

# Survey Report

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# Some ACE terminology

- **Entity:** an object or a set of objects in one of the semantic categories.
- **Entity mention:** a reference to an entity.

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Entity(Time x) mention	head word	Entity ID	Entity type
0001-1-1	France	0001-1	GPE
0001-T1-1	Today	0001-T1	Timex
0001-2-1	Bob Cole	0001-2	PER
0001-3-1	Joe Westbrook	0001-3	PER
0001-2-2	Bob	0001-2	PER
0001-2-3	He	0001-2	PER

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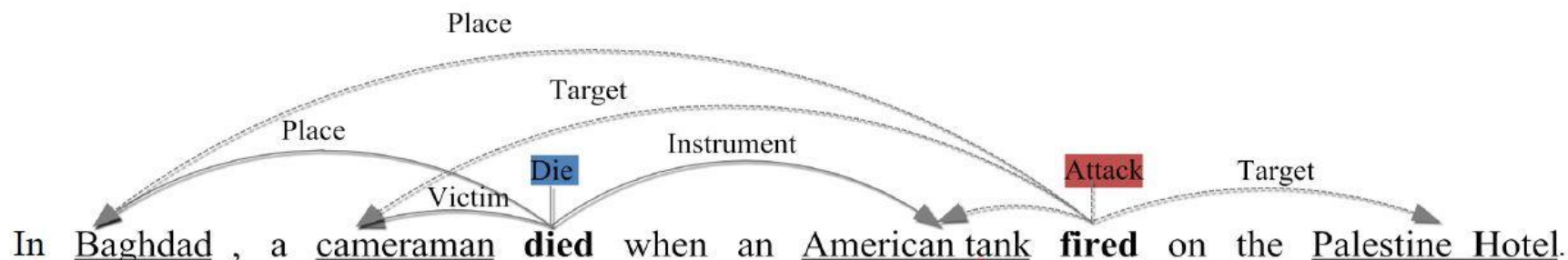
- **Event mention:** a phrase or sentence within which an event is described.
- **Event trigger:** the main word that most clearly expresses an event occurrence.
- **Event mention arguments (roles):** the entity mentions that are involved in an event mention, and their relation to the event.

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Event type	Trigger	Role		
		Place	Victim	Time
Die	murder	0001-1-1		0001-T1-1
Die	death	0001-1-1	0001-2-1	0001-T1-1
Die	killing	0001-1-1	0001-3-1	0001-T1-1
Event type	Trigger	Role		
		Place	Target	Time
Attack	attack	0001-1-1	0001-2-3	0001-T1-1

# Definition of task

- **First:** identify and classify *triggers* (instances) of a class of events.
- **Second:** identify and classify *arguments* (participants and attributes) of each event.



# Definition of *Type*

Table 8 ACE05 Event Types and Subtypes

Types	Subtype
Life	Be-Born, Marry, Divorce, Injure, Die
Movement	Transport
Transaction	Transfer-Ownership, Transfer-Money
Business	Start-Org, Merge-Org, Declare-Bankruptcy, End-Org
Conflict	Attack, Demonstrate
Contact	Meet, Phone-Write
Personnel	Start-Position, End-Position, Nominate, Elect
Justice	Arrest-Jail, Release-Parole, Trial-Hearing, Charge-Indict, Sue, Convict, Sentence, Fine, Execute, Extradite, Acquit, Appeal, Pardon

Table 1 ACE05 Entity Types and Subtypes

Type	Subtypes
FAC (Facility)	Airport, Building-Grounds, Path, Plant, Subarea-Facility
GPE (Geo-Political Entity <sup>3</sup> )	Continent, County-or-District, GPE-Cluster, Nation, Population-Center, Special, State-or-Province
LOC (Location)	Address, Boundary, Celestial, Land-Region-Natural, Region-General, Region-International, Water-Body
ORG (Organization)	Commercial, Educational, Entertainment, Government, Media, Medical-Science, Non-Governmental, Religious, Sports
PER (Person)	Group, Indeterminate, Individual
VEH (Vehicle)	Air, Land, Subarea-Vehicle, Underspecified, Water
WEA (Weapon)	Biological, Blunt, Chemical, Exploding, Nuclear, Projectile, Sharp, Shooting, Underspecified

# Definition of *Role*

Table 9 Argument roles allowable for events

Allowable Event Roles		
Person	Place	Buyer
Seller	Beneficiary	Price
Artifact	Origin	Destination
Giver	Recipient	Money
Org	Agent	Victim
Instrument	Entity Entity	Attacker
Target	Defendant	Adjudicator
Prosecutor	Plaintiff	Crime
Position	Sentence	Vehicle
Time-After	Time-Before	Time-At-Beginning
Time-At-End	Time-Starting	Time-Ending
Time-Holds	Time-Within	

# Evaluation Metric

- ***For trigger:*** event type, offsets match a reference trigger.
- ***For argument:*** event type, offsets match any of the reference argument mentions.
- ***For role:*** event type, offsets, and role match any of the reference argument mentions.

