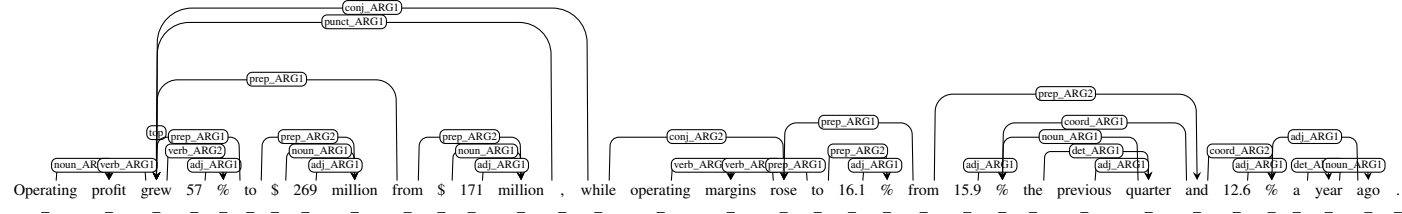


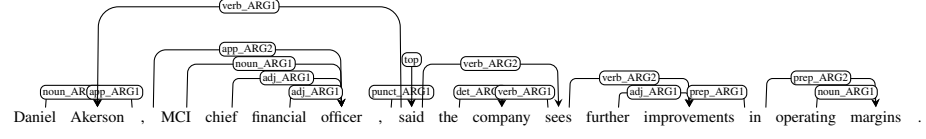
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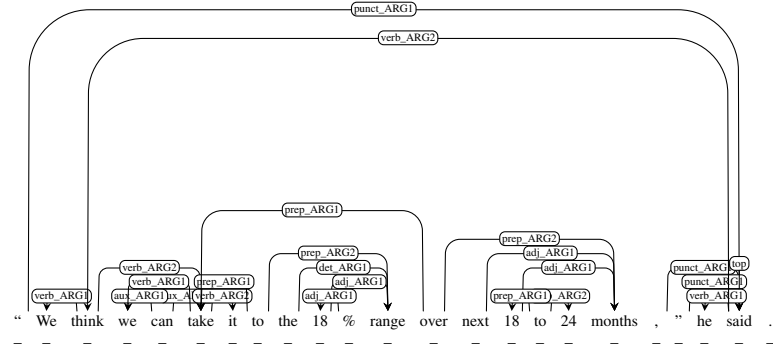
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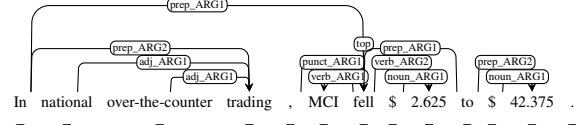
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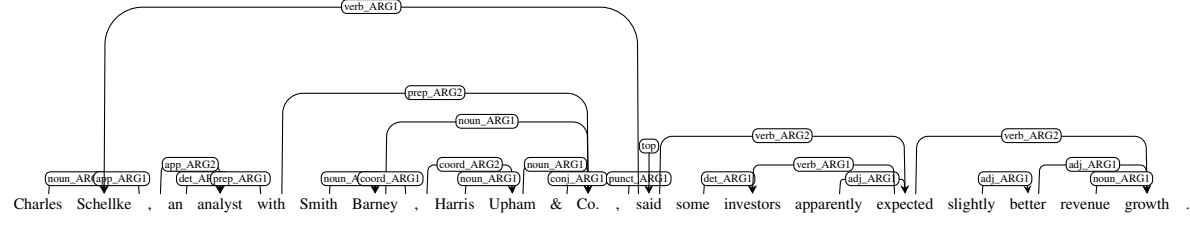
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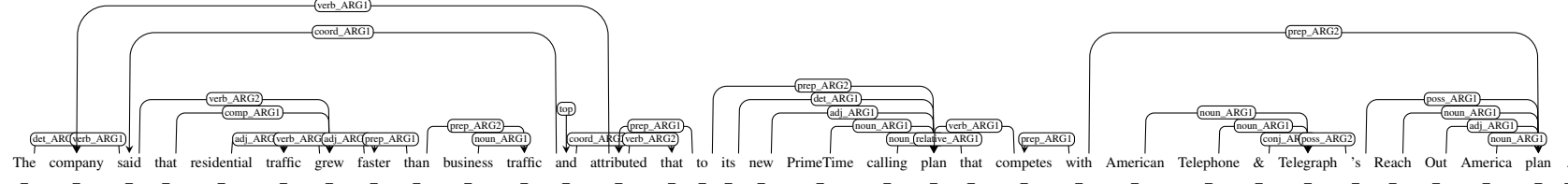
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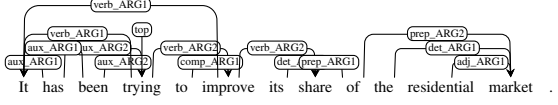
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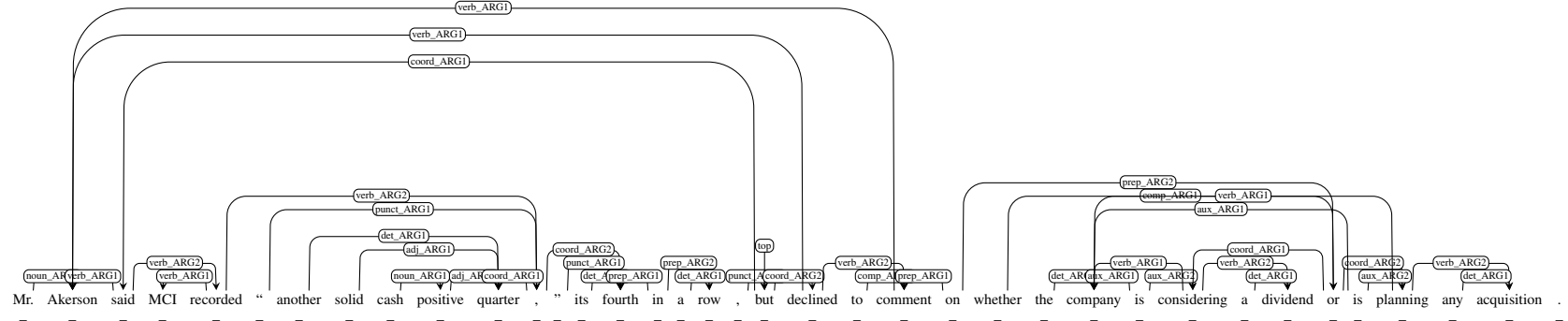
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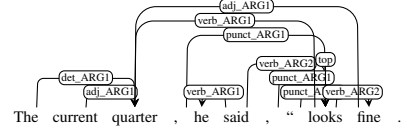
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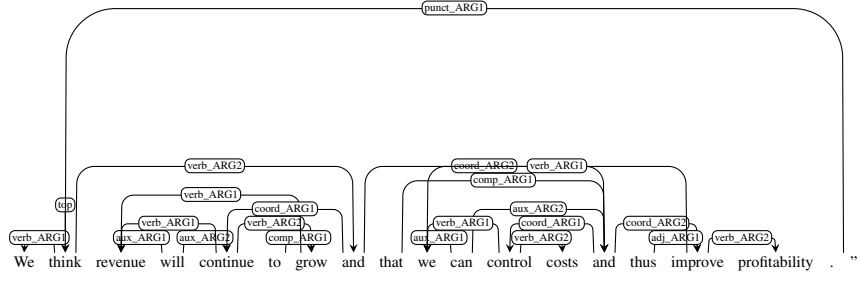
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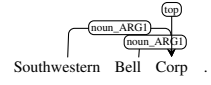
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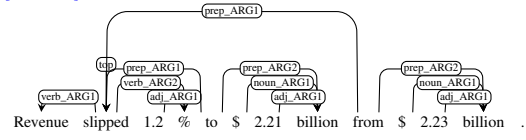
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The earnings drop had been expected .

[21999032]

Chairman Zane E. Barnes said Southwestern Bell 's " businesses are healthy and are continuing to grow . "

[21999033]

The company reported a 3.1 % increase in the number of access lines in service , and also said its Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems unit added 30,000 new customers , with a current total of about 333,000 .

[21999034]

Southwestern shares fell 50 cents to \$ 55.875 in composite trading on the New York Stock Exchange .

[21999035]

Cincinnati Bell Inc .

[21999036]

Cincinnati Bell Inc. said net declined 1.8 % .

[21999037]

The company noted that the year-ago period was particularly strong , with an increase of nearly 70 % .

[21999038]

Revenue jumped nearly 17 % to \$ 223.3 million from \$ 191.4 million .

[21999039]

In composite trading on the New York Stock Exchange , Cincinnati Bell fell 25 cents to \$ 29 .

[21999040]

The company said that the number of access lines dropped slightly in the quarter , a decline attributed to seasonal fluctuations .

[21999041]

For the year , however , access lines in service have increased 5.5 % .

[21999042]

Chairman D.H. Hibbard said the company has set a new five year goal of doubling revenues to about \$ 1.8 billion while steadily increasing net .