

# Embeddings Words and Senses Together via Joint Knowledge-Enhanced Training

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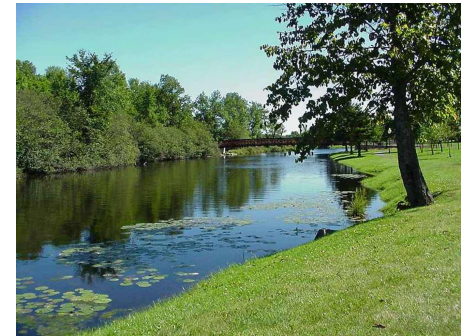
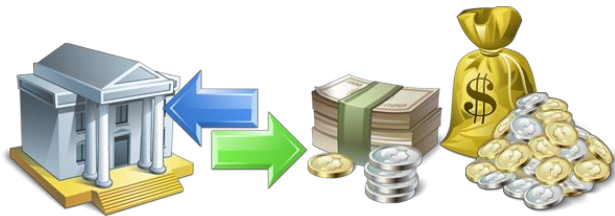
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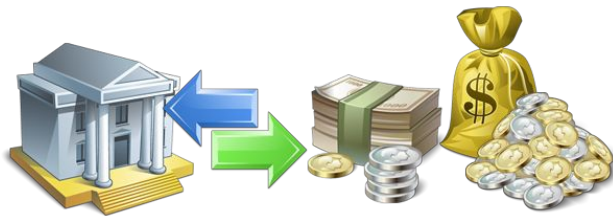
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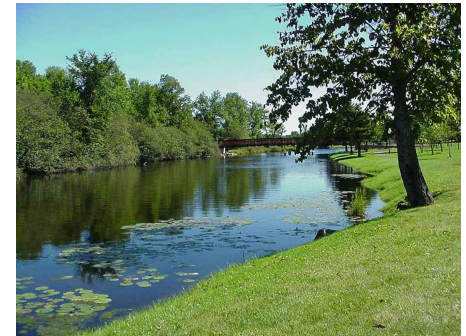


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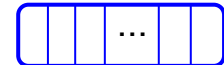
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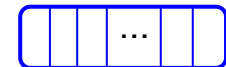
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Learn sense embeddings exploiting **text corpora only** (*Huang et al. ACL 2012; Neelakantan et al. EMNLP 2014; Tian et al. COLING 2014; Li and Jurafsky, EMNLP 2015...*). **Easily adaptable to new domains.**

#### **Drawbacks:**

- Senses not interpretable (+change from model to model)
- Knowledge from resources cannot be easily exploited
- Senses (esp. not frequent ones) not easy to discriminate

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Model **senses as defined on a sense inventory.**

Usually obtained as a **postprocessing of word embeddings**  
(*Chen et al. EMNLP 2014; Rothe and Schütze, ACL 2015...*):

- Several training phases
- Infrequent senses not accurately captured

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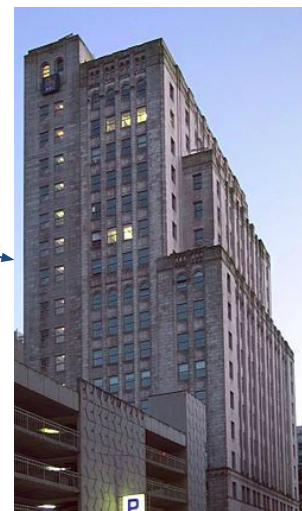
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*cash*

