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Silicon Valley heaved a sigh of relief yesterday .

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Though details were sketchy in the aftermath of the violent earthquake that shook the high-tech corridor along with the rest of the San Francisco Bay area , a spot check of computer makers turned up little , if any , potentially lingering damage to facilities or fabrication equipment .

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Analysts and corporate officials said they expected practically no long-term disruption in shipments from the Valley of either hardware or software goods .

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Intel Corp. , Advanced Micro Devices Inc. and National Semiconductor Corp. were all up and running yesterday , though many workers were forced to stay home because of damaged roadways ; others elected to take the day off .

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" These systems are more rugged than many people would believe . " said Thomas Kurlak , who tracks the computer industry for Merrill Lynch Research .

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" It 's not the end of the world if you shake them up a little bit . "

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Other companies , including International Business Machines Corp. and Hewlett-Packard Co. , completely idled their operations because of Tuesday evening 's temblor , which registered 6.9 on the Richter scale .

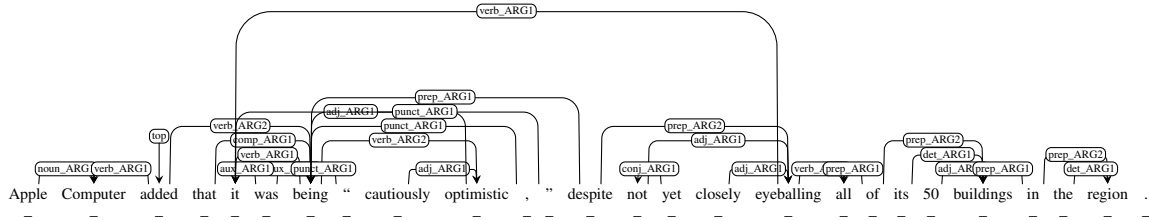
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Personnel spent the morning inspecting buildings for structural weaknesses , mopping up water from broken pipes and clearing ceiling tiles and other debris from factory floors .

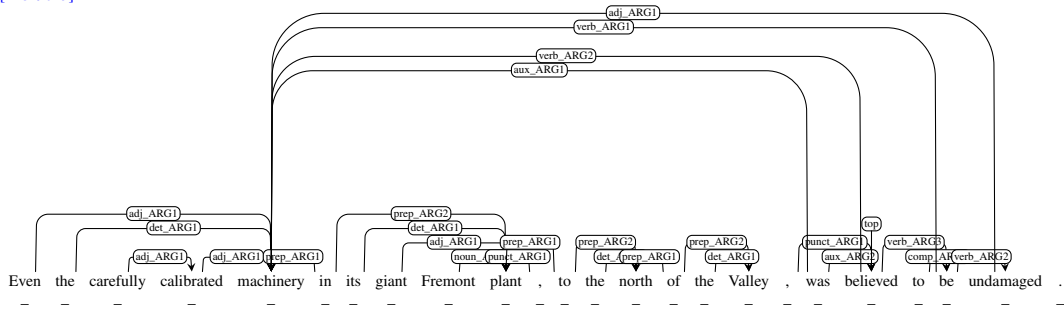
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Still , many were confident that " in a day or two , everything should be back to normal . " according to a spokeswoman for the Semiconductor Industry Association , based in Cupertino .

