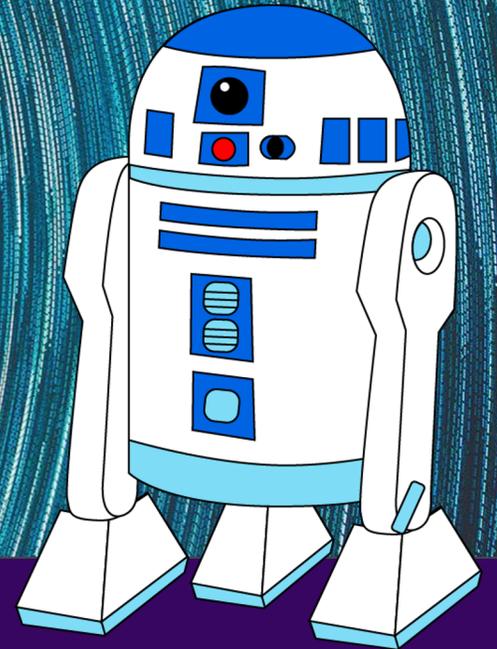
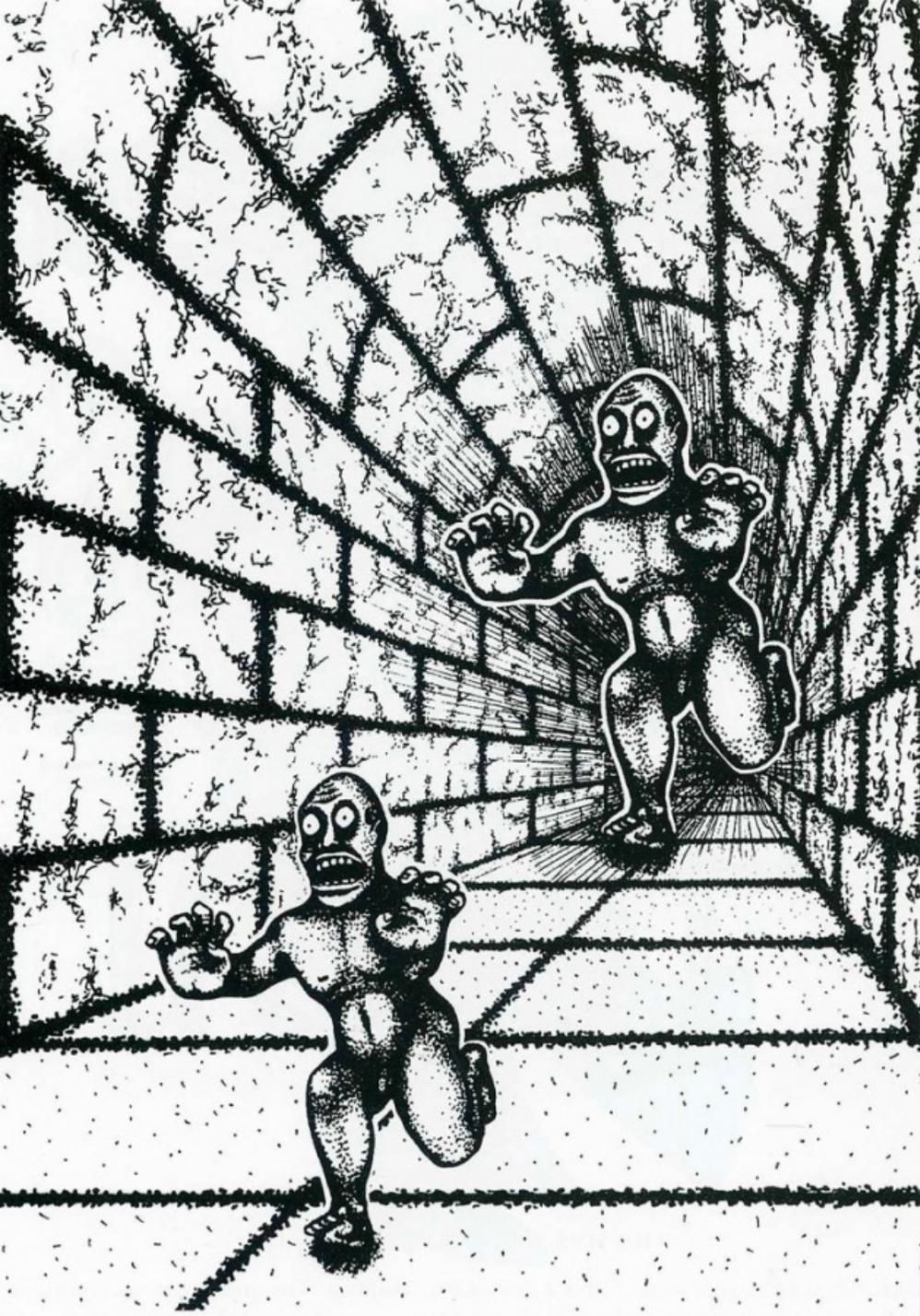


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Commonsense Reasoning

These slides are from the [ACL 2020
Commonsense Tutorial](#) by Yejin Choi,
Vered Shwartz, Maarten Sap, Antoine
Bosselut, and Dan Roth





Monsters in a Tunnel

- **Two monsters are running** (rather than standing still on one foot)
- **One is chasing another** (rather than trying to copy his movements)
- **The chaser has hostile intentions and the chased is afraid** (even though two faces are identical)

Important Observations:

- A great deal of **intuitive inferences** are **commonsense inferences**, which can be described in **natural language**.
- None of these inferences is absolutely true. The inferences are **stochastic** in nature. Everything is **defeasible** with additional context.
- Commonsense inferences are about **predicting new information** that **is likely to be true** based on partially available information.

Claims of AI systems reaching a "human level"

GOOGLE WEB APPS

Google's AI translation system is approaching human-level accuracy

But there's still significant work to be done

By Nick Statt | @nickstatt | Sep 27, 2016, 2:07pm EDT

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Microsoft, Google Beat Humans at Image Recognition

Deep learning algorithms compete at ImageNet challenge

R. Colin Johnson

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BY TODD BISHOP on August 20, 2017 at 7:44 pm

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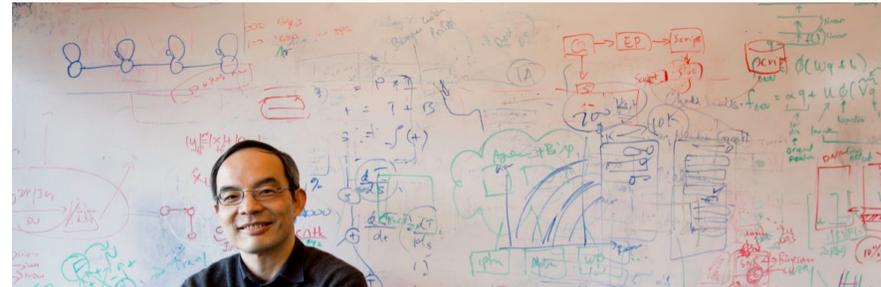
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Alibaba and Microsoft AI beat human scores on Stanford reading test

Neural networks edged past human scores on the measure of machine reading.

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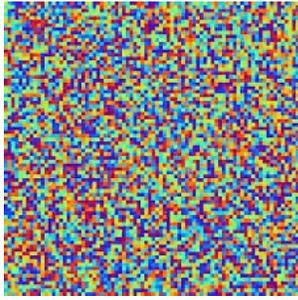
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Giant panda
Object
Recognition

Gibbon

Szegedy et al,
2014....



VQA

Jabri et al,
2017

We may be "solving" datasets
rather than the underlying "task"



A horse standing in the grass.

Captioning

MacLeod
et al, 2017

... a Tesla moved to
Prague in 1880. ... **Tadakatsu**
moved to Chicago in 1881.

Where did Tesla move in
1880? **Chicago**

QA

Jia et al,
2017

Theory of Core Knowledge

Domain	Description
Objects	supports reasoning about objects and the laws of physics that govern them
Agents	supports reasoning about agents that act autonomously to pursue goals
Places	supports navigation and spatial reasoning around an environment
Number	supports reasoning about quantity and how many things are present
Forms	supports representation of shapes and their affordances
Social Beings	supports reasoning about Theory of Mind and social interaction

Developmental psychologists have shown that children develop the ability to reason about these domains early in life. Such reasoning is important for later learning.

Definition of Common Sense

The basic level of **practical knowledge** and **reasoning** concerning **everyday situations** and **events** that are **commonly** shared among **most** people.

It's OK to keep the closet door open

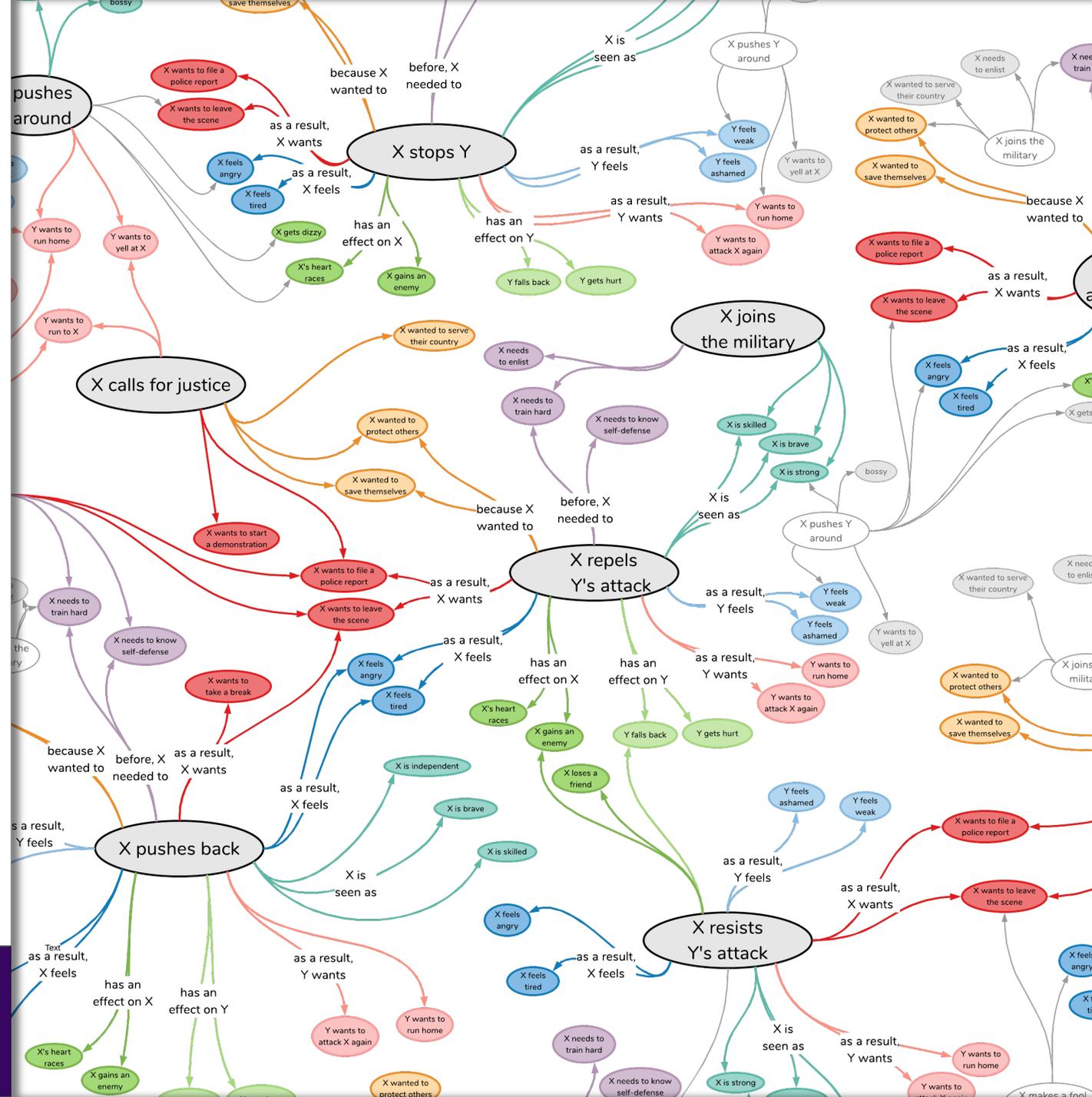
It's not OK to keep the refrigerator door open because the food might go bad

Essential for humans to live and interact with each other in a reasonable and safe way

Essential for AI to understand human needs and actions better

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Commonsense resources



Grandma's glasses



Tom's grandma was reading a new book, when she dropped her glasses.

She couldn't pick them up, so she called Tom for help.

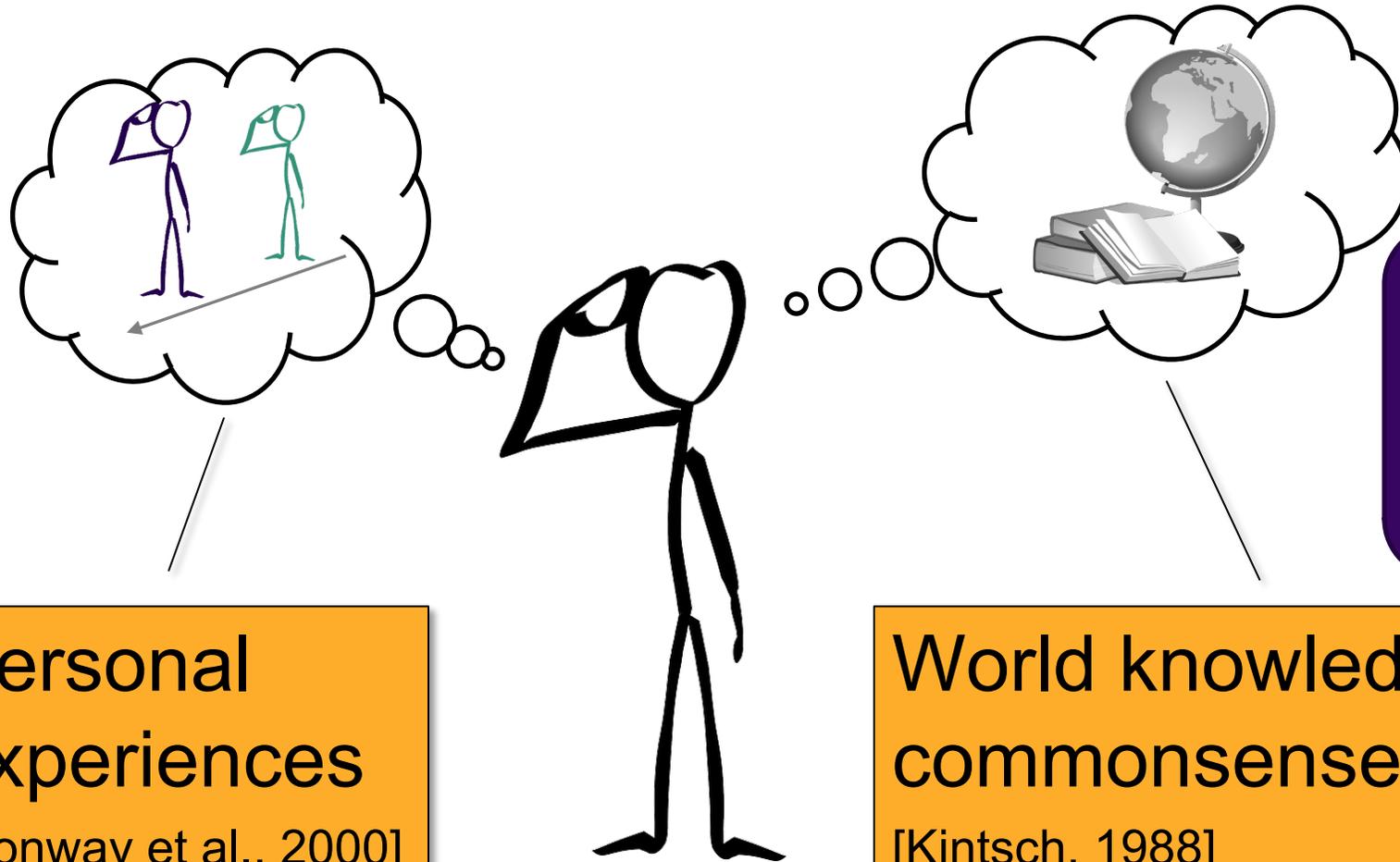
Tom rushed to help her look for them, they heard a loud crack.

They realized that Tom broke her glasses by stepping on them.

Promptly, his grandma yelled at Tom to go get her a new pair.

Humans reason about the world with **mental models**

[Graesser, 1994]



Personal
experiences

[Conway et al., 2000]

World knowledge and
commonsense

[Kintsch, 1988]

Commonsense resources
aim to be a bank of
knowledge for machines to
be able to reason about the
world in tasks

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ConceptNet

ATOMIC

usedFor

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Y will

Tom rushed to help her look for them, they heard a loud crack.

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Y will want

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ConceptNet

ATOMIC

relaxing

activity

corrective lens

subeventOf

typeOf

usedFor

typeOf

Tom's grandma was reading a new book, when she dropped her glasses.

capableOf

improve ones vision

She couldn't pick them up, so she called Tom for help.

Y will

usedFor

people

Tom rushed to help her look for them, they heard a loud crack.

X feels

nervous

They realized that Tom broke her glasses by stepping on them.

Y will want

express anger

Promptly, his grandma yelled at Tom to go get her a new pair.

X wanted to

How do you create a commonsense resource?

Desirable properties for a commonsense resource

Coverage

Large scale

Diverse knowledge types

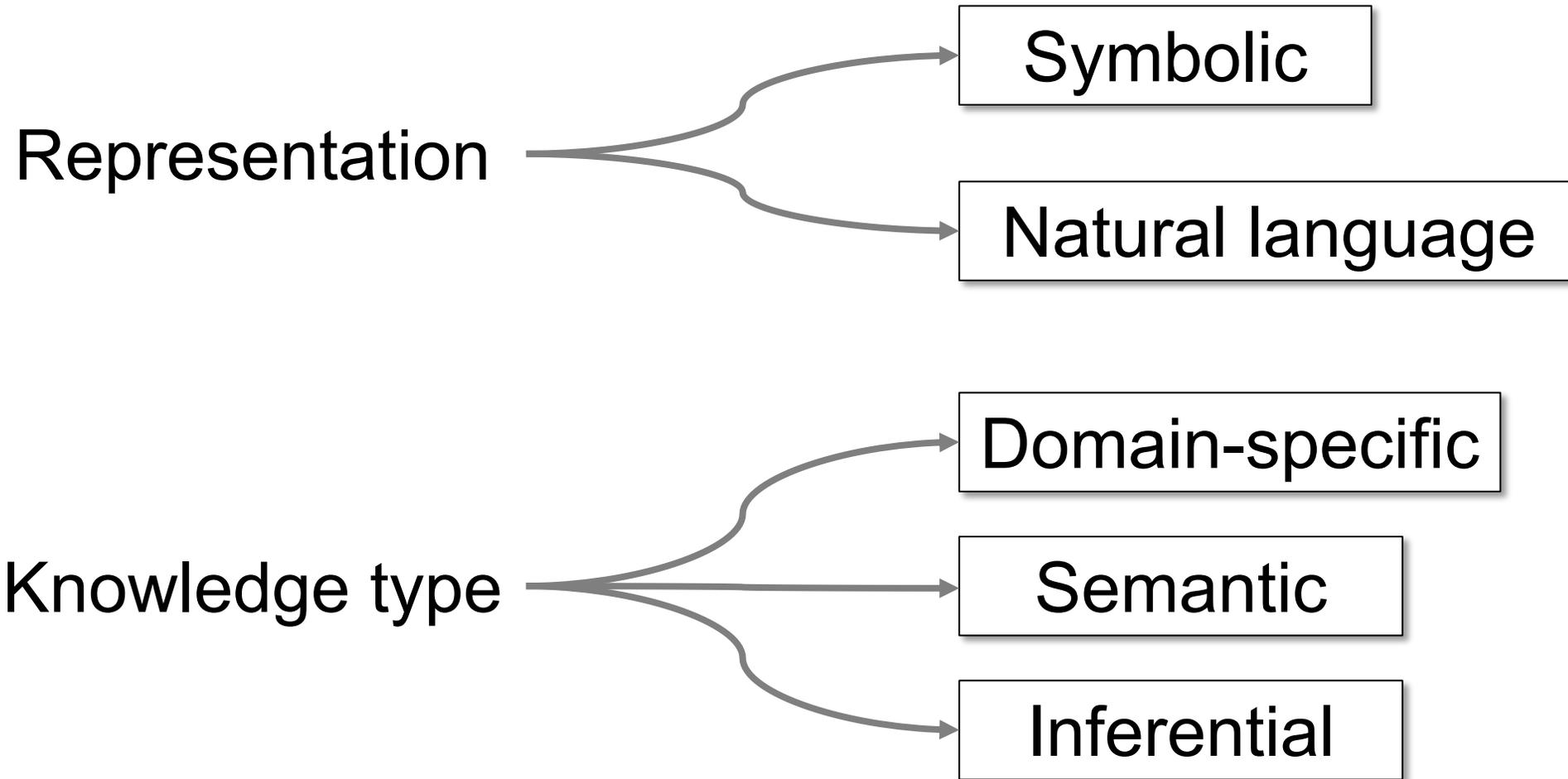
Useful

High quality knowledge

Usable in downstream tasks

Multiple resources tackle different
knowledge types

Creating a commonsense resource



CONCEPTNET:
semantic knowledge in natural language form

Related terms

- en book →
- en books →
- en book →

Effects of reading

- en learning →
- en ideas →
- en a headache →

reading is a type of...

