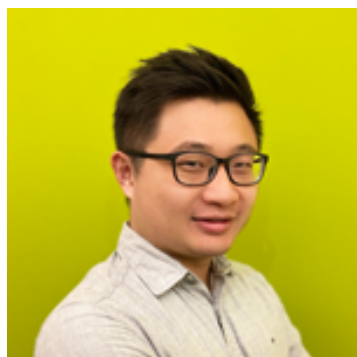


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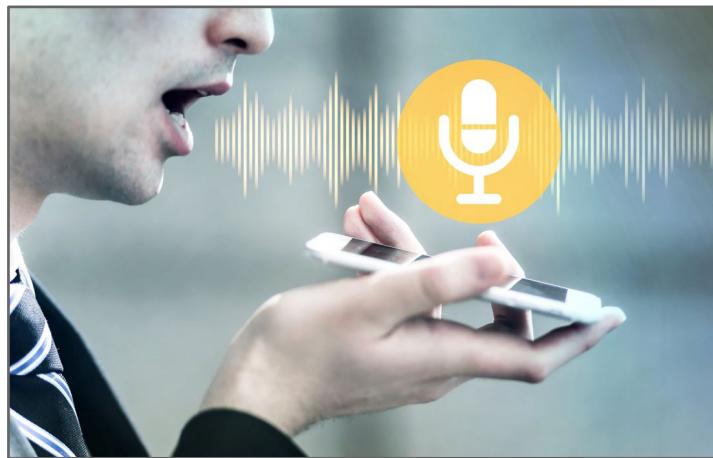
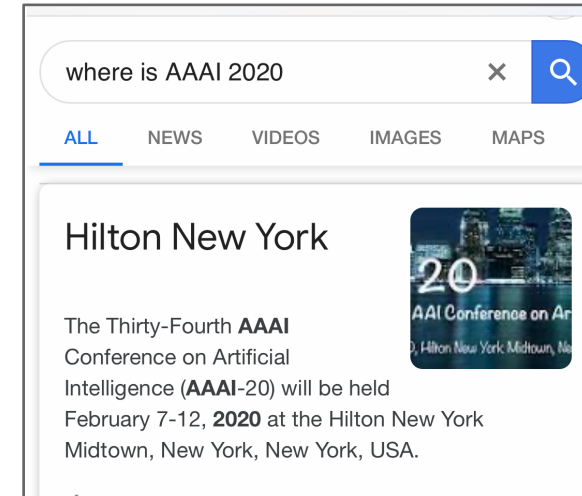
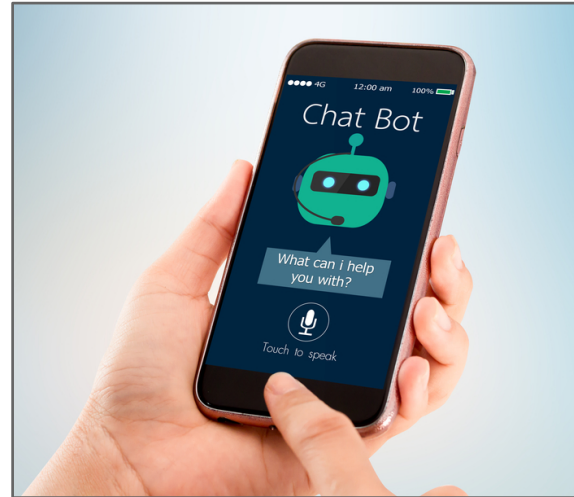
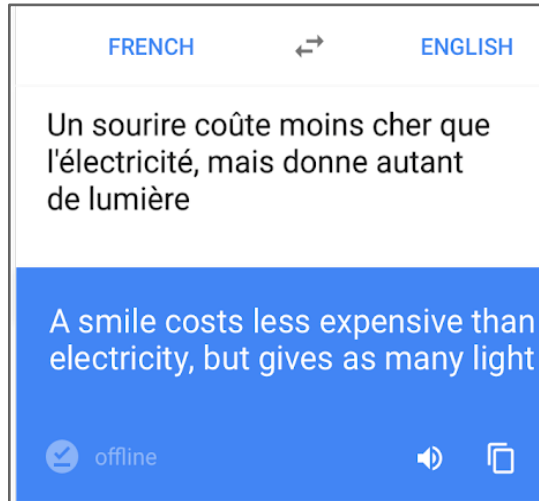


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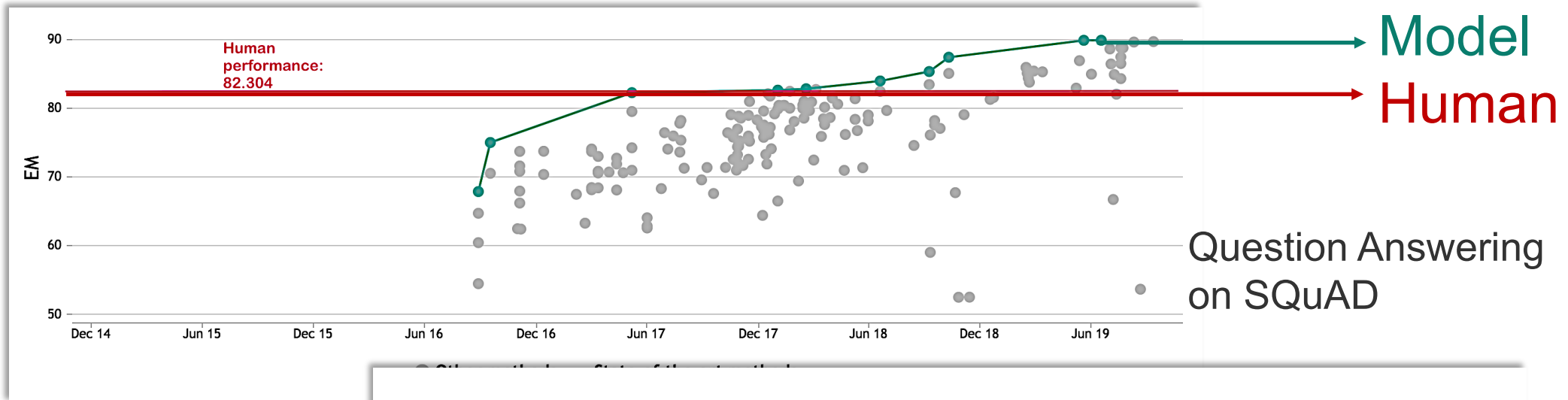
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# NLP Applications





# Inspirational Success on Benchmarks



## Microsoft Achieves Human Parity on Chinese-English Machine Translation



LIKE



DISCUSS



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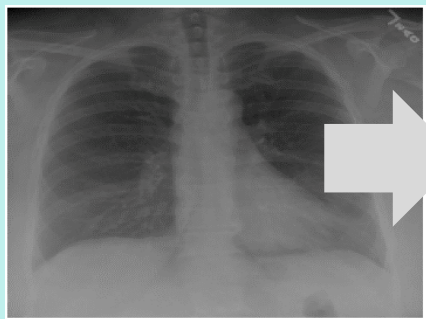
# NLP in Real-world Context

## The Healthcare Industry



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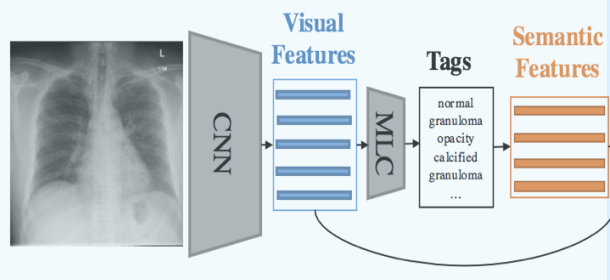
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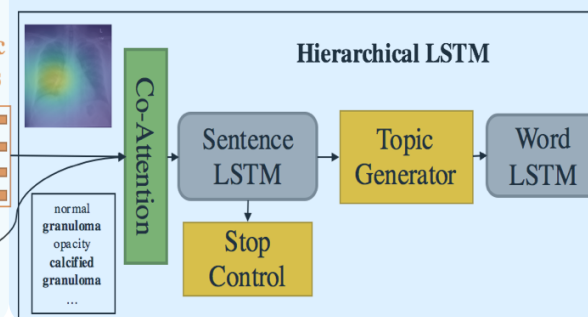
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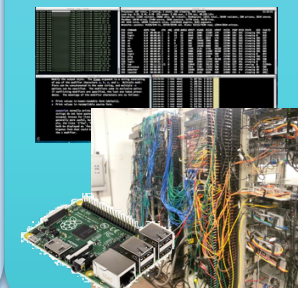
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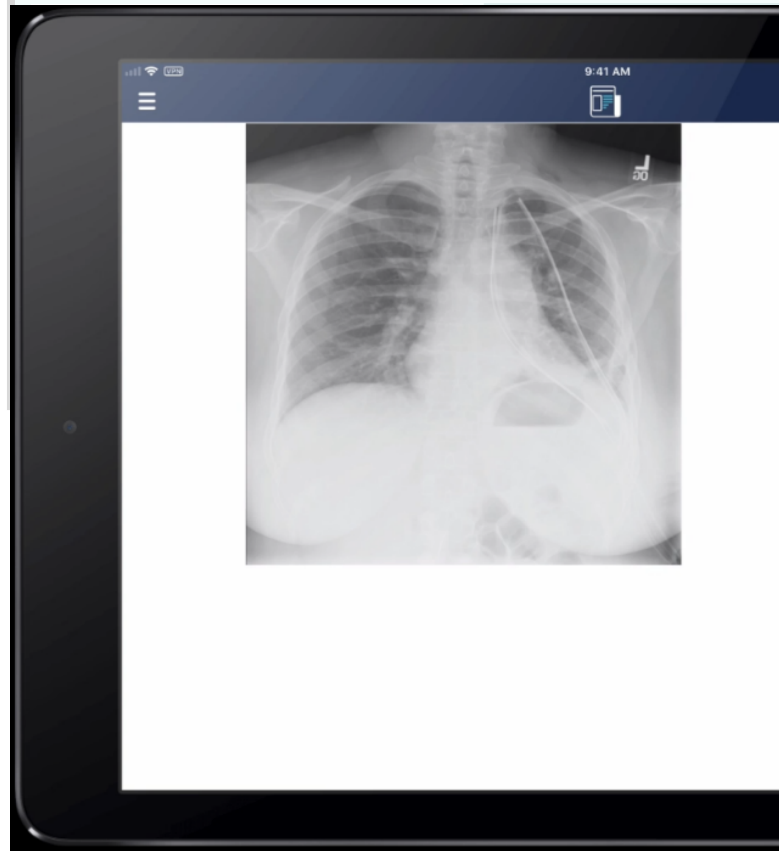
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# Building a ready-to-use AI solution for this is

## User interface for Doctors



 Petuum Med

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The patient is a 62 year old male with a history of mild **COPD** who complains of **cough**, **shortness of breath**, **fatigue**, and fever progressively worsening for **the past week**. **Today** he measured a **fever** of 101 F. The productivity of his **cough** has progressively increased over **the past two days**. He has been using his **albuterol inhaler** two to three times daily but it is helping only minimally. He has a history of **COPD**, which he believes is only mild. He states that he is treated with **antibiotics** for a case of **bronchitis** or **pneumonia** almost every year by his primary care provider. He has never been hospitalized for **pneumonia**. He received approx **80mg IV of Lasix** at that time and was 2.4L negative in 24 hours. He has never been hospitalized for pneumonia. He denies any known sick contacts recently. He denies **chest pain** but admits to some chest tightness and an increase in heart rate when he coughs a lot and is short of breath. He denies any recent weight changes or lower extremity pain or swelling. He denies any recent travel. He denies a **history of lung disease**, **heart disease**, or diabetes. He currently is a non-smoker but did smoke a pack a day for approximately **15 years** prior to quitting five years ago.

Name Here

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Discharge Medications:

**1 Furosemide 20 mg PO Tablet (2 times a day).**

Critical Information Extraction

Heart Failure

☒ History

☒ Comorbidities

☒ Symptoms

☒ Cardiac Tests

☒ Lab Tests

☒ Medications

Symptoms

cough <sup>3</sup> , **shortness of breath** <sup>1</sup> , fatigue <sup>2</sup> , fever <sup>1</sup> , chest pain <sup>1</sup> , chest tightness <sup>4</sup> , increase in heart rate <sup>2</sup> , weight change <sup>1</sup> , lower extremity pain <sup>2</sup> , swelling <sup>3</sup>

Medications

**Furosemide** <sup>2</sup> , antibiotics <sup>3</sup>

Show context when clicked

Clear

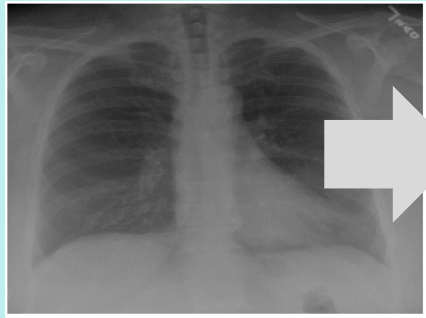
☐ Lasix, Vol: 80 mg, Usage: IV

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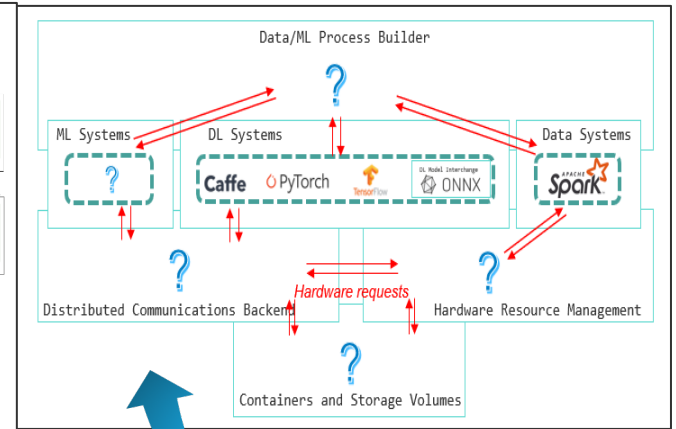
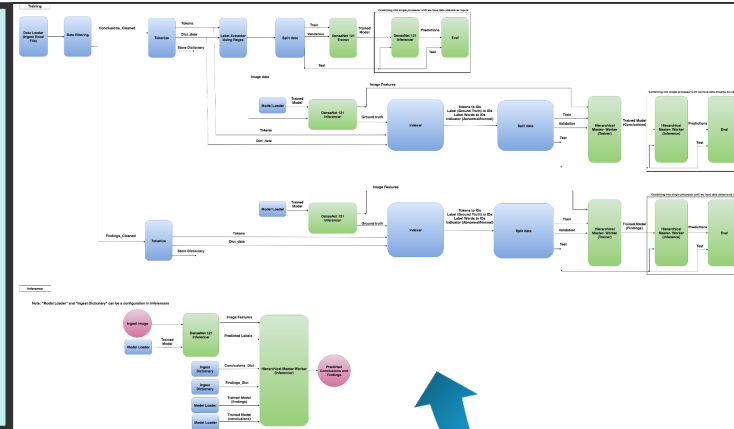
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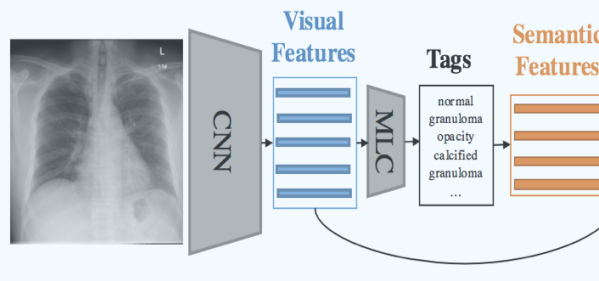


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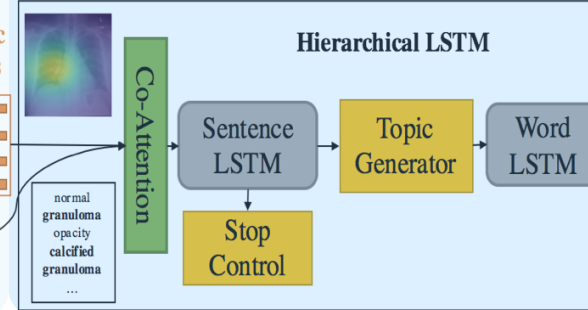
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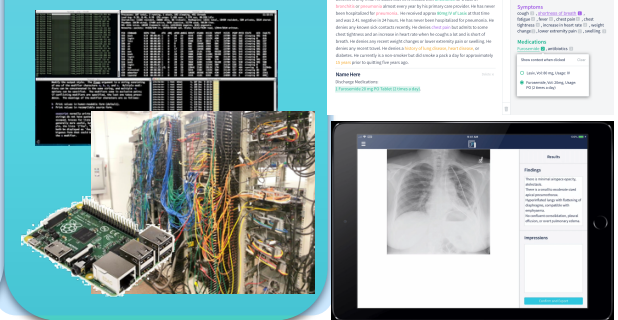
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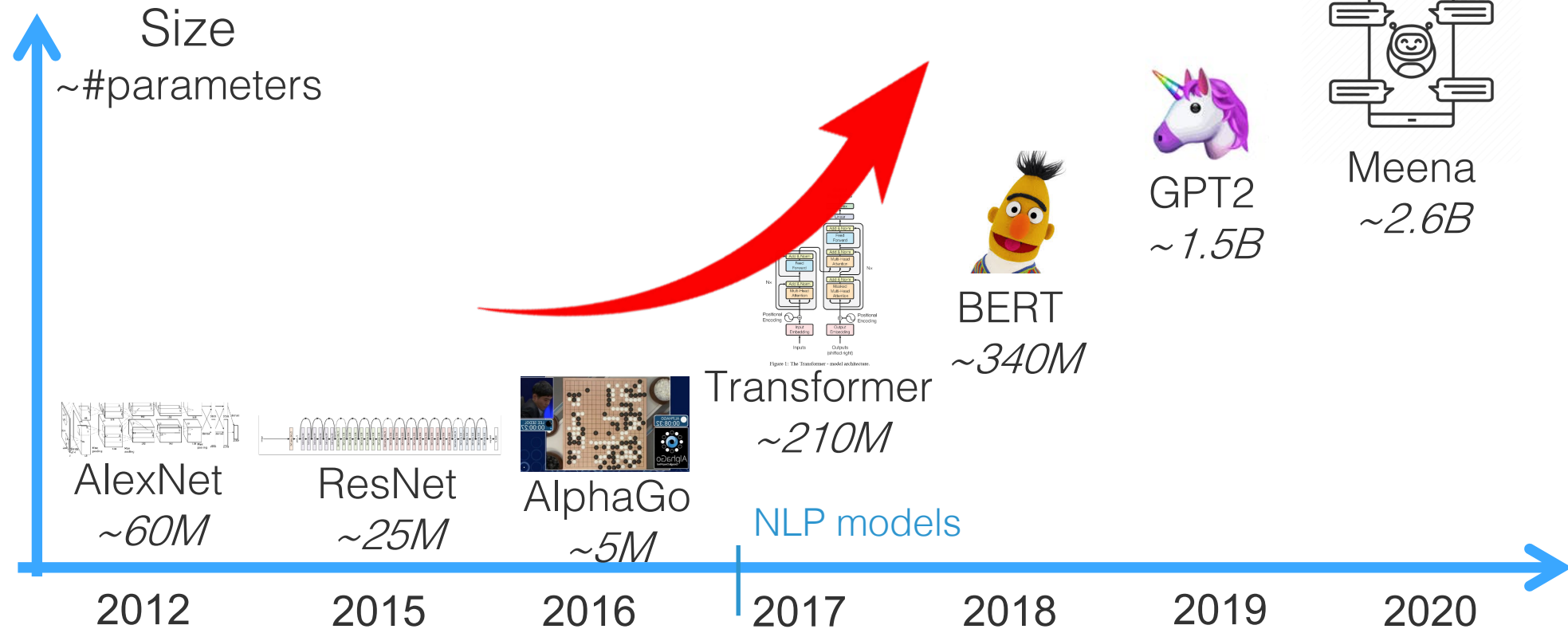


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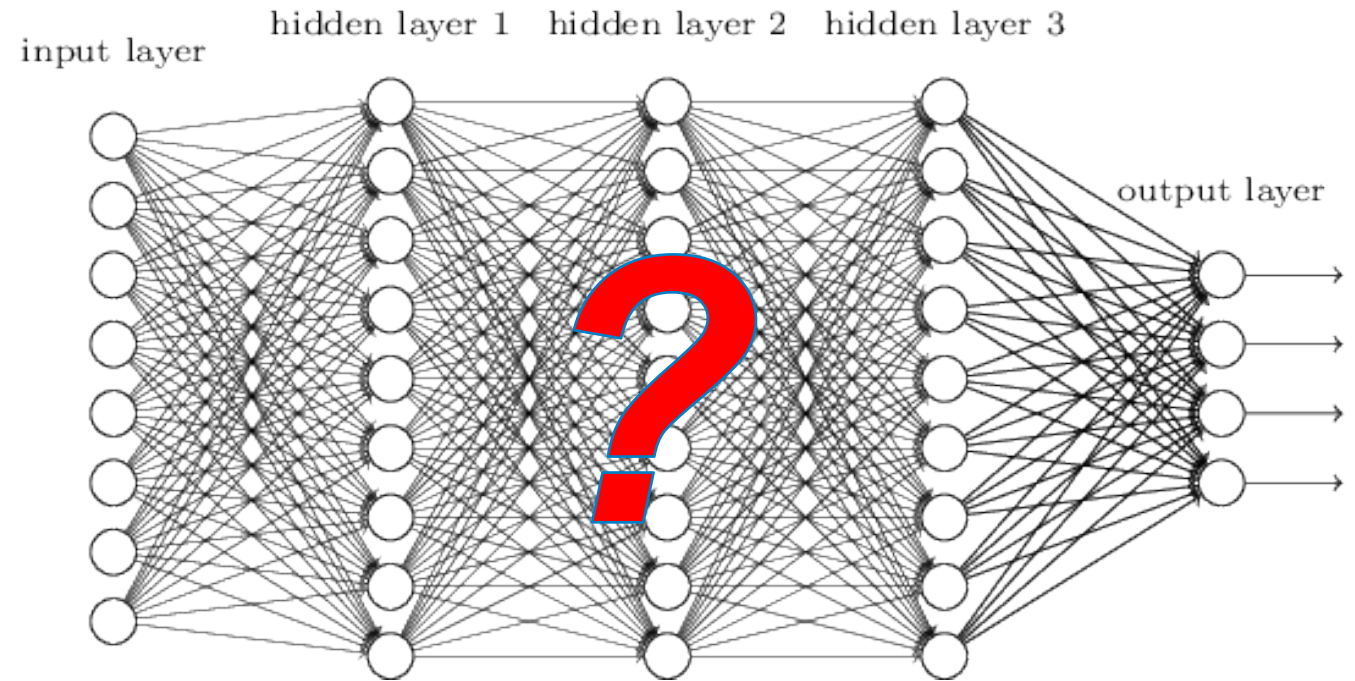
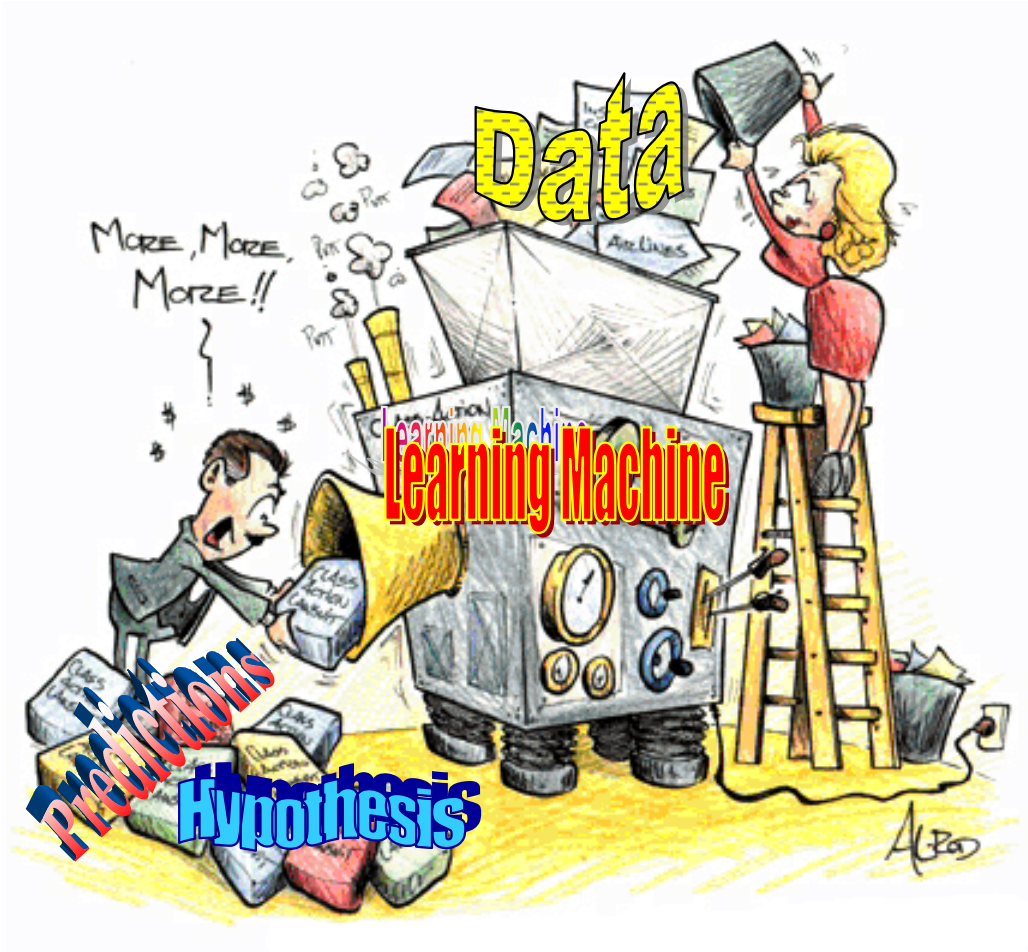


# Single Models with Increasing Size and Performance

- Increasingly large black-box neural networks
- Good, even super-human performance on some tasks

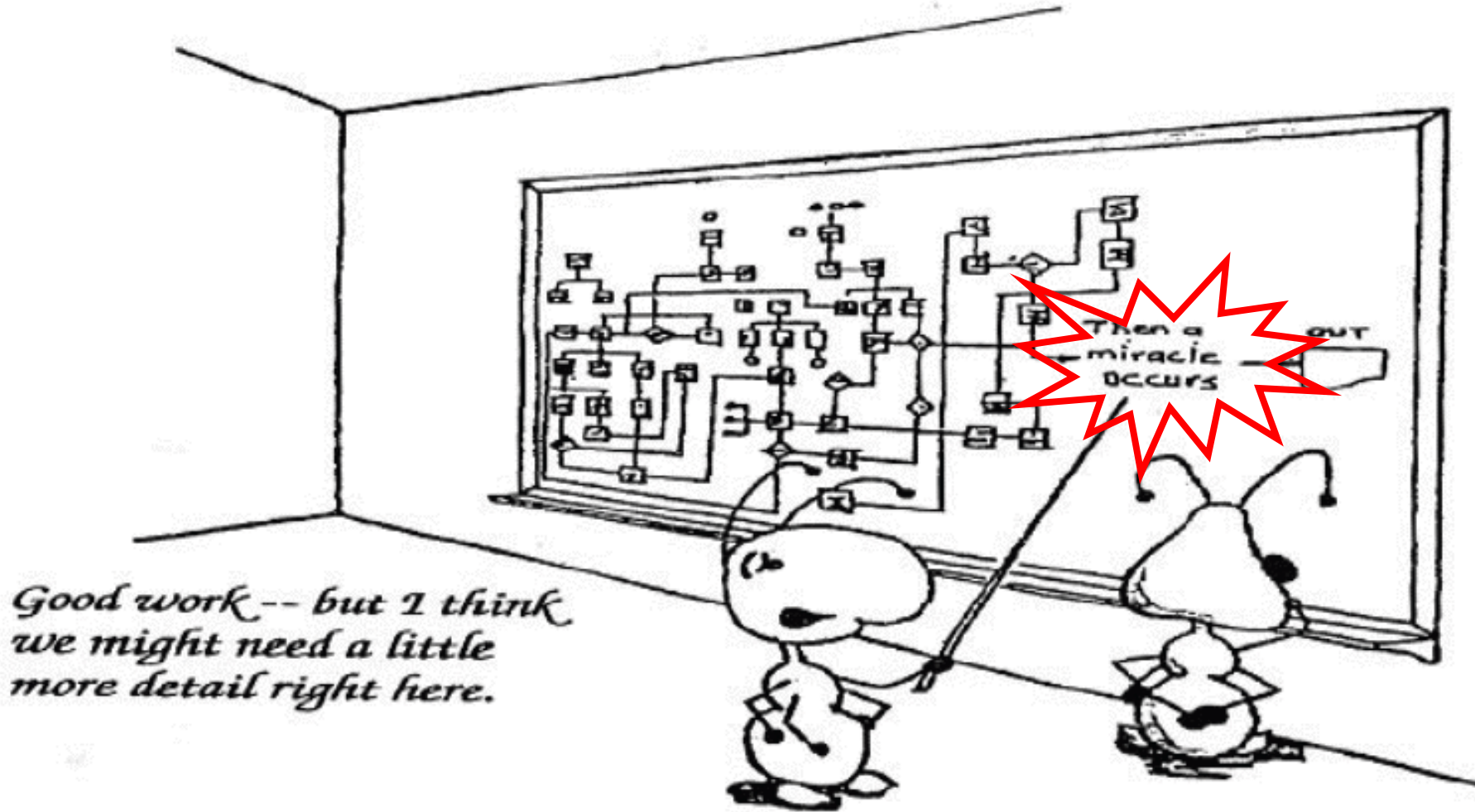


# Single Giant Models Enough?





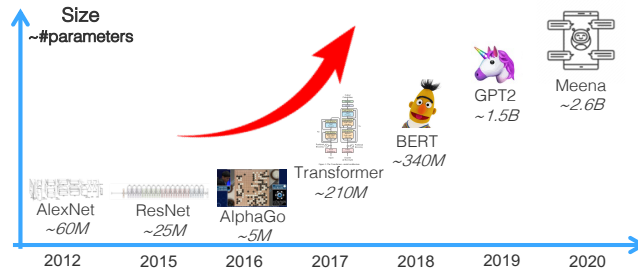
# Difficulties of Single Giant Models



- Explainability
- Debugging
- Maintenance
- Upgrade
- Scalability
- ...



# Far from Solving Real Complex Problems

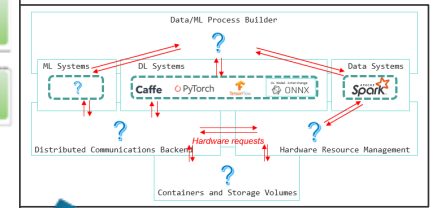
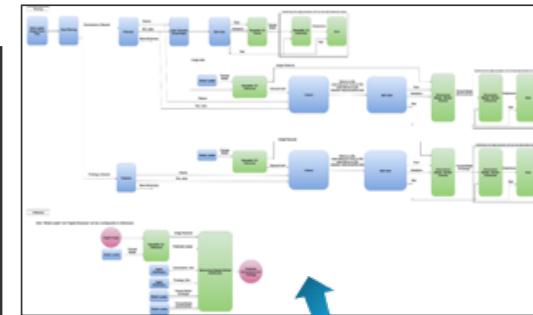


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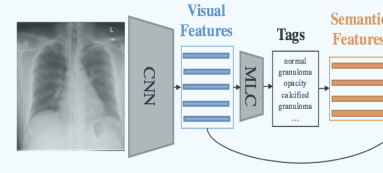
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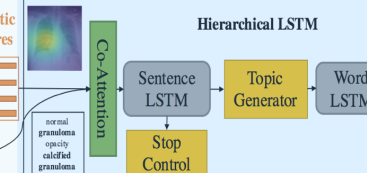
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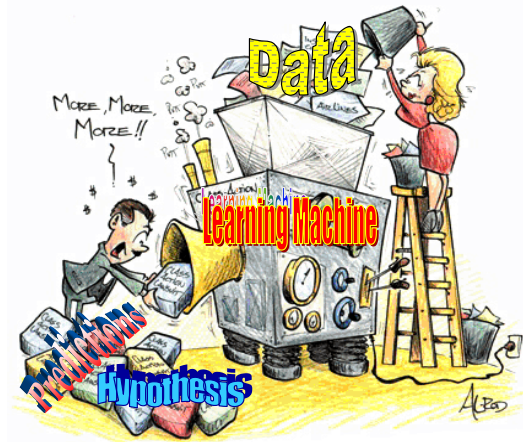
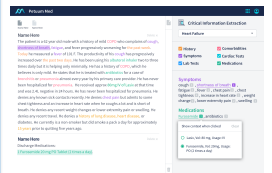
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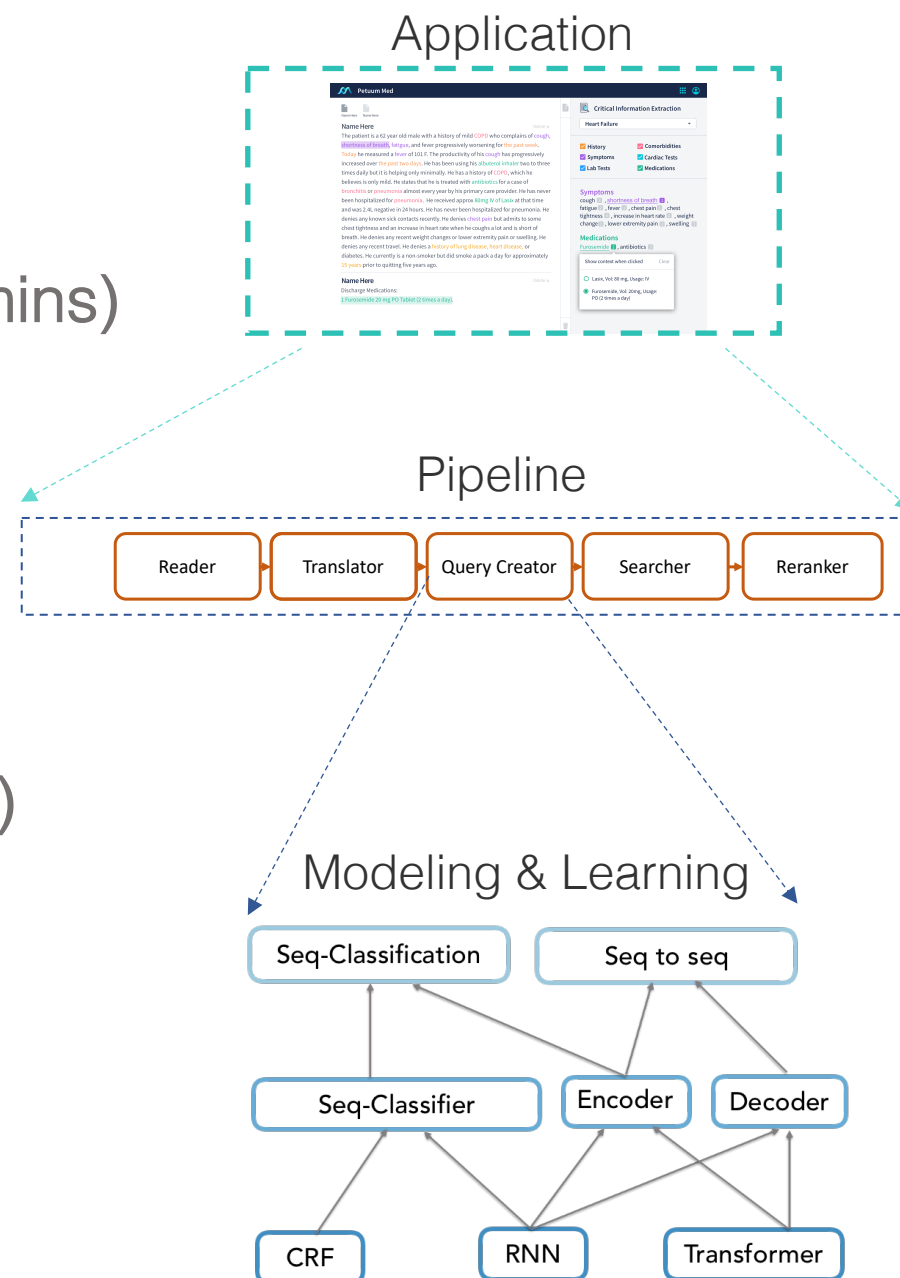


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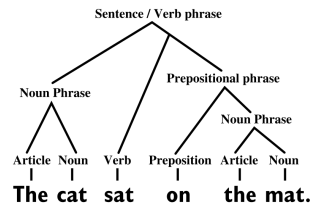
# What's in NLP?

- Informally, NLP is about interacting with or processing human languages with computers
- Broadly, NLP contains/relates to many fields
  - Speech Processing
  - Information Retrieval
  - Information Extraction
  - Text Analysis
  - Language Generation
  - Speech Synthesize

Text Processing

We'll talk about these today.

