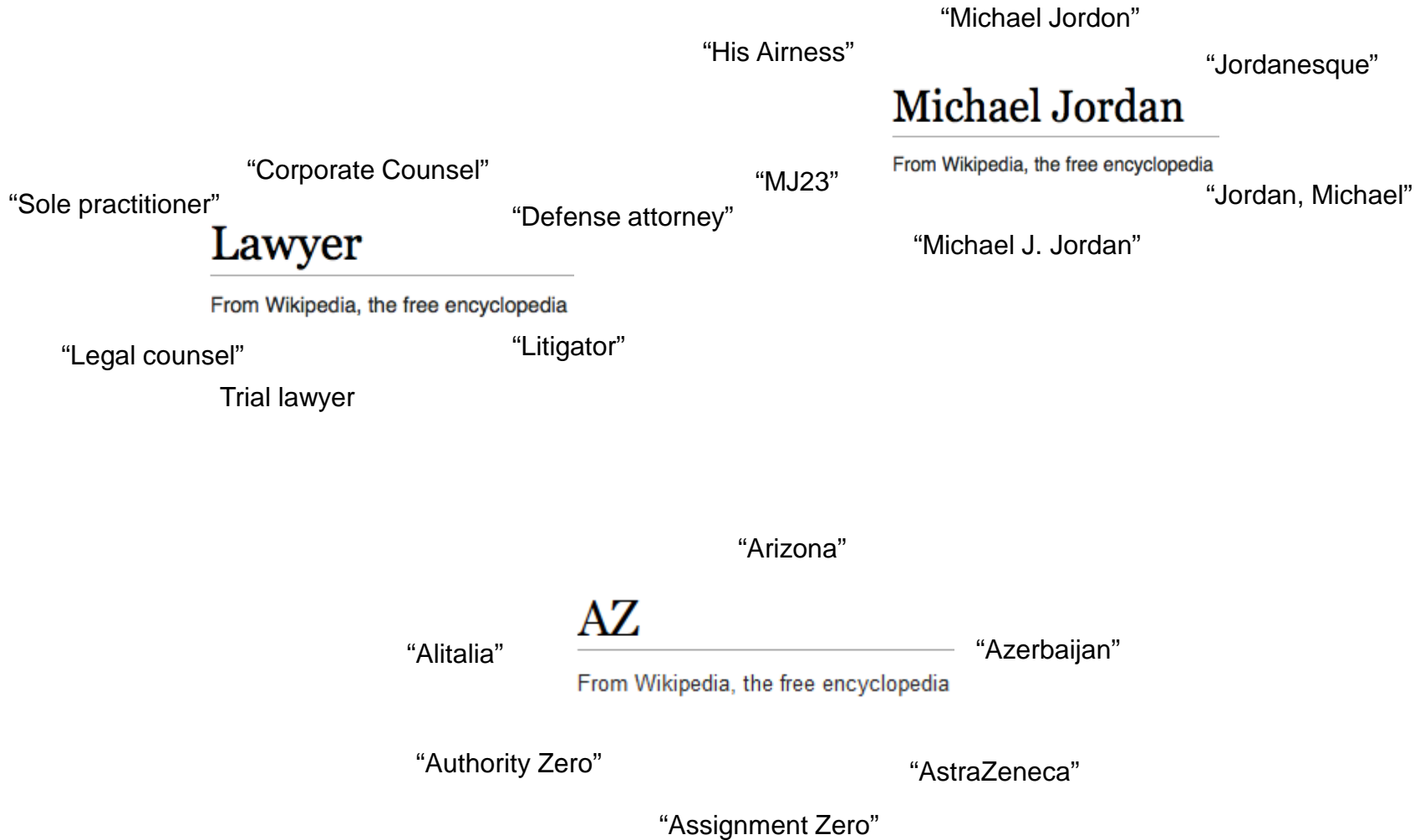
**CW** Extends L by filtering out common words (Daiber, 2011)

**Kea** Uses supervised key phrase extraction (Frank et al., 1999)

**NER** Based on OpenNLP 1.5.1  
**NER<sub>UNP</sub>** Augments NER with NPL

Method	P	R	Avg Time per mention
L>3	4.89	68.20	.0279
L>10	5.05	66.53	.0246
L>75	5.06	58.00	.0286
LNP*	5.52	57.04	.0331
NPL*>3	6.12	45.40	1.1807
NPL*>10	6.19	44.48	1.1408
NPL*>75	6.17	38.65	1.2969
CW	6.15	42.53	.2516
Kea	1.90	61.53	.0505
NER	4.57	7.03	2.9239
NER U NP	1.99	68.30	3.1701

# Need Mention Expansion



# Need Mention Expansion

- Medical Domain: 33% of abbreviations are ambiguous (Liu et al., 2001), major source of errors in medical NLP (Friedman et al., 2001)

RA	“rheumatoid arthritis”, “tenal artery”, “right atrium”, “right atrial”, “refractory anemia”, “radioactive”, “right arm”, “rheumatic arthritis”, ...
PN	“Penicillin”; “Pneumonia”; “Polyarteritis”; “Nodosa”; “Peripheral neuropathy”; “Peripheral nerve”; “Polyneuropathy”; “Pyelonephritis”; “Polyneuritis”; “Parenteral nutrition”; “Positional Nystagmus”; “Periarteritis nodosa”, ...

- Military Domain
  - *“GA ADT 1, USDA, USAID, ADP, Turkish PRT, and the DAIL staff met to create the Wardak Agricultural Steering Committee. “*
  - *“DST” = “District Stability Team” or “District Sanitation Technician”?*
  - *“ADP” = “Adrian Peterson” (Person) or “Arab Democratic Party” (Organization) or “American Democracy Project” (Initiative)?*

# Mention Expansion

- Co-reference resolution
  - Each mention in a co-referential cluster should link to the same concept
  - Canonical names are often less ambiguous
  - Correct types: “*Detroit*” = “*Red Wings*”; “*Newport*” = “*Newport-Gwent Dragons*”
- Known Aliases
  - KB link mining (e.g., Wikipedia “re-direct”) (Nemeskey et al., 2010)
  - Patterns for Nicknames/ Acronym mining (Zhang et al., 2011; Tamang et al., 2012)
    - “full-name” (acronym) or “acronym (full-name)”, “city, state/country”
- Statistical models such as weighted finite state transducer (Friburger and Maurel, 2004)
  - CCP = “Communist Party of China”; “MINDEF” = “Ministry of Defence”
- Ambiguity drops from 46.3% to 11.2% (Chen and Ji, 2011; Tamang et al., 2012).



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# Generating Candidate Titles

- 1. Based on canonical names (e.g. Wikipedia page title)
  - Titles that are a super or substring of the mention
    - Michael Jordan is a candidate for “Jordan”
  - Titles that overlap with the mention
    - “William Jefferson Clinton” → Bill Clinton;
    - “non-alcoholic drink” → Soft Drink
- 2. Based on previously attested references
  - All Titles ever referred to by a given string in training data
    - Using, e.g., Wikipedia-internal hyperlink index
    - More Comprehensive Cross-lingual resource (Spitkovsky & Chang, 2012)

# Initial Ranking of Candidate Titles

- Initially rank titles according to...
  - Wikipedia article length
  - Incoming Wikipedia Links (from other titles)
  - Number of inhabitants or the largest area (for geo-location titles)
- More sophisticated measures of prominence
  - Prior link probability
  - Graph based methods

# $P(t|m)$ : “Commonness”

$$\text{Commonness}(m \Rightarrow t) = \frac{\text{count}(m \rightarrow t)}{\sum_{t' \in W} \text{count}(m \rightarrow t')}$$



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$P(\text{Title} | \text{"Chicago"})$

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Rank	t	$P(t “Chicago”)$
1	Chicago	.76
2	Chicago (band)	.041
3	Chicago (2002_film)	.022
20	Chicago Maroons Football	.00186
100	1985 Chicago Whitesox Season	.00023448
505	Chicago Cougars	.0000528
999	Kimbell Art Museum	.00000586

- First used by Medelyan et al. (2008)
- Most popular method for initial candidate ranking

# Note on Domain Dependence

- “Commonness” Not robust across domains

## Formal Genre

Corpus	Recall
ACE	86.85%
MSNBC	88.67%
AQUAINT	97.83%
Wiki	98.59%

Ratinov et al. (2011)

## Tweets

Metric	Score
P1	60.21%
R-Prec	52.71%
Recall	77.75%
MRR	70.80%
MAP	58.53%

Meij et al. (2012)

# Graph Based Initial Ranking

- Centrality (Hachey et al., 2011; Hakimov et al., 2012)

$$Centrality(a) = \frac{\partial_a}{\sum_{b \in W} s(a, b)} * in\_links(a) * out\_links(a) * k$$

- $\partial_a$ : the number of all reachable nodes from a
  - $s(a, b)$ : the distance between a and b
- Importance of the title with respect to Wikipedia - Similar to PageRank (Brin & Page, 1998)
    - Hachey et al. (2011) showed tha centrality works slightly better than PageRank

# Basic Ranking Methods

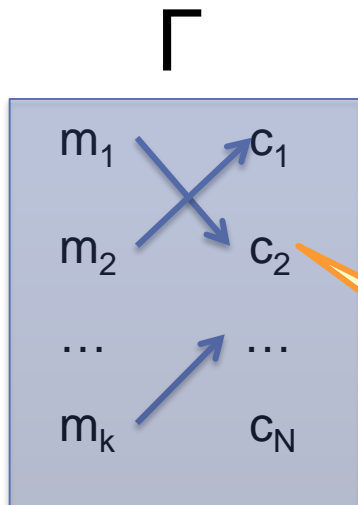
- Local: Mention-Concept Context Similarity
  - Use **similarity measure** to compare the **context of the mention** with the **text associated with a candidate title** (the text in the corresponding page)
- Global: Document-wide Conceptual Coherence
  - Use topical/semantic **coherence** measures between the set of referent concepts for all mentions in a document



# Context Similarity Measures

Determine assignment that maximizes pairwise similarity

$$\Gamma^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{\Gamma} \sum_i \varphi(m_i, t_i)$$



*Mention-concept assignment*

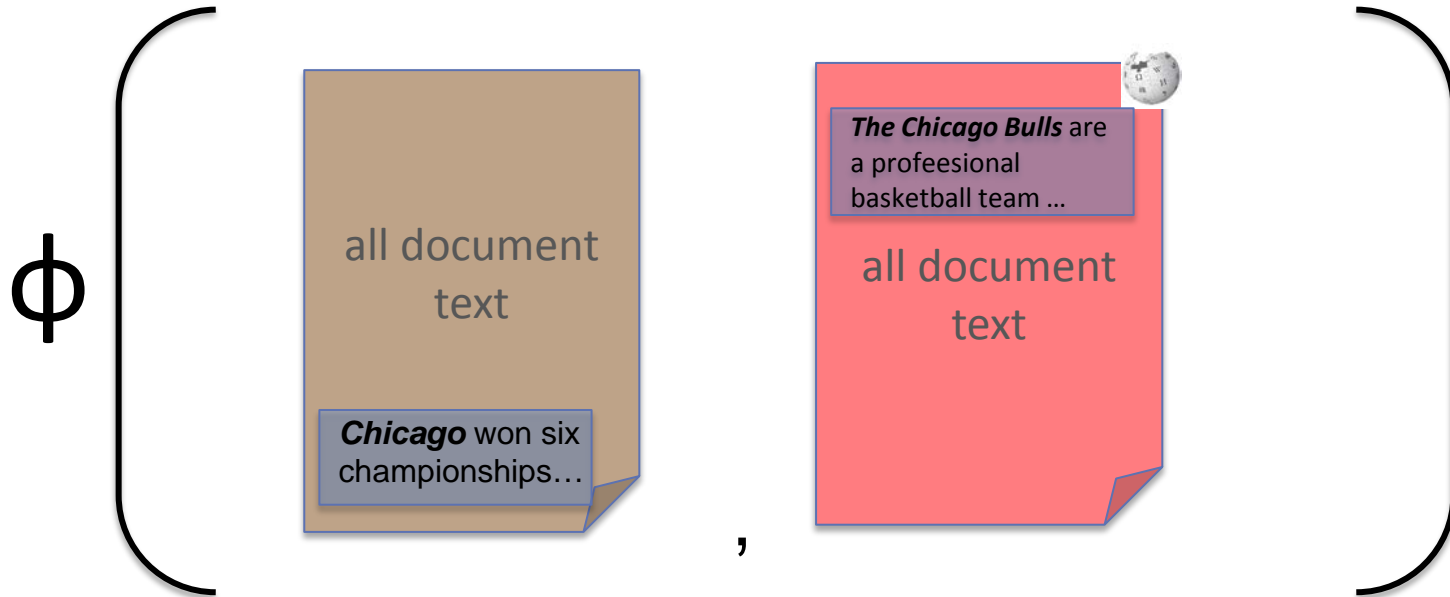
Feature vector to capture degree of **contextual similarity**

$\varphi$

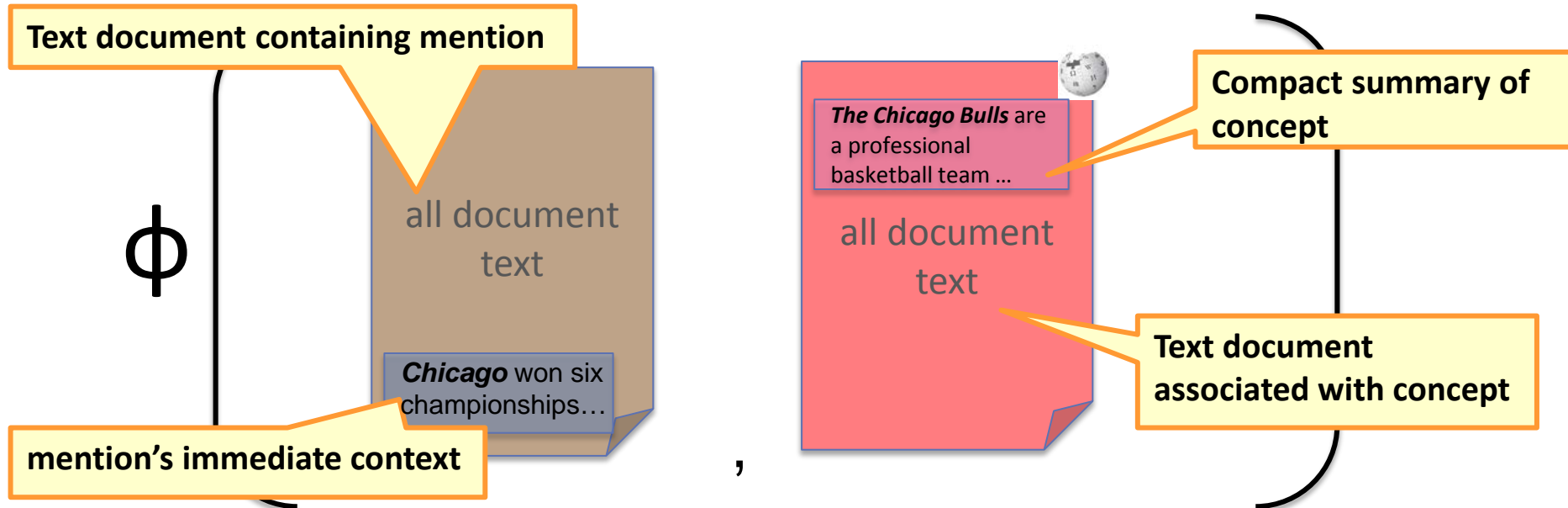
Mention, Title

Mapping from mentions to titles

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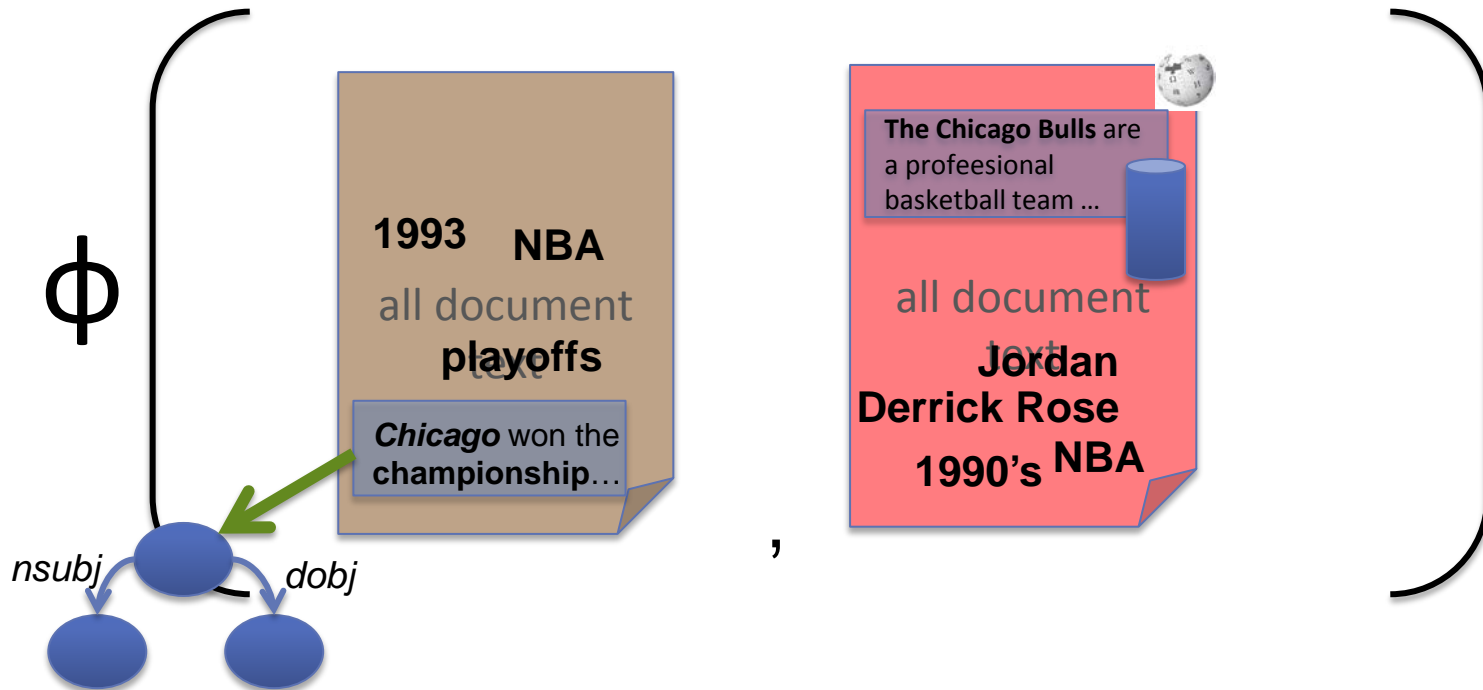


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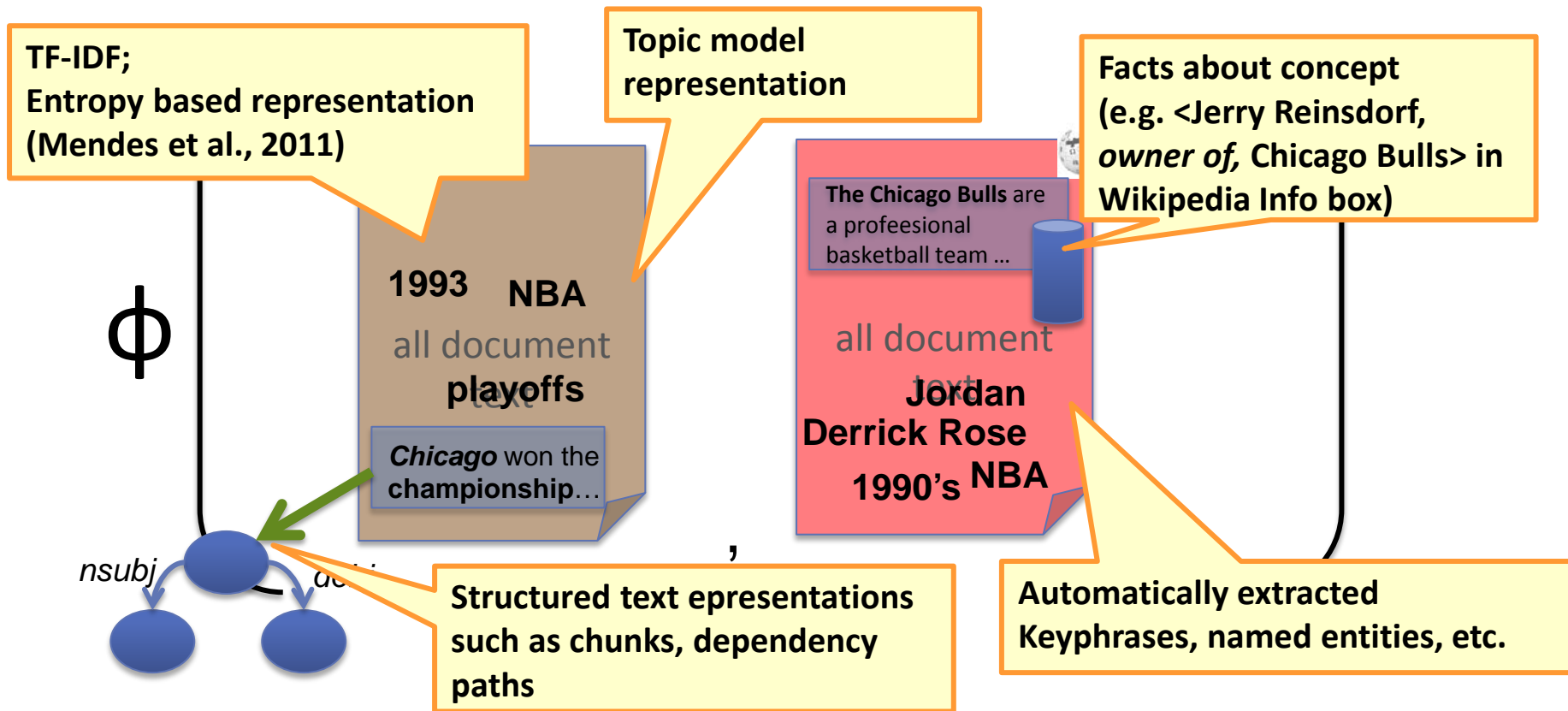
- Varying notion of distance between mention and context tokens
  - Token-level, discourse-level
- Varying granularity of concept description
  - Synopsis, entire document

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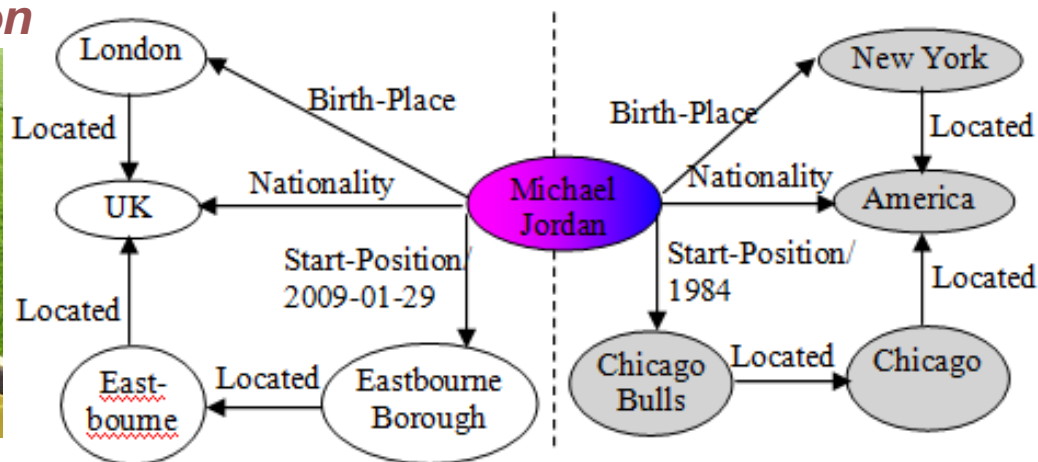
# Typical Features for Ranking

Mention/Concept Attribute		Description
Name	Spelling match	Exact string match, acronym match, alias match, string matching...
	KB link mining	Name pairs mined from KB text redirect and disambiguation pages
	Name Gazetteer	Organization and geo-political entity abbreviation gazetteers
Document surface	Lexical	Words in KB facts, KB text, mention name, mention text.
		Tf.idf of words and ngrams
	Position	Mention name appears early in KB text
	Genre	Genre of the mention text (newswire, blog, ...)
	Local Context	Lexical and part-of-speech tags of context words
Entity Context	Type	Mention concept type, subtype
	Relation/Event	Concepts co-occurred, attributes/relations/events with mention
	Coreference	Co-reference links between the source document and the KB text
Profiling		Slot fills of the mention, concept attributes stored in KB infobox
Concept		Ontology extracted from KB text
Topic		Topics (identity and lexical similarity) for the mention text and KB text
KB Link Mining		Attributes extracted from hyperlink graphs of the KB text
Popularity	Web	Top KB text ranked by search engine and its length
	Frequency	Frequency in KB texts