*geography*

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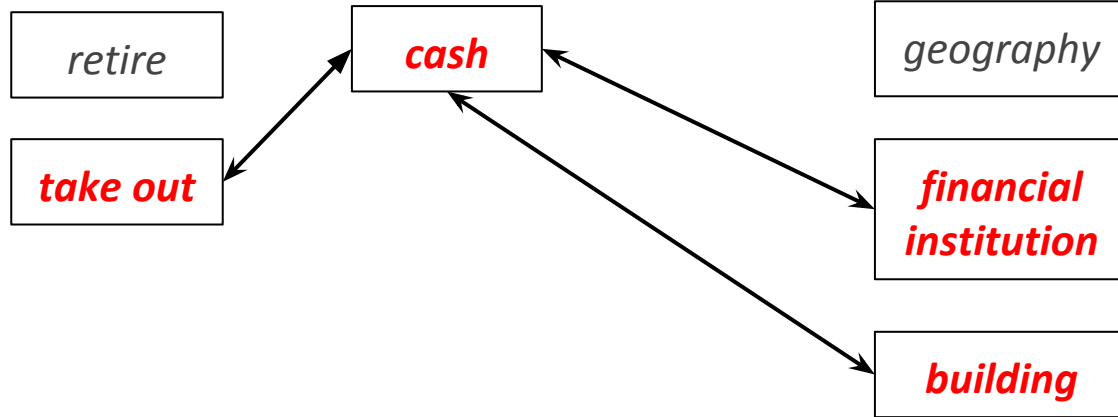
*financial  
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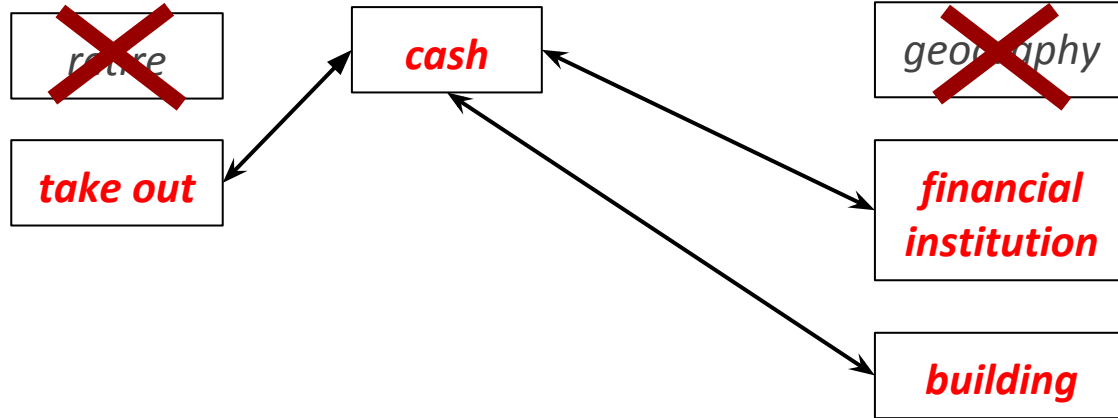
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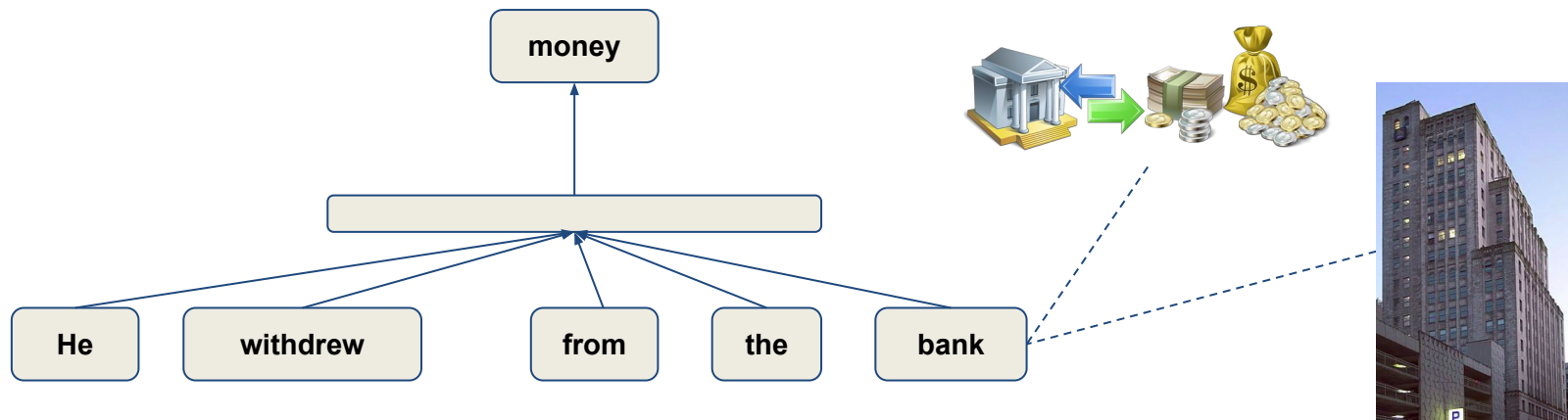
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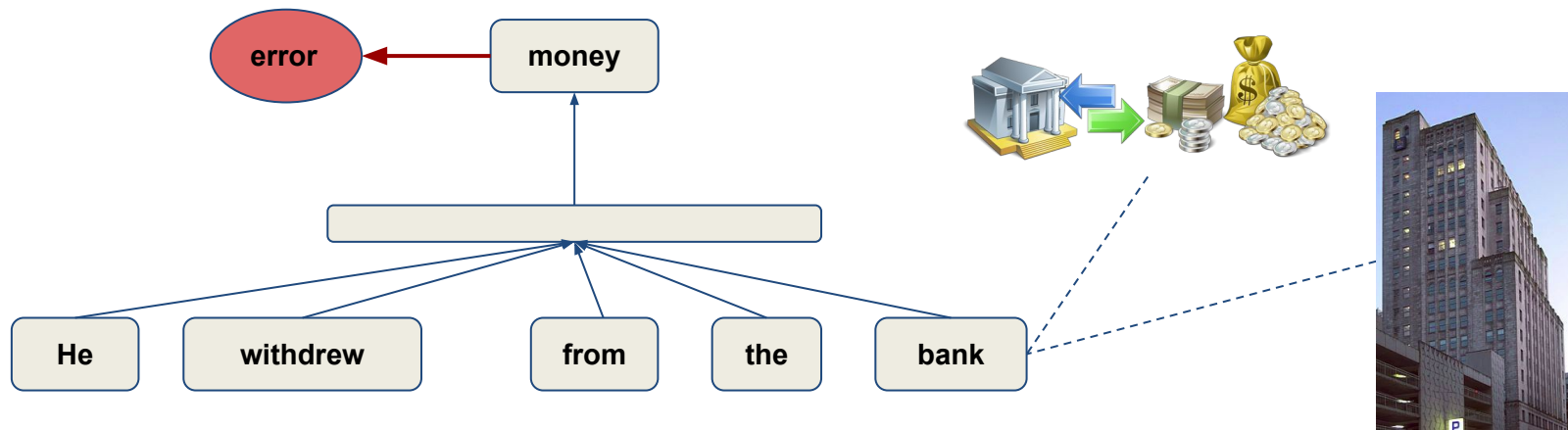
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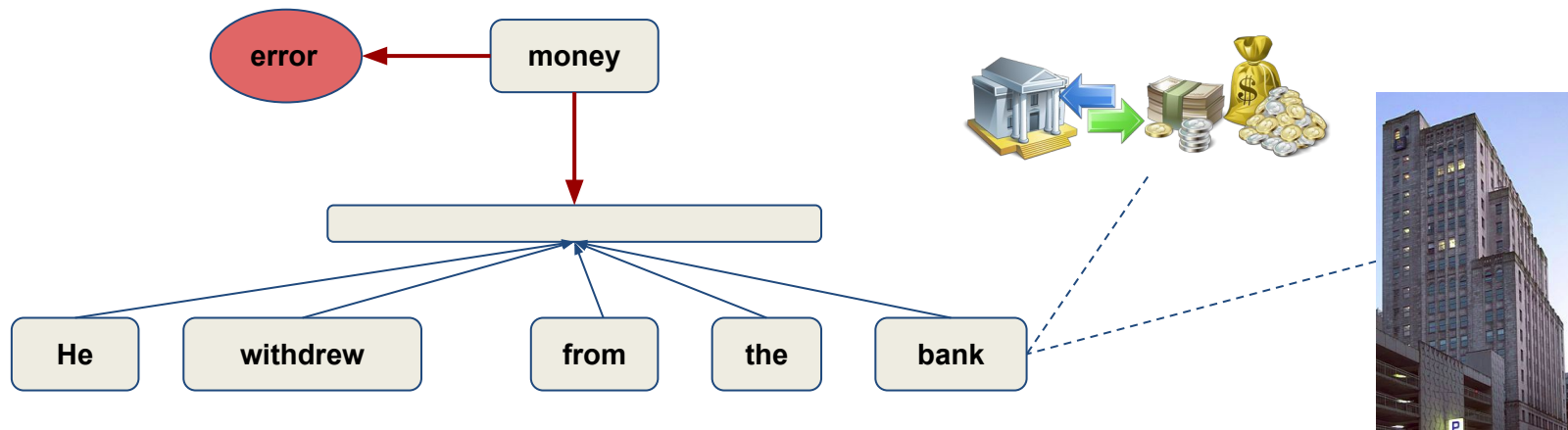
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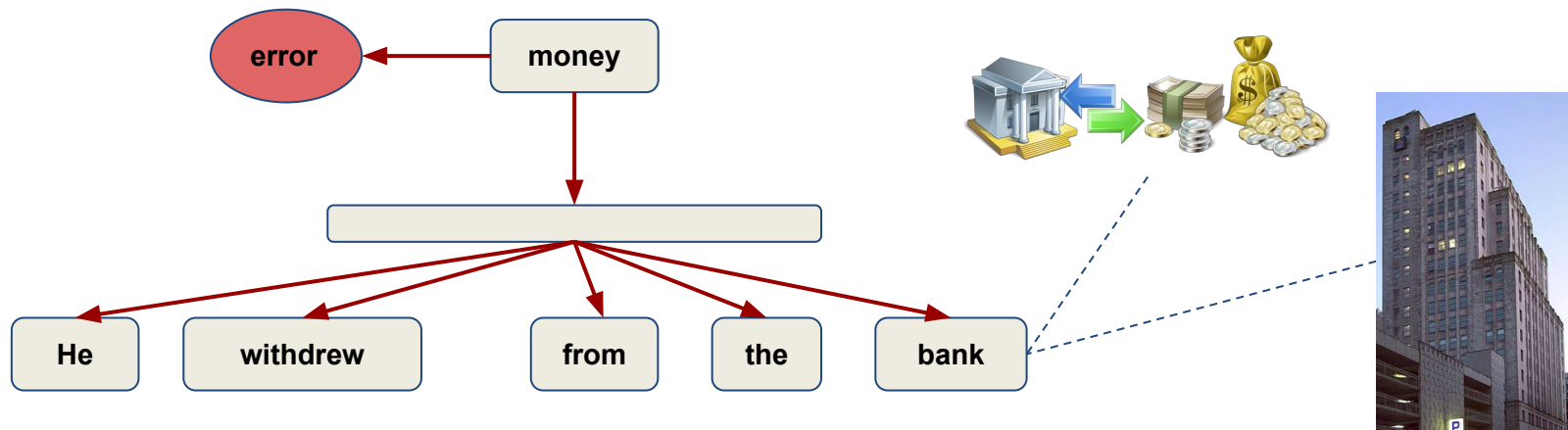
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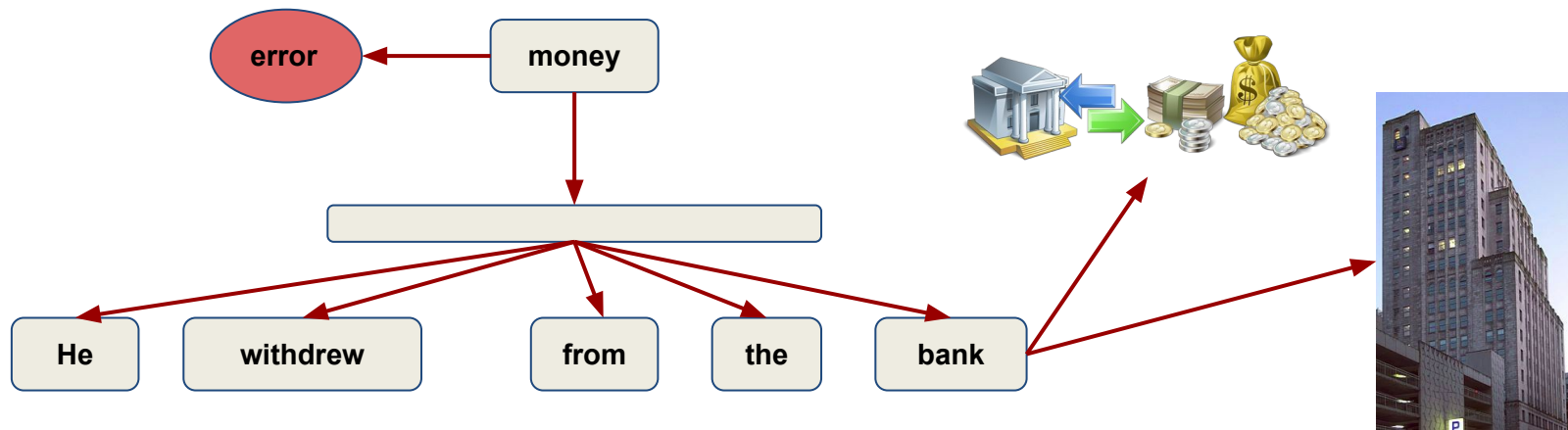
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*In this way it is possible to learn word and sense/synset embeddings jointly on a **single training**.*

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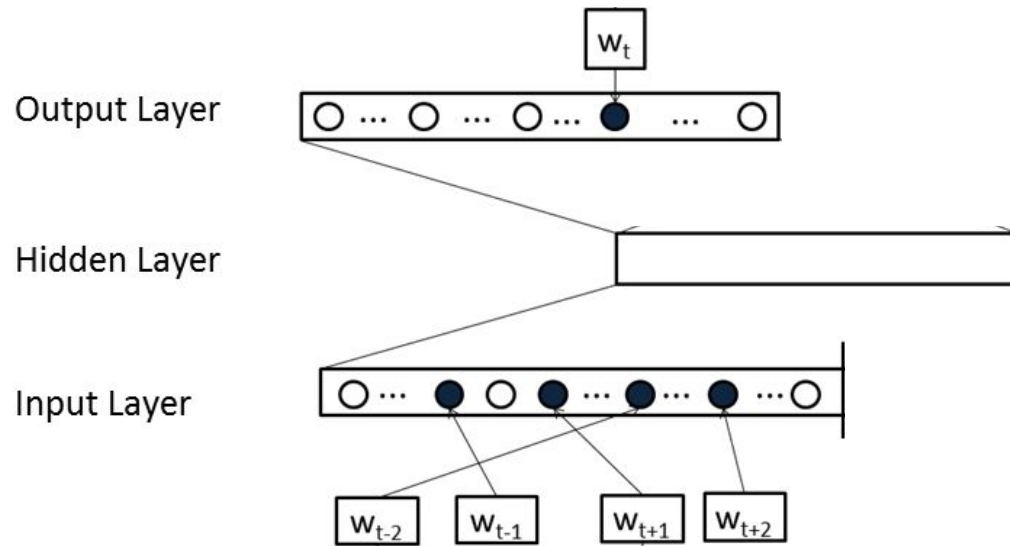
In this work we explore the CBOW architecture of Word2Vec (Mikolov et al. 2013) -> **SW2V** (*Senses and Words to Vectors*).

