

Comparison by Conversion

Reverse-Engineering UCCA from Syntax and Lexical Semantics

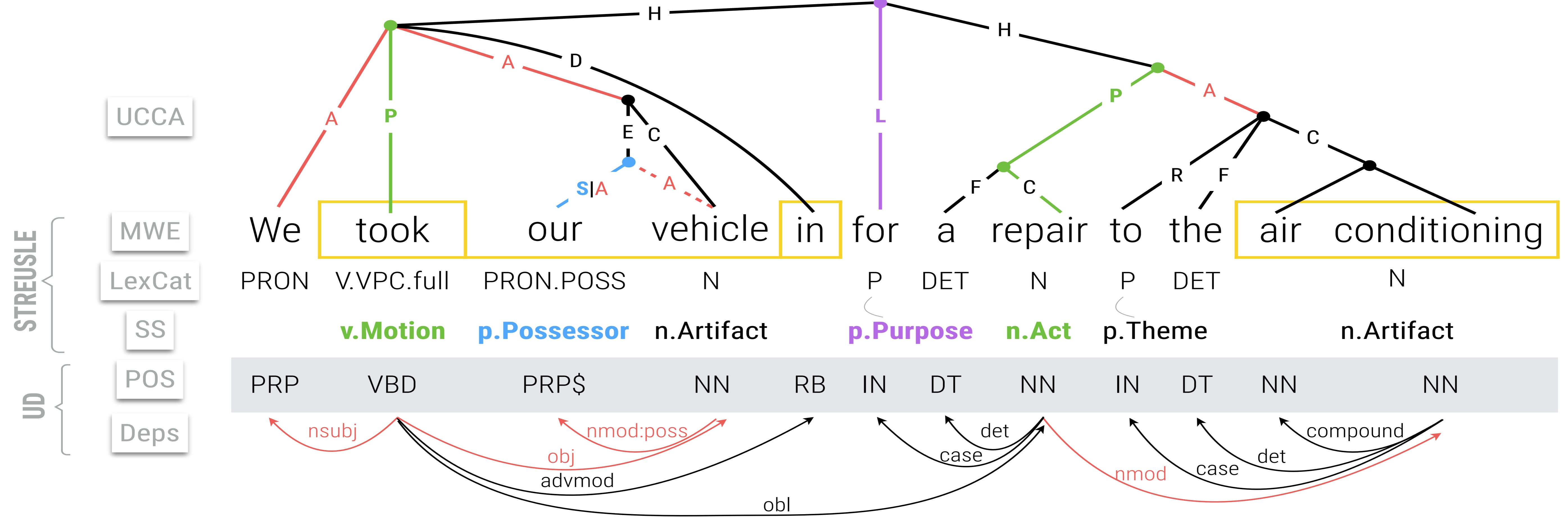
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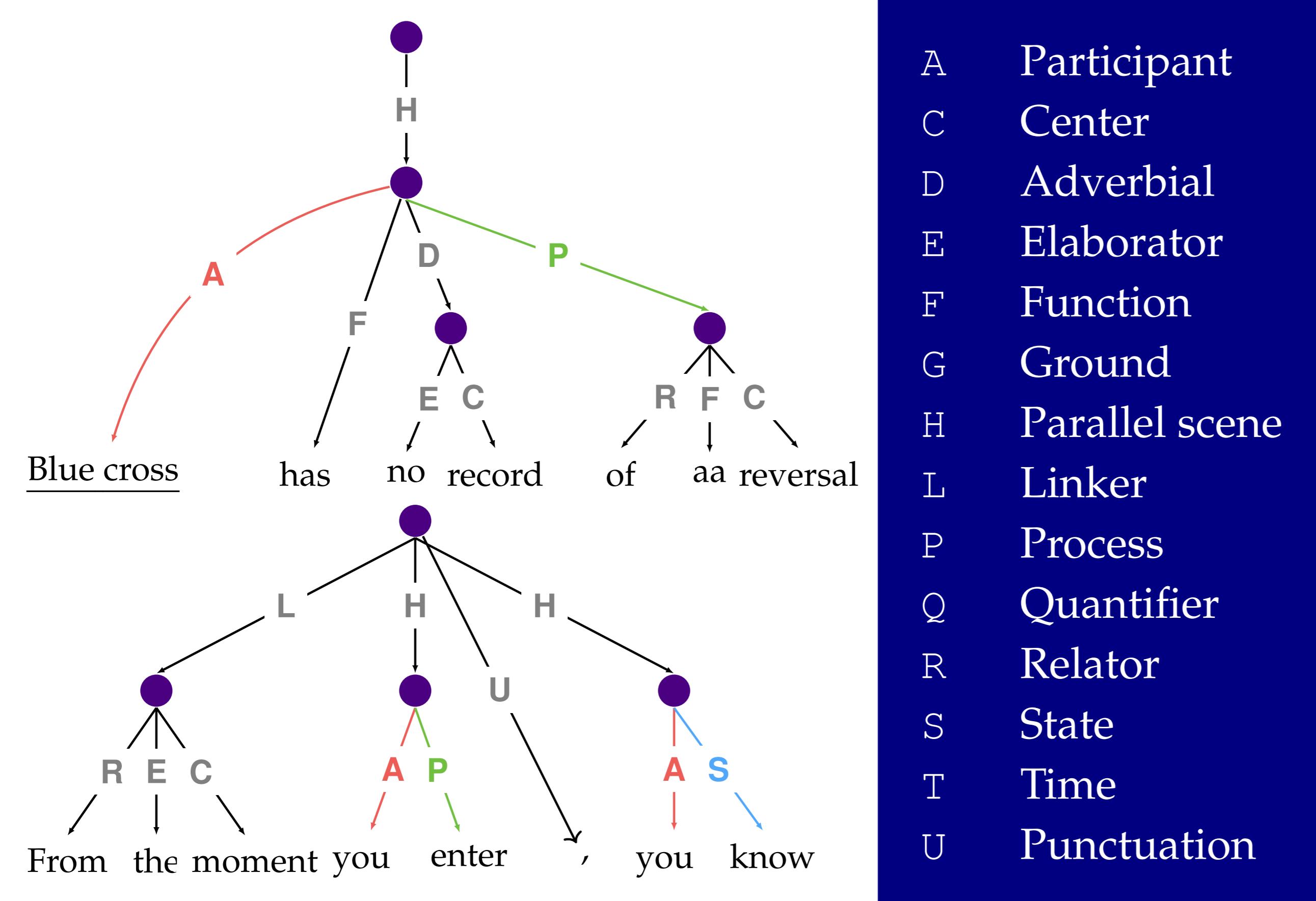


