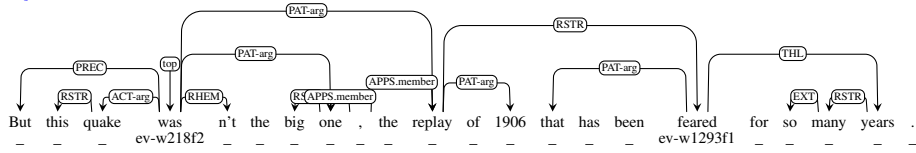
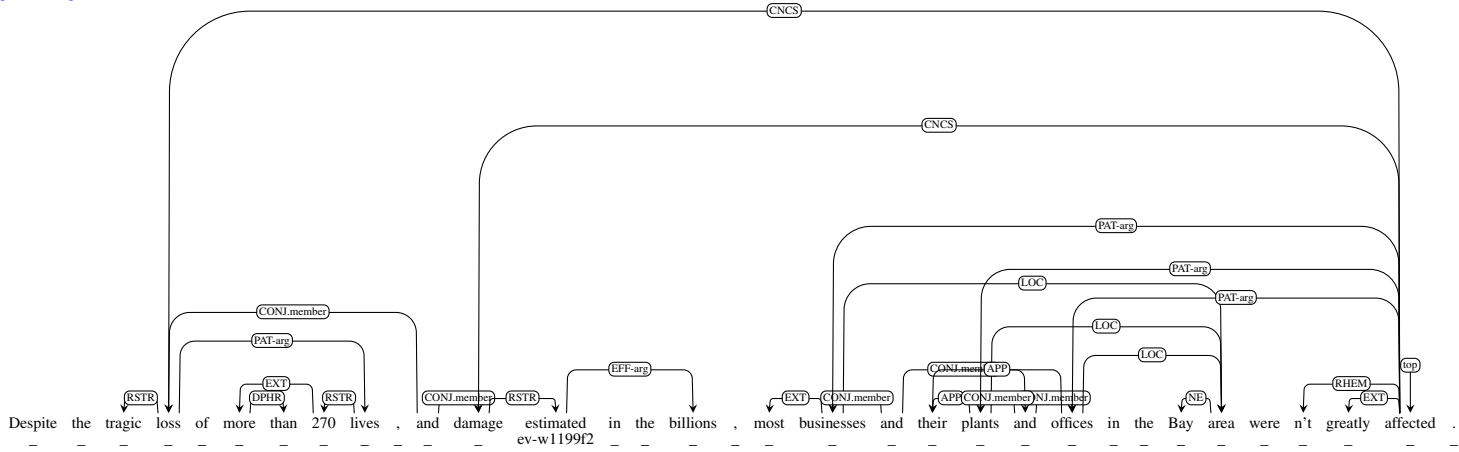


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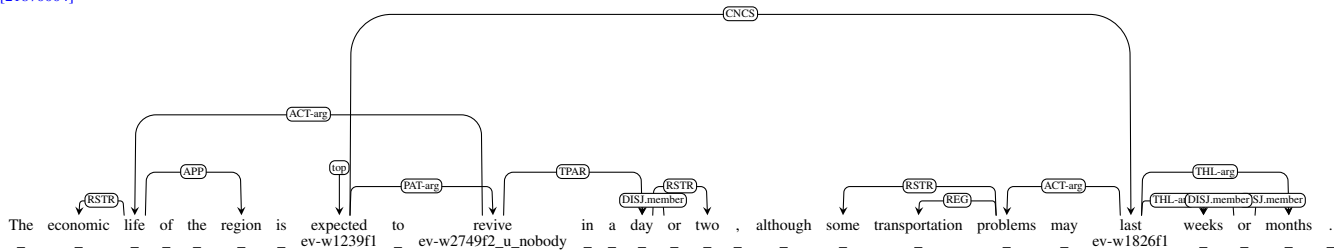
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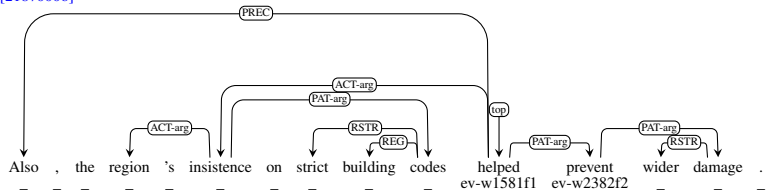
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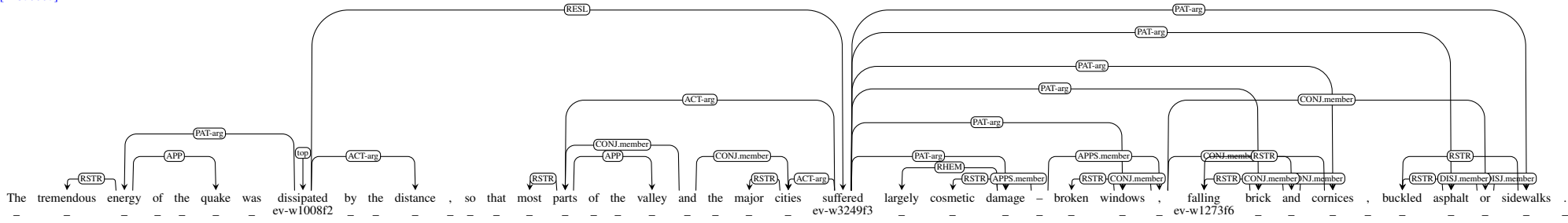
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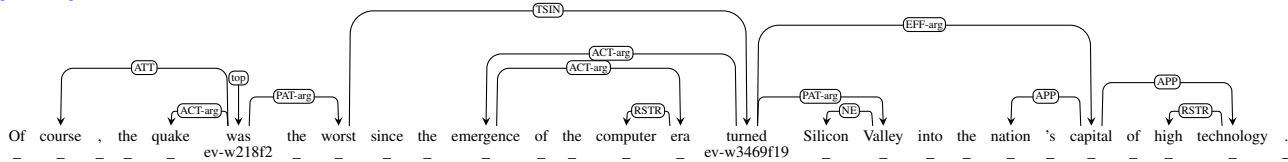
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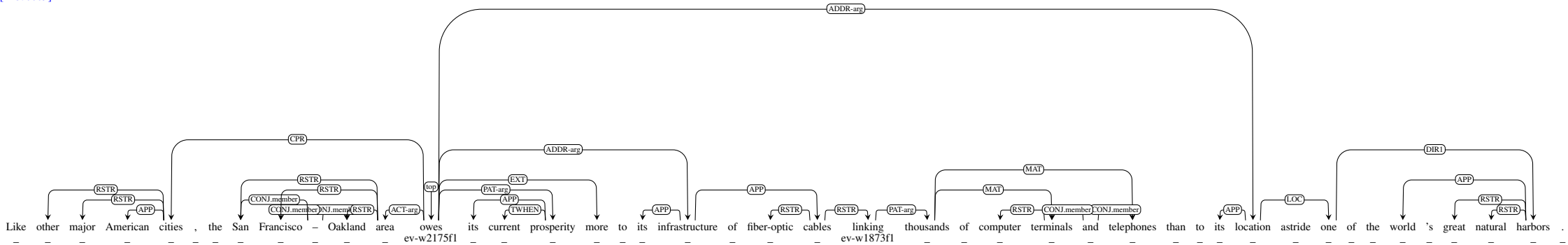
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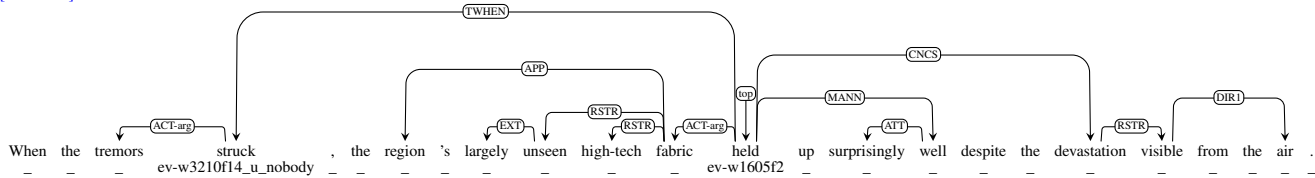
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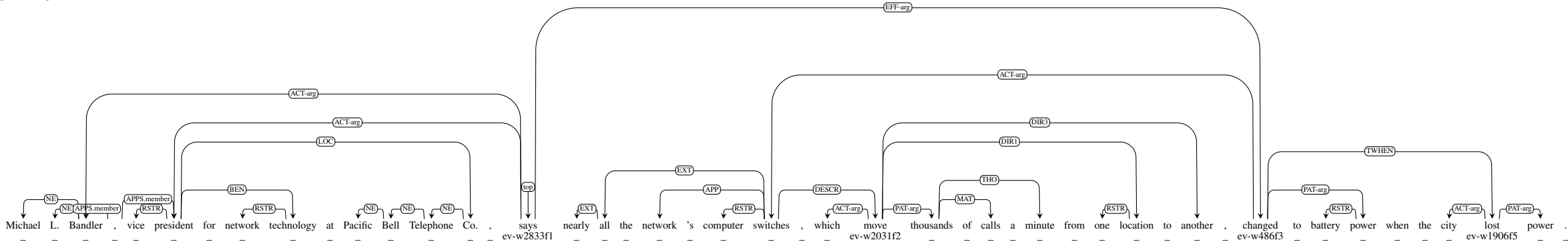
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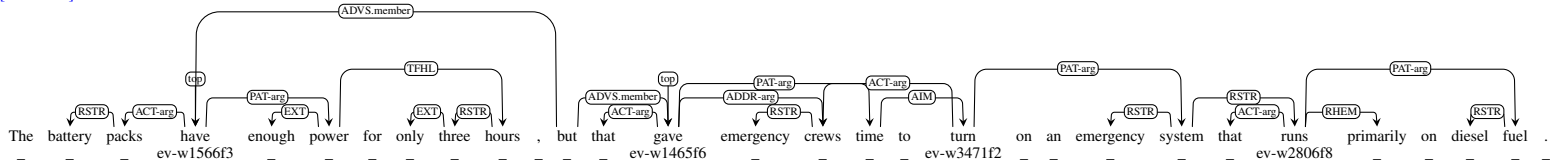
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[21870013]

