

# Fine-Grained Opinion Mining: Current Trend and Cutting-Edge Dimensions

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## Part III

# Target-Oriented Sentiment Classification

# Outline

- **Background**
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- Summary

# Background

- Sentence/Document-Level Sentiment Classification
  - Input
    - A sentence or document
  - Output
    - **Overall sentiment polarity**
      - Positive, Negative, Neutral
  - Example

The movie was **fabulous**, and the characters are quite **engaging**!



The restaurant was **horrible**, and their service was also **poor**!



# Background

- Target-oriented Sentiment Classification (TSC)
  - Input
    - A sentence or document
    - An **opinion target**
      - 1. Aspect Term (Aspect-Level Sentiment Classification)
      - 2. Aspect Category (Aspect Category-Based Sentiment Classification)
      - 3. Target Entity (Entity-Level Sentiment Classification)
  - Output
    - **Sentiment polarity** towards the **opinion target**
      - Positive, Negative, Neutral

# Background

- Examples (Product Review)
  - Aspect-Level Sentiment Classification

The [**fish**] was rather *over cooked*, but the [**staff**] was *quite nice*!

- sentiment over **fish**: *negative*
- sentiment over **staff**: *positive*

# Background

- Examples (Product Review)
  - Aspect Category-Based Sentiment Classification

The [**fish**] was rather *over cooked*, but the [**staff**] was *quite nice*!

- sentiment over **food**: *negative*
- sentiment over **service**: *positive*
- sentiment over **ambience**: N.A
- sentiment over **price**: N.A
- sentiment over **miscellaneous**: N.A

# Background

- Examples (Tweet)
  - Entity-Level Sentiment Classification

[**Georgina Hermitage**] is a **#one2watch** since she broke the [**400m T37**] WR!

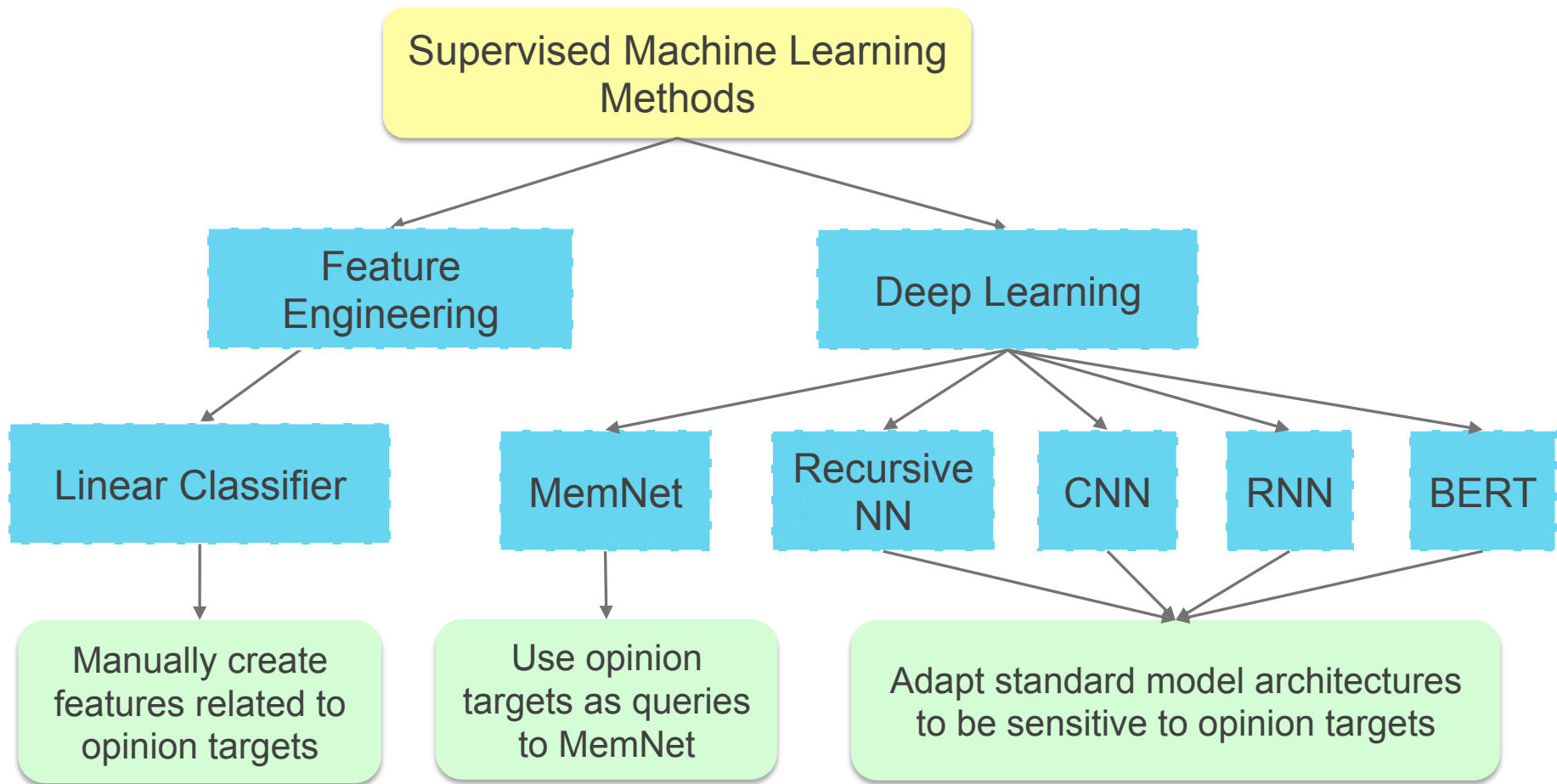
- sentiment over **Georgina Hermitage**: **positive**
- sentiment over **400m T37**: neutral



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# Methodology – Big Picture

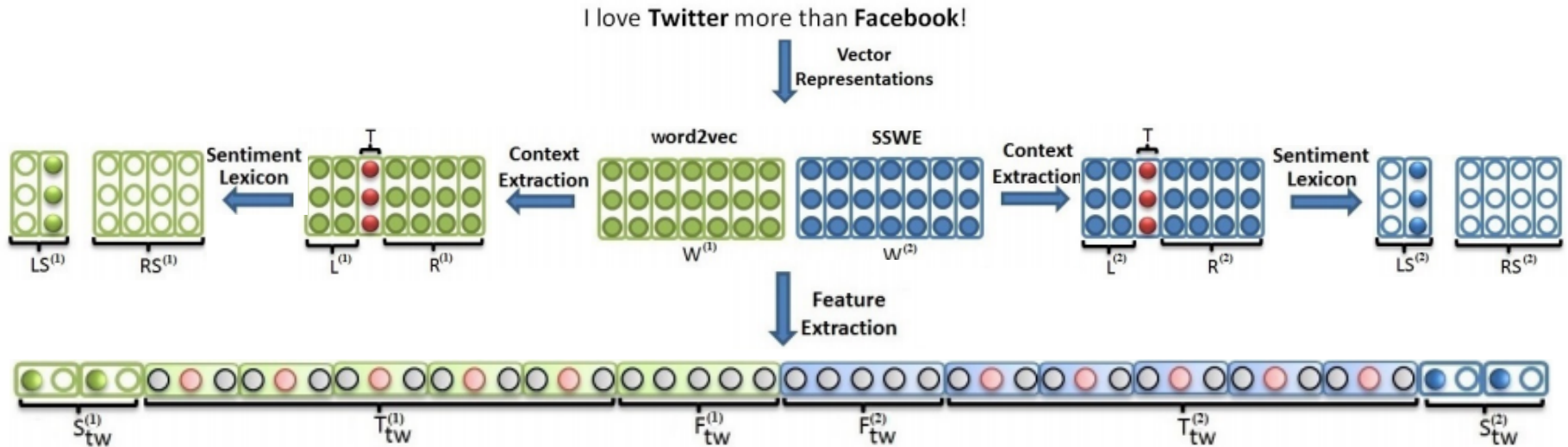


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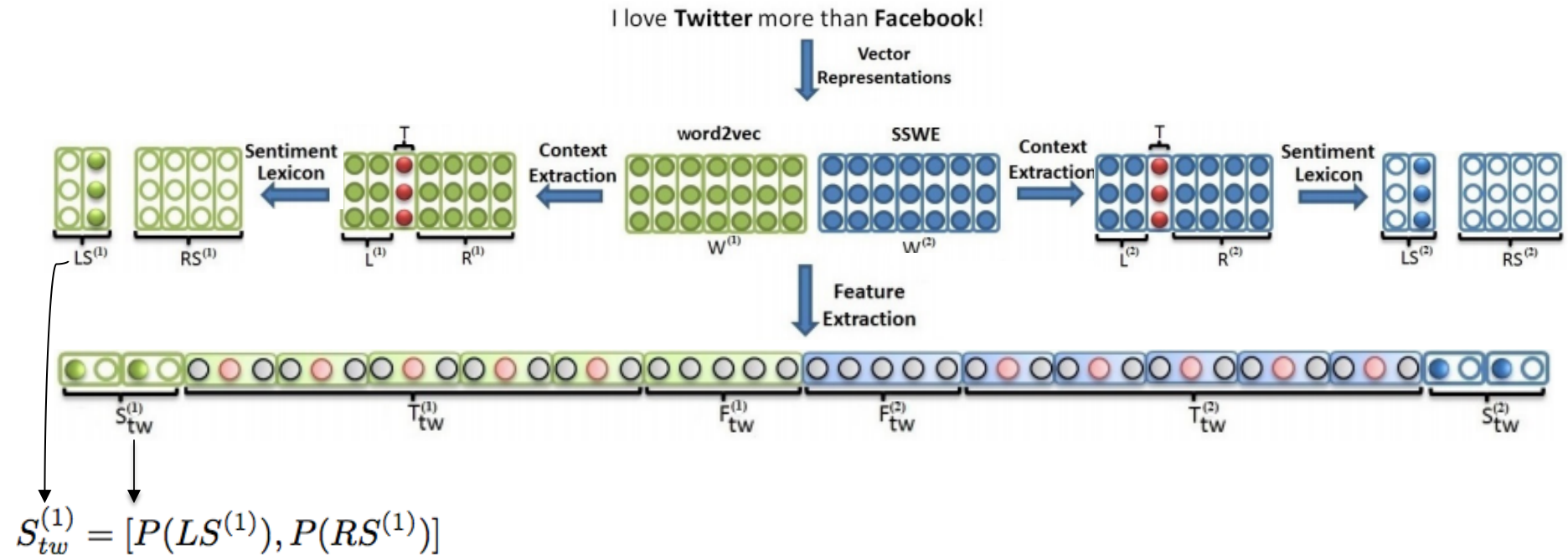
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- Extract various features



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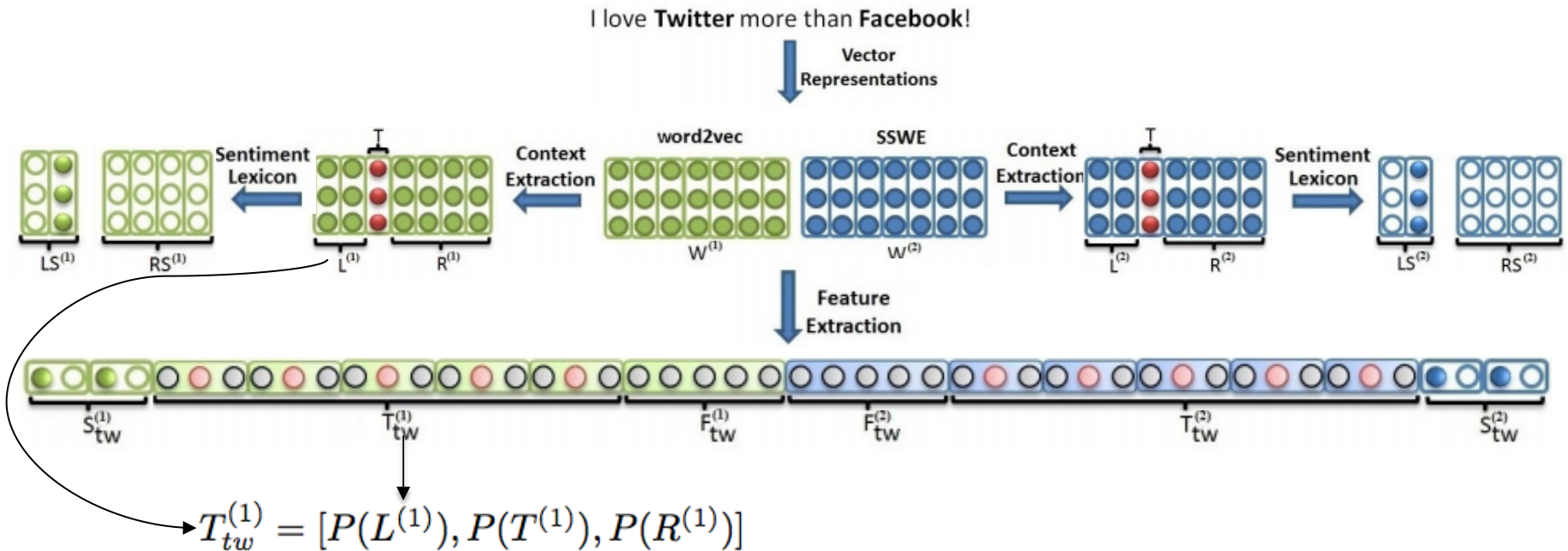
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- Target-dependent features from words filtered by sentiment lexicon

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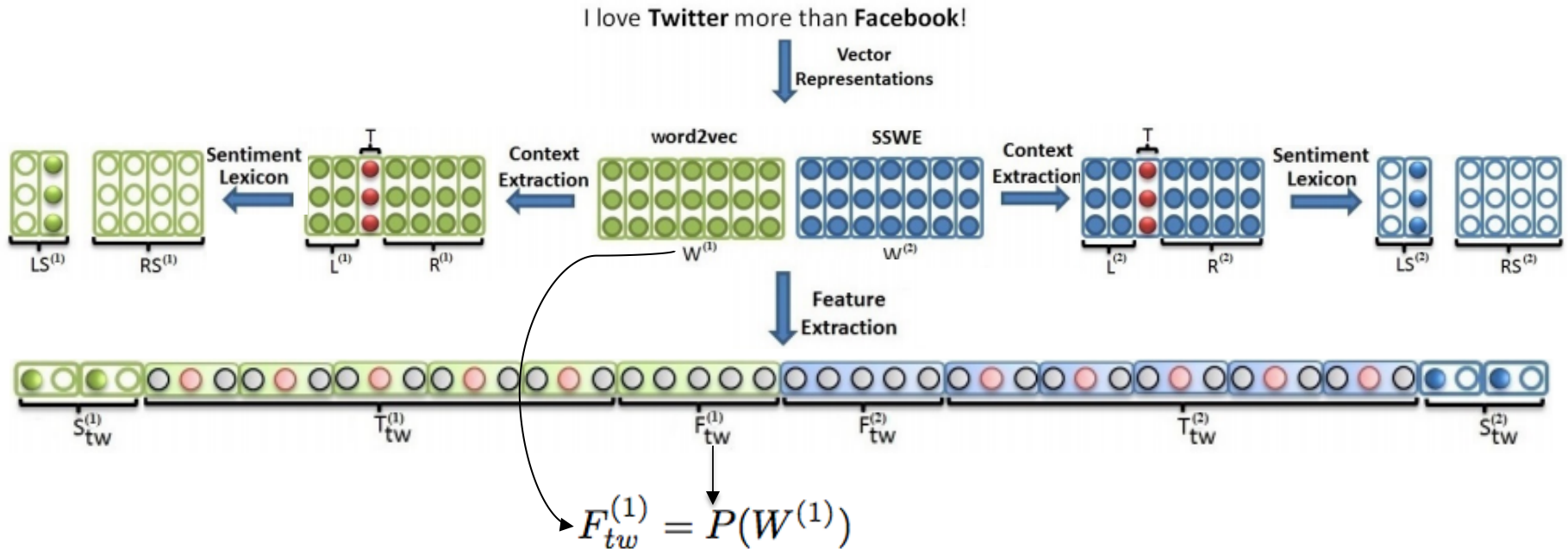
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- Target-dependent features from the left context, right context, and target, respectively

