

# Semantic Parsing

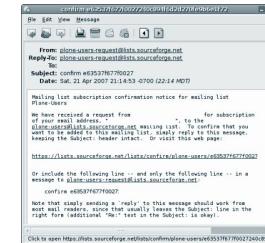
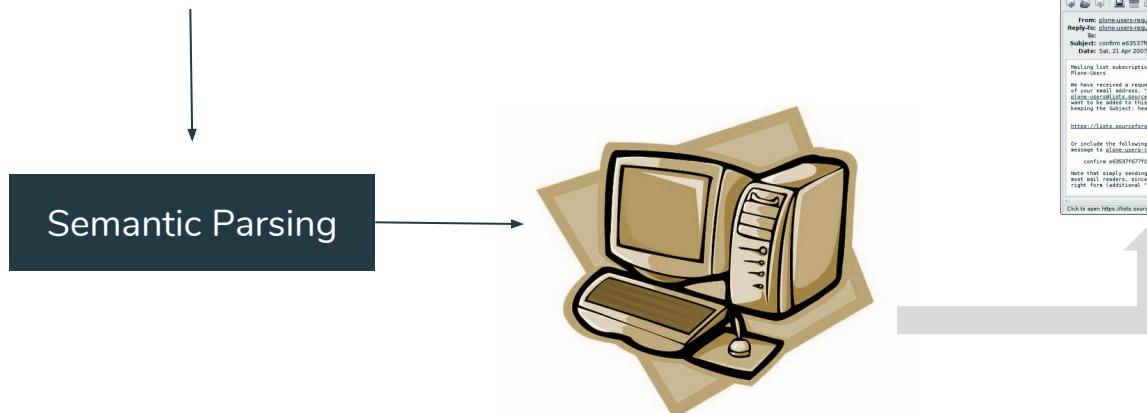
Overview (Part II)

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Previously on Semantic Parsing...

# Deeper Semantic Analysis

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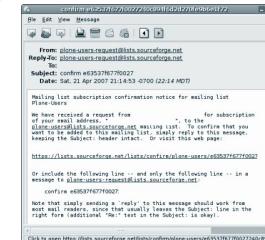
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Semantic Parsing



- 1 - Critical to get the exact output.
- 2 - Strict evaluation.
- 3 - No partial credit.



The screenshot shows an email message in a client. The subject is "Mailing list subscription confirmation notice for mailing list". The message body contains instructions for confirming the subscription:

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From: sourceforge-request@sourceforge.net
Reply-To: sourceforge-request@sourceforge.net
To: ...
Subject: confirm-e6037f6770023
Date: Sat, 21 Apr 2007 21:14:53 -0700 (22:14 MDT)

Mailing list subscription confirmation notice for mailing list
Please click this link to confirm your subscription:
We have received a request from [REDACTED] for subscription
of your email address, [REDACTED], to the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] mailing list. Please note that you
want to be added to this mailing list, simply reply to this message,
including the entire header information, and include the word
"subscribe" in the Subject line.

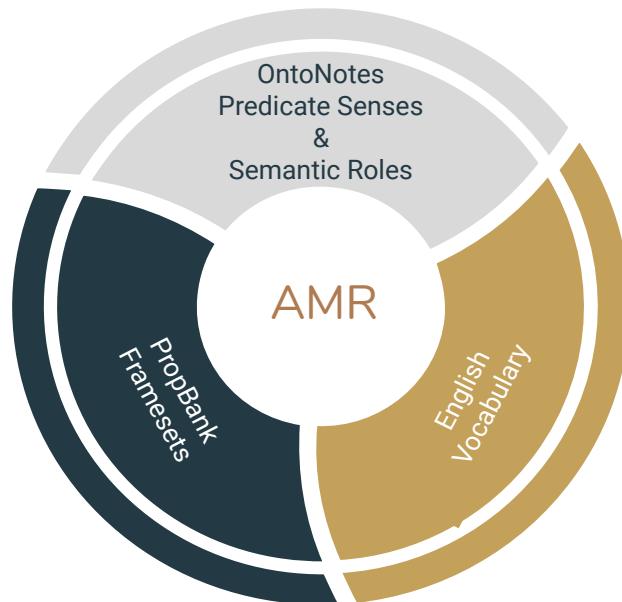
https://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/info/one-users/e6037f6770023

Or include the following line [REDACTED] and only the following line -- in a
message to [REDACTED] with the word "subscribe" in the Subject line.

confirm-e6037f6770023

Note that usually sending a "reply" to this message should work fine
but just in case, you can copy and paste the URL above and paste it into the
right form (additional "http://" text in the Subject is okay).
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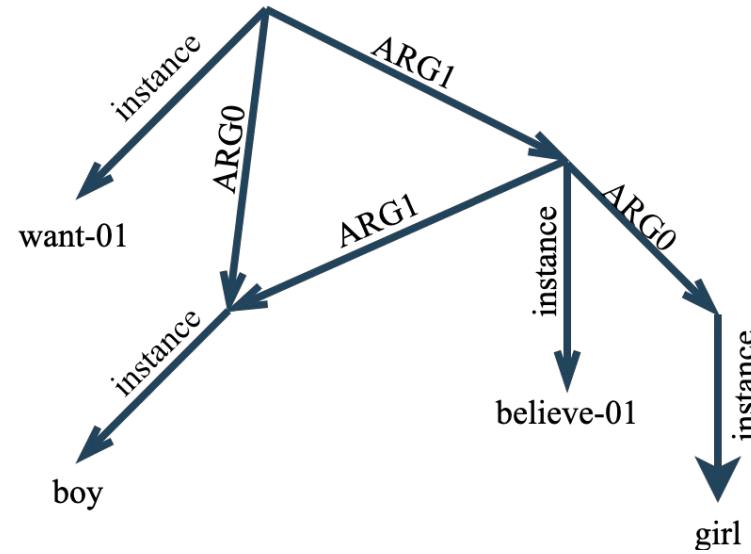
# Semantic Representations: AMR



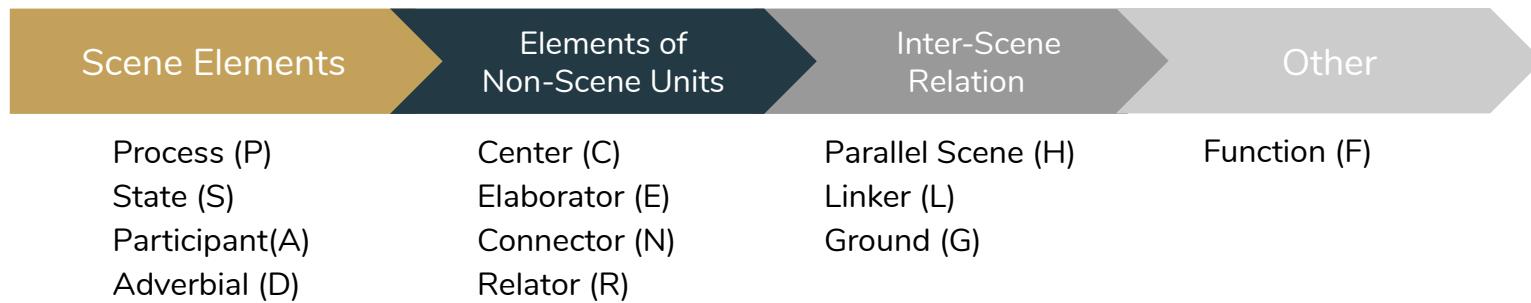
# Semantic Representations: AMR Example

The **boy** wants the **girl** to believe him.

(w / want-01  
:ARG0 (b / boy)  
:ARG1 (b2 / believe-01  
:ARG0 (g / girl)  
:ARG1 b))

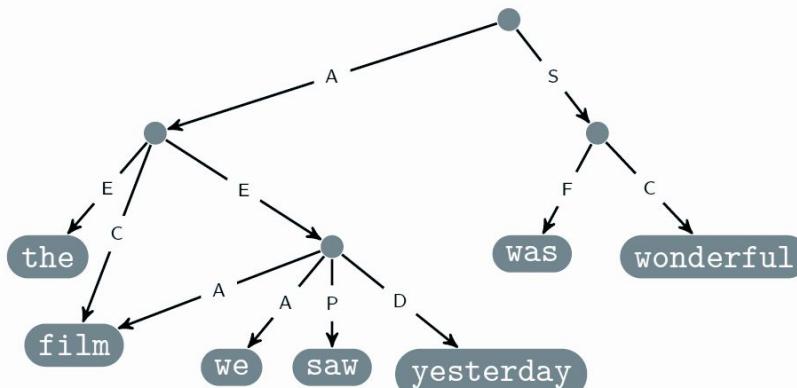


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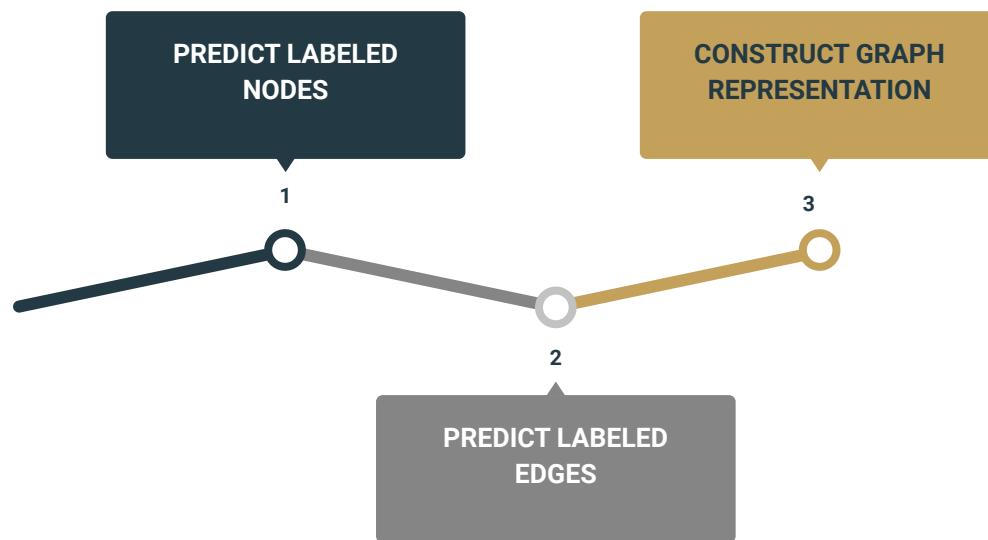
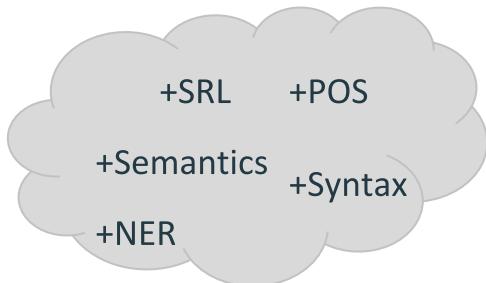
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# Outline



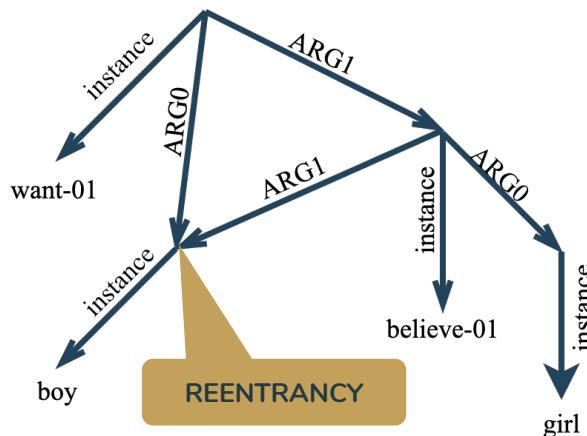
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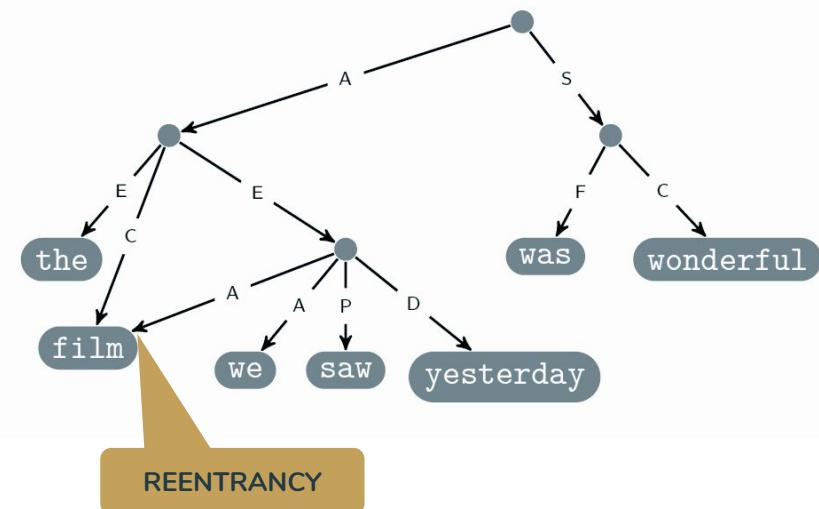


# Semantic-Graph Representations

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# Semantic Parsers Key Differences

## 1 Decoding Strategy

The type of algorithm used to compute the graph:  
factorization-based, transition-based,  
encoder-decoder.

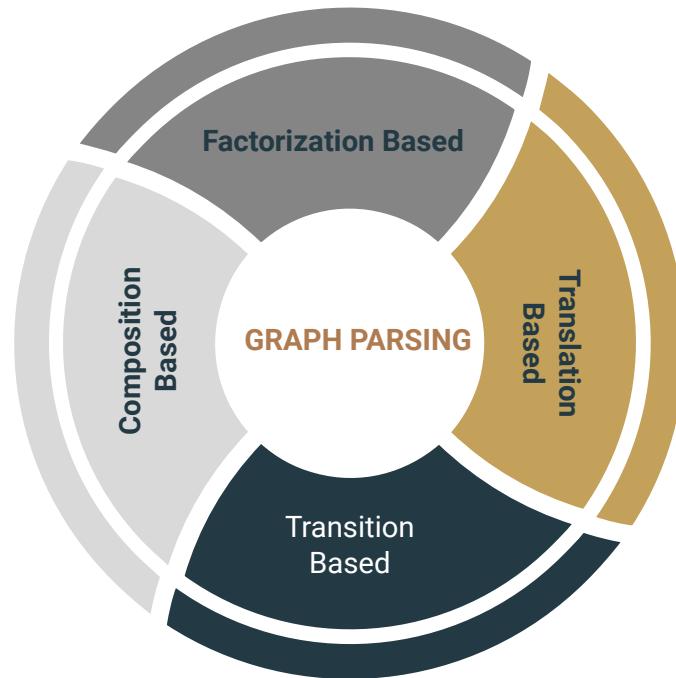
## 2 Compositionality

Whether they assume the graph-based representations  
are constructed compositionally or predict the edges  
without regard to linguistic assumptions.

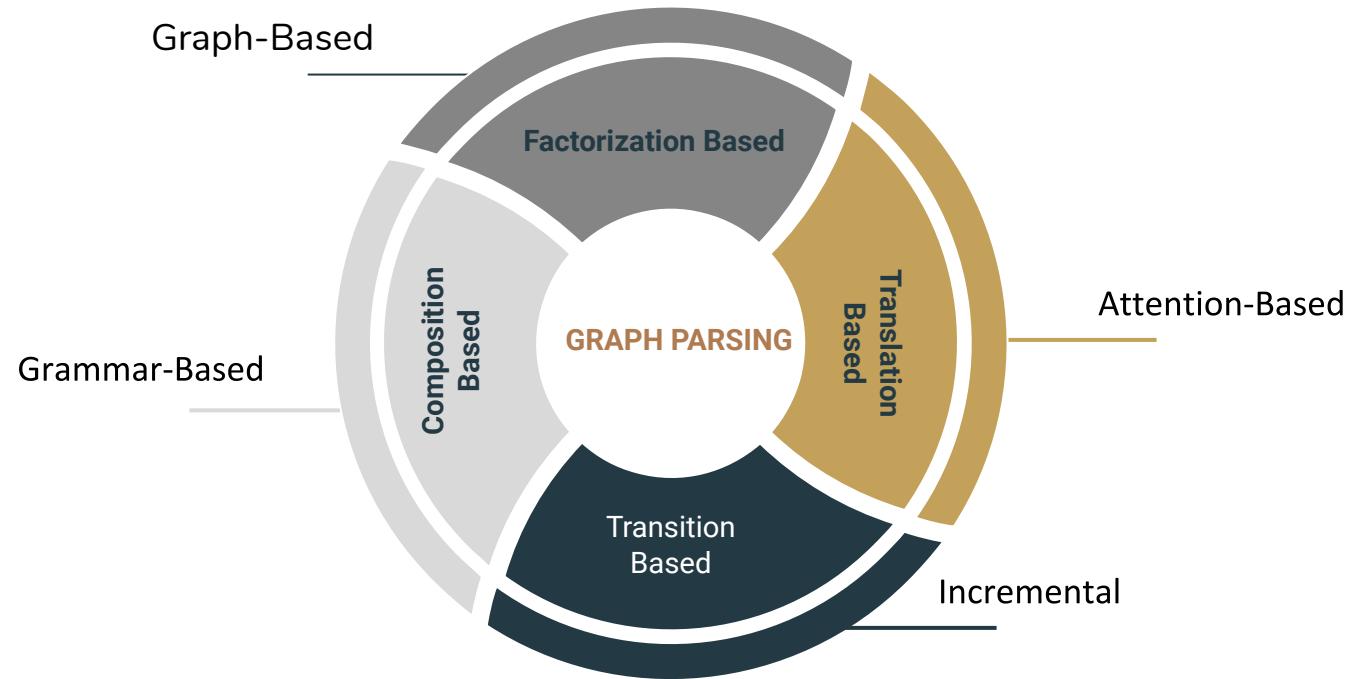
## 3 Structural Information

Some model the target graph directly, whereas others  
use probability models that score a tree which  
evaluates to the target graph.

