Natural Language Processing

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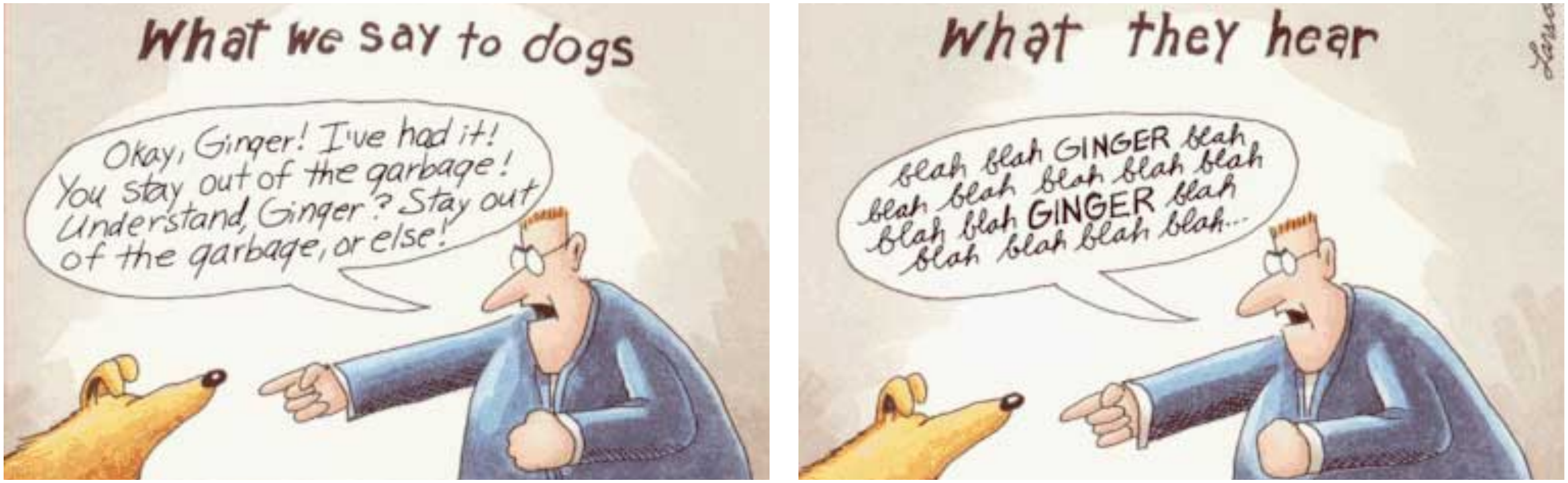
Language Technologies


What we say to dogs
Okay, Ginger! I've had it! You stay out of the garbage! Understand, Ginger? Stay out of the garbage, or else!
What they hear
blah blah GINGER blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah GINGER blah blah blah blah blah...

Goal: Deep Understanding

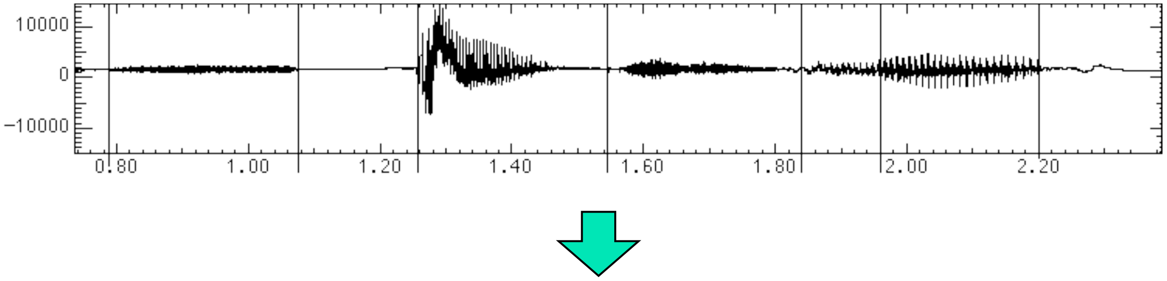
- Requires context, linguistic structure, meanings…

Reality: Shallow Matching

- Requires robustness and scale
- Amazing successes, but fundamental limitations

Speech Systems

- Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR)
    - Audio in, text out
    - SOTA: 0.3% error for digit strings, 5% dictation, 50%+ TV

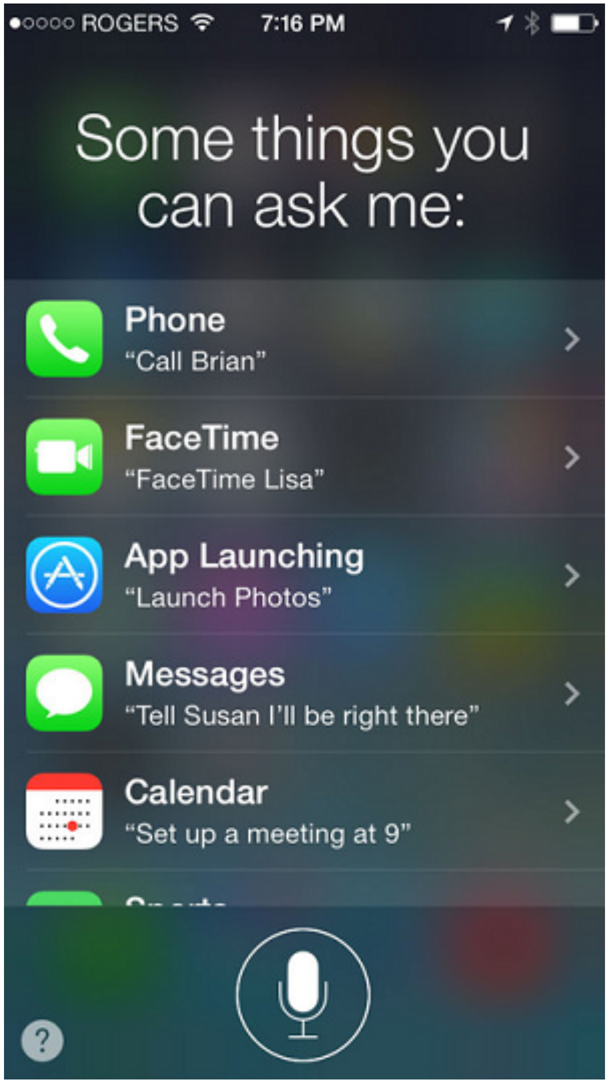


"Speech Lab"

- Text to Speech (TTS)
    - Text in, audio out
    - SOTA: totally intelligible (if sometimes unnatural)

Speak & Spell

Example: Siri



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Some things you can ask me:

Phone
"Call Brian"

FaceTime
"FaceTime Lisa"

App Launching
"Launch Photos"

Messages
"Tell Susan I'll be right there"

Calendar
"Set up a meeting at 9"

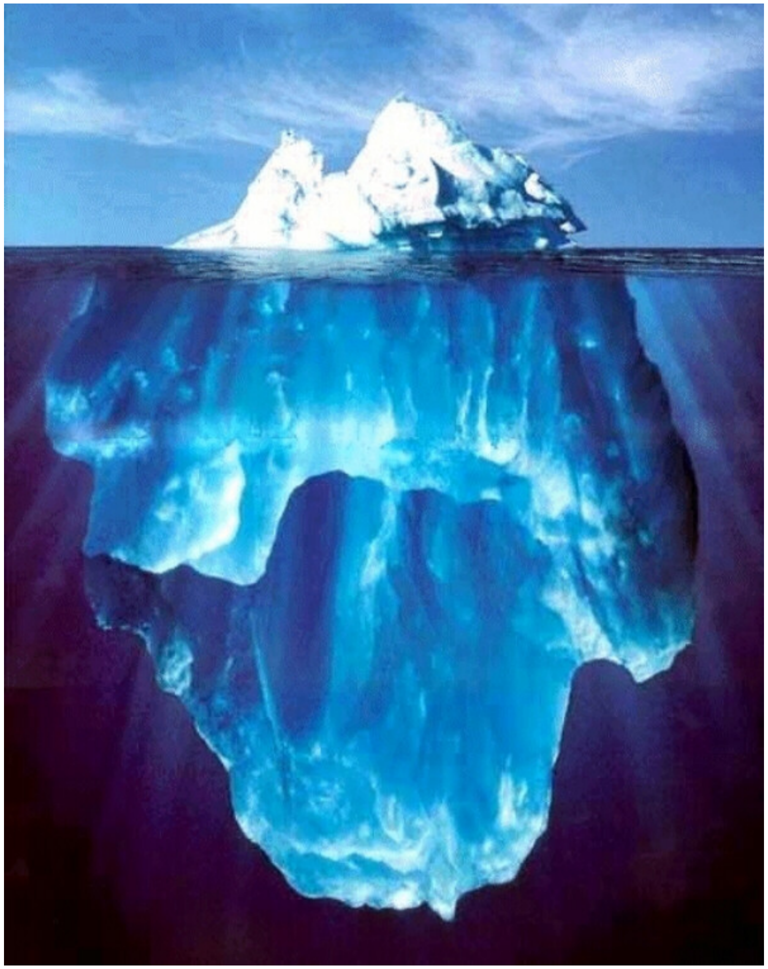
Image: Wikipedia

- Siri contains
  - Speech recognition
  - Language analysis
  - Dialog processing
  - Text to speech

Text Data is Superficial

An iceberg is a large piece of freshwater ice that has broken off from a snow-formed glacier or ice shelf and is floating in open water.