# Linear Classifier

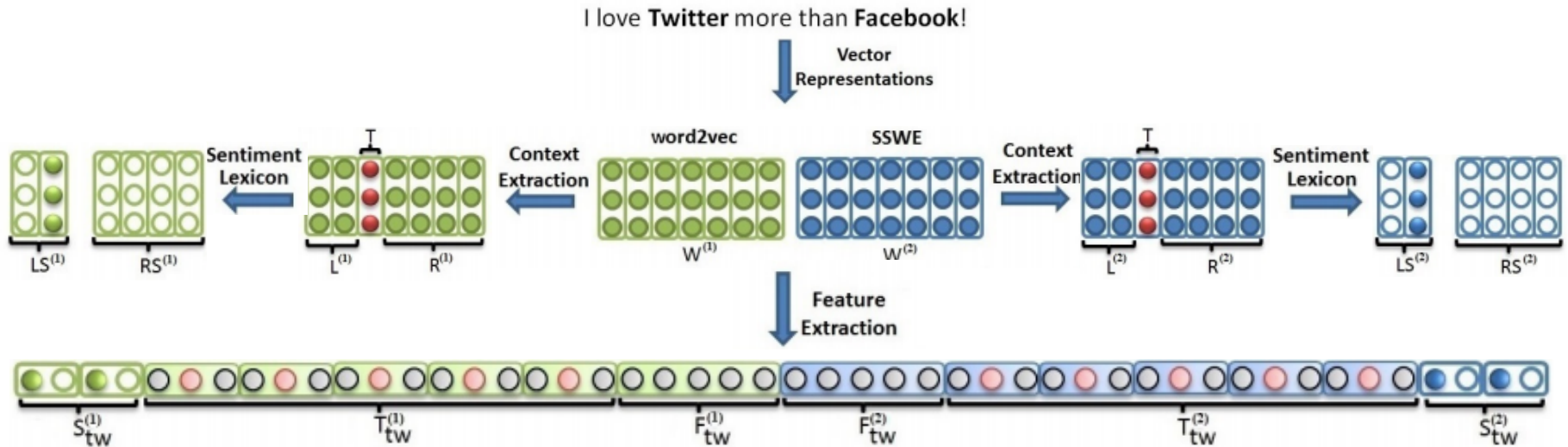
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- Full tweet features

# Linear Classifier

- Extract various features



- Feed the concatenated features to a discriminative classifier
  - SVM



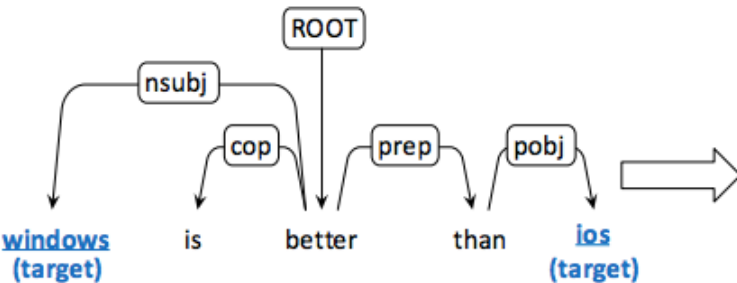
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# Recursive Neural Network

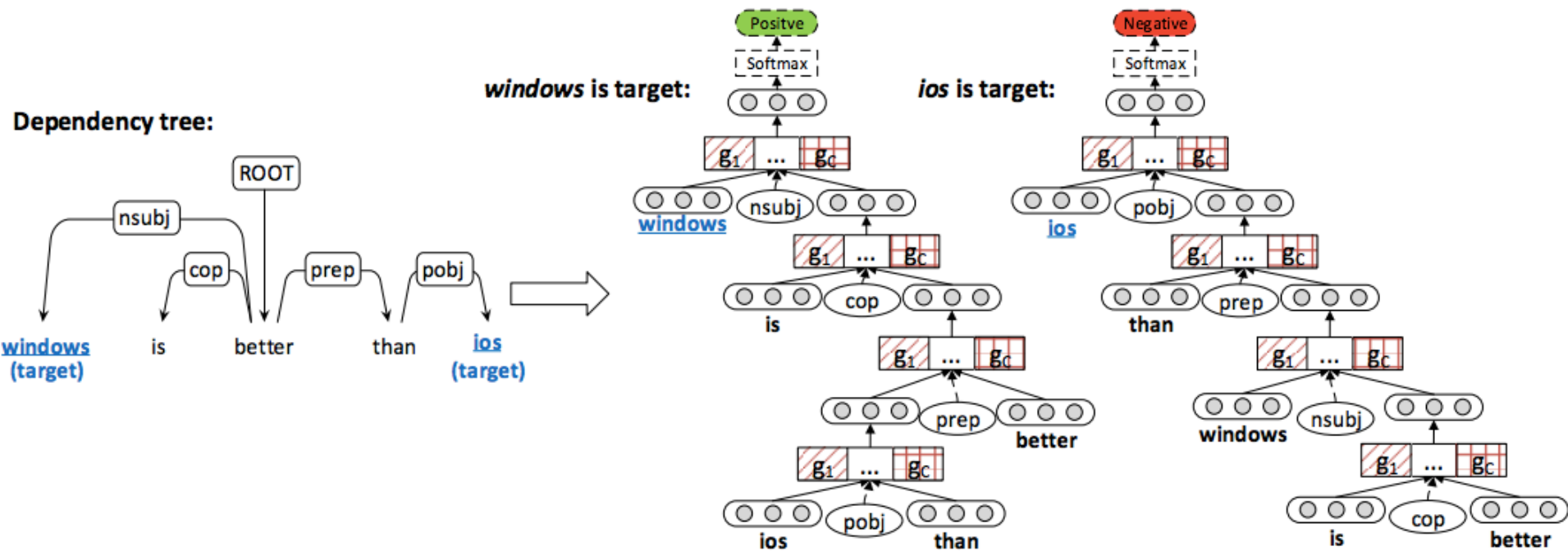
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  - AdaRNN
    - propagate sentiment information to the target node in a bottom-up manner

Dependency tree:



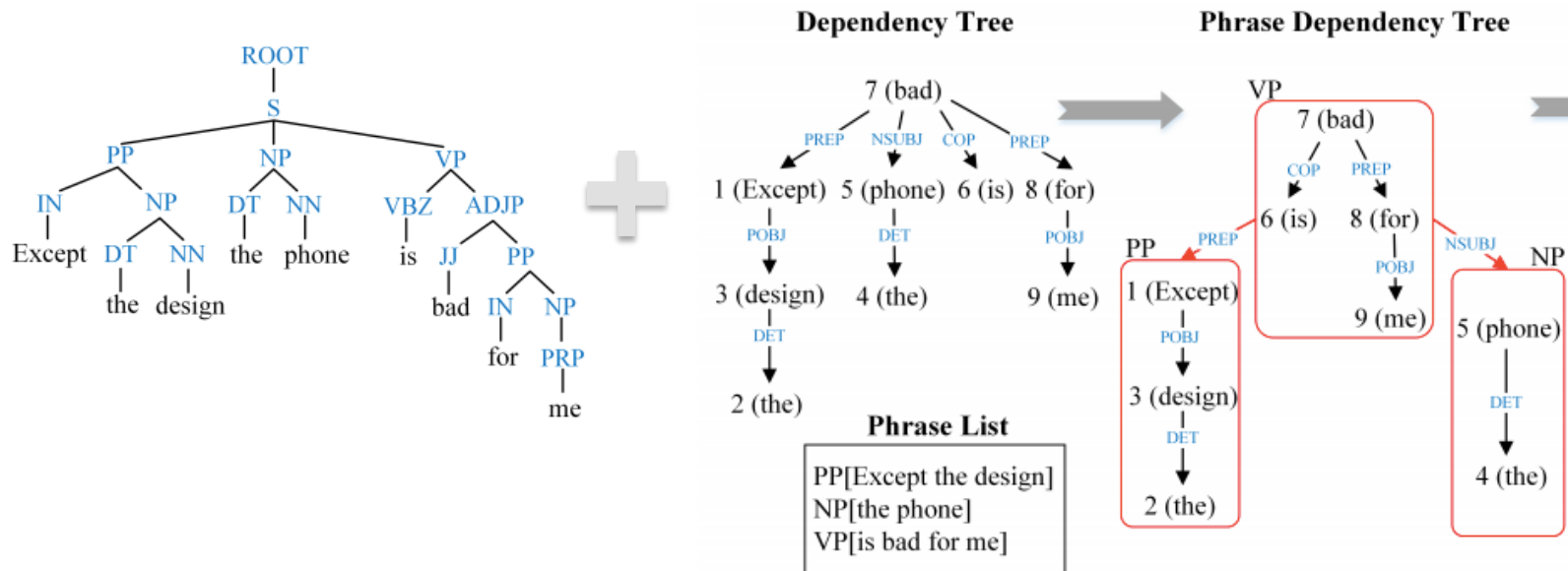
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  - PhraseRNN

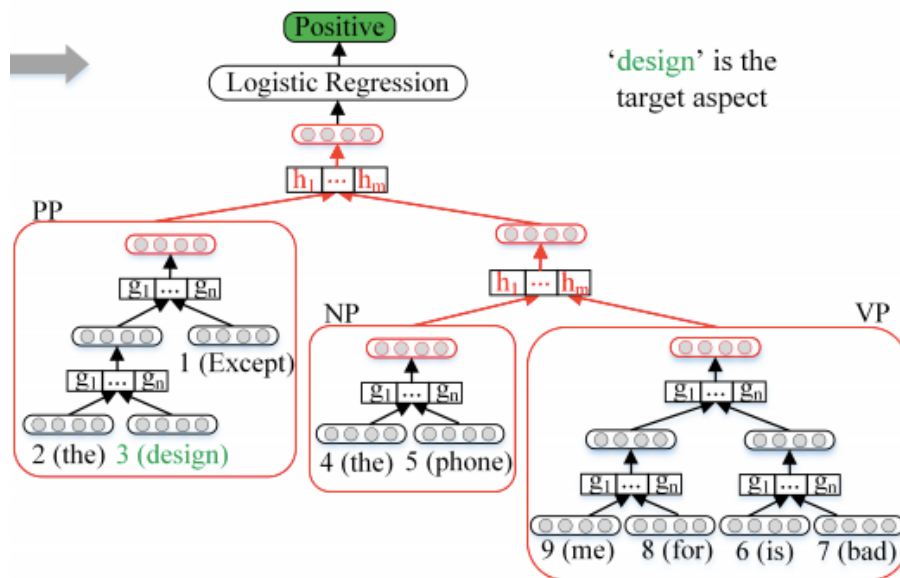


Thien Hai Nguyen, and Kiyooki Shirai. 2015. PhraseRNN: Phrase Recursive Neural Network for Aspect-based Sentiment Analysis. In Proceedings of EMNLP, 2509-2514.

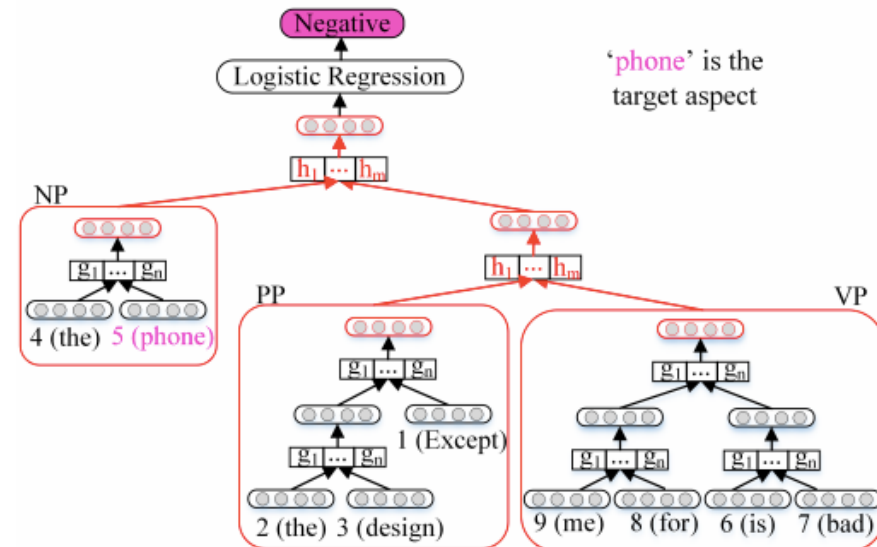
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Target Dependent Binary Phrase Dependency Tree



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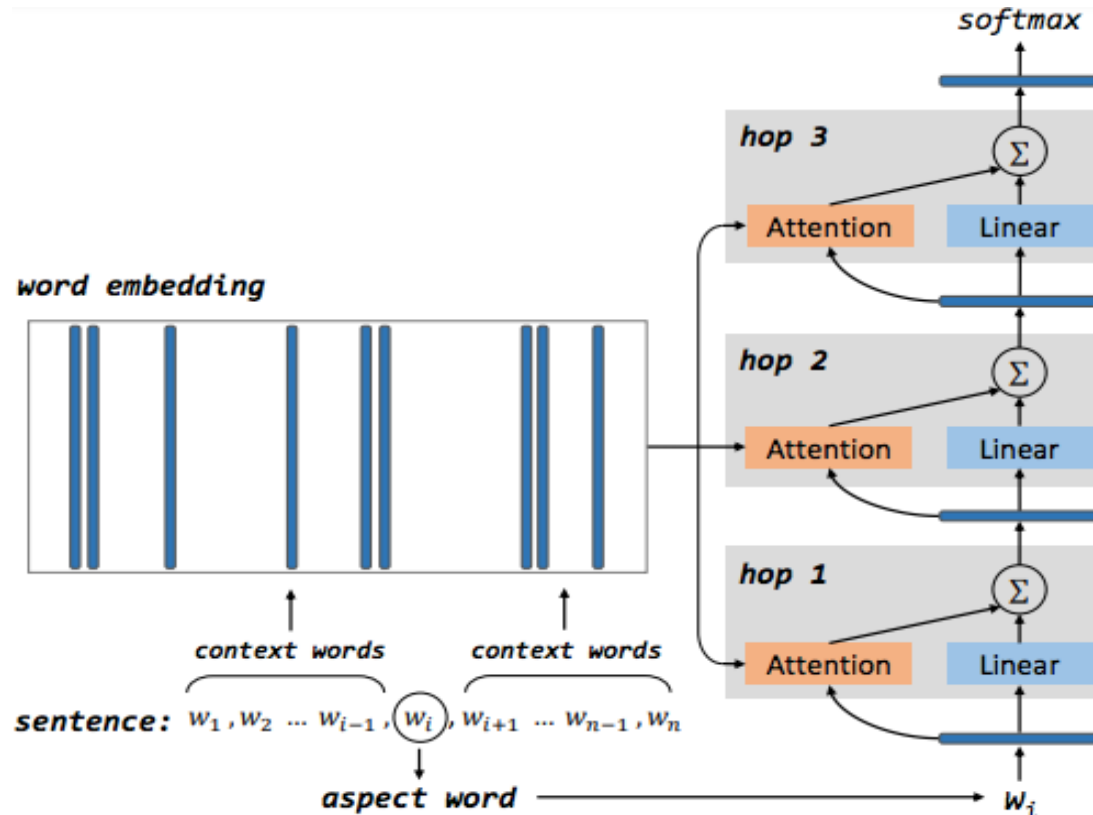


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# Memory Network

- MemNet
  - Word embedding of target words as queries to MemNet



**The Model Architecture of MemNet**

Duyu Tang, Bing Qin, Ting Liu, et al. Aspect level sentiment classification with deep memory network. In EMNLP, 2016.

