Pretraining Sequence-to-Sequence Models: **BART + T5**

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Today’s Outline

- **Lecture**
  - **Quick Recap:** Pretraining + Finetuning
  - **Pretraining sequence-to-sequence models:** BART + T5

Some slides adapted from Greg Durrett

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Uses simple training objectives

Requires tons of data

Resultant model often not useful yet

Slow & expensive; can often only do once

Fine-tuning

Done on smaller datasets

Trained on data with a more complex structure

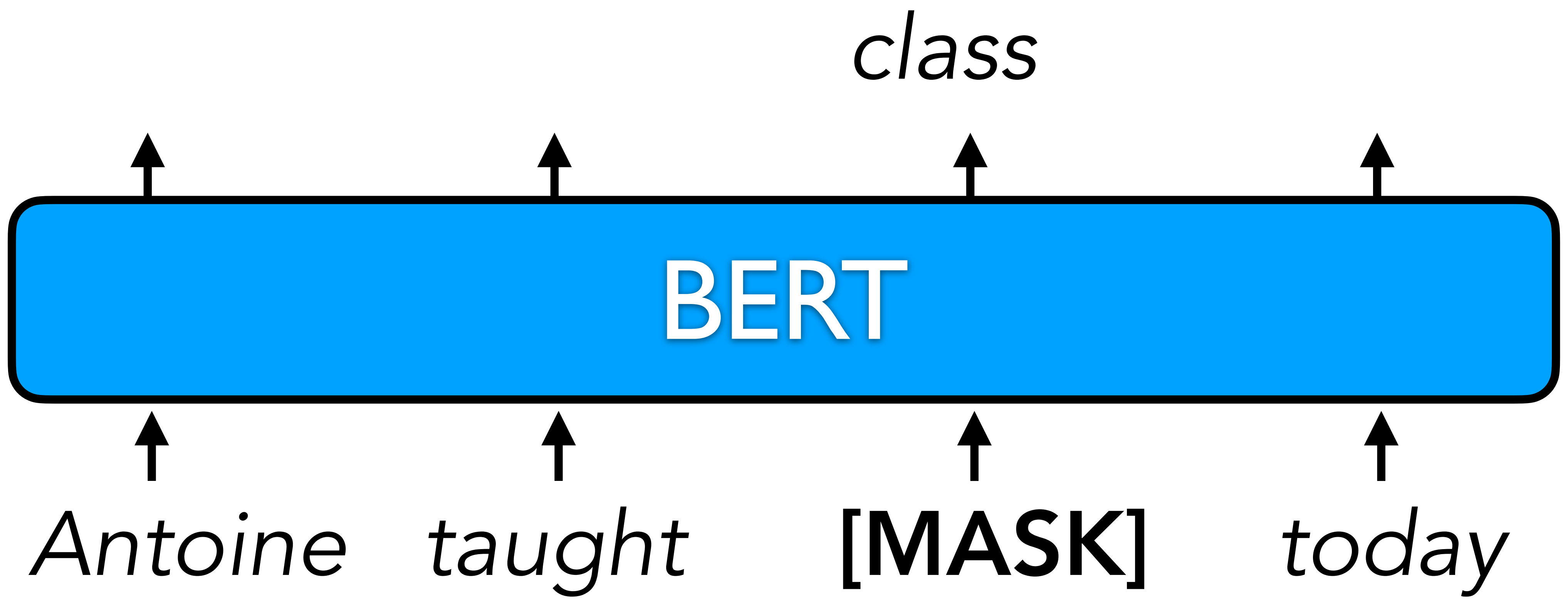
Resultant model applied to task of interest

Typically cheaper; can afford multiple runs, hyper parameter tuning, etc.

Pretraining BERT

- **Pretraining (self-supervised learning)**:
  - Done at scale on natural occurring sequences of text (any large corpus of raw text)
  - Take a sequence of text, and predict 15% of the tokens

- **For 15% of tokens:**
  - Replace input token with [MASK] (80% of predictions)
  - Replace input token with a random token (10% of predictions)
  - Keep the same input token (10% of predictions)



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BERT

Antoine *taught* **[MASK]** *today*

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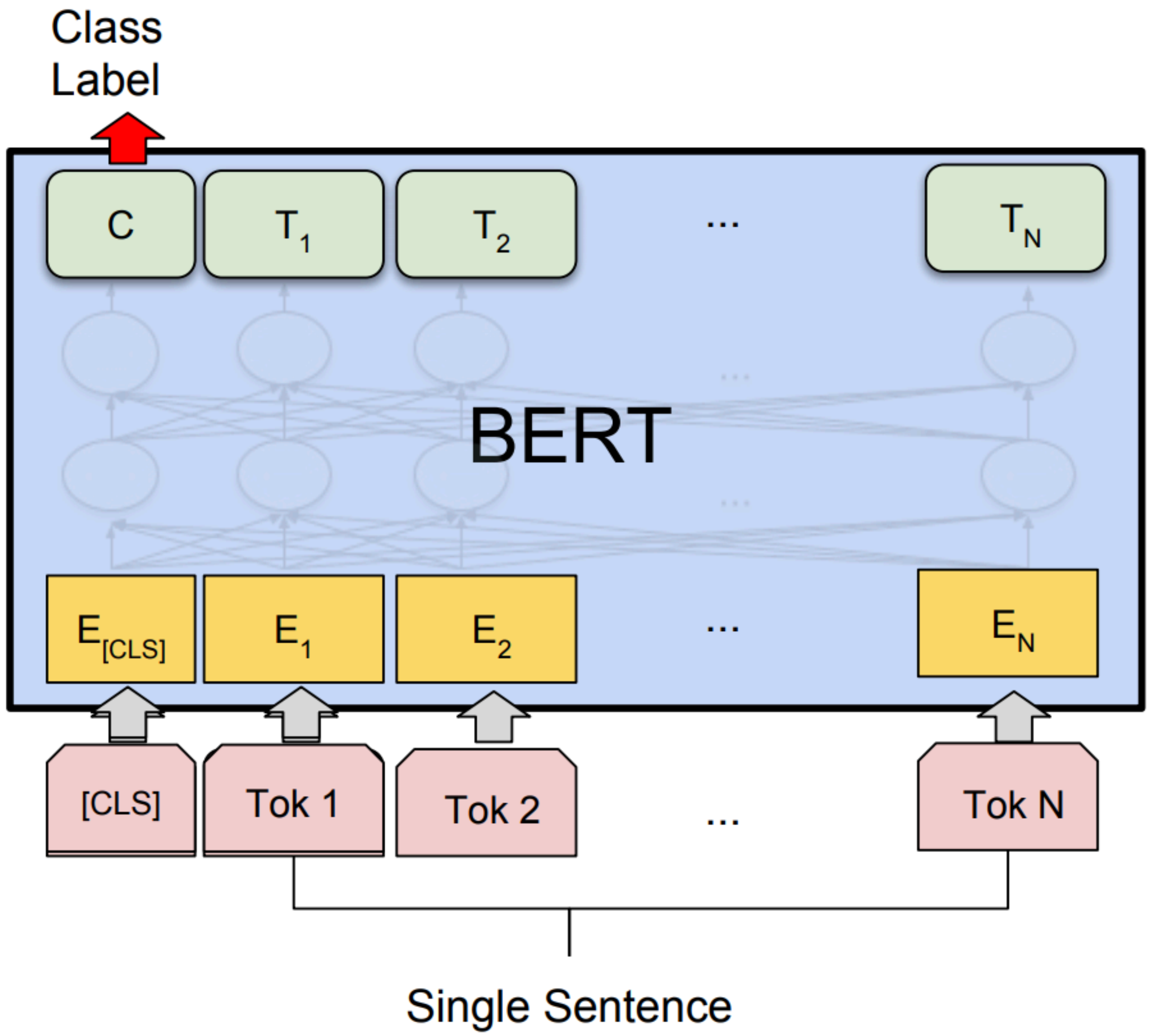
Fine-tuning BERT