# Data Set

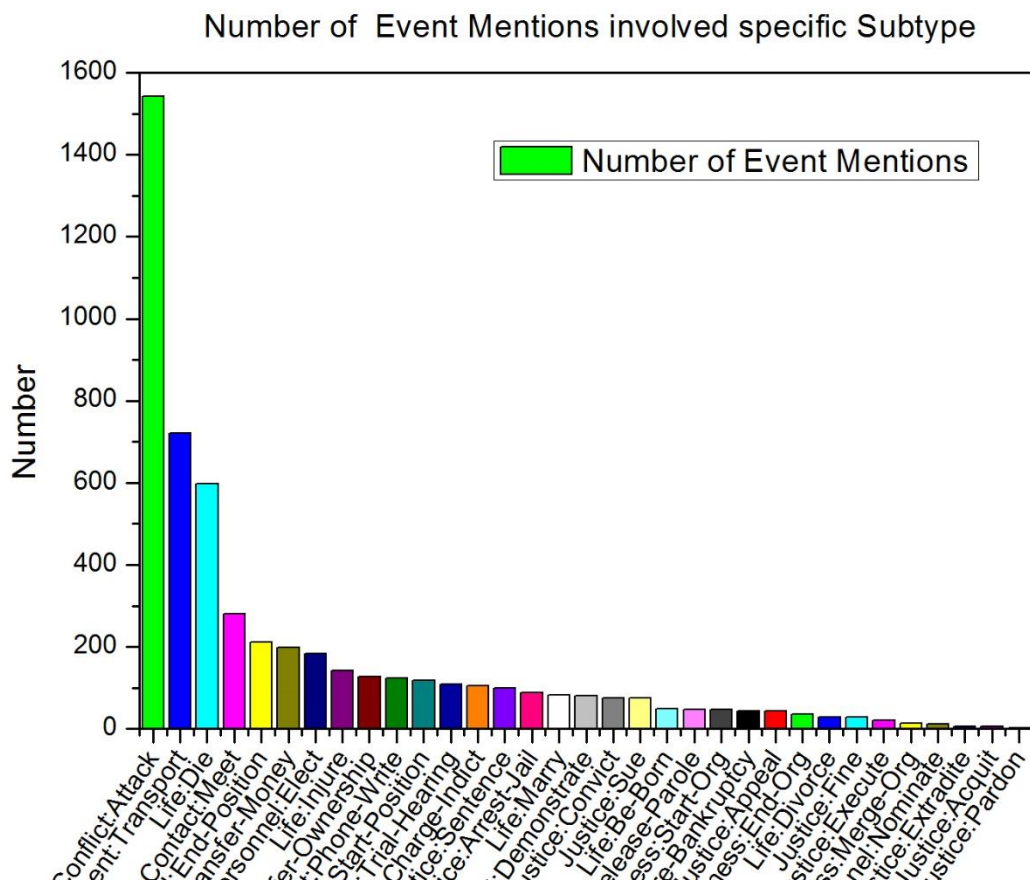
- ID: LDC2006D06 -- timex2norm
- Number of documents: 599
- Component:

Conversational Telephone Speech			39
Usenet Newsgroups/Discussion Forum			49
Newswire	106	Broadcast News	226
Weblog	119	Broadcast Conversation	60

- Dev Set: randomly selected, 10 or 30
- Test Set: same 40 newswire articles



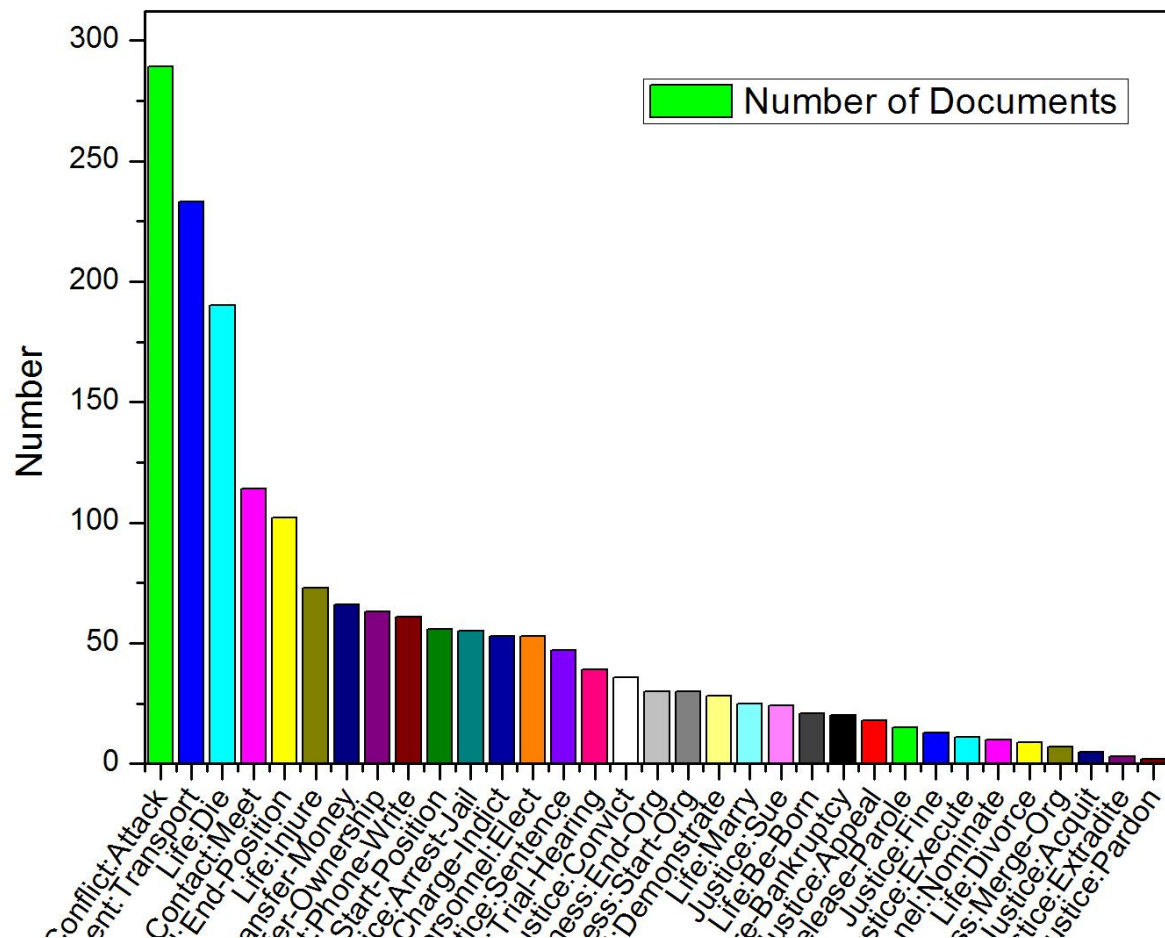
# Analysis of Data Set



Number of event mentions in each sentence	Number of sentences	Percentage (%)
0	13945	80.310
1	2329	13.413
2	725	4.175
3	203	1.169
4	70	0.403
5	37	0.213
6	15	0.086
7	10	0.058
8	6	0.035
9	6	0.035
10	5	0.029
11	4	0.023
12	1	0.006
14	2	0.012
15	2	0.012
16	1	0.006
17	2	0.012
19	1	0.006
Total	17364	100.00

# Analysis of Data Set

Number of Documents involved specific Subtype of Event



# Current Methods

Category	Methods	Framework	Features	External Resources
Pipeline	Ralph Grishman (ACE 05) Jet (Baseline)	Pipeline	Lexical Features, Contextual Features	No
	Heng Ji (ACL 08) Cross-document Inference	Jet + Inference (Rules) [Consistency Learning]	within-document confidence, cross-document confidence	English TDT5
	Shasha Liao (ACL 10) Cross-event Inference	Jet + Inference (Classifier) [Collective Learning]	event type, event type ditribution , role ditribution	No
	Yu Hong (ACL 11) Cross-entity Inference	Pipeline with new features	event type, entity subtype, relation of entity subtype	Web
	Yubo Chen (ACL 15) Dynamic Multi-Pooling CNN	Pipeline (two stages) + One step <sup>1</sup> [semi-supervised Learning]	local: candidate words, context tokens global: context-word, position, event-type	NYT corpus
	Ofer Bronstein (ACL 15) Seed-Based Trigger Labeling	One step <sup>1</sup> (Just for trigger) [semi-supervised Learning]	4 binary features: Similarity with seeds in list.	WordNet
Joint	Qi Li (ACL 13) Joint structure	Joint <sup>2</sup> + One step <sup>1</sup>	25 local features, 8 global features	No

<sup>1</sup> One step: Identify and classify triggers and arguments in one step.

