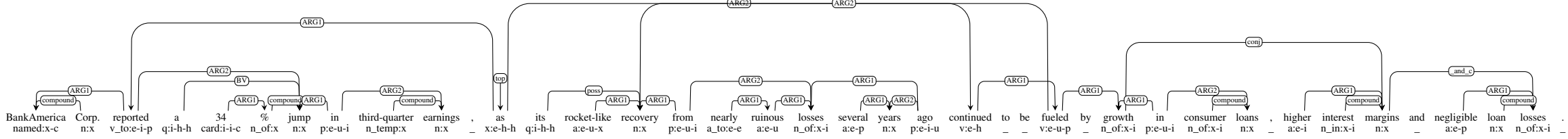
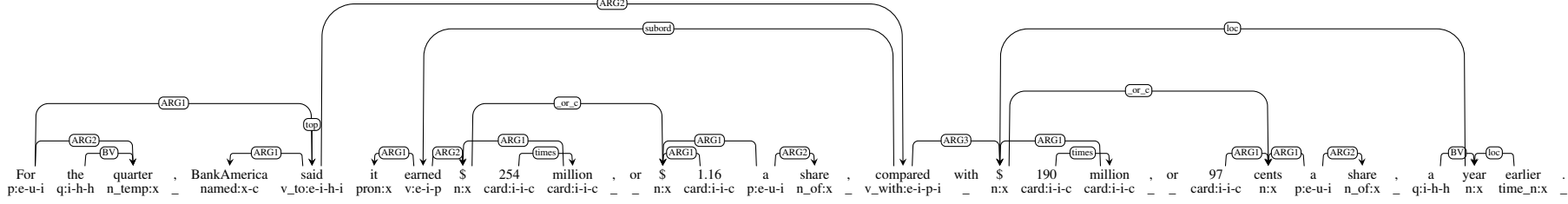


