

# Robust Distant Supervision Relation Extraction via Deep Reinforcement Learning



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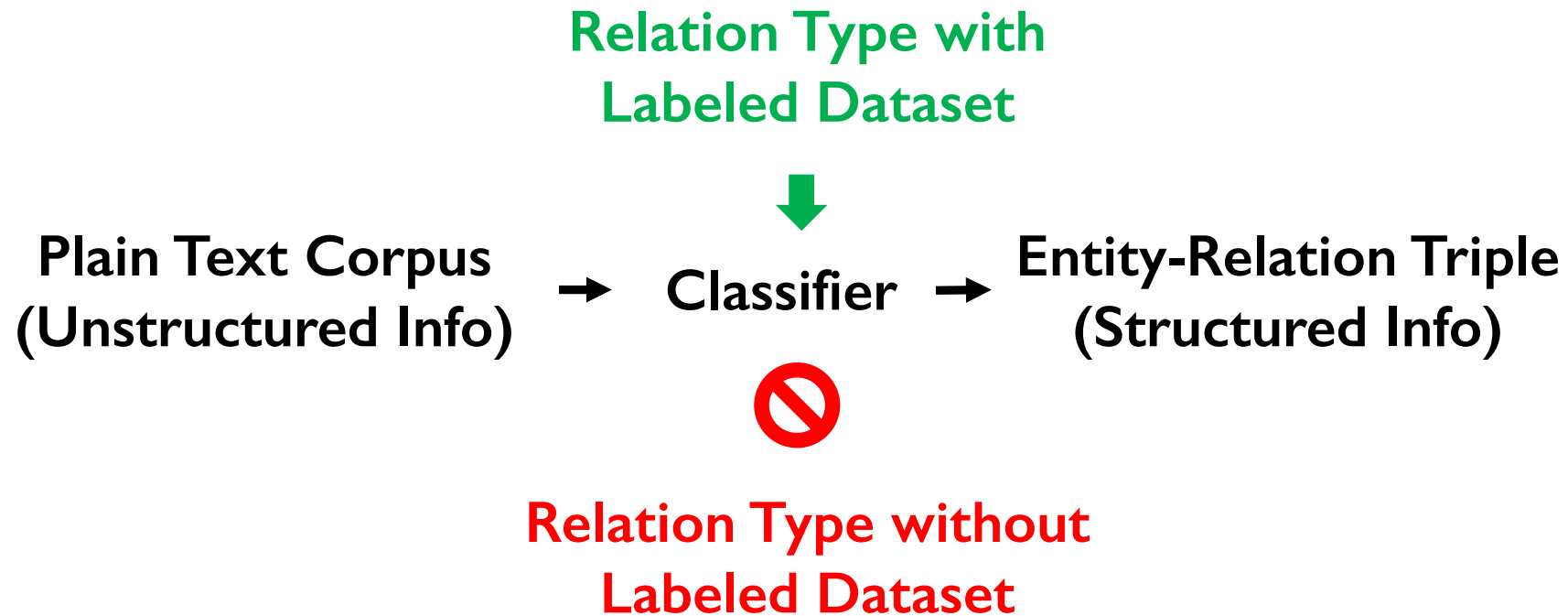
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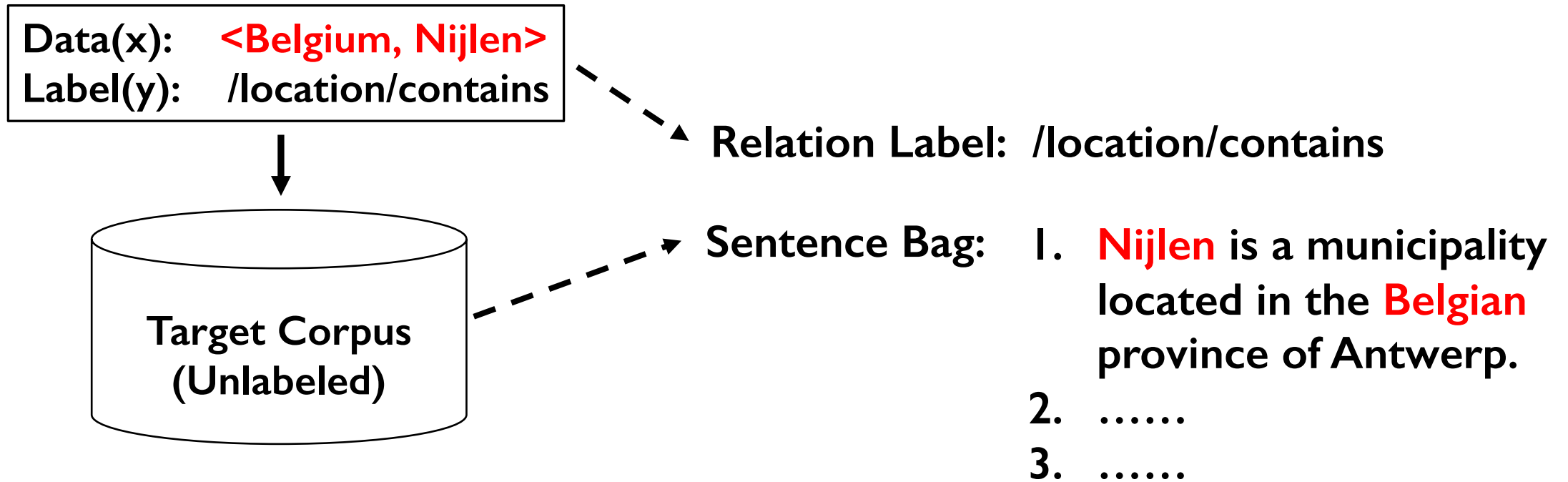
# Relation Extraction



