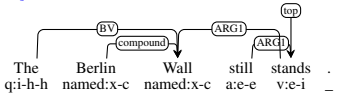
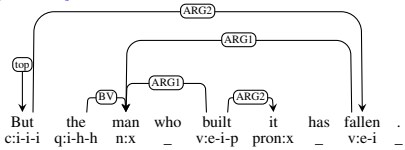


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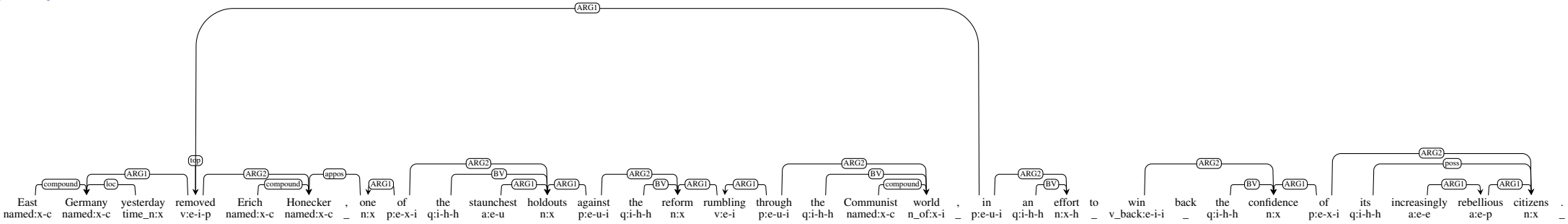
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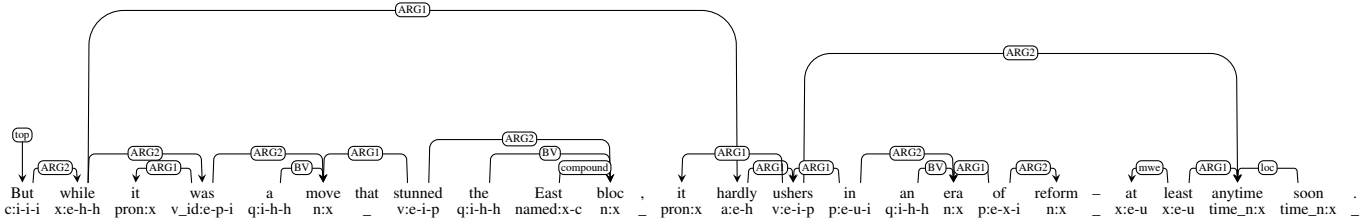
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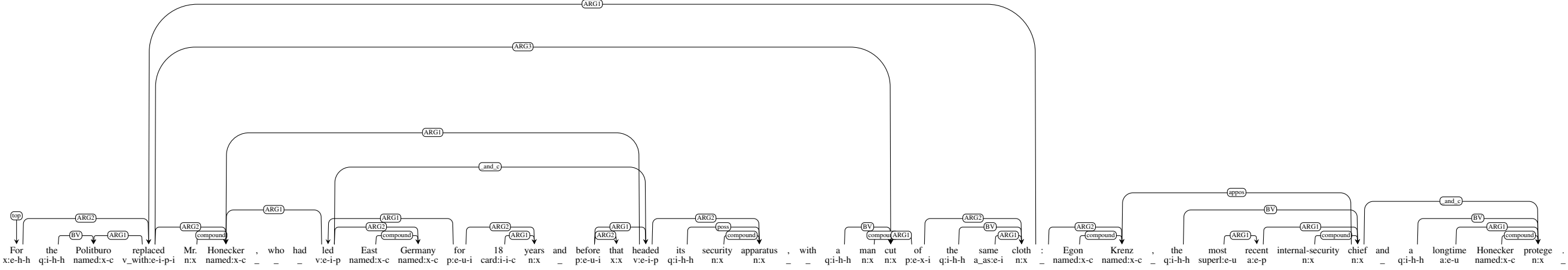
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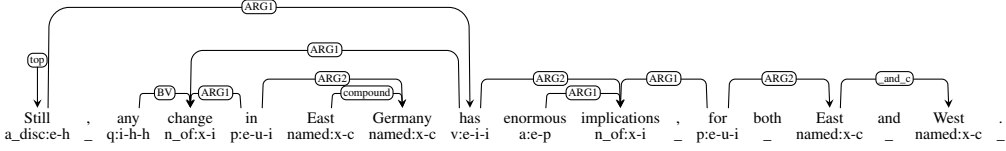
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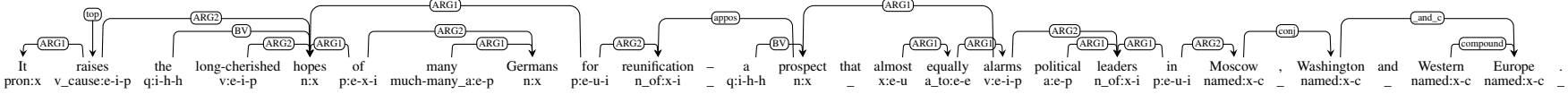
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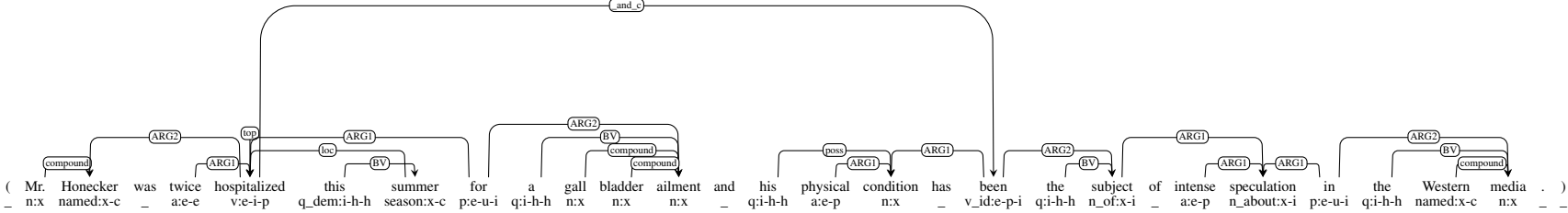
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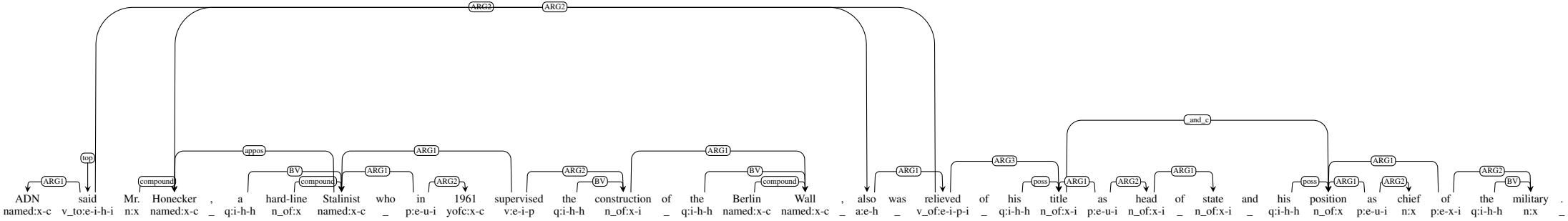
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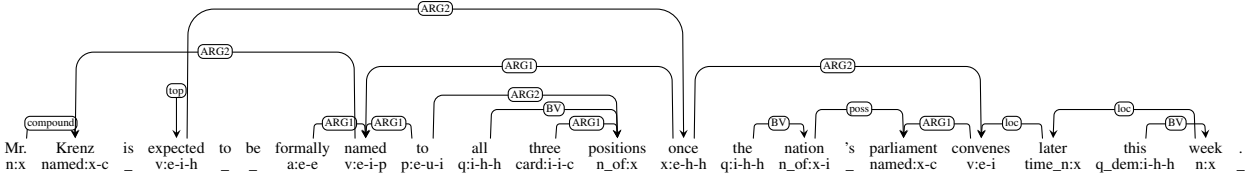
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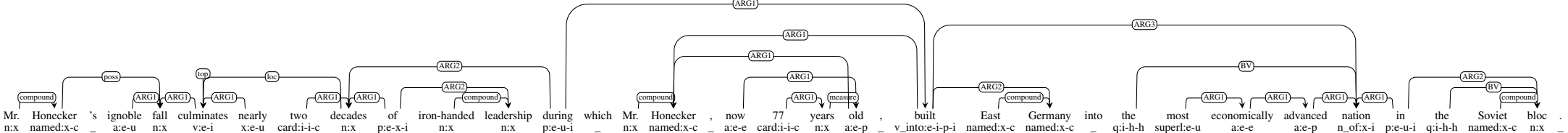
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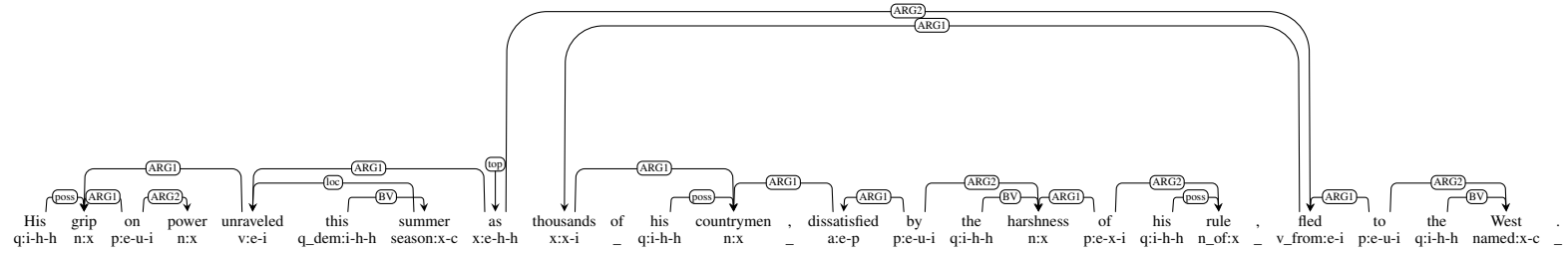
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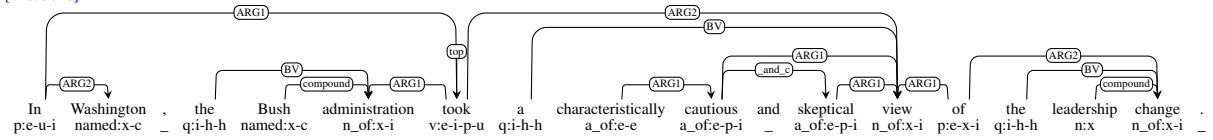
