



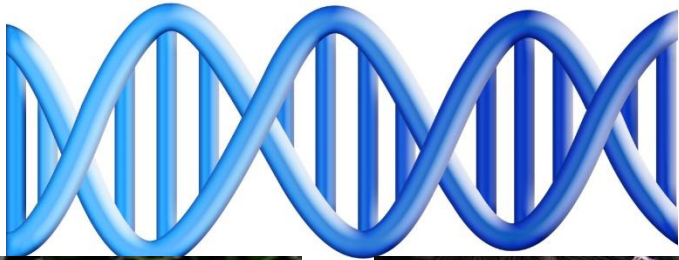
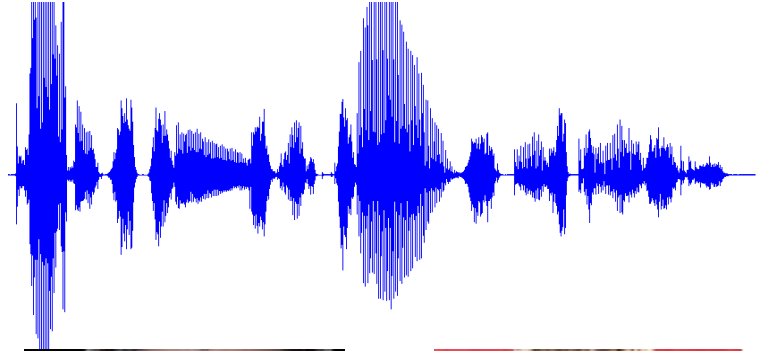
# Domain Adaptation with Structural Correspondence Learning

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# Statistical models, multiple domains

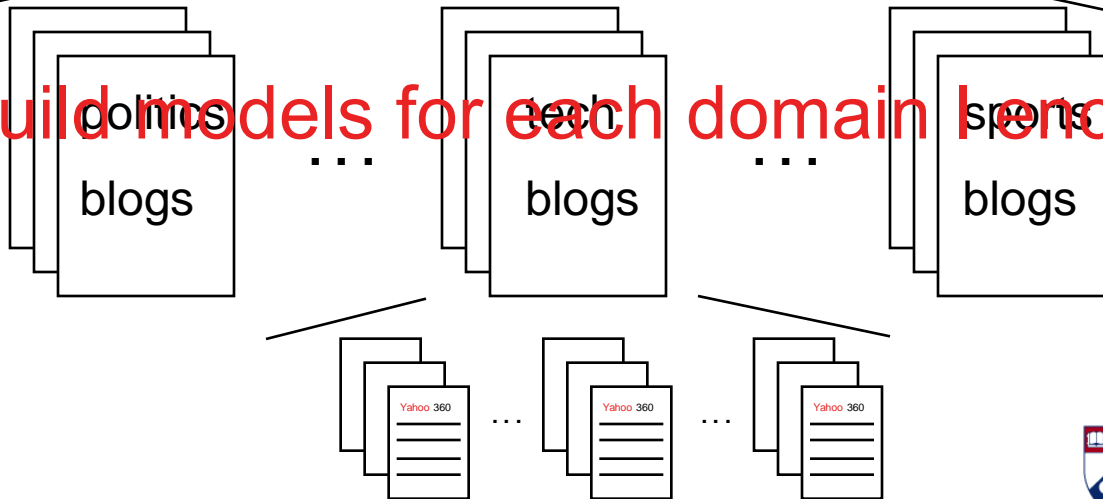


# Different Domains of Text

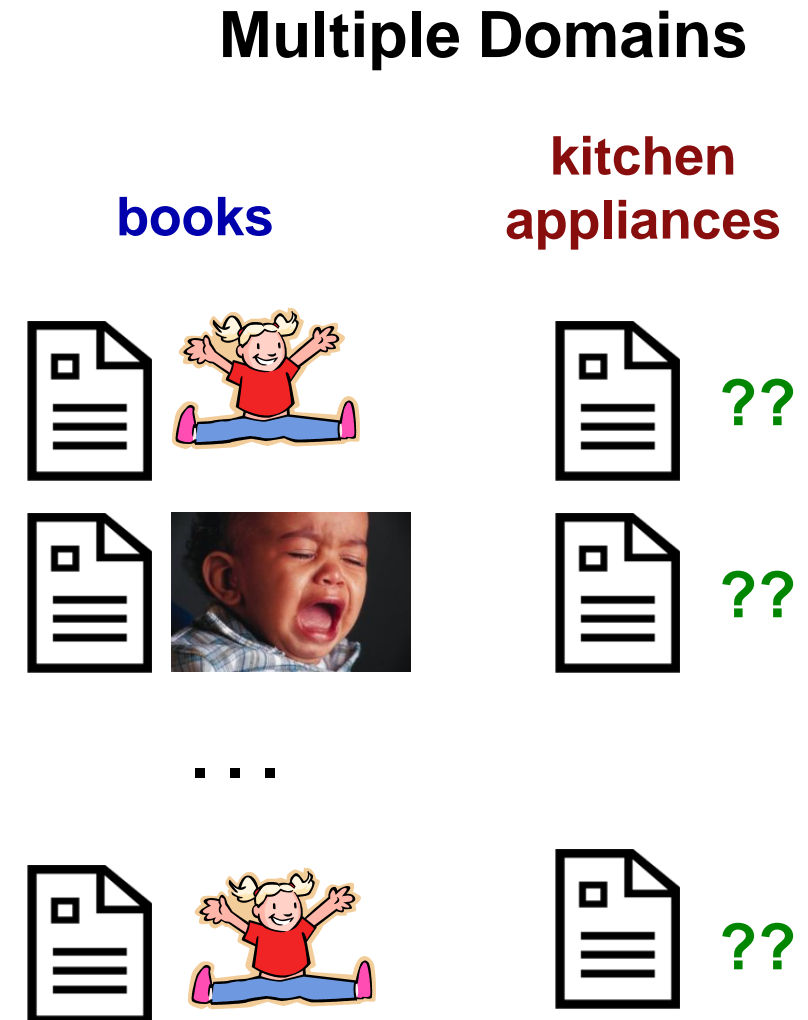
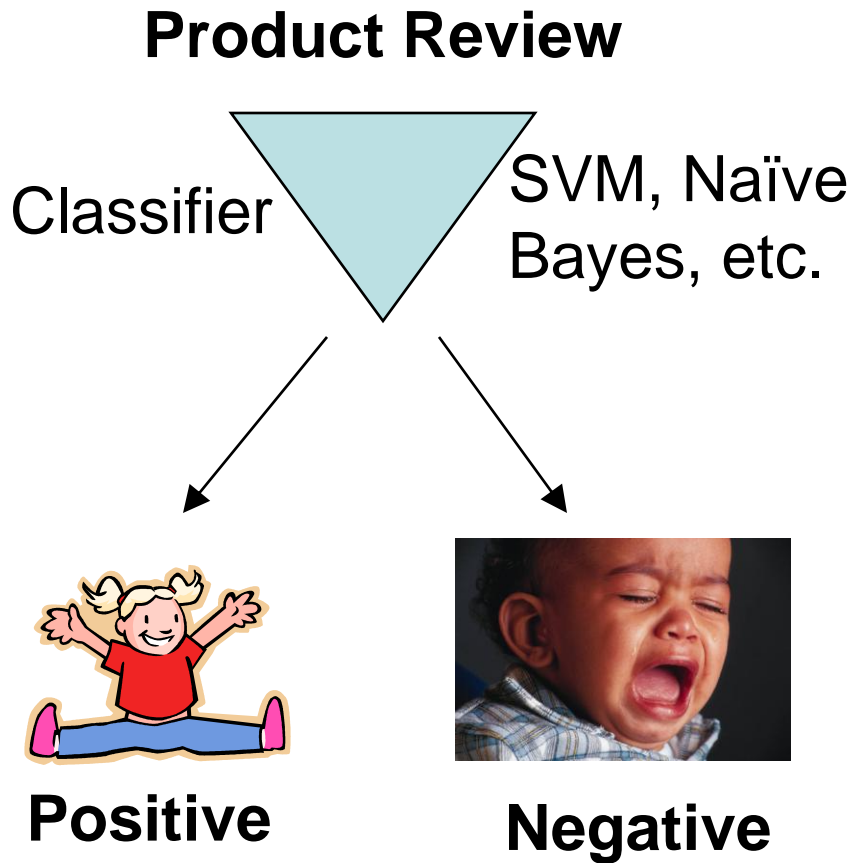
- Huge variation in vocabulary & style