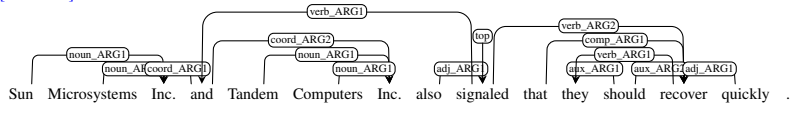
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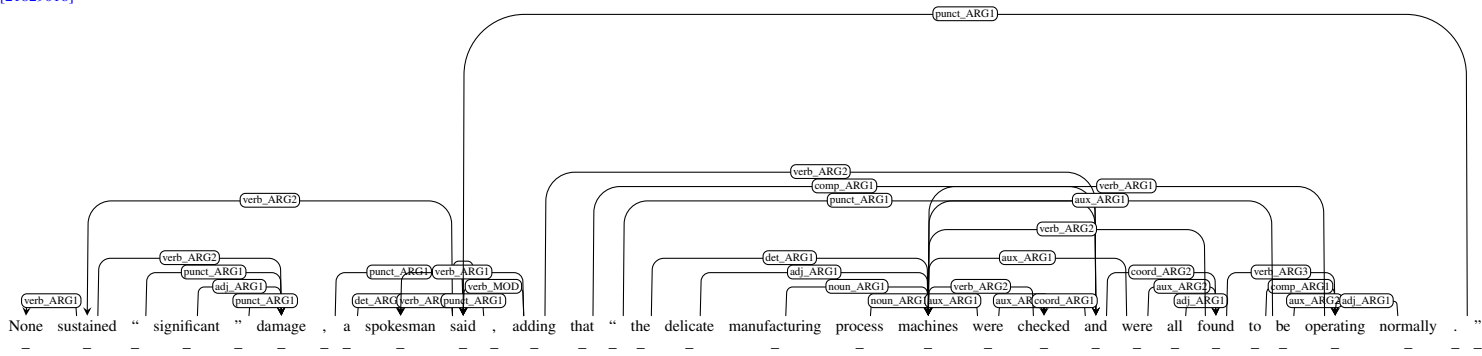
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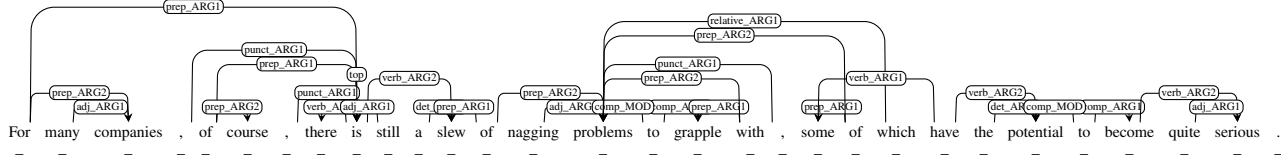
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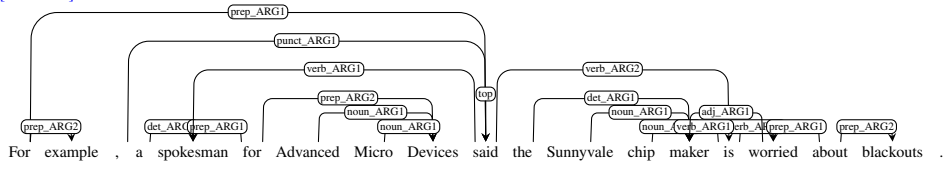
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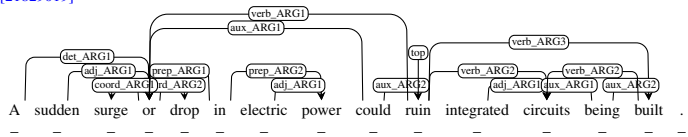
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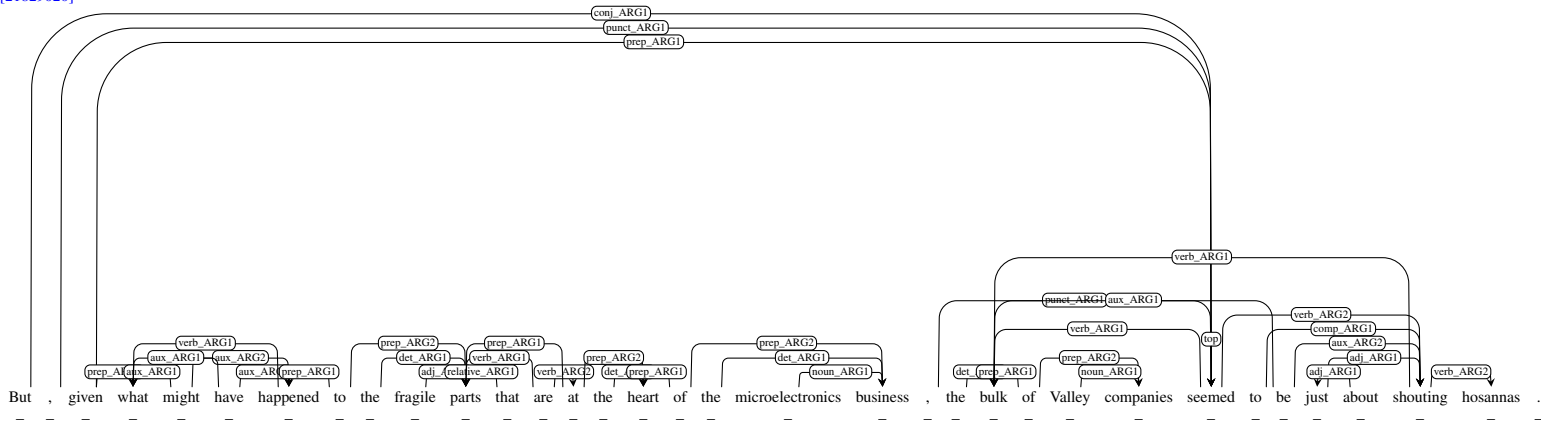
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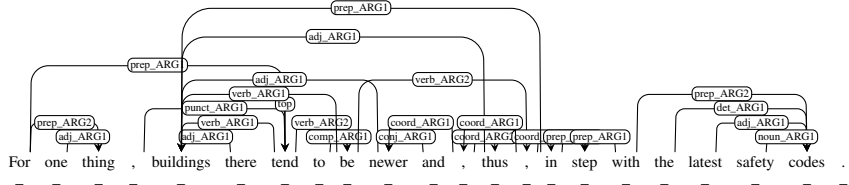