… But Language is Complex



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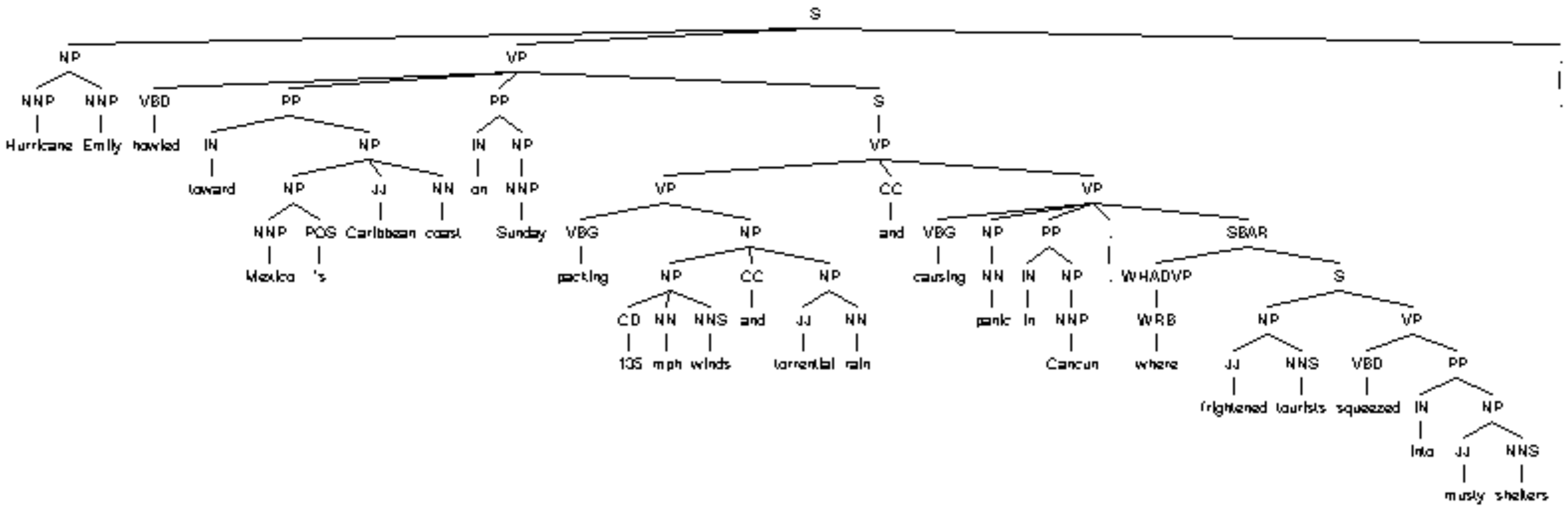
Syntactic Analysis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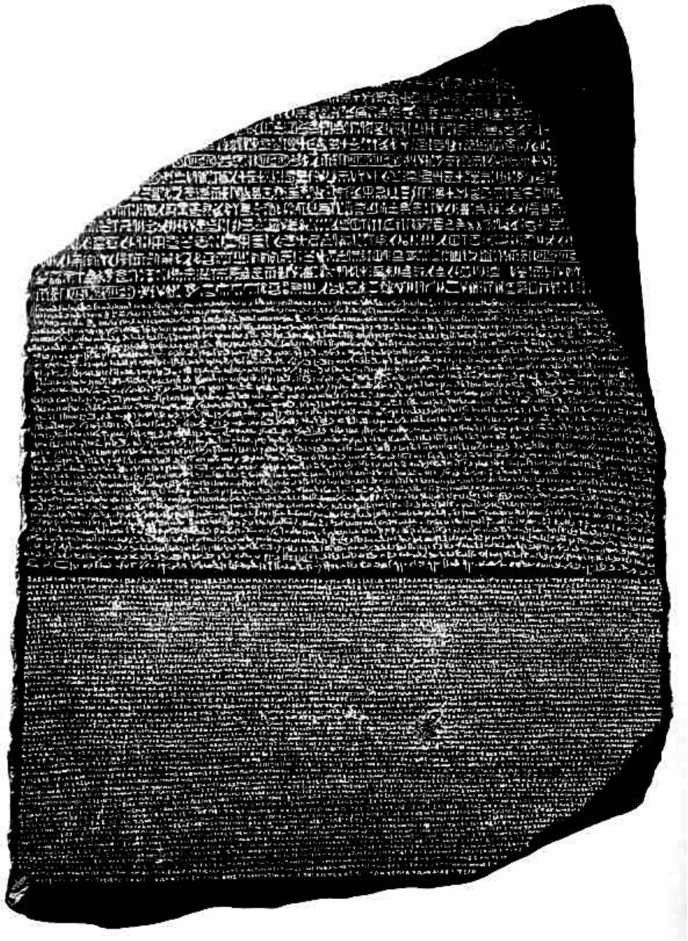
toward NP JJ NN on NNP VP CC VP
NNP POS Caribbean coast Sunday VBG NP and VBG NP PP , SBAR
Mexico 's packing NP CC NP causing NN IN NP , WHADVP S
CD NN NNS and JJ NN panic in NNP WRB NP VP
135 mph winds torrential rain Cancun where JJ NNS VBD PP
frightened tourists squeezed IN NP
into JJ NNS
musty shelters

Hurricane Emily howled toward Mexico 's Caribbean coast on Sunday packing 135 mph winds and torrential rain and causing panic in Cancun , where frightened tourists squeezed into musty shelters .

- SOTA: ~90% accurate for many languages when given many training examples, some progress in analyzing languages given few or no examples

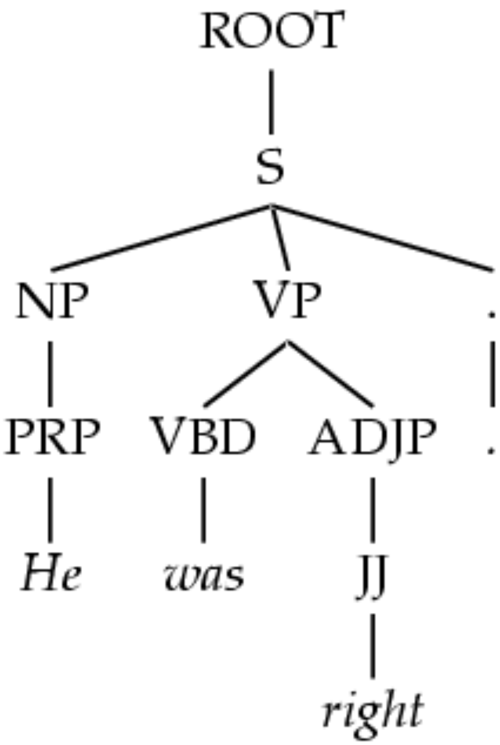
Corpora



- A corpus is a collection of text
  - Often annotated in some way
  - Sometimes just lots of text
  - Balanced vs. uniform corpora
- Examples
  - Newswire collections: 500M+ words
  - Brown corpus: 1M words of tagged “balanced” text
  - Penn Treebank: 1M words of parsed WSJ
  - Canadian Hansards: 10M+ words of aligned French / English sentences
  - The Web: billions of words of who knows what

Corpus-Based Methods

- A corpus like a treebank gives us three important tools:
  - It gives us broad coverage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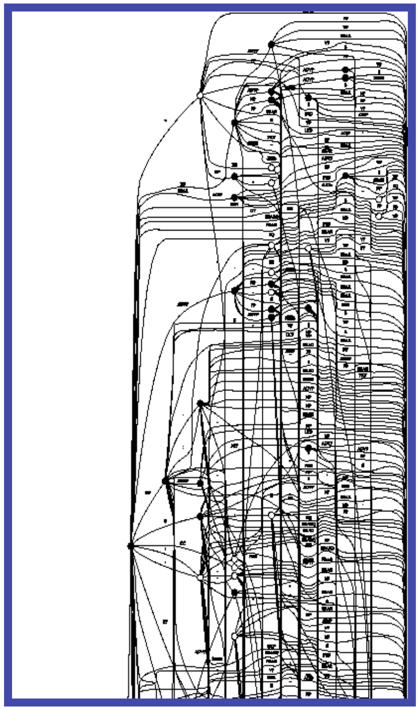
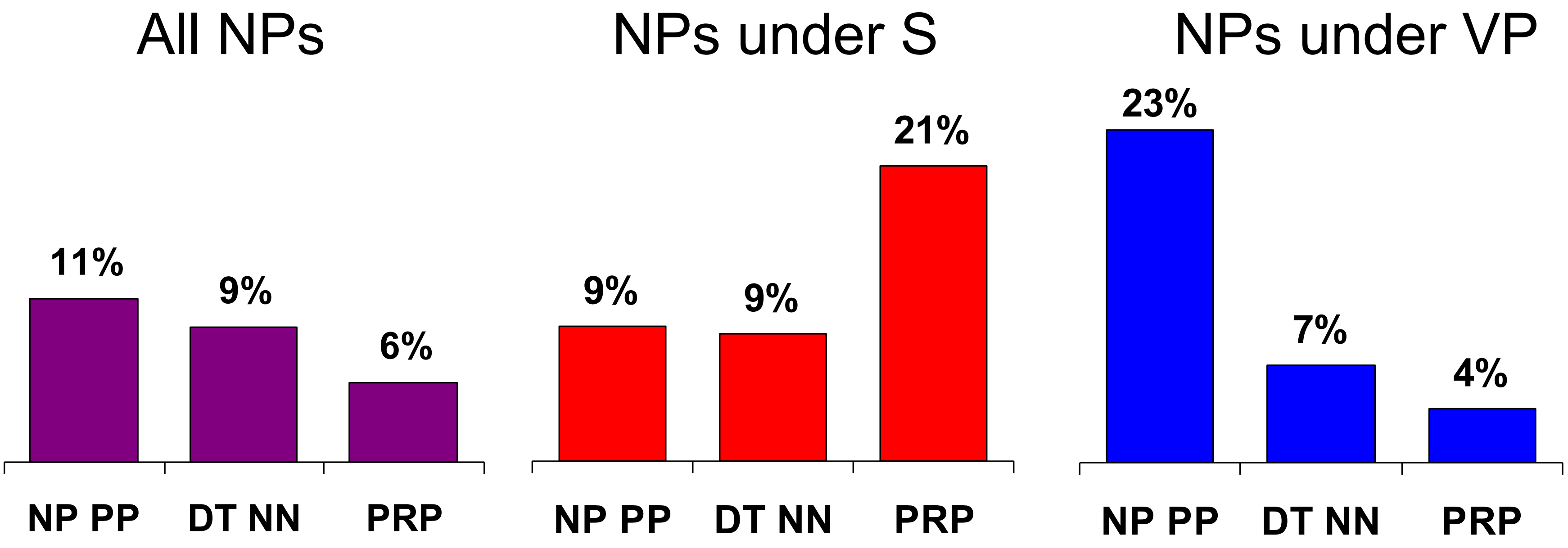