“Ok, I’ll just build models for each domain”



# Sentiment Classification for Product Reviews



# books & kitchen appliances

## Running with Scissors: A Memoir

Title: ~~Horrible book, horrible.~~

This book was horrible. I ~~read half~~ of it, ~~suffering from a headache~~ the entire time,

## Avante Deep Fryer, Chrome & Black

Title: lid ~~does not work well...~~

I love the way the Tefal deep fryer cooks, however. I am ~~returning~~ my

**Error increase: 13% → 26%**

~~less~~ in the world. ~~or~~ don't waste your money. I wish i had the time spent reading this book back so i could use it for better purposes. This book wasted my life

closure. The lid may close initially, but after a few uses it no longer stays closed. I ~~will not be purchasing~~ this one ~~again~~.

# Part of Speech Tagging

## Wall Street Journal (WSJ)

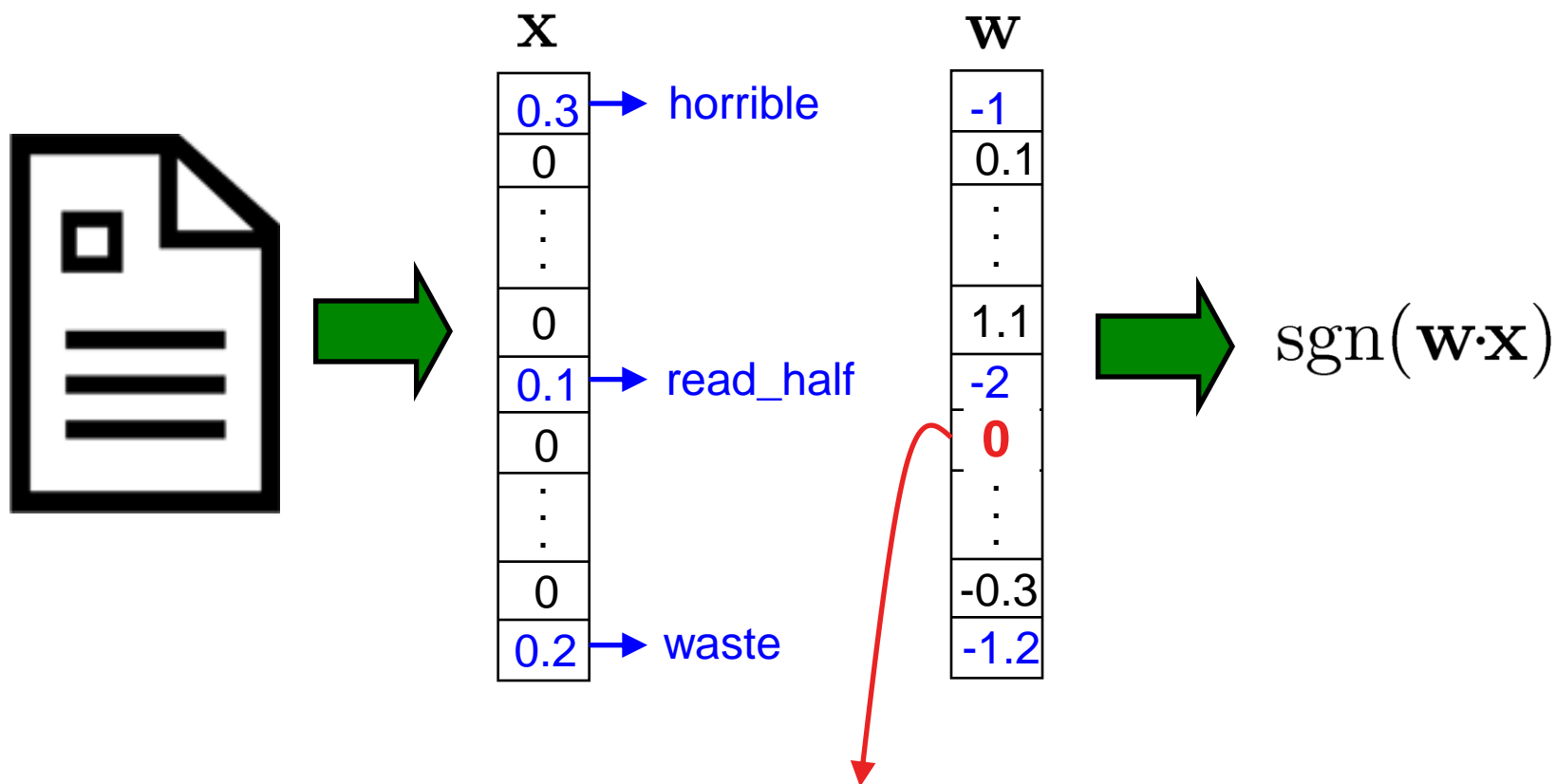
DT NN VBZ DT NN IN DT JJ NN CC  
The **clash** is a sign of a new **toughness** and  
NN IN IN NN IN NN POS JJ JJ JJJ NNS NNS .  
**divisiveness** in itapan **concozy** financial circles .

Error increase: 3% → 12%

## MEDLINE Abstracts (biomed)

DT JJ VBN NNS IN DT NN NNS VBP  
The **oncogenic** mutated forms of the **ras** proteins are  
RB JJ CC VBP IN JJ NN  
constitutively active and interfere with normal signal  
NN .  
**transduction** .