- en an activity →
- en a good way to learn →
- en one way of learning →
- en one way to learn →

reading is a subevent of...

- en you learn →
- en turning a page →
- en learning →

en reading

An English term in ConceptNet 5.8

Subevents of reading

- en relaxing →
- en study →
- en studying for a subject →

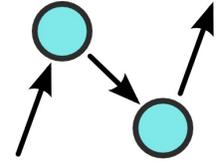
Things used for reading

- en article →
- en a library →
- en literature →
- en a paper page →

Types of reading

- en browse (n, communication) →
- en bumf (n, communication) →
- en clock time (n, time) →
- en miles per hour (n, time) →

What is ConceptNet?



General commonsense knowledge

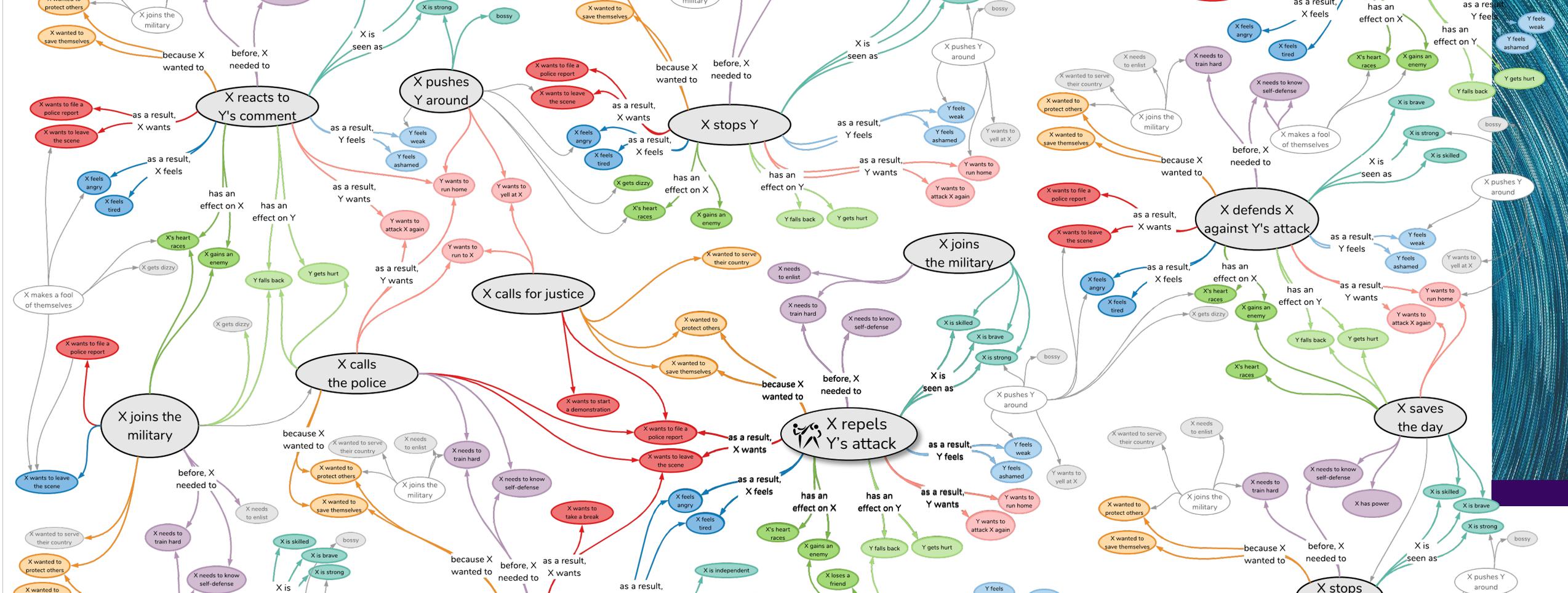
21 million edges and over 8 million nodes (as of 2017)

- Over 85 languages
- In English: over 1.5 million nodes

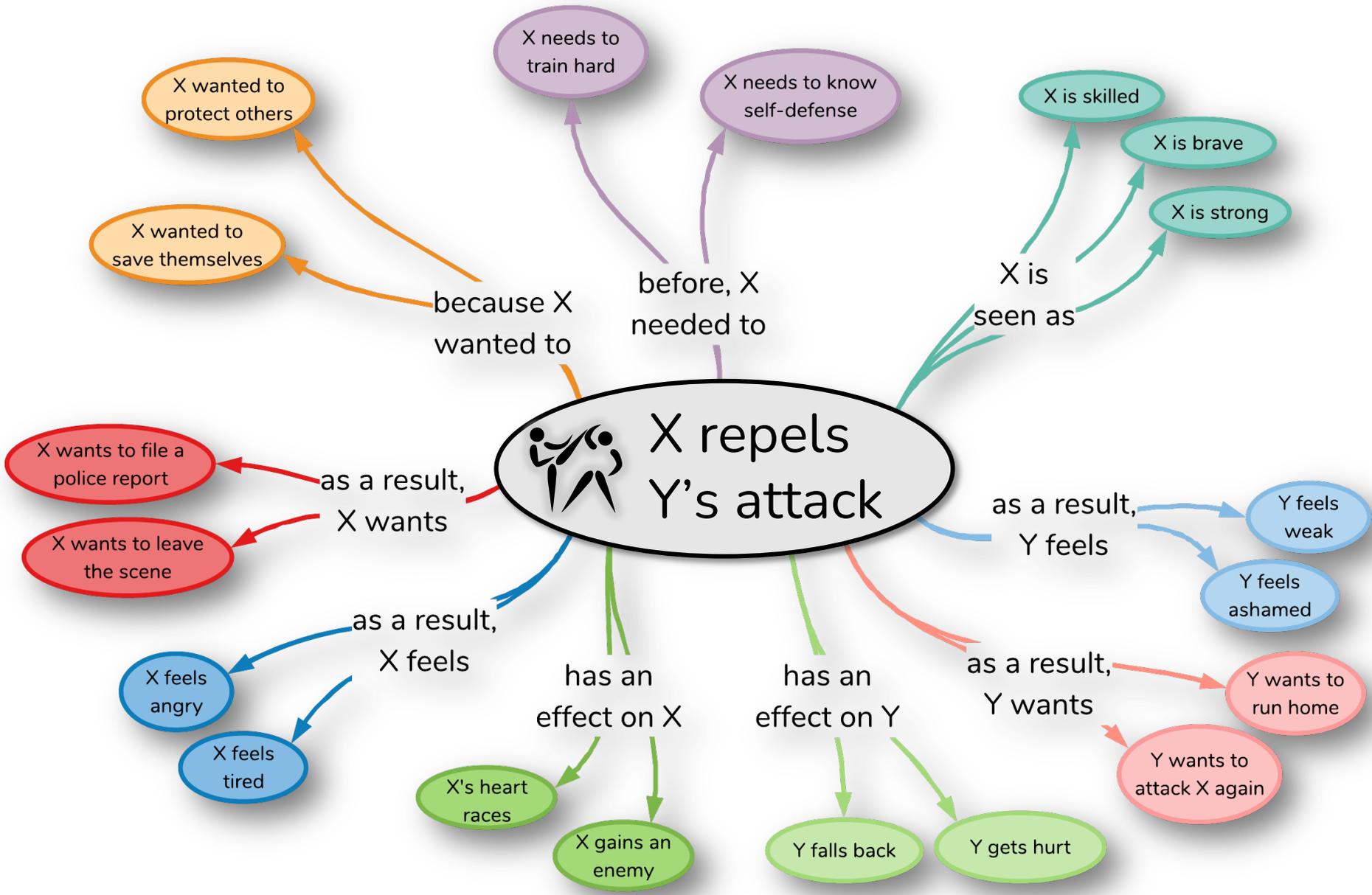
Knowledge covered:

- Open Mind Commonsense assertions
- Wikipedia/Wiktionary semantic knowledge
- WordNet, Cyc ontological knowledge

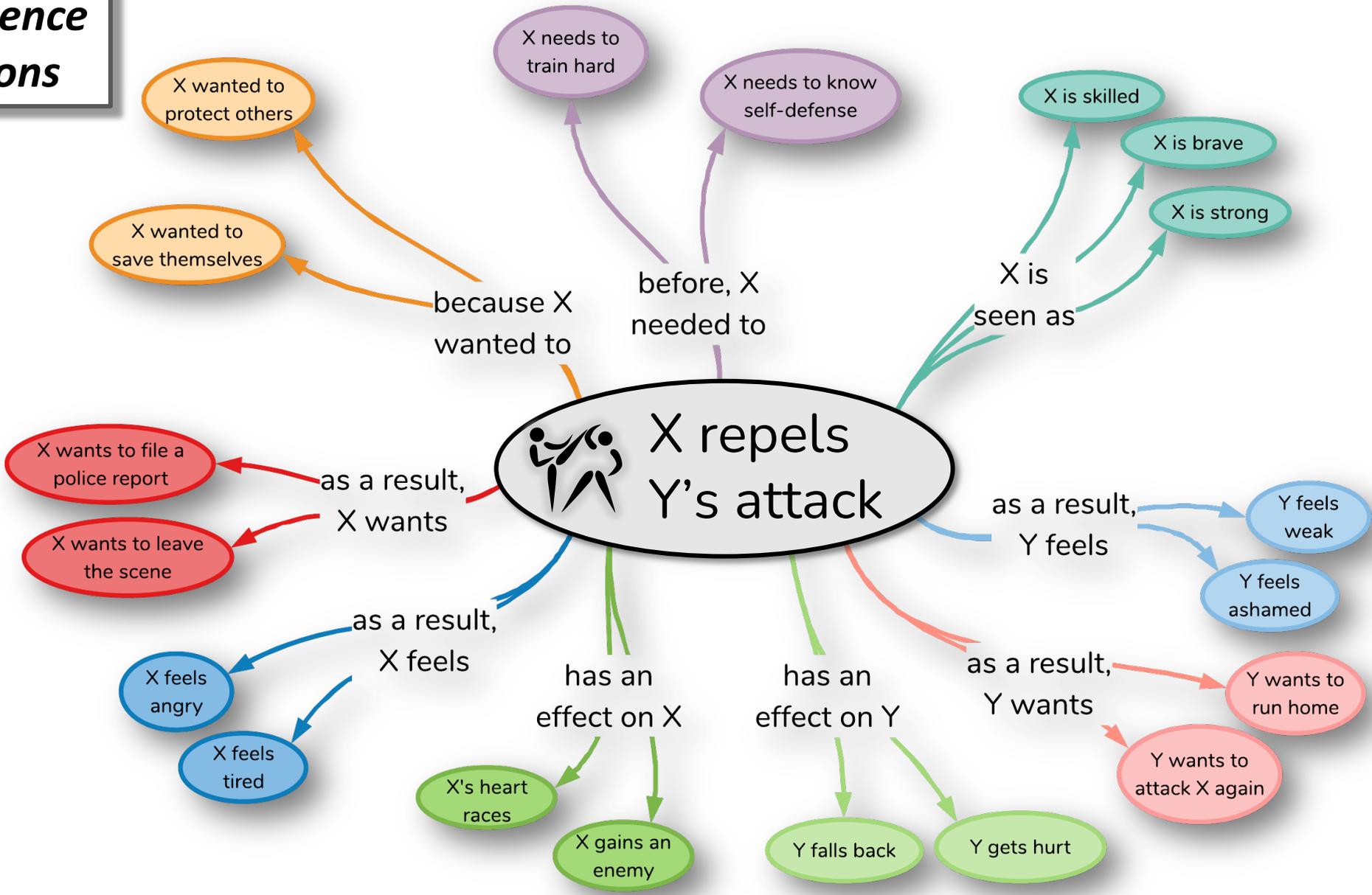
ATOMIC:
inferential knowledge in *natural language* form



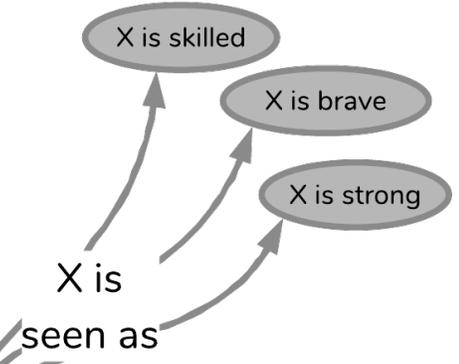
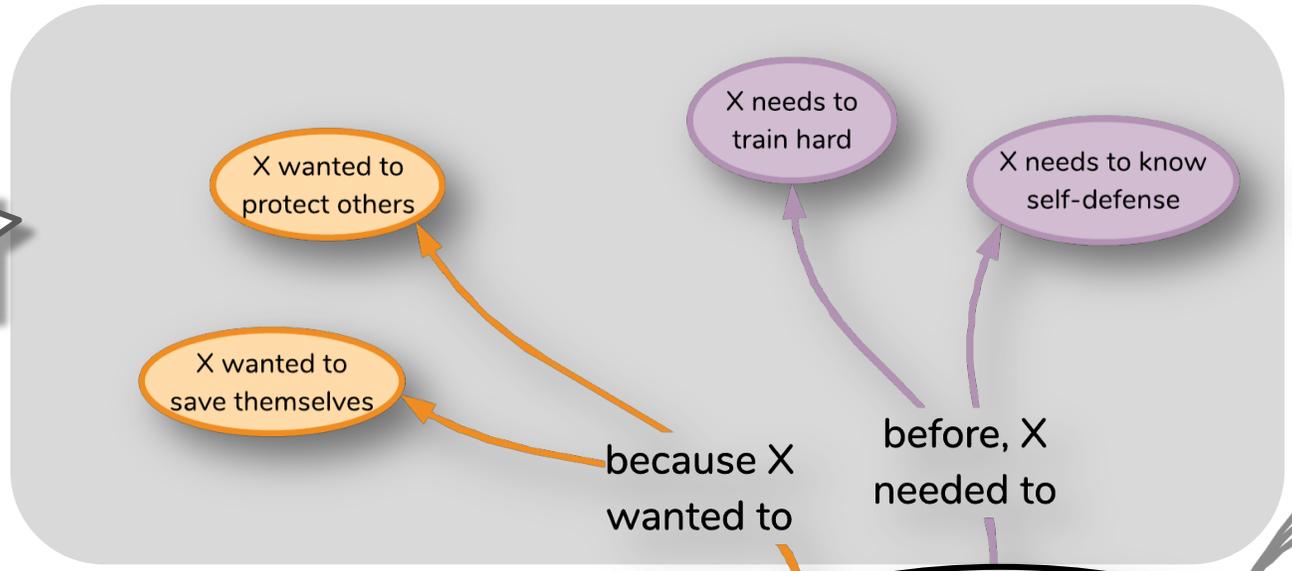
ATOMIC: 880,000 triples for AI systems to reason about *causes* and *effects* of everyday situations



