

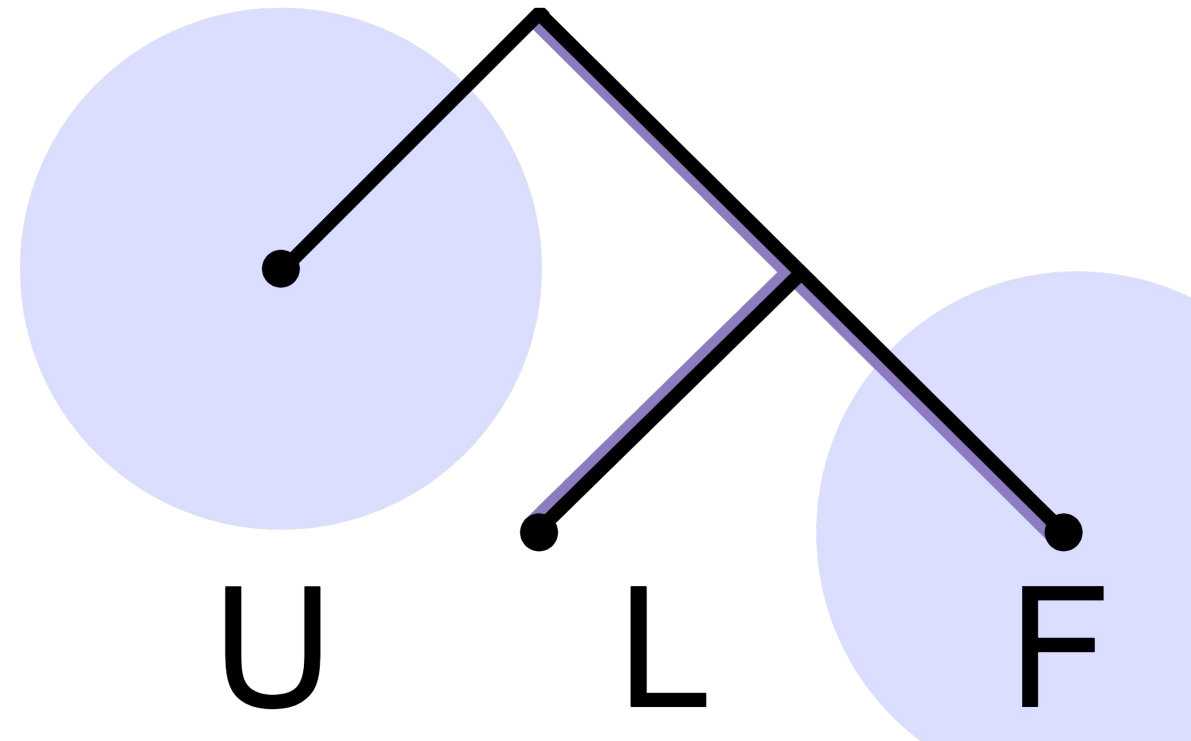
Corpus Annotation, Parsing, and Inference for Episodic Logic Type Structure

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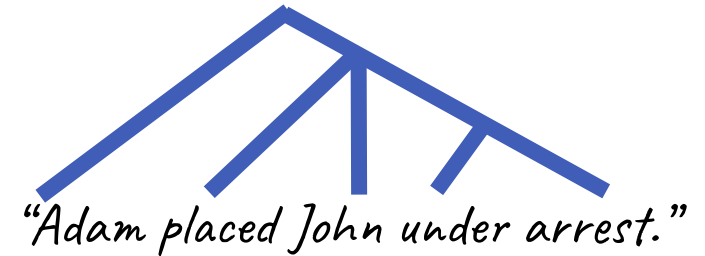
**What does it mean to
understand language?**

AI-complete?

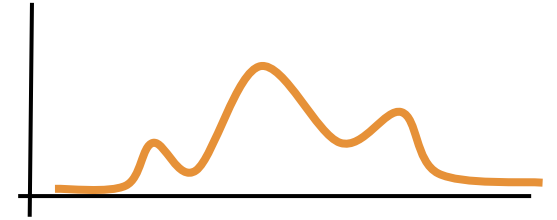


To understand language

1. parse the structure
2. relate to world knowledge
3. consider the participants



Distributional



or

Symbolic

Abc
 $x = y$ Ω

Feature of Symbolic Systems

Effect of single interactions on

- complex plans
- model of the world

Major systematic change

Requires modeling of precise relationships

Interface for world model & communicative intent

→ **Language Meaning** (Bender & Koller 2020)

Symbols for Language Meaning

Shared across languages: purpose + human cognition

- truth/falsity
- predicates
- identity
- generalized quantifiers
- modification
- reification
- event reference
- comparatives

} FOL

most, few, many, no, at most 10

very, gracefully, nearly, possibly

Beauty is subjective. That exoplanets exist is now certain.

*Many children had not been vaccinated against measles;
this situation caused sporadic outbreaks of the disease.*

Doorways are taller than most people

Proposal

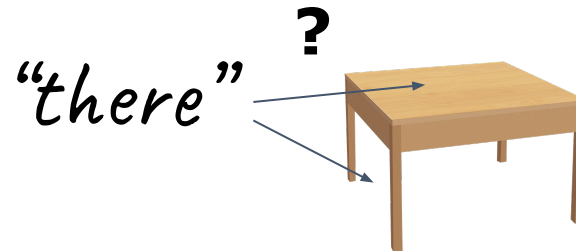
Bridge the gap with
a type system

+

ambiguity

“Spot runs”

$D + (D \rightarrow T) = T$
“Spot” *“runs”*



Unscoped Episodic Logical Forms (ULF)

Underspecified Expressive Logic

ULF Parsing

Neural Model Over a Transition System

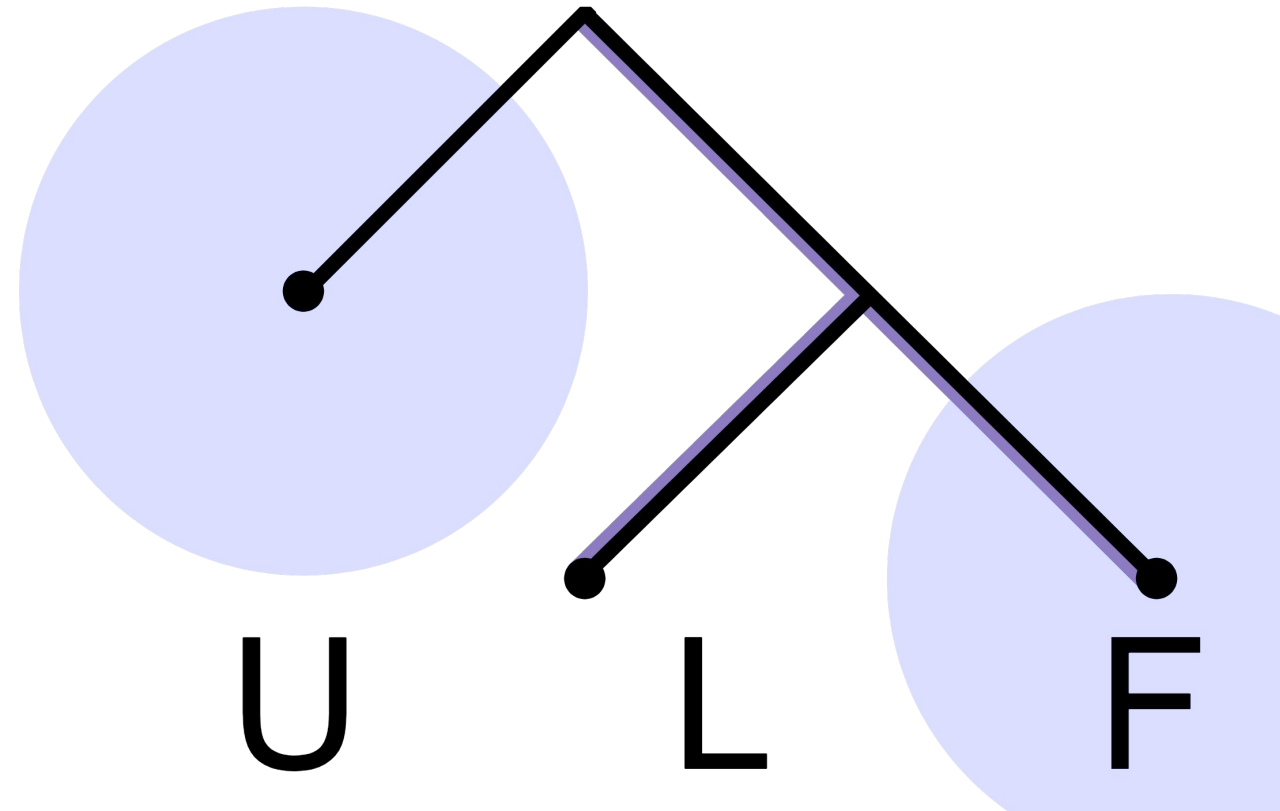
ULF Inference

Pragmatic Discourse and Natural Logic

Wider Use of ULF

Spatial Reasoning Agent & Schema Learning

Design of ULF



Episodic Logic (EL)

- Extended FOL
- Closely matches expressivity of natural languages
 - Predicates, connectives, quantifiers, equality
 - Predicate and sentence modification
 - Predicate and sentence reification
 - Generalized quantifiers
 - Intensional predicates
 - Reference to events and situations

EL Inference

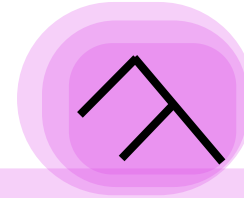
- Suitable for deductive and uncertain inference
- EPILOG for fast and comprehensive theorem proving

**How hard is it to annotate and
parse Episodic Logic?**

"I want to dance in my new shoes"



Episodic Logic


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Errors for 1 in 3 verb definitions! (Kim and Schubert, 2016)

**What if we leave things that are
ambiguous without context?**

"I want to dance in my new shoes"



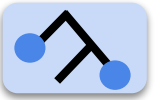
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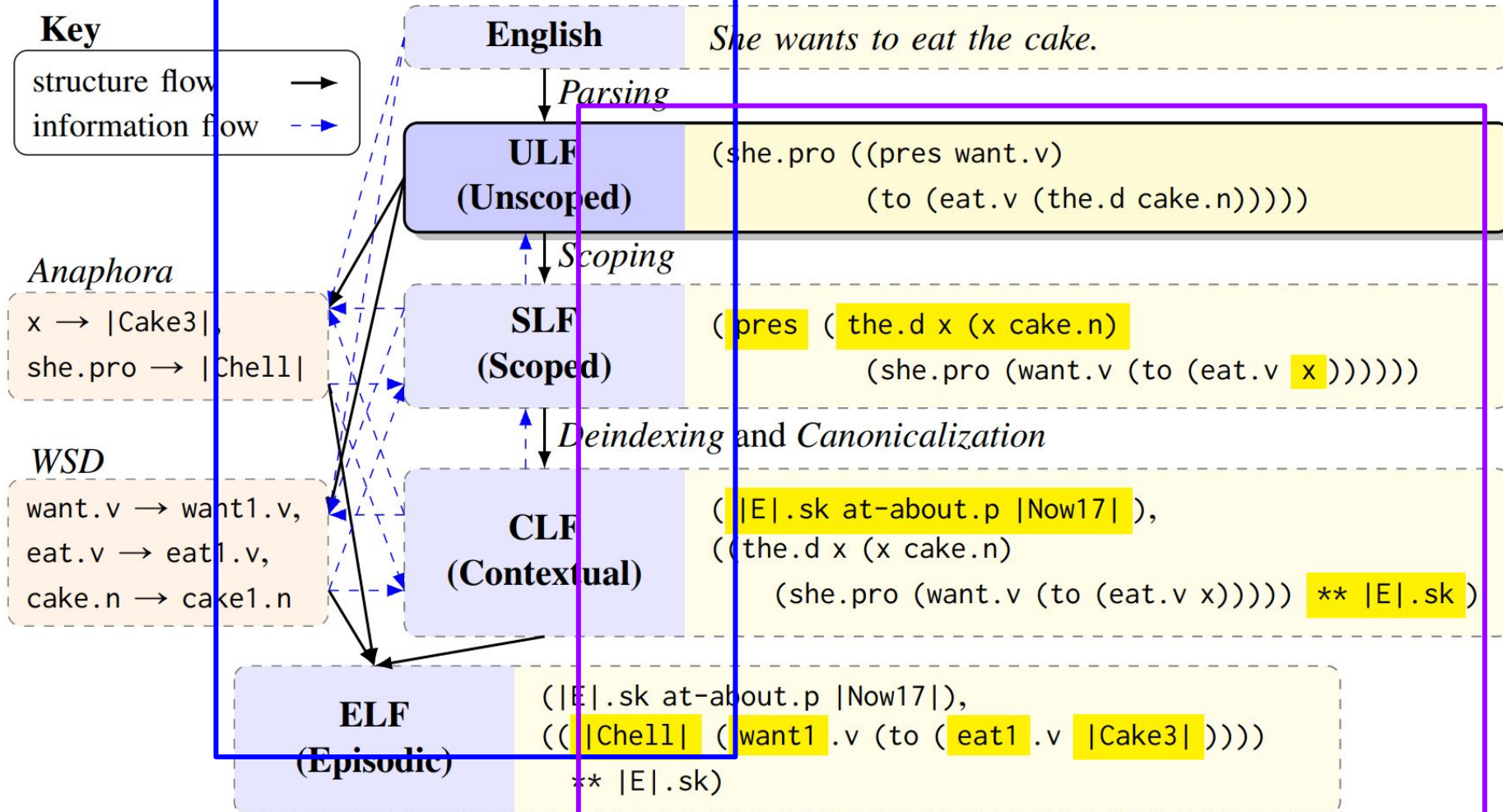
Unscoped Logical Form



$(\text{i.pro } ((\text{pres want.v})$
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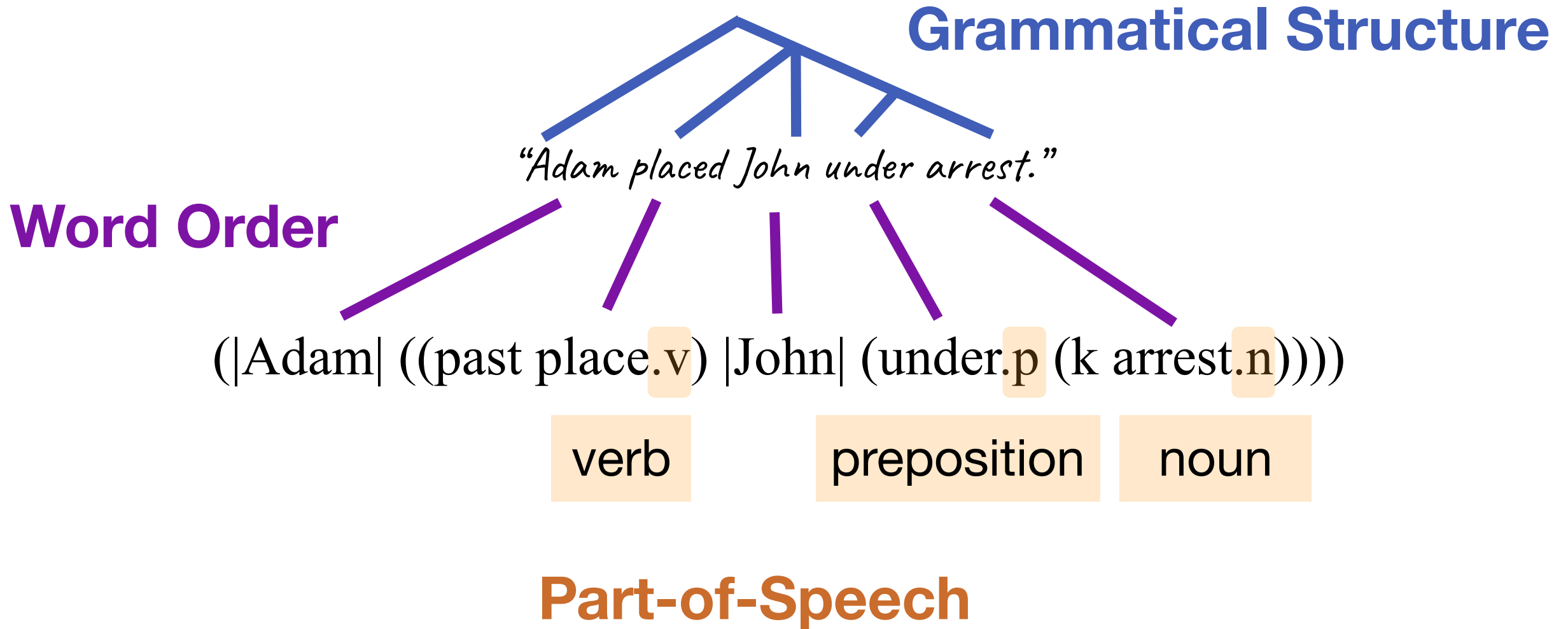
1. Retain ambiguity of
 - a. *scopes*
 - b. *word sense*
 - c. *anaphora*
 - d. *event relations*
2. Maintain semantic coherence
3. Reflect syntactic structure