**Other neural network architectures** could be explored as well (Skip-gram also included in the code).



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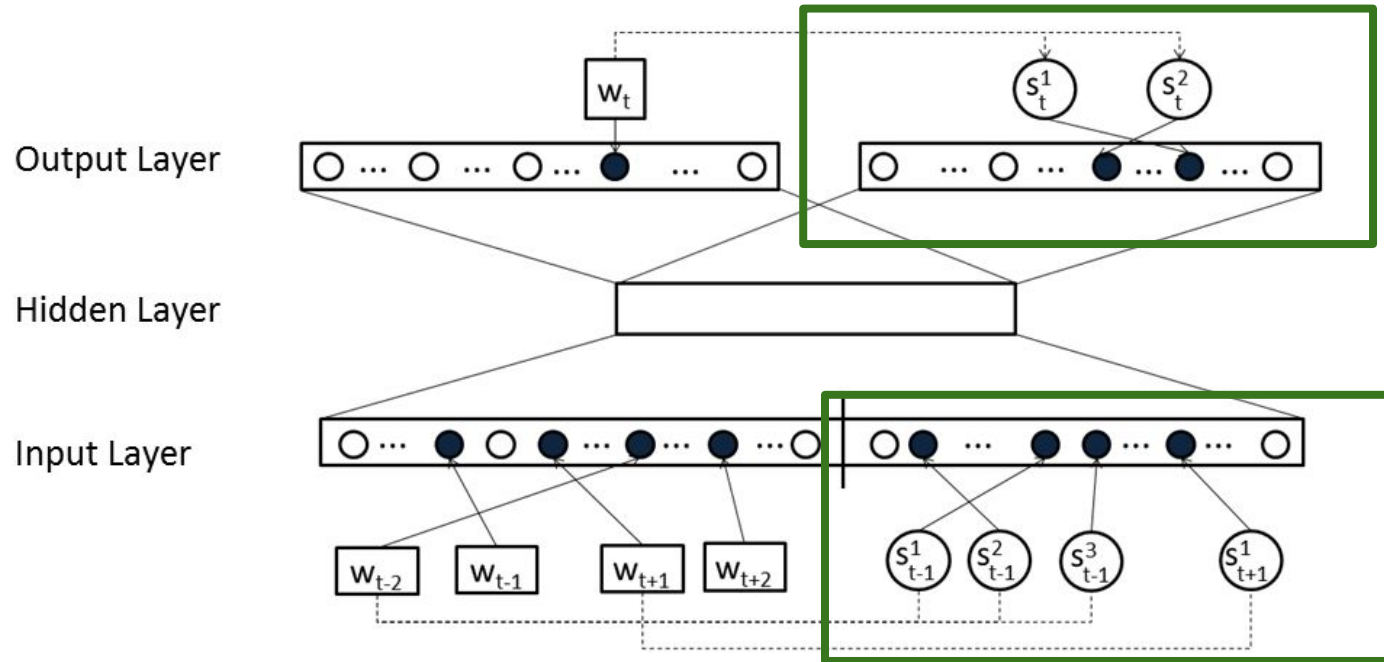
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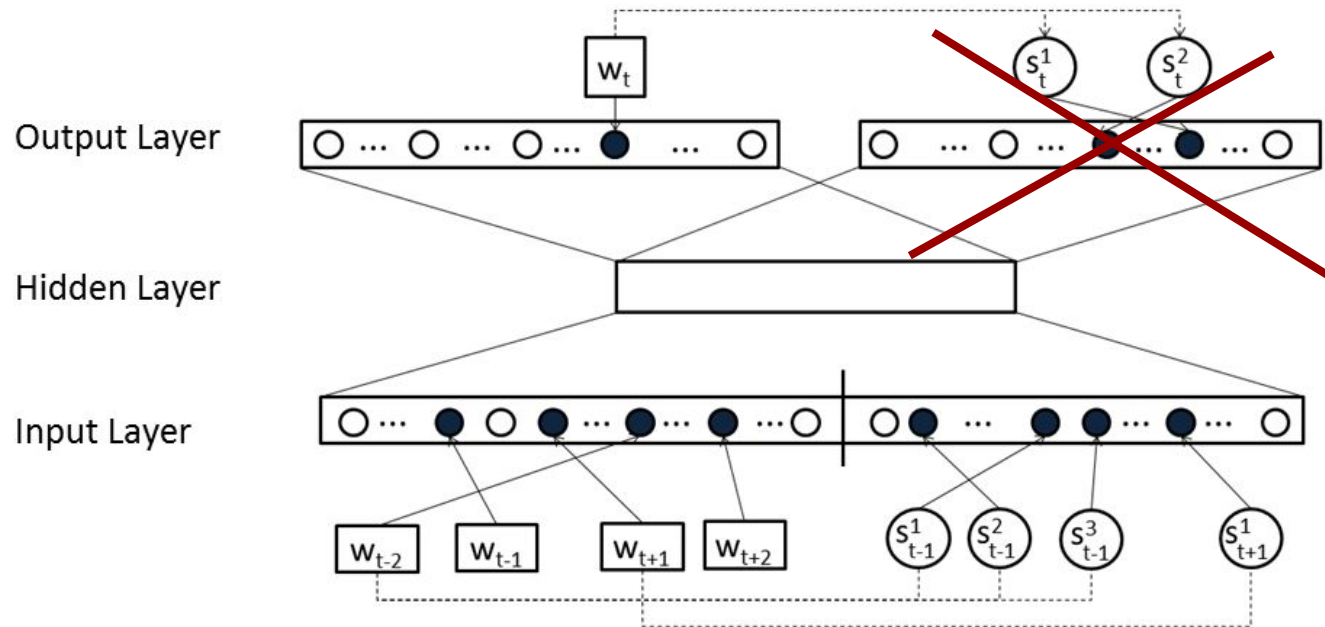
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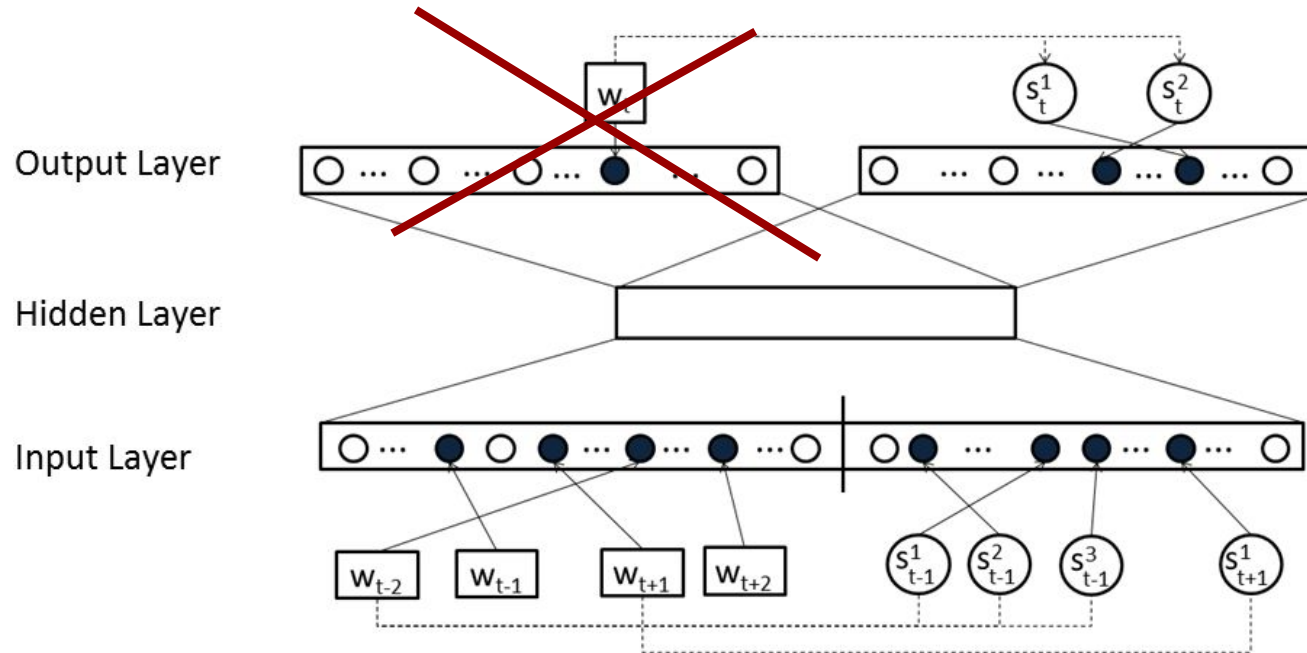
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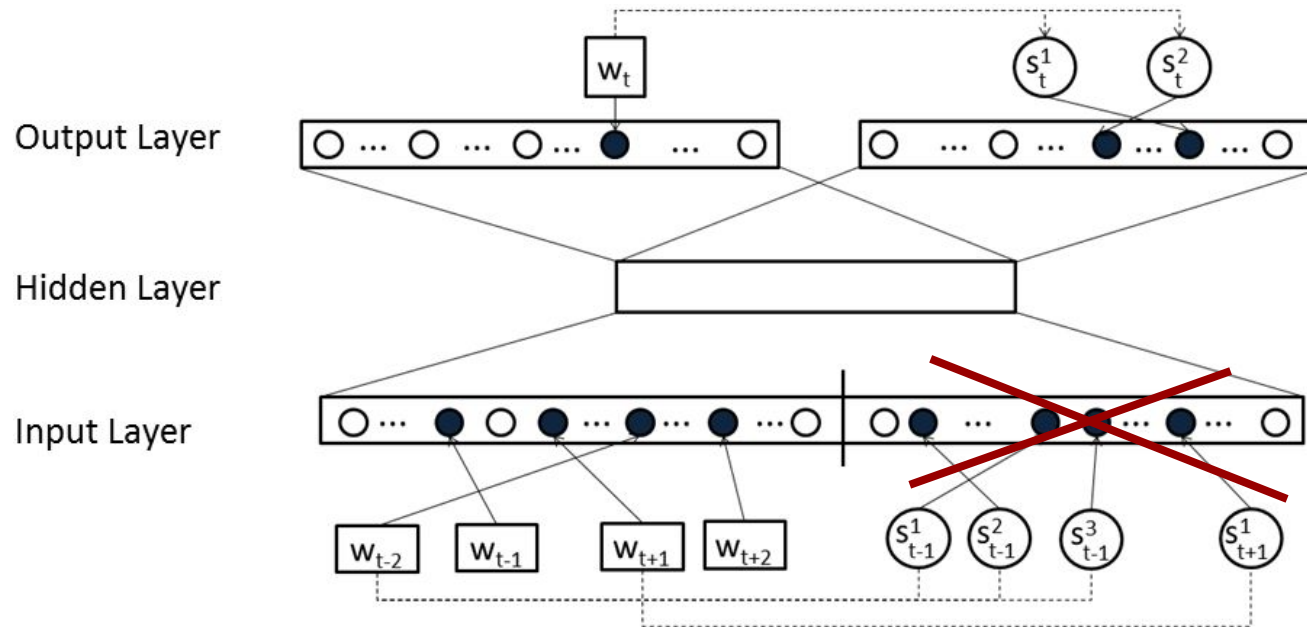
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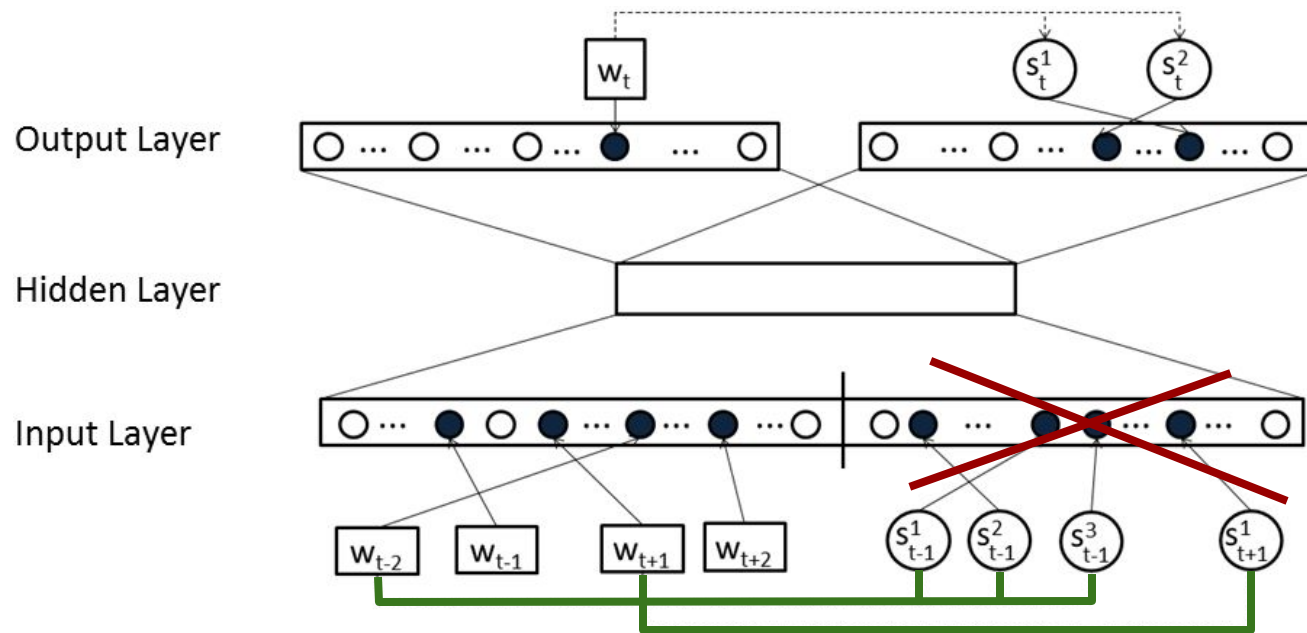
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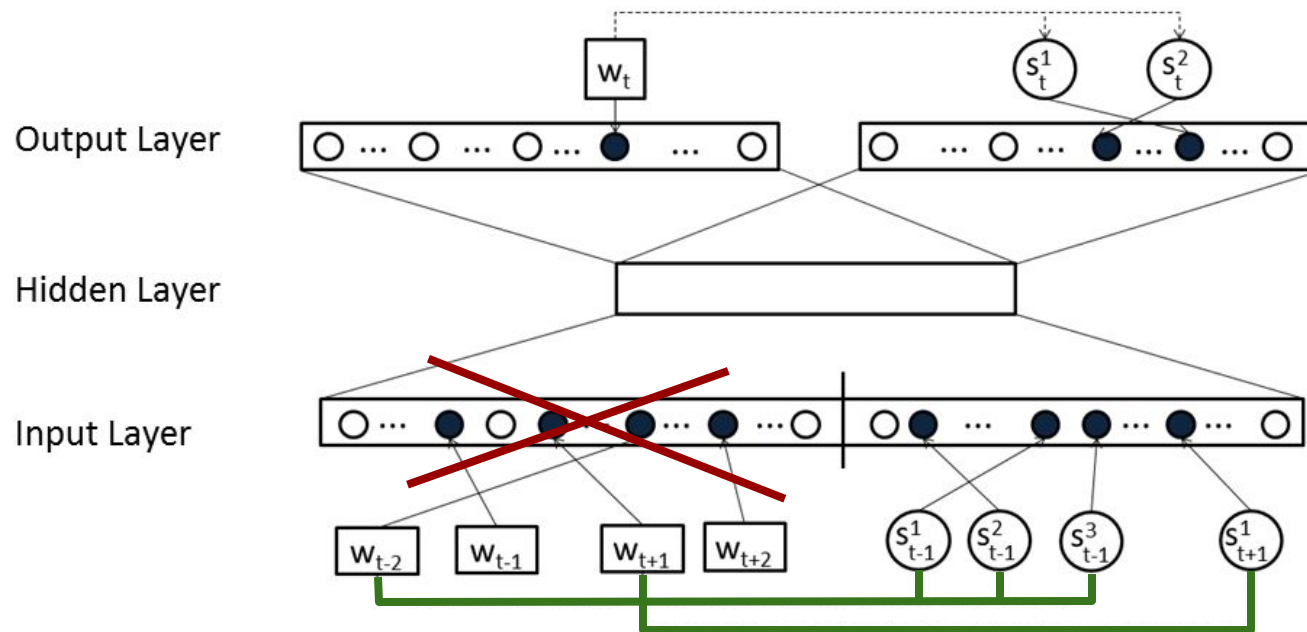


