Overflow + Case Study

LING 571 — Deep Processing Methods in NLP

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Roadmap

- Case study
  - deep vs. shallow processing in question answering
- Some current papers on:
  - Coreference
  - Word-sense disambiguation

Question-Answering:

A Case Study in Shallow vs. Deep Methods

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- People ask questions on the web
  - *Which English translation of the Bible is used in official Catholic liturgies?*
  - *Who invented surf music?*
  - *What are the seven wonders of the world?*
  - These account for 12–15% of web log queries

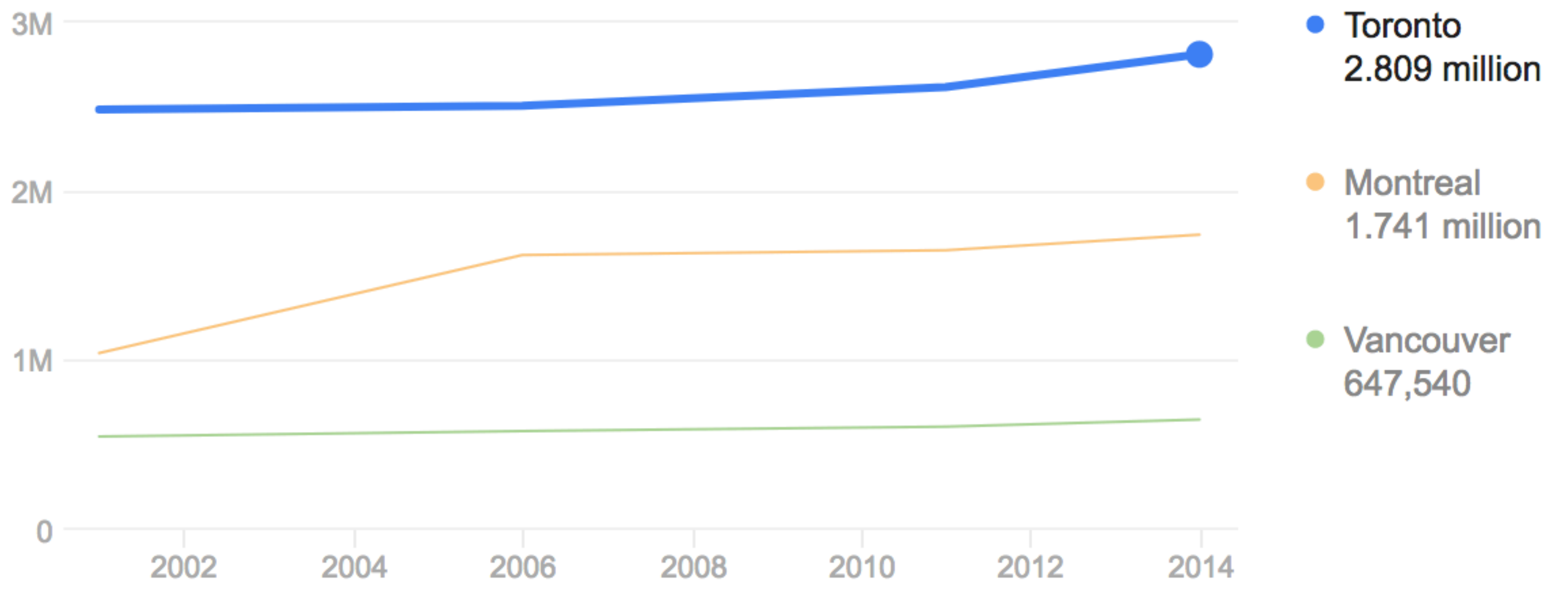
Search Engines and Questions

- What do search engines do with questions?
  - Increasingly, try to answer questions
  - Especially for Wikipedia infobox types of info
  - Backoff to keyword search
- How well does this work?

What Canadian city has the largest population?

Toronto / Population

2.809 million (2014)



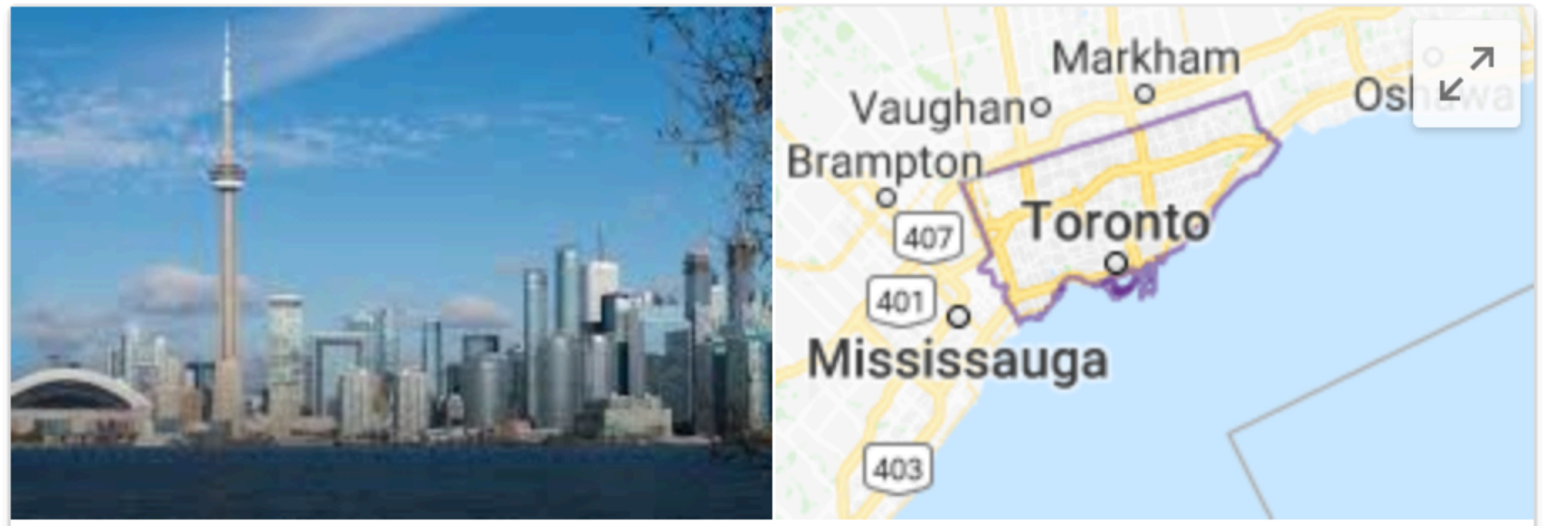
Explore more

Sources include: UNdata Feedback

People also ask

What are the 3 largest cities in Canada by population?

What are the 5 major cities in Canada?



Toronto

City in Ontario, Canada

Toronto, the capital of the province of Ontario, is a major Canadian city along Lake Ontario's northwestern shore. It's a dynamic metropolis with a core of soaring skyscrapers, all dwarfed by the iconic, free-standing CN Tower. Toronto also has many green spaces, from the orderly oval of Queen's Park to 400-acre High Park and its trails, sports facilities and zoo.

Population elsewhere

Canada	35.54 million (2014)
New York City	8.472 million (2014)
Chicago	2.719 million (2014)

Sources include: World Bank, United States Census Bureau Feedback

What is the total population of the ten largest capitals in the US?

- Rank 1 snippet:
  - As of 2013, 61,669,629 citizens lived in ***America's*** 100 ***largest cities***, which was 19.48 percent of the nation's ***total population***.
  - See the top 50 ***U.S. cities by population*** and rank. … The table below lists the *largest* 50 *cities in the*
  - The table below lists the *largest* 10 *cities in the United States*…

Breaking QA Systems

https://twitter.com/xkcd/status/1333529967079120896

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  - Many websites are building archives
  - What happens if it doesn't match?
    - "Question mining" tries to learn paraphrases of questions to get answers.

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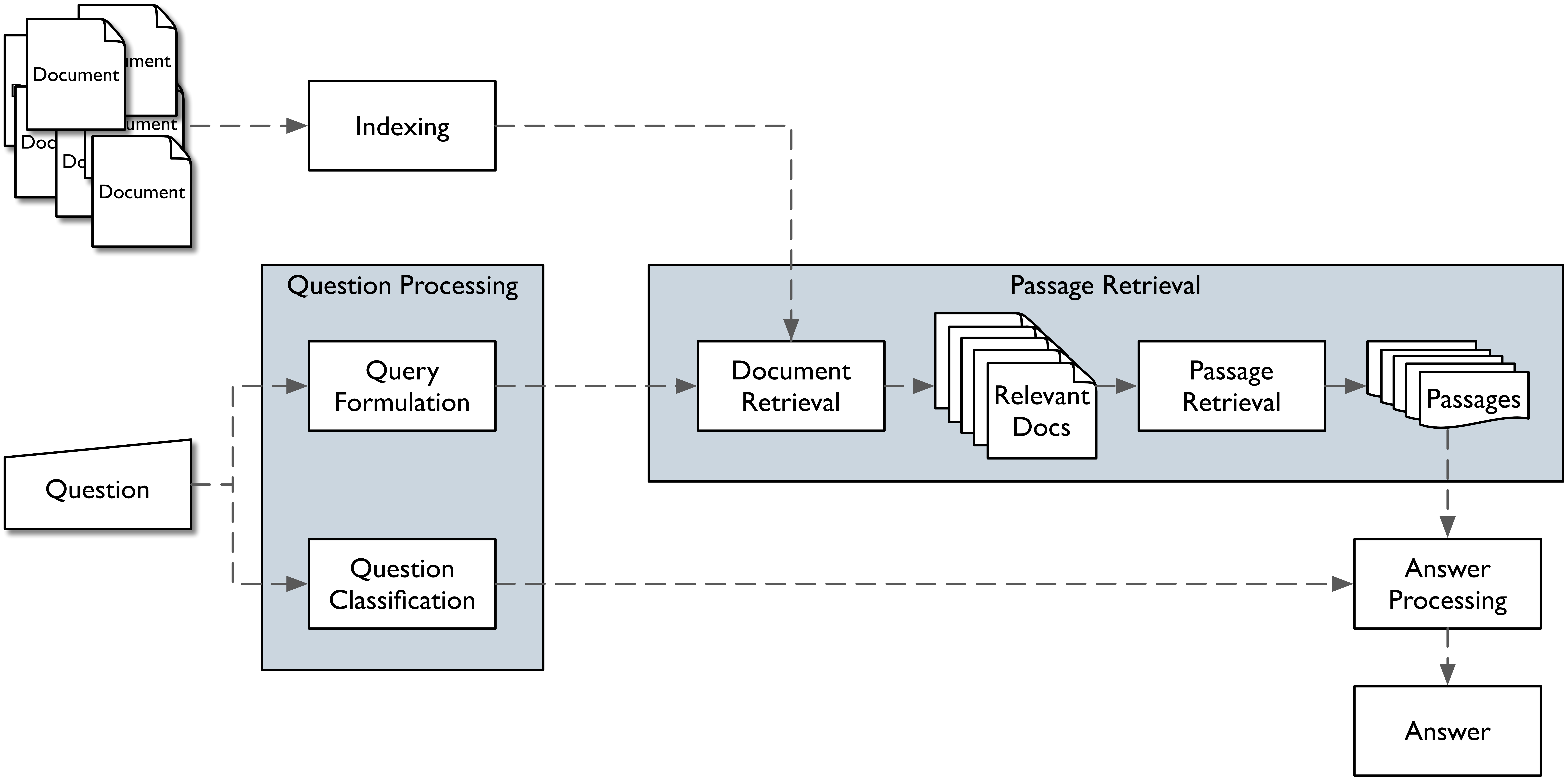
- And, of course, Jeopardy! and Watson