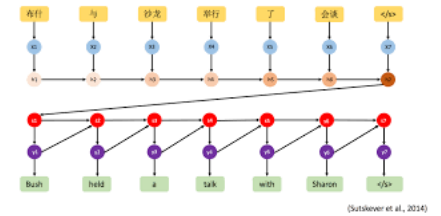
# Categorization of Text Processing



Language  
Understanding



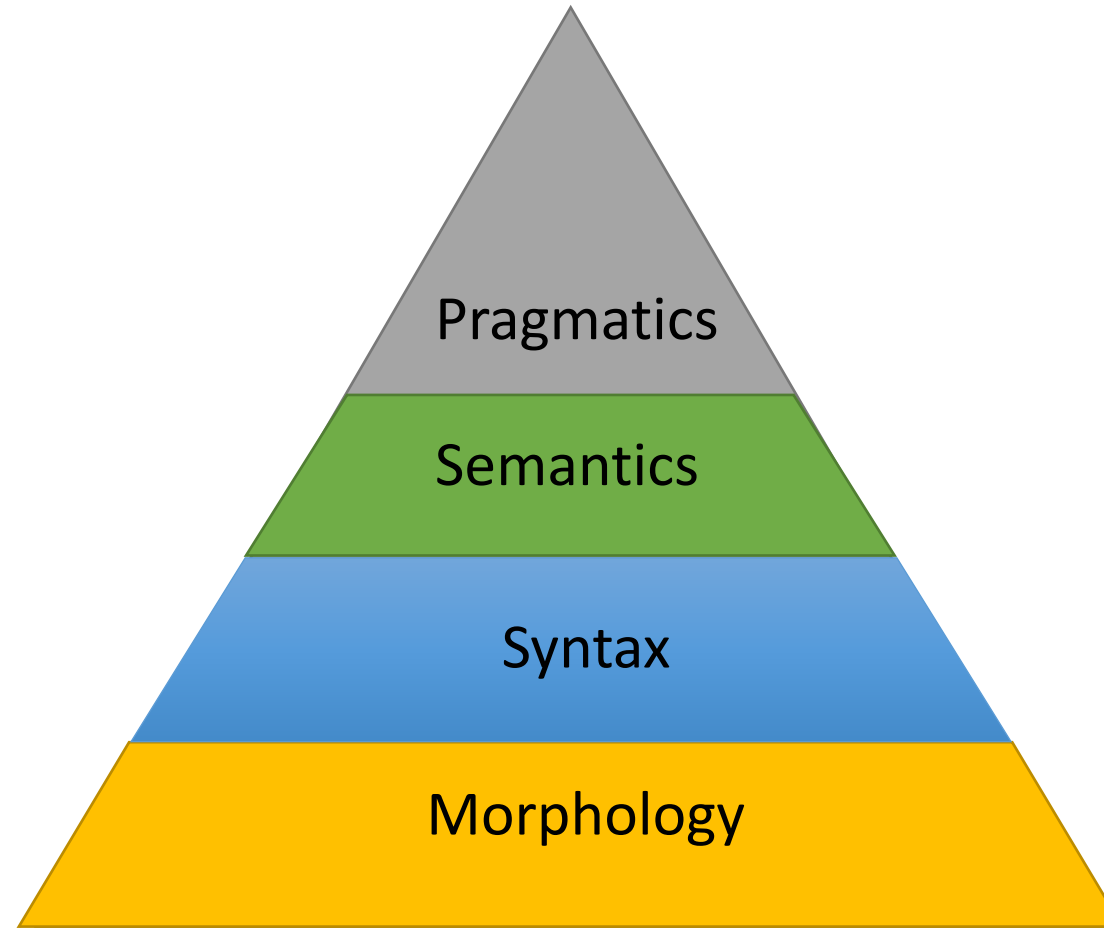
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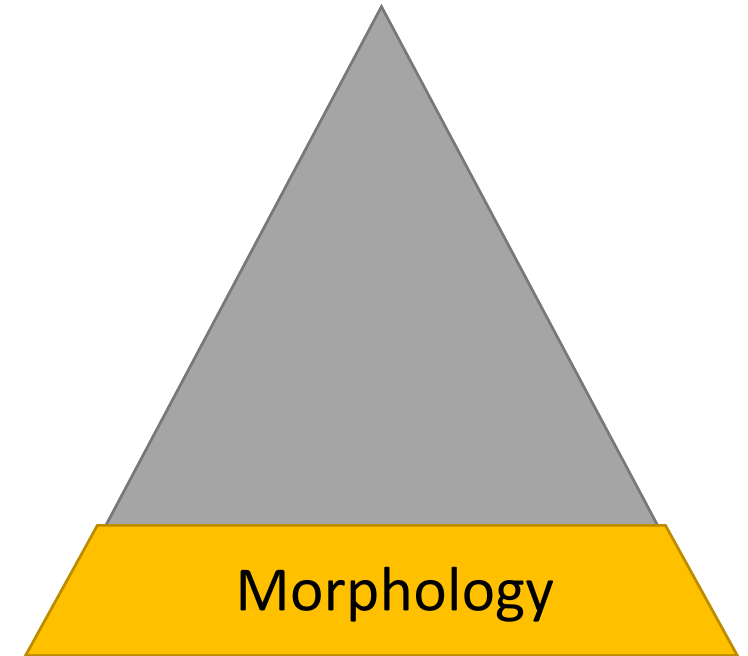
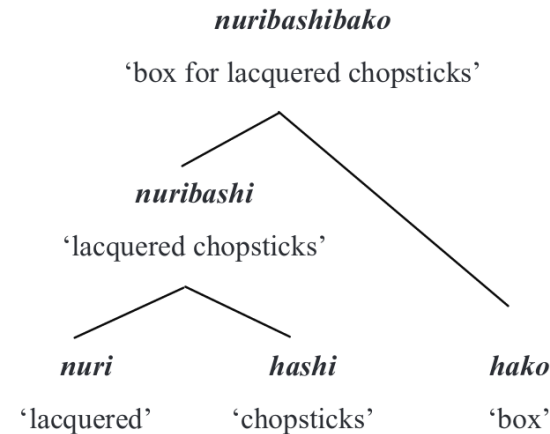
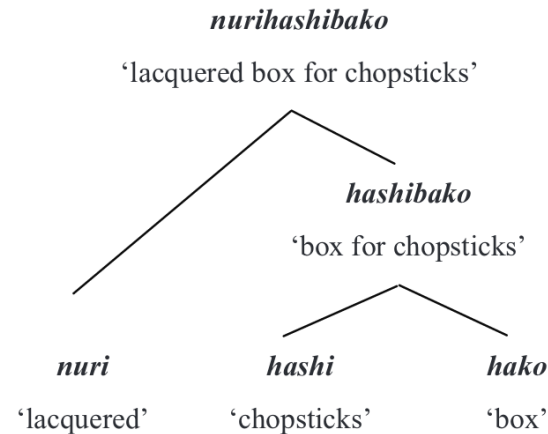
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# Language Understanding Pyramid



# Morphology

## Morphology Analysis





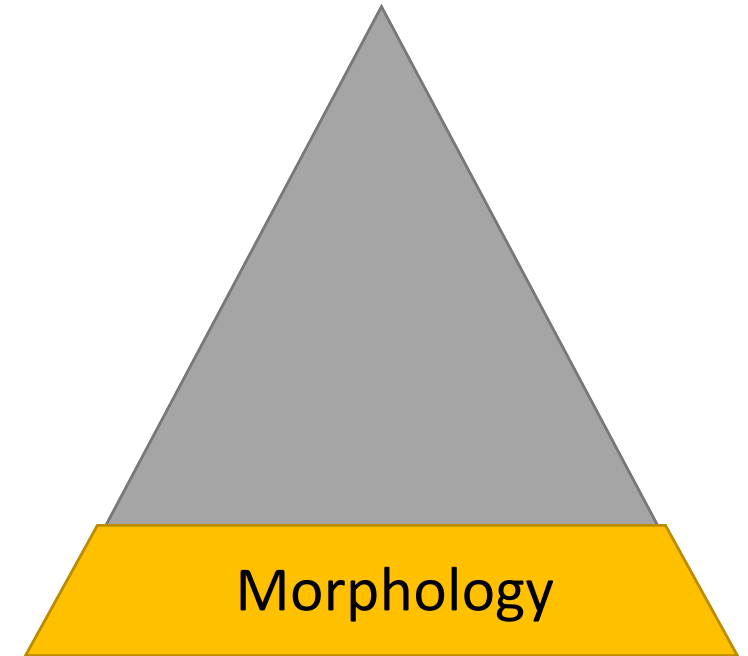
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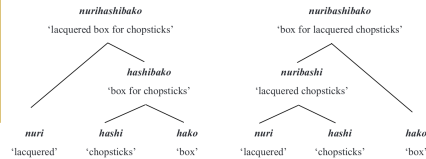
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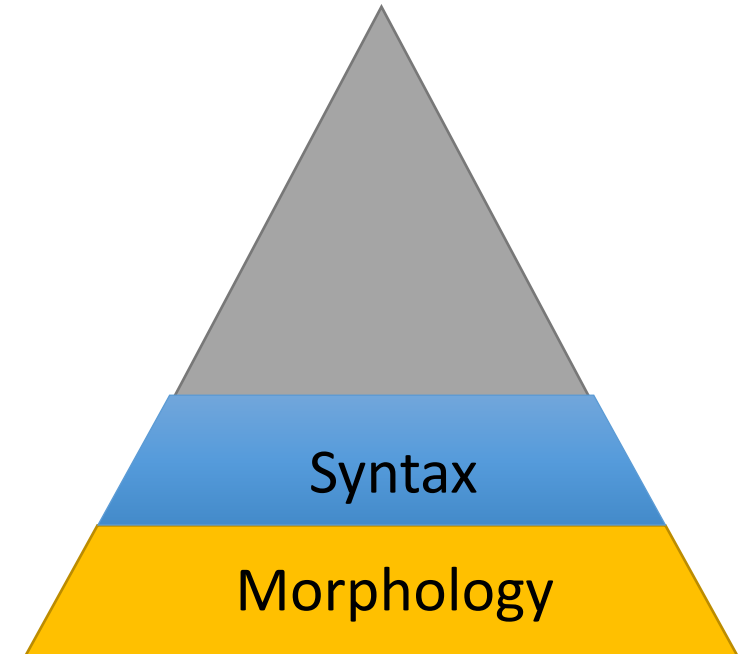
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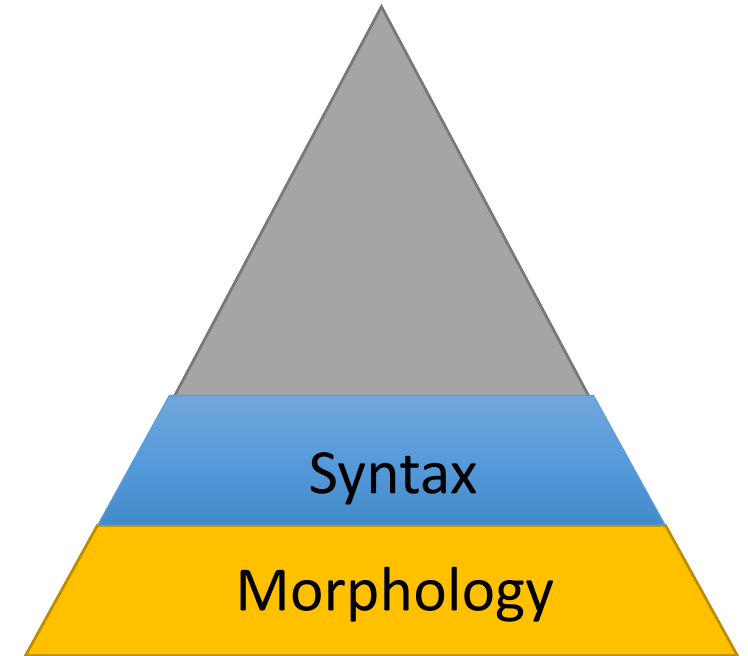
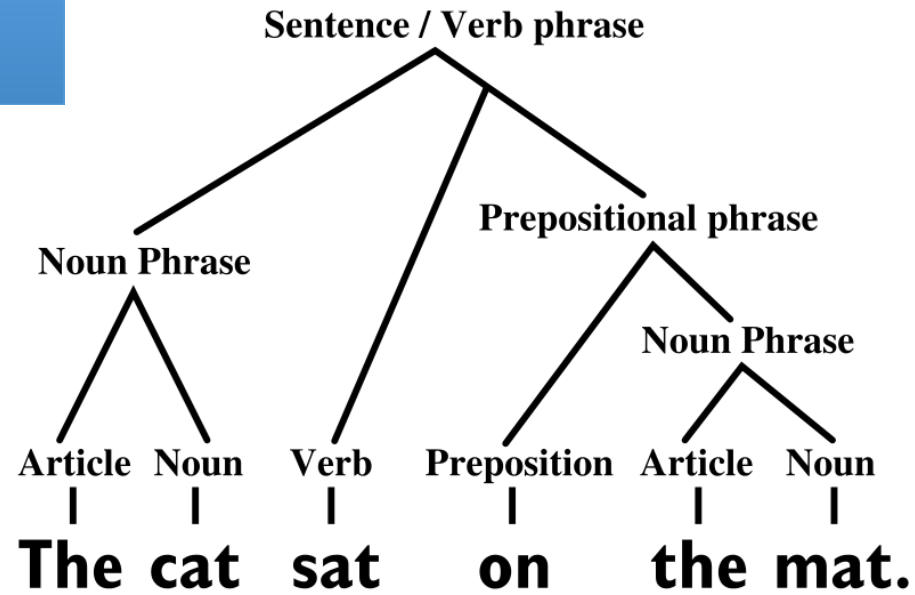
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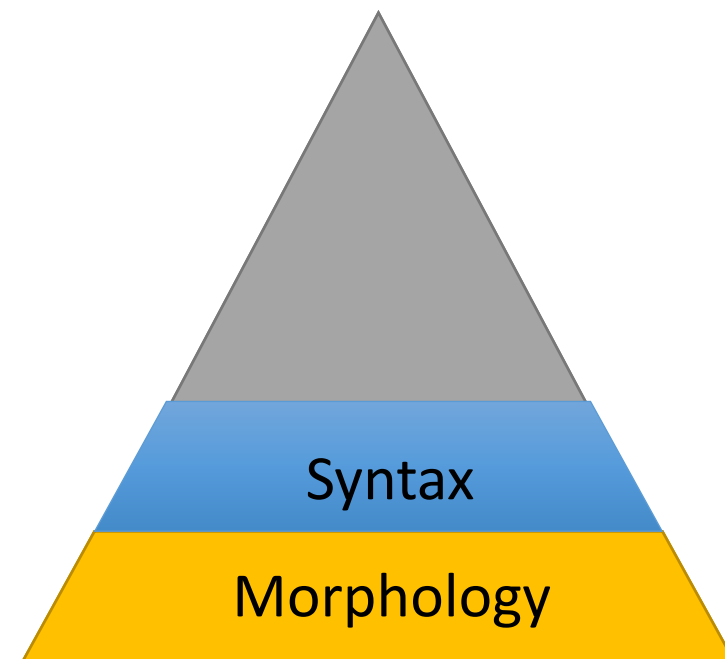
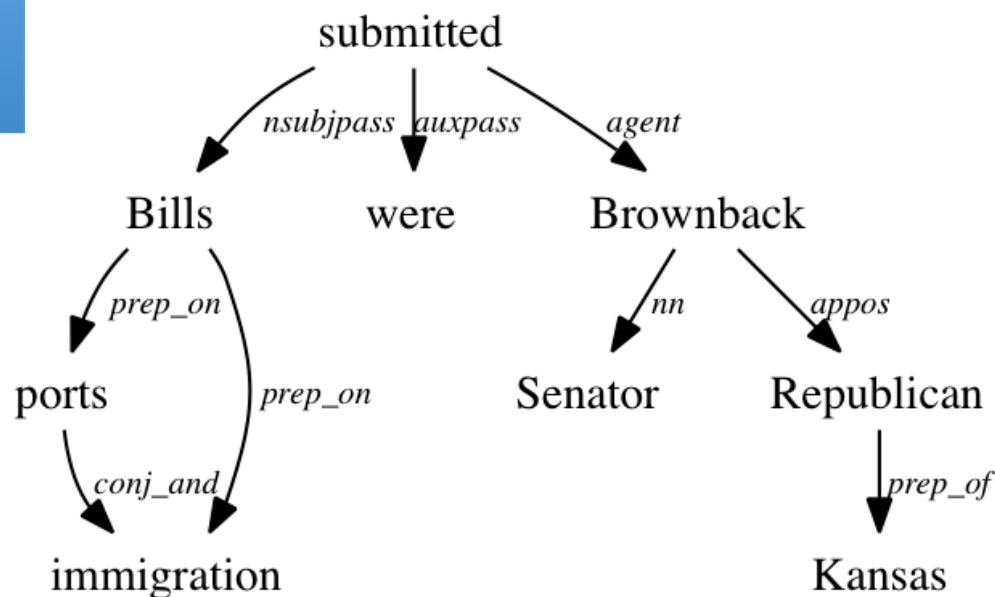
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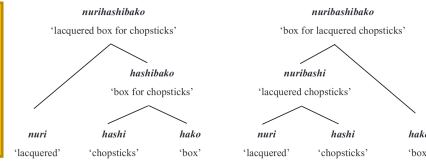
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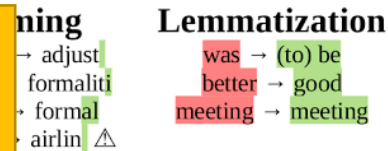


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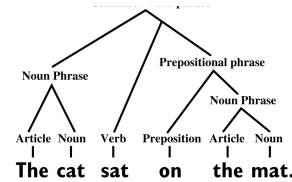
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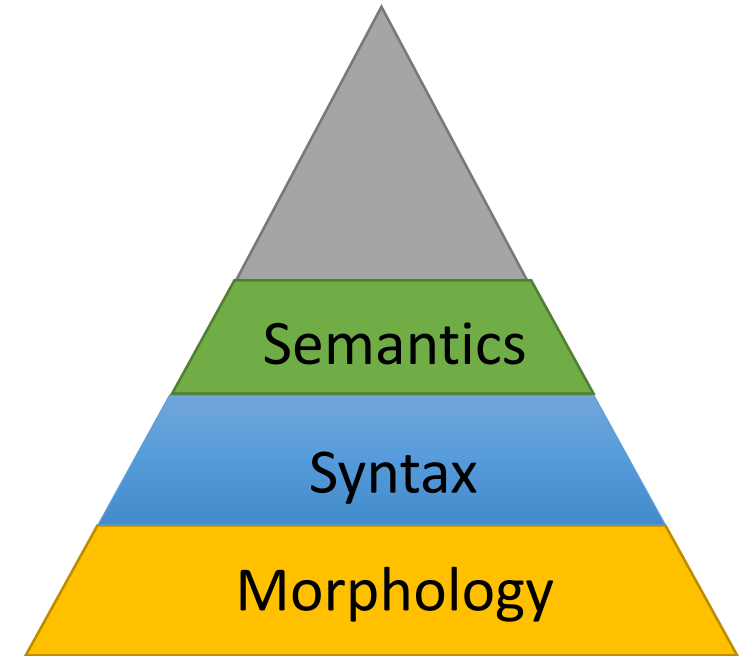
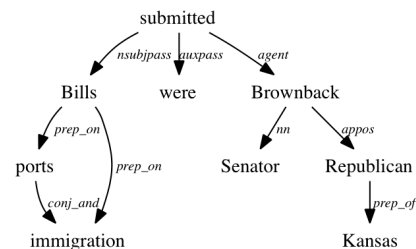
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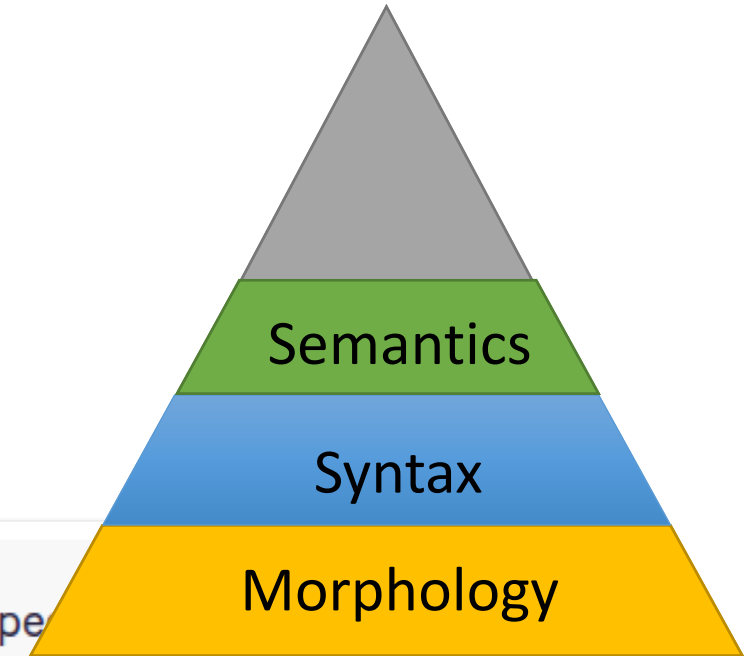


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Parse



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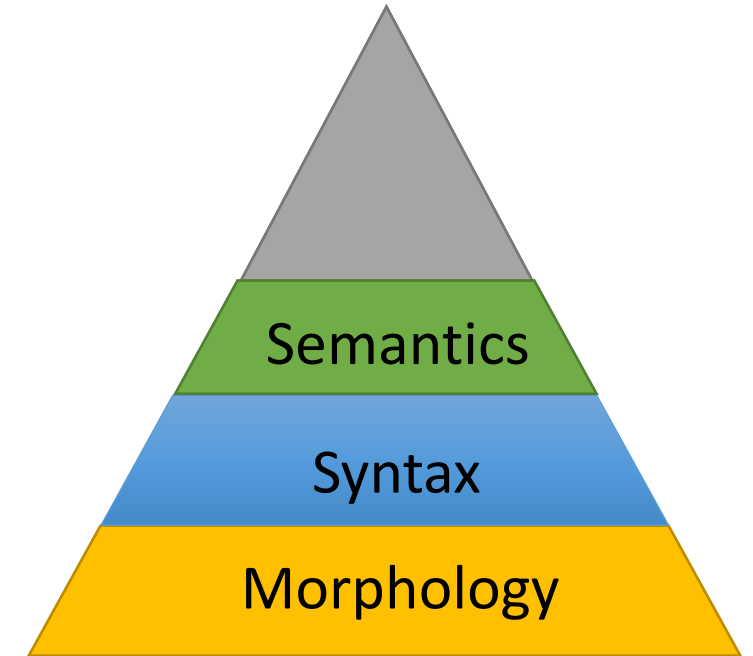
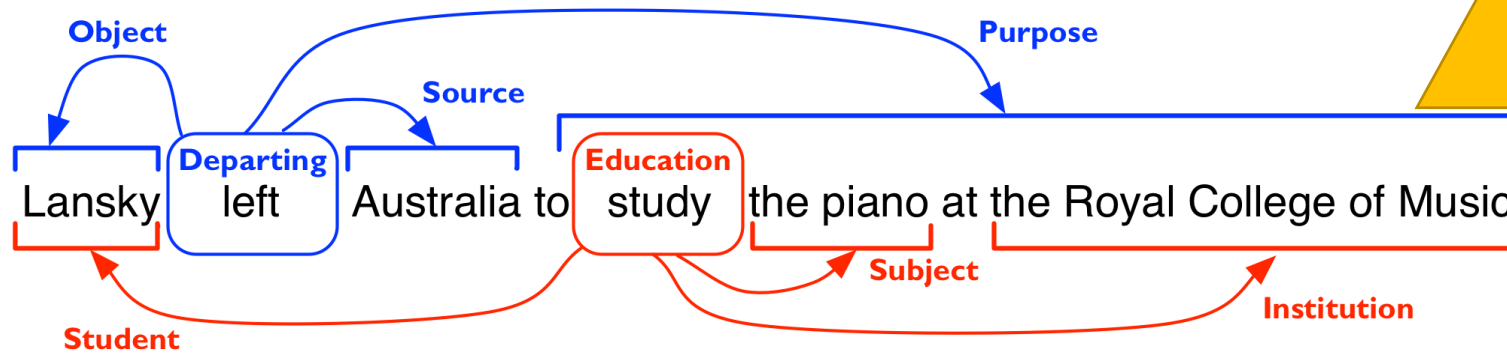
## Named Entity Recognition



When Sebastian Thrun PERSON started at Google ORG in 2007 DATE , few people took him seriously. “I can tell you very senior CEOs of major American NORP car companies would shake my hand and turn away because I wasn’t worth talking to,” said Thrun PERSON , now the co-founder and CEO of online higher education startup Udacity, in an interview with Recode ORG earlier this week DATE .

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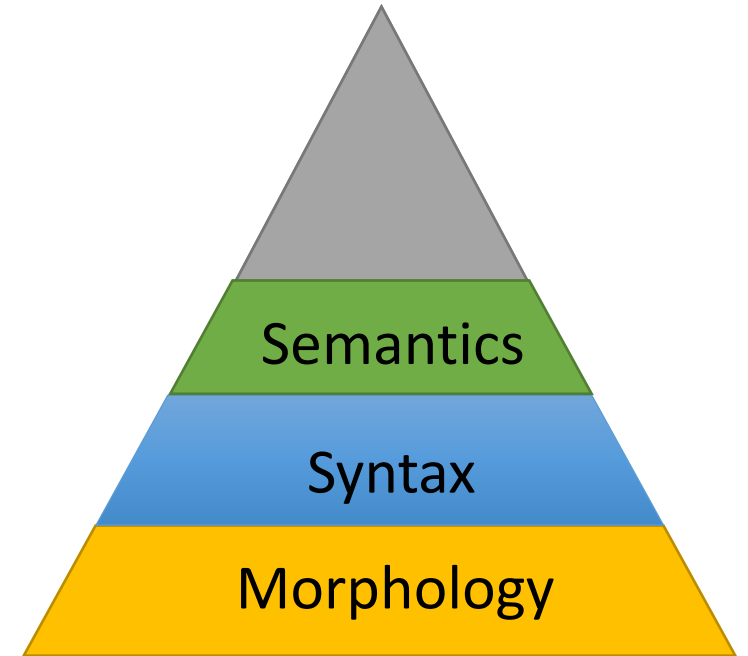
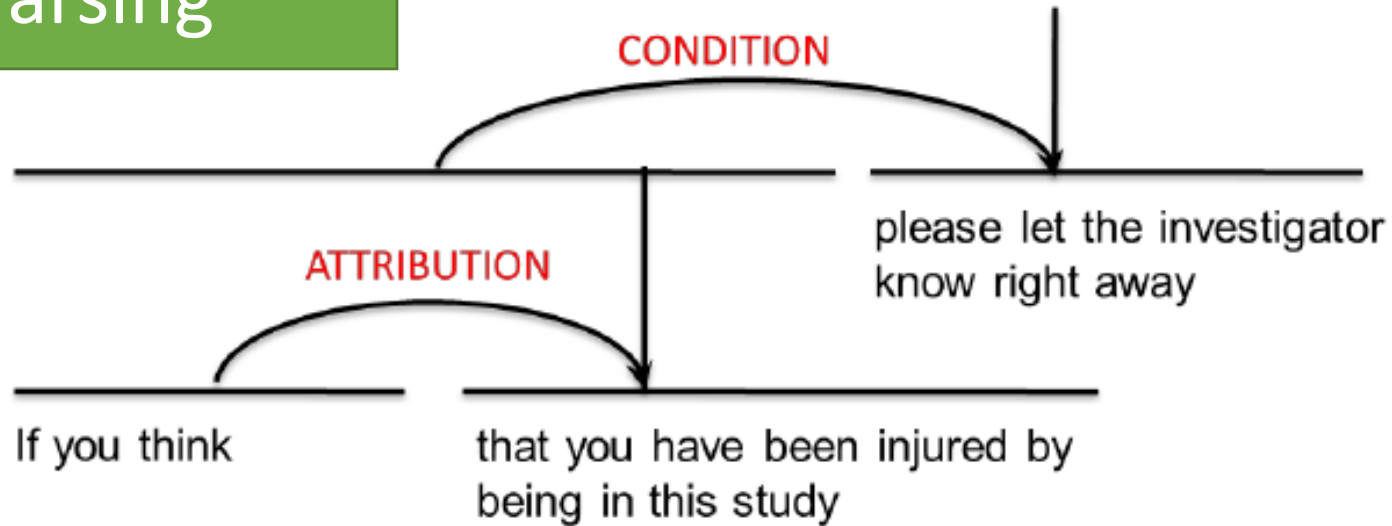
## Semantic Roles





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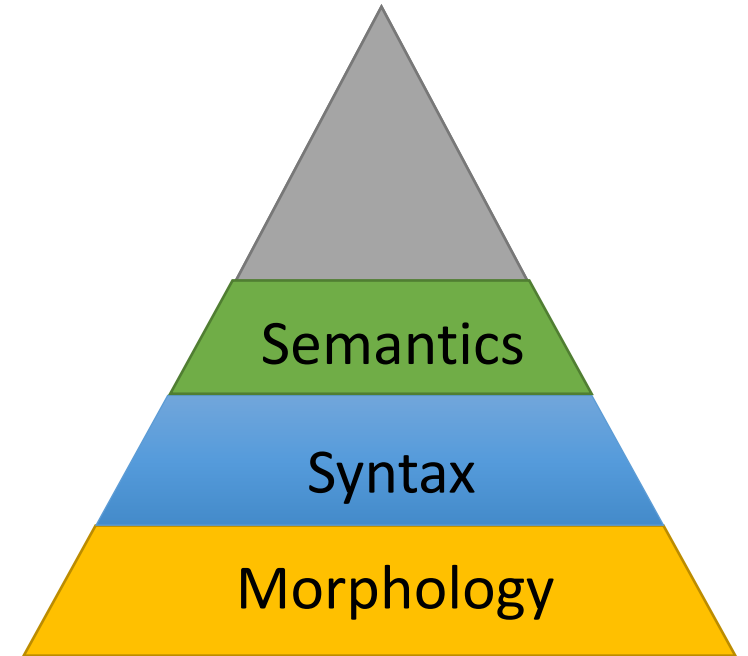
Discourse  
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# Semantic

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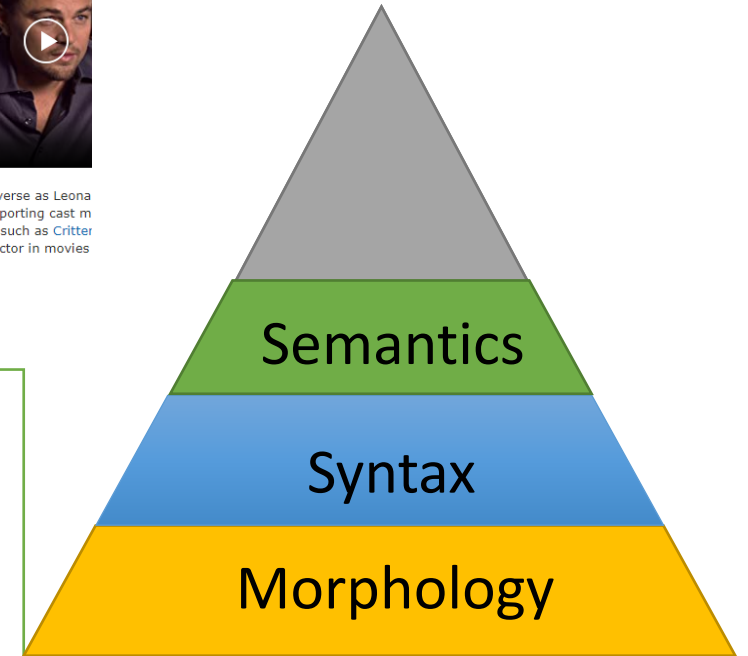
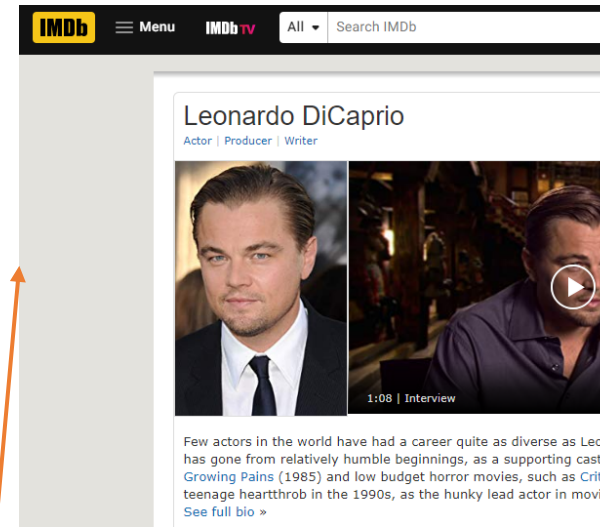
*"I voted for Nader because he was most  
aligned with my values," she said.*



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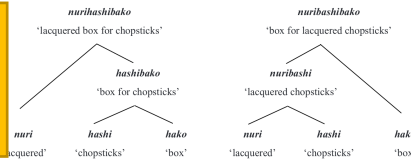
## Entity Linking

Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio  
have definitely created a timeless classic.

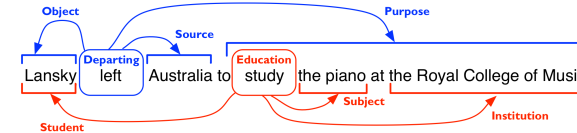


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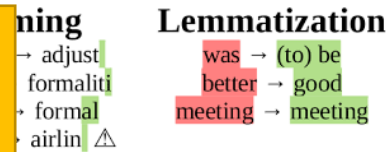
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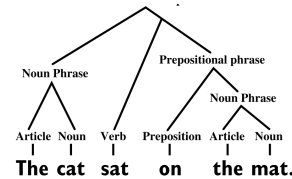
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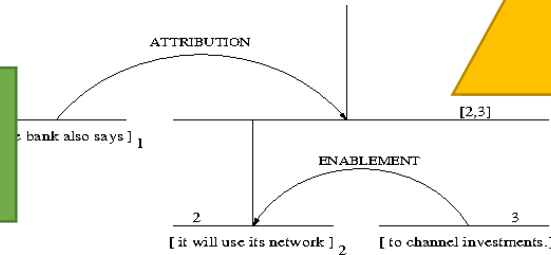
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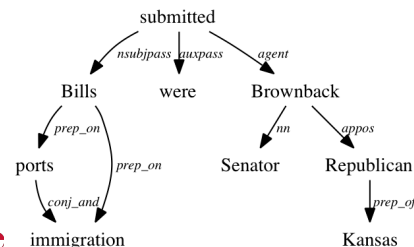
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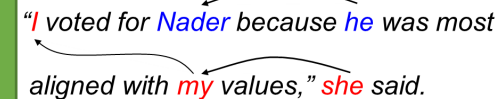
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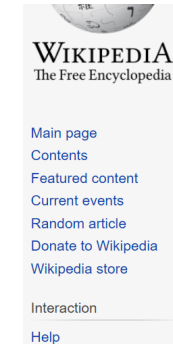


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Pragmatics  
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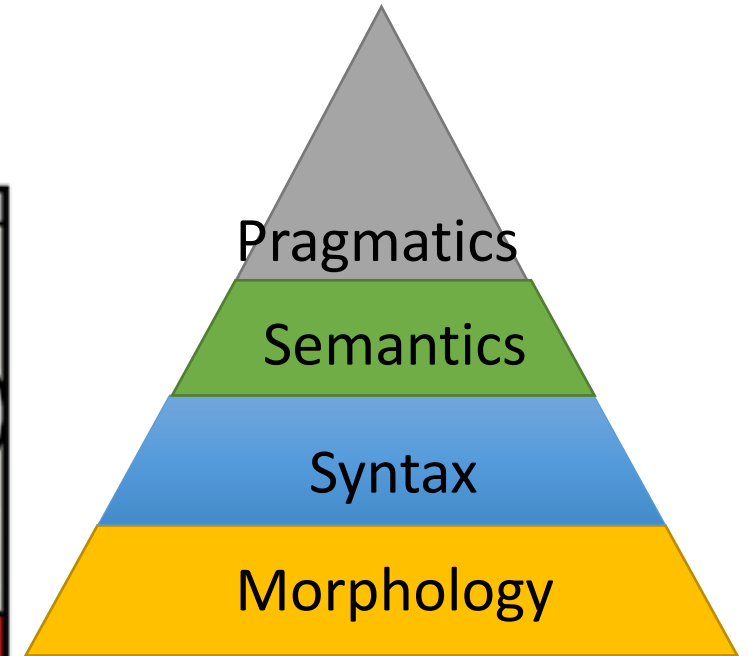
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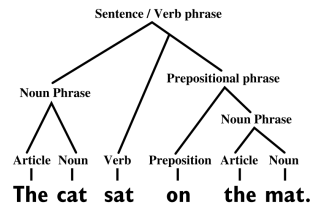
**Kate Elizabeth Winslet** CBE (born 5 October 1975) is an English actress. She is particularly known for her work in period dramas, and is often drawn to portraying angst-ridden women. Winslet is the recipient of various accolades, including three **British Academy Film Awards**, and is among the few performers to have won **Academy**, **Emmy**, and **Grammy Awards**.

# Pragmatics





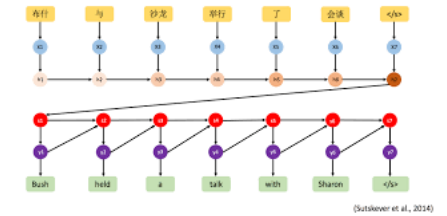
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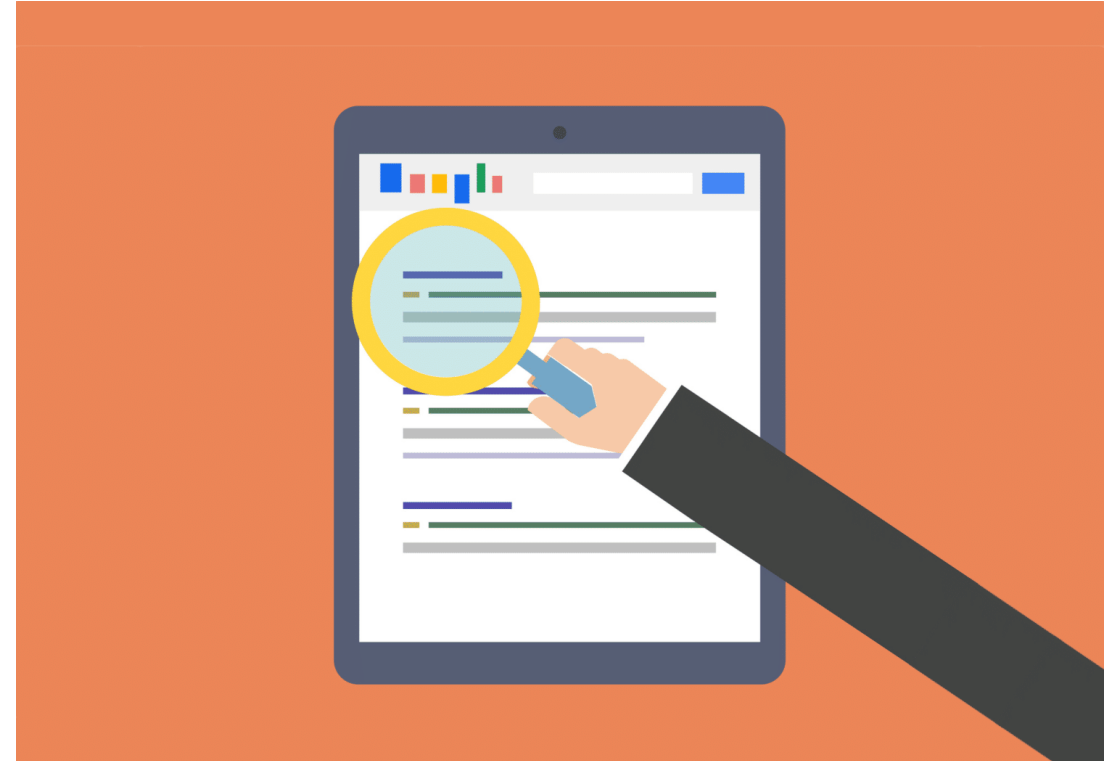
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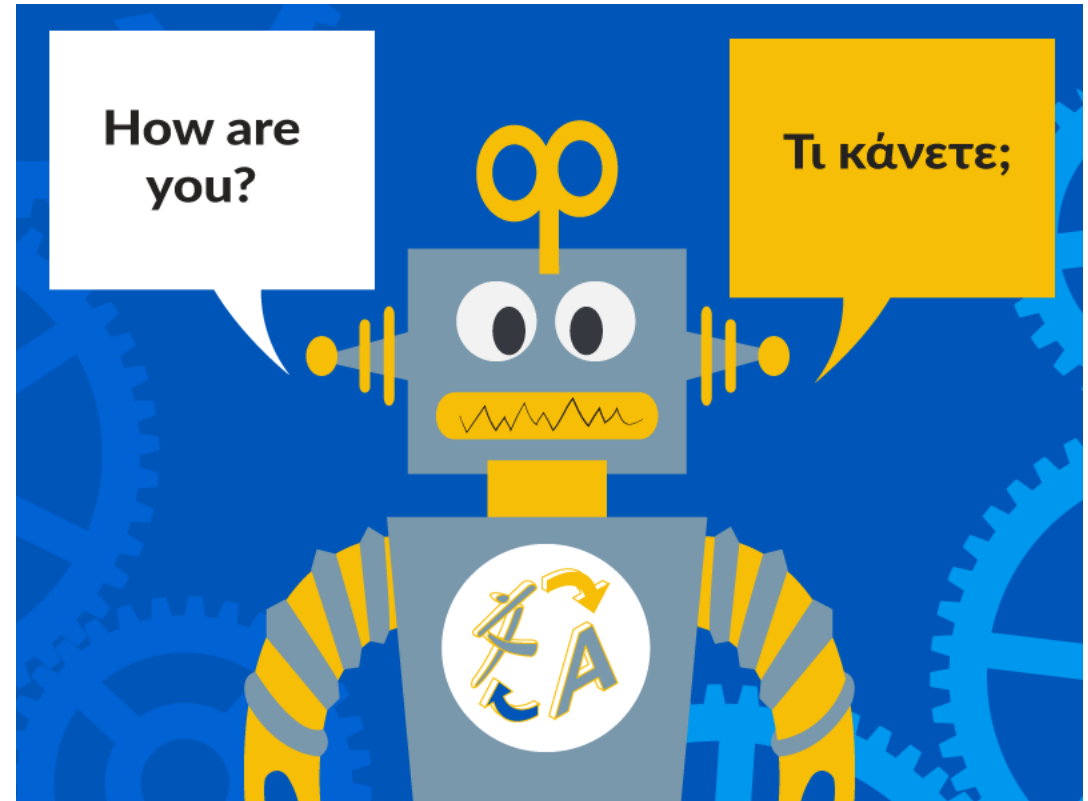
# Information Retrieval

- Retrieve relevant documents based on user query
- Some IR sub-tasks:
  - The Search Step: quickly get relevant documents as a rank list based on an efficient Index.
  - The Reranking Step: fine-tune the rank list to create better ranking



# Text Generation

- Machine Translation
- Summarization
- Dialogue Response Generation

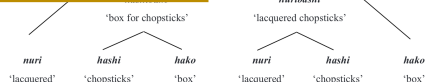


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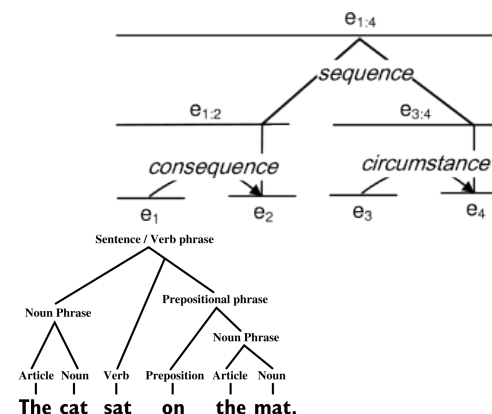
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Different Levels

Retrieval

Understand

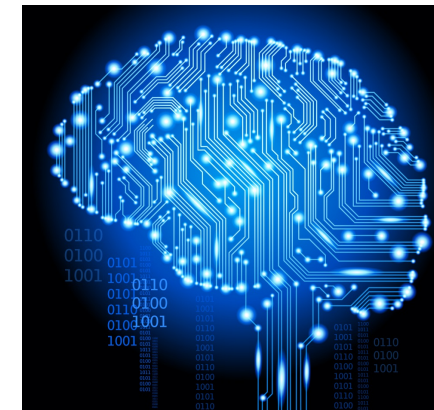
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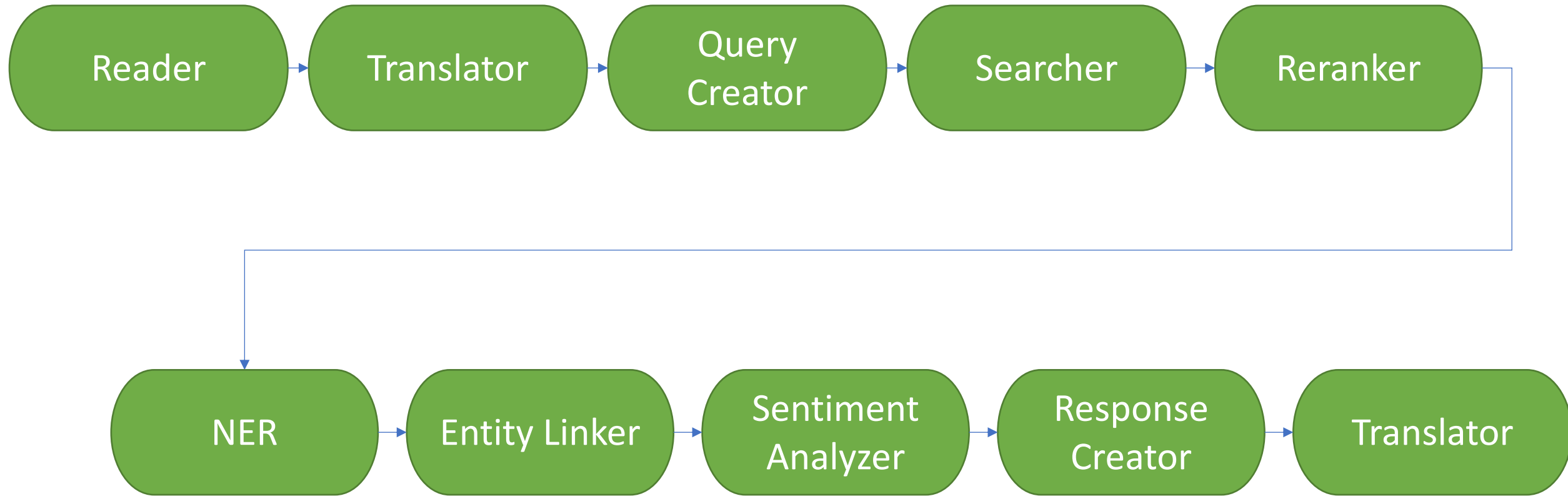
Multiple Stages



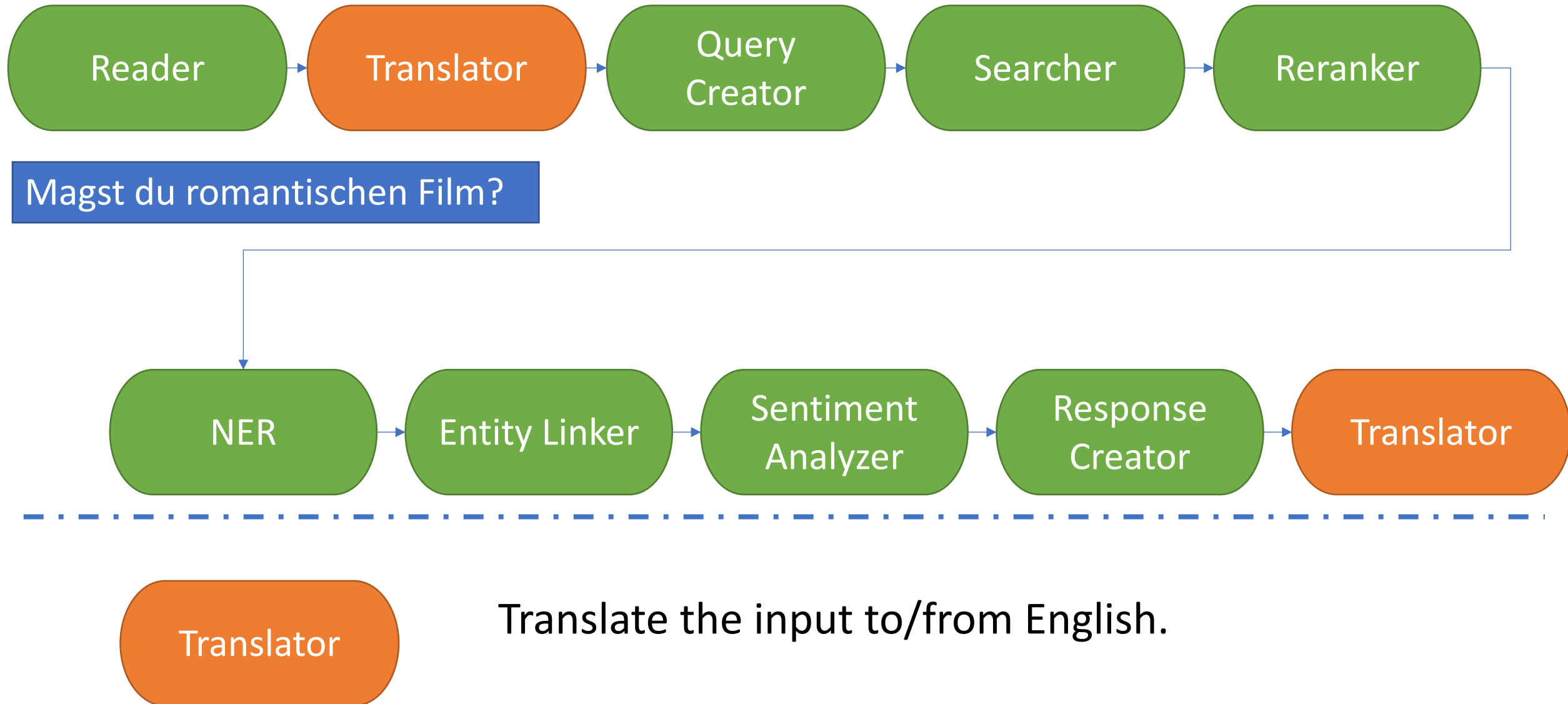
# Real World Applications are Complex

- A user **speaks German** but would like to find good **romantic movies**.
- We have a **corpus of English movie reviews**.
- What should we do?





