

# Broad-Coverage Semantic Parsing

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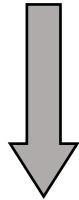
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Natural language text  $\Rightarrow$  Meaning representation (**MR**)

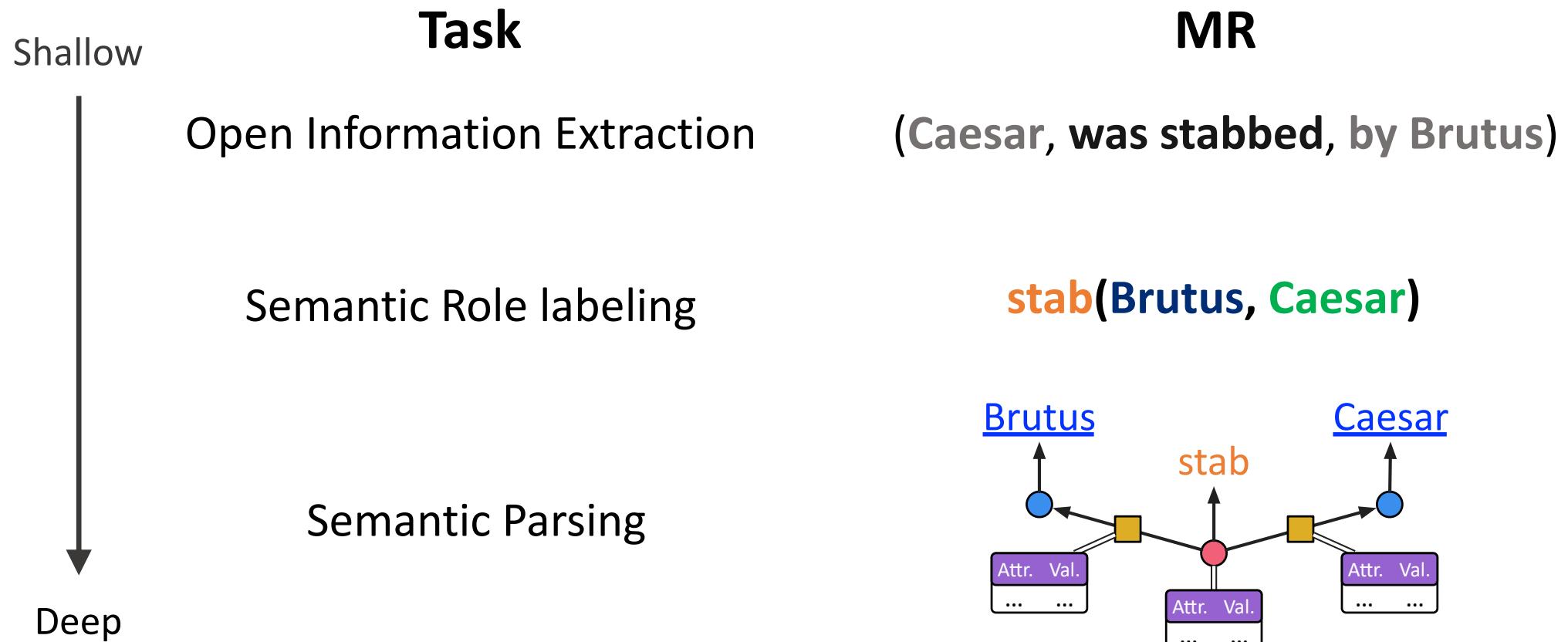
E.g.

*Caesar was stabbed by Brutus.*



**stab(Brutus, Caesar)**

# Shallow-to-Deep Semantic Processing

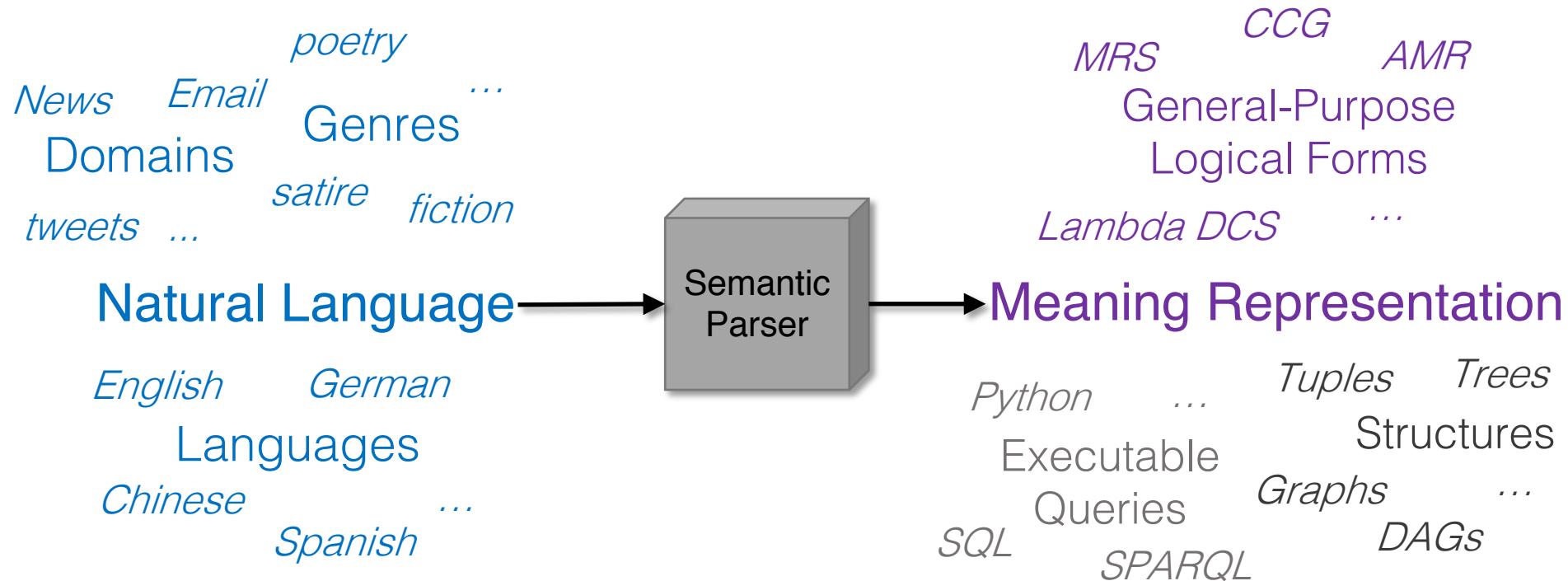


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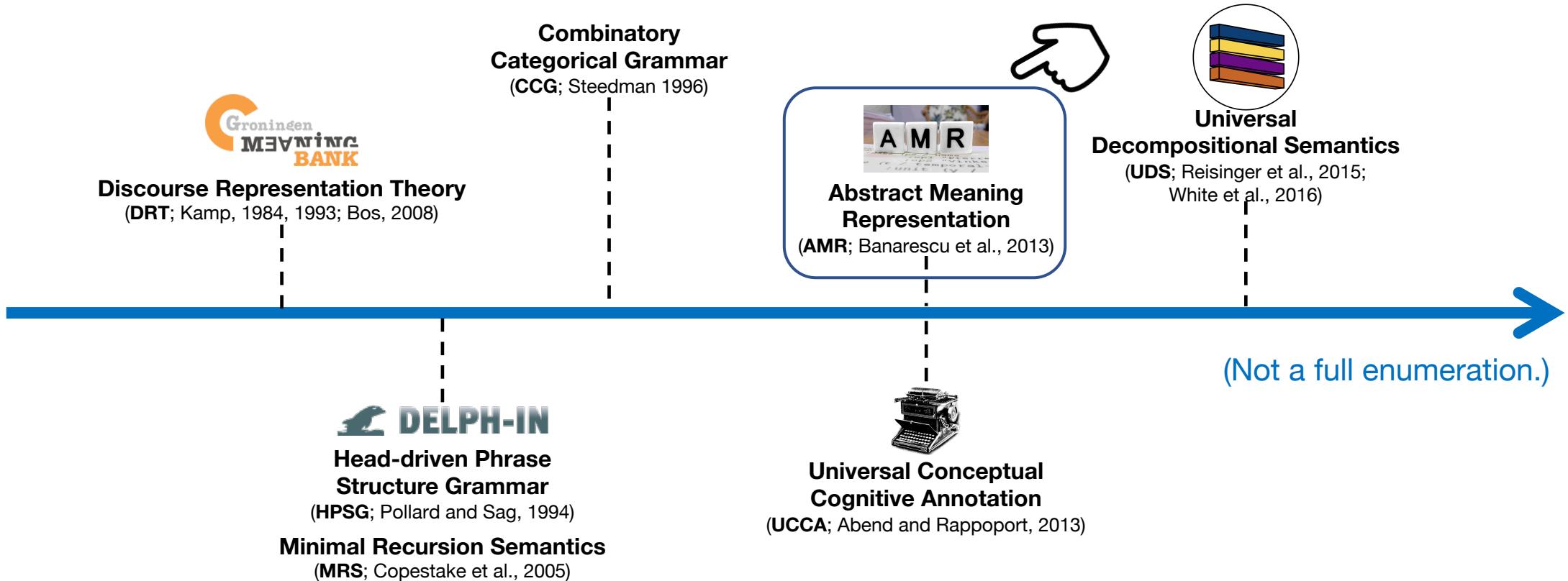
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# Broad-Coverage Semantic Parsing

(A long-standing topic of interest in CL)



# AMR Bibliography

<https://nert-nlp.github.io/AMR-Bibliography/>

## Explore the research on AMR

The table below is sortable by column.

You can highlight rows by topic (click on a topic TAG). The main topics are:

Annotation: Research on and methods for AMR annotators

Parsing: Produce an AMR from natural language text  
(See [state of the art](#) on NLP-progress)

Generation: Produce natural language text from an AMR

Applications: Summarization, Information Extraction, Biomedical, etc.

Alignment: Find the AMR subgraph corresponding to a word or phrase

AMR Extensions: Research which adds features to the AMR annotation scheme

Multilingual: Extensions of AMR from its original language (English) to more languages

(j / join-01  
:ARG0 (p / person :wiki -  
:name (p2 / name :op1 "Pierre" :op2 "Vinken")  
:age (t / temporal-quantity :quant 61  
:unit (y / year)))  
:ARG1 (b / board  
:ARG1-of (h / have-org-role-91  
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:ARG2 (d2 / director  
:mod (e / executive :polarity -))))  
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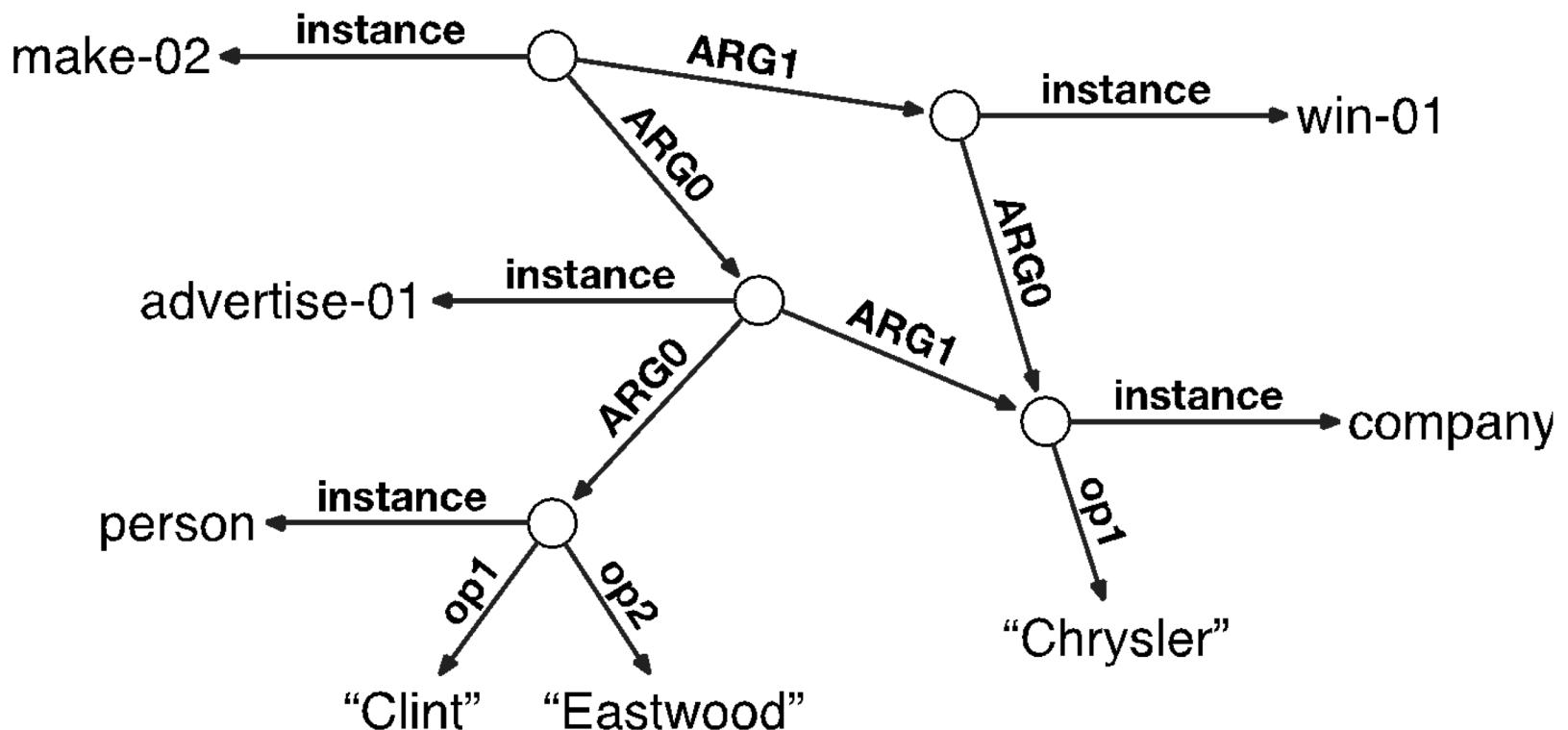
The AMR for the sentence *Pierre Vinken, 61 years old, will join the board as a nonexecutive director Nov. 29.*