Question Answering (*a la* TREC)

Question	Answer
Where is the Louvre Museum located?	in Paris, France
What's the abbreviation for limited partnership?	L.P.
What are the names of Odin's ravens?	Huginn and Muninn
What currency is used in China?	the yuan
What kind of nuts are used in marzipan?	almonds
What instrument does Max Roach play?	drums
What's the official language of Algeria?	Arabic
What is the telephone number for the University of Colorado, Boulder?	(303) 492-1411
How many pounds are there in a stone?	14

Basic Strategy

- Given an indexed document collection…
- …and a question…
- …execute the following steps:
  - Query Formulation
  - Question Classification
  - Passage Retrieval
  - Answer Processing
  - Evaluation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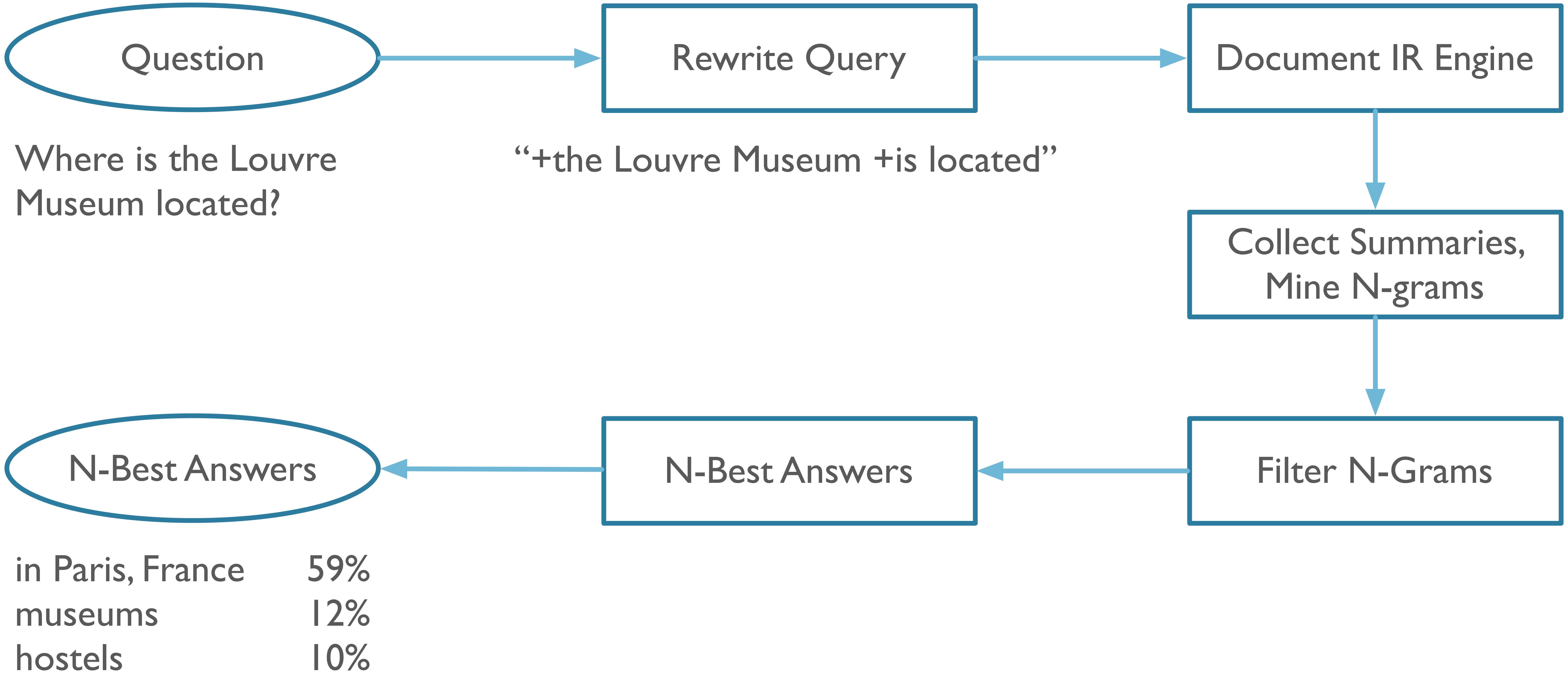
AskMSR/Aranea (Lin, Brill)

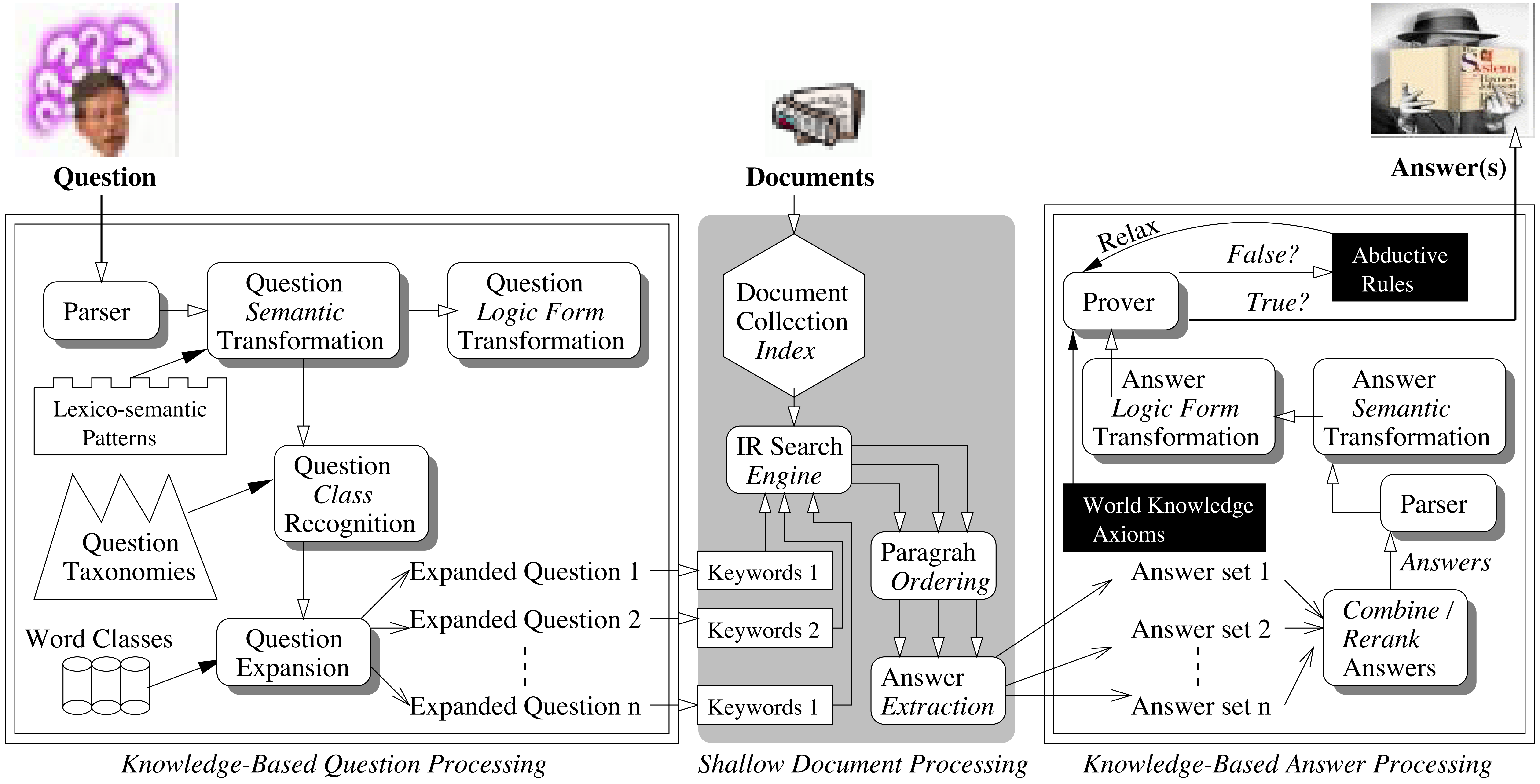
- Shallow Processing for QA



Deep Processing Technique for QA:

LCC PowerAnswer

- Experiments with open-domain textual Question Answering, Moldovan, Harabagiu, et al, 2000



A Victory for Deep Processing:

TREC 2002 QA Track

Run Tag	Confidence weighted Score	Correct Answers #	Correct Answers %	Number Inexact	NIL Accuracy Prec	NIL Accuracy Recall
LCCmain2002	**0.856**	**415**	**83.0**	**8**	**0.578**	**0.804**
exactanswer	0.691	271	54.2	12	0.222	0.848
pris2002	0.610	290	58.0	17	0.241	0.891
IRST02D1	0.589	192	38.4	17	0.167	0.217
IBMPQSQACYC	0.588	179	35.8	9	0.196	0.630
uwmtB3	0.512	184	36.8	20	0.000	0.000
BBN2002C	0.499	142	28.4	18	0.182	0.087
isi02	0.498	149	29.8	15	0.385	0.109
limsiQalir2	0.497	133	26.6	11	0.188	0.196
ali2002b	0.496	181	36.2	15	0.156	0.848
ibmsqa02c	0.455	145	29.0	44	0.224	0.239
FDUT11QA1	0.434	124	24.8	6	0.139	0.957
aranea02a	0.433	152	30.4	36	0.235	0.174
nuslamp2002	0.396	105	21.0	17	0.000	0.000
pqas22	0.358	133	26.6	11	0.145	0.674

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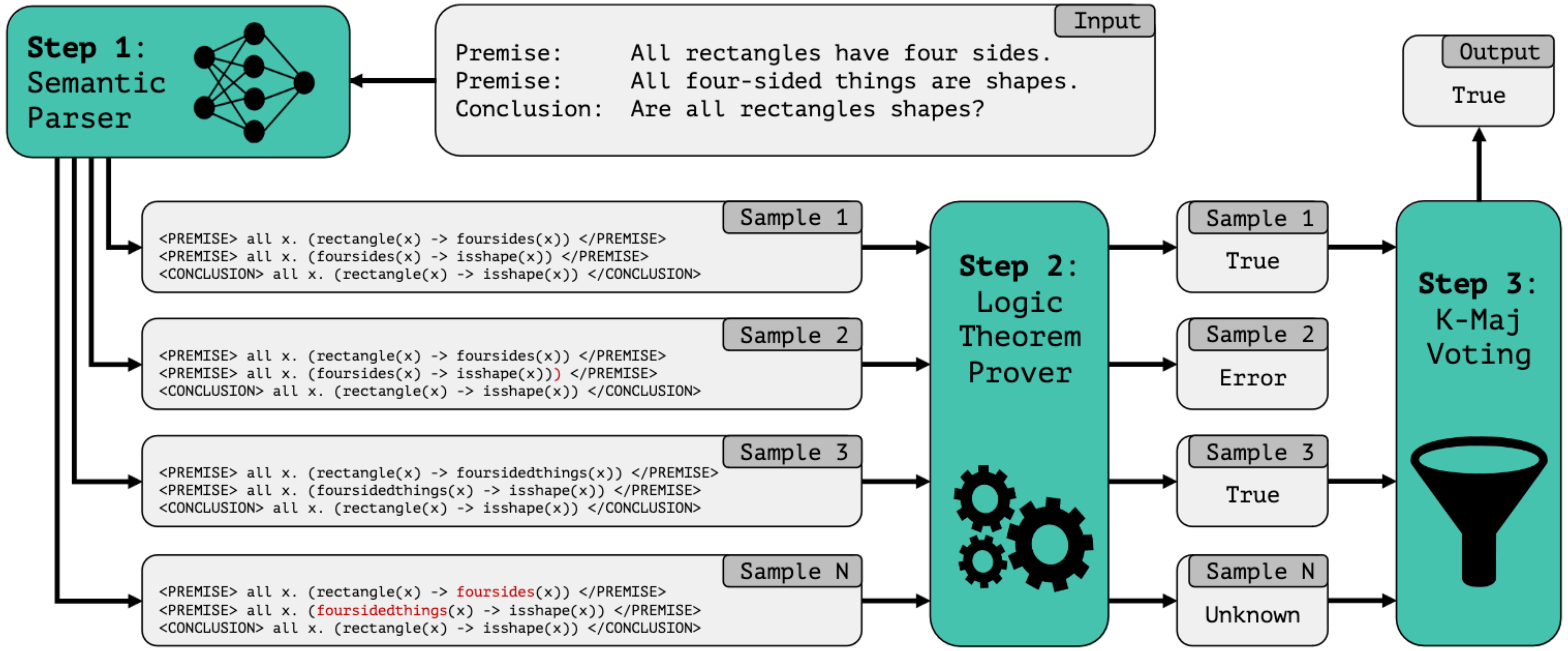

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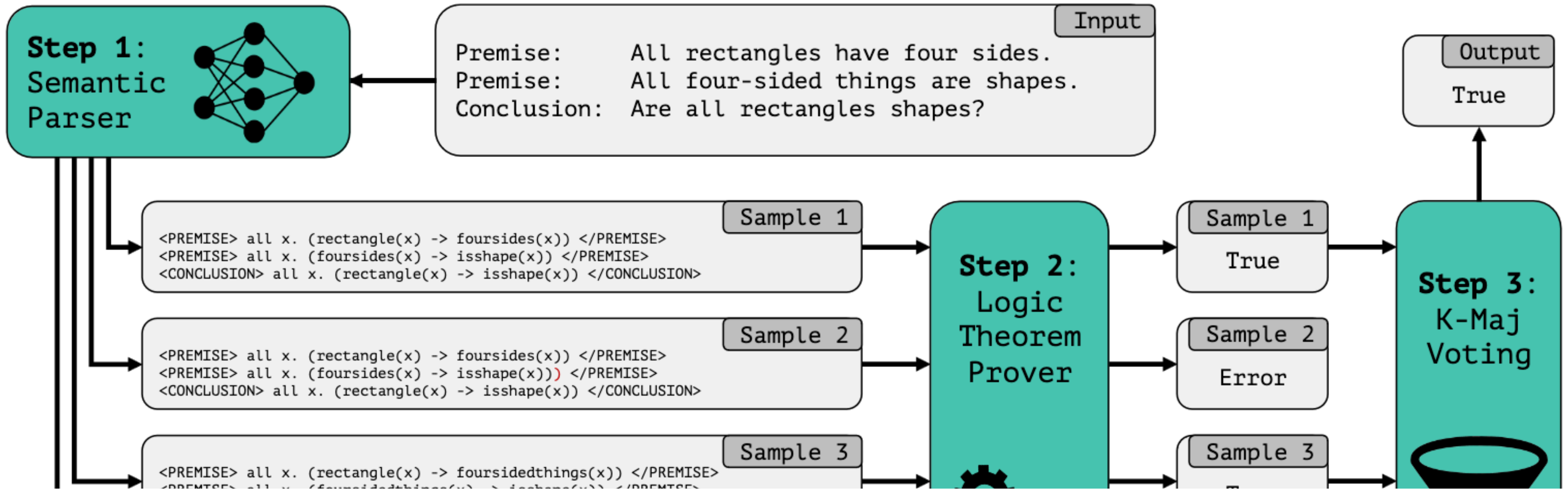

