

# ACL19 Summarization

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# Papers

- Multi-Document Summarization
- Scientific Paper Summarization
- Pre-train Based Summarization
- Other Papers

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# Overview

- Total 30 (3 student workshop)
  - Extractive : 4
  - Abstractive : 9
  - Unsupervised : 3

# Dataset

- Multi-News: a Large-Scale **Multi-Document** Summarization Dataset and Abstractive Hierarchical Model
- BIG**PATENT**: A Large-Scale Dataset for Abstractive and Coherent Summarization
- TalkSumm: A Dataset and Scalable Annotation Method for **Scientific Paper** Summarization Based on Conference Talks

# Cross-lingual

- Zero-Shot **Cross-Lingual** Abstractive Sentence Summarization through Teaching Generation and Attention
  - Mingming Yin, Xiangyu Duan, Min Zhang, Boxing Chen and Weihua Luo

# Multi-Document

- Multi-News: a Large-Scale **Multi-Document** Summarization Dataset and Abstractive Hierarchical Model
- Hierarchical Transformers for **Multi-Document** Summarization
  - Yang Liu and Mirella Lapata
- Improving the Similarity Measure of Determinantal Point Processes for Extractive **MultiDocument** Summarization
  - Sangwoo Cho, Logan Lebanoff, Hassan Foroosh and Fei Liu

# Multi-Modal

- **Multimodal** Abstractive Summarization for How2 Videos
  - Shruti Palaskar, Jindřich Libovický, Spandana Gella and Florian Metze
- Keep Meeting Summaries on Topic: Abstractive **Multi-Modal** Meeting Summarization
  - Manling Li, Lingyu Zhang, Heng Ji and Richard J. Radke

# Unsupervised

- Simple **Unsupervised** Summarization by Contextual Matching
  - Jiawei Zhou and Alexander Rush
- **Unsupervised** Neural Single-Document Summarization of Reviews via Learning Latent Discourse Structure and its Ranking
  - Masaru Isonuma, Junichiro Mori and Ichiro Sakata
- Sentence Centrality Revisited for **Unsupervised** Summarization
  - Hao Zheng and Mirella Lapata

# **Multi-Document**

# Multi-Document Summarization

- GENERATING WIKIPEDIA BY SUMMARIZING LONG SEQUENCES *ICLR18*
- Hierarchical Transformers for Multi-Document Summarization *ACL19*
- Multi-News: a Large-Scale Multi-Document Summarization Dataset and Abstractive Hierarchical Model *ACL19*
- Graph-based Neural Multi-Document Summarization *CoNLL17*

# Multi-Doc Summarization Dataset

- DUC
- WikiSum (*ICLR18*)
- Multi-News (*ACL19*)

# DUC

- Document Understanding Conferences (DUC)
- DUC 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 containing 30, 59, 30 and 50 clusters of nearly 10 documents each respectively.
- Trained on DUC 2001 and 2002, validated on 2003, and tested on 2004

	DUC'01	DUC'02	DUC'03	DUC'04
# of Clusters	30	59	30	50
# of Documents	309	567	298	500
# of Sentences	24498	16090	7721	13270
Vocabulary Size	28188	22174	13248	18036
Summary Length	100 words	100 words	100 words	665 Bytes

# WikiSum

- GENERATING WIKIPEDIA BY SUMMARIZING LONG SEQUENCES ***ICLR18***
- **Input:**
  - Title of a Wikipedia article
  - Collection of source documents
    - Webpages cited in the References section of the Wikipedia article
    - The top 10 search results returned by Google
- **Output:**
  - Wikipedia article's first section
- Train/Dev/Test
  - 1865750, 233252, and 232998

# Multi-News

- Multi-News: a Large-Scale Multi-Document Summarization Dataset and Abstractive Hierarchical Model **ACL19**
- Large-scale MDS news dataset
- <https://www.newser.com/>
- 56,216 articles-summary pairs.
- Each summary is professionally written by editors and includes links to the original articles cited.

# of source	Frequency	# of source	Frequency
2	23,894	7	382
3	12,707	8	209
4	5,022	9	89
5	1,873	10	33
6	763		

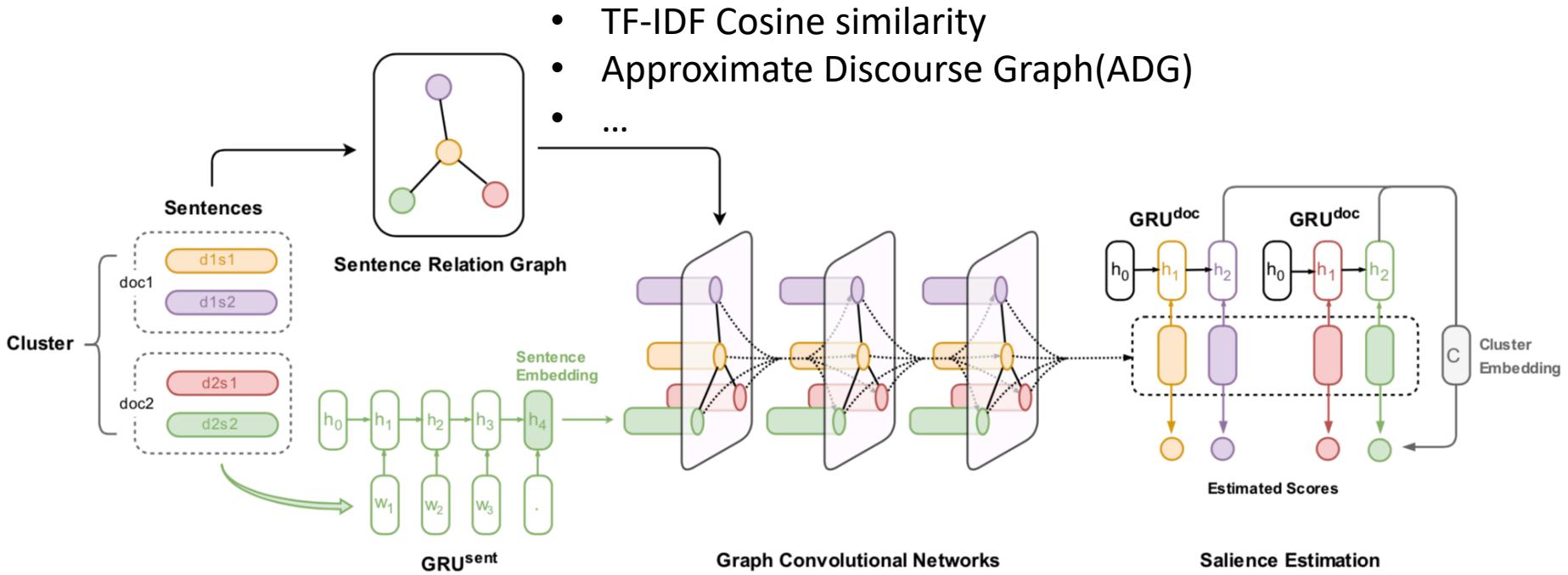
Dataset	# pairs	# words (doc)	# sents (docs)	# words (summary)	# sents (summary)	vocab size
Multi-News	44,972/5,622/5,622	2,103.49	82.73	263.66	9.97	666,515

