

The View from AI2

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Outline:

1. Overview of AI2 (**rapid**)
2. Observations about knowledge (**simple**)
3. Information Extraction (**visual**)
4. Reasoning in Aristo (**hard**)

AI2 Chronology and “Geography”

Time Line

AI2 launched

Jan. 2014

Team of 30 + 12 interns

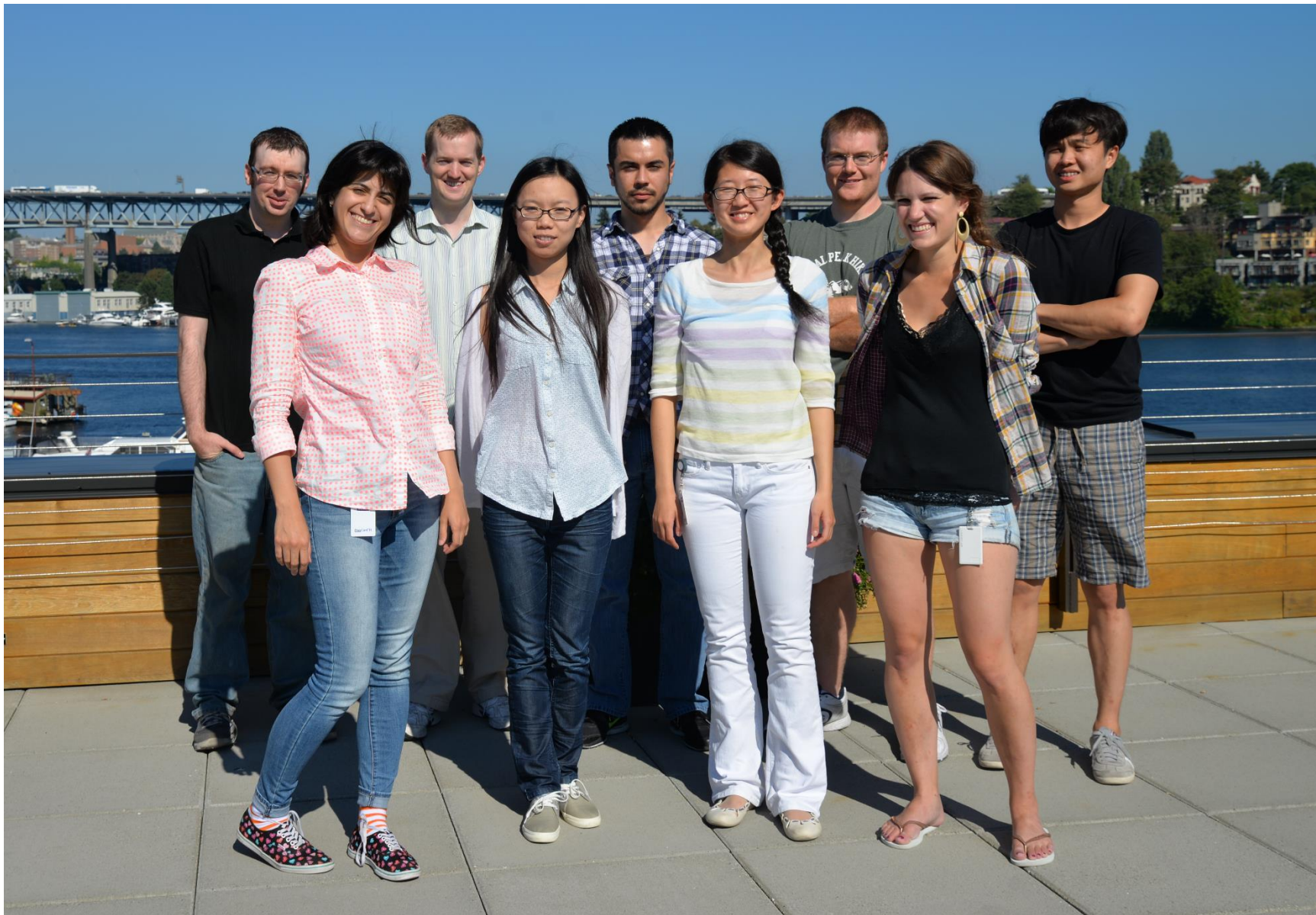
Fall 2014

Team of 50

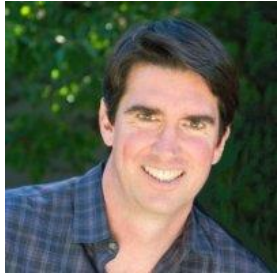
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Summer of 2014 Interns



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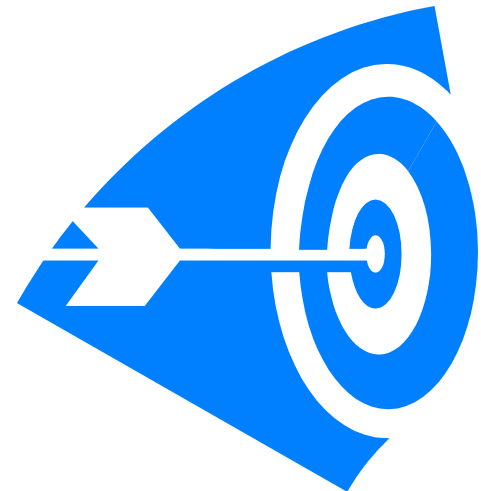


Ali Farhadi (leader), UIUC

Common Themes in AI2 Projects

- Ambitious, long-term goals
- Measurable results in 1-3 years
 - Standardized, unseen test questions
 - **“Beyond the Turing Test”**
- Open & collaborative (papers, **ADI**)
- Leveraging NLP, ML, and vision for:

**Knowledge
Reasoning
Explanation**



Core Projects

**66% Science
(4th grade,
NDMC)**



Aristo

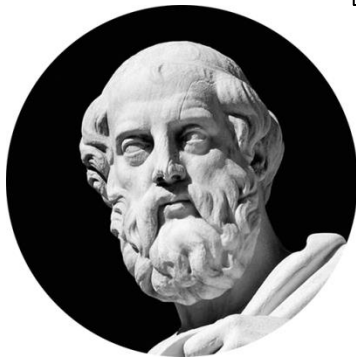


Da Vinci

**AKBC over
Science
corpus**



**AKBC from
Images &
diagrams**



Plato



Euclid

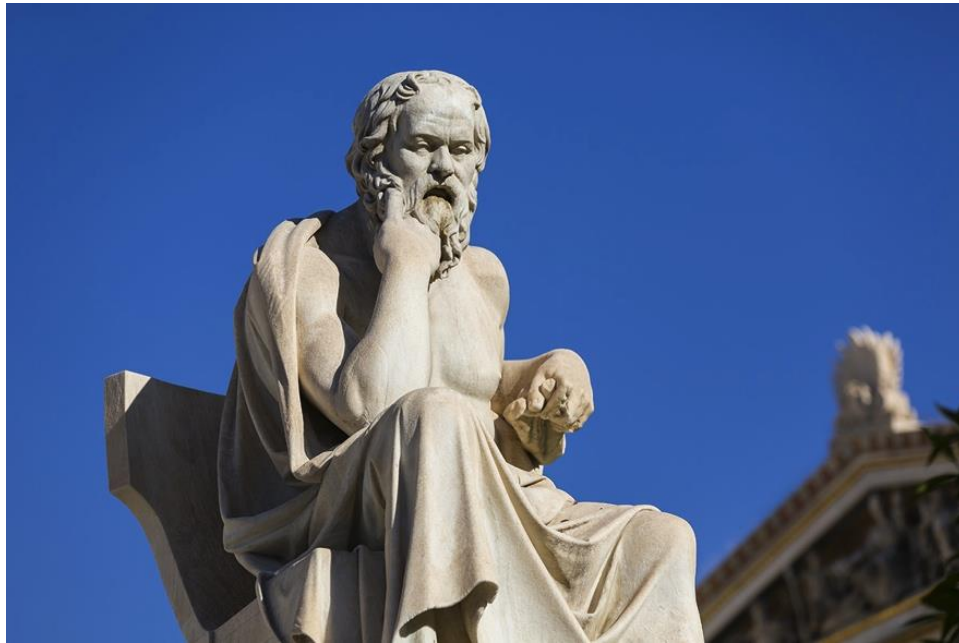
**EMNLP '14
77.7 %
arithmetic**

**AAAI '14
Geometry**

High-level observations about knowledge & reasoning



Do we need a body to acquire intelligence?



(too philosophical for us)

Do we need a body to acquire common-sense knowledge?



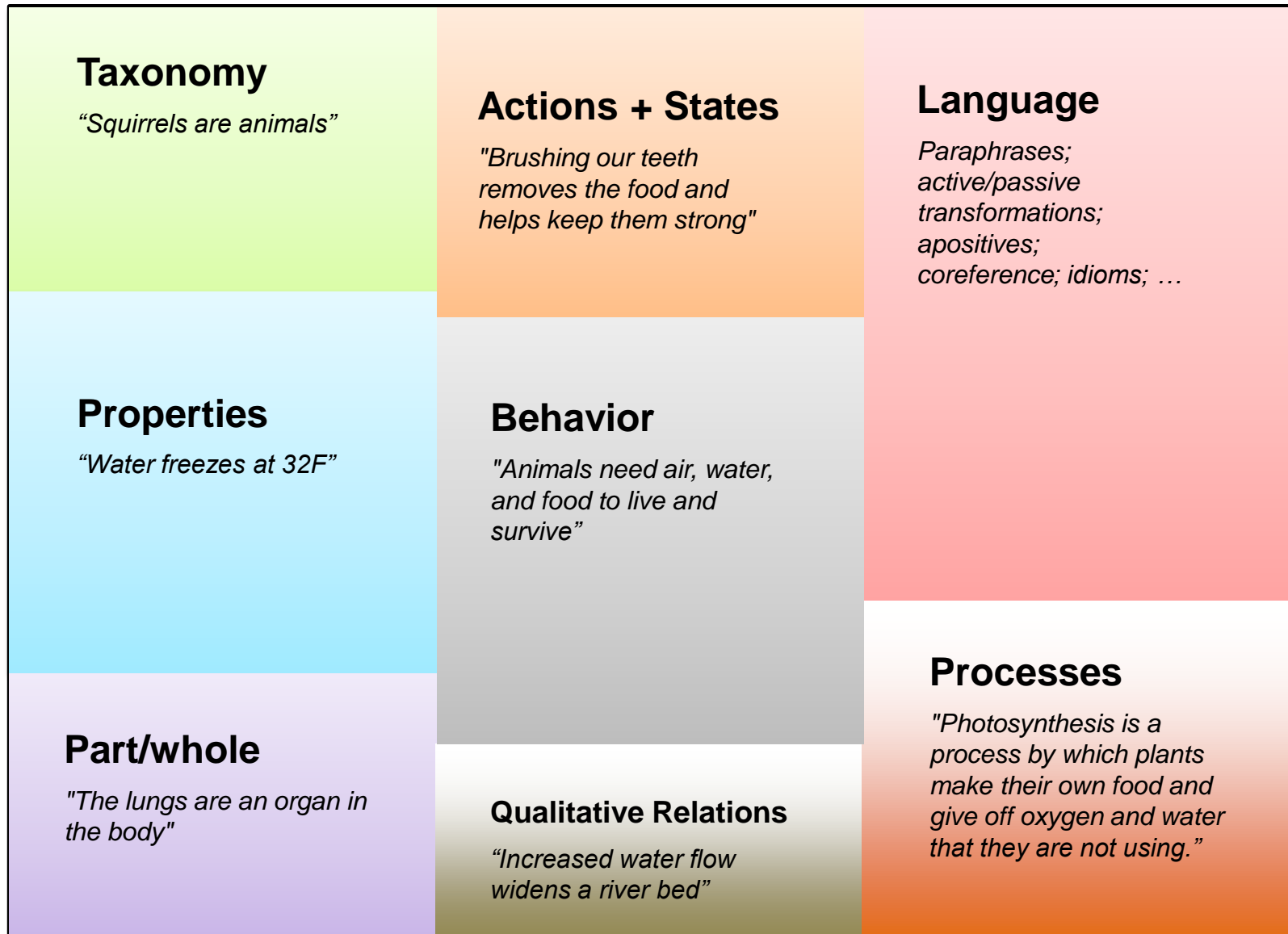
(a bit vague)

