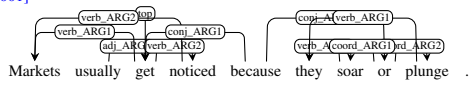


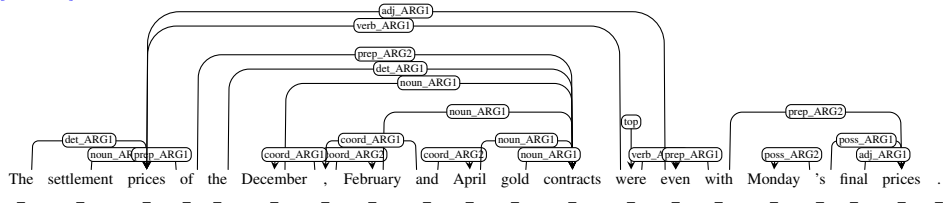
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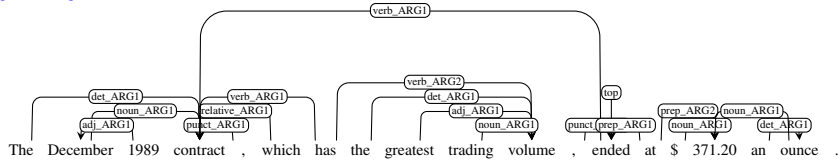
Markets usually get noticed because they soar or plunge .

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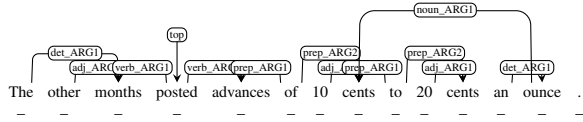
The settlement prices of the December, February and April gold contracts were even with Monday's final prices .

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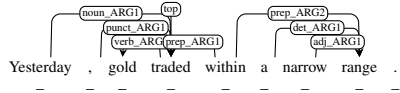
The December 1989 contract, which has the greatest trading volume, ended at \$ 371.20 an ounce .

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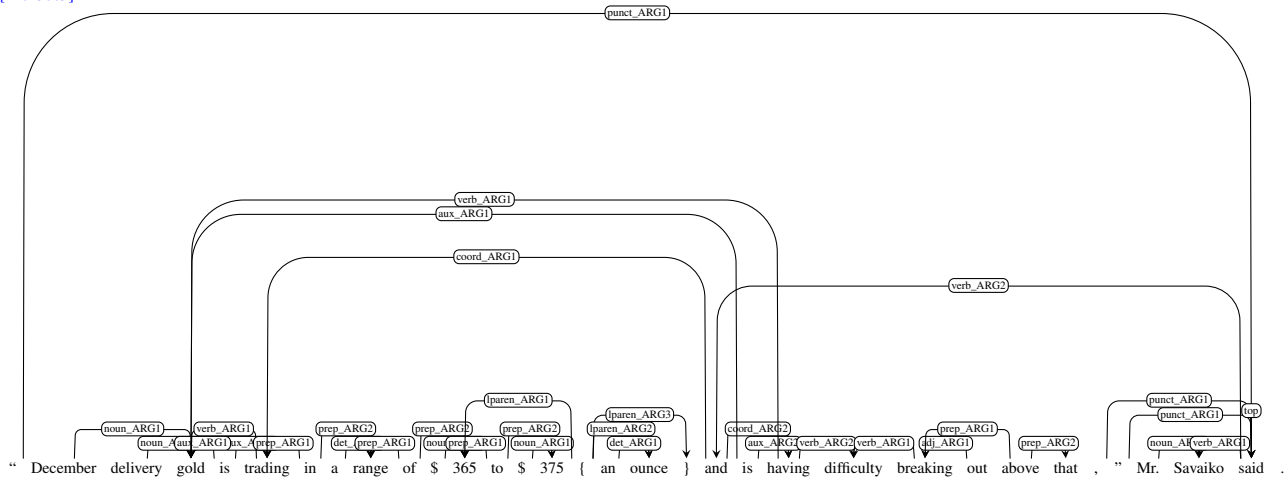
The other months posted advances of 10 cents to 20 cents an ounce .

