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General Electric Co. recently sold its interests in liquid-crystal displays to Thompson-CSF of France .

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" We found the market not developing as we thought it would . " a GE spokesman says .

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" No one yet has shown the ability to manufacture these panels " at commercial costs . says Zvi Yaniv . the president of Ovonic Imaging .

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He says he thinks his company is just a few years from doing that .

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The Bush administration . hearing conflicting advice about what its role in HDTV should be . is n't doing much for now .

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The only material support it is extending to the struggling U.S. industry is \$ 30 million in awards from the Pentagon 's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency .

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The DARPA funds are a pittance compared with what Japan and other prospective competitors are spending .

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The Commerce Department estimates that Japanese government and industry spending on HDTV research is already over \$ 1 billion .

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" Unless it gets more help , the U.S. industry wo n't have a chance . " says Peter Friedman . Photonics 's executive vice president .

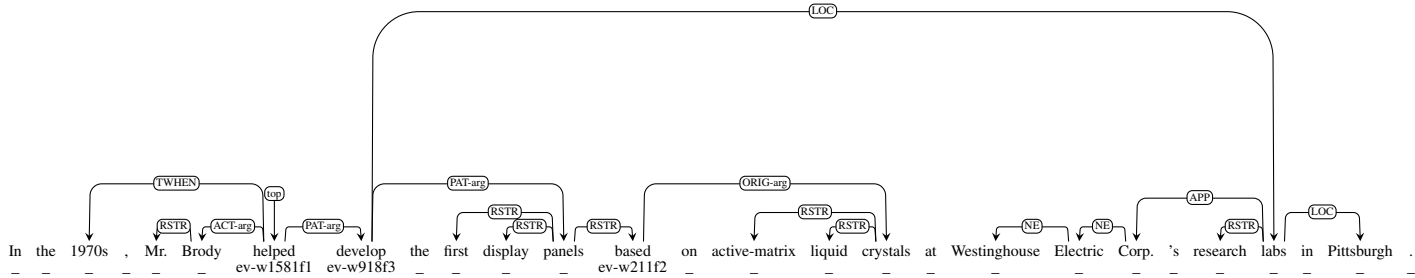
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Thus far . almost all of the basic technology relating to high-definition television has come from U.S. laboratories .

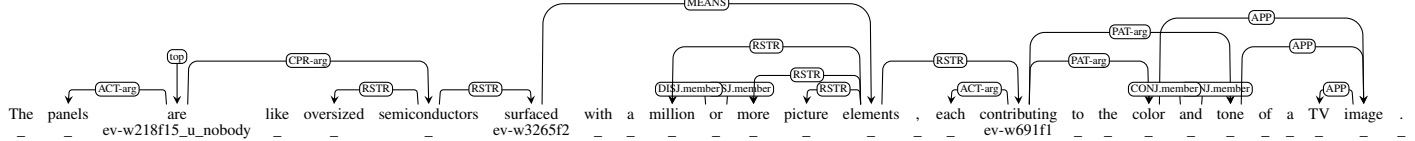
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But Peter Brody . Magnascreen 's president . says Japanese companies are poised to snatch the technology and put it to commercial use . just as they did with earlier U.S. innovations in color television and video recording .