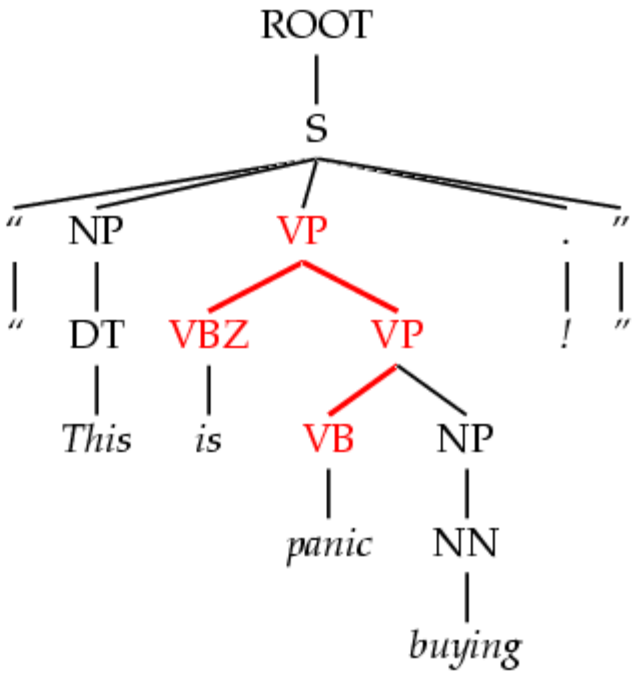
Corpus-Based Methods

- It gives us statistical information



Corpus-Based Methods

- It lets us check our answers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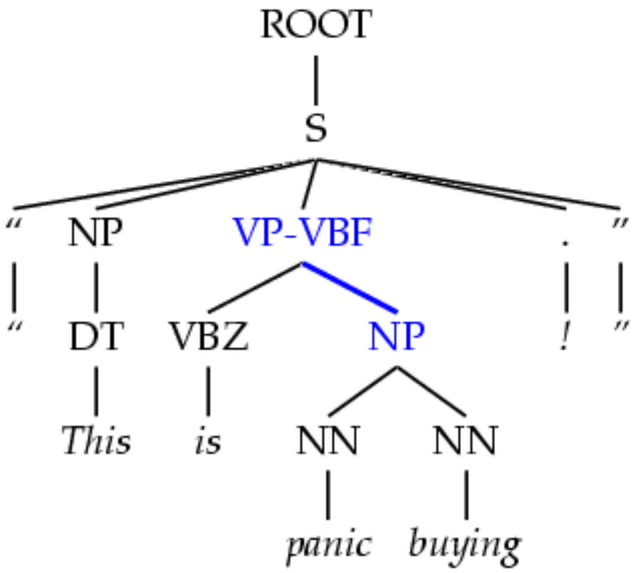
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Semantic Ambiguity

- NLP is much more than syntax!
- Even correct tree structured syntactic analyses don't fully nail down the meaning

I haven't slept for ten days

John's boss said he was doing better

- In general, every level of linguistic structure comes with its own ambiguities…

Other Levels of Language

- Tokenization/morphology:
  - What are the words, what is the sub-word structure?
  - Often simple rules work (period after “Mr.” isn’t sentence break)
  - Relatively easy in English, other languages are harder:
    - Segementation

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    - Morphology

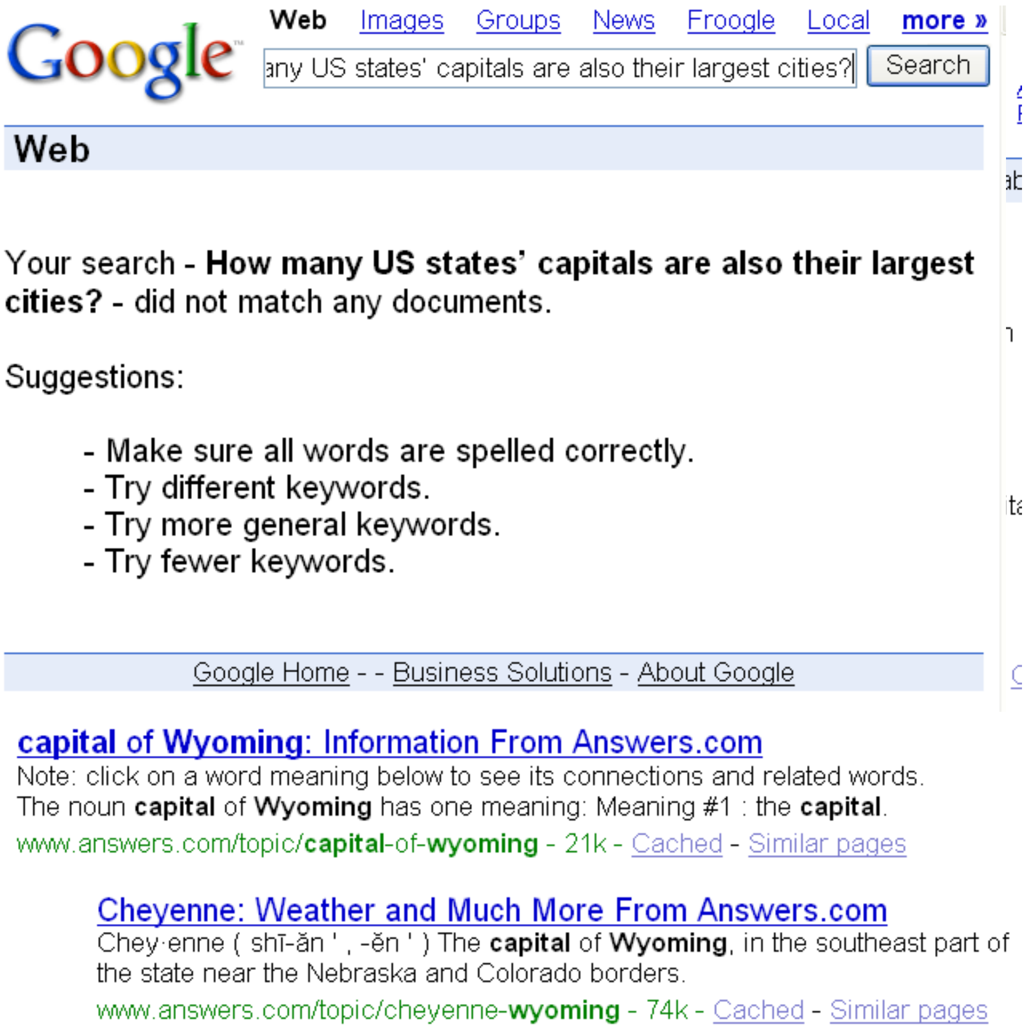
sarà	*andata*
be+fut+3sg	go+ppt+fem

“she will have gone”

- Discourse: how do sentences relate to each other?
- Pragmatics: what intent is expressed by the literal meaning, how to react to an utterance?
- Phonetics: acoustics and physical production of sounds
- Phonology: how sounds pattern in a language

Question Answering

- Question Answering:
  - More than search
  - Ask general comprehension questions of a document collection
  - Can be really easy: “What’s the capital of Wyoming?”
  - Can be harder: “How many US states’ capitals are also their largest cities?”
  - Can be open ended: “What are the main issues in the global warming debate?”
- SOTA: Can do factoids, even when text isn’t a perfect match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any US states' capitals are also their largest cities?

Your search - **How many US states' capitals are also their largest cities?** - did not match any documents.

Suggestions:

- Make sure all words are spelled correctly.
- Try different keywords.
- Try more general keywords.
- Try fewer keywords.

capital of Wyoming: Information From Answers.com
Note: click on a word meaning below to see its connections and related words. The noun **capital** of **Wyoming** has one meaning: Meaning #1 : the **capital**.
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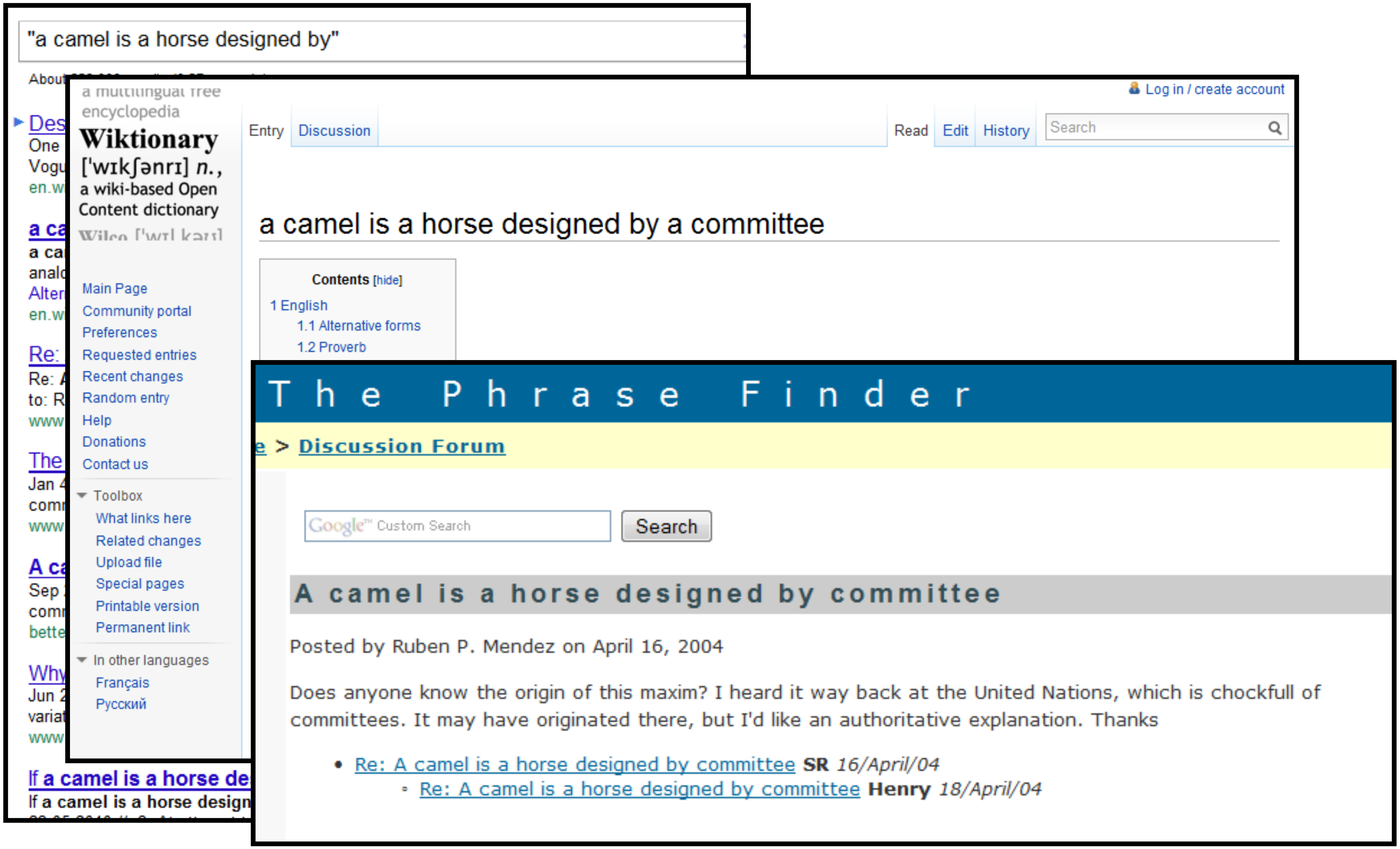

