# Unsupervised AMR-Dependency Parse Alignment

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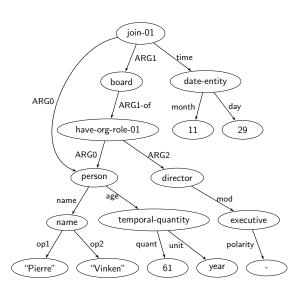
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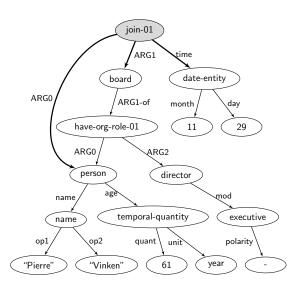
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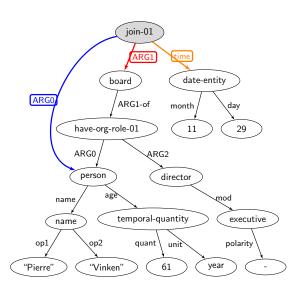
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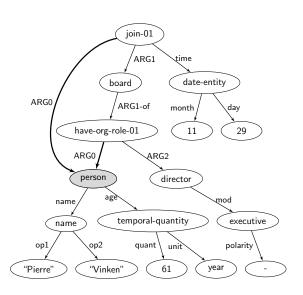
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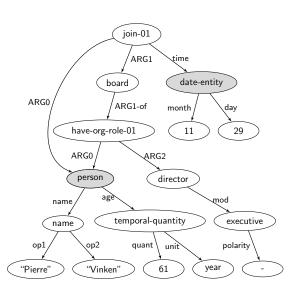
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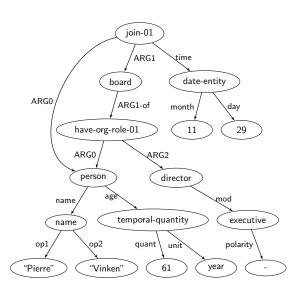
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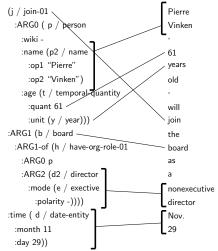
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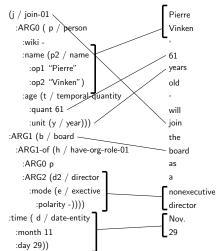


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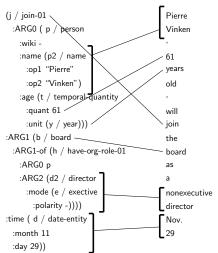
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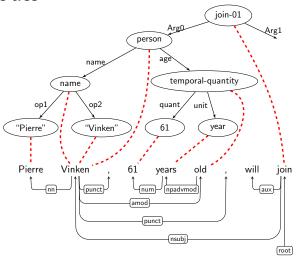
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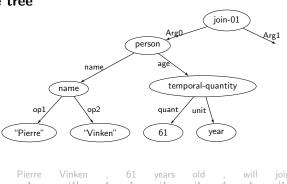
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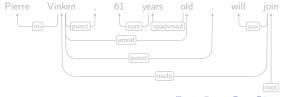
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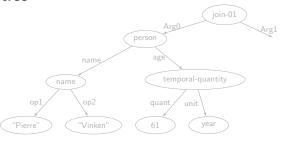
- ISI Aligner (Pourdamghani et al., 2014)
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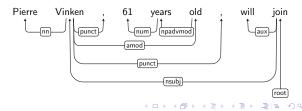


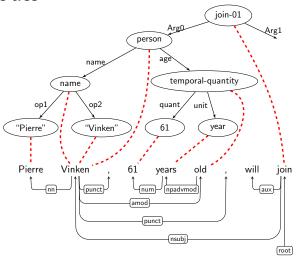


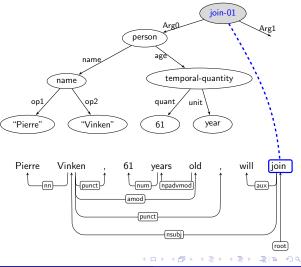


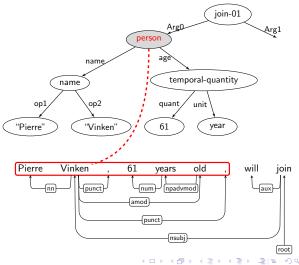






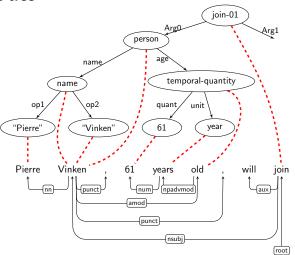






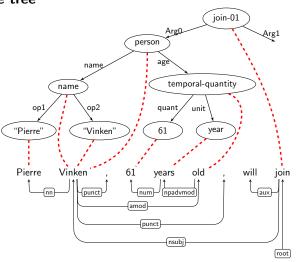
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- Aim to find better alignments to benefit AMR parsing