Of some 160 switches in Pacific Bell 's network , only four went down .
- - - - - v-w358_u_nobodyf1_u_nobody - - -

[21870014]

One of those ev-w2187_u_nobody was in Hollister , Calif. , near the earthquake 's epicenter .
- - - - -

[21870015]

Few telephone lines snapped .
- - - - - ev-w3040f3 - - -

[21870016]

That ev-w218f5_u_nobody 's because the widely used fiber-optic cable has been installed underground with 25 extra feet of cable between junction points .
- - - - - ev-w1716f1 - - -

[21870017]

The slack absorbs the pulling strain generated by an earthquake .
- - - - - ev-w14f1 ev-w2433f9_u_nobody ev-w1453f1 - - -

[21870018]

Nevertheless , phone service was sporadic ; many computer terminals remained dark , and by late yesterday a third of San Francisco remained without power .
- - - - - ev-w218f2 ev-w2638f2 ev-w2638f2 - - -

[21870020]

The economic dislocation was as abrupt as the earthquake itself , as virtually all businesses shut down .
- - - - - ev-w218f2 ev-w2958f2_u_nobody - - -

[21870023]

" This has been a major disruption for the Bay area economy , " says Pauline Sweeney , the chief economist at the California Department of Finance .
- - - - - ev-w218f2 ev-w2833f1 - - -

[21870024]

" Obviously , things are going to have to go on hold for many companies . "
- - - - - ev-w1484f44 - - -

[21870025]

The damage to the Bay area 's roadways could cause significant economic hardship .
- - - - - ev-w467f1 - - -

[21870027]

California state transportation officials interviewed by telephone ev-w1741f1 say they nevertheless do n't expect serious problems for commerce in and out of the Bay area .
- - - - - ev-w2833f1 ev-w1239f1 - - -