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A camel is a horse designed by committee

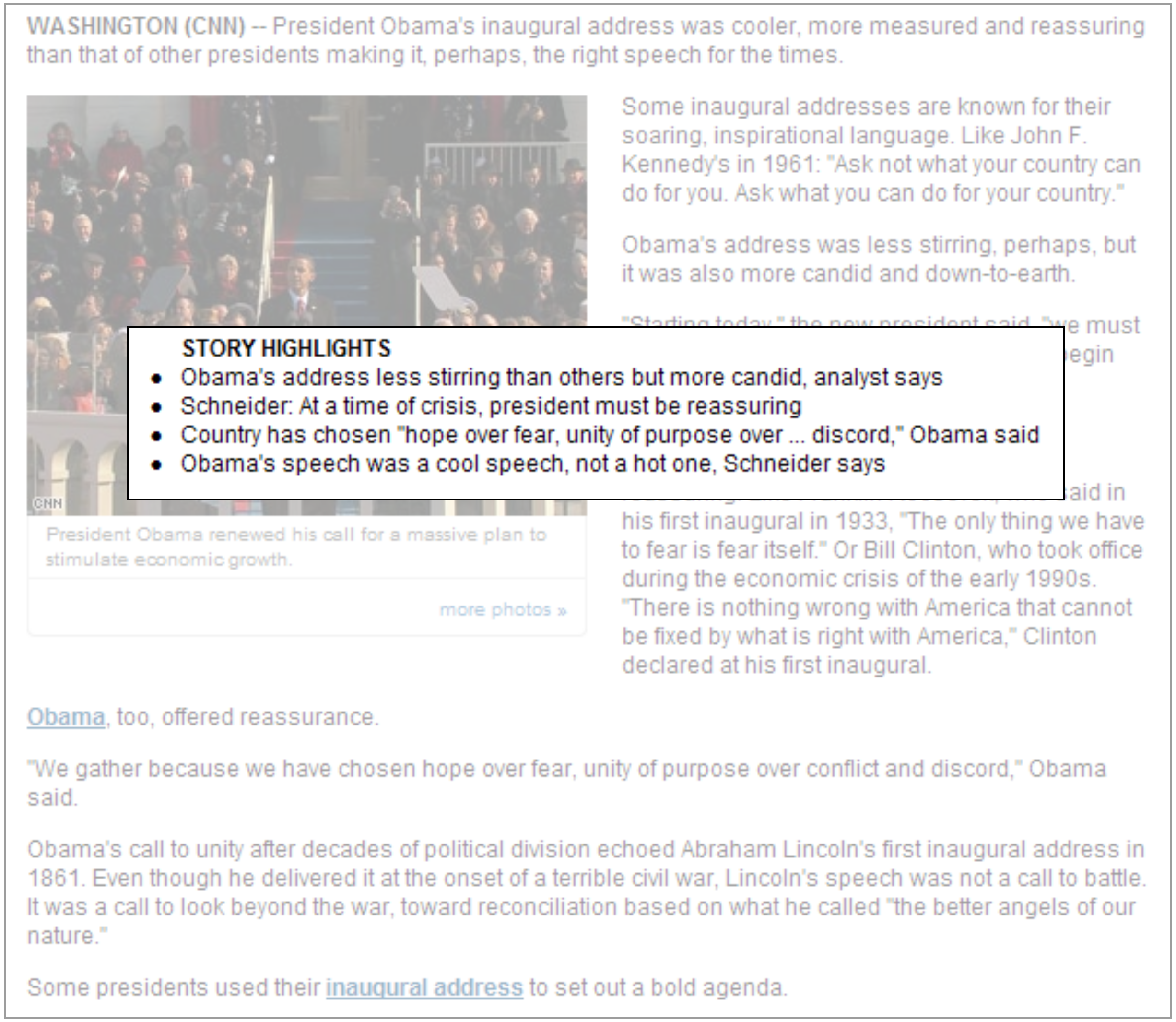
Posted by Ruben P. Mendez on April 16, 2004

Does anyone know the origin of this maxim? I heard it way back at the United Nations, which is chockfull of committees. It may have originated there, but I'd like an authoritative explanation. Thanks

- Re: A camel is a horse designed by committee **SR** *16/April/04*
    - Re: A camel is a horse designed by committee **Henry** *18/April/04*

Summarization

- Condensing documents
- An example of analysis with generation



WASHINGTON (CNN) -- President Obama's inaugural address was cooler, more measured and reassuring than that of other presidents making it, perhaps, the right speech for the times.

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President Obama renewed his call for a massive plan to stimulate economic growth.

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Some inaugural addresses are known for their soaring, inspirational language. Like John F. Kennedy's in 1961: "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country."

Obama's address was less stirring, perhaps, but it was also more candid and down-to-earth.

"Starting today," the new president said, "we must

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aid in his first inaugural in 1933, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Or Bill Clinton, who took office during the economic crisis of the early 1990s. "There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be fixed by what is right with America," Clinton declared at his first inaugural.

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- Obama's address less stirring than others but more candid, analyst says
- Schneider: At a time of crisis, president must be reassuring
- Country has chosen "hope over fear, unity of purpose over ... discord," Obama said
- Obama's speech was a cool speech, not a hot one, Schneider says

Obama, too, offered reassurance.

"We gather because we have chosen hope over fear, unity of purpose over conflict and discord," Obama said.

Obama's call to unity after decades of political division echoed Abraham Lincoln's first inaugural address in 1861. Even though he delivered it at the onset of a terrible civil war, Lincoln's speech was not a call to battle. It was a call to look beyond the war, toward reconciliation based on what he called "the better angels of our nature."

Some presidents used their inaugural address to set out a bold agenda.

Extractive Summaries

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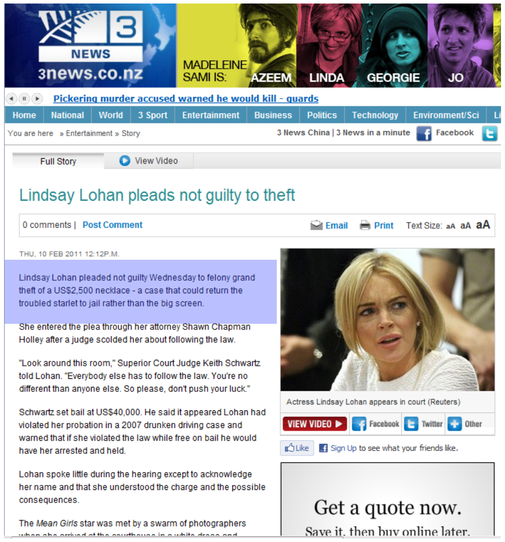

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Lindsay Lohan pleads not guilty to theft

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Lindsay Lohan pleaded not guilty Wednesday to felony grand theft of a US$2,500 necklace - a case that could return the troubled starlet to jail rather than the big screen.

She entered the plea through her attorney Shawn Chapman Holley after a judge scolded her about following the law.

"Look around this room," Superior Court Judge Keith Schwartz told Lohan. "Everybody else has to follow the law. You're no different than anyone else. So please, don't push your luck."

Schwartz set bail at US$40,000. He said it appeared Lohan had violated her probation in a 2007 drunken driving case and warned that if she violated the law while free on bail he would have her arrested and held.

Lohan spoke little during the hearing except to acknowledge her name and that she understood the charge and the possible consequences.

The *Mean Girls* star was met by a swarm of photographers

Actress Lindsay Lohan appears in court (Reuters)

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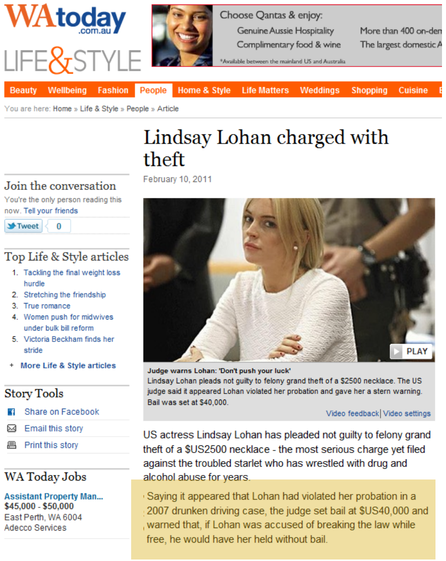

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Judge warns Lohan: 'Don't push your luck'
Lindsay Lohan pleads not guilty to felony grand theft of a $2500 necklace. The US judge said it appeared Lohan violated her probation and gave her a stern warning. Bail was set at $40,000.

US actress Lindsay Lohan has pleaded not guilty to felony grand theft of a $US2500 necklace - the most serious charge yet filed against the troubled starlet who has wrestled with drug and alcohol abuse for years.

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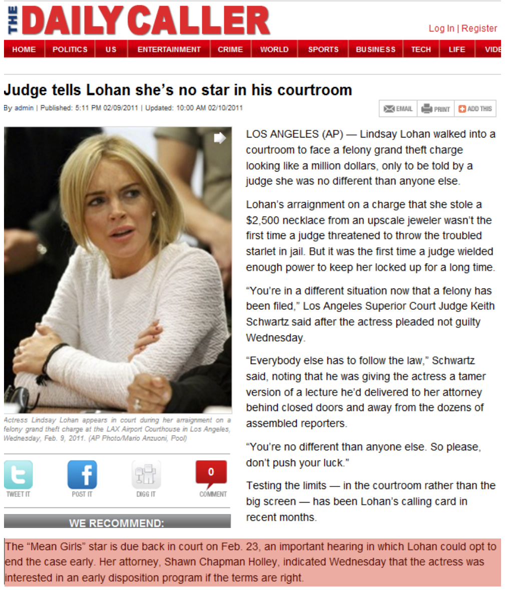

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Judge tells Lohan she's no star in his courtroom

By admin | Published: 5:11 PM 02/09/2011 | Updated: 10:00 AM 02/10/2011

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lindsay Lohan walked into a courtroom to face a felony grand theft charge looking like a million dollars, only to be told by a judge she was no different than anyone else.

