

Dialogue Semantics and Pragmatics

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Part II

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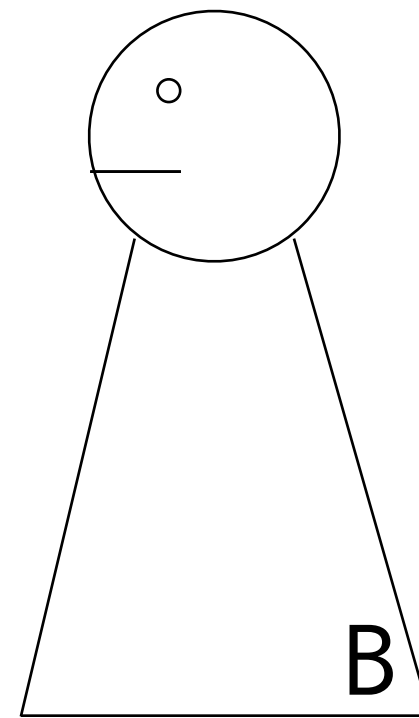
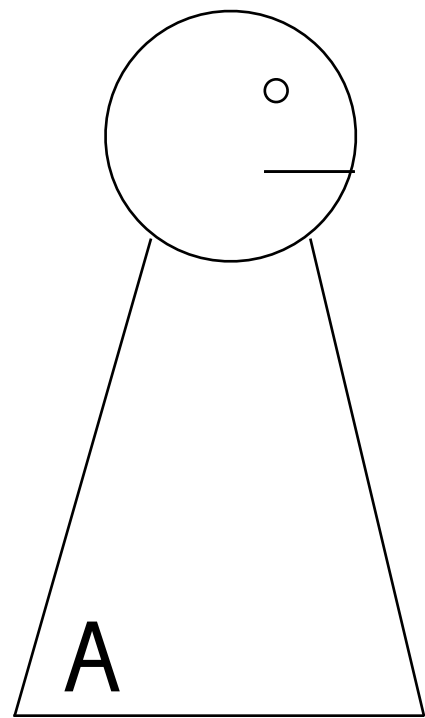
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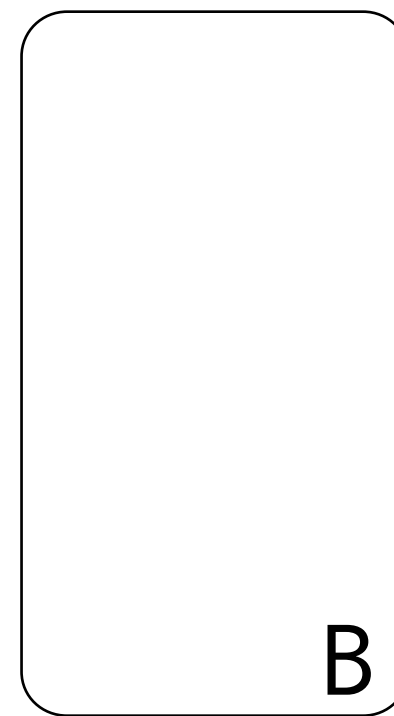
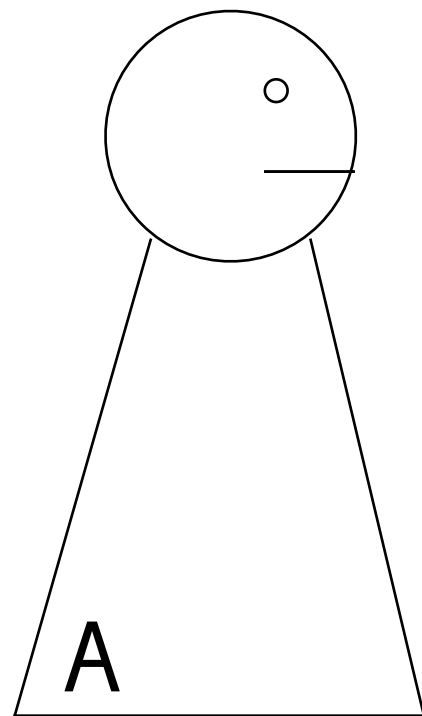
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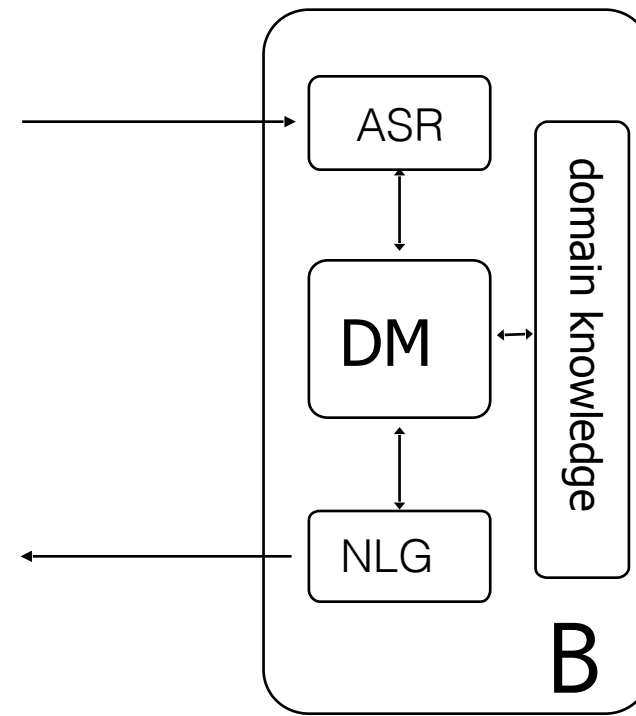
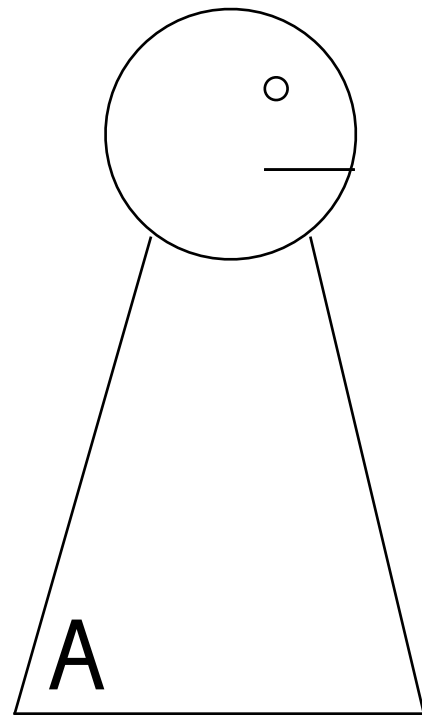
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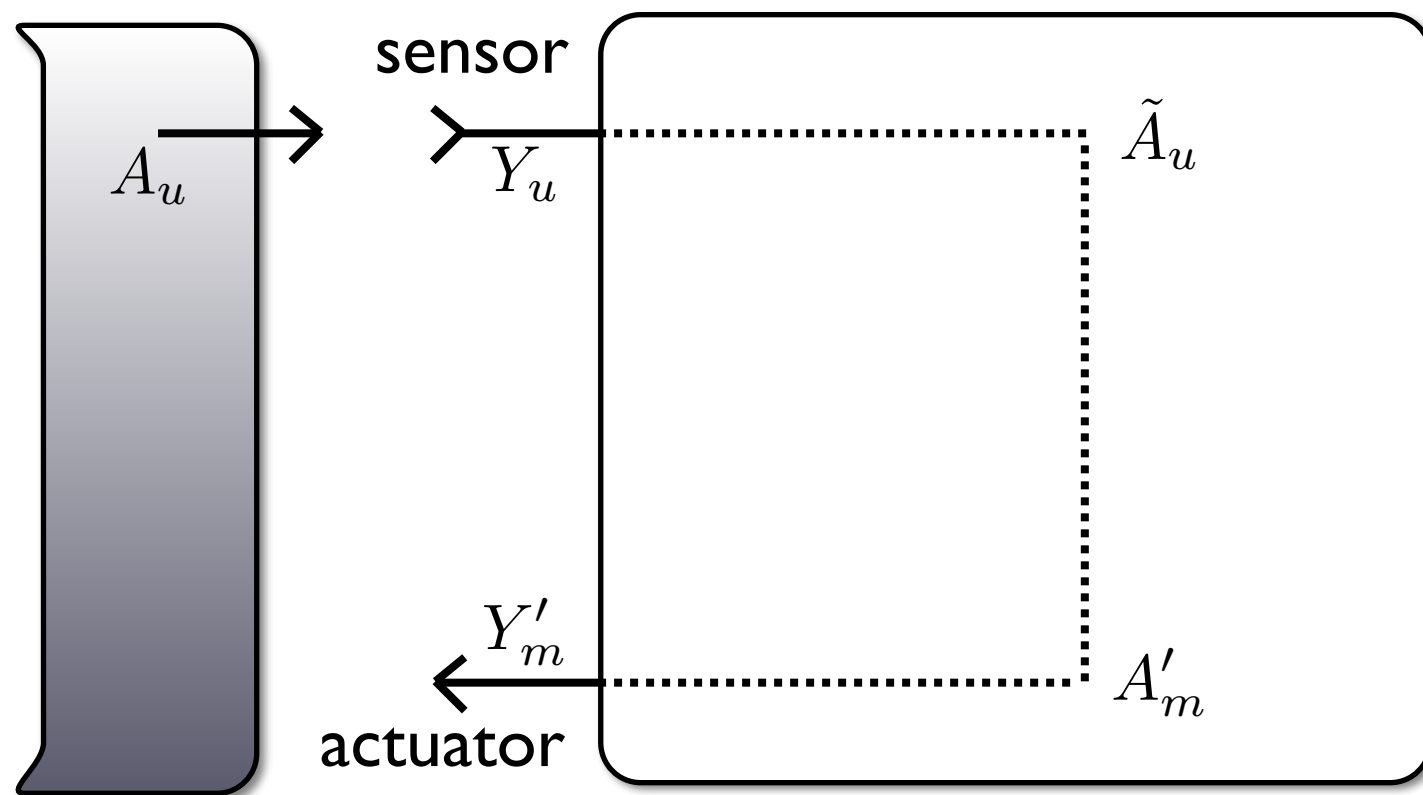
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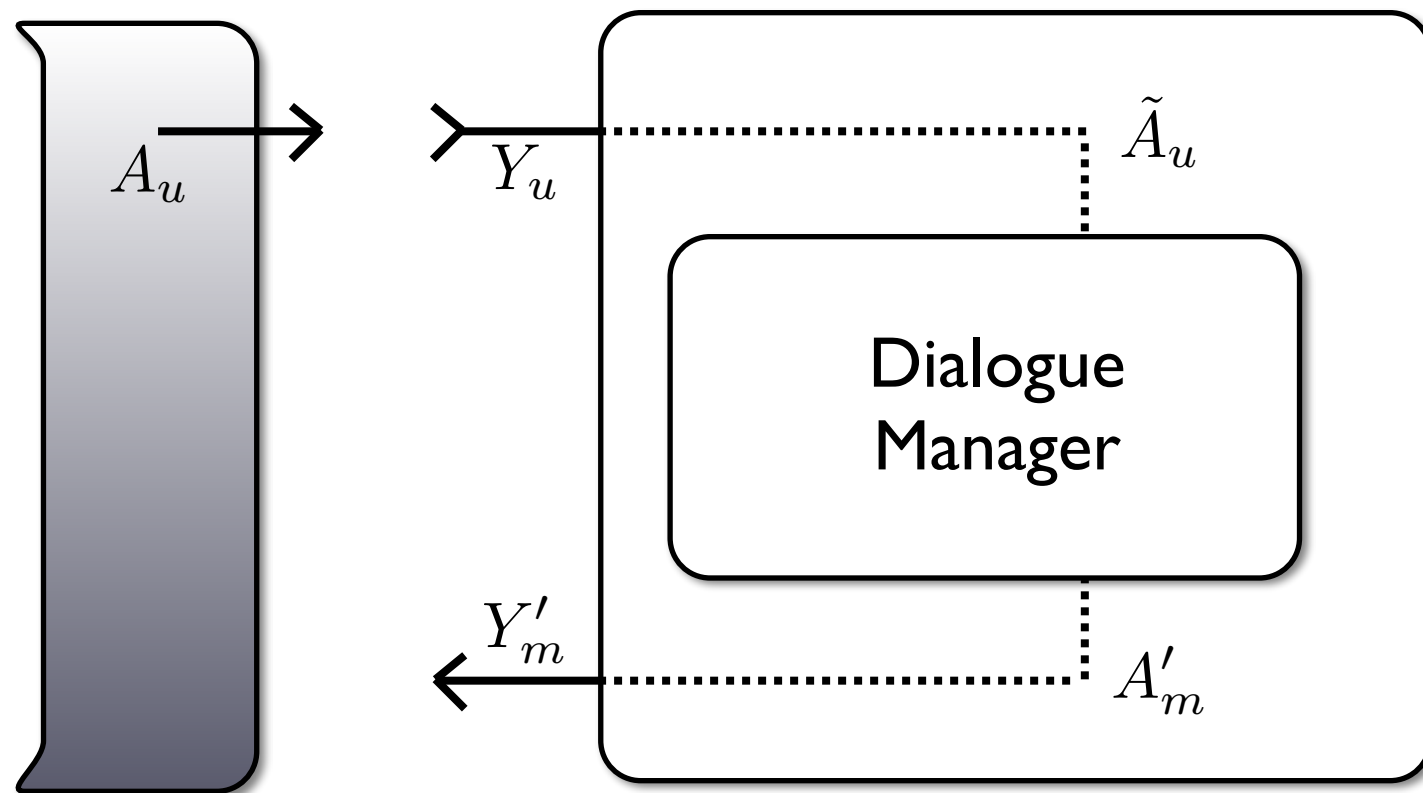
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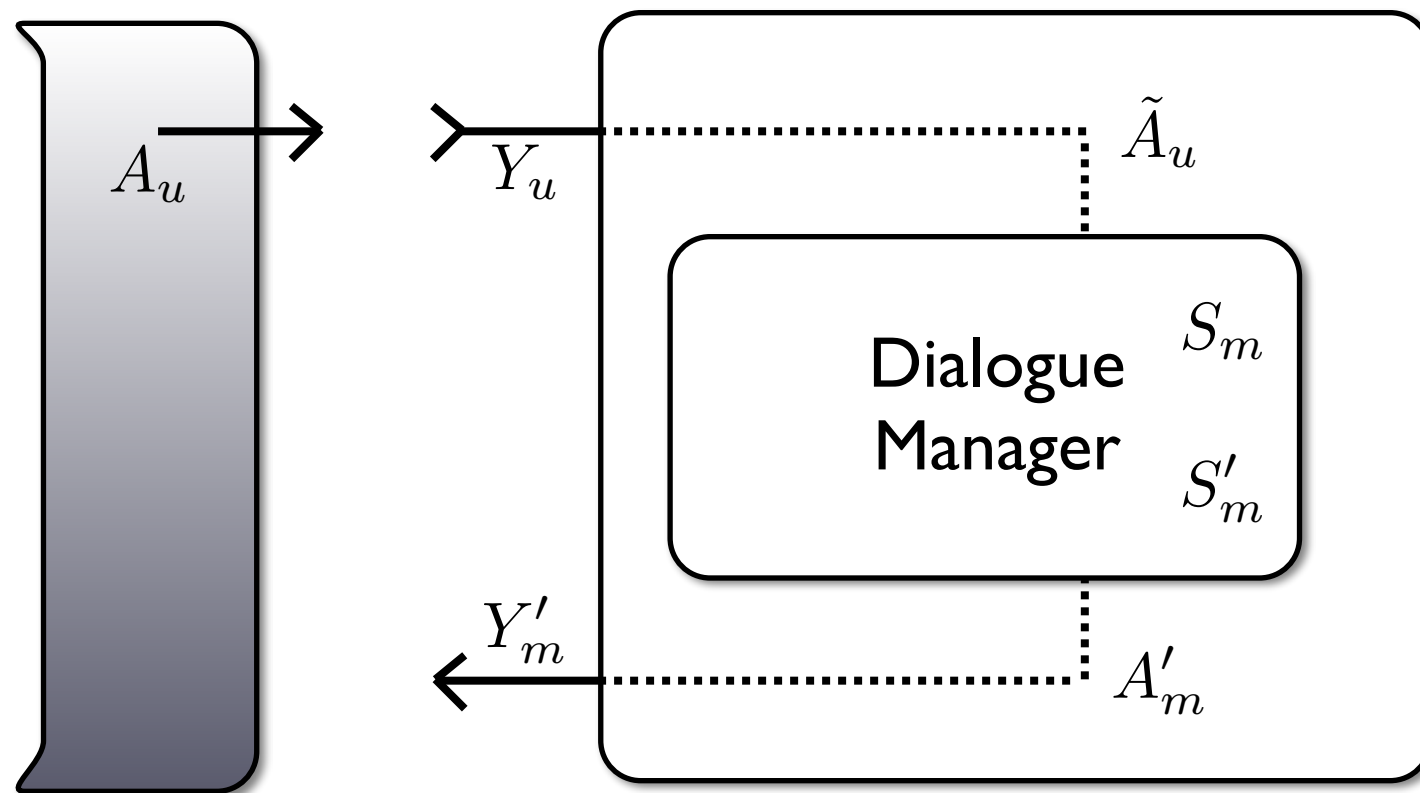








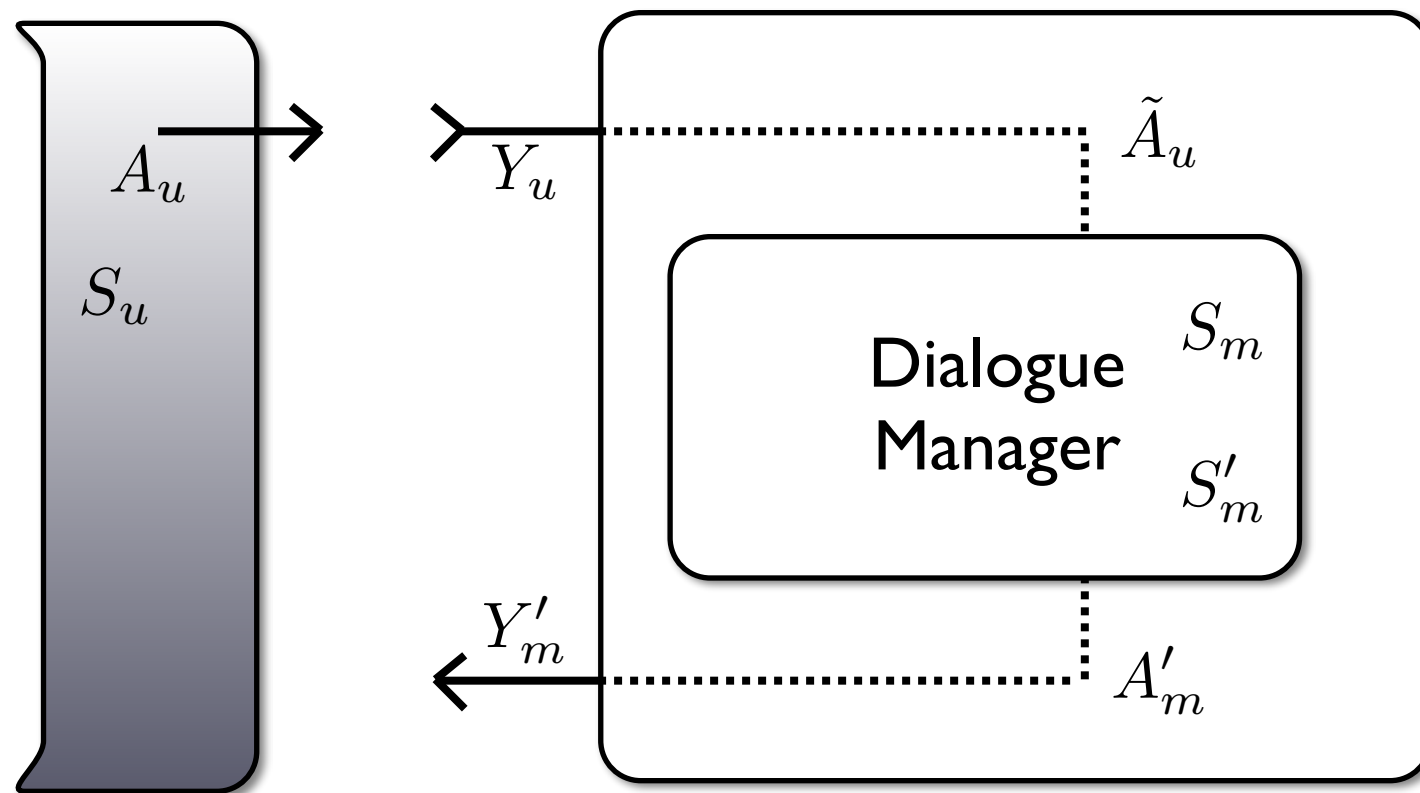




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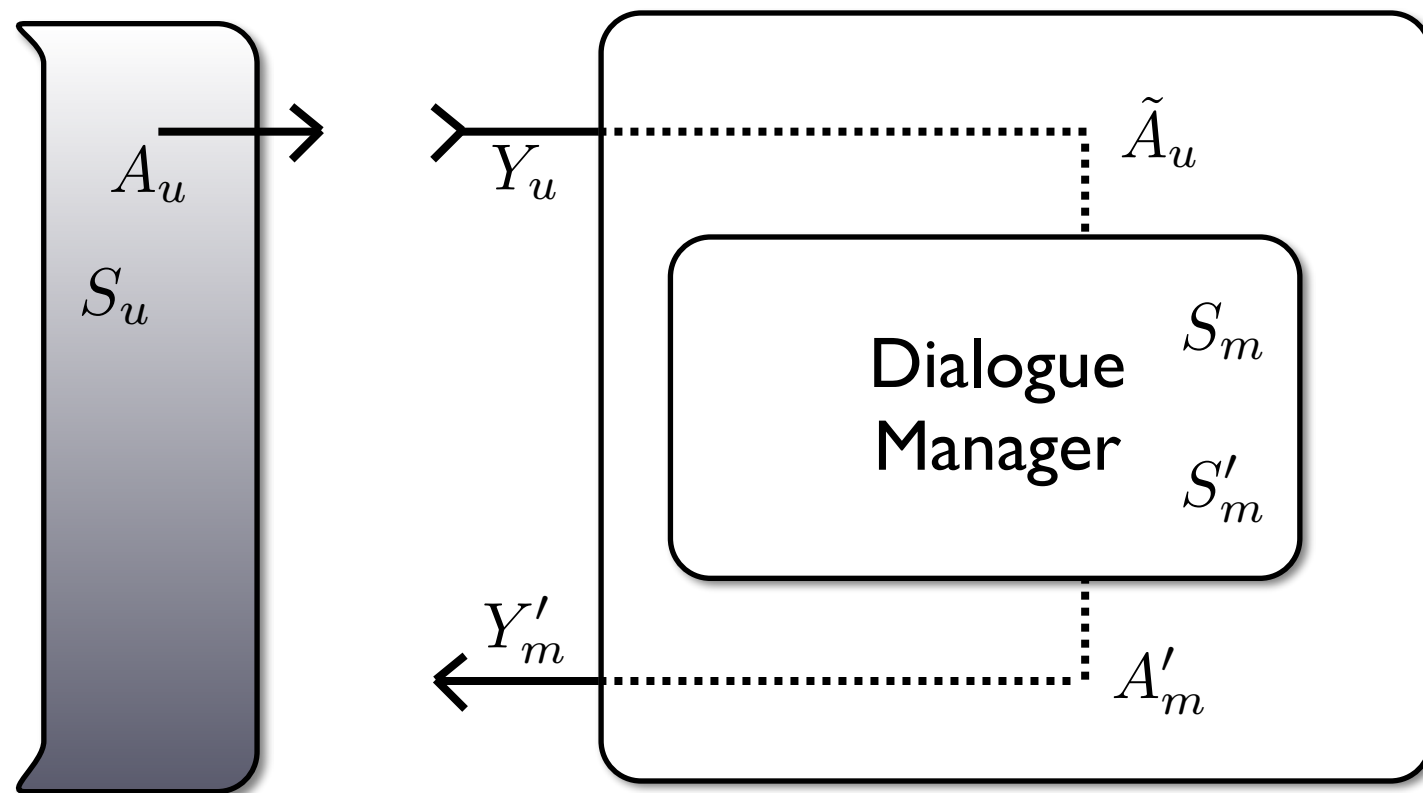
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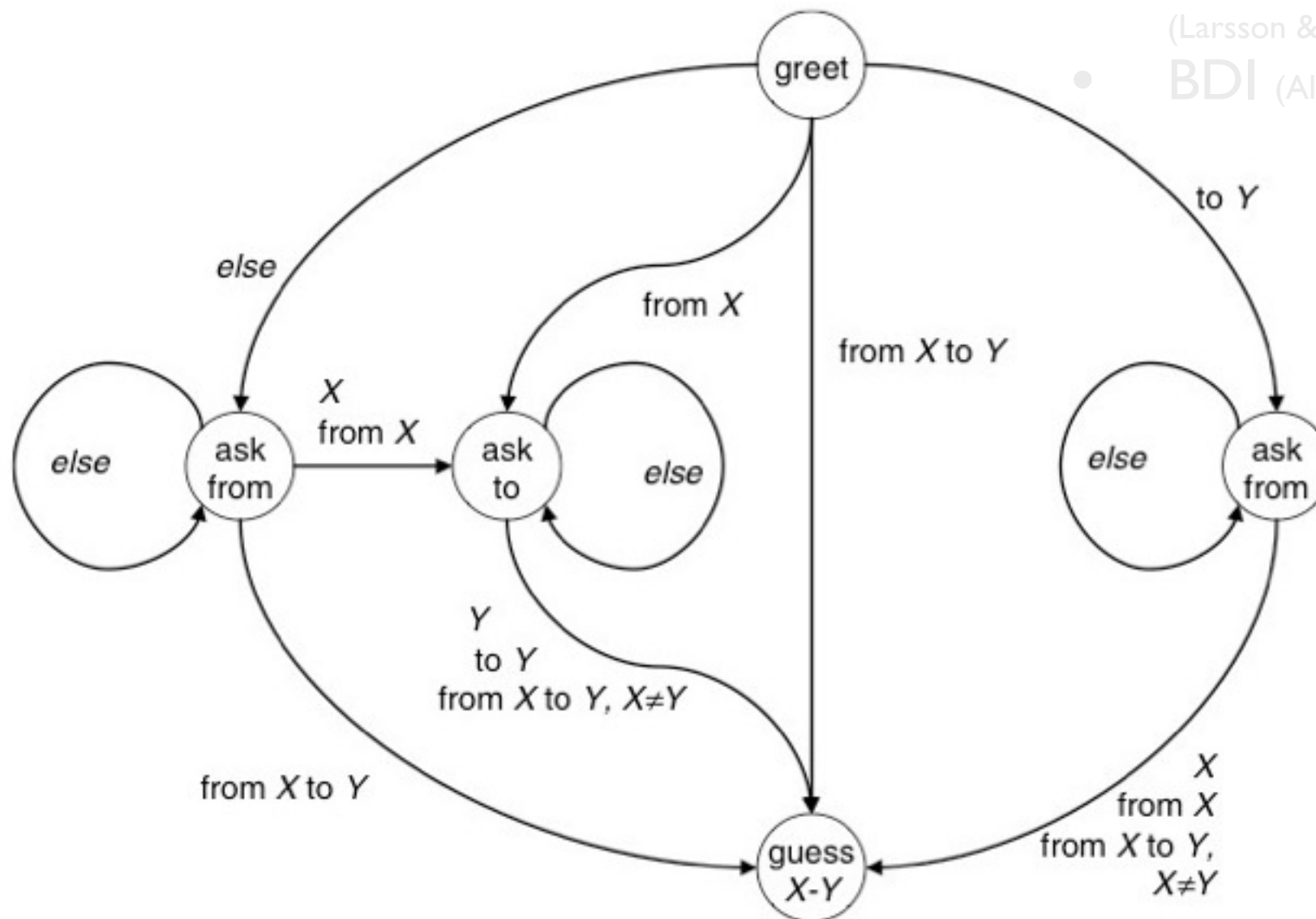
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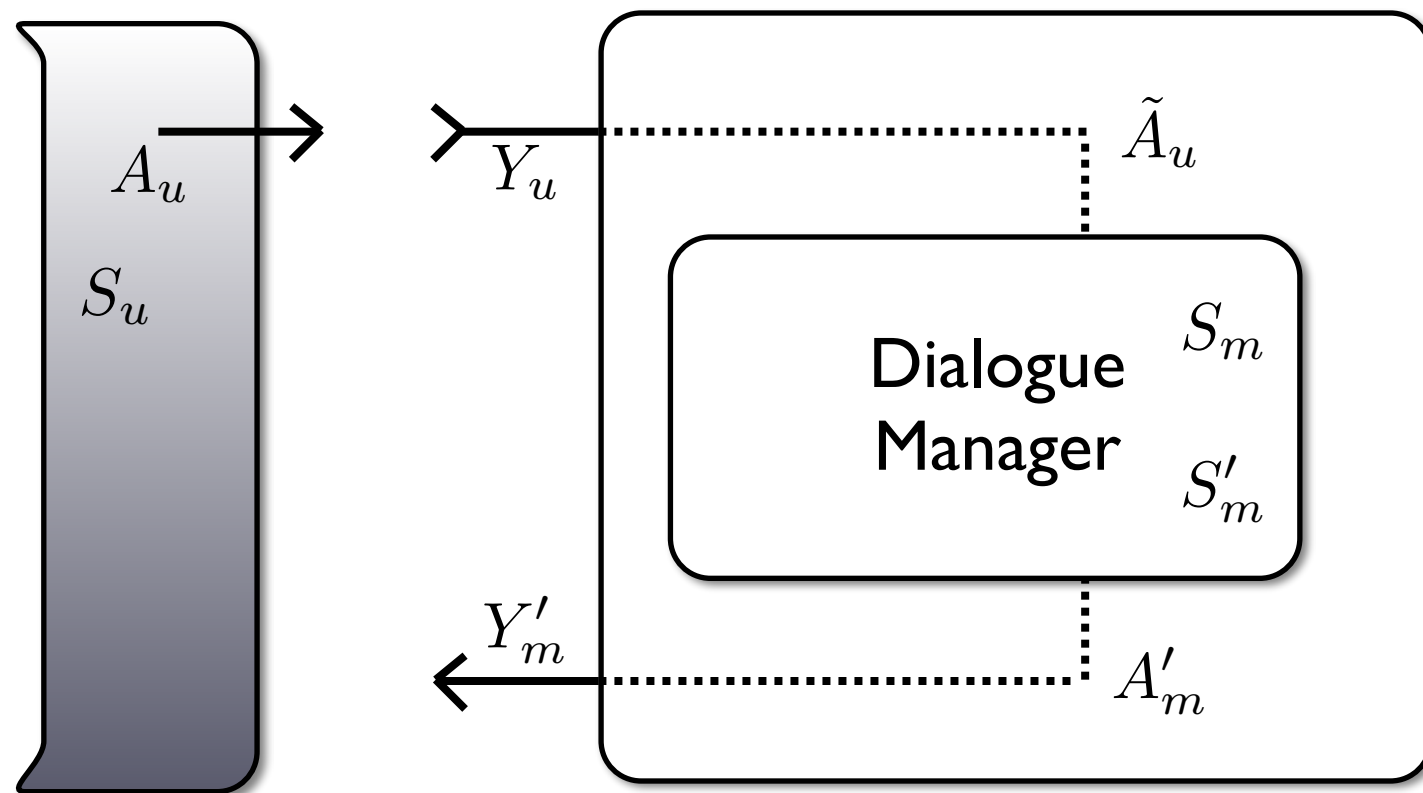


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State: Beliefs, Desires, Intentions

Update: inference rules

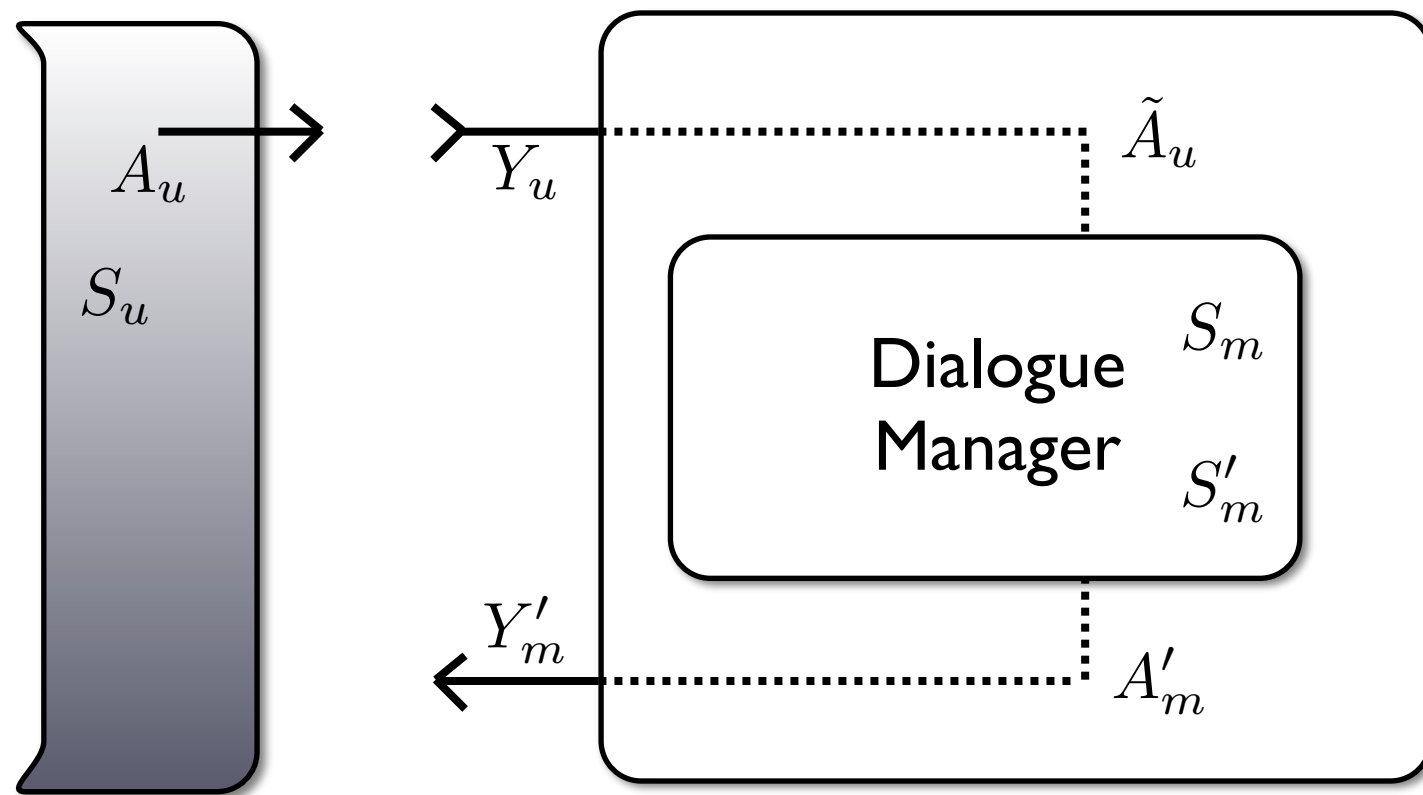
Decisions: planning

“Can you give me a list of flights to Berlin?”