# Graph Parsing Approaches



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# Factorization-Based

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## Characteristics

- Explicitly models the target semantic graph structures.
- Searching the highest-scoring graphs from a large set.
  - Searching for a subset  $E^* \subseteq E$  with the maximum score.
- Identifies the relations by searching for the maximum spanning connected subgraph from an edge-labeled, directed graph representing all possible relations between the identified concepts.

# Factorization-Based

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### Linking Nodes Problem

1. Search for a subgraph  $G_0 = (V, E^* \subseteq E)$  that maximizes the score function:

# Factorization-Based

## AMR Parsers

ACL, 2014

**Flanigan et al., JAMR**  
Focus: 1st AMR parser

- 1 - A set of rules to greedily align concepts to spans (prior to parsing).
- 2 - CI using a dynamic programming algorithm (semi-Markov model).
- 3 - RI finding the Maximum Preserving, Simple, Spanning, Connected Subgraph (Kruskal's algorithm).

ACL, 2017

**Foland & Martin**  
Focus: BiLSTM parser

- 1 - JAMR alignments enhanced to identify a subgraph type to associate with each span.
- 2 - A BiLSTM layer to identify concepts or subgraphs.
- 3 - 4 BiLSTM layers to identify relations and attributes.

ACL, 2018

**Lyu & Titov**  
Focus: Latent Alignment

- 1 - Alignments as latent variable in a joint model with parsing.
- 2 - CI as predictions based on RNN states.
- 3 - RI as predictions of edges based on concepts and aligned words representations.

ACL, 2019

**Zhang et al.**  
Focus: Reentrancies

- 1- Aligner free.
- 2 - CI by using an encoder-decoder architecture to predict nodes sequentially.
- 3 - RI searching for the highest scoring parse tree given a node list, their indices and valid edge scores.

# AMR Parsing as Sequence-to-Graph Transduction

[Zhang et al., ACL 2019]

**Sequence-to-Graph**

An attention-based model that treats AMR parsing as sequence-to-graph transduction.

**Main focus**

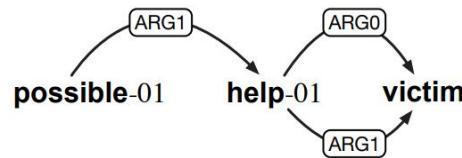
Handling Reentrancy explicitly.  
Alignment-free approach, supported by an extended pointer-generator network.

**Parsing**

Applied to AMR framework and efficiently achieve SOTA without data augmentation.

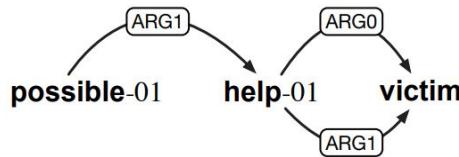
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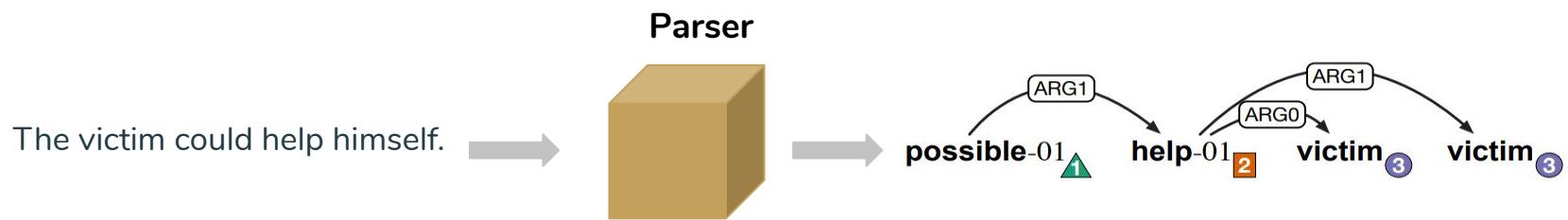


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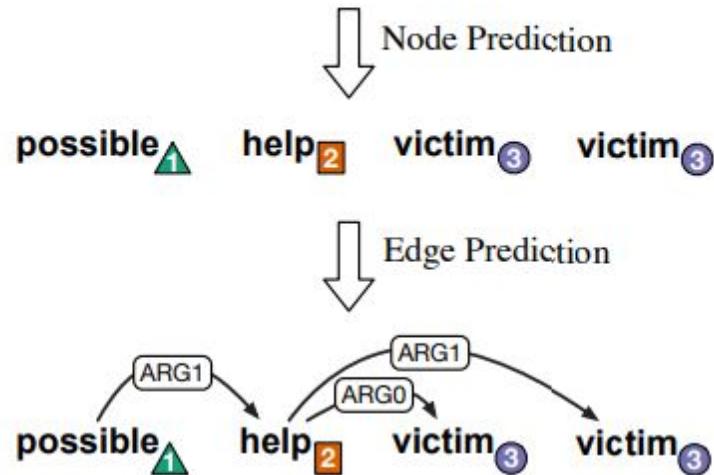


# Sequence-to-Tree Transduction



# Two-stage AMR parsing

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Node Prediction

possible<sub>1</sub> help<sub>2</sub> victim<sub>3</sub> victim<sub>3</sub>

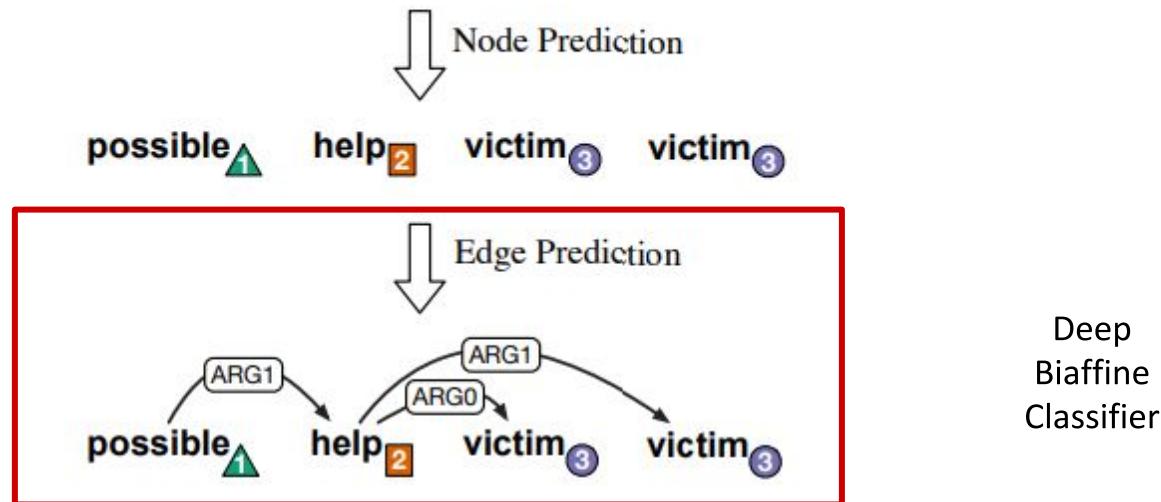
Extended  
Pointer-Generator  
Networks

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Edge Prediction

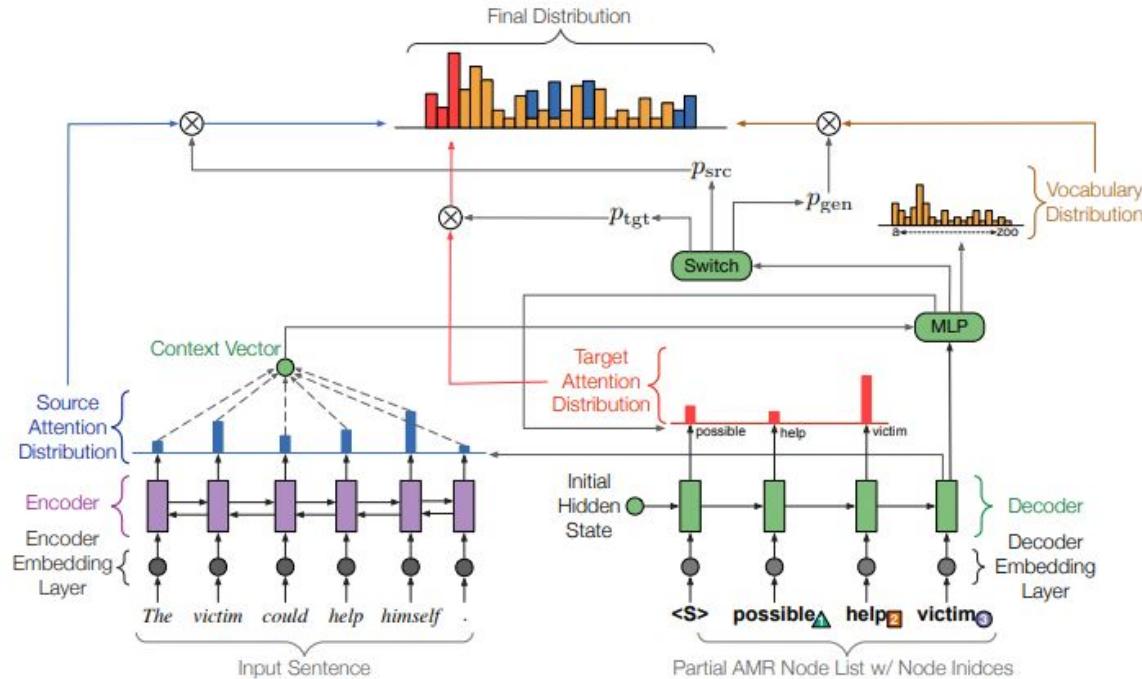


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# Model for Node Prediction

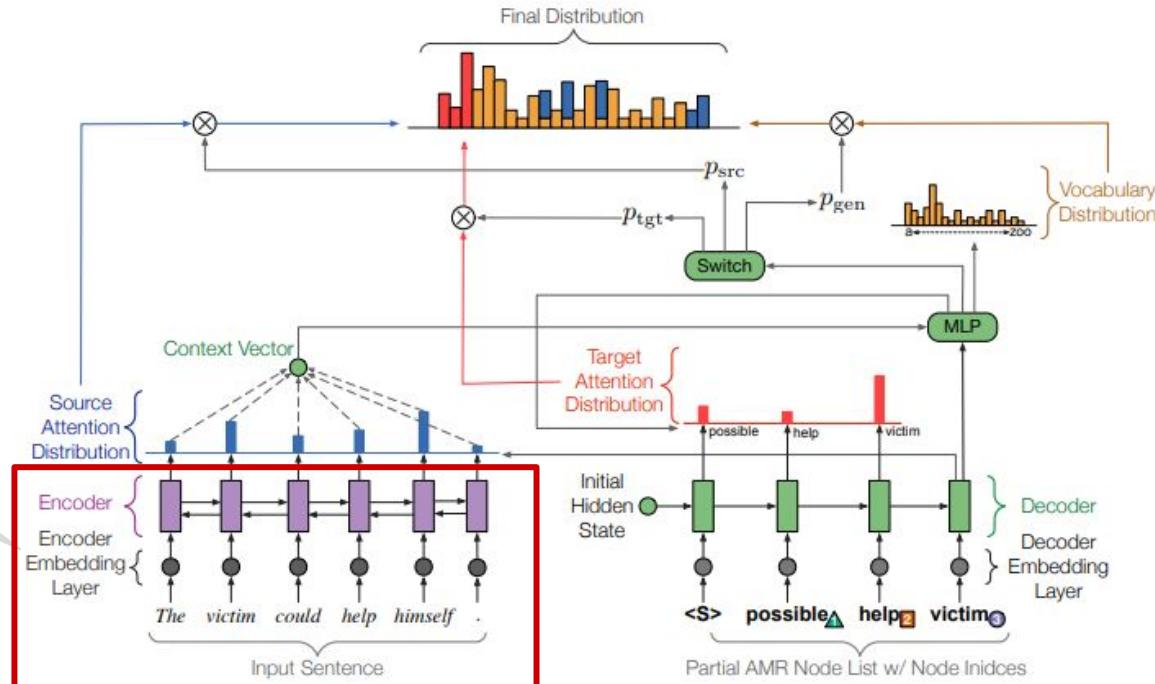


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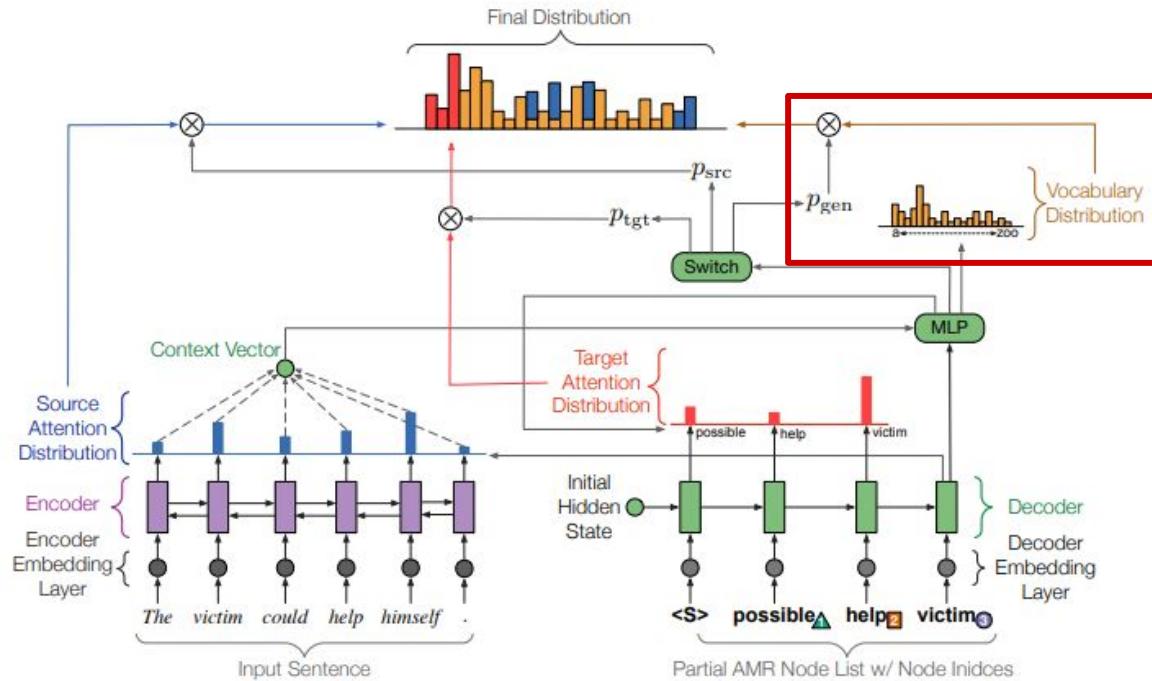
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BiLSTM Encoder

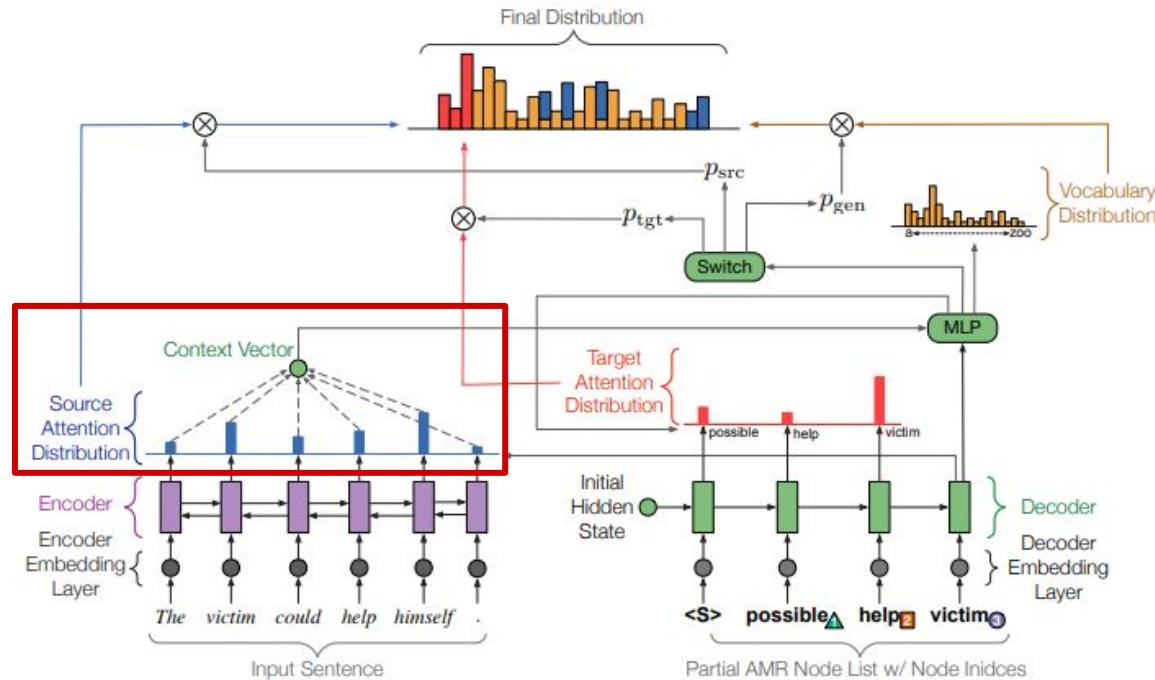


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Pointer-Generator  
Decoder

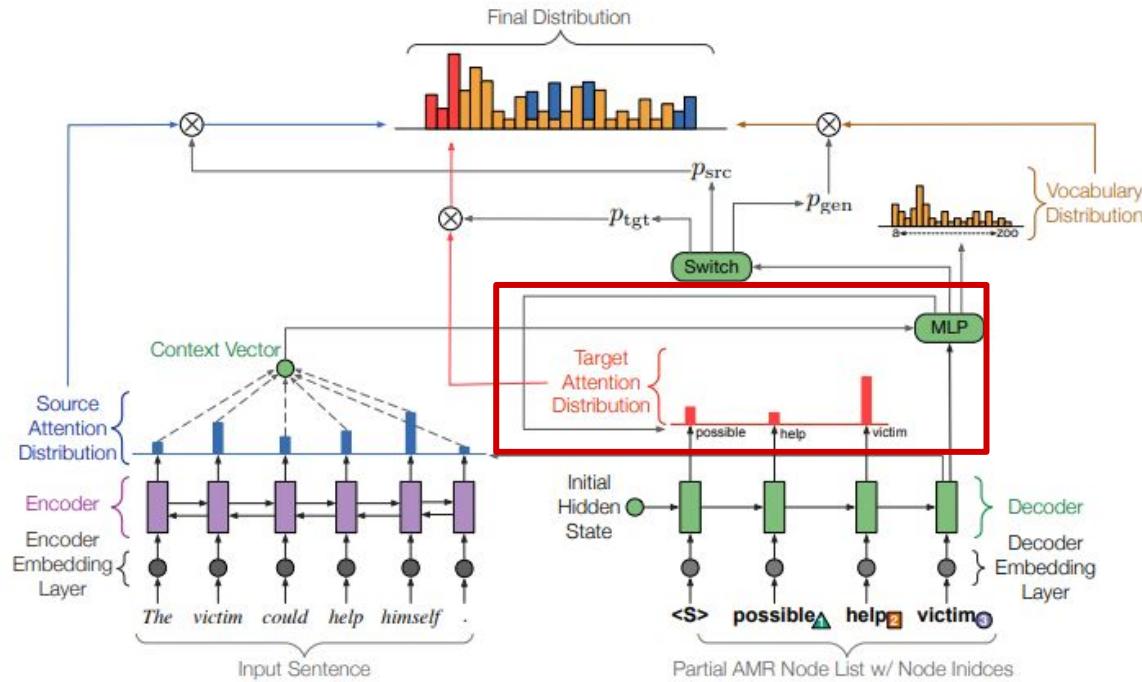
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Decoder:  
1 - Generation  
2 - Source-Copy  
attention