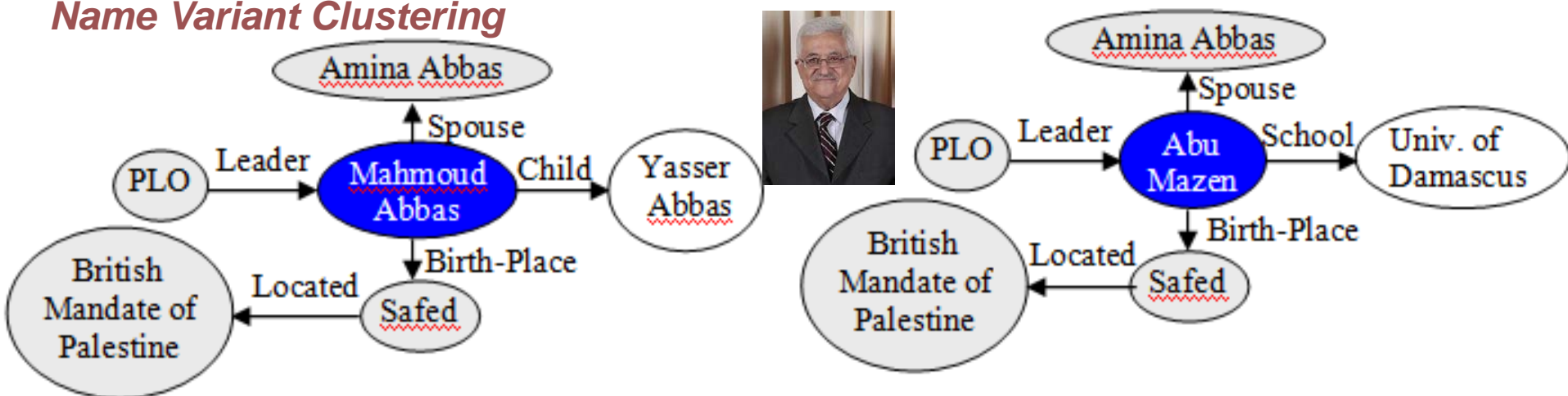
- (Ji et al., 2011; Zheng et al., 2010; Dredze et al., 2010; Anastacio et al., 2011)

# Entity Profiling Feature Examples

## Disambiguation



## Name Variant Clustering



- Deep semantic context exploration and indicative context selection (Gao et al., 2010; Chen et al., 2010; Chen and Ji, 2011; Cassidy et al., 2012)
- Exploit name tagging, Wikipedia infoboxes, synonyms, variants and abbreviations, slot filling results and semantic categories

# Topic Feature Example



**Li Na**

**player**

**tennis**

**Russia**

**single**

**final**

**gain**

**half**

**female**

**Li Na**

**Pakistan**

**relation**

**express**

**vice president**

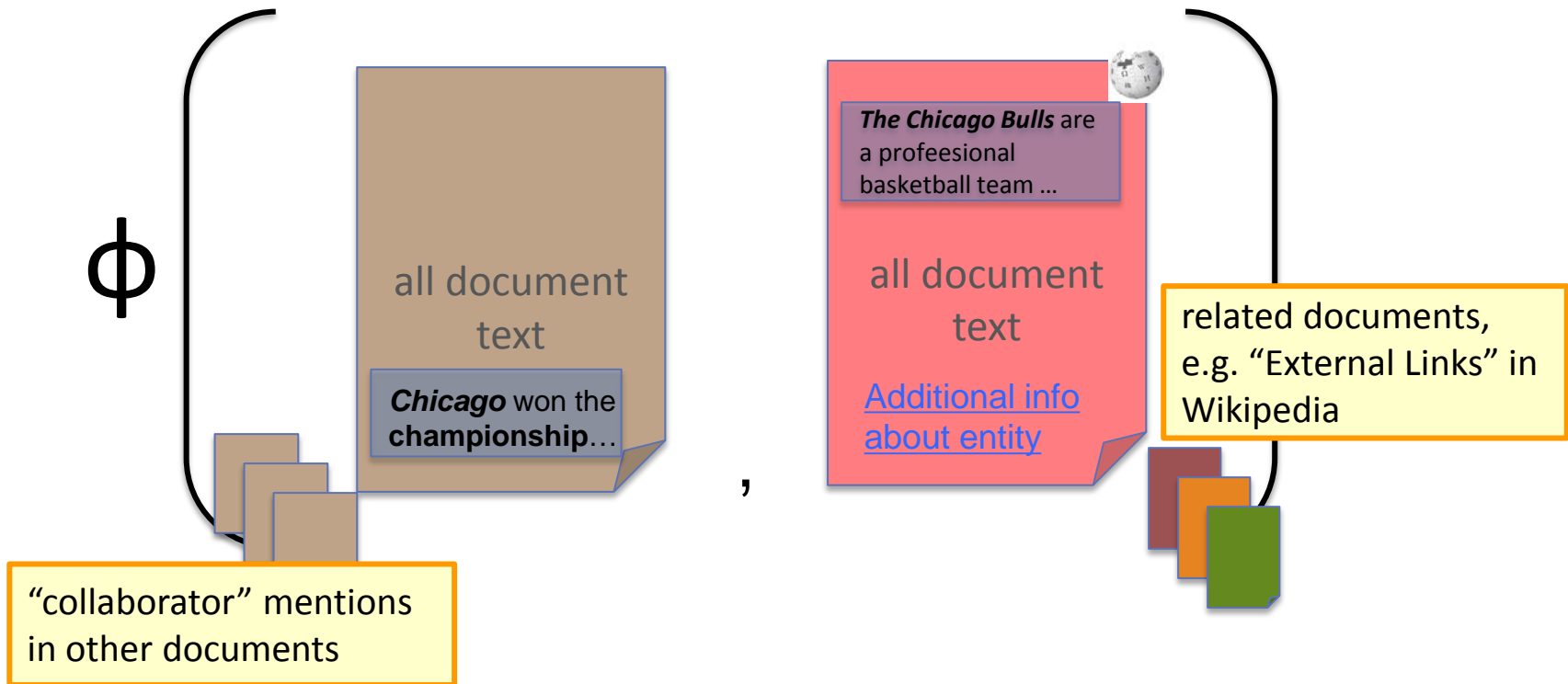
**Prime minister**

**country**

Topical features or topic based document clustering for context expansion (Milne and Witten, 2008; Syed et al., 2008; Srinivasan et al., 2009; Kozareva and Ravi, 2011; Zhang et al., 2011; Anastacio et al., 2011; Cassidy et al., 2011; Pink et al., 2013)

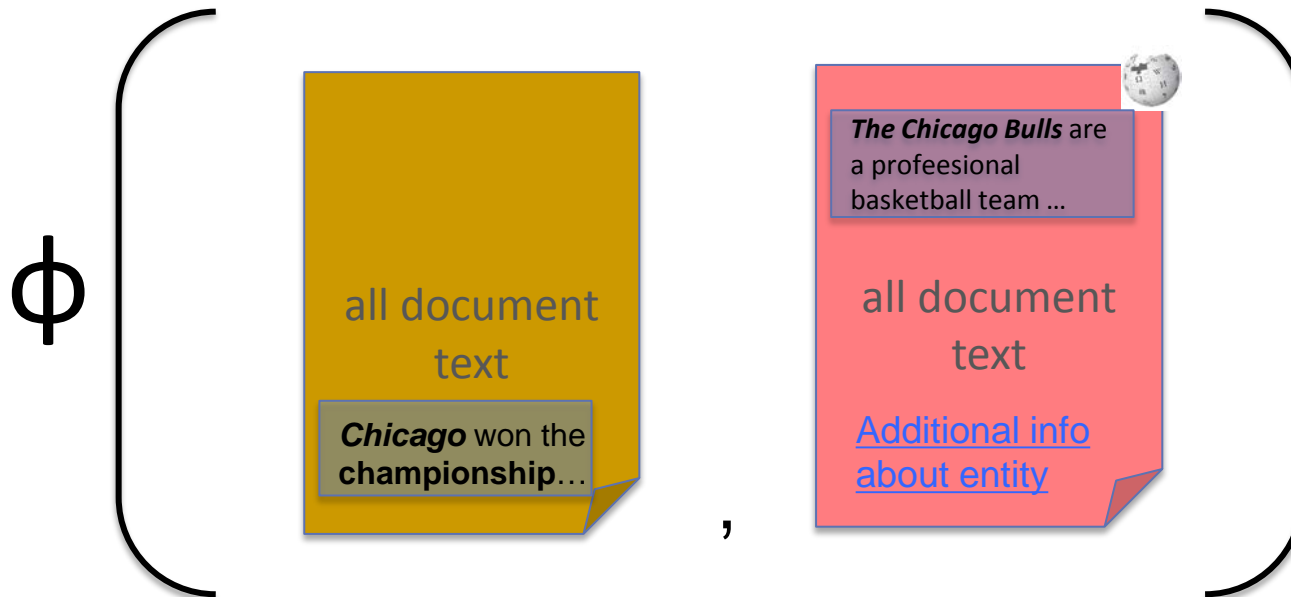


# Context Similarity Measures: *Context Expansion*



- Obtain additional documents related to mention
  - Consider mention as information retrieval query
- KB may link to additional, more detailed information

# Context Similarity Measures: *Computation*



- Cosine similarity (via TF-IDF)
- Other distance metrics (e.g. Jaccard)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> order vector composition (Hoffart et al., EMNLP2011)
- Mutual Information

# Putting it All Together

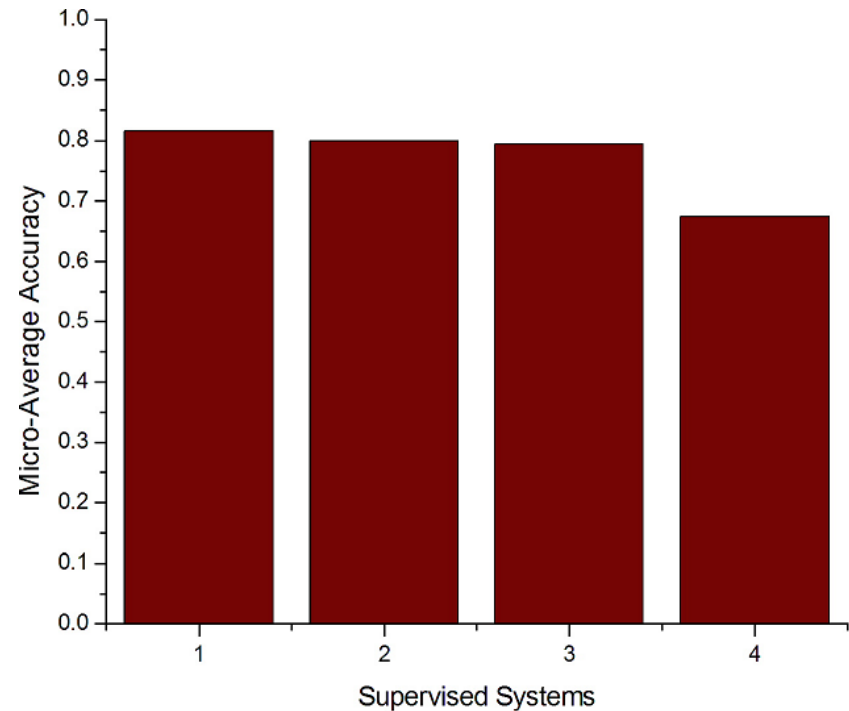
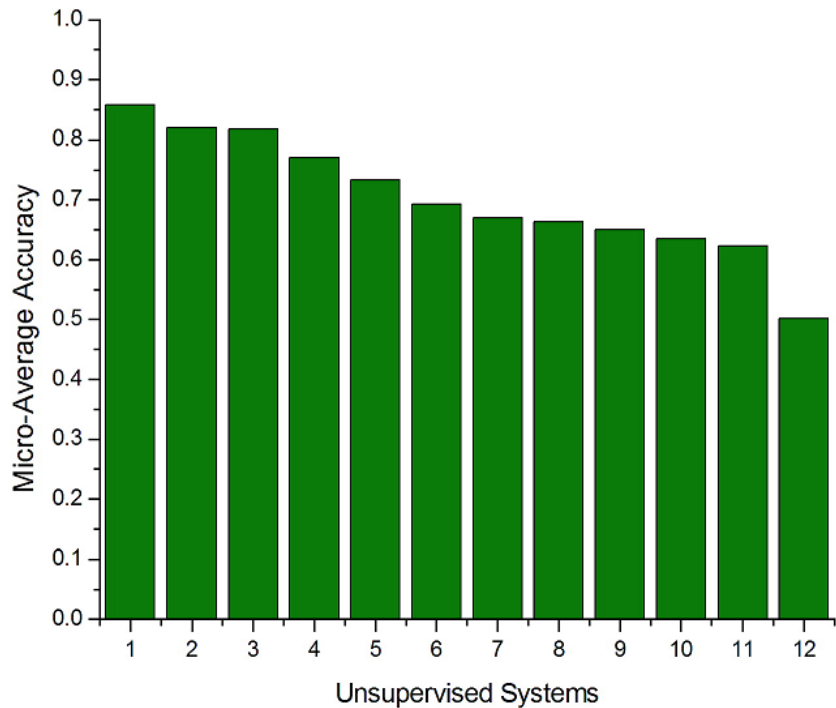
	Score Baseline	Score Context	Score Text
Chicago_city	0.99	0.01	0.03
Chicago_font	0.0001	0.2	0.01
Chicago_band	0.001	0.001	0.02

- Learning to Rank [Ratinov et. al. 2011]
  - Consider all pairs of title candidates
    - Supervision is provided by Wikipedia
  - Train a ranker on the pairs (learn to prefer the correct solution)
  - A Collaborative Ranking approach: outperforms many other learning approaches (Chen and Ji, 2011)

# Ranking Approach Comparison

- Unsupervised or weakly-supervised learning (Ferragina and Scaiella, 2010)
  - Annotated data is minimally used to tune thresholds and parameters
  - The similarity measure is largely based on the unlabeled contexts
- Supervised learning (Bunescu and Pasca, 2006; Mihalcea and Csomai, 2007; Milne and Witten, 2008, Lehmann et al., 2010; McNamee, 2010; Chang et al., 2010; Zhang et al., 2010; Pablo-Sanchez et al., 2010, Han and Sun, 2011, Chen and Ji, 2011; Meij et al., 2012)
  - Each <mention, title> pair is a classification instance
  - Learn from annotated training data based on a variety of features
  - ListNet performs the best using the same feature set (Chen and Ji, 2011)
- Graph-based ranking (Gonzalez et al., 2012)
  - context entities are taken into account in order to reach a global optimized solution together with the query entity
- IR approach (Nemeskey et al., 2010)
  - the entire source document is considered as a single query to retrieve the most relevant Wikipedia article


# Unsupervised vs. Supervised Ranking



- KBP2010 Entity Linking Systems (Ji et al., 2010)

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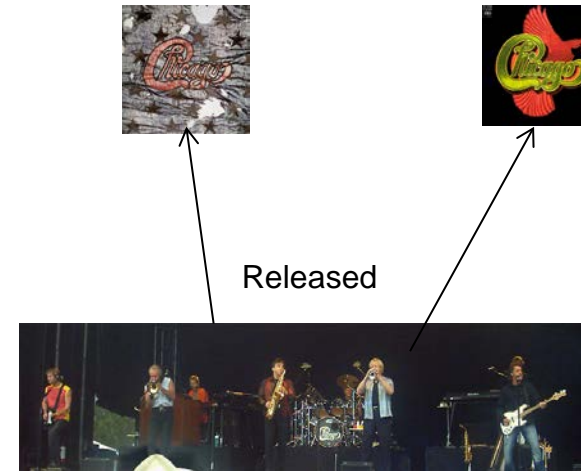
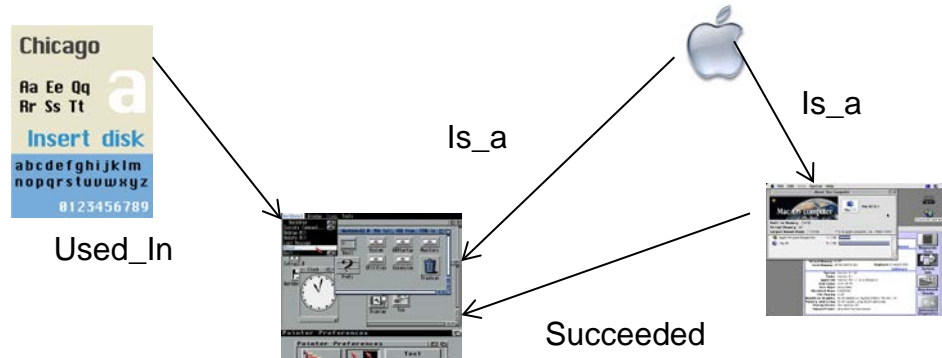
# Conceptual Coherence

- Recall: The reference collection (might) have structure.

It's a version of **Chicago** – the standard classic **Macintosh** menu font, with that distinctive thick diagonal in the "N".

**Chicago** was used by default for **Mac** menus through **MacOS 7.6**, and **OS 8** was released mid-1997..

**Chicago VIII** was one of the early 70s-era **Chicago** albums to catch my ear, along with **Chicago II**.



- Hypothesis:
  - Textual co-occurrence of concepts is reflected in the KB (Wikipedia)
- Incite:
  - Preferred disambiguation  $\Gamma$  contains structurally coherent concepts

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The city senses of Boston and Chicago appear together often.

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# Global Ranking

$$\Gamma^* \approx \arg \max_{\Gamma} \sum_{i=1}^N [\phi(m_i, t_i) + \sum_{t_i \in \Gamma, t_j \in \Gamma'} \psi(t_i, t_j)]$$

- How to approximate the “global semantic context” in the document”?
  - It is possible to only use non-ambiguous mentions as a way to approximate it.
- How to define relatedness between two titles? (What is  $\Psi$ ?)

# Title Coherence & Relatedness

- Let  $c, d$  be a pair of titles ...
- Let  $C$  and  $D$  be their sets of incoming (or outgoing) links
  - Unlabeled, directed link structure

Introduced by Milne & Witten (2008)  
Used by Kulkarni et al. (2009), Ratinov et al (2011), Hoffart et al (2011),

$$\text{relatedness}(c, d) = \frac{\log(\max(|C|, |D|)) - \log(|C \cap D|)}{\log(W) - \log(\min(|C|, |D|))}$$

See García et al. (JAIR2014) for variational details

$$\text{PMI}(c, d) = \frac{|C \cap D| / |W|}{(|C| / |W|) * (|D| / |W|)}$$

Relatedness Outperforms Pointwise Mutual Information (Ratinov et al., 2011)

- Let  $C$  and  $D \in \{0, 1\}^K$ , where  $K$  is the set of all categories

$$\text{relatedness}(c, d) = \langle C, D \rangle$$

Category based similarity introduced by Cucerzan (2007)

# More Relatedness Measures (Ceccarelli et al., 2013)

Singleton Features	
$P(a)$	probability of a mention to entity $a$ : $P(a) =  in(a) / W $ .
$H(a)$	entropy of $a$ : $H(a) = -P(a) \log(P(a)) - (1 - P(a)) \log(1 - P(a))$ .
Asymmetric Features	
$P(a b)$	conditional probability of the entity $a$ given $b$ : $P(a b) =  in(a) \cap in(b)  /  in(b) $ .
$Link(a \rightarrow b)$	equals 1 if $a$ links to $b$ , and 0 otherwise.
$P(a \rightarrow b)$	probability that $a$ links to $b$ : equals $1/ out(a) $ if $a$ links to $b$ , and 0 otherwise.
$Friend(a, b)$	equals 1 if $a$ links to $b$ , and $ out(a) \cap in(b) / out(a) $ otherwise.
$KL(a  b)$	Kullback-Leibler divergence: $KL(a  b) = \log \frac{P(a)}{P(b)} P(a) + \log \frac{1 - P(a)}{1 - P(b)} (1 - P(a))$ .

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Symmetric Features	
$\rho^{MW}(a, b)$	co-citation based similarity [19].
$J(a, b)$	Jaccard similarity: $J(a, b) = \frac{in(a) \cap in(b)}{in(a) \cup in(b)}$ .
$P(a, b)$	joint probability of entities $a$ and $b$ : $P(a, b) = P(a b) \cdot P(b) = P(b a) \cdot P(a)$ .
$Link(a \leftrightarrow b)$	equals 1 if $a$ links to $b$ and vice versa, 0 otherwise.
$AvgFr(a, b)$	average friendship: $(Friend(a, b) + Friend(b, a))/2$ .
$\rho_{out}^{MW}(a, b)$	$\rho^{MW}$ considering outgoing links.
$\rho_{in-out}^{MW}(a, b)$	$\rho^{MW}$ considering the union of the incoming and outgoing links.
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$\chi^2(a, b)$	$\chi^2$ statistic: $\chi^2(a, b) = \frac{( in(b) \cap in(a)  \cdot ( W  -  in(b) \cup in(a) ) -  in(b) \setminus in(a)  \cdot  in(a) \setminus in(b) )^2}{\frac{ W }{ in(a)  \cdot  in(b)  ( W  -  in(a) ) ( W  -  in(b) )}}$
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$PMI(a, b)$	point-wise mutual information: $\log \frac{P(b a)}{P(b)} = \log \frac{P(a b)}{P(a)} = \log \frac{ in(b) \cap in(a)   W }{ in(b)   in(a) }$

# More Relatedness Measures (Ceccarelli et al., 2013)

Features	Rank	NDCG@5	NDCG@10	P@5	P@10	MRR
$P(c e)$	<b>1</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>0.80</b>
$J(e, c)$	<b>2</b>	0.62	0.66	0.44	0.31	0.75
$\text{Friend}(e, c)$	24	0.59	0.64	0.42	0.31	0.71
$\rho^{MW}(e, c)$	19	0.59	0.63	0.42	0.31	0.72
$J_{\text{in-out}}(e, c)$	26	0.60	0.63	0.42	0.30	0.74
$\text{AvgFr}(e, c)$	<b>3</b>	0.57	0.62	0.40	0.30	0.69
$P(e, c)$	27	0.56	0.60	0.39	0.28	0.70
$\rho_{\text{in-out}}^{MW}(a, b)$	9	0.56	0.60	0.40	0.29	0.71
$J_{\text{in-out}}(e, c)$	<b>4</b>	0.54	0.58	0.39	0.28	0.67
$\rho_{\text{out}}^{MW}(a, b)$	17	0.52	0.55	0.37	0.27	0.65
$\chi^2(e, c)$	25	0.51	0.55	0.37	0.27	0.64
$P(e c)$	22	0.48	0.54	0.36	0.28	0.60
$H(c)$	<b>5</b>	0.48	0.51	0.30	0.20	0.68
$\chi_{\text{out}}^2(e, c)$	16	0.47	0.50	0.34	0.24	0.61
$\text{AvgFr}(c, e)$	21	0.44	0.49	0.33	0.25	0.56
$P(c)$	13	0.47	0.49	0.29	0.19	0.66
$\text{PMI}(e, c)$	23	0.42	0.48	0.32	0.25	0.53
$\chi_{\text{in-out}}^2(e, c)$	11	0.44	0.46	0.33	0.23	0.58
$P(e \rightarrow c)$	18	0.37	0.38	0.24	0.15	0.55
$\text{Link}(e \rightarrow c)$	20	0.37	0.38	0.24	0.15	0.55
$P(c \rightarrow e)$	12	0.35	0.36	0.22	0.14	0.52
$\text{Link}(c \rightarrow e)$	15	0.31	0.33	0.21	0.14	0.46
$KL(c  e)$	10	0.32	0.32	0.19	0.12	0.51
$\text{Link}(c \leftrightarrow e)$	14	0.28	0.29	0.17	0.11	0.45
$KL(e  c)$	8	0.26	0.28	0.17	0.11	0.44
$P(e)$	6	0.08	0.11	0.06	0.06	0.17
$H(e)$	7	0.08	0.11	0.06	0.06	0.17

# Densest Subgraph Heuristic (Moro et al., TACL2014)

- Target KB: **Babelnet** (Navigli & Ponzetto, *AI* 2012)
  - A **semantic network** of concepts (including named entities), with typed edges for semantic relations, in multiple languages.
- Babelfy System
  - 1. Assign weights to and remove labels from edges using *directed triangles*
    - Inspired by (Watts & Strogatz 1998)
  - 2. Create *semantic signature* via Random Walk with Restart (RWR) (Tong et al., 2006) using edge weights for probability
    - $\text{SemSign}_c$  – set of concepts most related to  $c$  based on RWR
  - 3. Graph -  $V$ :  $(m, c)$  candidates  $E$ : based on  $\text{SemSign}$
  - 4. Reduce ambiguity by approximating Densest Subgraph
    - Hypothesis: The best concept for a mention comes from the densest portion of the graph

# NIL Detection and Clustering

- The key difference between Wikification and Entity Linking is the way NIL are treated.
- In **Wikification**:
  - Local Processing
  - Each mention  $m_i$  that does not correspond to title  $t_i$  is mapped to NIL.
- In **Entity Linking**:
  - Global Processing
  - Cluster all mentions  $m_i$  that represent the same concept
  - If this cluster does not correspond to a title  $t_i$ , map it to NIL.
- Mapping to NIL is challenging in both cases



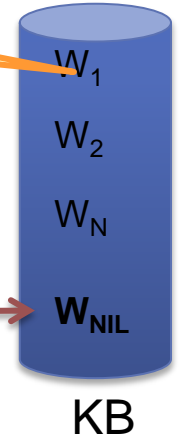
# NIL Detection

1. Augment KB with NIL entry and treat it like any other entry
2. Include general NIL-indicating features

Is it in the KB?