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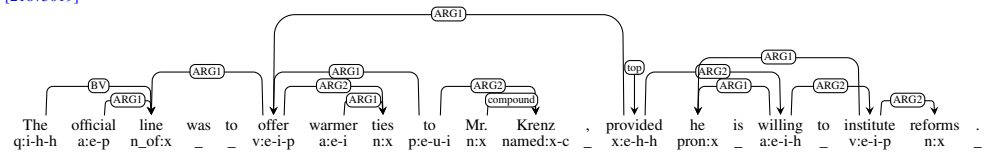
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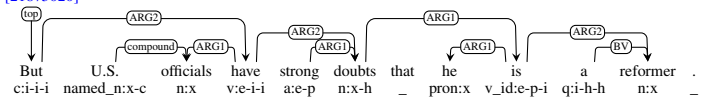
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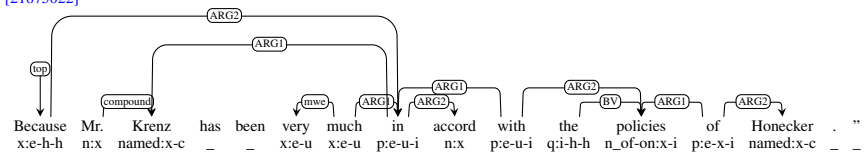
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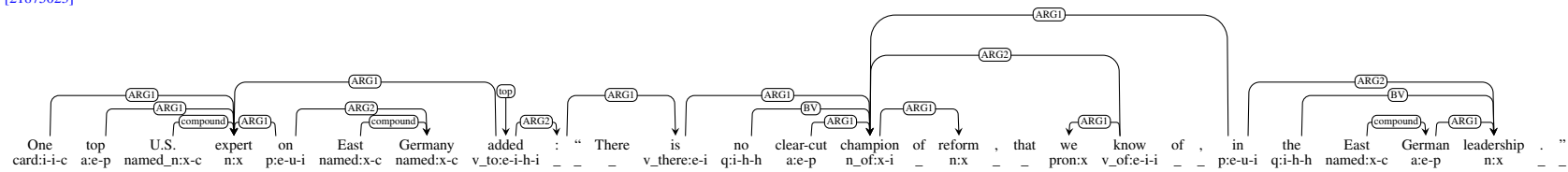
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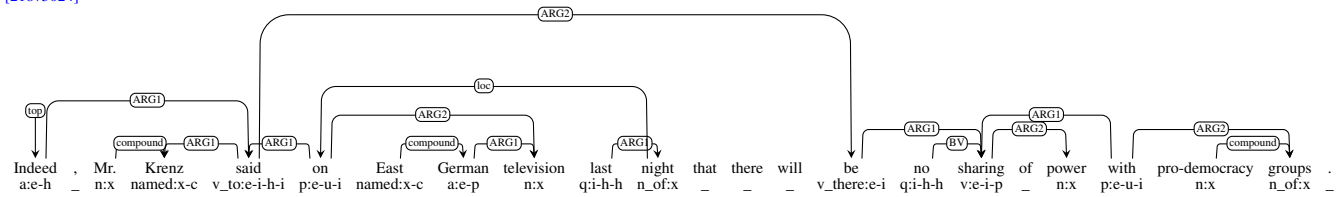
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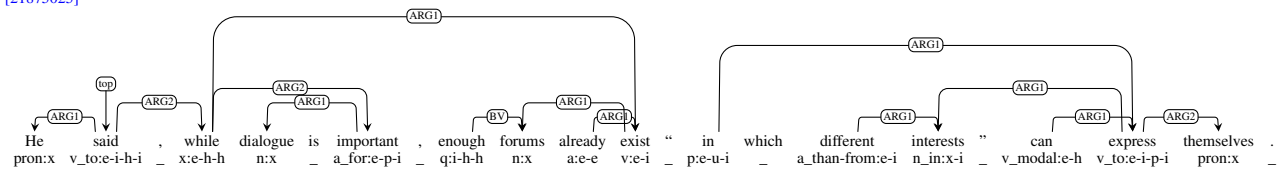
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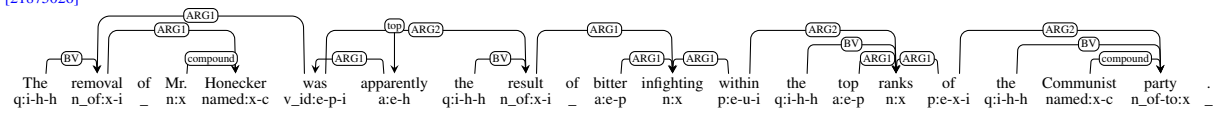
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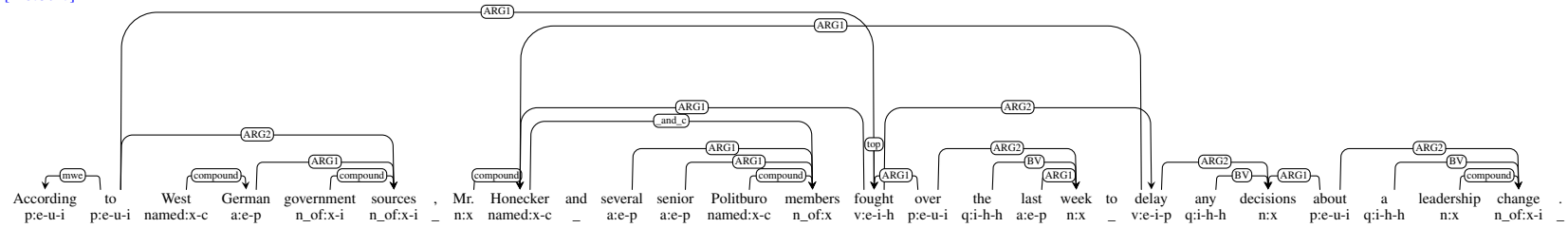
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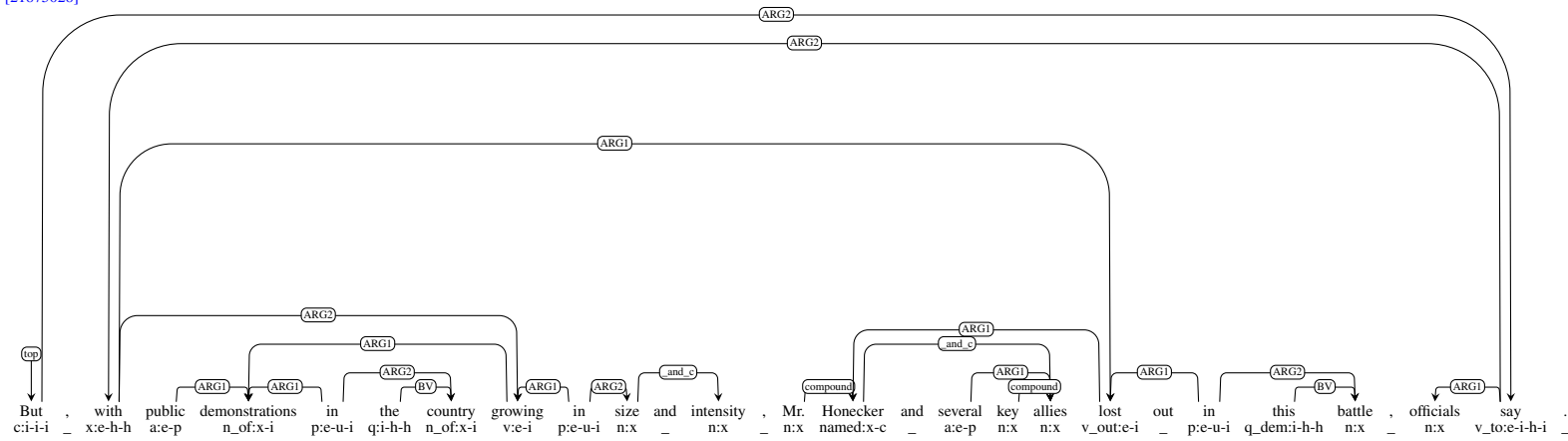
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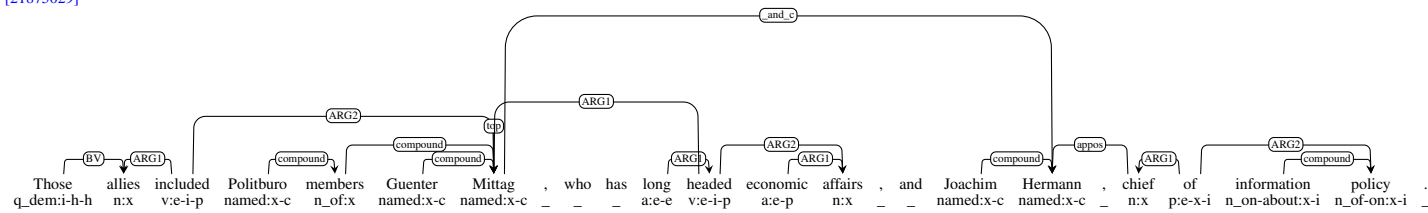
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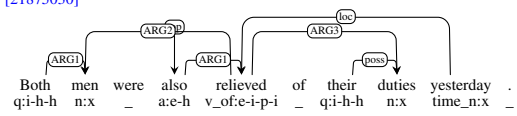
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Clearly, the central figure in this process is Egon Krenz.

