

**BIOMEDICAL**

IDENTIFYING IDIOMATICITY USING  
**REPRESENTATIONS**  
FROM DEFINITIONS!



**BioLORD**



**SEMANTICS**

**MWE IDIOMATICITY**



A portrait of a man with dark, wavy hair and a beard, wearing a blue patterned shirt. He is looking slightly to the right. The background is a scenic view of a city at sunset, with a river and a bridge visible in the distance.

**FOR WHO?**

**CONCEPT  
EMBEDDING**

**CLINICAL  
NLP**

**BY WHO?**

**UGENT / IMEC**

**FRANCOIS REMY**

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**FOR WHO?**

**COLLOCATION  
SEMANTICS**

**TRANSLATION  
TECHNOLOGY**

**BY WHO?**

**UMA (MALAGA)**

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# PROBLEM STATEMENT


4M?  
400k  
ENGLISH

 expert  
translation

Prioritization?

MULTILING.

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WHAT?

HOW?



How can we detect idiomatic multiword expressions from an ontology without examples of usage in context of the phrase?



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# RELATED WORK: BIOLORD



The representations of concepts and sentences produced by BioLORD are more semantic than state of the art alternatives.

**...BUT HOW?**





# THE BIOLORD TRAINING

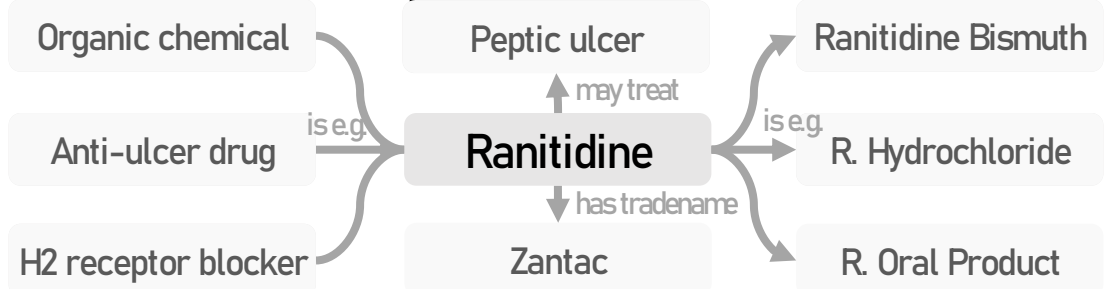
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= Taladine

... is a non-imidazole blocker of those histamine receptors which can mediate gastric secretion (H<sub>2</sub> receptors). It is used to treat gastrointestinal ulcers.