S.REQUEST(S,H,InformIf(H,S,CanDo(H,Give(H,S,List))))
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 Effect: Know(H,P)

“There are three flights, one at ...”

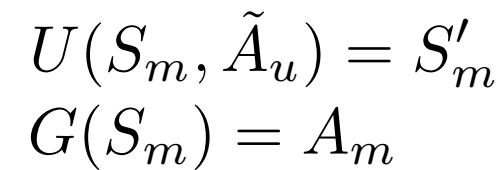


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- ```
"price information,
please"
```

```

getLatestMove
{
 set(/SHARED/LU/MOVES, set([ask(?A.price(A))]))
 set(/SHARED/LU/SPEAKER, usr)
}
integrateUsrAsk
{
 push(/SHARED/QUD, ?A.price(A))
 push(/PRIVATE/AGENDA, respond(?A.price(A)))
}
findPlan
{
 pop(/PRIVATE/AGENDA)
 set(/PRIVATE/PLAN, stack([raise(?C.how(C)), findout(?D.dest_city(D)), ...]))
}

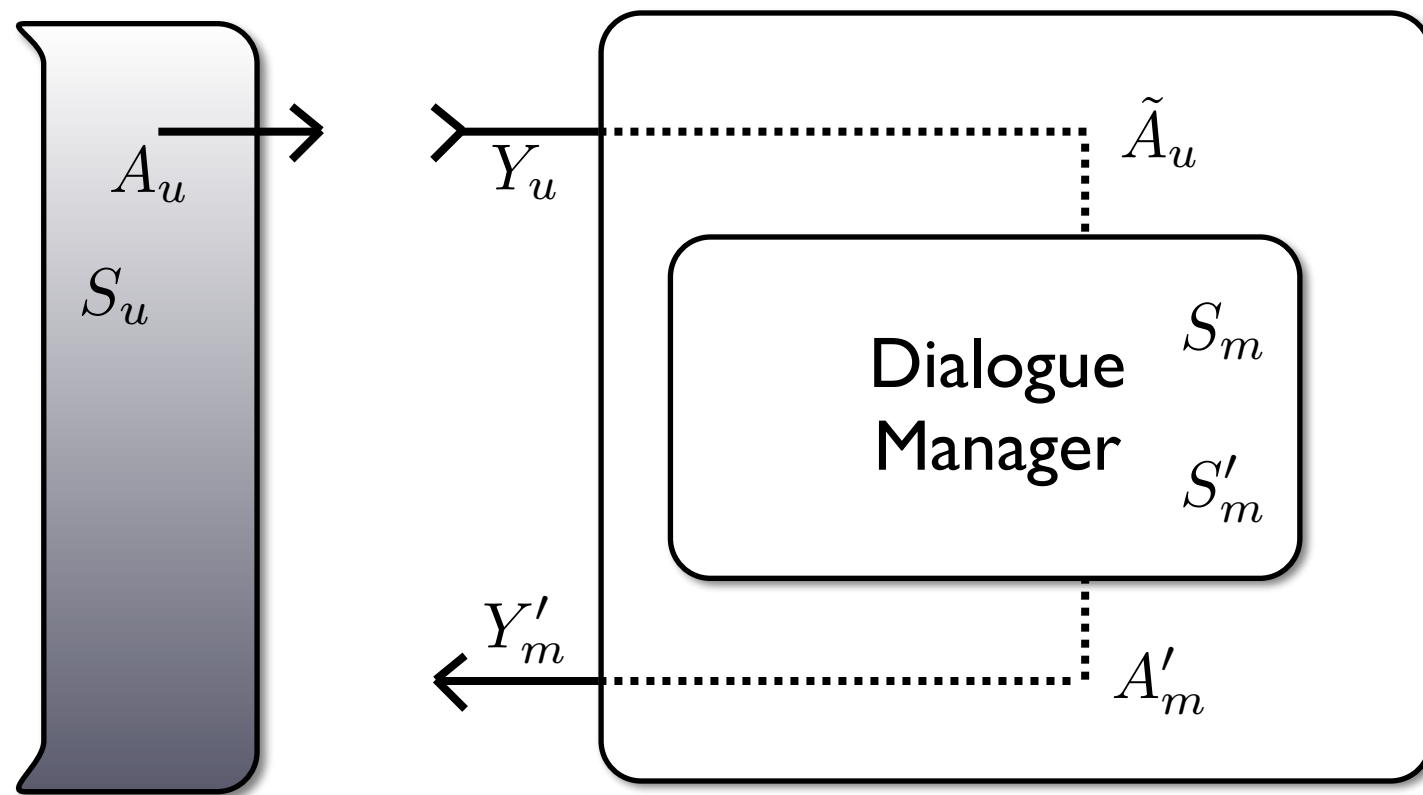
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|         |   |        |   |                                                                                                                                                                                         |   |                              |                                          |
|---------|---|--------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| PRIVATE | = | AGENDA | = | $\langle \rangle$                                                                                                                                                                       | ] | selectFromPlan               | { push(/PRIVATE/AGENDA, raise(?A.how(A)) |
|         |   | PLAN   | = | $\langle$ raise(?A.how(A))<br>findout(?B.dest_city(B))<br>findout(?C.dept_city(C))<br>findout(?D.month(D))<br>findout(?E.dept_day(E))<br>findout(?F.class(F))<br>consultDB(?G.price(G)) |   |                              |                                          |
| SHARED  | = | BEL    | = | { }                                                                                                                                                                                     | ] | "how do you want to travel?" |                                          |
|         |   | COM    | = | { }                                                                                                                                                                                     |   |                              |                                          |
|         |   | QUD    | = | $\langle ?H.price(H) \rangle$                                                                                                                                                           |   |                              |                                          |
|         |   | LU     | = | SPEAKER = usr<br>MOVES = { ask(?H.price(H)) }                                                                                                                                           |   |                              |                                          |

• (Larsson 2002)

"how do you want to travel?"





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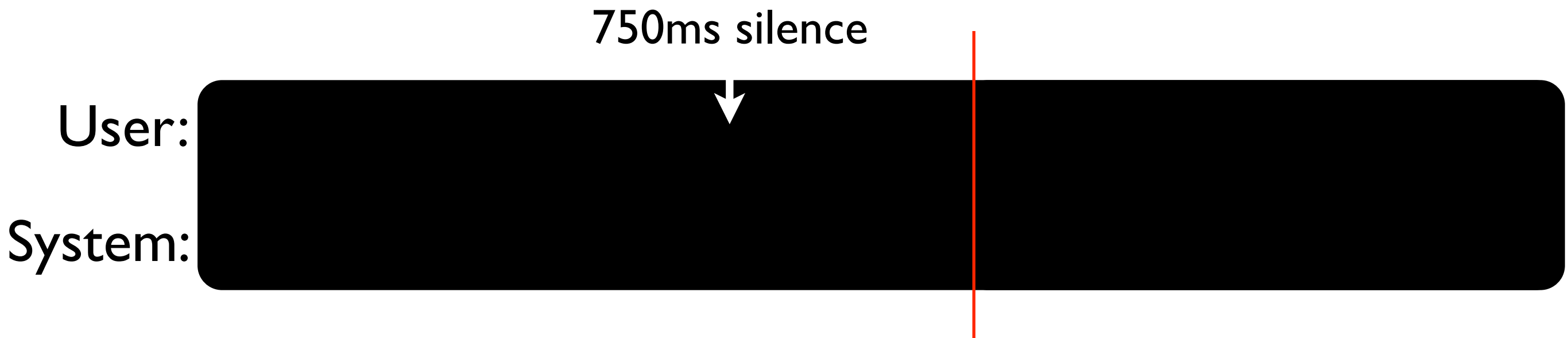
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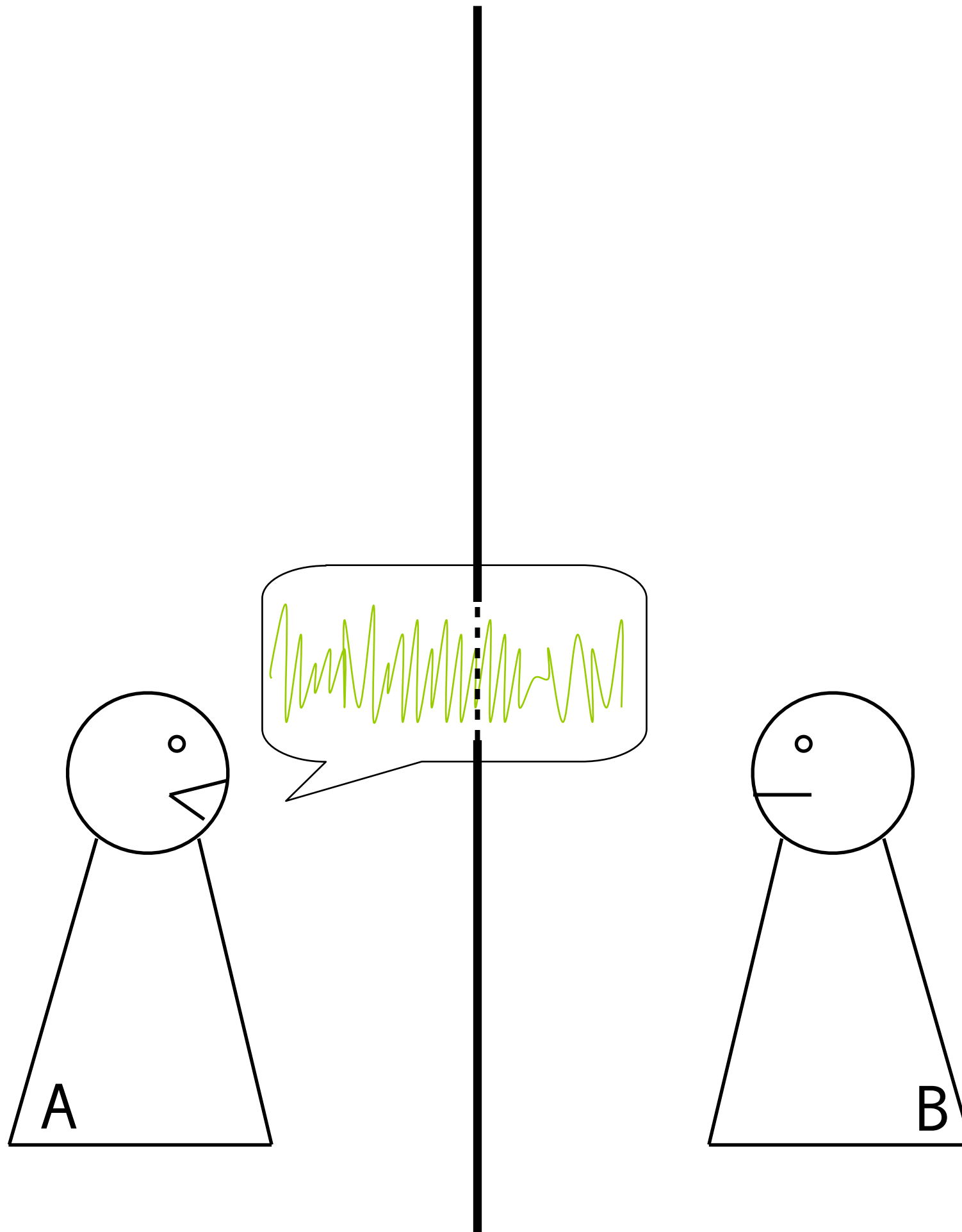


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# Incremental Dialogue Processing





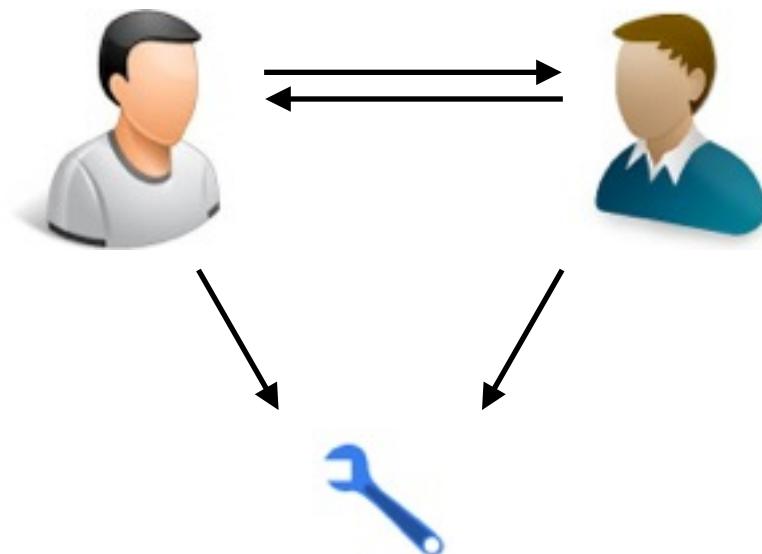


# situated dialogue

- participants share a common timeline:



- participants are co-located:



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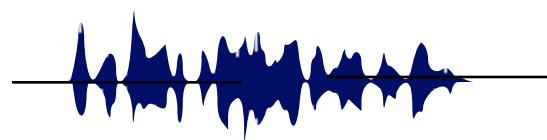
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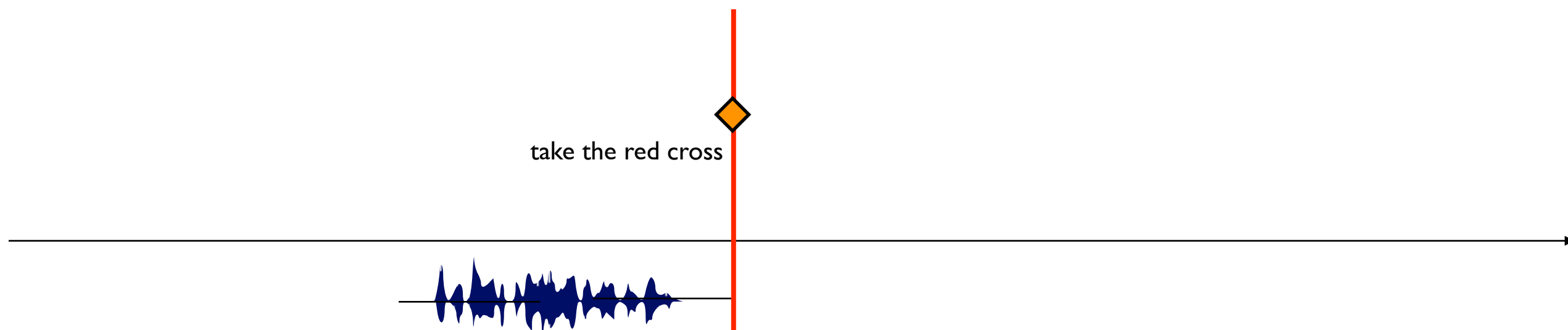
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## – Motivation –

- fundamental skills of an agent:
  - to form hypotheses about the world
  - to plan and perform actions on the world
- IU model as a temporally fine-grained model of the information state of an agent, and of how it is updated





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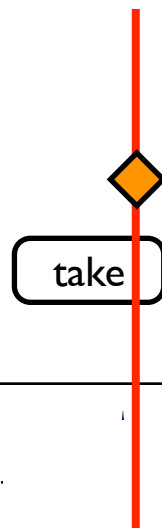


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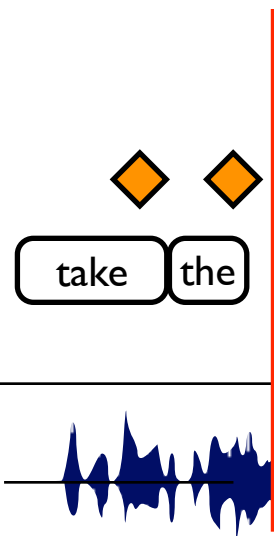


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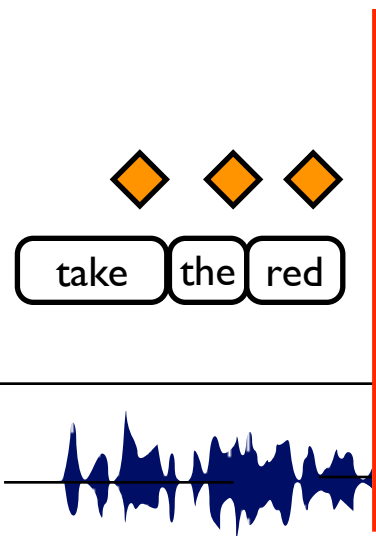


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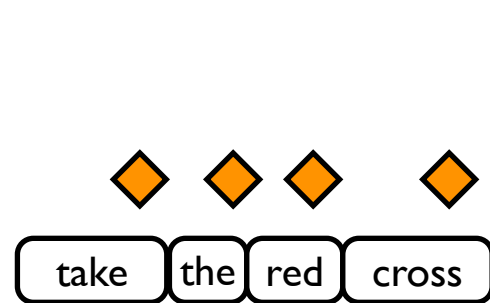


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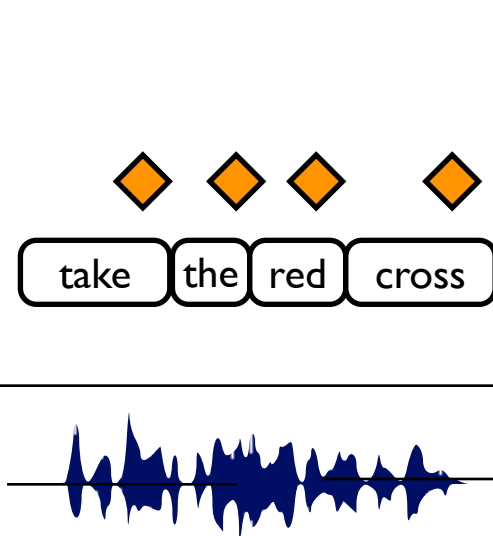


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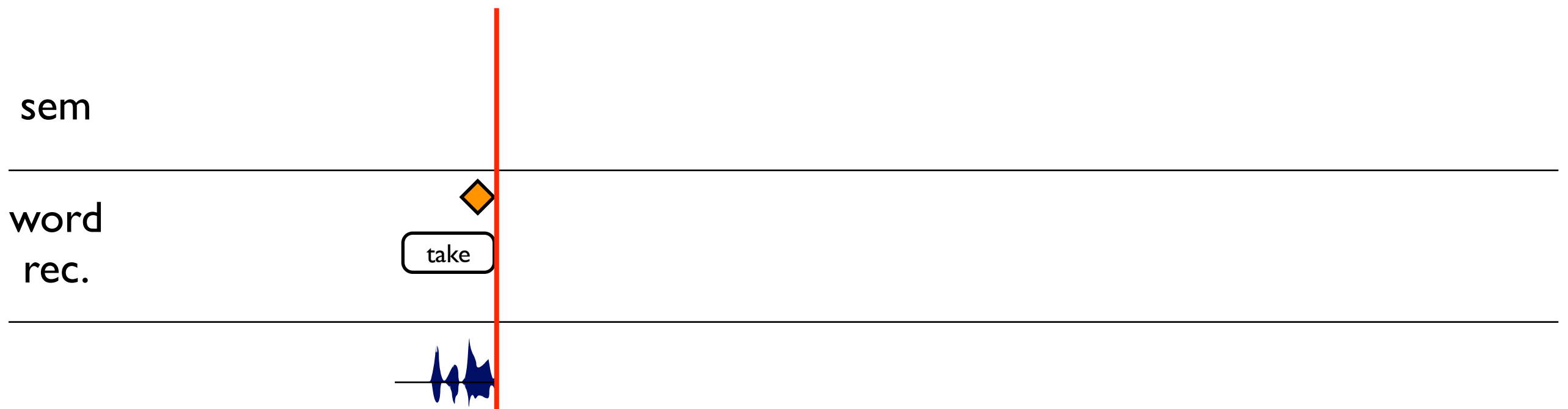
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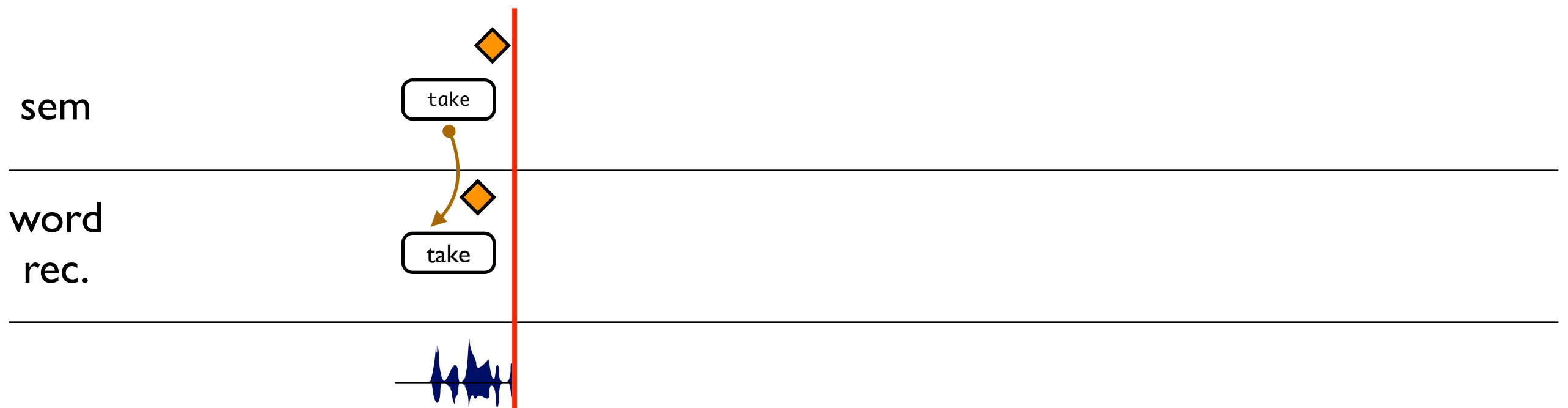
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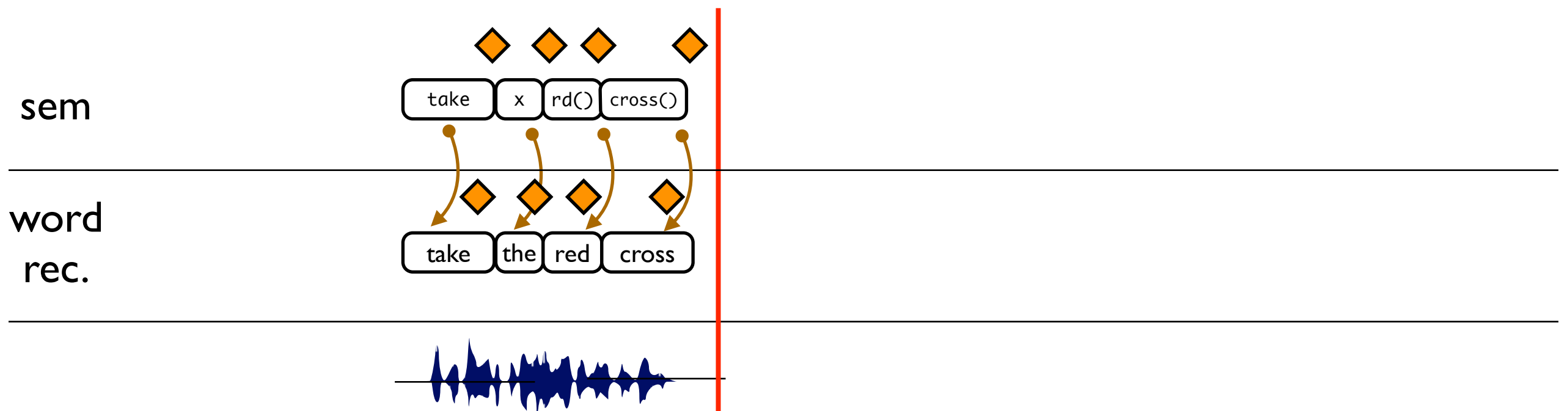
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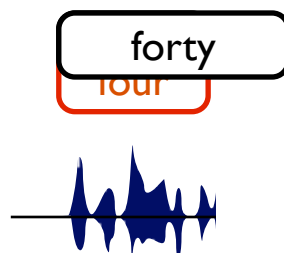




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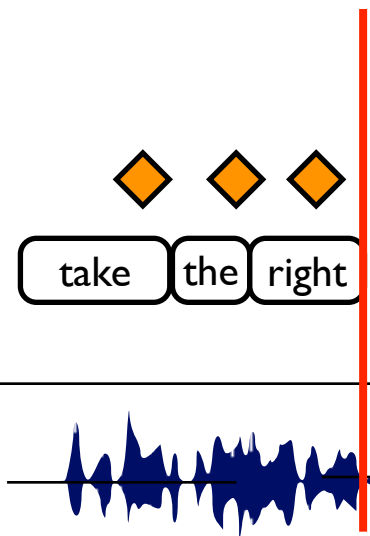


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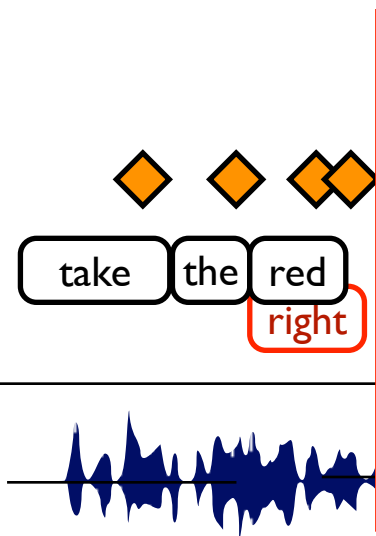