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Like West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, he represents the postwar generation that has grown up during Germany's division.

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Since joining the Politburo in 1983 as its youngest member, Mr. Krenz had acquired the nickname "crown prince," a reference to the widely held view that he was the hand-picked successor to Mr. Honecker.

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Moreover, both men have been to a similar hard-line philosophy.

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Notably, one of Mr. Krenz's few official visits overseas came a few months ago, when he visited China after the massacre in Beijing.

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He later defended the Chinese government's response during a separate visit to West Germany.

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East German Protestantism in particular fears Mr. Krenz, in part because of an incident in January 1988 when he was believed to have ordered the arrest of hundreds of dissidents who had sought refuge in the Church.

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However, Mr. Krenz also has a reputation for being politically savvy.

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His shrewd ability to read the shifting popular mood in East Germany is best illustrated by his apparent break with his old mentor, Mr. Honecker.

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Indeed, according to West German government sources, he was one of the leaders in the power struggle that toppled Mr. Honecker.

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In recent days, Mr. Krenz has sought to project a kinder image.

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According to a report widely circulating in East Berlin, it was Mr. Krenz who ordered police to stop using excessive force against demonstrators in Leipzig.

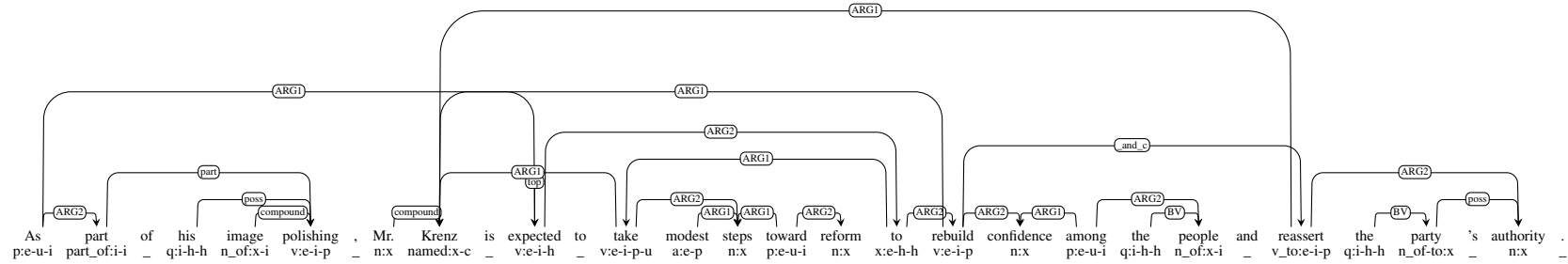
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"He does n't want to have the image of the gun man," says Fred Oldenburg, an expert at the Bonn-sponsored Institute of East European and International Studies in Cologne.

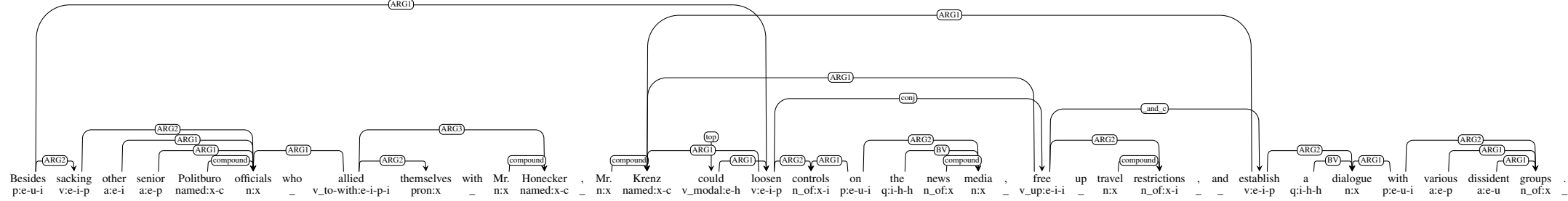
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"He is not a reformer - he wants to have the image of a reformer."