# Multi-News

<b>Source 1</b> <p>Meng Wanzhou, Huawei's chief financial officer and deputy chair, was arrested in Vancouver on 1 December. Details of the arrest have not been released...</p>
<b>Source 2</b> <p>A Chinese foreign ministry spokesman said on Thursday that Beijing had separately called on the US and Canada to "clarify the reasons for the detention "immediately and "immediately release the detained person ". The spokesman...</p>
<b>Source 3</b> <p>Canadian officials have arrested Meng Wanzhou, the chief financial officer and deputy chair of the board for the Chinese tech giant Huawei,...Meng was arrested in Vancouver on Saturday and is being sought for extradition by the United States. A bail hearing has been set for Friday...</p>
<b>Summary</b> <p>...Canadian authorities say she was being sought for extradition to the US, where the company is being investigated for possible violation of sanctions against Iran. Canada's justice department said Meng was arrested in Vancouver on Dec. 1... China's embassy in Ottawa released a statement.. "The Chinese side has lodged stern representations with the US and Canadian side, and urged them to immediately correct the wrongdoing "and restore Meng's freedom, the statement said...</p>

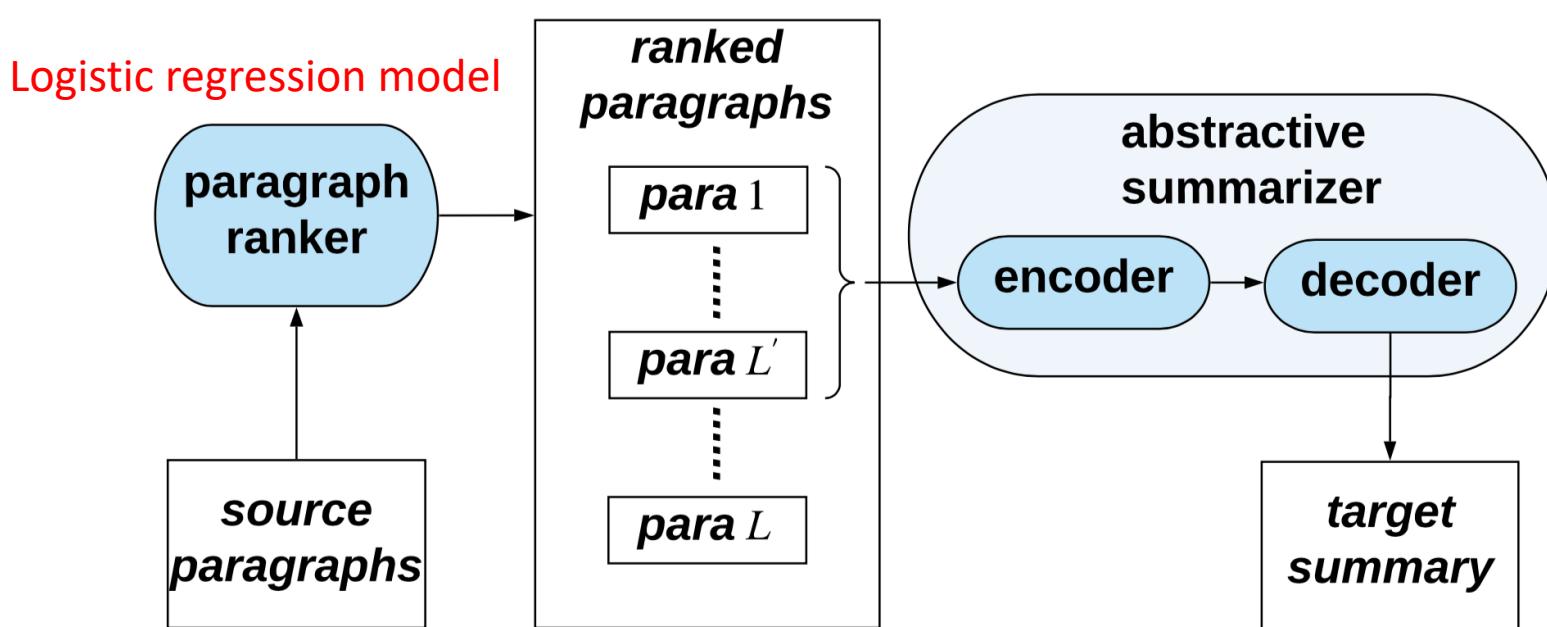
# Relations Among Documents

- The importance of considering relations among sentences in multi-document summarization.