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## Analysis: Model configurations

We used word similarity for analyzing the **performance of sense embeddings** on each of the nine configurations.

### - Best configuration -

- **Input layer:** Only senses
- **Output layer:** Both words and senses

**Why?** (*Intuition*) Co-occurrence information gets duplicated if both words and senses are included in the input layer.

## Evaluation: Experimental setting

- **Best configuration** used in all experiments
- **Standard hyperparameters**
- Semantic networks used: **WordNet** and **BabelNet**
- Corpora used: **UMBC** and **Wikipedia**
- Experiments on:
  - **Word and sense interconnectivity** (qualitative)
  - **Word similarity**
  - **Sense clustering**

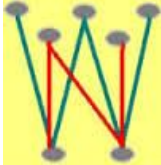

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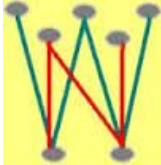

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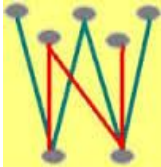
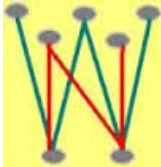


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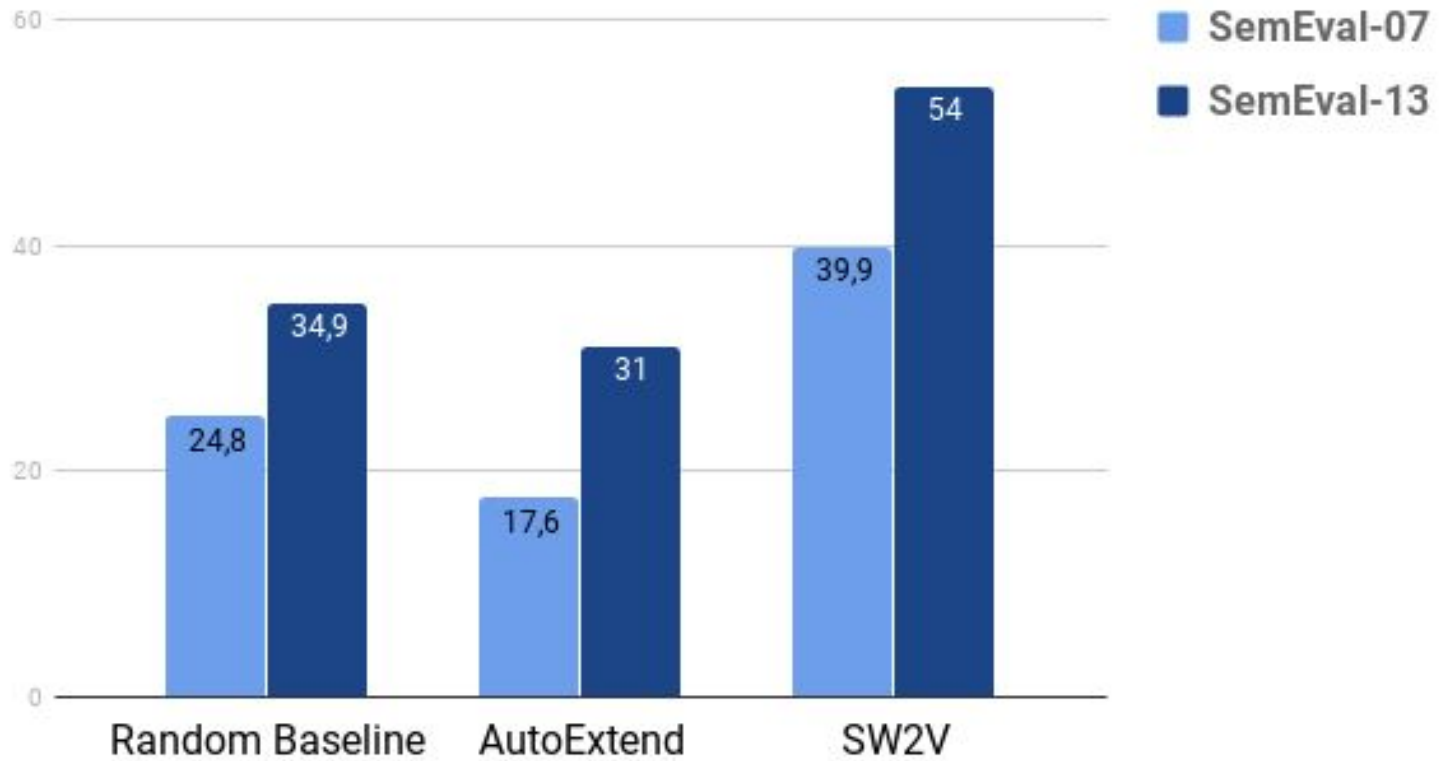
*How coherent is the shared vector space of word and sense embeddings?*

**Intuition:** the Most Frequent Sense (MFS) should be close to the word embedding -> Reasonably strong MFS baseline for WSD

Evaluation on two WSD datasets using the **embeddings as a MFS baseline** (closest sense embedding to its associated word embedding is selected).