(Partially) Statistical



Symbolic

ULF & Syntax



ULF & Semantics

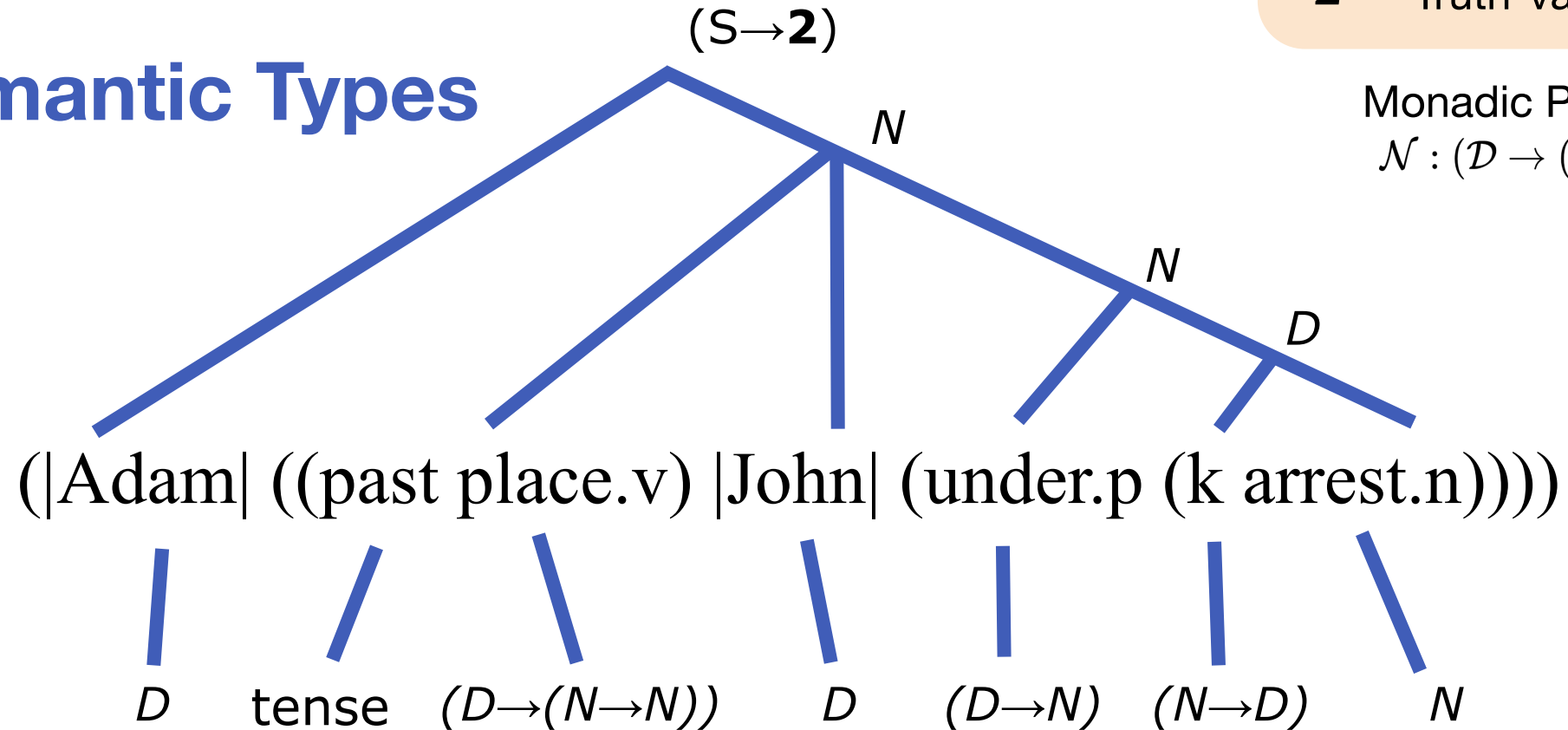
Basic Ontological Types

\mathcal{D} Domain
 \mathcal{S} Situations
 $\mathbf{2}$ Truth-value

Semantic Types

Monadic Predicate

$\mathcal{N} : (\mathcal{D} \rightarrow (\mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbf{2}))$



ULF & Semantics

Basic Ontological Types

\mathcal{D}	Domain
\mathcal{S}	Situations
$\mathbf{2}$	Truth-value

"Alice thinks that John nearly fell"

(|Alice| (((pres think.v)
 (that (|John| (nearly.adv-a (past fall.v))))))))

Monadic Predicate

$\mathcal{N} : (\mathcal{D} \rightarrow (\mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbf{2}))$

"You made the order for me"

(you.pro ((past make.v) (the.d order.n) (adv-a (for.p me.pro))))

Determiner ($\mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$): the.d

Modifier Constructor ($\mathcal{N} \rightarrow (\mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{N})$): adv-a

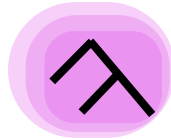
Predicate modifier ($\mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$): nearly.adv-a

Sentence reifier ($((\mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbf{2}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D})$): that

"I want to dance in my new shoes"



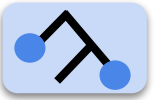
Episodic Logic



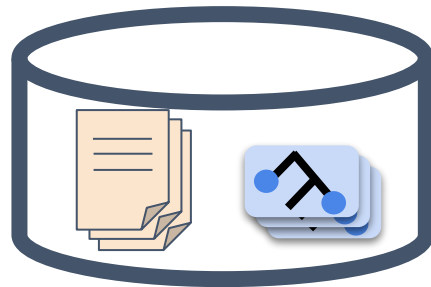
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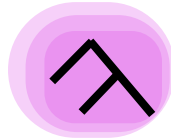


Dataset

"I want to dance in my new shoes"

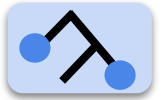


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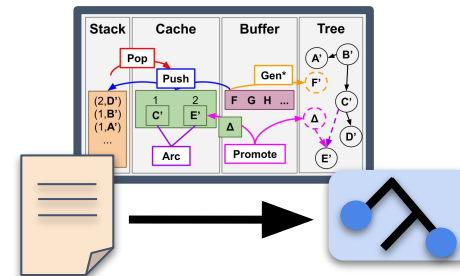
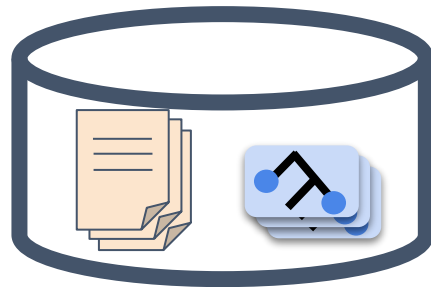


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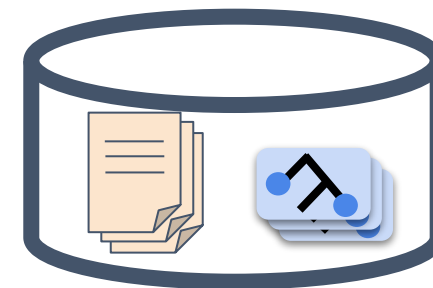


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Dataset & Parser

Dataset Annotation

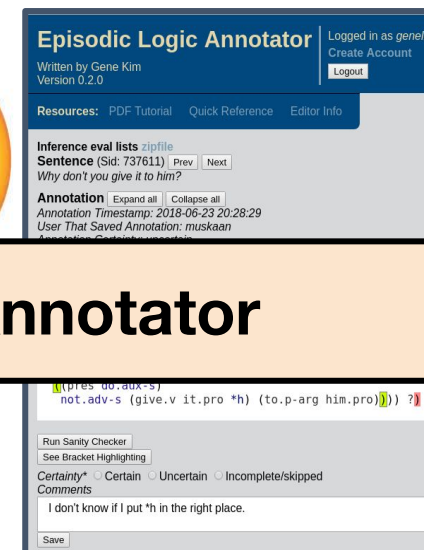


Human ULF annotations

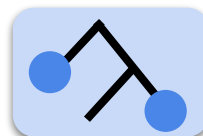
- are *fast*
(~8 min/sent)
- are *consistent*
(up to 0.88 IAA)



"She wants to eat the cake"

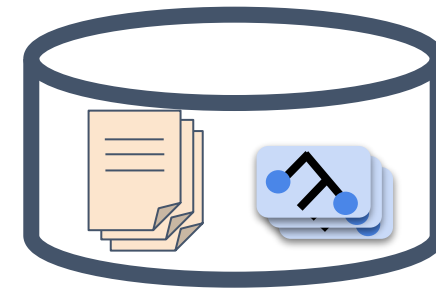


Human Annotator



`(she.pro ((pres want.v)
 (to (eat.v (the.d cake.n))))))`

Data (ULF Release)



1,738 sentences

Trained student annotators

+

Reviewed by an expert annotator

Text Sources

Tatoeba (crowd-sourced translations)

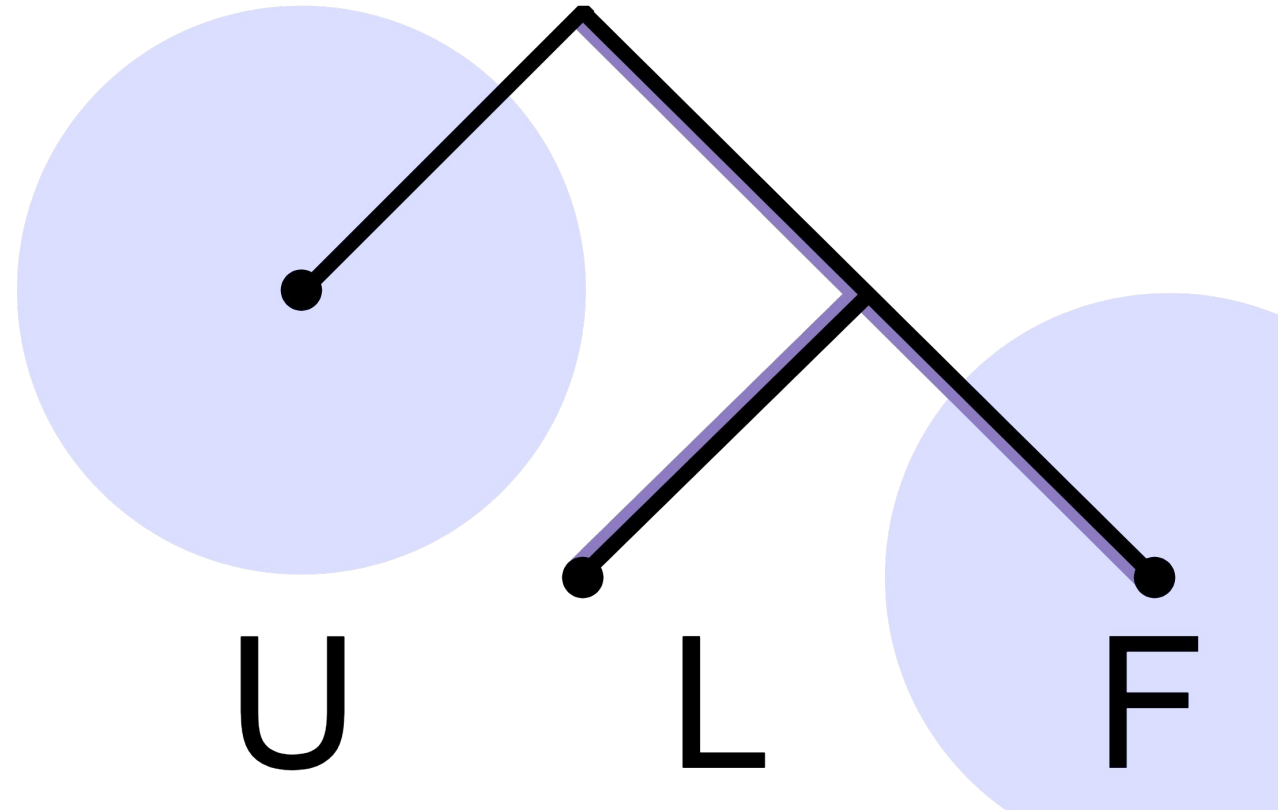
Project Gutenberg (100 most popular)

Discourse Graphbank (WSJ subset) [Wolf, 2005]

UIUC Question Classification [Li & Roth, 2002]



Parsing into ULF





Viet Duong
UR

Xin (Lucy) Lu
Stanford
(formerly UR)



Lenhart Schubert
UR

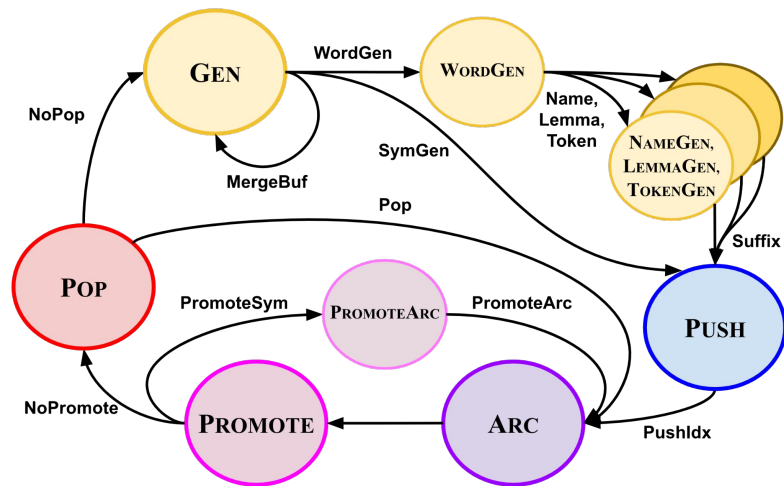
Can we actually learn a parser from English to ULF?

Challenge

Relatively modest dataset size

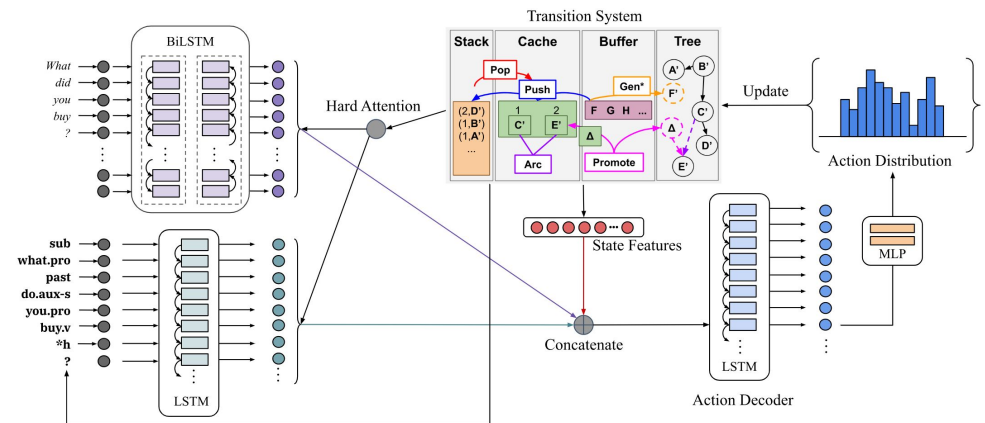
Parser Design

ULF-oriented transition system



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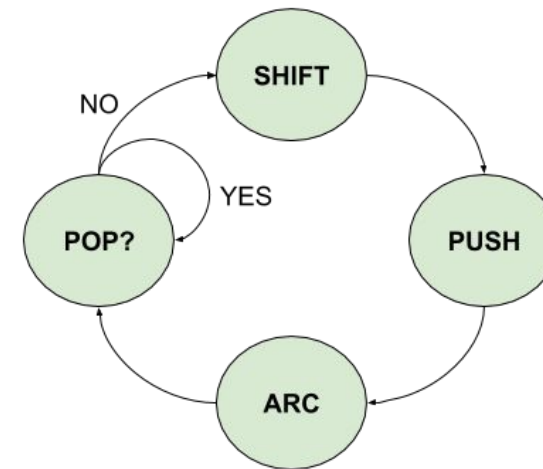
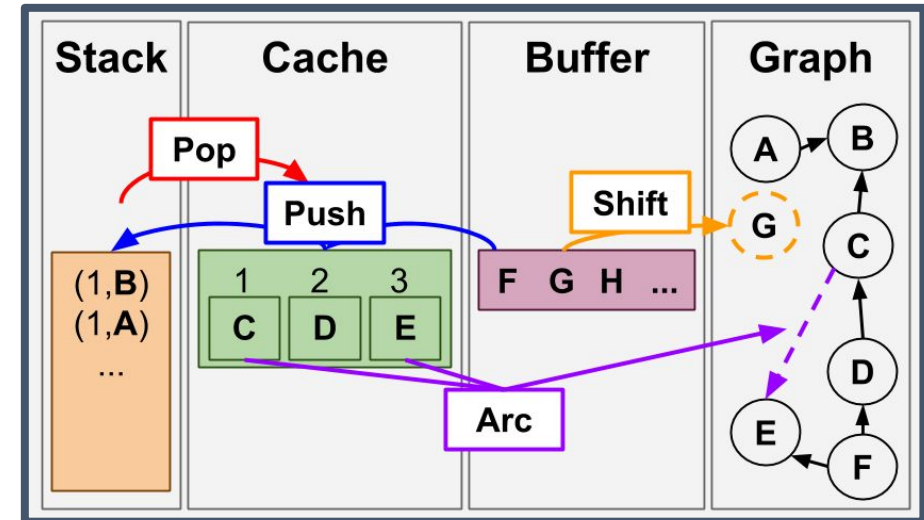
Neural action selector



Cache Transition System

Initialize with empty stack & cache, buffer of node labels

1. **Shift:** add buffer node to graph
2. **Push:** insert shifted node to cache (move prior one to stack)
3. **Arc:** make edges in cache
4. **Pop:** remove rightmost cache element (move elements to right)



How do we tailor this to ULF?