Here is one possible solution pipeline

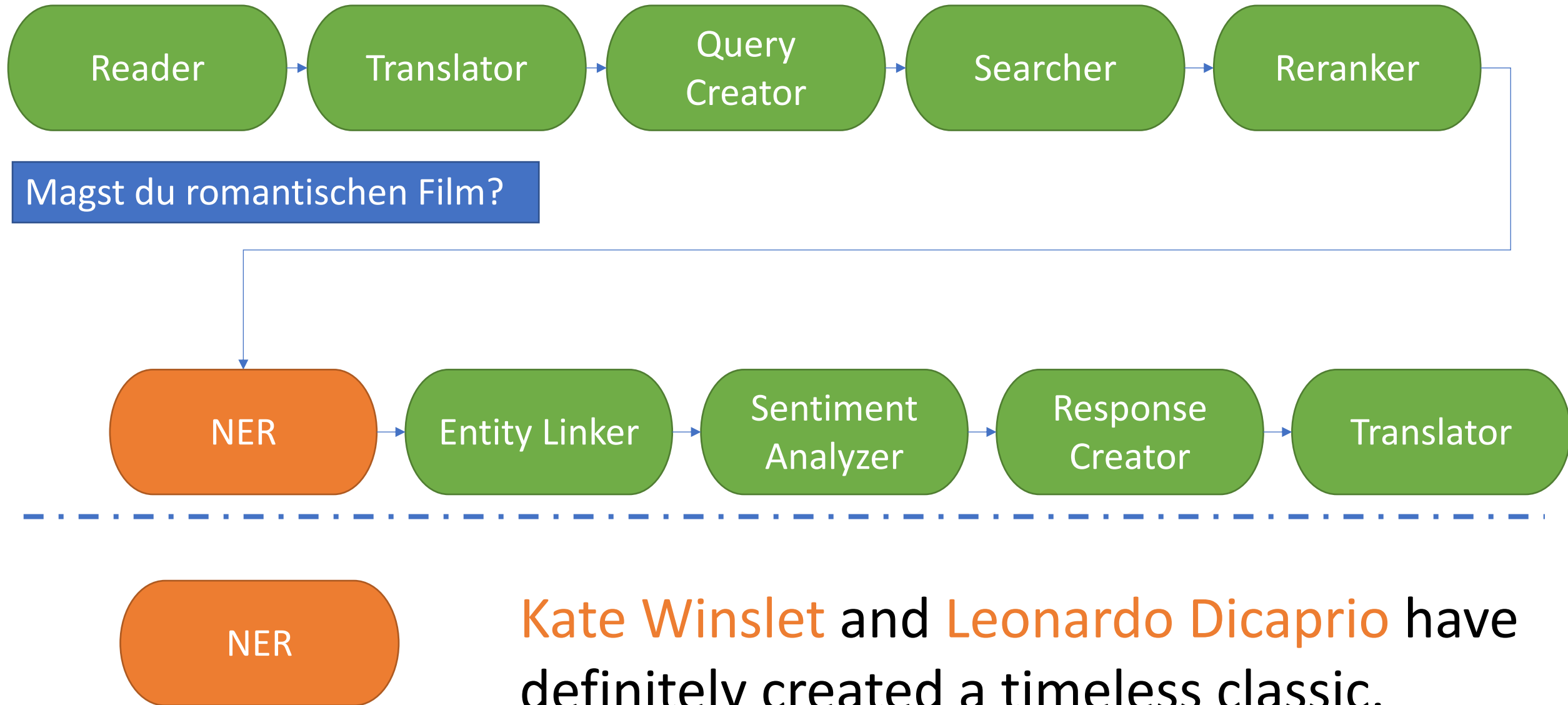




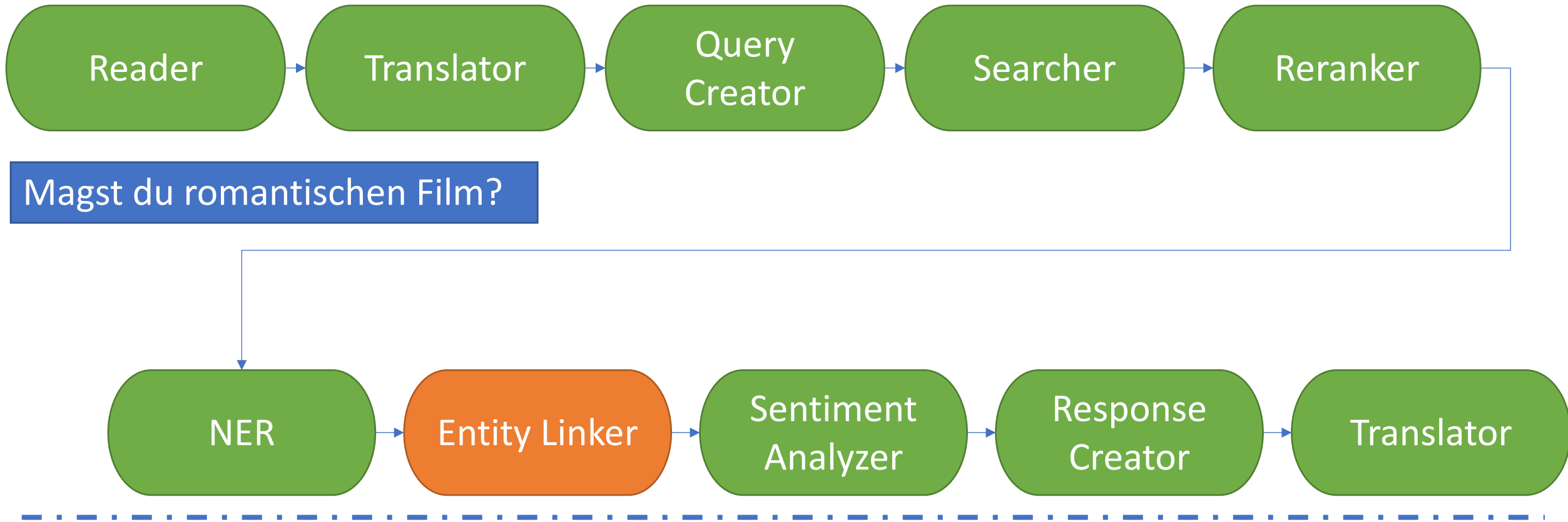
Magst du romantischen Film?



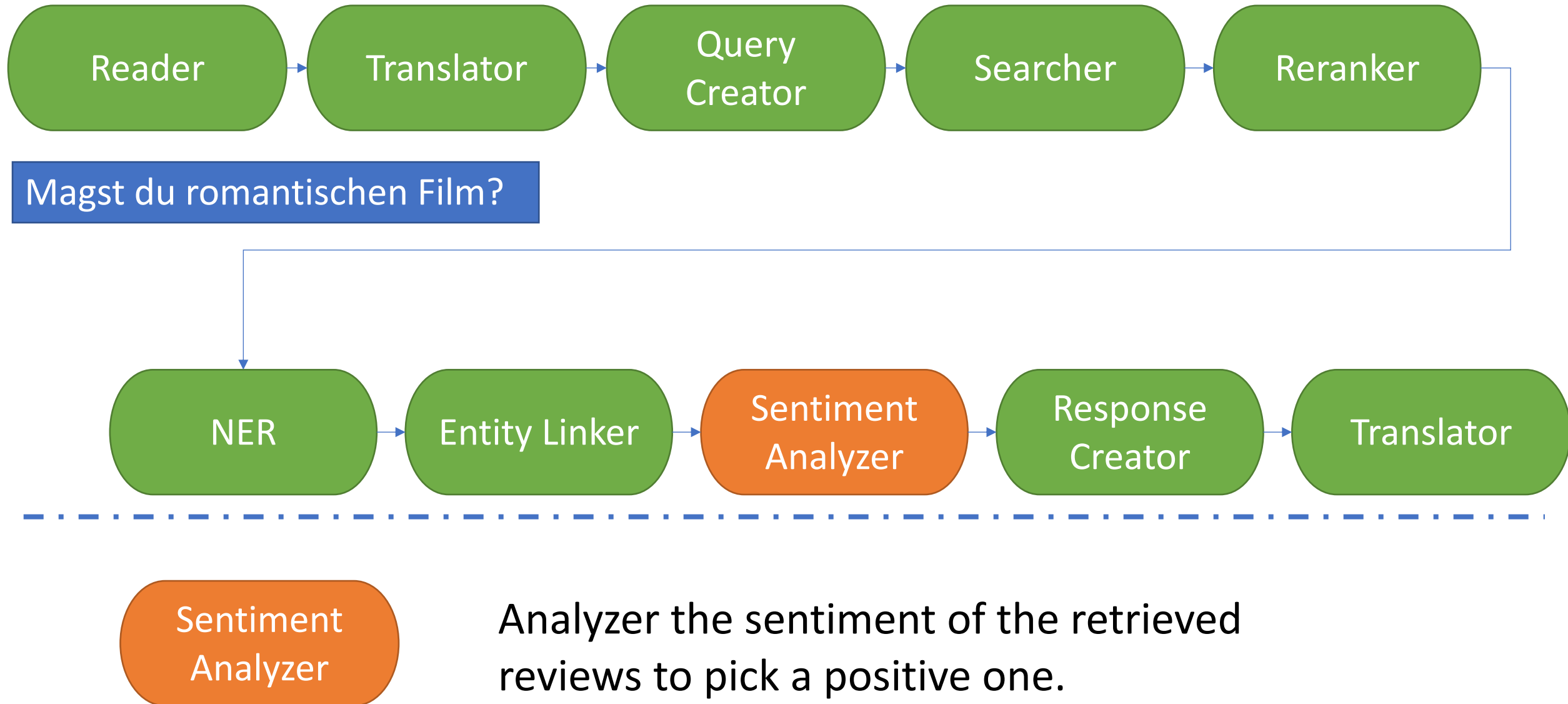
Create appropriate queries  
and run on the Information  
Retrieval Engine

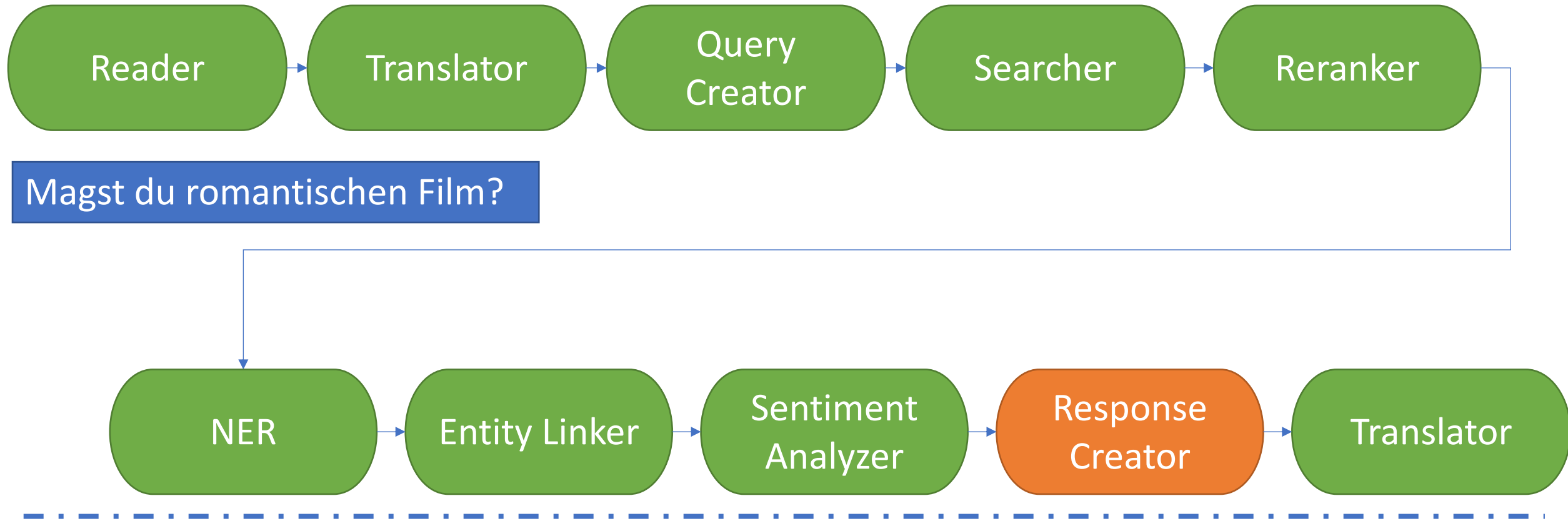






Link “well-known” mentions to backend knowledge base, such as “**Leonardo Dicaprio**”



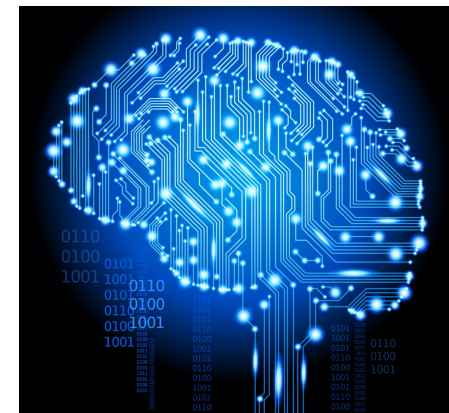


Response  
Creator

Now with all the above, can we construct an answer?

# Inter-Operation Across the Pipeline

- Every Step in the Pipeline produces useful information
- Can we easily access and utilize these for the final goal?
- Let's review how we normally build such a pipeline



# How to build complex NLP pipelines?

Decompose the pipeline into steps



Solve each step

Use an existing implement

Build your own implement



Connect the steps

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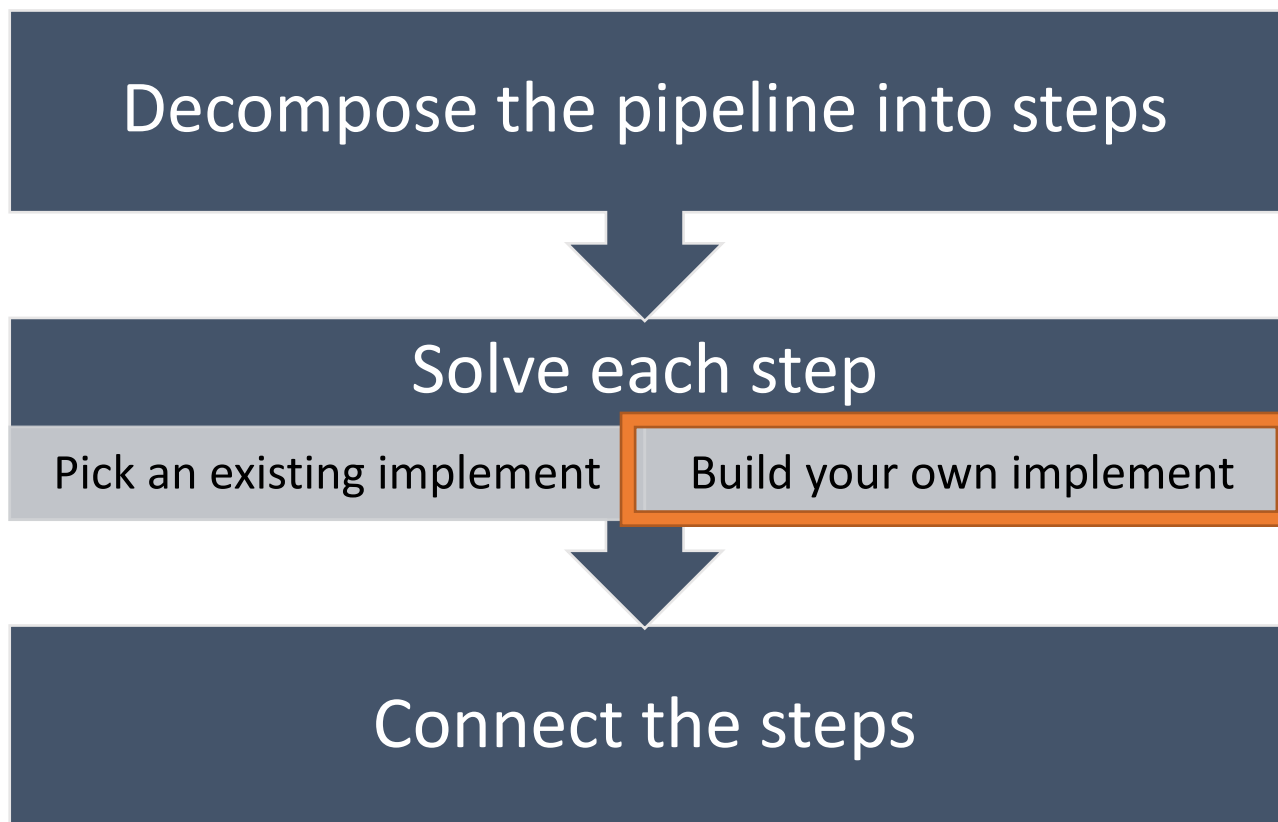
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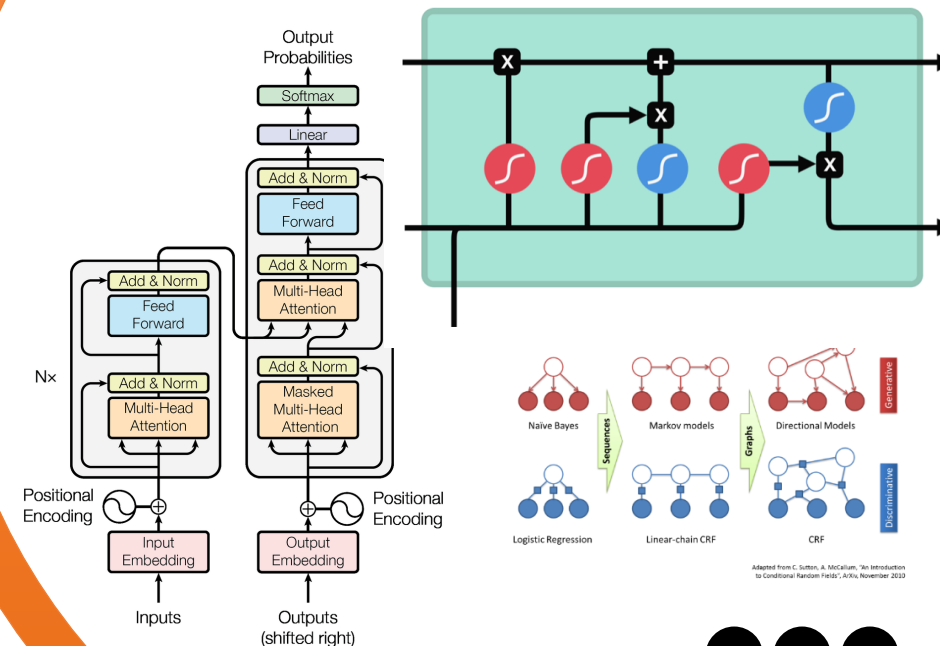
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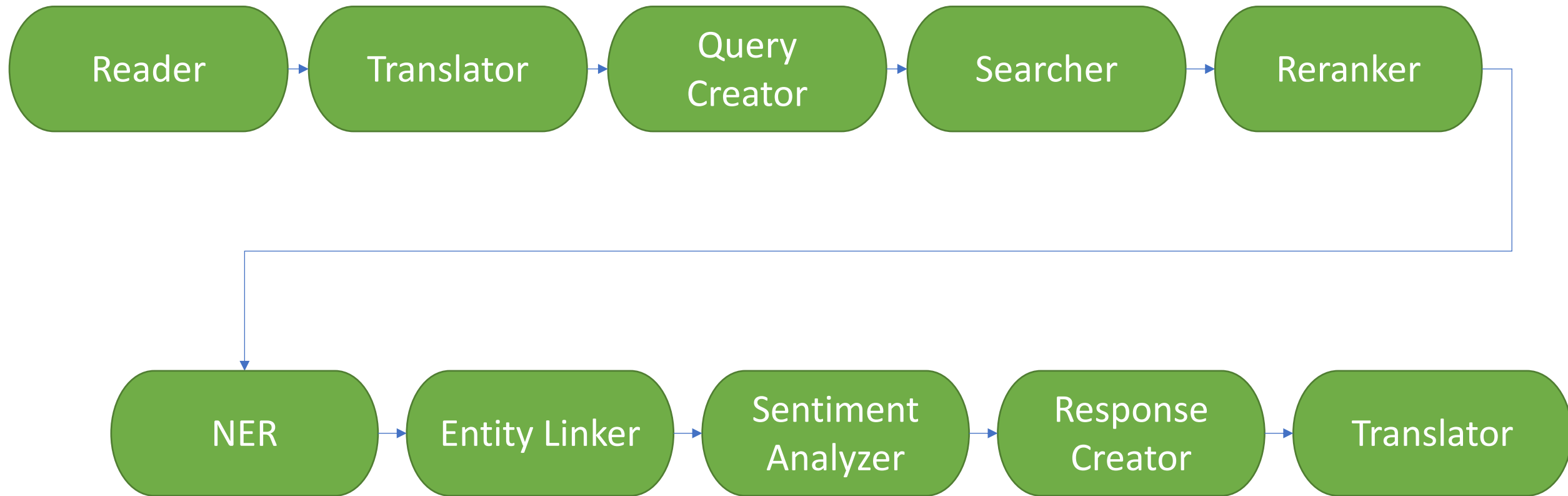
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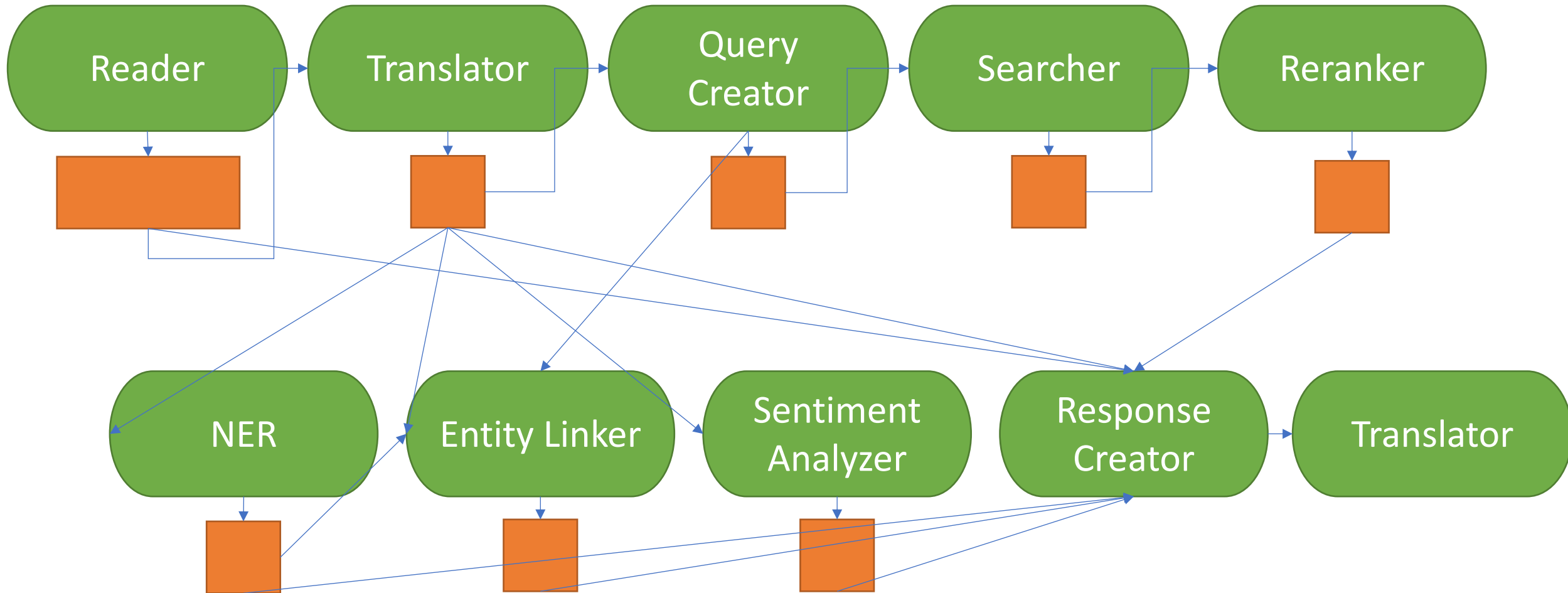
Connect the steps



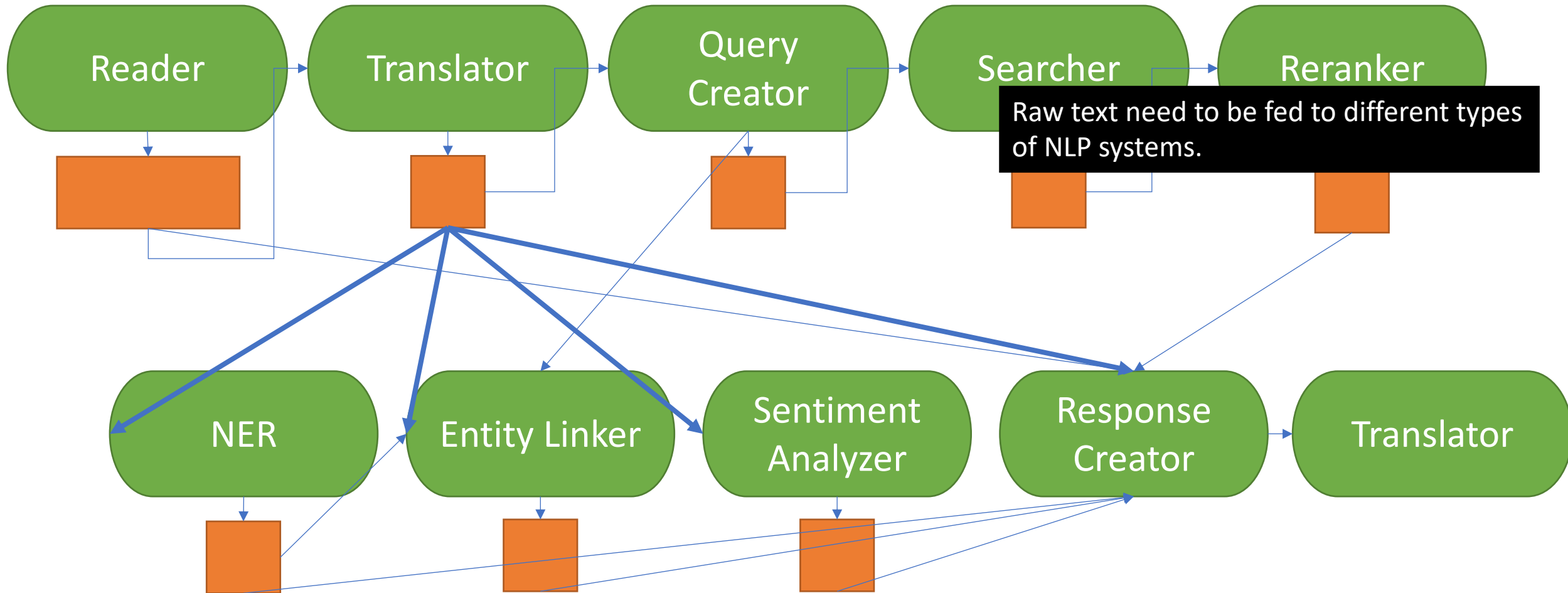
# So here is the “expected” pipeline



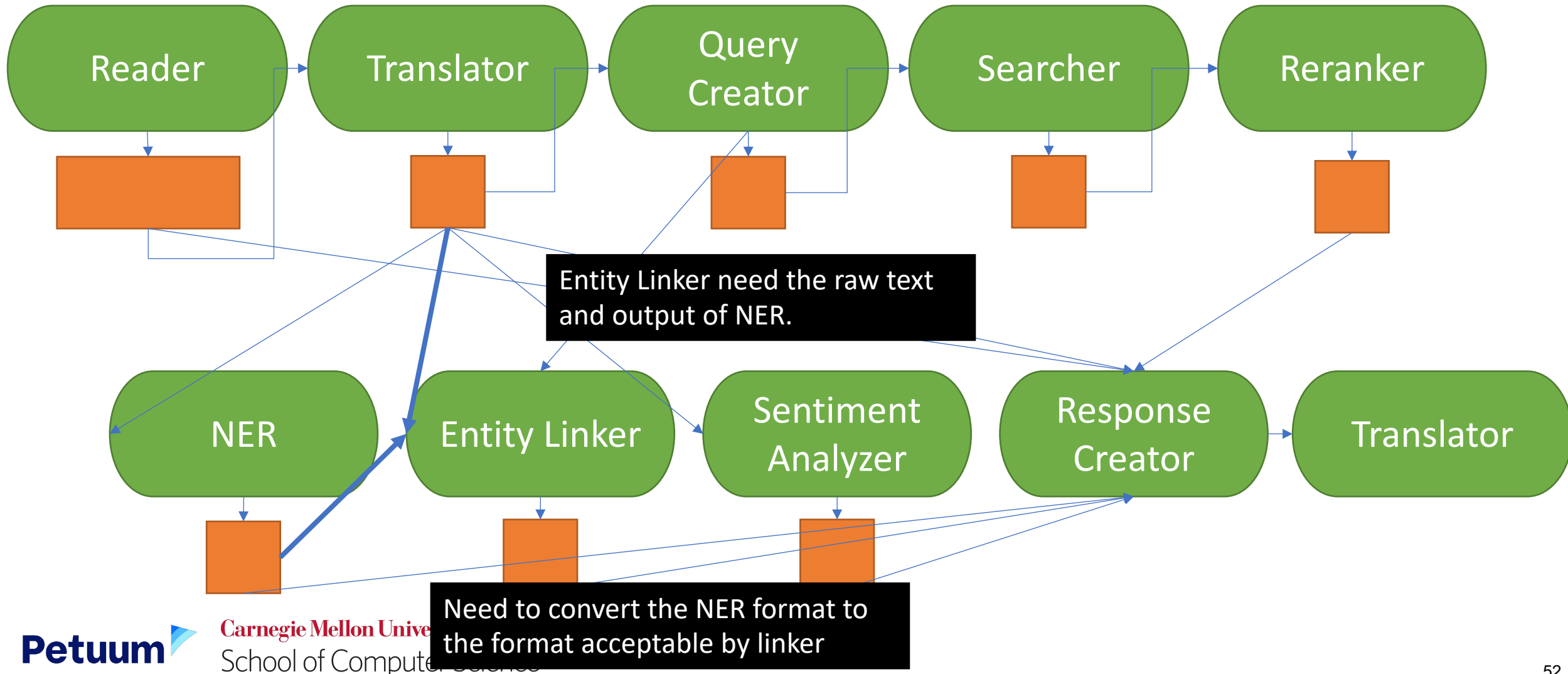
# What it might look like



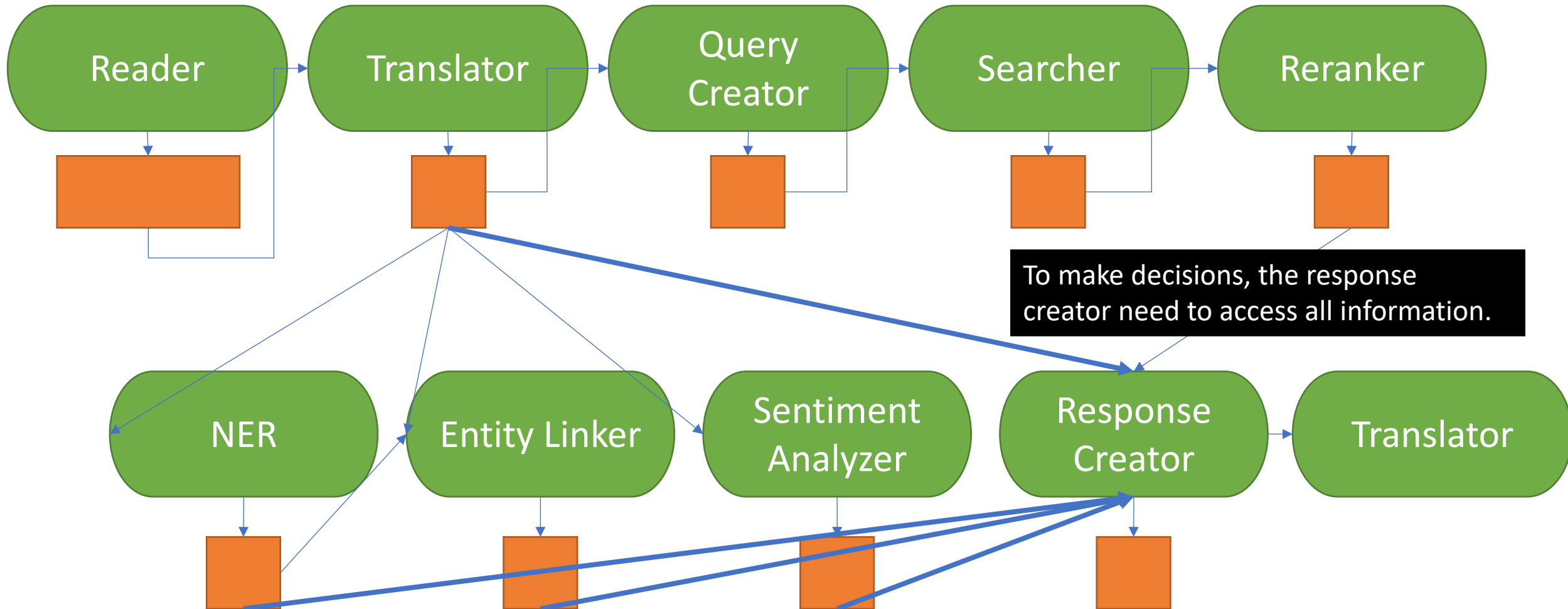
# What it might look like



# What it might look like



# What it might actually look like



# What it might look like





What

Reader

Writer

Use a Pipeline System?

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Translator

# Examples of Some Pipeline Systems

- Illinois Curator
  - Support many different NLP tasks
  - Especially strong in different flavors of SRL
  - Allow composing many different tasks

## Curator Demo [check status?](#) [about?](#)

Enter some text in the box below. Then, check the boxes next to the types of annotation you want Curator to provide. Click "process" to send your text to be annotated with those resources. When the selected annotation services have finished, the outputs of those services will be displayed on this page.

You can replace this placeholder text with the sentences you'd like the Curator to annotate.

process

Select the annotation services you'd like to be applied to your text:

- ☒ Sentences -- Illinois sentence-level segmenter
- ☒ Tokens -- Illinois token-level segmenter
- ☐ Part-of-Speech -- Illinois Part-of-Speech tagger
- ☐ Shallow Parse chunks -- Illinois Chunker (a.k.a. Shallow Parser)
- ☐ Named Entities -- Illinois Named Entity Recognizer 2014 CoNLL (PER/LOC/ORG/MISC)
- ☐ Named Entities -- Illinois Extended Named Entity Recognizer 2014 Ontonotes (18 types)
- ☐ Quantities -- Illinois Quantity Recognizer
- ☐ Semantic Roles (verbs) -- older SRL

# Examples of Some Pipeline Systems

- Stanford
  - Features in a good coverage in core NLP tasks
  - Provide utilities on these tasks
  - Strong dependency between tasks (e.g. parsing depends on tokenization)

The screenshot shows the Stanford CoreNLP website interface. At the top, there's a dark red header with the Stanford CoreNLP logo and links to the Github repo and Quick links. Below the header, the main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a sidebar with a dropdown menu for 'CoreNLP version 3.9.2' and a list of links including Overview, Usage, Annotators (selected), Complete Annotator Listing, Adding a new annotator, Tokenization, CleanXML Annotator, Sentence Splitting, Lemmatization, Parts of Speech, Named Entity Recognition, Constituency Parsing, Dependency Parsing, Coreference Resolution, Open Information Extraction, Sentiment, KBP, Quote Annotator, Model Zoo, Additional tools, and Resources. The right column is titled 'Annotators' and contains a 'Table of Contents' with links to Annotator Descriptions, Annotator Dependencies, and Sub-Annotators. Below this is the 'Annotator Descriptions' section, which features a table with four columns: NAME, ANNOTATOR CLASS NAME, GENERATED ANNOTATION, and DESCRIPTION. The table lists two annotators: 'tokenize' (TokenizerAnnotator) and 'cleanxml' (CleanXmlAnnotator).