# Evaluation: Word and sense interconnectivity

F-Measure





# Word and sense interconnectivity: Example I



*company*<sub>n</sub><sup>2</sup> (military unit)

## AutoExtend

company<sub>n</sub><sup>9</sup>

company

company<sub>n</sub><sup>8</sup>

company<sub>n</sub><sup>6</sup>

company<sub>n</sub><sup>7</sup>

company<sub>v</sub><sup>1</sup>

firm

business<sub>n</sub><sup>1</sup>

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## SW2V

battalion<sub>n</sub><sup>1</sup>

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regiment<sub>n</sub><sup>1</sup>

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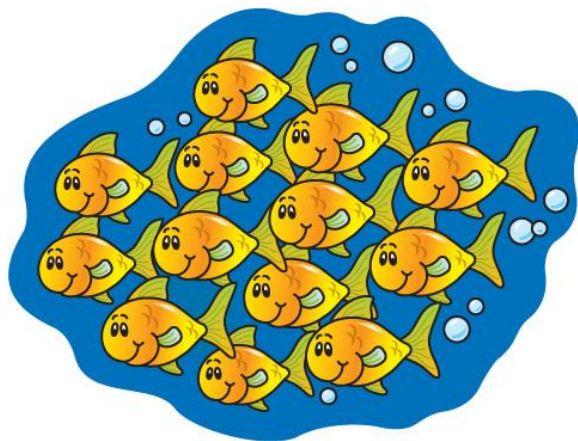
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### AutoExtend

school  
school<sub>n</sub><sup>4</sup>  
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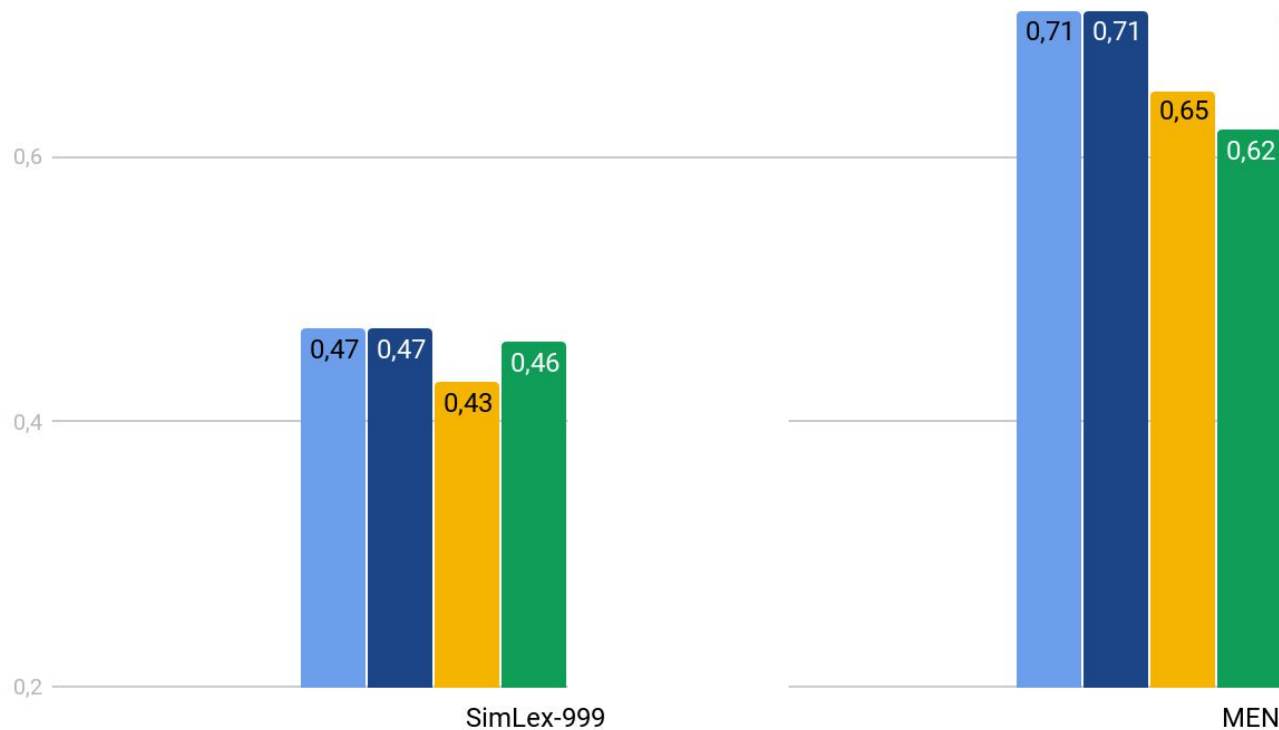
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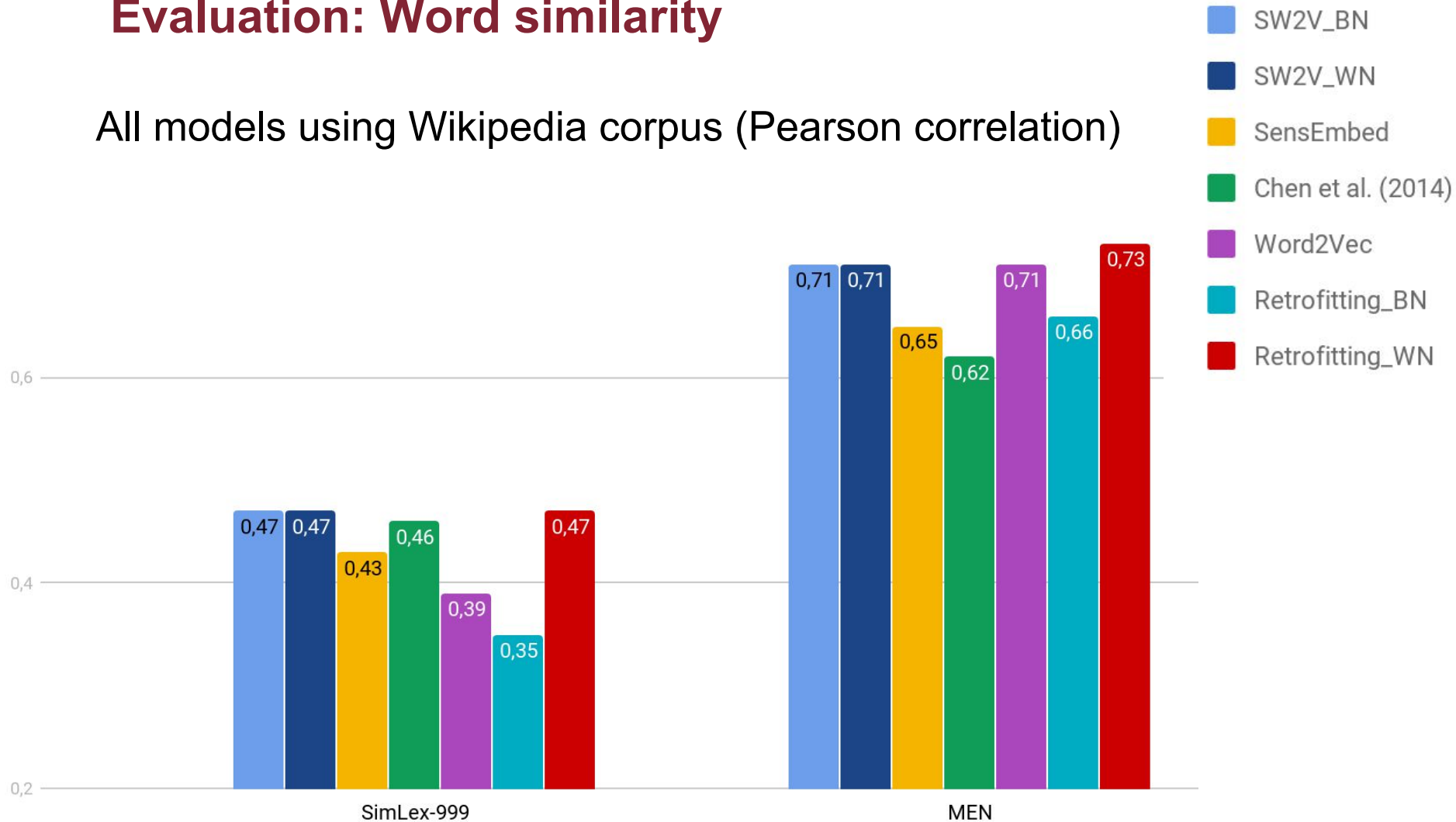
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- SW2V\_BN
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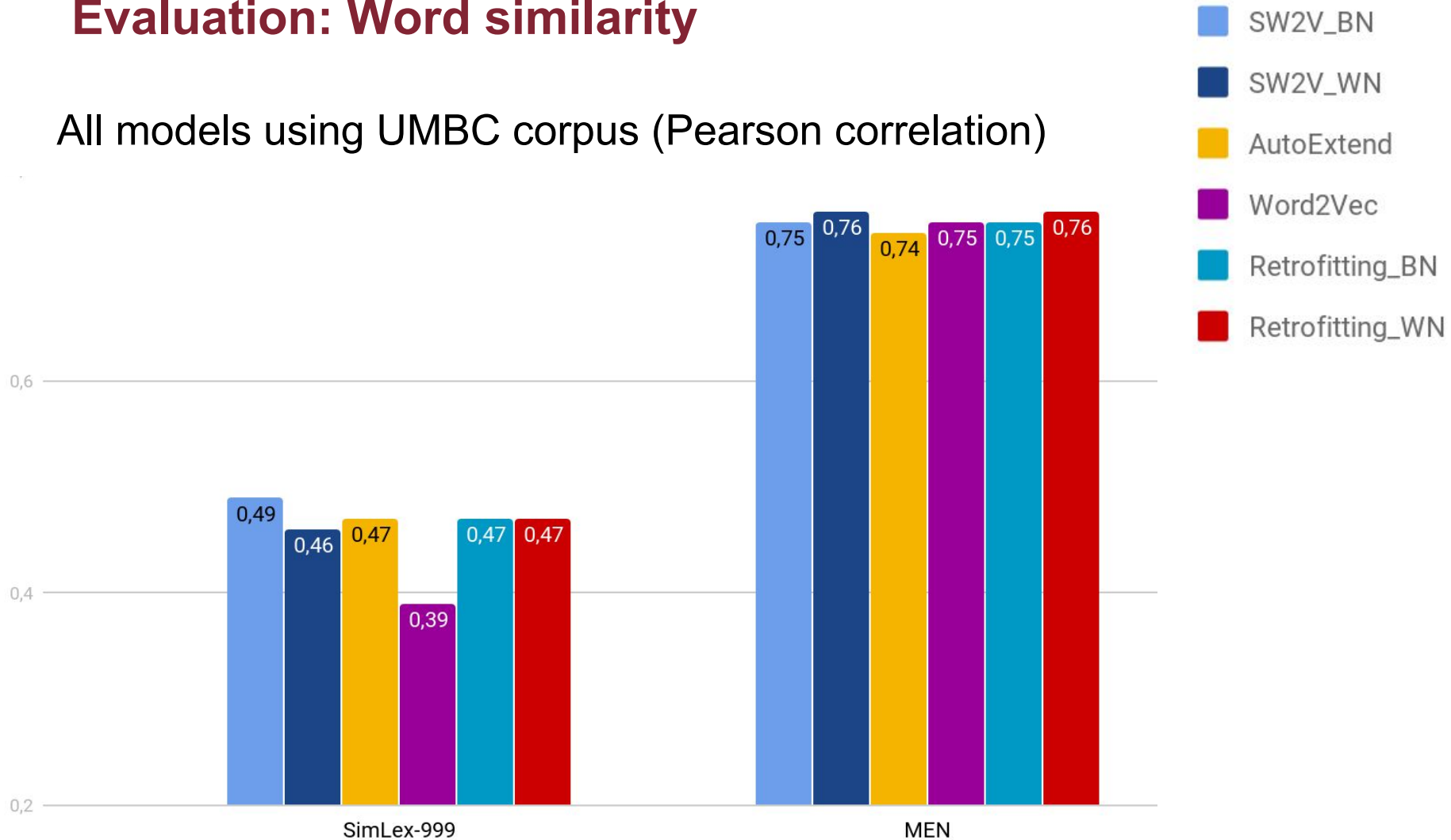
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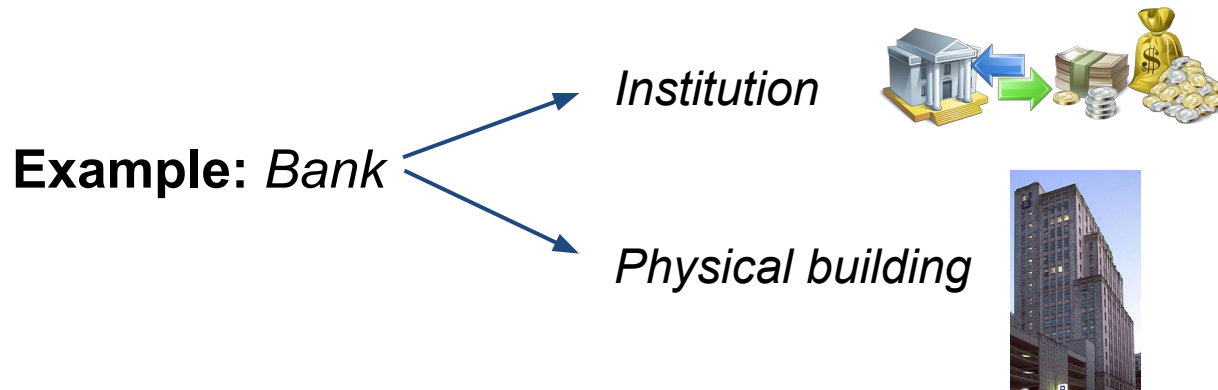
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Some sense inventories make a fine-grained distinction between senses, which can be harmful on downstream applications (Hovy et al. 2013, Pilehvar et al. 2017).