## Annotation, Parsing, Generation, Applications, Alignment, AMR Extensions, Multilingual, etc.

Title	Authors	Venue	Year	Link(s)	Arxiv	Tags
Augmenting Abstract Meaning Representation for Human-Robot Dialogue	Claire Bonial, Lucia Donatelli, Stephanie M. Lukin, Stephen Tratz, Ron Artstein, David Traum, Clare R. Voss	Designing Meaning Representations Workshop	2019	<a href="#">pdf</a>		AMR Extensions Applications
Separating Argument Structure from Logical Structure in AMR	Johan Bos	preprint	2019		<a href="#">arXiv</a>	AMR Extensions
Towards a General Abstract Meaning Representation Corpus for Brazilian Portuguese	Marco Antonio Sobrevilla Cabezudo, Thiago Alexandre Salgueiro Pardo	Linguistic Annotation Workshop	2019	<a href="#">pdf</a>		Annotation Multilingual
Core Semantic First: A Top-down Approach for AMR Parsing	Deng Cai, Wai Lam	EMNLP	2019		<a href="#">arXiv</a>	Parsing
Factorising AMR generation through syntax	Kris Cao, Stephen Clark	NAACL	2019	<a href="#">pdf</a>	<a href="#">arXiv</a>	Generation

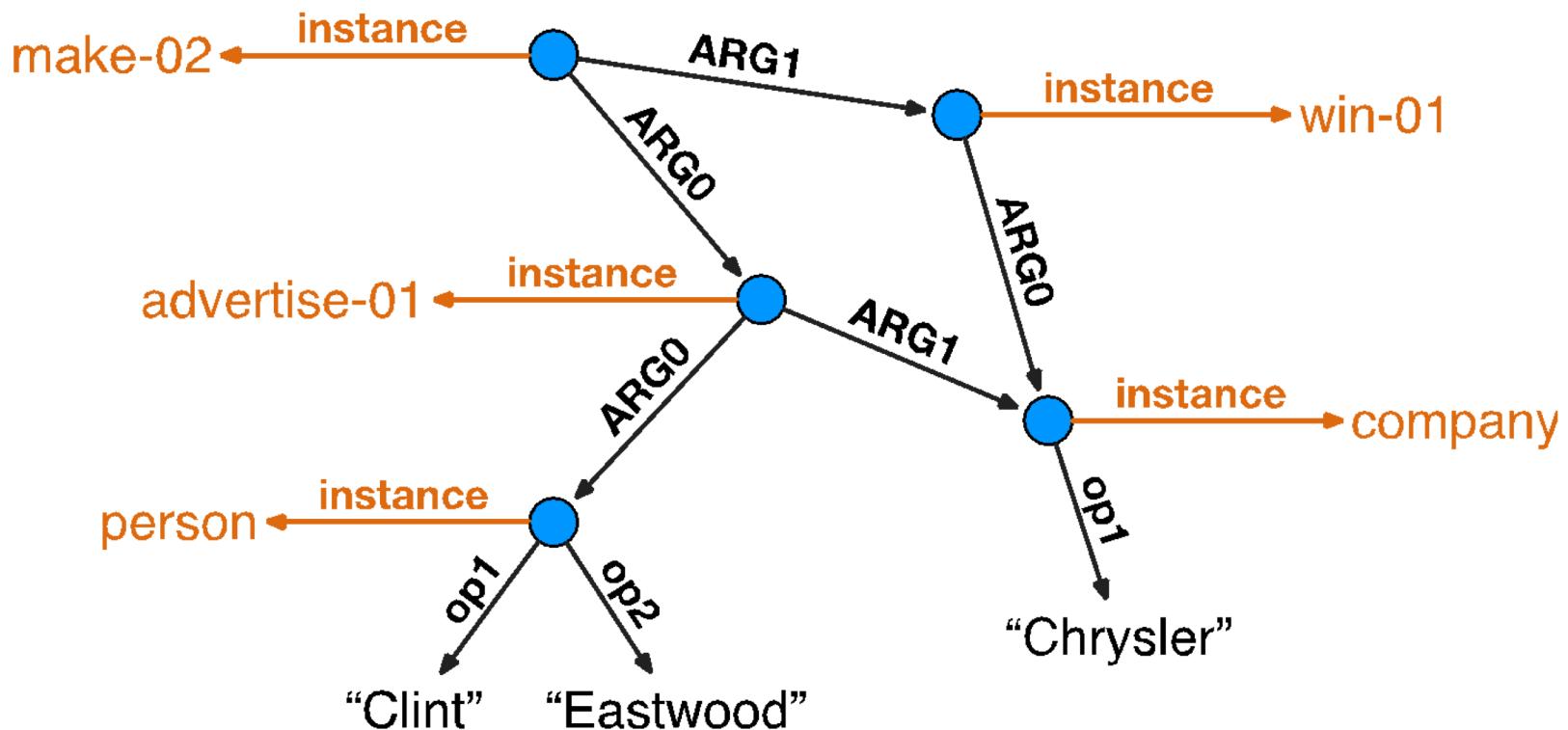
# Abstract Meaning Representation (AMR)