, NIL



**Jordan** accepted a basketball scholarship to North Carolina, ...

In the 1980's **Jordan** began developing recurrent neural networks.

Local man **Michael Jordan** was appointed county coroner ...

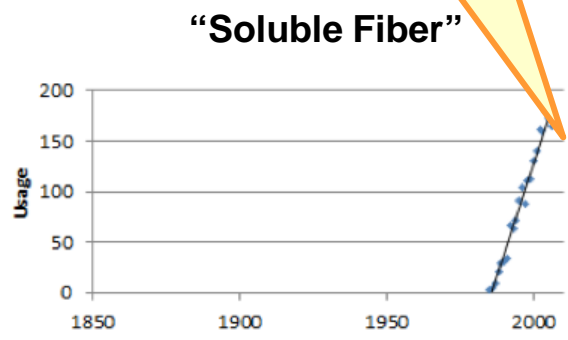
1. Binary classification (Within KB vs. NIL)
2. Select NIL cutoff by tuning confidence threshold

Is it an *entity*?

- Concept Mention Identification (above)
- Not all NP's are linkable

Sudden Google Books frequency spike: **Entity**

No spike: **Not an entity**



# NIL Detection: Main Challenges

- Wikipedia's hyperlinks offer a wealth of disambiguated mentions that can be leveraged to train a Wikification system.
- However, relative to mentions from general text, Wikipedia mentions are disproportionately likely to have corresponding Wikipedia pages
- Accounting for this bias from statistical models requires more than simply training a Wikification system on a moderate number of examples from non-Wikipedia text
- Applying distinct semi-supervised and active learning approaches to the task is a primary area of future work
- More advanced selectional preference methods should be applied to solve the cases when the correct referent is ranked very low by statistical models, and combine multi-dimensional clues

# NIL Clustering

“All in one”

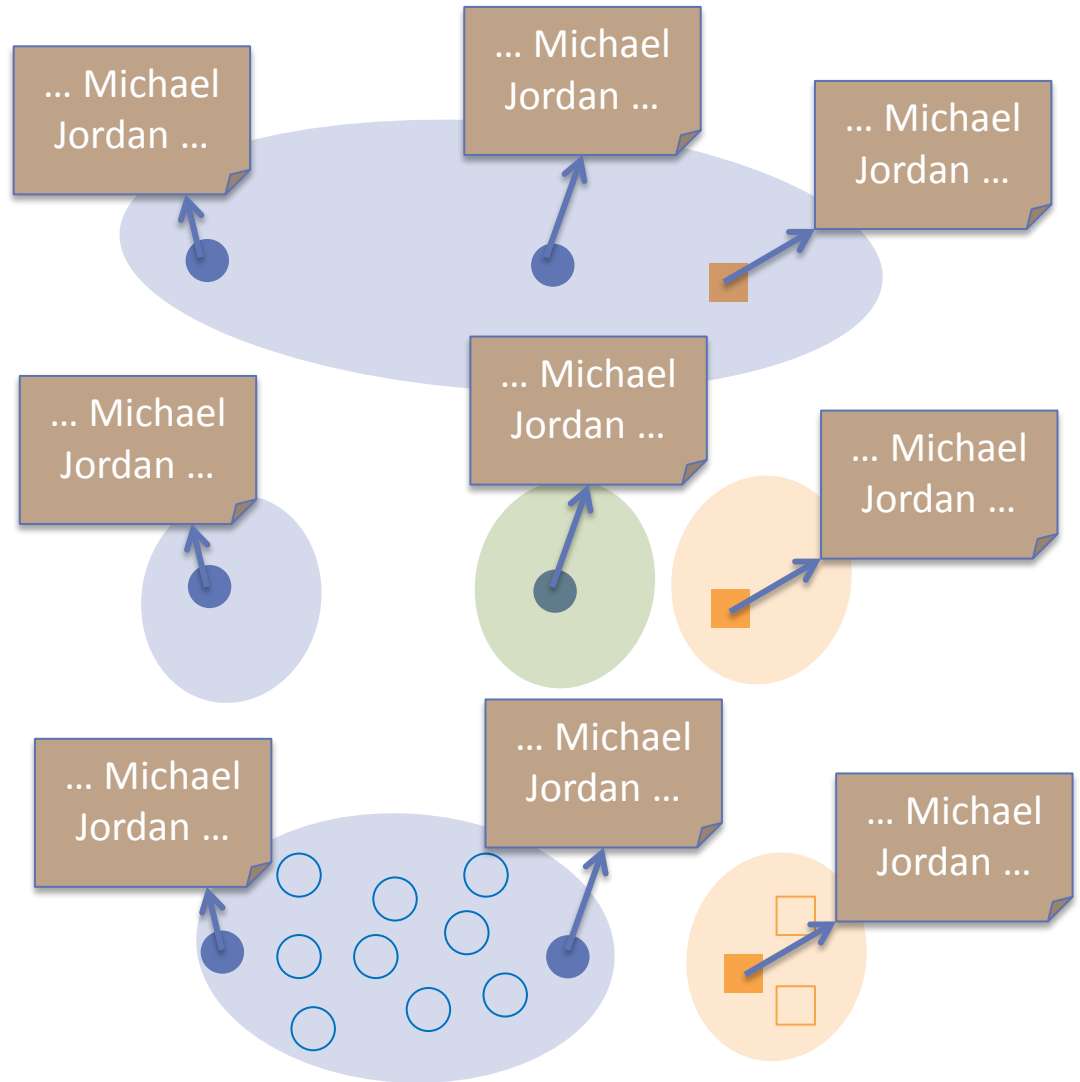
**Simple string matching**

“One in one”

**Often difficult to beat!**

Collaborative Clustering

**Most effective when ambiguity is high**



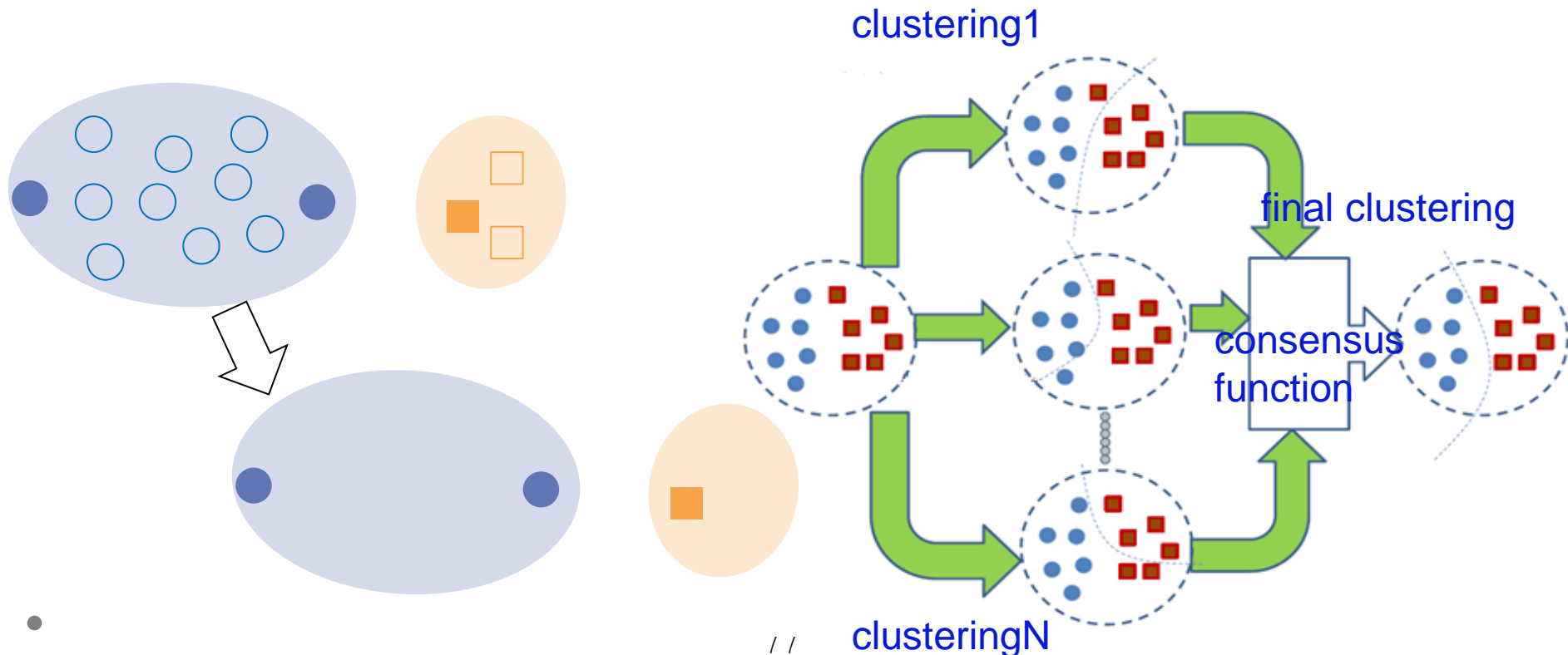
# NIL Clustering Methods Comparison (Chen and Ji, 2011; Tamang et al., 2012)

Algorithms		B-cubed+ F-Measure	Complexity
Agglomerative clustering	3 linkage based algorithms (single linkage, complete linkage, average linkage) (Manning et al., 2008)	85.4%-85.8%	$O(n^2)$ $O(n^2 \log n)$ n: the number of mentions
	6 algorithms optimizing internal measures cohesion and separation	85.6%-86.6%	$O(n^2 \log n)$ $O(n^3)$
Partitioning Clustering	6 repeated bisection algorithms optimizing internal measures	85.4%-86.1%	$O(NNZ \times k + m \times k)$ NNZ: the number of non-zeroes in the input matrix M: dimension of feature vector for each mention k: the number of clusters
	6 direct k-way algorithms optimizing internal measures (Zhao and Karypis, 2002)	85.5%-86.9%	$O(NNZ \times \log k)$

- **Co-reference methods** were also used to address NIL Clustering (E.g., Cheng et. al 2013):  $L^3M$  Latent Left Linking jointly learn metric and clusters mentions

# Collaborative Clustering (Chen and Ji, 2011; Tamang et al., 2012)

- Consensus functions
  - Co-association matrix (Fred and Jain, 2002)
  - Graph formulations (Strehl and Ghosh, 2002; Fern and Brodley, 2004): instance-based; cluster-based; hybrid bipartite
- 12% gain over the best individual clustering algorithm

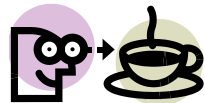


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- Motivation and Definition
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  - High Level Algorithmic Approach



## Key Challenges



Coffee Break

- Recent Advances
- New Tasks, Trends and Applications
- What's Next?
- Resources, Shared Tasks and Demos

# General Challenges

[Blumenthal](#) (D) is a candidate for the [U.S. Senate](#) seat now held by [Christopher Dodd](#) (D), and he has held a commanding lead in the race since he entered it. But the [Times](#) report has the potential to fundamentally reshape the contest in [the Nutmeg State](#).

- Ambiguity



- Concepts outside of Wikipedia (NIL)

- [Blumenthal](#) ?

- Variability



- Scale

- Millions of labels

# General Challenges

- A few researchers focused on efficiency of Wikification (e.g. stacking (He et al., 2013) and distributional hierarchical clustering (Bekkerman et al., 2005; Singh et al. 2011)); most others focus on improving quality

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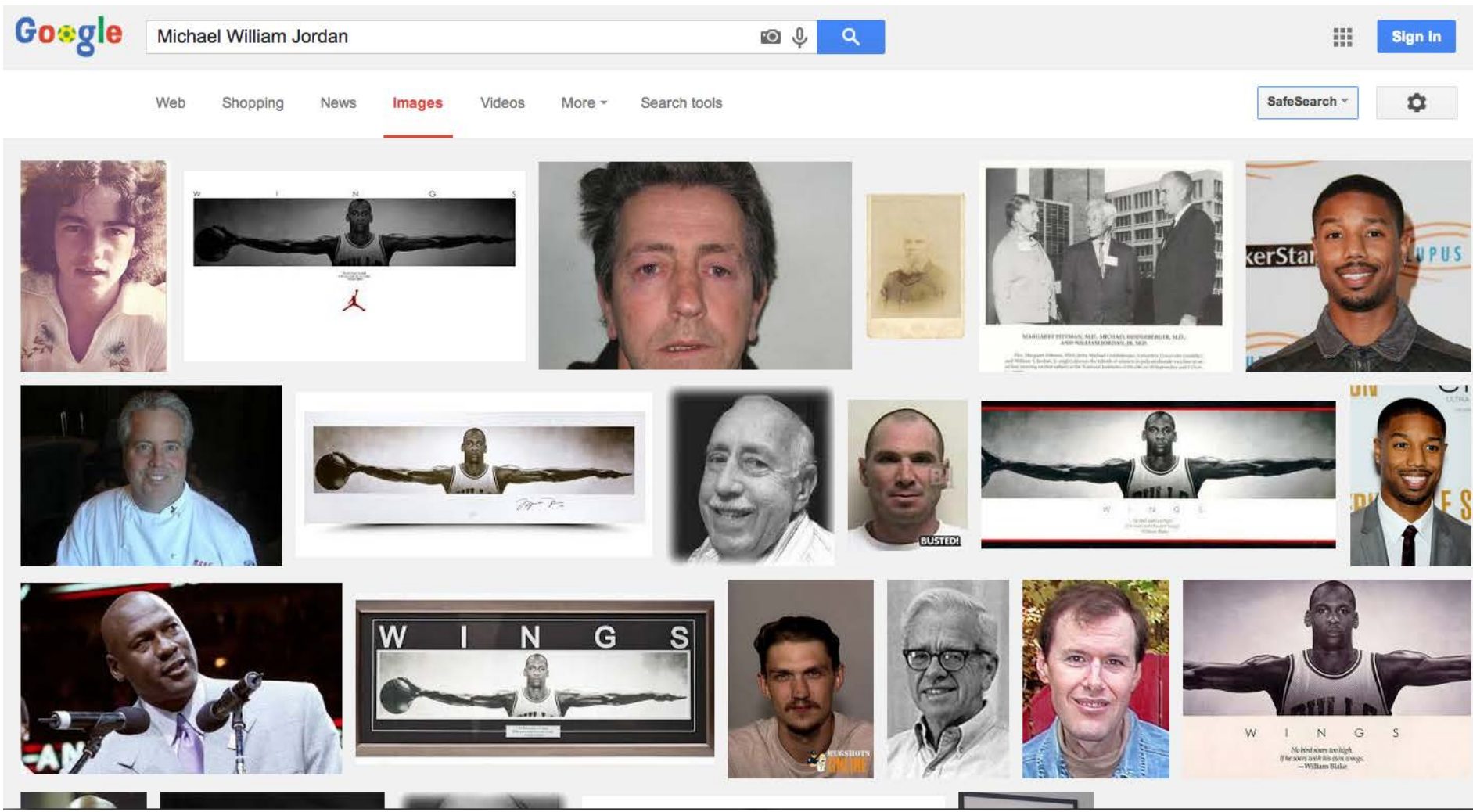
- State-of-the-art systems (Ratinov et al. 2011) can achieve the above with local and global statistical features
  - Reaches bottleneck around 70%~ 85% F1 on non-wiki datasets
  - What is missing?



# Challenges

- Dealing with Popularity Bias
- Exploiting Semantic Knowledge to Improve Wikification
  - Relational Information in the text
- Recovering from gaps in background knowledge
  - Mostly when dealing with short texts and social media
- Exploiting common sense knowledge

# Popularity Bias: If you are called Michael Jordan...



# A Little Better...

Google Michael William Jordan eastbourne borough

Web Shopping News **Images** Maps More Search tools SafeSearch

# Deep Semantic Knowledge

Local **OWS** activists were part of this **protest**.



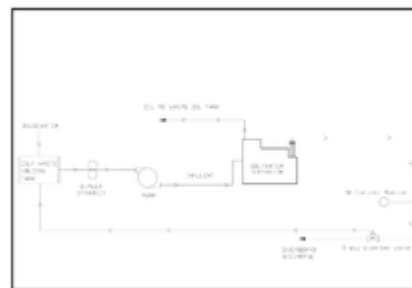
*Order of World Scouts*



*Occupy Wall Street*



*Oily Water Separator*



*Overhead Weapon Station*



*Open Window School*



*Open Geospatial Consortium*



# Deep Semantic Knowledge

Ok, my answer is no one and **Obama** wins the **GE**.  
I think **Romney** wins big today and obviously stays in.  
**Santorum** gets enough of a boost to do the **Huckabee** hangs around.  
I think **Gingrich**'s sole win in **GA** is enough to hang it up and go back to making millions in the private sector.  
I think **Mitt** drops out...  
The only one with any reason to will be **Newt**, but I don't think that he will.

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<inventory lemma="win-v">  
<sense group="1" n="1" name="beat, prevail or triumph" type="">  
<commentary>  
  NP WIN PP  
  NP WIN NP [competition,activity,event]  
</commentary>
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**General Electric**

**United States presidential election, 2012**

# Deep Semantic Knowledge

- An Australian jury found that an Uzbekistan **Olympic** boxing official was defamed in a book about alleged **Olympic** corruption in which he was depicted as a major international heroin dealer and racketeer.
- Rakhimov was also said to have bribed members of the **International Boxing Federation** in the vote for the Federation Presidency.



International Boxing Association  
(amateur), **olympic**-style

International Boxing Association  
(professional body), organization that  
sanctions professional boxing

# Deep Semantic Knowledge

- It was a pool **report** typo. Here is exact **Rhodes** quote: "this is not gonna be a couple of weeks. It will be a period of days."
- At a **WH briefing** here in Santiago, **NSA** spox **Rhodes** came with a litany of pushback on idea **WH** didn't consult with **Congress**.
- **Rhodes** singled out a **Senate** resolution that passed on March 1st which denounced **Khaddafy's** atrocities. **WH** says **UN** rez incorporates it



***Ben Rhodes***  
***(Speech Writer)***

# Knowledge Gap between Source and KB

Source: breaking news/new information/rumor	KB: bio, summary, snapshot of life
According to <b>Darwin</b> it is the <b>Males</b> who do the vamping.	<b>Charles Robert Darwin</b> , was an English <b>naturalist</b> and <b>geologist</b> best known for his contributions to <b>evolutionary theory</b> .
I had no idea the <b>victim</b> in the <b>Jackson cases</b> was publicized.	In the summer of 1993, <b>Jackson</b> was accused of <b>child sexual abuse</b> by a 13-year-old boy named Jordan Chandler and his father, Dr. Evan Chandler, a dentist.
I went to youtube and checked out the <b>Gulf oil crisis</b> : all of the posts are one month old, or older...	On April 20, 2010, the Deepwater Horizon oil platform, located in the Mississippi Canyon about 40 miles (64 km) off the Louisiana coast, suffered a <b>catastrophic explosion</b> ; it sank a day-and-a-half later





# Fill in the Gap with Background Knowledge

Source: breaking news/new information/rumors	KB: bio, summary, snapshot of life
<p><b>Christies</b> denial of <b>marriage</b> privledges to <b>gays</b> will alienate independents and his “I wanted to have the people vote on it” will ring hollow.</p>	<p><b>Christie</b> has said that he favoured New Jersey's law allowing <b>same-sex</b> couples to form civil unions, but would veto any bill legalizing <b>same-sex marriage</b> in New Jersey</p>
<p>Translation out of hype-speak: some kook made <b>threatening</b> noises at <b>Brownback</b> and go <b>arrested</b></p>	<p><b>Samuel Dale "Sam" Brownback</b> (born September 12, 1956) is an American politician, the 46th and current <b>Governor</b> of Kansas.</p>



Man Accused Of Making **Threatening** Phone Call To Kansas **Gov. Sam Brownback** May Face Felony Charge



# Background Knowledge

Making **pesto**! I had to soak my **nuts** for 3 hours



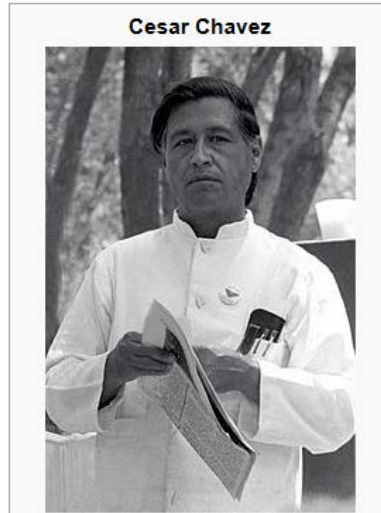
# Background Knowledge

Awesome post from wolfbliitercnn: Behind the scenes on **Clinton**'s Mideast trip -  
URL - #cnn



# Background Knowledge

**Iran** and **Russia** will be the next war along with **Chavez** if we do not create a successful **democracy** in **Iraq**.



- Chavez's opposition to Zionism and close relations with **Iran**, have led to accusations of antisemitism
- Soon after this speech, in August Chávez announced that his government would nationalize Venezuela's gold industry,... to banks in Venezuela's political allies like **Russia**, China and Brazil.
- The CD and other opponents of Chávez's Bolivarian government accused it of trying to turn Venezuela from a **democracy** into a dictatorship by...

# Background Knowledge

2005-06-05

Taiwan (TW)

International; weapons

Taiwan successfully fired its first cruise missile.

This will enable Taiwan to hit major military targets in southeast China.

The China Times reported that Taiwan has successfully test fired the **Hsiung Feng** its first cruise missile enabling Taiwan to hit major military targets in southeast China.

## Hsiung Feng

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Hsiung Feng can refer to:

- Hsiung Feng I
- Hsiung Feng II
- Hsiung Feng IIE
- Hsiung Feng III



**Hsiung Feng IIE**

# Background Knowledge

1995-12-18

Germany (DE)

International; weapons; war and conflict

There are huge obstacles to achieving peace and cooperation among combatants in the former **Yugoslavia**.

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said in opening remarks at the one-day meeting that there can be no peace in the former **Yugoslavia** if some parties to the conflict remain heavily armed and others try to catch up.

1918-1929: *Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes*

1929-1941: Kingdom of Yugoslavia

1945-1946: Yugoslavia Democratic Union

1946-1963: Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia

1963-1992: Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

**1992-2003: Federal Republic of Yugoslavia**

2003-2006: Serbia and Montenegro

...

# Background Knowledge

**I-55** will be closed in both directions between **Carondelet** and the 4500 block

Carondelet is a neighborhood in the extreme southeastern portion of St. Louis, Missouri.

Interstate 55

Interstate 55 in Missouri

# Commonsense Knowledge

2008-07-26

During talks in Geneva attended by **William J. Burns** Iran refused to respond to Solana's offers.