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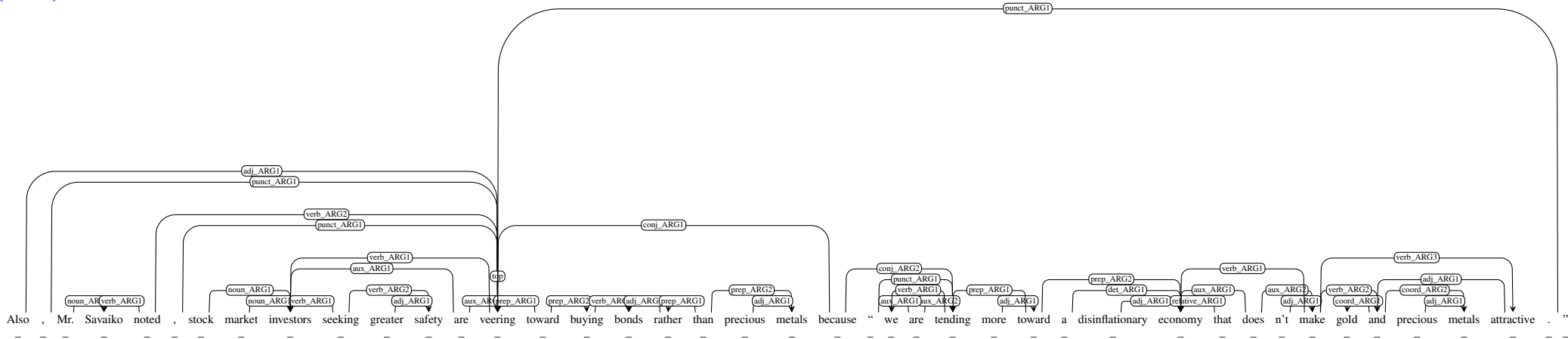
Yesterday, gold traded within a narrow range .

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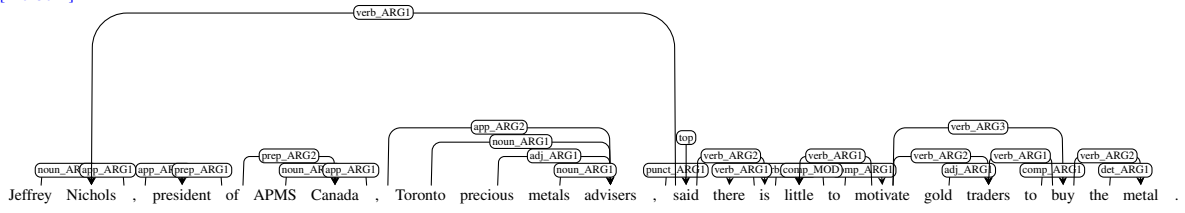
" December delivery gold is trading in a range of \$ 365 to \$ 375 { an ounce } and is having difficulty breaking out above that . " Mr. Savaiko said .