# Features & Linear Models



Problem: If we've only trained on book reviews, then  $w(\text{defective}) = 0$

# Structural Correspondence Learning (SCL)

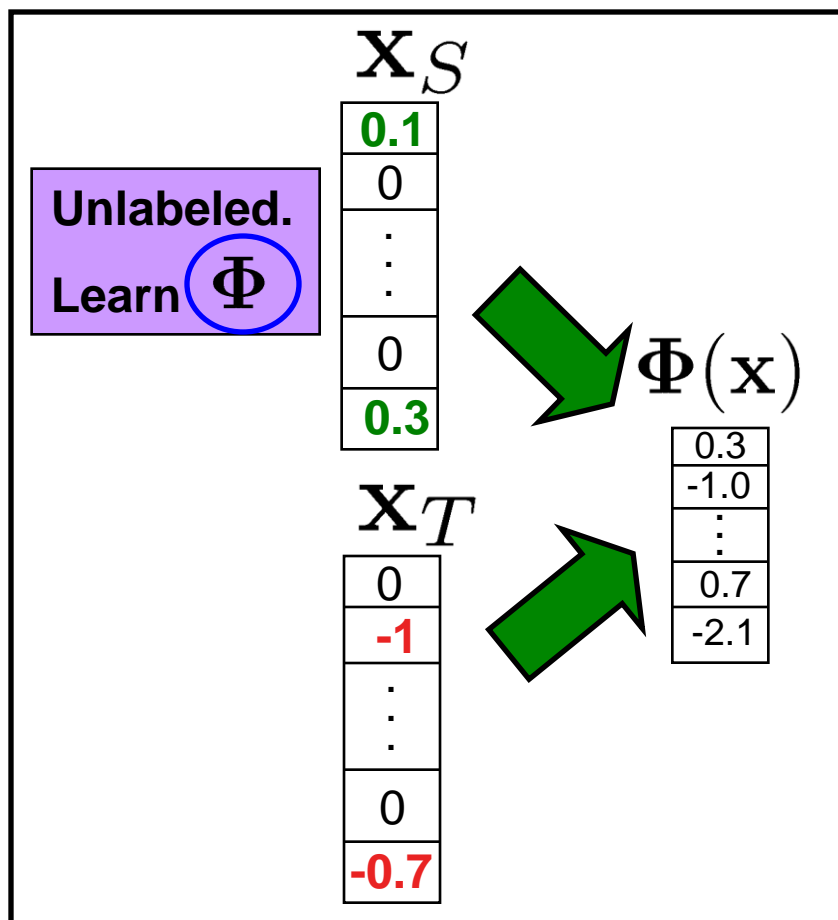
- **Cut adaptation error by more than 40%**
- Use **unlabeled** data from the target domain
- Induce correspondences among different features
- **read-half, headache**  $\longleftrightarrow$  **defective, returned**
- Labeled data for **source** domain will help us build a good classifier for **target** domain

Maximum likelihood linear regression (MLLR) for speaker adaptation (Leggetter & Woodland, 1995)

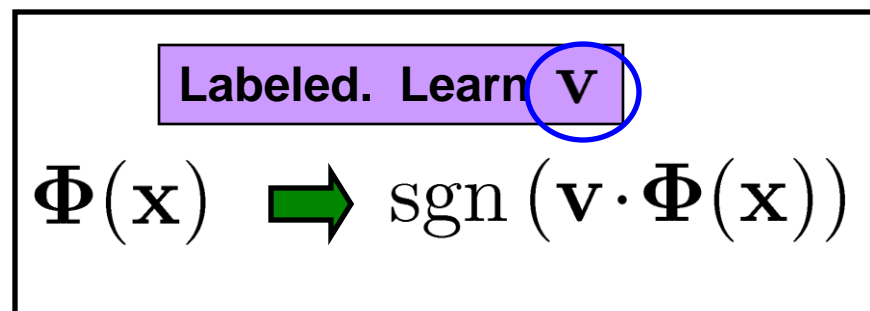


# SCL: 2-Step Learning Process

**Step 1: Unlabeled** – Learn correspondence mapping



**Step 2: Labeled** – Learn weight vector



- $\Phi$  should make the domains look as similar as possible
- But  $\Phi$  should also allow us to classify well

# SCL: Making Domains Look Similar

Incorrect classification of kitchen review

**defective** lid

Unlabeled **kitchen** contexts

- Do **not buy** the Shark portable steamer .... Trigger mechanism is **defective**.
- the very nice lady assured me that I must have a **defective** set .... What a **disappointment!**
- Maybe mine was **defective** .... The directions were **unclear**

Unlabeled **books** contexts

- The book is so **repetitive** that I found myself yelling .... I will definitely **not buy** another.
- A **disappointment** .... Ender was talked about for **<#> pages** altogether.
- it's **unclear** .... It's repetitive and **boring**

# SCL: Pivot Features

## Pivot Features

- Occur frequently in both domains
- Characterize the task we want to do
- Number in the hundreds or thousands
- Choose using labeled **source**, unlabeled **source** & **target** data

**SCL:** words & bigrams that occur frequently in both domains

**SCL-MI:** SCL but also based on mutual information with labels

book one <num> so all  
very about they like good  
when

a\_must a\_wonderful loved\_it  
weak don't\_waste awful  
highly\_recommended and\_easy

# SCL Unlabeled Step: Pivot Predictors

Use **pivot features** to align other features

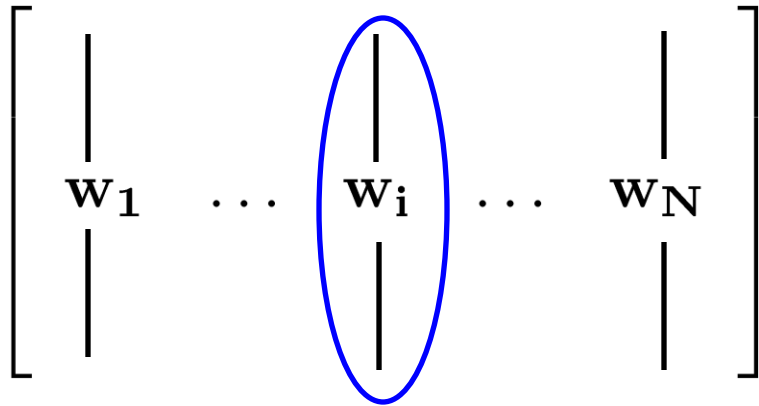
(1) The book is so **repetitive** that I found myself yelling .... I will definitely **buy** another.

(2) Do **buy** the Shark portable steamer .... Trigger mechanism is **defective**.

**Binary problem:** Does “**not buy**” appear here?

- **Mask** and predict pivot features using other features
- Train N **linear predictors**, one for each binary problem
- Each pivot predictor implicitly aligns non-pivot features from **source** & **target** domains

# SCL: Dimensionality Reduction



- $W^T \mathbf{x}$  gives  $N$  new features
- value of  $i^{\text{th}}$  feature is the propensity to see “not buy” in the same document

- **We still want fewer new features (1000 is too many)**
- **Many pivot predictors give similar information**
  - “horrible”, “terrible”, “awful”
- **Compute SVD & use top left singular vectors**  $\Phi$

Latent Semantic Indexing (LSI), (Deerwester et al. 1990)

Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA), (Blei et al. 2003)

# Back to Linear Classifiers

$\mathbf{x}$
0.3
0
$\vdots$
0
0.1

$$\text{Classifier } \text{sgn} \left[ \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \Phi^T \mathbf{x} \right]$$

- **Source training:** Learn  $\mathbf{w}$  &  $\mathbf{v}$  together

$\Phi^T \mathbf{x}$
0.3
-1.0
$\vdots$
0.7
-2.1

- **Target testing:** First apply  $\Phi$ , then apply  $\mathbf{w}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$

# Inspirations for SCL

## 1. Alternating Structural Optimization (ASO)

- **Ando & Zhang** (JMLR 2005)
- Inducing structures for semi-supervised learning

## 2. Correspondence Dimensionality Reduction

- **Verbeek, Roweis, & Vlassis** (NIPS 2003).  
**Ham, Lee, & Saul** (AISTATS 2003).
- Learn a low-dimensional representation from high-dimensional correspondences

# Sentiment Classification Data

- **Product reviews from Amazon.com**
  - Books, DVDs, Kitchen Appliances, Electronics
  - 2000 labeled reviews from each domain
  - 3000 – 6000 unlabeled reviews
- **Binary classification problem**
  - Positive if 4 stars or more, negative if 2 or less
- **Features:** unigrams & bigrams
- **Pivots:** SCL & SCL-MI
- **At train time:** minimize Huberized hinge loss (Zhang, 2004)