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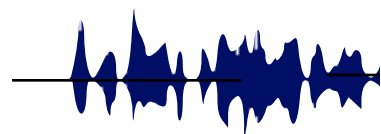
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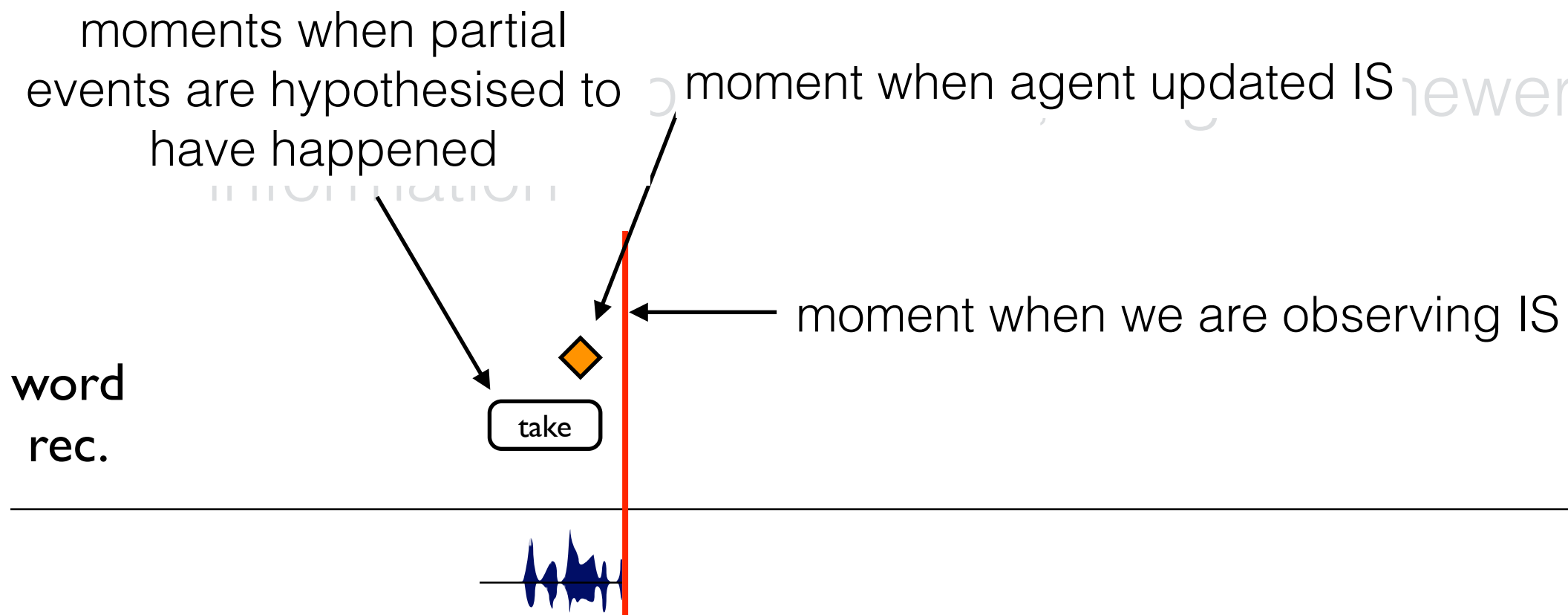
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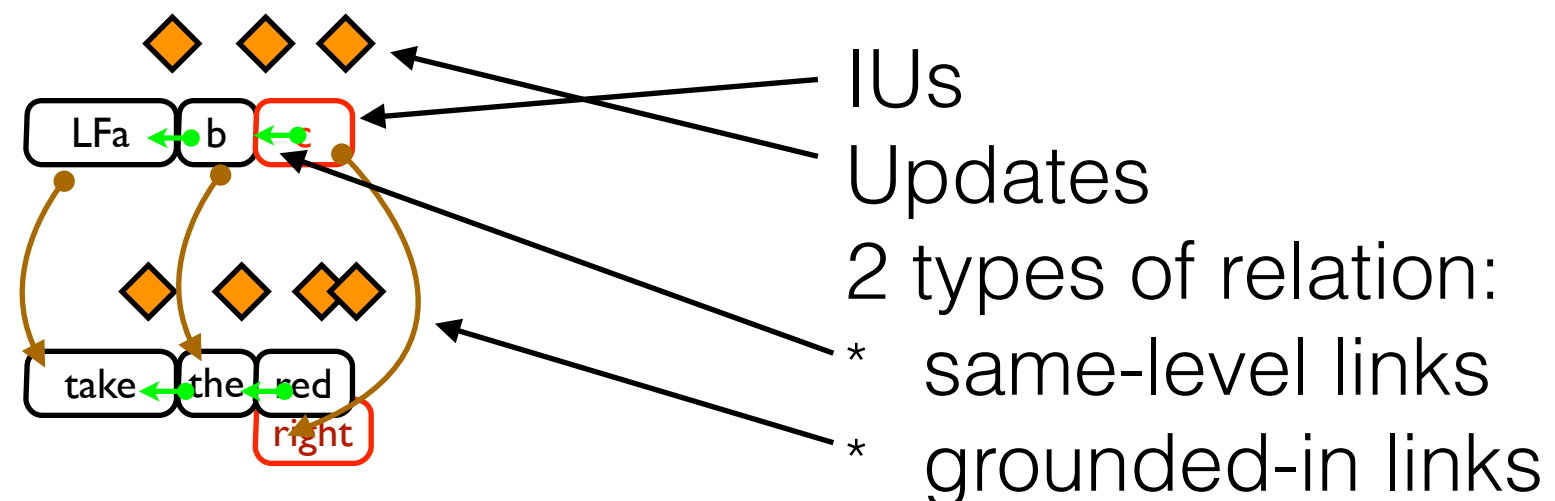
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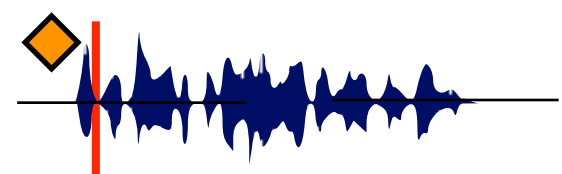


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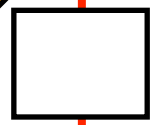
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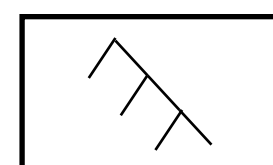
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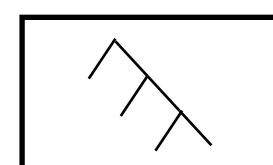
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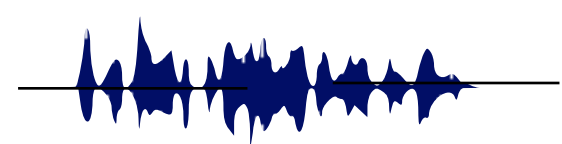


Tag

V D A N

ASR

take the red cross





take the red

u4:r(17),a(18)

18: [ content:"red" | a(u2,"red")  
grin:[s.130,s.150] | a(u2,...)  
sll:16 | a(u2,...)  
conf:0.8 | a(u2,...) ]

take the right

u3:a(17)

17: [ content:"right" | a(u3,"right"),r(u4)  
grin:[s.130,s.150] | a(u3,...),r(u4)  
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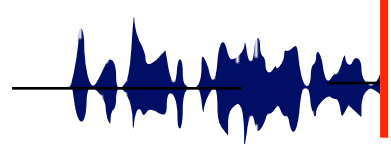
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16: [ content:"the" | a(u2,"the")  
grin:[s.120,s.130] | a(u2,...)  
sll:15 | a(u2,...)  
conf:0.7 | a(u2,...) ]

take

u1:a(15)

15: [ content:"take" | a(u1,"take")  
grin:[s.100,s.120] | a(u1,...)  
sll:0 | a(u1,...)  
conf:0.4 | a(u1,...) ]





# incremental processing the IU model

- incremental units (Schlangen & Skantze, EACL 2009 / *Dialogue & Discourse* 2011)



- IUs: minimal units of characteristic in/output, parts of larger unit
- part-of-relation represented as *same-level-links*
- IUs *grounded in* IUs from other levels, which were drawn on when building them
- Implemented in InproTK ( <http://www.inpro.tk> ), Jindigo (Skantze), IPAACA (Kopp & Buschmeier)

# The NUMBERS systems

## fast turn-taking



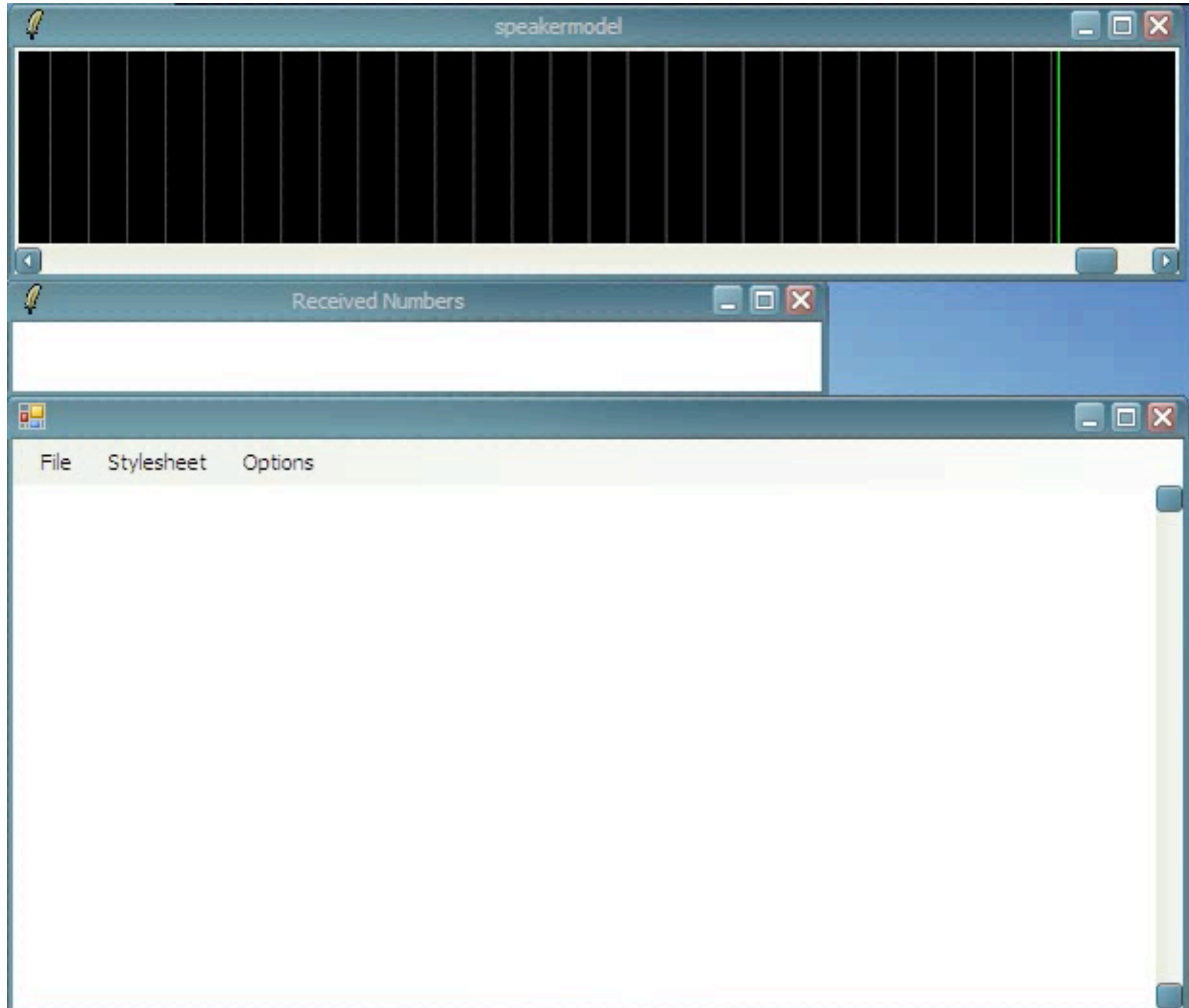
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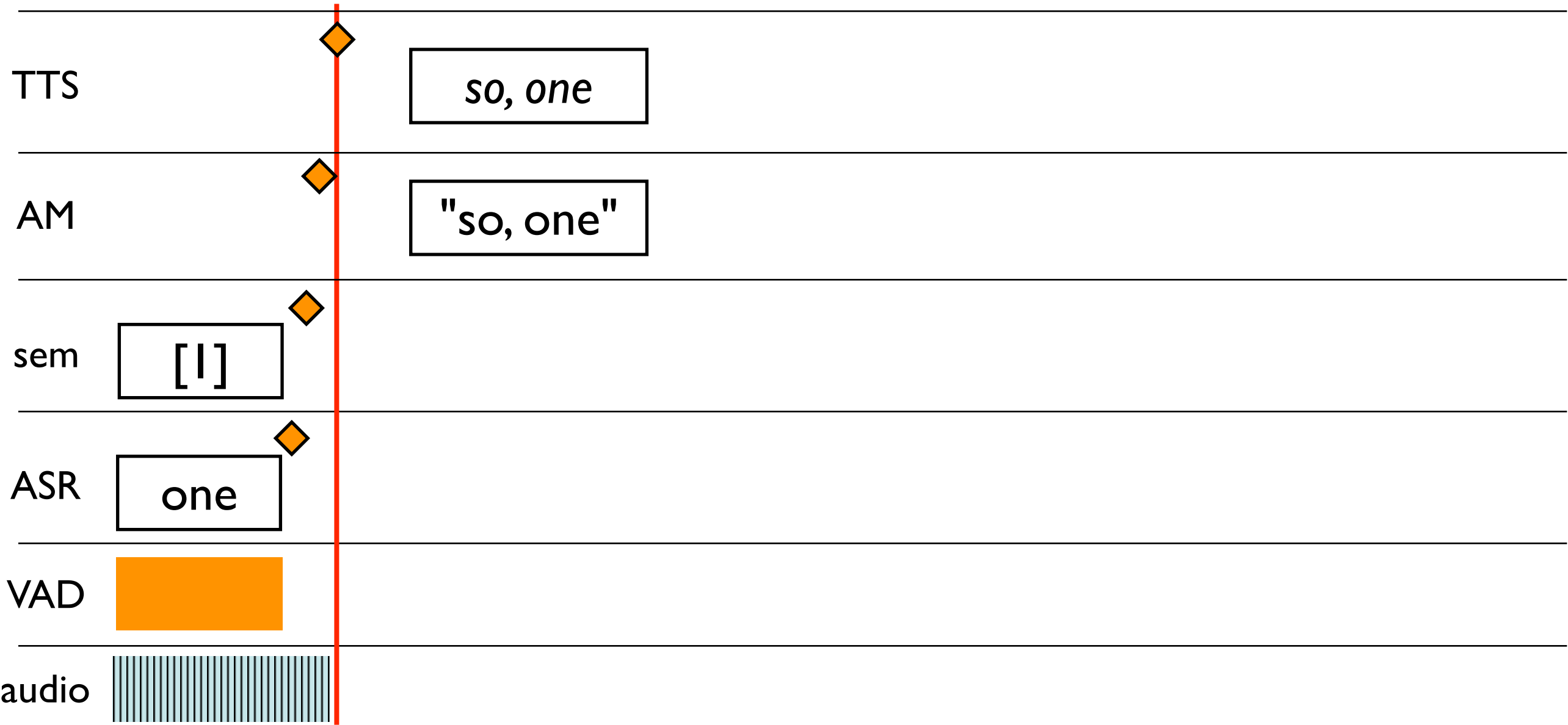
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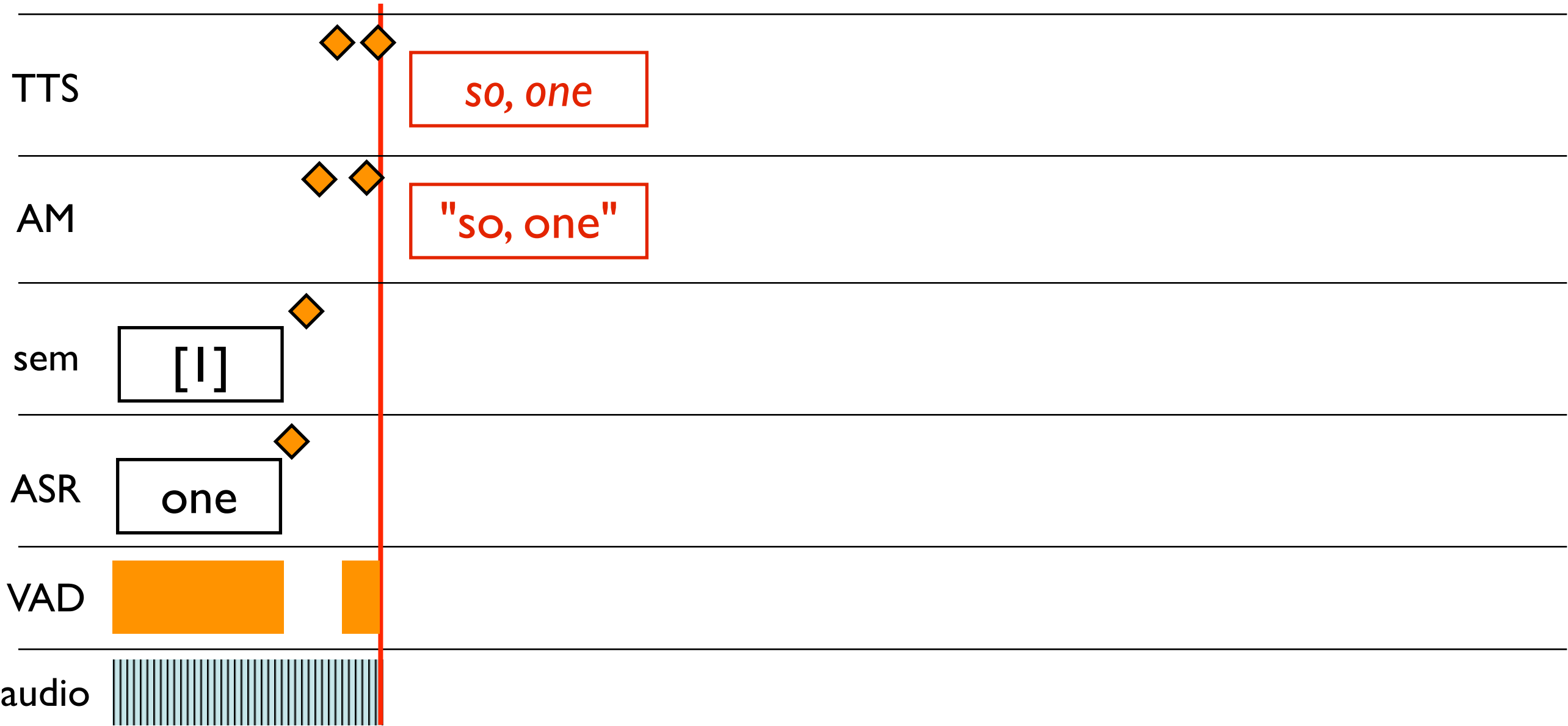
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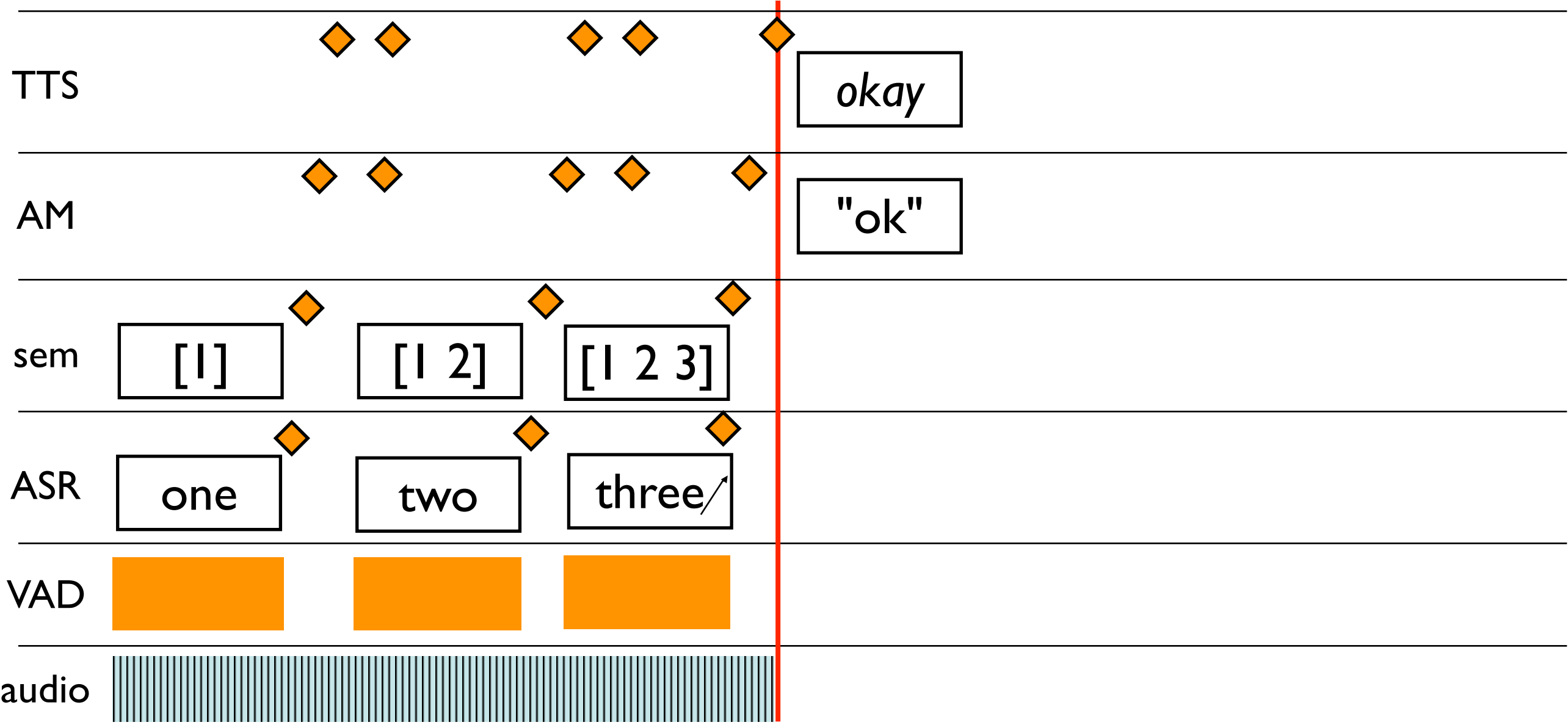
- user dictates a string of digits to system
- system tries to ground its understanding, as quickly as possible
- processing based on IU-model:
  - minimal units trigger updates
  - processors implement update functions

# the *numbers* system

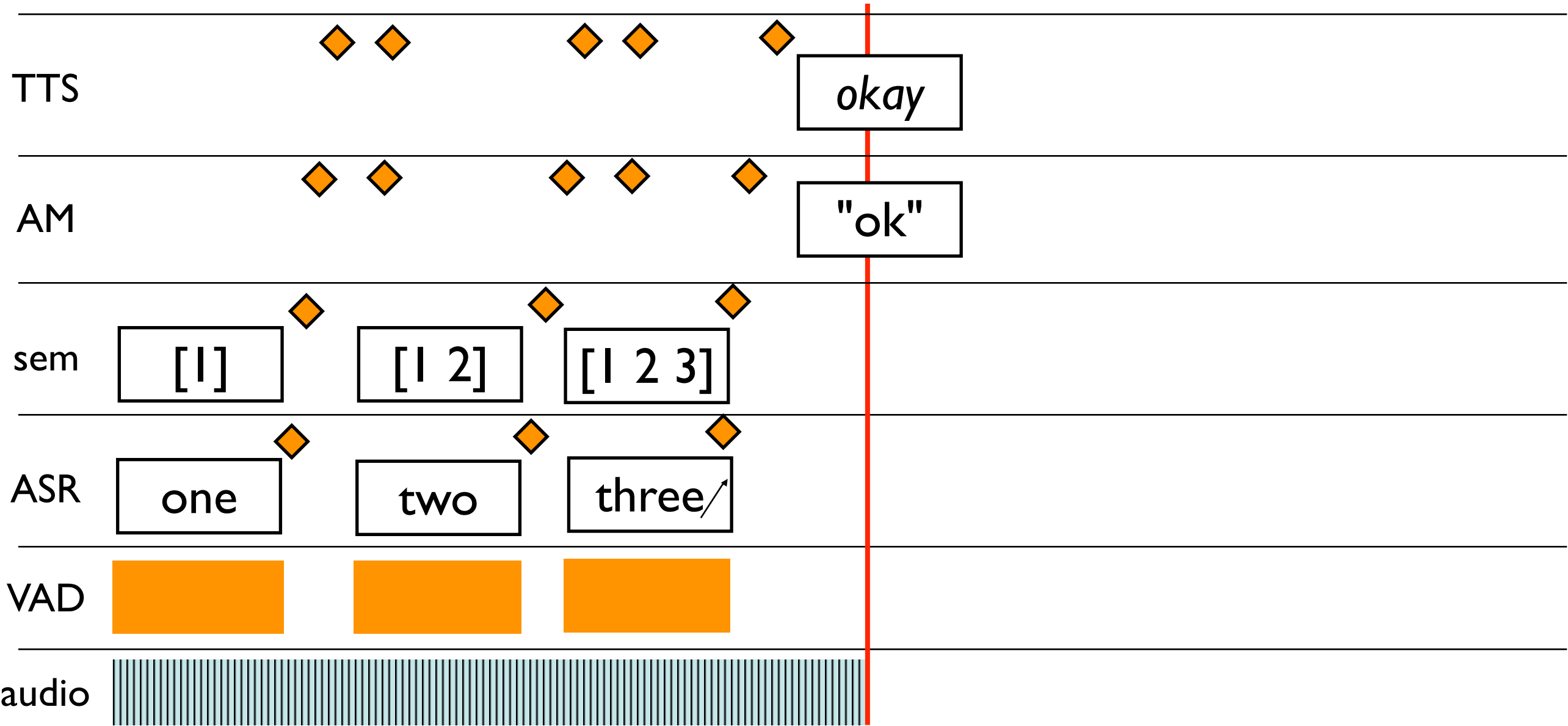






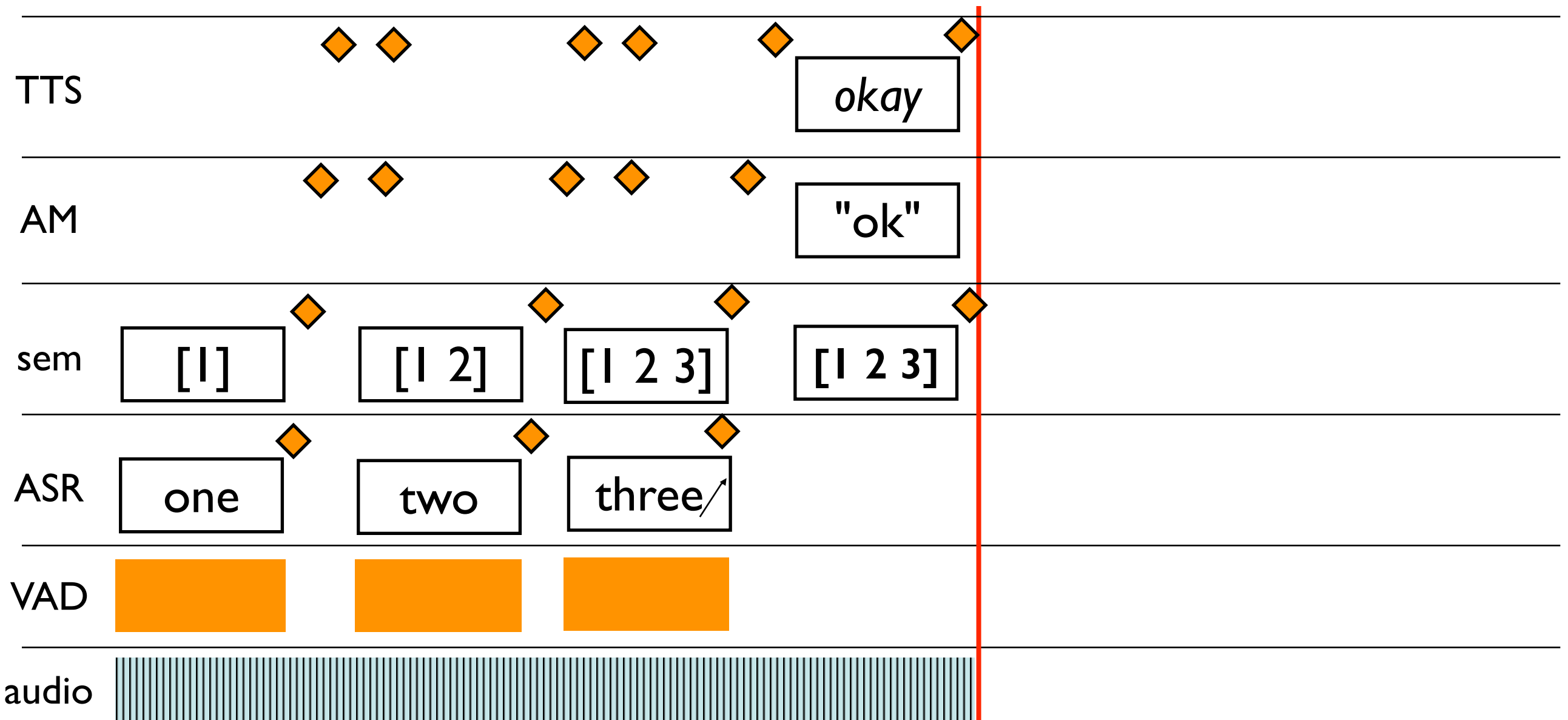








- conditional projections
- w/ dynamic offsets



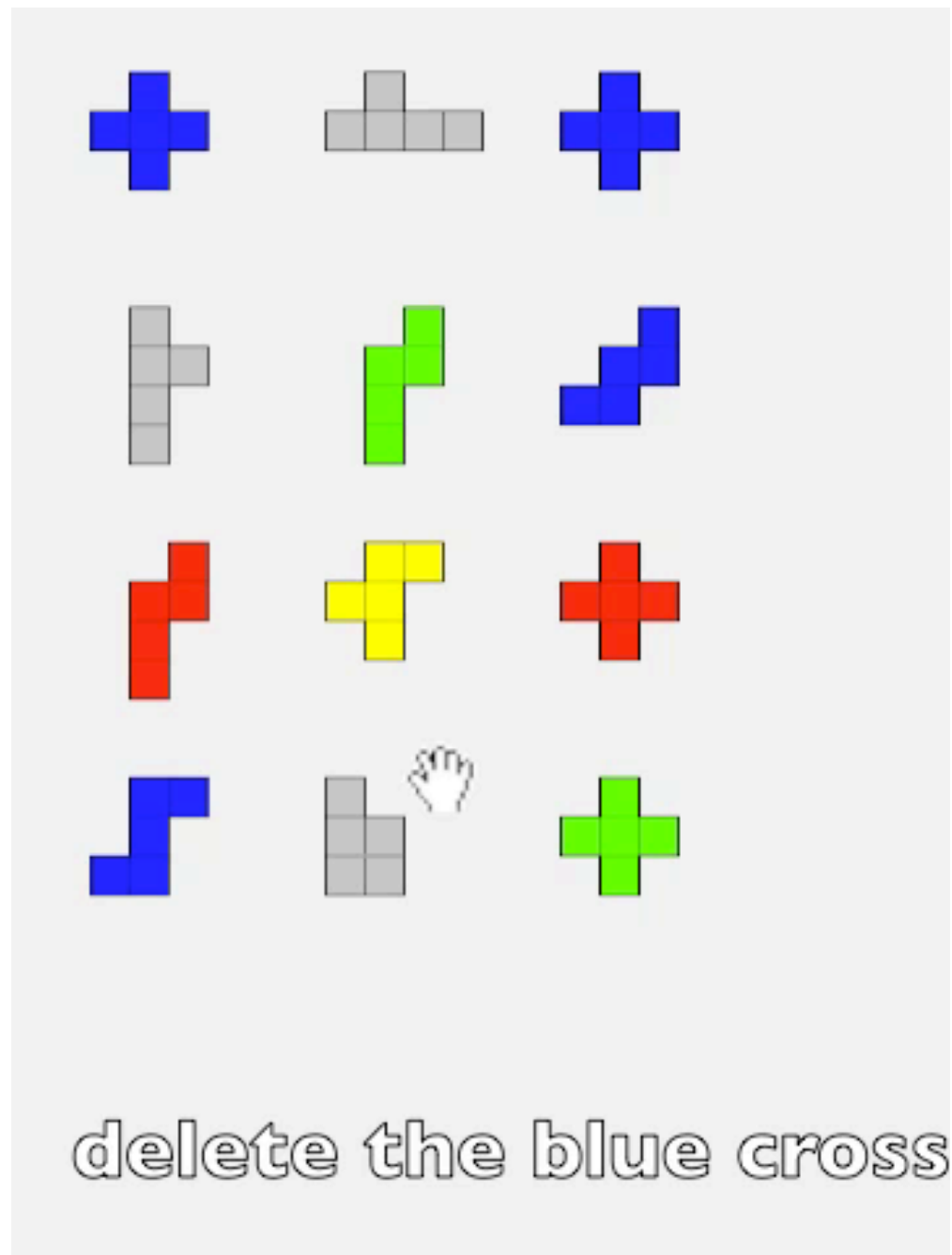
# The PENTO-10 system

fast turn-taking, immediate exec



joint work with Okko Buß  
(Buß *et al.*, SIGdial 2010, semdial 2010, 2011)

# Pentomino System



U: *delete the blue cross*  
S: *which piece?*  
U: *top right.*  
S: *ok?*  
U: *right, now take the yellow [one]...*  
S: *yes?*  
U: *... and turn it...*  
S: *yes?*  
U: *... to the left*  
S: *ok.*  
U: *now flip the stairs...*  
S: *ok*  
U: *horizontally*  
U: *that's right*  
U: *erm now delete the red [one]*  
S: *\*wh-\**  
U: *bottom right*  
U: *correct.*

# Evaluation

- Faster task completion compared to non-incremental versions of the systems
- Higher subjective ratings („would use again“, „behaves as expected“)
- *Not* higher task success rate