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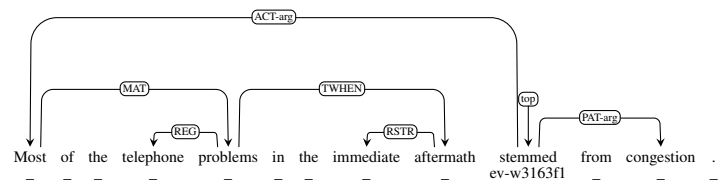
Officials expect difficulty routing traffic through downtown San Francisco .
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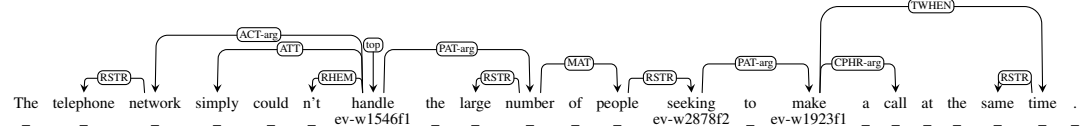
Other roads were obstructed by collapsed buildings and damaged water and power lines , an emergency relief spokesman says .
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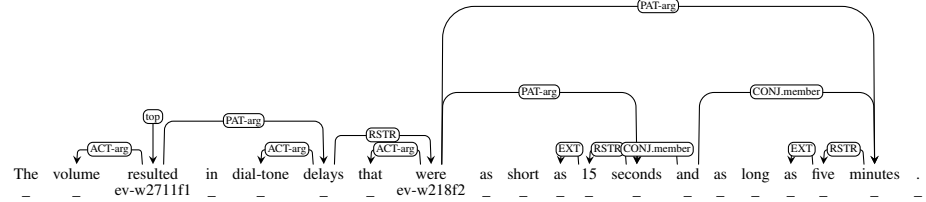
San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos estimated the damage to his city alone at \$ 2 billion .
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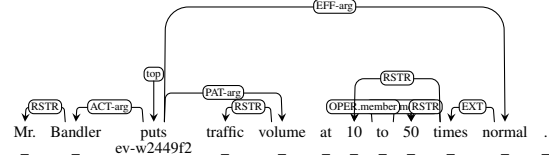
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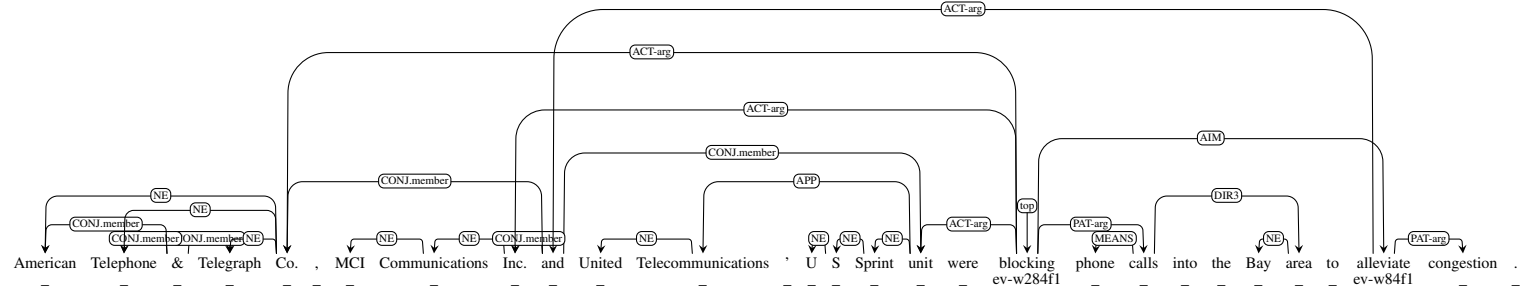
