

# Large Scale Learning for Information Extraction

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  - SNLI, PPDB, Twitter Paraphrases
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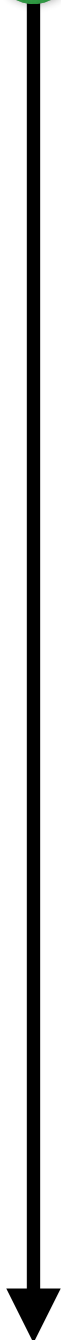


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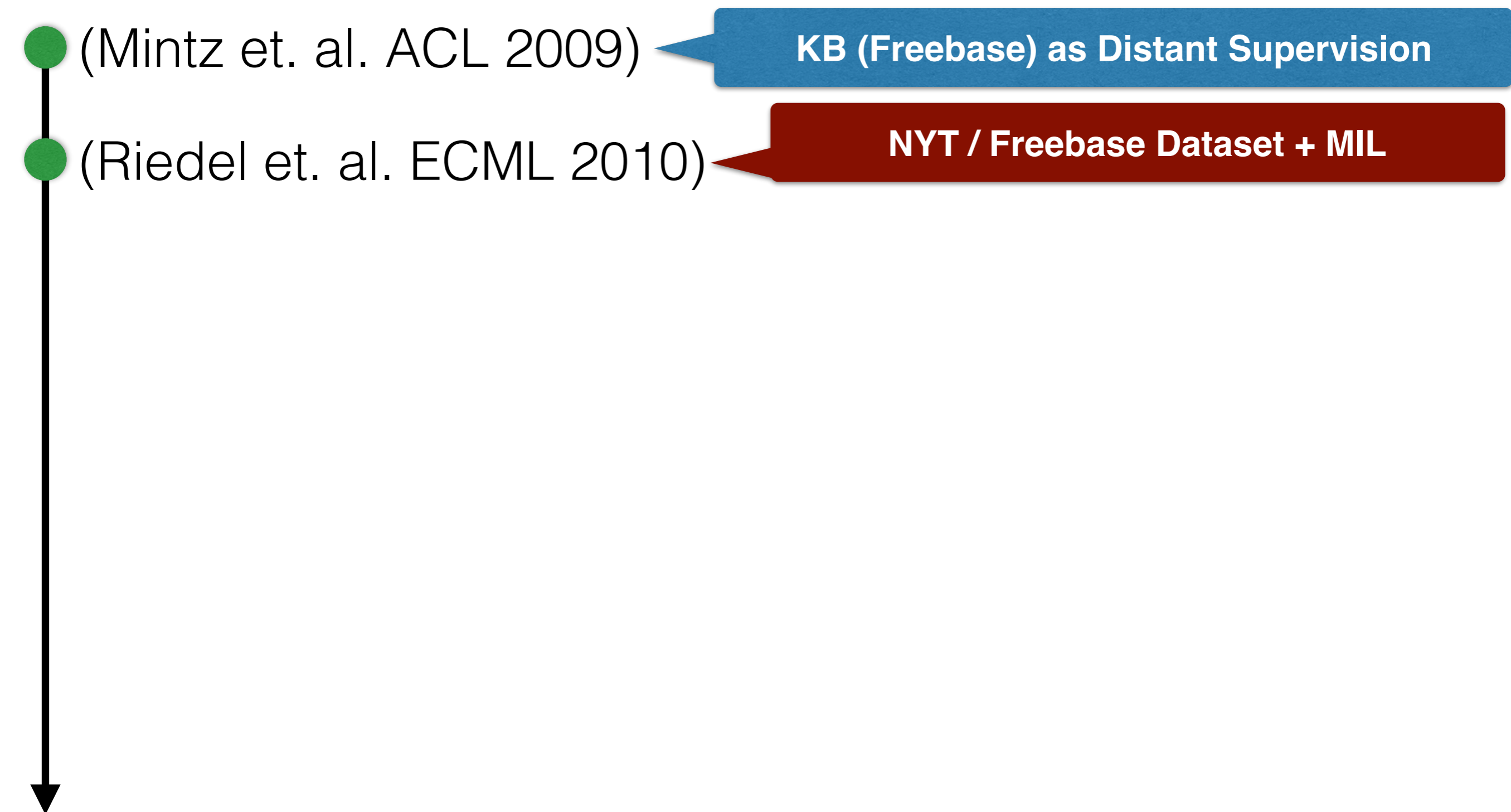
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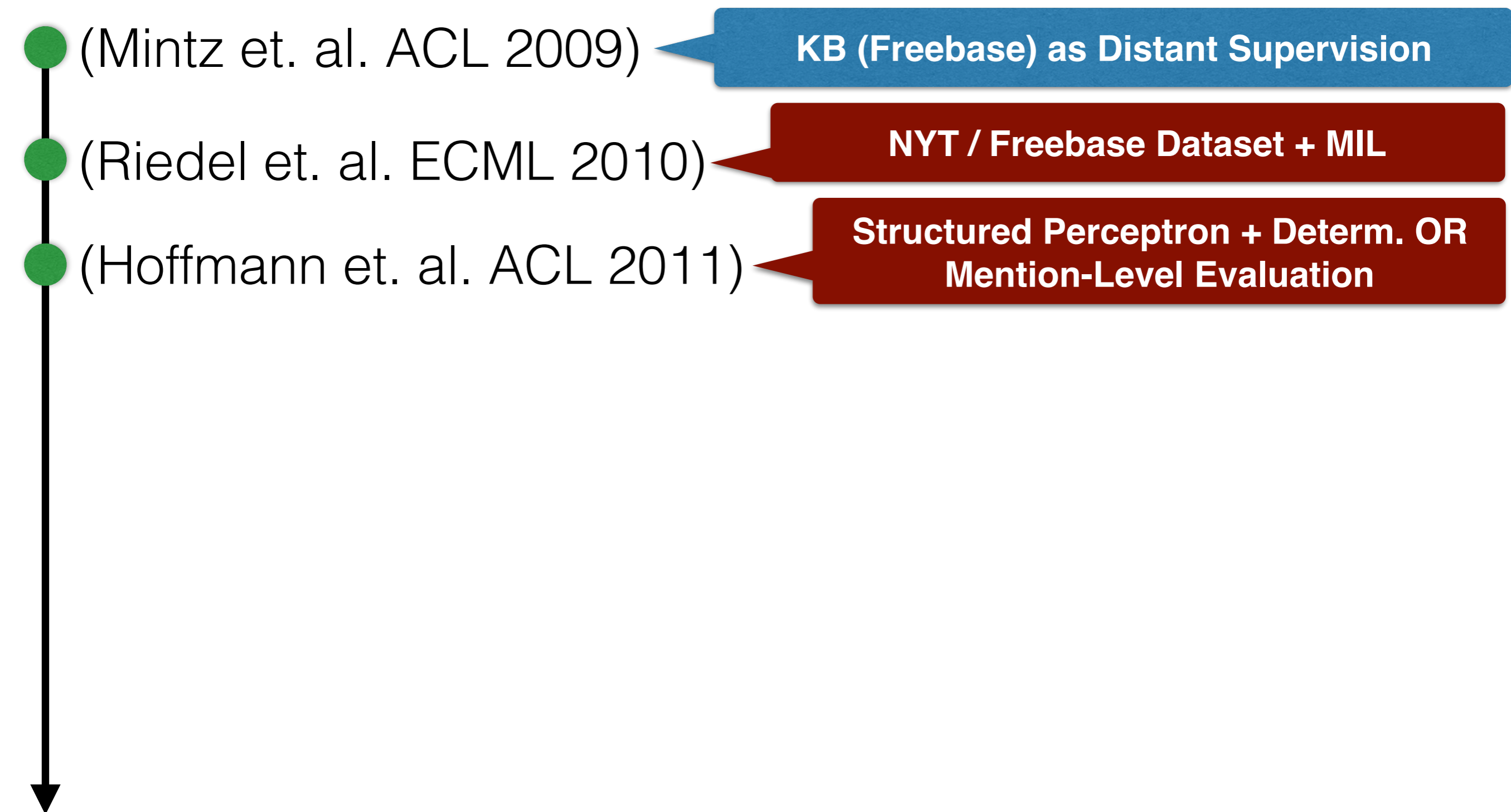
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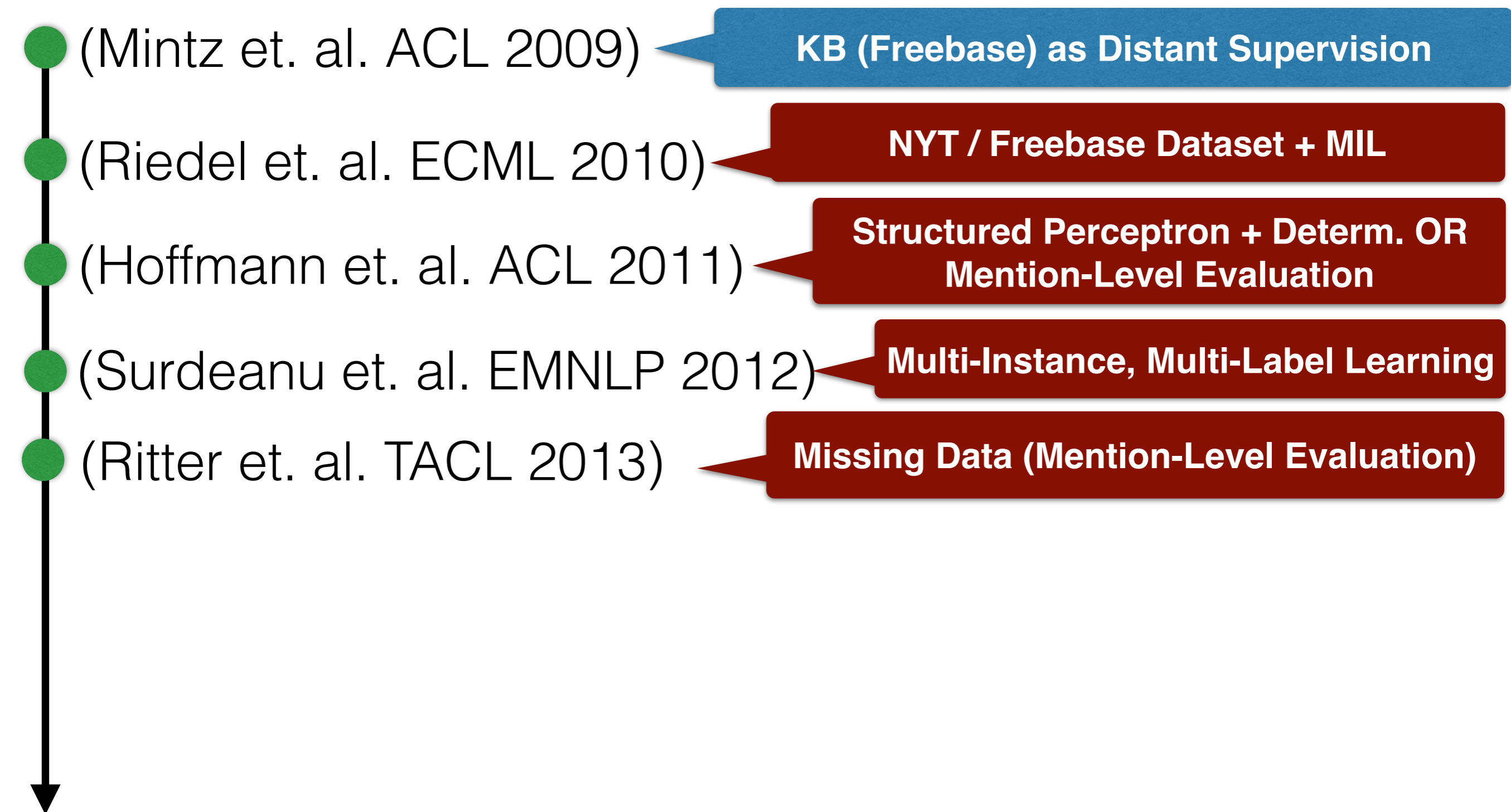
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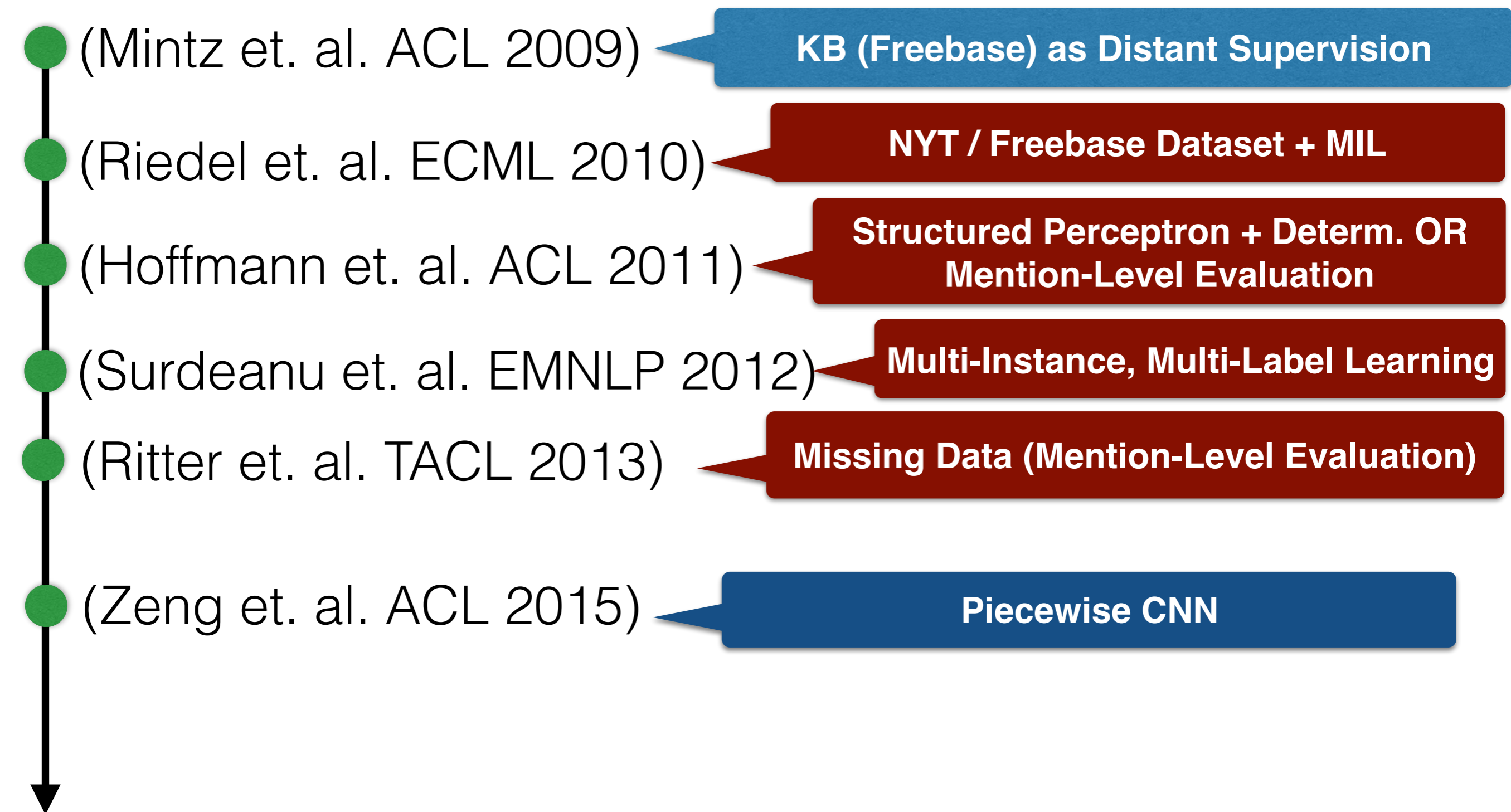
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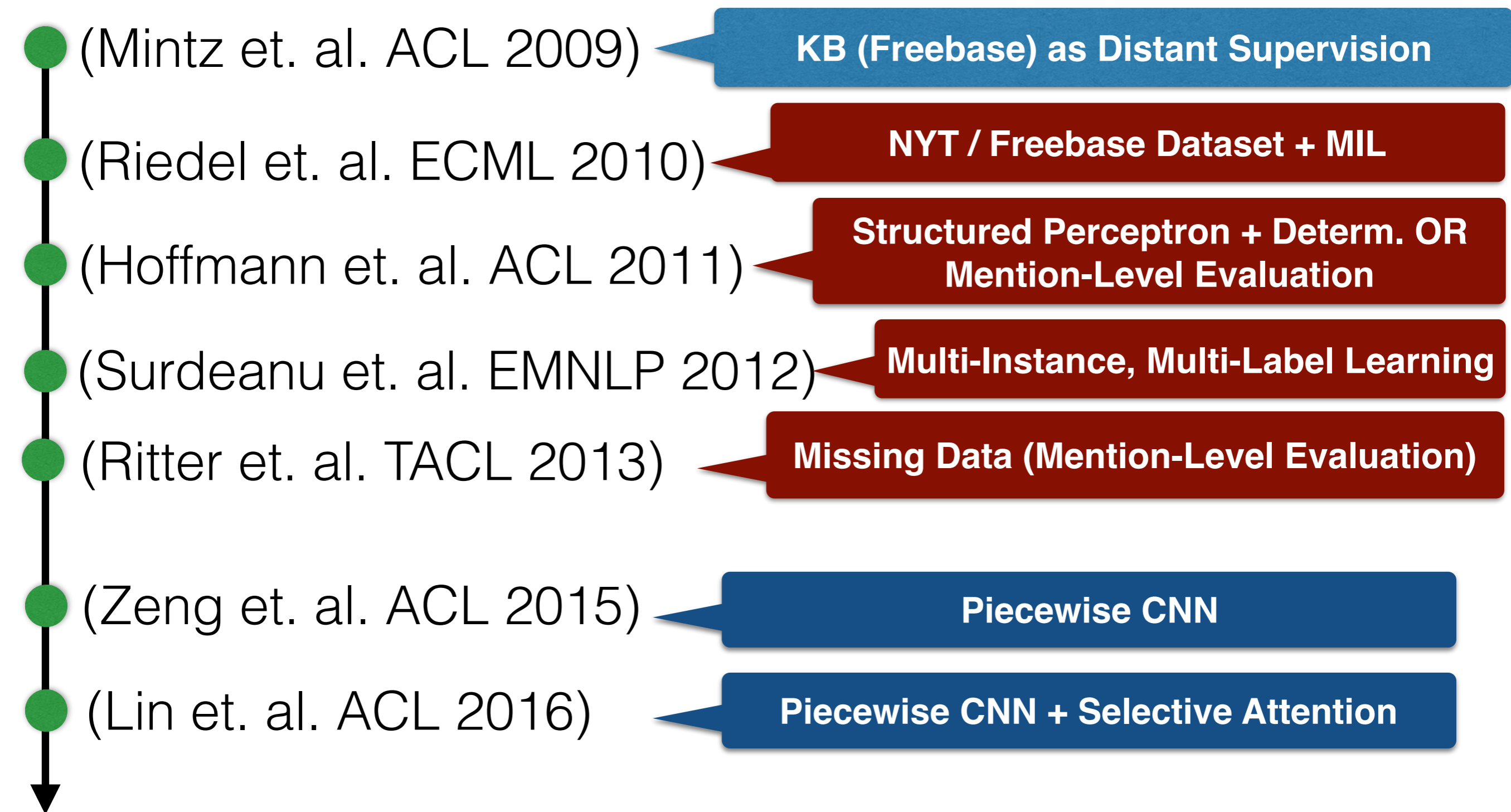
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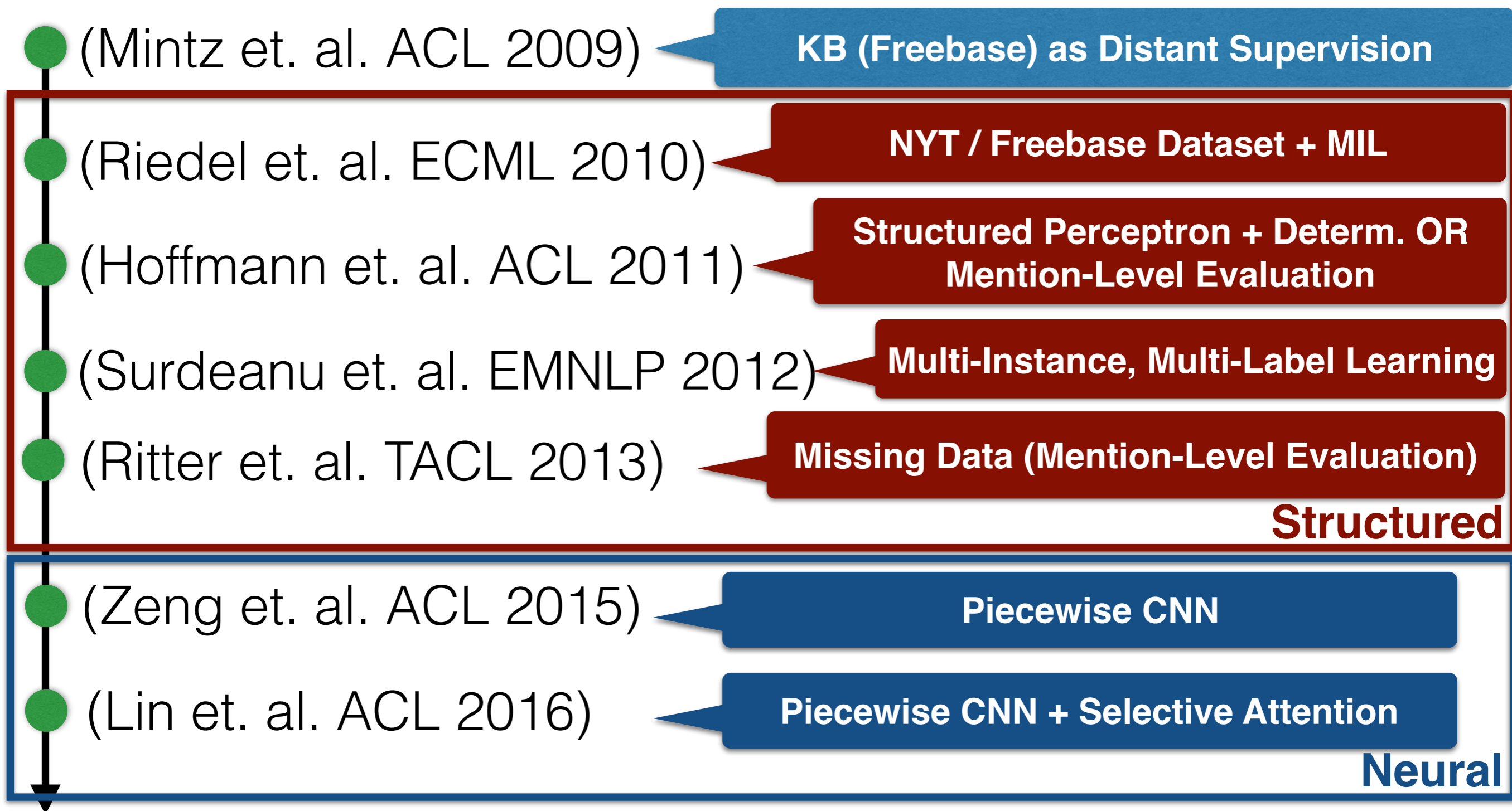
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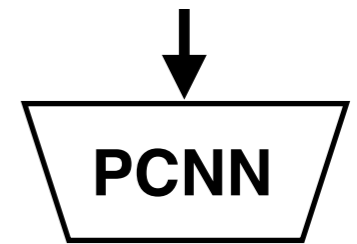
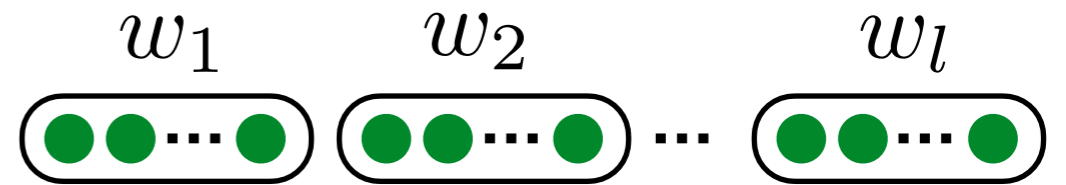