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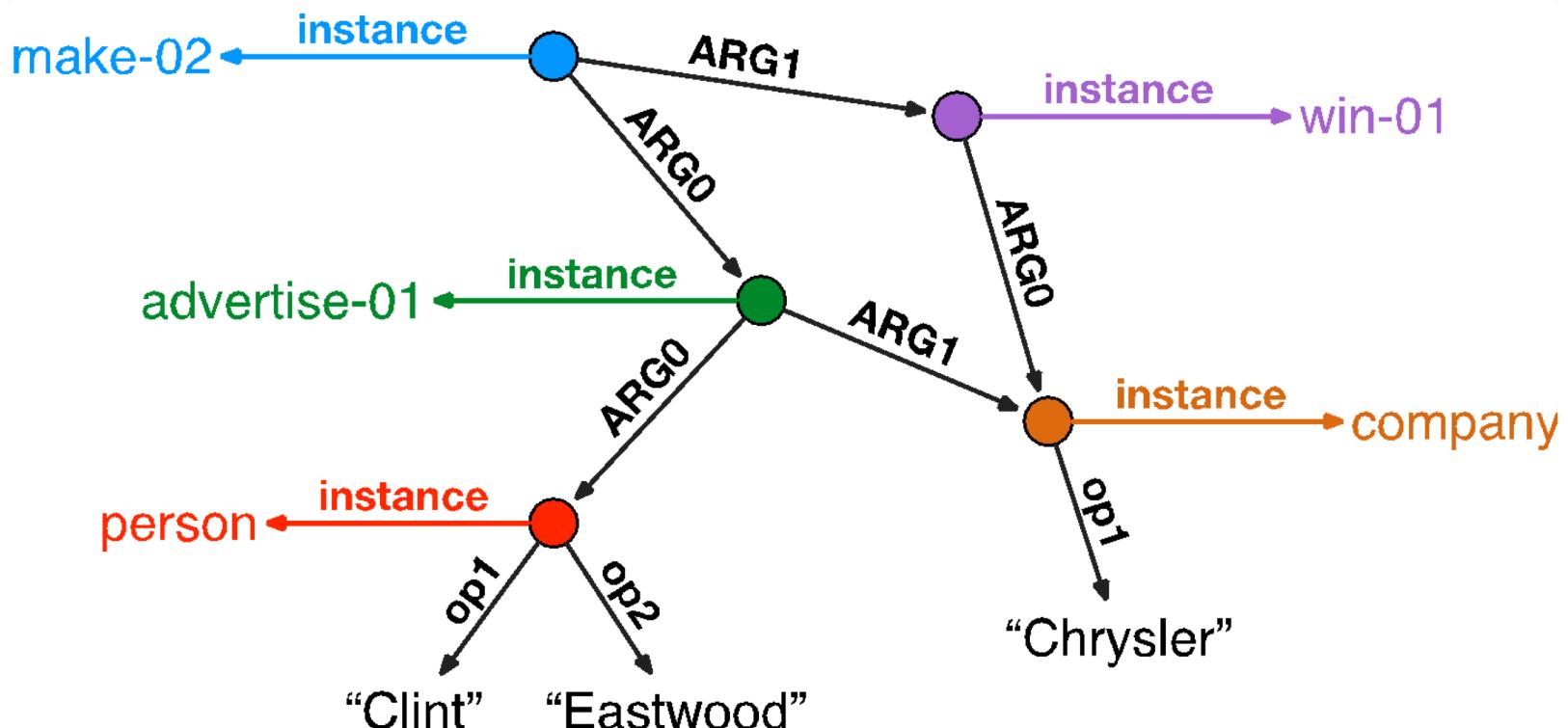
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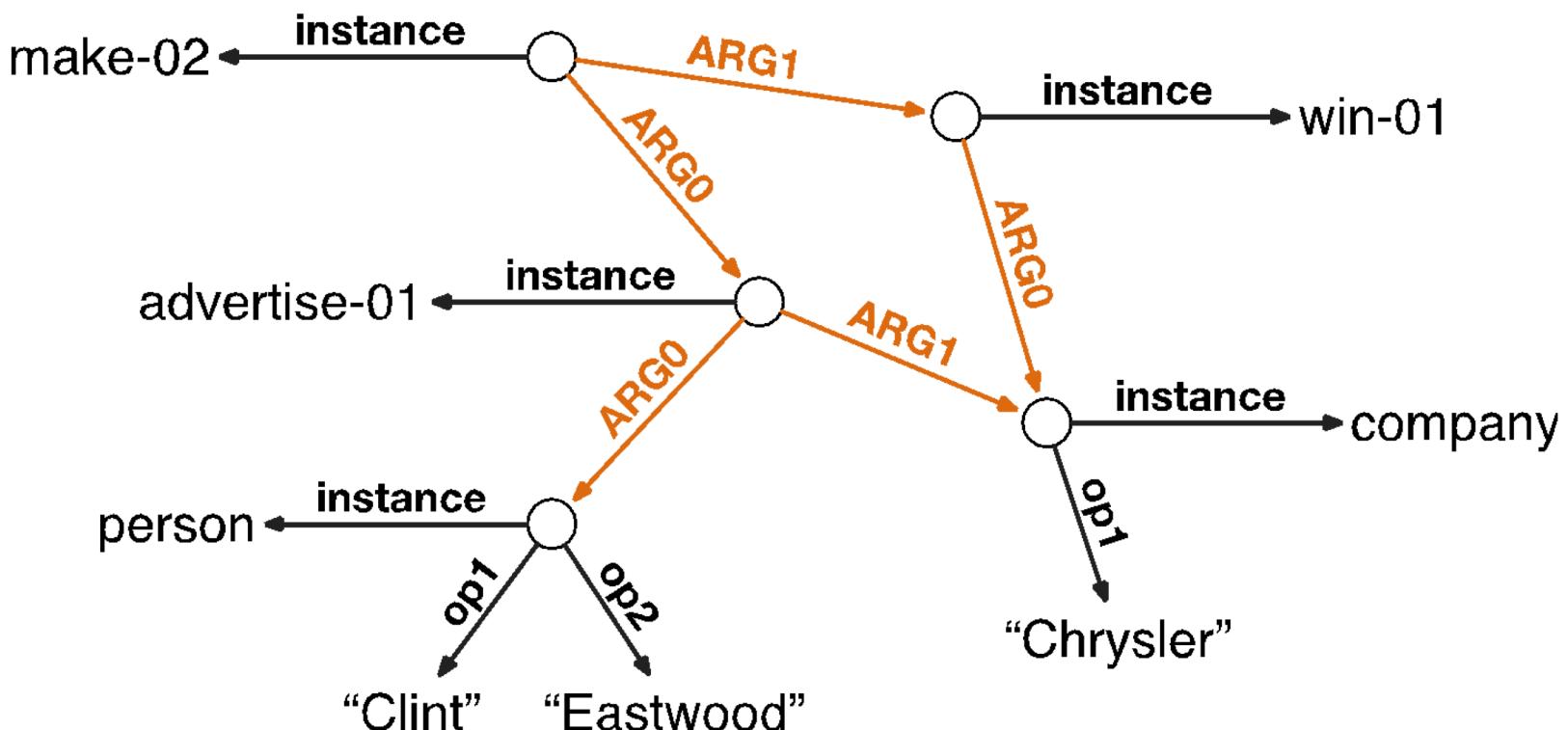
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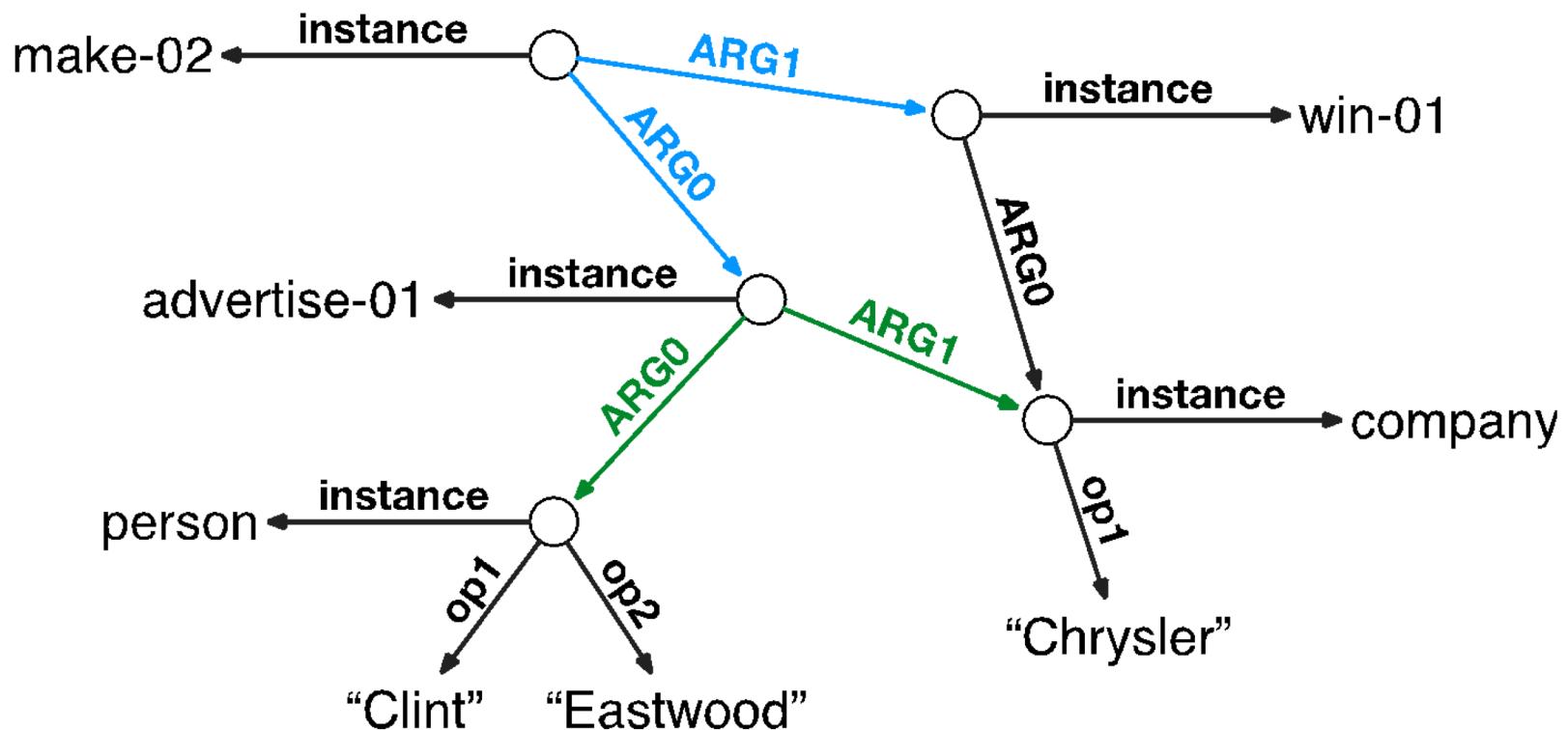
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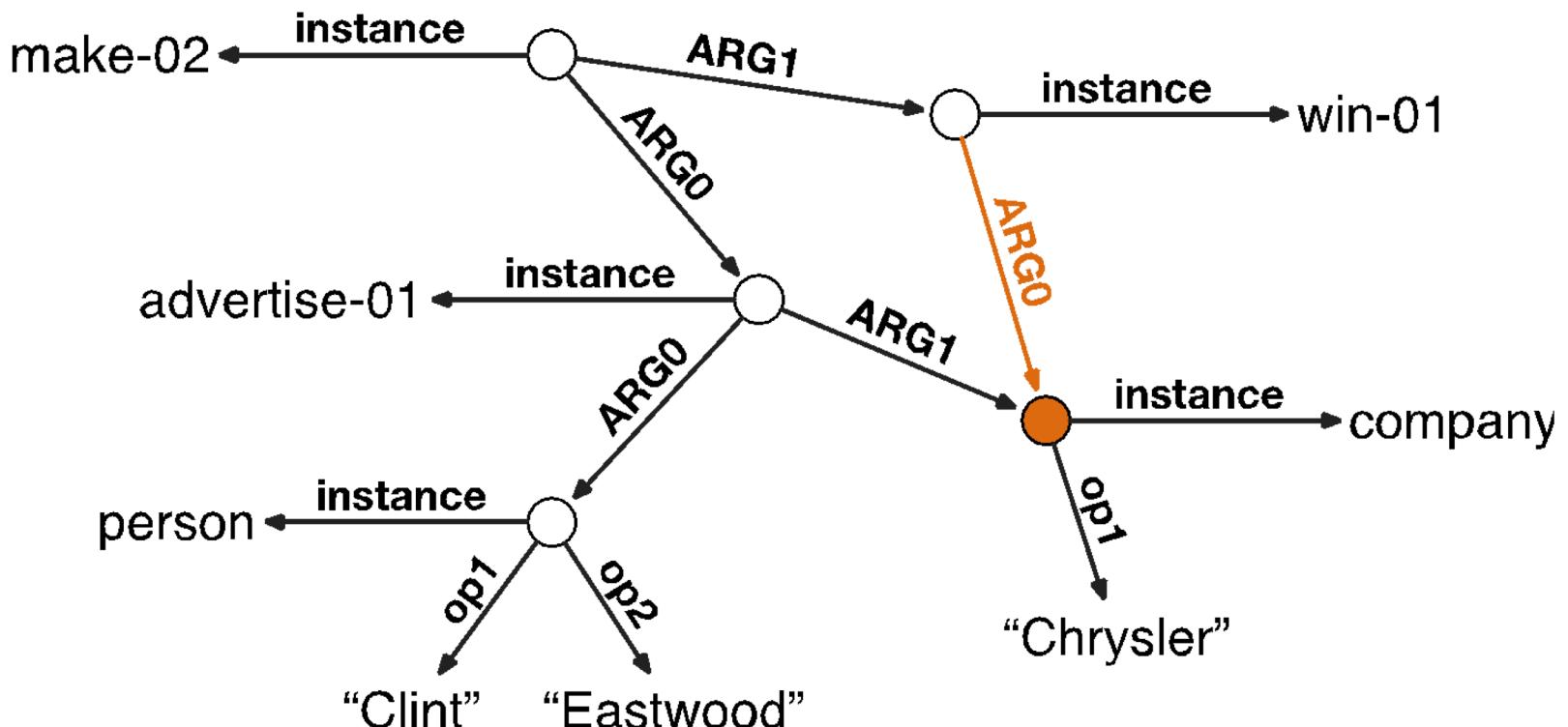
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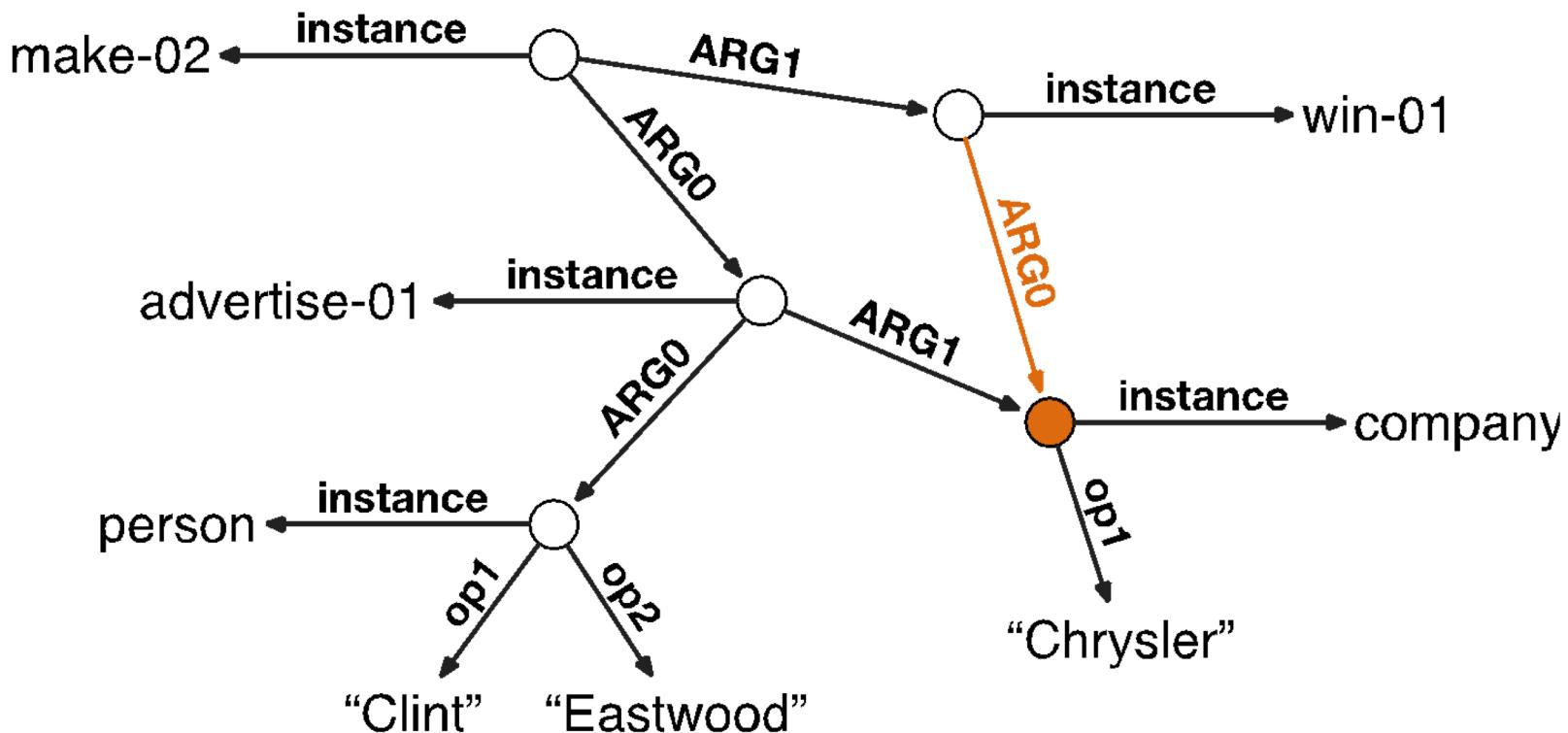
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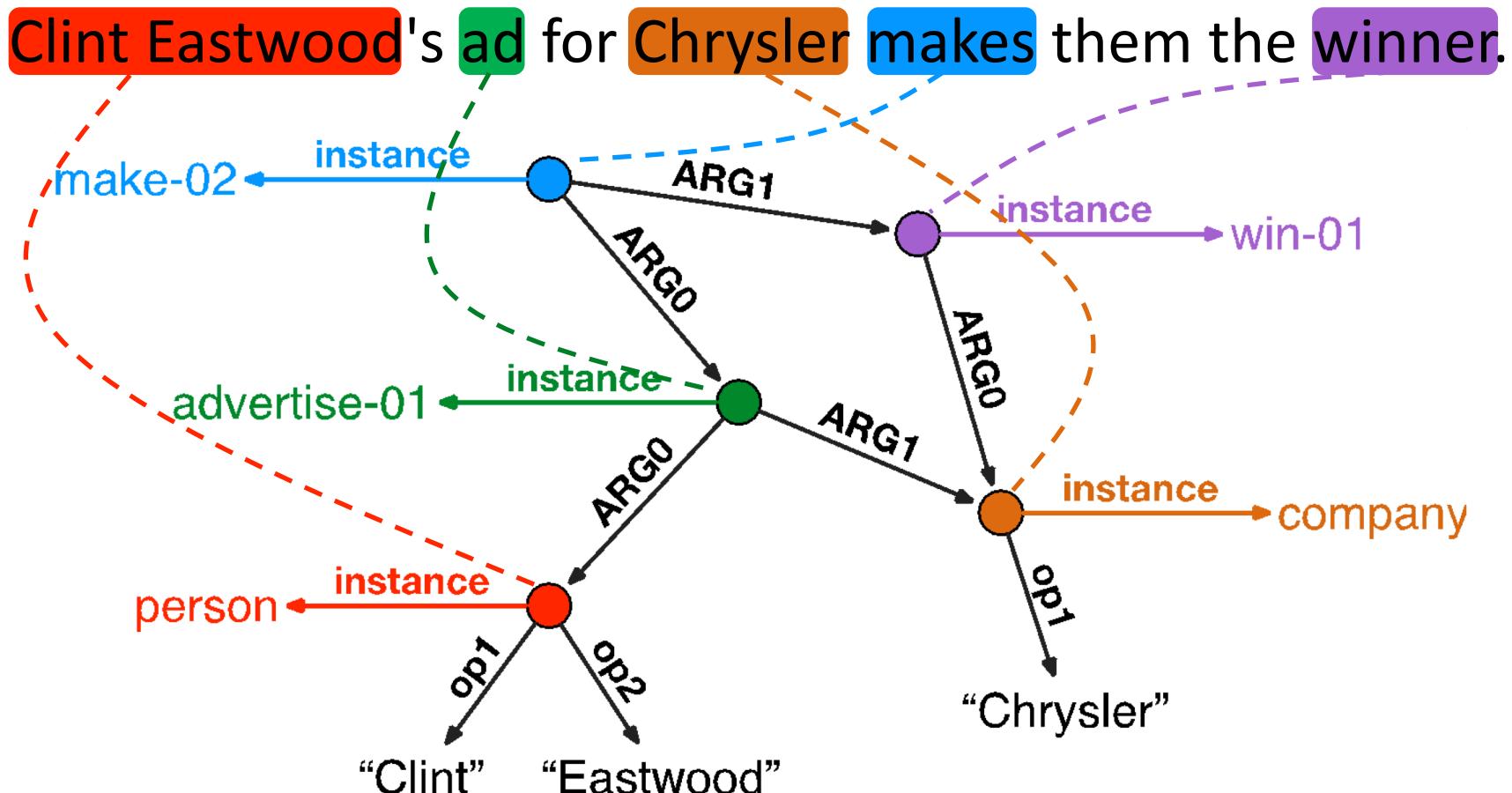


# Challenge #1: Reentrancy

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# Challenge #2: Lack of Alignment



# Challenge #3: Limited Labeled Data

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## AMR 2.0 (LDC2017T10)

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## WMT18 en-zh

- ▶ ~22M training / 10k development / 2k test pairs



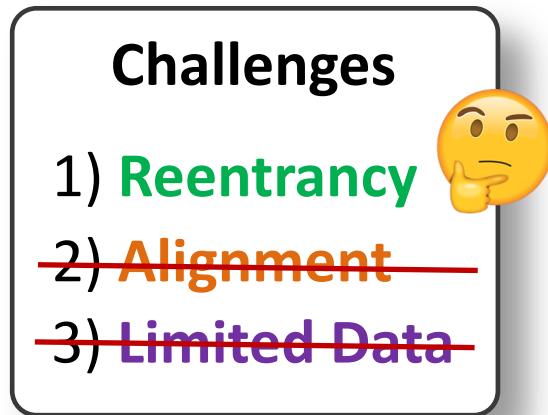
# Three Challenges in AMR Parsing

- 1) **Reentrancy**
- 2) **Lack of Alignment**
- 3) **Limited Data**

Is there a way to 1) **explicitly resolve reentrancy**,  
2) **eliminate requirement for alignment**, and  
3) **efficiently achieve SOTA w/ limited data**?