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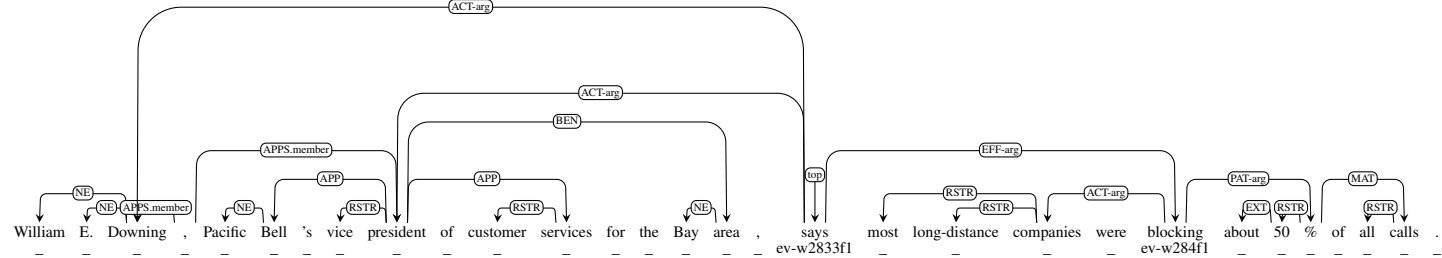
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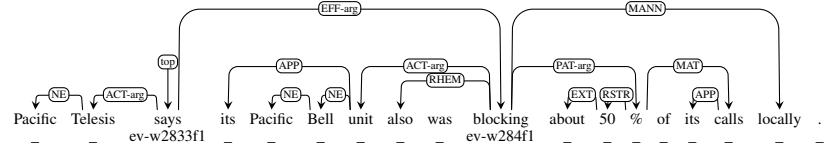
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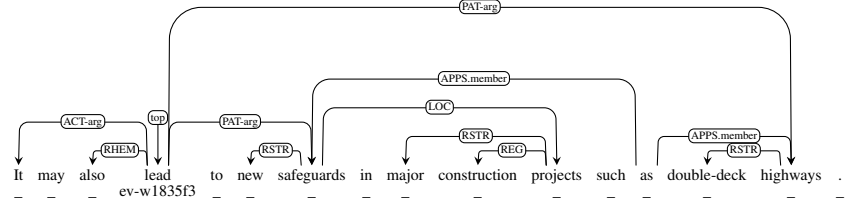
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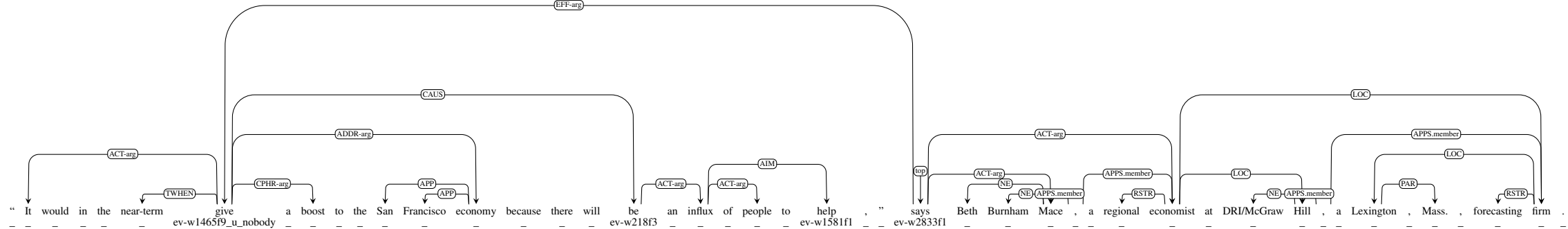
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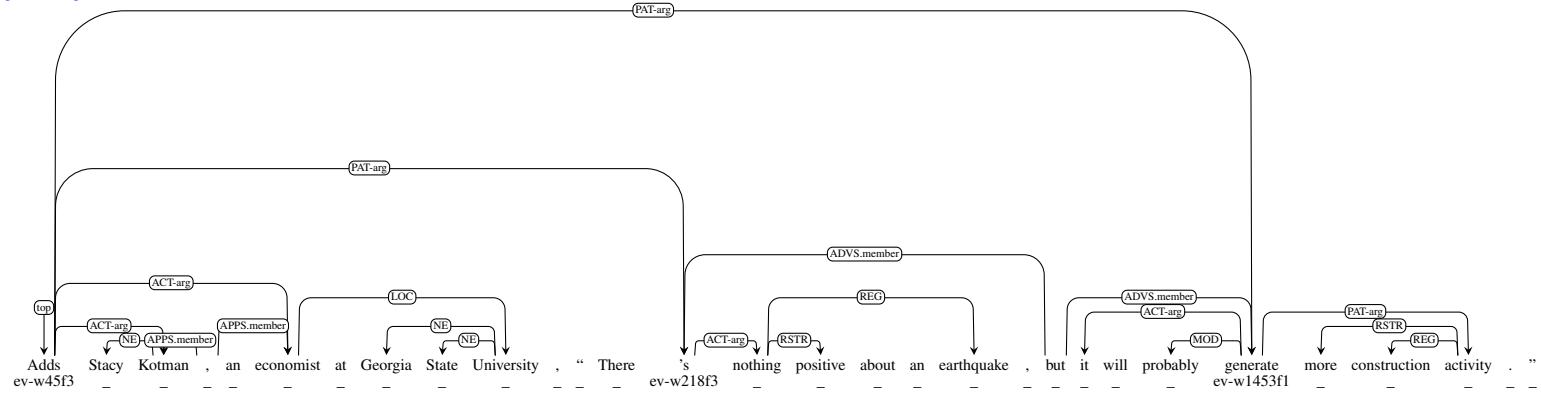
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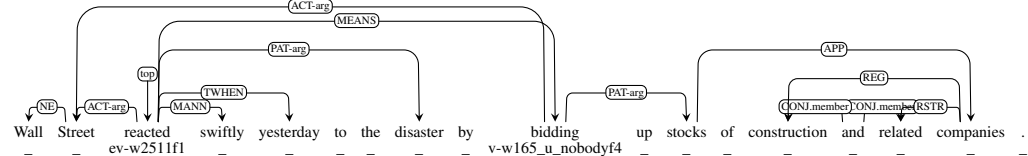
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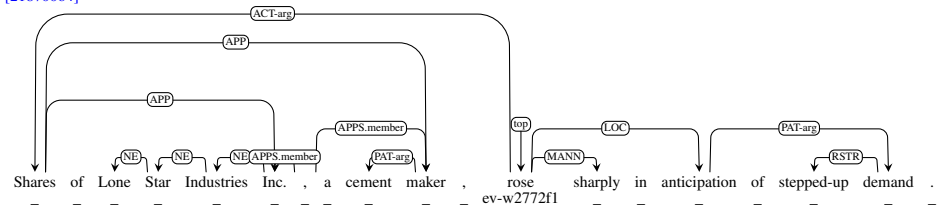
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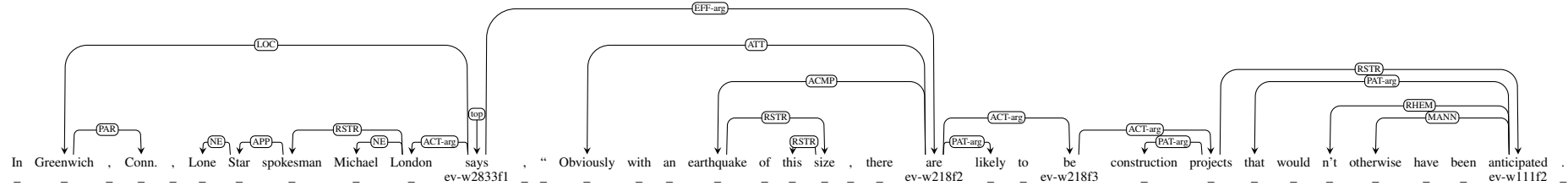
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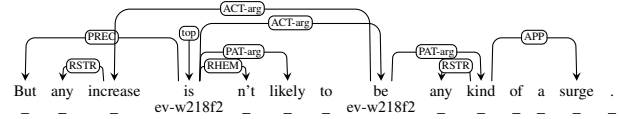