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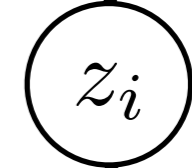
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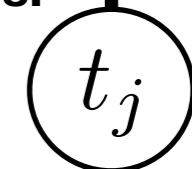


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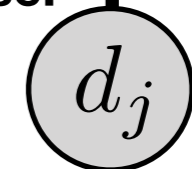


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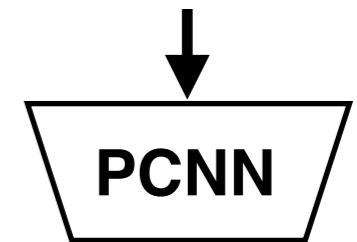
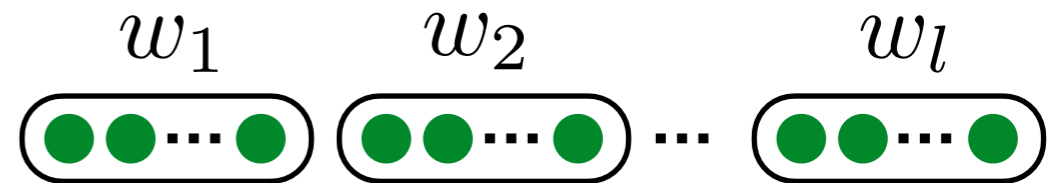
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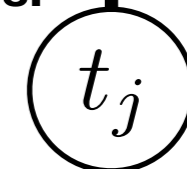


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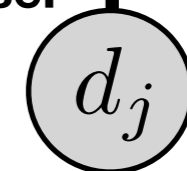


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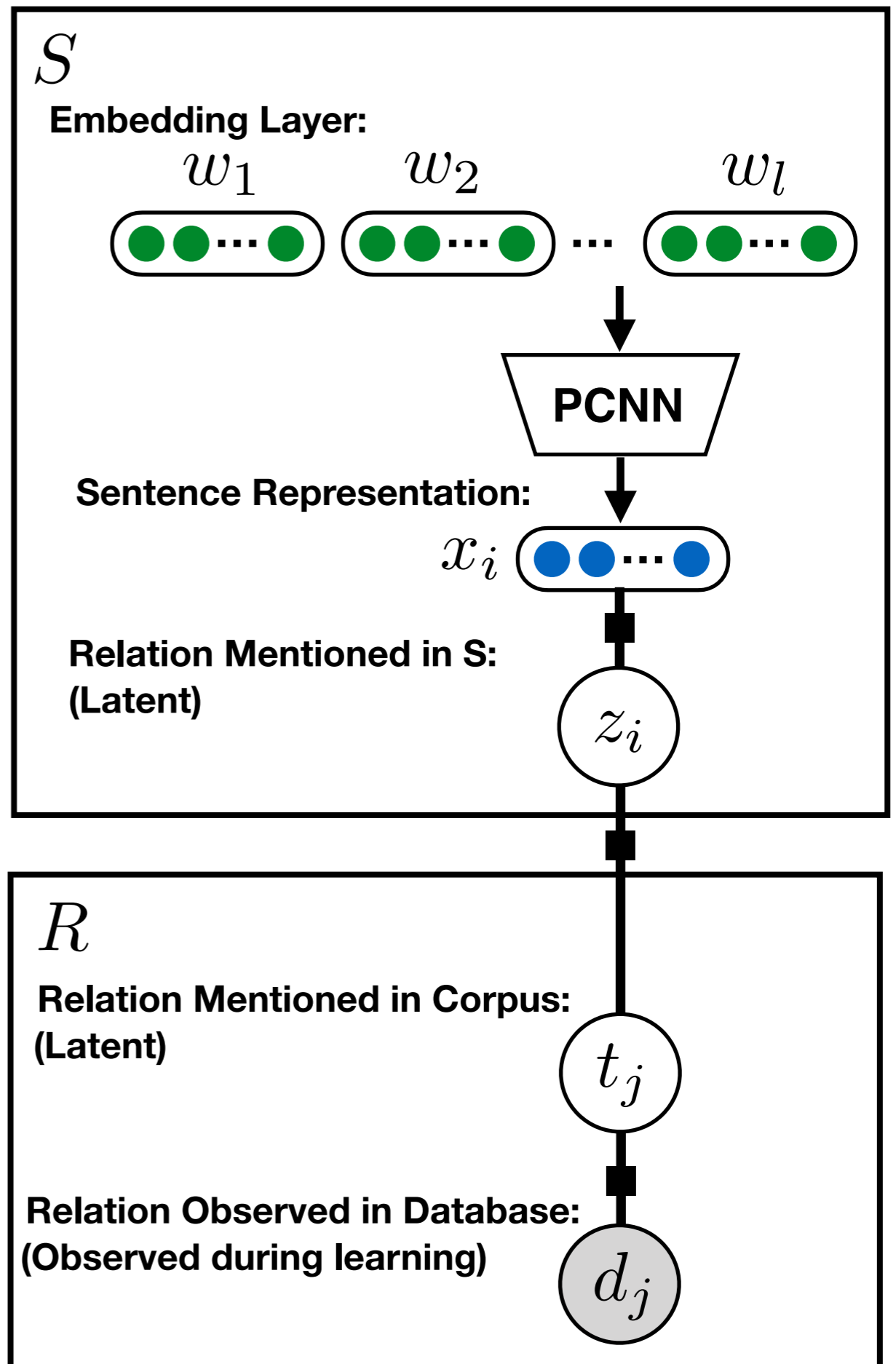
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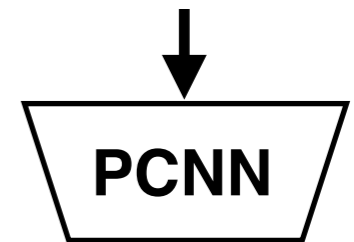
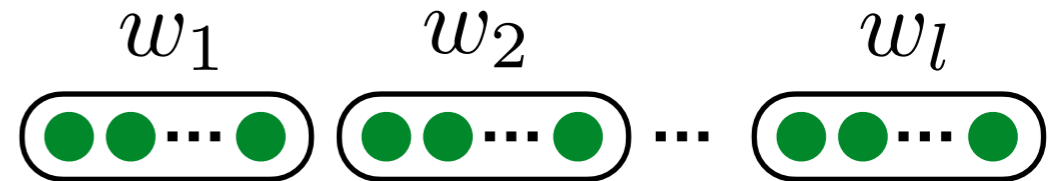
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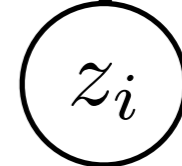
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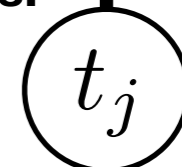


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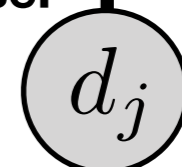


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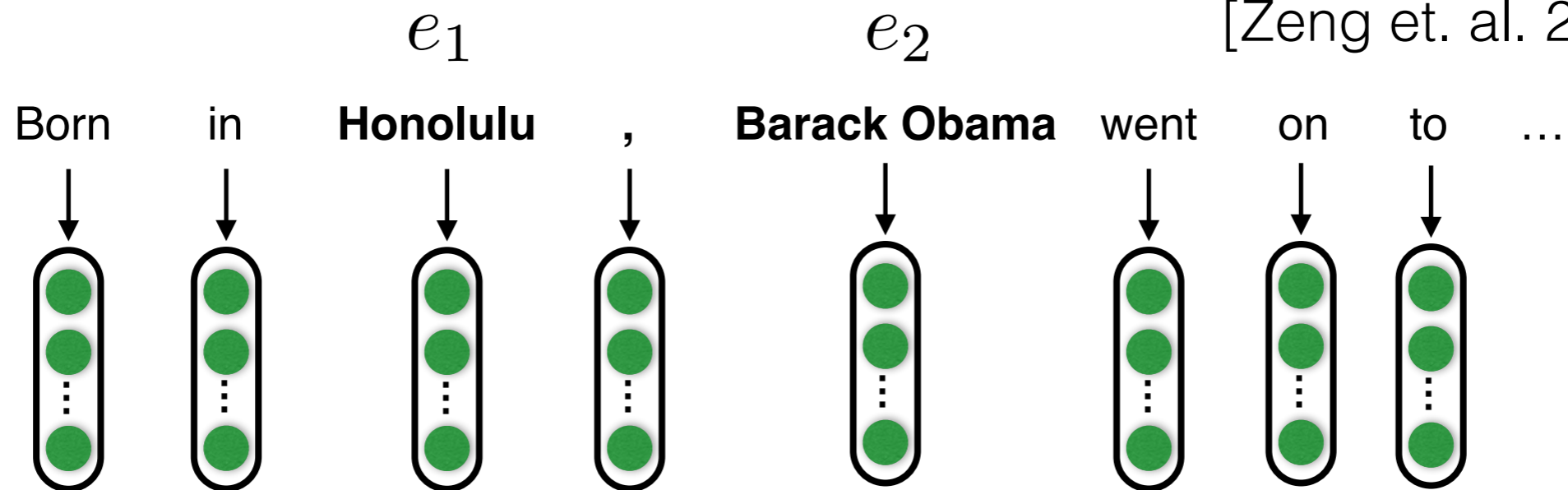