# Distant Supervision

**“If two entities participate in a relation, any sentence that contains those two entities might express that relation.” (Mintz, 2009)**

# Distant Supervision



# Wrong Labeling

## ❖ Within-Sentence-Bag Level

- Hoffmann et al., ACL 2011.
- Surdean et al., ACL 2012.
- Zeng et al., ACL 2015.
- Li et al., ACL 2016.

## ❖ Entity-Pair Level

- **None**

# Wrong Labeling

- Place\_of\_Death (William O'Dwyer, New York city)
  - i. Some **New York city** mayors – **William O'Dwyer**, Vincent R. Impellitteri and Abraham Beame – were born abroad.

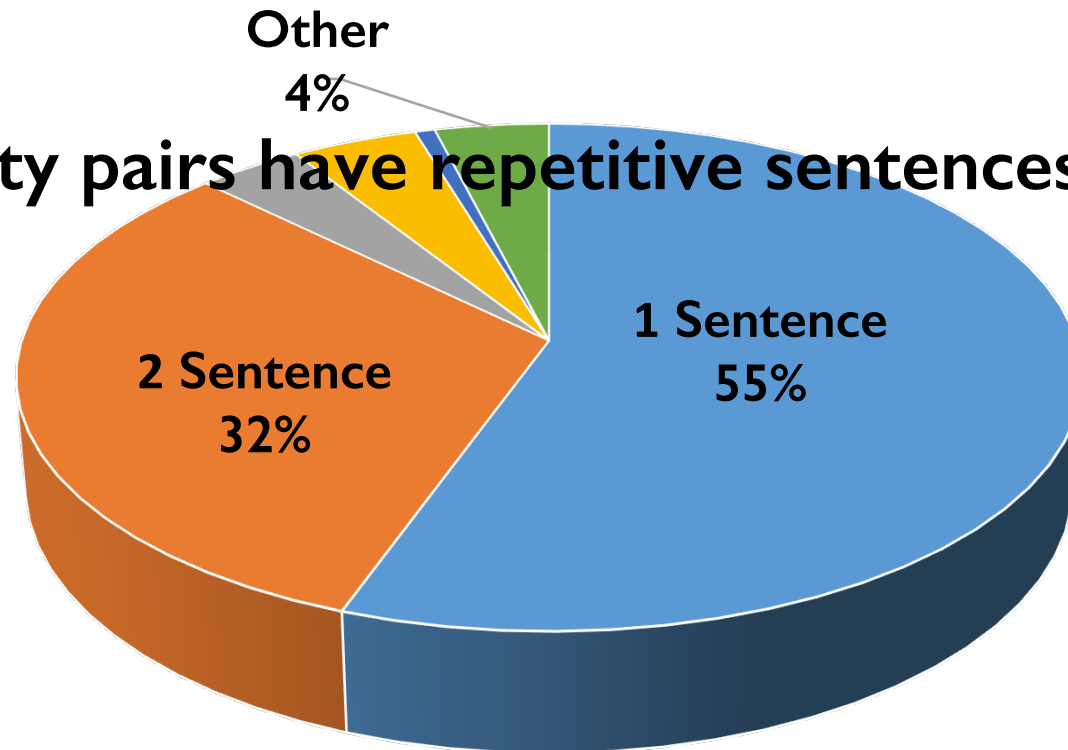
❖ Entity-Pair Level  
ii. Plenty of local officials have, too, including two **New York city** mayors, James J. Walker, in 1932, and **William O'Dwyer**, in 1950.