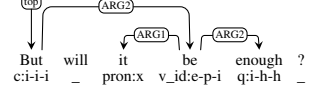
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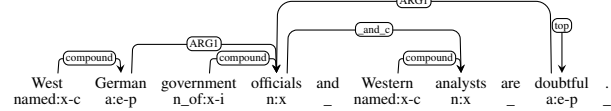
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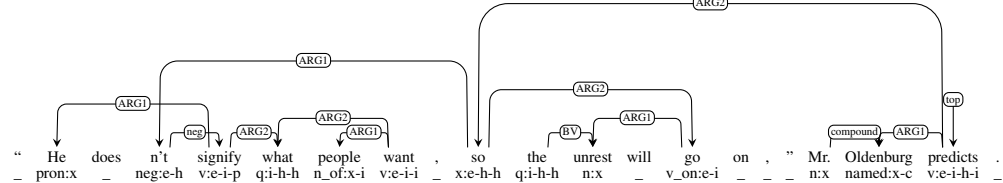
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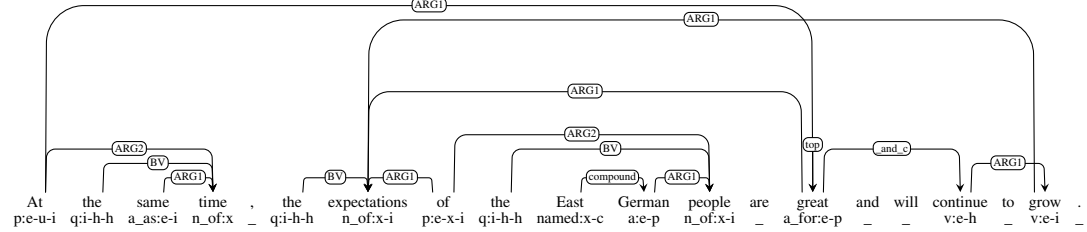
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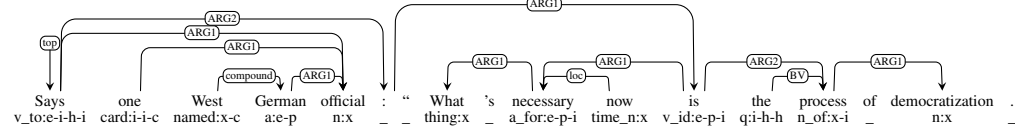
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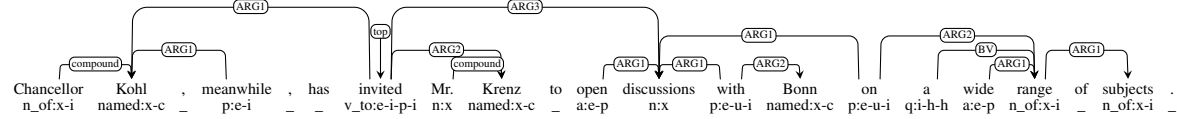
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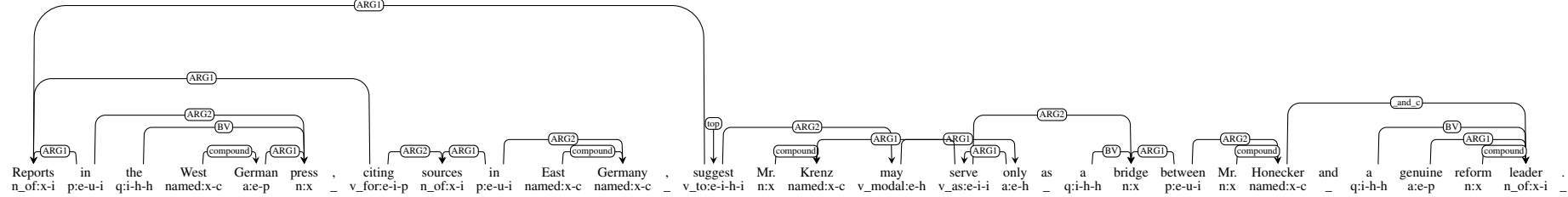
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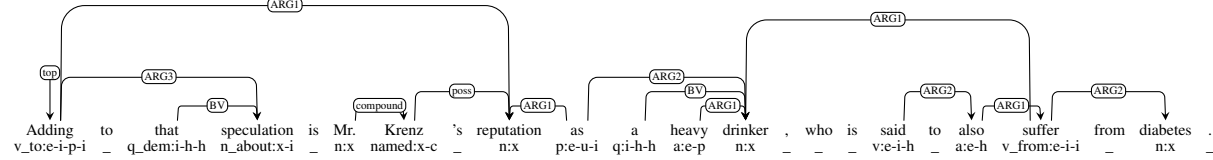
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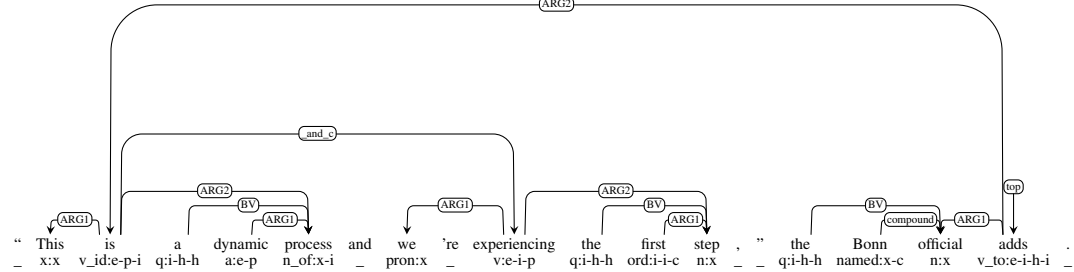
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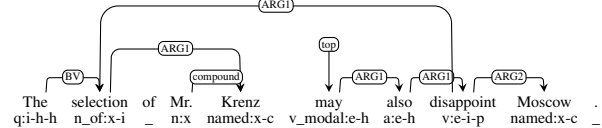