Pointer-Generator  
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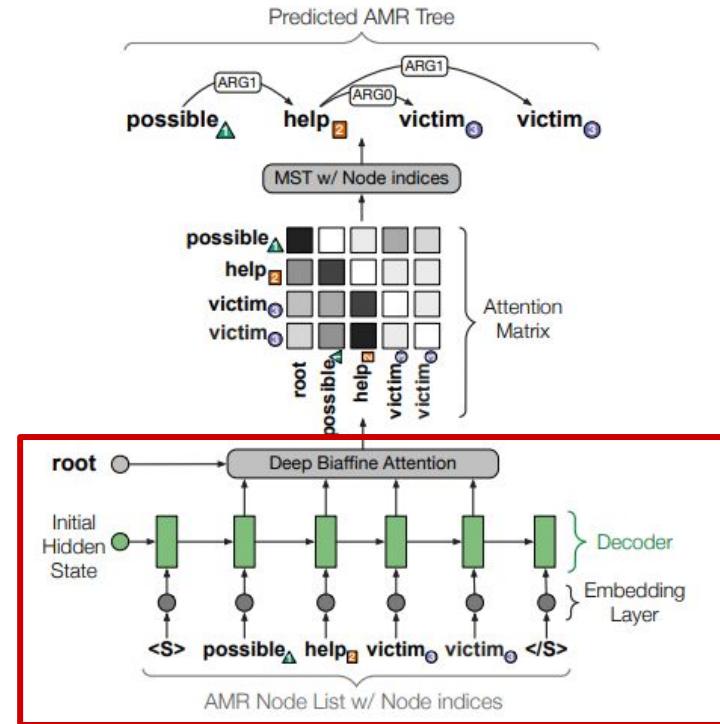


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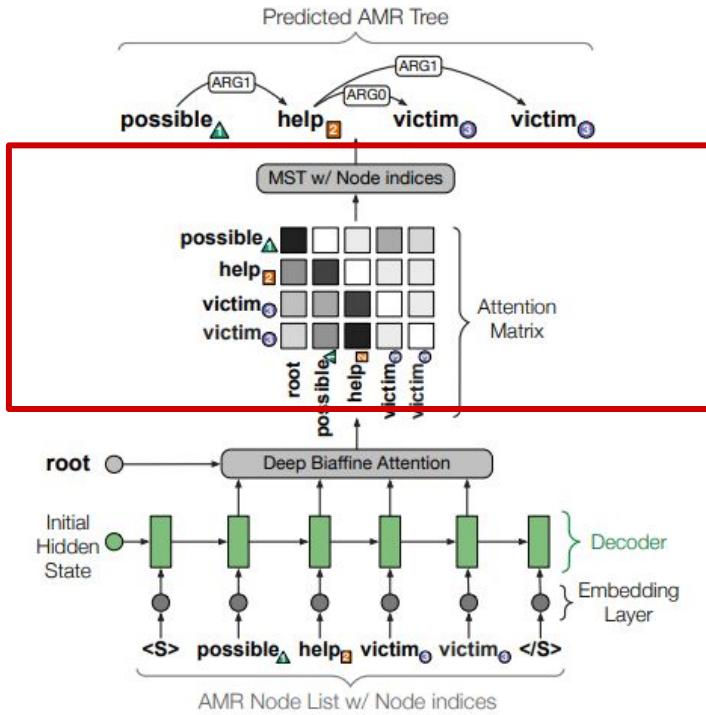
- 1 - Generation
- 2 - Source-Copy attention
- 3 - Target-Copy attention

Pointer-Generator  
Decoder

# Model for Edge Prediction

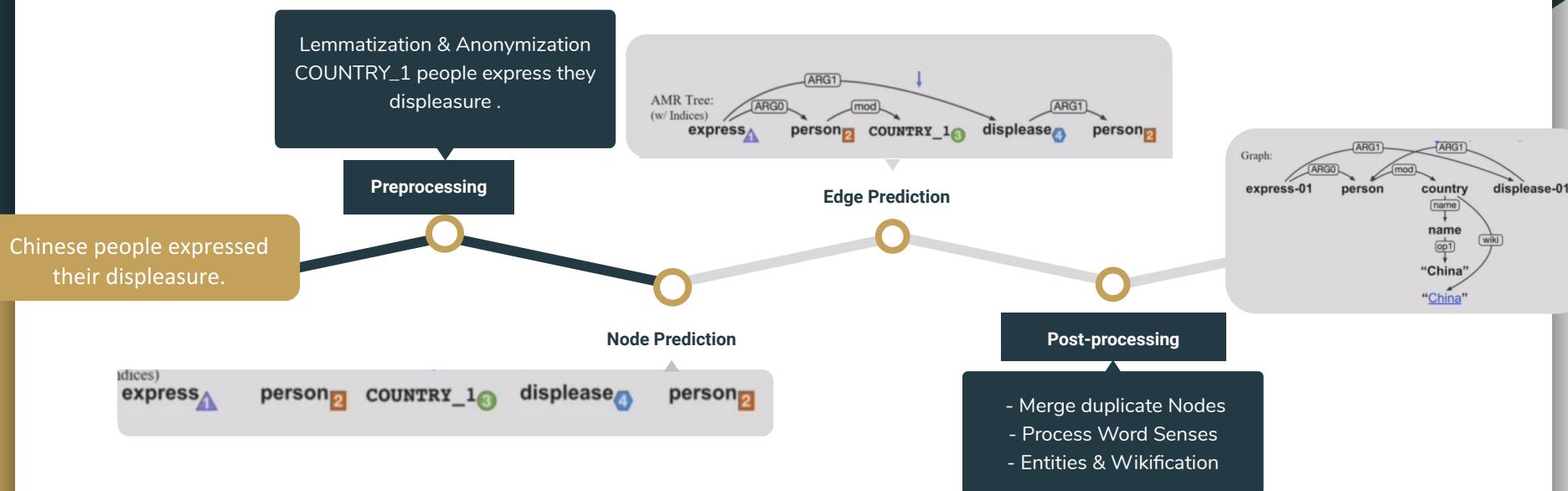


# Model for Edge Prediction



- 1 - Score edges between nodes.
- 2 - Look for the highest scoring parse tree in the space of valid parse trees using a greedy algorithm, i.e. Chu-Liu-Edmonds.

# Recap steps



# Transition-Based

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## Characteristics

A **transition system** is an abstract machine characterized by a set of configurations and transitions between them.

- A configuration is composed of a stack of partially processed words and a buffer of unseen input words.
- Starting from an initial configuration, the system applies transitions until a terminal configuration is reached.

# Transition-Based

## Tree-to-Graph

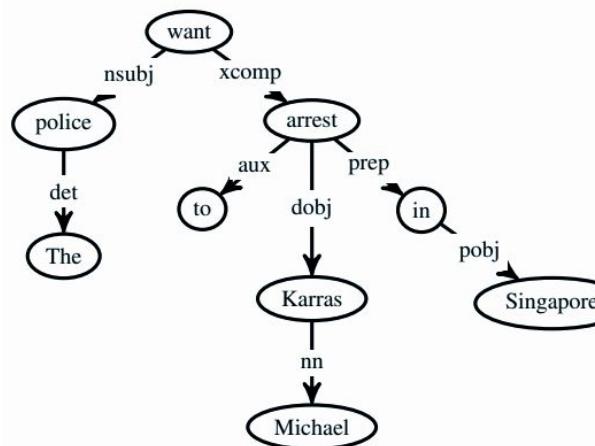
Parse a sentence into an AMR by taking the dependency tree of that sentence as input and transforming it to an AMR representation via a series of actions.

- The sentence is parsed into a dependency tree with a dependency parser.
- The dependency tree is transformed into an AMR graph.

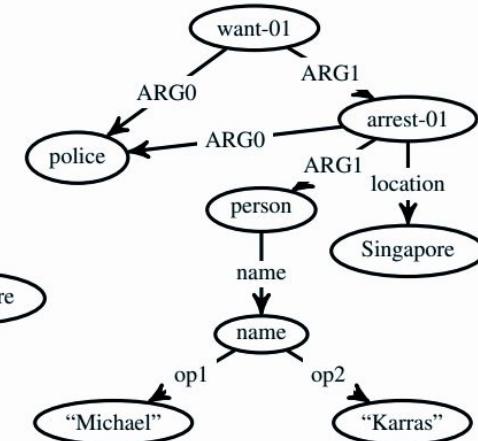
# From Dependency to AMR Parsing

## Tree-to-Graph: Similarities

- Both describe relations as holding between a head and its dependent, or between a parent and its child.



(a) Dependency tree

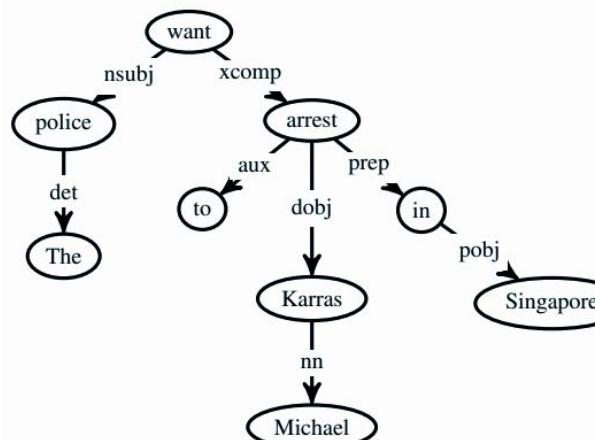


(b) AMR graph

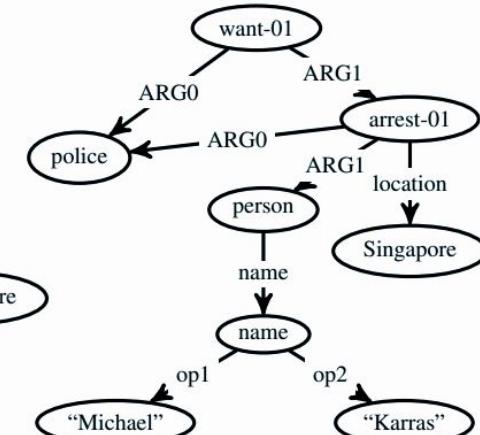
# From Dependency to AMR Parsing

## Tree-to-Graph: Differences

- AMR concepts and relations abstract away from actual word tokens.
- Content words become concepts while function words either become relations or get omitted.
- Reentrancy is also used to represent co-reference.



(a) Dependency tree



(b) AMR graph

# Transition-Based

## Sequence-to-Graph

Transition-based systems configured to directly parse a sequence into a graph by taking into consideration key features of AMR.

- Non-projectivity of AMR.
- Reentrancy.
- Word-to-concept alignment.

# Transition-Based

## AMR Parsers

NAACL, 2015

ACL, 2017

EMNLP, 2018

EMNLP, 2019

Wang et al., CAMR  
Focus: Tree-to-Graph Transition

- 1 - Compute the dependency tree using a pretrained parser.
- 2 - Collapse relations and concepts in one node to jointly predict them.
- 3 - JAMR aligner.
- 4 - Transition-based alg. initialized with a post-order traversal of dependency tree.

Damonte et al., AMREager  
Focus: Seq-to-Graph Transition

- 1 - Left-to-Right, linear-time transition system.
- 2 - CI at each Shift step of the Transition system.
- 3 - A classifier for the next transition.
- 4 - A classifier for edge label on each LArc and RArc step.

Liu et al.  
Focus: Tunable Alignment

- 1 - Enhanced Rule-Based JAMR aligner with rich semantic resources, GloVe & WordNet for multiple alignments.
- 2 - Parser chooses among multiple alignments.
- 3 - Sentence-to-Graph transition system for parsing along with its oracle parser.

Zhang et al.  
Focus: One-stage Parsing

- 1 - Directly transform a text into a MR in one stage.
- 2 - Incrementally builds a MR via a sequence of semantic relations.
- 3 - Aligner-free.
- 4 - Applied to three separate broad-coverage semantic parsing tasks – AMR, SDP & UCCA.

# Example Transition Actions\*

Transition	Current State	Resulting State	Description
DROP	$[\sigma s_0, \delta, b_0 \beta, A]$	$[\sigma s_0, \delta, \beta, A]$	pops out the word that doesn't convey any semantics (e.g., function words and punctuations).
MERGE	$[\bar{\sigma} s_0, \bar{\delta}, \bar{b}_0 \bar{b}_1 \bar{\beta}, \bar{A}]$	$[\sigma s_0, \delta, b_0 \bar{b}_1 \beta, A]$	concatenates a sequence of words into a span, which can be derived as a named entity (name) or date-entity.
CONFIRM( $\bar{c}$ )	$[\bar{\sigma} s_0, \bar{\delta}, \bar{b}_0 \bar{\beta}, \bar{A}]$	$[\sigma s_0, \delta, c \beta, A]$	derives the first element of the buffer (a word or span) into a concept $c$ .
ENTITY( $\bar{c}$ )	$[\bar{\sigma} s_0, \bar{\delta}, \bar{b}_0 \bar{\beta}, \bar{A}]$	$[\sigma s_0, \delta, c \beta, A \cup \text{relations}(c)]$	a special form of CONFIRM that derives the first element into an entity and builds the internal entity AMR fragment.
NEW( $\bar{c}$ )	$[\bar{\sigma} s_0, \bar{\delta}, \bar{b}_0 \bar{\beta}, \bar{A}]$	$[\sigma s_0, \delta, c \bar{b}_0 \bar{\beta}, A]$	generates a new concept $c$ and pushes it to the front of the buffer.
LEFT( $r$ )	$[\sigma s_0, \delta, b_0 \beta, A]$	$[\sigma s_0, \delta, b_0 \beta, A \cup \{s_0 \xleftarrow{r} b_0\}]$	links a relation $r$ between the top concepts on the stack and the buffer.
RIGHT( $r$ )	$[\sigma s_0, \delta, b_0 \beta, A]$	$[\sigma s_0, \delta, b_0 \beta, A \cup \{s_0 \xrightarrow{r} b_0\}]$	
CACHE	$[\bar{\sigma} s_0, \bar{\delta}, \bar{b}_0 \bar{\beta}, \bar{A}]$	$[\sigma, s_0 \delta, b_0 \bar{\beta}, A]$	passes the top concept of the stack onto the deque.
SHIFT	$[\bar{\sigma} s_0, \bar{\delta}, \bar{b}_0 \bar{\beta}, \bar{A}]$	$[\sigma s_0 \delta b_0, [\cdot], \beta, A]$	shifts the first concept of the buffer onto the stack along with those on the deque.
REDUCE	$[\bar{\sigma} s_0, \bar{\delta}, \bar{b}_0 \bar{\beta}, \bar{A}]$	$[\sigma, \delta, b_0 \beta, A]$	oops the top concept of the stack.

- $s = (\sigma, \delta, \beta, A)$
- $\sigma$  is a stack holding processed words
  - $\delta$  is a deque holding words popped out of  $\sigma$  that will be pushed back in the future
  - $\beta$  is a buffer holding unprocessed words.
  - $A$  is a set of labeled relations.

# Broad-Coverage Semantic Parsing as Transduction

[Zhang et al., EMNLP 2019]

## Unified Transduction Framework

Attention-based neural transducer to directly transform a text into a meaning representation (MR) in one stage.

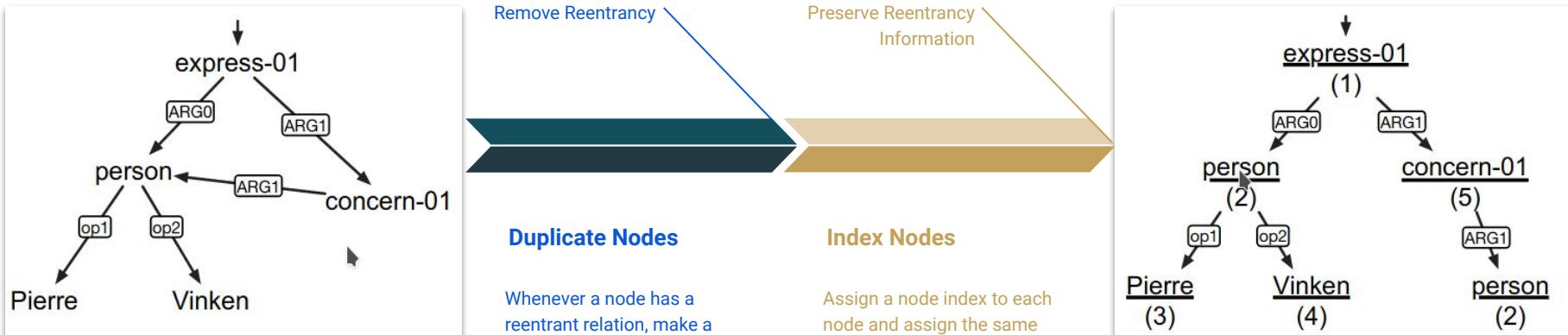
## Hybrid Graph- & Transition-based

Builds a MR incrementally via a sequence of semantic relations.  
Leverages multiple attention mechanisms used in graph-parsers.

