

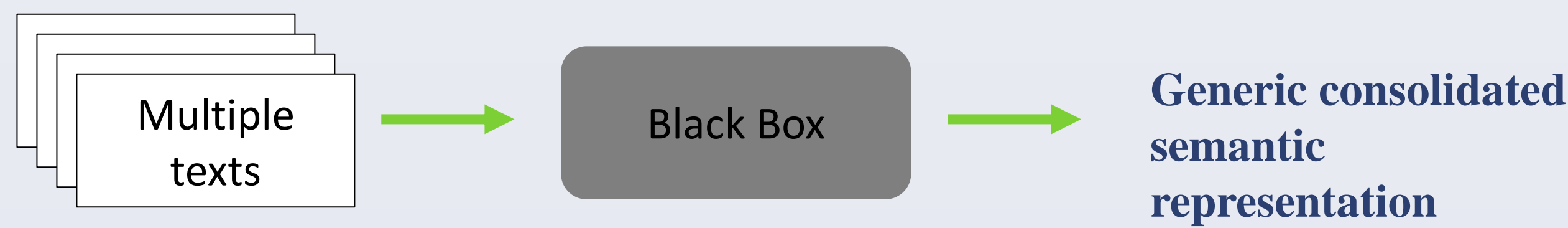
Our goal – “out of the box” consolidated semantic representation

- Many semantic applications require multiple texts consolidation.

For example:

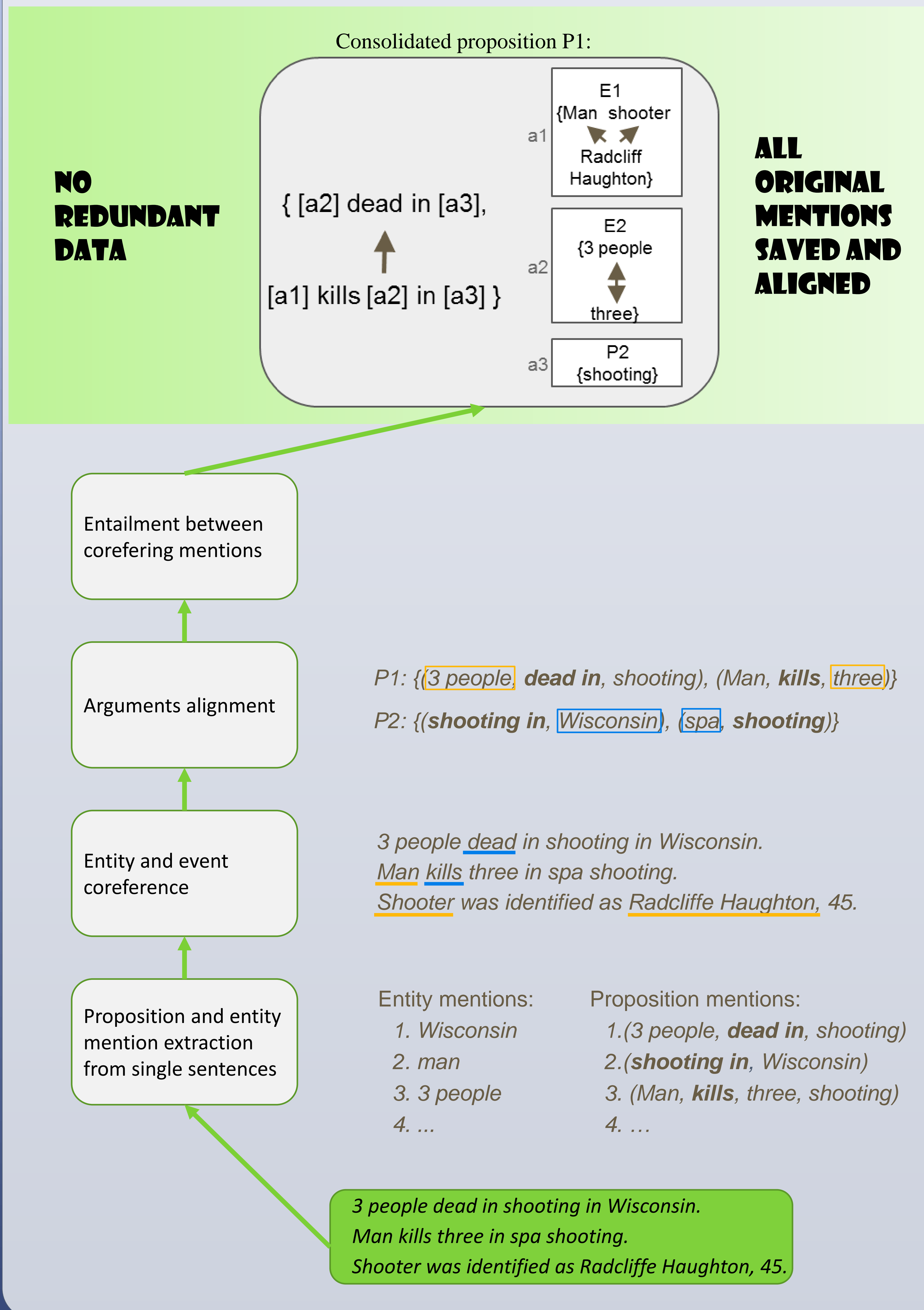
*3 people dead in shooting in Wisconsin.
Man kills three in spa shooting.
Shooter was identified as Radcliffe Haughton, 45.*