- Done after BERT has been pretrained (no more pretraining objectives)
- Select a task with supervised data (i.e., classification for sentiment analysis)
- Prepend a special token **[CLS]** to the front of the sequence to classify
- **Learn** to classify the output embedding for this token
- **During fine-tuning**, we update the parameters of the BERT model to learn the task

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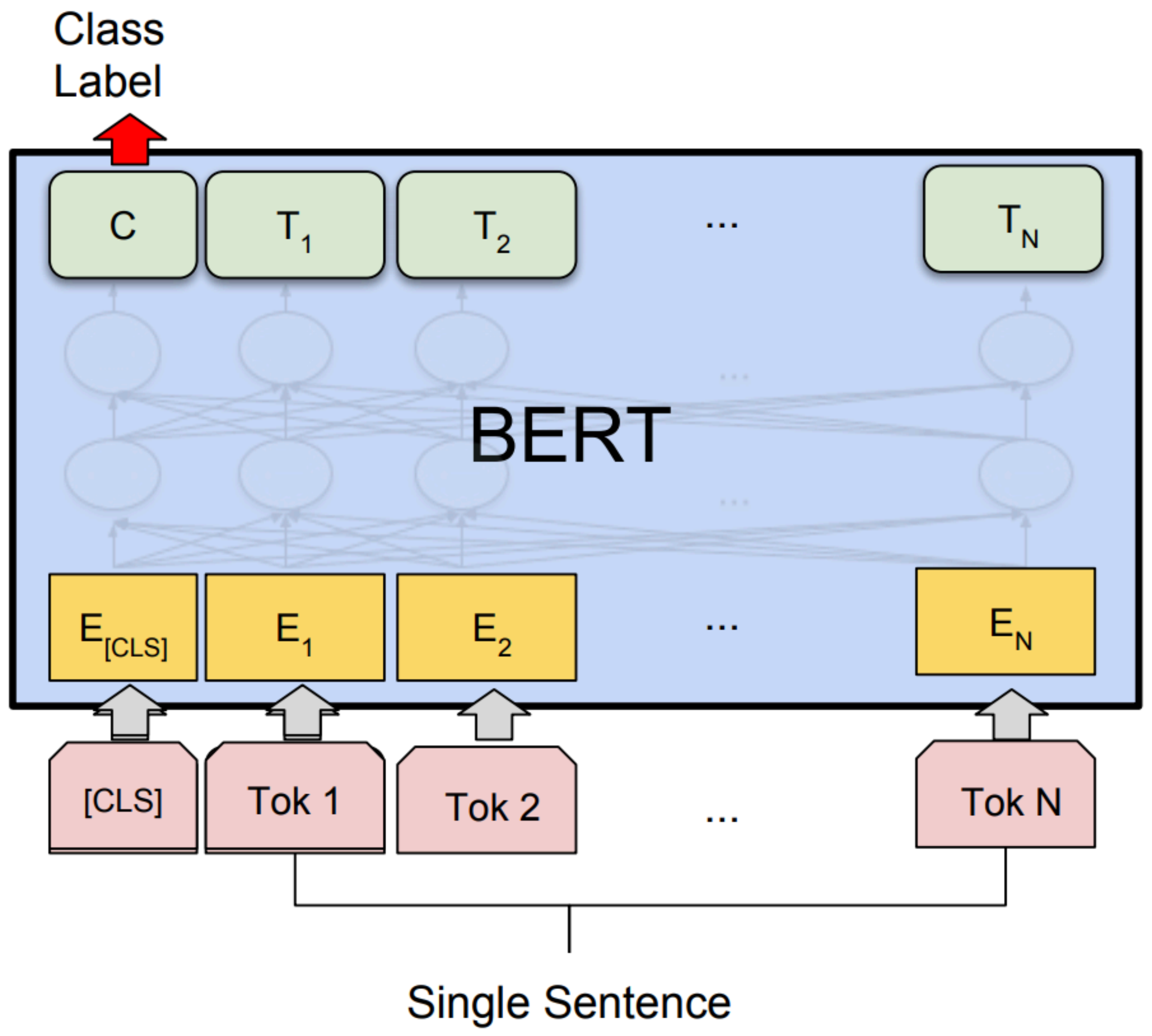
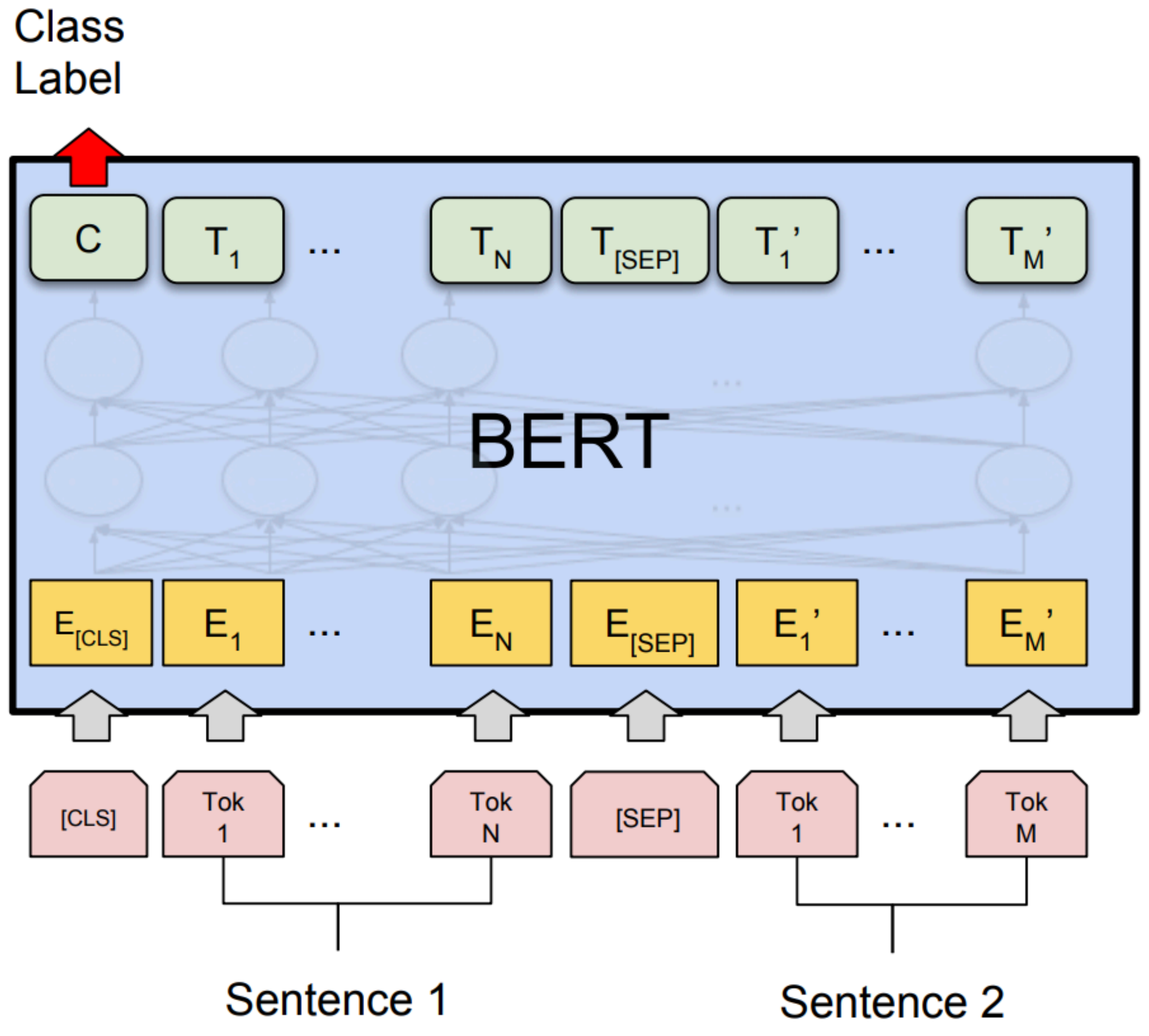
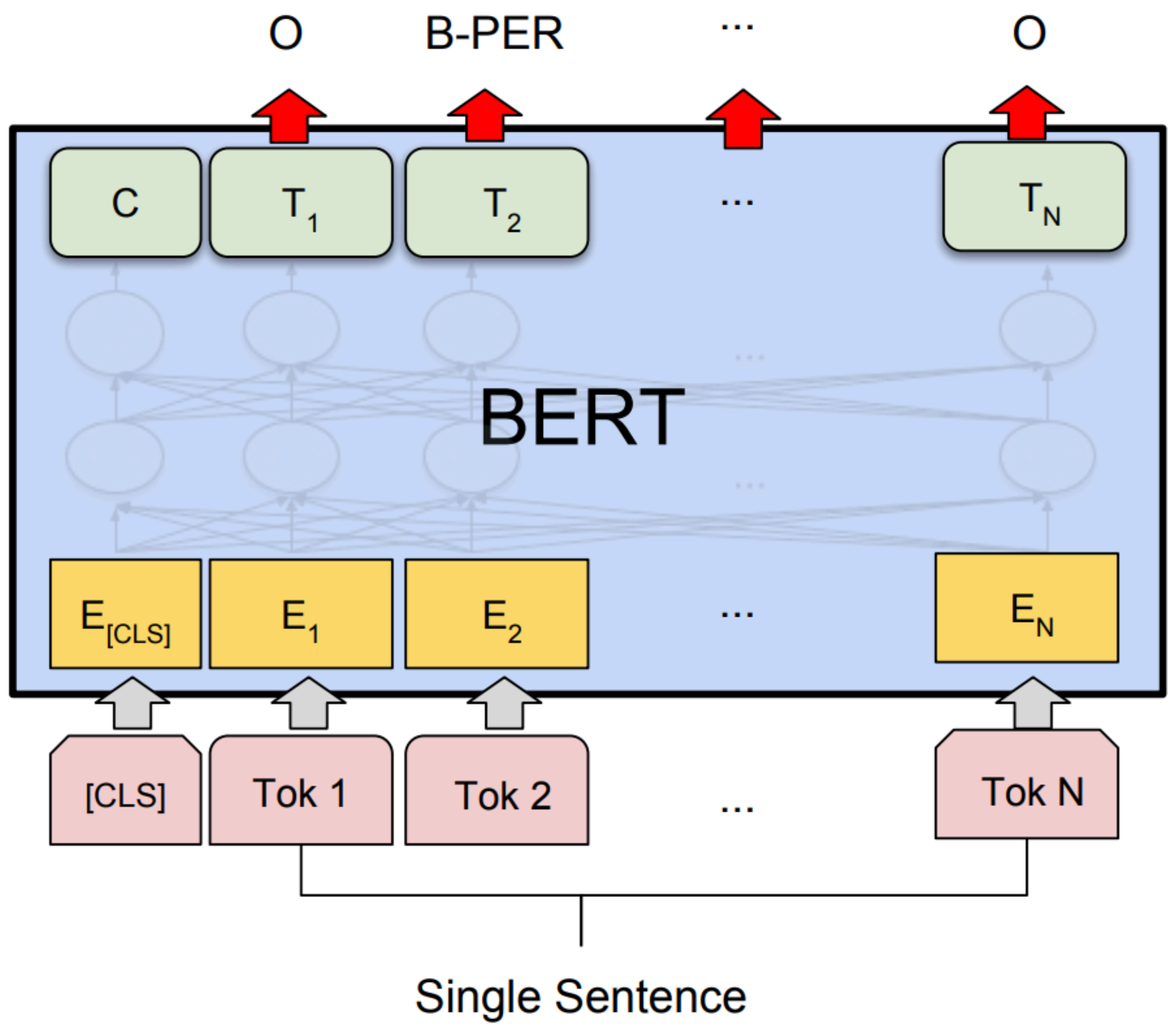
Single model starting point for many tasks