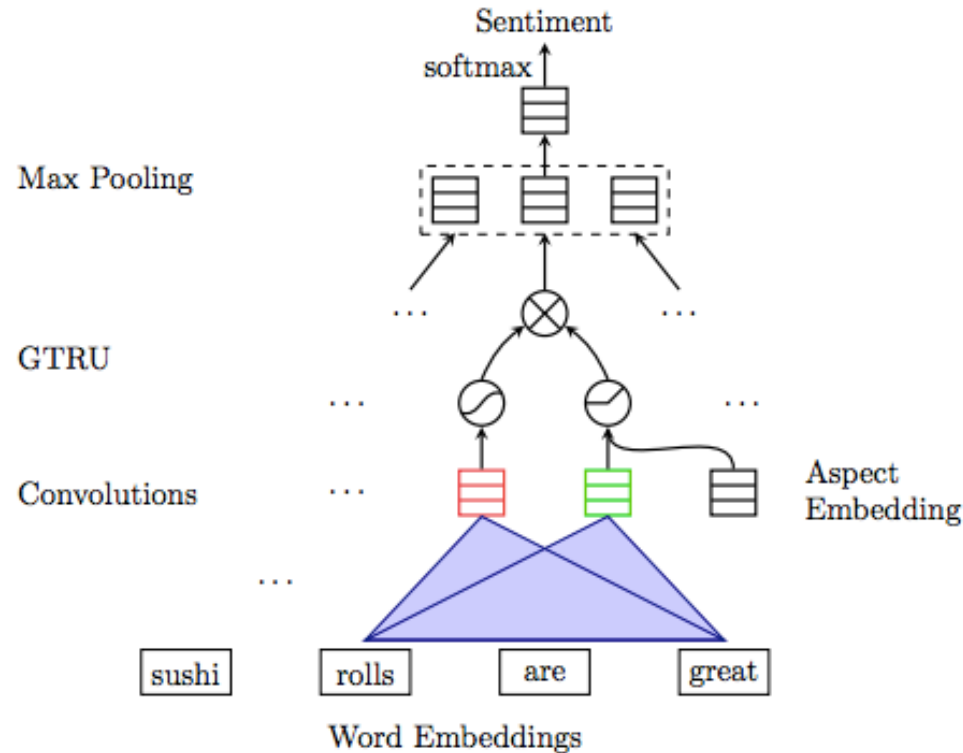
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- GCN (Gated Convolutional Networks)
  - Incorporate gate mechanism to be sensitive to be opinion targets

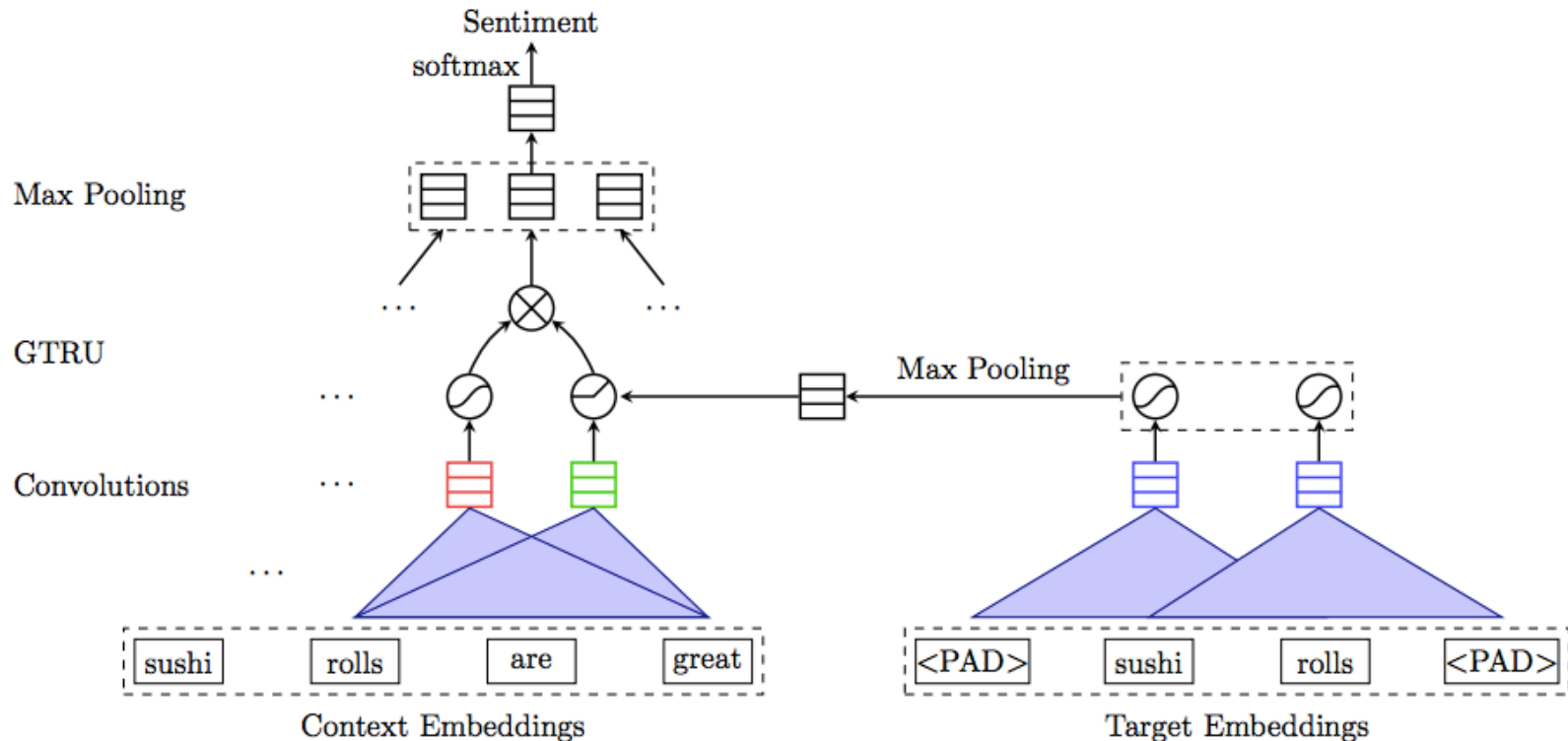


**Model I. GCN for Aspect Category-based Sentiment Classification**

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## Model II. GCN for Aspect-Level Sentiment Classification

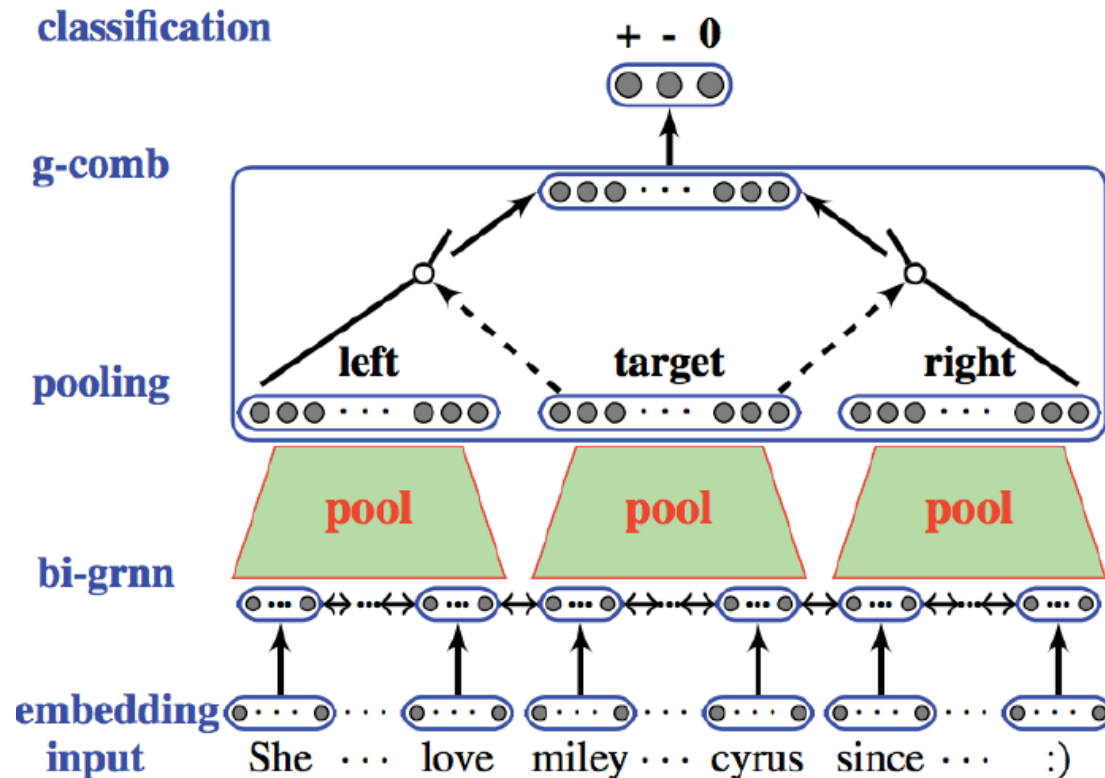
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# RNN-based Methods

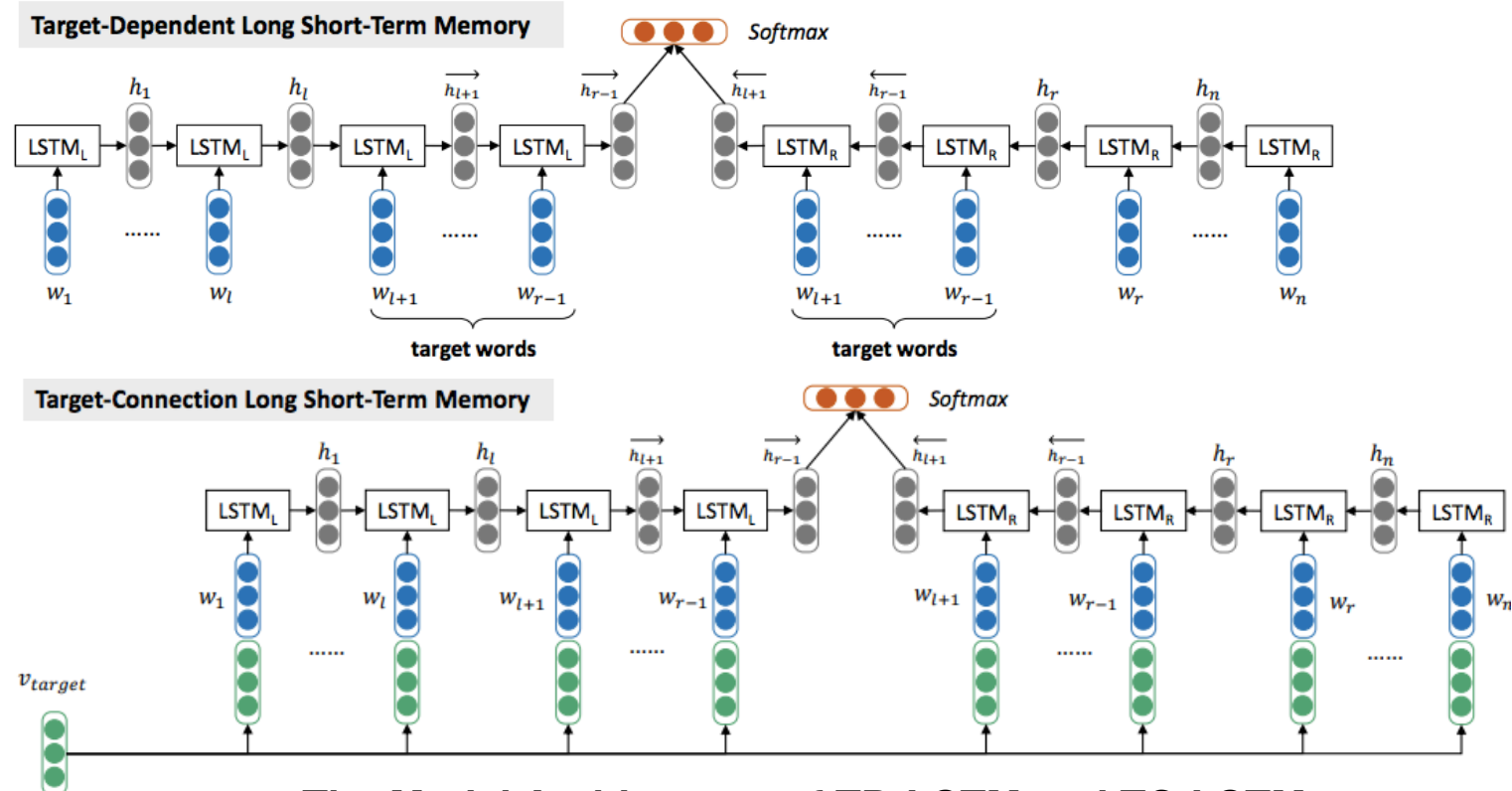
- GRU
  - Gating Mechanism



Meishan Zhang, Yue Zhang, and Duy-Tin Vo. Gated Neural Networks for Targeted Sentiment Analysis. In Proceedings of AAI 2016.

# RNN-based Methods

- LSTM
  - Sentence Encoding

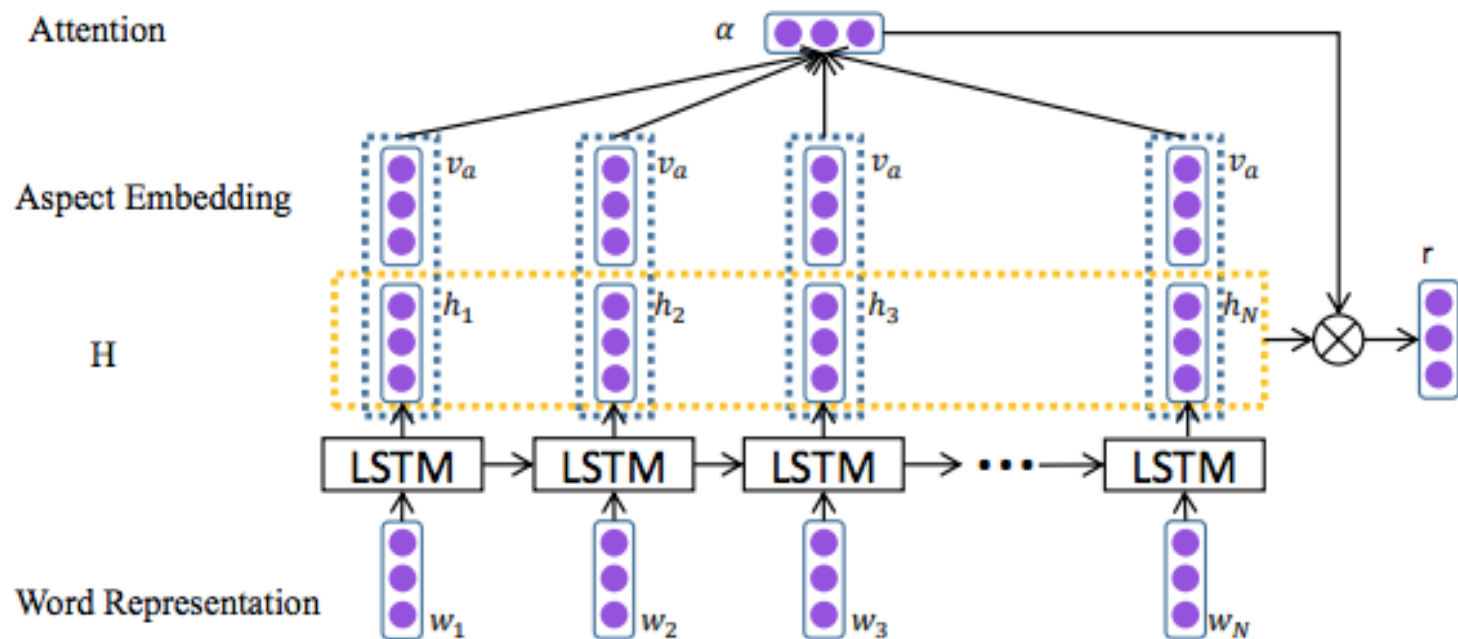


**The Model Architecture of TD-LSTM and TC-LSTM**

Duyu Tang, Bing Qin, Xiaocheng Feng, and Ting Liu. Effective LSTMs for target-dependent sentiment classification. In COLING, 2016.

# RNN-based Methods

- LSTM
  - Attention Mechanism

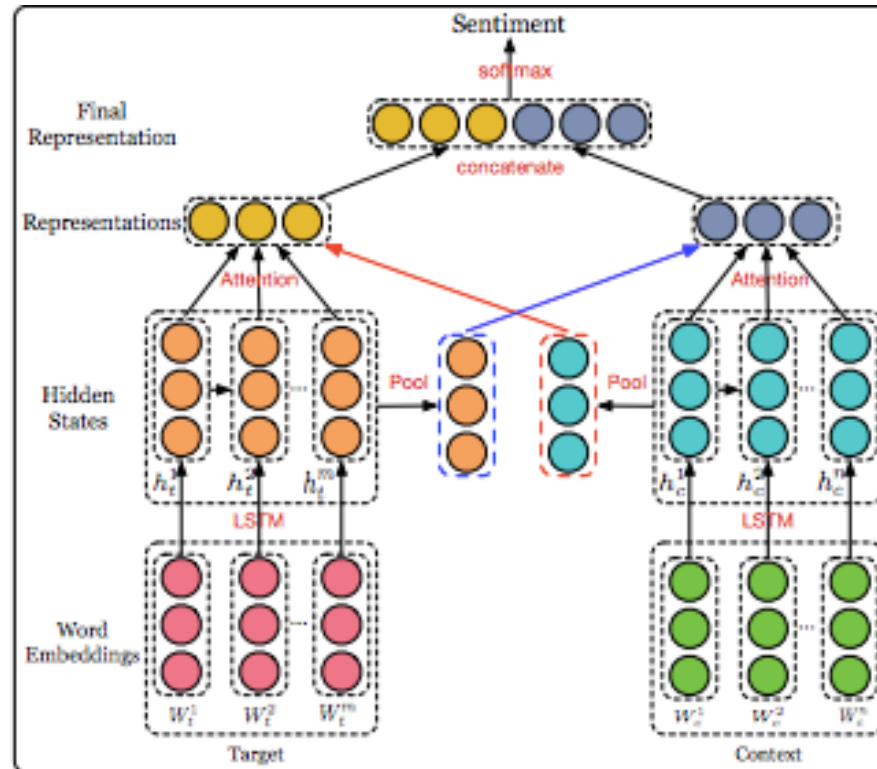


**The Model Architecture of AE-LSTM**

Yequan Wang, Minlie Huang, Li Zhao, et al. Attention-based LSTM for aspect-level sentiment classification. In EMNLP, 2016.