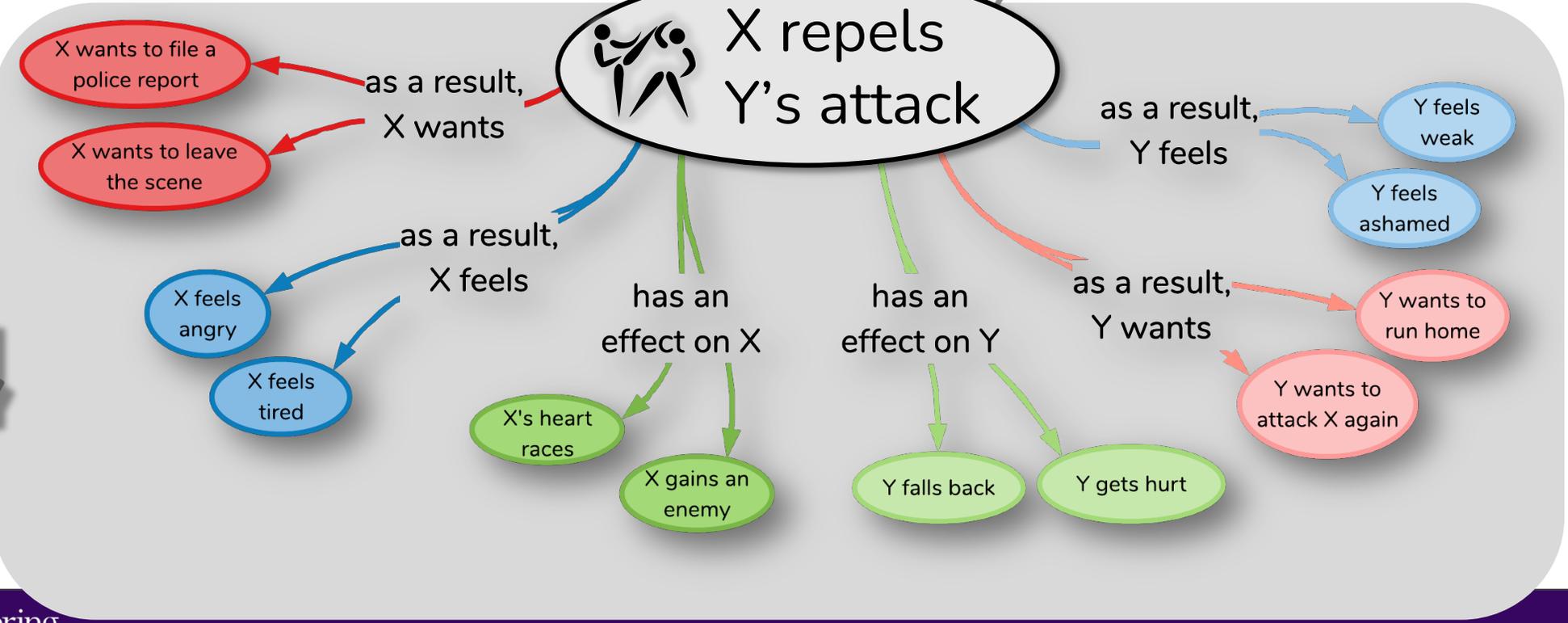
nine inference dimensions



Causes

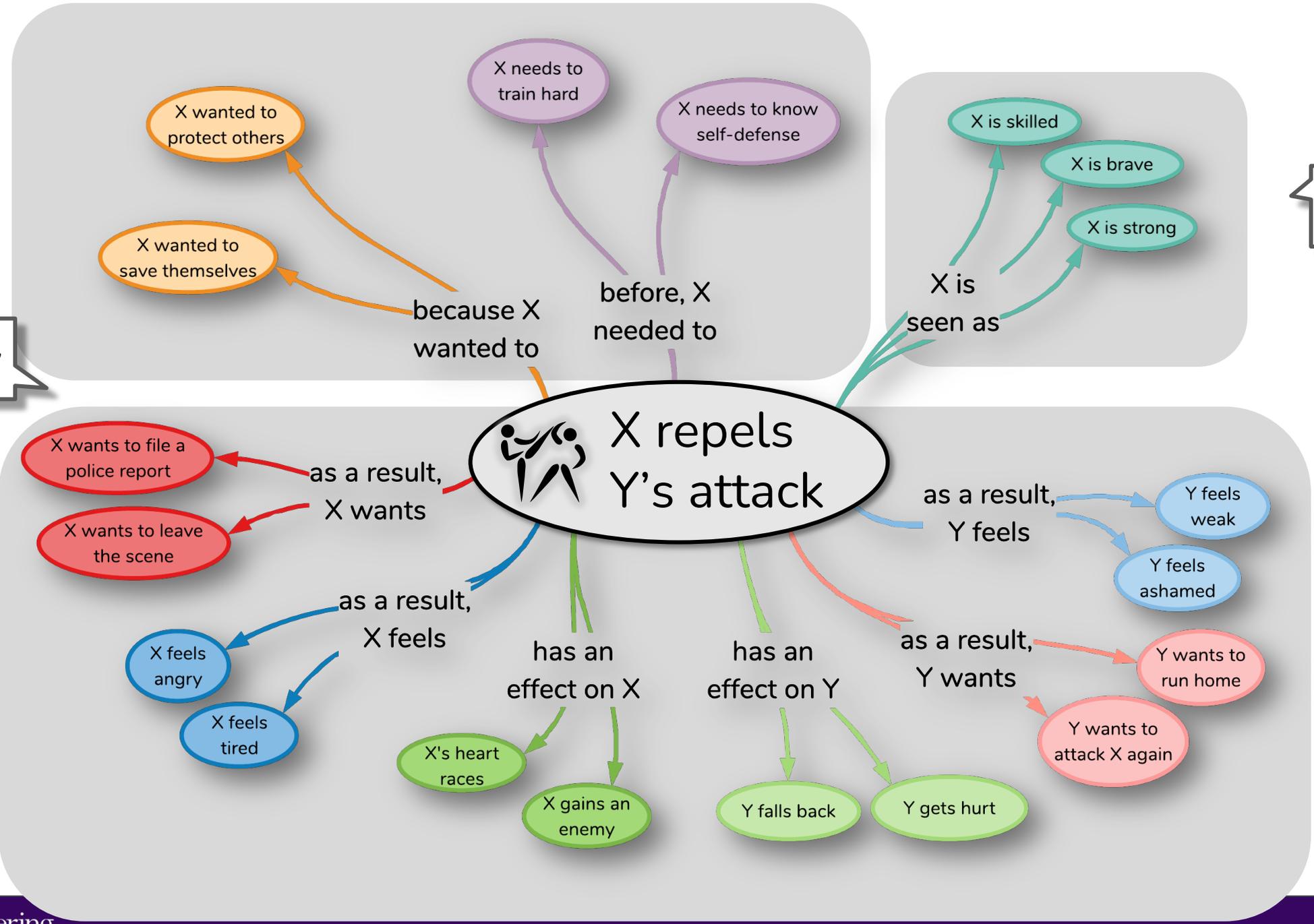


Effects

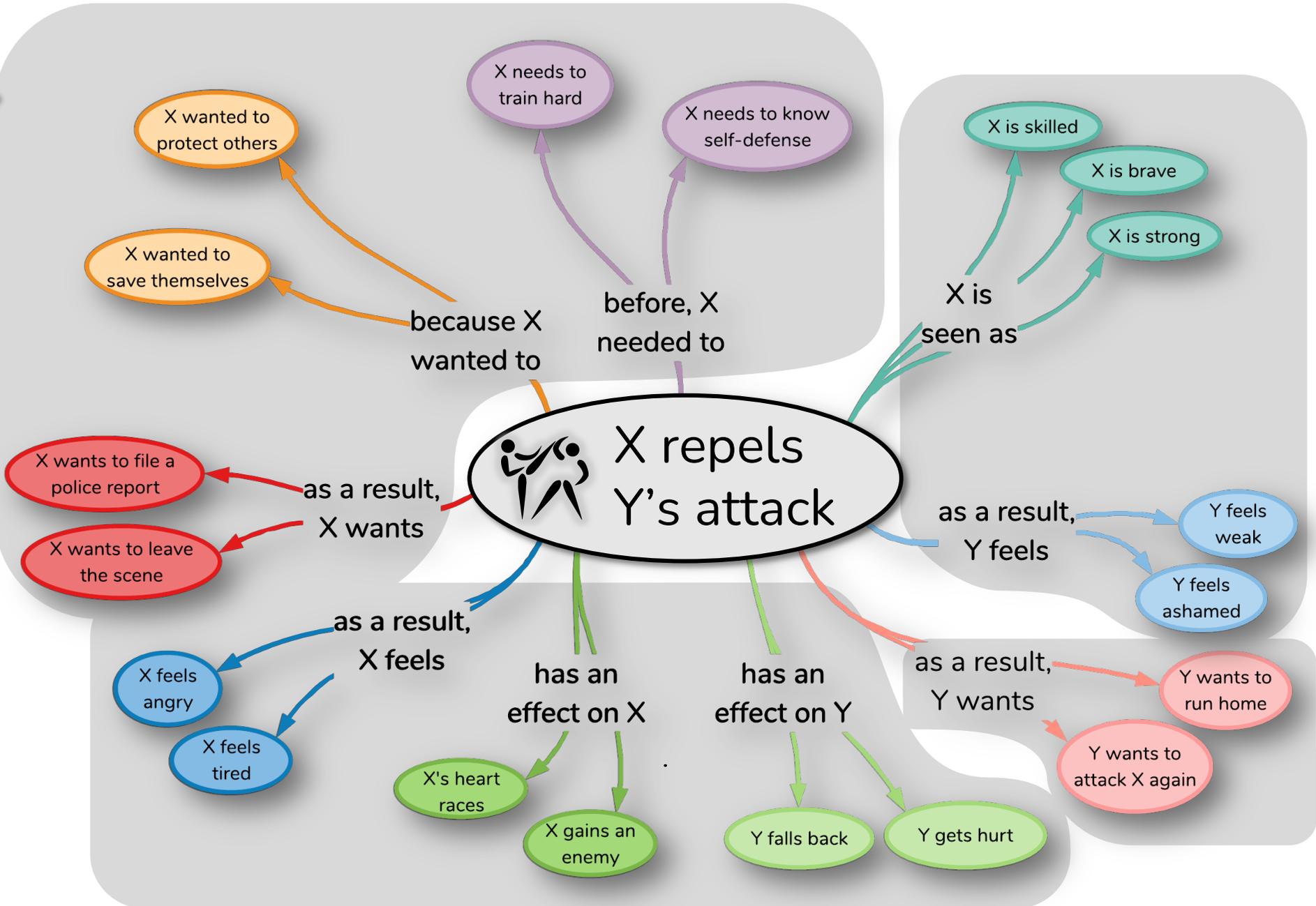


Dynamic

Static



Voluntary



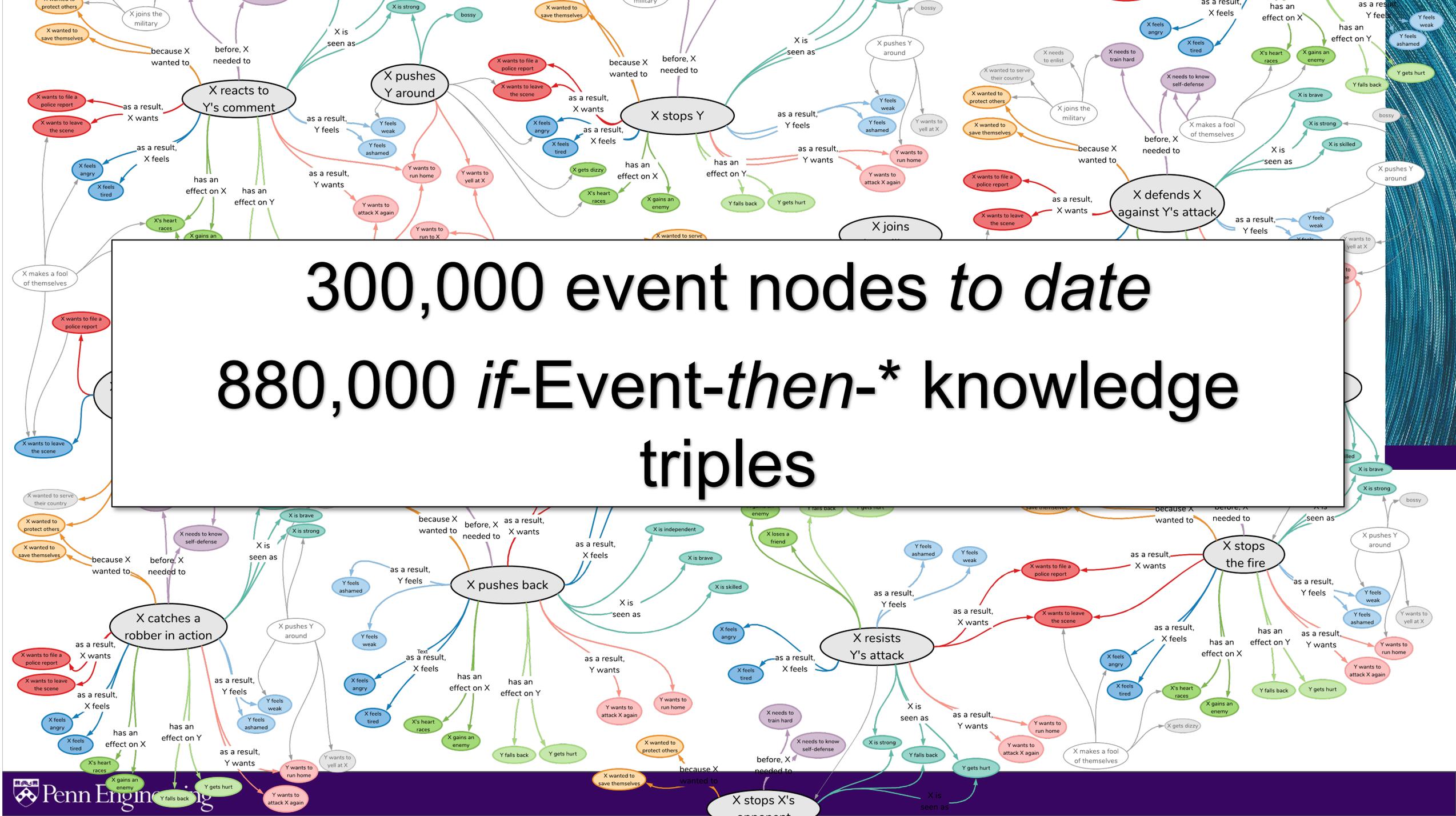
Involuntary

Agent



Theme

300,000 event nodes *to date*
880,000 *if-Event-then-** knowledge
triples



ATOMIC: knowledge of *cause* and *effect*

Theory of Mind



Humans have **theory of mind**, allowing us to

- make inferences about **people's mental states**
- understand **likely events** that precede and follow
(Moore, 2013)

AI systems struggle with ***inferential*** reasoning

- only find **complex correlational patterns** in data
- **limited to the domain** they are trained on

(Pearl; Davis and Marcus 2015; Lake et al. 2017; Marcus 2018)

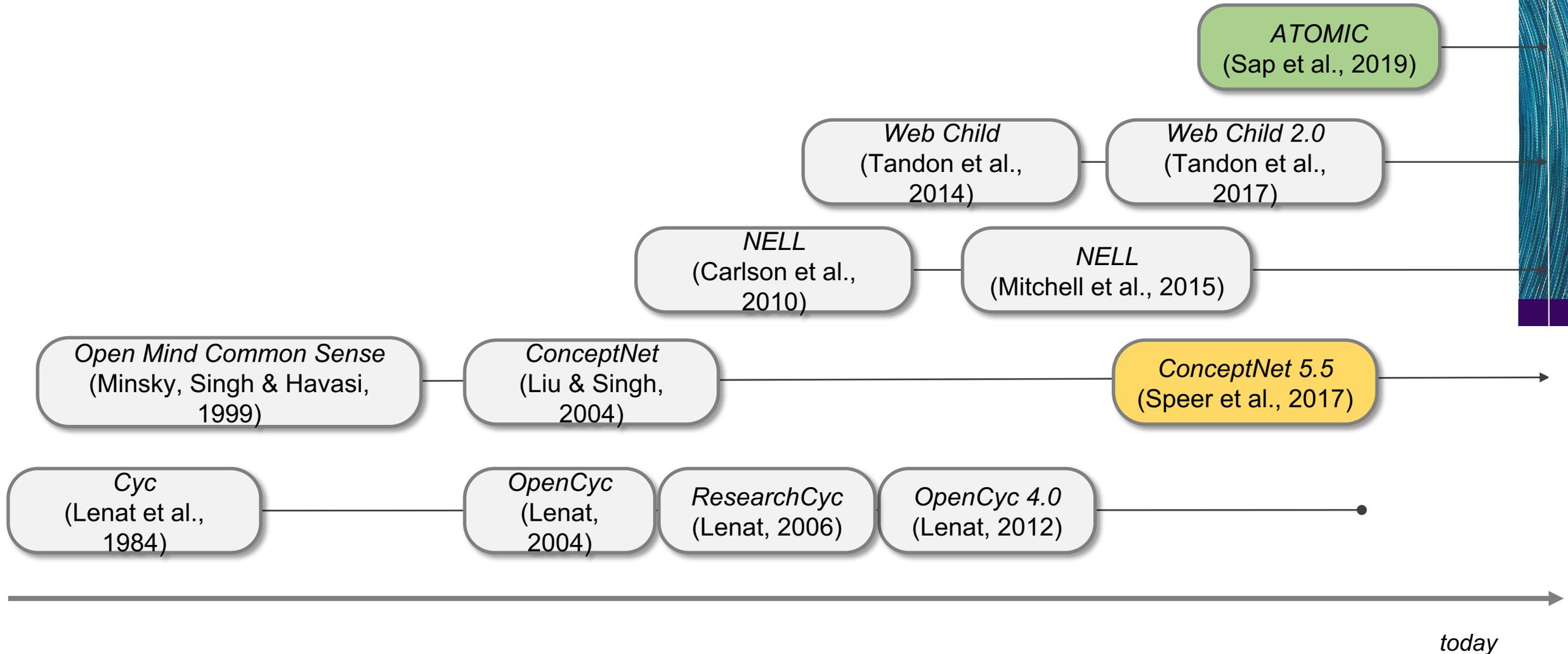
JUDEA PEARL
WINNER OF THE TURING AWARD
AND DANA MACKENZIE

THE
BOOK OF
WHY

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THE NEW SCIENCE
OF CAUSE AND EFFECT

Overview of existing resources



Existing knowledge bases

ATOMIC
(Sap et al., 2019)

NELL
(Mitchell et al., 2015)

ConceptNet 5.5
(Speer et al., 2017)

OpenCyc 4.0
(Lenat, 2012)

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Represented in **symbolic logic**
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(#$implies
  ($and
    ($isa ?OBJ ?SUBSET)
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Knowledge of “**what**”
(taxonomic: A *isA* B)

Knowledge of “**why**” and
“**how**”
(inferential: *causes* and *effects*)

ATOMIC
(Sap et al., 2019)

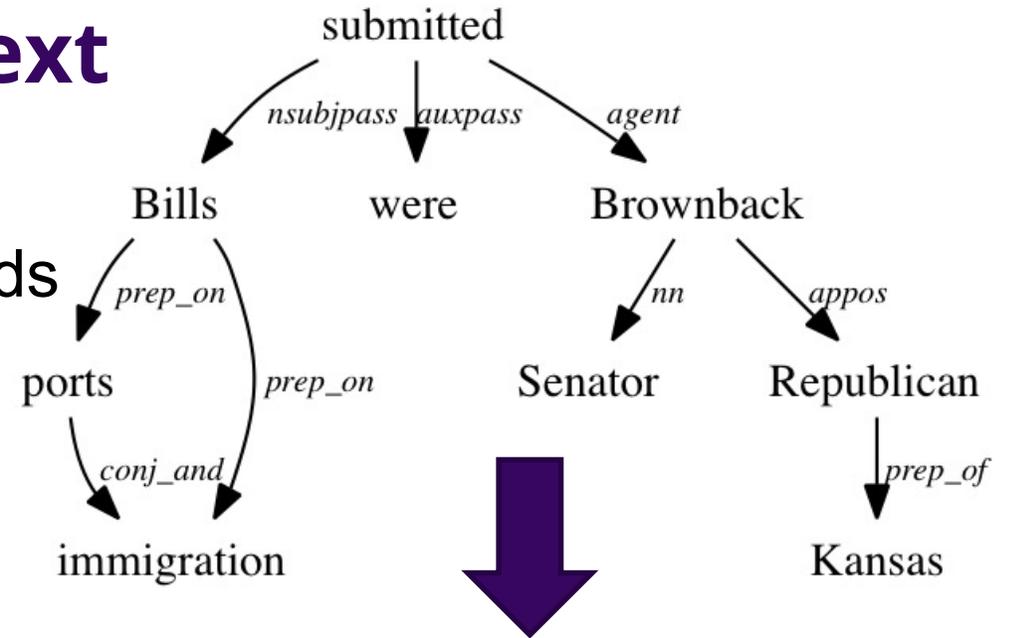
Q: How do you gather commonsense knowledge at scale?

A: It depends on the type of knowledge

Extracting commonsense from text

Based on information extraction (IE) methods

1. Read and parse text
2. Create candidate rules
3. Filter rules based on quality metric



`isA(senator, Brownback)`
`location(Kansas, Brownback)`
~~`isA(senator, Kansas)`~~
...

Advantage:
can extract knowledge automatically

Example system:
Never Ending Language Learner (*NELL*; Carlson et al., 2010)

Some commonsense cannot be extracted

Text is subject to **reporting bias**
(Gordon & Van Durme, 2013)

Noteworthy events

Murdering 4x more common than
exhaling



Commonsense is not often written
Grice's maxim of quantity

found when extracting commonsense
knowledge on four large corpora using
Knext (Gordon & Van Durme, 2013)

When communicating, people try to be as
informative as they possibly can, and give as
much information as is needed, and no more.