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Linguistic and supervised conversion enable deep comparison between meaning representations.

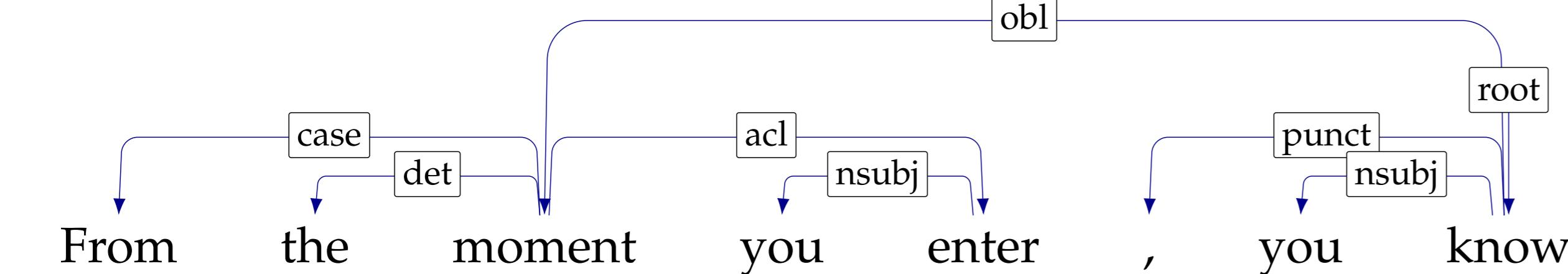


UCCA [1]: cross-linguistic meaning representation.



A	Participant
C	Center
D	Adverbial
E	Elaborator
F	Function
G	Ground
H	Parallel scene
L	Linker
P	Process
Q	Quantifier
R	Relator
S	State
T	Time
U	Punctuation

