# Domain Specific Augmentations as Low Cost Teachers for Large Students

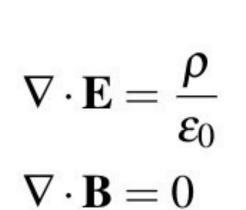
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# **Task Description**



James Clerk Maxwell



$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

Maxwell's Equations

Maxwell Crater (Moon)



James Clerk Maxwell Telescope

- Task: Recognize and extract 31 types of pre-defined categories of entities in astrophysics text.
- Current scientific document processing place a lot of emphasis on pretraining models on domain specific text, but is often restricted in model size and accuracy due to technical limitations
- Aim: Discuss whether we can achieve similar or better results with finetuning general models larger in size whilst transferring knowledge from such pretrained scientific models to increase robustness.

#### Dataset and Evaluation

Maxwell's demon was a thought experiment proposed by physicist James Clerk Maxwell.

B-Beginning I-Inside O-Outside

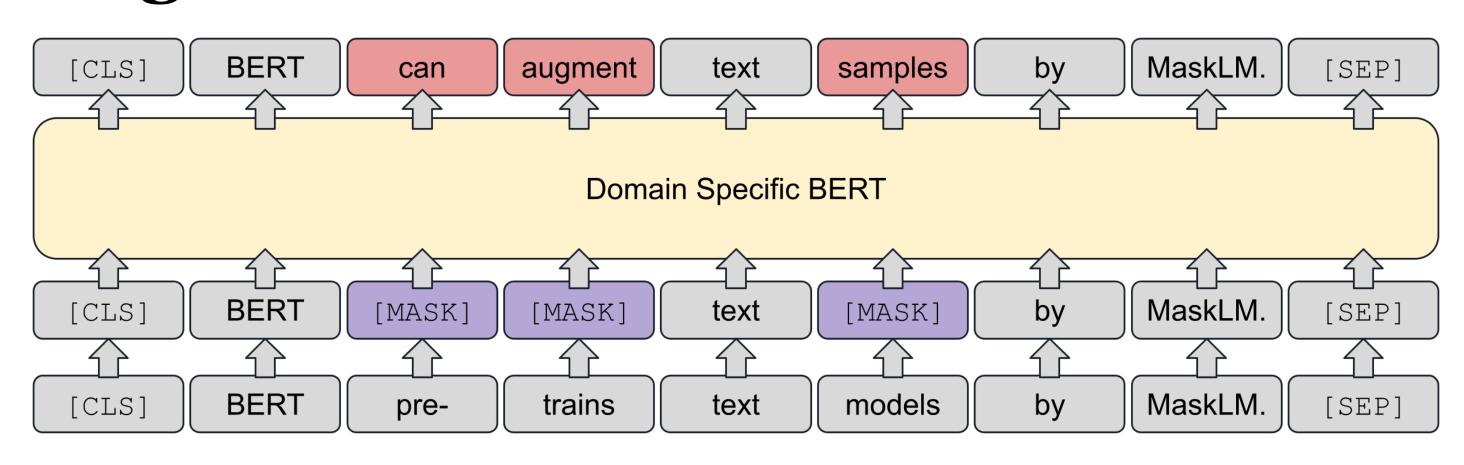
#### Labeled:

- Training: 1753 samples Development: 20 samples Unlabeled:
- Validation: 1366 samples Testing: 2505 samples Evaluation:
- Token-Level: Matthew's Correlation Coefficient
- Entity-Level: seqeval Macro F1 score

# Preprocessing

The input text for the DEAL dataset was long and contained multiple sentences. We tokenize the sentences using regex, filtering end-of-sentence punctuations and breaking the sentences, while ignoring a list of abbreviations such as fig., tab., et al. Capitalization is retained due to its importance in entity recognition.