Lohan's arraignment on a charge that she stole a $2,500 necklace from an upscale jeweler wasn't the first time a judge threatened to throw the troubled starlet in jail. But it was the first time a judge wielded enough power to keep her locked up for a long time.

"You're in a different situation now that a felony has been filed," Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Keith Schwartz said after the actress pleaded not guilty Wednesday.

"Everybody else has to follow the law," Schwartz said, noting that he was giving the actress a tamer version of a lecture he'd delivered to her attorney behind closed doors and away from the dozens of assembled reporters.

"You're no different than anyone else. So please, don't push your luck."

Testing the limits — in the courtroom rather than the big screen — has been Lohan's calling card in recent months.

Actress Lindsay Lohan appears in court during her arraignment on a felony grand theft charge at the LAX Airport Courthouse in Los Angeles, Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011. (AP Photo/Mario Anzuoni, Pool)

The "Mean Girls" star is due back in court on Feb. 23, an important hearing in which Lohan could opt to end the case early. Her attorney, Shawn Chapman Holley, indicated Wednesday that the actress was interested in an early disposition program if the terms are right.

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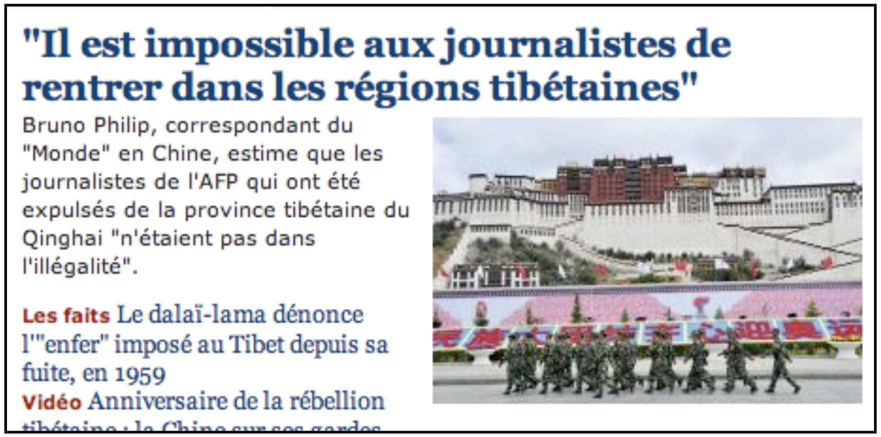

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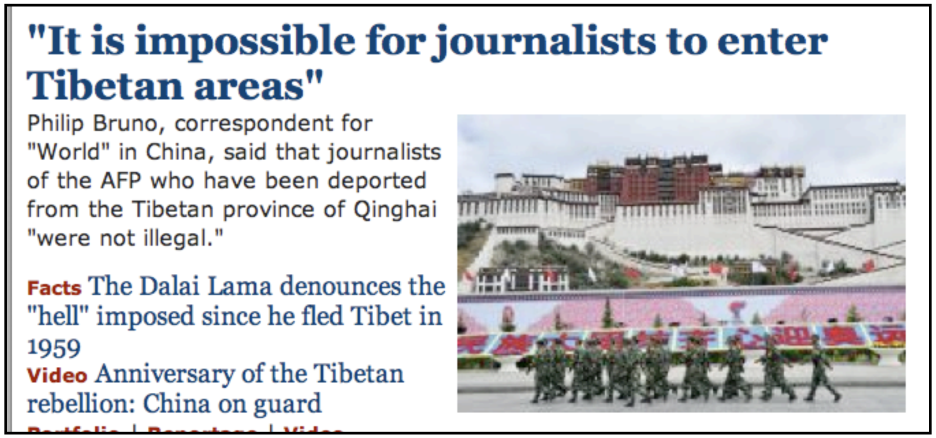

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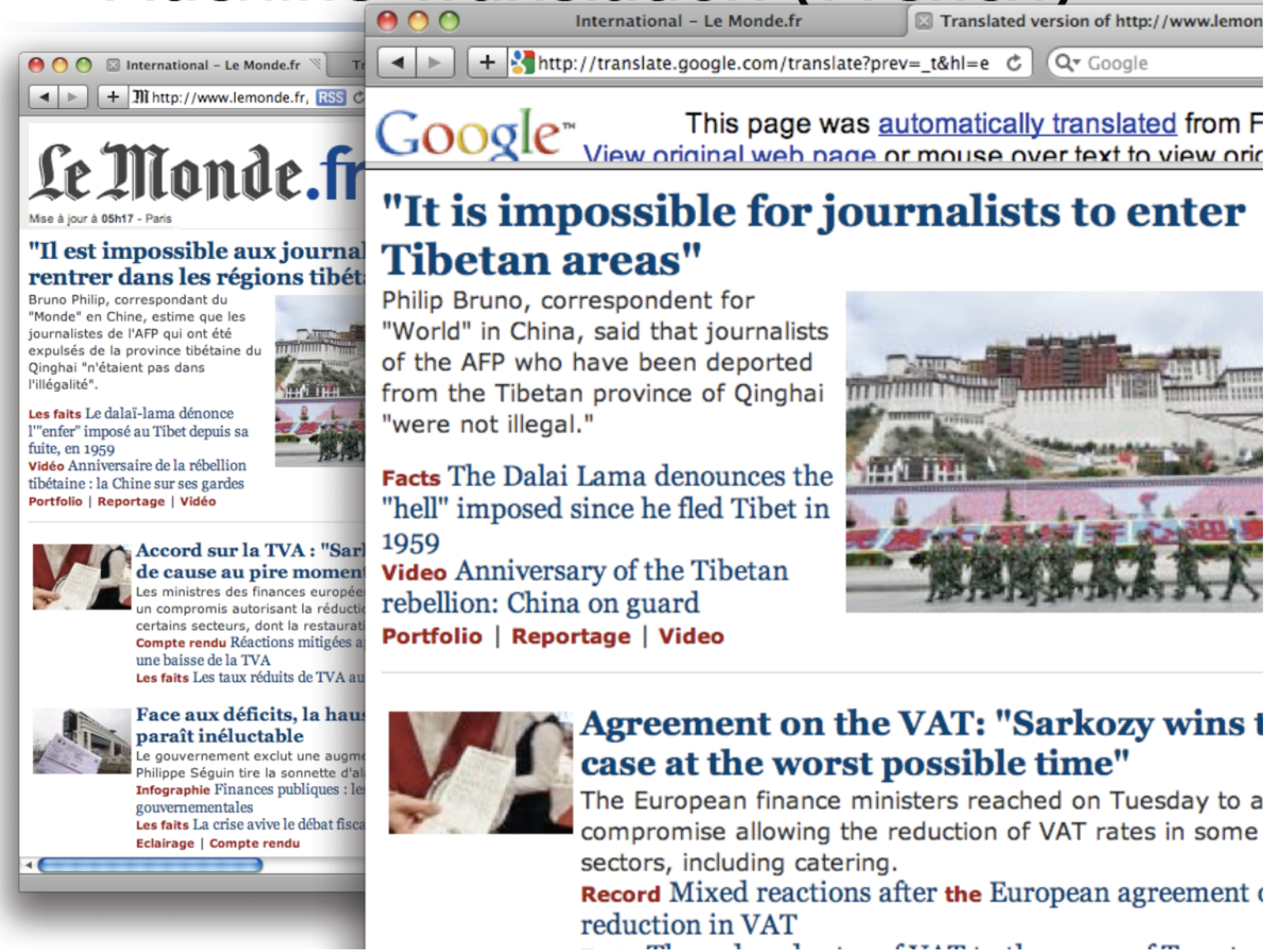
Facts The Dalai Lama denounces the "hell" imposed since he fled Tibet in 1959

Video Anniversary of the Tibetan rebellion: China on guard

- Translate text from one language to another
- Recombines fragments of example translations
- Challenges:
    - What fragments? [learning to translate]
    - How to make efficient? [fast translation search]
    - Fluency (next class) vs fidelity (later)

Machine Translation (French)



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Agreement on the VAT: "Sarkozy wins t
case at the worst possible time"

The European finance ministers reached on Tuesday to a
compromise allowing the reduction of VAT rates in some
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More Data: Machine Translation

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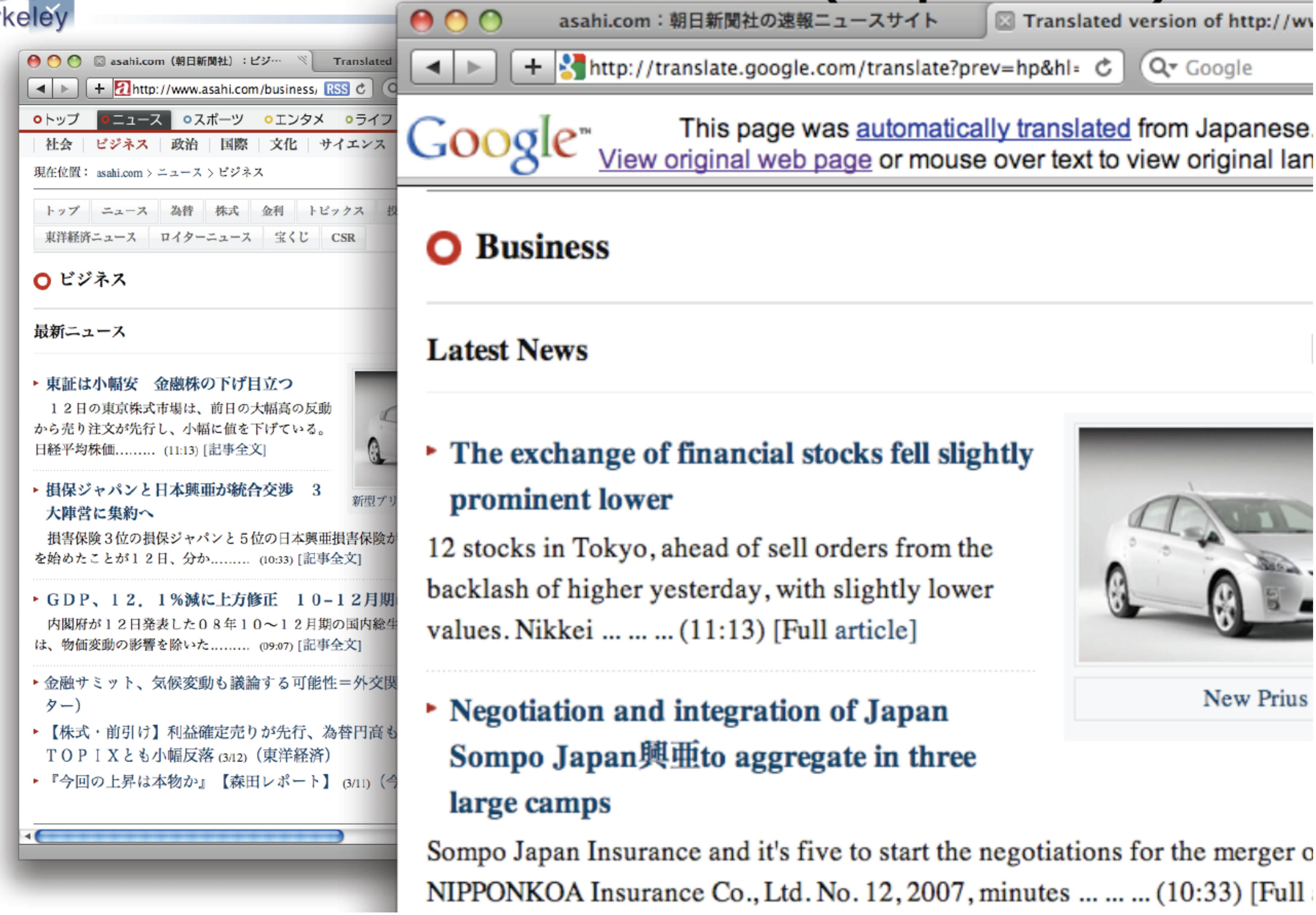
Machine Translation (Japanese)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Business