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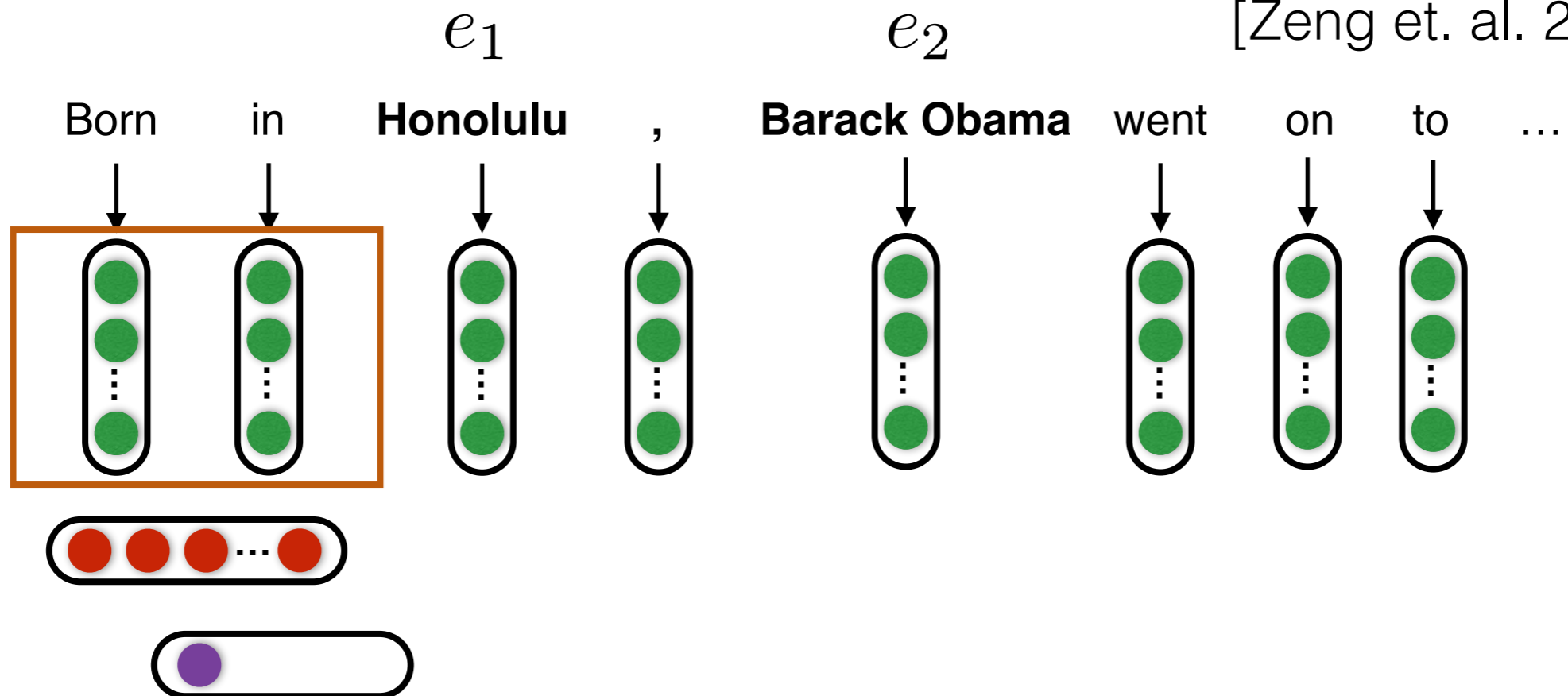
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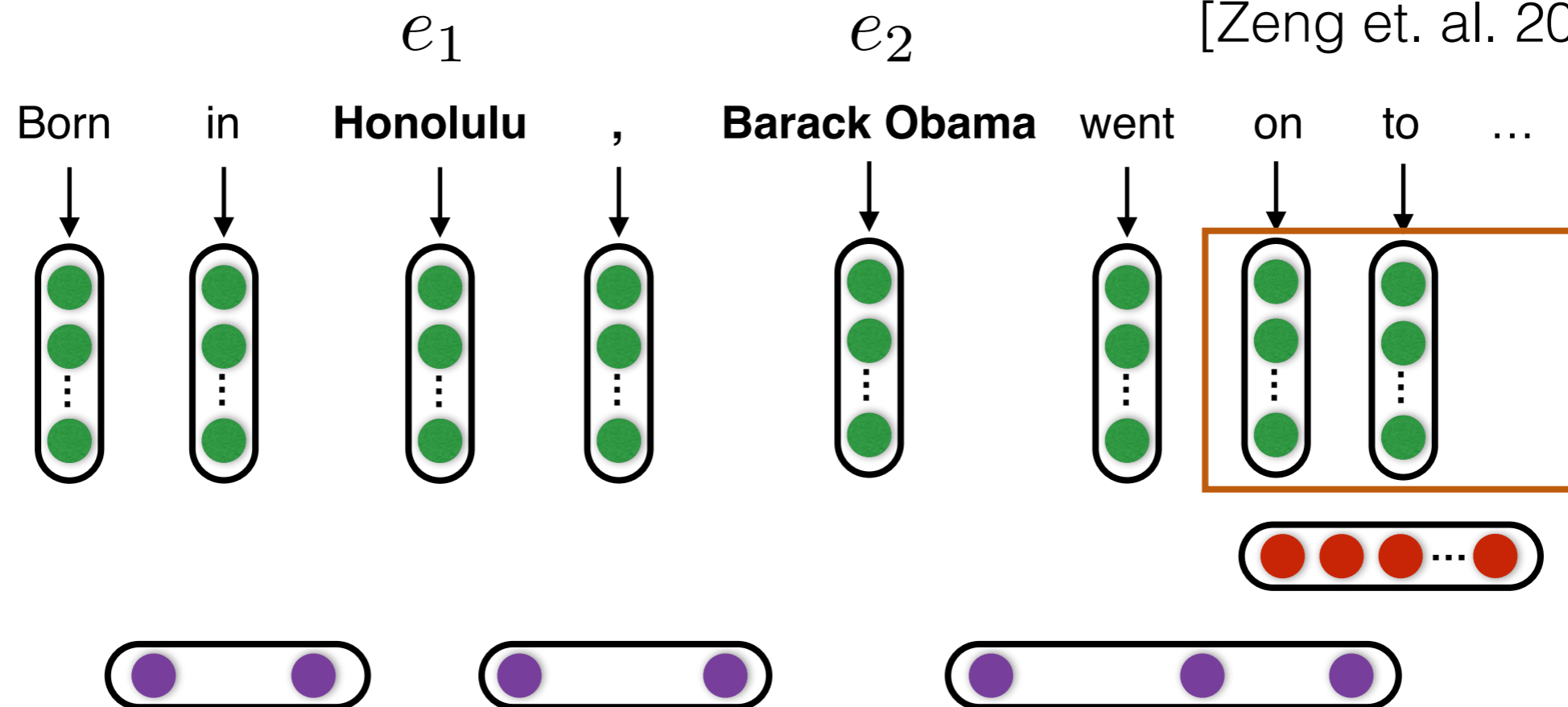
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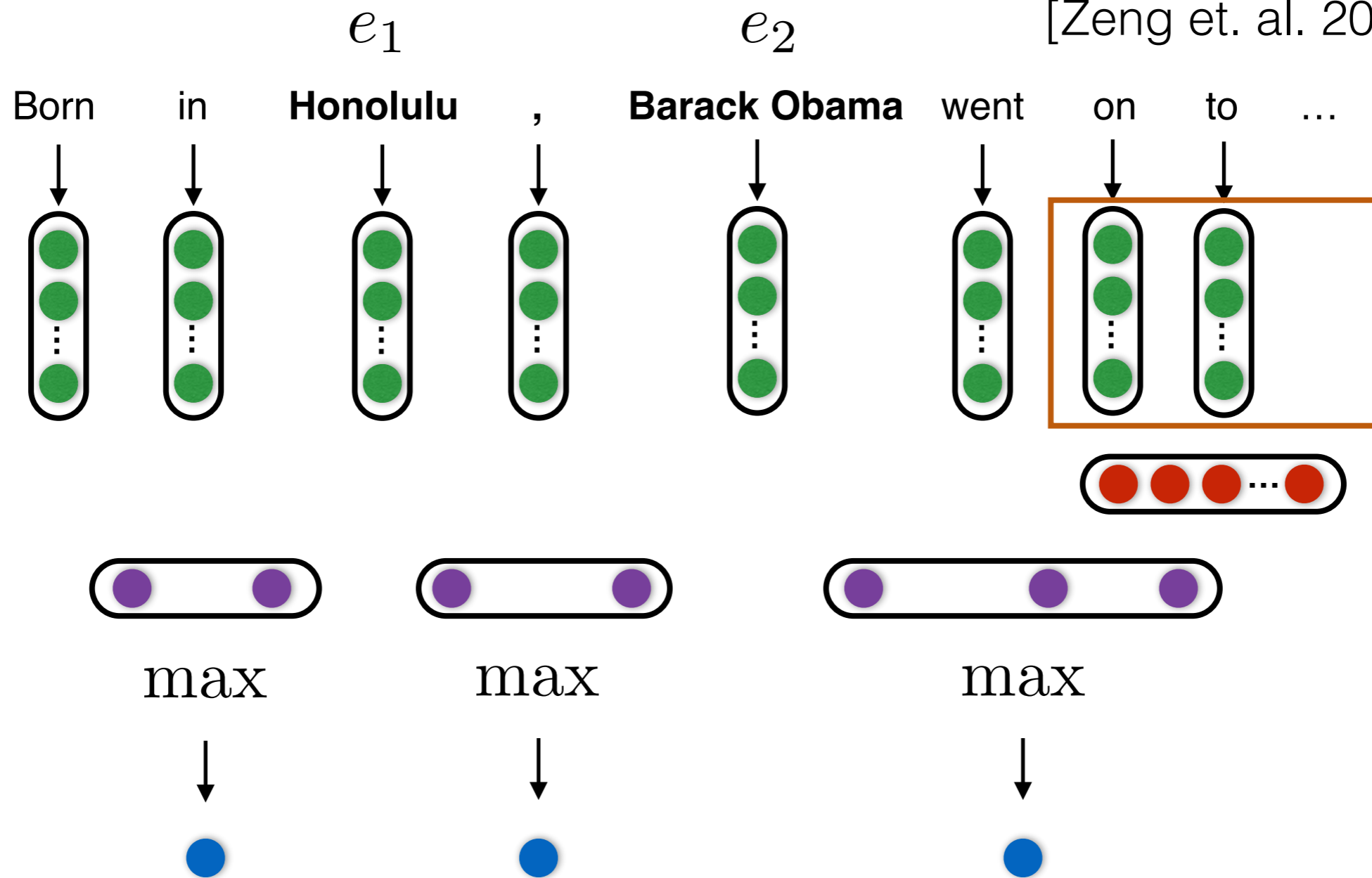
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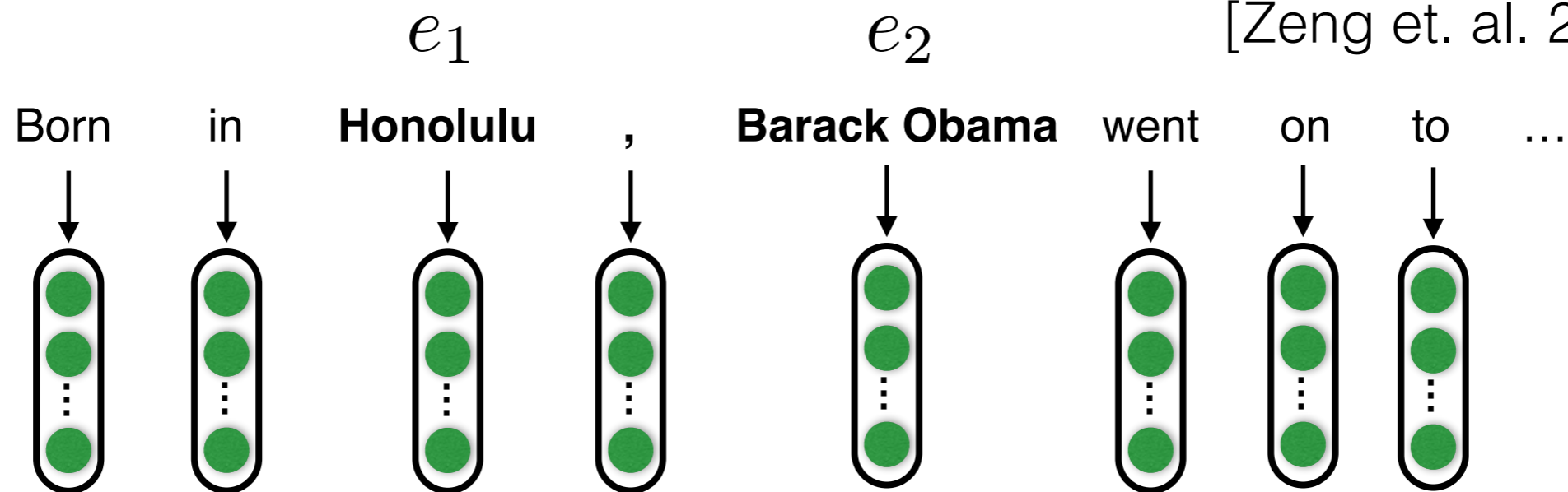
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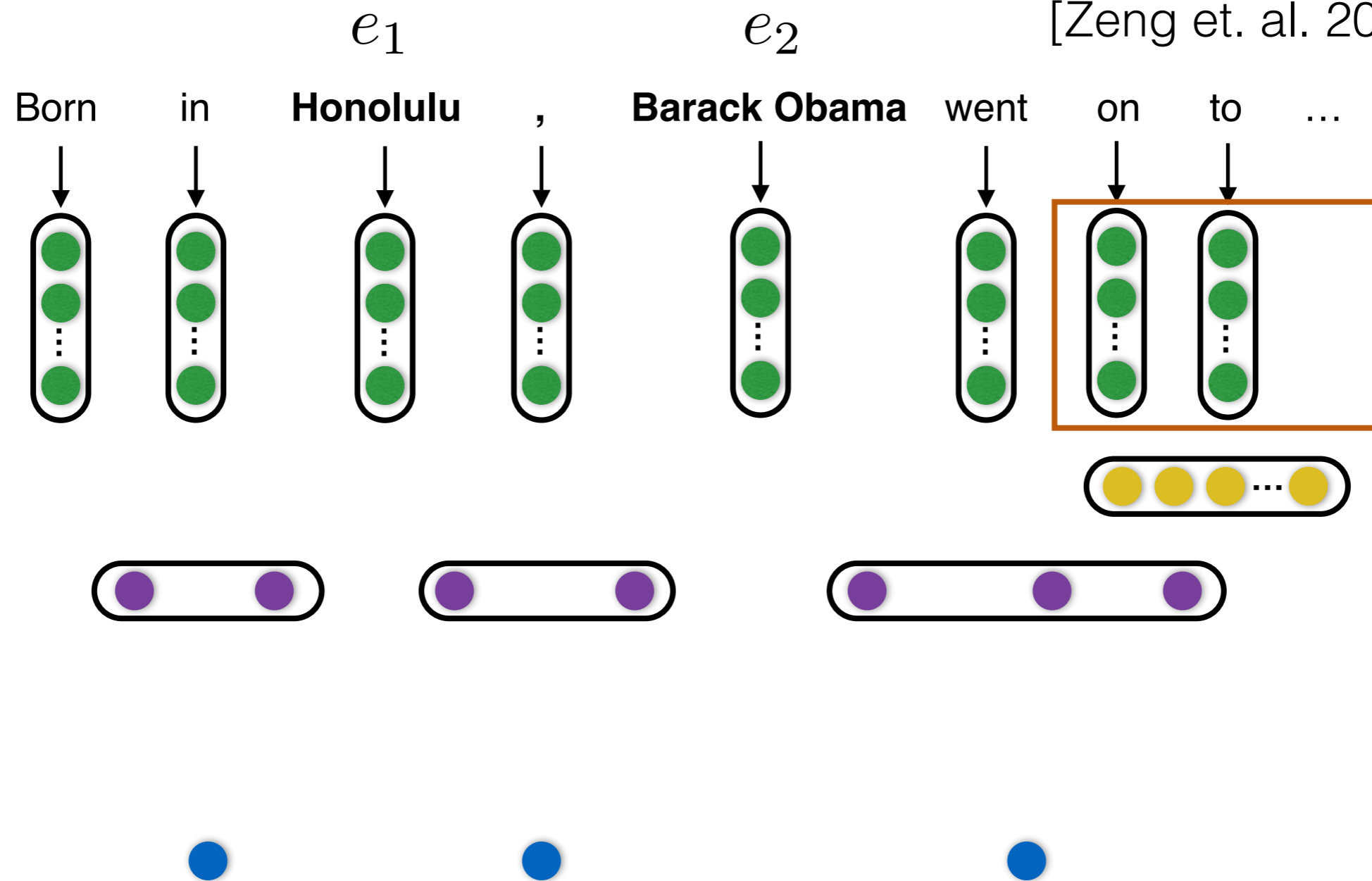
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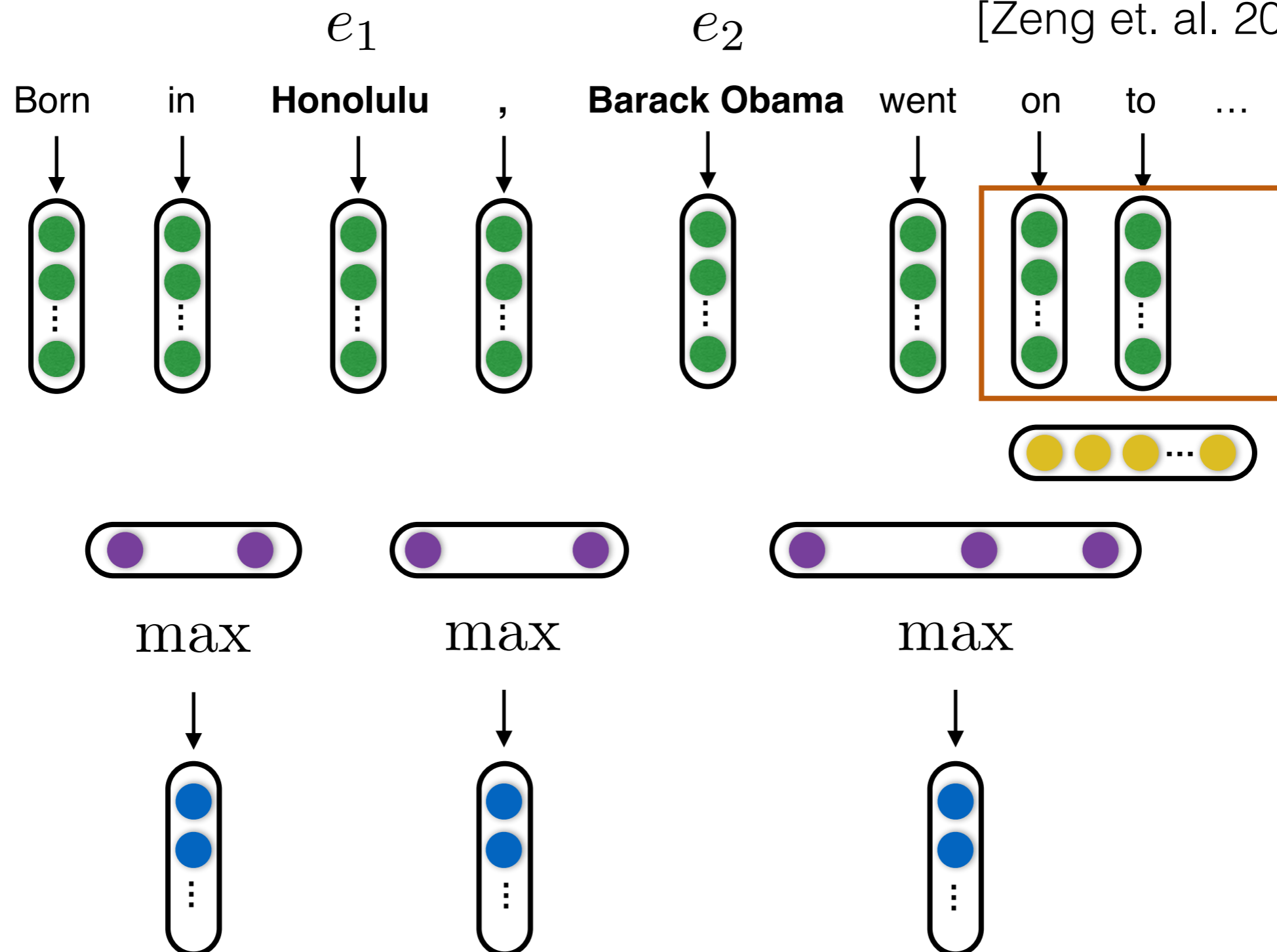
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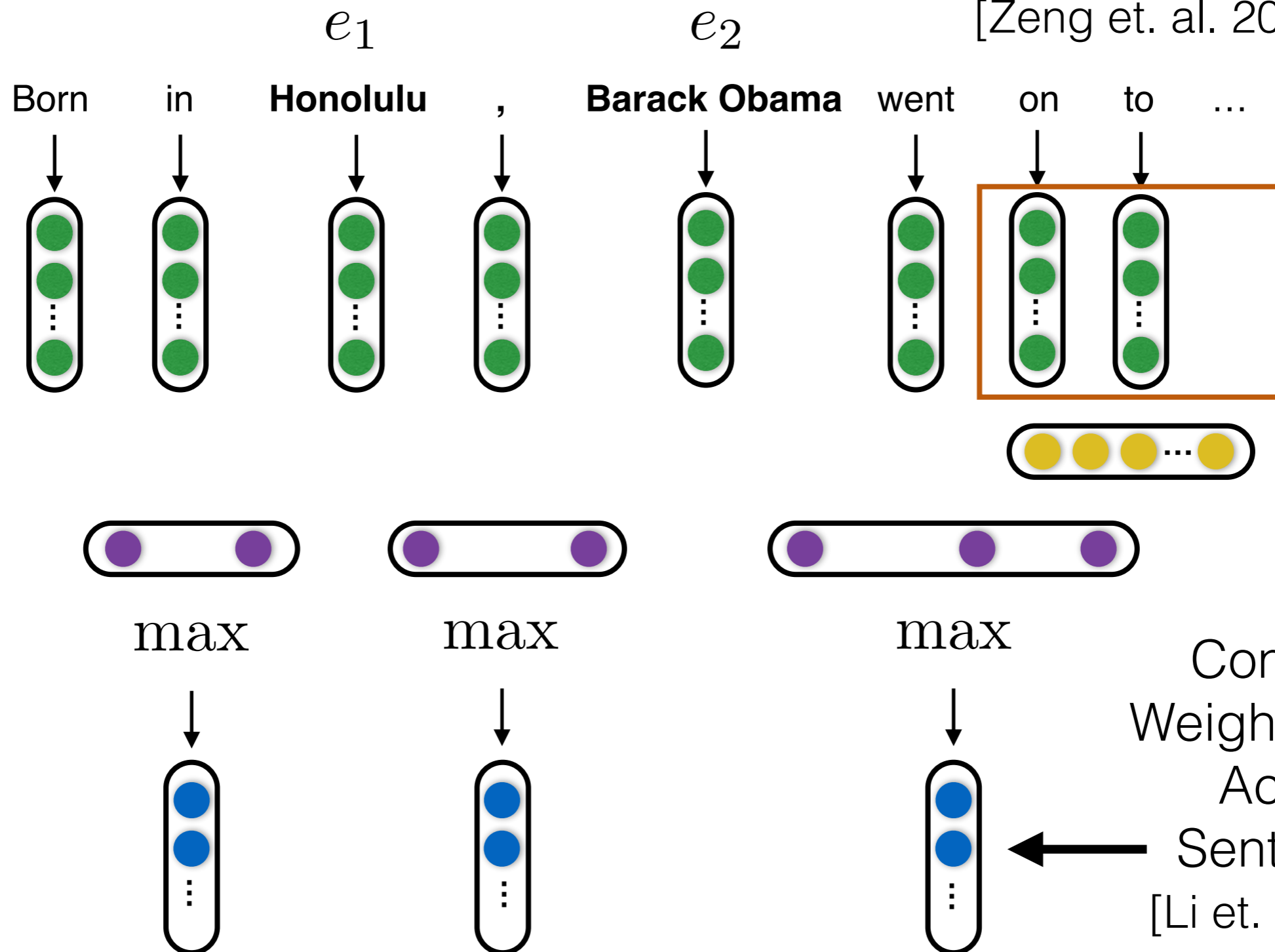
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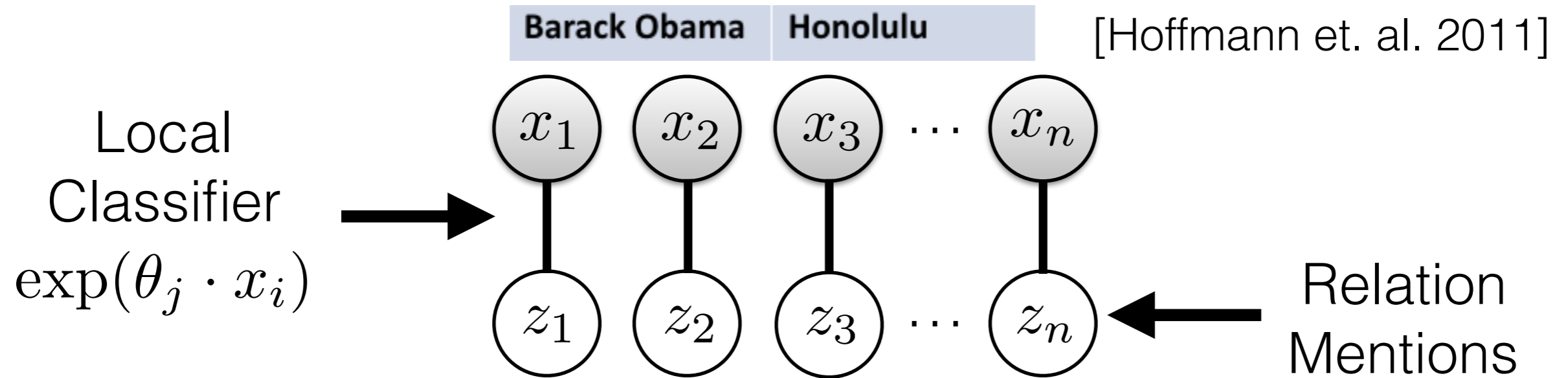
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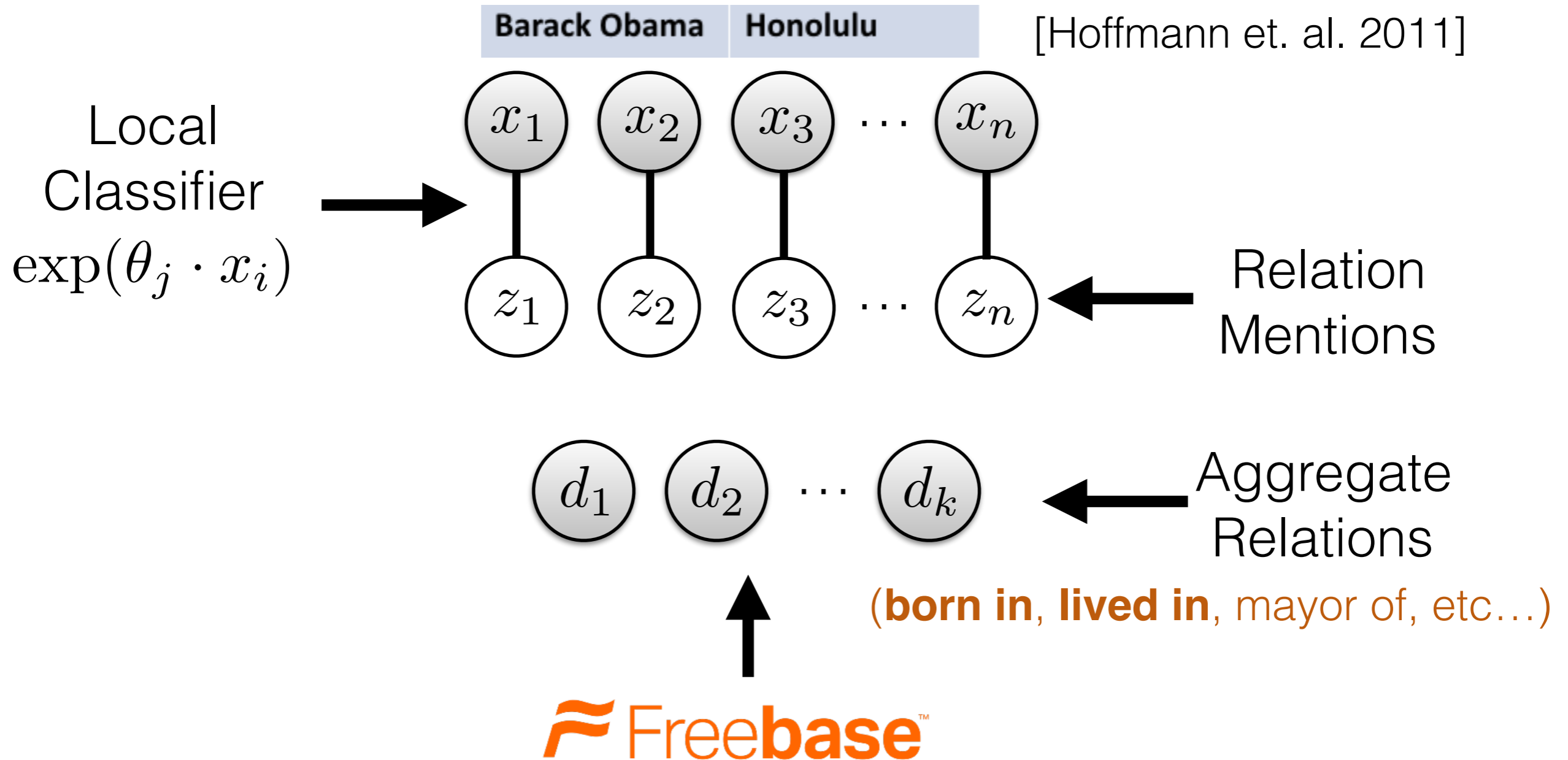
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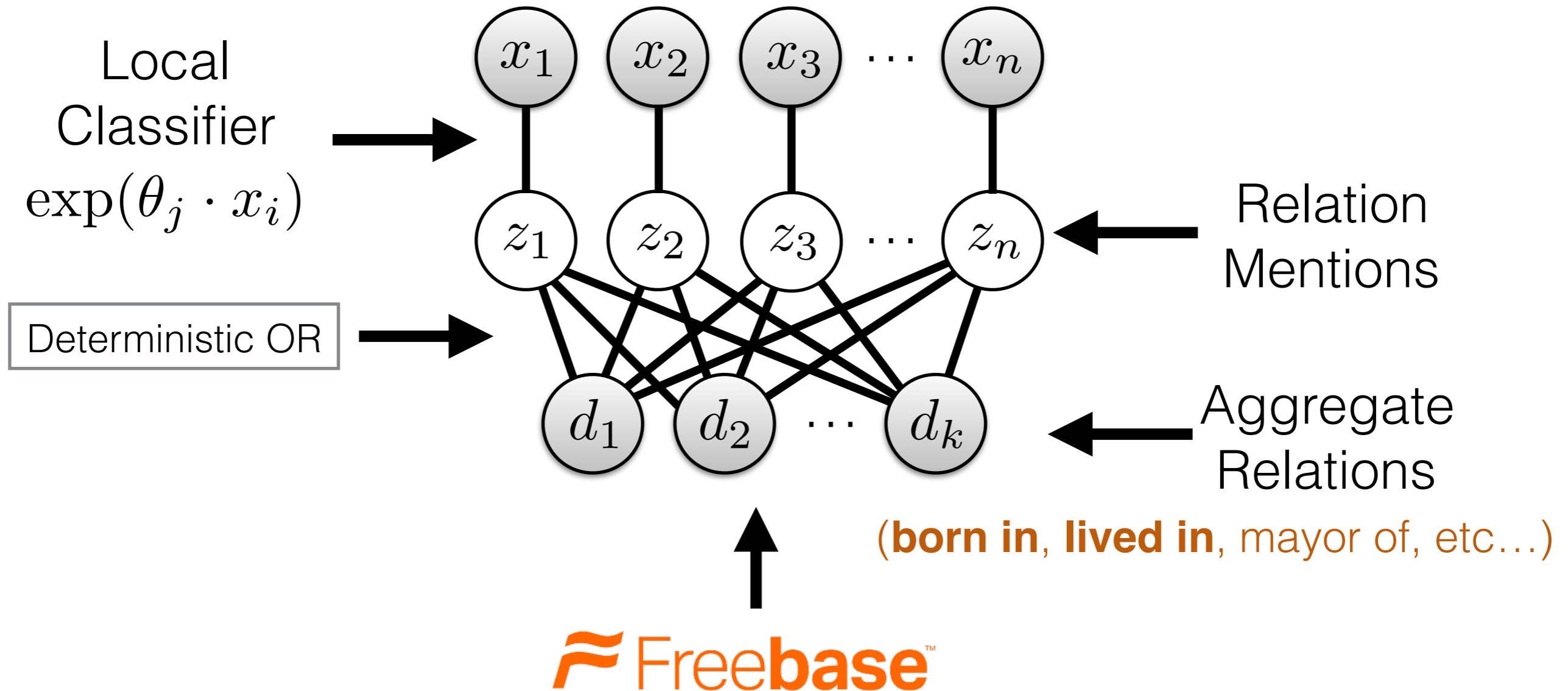
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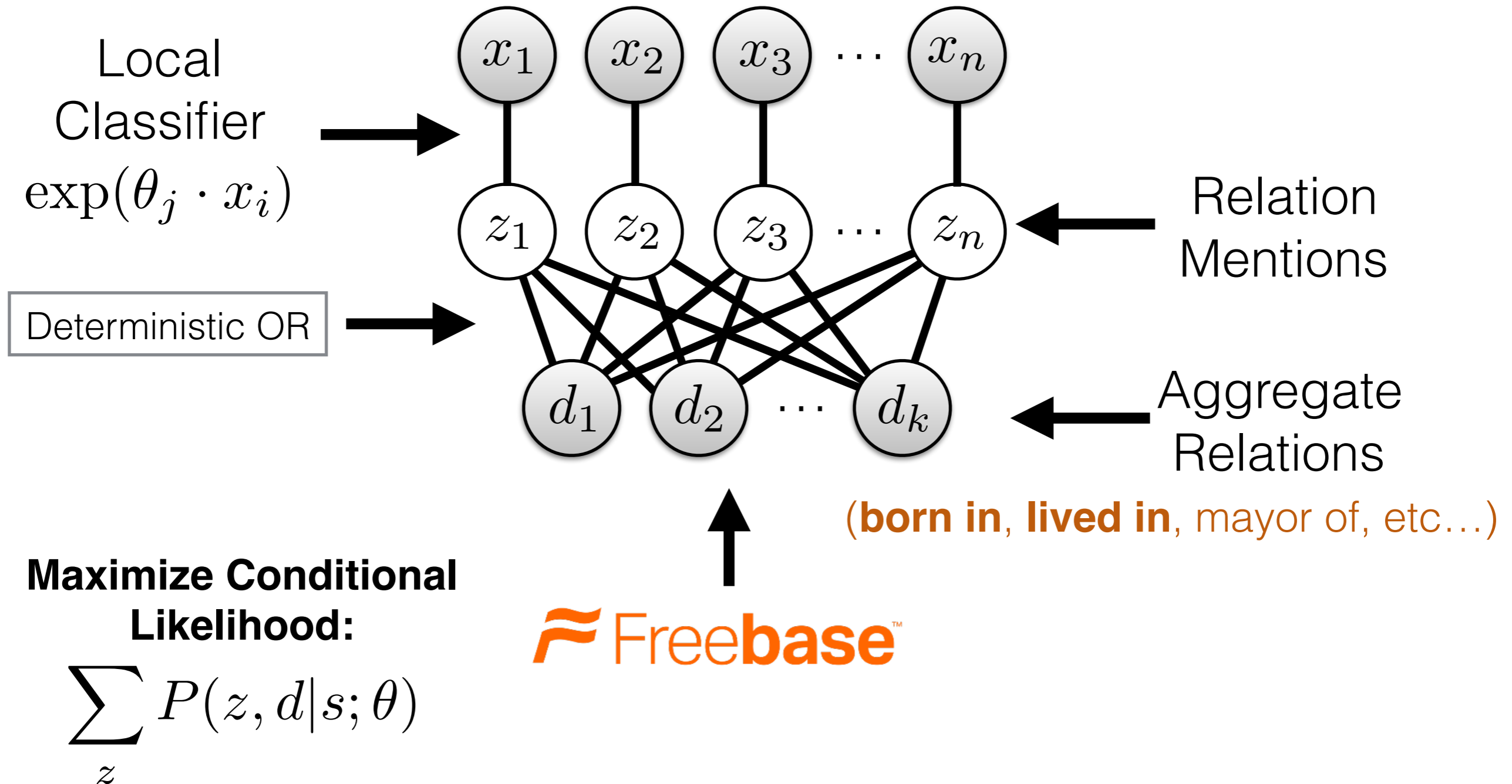
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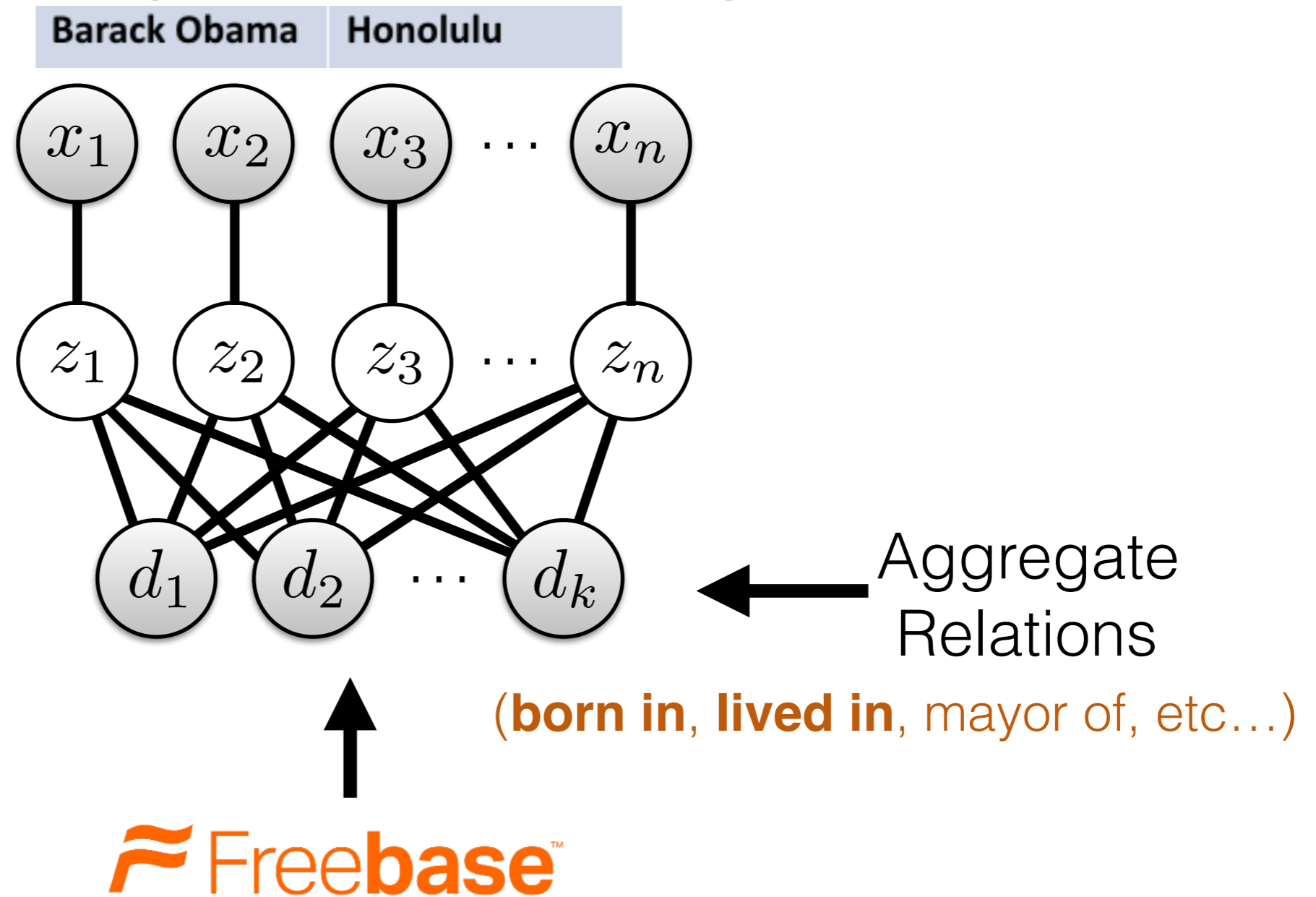
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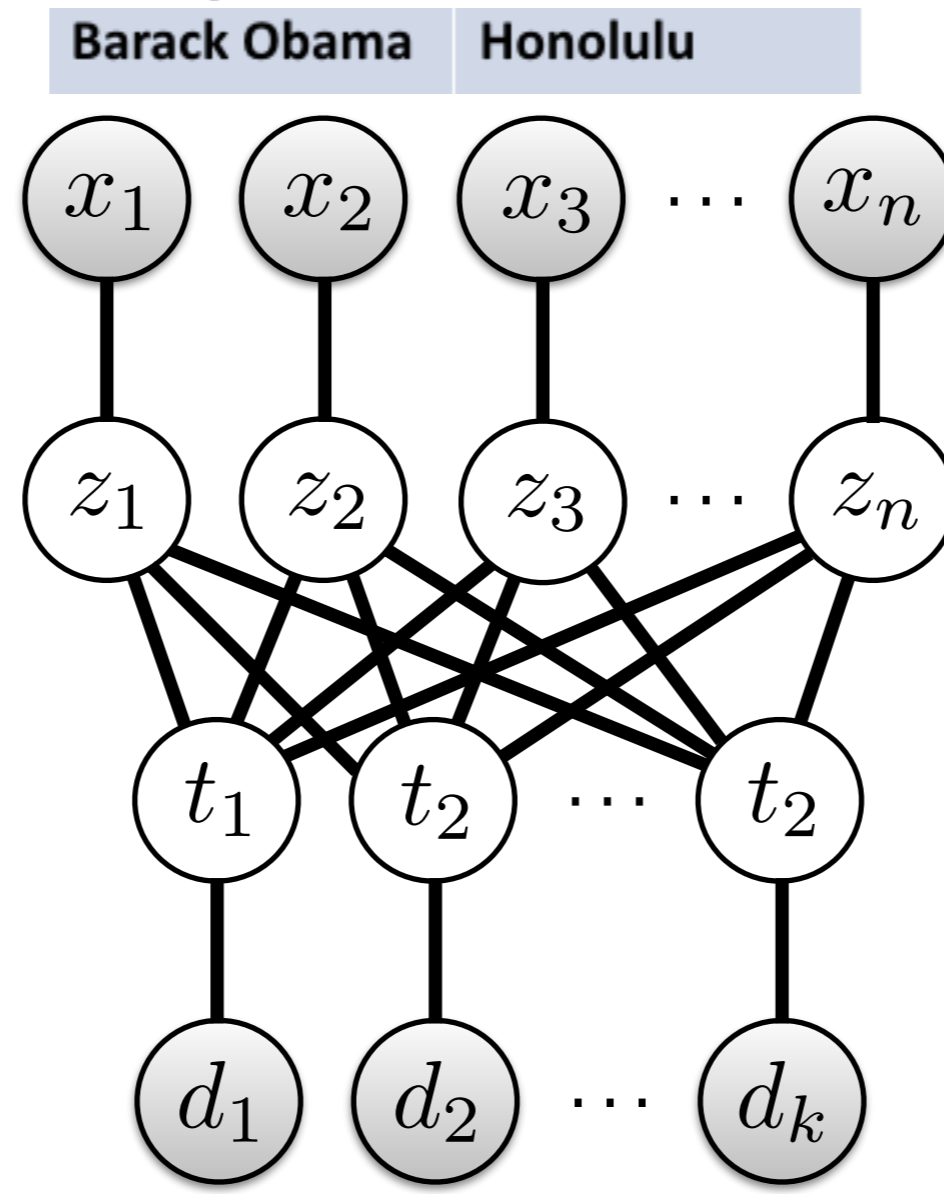
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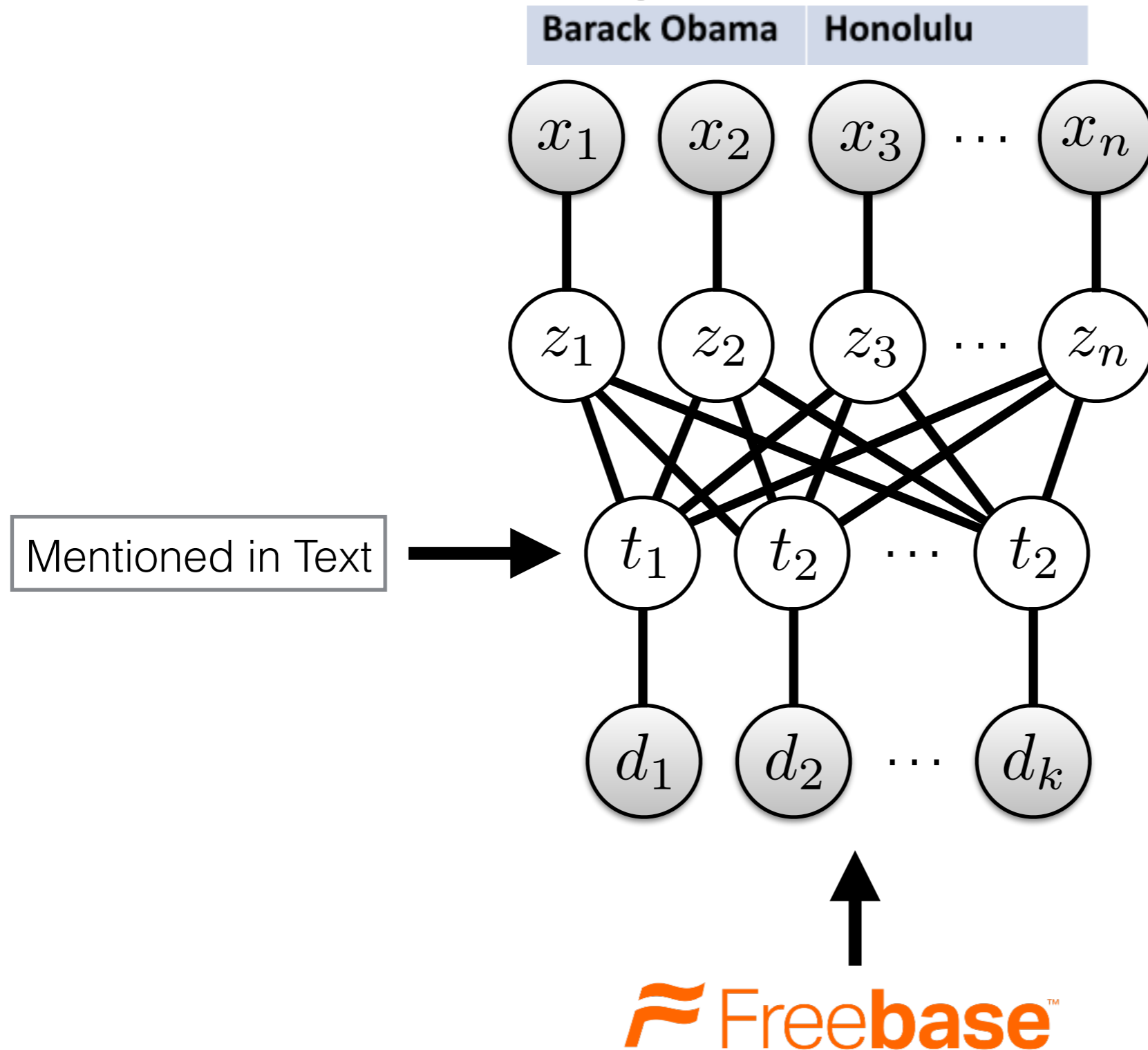
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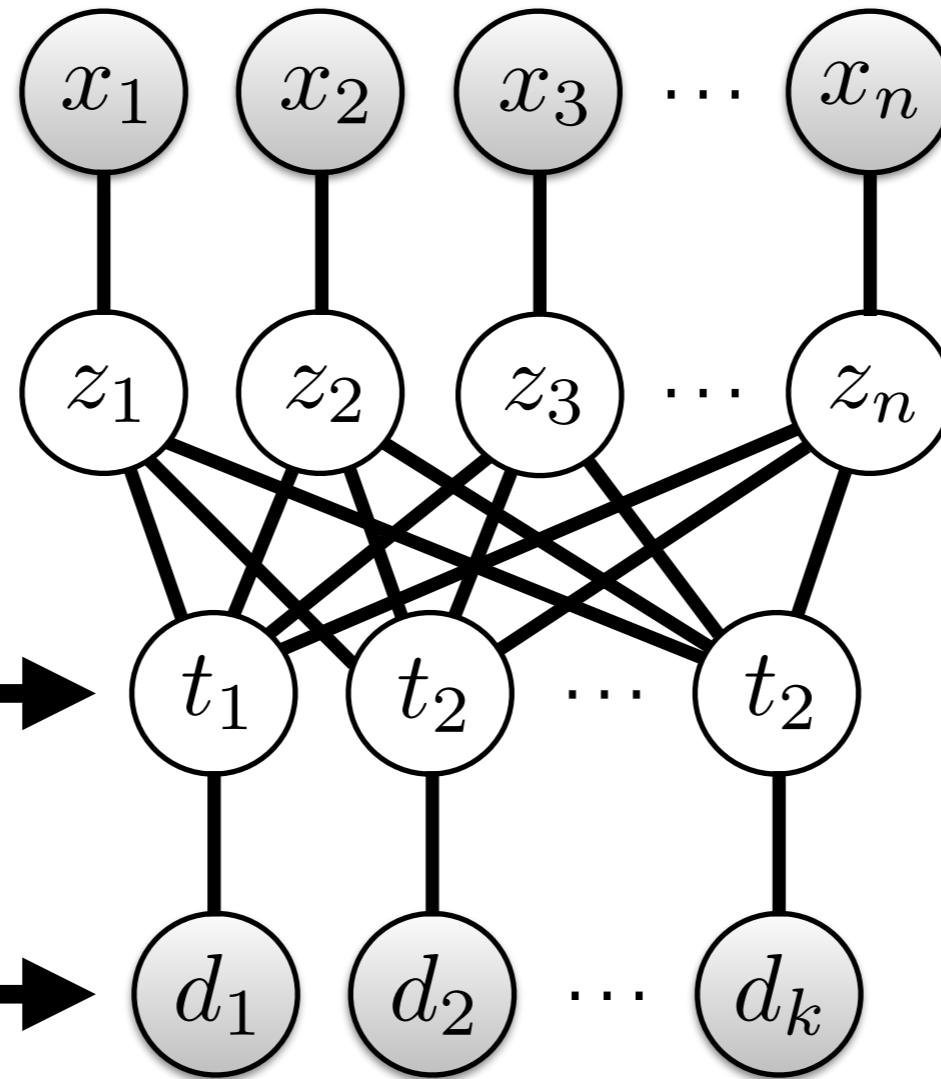