# Augmentation



We augment the text with a domain specific transformer model via MaskLM to utilize data augmentation as a low-cost teacher model in order to transfer domain specific knowledge to our main model. For the DEAL task, i.e., astrophysical text, we experiment with SciBERT, and SpaceTransformers.

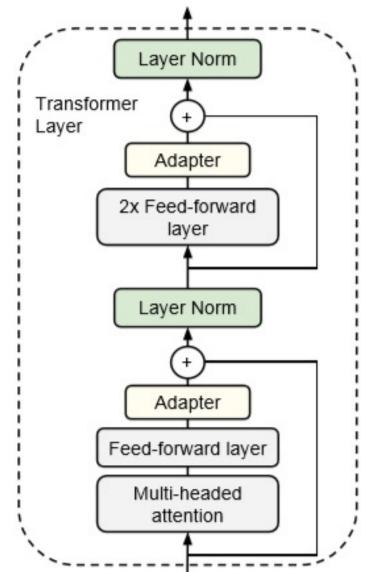
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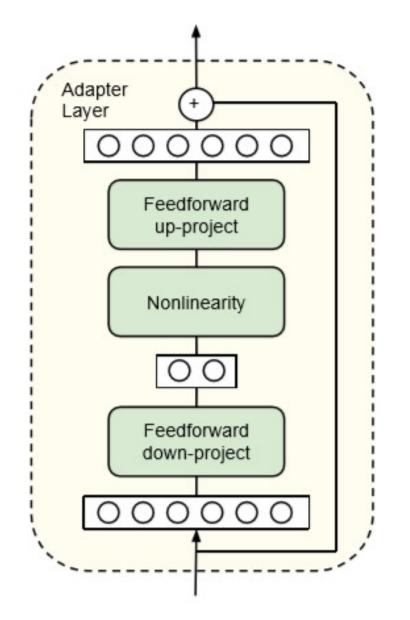
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Sample Augmentation by CosmicRoBERTa

