

The Parallel Meaning Bank

A corpus of translations annotated
with formal meaning representations

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Lost in Translation - Found in Meaning



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Find differences



Alfred Nobel erfand 1866 das Dynamit.

Alfred Nobel invented dynamite in 1866.



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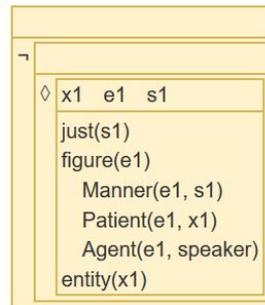
PMB, in general

Goals, main ideas & resources



Goals

Collect a large dataset of



Design formal meaning representations (MR)

- wide-coverage text
- X-lingual text

Learn (end-to-end) X-lingual semantic parsing

Study literal/non-literal translations from a MR perspective

Abzianidze, Bjerva, Evang, Haagsma, van Noord, Ludmann, Nguyen, Bos (2017): **The Parallel Meaning Bank: Towards a Multilingual Corpus of Translations Annotated with Compositional Meaning Representations.** EACL.

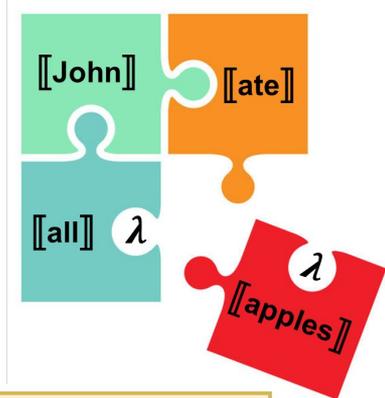
Compositional semantics

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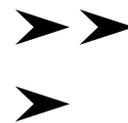
ago
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$t1$ $time(t1)$ $t1 \times v6$ $v6 \times now$ $Time(v5, t1)$

He $\lambda v1. (x1 ; male(x1)) * (v1 @ x1)$	days $\lambda v1. (measure(v1) ; Unit(v1, day))$	three $\lambda v1.\lambda v2. (Theme(v2, 3) ; (v1 @ v2))$	\emptyset $\lambda v1.\lambda v2. (x1 ; ((v1 @ x1); (v2 @ x1)))$	
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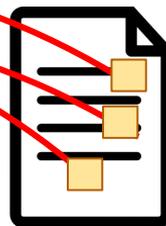
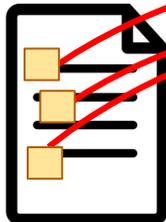
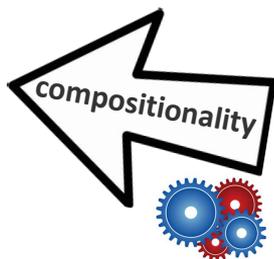


Idea behind the data collection



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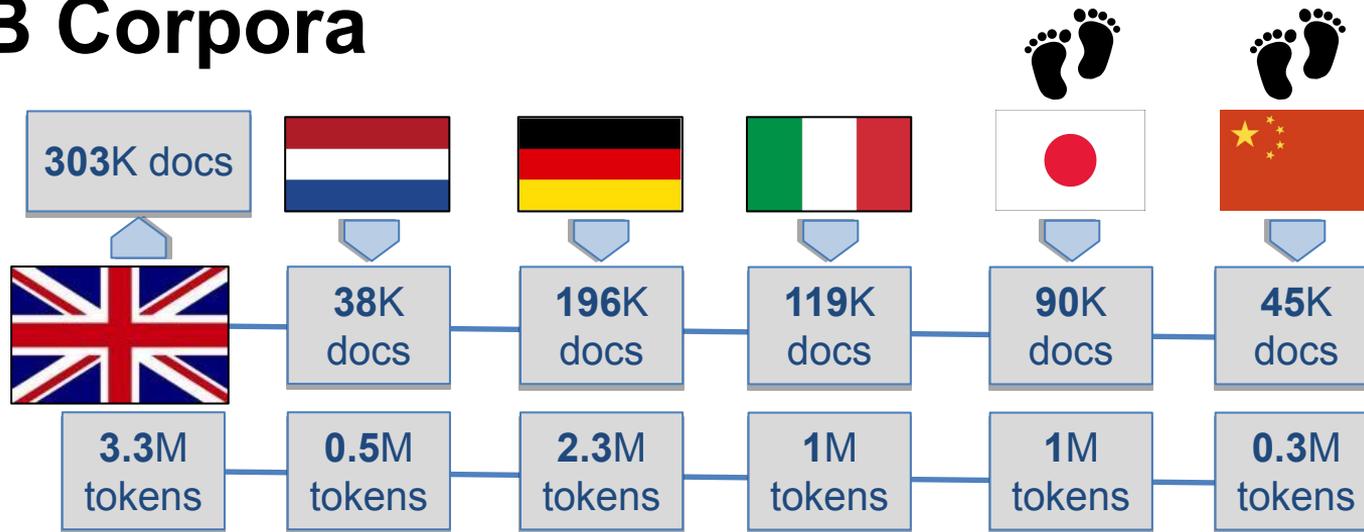
Compositional
Semantics



Projection of
lexical semantics



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From the GMB to the PMB



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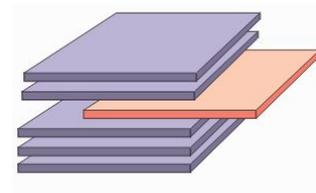


One language	Six languages
No affixes as tokens	Affixes can be a token
Lemmatization & Normalization	Symbolization
POS-tagging	Universal semantic tagging
C&C CCG parser	EasyCCG parser
CCG lexical rules	Empty elements

Johan Bos, Valerio Basile, Kilian Evang, Noortje Venhuizen, Johannes Bjerva (2017):
The Groningen Meaning Bank. In: Nancy Ide and James Pustejovsky (eds): Handbook of Linguistic Annotation

PMB annotation layers

What info is needed to get boxes for texts?



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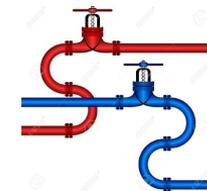


PMB Explorer

How do we annotate texts and get boxes?

PMB pipeline

From a raw text to a formal meaning representation



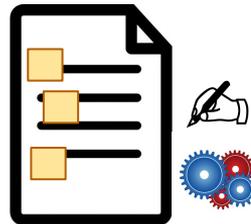
DRS parsing

End-to-end parsing & shared task

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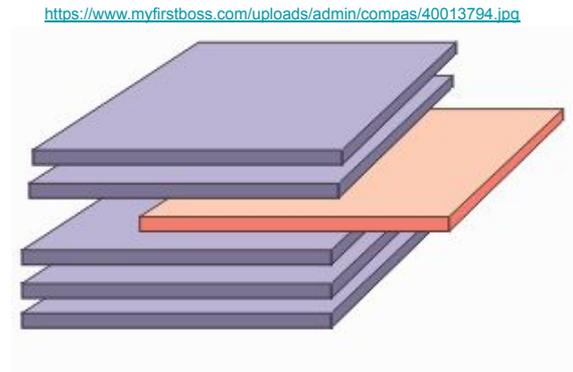
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Annotation Layers

- 1) Segmentation
- 2) Symbolization (~~lemmatization~~)
- 3) Word sense disambiguation (Wordnet 3.0; Miller, 1994)
- 4) Syntactic parsing (Combinatory Categorical Grammar)
- 5) Semantic role labeling (Verbnet roles; Bonial et al, 2011)
- 6) Semantic tagging (~~part-of-speech tagging~~)
- 7) Coreference resolution
- 8) Semantic parsing (Discourse representation theory)



Segmentation (sentence & token)



Split texts into sentences

John said "I won't go. I am lazy".

Split sentences into "meaningful atoms/words"

San~Diego, Secretary~of~State,
Royal~Bank~of~Scotland, IFK~Göteborg,
Baseball~club, knitting~needles,
ten - year - old, as~soon~as,...

Segmentation (STOI labeling)



Character-based, i.e. label characters

Each character gets one of the four labels:

S start of a **S**entence

T start of a **T**oken

O **O**utside of a token

Security sources in Yemen say tribesmen have blown up an oil pipeline in retaliation for
Officials say tribesman in eastern Maarib province sabotaged the pipeline
Saturday, after government forces raided the homes of tribal leaders who
be harboring al-Qaida operatives.
On Wednesday, more than 20 people were wounded when security forces clashed with tribesmen
Aqili is wanted for the death of a senior army officer, killed in an ambush last Saturday

- S (start of sentence)**
- T (start of token)**
- I (in token)**
- O (not part of token)**

Symbolization



Mapping tokens to non-logical symbols

- Lemmatization:
 - morphological analysis
- Normalization:
 - canonical form

token	symbol
third	3
John	john
played	play
2:30~pm	14:30
2,5~million	2500000
km	kilometer

Word Sense Disambiguation



Assign sense numbers to non-logical symbols

- Noun concepts:
 - named entities
 - pronouns (gender)
- Verb concepts
- Adjective concepts
- Adverb concepts

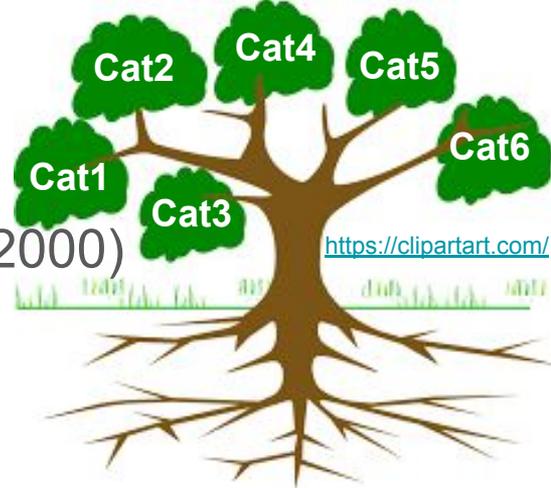
Some token/symbols get no WN sense

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Syntactic Parsing

Combinatory Categorical Grammar (Steedman, 2000)