# AMR Parsing as Sequence-to-Graph Transduction



*The victim could help himself.*

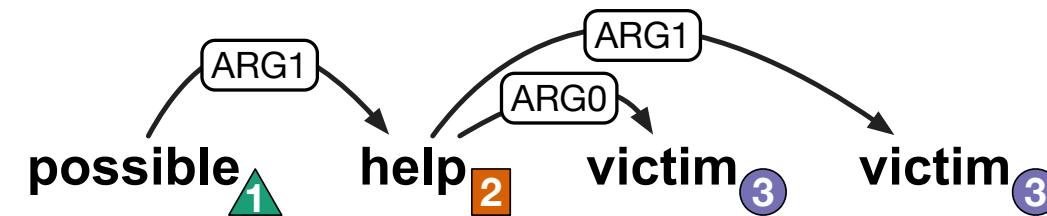


**Node Prediction** (Sequence Transduction)

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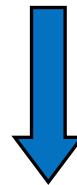
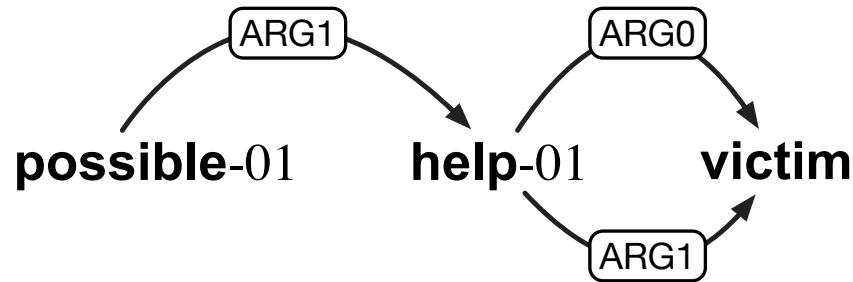


**Edge Prediction** (Graph-based Parsing)

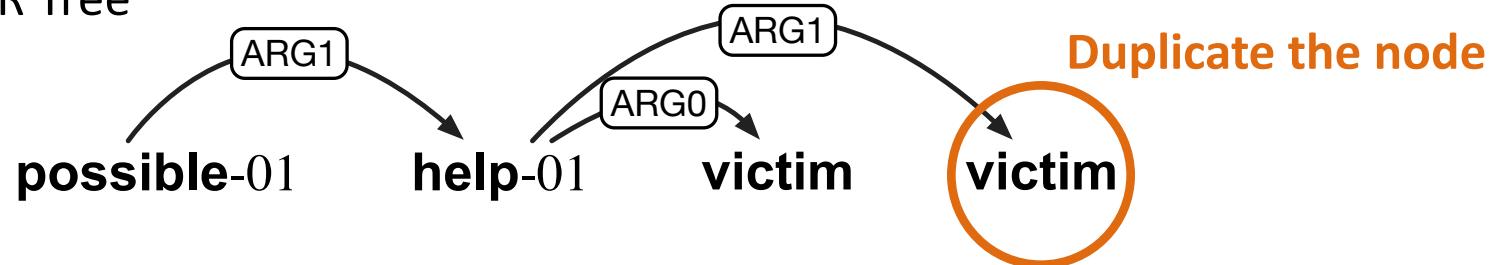


# Another View of Reentrancy

AMR Graph

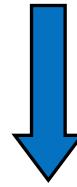
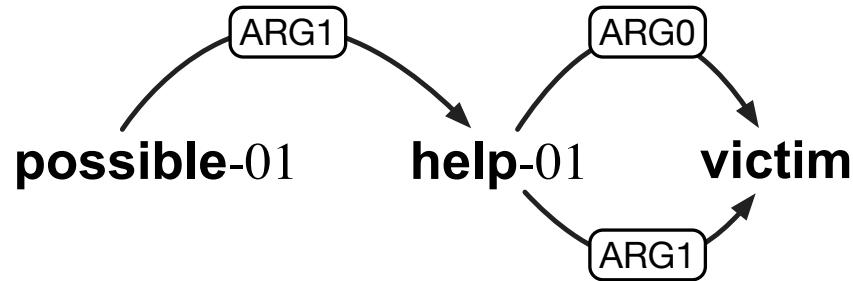


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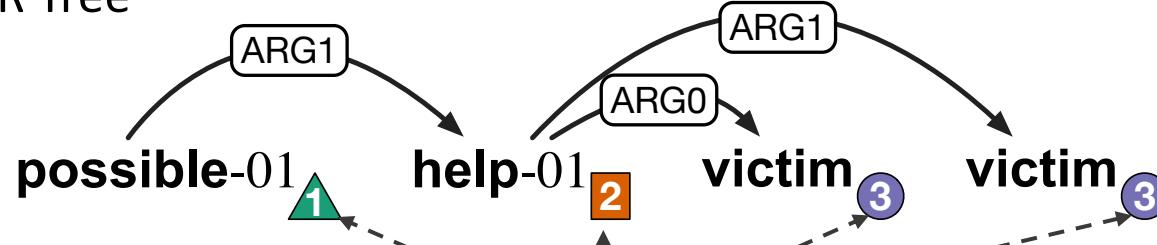


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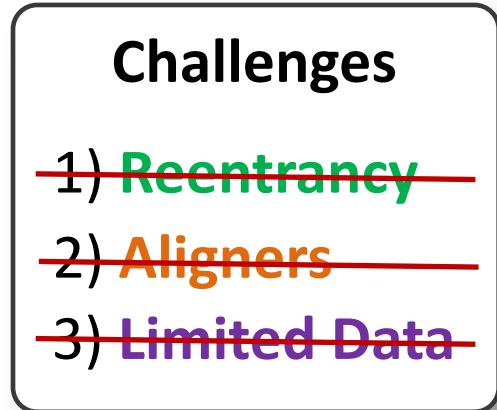


AMR Tree



Assign Node Indices

# Our Approach in a Nutshell



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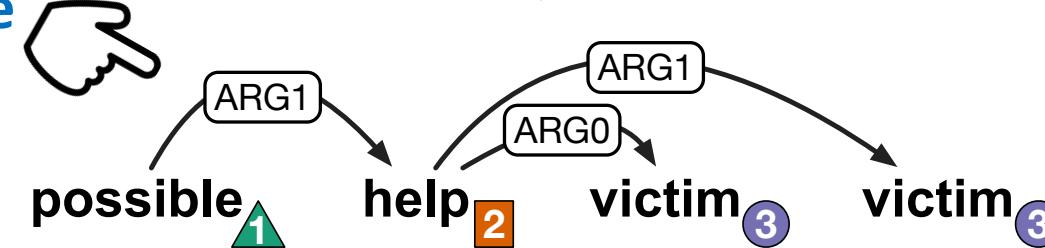
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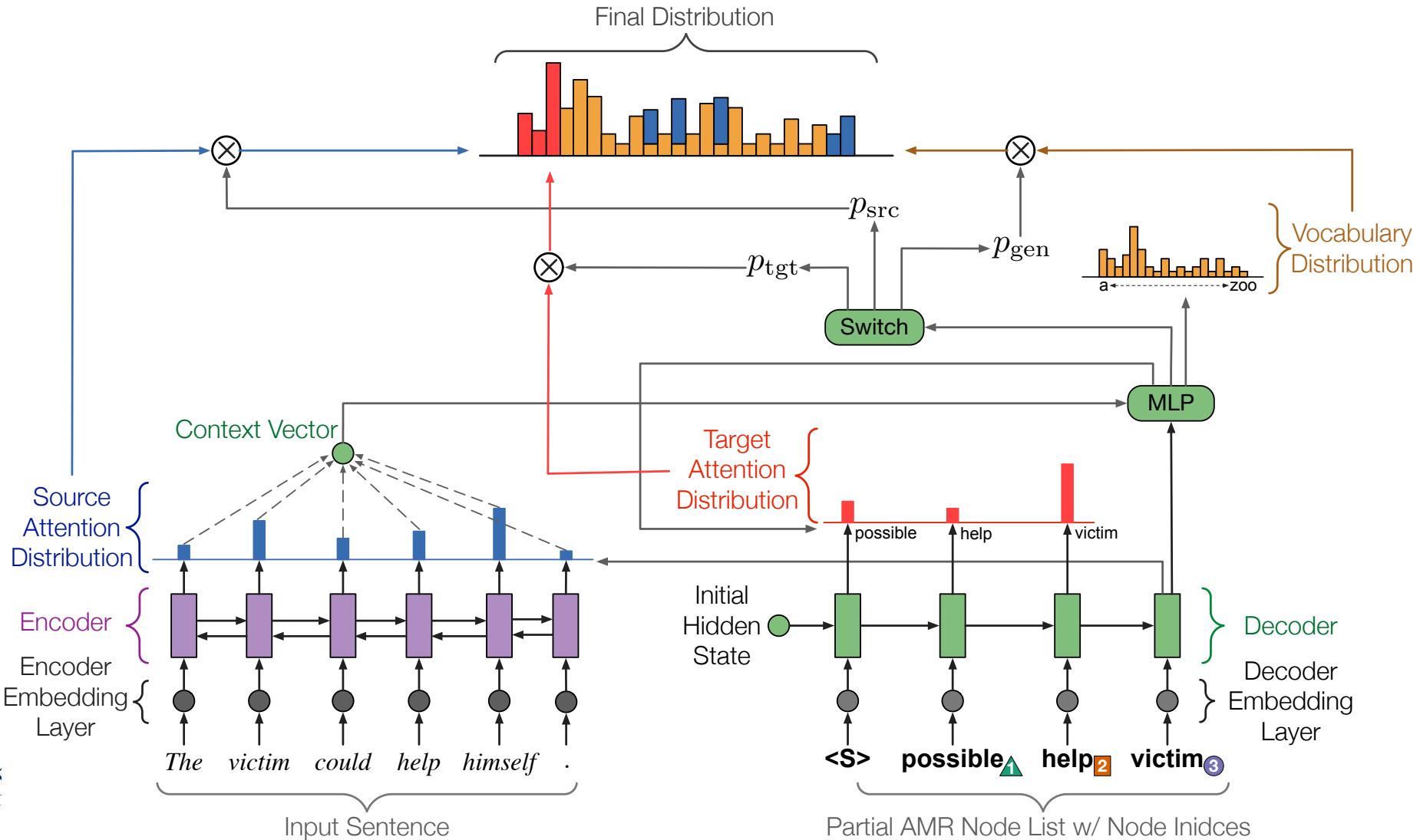