*William\_J.\_Burns (1861-1932)*

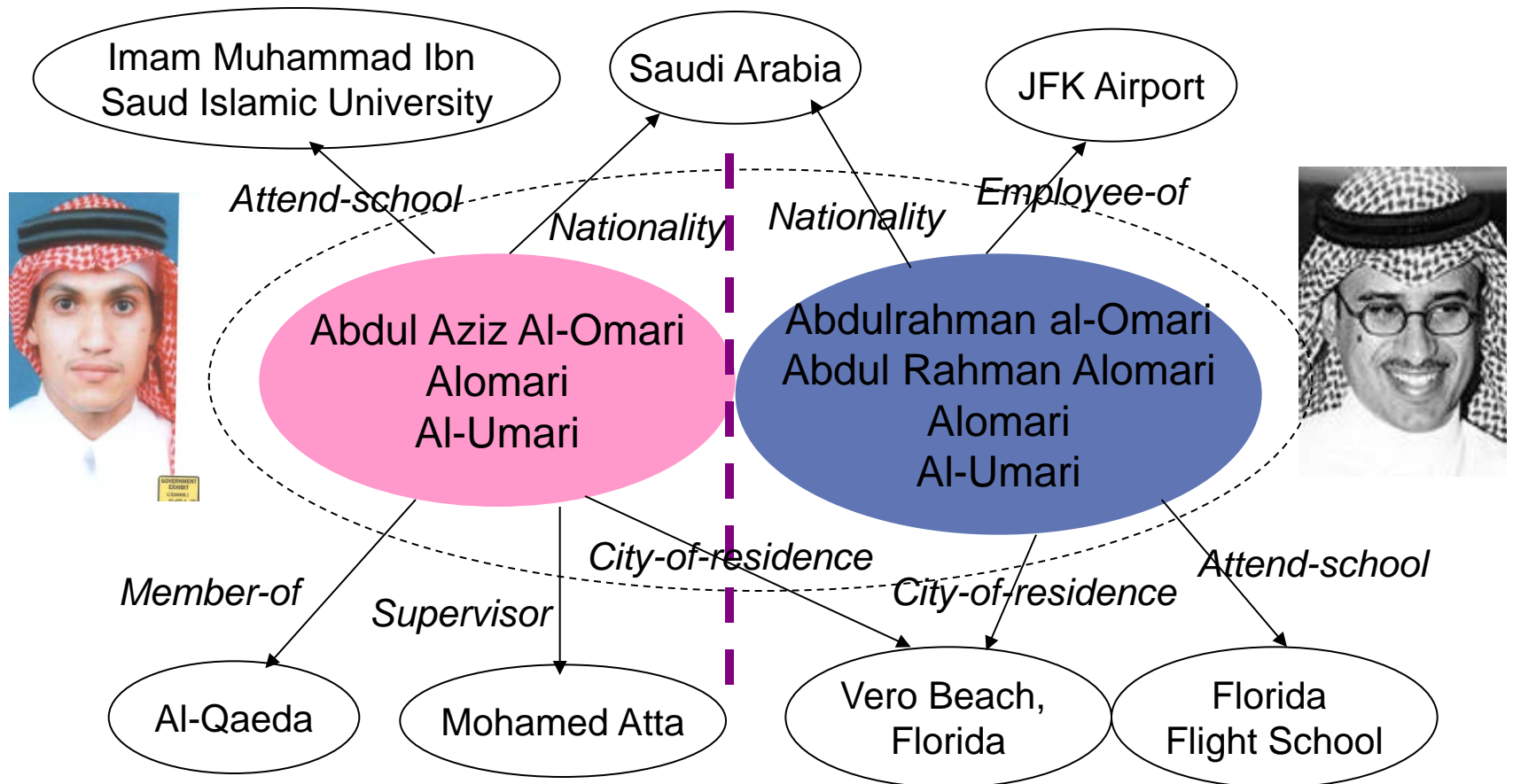


*William\_Joseph\_Burns (1956- )*





# Rich Context (Information Networks)



# Rich Context

- “Supreme Court” (in Japan, China, U.S., Macedonia, etc.)
- “LDP (Liberty and Democracy Party)” (in Australia, Japan, etc.)
- “Newcastle University” can be located in UK or Australia
- Many person entities share the same common names such as “Albert”, “Pasha”, etc.
- “Ji county” can be located in “Shanxi” or “Tianjin”

# Rich Context: Coreferential Mentions

Brazilian government and **Abbott Laboratories** agree on lower price for AIDS drug Kaletra in response to Brazilian threat to violate the patent.

According to WHO studies the price of the drug was exorbitant and the Brazilian government demanded that **Abbot** lower the price.



- Finding collaborators based cross-document entity clustering (Chen and Ji, 2011)

# Rich Context: Related Employer

Hundreds of protesters from various groups converged on the state capitol in **Topeka, Kansas** today...

Second, I have a really hard time believing that there were any ACTUAL “explosives” since the news story they link to talks about one guy getting arrested for THREATENING Governor **Brownback**.

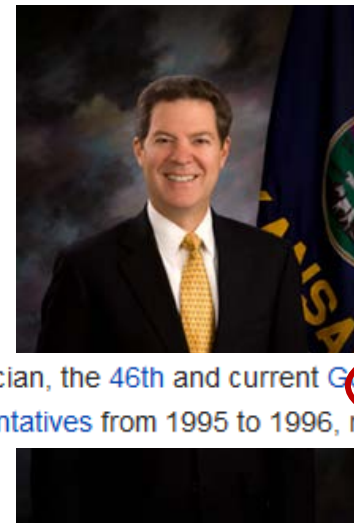
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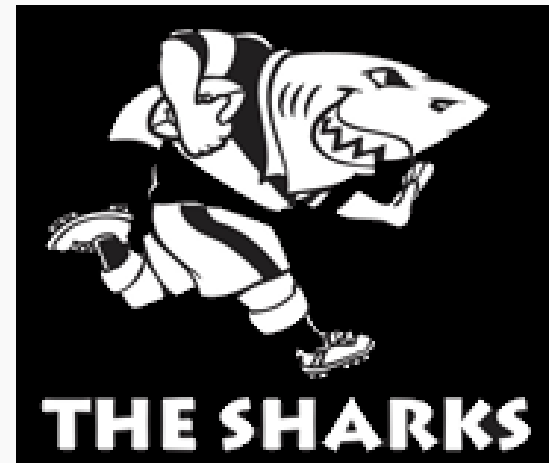


# Rich Context: Related Employees

*I check the numbers, and am shocked to learn the Sharks have over 10 million in available cap room. **Antropov** would fit in great with the **Sharks**, while **McCabe** would be the big shot (you will remember last year how much they pursued **Souray**).*



## Sharks



Full name	Sharks
Union	<a href="#">South African Rugby Union</a>

# Rich Context: Related Colleagues

Where would **McCain** be without **Sarah**?



Alaska Governor **Sarah Palin** was revealed as McCain's surprise choice for running mate on August 29, 2008. <sup>[234]</sup>

**Sarah Louise Palin** ([/ˈpɛlɪn/](#); née **Heath**; born February 11, 1964) is an American politician, commentator and author who served as the ninth Governor of Alaska, from 2006 to 2009. As the Republican Party nominee for Vice President in the 2008 presidential election alongside Arizona Senator **John McCain**, she was the first Alaskan on the national ticket of a major party and first Republican

# Rich Context: Related Colleagues

No matter what, he never should have given **Michael Jackson** that propofol. He seems to think a “proper” court would have let **Murray** go free.



The trial of Conrad Murray was the American criminal trial of **Michael Jackson's** personal physician, **Conrad Murray**.

# Rich Context: Related Family Members

Mubarak, the wife of deposed Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak,

...



wife





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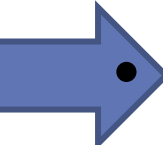


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Improving Wikification by

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# Semantic Relations and Event Extraction

- Co-occurrence
  - Two pilots had their wedding in **Spain** on 15<sup>th</sup>, and so they became the first homosexual couple who got married in Spanish troops. The wedding was held in **Sevilla** city hall.
  - The assistant of **Bosnia** Premier Taqik said ...two **Democratic Progressive Party** members who held important duties in the central government...
- Part-whole Relation
  - Verizon coverage in **WV** is good along the interstates and in the major cities like Charleston, Clarksburg, **Fairmont**, Morgantown, Huntington, and Parkersburg.-
  - **Manchester** (**New Hampshire**)

# Semantic Relations and Event Extraction (Cont')

- Employer/Title
  - **Milton**, the senior **representative** of **Brazil** government
  - **Milton**, the **Governor** of **Pichincha Province, Ecuador**
- Affiliation
  - **Bulgarian National Medicines Agency**
- Located Relation
  - **Fine Chemical Plant** in Wuhu City
- Event
  - The leader of **Chilean** Fencing Federation **Ertl** was **elected** as the new **chairman** of this country's **Olympic Committee** tonight.

# Acquiring Rich Knowledge from KBs

- Wikipedia (Han and Zhao, 2009)
  - Wikipedia titles and their surface forms
  - Associative relation (internal page links), hierarchical relation and equivalence relation between concepts
  - Polysemy (disambiguation page) and synonymy (redirect page) between key terms
  - Templates (Zheng et al., 2014)
- DBPedia (Zheng et al., 2014)
  - Rich relational structures and hierarchies, fine-grained types

# Collaborative Title Collection on KB

- Go beyond Wikipedia: Exploit rich structures in DBPedia, Freebase, YAGO, Ontologies
- Google Knowledge base: “people also search for”



## John McCain

United States Senator

John Sidney McCain III is the senior United States Senator from Arizona. He was the Republican presidential nominee in the 2008 United States election. [Wikipedia](#)

**Born:** August 29, 1936 (age 77), [Coco Solo](#)

**Office:** [Senator \(AZ\)](#) since 1987

**Previous office:** [Representative \(AZ 1st District\)](#) 1983–1987

**Spouse:** [Cindy McCain](#) (m. 1980), [Carol McCain](#) (m. 1965–1980)

**Parents:** [John S. McCain, Jr.](#), [Roberta McCain](#)

**Children:** [Meghan McCain](#), [Bridget McCain](#), [More](#)

### People also search for

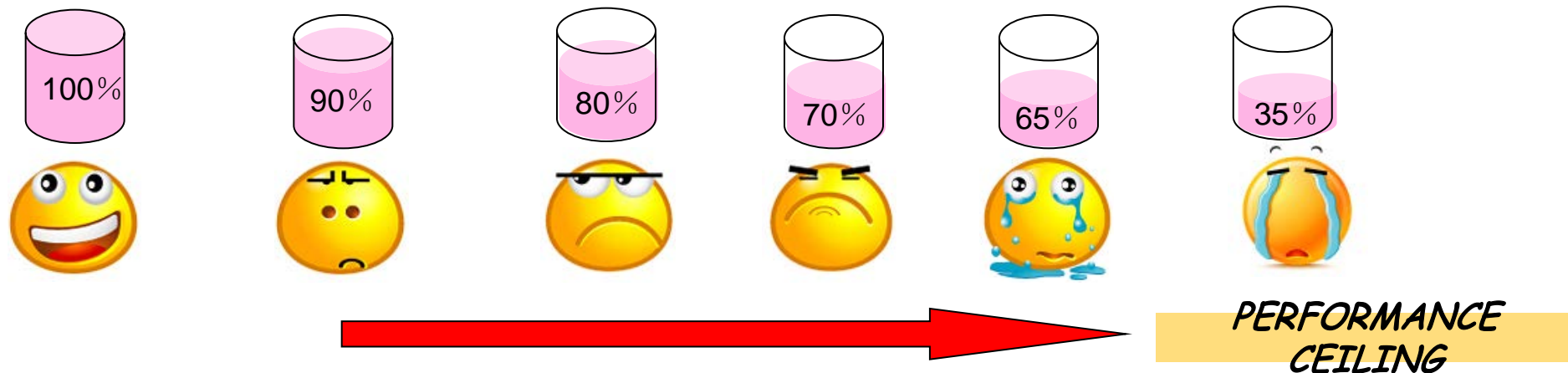
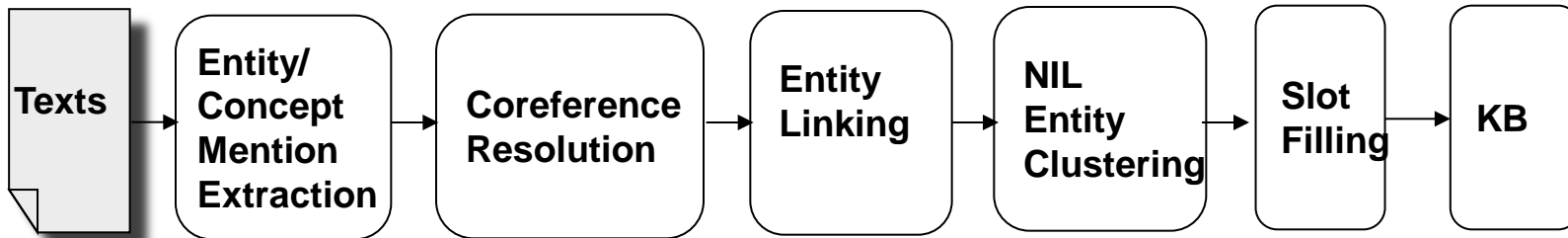


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# End-to-end Wikification: Traditional Pipeline Approach



- Errors are compounded from stage to stage
- No interaction between individual predictions
- Incapable of dealing with global dependencies

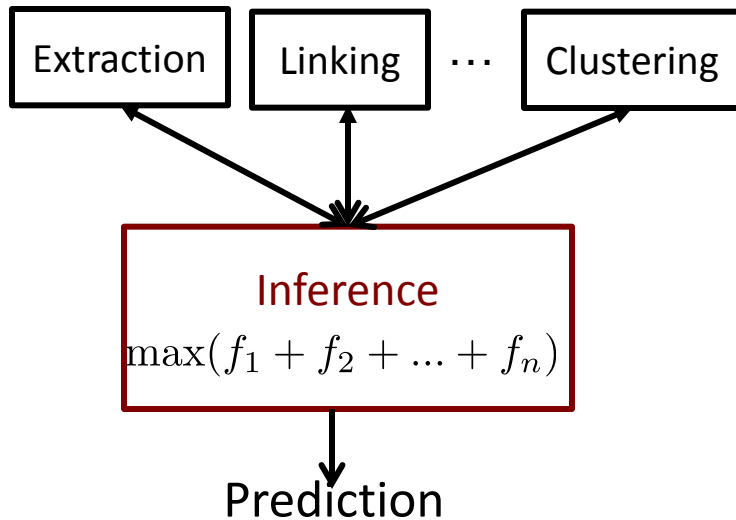


# Solution: Joint Extraction and Linking

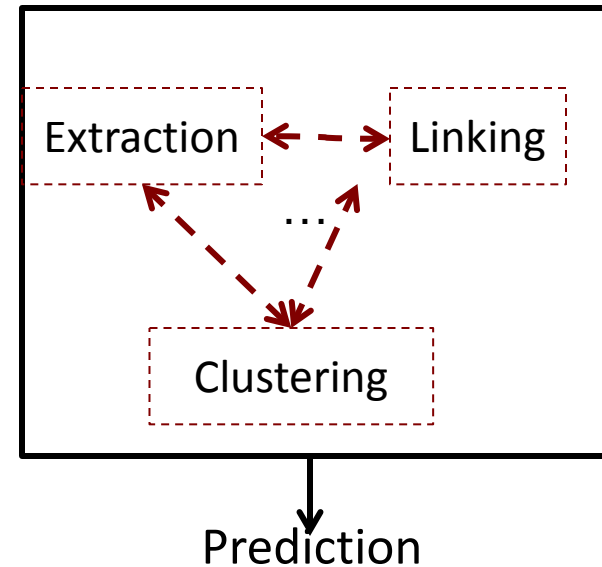
○ [Blue Cross]<sub>ORG</sub> and [Blue Shield of Alabama]<sub>ORG</sub>

○ [Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama]<sub>ORG</sub> → BCBS of Alabama

## Joint Inference



## Joint Modeling



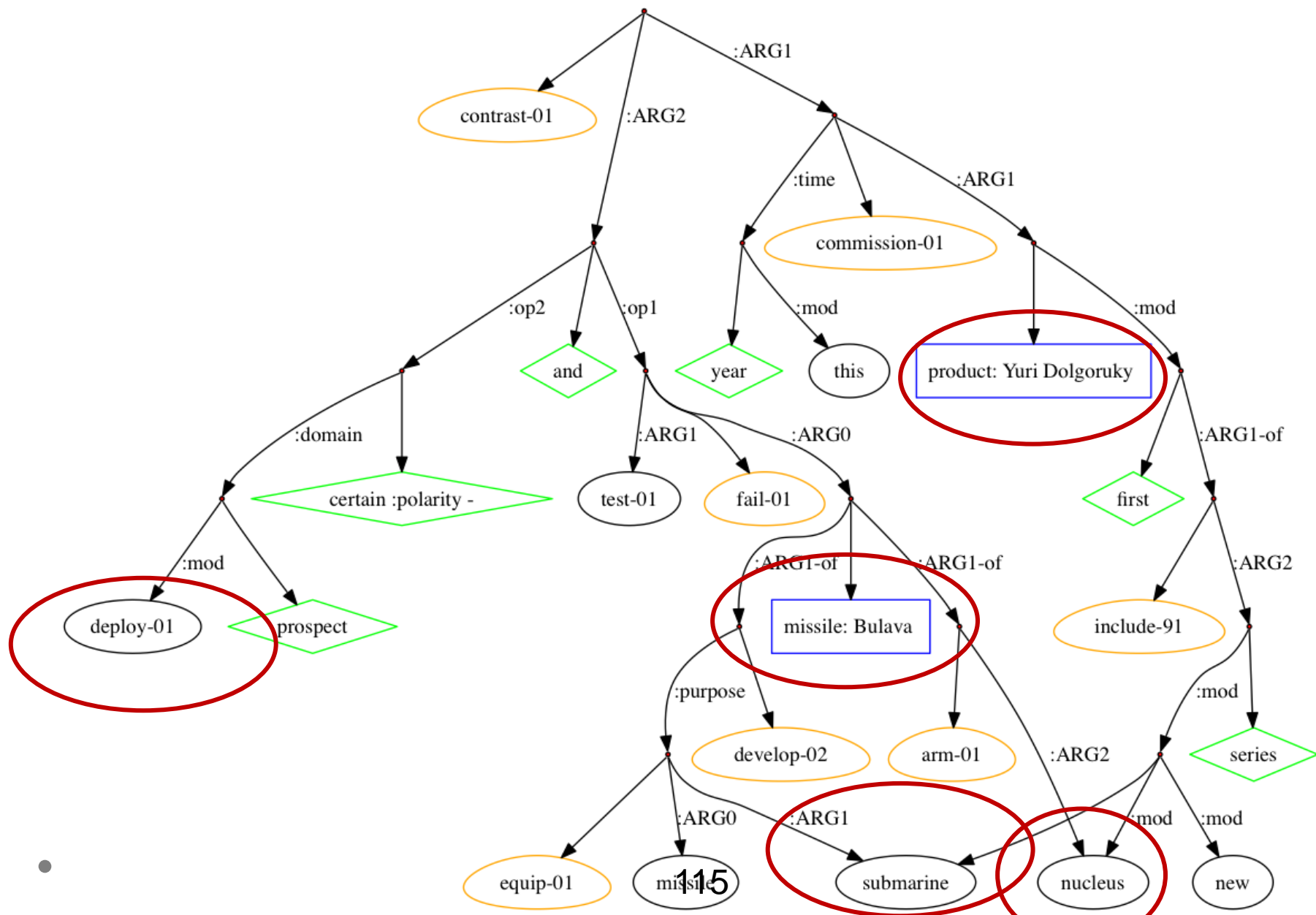
- Constrained Conditional Models, ILP [Roth2004, Punyakanok2005, Roth2007, Chang2012, Yang2013]
- Re-ranking [Sil2013, Ji2005, McClosky2011]
- Dual decomposition [Rush2010]
- Probabilistic Graphical Models [Sutton2004, Wick2012, Wick2013, Singh2013]
- Markov logic networks [Poon2007, Poon2010, Kiddon2012]
- Linking for extraction [Meij2012, Guo2013, Fahrni2013, Huang2014]

# Joint Extraction and Linking

The **Yuri dolgoruky** is the first in a series of new nuclear submarines to be commissioned this year but the bulava nuclear-armed missile developed to equip the submarine has failed tests and the deployment prospects are uncertain.



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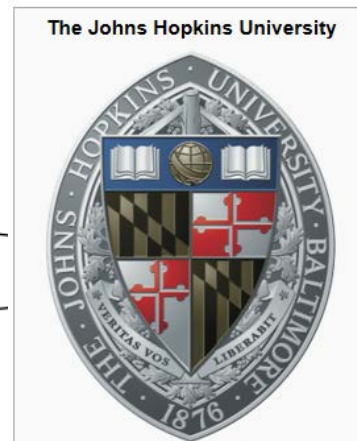
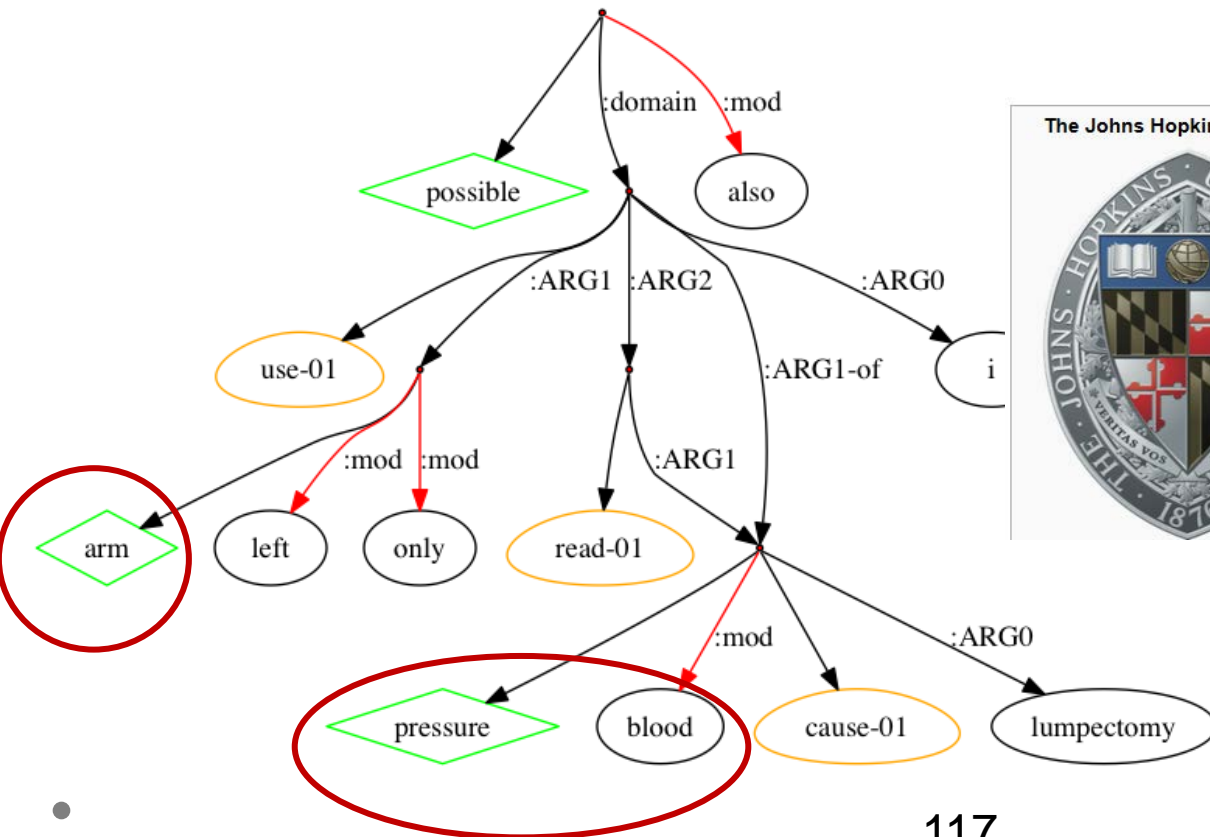
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# Acquiring Rich Knowledge

I had it done three years ago at **Johns Hopkins**.

Also, because of a lumpectomy I can only use my left **arm** for **B. P.** readings.



