

# Dialogue Discourse-Aware Graph Model and Data Augmentation for Meeting Summarization

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# Meeting Summarization

- Distill the most important information from a meeting (content selection)
  - General abstract, decisions, actions, problems, task .....
- Convert them into a short textual passage (surface realization)



Parts of the Meeting
$\mathcal{A}$ : What if we have a battery charger? $\mathcal{B}$ : You can have neat design for it. $\mathcal{C}$ : It would increase the cost. $\mathcal{C}$ : We have to change the end cost.
Summary
$\mathcal{A}$ asked whether to include a battery charger. $\mathcal{B}$ answered his question. However, $\mathcal{C}$ disagrees with $\mathcal{A}$ since it would increase the final cost.

# Background

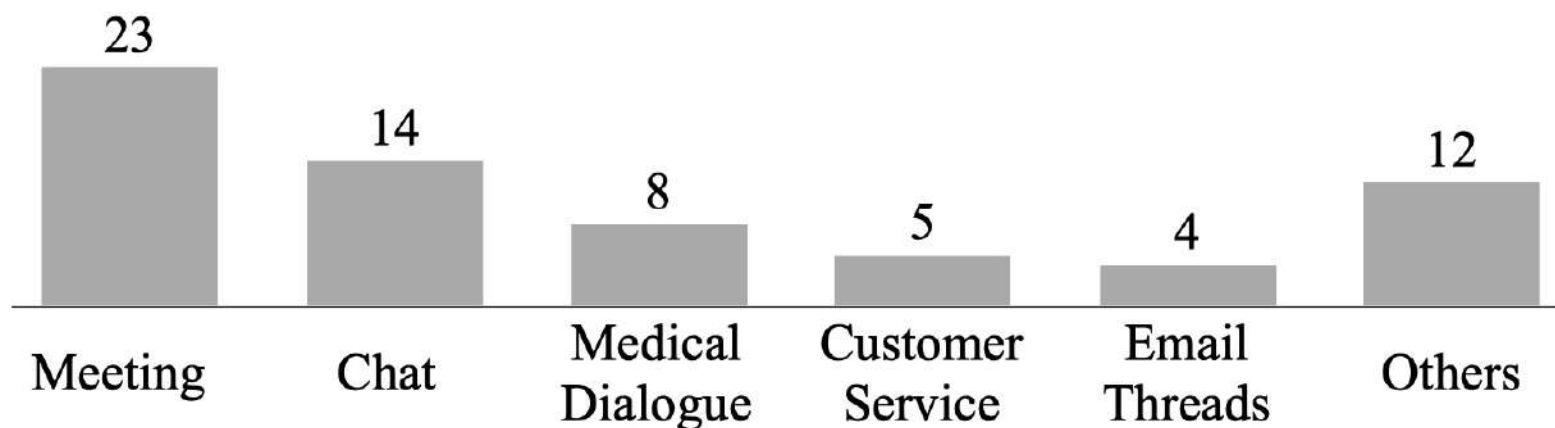
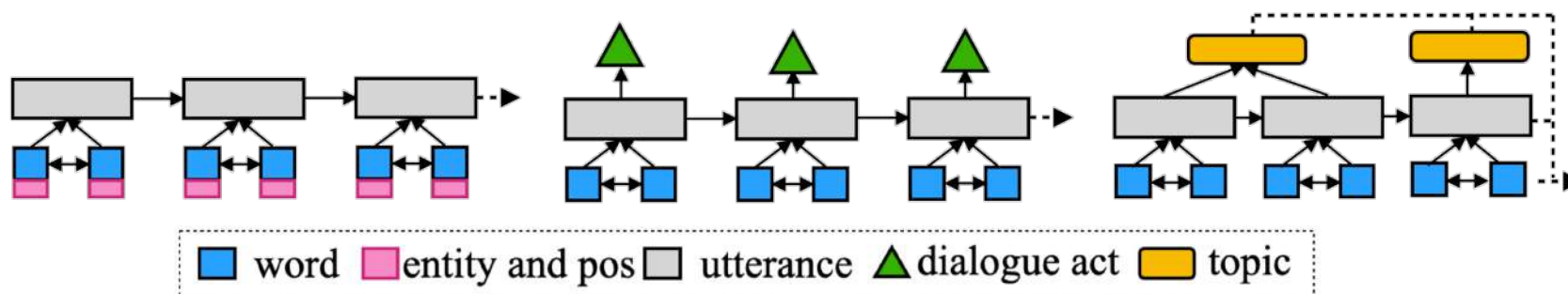


Figure 1: The number of dialogue summarization papers published over the past 5 years for each domain.

