The MetaNet metaphor repository

Formalized representation and analysis of conceptual metaphor networks

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Presentation outline

- Why construct a metaphor repository?
- What does a metaphor repository need to model?
- The benefits of formalized metaphor analysis

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Why construct a metaphor repository?

What we had before MetaNet:
Prose descriptions and lists of metaphors

Example: Corruption erodes public trust in government

Analysis:
CORRUPTION IS EROSION

Corruption in Government is an Eroding Process
Public Trust is a Physical Entity
Loss of Public Trust is Loss of Physical Integrity

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Example: The government is infected throughout with corruption.

Analysis:

CORRUPTION IS A DISEASE
Corruption <-- Infection
Government <-- Infected Entity
Impaired Government Functionality <-- Impaired Health

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Example: The city is infected with crime.

Analysis:

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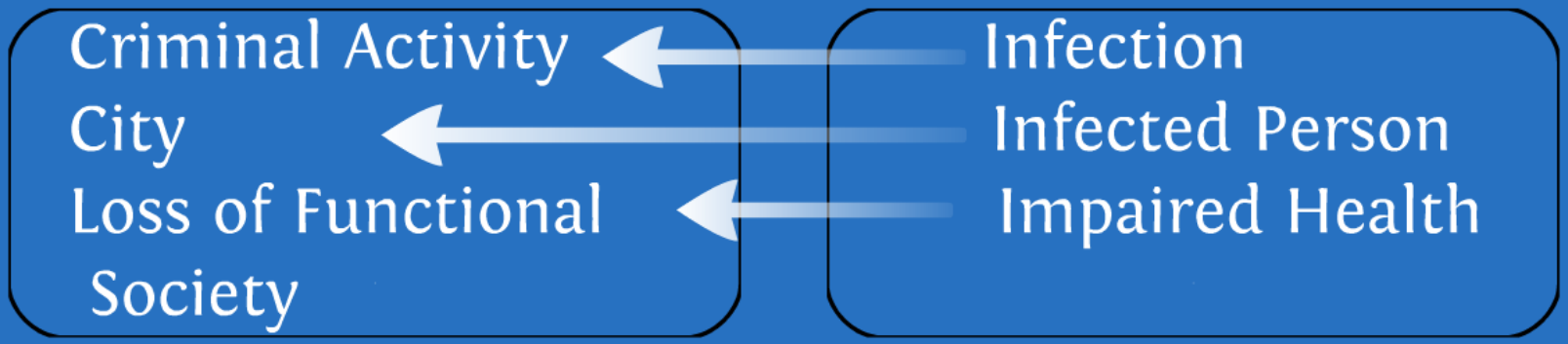

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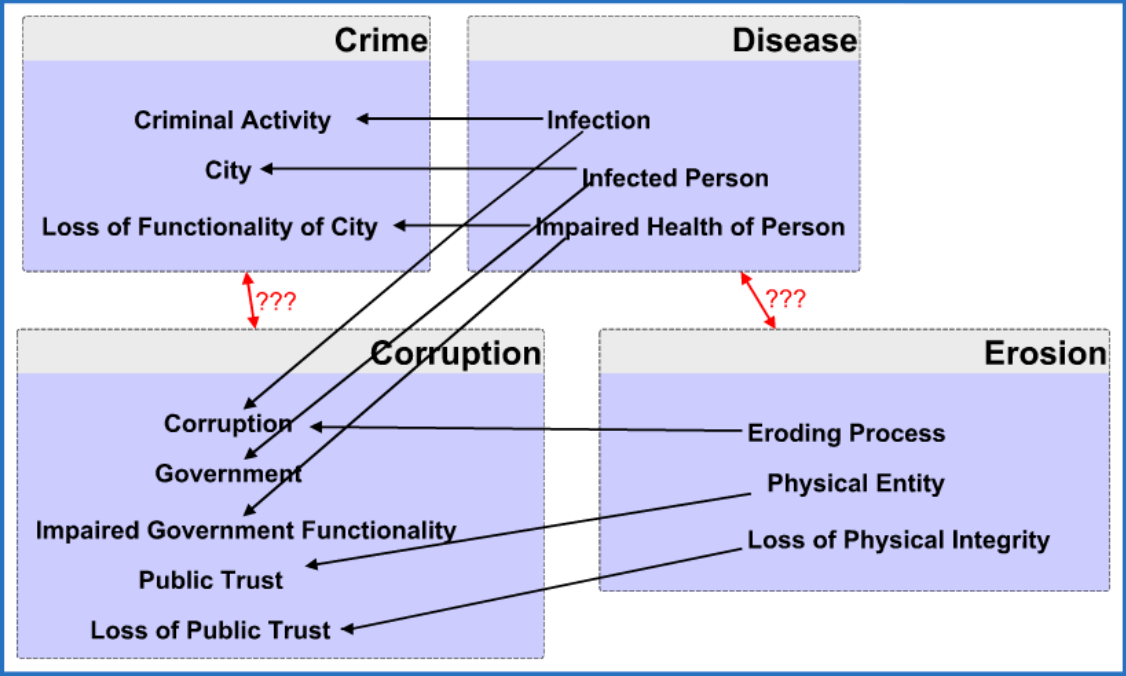

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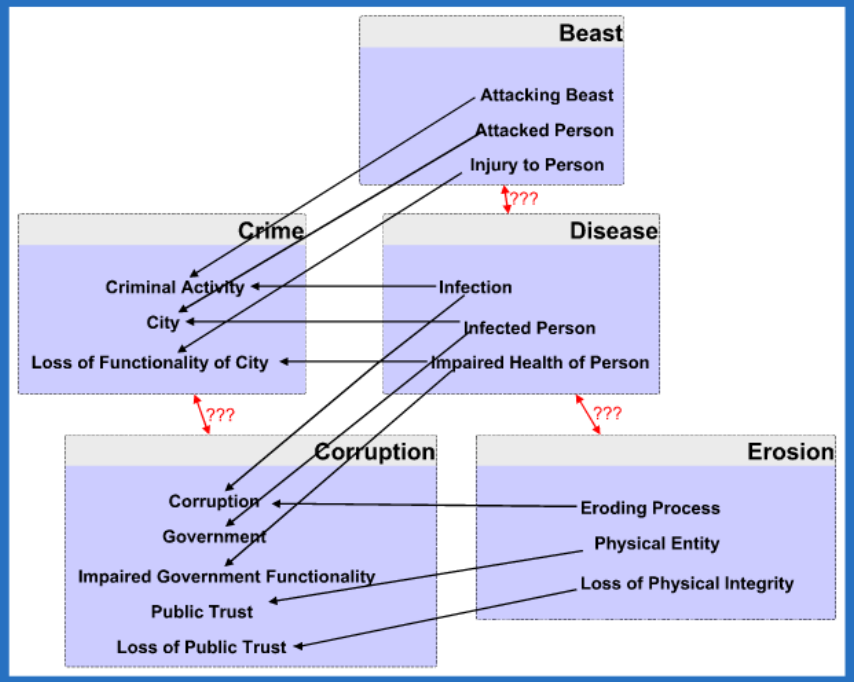
New example: Crime is a beast ravaging the city.