Node label regularity

Word-based Node Labels

Word

"ran"
"valuable"
"opinion"
"able"
"must"
"Coke"



ULF

run.v
valuable.a
opinion.n
able.a
must.aux-s
|Coke|.n

AMR

possible-01
obligate-01

Structure-based Node Labels

Type-shifter

k

ka

that

adv-a

operates on

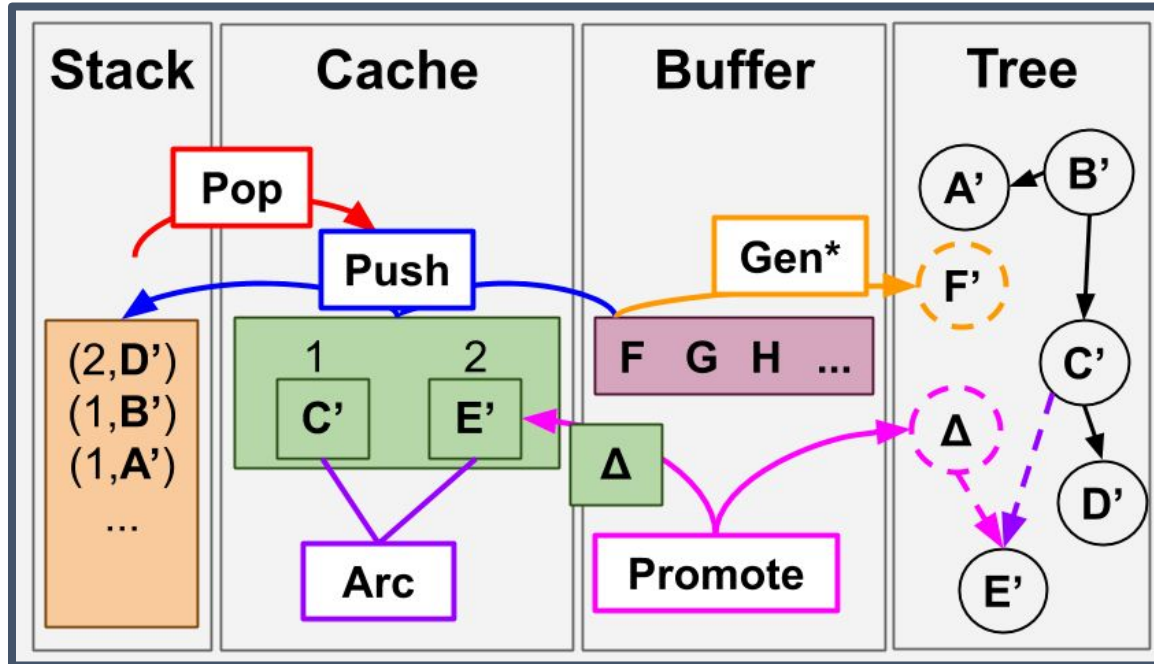
Operand

noun predicates (k gold.n)

verb predicates (ka (run.v quickly.adv-a))

sentences (that (i.pro (past win.v)))

any predicates (adv-a (for.p you.pro))



Gen*

"ran" $\xrightarrow{\cdot v}$ run.v

"refreshed" $\xrightarrow{\cdot a}$ refreshed.a

"Coke" $\xrightarrow{|| \cdot n}$ |Coke|.n

Promote

dog.n \xrightarrow{k} (k dog.n)

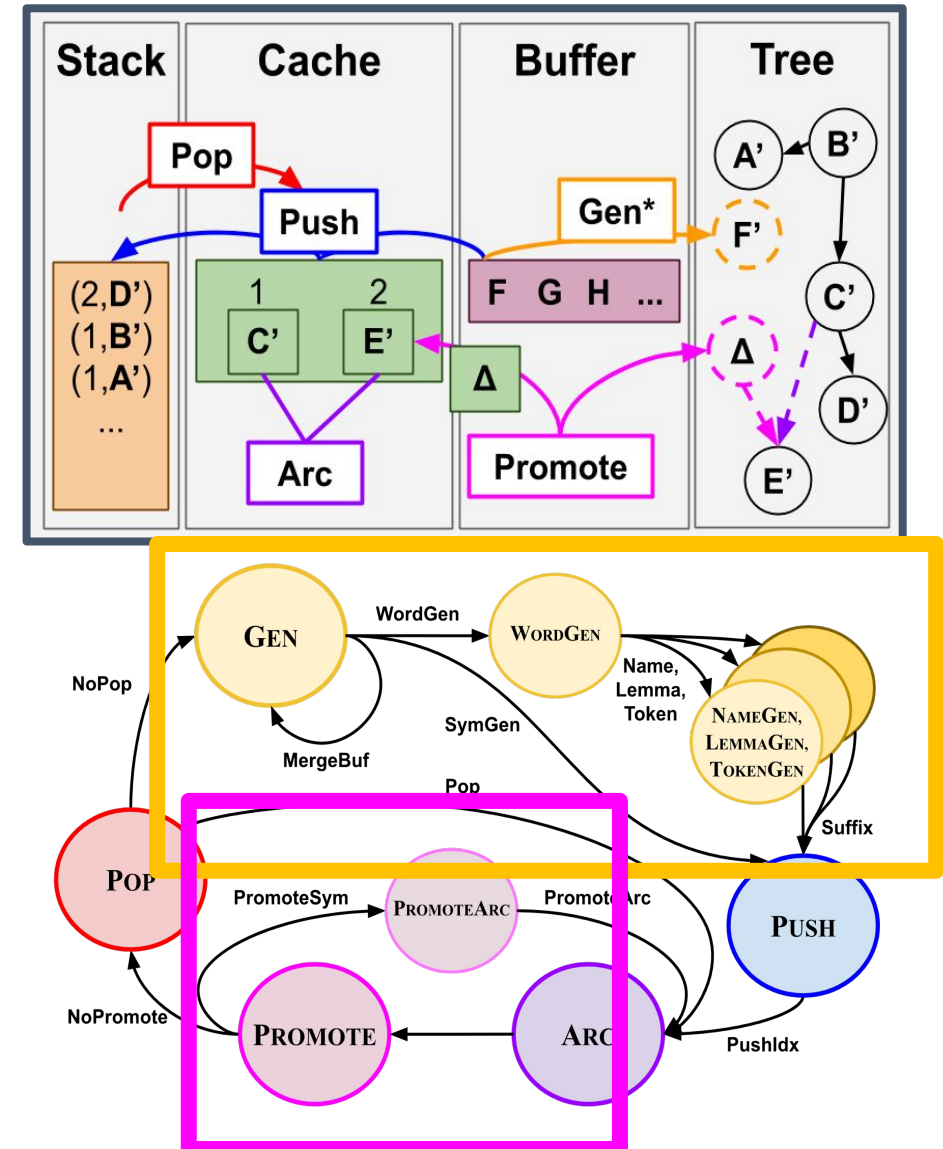
quick.a $\xrightarrow{\text{adv-a}}$ (adv-a quick.a)

(i.pro (past win.v))
 $\xrightarrow{\text{that}}$ (that (i.pro (past win.v)))

Transition System Procedure

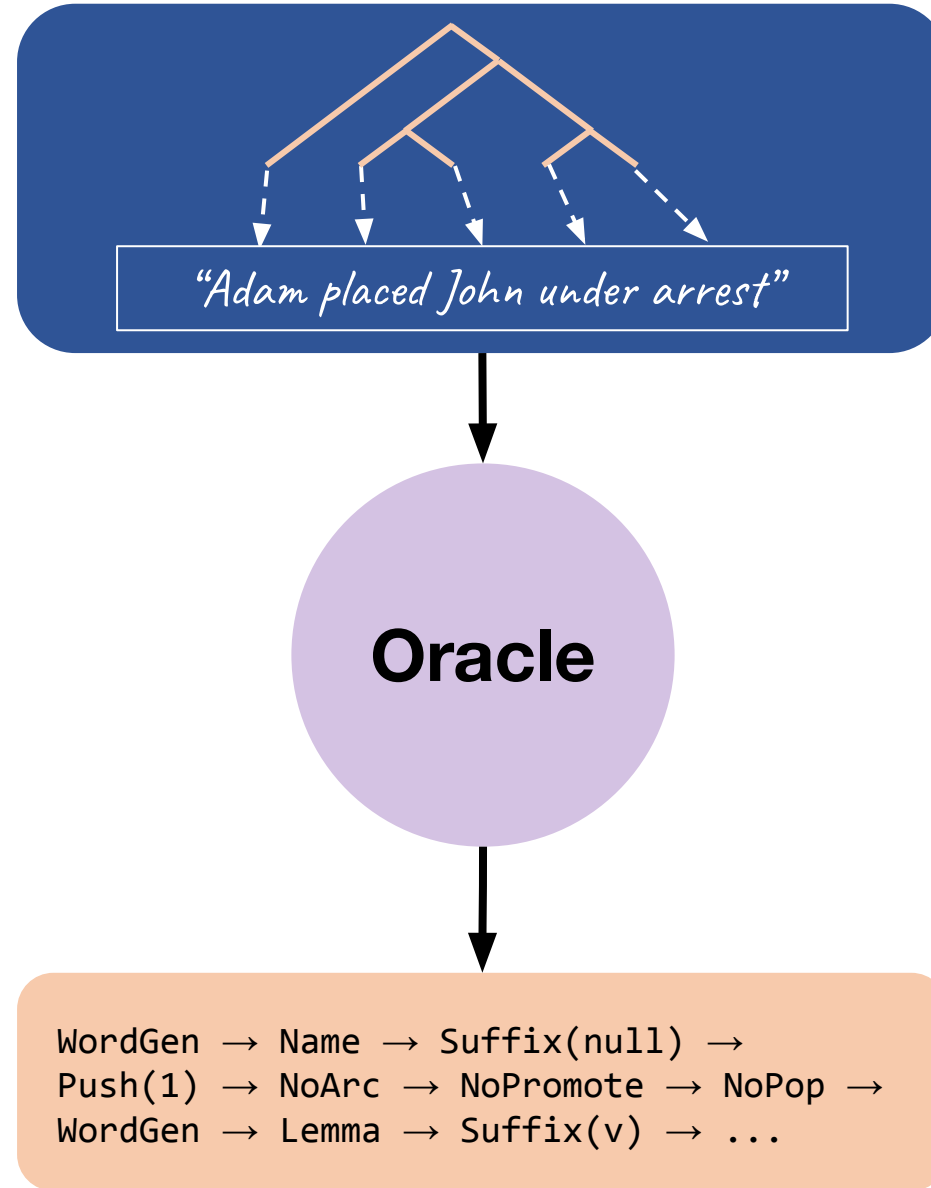
Initialize with empty stack & cache, buffer of word sequence.

1. **Gen:** generate a symbol and add to tree
2. **Push:** insert gen'd node to cache
3. **Arc:** make edges in cache
4. **Promote:** type-shift rightmost cache element
5. **Pop:** remove rightmost cache element (move elements to right)



How do we train an action selector?

Labeled ULF + Alignment



Parsing Action Sequence

Oracle

Gen & Arc

Greedy symbol and edge generation
while tracking word-symbol alignment

Skip words if their alignment is earlier than predicted

Push

Choose the cache index whose closest
edge or path including only promoted
symbols into buffer is farthest away

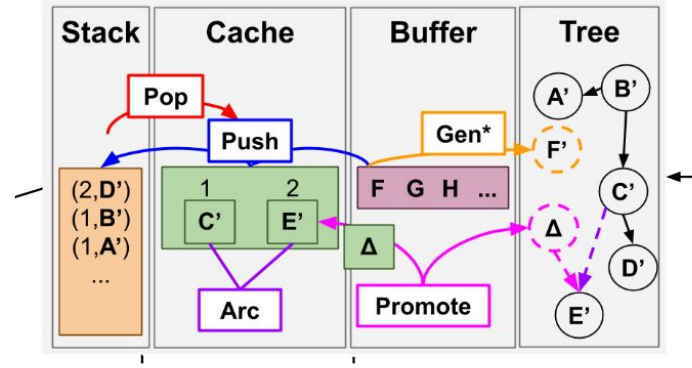
Unaligned symbols may be generated via promote

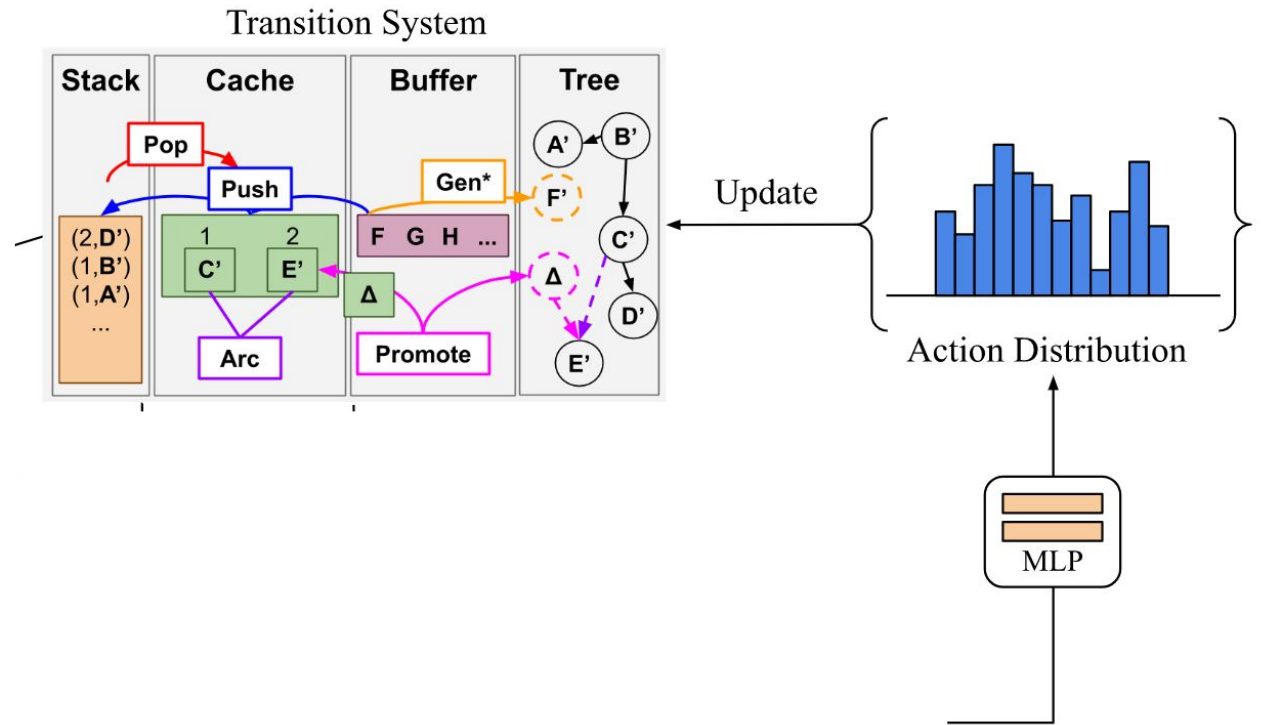
Promote

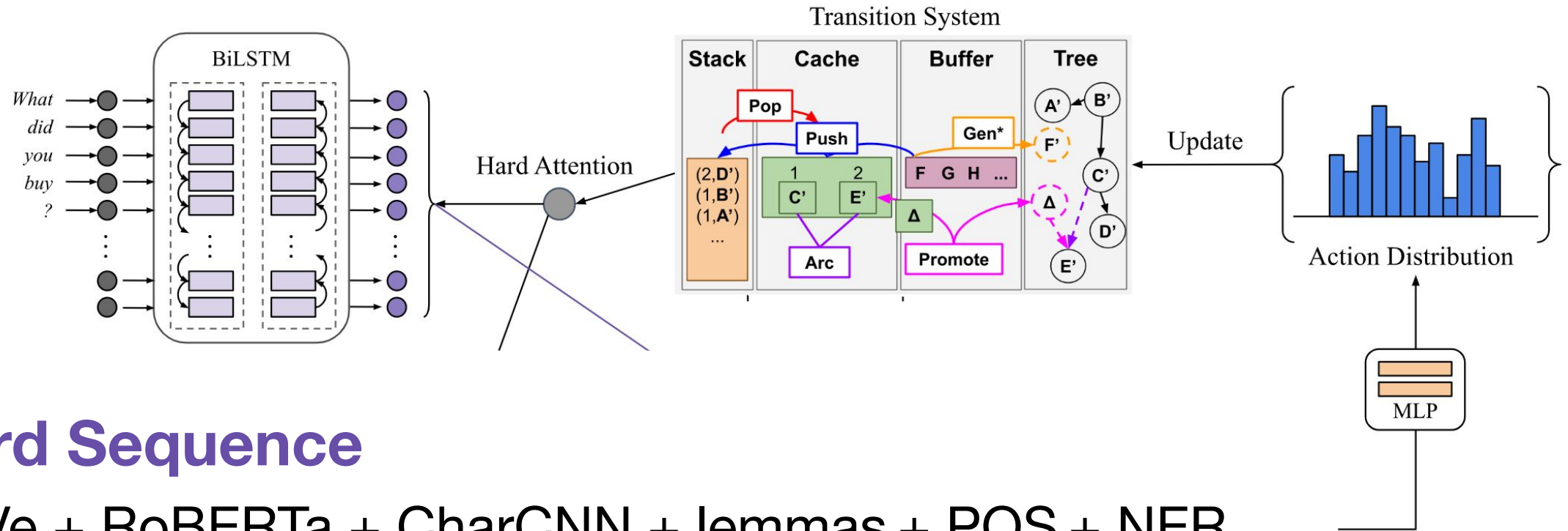
If promoted gold edge exists to
rightmost cache item and child
is fully formed, add it.