Do we need a body to pass the
4th grade science test?



(we can answer this one!)

Factual Knowledge for 4th Grade Science



2014 Knowledge Tour



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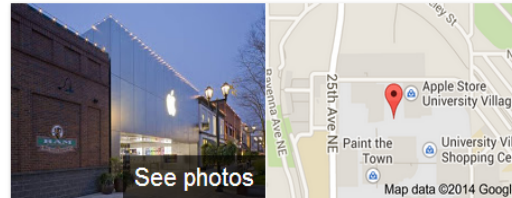
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ABC News - 4 minutes ago

The fiercest rivalry in the world of smartphones is heading back to court this week in the heart of the Silicon Valley, with **Apple** and **Samsung** ...

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 The apple is the pomaceous fruit of the apple tree, species *Malus domestica* in the rose family (Rosaceae). It is one of the most widely cultivated tree fruits, and ...
[Apple Inc. - Disambiguation - Malus sieversii - List of apple cultivars](#)

Apple fruit nutrition facts and health benefits - Nutrition and ...
 www.nutrition-and-you.com/apple-fruit.html
 by Umesh Rudrappa - in 70 Google+ circles
 Delicious and crunchy **apple fruit** is one of the popular fruits containing an impressive list of antioxidants and essential nutrients required for good health...



Apple
 Fruit
 The apple is the pomaceous fruit of the apple tree, species *Malus*

These KBs are fact rich but knowledge poor!

Malus domestica (family Rosaceae), one of the most widely cultivated tree fruits. The apple is a ...

Cashew-Apple Fruit Growing in the Florida Home Landscape...
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Cashew-Apple Fruit Growing in the Florida Home Landscape1.
 John McLaughlin, Carlos Balerdi and Jonathan Crane2.
 Scientific Name: *Anacardium* ...

The Apple - "King" of the Fruit - Nature's Wonderland - Jewish...
 www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/114763/.../Apples.htm - Chabad
 History of the Apple. In honor of Tu-B'Shevat (15th day of Sh'vat), we will now talk about a fruit - a very special fruit - the Apple, "King" of all fruits (in Hebrew it is ...

Sneaky Green Apple Fruit Leather Recipe - Oh My Veggies
 ohmyveggies.com/recipe-sneaky-green-apple-fruit-leather/
 6 hrs 10 mins
 Aug 15, 2013 - This sugar-free **apple fruit leather** recipe is hiding a secret--it's made with spinach! But it tastes so good, you'll never know it's in there.

[Truffle - Edible Arrangements](#)

Amount Per 1 medium (3" dia) (182 g)			
Calories 95			
	% Daily Value*		
Total Fat 0.3 g	0%		
Saturated fat 0.1 g	0%		
Polyunsaturated fat 0.1 g			
Monounsaturated fat 0 g			
Cholesterol 0 mg	0%		
Sodium 2 mg	0%		
Potassium 195 mg	5%		
Total Carbohydrate 25 g	8%		
Dietary fiber 4.4 g	17%		
Sugar 19 g			
Protein 0.5 g	1%		
Vitamin A	1%	Vitamin C	14%
Calcium	1%	Iron	1%
Vitamin D	0%	Vitamin B-6	5%
Vitamin B-12	0%	Magnesium	2%

Machine Reading



Auto-Text to Knowledge

Source: DARPA, Machine Reading initiative

categories relations

- everypromotedthing
- abstractthing
 - creativework
 - book
 - poem
 - lyrics
 - musicalbum
 - musicsong
 - televisionshow
 - movie
 - visualartform
 - species
 - animal
 - vertebrate
 - bird
 - fish
 - reptile
 - mammal
 - amphibian
 - invertebrate
 - arthropod
 - insect
 - crustacean
 - arachnid
 - mollusk
 - archaea
 - bacteria
 - fungus
 - plant
 - physicalaction
 - celltype
 - event
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 - conference
 - mlconference
 - sportsevent
 - olympics
 - race
 - grandprix
 - sportsgame
 - convention
 - crimeorcharge
 - filmfestival
 - musicfestival
 - weatherphenomenon
 - election
 - militaryeventtype
 - militaryconflict
 - color
 - date
 - dayofweek
 - year
 - dateliteral
 - month
 - programminglanguage
 - protein
 - chemical
 - buildingmaterial
 - mldataset

Ask NELL on-demand results:

4 possible entities found

Click to change visible entity:

- [apple_inc \(organization\)](#)
- [apple \(magazine\)](#)
- [apple \(company\)](#)
- [apple \(hotel\)](#)

apple_inc (organization)

literal strings: [apple computers](#), [Apple inc](#), [-Apple](#), [Apple](#), [Apple Computer Inc.](#), [Apple](#), [Apple](#), [APPLE](#), [Apple Computer](#), [Apple Inc](#), [apple computer](#), [APPLE COMPUTER](#), [APple](#), [apple-computer](#), [apple](#), [Apple computer](#), [Apple computer](#), [Apple Computers](#)

categories

- company**(100.0%)
 - SEAL @112 (100.0%) on 03-jun-2010 [why?](#) using apple
 - CPL @722 (100.0%) on 06-apr-2013 [why?](#) using apple
 - Seed
 - MBL @728 (99.9%) on 29-apr-2013 [why?](#) using concept:biotechcompany:apple_inc

NELL Knowledge Base

categories













- relatedto
 - visualartmovement
 - personinacademy
 - generalizationof
 - athletessuchas
 - academicfields
 - chemicaltypes
 - astronautsuccess
 - automobileeng
 - airportsuchasa
 - amphibianssuc
 - aquariumssuc
 - arteriessuchas
 - animaltypephas
 - animalsuchas
 - animalsuc
 - animalsuc
 - animalsuc
 - inverseofart
 - professiontype
 - productinstan
 - booksuchasbo
 - vehicletypes
 - touristattractio
 - celebritysucha
 - archaeasuchas

obama (politician)

literal strings: [OBAMA](#), [OBama](#), [Obama](#), [obama](#)

Help NELL Learn!

NELL wants to know if these beliefs are correct.
If they are or ever were, click thumbs-up. Otherwise, click thumbs-down.

- [obama](#) is a [politician](#)  
- [obama](#) is a [male](#)  
- [obama](#) is a person who [belongs to](#) the organization [house](#) (governmentorganization)  
- [obama](#) is a person [born on](#) the date [n1961](#) (dateliteral)  
- [obama](#) is a person who [graduated from](#) the university [harvard](#) (university)  
- [obama](#) is a person who [graduated from](#) the university [harvard_law_school](#) (university)  

categories

- [politician](#)(100.0%)
 - SEAL @9 (75.0%) on 13-jan-2010 [[1](#) [2](#)] using obama
 - CPL @722 (88.0%) on 06-apr-2013 ["_ is a good president" "_ defends choice" "_ beats McCain" massive scope" "_ is the only President" "_ is the new Hitler" "_ is half-white" "_ is an empty suit" " President" "_ is leading McCain" "McCain trails _" "Kennedy endorsed _" "_ 's Inauguration Day" " campaign" "York Times endorses _" "_ 's Inaugural Address" "more popular votes than _" "_ 's his

Question: can we leverage regularities in language to extract information in a relation-independent way?

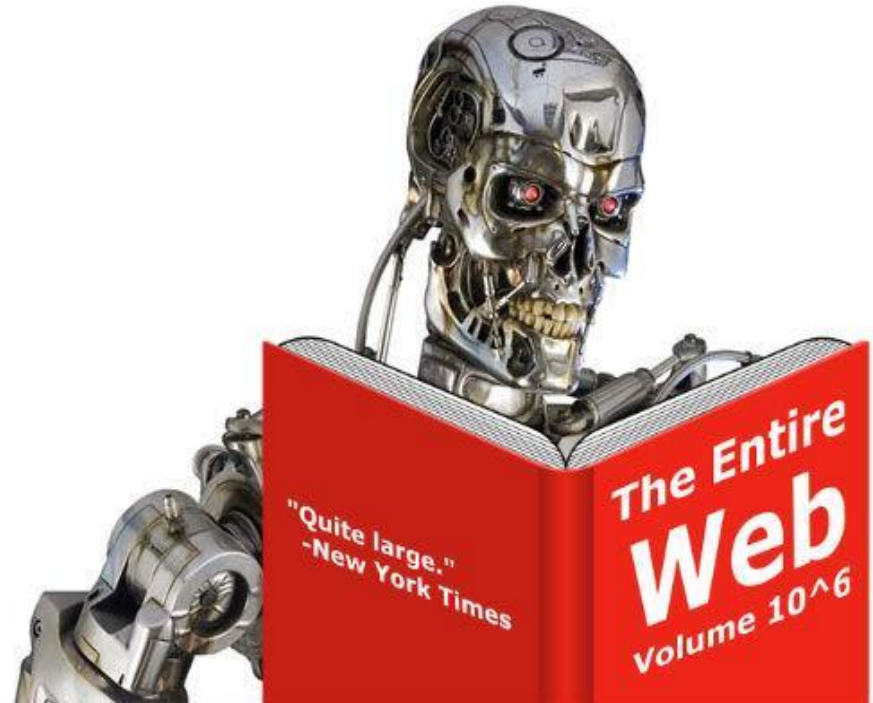


Relations typically:

- anchored in verbs
- exhibit simple syntactic form

Virtues:

- No hand-labeled data
- “No sentence left behind”
- Exploit redundancy of Web





Open Information Extraction



Argument 1: Relation: Argument 2: All

289 answers from 2008 sentences (results truncated)

Apple



The apple is the pomaceous fruit of the apple tree, species *Malus domestica* in the rose family (Rosaceae). It is one of the most widely cultivated tree fruits, and the most widely known of the many members of genus *Malus* that are used by humans. Apples grow on small deciduous trees or large shrubs that have their wild ancestor, *Malus sieversii*, is still

IE over Web sentences suffers from Attention Deficit Disorder!

are in bloom (66)
 grow on **Tree** (58)
 contain **Pectin** (53)
 are a good source of **Dietary fiber** (40)
 produces **Apple** (34)
 are rich in **Pectin** (33)
 are in season (32)
 are high in **Dietary fiber** (30)
 fall from **Tree** (24)
 is cut in half (22)

Common-Sense Knowledge from Images

Which animals lay eggs?

