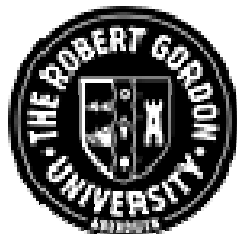


# Learning Incident Causes

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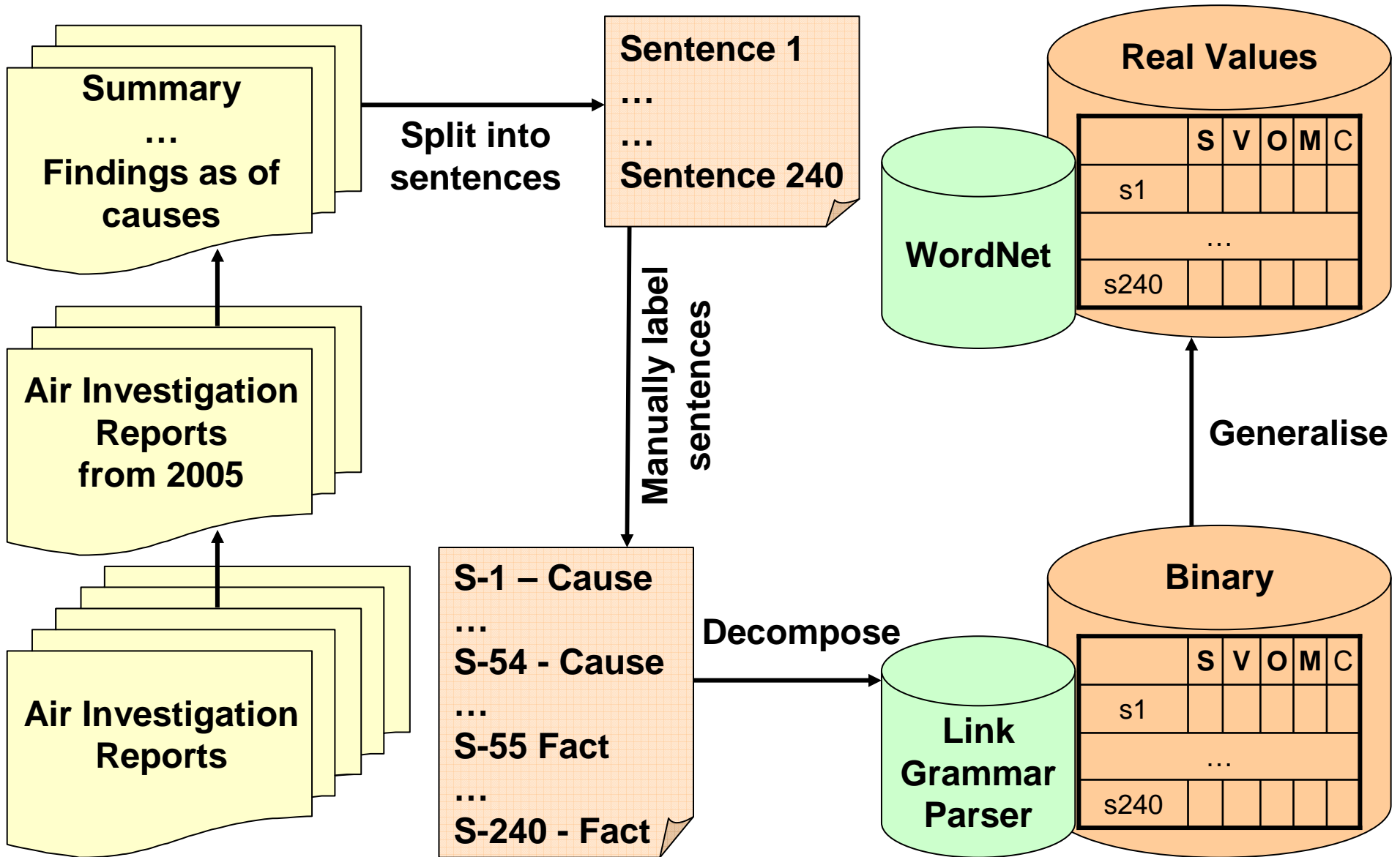