(b) Single Sentence Classification Tasks: SST-2, CoLA



(a) Sentence Pair Classification Tasks: MNLI, QQP, QNLI, STS-B, MRPC, RTE, SWAG



(d) Single Sentence Tagging Tasks: CoNLL-2003 NER

- Re-using the same pretrained BERT model for fine-tuning on many tasks:
  - **Classification**: Take [CLS] output embedding as input features to classification model
  - **Sequence labeling**: Take output embedding for each token and classify individually

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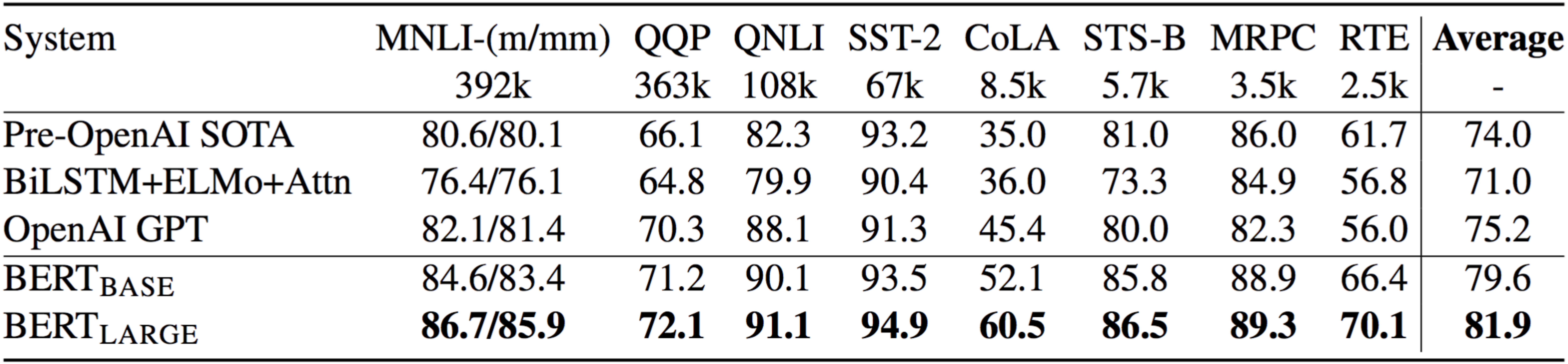
BERT on GLUE