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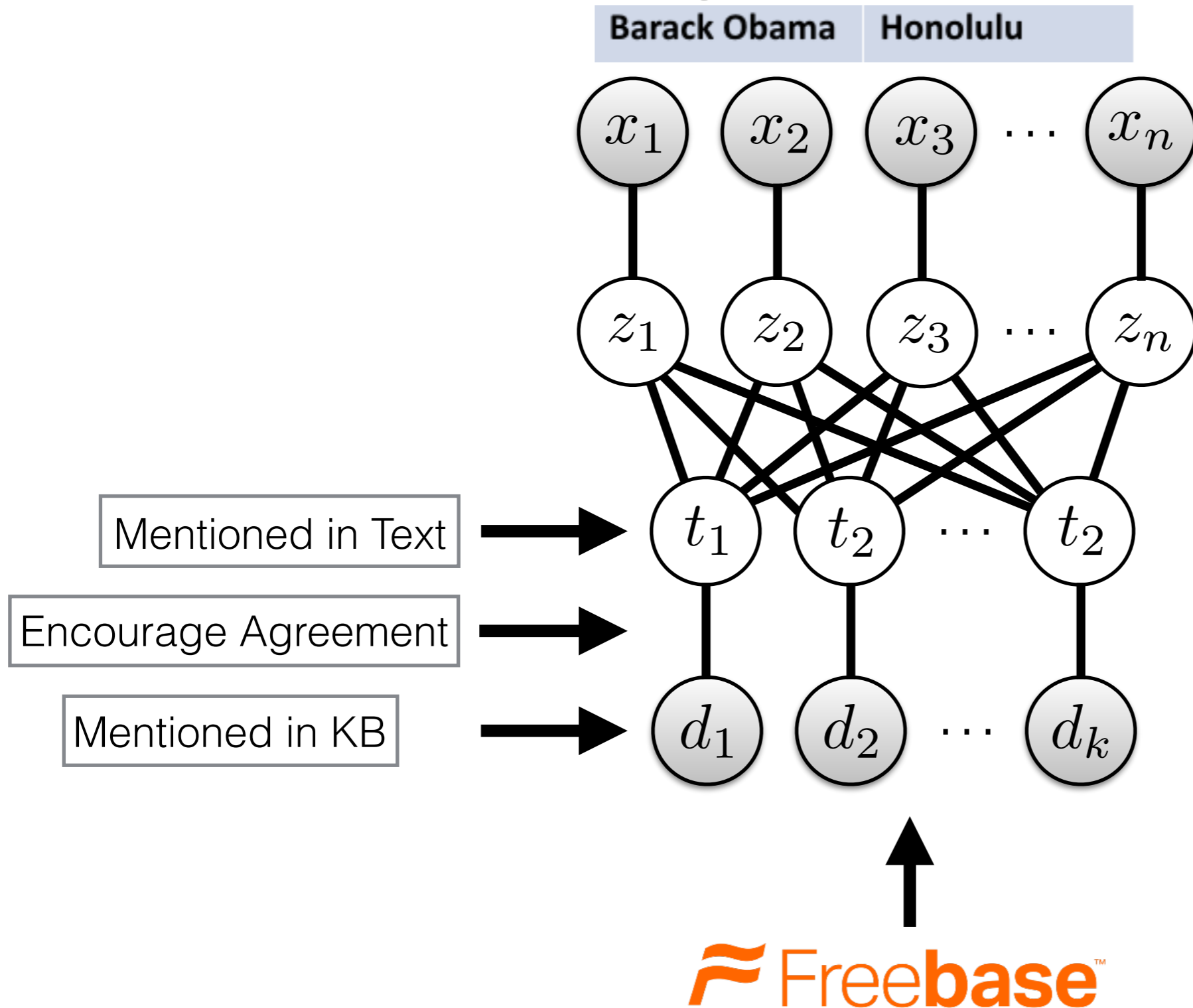
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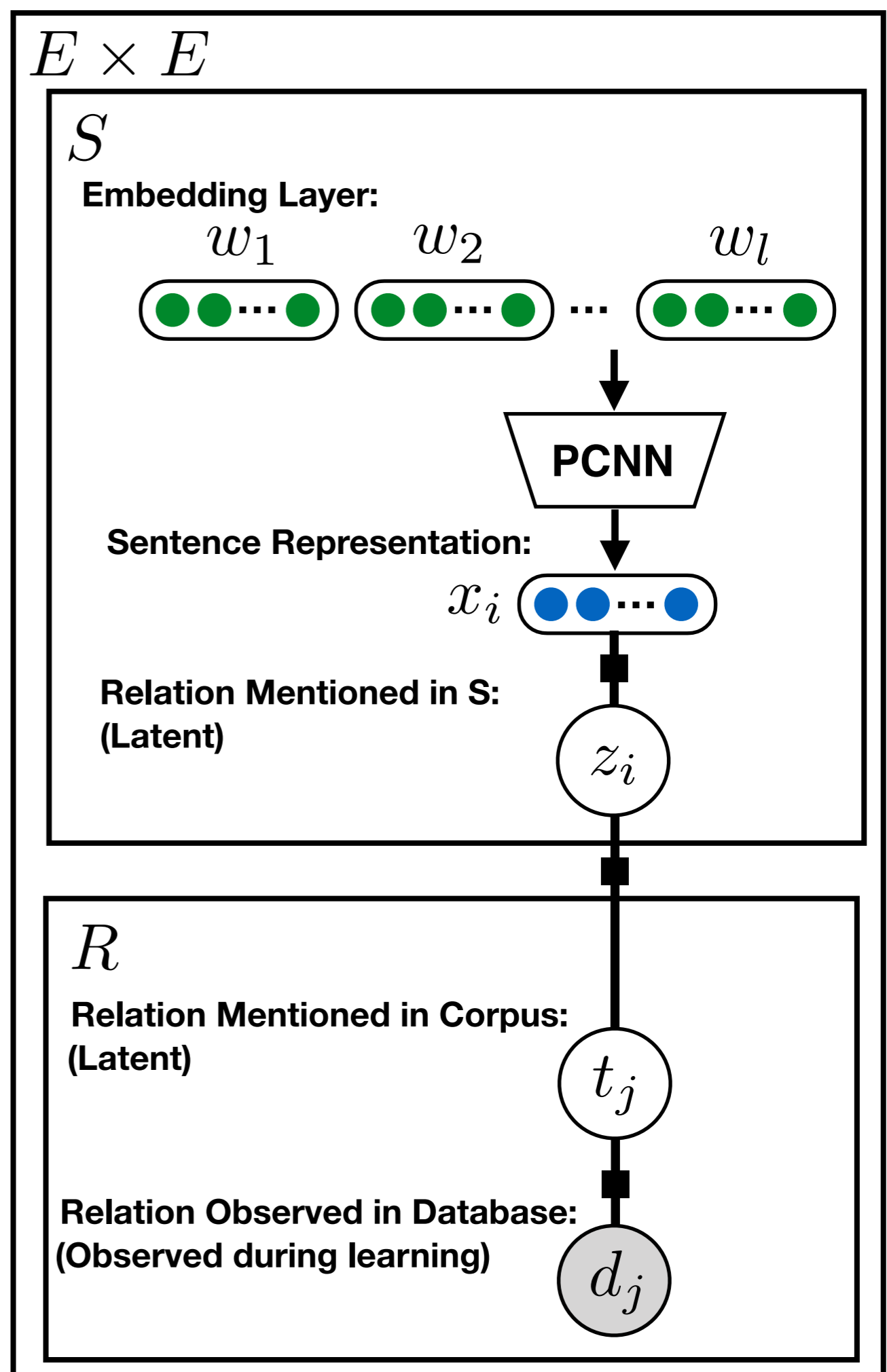
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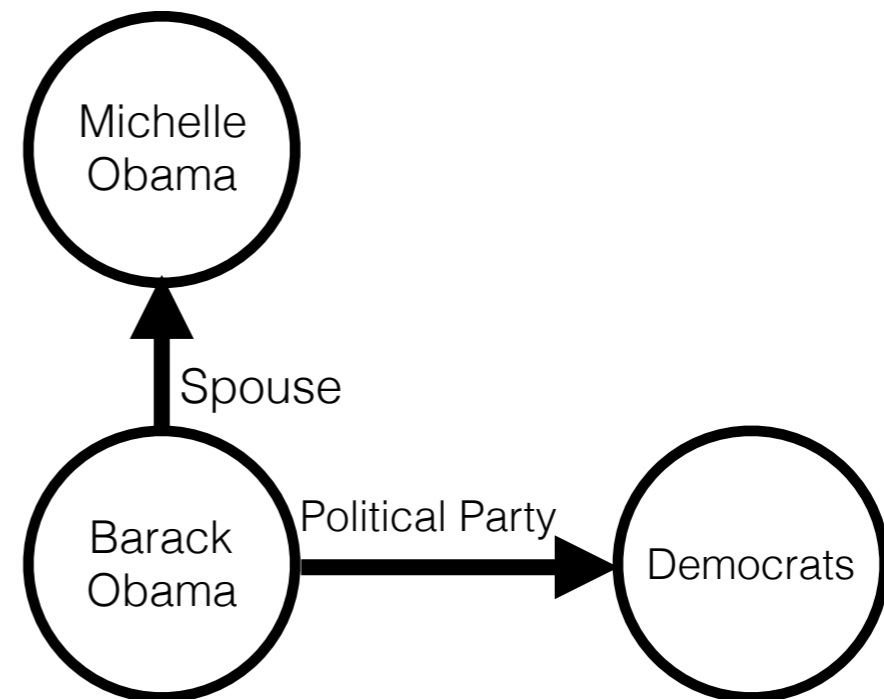
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- Pre-trained sentence embeddings - PCNN+ATT (Lin et. al. 2016)
- MIRA (Cramer and Singer, 2003)
  - Crucial for continuous representations
- Hyperparameter search on dev set