<sup>2</sup> Joint: Extract triggers and arguments together

# Results

Methods	Trigger Identification(%)			Trigger Identification +Classification(%)			Argument Identification(%)			Argument Role(%)		
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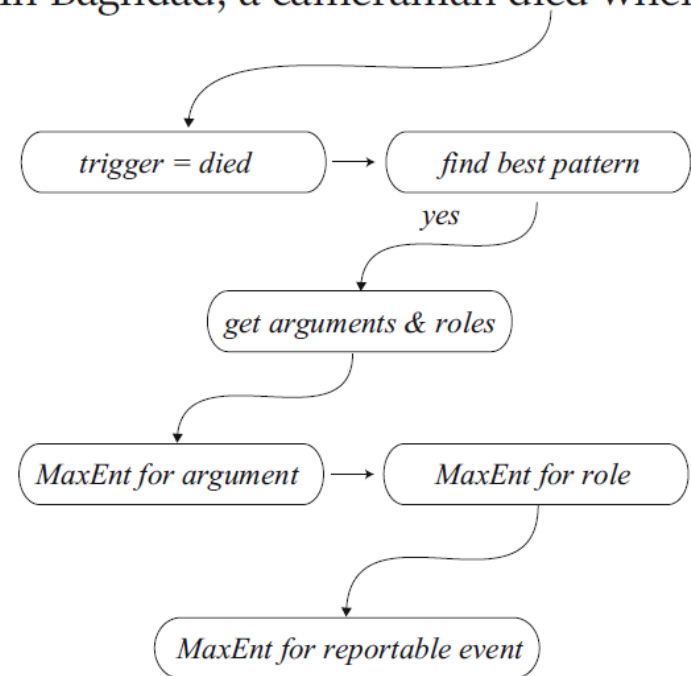
Jet -- Grishman (ACE 05)

# Framework

The system combines pattern matching with statistical models.

- **Patterns for trigger identification:** sequences of constituent heads separating the trigger and arguments.
- **Argument Classifier:** to distinguish arguments of a potential trigger from non-arguments.
- **Role Classifier:** to classify arguments by argument role.
- **Reportable-Event Classifier (Trigger Classifier):** Given a potential trigger, an event type, and a set of arguments, to determine whether there is a reportable event mention.

*n, v, adj: trigger candidate*  
... In Baghdad, a cameraman died when ...



(a) The flow chart of JET

# Refining Event Extraction through Cross-document Inference

-- Heng Ji (ACL 08)

# Motivation [Consistency Learning]

- **One Trigger Sense Per Cluster**

- For a collection of topically-related documents, the distribution of triggers may be much more convergent.

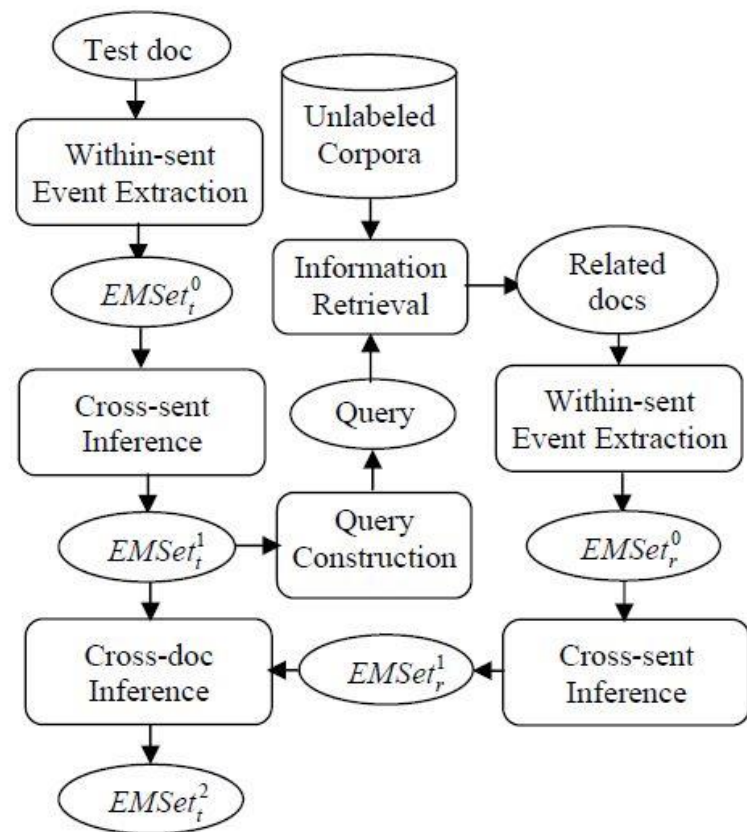
- **One Argument Role Per Cluster**

- In other words, each **entity** plays the same argument role, or no role, for events with the **same type** in a collection of related documents.



# How to use motivation

- Using document-wide consistency to remove or adjust triggers and arguments.
- Using cluster-wide consistency to remove or adjust triggers and arguments.



# Pros and Cons

- **Pros:**

- Based on the hypothesis of “**One Sense Per Discourse**”, author extends the scope of “discourse” from one single document to a cluster of **topically-related documents**.
- Except for cluster-wide consistency, author also utilizes document-wide consistency.

- **Cons:**

- Some specific cases will be removed or adjusted.