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Why construct a metaphor repository?

Potential benefits

- Searchable interconnected database in Wiki format
- Allows for local analysis and broader cross-metaphor analysis
- Brings metaphor analysis up-to-date with neural theory of language and cascade theory
- Integrated conceptual network posited by cascade theory, not just list of isolated metaphors
- Formal representation of metaphors at different levels of specificity and complexity

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What does a metaphor repository need to model?

What needs to be formalized?

- Develop formalized representations of schemas and metaphors
- Internal structure within schemas/metaphors
- Relations between schemas/metaphors

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Schema structure beyond FrameNet

- Use of FrameNet where possible
- Additional information beyond FrameNet
  - x-schemas
  - Cogs
  - Image schemas
- Schema relations
- Multiple inheritance and levels of specificity
- Inferential structure within schemas

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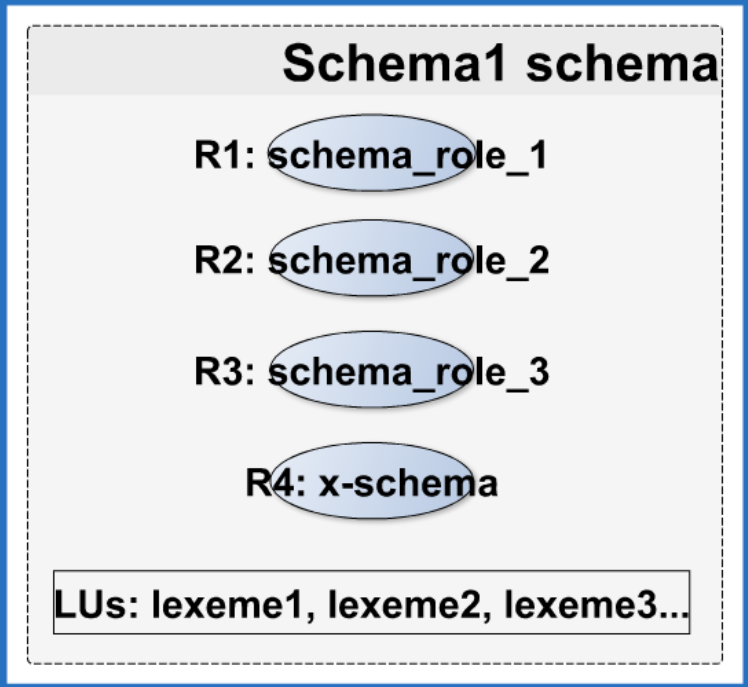

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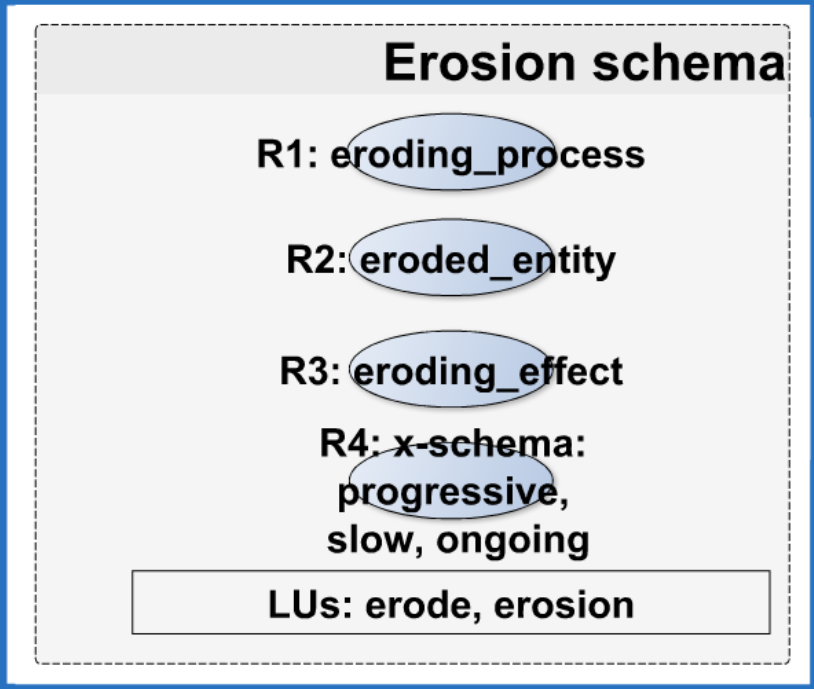