# Global Interaction Feature: Distinct-Links-Per-Mention (Sil and Yates, 2013)

- **Objective:** Penalize over-segmented phrases

- **Example:**


[Home] [Depot]

↓ ↓

Home\_Depot Home\_Depot

**Indicates over-segmentation**

#distinct Entities = 1  
#mentions = 2  
=> Feature Value= **0.5**




[Home Depot]

↓

Home\_Depot

**Indicates correct segmentation**

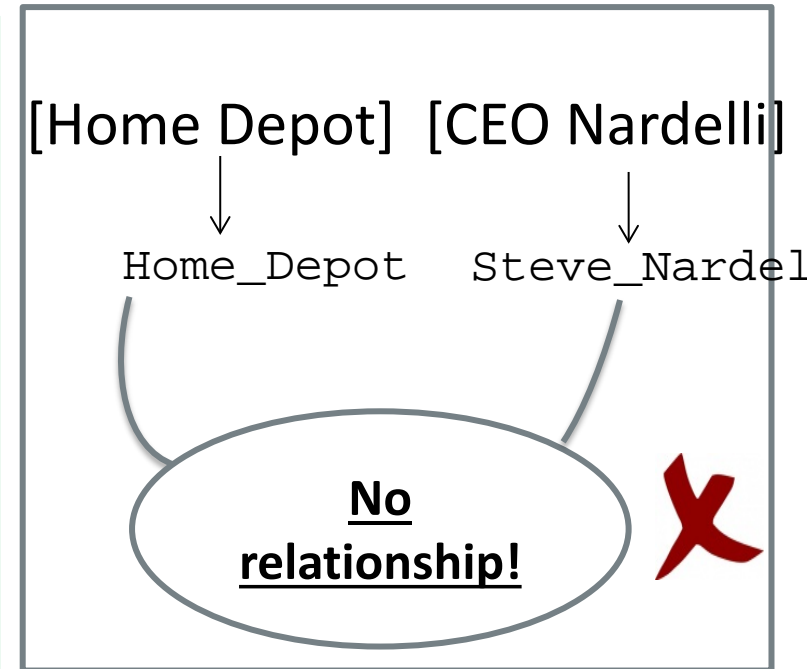
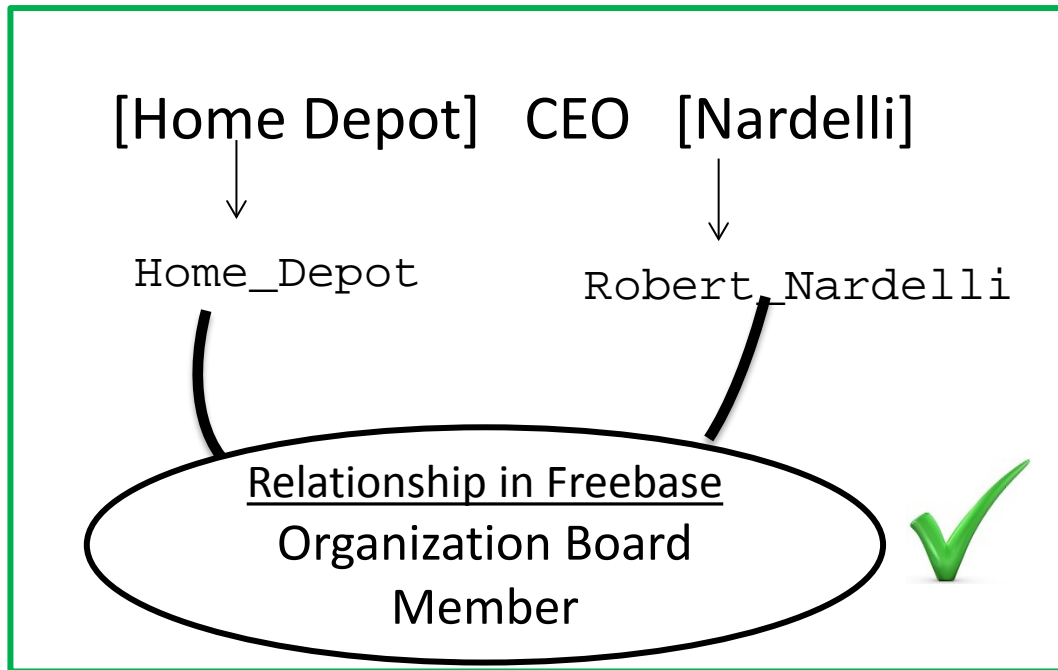
#distinct Entities = 1  
#mentions = 1  
=> Feature Value= 1



# Global Interaction Feature: Binary Relation Count (Sil and Yates, 2013)

- Use Binary Relations between entities in Freebase

- **Example:**



Indicates: Under-segmentation

# Global Interaction Feature: Entity Type PMI (Sil and Yates, 2013)

- Find patterns of entities appearing close to each other


$$PMI(T(e_1), T(e_2)) = \frac{\sum_{(e, e') \in T} \mathbf{1}[T(e_1) = T(e) \wedge T(e_2) = T(e')]}{\sum_{e \in T} \mathbf{1}[T(e_1) = T(e)] \times \sum_{e \in T} \mathbf{1}[T(e_2) = T(e)]}$$

- Example:**

[Home Depot] CEO [Nardelli]




Home\_Depot

 **Type:**  
Organization



Robert\_Nardelli

 **Type:**  
Org\_Leader




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[Home Depot] [CEO Nardelli]




Home\_Depot

 **Type:**  
Organization



Steve\_Nardel

 **Type:**  
Music\_Artist



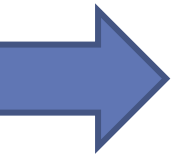
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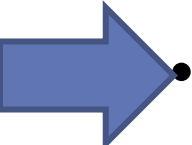
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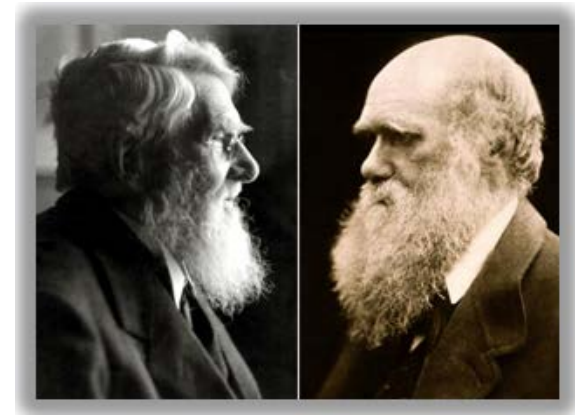
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# From Non-collective to Collective

- Intuition: Promote semantically coherent pairs of titles
- 
- (1) Enrich text with external KB knowledge
    - Use graph metrics (as described earlier)
  - (2) Enrich text with (some) gold titles
    - Use graph propagation algorithms
  - (3) Enrich Text with (local) relational information
    - Use global inference methods



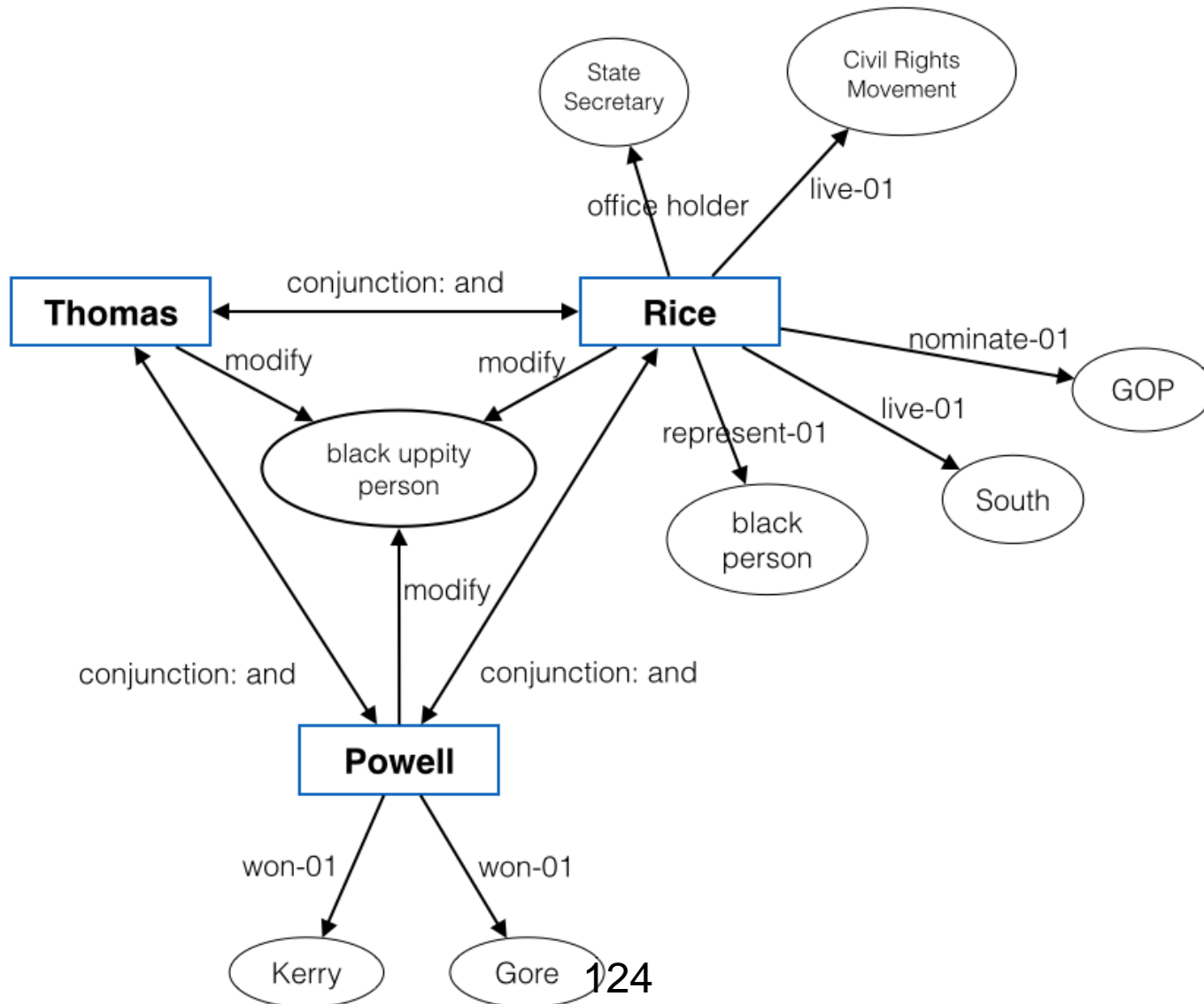
*Collaborative Learning* *Collective Animal Behavior*

*Great Minds Think Alike*

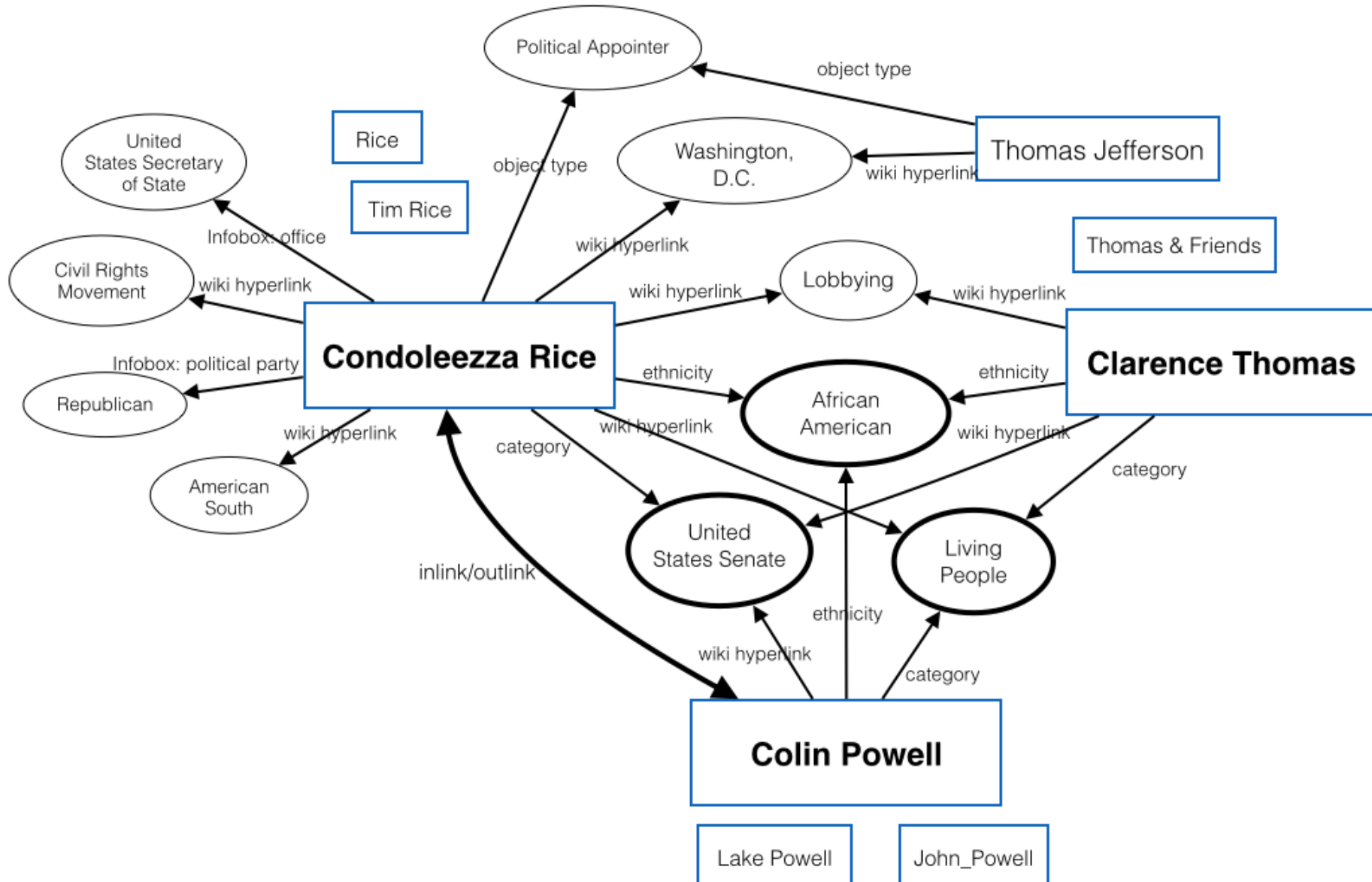
# (1) Collective Inference: Basic Idea

- Construct a Knowledge Graph from Source
- Construct a Knowledge Graph from KBs
- Each Knowledge Graph contains a thematically homogeneous coherent story/context
- Semantic Matches of Knowledge Graphs using Graph based Measures to Match Three Criteria:
  - Ideally we want to align two graphs directly (Yan and Han, 2002), current simplified solutions →
  - **Similarity:** The mention and the concept should have high similarity
  - **Salience:** The concept should be salient and popular in KB
  - **Coherence:** The concept and its collaborators decided by the mention's collaborators should be strongly connected in KB

# Construct Knowledge Graph of Concept Mentions and their Collaborators



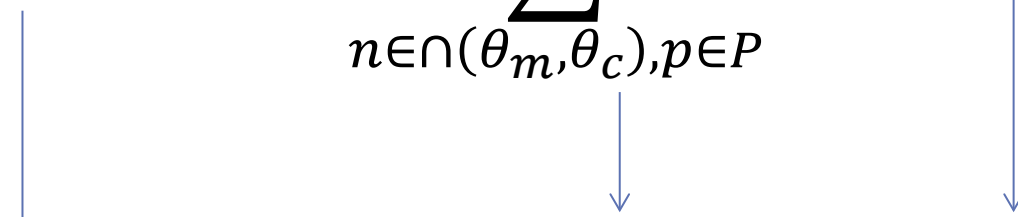
# Construct Corresponding Knowledge Graph of Concept Candidates and their Collaborators



# Put All Graph Measures Together

- Information Volume: Strong Connectivity among Important Concept Collaborators (Zheng et al., 2014)

$$Sim(m, c) = \alpha \times I(c) + \beta \times \sum_{n \in \cap(\theta_m, \theta_c), p \in P} I(n) \times I(p)$$



*Importance of C*      *Importance of C's neighbors*      *Importance of property P*

$$IV(G_v) = \sum_{c_i, c_j \in V, p \in E} (Sim(m_i, c_i) + Sim(m_j, c_j)) \times I(p) + \sum_{c_k \in V} Sim(m_k, c_k)$$

- Select the concept embedded in the subgraph with the largest information volume

# Linking Accuracy on AMR Corpus

Method		Acc@1	Acc@5	Acc@10
Baseline	Google Search	85.8%	90.1%	90.1%
Knowledge Graph Matching	(1). Knowledge Graph on Merged KBs	87.8%	93.1%	93.5%
	(1) + Human AMR on Source (Banarescu et al., 2013)	96.3%	98.8%	99.2%
	(1) + Automatic AMR Edges on Source ( <i>Flanigan et al., 2014</i> )	<b>94.0%</b>	<b>97.8%</b>	<b>98.2%</b>
State-of-the-art Supervised Method		94.3%	97.7%	97.7%

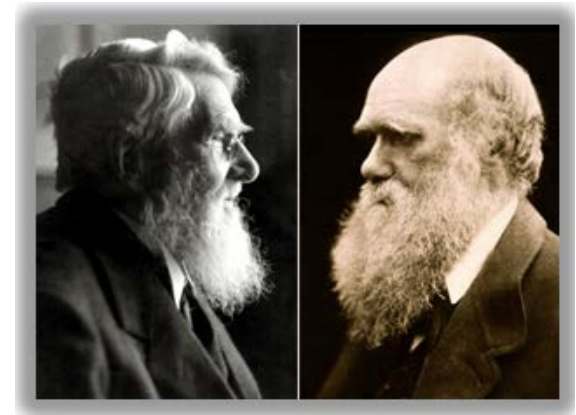
# B-cubed+ F-score on KBP Corpus

Method		F
Knowledge Graph Matching	(1). Saliency + Similarity	63.6%
	(2). (1) + Coherence	<b>70.9%</b> <b>(top 5)</b>
Top 1 Unsupervised System in KBP2013		63.2%
Top 1 Supervised System in KBP2013		72.4%



# From Non-collective to Collective

- Intuition: Promote semantically coherent pairs of titles
  - (1) Enrich text with external KB knowledge
    - Use graph metrics (as described earlier)
  - (2) Enrich text with (some) gold titles
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  - (3) Enrich Text with (local) relational information
    - Use global inference methods



*Collaborative Learning* *Collective Animal Behavior*

*Great Minds Think Alike*

# Enrichment with (some) Gold Titles:

## Inference with Graph Regularization (Huang et al., 2014)

- Relational Graph Construction with semantic relations
  - Perform collective inference to identify and link a set of semantically related mentions
  - Make use of manifold (cluster) structure and need less training data
- Semi-supervised Graph Regularization
  - Loss Function: ensure the refined labels is not too far from the initial labels
  - Regularizer: smooth the refined labels over the constructed graph
  - Both closed and iterative form solutions exist

$$Q(\mathcal{Y}) = \mu \sum_{i=l+1}^n (y_i - y_i^0)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} W_{ij} (y_i - y_j)^2.$$

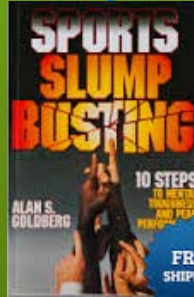
Loss Function

Regularizer

# Collective Inference with Social Relations

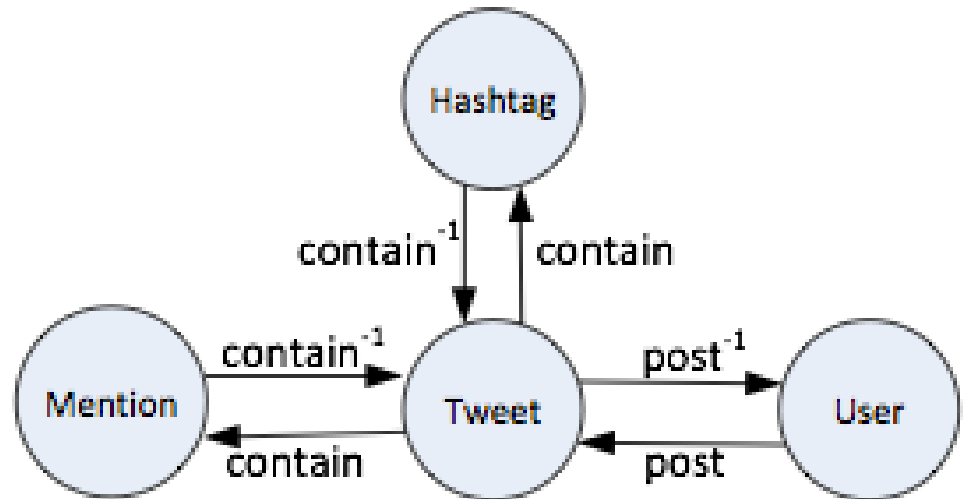


- Stay up *Hawk Fans*.
- We are going through a *slump*,
- but we have to stay positive. Go *Hawks!*



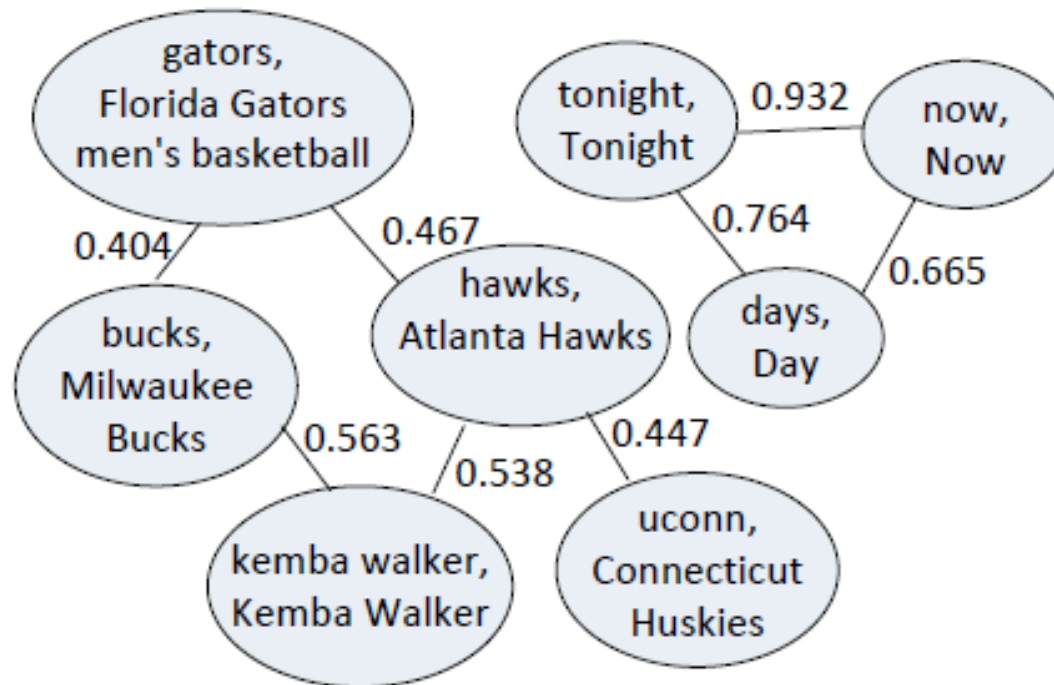
# Meta Path

- A meta-path is a path defined over a network and composed of a sequence of relations between different object types (Sun et al., 2011)
- Meta paths between mentions
  - M-T-M
  - M-T-U-T-M
  - M-T-H-T-M
  - M-T-U-T-M-T-H-T-M
  - M-T-H-T-M-T-U-T-M

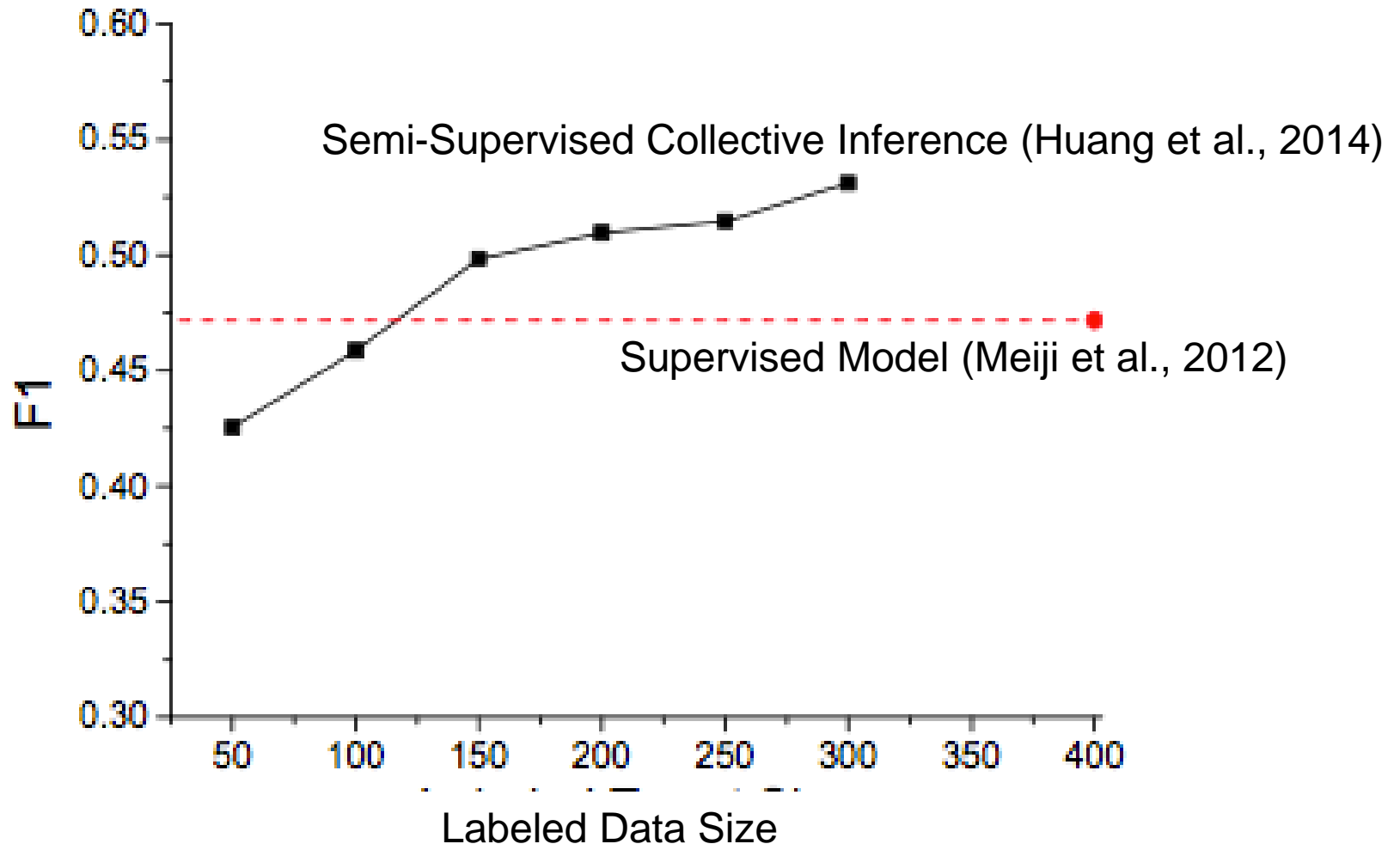


# Relational Graph

- Each pair of mention  $m$  and concept  $c$  as a node
  - $m$  is linkable, and  $c$  is the correct concept,  $\langle m, c \rangle$  should be assigned label 1, otherwise 0



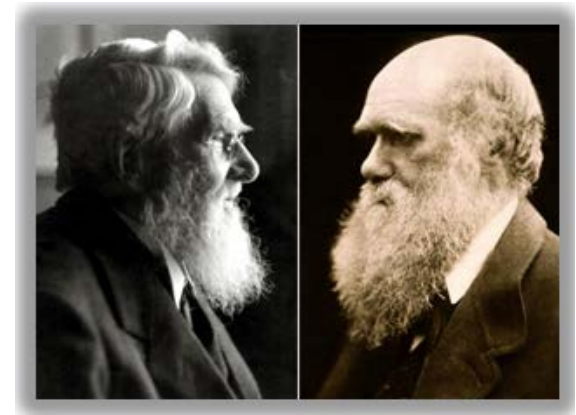
# Performance Comparison



**Semi-supervised collective inference with 30% labeled data achieves comparable performance with the state-of-the-art supervised model**

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# General Challenges

- A few researchers focused on efficiency of Wikification (e.g. stacking (He et al., 2013) and distributional hierarchical clustering (Bekkerman et al., 2005; Singh et al. 2011)); most others focus on improving quality

[Blumenthal \(D\)](#) is a candidate for the [U.S. Senate](#) seat now held by [Christopher Dodd](#) (D), and he has held a commanding lead in the race since he entered it. But the [Times](#) report has the potential to fundamentally reshape the contest in [the Nutmeg State](#).