## ⊕ Knowledge Graph



We propose a strategy to

Learn ontological  
representation

Semantic  
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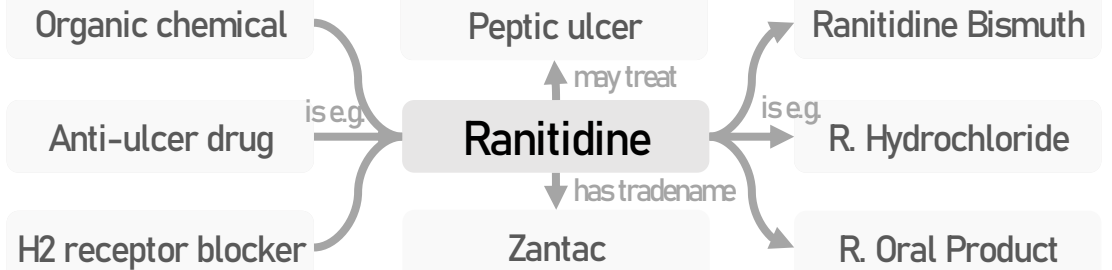
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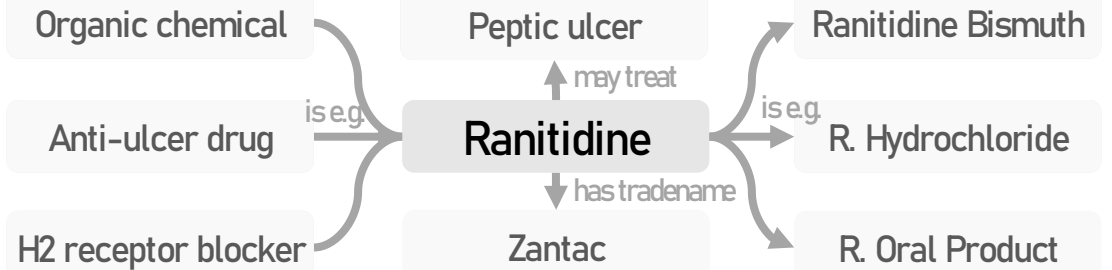
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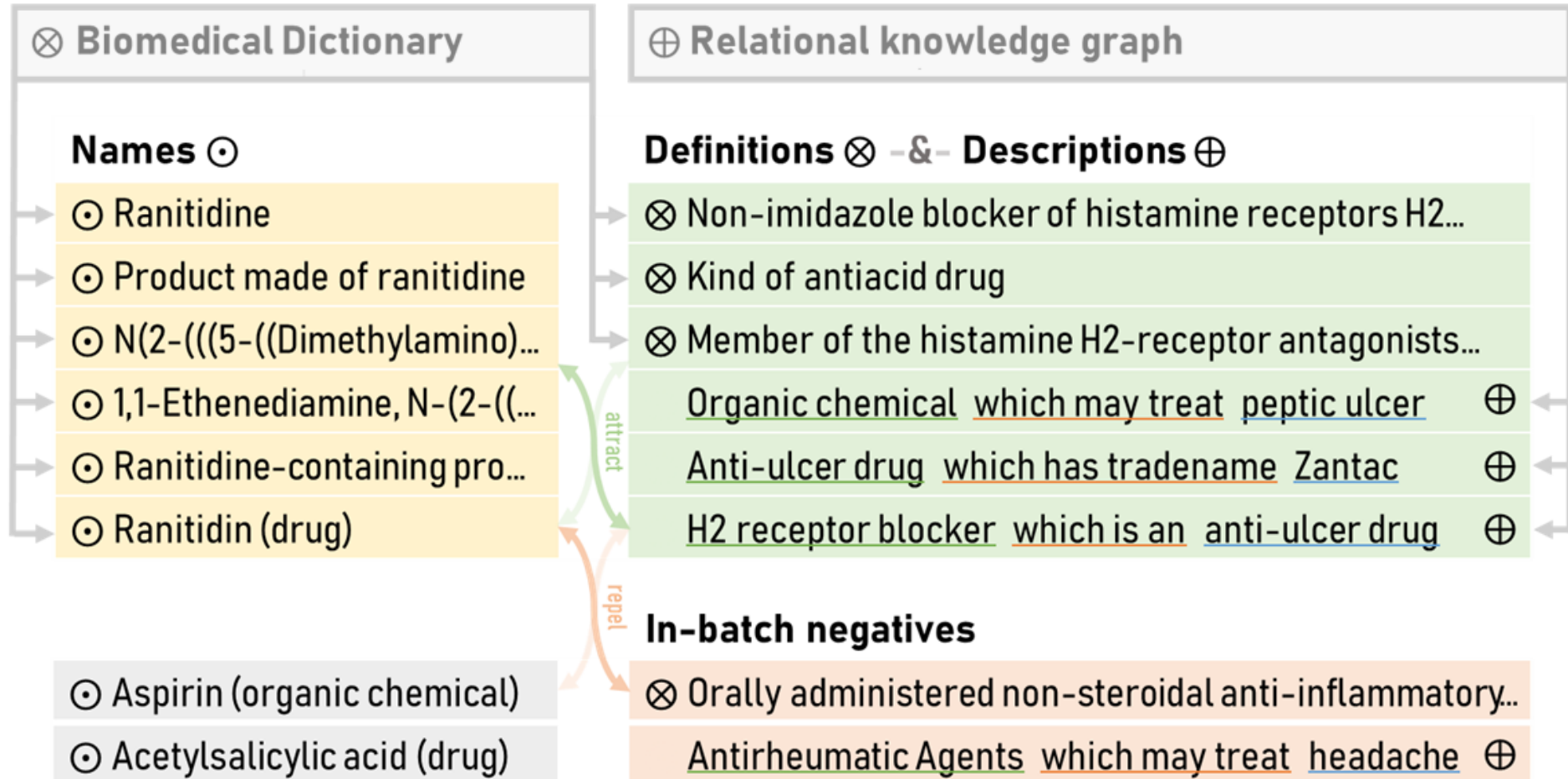
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EMBEDDINGS