# Overview

- **Part I: Foundations**

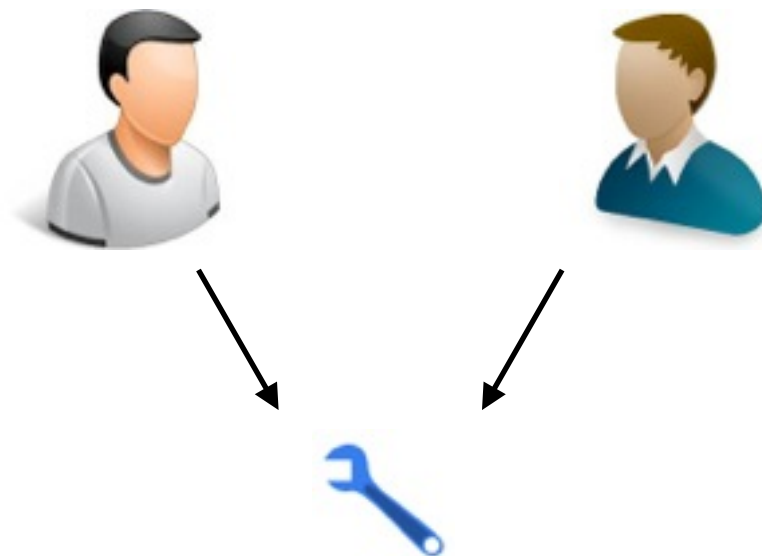
- coordination, convention
- communicative intentions
- non-conventional meaning
- grounding
- turn-taking
- disfluencies

- **Part II: Computational Models**

- approaches to dialogue modelling
- incremental processing, turn-taking
- an example: grounded semantics

# overview

- the *incremental units* model of incremental dialogue processing
- realising fast turn-taking
- a simple model of incremental reference resolution



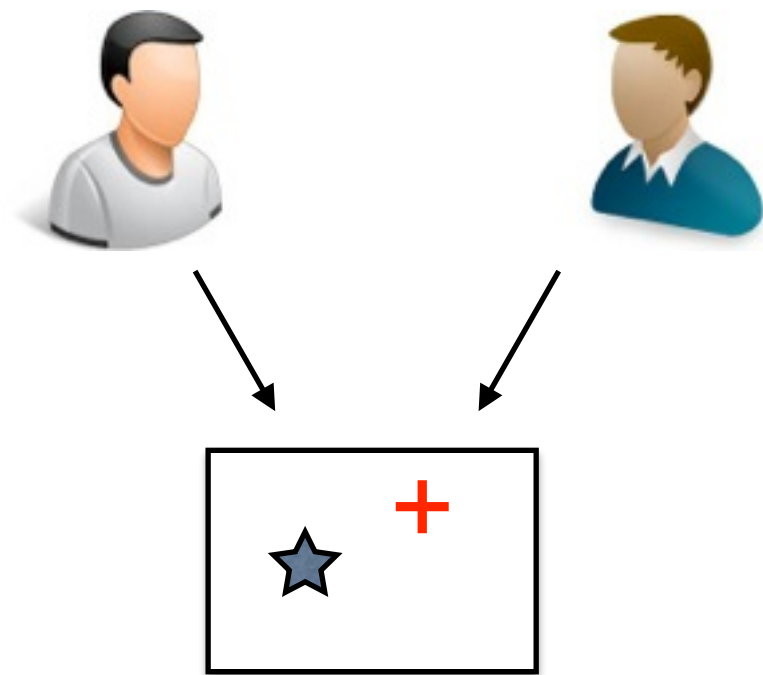
# incremental statistical NLU



joint work with Casey Kennington  
(Kennington *et al.*, SIGdial 2012, 2013; Coling 2014;  
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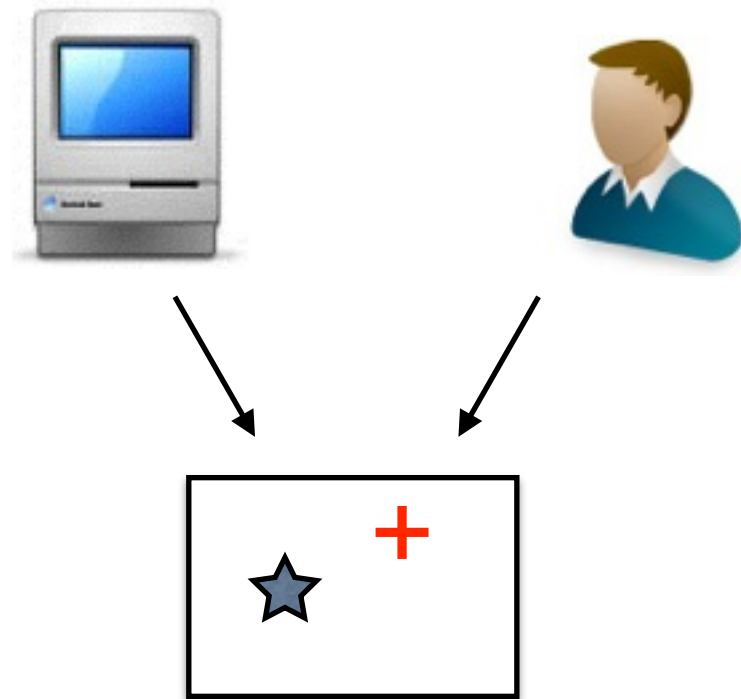


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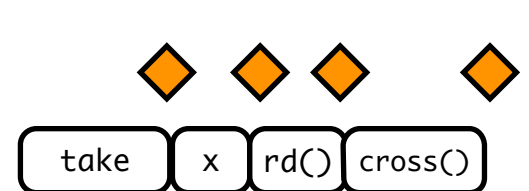


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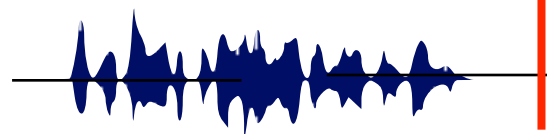
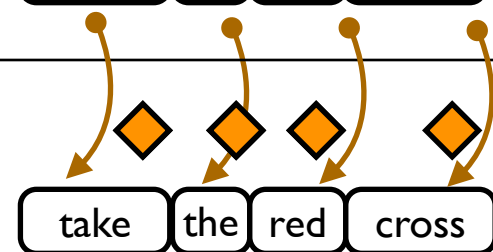


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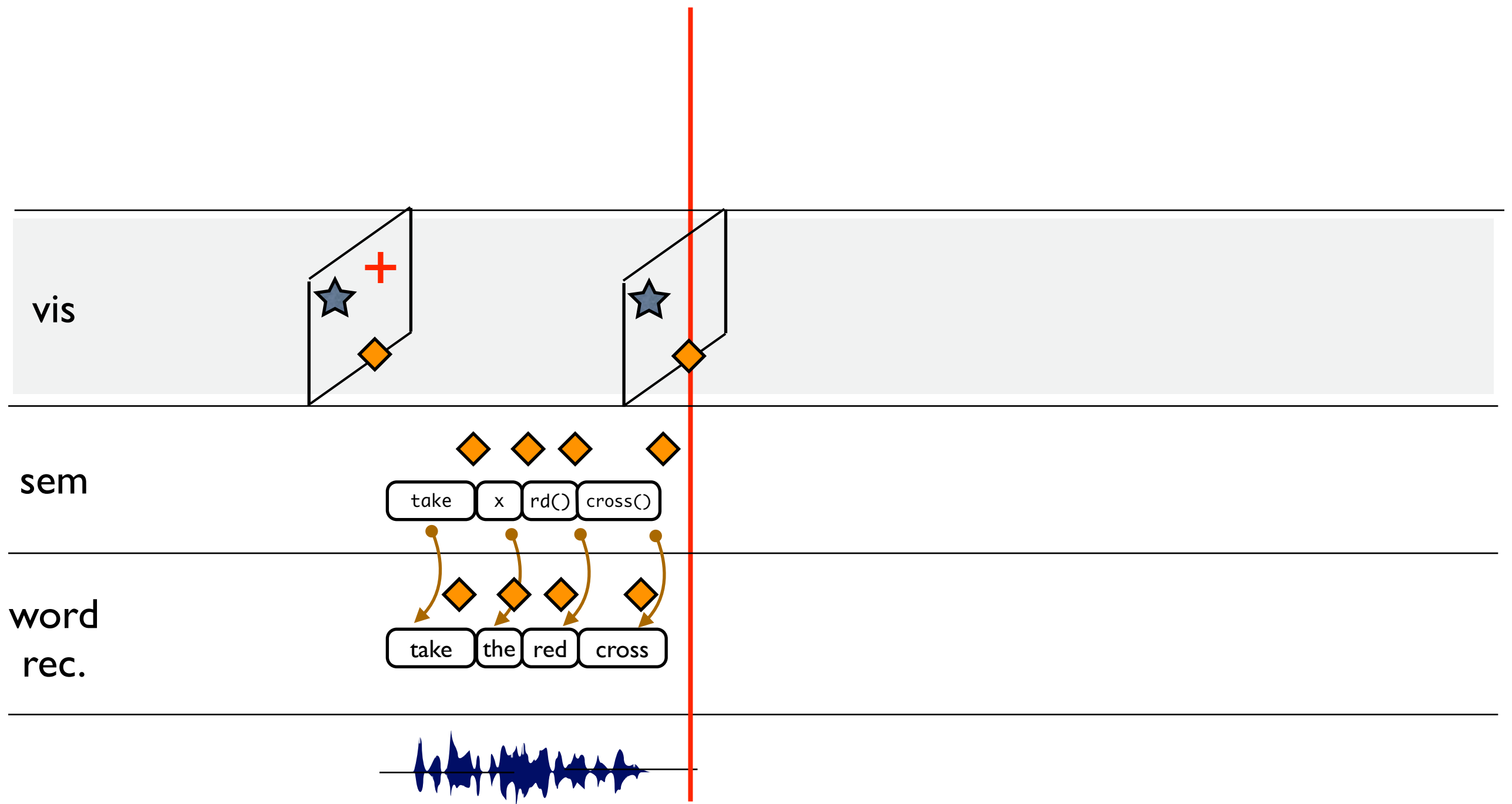
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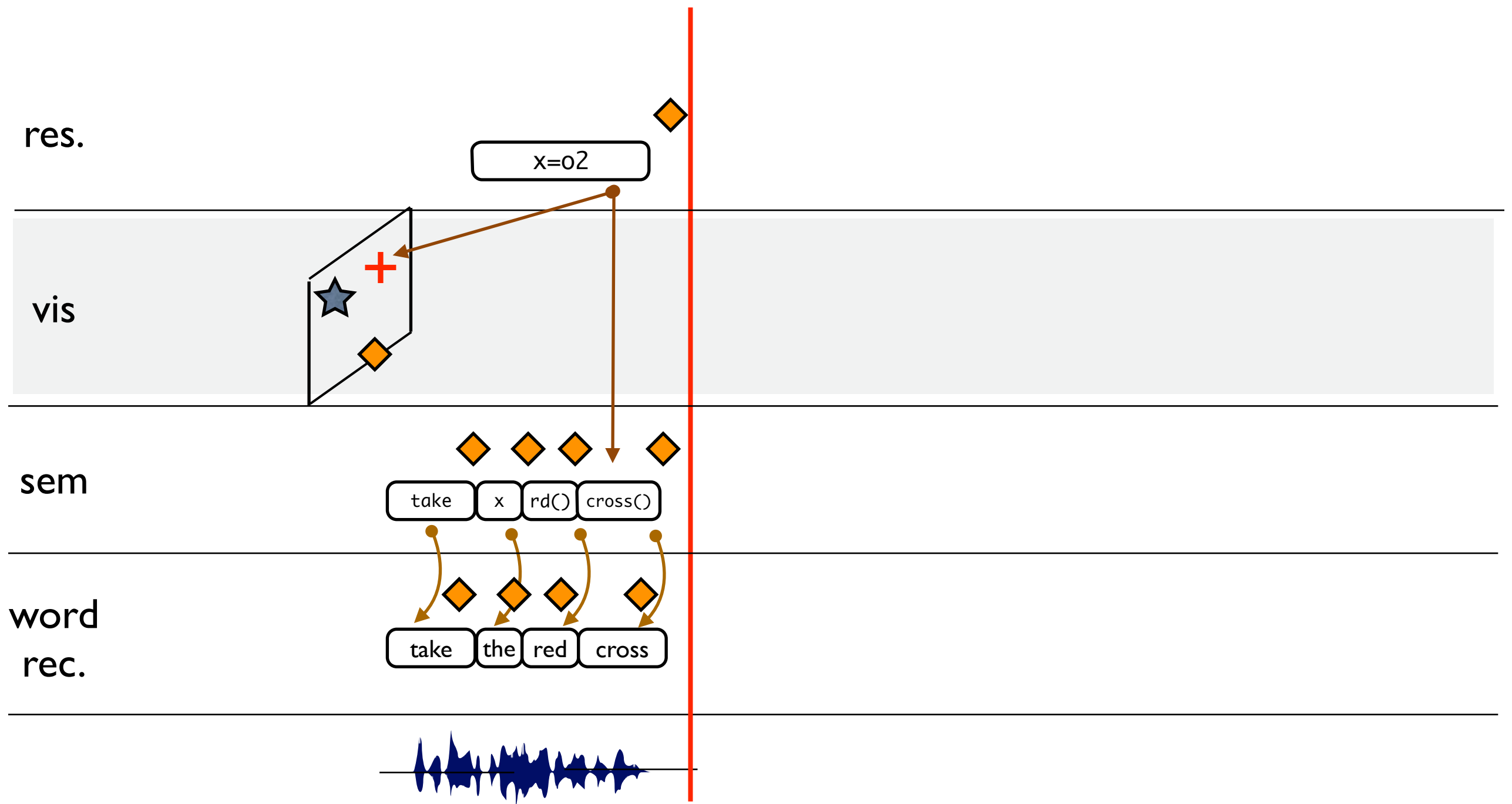
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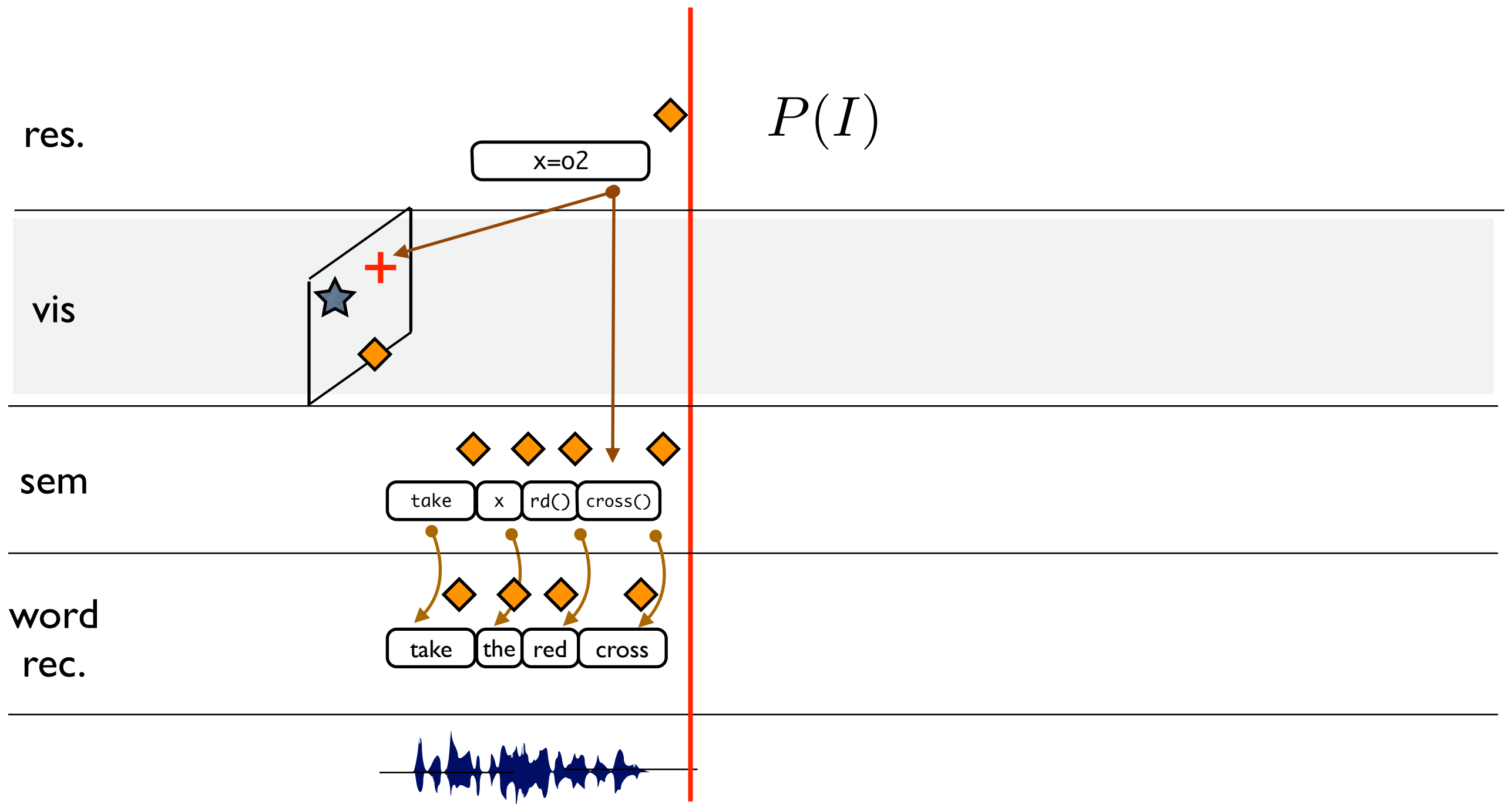
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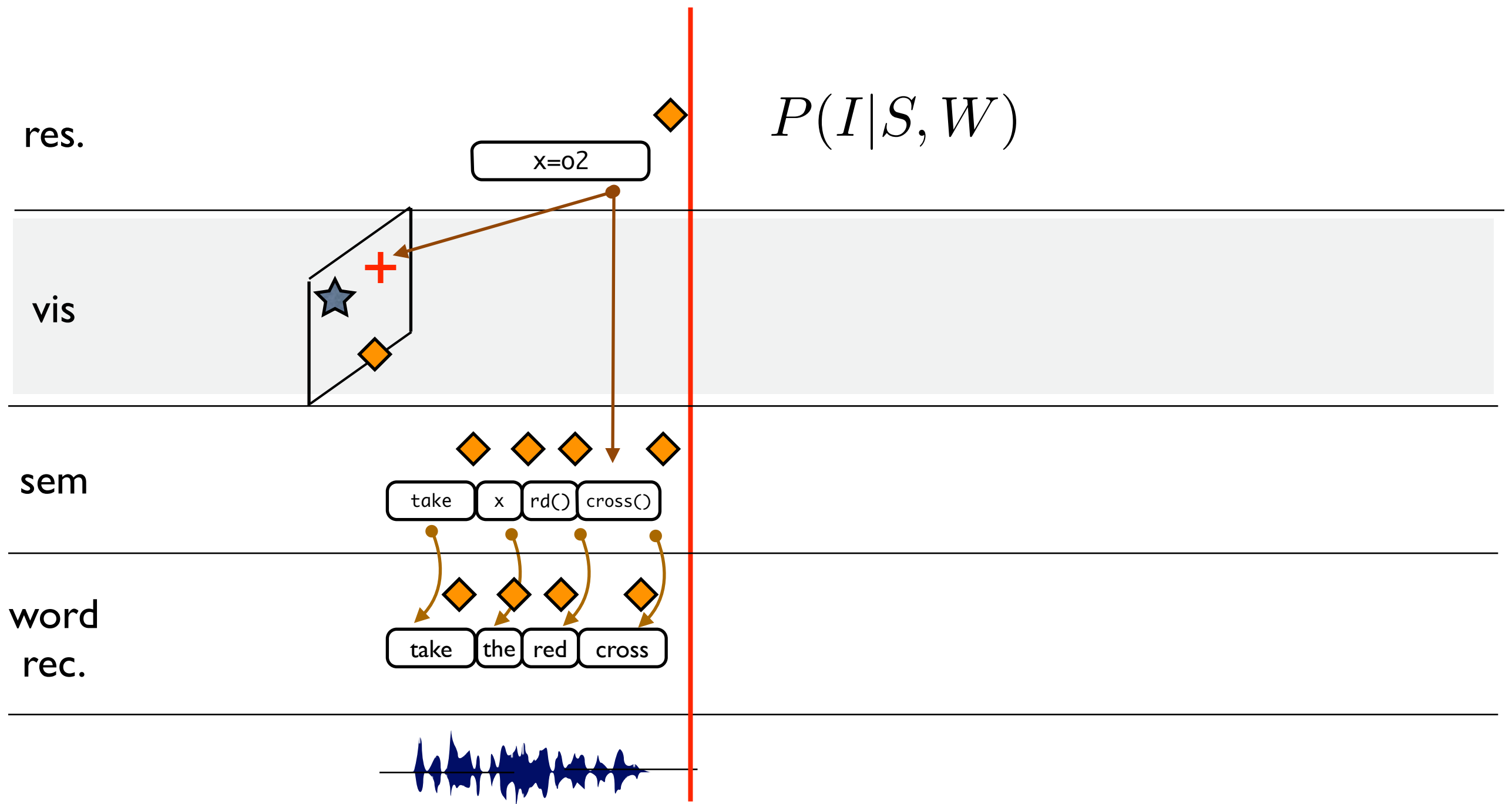
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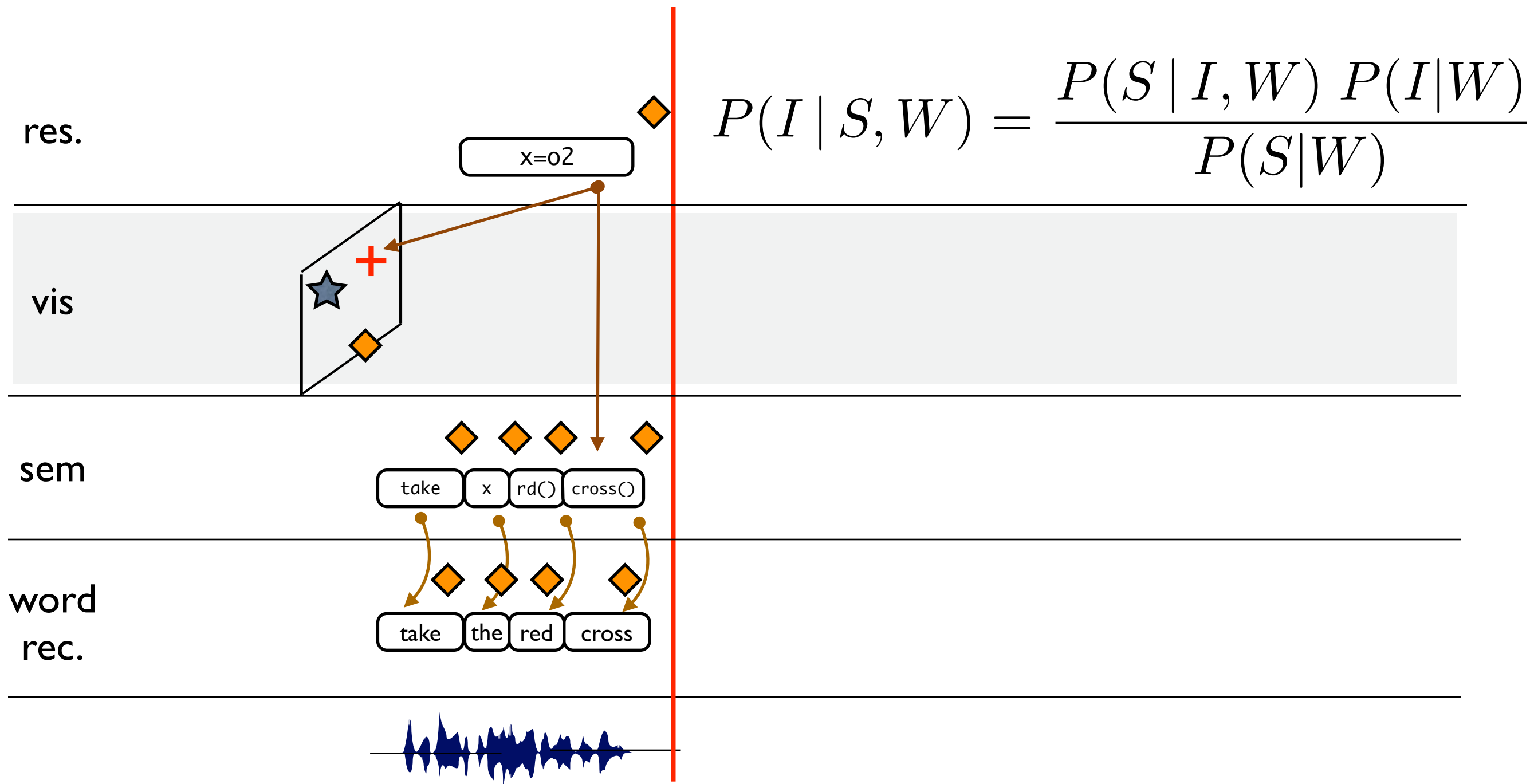
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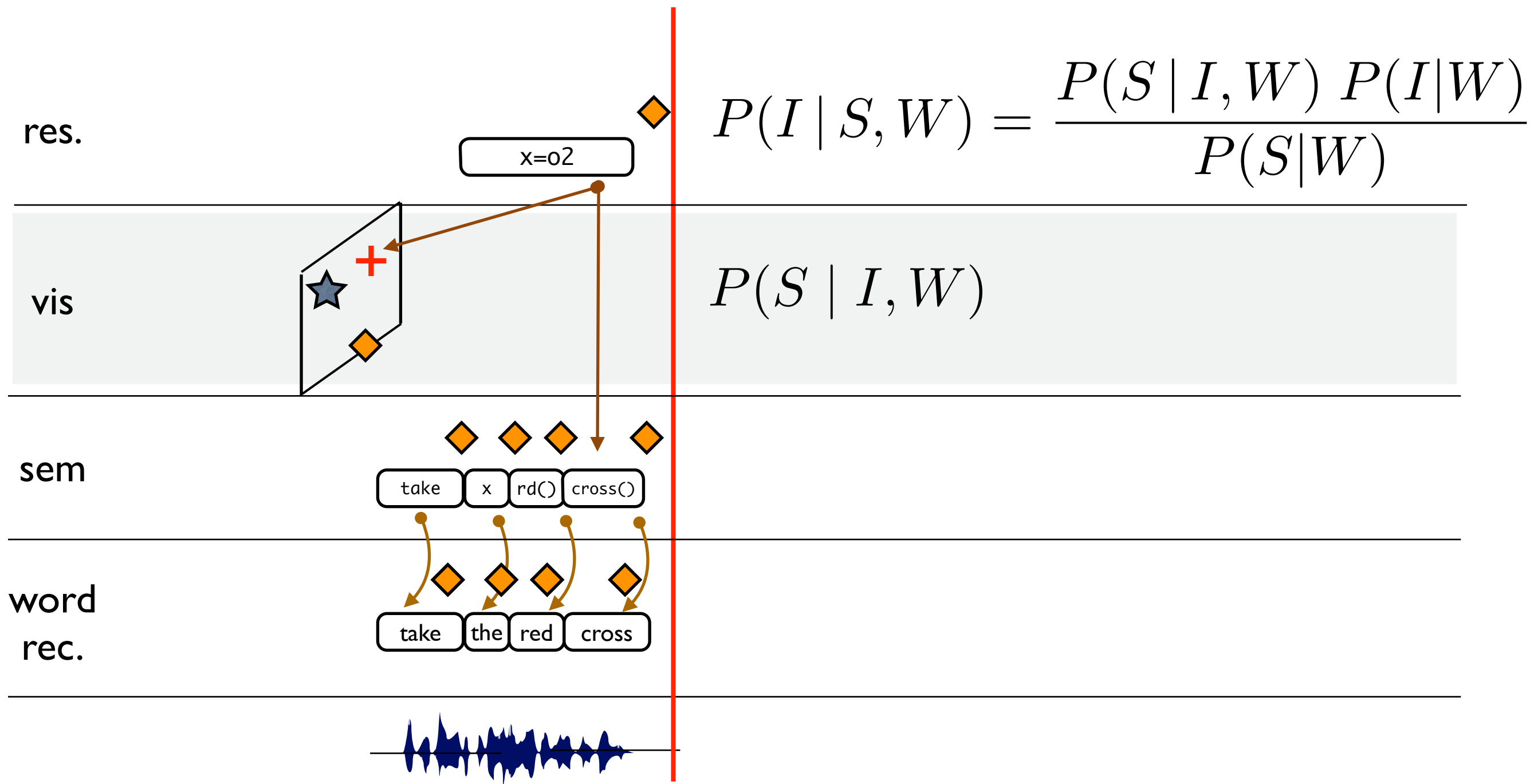


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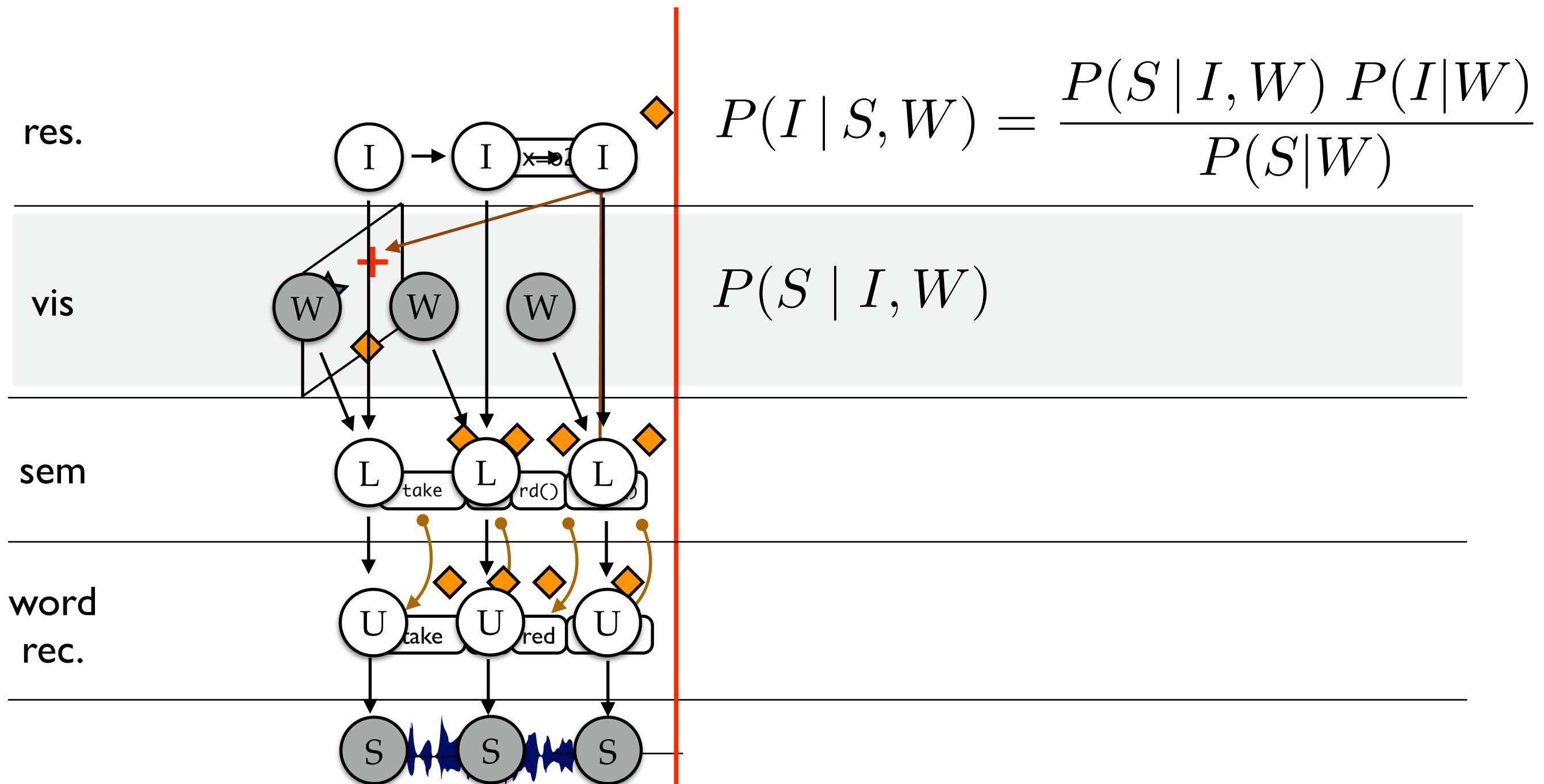