System	MNLI-(m/mm)	QQP	QNLI	SST-2	CoLA	STS-B	MRPC	RTE	**Average**
	392k	363k	108k	67k	8.5k	5.7k	3.5k	2.5k	-
Pre-OpenAI SOTA	80.6/80.1	66.1	82.3	93.2	35.0	81.0	86.0	61.7	74.0
BiLSTM+ELMo+Attn	76.4/76.1	64.8	79.9	90.4	36.0	73.3	84.9	56.8	71.0
OpenAI GPT	82.1/81.4	70.3	88.1	91.3	45.4	80.0	82.3	56.0	75.2
BERT$_{\text{BASE}}$	84.6/83.4	71.2	90.1	93.5	52.1	85.8	88.9	66.4	79.6
BERT$_{\text{LARGE}}$	**86.7/85.9**	**72.1**	**91.1**	**94.9**	**60.5**	**86.5**	**89.3**	**70.1**	**81.9**

For each of these tasks, a different BERT model is fine-tuned on the task data

Not the same fine-tuned BERT model that gets the same performance

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Recap

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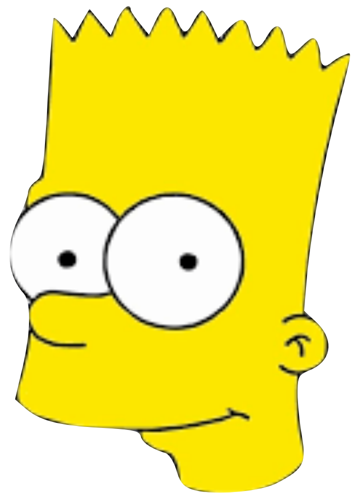
We've seen encoders and decoders.

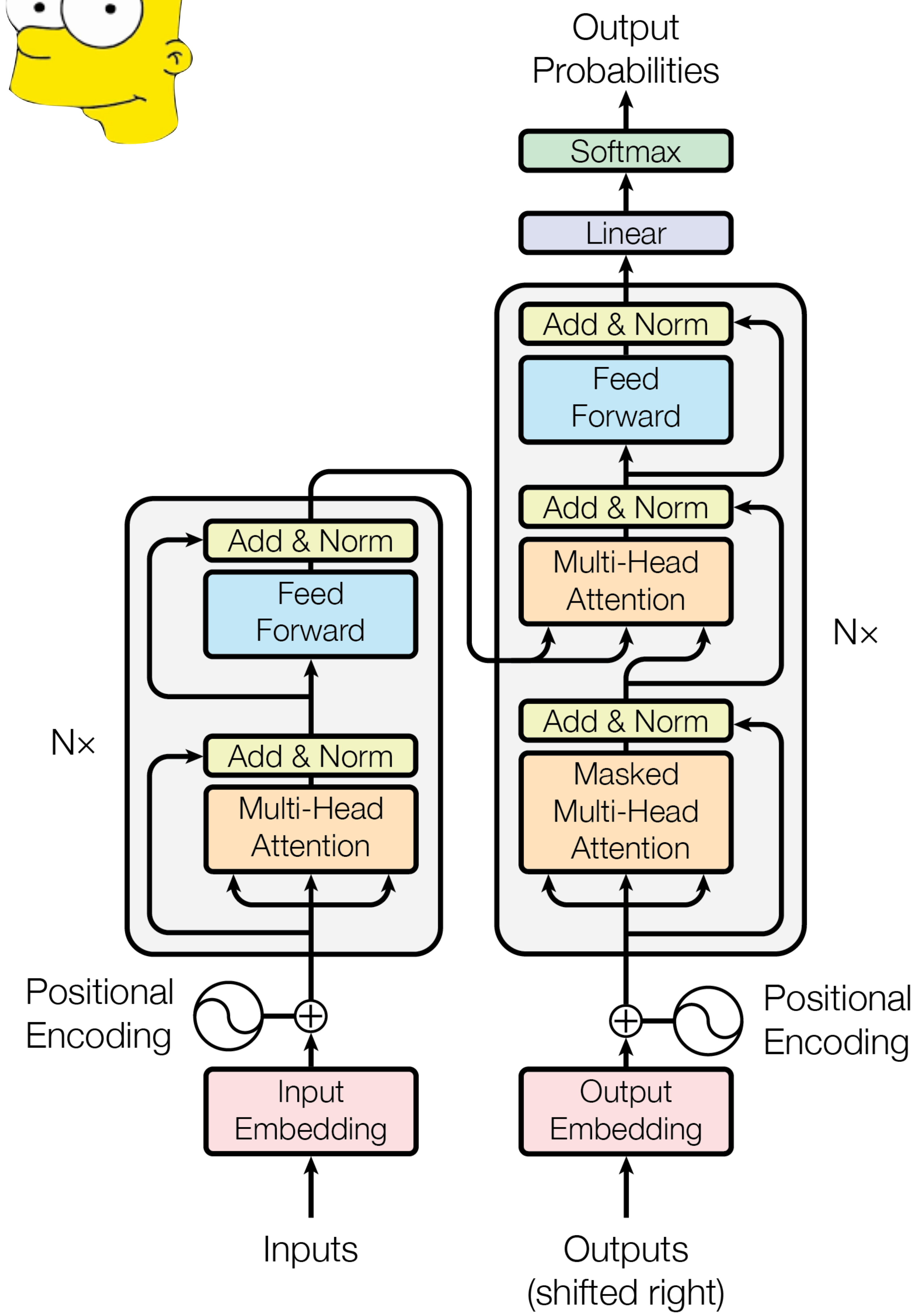
What type of model have we not seen pretraining for yet?

How should we pretrain sequence-to-sequence models?