- Goes well with compositional semantics
- Lexicalized grammar
- Efficient and wide-coverage CCG parsers



His NP/(N/PP)	cell~phone N/PP	is (S[dc]l\NP)/(S[adj]\NP)	off S[adj]\NP	. S[dc]l\S[dc]l
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His cell~phone
NP

is off
S[dc]l\NP

His cell~phone is off
S[dc]l

His cell~phone is off .
S[dc]l

C&C (Clark & Curran, 2007)

EasyCCG (Lewis & Steedman, 2014)

EasySRL (Lewis et al., 2016)

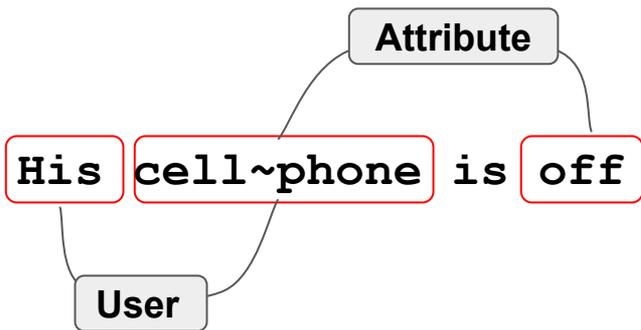
DepCCG (Yoshikawa et al, 2017)

Semantic Role Labeling



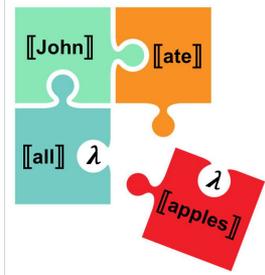
Detect what role each participant has wrt to the event

- Shallow semantic parsing
- Generalize over the order and the number of participants
- VerbNet roles* https://uvi.colorado.edu/uvi_search



His	cell~phone	is	off	.
[User]	[]	[]	[Attribute]	[]
NP/(N/PP)	N/PP	(S[dc]l\NP)/(S[adj]\NP)	S[adj]\NP	S[dc]l\S[dc]l
His cell~phone		is off		
NP		S[dc]l\NP		
His cell~phone is off				
S[dc]l				
His cell~phone is off .				
S[dc]l				

Motivation for semantic tagging



He left three days ago .

ago
 $\lambda v1.\lambda v2.\lambda v3.\lambda v4. ((v2 @ v3) @ \lambda v5. (v1 @ \lambda v6. (t1 : (v4 @ v5))))$

time:(t1)
 $t1 \times v6$
 $v6 \lambda \text{now}$
 $\text{Time}(v5, t1)$

days
 $\lambda v1. \text{Unit}(v1, \text{day})$

three
 $\lambda v1.\lambda v2. (\text{Theme}(v2, 3) : (v1 @ v2))$

left
 $\lambda v1.\lambda v2. (v1 @ \lambda v3. (e1 t1 : (v2 @ e1)))$

leave(e1)
 $\text{Theme}(e1, v3)$
 $\text{time}(t1)$
 $t1 = \text{now}$

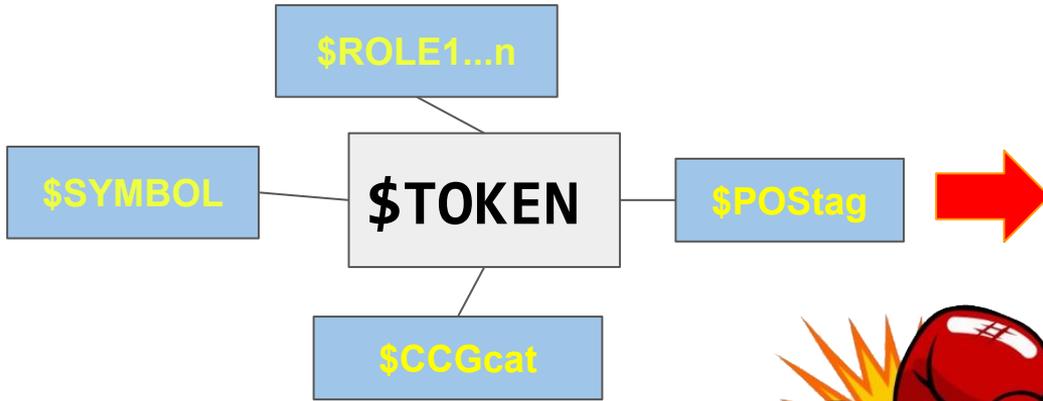
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 $\lambda v1. (x1 \text{male}(x1))$

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t2 X now			
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Detecting lexical semantics



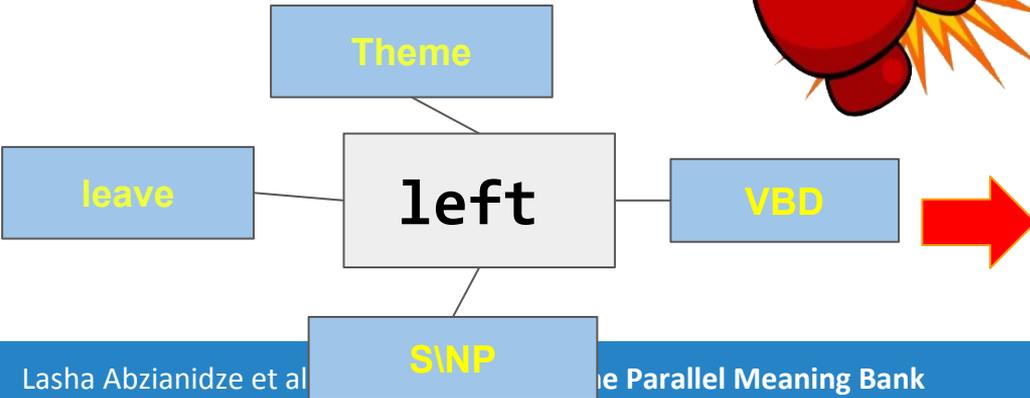
\$TOKEN
 $\lambda v1.\lambda v2. (v1 @ \lambda v3. ($

e1	t1
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 $); (v2 @ e1))$
\$SYMBOL(e1)
 Time(e1, t1)
\$ROLE1(e1, v3)
 time(t1)
 t1 < now



Boxer (Bos, 2008)



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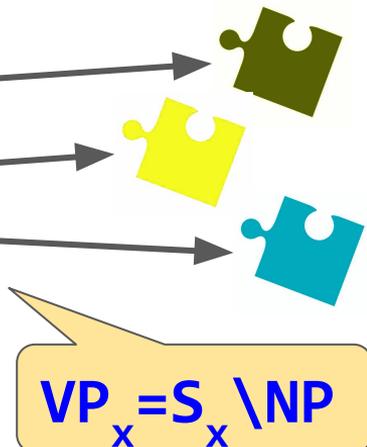
POS and CCG tags



Which lexical semantics to assign to word tokens?

- [07/1937](#) I **have** gone to the cinema **VBP**
- [00/1564](#) I **have** a big dog **VBP**
- [00/2206](#) I **have** to warn him **VBP**

VP_{dcl} / VP_{pt}
 VP_{dcl} / NP_{pt}
 VP_{dcl} / VP_{to}



But what about these cases?

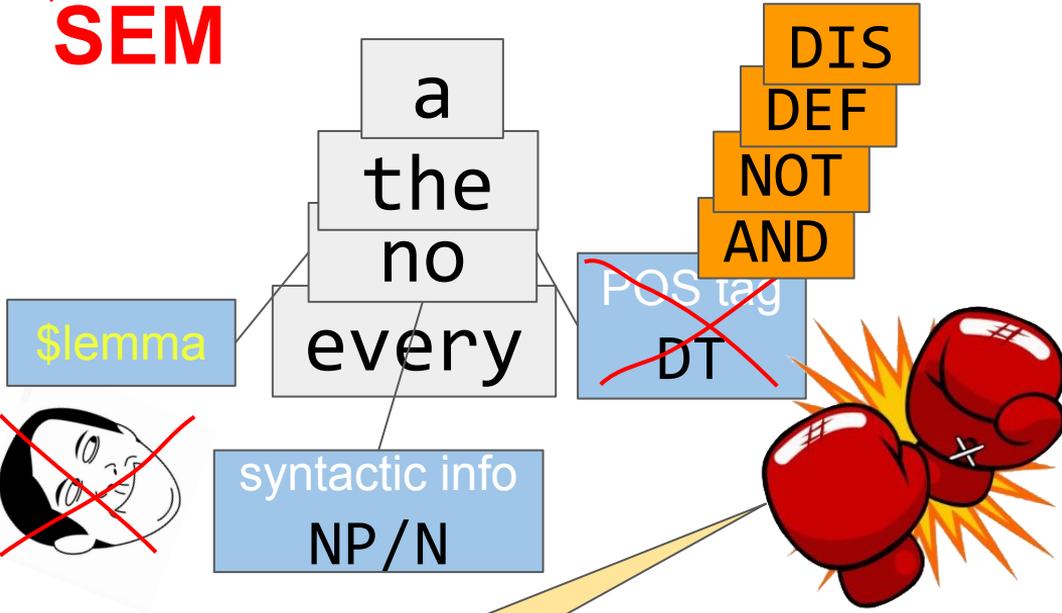
- **and, or, but**
- **a(n)/every/no/the/some/each/these/(n)either...**
- **ill / skillful / fake** professor

CC conj
DT NP/N
JJ N/N



~~POS~~ and CCG tags (2)

SEM



neutral
~~Language-dependent~~

a
 $\lambda v1.\lambda v2. (\boxed{x1} ; ((v1 @ x1) ; (v2 @ x1)))$

the
 $\lambda v1.\lambda v2. ((\boxed{x1} ; (v1 @ x1)) * (v2 @ x1))$

No
 $\lambda v1.\lambda v2. \neg (\boxed{x1} ; ((v1 @ x1) ; (v2 @ x1)))$

every
 $\lambda v1.\lambda v2.\lambda v3.\lambda v4. (\boxed{x1} ; (v1 @ x1)) \Rightarrow ((v2 @ v3) @ \lambda v5. (\boxed{} ; (v4 @ v5)))$
Time(v5, x1)

Semantic Tagging

Semantic tags define semantic contribution of a token wrt formal compositional semantics

They are more informative for comp. sem. than POS tags

token	symbol	sense	semtag
third	3		ORD
John	john	male.n.02	PER
played	play	play.v.03	EPS
2:30~pm	14:30		CLO
2,5~million	2500000		QUC
km	kilometer		UOM

- Generalizes over POS tags and Named Entity classes
- Specially designed for semantics
- Better complements CCG categories

Universal Semantic Tagset



71 semantic tags into 13 groups

Unnamed Entity

- CON Concept
- ROL Role
- GRP Group

Attribute

- QUC Concrete quantity
- QUV Vague quantity
- COL Colour
- IST Intersective
- SST Subjective
- PRI Privative
- DEG Degree
- INT Intensifier
- REL Relation
- SCO Score

Tense & Aspect

- NOW Present tense
- PST Past tense
- FUT Future tense
- PRG Progressive
- PFT Perfect

Anaphoric

- PRO Anaphoric & deictic pronoun
- DEF Definite
- HAS Possessive pro.
- REF Reflexive & reciprocal pro.
- EMP Emphasizing pro.