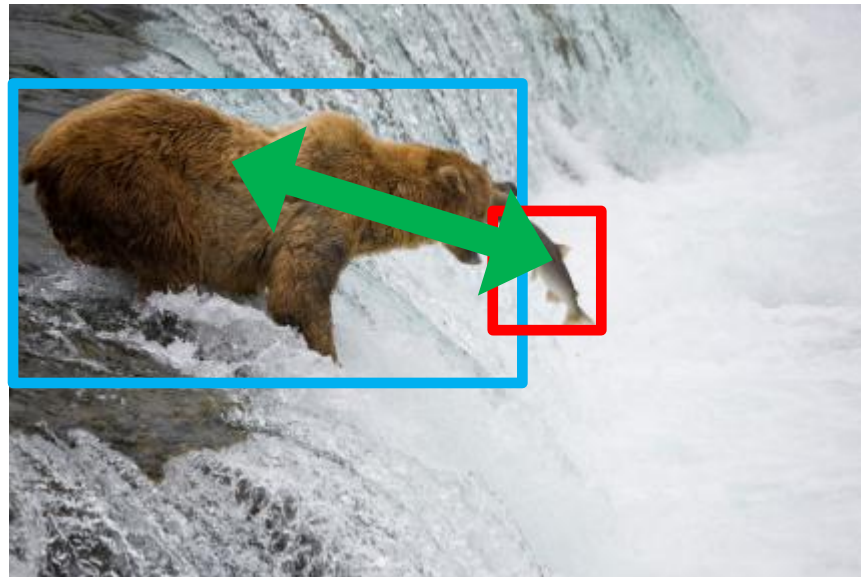


Obtaining Visual Knowledge

1. Detect Objects (nouns)
2. Reason about Actions (verbs)


Key Challenges:

- Supervision (Bounding boxes, Spatial relations)
- Large-Scale ($\sim 10^5$ objects, $\sim 10^3$ actions)



VisIE: Visual Information Extraction (Sadeghi, Divvala, Farhadi, submitted)

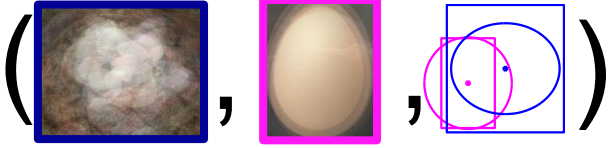
Do dogs eat ice cream?



dog dog eating ice cream

OpenIE
 ConceptNet
 VisIE

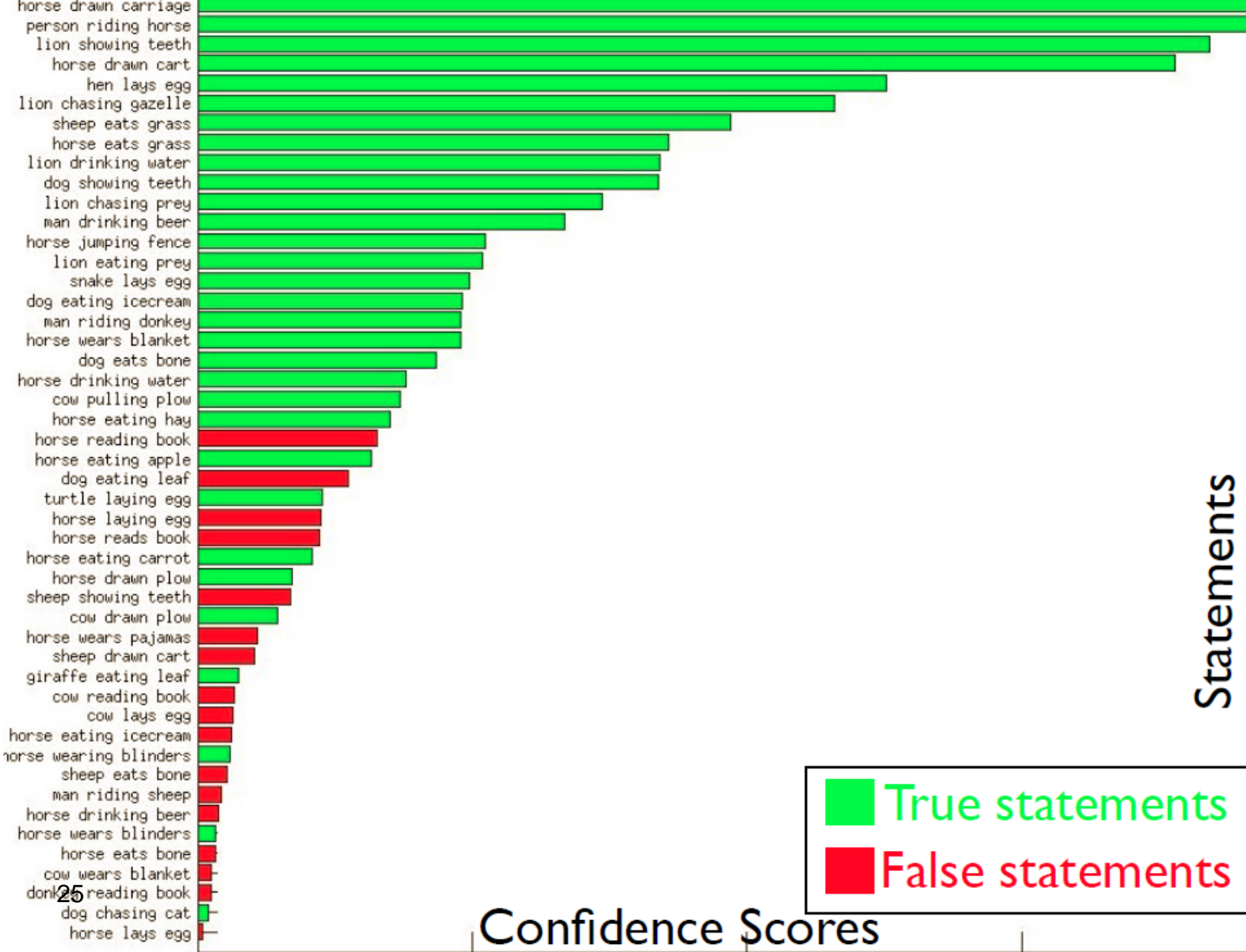
Do snakes lay egg?



