

Towards Deep Universal Dependencies



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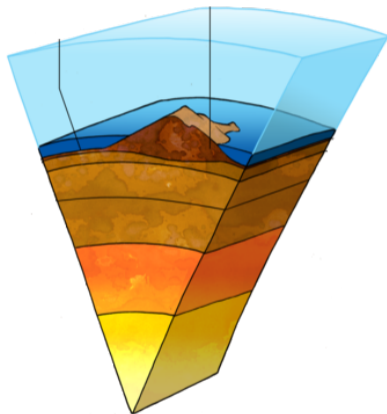


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Multiple Layers of Dependencies

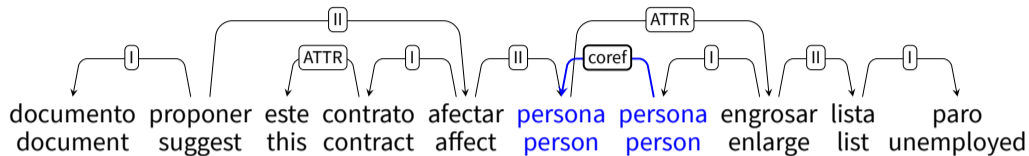


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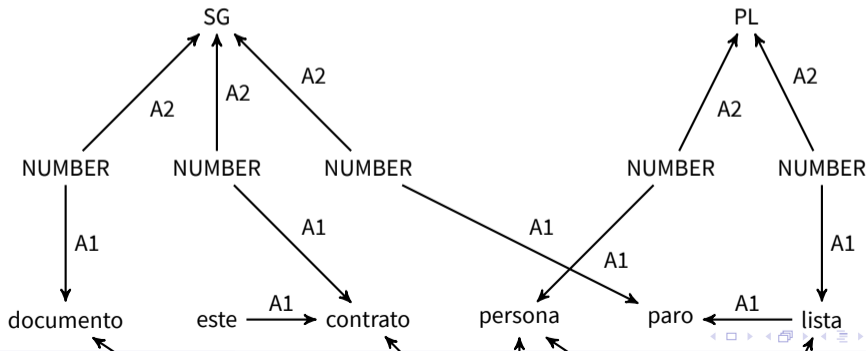
- Surface syntax
- Deep syntax
- Semantics

Meaning

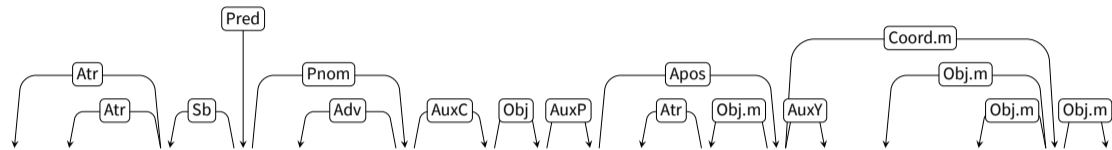
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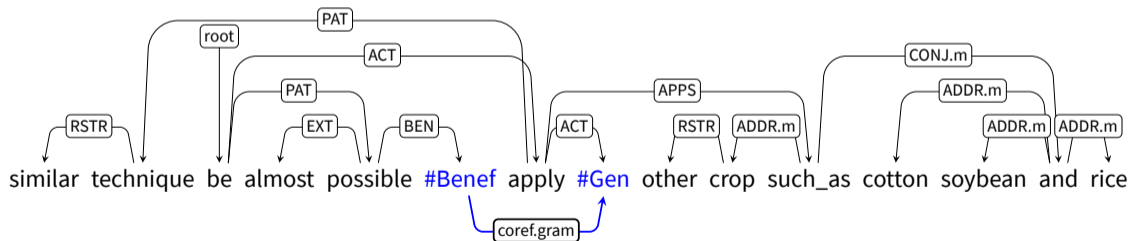
“The document suggests that this contract affect the persons who make the unemployment lists swell.”



Functional Generative Description (Prague Tectogrammatics)