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#### Training

#### **Objective Function**

$$\Theta = \operatorname{argmax} L_{\Theta}(\mathsf{AMR}|\mathsf{DEP}) \tag{1}$$

$$L_{\Theta}(\mathsf{AMR}|\mathsf{DEP}) = \prod_{(C,D,A)\in\mathbb{S}} P(C|D) = \prod_{(C,D,A)\in\mathbb{S}} \sum_{a\in A} P(C,a|D) \tag{2}$$

#### where

- S: training samples
- C: AMR
- D: dependency parse
- A: all alignment set between C and D
- a: alignment function



#### Training with EM Algorithm: E-Step

E-Step estimates all alignment probabilities of a (C, D) pair (in Eq. (3))

By giving the product of feature probabilities (in Eq. (4))

$$P(a|C,D) = \prod_{j=1}^{|C|} \frac{P(c_j|d_{c_j} = a(c_j), d_{c_j^p} = a(c_j^p))}{\sum_{l=1}^{|D|} \sum_{i=1}^{|D|} P(c_j|d_i, d_l)}$$
(3)

$$P(c_j|d_i,d_l) = \prod_{\theta \in \Theta} P_{\theta}(c_j,d_i,d_l)$$
 (4)

where

- $c_j$ : j-th concept in C
- $c_i^p$ : parent node of  $c_j$
- $d_c$ : dependency node aligned by c



# Training with EM Algorithm: M-Step

In M-Step, feature probabilities are re-estimated by collecting the count of all AMR-dependency parse pairs

#### Collect Count

$$cnt_{\theta}(c|d_{c},d_{c^{p}};C,D) = \sum_{a \in A} \frac{P(c|d_{c},d_{c_{p}})}{\sum_{i=0}^{|D|} \sum_{l=0}^{|D|} P(c|d_{i},d_{l})}$$
(5)

#### **Update Probability**

$$P_{\theta}(c,d,d^{p}) \leftarrow \sum_{C \in AMR, D \in DEP} \frac{cnt_{\theta}(c|d_{c},d_{c^{p}};C,D)}{\sum_{c} cnt_{\theta}(c|d_{c},d_{c^{p}};C,D)}$$
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#### **Features**

- Basic Features
- External Features
  - Lemma
  - Relation
  - Named Entity
  - Semantic Role
- Global Feature

# Feature: Basic Match Type

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- Word Form e.g. "join-01" aligns to *join*
- Numbers, Ordinal Numbers, Date

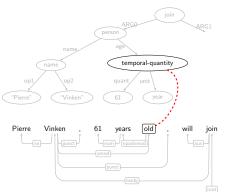
	Match Type	at Concept	at Leaf
(1)	Word	45.2%	73.4%
(2)	Word (case insensitive)	-	0.9%
(3)	Lemma (case insensitive)	10.8%	0.3%
(4)	Partial match with word	6.1%	8.2%
(5)	Partial match with lemma	0.2%	0.3%
(6)	Numbers	-	3.1%
(7)	Ordinal Numbers	-	2.8%
(8)	Date	-	4.3%
(9)	Others	37.7%	6.5%

Table 1: The rules and distribution of basic match types

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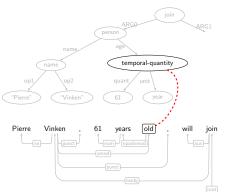
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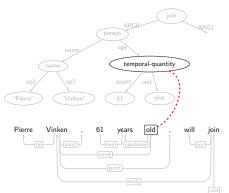


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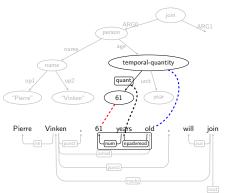


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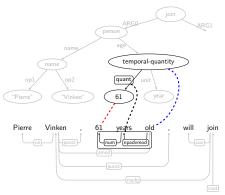
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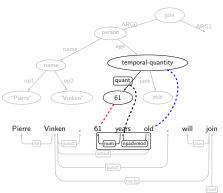


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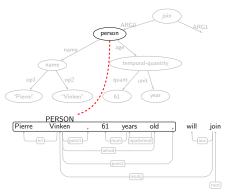


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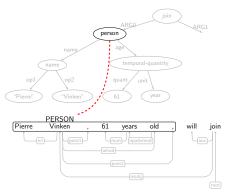
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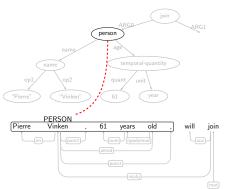


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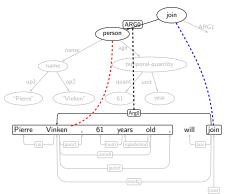


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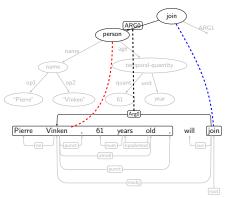
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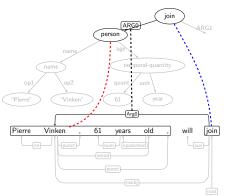