# Hierarchical Transformers for Multi-Document Summarization

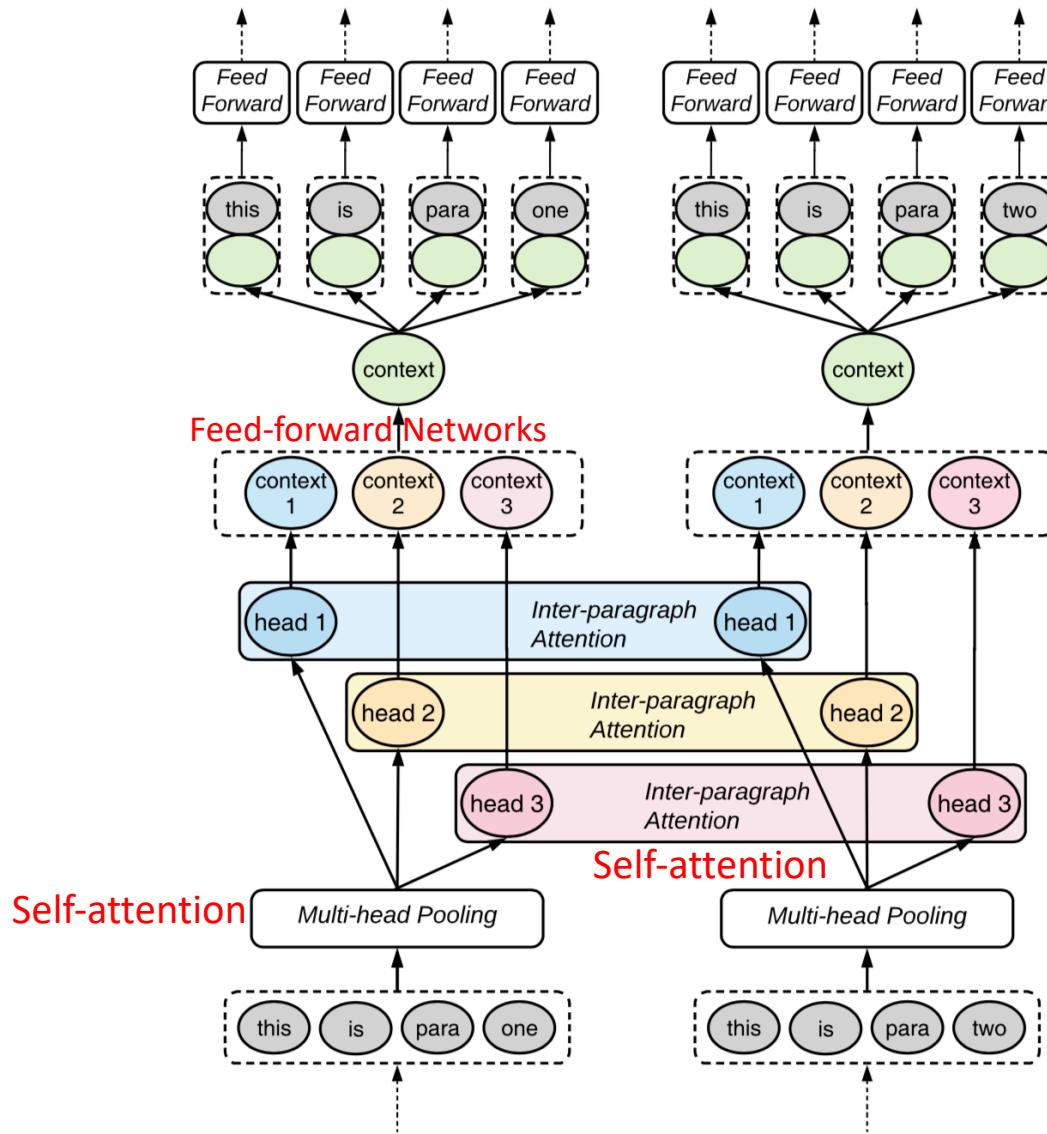
- ACL19
- WikiSum Dataset



# Hierarchical Transformers

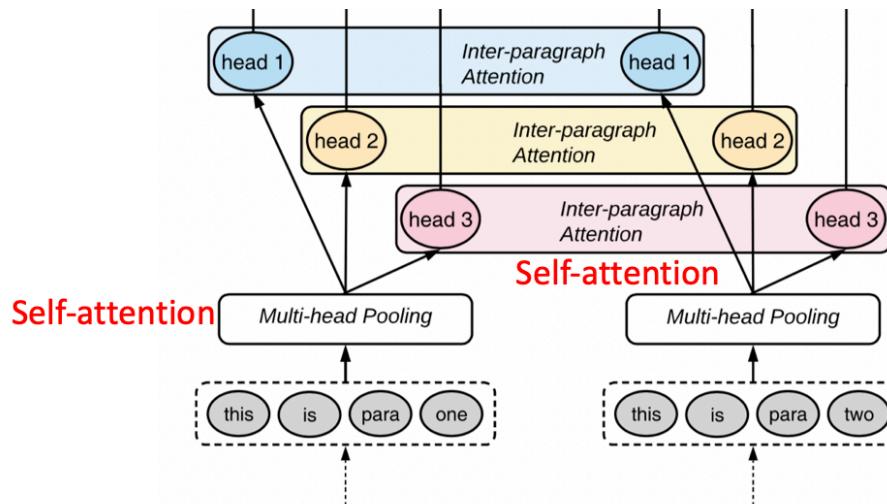
- **Input**
  - Word embedding
  - Paragraph position embedding
  - Sentence position embedding
- **Local Transformer Layer**
  - Encode contextual information for tokens within each paragraph
- **Global Transformer Layer**
  - Exchange information across multiple paragraphs

# Hierarchical Transformers-Encoder



# Graph-informed Attention

- Cosine similarities based on tf-idf
- Discourse relations



HT (1,600 tokens)	<b>40.82</b>	<b>25.99</b>	35.08
HT (1,600 tokens) + Similarity Graph	40.80	25.95	35.08
HT (1,600 tokens) + Discourse Graph	40.81	25.95	<b>35.24</b>

# **Scientific Paper**

# Scientific Paper Summarization

- **TALKSUMM**: A Dataset and Scalable Annotation Method for Scientific Paper Summarization Based on Conference Talks **ACL19**
- **ScisummNet**: A Large Annotated Corpus and Content-Impact Models for Scientific Paper Summarization with Citation Networks **AAAI19**

# Dataset

- TALKSUMM (*ACL19*)
- Scisumm (*AAAI19*)

# TALKSUMM

- Automatically generate **extractive** content-based summaries for scientific papers based on video talks

