

A blurred background image of the Muppet character Big Bird. He is a large, yellow, feathered bird with a friendly expression, wearing a pink bow tie. His right hand is raised in a waving gesture. The image is out of focus, creating a soft, bokeh effect.

# BIG BIRD AND XLNET

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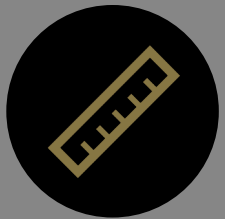
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## BUT SO WHAT?

The Transformers has self-attention expensive to compute especially for longer sequence.

The Google Research team attempts to solve this using block sparsity.

Their mathematical assessment shows that this approach reduces this quadratic dependency to linear dependency in time or memory term, which is skeptical.

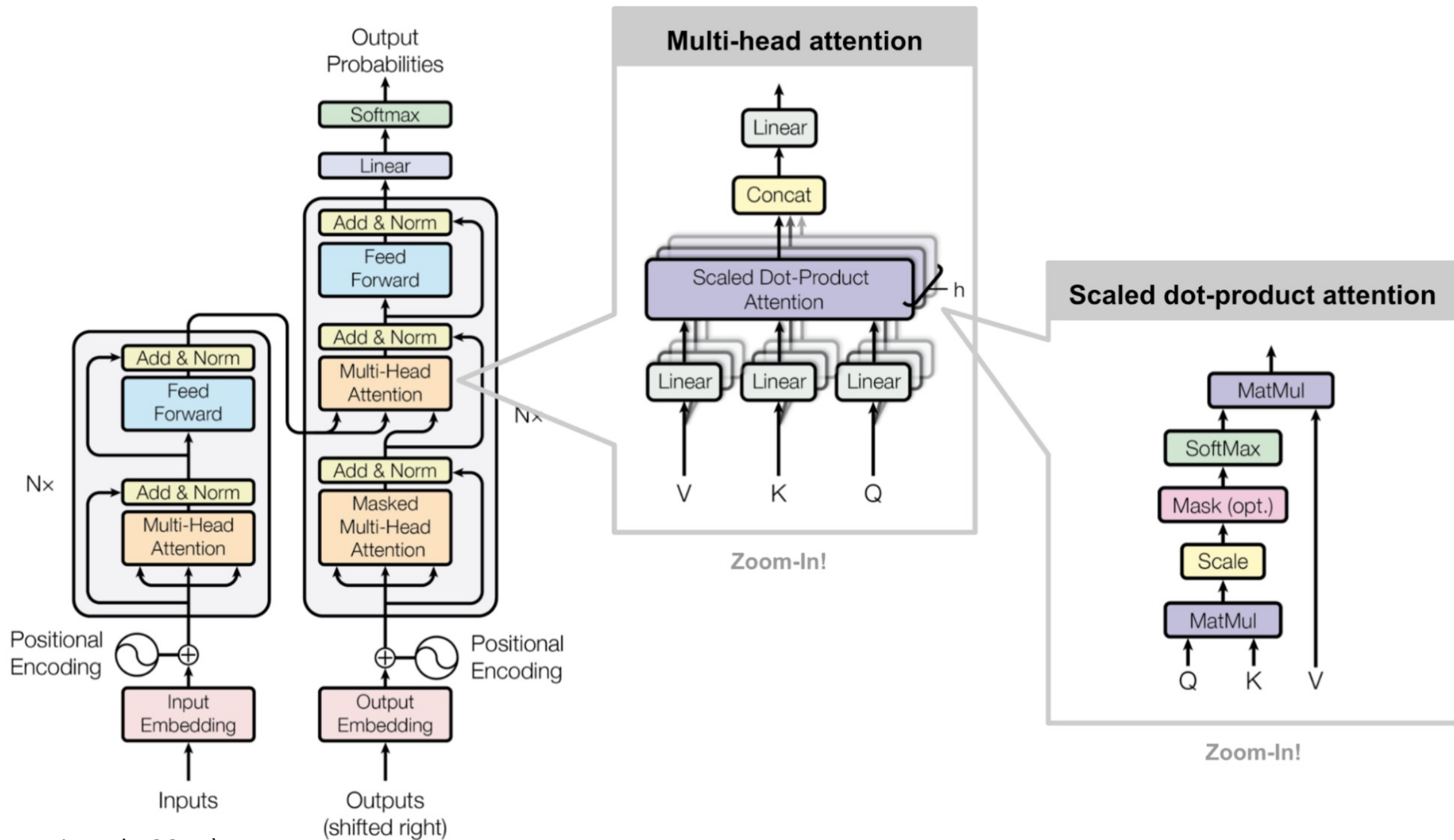
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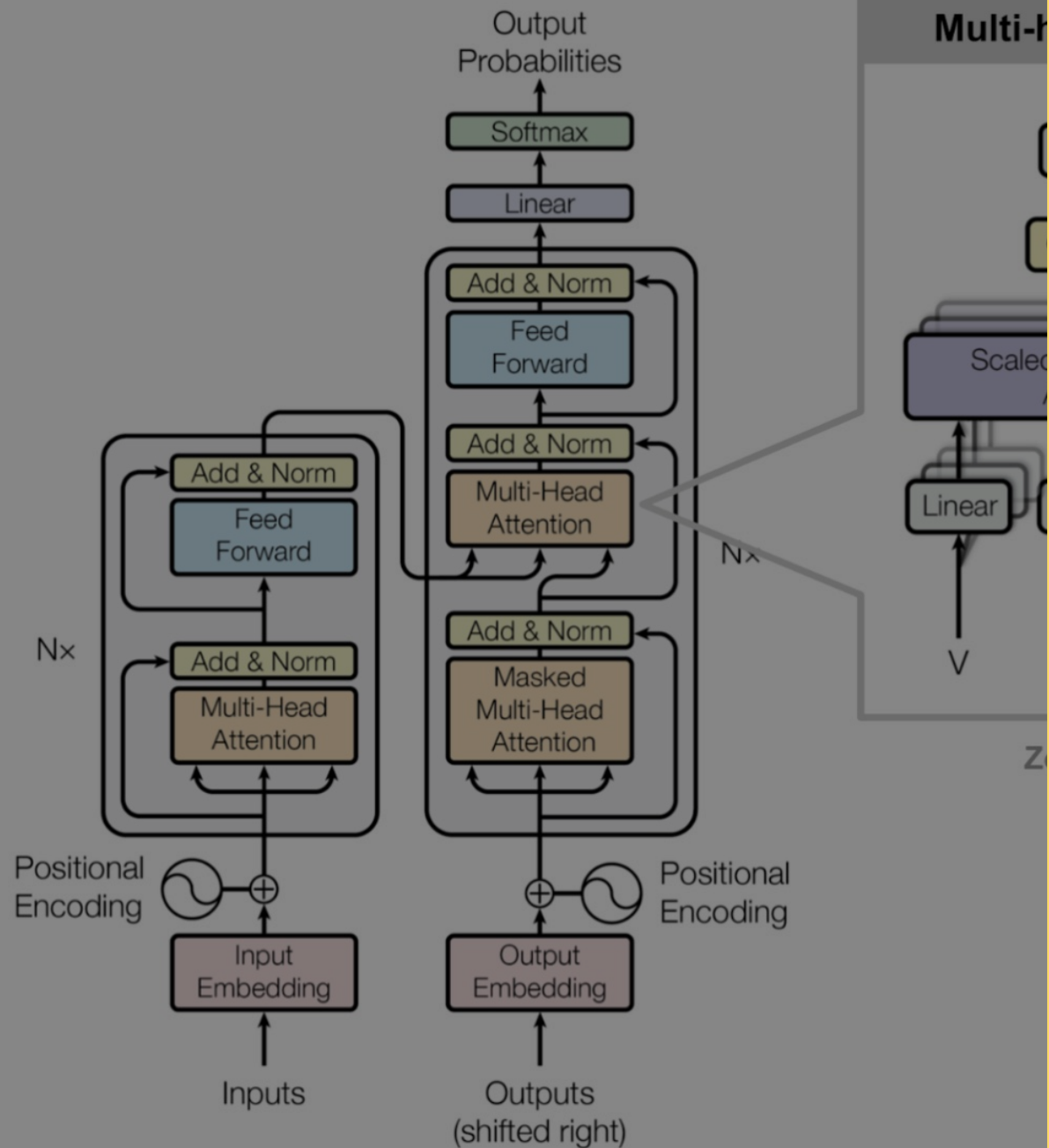
- Describe Transformers and Big Bird architectures
- Explain method, dataset, and research questions
- Share actionable insights and future research ideas