# Problems

- **Sequential text modeling is inadequate.**
  - hinder the exploration of inherently rich interactive relations between utterances.

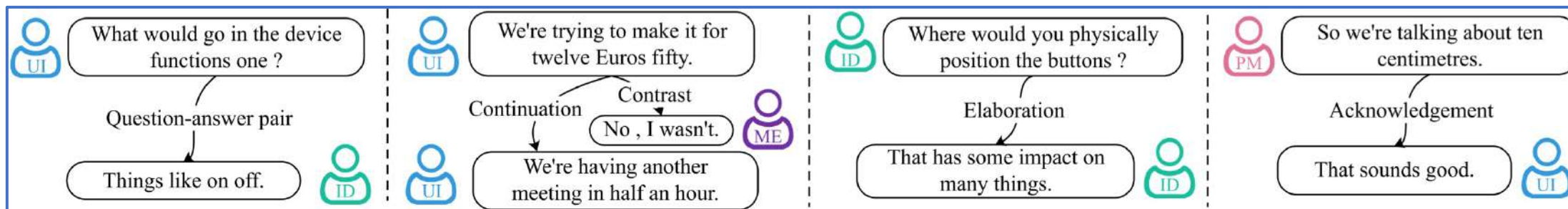


- **Lack of sufficient training data.**
  - hinders the ability of data-hungry neural models.

Dataset	Domain	Train	Valid	Test
CNNNDM	News	287227	13368	11490
AMI	Meeting	97	20	20
ICSI	Meeting	53	25	6

# Solution

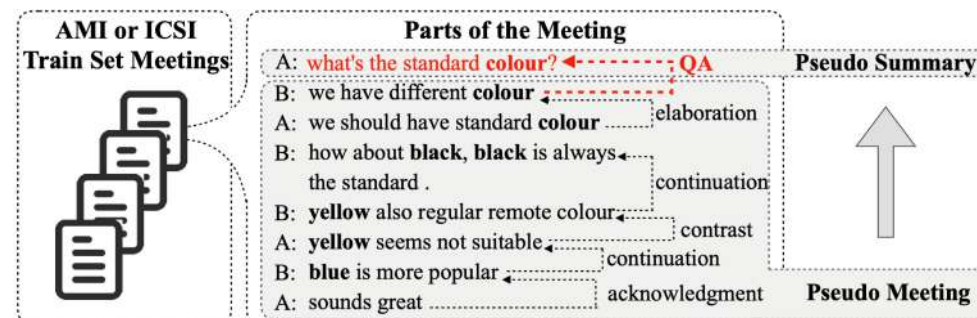
## Dialogue Discourse



### Dialogue Discourse-Aware Meeting Summarizer *DDAMS*

Parts of the Meeting	
A: What if we have a battery charger?	QA
B: You can have neat design for it.	Contrast
C: It would increase the cost.	
C: We have to change the end cost.	Continuation
Summary	
A asked whether to include a battery charger. B answered his question. However, C disagrees with A since it would increase the final cost.	