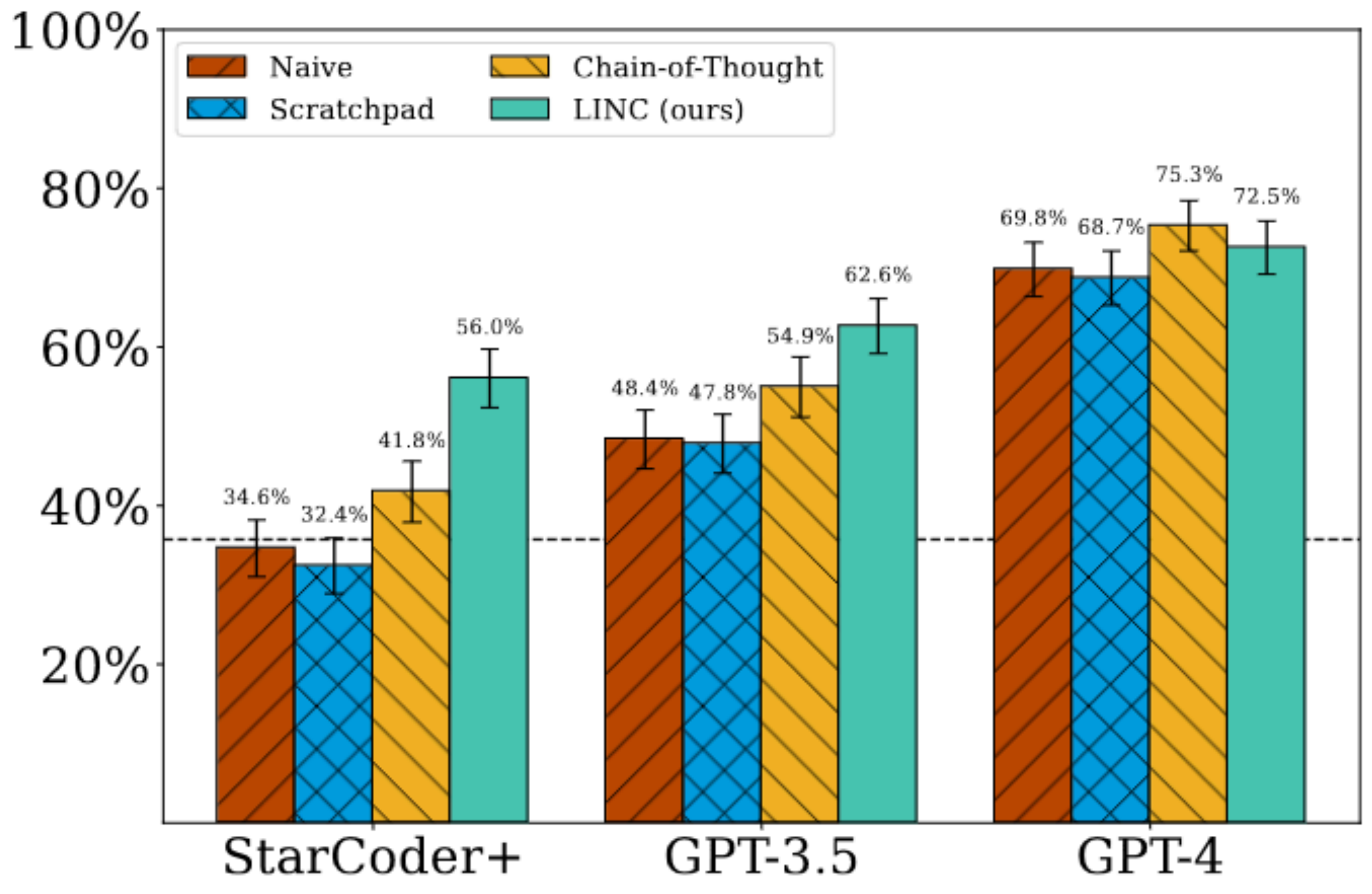

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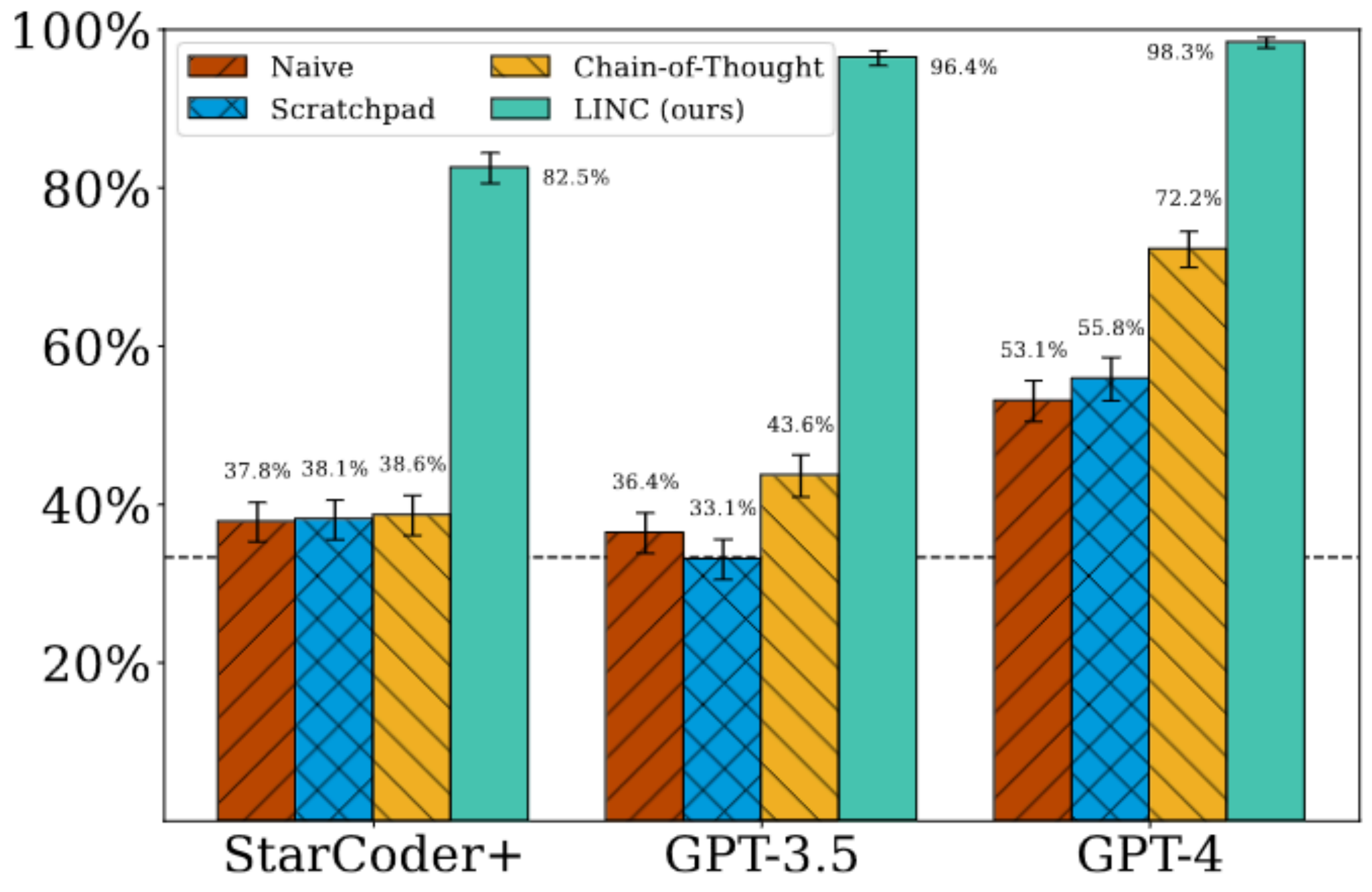

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Conclusions

- Deep processing for QA
  - Exploits parsing, semantics, anaphora, reasoning
  - Computationally expensive
    - But tractable because applied only to questions and passages
- Systems trending toward greater use of:
  - Web resources: Wikipedia, answer repositories
  - Machine Learning!
- But still: use of deep representations and processing thereof, even in the LLM era

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Bonus Slides: Neural Approaches to Coreference and WSD

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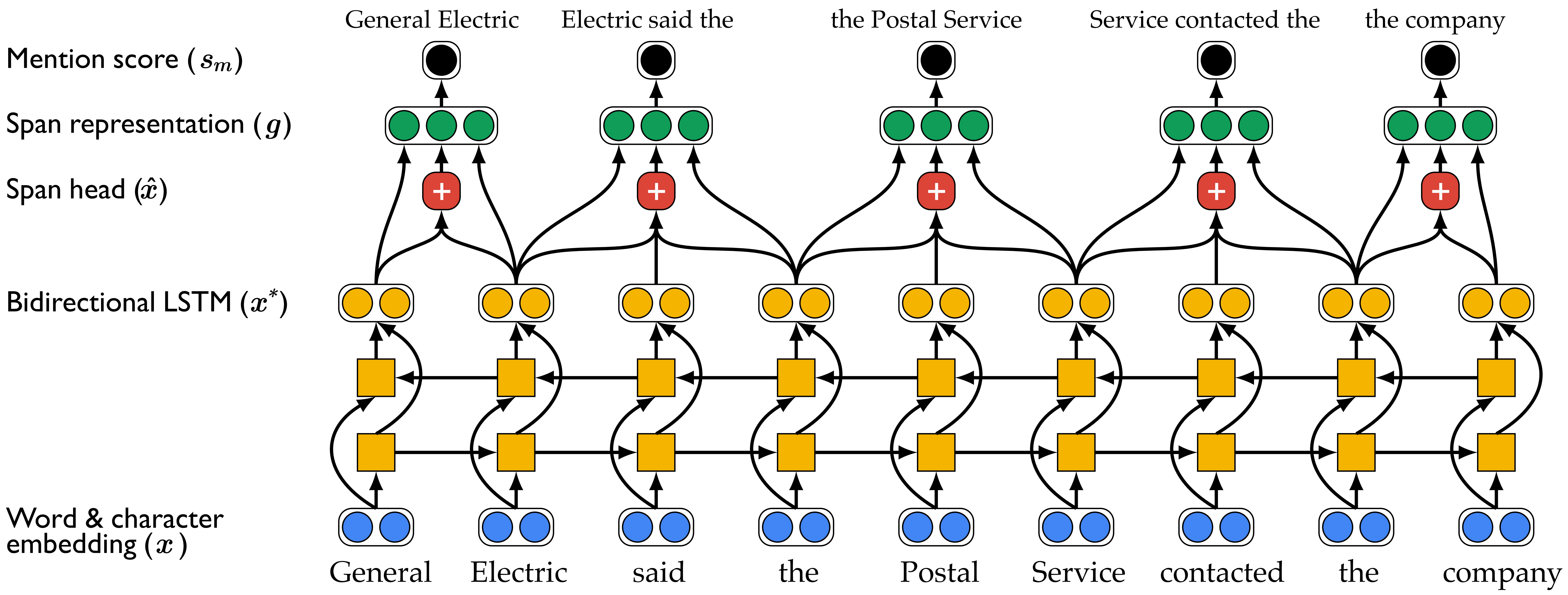
  - Include “headedness” of span with a learned ***attention*** mechanism



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- *Attention* can be visualized by heatmap over spans:
  - (The flight attendants) have until 6:00 today to ratify labor concessions. (The pilots') union and ground crew did so yesterday.
  - (Prince Charles and his new wife Camilla) have jumped across the pond and are touring the United States making (their) first stop today in New York. It's Charles' first opportunity to showcase his new wife, but few Americans seem to care. Here's Jeanie Mowth. What a difference two decades make. (Charles and Diana) visited a JC Penney's on the prince's last official US tour. Twenty years later, here's the prince with his new wife.

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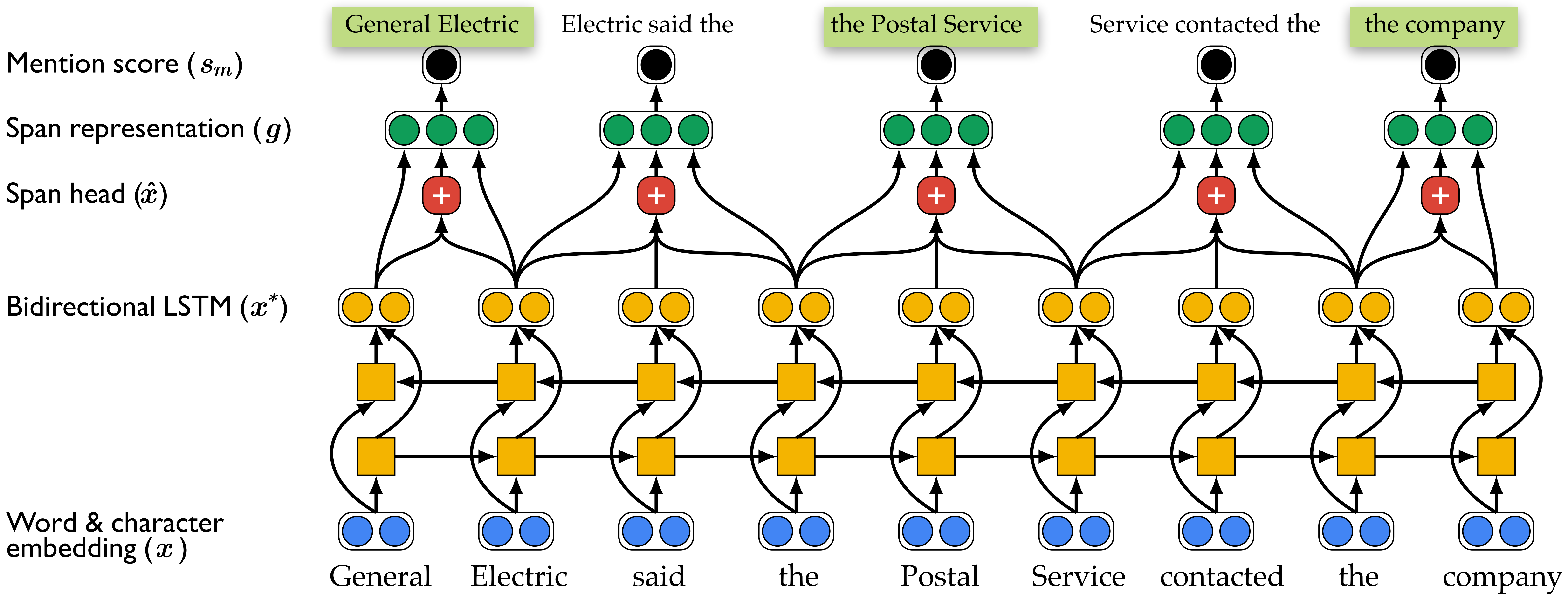