BART



- Classic transformer architecture
- Bidirectional encoder feeds into autoregressive decoder
- Cross-attention layers in decoder are back!
- **BART-base**: 6-layers each in encoder and decoder; 140M parameters
- **BART-large**: 12 layers each in encoder and decoder; 400M parameters



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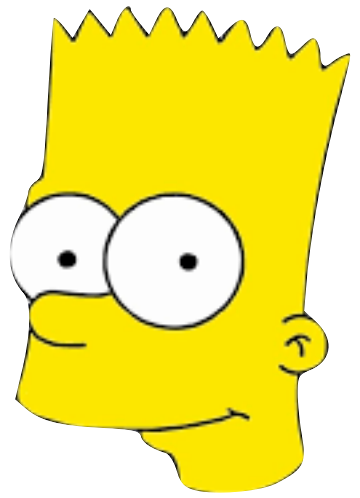
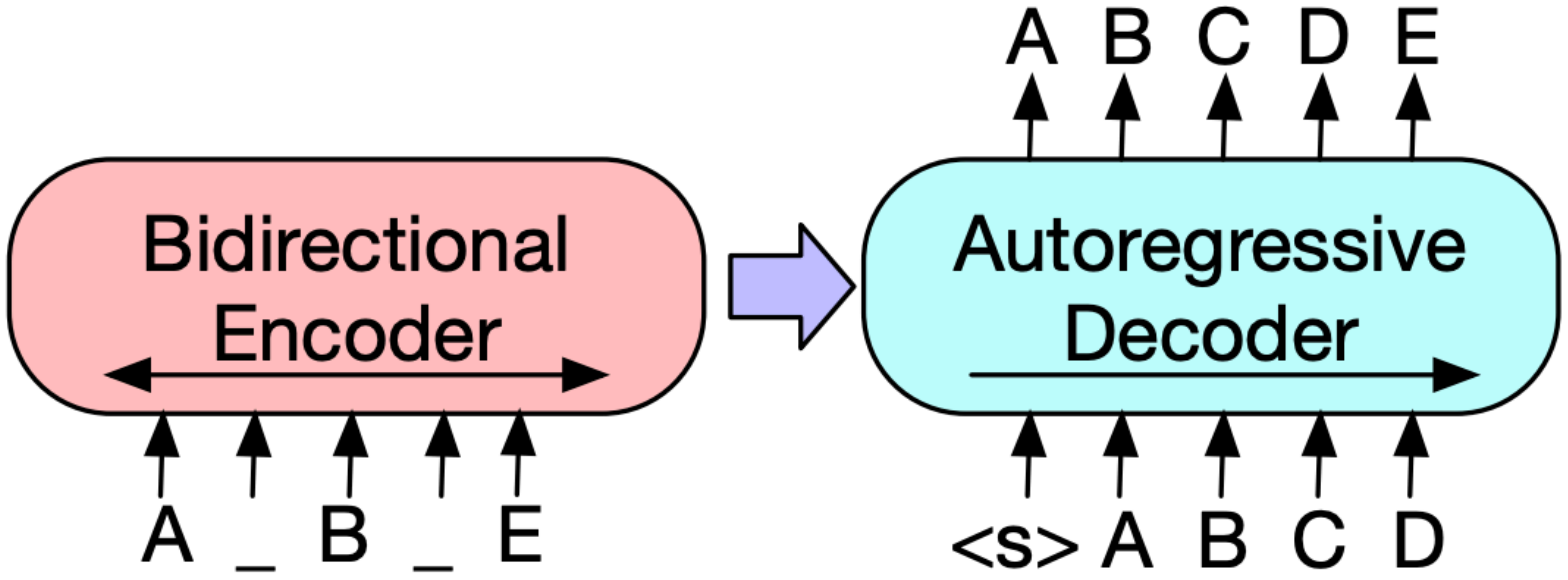


BART Pretraining

- Pretraining BART combines elements of BERT and GPT!

- **BERT-style:** input texts corrupted before they are passed to bidirectional encoder

- **GPT-style:** model is trained with a language modelling objective in the decoder: predict the next word!



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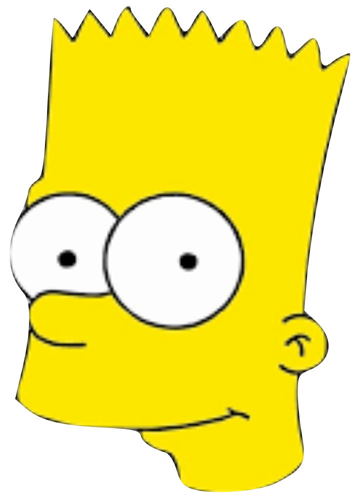
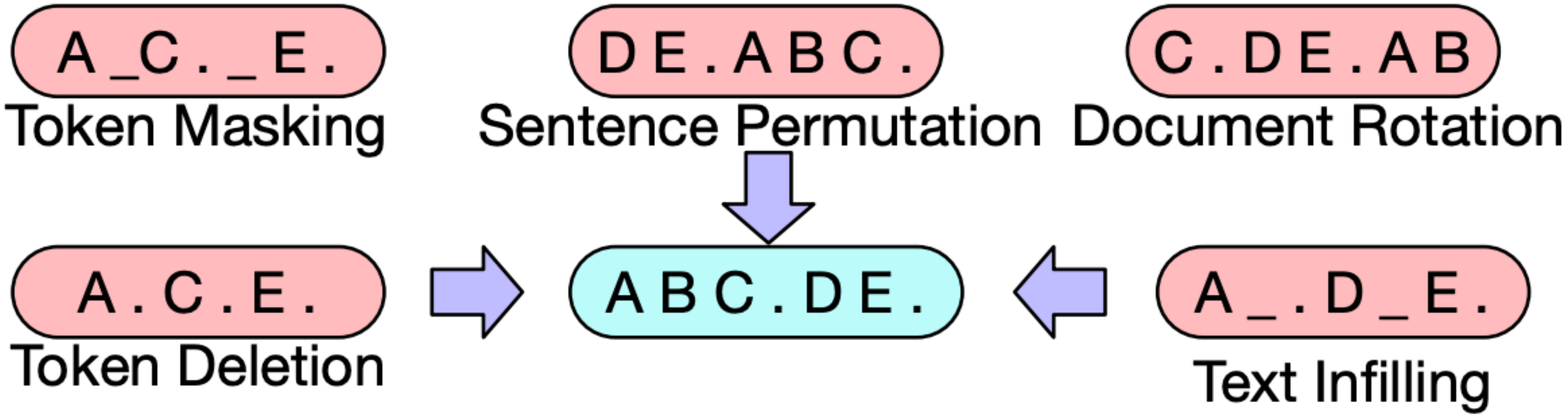


BART Pretraining

- We’re not reconstructing the input the same way as BERT, so can we corrupt the input in different ways?

- Many corruption strategies can be used on the encoder side



A _C . _ E .

Token Masking

D E . A B C .

Sentence Permutation

C . D E . A B

Document Rotation

A . C . E .

Token Deletion

A B C . D E .

A _ . D _ E .