**Evaluation datasets** (Dandala et al. 2013): Highly ambiguous words from past SemEval competitions.

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Code and pre-trained models available at



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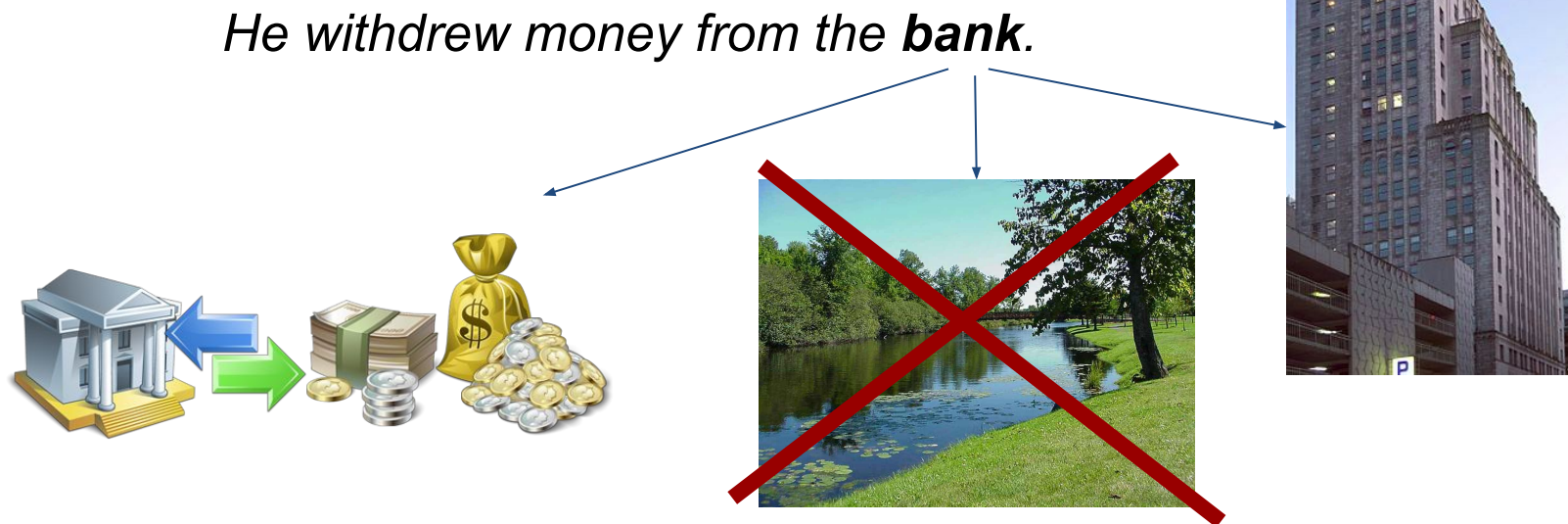
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Formally, given a target word at position  $t$  we have a set of words:

$$W = \{w_{t-n}, \dots, w_t, \dots, w_{t+n}\} \quad \text{with} \quad W^t = W \setminus w_t$$

and a set of associated senses:

$$S = \{S_{t-n}, \dots, S_t, \dots, S_{t+n}\} \quad \text{and} \quad S^t = S \setminus S_t$$

with  $S_i = \{s_i^1, \dots, s_i^{k,i}\}$  the senses associated with the  $i_{\text{th}}$  word.