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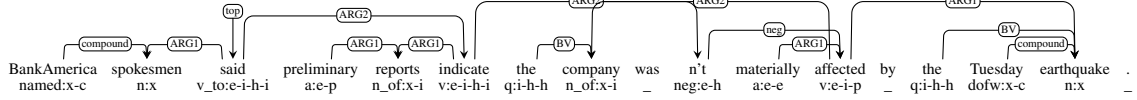
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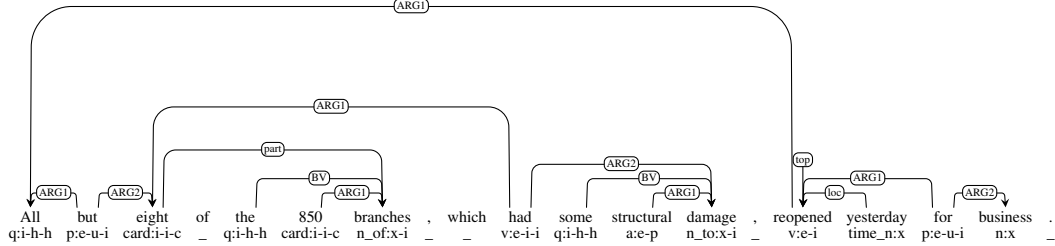
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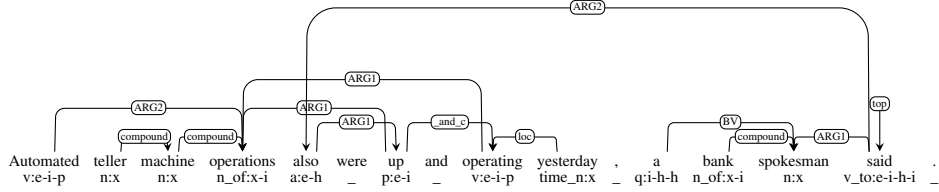
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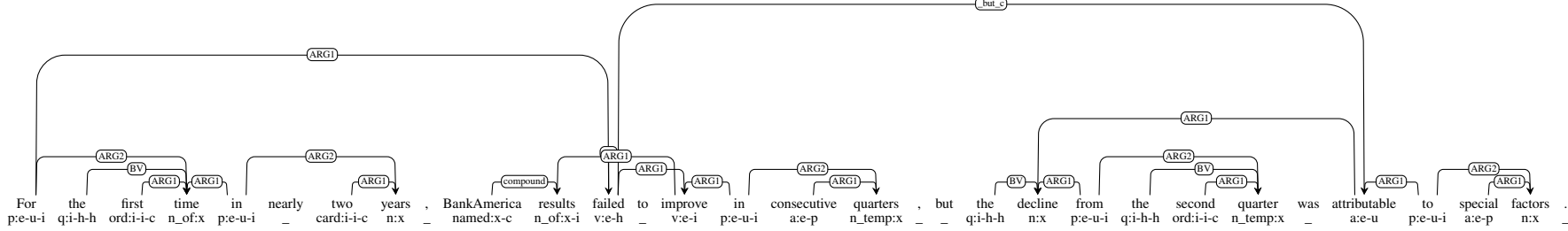
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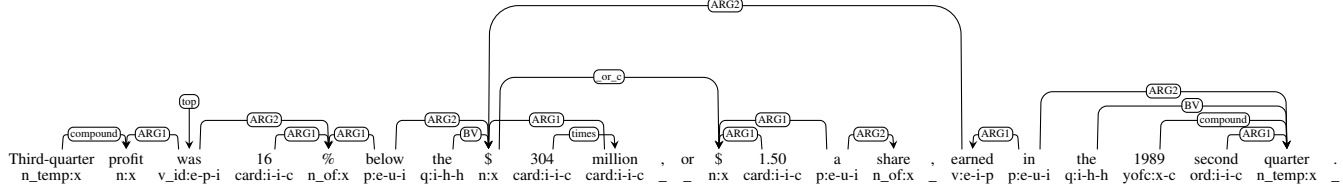
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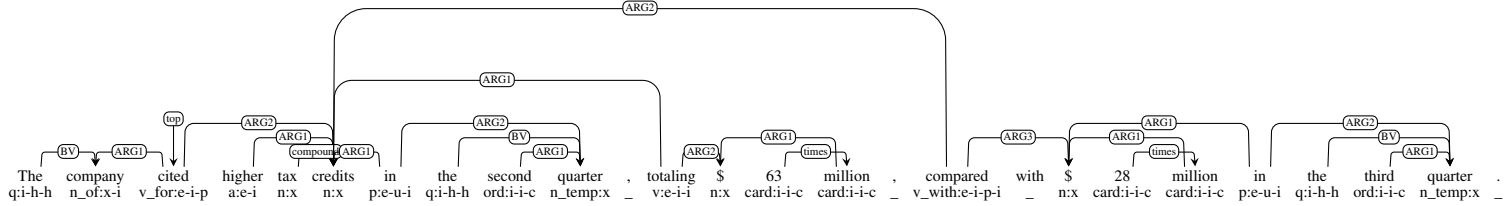
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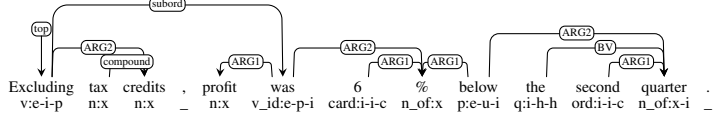
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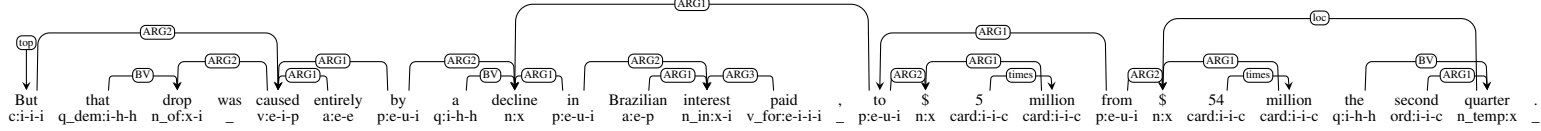
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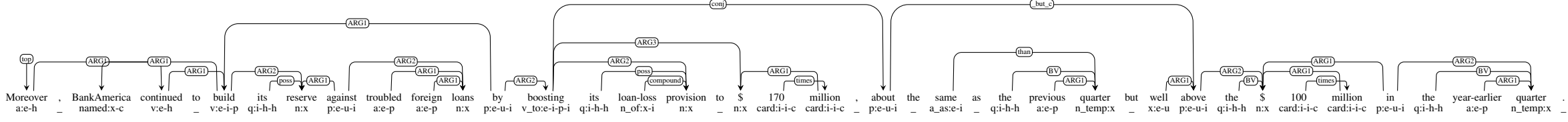
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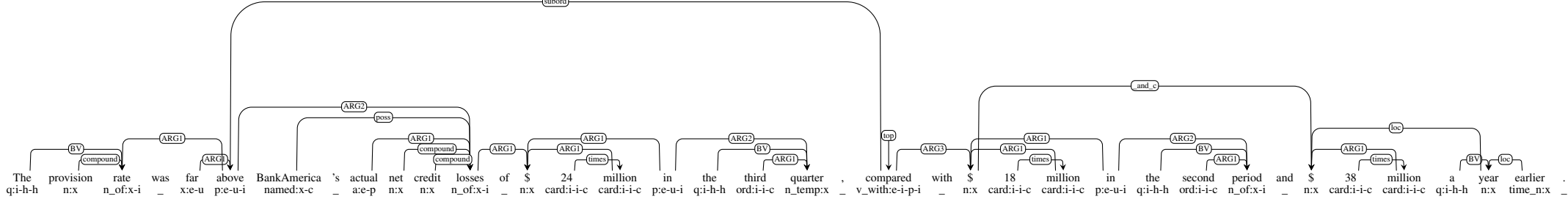
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As a result, BankAmerica said its reserve against troubled foreign-country loans, once below 25%, now amounts to 45% of the \$ 6.4 billion of non-trade debt it calculates it is owed by those nations.

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That level is about the same as some other big banks, but far below the 85% and 100% reserves of Bankers Trust, New York Corp. and J.P. Morgan & Co., respectively.

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By any measure, third-quarter earnings were still robust, equivalent to a 0.92% return on assets even excluding tax credits.

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By that key measure of operating efficiency, BankAmerica turned in a better performance than its well-regarded Los Angeles-based competitor, Security Pacific Corp., which posted a 0.89% return in the third quarter.

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But it continued to badly trail its San Francisco neighbor, Wells Fargo & Co., which reported an extraordinary 1.25% return on assets.

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Both returns do not include any tax credits.

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"They [BankAmerica] continue to show good performance," said Donald K. Crowley, an analyst with Keefe, Bruyette & Woods Inc., San Francisco.

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In composite trading yesterday on the New York Stock Exchange, BankAmerica common stock edged up 12.5 cents to close at \$ 32 a share.

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Shareholder equity improved to 4.68% from 4.23% in the previous quarter.

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The 4.52% net interest margin, or the difference between the yield on a bank's investments and the rate it pays for deposits and other borrowings, was still markedly higher than the 3.91% ratio a year earlier, and is among the best in the industry, analysts said.

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The high margin partly stems from continued strong growth in high-yielding consumer loans, which jumped 31% to \$ 17.47 billion from a year earlier, and residential mortgages, which rose 25% to \$ 12 billion.

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BankAmerica's total loans rose 8% to \$ 71.36 billion.