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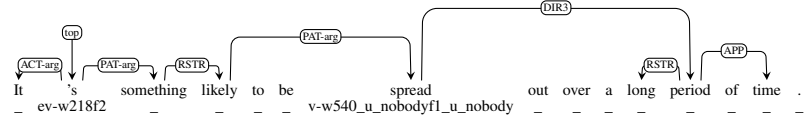
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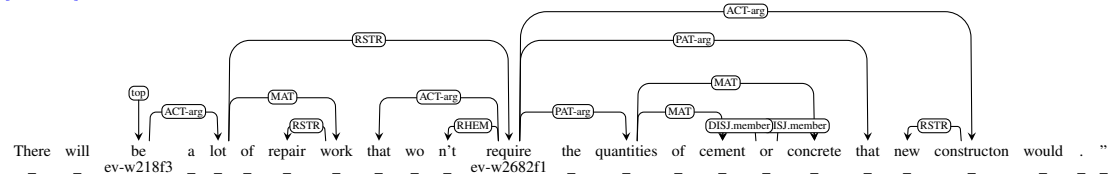
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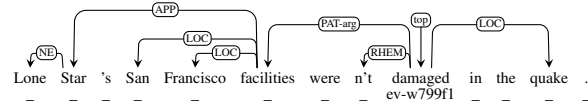
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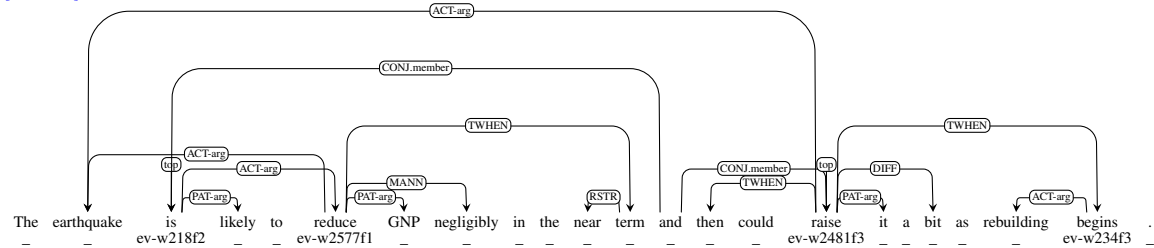
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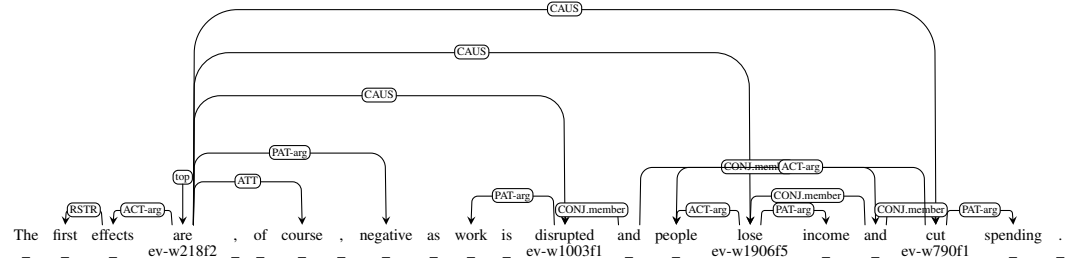
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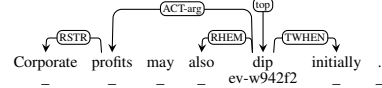
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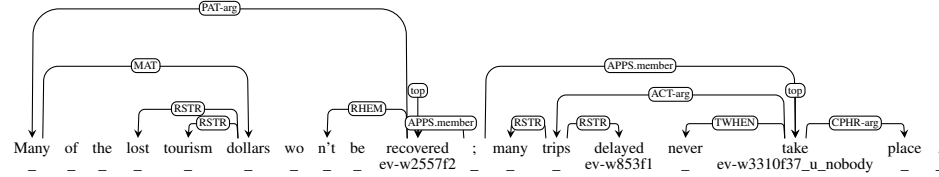
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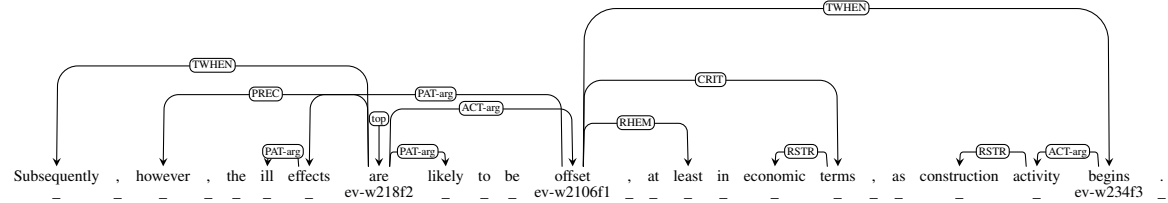
