

# Learning with Weak Supervision in Grounded Language Acquisition

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# Grounded Semantics

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- Grounded language acquisition:
  - Learn to correspond text to a part of world state

# Related Work

- Approaches:
  - Supervised approaches  
[Ge & Mooney, 2005; Zettlemoyer & Collins, 2005; Lu et al., 2008]
  - Weakly supervised approaches  
[Chen & Mooney, 2008; Liang et al., 2009; Bordes et al., 2010, Goldwasser, et al., 2012]
  - Clustering based  
[Poon & Domingos, 2009]
  - Reinforcement learning  
[Branavan et al., 2009, 2010]
- Domains:
  - Robocup soccer [Chen & Mooney, 2008, Hajishirzi et al., 2010]
  - Instructions [2010, Artzi, Zettlemoyer, 2013, Kay, Mooney, 2013]
  - Weather reports [Liang et al., 2009]

# Professional Soccer Dataset

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[Hajishirzi et. al.'12]

# Challenges

- 1. Hand-annotated alignment is too expensive

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# Challenges

- 3. Not all events are mentioned in the sentence  
(on average only 2 events per bucket size = 42)

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- 4. Some sentences correspond to no event
  - Statistics, game analysis

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# Challenges

- 5. Comments correspond to combination of events  
(Macro events)

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“Arsenal is coming forward”

# Challenges

- 6. Expensive to collect event logs
  - Can world knowledge help to extract event logs?

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Sentence  $S_i$

Events in Bucket  $B(S_i)$

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Find the best set of events  $\mathcal{E}_i$  (Macro-event) that corresponds to the sentence  $S_i$

$$\arg \max_{\mathcal{E}_i \in \mathcal{P}(B(S_i))} \rho(S_i, \mathcal{E}_i)$$

$$|\mathcal{E}_i| \leq k$$

$\rho$  ranks the correspondence between  $S_i$  and  $\mathcal{E}_i$

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Pair-14:	S-44'	E-12

- **Solution:** rank pairs according to popularity among all the pairs
  - Popularity of a pair requires a notion of **similarity** between pairs

# Similarity between Pairs

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- Discriminative Similarity (Pair Model)
  - Learn the correspondence pattern in each pair
    - Discriminate the pair from the rest

