

## **Modeling the interaction of affix semantics and base semantics: metonymy and more**

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This paper implements a frame-based approach to the interpretation of derived words. Using -ment nominalizations as a test bed it is shown how metonymic shifts can be implemented in frame representations. We also discuss problems involved in such modeling and raise the question of whether all affixational semantics can be described as metonymic shifts. We show that additional mechanisms are needed and make suggestions as to their implementation.