Latest News

- The exchange of financial stocks fell slightly prominent lower

12 stocks in Tokyo, ahead of sell orders from the backlash of higher yesterday, with slightly lower values. Nikkei ... ... (11:13) [Full article]

- Negotiation and integration of Japan Sompo Japan興亜to aggregate in three large camps

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NIPPONKOA Insurance Co., Ltd. No. 12, 2007, minutes ... ... (10:33) [Full

Data and Knowledge

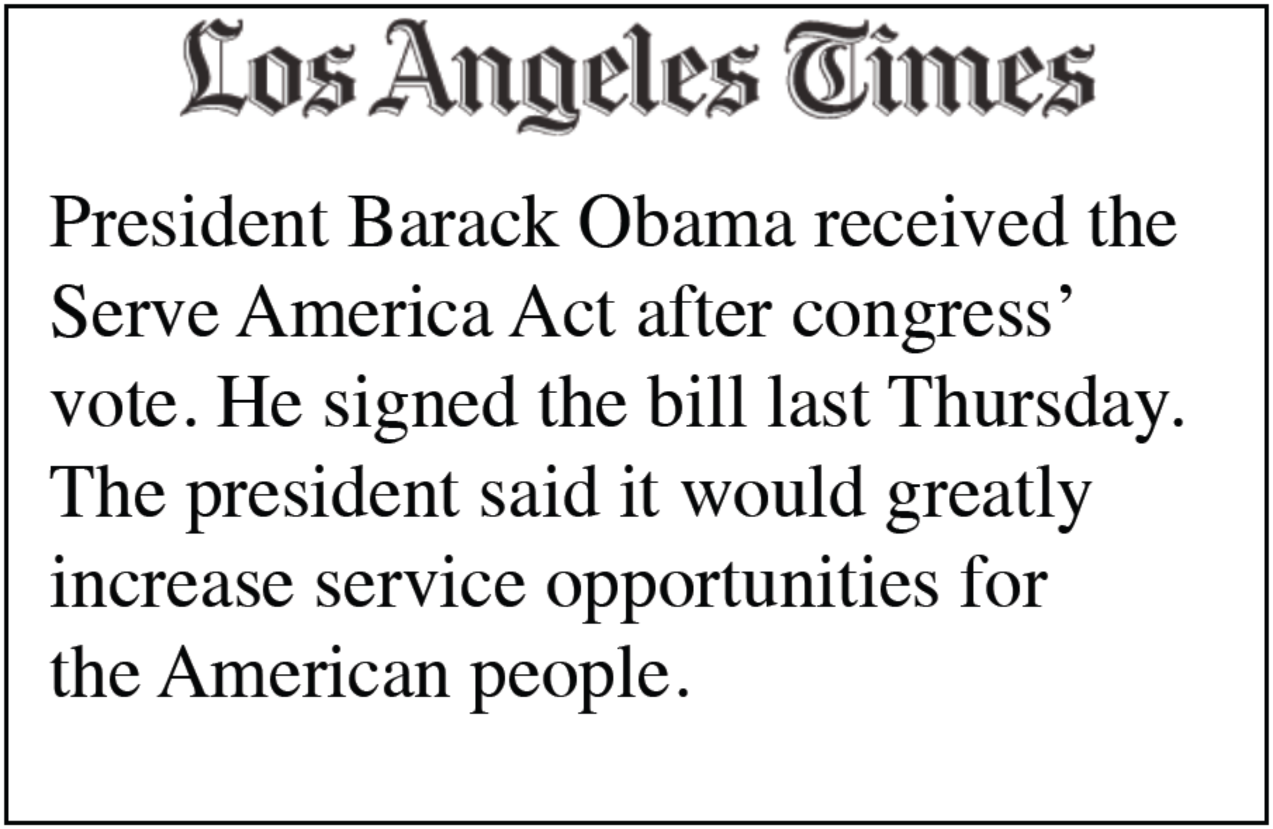
- Classic knowledge representation worry: How will a machine ever know that…
  - Ice is frozen water?
  - Beige looks like this: ▭
  - Chairs are solid?

- Answers:
  - 1980: write it all down
  - 2000: get by without it
  - 2020: learn it from data

Deeper Understanding: Reference

Q: Who signed the Serve America Act?

A: Barack Obama



Los Angeles Times

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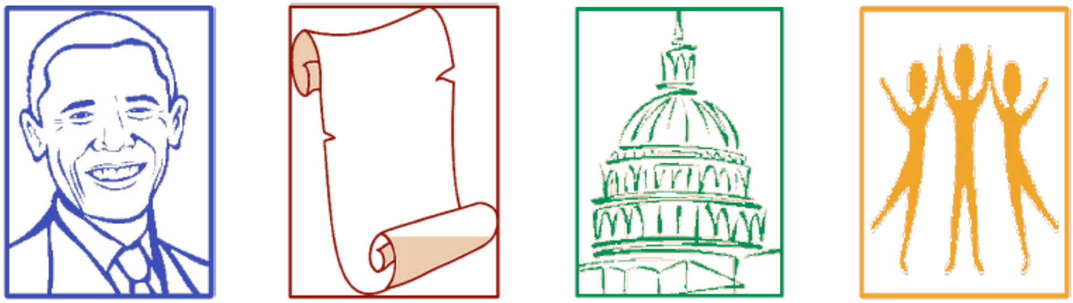
Names vs. Entities



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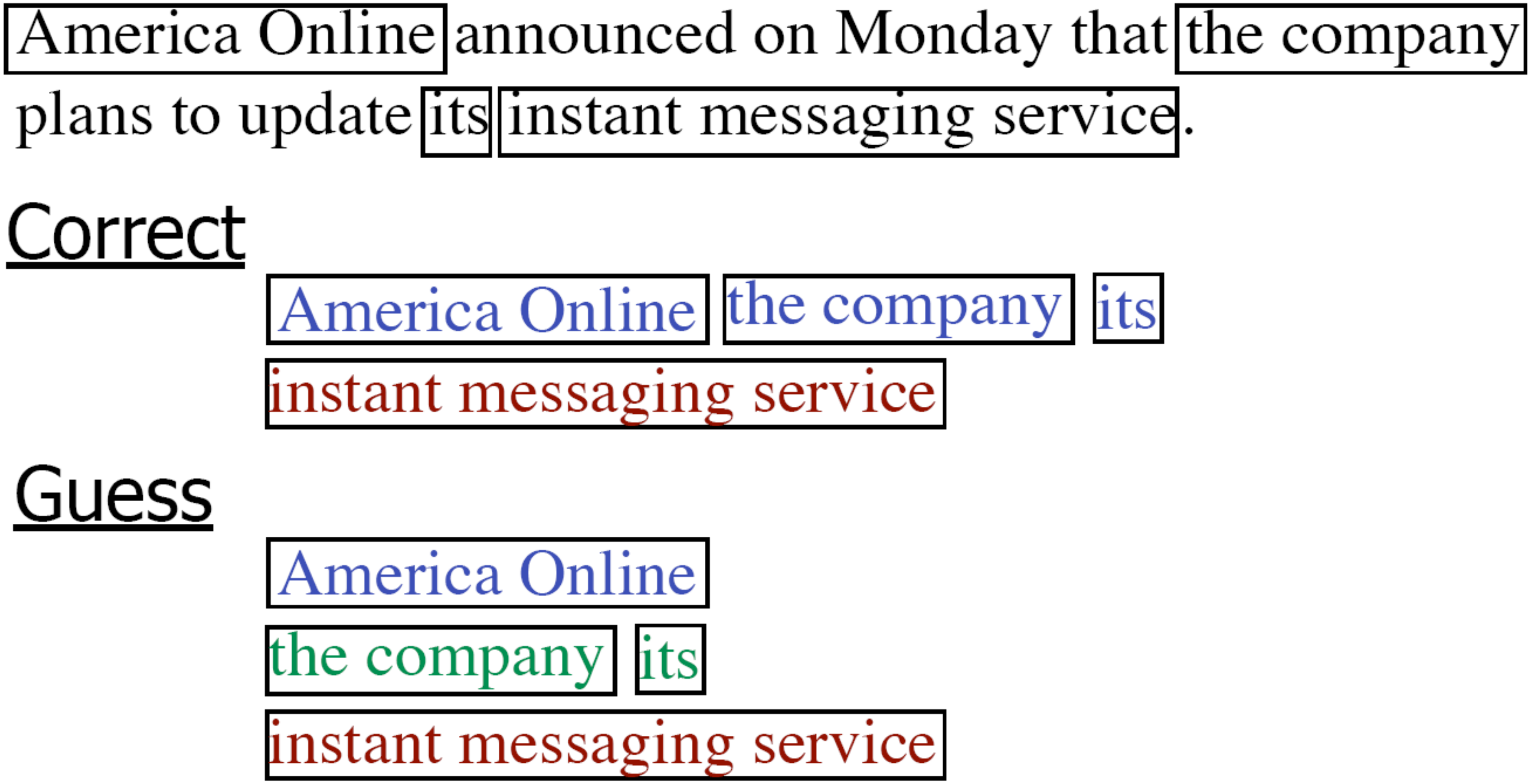

Input

America Online announced on Monday that the company plans to update its instant messaging service.