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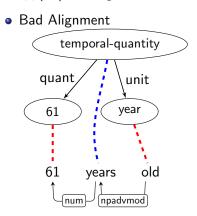
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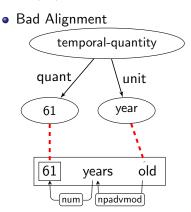
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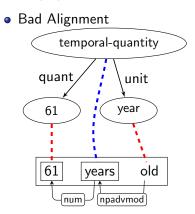
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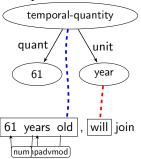
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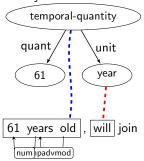


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• Ration Score: Rcc

$$R_{CC}(c) = rac{|W_{child}(c) \cap W(c)|}{|W(c)|} imes penalty(c)$$
 $W(c) = d_c; W_{child}(c) = igcup_{c^{s_i} \in child(c)} d_{c^{s_i}}$ 
 $penalty(c) = \exp(-|W_{child}(c) \setminus (W_{child}(c) \cap W(c))|)$ 

# Decoding

# Search the most possible alignments

- Use beam search algorithm
- Start from leaf concepts, and walk through all concepts

$$\underset{a}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(a|C,D) = \underset{a}{\operatorname{argmax}} \prod_{j=1}^{|C|} R_{CC}(c_j) * P(c_j|d_{c_j} = a(c_j), d_{c_j^p} = a(c_j^p))$$
(7)

• Running Time:  $O(|b| * |C| * |D|^2)$  where |b| is the beam size

# **Data Preparation**

## Corpus

- AMR Data: The LDC DEFT Phase 2 AMR Annotation Release 1.0
- Gold Standard Dependency Parse: OntoNotes (ON) 5.0

## **Training Set**

- Gold Dep.: Sentences appear in both AMR Release and ON 5.0
- **Auto Dep.**: All sentences in AMR Data with dependency parses generated by ClearNLP.

## **Test and Development Set**

Manually align the AMR concepts and dependency word nodes

		Sent.	Token	
Train	Gold Dep. Auto Dep.	8,276	176,422	
	Auto Dep.	39,260	649,219	
Dev.		409	8,695	
Test		415	8,786	

# Aligner Results

#### **Feature Contribution**

Data	Feature	Р	R	$F_1$
Gold Dep.	L	84.0	85.0	84.5
	L + S	85.2	86.3	85.7
	L + S + R	82.8	83.8	83.3
	L + S + R + N	80.9	81.9	81.4
	L	84.9	85.4	85.1
Auto Dep.	L + S	85.7	87.4	86.5
	L + S + R	85.8	87.7	86.7
	L + S + R + N	86.3	88.0	87.1

Incremental Feature Contributions for different features:

• L: lemma

N: NE

• R: relation

• S: semantic role

# Aligner Results

## Aligner results with different aligners

Data	Aligner	Р	R	F-Score	
	Chen 2015	61.1	53.4	57.0	
Gold Dep.	JAMR	78.5	62.8	69.8	
	ISI	78.6	71.4	74.9	
	Ours	85.2	86.3	85.7	
A 1. D.	Chen 2015	62.4	55.5	58.7	
	JAMR	80.2	65.9	72.4	
Auto Dep.	ISI	80.4	74.9	77.6	
	Ours	86.3	88.0	87.1	

<sup>\*</sup> Our aligner achieves the best F1 score in both data sets since it is designed to align AMRs to dependency parses.

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# Using alignments with CAMR Parser

Data	Aligner	Р	R	F-Score	Diff
Gold Dep.	JAMR	62.2	61.0	61.1	+5.3
	ISI	65.3	63.9	64.5	+1.9
	Ours	68.6	64.2	66.4	
Auto Dep.	JAMR	64.2	63.0	63.1	+3.6
	ISI	66.1	65.1	65.6	+1.1
	Ours	68.1	64.7	66.7	

# **Error Category**

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# Conclusion and Future Work

- Present an AMR-Dependency Parse aligner, which estimates the feature probabilities by running the EM algorithm
- Our aligner can be used directly by dependency parse to AMR style parser
- Latent probabilities (i.e. external feature probatilities) can also benefit the AMR Parser

# Thank You! Questions

# Benefits of AMR

## AMR does help some practical tasks

- Event Extraction
  - Liberal Event Extraction and Event Schema Induction (Huang et al., 2016)
  - Incorporate AMR as semantic representation system to detect and represent event structures

Method	ERE: Trigger F <sub>1</sub> (%)		ERE: Arg $F_1(\%)$		ACE: Trigger $F_1$ (%)		ACE: Arg F <sub>1</sub> (%)					
	P	R	$F_1$	P	R	$F_1$	P	R	$F_1$	P	R	$F_1$
LSTM	41.5	46.8	44.1	9.9	11.6	10.7	66.0	60	62.8	29.3	32.6	30.8
Joint	42.3	41.7	42.0	61.8	23.2	33.7	73.7	62.3	67.5	64.7	44.4	52.7
DMCNN	-	-	-	-	-	-	75.6	63.6	69.1	68.8	46.9	53.5
$Liberal_{PerfectAMR}$	79.8	50.5	61.8	48.9	32.9	39.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
$Liberal_{SystemAMR}$	88.5	42.6	57.5	47.6	30.0	36.8	80.7	50.1	61.8	51.9	39.4	44.8