Snake laying eggs egg

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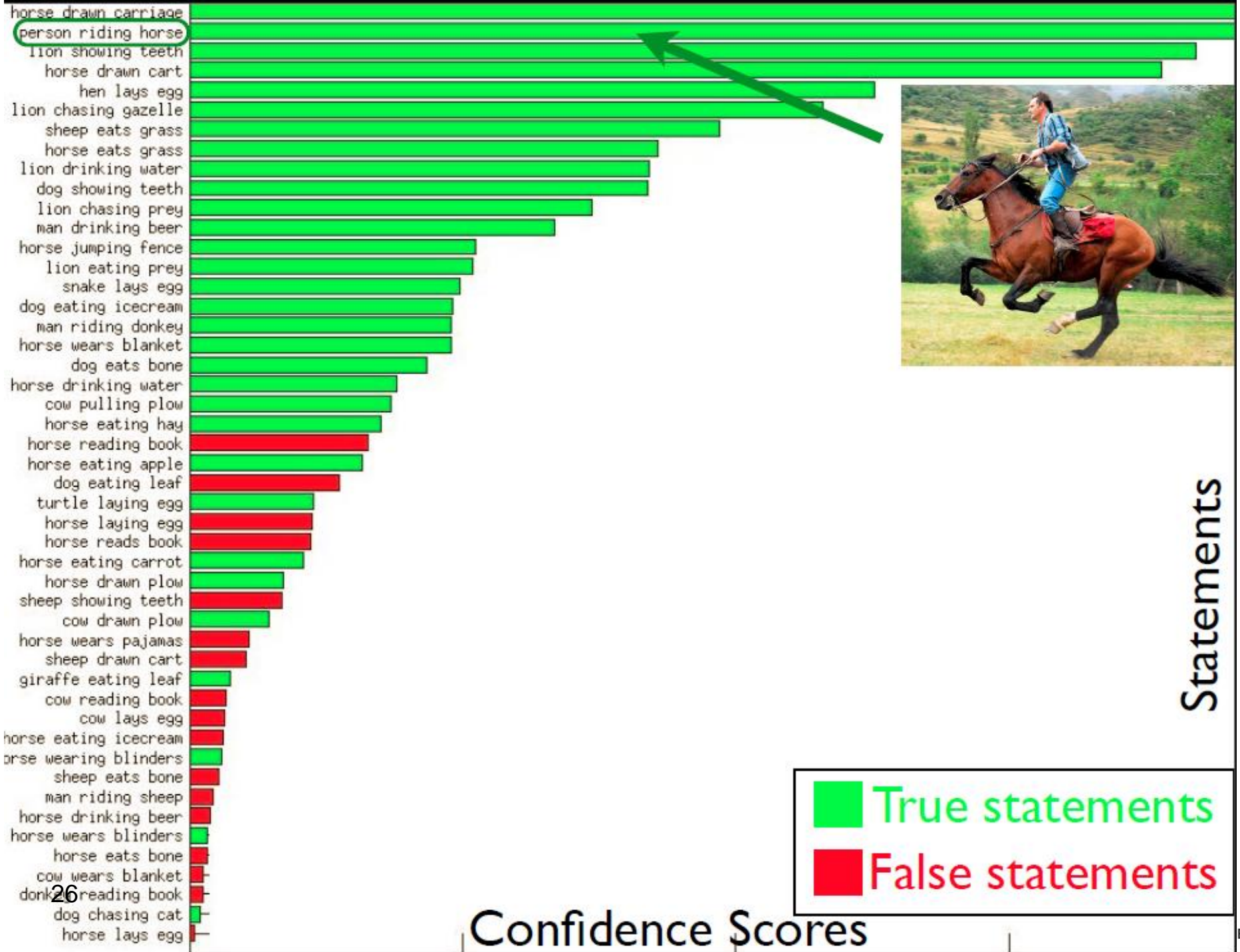
- Builds object detectors based on Google images
- Utilizes a joint model over detectors to assess triples
- Mean Average Precision = 0.54