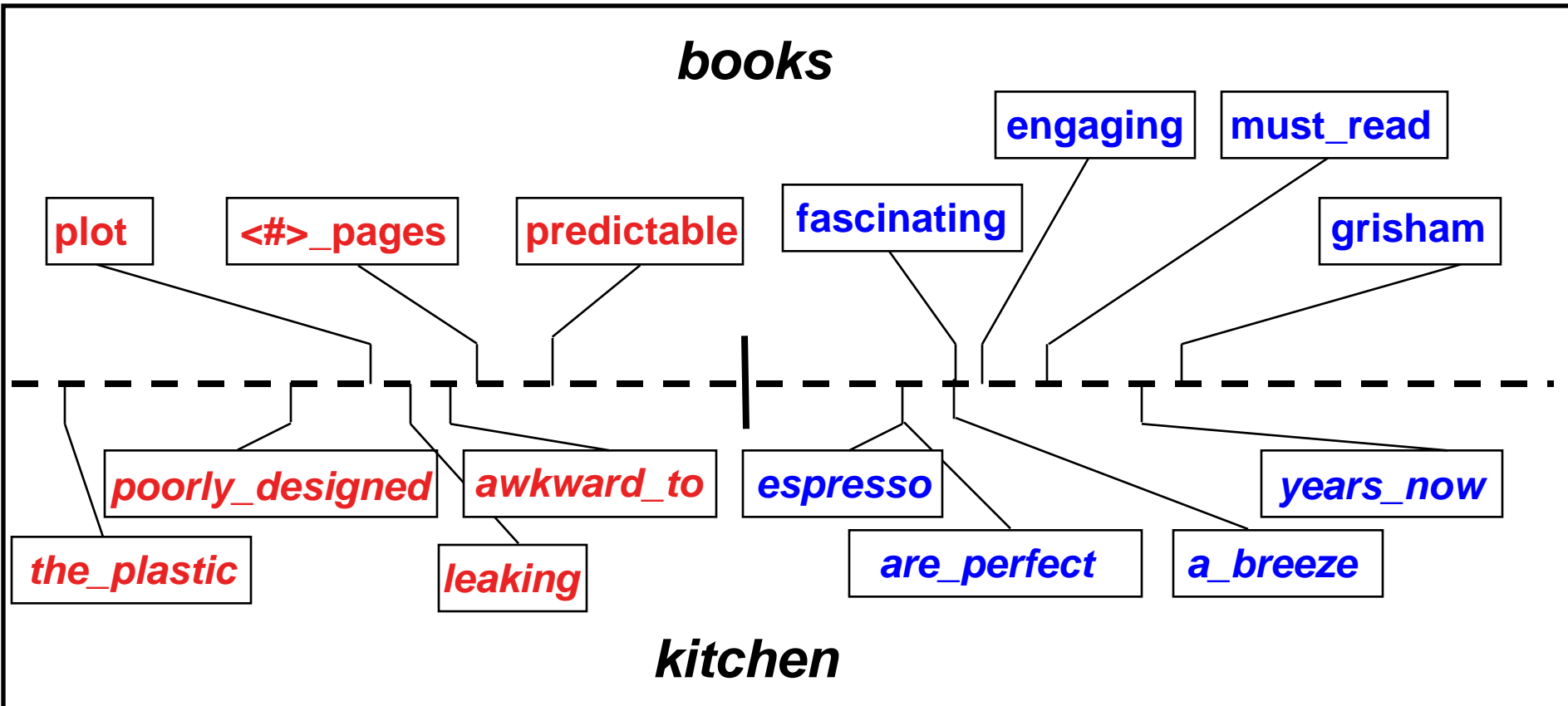


# Visualizing $\Phi$ (books & kitchen)

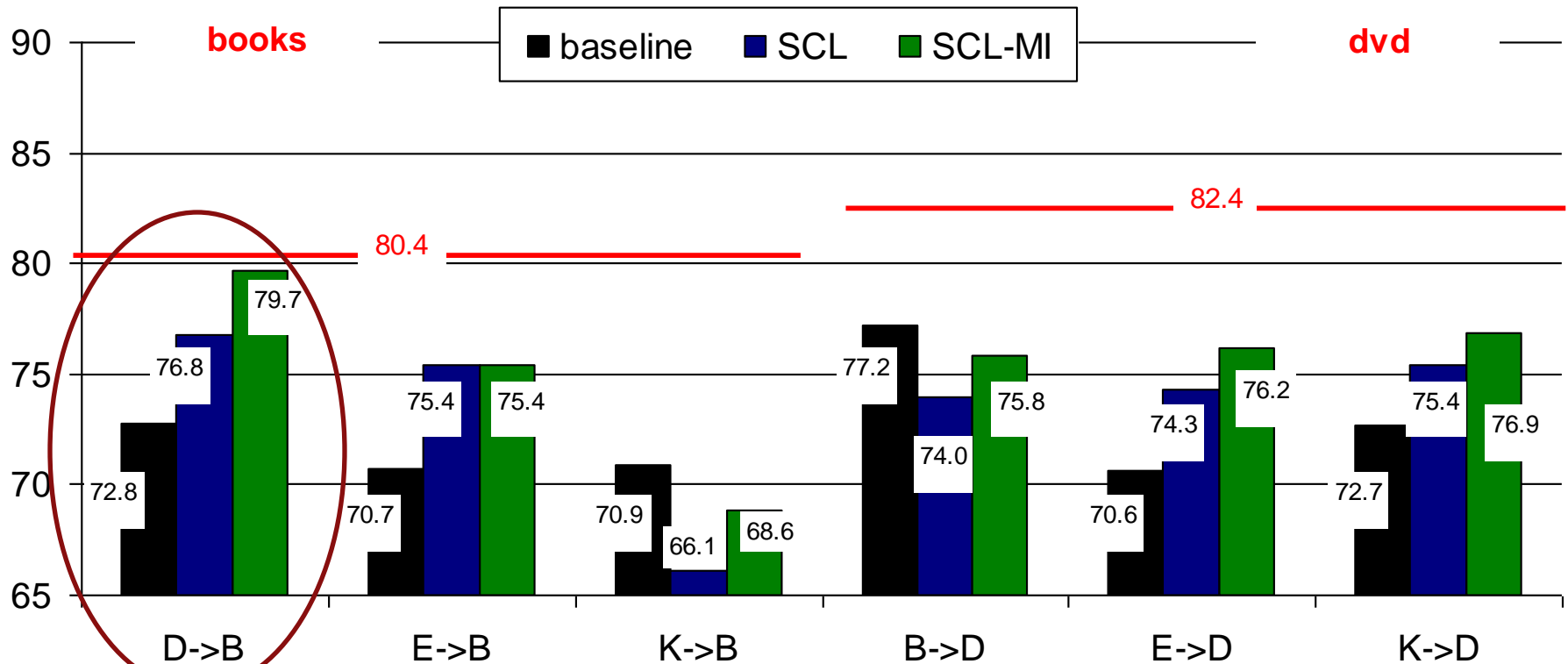
negative

vs.