<b>Title:</b> Split and Rephrase: Better Evaluation and Stronger Baselines (Aharoni and Goldberg, 2018)
<p><b>Paper:</b> Processing long, complex sentences is challenging. This is true either for humans in various circumstances or in NLP tasks like parsing and machine translation . An automatic system capable of breaking a complex sentence into several simple sentences that convey the same meaning is very appealing . A recent work by Narayan et al. (2017) introduced a dataset, evaluation method and baseline systems for the task, naming it Split-and Rephrase . The dataset includes 1,066,115 instances mapping a single complex sentence to a sequence of sentences that express the same meaning, together with RDF triples that describe their semantics. They considered two . . . Indeed, feeding the model with examples containing entities alone without any facts about them causes it to output perfectly phrased but unsupported facts (Table 3). Digging further, we find that 99% of the simple sentences (more than 89% of the unique ones) in the validation and test sets also appear in the training set, which coupled with the good memorization capabilities of SEQ2SEQ models and the relatively small number of distinct simple sentences helps to explain the high BLEU score . To aid further research on the task, we propose a more challenging split of the data . We also establish a stronger baseline by extending the SEQ2SEQ approach with a copy mechanism, which was shown . . . We encourage future work on the split-and-rephrase task to use our new data split or the v1.0 split instead of the original one.</p>
<p><b>Talk transcript:</b> let's begin with the motivation so processing long complex sentences is a hard task this is true for arguments like children people with reading disabilities second language learners but this is also true for sentence level and NLP systems , for example previous work show that dependency parsers degrade performance when they're introduced with longer and longer sentences, in a similar result was shown for neural machine translation , where neural machine translation systems introduced with longer sentences starting degrading performance, the question rising here is can we automatically break a complex sentence into several simple ones while preserving the meaning or the semantics and this can be a useful component in NLP pipelines . For example, the split and rephrase task was introduced in the last EMNLP by Narayan, Gardent and Shimarina, where they introduced a dataset, an evaluation method and baseline models for this task. The task definition can be taking a complex sentence and breaking it into several simple ones with the same meaning . For example, . . . semantics units in the source sentence and then rephrasing those units into a single sentences on the target site. In this work we first show the simple neural models seem to perform very well on the original benchmark, but this is only due to memorization of the training set, we propose a more challenging data split for the task to discourage this memorization and we perform automatic evaluation in error analysis on the new benchmark showing that the task is still very far from being solved.</p>

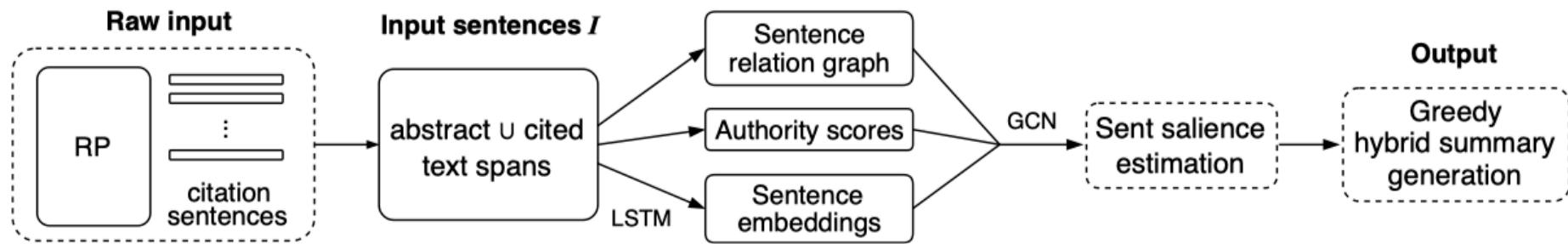
# TALKSUMM

- NLP and ML
  - ACL, NAACL, EMNLP, SIGDIAL (2015-2018), and ICML (2017-2018).
- Create a new dataset, that contains 1716 summaries for papers from several computer science conferences
- HMM
  - The sequence of spoken words is the output sequence.
  - Each hidden state of the HMM corresponds to a single paper sentence.
- Four training sets, two with fixed-length summaries (150 and 250 words), and two with fixed ratio between summary and paper lengths (0.3 and 0.4).

# Scisumm

- ScisummNet: A Large Annotated Corpus and Content-Impact Models for Scientific Paper Summarization with Citation Networks  
**AAAI19**
- 1,000 most cited papers in the ACL Anthology Network (AAN)
- Summary : not only the major points **highlighted by the authors (abstract)** but also the views offered by the **scientific community**
- **Input:**
  - Reference paper
  - Citation sentence
- **Output:**
  - Summary
    - Read its abstract and incoming citation sentences to create a gold summary. Without reading the whole text

# Scisumm



# **Pre-train Based**

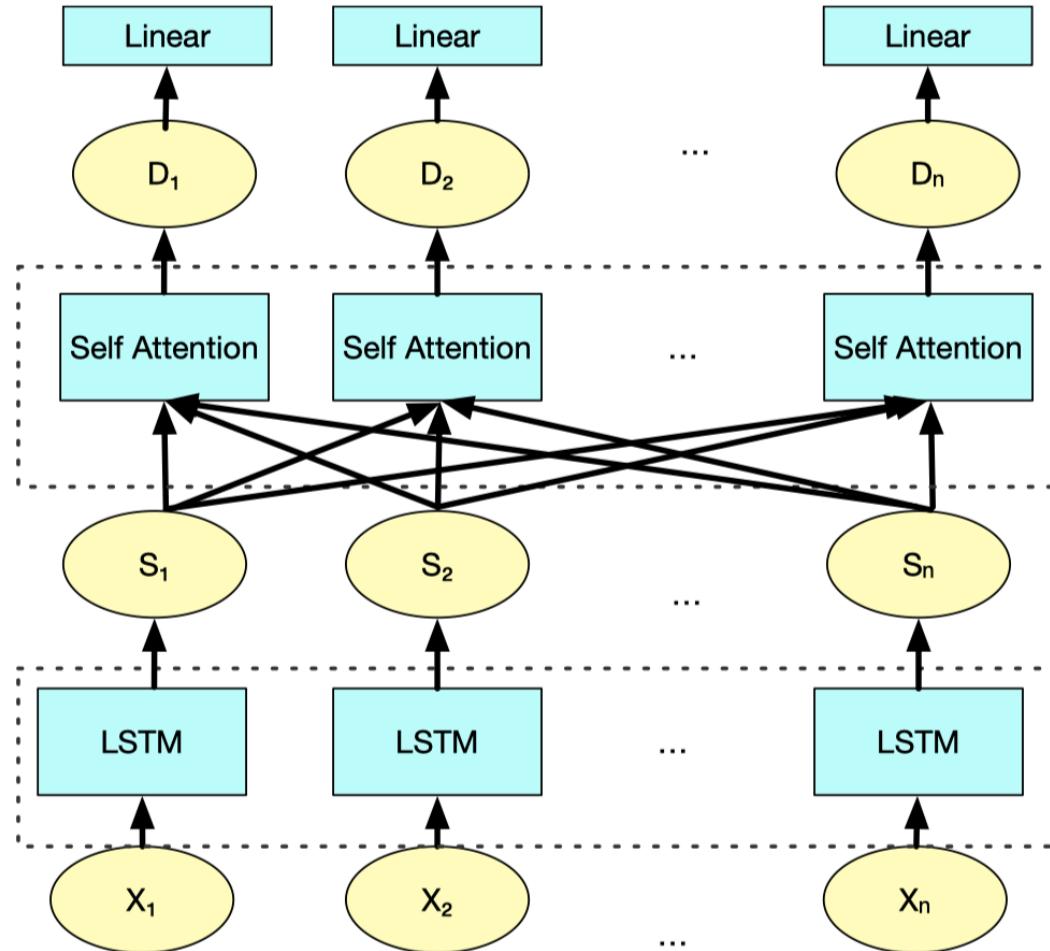
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# Self-Supervised Learning