## Parsing

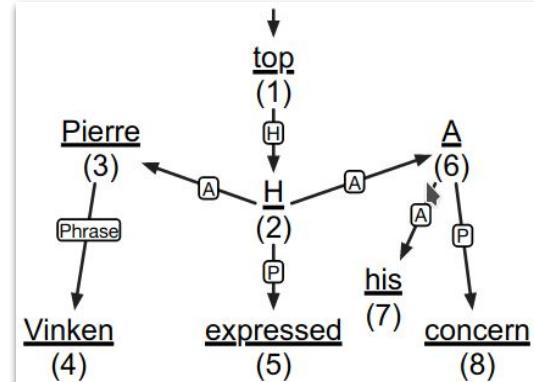
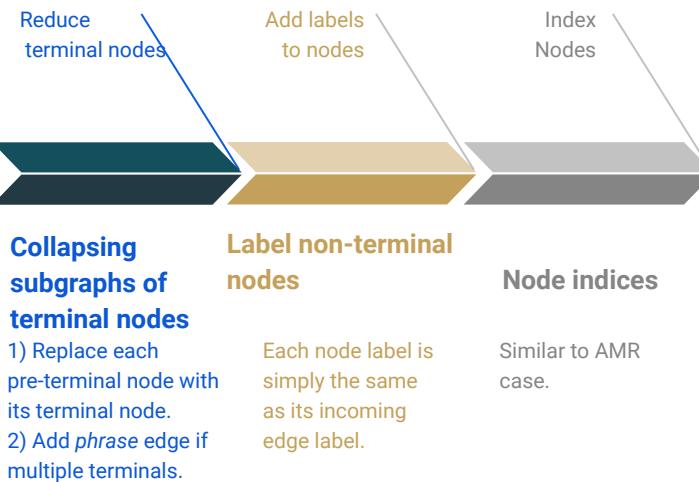
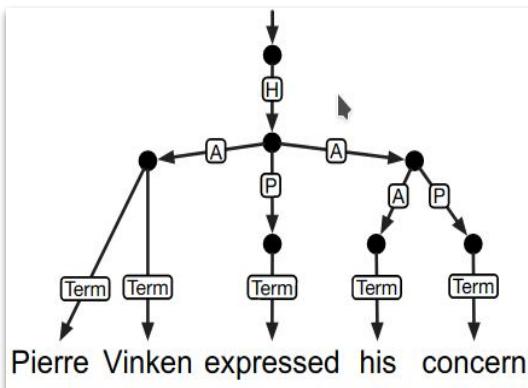
Requires only minimal task-specific processings to be applicable to three separate broad-coverage semantic tasks, i.e., AMR, UCCA, SDP.

# Unified Arborescence Format: AMR



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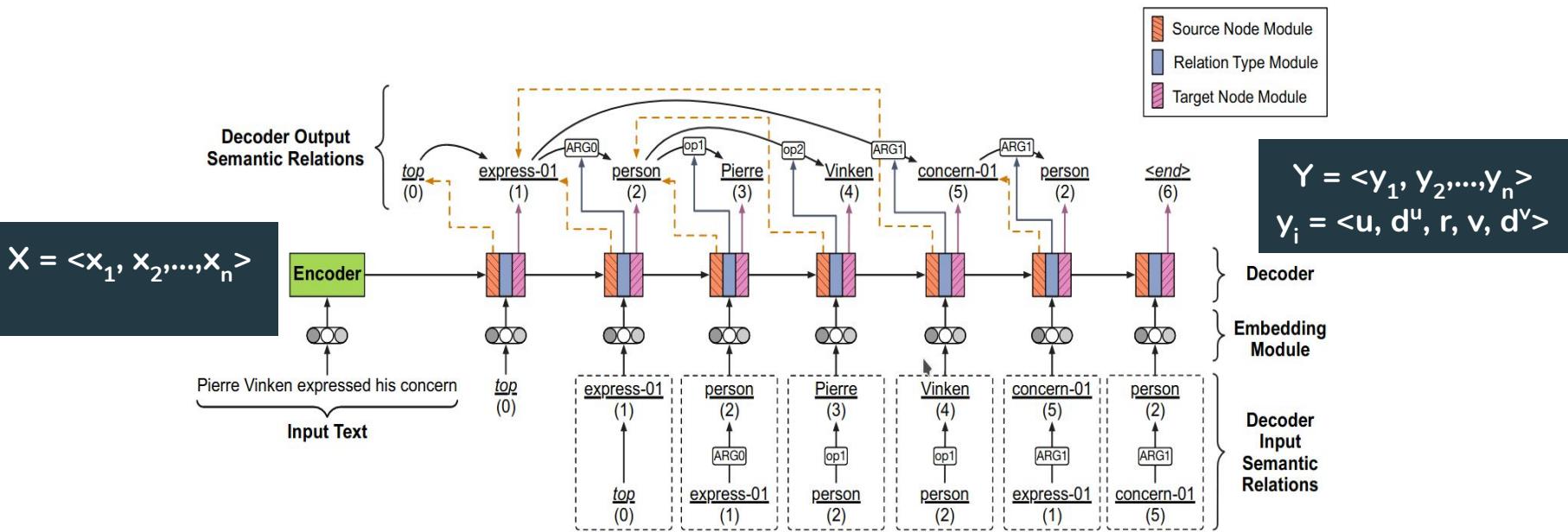
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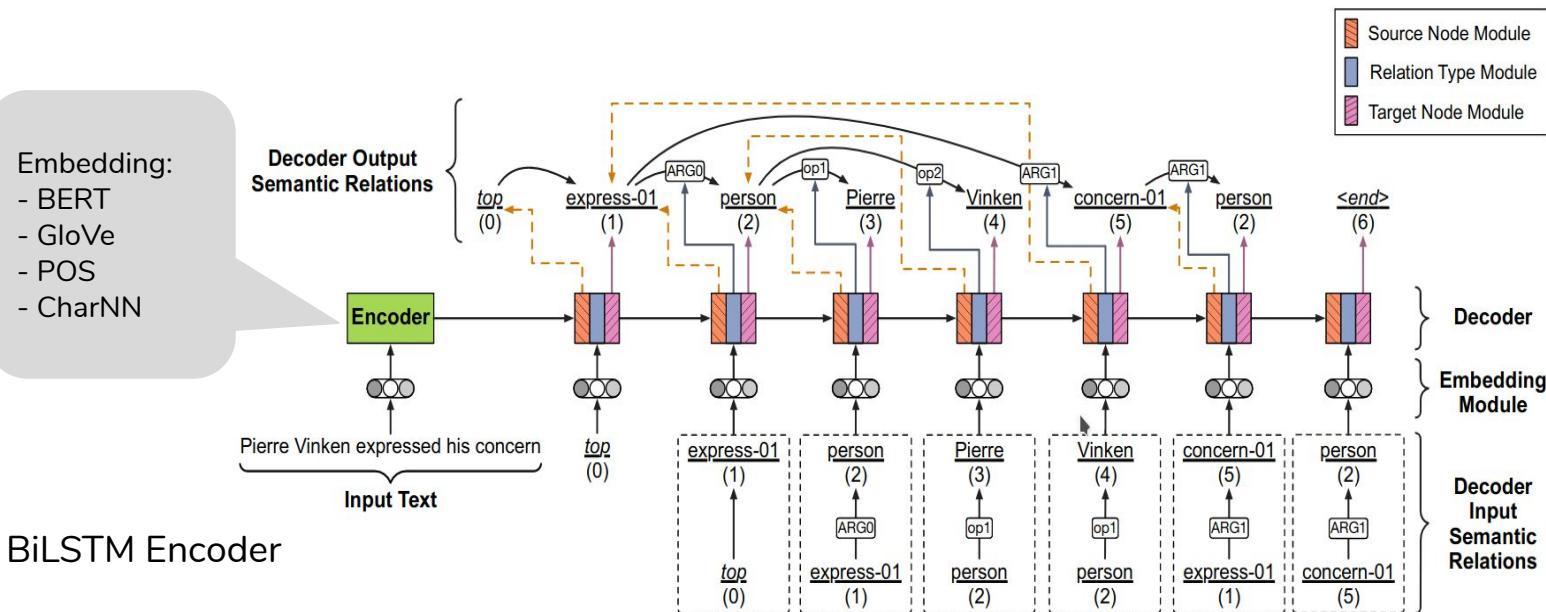
# Model

$u \rightarrow$  source node label  
 $d^u \rightarrow$  source node index  
 $r \rightarrow$  relation type  
 $v \rightarrow$  target node label  
 $d^v \rightarrow$  target node index



# Model

u -> source node label  
 d<sup>u</sup> -> source node index  
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 d<sup>v</sup> -> target node index



# Model

Takes the vector representations of the previous semantic relation, and predicts a target node label as well as its index.

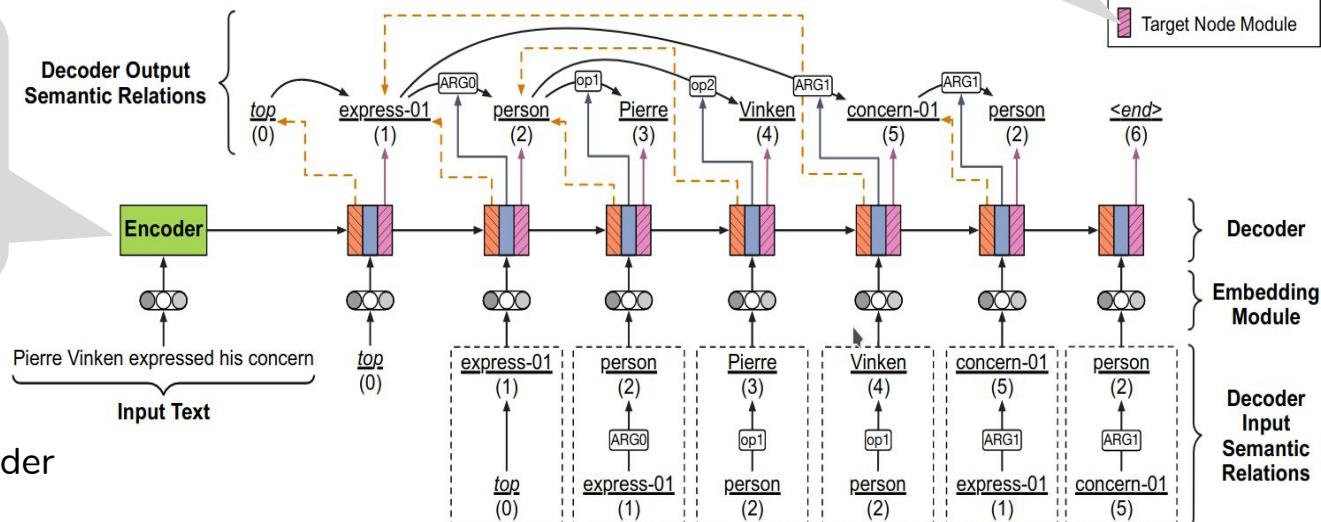
$$\mathbf{z}_i = \text{FFN}^{(\text{relation})}([\mathbf{h}_i^l; \mathbf{c}_i; \mathbf{r}_i; \mathbf{u}_i; \mathbf{d}_i^u])$$

$$\mathbf{h}_i^l = \text{LSTM}_i(\mathbf{h}_i^{l-1}, \mathbf{h}_i^l)$$

$$\text{FFN}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{Wx} + \mathbf{b}$$

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  - GloVe
  - POS
  - CharNN



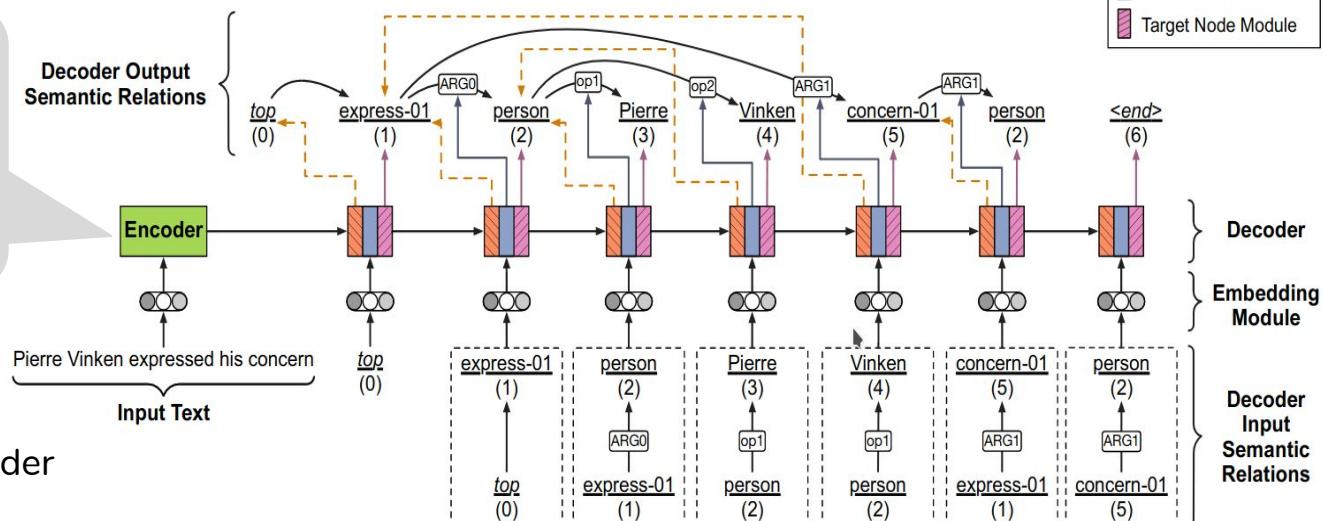
# Model

Predicts a source node via pointing to a node label among preceding target node labels.

$$\text{softmax}(\text{BIAFFINE}(\mathbf{h}_{i+1}^{(\text{start})}, \mathbf{h}_{1:i}^{(\text{end})}))$$

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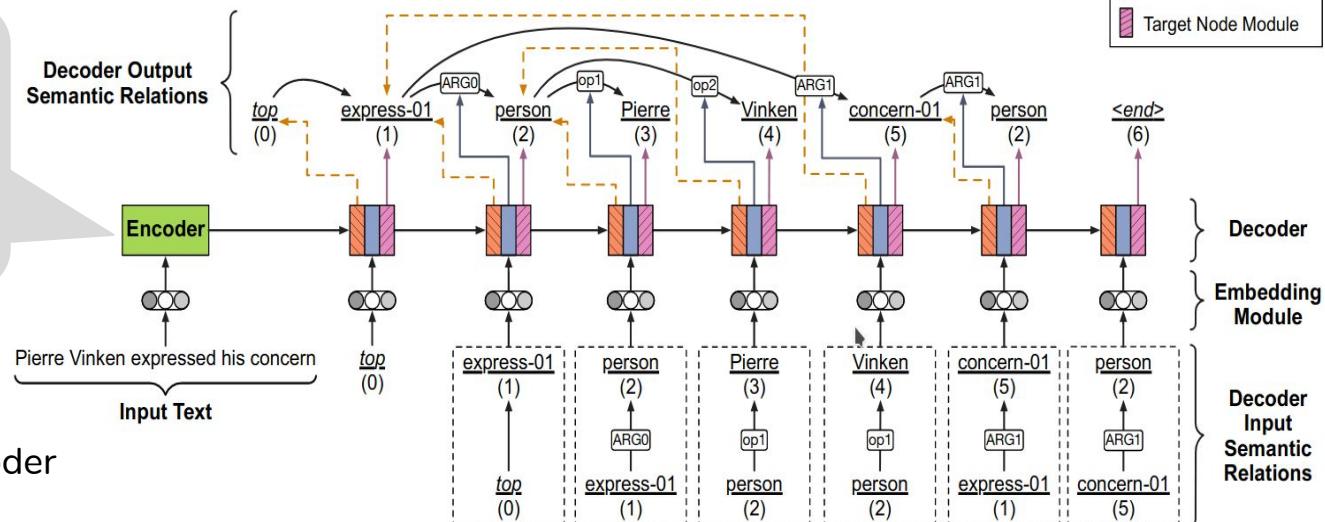
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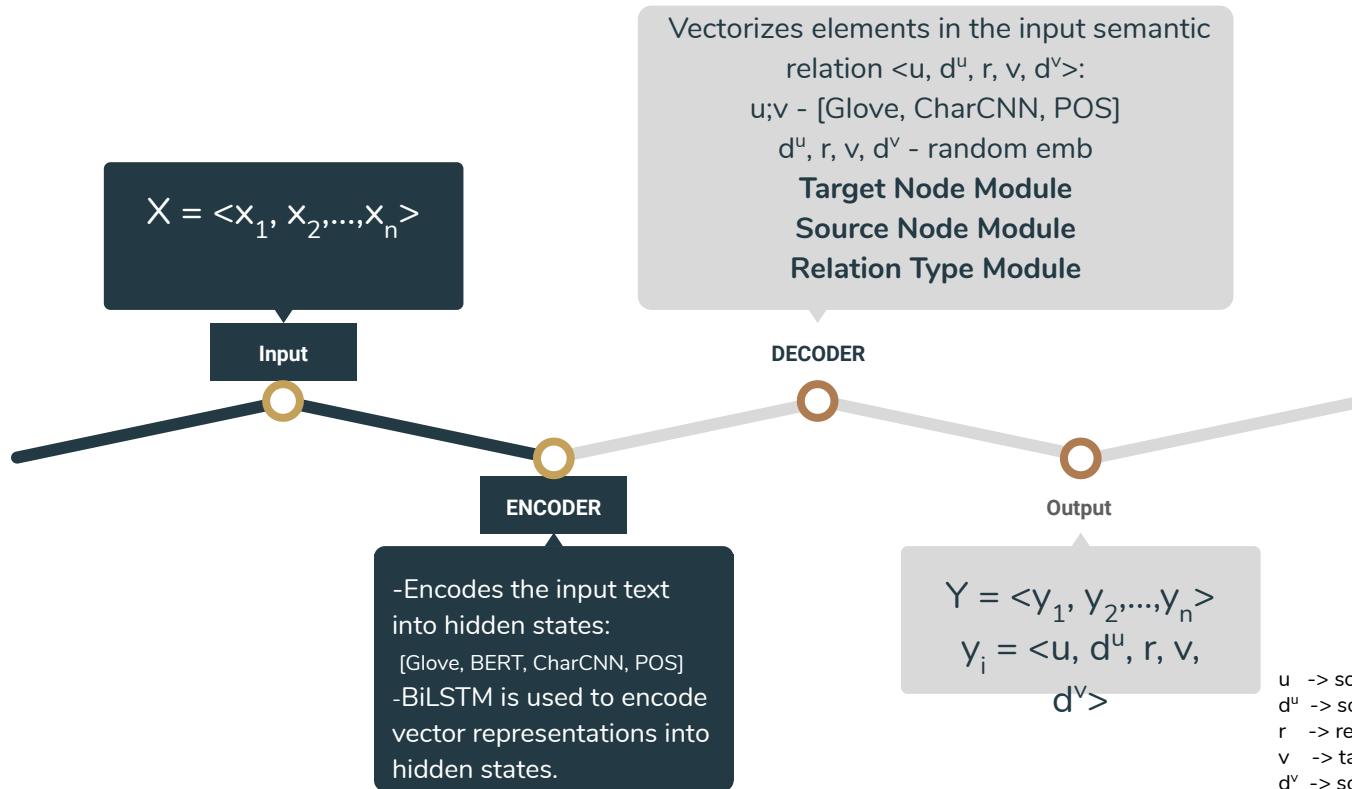
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Reuses LSTM hidden states from the target node module to compute the probability distribution of next relation type.