- State-of-the-art systems (Ratinov et al. 2011) can achieve the above with local and global statistical features
  - Reaches bottleneck around 70%~ 85% F1 on non-wiki datasets
  - **What is missing?**

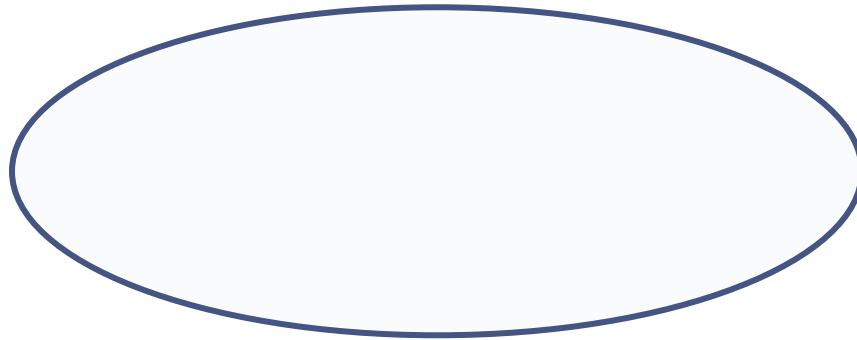


# Relational Inference

- Mubarak, the wife of deposed Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak,...

# Relational Inference

[Mubarak](#), the wife of deposed Egyptian President [Hosni Mubarak](#),....



- What are we missing with Bag of Words (BOW) models?
  - Who is [Mubarak](#)?
- Textual relations provide another dimension of text understanding
- Can be used to constrain interactions between concepts
  - ([Mubarak](#), wife, [Hosni Mubarak](#))
- Has impact **on several steps** in the Wikification process:
  - From candidate selection to ranking and global decision

# Knowledge in Relational Inference

apposition

Coreference

possessive

...ousted long time Yugoslav President Slobodan Milošević in October. The Croatian parliament... Mr. Milošević's Socialist Party

- What concepts can “Socialist Party” refer to?
  - Wikipedia link statistics is uninformative




Personal details	
Born	20 August 1941 Požarevac, Yugoslavia
Died	11 March 2006 (aged 64) The Hague, Netherlands
Nationality	Serbian
Political party	Socialist Party of Serbia (after 1990) League of Communists of Yugoslavia (until 1990)
Spouse(s)	Mirjana Marković
Children	Marko and Marija
Alma mater	University of Belgrade Faculty of Law
Religion	Atheist <sup>[1]</sup>
Signature	

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Socialist Party of Serbia Социјалистичка Партија Србије Socijalistička Partija Srbije	
President	Ivica Dačić
Founder	Slobodan Milošević
Founded	17 July 1990
Preceded by	League of Communists of Serbia

# Candidate Generation

...ousted long time Yugoslav President Slobodan Milošević in October. Mr. Milošević's Socialist Party...




k	$e^k_3$
1	Slobodan_Milošević
2	Milošević_(surname)
3	Boki_Milošević
4	Alexander_Milošević
...	



k	$e^k_4$
1	Socialist_Party_(France)
2	Socialist_Party_(Portugal)
3	Socialist_Party_of_America
4	Socialist_Party_(Argentina)
...	

# Candidate Ranking

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k	$e^k_3$	$s^k_3$
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3	Boki_Milošević	0.1
4	Alexander_Milošević	0.05
...		



k	$e^k_4$	$s^k_4$
1	Socialist_Party_(France)	0.23
2	Socialist_Party_(Portugal)	0.16
3	Socialist_Party_of_America	0.07
4	Socialist_Party_(Argentina)	0.06
...		

- Local and global statistical features

# Candidate Generation + Relations

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...		
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$$r_{34}^{(1,21)} = 1$$

- More robust candidate generation
  - Identified relations are verified against a knowledge base (DBpedia)
  - Retrieve relation arguments matching “(Milošević ,?,Socialist Party)” as our new candidates

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Relation query

Retrieved relation tuple

$$w = \frac{1}{Z} f(q, \sigma)$$

$$w_{34}^{(1,21)} = ?$$

# Inference Formulation

Having some knowledge, and knowing how to use it to support decisions, facilitates the acquisition of additional knowledge.

- Goal: Promote concepts that are coherent with textual relations
- Formulate as an Integer Linear Program (ILP):



$$\Gamma_D = \arg \max_{\Gamma} \sum_i \sum_k s_i^k e_i^k + \sum_{i,j} \sum_{k,l} w_{ij}^{(k,l)} r_{ij}^{(k,l)}$$

*s.t.*  $r_{ij}^{(k,l)} \in \{0, 1\}$  Integral constraints  
 $e_i^k \in \{0, 1\}$  Integral constraints  
 $\forall i \sum_k e_i^k = 1$  Unique solution  
 $2r_{ij}^{(k,l)} \leq e_i^k + e_j^l$  Relation definition

weight to output  $e_i^k$

Whether to output  $k$ th candidate of the  $i$ th mention

weight of a relation  $r_{ij}^{(k,l)}$

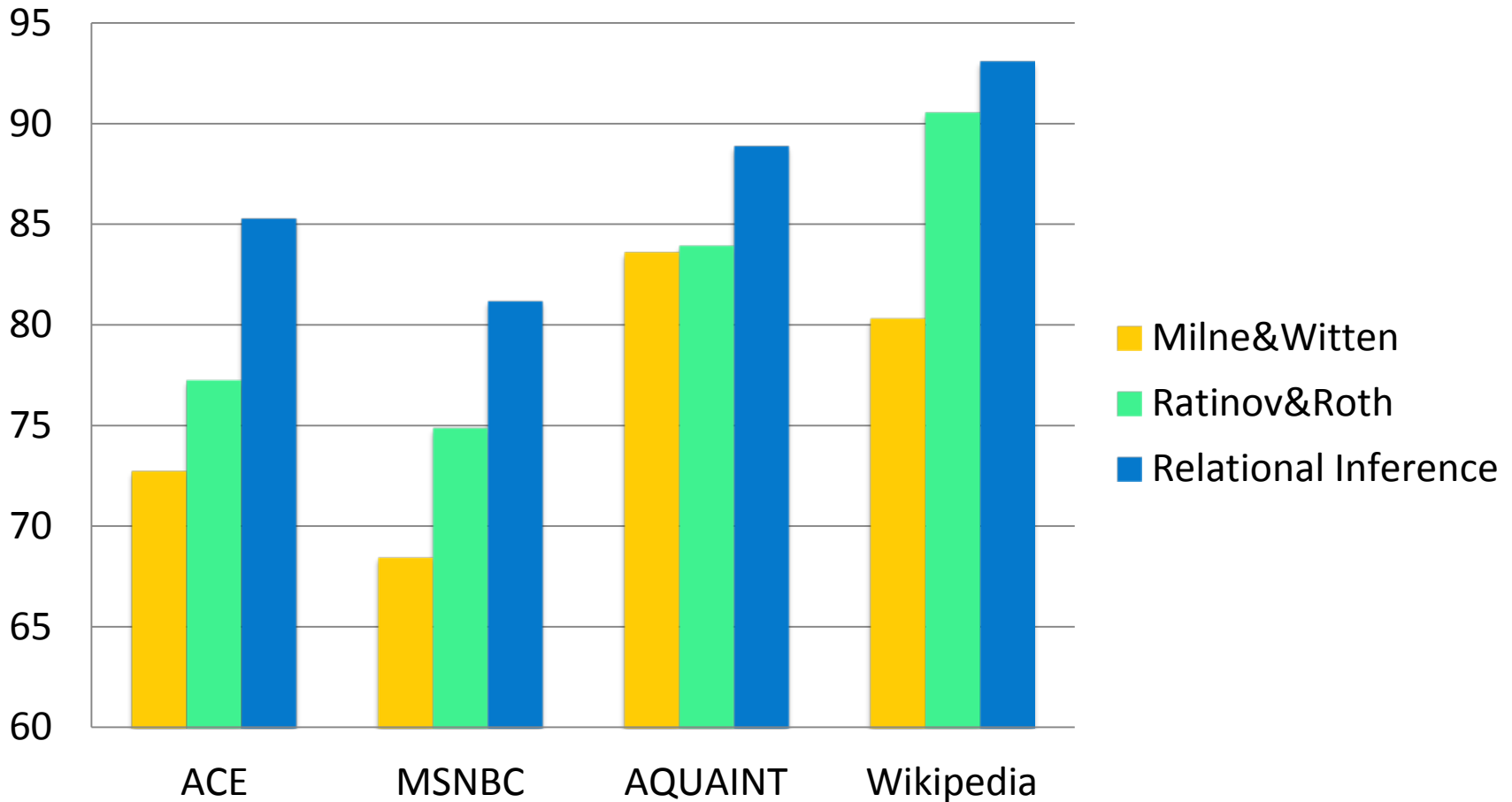
Whether a relation exists between  $e_i^k$  and  $e_j^l$

- If no relation exists, collapses to the non-structured decision



# Wikification Performance Result [Cheng & Roth, EMNLP'13]

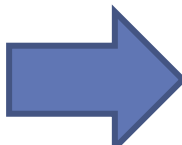
## F1 Performance on Wikification datasets



# Outline

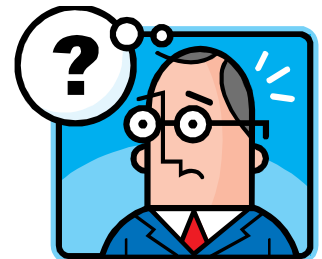
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  - High Level Algorithmic Approach
- Key Challenges



- Recent Advances
-  New Tasks, Trends and Applications
- What's Next?
- Resources, Shared Tasks and Demos

# New Trends

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# Naming Convention

- **Wikification:**
  - Map Mentions to KB Titles
  - Map Mentions that are not in the KB to NIL
- **Entity Linking:**
  - Map Mentions to KB Titles
  - If multiple mentions in correspond to the same Title, which is outside KB:
    - First cluster relevant mentions as representing a single Title
    - Map the cluster to Null
- If the set of target mentions only consists of **named entities** we call the task: **Named Entity [Wikification, Linking]**

# Motivation: Short and Noisy Text

- Microblogs are data gold mines!
  - Over 400M short tweets per day
- Many applications
  - Election results [Tumasjan et al., SSCR 10]
  - Disease spreading [Paul and Dredze, ICWSM 11]
  - Tracking product feedback and sentiment [Asur and Huberman, WI-IAT 10]
- Need more research
  - Stanford NER on tweets set achieves 44% F1 [Ritter et. al, EMNLP 2011]



# Challenges for Social Media

- Messages are short, noisy and informal
  - Lack of rich context to compute context similarity and ensure topical coherence
- Lack of Labeled Data for Supervised Model
  - Lack of Context makes annotation more challenging
  - Need to search for more background information

who cares, nobody wanna see the spurs play. Remember they're boring...



# What approach should we use?

- Task: Restrict mentions to **Named Entities**
  - **Named entity Wikification**

- Approach 1 (NER + Disambiguation):
  - Develop a named entity recognizer for target types
  - Link to entities based on the output of the first stage



Mature Techniques



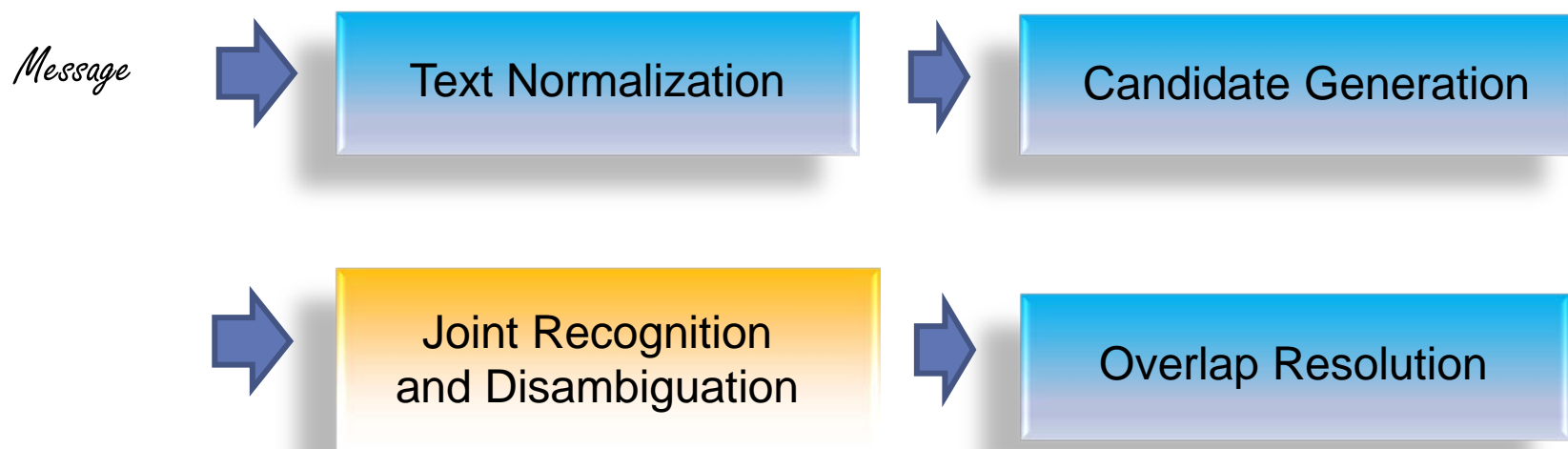
- Approach 2 (End-to-end, Wikification):
  - Learn to jointly detect mention and disambiguate entities
  - Take advantage of Wikipedia information



Limited Types;  
Adaptation

# A Simple End-to-End Wikification System

- [Guo, NAACL 13, Chang et. al. #Micropost 14]

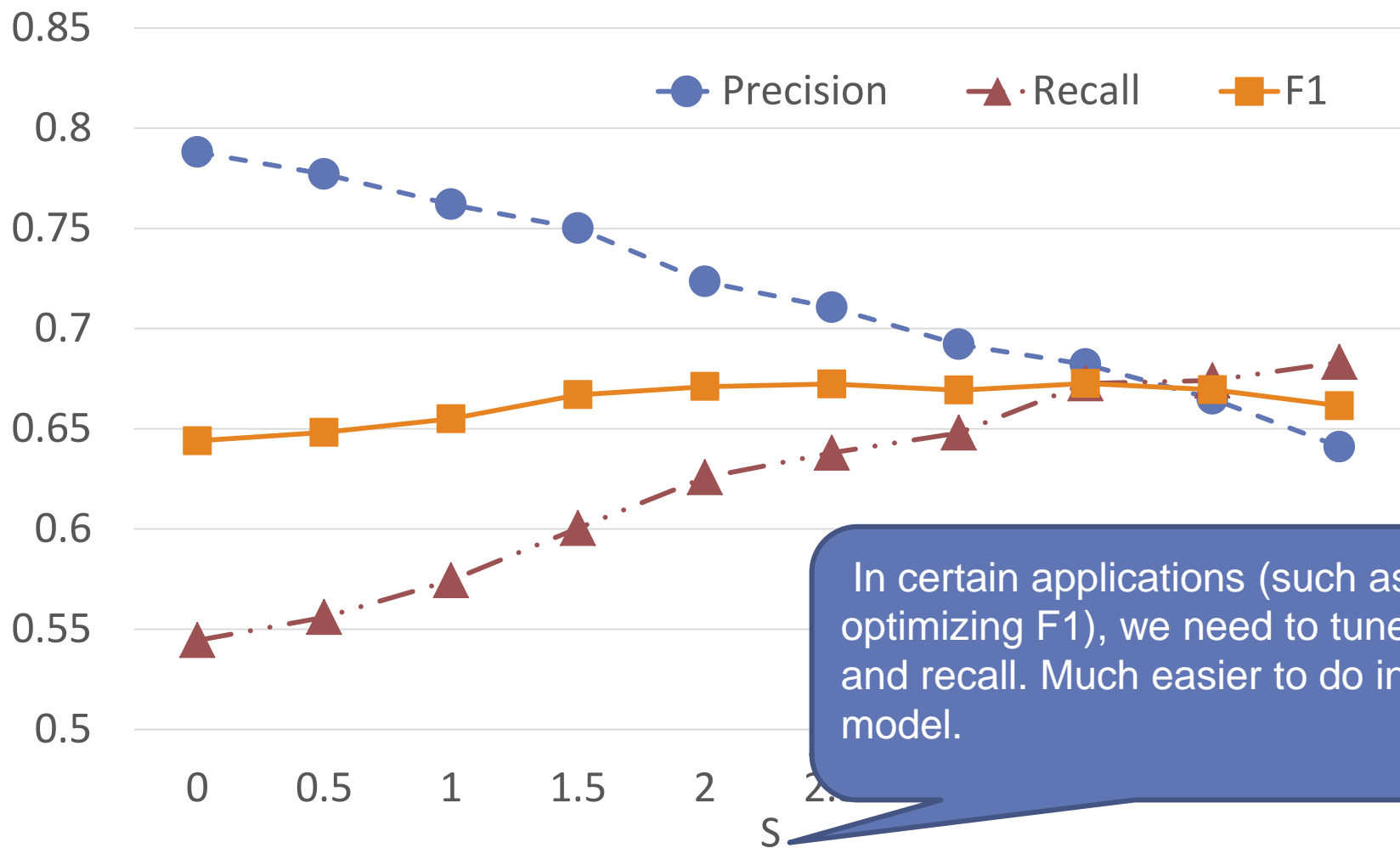


Winner of the NEEL challenge;  
The best two systems all adopt the end-to-end approach

*Wikification Results*  
Only matching; there is not mention detection stage



# Balance the Precision and Recall



In certain applications (such as optimizing F1), we need to tune precision and recall. Much easier to do in a joint model.

# How Difficult is Disambiguation?

Data	#Tweets	#Cand	#Entities	P@1
Test 2	488	7781	332	89.6%

- Commonness Baseline [Guo et al., NAACL 13]
  - Gold mentions match the prior anchor text (e.g. the lexicon)
  - P@1 = the accuracy of the most popular entity
- The baseline for disambiguating entities is high
  - The overall entity linking performance is still low
    - Mention detection is challenging for tweets!
- The mention detection problem is even more challenging
  - The lexicon is not complete

# Morphs in Social Media



=



“Conquer West King”  
(平西王)

“Bo Xilai”  
(薄熙来)



=



“Baby”  
(宝宝)

“Wen Jiabao”  
(温家宝)



Chris Christie → the Hutt

# Morph Decoding

- Goal: automatically determine which term is used as a morph, and resolve it to its true target

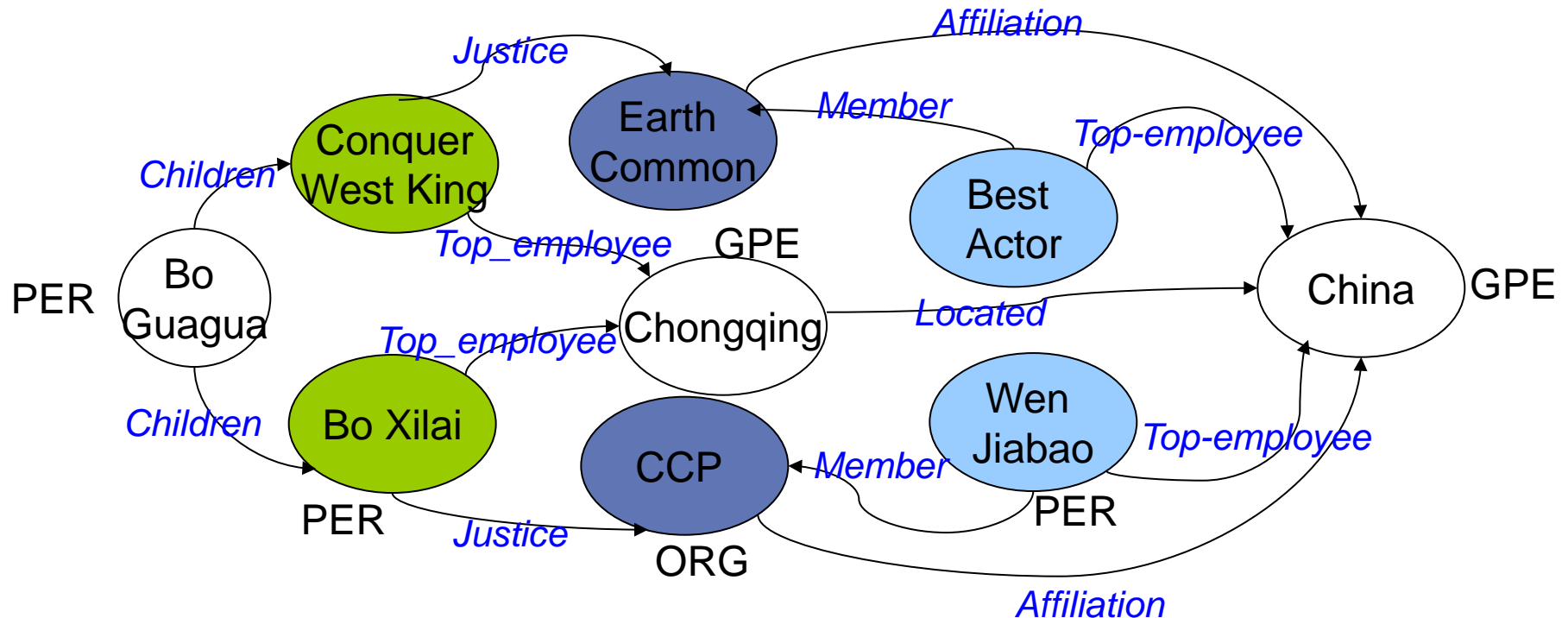
- Then *Wu Sangui* helped the *army of Qing dynasty* invaded China, and became *Conquer West King*.