Temporal Entity

- DAT Full date
- DOM Day of Month
- YOC Year of century
- DOW Day of week
- MOY Month of year
- DEC Decade
- CLO Clocktime

Speech Act

- GRE Greeting & parting
- ITJ Interjections & exclamations
- HES Hesitation
- QUE Interrogative

Deixis

- DXP Place deixis
- DXT Temporal deixis
- DXD Discourse deixis

Modality

- NOT Negation
- NEC Necessity
- POS Possibility

Comparative

- EQU Equative
- MOR Comparative positive
- LES Comparative negative
- TOP Superlative positive
- BOT Superlative negative
- ORD

Logical

- ALT Alternatives & repetitions
- XCL Exclusive
- NIL Empty semantics
- DIS Disjunction & existential quantif.
- IMP Implication
- AND Conjunction & universal quantif.

Events

- EXS Untensed simple
- ENS Present simple
- EPS Past simple
- EXG Untensed progressive
- EXT Untensed perfect

Discourse

- SUB Subordinate relation
- COO Coordinate relation
- ~~CON~~ Conjunction
- BUT Contrast

Named Entity

- PER Person
- GPE Geo-political entity
- GPO Geo-political origin
- LOC Geographical location
- ORG Organization
- ART Artifact
- HAP Happening
- UOM Unit of measurement
- CTC Contact info
- ~~URL~~ URL
- LIT Literal use of names
- NTH Other names

Coreference Resolution



Link pronouns, named entities and definite noun phrases to their antecedents

∅ Sharon-Osbourne is replacing ∅ Brandy as a judge on the U.S. reality TV series America's-Got-Talent .
The 54 - year - old wife / ∅ manager of ∅ rock singer Ozzy-Osbourne will debut May 29 , when the televised talent contest commences its 202,209: contest second season .

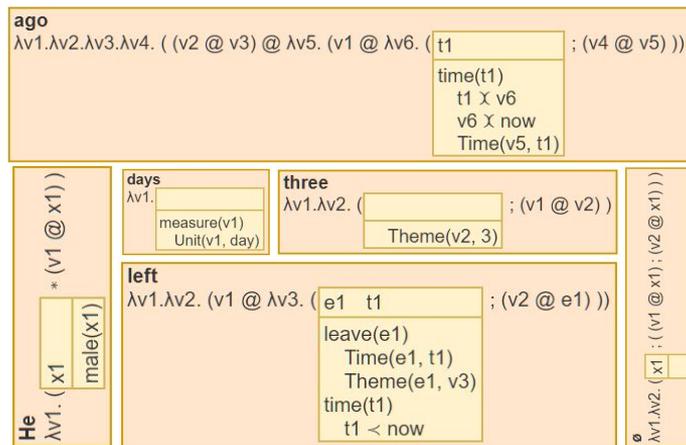
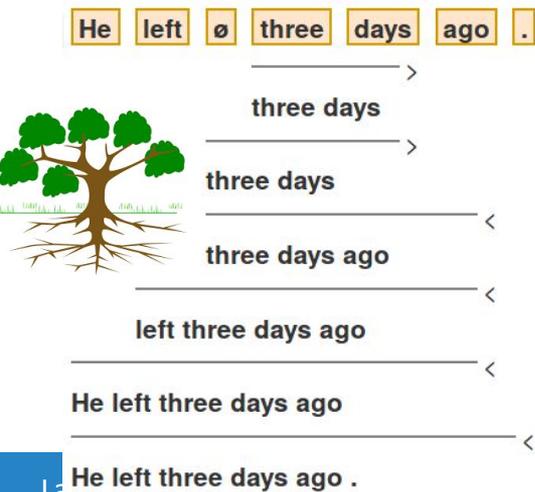
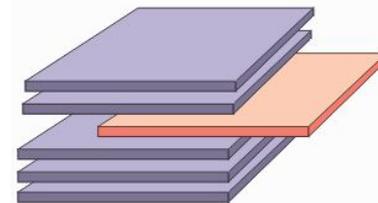
She 0,15: Sharon-Osbourne will join ∅ returning judges David-Hasselhoff and ∅ British media figure Piers-Morgan .

∅ Talk-show host Jerry-Springer will host the contest , which carries a \$ 1-million prize .

∅ Twenty-eight - year - old singer Brandy-Norwood was involved in a December 30 car crash in ∅ Los-Angeles which claimed the life of a 38 - year - old woman 29,35: Brandy

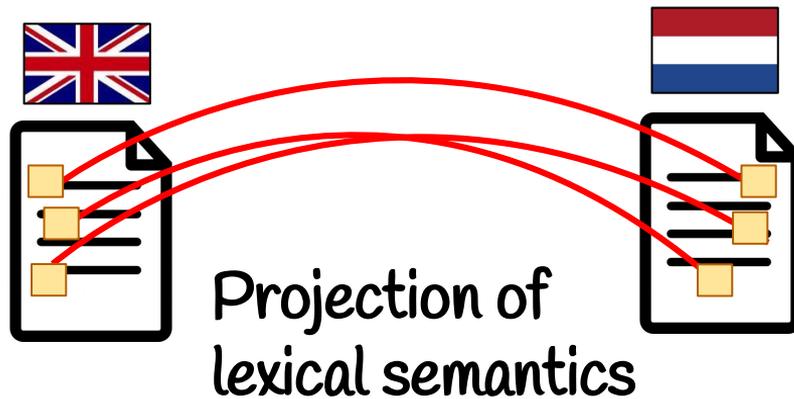
Semantic Parsing (i.e. boxing)

He PRO male male.n.02 [] O NP	left EPS leave leave.v.01 [Theme] S[dcl]\NP	∅ DIS ∅ O [] NP/N	three QUC 3 O [Quantity] N/N	days UOM day day.n.01 [] O N	ago PST ago O [] ((S\NP)\(S\NP))\NP	. NIL O [] S[dcl]\S[dcl]
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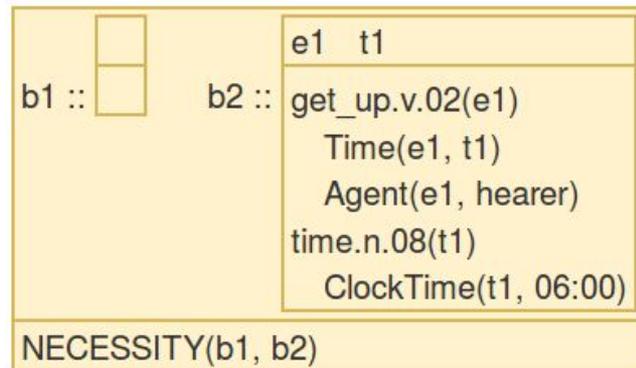
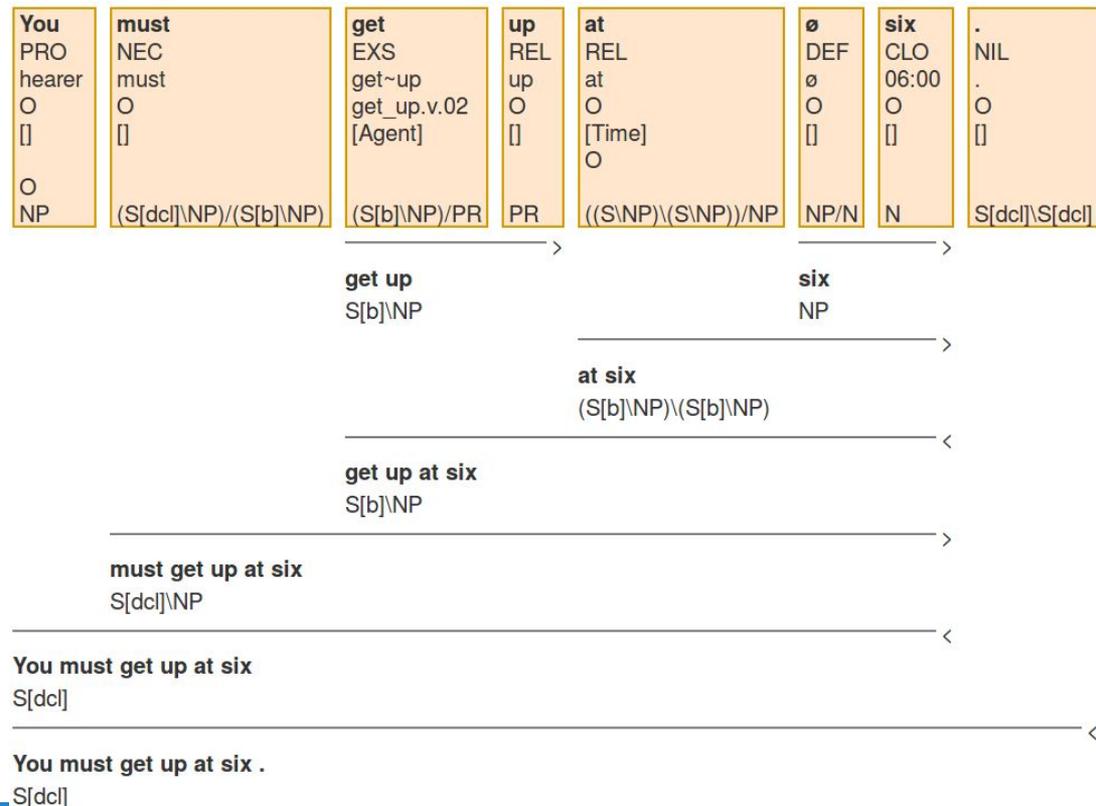
What about the word **Parallel** in PMB?