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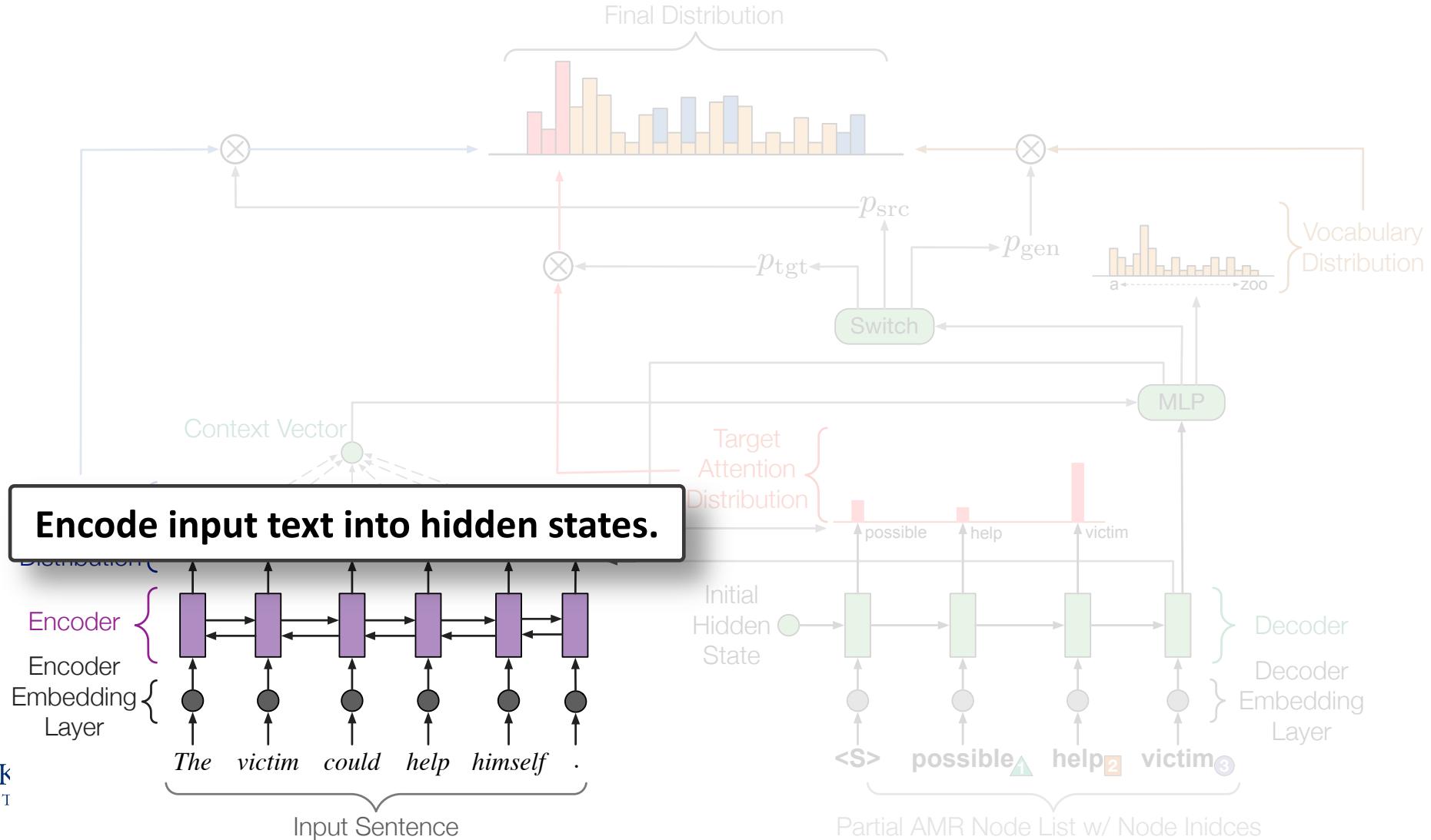
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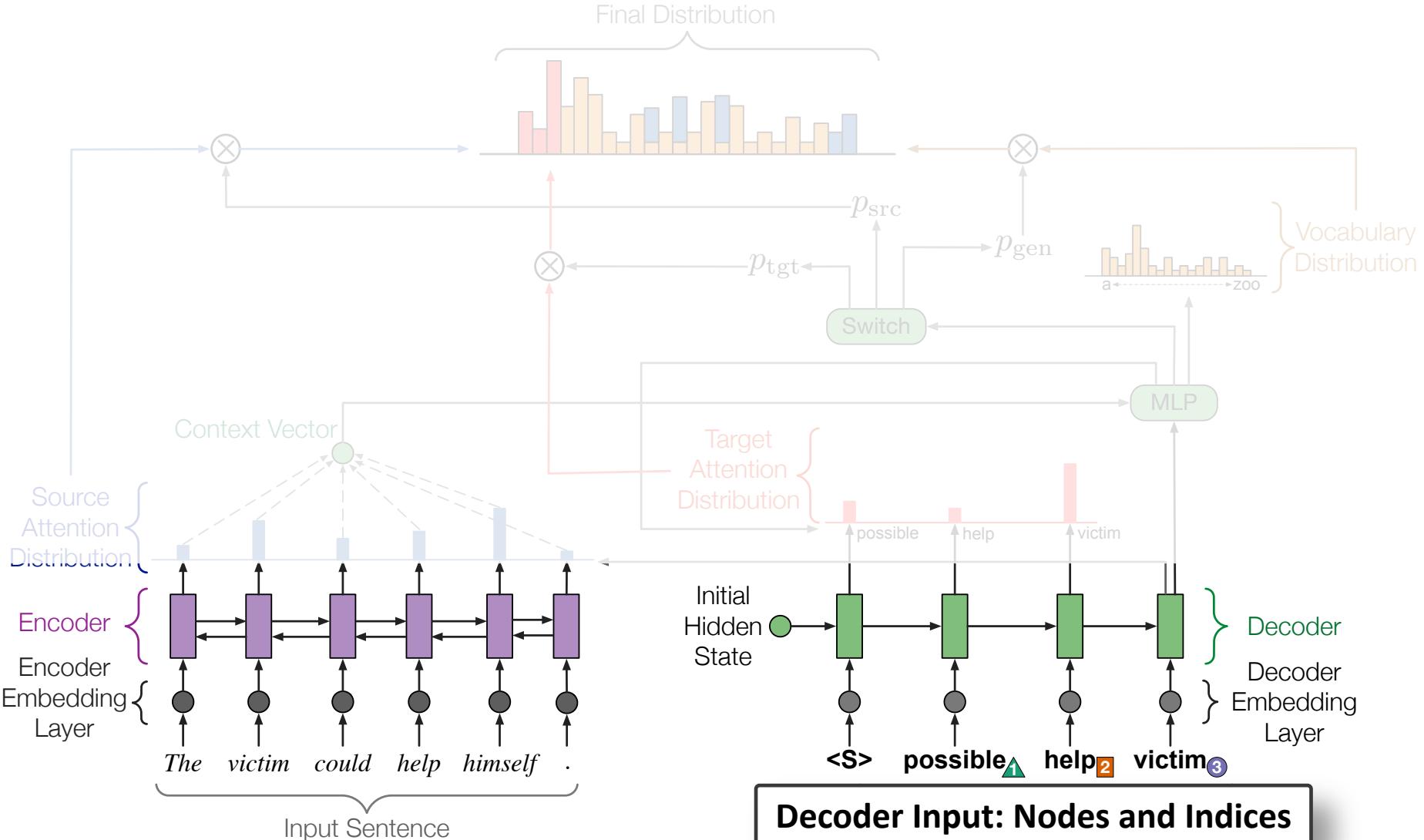
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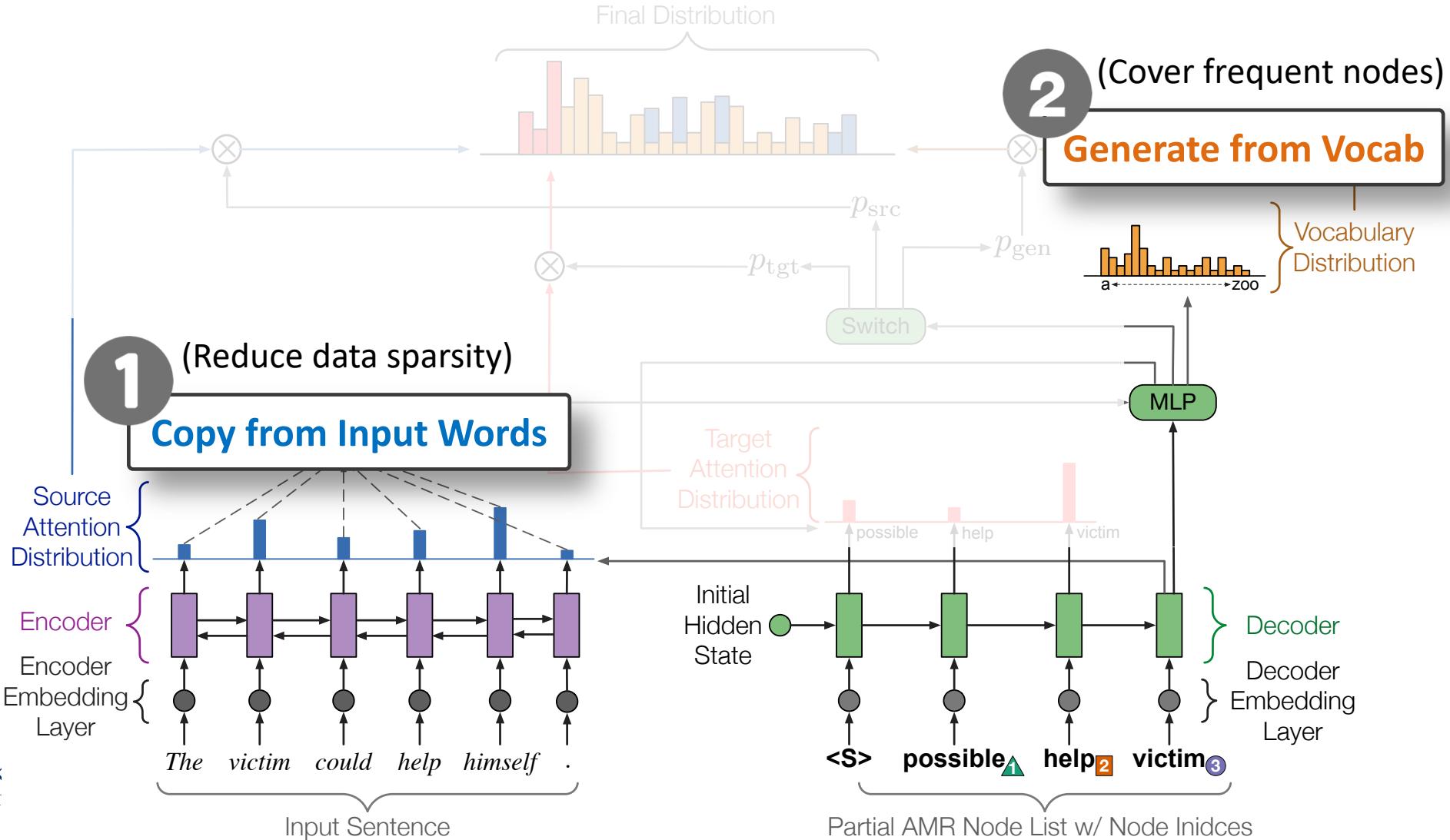
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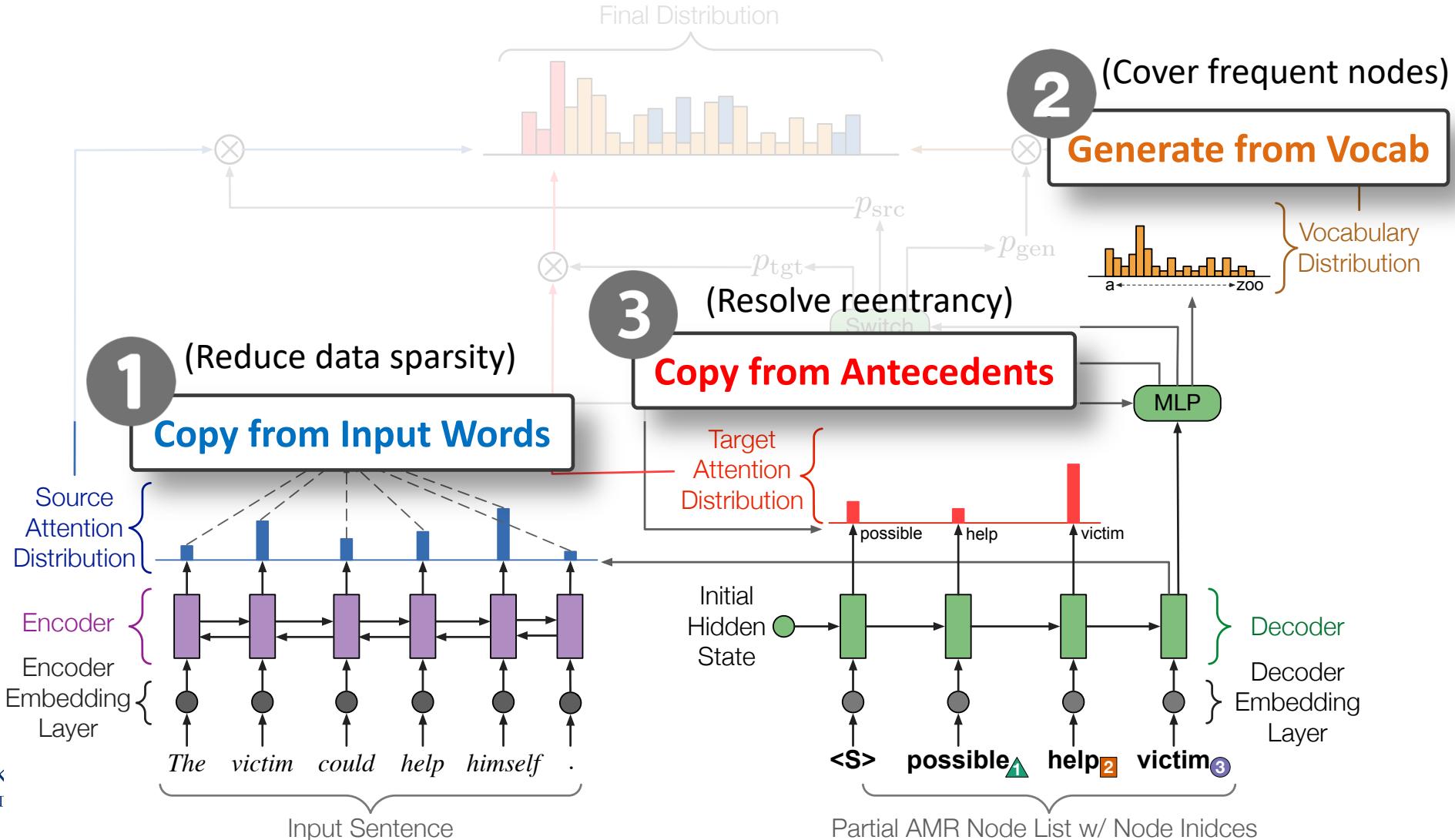
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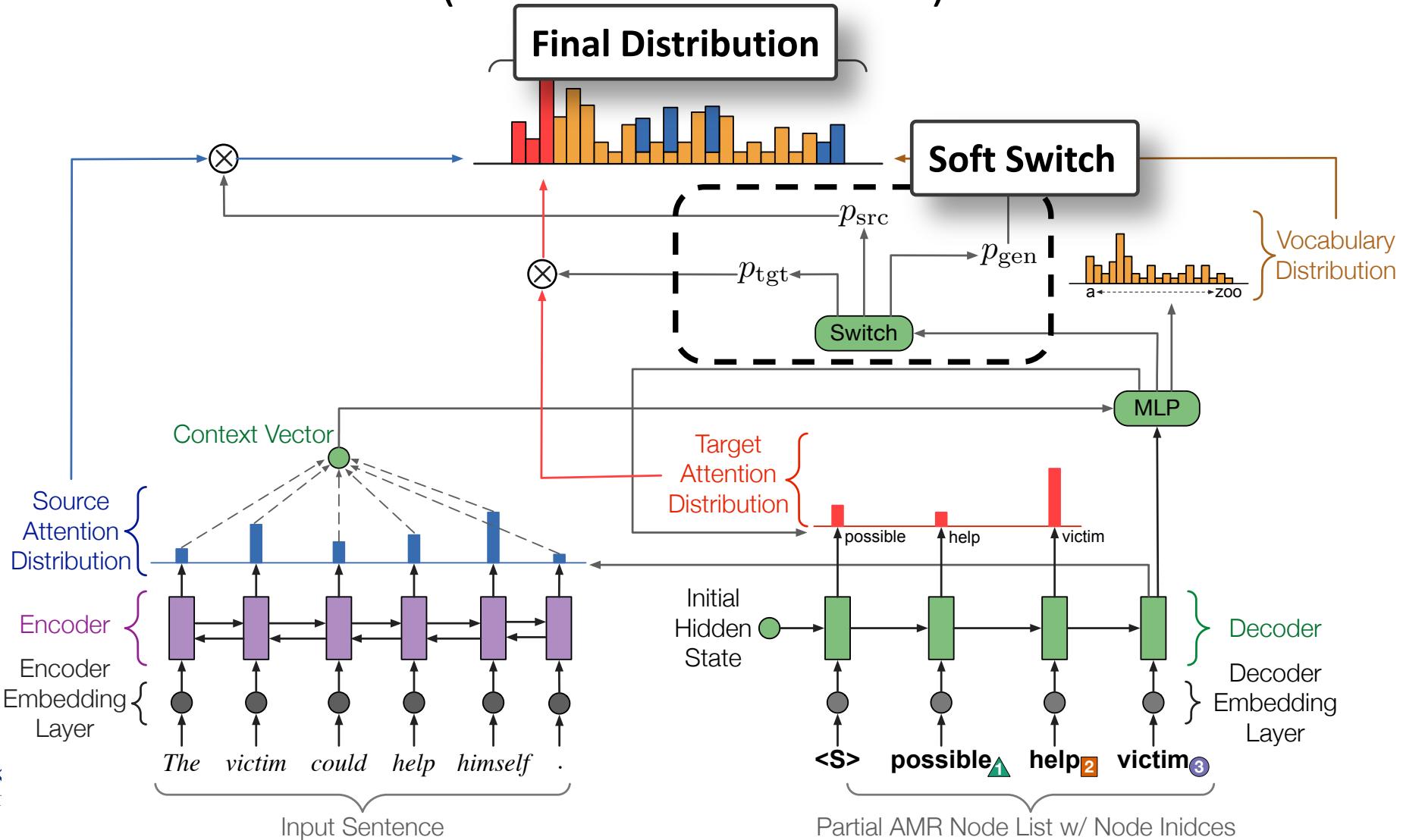
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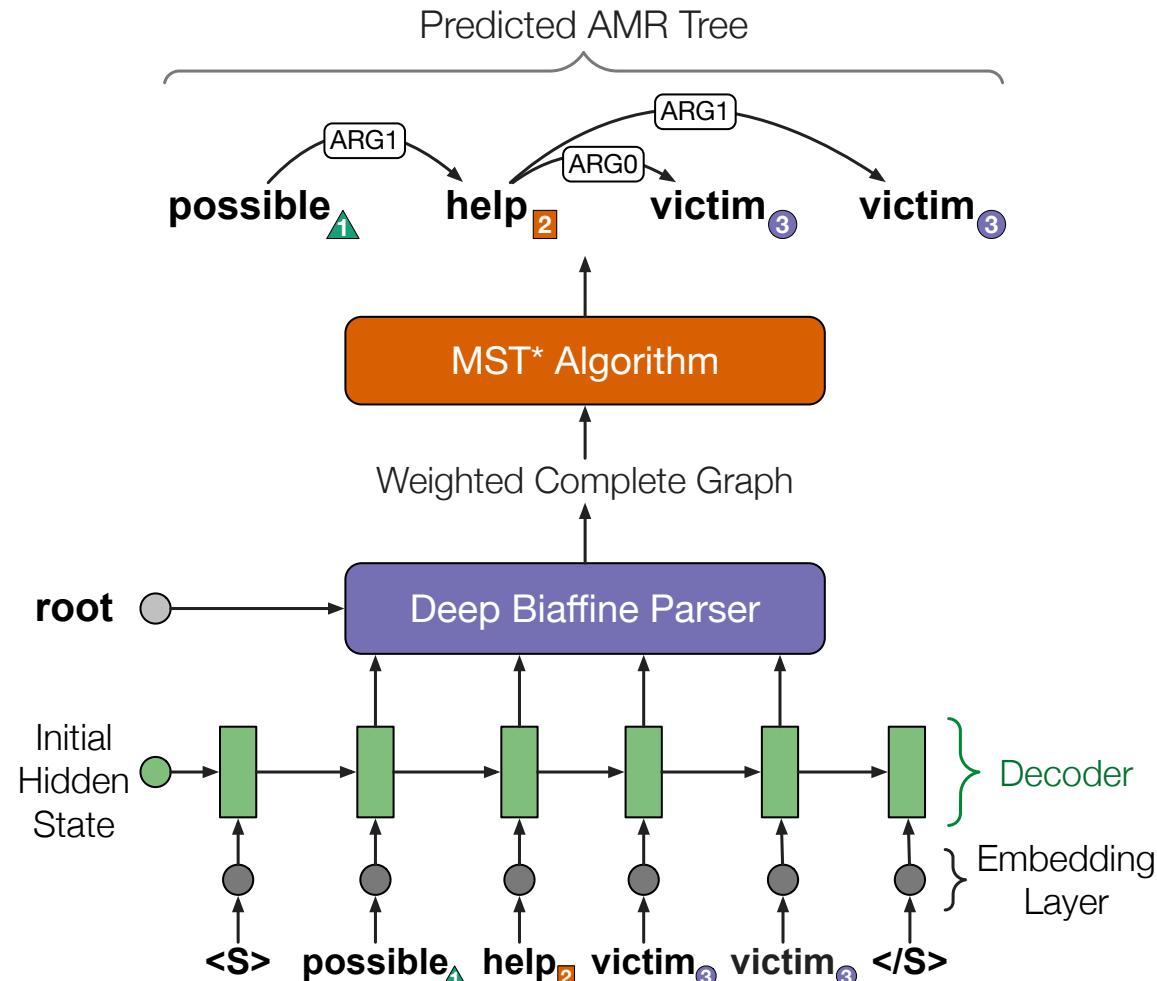