**Solution:** fine-grained event type

- Some unlabeled triggers or arguments will be wrong labeled. -- low precision

**Solution:** Not just label all unlabeled mention.

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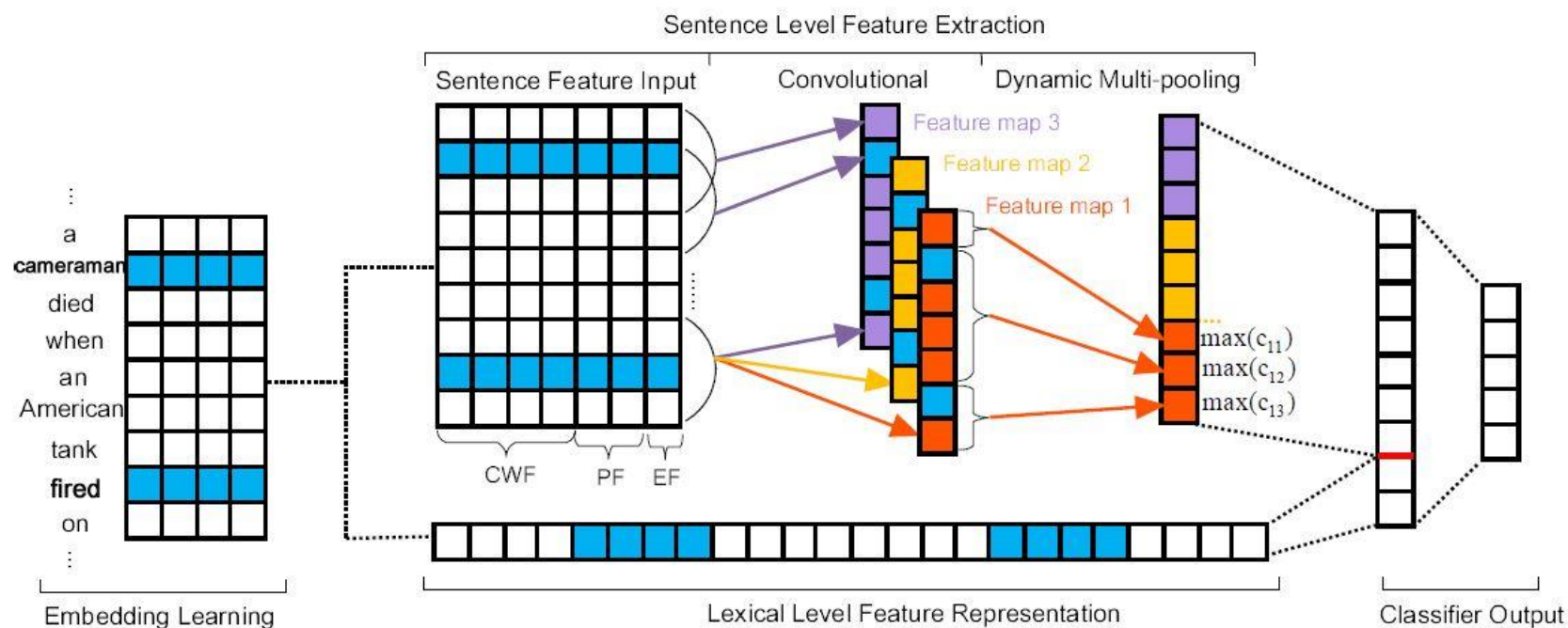
# Event Extraction via Dynamic Multi-Pooling Convolutional Neural Network

-- Yubo Chen (ACL 15)

# Motivation [semi-supervised Learning]

- Traditional Methods utilize a set of elaborately designed features which lack generalization and take a large amount of human effort.
- This paper introduces a word-representation model to capture meaningful semantic regularities for words (lexical features) and adopt a framework based on a convolutional neural network (CNN) to capture sentence-level clues (Contextual features).

# Architecture of argument classification



# NLP from Scratch

Ronan Collobert et al., ICML 08, JMLR 11

A unified neural network architecture and learning algorithm that can be applied to various natural language processing tasks including: part-of-speech tagging, chunking, named entity recognition, and semantic role labeling.