Compositionality Projection



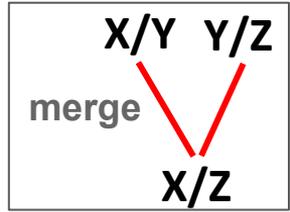
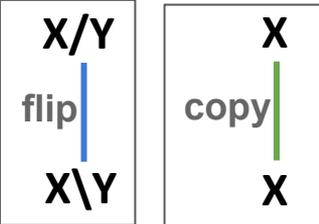
64/2196 You must get up at six.



Compositionality



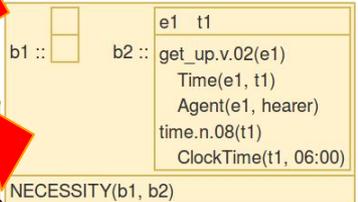
Projection (2)



64/2196 You must get up at six.

You PRO hearer O [] O NP	must NEC must O [] (S[dc]l\NP)/(S[b]NP)	get EXS get~up get_up.v.02 [Agent] (S[b]NP)/PR	up REL up O [] PR	at REL at O [Time] O ((S\NP)\(S\NP))/NP	∅ DEF ∅ O [] NP/N	six CLO 06:00 O [] N	. NIL . O [] S[dc]l\S[dc]l
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64/2196 Du musst um sechs aufstehen.

Evang & Bos (COLING 2016)

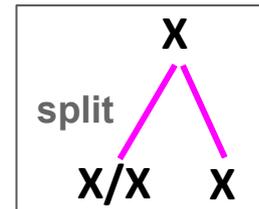
Compositionality



Projection (3)

22/1871 He left three days ago

He PRO male male.n.02 [] O NP	left EPS leave leave.v.01 [Theme] S[dc] \ NP	∅ DIS ∅ O [] NP/N	three QUC 3 O [Quantity] N/N	days UOM day day.n.01 [] O N	ago PST ago O [] ((S \ NP) \ (S \ NP)) \ NP	. NIL . O [] S[dc] \ S[dc]
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Hij PRO male male.n.02 [] O NP	is NOW is O [] (S[dc] \ NP) / (S[pt] \ NP)	∅ DIS ∅ O [] NP/N	drie QUC 3 O [Quantity] N/N	dagen UOM day day.n.01 [] O N	geleden PST ago O [] ((S[dc] \ NP) \ (S[dc] \ NP)) \ NP	vertrokken EXT leave leave.v.01 [Theme] S[pt] \ NP	. NIL . O [] S[dc] \ S[dc]
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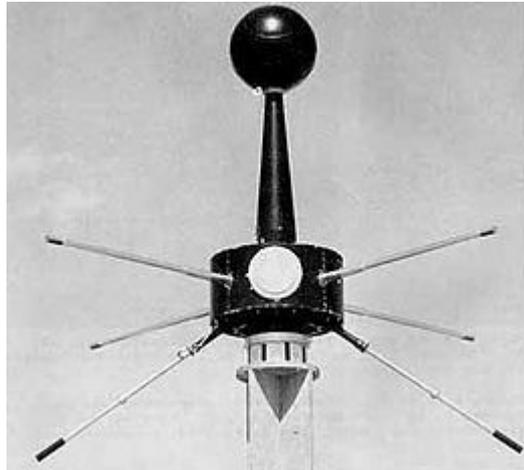
22/1871 Hij is drie dagen geleden vertrokken.

Evang & Bos (COLING 2016)

PMB Explorer

How do we annotate texts and get boxes?

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The PMB explorer



Online annotation environment

Collaborative annotation:

<https://pmb.let.rug.nl/explorer>

- Machines The PMB pipeline

- Experts

- The crowd Any registered user can annotate documents
Non-registered users can only view certain documents

Distinguish Gold/Silver/Bronze annotation layers:



Manually verified

Has a BoW

Has no BoWs

Explorer interface

[62/2622](#) Melanie is drinking milk.

Parallel MEANING BANK 11 Filters 62/2622

EN IT NL JA ZH

raw tokens sentences discourse 5 bits of wisdom 0 warnings metadata

Show: sem sym sns rol scp ref cat drs ptr + unfold all

+ show all layers

Mark gold: sem sym sns rol scp ref cat

1 +	ø DEF ø O [] NP/N	Melanie PER melanie female.n.02 [] O N	is NOW be O [] (S[dcI]NP)/(S[ng]NP)	drinking EXG drink drink.v.01 [Patient,Agent] (S[ng]NP)/NP	ø DIS ø O [] NP/N	milk CON milk milk.n.01 [] N	. NIL . O [] S[dcI]S[dcI]
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Semantic comparison of translations

62/2622



Melanie is drinking milk.

Melanie sta bevendo del latte.

Melanie drinkt melk.

メラニーは牛乳を飲んでいきます。

梅拉妮在喝牛奶。

b2

```

b1 ← x1  b2 ← x2  b2 ← e1  b2 ← t1
b1 ← female.n.02(x1)
b1 ← Name(x1, melanie)
b2 ← time.n.08(t1)
b2 ← t1 = now
b2 ← drink.v.01(e1)
b2 ← Time(e1, t1)
b2 ← Patient(e1, x2)
b2 ← Agent(e1, x1)
b2 ← milk.n.01(x2)
    
```



F = 0.8421

F = 1

F = 0.8235

b1

b2

b2

```

b1 ← e1  b2 ← x1  b1 ← t1
b2 ← female.n.02(x1)
b2 ← Name(x1, melanie)
b1 ← time.n.08(t1)
b1 ← t1 = now
b1 ← drink.v.01(e1)
b1 ← Time(e1, t1)
b1 ← Agent(e1, x1)
b1 ← milk.n.01(e1)
    
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b2 ← Patient(e1, x2)
b2 ← Agent(e1, x1)
    
```



Additional features of the explorer



Word search (for search & batch annotation)

Phrase search

Statistics page

Monitoring errored documents

The PMB Doctor: identify potentially sick annotations

Annotation conflict detection

Division of gold/silver/bronze documents

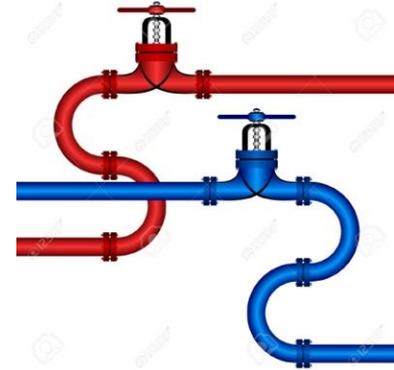
All documents:

	All layers gold	All layers at least silver	At least one layer silver	All layers bronze
English	9,103	407	120,516	173,182
German	2,143	20	7,657	186,380
Italian	1,167	15	4,804	113,221
Dutch	1,135	14	2,219	35,106
Japanese	2	0	991	89,048
Chinese	0	0	0	0

6474 warnings for English:

Docs Example

```
2659 ERROR Counter for en: Type clash
959 ERROR Counter for en: More than one non-subordinating boxes
883 ERROR Counter for en: Subordinate relation has a loop
504 ERROR Counter for en: unknown clause
458 ERROR: recipe failed: 'set -e set -o pipefail mkdir -p log/easyccg cat out/pNN/dNNNN/de.tok | ./src/python/add_supertag_constraints.py
208 ERROR Counter for en: Expected to be visually independent
183 ERROR: unable to preprocess derivation N
64 ERROR: recipe failed: 'set -e set -o pipefail mkdir -p log/easyccg cat out/pNN/dNNNN/nl.tok | ./src/python/add_supertag_constraints.py
60 WARNING: no syntax for sentence N.
58 WARNING: Tok/sym/sem/ccg layers do not have same amount of lines - apply rule-based role labeling
```



PMB pipeline

From a raw text to a formal meaning representation

(Language-neutral) annotation tools



☹️ Segmentation: **elephant** (Evang et al., 2013)

- Symbolization: **Morpha** (+ rule-based)
- Word sense disambiguation (Wordnet 3.0): rule-based

☹️ Syntactic parsing: **EasyCCG** (Lewis & Steedman, 2014)