# RNN-based Methods

- LSTM
  - IAN
    - Interactive Attention Mechanism

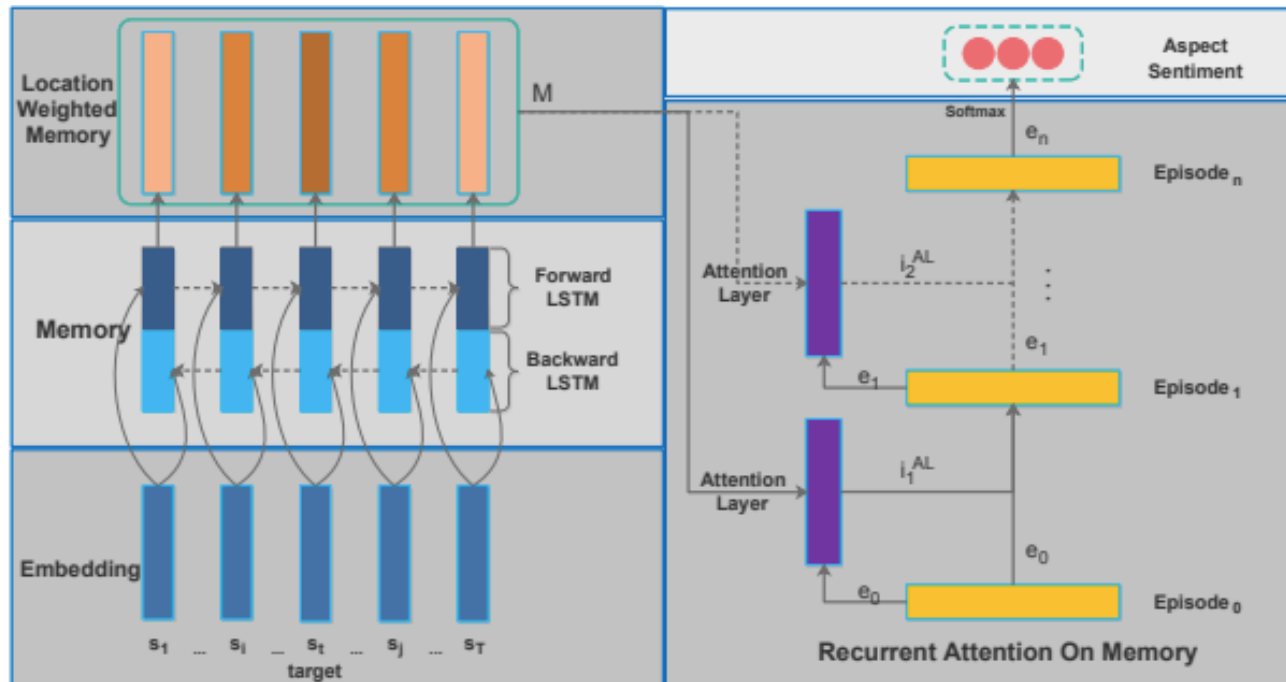


**The Model Architecture of IAN**

Dehong Ma, Sujian Li, Xiaodong Zhang, and Houfeng Wang. Interactive attention networks for aspect-level sentiment classification. In IJCAI, 2017.

# RNN-based Methods

- LSTM
  - RAM
    - Position-based Weighting Strategy
    - Multi-Hop Attention Mechanism



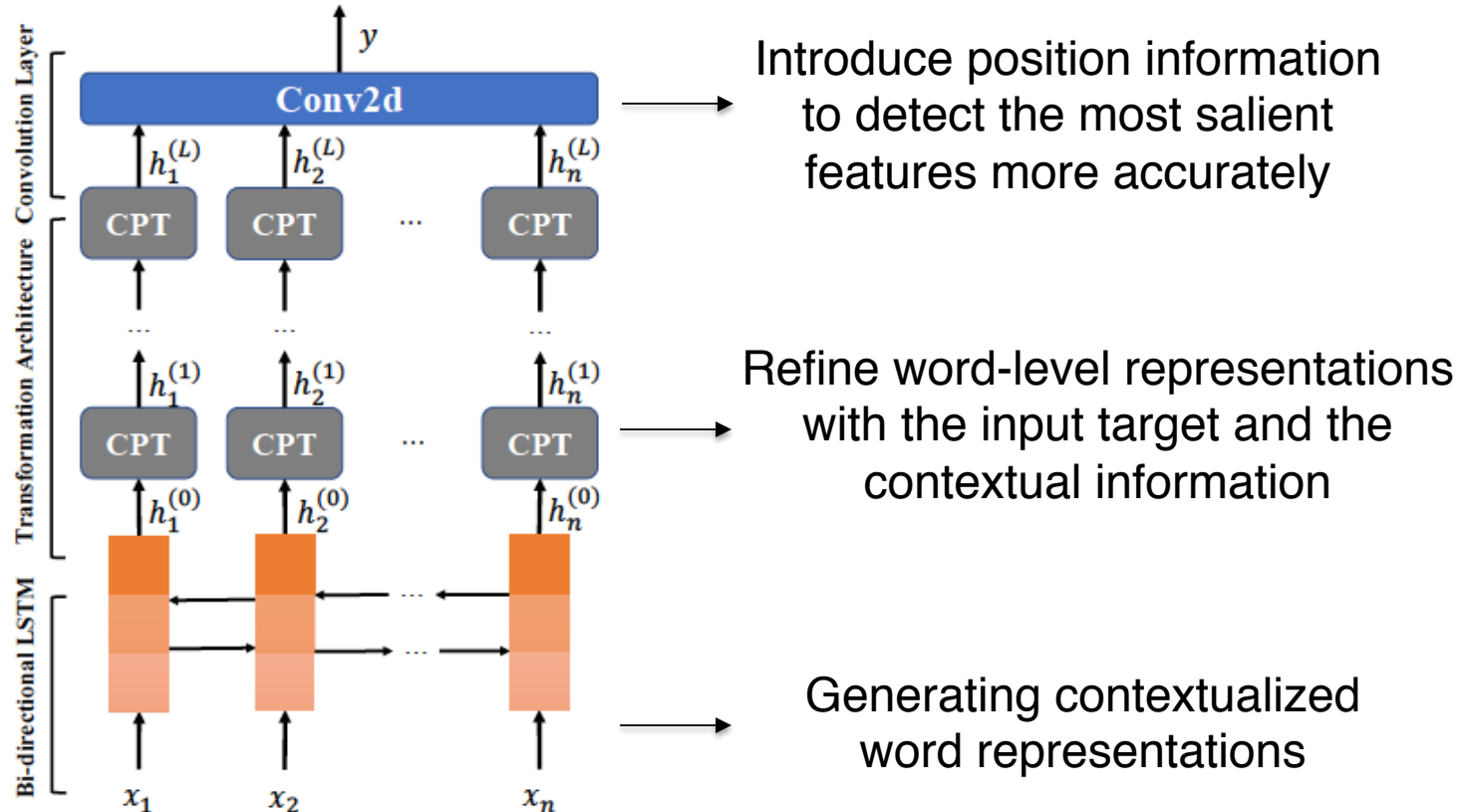
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# RNN-based Methods

- LSTM
  - TNet



## The Model Architecture of TNet

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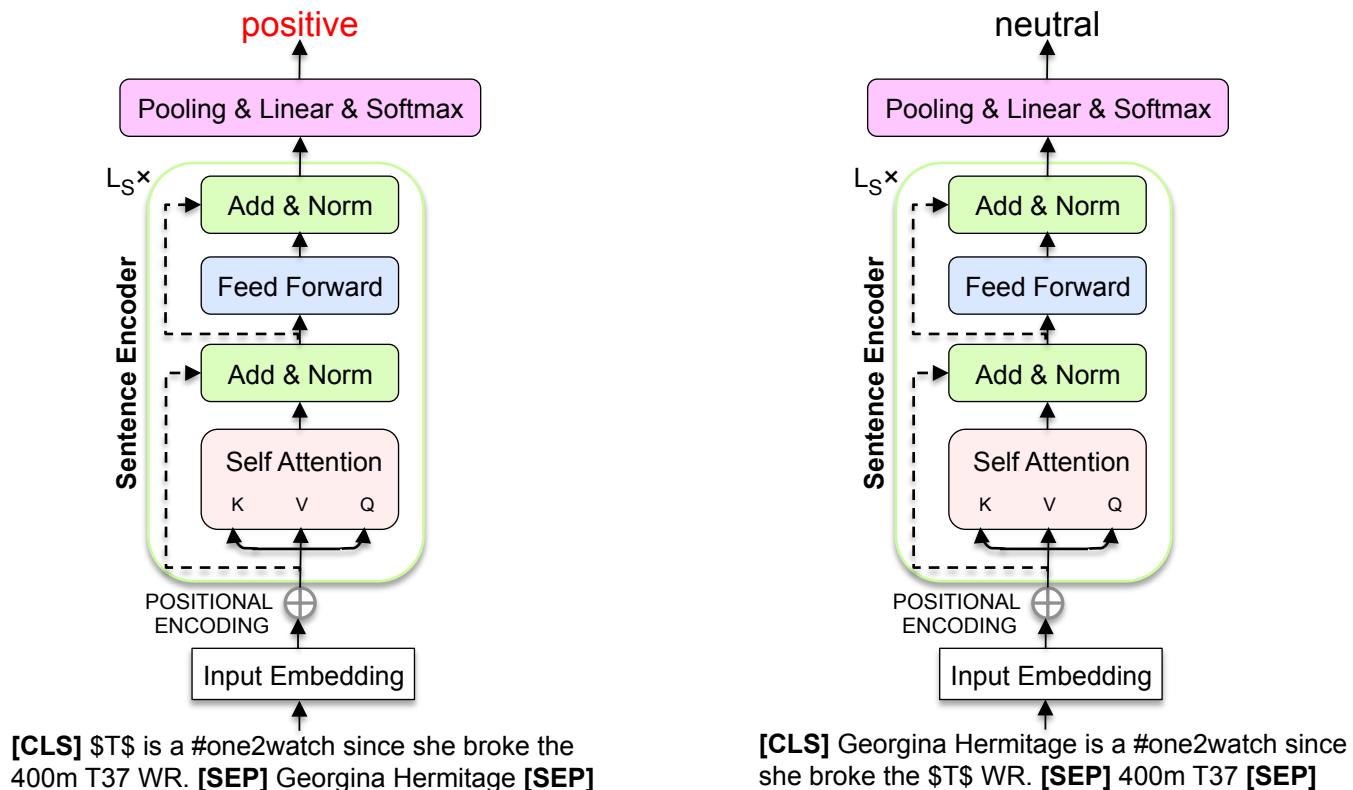
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# BERT-based Methods

- Feed the transformed sentence to BERT

[Georgina Hermitage] is a #one2watch since she broke the [400m T37] WR!



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- Three Benchmark Datasets

Data Set	#Training Samples			#Test Samples		
	POS	NEG	NEU	POS	NEG	NEU
Laptop	980	858	454	340	128	171
Restaurant	2159	800	623	730	195	196
Twitter-2014	1567	1563	3127	147	147	346

- Laptop, Restaurant are from SemEval-2014
- Twitter-2014 from (Dong et al. ACL 2014)
- Another two Restaurant datasets from SemEval-2015, SemEval-2016

# Summary

- Experimental Results on Three Benchmark Datasets

Method	Laptop		Restaurant		Twitter-2014	
	Accuracy	Macro-F1	Accuracy	Macro-F1	Accuracy	Macro-F1
SVM	70.49	-	80.16	-	63.40	63.30
AE-LSTM	68.90	-	76.60	-	-	-
IAN	72.10	-	78.60	-	-	-
TD-LSTM	71.83	68.43	78.00	66.73	66.62	64.01
MemNet	70.33	64.09	78.16	65.83	68.50	66.91
RAM	75.01	70.51	79.79	68.86	71.88	70.33
TNet-LF	76.01	71.47	80.79	70.84	74.68	73.36
TNet-AS	76.54	71.75	80.69	71.27	74.97	73.60
MGAN	75.39	72.47	81.25	71.94	72.54	70.81
<b>BERT</b>	<b>76.96</b>	<b>73.67</b>	<b>84.29</b>	<b>77.22</b>	<b>75.14</b>	<b>74.15</b>

# Summary

Supervised Machine Learning Methods

Feature Engineering

Deep Learning

Pros: Better results  
Cons: Lack of good Explanation

Linear Classifier

Recursive NN

MemNet

CNN

RNN

BERT

Before 2014

2014-2015

2016-now

2019

Pros: Simple and fast to train  
Cons: Many feature engineering efforts

Pros: make use of syntactic information  
Cons: 1. Noisy syntactic tree; 2. Gradient Vanishing

Pros: Good performance  
Comparison  
1. Training/Test Time: MemNet  $\approx$  CNN < RNN  
2. Performance: RNN > CNN  $\approx$  MemNet

Best results

## Part V

# Cutting-Edge Dimensions of Fine-Grained Opinion Mining



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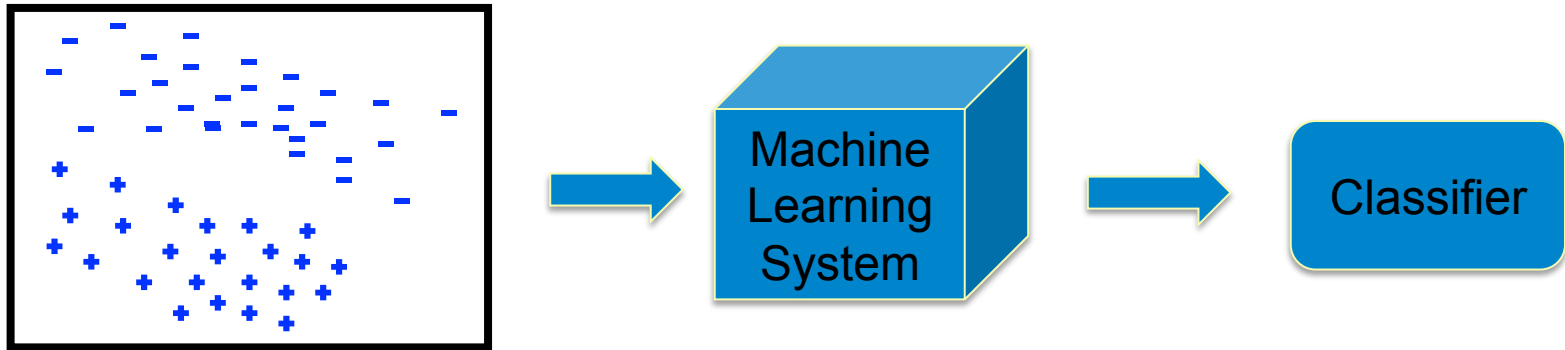
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# Cross-Domain

- Background
  - Popular Methods for Fine-Grained Opinion Mining
    - Supervised Machine Learning (NN)



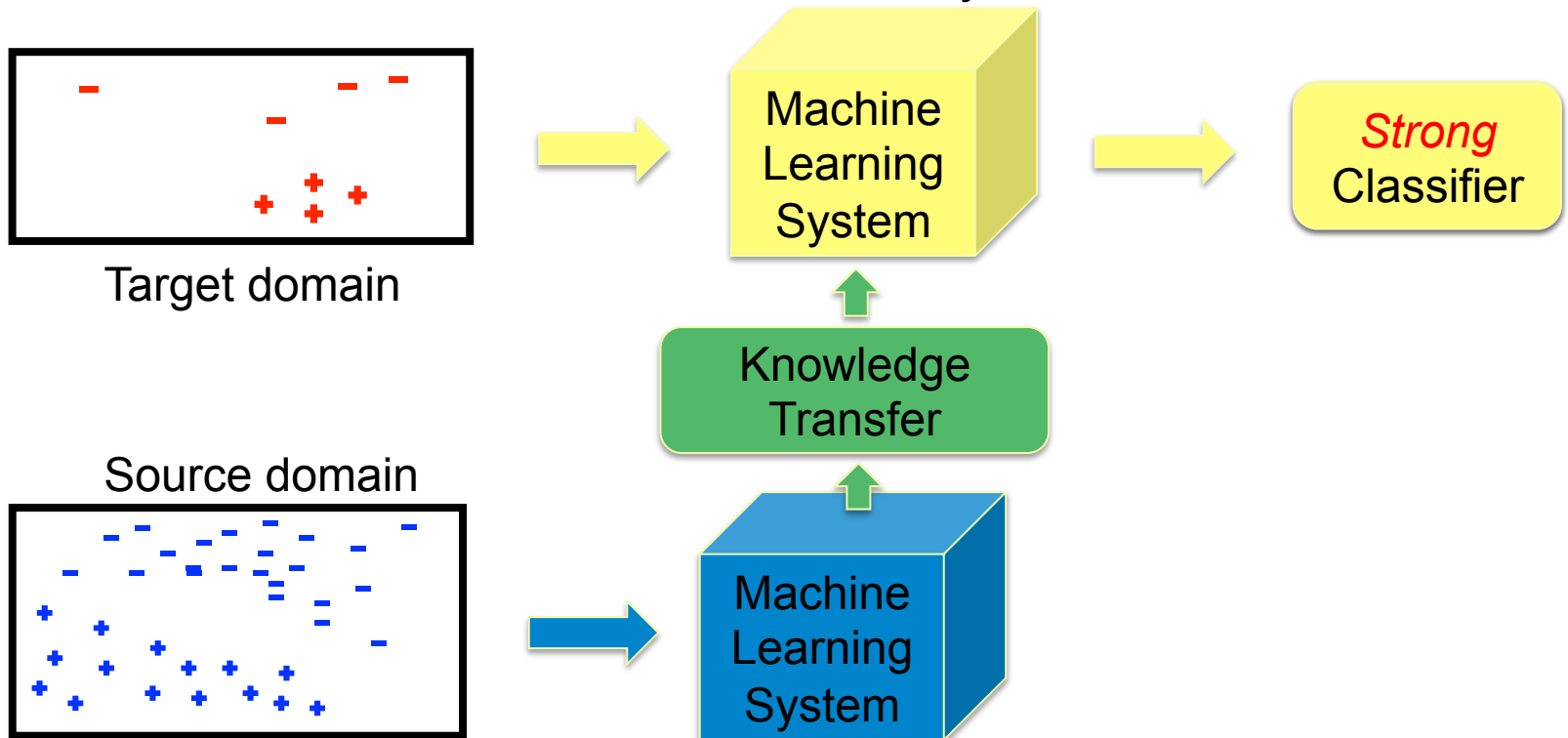
Large amount of training data

# Cross-Domain

- Background

- Real Scenario

- Limited or no* Labeled Data for many domains



➤ **Domain Adaptation:** recognize and apply knowledge and skills learned in previous domain to novel domains