*Bottom-up enforced for Promote & Type
Constrained Decoding*

Transition System

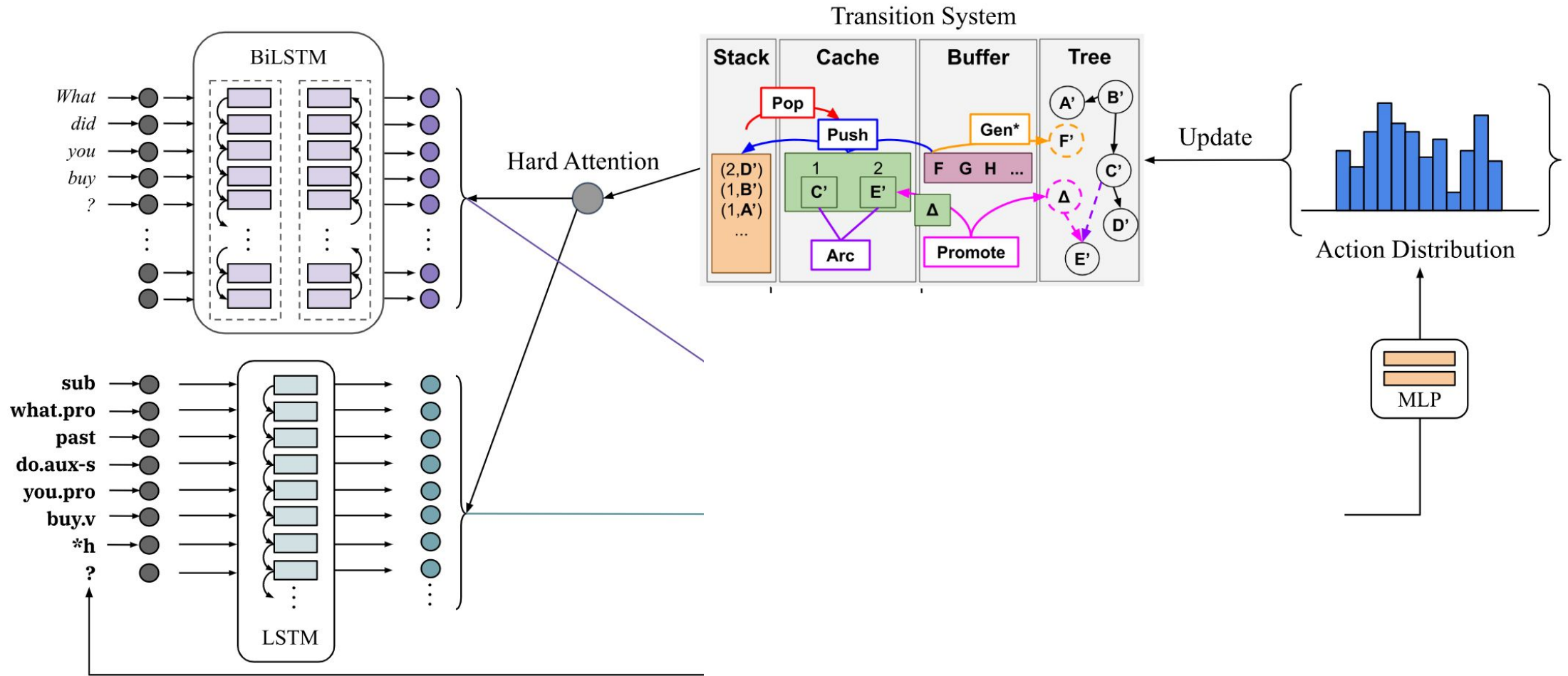






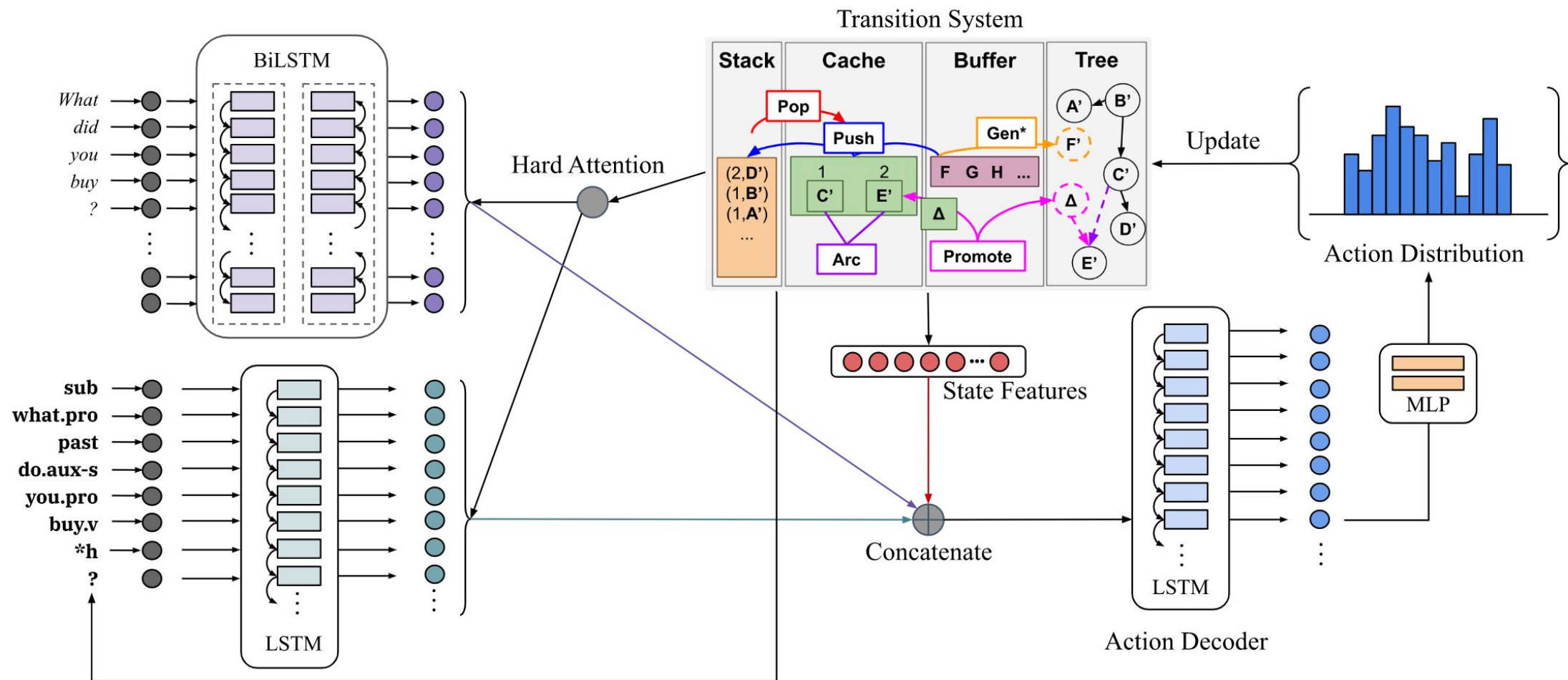
Word Sequence

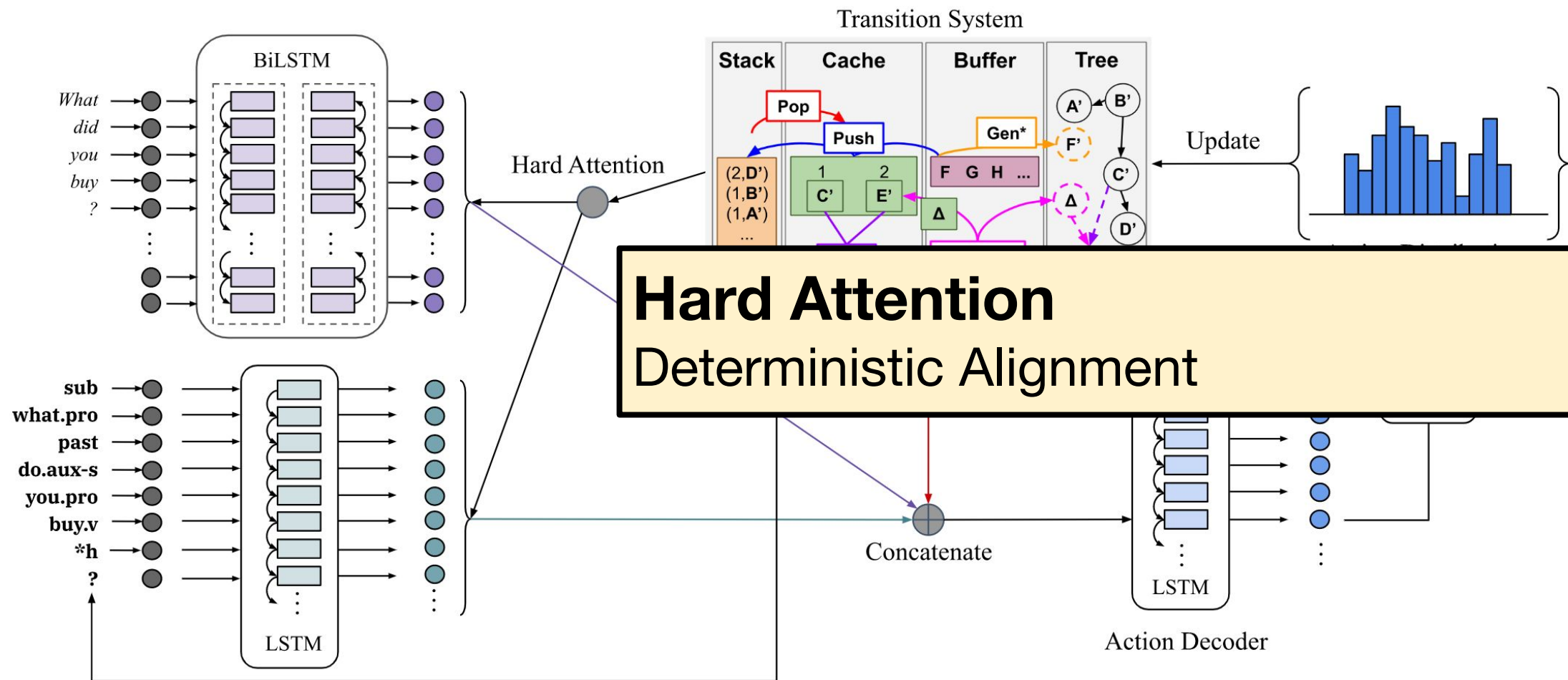
GloVe + RoBERTa + CharCNN + lemmas + POS + NER



Symbol Sequence

Symbol + CharCNN (of aligned word)



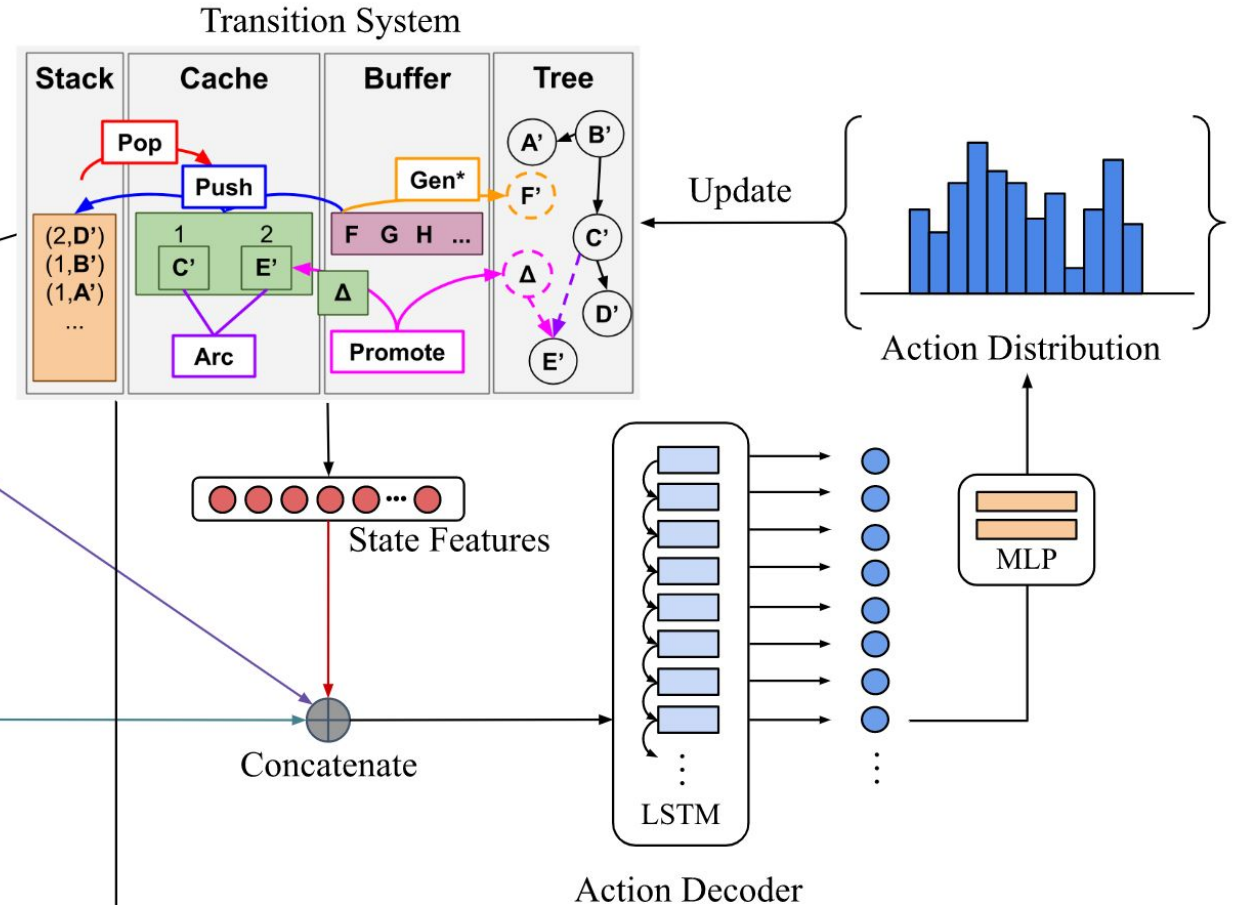


Transition State Features

Always: Current Phase

Pop/*Gen: rightmost cache + leftmost buffer *token*, *dependency*, and *ULF arc* features

Arc/Promote: two cache position *token*, *dependency*, and *ULF arc* features; dependencies between them



Experimental Details

Data Split (~8/1/1)

1,738 sentences

- 1,378 train
- 180 dev
- 180 test

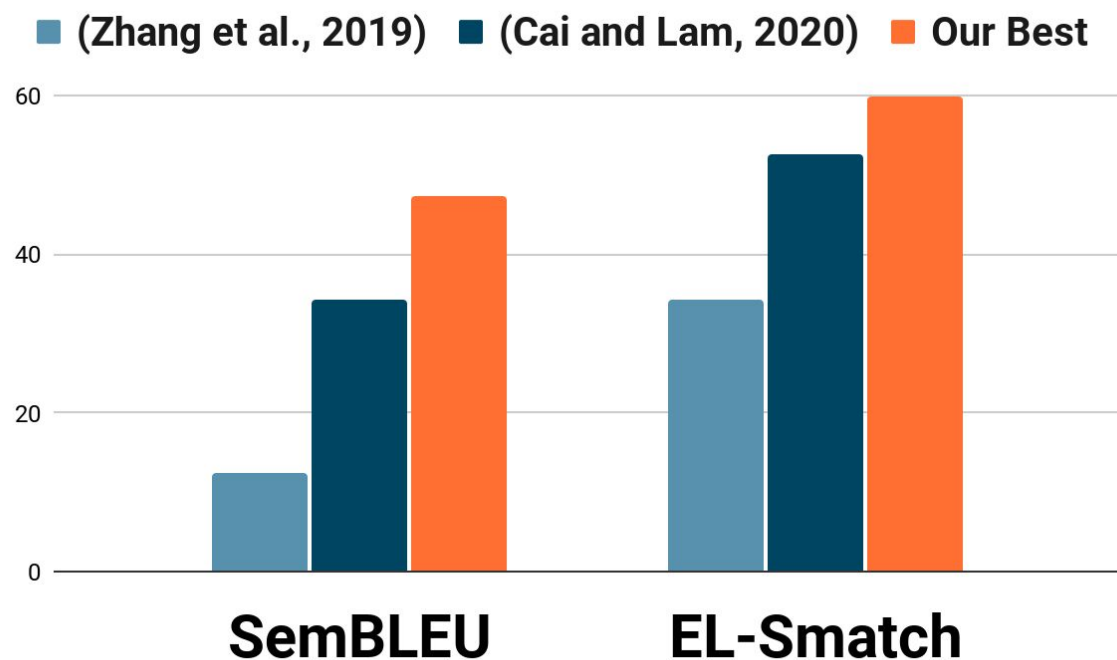
SemBLEU

Extends BLEU to graphs. Based on overlaps of path segments in a graph. [Song & Gildea 2019]

EL-Smatch

Extends smatch to non-atomic operators. Computes node alignment with highest possible overlap of node and edge labels. [Kai & Knight, 2013; Kim & Schubert, 2016]

Comparison to Baselines



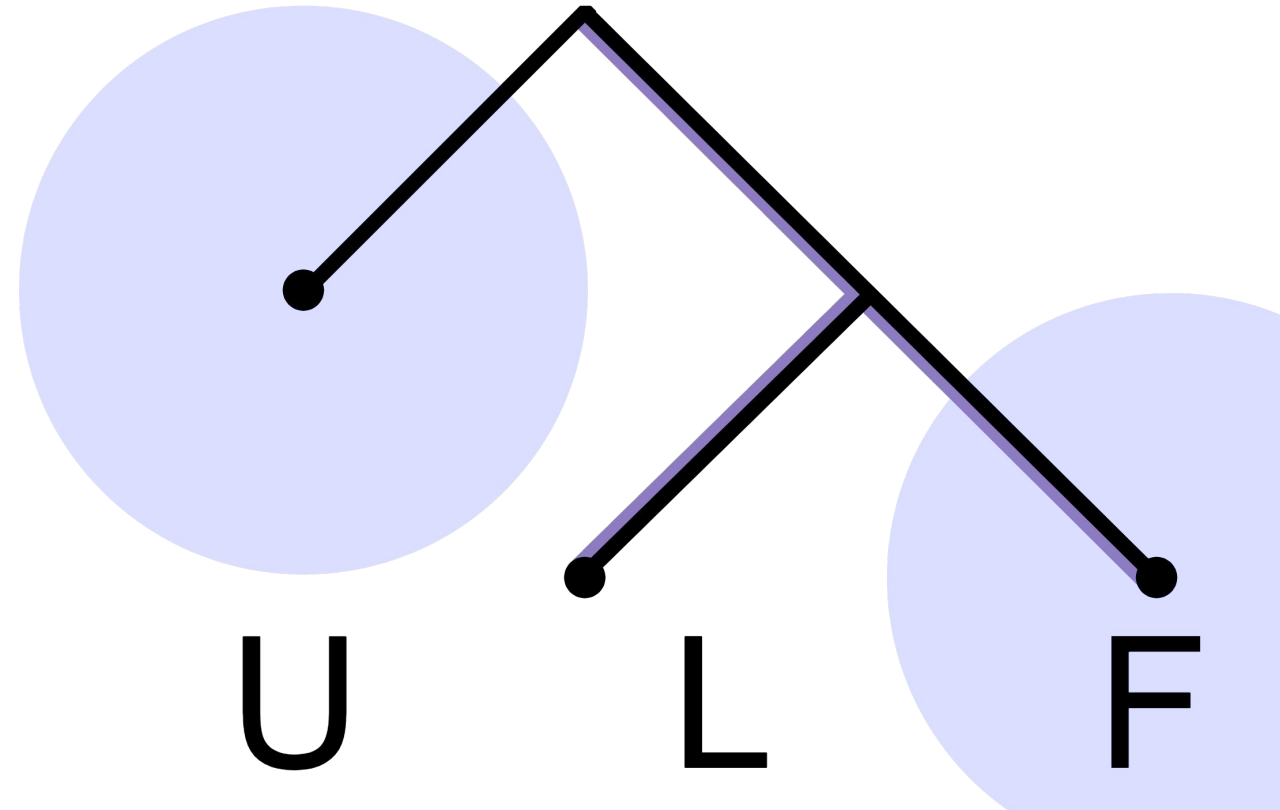
Baselines

Strong AMR parsers w/ minimal AMR-specific assumptions

They struggle on node-label prediction

- dataset is too small

Inference with ULF



Graeme McGuire
Formerly UR



Sophie Sackstein
Booz Allen Hamilton
Formerly UR

Muskaan Mendiratta
Barclays
Formerly UR



Benjamin Kane
UR



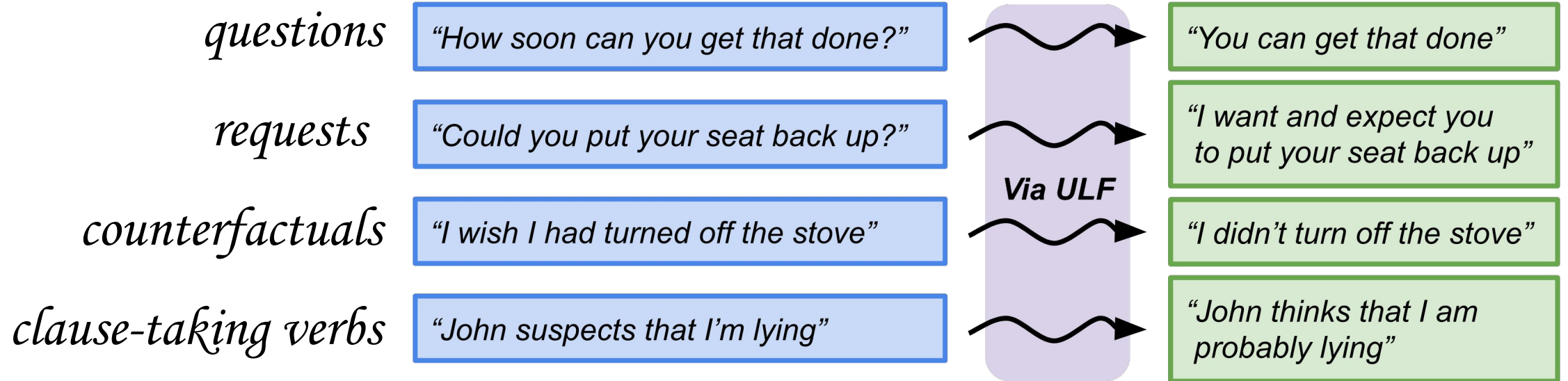
Viet Duong
William & Mary
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Georgiy Platonov
Amazon
Formerly UR



Lenhart Schubert
UR



Generative


```
((sub what.pro  
  ((past do.aux-s)  
    you.pro (buy.v *h))) ?)
```

“what did you buy?”