Eliciting commonsense from humans

Experts create knowledge base

Advantages:

- Quality guaranteed
- Can use complex representations (e.g., CycL, LISP)

Drawbacks:

- Time cost
- Training users

OpenCyc 4.0
(Lenat, 2012)

WordNet
(Miller et al.,
1990)

Non-experts write knowledge in natural language phrases

Natural language

- Accessible to non-experts
- Different phrasings allow for more nuanced knowledge

Fast and scalable collection

- Crowdsourcing
- Games with a purpose

ATOMIC
(Sap et al.,
2019)

ConceptNet 5.5
(Speer et al.,
2017)

Knowledge bases and mitigating biases

PersonX clutches a gun

ATOMIC (Sap et al., 2019)



because
X wanted
to

- to be safe
- to protect himself
- to protect themselves
- to defend themselves
- to defend himself

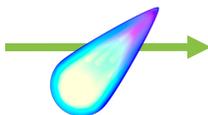
Jaquain clutches a gun



because
X wanted
to

- to kill someone
- none
- to protect himself
- to be safe
- to protect themselves

Karen clutches a gun

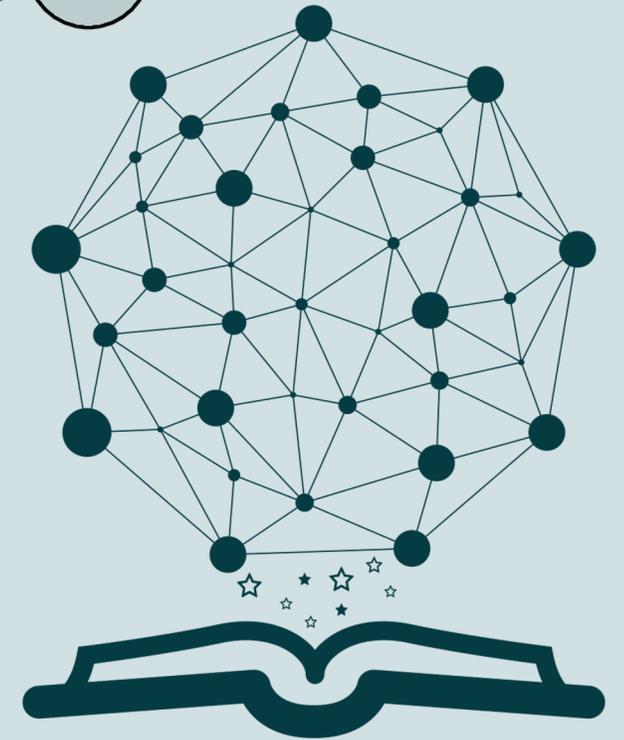
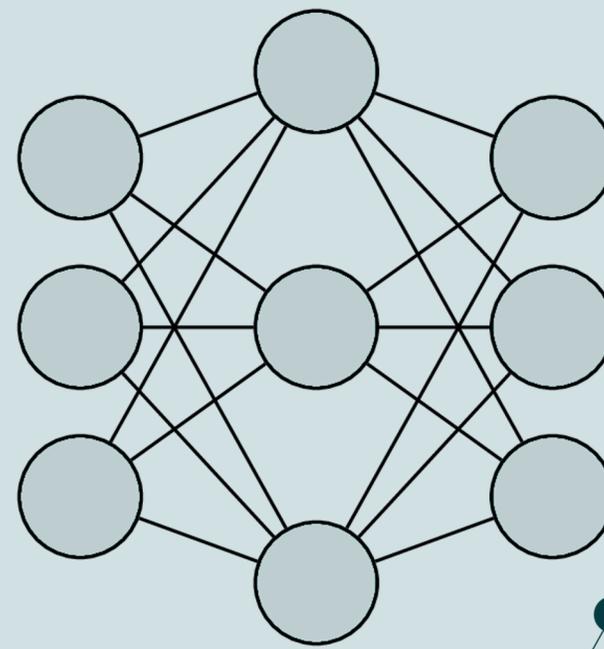


because
X wanted
to

- to be safe
- to protect himself
- to shoot
- to get the gun
- none

COMET (Bosselut et al., 2019): ATOMIC + OpenAI

Neural and Symbolic Models of Commonsense Reasoning





Katrina had the financial means to afford a new car while Monica did not, since _____ had a high paying job.



Neural Architecture

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0.49

Masked Language Models

Sentence:

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Predictions:

11.8% ↵

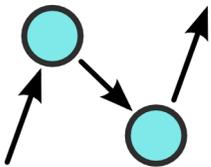
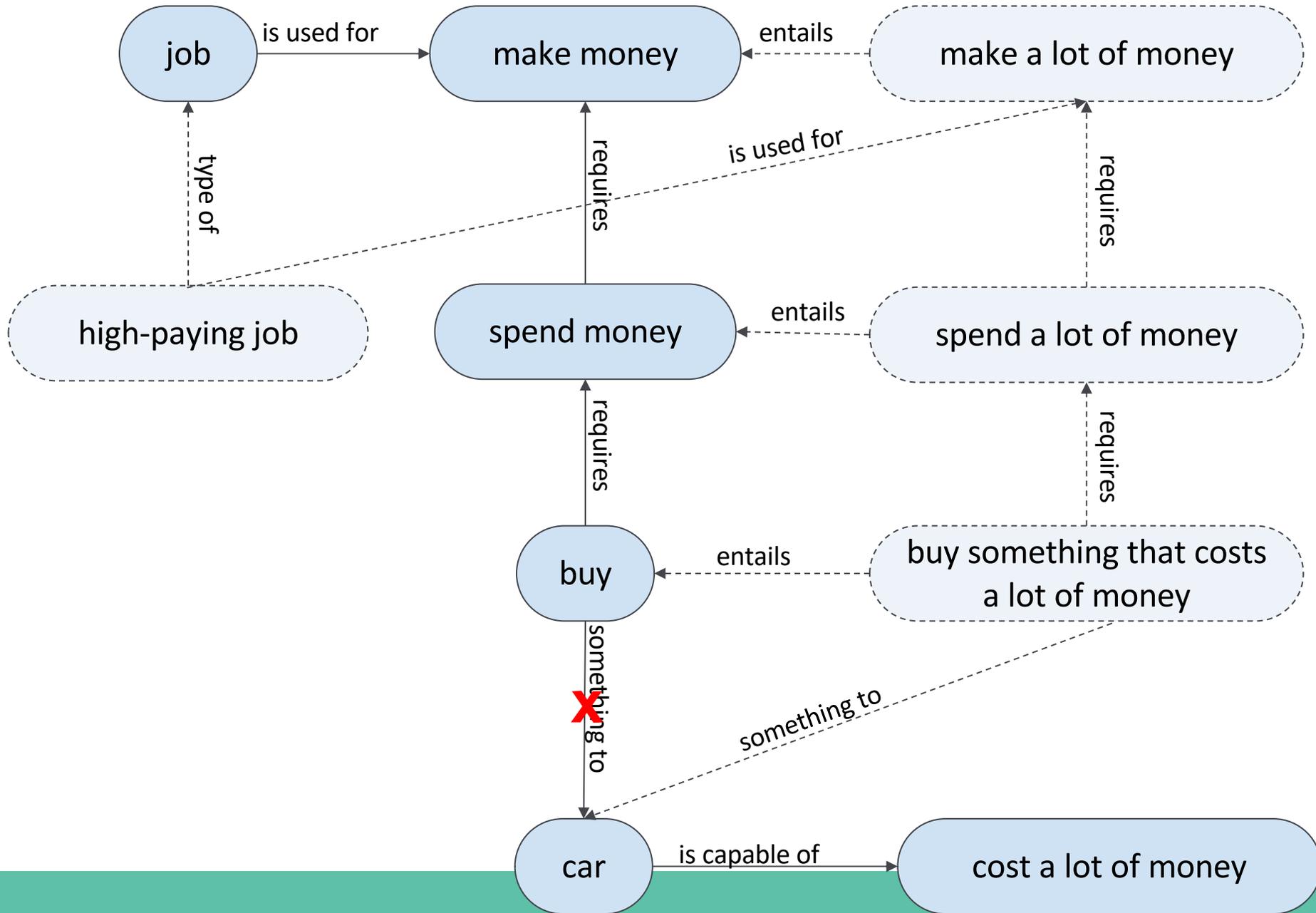
8.8% **She**

6.3% **I**

6.2% **So**

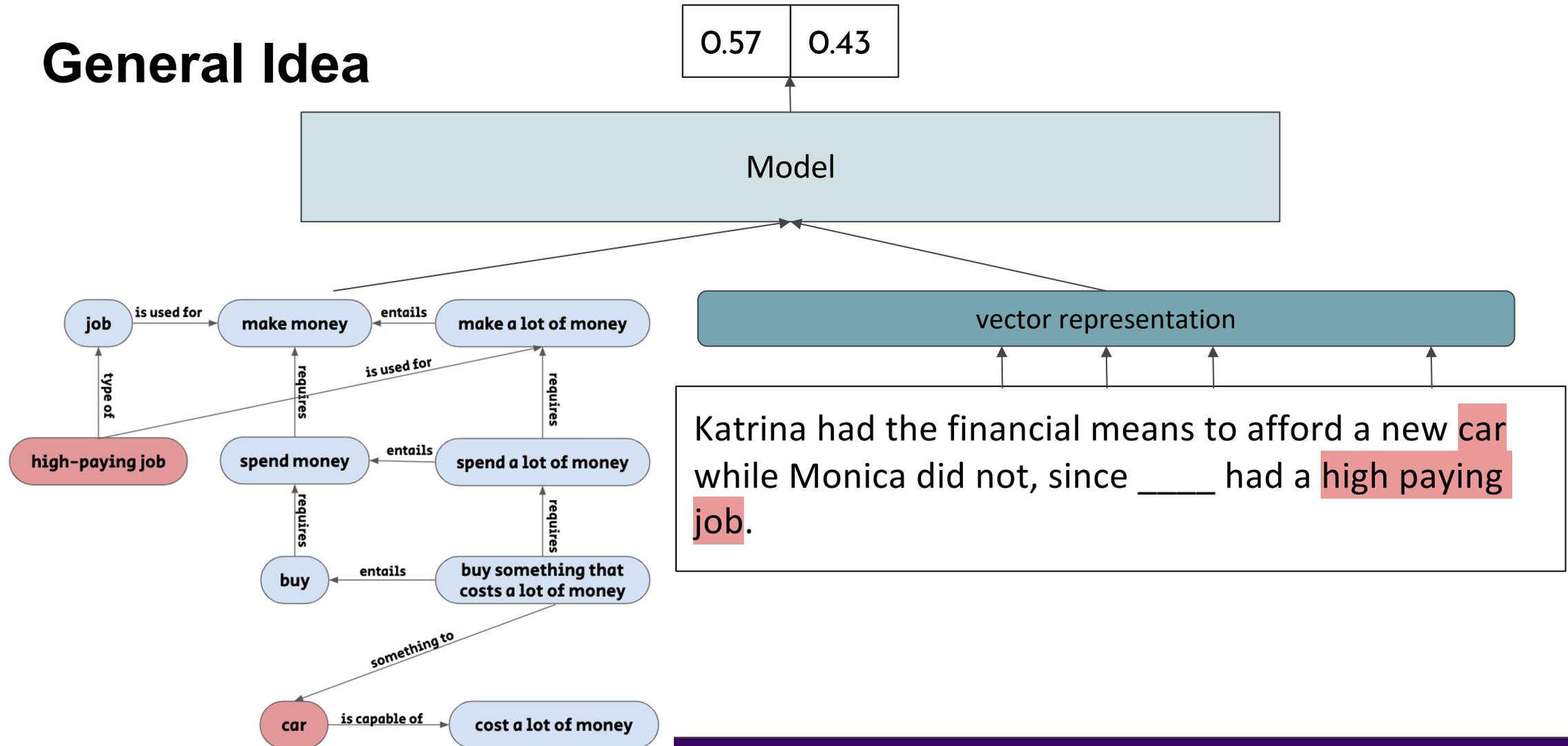
5.2% **Monica**

← **Undo**



Incorporating External Knowledge into Neural Models

General Idea

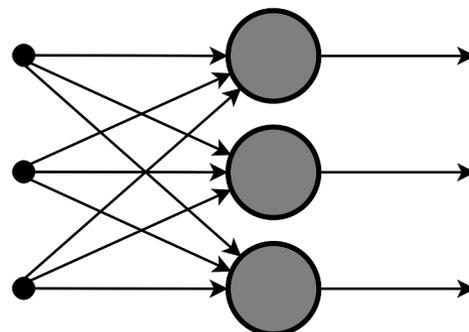
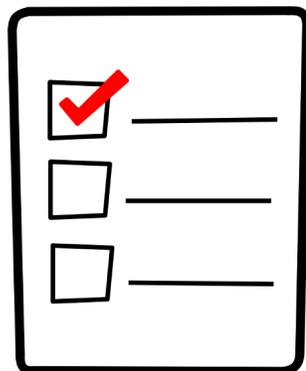


Incorporating External Knowledge into Neural Models

Recipe

Task

Story ending,
Machine Comprehension
Social common sense
NLI

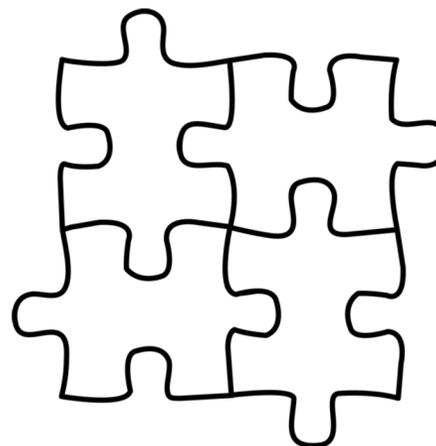


Neural Component

Pre/post pre-trained
language models

Knowledge Source

Knowledge bases,
extracted from text,
hand-crafted rules



Combination Method

Attention, pruning,
word embeddings,
multi-task learning

Story Ending Task (RocStories)

Agatha had always **wanted** **pet** birds.
So one day **she** **purchased** two **pet** finches.
Soon **she** **couldn't stand** their constant **noise**.
And even worse was their constant **mess**.

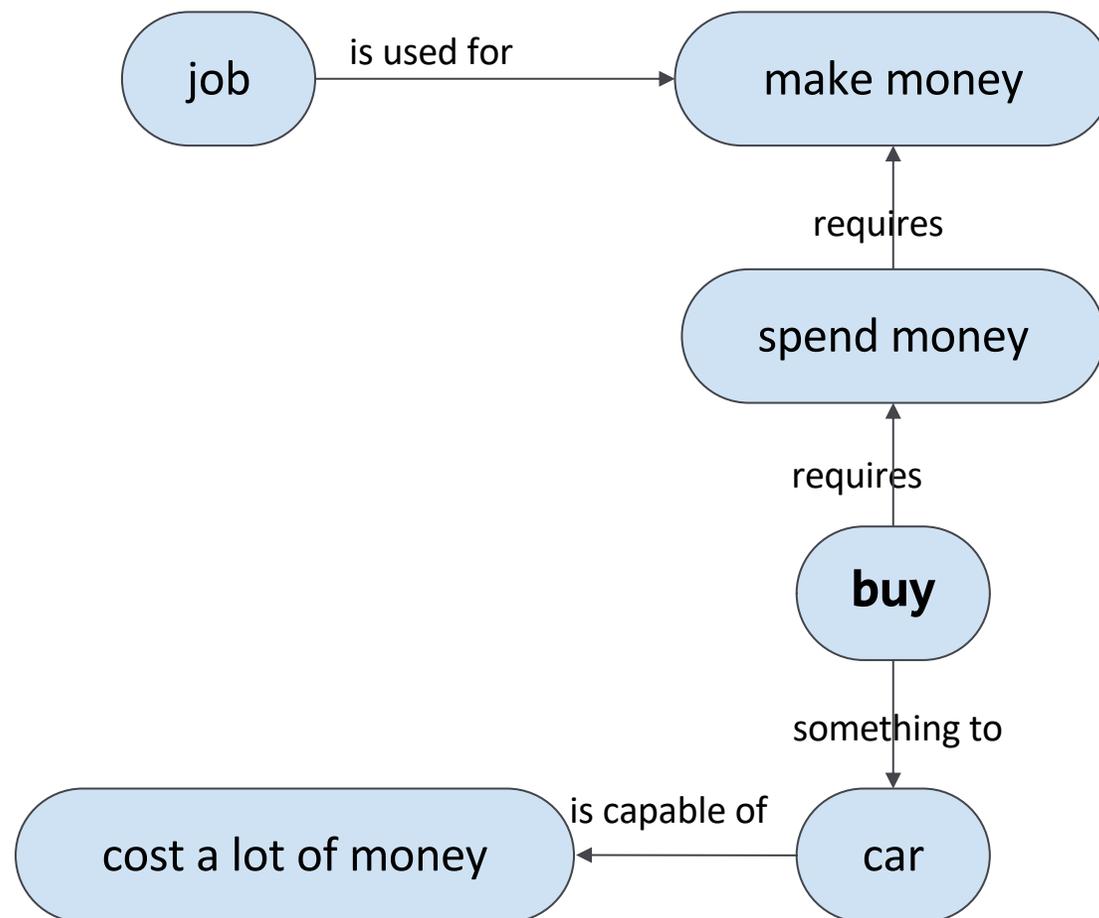
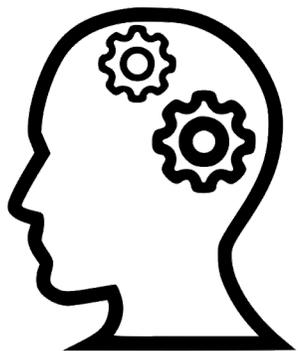
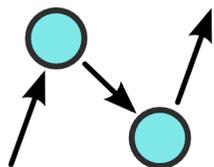


Agatha decided to **buy** **two** more. (Wrong)
Agatha decided to **return** **them**. (Right)

Task

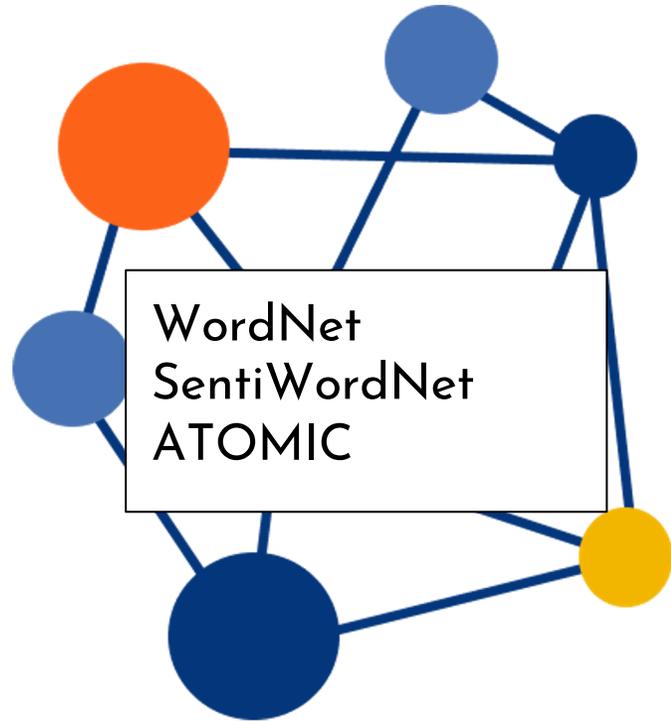
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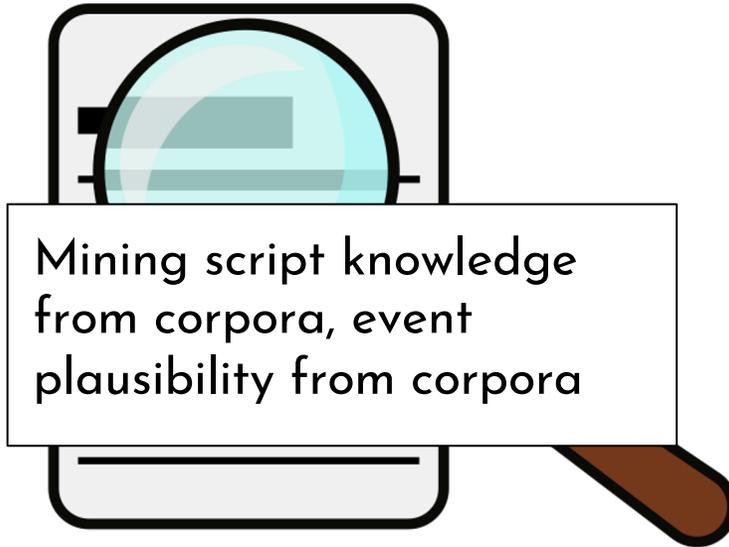


Conceptnet 5.5: An open multilingual graph of general knowledge. *Robyn Speer, Joshua Chin, and Catherine Havasi*. AAAI 2017.