# Wrong Labeling

❖ Most of entity pairs only have several sentences

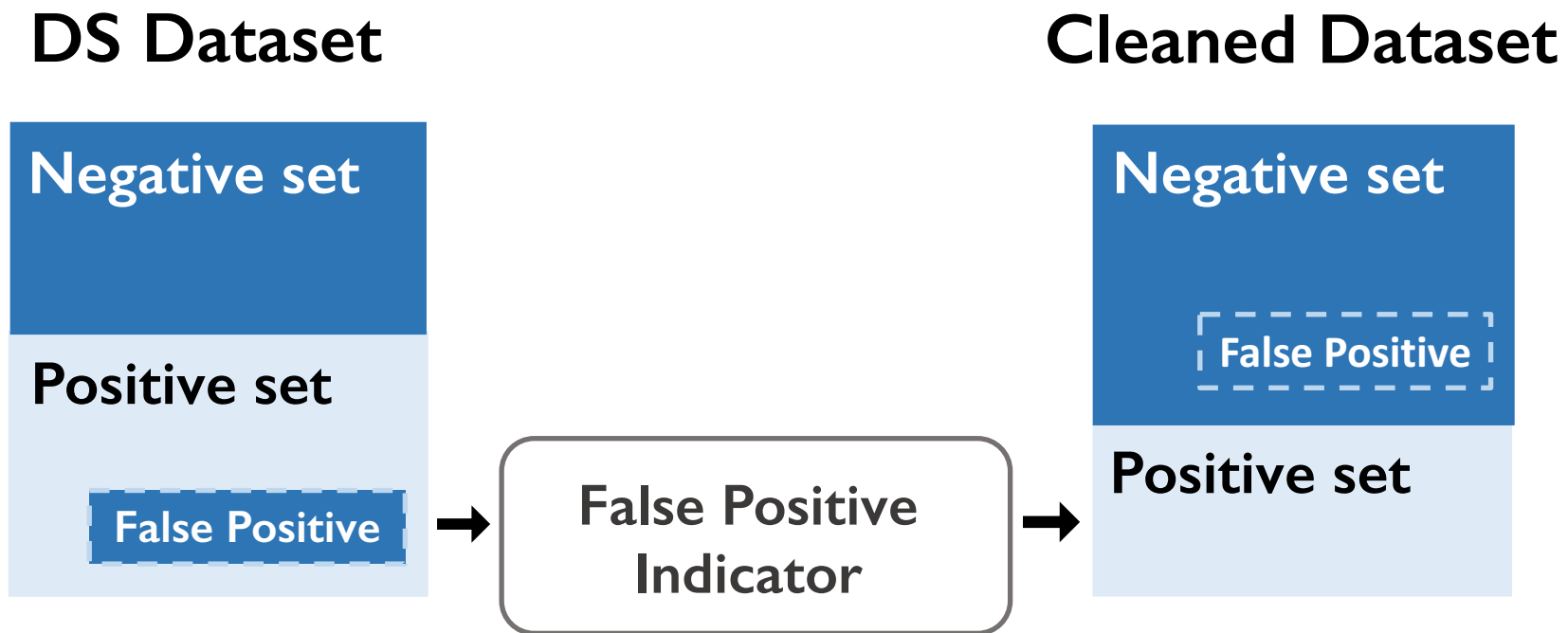
❖ Lots of entity pairs have repetitive sentences