- *Conquer West King* from *Chongqing* fell from power, still need to *sing red songs*?



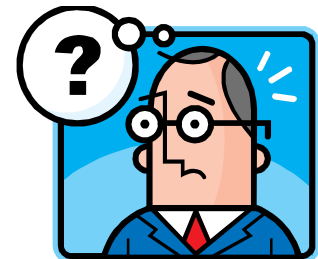
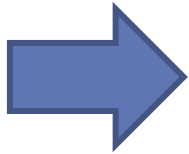
# Morph Linking based on Information Networks Construction (Huang et al., 2013)



- Each node is an entity mention
- An edge: a semantic relation, event, sentiment, semantic role, dependency relation or co-occurrence, associated with confidence values
- Meta-path: a meta-level description of a existing or concatenated path between two object types (Sun et al., 2012)

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# Spatiotemporal Signals

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- In labeled data: [Fang and Chang, TACL 14]
  - In US, San Antonio Spurs accounts for 91% of “spurs”
  - In UK, San Antonio Spurs only accounts for 8 % of “spurs”
- It is important to use spatiotemporal signals
  - How to use? Indirect or direct?
    - Direct: associate entities with time and location
    - Indirect: assume entities around the same time are similar

# Evaluating NE Wikification in Tweets

- Information Extraction and Information Retrieval Settings
  - IE: Given a collection of tweets, get all of the entities
  - IR: Given an entity, get all of the tweets that mentioning it
    - Use predefine keywords to get a set of tweets
    - Measure the classification performance

- IR setting is not easy, because of surface form ambiguity

	Query Entity	
PER	Hillary Rodham Clinton	Bill Clinton
ORG	Big Bang (South Korea Band)	Big Bang Theory
LOC	Washington (state)	DC, University,...

- IR setting is important for market research



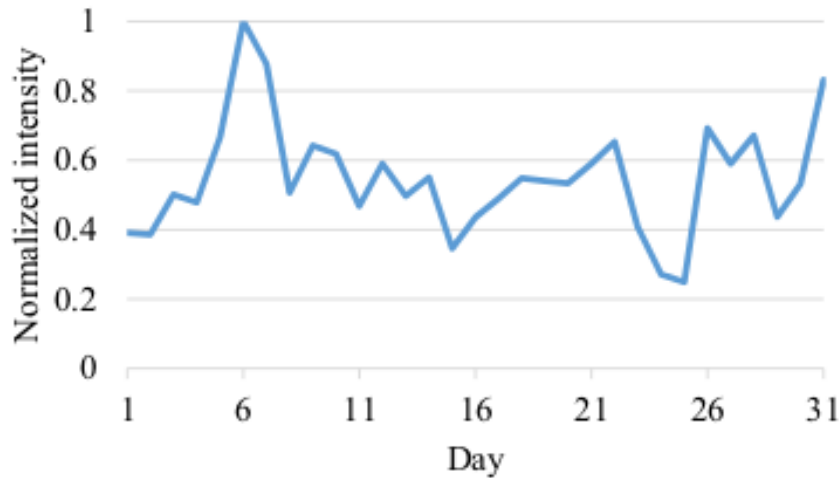
# Spatiotemporal Signals can help

- The state of the art baseline
  - (At that time)
- Using both time and location
  - Helps even more
- Error analysis:
  - Entities are time and location sensitive

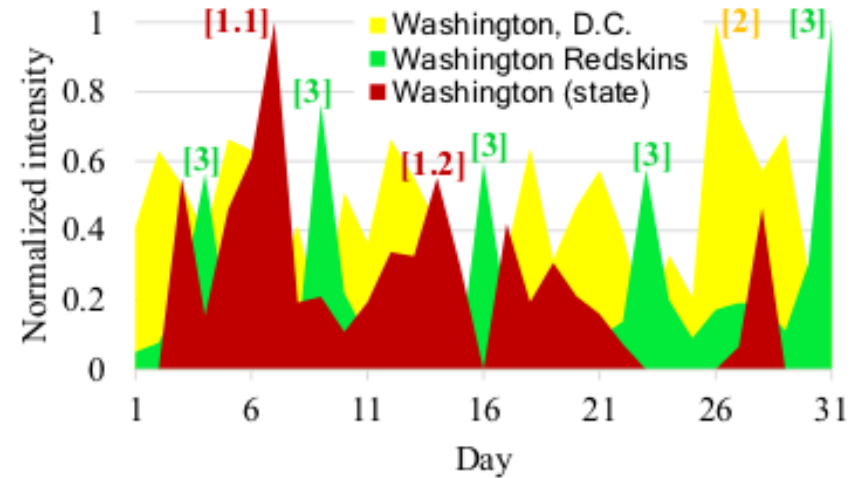
	IE	IR
Base	57.0	58.4
+T	64.9	71.4
+T+L	68.6	79.0

Tweet	Example entity	Posting time	User location
#1	<i>person</i> : Colin Kaepernick	during his game	<i>(not useful)</i>
#2	<i>org</i> : Cali. State U. Fullerton	in campus emergency	California
#3	<i>loc</i> : Los Angeles	<i>(not useful)</i>	California
#4	<i>event</i> : New Year's Eve	on 31 December	<i>(not useful)</i>

# IR: Entity Linking VS Keyword



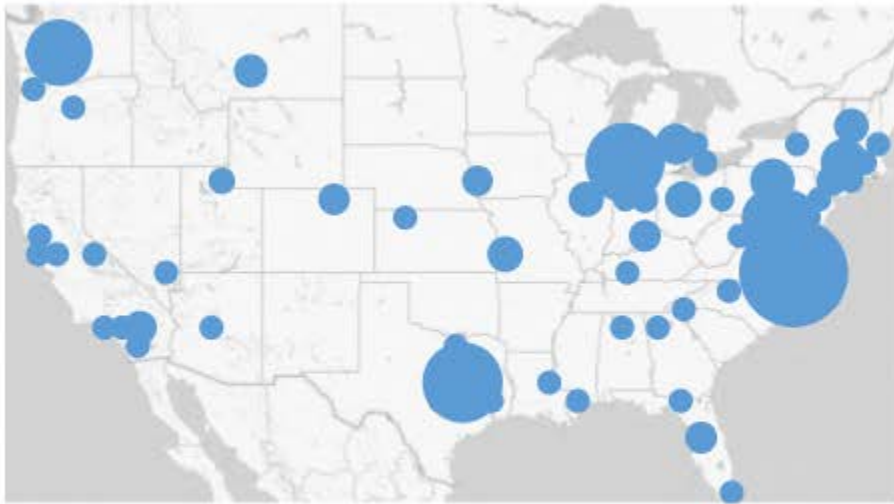
(a) with keywords ("Washington")



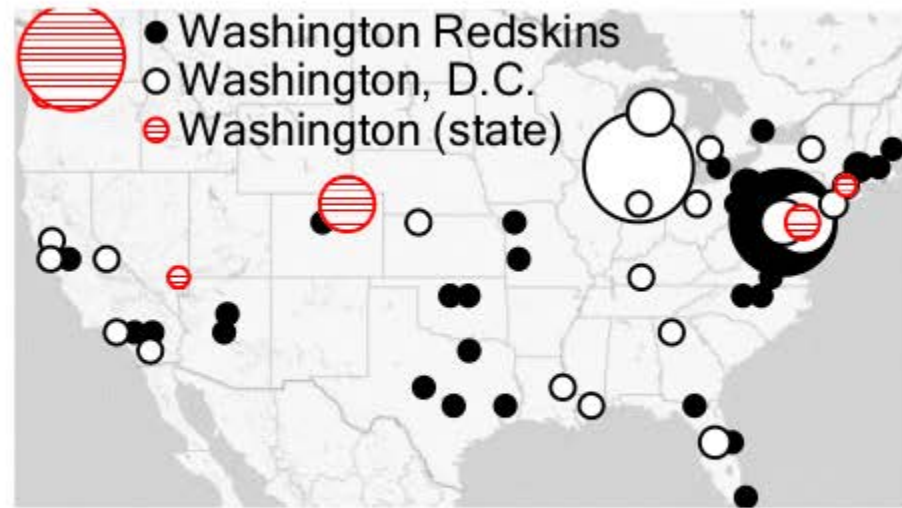
(b) with entity linking

- Retrieve all tweets for Washington (state)
  - Entity Linking can capture the temporal behavior of entities
- Keyword is the state of the art
  - Naïve keyword: design is simple, but keyword is ambiguous
  - Complicate keyword: low recall: Hard to scale

# IR: Entity Linking vs Keyword



(a) with keywords (“washington”)

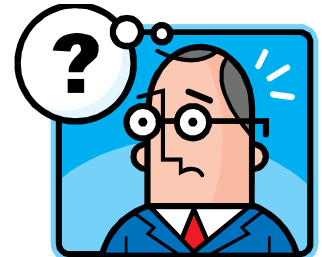
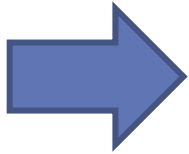


(b) with entity linking

- Entity Linking can recover geo pattern as well
  - We can still spot some mistakes by just looking at the results
- Future research
  - Retweet behavior needs to be reanalysis
  - People have done spatiotemporal analysis for language usage
    - More research is needed on spatiotemporal analysis for entities

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Laura Poitras and Glenn Greenwald in Hong Kong, theguardian.com , Sunday 9 June 2013

“Washington’s Prism program was revealed by the whistleblower Snowden.”



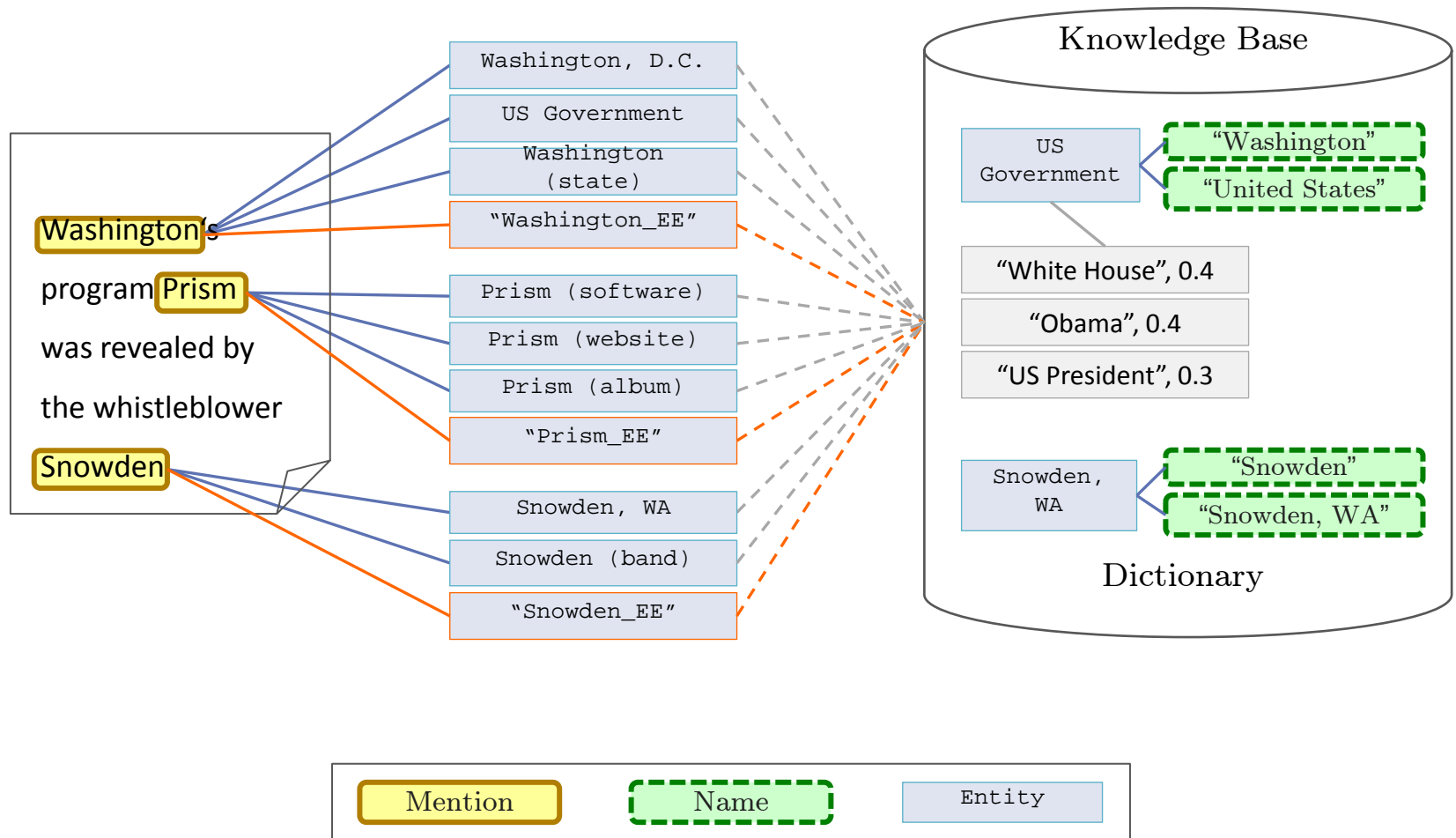
# Identifying Emerging Entities

Wikipedia-derived knowledge bases  
have **lexicon** of **(name, entity)** pairs

	New Entity	Existing Entity
New Name	assumption	<input type="checkbox"/>
Existing Name	<input type="checkbox"/>	disambiguation

Key idea: Profile Emerging Entities from the Web  
Assumption: for one name, one emerging entity

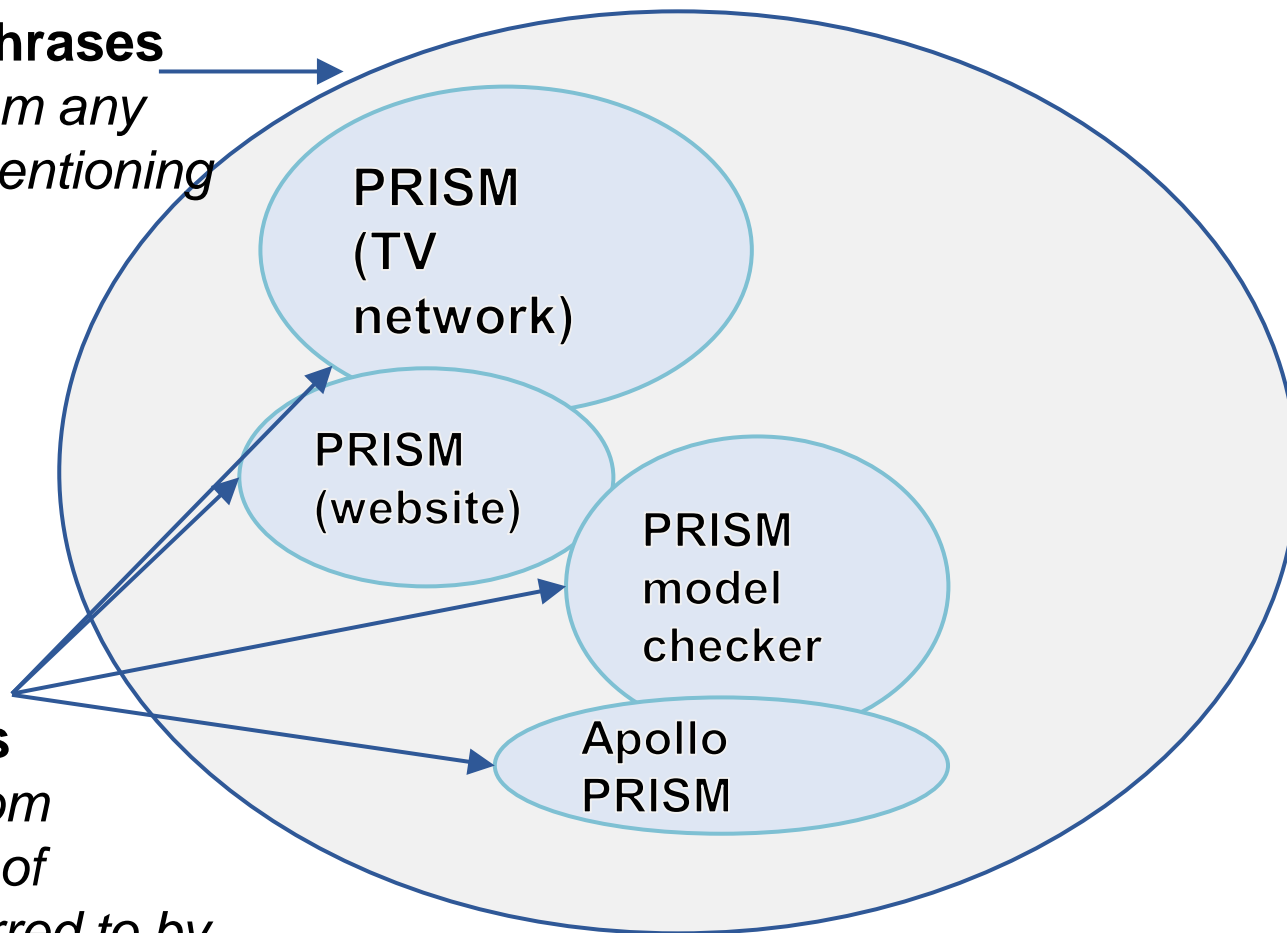
# From NED to NED-EE



# Harvesting EE Keyphrases

## **Name Keyphrases**

*extracted from any document mentioning "PRISM"*



## **Entity Keyphrases**

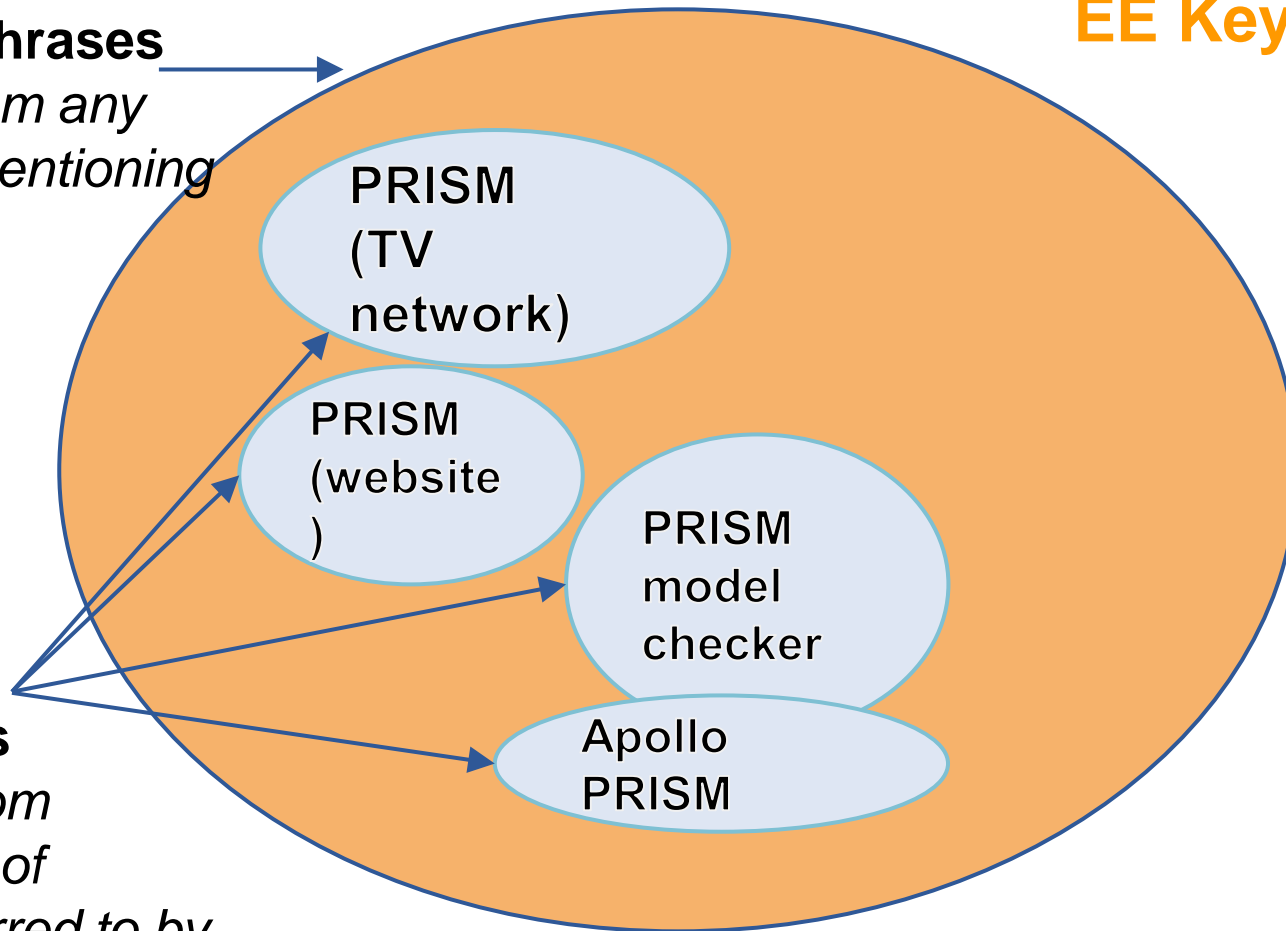
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# Modeling New Entities

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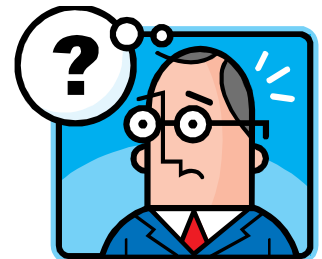
The *PRISM* program collects a wide range of data from a number of companies, e.g. Google and Facebook. The leaked National Security Agency (NSA) document obtained by the Guardian claims it operates with the "assistance of communications providers in the US".

...