### Dialogue Discourse-Aware Data Augmentation *DDADA*

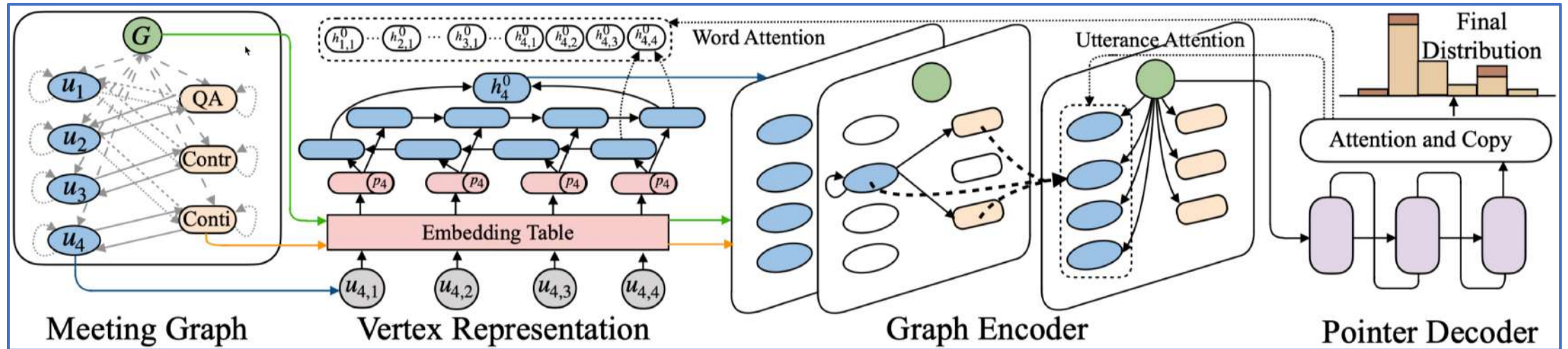




# Dialogue Discourse-Aware Meeting Summarizer

Gives each type of vertex  
an initial representation

Generate the summary

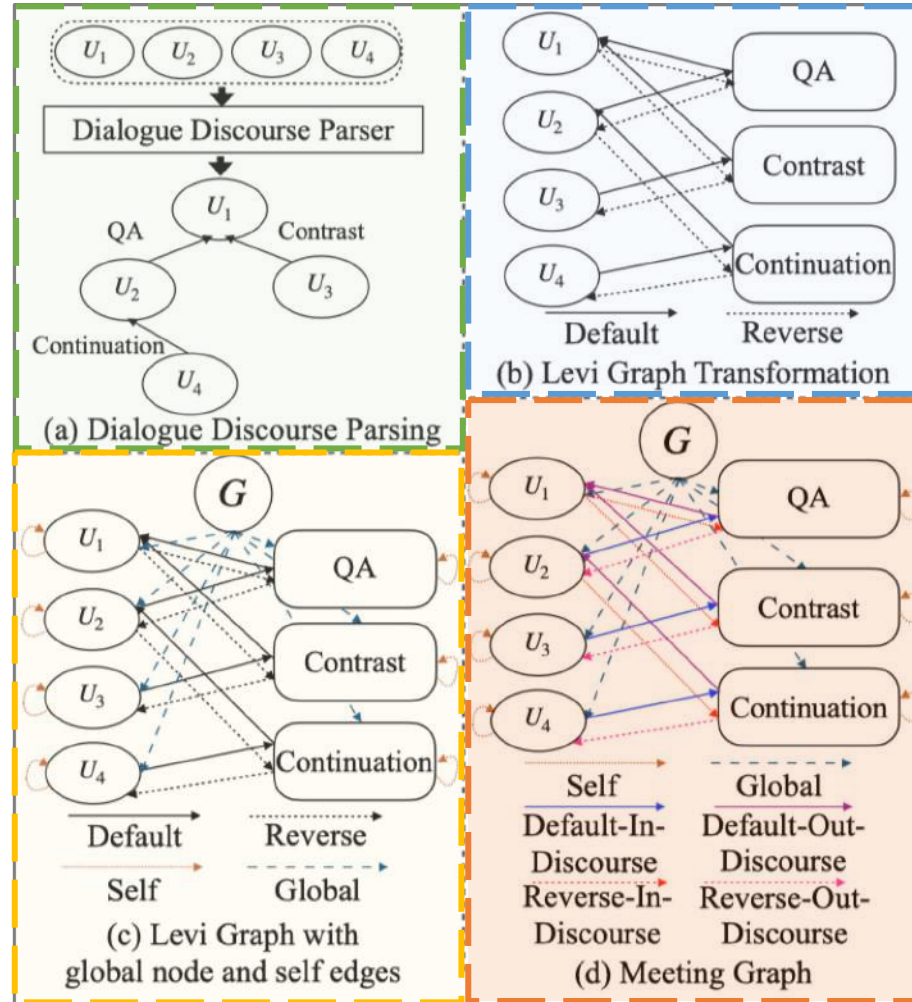


Meeting graph construction

Performs convolutional  
computation over the meeting graph

# Meeting Graph Construction

- SOTA dialogue discourse parser
- 16 discourse relations

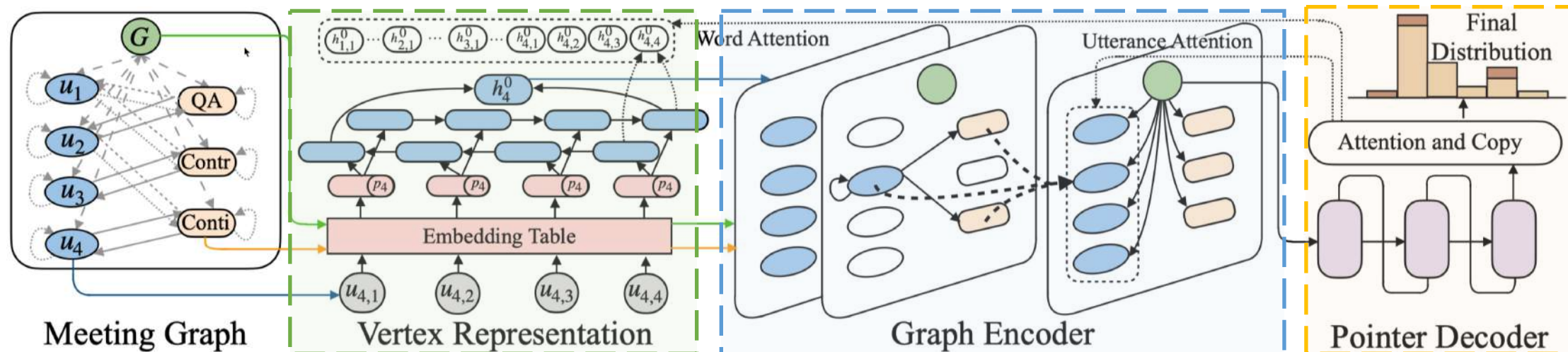


- Levi graph transformation

- Global edges and Self edges

- Reverse edges

# Graph2Seq Framework



Training Objective

$$\mathcal{L} = - \sum_{t=1}^{|\mathcal{Y}^*|} \log p(y_t^* | y_1^* \dots y_{t-1}^*, \mathcal{U})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \overrightarrow{h}_{i,j} &= \text{LSTM}_f(\overrightarrow{h}_{i,j-1}, e_{i,j}) \\ \overleftarrow{h}_{i,j} &= \text{LSTM}_b(\overleftarrow{h}_{i,j+1}, e_{i,j}) \\ \mathbf{h}_{i,j} &= [\overrightarrow{h}_{i,j}; \overleftarrow{h}_{i,j}] \\ \mathbf{h}_i^0 &= [\overrightarrow{h}_{i,|u_i|}; \overleftarrow{h}_{i,1}] \end{aligned}$$

$$g_j^{(l)} = \text{sigmoid}(\mathbf{W}_{g,r}^{(l)} \mathbf{h}_j^{(l)})$$

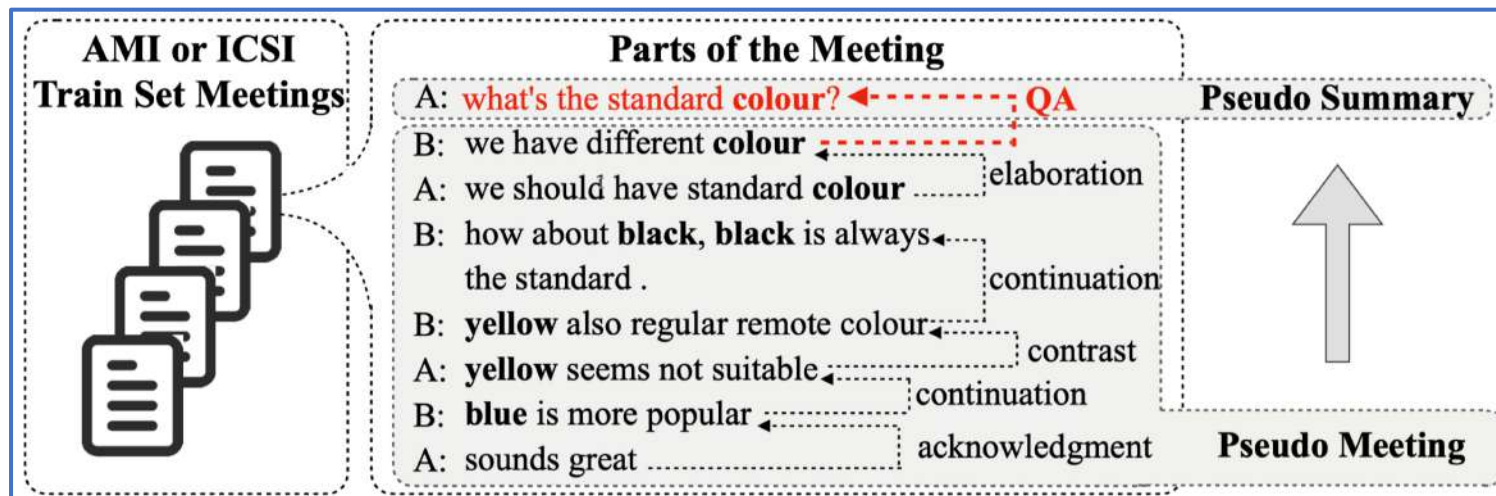
$$\mathbf{h}_i^{(l+1)} = \text{RELU} \left( \sum_{r \in \mathbb{R}_M} \sum_{v_j \in \mathbb{N}_i^r} g_j^{(l)} \frac{1}{|\mathbb{N}_i^r|} \mathbf{W}_r^{(l)} \mathbf{h}_j^{(l)} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} e_{i,j}^t &= \mathbf{s}_t^\top \mathbf{W}_a \mathbf{h}_{i,j}^0 \\ \mathbf{a}^t &= \text{softmax}(\mathbf{e}^t) \\ \mathbf{h}_t^{wl} &= \sum_i \sum_j a_{i,j}^t \mathbf{h}_{i,j}^0 \end{aligned}$$