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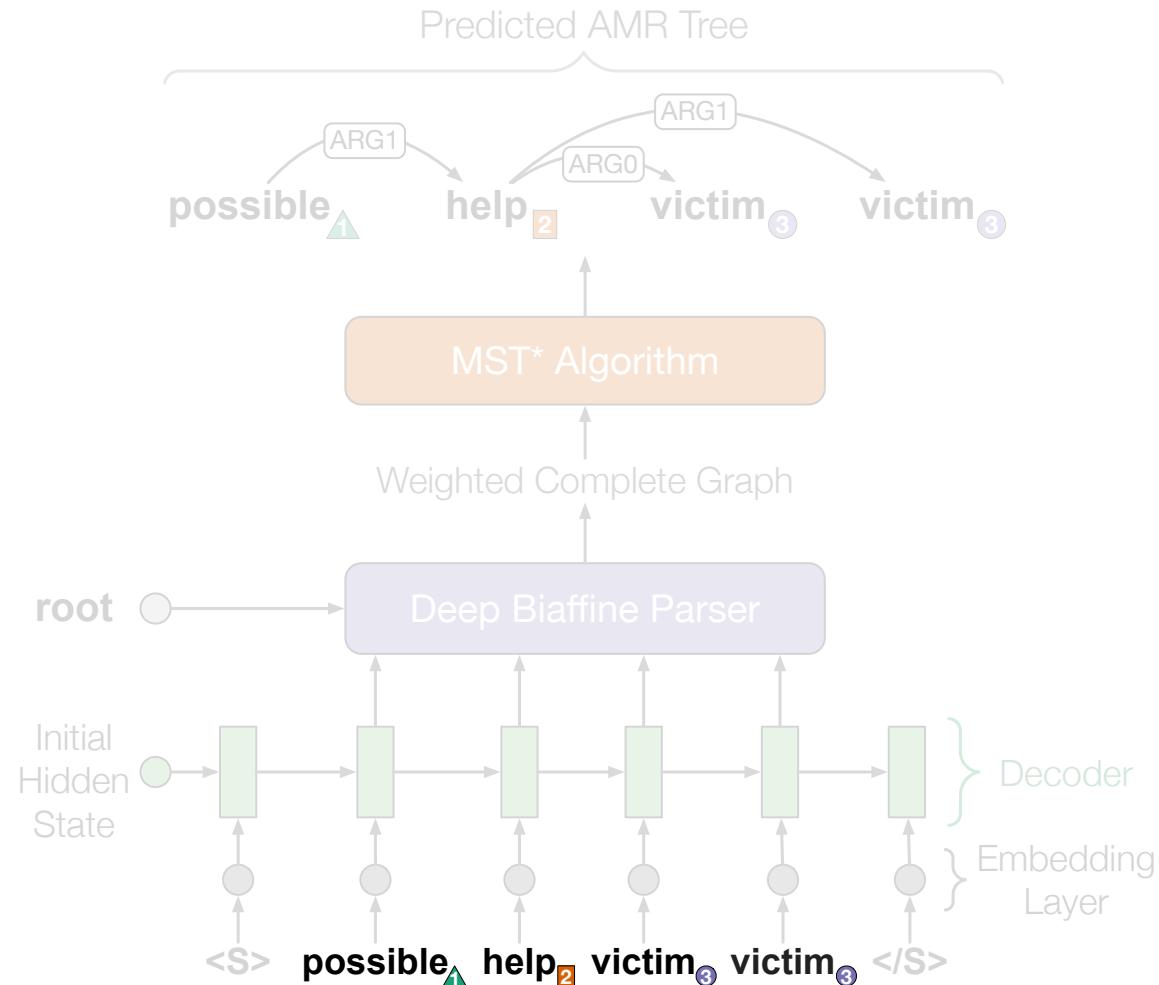
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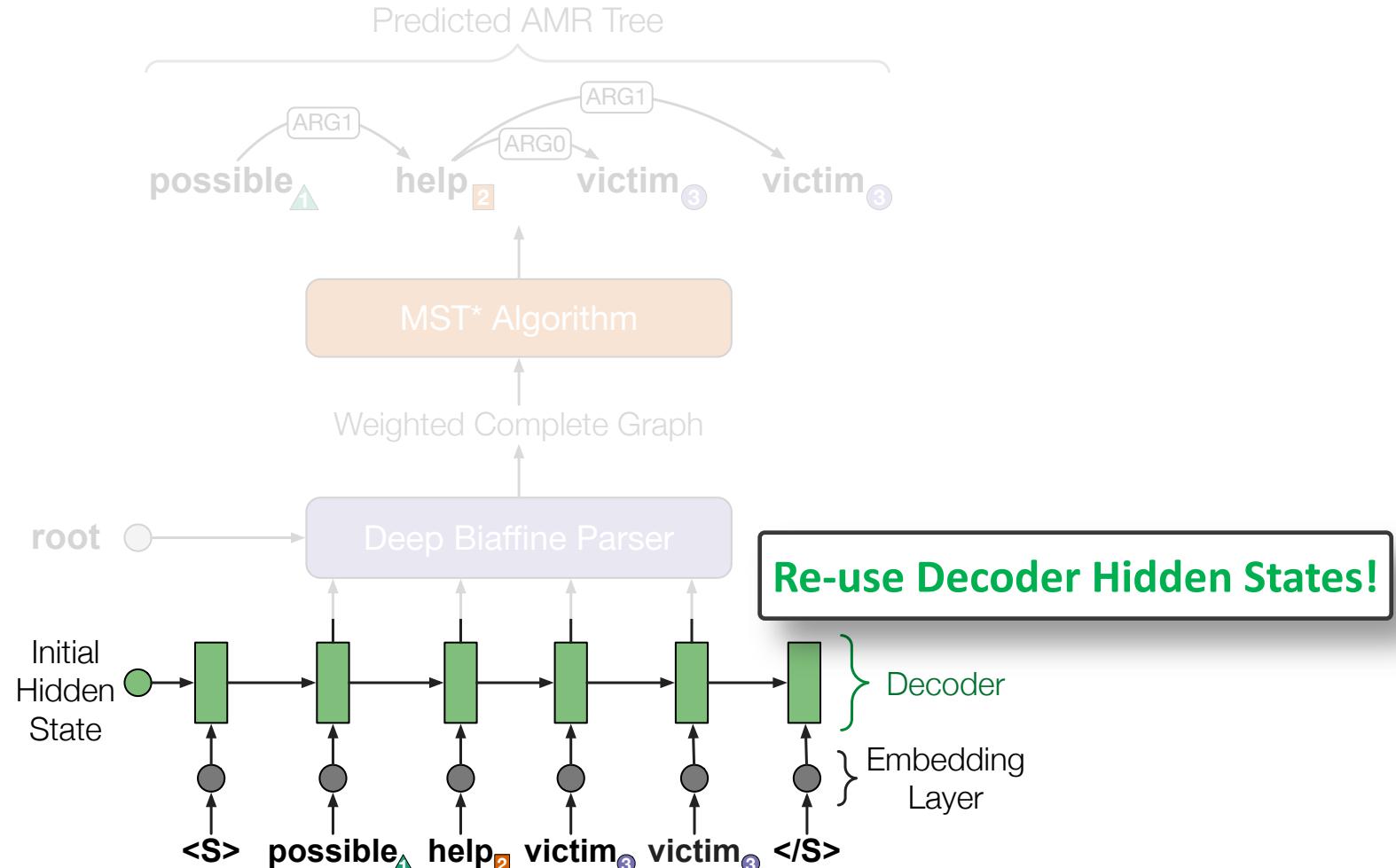
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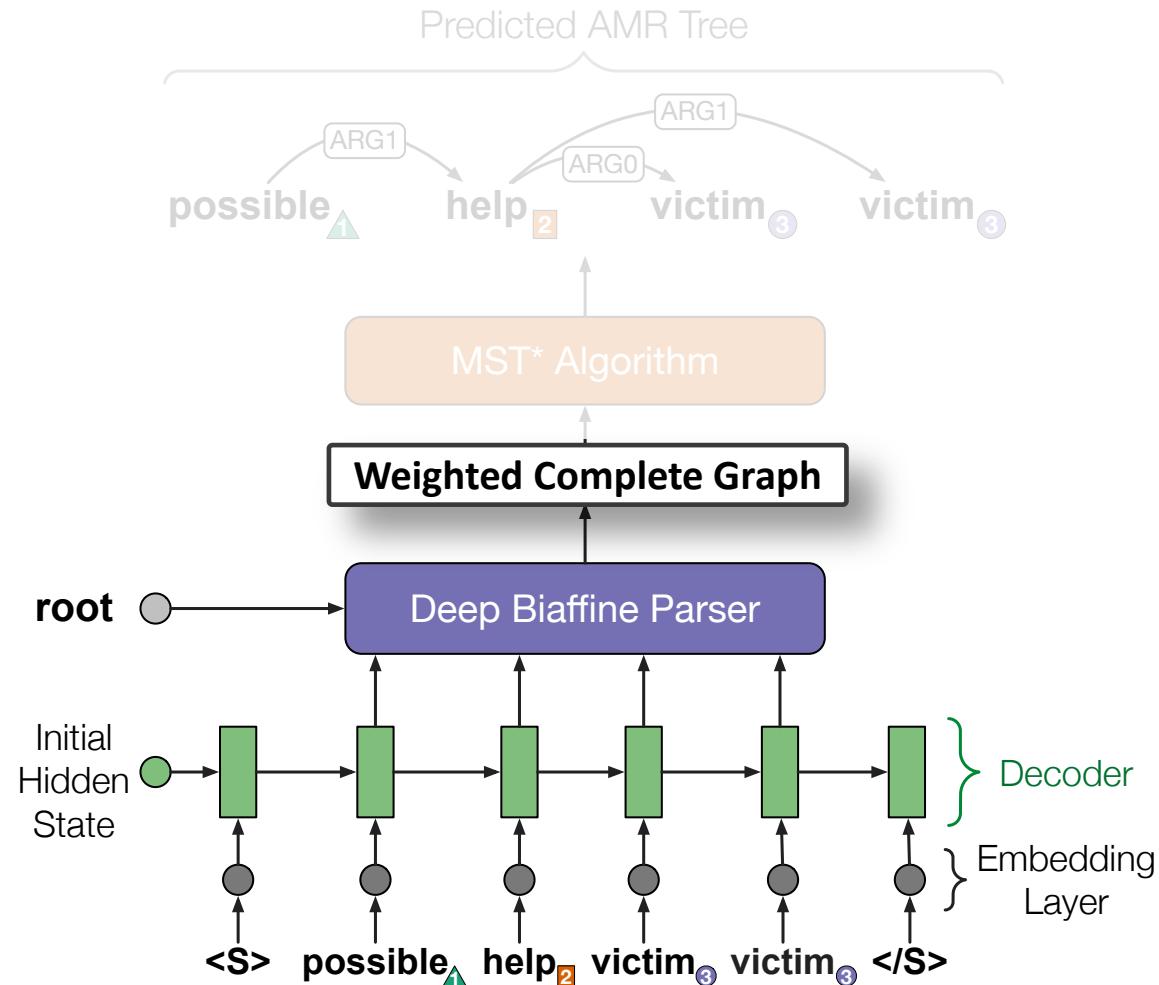
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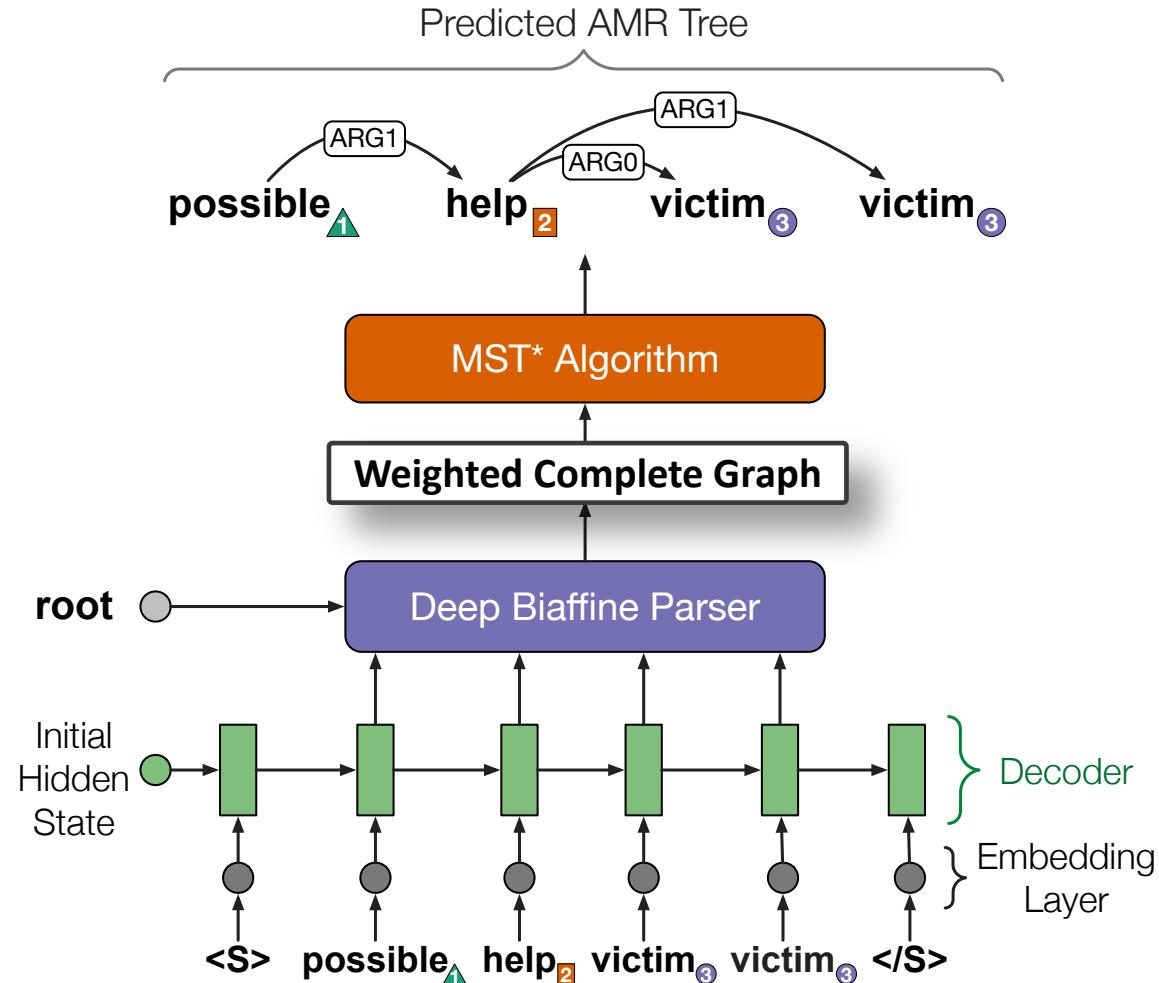
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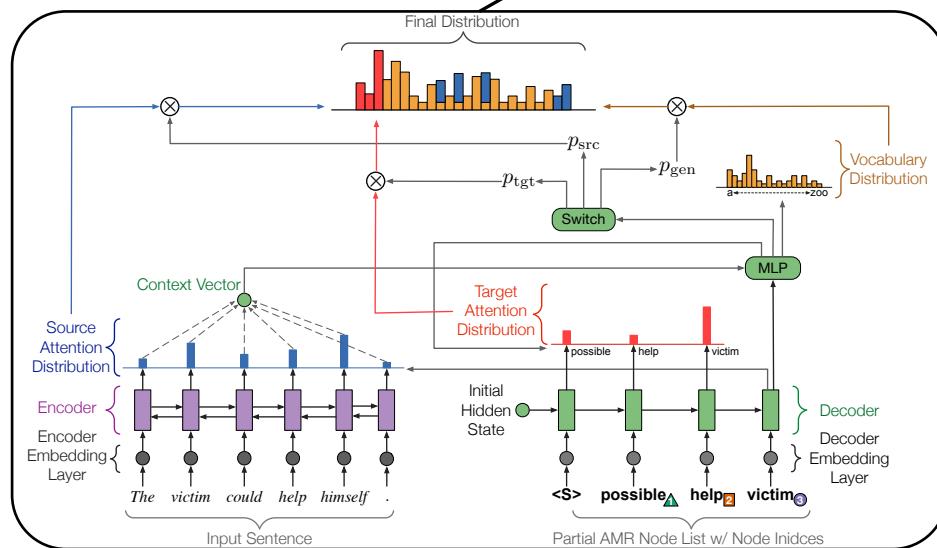