- Question answering:
 - How many people did Radcliffe Haughton shoot? 3 people
- Abstractive summarization:
 - Radcliffe Haughton, 45, kills three in spa shooting in Wisconsin.
- And more...
- Current predicate-argument semantic structures (Open IE, SRL, AMR, etc.) are at a single sentence level.
- Therefore, the consolidation is currently done at the application level, to various partial extent.
- We propose: a generic consolidated semantic structure, for all applications!



OKR representation

- OKR structure is built using a pipeline of well-known NLP tasks:



Annotated dataset

OKR Annotation of 1257 news-related tweets from 27 event clusters, collected from the Twitter Event Detection Dataset (McMinn et al., 2013). We used QA-SRL paradigm (He et al., 2015) to annotate semantic roles.

- Annotation example:

*Topic #1 tweet #1: Turkey forced a plane to land
Topic #1 tweet #2 : The grounded jet landed*

Entities:

*E1 : Turkey
E2 : jet → plane*

Propositions:

*P1 : A1 landed ⇔ A1 to land
A1 - what did land? E2*

*P2: grounded A1 → A2 forced A1 to A3
A1 - what was forced to do something?: E2
A2 - what did force something to do something?: E1
A3 - what was something forced to do?: P1*

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Baseline & results

We created a simple baseline consisting of the separate OKR pipeline tasks, implemented individually:

- Entity extraction** – spaCy NER and annotating all nouns as entities.
- Proposition extraction** - Open IE propositions extracted from PropS (Stanovsky et al., 2016).
- Proposition and Entity coreference** – simple lexical similarity metrics (e.g., lemma matching and Levenshtein distance).
- Argument alignment** – align all mentions of the same entity.
- Entity Entailment** - knowledge resources (Shwartz et al., 2015) and a pre-trained model for HypeNET (Shwartz et al., 2016).
- Predicate Entailment** - rules extracted by Berant et al. (2012).

Baseline results (compared to inner-annotator agreement):

	Entity Extraction <i>(avg. accuracy)</i>	Entity Coref. <i>(CoNLL F1)</i>	Proposition extraction <i>(avg. accuracy)</i>				Predicate coreference <i>(CoNLL F1)</i>	Entailment <i>(F1)</i>	
			Predicates		Arguments			Entities	Predicates
Agreement	.85	.90	.74	Verb. .93	Non verb. .72	.85	.83	.70	.82
Predicted	.58	.85	.41	Verb. .73	Non verb. .25	.37	.56	.44	.56

- Main challenges:
 - Recognize arguments for nominal predicates - current systems are verb-centric (well known).
 - Distinguish entity nouns from predicate nouns (organization vs. elections).
 - Entity entailment is hard for multi-word expressions.
 - Predicate coreference is harder than entity coreference.

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