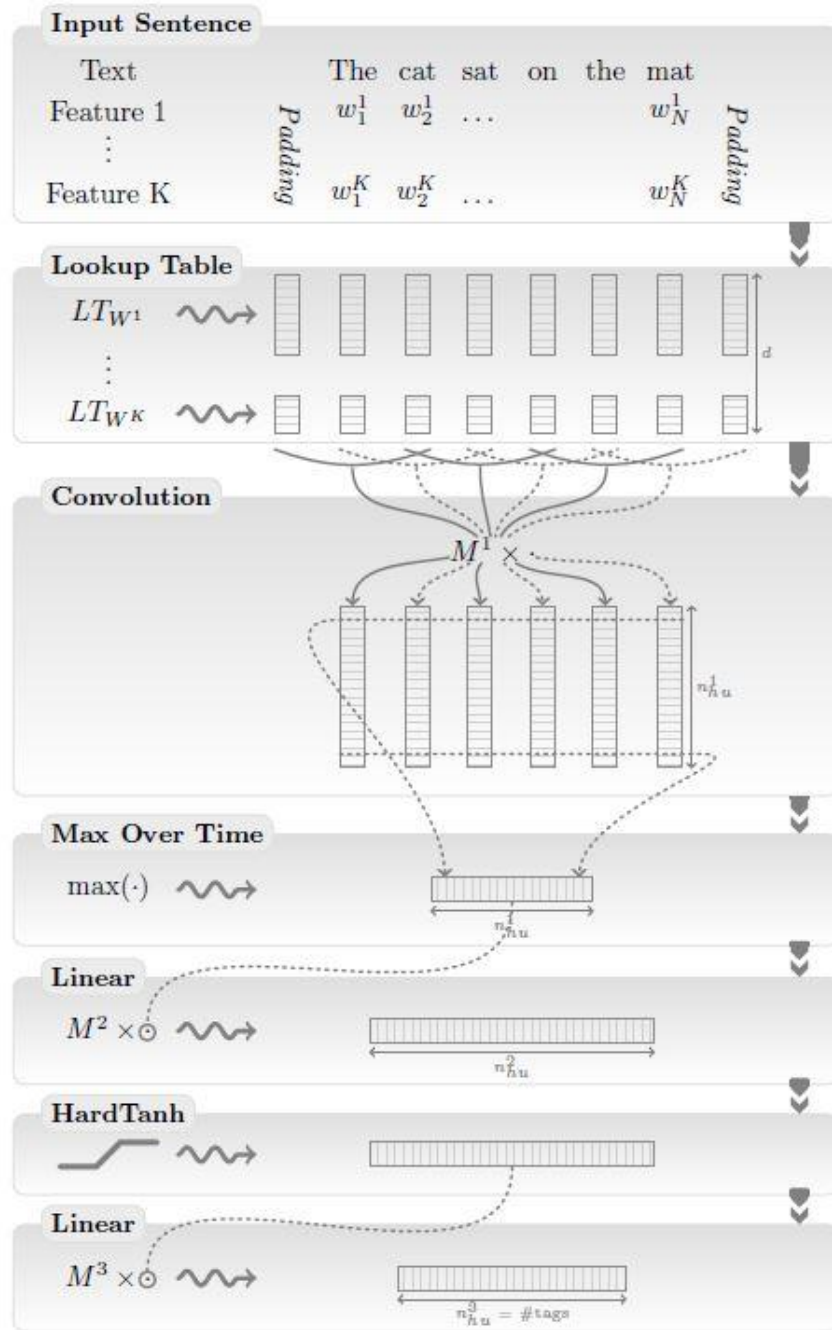
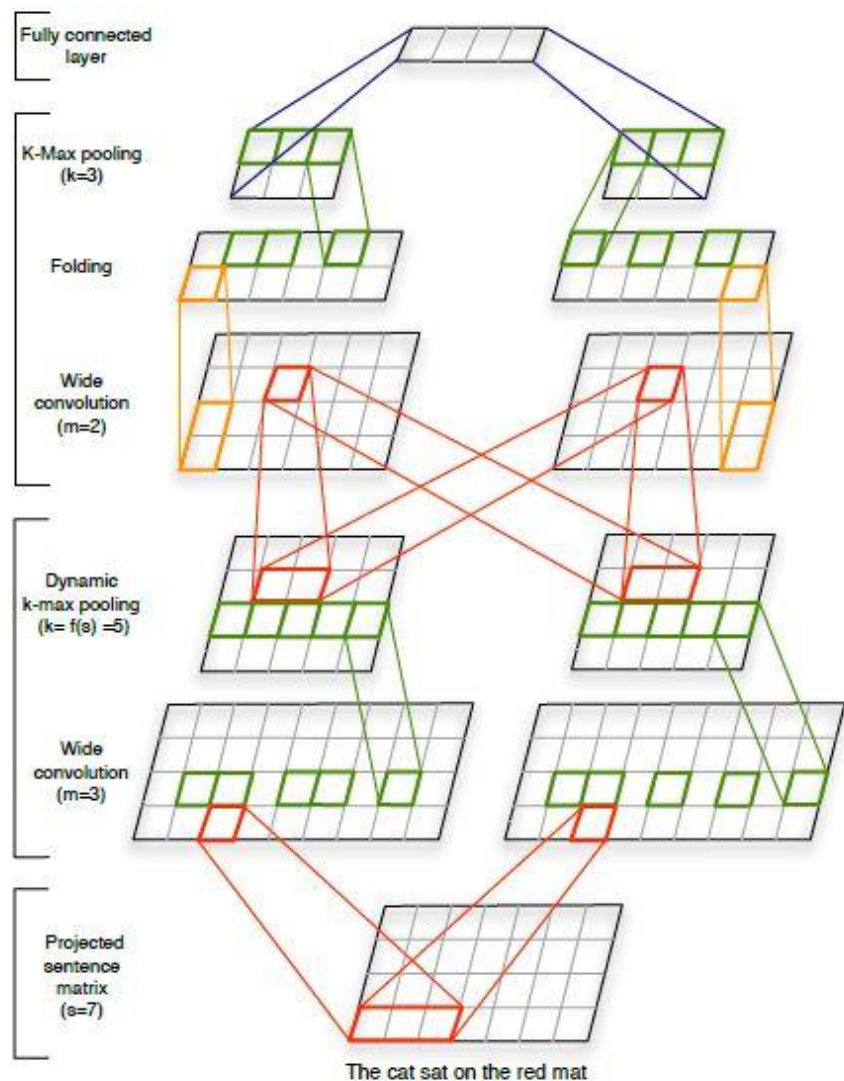


Figure 2: Sentence approach network.

# A CNN for Modelling Sentences

Nal Kalchbrenner et al., ACL 14



The network uses Dynamic k-Max Pooling, a global pooling operation over linear sequences.



# Pros and Cons

- **Pros:**

- This paper utilizes new method to generate useful features which are simple and intuitive.
- This paper can identify and classify triggers and arguments in one step.

- **Cons:**

- Some consistency and relationship can be used to improve the system performance.
- New features may be used to improve the performance.

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# Seed-Based Event Trigger Labeling: How far can event descriptions get us?

-- Ofer Bronstein (ACL 15)

# Framework [semi-supervised Learning]

- Given the guideline for a new event type, this method collects these triggers into a list of seeds. (Per event type has 4.2 seeds in list on average, compared to 46 distinct trigger terms in the training corpus)

For instance, the ACE-2005 guidelines include:

“MEET Events include talks, summits, conferences, meetings, visits, . . . ”

followed by an example:

“Bush and Putin met this week. . . ”.

# Framework [semi-supervised Learning]

- Then, this method assesses each test text token similarity to the seed in list based on WordNet and lemma.

Feature	Description
Same Lemma	Do the candidate token and a seed share the same lemma?
Synonym	Is a seed a WN synonym of the candidate token?
Hypernym	Is a seed a WN hypernym or instance-hypernym of the candidate token?
Similarity Relations	Does one of these WN relations hold between a seed and a candidate token? Synonym, Hypernym, Instance Hypernym, Part Holonym, Member Holonym, Substance Meronym, Entailment