NAME	ANNOTATOR CLASS NAME	GENERATED ANNOTATION	DESCRIPTION
<a href="#">tokenize</a>	TokenizerAnnotator	TokensAnnotation (list of tokens); CharacterOffsetBeginAnnotation, CharacterOffsetEndAnnotation, TextAnnotation (for each token)	Tokenizes the text into words, using methods suitable for the language being processed. Sometimes tokens are split up into words in ways suitable for further NLP processing, for example "is" becomes "is" and "The" becomes "The". The tokenizer also returns the beginning and end character offsets of each token in the input.
<a href="#">cleanxml</a>	CleanXmlAnnotator	XmlContextAnnotation	Remove xml tokens from the input.



# Examples of Some Pipeline Systems

- DKPro Core
  - Support large number of tools
  - Tools are very loosely coupled
  - Use a universal data format based on Typesystem
  - Easy pipeline composing
  - A transparent data flow



## Components

Find out more about our bundled components.



## Models/Languages

Various models covering different languages accompany the components.



## Formats

Reading and writing various formats is just one line of code away.



## Typesystem

Our typesystem is comprehensive, yet simple.



## DKPro with Java

The original flavour. Use DKPro in your Java projects.



## DKPro with Groovy

Create self-contained scripts using DKPro and Groovy!



## DKPro with Jython

Easily integrate DKPro into your python projects!

# What's Provided Now?

The current approach



Useful NLP Tools



Pre-trained Models



Pipeline Systems

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Build your own implement



Connect the steps

What do  
we want to  
achieve?

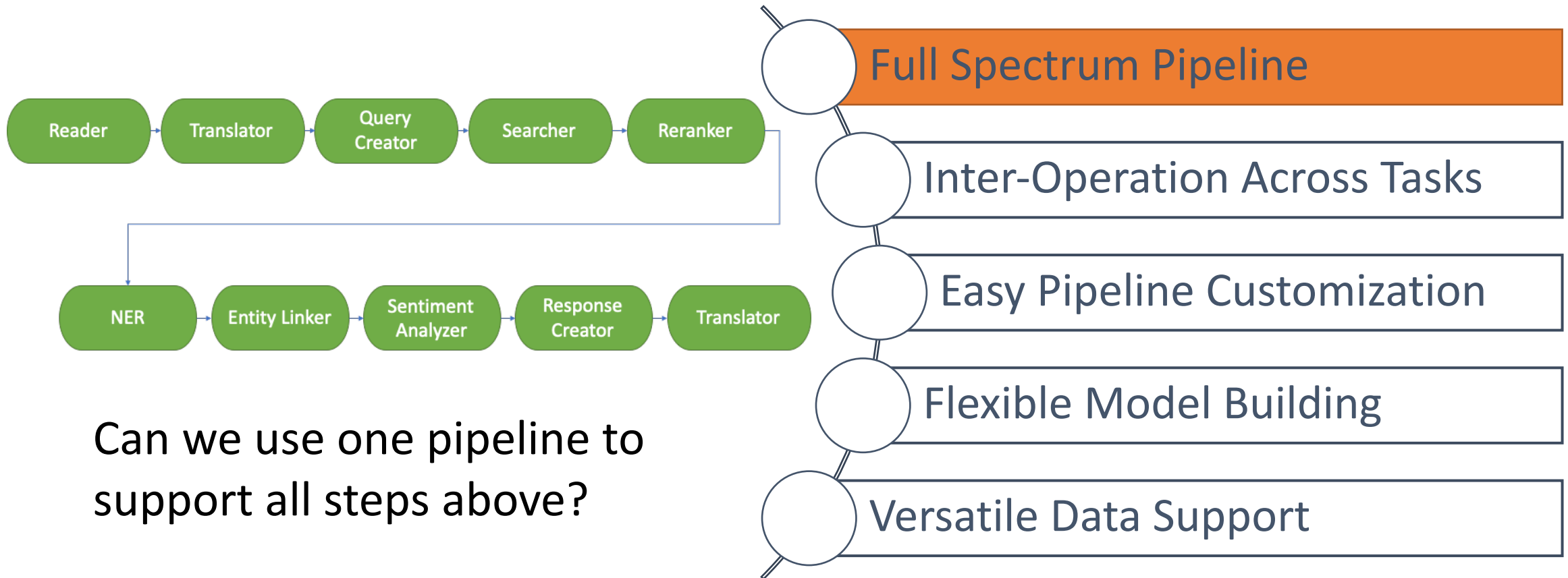
Full Spectrum Pipeline

Inter-Operation Across Tasks

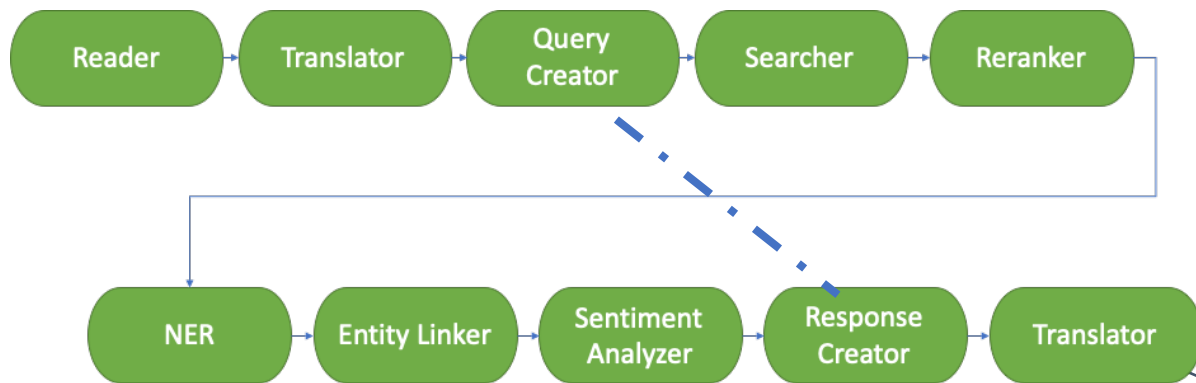
Easy Pipeline Customization

Flexible Model Building

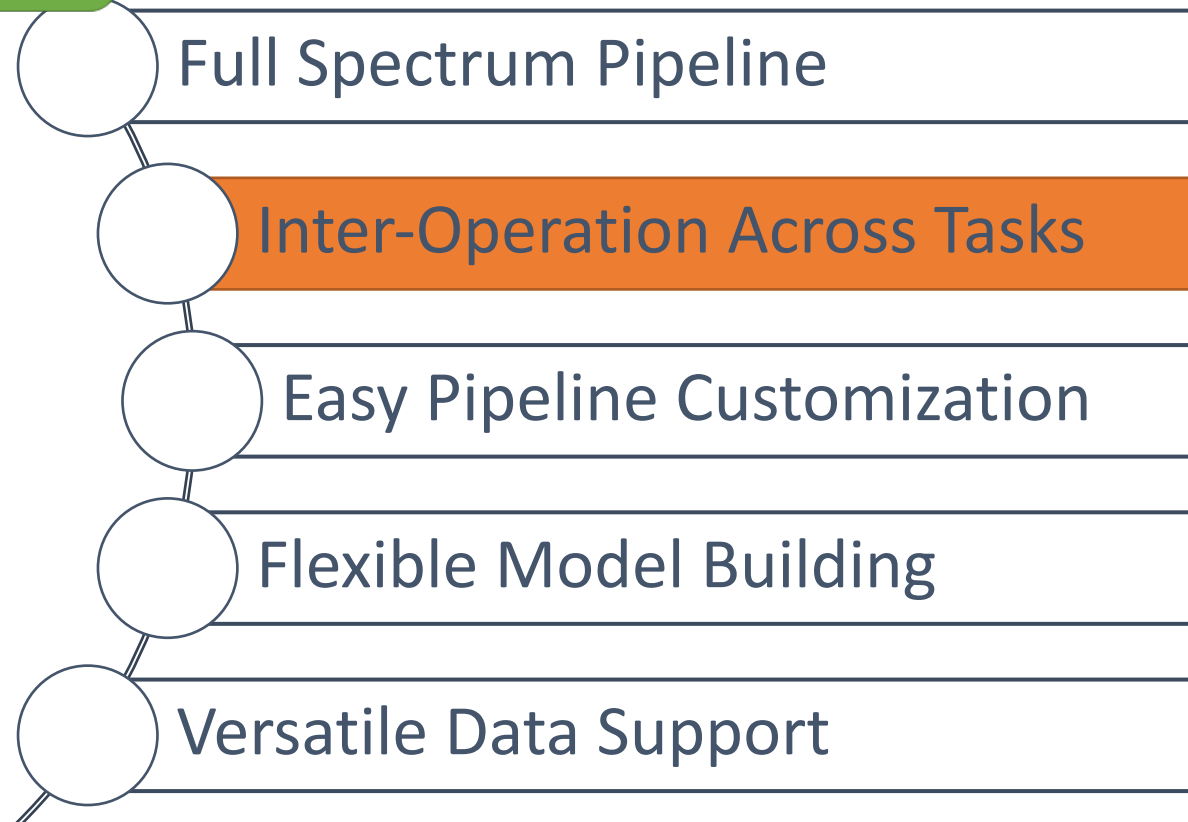
Versatile Data Support







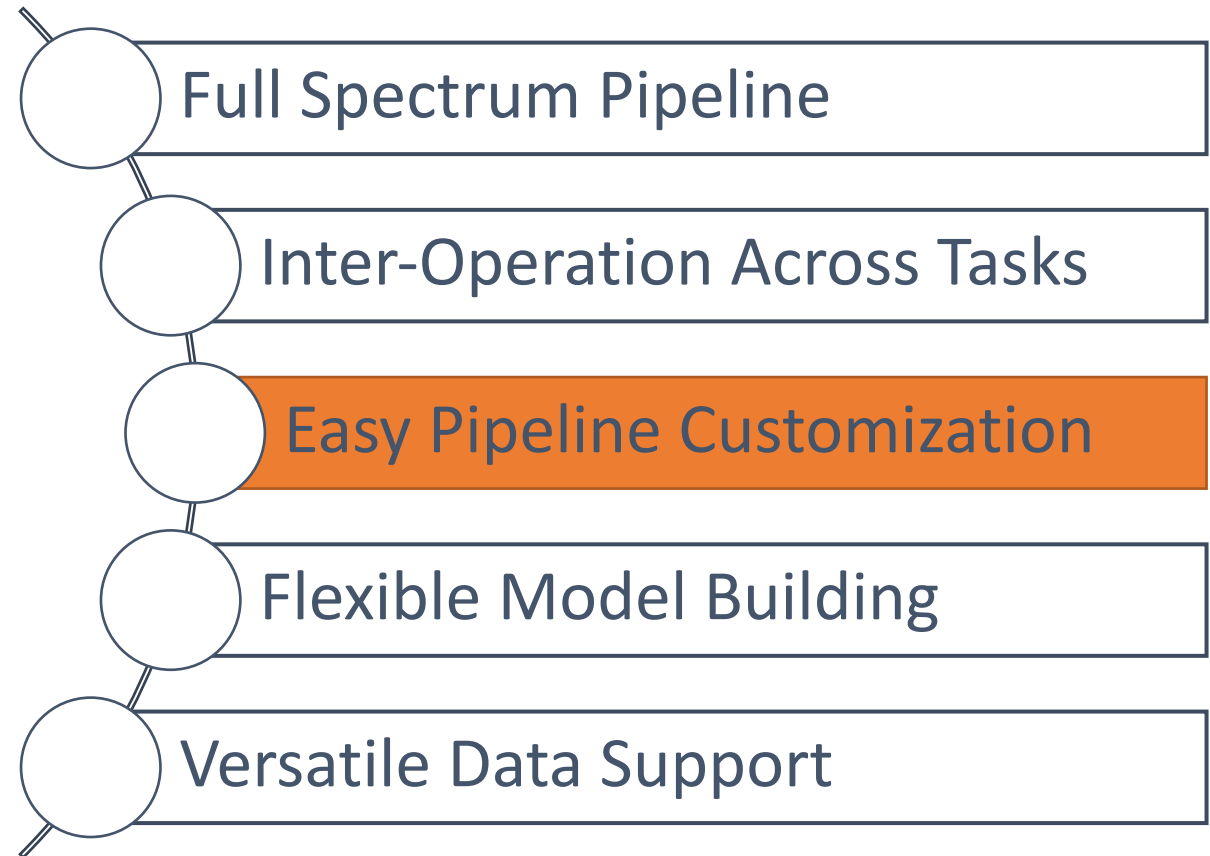
- Downstream tasks can use the results from the previous tasks
- E.g. Using sentiment analysis result in the answer selection step



Can we freely change the operations in a pipeline?

For example:

- Plug-in a tokenizer.
- Replace the translator.
- Remove lemmatization.



Can we directly reuse a model for a new task quickly?

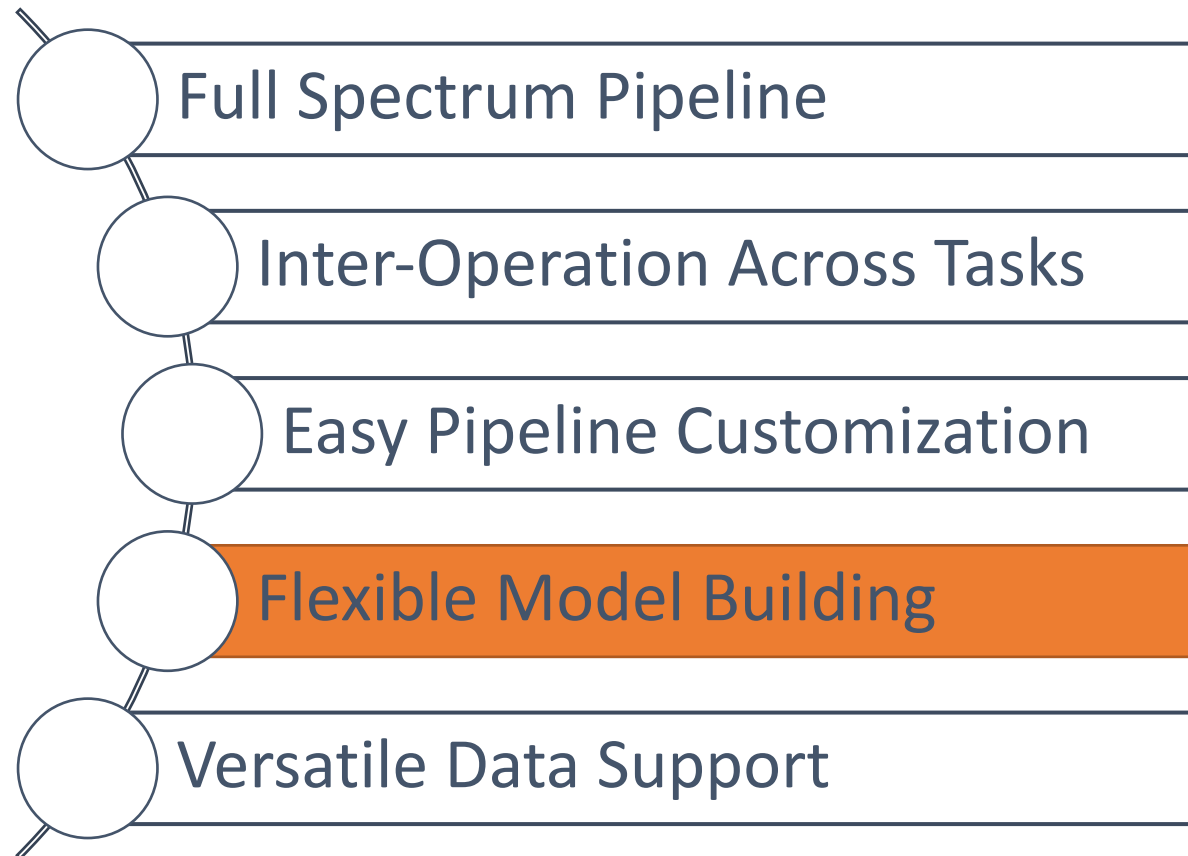


Tom and Bill work at the same company.

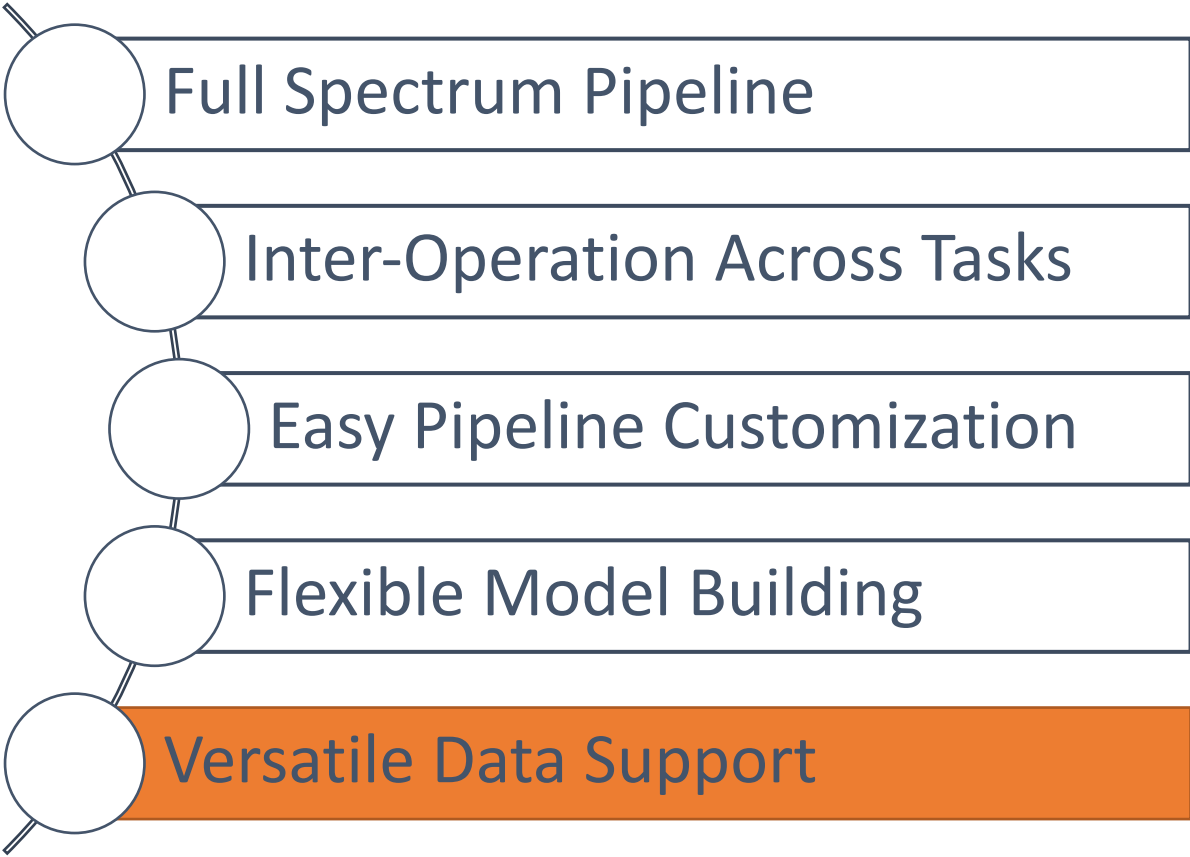
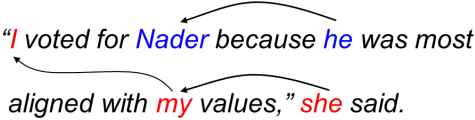
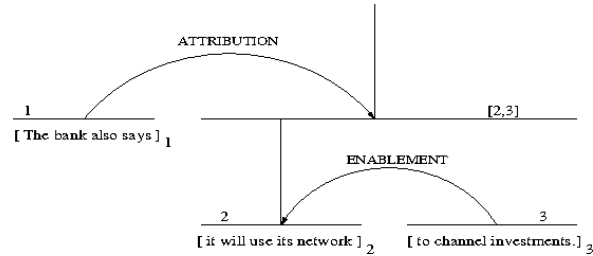
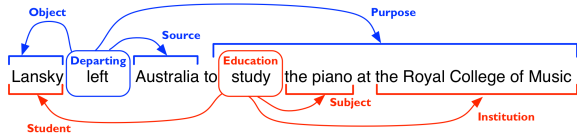
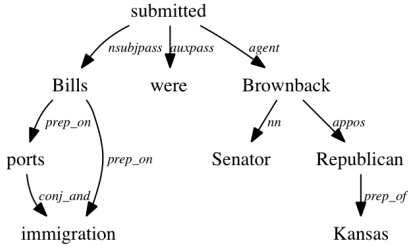
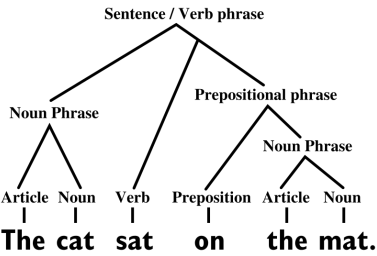
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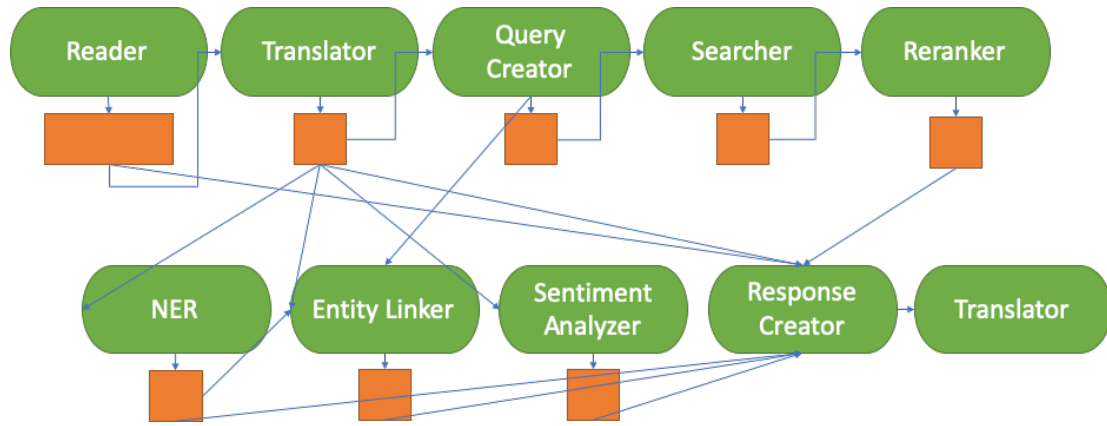
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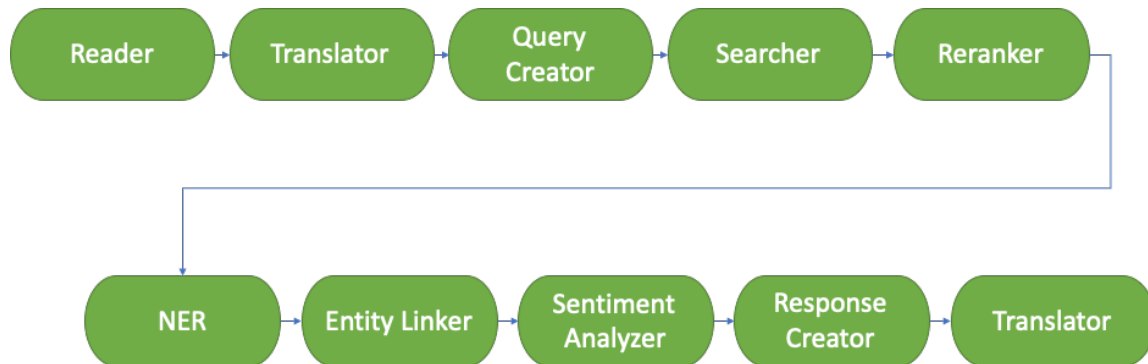


E.g. Different NLP data formats of different tasks

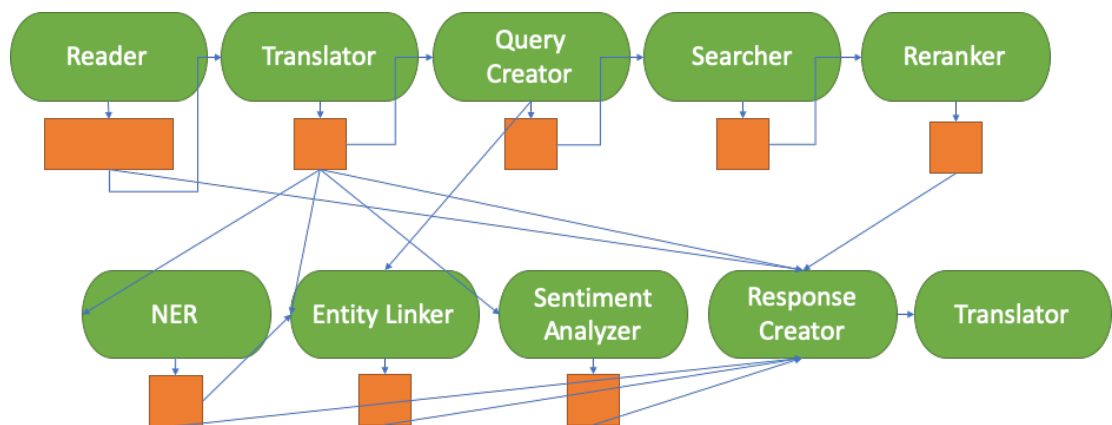




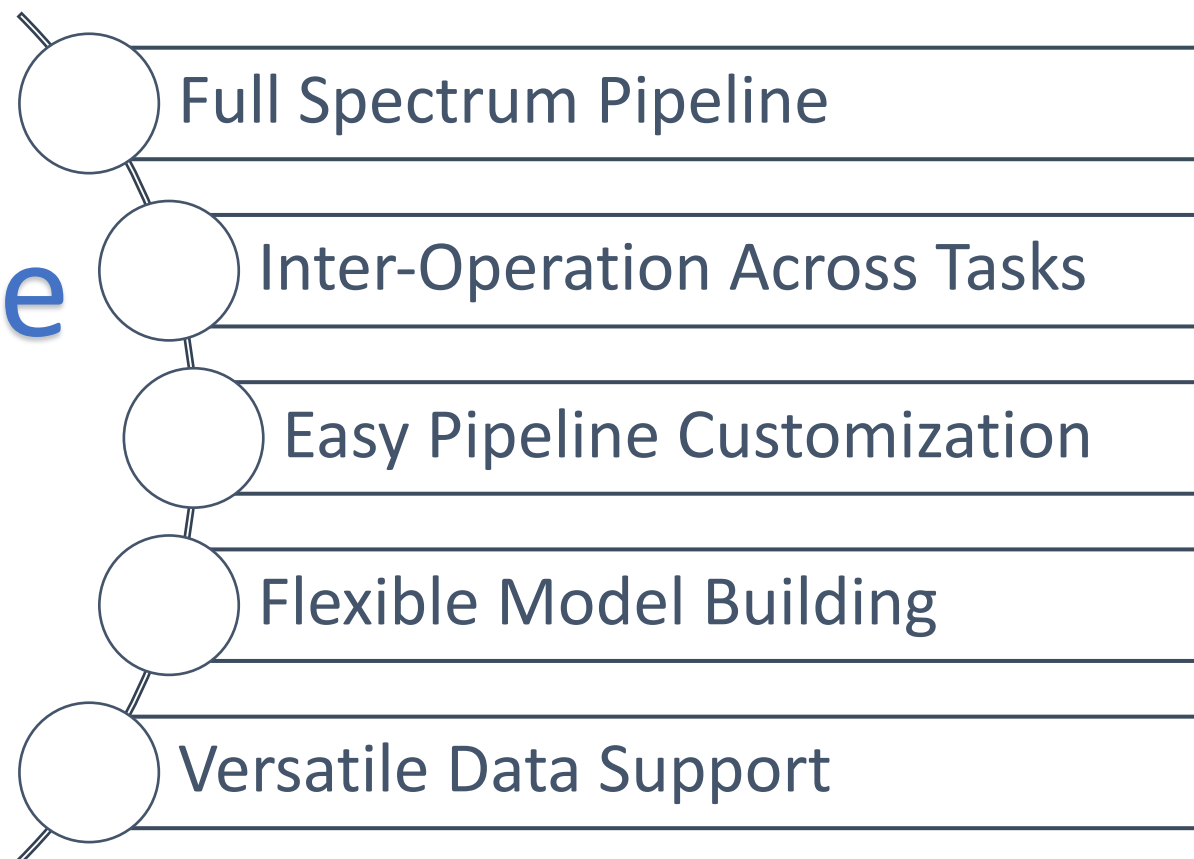
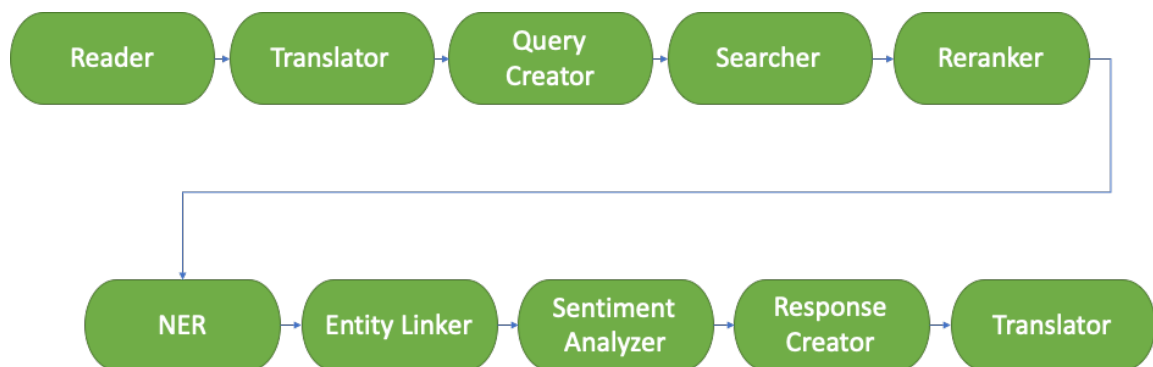
How?



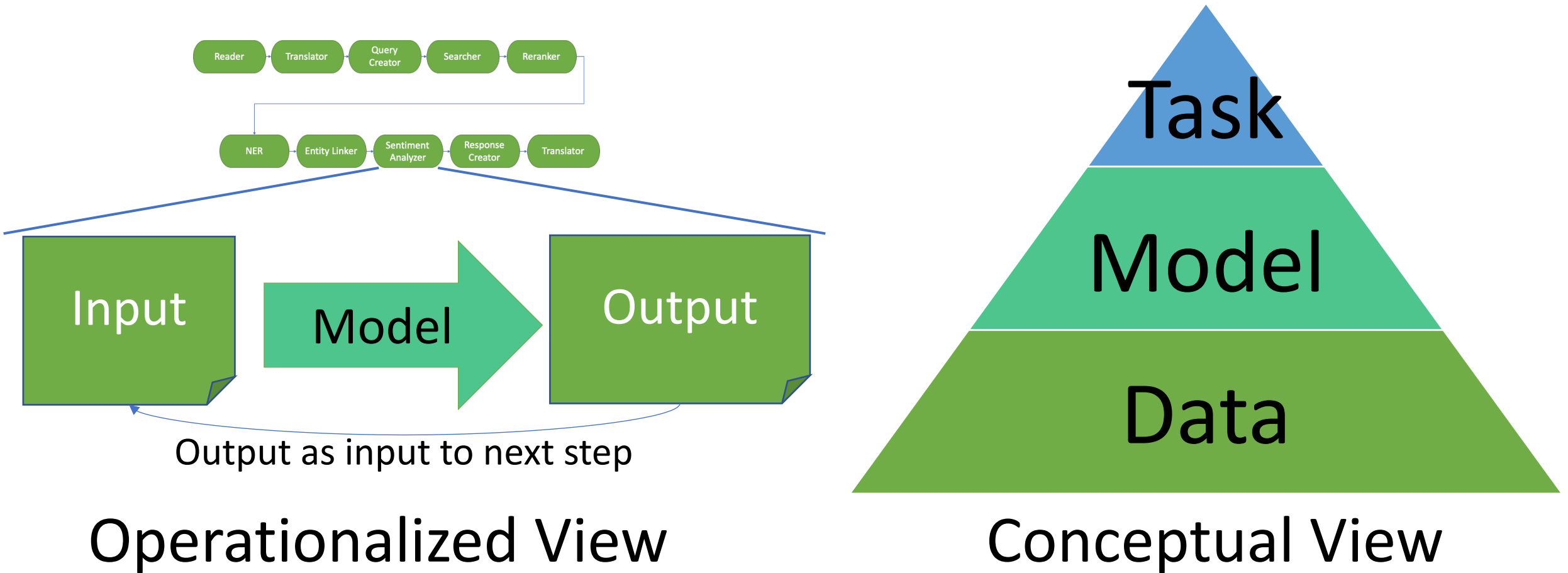
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Standardize  
NLP



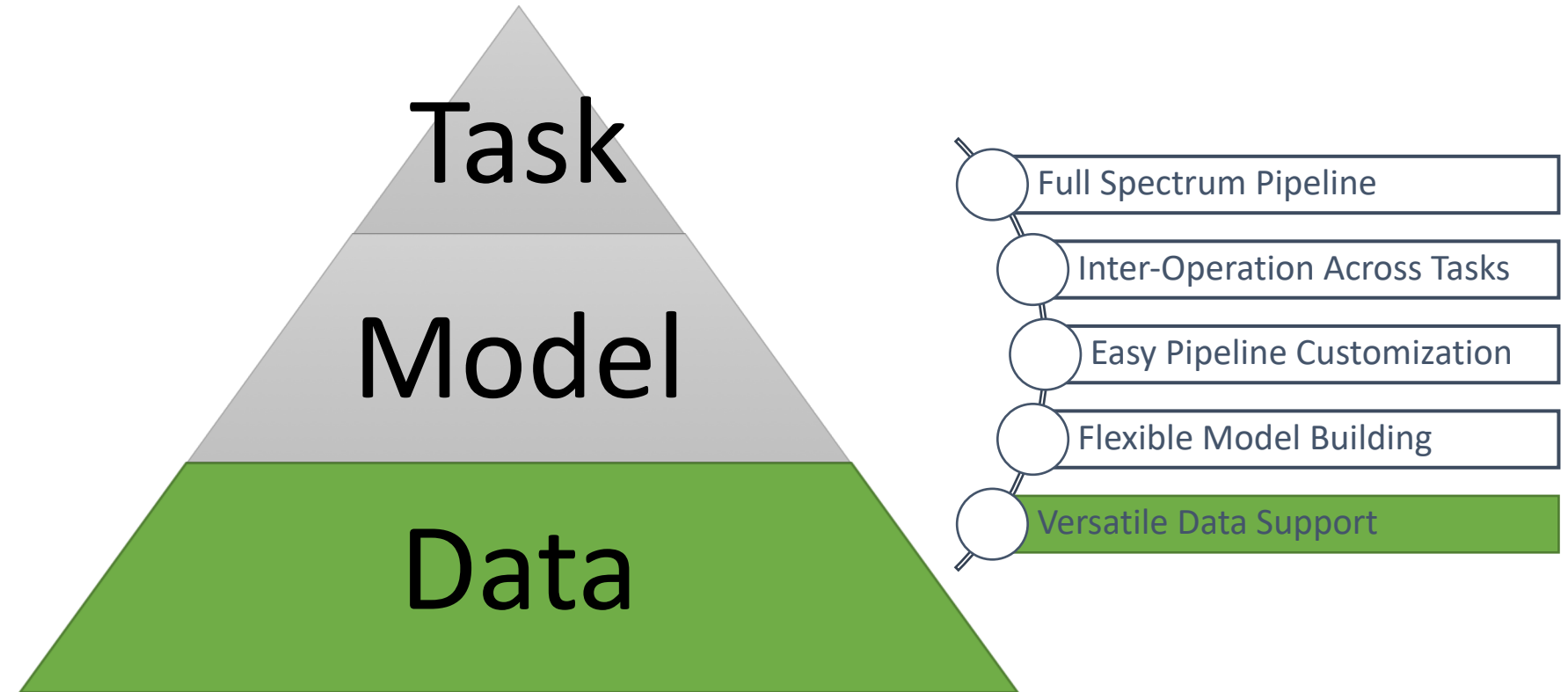
# Standardize NLP Interfaces



Standardize interfaces between the 3 levels

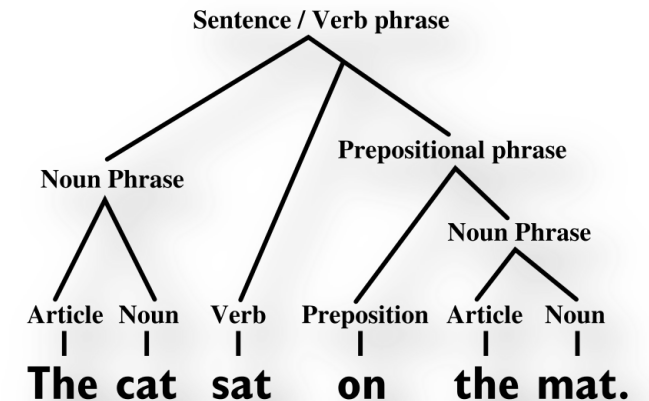
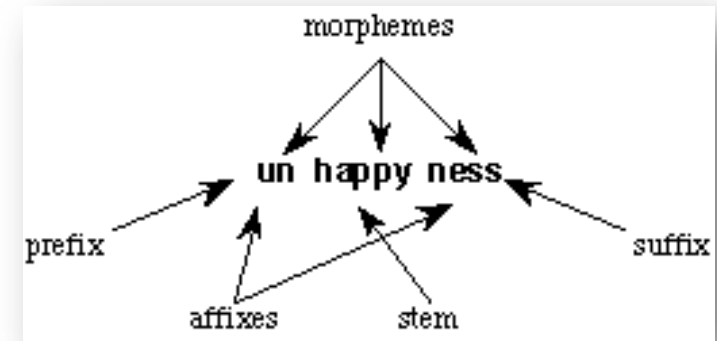


# Considerations of Standardizing Data Representation

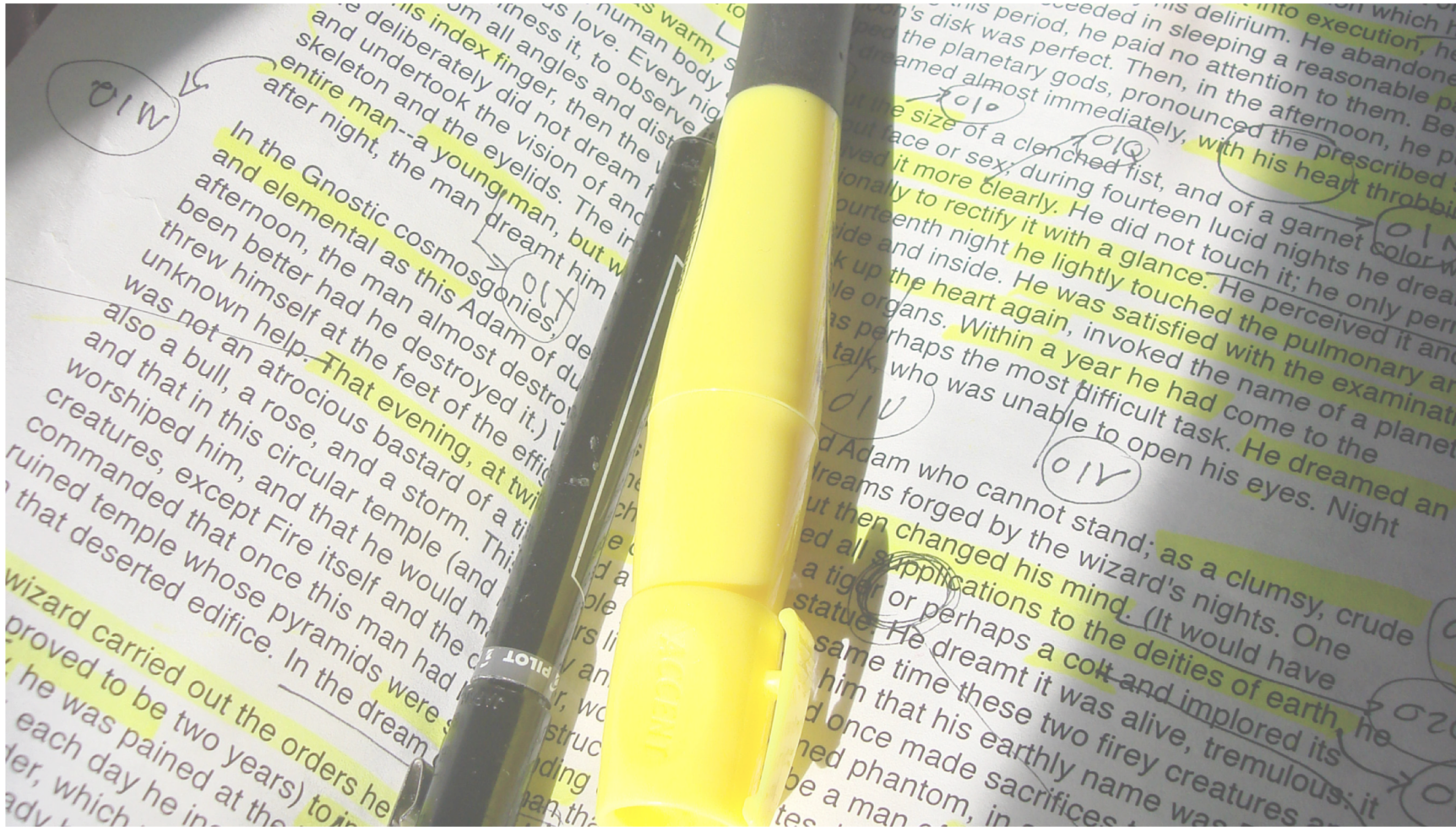


# Data Granularity

- NLP data have different granularity:
  - **Character** level (Chinese Radical)
  - **Token** level (Morphology)
  - **Sentence** level (Syntax Parsing)
  - **Document** level (Entity Coreference)
  - **Corpus** level (Information Retrieval)
- Representation should handle flexible granularities



# Data Structures



# Data Structures

- Let's again look at the tasks, any patterns?

at *the Chinese embassy in France*,

← GPE → ← GPE →

← FACILITY →

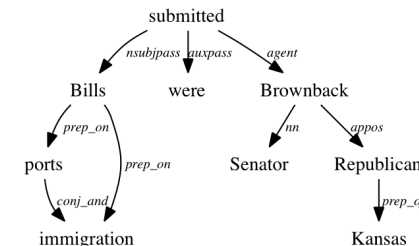
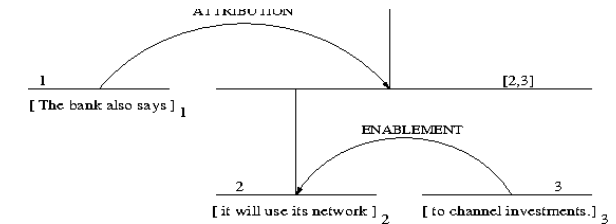
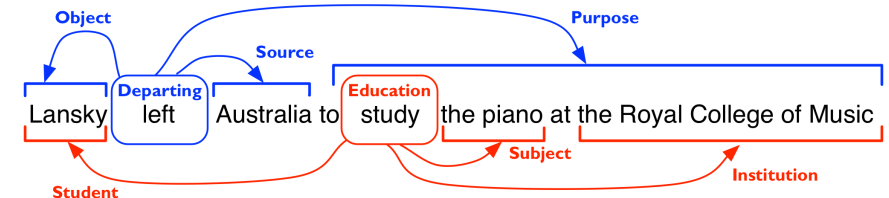
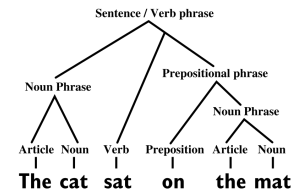
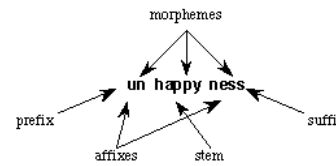
**Stemming**

adjustable → adjust  
formality → formaliti  
formaliti → formal  
airliner → airlin

**Lemmatization**

was → (to) be  
better → good  
meeting → meeting

"I voted for *Nader* because *he* was most aligned with *my* values," *she* said.