Generation



Structure

simple symbolic transformations

Type System

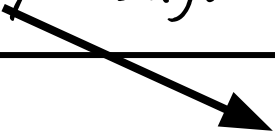
maintain semantic coherence

“you did buy something”

```
(you.pro ((past do.aux-s)  
          (buy.v something.pro)))
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"what did you buy?"



"did you buy what"

De-topicalization

"you did buy something"

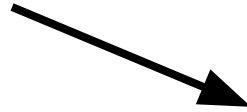
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“what did you buy?”

Un-inversion

“did you buy what”



“you did buy what”

“you did buy something”

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“what did you buy?”

De-questioning

“did you buy what?”

“you did buy what?”

“you did buy something”

```
(you.pro ((past do.aux-s)  
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Experimental Details

Precision

Freely generate inferences and judge a sample with human evaluators

- 3 or 4 evaluations per inference

127 inferences

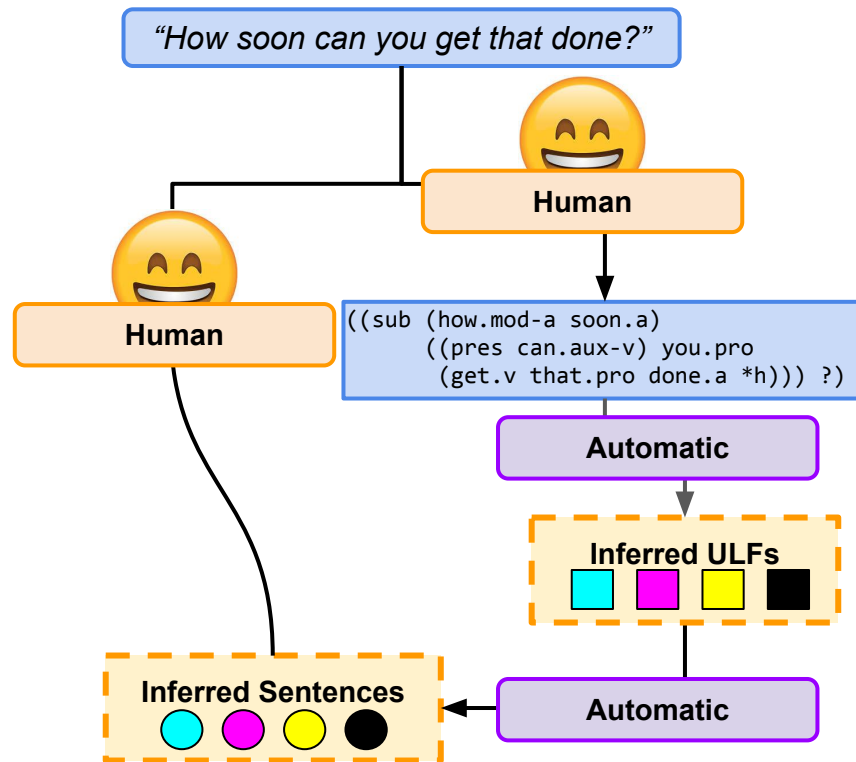
Recall

Get human inferences for a sample of sentences and check coverage that the automatic inferences achieve

- annotators are trained for these phenomena

698 inferences
406 sentences

Precision Evaluation



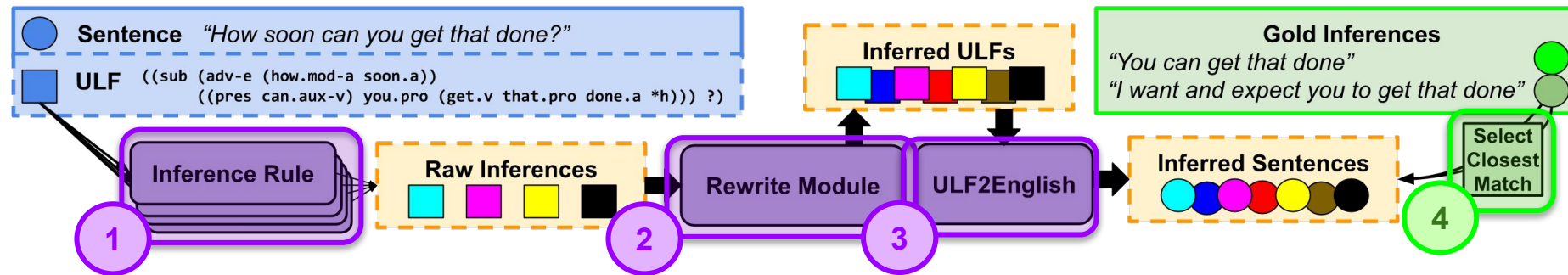
Correct 68.5%

Contextual 15.0%

Incorrect 16.5%

Grammatical 78.0%

Recall Evaluation



1. Basic Inference

2. Paraphrasing & Coordination [In ULF]

"I want you to get that done" + "I expect you to get that done" → "I want and expect you to get that done"

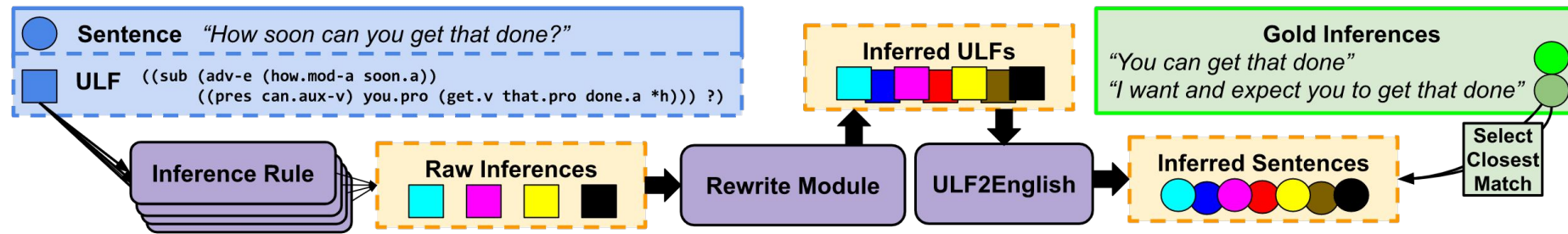
3. Translate to English

`(i.pro (((pres want.v) and.cc (pres expect.v)) you.pro (to (get.v that.pro done.a))))`
→ *"I want and expect you to get that done"*

4. Select closest match with minimal difference

a. Allow 3 character edit distance

Recall Evaluation



Out of 662 inferences, 112 found (~17%)

*Simple baseline ~0%

Natural Logic

Generate natural language inferences based on syntactic structure and local semantic properties

Monotonicity Inference

Specialization and generalization inferences based on contexts imposed by polarity operators

Some delegates (finished the survey on time)[▲]
 \Rightarrow *Some delegates finished the survey*

I never had a (girlfriend)[▼] before
 \Rightarrow *I never had a girlfriend taller than me before*

Exactly 12 aliens read (magazines)[■]
 \Leftrightarrow *Exactly 12 aliens read (news magazines)[■]*

Sánchez Valencia

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{sees} \\
 (e, (e, t)) \quad e_a \text{ carp} \\
 \hline
 \text{abelard} \quad e \\
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 t \\
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 (e, t) \text{ (s carp)} \\
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*Lambek Derivations
Tableau-style proofs*

*“abelard sees a carp”
“every carp is a fish”*



“abelard sees a fish”

*Replace Lambek derivations
and sentences with ULFs*

(|Abelard| (see.v (a.d fish.n)))

(|Abelard| (see.v (a.d carp.n)))

ULF



Mandar Juvekar
UR



Junis Ekmekciu
UR



Viet Duong
UR



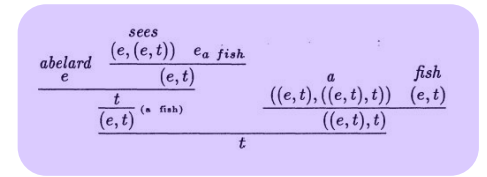
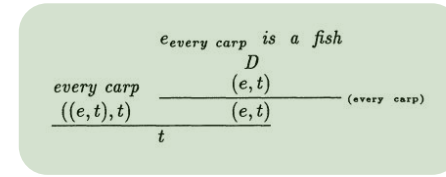
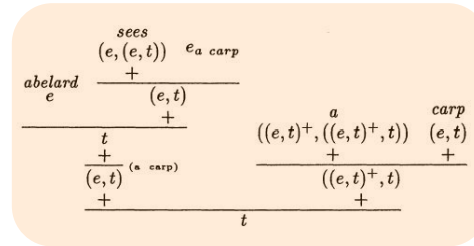
Lenhart Schubert
UR

Sánchez Valencia's System

Inference 1 *abelard sees a carp*, *every carp is a fish* / *abelard sees a fish*

Monotonicity

$(\text{every } x)^{\#} \text{ is a } y, F(x^+), X \bullet Y$
 $(\text{every } x)^{\#} \text{ is a } y, F(y), X \bullet Y$



abe see a carp, every carp is a fish • *abe see a fish*
abe sees (a carp)[#], (every carp)[#] is a fish • *abe sees (a fish)[#]* **marking**
abe sees (a carp⁺)[#], (every carp)[#] is a fish • *abe sees (a fish)[#]* **marking**
abe sees (a fish)[#], (every carp)[#] is a fish • *abe sees (a fish)[#]* **monotonicity**

Natural Logic with ULFs

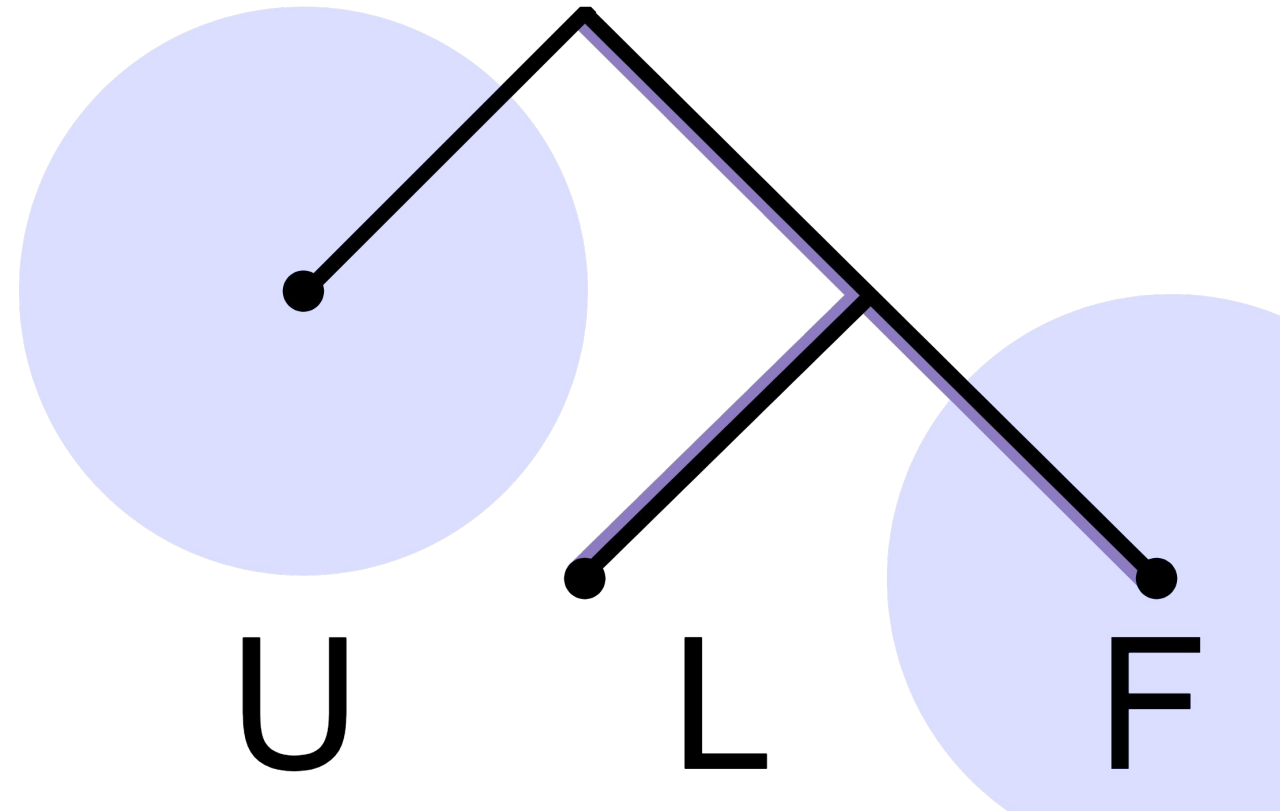
<i>"Abelard sees a carp"</i>	1. $(\text{!Abelard! (see.v (a.d carp.n))})$	Assumption
<i>"Every carp is a fish"</i>	2. $((\text{every.d carp.n}) (\text{be.v (= (a.d fish.n))}))$	Assumption
	3. $(\text{a.d } x: (x \text{ carp.n})^+ (\text{!Abelard! (see.v } x)^+)^+)$	SLF of 1. w/ polarity
	4. $(\text{!Abelard! (see.v (a.d carp.n})^+))$	Pol marking 1.,3.
<i>"Abelard sees a fish"</i>	5. $(\text{!Abelard! (see.v (a.d fish.n))})$	UMI 2.,4.

Monotonicity (UMI)

$$\frac{\phi[(\delta P1)^+], ((\text{every.d } P1) (\text{be.v (= (a.d } P2))))}{\phi[(\delta P2)]}$$

where δ is a determiner.

Data



Premises *Some delegates finished the survey on time*

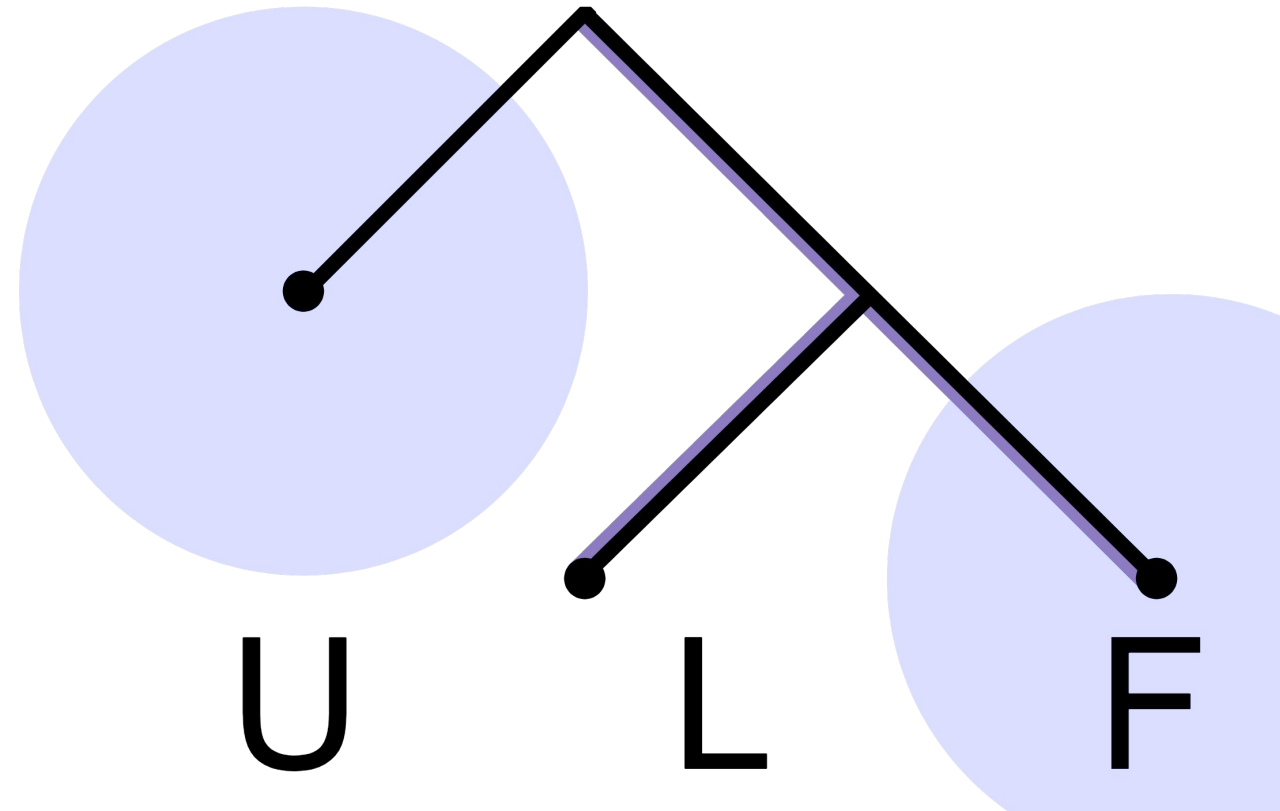
Hypothesis *Some delegates finished the survey*