#### **Backbone Model**

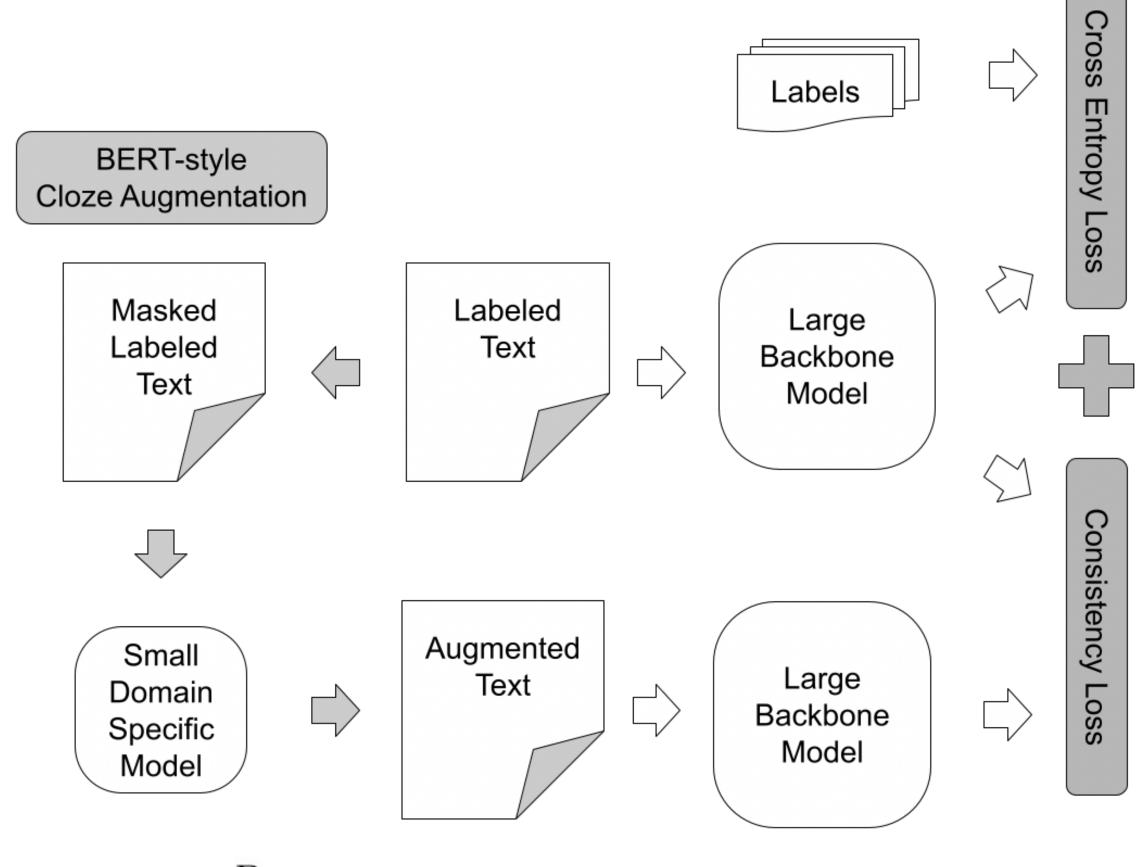






We use the adapter version of DeBERTaV3 as our main backbone model to decrease computational costs, while obtaining similar results to finetuning the full model itself.

# Loss Function Engineering



$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{i=1}^{B} H(y_b, \hat{y}(x_b)) + D(\hat{y}(\mathcal{A}(x_b)) || \hat{y}(x_b))$$

We employ the usage of the augmented text by adding an extra consistency loss term that computes the divergence between the predictions of the original text and the augmented text.

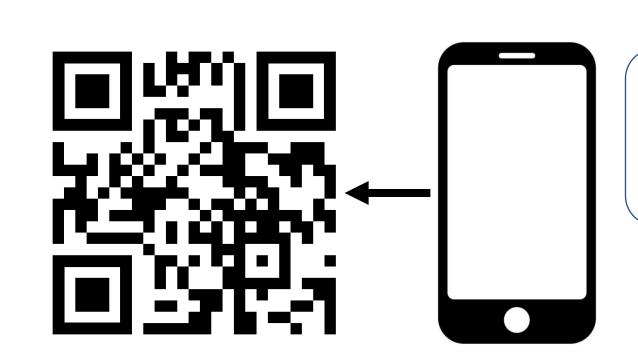
#### Results

	F1(entity)	MCC(word)
Random	0.0166	0.1089
BERT (Devlin et al., 2019)	0.4738	0.7405
SciBERT (Beltagy et al., 2019)	0.5595	0.8016
astroBERT (Grezes et al., 2021)	0.5781	0.8104
(Ours) DeBERTaV3 <sub>adapter</sub> (He et al., 2021a,b; Houlsby et al., 2019)		
+ SciBERT (Beltagy et al., 2019)	0.7751	0.8898
+ CosmicRoBERTa (Berquand et al., 2021)	0.7799	0.8928

Table 2: Evaluation Results on Testing Dataset

	F1(entity)	MCC(word)	Accuracy(entity)
astroBERT	0.5781	0.8104	0.9389
DeBERTaV3 <sub>adapter</sub> (He et al., 2021a,b; Houlsby et al., 2019) + SciBERT <sub>cased</sub> (Beltagy et al., 2019)	0.7896 <b>0.7988</b>	0.8987 <b>0.9063</b>	0.9667 <b>0.9692</b>
+ RoBERTa (Liu et al., 2019)	0.7970	0.9057	0.9690
+ CosmicRoBERTa (Berquand et al., 2021) + SpaceSciBERT <sub>uncased</sub> (Berquand et al., 2021)	0.7972 0.7859	0.9050 0.9030	0.9687 $0.9680$

Table 3: Augmentation Model Comparison on Validation Dataset



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