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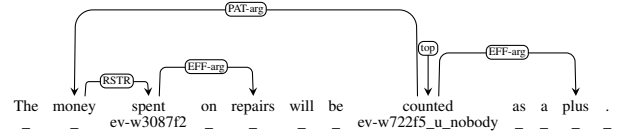
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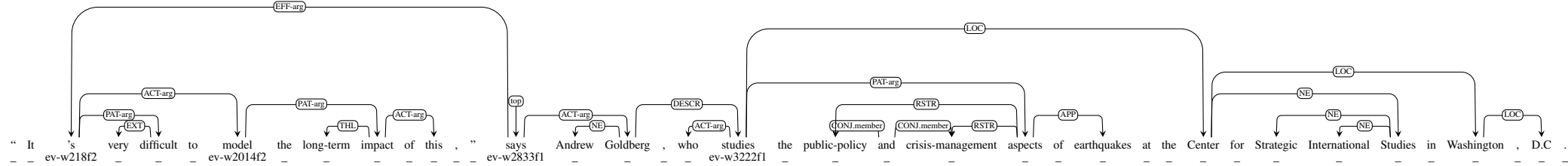
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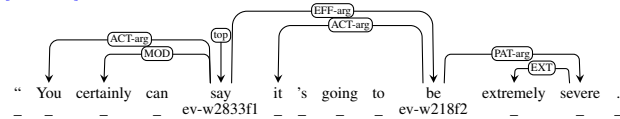
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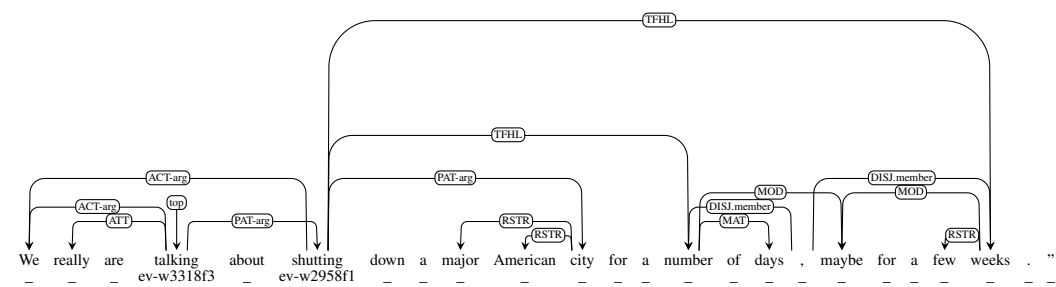
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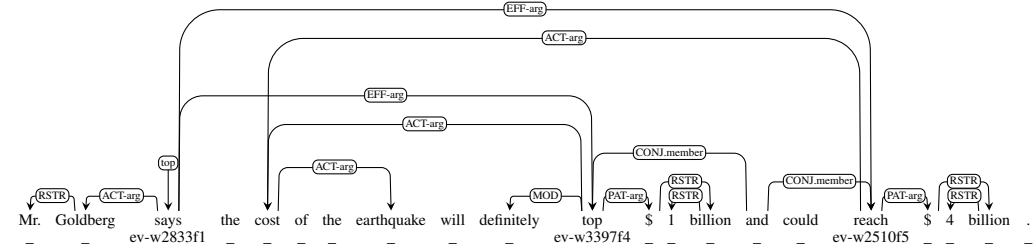
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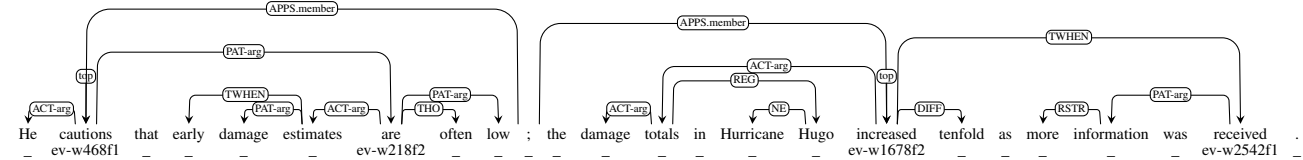
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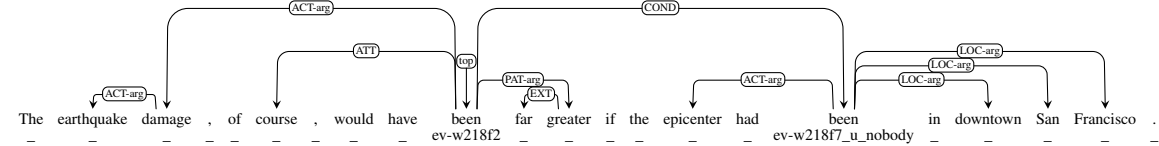
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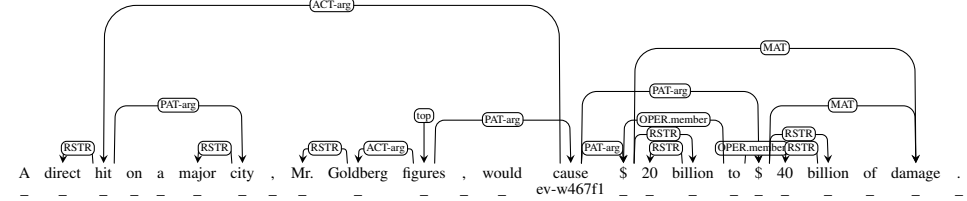
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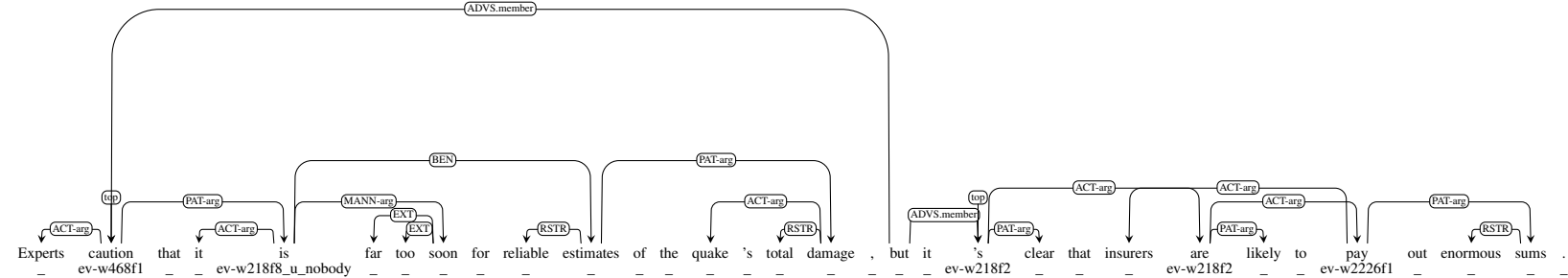