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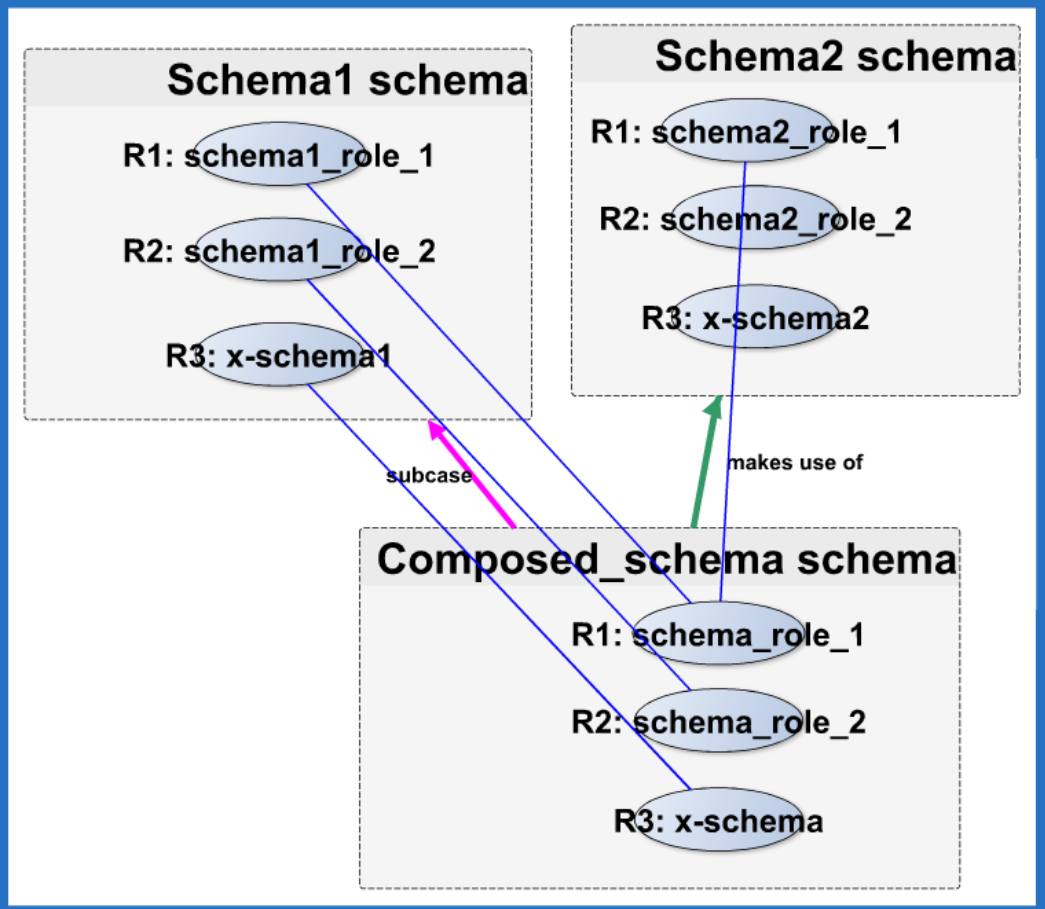

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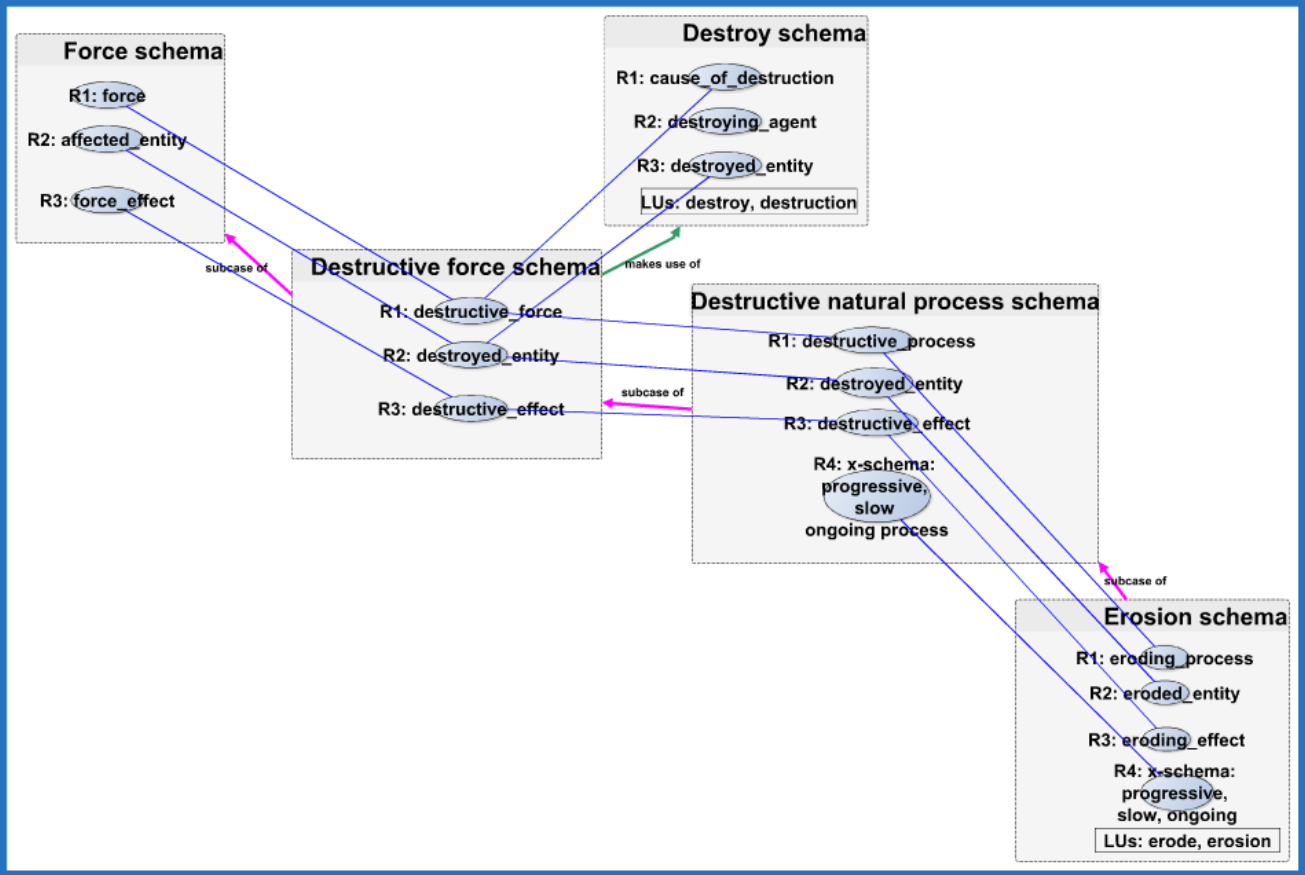