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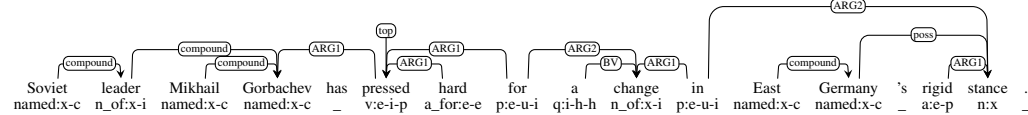
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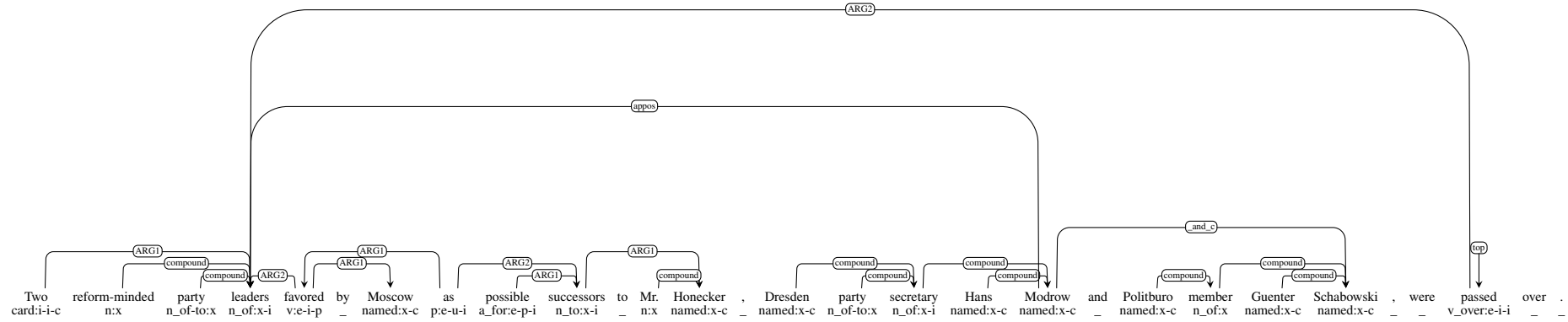
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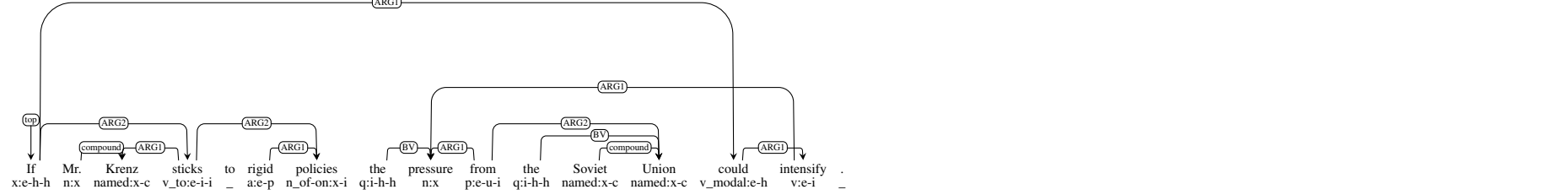
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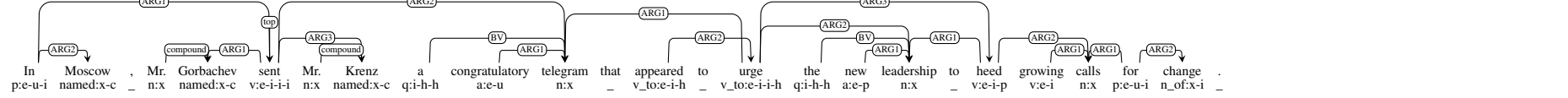
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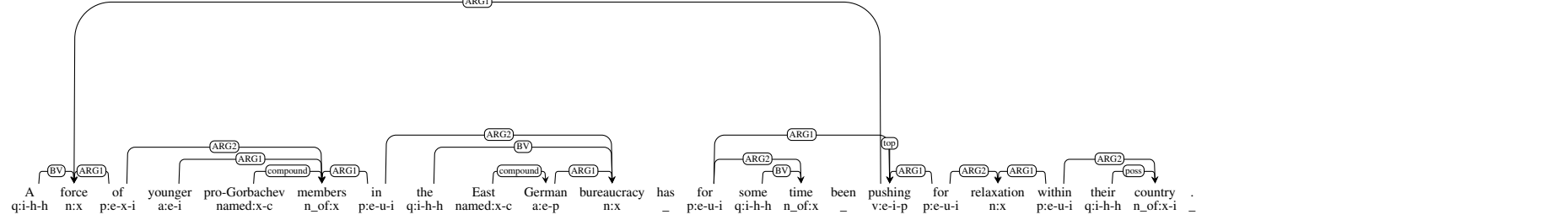
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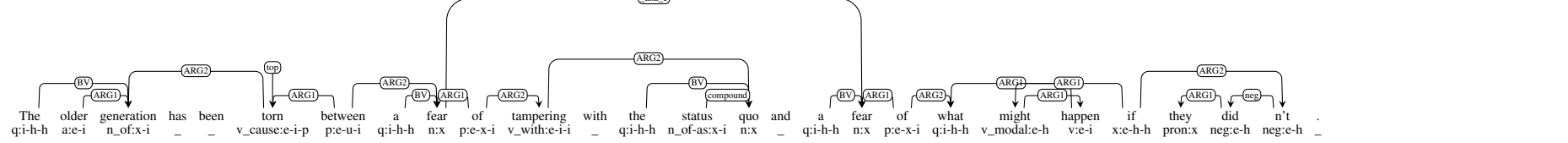
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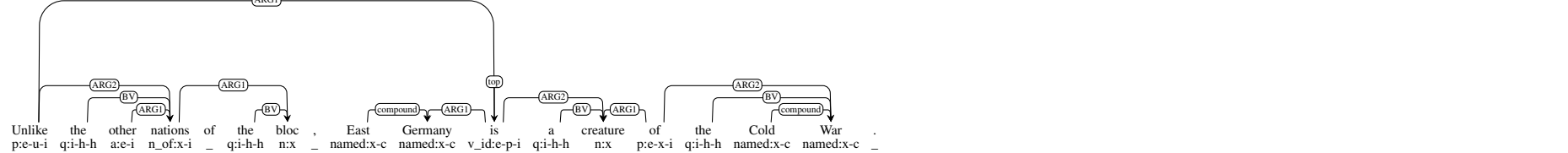
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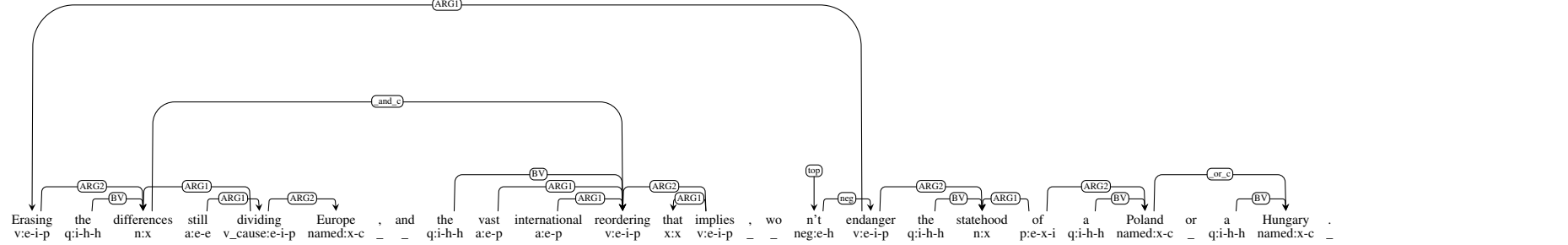
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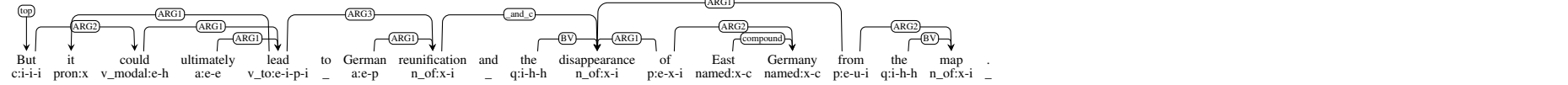
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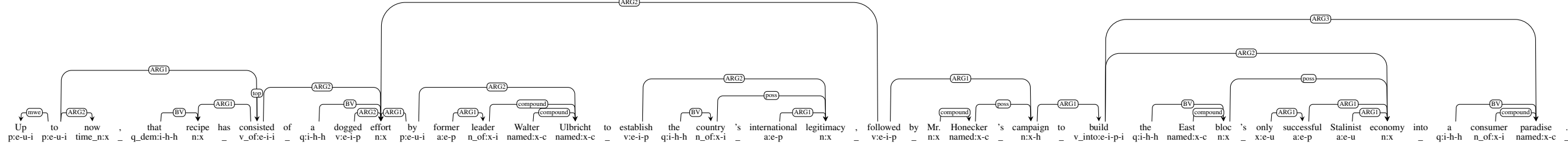