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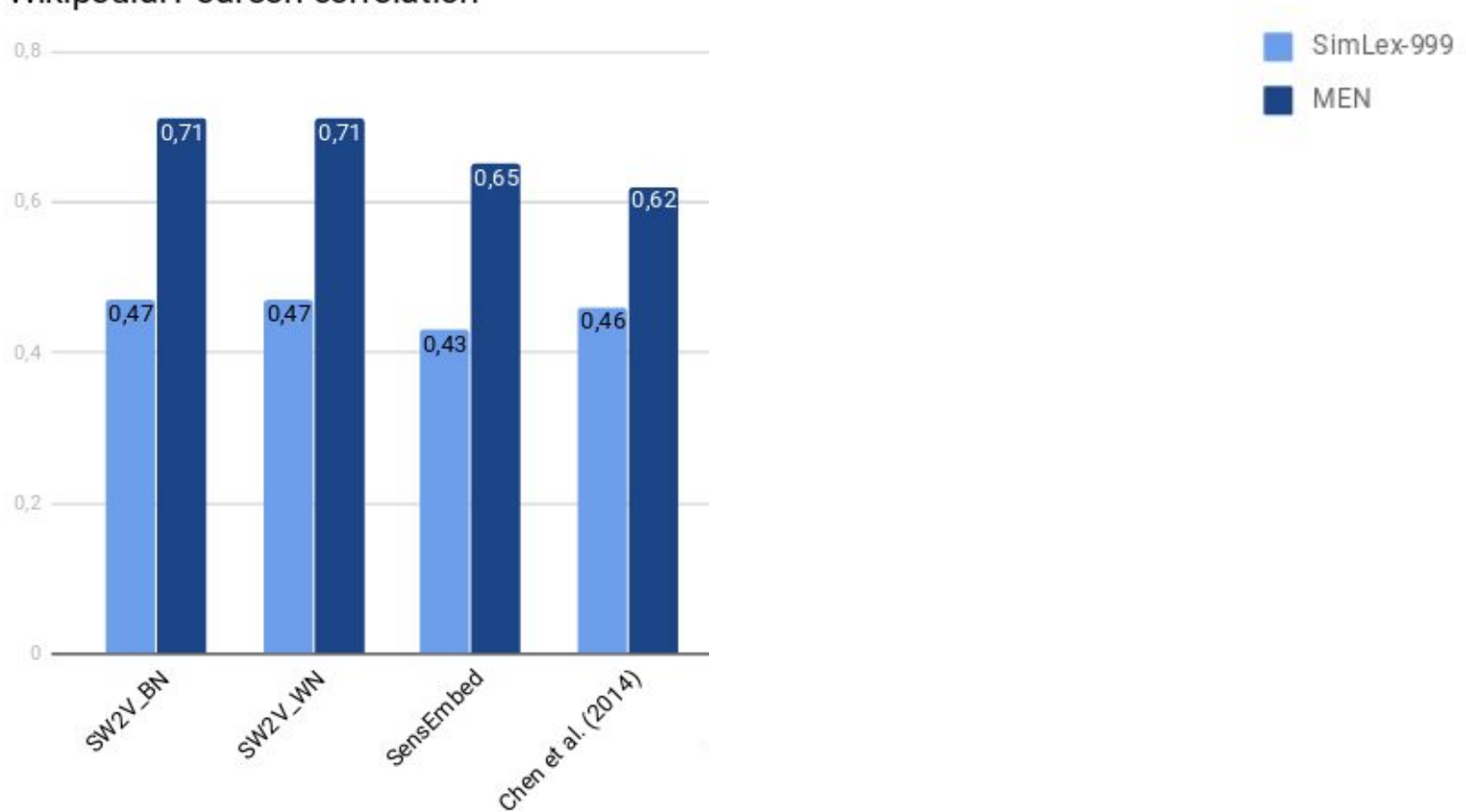
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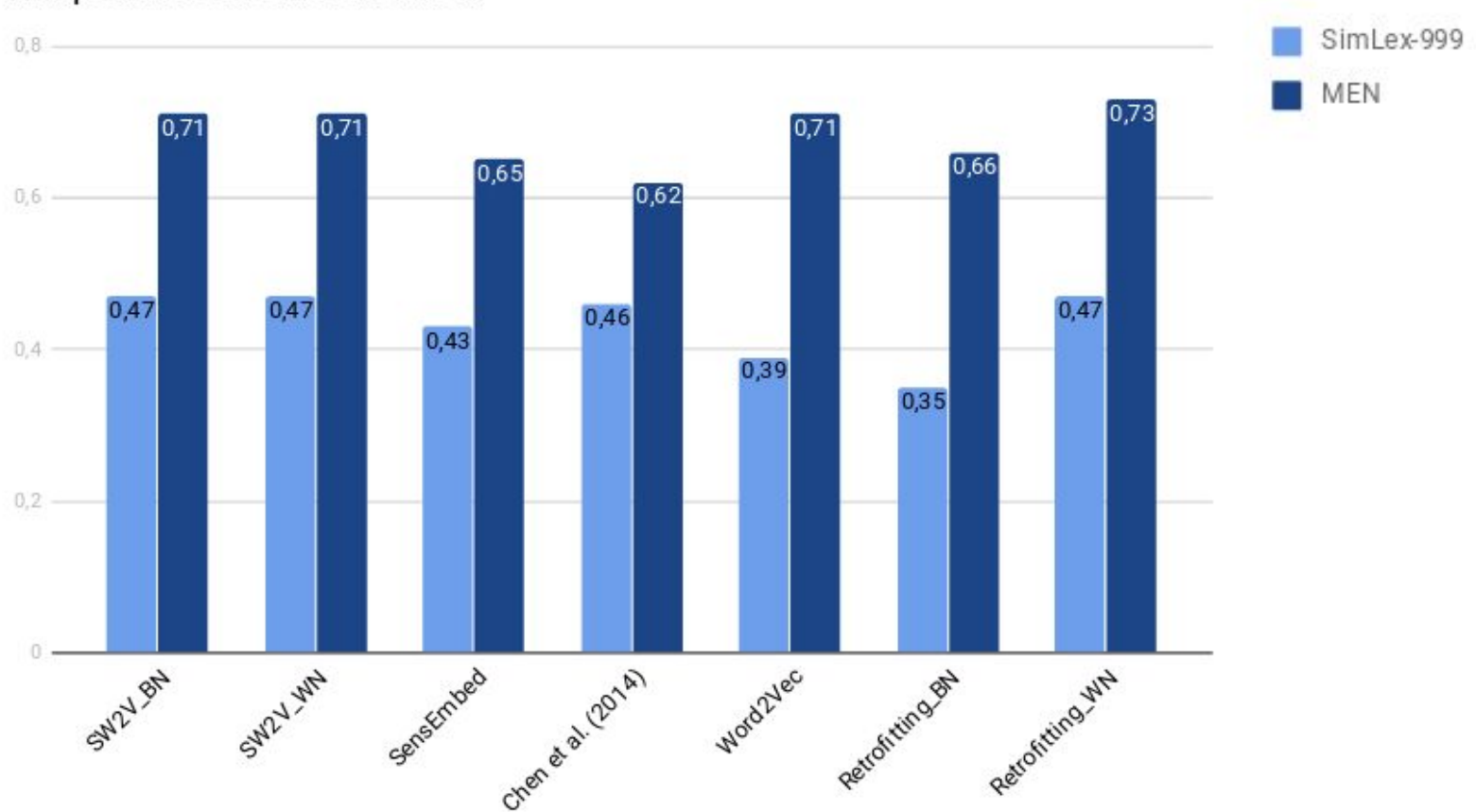


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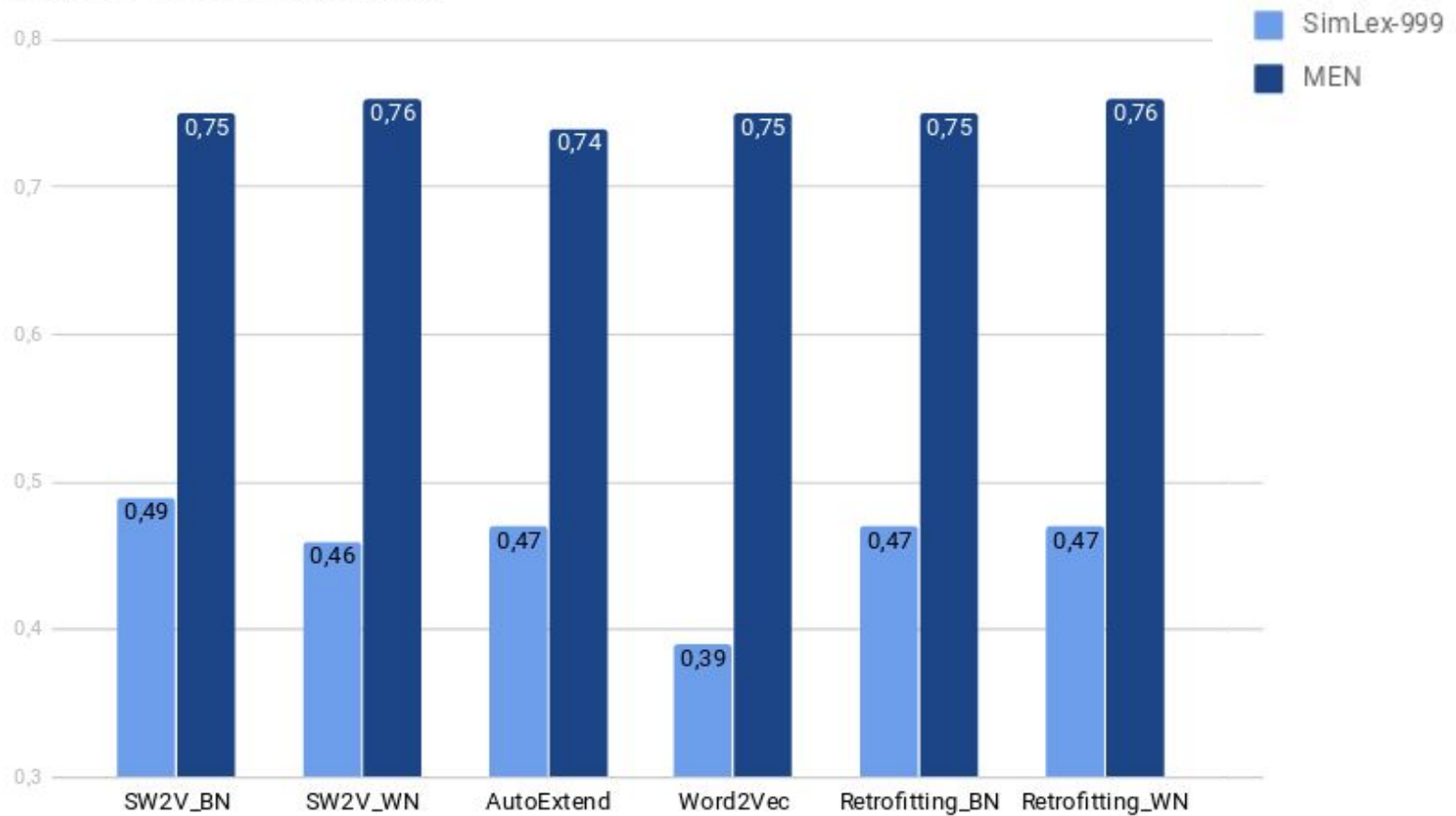