**keyphrases** defined by POS pattern filters for **named entities** and **technical terms**

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# Cross-lingual Entity Linking (CLEEL)



李安 - 简介

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<query id="SF114">
  <name>李安</name>
  <docid>XIN20030616.0130.0053</docid>
</query>
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Ang Lee



Ang Lee, 2009

Chinese name	李安 (Traditional)
Chinese name	李安 (Simplified)
Pinyin	Lǐ Ān (Mandarin)
Born	October 23, 1954 (age 56) Chaochou, Pingtung, Taiwan
Years active	1992 – present
Spouse(s)	Jane Lin (1983–)
Children	Haan Lee (b.1984) Mason Lee (b.1990)

## Parent: Li Sheng

李安，台湾著名导演，祖籍江西省九江市德安县，生于台湾屏东县，父亲李升。李安高中就读台南二中，后转学考进了台南第一志愿——台南一中。对于读书，李安一点兴趣都没有，心里只想着当导演。大学考试落榜两次，后来准备专科考试，进了国立台湾艺专（今国立台湾艺术大学）影剧科，从此改变了李安的一生。

## Birth-place: Taiwan Pindong City

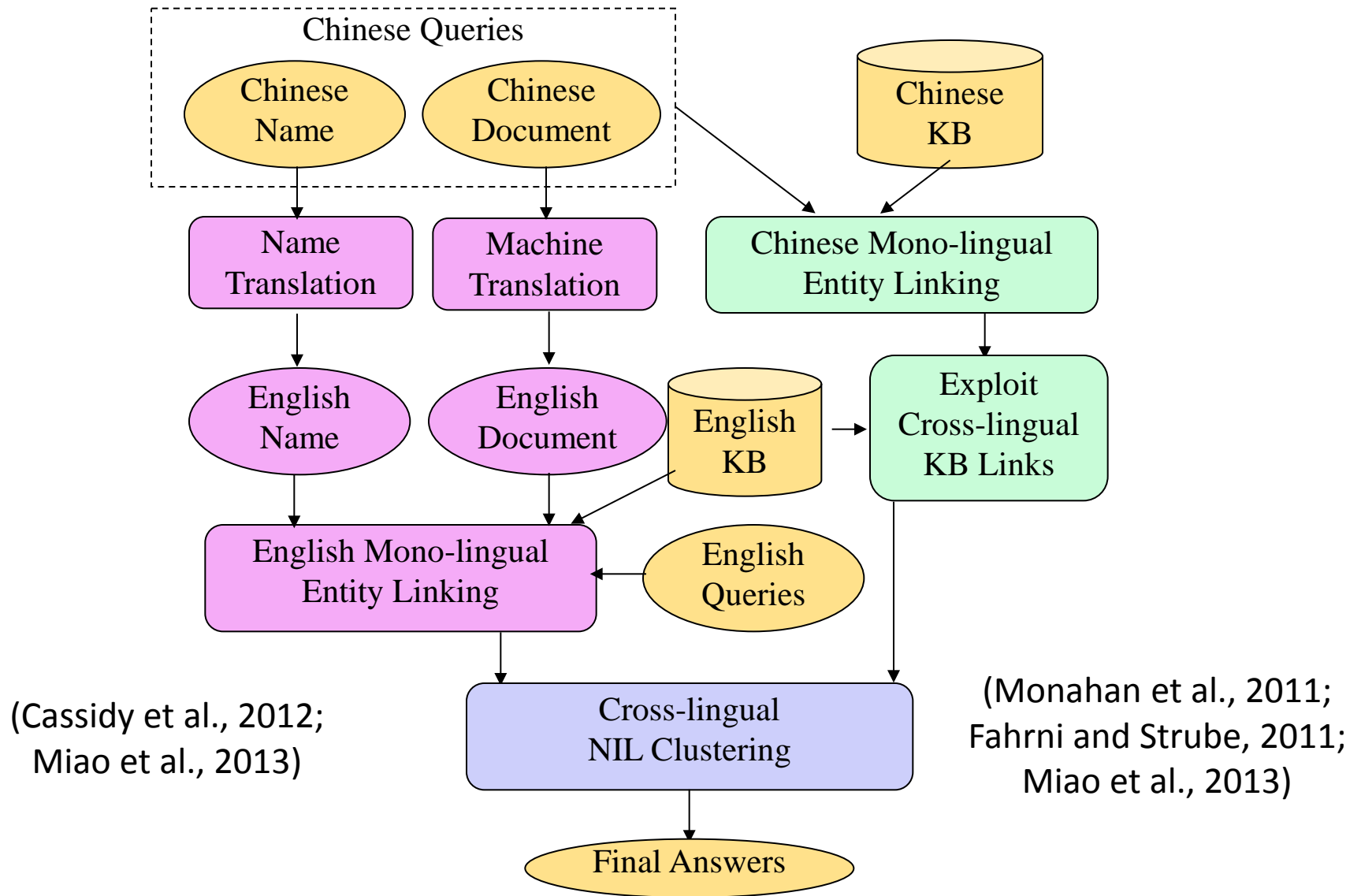
## Residence: Hua Lian

李安曾言，住在花莲的八年，乃其北上就读艺专前最快乐的一段学习岁月。十岁之前的李安在花莲念了两所小学，接受的是美式开放教育，来到台南，又念了两所小学，面对语言习惯不同国语一台语，头一次经验到文化冲击。

## Attended-School: NYU

李安于1979年赴美就读伊利诺大学香槟分校戏剧系取得学士学位，后于1981年至纽约大学就读电影制作研究所，取得硕士学位。李安的妻子林惠嘉是伊利诺大学香槟分校生物学博士，现任纽约医学院病理学研究员。

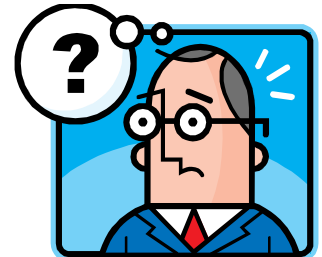
# General CLEL System Architecture



- Major Challenge: Name Translation (Ji et al., 2011)

# New Trends

- Wikification Until now: Solving Wikification Problems in
    - Standard settings; Long documents
  - Extending the Wikification task to new settings
    - Social media Wikification
    - Spatiotemporal Wikification
    - Handling emerging entities
    - Cross-lingual Entity Linking
- ➔ Linking to general KB and ontologies
- Fuzzy matching for candidates



# Link to General Database

- Many entities are not in Wikipedia
  - In “The Great Gatsby” movie
    - 8 characters listed; only one has a Wikipedia page
  - Many movies are missing
- Question: How can we link open-ended Databases?
  - Challenge: no new labeled data for the new knowledge base
  - Similarity-based features are domain independent [Sil, et. al 12]:
  - Train on the labeled examples based on a sports database
    - Test on the documents with a movie database
  - Very simple approach. Outperform the oracle wikifier on the movie domain

# Link to Ontologies

- Wikification as a “Reading Assistant” for Scientific Literature

KB1	nuclear factor kappa-light-chain-enhancer of activated B cells		
KB2	nuclear factor of kappa light polypeptide gene enhancer in B-cells inhibitor	KB2-1	alpha
		KB2-2	beta
		KB2-3	eta
		KB2-4	gamma
KB3	B-cell lymphoma 3-encoded protein		
KB4	carboxyl-terminus		

In resting cells, **p50–65 heterodimers** [*KB1*] (referred herein as **NF- $\kappa$ B** [*KB1*]) are sequestered in the cytoplasm by association with members of another family of proteins called **I $\kappa$ B** [*KB2*]: This family of proteins includes **I $\kappa$ Ba** [*KB2-1*]; **I $\kappa$ Bb** [*KB2-2*]; **I $\kappa$ Be** [*KB2-3*] **I $\kappa$ Bg** [*KB2-4*] and **Bcl-3** [*KB3*], but also **p105** [*NIL1*] and **p100** [*NIL2*], due to their **C-terminal** [*KB4*] ankyrin-repeat regions have homologous functions to **I $\kappa$ B** [*KB2*].

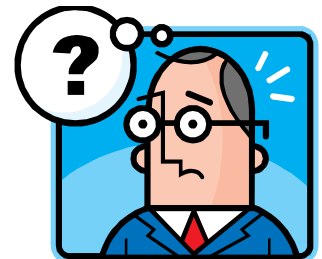


# Link to Biomedical Ontologies

- Wikipedia is not enough
  - Wikification trained only from news and Wikipedia
    - ➔ 20% end-to-end extraction and linking F-measure
- We could learn from Ontologies
  - Semantic relations among concepts in the ontologies (e.g. subClassOf) + collective inference technologies ➔ 84.5%
- Another approach:
  - Wikipedia + Ontologies

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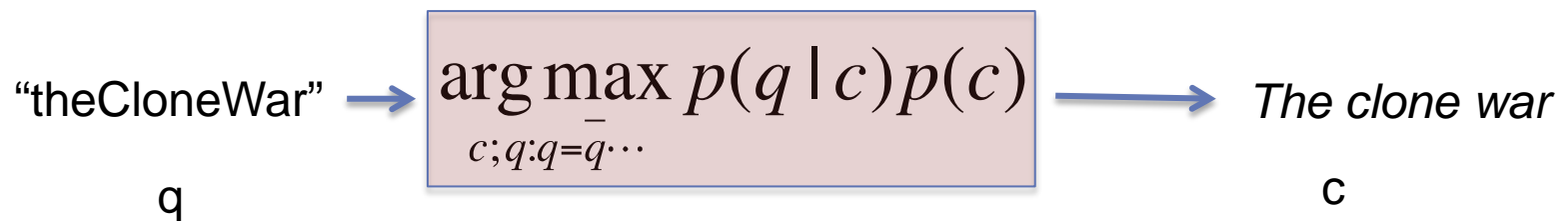


# Fuzzy Matching for Candidates

- For current Wikification systems all require
  - A lexicon that maps a surface form to an entity is needed
- Limitations
  - Lexicon size is fixed; Computer memory is limited
  - Countless surface form variations.
- Example 1: Misspellings
  - E.g., in queries, OCR and Speech Rec. errors, ...
- Example 2: How to link hashtags to the entities?
  - #TheCloneWar

# Link Hashtags

- URL/word/Hashtag Breaker [Wang et. al, WWW 11]
  - By using the a language model that is trained a very large corpus (Microsft N-gram), we could break hashtags into the words by maximizing the probability of the individual tokens
- Building a tire data structure that could get words with similar spellings efficiently [Duan et al. WWW11]



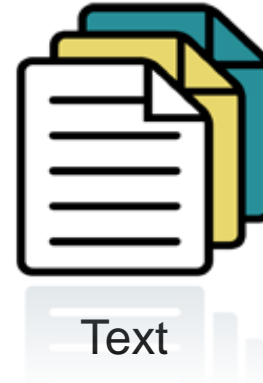
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- A Skeletal View of a Wikification System
  - High Level Algorithmic Approach
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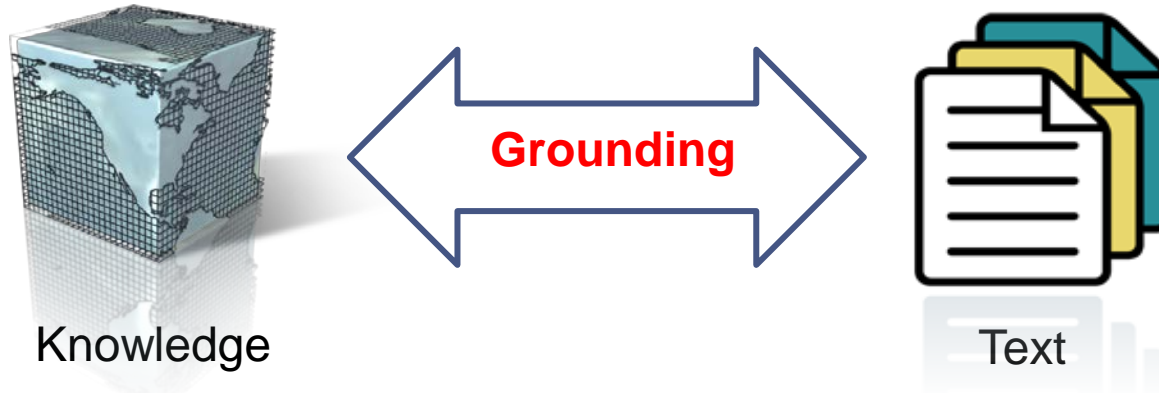
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# What's Next? Now..



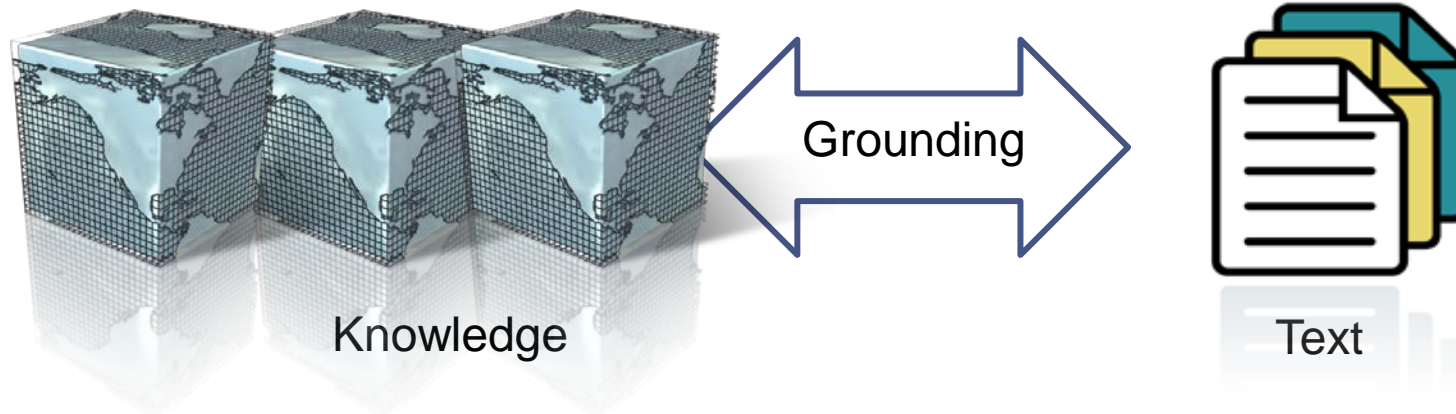
- Wikification & Entity Linking
  - Understand the semantic of text by “linking/grounding”
- Right now:
  - Knowledge = (almost) Wikipedia entities
  - Text = Text-based Documents; News Documents
- How can we bring text understanding to the next level?

# Entity Grounding to Knowledge Grounding



- Knowledge does not only contain entities
  - Relations: Freebase or Dbpedia
- Large scale semantic parsing
  - Semantic parsing + Entity Linking?
    - Which university did Obama go to? [Berant, et. al, ACL 14]
    - The lexical matching problem in semantic parsing is entity linking
- Should we jointly ground entities and relations?

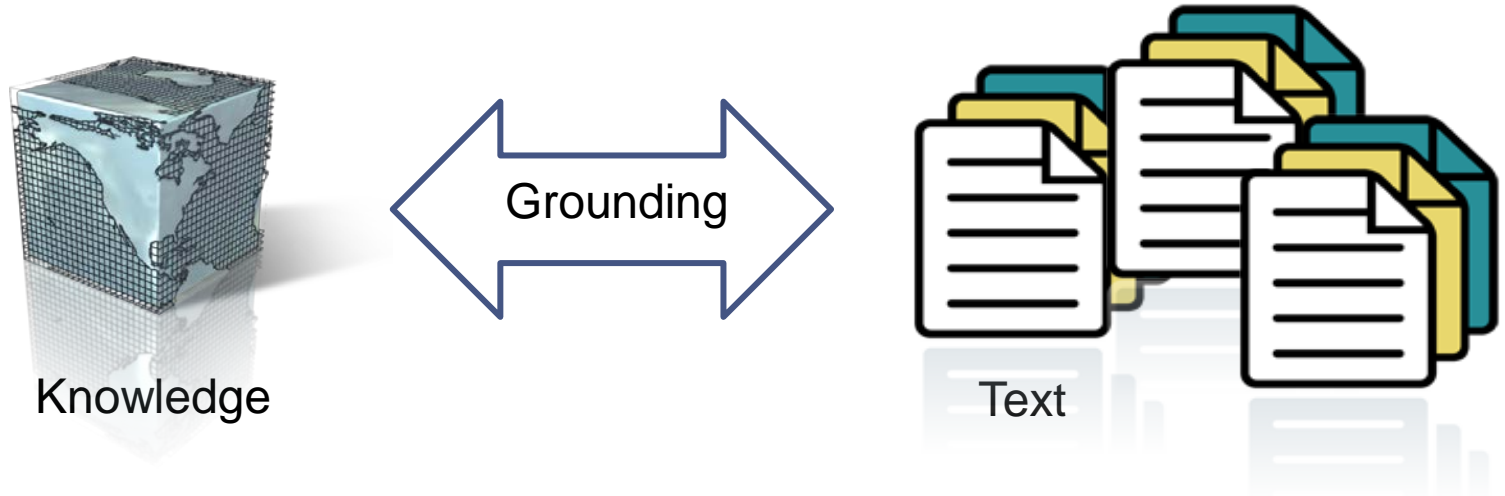
# Multiple Knowledge Resources



- We have: Wikipedia; Freebase; Customized databases; IMDB...
- How can we have one unified id for all databases?
  - Entity Linking is related to DB Integration
- Different Knowledge bases contain different resources
  - How to utilized them for better grounding?
- How can we use Wikipedia together with another knowledge base?

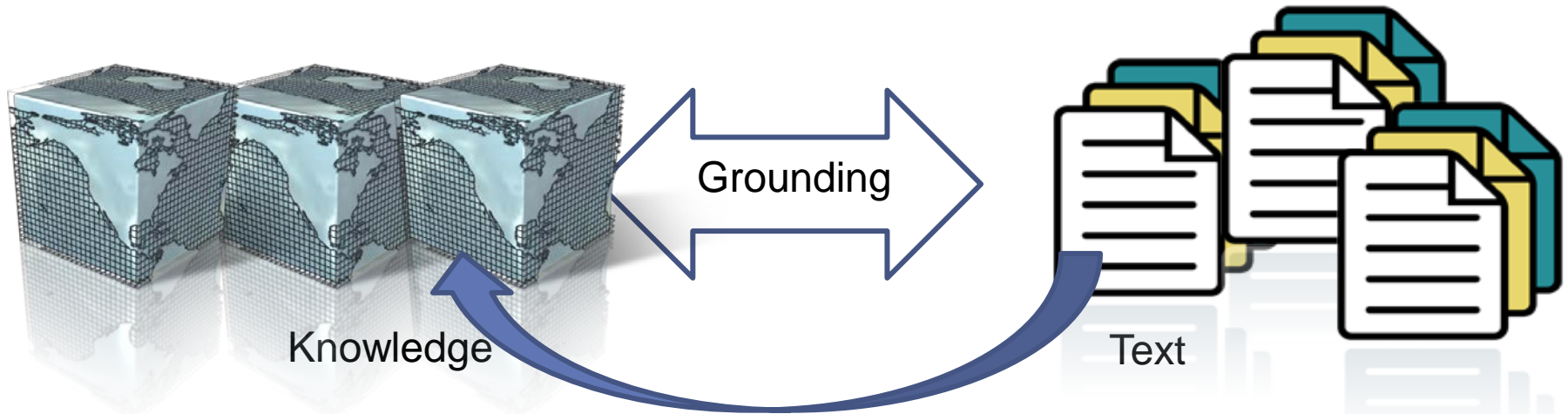


# Handling Various Types of Documents



- It is not only text
  - Webpage, queries, tweets, .... All with meta information
  - How can we make use of the meta information?
- Noise
  - How can we develop robust linking techniques on noisy text?
  - Tweet, table + text, broken format, html
- Text in different languages

# Machine Reading



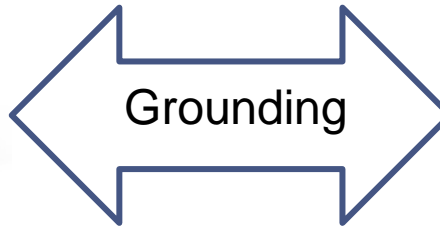
- Can we automatically extract large amounts of knowledge by reading text?
- Grounding should play an important role
  - Grounding → Better understanding of Text → Better Extraction
- How to put it back? Trustworthiness [Dong, et. Al 2014]
- How to handle probabilistic knowledge bases?

# Getting Human in the Loop



- How can we apply knowledge grounding to better help human?
  - To understand text better?
  - To query knowledge bases in a better way?
  - Personalize assistant? Educational purposes?

# Knowledge Grounding



- Exciting time
  - We only touched the surface of an emerging field
  - Machines can do a much better job remembering knowledge
    - Machines should really be our assistant
  - Research + Engineering (Speed, Scale, Accuracy)

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# Dataset

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# Dataset – Long Text

- KBP Evaluations (can obtain all data sets after registration)
  - <http://nlp.cs.rpi.edu/kbp/2014/>
- CoNLL Dataset
  - <http://www.mpi-inf.mpg.de/departments/databases-and-information-systems/research/yago-naga/aida/downloads/>
- Emerging Entity Recognition
  - <http://www.mpi-inf.mpg.de/departments/databases-and-information-systems/research/yago-naga/aida/downloads/>

# Dataset - Short Text

- Micropost Challenge
  - <http://www.scc.lancs.ac.uk/microposts2014/challenge/index.html>
- Dataset for “Adding semantics to microblog posts”
  - <http://edgar.meij.pro/dataset-adding-semantics-microblog-posts/>
- Dataset for “Entity Linking on Microblogs with Spatial and Temporal Signals”
  - <http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/downloads/84ac9d88-c353-4059-97a4-87d129db0464/>
- Query Entity Linking
  - <http://edgar.meij.pro/linking-queries-entities/>



# Dataset Summary Angela Fahrni (2014)

Data Set	Task	Language Information		Mention Information		Corpus Information		Inventory	Annotation Information		Usage
Name		Setting	Lang.	Definition	Tokens	Source	Texts	Version	Strategy	Agreement	Shared Task
<b>ACE 2005</b> Bentivogli et al. (2010)	concept and entity disambiguation, recognition of NILs	monolingual	en	ACE mentions (common and proper nouns)	29,300 92.8% in KE 7.2% NILs	broadcast news, newspapers, newswire reports, internet sources, transcribed audio data	597	Online version of Wikipedia 2010 (February - April; August)	Annotated by humans, partly by two annotators	0.85 (Dice coefficient with respect to annotated concepts and entities; before reconciliation)	no
<b>ACE 2004</b> Ratinov et al. (2011)	concept and entity disambiguation, recognition of NILs	monolingual	en	ACE mentions (common and proper nouns)	306 (84.0% in KE, 16% NILs)	newswire, broadcast news	36	Wikipedia 2011 (?)	mechanical turk, only first mention in coreference chain is annotated	0.85 (agreement, then corrected)	no
<b>ITB</b> Kulkarni et al. (2009)	concept and entity disambiguation, recognition of NILs	monolingual	en	as much as possible, identified by people (including common and proper nouns)	17,200 (60% in KE; 40% NILs)	collection of web pages (sports, entertainment, science and technology, health)	107	Wikipedia dump from August 2008	annotated by humans, partly by two annotators; candidate mentions and tokens were suggested by the system	0.80 (agreement)	no
<b>NewsSc</b> Turdakov & Lizorkin (2009)	concept and entity disambiguation, recognition of NILs	monolingual	en	identified by humans (as many as possible, including common and proper nouns)	8,236 (80.6% in KE, 19.4% NILs)	news articles, scientific papers	131	Wikipedia dump from October 2008	annotated by humans	n.a.	no
<b>MSNBC</b> Cucerzan (2007)	entity disambiguation, recognition of NILs	monolingual	en	proper nouns recognized by a system	756 (83.2% in KE, 16.8% NILs)	MSNBC news (Business, US politics, Entertainment, Health, Sports, Tech & Science, Travel TV news, U.S. News, World News)	20	Wikipedia version from the 11.9.2006	post-hoc evaluation of system output	n.a.	no

# Resources

- Reading List
  - <http://nlp.cs.rpi.edu/kbp/2014/elreading.html>
- Tool List
  - <http://nlp.cs.rpi.edu/kbp/2014/tools.html>
- Shared Tasks
  - KBP 2014
    - <http://nlp.cs.rpi.edu/kbp/2014/>
  - ERD 2014
    - <http://web-ngram.research.microsoft.com/erd2014>
  - #Micropost Challenge (for tweets)
    - <http://www.scc.lancs.ac.uk/microposts2014/challenge/index.html>
  - Chinese Entity Linking Task at NLPCC2014
    - <http://tcci.ccf.org.cn/conference/2014/dldoc/evatask3.pdf>

# Task and Evaluation

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# ERD 2014

- Given a document, recognize all of the mentions and the entities;
  - No target mention is given
- An entity snapshot is given
  - Intersection of Freebase and Wikipedia
- Input: Webpages
- Output: Byte-offset based predictions
- Webservice-driven; Leaderboard

# NIST TAC Knowledge Base Population (KBP)

- KBP2009-2010 Entity Linking(Ji et al., 2010)
  - Entity mentions are given, Link to KB or NIL, Mono-lingual
- KBP2011-2013 (Ji et al., 2011)
  - Added NIL clustering and cross-lingual tracks
- KBP2014 Entity Discovery and Linking (Evaluation: September)
  - <http://nlp.cs.rpi.edu/kbp/2014/>
  - Given a document source collection (from newswire, web documents and discussion forums), an EDL system is required to automatically extract (identify and classify) entity mentions (“queries”), link them to the KB, and cluster NIL mentions
  - English Mono-lingual track
  - Chinese-to-English Cross-lingual track
  - Spanish-to-English Cross-lingual track

# Evaluation Metrics

- Concept/Entity Extraction
  - F-Measure, Clustering
- Linking
  - Accuracy @ K (K=1, 5, 10...)
- End-to-end Concept/Entity Extraction + Linking + NIL Clustering
  - B-cubed
  - CEAF
  - Graph Edit Distance
- How should we handle the mention boundary?
  - KBP2014 Rules: Extraction for Population
  - Fuzzy F1-Measure (ERD 2014)
  - Full credit if the predicted boundary overlaps with the gold boundary

# Demo

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# ERD 2014 Evaluation Service

- <http://web-ngram.research.microsoft.com/erd2014>

The Governator, as Schwarzenegger came to be known, helped bring about the state's primary election system.

DOC1 0 14 /m/0tc7 The Governator 0.99 0  
DOC1 19 33 /m/0tc7 Schwarzenegger 0.97 0

- Encourage teams to build webservice
  - Easy to share, easy to compare
  - Evaluate time as well
  - Easy for future teams to collaborate
- We will continue to keep the service



# Demos

- UIUC Wikification Demo
  - <http://cogcomp.cs.illinois.edu/demo/wikify/?id=25>
- RPI Wikification Demo
  - <http://orion.tw.rpi.edu/~zhengj3/wod/search.php>
  - <http://orion.tw.rpi.edu/~zhengj3/wod/link.php>

# Thank You – Our Brilliant Wikifiers!