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r -> relation type  
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# Recap Steps



# Translation-Based

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## Characteristics

- Inspired by the success of sequence-to-sequence models that are the heart of modern Neural Machine Translation.
- Semantic graphs as a foreign language.
  - Semantic graphs are encoded and then viewed as strings from another language.

# Translation-Based

## AMR Parsers

EACL, 2017

Peng et al.  
Focus: AMR data sparsity

- 1 - A stacked BiLSTM Seq2Seq.
- 2 - Categorization strategy which first maps low frequency concepts and entity subgraphs to a reduced set of category types.
- 3 - Linearization through depth-first traversal order.

ACL, 2017

Konstas et al.  
Focus: Data augmentation

- 1 - A stacked BiLSTM Seq2Seq.
- 2 - Data augmentation: rely only on a large unannotated corpus of English.
- 3 - Demonstrate that a seq2seq can be trained using any graph-isomorphic linearization.
- 4 - Self-training to bootstrap a high quality AMR parser from millions of unlabeled Gigaword sentences.

IJCAI, 2019

Ge et al.  
Focus: Modeling syntax and semantics

- 1 - Seq2Seq Transformer model for English to AMR translation.
- 2 - Enhance input with +Syntax and +Semantics.
- 3 - Syntactic and Semantic are either linearized or input as structure in a structure-aware network.

# Modeling Source Syntax and Semantics for Neural AMR Parsing

[Ge et al., 2019]

**Sequence-to-Sequence**

AMR as translation task from a source sentence to a Linearized AMR graph.

**Enhanced Input**

Modeling Syntax and Semantics in a mixed sequence of words, syntactic labels and semantic roles.  
Modeling Syntax & Semantics through a structure-aware attention.

**Parsing**

Applied to AMR Framework.

# AMR Parsing as Seq2Seq Learning

via AMR Linearization

## AMR Graph-to-Target Sequence

- AMR graphs are first converted into AMR trees by removing variables and duplicating the co-referring nodes.
- Remove wiki links.
- Newlines present in an AMR tree are replaced by spaces to get a sequence.

## Target Sequence-to-AMR Graph\*

- Assign a unique variable to each concept.
- Prune duplicated nodes and redundant material.
- Perform Wikification.
- Restore co-referring nodes.
- As the output may contain brackets that do not match, resulting in incomplete concepts, it should fix incomplete concepts.

\*scripts by van Noord and Bos, 2017.

# AMR Parsing as Seq2Seq Learning

via AMR Linearization

The airstrikes escalated conflict in a separatist area of Georgia

```
(e / escalate-01
 :ARG0 (s2 / strike-01 :path (a / air))
 :ARG1 (c / conflict-01
        :location (a2 / area
                   :mod (s / separatist)
                   :part-of (c2 / country
                             :wiki "Georgia_(country)"
                             :name (n / name :op1 "Georgia")))))
```

```
( escalate-01 : ARG0 ( strike-01 : path ( air ) ) : ARG1 ( conflict-01 :
location ( area : mod ( separatist ) : part-of ( country : name ( name :
op1 " Georgia " ) ) ) ) ) )
```

# Modeling Source Syntax and Semantics

via Sequence-Aware Linearization

## Linearizing Source Syntax

- pre-order traversal to obtain the syntactic sequence, mixed with grammar labels, POS tags as well as words.

## Linearizing Source Semantics

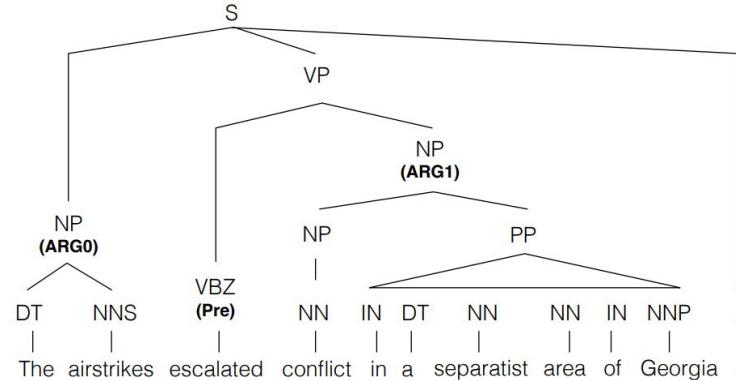
- insert semantic role labels at the corresponding segment's beginning position.

## Linearizing Both

- pre-order traversal on the syntactic tree with semantic roles to obtain the linearized version: if a syntactic node is augmented with semantic roles, then it is sequenced as its syntactic label, followed by the semantic role labels.

# Modeling Source Syntax and Semantics

via Sequence-Aware Linearization



Linearizing Source  
Syntax

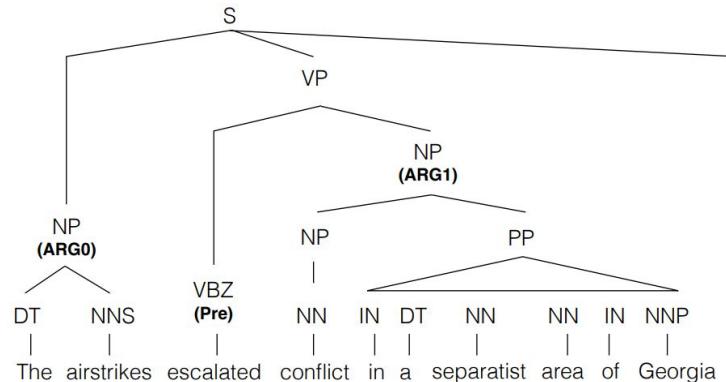
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Linearizing Source  
Semantics

ARG0 **The** airstrikes Pre **escalated** ARG1 **conflict** in **a** **separatist** **area** **of** **Georgia** .

# Modeling Source Syntax and Semantics

via Sequence-Aware Linearization



Linearizing Both

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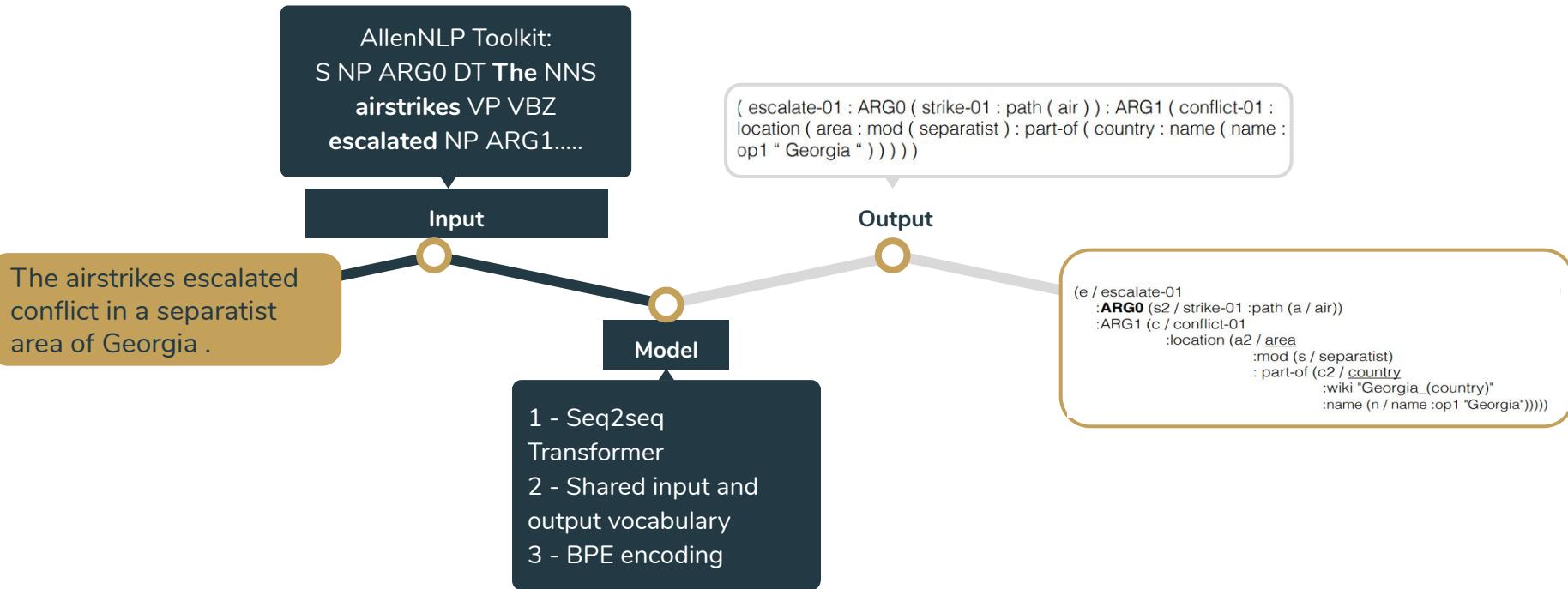
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# Recap Steps



# Composition-Based

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Principle of compositionality:  
the meaning of a complex expression is determined by the  
meanings of its constituent expressions and the rules used  
to combine them.

# Composition-Based

## Characteristics

- A semantic graph can be viewed as the result of a derivation process, in which a set of lexical and syntactico-semantic rules are iteratively applied and evaluated.
- Explicitly models derivations that yield semantic graphs.
- Manipulating Graphs through:
  - Graph algebra (AM algebra)
  - Graph grammar (hyperedge replacement grammar)

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# Some Linguistic Rules\*

## Definitions

**Transitivity** is thought as a global property of a clause, by which activity is transferred from an agent to a patient.

- **Transitive verbs** accept one or more objects.
- **Intransitive verbs** do not have objects.

**Control** is a construction in which the understood subject of a given predicate is determined by some expression in context.

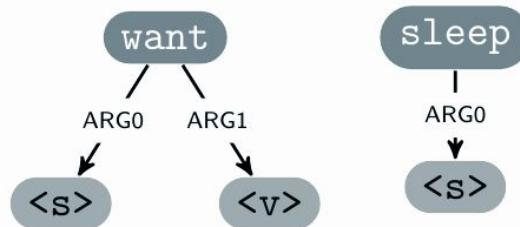
- **Control verbs** semantically select their arguments. Their appearance strongly influences the nature of the arguments they take.

\*Wikipedia Definitions

# Apply-Modify Algebra

## S-Graph

Directed graphs with node and edge labels in which certain nodes have been designated as **sources** and annotated with type information.



“root” source

- ▶ want
- ▶ sleep

other sources

- ▶ <s> (for “subjects”)
- ▶ <v> (for “verb complements”)

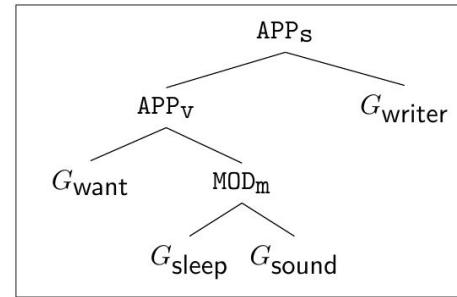
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## S-Graph

AM algebra provides a systematic way to construct graphs:

- **term (tree of operation symbols)**
- value (s-graph)

The writer wants to sleep soundly



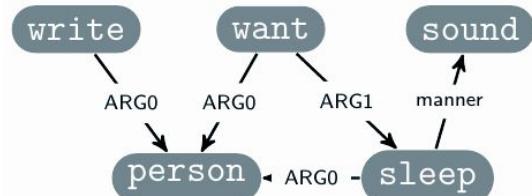
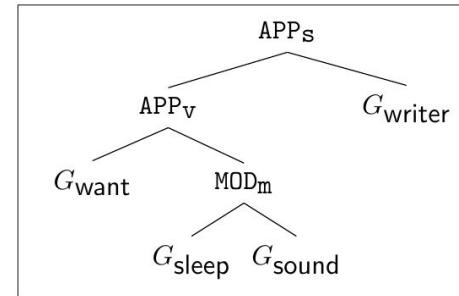
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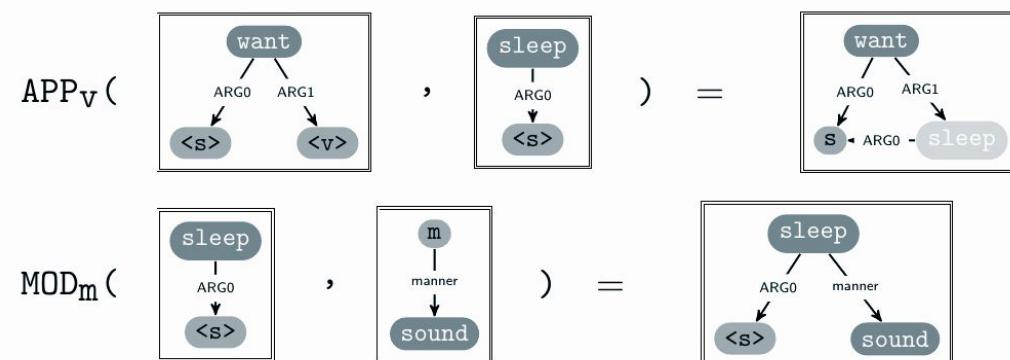
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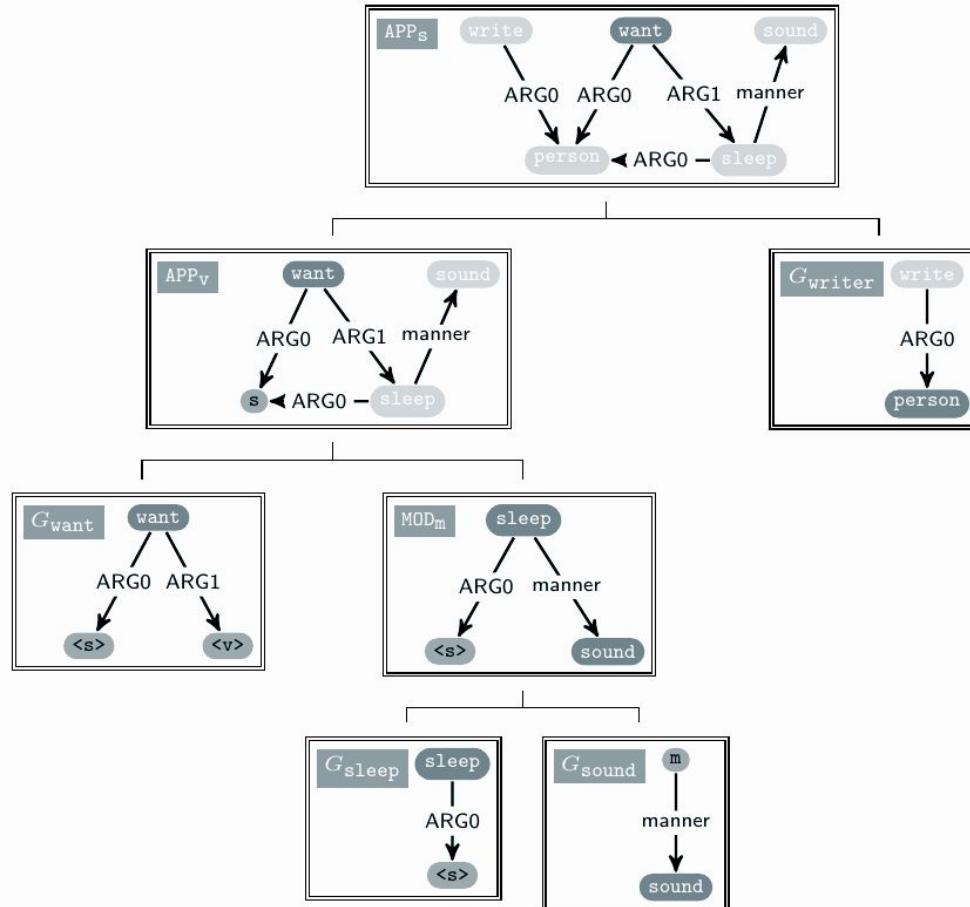
## S-Graph

Two operations for combining s-graphs:

- Apply (head+complement)
- Modify (head+modifier)

The writer wants to sleep soundly





The writer wants to sleep soundly

# Composition-Based

## AMR Parsers

ACL, 2015

**Artzi et al.**  
**Focus: CCG for AMR Parsing**

1 - Lambda-calculus representations.  
2 - Use Combinatory Categorial Grammars (CCG) to recover compositional aspects of meaning.

