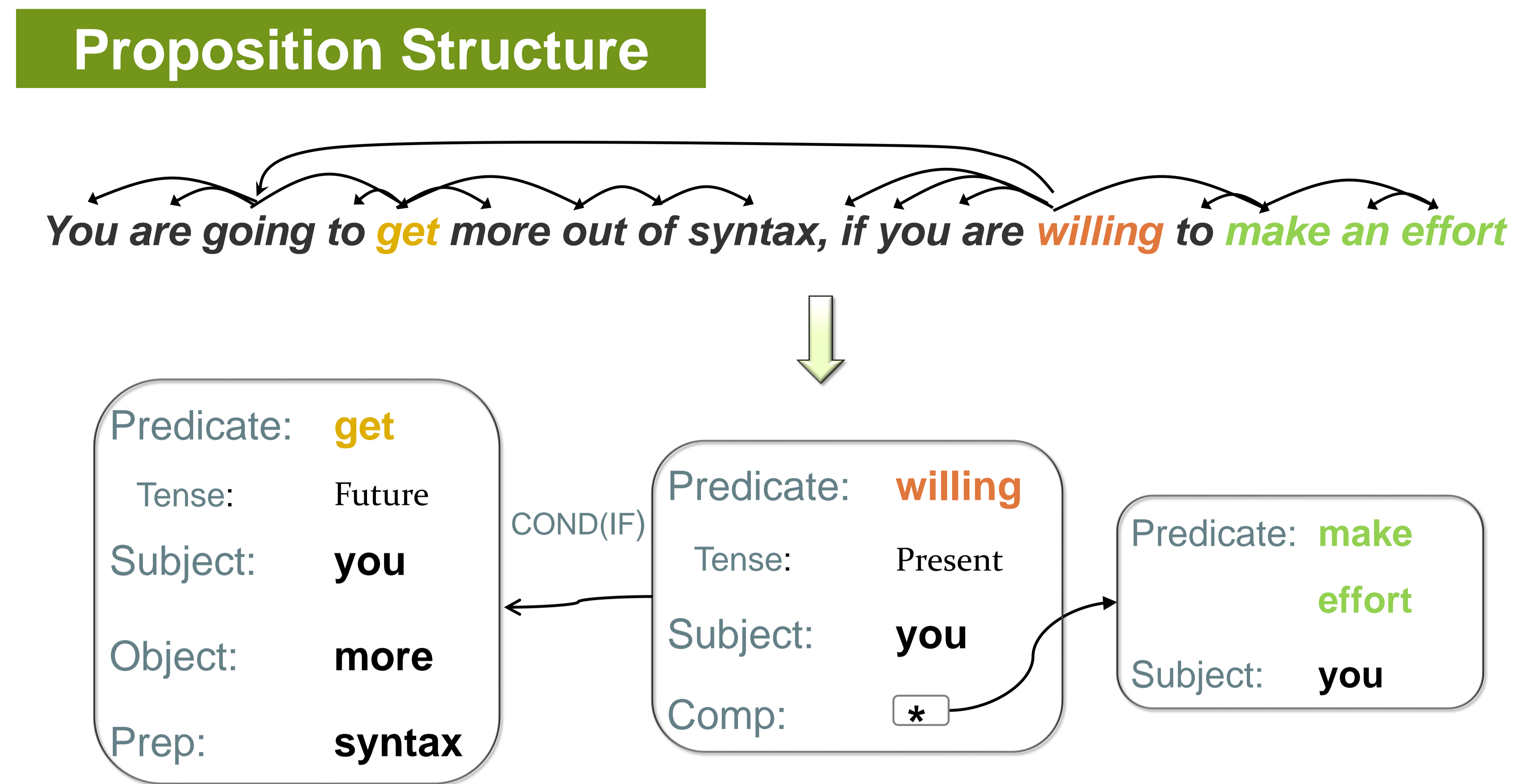
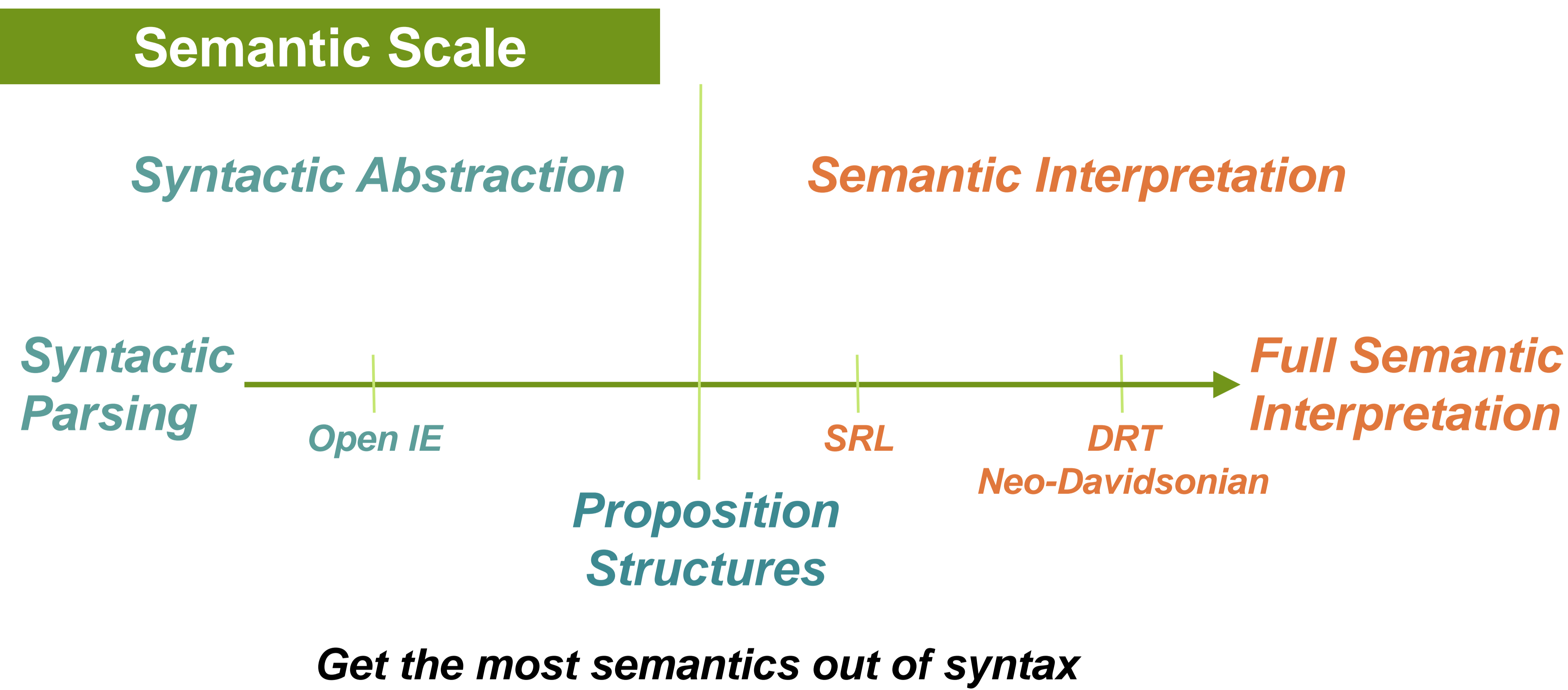


# Intermediary Semantic Representation through Proposition Structures

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## Syntactic Abstraction

### • Canonicalization

modality, tense, factuality, passive vs active, truth status

“Selfies **may be** used as passwords” ↔ *Modality* ↔ “Selfies **can be** used as passwords”

“The economy is **going to** slip into recession” ↔ *Future Tense Markers* ↔ “The economy **will** slip into recession”

### • Implied Propositions

possessives, appositions, nominalizations, adjectives, conditionals

“Stalin's joke sums up Obama's dilemma” → *Possessives* → Stalin has a joke & Obama has a dilemma

“The company, Random House, doesn't report its earnings” → *Apposition* → Random House is a company

## Why Should We Use It?

- Compared to dependency parse:
- Making hidden semantics explicit and canonical
- Removing syntactic clutter
- **Better starting point** for semantic processing

## Soon!

- **Automatic conversion** of PTB to proposition structures
- **Formal guidelines** of proposition structures

## Down the Road

- **Automatic parser** for producing proposition structures from raw text
- Representation of **discourse level** proposition structures