



# Neural metaphor detection for Slovene

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# The problem

- **what** is a metaphor, **why** detect them

His words cut deeper than a knife.

- the tools:

Slovenian RoBERTa contextual embeddings model: SloBERTa 2.0

CroSloEngual BERT 1.1

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**~110M parameters**

(models)

Metaphor corpus KOMET 1.0 **~250K tokens, ~5% metaphors**

Corpus of metaphorical expressions in  
spoken Slovene language G-KOMET  
1.0

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**~50K tokens, ~2% metaphors**

(data)

# Results

- **F1 score:** correctness and coverage of the found metaphors

	Model	KOMET	G-KOMET
<i>full dataset</i>	(random)	0.114	0.016
	SloBERTa	0.597	0.374
	CSEBERT	0.552	0.310
<i>noun + verb dataset</i>	(random)	0.035	0.018
	SloBERTa	0.391	0.407
	CSEBERT	0.265	0.368

# Future work

- considering metaphors at token level is limited, **consider spans**
- **cross-lingual transfer**: does learning metaphor detection on other languages improve detection on Slovene?
- **applications** of automatic metaphor detection