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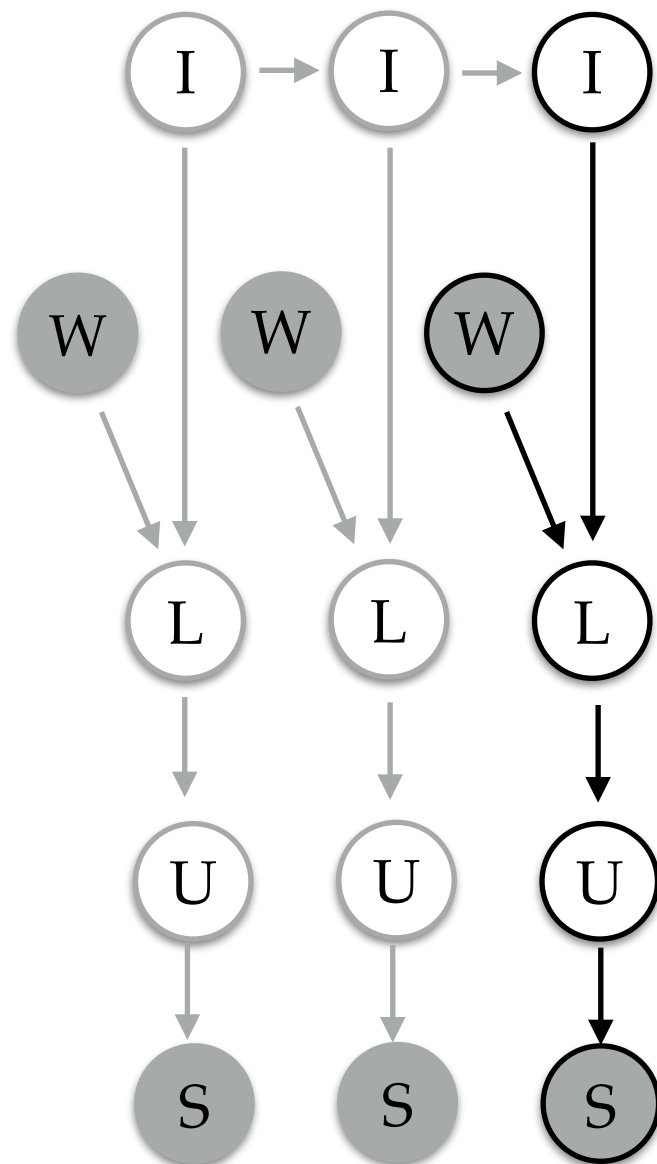




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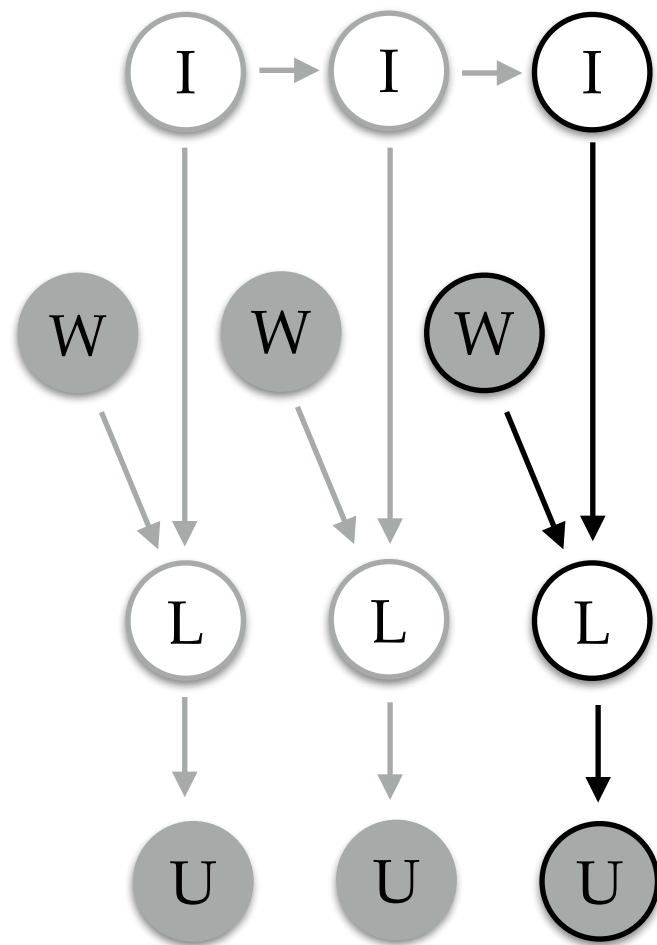
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$$P(S | I, W)$$

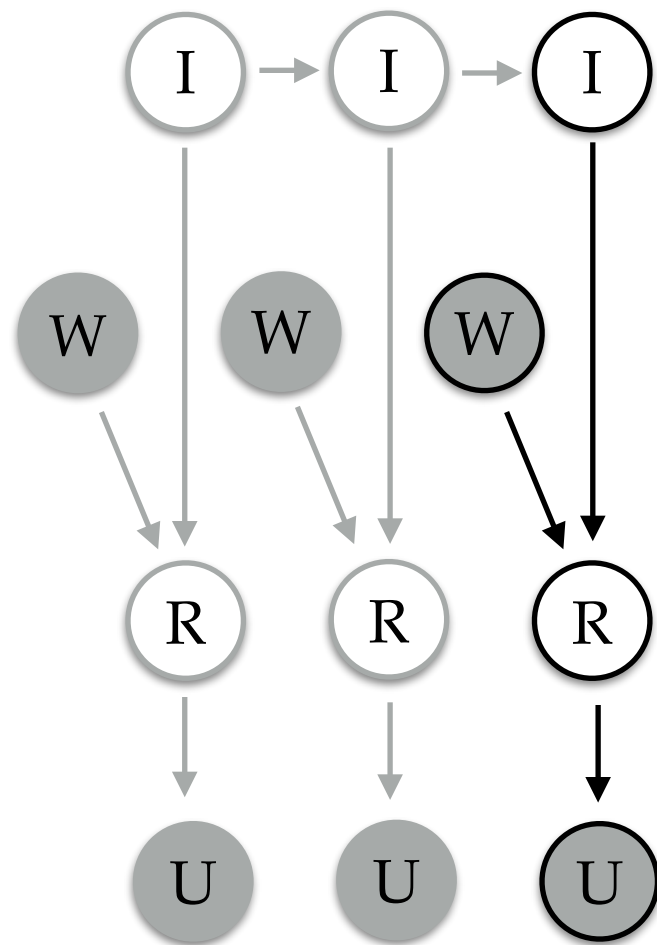
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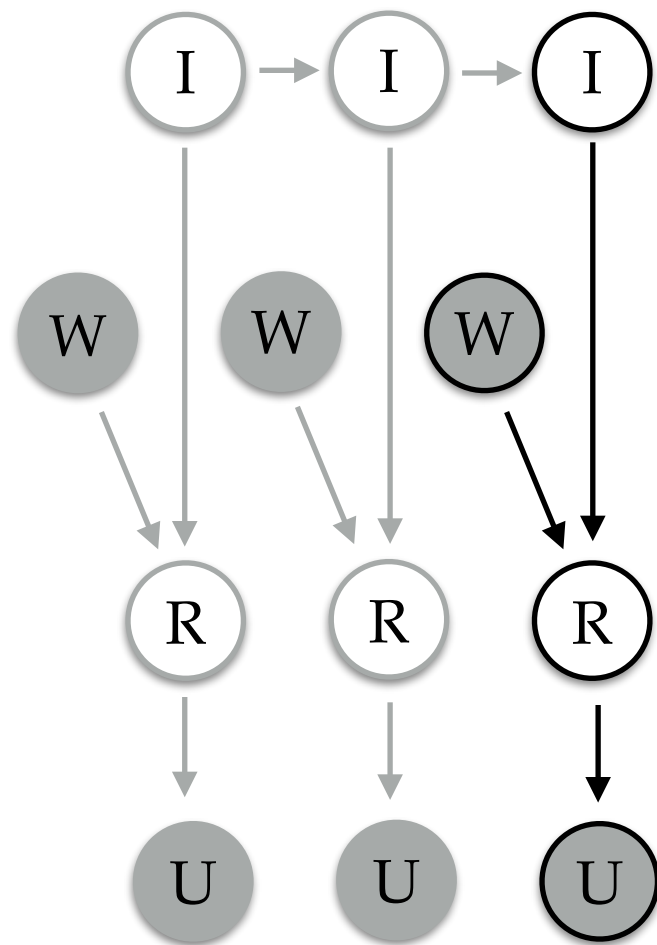
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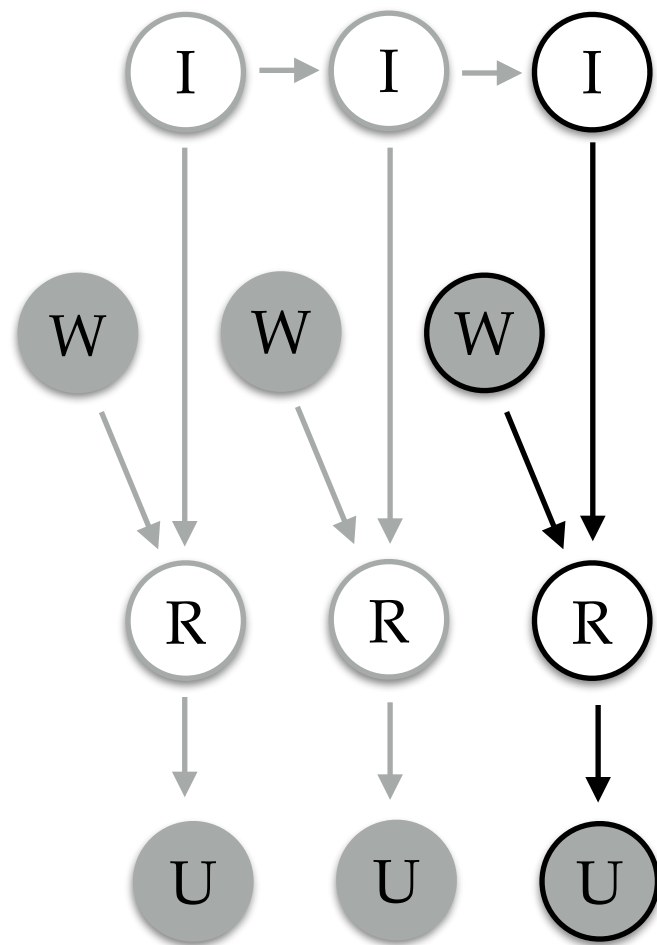
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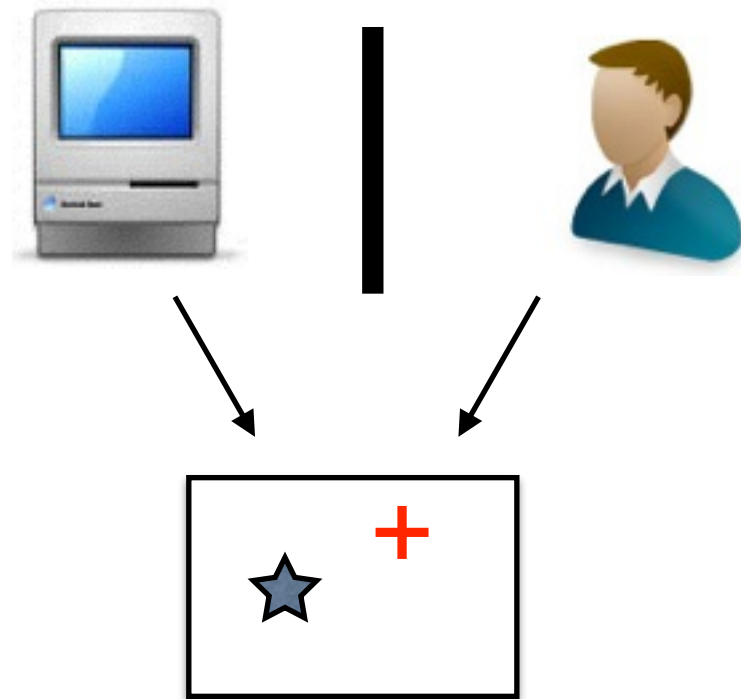
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$$\begin{aligned} P(I|U, W) &= \\ P(U|I, W) P(I|W) \frac{1}{P(U|W)} &= \\ \sum_R P(U|R) P(R|I, W) &= \\ P(I|W) \frac{1}{P(U|W)} \end{aligned}$$

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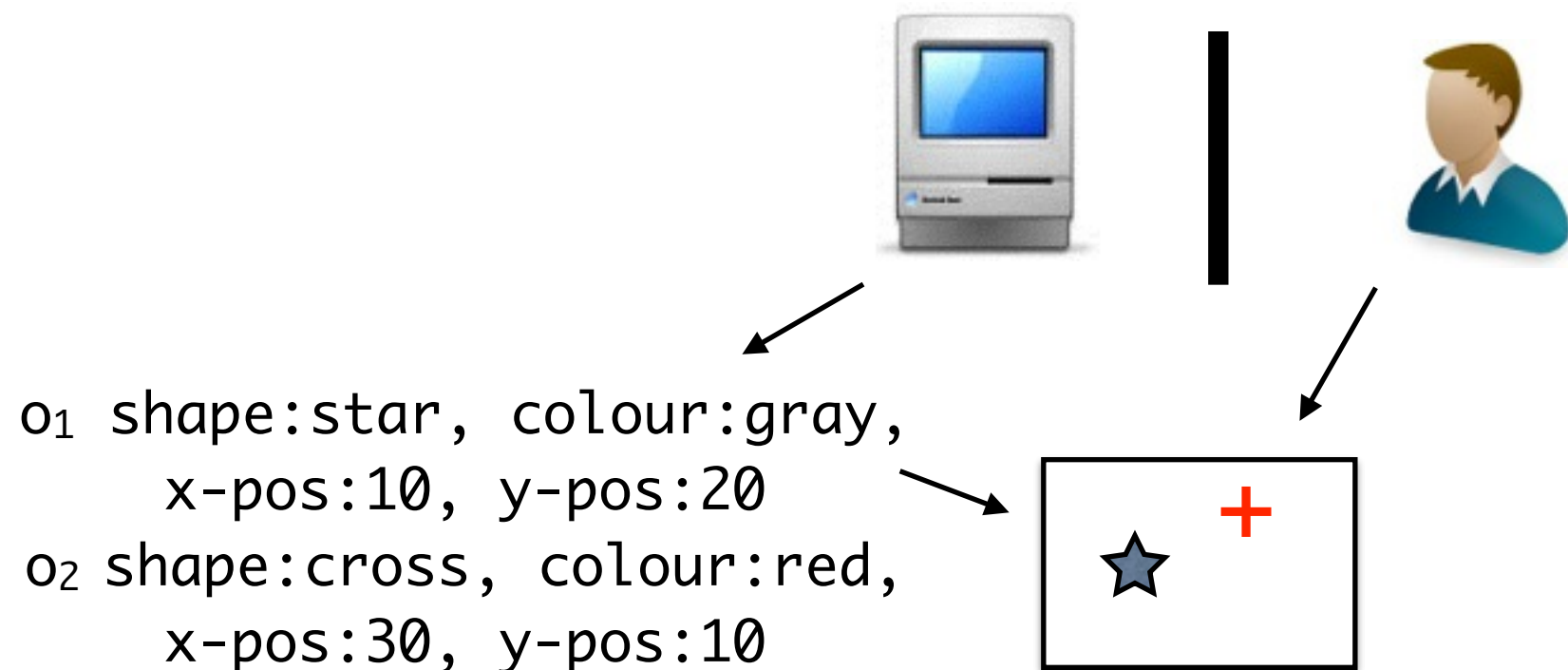
– The Pento-2010 Data –





# incremental statistical NLU

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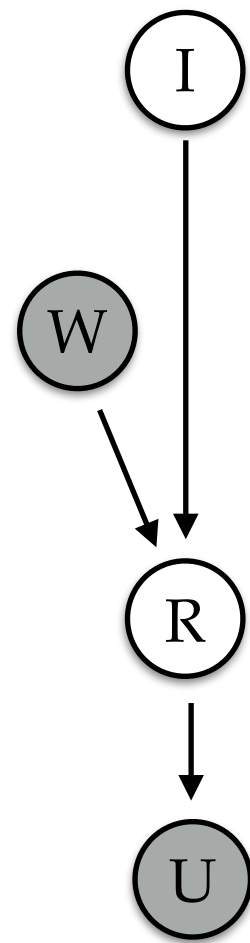
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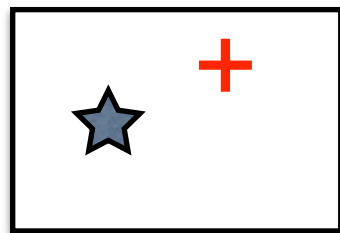
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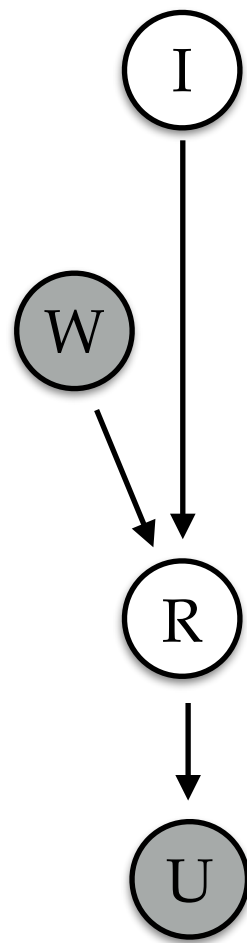


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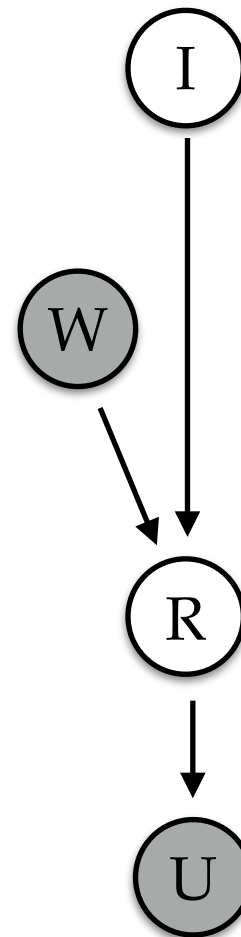
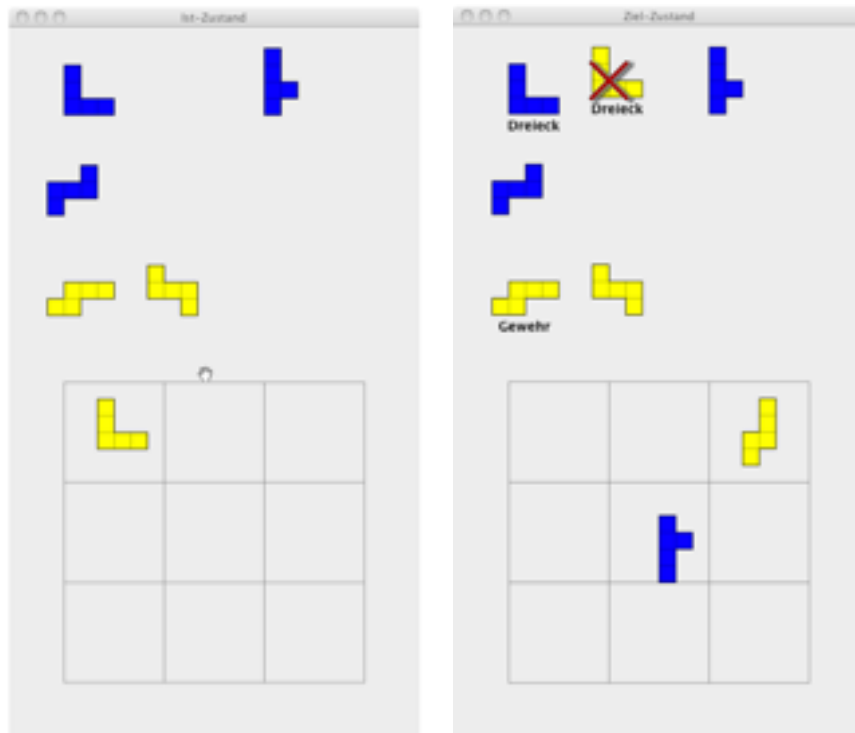
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$$P(I = o_2 | U = \text{cross}, W) = \frac{1}{P(U = \text{cross} | W)} P(I = o_2 | W) \sum_R P(R | I = o_2, W) P(U = \text{cross} | R)$$

# incremental statistical NLU

– Results for Pento-2010 Data –



$$P(I|U, W) =$$

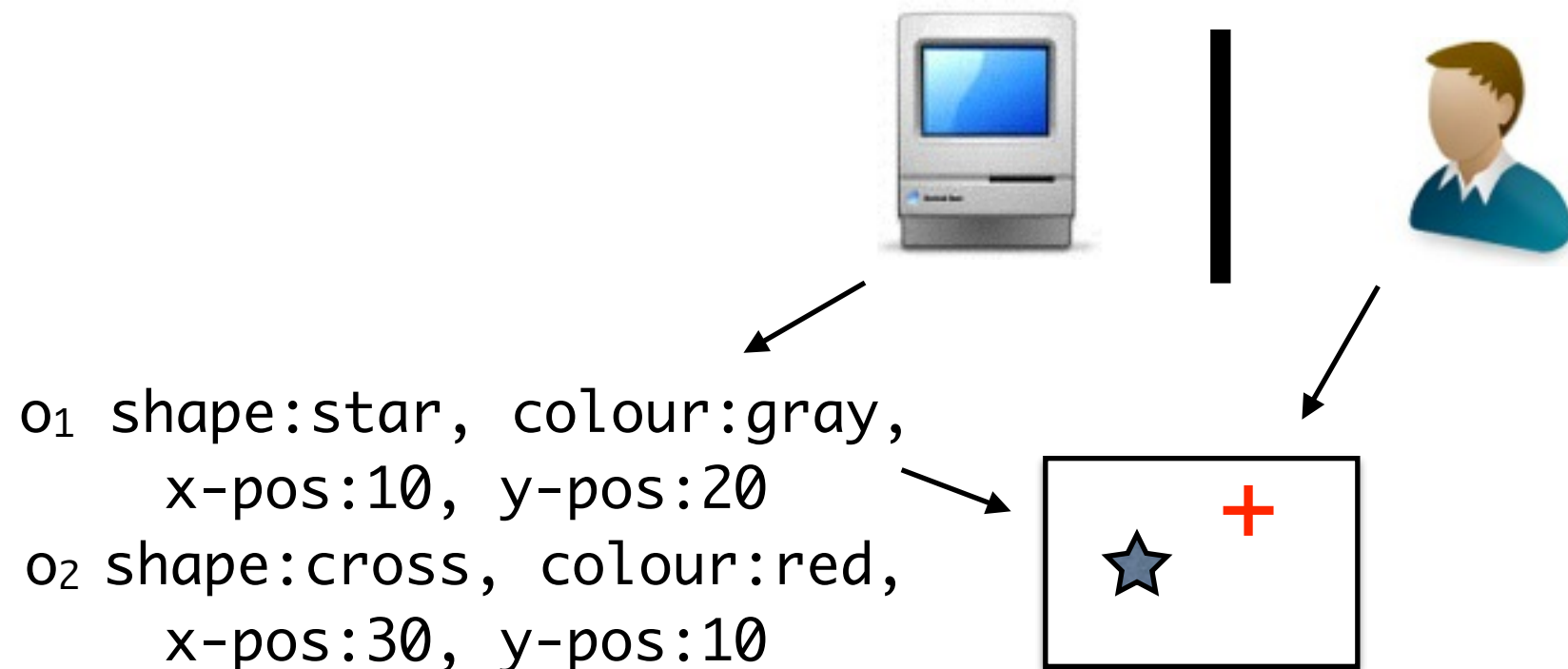
$$\frac{1}{P(U|W)} P(I|W)$$

$$\sum_R P(R|I, W) P(U|R)$$

|               | NB     | ME     | K      | H    | P    |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|
| <b>fscore</b> | 81.16  | 92.26  | 92.18  | 76.9 |      |
|               | (74.5) | (89.4) | (86.8) |      |      |
| <b>slot</b>   | 73.62  | 88.91  | 88.88  |      |      |
|               | (66.4) | (85.1) | (81.6) |      |      |
| <b>frame</b>  | 42.57  | 74.08  | 74.76  |      |      |
|               | (34.2) | (67.2) | (61.2) |      |      |
| <b>action</b> | 80.05  | 93.62  | 92.62  |      |      |
| <b>object</b> | 76.27  | 90.79  | 84.71  |      | 64.3 |
| <b>result</b> | 64.4   | 82.34  | 86.65  |      |      |

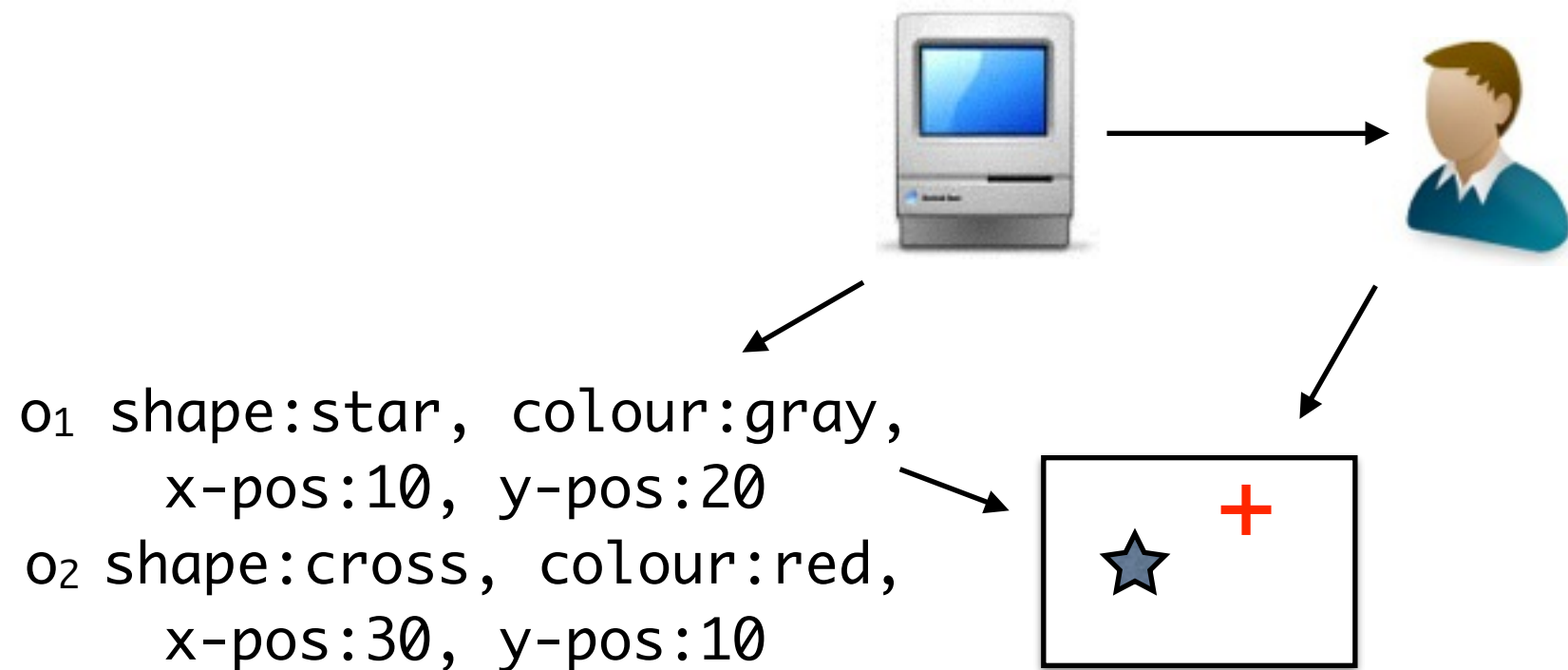
# incremental statistical NLU

– The Pento-2010 Data –



# incremental statistical NLU

– The Pento-2013 Data –



# multimodal processing

– mint.tools / venice –

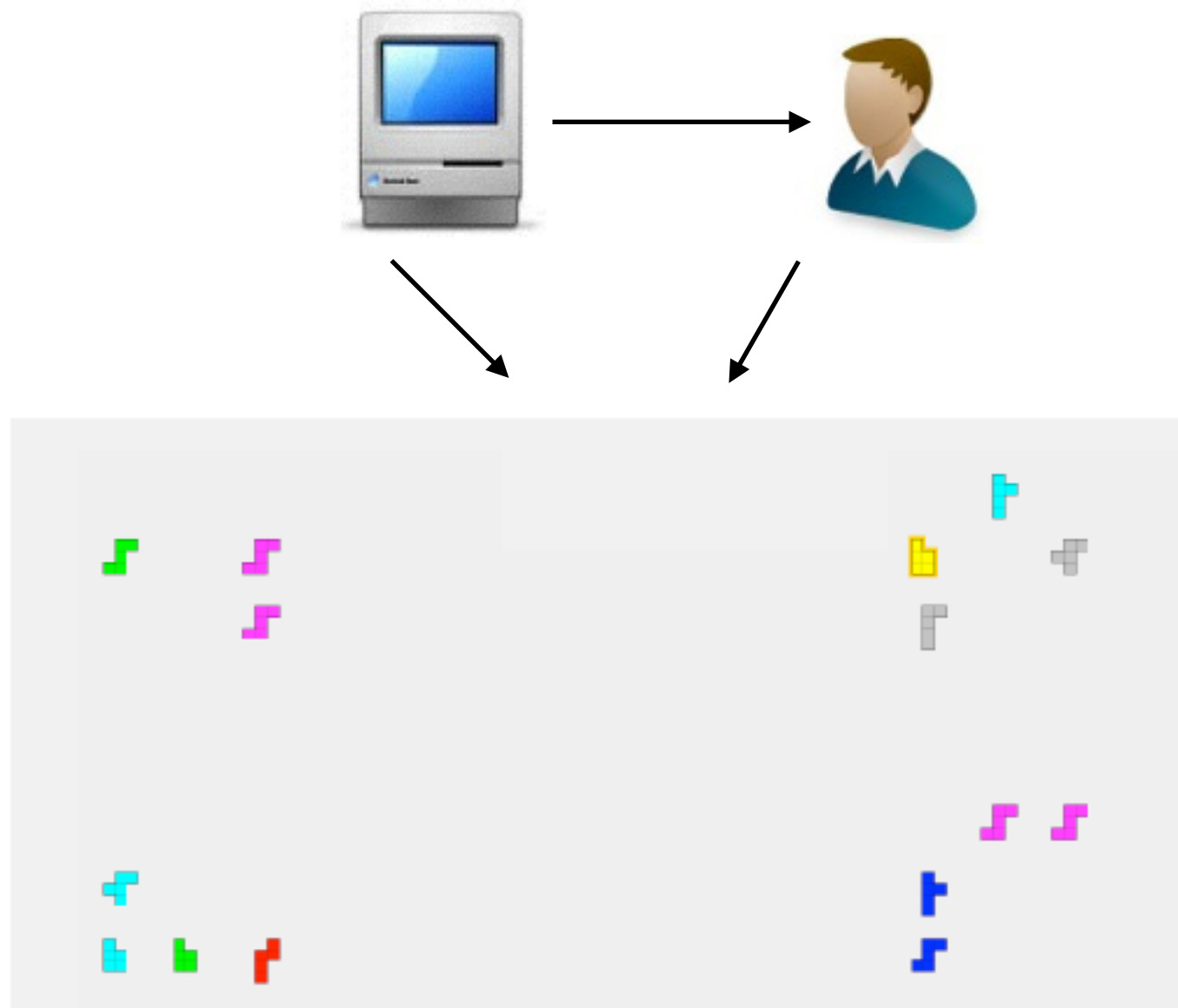


joint work with Spyros Kousidis  
(Kousidis *et al.*, SIGdial 2013, 2014; ICMI 2014)

technical infrastructure for combining various  
sensors (motion capture, eye tracking) and various  
actuators (NAO robot) with InproTK