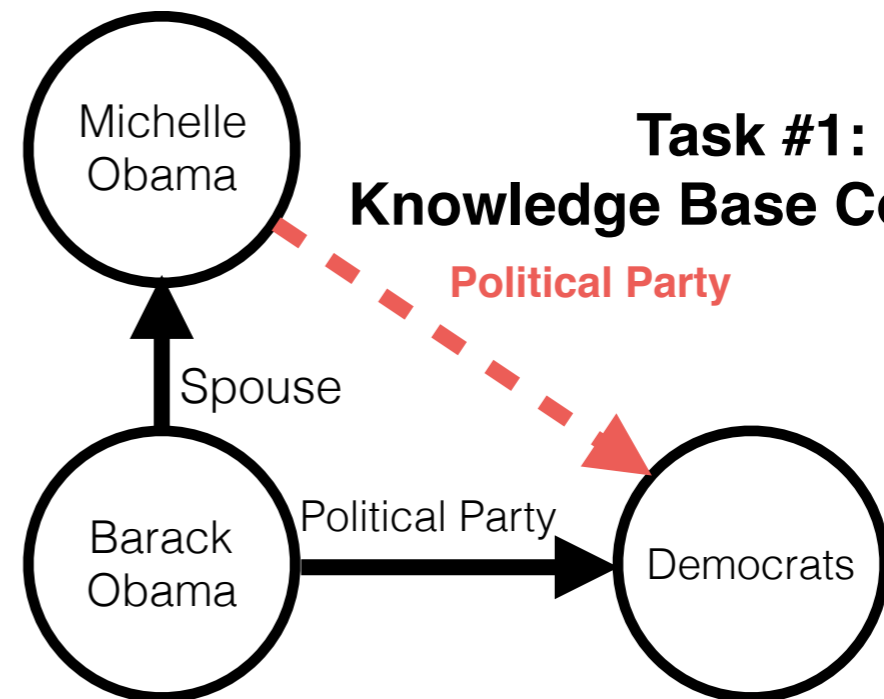
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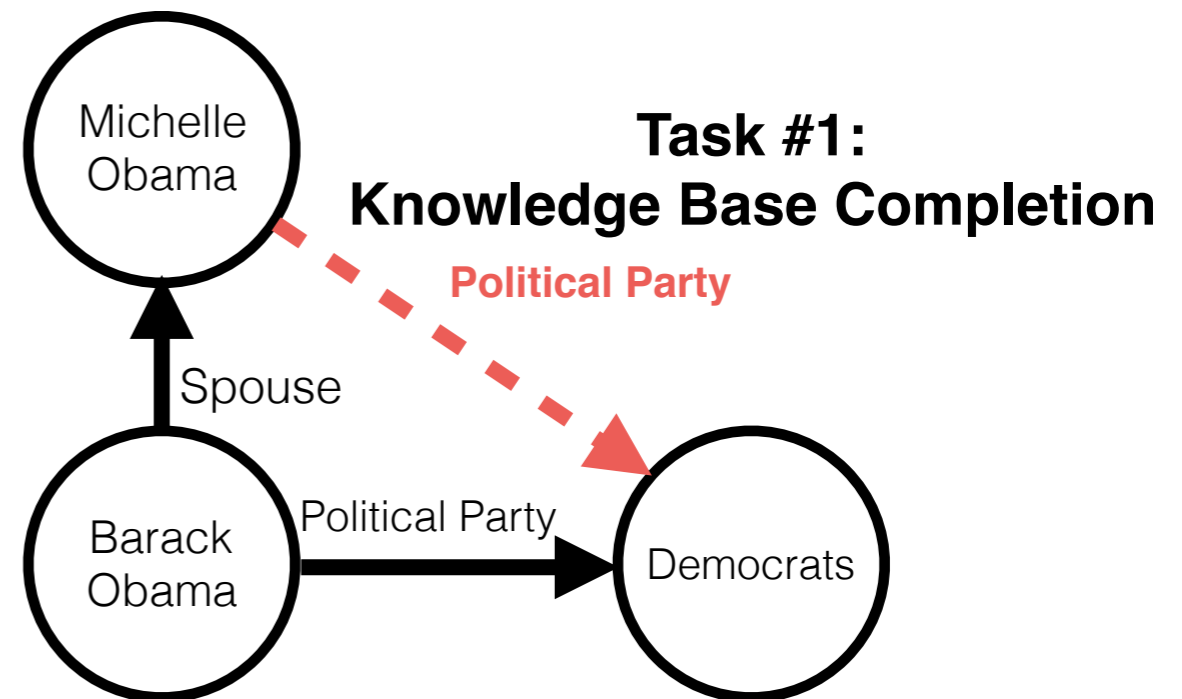


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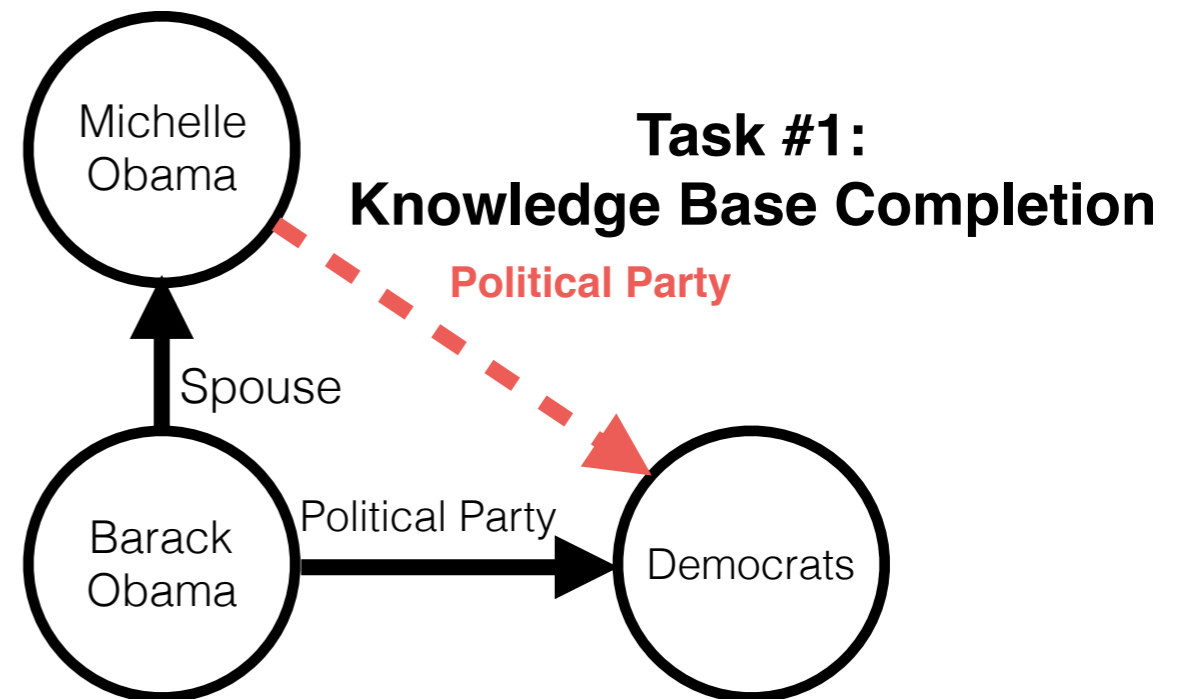
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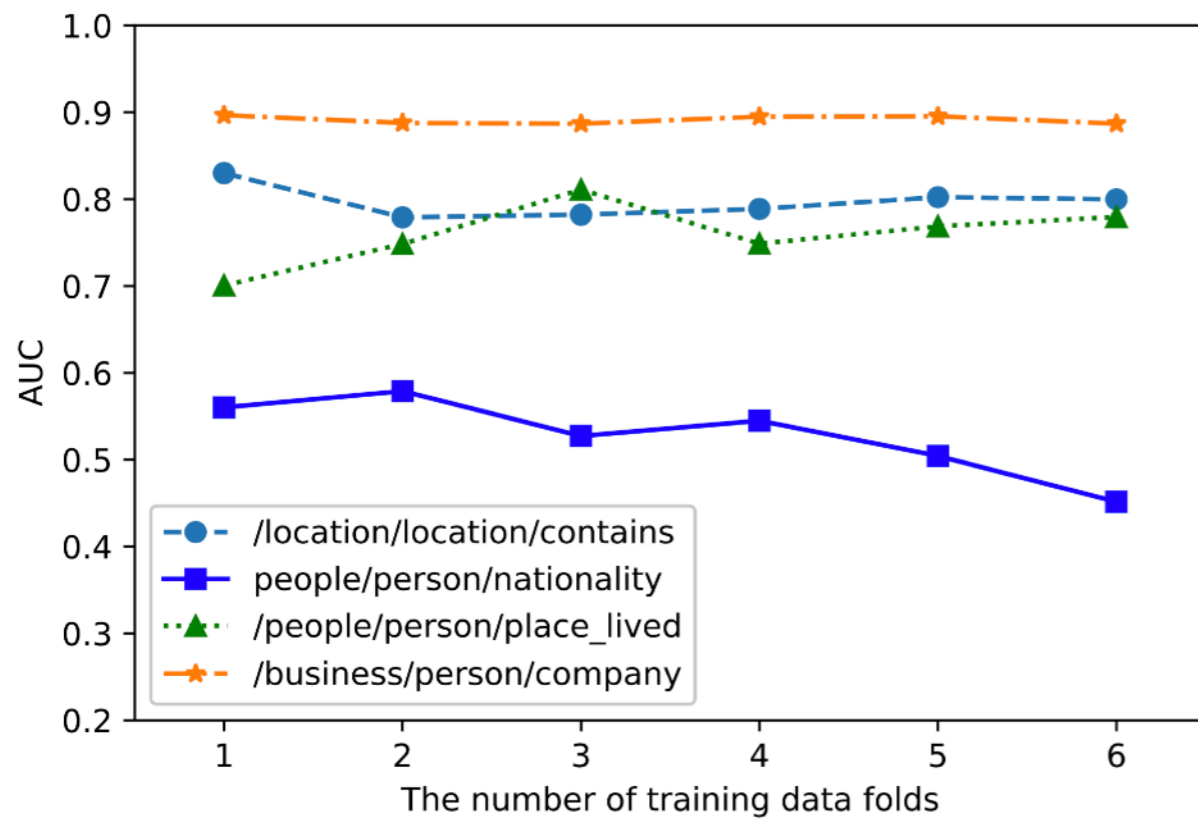
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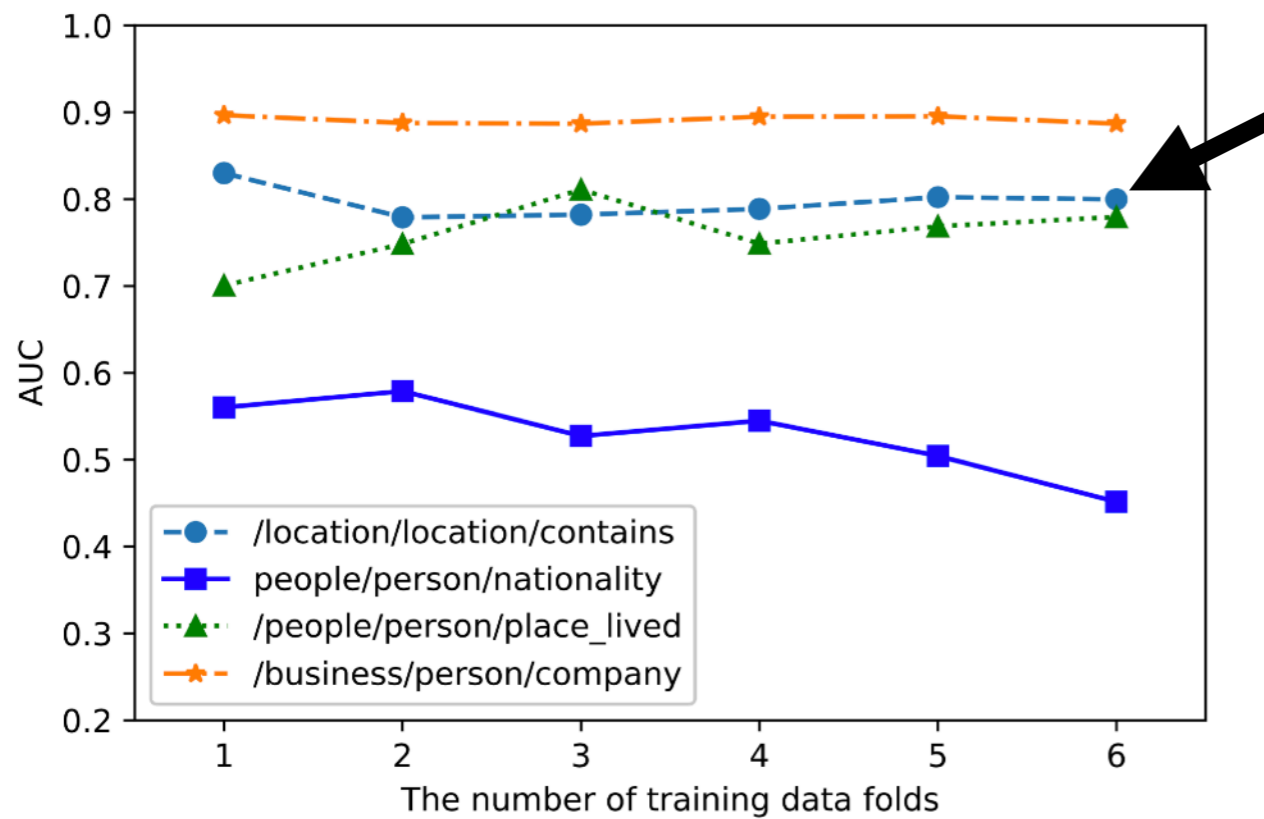
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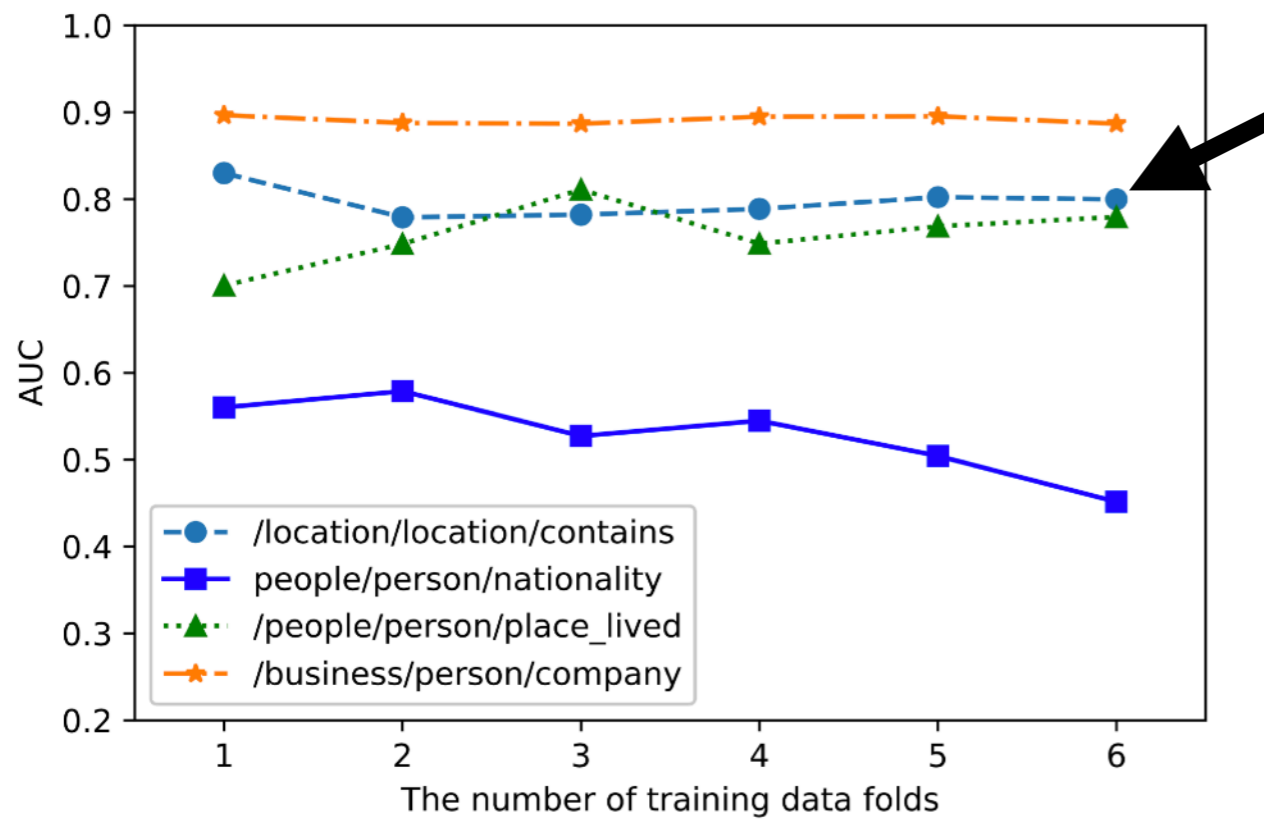
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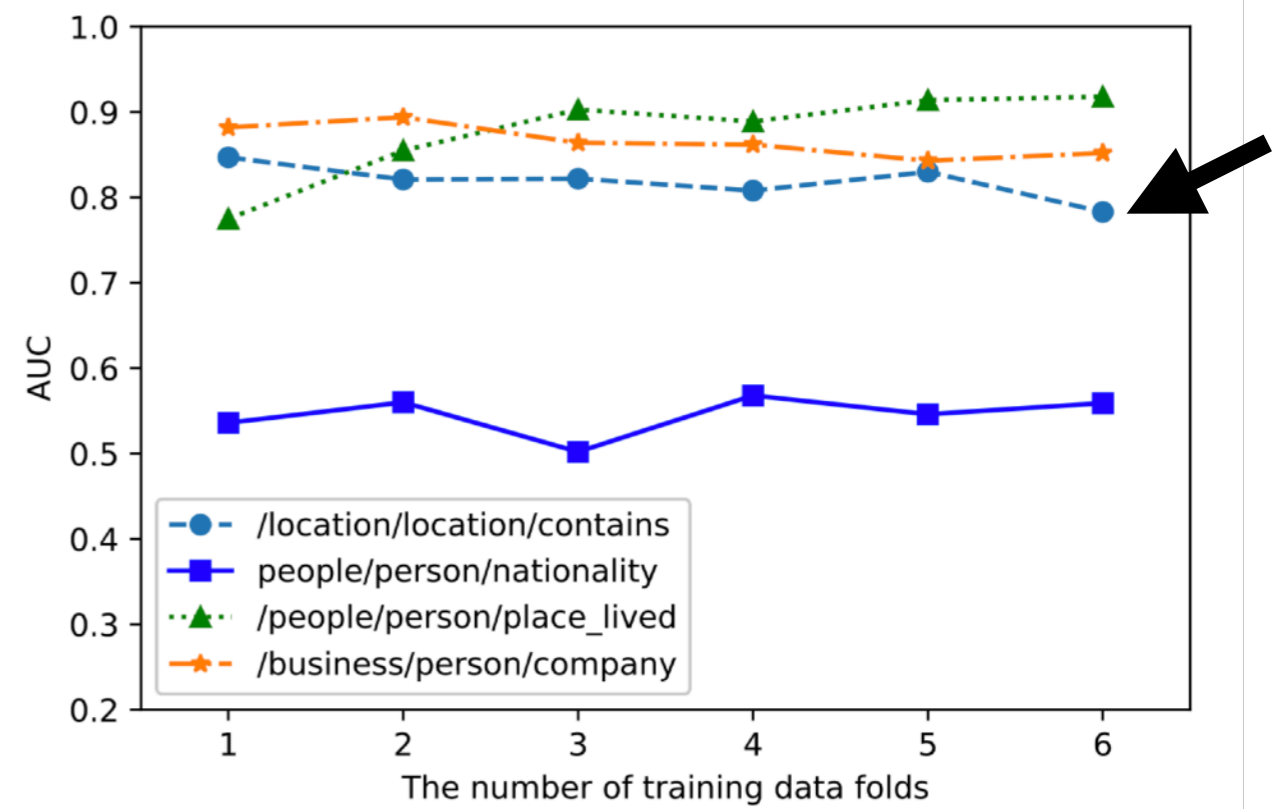