- Semantic role labeling (Verbnet roles): **CRF tagger**

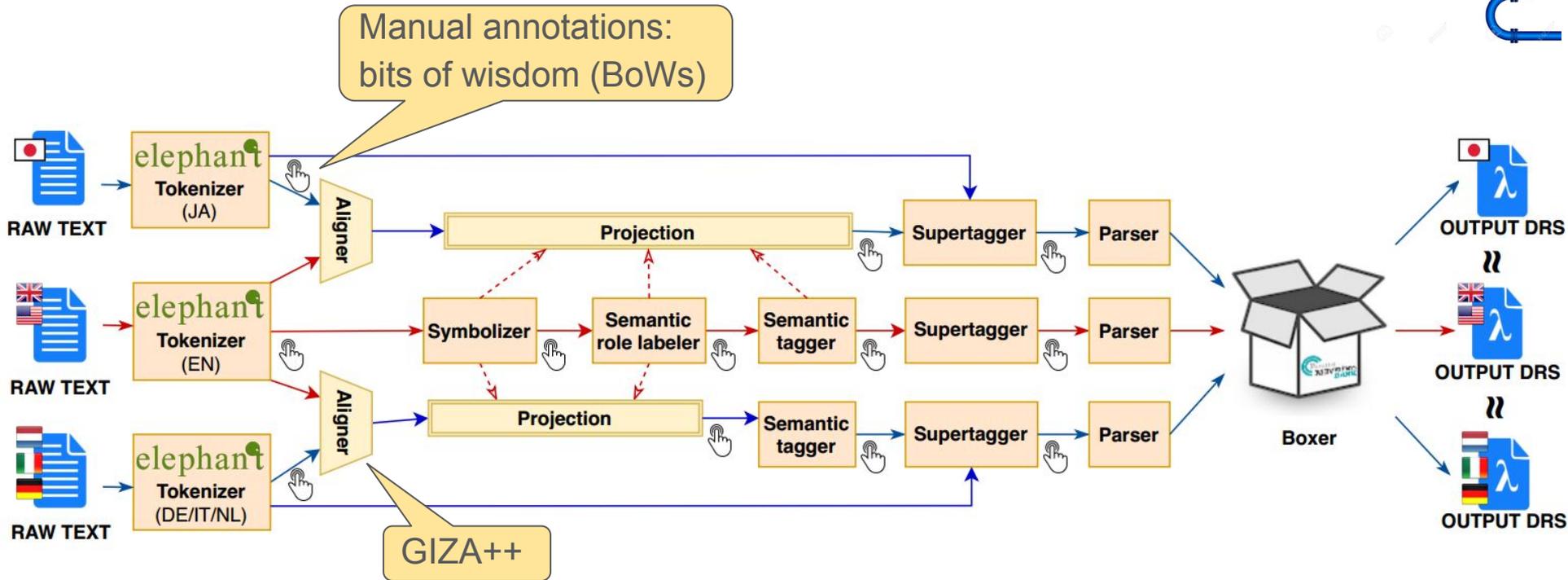
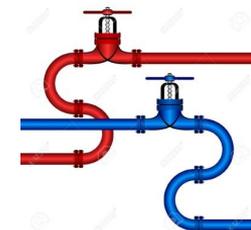
☹️ Semantic tagging: **TnT tagger** (Brants, 2000)

☹️ Semantic parsing with DRT: **Boxer** (Bos, 2008; 2015)

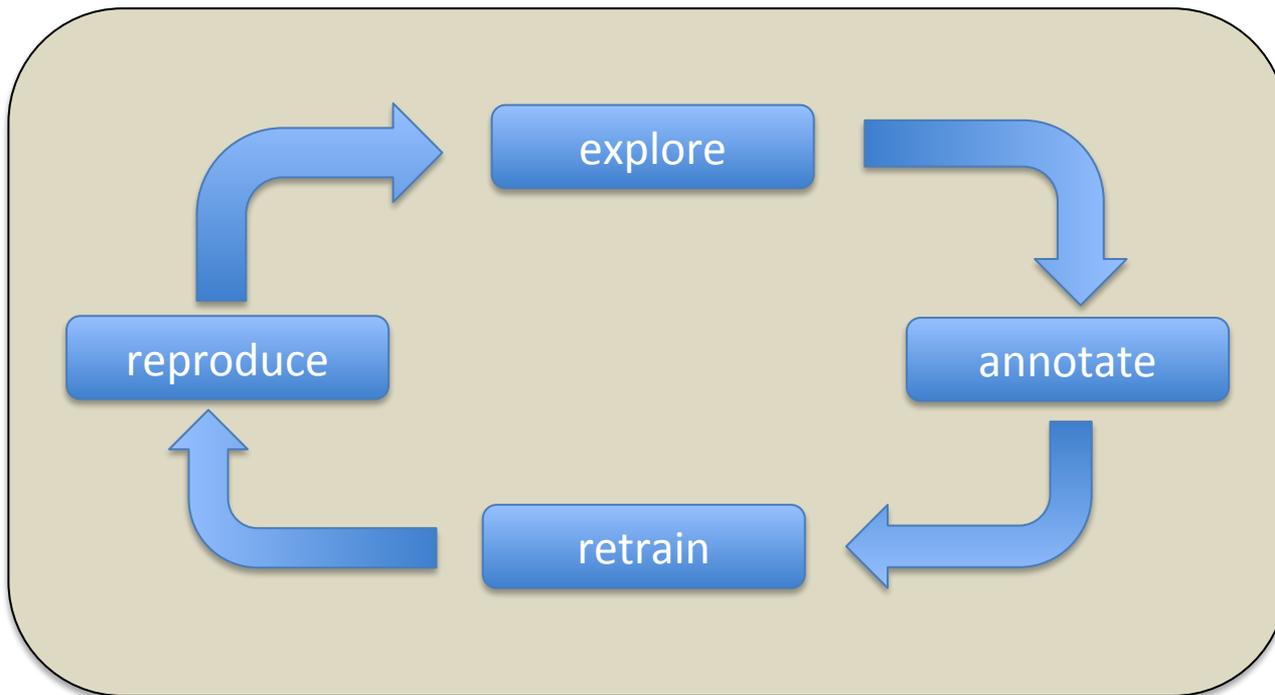
Language neutral: same system
with language-specific models



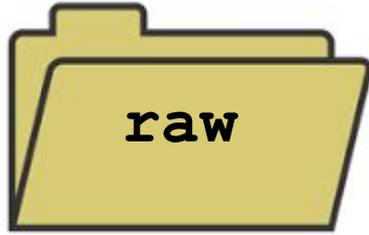
The PMB pipeline



Semantic Annotation: the REAR cycle



Input & Output



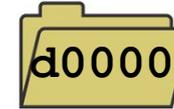
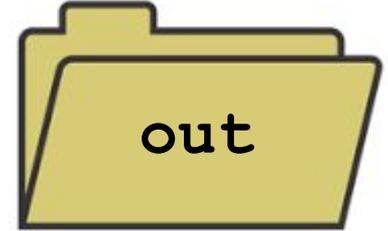
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Stand-off annotations



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Annotation conflicts

Initial tokenizer output

Tom bought a new book in New York

Annotate to fix New~York

Tom bought a new book in New~York

Label as gold standard

Tom bought a new book in New~York

Retrain tokenizer, which now makes a mistake!

Tom bought a new~book in New~York

Compare new tokenization to old tokenization: conflict!

Tom bought a new~book in New~York

CCG category Conflicts

Conflict 1

Edit

Their	daughter	Chelsea	was	born	in
OLD: NP/N	N/PP	N/N	(S[dcI]\NP)/(S[pss]\NP)	S[pss]\NP	((S\NP)\(S\NP))/NP
NEW: NP/(N/PP)					

Conflict 2

Edit

Their	daughter	Chelsea	was	born	in	1980
NP/(N/PP)	OLD: N	N/N	(S[dcI]\NP)/(S[pss]\NP)	S[pss]\NP	((S\NP)\(S\NP))/NP	N
	NEW: N/PP					

Segmentation/tokenization

```
His cell phone is off.  
raw/p05/d2458/en.raw (END)
```

elephant

```
0 3 1001 His  
4 14 1002 cell phone  
15 17 1003 is  
18 21 1004 off  
21 22 1005 .  
out/p05/d2458/en.tok.off (END)
```

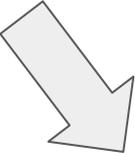
```
His cell~phone is off .  
out/p05/d2458/en.tok (END)
```

```
72 S  
105 I  
115 I  
32 O  
99 T  
101 I  
108 I  
108 I  
32 I  
112 I  
104 I  
111 I  
110 I  
101 I  
32 O  
105 T  
115 I  
32 O  
111 T  
102 I  
102 I  
46 T  
13 O  
10 O  
out/p05/d2458/en.tok.iob (END)
```

CCG parsing

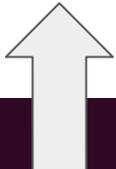
```
His cell~phone is off .  
out/p05/d2458/en.tok (END)
```

EasyCCG



```
ccg(1,  
  ba(s:dcl,  
    fa(np,  
      t(np/(n/pp), 'His', [lemma:'his']),  
      t(n/pp, 'cell~phone', [lemma:'cell~phone'])),  
    rp(s:dcl\np,  
      fa(s:dcl\np,  
        t((s:dcl\np)/(s:adj\np), 'is', [lemma:'is']),  
        t(s:adj\np, 'off', [lemma:'off'])),  
      t(., '.', [lemma:'.'])))).
```

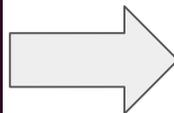
```
NP/(N/PP)  
N/PP  
(S[dcl]\NP)/(S[adj]\NP)  
S[adj]\NP  
.  
out/p05/d2458/en.cats (END)
```



```
out/p05/d2458/en.parse (END)
```

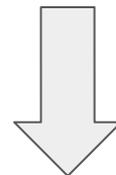
Symbolization (lemmatization with Morpha + rule based system)

```
0 3 1001 His
4 14 1002 cell phone
15 17 1003 is
18 21 1004 off
21 22 1005 .
out/p05/d2458/en.tok.off (END)
```



```
male
cellphone
be
off
.
out/p05/d2458/en.lemma (END)
```

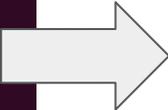
Word Sense Disambiguation (rule based system)



```
male.n.02
cellphone.n.01
0
off.a.01
0
out/p05/d2458/en.wordnet (END)
```

Semantic Roles

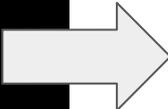
```
0 3 1001 His
4 14 1002 cell phone
15 17 1003 is
18 21 1004 off
21 22 1005 .
out/p05/d2458/en.tok.off (END)
```



```
HAS
CON
NOW
IST
NIL
out/p05/d2458/en.semtag (END)
```

Semantic Role Labeling

```
0 3 1001 His
4 14 1002 cell phone
15 17 1003 is
18 21 1004 off
21 22 1005 .
out/p05/d2458/en.tok.off (END)
```



```
[User]
[Attribute]
out/p05/d2458/en.roles (END)
```