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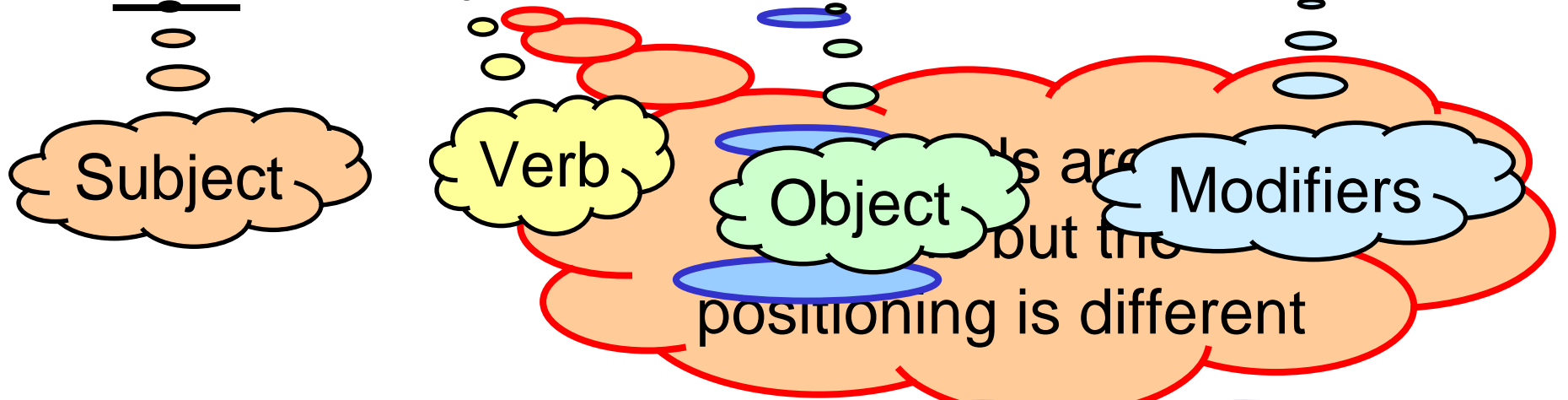
*The aircraft stalled* as part of the aerobatic display

# Overview of Casebase Creation



# Structure Sentence Representation

The passenger rescued the pilot from the aircraft  
The pilot rescued the passenger from the aircraft



Different sentences but same bag-of-words (BOW) representation

# Sentence Decomposition

- Link Grammar Parser [Sleator 2001]
  - Syntactic structure
  - Part of speech
  - Constituent tree

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+-----Xp-----+
|               |
+-----Wd-----+ | +-----Osn-----+
|               | | +-----AN-----+
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|               | | +-----AN-----+
|               | |
LEFT-WALL the helicopter.n was.v carrying.v out lake.n water.n sampling.g .
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Constituent tree:

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(S (NP The helicopter)
  (VP was
    (VP carrying
      (PRT out)
      (NP lake water sampling)))
  .)
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s1="The <u>pilot</u> rescued the passenger from the aircraft"	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	fact
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Vocabulary of the subject constituents

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Each constituent contains fewer words than the entire sentence

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A structured representation means more sparseness