# Dialogue Discourse-Aware Data Augmentation

- Motivation
  - a **question** often sparks a **discussion** and contains salient terms or concepts expressed in the discussion.



	AMI	ICSI
#	137	59
Avg.Turns	289	464
Avg.Tokens	4,757	10,189
Avg.Sum	322	534



	AMI Pseudo Corpus	ICSI Pseudo Corpus
# of Original Data	97	53
# of Pseudo Data	1539	1877
Avg.Tokens	124.44	107.44
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# Experiments

- **Datasets:**

- AMI and ICSI

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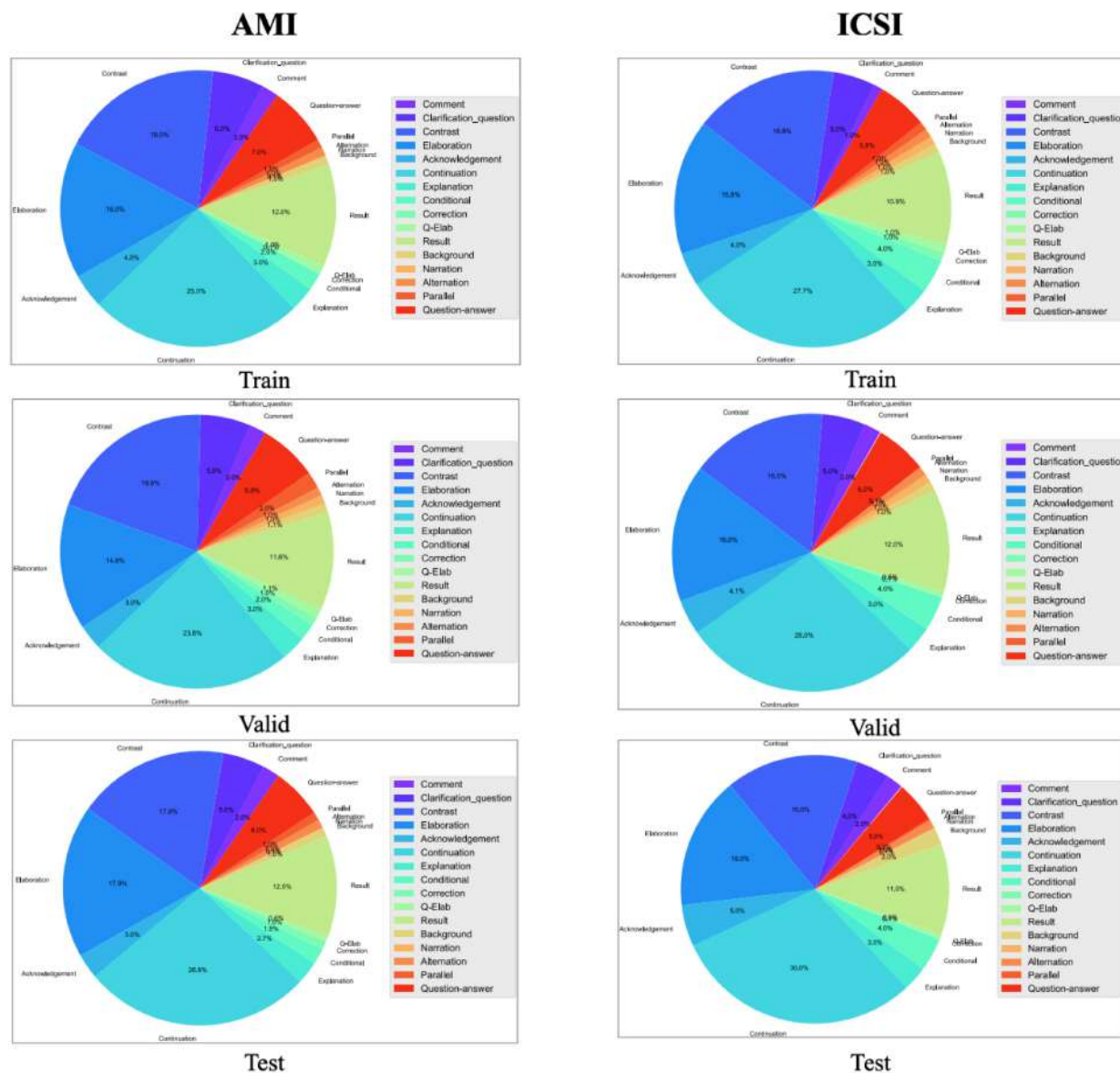
- **Dialogue Discourse Parser**