# THE BIOLORD TRAINING



# METHODOLOGY



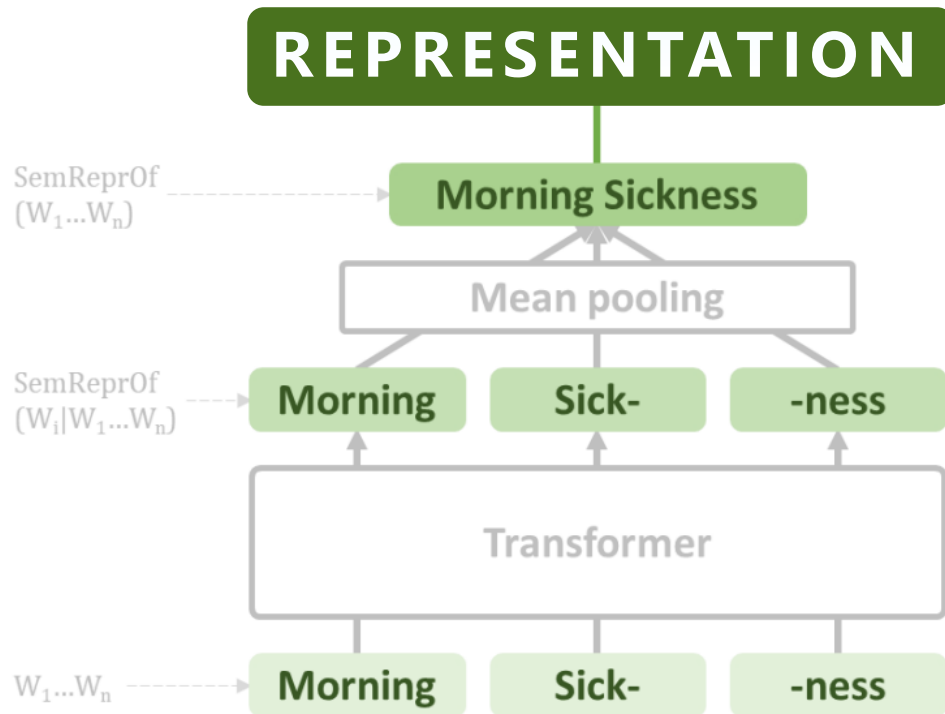
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# SEMANTIC REPRESENTATION