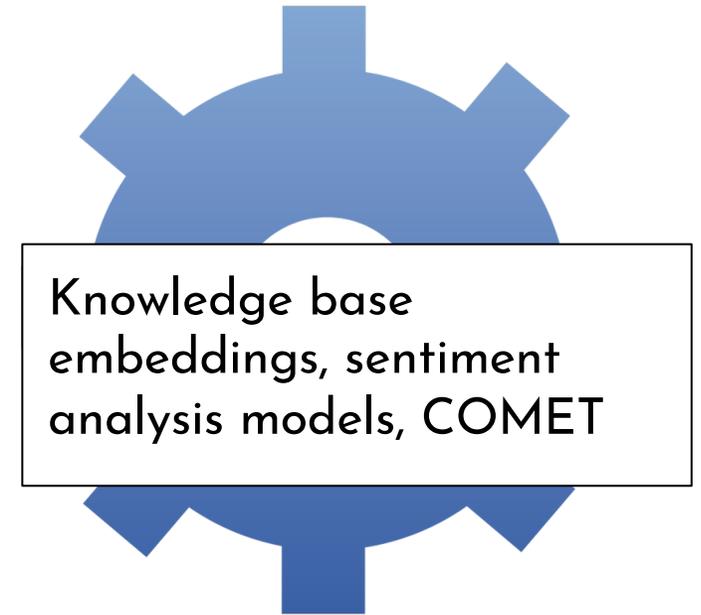
Other Knowledge Sources



Mining from Text



Knowledge Bases



Tools

Neural Component

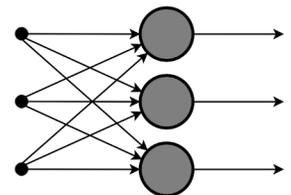
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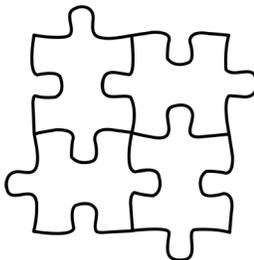
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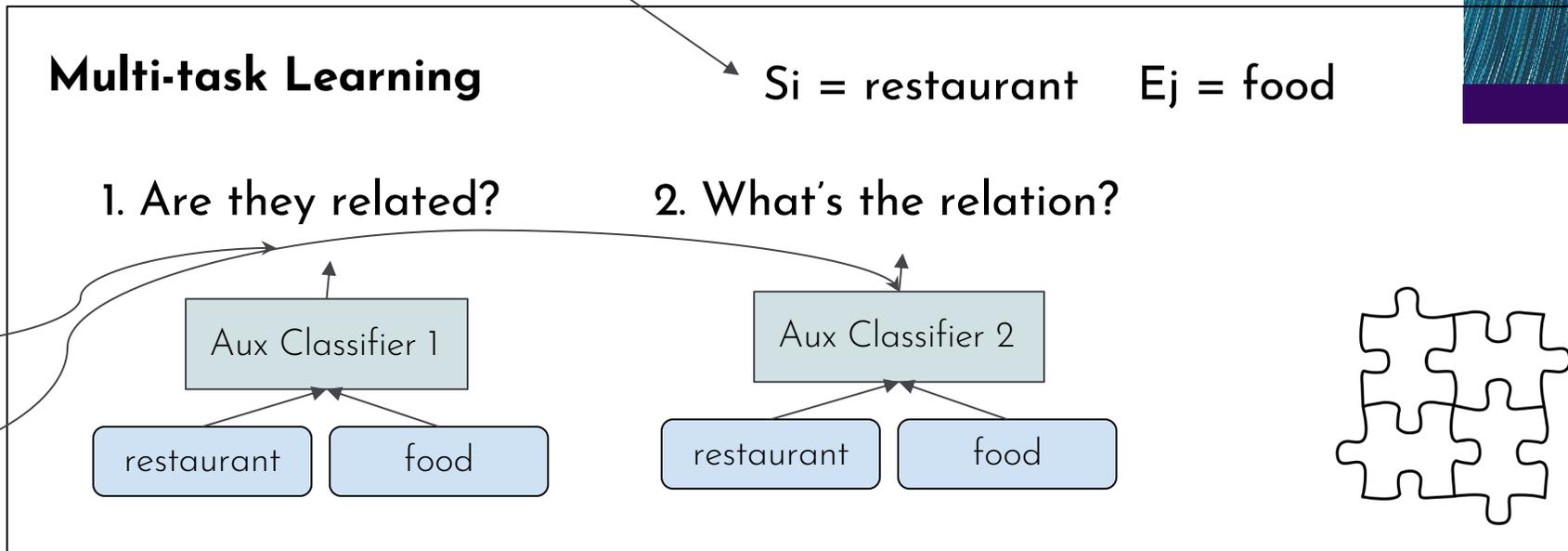
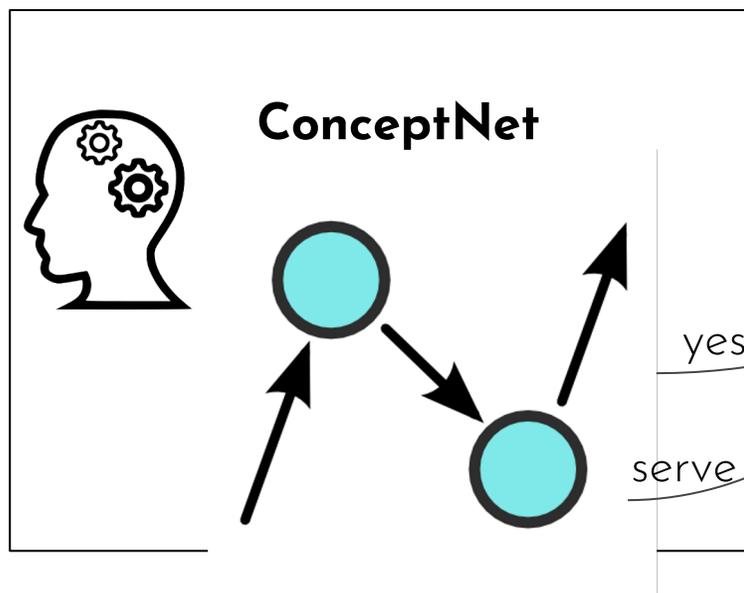
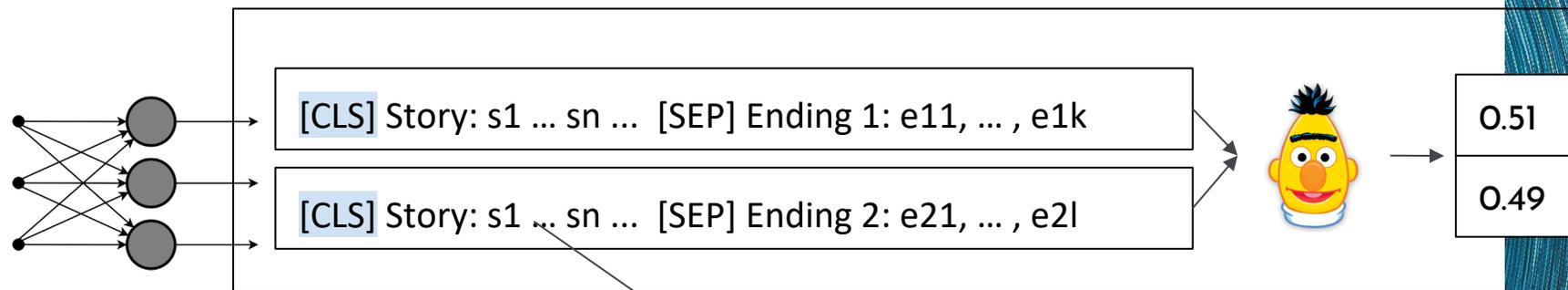
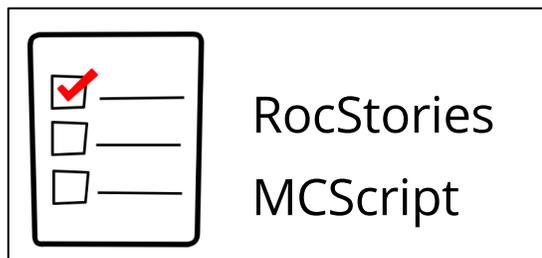
Combination Method

1. Incorporate into scoring function
2. Symbolic \rightarrow vector representation
 - (+attention)
3. Multi-task learning



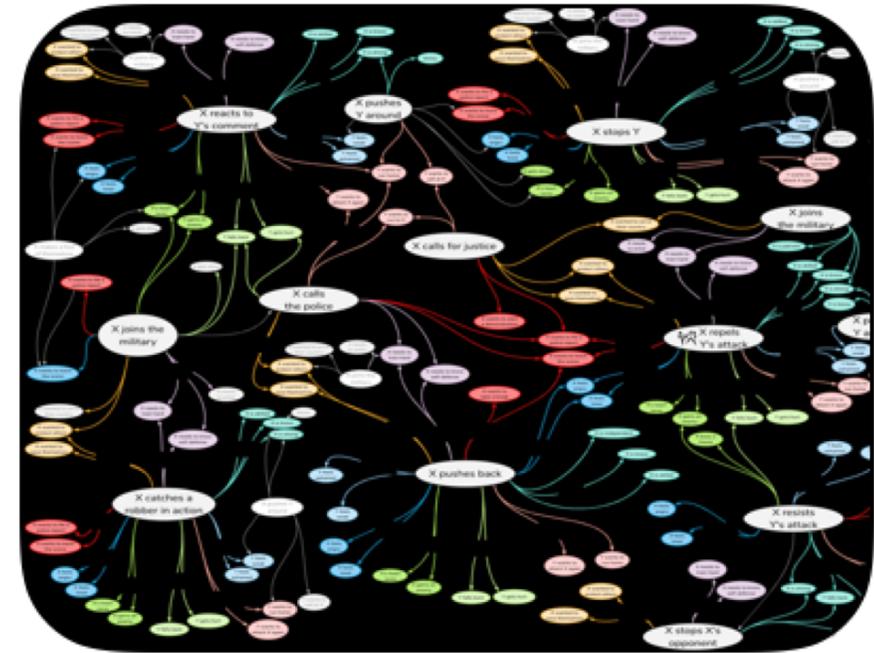
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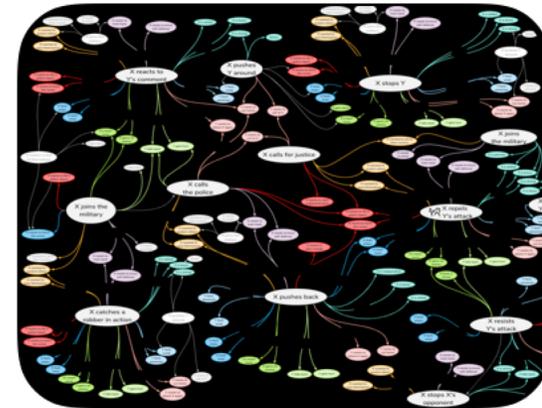
Limitations of Knowledge Graphs

- Insufficient Coverage
- Not 100% Accurate
- Limited expressivity



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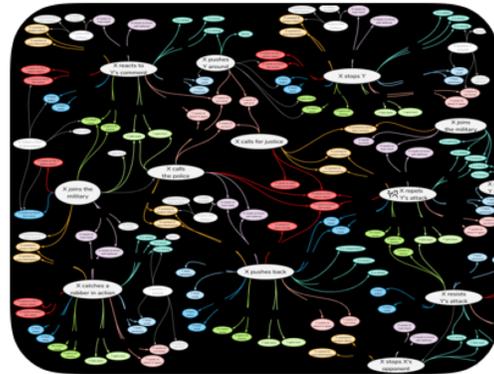
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Limitations of Knowledge Graphs

- Situations rarely found **as-is** in commonsense knowledge graphs

ATOMIC



(Sap et al., 2019)

(X goes to the mall,
Effect on X, buys clothes)

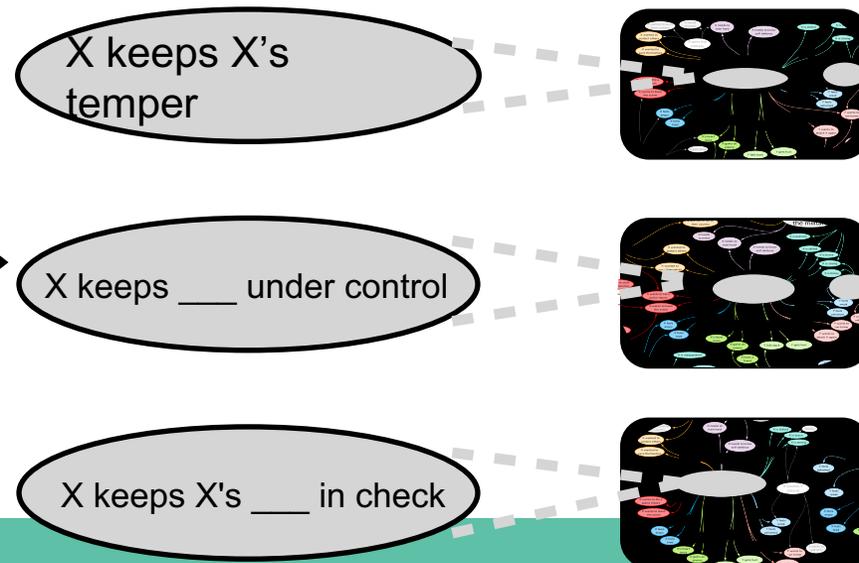
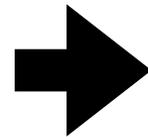
(X goes the mall,
Perception of X, rich)

(X gives Y some money,
Reaction of Y, grateful)

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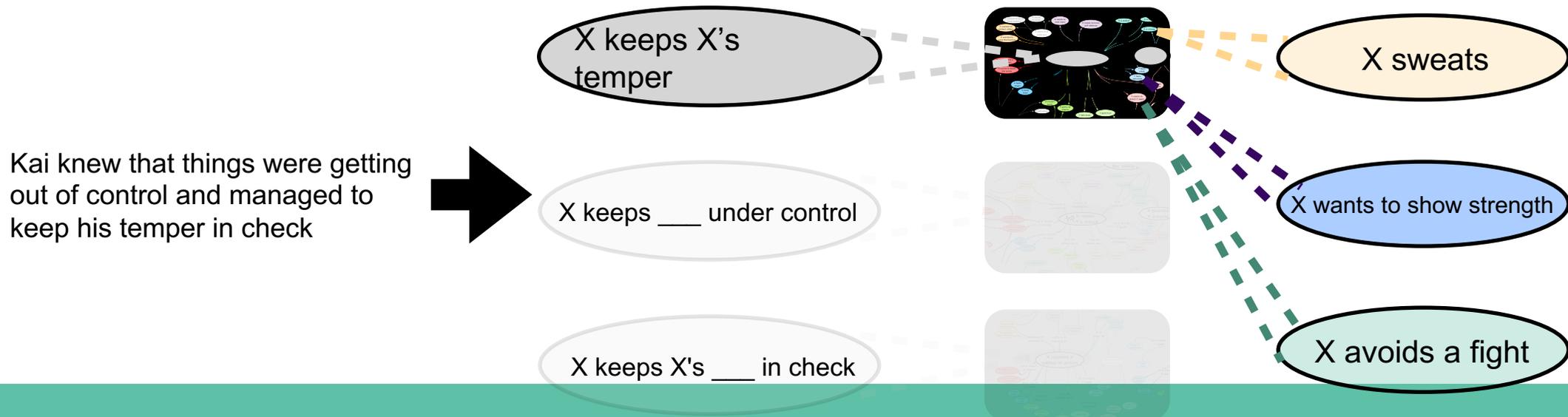
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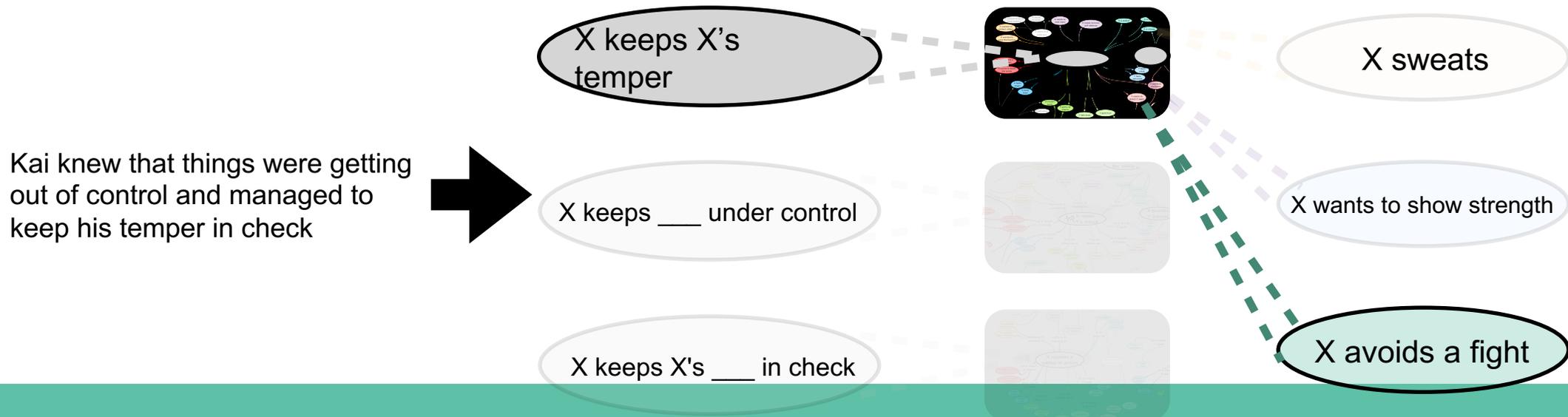
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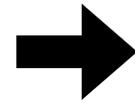