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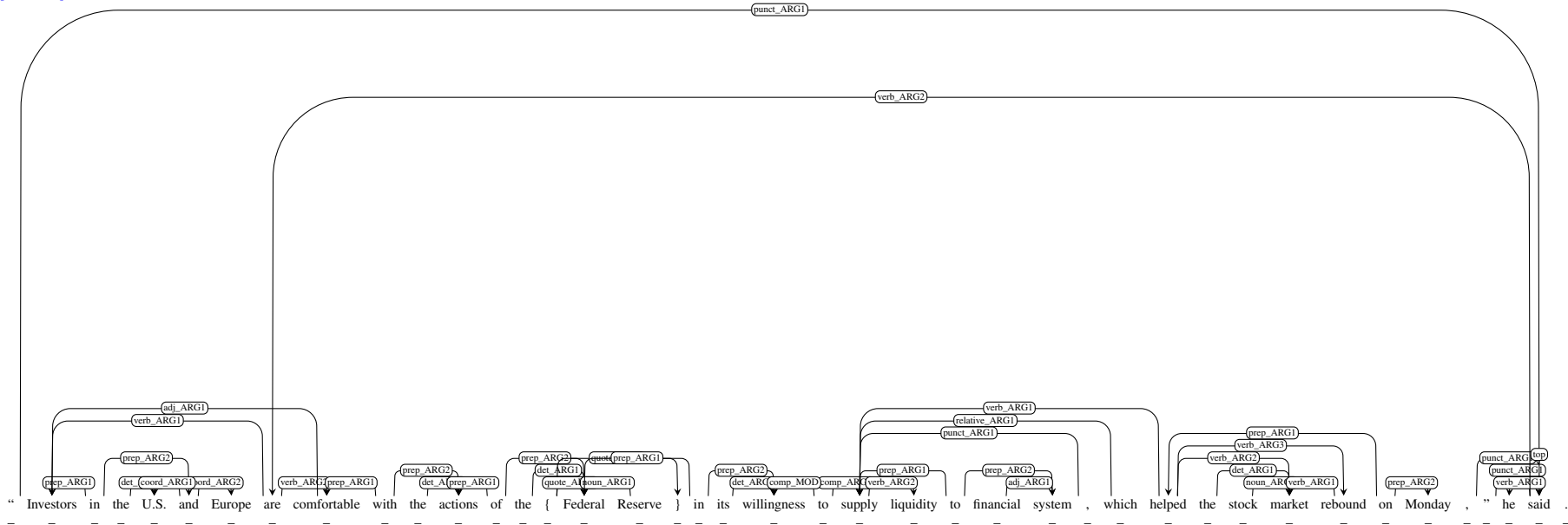
Also, Mr. Savaiko noted, stock market investors seeking greater safety are veering toward buying bonds rather than precious metals because " we are tending more toward a disinflationary economy that does n't make gold and precious metals attractive . "

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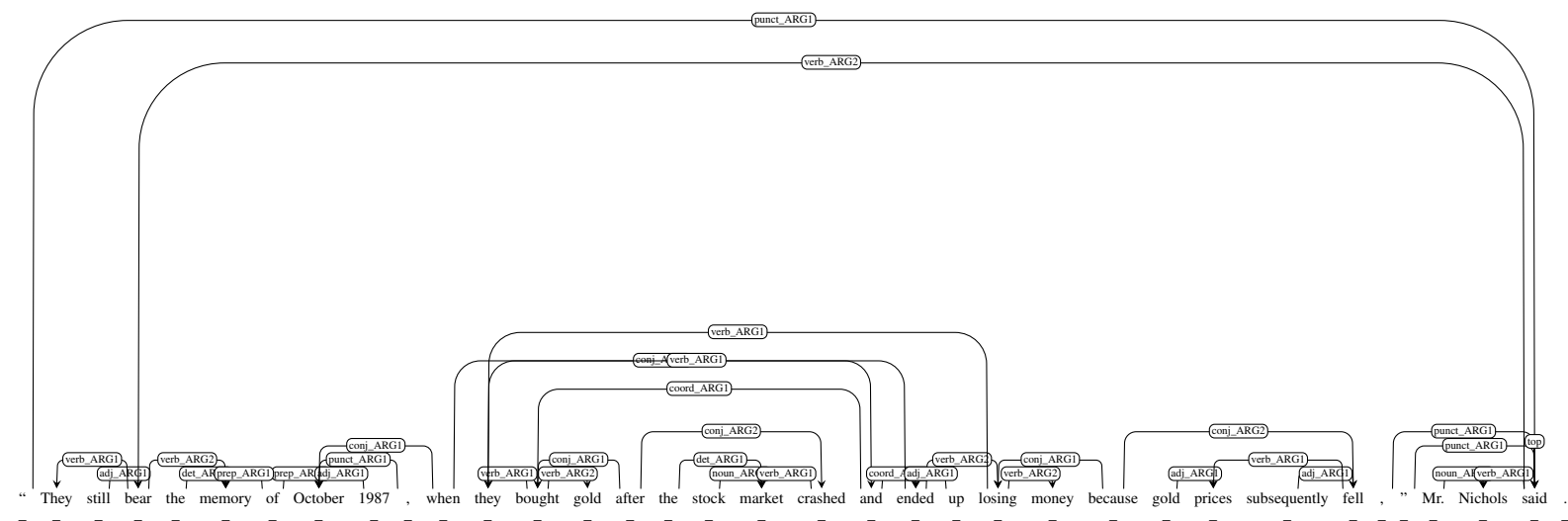
Jeffrey Nichols, president of APMS Canada, Toronto precious metals advisers, said there is little to motivate gold traders to buy the metal .