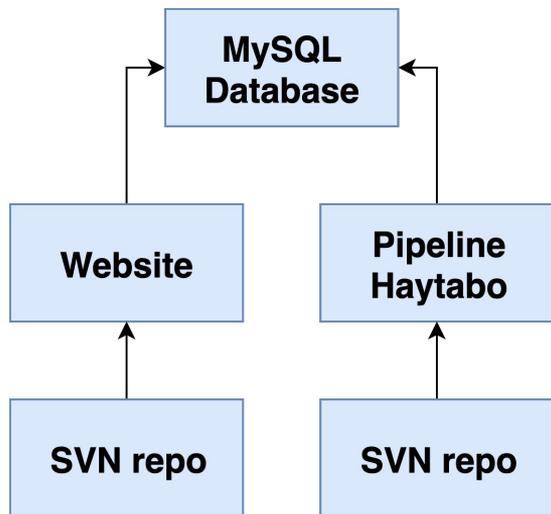
References



```
0 3 1001 How
4 7 1002 old
8 11 1003 was
12 24 1004 Howard Caine
25 29 1005 when
30 32 1006 he
33 37 1007 died
37 38 1008 ?
out/p71/d1390/en.tok.off (END)
```

```
12,24
out/p71/d1390/en.antecedent (END)
```

Organization & maintenance



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Compositionality

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Status	resolved	Resolution	fixed		

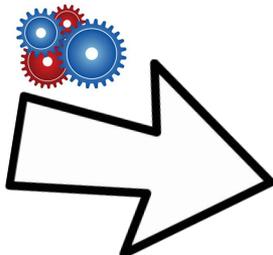
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DRS parsing

End-to-end parsing & shared task



```
x1 x2 e1 t1
male.n.02(x1)
  Name(x1, alfred~nobel)
invent.v.01(e1)
  Time(e1, t1)
  Result(e1, x2)
  Agent(e1, x1)
time.n.08(t1)
  YearOfCentury(t1, 1866)
  t1 < now
dynamite.n.01(x2)
```

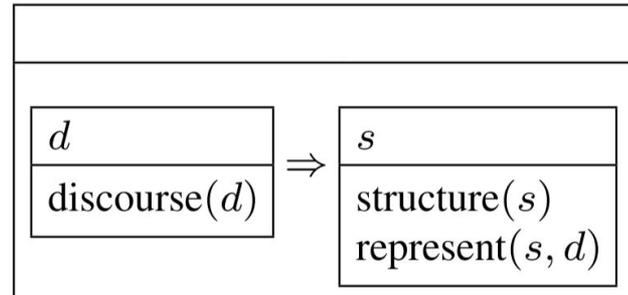
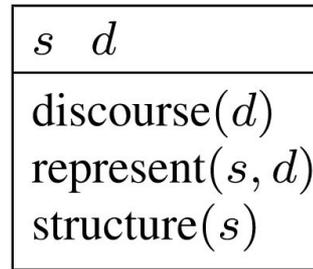
Alfred Nobel invented dynamite in 1866.

Discourse representation structure (DRS)

Meaning repr. from Discourse Representation Theory (DRT)

DRT characteristics:

- Anaphora
- Tense
- Presupposition
- Discourse
- Attitudes
- Formal semantics
- Compositional



Kamp, 1981



Heim, 1982

DRSs à la the PMB

Extensions to DRSs in the PMB:

- Lexical (i.e. non-logical) symbols \mapsto WordNet senses (Miller, 1995)
- Event semantics with VerbNet roles (Bonial et al., 2011)
- Explicit presuppositions with Porjective DRT (Venhuizen et al., 2018)
- Discourse analysis with Segmented DRT (Asher and Lascarides, 2003)



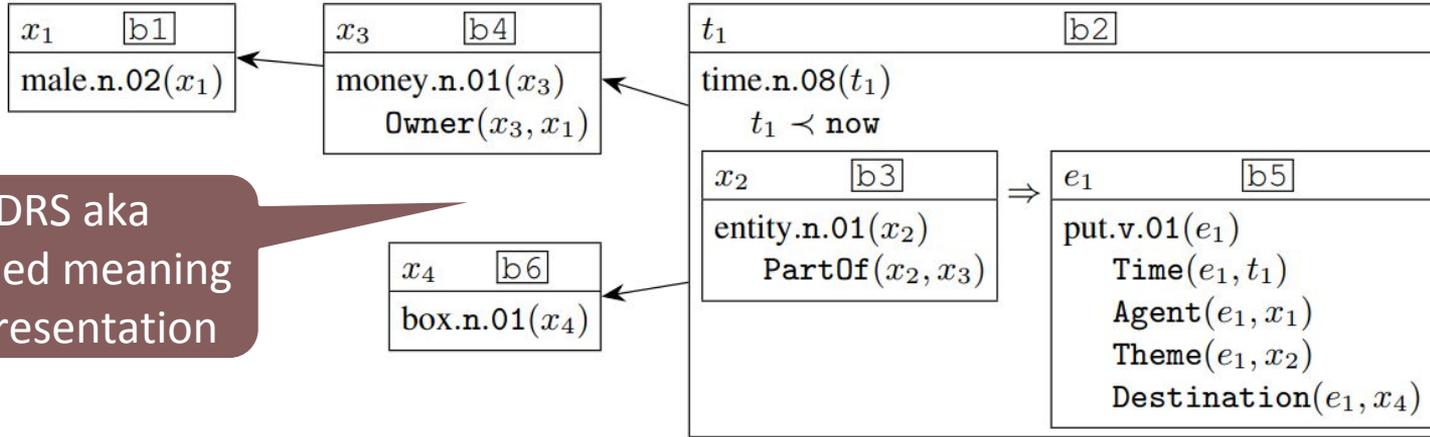
e s d b1
discourse.v.01(d)
represent.v.02(e)
Agent(e, s)
Theme(e, d)
structure.v.01(s)

s d
discourse(d)
represent(s, d)
structure(s)

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Clausal form (CLF)

01/2312: He put all his money in the box.



DRS aka
scoped meaning
representation



b1 REF x1	b2 IMP b3 b5
b1 male "n.02" x1	b3 REF x2
b2 REF t1	b3 PartOf x2 x3
b2 TPR t1 "now"	b3 entity "n.01" x2
b2 time "n.08" t1	b4 REF x3
b5 REF e1	b4 Owner x3 x1
b5 Agent e1 x1	b4 money "n.01" x3
b5 Theme e1 x2	b5 Destination e1 x4
b5 Time e1 t1	b6 REF x4
b5 put "v.01" e1	b6 box "n.01" x4

DRSs parsing

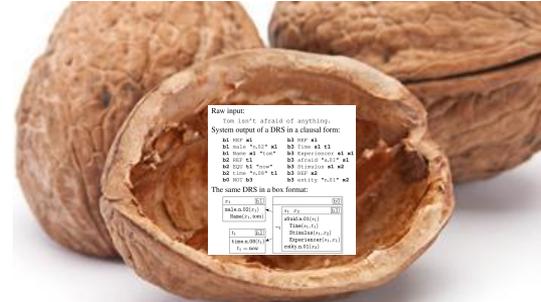
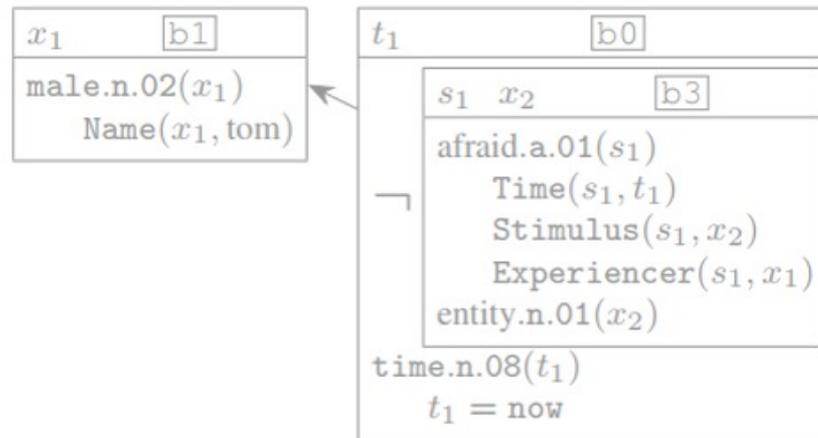
SYSTEM INPUT:

Tom isn't afraid of anything.

SYSTEM OUTPUT:

```
b1 REF x1
b1 male "n.02" x1
b1 Name x1 "tom"
b2 REF t1
b2 EQU t1 "now"
b2 time "n.08" t1
b2 NOT b3
b3 REF s1
b3 Time s1 t1
b3 Experiencer s1 x1
b3 afraid "a.01" s1
b3 Stimulus s1 x2
b3 REF x2
b3 entity "n.01" x2
```

BOX FORMAT:



CLF Referee (van Noord et al., 2019)



Input: CLF

Output: <(True|False), DRS>

Procedure:

- Detect types of variables in cl
- Find binder referent
- Make the relation g
- Find loops in the rel

```

b6 DRS b1          b6 DRS b4
b2 REF x1          b5 REF x3
b2 male "n.02" x1  b5 female "n.02" x3
b1 REF e1          b4 REF e2
b1 play "v.03" e1  b4 sing "v.01" e2
b1 Agent e1 x1     b4 Agent e2 x3
b1 Theme e1 x2     b4 Time e2 t2
b3 REF x2          b4 REF t2
b3 piano "n.01" x2 b4 TPR t2 "now"
b1 REF t1          b4 time "n.08" t2
b1 time "n.08" t1  b6 CONTINUATION b1 b4
b1 TPR t1 "now"    b1 Time e1 t1
  
```

```

b0 DRS b1          b0 DRS b5
b2 REF x1          b6 REF x3
b2 male "n.02" x1  b6 female "n.02" x3
b1 REF e1          b5 REF e2
b1 play "v.03" e1  b5 sing "v.01" e2
b1 Agent e1 x1     b5 Agent e2 x3
b1 Theme e1 x2     b5 Time e2 t2
b3 REF x2          b7 REF t2
b3 piano "n.01" x2 b7 TPR t2 "now"
b4 REF t1          b7 time "n.08" t2
b4 time "n.08" t1  b0 CONTINUATION b1 b5
b4 TPR t1 "now"    b1 Time e1 t1
  