**We first compute a semantic representation for the concept**



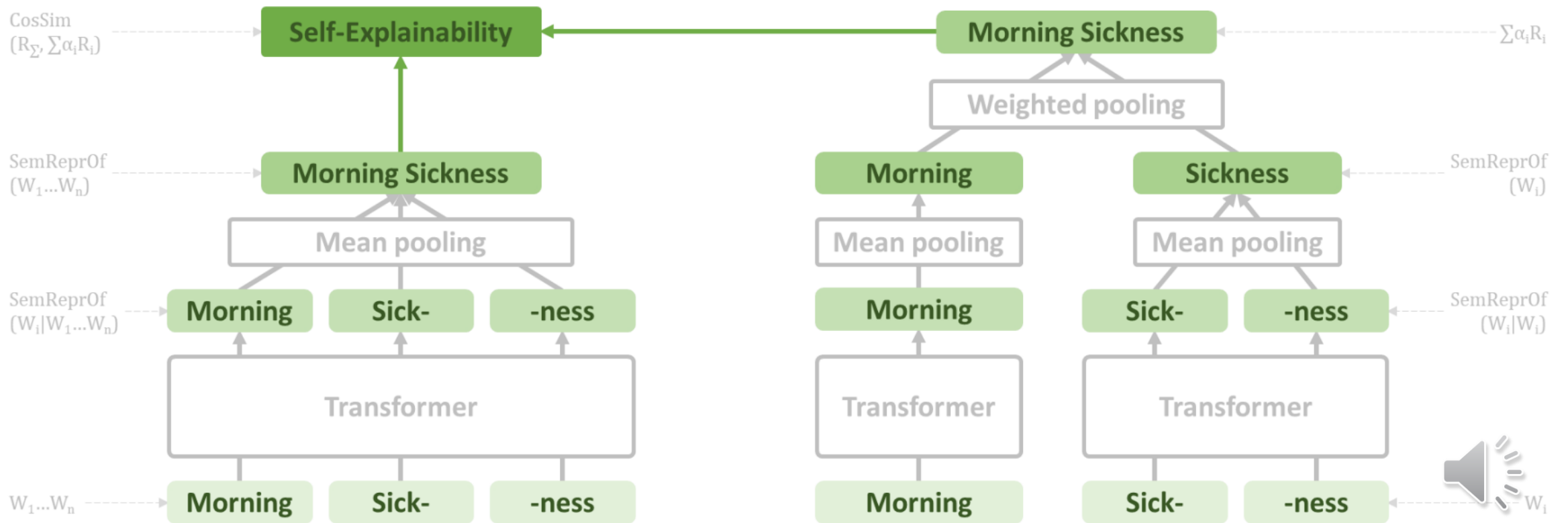
The semantic representation of concepts is computed by averaging the embedding of its tokens, after interactions between tokens have been taken into consideration by the Transformer model