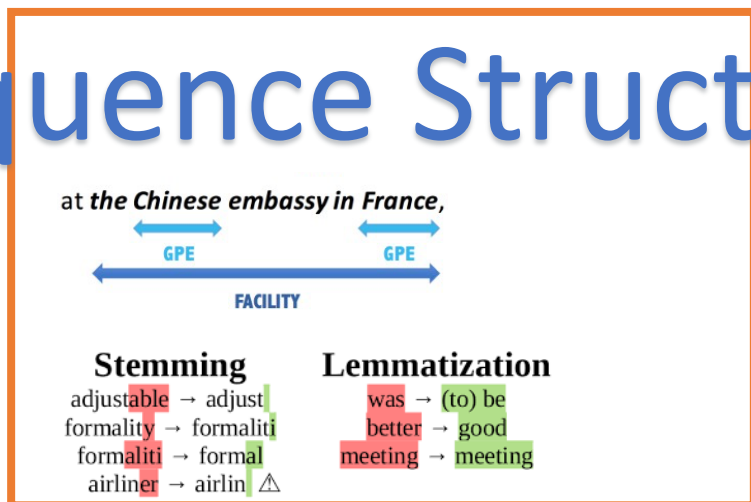




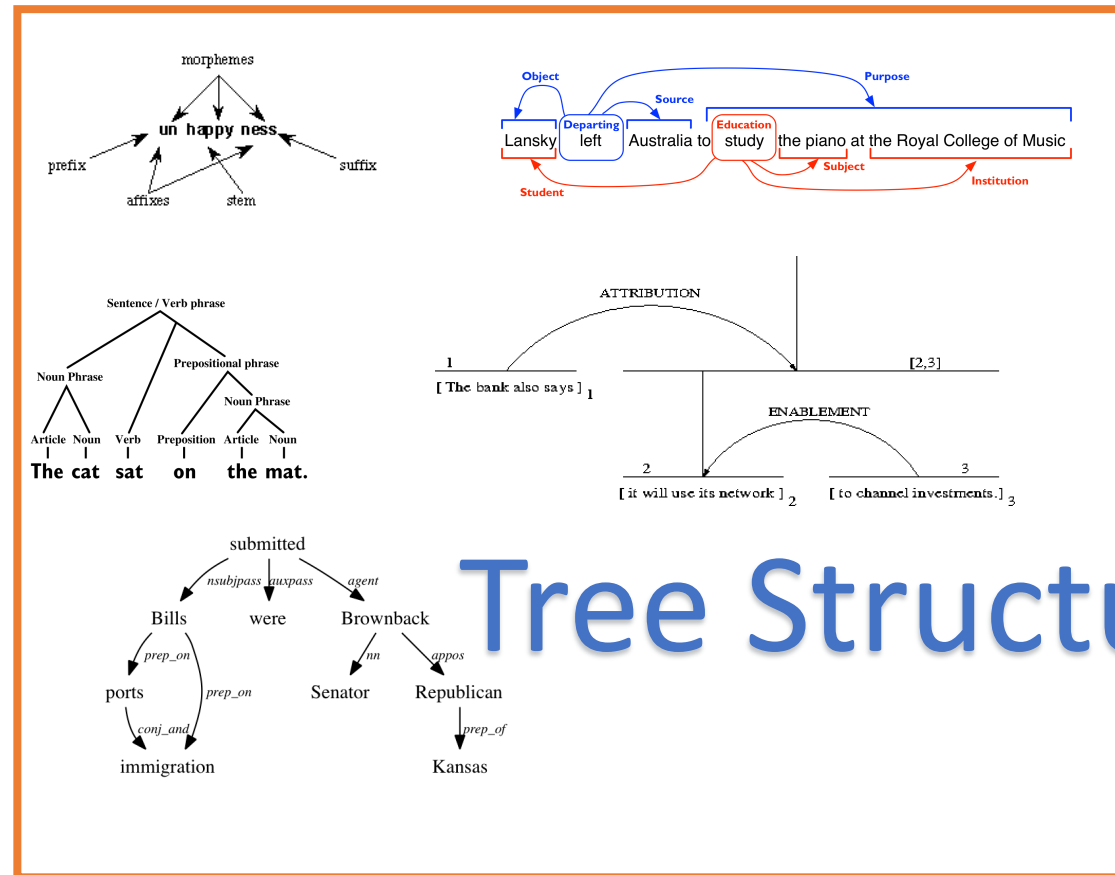
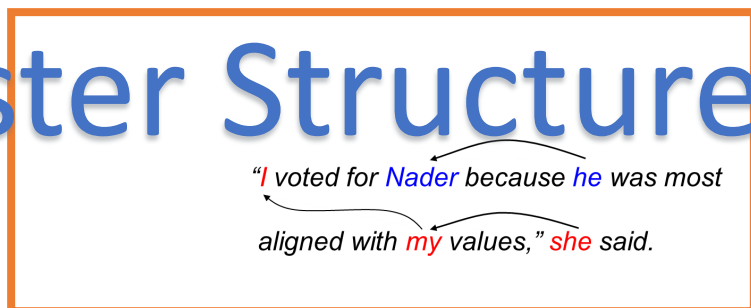
# Data Structures

- Let's again look at the tasks, any patterns?

## Sequence Structure



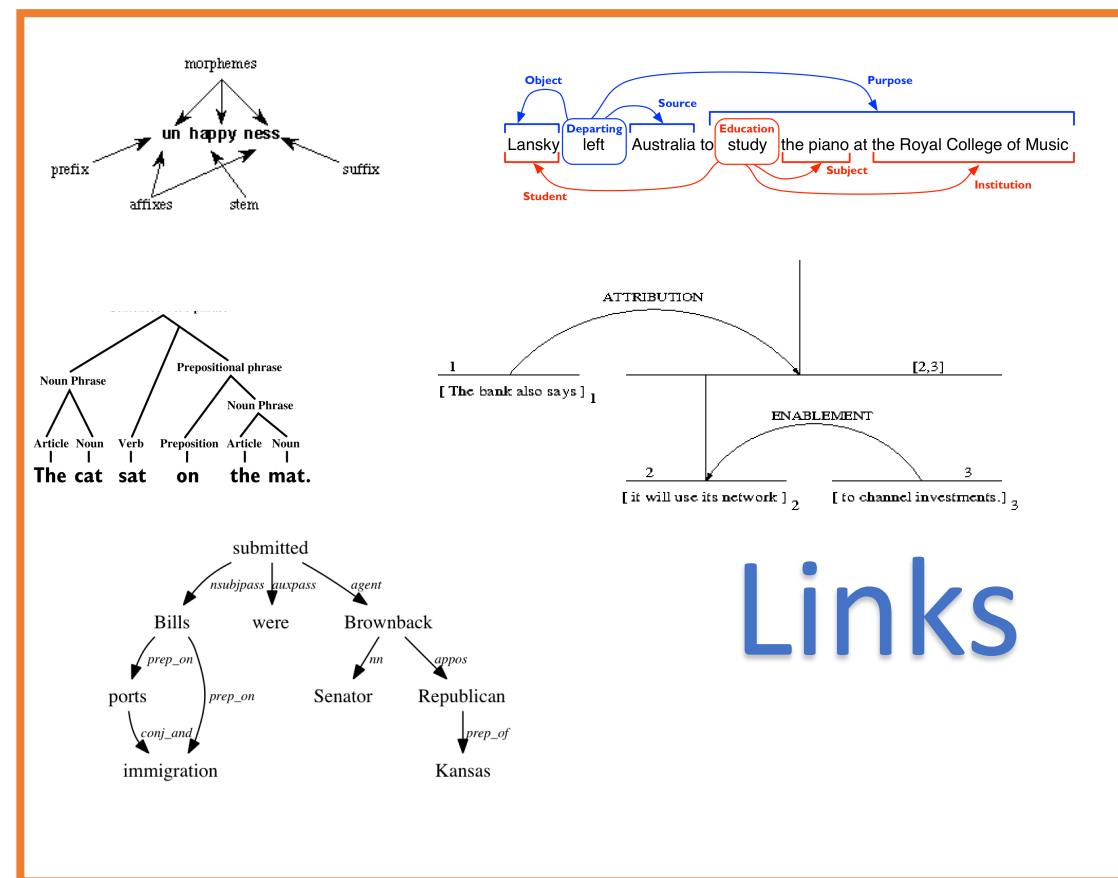
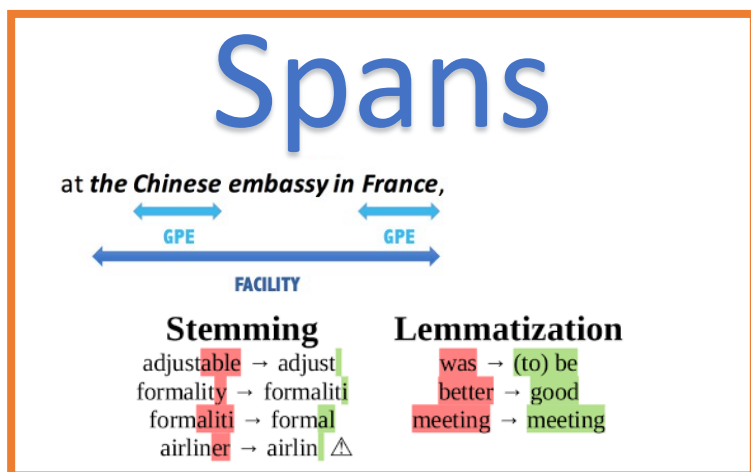
## Cluster Structure



## Tree Structure

# Data Structures

- Let's again look at the tasks, any patterns?



# Spans

additional fields, e.g., embeddings, ner tag

Span = (type, begin, end, ...)

E1 = (EntityMention, 25, 35)

P2 = (Predicate, 42, 46)

EntityMention

Predicate

EntityMention

Last year, it was Rams quarterback **Jared Goff**, who failed to **spot** a wide-open **Brandin Cooks** when the NFC Champions ran in the second half a play that had sprung Cooks free in the first half.

# Links

additional fields, e.g., dependency type

Link = (Type, Parent, Child, ...)

S1= (SemanticRoleLink, P1, E1)

EntityMention

Predicate

EntityMention

Last year, it was Rams quarterback **Jared Goff**, who failed to **spot** a wide-open **Brandin Cooks** when the NFC Champions ran in the second half a play that had sprung Cooks free in the first half.



# Groups

additional fields, e.g., group type, score

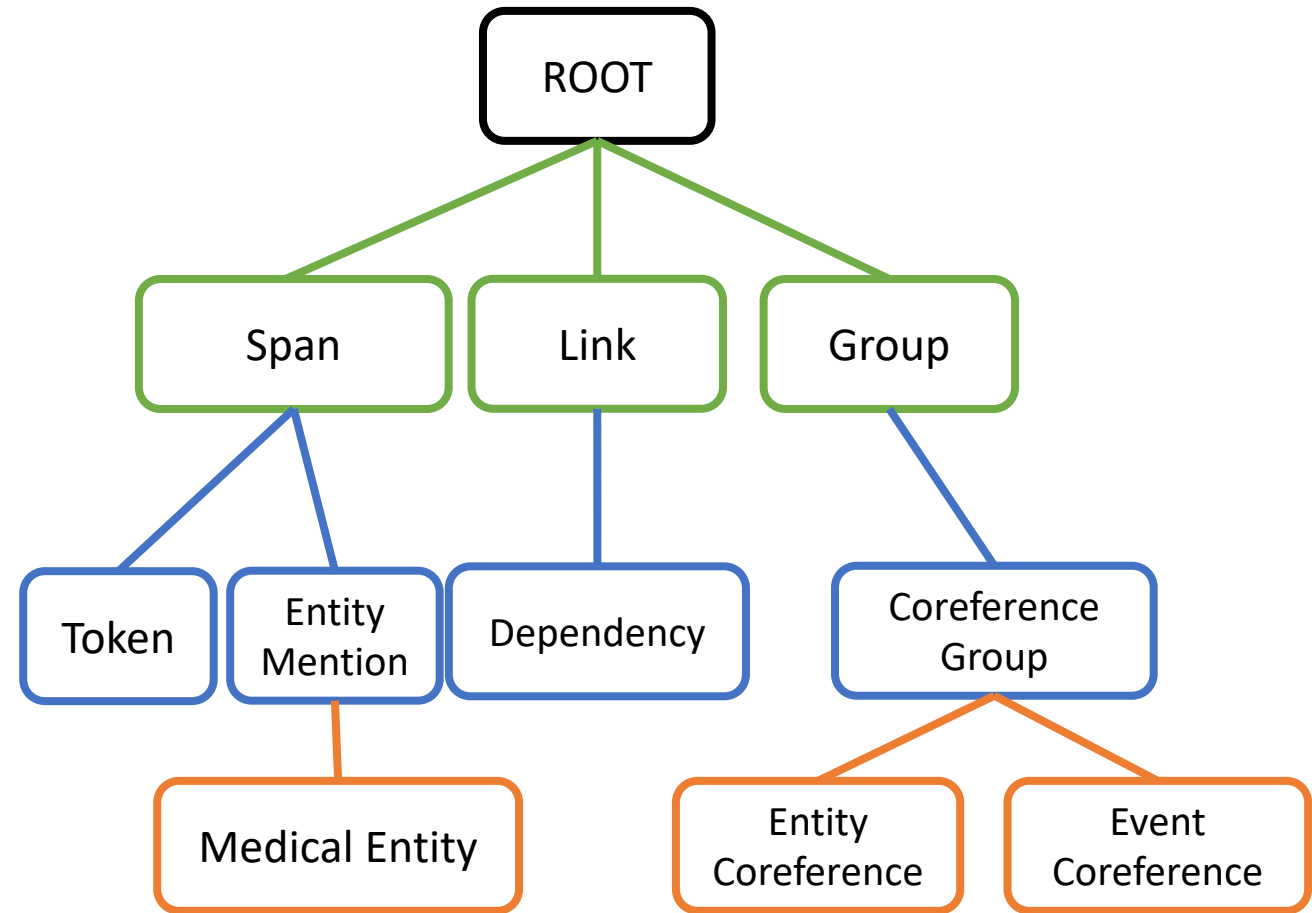
Group = (Type, Member List, ...)

G1= (EntityCoreferenceGroup, Member=[E2,E3])

Last year, it was Rams quarterback Jared Goff, who failed to spot a wide-open **Brandin Cooks** when the NFC Champions ran in the second half a play that had sprung **Cooks** free in the first half.

# Ontology of Data Structures

- Types of data structures can be organized as an ontology tree.
- The ontology can be customized for new domains.

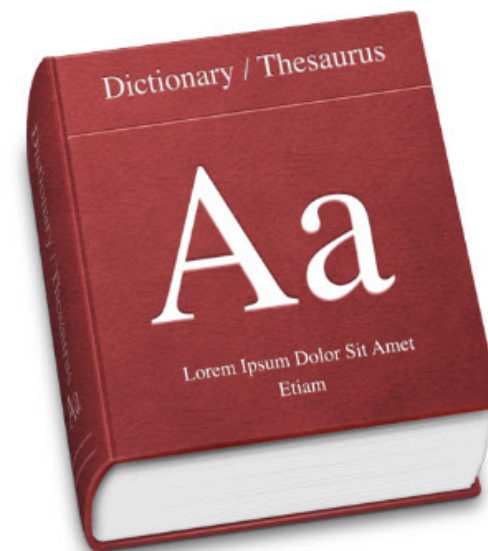


# Practical Data Considerations

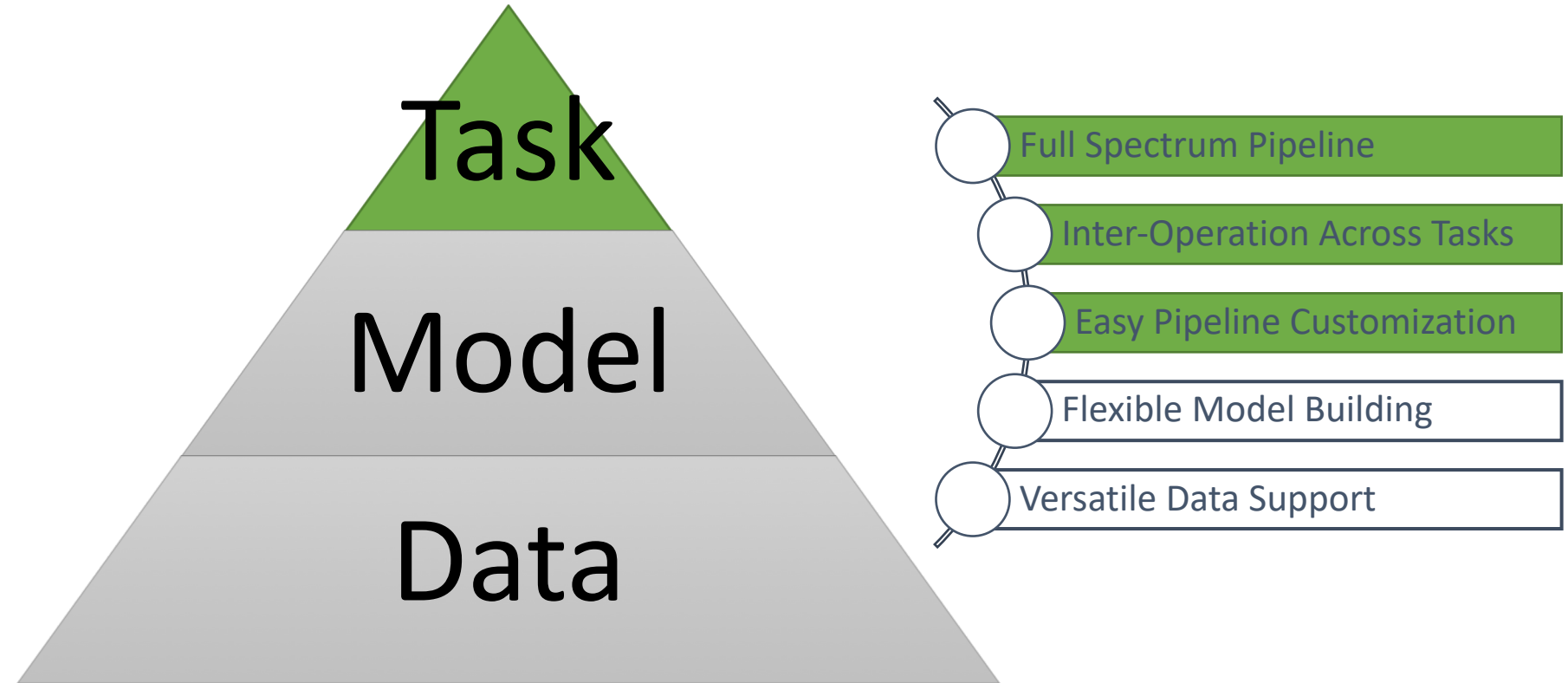
- Serialization ( $S$ ) and Deserialization ( $D$ )
  - Loseless:  $D(S(\text{data})) = \text{data}$
  - Can be passed around (e.g. networks channels)
- Readable, Interpretable
- Meta Data
  - Keep source information
  - Automatic record creation time, creator, etc.

# Global Data

- Vocabulary
- Embeddings (e.g. Word2Vec, Bert)

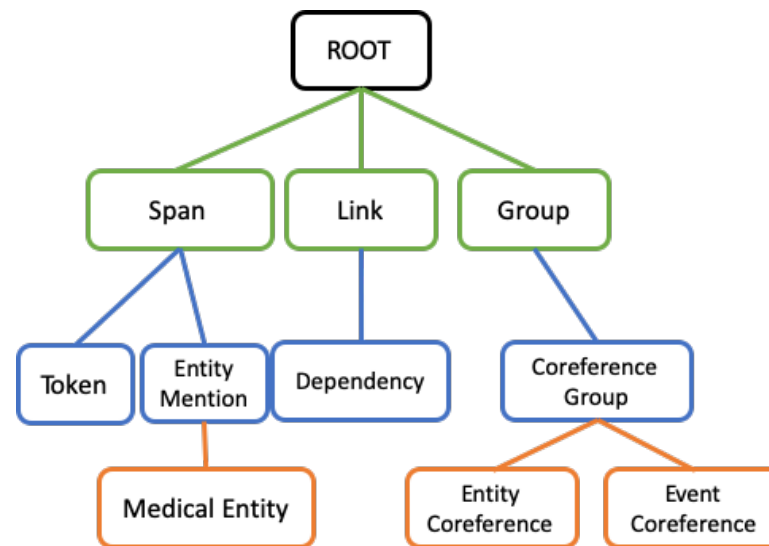


# How about Tasks?



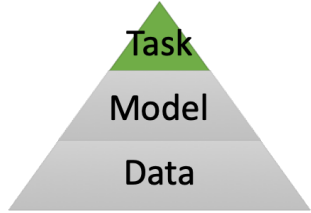
# Data as Interface

- A standard interface can be defined given the data representation.
- This helps task modularization.

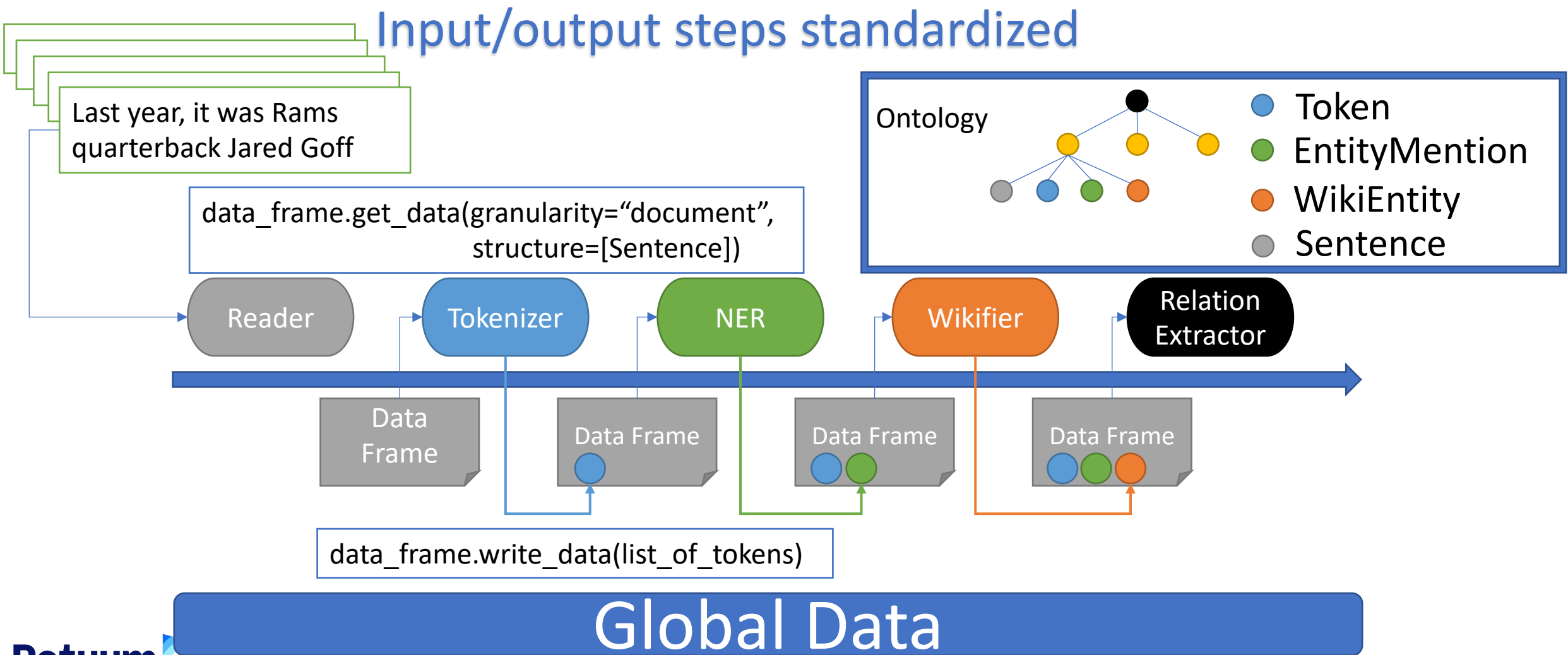


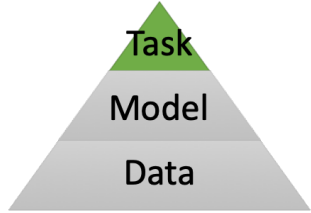
## Accessing data using the granularity and structure

```
get_data(granularity="sentence",  
         structure=[PredicateMention, EntityMention])
```

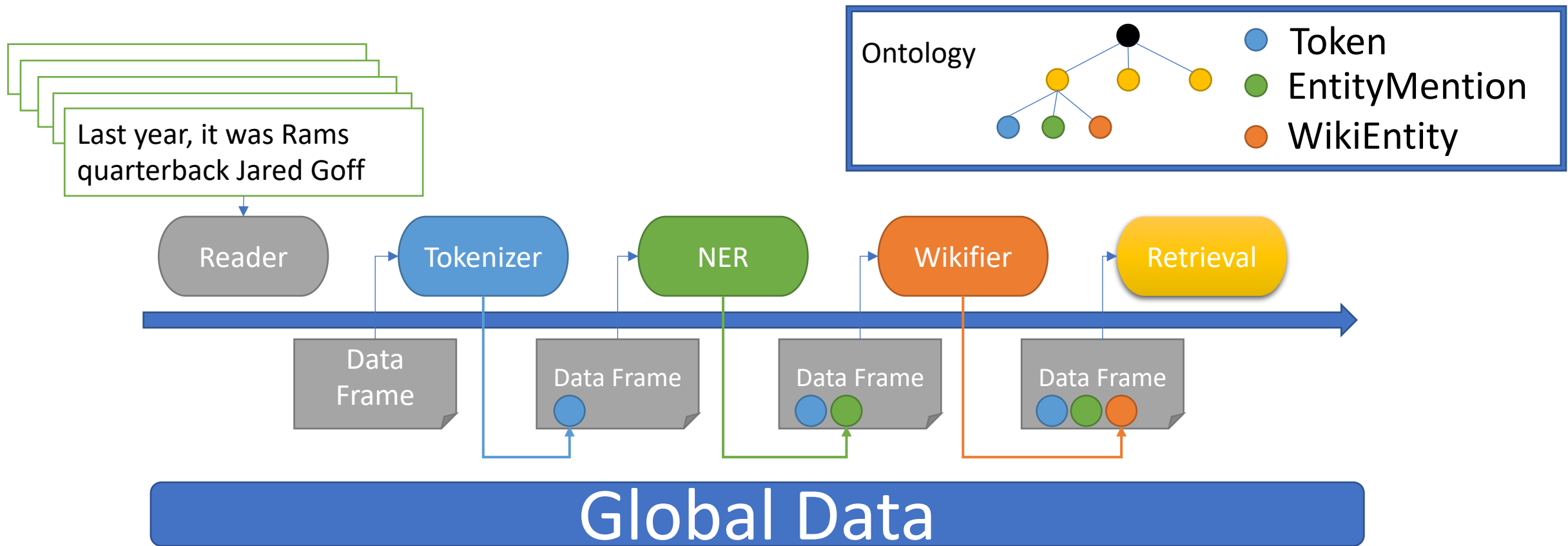


- With Standardized Data and Interfaces:
  - Tasks can already be organized in a modular way



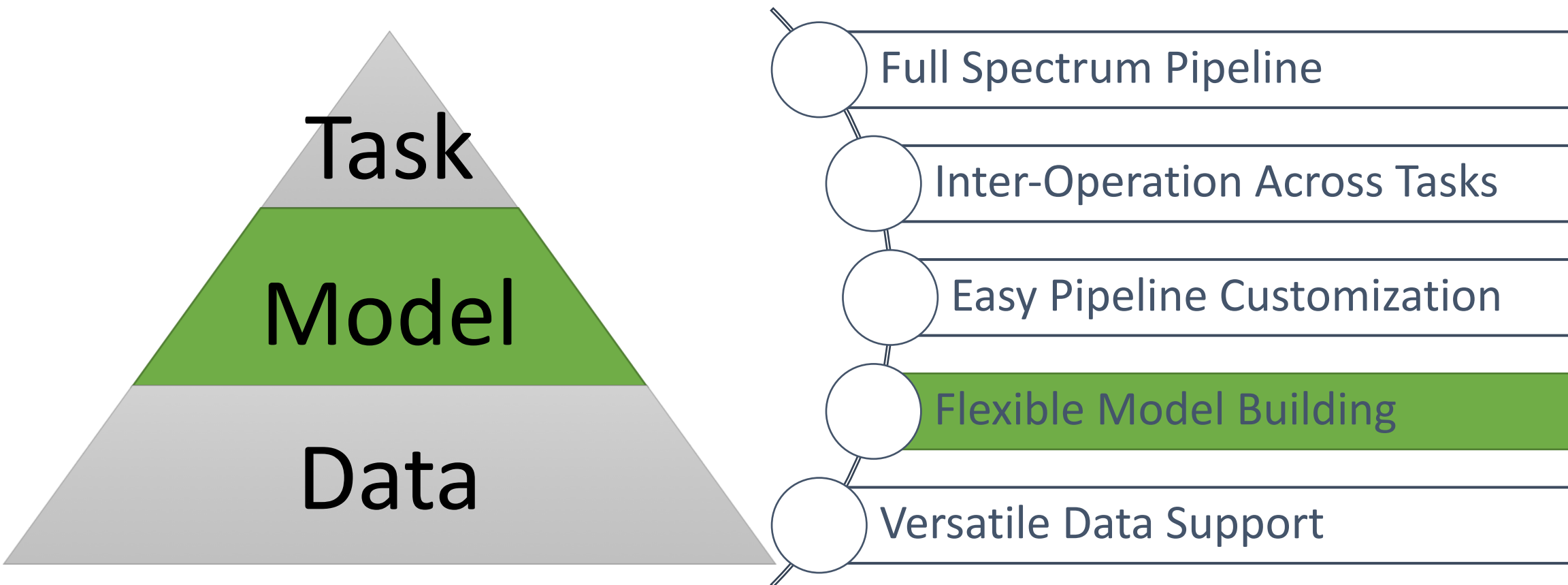


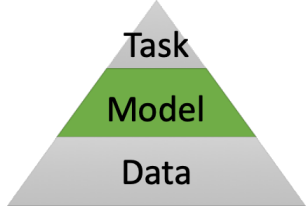
- Full Spectrum Pipeline Customization: We can insert/replace an Information Retrieval into the pipeline
- Inter Operation: Complex queries can be built using the NER and Wikifier information



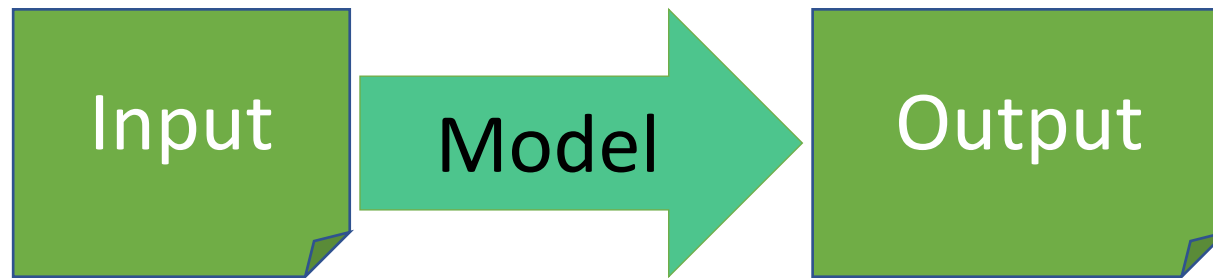


# How to Standardize Model?





He is **going** to the **book** shop.



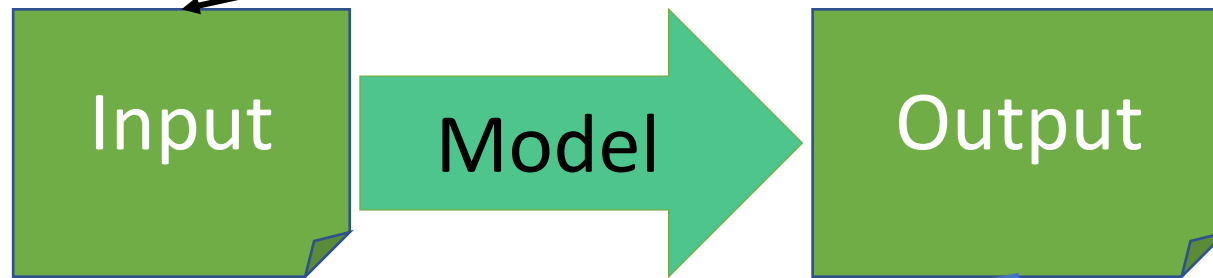
ARG0    ARGM-LOC

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He is **going** to the **book** shop.

He is **going** to the **book shop**.