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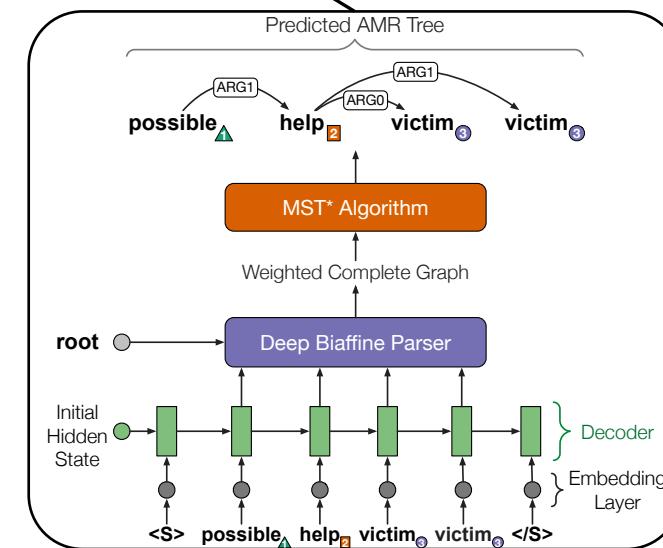


# Multi-task Learning

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{node}} + \lambda \mathcal{L}_{\text{edge}}$$



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Edge Prediction

# Experiments

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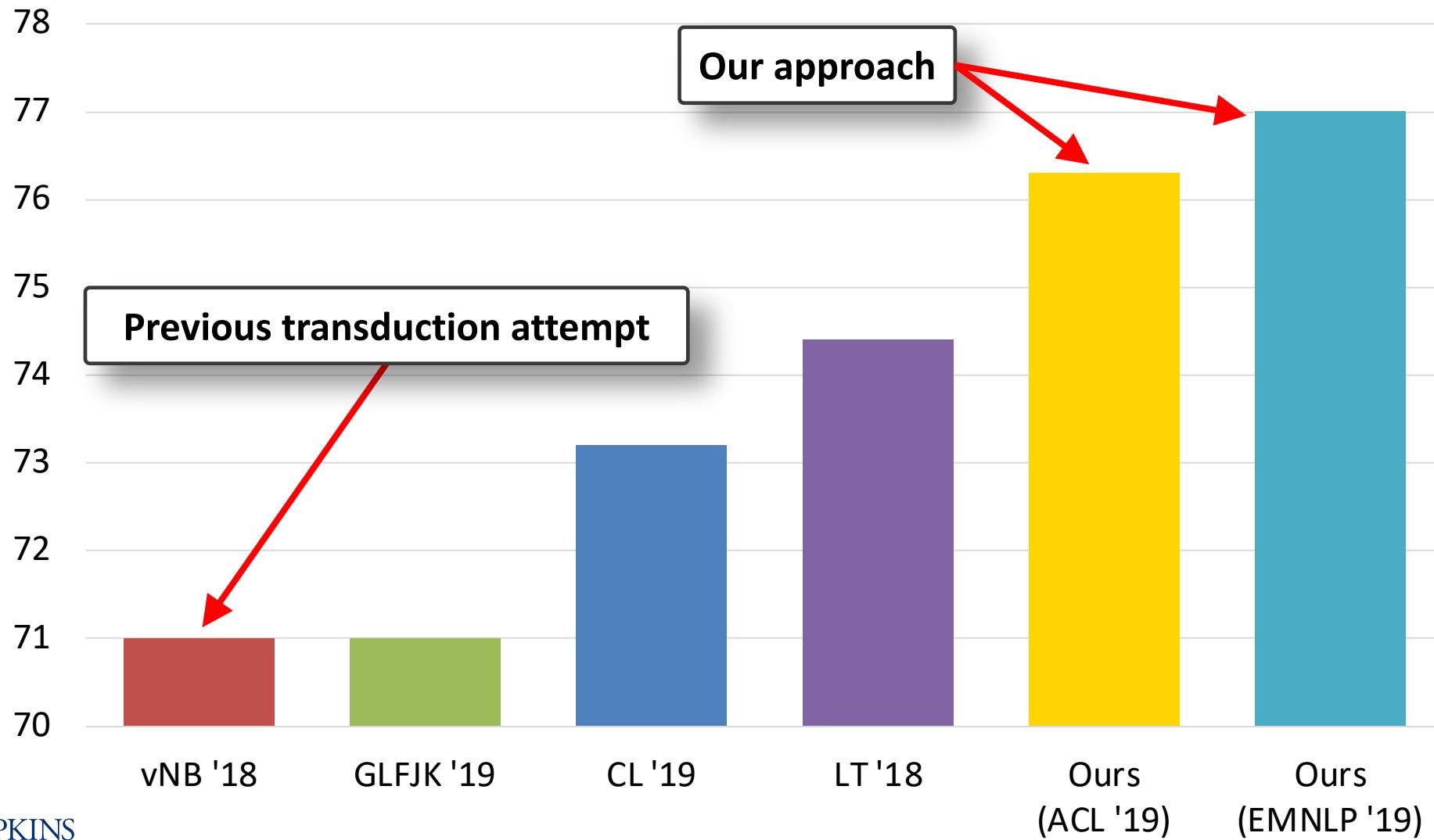
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## Metrics