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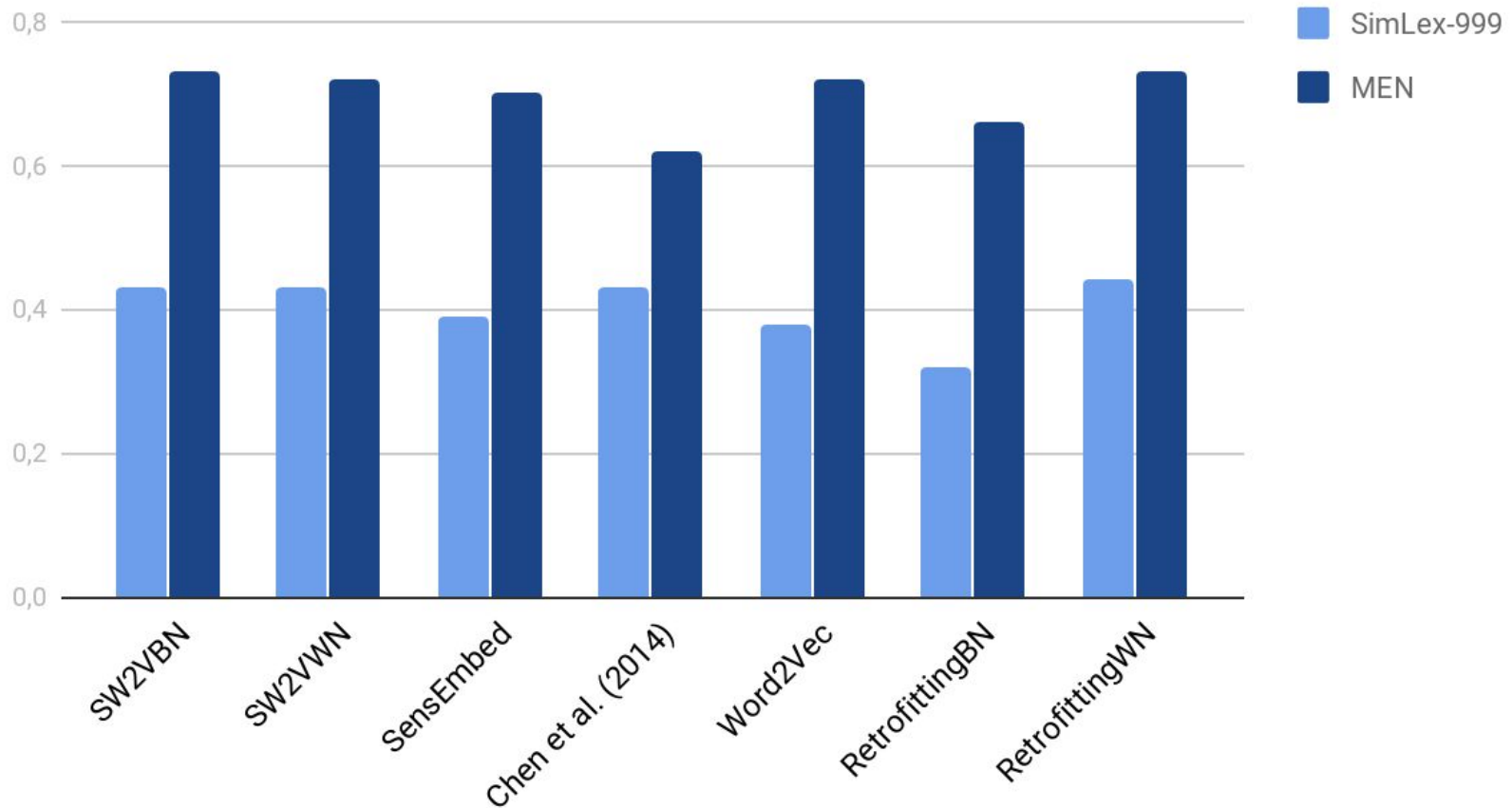


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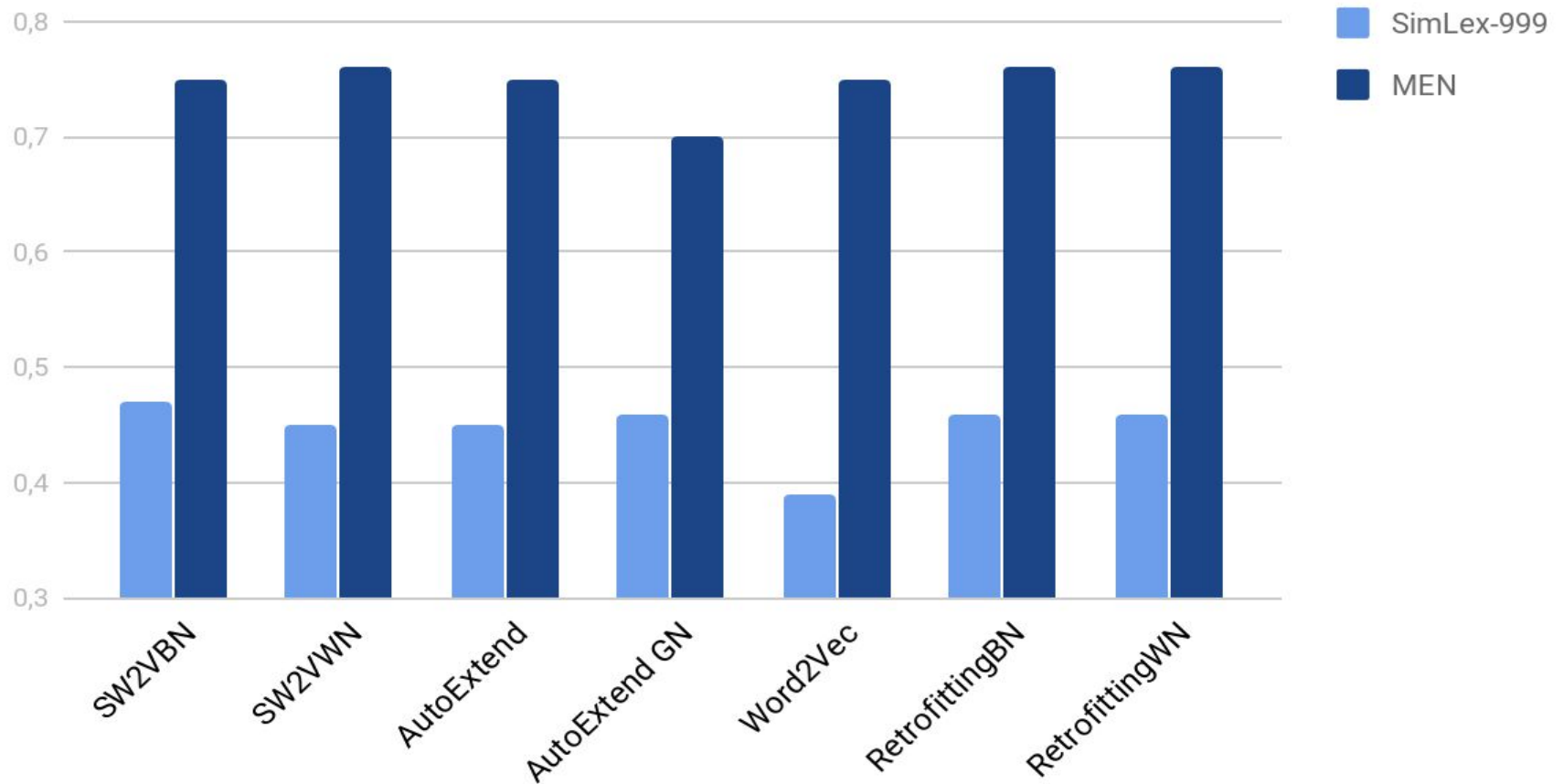


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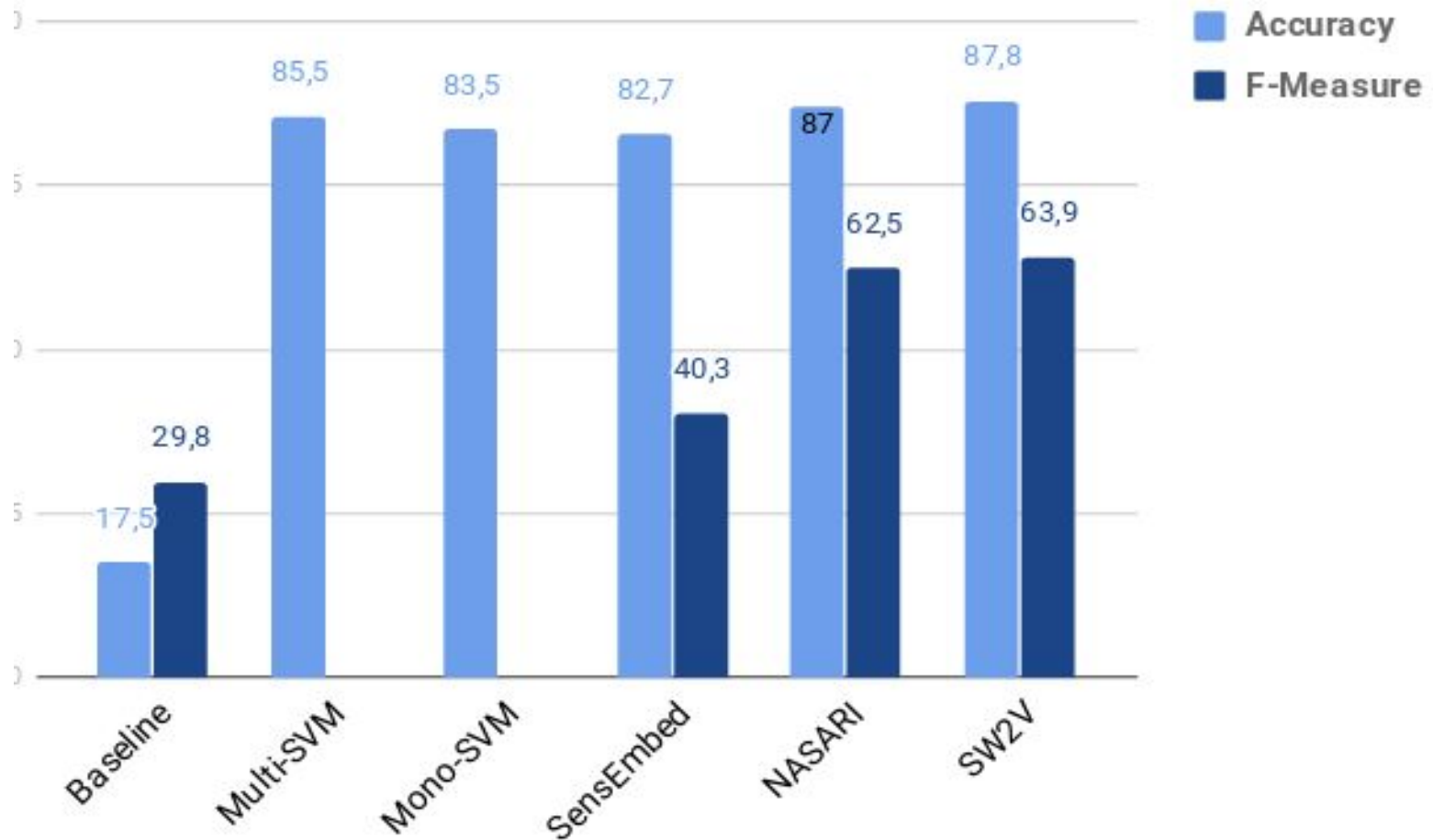
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## Evaluation: Sense clustering

	<b>Accuracy</b>	<b>F-Measure</b>
SW2V	<b>87.8</b>	<b>63.9</b>
SensEmbed	82.7	40.3
NASARI	87.0	62.5
Multi-SVM	85.5	-
Mono-SVM	83.5	-
Baseline	17.5	29.8

# Word and sense interconnectivity

	<b>SemEval-07</b>	<b>SemEval-13</b>
SW2V	<b>39.9</b>	<b>54.0</b>
AutoExtend	17.6	31.0
Baseline	24.8	34.9