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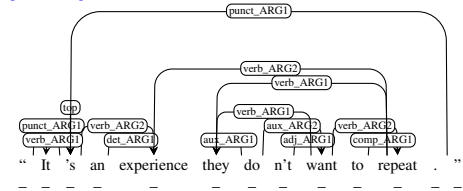


" Investors in the U.S. and Europe are comfortable with the actions of the { Federal Reserve } in its willingness to supply liquidity to financial system, which helped the stock market rebound on Monday, " he said .

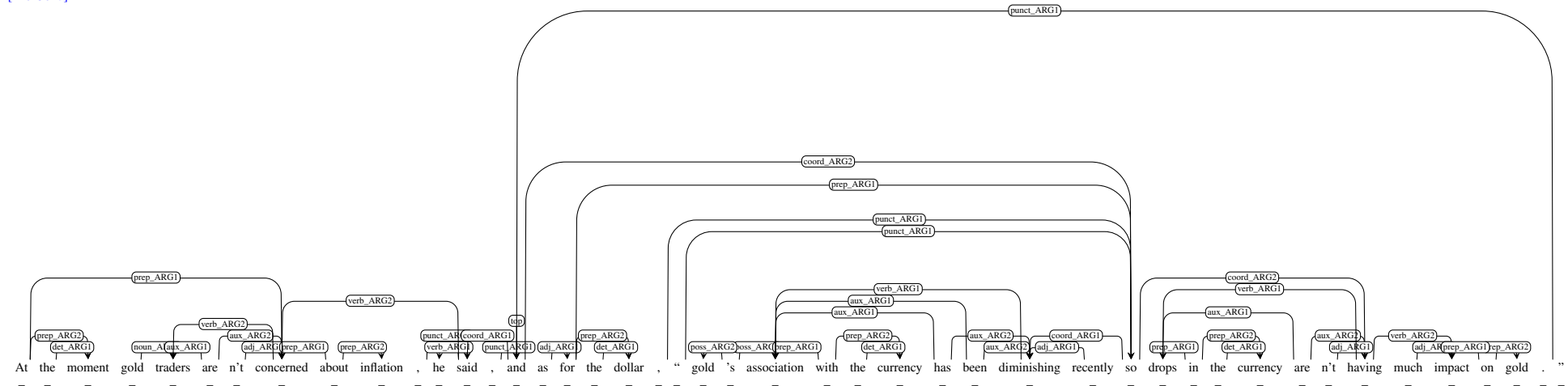
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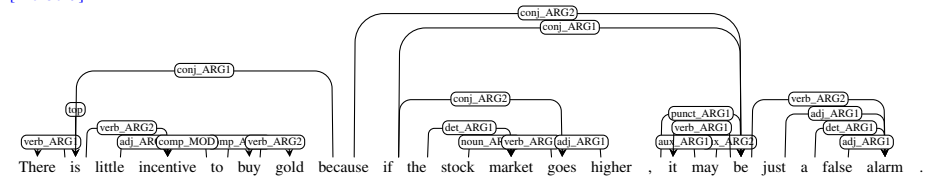