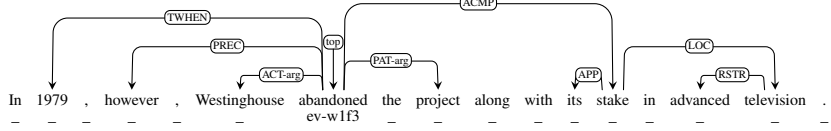
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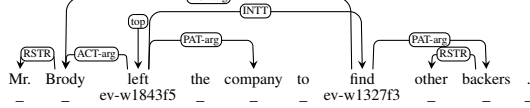
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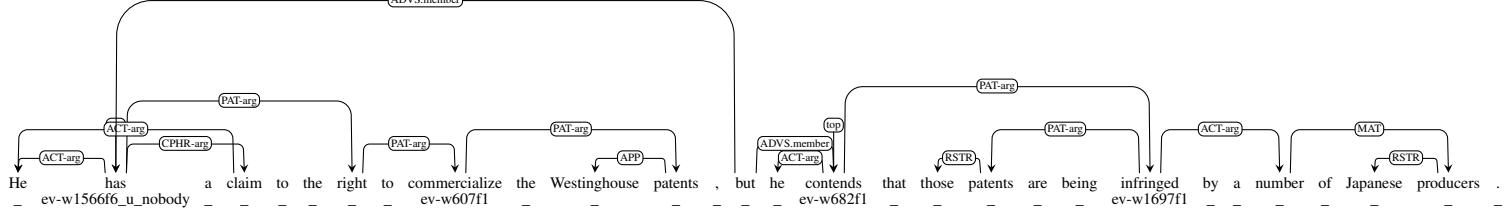
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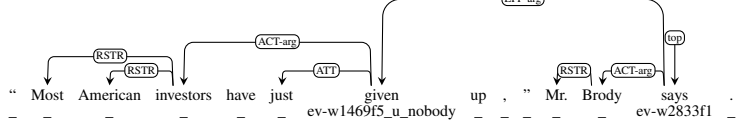
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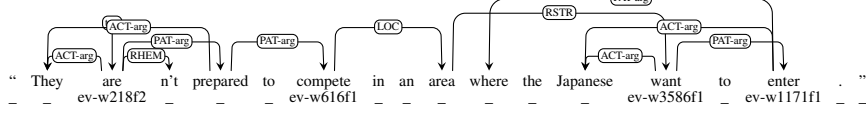
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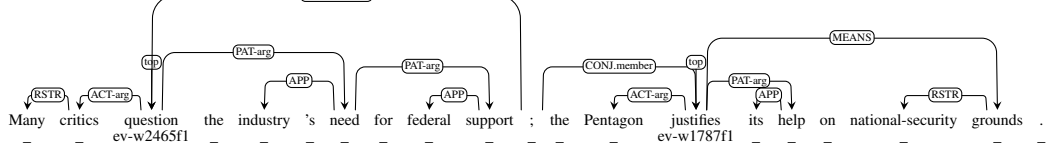
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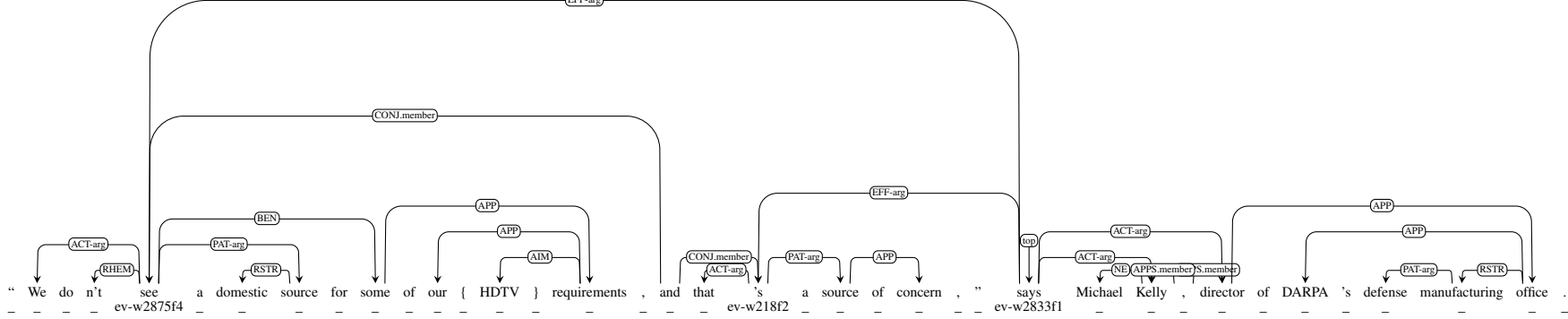
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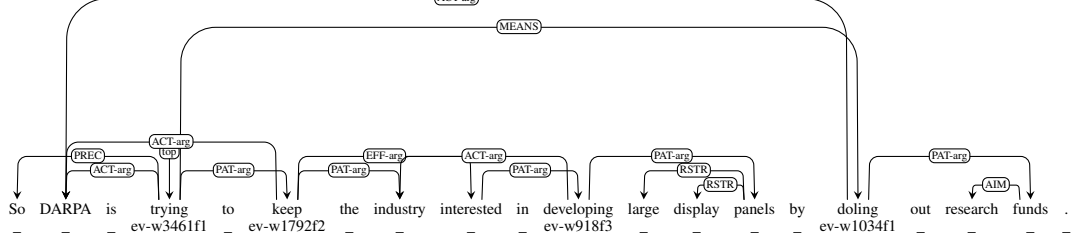
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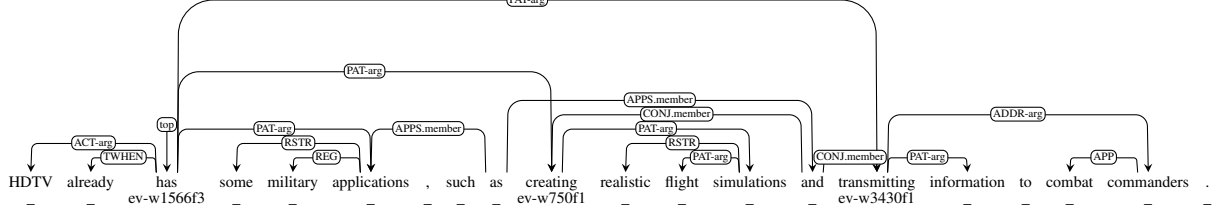
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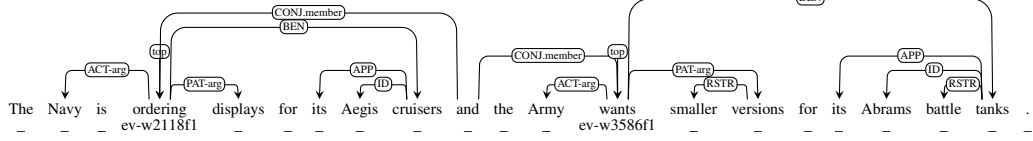
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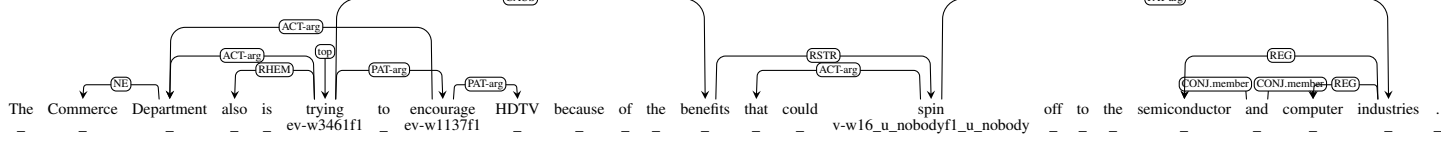
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