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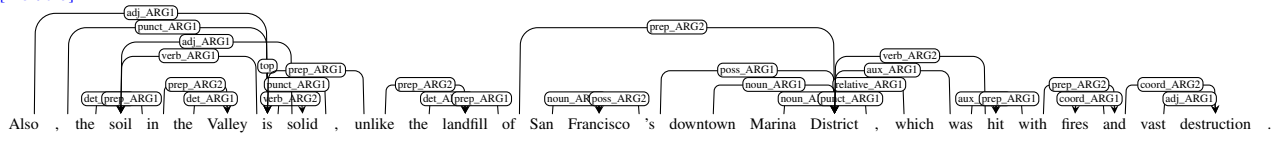
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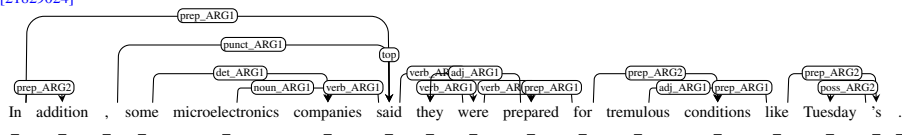
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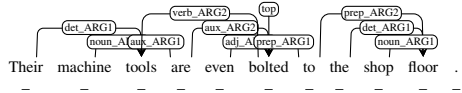
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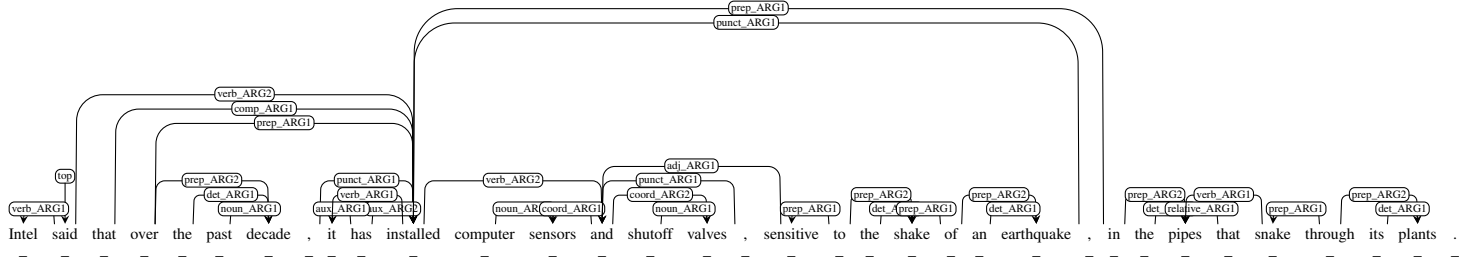
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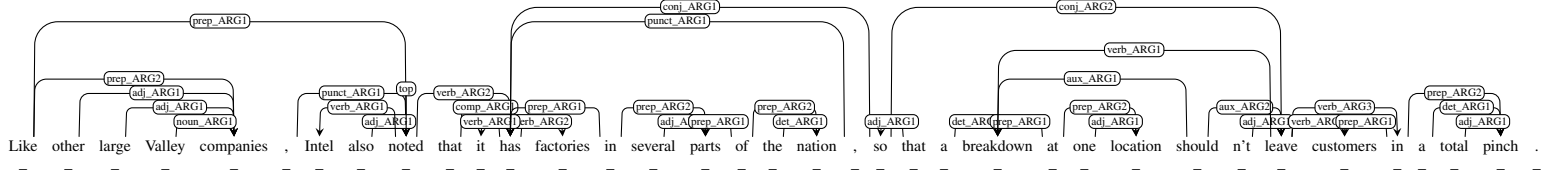
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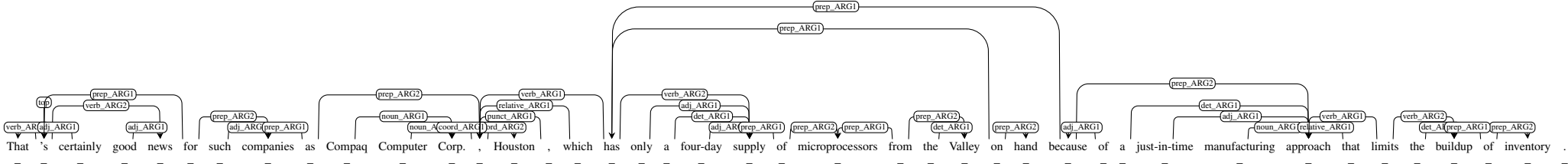
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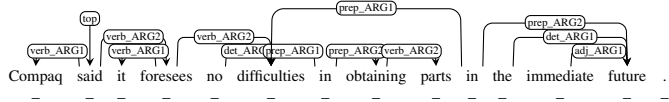