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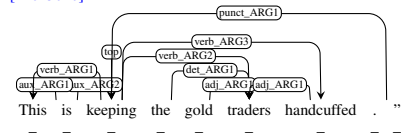
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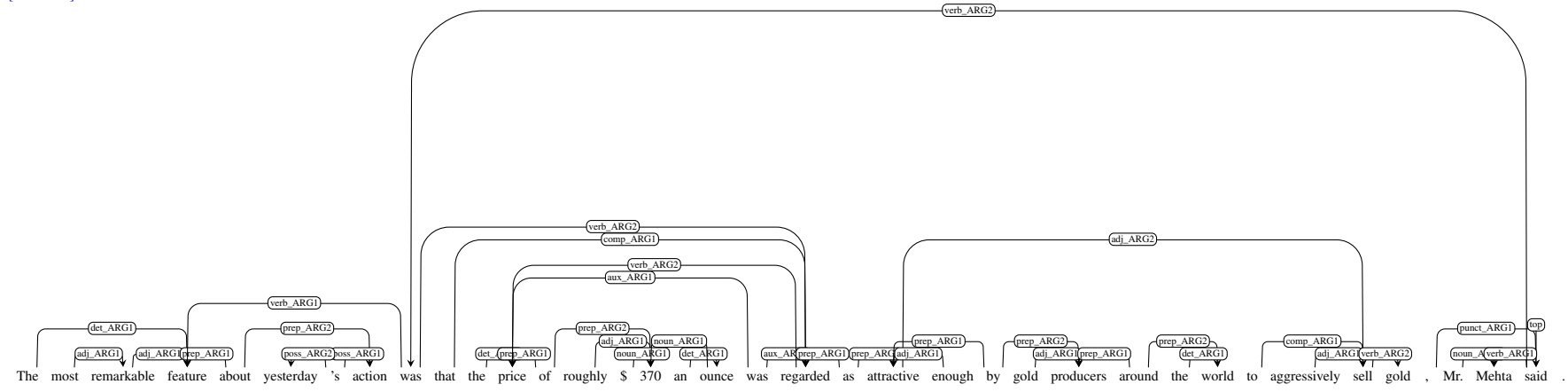
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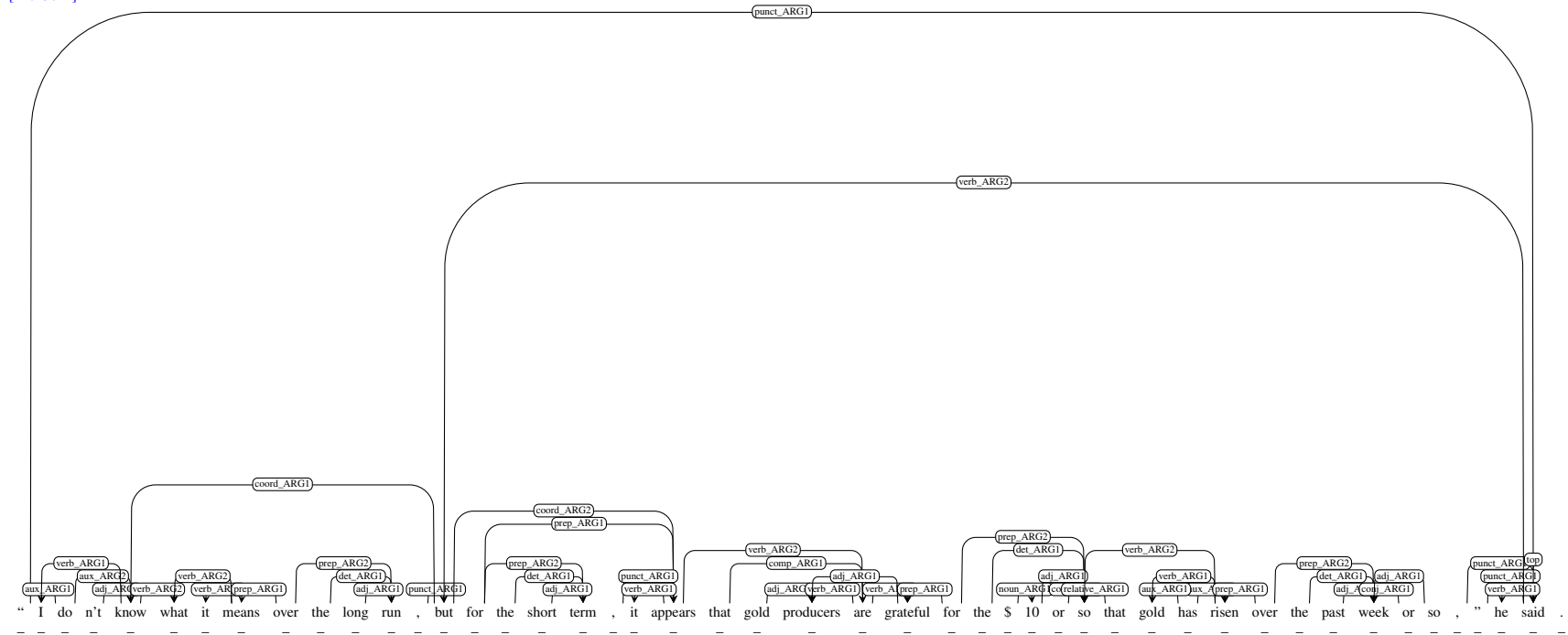
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Previously , he noted , gold producers tended to back off from a rising gold market , letting prices rise as much as possible before selling .