positive



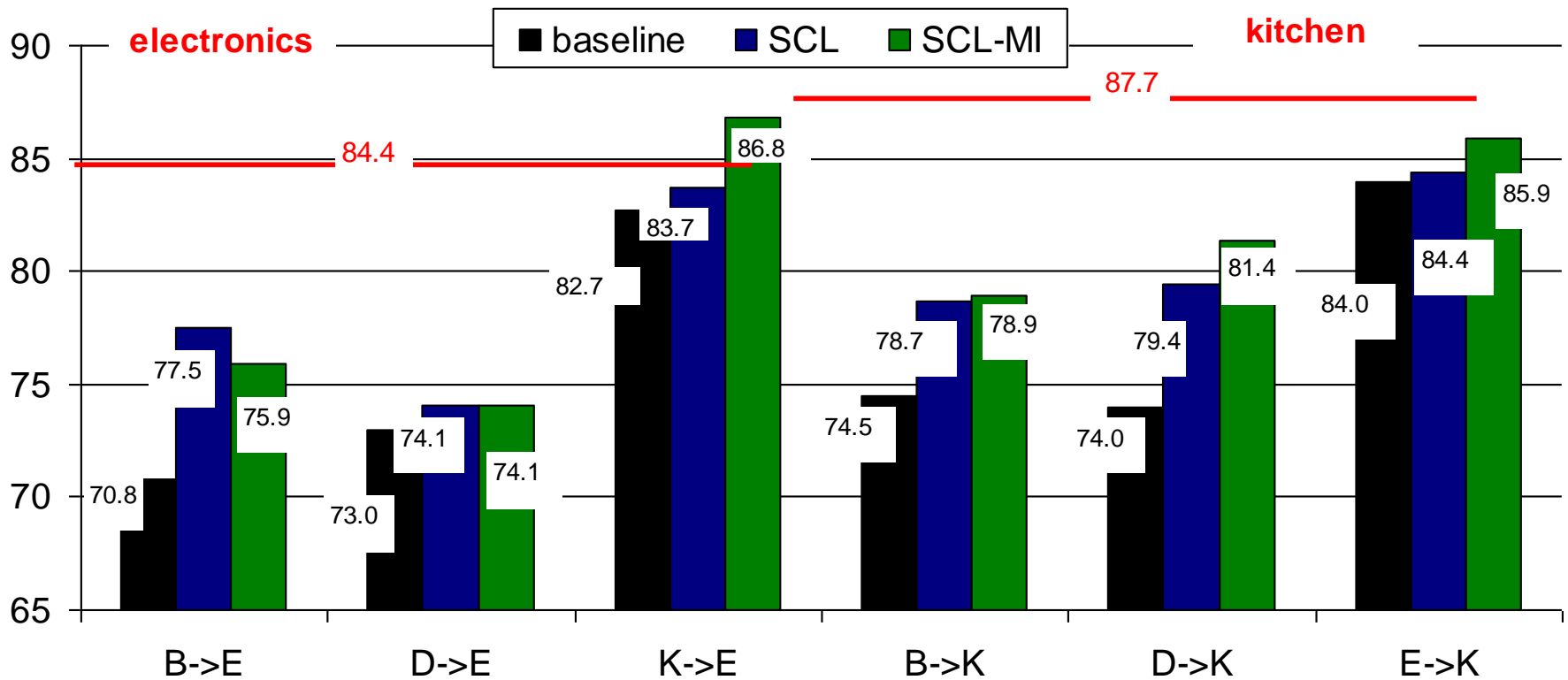
# Empirical Results: books & DVDs



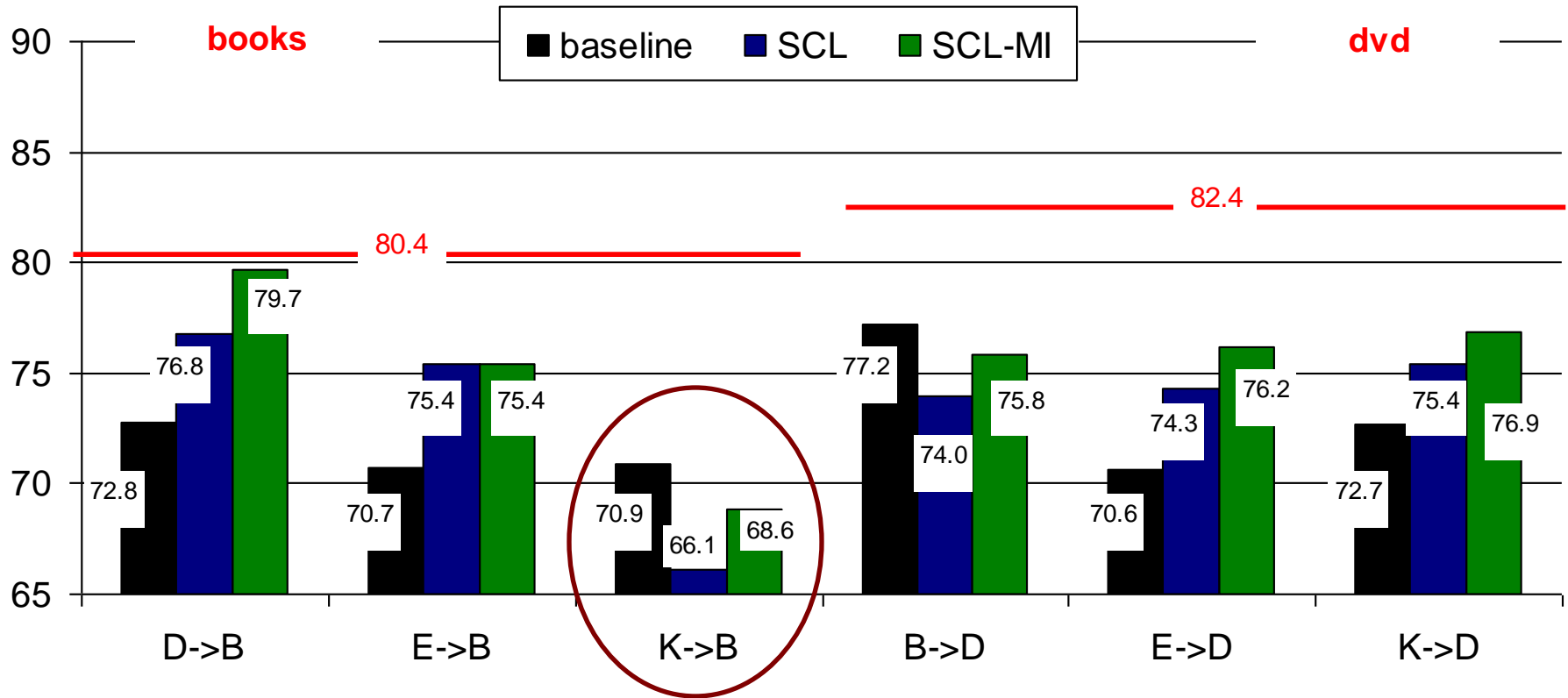
baseline loss due to adaptation: 7.6%

SCL-MI loss due to adaptation: 0.7%

# Empirical Results: electronics & kitchen



# Empirical Results: books & dvd



- Sometimes SCL can cause increases in error
- With only unlabeled data, we misalign features