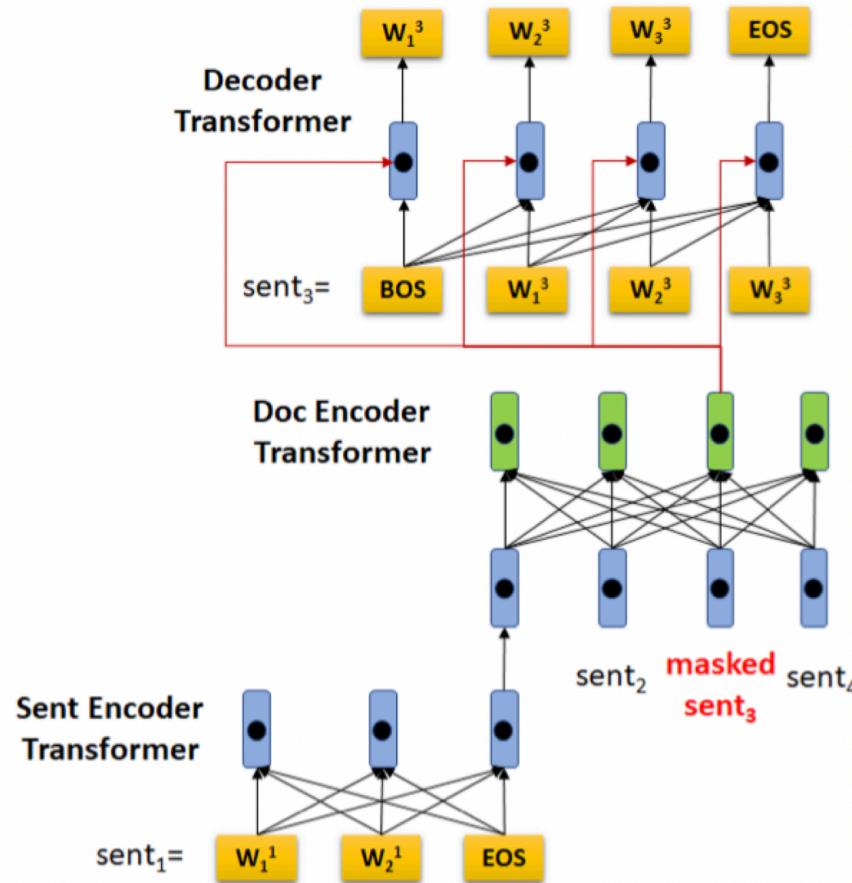
- Self-Supervised Learning for Contextualized Extractive Summarization **ACL19**
- The **Mask task** randomly masks some sentences and predicts the missing sentence from a candidate pool
- The **Replace task** randomly replaces some sentences with sentences from other documents and predicts if a sentence is replaced.
- The **Switch task** switches some sentences within the same document and predicts if a sentence is switched.