Text Infilling

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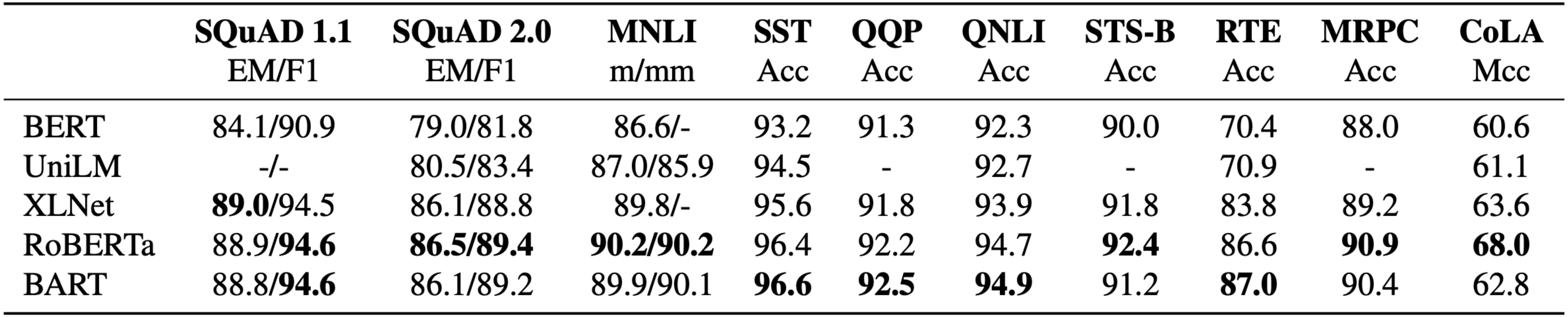
Can do all the same tasks

- BART can also do all the tasks that BERT does!
- **Classification:**
  - Give input to both encoder AND decoder (input the sequence twice)
  - Append [CLS] token to decoder sequence and classify its output
- **Sequence Labeling:**
  - Give input to both encoder AND decoder (input the sequence twice)
  - Classify decoder output representations for each token

Can do all the same tasks



	SQuAD 1.1 EM/F1	**SQuAD 2.0** EM/F1	**MNLI** m/mm	**SST** Acc	**QQP** Acc	**QNLI** Acc	**STS-B** Acc	**RTE** Acc	**MRPC** Acc	**CoLA** Mcc
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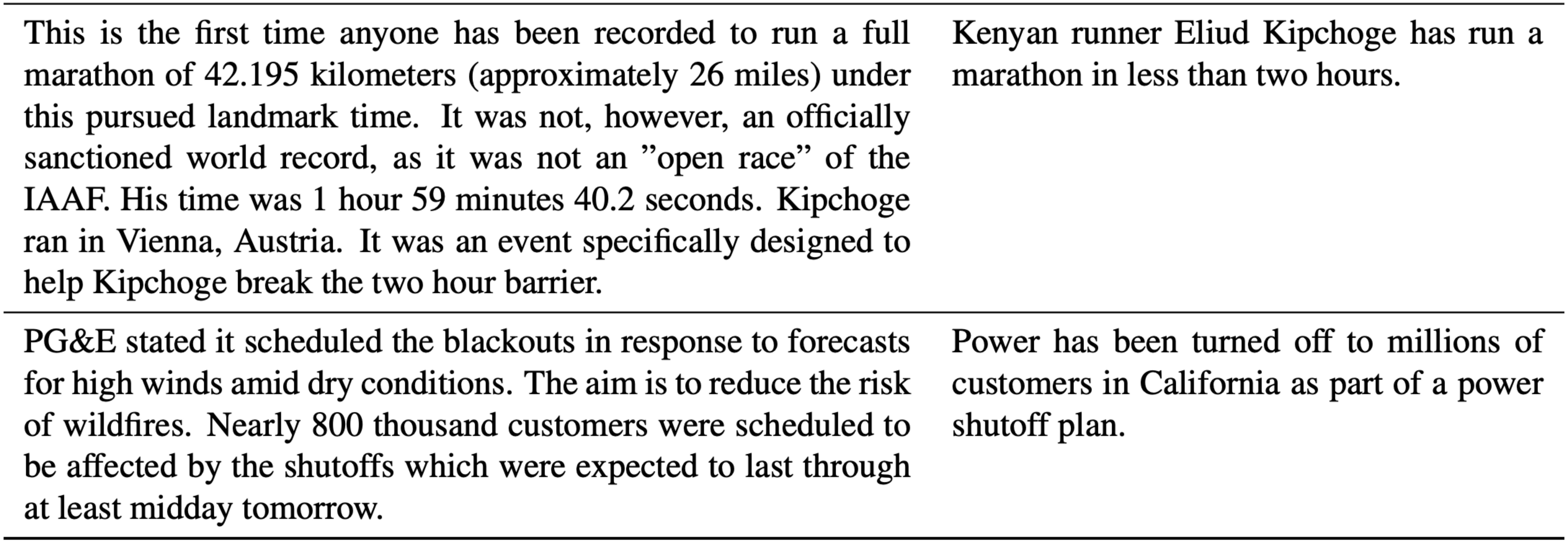
UniLM	-/-	80.5/83.4	87.0/85.9	94.5	-	92.7	-	70.9	-	61.1
XLNet	**89.0**/94.5	86.1/88.8	89.8/-	95.6	91.8	93.9	91.8	83.8	89.2	63.6
RoBERTa	88.9/**94.6**	**86.5/89.4**	**90.2/90.2**	96.4	92.2	94.7	**92.4**	86.6	**90.9**	**68.0**
BART	88.8/**94.6**	86.1/89.2	89.9/90.1	**96.6**	**92.5**	**94.9**	91.2	**87.0**	90.4	62.8

Almost as good as RoBERTa

Way better than BERT! Why ?

Trained on way more data!

Results: Summarization



This is the first time anyone has been recorded to run a full marathon of 42.195 kilometers (approximately 26 miles) under this pursued landmark time. It was not, however, an officially sanctioned world record, as it was not an ”open race” of the IAAF. His time was 1 hour 59 minutes 40.2 seconds. Kipchoge ran in Vienna, Austria. It was an event specifically designed to help Kipchoge break the two hour barrier.	Kenyan runner Eliud Kipchoge has run a marathon in less than two hours.
PG&E stated it scheduled the blackouts in response to forecasts for high winds amid dry conditions. The aim is to reduce the risk of wildfires. Nearly 800 thousand customers were scheduled to be affected by the shutoffs which were expected to last through at least midday tomorrow.	Power has been turned off to millions of customers in California as part of a power shutoff plan.

However, BART can do generation tasks too

Decoder is autoregressive!