```

Variable

DRS operator

WordNet sense

Semantic role

Constant

Comparison operator

Discourse relation



Counter (van Noord et al., 2018)

Adaptation of Smatch (Cai & Knight, 2013) to 3-variable clauses

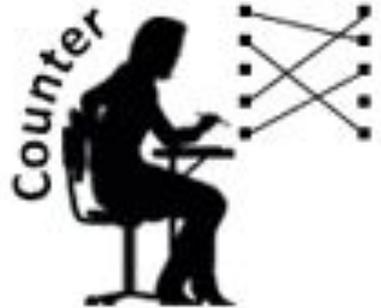
Input: 2 x CLFs

Output: $0 \leq \text{F-score} \leq 1$

Pre-processing: remove redundant REF-clauses

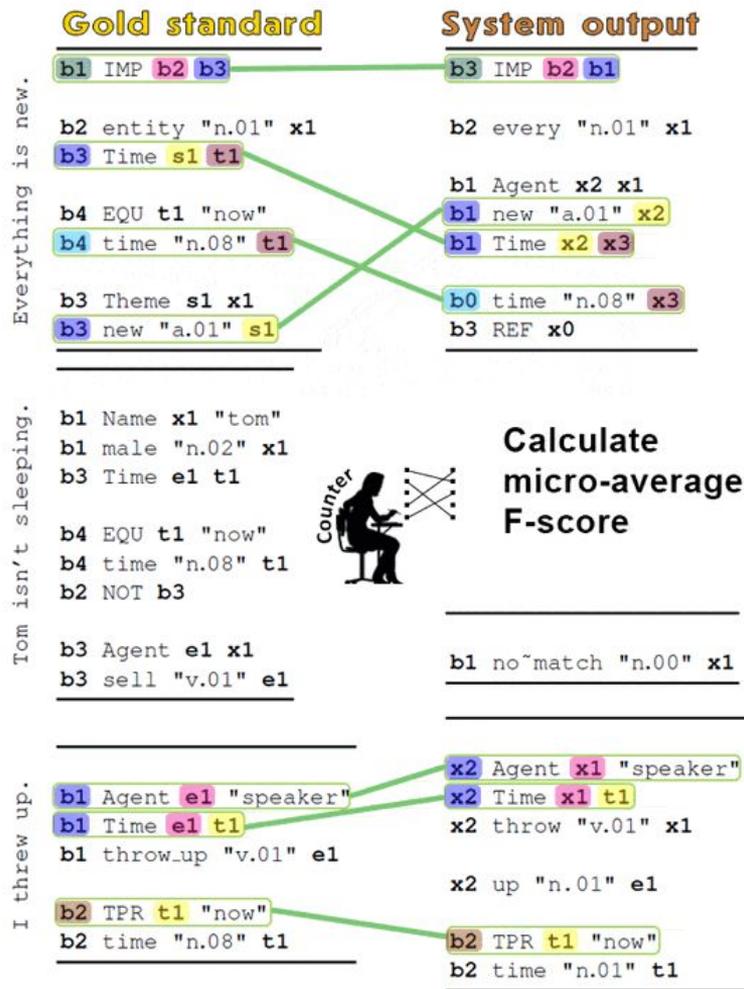
Procedure:

- Hill-climbing search: next optimal variable matching
- Several restarts
- Smart initial matches



https://github.com/RikVN/DRS_parsing

CLF comparison



$$F_{\text{micro-avg}} = \frac{2PR}{P+R} = \frac{2 \times 7/14 \times 7/20}{7/14 + 7/20} \approx 0.4118$$

Data format



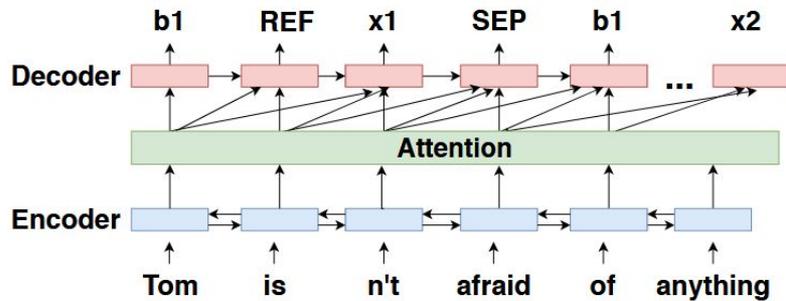
Nick Leeson was arrested for collapse of Barings Bank PLC.

8 tokens

```
b1 REF x1 % Nick~Leeson [0...11]
b1 Name x1 "nick~leeson" % Nick~Leeson [0...11]
b1 male "n.02" x1 % Nick~Leeson [0...11]
b2 REF t1 % was [12...15]
b2 TPR t1 "now" % was [12...15]
b2 Time e1 t1 % was [12...15]
b2 time "n.08" t1 % was [12...15]
b2 REF e1 % arrested [16...24]
b2 Patient e1 x1 % arrested [16...24]
b2 arrest "v.01" e1 % arrested [16...24]
b2 Theme e1 x2 % for [25...28]
b2 REF x2 % collapse [29...37]
b2 collapse "n.04" x2 % collapse [29...37]
b2 Patient x2 x3 % of [38...40]
b3 REF x3 %
b3 Name x3 "barings~bank~plc" % Barings~Bank~PLC [41...57]
b3 company "n.01" x3 % Barings~Bank~PLC [41...57]
% . [57...58]
```

Neural boxer (strong baseline)

Sequence to sequence: two BiLSTM layers (300 nodes)



Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value
RNN-type	LSTM	dropout	0.2
encoder-type	brnn	dropout type	naive
optimizer	sgd	bridge	copy
layers	2	learning rate	0.7
nodes	300	learning rate decay	0.7
min freq source	3	max grad norm	5
min freq target	3	beam size	10
vector size	300	length normalization	0.9

	Sentences	Tokens	Avg tok/sent
Gold train	3,998	24,917	6.2
Gold test	557	3,180	5.7
Silver	73,778	638,610	8.7

van Noord, Abzianidze, Toral, Bos (2018): Exploring Neural Methods for Parsing Discourse Representation Structures (TACL)

Characters vs words-based seq2seq

Word-based: GloVe embeddings

Character-based: Semantic roles, DRS operator as supercharacters

Model	Prec	Rec	F-score	% ill
Char	78.1	69.7	73.7	6.2
Word	73.2	65.9	69.4	5.8
Char + Word	78.9	69.7	74.0	7.5

BPE encoding didn't improve over characters

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Representing variables

De Bruijn index:

$\lambda z. (\lambda y. y (\lambda x. x)) (\lambda x. z x) := \lambda (\lambda 1 (\lambda 1)) (\lambda 2 1)$

```
b1 REF x1
b1 male "n.02" x1
b1 Name x1 "tom"
b2 REF t1
b2 EQU t1 "now"
b2 time "n.08" t1
b0 NOT b3
b3 REF s1
b3 Time s1 t1
b3 Experiencer s1 x1
b3 afraid "a.01" s1
b3 Stimulus s1 x2
b3 REF x2
b3 entity "n.01" x2
```

(a) Standard naming

```
$1 REF @1
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$1 Name @1 "tom"
$2 REF @2
$2 EQU @2 "now"
$2 time "n.08" @2
$0 NOT $3
$3 REF @3
$3 Time @3 @2
$3 Experiencer @3 @1
$3 afraid "a.01" @3
$3 Stimulus @3 @4
$3 REF @4
$3 entity "n.01" @4
```

(b) Absolute naming

```
[NEW] REF <NEW>
[0] male "n.02" <0>
[0] Name <0> "tom"
[NEW] REF <NEW>
[0] EQU <0> "now"
[0] time "n.08" <0>
[NEW] NOT [NEW]
[0] REF <NEW>
[0] Time <0> <-1>
[0] Experiencer <0> <-2>
[0] afraid "a.01" <0>
[0] Stimulus <0> <1>
[0] REF <NEW>
[0] entity "n.01" <0>
```

(c) Relative naming

Experiments

Tokenization: None vs Elephant vs Moses

Variable representation: absolute vs relative

Casing: lower vs true vs feature

	Char parser		Word parser	
	F1	% ill	F1	% ill
Baseline (bs)	73.7	6.2	69.4	5.8
Moses (mos)	74.1	4.8	71.8	5.8
Elephant (ele)	74.0	5.4	71.1	7.5
bs/mos + absolute (abs)	75.3	3.5	73.5	2.0
bs/mos + relative (rel)	76.3	4.2	74.2	3.1
bs/mos + rel + lowercase	75.8	3.6	74.9	3.1
bs/mos + rel + truecase	76.2	4.0	73.3	3.3
bs/mos + rel + feature	76.9	3.7	74.9	2.9

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Experiments with silver data