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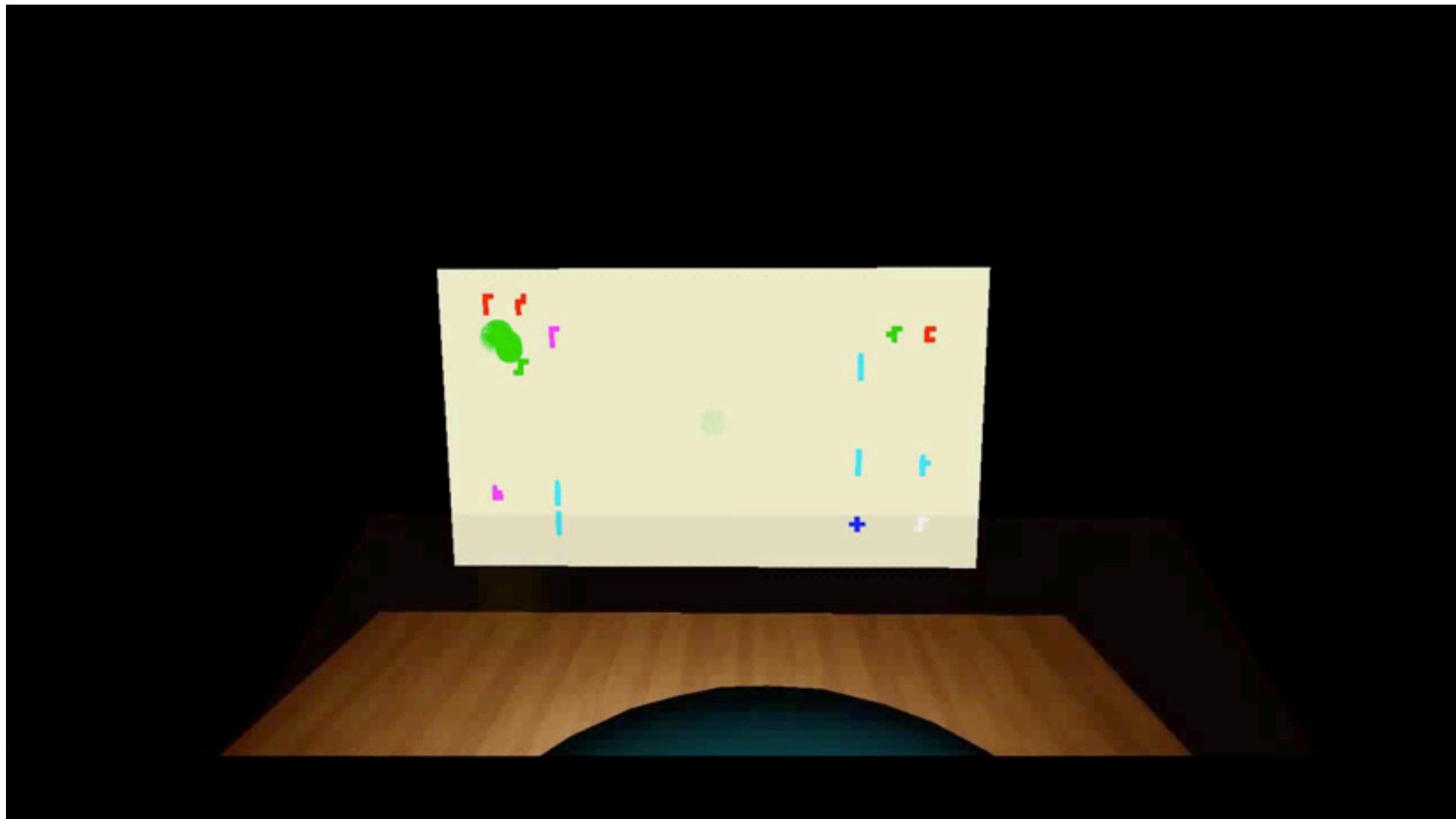
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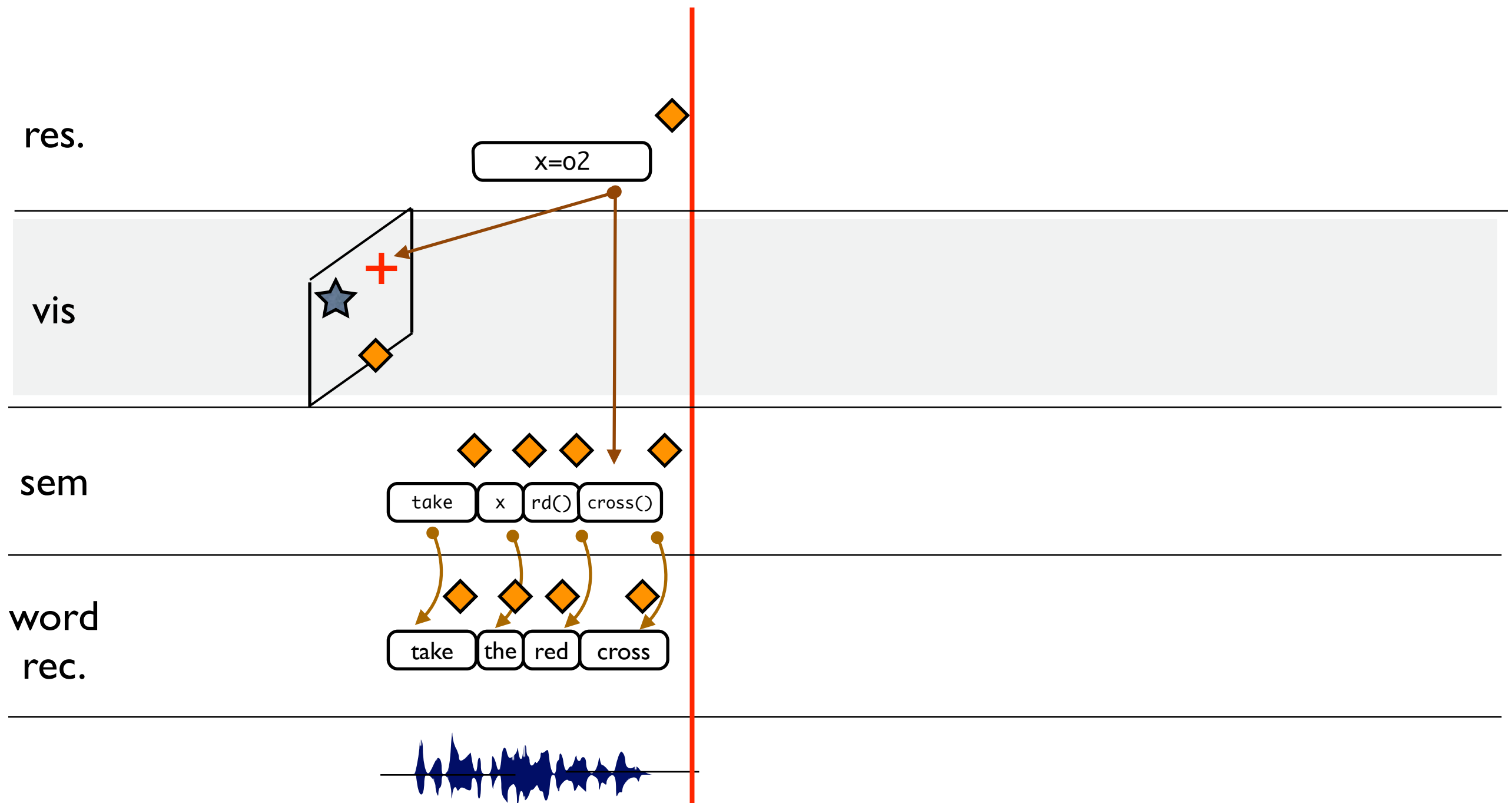
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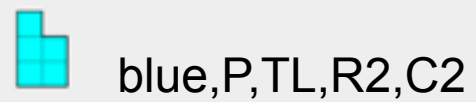


# incremental statistical NLU

– Adding Gaze & Gestures –



|      |     |        |     |        |   |          |        |         |        |       |     |     |
|------|-----|--------|-----|--------|---|----------|--------|---------|--------|-------|-----|-----|
| dann | ... | nehmen | ... | zweite | t | bisschen | rechts | ist ... | rüssel | hobel | ... | ja  |
| then | ... | take   | ... | second | t | a little | right  | is ...  | snout  | plane | ... | yes |



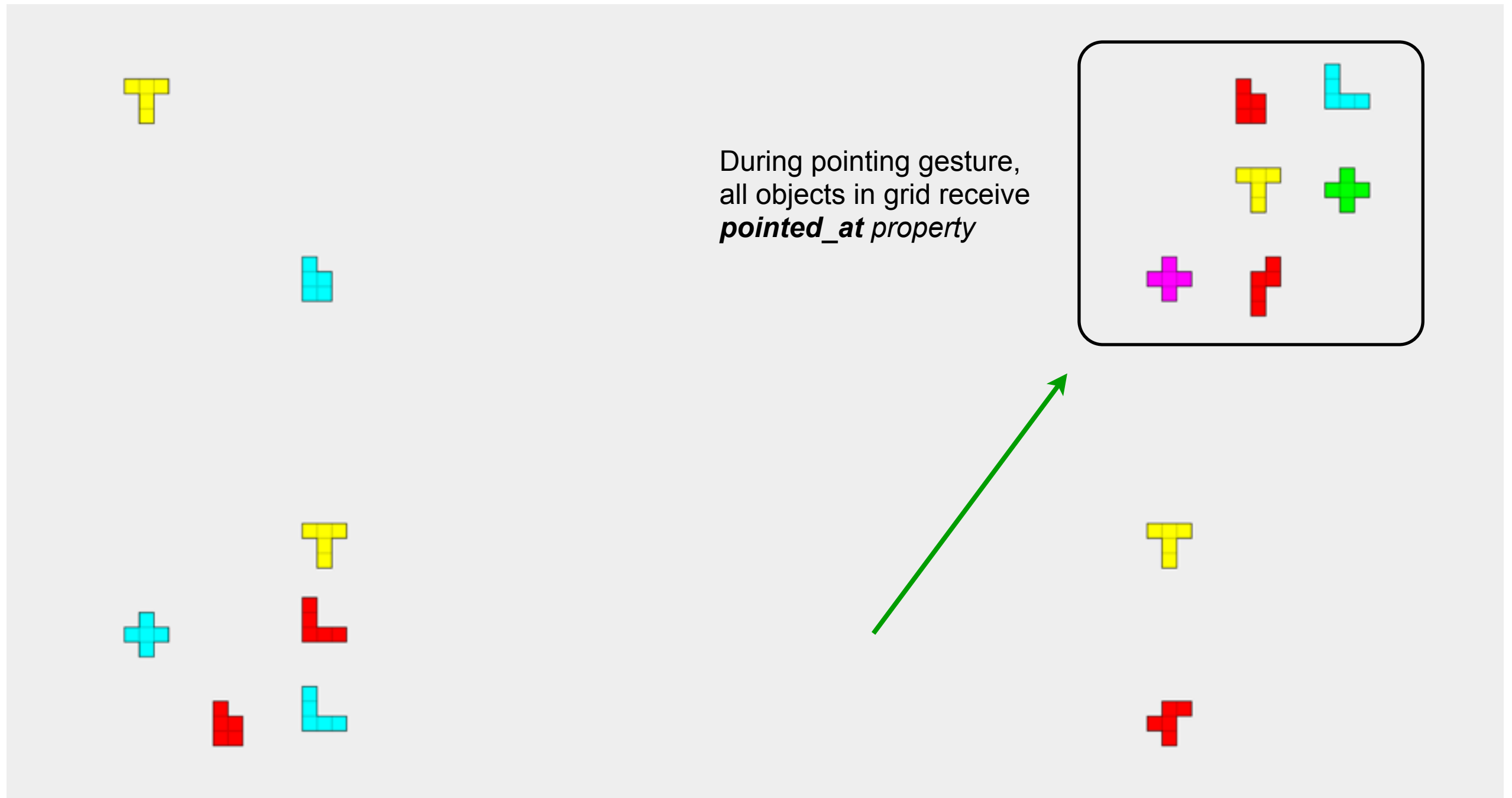
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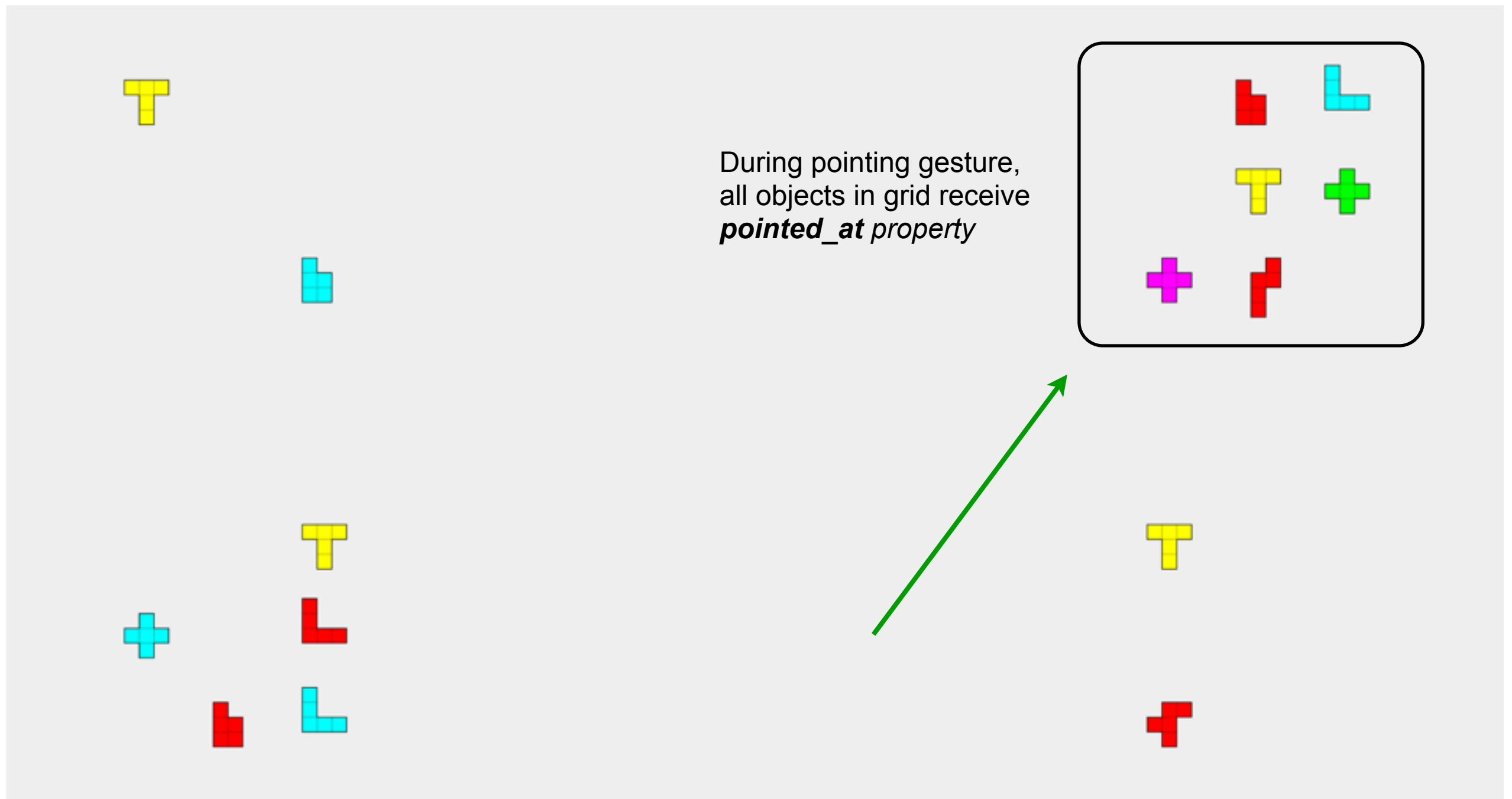
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| then | ... | take   | ... | second | t | a little | right  | is ...  | snout  | plane | ... | yes |





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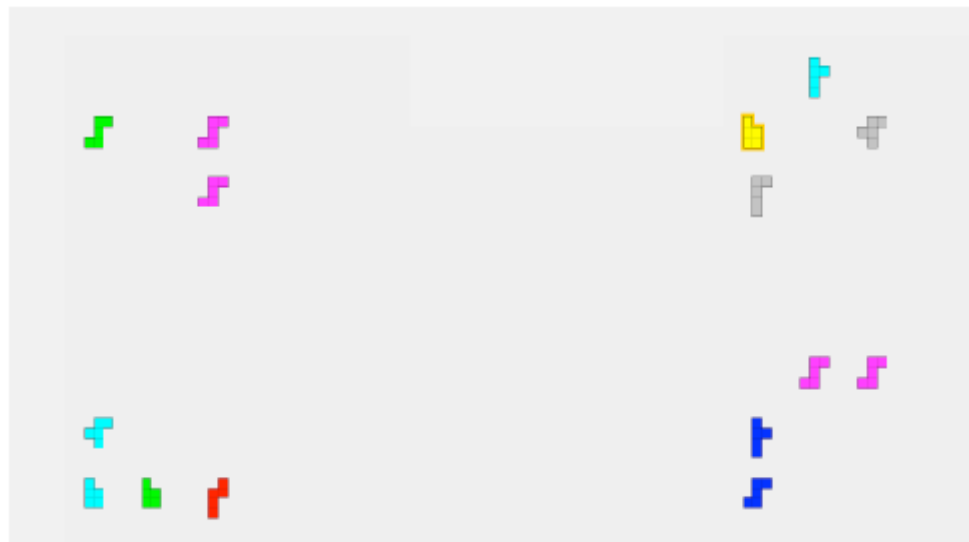


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# incremental statistical NLU

– Results for Pento-2013 Data –

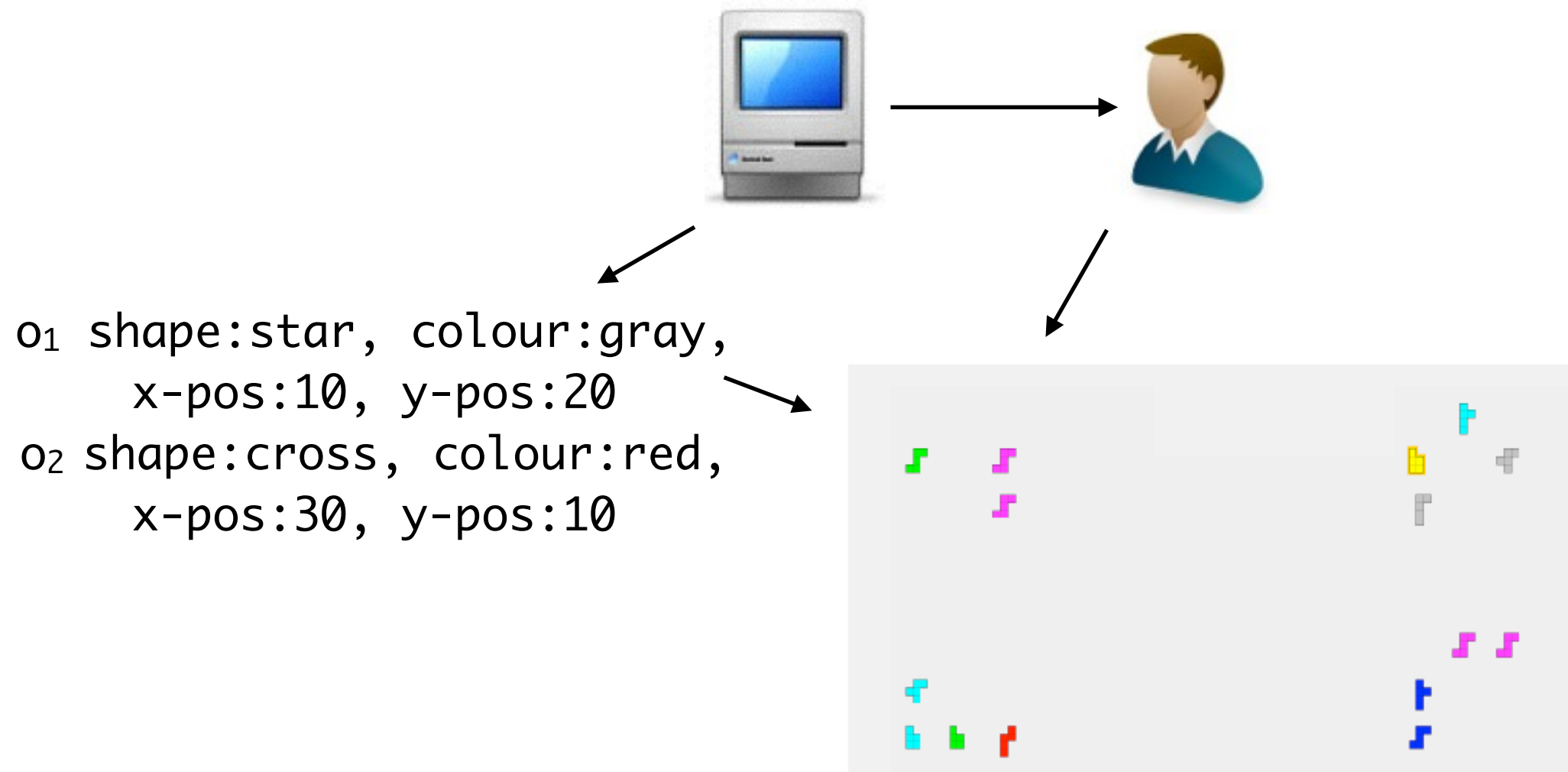


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| Version            | Acc | Top 2 | Top 4 |
|--------------------|-----|-------|-------|
| Gaze               | 18% |       |       |
| (baseline) NLU     | 50% | 59%   | 77%   |
| NLU + Gaze         | 53% | 62%   | 80%   |
| NLU + Point        | 52% | 65%   | 90%   |
| NLU + Gaze + Point | 53% | 70%   | 91%   |
| NLU + Gaze-F       | 53% | 65%   | 78%   |
| NLU + Point-F      | 57% | 68%   | 88%   |
| NLU+Gaze-F+Point-F | 56% | 69%   | 85%   |

# incremental statistical NLU

– The Pento-2013 Data –



# incremental statistical NLU

– The Pento-2013 Data, via CV –

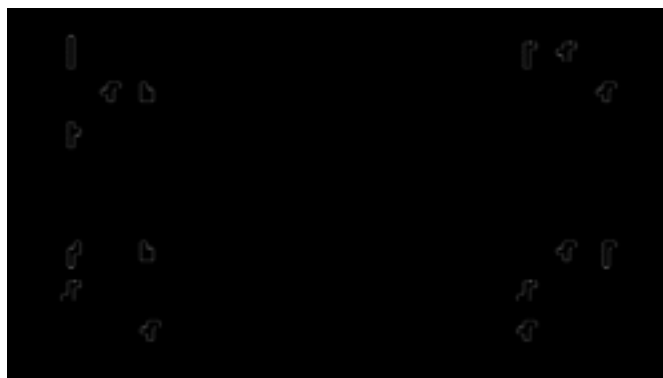
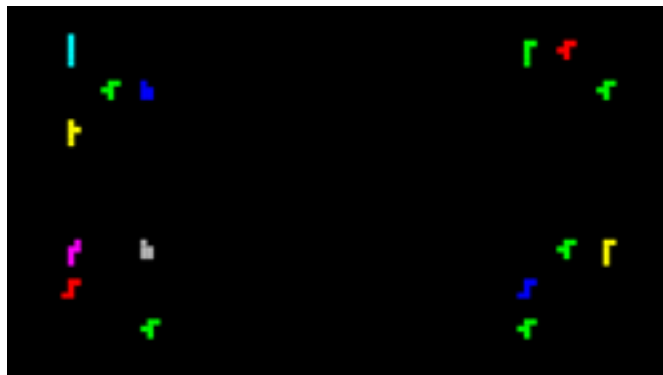


joint work with Liva Dia

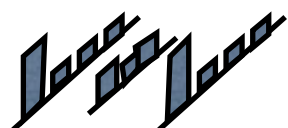
# incremental statistical NLU

– The Pento-2013 Data, via CV –

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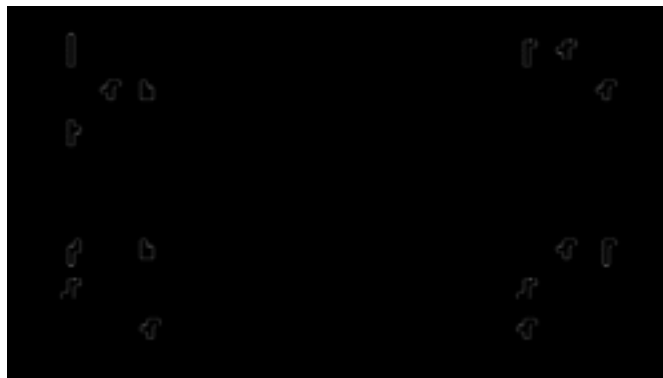
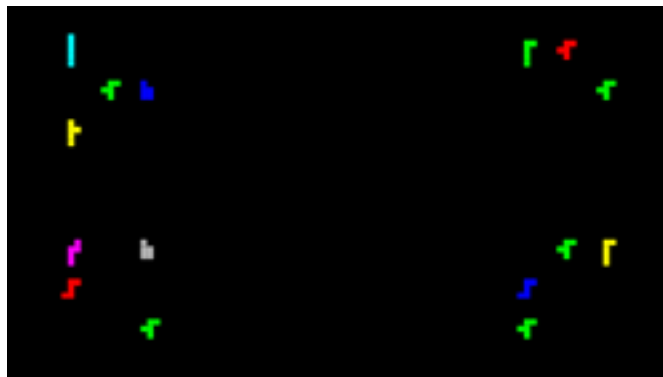
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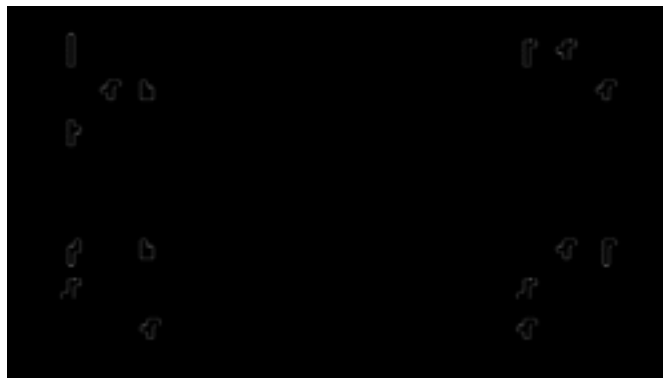
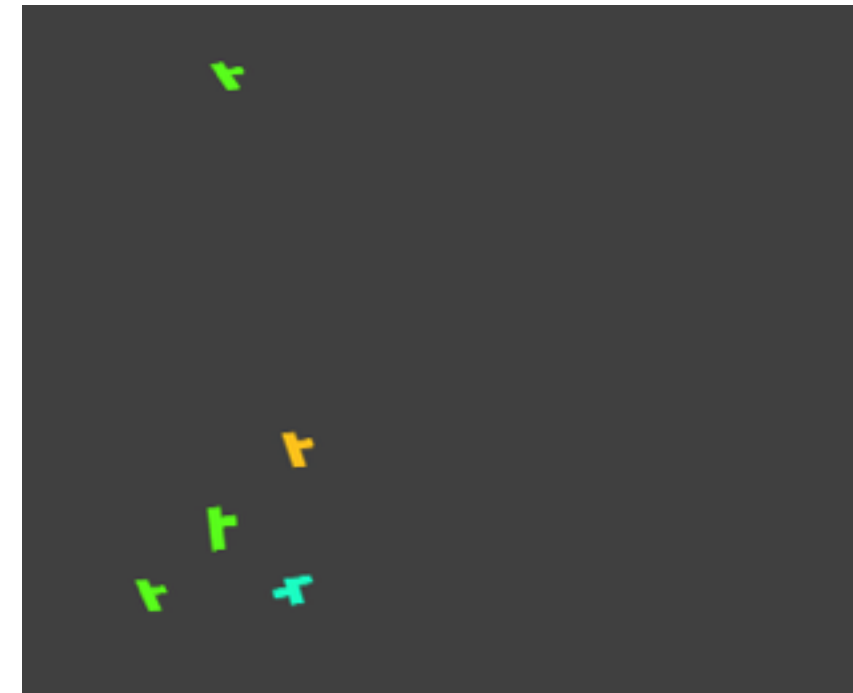


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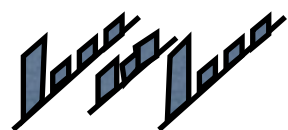
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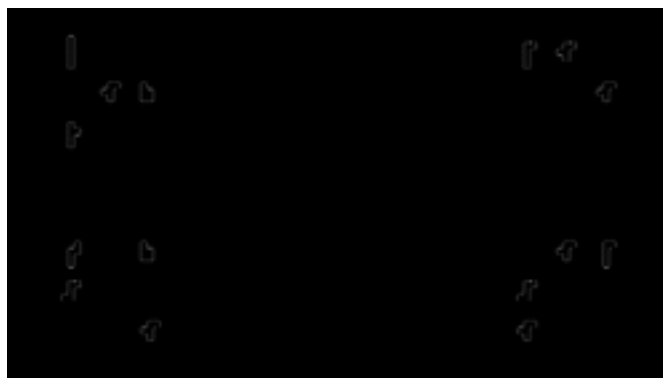
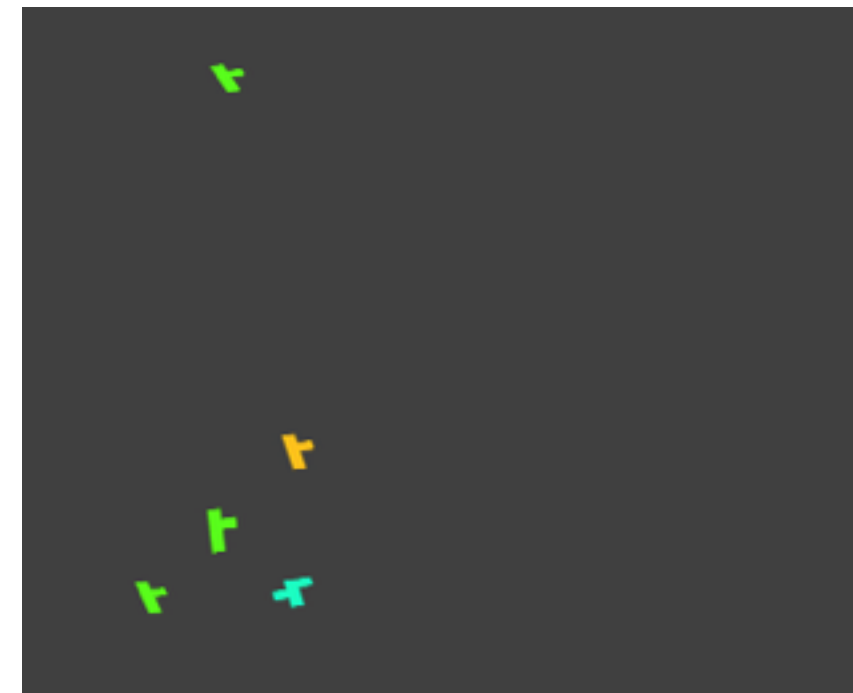
# incremental statistical NLU