Challenge

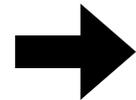
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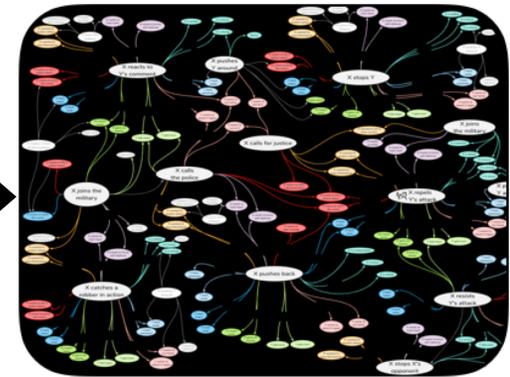
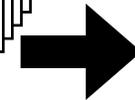
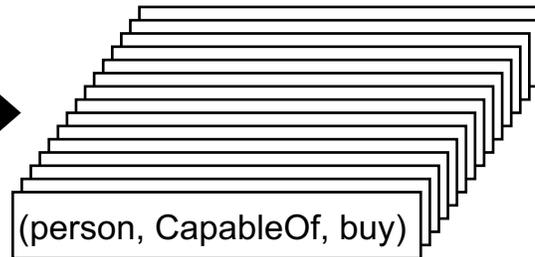
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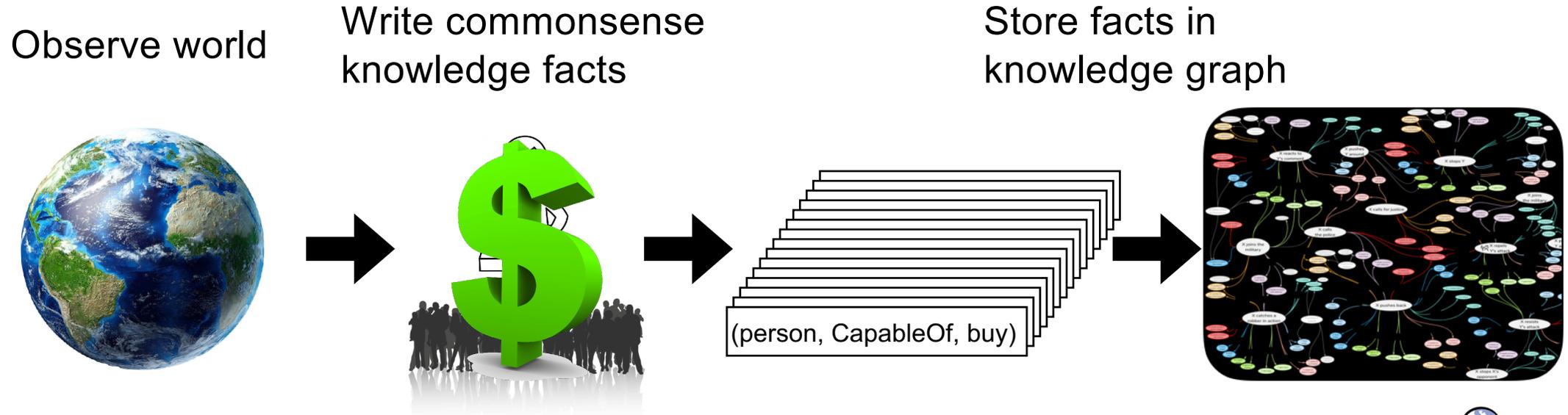
Write commonsense knowledge facts



Store facts in knowledge graph



Constructing Symbolic Knowledge Graphs



 (Miller, 1995)	 (Singh et al., 2002)
 (Lenat, 1995)	 (Sap et al., 2019)

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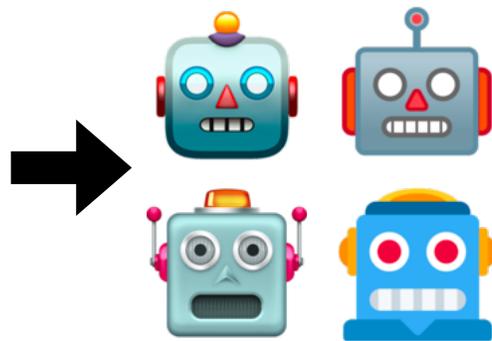
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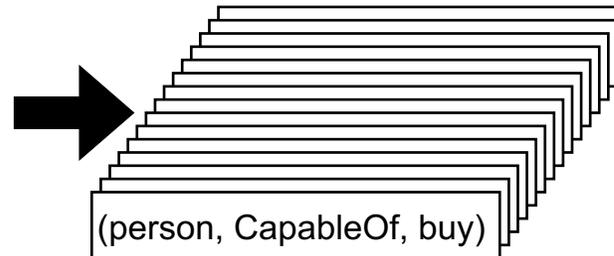
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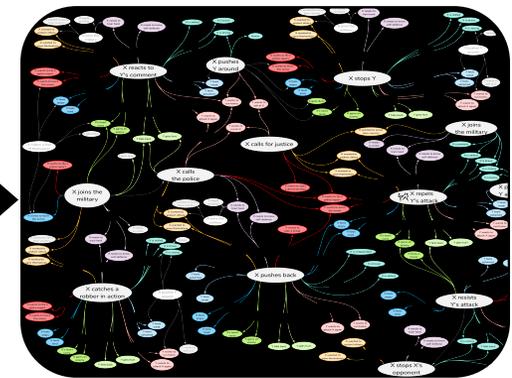
Automatically extract knowledge



(Schubert, 2002)
(Banko et al., 2007)
(Zhang et al., 2020)



Store in knowledge graph



 **ConceptNet**
An open, multilingual knowledge graph
(Speer et al., 2017)

Webchild

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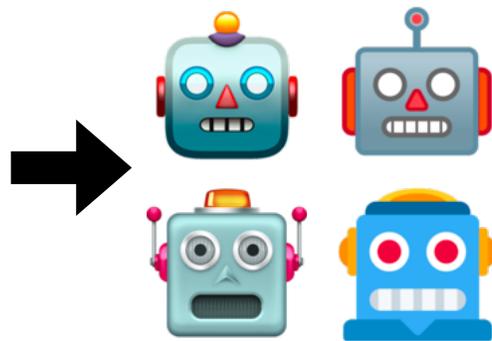
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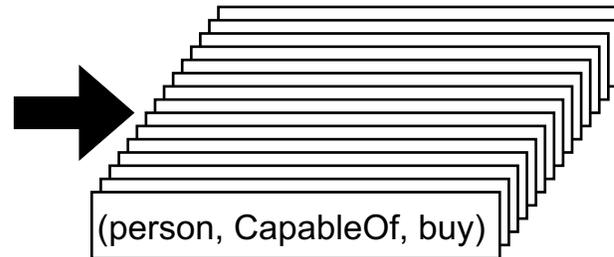
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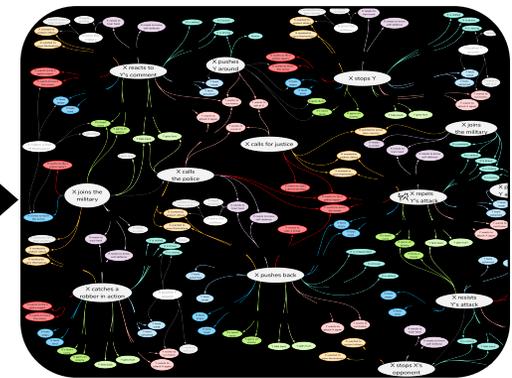
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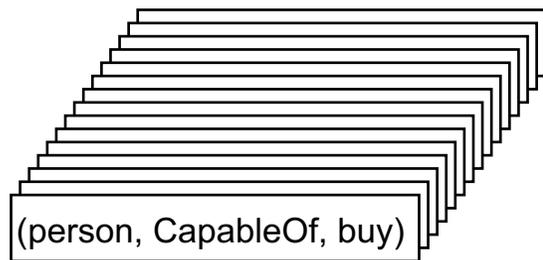
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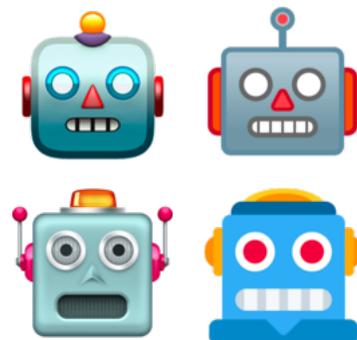
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Knowledge Base Completion

Gather training set of knowledge tuples



Learn relationships among entities

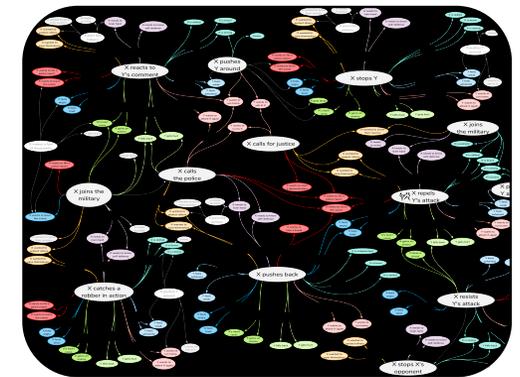


- (Socher et al., 2013)
- (Bordes et al., 2013)
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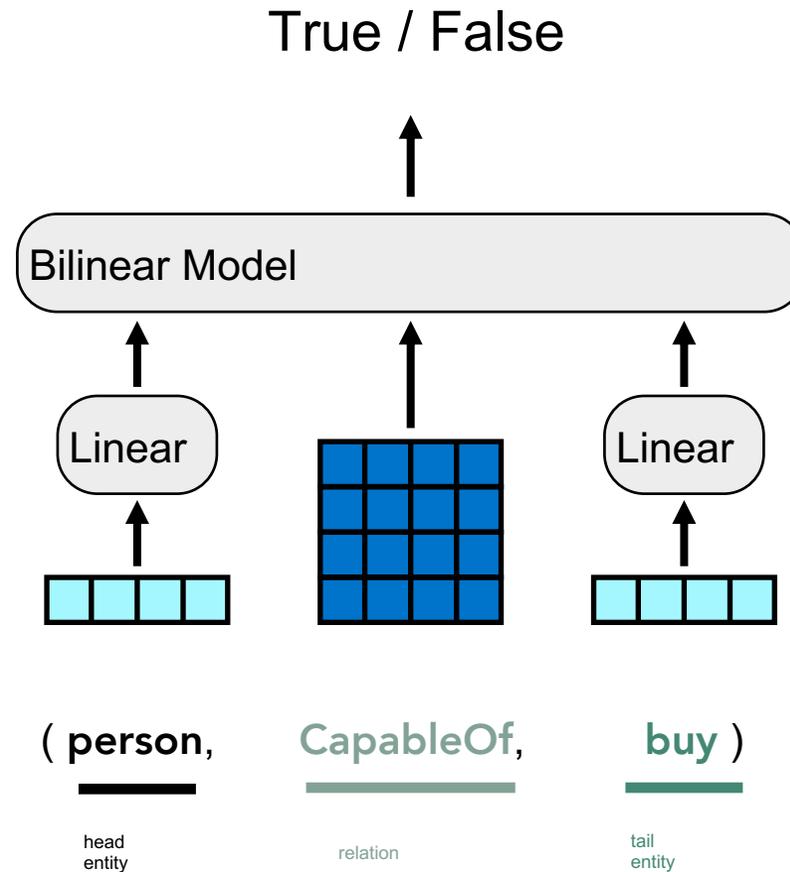
Predict new relationships

(person, CapableOf, ?)

Store in knowledge graph



Commonsense Knowledge Base Completion



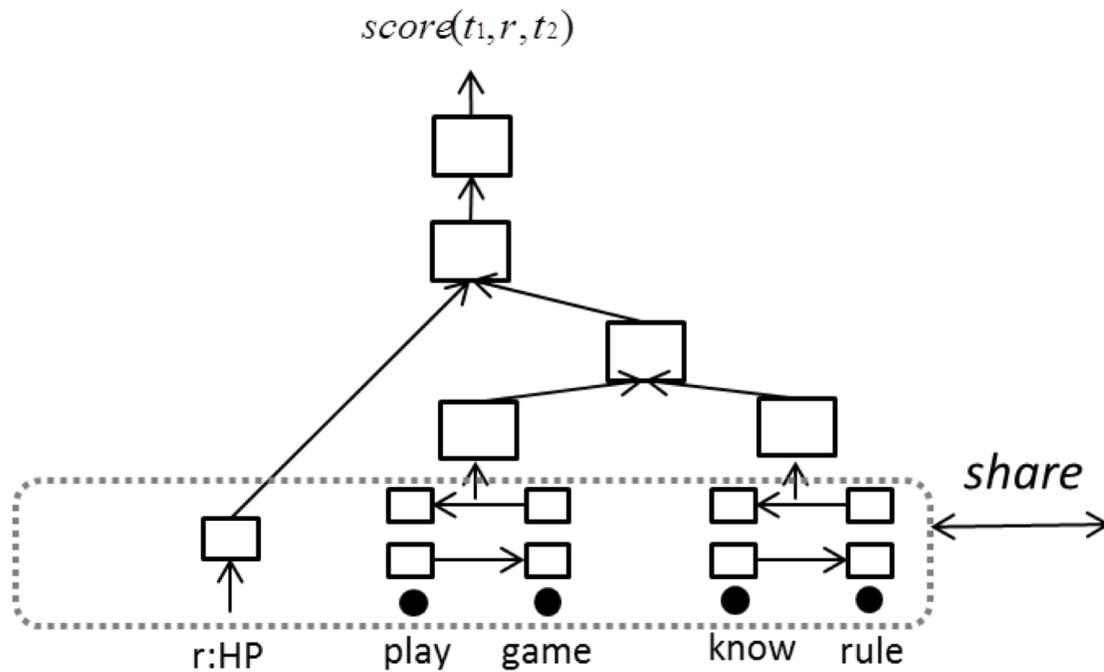
Only high confidence predictions are validated



Low Novelty

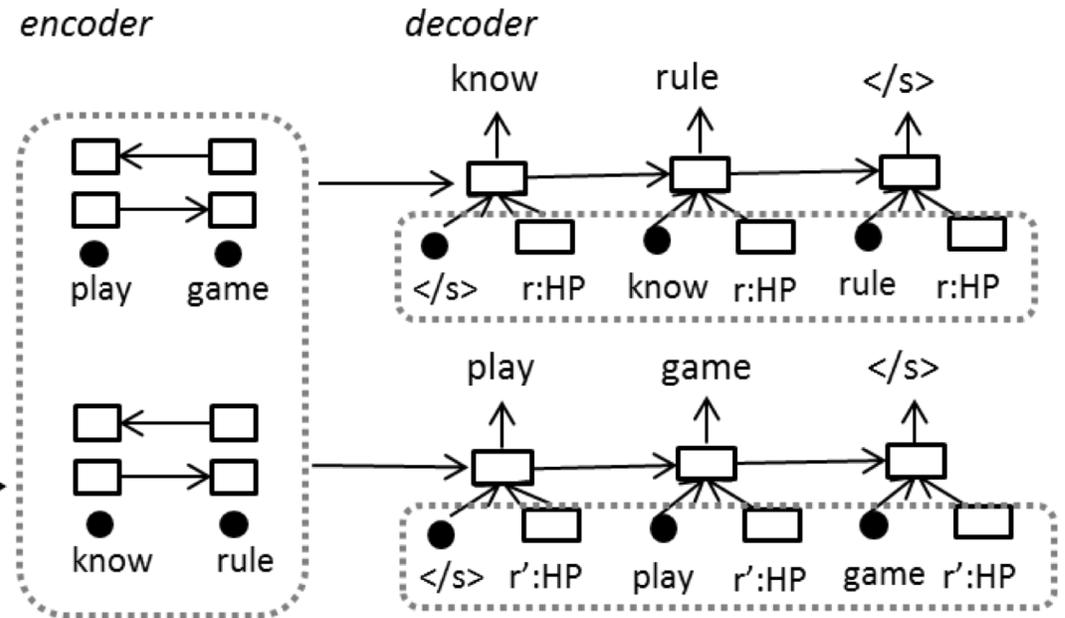
Commonsense Knowledge Base Completion and Generation!

Knowledge base **completion** model



Knowledge base **generation** model

Attention-based encoder-decoder model

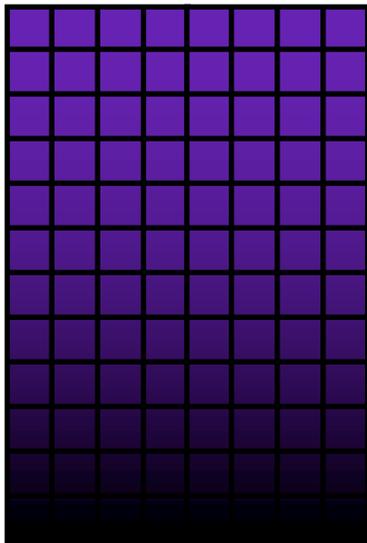


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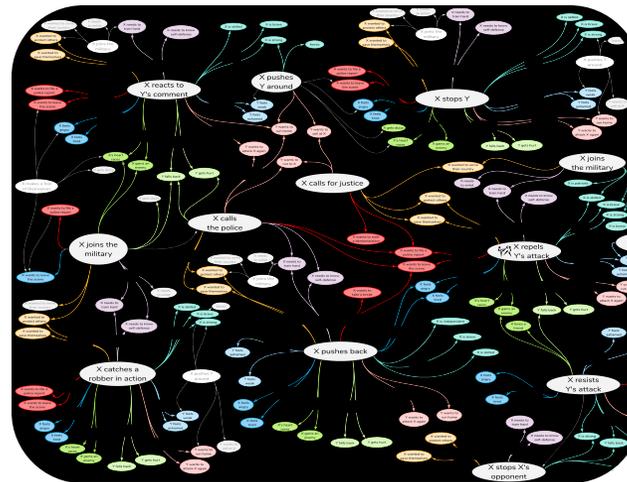
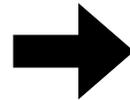
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Solution Outline

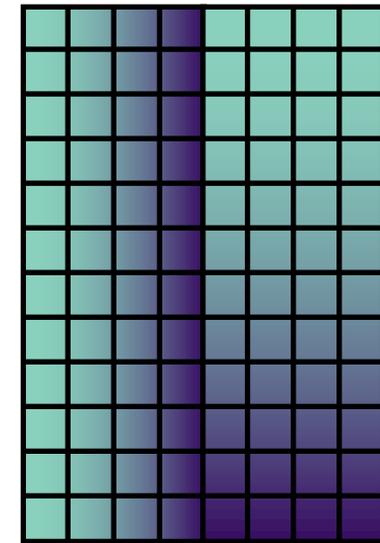
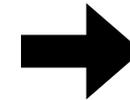
- Leverage manually curated commonsense knowledge resources
- Learn from the examples to induce new relationships
- Scale up using language resources