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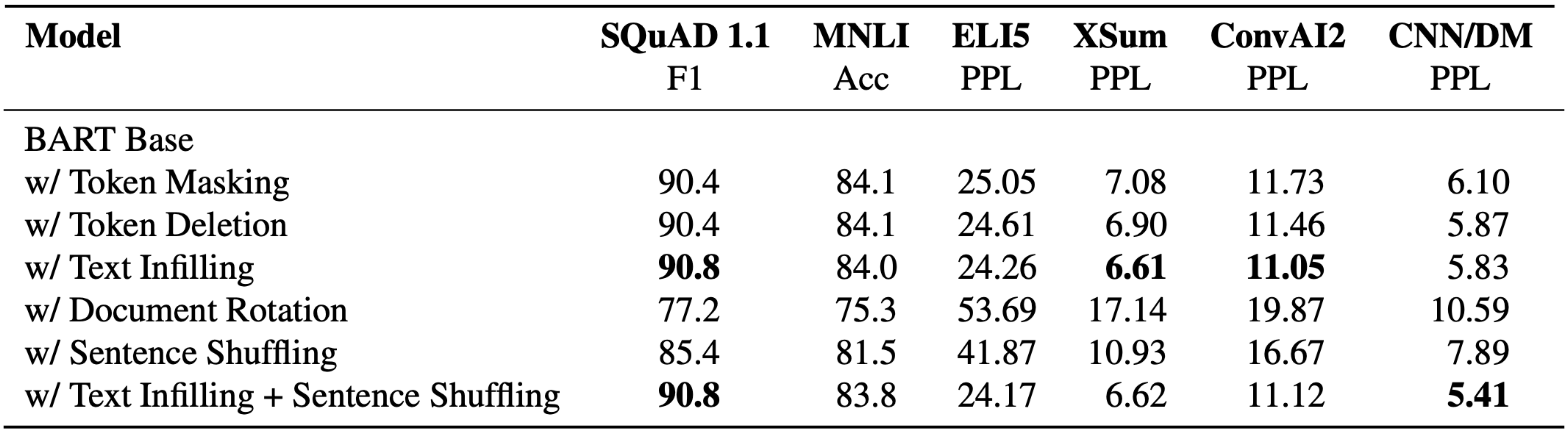
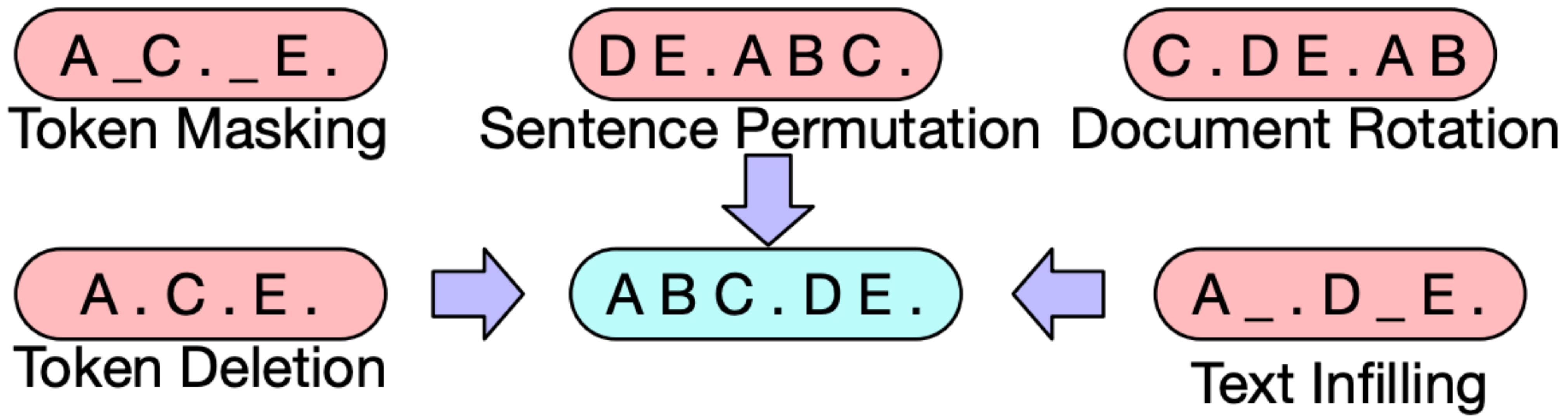
Which encoder-side corruption?



Model	SQuAD 1.1 F1	MNLI Acc	ELI5 PPL	XSum PPL	ConvAI2 PPL	CNN/DM PPL
BART Base						
w/ Token Masking	90.4	84.1	25.05	7.08	11.73	6.10
w/ Token Deletion	90.4	84.1	24.61	6.90	11.46	5.87
w/ Text Infilling	**90.8**	84.0	24.26	**6.61**	**11.05**	5.83
w/ Document Rotation	77.2	75.3	53.69	17.14	19.87	10.59
w/ Sentence Shuffling	85.4	81.5	41.87	10.93	16.67	7.89
w/ Text Infilling + Sentence Shuffling	**90.8**	83.8	24.17	6.62	11.12	**5.41**

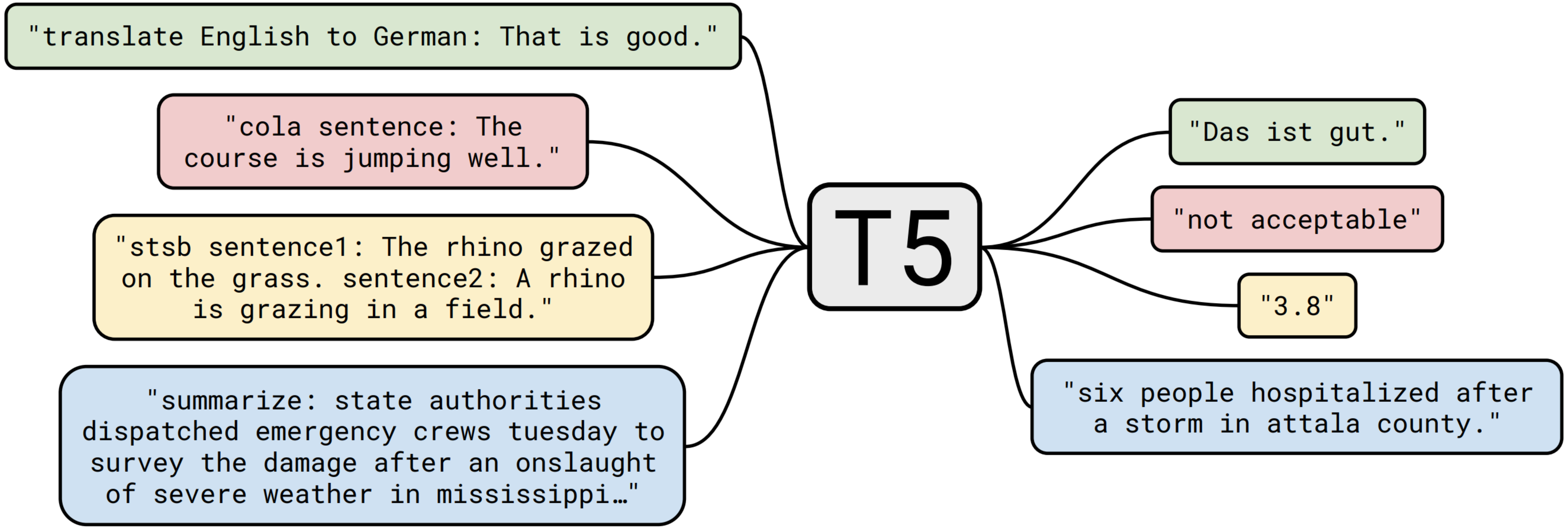


- Different corruption better for transfer to different tasks

- **Use combination of text infilling + sentence permutation**

T5

- **Similar idea as BART:** Any problem can be cast as sequence-to-sequence



"translate English to German: That is good."

"cola sentence: The course is jumping well."

"stsb sentence1: The rhino grazed on the grass. sentence2: A rhino is grazing in a field."

"summarize: state authorities dispatched emergency crews tuesday to survey the damage after an onslaught of severe weather in mississippi…"

T5

"Das ist gut."

"not acceptable"

"3.8"

"six people hospitalized after a storm in attala county."