– The Pento-2013 Data, via CV –

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|-------|---|---|
| star  | 1 | 0 |
| cross | 0 | 1 |
| gray  | 1 | 0 |
| red   | 0 | 1 |

|       | o   | o   |
|-------|-----|-----|
| star  | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| cross | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| gray  | 0.9 | 0.4 |
| red   | 0.1 | 0.6 |

|       | o    | o    |
|-------|------|------|
| star  | 0.4  | 0.05 |
| cross | 1    | 0.45 |
| gray  | 0.45 | 0.2  |
| red   | 0.05 | 0.3  |



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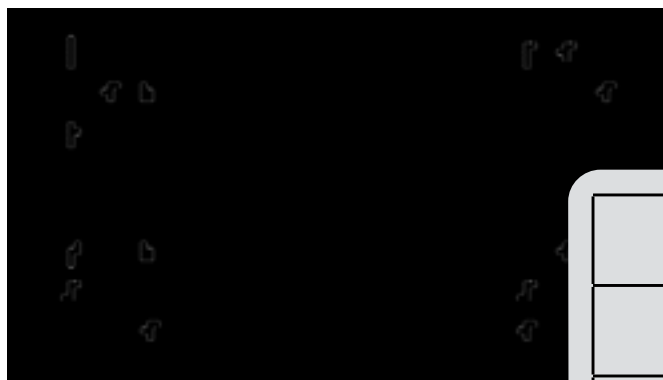
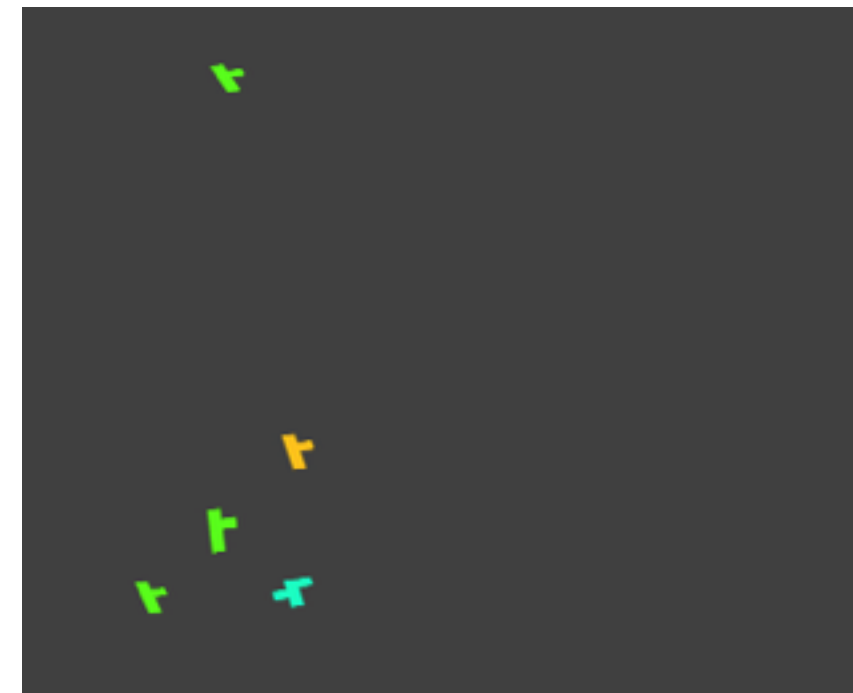
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| Version         | Acc  |
|-----------------|------|
| Base            | 0.78 |
| CV orig, argmax | 0.77 |
| CV orig, distr  | 0.75 |

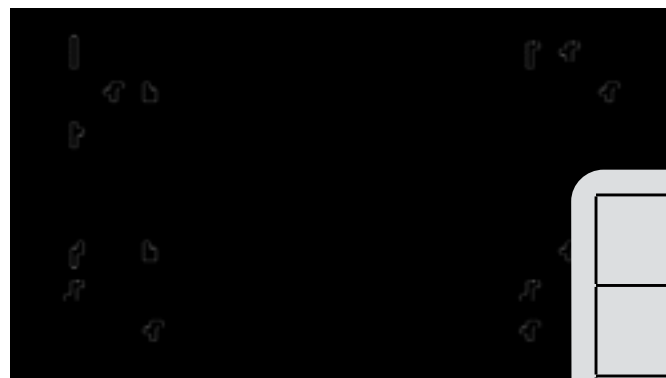
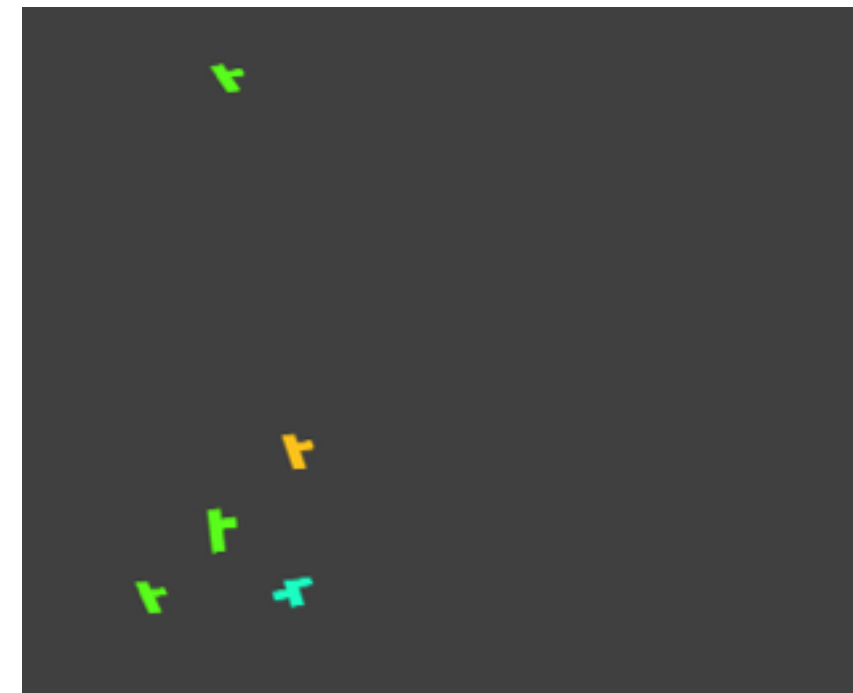
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| red   | 0.1 | 0.6 |

|       | o    | o    |
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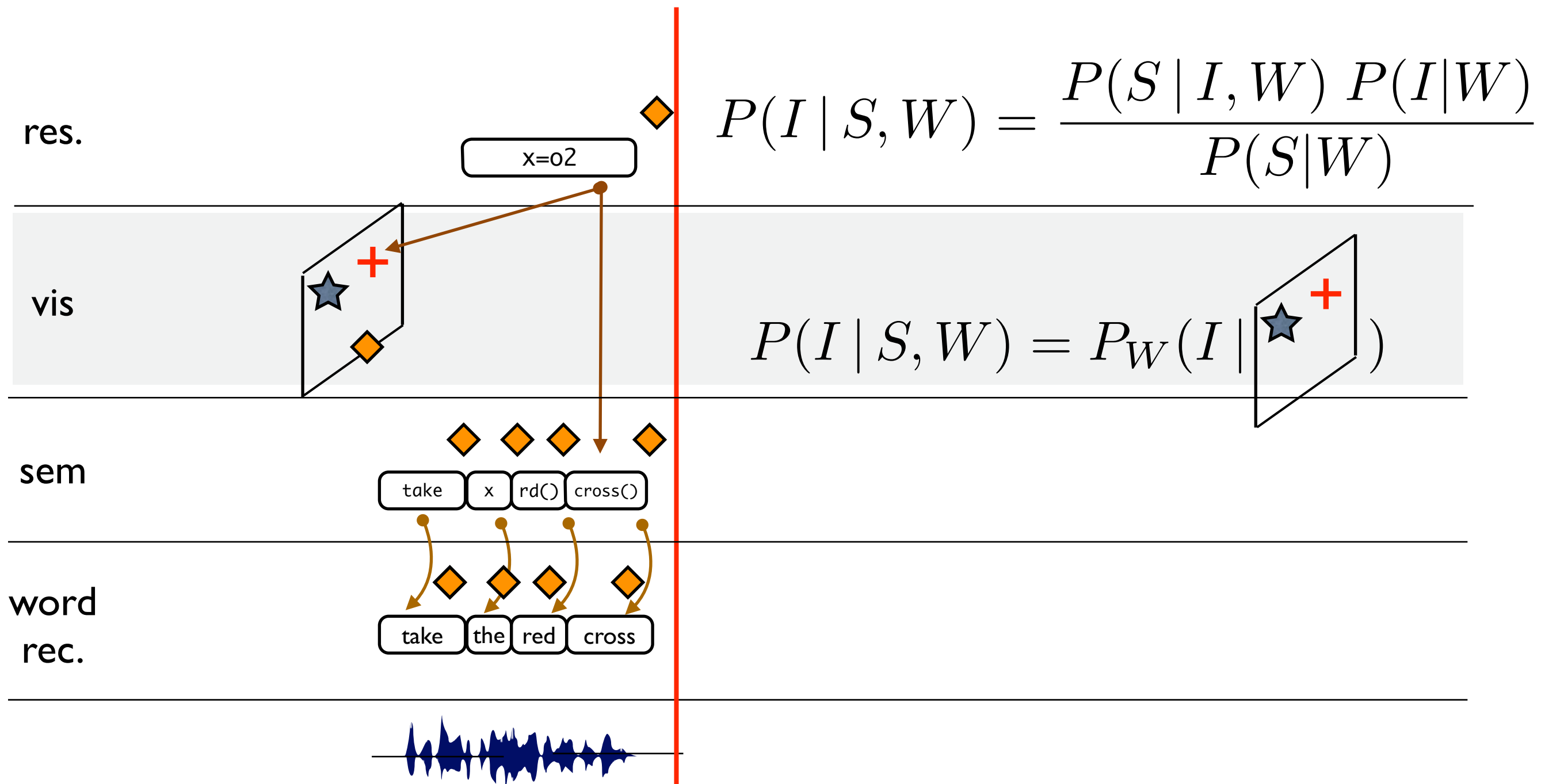


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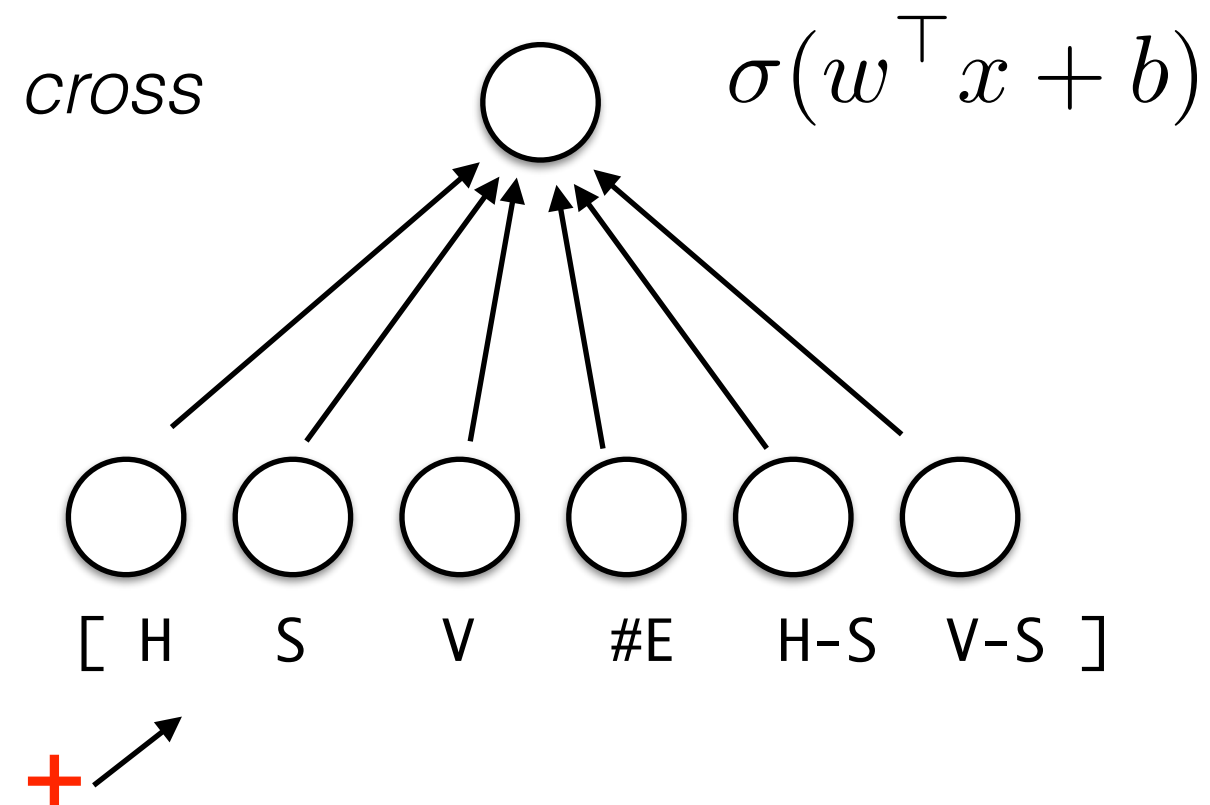
– generative vs. discriminative –



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## Testing:

- \* for each word of utterance:
  - \* test each object in scene against classifier of this word
  - \* update distribution from previous step with distribution from this step

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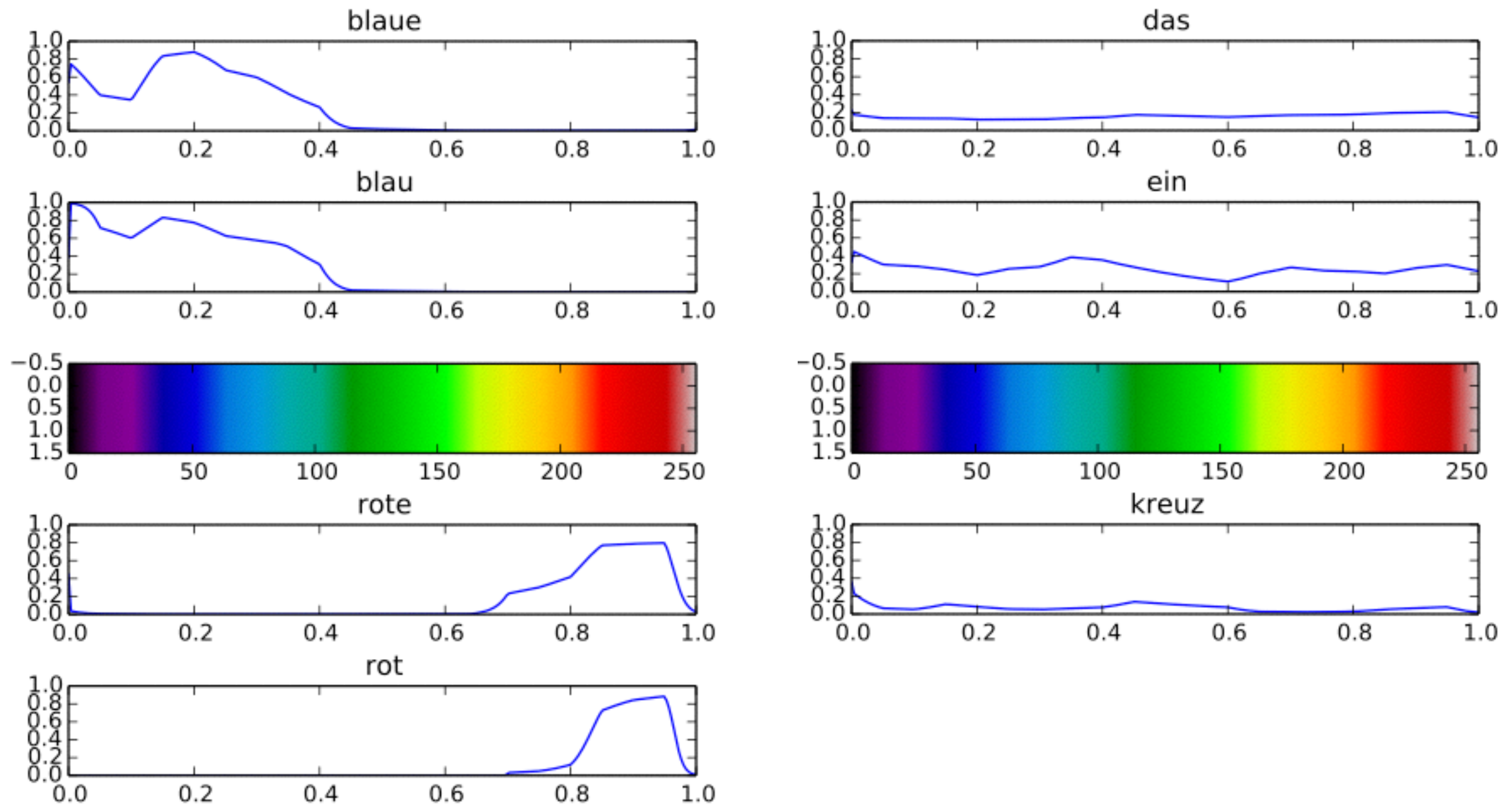
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| <b>discr, CV filt &amp; distr.</b> | <b>0.66</b> |

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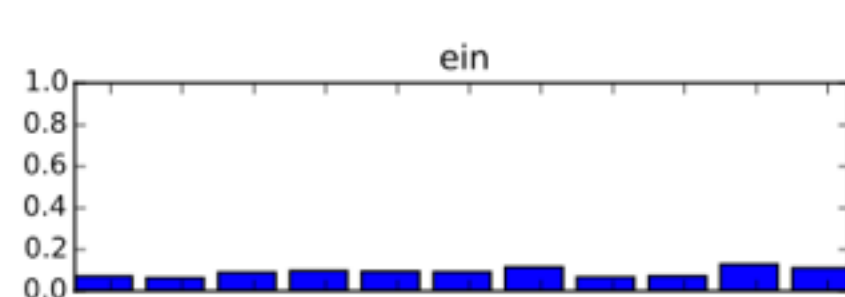
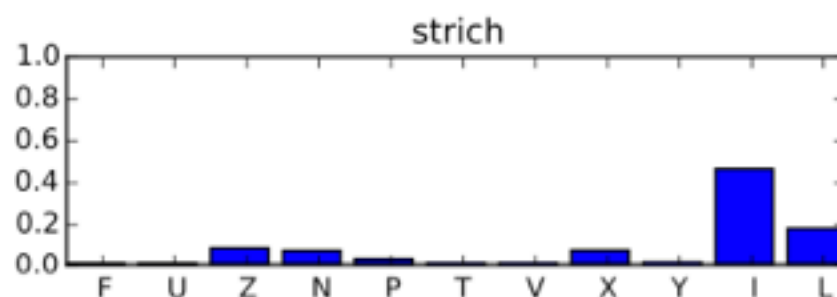
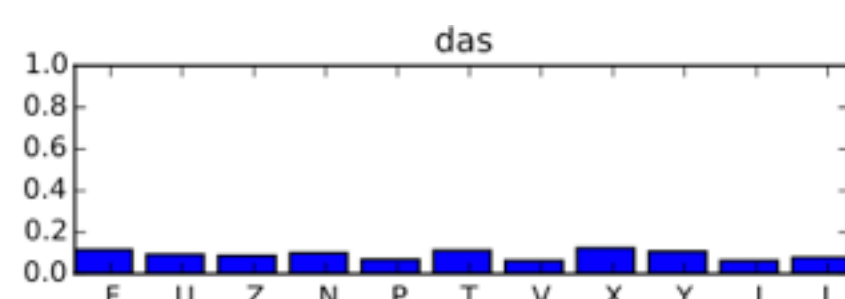
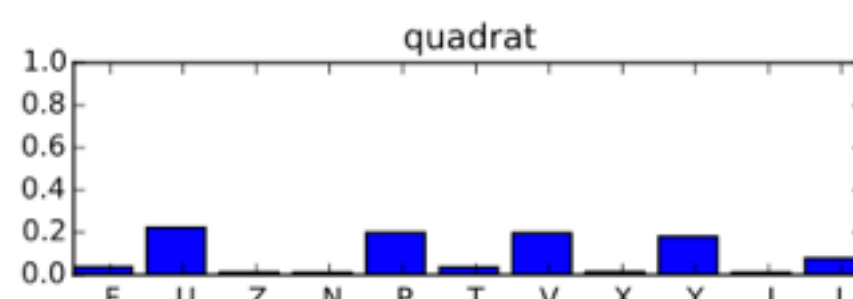
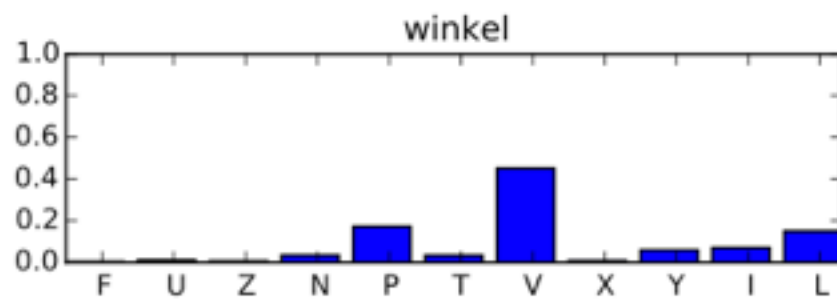
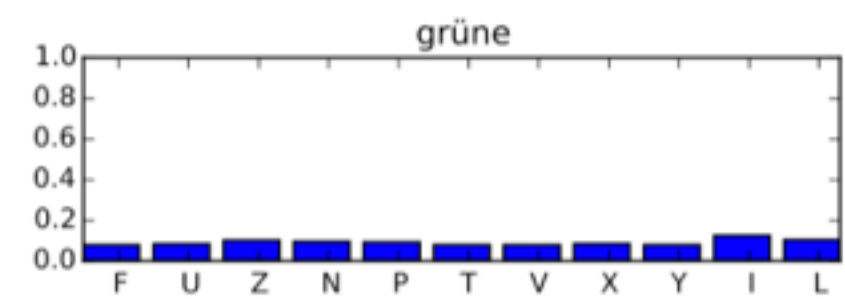
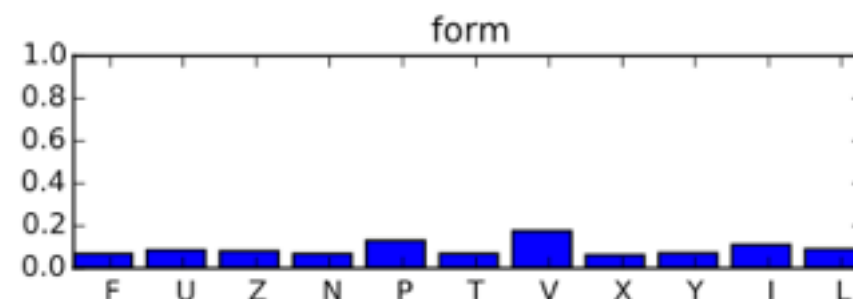
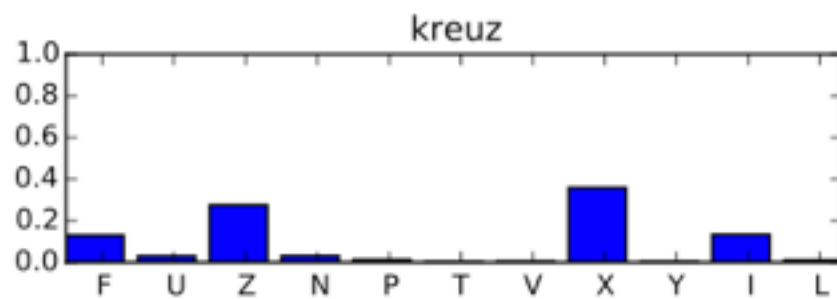
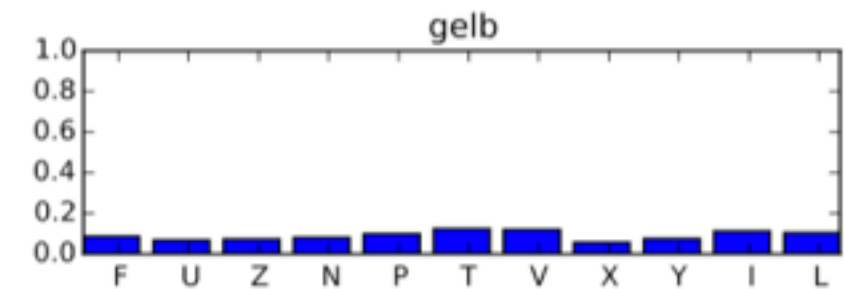
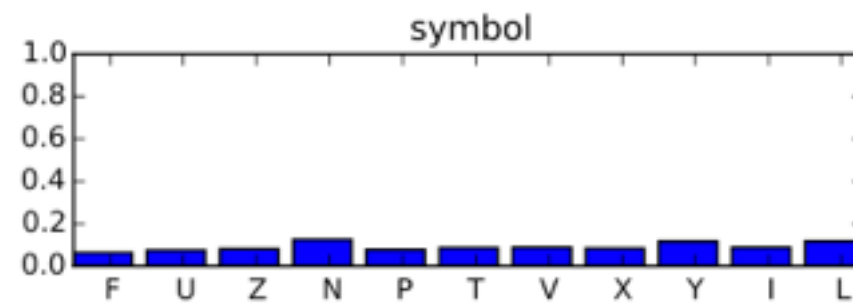
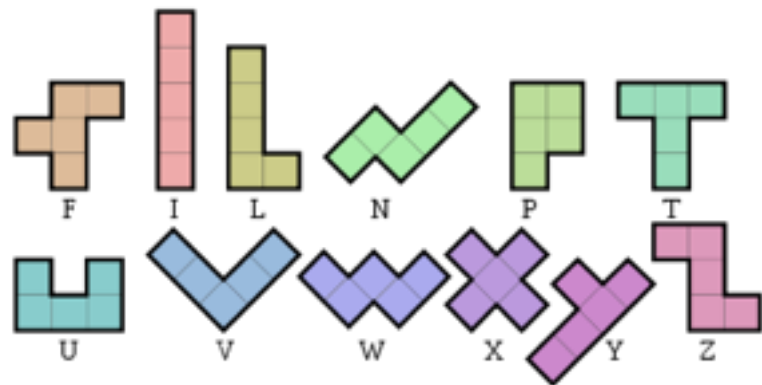
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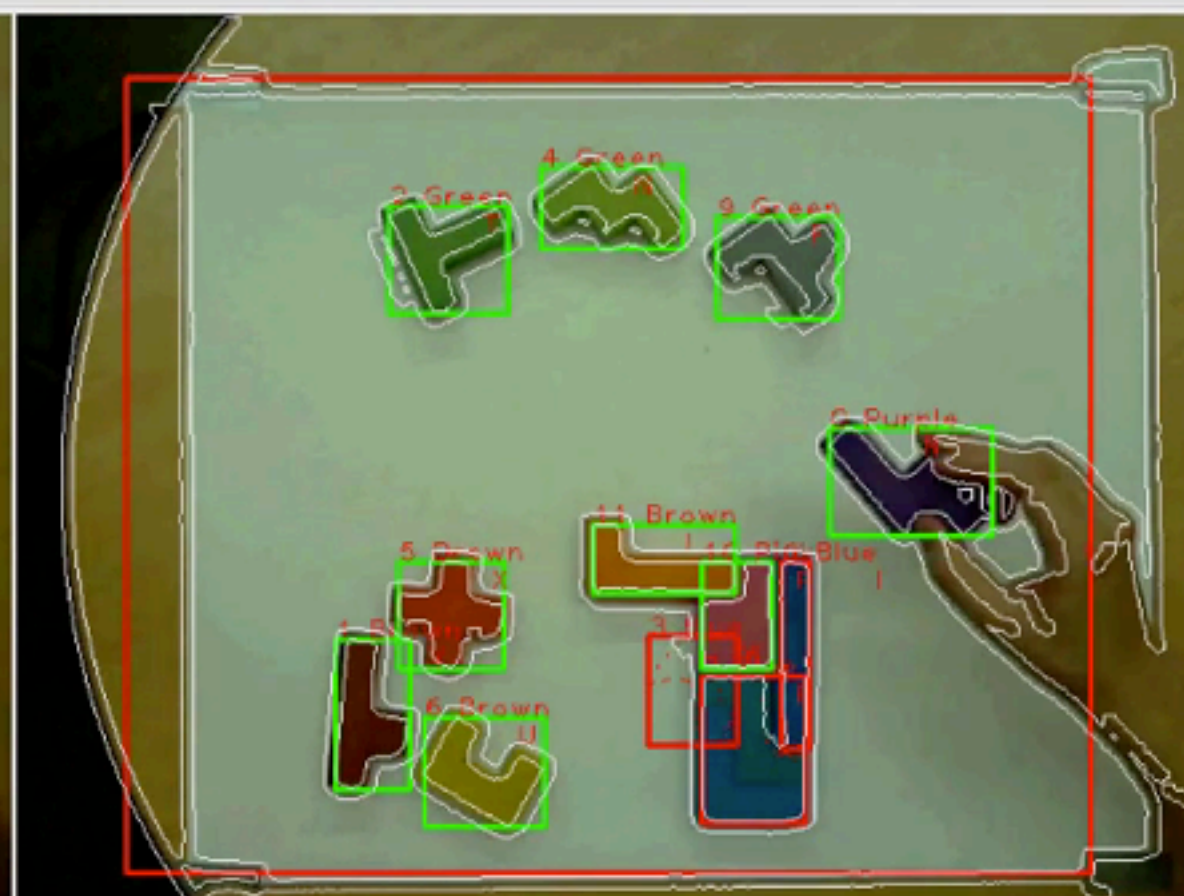
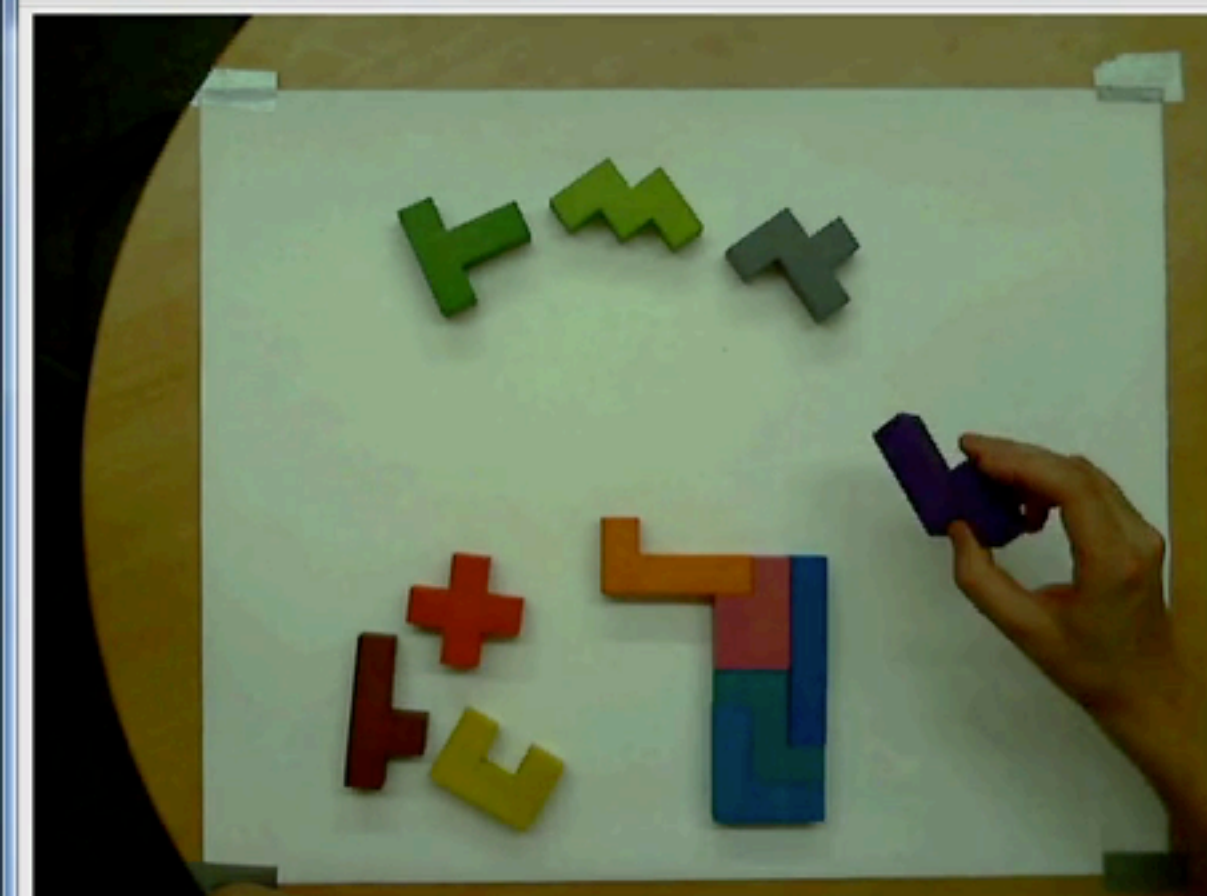
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Video Recognizer