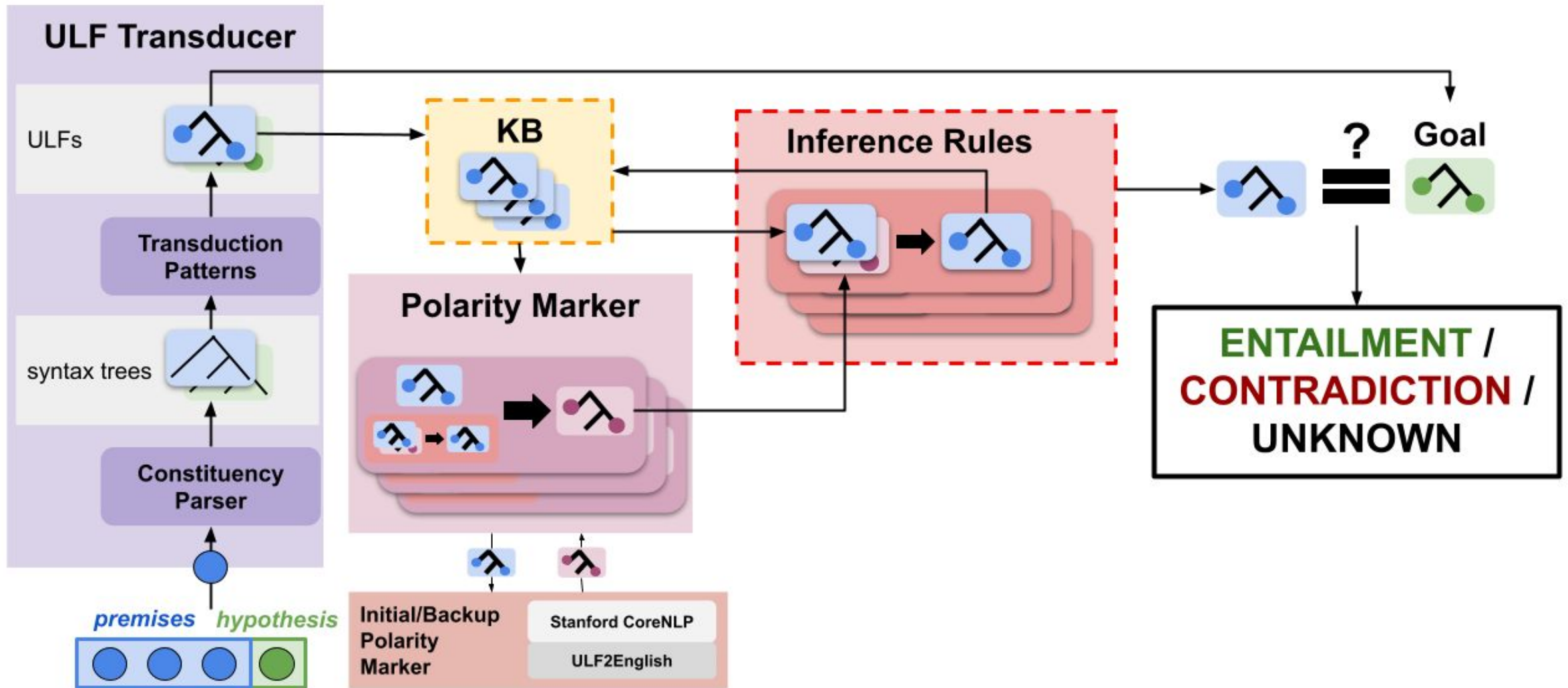
Label **ENTAILMENT**

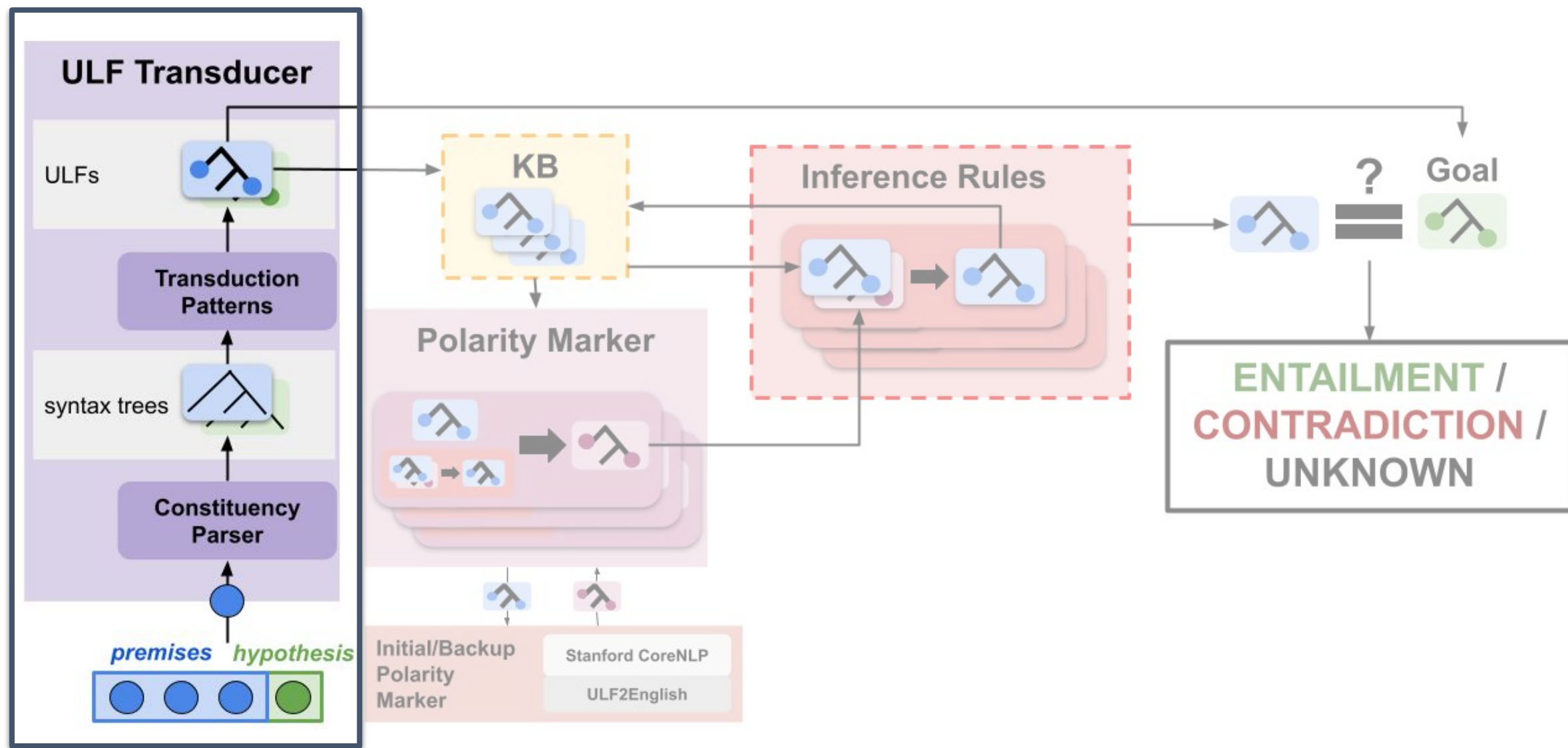
FraCaS Generalized Quantifiers (GQs)

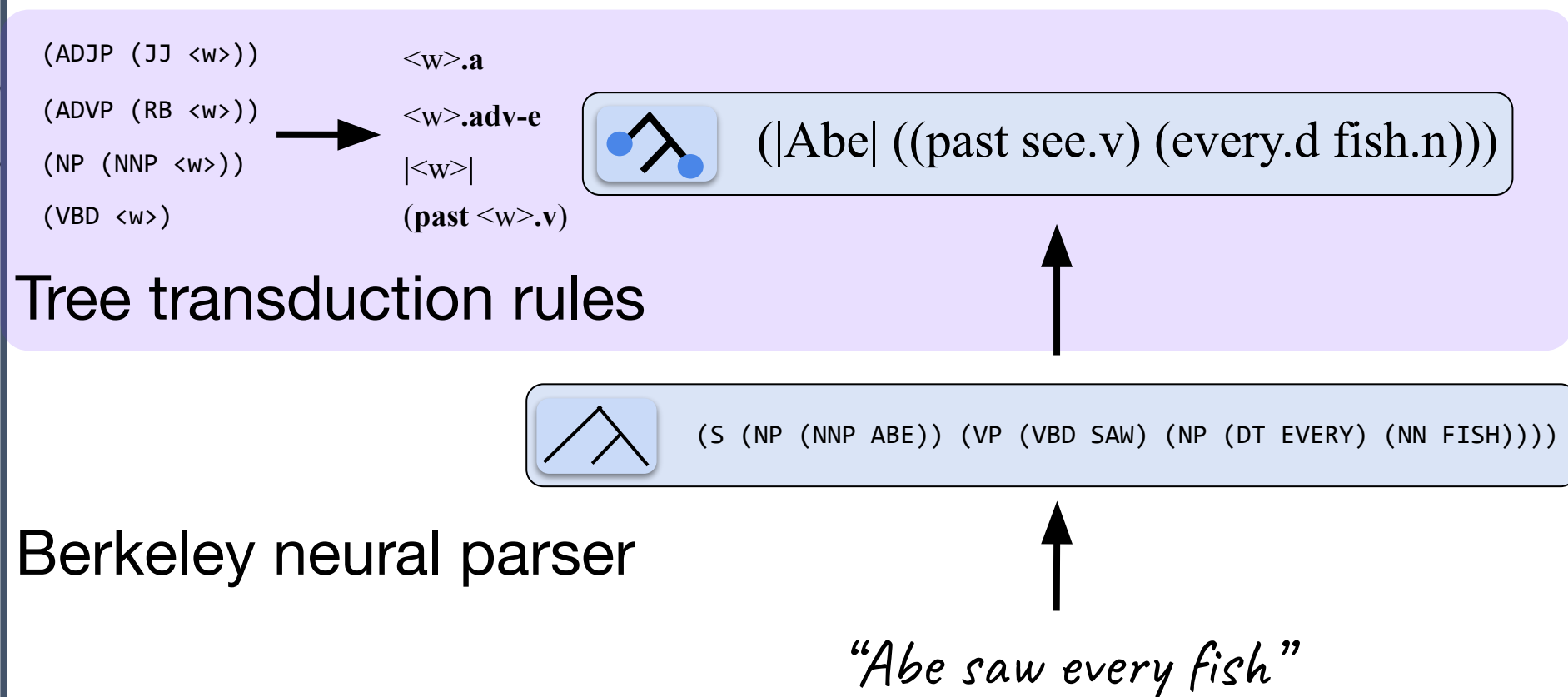
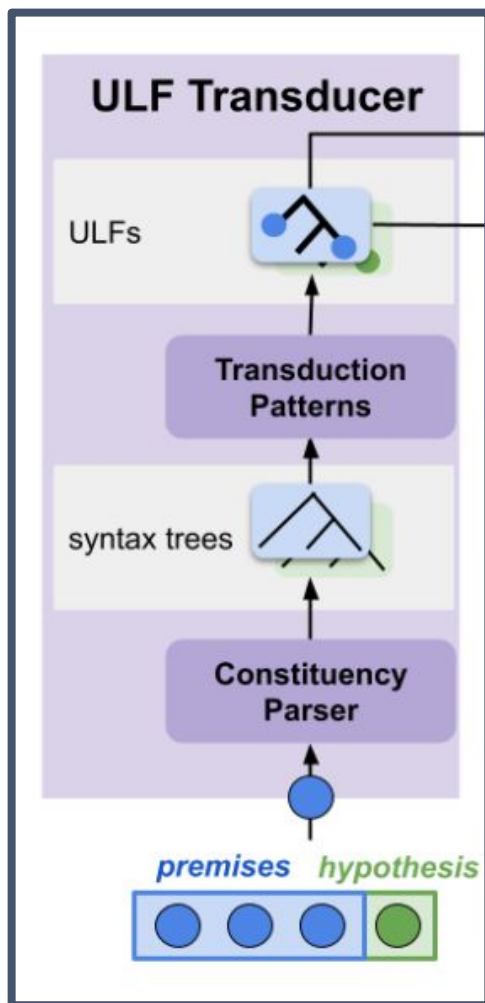
1. Curated by linguists
2. Largest section of FraCaS (80/346, 23%)
3. Quantifiers impose polarities on restrictor and scope

Inference System



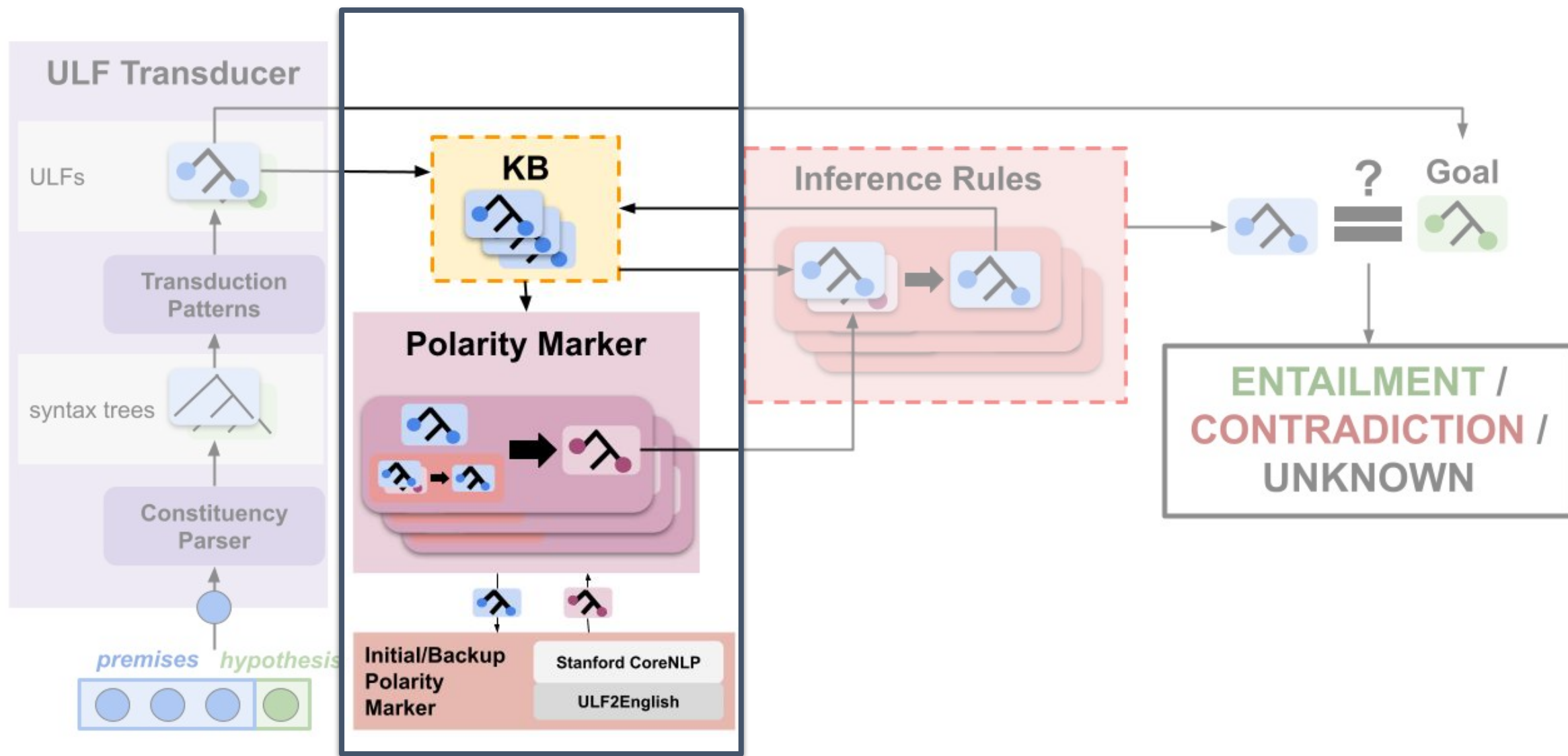




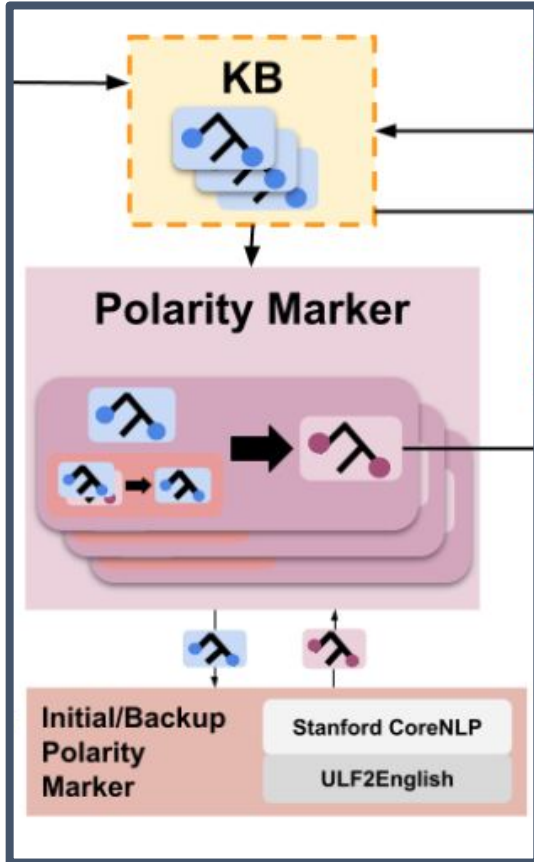



Why not a trained ULF parser?