# Using Labeled Data

**50 instances of labeled target domain data**

**Source data, save weight vector for SCL features  $\mathbf{v}_s$**

**Target data, regularize weight vector to be close to  $\mathbf{v}_s$**

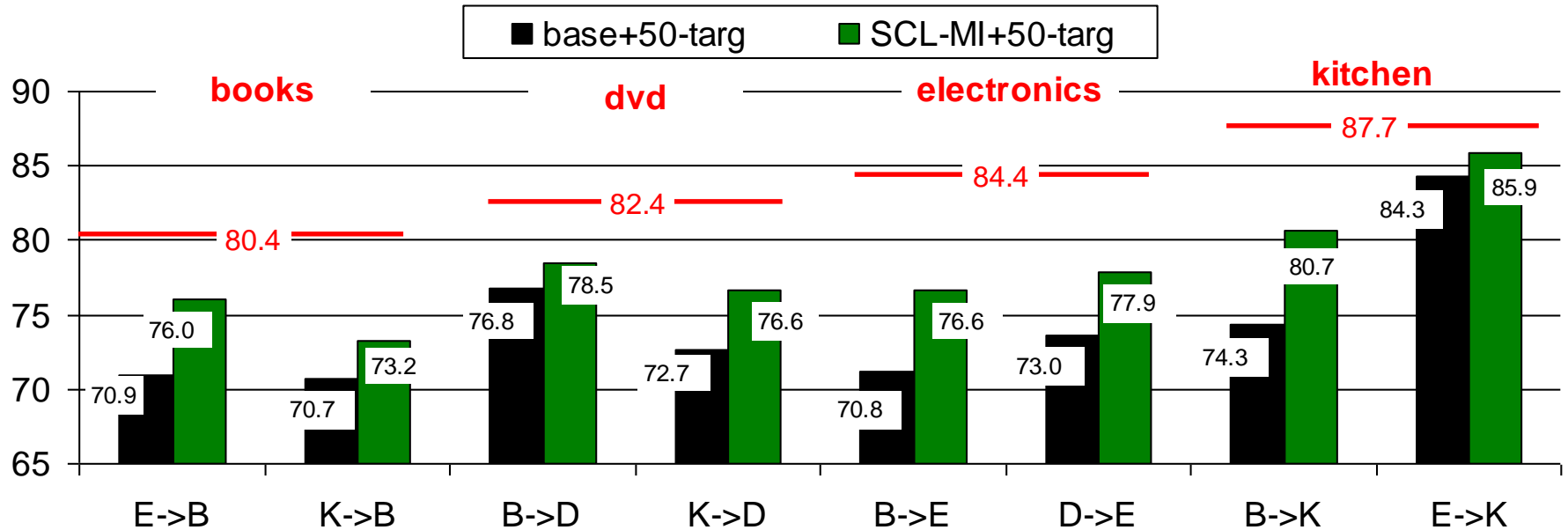
Chelba & Acero, EMNLP 2004

$$\lambda ||\mathbf{w}||^2 + \mu ||\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}_s||^2$$

**Huberized hinge loss** **Keep SCL weights close to source weights**

**Avoid using high-dimensional features**

# Empirical Results: labeled data



- With 50 labeled target instances, SCL-MI **always** improves over baseline

# Average Improvements

model	base	base +targ	scl	scl-mi	scl-mi +targ
Avg Adaptation Loss	9.1	9.1	7.1	5.8	4.9

- **scl-mi reduces error due to transfer by 36%**
- **adding 50 instances [Chelba & Acero 2004] without SCL does not help**
- **scl-mi + targ reduces error due to transfer by 46%**

# PoS Tagging: Data & Model

- **Data**

- 40k Wall Street Journal (WSJ) training sentences
- 100k unlabeled biomedical sentences
- 100k unlabeled WSJ sentences

- **Supervised Learner**

- MIRA CRF: Online max-margin learner
- Separate correct label from top  $k=5$  incorrect labels
- Crammer et al. JMLR 2006
- **Pivots:** Common left/middle/right words