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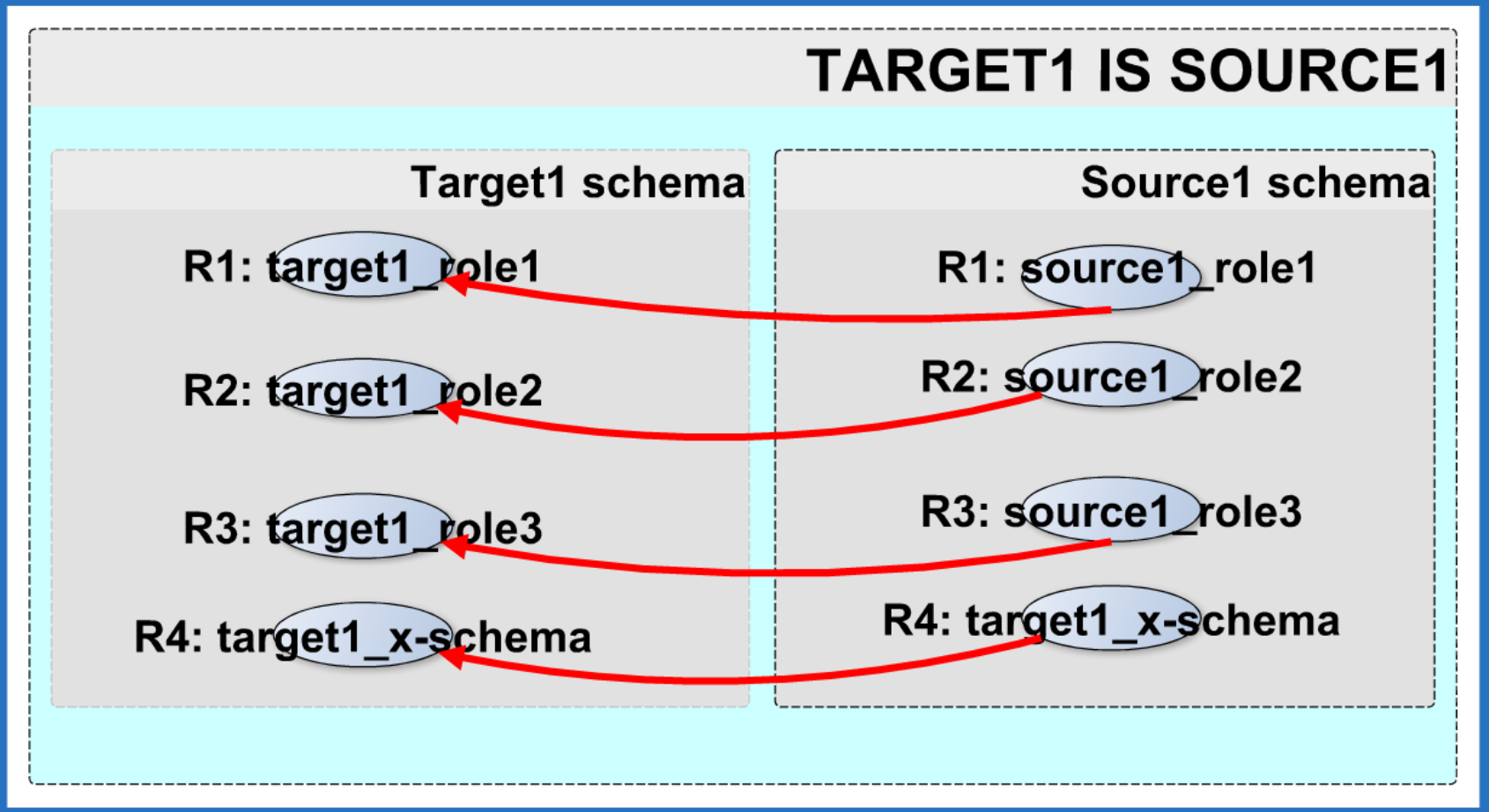

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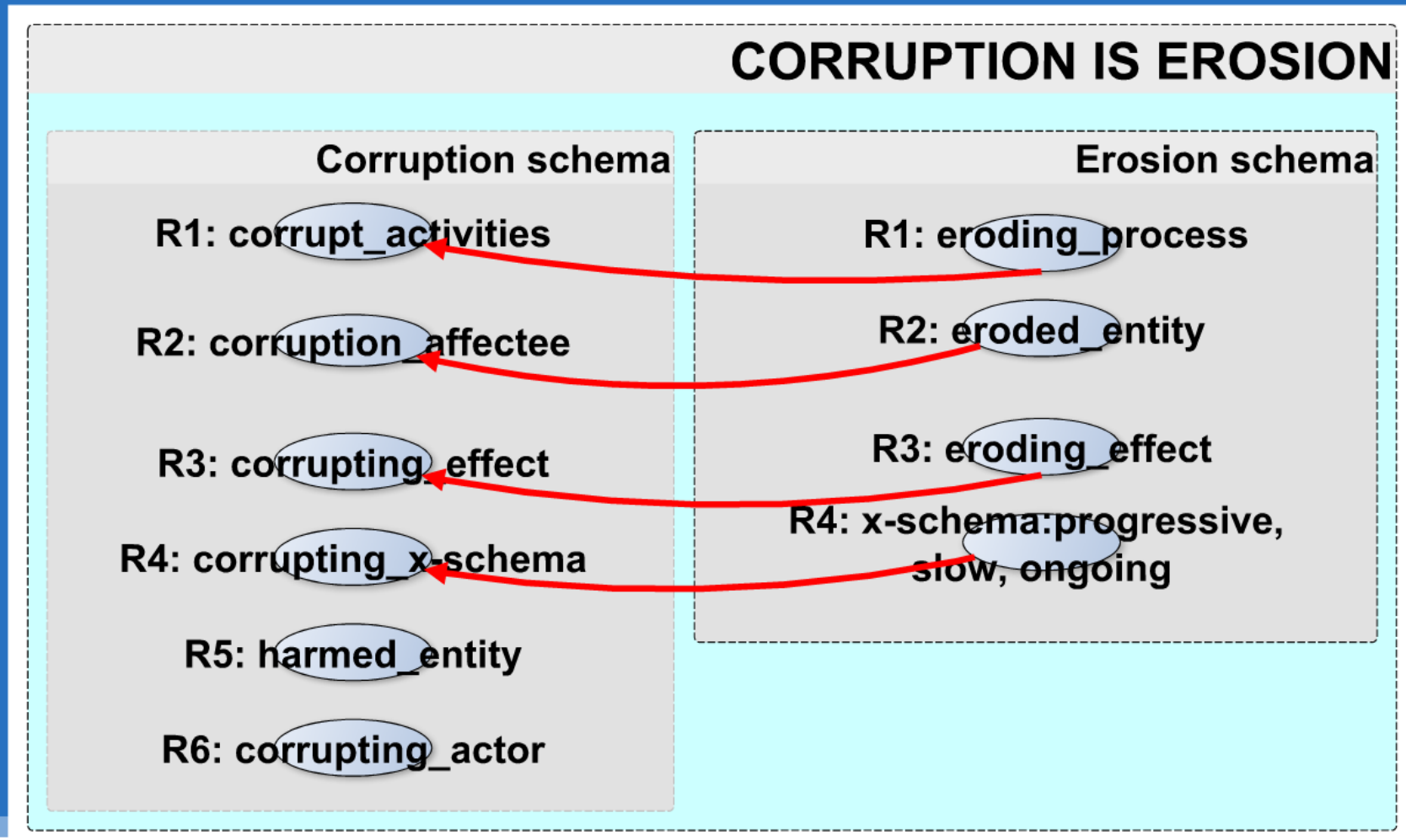