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# Requirements

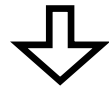
**False-Positive Indicator**



**Sentence-Level Indicator**

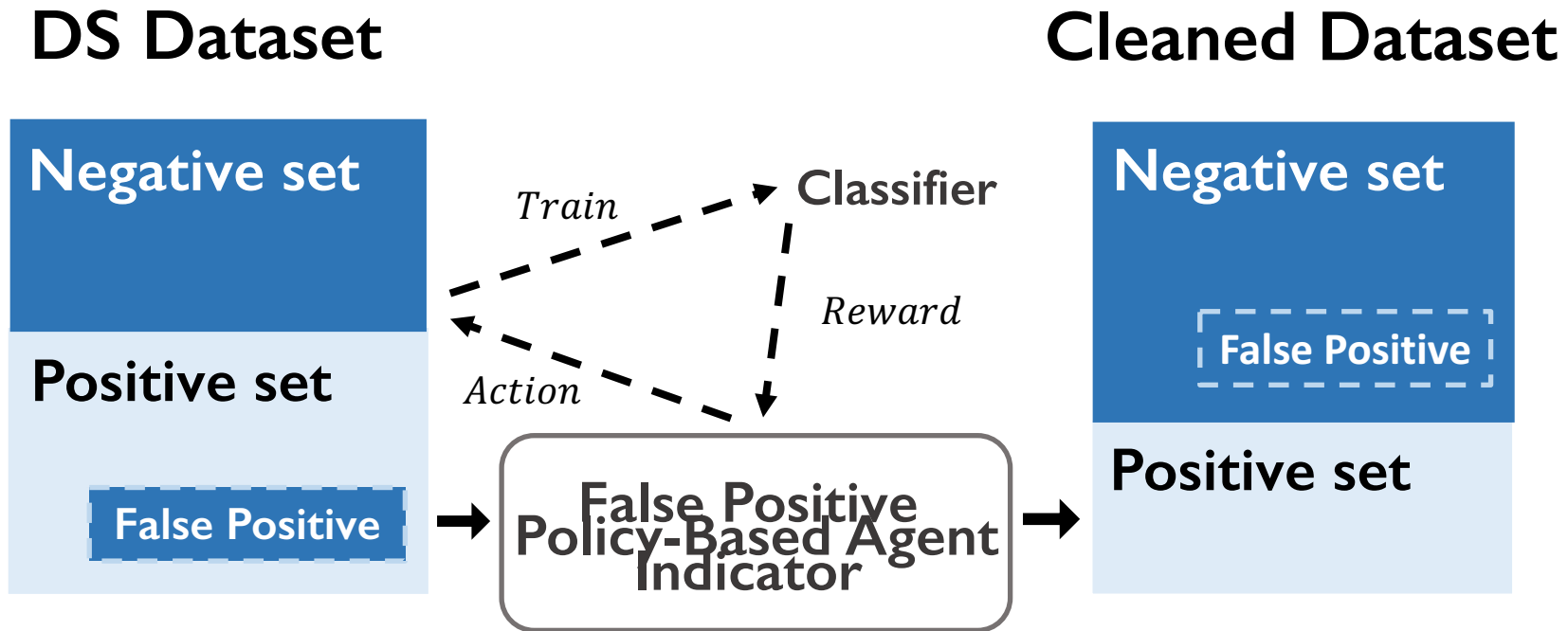
**Without Supervised Information**

**General Purpose and Offline Process**



**Learn a Policy to Denoise the Training Data**

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# Deep Reinforcement Learning

## ❖ State

- Sentence vector
- The average vector of previous removed sentences

## ❖ Action

- Remove & retain

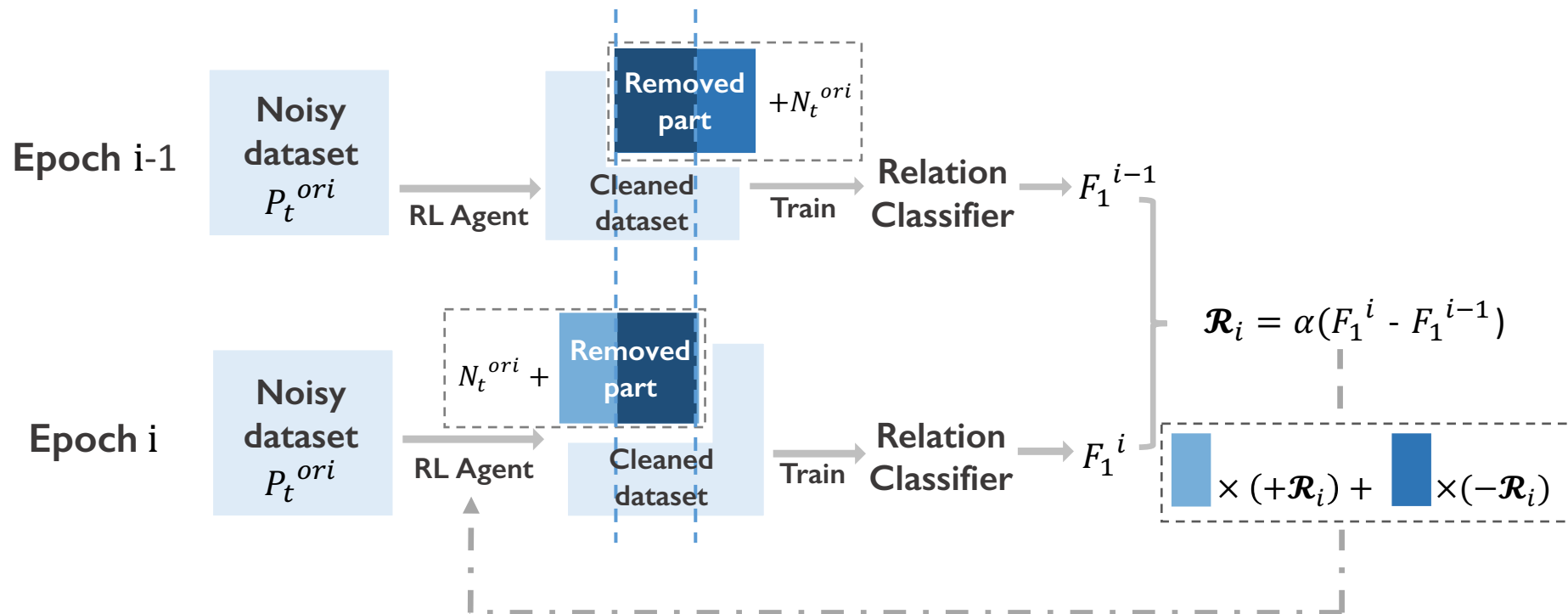
## ❖ Reward

- ???