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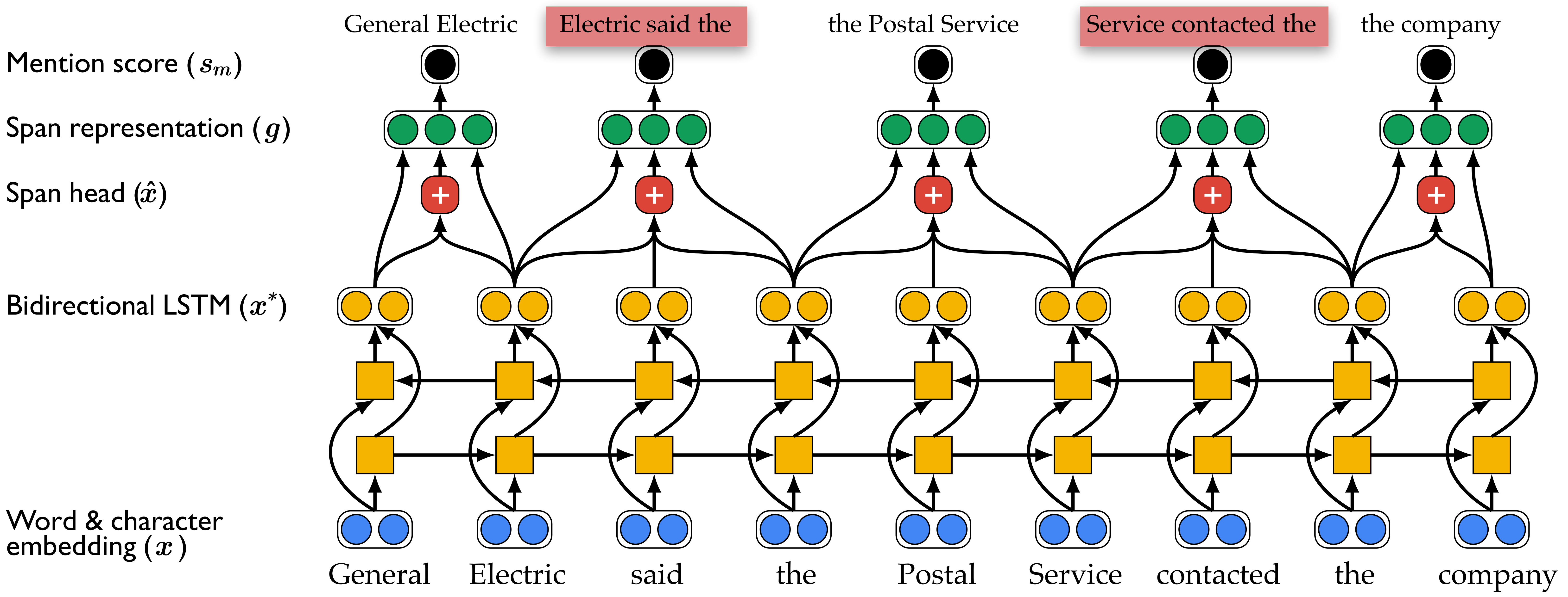

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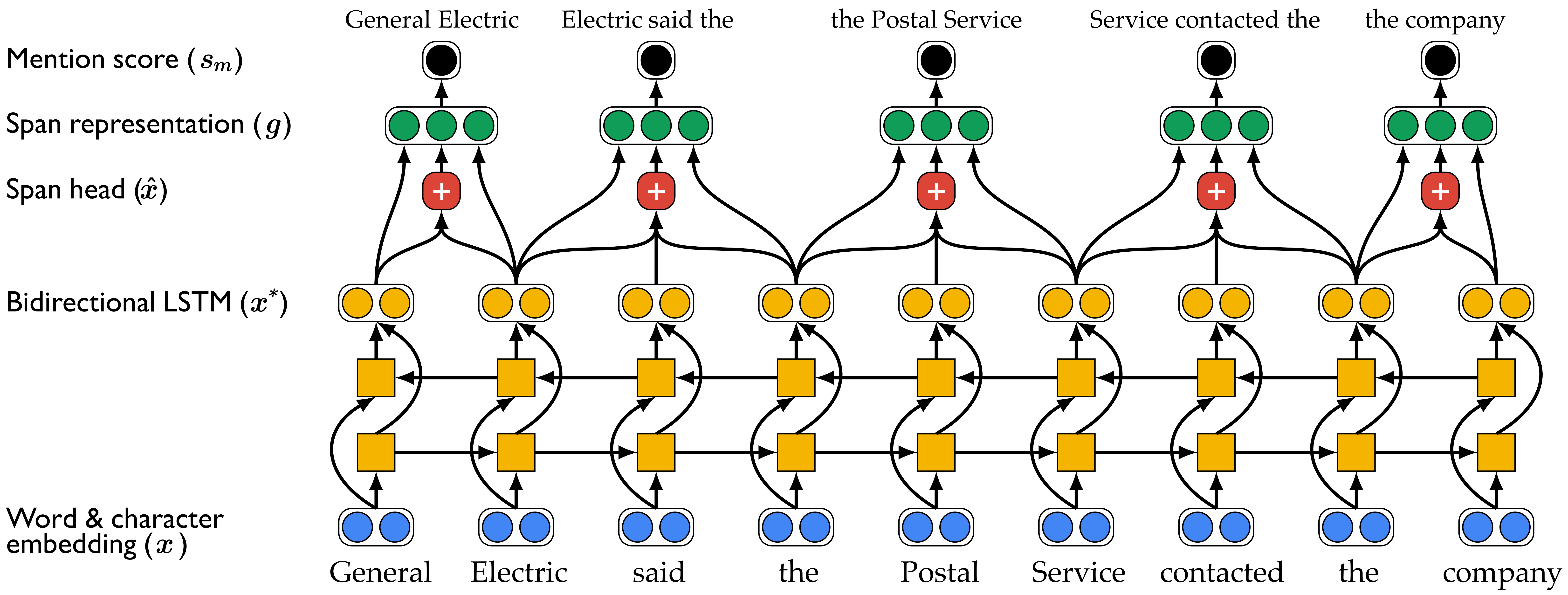
- Network thus learns to identify features from (embeddings → sequence) + head
  - As more or less likely to identify a span of words as a mention



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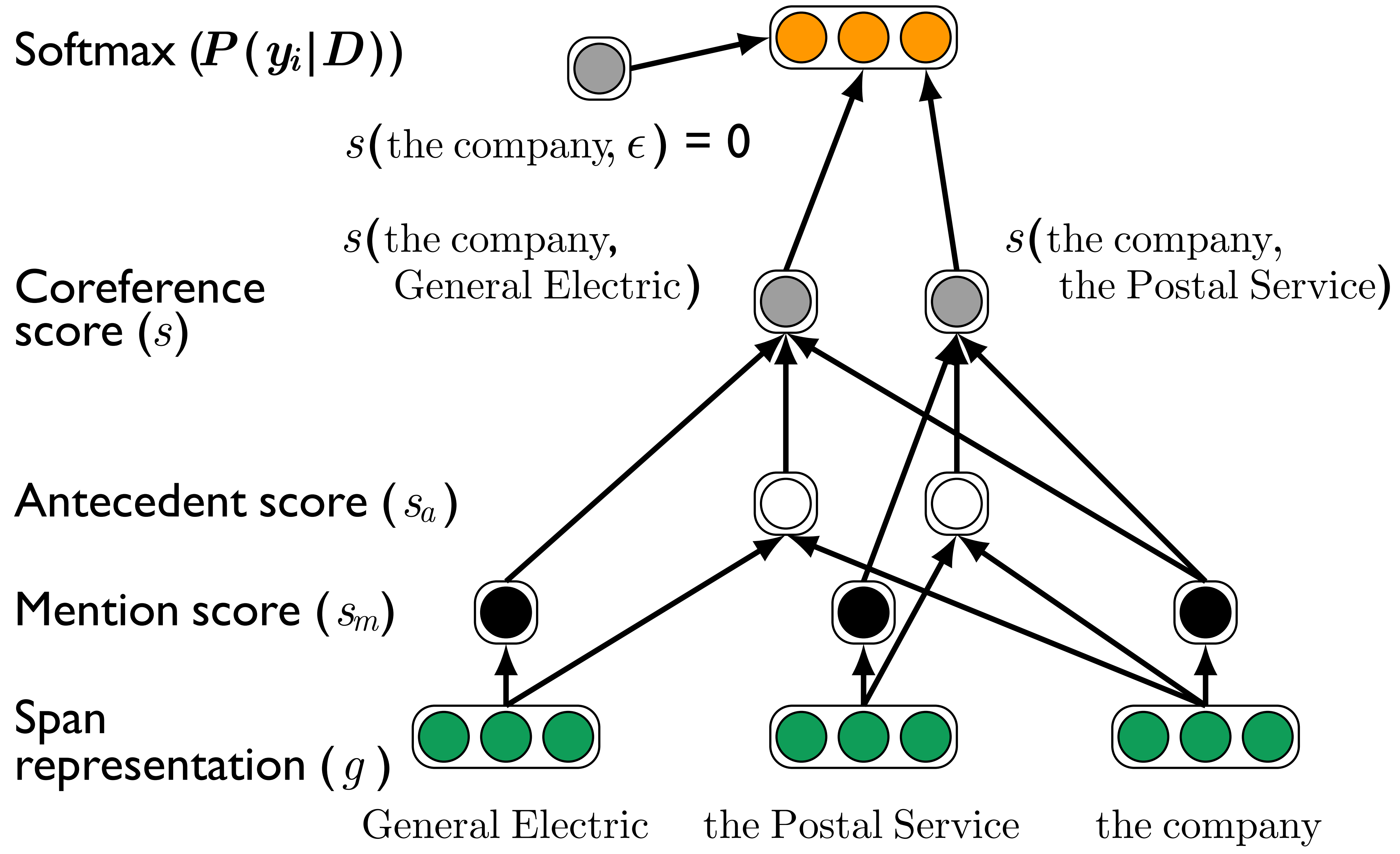