# Seed Lists

<i>No.</i>	<i>Event Type</i>	<i>Seed List</i>	<i>Size</i>
1	<b>Acquit</b>	acquit	1
2	<b>Appeal</b>	appeal	1
3	<b>Arrest-Jail</b>	incarcerate, arresting, arrest, jail, imprison, custody	6
4	<b>Attack</b>	coup, firing, shot, battle, bomb, bombing, blow, attack, stabbing, terrorism, terrorist activity, war, conflict, explosion, clash, stab, throw, shoot, violence, fighting, explode, go off, gunfire	23
5	<b>Be-Born</b>	born, birth	2
6	<b>Charge-Indict</b>	charge, indict, indictment, accuse, charged	5
7	<b>Convict</b>	convicted, guilty	2
8	<b>Declare-Bankruptcy</b>	bankrupt, bankruptcy	2
9	<b>Demonstrate</b>	strike, demonstrate, walkout, rioting	4
10	<b>Die</b>	death, dying, slay, die, assassination, dead, killing, suicide, kill, murder, assassinate, fatal, deceased	13
11	<b>Divorce</b>	divorce, divorced	2
12	<b>Elect</b>	elected, elect, election	3
13	<b>End-Org</b>	fold, shut down	2
14	<b>End-Position</b>	layoff, retired, fire, retire, sack, succeed, lay off	7
15	<b>Execute</b>	execute	1
16	<b>Extradite</b>	extradition, extradite	2
17	<b>Fine</b>	fine	1
18	<b>Injure</b>	injured, harm, injure, hospitalize, hurt, disabled, wounded	7
19	<b>Marry</b>	marry, married, marriage	3
20	<b>Meet</b>	conference, visit, summit, talks, meet, meeting	6
21	<b>Merge-Org</b>	merger, merge	2
22	<b>Nominate</b>	nominate, nomination	2
23	<b>Pardon</b>	pardon	1
24	<b>Phone-Write</b>	write, phone, communicate	3
25	<b>Release-Parole</b>	release, released, parole, free	4
26	<b>Sentence</b>	sentence	1
27	<b>Start-Org</b>	launch	1
28	<b>Start-Position</b>	start office, appoint, hire, take over, succeed, become	6
29	<b>Sue</b>	sue, lawsuit, suit	3
30	<b>Transfer-Money</b>	give, pay, lend, borrow, donation, aid, donate	7
31	<b>Transfer-Ownership</b>	acquired, purchase, buy, acquire, takeover	5
32	<b>Transport</b>	return, travel, move, leave, moving, take, flee, transport	8
33	<b>Trial-Hearing</b>	try, trial, court proceeding, hearing	4

# Cons:

- This method are highly dependent on WordNet.
- Larger training didn't improve results, possibly due to the small number of features.

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# Review

- ***Heng Ji (ACL 08)***: This paper employs a similar approach to propagate consistent event arguments across sentences and documents. **[Consistency Learning]**
- ***Yubo Chen (ACL 15)***: This paper utilizes word embedding to automatically extract lexical-level features and utilize word embedding as well as dynamic multi-pooling CNN to extract sentence-level features. **[semi-supervised Learning]**
- ***Ofer Bronstein (ACL 15)***: This paper uses annotation guidelines and WordNet to construct similarity-based classifier which is used to identify and classify trigger. **[semi-supervised Learning]**

# Discussion

# Challenge

- Training data is insufficient and heterogeneous.
  - Insufficient data cannot provide ample evidence to handle all cases in test set. e.g., Hong's trigger F-score is low.
  - Across a heterogeneous document corpus, a particular verb can sometimes be trigger and sometimes not, and can represent different event types. e.g., conflict table in Liao's method.
- Good features are difficult to find
  - E.g., entity subtype consistency is useful to distinguish role of argument.

# Solution

- For training data
  - Using external resources: web and other corpus
    - Fine-grained: more precise subtype of entity
    - Related corpus (time, source)
  - Using good representation: embedding
    - Not sparsity
    - capture the semantics and similarity of the words
- *For good features*
  - We can analyse dev set and find new patterns.
  - Using distributed representation to get task-related representation of features

# What we can do?

- We can use seed-based method to improve trigger F1 score.
- We can use NER tagger to find effective argument candidates and utilize embedding to generate more accurate and more fine-grained entity subtype.
- We can add new features to DMCNN, e.g., subtype of entity, binary indicator of distribution of event type.
- New methods used in other DL architecture can be used in DMCNN.
- Inference method used in previous systems can also be used in new system.

End

# Using Document Level Cross-Event Inference to Improve Event Extraction

# Motivation [Collective Learning]

If we first tag the easier cases, and use such knowledge to help tag the harder cases, we might get better overall performance.

- **Strong Consistency**

- **Within a document**, if one instance of a word triggers an event, other instances of the same word will trigger events of the **same type**. 99.4%
- Normally one entity, if it appears as an **argument** of multiple **events of the same type** in a single document, is assigned the **same role** each time. 97%

- **Strong Relationship**

- When a event type appears in a document, some other certain event types appear in the same document.
- When entities participate in event of certain type with a certain role, they will play limited role in limited event.



# How to use motivation

To take advantage of cross-event relationships, author trains two additional MaxEnt classifiers, then use these classifiers to infer additional events and event arguments.

## Features of Trigger Classifier:

- The base form of the word
- An event type
- A binary indicator of whether this event type is present elsewhere in the document
- 1 & 2 reflect strong consistency of trigger
- 2 & 3 reflect strong relationship of trigger

## Features of Argument (Role) Classifier:

- The event type we are trying to assign an argument/role to.
- One of the 32 other event types
- The role of this entity with respect to the other event type elsewhere in the document, or *null* if this entity is not an argument of that type of event
- 1 & 2 reflect strong consistency of role
- 2 & 3 reflect strong relationship of role

# Pros and Cons

- **Pros:**

- Author utilizes document level information and does not limit themselves to information about events of the same type. (compared with ji's work)
- Do not use external resources.

- **Cons:**

- Some specific cases violate the strong consistency and relationship.