# Deep Reinforcement Learning

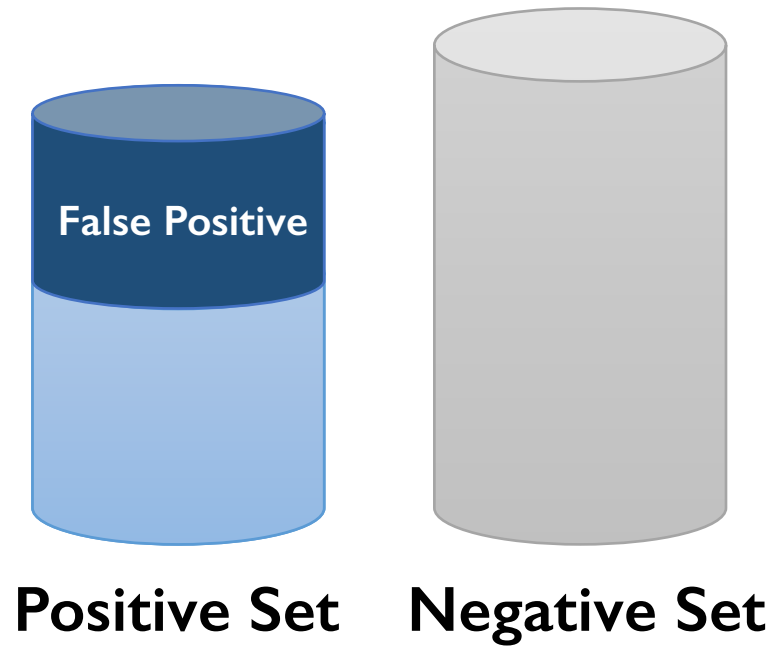
- ❖ **One relation type has an agent**
- ❖ **Sentence-level**
  - **Positive: Distantly-supervised positive sentences**
  - **Negative: Sampled from other relations**
- ❖ **Split into training set and validation set**