# Self-Supervised Learning

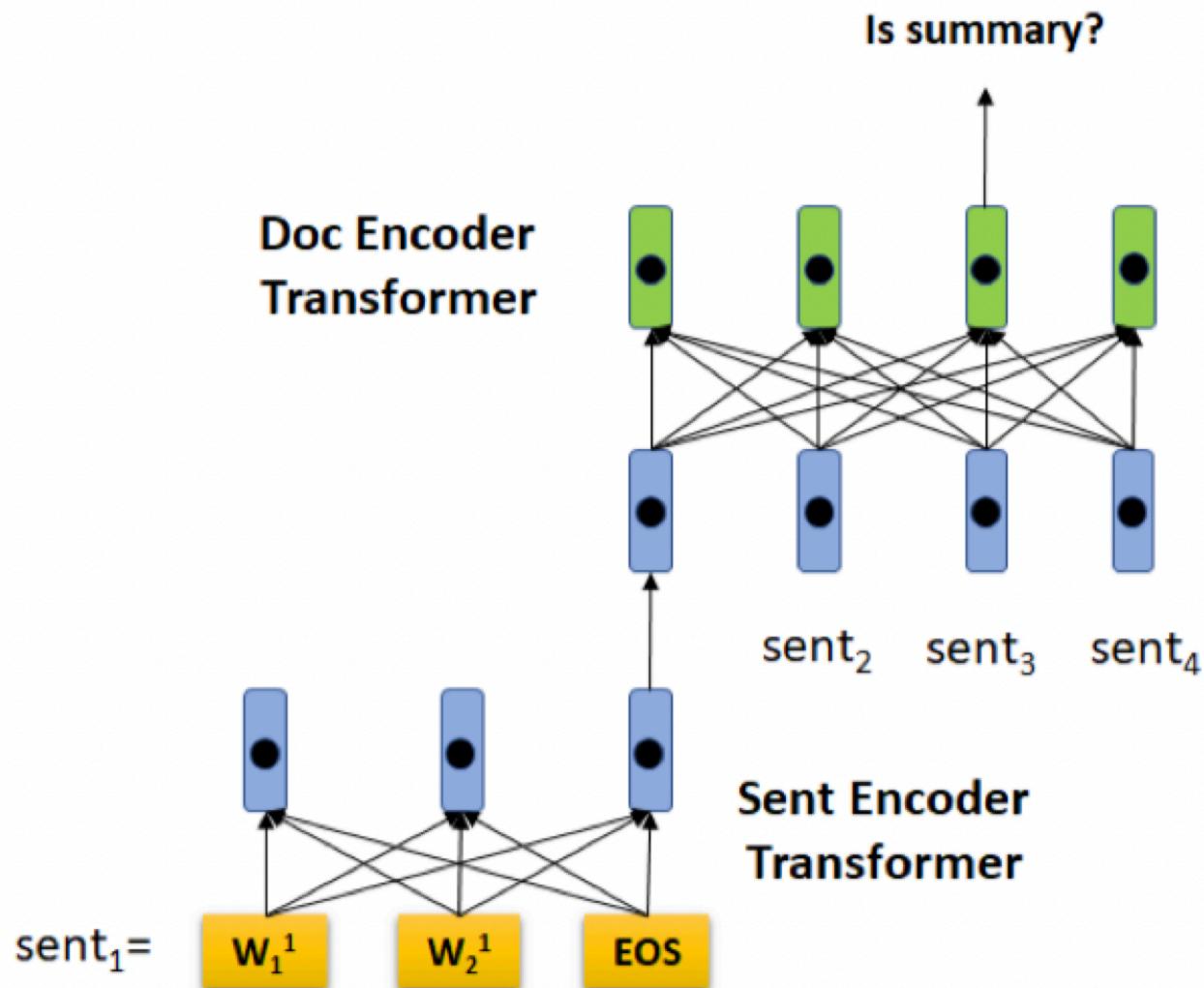


# HIBERT

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# HIBERT



# Others

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# BIGPATENT

- BIGPATENT: A Large-Scale Dataset for Abstractive and Coherent Summarization **ACL19**
- 1.3 million records of U.S. patent documents (专利文献) along with human written abstractive summaries
- **Patent documents**
  - Title, authors, abstract, claims of the invention and the description text.
- **Core**
  - Summaries contain a richer discourse structure with more recurring entities
  - Salient content is evenly distributed in the input
  - Lesser and shorter extractive fragments are present in the summaries.

# HIGHRES

- HIGHRES: Highlight-based Reference-less Evaluation of Summarization **ACL19**
- Human Evaluation Framework

## ARTICLE:

" I am **most grateful** for the many digital **messages of goodwill** I have received and would like to thank you all for your kindness , " she wrote.

**The monarch** , whose **milestone birthday** was marked with numerous events , signed off the **rare message** " **Elizabeth R** ".  
**The Queen** sent her **first ever tweet in 2014** when she opened a new exhibition at the **Science Museum in London**.  
Britain 's longest-serving monarch celebrated her **90th birthday** on **21 April** , and a host of events were held over three months , from **April to June**.  
The Queen has two birthdays - her real birthday on **21 April** , and her official birthday held on a Saturday in June - a tradition going back 250 years. It was introduced to try to ensure better weather for the monarch 's official celebrations.  
Her official birthday this year was **11 June** and the annual **Trooping the Colour** was held on **Horse Guards Parade** , followed by an **RAF flypast** which the Royal Family watched from the balcony of **Buckingham Palace**.  
The following day the Queen hosted the Patron 's **Lunch** , a street party for some **10,000 people** along **The Mall** which recognised her patronage of more than **600 organisations** in the UK and around the Commonwealth.

## SUMMARY:

the queen has tweeted her thanks to people who sent her 90th birthday messages on social media .

# HIGHRES

- **Highlight Annotation**
  - From single words to complete sentences or even paragraphs.
  - Limit in the number of words to K

**Instructions**

Your task is to select important phrases from the document by highlighting them.

Select phrases that are the most informative, use the SWIH principle (who, what, when, where, why and how) to determine the informativeness of a phrase.

The maximum combined length of all highlighted phrases is 30 words. If you feel that 30 words is not enough to highlight all important information, then highlight only the most important parts that fit within this limit.

To highlight, use your mouse to select phrases from the document, and click on the pen icon.

To delete a group of highlights, right click on it and confirm.

A 24-hour walkout by members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport (RMT) union, in protest at the introduction of driver-only trains, ended at 11:00 BST on Wednesday.

Southern warned passengers to expect "difficult and frustrating" journeys throughout the day. Two further strikes have been announced for 10 May and 12 May.

Latest updates here. The RMT confirmed it would attend talks with Southern over the guards jobs and safety dispute on Friday.

Dyan Crowther, chief operating officer for Southern owner Govia Thameslink Railway, told BBC Sussex: "We are very pleased to hear that and we look forward to meeting the RMT".

Southern said some routes were again suspended or reduced with 700 fewer services across Sussex and east Surrey.

Ms Crowther said the timetable would not return to normal until Thursday as they needed to get rolling stock and staff into the right position.

Paul Barker, a commuter from Rye, normally catches a Southern train to Ashford then a high-speed service to St Pancras.

He said he worked from home on Tuesday but went to Robertsbridge on Wednesday to catch a Southeastern service to London.

He said: "It was standing room only from Frant, but you can not take two days off work."

RMT general secretary Mick Cash said: "This dispute is about safety.

The company, with an eye on ever-fatter profits, is prepared to axe the guards on some of the most overcrowded and potentially-dangerous services. The company said there would be no job or pay cuts but the planned changes would make conductors more visible while drivers would operate doors.

It accused the RMT of "scaremongering" and said "driver-only operation is a safe, proven way of working" which had been used "on 40% of trains across the Southern network for 25 years".

**Summary**

Words left  
18 words.

**Highlighted Phrases:**

- 1. Southern warned passengers to expect "difficult and frustrating" journeys
- 2. Two

Figure 2: The UI for highlight annotation. Judges are given an article and asked to highlight words or phrases that are important in the article.

# HIGHRES

- **Highlight-based Content Evaluation**
  - **Given:** document that has been highlighted using heatmap coloring and a summary to assess.
  - **Recall (content coverage):** All important information is present in the summary (1-100)
  - **Precision (informativeness):** Only important information is in the summary. (1-100)

**Instructions & Controls**

Your task is to assess the quality of the summary based on the document and its highlights. Hover the mouse on top of ⓘ to see more information.