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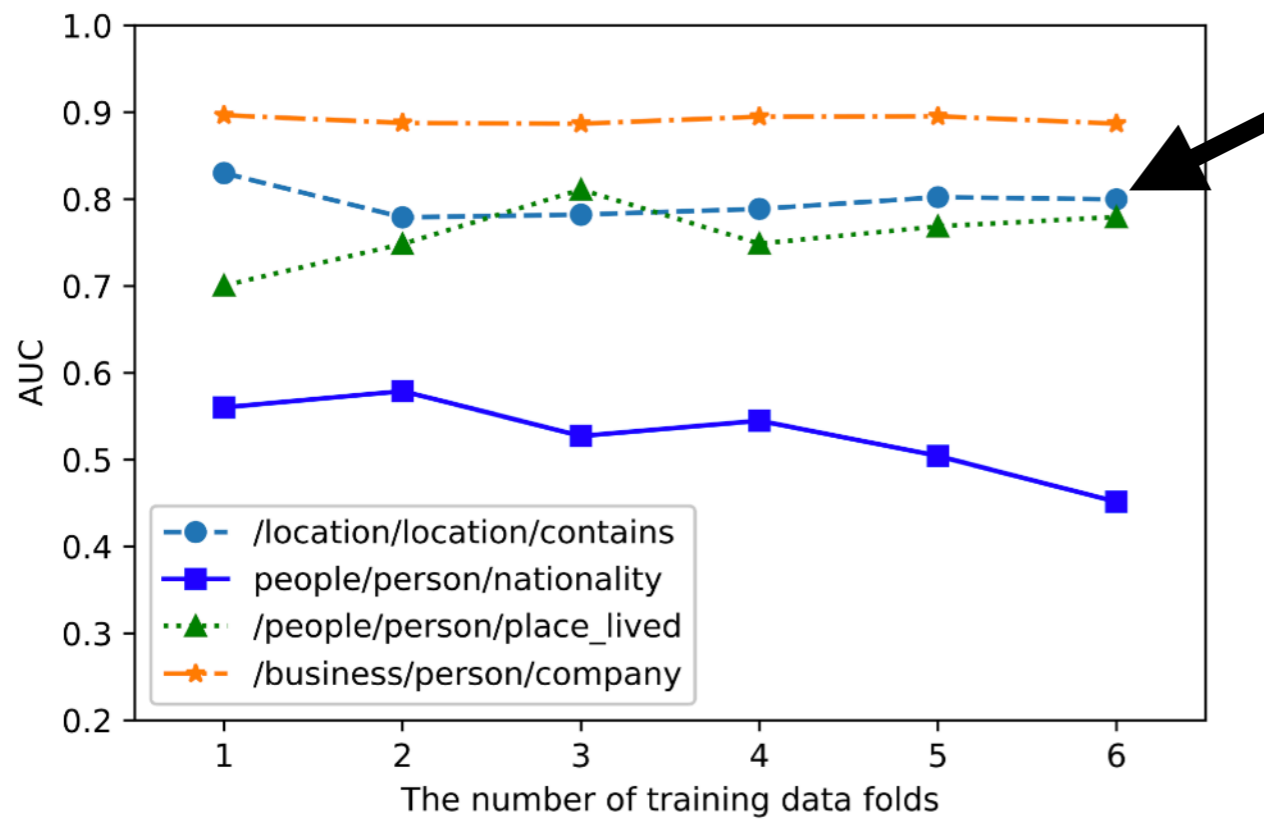


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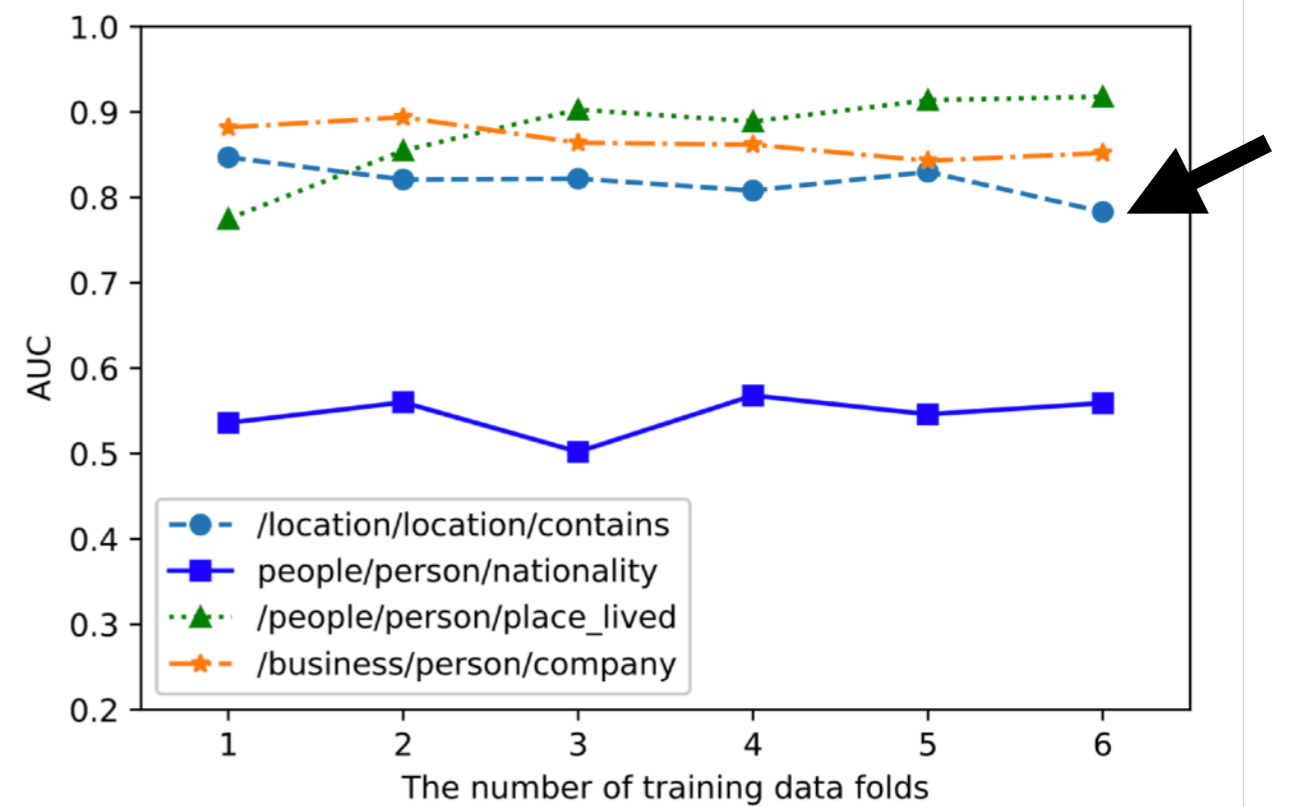