1. Short, grammatical sentences
2. Errors are more regular and predictable



Initial Polarity Marking



 ($|Abe|$ ((past see.v) (every.d fish.n)))


ULF2English ↓

"Abe saw every fish"

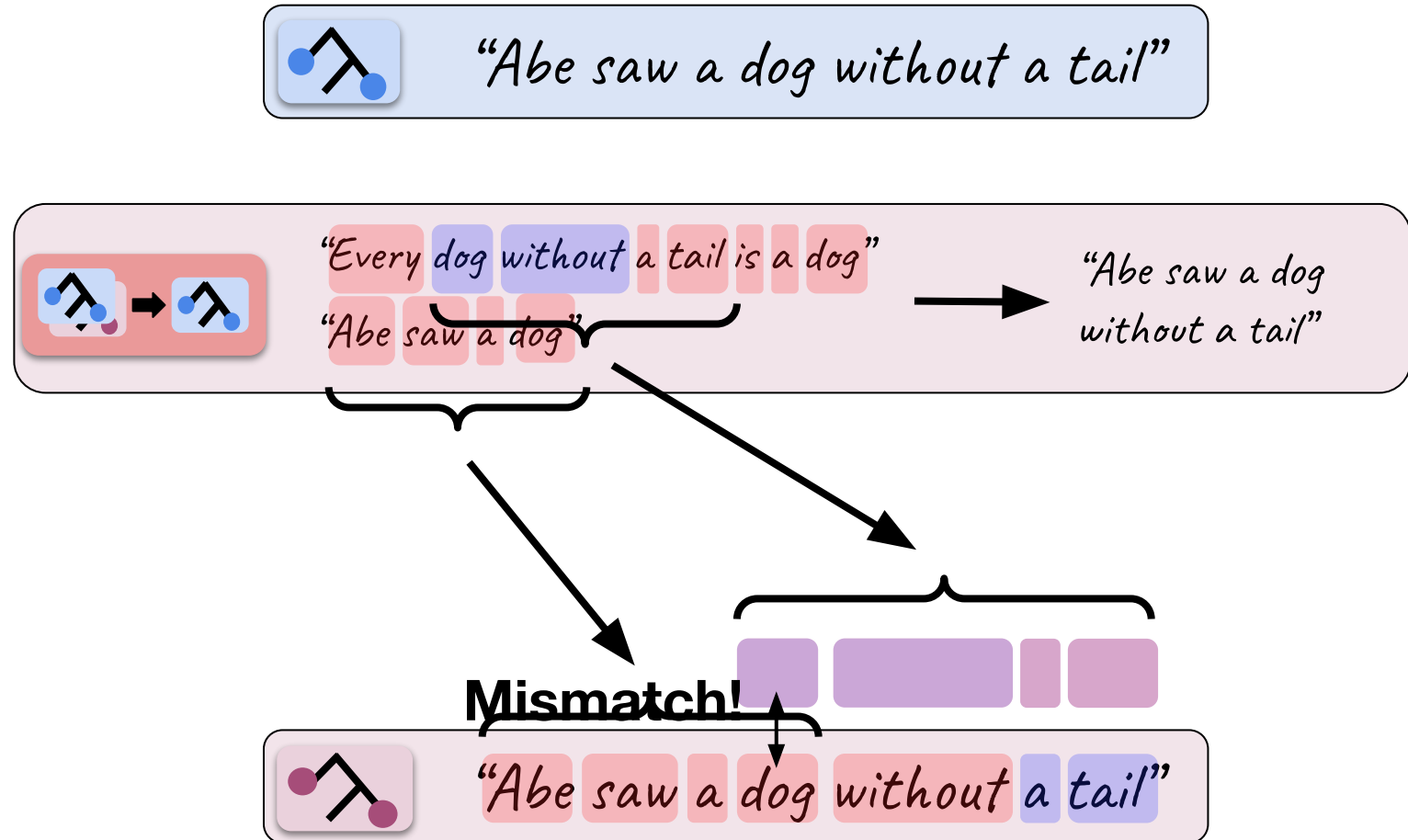
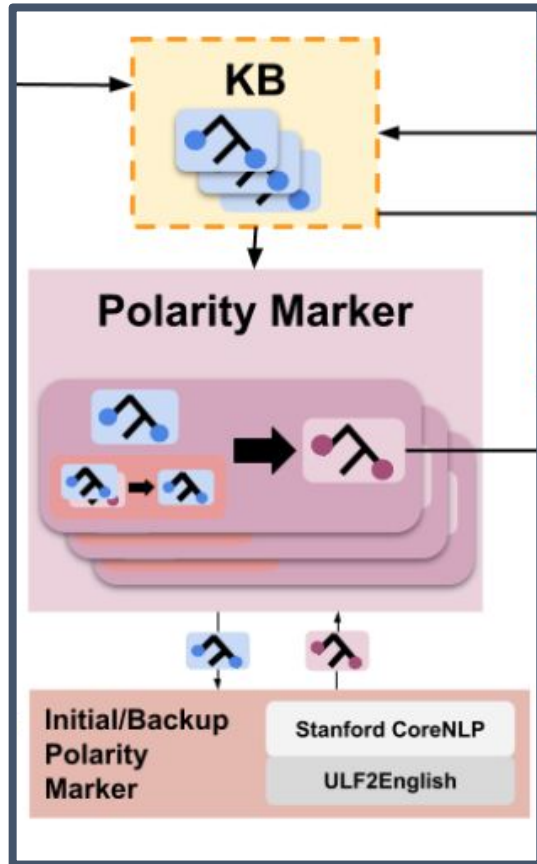
Natlog
(Stanford CoreNLP) ↓

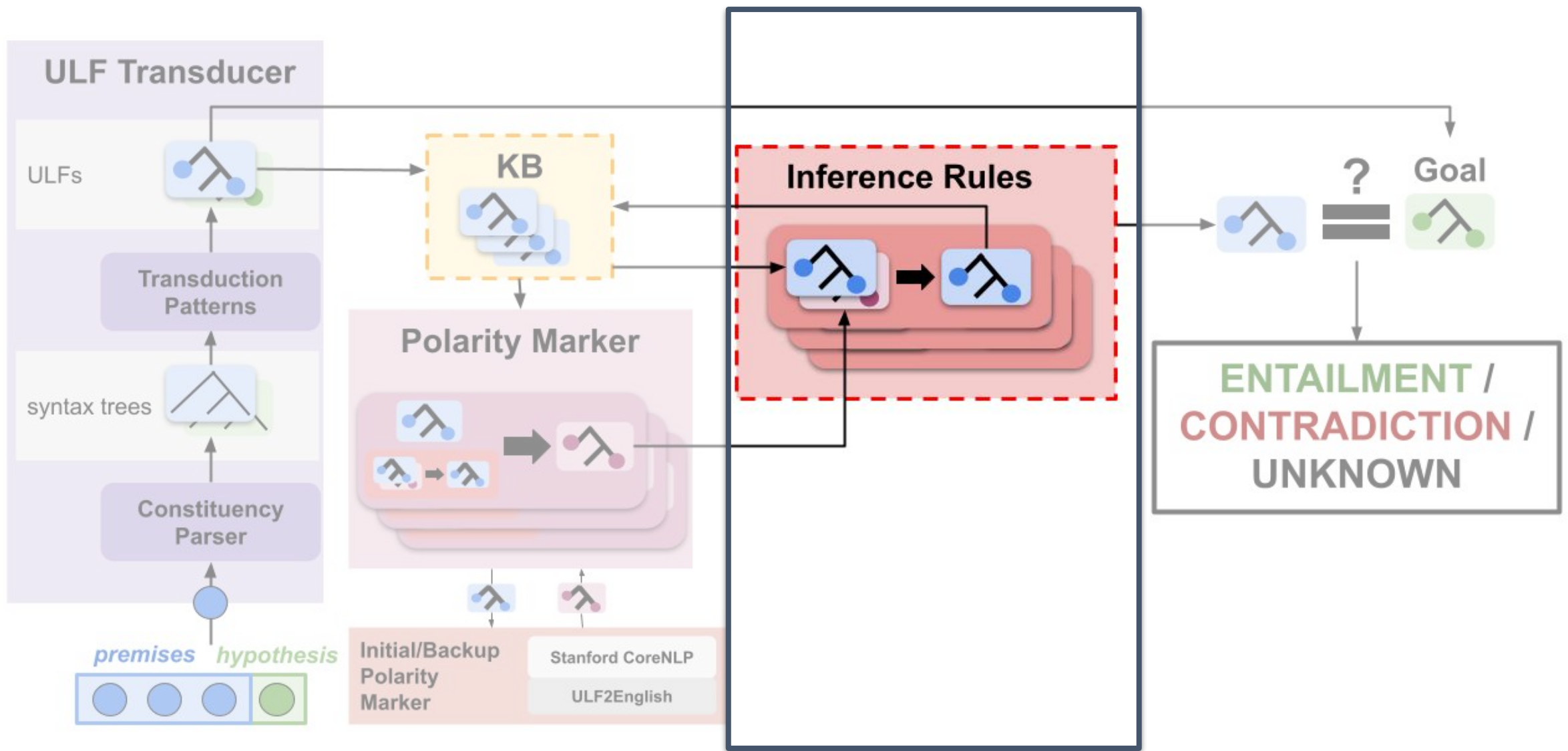
"Abe⁺ saw⁺ every⁺ fish⁻"

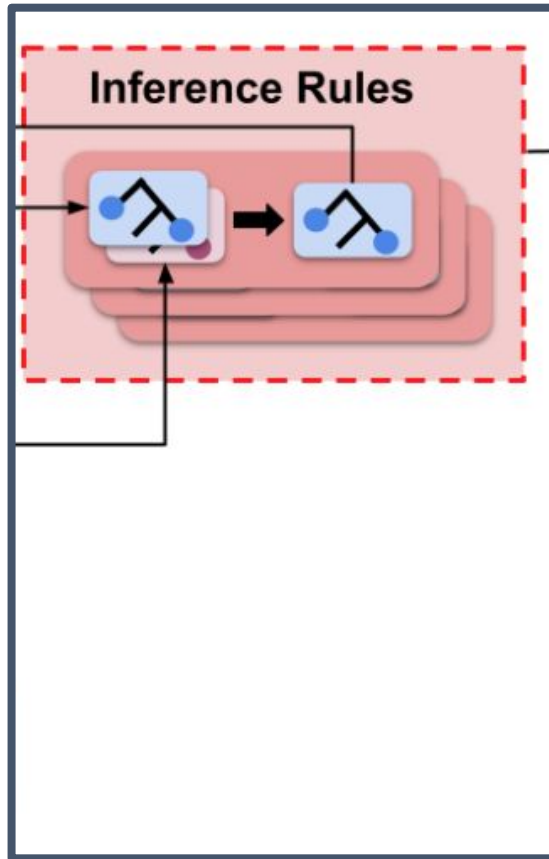
Align + scopes ↓

 ($|Abe|^{+}$ ((past⁺ see.v⁺)⁺ (every.d⁺ fish.n⁻)⁺)⁺)⁺

Polarity Propagation







1. Monotonicity Substitution

Every A is a B + S[A+] \Rightarrow S[B]

2. Conversion

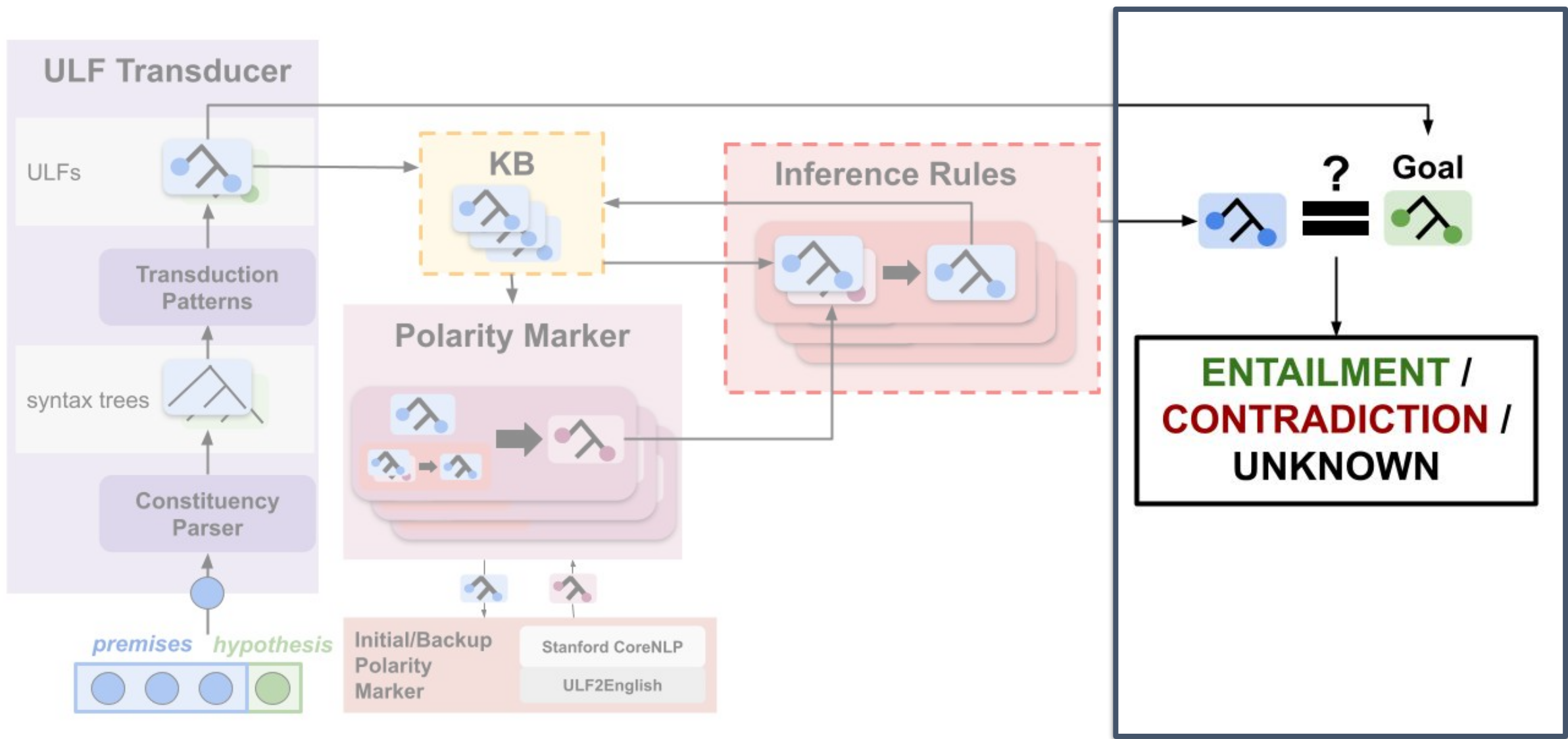
Some A is a B \Leftrightarrow Some B is an A

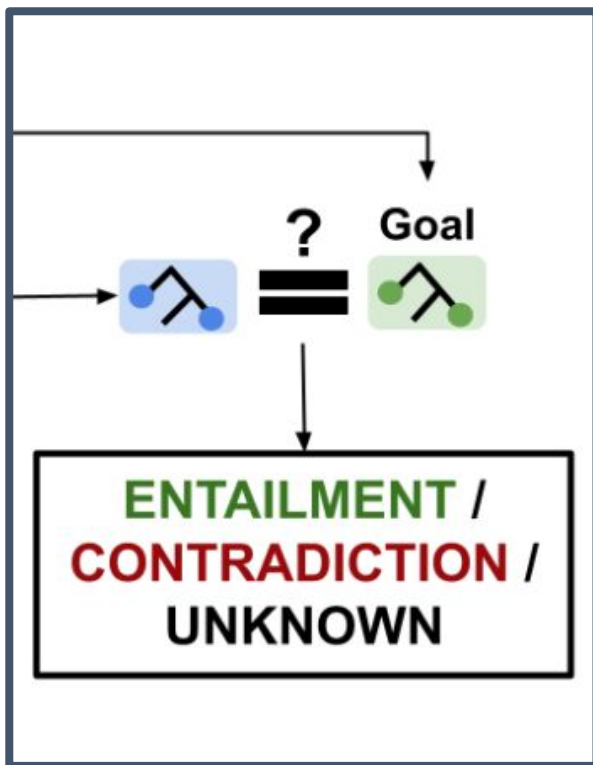
3. Conservativity

DET As are Bs \Leftrightarrow DET As are As that/who are Bs

4. Equivalences

e.g., Every dog is happy \Leftrightarrow All dogs are happy





Search: Interleaved heuristic and breadth-first search

maintain completeness with simple/quick heuristic

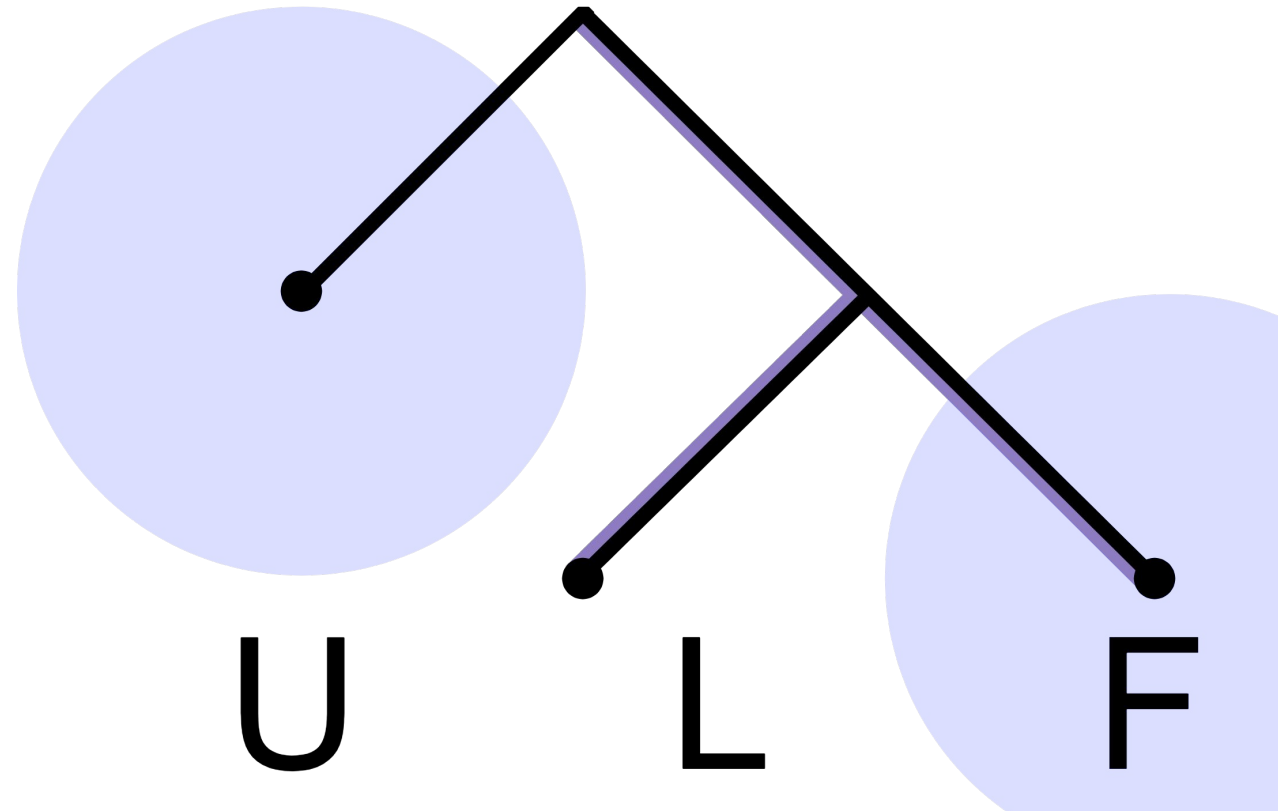
Heuristic: F1 score between atoms of new formula and goal