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# TRANSFORMERS ARCHITECTURE

The representation of encoder is the word embedding of  $X$  ( $x_1, \dots, x_n$ ), such as article text.

The representation of decoder is the word embedding of  $Z$  ( $z_1, \dots, z_n$ ), such as ground-truth summary.

Multi-head attention contains  $head_i$  that contains attention.

## FORMULAS:

$$\text{Attention}(Q, K, V) = \text{softmax}\left(\frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right)V$$

$$\text{head}_i = \text{Attention}(QW_i^Q, KW_i^K, VW_i^V)$$

$$\text{MultiHead}(Q, K, V) = \text{Concat}(\text{head}_i, \dots, \text{head}_h)$$

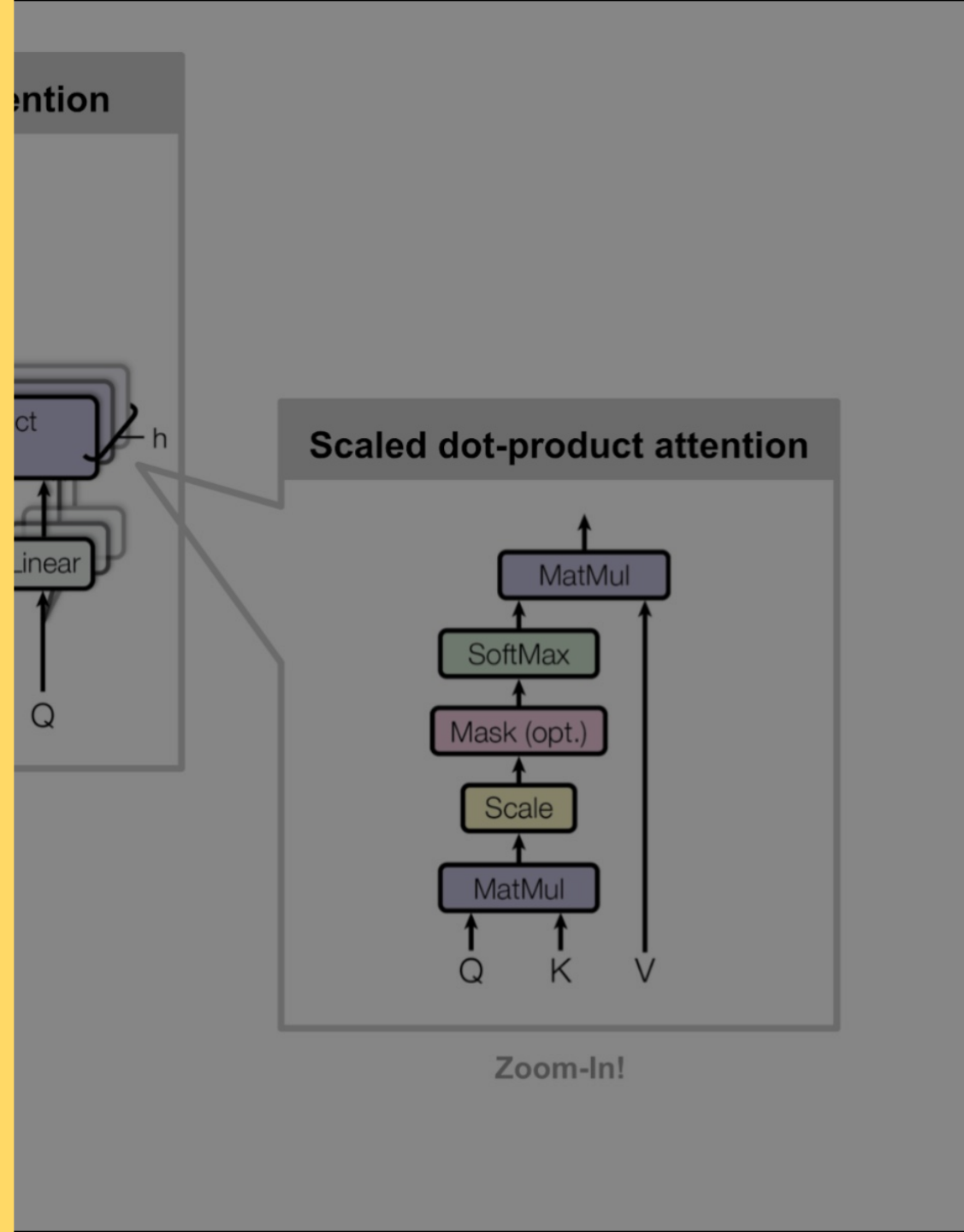
Q = a matrix of queries

K = a matrix of keys

V = a matrix of values (or weights)