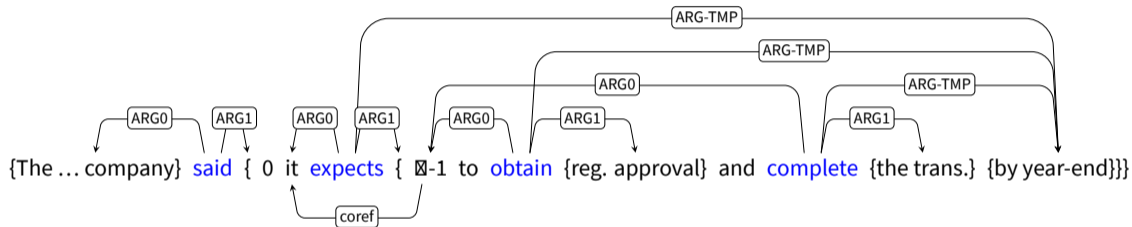


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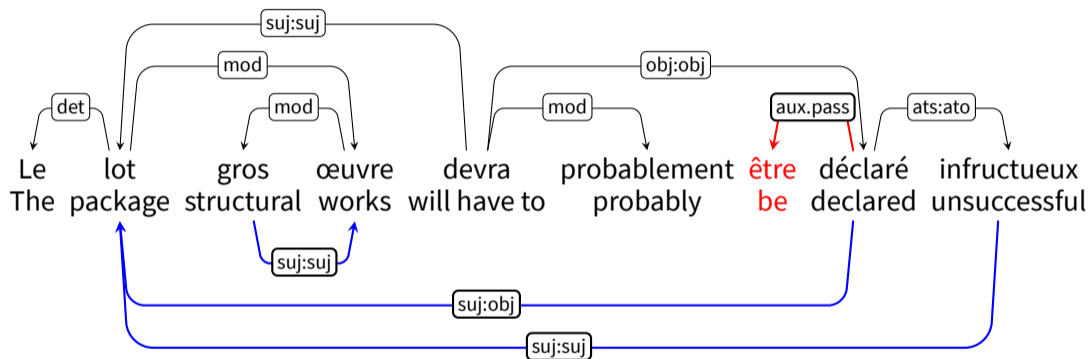
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Proposition Banks



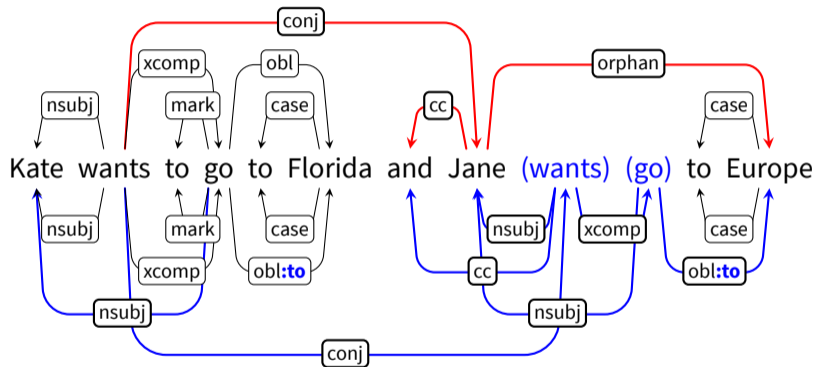
“The thrift holding company said it expects to obtain regulatory approval and complete the transaction by year-end.”

Sequoia



“The structural system package should probably be declared unsuccessful.”

Universal Dependencies



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Basic Universal Dependencies: 82 Languages and Growing

- I.-E.:  Armenian,  Ancient Greek,  Greek,  Breton,  Irish,  Welsh
 - ▶ Germanic:  Afrikaans,  Danish,  Dutch,  English,  Faroese,  German,  Gothic,  Norwegian,  Swedish
 - ▶ Romance:  Catalan,  French,  Galician,  Italian,  Latin,  Old French,  Portuguese,  Romanian,  Spanish
 - ▶ Balto-Slavic:  Belarusian,  Bulgarian,  Croatian,  Czech,  Church Slavonic,  Old Russian,  Polish,  Russian,  Serbian,  Slovak,  Slovenian,  Ukrainian,  Upper Sorbian,  Latvian,  Lithuanian
 - ▶ Indo-Iranian:  Kurmanji,  Persian,  Hindi,  Marathi,  Sanskrit,  Urdu
- Uralic:  Erzya,  Estonian,  Finnish,  Hungarian,  Karelian,  Komi,  Sámi
- Dravidian:  Tamil,  Telugu
- Turkic:  Kazakh,  Turkish,  Uyghur
- Af.-As.:  Akkadian,  Amharic,  Arabic,  Assyrian,  Coptic,  Hebrew,  Maltese
- Sino-Tibetan:  Cantonese,  Classical Chinese,  Chinese; Aus.-As.:  Vietnamese
- Tai-Kadai:  Thai; Austronesian:  Indonesian,  Tagalog
- Other:  Buryat,  Japanese,  Korean,  Basque,  Sw. Sign,  Naija,  Bambara,  Wolof,  Yoruba,  Warlpiri,  Mbyá Guaraní