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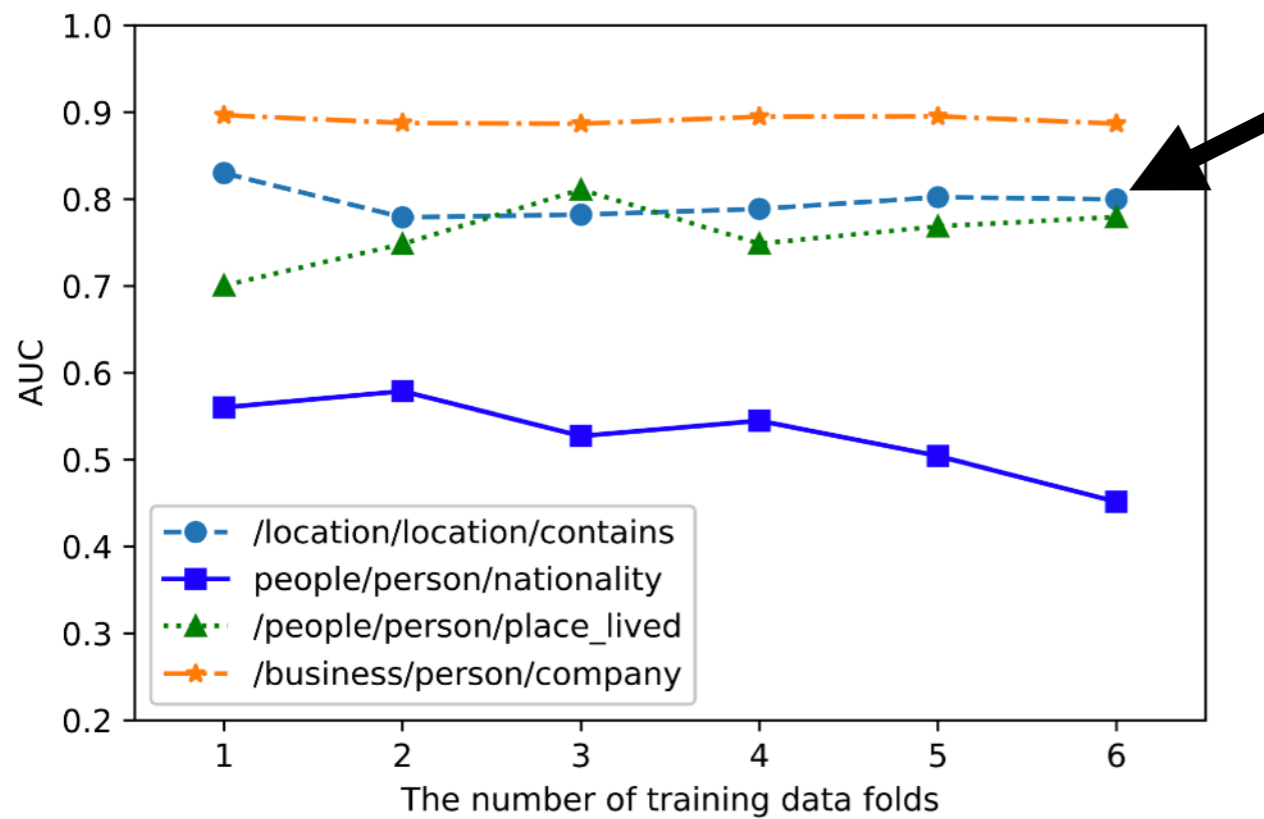
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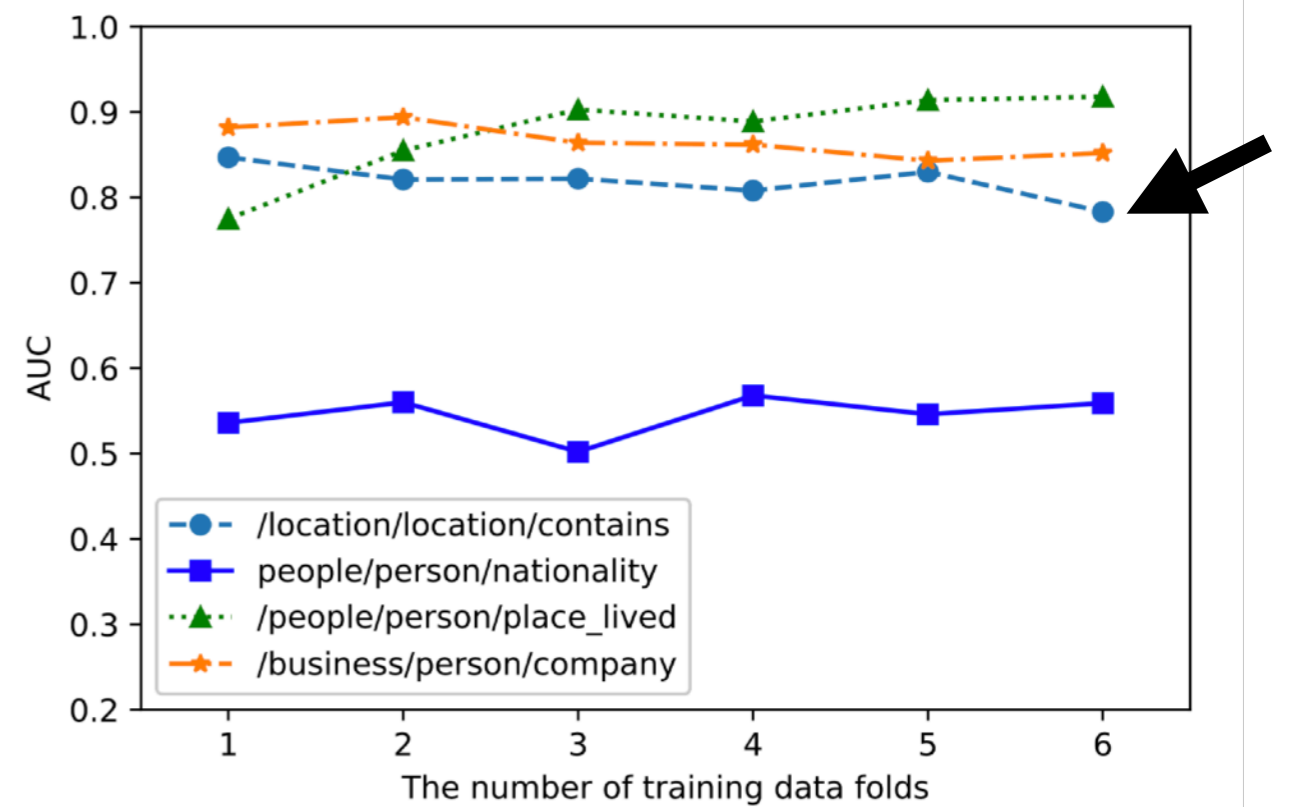
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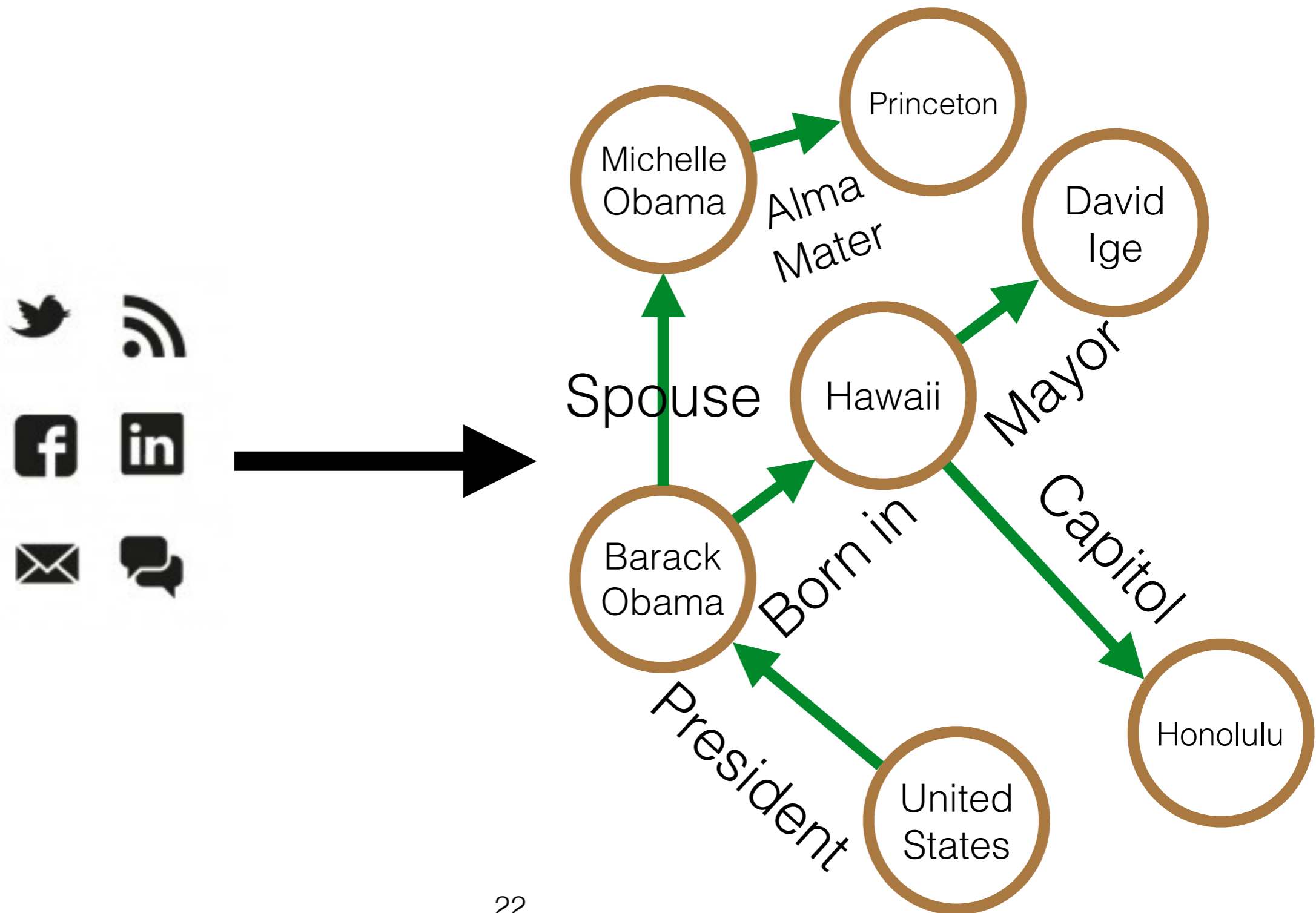
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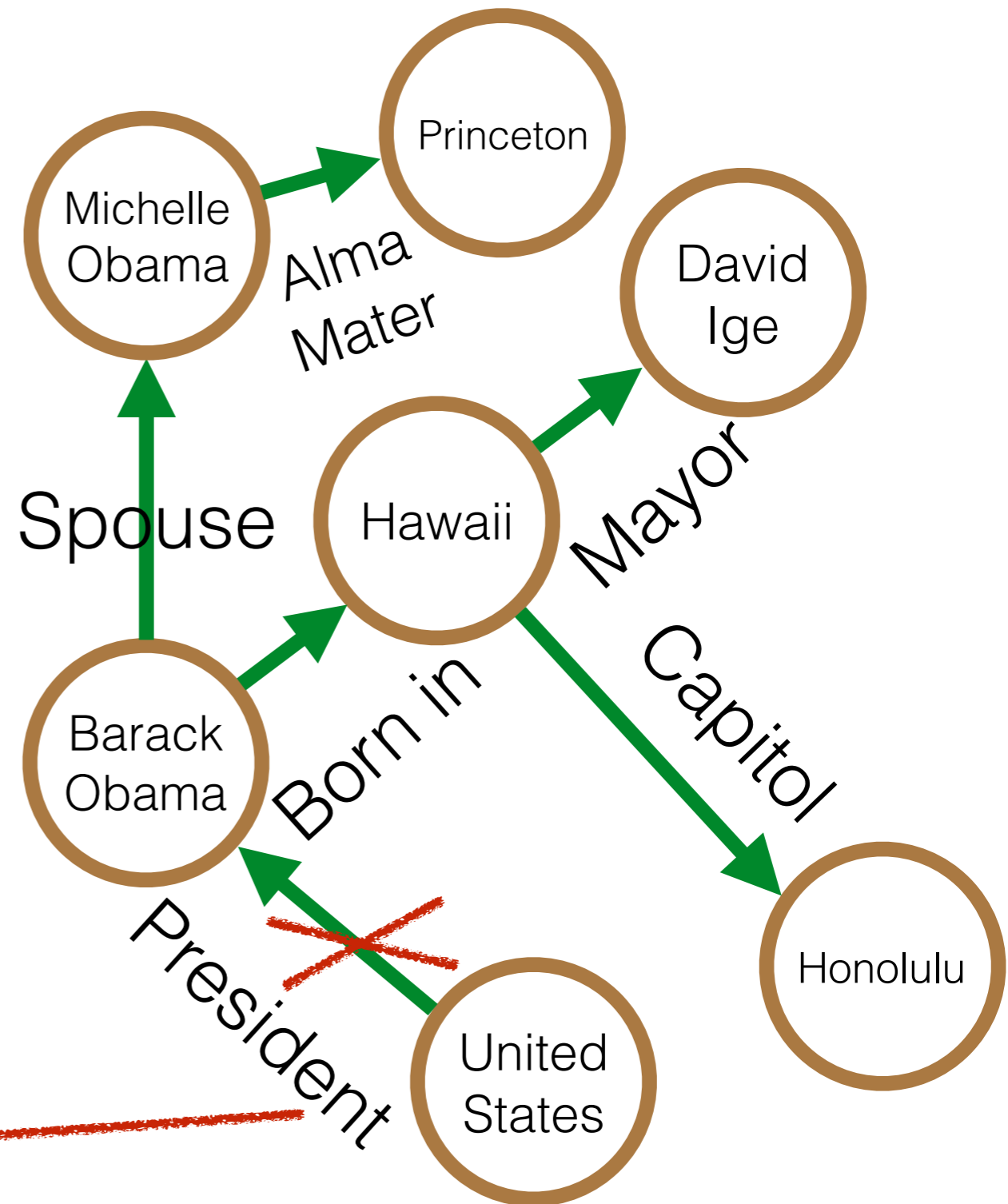
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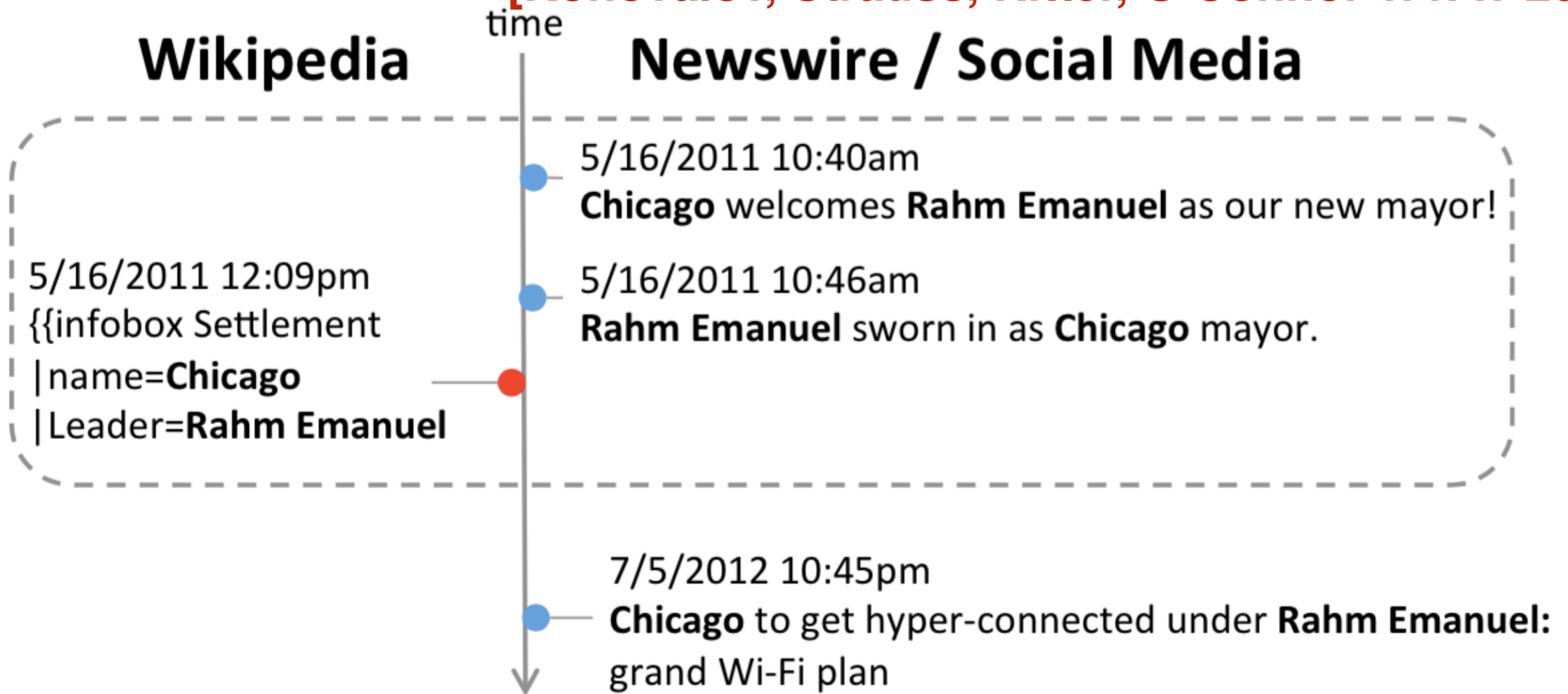
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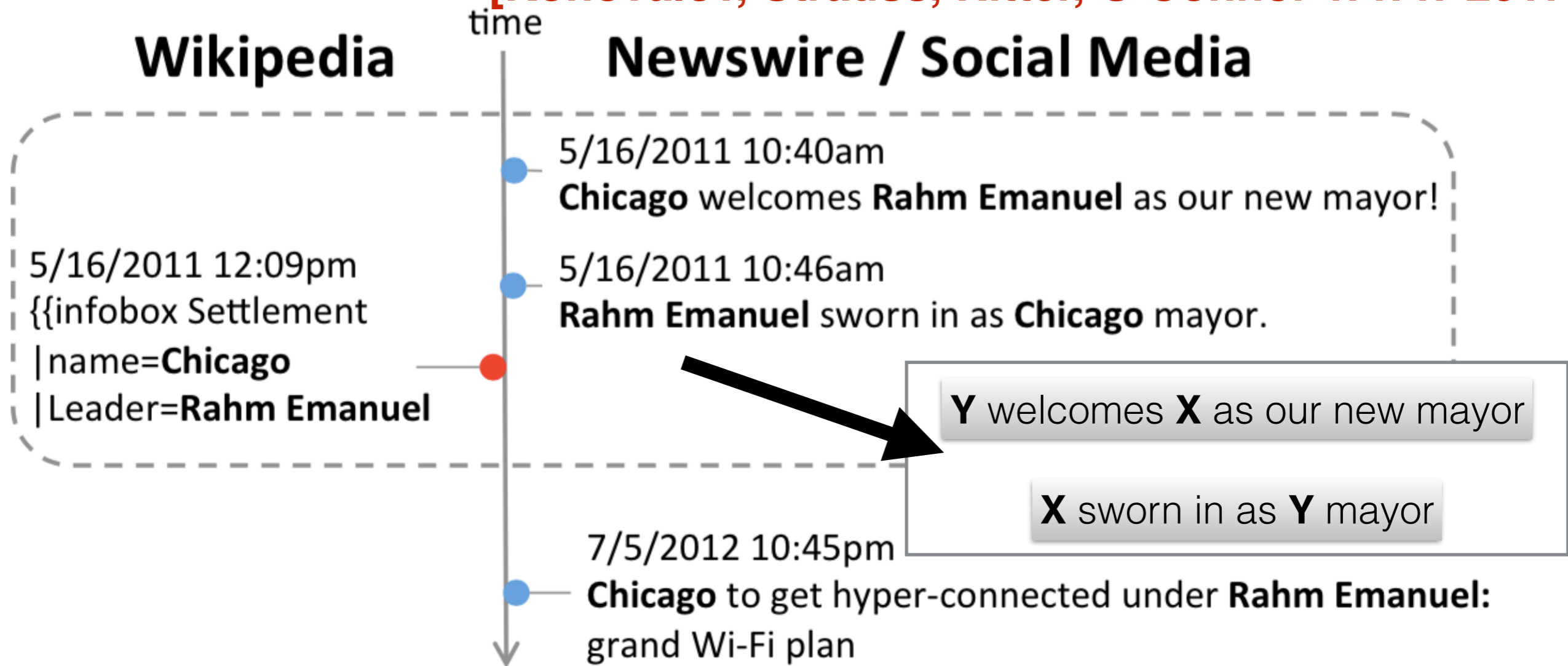
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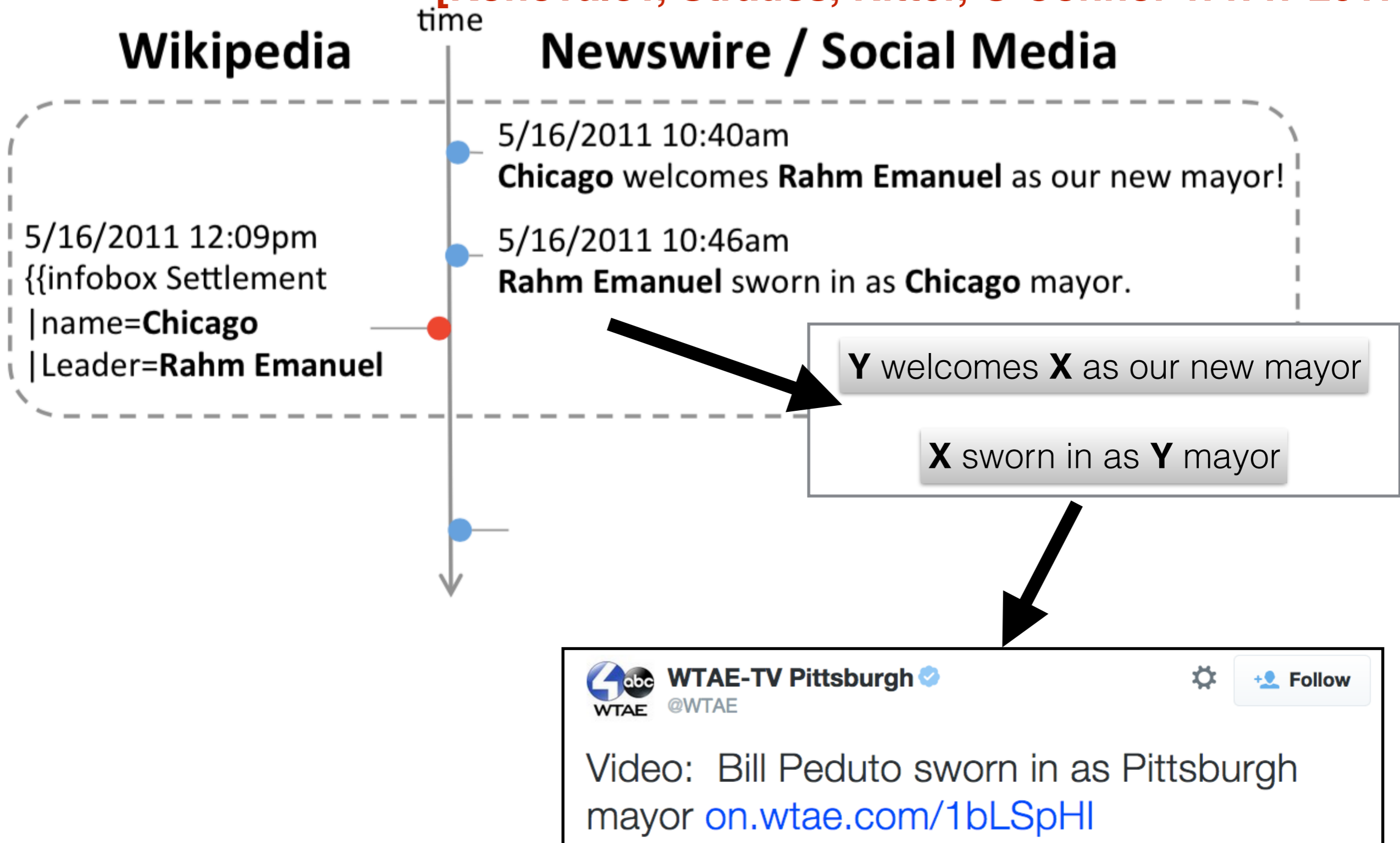
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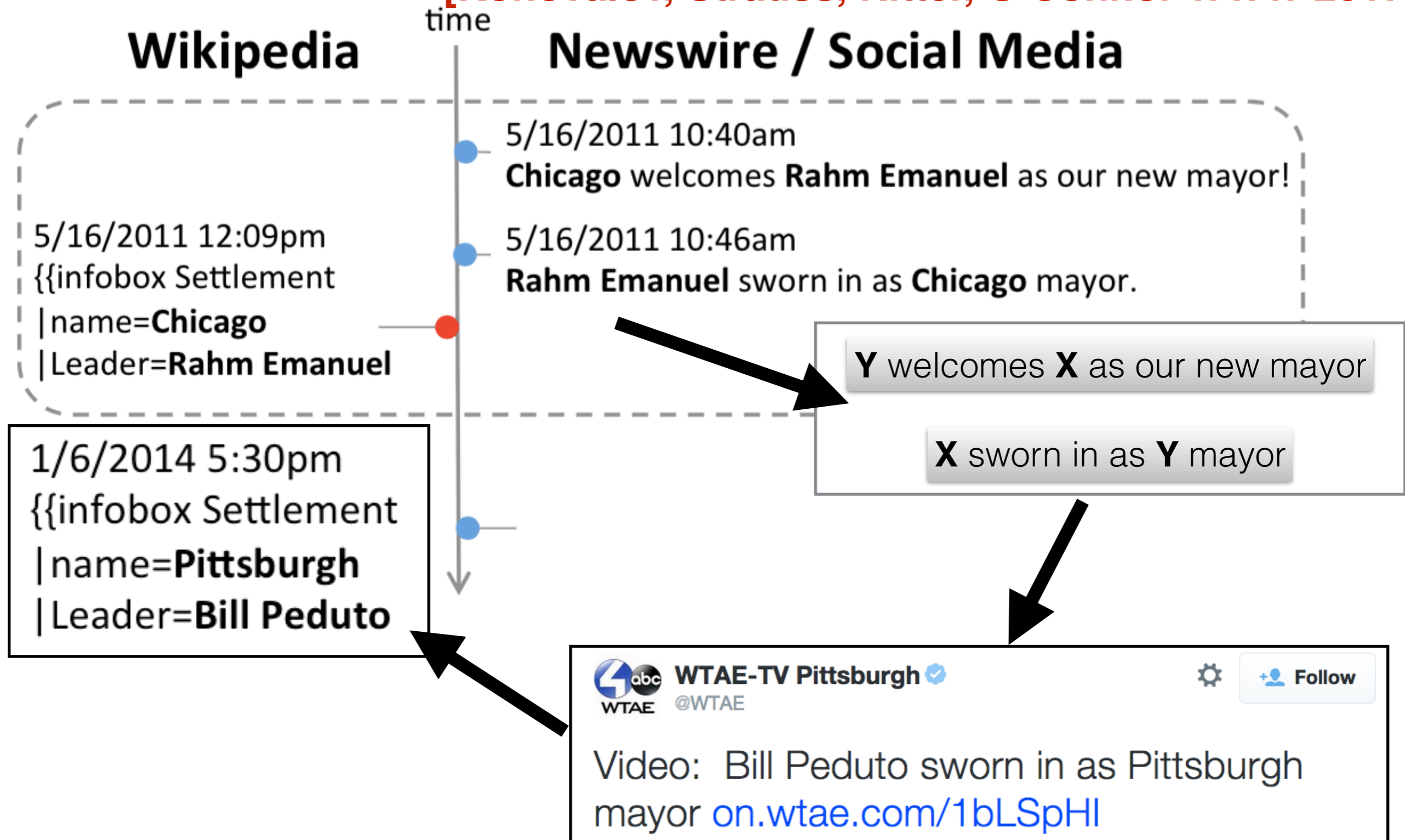
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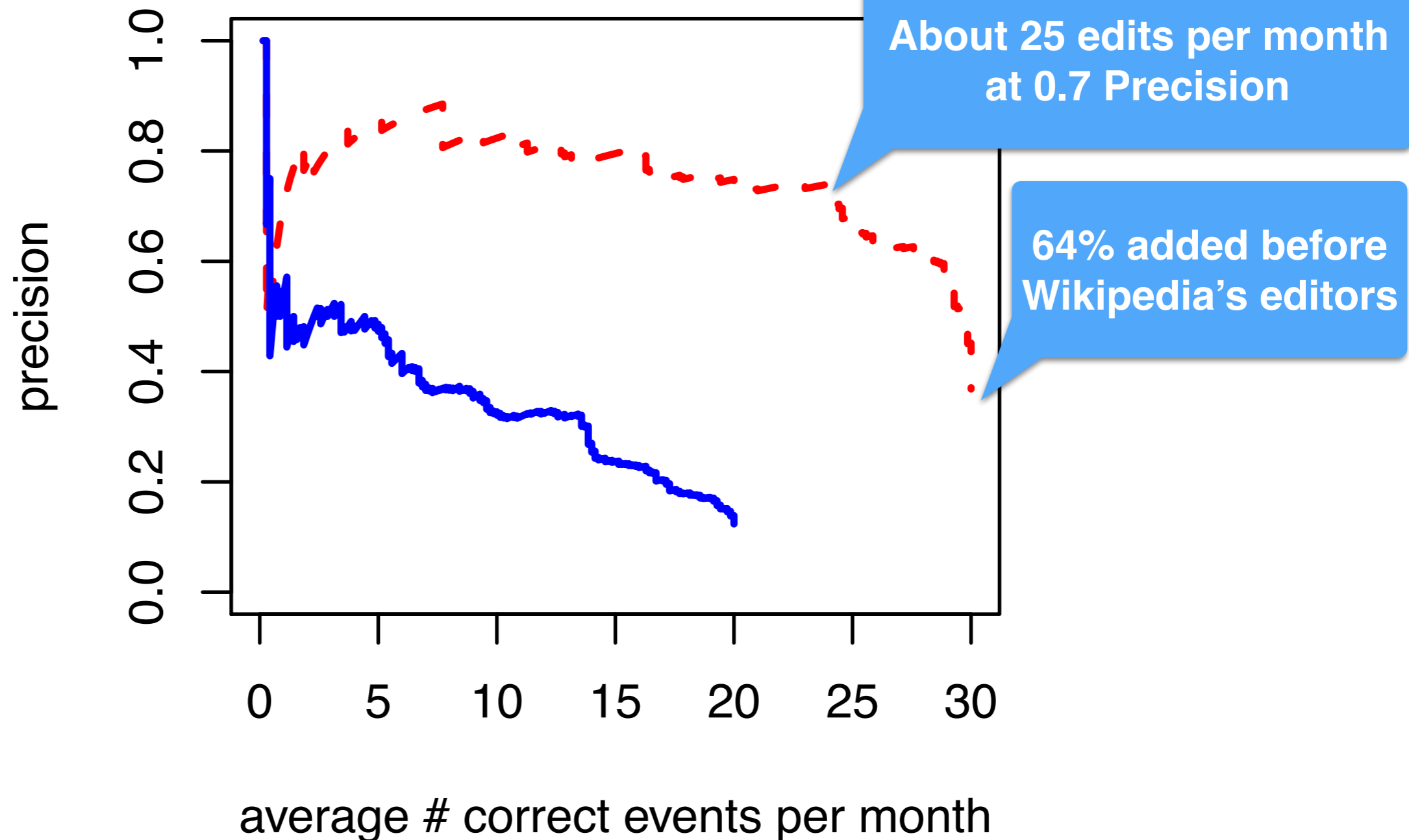
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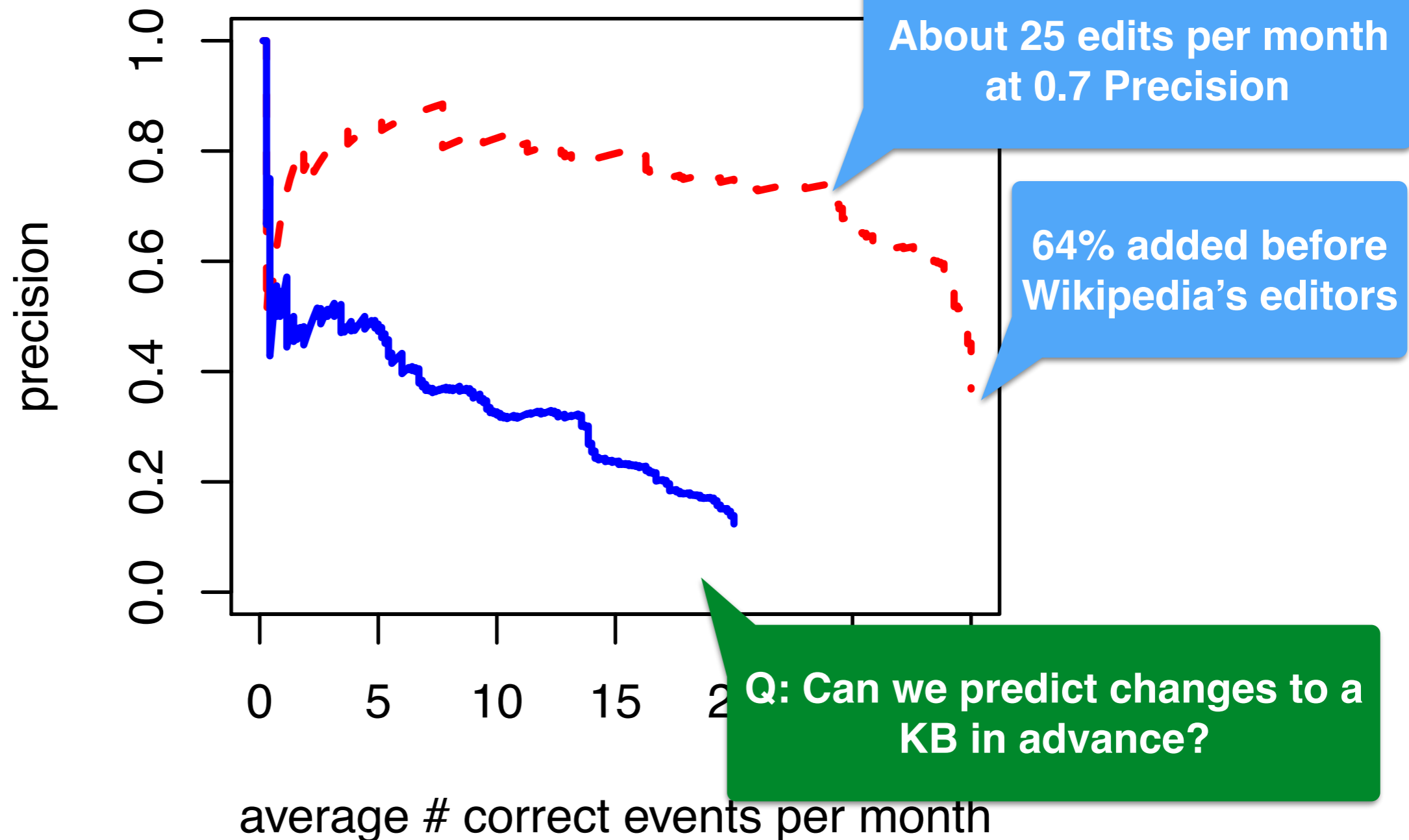
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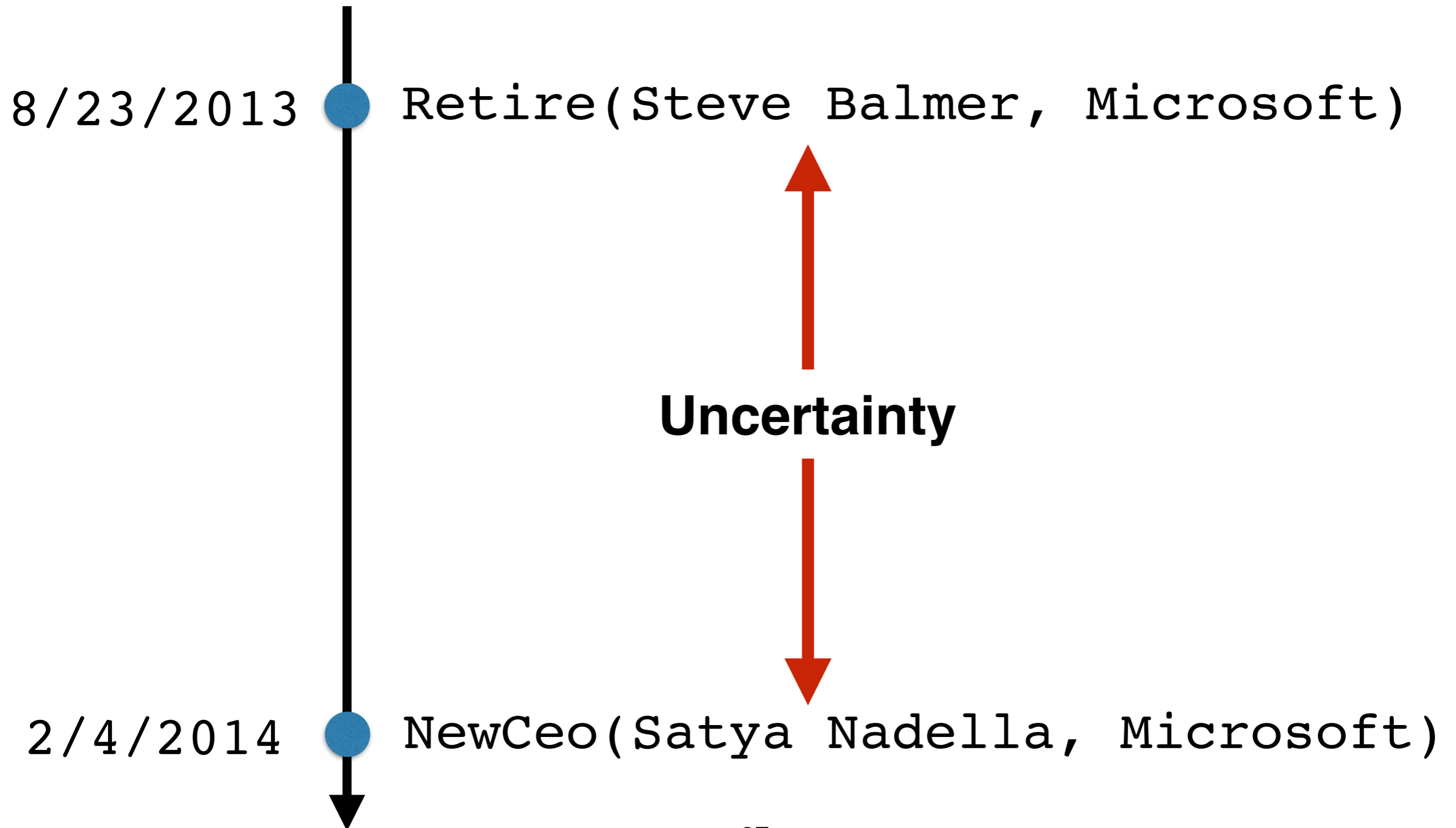
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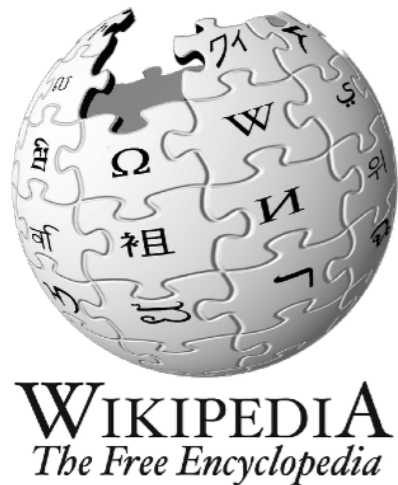
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Best Actor  
Want to **win**: Matt Damon  
Who will probably **win**: **Leonardo DiCaprio**  
[#Oscars](#)


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**Leonardo DiCaprio** has to **win** an Oscar tomorrow night. How he has not won one yet is beyond me! [#Oscars](#)

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Tomorrow are the [#oscars](#) and and really hoping **Leonardo DiCaprio** and Jennifer Lawrence to **win**.