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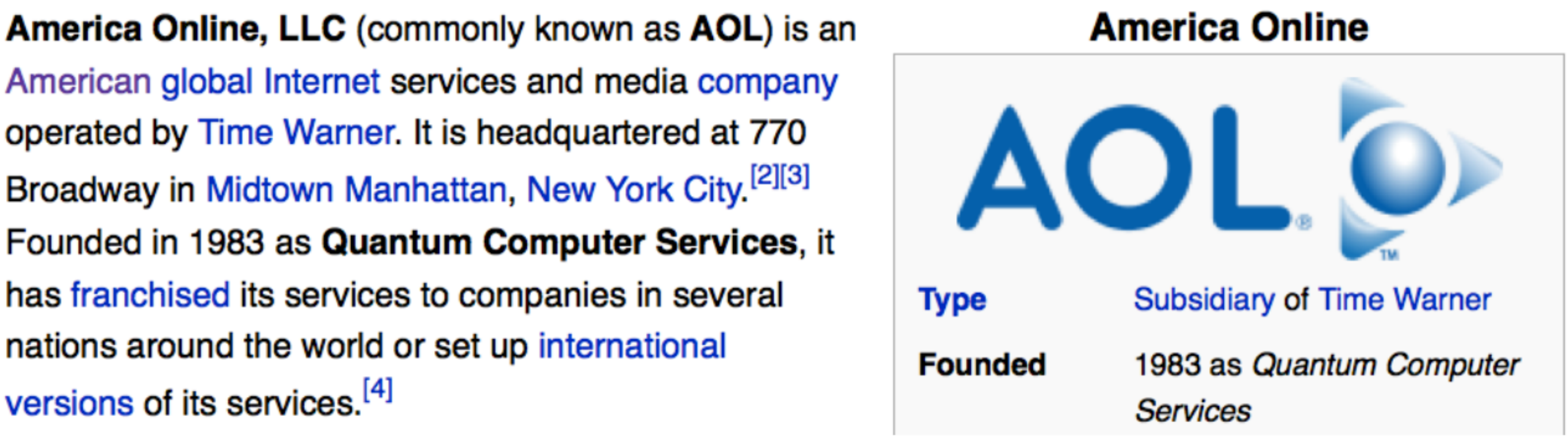
Discovering Knowledge

America Online ⟷ **company**



America Online, LLC (commonly known as **AOL**) is an American global Internet services and media company operated by Time Warner. It is headquartered at 770 Broadway in Midtown Manhattan, New York City.[2][3] Founded in 1983 as **Quantum Computer Services**, it has franchised its services to companies in several nations around the world or set up international versions of its services.[4]

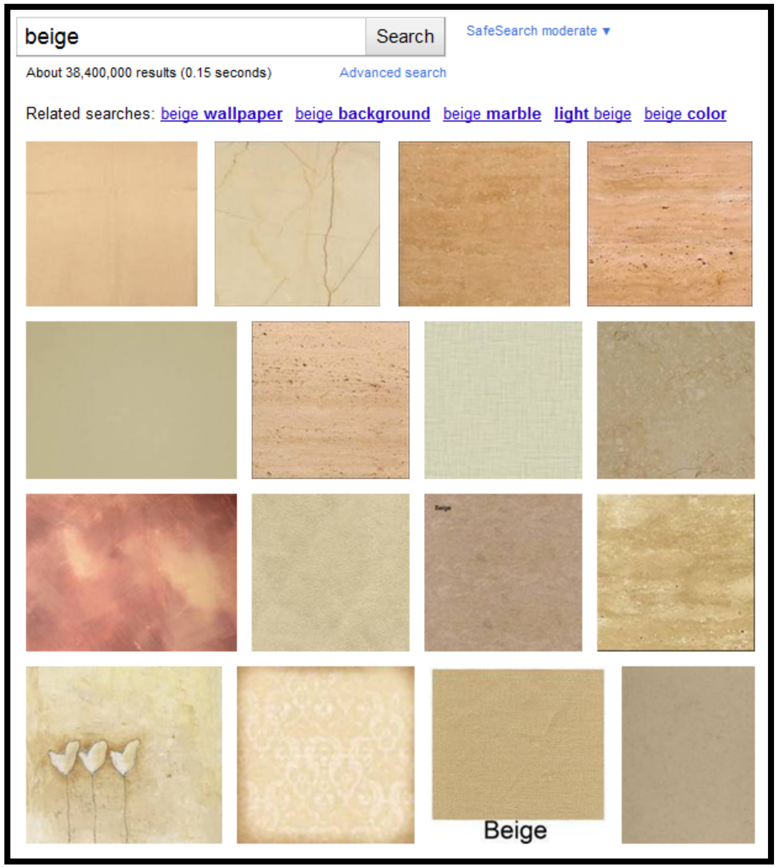
America Online

Type	Subsidiary of Time Warner
Founded	1983 as *Quantum Computer Services*

Grounded Language

Grounding with Natural Data

… on the beige loveseat.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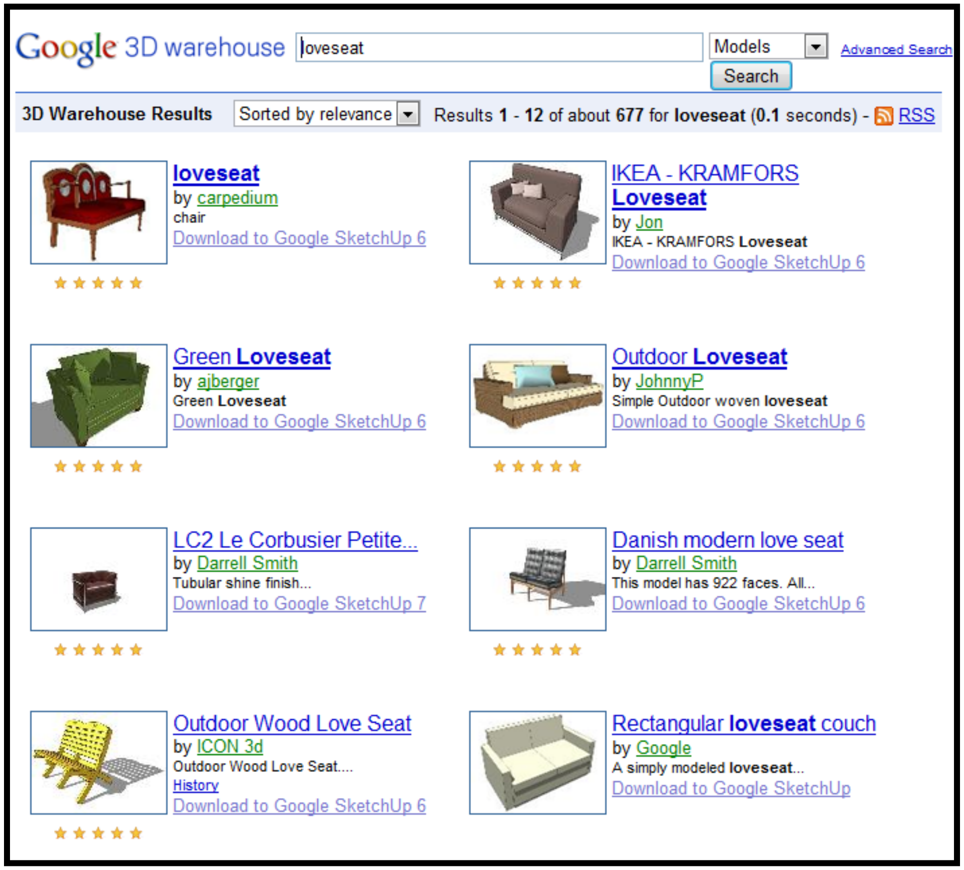
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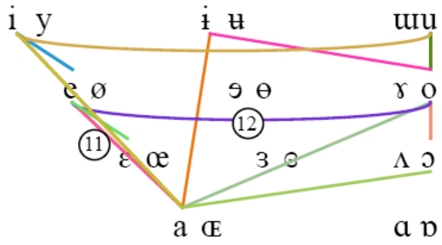
What is Nearby NLP?

- Computational Linguistics
  - Using computational methods to learn more about how language works
  - We end up doing this and using it



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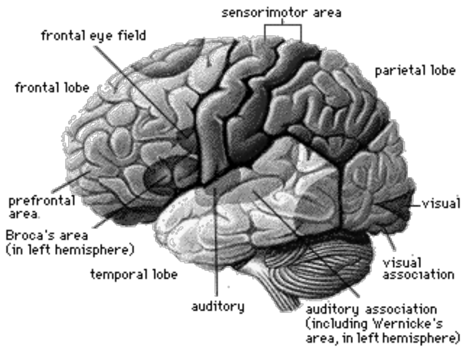
- Cognitive Science
  - Figuring out how the human brain works
  - Includes the bits that do language
  - Humans: the only working NLP prototype!