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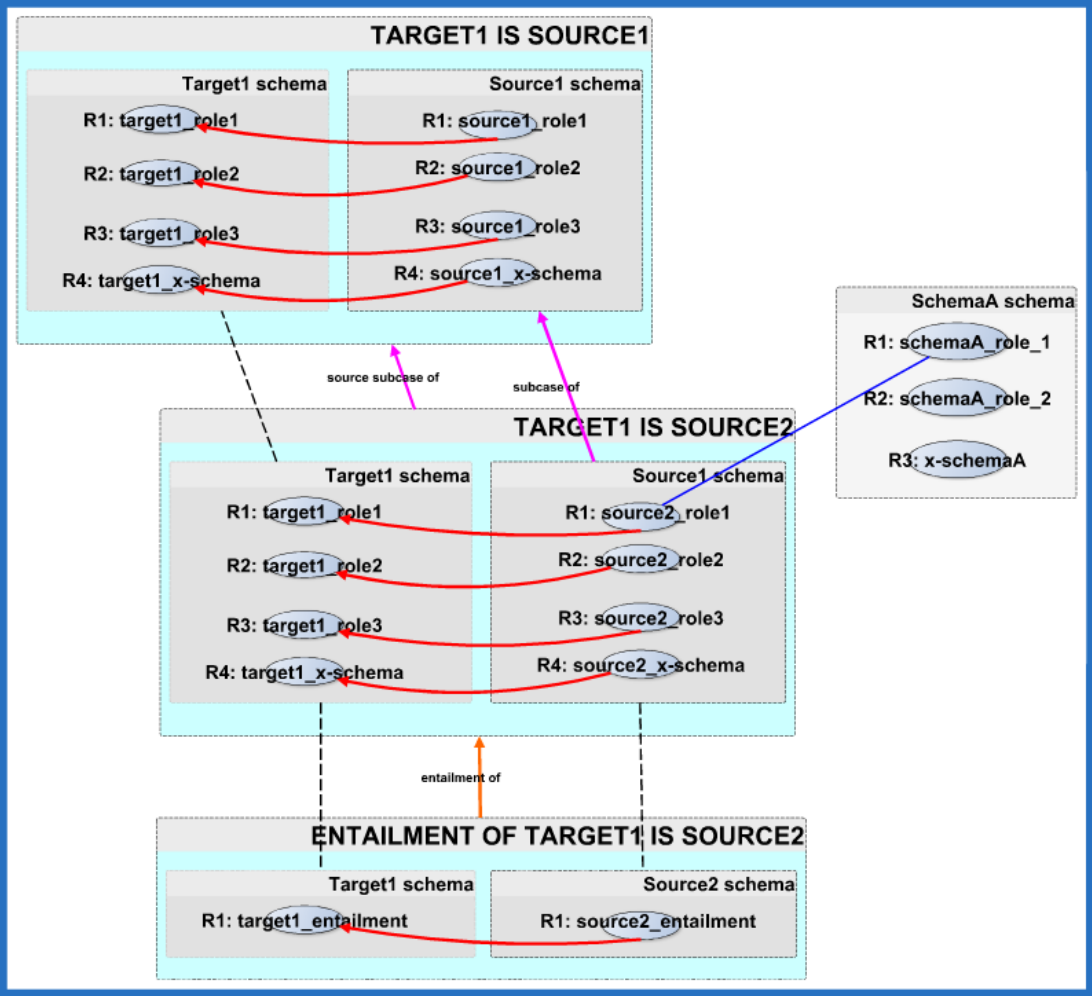