# Pair Models

$S$

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$E$

+

Pass

Head

Chelsea

Malouda

$(S, \tilde{E})$

$(\tilde{S}, E)$

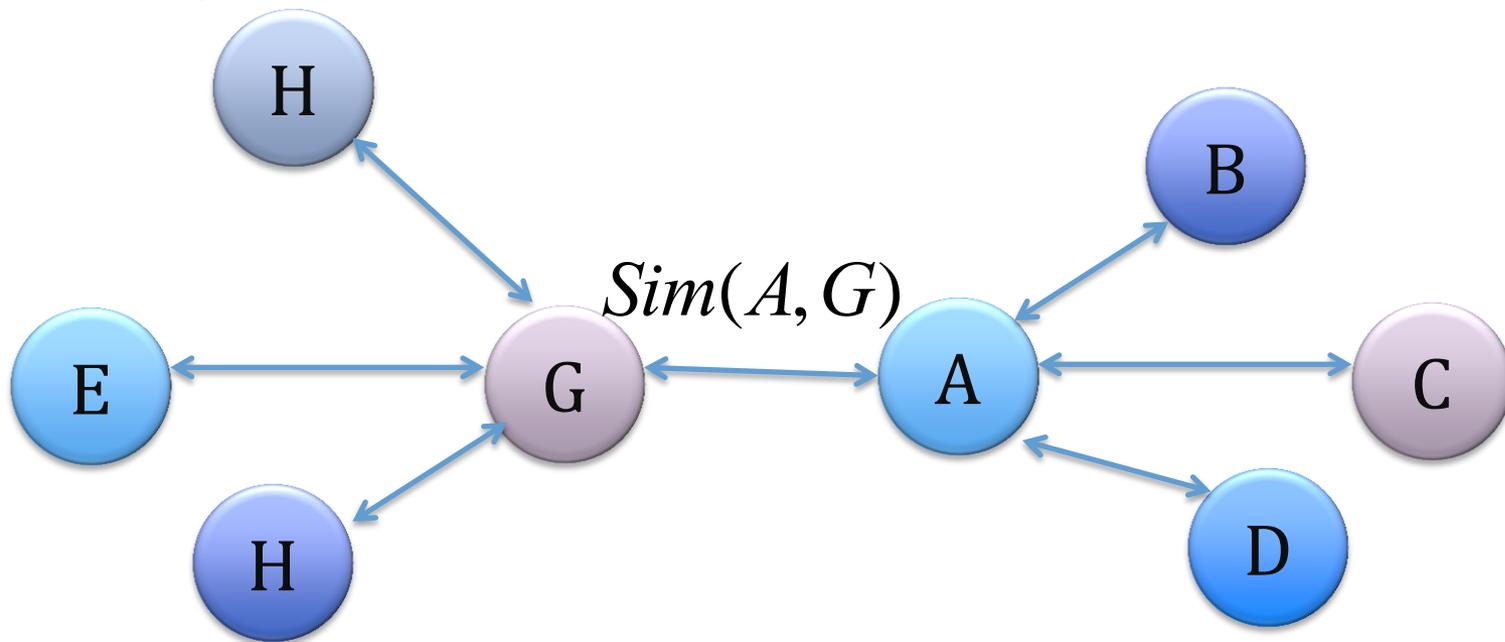


Exemplar SVM [Malisiewicz, ICCV'11]

Pair Model (S,E):  $\vec{W}_{(S,E)}$

# Ranking Pairs

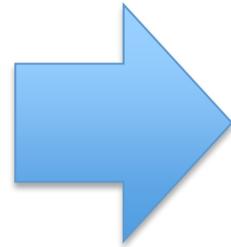
- Build a similarity graph