ACL, 2018

**Groschwitz et al.**  
**Focus: Linguistic rules for AMR Parsing**

1 - Derive AMR compositionally.  
2 - Use Apply-Modify algebra to parse a string into a graph compositional structure.  
3 - Use of Semantic Types to restrict AMR Parser.

ACL, 2019

**Lindenmann et al.**  
**Focus: Linguistic rules for meaning representation**

1 - Compositional-neural semantic parser.  
2 - Build over Groschwitz et al., 2018.  
3 - Incorporate BERT and Multi Tasking with Dependency parsing.  
4 - Applied across a diverse range of GraphBanks with competitive accuracies.

# AMR dependency parsing with a typed semantic algebra

[Groschwitz et al., 2018]

## Typed Semantic Algebra

Apply-Modify Algebra (AM) to parse a string into a graph compositional structure.

## Dependency-Semantic Combination

Neural supertagger for identifying the elementary graphs for the individual words with a neural dependency model along the lines for identifying the operations of the AM.

## Parsing

Applied to AMR Framework.  
Extended to other parses by Lindenmann et al., 2019.

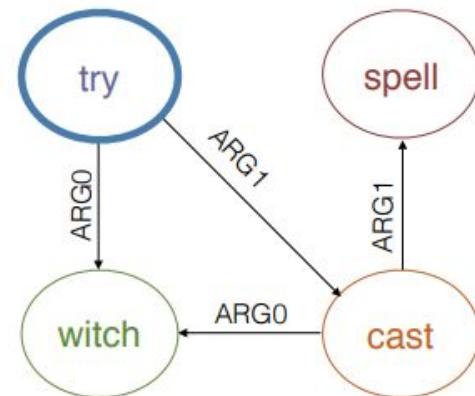
# Classic AMR Parsing

The witch tried to cast a spell.

Node Prediction

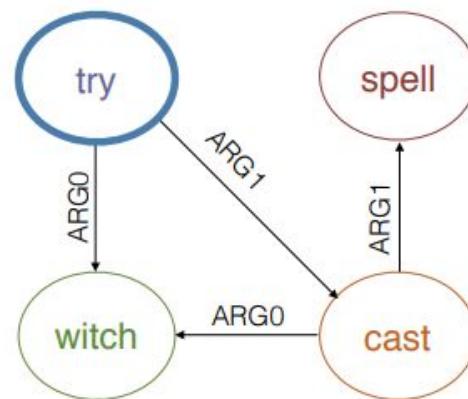


Edge Prediction

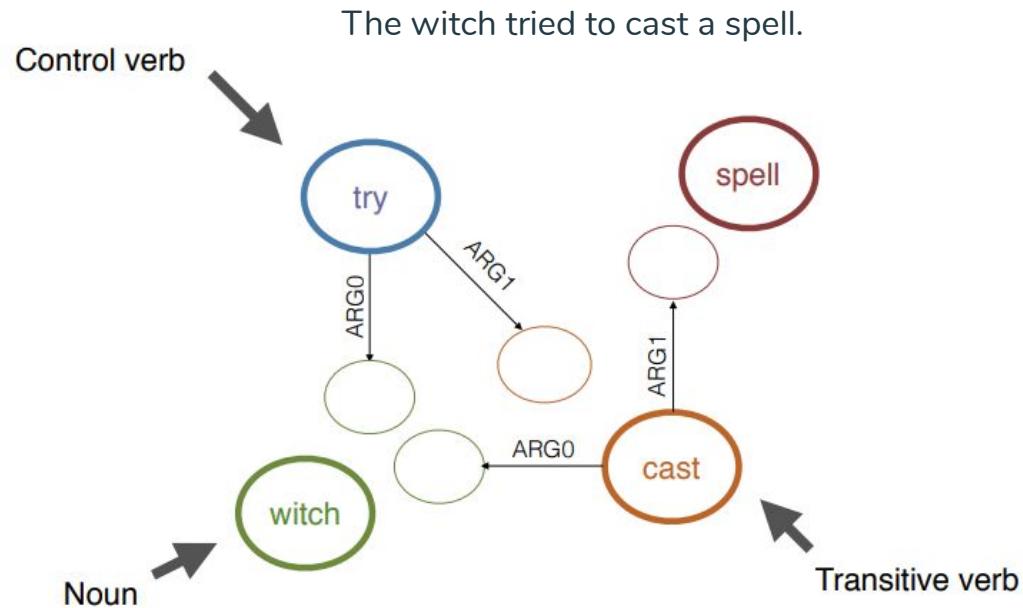


# Not just nodes and edges

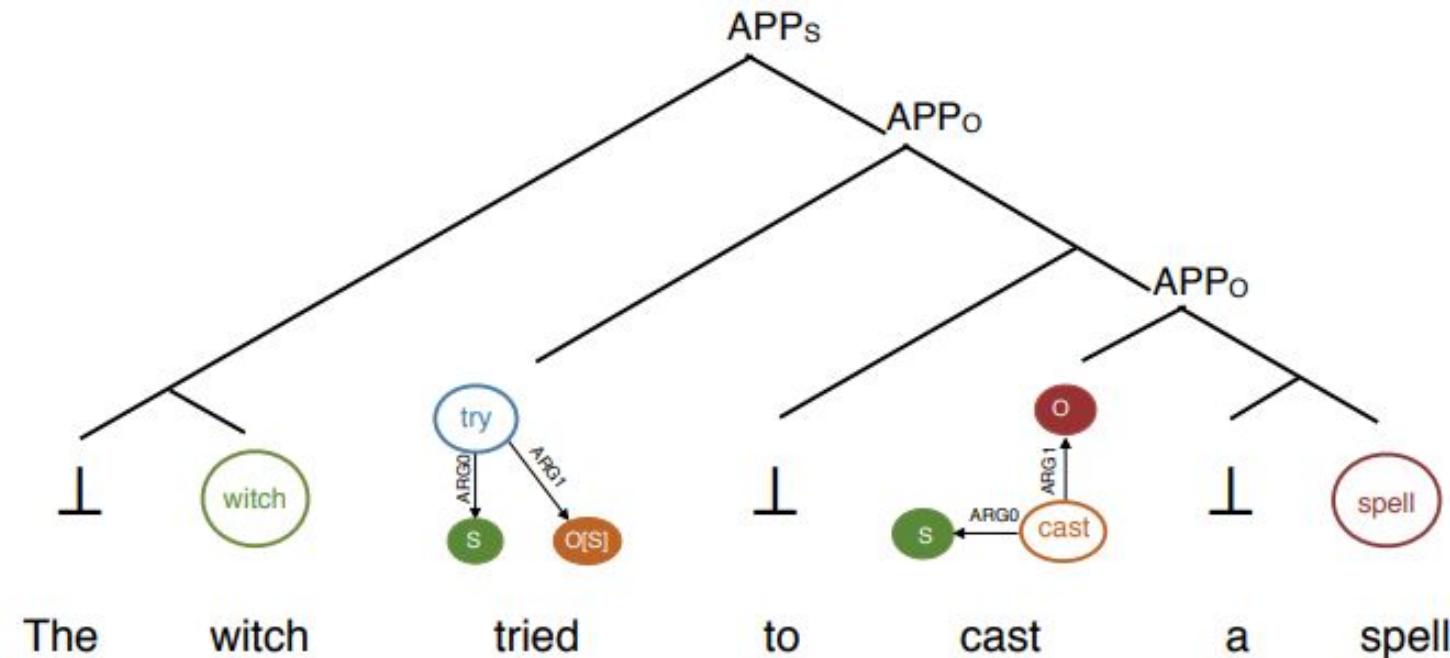
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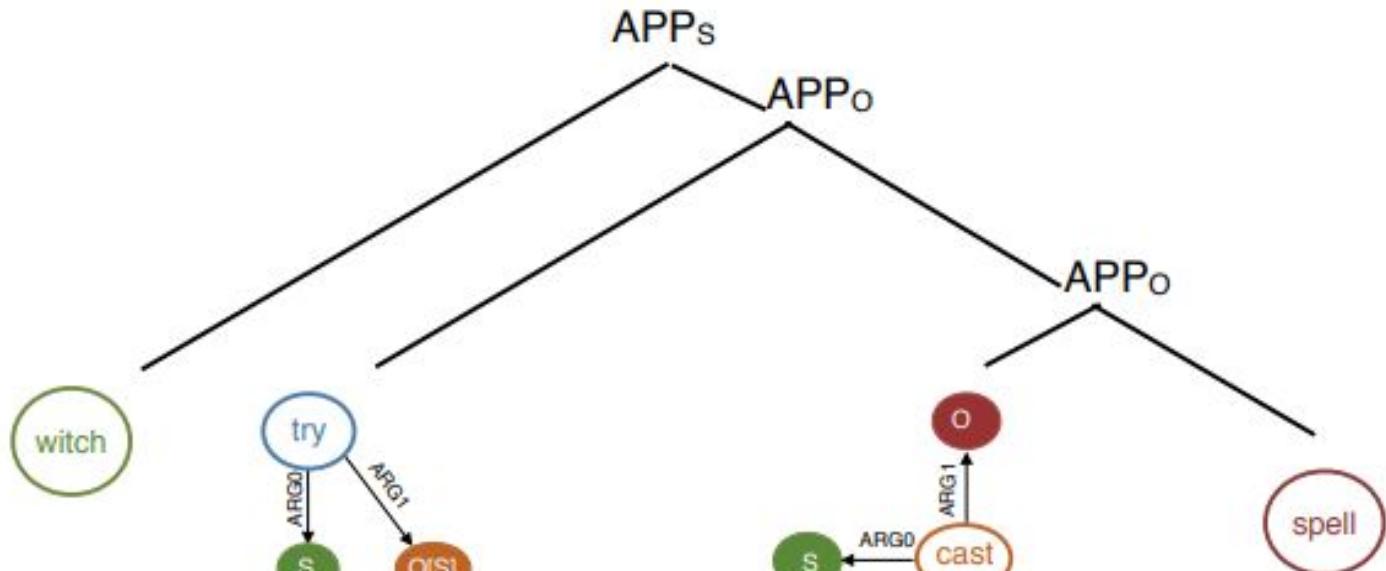
# A closer look



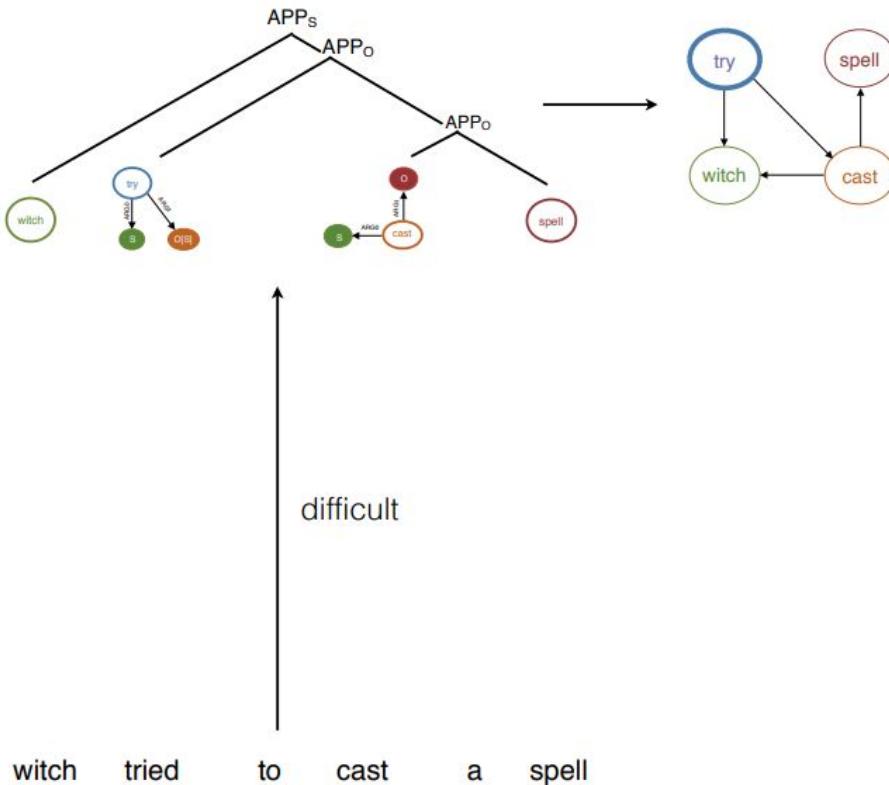
# Compositionality

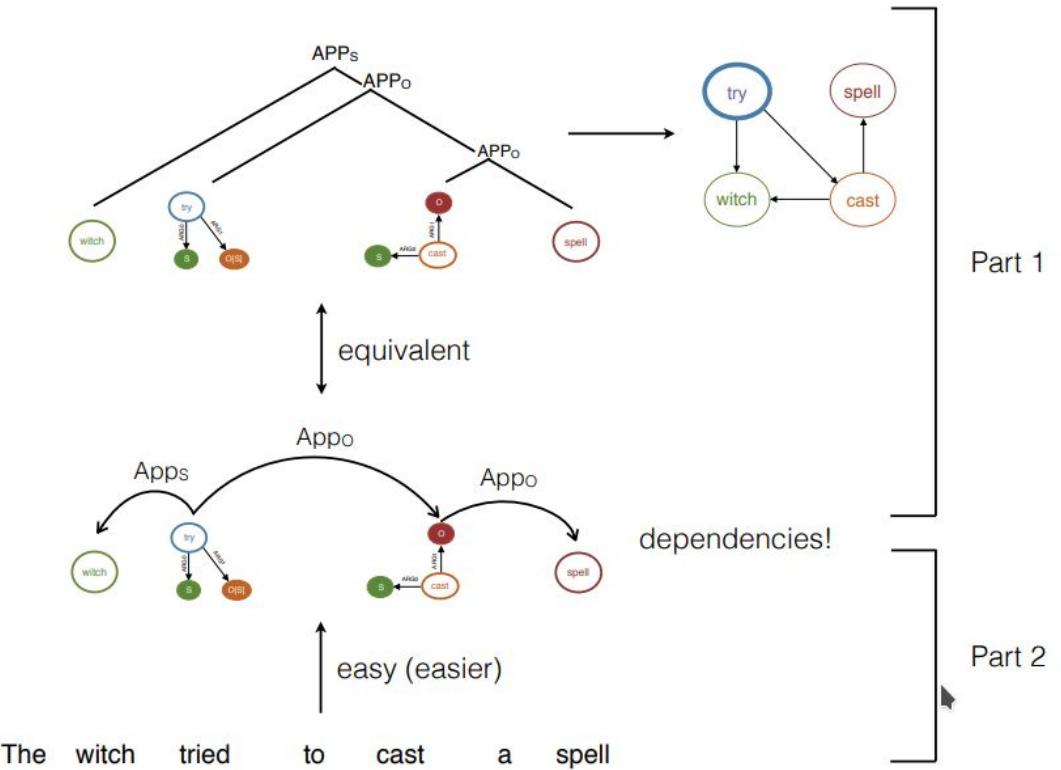


# Compositionality



The      witch      tried      to      cast      a      spell





Authors assume that the formalism is equivalent to a dependency structure.  
Dependency structures are easier to predict.

# AM dependency trees for AMR

## Decomposition

1. Align each node in the graph with a word token.
2. Group the edges together with either their source or target nodes, depending on the edge label.
3. Choose a source name for the open slot at the other end of each attached edge.
4. Match reentrancy patterns to determine annotations for each source.

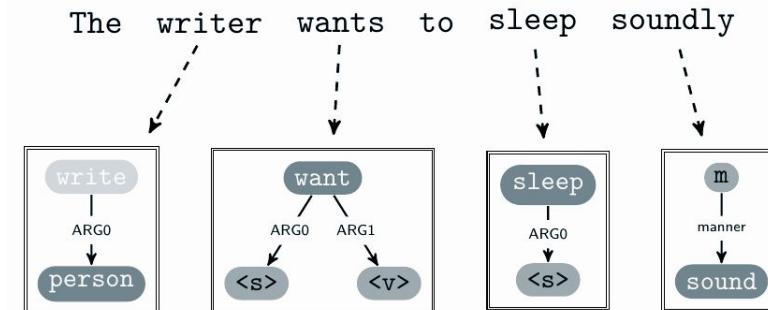
# AM Algebra-Based Parsing

## Precision Model

1. A supertagger predicts graphs for words.
2. A dependency parser predicts APP and MOD edges.
3. At test time, compute highest-scoring well-typed AM dependency tree for input sentence.