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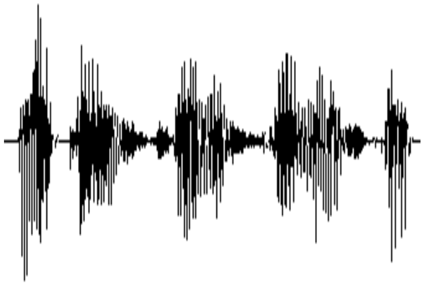
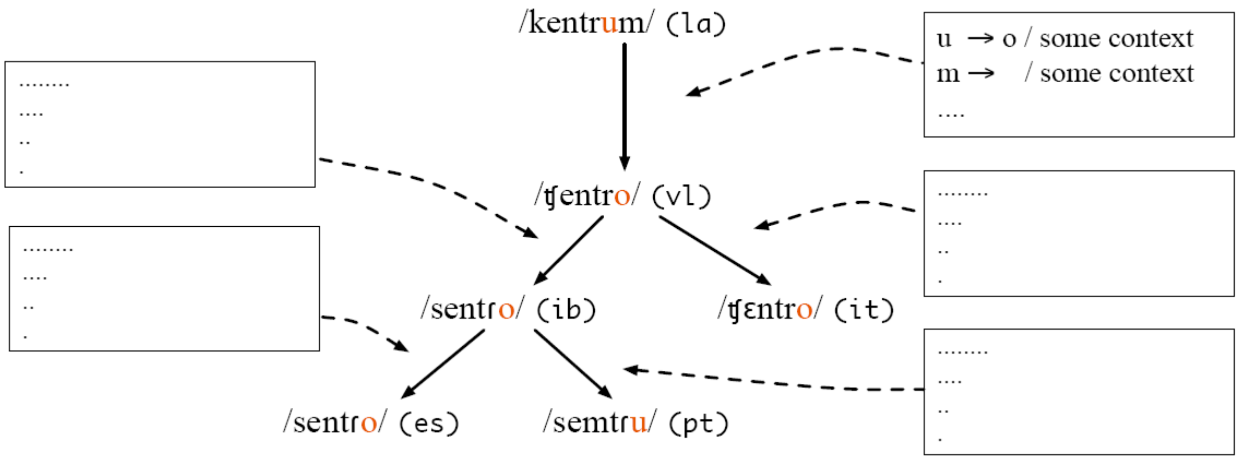
auditory association (including Wernicke's area, in left hemisphere)

- Speech Processing
  - Mapping audio signals to text
  - Traditionally separate from NLP, converging?
  - Two components: acoustic models and language models
  - Language models in the domain of stat NLP



Example: NLP Meets CL



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- Example: Language change, reconstructing ancient forms, phylogenies

  … just one example of the kinds of linguistic models we can build

What is NLP research?

- Three aspects we often investigate:
  - Linguistic Issues
    - What are the range of language phenomena?
    - What are the knowledge sources that let us disambiguate?
    - What representations are appropriate?
    - How do you know what to model and what not to model?
  - Statistical Modeling Methods
    - Increasingly complex model structures
    - Learning and parameter estimation
    - Efficient inference: dynamic programming, search, sampling
  - Engineering Methods
    - Issues of scale
    - Where the theory breaks down (and what to do about it)

Some Early NLP History

- 1950's:
  - Foundational work: automata, information theory, etc.
  - First speech systems
  - Machine translation (MT) hugely funded by military
    - Toy models: MT using basically word-substitution
  - Optimism!
- 1960's and 1970's: NLP Winter
  - Bar-Hillel (FAHQT) and ALPAC reports kills MT
  - Work shifts to deeper models, syntax
  - … but toy domains / grammars (SHRDLU, LUNAR)
- 1980's and 1990's: The Empirical Revolution
  - Expectations get reset
  - Corpus-based methods become central
  - Deep analysis often traded for robust and simple approximations
  - *Evaluate everything*
- 2000+: Richer Statistical Methods
  - Models increasingly merge linguistically sophisticated representations with statistical methods, confluence and clean-up
  - *Begin to get both breadth and depth*

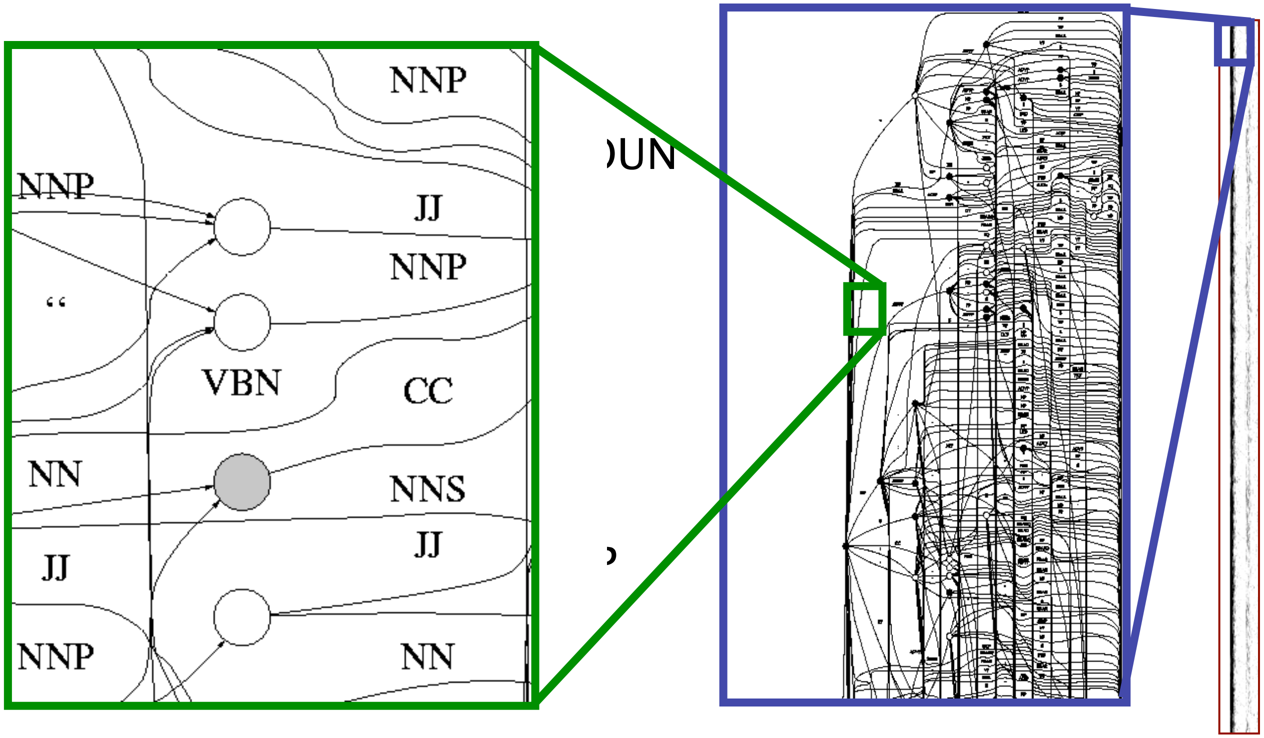
Problem: Structure

- Headlines:
  - Enraged Cow Injures Farmer with Ax
  - Teacher Strikes Idle Kids
  - Hospitals Are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors
  - Ban on Nude Dancing on Governor’s Desk
  - Iraqi Head Seeks Arms
  - Stolen Painting Found by Tree
  - Kids Make Nutritious Snacks
  - Local HS Dropouts Cut in Half

- Why are these funny?

Problem: Scale

- People *did* know that language was ambiguous!
  - …but they hoped that all interpretations would be "good" ones (or ruled out pragmatically)
  - …they didn't realize how bad it would be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Classical NLP: Parsing

- Write symbolic or logical rules:

Grammar (CFG)

ROOT → S
S → NP VP
NP → DT NN
NP → NN NNS

NP → NP PP
VP → VBP NP
VP → VBP NP PP
PP → IN NP

Lexicon

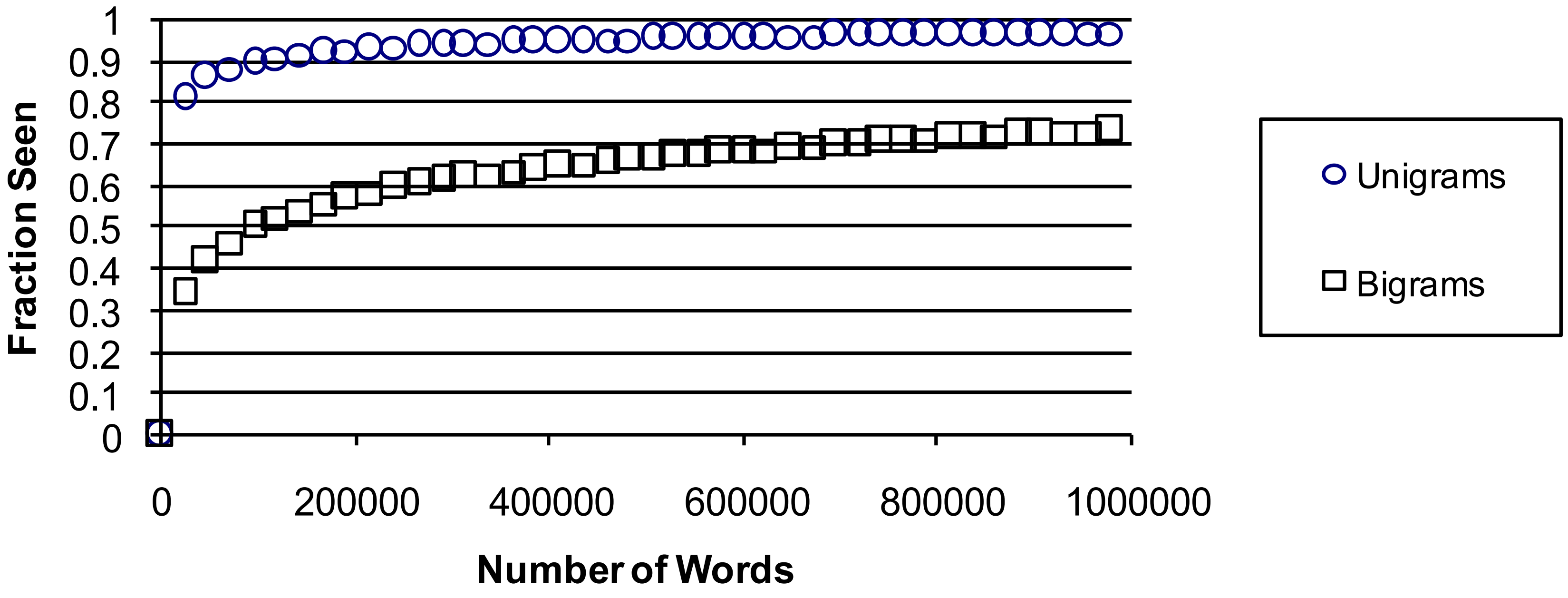
NN → interest
NNS → raises
VBP → interest
VBZ → raises
…

- Use deduction systems to prove parses from words
  - Minimal grammar on “Fed raises” sentence: 36 parses
  - Simple 10-rule grammar: 592 parses
  - Real-size grammar: many millions of parses

- This scaled very badly, didn’t yield broad coverage tools

Problem: Sparsity

- However: sparsity is always a problem
  - New unigram (word), bigram (word pair), and rule rates in newswire



The (Effective) NLP Cycle

- Pick a problem (usually some disambiguation)
- Get a lot of data (usually a labeled corpus)
- Build the simplest thing that could possibly work
- Repeat:
  - Examine the most common errors are
  - Figure out what information a human might use to avoid them
  - Modify the system to exploit that information
    - Feature engineering
    - Representation redesign
    - Different machine learning methods
- We're do this over and over again