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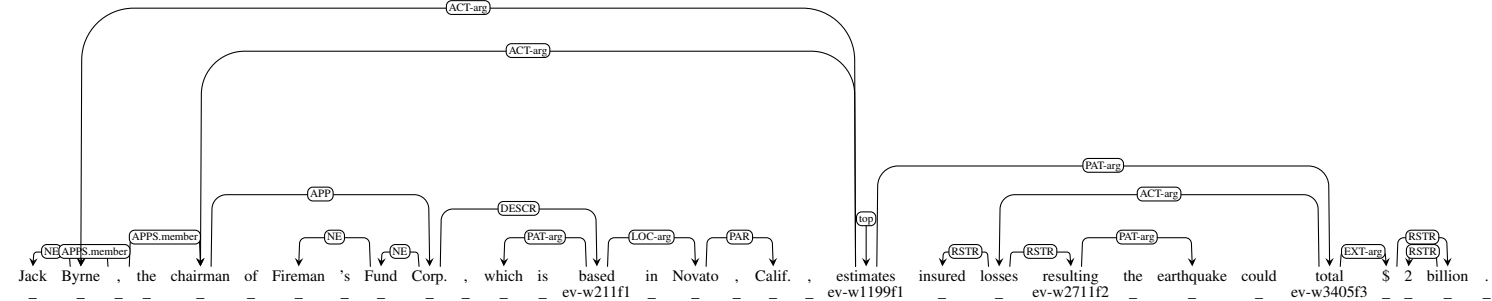
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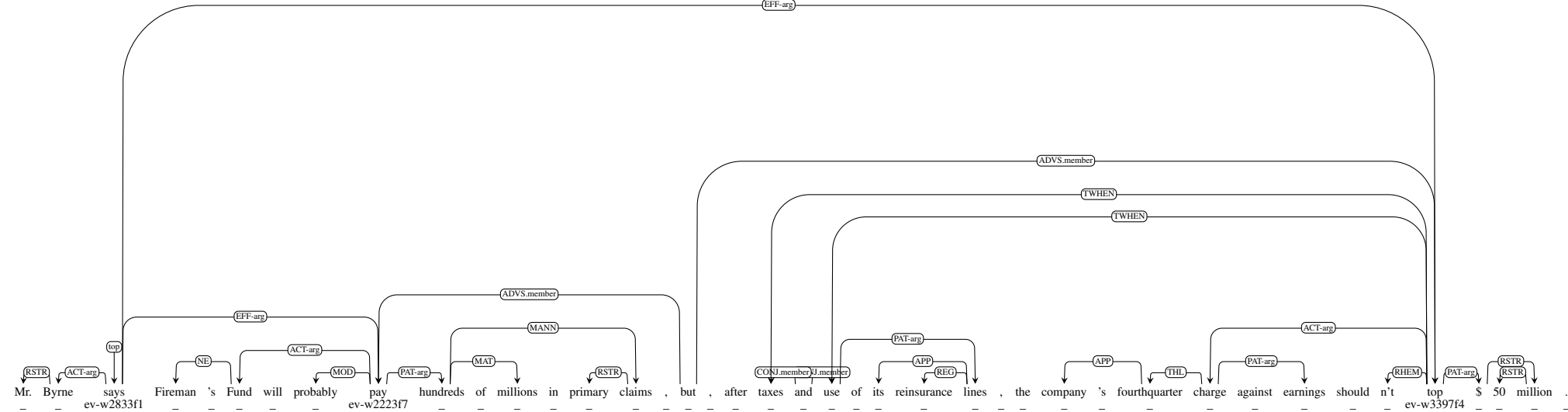
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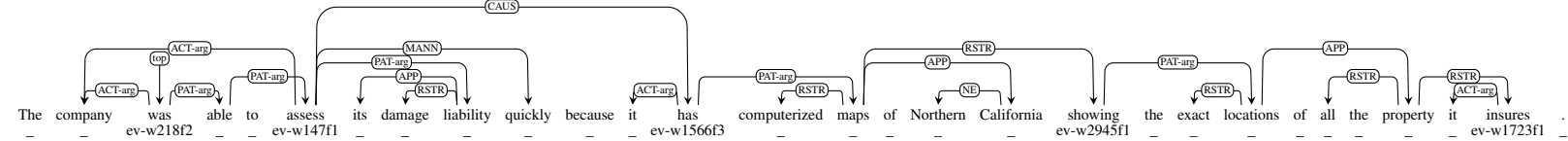
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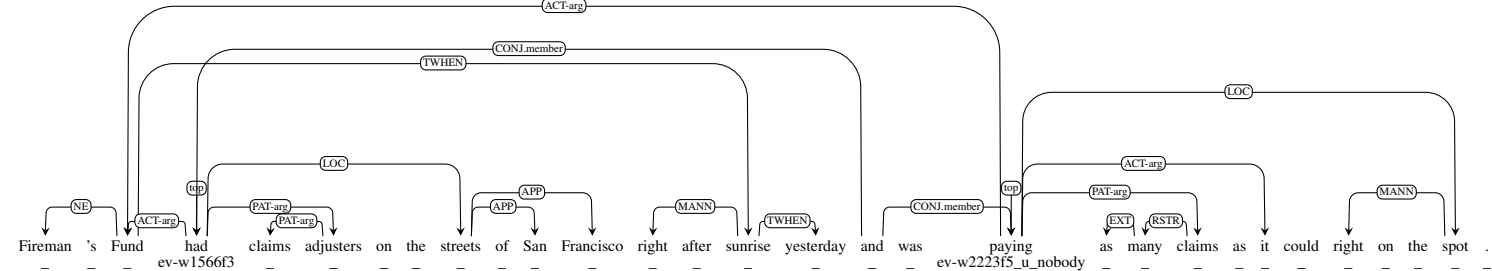
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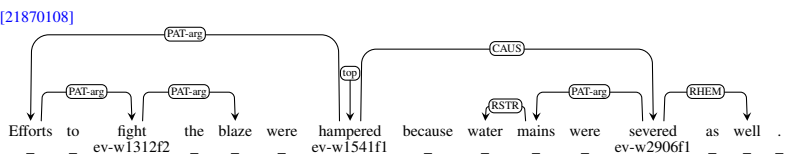
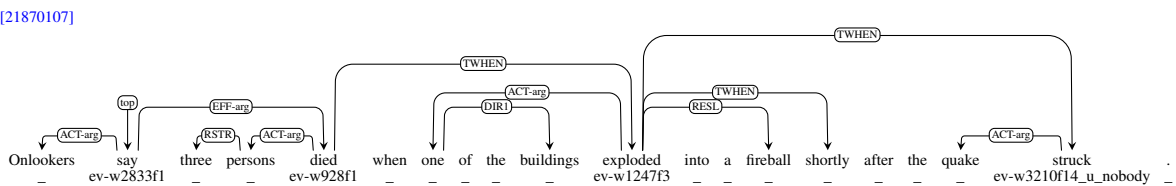
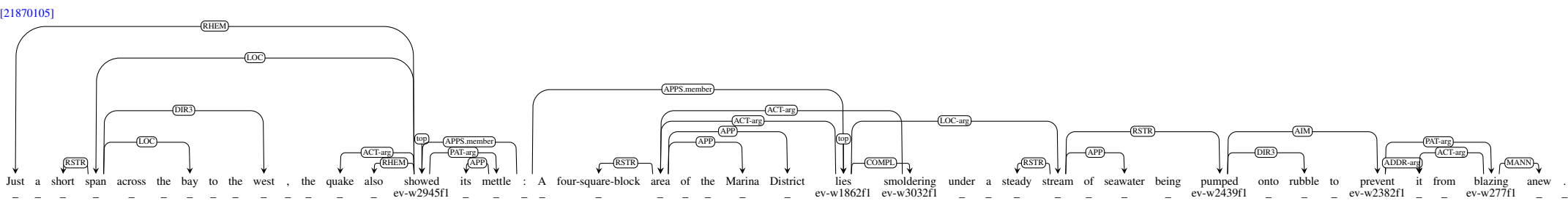
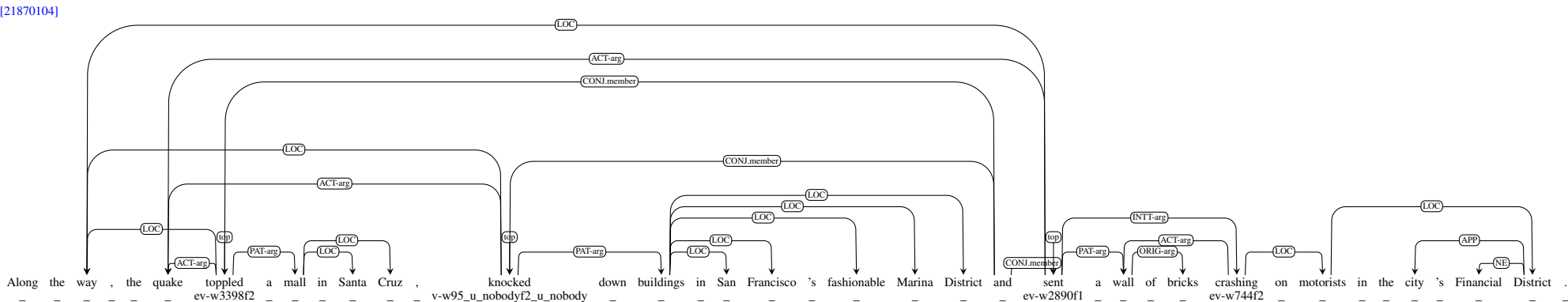
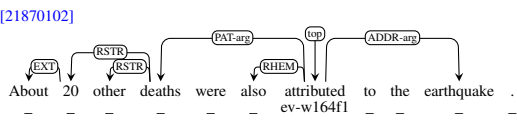
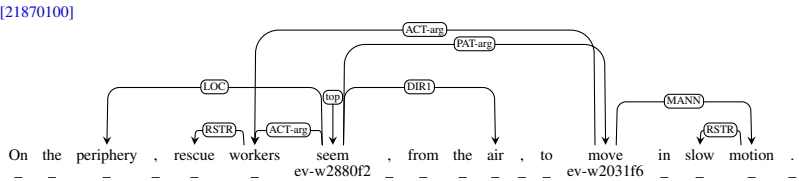
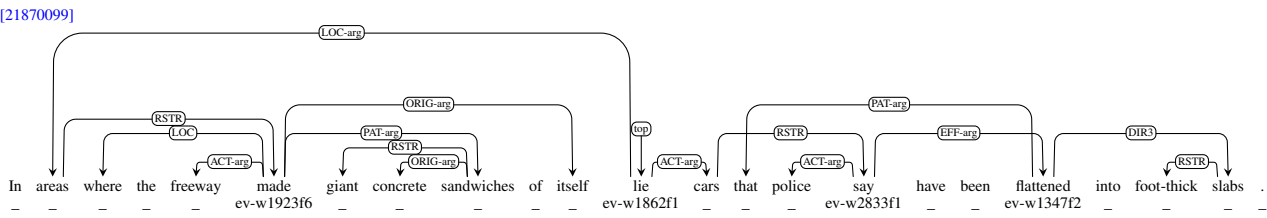
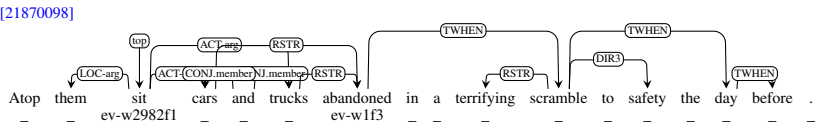
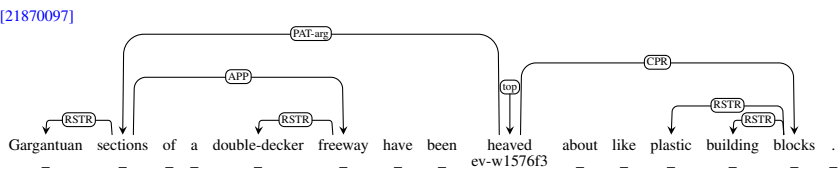