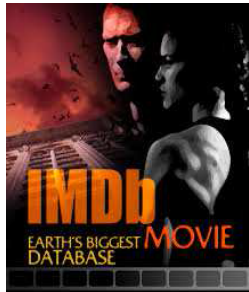
# Cross-Domain

Transfer Learning

- Background
  - Challenge of Domain Adaptation

Training Data

Movie



Opinion Target Extraction Model

Test Data

Movie



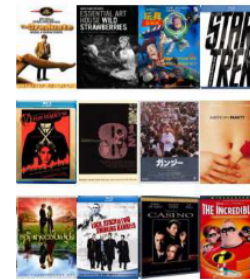
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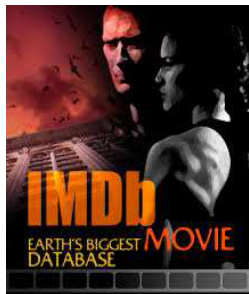
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Training Data

Movie



(Source Domain)

Opinion Target  
Extraction  
Model

Digital Device



(Target Domain)

# Cross-Domain

- Background
  - Reasons behind performance drop

Movie (source domain)	Digital Device (target domain)
The [movie] is great.	The [camera] is excellent.
I really like his [characters].	I highly recommend this [laptop].
The [plot] is quite dull.	The [Mac OS] is quite fast.

- Opinion targets in the source domain  
**movie, characters, plot**
- Opinion targets in the target domain  
**camera, laptop, Mac OS**

# Cross-Domain

- Background
  - General Solution
    - Learn a shared representation across domains

## Domain-Independent Auxiliary Tasks

Label/  
Unlabeled  
Source



Learn  
Mapping  $\Phi$

Unlabeled  
Target



Training Set of  
Source Domain

$x_s$    $\Phi(x_s)$

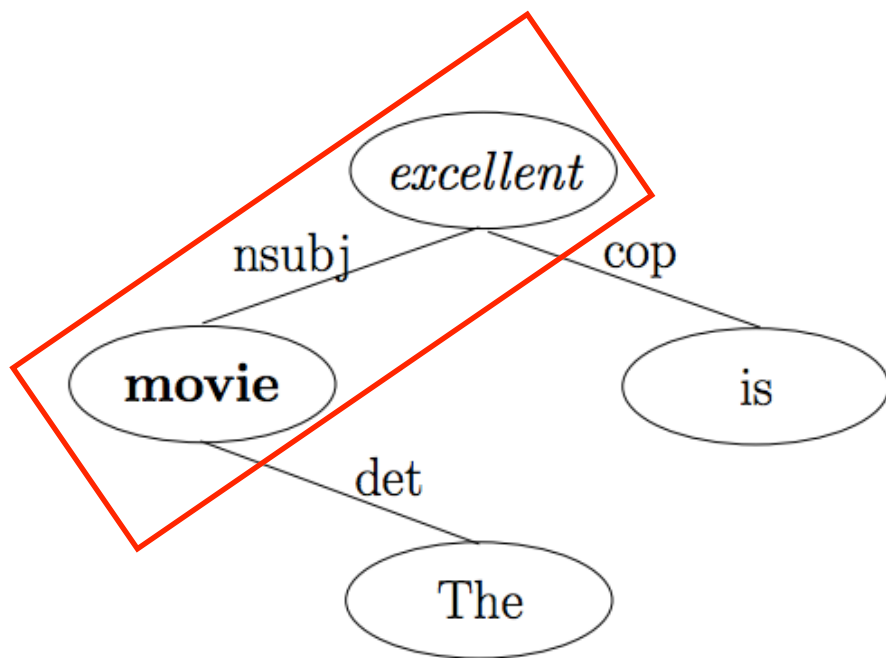
Test Set of  
Target Domain

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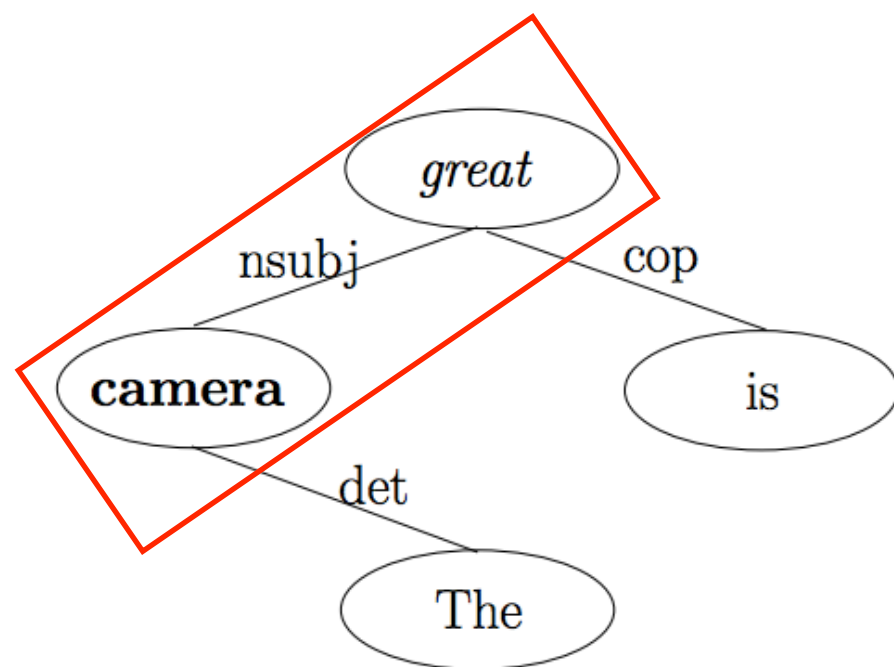


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- Cross-Domain Opinion Target Extraction
  - Domain-Independent Auxiliary Task
    - Syntactic structures are shared across domains.



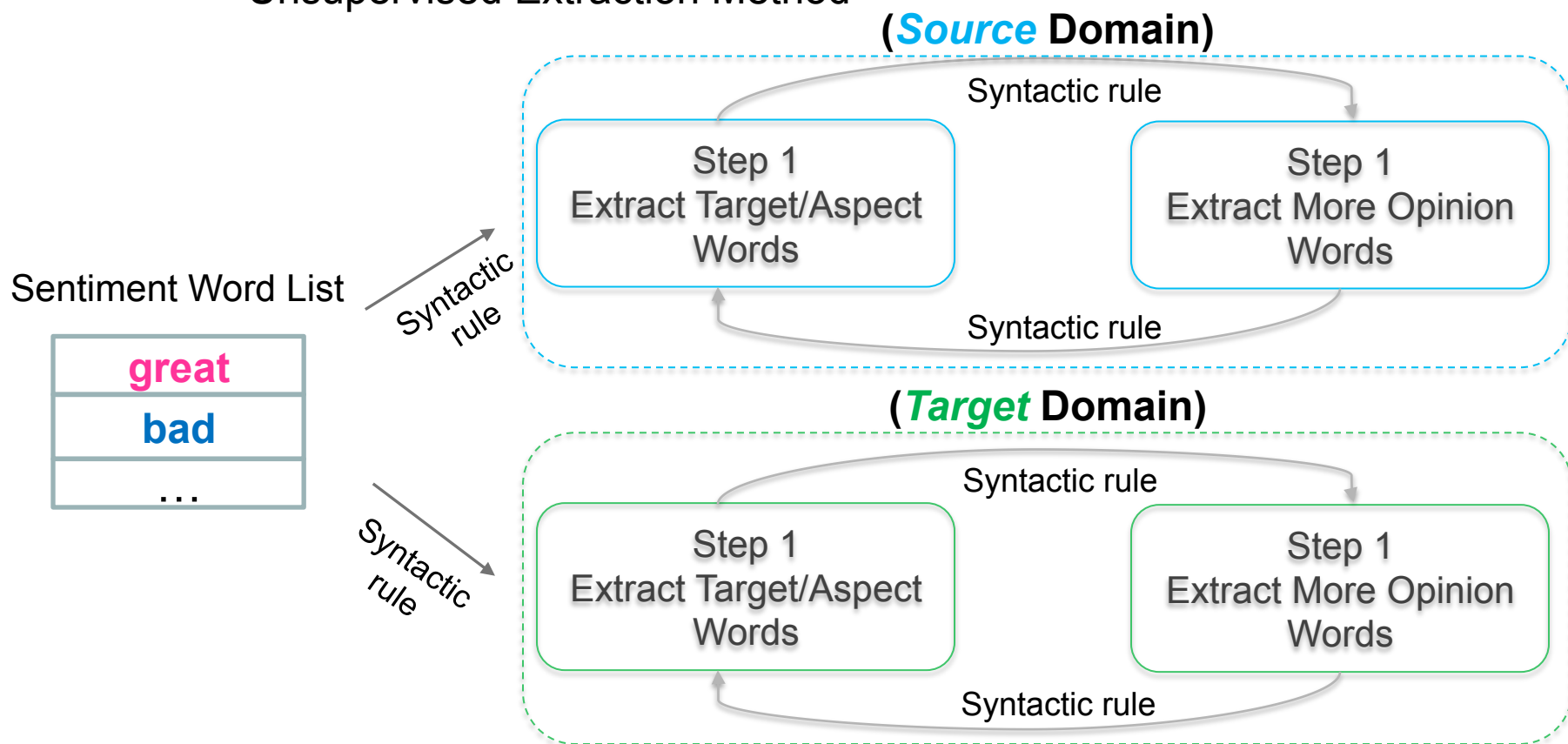
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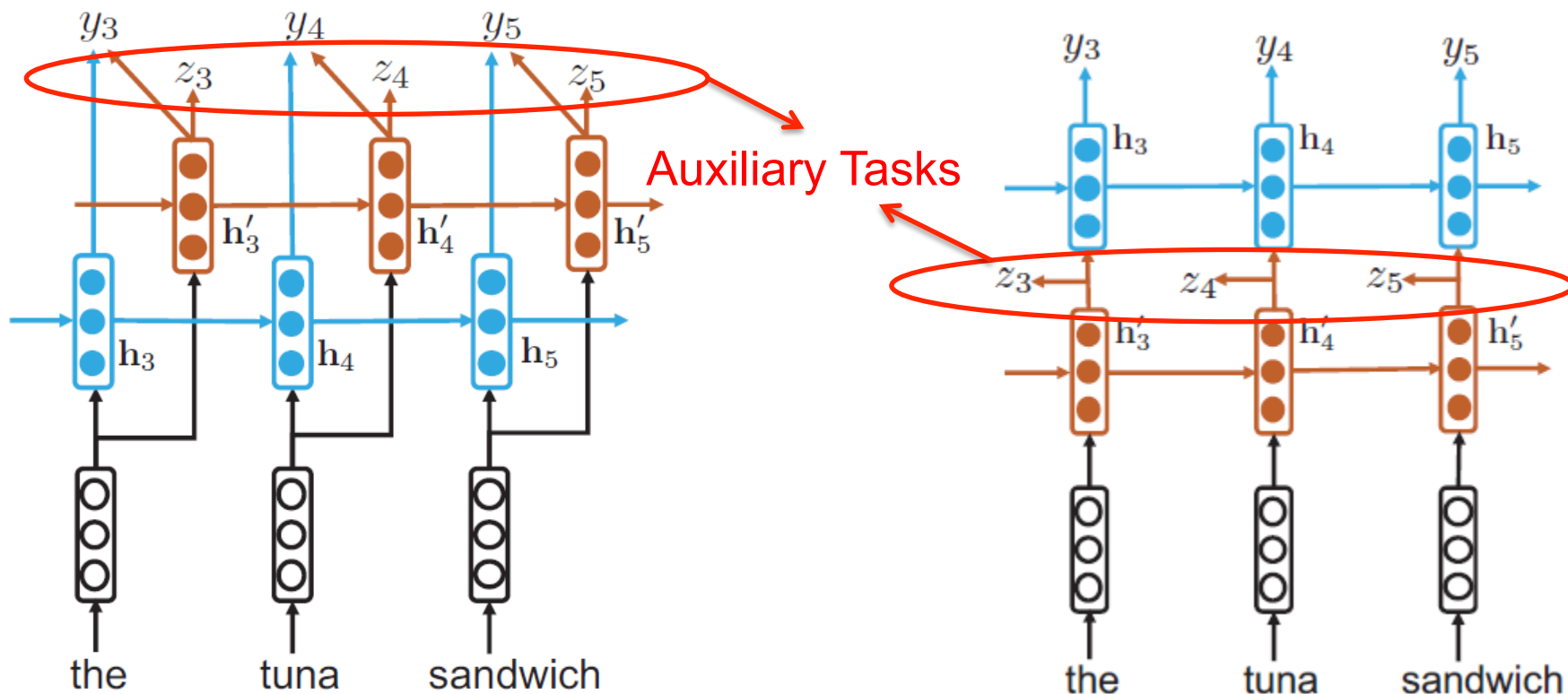
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- Cross-Domain Opinion Target Extraction
  - The same task as our Auxiliary Tasks
    - Unsupervised Extraction Method



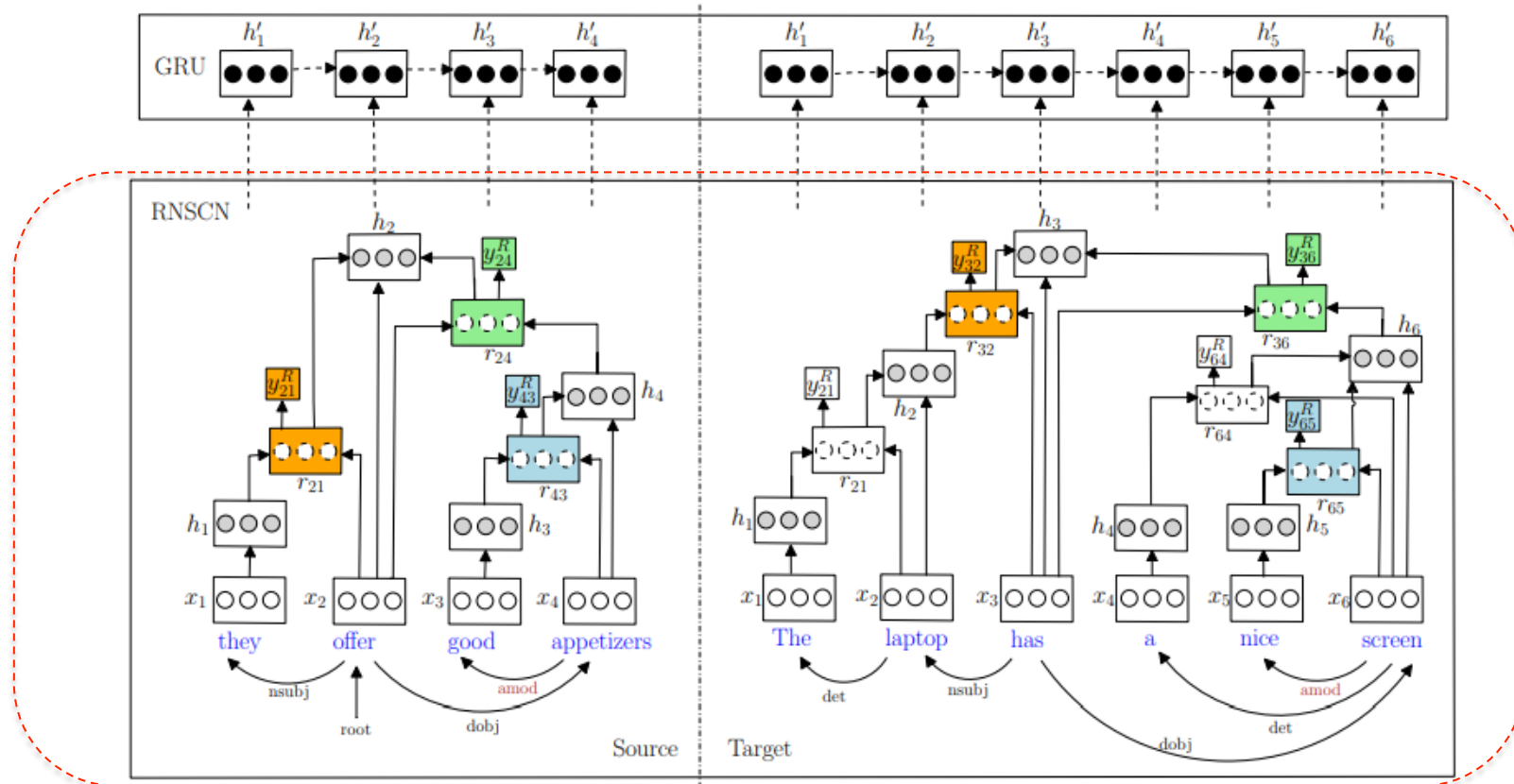
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- Cross-Domain Opinion Target Extraction
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# Cross-Domain