Two-Speed Approach

- Automatic part: derived from basic UD
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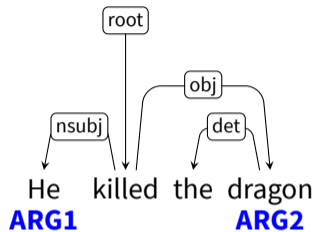
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Automatic vs. Manual Annotation

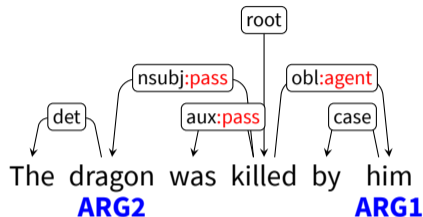
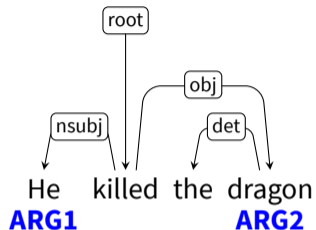
- Automatically derived from UD:
 - ▶ Enhanced Universal Dependencies
 - ★ Grammatical coreference (partially)
 - ★ Ellipsis: gapping
 - ▶ Normalize syntactic alternations (cf. Candito et al. 2017)
 - ▶ Ellipsis: pro-drop

- Manual or with extra resources:
 - ▶ Frames, semantic roles
 - ▶ Textual coreference
 - ▶ Everything else...
 - ▶ ... and improve the automatic part above

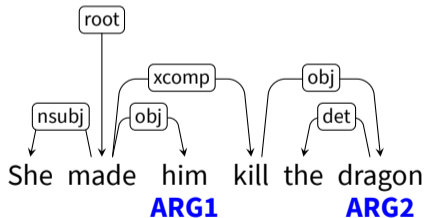
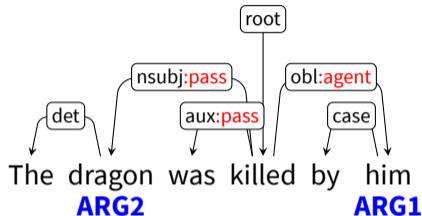
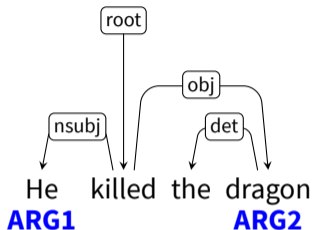
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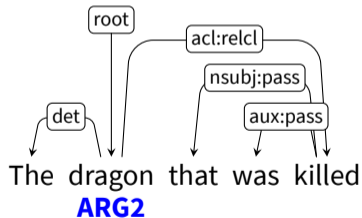
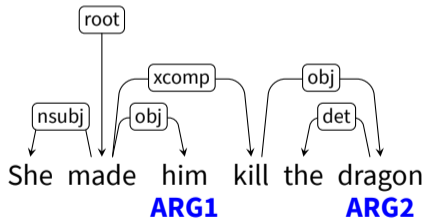
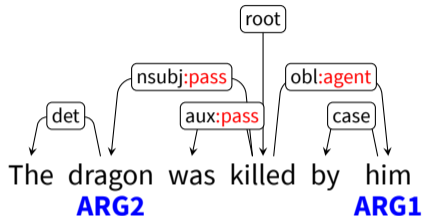
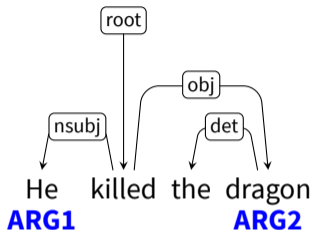
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Numbered Arguments

- Like in PropBank. Numbers **can be** mapped to semantic roles if we have a valency dictionary
- Degree of salience of arguments derived from surface syntax:
 - ▶ Subject of active clause ⇒ **ARG1**
 - ▶ Direct object of active clause ⇒ **ARG2**
 - ▶ Indirect object of active clause ⇒ **ARG3**

 - ▶ Subject of passive clause ⇒ **ARG2**
 - ▶ etc...

Predicate Identifiers

- They **could be** sense/frame identifiers
- But now we just take **lemmas**
- Exception:
 - ▶ Germanic phrasal verbs: *come_up*
 - ▶ Inherently reflexive verbs: [cs] *smát_se* “laugh”
 - ▶ Other compound verbs (incl. light & serial verb constructions)

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We apply Stanford Enhancer to all UD treebanks.

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- Attributive **participles**
 - ▶ *The shares **reflected** on your statement.*

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- Evaluate precision and recall (no gold standard yet)
- Test mapping to a valency dictionary
- Oblique arguments?
- Other alternations than passives?
- Non-verbal predicates
- ...