W = a matrix of weights

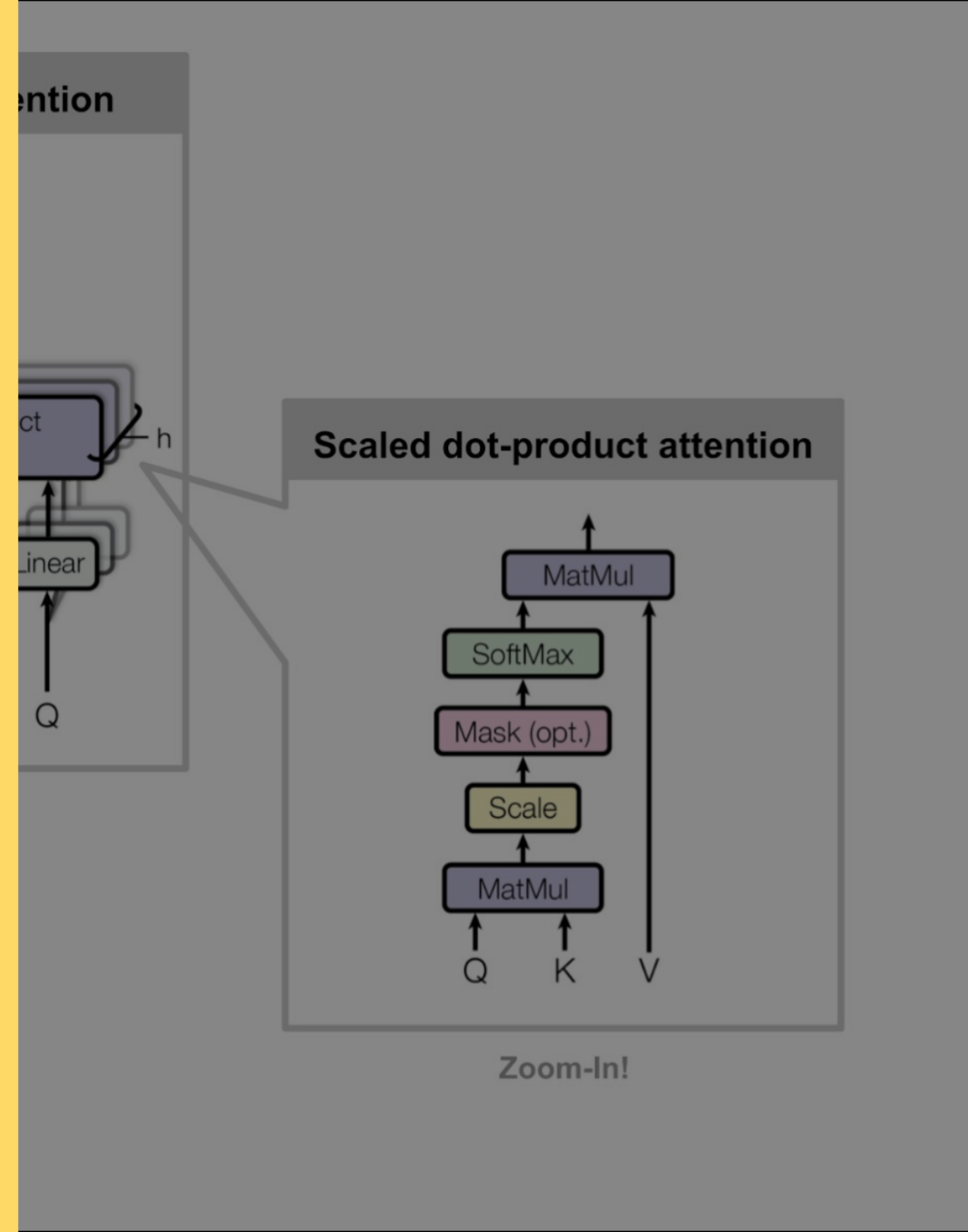
$d_k$  = dimensionality of key



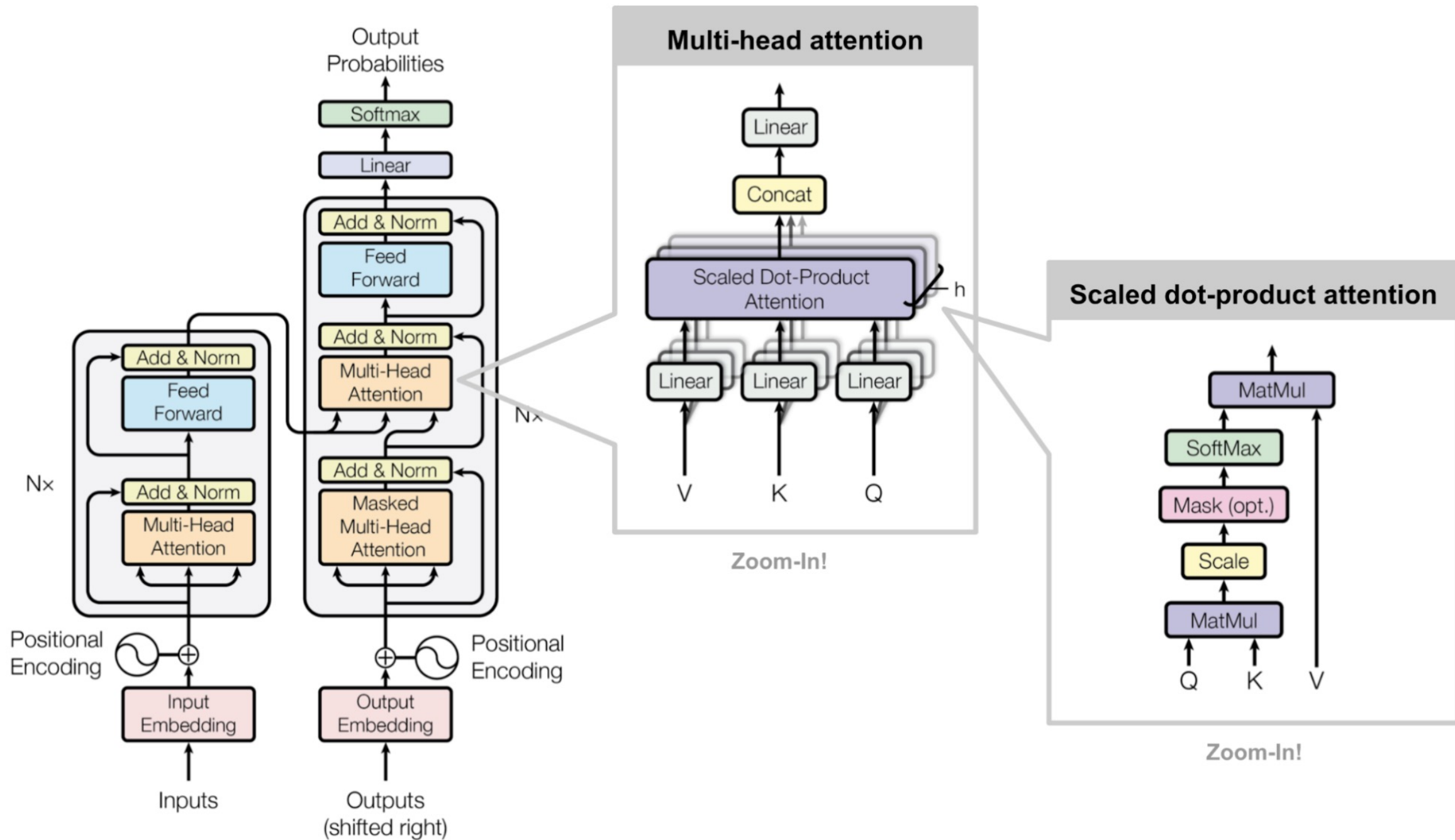
# XLNET

For this research, the XLNet is in use. This model is different by maximum log likelihood of the sequence *wrt* permutation being in used.

The fundamental of the model remains same.

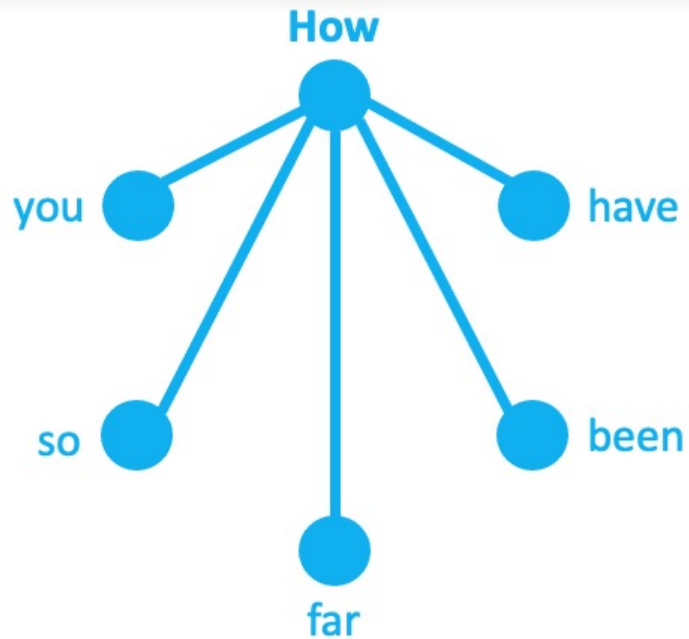