- ▶ Smatch F1 (Cai and Knight, 2013)
- ▶ Fine-grained F-score (Damonte et al., 2017)

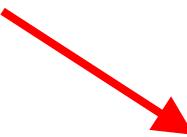
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Extended Pointer-  
Generator Modules



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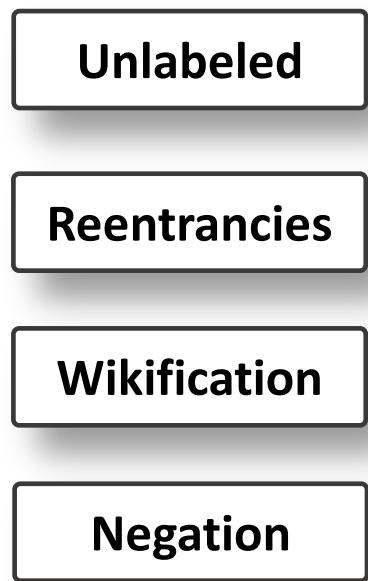
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Notable increase  
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Metric	vN'17	G'18	L'18	Ours
SMATCH	71	71	74	<b>76.3±0.1</b>
Unlabeled	74	74	77	<b>79.0±0.1</b>
No WSD	72	72	76	<b>76.8±0.1</b>
Reentrancies	52	49	52	<b>60.0±0.1</b>
Concepts	82	84	<b>86</b>	84.8±0.1
Named Ent.	79	78	<b>86</b>	77.9±0.2
Wikification	65	71	76	<b>85.8±0.3</b>
Negation	62	57	58	<b>75.2±0.2</b>
SRL	66	64	<b>70</b>	69.7±0.2

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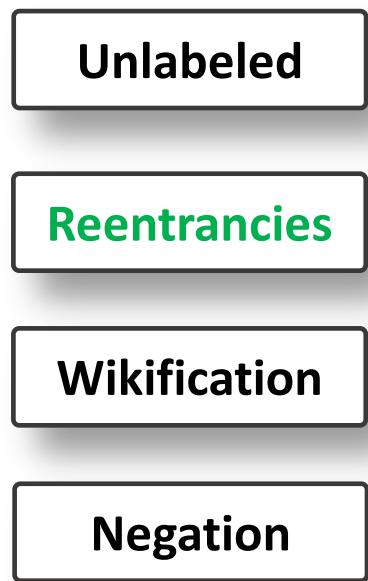
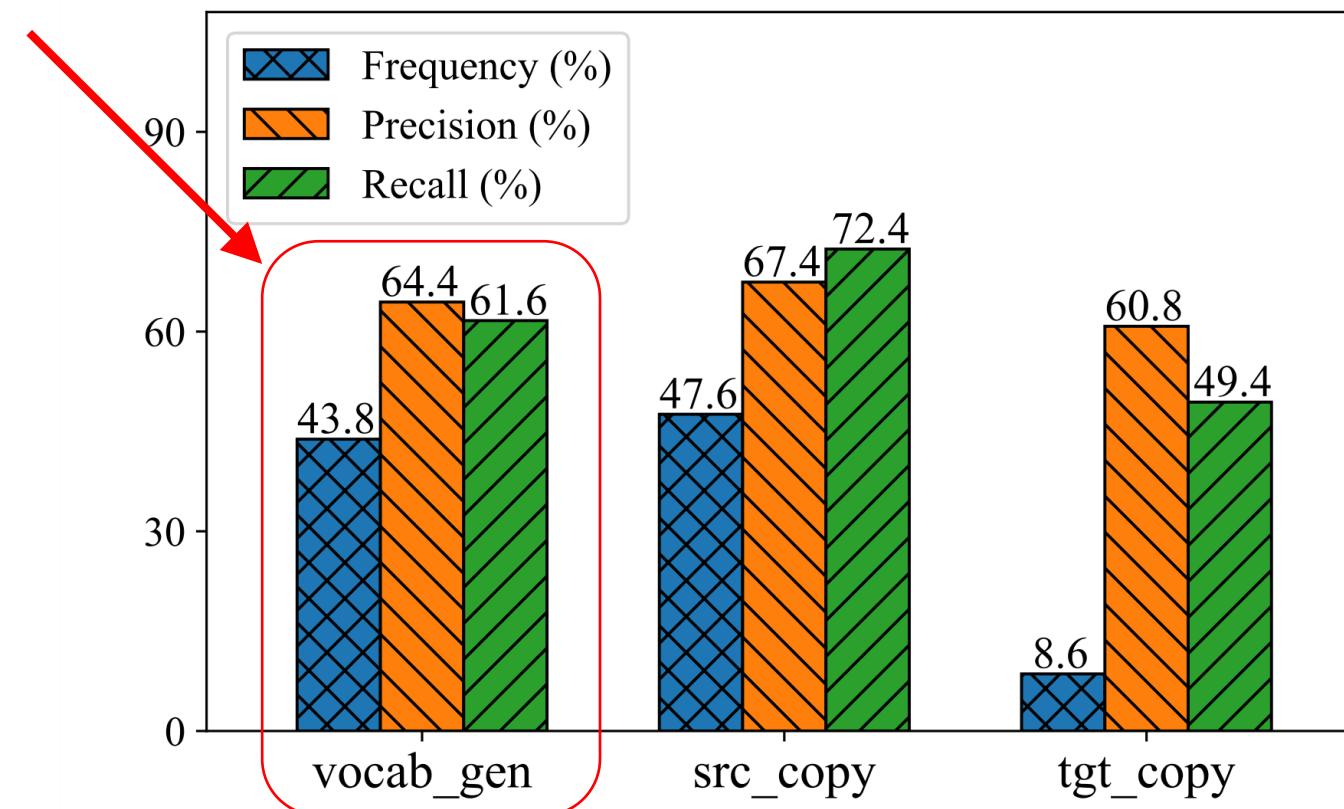


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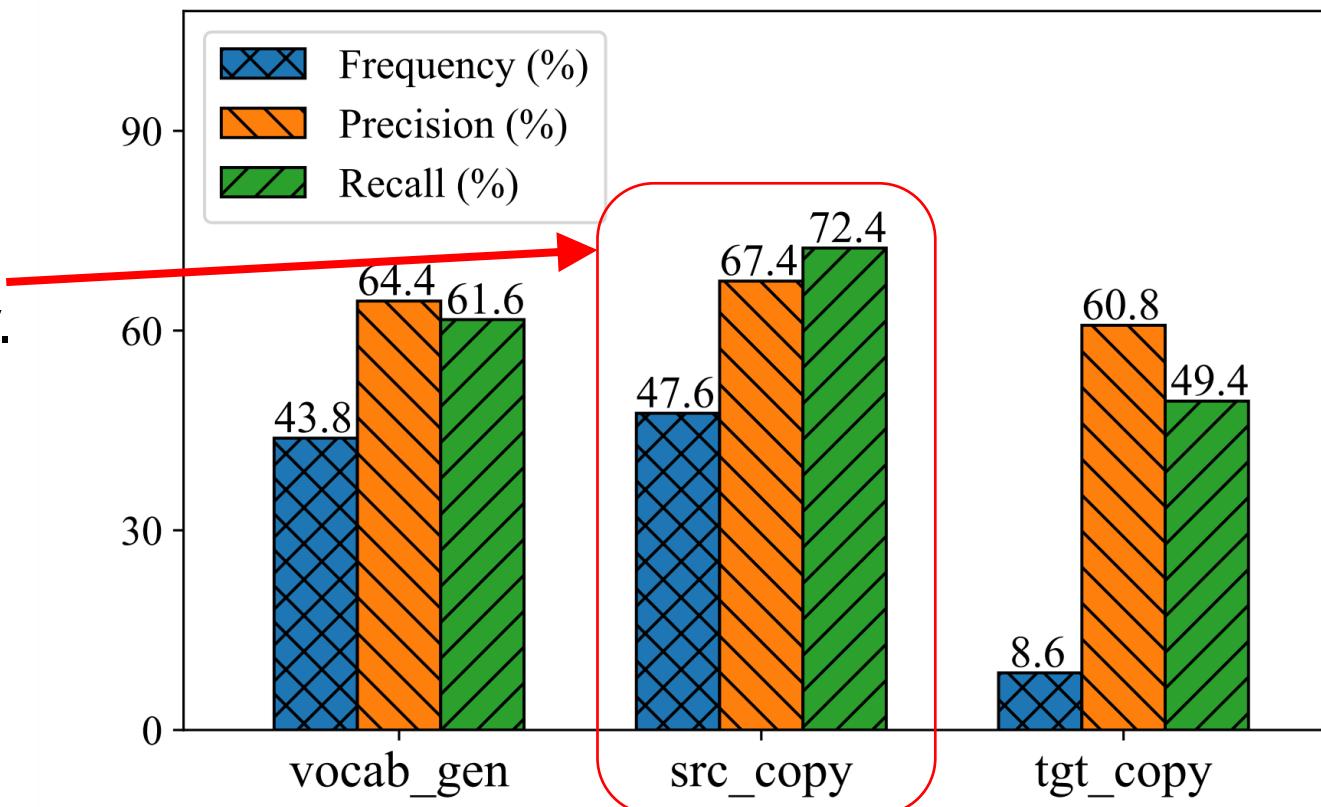
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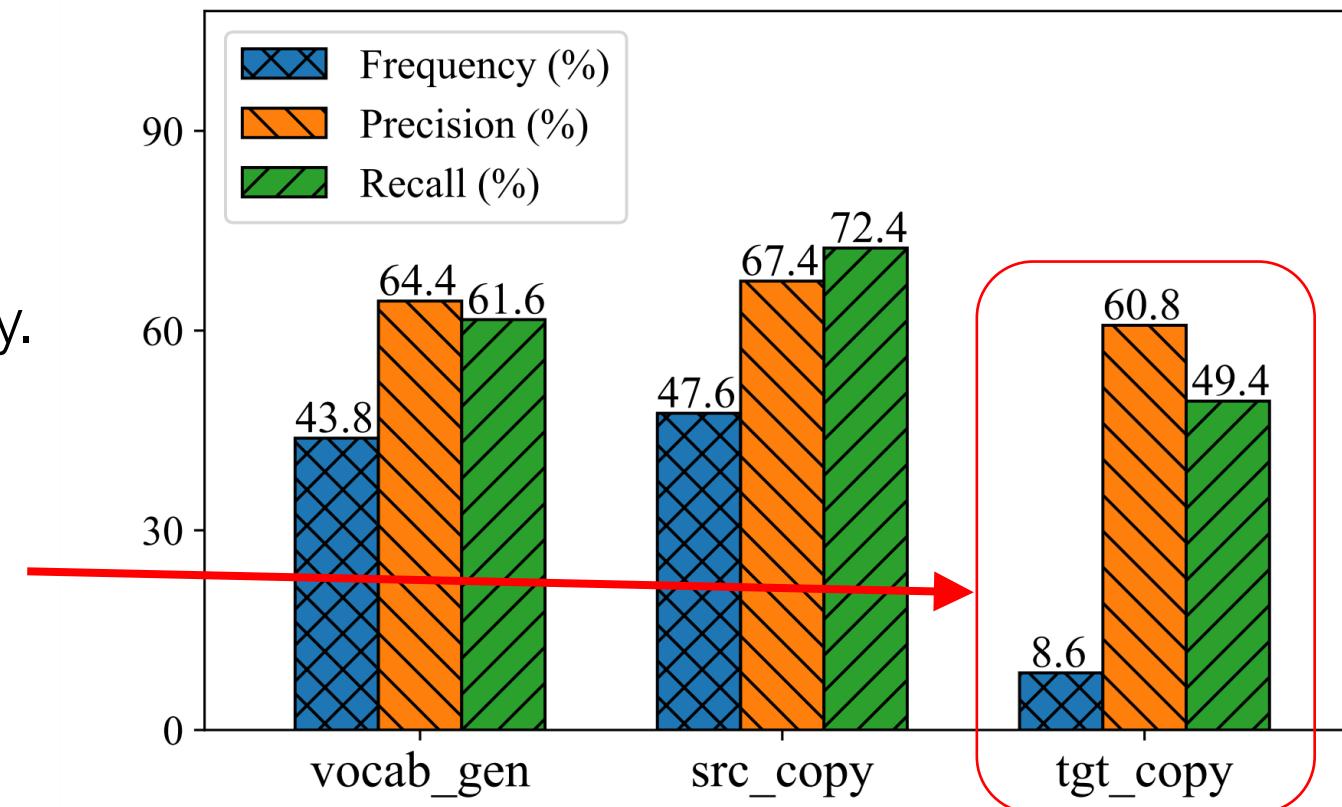


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# Code Released!

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**NLP-progress**

Model	Smatch	Paper / Source
Two-stage Sequence-to-Graph Transducer (Zhang et al., 2019)♥	76.3	<a href="#">AMR Parsing as Sequence-to-Graph Transduction</a>
Rewarding Smatch: Transition-Based AMR	75.5	<a href="#">Rewarding Smatch: Transition-Based</a>

Model Smatch Paper / Source

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Rewarding Smatch: Transition-Based AMR 75.5 [Rewarding Smatch: Transition-Based](#)

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Code for the AMR Parser in our ACL 2019 paper "[AMR Parsing as Sequence-to-Graph Transduction](#)".