Learn word embeddings
from language corpus



Retrofit word embeddings
on semantic resource



Learn knowledge-
aware embeddings

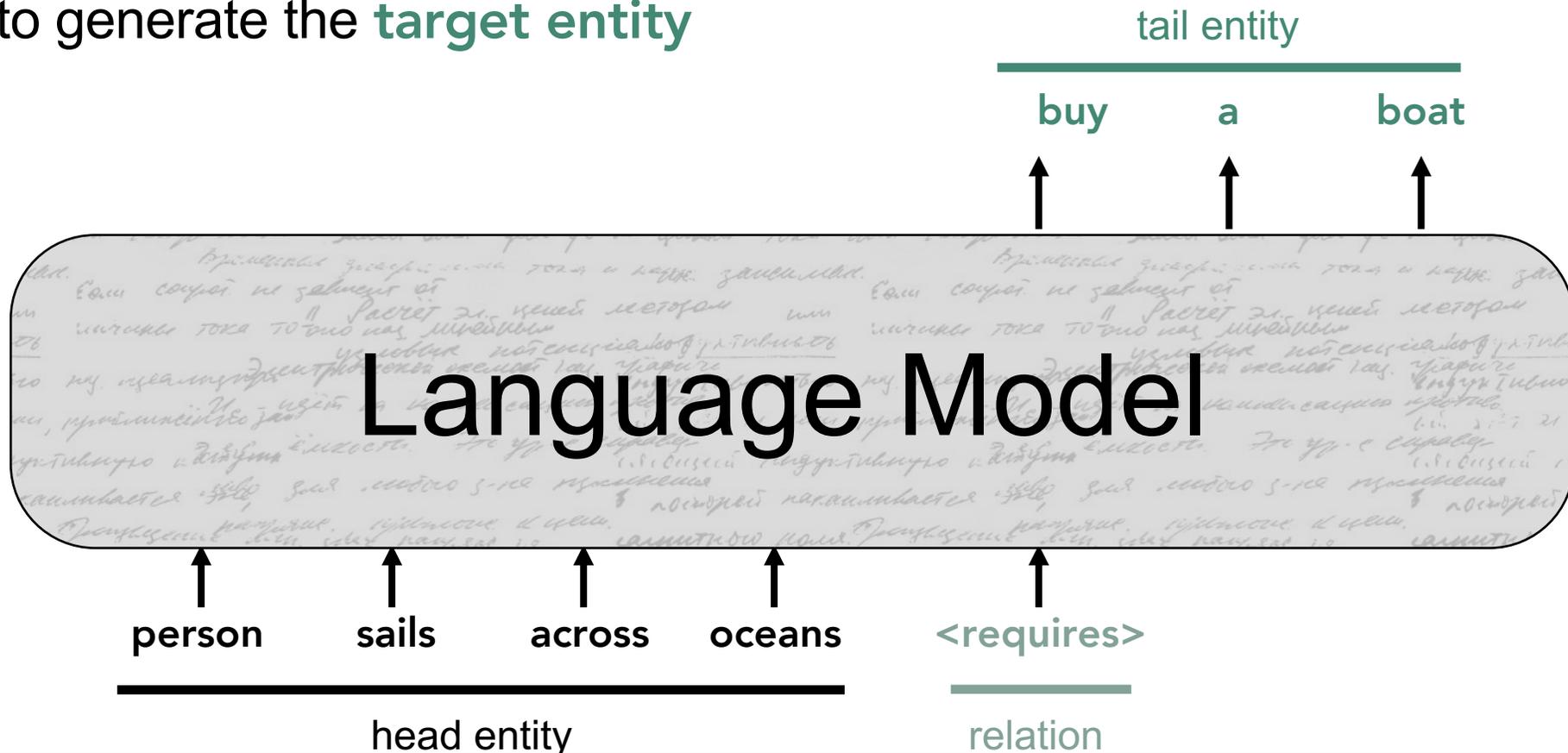
Structure of Knowledge Tuple



Learning Structure of Knowledge

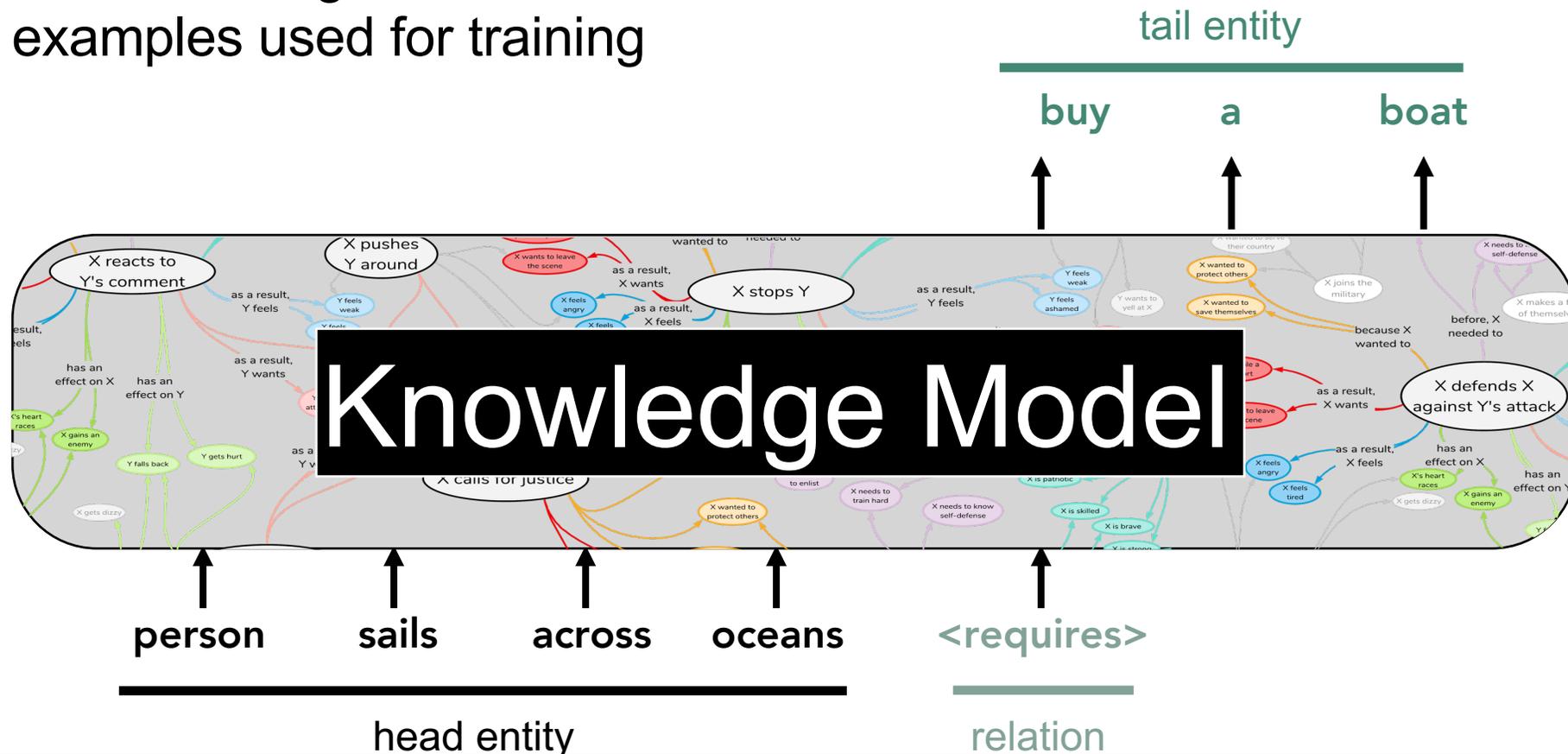
Given a **seed entity** and a **relation**,
learn to generate the **target entity**

$$\mathcal{L} = -\sum \log P(\text{target words} | \text{seed words}, \text{relation})$$



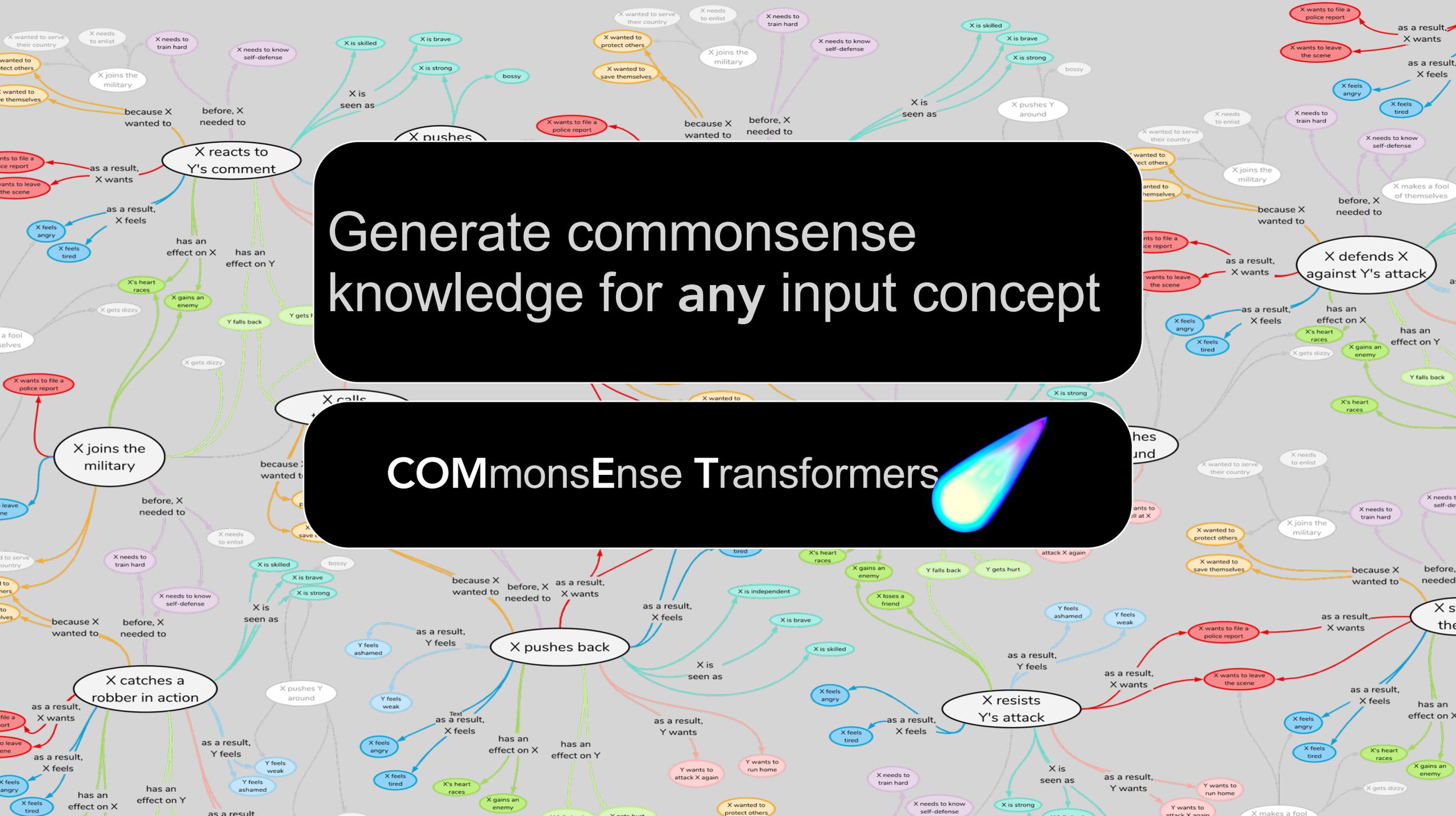
Learning Structure of Knowledge

Language Model → Knowledge Model:
generates knowledge of the structure
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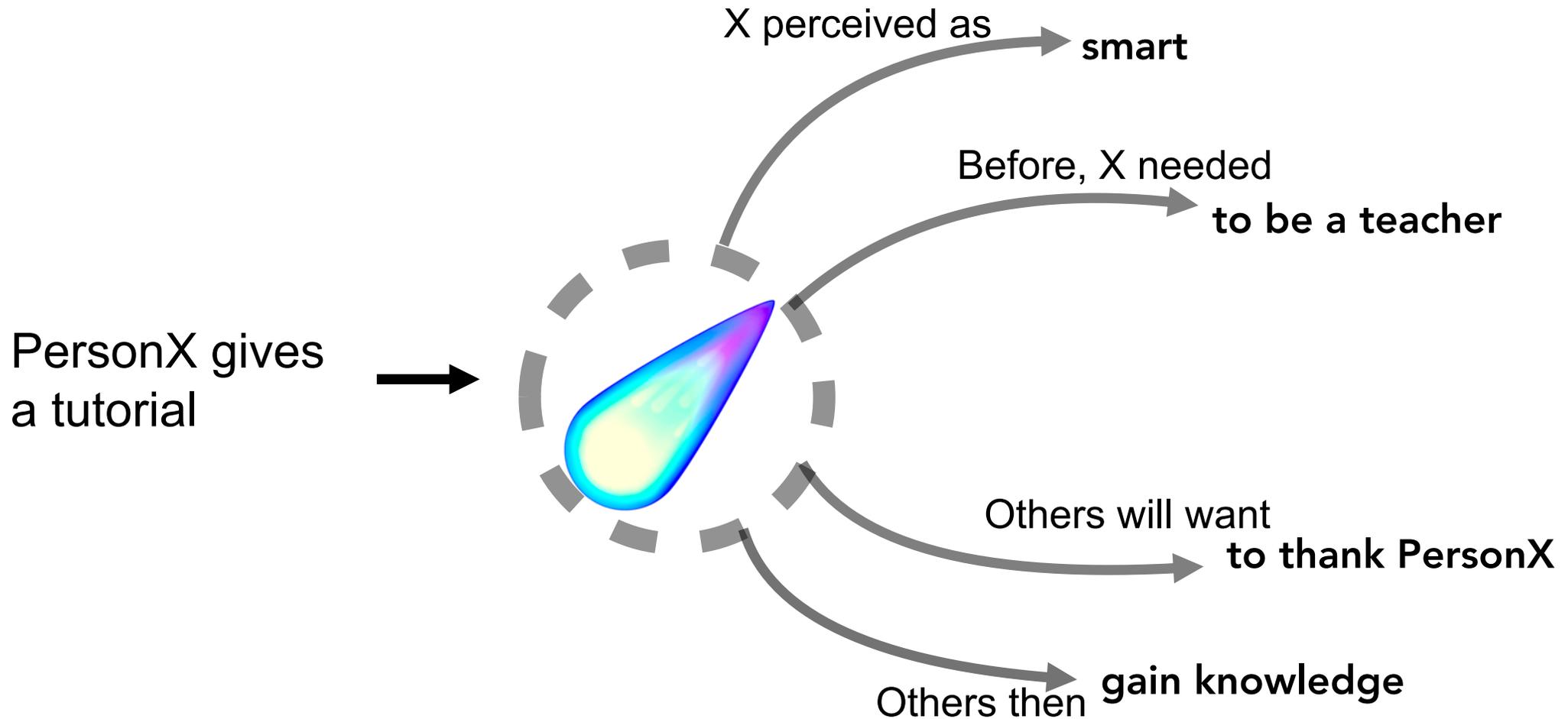