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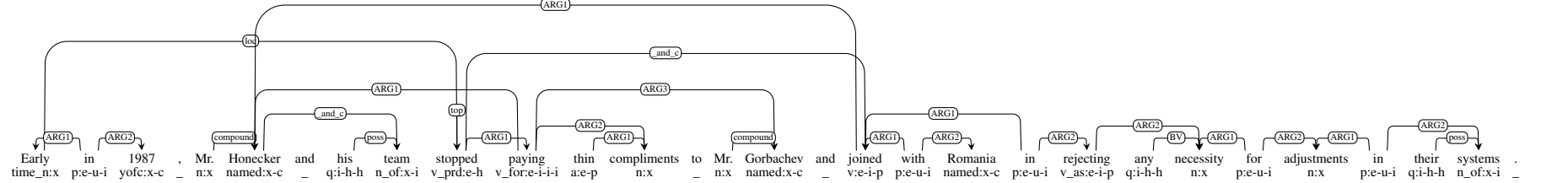
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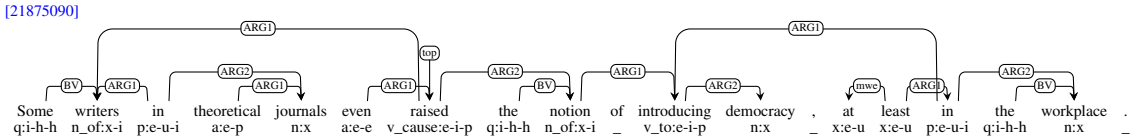
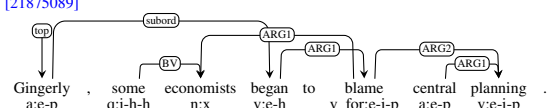
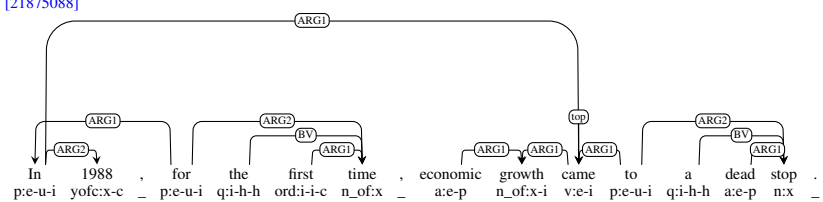
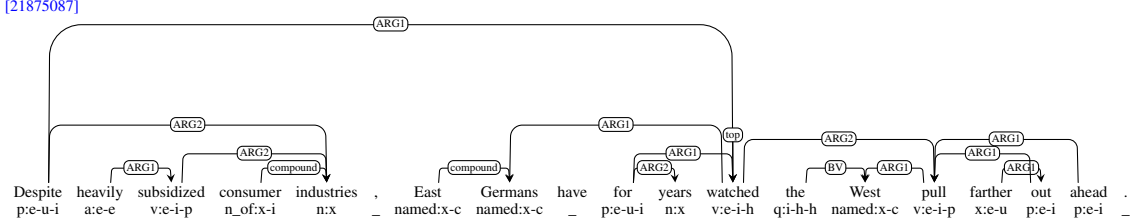
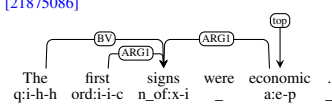
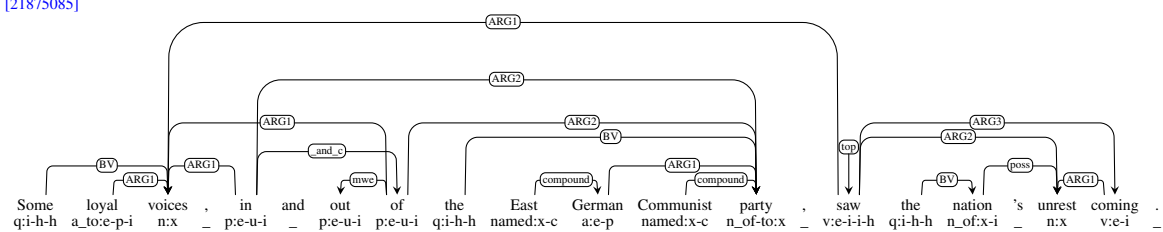
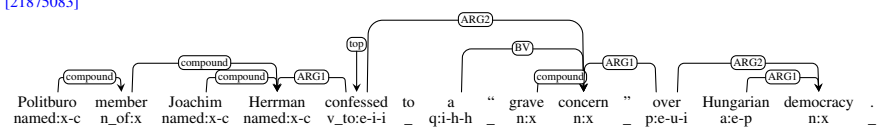
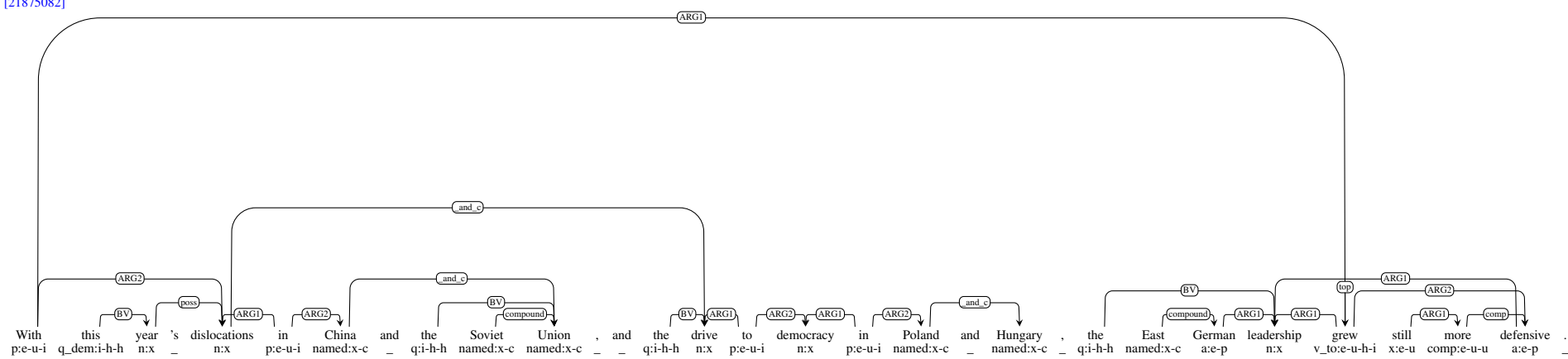
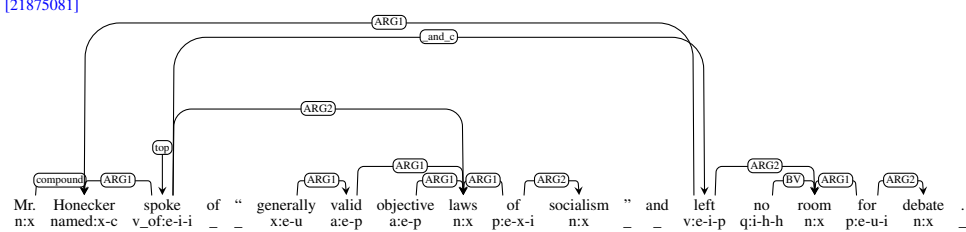
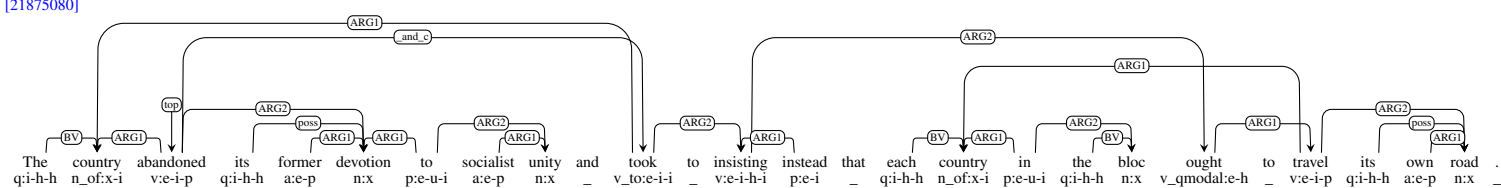
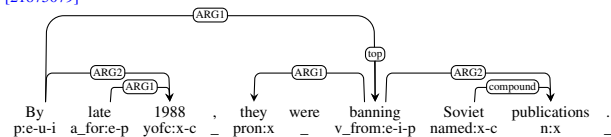
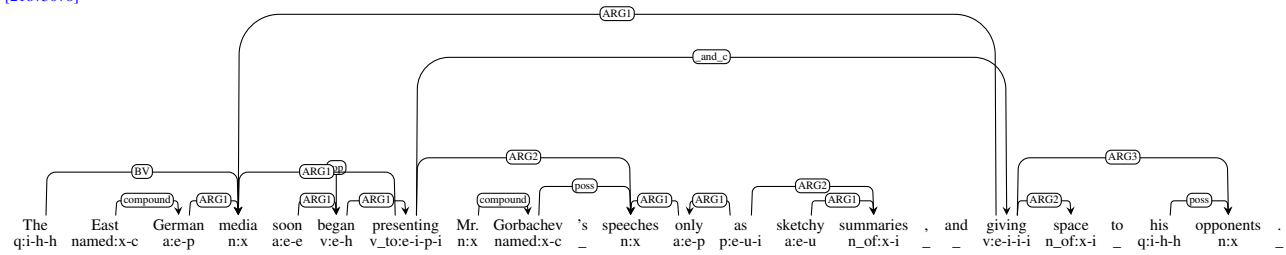
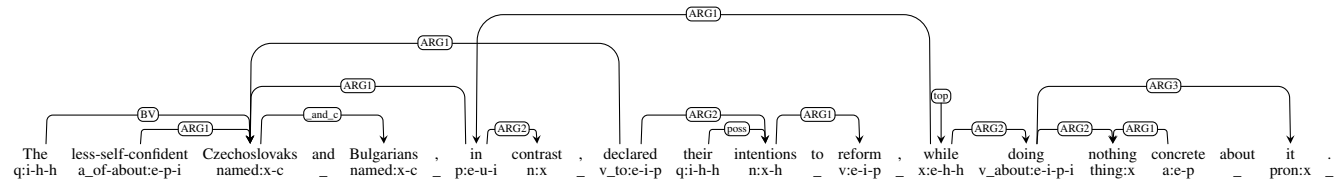
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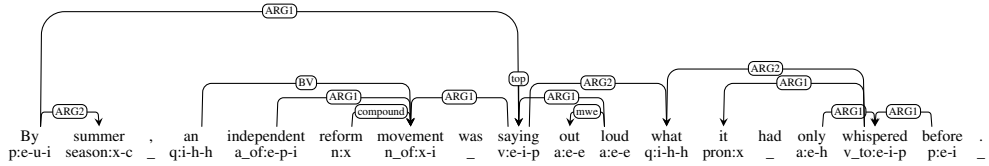
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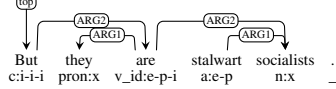
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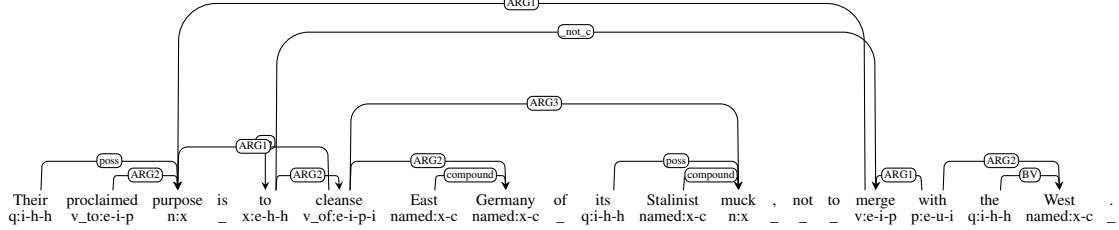