Mr. Mehta observed that the U.S. merchandise trade deficit , which rose sharply in August , according to yesterday 's report , has been having less and less impact on the gold market .

" The dollar has n't reacted much to it , so gold has n't either , " he said .

In other commodity markets yesterday :

ENERGY :

Crude oil prices rose slightly in lackluster activity as traders in the pits tried to assess action in the stock market .

Since stock market indexes plummeted last Friday , participants in all markets have been wary .

When traders become confident that the stock market has stabilized , oil prices are expected to rise as supply and demand fundamentals once again become the major consideration .

Crude oil for November delivery edged up by 16 cents a barrel to \$ 20.75 a barrel .

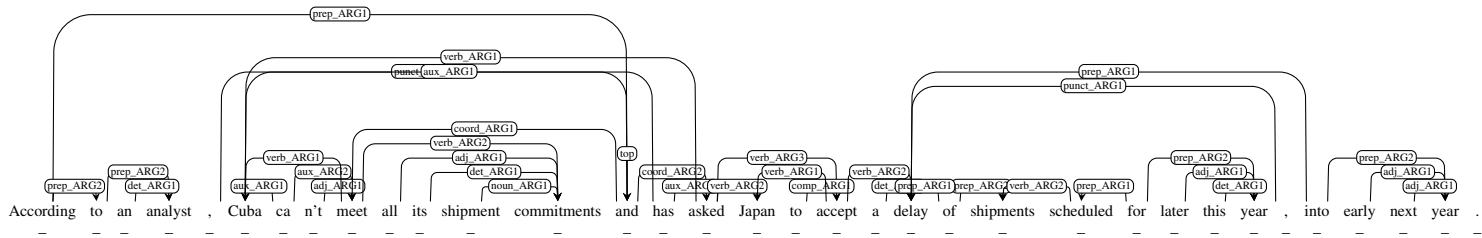
Heating oil prices also rose .

November gasoline slipped slightly .

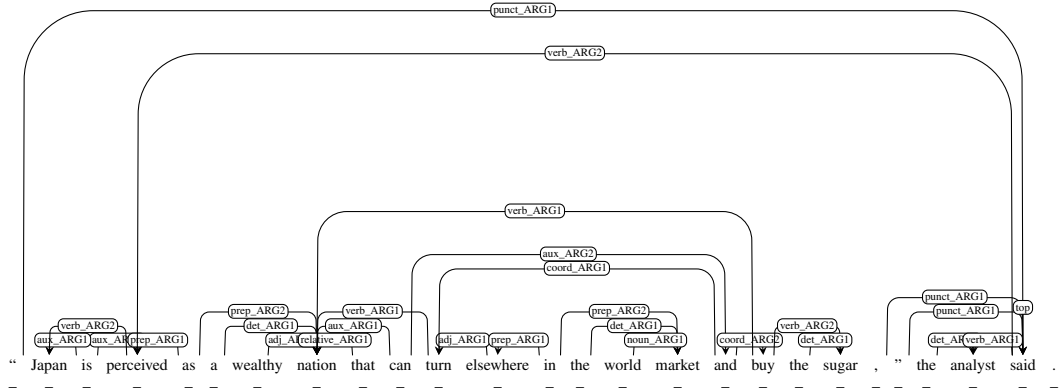
SUGAR :

Futures prices rose on a report that Cuba may seek to postpone some sugar shipments .