# Deep Reinforcement Learning



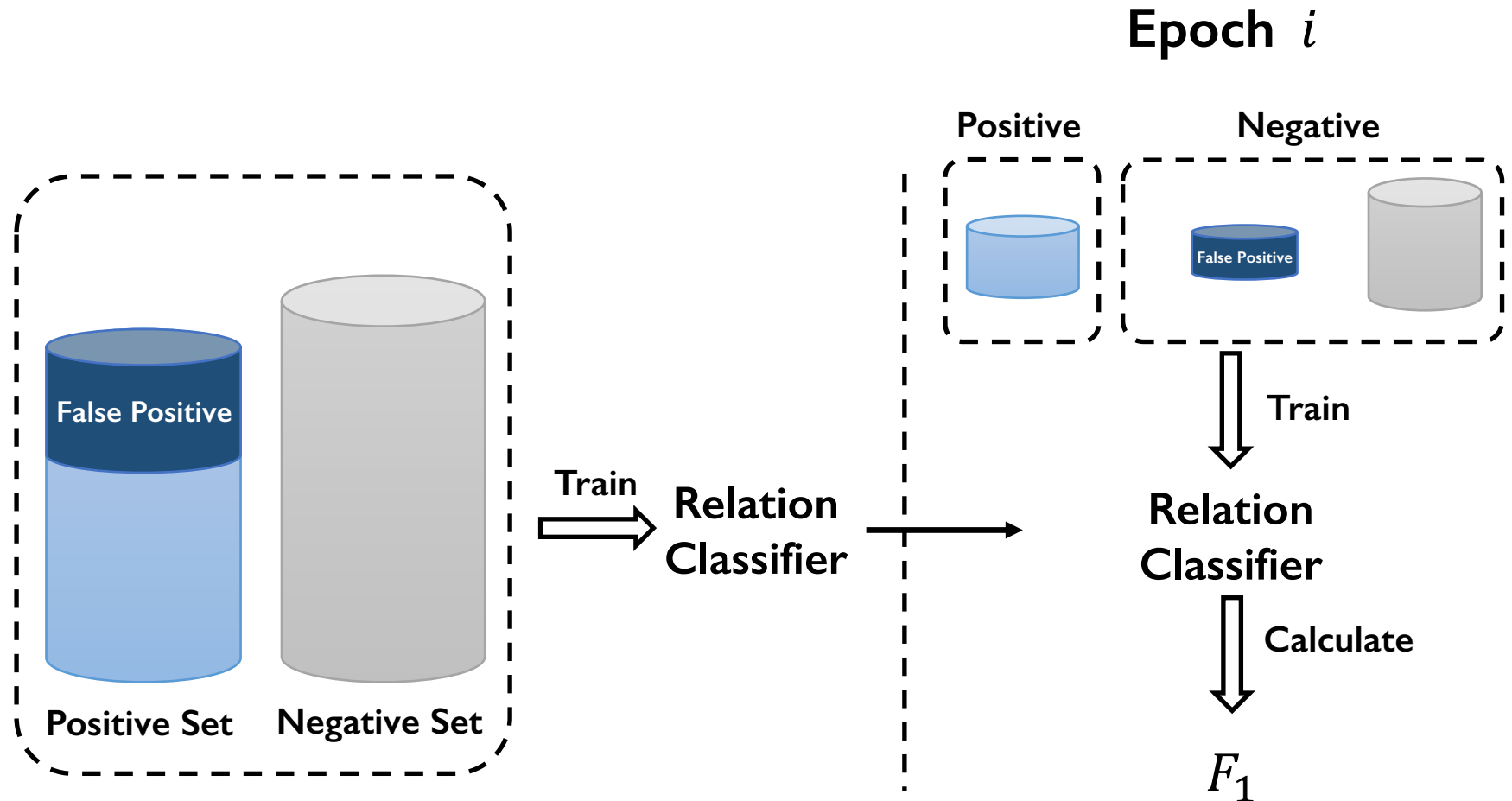


# Reward



- **Accurate**
- **Steady**
- **Fast**
- **Obvious**

# Reward



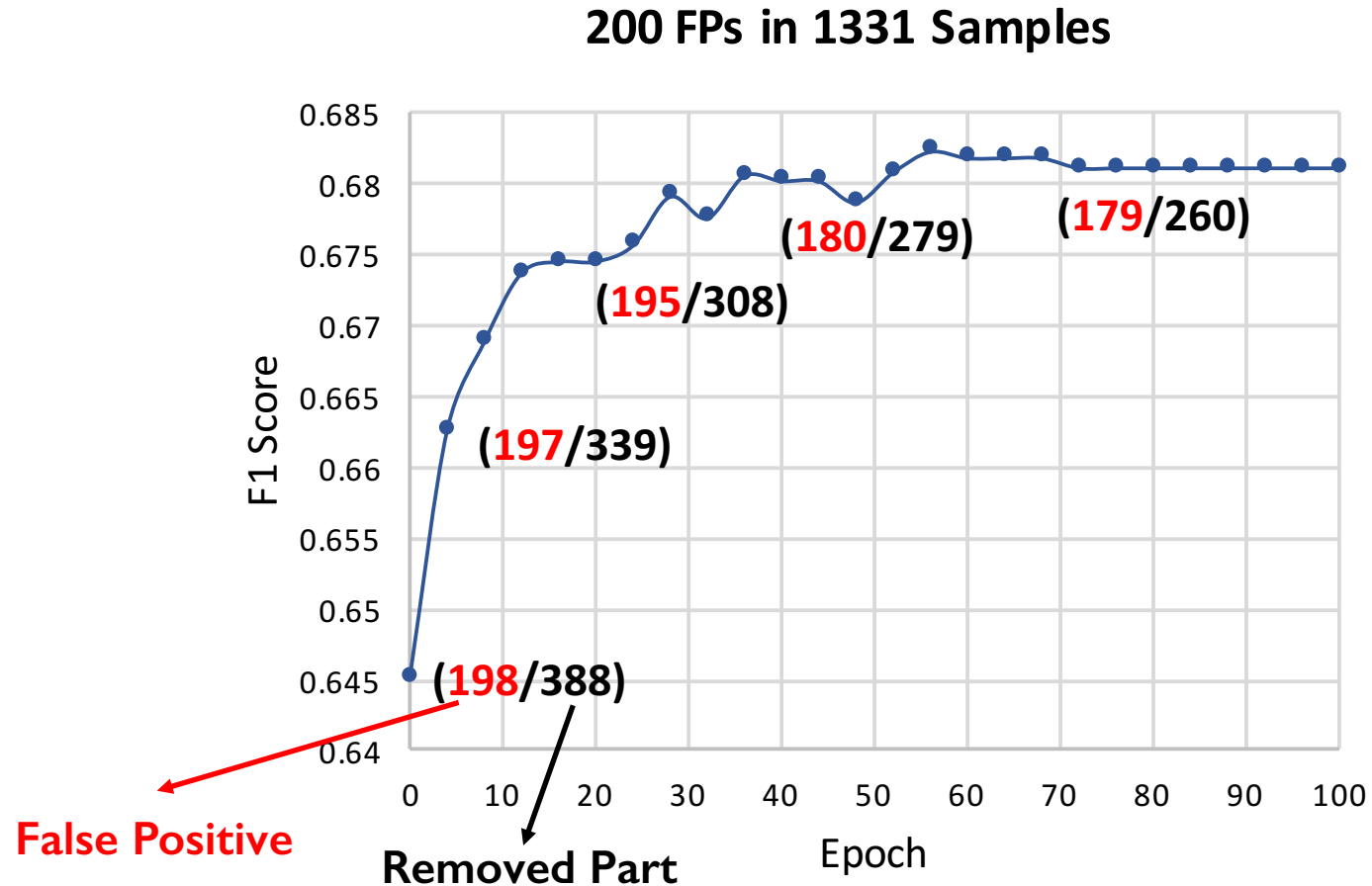
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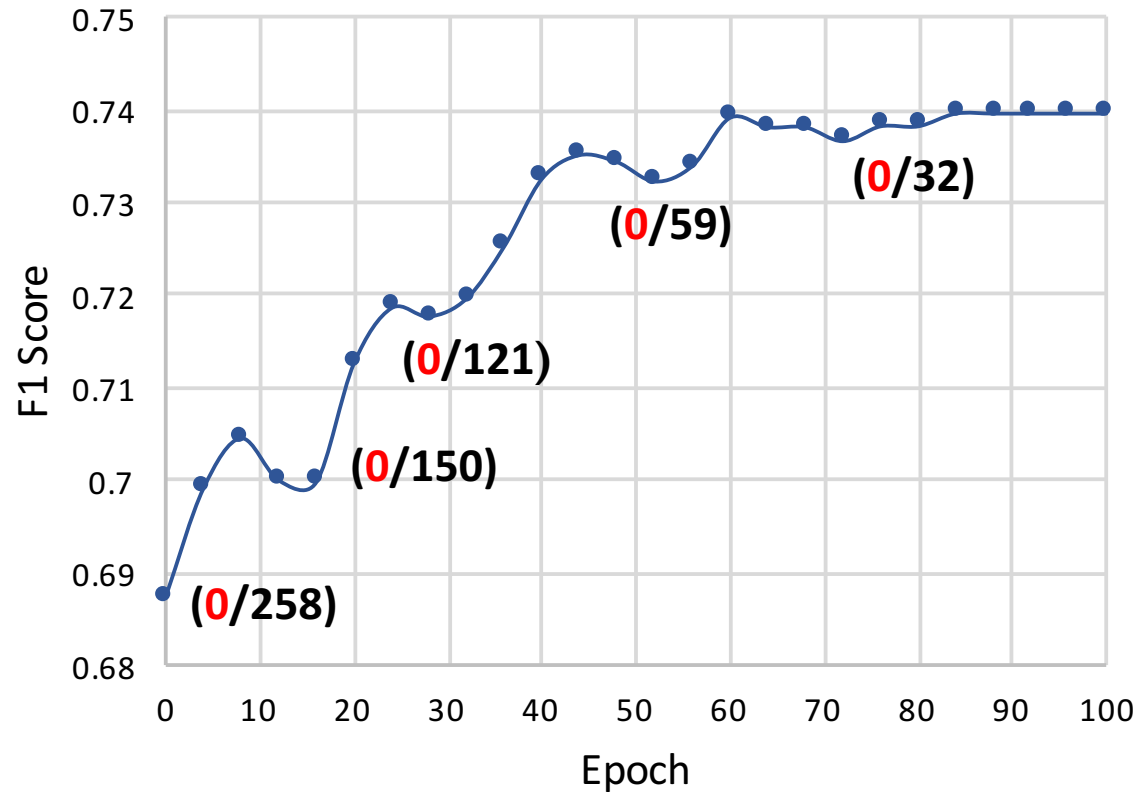
- ❖ **Dataset: SemEval-2010 Task 8**
- ❖ **True Positive: Cause-Effect**
- ❖ **False Positive: Other relation types**
- ❖ **True Positive + False Positive: 1331 samples**