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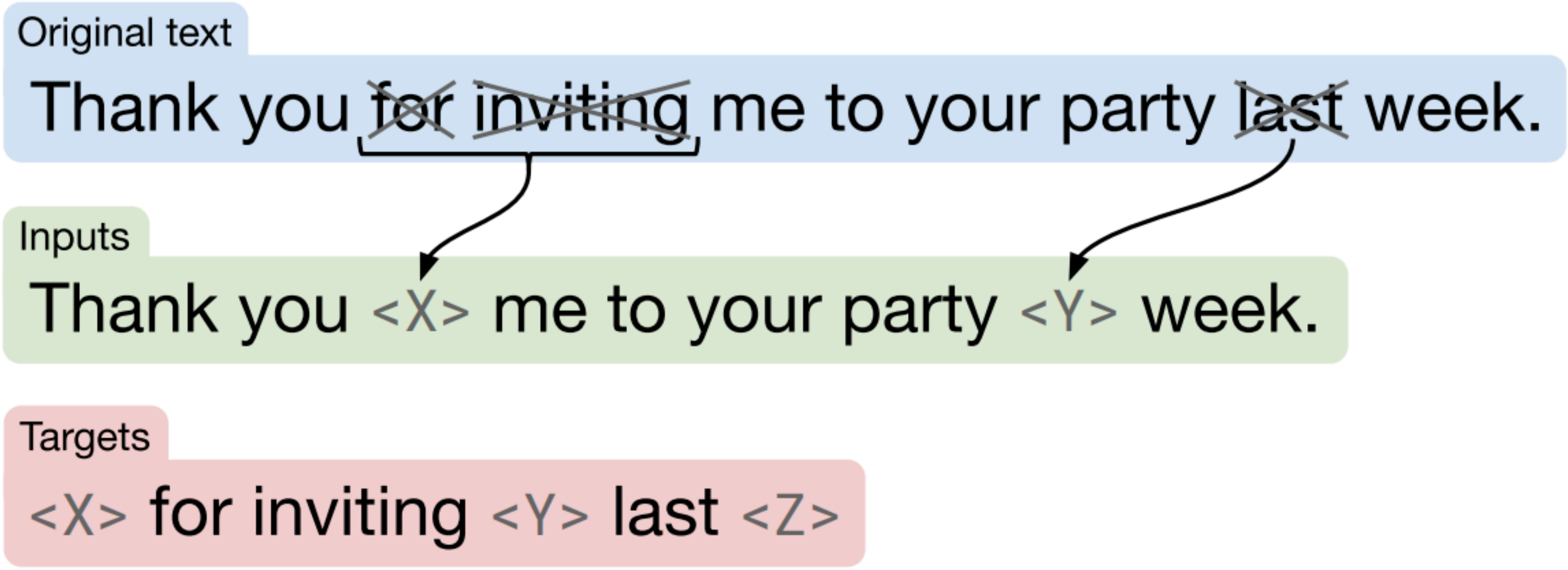
T5 Pretraining


Original text
Thank you ~~for inviting~~ me to your party ~~last~~ week.
Inputs
Thank you <X> me to your party <Y> week.
Targets
<X> for inviting <Y> last <Z>

- Similar to BART

- Uses the infilling objective where tokens are reconstructed from underspecified mask corruptions

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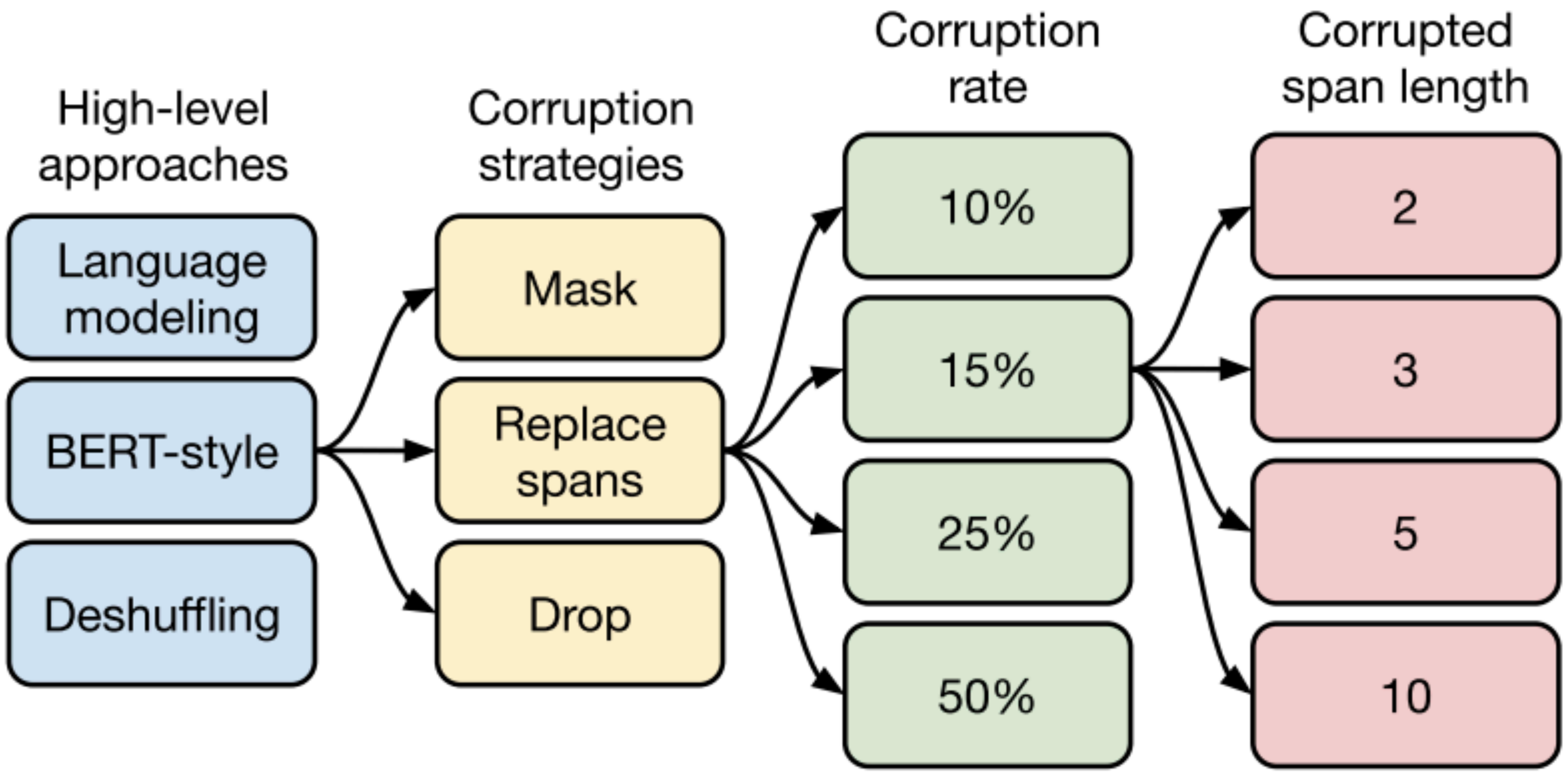
T5 Pretraining Decisions



- Explored many dimensions of pretraining in se2seq framework
- Took findings to train much larger model — 11B parameters!

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- **BART + T5:** Pretraining sequence-to-sequence transformer models. **Extendable to all task types!**

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