Lexicon

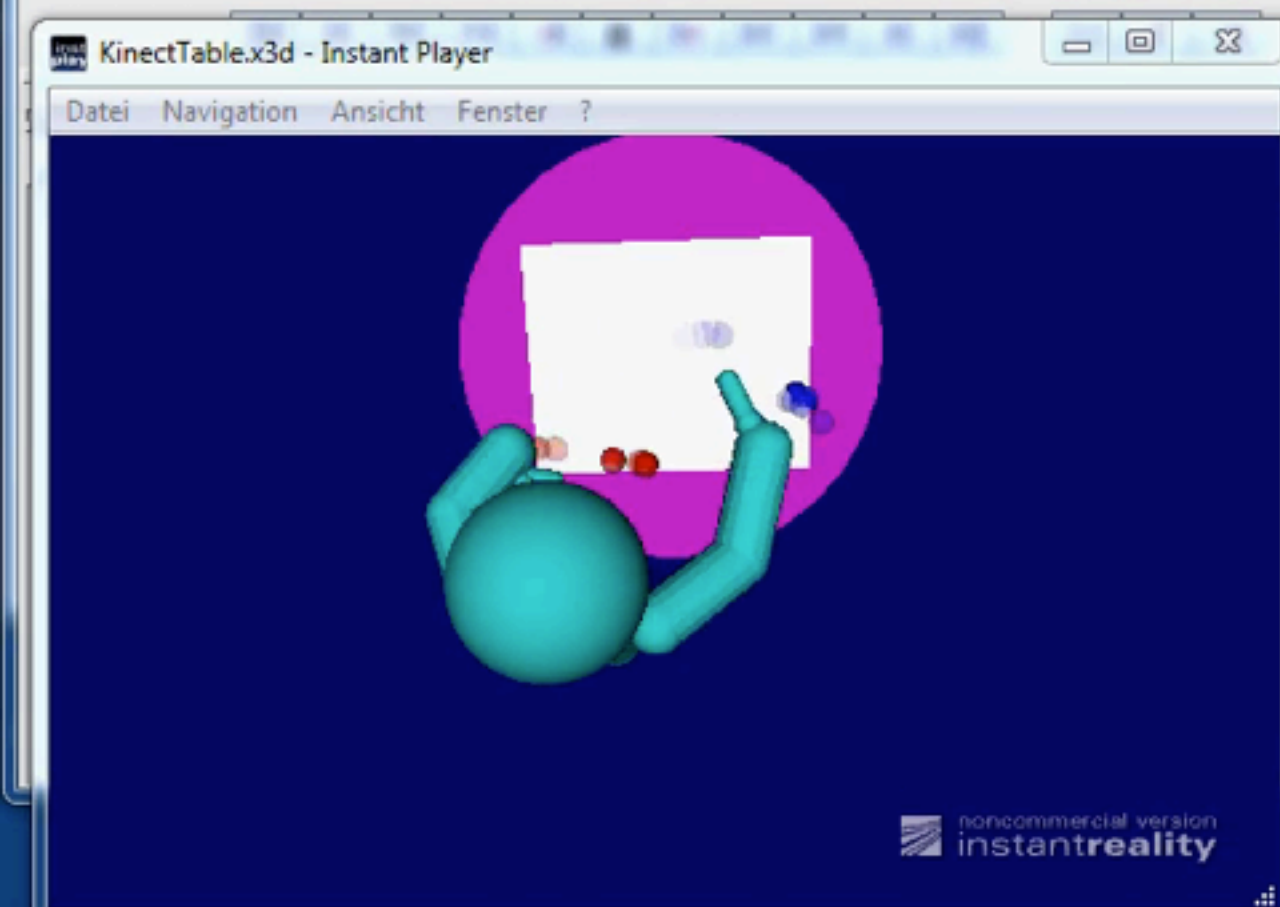
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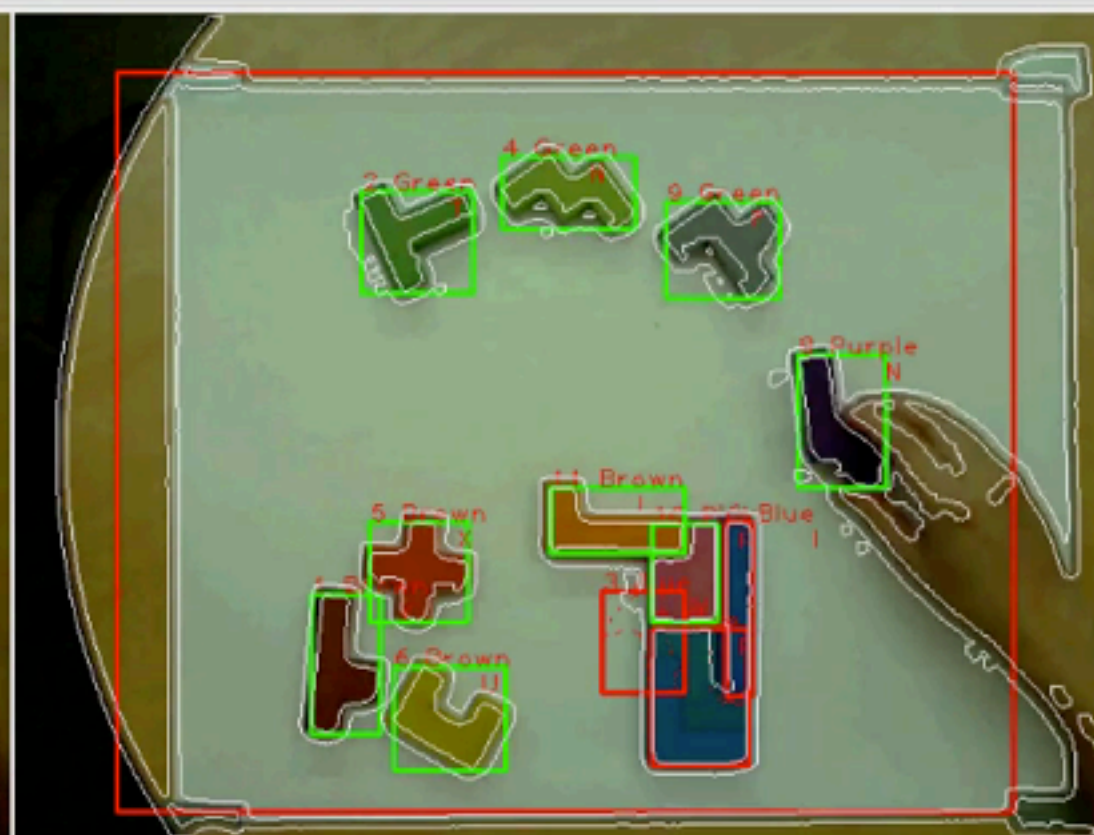
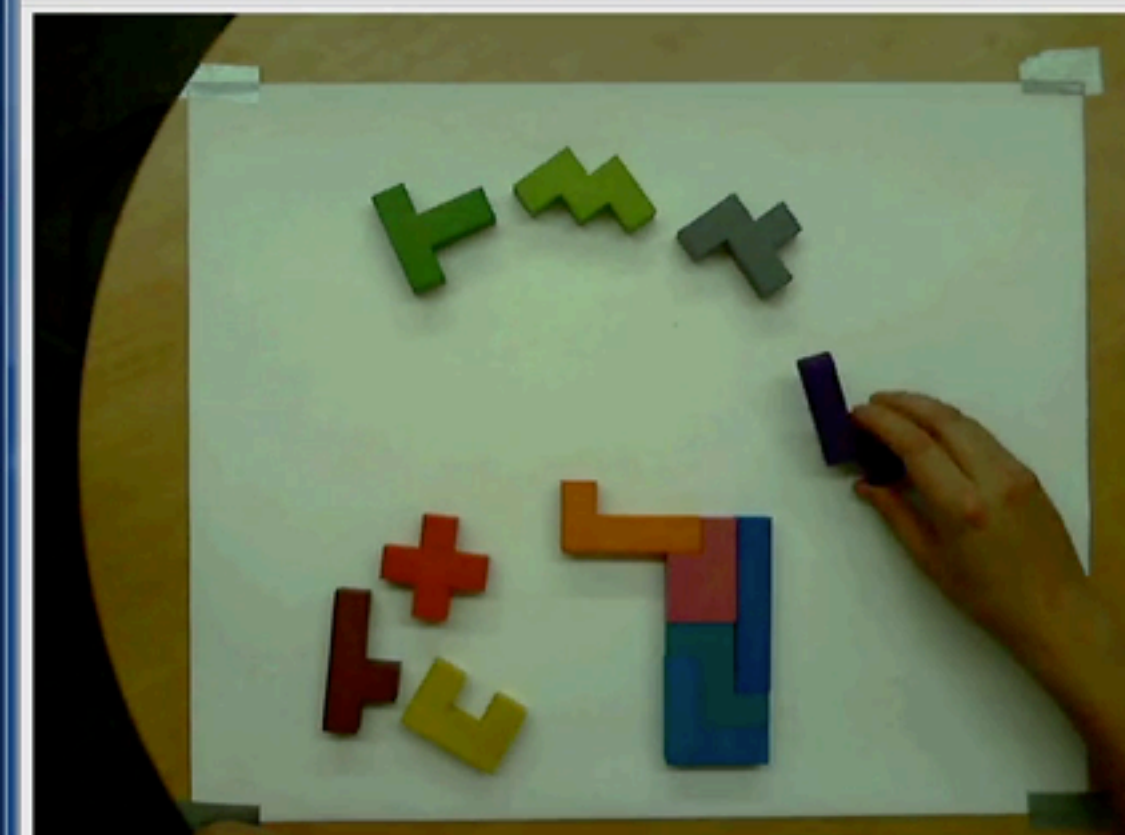
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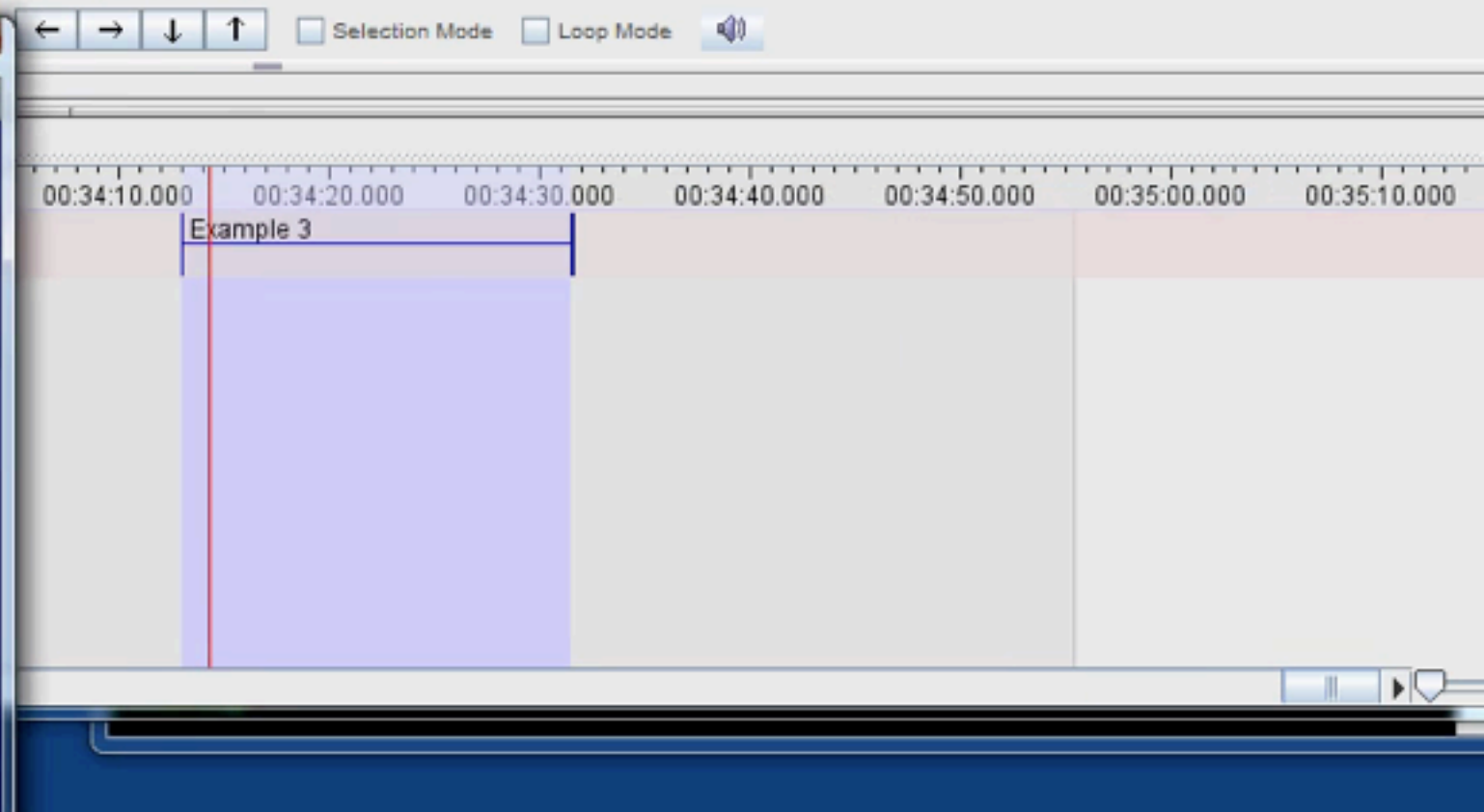
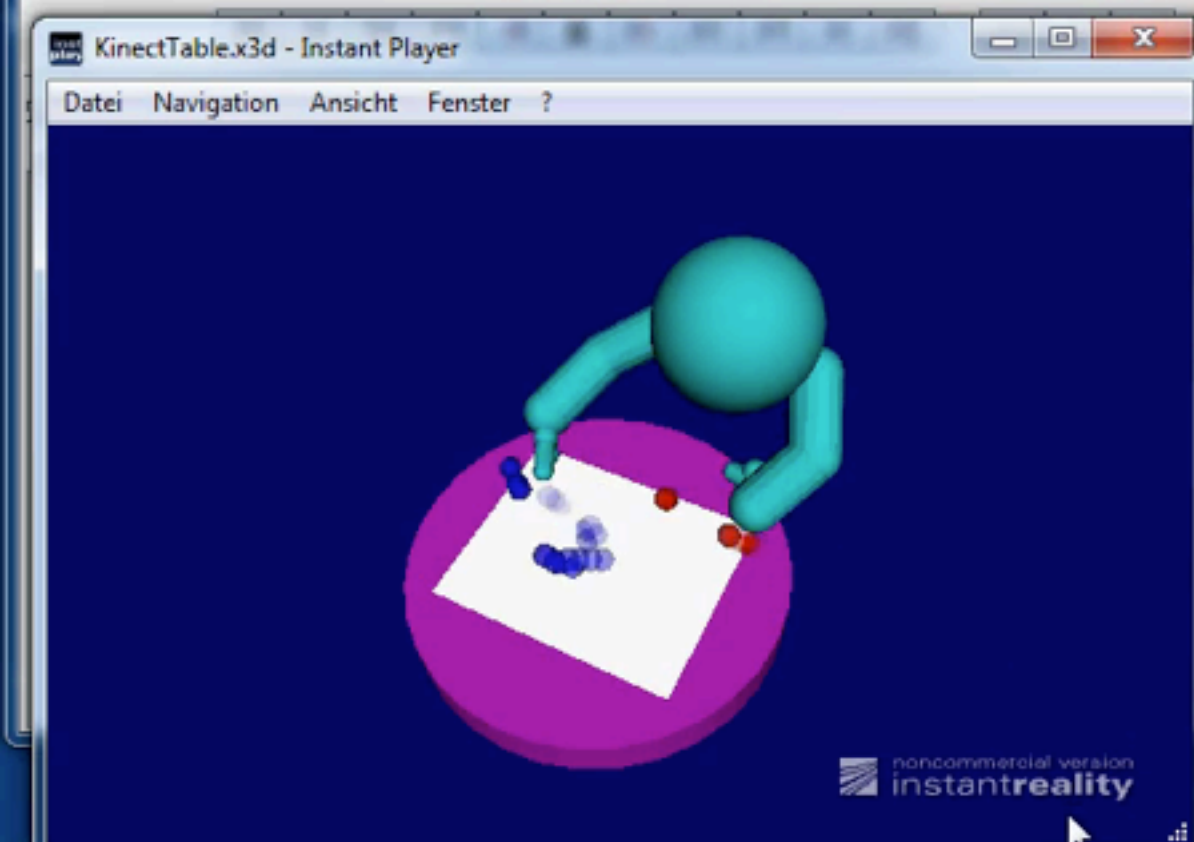


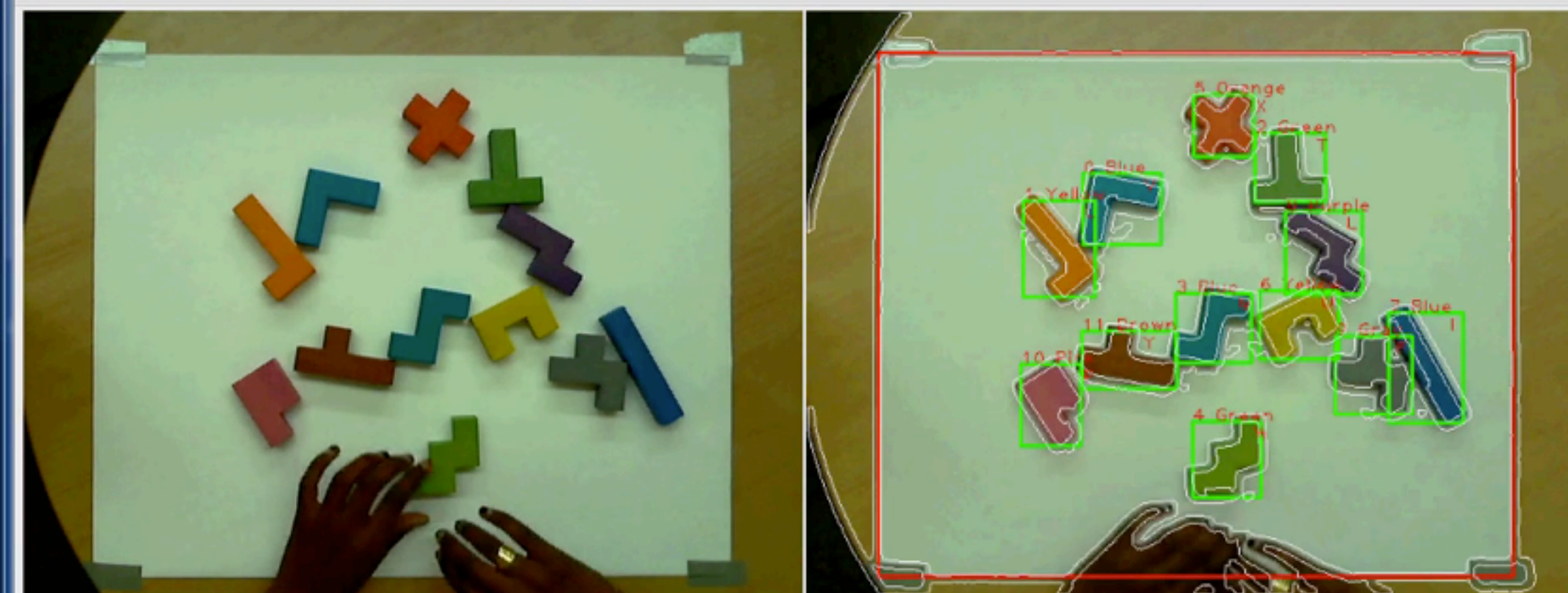


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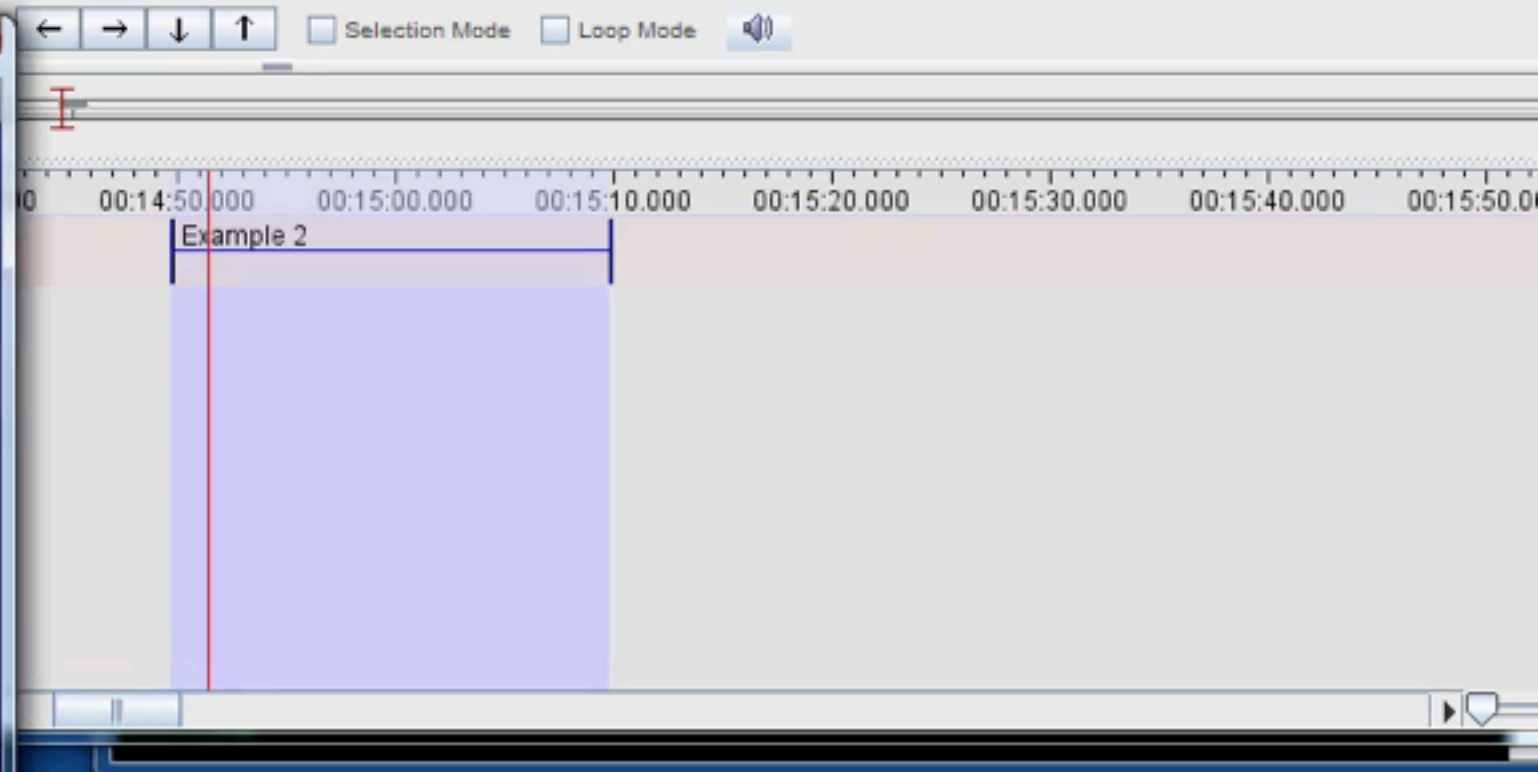
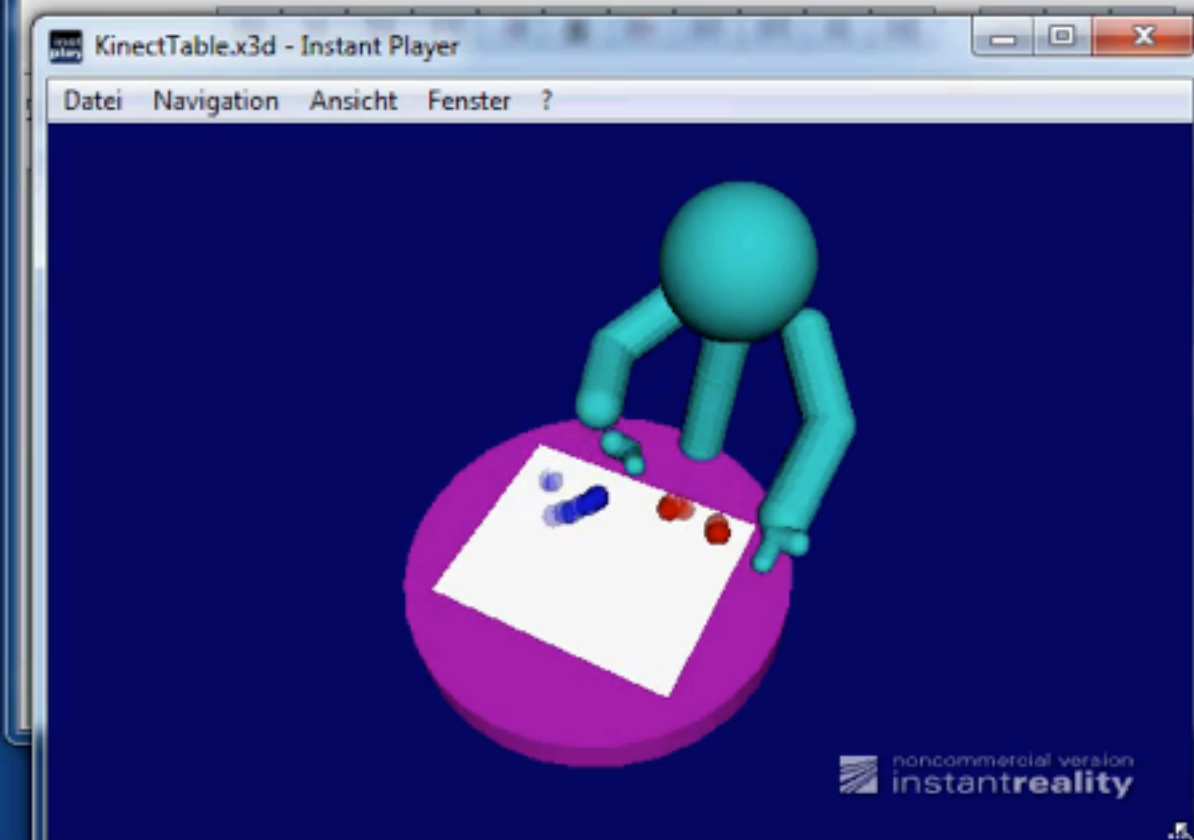




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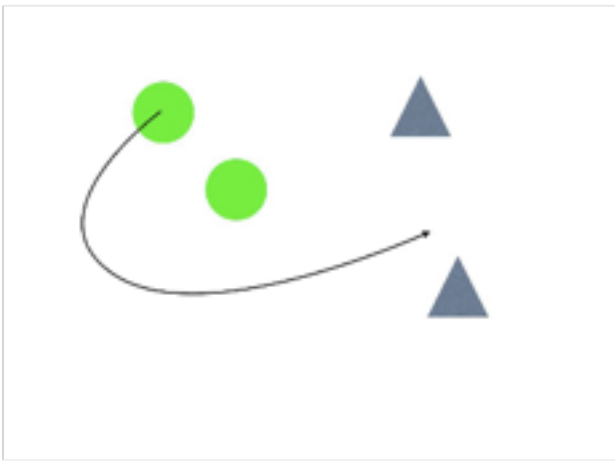
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hier ist noch ein grüner Kreis  
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und von dem oberen grünen Kreis [...]  
*and from the top green cross [...]*

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- communicative intentions
- non-conventional meaning
- grounding
- turn-taking
- disfluencies

- **Part II: Computational Models**

- approaches to dialogue modelling
- incremental processing, turn-taking
- an example: grounded semantics

2006-2012  
2010-2014  
2010-2018  
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Incremental  
Processing and  
Projection in  
Dialogue (InPro)



SFB (collaborative  
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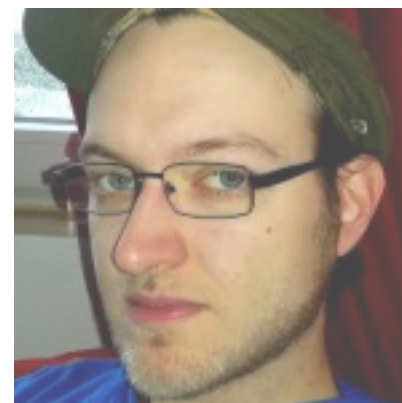
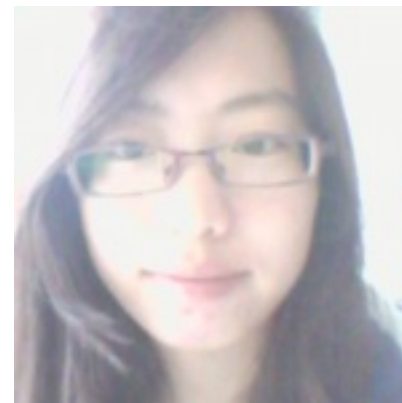
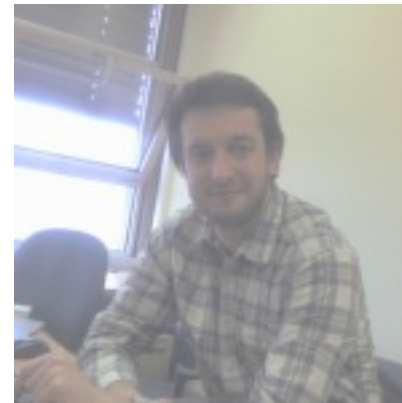
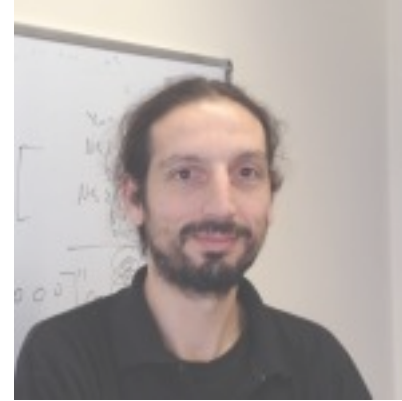


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