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0 FPs in 1331 samples



# Distant Supervision

## ❖ Dataset: Riedel et al., 2010

- <http://iesl.cs.umass.edu/riedel/ecml/>

## ❖ CNN+ONE, PCNN+ONE

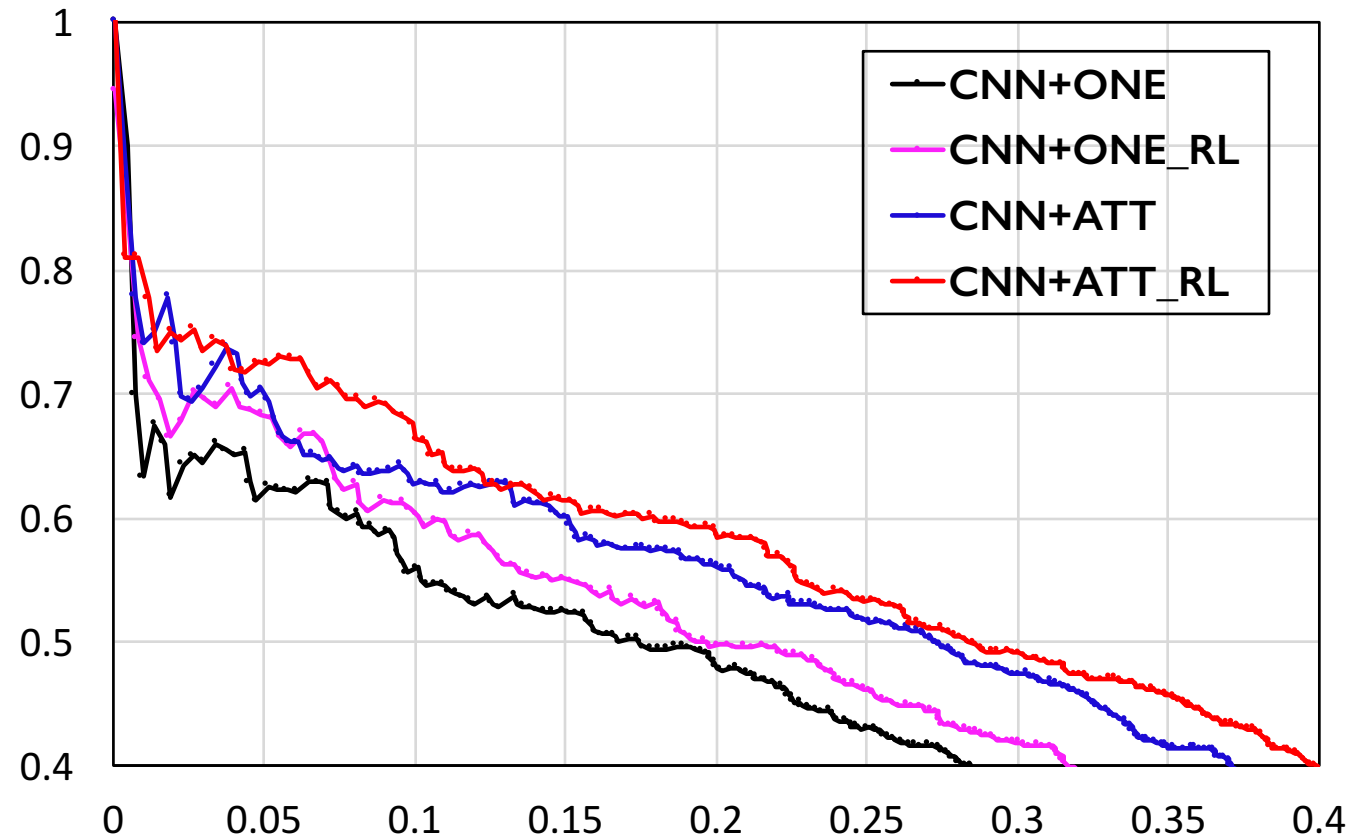
- Distant supervision for relation extraction via piecewise convolutional neural networks. (Zeng et al., 2015)