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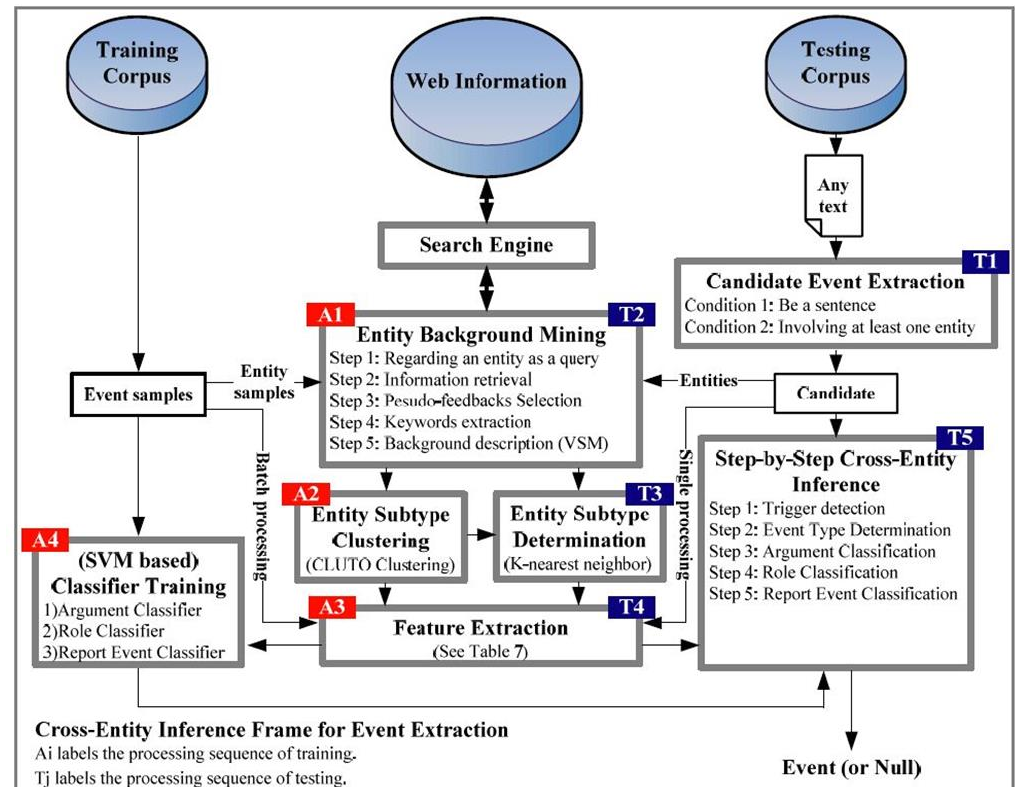
- **Strong Entity Consistency:**
  - If one entity mention appears in a type of event, other entity mentions of the same type will appear in similar events, and even use the same word to trigger the events.
- **Strong Role Consistency:**
  - Entities of the same type normally play the same role, especially in the event mentions of the same type.

# How to use motivation

1. Divide the ACE entity type into more cohesive subtype.
2. Construct three SVM classifier based on entity subtype and event type.

Argument Classifier	
Feature 1:	an event type (an event-mention domain)
Feature 2:	an entity subtype
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# Pros and Cons

- **Pros:**

- This paper found that the entities within a sentence, as the most important local information, actually contain sufficient clues for event detection.
- The features of classifier are simple and intuitive.

- **Cons:**

- This paper instead directly uses the entity labels provided by ACE. The results will decrease if uses entity labels extracted by jet system.
- Something can be done to improve the identification and classification of trigger,

# Results

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05-Baseline (Jet)		N/A		67.6	53.5	59.7	46.5	37.1	41.3	41.0	32.8	36.5
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<b>11-Hong's Cross-entity</b>		<b>N/A</b>		<b>72.9*</b>	<b>64.3*</b>	<b>68.3*</b>	<b>53.4*</b>	<b>52.9*</b>	<b>53.1*</b>	<b>51.6*</b>	<b>45.5*</b>	<b>48.3*</b>
13-Li's Joint structure	76.9	65.0	70.4	73.7 *	62.3*	67.5*/65.6	69.8 *	47.9*	56.8*	64.7 *	44.4*	52.7*/41.8
15-Chen's DMCNN	80.4	67.7	73.5	75.6	63.6	69.1	68.8	51.9	59.1	62.2	46.9	53.5
15-Bronstein's Seed-based		N/A		80.6	67.1	73.2		N/A			N/A	

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# Joint Event Extraction via Structured Prediction with Global Features

# Motivation

- As a common drawback of the staged architecture, errors in upstream component are often compounded and propagated to the downstream classifiers.
- By contrast, this paper proposes a joint framework based on structured prediction which extracts triggers and arguments together so that the local predictions can be mutually improved.

# Symbol Description

- **Instance:**

$$x = \langle (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_s), \mathcal{E} \rangle$$

- **Configuration:**

$$y = (t_1, a_{1,1}, \dots, a_{1,m}, \dots, t_s, a_{s,1}, \dots, a_{s,m})$$

- **Example:**

$$x = \langle (Jobs, \overbrace{founded}^{x_2}, Apple), \overbrace{\{Jobs_{PER}, Apple_{ORG}\}}^{\mathcal{E}} \rangle$$

$$y = (\perp, \perp, \perp, \underbrace{Start\_Org}_{t_2}, \underbrace{Agent, Org}_{\text{args for } founded}, \perp, \perp, \perp)$$

# Architecture of joint system

- **Goal function:**  $z = \operatorname{argmax}_{y' \in \mathcal{Y}(x)} \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(x, y')$
- **Method:** Beam-search with early-update strategy
- **Algorithm:**  
**Input:** Training set  $\mathcal{D} = \{(x^{(j)}, y^{(j)})\}_{i=1}^n$ ,  
maximum iteration number  $T$   
**Output:** Model parameters  $\mathbf{w}$   
1 Initialization: Set  $\mathbf{w} = 0$ ;  
2 **for**  $t \leftarrow 1 \dots T$  **do**  
3   **foreach**  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{D}$  **do**  
4      $z \leftarrow \text{beamSearch}(x, y, \mathbf{w})$   
5     **if**  $z \neq y$  **then**  
6        $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{f}(x, y_{[1:|z|]}) - \mathbf{f}(x, z)$

Figure 2: Perceptron training with beam-search (Huang et al., 2012). Here  $y_{[1:i]}$  denotes the prefix of  $y$  that has length  $i$ , e.g.,  $y_{[1:3]} = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$ .

# Process of Labeling -- BeamSearch

**Input:** Instance  $x = \langle (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_s), \mathcal{E} \rangle$  and the oracle output  $y$  if for training.

$K$ : Beam size.

$\mathcal{L} \cup \{\perp\}$ : trigger label alphabet.

$\mathcal{R} \cup \{\perp\}$ : argument label alphabet.

**Output:** 1-best prediction  $z$  for  $x$

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1 Set beam  $\mathcal{B} \leftarrow [\epsilon]$  /*empty configuration*/
2 for  $i \leftarrow 1 \dots s$  do
3    $buf \leftarrow \{z' \circ l \mid z' \in \mathcal{B}, l \in \mathcal{L} \cup \{\perp\}\}$ 
4    $\mathcal{B} \leftarrow K\text{-best}(buf)$ 
5   if  $y_{[1:g(i)]} \notin \mathcal{B}$  then
6     return  $\mathcal{B}[0]$  /*for early-update*/
7   for  $e_k \in \mathcal{E}$  do /*search for arguments*/
8      $buf \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
9     for  $z' \in \mathcal{B}$  do
10       $buf \leftarrow buf \cup \{z' \circ \perp\}$ 
11      if  $z'_{g(i)} \neq \perp$  then /* $x_i$  is a trigger*/
12         $buf \leftarrow buf \cup \{z' \circ r \mid r \in \mathcal{R}\}$ 
13       $\mathcal{B} \leftarrow K\text{-best}(buf)$ 
14      if  $y_{[1:h(i,k)]} \notin \mathcal{B}$  then
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Figure 4: Decoding algorithm for event extraction.  $z \circ l$  means appending label  $l$  to the end of  $z$ . During test, lines 4-5 & 13-14 are omitted.