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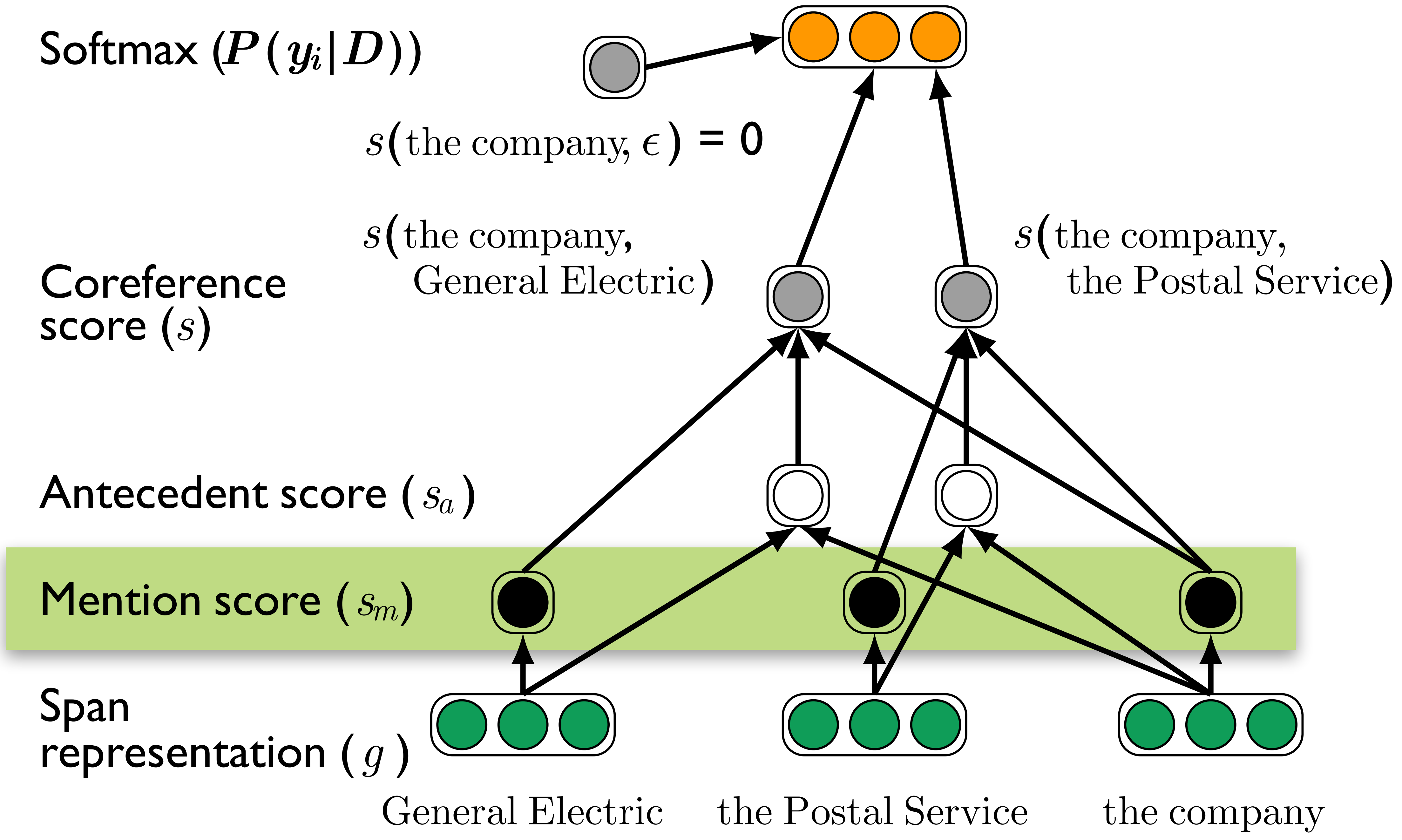

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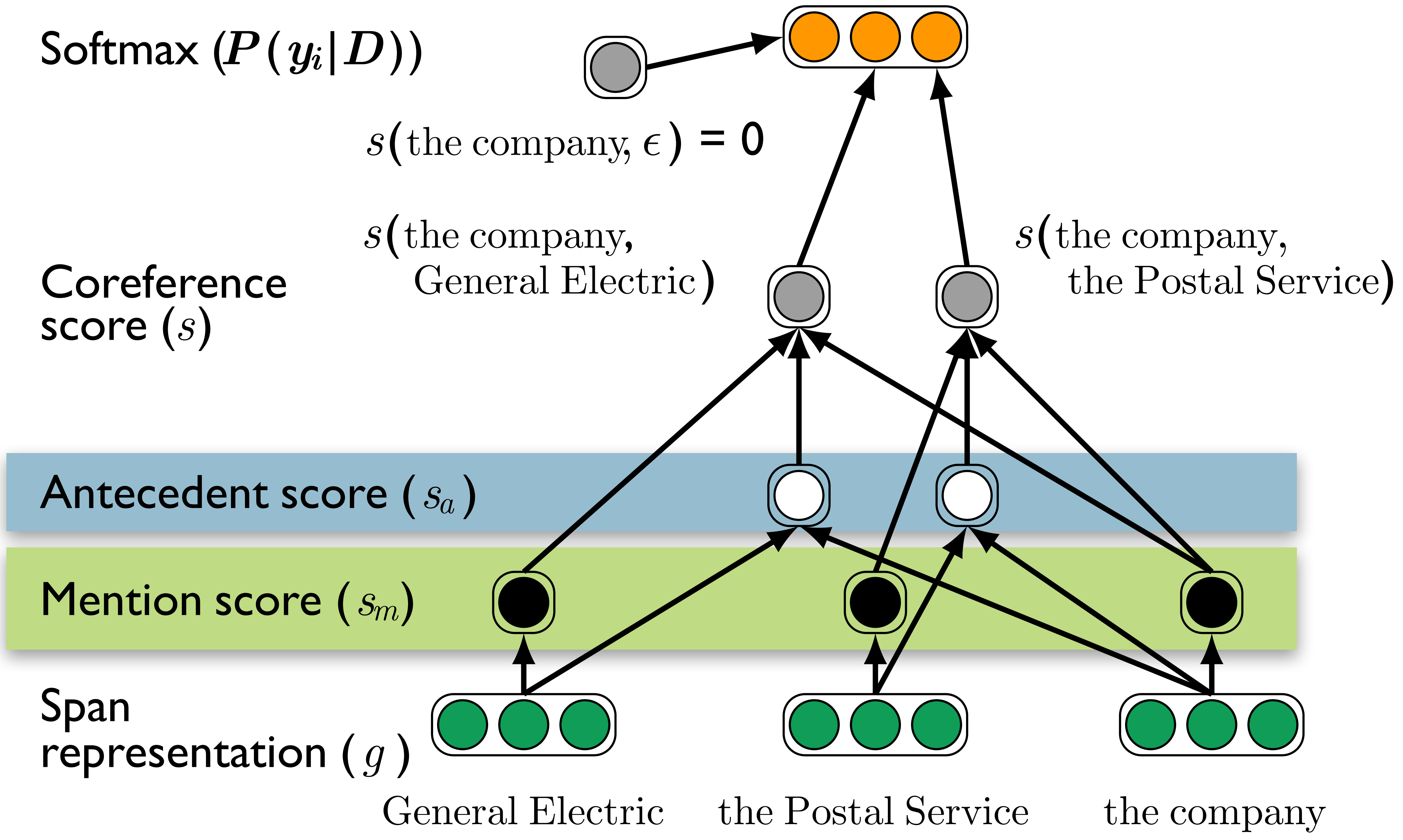
  - Likelihood another mention is antecedent
  - Pairwise between spans