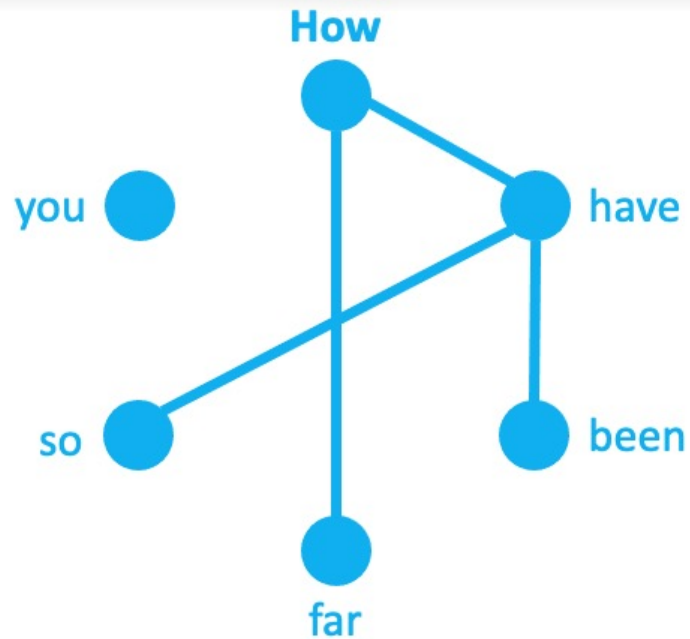


# BIG BIRD ARCHITECTURE

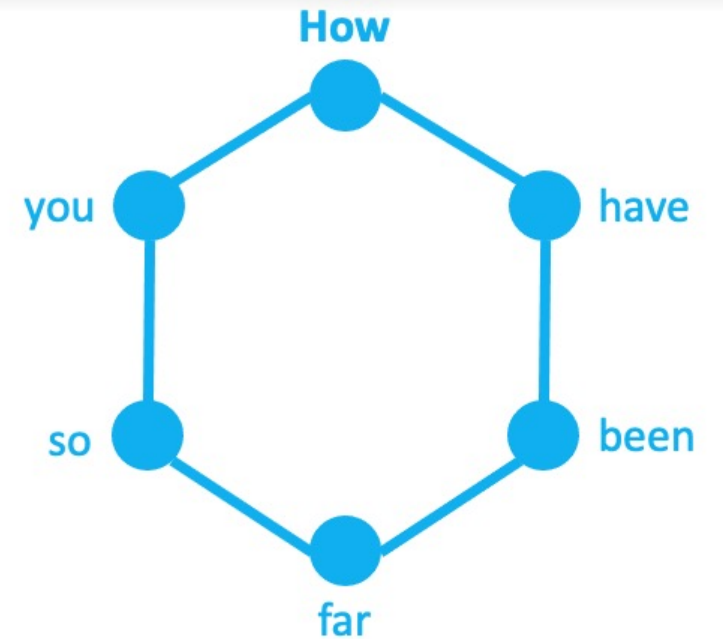
Block Sparse Attention



Global Connection



Random Connection



Sliding Connection

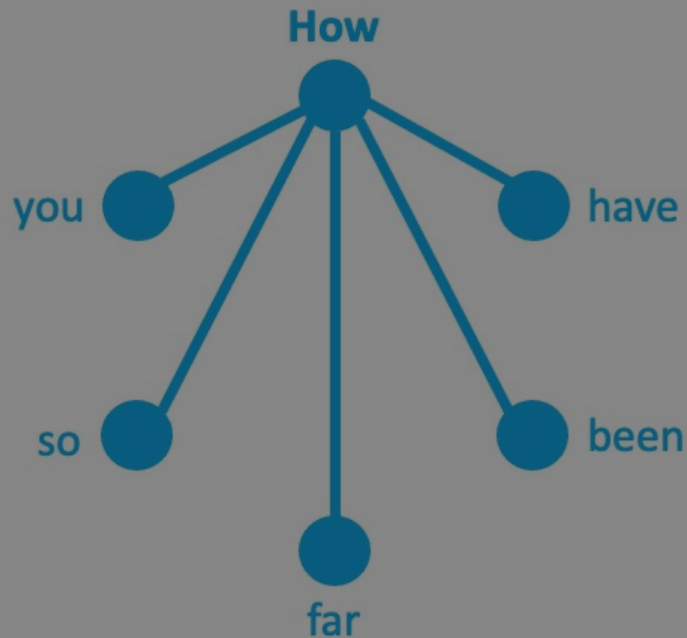
# BLOCK SPARSITY

The concept of sliding and global connections is not novel but what is new is random connection.