- Cross-Domain Aspect and Opinion Terms Co-Extraction
  - Recursive Neural Structural Correspondence Network (RNSCN)

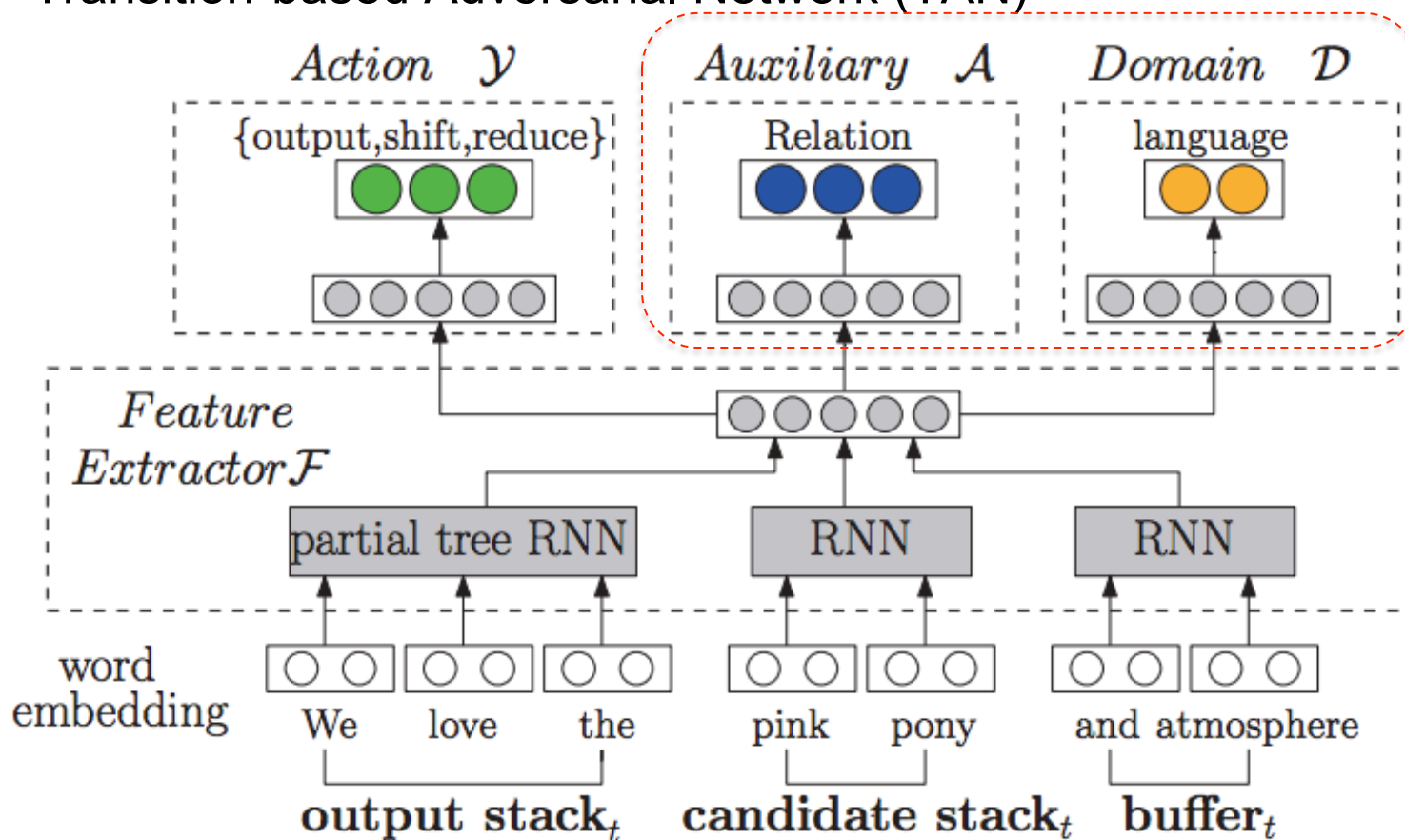


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# Cross-Lingual

- Cross-Lingual Aspect Term Extraction
  - Transition-based Adversarial Network (TAN)



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# Short Summary

- Key to Cross-Domain/Lingual
  - Step 1: Identify shared knowledge across domains or languages
    - General Sentiment Words like *good*, *bad*, etc
    - Syntactic Structure
    - Domain/Language Discriminator
    - Auto-encoder (reconstruction of the input)
  - Step 2: Design auxiliary tasks based on these shared knowledge



# Short Summary

- Benchmark Datasets for Cross-Domain Aspect and Opinion Terms Co-Extraction

Data Set	#Sentences	Train	Test
Laptop	3,845	2,884	961
Restaurant	5,841	4,381	1,460
Digital Device	3,836	2,877	959

- Laptop from SemEval-2014
- Restaurant from SemEval-2014, 2015
- Digital Device from (Hu and Liu, KDD2004)

# Short Summary

## Results on Benchmark Datasets

- Hier-Joint: (Ding, Yu and Jiang, AAI 2017)
- RNSCN: (Wang and Sinno, ACL 2018)

Models	R→L		R→D		L→R		L→D		D→R		D→L	
	AS	OP	AS	OP	AS	OP	AS	OP	AS	OP	AS	OP
CrossCRF	19.72 (1.82)	59.20 (1.34)	21.07 (0.44)	52.05 (1.67)	28.19 (0.58)	65.52 (0.89)	29.96 (1.69)	56.17 (1.49)	6.59 (0.49)	39.38 (3.06)	24.22 (2.54)	46.67 (2.43)
RAP	25.92 (2.75)	62.72 (0.49)	22.63 (0.52)	54.44 (2.20)	46.90 (1.64)	67.98 (1.05)	34.54 (0.64)	54.25 (1.65)	45.44 (1.61)	60.67 (2.15)	28.22 (2.42)	59.79 (4.18)
Hier-Joint	33.66 (1.47)	- -	33.20 (0.52)	- -	48.10 (1.45)	- -	31.25 (0.49)	- -	47.97 (0.46)	- -	34.74 (2.27)	- -
RNCRF	24.26 (3.97)	60.86 (3.35)	24.31 (2.57)	51.28 (1.78)	40.88 (2.09)	66.50 (1.48)	31.52 (1.40)	55.85 (1.09)	34.59 (1.34)	63.89 (1.59)	40.59 (0.80)	60.17 (1.20)
RNGRU	24.23 (2.41)	60.65 (1.04)	20.49 (2.68)	52.28 (2.69)	39.78 (0.61)	62.99 (0.95)	32.51 (1.12)	52.24 (2.37)	38.15 (2.82)	64.21 (1.11)	39.44 (2.79)	60.85 (1.25)
<b>RNSCN-CRF</b>	35.26 (1.31)	61.67 (1.35)	32.00 (1.48)	52.81 (1.29)	<b>53.38</b> (1.49)	67.60 (0.99)	34.63 (1.38)	56.22 (1.10)	48.13 (0.71)	65.06 (0.66)	46.71 (1.16)	61.88 (1.52)
<b>RNSCN-GRU</b>	37.77 (0.45)	62.35 (1.85)	33.02 (0.58)	57.54 (1.27)	53.18 (0.75)	71.44 (0.97)	35.65 (0.77)	60.02 (0.80)	<b>49.62</b> (0.34)	69.42 (2.27)	45.92 (1.14)	63.85 (1.97)
<b>RNSCN<sup>+</sup>-GRU</b>	<b>40.43</b> (0.96)	<b>65.85</b> (1.50)	<b>35.10</b> (0.62)	<b>60.17</b> (0.75)	52.91 (1.82)	<b>72.51</b> (1.03)	<b>40.42</b> (0.70)	<b>61.15</b> (0.60)	48.36 (1.14)	<b>73.75</b> (1.76)	<b>51.14</b> (1.68)	<b>71.18</b> (1.58)

➤ Incorporating domain-independent auxiliary tasks can indeed significantly outperform the baseline approach.

# Short Summary

- Benchmark Datasets for Cross-Lingual Aspect Term Extraction

Data Set	#Sentences	Train	Test
English	2,676	2,000	676
French	2,429	1,733	696
Spanish	2,951	2,070	881

- All from SemEval-2016 Task 5

# Short Summary

## Results on Benchmark Datasets

- CL-DSCL: (Ding, Yu and Jiang, AAAI 2017)
- TAN: (Wang and Sinno, IJCAI 2018)

Models	En→Fr		En→Es		Fr→En		Fr→Es		Es→En		Es→Fr	
	Train	Test	Train	Test	Train	Test	Train	Test	Train	Test	Train	Test
Translate-TAN	45.09	40.74	45.85	41.08	39.28	38.74	32.27	34.54	45.94	41.28	41.52	36.38
Translate-CRF	25.23	23.15	28.26	30.10	25.89	26.79	31.55	30.63	32.24	26.66	24.05	20.90
NoAdp	27.71	26.13	27.56	31.31	41.21	38.29	45.43	48.21	37.52	30.39	37.95	37.89
A-RNN	22.92	20.54	31.11	34.04	29.62	27.11	40.58	40.77	35.49	30.26	34.52	31.02
A-R <sup>2</sup> NN	27.92	23.41	28.63	28.65	36.43	33.25	38.55	39.45	40.83	34.16	42.83	37.19
CrossCRF	20.41	16.83	16.17	18.22	21.63	19.02	6.90	6.81	10.13	8.28	12.01	10.24
CL-DSCL	33.67	31.48	44.56	45.01	51.75	47.27	53.23	55.89	50.22	<b>45.90</b>	38.66	34.17
TAN	<b>53.27</b>	<b>50.02</b>	<b>49.38</b>	<b>50.52</b>	<b>55.38</b>	<b>50.30</b>	<b>55.32</b>	<b>57.65</b>	<b>51.99</b>	44.14	<b>51.16</b>	<b>48.78</b>

➤ Incorporating language-independent auxiliary tasks can indeed significantly outperform the baseline approach.

# Outline

- Transfer Learning
- **Multi-Task Learning**
  - Aspect and Opinion Terms Co-Extraction
  - End to End ABSA
    - Aspect Term Extraction + Aspect-Level Sentiment Classification
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# Background

- Aspect and Opinion Terms Co-extraction

- Input

- A sentence or document

- Output

- **Aspect Term**
- **Opinion Term**

- Example

The **fish** was rather *over cooked*, but the **staff** was *quite nice*!

- **Aspect Term:** fish, staff
- **Opinion Term:** *over cooked*, *nice*

- Sequence Labeling Problems

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- End to End Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis
  - Input
    - A sentence or document
  - Output
    - **Aspect Term**
    - **Sentiment polarity** towards the **aspect term**
      - Positive, Negative, Neutral
  - Example

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➤ (**fish**, *negative*), (**staff**, *positive*)

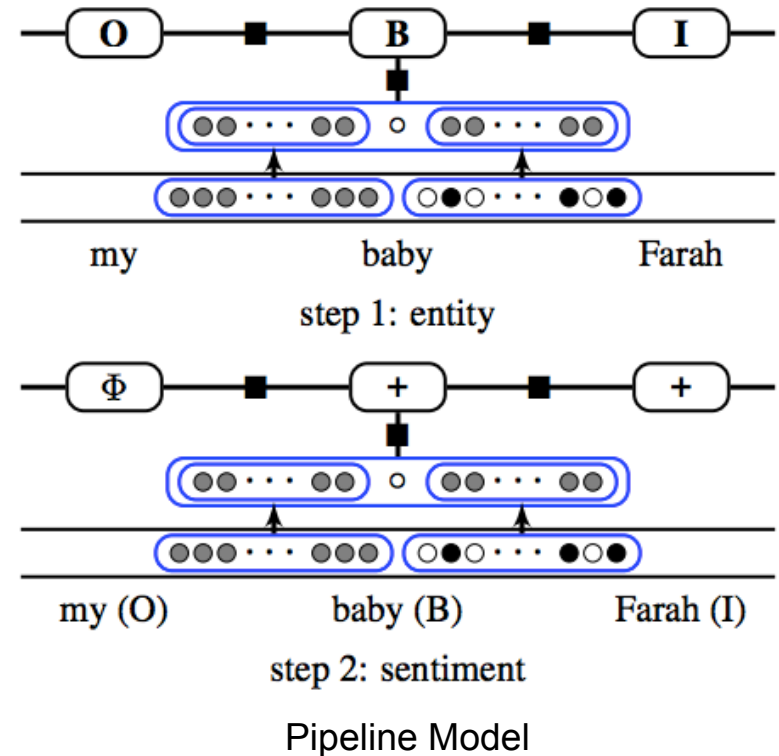


# Background

- End to End Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis
  - Neural CRF
    - Method 1: pipeline

**sentence:** So excited to meet my baby Farah !!!  
**entity:** O O O O O B I O  
**sentiment:**  $\Phi$   $\Phi$   $\Phi$   $\Phi$   $\Phi$  + +  $\Phi$

Two Sequence Labeling Tasks

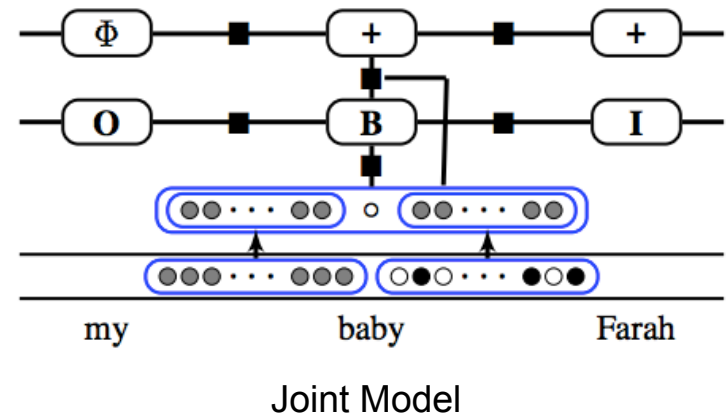


# Background

- End to End Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis
  - Neural CRF
    - Method 2: joint

**sentence:** So excited to meet my baby Farah !!!  
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**sentiment:**  $\Phi$   $\Phi$   $\Phi$   $\Phi$   $\Phi$  + +  $\Phi$

Two Sequence Labeling Tasks

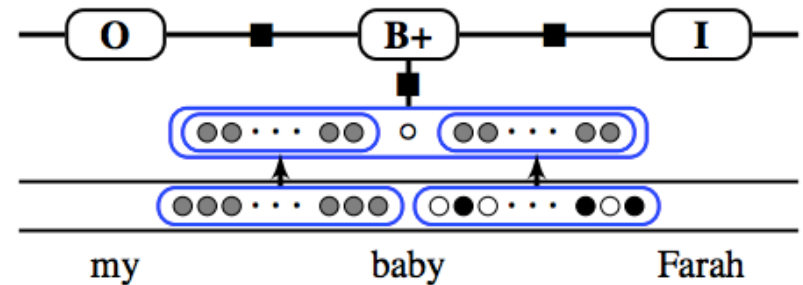


# Background

- End to End Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis
  - Neural CRF
    - Method 3: collapsed

**sentence:** So excited to meet my baby Farah !!!  
**collapsed:** O O O O O B+ I+ O

One Sequence Labeling Task



Collapsed Model

- End to End Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis
  - Neural CRF
    - Comparison