ENTAILMENT : exact match

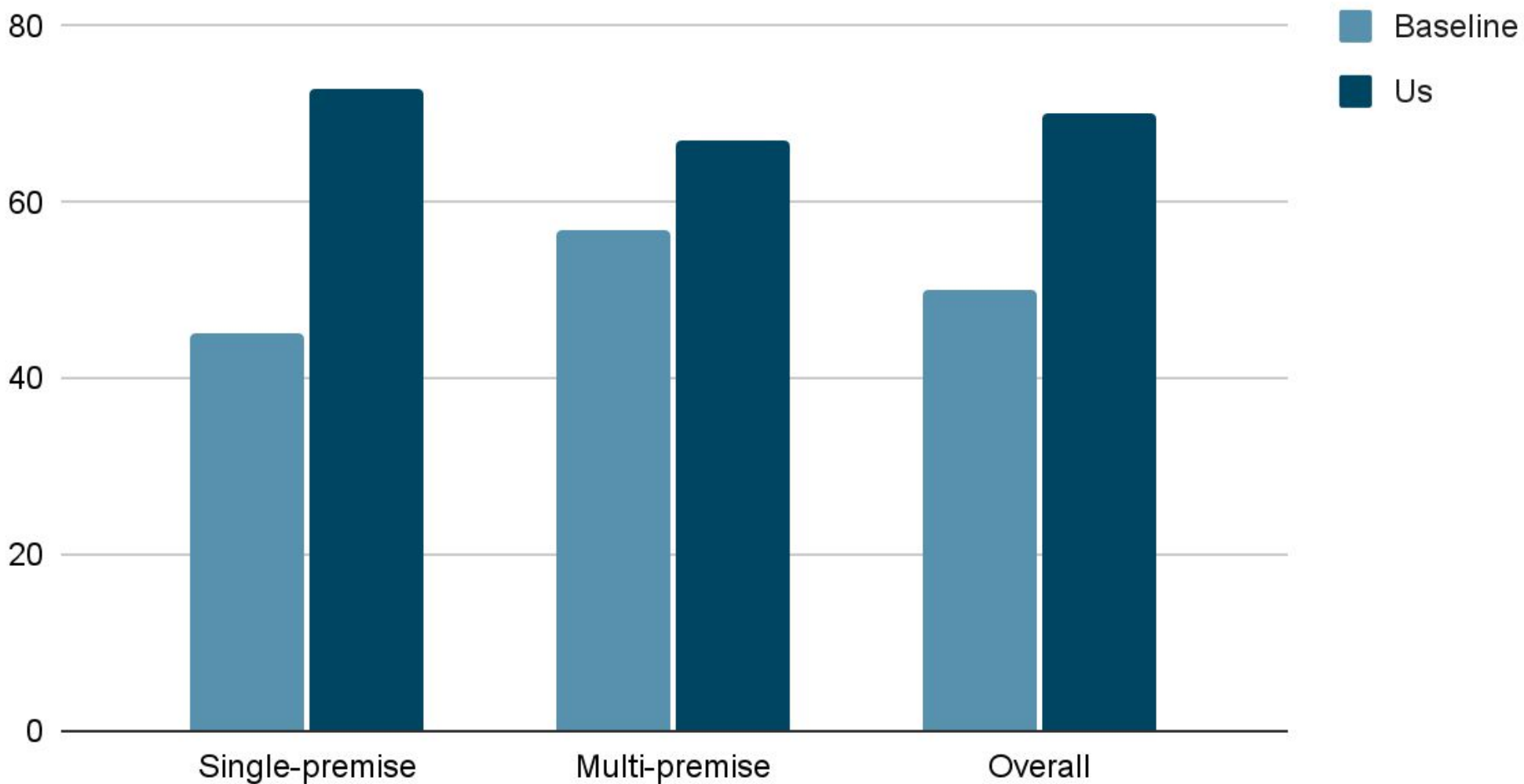
CONTRADICTION : top-level negation + exact match

UNKNOWN : reached max # of steps or exhausted all inferences

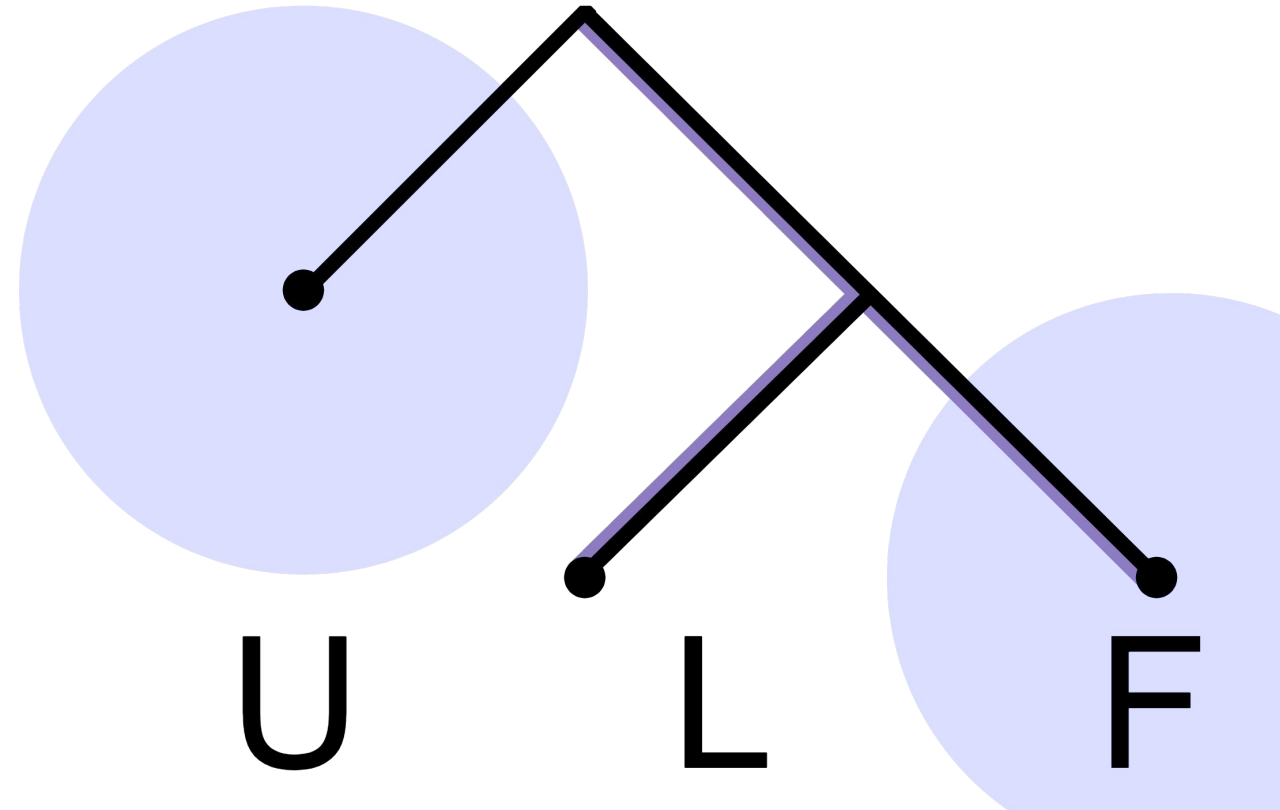
Results



FraCaS GQ Performance



Wider Use of ULF



Spatial Reasoning

David



Time	Scene	Memory	Facts (query)	Facts (embed)
Now0		(you ((past ask.v) ...))	(B touching.p A) (B touching.p C) (B touching.p D)	None
Now1		(D ((past move.v) (from.p-arg (\$ loc 1 1)) (to.p-arg (\$ loc 2 1))))	(B touching.p A) (B touching.p C)	None
Now2		(you ((past ask.v) ...))	(B touching.p A) (B touching.p C)	None
Now3		(B ((past move.v) (from.p-arg (\$ loc 1 0)) (to.p-arg (\$ loc 0 1))))	-	(B (past move.v))
Now4		(D ((past move.v) (from.p-arg (\$ loc 2 1)) (to.p-arg (\$ loc 0 2))))	-	None
Now5		(you ((past ask.v) ...))	-	None

Perceive-world.v:

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(|A| at-loc.p ($ loc 0 0))
(|B| at-loc.p ($ loc 1 0))
(|C| at-loc.p ($ loc 2 0))
(|D| at-loc.p ($ loc 1 1))
  
```

“What blocks did B touch before I moved it?”

Parse

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((sub (what.d (plural block.n)) ((past do.aux-s) |B| (touch.v *h (before.ps (l.pro ((past move.v) |B|)))))) ?)
  
```

Inferred unary adv-e

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(adv-e (most.mod-a recent.a))
  
```

Uninverted base ULF

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(|B| touching.p (what.d (plural block.n)))
  
```

Lifted binary adv-e

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(before.ps (l.pro ((past move.v) |B|)))
  
```

Map to subset of times subject to temporal constraint

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|Now2|
  
```

Resolve arguments

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(|B| touching.p ?x)
  
```

Determine times at which proposition holds, subject to temporal constraint

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(|Now2| |Now1| |Now0|)
  
```

Resolve embedded clause recursively

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(adv-e (before.p |Now3|))
  
```

Generate response ULF by uninverting and making appropriate substitution

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(|B| ((past touch.v) (set-of |A| |C|)))
  
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“B touched A and C”

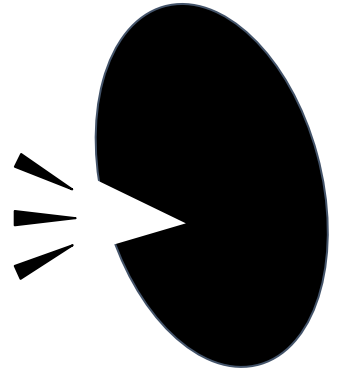
David



Hey David, what block is next to Target block?

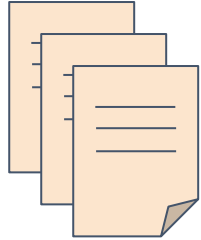
~~The Starbucks block is next to the Target block~~

There are no blocks next to the Starbucks block

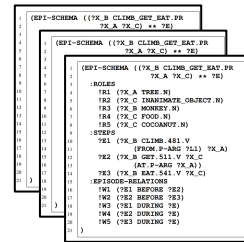


Schema Learning

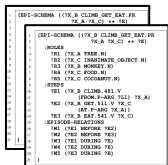
Stories



Schemas



Proto-Schemas

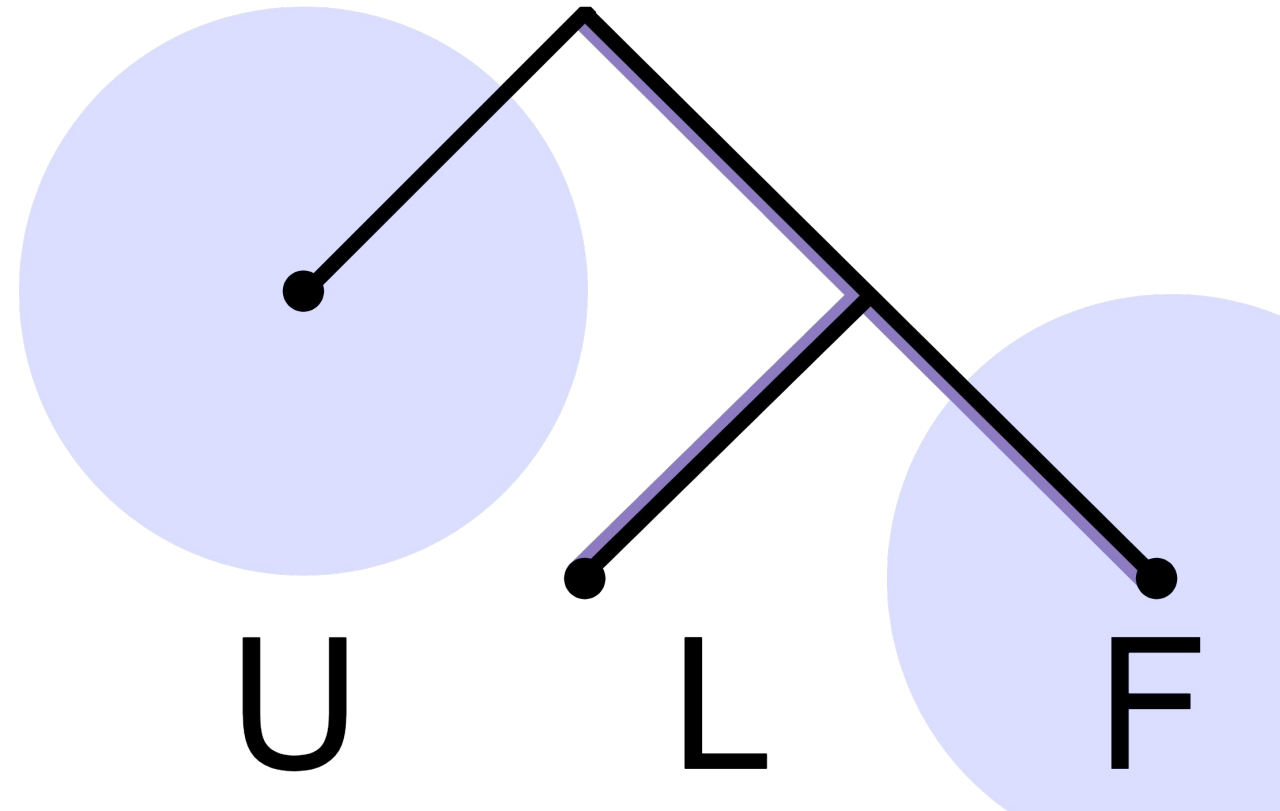


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1 (EPI-SCHEMA ((?X_B CLIMB_GET_EAT.PR
2              ?X_A ?X_C) ** ?E)
3
4 :ROLES
5   !R1 (?X_A TREE.N)
6   !R2 (?X_C INANIMATE_OBJECT.N)
7   !R3 (?X_B MONKEY.N)
8   !R4 (?X_C FOOD.N)
9   !R5 (?X_C COCOANUT.N)
10
11 :STEPS
12   ?E1 (?X_B CLIMB.481.V
13         (FROM.P-ARG ?L1) ?X_A)
14   ?E2 (?X_B GET.511.V ?X_C
15         (AT.P-ARG ?X_A))
16   ?E3 (?X_B EAT.541.V ?X_C)
17
18 :EPISODE-RELATIONS
19   !W1 (?E1 BEFORE ?E2)
20   !W2 (?E2 BEFORE ?E3)
21   !W3 (?E1 DURING ?E)
22   !W4 (?E2 DURING ?E)
23   !W5 (?E3 DURING ?E)
24 )

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Conclusion

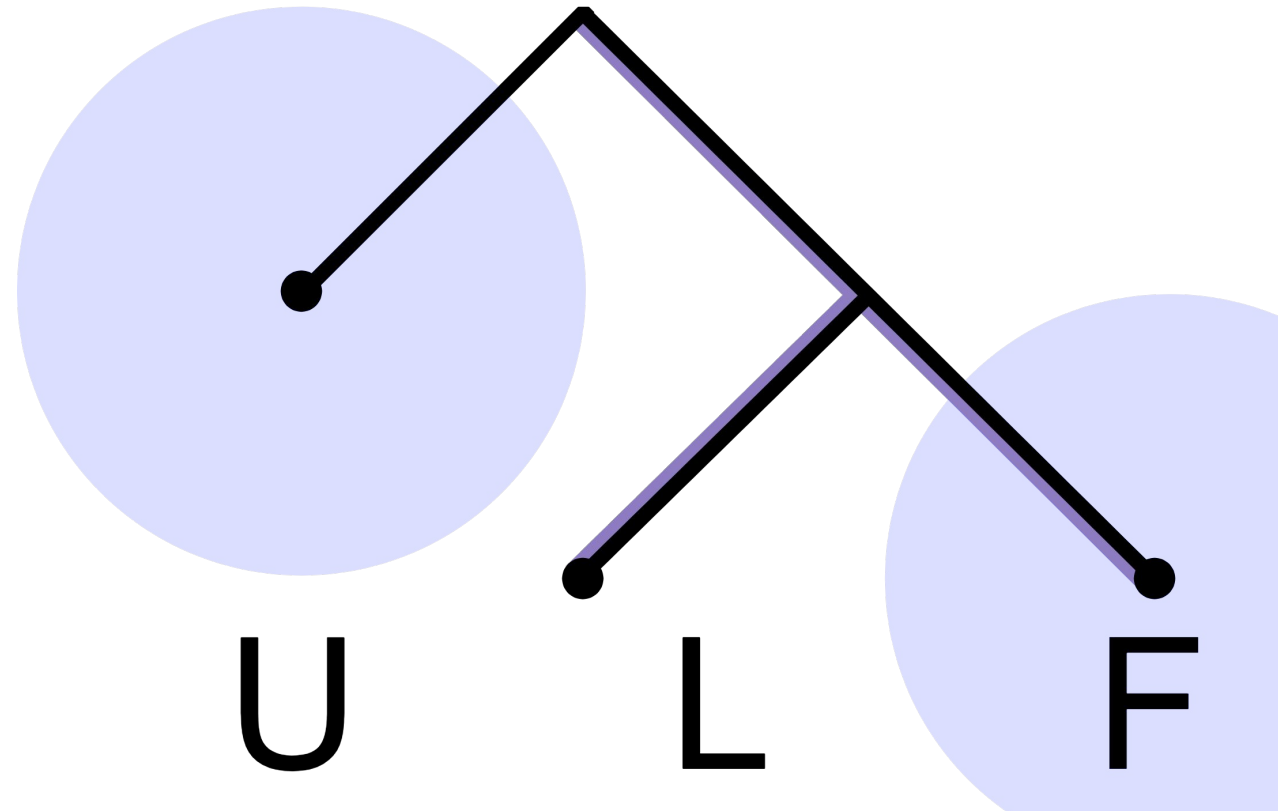


ULF Summarized

Type system + syntax for easy access expressive semantics. This enables

- Sufficient data collection *speed* and *consistency*
- *Parsability* with modest data size
- Syntax-related *inferences*
- Use in larger language interfacing systems

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