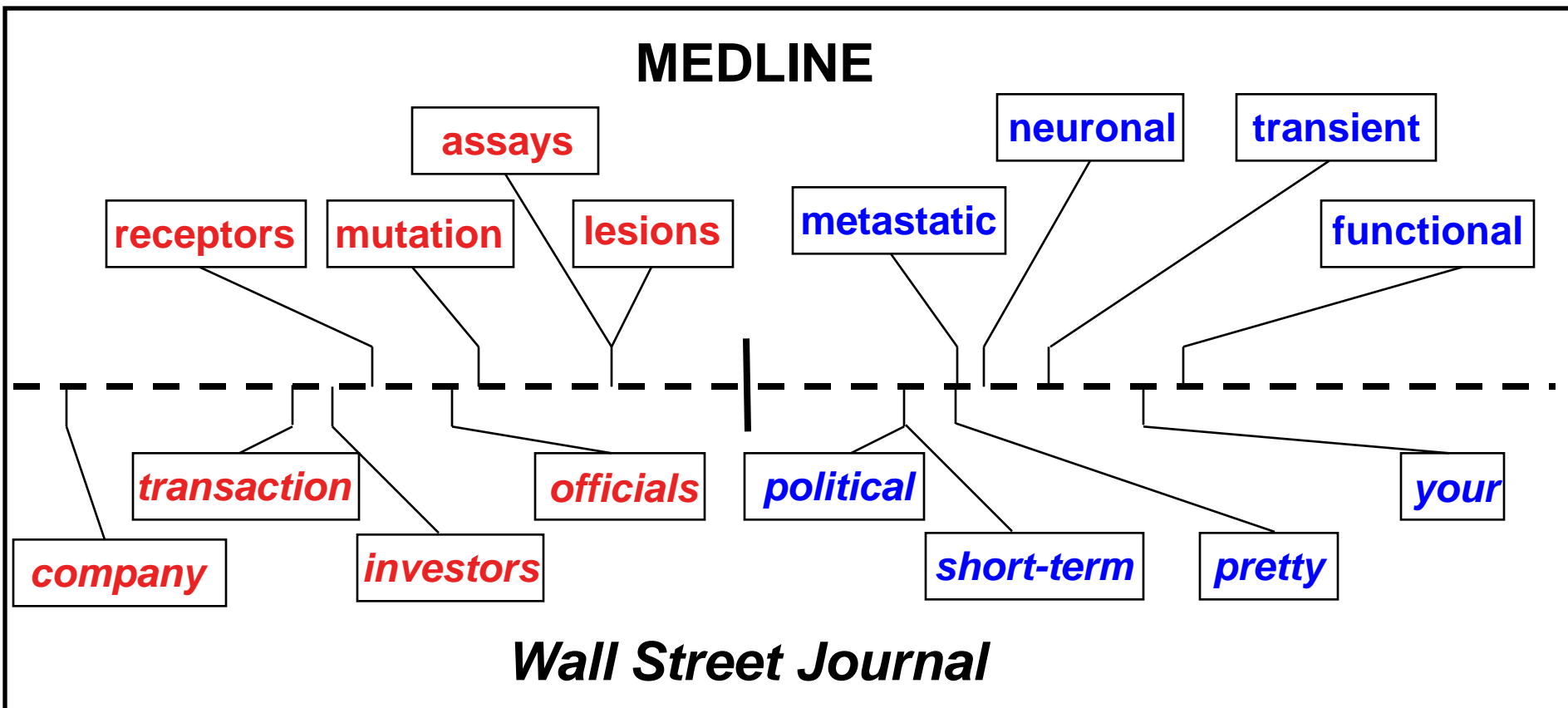


# Visualizing $\Phi$ PoS Tagging

nouns

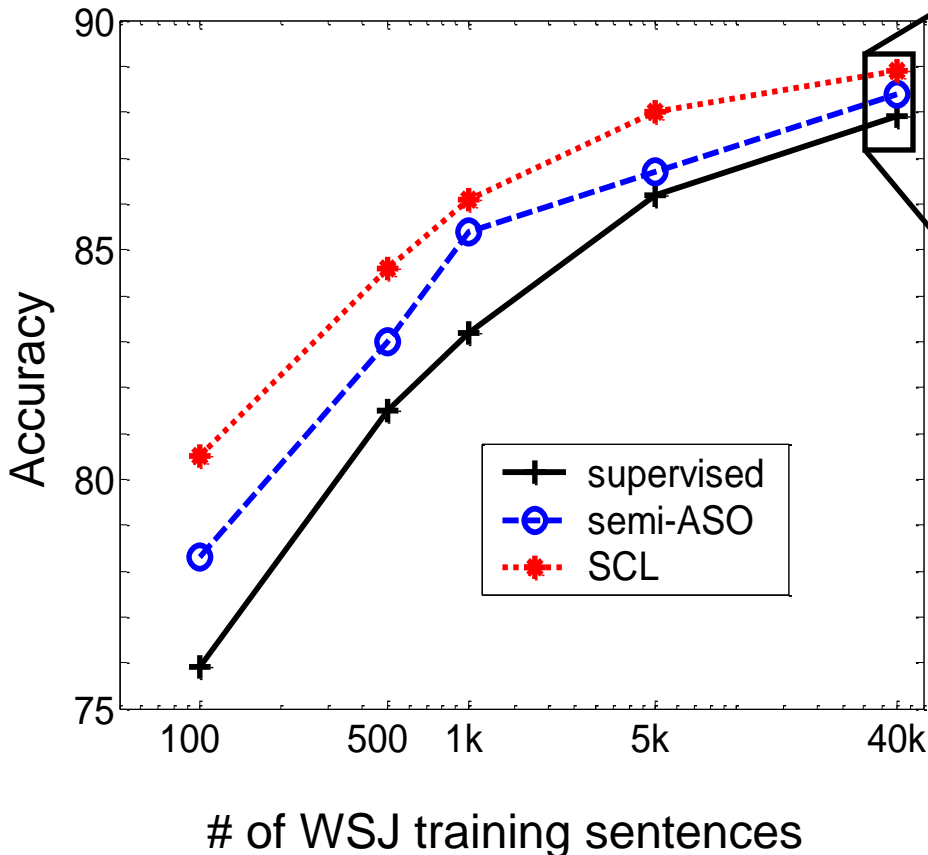
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# Empirical Results

561 MEDLINE test sentences



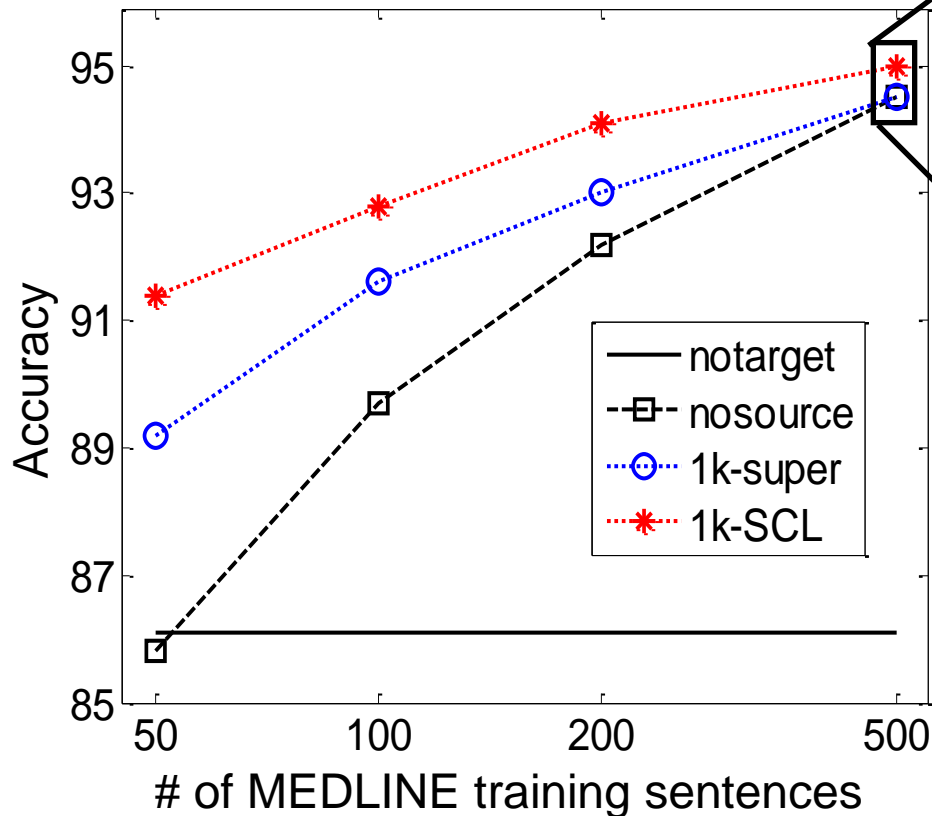
Model	All Words	Unk words
MXPOST	87.2	65.2
super	87.9	68.4
semi-ASO	88.4	70.9
SCL	<b>88.9</b>	<b>72.0</b>

## McNemar's test

Null Hyp	p-value
semi vs. super	<0.0015
SCL vs. super	<10 <sup>-12</sup>
SCL vs. semi	<0.0003

# Results: Some labeled target domain data

561 MEDLINE test sentences



Model	Accuracy
1k-SCL	95.0
1k-super	94.5
Nosource	94.5

- Use source tagger output as a feature (Florian et al. 2004)
- Compare SCL with supervised source tagger

# Adaptation & Machine Translation

- **Source: Domain specific parallel corpora (news, legal text)**
- **Target: Similar corpora from the web (i.e. blogs)**
- **Learn translation rules / language model parameters for the new domain**
- **Pivots: common contexts**

# Adaptation & Ranking

- **Input: query & list of top-ranked documents**
- **Output: Ranking**
- **Score documents based on editorial or click-through data**
- **Adaptation: Different markets or query types**
- **Pivots: common relevant features**

# Learning Theory & Adaptation

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## **Bounds on the error of models in new domains**

### **Analysis of Representations for Domain Adaptation.**

Shai Ben-David, John Blitzer, Koby Crammer, Fernando Pereira.

NIPS 2006.

### **Learning Bounds for Domain Adaptation.**

John Blitzer, Koby Crammer, Alex Kulesza, Fernando Pereira,  
Jenn Wortman.

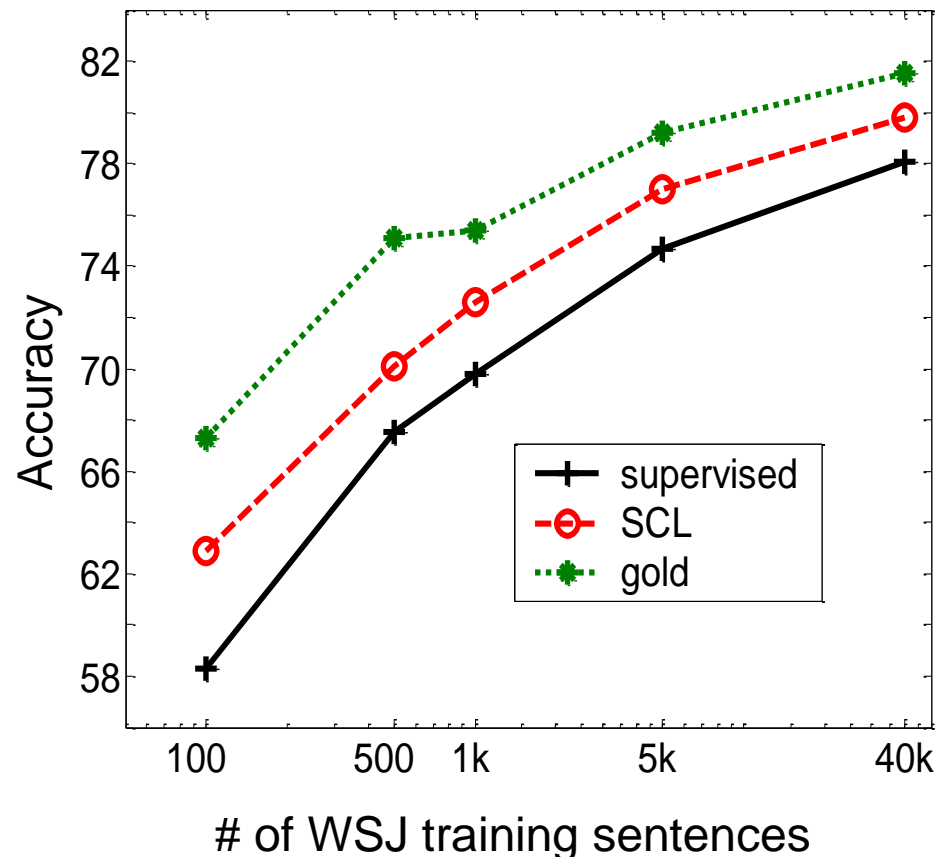
NIPS 2007 (To Appear).