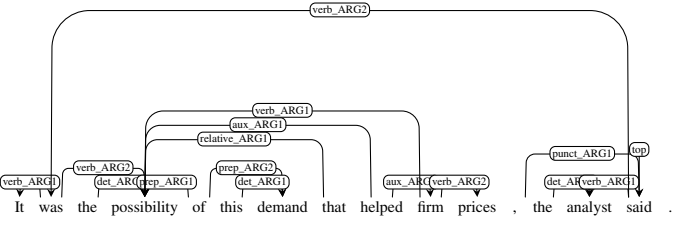
The March contract advanced 0.14 cent a pound to 14.11 cents .



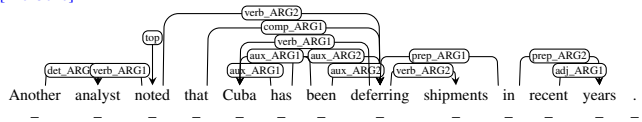
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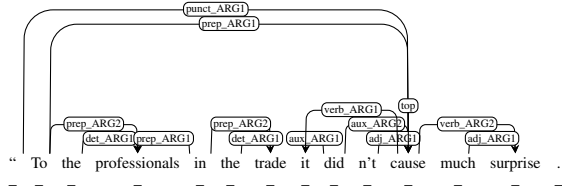
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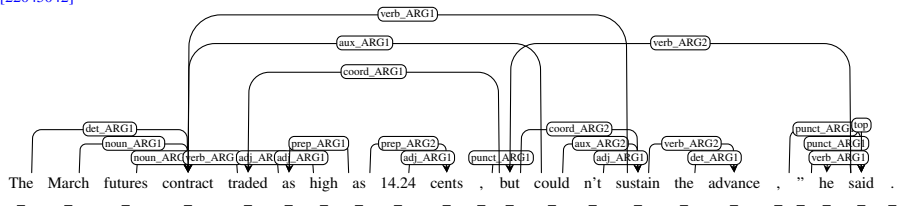
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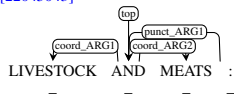
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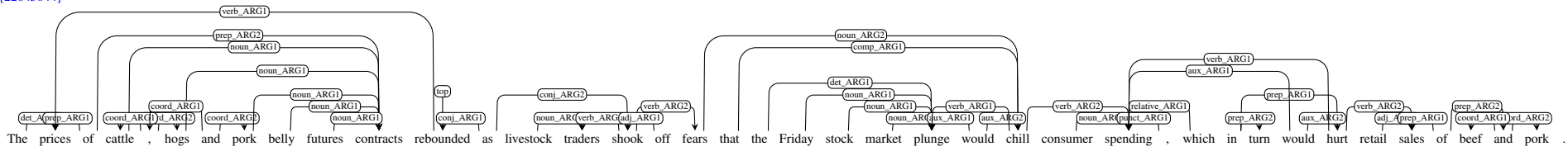
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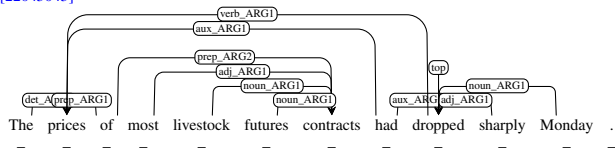
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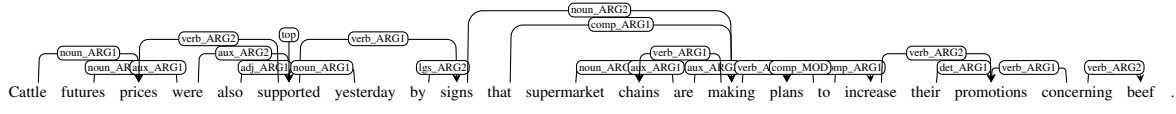
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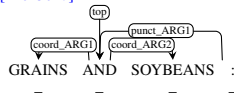
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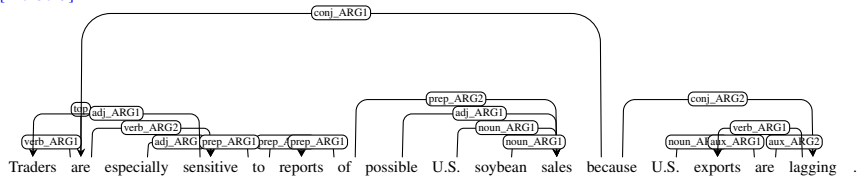
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