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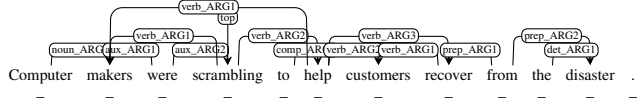
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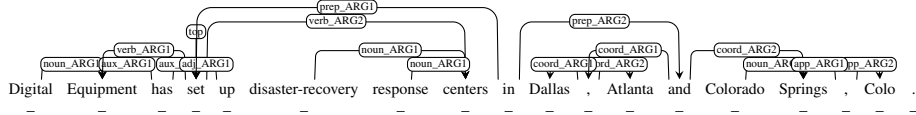
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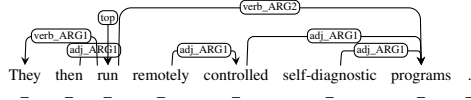
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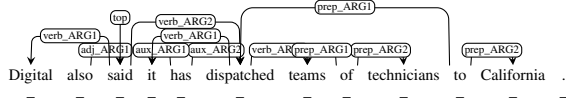
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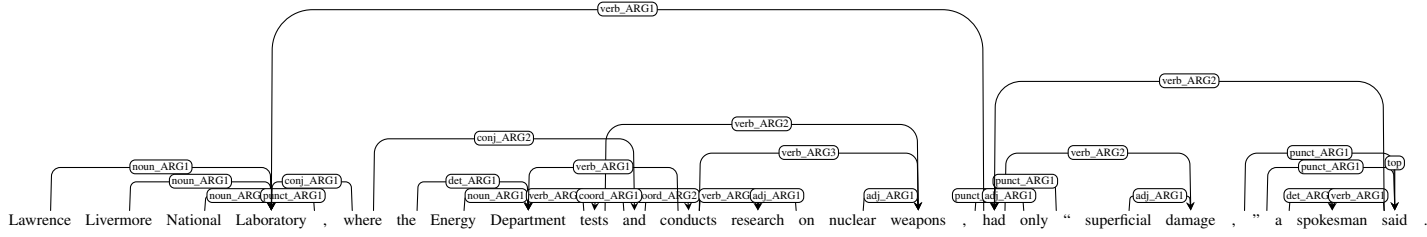
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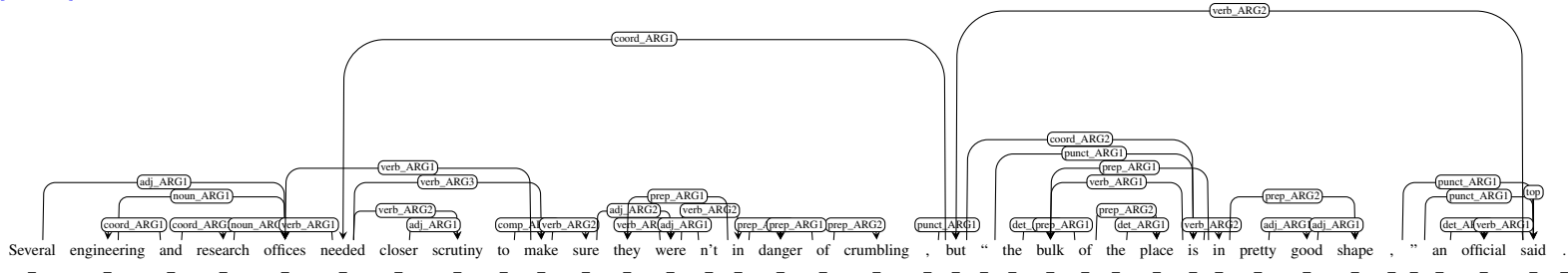