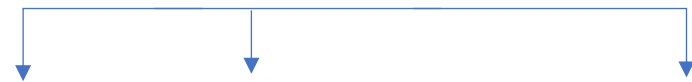
```
data_frame.get_data(granularity=sentence,  
                    structure=[PredicateMention, EntityMention])
```



We already have a standard interface between the data and the model

```
data_frame.write_data(granularity=sentence, structure=PredicateLink)
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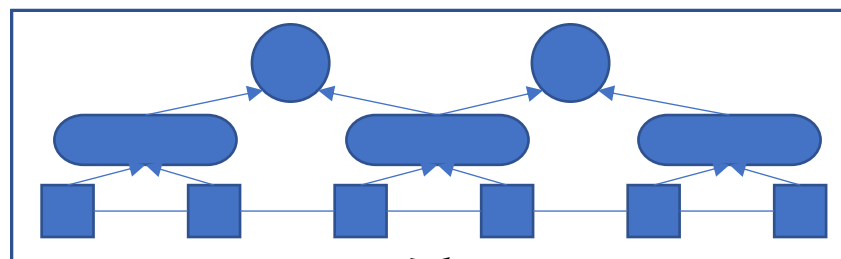
ARG0 ARGM-LOC



He is **going** to the **book shop**.

# Model-Data Interface

By changing a few parameters, we can fit to different models.



get\_data(context=sentence,  
**predicate\_link**,  
field=[**role**])

get\_data(context=sentence,  
**relation\_link**,  
field=[**relation\_type**])

get\_data(context=sentence,  
**token**, fields=[**pos**])

get\_data(context=sentence,  
**token**, fields=[**ner\_tag**])

ARGO ARGM-LOC  
He is going to the bookshop.  
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Colleague  
Tom and Bill work at the same company.  
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# Other Model Support

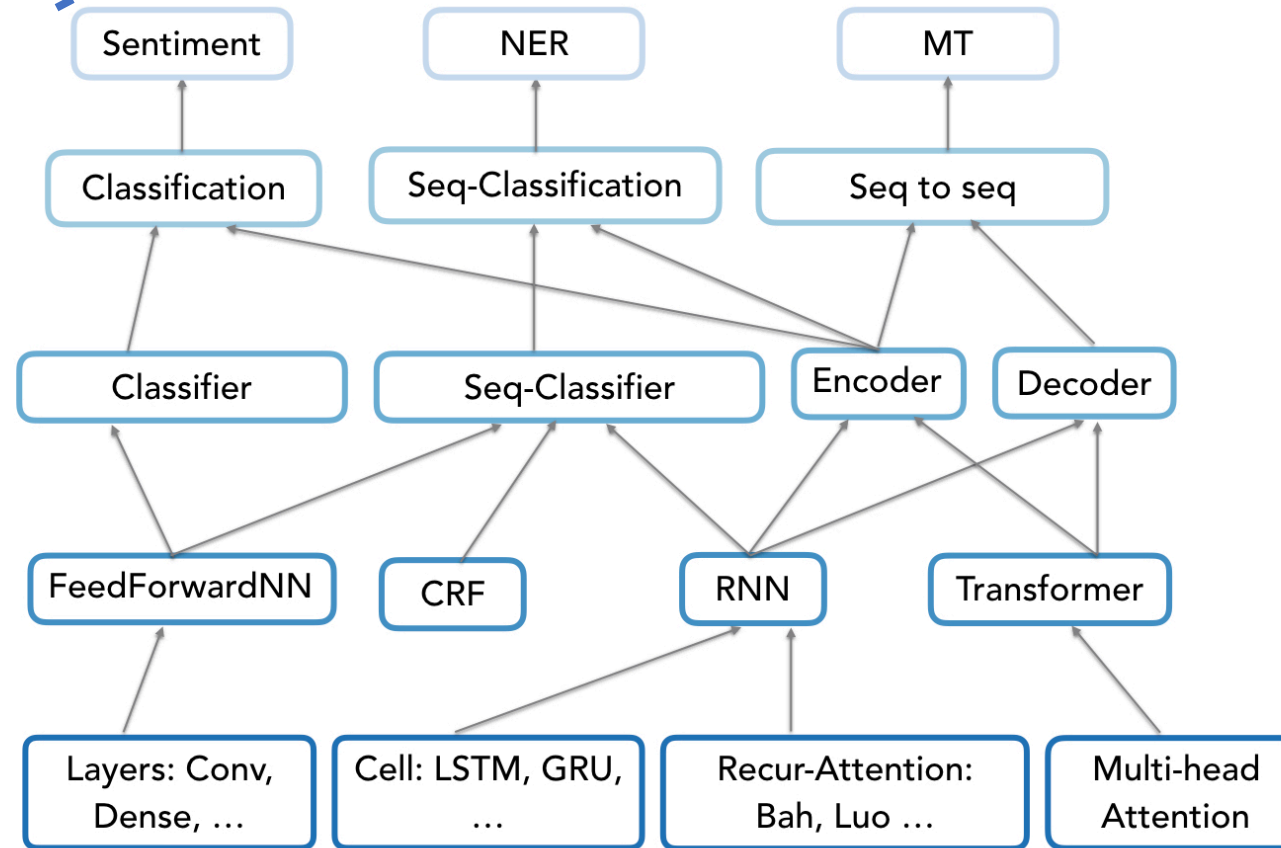
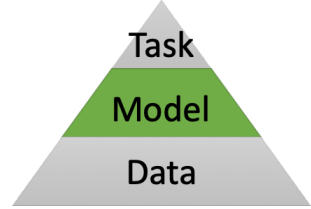
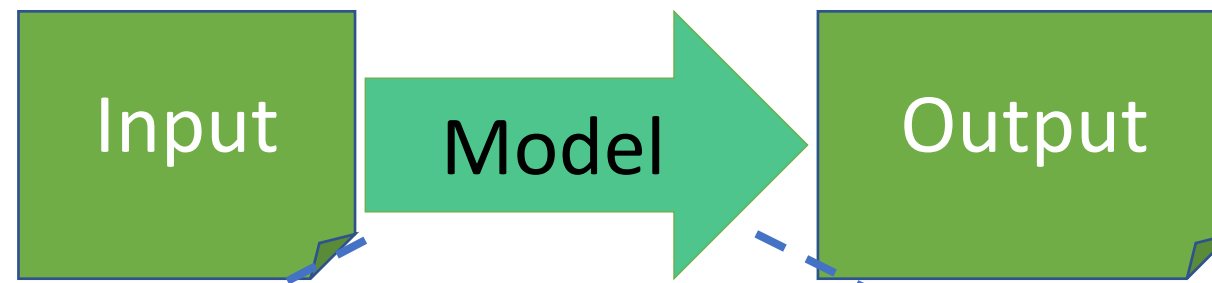
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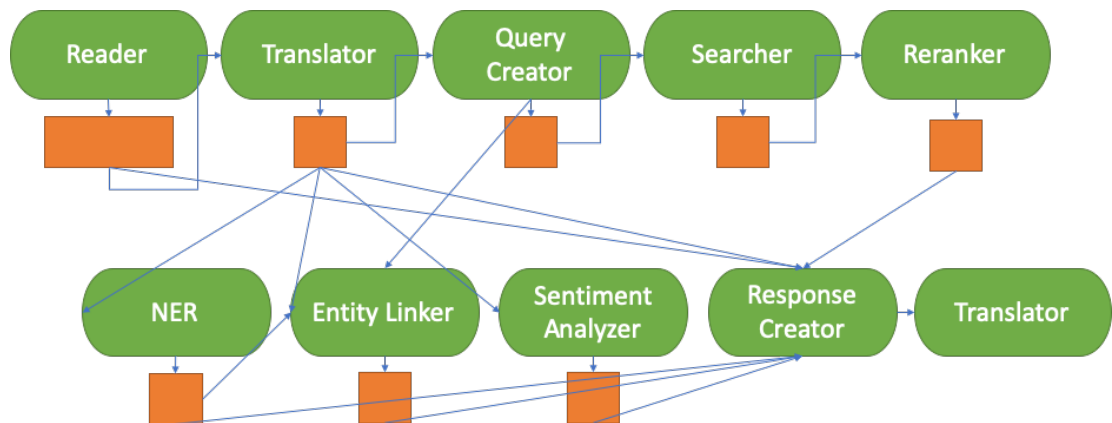
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```

```
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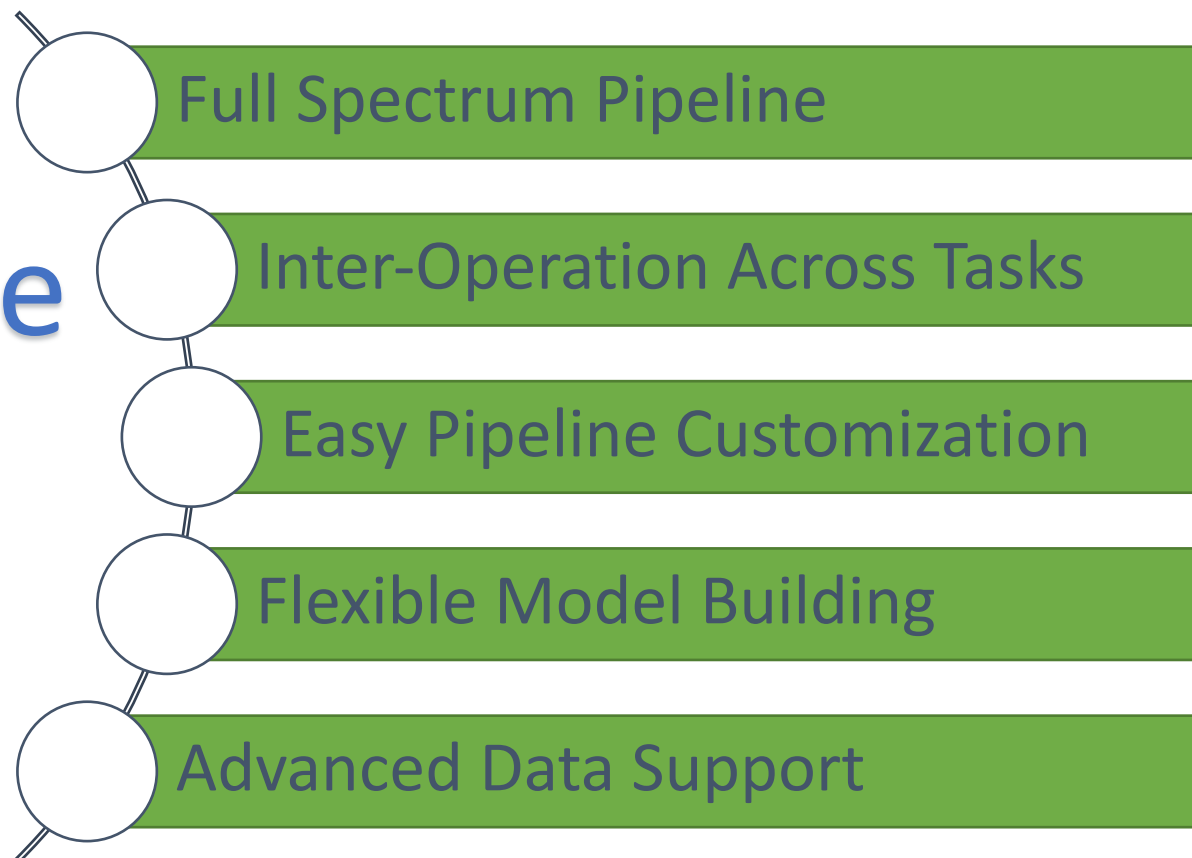
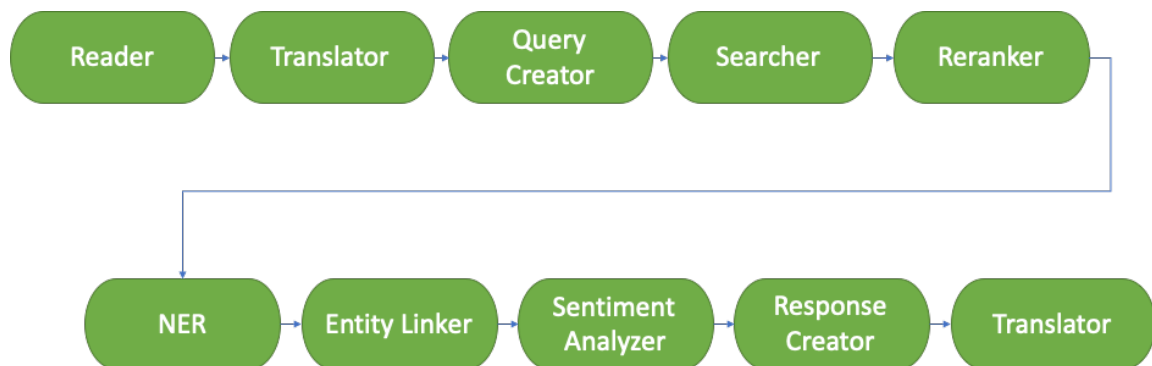
for data in get_data(context=sentence, relation_link,
                    field=[relation_type]):
    batcher.add(data)

    if batcher.ready():
        batcher.yield()
```





Standardize  
NLP



# Case Study: Modularization with *Forte*



# Forte: a flexible and Powerful NLP Pipeline FOR TExt.

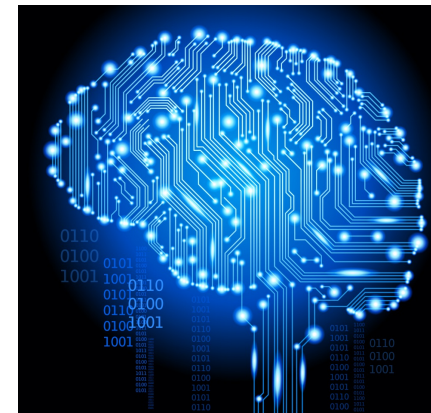


<https://github.com/asym1/forte>

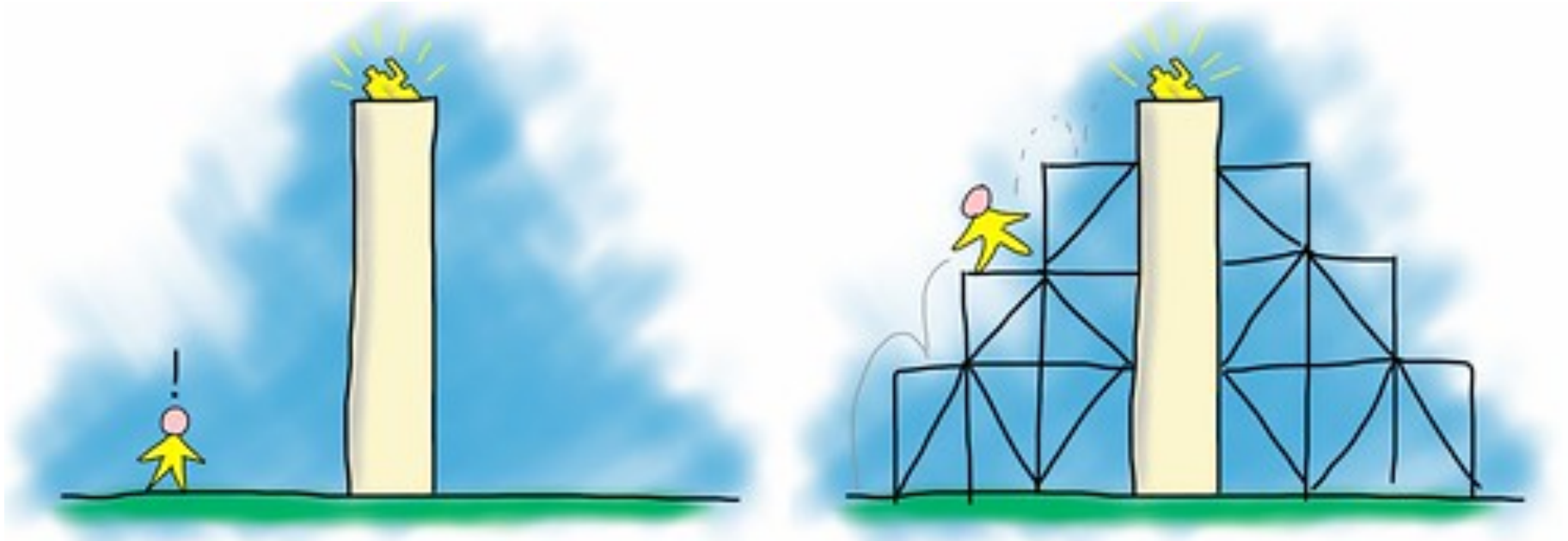
- We built **Forte**, a system that validates these ideas:
  - Universal Data Flow
  - Pipeline Construction
  - Full Spectrum: Information Retrieval, Text Analysis, Generation
  - Abstract Data, Model, Task Interfaces
- Other features:
  - Batching
  - Bookkeeping
  - ...

# Revisit the Problem

- A user **speaks German** but would like to find good **romantic movies**.
- We have a **corpus of English movie reviews**.
- What can we do?



# Forte: Scaffold for the Goal



# An Open, Flexible Scaffold for NLP

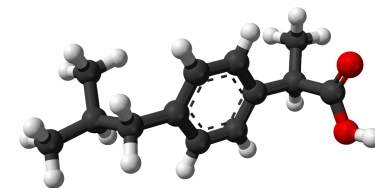
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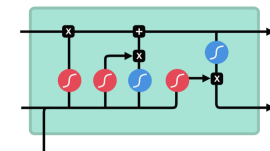
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ML Library

Data Representation



AllenNLP



 **Texar**

**PYTORCH**

	Forte	spaCy	CoreNLP	DKPro	AllenNLP	Curator
Universal Data Flow	😄	😐	😄	😐	😡	😄
Extendable Ontology	😄	😡	😡	😄	😡	😡
Lossless Serialization	😄	😄	😡	😄	😡	😄
Pipeline Construction	😄	😄	😄	😄	😡	😄
Easy Processor Replacement	😄	😐	😐	😄	😡	😄
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Standard Model Interface	😄	😡	😡	😡	😐	😄
Deep Learning Integration	😄	😄	😐	😡	😄	😡
Integrated ML Support	😄	😐	😐	😡	😄	😄



Well Supported!



Some Support




No Support



# Standardization with Forte




**Petuum Med**

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**Name Here**

The patient is a 62 year old male with a history of mild **COPD** who complains of **cough**, **shortness of breath**, **fatigue**, and fever progressively worsening for **the past week**. **Today** he measured a **fever** of 101 F. The productivity of his **cough** has progressively increased over **the past two days**. He has been using his **albuterol inhaler** two to three times daily but it is helping only minimally. He has a history of **COPD**, which he believes is only mild. He states that he is treated with **antibiotics** for a case of **bronchitis** or **pneumonia** almost every year by his primary care provider. He has never been hospitalized for **pneumonia**. He received approx **80mg IV of Lasix** at that time and was 2.4L negative in 24 hours. He has never been hospitalized for pneumonia. He denies any known sick contacts recently. He denies **chest pain** but admits to some chest tightness and an increase in heart rate when he coughs a lot and is short of breath. He denies any recent weight changes or lower extremity pain or swelling. He denies any recent travel. He denies a **history of lung disease**, **heart disease**, or diabetes. He currently is a non-smoker but did smoke a pack a day for approximately **15 years** prior to quitting five years ago.

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**Name Here**

Discharge Medications:

**1 Furosemide 20 mg PO Tablet (2 times a day).**

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Critical Information Extraction

Heart Failure

History

Symptoms

Lab Tests

Comorbidities

Cardiac Tests

Medications

Symptoms

cough <sup>3</sup>, **shortness of breath** <sup>1</sup>, fatigue <sup>2</sup>, fever <sup>1</sup>, chest pain <sup>1</sup>, chest tightness <sup>4</sup>, increase in heart rate <sup>2</sup>, weight change <sup>1</sup>, lower extremity pain <sup>2</sup>, swelling <sup>3</sup>

Medications

**Furosemide** <sup>2</sup>, antibiotics <sup>3</sup>

Show context when clicked

Clear

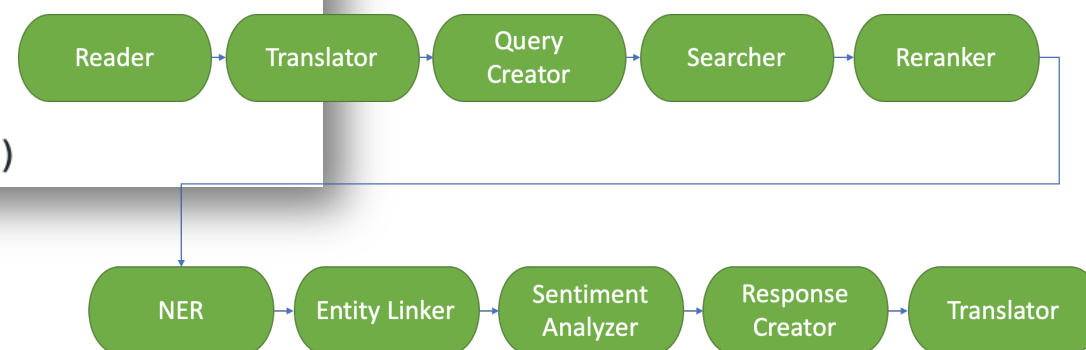
○ Lasix, Vol: 80 mg, Usage: IV

● Furosemide, Vol: 20mg, Usage: PO (2 times a day)

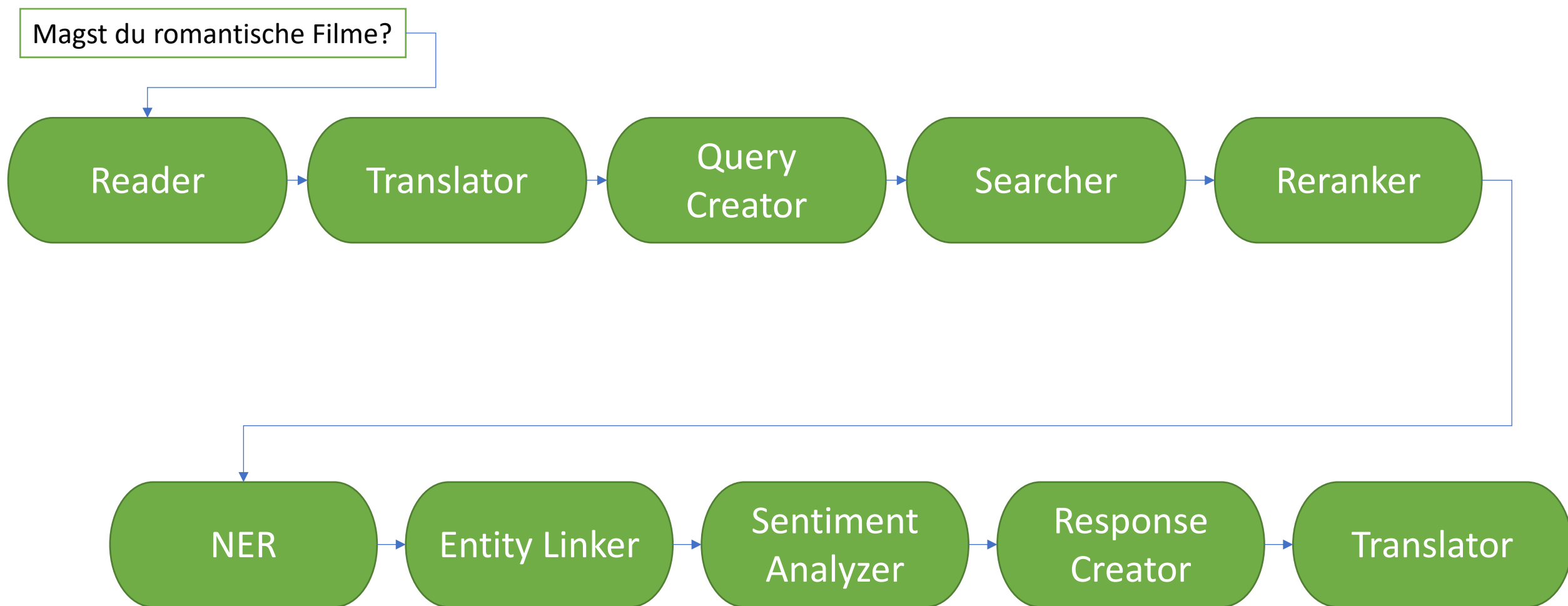
# Chaining with Forte

```
query_pipeline = Pipeline(resource=resource)
query_pipeline.set_reader(
    reader=MultiPackTerminalReader(), config=config.reader)

query_pipeline.add_processor(
    processor=MicrosoftBingTranslator(), config=config.translator)
query_pipeline.add_processor(
    processor=BertBasedQueryCreator(), config=config.query_creator)
query_pipeline.add_processor(
    processor=SearchProcessor(), config=config.indexer)
query_pipeline.add_processor(
    processor=CoNLLNERPredictor(), config=config.ner,
    selector=NameMatchSelector(
        select_name=config.indexer.response_pack_name[0]))
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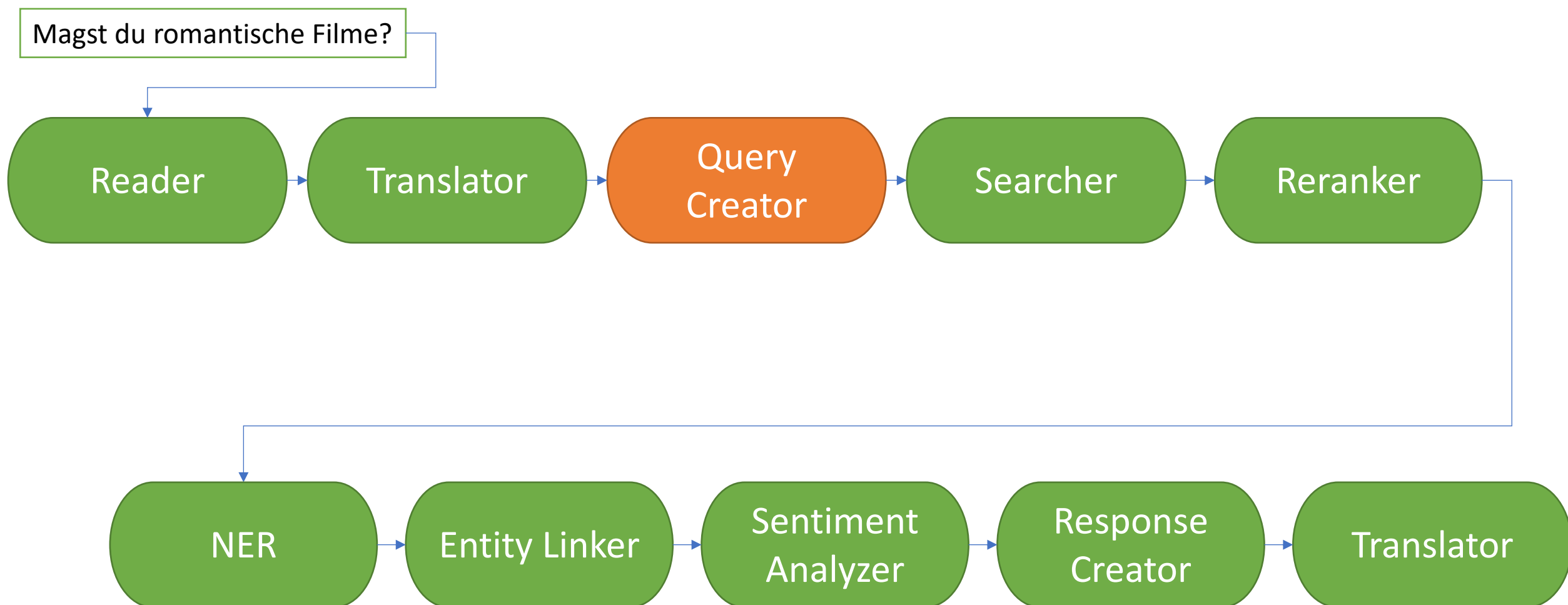


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# Query Creator

Here we create a simple text-based query.

Build Simple Query

```
class ElasticsearchQueryCreator(QueryProcessor[MultiPack]):  
  
    def _build_query(self, text: str) -> Dict[str, Any]:  
        r"""Constructs Elasticsearch query that will be consumed by  
        Elasticsearch processor.  
  
        Args:  
            text: str  
                A string which will be looked up for in the corpus under field  
                name `field`. `field` can be passed in a `config` during  
                :meth:`ElasticSearchQueryCreator::initialize`. If `config` does  
                not contain the key `field`, we will set it to "content"  
        """  
        size = self.config.size or 1000  
        field = self.config.field or "content"  
        return {"query": {"match": {field: text}}, "size": size}
```

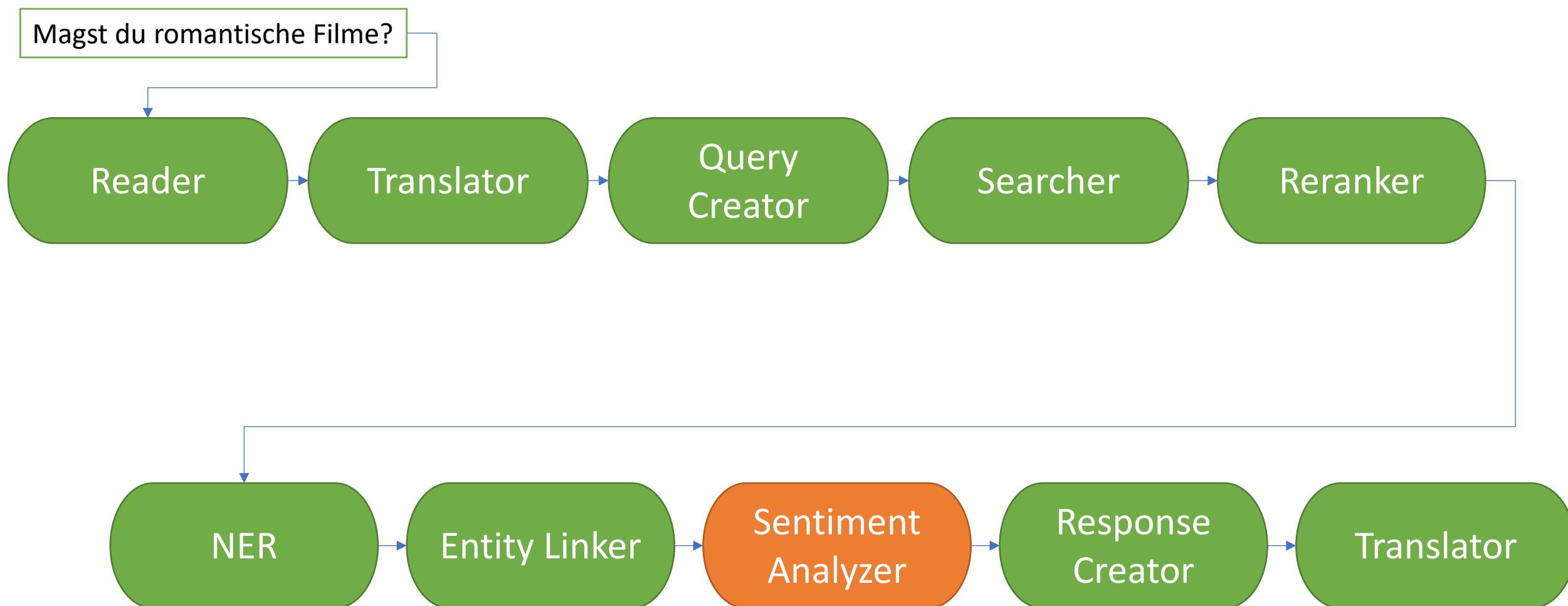
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Alternatively, we can create an embedding based query.

Build query by using the embedding

```
class BertBasedQueryCreator(QueryProcessor[MultiPack]):  
    r"""This processor searches relevant documents for a query"""  
  
    @torch.no_grad()  
    def get_embeddings(self, inputs, sequence_length, segment_ids):  
        output, _ = self.encoder(inputs=inputs,  
                                  sequence_length=sequence_length,  
                                  segment_ids=segment_ids)  
  
        cls_token = output[:, 0, :]  
  
        return cls_token  
  
    def _build_query(self, text: str) -> np.ndarray:  
        input_ids, segment_ids, input_mask = \  
            self.tokenizer.encode_text(  
                text_a=text, max_seq_length=self.config.max_seq_length)  
        input_ids = torch.LongTensor(input_ids).unsqueeze(0).to(self.device)  
        segment_ids = torch.LongTensor(segment_ids).unsqueeze(0).to(self.device)  
        input_mask = torch.LongTensor(input_mask).unsqueeze(0).to(self.device)  
        sequence_length = (1 - (input_mask == 0)).sum(dim=1)  
        query_vector = self.get_embeddings(inputs=input_ids,  
                                           sequence_length=sequence_length,  
                                           segment_ids=segment_ids)  
  
        query_vector = torch.mean(query_vector, dim=0, keepdim=True)  
        query_vector = query_vector.cpu().numpy()  
        return query_vector
```

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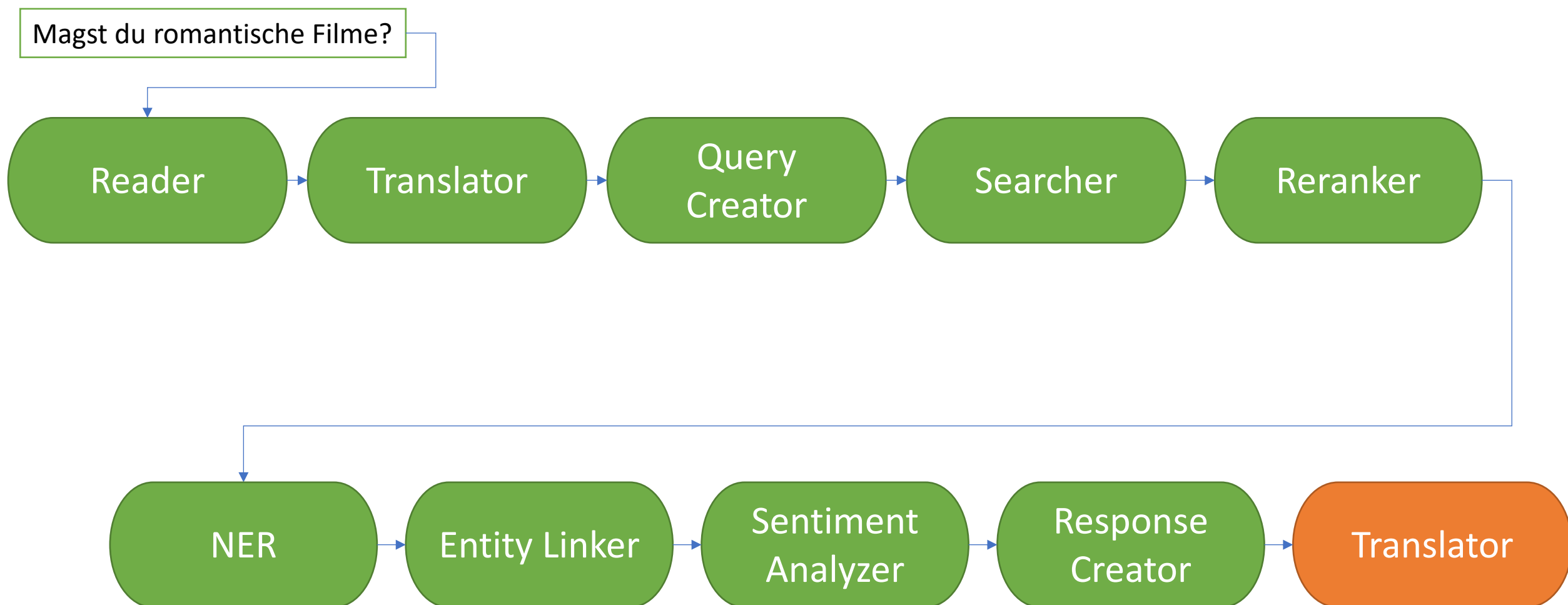
# Adding Sentiment Analysis

- We can easily wrap an external sentiment analysis system

Assign the scores to each sentence.

```
class VaderSentimentProcessor(PackProcessor):  
    def __init__(self):  
        super().__init__()   
        self.sentence_component = None  
        self.analyzer = SentimentIntensityAnalyzer()  
  
    def initialize(self, resource: Resources, configs: HParams):  
        self.sentence_component = configs.get('sentence_component')  
  
    def _process(self, input_pack: DataPack):  
        sentence: Sentence  
        for sentence in input_pack.get(entry_type=Sentence,  
                                       component=self.sentence_component):  
            scores = self.analyzer.polarity_scores(sentence.text)  
            sentence.sentiment = scores
```

# Implement Processors



# Adding a Translator

Get translation output  
with Bing API

Add translated results to  
data

```
def _process(self, input_pack: MultiPack):
    query = input_pack.get_pack(self.in_pack_name).text
    params = '?' + urlencode(
        {'api-version': '3.0',
         'from': self.src_language,
         'to': [self.target_language]}, doseq=True)
    microsoft_constructed_url = self.microsoft_translate_url + params

    response = requests.post(
        microsoft_constructed_url, headers=self.microsoft_headers,
        json=[{"text": query}])

    if response.status_code != 200:
        raise RuntimeError(response.json()[ 'error' ][ 'message' ])

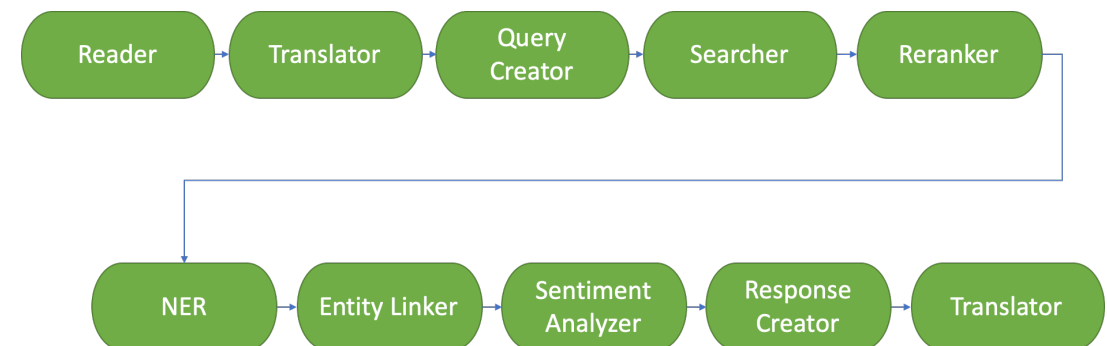
    text = response.json()[0][ "translations" ][0][ "text" ]
    pack = DataPack()

    document = Document(pack, 0, len(text))
    utterance = Utterance(pack, 0, len(text))
    pack.add_entry(document)
    pack.add_entry(utterance)

    pack.set_text(text=text)
    input_pack.update_pack({self.out_pack_name: pack})
```

# Inter-operation

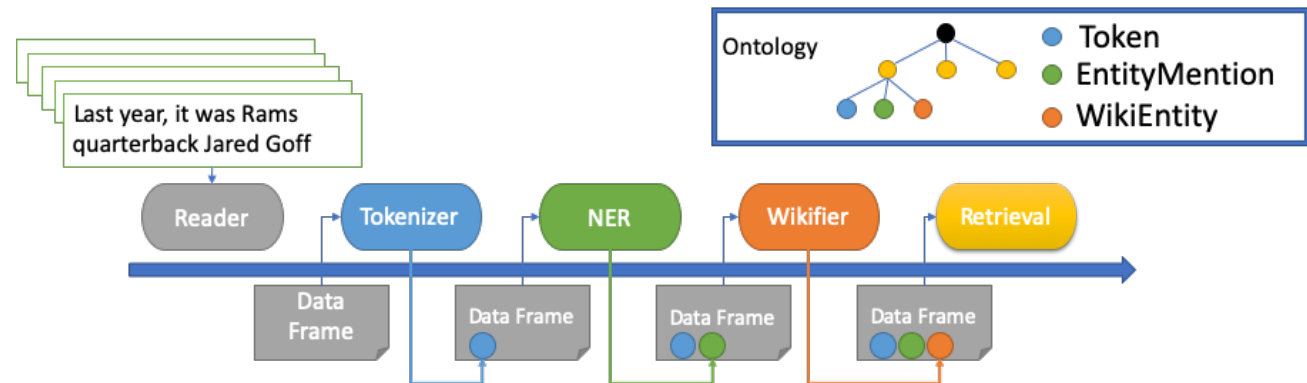
- User: Kennst du ein paar gute romantische Filme?
- Response: *Yes, Titanic. Kate Winslet and Leonardo Dicaprio have definitely created a timeless classic.*
  - Response selected by inter-operation
  - It contains the actors (NER + Entity Linking)
  - It contains the sentiment (Sentiment Analyzer)
- Informed decisions can be made with a well-designed pipeline





# Some Take-home Messages

- Use standard and shared data representation
- NLP concepts can be categorized
- Enrich data, don't delete data
- Keep consistent interfaces between models and tasks
- Understand your domain

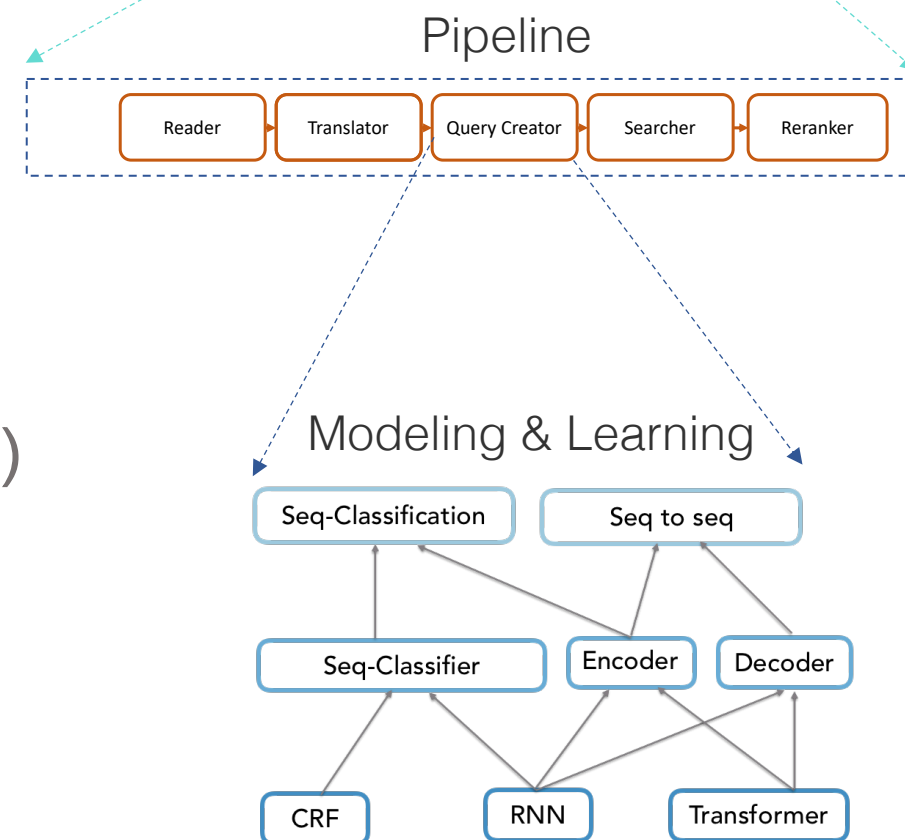
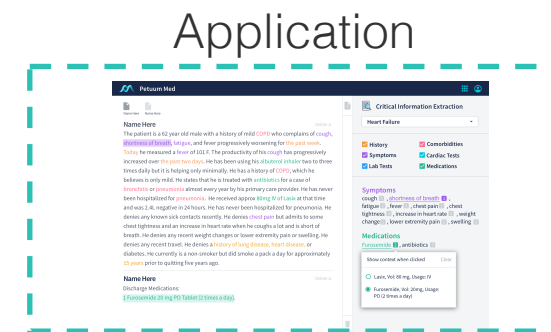


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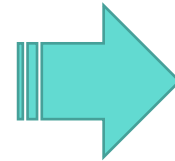
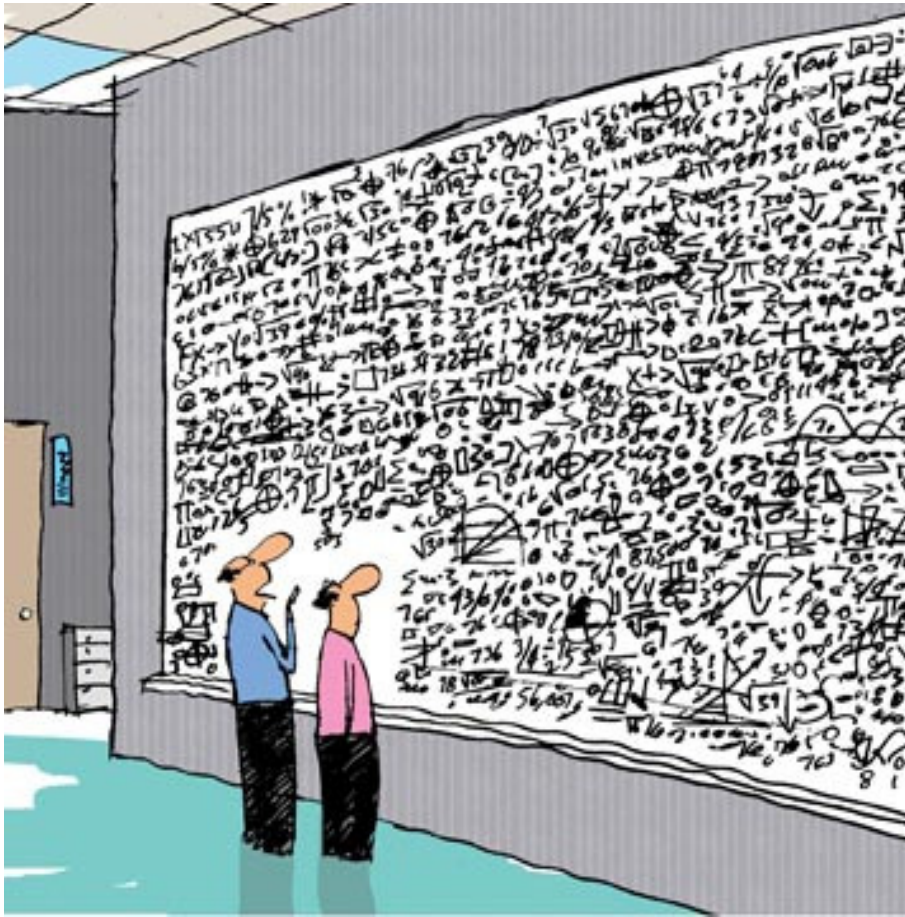


# Composable ML

- Build ML models more easily, via pick-and-choose
- Stop writing same one-off code again and again
  - More reliable and easier to debug
  - Easier to onboard new developers



# Decomposing Machine Learning



## Model architectures

(RNNs, Transformers, Graphical, ...)