Words that are important in the document have been highlighted using heatmap coloring. Darker color signifies higher importance. You have to decide which importance level that signifies the informativeness of words.

Use the slider to remove light color (less important highlights) by sliding it to the right. The number tells you how many colors you can remove until there is only one color (the most important words) left.



8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

The **61-year-old Dutchman** was appointed in **March**, when the **Black Cats** were one point above the relegation zone.

He guided them to **safety** and was **due to leave the club in the summer**, **only to sign a new one-year contract**.

Advocaat said : " I have made the decision to go after only **eight games** as I felt it was **important** to give everyone time to turn things around."

Sunderland chairman Ellis Short said : " I am truly saddened by **Dick's decision** , but I **respect** him for his honesty.

Media playback is **not supported** on this device \* It is **also testament to his character** that he **has forgone** any kind of a financial settlement, **something** which is very unusual in football .

Assistant head coach **Zejko Petrov** has also left the club.

Saturday's draw with **West Ham** left Sunderland without a win in their first eight league matches and looking for a sixth manager in four years.

Since **Steve Bruce** was sacked in November 2011 , Martin O'Neill , Paolo di Canio , Gus Poyet and Advocaat have managed the club.

Advocaat's departure also follows a trend set by Di Canio and Poyet of managers arriving to save the Black Cats from the drop , only to depart in the next season.

He initially agreed to lead Sunderland only until the end of last season , **shedding tears** as their **survival** was **secured** with a 0-0 **draw** at Arsenal.

Advocaat said he would leave the club to fulfil a promise to his wife , but **changed his mind** and **returned in June**.

The former Netherlands , Russia and South Korea boss has seen his side win just once this season - **against League Two Exeter** in the League Cup.

North-east rivals **Newcastle** are the **only team below them** in the Premier League table.

**Assessment**

Assess the following summary.

dick advocaat has resigned as sunderland manager until the end of the season .

How strongly agree are you on the following statements?

All important information is present in the summary.



Strongly disagree      Strongly agree

Only important information is in the summary.



Strongly disagree      Strongly agree

**Click to submit**

# HIGHRES

- **Clarity**

- Each judge is asked whether the summary is easy to be understood

Assess the following summary.

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How strongly agree are you on the following statements?

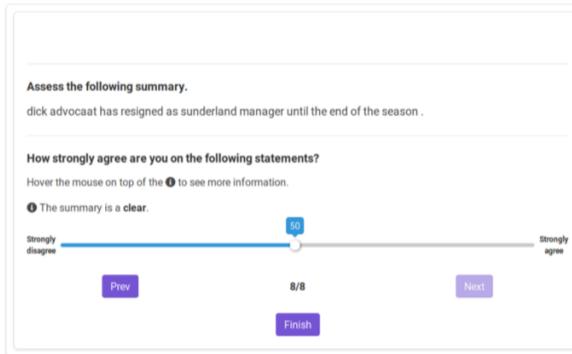
Hover the mouse on top of the ⓘ to see more information.

ⓘ The summary is a clear.

Strongly disagree —————— 50 —————— Strongly agree

Prev      8/8      Next

Finish



- **Fluency**

- Each judge is asked whether the summary sounds natural and has no grammatical problems.

Assess the following summary.

the former head of the world's biggest technology companies , judges hart , has been awarded a knighthood in the new year honours list .

How strongly agree are you on the following statements?

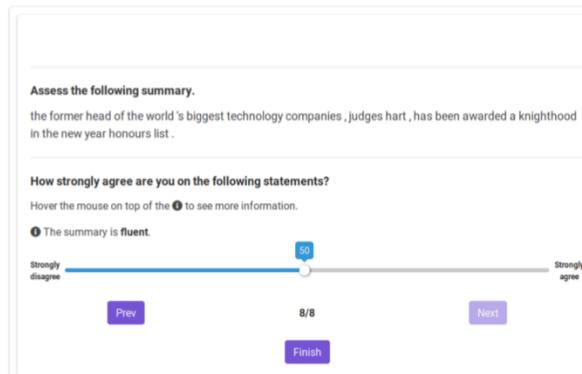
Hover the mouse on top of the ⓘ to see more information.

ⓘ The summary is fluent.

Strongly disagree —————— 50 —————— Strongly agree

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# HIGHRES

- **Highlight-based ROUGE Evaluation**
  - N-grams are weighted by the number of times they were highlighted.

# **HIGHRES Framework**

- 1. Recall (content coverage)**
- 2. Precision (informativeness)**
- 3. Clarity**
- 4. Fluency**
- 5. Highlight-based ROUGE Evaluation**

# Experimental

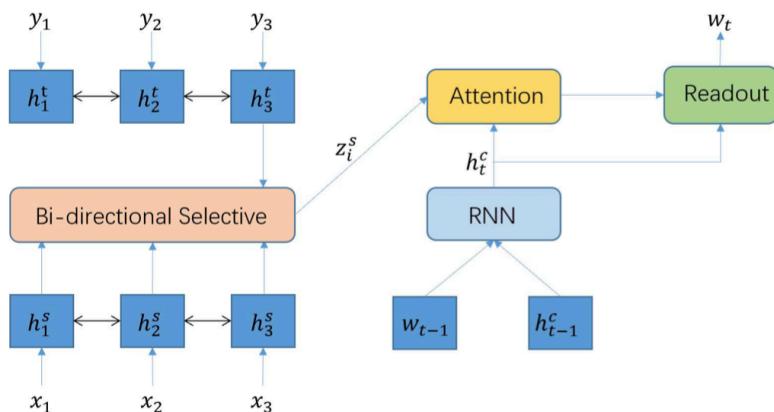
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## *Conclusion*