## ❖ CNN+ATT, PCNN+ATT

- Neural relation extraction with selective attention over instances. (Lin et al., 2016)

# Distant Supervision

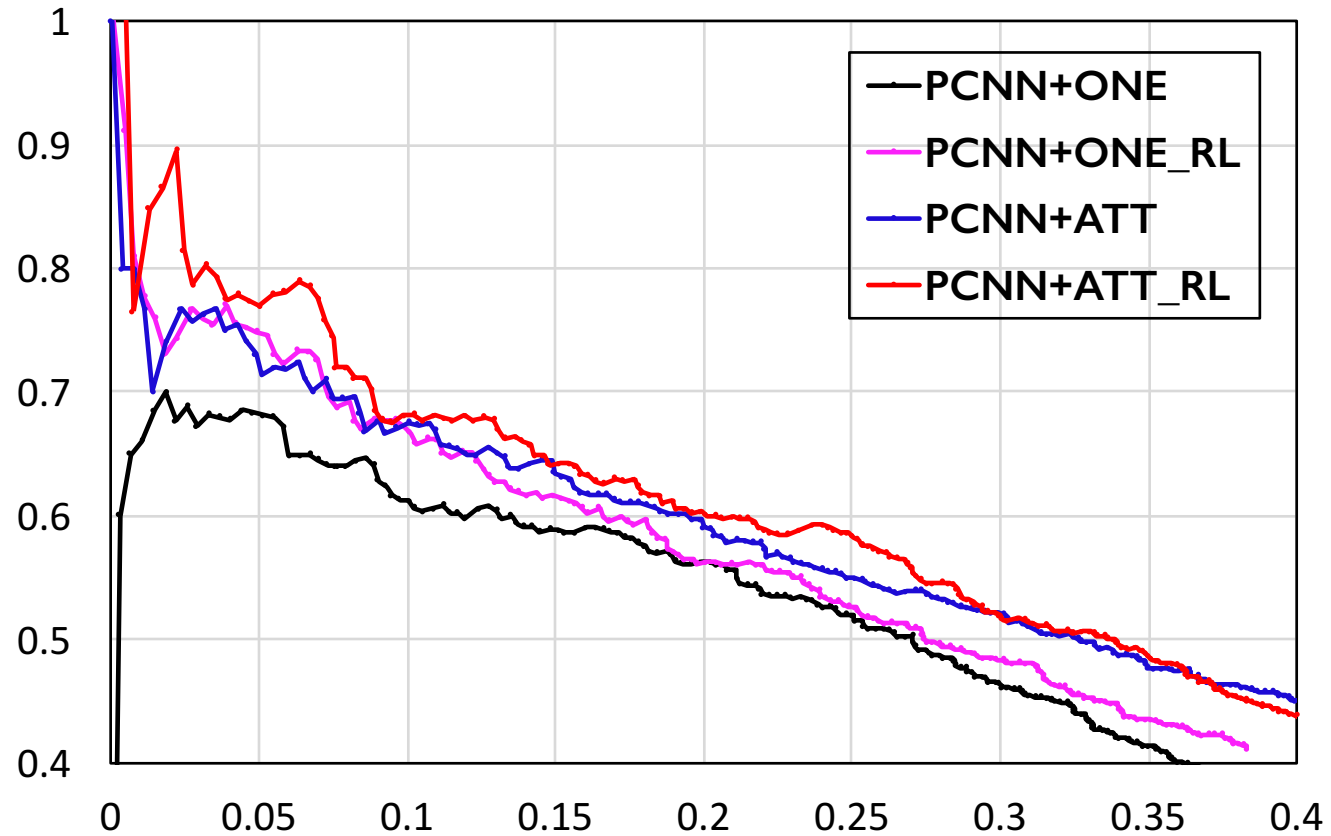
## CNN-based





# Distant Supervision

## PCNN-based



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# Conclusion

- ❖ We propose a deep reinforcement learning method for robust distant supervision relation extraction.
- ❖ Our method is model-agnostic.
- ❖ Our method boost the performance of recently proposed neural relation extractors.

**Thank you!**

**Q&A**