## Loss functions

(likelihood, reconstruction, margin, ...)

## Constraints

(normality, sparsity, logical, KL, sum, ...)

## Algorithms

MC (MCMC, Importance), Opt (gradient, IP), ...

## Experience

(processing, augmentation, weighting, ...)

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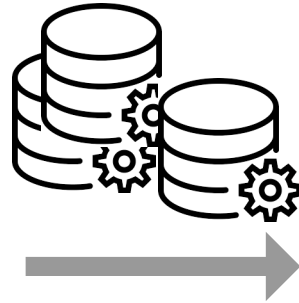
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# Running Example: Machine Translation



raw data



cleaning  
tokenizing  
vocabulary  
truncation  
...

source.dat

target.dat

I like this movie.  
Lovely and poignant  
Insanely hilarious!  
...

Ich mag diesen film.  
Schön und ergreifend  
Wahnsinnig witzig!  
...

clean data

training

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model

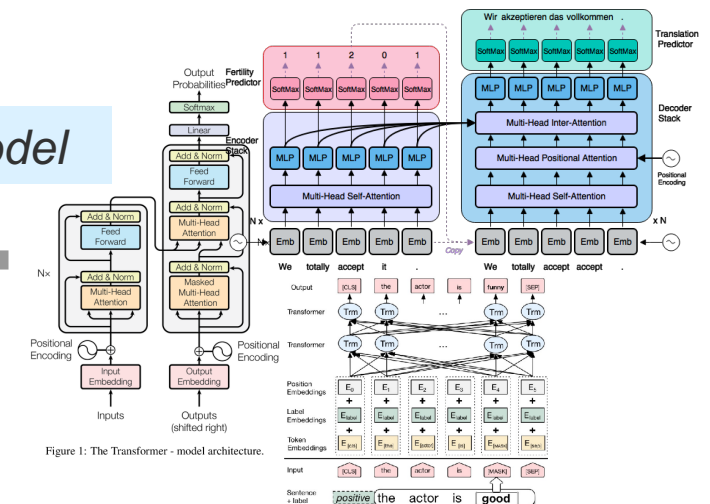


Figure 1: The Transformer - model architecture.

evaluation  
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# ML Components



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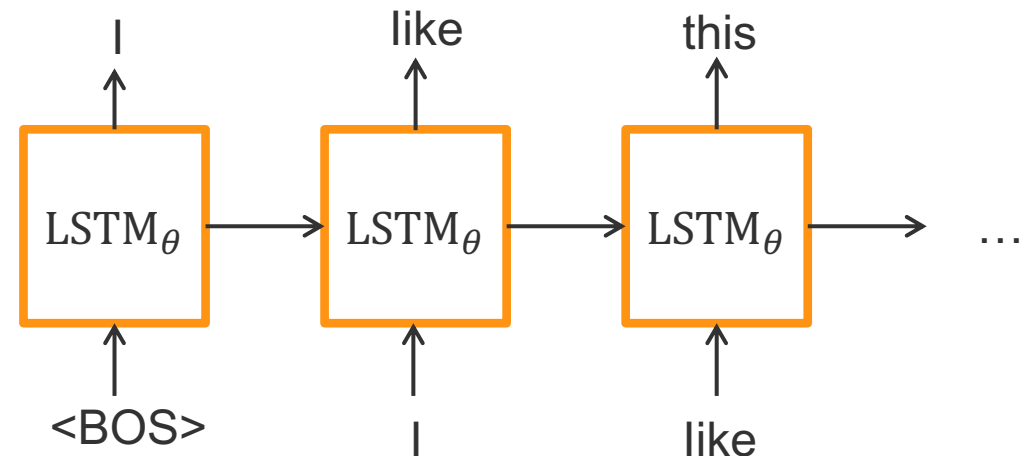
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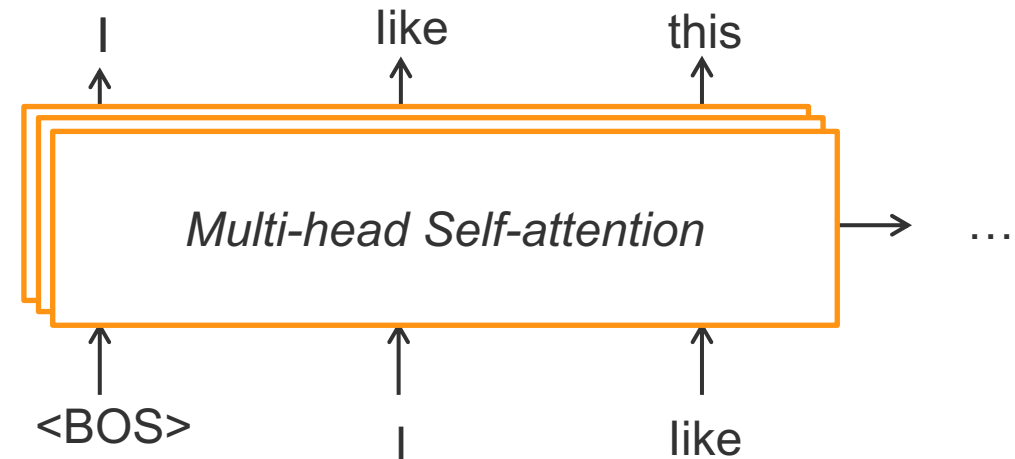
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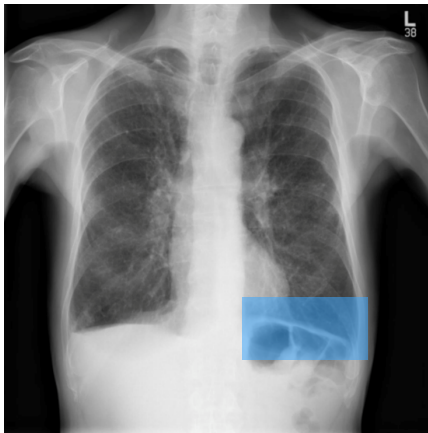
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- Conditions on additional task-dependent context  $x$ 
  - Machine translation: source sentence

*I like this movie.*  $\longrightarrow$  Ich mag diesen film.

- Medical image report generation: medical image



... There is chronic pleural-  
parenchymal scarring within  
the lung bases. No lobar  
consolidation is seen. ...

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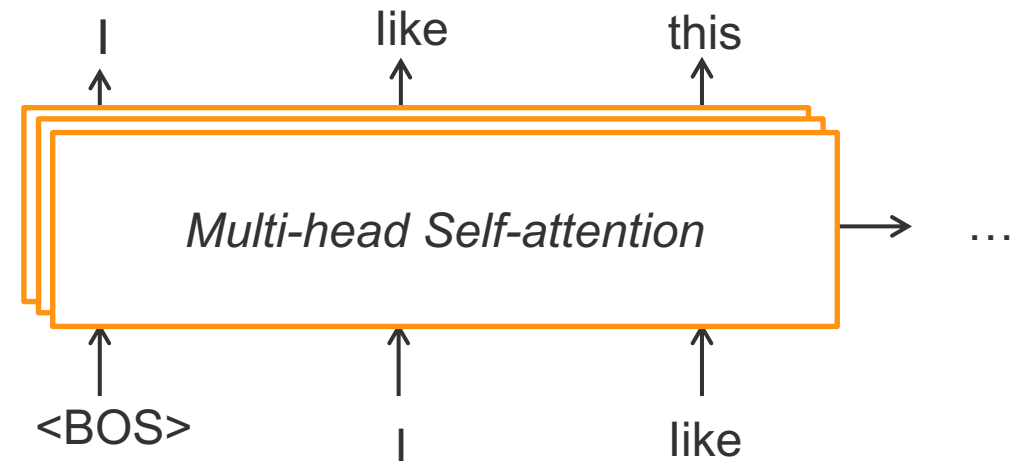
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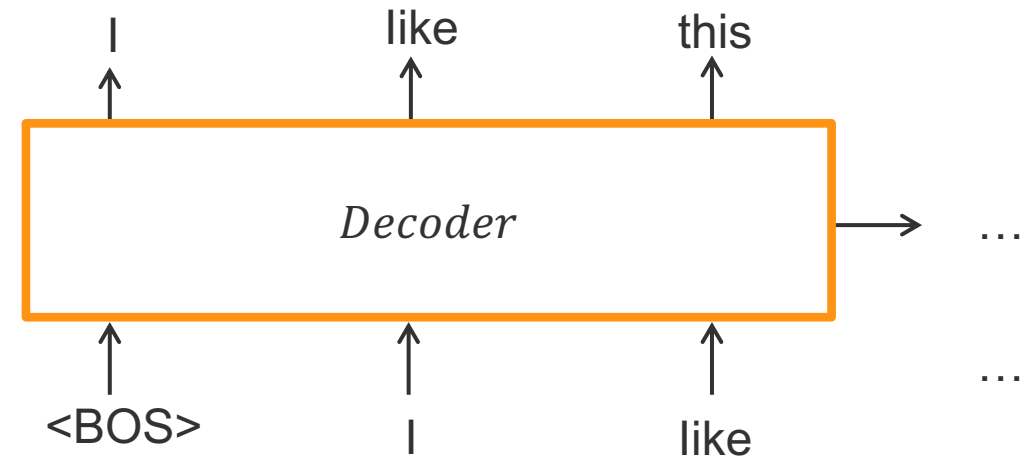
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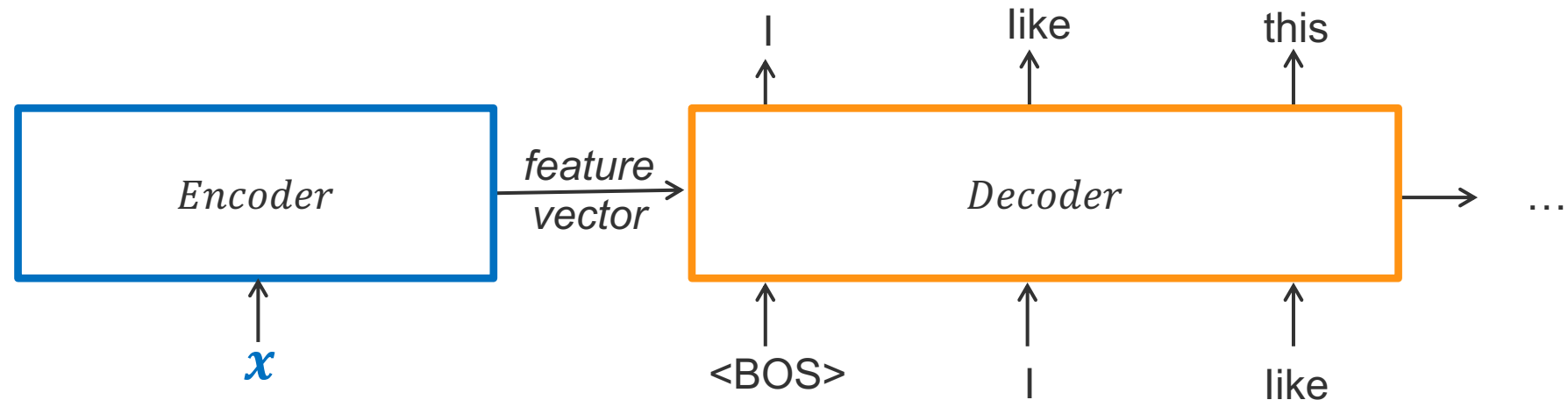
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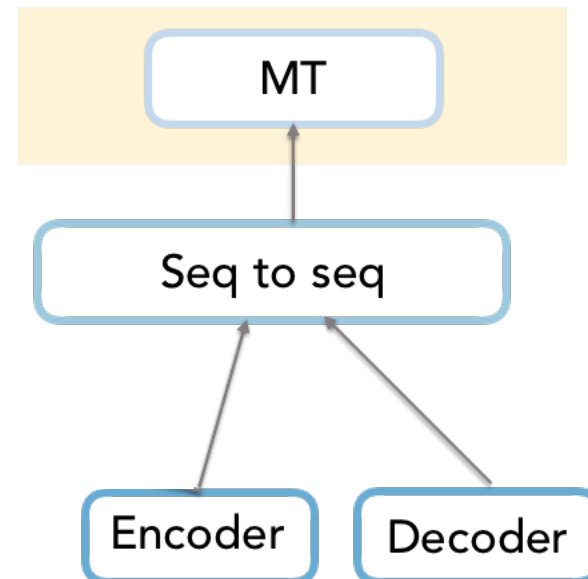
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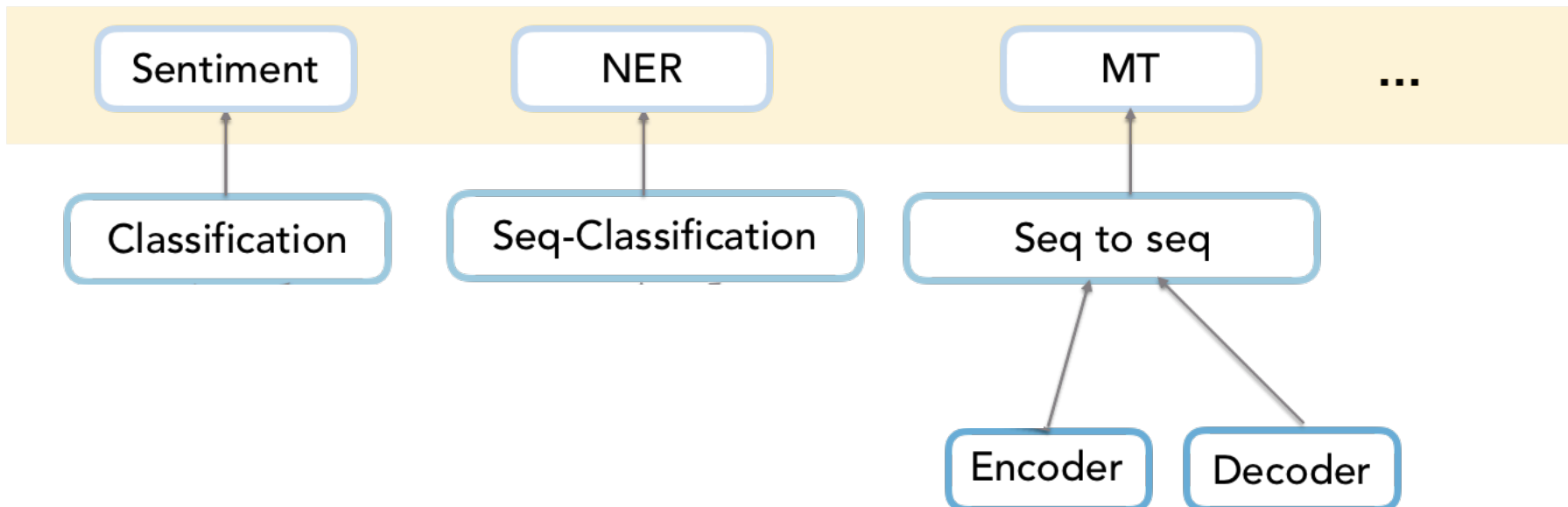
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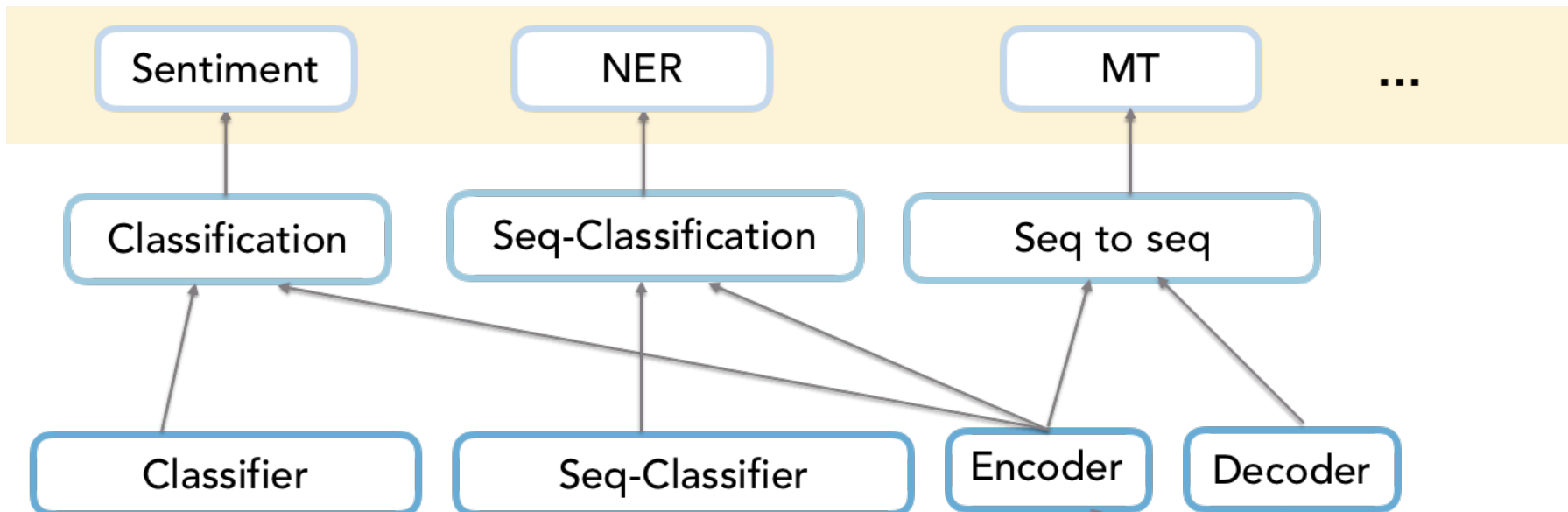
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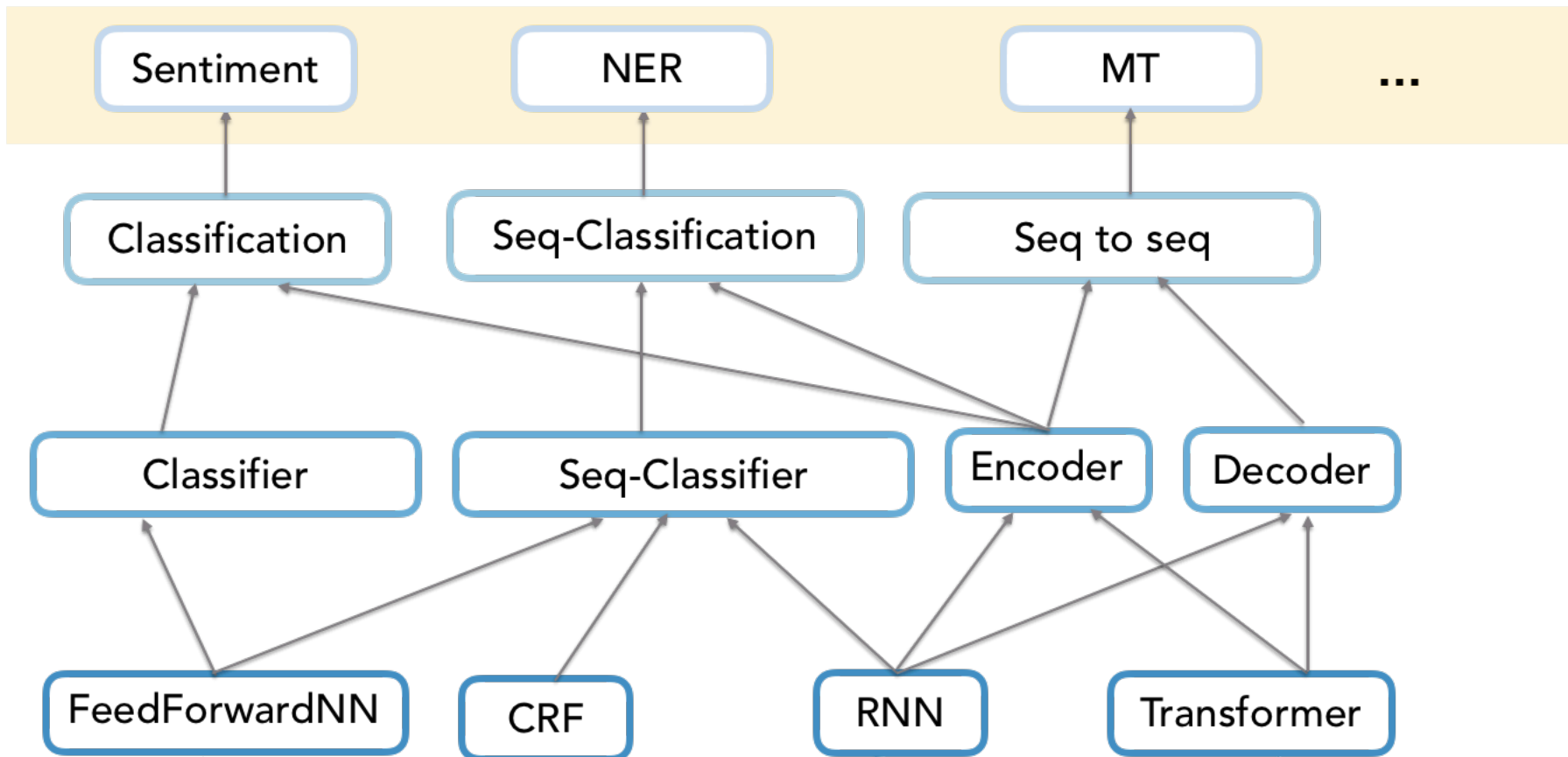
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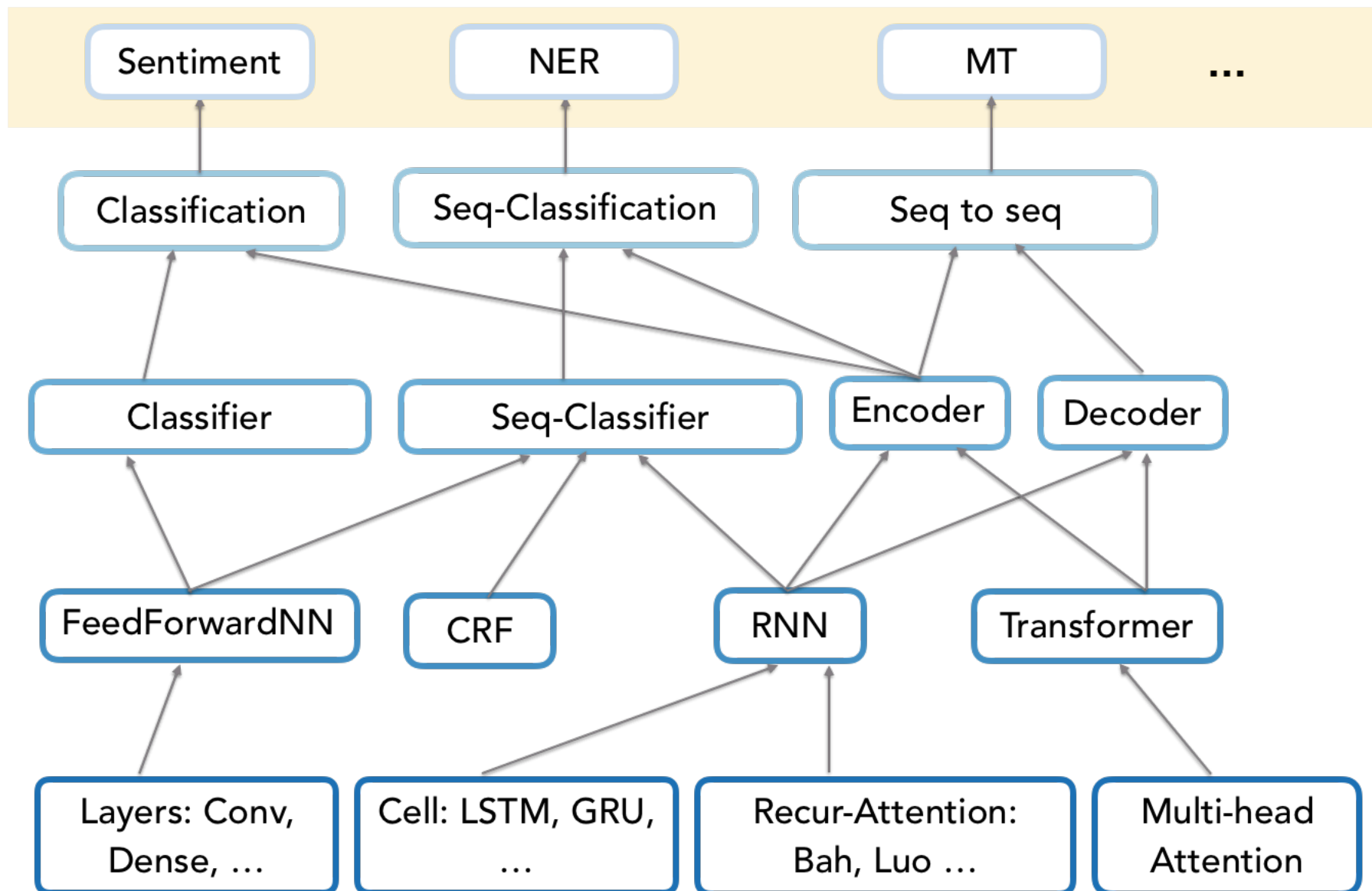
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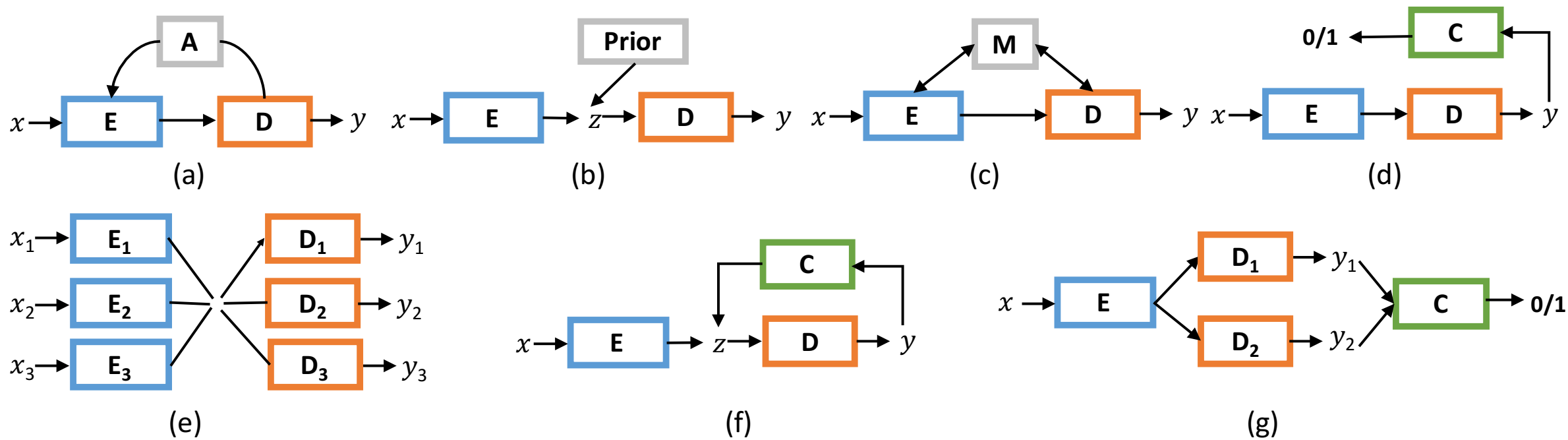


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# Complex Composite Architectures



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E refers to encoder, D to decoder, C to Classifier, A to attention, Prior to prior distribution, and M to memory

# ML Components



$$\min_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(\theta, D) + \Omega(\theta)$$

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# Learning, Inference & Loss: Many Variations



active learning

weak/distant supervision

reward-augmented MLE

data re-weighting

data augmentation

maximum likelihood estimation

imitation learning

intrinsic reward

inverse RL

actor-critic

RL as inference

softmax policy gradient

policy gradient

adversarial  
domain adaptation

GANs

knowledge distillation

prediction minimization

energy-based GANs

Supervision  
forms:

Data examples

Reward

Auxiliary model

# Learning, Inference & Loss (1): Maximum Likelihood Estimation



## Learning

Given data examples  $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{y}^*)\}$

$$\max_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{y}^*) \sim \mathcal{D}} [\log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{y}^* | \mathbf{x}^*)]$$

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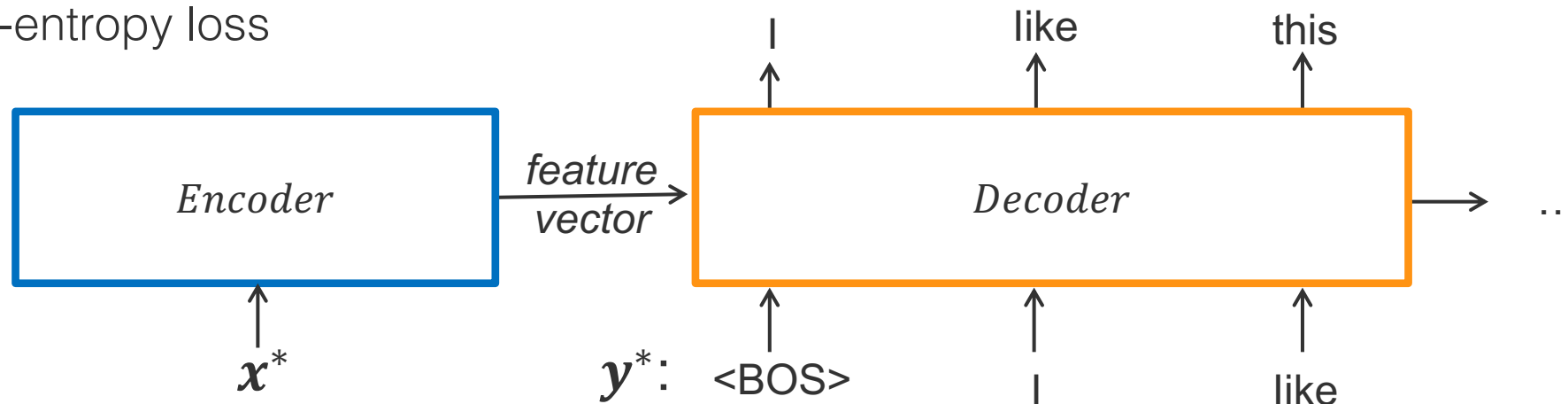
$$\prod_{t=1}^T p_{\theta}(y_t^* | \mathbf{y}_{1:t-1}^*, \mathbf{x}^*)$$

Loss Cross-entropy loss

## Inference

Teacher-forcing decoding:

For every step  $t$ , feeds in the previous ground-truth tokens  $\mathbf{y}_{1:t-1}^*$  to decode next step



# Learning, Inference & Loss (2): Policy Gradient



## Learning

Optimizes expected task reward  $R(\hat{\mathbf{y}}, \mathbf{y}^*)$

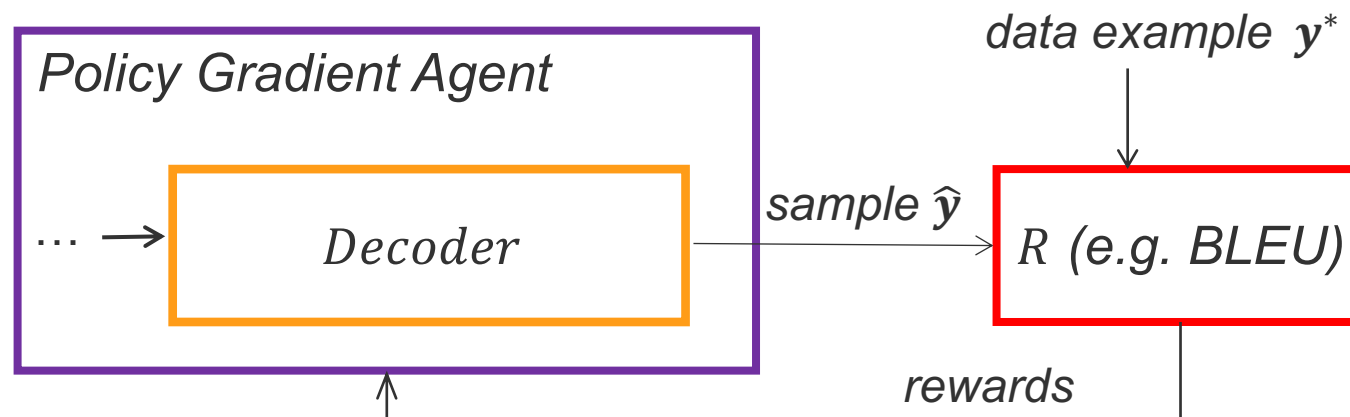
$$\max_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{y}} \sim p_{\theta}(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x})} [ R(\hat{\mathbf{y}}, \mathbf{y}^*) ]$$

## Loss

- Policy gradient loss
- Policy gradient loss w/ baseline
- ...

## Inference

- Greedy decoding
- Sampling decoding
- Beam search decoding
- Top- $k$  / Top- $p$  decoding
- ...



# Learning, Inference & Loss (3): Adversarial Learning



## Learning

- A **discriminator** is trained to distinguish b/w *real* data examples and *fake* generated samples
- The model is trained to fool the discriminator

## Loss

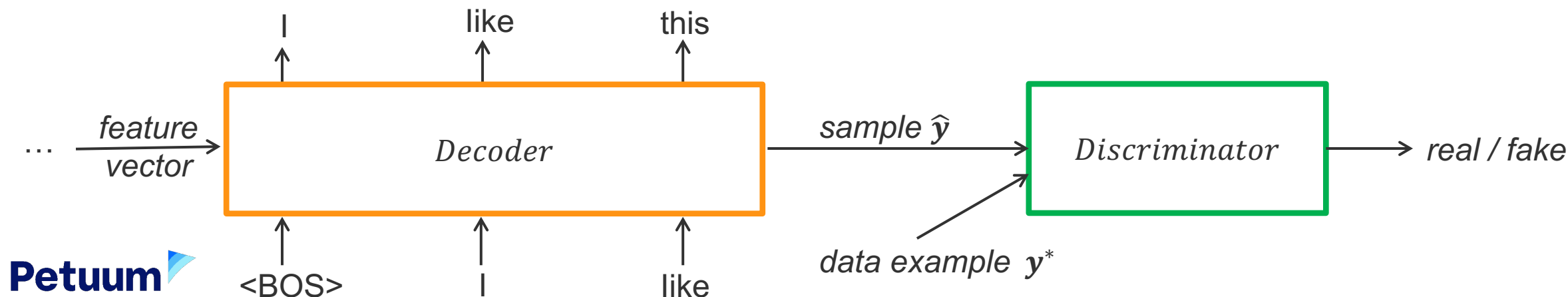
- Binary adversarial loss
- Feature-matching adversarial loss

## Inference

### Gumbel-softmax decoding:

Uses a differentiable approximation of sample  $\hat{y}$  for gradient backpropagation

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\hat{y})}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\hat{y})}{\partial \hat{y}} \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial \theta}$$



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Reinforcement

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Attention RNN

PG loss

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Greedy

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PG loss + baseline

Beam-search

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Top-k sample

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# Constraint (1): Conventional Constraints



$$\min_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(\theta, D) + \Omega(\theta)$$

Many choices for get different statistical properties:

- Normality, Sparsity, KL, sum, ...



## Constraint (2): Structured Knowledge

Structured knowledge as constraints

Sentiment classification:

- “Food was good, **but** the service was very disappointing.”

Logic rule:

- Sentence  $x$  with structure  $A$ -**but**- $B \Rightarrow$  sentiment of  $B$  dominates

Constraint function:  $f(x = \text{sentence}, y = \text{sentiment}) = \text{truth value}$





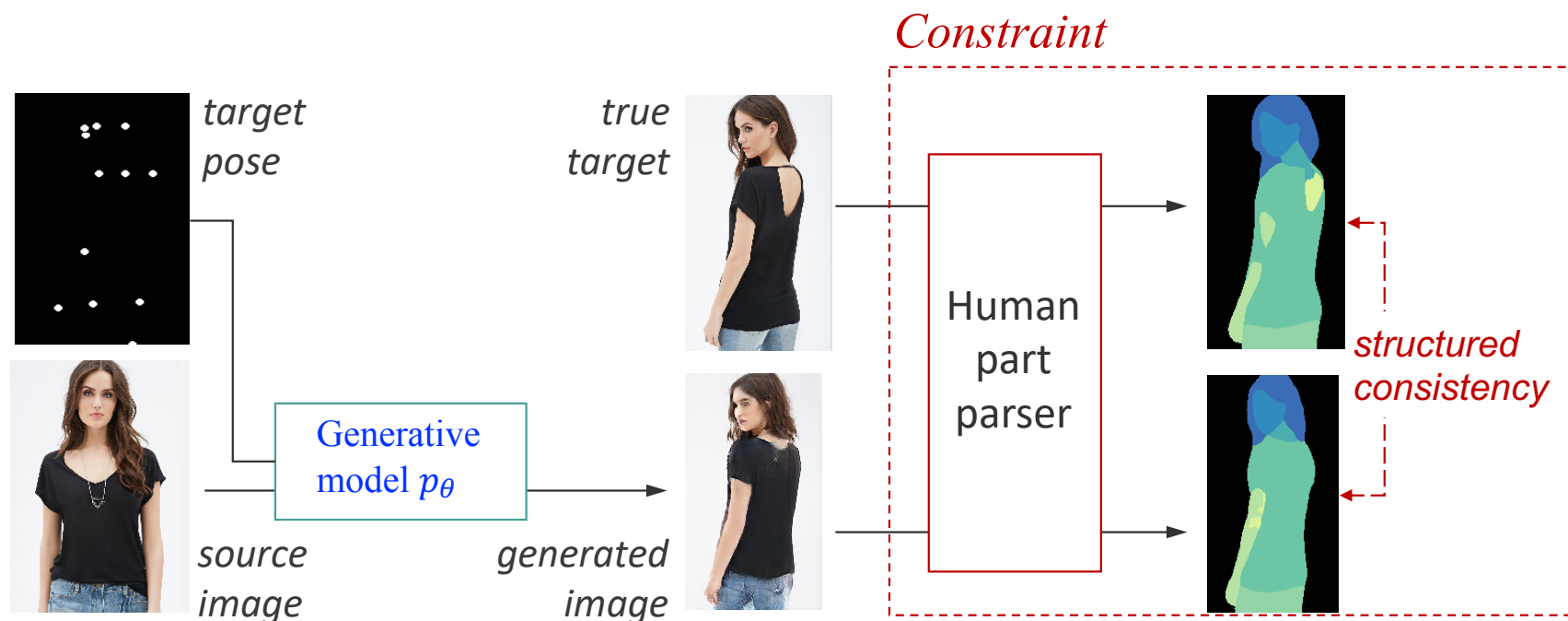
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# Constraint (2): Structured Knowledge

Structured knowledge as constraints

Human Image Generation

Constraint function:  $f(\mathbf{y} = \text{generated}, \mathbf{o} = \text{ground truth}) = \text{match score}$





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# Constraint (2): Structured Knowledge

- Constraint function:  $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in \mathbb{R}$ 
  - Higher  $f$  value, better  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  in the light of the knowledge
- Model:  $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})$
- Posterior Regularization [Hu et al., 2018, 2016; Zhu et al., 2014; Ganchev et al. 2010]

$$\min_{\theta, q} \mathcal{L}(\theta, q) = \mathcal{L}(\theta) + \text{KL}(q(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) || p_{\theta}(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})) + \xi$$

Regular loss  
(e.g., cross-entropy loss)

$$\text{s. t. } \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})} [f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})] \geq 1 - \xi$$

Constraint

- Related: constraint-driven learning [Chang et al., 2007], generalized expectation [Mann & MaCallum, 2007], learning from measurements [Liang et al., 2009]



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$$s.t. \quad \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})} [ f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) ] \geq 1 - \xi$$

- $\min_q \mathcal{L}(\theta, q) \longrightarrow q^*(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) \propto p_{\theta}(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) \exp \left\{ f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \right\}$

Combines the **model** and the **knowledge** — teacher model

- $\min_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(\theta, q^*) \longrightarrow \max_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{q^*(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})} \left[ \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) \right]$

The **model** imitates the teacher model predictions — student model

# ML Components



$$\min_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(\theta, D) + \Omega(\theta)$$

## Constraint

L1 / L2

Logical

Structured

...