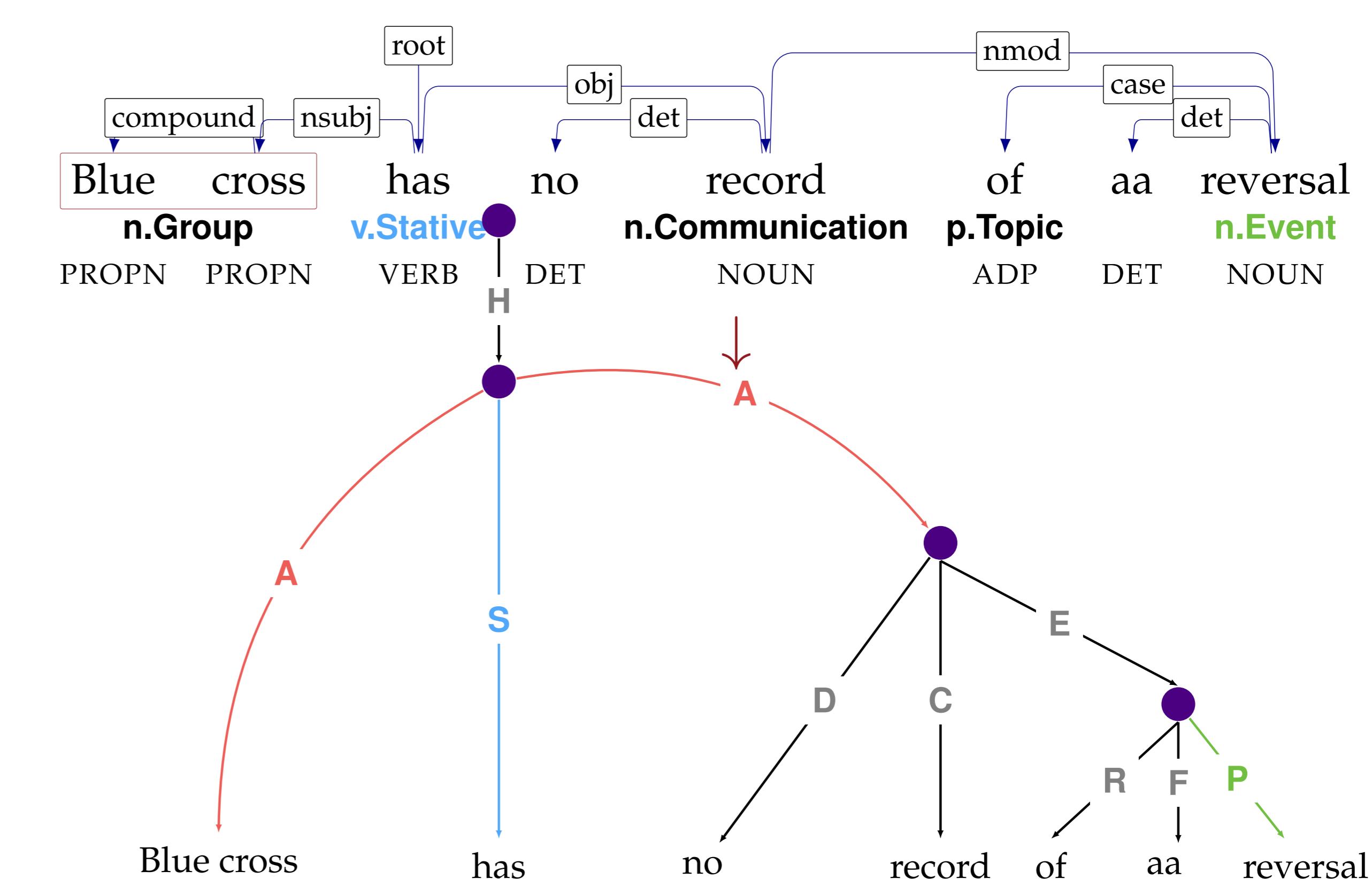
UD [4]: cross-linguistic syntactic representation.



STREUSLE [5]: English corpus of web reviews with comprehensive annotation of lexical semantics.

Converted UCCA STREUSLE	Gold UCCA
tap_water (<i>unanalyzable</i>) n.Substance	[E tap] [C water]
[P road_construction] n.Event	[A road] [P construction]
[F a] [C meal] [E [R on]] [F the] [C menu]] n.Communication	[F a] [C meal] [E [R on] [F the] [C menu]]]
[P answered] v.Communication my p.Originator n.Communication p.Gestalt	[P answered] [A [D all] [A my] [P questions]]

Rule-Based Conversion



Delexicalized Parsing

Transition-based parsers:

TUPA [3],

HIT-SCIR [2].

EWT reviews corpus:

	Train	Dev
# Sentences	2,723	554
# Tokens	44,804	5,394

Evaluation

	F1 Primary Remote	Predicted Category		Gold Category													
		A	A G A P A S	C	D	D P T E	F	G	H	L	N	P	Q	R	S	T	Ø
Rule-based	71.7	44.2															150
TUPA, delex	69.5	46.4															48
UD only	64.4	35.9															49
STREUSLE only	62.4	27.5															4
HIT-SCIR, delex	67.9	41.6															265
TUPA +UD+GloVe	71.7	47.0															32
HIT-SCIR (BERT)	71.9	41.8															1
HIT-SCIR (GloVe)	67.0	42.4															3
+UD+STREUSLE	72.2	46.9															5
	Ø	148	1	3	6	136	60	100	32	1	124	9	2	65	12	34	23

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