  - Nodes: pairs
  - Edges: similarity between pairs



- A popular pair has many highly similar pairs that are popular → PageRank algorithm

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Popularity Ranking

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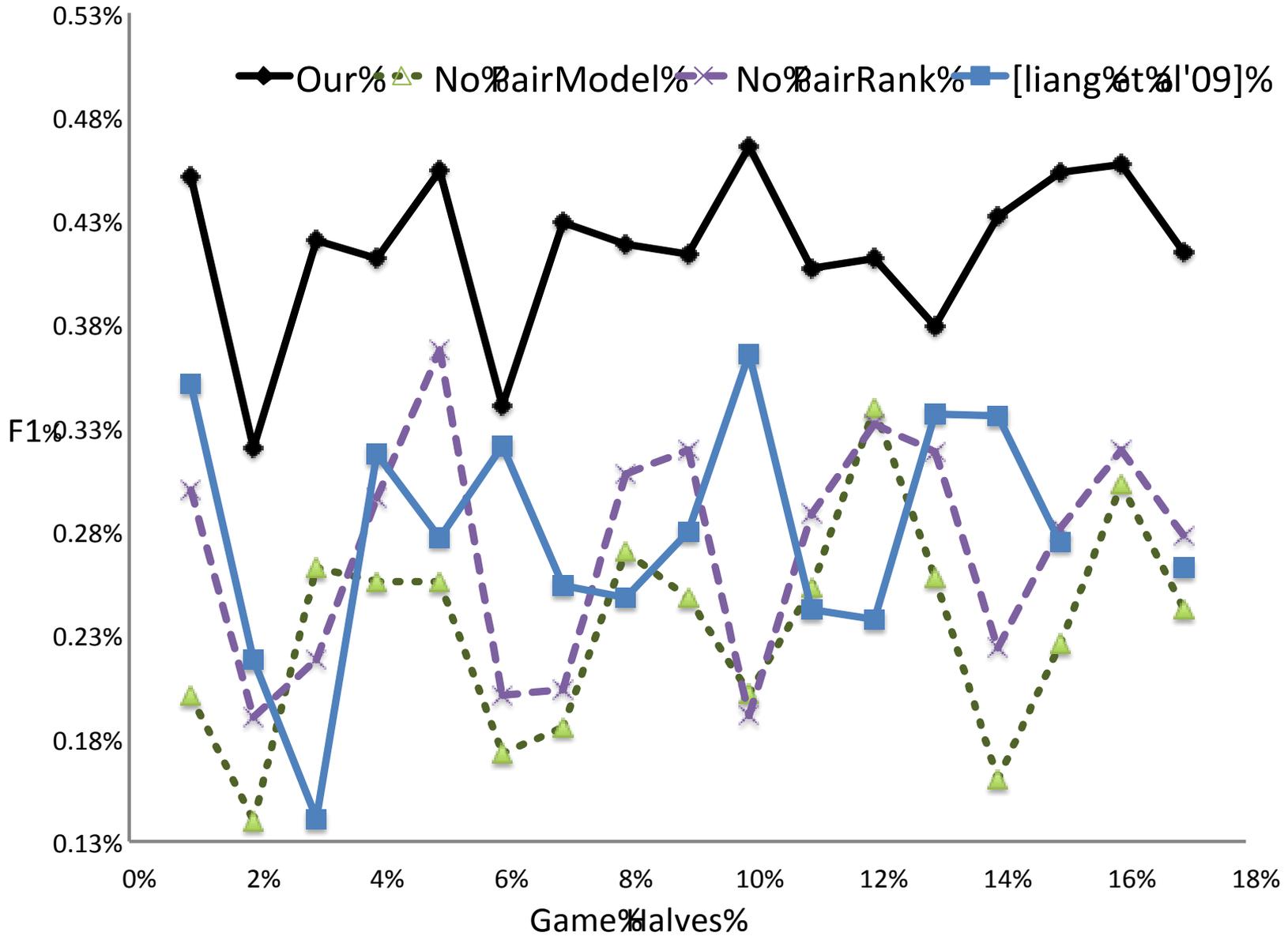
# Discovering Macro-events