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Binary Adv loss

Matching Adv loss

PG loss

PG loss + baseline

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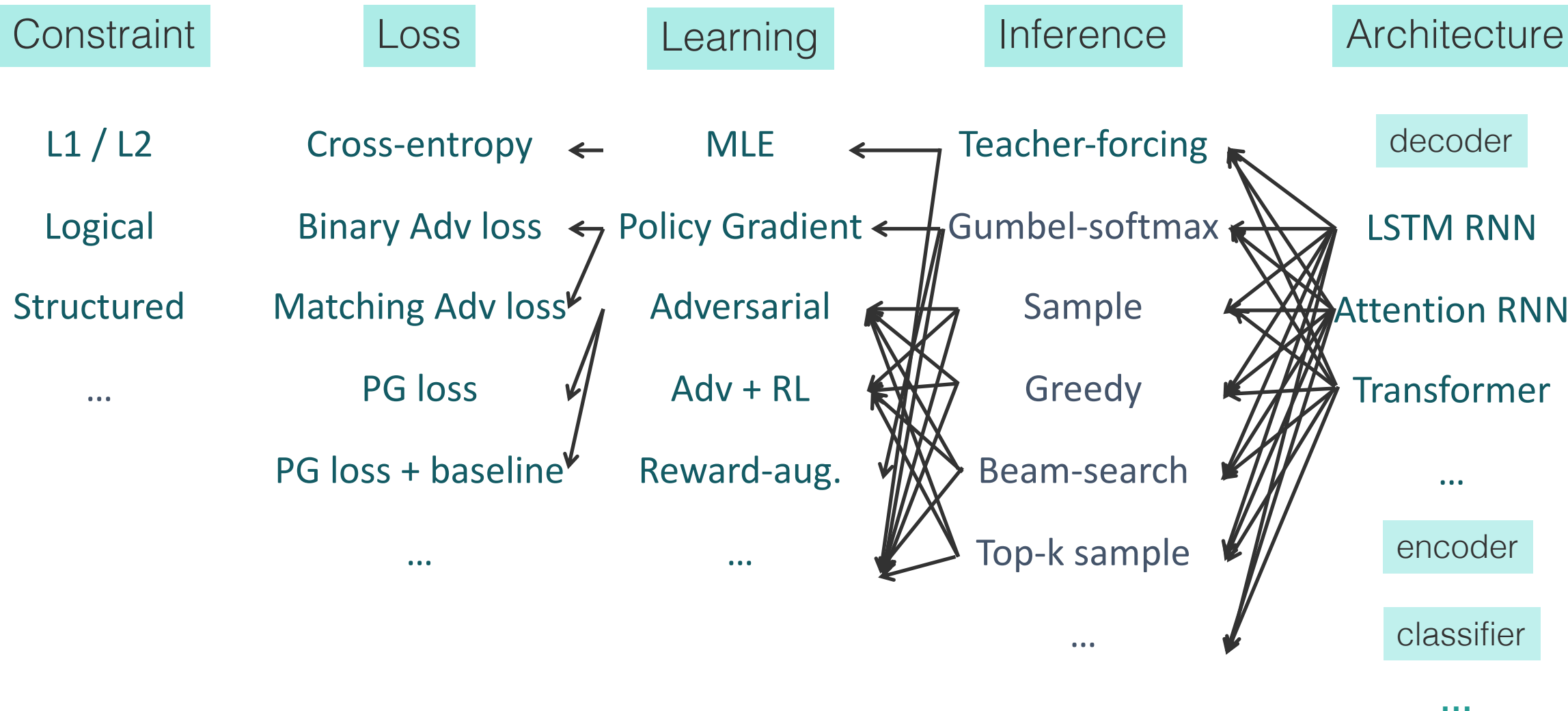
classifier

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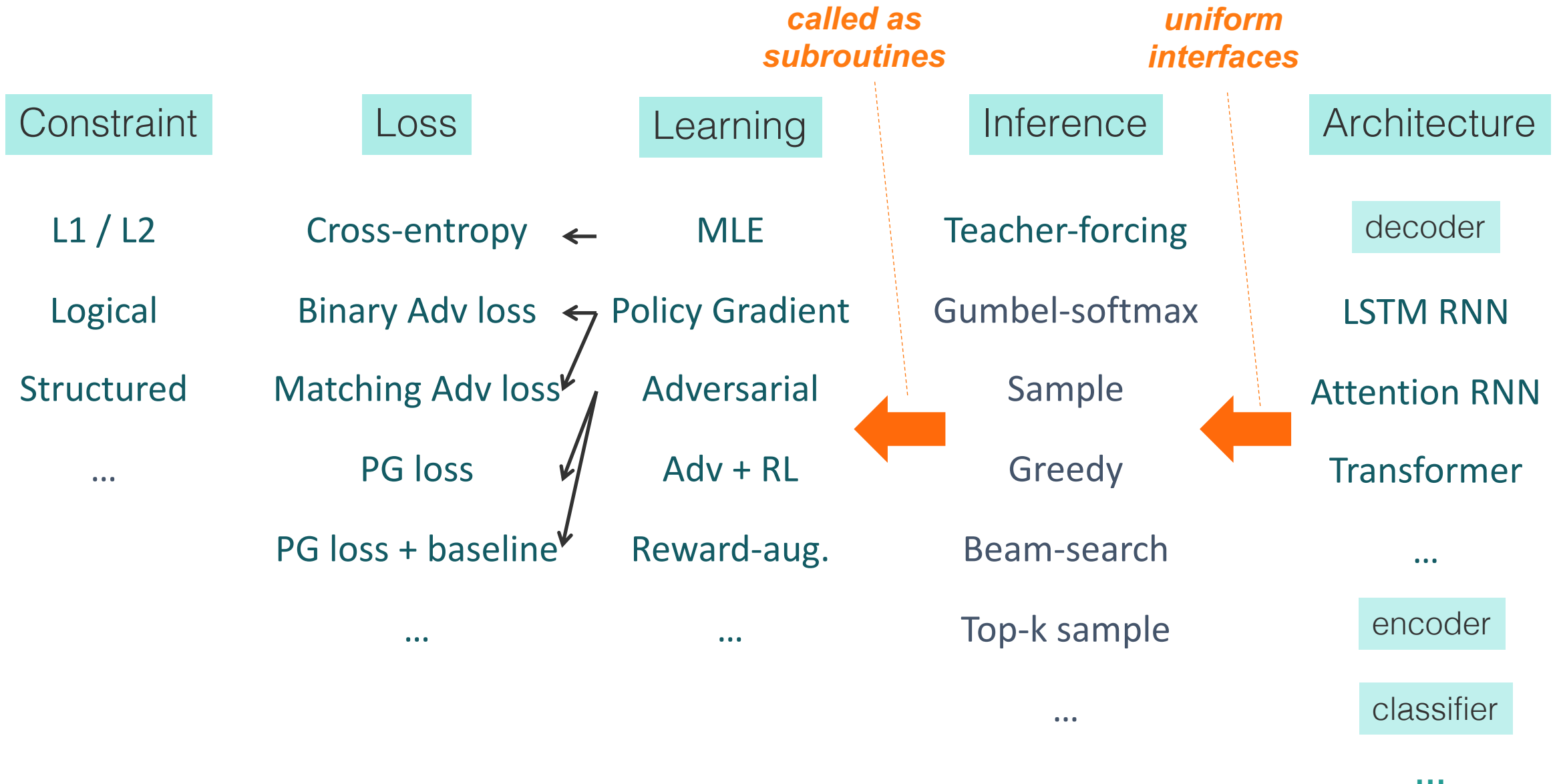
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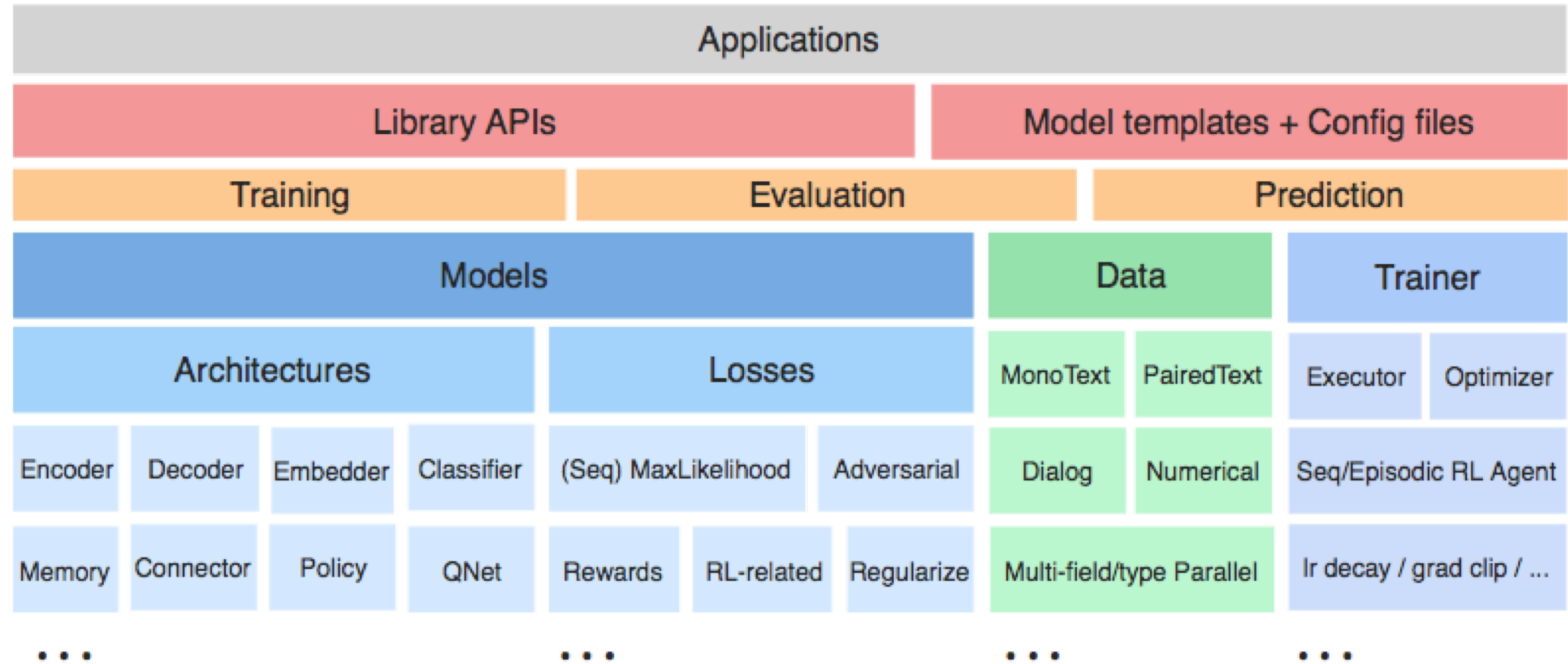


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## Texar *stack*

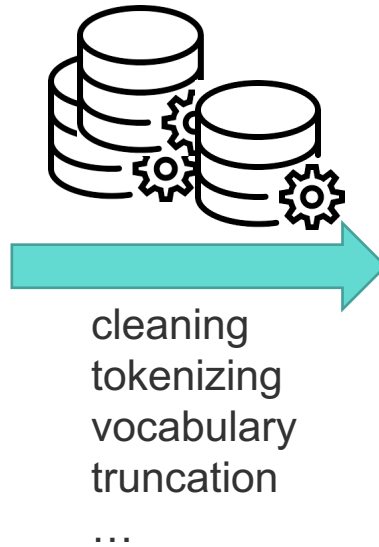




# Running Example: Machine Translation



raw data



source.dat

I like this movie.  
Lovely and poignant  
Insanely hilarious!  
...

target.dat

Ich mag diesen film.  
Schön und ergreifend  
Wahnsinnig witzig!  
...

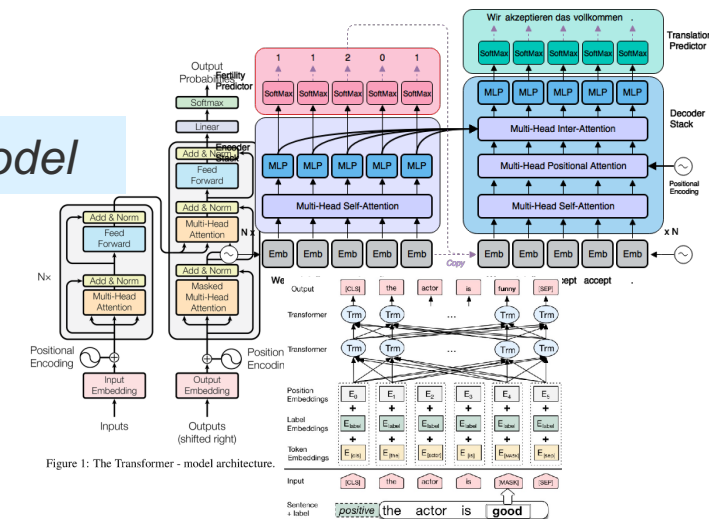
clean data

evaluation  
post-processing

training

model

Maximum likelihood  
training  
Reinforcement  
learning  
Adversarial  
Finetuning





# Running Example: Machine Translation



# Running Example: Machine Translation

Data



```
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YAML config files

```
1. data_hparams:
2.   batch_size: 64
3.   num_epochs: 10
4.   shuffle: True
5.   source_dataset:
6.     files: 'source.txt'
7.     vocab_file: 'vocab.txt'
8.     max_seq_length: 100
9.     bos_token: '<BOS>'
10.    eos_token: '<EOS>'
11.   target_dataset:
12.     ...
13. ...
```



YAML config files

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Architecture  
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Architecture  
& Inference

```
1. embedder_hparams:
2.   embedding_dim: 256
3.   dropout_rate: 0.9
4.   regularization: 'L1L2'
5.   ...
```



YAML config files

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```
1. encoder_hparams:
2.   num_blocks: 16
3.   num_heads: 8
4.   hidden_dim: 256
5.   output_dim: 128
6.   dropout_rate: 0.8
7.   ...
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Data {

Architecture & Inference {

Learning Loss {



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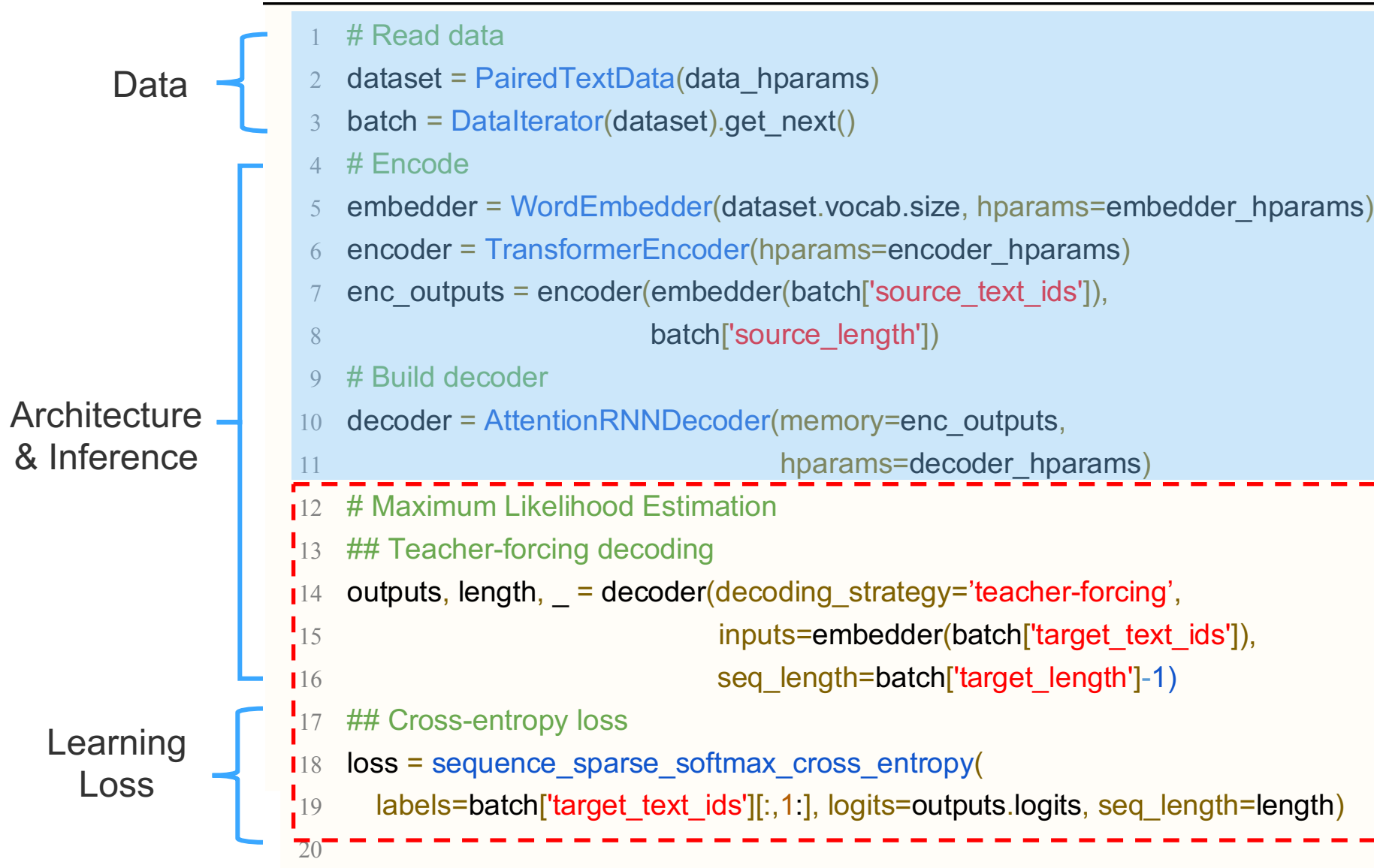
Architecture & Inference

Learning Loss

**Maximum likelihood Estimation**



# Switching between Learning Algorithms

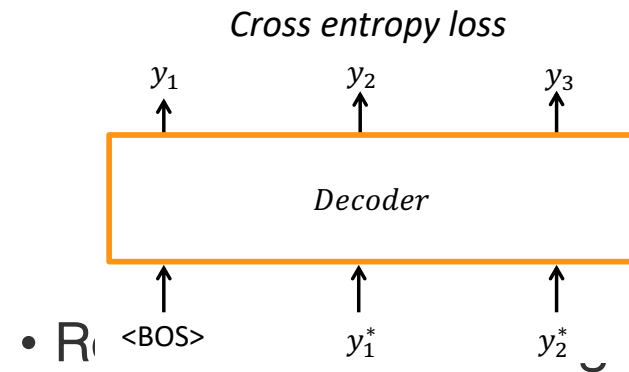


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**Maximum likelihood Estimation**

# Switching from MLE to Reinforcement Learning

- Maximum likelihood



- $R_t$

```
# Teacher-forcing decoding
```

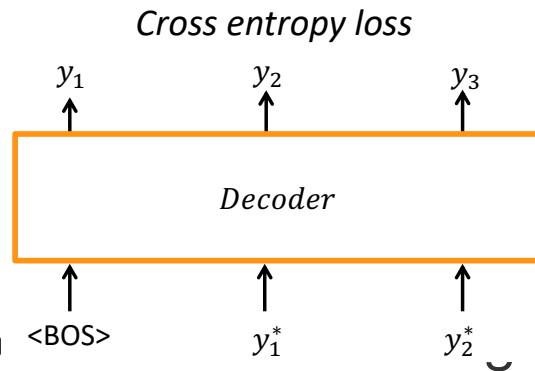
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```
# Cross-entropy loss
```

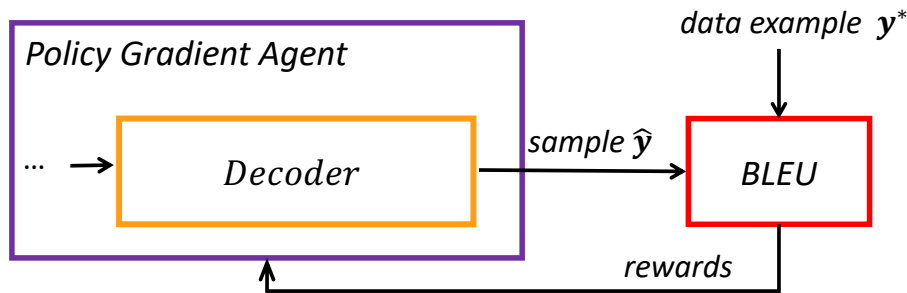
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- Maximum likelihood



- $R_t$



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# Cross-entropy loss

```
loss = sequence_sparse_softmax_cross_entropy(
    labels=batch['target_text_ids'][:,1:], logits=outputs.logits, seq_length=length)
```

# Random sample decoding

```
outputs, length, _ = decoder(decoding_strategy='random_sample',
                              start_tokens=[BOS]*batch_size, end_token=EOS,
                              embedding=embedder)
```

# Policy gradient agent for learning

```
agent = SeqPGAgent(
    samples=outputs.sample_id, logits=outputs.logits, seq_length=length)
```

```
for _ in range(STEPS):
```

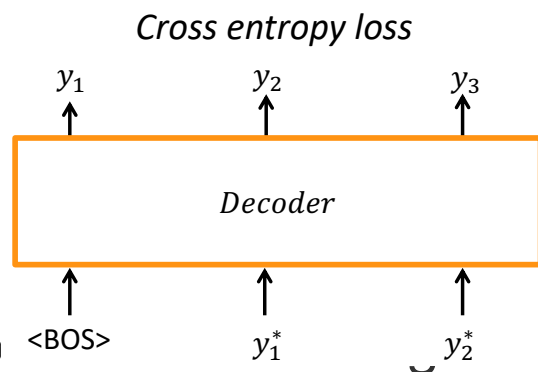
```
    samples = agent.get_samples()
```

```
    rewards = BLEU(batch['target_text_ids'], samples) # Reward
```

```
    agent.observe(rewards)
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# Switching from MLE to Adversarial Learning

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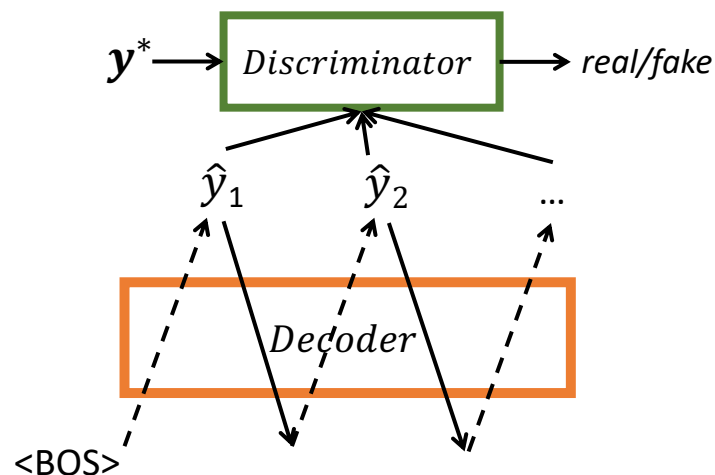
# Gumbel-softmax decoding

```
outputs, _, _ = decoder(decoding_strategy='gumbel-softmax',
                        start_tokens=[BOS]*batch_size, end_token=EOS,
                        embedding=embedder)
```

```
discriminator = Conv1DClassifier(hparams=conv_hparams)
```

# Binary adversarial loss

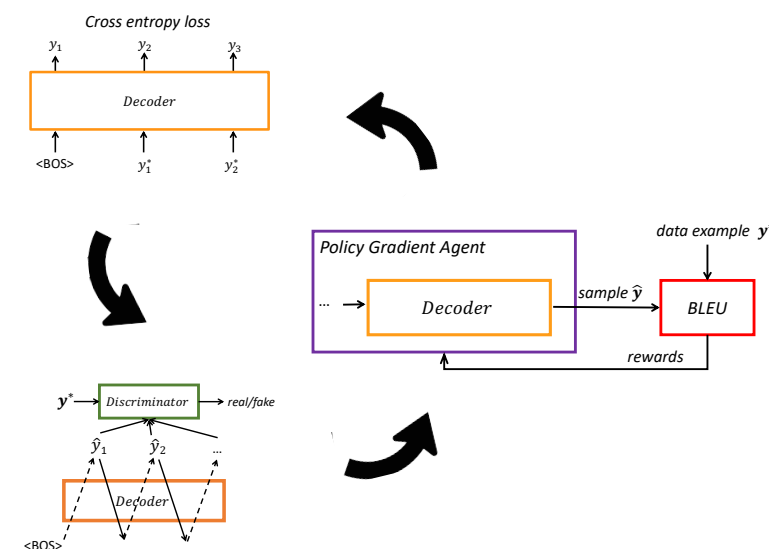
```
G_loss, D_loss = binary_adversarial_losses(
    embedder(batch['target_text_ids'][:, 1:]),
    embedder(soft_ids=softmax(outputs.logits)),
    discriminator)
```



# Summary of MT in Texar

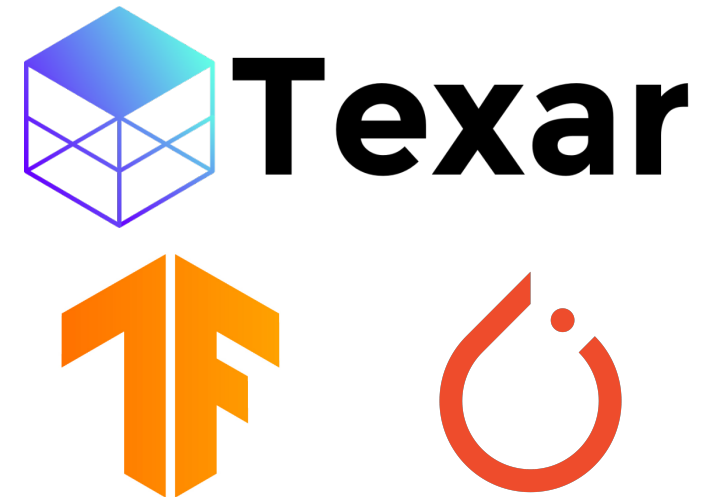
- Highly modularized programming
  - Data, architecture, loss, inference, learning, ...
  - Intuitive conceptual-level APIs
- Easy switch between learning algorithms
  - Plug in & out modules
  - No changes to irrelevant parts

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# Support of TensorFlow and PyTorch

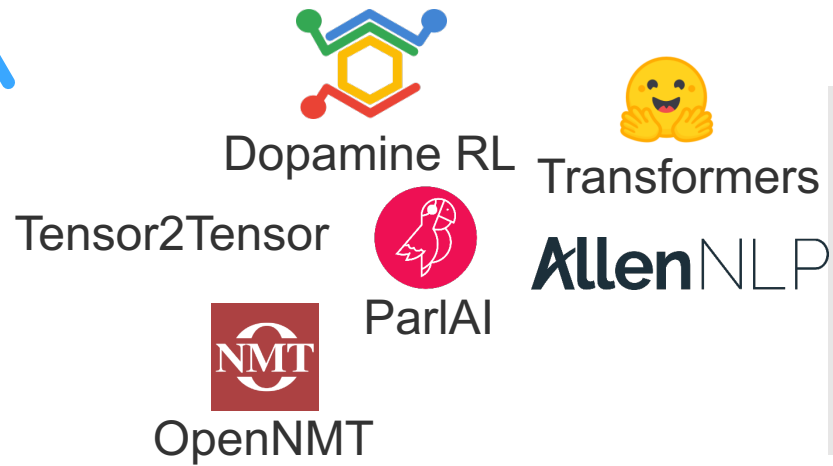
- Texar is built upon TF and PyTorch
  - Texar-TF & Texar-PyTorch: mostly the same interfaces!
  - Higher-level intuitive APIs without loss of flexibility
  - Lots of ML components ready to use
- Combine the best design of TF and PyTorch
  - TF:
    - Easy and efficient data processing APIs
    - Excellent factorization of ML modules
    - Turnkey model training processor
  - PyTorch:
    - Intuitive programming interfaces
    - Transparent variable scope and sharing to users





# Spectrum of Existing Tools

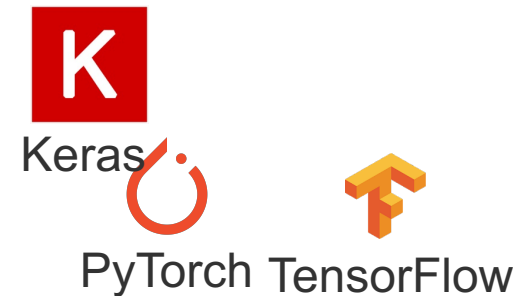
*domain-specific,  
higher-level APIs*



Interfaces at multiple abstraction levels

- Simplified APIs for common functionalities
- Advanced APIs for advanced functionalities and customizability

*general,  
lower-level APIs*



*Fixed Structure  
Limited composability*

*Modularized,  
Composable*



# Applications of Texar

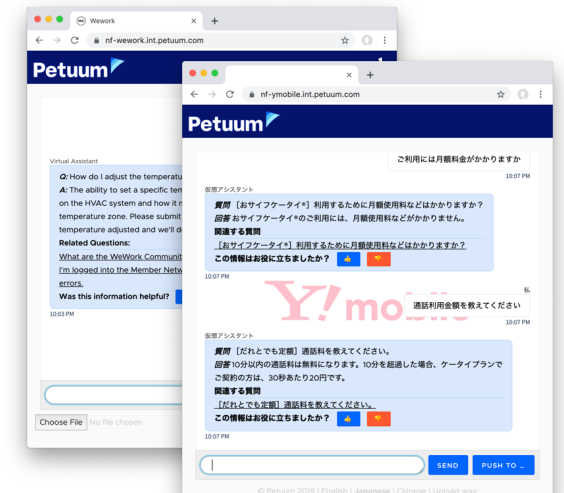
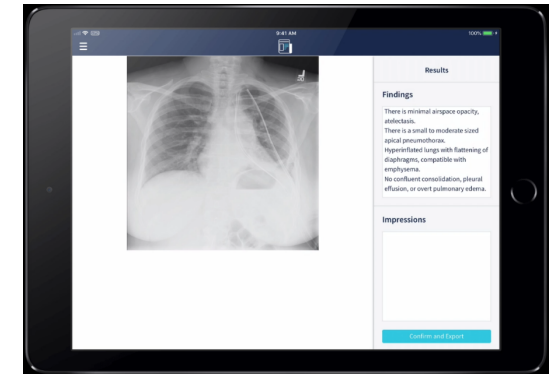
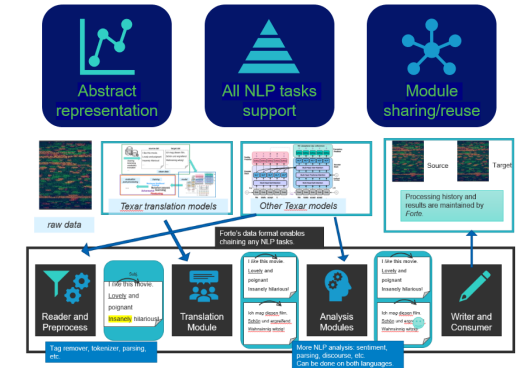
Many products built on Texar

- FORTE – templates for larger complex NLP applications
- Chest X-Ray report writer
- Medical Registry report writer
- ICD coding system
- Financial knowledge base builder
- Financial summary/report writer
- Multi-Lingual Cognitive Chat Bots
  - For Call Center Support
  - For Retail In-Store Assistance

FORTE

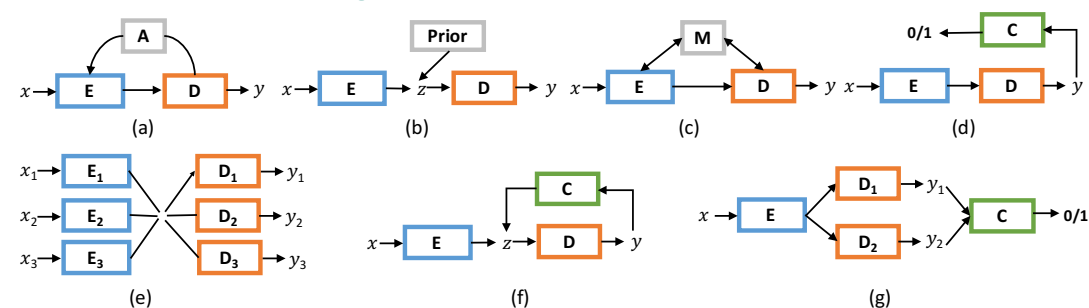
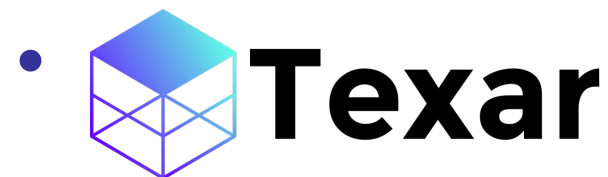
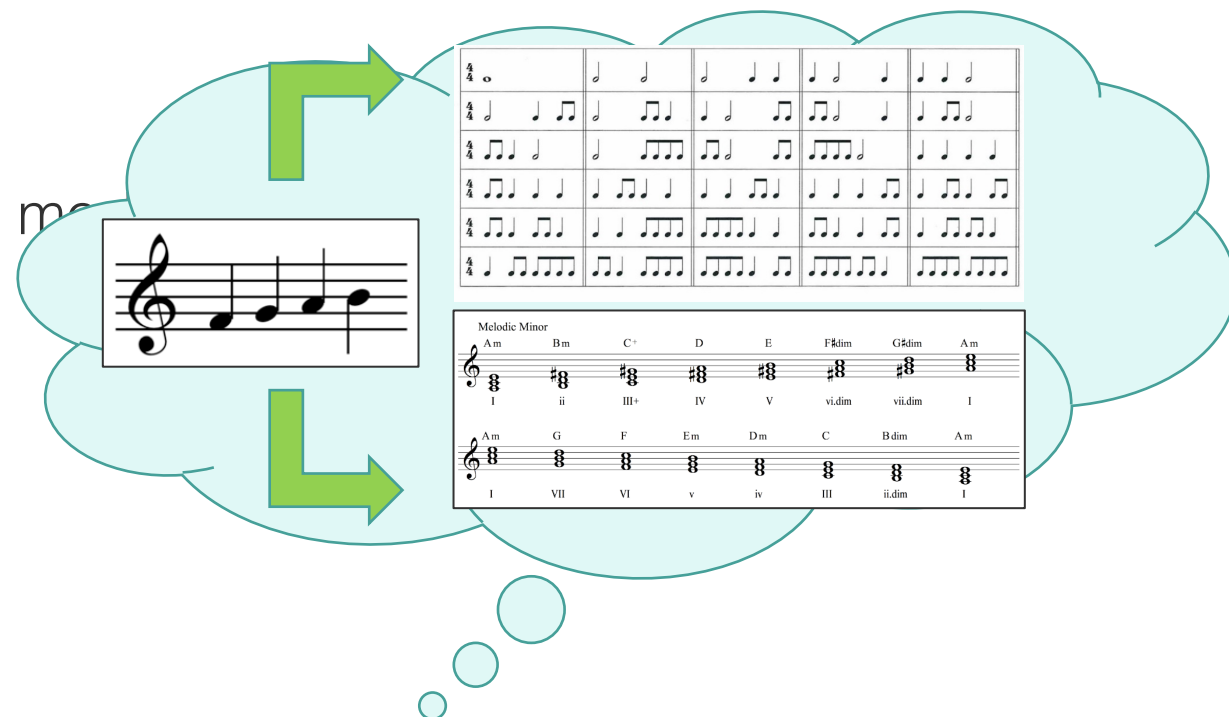
Chest X-Ray  
Report Writer

Multi-Lingual  
Cognitive  
Chat Bots



# Composable ML – Take-Home Message

- Composable ML
  - Basic “musical notes” for complex ML models
  - (or just think of it as Lego for ML)



# Agenda

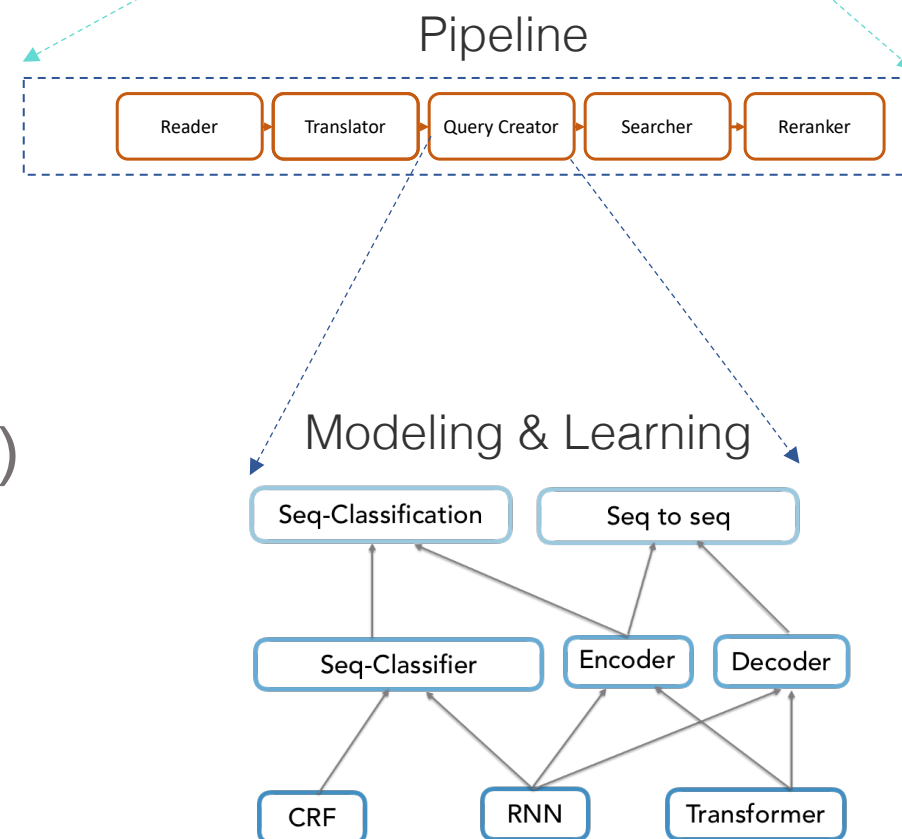
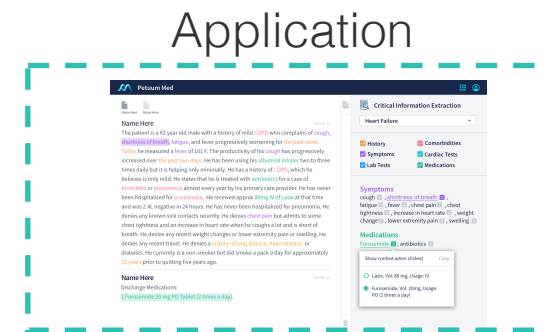


# Forte



# Texar

- Natural Language Processing Overview (10mins)
- Modularizing NLP Pipeline (35mins)
  - Complexity of NLP pipeline
  - A standardized view of NLP pipeline
  - A standardized implementation of NLP pipeline
- Short break & QA (5mins)
- Modularizing NLP Model & Learning (30mins)
  - Composible ML
- QA (10mins)



# What's Next

- Data Manipulation
  - Data augmentation
  - Data visualization
  - Multi-modal data manipulation
- Task Inter-operation
  - Joint learning
  - Joint inference
- Automate ML workflow
  - Automate model composing, learning

The screenshot displays the Petuum Med web application. The main area shows a patient record for 'Name Here' with a detailed medical history. The text describes a 62-year-old male with a history of mild COPD, recent symptoms of cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, and fever, and a fever of 101 F. It also mentions the use of an albuterol inhaler and a history of COPD, bronchitis, and pneumonia. The patient has received 80mg IV of Lasix and has been hospitalized for pneumonia. The record also notes the patient's denial of chest pain, recent travel, and history of lung disease, heart disease, or diabetes. The patient is currently a non-smoker but did smoke a pack a day for approximately 15 years prior to quitting five years ago.

The sidebar on the right, titled 'Critical Information Extraction', shows a dropdown menu for 'Heart Failure'. Below this, there are checkboxes for 'History', 'Symptoms', 'Lab Tests', 'Comorbidities', 'Cardiac Tests', and 'Medications'. The 'Symptoms' section lists 'cough', 'shortness of breath', 'fatigue', 'fever', 'chest pain', 'chest tightness', 'increase in heart rate', 'weight change', 'lower extremity pain', and 'swelling'. The 'Medications' section lists 'Furosemide' and 'antibiotics'. A tooltip is visible over the 'Furosemide' entry, showing 'Show context when clicked' and 'Clear' buttons, along with the medication details: 'Lasix, Vol: 80 mg, Usage: IV' and 'Furosemide, Vol: 20mg, Usage: PO (2 times a day)'.



Thank you