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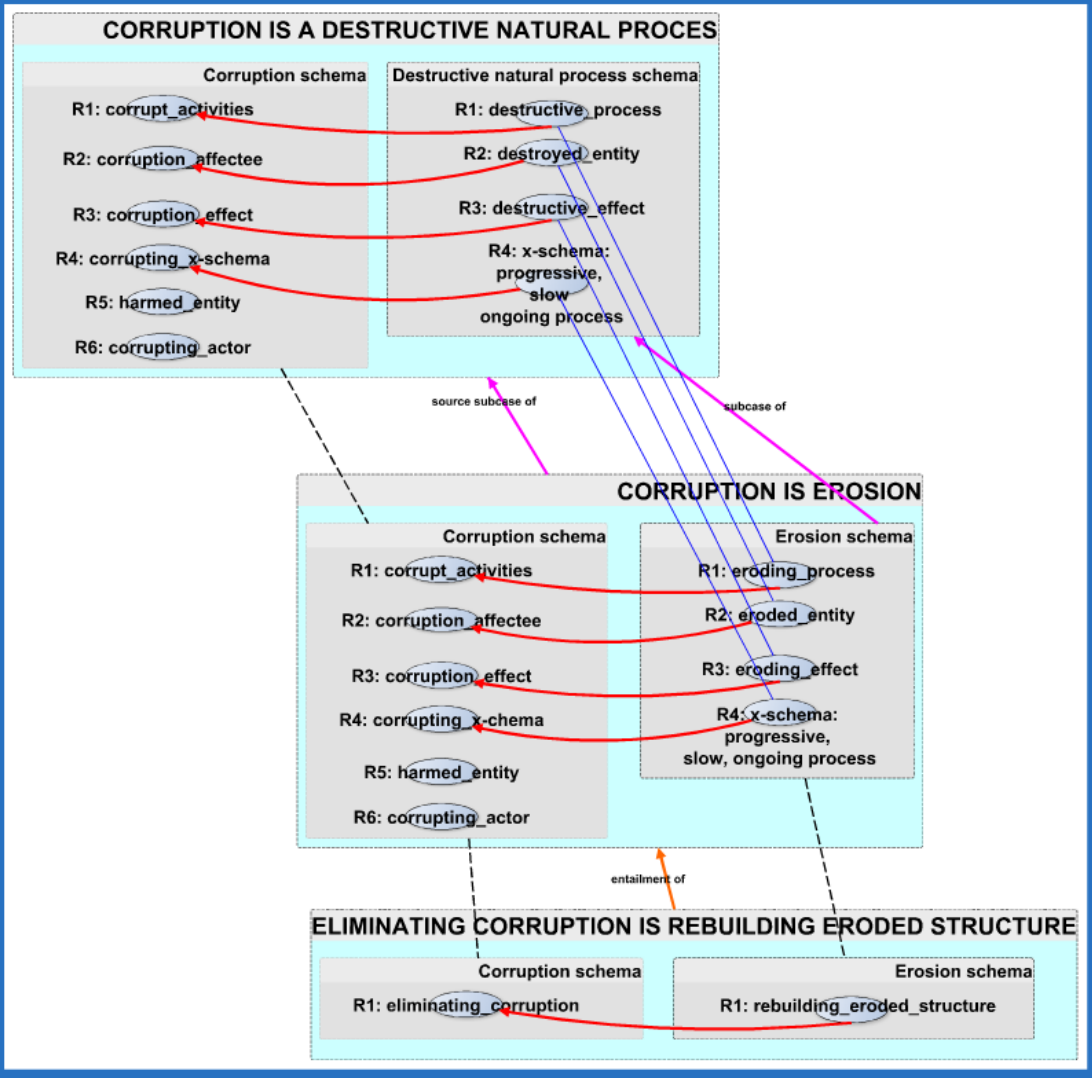

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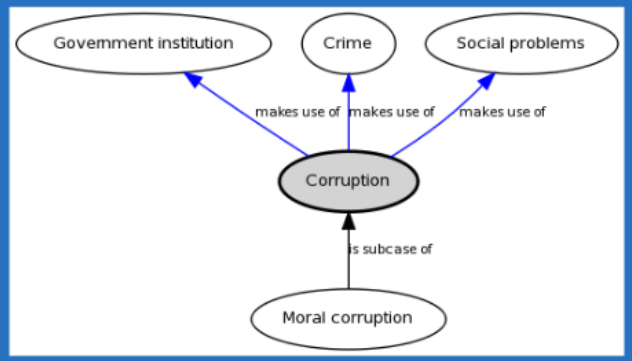