Future: Link Arguments to Frame Dictionaries

kill

kill ACT₀ PAT₀ ?MEANS₀

- "Kill it," he says.
- "Ford probably would try *trace* to kill the proposal by enlisting support from U.S. takeover-stock speculators and holding out the carrot of a larger bid later, said Stephen Reitman, European auto analyst at London brokers UBS Phillips & Drew.
- John killed Mary with a lead pipe, in the conservatory.

Corpus example(s):

Close [X]

pedt She **ACT** was untrained and, in one botched job **killed a PAT** client **PAT**.

pedt Dallas District Judge Jack Hampton had sparked calls for a judicial inquiry with his remarks to the press last December, two weeks after *-1 sentencing an 18-year-old defendant to 30 years in state prison **for *-2 killing** two homosexual **men PAT** in a city park.

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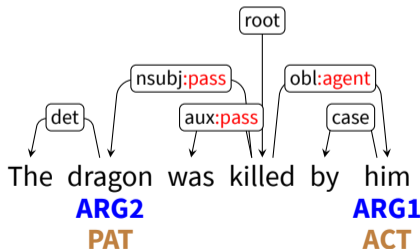
pedt Strong dividend growth, he says *T*-1, is "the black widow of valuation" -- a reference to the female **spiders--ACT** **that ACT** *T*-231 attract **males--PAT** and then **kill them PAT** after mating.

pedt Instead, Mr. Nixon reminded his host, Chinese President Yang Shangkun, that Americans haven't forgiven China's leaders for the military **assault--ACT** of June 3-4 **that ACT** *T*-241 **killed hundreds PAT, PAT** and perhaps **thousands PAT, PAT** of demonstrators.

EngVallex

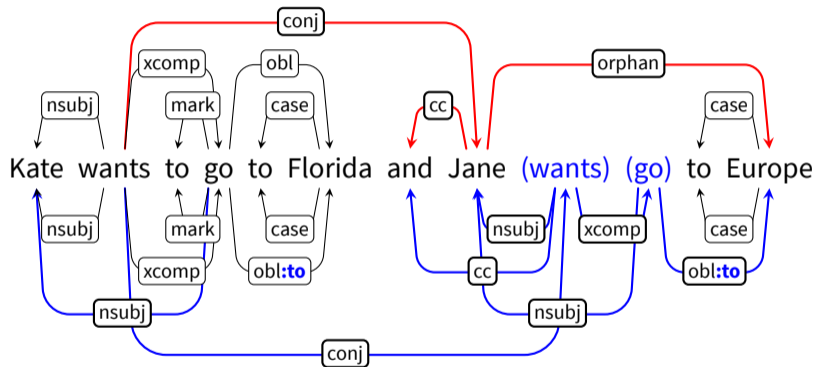
(<http://lindat.mff.cuni.cz/services/EngVallex/EngVallex.html>)

- Select the correct frame of the verb
- Map observed arguments to frame slots
 - ▶ Use their syntactic function
 - ▶ Use their morphological form

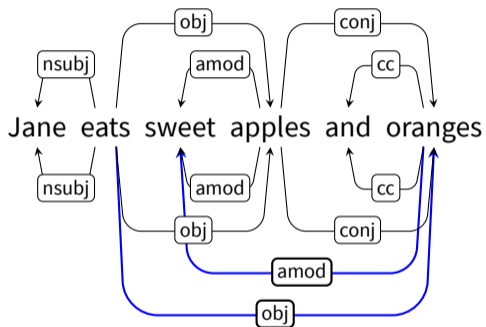


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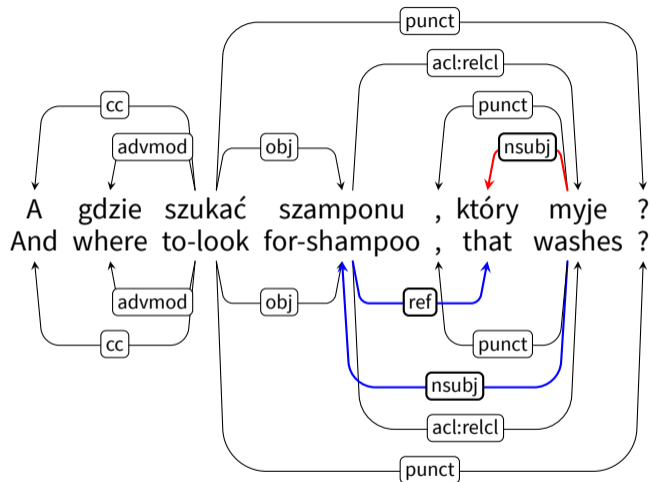
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“And where to look for shampoo that works?”