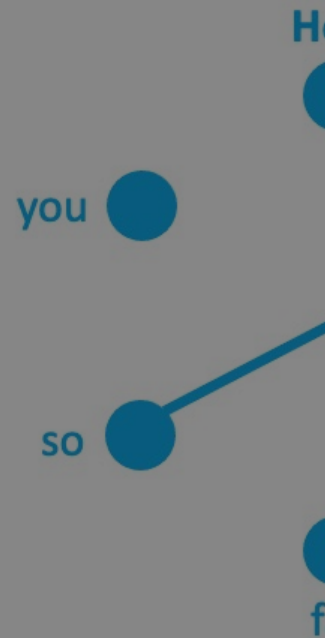
Perhaps, the Google Research team develops the random connection based on CLT and LLN.

For example, predicted summaries become more consistent when sequence length is longer.

But this comes with the price of no theoretical guarantees.



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# METHOD



Partial NLP data science pipeline and Randomized Controlled Trials (RCTs)



Variables: article, actual abstract, predicted abstract, word counts for each, and type of model.



Target variables: time per predicted abstract (in seconds), ROUGE-1 F1 score, ROUGE-2 F1 score, and ROUGE-L F1 score

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## ROUGE-N

ROUGE-N F1-score is a measure of model accuracy based on a number of matching n-grams between predicted and ground-truth summaries.

For example, ROUGE-1 means a number of matching unigram.

ROUGE-1 means a number of matching the longest common subsequence (LCS).

# DATASET

The arXiv journals prepared by TensorFlow is in use, which contains *article\_id*, *article\_text*, and *actual abstract text*.

Three subsets: testing (6,658 entities), training (119,924 entities), and validation (6,633 entities) sets.

70.8% of tokens in article texts matches NLTK dictionaries while 62.05% in abstract text matches these dictionaries

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# DATASET

For this research, validation set is in use. This set is unseen, technically.

Why?

- Big Bird model is pretrained with Wikipedia dataset.
- XLNet model is pretrained with several datasets other than arXiv.

Random sampling for this set to predict is 110 in total for each model. This data collection takes two days.

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# RESEARCH QUESTIONS



Does the Big Bird model outperform XLNet model?