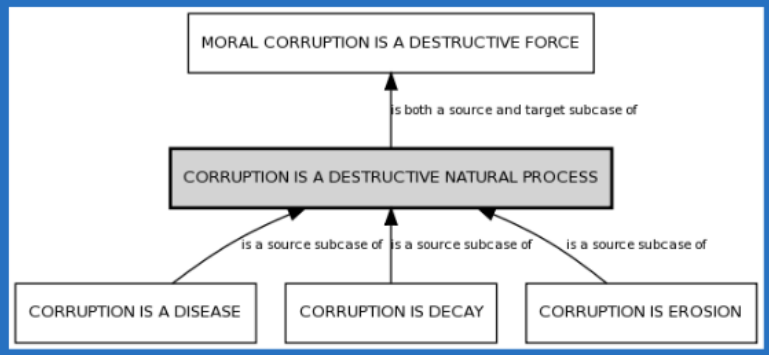

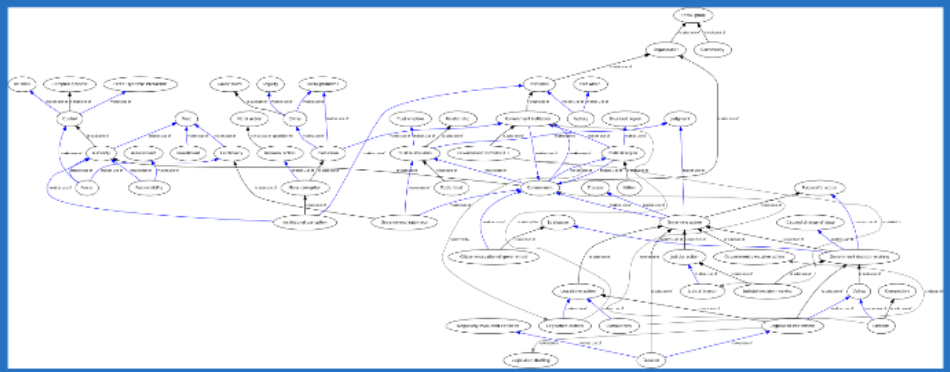

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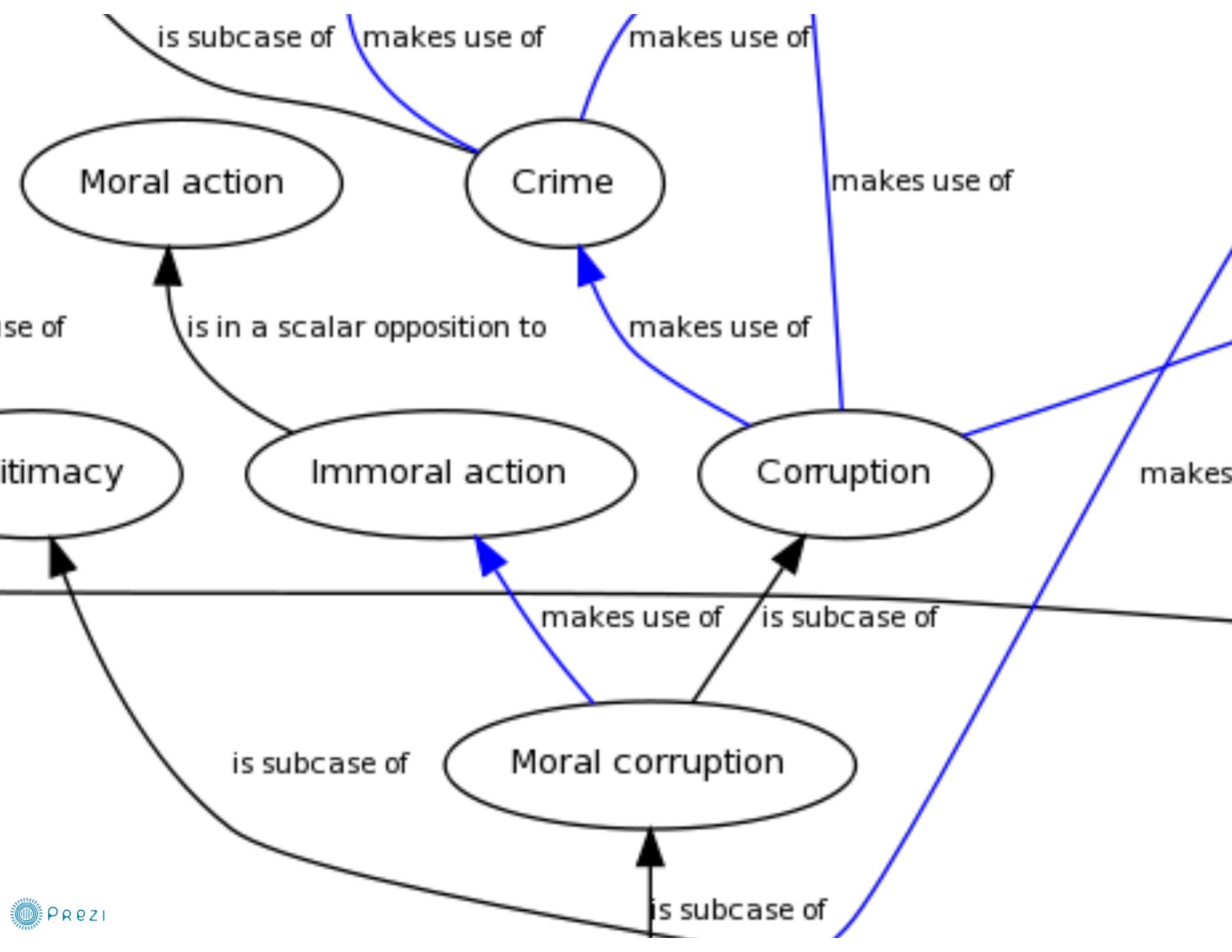
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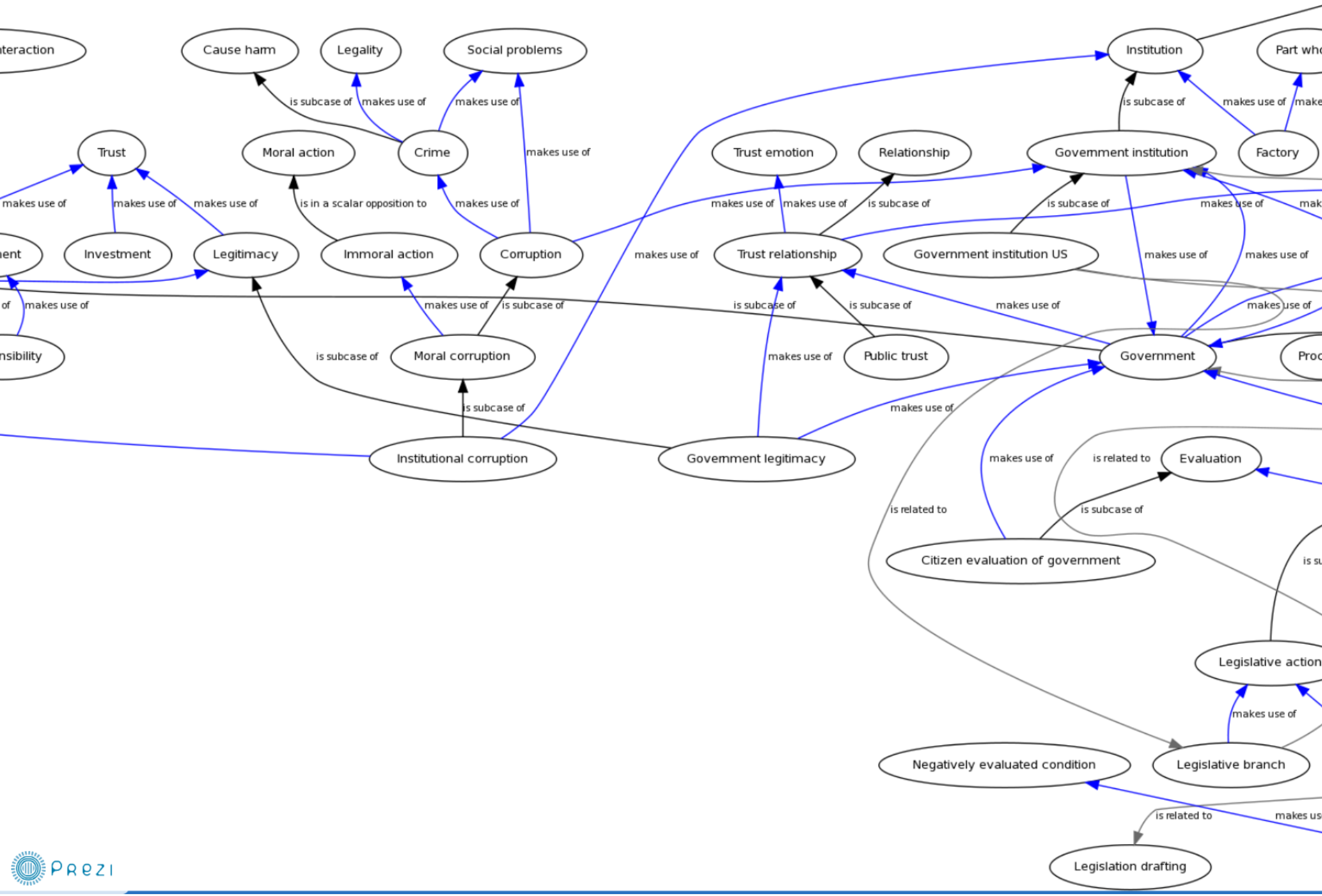
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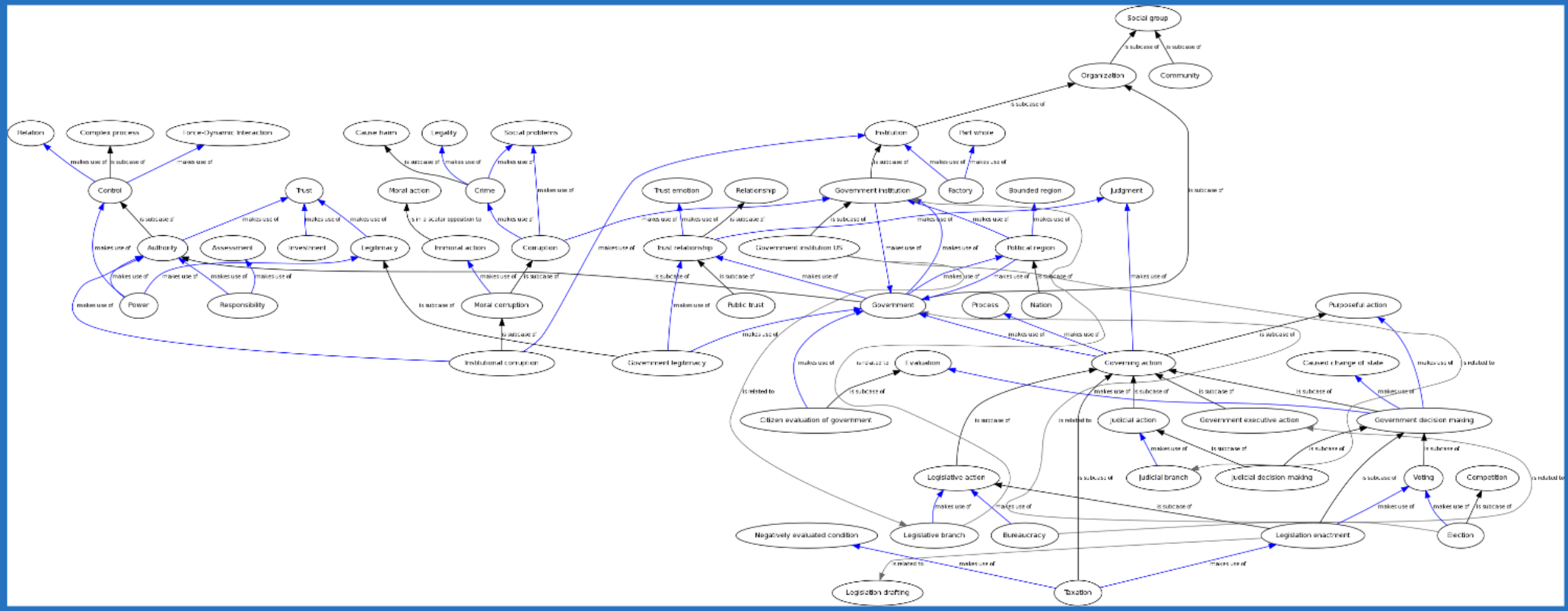
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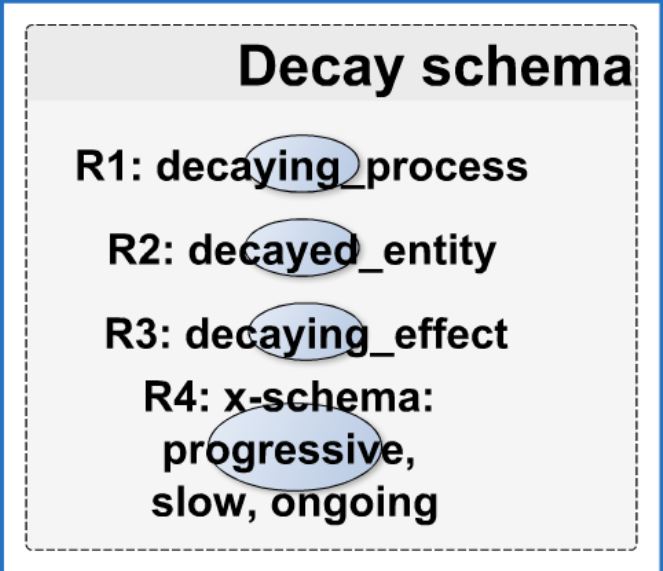