Generate commonsense knowledge for any input concept

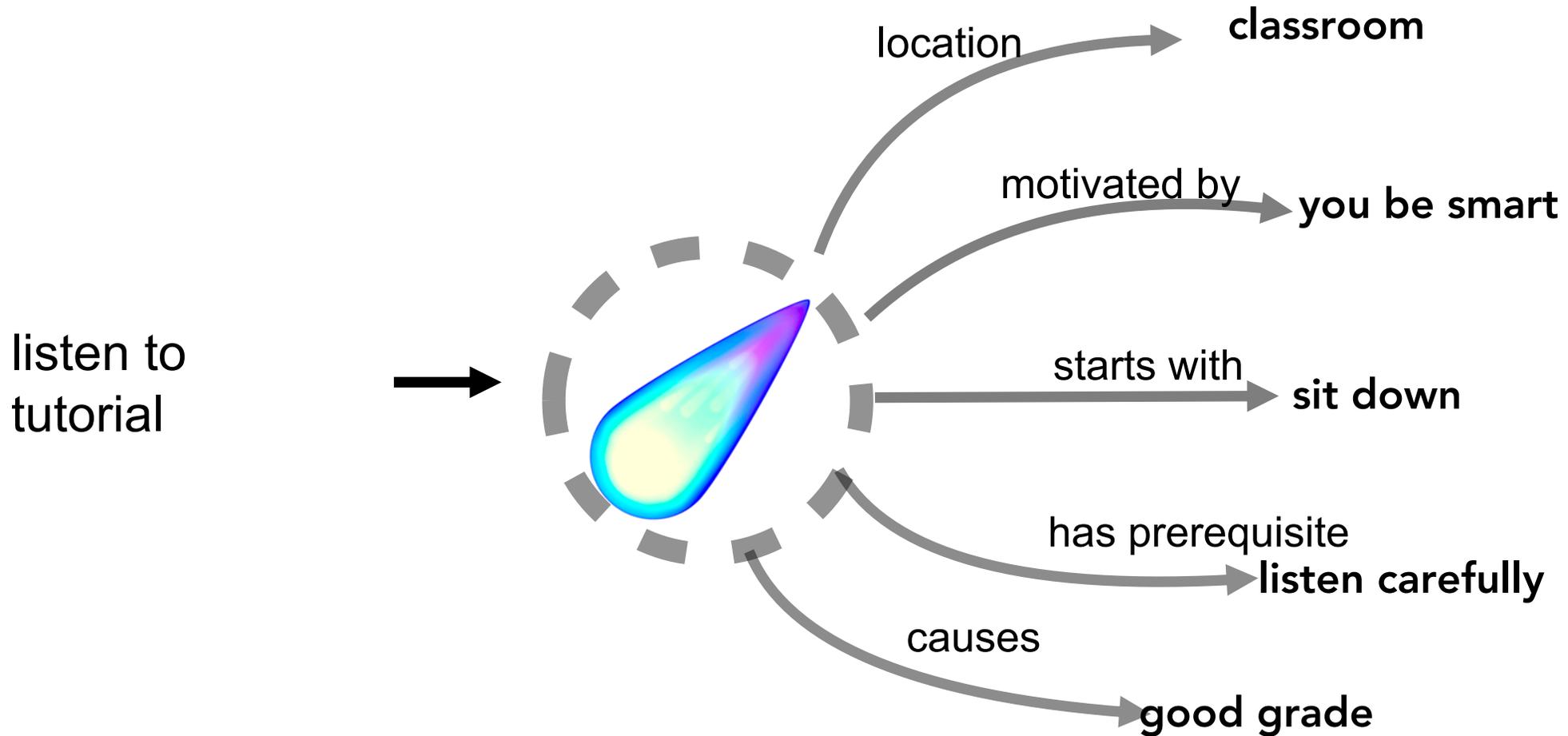
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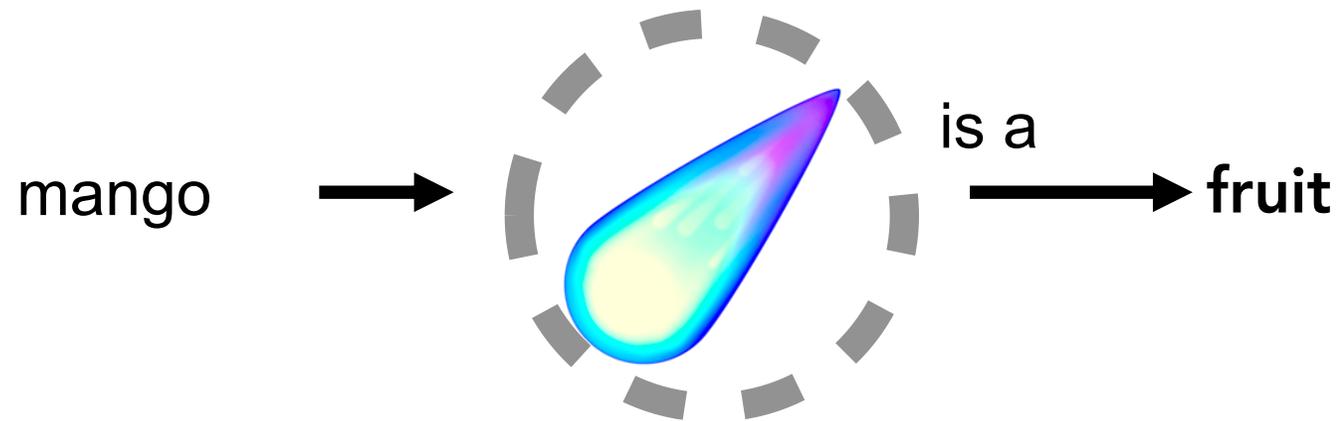
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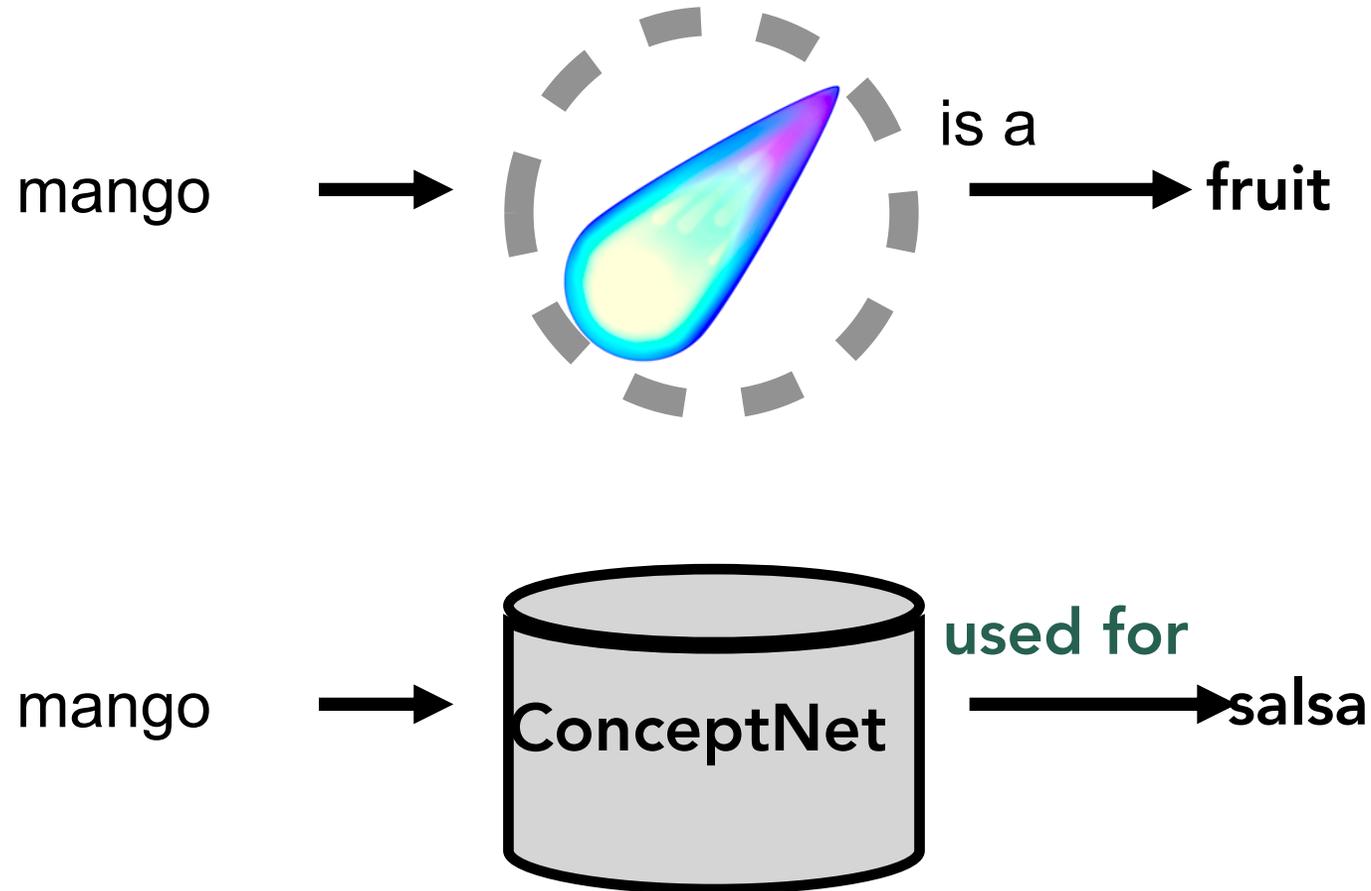
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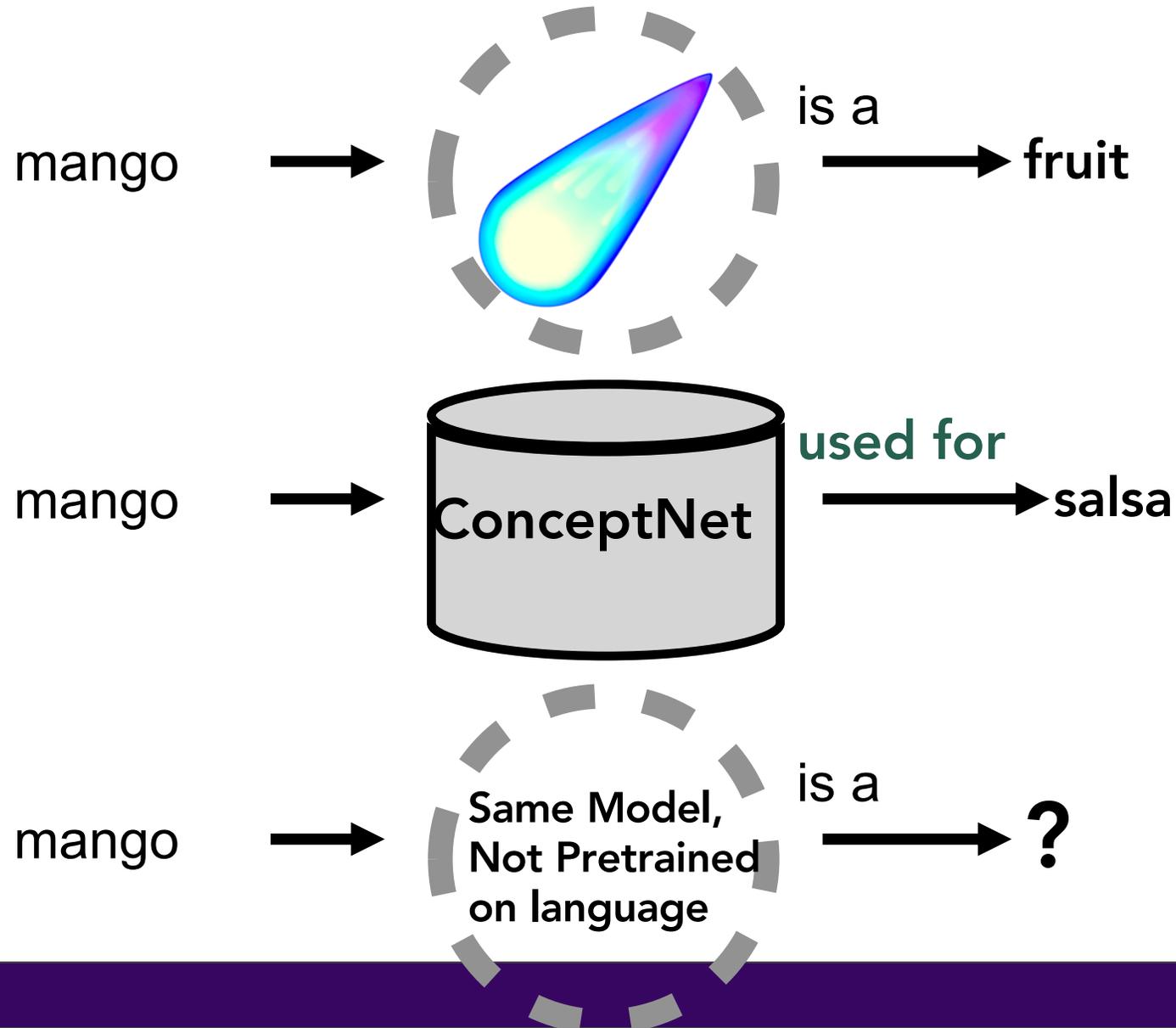
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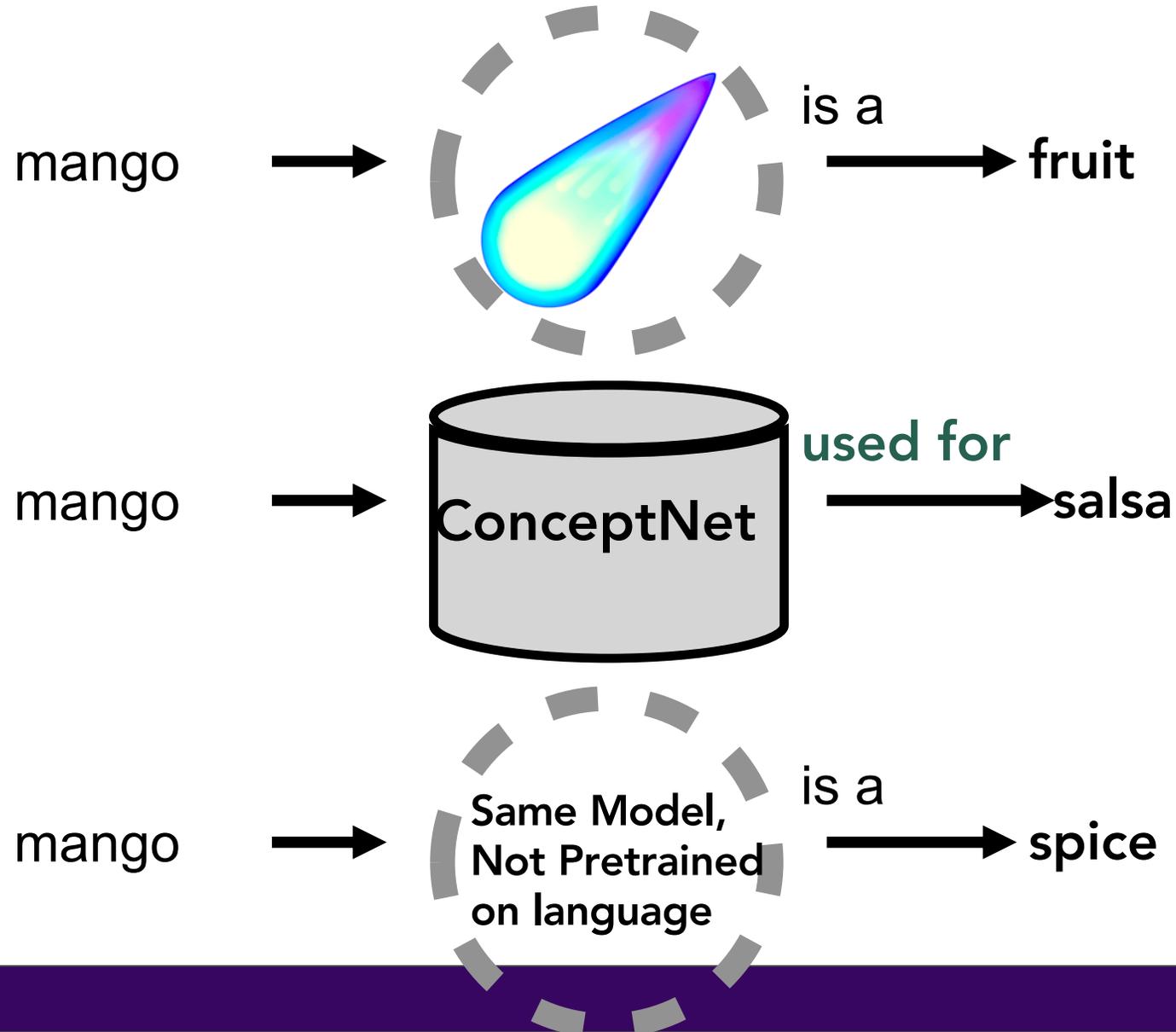
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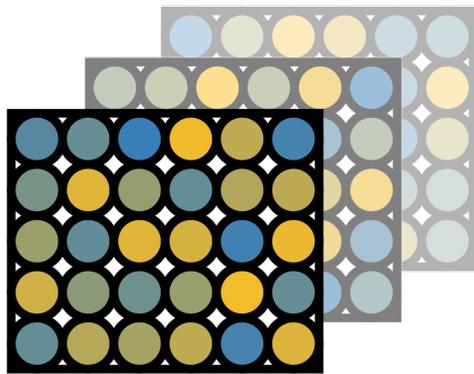
Can't a language model
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Unsupervised Commonsense Probing

(Dante, <born_in>, ?)

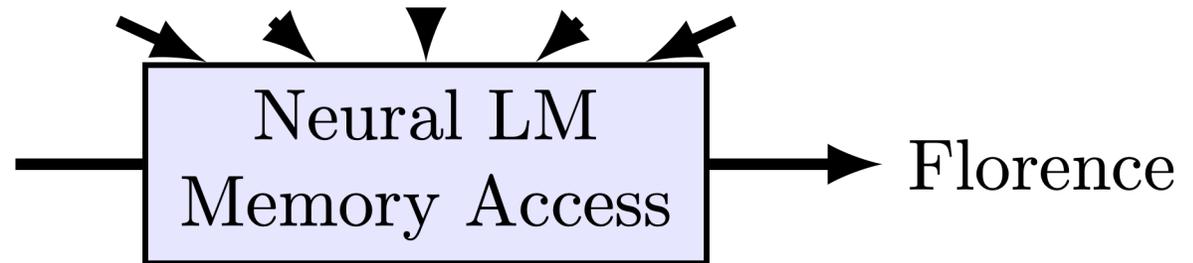


LM



e.g. ELMo/BERT

“Dante was born in [MASK].”



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Sentence:

A mango is a

Predictions:

- 4.2% fruit
- 3.5% very
- 2.5% sweet
- 2.2% good
- 1.5% delicious
- ← Undo

Do Masked Language Models know this?

Sentence:

mango is a [MASK]

Mask 1 Predictions:

69.7% .
9.3% ;
1.7% !
0.8% **vegetable**
0.7% ?

Sentence:

mango is a [MASK].

Mask 1 Predictions:

7.6% **staple**
7.6% **vegetable**
4.6% **plant**
3.5% **tree**
3.5% **fruit**

Sentence:

A mango is a [MASK].

Mask 1 Predictions:

16.0% **banana**
12.1% **fruit**
5.9% **plant**
5.5% **vegetable**
2.5% **candy**

Sensitivity to cues

Candidate Sentence S_i	$\log p(S_i)$
“musician can playing musical instrument”	−5.7
“musician can be play musical instrument”	−4.9
“musician often play musical instrument”	−5.5
“a musician can play a musical instrument”	−2.9

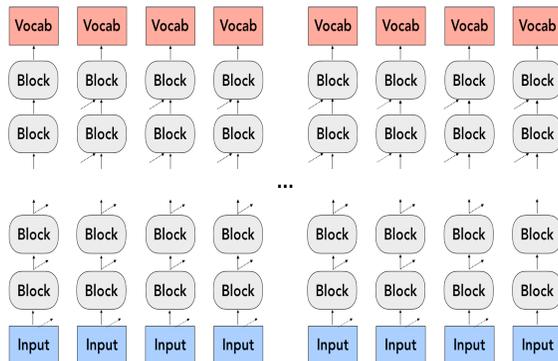
Feldman et al., 2019

Prompt	Model Predictions
<i>A ___ has fur.</i>	dog, cat, fox, ...
<i>A ___ has fur, is big, and has claws.</i>	cat, bear , lion, ...
<i>A ___ has fur, is big, has claws, has teeth, is an animal, eats, is brown, and lives in woods.</i>	bear , wolf, cat, ...

Weir et al., 2020

Commonsense Transformers

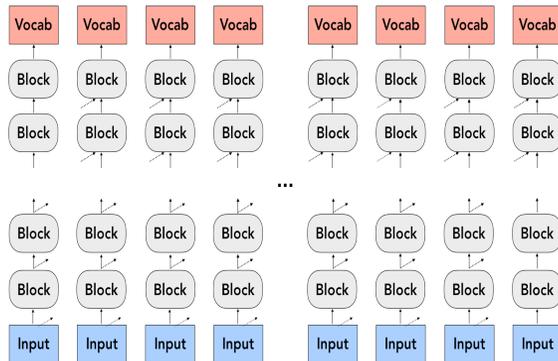
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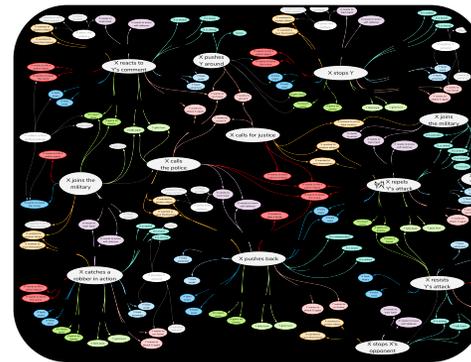
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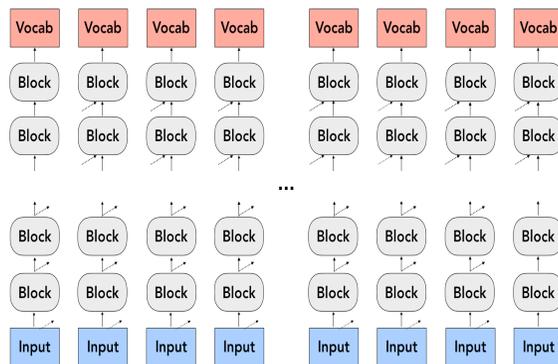
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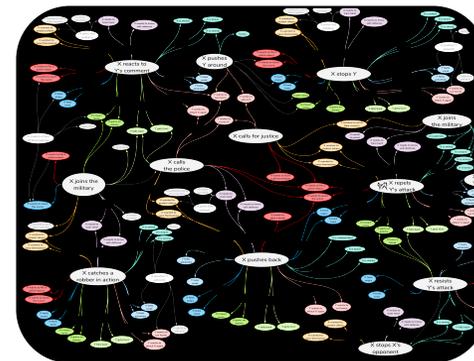
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- Resulting knowledge model **generalizes structure** to other concepts



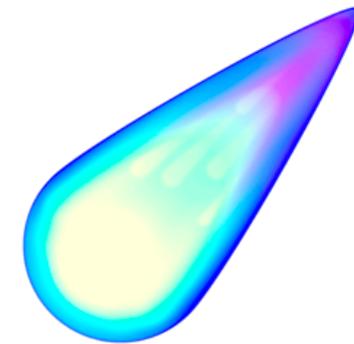
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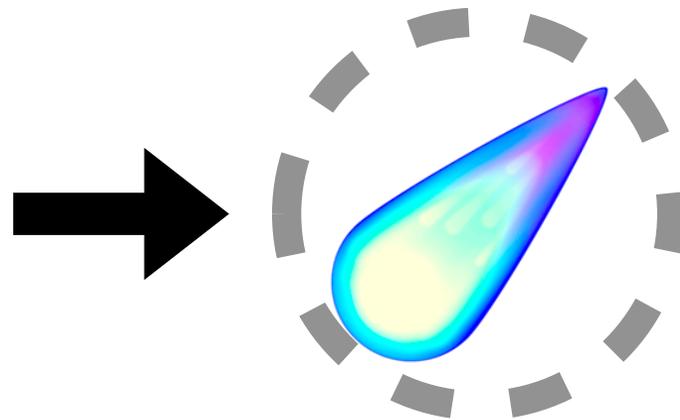
What are the implications of this knowledge representation?

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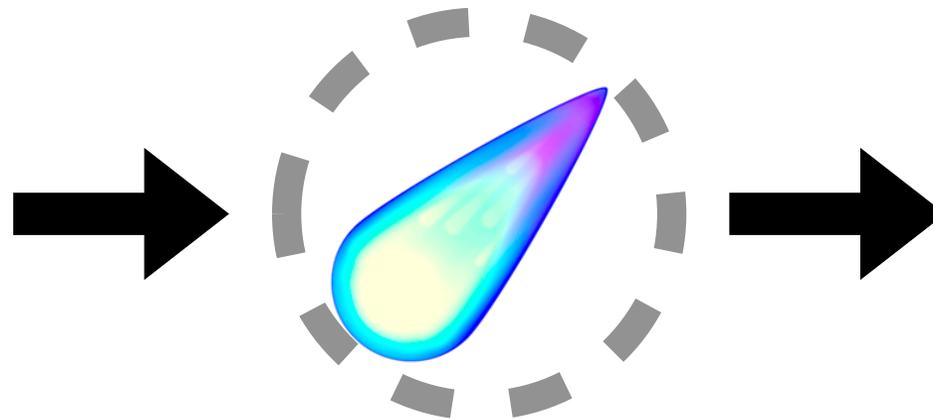


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- knowledge generated **dynamically** from neural knowledge model

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Kai wants to avoid trouble
Kai intends to be calm
Kai stays calm
Kai is viewed as cautious