   2 





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I'm holding my thumbs for **Leonardo DiCaprio**. I hope he's going to **win** the OSCAR! Because he deserves it so much! I love him ❤️ [#oscars](#) [#Leo](#)

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Days until Oscar **win**: 1  
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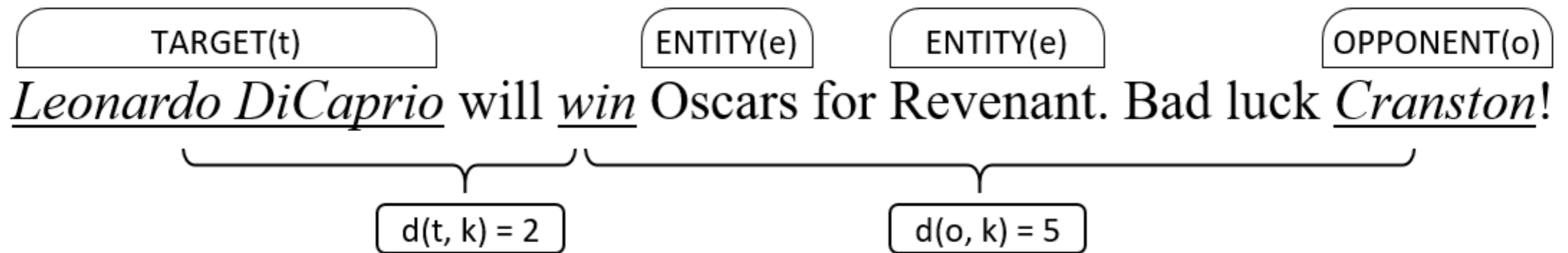
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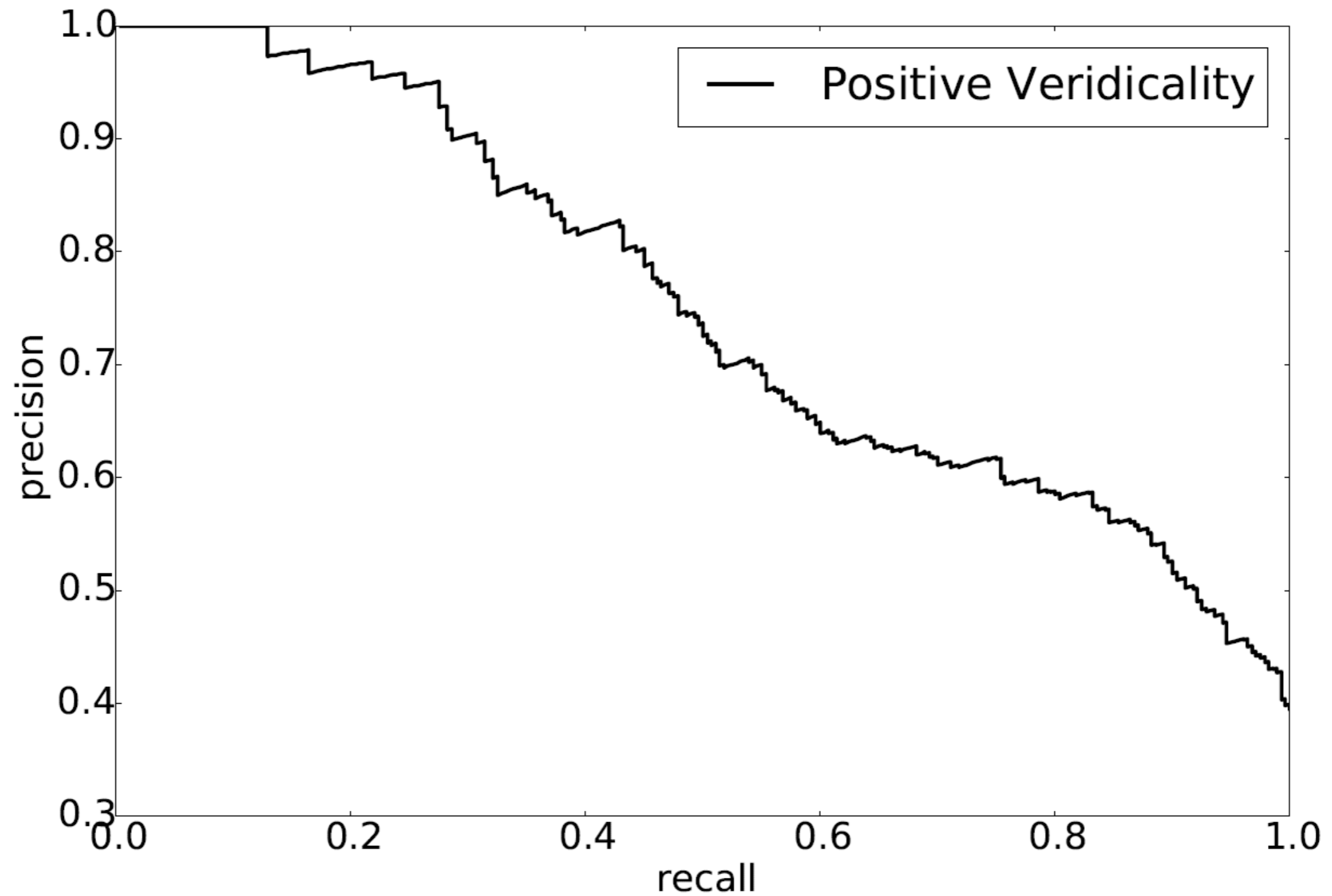
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Target context	TARGET <i>is favored to win</i>	0.19
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Target context	TARGET <i>predicted to win</i>	0.13
Pair context	TARGET1 <i>could win</i> TARGET2	0.13
Distance to keyword	TARGET <i>closer to</i> KEYWORD	0.11



# Precision / Recall



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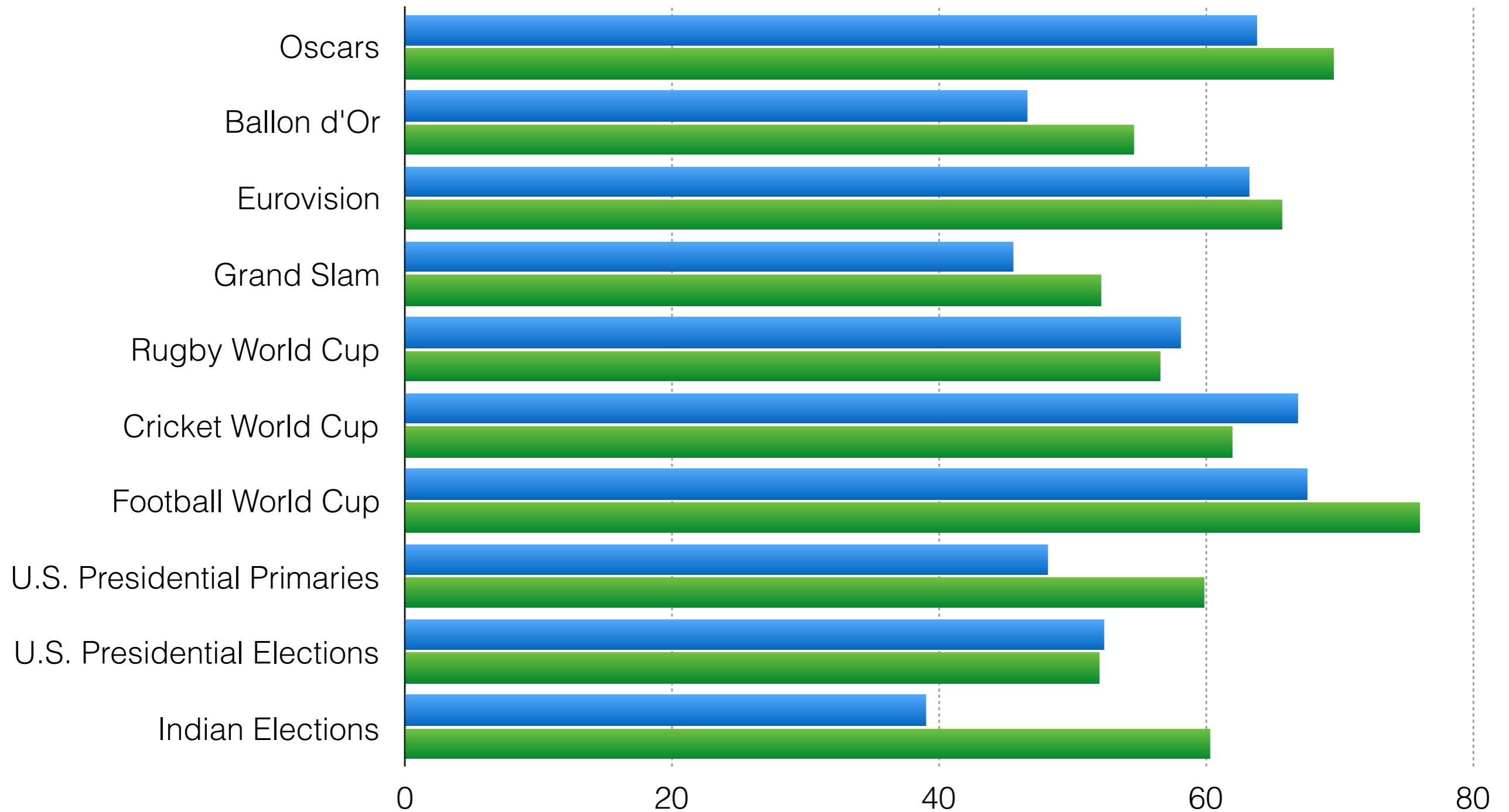
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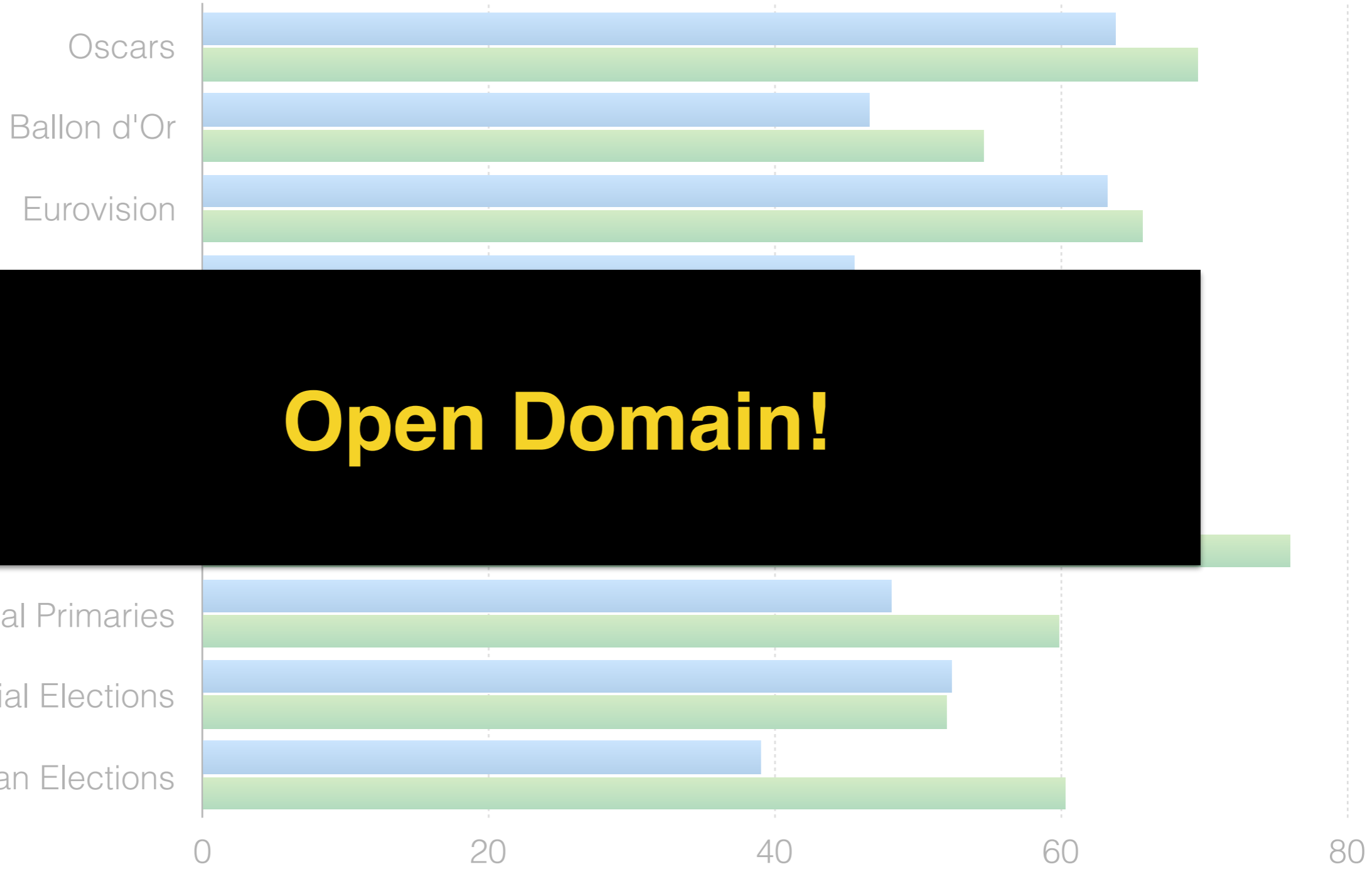
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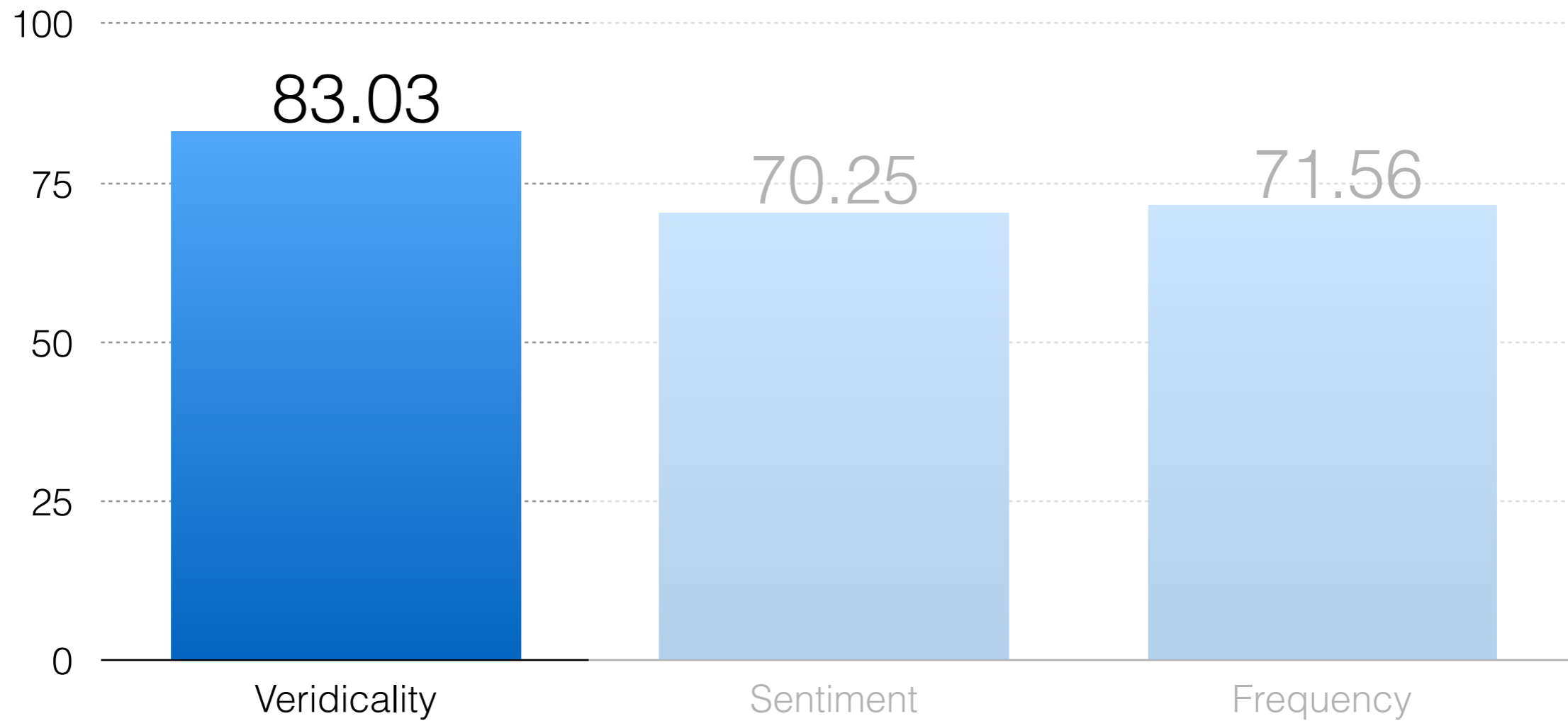
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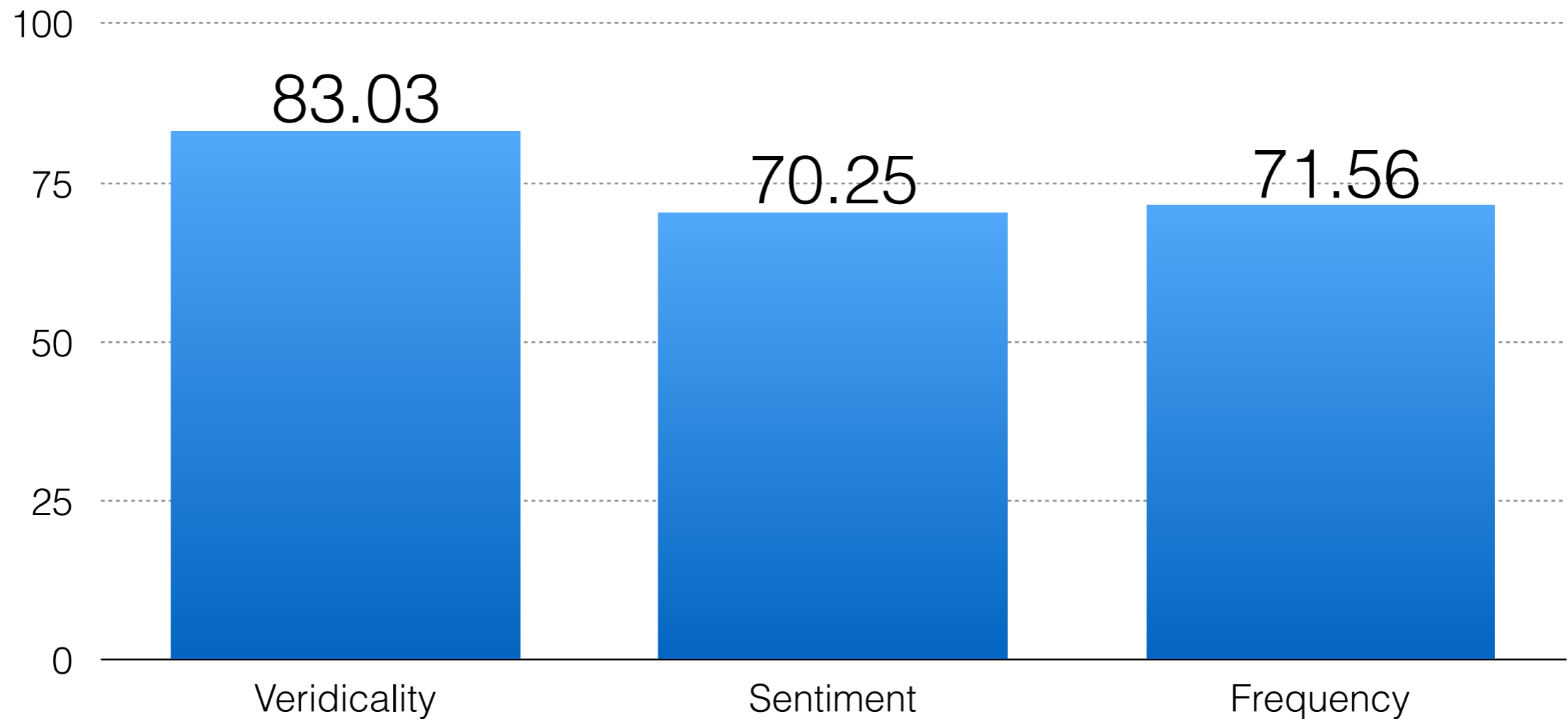
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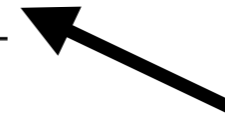
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