# SELF-EXPLAINABILITY SCORE

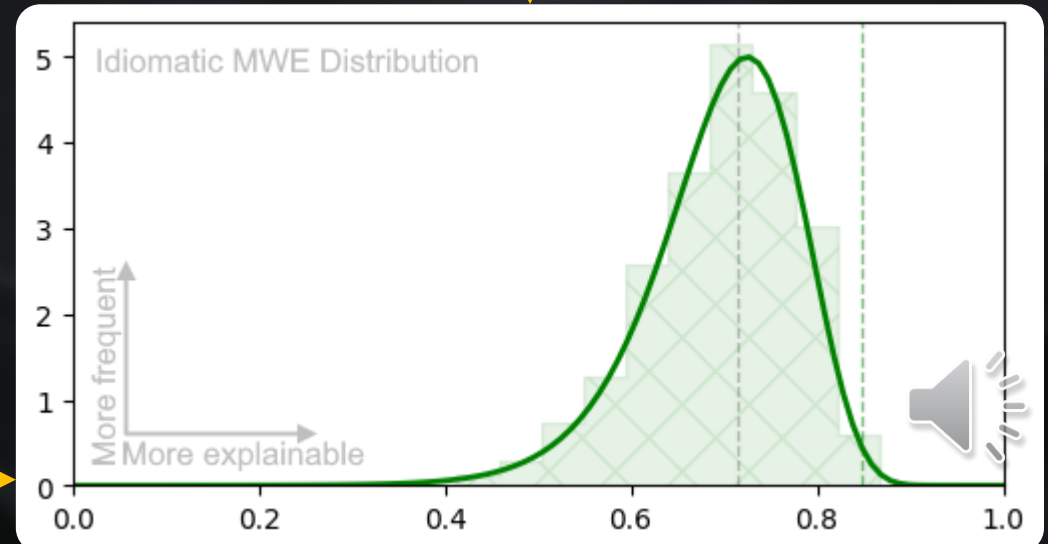
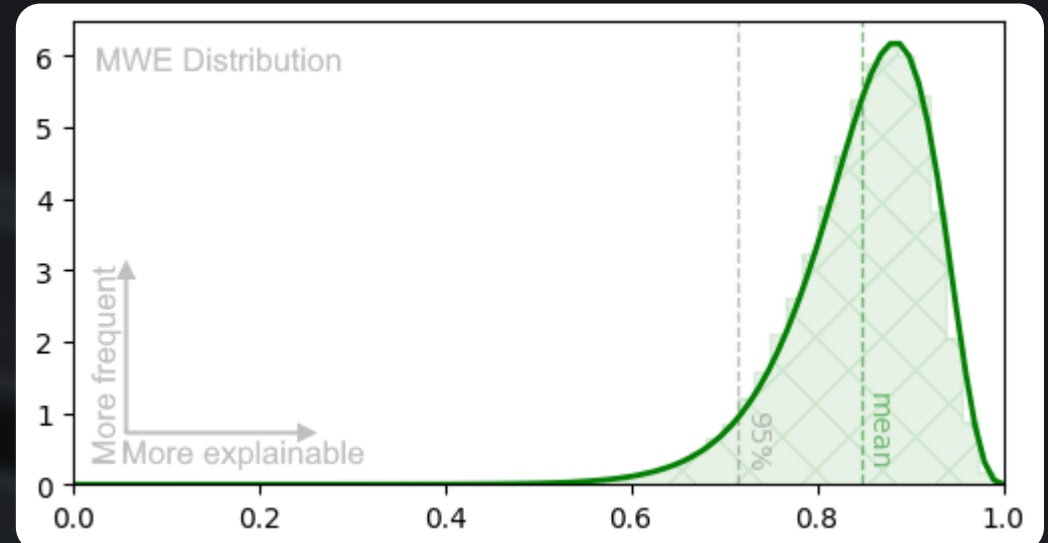
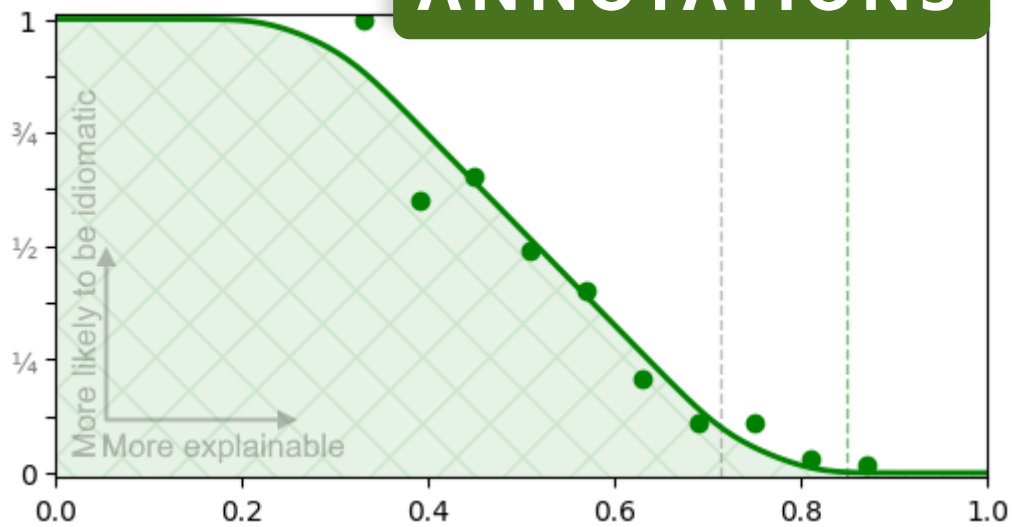
**We can compare it to an average that ignores interactions**