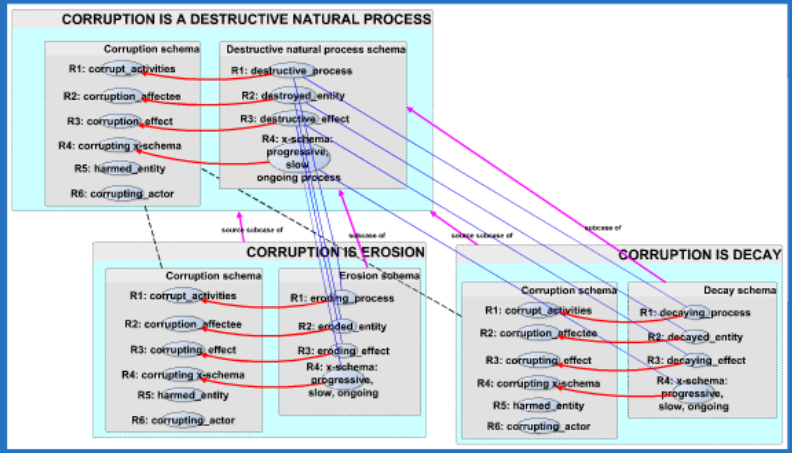

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- Predictive power
- Automation and computational applications
  - Generation of predicted metaphors
  - Metaphor extraction
  - Next talk in this theme panel
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