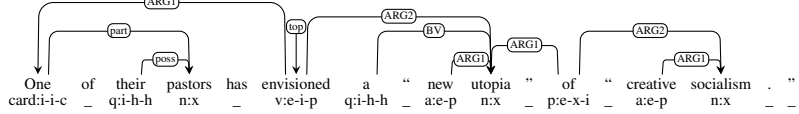
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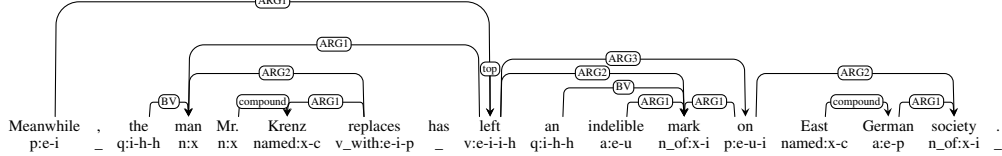
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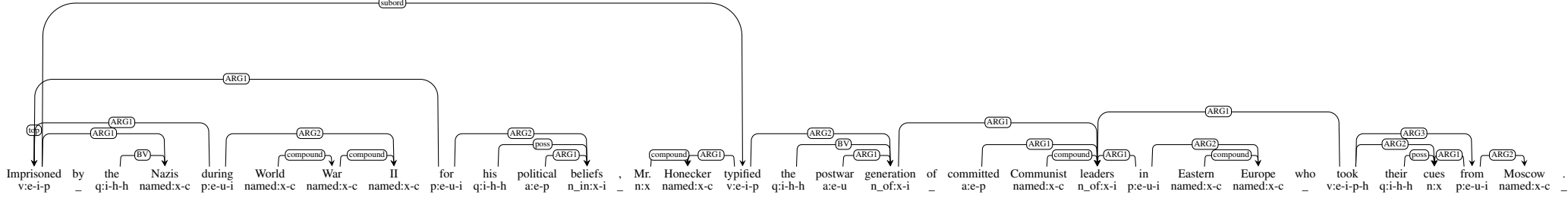
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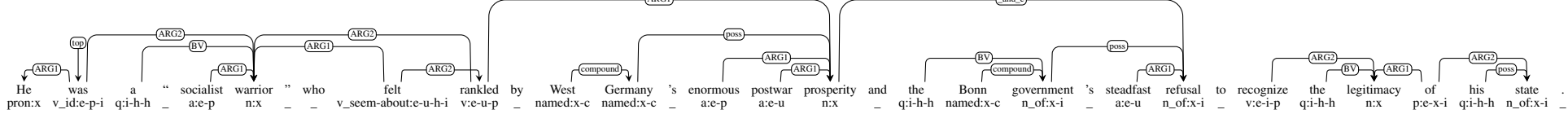
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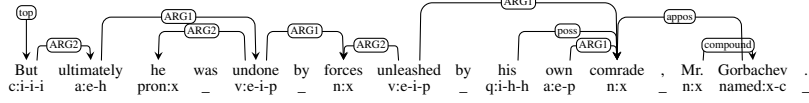
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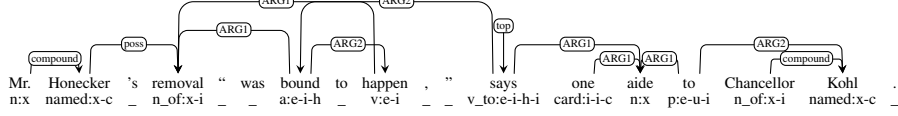
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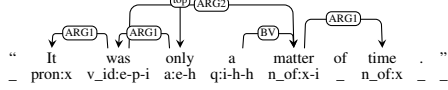
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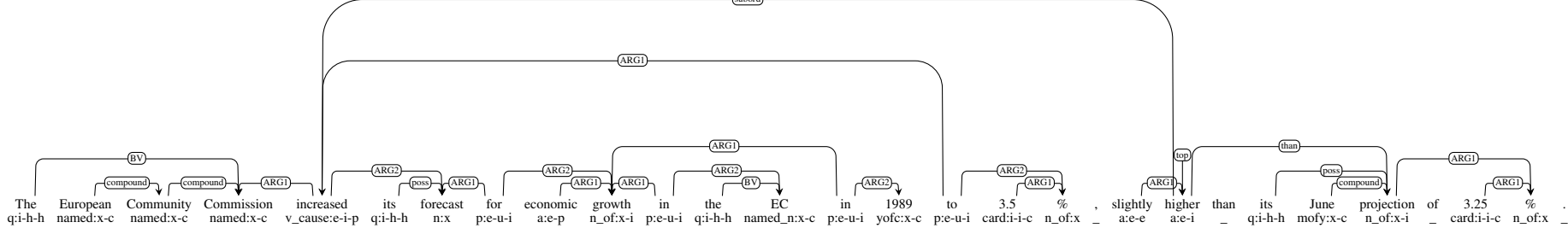
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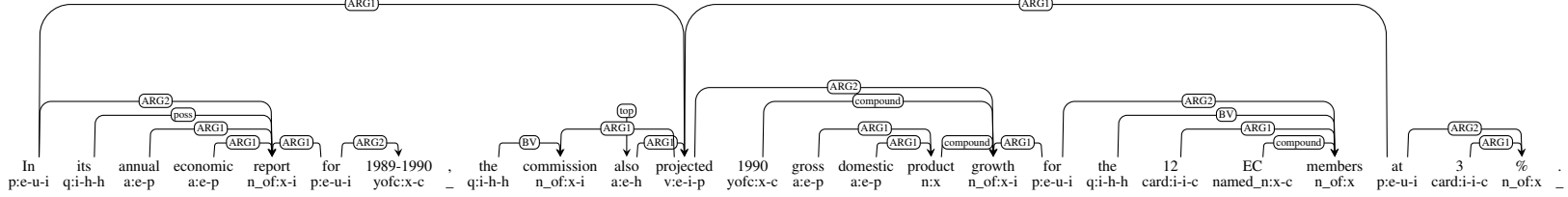
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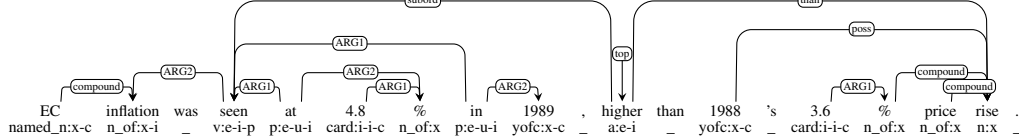
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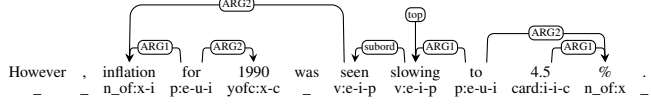
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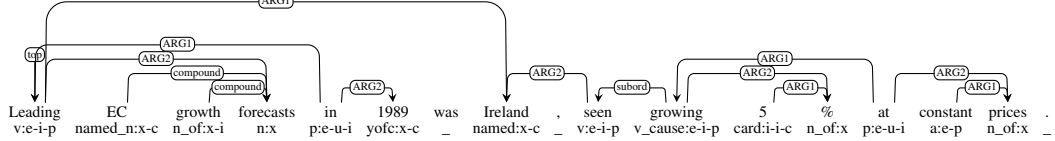
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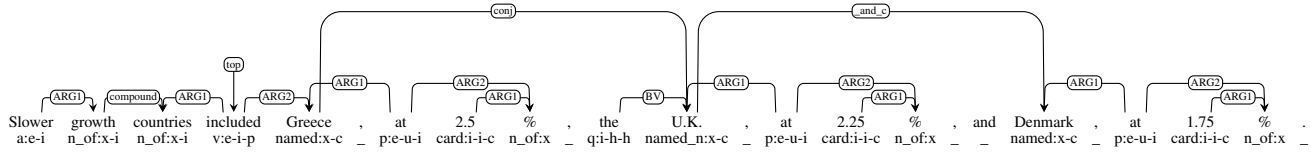