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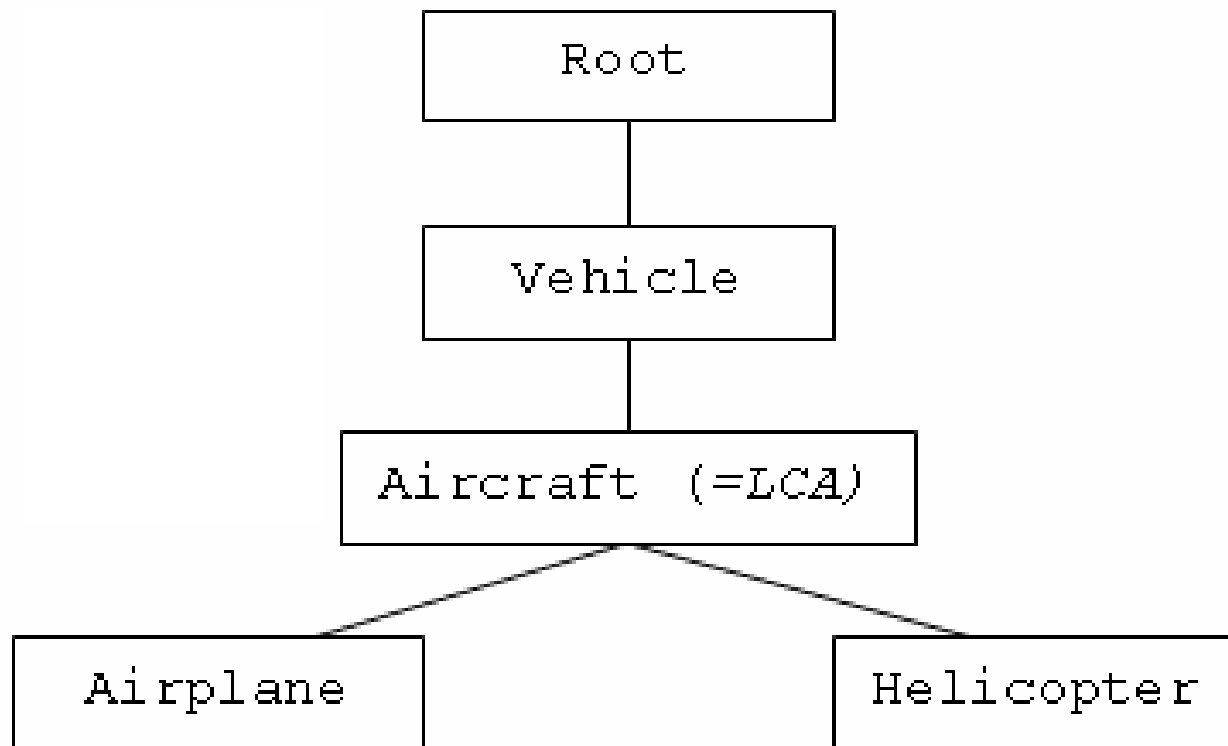
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Boost value of absent words highly similar to present words



# WordNet [Fellbaum 1998]



# Case Generalisation

S1 = “The seaplane tipped to the right”

Subject	
Weather	0
Water	0
Seaplane	1
Runway	0
Pilot	0
Passenger	0
Engine	0
Biplane	0.86
Aircraft	0.8

For each feature  $F=0$

- calculate similarity with present features
- If similarity is greater than 0.8
- Then boost  $F$

$$\text{Similarity}(\text{Seaplane}, \text{Weather}) = 0.25$$

# Evaluation

- Binary sentence classification: *cause/fact*
- Classification accuracy with:
  - Bow
  - Each SSR constituents independently (subject, verb, object, modifiers)
  - All SSR constituents combined
- Influence of Feature Generalisation

# Results

- Overall accuracy between 74% and 84%
- SSR performs better than BOW
- Verb is poor at identifying facts, but good at identifying causes
- Object performs poorly
- All constituents, individually or combined, benefit from generalisation

# Conclusion

- Sentence structure helps preserving meaning
- Sentence constituents perform better combined
- A constituent may be better at identifying a specific class
- Case generalisation is beneficial

# Future Work

- Performance on a balanced dataset
- Transferability on a different domain
- SSR ability to identify other reports  
comparison factors
- Compare WordNet based generalisation  
with co-occurrence based generalisation
- Evaluate a combination of both  
approaches

Thank You