- Deep Sequential

- **Evaluation**

- ROUGE

# Relation Distribution Statistics



# Automatic Evaluation

		Datasets						
			AMI			ICSI		
Model		R-1	R-2	R-L	R-1	R-2	R-L	
Baseline	Extractive	TextRank [Mihalcea and Tarau, 2004]	35.19	6.13	15.70	30.72	4.69	12.97
		SummaRunner [Nallapati <i>et al.</i> , 2017]	30.98	5.54	13.91	27.60	3.70	12.52
	Abstractive	UNS [Shang <i>et al.</i> , 2018]	37.86	7.84	13.72	31.73	5.14	14.50
		Pointer-Generator [See <i>et al.</i> , 2017]	42.60	14.01	22.62	35.89	6.92	15.67
		HRED [Serban <i>et al.</i> , 2016]	49.75	18.36	23.90	39.15	7.86	16.25
		Sentence-Gated [Goo and Chen, 2018]	49.29	19.31	24.82	39.37	9.57	17.17
		TopicSeg [Li <i>et al.</i> , 2019]	51.53	12.23	25.47	-	-	-
		HMNet [Zhu <i>et al.</i> , 2020]	52.36	18.63	24.00	<b>45.97</b>	10.14	18.54
	Ours	DDAMS	51.42	20.99	24.89	39.66	10.09	17.53
DDAMS + DDADA		<b>53.15</b>	<b>22.32</b>	<b>25.67</b>	40.41	<b>11.02</b>	<b>19.18</b>	
DDAMS + DDADA (w/o fine-tune)		28.35	4.67	14.92	25.94	4.18	13.92	

SOTA!



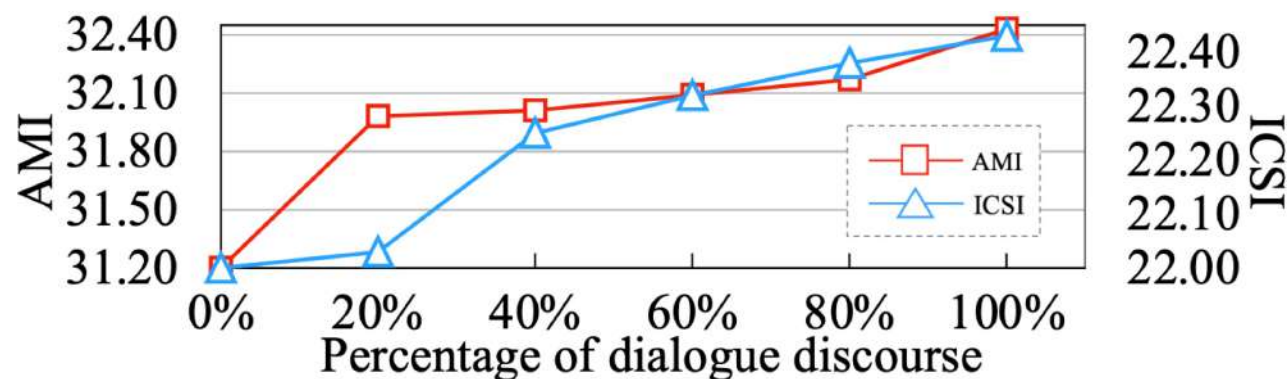
# Human Evaluation

- DDAMS+DDADA achieves higher scores in both relevance and informativeness.
- Ground truth obtains the highest scores compare with generated summaries indicating the challenge of this task.