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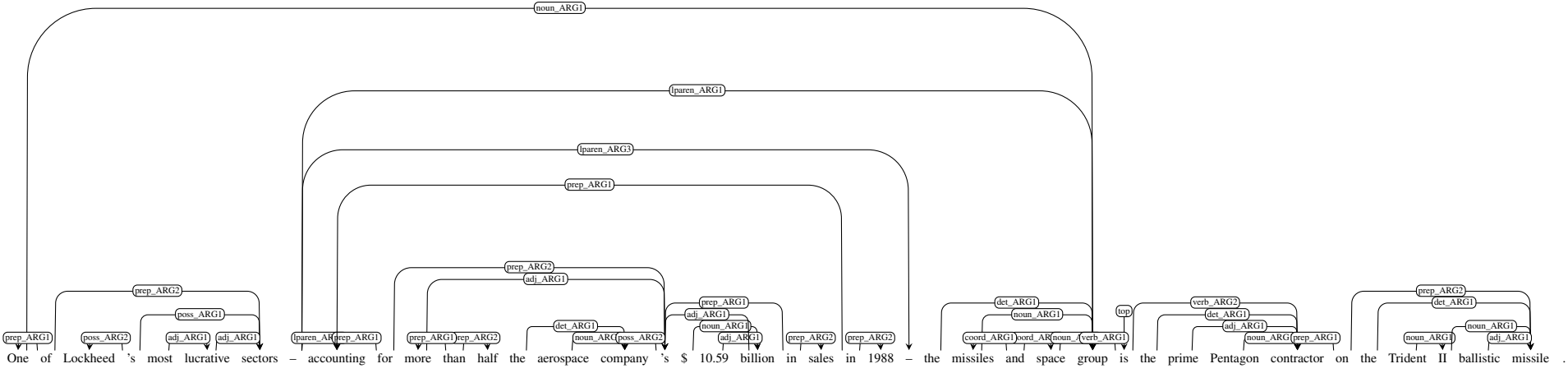
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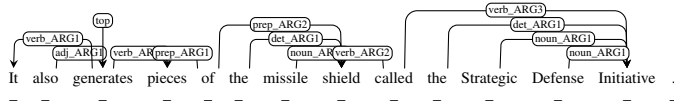
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Fortunately , the Hubble Space Telescope set to be launched on the shuttle next year in a search for distant solar systems and light emitted 14 billion years ago from the farthest reaches of the universe was moved from Sunnyvale to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida at the beginning of October .

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