- Our ranking function is sub-modular
- Greedy approach to generate macro-events
  - In each bucket
    - Start with best scoring event
    - Merge events that maximize marginal benefit

$$\mathcal{E}^l = \mathcal{E}^{l-1} \oplus \mathcal{A}^*$$

$$\mathcal{A}^* = \arg \max_{A \in B(S) \setminus D} \rho(S, \mathcal{E}^l \oplus A) - \rho(S, \mathcal{E}^l)$$

# Game-by-Game Accuracy



# Qualitative Results

4: Cole is sent off for a lunge on Koscielny, it was poor, it was late but I'm not entirely sure that should have been red.

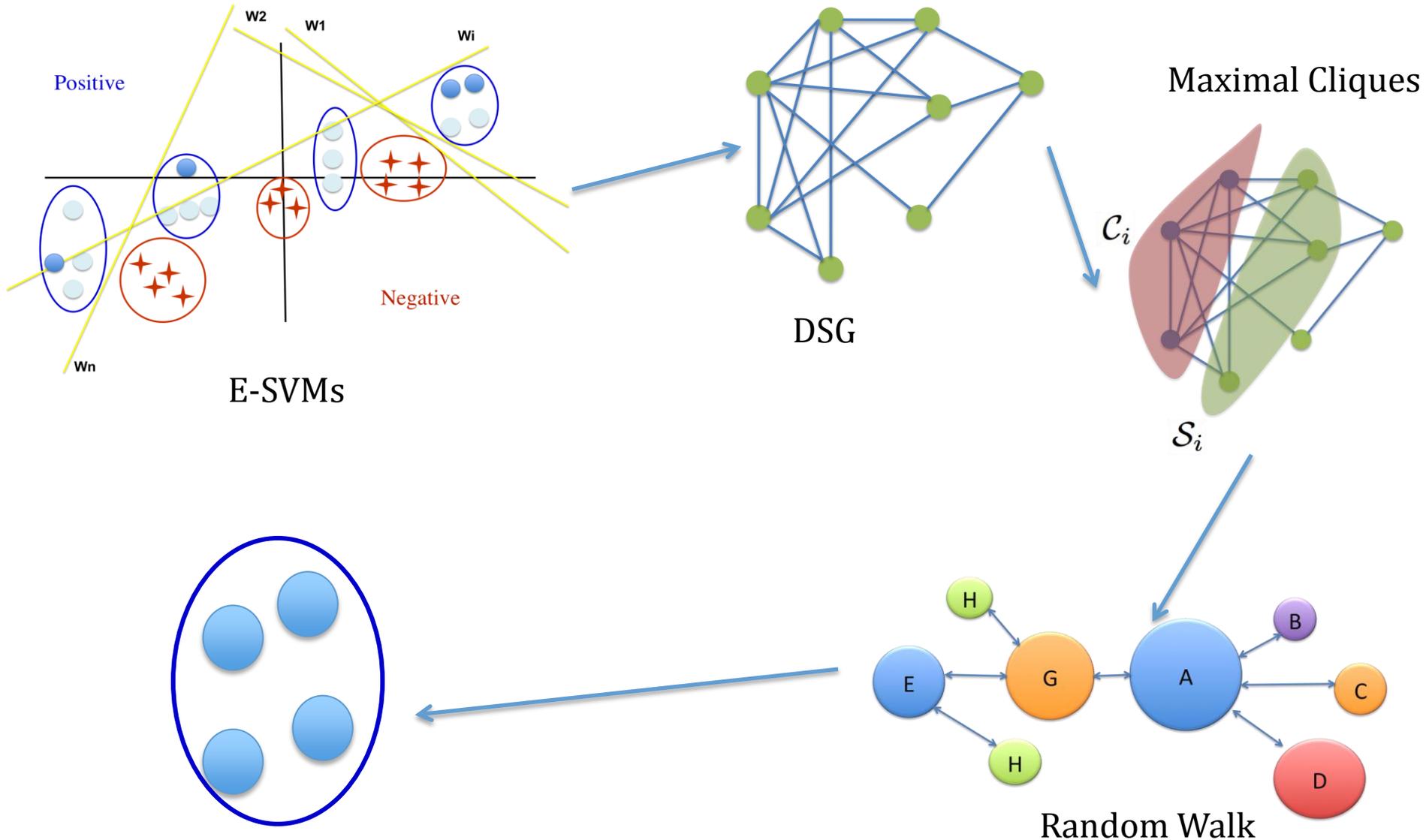
Foul	Long Ball	Liverpool	J. Cole
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Card	None	Liverpool	J. Cole