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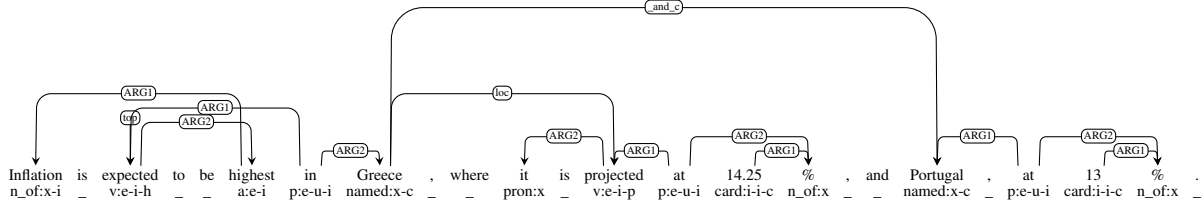
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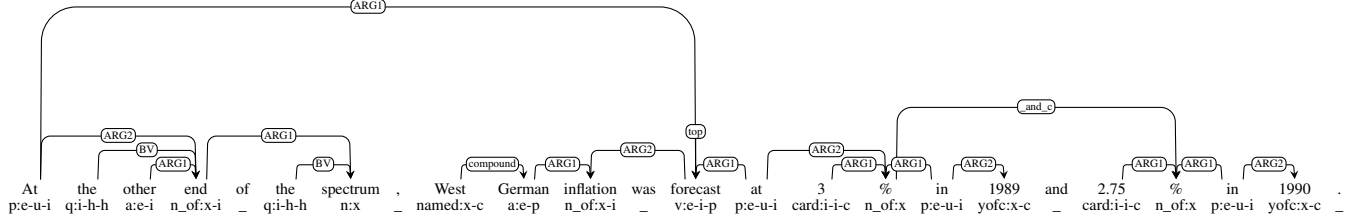
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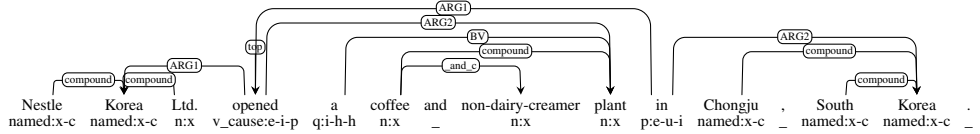
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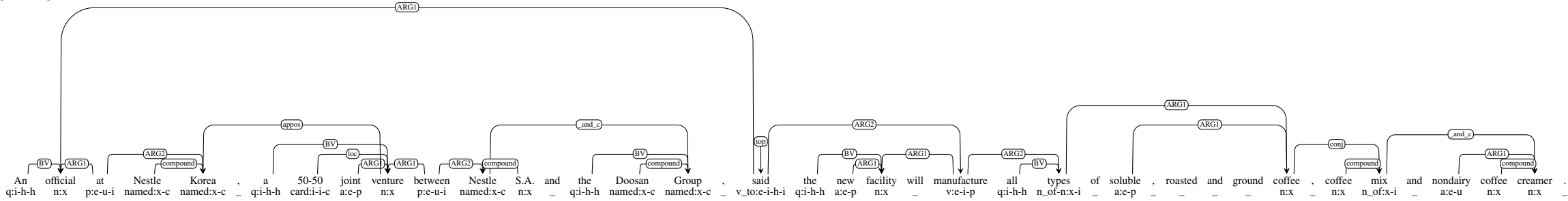
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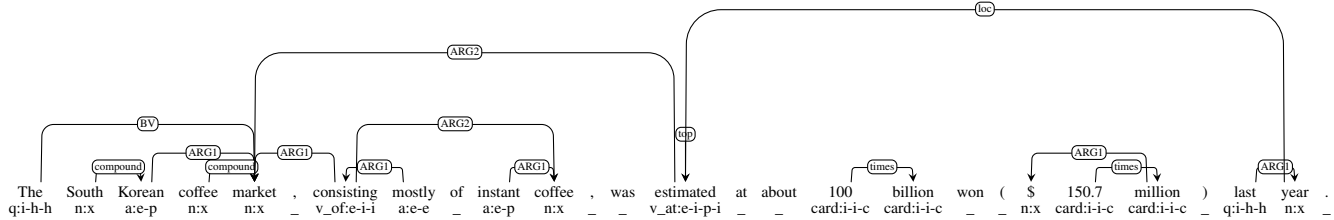
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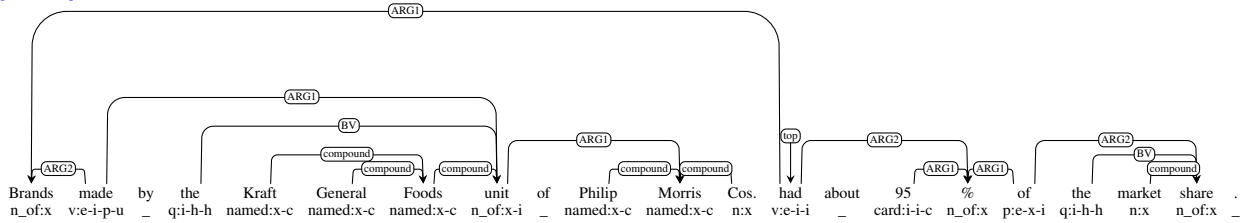
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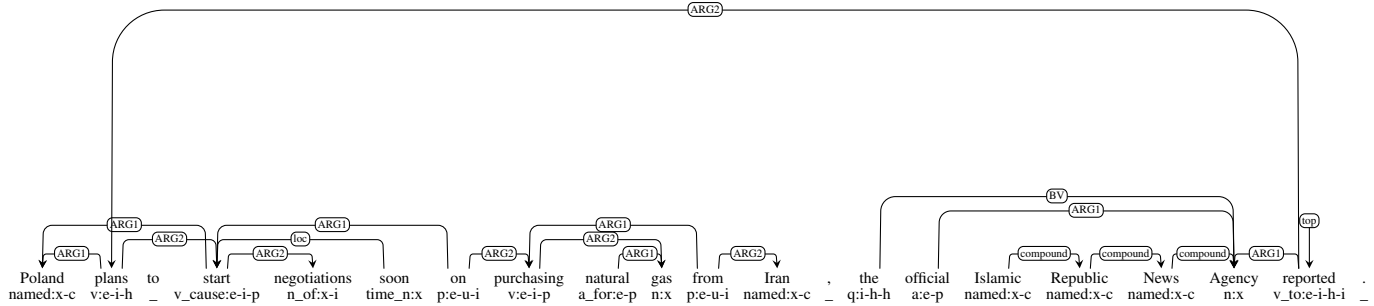
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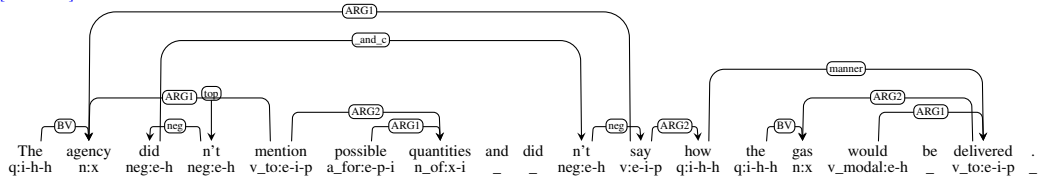
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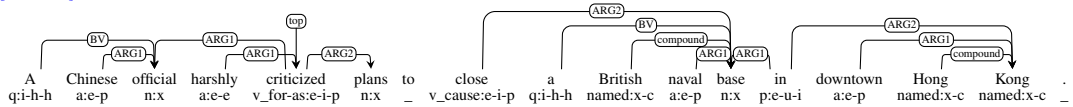
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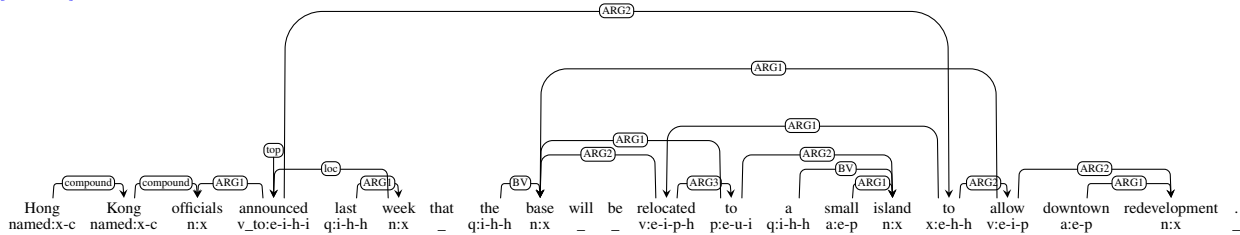
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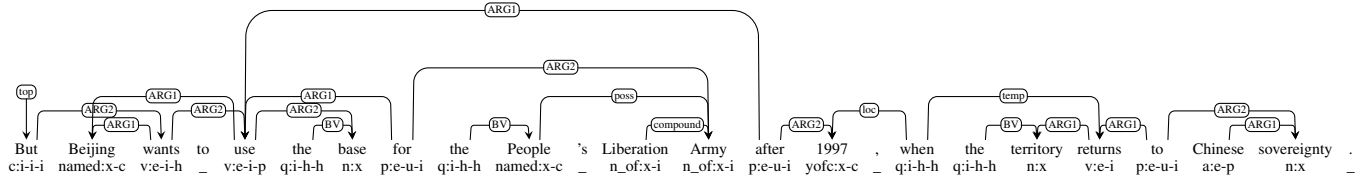
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