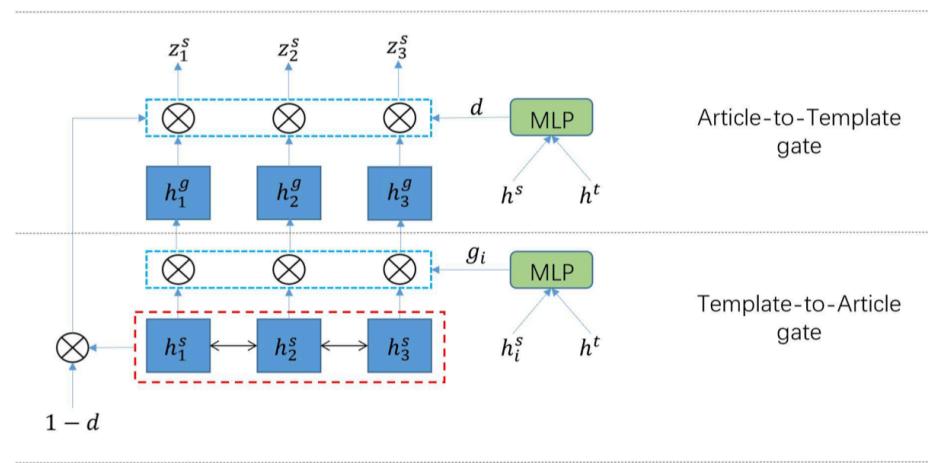
1. Auto-regressive is better than Non auto-regressive.
2. Pre-trained model and Reinforcement learning can further boost performance.
3. Transformer is more robust.

# BiSET

- BiSET: Bi-directional Selective Encoding with Template for Abstractive Summarization **ACL19**
- *Re3sum<sub>(ACL18)</sub> + Co-attention*



(a)



(b)

# Unsupervised

- Unsupervised Neural Single-Document Summarization of Reviews via Learning Latent Discourse Structure and its Ranking **ACL19**

**Summary:**

Good quality floor puzzle

(1) This floor puzzle is a nice size  
not huge but larger  
than normal kid puzzles

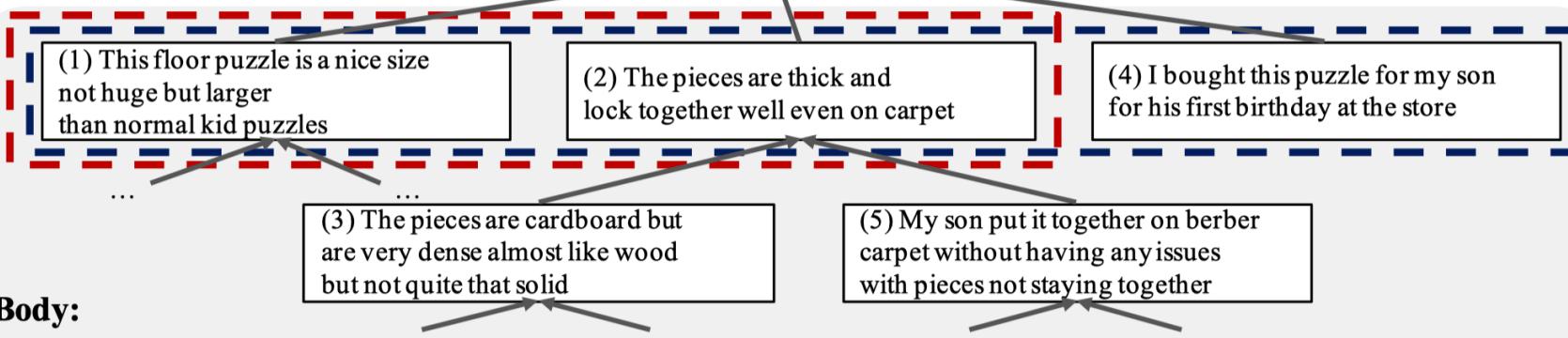
(2) The pieces are thick and  
lock together well even on carpet

(4) I bought this puzzle for my son  
for his first birthday at the store

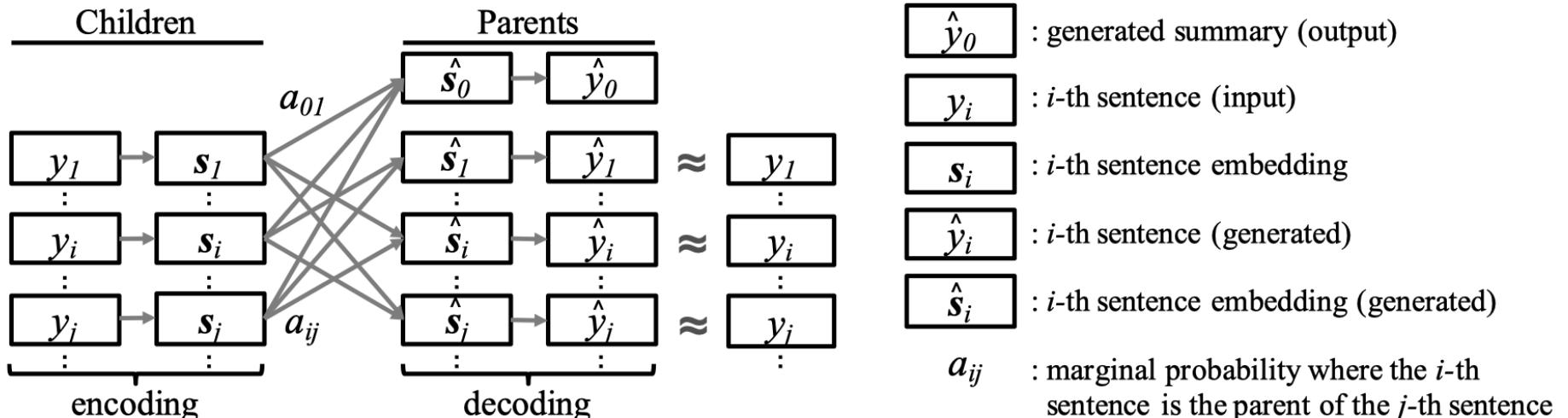
...  
(3) The pieces are cardboard but  
are very dense almost like wood  
but not quite that solid

...  
(5) My son put it together on berber  
carpet without having any issues  
with pieces not staying together

**Body:**



# Unsupervised



$$\sum_{k=0}^n a_{ik} = 1$$

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**Extractive; Scientific paper; Video; NLP&ML domain;**

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**Patent doamin; Abstractive; Less lead bias**

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**Mask; Replace; Switch**

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**Mask sentence; Decode the sentence**

Unsupervised Neural Single-Document Summarization of Reviews via Learning Latent Discourse Structure and its Ranking  
**Unsupervised; Discourse**

**Thanks!**