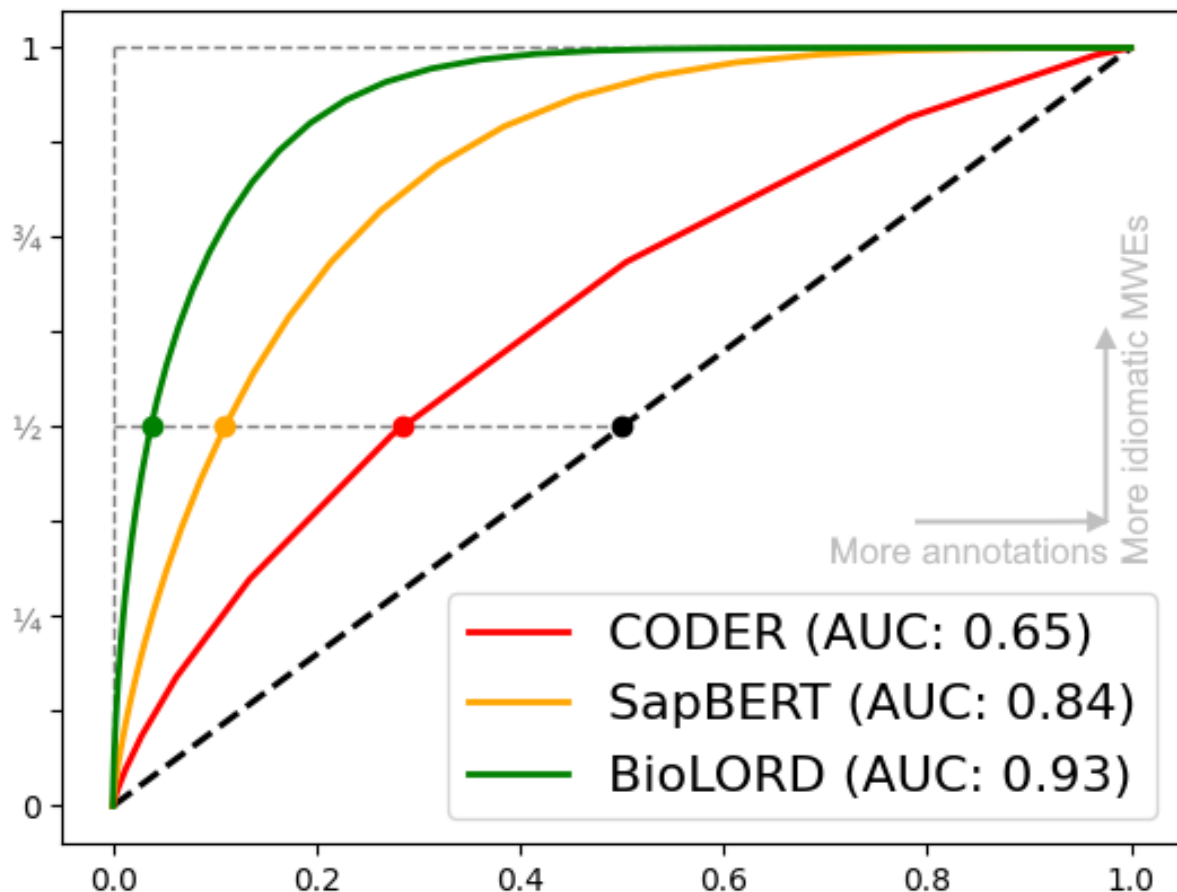
# RESULTS

We sample the MWEs by score bucket, and classify them between self-explanatory and idiomatic...

## ANNOTATIONS



# RESULTS (ROC CURVE)



To recall 50% of all idiomatic expressions in the dataset, it is only required to annotate 5% of the data using the BioLORD-based score.

Other models, which do not ground their representation using definitions, perform significantly worse.





**THE END**

**Thank you**  
**for listening to this talk**



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