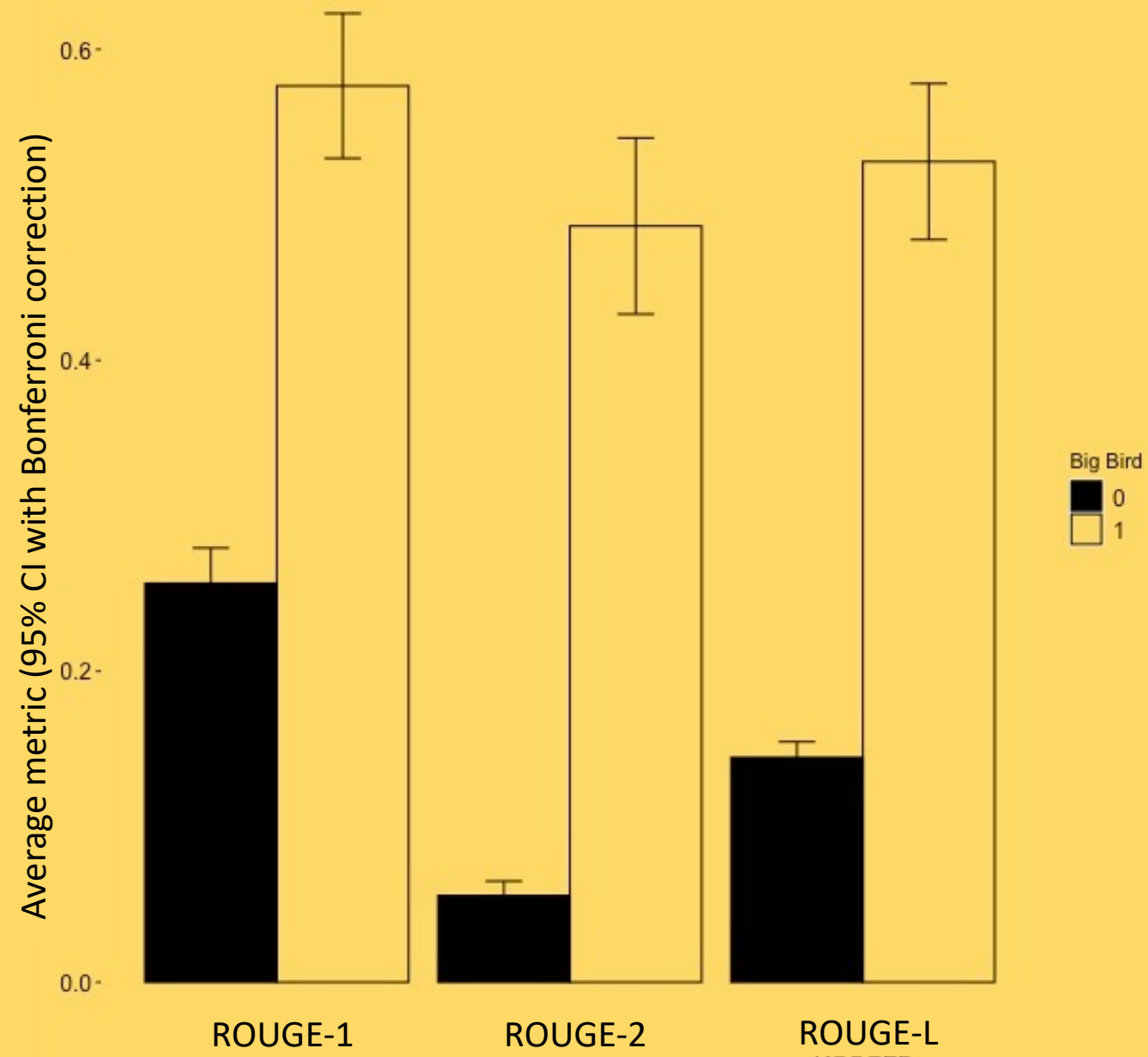


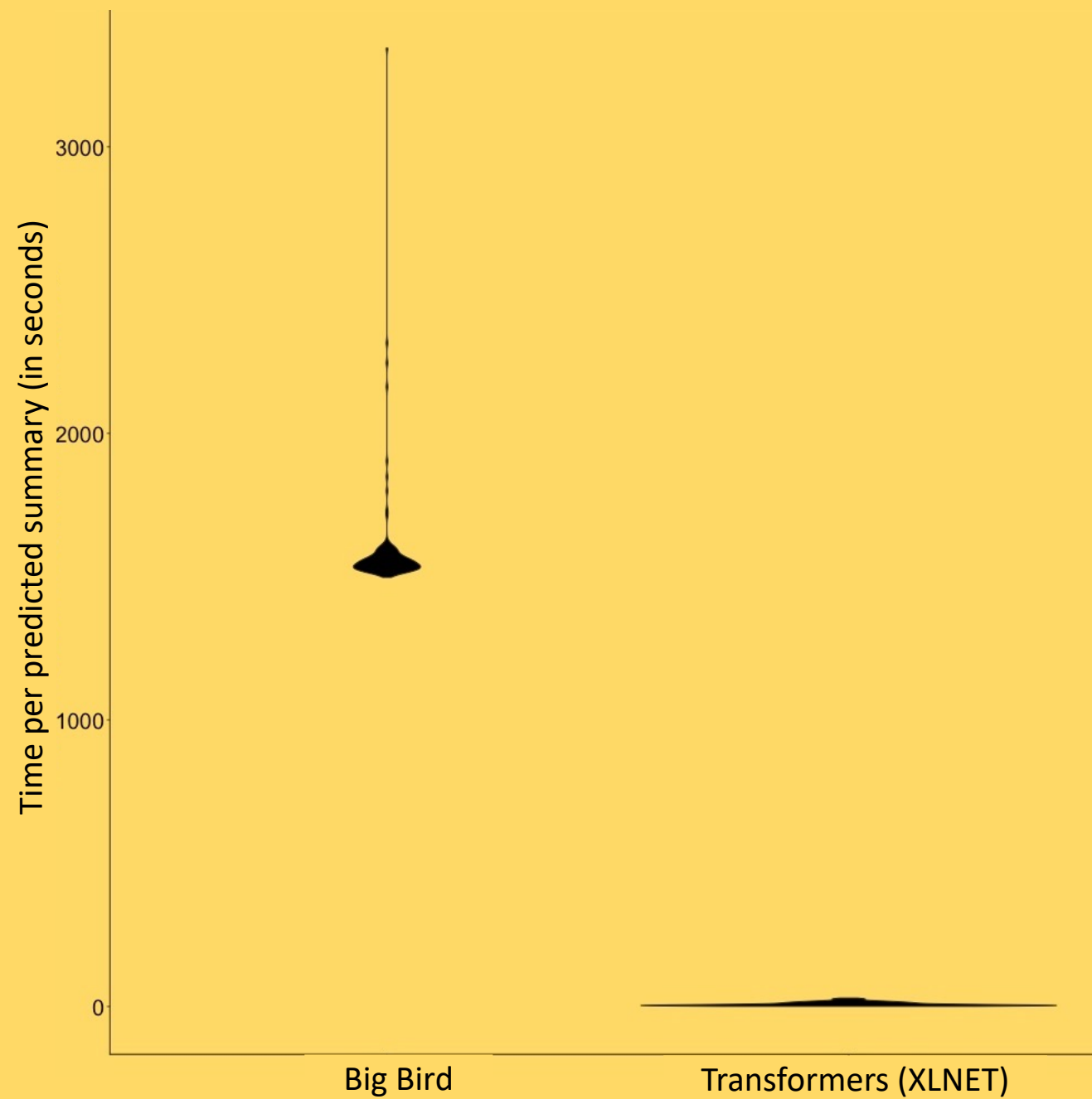
Being compared with XLNet model, how fast Big Bird can produce each predicted summary?



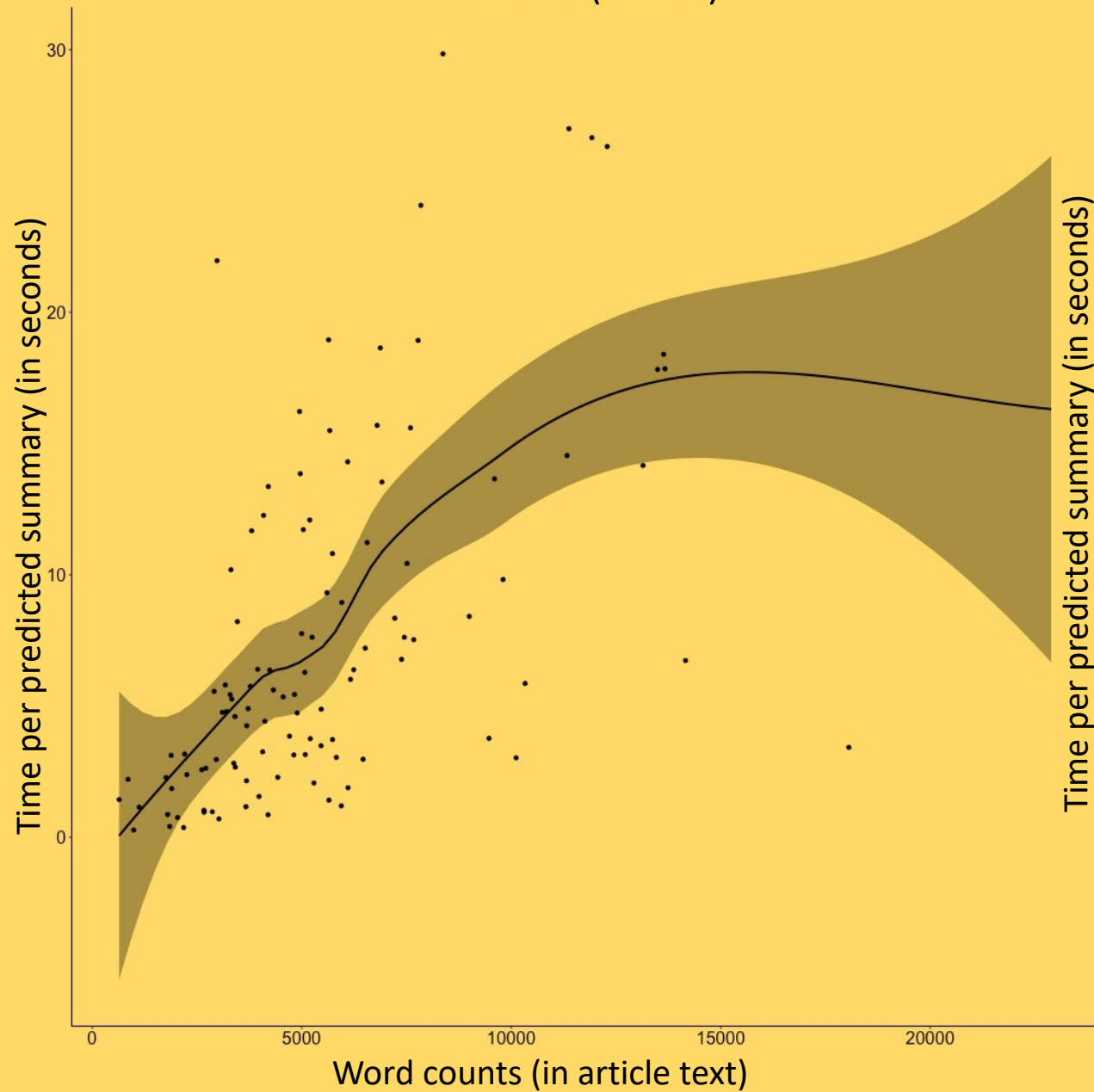
Does the Big Bird successfully reduce this quadratic dependency to linear dependency in sequence term?



