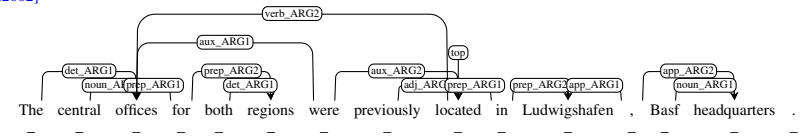
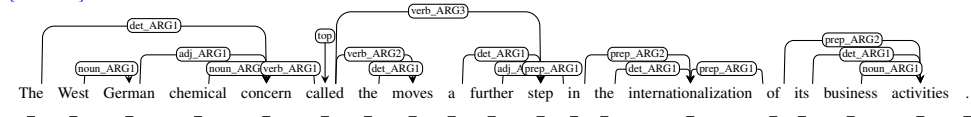


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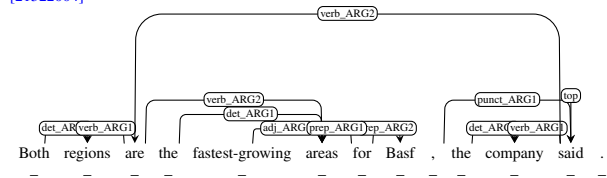


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The West German chemical concern called the moves a further step in the internationalization of its business activities.

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Both regions are the fastest-growing areas for Basf, the company said.