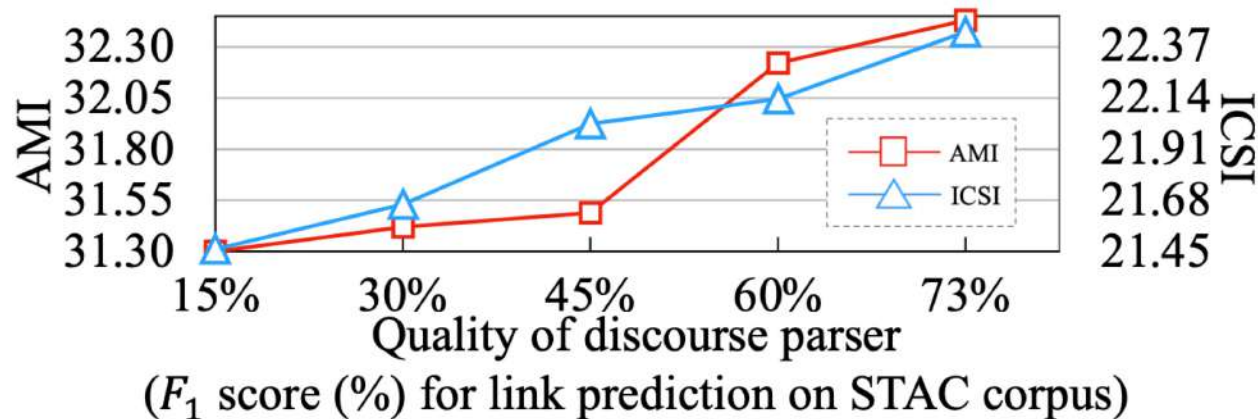
	Model	Relevance	Informativeness
AMI	Ground-truth	4.60	4.56
	Sentence-Gated	3.16	3.60
	HMNet	3.60	3.72
	DDAMS	3.80	3.76
	DDAMS +DDADA	<b>3.84</b>	<b>3.88</b>
ICSI	Ground-truth	4.76	4.48
	Sentence-Gated	3.32	3.48
	HMNet	3.80	3.52
	DDAMS	3.76	3.28
	DDAMS +DDADA	<b>3.84</b>	<b>3.60</b>

# Analyses

- Effect of the number of dialogue discourse.

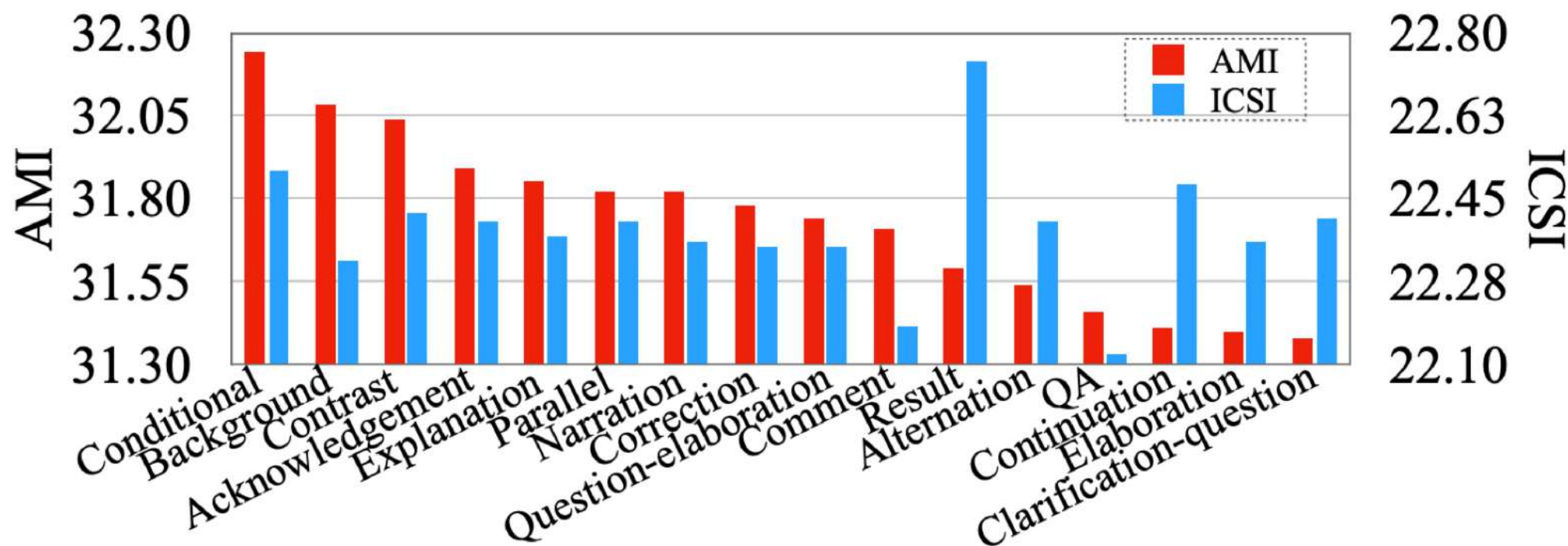


- Effect of the quality of dialogue discourse.