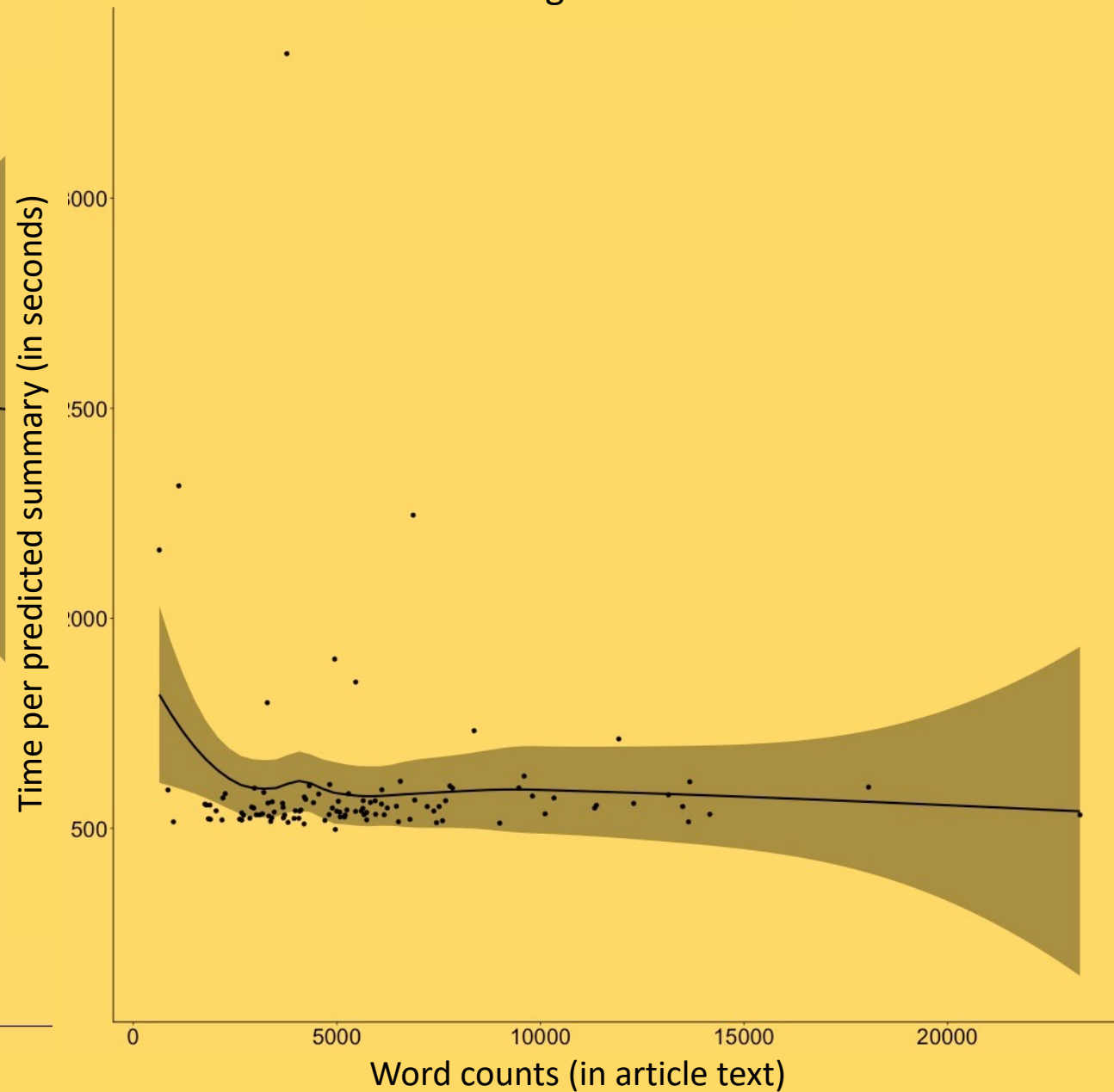




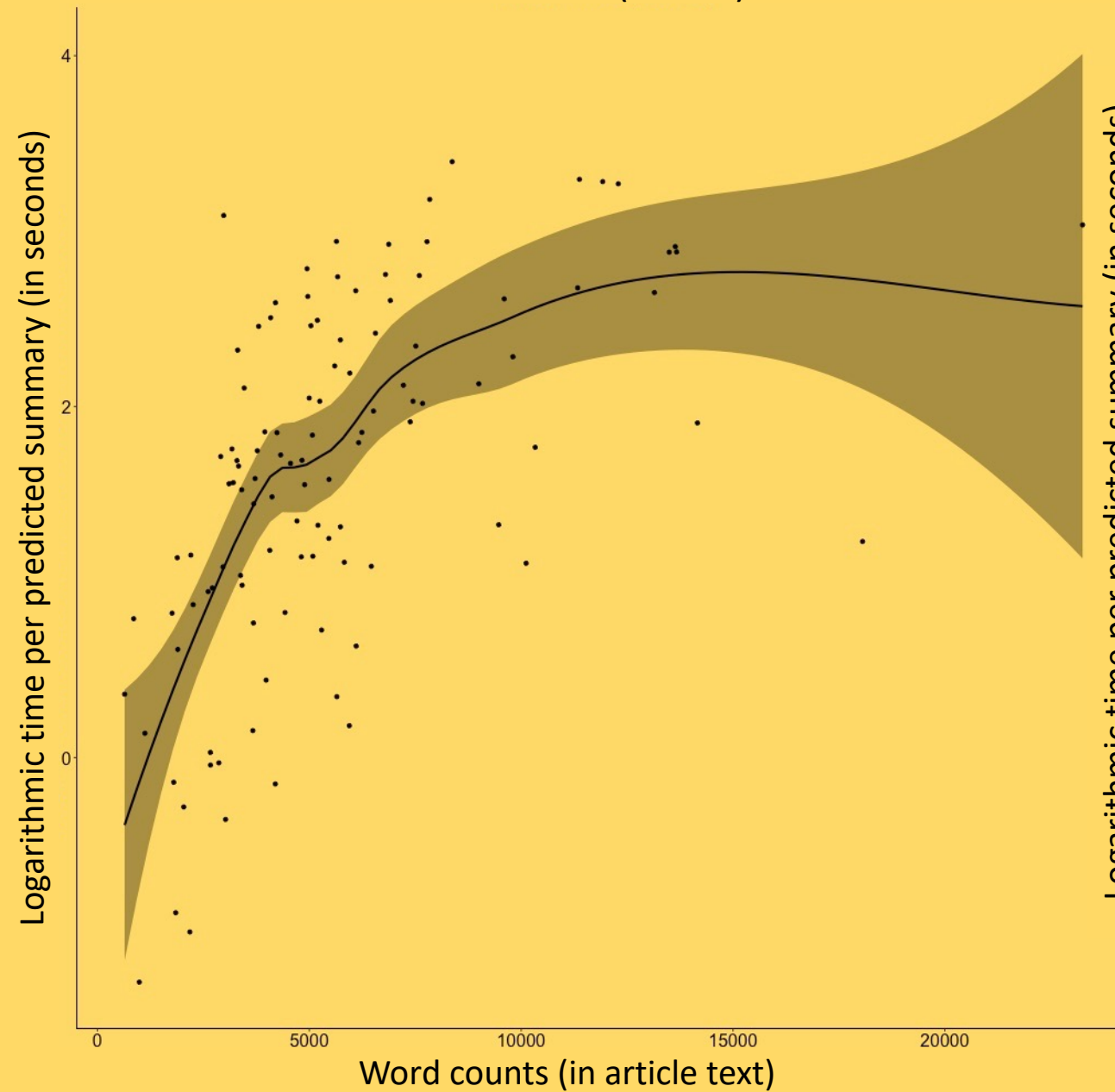
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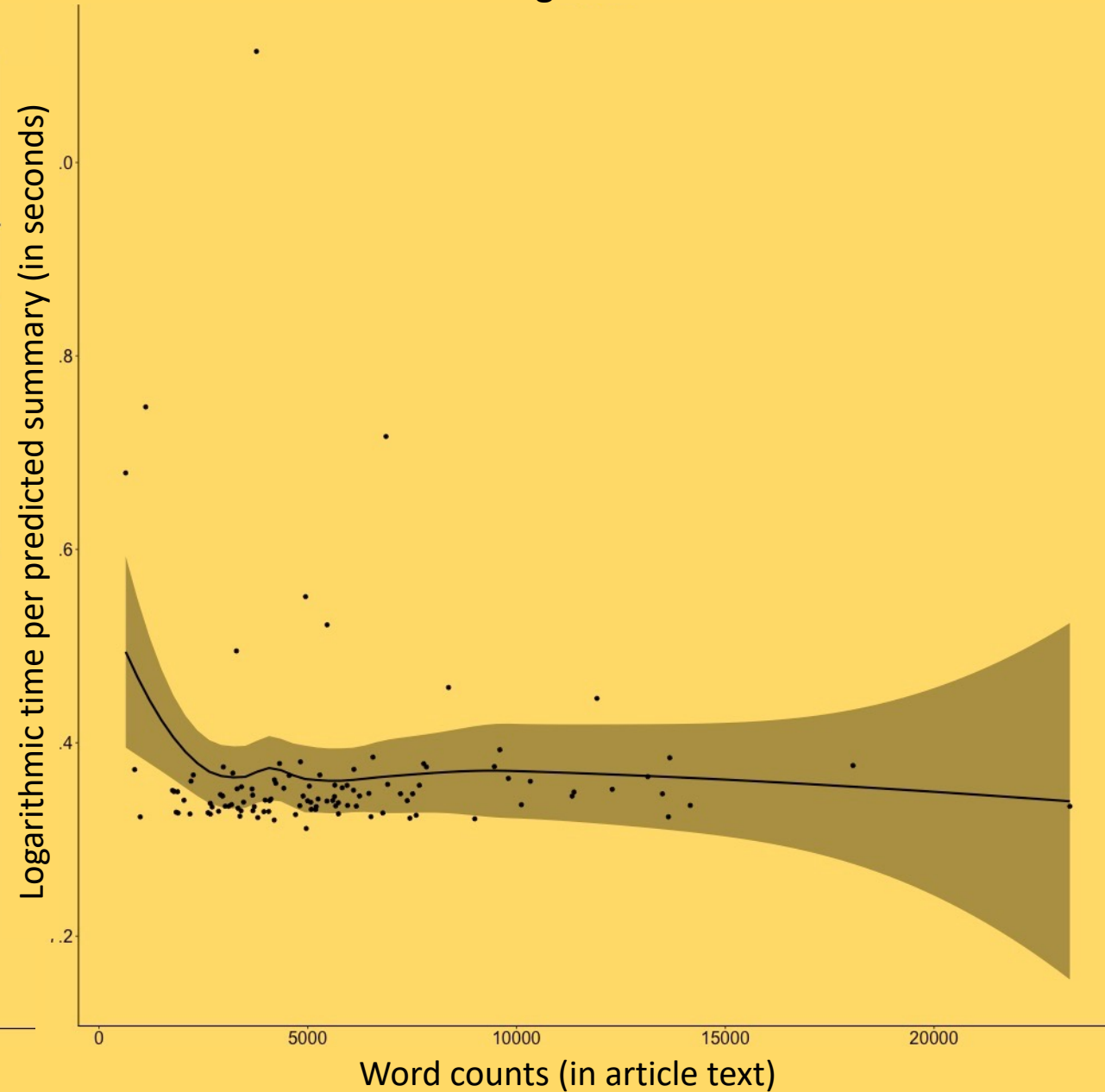
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# CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK



Big Bird model does better with predicting summary and successfully linearize self-attention. However, the speed of this model is 193.04 wpm by median.



The Big Bird algorithm is highly recommended for producing summaries as long as if the cloud environment is in use.



To address scalability and redundancy problems, Attention Free Transformer and Bayesian connection need to be tested with block sparsity.

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