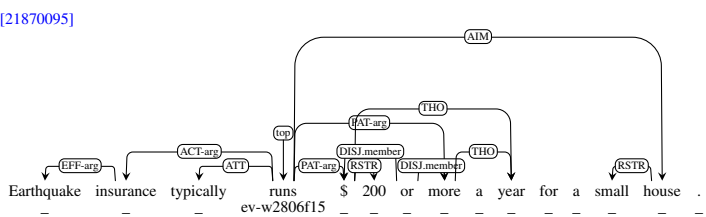
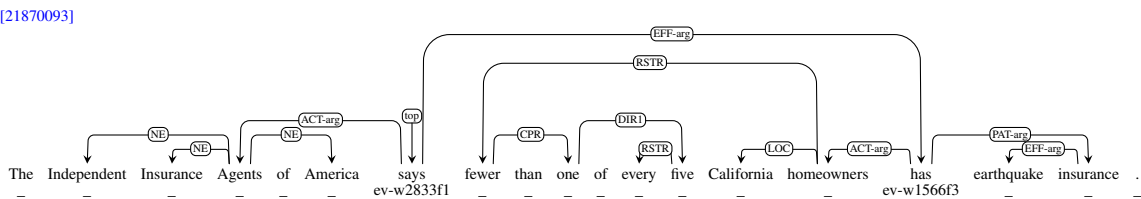
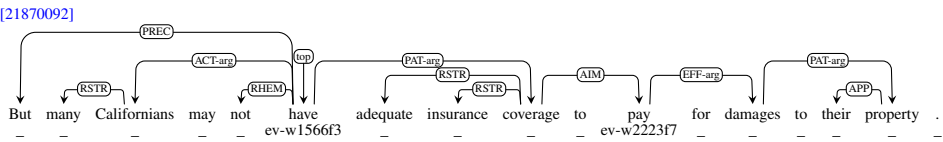
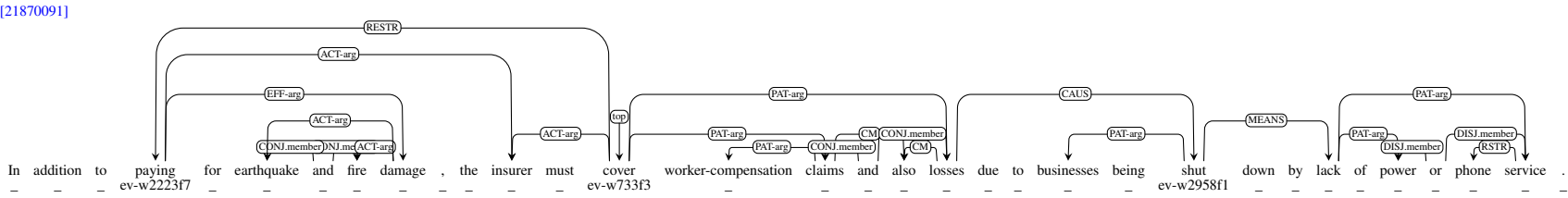
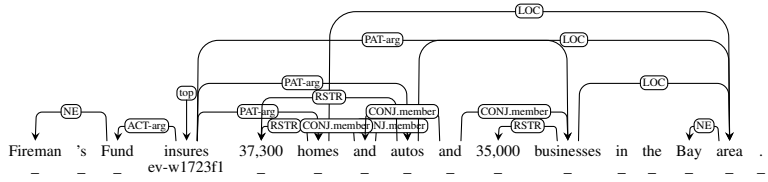
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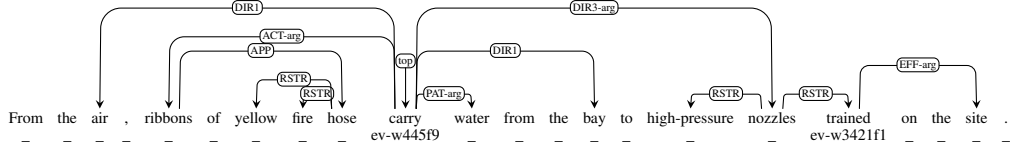
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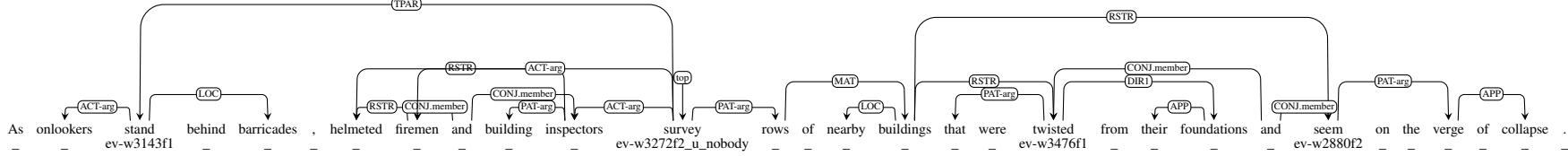
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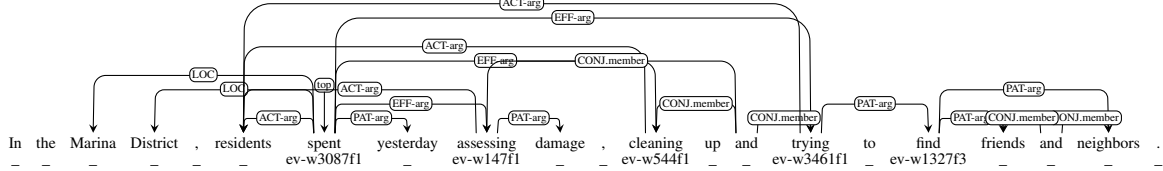
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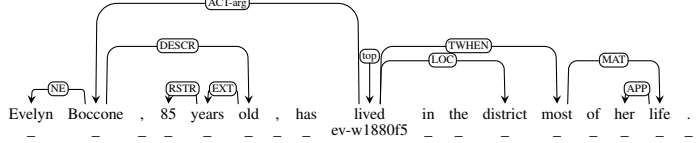
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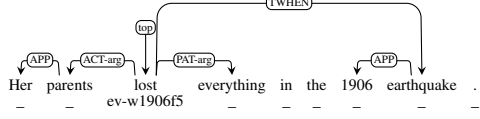
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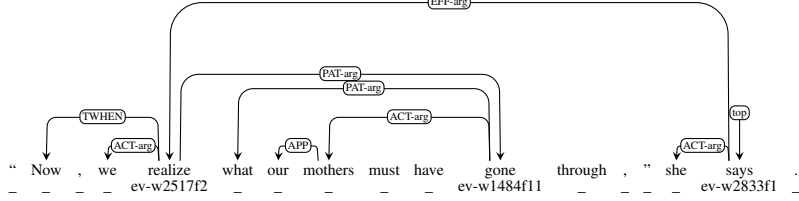
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