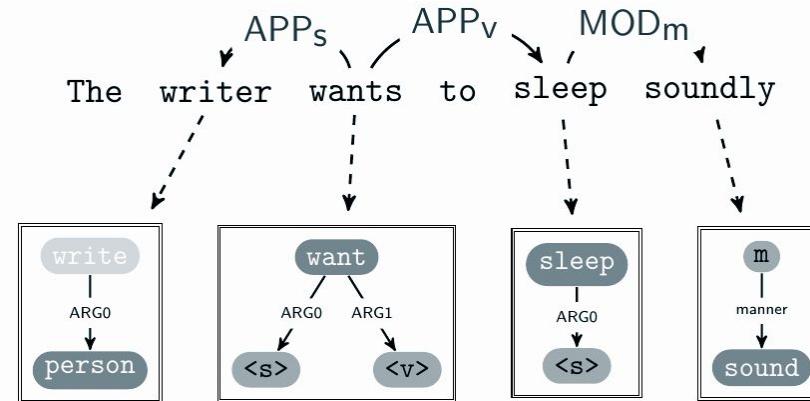
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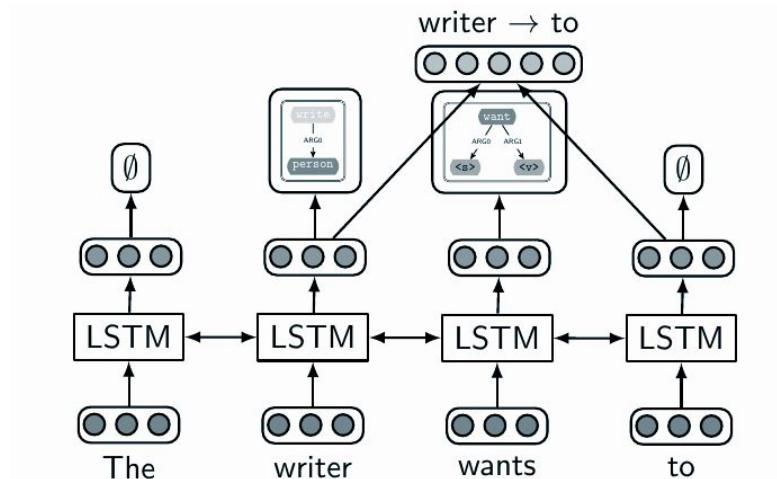
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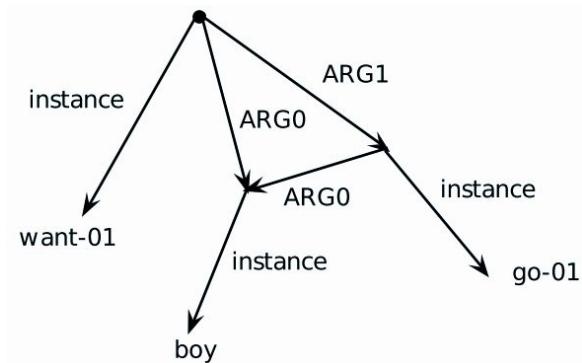
# Evaluating Performance

# AMR Evaluation

Gold parse: the boy wants to go

Semantic relationships encoded in the AMR graph can also be viewed as a conjunction of logical propositions, or triples:

```
instance(a, want-01) ∧  
instance(b, boy) ∧  
instance(c, go-01) ∧  
ARG0(a, b) ∧  
ARG1(a, c) ∧  
ARG0(c, b)
```

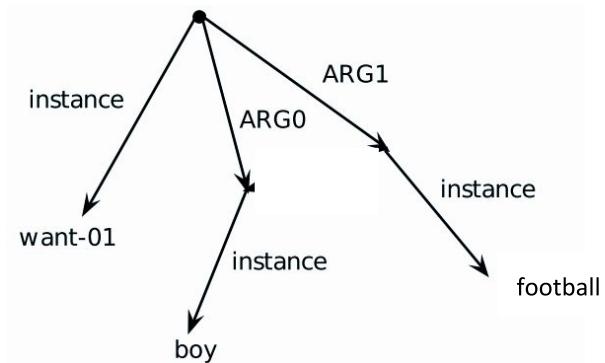


# AMR Evaluation

Predicted parse: the boy wants the football

Semantic relationships encoded in the AMR graph can also be viewed as a conjunction of logical propositions, or triples:

```
instance(x, want-01) ∧  
instance(y, boy) ∧  
instance(z, football) ∧  
ARG0(x, y) ∧  
ARG1(x, z)
```



# AMR Evaluation

Smatch (semantic match) [Cai and Knight, 2013]

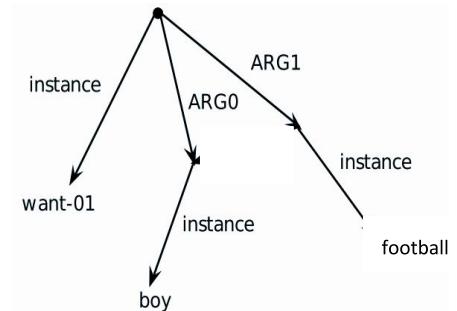
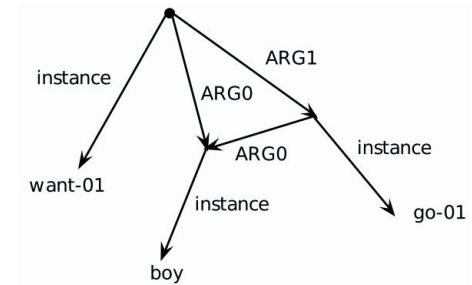
Smatch measures precision, recall, and f-score of the triples in the second AMR against the triples in the first AMR.

*The boy wants to go*

instance(a, want-01)  
  Λ  
  instance(b, boy) Λ  
  instance(c, go-01) Λ  
  ARG0(a, b) Λ  
  ARG1(a, c) Λ  
  ARG0(c, b)

*The boy wants football*

instance(x, want-01) Λ  
  instance(y, boy) Λ  
  instance(z, football) Λ  
  ARG0(x, y) Λ  
  ARG1(x, z)



# AMR Evaluation

Smatch (semantic match) [Cai and Knight, 2013]

Variable names are not shared between the two AMRs, so there are multiple ways to compute the propositional overlap based on different variable mappings.

*The boy wants to go*

```
instance(a, want-01)
∧
instance(b, boy) ∧
instance(c, go-01) ∧
ARG0(a, b) ∧
ARG1(a, c) ∧
ARG0(c, b)
```

*The boy wants football*

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instance(x, want-01) ∧
instance(y, boy) ∧
instance(z, football) ∧
ARG0(x, y) ∧
ARG1(x, z)
```

# AMR Evaluation

## Smatch

Smatch score is defined as the maximum f-score obtainable via a one-to-one matching of variables between the two AMRs.

*The boy wants to go*

instance(a, want-01)  
Λ  
instance(b, boy) Λ  
instance(c, go-01) Λ  
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	M	P	R	F
x=a, y=b, z=c:	4	4/5	4/6	0.73 ←
x=a, y=c, z=b:	1	1/5	1/6	0.18
x=b, y=a, z=c:	0	0/5	0/6	0.00
x=b, y=c, z=a:	0	0/5	0/6	0.00
x=c, y=a, z=b:	0	0/5	0/6	0.00
x=c, y=b, z=a:	2	2/5	2/6	0.36
-----				
smatch score:				0.73

# AMR Evaluation

## Fine-Grained [Damonte et al., 2017]

Smatch score (Cai and Knight, 2013) is not sufficient to evaluate AMR parsers.

1. AMR parsing involves a large number of subtasks.
2. The Smatch score consists of a single number that does not assess the quality of each subtasks separately.
3. The Smatch score weighs different types of errors in a way which is not necessarily useful for solving a specific NLP problem.

# AMR Evaluation

Fine-Grained [Damonte et al., 2017]

Silvio Berlusconi gave Lucio Stanca his current role of modernizing Italy's bureaucracy.

```
(g / give-01
  :ARG0 (p3 / silvio :mod (n4 / berlusconi))
  :ARG1 (r / role
    :time (c2 / current)
    :mod (m / modernize-01
      :ARG0 p4
      :ARG1 (b / bureaucracy :part-of (c3 / italy)))
    :poss p4)
  :ARG2 (p4 / person lucio :mod stanca))
```