Model	English						Spanish					
	Entity			SA			Entity			SA		
	P	R	F	P	R	F	P	R	F	P	R	F
Pipeline												
discrete	59.37	34.83	43.84	42.97	25.21	31.73	<b>70.77</b>	47.75	57.00	<b>46.55</b>	31.38	37.47
neural	53.64	44.87	48.67	37.53	31.38	34.04	65.59	47.82	55.27	41.50	30.27	34.98
integrated	<b>60.69</b>	<b>51.63</b>	<b>55.67</b>	<b>43.71</b>	<b>37.12</b>	<b>40.06</b>	70.23	<b>62.00</b>	<b>65.76</b>	45.99	<b>40.57</b>	<b>43.04</b>
Joint												
discrete	59.55	34.06	43.30	43.09	24.67	31.35	71.08	47.56	56.96	46.36	31.02	37.15
neural	54.45	42.12	47.17	37.55	28.95	32.45	65.05	47.79	55.07	40.28	29.58	34.09
integrated	<b>61.47</b>	<b>49.28</b>	<b>54.59</b>	<b>44.62</b>	<b>35.84</b>	<b>39.67</b>	<b>71.32</b>	<b>61.11</b>	<b>65.74</b>	<b>46.67</b>	<b>39.99</b>	<b>43.02</b>
Collapsed												
discrete	<b>64.16</b>	26.03	36.95	<b>48.35</b>	19.64	27.86	73.18	35.11	47.42	<b>49.85</b>	23.91	32.30
neural	58.53	37.25	45.30	43.12	27.44	33.36	67.43	43.2	52.64	42.61	27.27	33.25
integrated	63.55	<b>44.98</b>	<b>52.58</b>	46.32	<b>32.84</b>	<b>38.36</b>	<b>73.51</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>61.71</b>	47.69	<b>34.53</b>	<b>40.00</b>

# Background

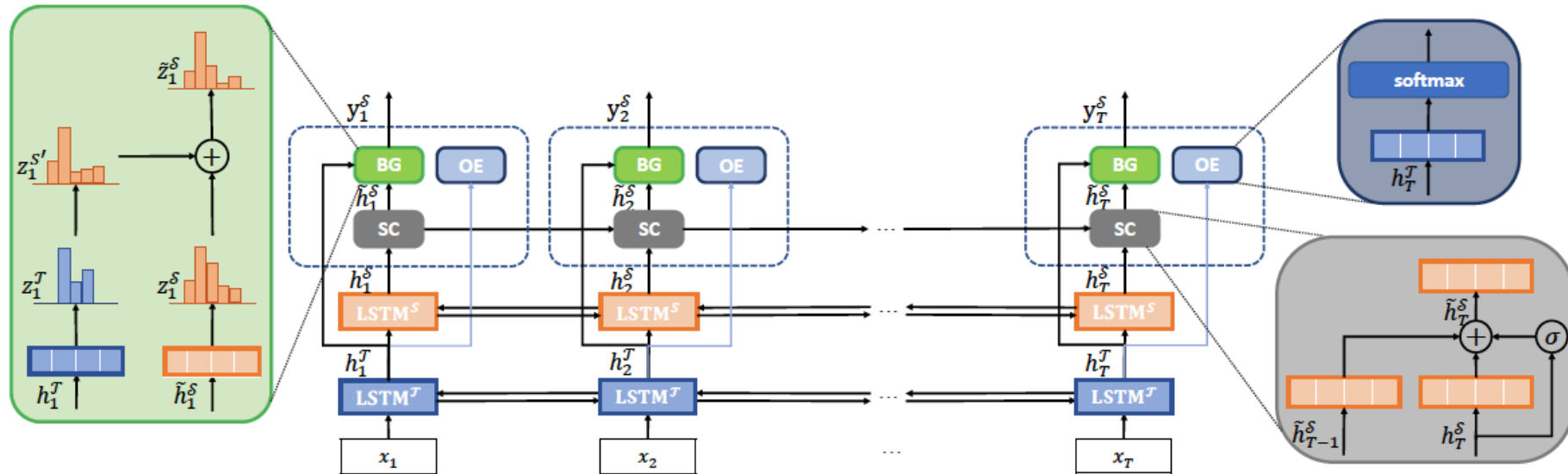
- End to End Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis
  - Unified Solution

Input	The	AMD	Turin	Processor	seems	to	always	perform	much	better	than	Intel	.
Joint	0	B	I	E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	0
	0	POS	POS	POS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NEG	0
Unified (✓)	0	B-POS	I-POS	E-POS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S-NEG	0

Two Sequence Labeling Tasks

# Background

- End to End Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis
  - Unified Solution



- Two LSTMs for the target boundary detection task (auxiliary) and the complete TBSA task (primary).
- BG component: exploiting boundary information
- SC component: maintaining sentiment consistency
- OE component: improving the quality of the boundary information

# Background

- End to End Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis
  - Span Extraction-based approach

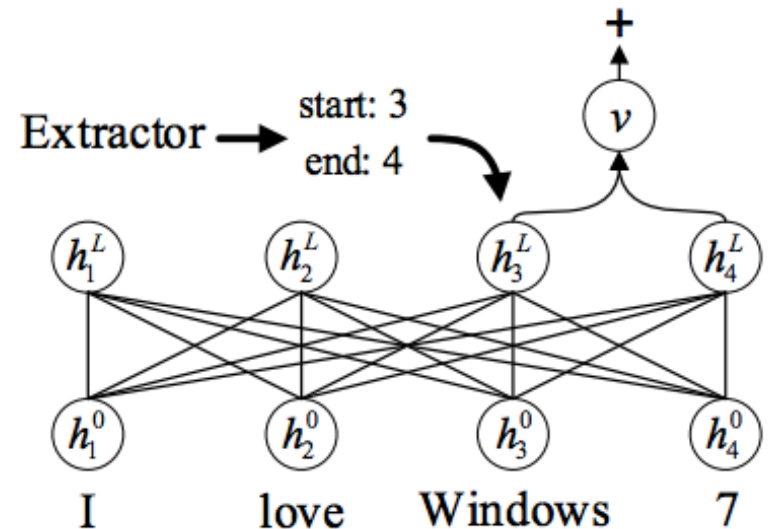
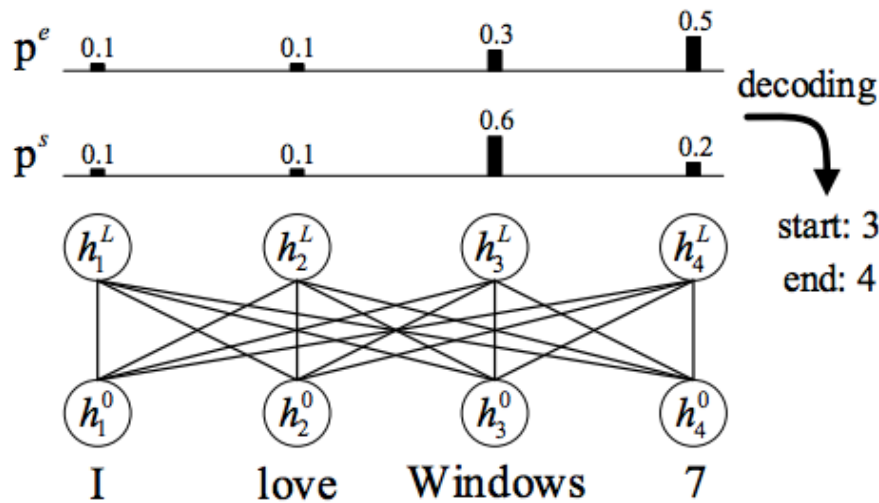
<b>Sentence:</b>	I	love	Windows	7	...	over	Vista	.
<b>Pipeline/</b>	O	O	B	I	O	B	O	
<b>Joint:</b>	0	0	+	+	0	-	0	
<b>Collapsed:</b>	O	O	B+	I+	O	B-	O	

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<b>Sentence:</b>	I love Windows 7 ... over Vista .							
<b>Pipeline/</b>	Target start: 3, 11				Target end: 4, 11			
<b>Joint:</b>	Polarity: +, -							
<b>Collapsed:</b>	Target start: 3+, 11- Target end: 4+, 11-							

# Background

- End to End Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis
  - Span Extraction-based approach
    - BERT as encoder



- The last block's hidden states are used to propose one or multiple candidate targets based on the probabilities of the start and end positions

- Predict the sentiment polarity using the span representation of the given target



# Background

- End to End Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis
  - Comparison of previous three approaches
    - Benchmark Datasets

Data Set	#Training Samples			#Test Samples		
	POS	NEG	NEU	POS	NEG	NEU
Laptop	980	858	454	340	128	171
Restaurant	2159	800	623	730	195	196
Twitter-2014	1567	1563	3127	147	147	346

- Laptop, Restaurant are from SemEval-2014
- Twitter-2014 from (Dong et al. ACL 2014)
- Another two Restaurant datasets from SemEval-2015, SemEval-2016

# Background

- End to End Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis
  - Comparison of previous three approaches
    - Unified Approach vs LSTM-based Methods

Model	$\mathbb{D}_L$			$\mathbb{D}_R$			$\mathbb{D}_T$			
	P	R	F1	P	R	F1	P	R	F1	
Existing Baselines	CRF-joint	57.38	35.76	44.06	60.00	48.57	53.68	43.09	24.67	31.35
	CRF-unified	59.27	41.86	49.06	63.39	57.74	60.43	48.35	19.64	27.86
	NN-CRF-joint	55.64	34.48	45.49	61.56	50.00	55.18	44.62	35.84	39.67
	NN-CRF-unified	58.72	45.96	51.56	62.61	60.53	61.56	46.32	32.84	38.36
Pipeline Baselines	CRF-pipeline	59.69	47.54	52.93	52.28	51.01	51.64	42.97	25.21	31.73
	NN-CRF-pipeline	57.72	49.32	53.19	60.09	61.93	61.00	43.71	37.12	40.06
	HAST-TNet	56.42	54.20	55.29	62.18	73.49	67.36	46.30	49.13	47.66
Unified Baselines	LSTM-unified	57.91	46.21	51.40	62.80	63.49	63.14	51.45	37.62	43.41
	LSTM-CRF-1	58.61	50.47	54.24	66.10	66.30	66.20	51.67	44.08	47.52
	LSTM-CRF-2	58.66	51.26	54.71	61.56	67.26	64.29	53.74	42.21	47.26
	LM-LSTM-CRF	53.31	59.4	56.19	68.46	64.43	66.38	43.52	52.01	47.35
OURS	Base model	60.00	46.85	52.61	61.48	66.16	63.73	53.02	41.47	46.50
	Base model + BG	58.58	50.63	54.31	67.51	66.42	66.96	52.26	43.84	47.66
	Base model + BG + SC	58.95	53.00	55.81	63.95	69.65	66.68	53.12	43.60	47.79
	Base model + BG + OE	63.43	49.53	55.62	62.85	66.77	65.22	53.10	43.50	47.78
	Full model	61.27	54.89	<b>57.90<sup>1,‡</sup></b>	68.64	71.01	<b>69.80<sup>1,‡</sup></b>	53.08	43.56	<b>48.01<sup>‡</sup></b>

# Background

- End to End Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis
  - Comparison of previous three approaches
    - BERT-based Methods vs Unified Approach

Model	LAPTOP			REST			TWITTER		
	Prec.	Rec.	F1	Prec.	Rec.	F1	Prec.	Rec.	F1
UNIFIED	61.27	54.89	57.90	68.64	71.01	69.80	53.08	43.56	48.01
TAG-pipeline	65.84	67.19	66.51	71.66	76.45	73.98	54.24	54.37	54.26
TAG-joint	65.43	66.56	65.99	71.47	75.62	73.49	54.18	54.29	54.20
TAG-collapsed	63.71	66.83	65.23	71.05	75.84	73.35	54.05	54.25	54.12
SPAN-pipeline	69.46	66.72	<b>68.06</b>	76.14	73.74	<b>74.92</b>	60.72	55.02	<b>57.69</b>
SPAN-joint	67.41	61.99	64.59	72.32	72.61	72.47	57.03	52.69	54.55
SPAN-collapsed	50.08	47.32	48.66	63.63	53.04	57.85	51.89	45.05	48.11

# Outline

- Transfer Learning
- Multi-Task Learning
- **Multimodal Learning**
  - Target-Oriented Multimodal Sentiment Classification
- Summary

## ■ Target-oriented Sentiment Classification (TSC)

### – Input

- A sentence or document
- An **opinion target**

### – Output

- **Sentiment polarity** towards the **opinion target**

## ■ Examples

The ***fish*** was rather *over cooked*, but the ***chicken*** was *fine*!

- sentiment over ***fish***: *negative*
- sentiment over ***chicken***: *positive*

- **Limitation of TSC**
  - **Ineffective for multimodal social media posts**
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W/O Image  
Rihanna: neutral X

- **Limitation of TSC**
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 nasty @nastygyalash · Mar 21, 2016  
this is me after the **Rihanna** concert lmao



With Image  
Rihanna: *positive* ✓



## ■ Limitation of TSC

### – Ineffective for multimodal social media posts

- Incomplete Textual Contents

- Irregular Expressions



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**WORLD RECORD!**

**62.70s**

Women's 400m T37

Georgina Hermitage  
(Great Britain)



With Image

Georgina Hermitage : *positive* ✓

- Target-oriented Multimodal Sentiment Classification (TMSC)
  - Input
    - A sentence or document
    - An opinion target
    - An ***associated image***
  - Output
    - Sentiment polarity towards the opinion target

# Methodology -- BERT

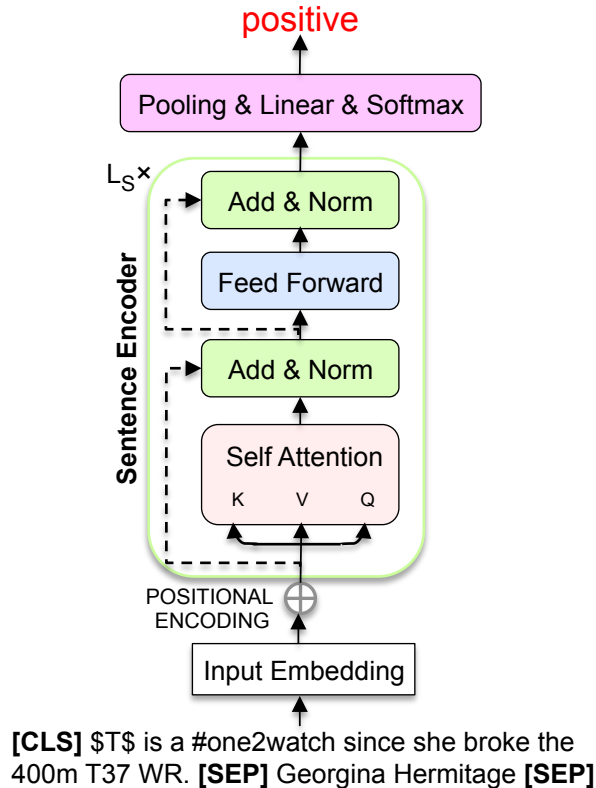
- Base model with BERT
  - Input Transformation
    - **Context** as the **first** sentence
    - **Opinion Target** as the **second** sentence
  - Example

[**Georgina Hermitage**]*positive* is a #one2watch since she broke the [**400m T37**]*neutral* WR!