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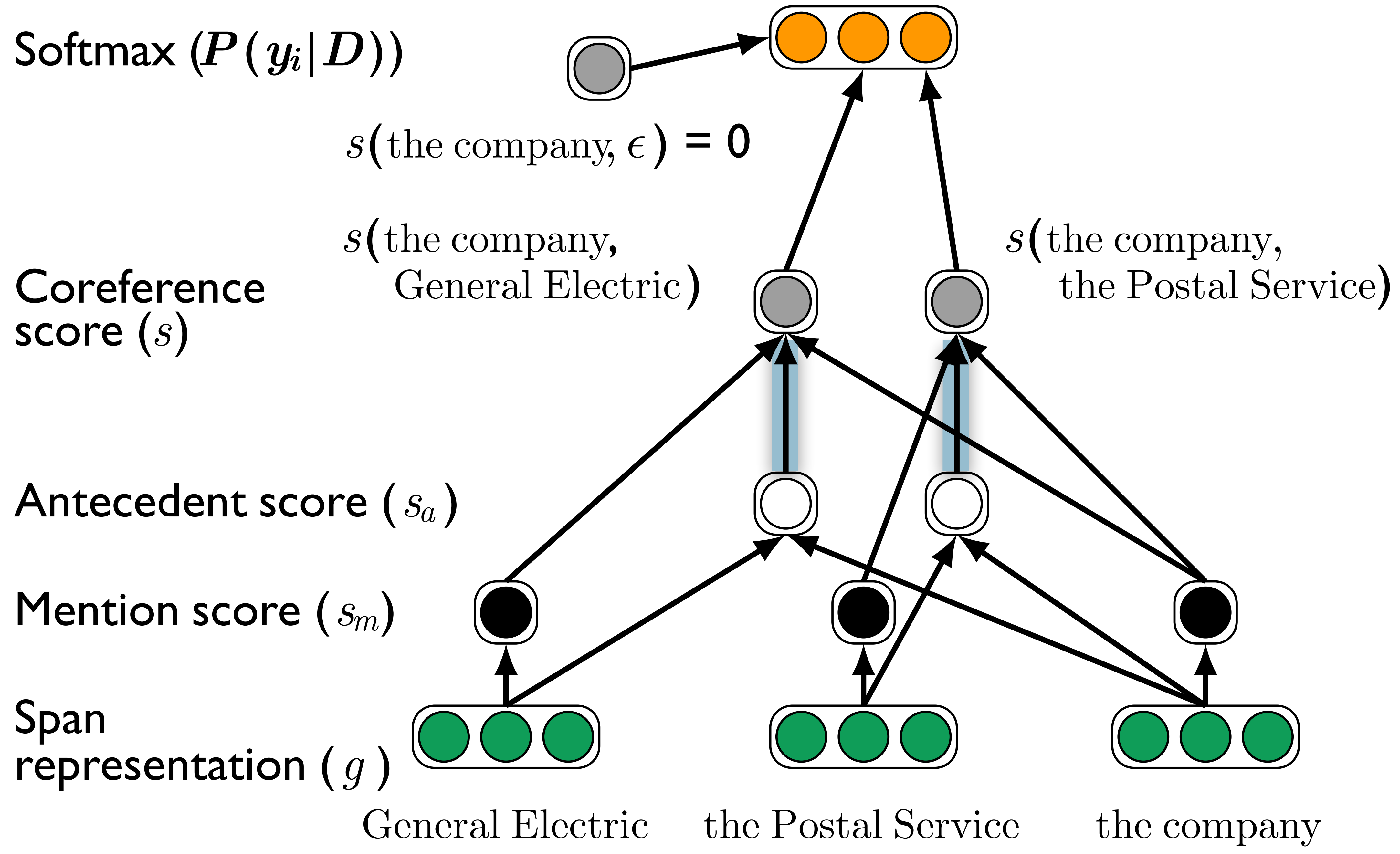

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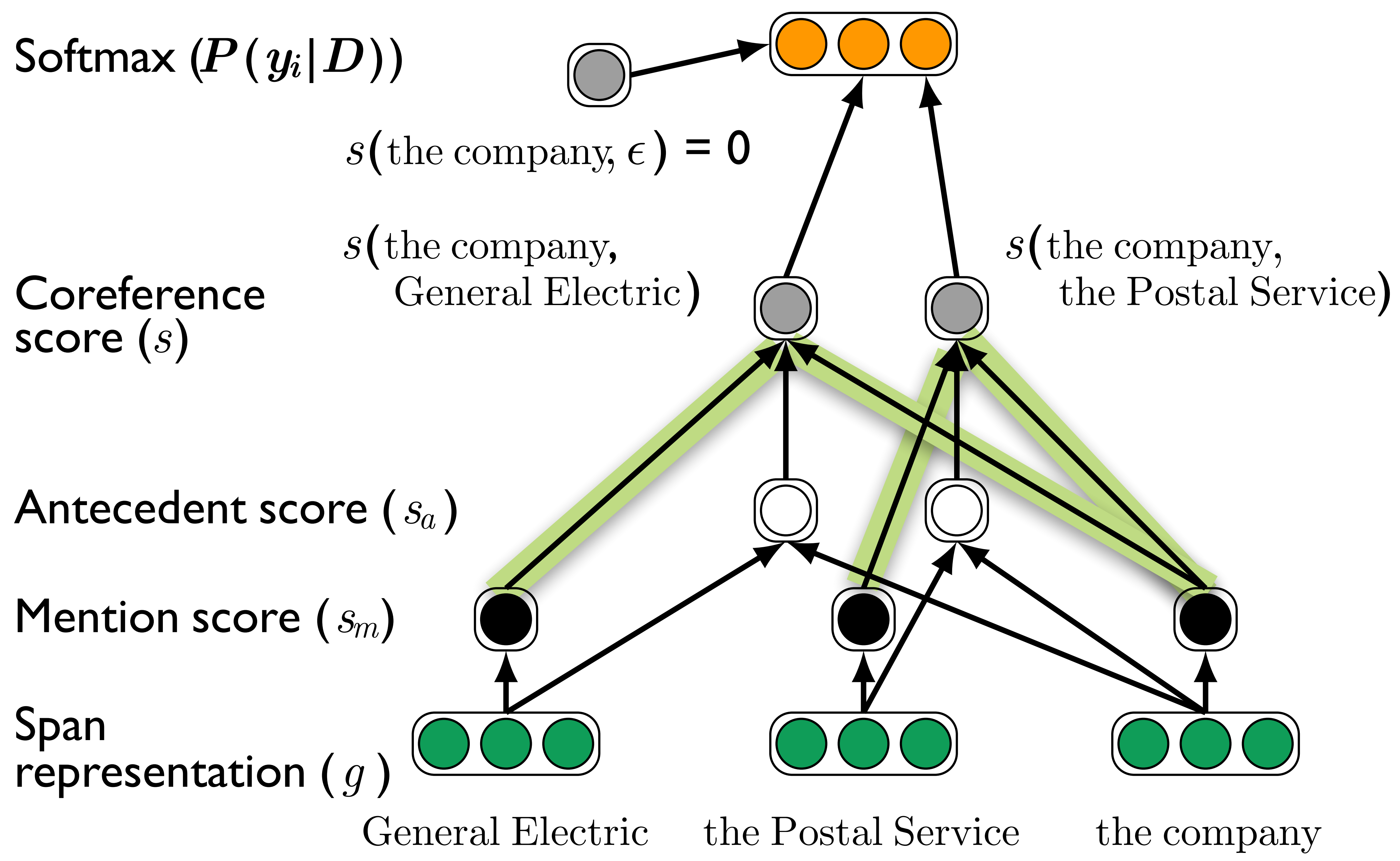

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- Other info:
  - Also implement pruning to avoid dealing with *all* spans
  - Also encode metadata, such as speaker and genre in mention representation

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- Data:
  - CoNLL-2012 Shared Task (Coref on OntoNotes)
  - 2802 training docs
  - 343 development docs
  - 348 test docs
  - 454 words/doc average

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  - Word embeddings tend to conflate paraphrasing with relatedness
    - e.g. (The flight attendants) have until 6:00 today to ratify labor concessions. (The pilots') union and ground crew did so yesterday.
  - (Prince Charles and his new wife Camilla) have jumped across the pond … What a difference two decades make. (Charles and Diana) visited a JC Penney's on the Prince's last official US tour. …

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Neural Sequence Learning Models for WSD

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- Authors propose several models for encoding words and senses
  - **bi-LSTM**
  - **bi-LSTM + Attention**
  - **Sequence to Sequence**
- All approaches are encoding sequential information
- All approaches use sense-tagged corpus

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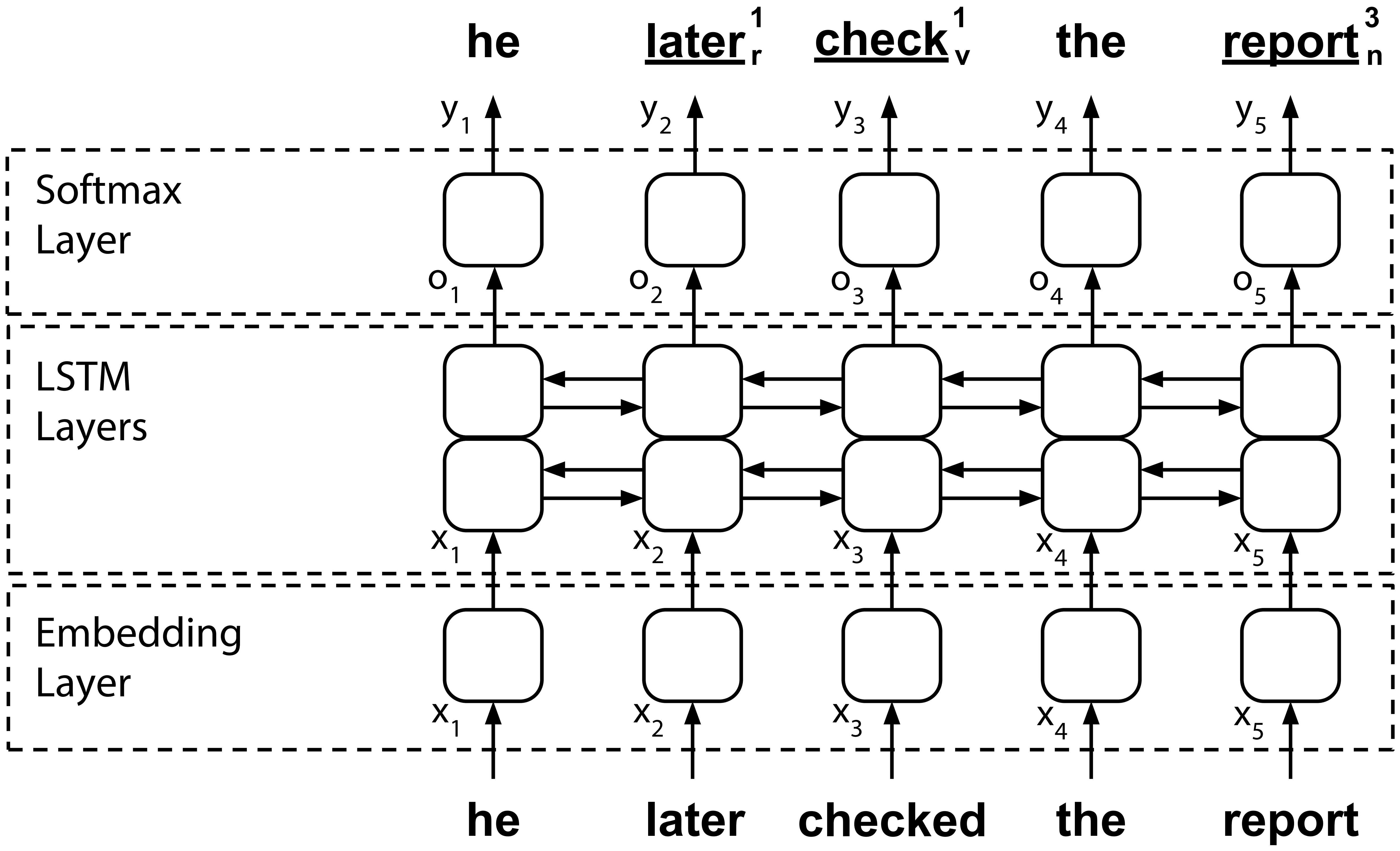
- **bi-LSTM**
  - Learn to label proper sense given word embedding and context (LSTM)