# Experiment with a Benchmark Data: RoboCup Soccer

Approach	$F_1$
[Chen and Mooney, 2008]	67.0
[Chen <i>et al.</i> , 2010]	73.5
[Liang <i>et al.</i> , 2009]	75.7
[Hajishirzi <i>et al.</i> , 2011] <sup>1</sup>	77.9
[Hajishirzi <i>et al.</i> , 2012] <sup>2</sup>	81.6

1. Incorporating dynamics: evolution of narratives  
Can domain knowledge replace the need of event logs?
2. Use pair models and ranking with weak supervision

# Multiple Instance Learning



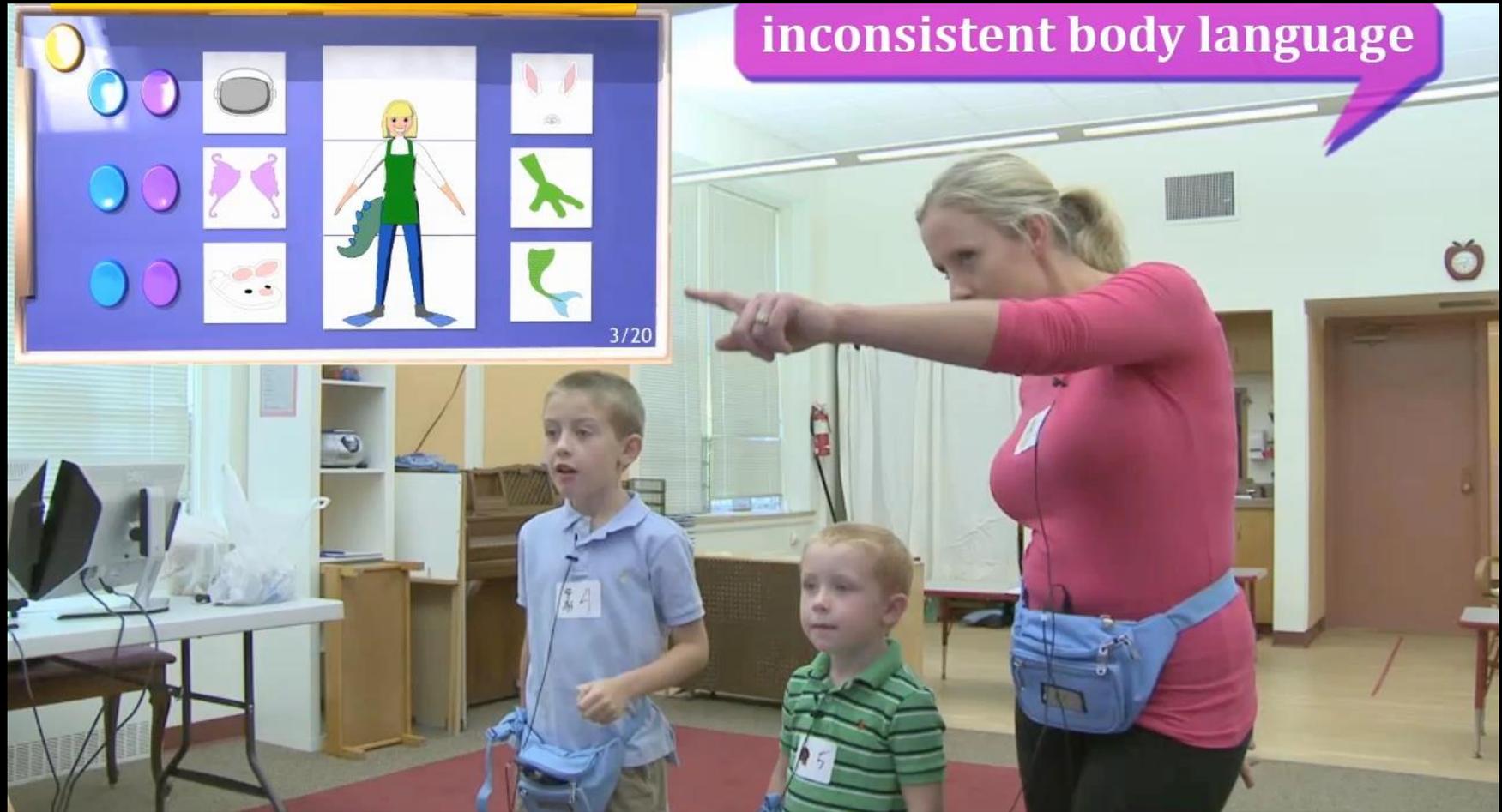
# Standard Benchmarks

Accuracy (%) on Benchmark Tasks					
Algorithm	Musk1	Musk2	Elephant	Fox	Tiger
Ours	91.2±1.5	<b>92.4±2.1</b>	<b>89.7±0.8</b>	<b>68.1±2.3</b>	<b>88.1±1.5</b>
miGraph	88.9±3.3	90.3±2.6	86.8±0.7	61.6±2.8	86.0±1.6
MIGraph	90.0±3.8	90.0±2.7	85.1±2.8	61.2±1.7	81.9±1.5
MI-Kernel	88.0±3.1	89.3±1.5	84.3±1.6	60.3±1.9	84.2±1.6
MI-SVM	77.9	84.3	81.4	59.4	84.0
mi-SVM	87.4	83.6	82.0	58.2	78.9
MissSVM	87.6	80.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
SMILE	91.3	91.6	85.8	67.7	86.5
GPMIL	89.47	87.25	83.8	65.75	87.37
MIForest	85	82	84	64	82
MILboost	82.3	85.7	80.7	55.2	80.7
DD	88.0	84.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
EM-DD	84.8	84.9	78.3	56.1	72.1
PPMM	<b>95.6</b>	81.2	82.4	60.3	82.4
APR	92.4	89.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
SVR-SVM	87.9±1.7	85.4±1.8	85.3±2.8	63.0±3.5	79±3.4
IL-SMIL	84.17±4.8	83.8±4.2	82.0±2.7	57.1±4.5	80.3±3.3
MI-CRF	88.0	84.3	85.0	67.5	83.0
MILES	86.3±1.4.7	87.7±1.4	N/A	N/A	N/A

# What's Next?

- Larger Scale Macro-events:
  - “Arsenal is coming forward”
- Segmentation
  - Sentence-level not good enough for generation
- Story generation given a video
  - Automatic commentary generation

# Spoken Language Interaction with Children



# Multi-party Interaction

- Who produces the speech?
  - Talking at the same time
  - Mouth occlusion
- What do they mean?
  - Unexpected vocabulary
  - Indirect reference
- Who is the speech directed to?
  - Side conversations
- When to take the turn?



# Addressee Identification and Turn Taking in Multi-child Interactions

- Are there any regularities in children's behavior?
- How children's behavior differ from adults?
- How autonomous character can take advantage of the regularities?
- Can we take advantage of temporal and group behavior?
- Take or Wait? Learning Turn-taking from Multi-party Data

[Hajishirzi et. al.'12 and Liete et. al.'13]

Thank You!

# Addressee Identification in Multi-child Interactions

- Regularity in children behavior
- Models for automatic AID in multi-child interactions
  - Multi-modal features help in AID
  - Group and history models help in AID