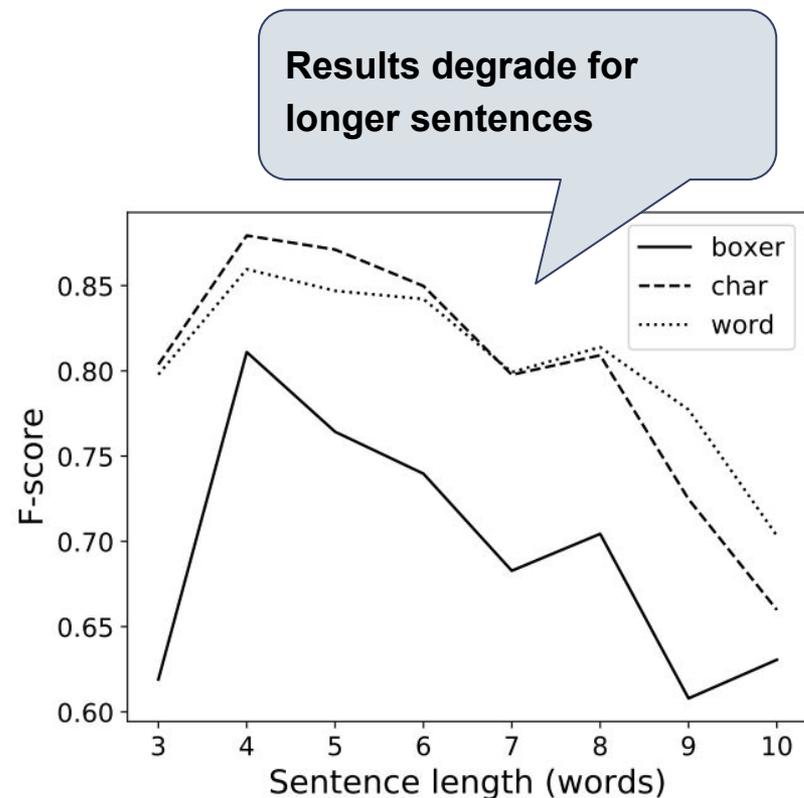


Silver data: the PMB vs self-produced

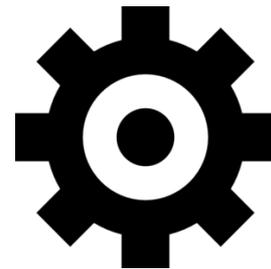
Data	Char parser		Word parser		Data	Char parser		Word parser	
	F1	% ill	F1	% ill		F1	% ill	F1	% ill
Best gold-only	75.9	2.9	72.8	2.0	Silver (Boxer-generated)	83.6	1.3	83.1	0.7
+ ensemble	77.9	1.8	75.1	0.9	Bronze (Boxer-generated)	83.8	1.1	82.4	0.9
Gold + silver	82.9	1.8	82.7	1.1	Bronze (NN-generated)	77.9	2.7	74.5	2.2
+ ensemble	83.6	1.3	83.1	0.7	without ill-formed DRSs	78.6	1.6	74.9	0.9

Final results

	Prec	Rec	F-score
SPAR	48.0	33.9	39.7
SIM-SPAR	55.6	57.9	56.8
AMR2DRS	43.3	43.0	43.2
Boxer	75.7	72.9	74.3
Neural Char	79.7	76.2	77.9
Neural Word	77.1	73.3	75.1
Neural Char + silver	84.7	82.4	83.6
Neural Word + silver	84.0	82.3	83.1



Shared task set-up



Competition platform  CodaLab

Discussion group  slack

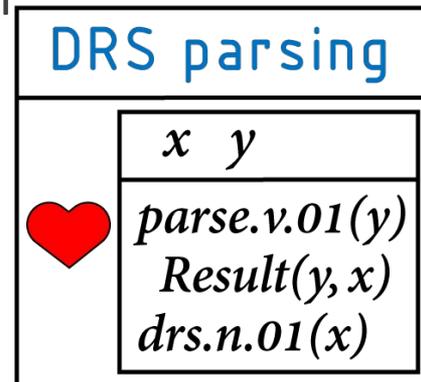
Released data:

- Pre-release in October
- Final release (incl. Silver and Bronze data) in December

Tools:

- Counter – CLF comparison
- Referee – CLF validation

Competition phase: 2 weeks



Participants

32 registered users

4 submissions:

- 3 system description papers
- 1 didn't submit due to the ACL submission policy

	Model	Input	Embeddings	Silver	Bronze
LIU ET AL.	Transformer	char	✗	✓	✓
NOORD ET AL.19	seq2seq	char	✗	✓	✗
NOORD ET AL.18	seq2seq	char	✗	✓	✗
EVANG	stack-LSTMs	word	✓	✗	✗
FANCELLU ET AL.	bi-LSTM	word	✓	✗	✗

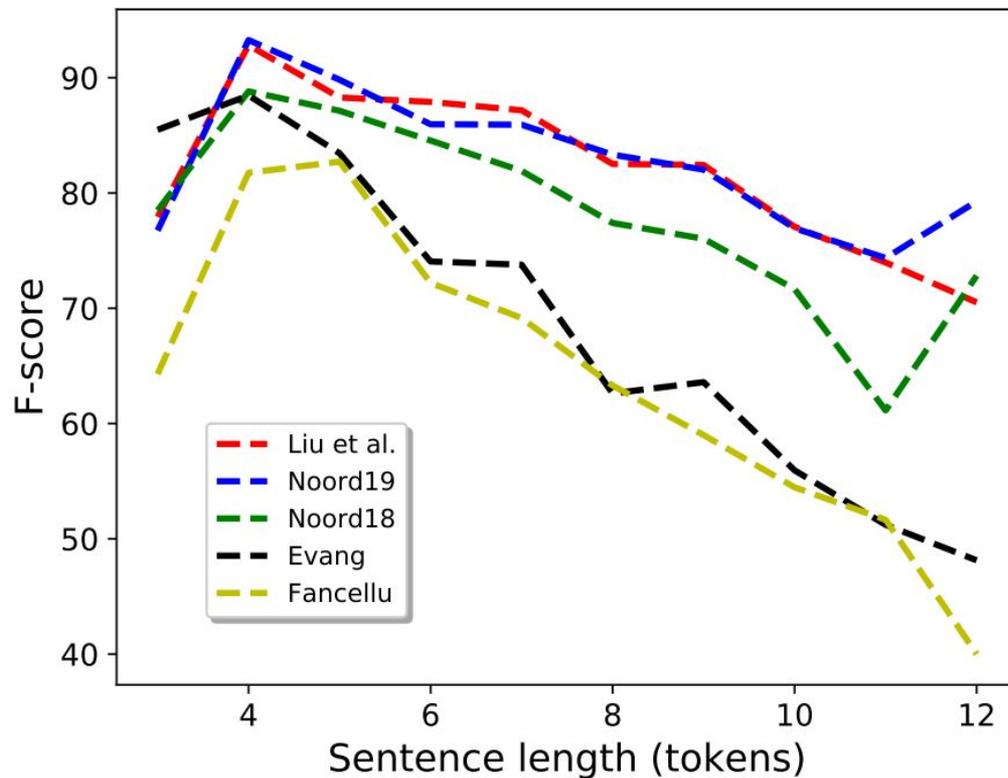
System evaluation

	PMB 2.2.0 (F%)			Evaluation set (%)		
	Train	Dev	Test	Prec.	Rec.	F
AMR2DRS	NA	39.7	40.1	36.7	42.2	38.8
SPAR	NA	40.0	40.8	44.3	35.4	39.4
SIM-SPAR	NA	53.3	57.7	55.7	53.0	54.3
FANCELLU ET AL.	91.1	69.9	73.3	71.9	64.1	67.8
EVANG	84.2	74.4	74.4	71.9	69.9	70.9
NOORD ET AL.18	88.5	81.2	83.3	80.8	78.6	79.7
NOORD ET AL.19	94.9	86.5	86.8	85.5	83.6	84.5
LIU ET AL.	96.9	85.5	87.1	84.8	84.8	84.8

Fine-grained evaluation

	LIU	NOORD19	NOORD18	EVANG	FANCELLU
All clauses	84.8	84.5	79.7	70.9	67.8
DRS Operators	93.9	94.2	91.7	75.2	76.3
VerbNet roles	82.7	83.5	78.1	72.4	66.4
WordNet synsets	83.8	82.3	77.2	67.8	66.5
nouns	89.2	87.5	83.5	75.9	70.3
verbs	69.5	68.9	60.9	44.1	58.3
adjectives	74.8	74.2	66.5	61.5	53.8
adverbs	63.6	45.5	33.3	0.0	31.6
Oracle sense numbers	86.6	87.1	82.6	74.5	69.8
Oracle synsets	90.5	90.7	87.5	80.1	76.5
Oracle roles	88.4	88.5	84.3	74.5	73.7
# of perfect DRSs	214	210	160	95	104
# highest out of 5	383	376	261	171	161
# winner out of 5	100	77	26	18	18
# of ill-formed DRSs	1	0	1	37	5

Performance(text_length)



Hard examples



x1	⇒	x2 e1
cat(x1)		have(e1) Theme(e1, x2) Pivot(e1, x1) ear(x2) Quantity(x2, 2)

Sentence	avg. F	Comment
Thou speakest.	21.4	archaic English
I dinnae ken.	21.8	Scottish
My fault.	24.2	noun phrase
A cat has two ears.	38.1	generic
I look down on liars and cheats.	40.3	coordination, MWE
Get me the number of this young girl.	41.8	imperative
She attends school at night.	44.6	temporal modifier
The union of Scotland and England took place in 1706.	46.4	coordination, MWE
Something I hadn't anticipated happened.	47.0	reduced relative clause
Charles I had his head cut off.	47.2	ordinal, MWE

x1	x2	s1	e1
get(e1)			
Destination(e1, speaker)			
Theme(e1, x1)			
Agent(e1, hearer)			
number(x1)			
User(x1, x2)			
young(s1)			
girl(x2)			
Attribute(x2, s1)			

Summary

From token-based annotation layers to box

Compositionality & projection are productiv

The PMB explorer: online annotation environment

The PMB pipeline

DRS parsing: end-to-end



Collaboration on FraCaS?

**PMB release 3.0.0
is coming soon**

多言語統語・意味情報コーパス
Parallel Meaning Bank 日本語版の構築

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1 はじめに

Parallel Meaning Bank (PMB) [2] は、多言語・多ジャンルテキストに対して、組合せ範疇文法 (Combinatory Categorical Grammar, CCG) [20, 25] に基づく統語解析情報と、談話表示理論 (Discourse Representation Theory, DRT) [11] に基づく意味解析情報を付与したコーパスである。元のコーパスは、*The Wall* や

図 1 に、PMB コーパス自動アノテーションのバイブラインを、図 2 に日本語のアノテーション例を示す。以下、アノテーションの各層の概要を説明する。トークン化 英語のトークン化では、CCG による意味解析を考慮して、複単語表現 (MWE) が 1 つのトークンとして扱われる点に特徴がある。図 2 の例に対応する英語文では、固有表現の *The Statue of Liberty*

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