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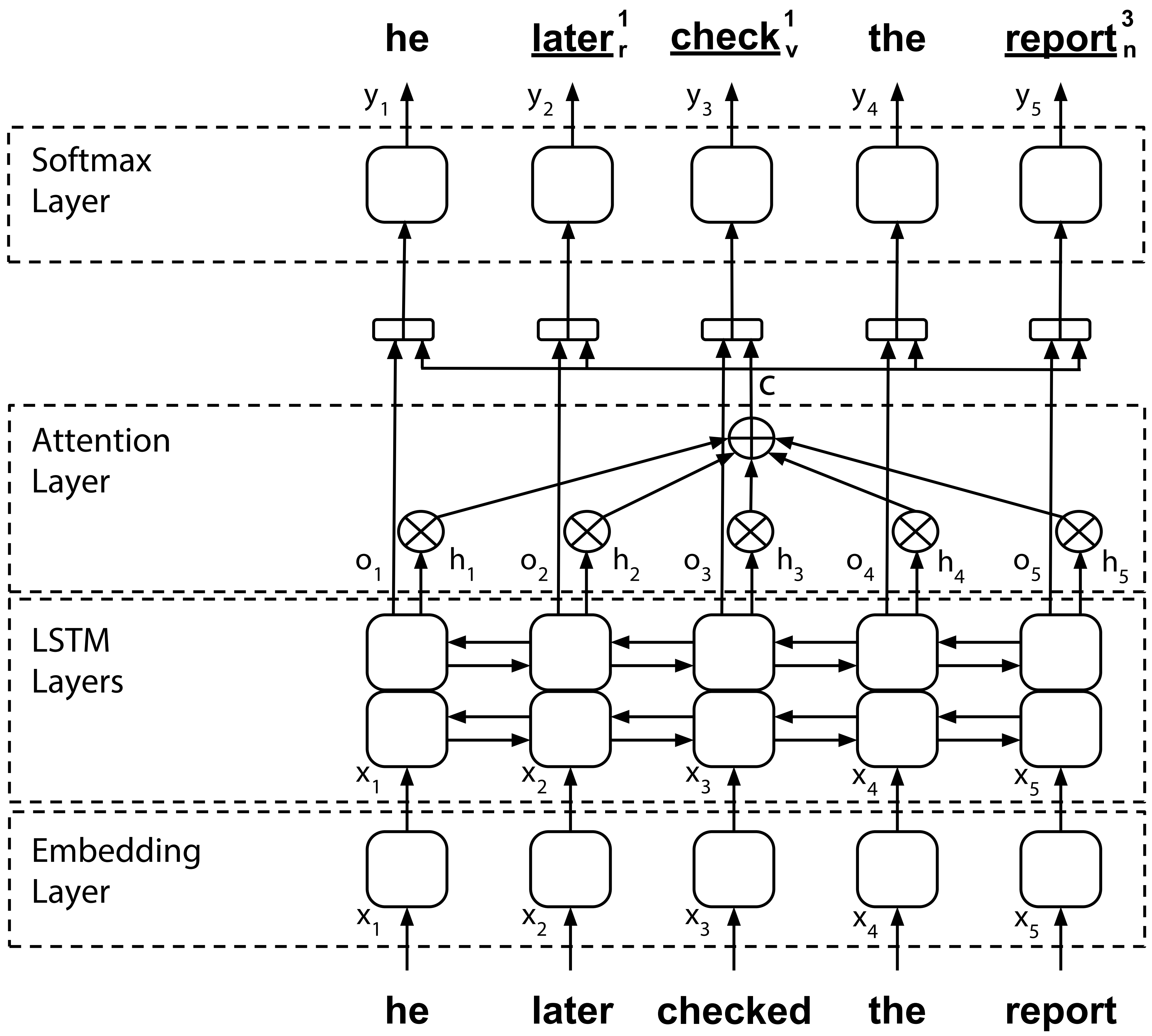
- **bi-LSTM + Attention**
  - Attention layer adds sentence-level representation *c* to guide the labels generate at each sequence time step by focusing on what part of the sentence may be relevant
    - (e.g. with *wicket* in focus, *match* might be influenced toward the game sense, rather than firestarter)



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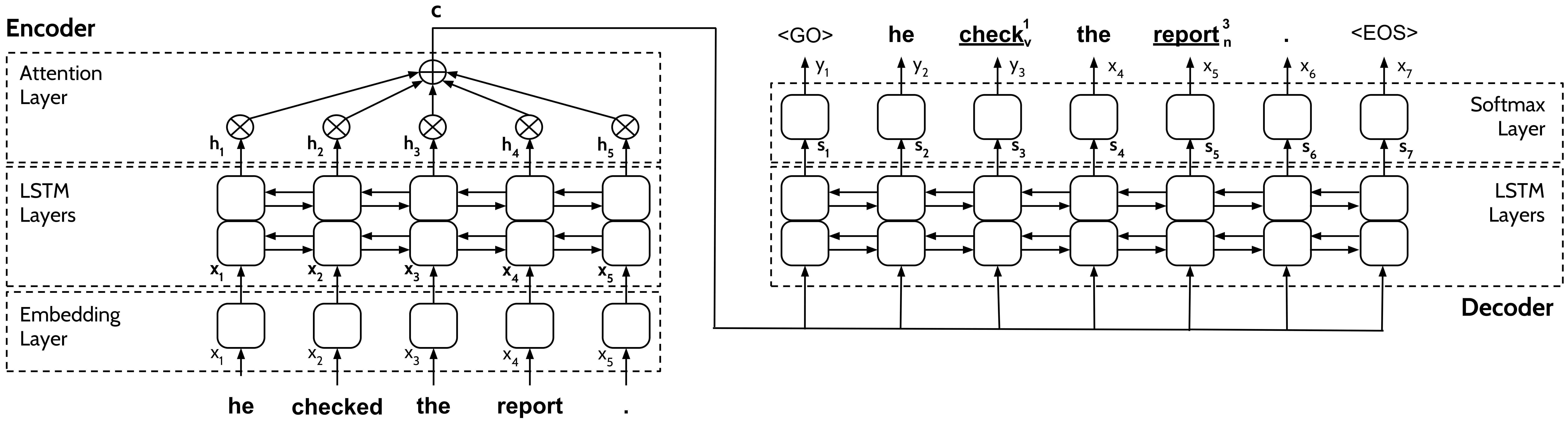
- **seq2seq**
  - Two-step task:
    - Memorization — Model is trained to replicate input token-by-token
    - Disambiguation — Model learns to replace surface forms with appropriate senses



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- Also try models that jointly learn WSD and:
  - coarse semantic labels
    - e.g. $noun.location$, $verb.motion$
  - POS tags
  - Both

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- Data:
  - Use SemCor 3.0 for training/evaluating word senses

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- Results:

	Dev	Test Datasets				Concatenation of All Test Datasets				
	SE07	SE2	SE3	SE13	SE15	Nouns	Verbs	Adj.	Adv.	All
BLSTM	61.8	71.4	68.8	65.6	69.2	70.2	56.3	75.2	**84.4**	68.9
BLSTM + att.	62.4	71.4	**70.2**	66.4	70.8	71.0	**58.4**	75.2	83.5	69.7
BLSTM + att. +LEX	63.7	**72.0**	69.4	66.4	**72.4**	**71.6**	57.1	**75.6**	83.2	**69.9**
BLSTM + att. +LEX +POS	**64.8**	**72.0**	69.1	**66.9**	71.5	71.5	57.5	75.0	83.8	**69.9**
Seq2Seq	60.9	68.5	67.9	65.3	67.0	68.7	54.5	74.0	81.2	67.3
Seq2Seq + att.	62.9	69.9	69.6	65.6	67.7	69.5	57.2	74.5	81.8	68.4
Seq2Seq + att. +LEX	64.6	70.6	67.8	66.5	68.7	70.4	55.7	73.3	82.9	68.5
Seq2Seq + att. +LEX +POS	63.1	70.1	68.5	66.5	69.2	70.1	55.2	75.1	84.4	68.6
IMS	61.3	70.9	69.3	65.3	69.5	70.5	55.8	75.6	82.9	68.9
IMS+emb	**62.6**	**72.2**	**70.4**	65.9	71.5	**71.9**	56.6	**75.9**	**84.7**	**70.1**
Context2Vec	61.3	71.8	69.1	65.6	**71.9**	71.2	**57.4**	75.2	82.7	69.6
Lesk_{ext} +emb	56.7	63.0	63.7	66.2	64.6	70.0	51.1	51.7	80.6	64.2
UKB_{gloss} w2w	42.9	63.5	55.4	62.9	63.3	64.9	41.4	69.5	69.7	61.1
Babelfy	51.6	67.0	63.5	**66.4**	70.3	68.9	50.7	73.2	79.8	66.4
MFS	54.5	65.6	66.0	63.8	67.1	67.7	49.8	73.1	80.5	65.5

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- Analysis:
  - Comparable to other supervised systems
  - Adding coarse-grained lexical tags appears to help
  - POS did not seem to help
- ***None of these systems substantially better than using the Most Frequent Sense***