# Analyses

- Effect of the type of dialogue discourse.



# Analyses

- Effect of the type of dialogue discourse.
  - filter out  $N$  useless relations.

	Model	R-1	R-2	R-L
AMI	DDAMS	51.42	<b>20.99</b>	<b>24.89</b>
	filter-useless-3	51.28	19.68	23.84
	filter-useless-5	<b>51.44</b>	20.26	24.11
ICSI	DDAMS	39.66	<b>10.09</b>	<b>17.53</b>
	filter-useless-3	<b>39.71</b>	9.64	17.46
	filter-useless-5	39.21	9.52	17.33



# Analyses

- Effect of meeting graph
  - taking the type of vertices into consideration, our model DDAMS can get better results.

Model		R-1	R-2	R-L
AMI	DDAMS	51.42	<b>20.99</b>	<b>24.89</b>
	DDAMS (w/ Levi graph)	<b>51.46</b>	20.75	24.31
ICSI	DDAMS	<b>39.66</b>	<b>10.09</b>	<b>17.53</b>
	DDAMS (w/ Levi graph)	39.20	9.54	17.48

# Analyses

- Effect of attention mechanisms.

		Model	R-1	R-2	R-L
AMI	DDAMS		<b>51.42</b>	<b>20.99</b>	24.89
	w/o <i>utter-attn</i>		51.22	20.57	<b>25.02</b>
	w/o <i>word-attn</i>		50.27	19.81	23.91
ICSI	DDAMS		<b>39.66</b>	<b>10.09</b>	<b>17.53</b>
	w/o <i>utter-attn</i>		39.59	9.90	17.24
	w/o <i>word-attn</i>		38.96	9.61	17.40

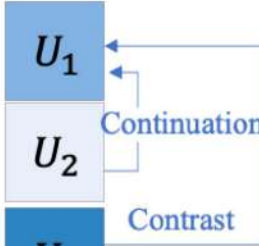
# Analyses

- Effect of pseudo-summarization data.
  - pretraining on pseudo-summarization data constructed based on RBDA still achieves a better result, which indicates the rationality of our pretraining strategy.

	Model	R-1	R-2	R-L
AMI	DDAMS	51.42	20.99	24.89
	+ RBDA	52.94	21.96	25.05
	+ DDADA	<b>53.15</b>	<b>22.32</b>	<b>25.67</b>
ICSI	DDAMS	39.66	10.09	17.53
	+ RBDA	39.42	10.60	18.19
	+ DDADA	<b>40.41</b>	<b>11.02</b>	<b>19.18</b>

# Case Study

- Utterance 1 and 3 are both related to two utterances, which make them the core nodes of our graph.

(a) Sentence-Gated	Inform	$U_1$	Marketing Expert : The fashion trends are that people want sort of clothes and shoes and things with <b>fruit</b> and <b>vegetables</b> theme .		(b) DDAMS
	Access	$U_2$	User Interface : If you start making the buttons <b>fruit</b> shaped, it might make it more complicated to use .		
	Inform	$U_3$	Project Manager : <b>Fruit</b> and <b>vegetables</b> may be popular at the moment but as we know how fickle the fashion markets are.		
	Inform	$U_4$	Project Manager : It just seems realistic that the remote control market isn't the thing which takes in those kinds of fashion trends .		
Ground-truth		The Marketing Expert presented trends in the remote control market and the <b>fruit</b> and <b>vegetable</b> and spongy material trends in fashion.			
Pointer-Generator		They discussed the possibility of a <b>fruit</b> or <b>fruit</b> and <b>fruit</b> .			
Sentence-Gated		The need to incorporate a <b>fruit</b> theme into the design of the remote.			
DDAMS		The buttons will be included in a <b>fruit</b> and <b>vegetable</b> theme into the shape of the remote control.			



# Conclusion

- We make the first attempt to successfully explore dialogue discourse to model the utterances interactions for meeting summarization.
- We devise a dialogue discourse-aware data augmentation strategy to alleviate the data insufficiency problem.
- Extensive experiments show that our model achieves SOTA performance.

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