Statements

■ True statements
■ False statements

Confidence Scores



horse drawn carriage
 person riding horse
 lion showing teeth
 horse drawn cart
 hen lays egg
 lion chasing gazelle
 sheep eats grass
 horse eats grass
 lion drinking water
 dog showing teeth
 lion chasing prey
 man drinking beer
 horse jumping fence
 lion eating prey
 snake lays egg
 dog eating icecream
 man riding donkey
 horse wears blanket
 dog eats bone
 horse drinking water
 cow pulling plow
 horse eating hay
 horse reading book
 horse eating apple
 dog eating leaf
 turtle laying egg
 horse laying egg
 horse reads book
 horse eating carrot
 horse drawn plow
 sheep showing teeth
 cow drawn plow
 horse wears pajamas
 sheep drawn cart
 giraffe eating leaf
 cow reading book
 cow lays egg
 horse eating icecream
 horse wearing blinders
 sheep eats bone
 man riding sheep
 horse drinking beer
 horse wears blinders
 horse eats bone
 cow wears blanket
 key reading book
 dog chasing cat
 horse lays egg



person riding horse

man riding donkey

man riding sheep

27



 True statements
 False statements

Statements

Confidence Scores

Facts are necessary, but not sufficient

A Theory also includes:

- Rules
- Reasoning
- Explanation

A Theory is Greater than the Sum of its Facts

Aristo Demo

1. General rules from Barron's Study Guide
2. Background facts stated in the question
3. Multiple Choice

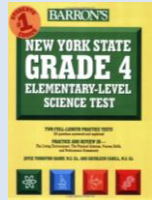
[Aristo Demo](#)

Reasoning Method

- Deductive reasoning is too restrictive:
 - fall down \nVdash fall down to the ground
 - Most animals have legs \nVdash dogs have legs...
- Shallow text alignment is too permissive:
 - {turn, a, liquid, into, a, solid} \approx {turn, a, solid, into, a, liquid}
- Probabilistic reasoning is challenging
 - Text \rightarrow MLN mapping is unsolved
 - “People breathe air.”
 - Naïve encoding of single sentence \rightarrow
10¹⁰ node Markov Logic Network (MLN)

MLN Scaling for Rules Extracted from Text

A short study guide example: "Some animals grow thick fur in winter to stay warm."



First order representation using 6 variables, 6 non-Isa predicates, 2 existentials:

$\forall a, g, f, w$: Isa(a , "Some animals"), Isa(g , "grow"), Isa(f , "thicker fur"), Isa(w , "the winter"),
Agent(g , a), Object(g , f), In(g , w)
 $\Rightarrow \exists s, m$: Isa(s , "stays"), Isa(m , "warm"), Enables(g , s), Agent(s , a), Object(s , m)

MLN encoding k science rules

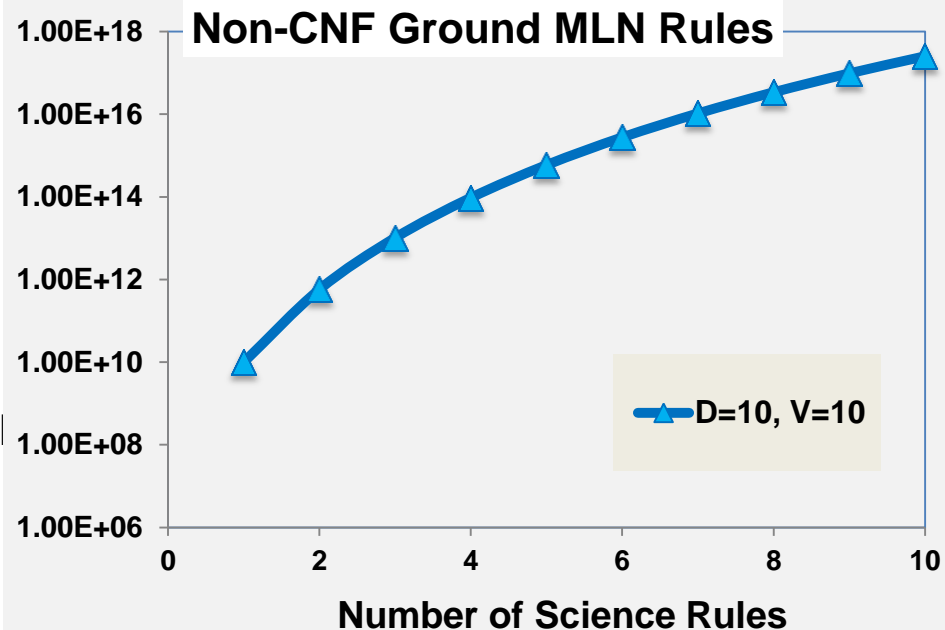
$\Rightarrow \sim(D \cdot k)^V$ ground network rules

Domain size

- ~10
- But no symmetry or exchangeability

Variables per rule

- ~10 for extracted rules
- ~3 in typical hand-coded rule



Enhancements for Tractability

1. Add **semantic constraints**
 - E.g., $\text{Cause}(x,y) \Rightarrow \text{Effect}(y,x)$, events have unique agents, ...
2. Use **hard constraints to simplify** & reduce soft constraints
 - SAT solver for unit propagation + backbone/fixed variable detection
3. Use **refined types** to reduce domain size
 - Consider only lexically similar entities/events
4. Use **constants** in place of first-order variables, where possible

Still slow and inaccurate!