# Pipeline Adaptation: Tagging & Parsing

## Dependency Parsing

- McDonald et al. 2005
- Uses part of speech tags as features
- Train on WSJ, test on MEDLINE
- Use different taggers for MEDLINE input features

Accuracy for different tagger inputs

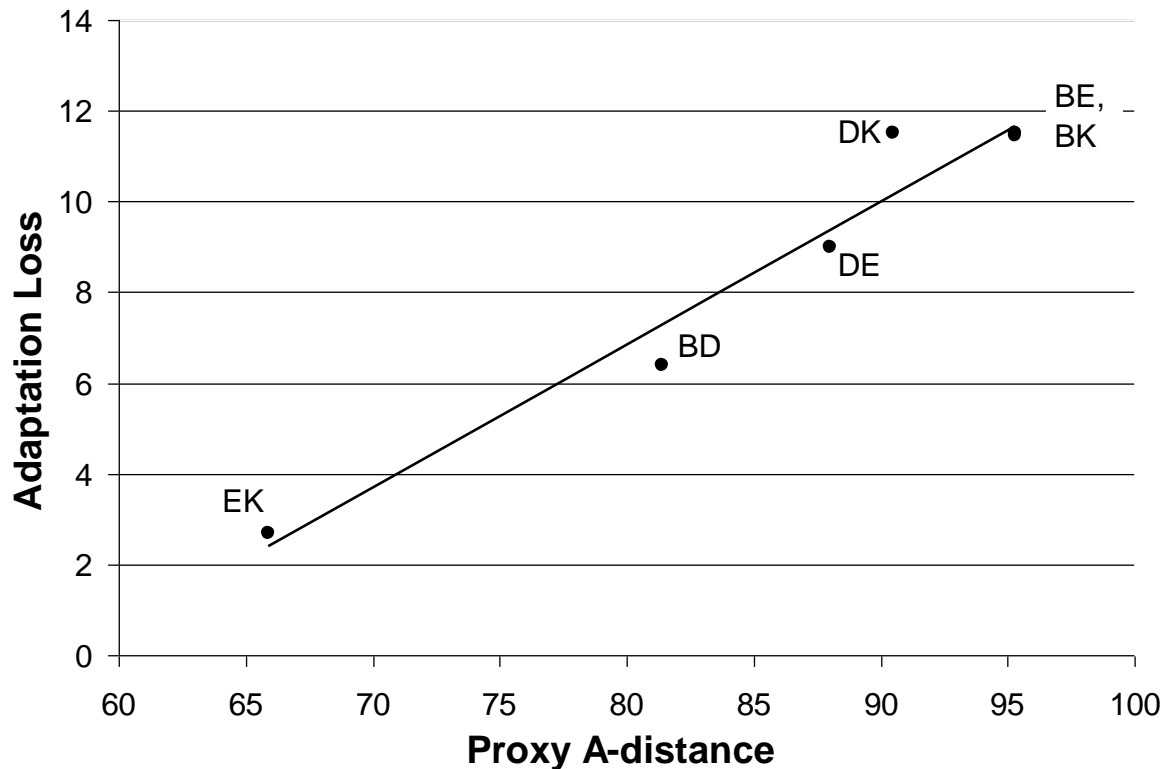


# Measuring Adaptability

- **Given limited resources, which domains should we label?**
- **Idea: Train a classifier to distinguish instances from different domains**
- **Error of this classifier is an estimate of loss due to adaptation**



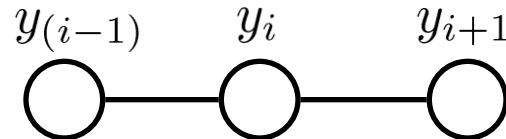
# A-distance vs Adaptation loss



Suppose we can afford to label 2 domains

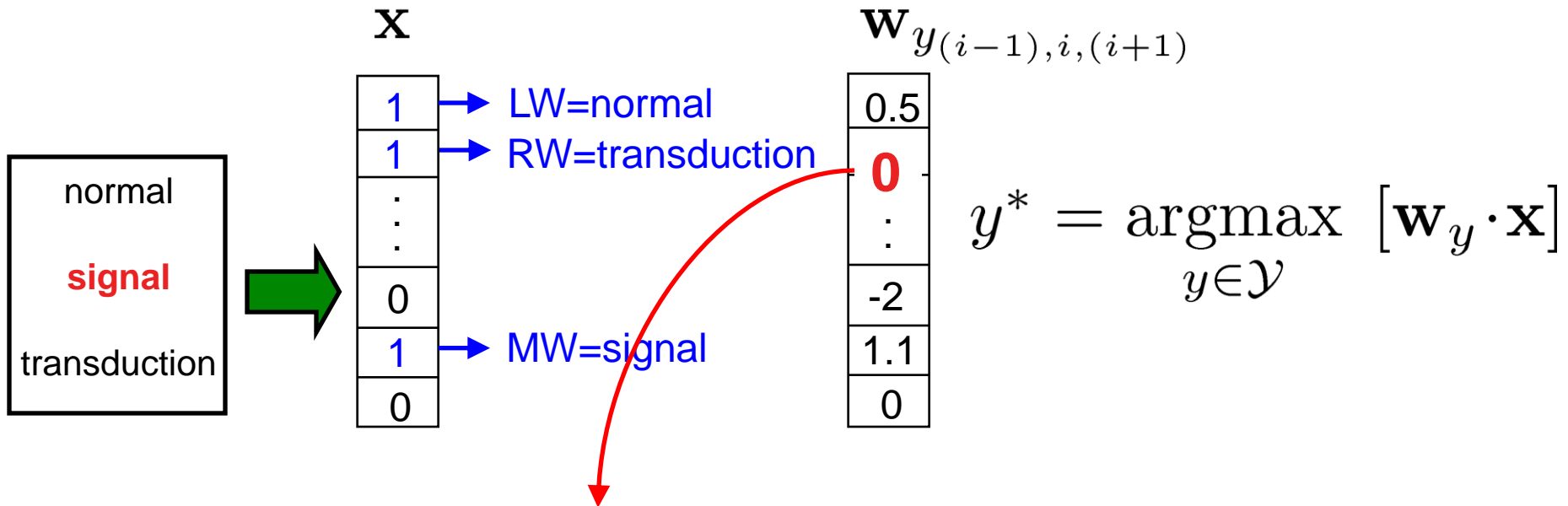
Then we should label 1 of **electronics/kitchen** and 1 of **books/DVDs**

# Features & Linear Models



normal **signal** transduction

$$y_{(i-1),i,(i+1)} = \text{JJ-NN-NN}$$



**Problem:** If we've only trained on financial news, then  $w(\text{RW}=\text{transduction}) = 0$

# Future Work

- **SCL for other problems & modalities**
  - named entity recognition
  - vision (aligning SIFT features)
  - speaker / acoustic environment adaptation
- **Learning low-dimensional representations for multi-part prediction problems**
  - natural language parsing, machine translation, sentence compression