# Cons:

- As in Hong's method, gold-standard argument candidates play a very important role in argument identification and classification.
- If previous method utilize gold-standard entities, they may have impressive results.

Methods	Trigger $F_1$	Arg $F_1$
Ji and Grishman (2008) cross-doc Inference	67.3	42.6
Ji and Grishman (2008) sentence-level	59.7	36.6
MaxEnt classifiers	64.7 (↓1.2)	33.7 (↓10.2)
Joint w/ local	63.7 (↓2.0)	35.8 (↓10.7)
Joint w/ local + global	<b>65.6 (↓1.9)</b>	<b>41.8 (↓10.9)</b>

Table 7: Overall performance (%) with predicted entities, timex, and values. ↓ indicates the performance drop from experiments with gold-standard argument candidates (see Table 6).

# Review

- **Jet:** The system combines pattern matching with statistical models.
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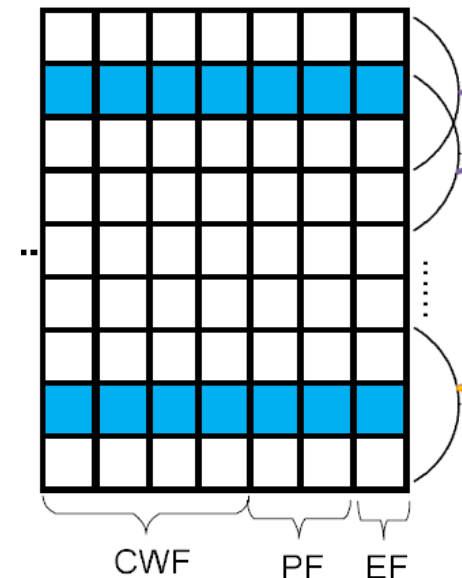
Category	Methods	Framework	Features	External Resources
Pipeline	Ralph Grishman (ACE 05) Jet (Baseline)	Pipeline	Lexical Features, Contextual Features	No
	Heng Ji (ACL 08) Cross-document Inference	Jet + Inference (Rules) [Consistency Learning]	within-document confidence, cross-document confidence	English TDT5
	Shasha Liao (ACL 10) Cross-event Inference	Jet + Inference (Classifier) [Collective Learning]	event type, event type ditribution , role ditribution	No
	Yu Hong (ACL 11) Cross-entity Inference	Pipeline with new features	event type, entity subtype, relation of entity subtype	Web
	Yubo Chen (ACL 15) Dynamic Multi-Pooling CNN	Pipeline (two stages) + One step <sup>1</sup> [semi-supervised Learning]	local: candidate words, context tokens global: context-word, position, event-type	NYT corpus
	Ofer Bronstein (ACL 15) Seed-Based Trigger Labeling	One step <sup>1</sup> (Just for trigger)	4 binary features: Similarity with seeds in list.	WordNet
Joint	Qi Li (ACL 13) Joint structure	Joint <sup>2</sup> + One step <sup>1</sup>	25 local features, 8 global features	No

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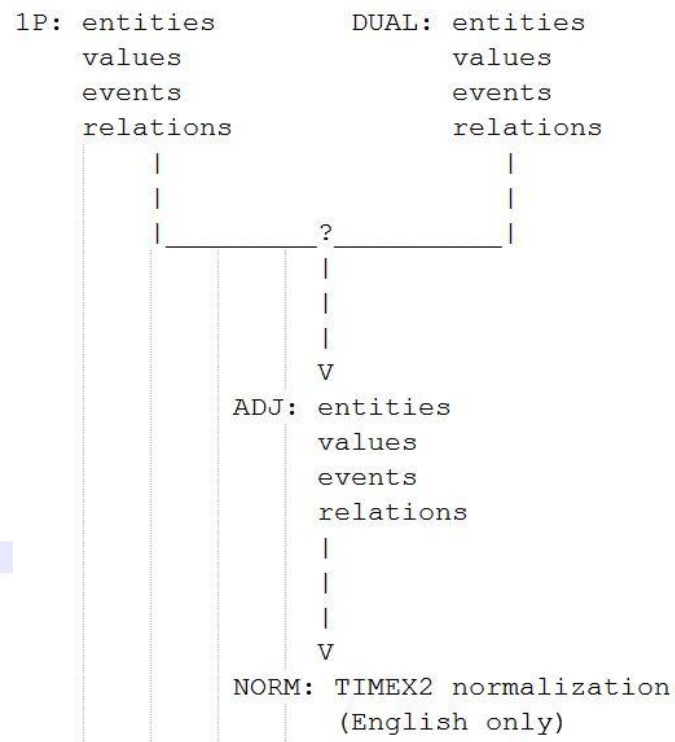
Features in Yu Hong's method



Features for argument classification in DMCNN

English

	=====words=====					=====files=====			
	1P	DUAL	ADJ	NORM		1P	DUAL	ADJ	NORM
NW	60658	57807	33459	48399		128	124	81	106
BN	59239	58144	52444	55967		239	234	217	226
BC	46612	46110	33874	40415		68	67	52	60
WL	45210	43648	35529	37897		127	122	114	119
UN	45161	44473	26371	37366		58	57	37	49
CTS	47003	47003	34868	39845		46	46	34	39
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Total	303833	297185	216545	259889		666	650	535	599



Training data files for all languages are dually annotated for all tasks by two annotators working independently. The first pass (complete) annotation is called 1P; the independent dual first pass (complete) annotation is called DUAL. For both 1P and DUAL, a single annotator completes all tasks (entities, values, relations & events) for a file. Files are assigned via an automated Annotation Workflow System (AWS), and file assignment is double-blind.

Discrepancies between the 1P and DUAL version of each file are then adjudicated by a senior annotator or team leader, resulting in a high-quality gold standard file. The gold standard adjudicated file is known as ADJ. After adjudication, TIMEX2 values are normalized for English only. This task is known as NORM.