- 3 min per question (with **just 1** extracted rule)
- 47% accuracy (4-way multiple choice)

Motivation for New Approach

- Can treat all mentioned entities/events as constants
- Inference requires “fuzzy” matching between extracted terms

thicker fur \approx thicker fur in winter \approx heavier coat

We formulate matching as a probabilistic inference

Probabilistic Alignment over graphs

Treat extracted rules as graphs

- vertices = entities/events;
- edges = relations; partitioned into antecedent/consequent

▪ Sibling inference tasks:

AlignmentMLN + InferenceMLN

Lexical Reasoning

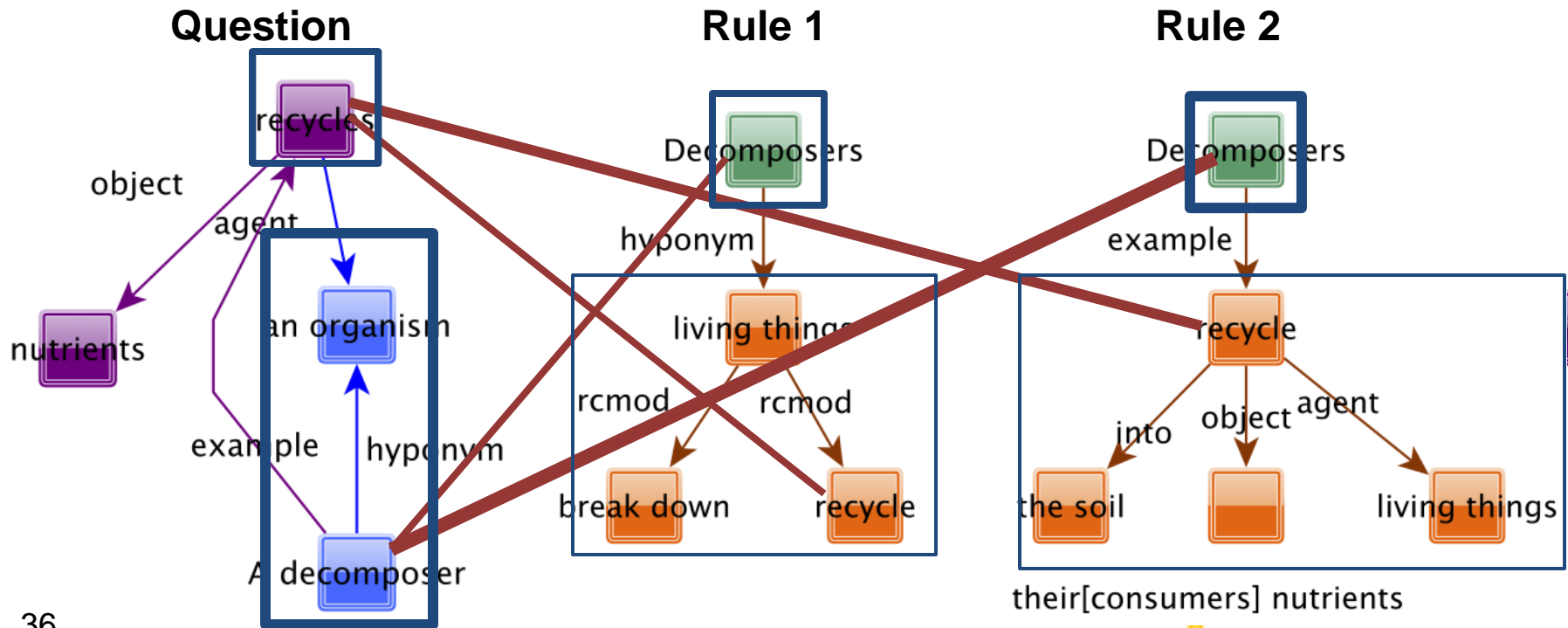
Structured alignment beyond BOW:
word similarity + *graph structure*

*Directional Inference
with extracted rules*

- Multi-path version of reasoning in “the demo”
- Directionality: thick fur => warm, but warm ≠> thick fur

ProbAligner Method: Inference (work in progress)

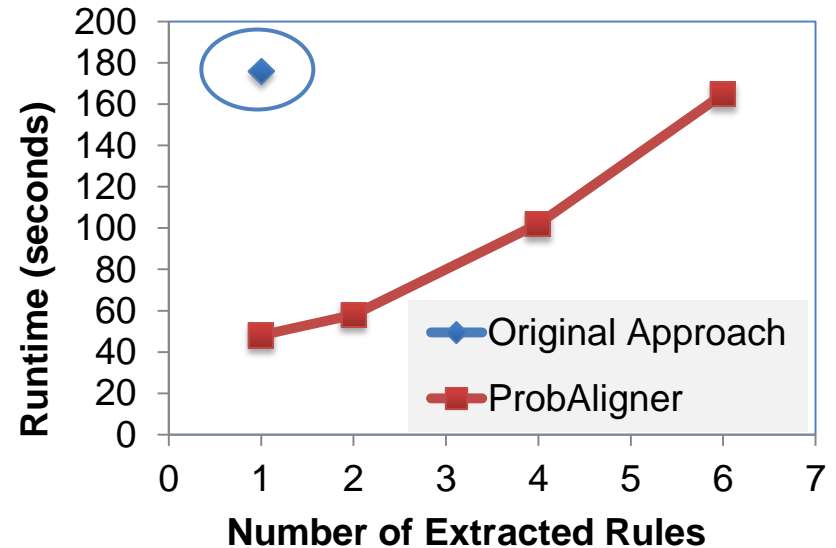
- **Example Question:** *Is it true that a decomposer is an organism that recycles nutrients?*
- Example Rules (**antecedent** => **consequent**) :
 1. **Decomposers** are **living things** that **break down and recycle**
 2. **Decomposers** are **living things** that **recycle their[consumers] nutrients into the soil**



ProbAligner Results (work in progress)

- **Faster**

- Few variables per rule (independent of extracted rule length)
 - No existentially quantified variables
- => Better scaling



- **More robust**

Conclusion

AI2 is one year old

We are hard at work on:

- Sophisticated IE (rules, processes)
- Probabilistic reasoning over extracted rules
- Question understanding

We utilize standardized tests to assess progress

- Early results on Arithmetic & Geometry (EMNLP & AAAI)

Data and publications are here: www.allenai.org

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