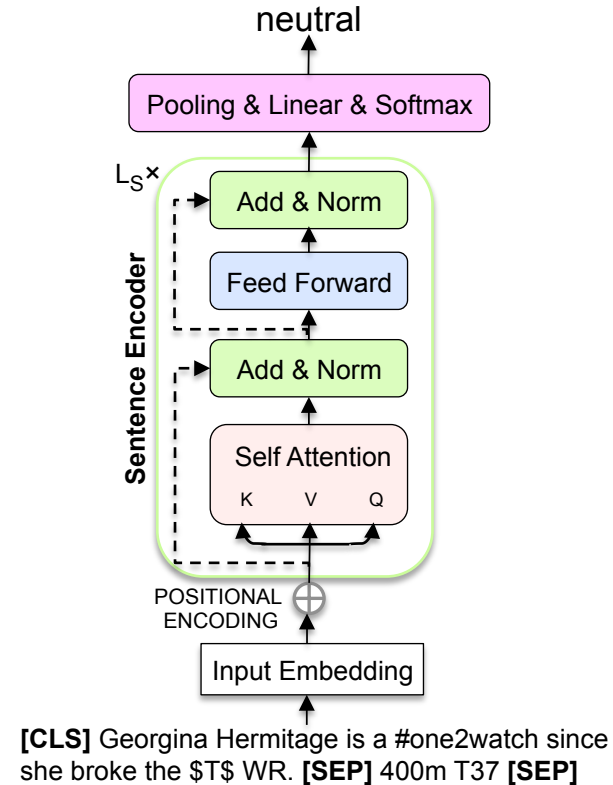
Opinion Target	BERT Input	Label
Georgina Hermitage	[CLS] \$T\$ is a #one2watch since she broke the 400m T37 WR. [SEP] Georgina Hermitage [SEP]	Positive
400m T37	[CLS] Georgina Hermitage is a #one2watch since she broke the \$T\$ WR. [SEP] 400m T37 [SEP]	Neutral

# Methodology -- BERT

- Apply BERT to TSC
  - Feed the transformed sentence to BERT

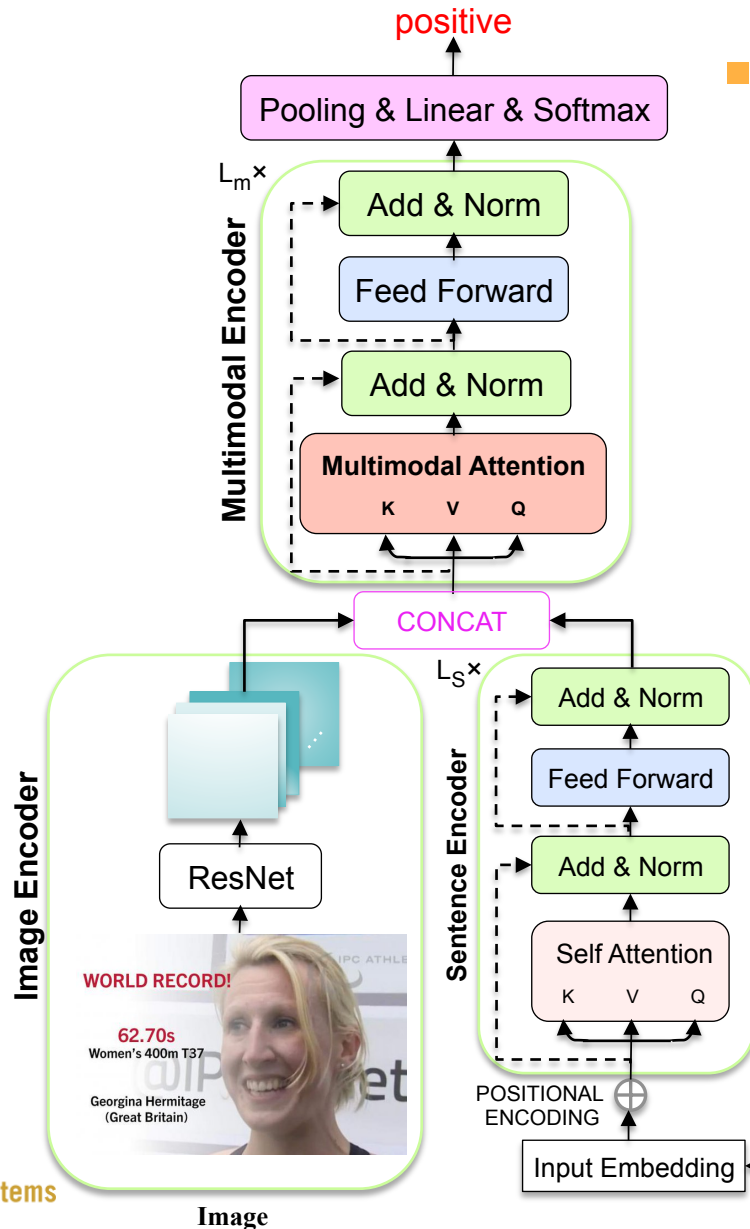


(a). Georgina Hermitage



(b). 400m T37

# Methodology -- multimodal BERT (mBERT)



Multimodal Learning

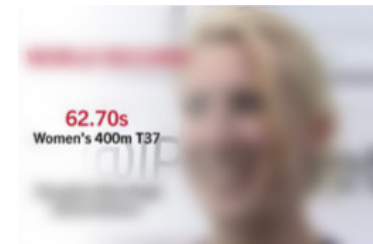
## Limitation

– Image features are not sensitive to opinion targets

- Georgina Hermitage



- 400m T37

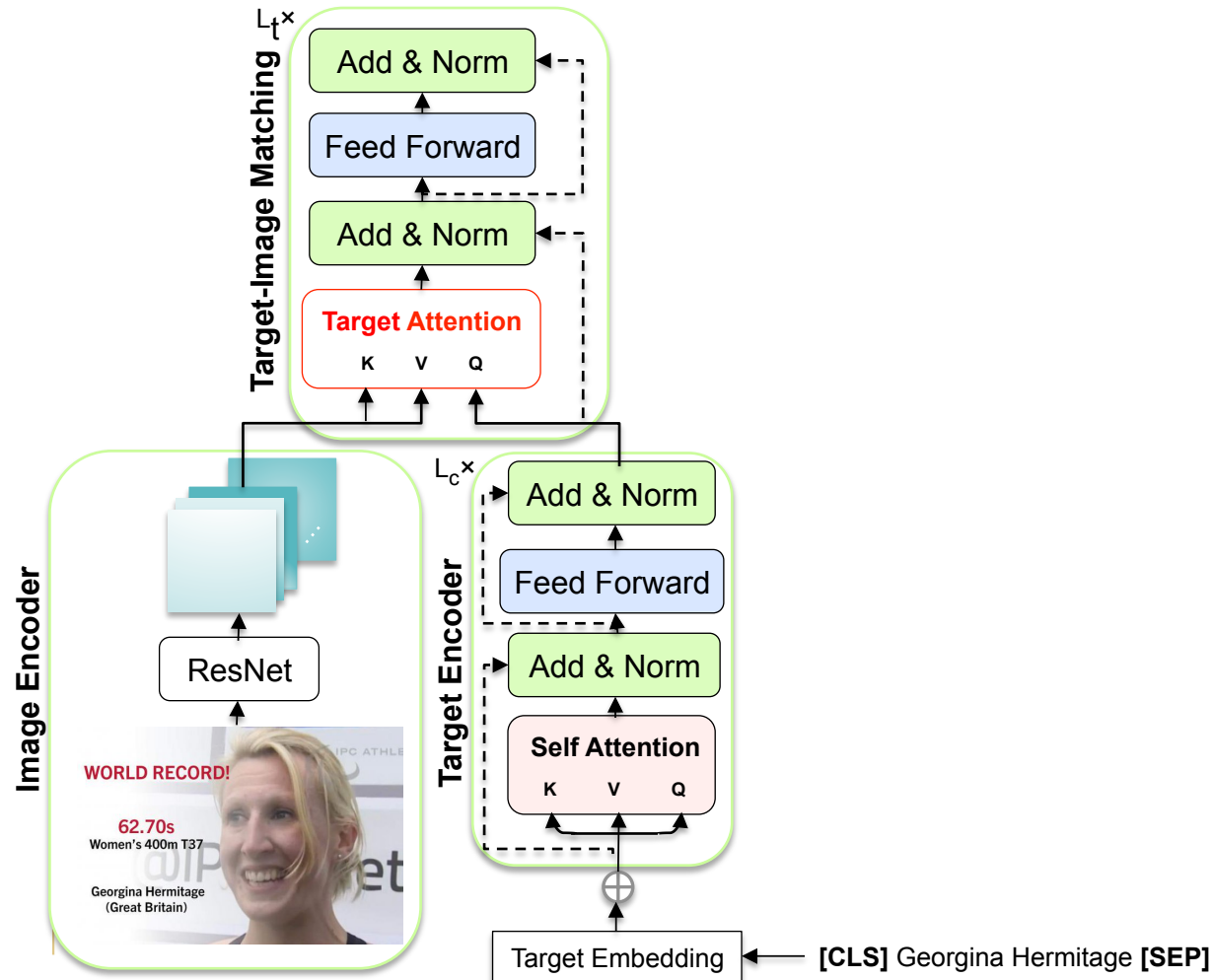


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# Methodology -- Target-oriented mBERT (TomBERT)

Multimodal Learning

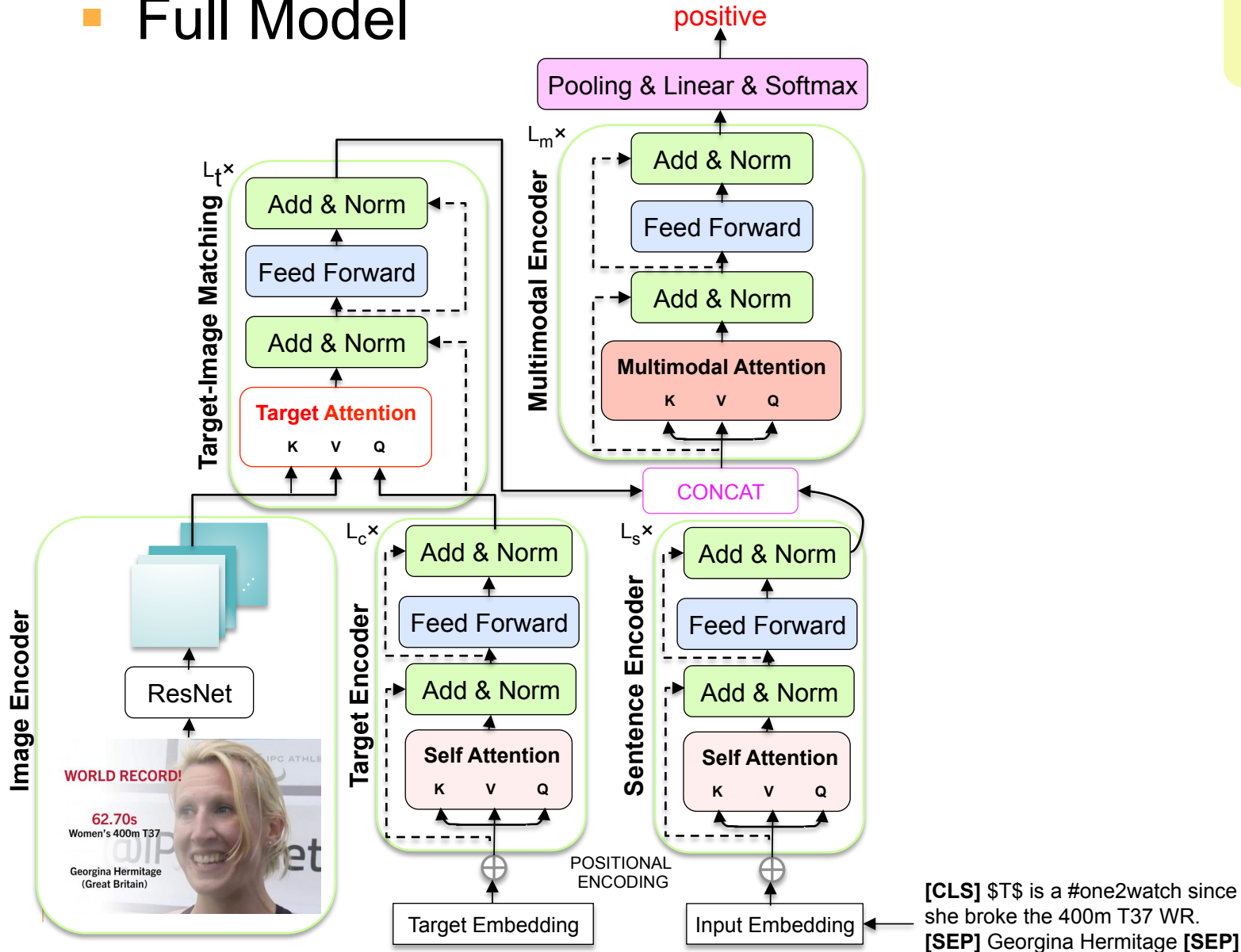
- Target Attention
  - Target as queries, images as keys and values



# Methodology -- Target-oriented mBERT (TomBERT)

Multimodal Learning

- Full Model



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# Experiments

- Two Multimodal Datasets

Modality	Data Set	#Training Samples			#Dev Samples			#Test Samples		
		POS	NEG	NEU	POS	NEG	NEU	POS	NEG	NEU
Text+Image	Twitter-2015	928	368	1883	303	149	670	317	113	607
	Twitter-2017	1508	416	1638	515	144	517	493	168	573

- The two multimodal Twitter datasets are based on two public multimodal Named Entity Recognition (NER) datasets

# Experimental Results

- Results on the Two Multimodal Datasets

Modality	Method	Twitter-2015		Twitter-2017	
		Accuracy	Macro-F1	Accuracy	Macro-F1
Visual	Res-Target	59.88	46.48	58.59	53.98
Text	AE-LSTM	70.30	63.43	61.67	57.97
	MemNet	70.11	61.76	64.18	60.90
	RAM	70.68	63.05	64.42	61.01
	MGAN	71.17	64.21	64.75	61.46
	<b>BERT</b>	74.15	68.86	68.15	65.23
	<b>BERT+BL</b>	<b>74.25</b>	<b>70.04</b>	<b>68.88</b>	<b>66.12</b>

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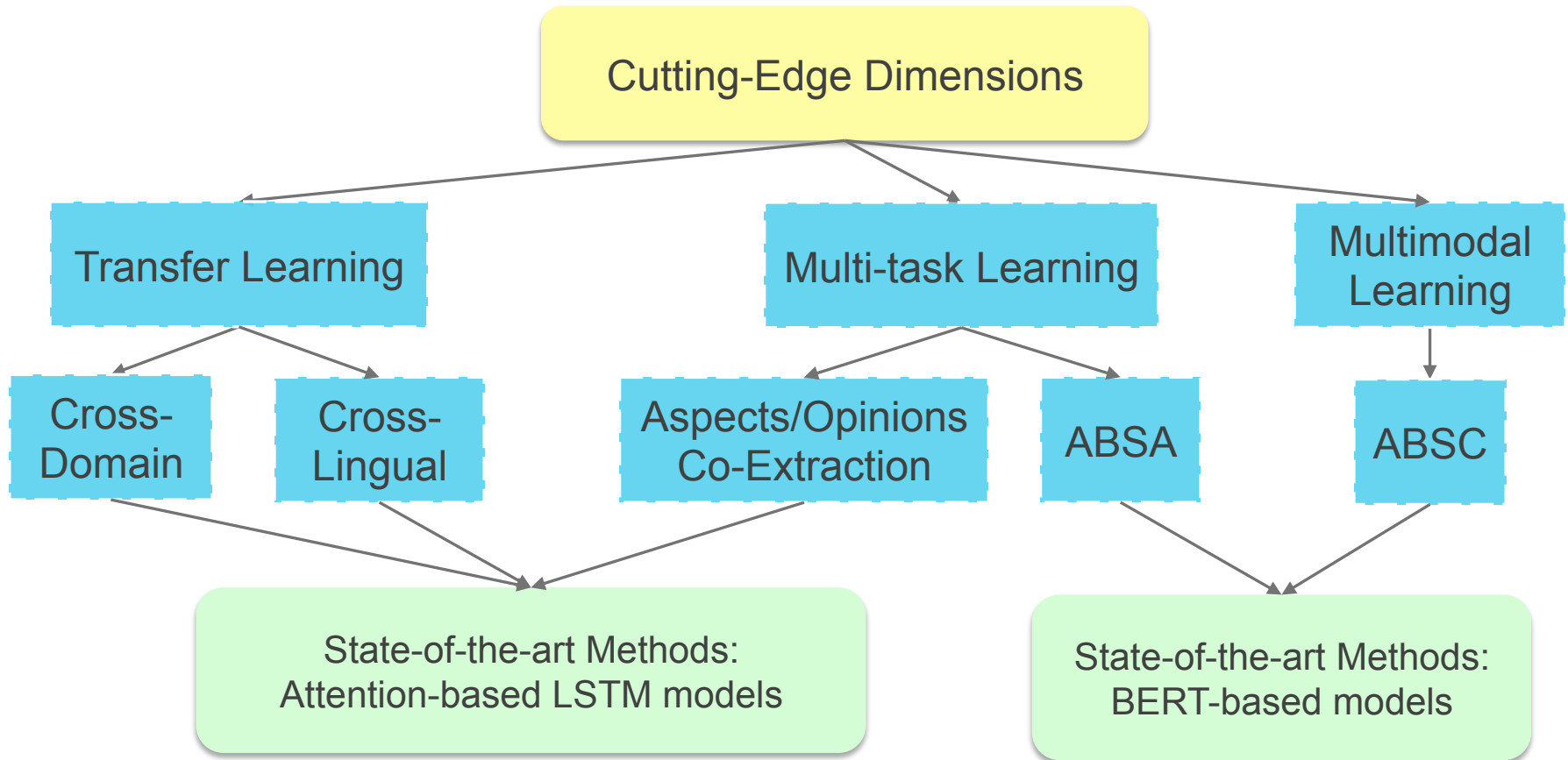
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Text + Visual	Res-MGAN	71.65	63.88	66.37	63.04
	Res-MGAN-TFN	70.30	64.14	64.10	59.13
	Res-BERT+BL	75.02	69.21	69.20	66.48
	Res-BERT+BL-TFN	73.58	68.74	67.18	64.29
	<b>mBERT</b>	<b>75.31</b>	<b>70.18</b>	<b>69.61</b>	<b>67.12</b>
	<b>TomBERT</b>	<b>77.15</b>	<b>71.75</b>	<b>70.34</b>	<b>68.03</b>

# Outline

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# Summary



Thank you !