```
(g / give-01
  :ARG0 (p3 / person :wiki "Silvio_Berlusconi"
    :name (n4 / name :op1 "Silvio" :op2 "Berlusconi"))
  :ARG0 (r / role
    :ARG0 (c2 / current)
    :ARG0 (m / modernize-01
      :ARG0 p4
      :ARG0 (b / bureaucracy
        :ARG0 (c3 / country :wiki "Italy"
          :name (n6 / name :op1 "Italy"))))
    :ARG0 p4)
  :ARG0 (p4 / person :wiki -
    :name (n5 / name :op1 "Lucio" :op2 "Stanca")))
```

Smatch: 56

Smatch: 78

# AMR Evaluation

Fine-Grained [Damonte et al., 2017]

## Unlabeled

Smatch score computed on the predicted graphs after removing all edge labels.

## Reentrancy

Smatch score only on reentrant edges.

## Named Ent. & Wikification

F-score on the named entities and wiki roles for named entities (Wikification) that consider edges labeled with :name and :wiki.

## Semantic Role Labelling

Smatch score on :ARG edges only.



## No WSD

Smatch score ignoring the sense specified by the Propbank frame (e.g., duck-01/02).

## Concepts

F-score on the list of predicted concepts.

## Negations

An F-score that computes the correctness of all negated concepts by looking for the :polarity role.

## NP-Only

Smatch score on noun phrases only.

# AMR Evaluation

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Metric	First parse	Second parse
Smatch	56	78
Unlabeled	65	100
No WSD	56	78
NP-only	39	86
Reentrancy	69	46
Concepts	56	100
Named Ent.	0	100
Wikification	0	100
Negations	0	0
SRL	69	54

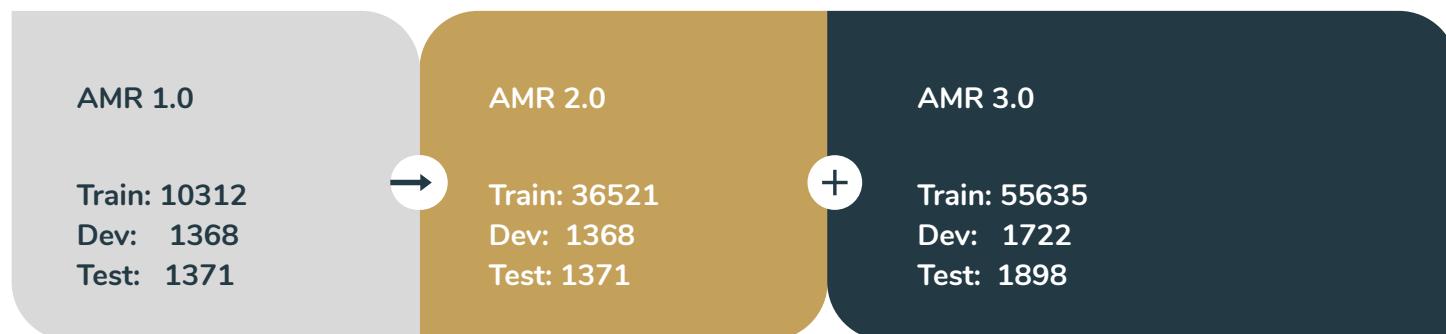
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# AMR GraphBanks

English



# Additional AMR GraphBanks

## GraphBanks

The Little Prince

Train: 1274  
Dev: 145  
Test: 143

AMR Chinese

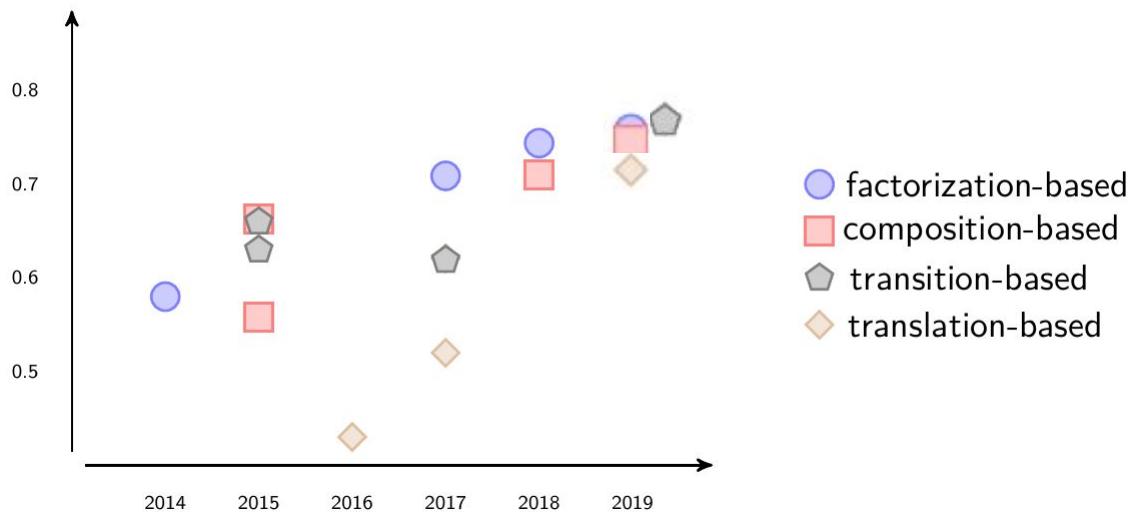
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Train: 1274  
Dev: 245  
Test: 143

BIO AMR

Train: 5452  
Dev: 500  
Test: 500

# Performance

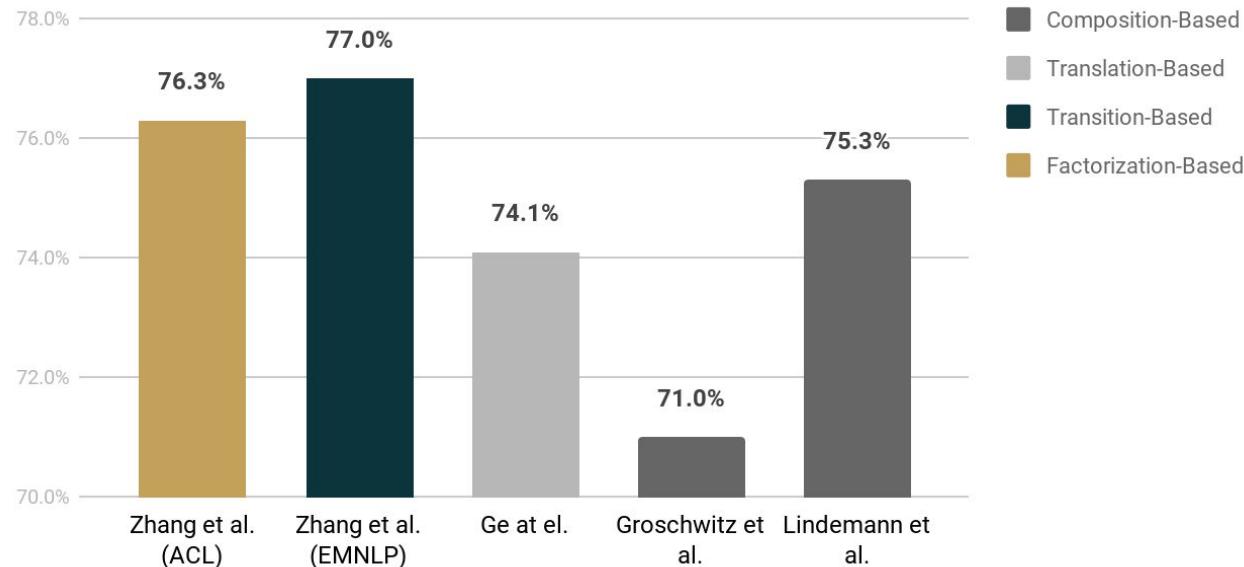
Smatch Trend (Different test sets over years)



# Performance

## Smatch AMR 2.0

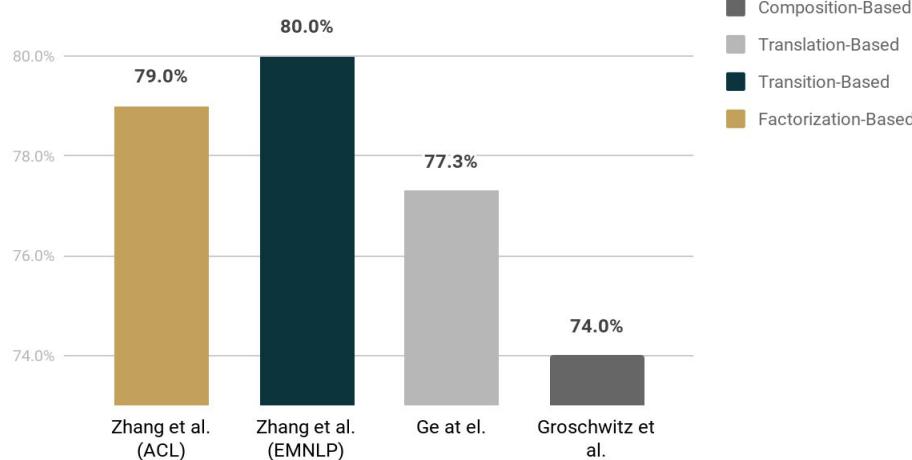
### SMATCH



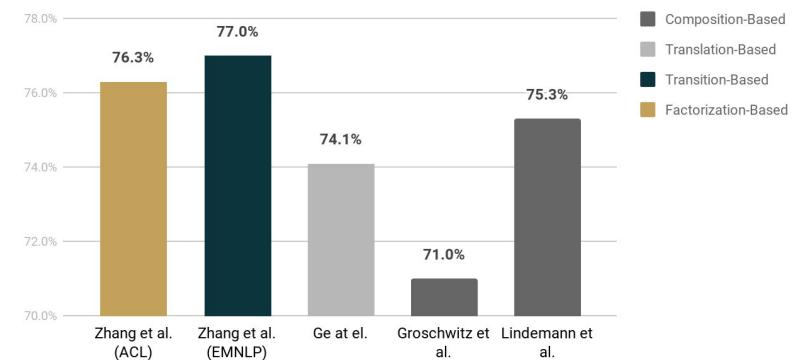
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Unlabeled AMR 2.0 :  
Smatch score computed on the predicted graphs after removing all edge labels.

Unlabeled



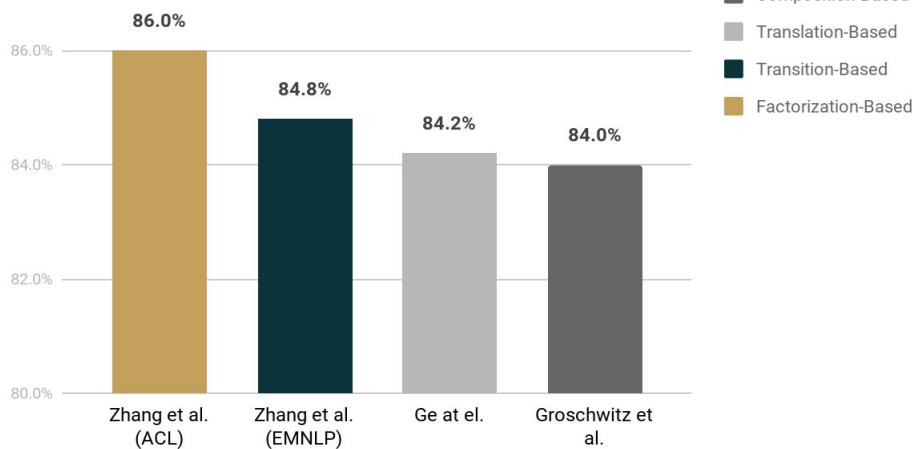
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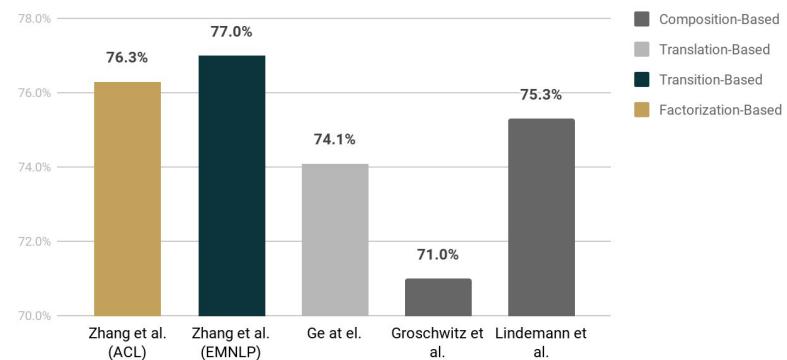
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Concepts AMR 2.0:  
F-score on the list of predicted concepts.

## Concepts



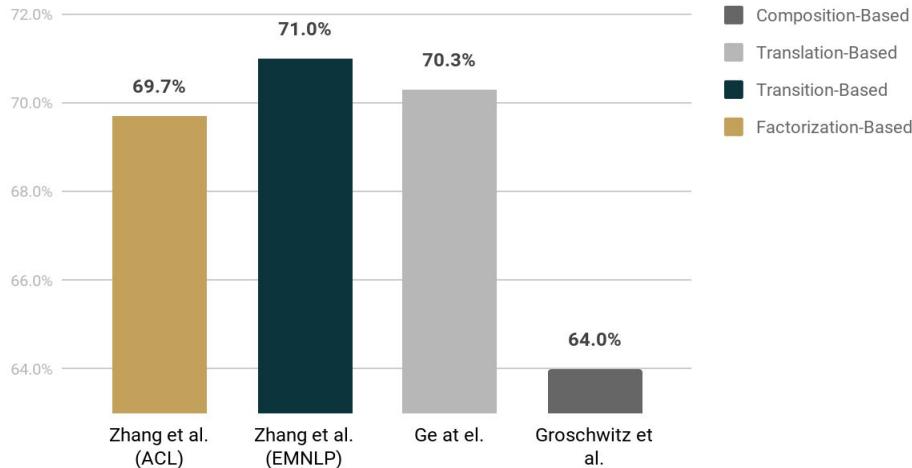
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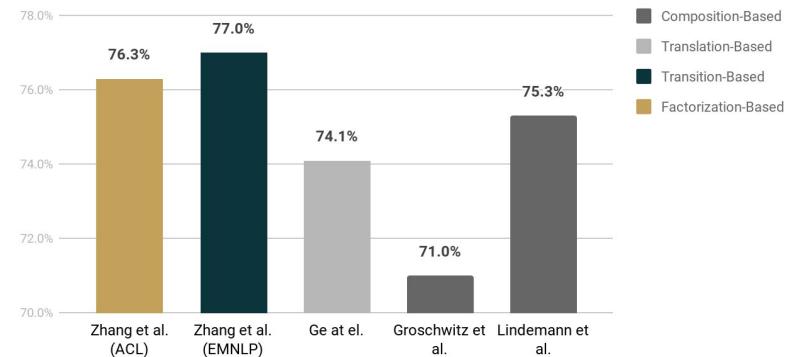
# Performance

SRL AMR 2.0:  
Smatch score on :ARG edges only.

SRL



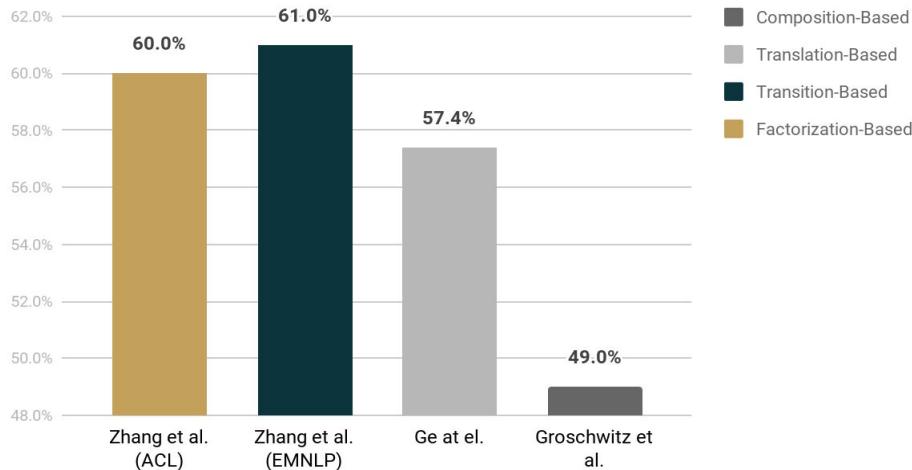
SMATCH



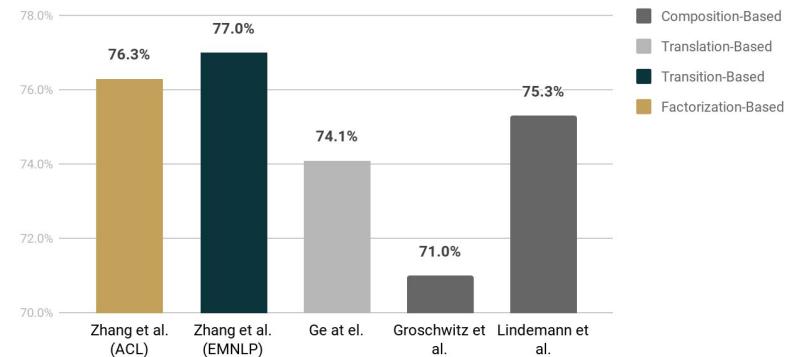
# Performance

Reentrancy AMR 2.0:  
Smatch score only on reentrant edges.

## Reentrancy



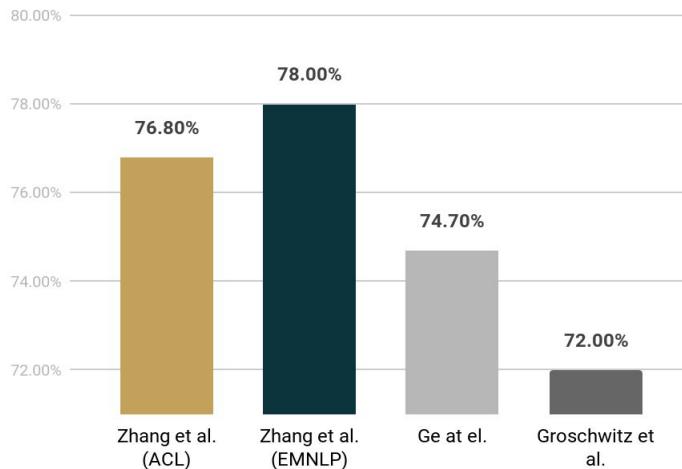
## Smatch



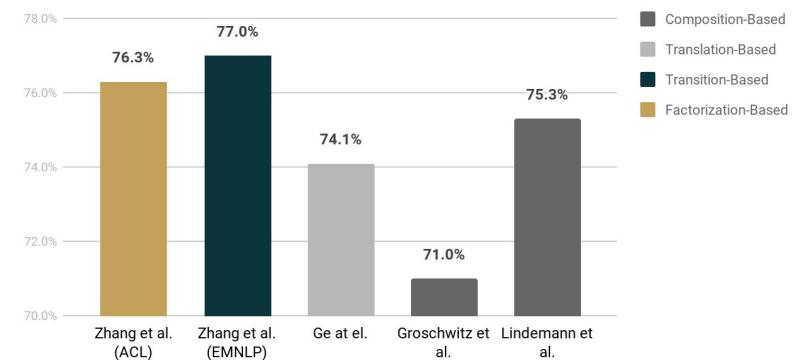
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No WSD AMR 2.0:  
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## No WSD



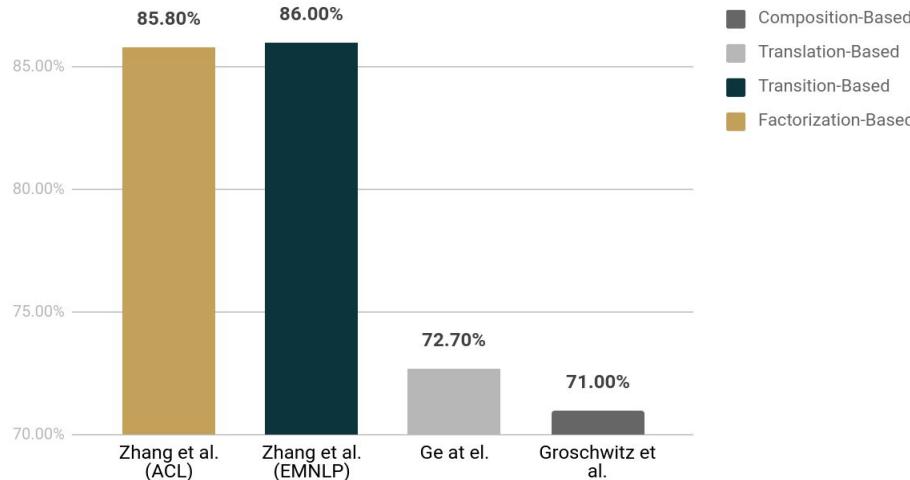
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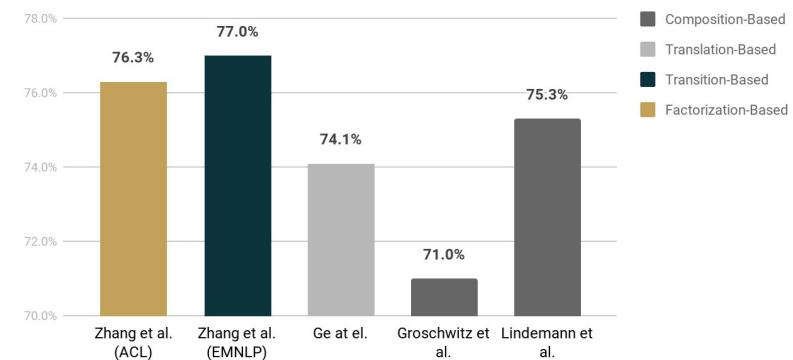
# Performance

Wikification AMR 2.0:  
Wiki roles for NM (Wikification) that consider edges labeled with :name and :wiki.

## Wikification



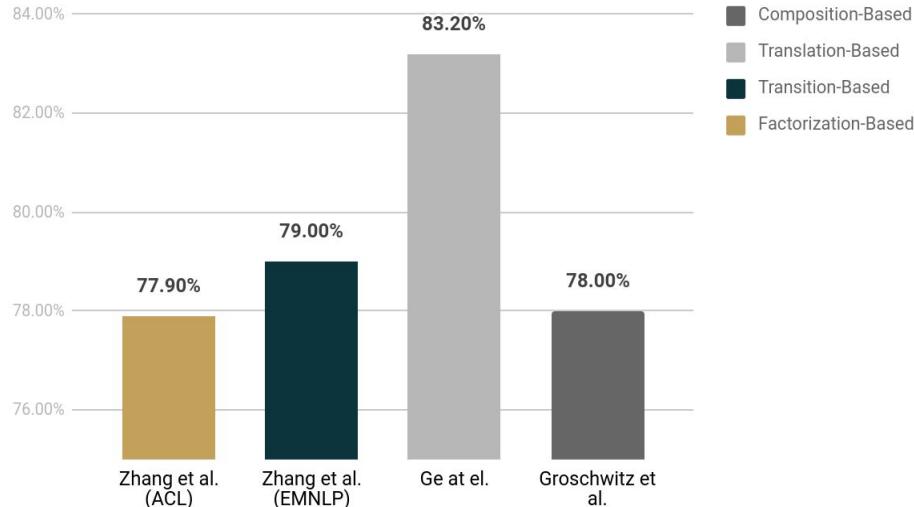
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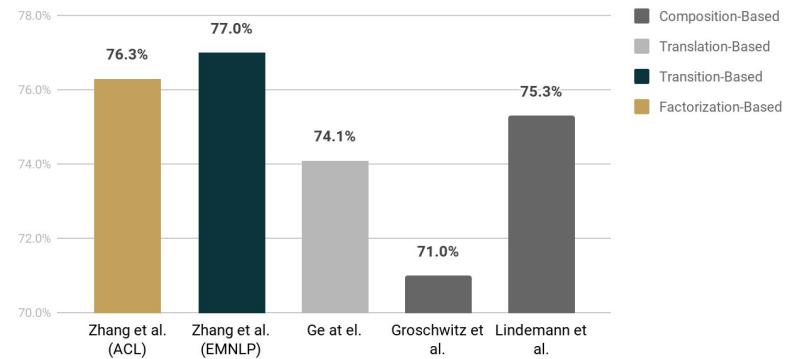
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Named Entities AMR 2.0:  
F-score on the named entities.

## Named Entities



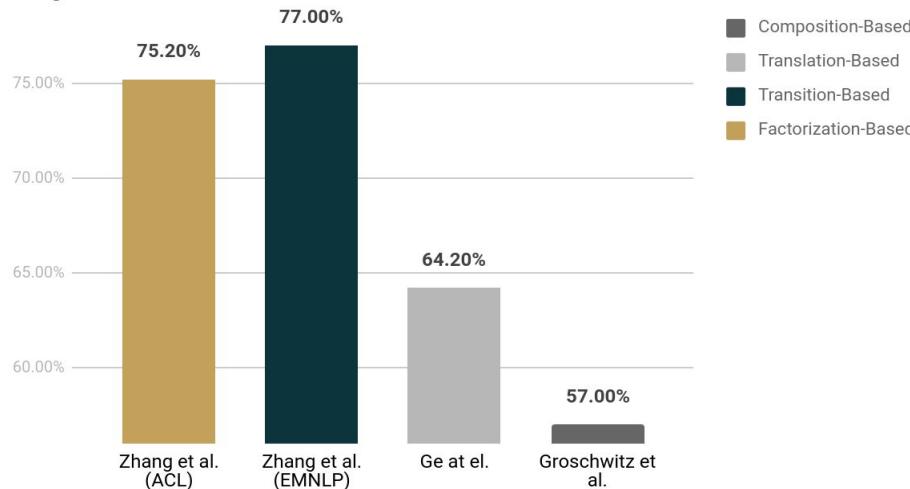
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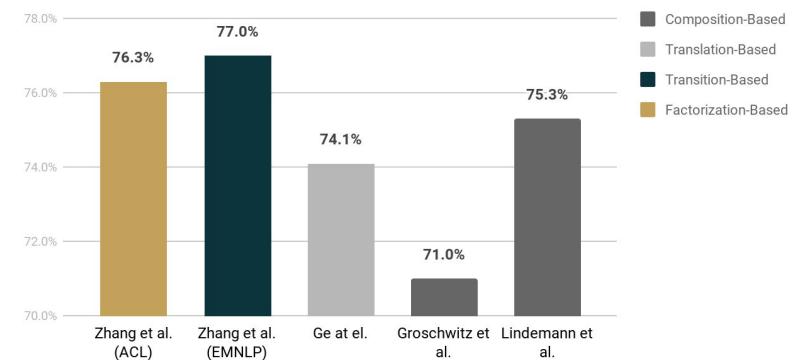
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Negation AMR 2.0:  
F-score on all negated concepts by looking for the :polarity role.

Negation

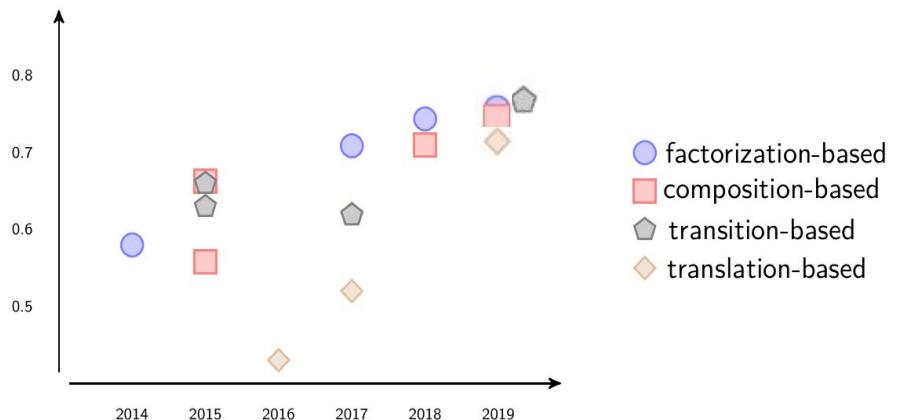


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# Conclusions & Remarks

- Improvements are shown in all the groups during years and their performances are currently in the same ballpark.
- Explicitly modeling specific components of AMR, i.e., Reentrancy, NER, SRL or might yield significant improvements.
- Focusing on separate sub tasks of parsing, i.e., concept identification, relation identification and training them jointly has shown to be effective.
- Seq2Seq approaches suffer from data sparsity due to the size of annotated training data, therefore silver-standard data augmentation has shown to be effective.



# THANK YOU

Stay Safe :)

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